

# Assembling Polycyclic Bisguanidine Motifs Resembling Batzelladine Alkaloids by Double Tethered Biginelli Condensations

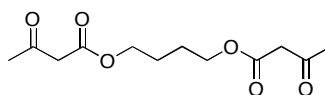
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## Supporting Information:

Experimental procedures and characterization data for bis- $\alpha$ -ketoesters **6**, **10–15**; double Biginelli products **9**, **16–21**, **25** and **27**; copies of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra for these new compounds, selected minor double Biginelli products and **23** ( $\text{R} = n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{15}$ ) (33 pages).

**General Experimental.** All reactions were carried out under a  $\text{N}_2$  or Ar atmosphere in oven-dried and base-washed glassware. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether, and dichloromethane were degassed with argon and then passed through two 4 x 36 inch columns of anhydrous neutral A-2 alumina (8 x 14 mesh; activated under a flow of Ar at 350 °C for 3h) to remove water.<sup>1</sup> Toluene (PhMe) was degassed with argon, passed through one 4 x 36 inch column of Q-5 reactant (activated under a flow of 5% hydrogen/nitrogen at 250 °C for 3h) to remove oxygen and then through one 4 x 36 inch column of anhydrous alumina to remove water.<sup>1</sup> Silica gel (0.040–0.063 mesh) was used for flash chromatography unless otherwise stated. Molarities of organolithium reagents were established by titration with diphenylacetic acid. Trifluoroethanol (TFE) was purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  values in ppm relative to  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or MeOH.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR coupling constants are reported in Hz and refer to apparent multiplicities and not true coupling constants. Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet); d (doublet); q (quartet); m (multiplet); app d (apparent doublet); app t (apparent triplet); dd (doublet of doublets); ddd (doublet, doublet of doublets); dddd (doublet, doublet, doublet of doublets); br s (broad singlet).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of guanidine double Biginelli products show few resolved signals; these spectra are not tabulated, but the original spectra are reproduced. The IR spectra absorptions are recorded as wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

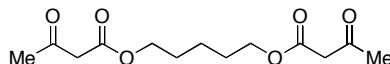


**3-Oxobutanoic acid 4-(3-oxobutanoate)butyl ester (10). General procedure for preparing bis- $\alpha$ -ketoesters using the Taber protocol.<sup>2</sup>** A solution of DMAP (677 mg, 5.55 mmol), methyl

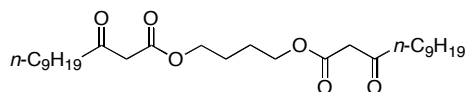
<sup>1</sup> Pangborn, A. B.; Giardello, M. A.; Grubbs, R. H.; Rosen, R. K.; Timmers, F. J. *Organometallics* **1996**, *15*, 1518.

<sup>2</sup> Taber, D. F.; Amedio, J.C.; Patel, Y. K. *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, *50*, 3618.

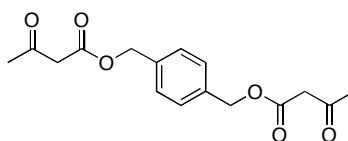
acetoacetate (1.8 mL, 17 mmol), 1,4-butanediol (500 mg, 5.5 mmol) and toluene (10 mL) was heated to 110 °C for 18 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and then was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography (1:4 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to afford 1.29 g (90%) of **10** as a yellow oil:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.04–4.02 (m, 4H), 3.36 (s, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.62–1.59 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.25, 166.6, 64.2, 49.42, 29.65, 24.6; IR (thin film) 2964, 1737, 1713, 1648, 1412, 1316, 1175, 1038, 955  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ )  $m/z$  259.1180 (259.1181 calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ ).



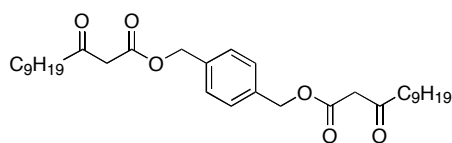
**3-Oxododecanoic acid 4-(3-oxododecanoyloxy)butyl ester (6).** Purification by chromatography (5:1–1:1 hexanes:EtOAc) afforded 85% of **6** as a colorless oil:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.2–4.1 (m, 4H), 3.46 (s, 4H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.72–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.47–1.41 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.5, 167.1, 65.0, 50.0, 30.2, 28.0, 22.2; IR (thin film) 2957, 1741, 1717, 1319, 1152  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ )  $m/z$  273.1339 (273.1340 calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{MH}^+$ ).



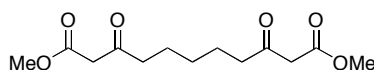
**3-Oxododecanoic acid 4-(3-oxododecanoyloxy)butyl ester (11).** Purification by chromatography (10:1 hexanes:EtOAc) afforded 48% of **11** as a colorless oil:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.20–4.18 (m, 4H), 3.43 (s, 4H), 2.52 (dt,  $J = 10.0, 1.8$  Hz, 4H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.18 (m, 24H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  202.6, 167.06, 64.4, 48.9, 42.9, 31.7, 29.25, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 23.3, 22.5, 13.9; IR (thin film) 2920, 1738, 1413, 1321, 1267, 1159, 1050, 965, 733  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ )  $m/z$  483.3686 (483.3685 calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{MH}^+$ ).



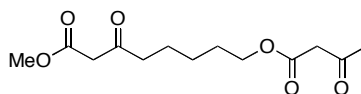
**3-Oxobutyric acid 4-(3-oxobutyryloxymethyl)benzyl ester (12).** Purification by chromatography (5:1 hexanes:EtOAc) afforded 70% of **12** as a colorless powder:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 (s, 4H), 5.23 (s, 4H), 3.56 (s, 4H), 2.31 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.5, 167.1, 135.8, 128.8, 66.9, 50.21, 30.4; IR (thin film) 2960, 1742, 1713, 1410, 1316, 1268, 1148, 1032, 808  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ )  $m/z$  324.1447 (324.1447 calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_6$ , [ $\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$ ] $^+$ ).



**3-Oxododecanoic acid 4-(3-oxododecanoyloxymethyl)benzyl ester (13).** Purification by chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) afforded 61% of **13** as a colorless oil that solidifies at 0 °C:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (s, 4H), 5.16 (s, 4H), 3.47 (s, 4H), 2.50 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 4H), 1.58–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.24 (m, 24H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  202.6, 167.0, 135.5, 128.4, 88.6, 66.5, 49.1, 43.1, 31.8, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 23.3, 22.6, 14.0; IR (thin film) 2927, 2858, 1746, 1406, 1220, 911  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  553.3497 (553.3505 calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_6$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ).



**3,9-Dioxoundecanedioic acid dimethyl ester (14).** Following the general procedure of Weiler,<sup>3</sup> NaH (413 mg, 60% dispersion, 10.4 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of methyl acetoacetate (1.0 g, 8.62 mmol) and THF (15 mL) at 0 °C. The opaque reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C, then *n*-BuLi (3.1 mL, 9.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting yellow reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 10 minutes at 0 °C before 1,3-diiodopropane (500  $\mu\text{L}$ , 4.3 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 30 min and then was quenched by the addition of 0.1 N HCl (~2 mL). Silica gel was added, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue purified by chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 1.82 g (77 %) of **14** as a pale yellow liquid:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.48 (s, 6H), 3.24 (s, 4H), 2.33 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H), 1.39–1.32 (m, 4H), 1.11–1.04 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  202.1, 167.1, 51.5, 48.3, 41.9, 27.6, 22.4; IR (thin film) 2954, 2923, 2854, 1744, 1717, 1457, 1320, 1156, 908  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ )  $m/z$  273.1333 (273.1338 calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{MH}^+$ ).

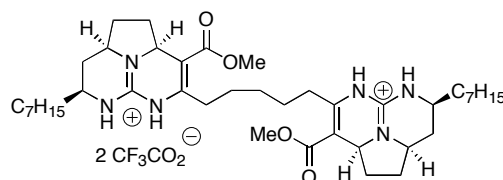


**3-Oxo-8-(3-oxobutyryloxy)octanoic acid methyl ester (15).** Following the general procedure of Weiler,<sup>3</sup> NaH (413 mg, 60% dispersion, 10.43 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of methyl acetoacetate (1.00 g, 8.62 mmol) and THF (15 mL) at 0 °C. The opaque reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C, then *n*-BuLi (3.1 mL, 9.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting yellow reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 10 min at 0 °C before *tert*-butyl(4-iodobutoxy)dimethylsilane (2.2

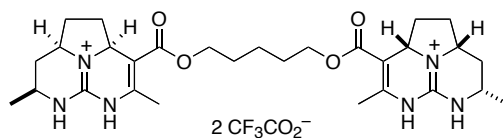
<sup>3</sup> Weiler, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 6702–6704.

mL, 8.62 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over 30 min and then was quenched by the addition of 0.1 N HCl (~2 mL). Silica gel was added, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography to yield 3-oxo-8-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)octanoic acid methyl ester as a colorless liquid (2.41 g, 93 %).

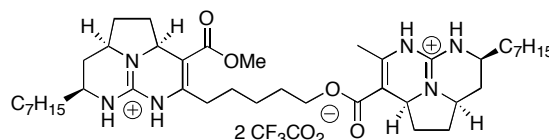
A portion of this liquid (150 mg, 0.49 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL) and DOWEX-50 (300 mg) was added. This mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 d, after which it was filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was azeotroped with benzene (3x, 25 mL) and the residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). Diketene was added (60  $\mu$ L, 7.4 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. Silica gel was added, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 81 mg (60%) of **15** as a yellow liquid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.13 (app t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.55 (app t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 8H), 1.38–1.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.4, 167.6, 167.1, 65.1, 52.3, 50.0, 49.0, 42.7, 30.1, 28.2, 25.2, 22.9; IR (thin film) 2941, 1744, 1713, 1360, 1150, 1017, 999 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 273.1333 (273.1338 calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, MH<sup>+</sup>).



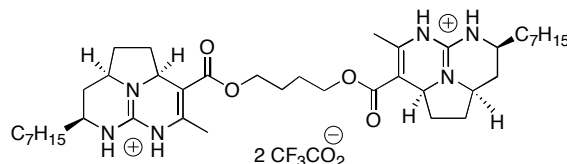
**General procedure for double tethered Biginelli cyclizations. Preparation of (2a*S*,7*S*,8a*R*,2a'*S*,7*S'*,8a'*R*)-7-heptyl-4-[5-(7'-heptyl-1',2',2a',5',6',7',8',8a'-octahydro-5',6',8b'-triazacacenaphthylene-3'-carboxylic acid methyl ester 4'-yl)pentyl]-1,2,2a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-5,6,8b-triazacacenaphthylene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester bistrifluoroacetate (**16**).** Bis- $\beta$ -ketoester **14** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added to a stirring mixture of guanidine aldehyde **4** (65 mg, 0.21 mmol), morpholinium acetate (80 mg, 0.6 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (80 mg, 0.5 mmol) and MeOH (2 mL, 0.1 M) (In general, morpholine and AcOH can be added as liquids or as the morpholinium acetate salt). The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C and stirred for 72 h. Concentration and purification of the residue by preparative HPLC (Phenomenex C-18, 16 mL/min, 210 nm, 10% MeCN: 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O to 90% MeCN: 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O over 20 min) gave 18 mg (35%) of **16** and 12 mg (23%) of C<sub>1</sub>-symmetric isomer **22**, both as nearly colorless oils. Characterization data for **16**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.7, 148.1, 147.5, 102.9, 58.3, 57.2, 51.9, 51.5, 34.9, 34.0, 33.9, 32.9, 31.4, 30.4, 30.2, 29.9, 28.8, 27.5, 26.2, 23.7, 14.4; IR (thin film) 2921, 1686, 1457, 1185, 899 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 707.5226 (707.5224 calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>68</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>, M<sup>+</sup>); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>589</sub> -43.2, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>577</sub> -42.1, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>546</sub> -46.6, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>435</sub> -83.0, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>405</sub> -98.9 (c 1.0, MeOH). Characterization data for **22**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 166.7, 148.0, 147.5, 58.2, 57.2, 56.7, 56.1, 53.5, 51.9, 51.8, 51.5, 48.5, 36.0, 34.9, 34.0, 33.9, 33.6, 32.9, 32.8, 32.5, 31.5, 31.4, 30.5, 30.4, 30.3, 29.9, 29.0, 28.8, 27.5, 26.3, 26.2, 23.7, 14.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 707.5224 (707.5224 calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>68</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>).



**Preparation of (2a*S*,7*S*,8a*S*,2a'*S*,7*S'*,8a'*S*)-7-Methyl-4-methyl-1,2,2a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-5,6,8b-triazaacenaphthylene-3-carboxylic acid 4-(7'-methyl-4'-methyl-1',2',2a',5',6',7',8',8a'-octahydro-5',6',8b'-triazaacenaphthylene-3'-carboxy)butyl ester bistrifluoroacetate (**9**).** Purification by preparative HPLC (Phenomenex C-18, 210 nm, 30% MeCN: 60% 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O) gave 24 mg (41%) of the C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric product **9** as a nearly colorless oil: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2, 146.8, 143.9, 102.9, 65.3, 58.2, 57.1, 47.2, 36.1, 34.0, 29.4, 27.6, 23.9, 19.9, 17.8; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* 539.3217 (539.3346 calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -93.6, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>546</sub><sup>25</sup> -112, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>435</sub><sup>25</sup> -207, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>405</sub><sup>25</sup> -246 (*c* 0.7, MeOH).

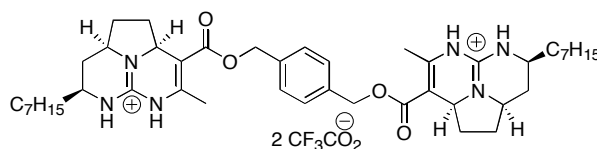


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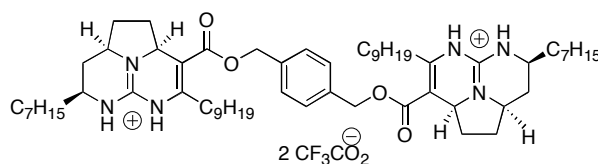


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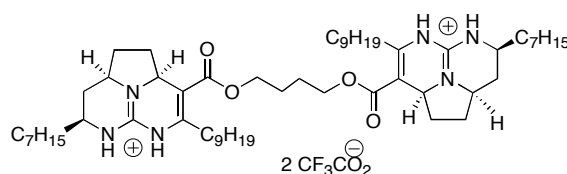
MeCN: 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O over 20 min) gave 20 mg (42%) of the C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric product **18** and 10 mg (22%) of a C<sub>1</sub>-symmetric product that was contaminated with **18**, both as nearly colorless oils. Characterization data for **18**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.5, 147.4, 144.2, 103.2, 65.2, 58.4, 57.2, 51.2, 34.9, 33.9, 32.9, 30.4, 30.3, 27.5, 26.6, 26.2, 23.7, 17.8, 14.4; IR (thin film) 2929, 1686, 1200, 1077, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 693.5056 (693.5067 calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>589</sub> -55.5, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>577</sub> -58.0, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>546</sub> -61.9, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>435</sub> -86.3, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup><sub>405</sub> -95.8 (*c* 0.5, MeOH).



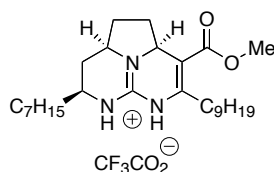
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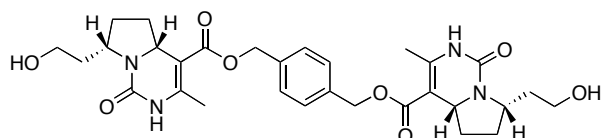
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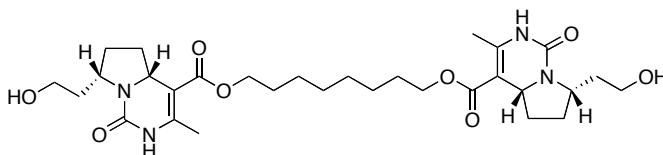
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**(2a*S*,7*S*,8a*R*)-7-Heptyl-4-nonyl-1,2,2a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-5,6,8b-triazaacenaphthylene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate (**23** R = *n*-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>).** Purification by preparative HPLC (Phenomenex C-18, 16 mL/min, 210 nm, 10% MeCN: 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O to 90% MeCN: 0.1% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O over 20 min) gave 45 mg (77%) of **23** as a nearly colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  4.59–4.55 (m, 1H), 3.86–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.58–3.49 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.53 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.17 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.55 (m, 6H), 1.53–1.38 (m, 25H), 0.96–0.92 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.7, 148.2, 147.5, 102.8, 58.3, 57.2, 51.9, 51.5, 34.9, 34.0, 33.9, 33.0, 32.9, 31.6, 30.6, 30.4, 30.4, 30.3 (2C), 30.3, 29.2, 27.5, 26.2, 23.7, 23.7, 14.4, 14.3; IR (thin film) 2927, 2858, 1686, 1436, 1202, 1140, 906, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 446.3764 (446.3747 calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>);  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -6.75,  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -6.92,  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -7.91,  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -17.0,  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -20.1 (*c* 3.8, MeOH).



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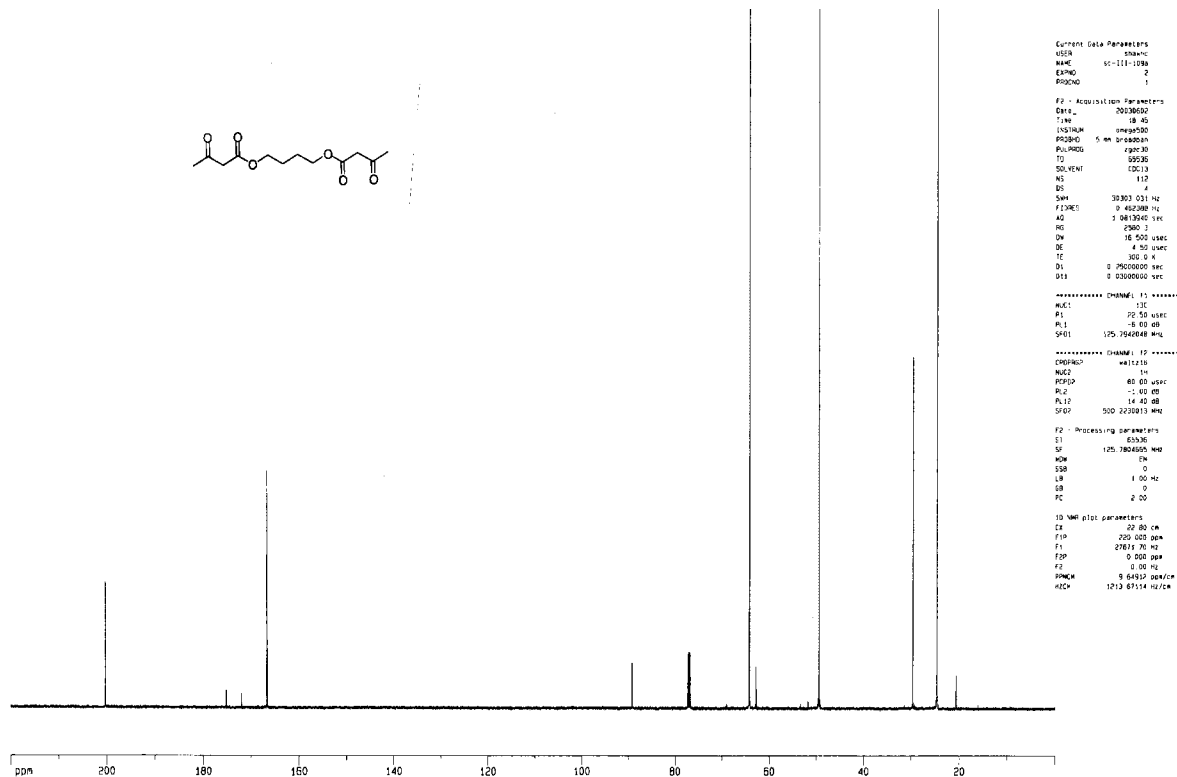
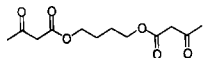
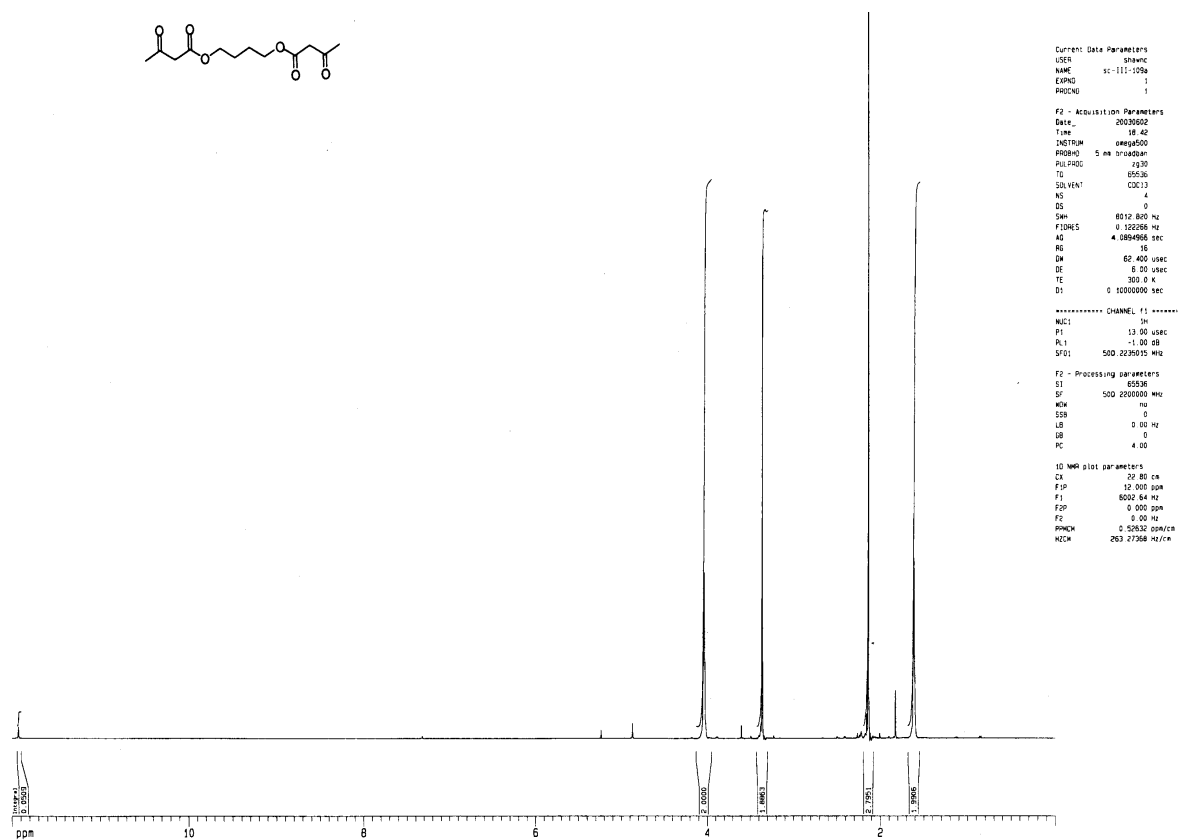
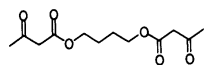


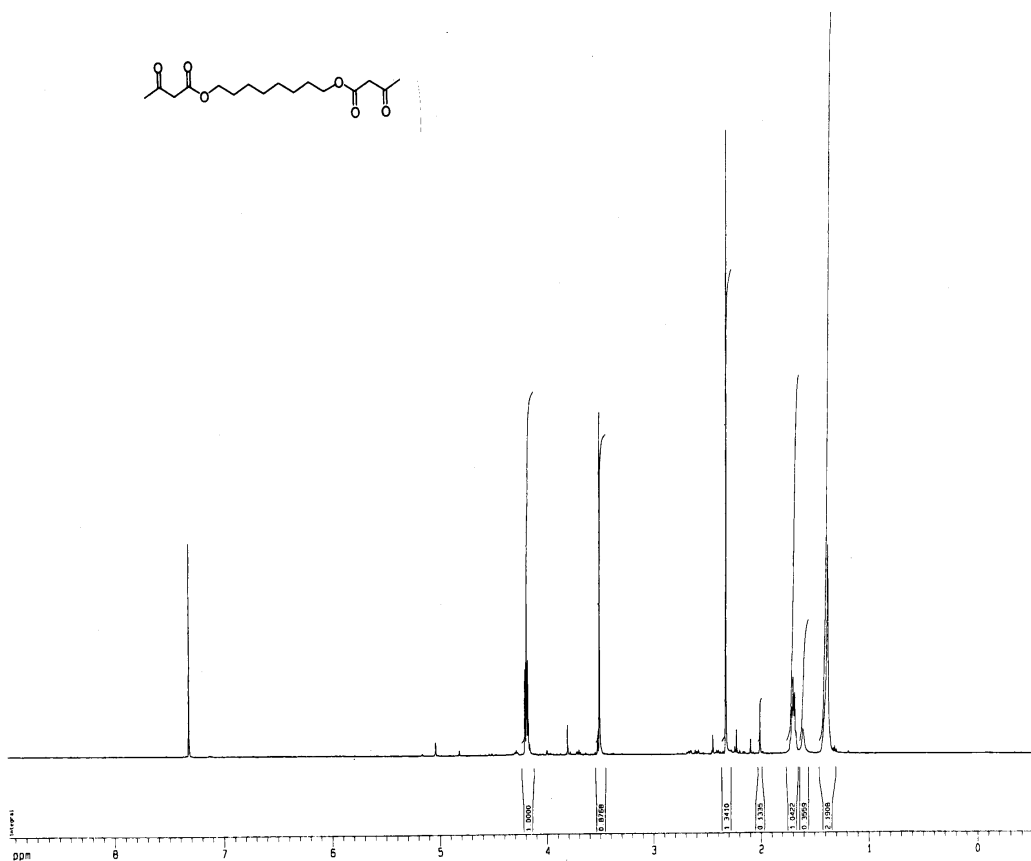
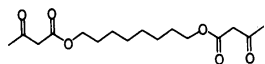
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## **$^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra**

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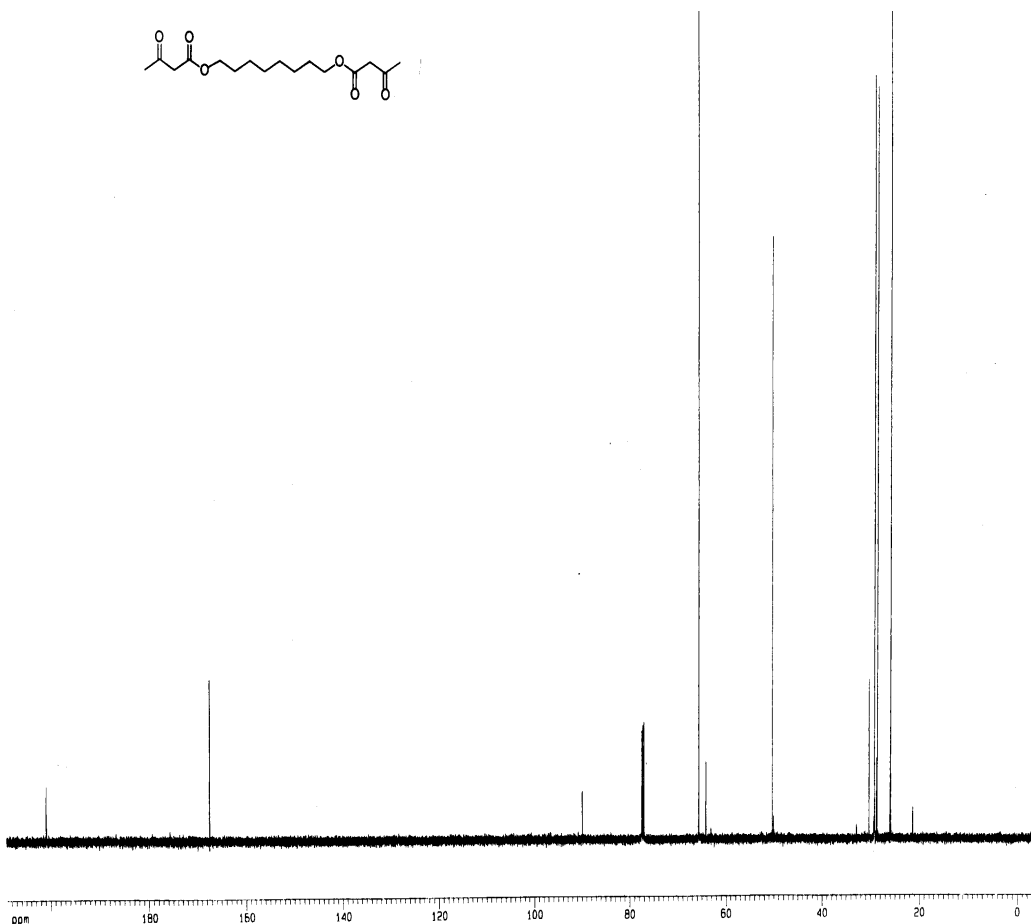
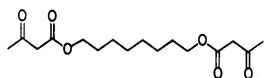
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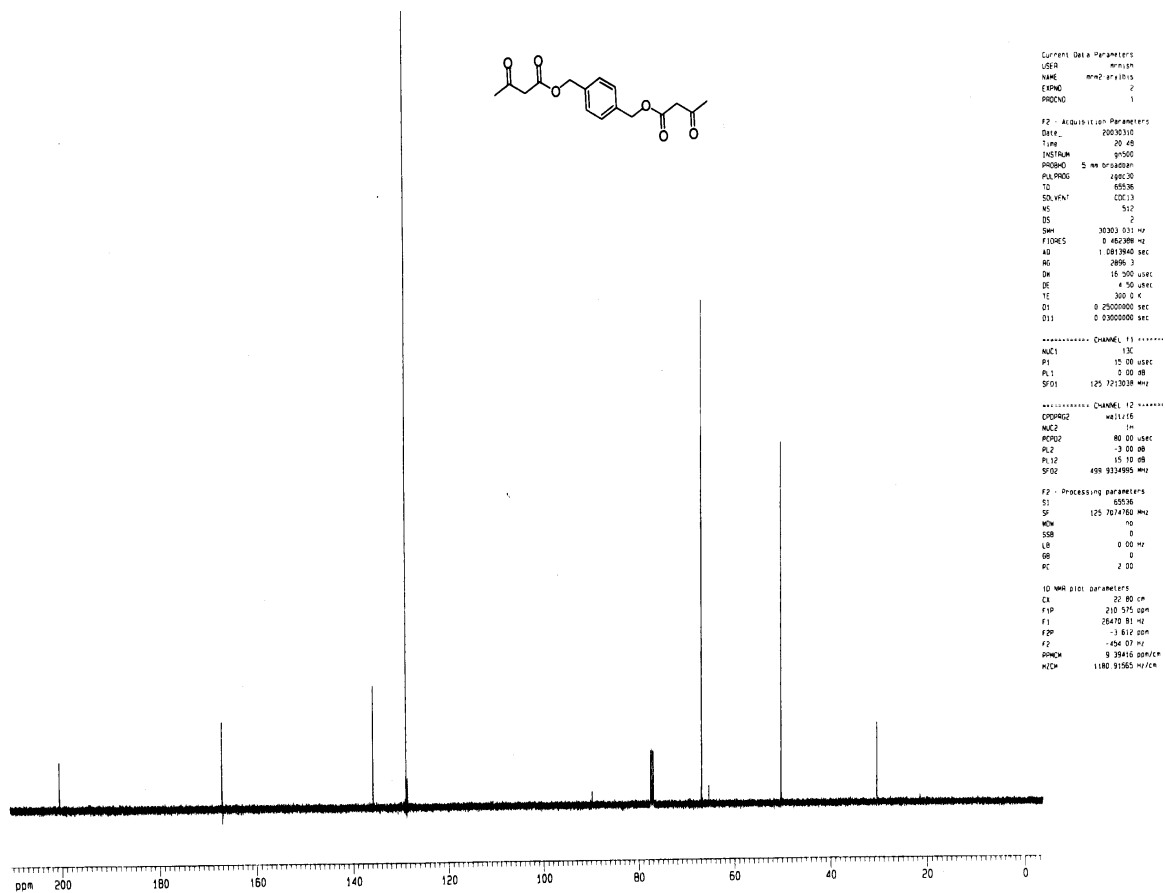
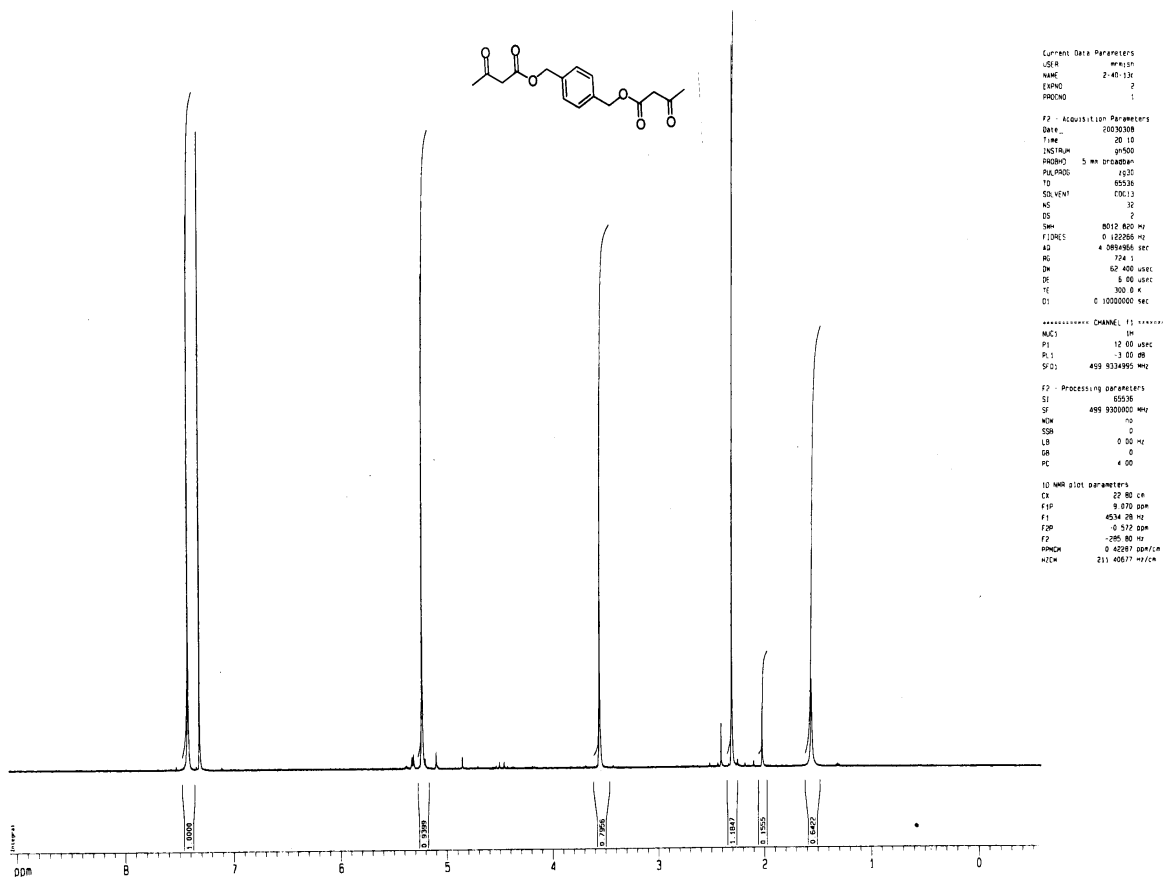
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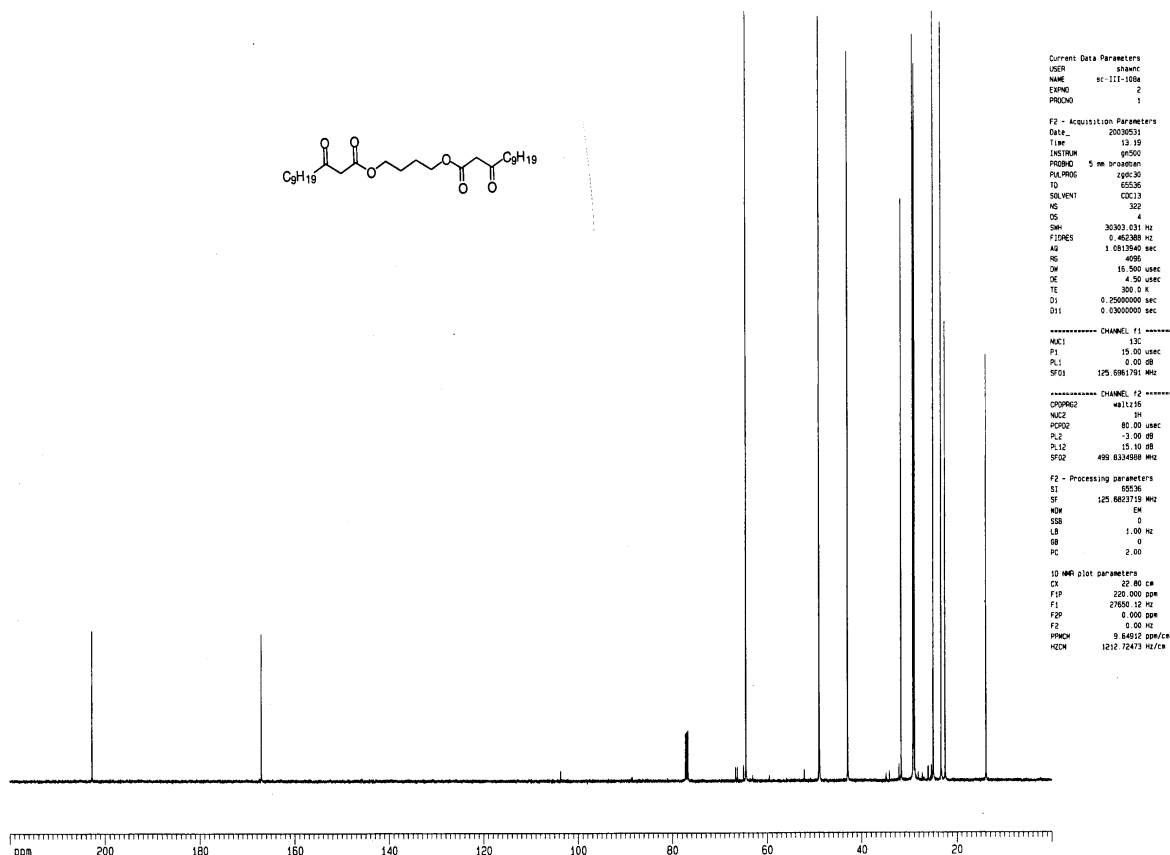
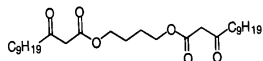
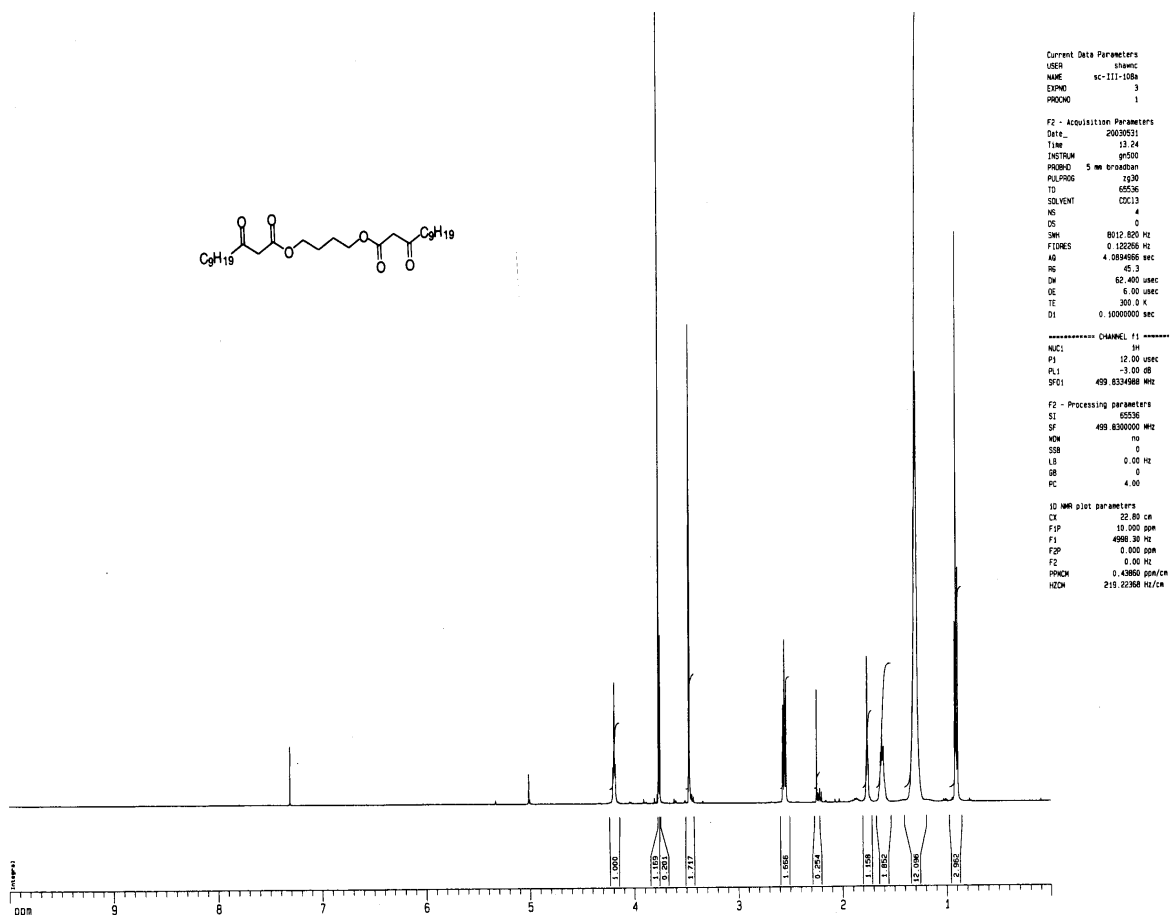
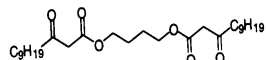
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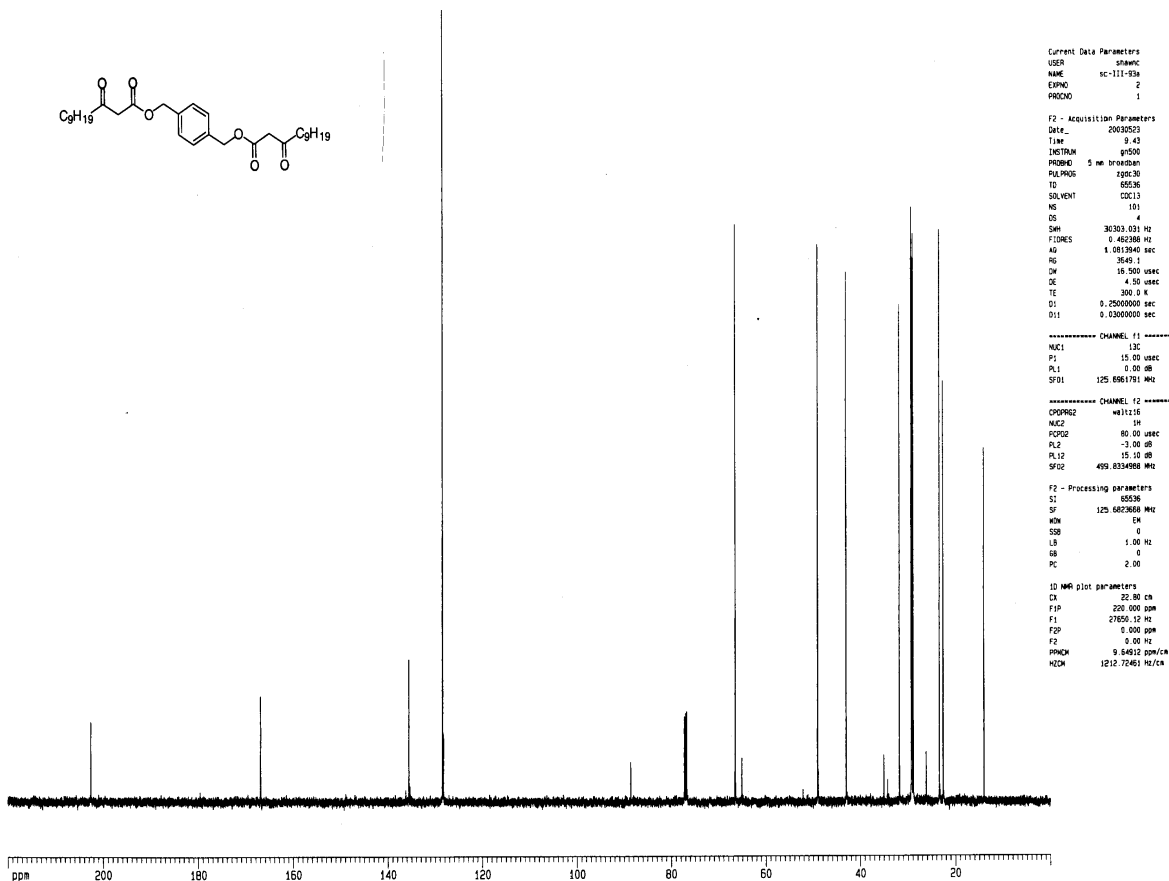
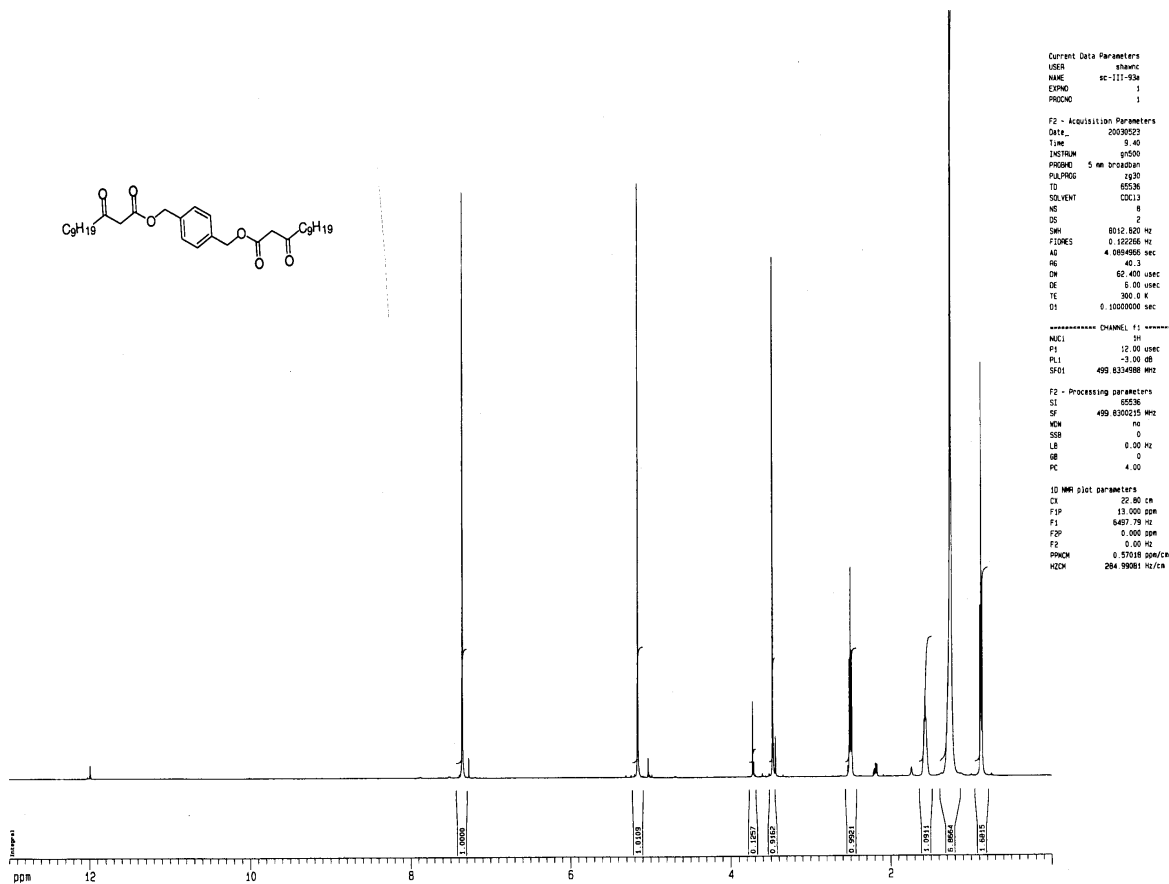
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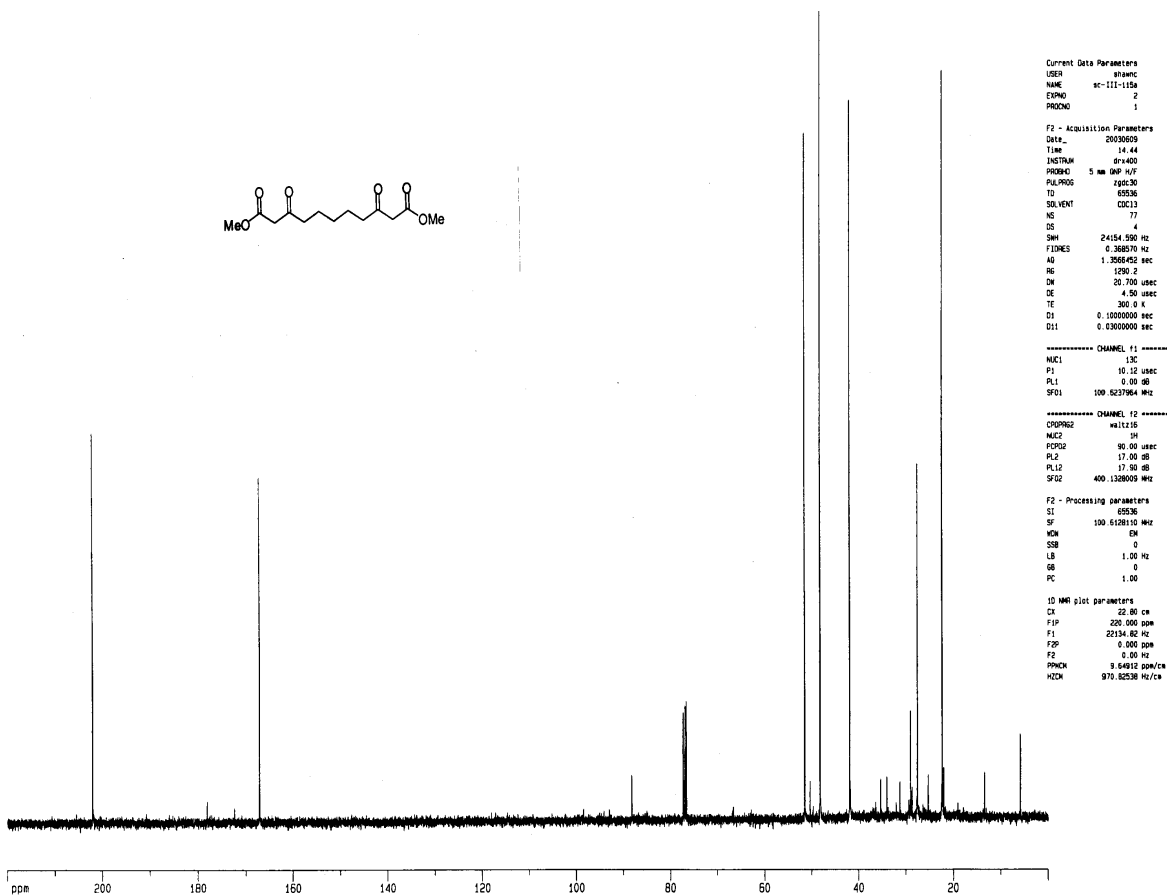
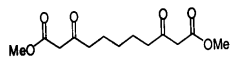
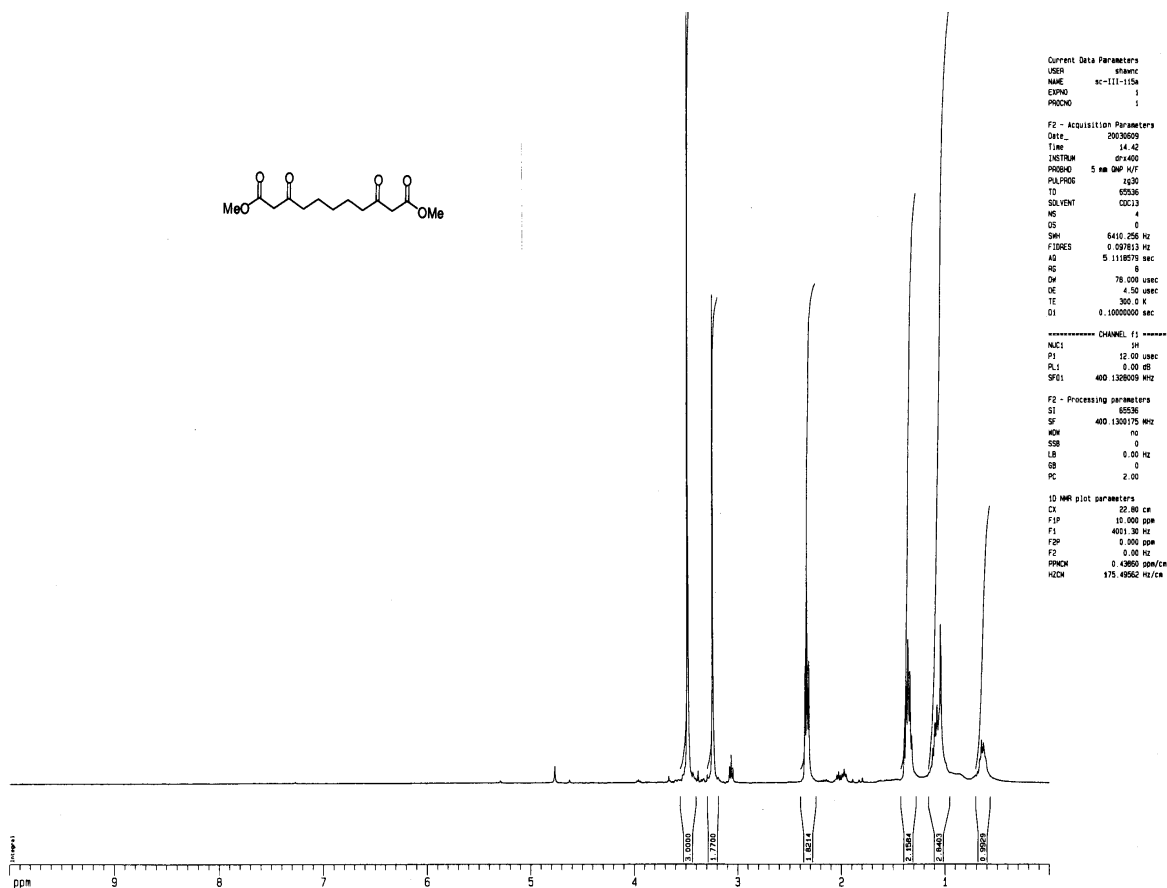
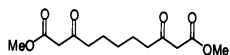
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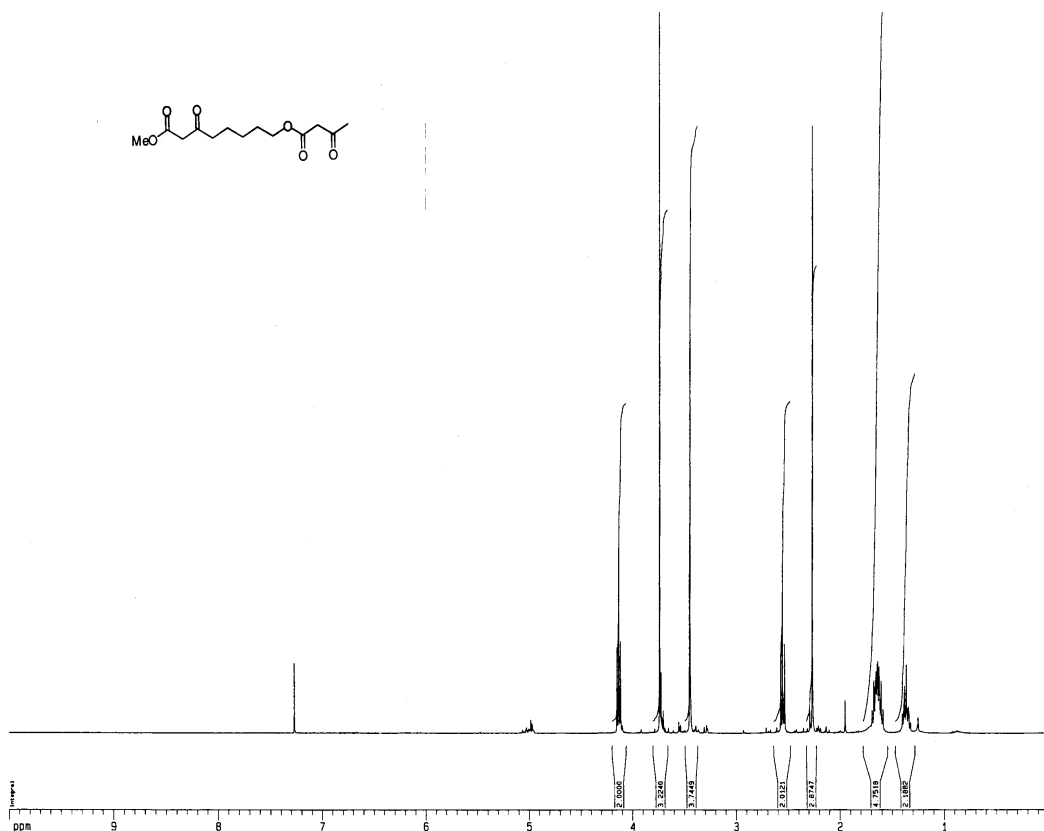
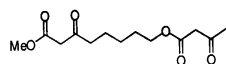
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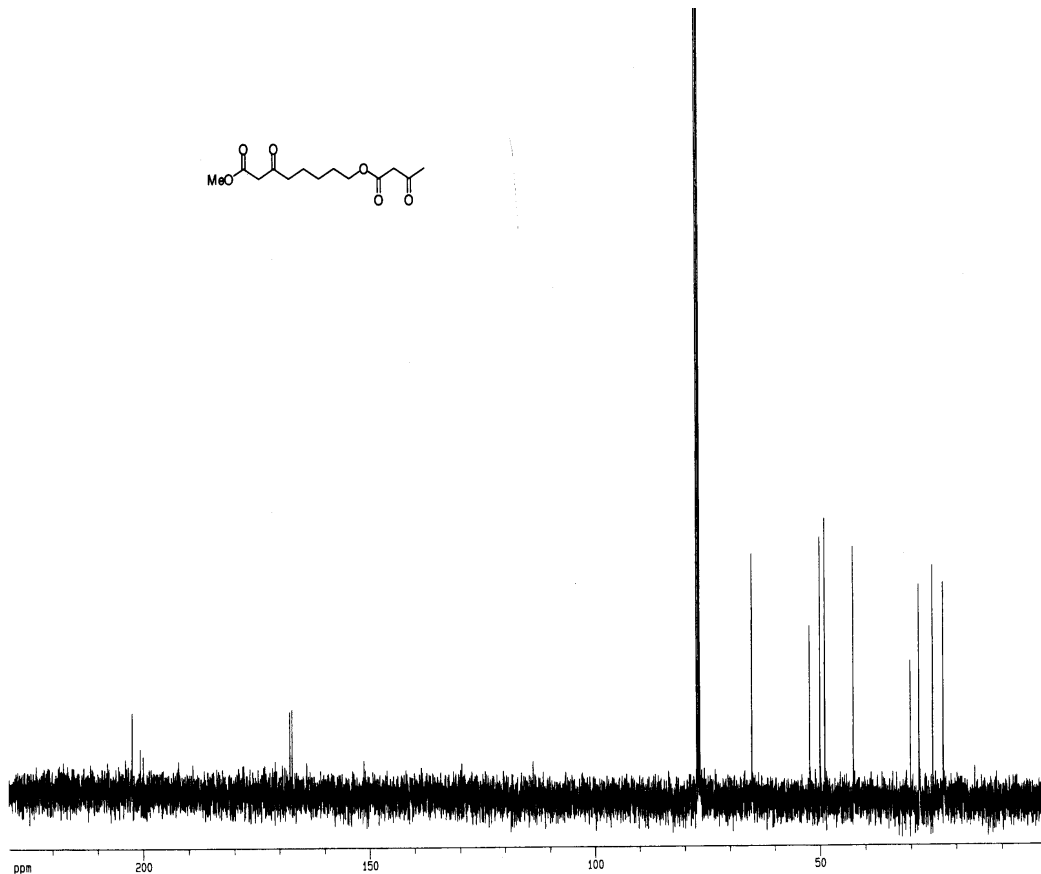
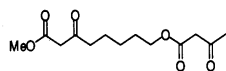








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## **$^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra**

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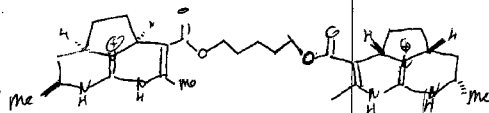
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RG 320  
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TE 300.0 K  
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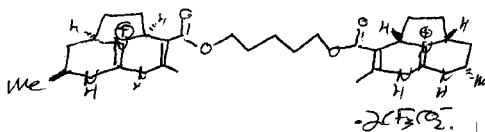


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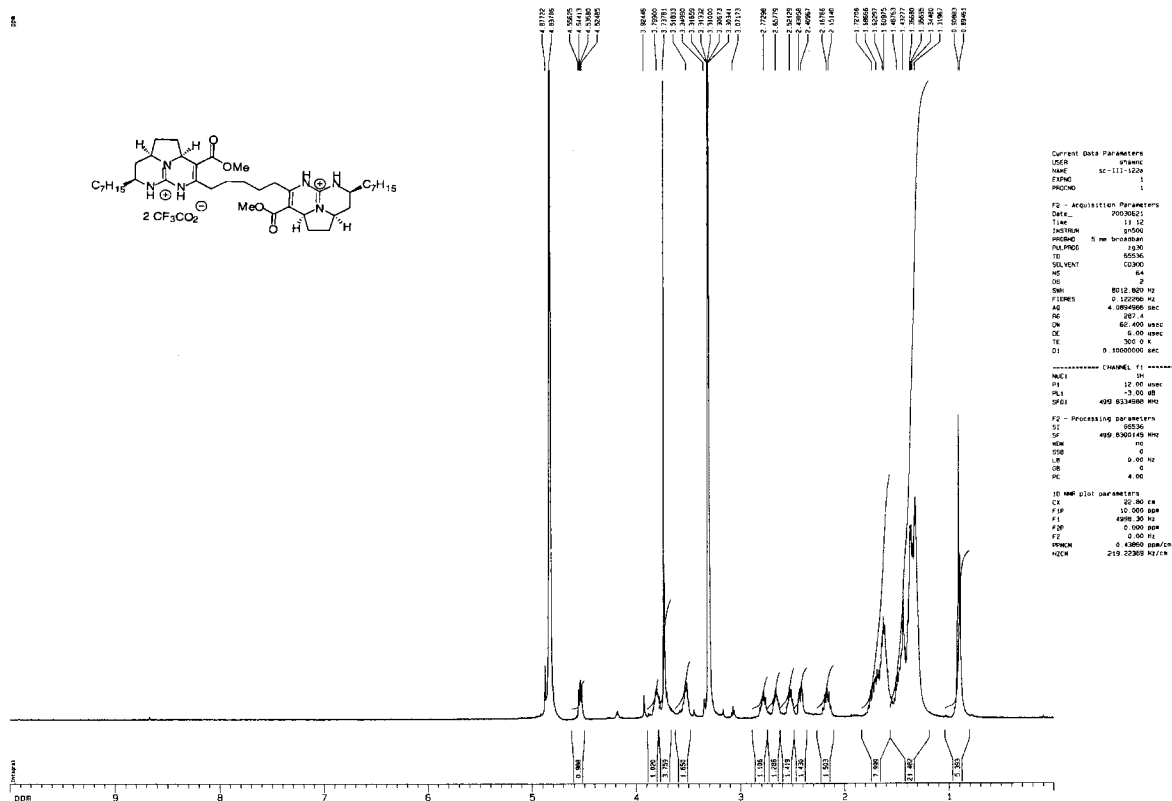
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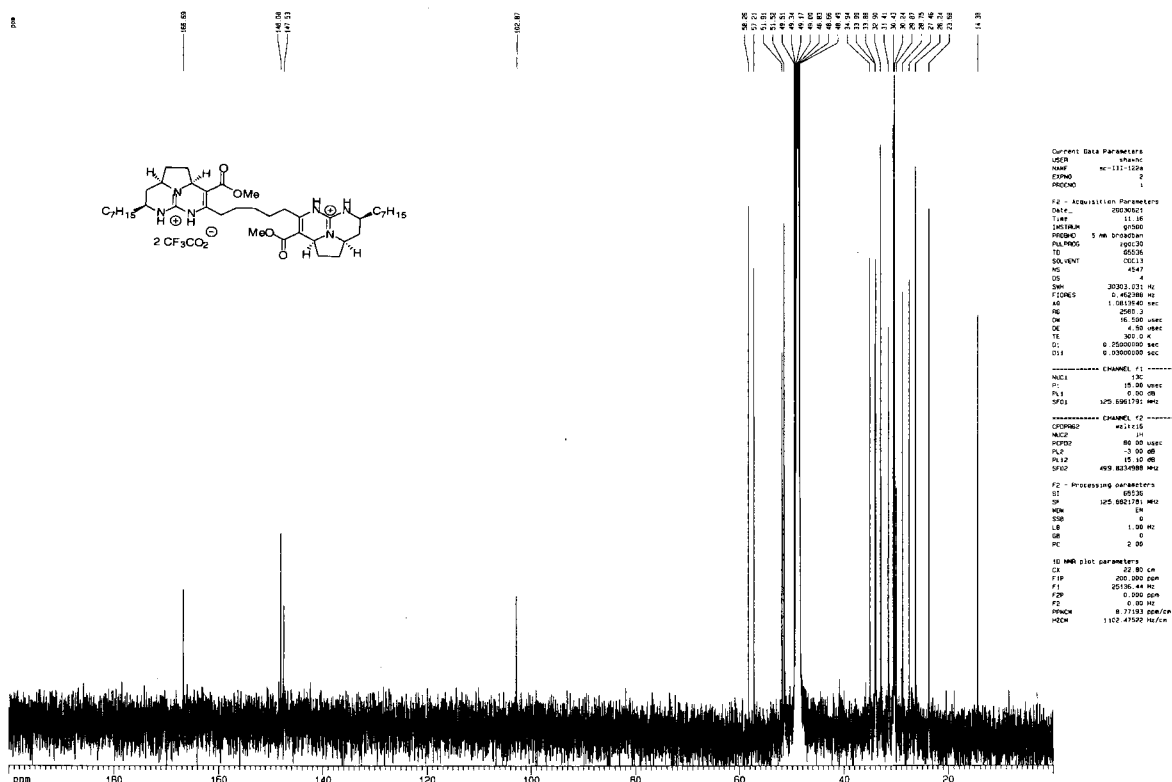
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<sup>1</sup>H spectrum



<sup>13</sup>C spectrum with <sup>1</sup>H decoupling



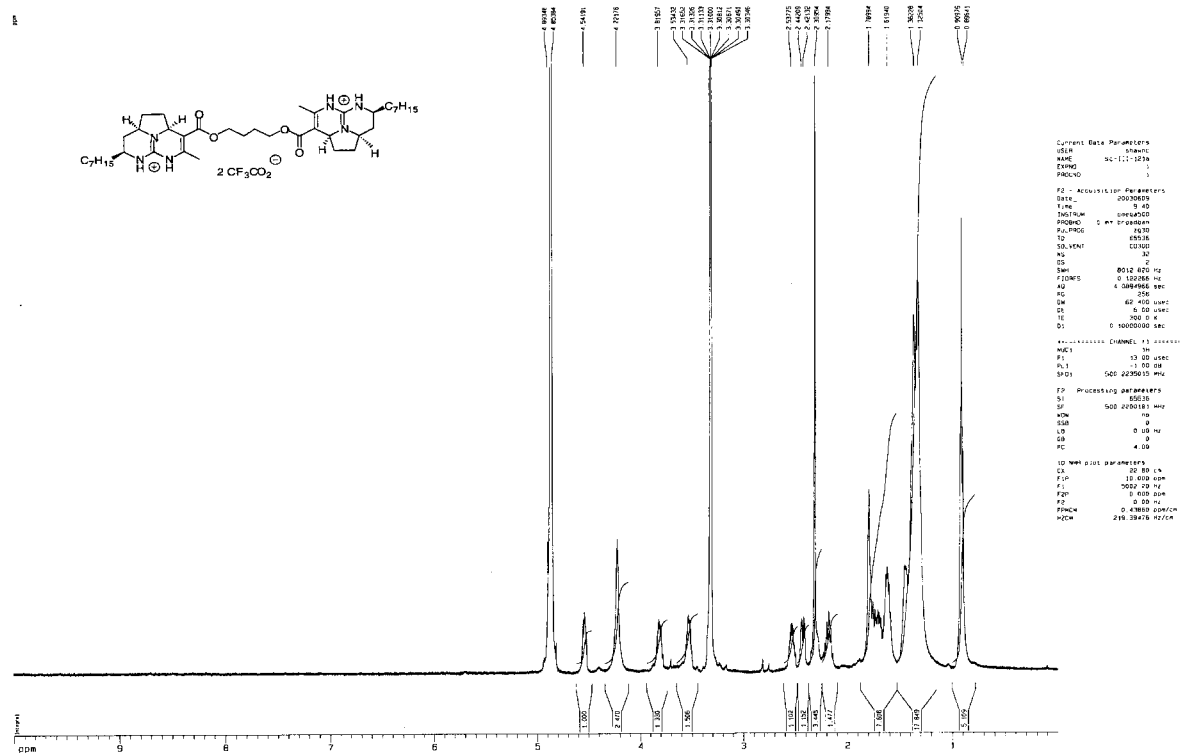
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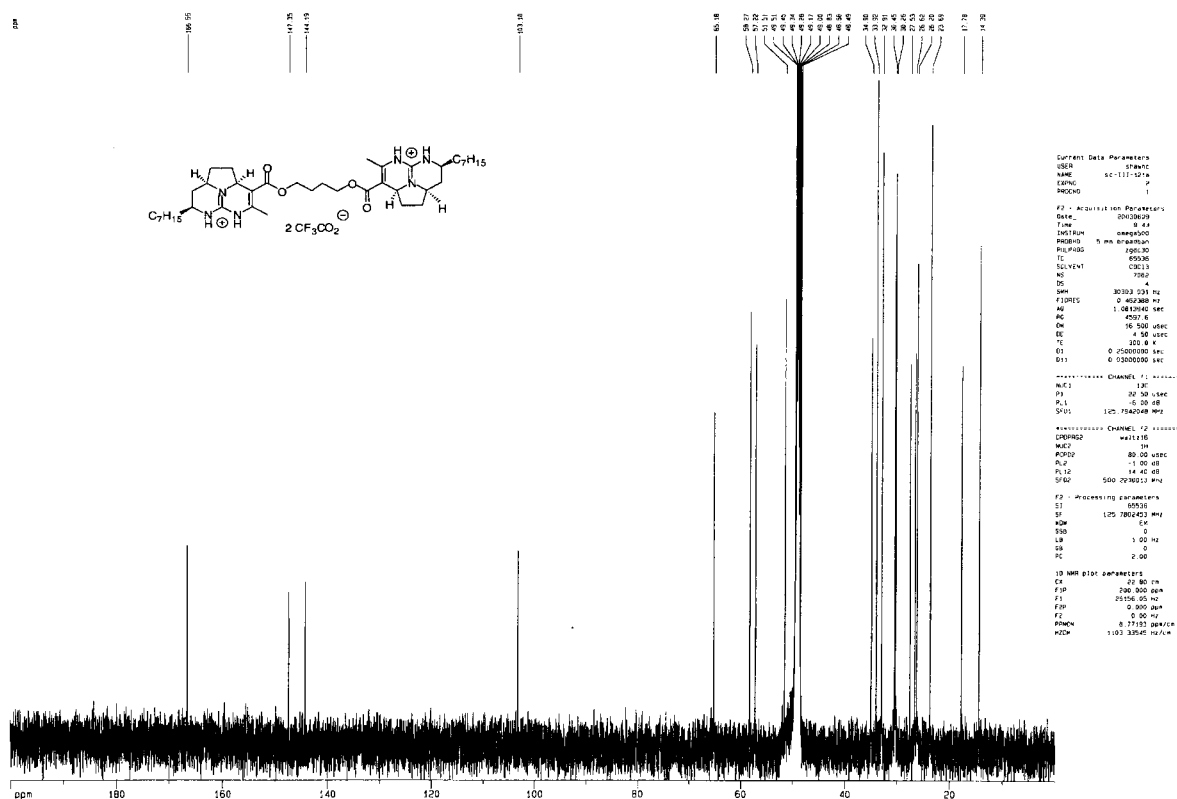
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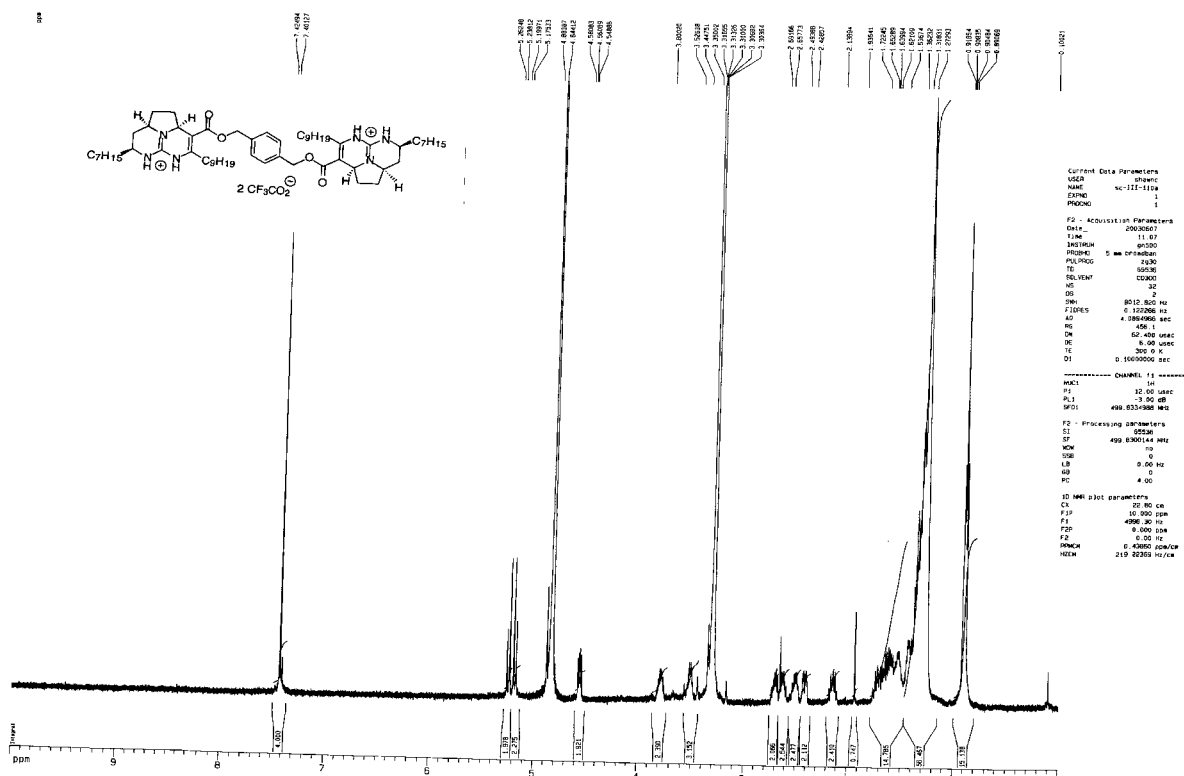
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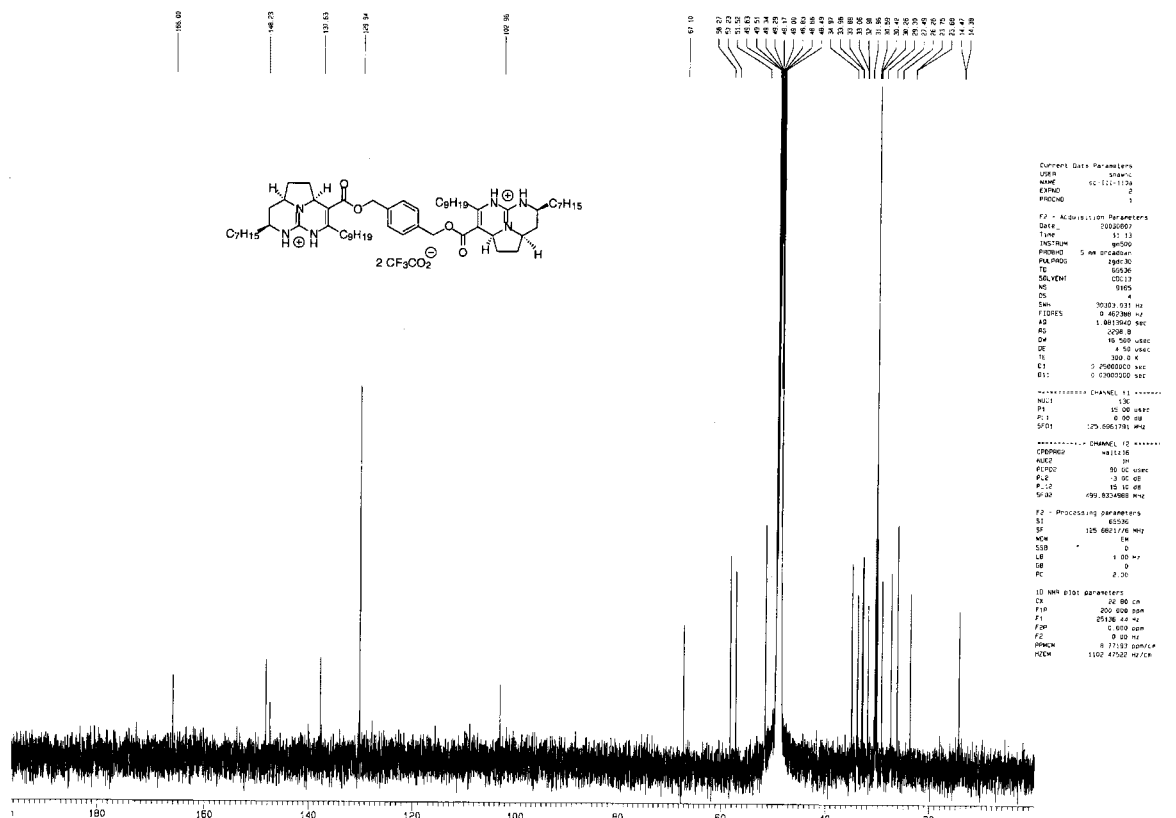
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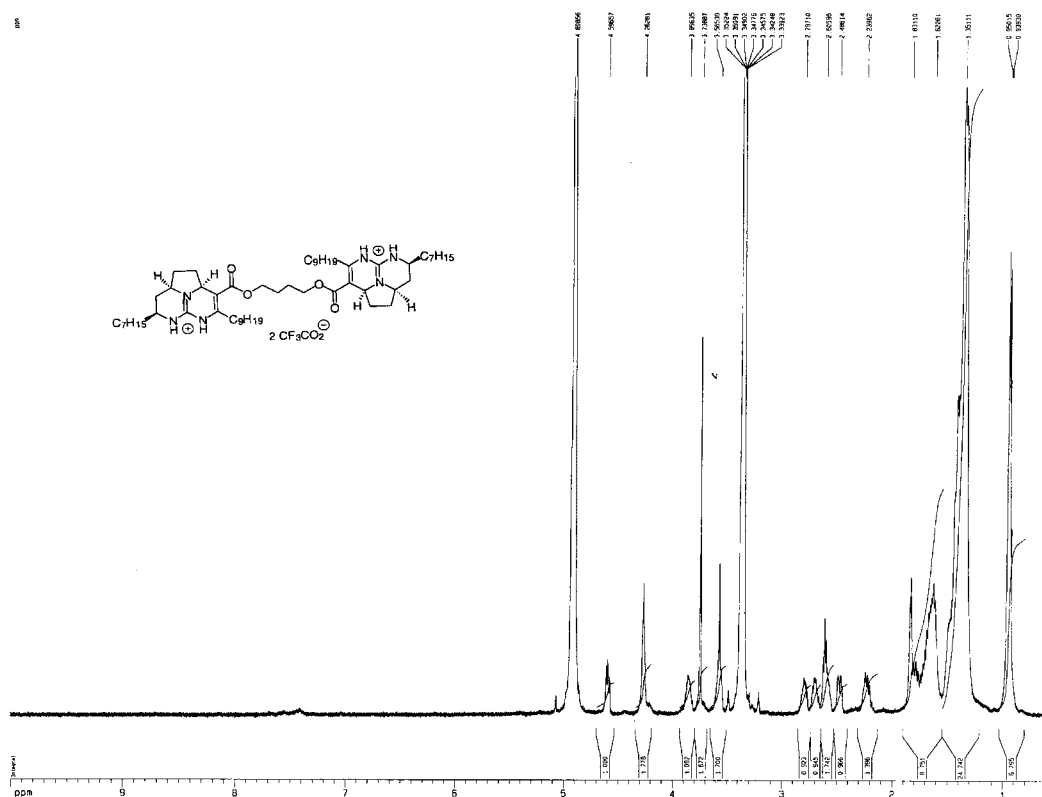
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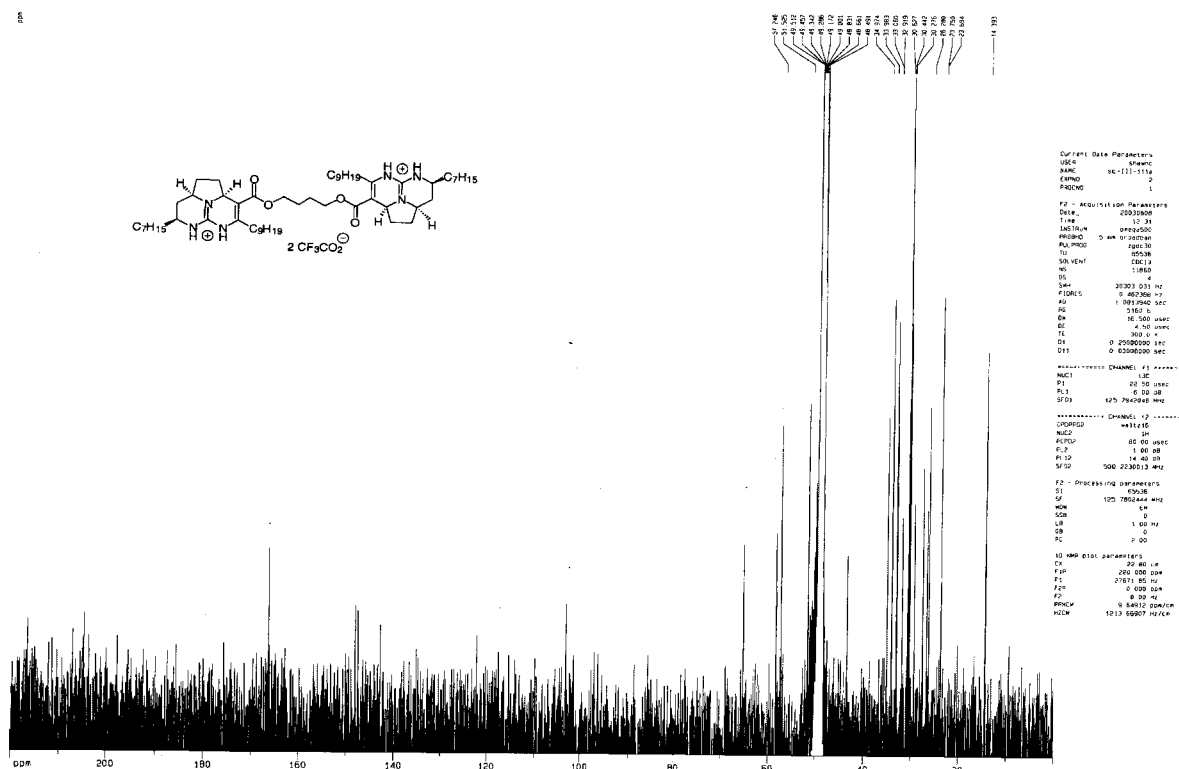
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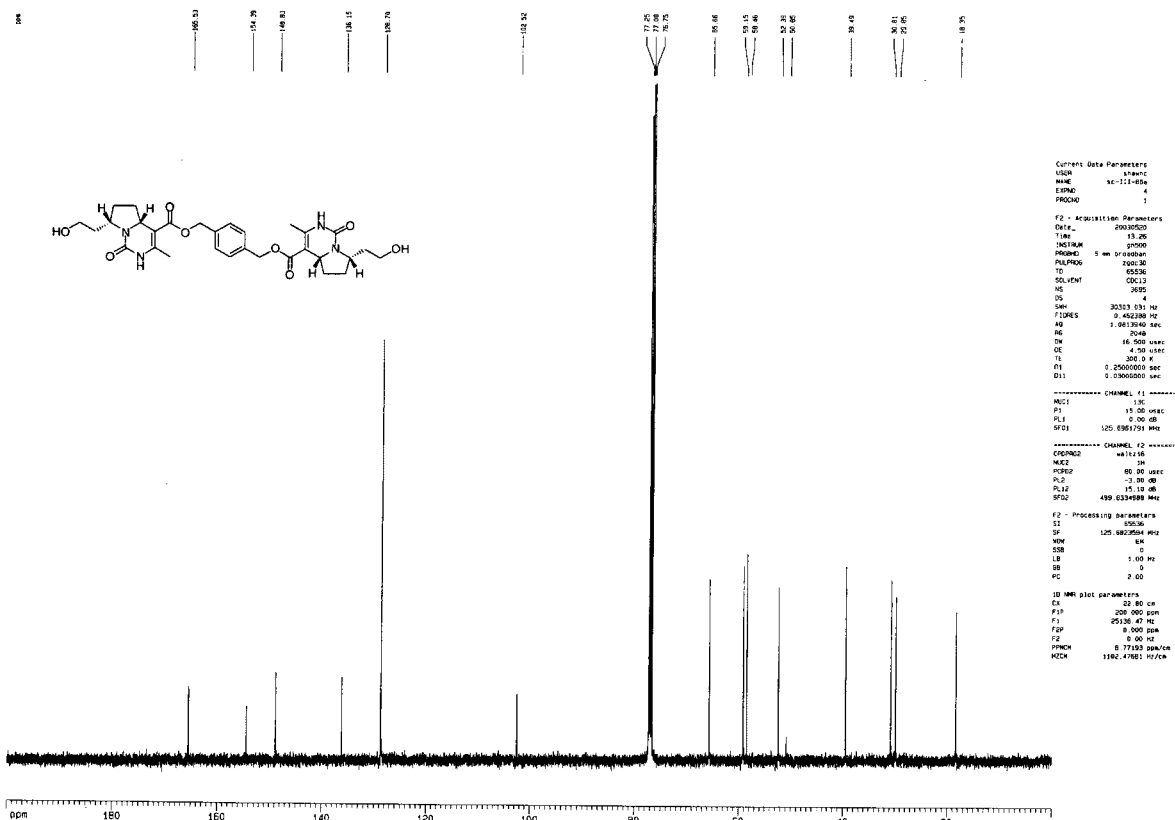
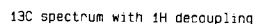


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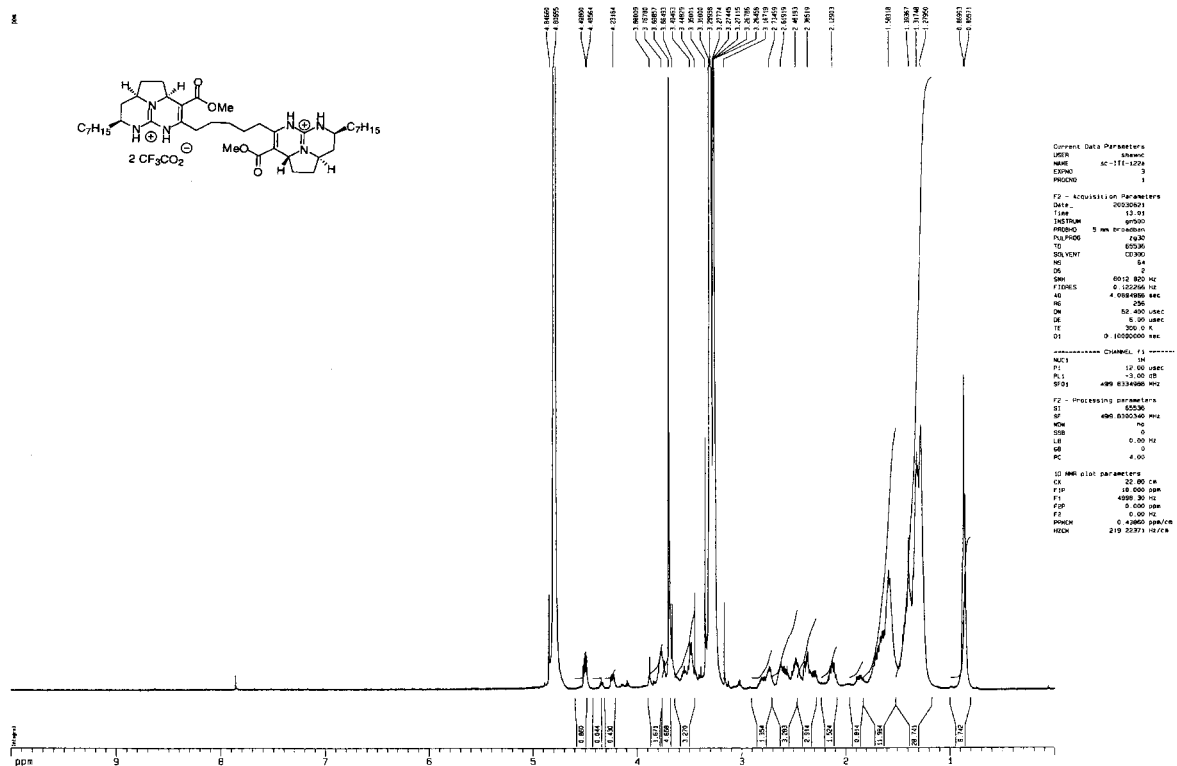


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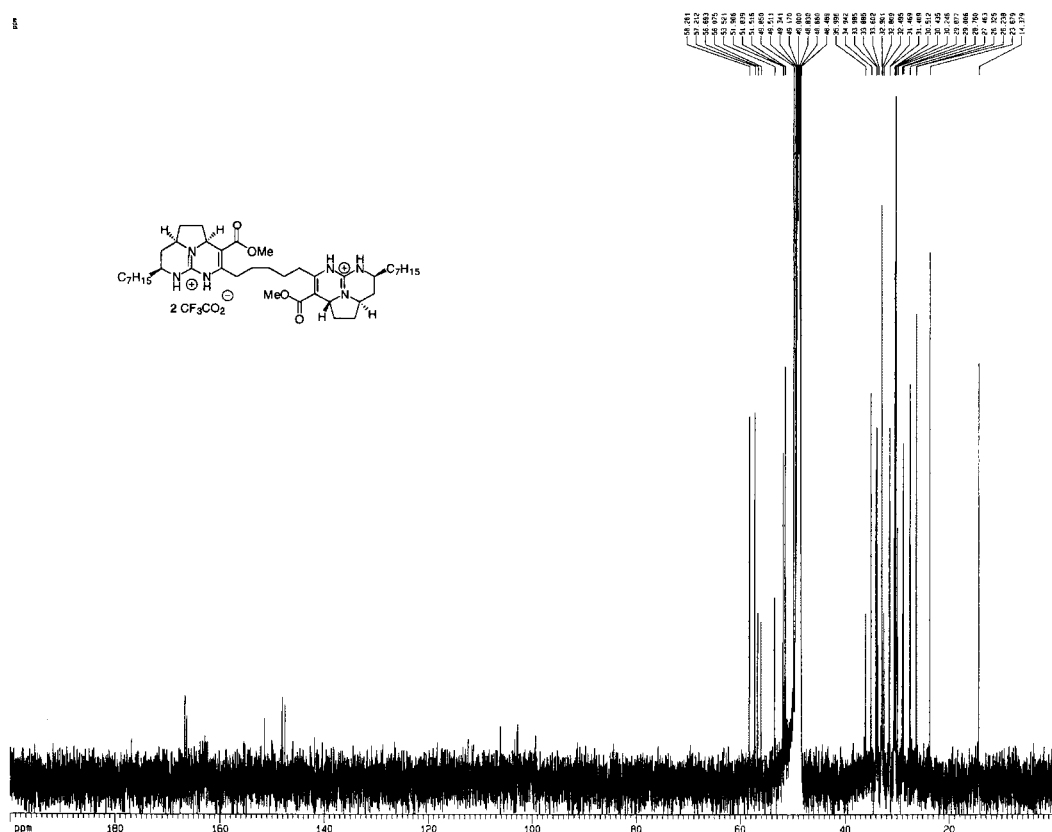
### **C. Minor Stereoisomers of Selected Double Biginelli Products**

These samples are typically contaminated with some of the major  $C_2$ -symmetric isomers.

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<sup>13</sup>C spectrum with <sup>1</sup>H decoupling



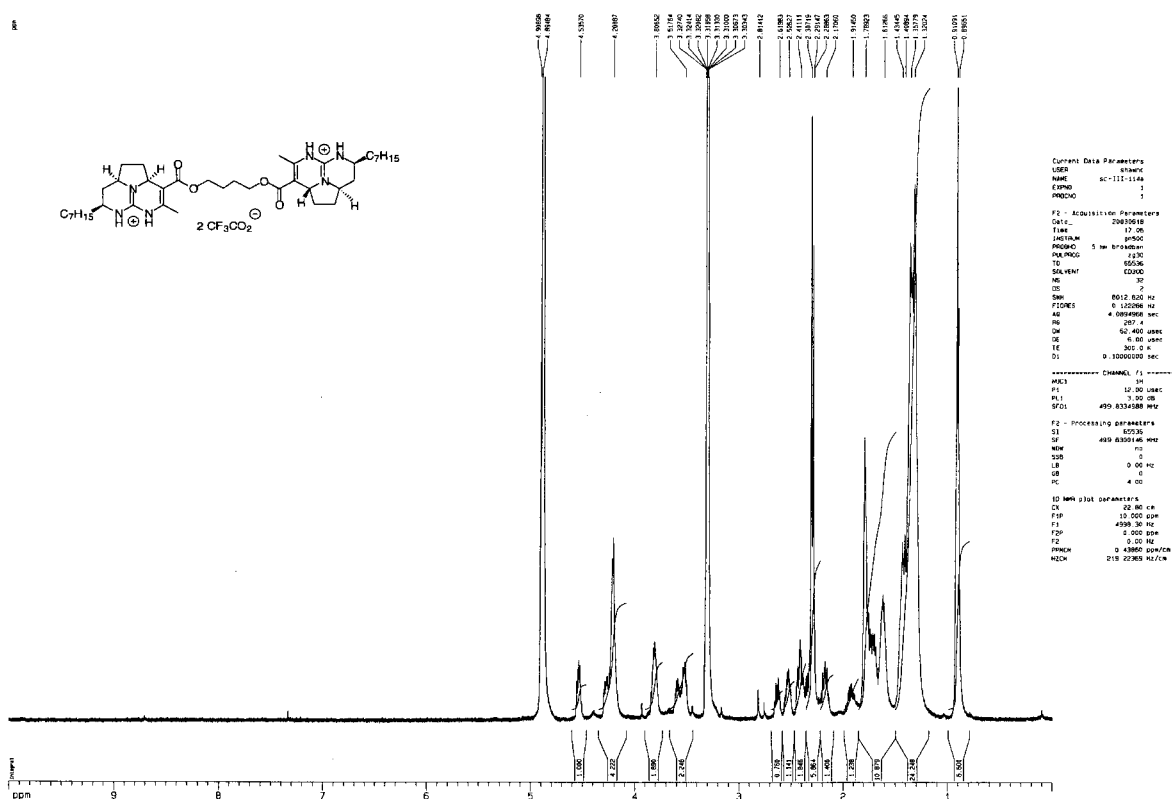
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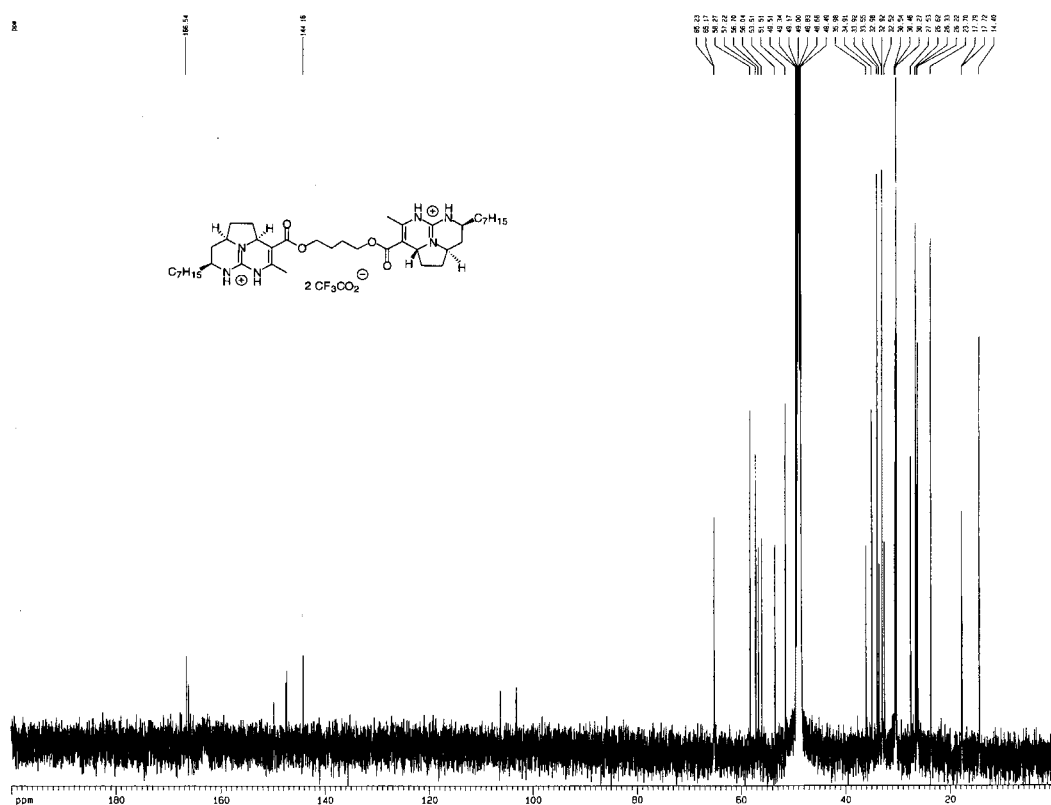
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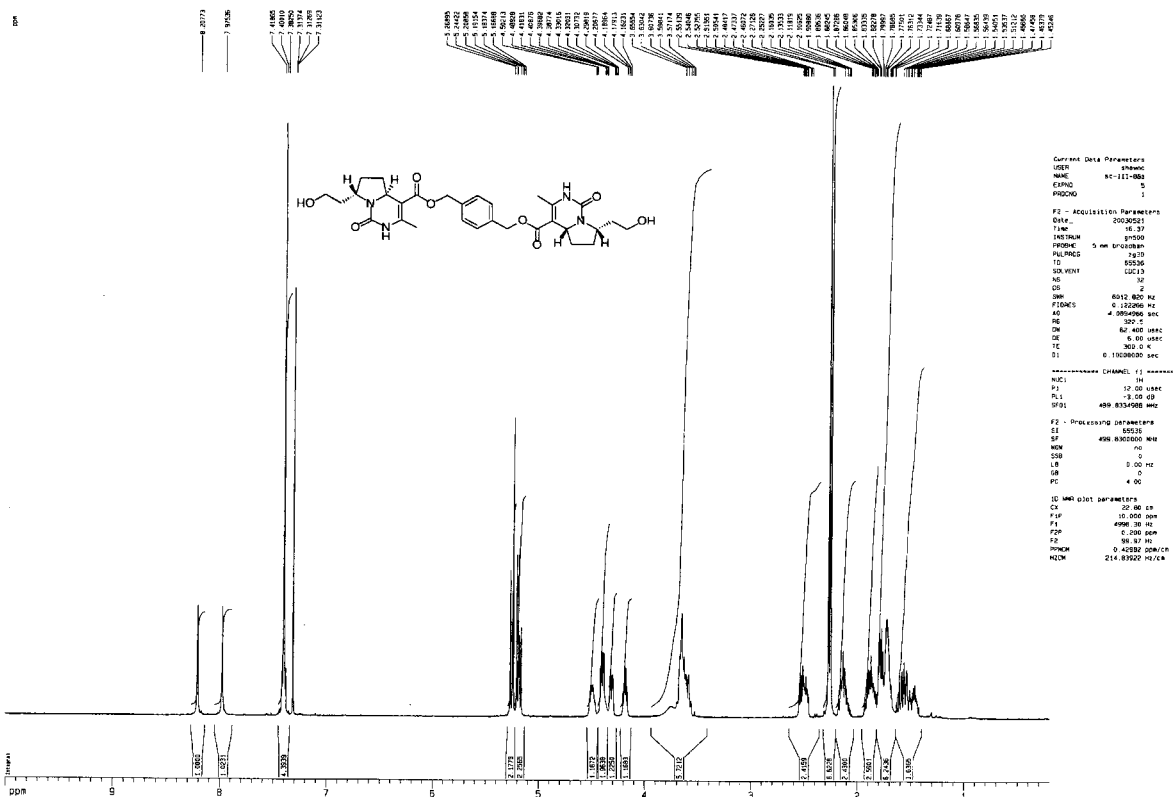
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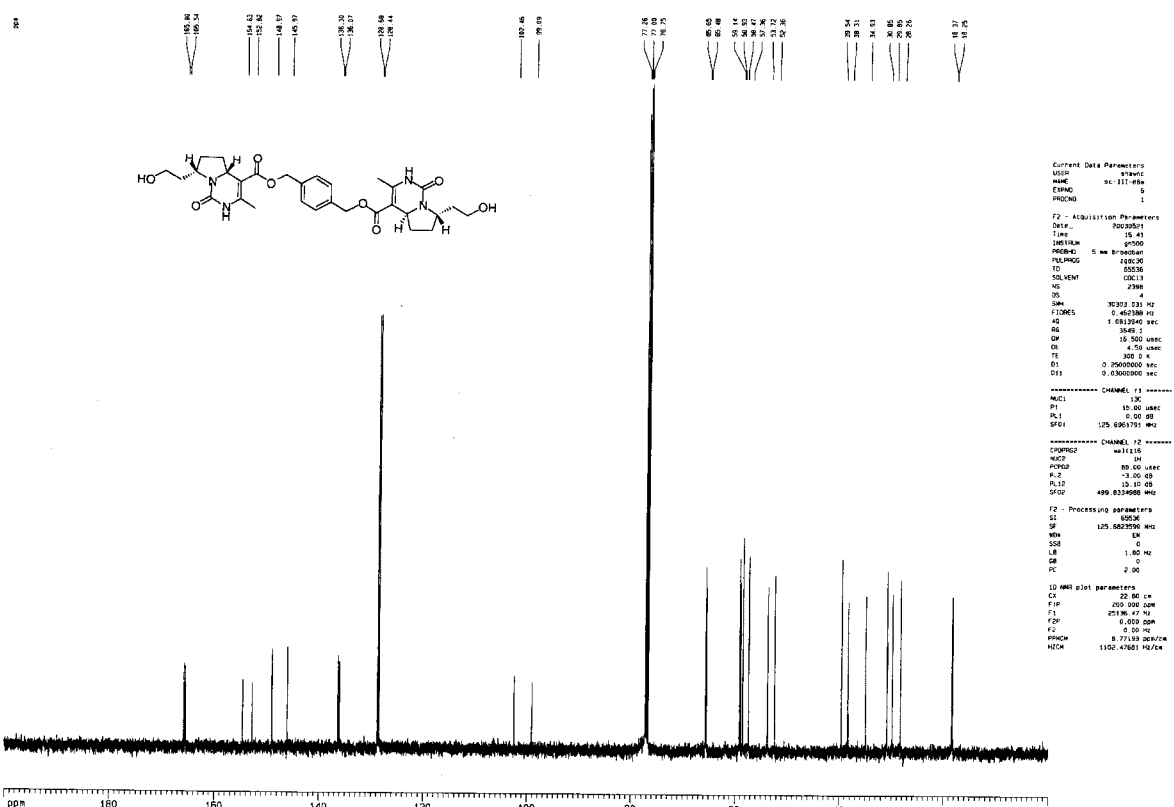
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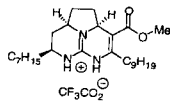


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