

Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of ribavirin 2'-Me-C-nucleoside analogues

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Experimental

General methods

All starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used as received. The ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECX 400 spectrometer and chemical shifts are reported with tetramethylsilane or C_6F_6 as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor infrared spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a Büchi apparatus without correction. HRMS spectra were recorded on JEOL JMS-GC Mate II spectrometer. Optical rotation was measured with a JASCO P1010 polarimeter.

General statement

Experimental procedures for compounds **2**, **5–7**, and **10–18** are covered by the PhD thesis of Fanny Cosson [1].

1,5-O-Diacetyl-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2-C-methyl-D-ribofuranoside (5)

To 2-C-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetra-O-benzoyl- β -D-ribofuranose (**4**, 9.74 g, 16.75 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (200 mL) was added KCN (30 mg, 0.45 mmol) and the mixture stirred at rt overnight. Concentration in vacuum and drying over P_2O_5 afforded 2-C-methyl-D-furanose in quantitative yield (2.82 g). The latter compound was dissolved in anhydrous acetone (200 mL) containing H_2SO_4 (200 μL) and the mixture stirred overnight at rt before being neutralised with sat. NaHCO_3 and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with water and sat. NaCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuum affording 2,3-O-isopropylidene-2-C-methyl-D-furanose as a yellow oil (3 g, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 5.22 (s, 1H, H1), 4.45-4.30 (m, 1H, H3), 4.30-4.10 (m, 1H, H4), 3.80-3.50 (m, 2H, H5, H5'), 1.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.34 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 112.5 (Cq), 104.0 (C1), 92.3 (C2), 87.4 (C3), 82.4 (C4), 63.3 (C5), 28.0 (CH₃), 27.7 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH₃). Acetylation proceeded by overnight stirring with acetic anhydride (70 mL) and pyridine (70 mL) followed by concentration under vacuum. Compound **5** was obtained as yellow oil (3.78 g, 89%). [α]_D²⁶ -6.12 (c = 1.8, CHCl₃). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 2988, 2940, 2360, 1742, 1456, 1215, 1009, 858. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.08 (s, 1H, H1), 4.31 (dt, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 7 Hz, 1H, H4), 4.27 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H3), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 7 Hz, 11 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 7 Hz, 11 Hz, 1H, H5'), 2.03 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.42 (s, 3H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.41 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.38 (s, 3H, C(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (Ac), 169.4 (Ac), 113.5 (C(CH₃)₂), 102.9 (C1), 91.5 (C2), 87.5 (C3), 84.6 (C4), 64.0 (C5), 28.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 27.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 21.3 (Ac), 20.8 (Ac), 20.5 (CH₃). HRMS: calcd for C₁₃H₂₀O₇: 288.1209; Found: 288.1207.

Ethyl 3-(5-O-acetyl-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2-C-methyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl) propiolate (6)

To a sealed tube containing activated indium (0.95 g, 8.3 mmol) was added compound **5** (1 g, 3.47 mmol) and ethyl iodopropiolate (1.56 g, 6.94 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (18 mL) under stirring and the mixture was stirred for 36 h at 55 °C. After filtration over Celite and washing with EtOAc, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 1:4 to 1:1) affording compound **6** (0.405 g, 36%) as a yellow oil. [α]_D²⁶ -59 (c = 1.5, CHCl₃). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 2988, 2363, 1743, 1374, 1240, 1094. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.59 (s, 1H, H1), 4.38 (dt, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H4), 4.32 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz,

1H, H3), 4.22 (q, $J = 7$ Hz, 2H, Et), 4.20 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 12 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.15 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 12 Hz, 1H, H5'), 2.09 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.58 (s, 3H, $-C(CH_3)_2$), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.42 (s, 3H, $-C(CH_3)_2$), 1.29 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H, Et). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.3 (Ac), 153.2 ($-CO_2Et$), 115.1 ($-C(CH_3)_2$), 90.6 (C2), 87.6 (C3), 82.4 (C4), 81.6 ($C\equiv$), 80.3 ($C\equiv$), 77.7 (C1), 63.7 (C5), 62.2 (Et), 27.4 ($-C(CH_3)_2$), 26.9 ($-C(CH_3)_2$), 23.5 (CH_3), 20.9 (Ac), 14.1 (Et). HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{23}O_7$: 327.1444; Found: 327.1455.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(5'-O-acetyl-2',3'-O-isopropylidene-2'-C-methyl- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (7a) and ethyl 1-benzyl-5-(5'-O-acetyl-2',3'-O-isopropylidene-2'-C-methyl- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (7b)

Compound **6** (0.347 g, 1.06 mmol) and benzyl azide (0.566 mg, 4.26 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) were stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. After concentration in vacuum the crude was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 1:4 to 1:1) affording the mixture of compounds **7a** and **7b** (0.38 g, 92%) in a 42:58 ratio as a yellow oil. IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) 2358, 2340, 1743, 1381, 1210, 1100. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) **7a**: δ 7.29-7.21 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.84 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.39 (s, 1H, H1), 4.53 (s, 1H, H3), 4.95-4.87 (m, 1H, H4), 4.43-4.12 (m, 4H, H5, H5', Et), 2.08 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.64-1.19 (m, 12H, $C(CH_3)_2$, Et, CH_3); **7b**: δ 7.29-7.21 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.01 (s, 1H, H1), 5.99 (d, $J = 14$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Ph), 5.60 (d, $J = 14$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Ph), 4.43-4.38 (m, 1H, H4), 4.35 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.43-4.12 (m, 4H, H5, H5', Et), 2.09 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.64-1.19 (m, 12H, $C(CH_3)_2$, Et, CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) **7a**: δ 170.8 (Ac), 158.6 (CO_2Et), 149.0 (triazole), 135.2 (Ph), 129-127 (Ph), 125.2 (triazole), 114.6 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 90.6 (C2), 88.2 (C3), 81.9 (C1, C4), 61.9 (C5), 60.5 (Et), 54.0 (CH_2Ph), 27.2 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 26.1 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 25.2 (CH_3), 20.8 (Ac), 14.4 (Et); **7b**: δ 170.5 (Ac), 161.7

(CO₂Et), 136.5 (triazole), 136.0 (triazole), 135.2 (Ph), 129-127 (Ph), 113.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 91.9 (C2), 88.1 (C3), 81.9 (C4), 79.6 (C1), 64.1 (C5), 61.3 (Et), 54.7 (CH₂Ph), 27.5 (C(CH₃)₂), 26.7 (C(CH₃)₂), 22.8 (CH₃), 20.9 (Ac), 14.3 (Et). HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₉N₃O₇Na: 482.1903; Found: 482.1987.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (10a)

The mixture of compound **9a** [2] (5.4 g, 12.1 mmol) in MeOH (430 mL) and water (110 mL) was stirred with Dowex 50Wx8 (40 g) at 60 °C for 36 h. After filtration and concentration in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography with EtOAc to afford **10a** as a yellow solid (3.9 g, 89%) as an oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -15$ (c = 1.1, MeOH). M.p. = 96°C. IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3269, 2928, 2499, 1722, 1256, 1029. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.31-7.24 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.91 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph), 5.36 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H, H1'), 4.36 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CO₂CH₂CH₃), 4.31 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H2'), 4.23 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H3'), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H, H4'), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5'a), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5'b), 1.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD) δ 158.3 (-CO₂Et), 149.5 (triazole), 135.9 (Ph), 128.5, 128.0, 127.4 (Ph), 125.7 (-triazole), 84.8 (C4'), 76.8 (C1'), 75.8 (C2'), 71.1 (C3'), 62.1 (C5'), 62.0 (CH₂CH₃), 53.6 (CH₂Ph), 13.0 (CH₃). HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₃O₆: 364.1509; Found: 364.1510.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-5-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (10b)

The mixture of compound **9b** [2] (0.5 g, 1.12 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) and water (10 mL) was stirred with Dowex 50Wx8 (5 g) at 60 °C for 2 weeks. After filtration and concentration in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography with EtOAc to afford **10b** as a yellow solid (0.25 g, 61%). $[\alpha]_D^{25} +20$ (c = 1.1, MeOH). IR

ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) 3357, 2360, 2342, 1653, 1457, 1210, 1048. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H, Ph), 5.89 (q, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.53 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H1), 4.38 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, Et), 4.07-3.99 (m, 2H, H2 et H3), 3.90 (dd, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 6.9 Hz, 1H, H4), 3.77 (dd, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 11.9 Hz, 1H, H5), 3.71 (dd, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 11.9 Hz, 1H, H5'), 1.38 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H, Et). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 138.8 (triazole), 137.2 (triazole), 135.7 (Cq Ph), 128.5, 127.9, 127.0 (Ph), 86.7 (C4), 75.0 (C2), 74.8 (C1), 70.7 (C3), 61.5 (C5), 61.2 (Et), 52.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 13.2 (Et). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$: 364.1509; Found: 364.1513.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (11a)

To a mixture of compound **10a** (2.45 g, 6.75 mmol) and anhydrous pyridine (90 mL) was added under argon atmosphere 1,3-dichloro-1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylidisiloxane (3.16 mL, 10.1 mmol). After stirring at rt for 2 days and concentration in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 0.5:9.5 to 2:8) to afford **11a** as a white solid (3.22 g, 79%). $[\alpha]_D^{24} -45$ ($c = 2.5$, MeOH). m.p. 78-82°C. IR ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) 2945, 2867, 1728, 1464, 1036, 885. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.80 (s, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.33 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H, H1), 4.70 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.49-4.46 (m, 1H, H2), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, Et), 3.98-3.87 (m, 3H, H4, H5, H5'), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.05-0.95 (m, 28H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 148.9 (triazole), 135.0 (Cq Ph), 128.8, 128.4, 128.1 (Ph), 125.4 (triazole), 82.6 (C4), 77.3 (C1), 75.3 (C2), 73.9 (C3), 63.5 (C5), 62.2 (Et), 53.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 17.6-17.1 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.1-12.7 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, Et). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$: 605.2953; Found: 605.2941.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-5-(3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (11b)

The same procedure as described for **11a**, starting from **10b** (0.45 g, 1.23 mmol), pyridine (12 mL) and 1,3-dichloro-1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylidisiloxane (0.6 mL, 1.84 mmol) led to **11b** as a yellow oil (0.18 g, 24%). $[\alpha]_D^{25} +0.3$ (c = 2, CHCl₃). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3447, 2944, 2867, 2360, 2342, 1724, 1559, 1247, 1041. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H, Ph), 5.93 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂Ph), 5.67 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Ph), 5.49 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H1), 4.42 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, Et), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H3), 4.04-4.02 (m, 2H, H5, H5'), 3.99-3.95 (m, 1H, H2), 3.93-3.89 (m, 1H, H4), 1.41 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, Et), 1.09-0.96 (m, 28H, -CH(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5 (-CO₂Et), 138.9 (triazole), 137.0 (triazole), 135.7 (Cq Ph), 128.9, 128.3, 127.0 (Ph), 82.9 (C4), 78.9 (C1), 75.6 (C2), 71.3 (C3), 61.6 (C5), 61.5 (Et), 53.7 (-CH₂Ph), 17.6-17.0 (-CH(CH₃)₂), 14.4-12.6 (-CH(CH₃)₂, Et). HRMS calcd for C₂₉H₄₈N₃O₇Si₂: 606.3031; Found: 606.3036.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-erythropentofuran-2-ulosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (12a)

To a solution of compound **11a** (2.95 g, 4.88 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (90 mL) was added under argon Dess–Martin periodinane (3.06 g, 9.77 mmol). After stirring overnight at rt, the solution was filtered through a 1:1 mixture of silica gel/sodium sulfate and washed with ethyl ether. The filtrate was washed with sat. sodium thiosulfate, sat. sodium hydrogenocarbonate and brine. After drying over magnesium sulfate and concentration in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 0.5:9.5 to 1:9) to afford **12a** as a yellow oil (2.56 g, 87%). $[\alpha]_D^{24} -27$ (c = 1.9, CHCl₃). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 2946, 2869, 2362, 2341,

1781, 1729, 1465, 1096, 1035, 886. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.23 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.78 (s, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.38 (s, 1H, H1), 4.92 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.33 (dq, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 7.3 Hz, 2H, Et), 4.18 (dd, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 13.3 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.12 (dd, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 12.8 Hz, 1H, H5'), 4.01 (dt, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H4), 1.30 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.15-1.03 (m, 16H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.2 (C2), 157.8 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 146.2 (triazole), 134.7 (Cq Ph), 128.9, 128.5, 128.0 (Ph), 126.5 (triazole), 80.5 (C4), 74.2, 74.1 (C1, C3), 62.6 (C5), 62.1 (Et), 54.5 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 19.8 (CH_3), 17.7-17.2 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.3-12.8 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, Et). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$: 603.2796; Found: 603.2782.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-5-(3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-erythropentofuran-2-ulosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (12b)

The same procedure as described for **12a**, starting from **11b** (5 g, 8.25 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (5.2 g, 16.5 mmol) in DCM (150 mL) led to **12b** as a yellow oil (2.17 g, 44%). $[\alpha]_D^{25} -7$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) 2944, 2867, 2360, 2341, 1723, 1498, 1247, 1042. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22-6.97 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.67 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Ph), 5.61 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_2Ph), 5.34 (s, 1H, H1), 4.55 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.31 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, Et), 4.06-4.01 (m, 2H, H5, H5'), 3.86-3.84 (m, 1H, H4), 1.32 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.03-0.94 (m, 28H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.5 (C2), 160.9 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 138.3 (triazole), 134.7 (triazole), 134.3 (Cq Ph), 129.1, 128.6, 126.6 (Ph), 81.3 (C4), 73.5 (C3), 72.4 (C1), 62.1 (C5), 61.7 (Et), 53.0 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 17.3-16.8 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.3-12.8 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, Et). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$: 604.2874. Found: 604.2875.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-C-methyl-3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (13a)

To a solution of compound **12a** (200 mg, 0.33 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise under argon a 3 M ethereal solution of methylmagnesium bromide (0.33 mL, 1 mmol). After stirring at rt for 30 min sat. sodium hydrogenocarbonate was added and the solution was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 0.5:9.5) to afford **13a** as an oil (38 mg, 19%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -30 (c = 1.4, CHCl₃). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3734, 2926, 2868, 2360, 2342, 1728, 1465, 1257, 1036 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.33-7.22 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.87 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂Ph), 5.53 (s, 1H, H1'), 4.54 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H3'), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CO₂CH₂CH₃), 4.24-4.17 (m, 1H, H5'a), 4.09-4.04 (m, 2H, H4' et H5'b), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CO₂CH₂CH₃), 1.24-1.01 (m, 16H, -CH(CH₃)₂), 1.00 ppm (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4 (-CO₂Et), 149.3 (-triazole), 134.9 (Ph), 128.8, 128.4, 127.8 (Ph), 125.2 (-CCO₂Et triazole), 82.6 (C4'), 80.2 (C2'), 79.2 (C1'), 79.0 (C3'), 64.3 (C5'), 62.2 (-CO₂CH₂CH₃), 53.9 (-CH₂Ph), 22.2 (CH₃), 17.8-17.2 (-CH(CH₃)₂), 14.1-12.8 ppm (-CH(CH₃)₂ and -CH₂CH₃). HRMS cald pour C₃₀H₄₉N₃O₇Si₂ : 619.3109; Found : 619.3087.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-C-methyl-3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-arabofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (13b)

To a solution of compound **12a** (323 mg, 0.54 mmol) in DCM (15 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise under argon a 2.4 M hexane solution of trimethyl aluminium (0.23 mL, 0.54 mmol). After stirring at rt for 1 h sat. sodium hydrogenocarbonate was added and the solution was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over

magnesium sulfate and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane 0.5:9.5) to afford **13b** as an oil (290 mg, 87%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -34 ($c = 2$, CHCl_3). IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) 3443, 2944, 2868, 2360, 2344, 1730, 1465, 1255, 1105, 1038. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.84 (s, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.08 (s, 1H, H1), 4.34 (dq, $J = 2.3\text{Hz}$, 6.9 Hz, 2H, Et), 4.30 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.11-4.08 (m, 1H, H5), 3.95-3.92 (m, 2H, H4, H5'), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.28 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.11-1.01 (m, 28H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 146.7 (triazole), 134.7 (Cq Ph), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1 (Ph), 127.0 (triazole), 87.2 (C4), 81.5, 81.6 (C2, C3), 76.8 (C1), 60.6 (C5), 57.8 (Et), 49.6 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 19.8 (CH_3), 17.9-17.3 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.1-12.9 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, Et). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{Si}_2$: 619.3109; Found: 619.3115.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro-2'-methyl-3',5'-O-(tetra isopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole -5-carboxylate (14), ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-methylene-3',5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (15) and ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-methyl-3',5'-O-(tetra isopropylidisiloxane-1,3-diyl)- β -D-ribofuran-2'-enosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (16)

To a solution of compound **13b** (300 mg, 0.48 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (10 mL) at -20 °C was added under argon pyridine (0.24 mL, 3 mmol). Diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (0.68 mL, 5.2 mmol) was then introduced dropwise. The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h, then sat. sodium hydrogenocarbonate was added and the solution was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane, 0.1:9.9 to 0.5:9.5) to afford an oil corresponding to a 6:4

mixture of **14** (72 mg, 24%), **15** (46 mg, 16%) and **16** (57 mg, 20%, oil). **14**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.15 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.79 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.62 (d, $J = 25$ Hz, 1H, H1), 4.61 (dd, $J = 10$ Hz, 25 Hz, 1H, H3), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 4.05-3.96 (m, 3H, H4, H5, H5'), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.25 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), 1.11-0.99 (m, 28, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.4 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 148.5 (d, $J = 15$ Hz, triazole), 135.0 (Cq Ph), 128.8-127.8 (Ph), 125.6 (triazole), 101.8 (d, $J = 184$ Hz, C2), 80.7 (C4), 78.2 (d, $J = 30$ Hz, C1), 75.4 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, C3), 62.3 (Et), 61.8 (C5), 53.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 18.1 (d, $J = 27$ Hz, CH_3), 17.8-17.1 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.0 (Et), 13.7-12.7 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{19}F NMR (376.2 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -156.3 (m). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{49}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_6\text{Si}_2$: 622.3144; Found: 622.3115. **15**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.15 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.97 (s, 1H, H1), 5.79 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.21 (s, 1H, =CH), 5.08 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.94 (s, 1H, =CH), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, Et), 4.14 (dd, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 11.9 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.05-3.96 (m, 1H, H5'), 3.72-3.66 (m, 1H, H4), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, Et), 1.11-0.99 (m, 28H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 151.2, 151.1 (triazole, C2), 135.1 (Cq Ph), 128.8-127.8 (Ph), 124.9 (triazole), 107.1 (C=), 83.8 (C4), 74.3 (C3), 73.0 (C1), 63.2 (C5), 62.1 (Et), 53.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 17.8-17.1 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 14.1 (Et), 13.7-12.7 ($-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{Si}_2$: 602.3082; Found: 602.3092. **16**: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -9 ($c = 0.45$, CHCl_3). IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) 2927, 2867, 2359, 2342, 1729, 1465, 1258, 1097. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.26 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.85 (s, 2H, CH_2Ph), 5.18 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H, H3'), 4.43 (ddd, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 5.5 Hz, 11 Hz, 1H, H4'), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 4.34 (dd, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 11 Hz, 1H, H5'a), 3.76 (dd, $J = 11$ Hz, 11 Hz, 1H, H5'b), 1.74 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.11-1.00 (m, 16H, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 141.5 (C1'), 141.2 (triazole), 134.8 (Ph), 128.9, 128.5, 128.1 (Ph), 126.4 (triazole), 113.5 (C2'), 87.4

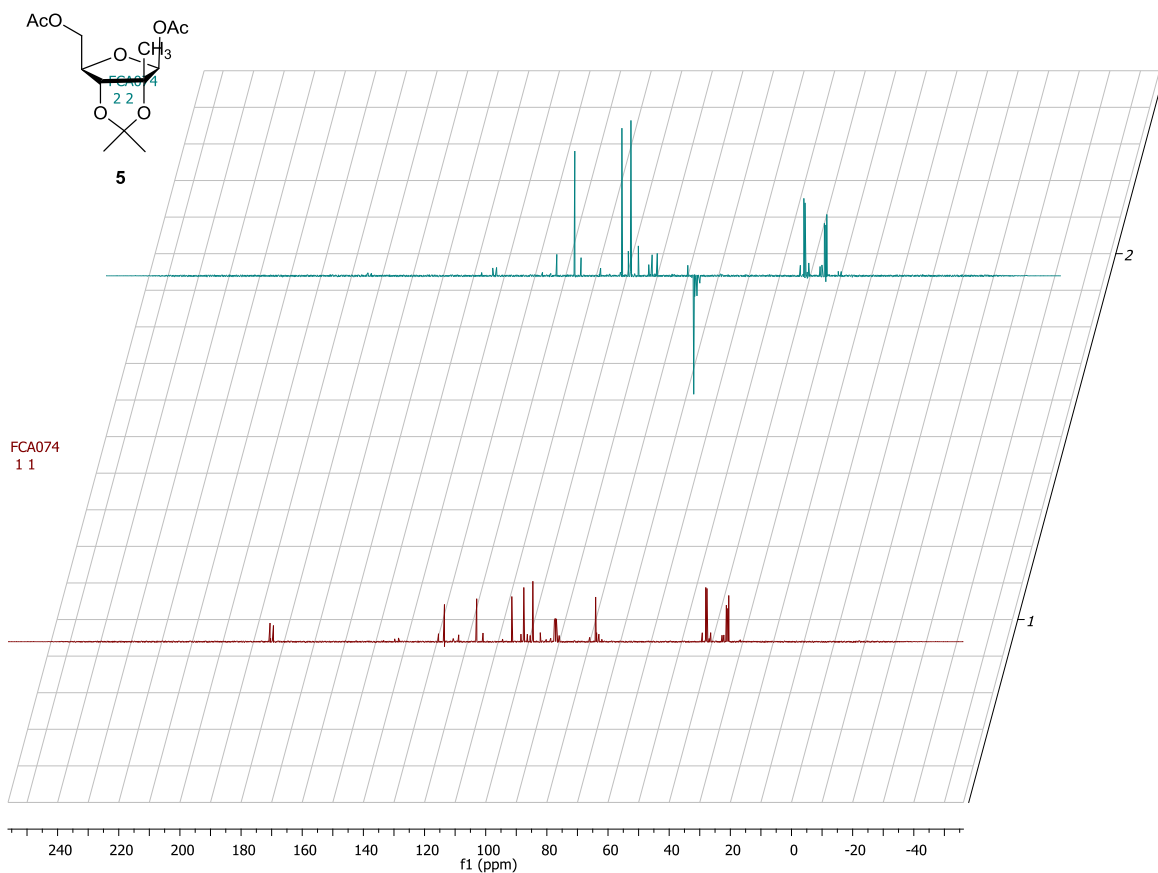
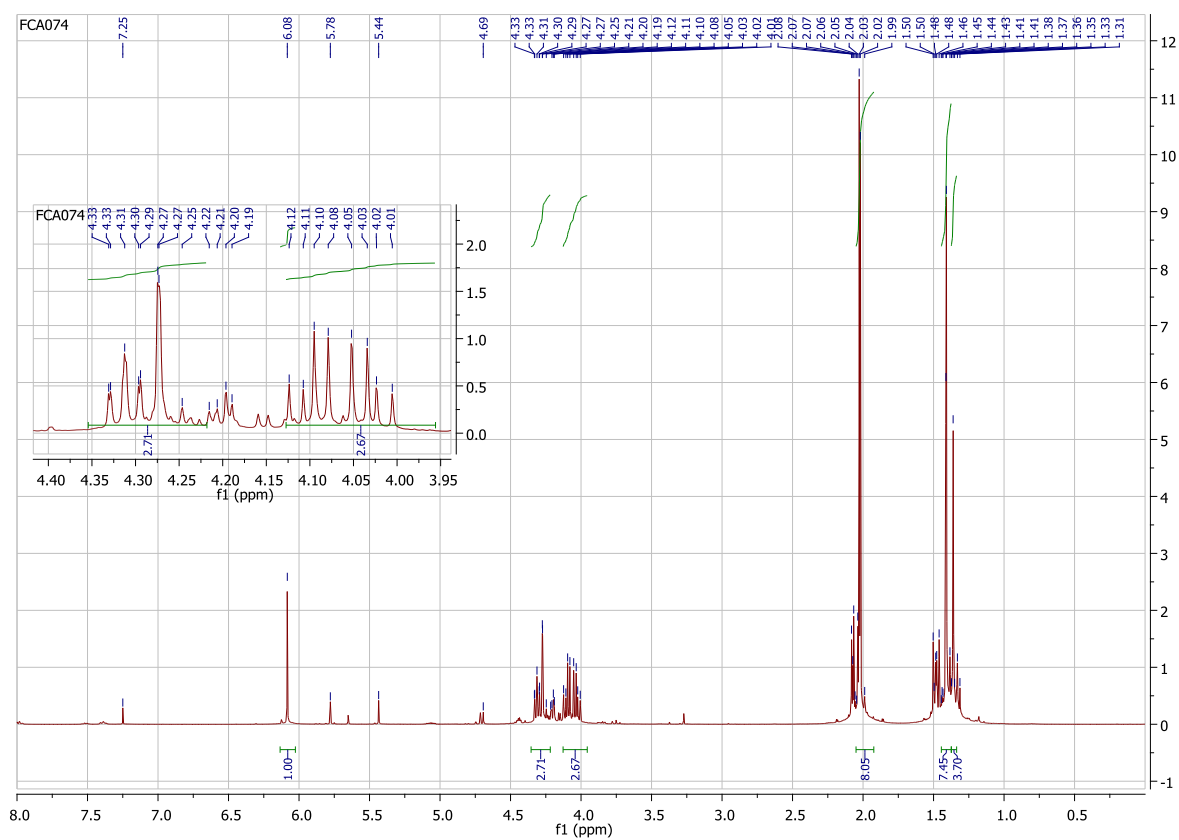
(C4'), 81.9 (C3'), 64.6 (C5'), 62.1 (CH₂CH₃), 53.8 (-CH₂Ph), 17.7-16.9 (-CH(CH₃)₂), 14.0 (CH₂CH₃), 13.7-12.5 (-CH(CH₃)₂), 9.8 (CH₃). HRMS calcd for C₃₀H₄₇N₃O₆Si₂: 601.3003; Found: 601.3007.

Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro-2'-methyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (17) and ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-methylene-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (18)

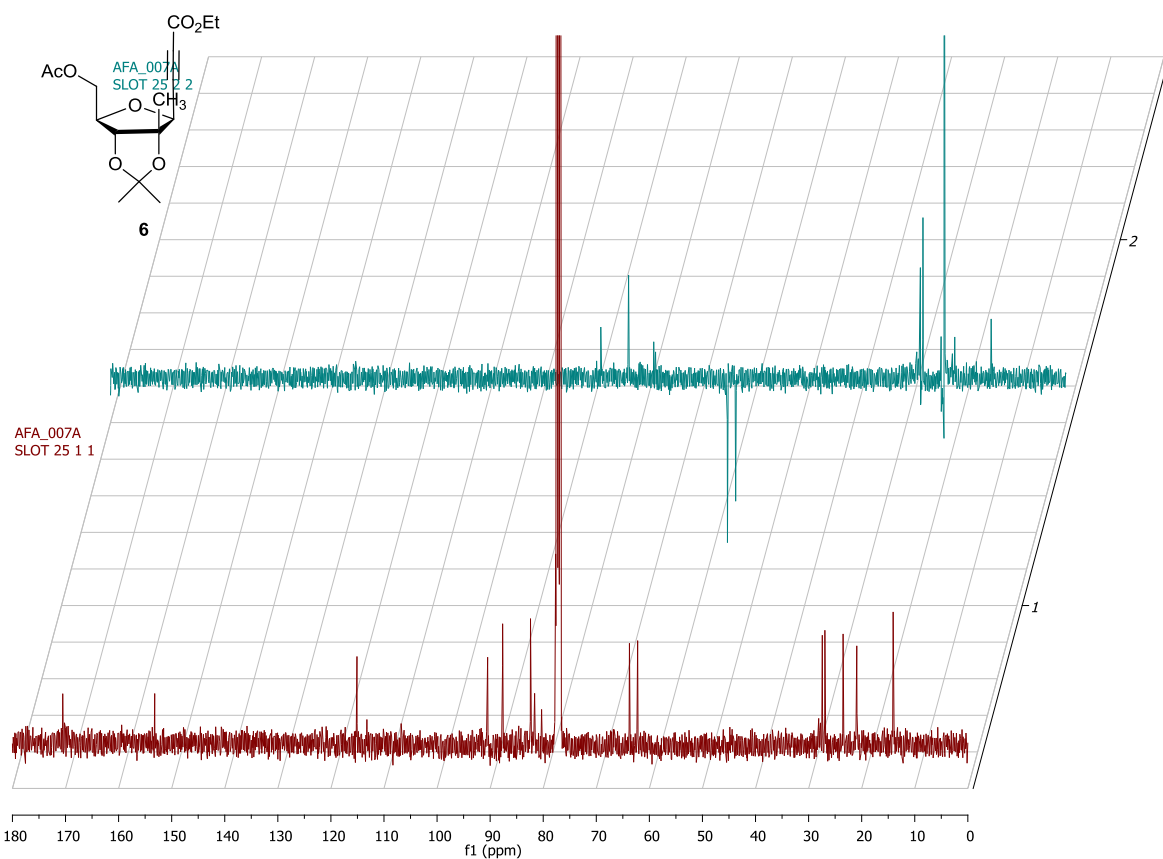
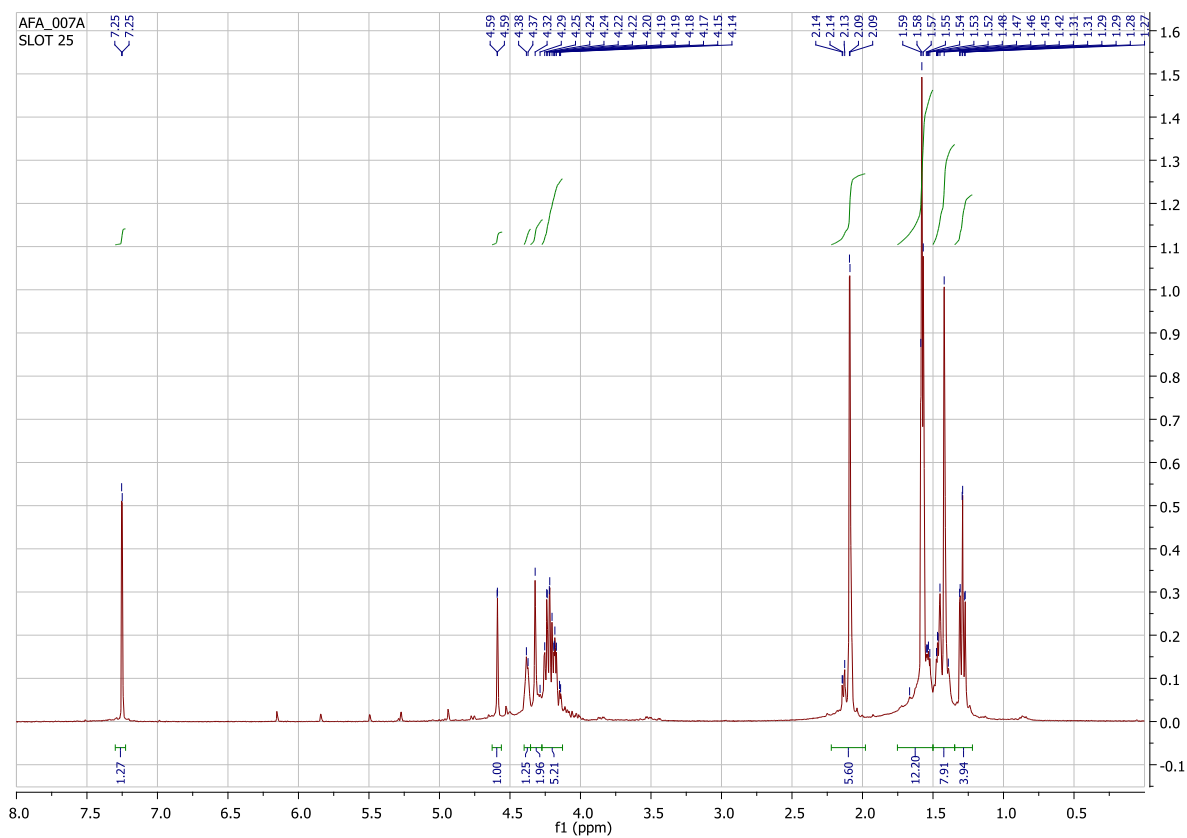
To a solution of the unseparated mixture of compounds **14** and **15** (326 mg) in anhydrous THF were added glacial acetic acid (72 μL, 1.26 mmol) followed by tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.6 mL, 1.63 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 15 min at rt and then concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane, 0.1:9.9 to 4:6 to 6:4) to afford **17** (125 mg) and **18** (79 mg) in quantitative yield. **17**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} +15$ (c = 1, MeOH). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3385, 2939, 1728, 1497, 1324, 1107, 1010, 855. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.22 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.87 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂Ph), 5.73 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 1H, H1), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 23.8 Hz, 1H, H3), 4.42-4.34 (m, 2H, Et), 4.13 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H4), 3.86 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5'), 1.36 (dt, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 3H, Et), 1.16 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9 (-CO₂Et), 149.7 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, triazole), 134.6 (Cq Ph), 128.9, 128.7, 127.9 (Ph), 124.8 (triazole), 102.7 (d, *J* = 179 Hz, C2), 82.8 (C4), 78.7 (d, *J* = 30 Hz, C1), 72.5 (d, *J* = 18 Hz, C3), 62.6 (Et), 61.2 (C5), 54.2 (-CH₂Ph), 17.3 (d, *J* = 26 Hz, CH₃), 14.1 (Et). ¹⁹F NMR (376.2 MHz, CDCl₃) -161.5 (m). HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₃FN₃O₅: 380.1622; Found: 380.1627. **18**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} +26.9$ (c = 1, MeOH). IR ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3373, 2926, 2365, 2344, 1727, 1497, 1261, 1105. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.25 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.15 (s, 1H, H1), 5.86 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph), 5.31 (s, 1H, =CH), 5.05 (s, 1H, =CH), 5.02 (d,

$J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, H3), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, Et), 4.06 (dd, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.01-3.99 (m, 1H, H4), 3.84 (dd, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H5'), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, Et). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3 (-CO₂Et), 152.4 (triazole), 151.9 (C2), 134.8 (Cq Ph), 128.9, 128.6, 128.0 (Ph), 124.2 (triazole), 109.3 (C=), 85.7 (C4), 73.8 (C1), 71.5 (C3), 62.4 (Et), 62.3 (C5), 54.2 (-CH₂Ph), 14.2 (Et). HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₃O₅: 360.1559; Found: 360.1565.

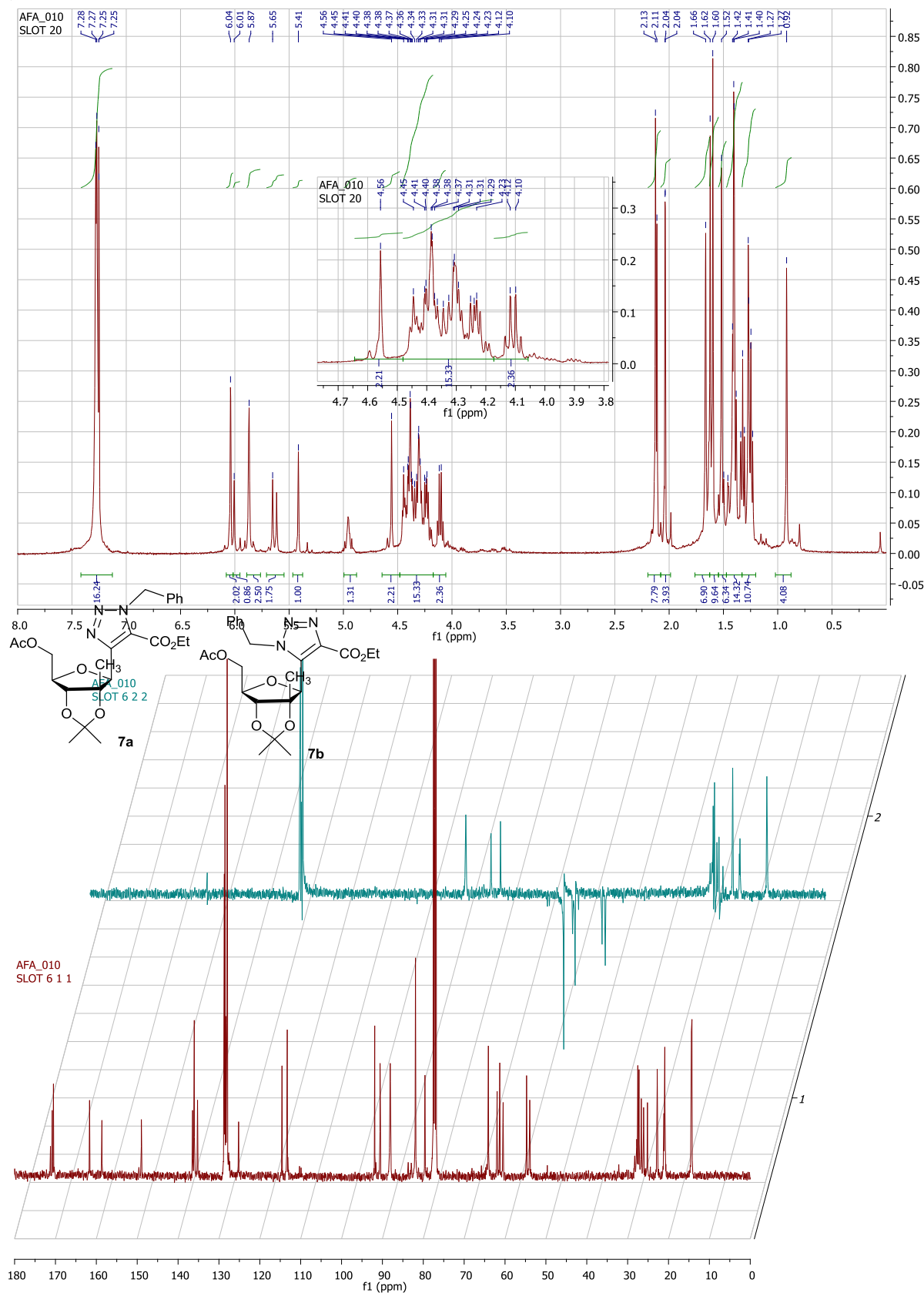
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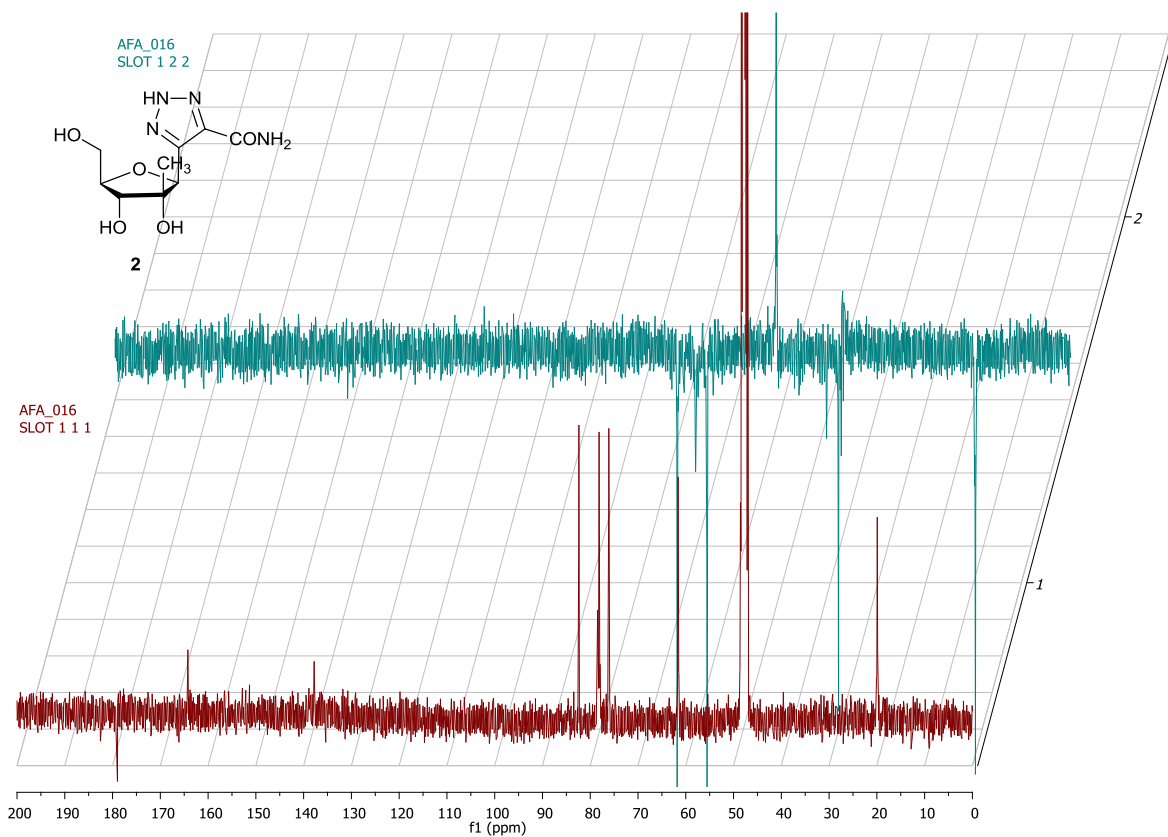
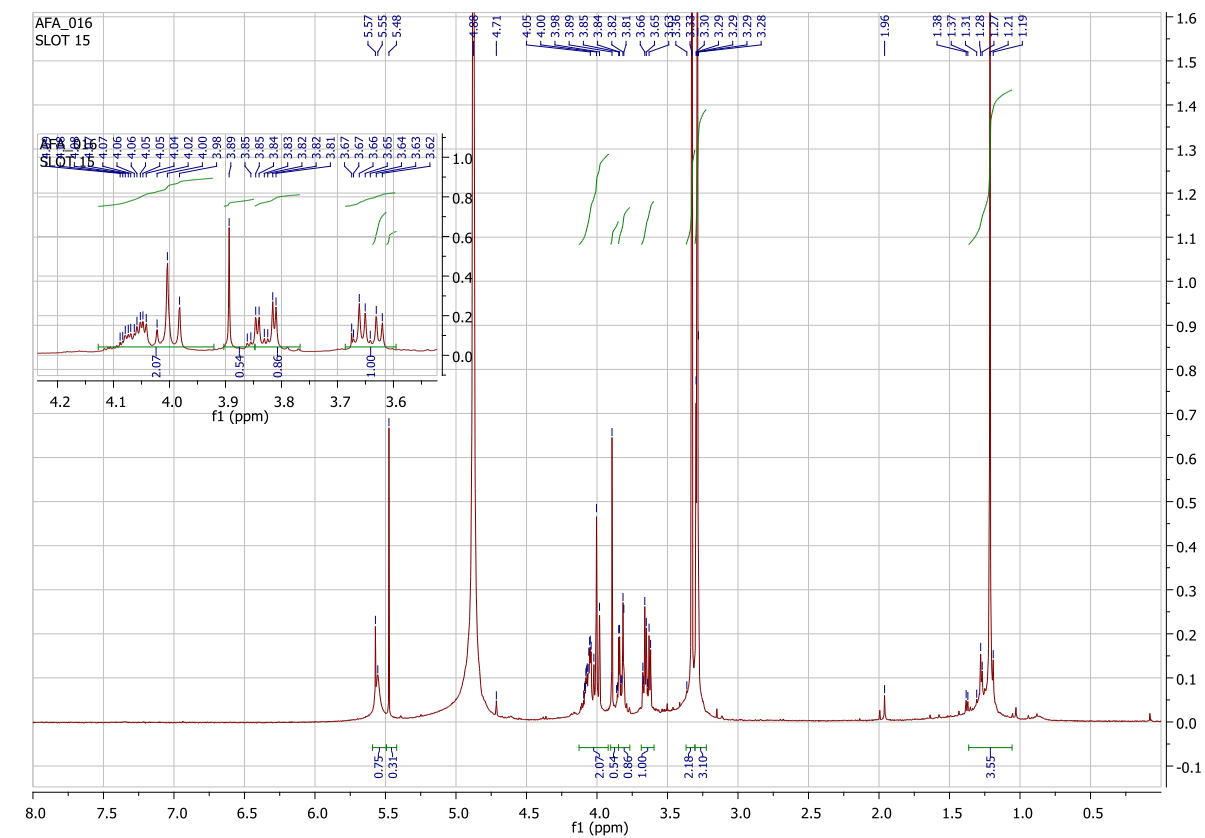
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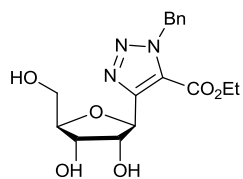
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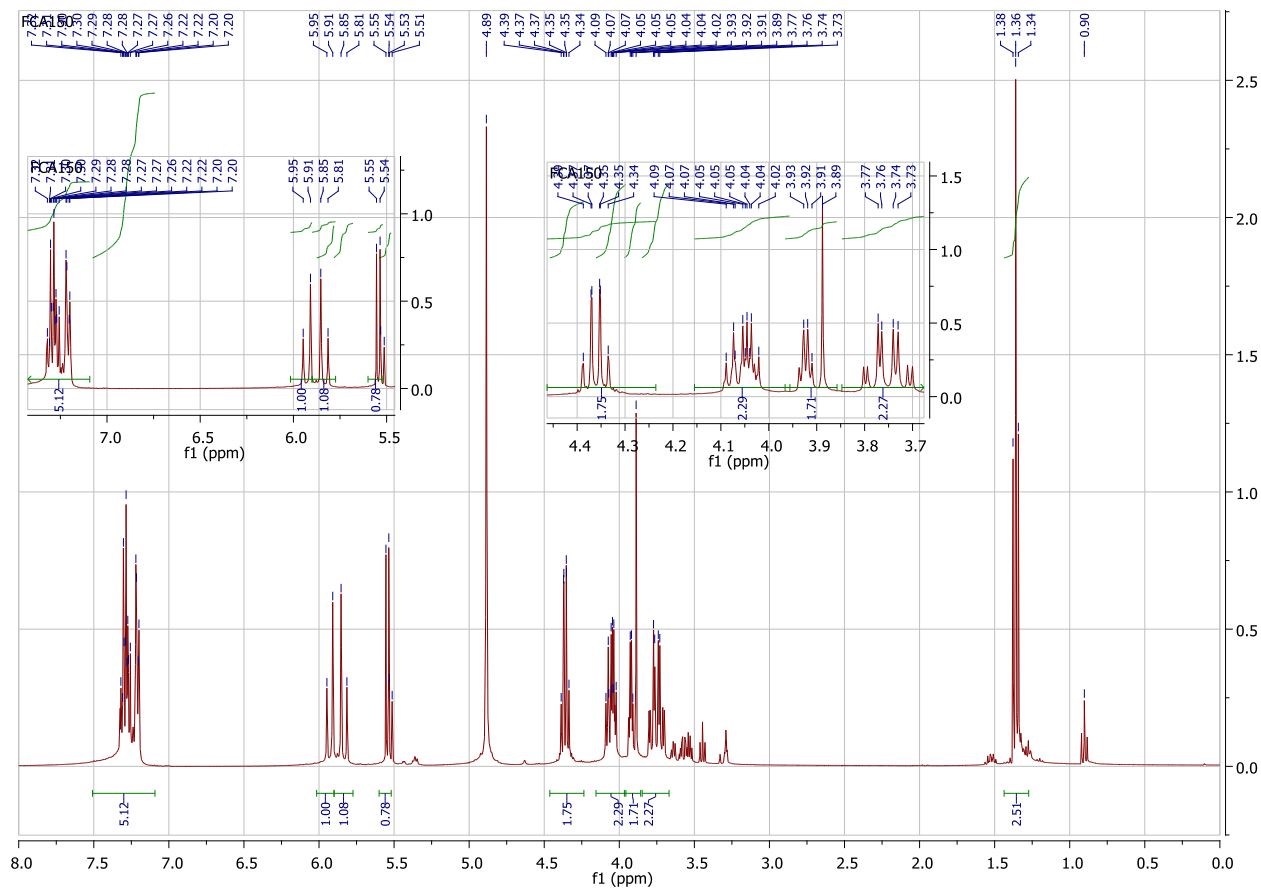
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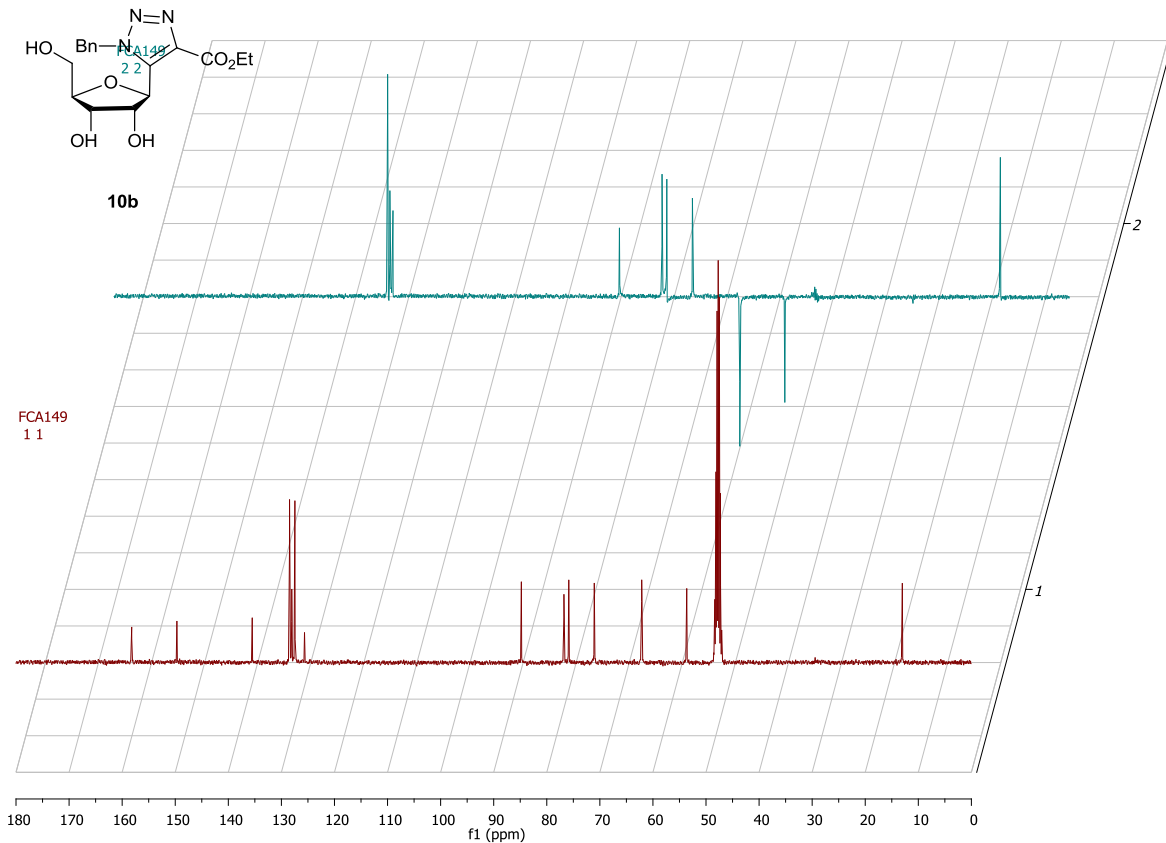
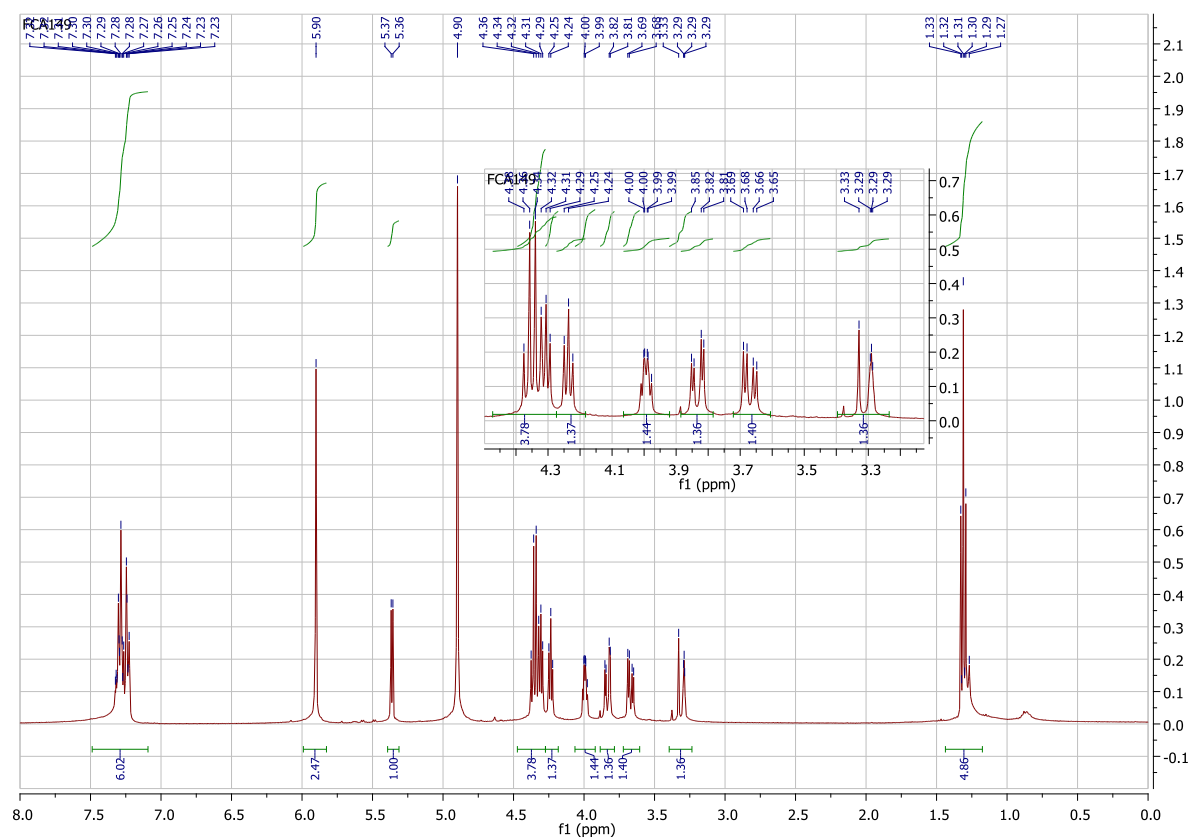
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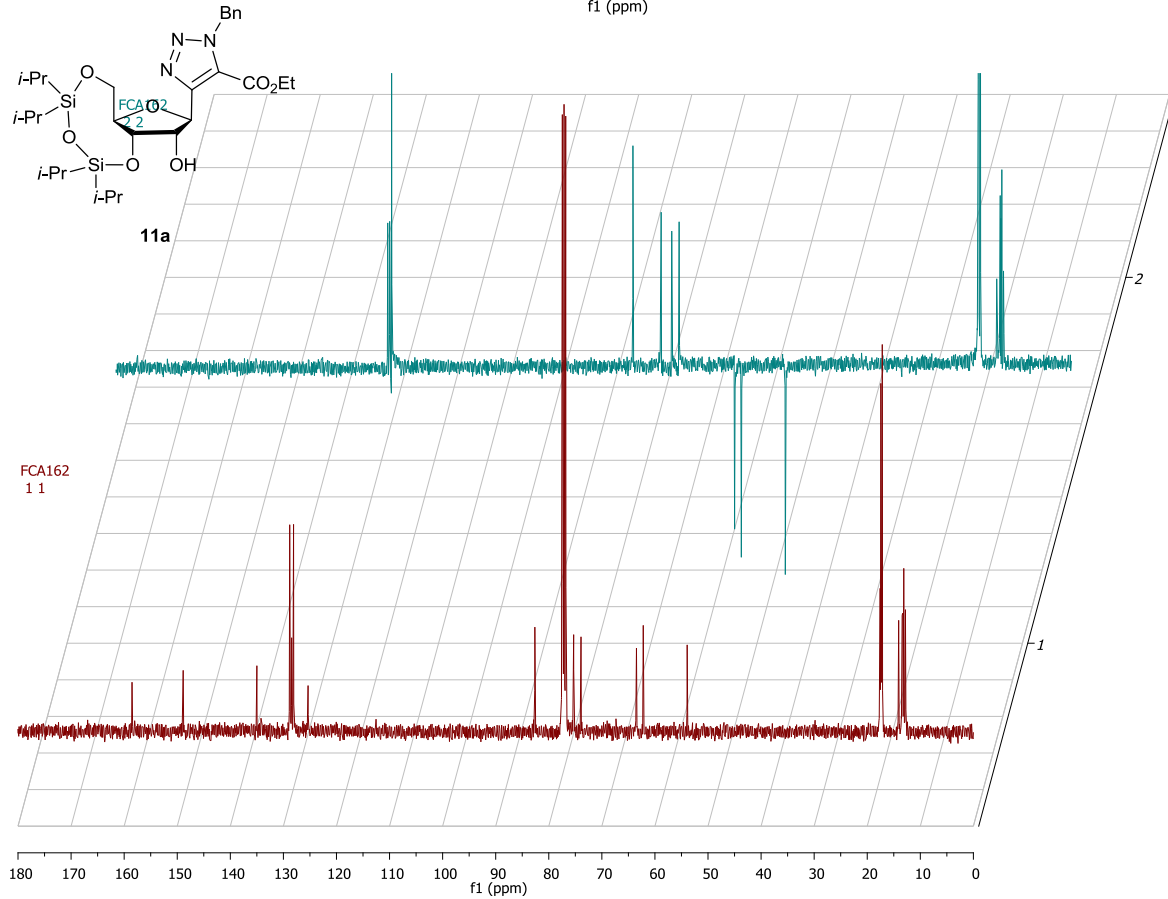
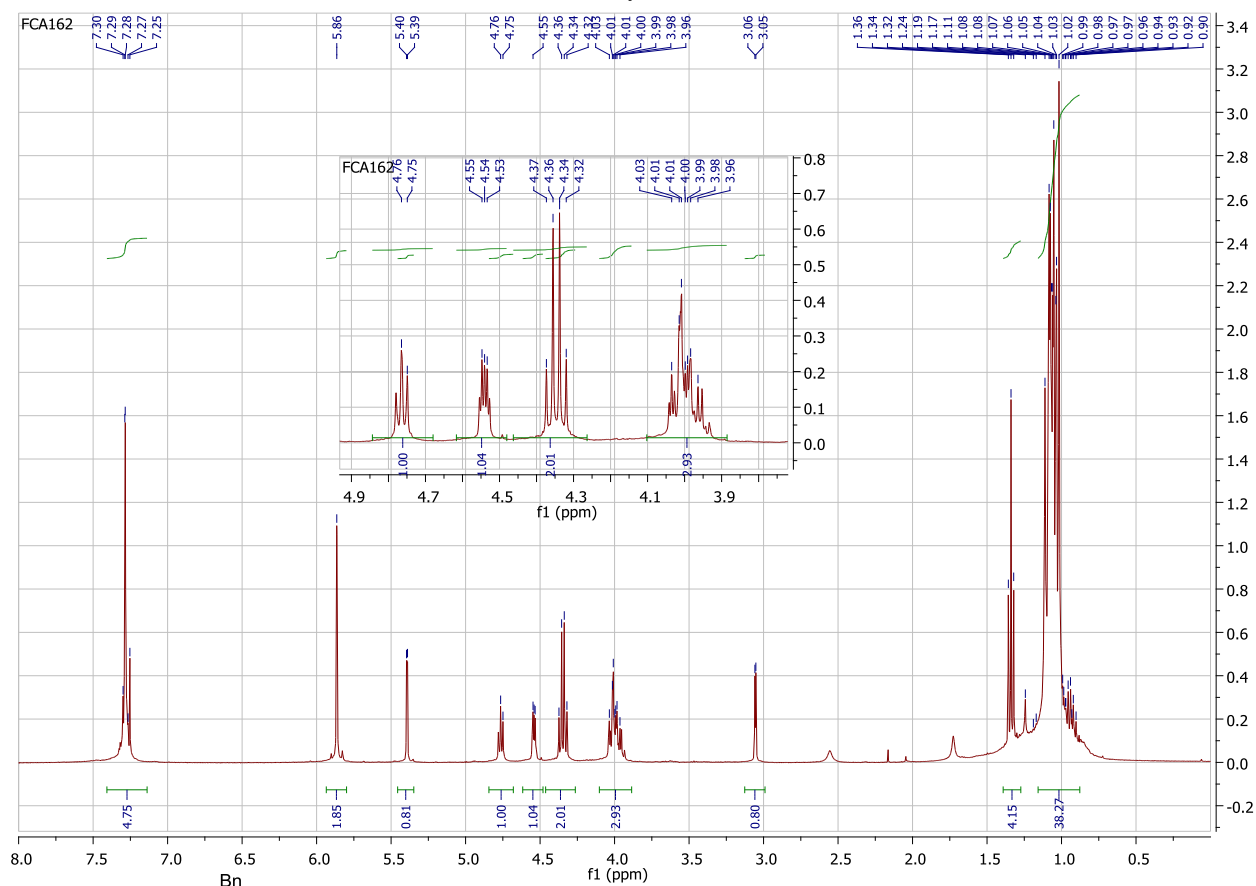
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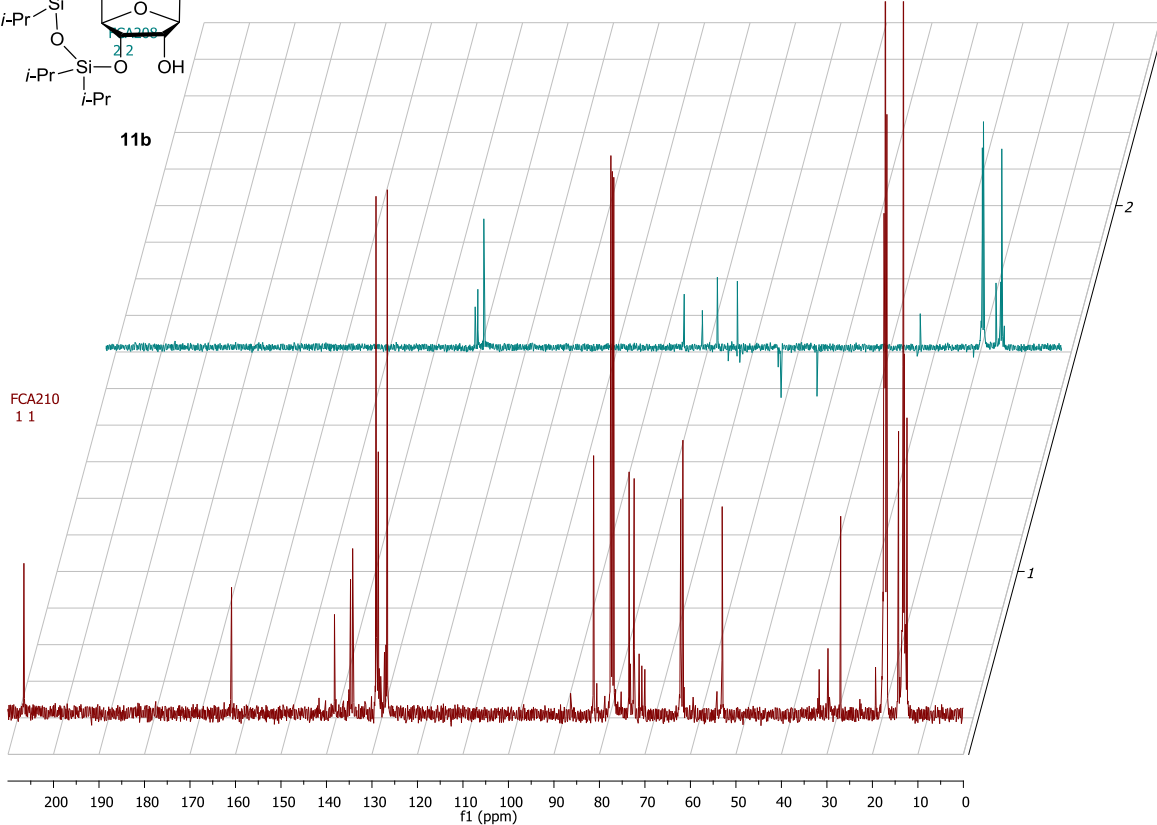
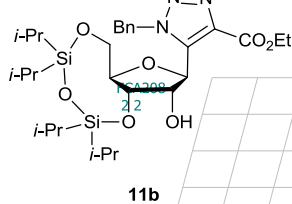
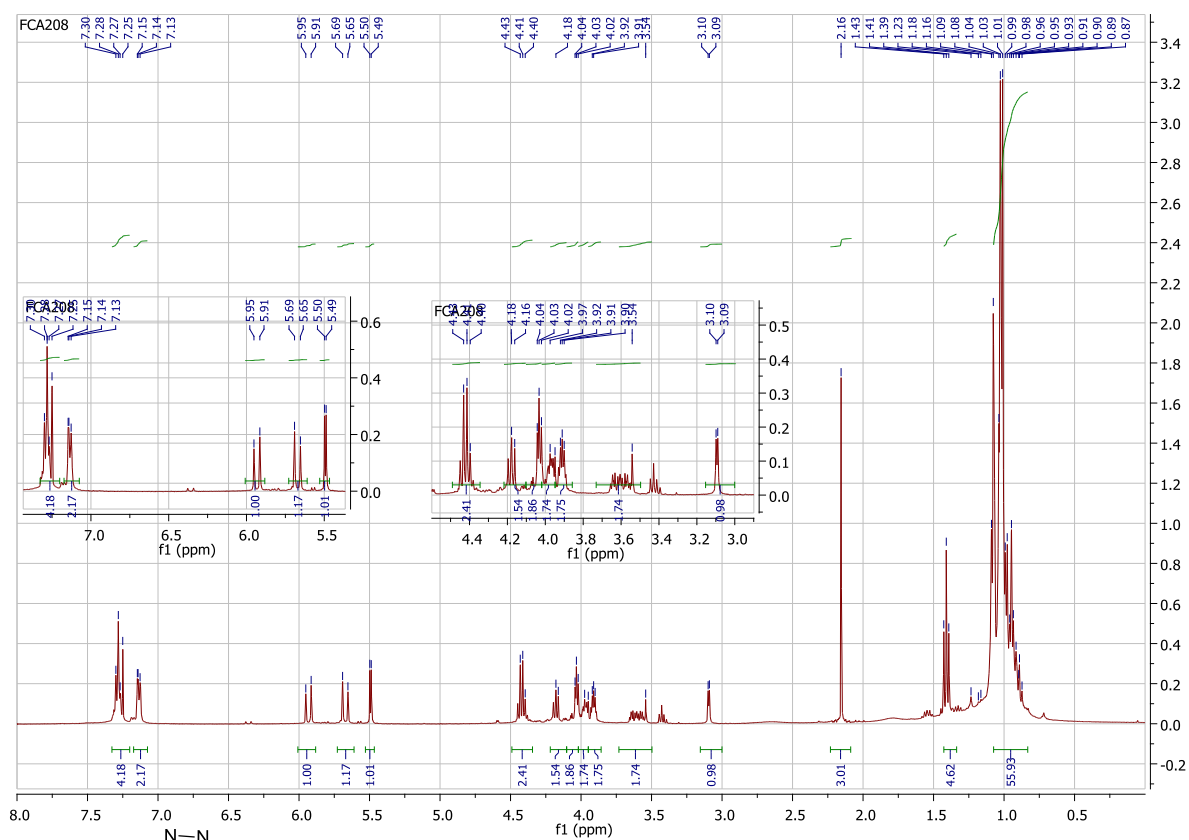
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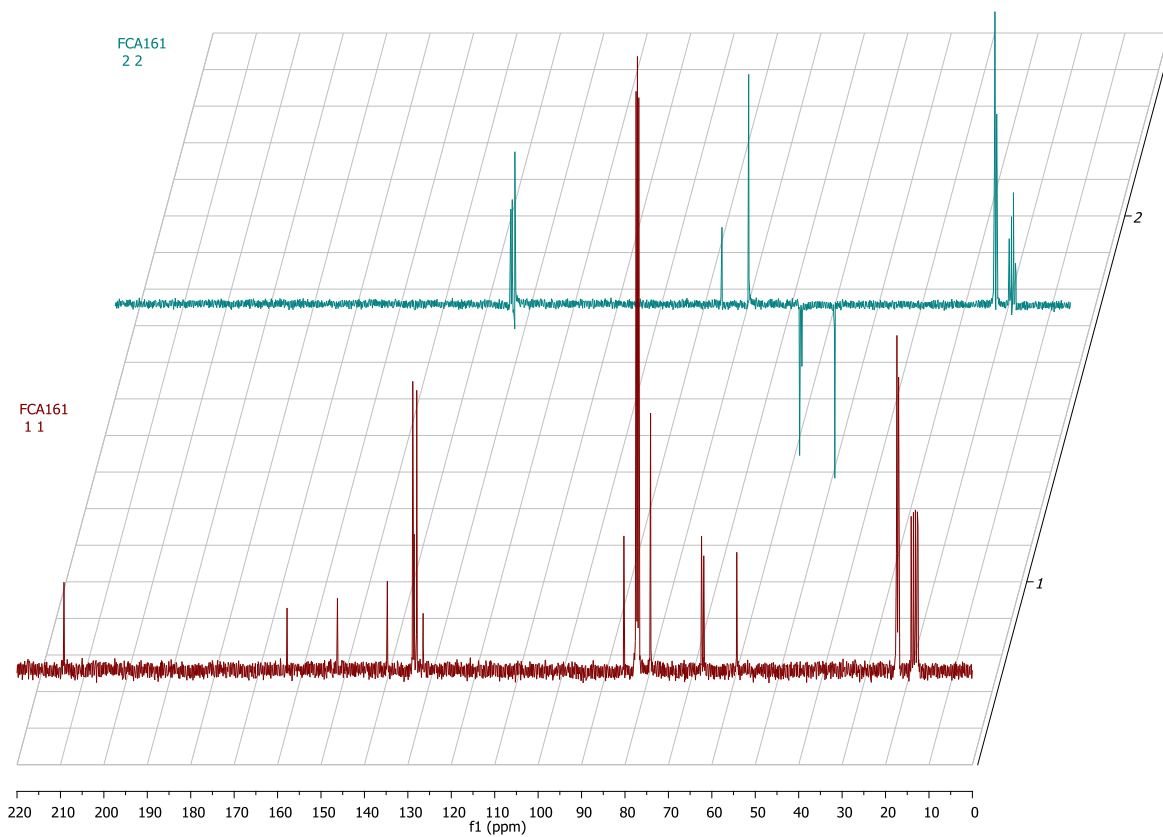
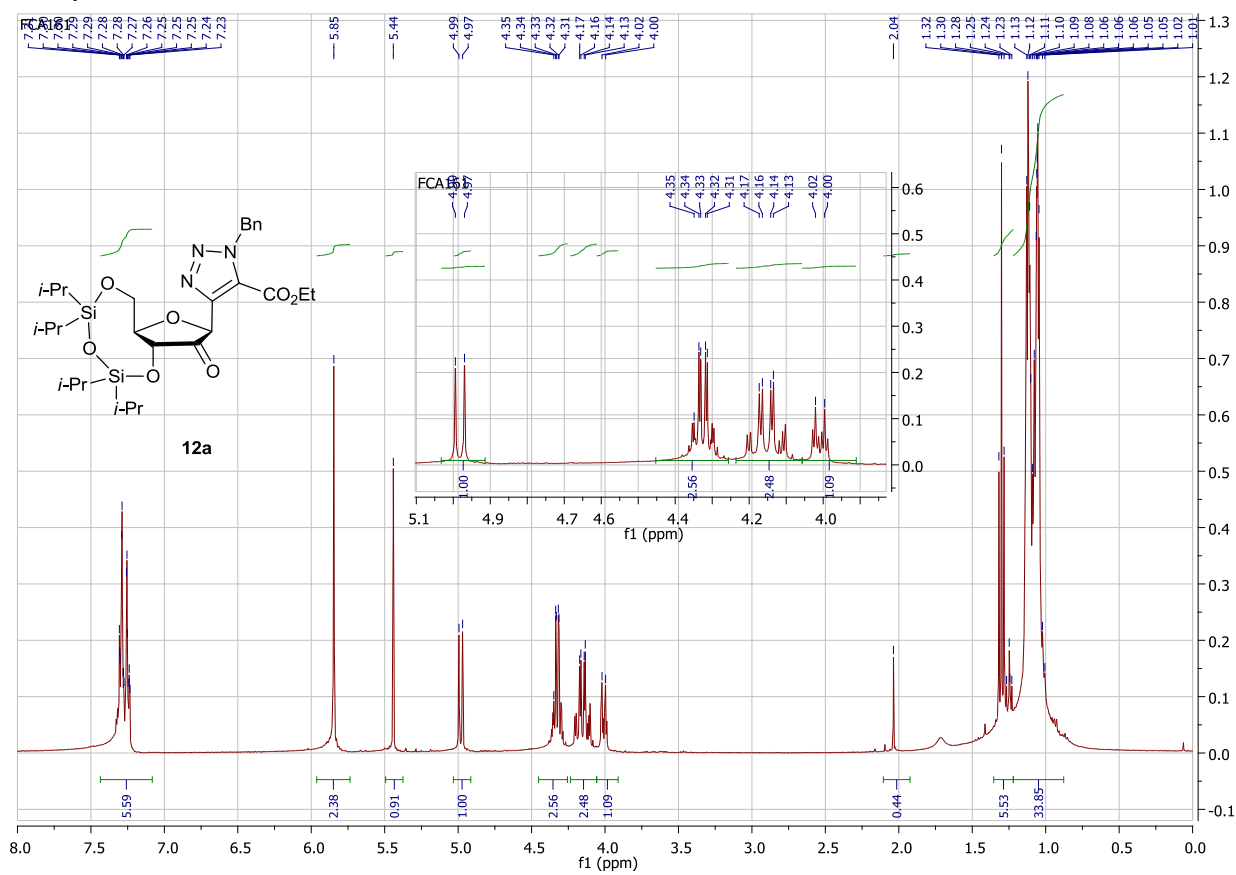
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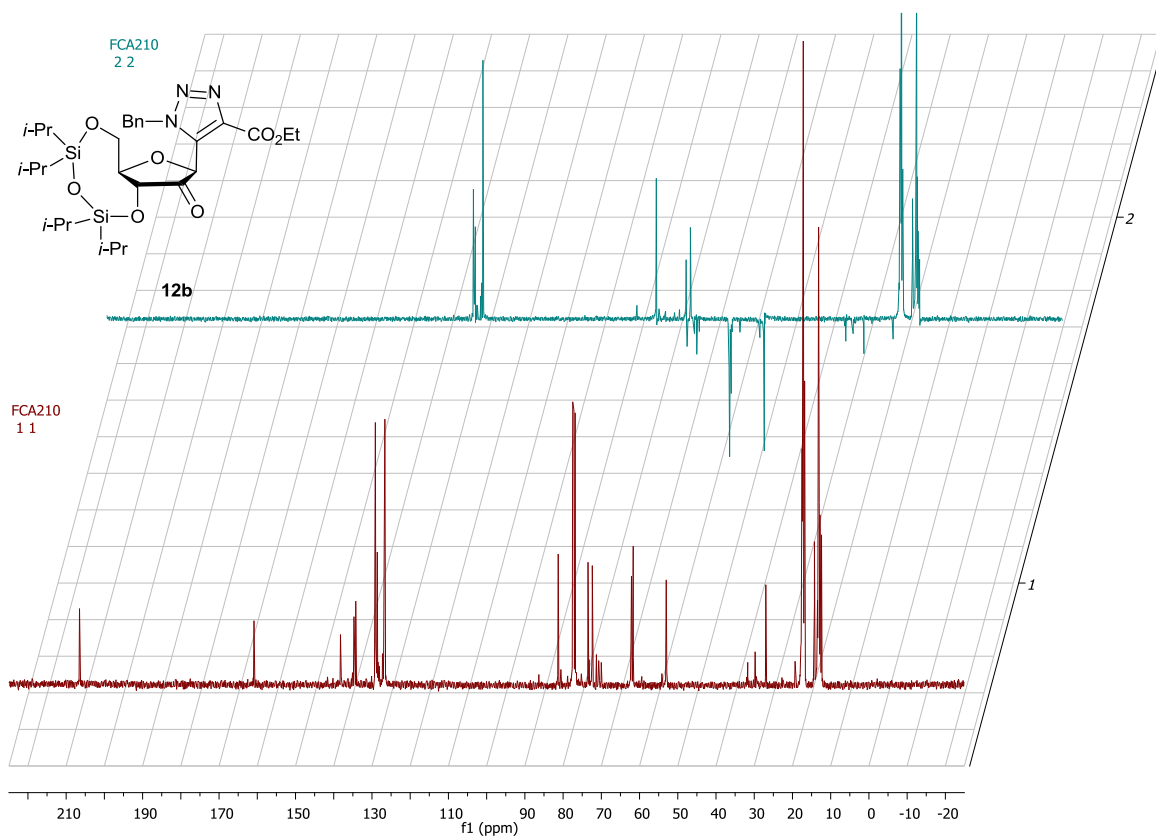
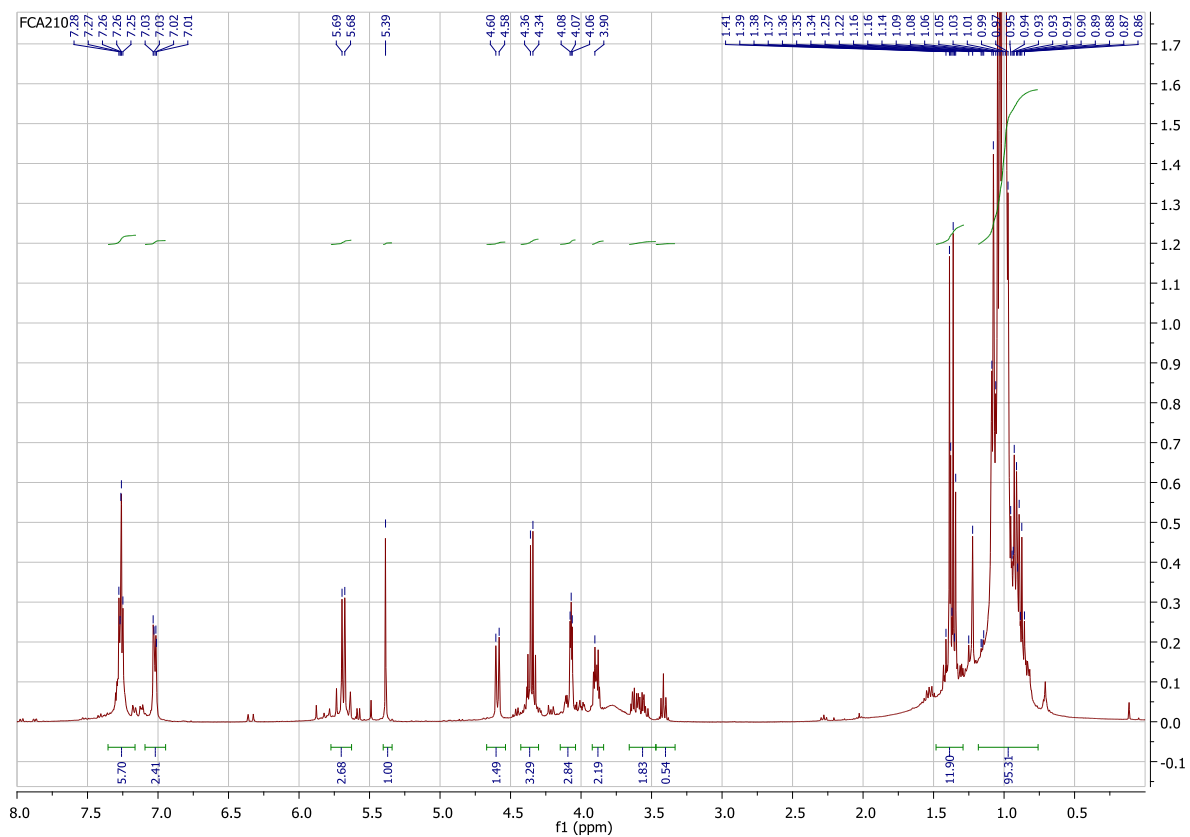
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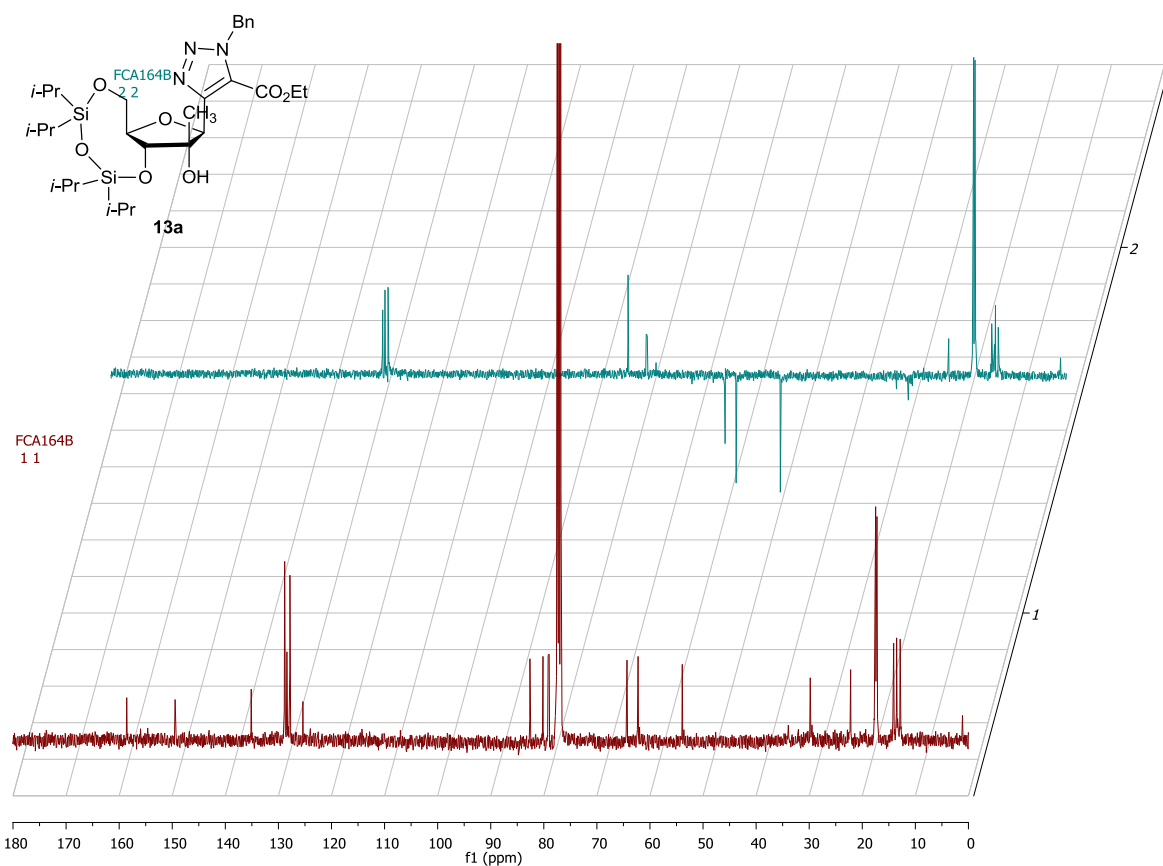
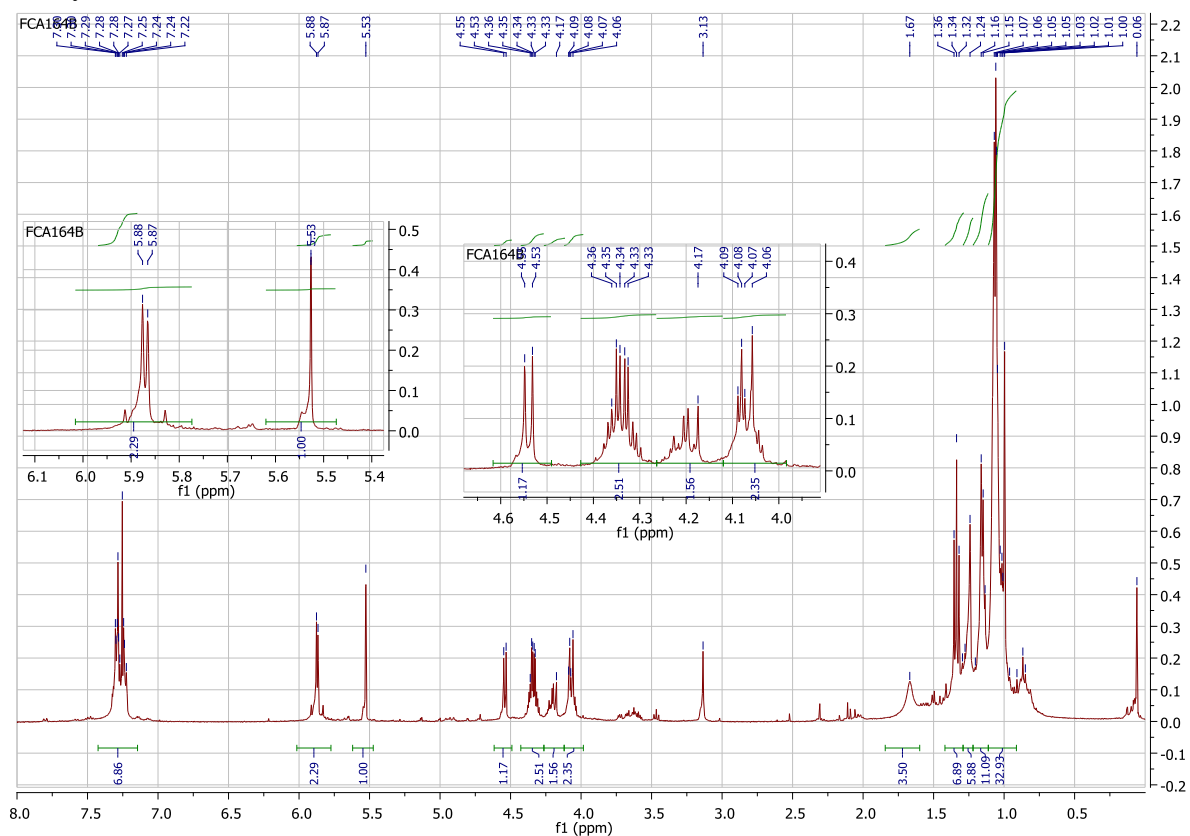
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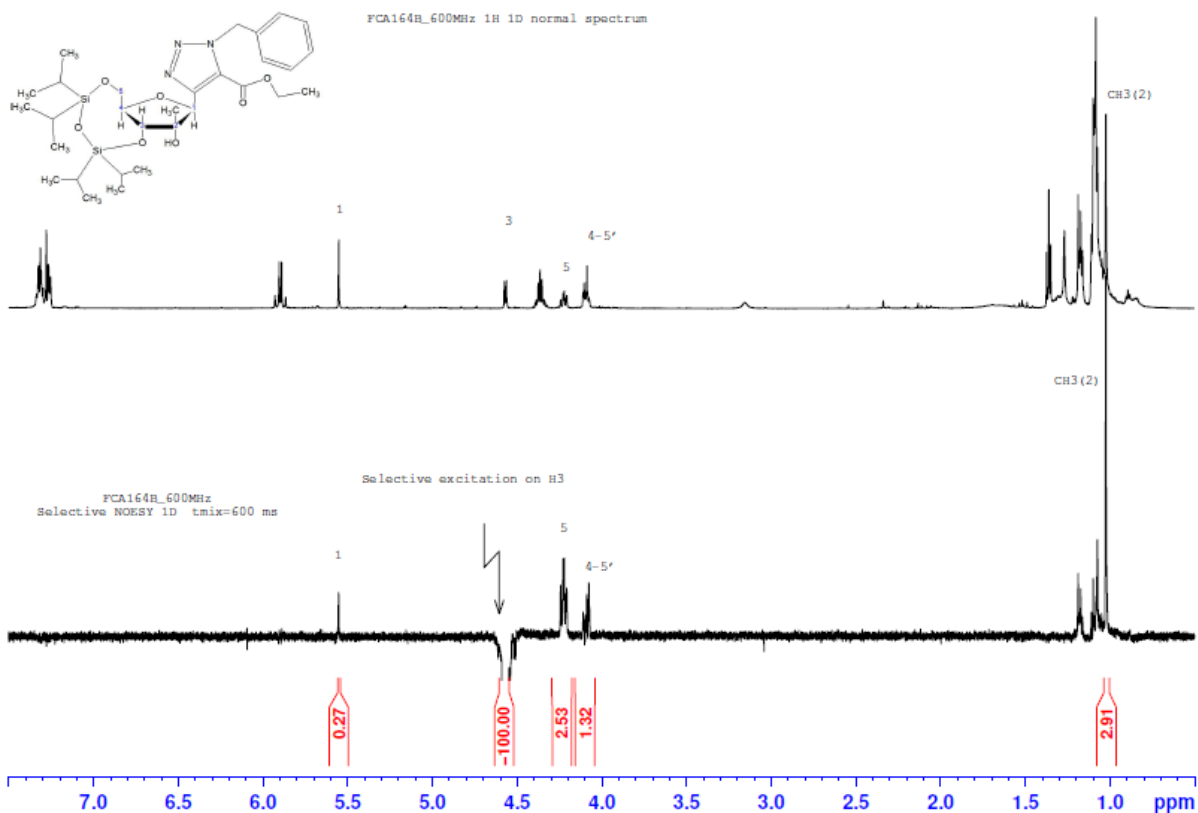
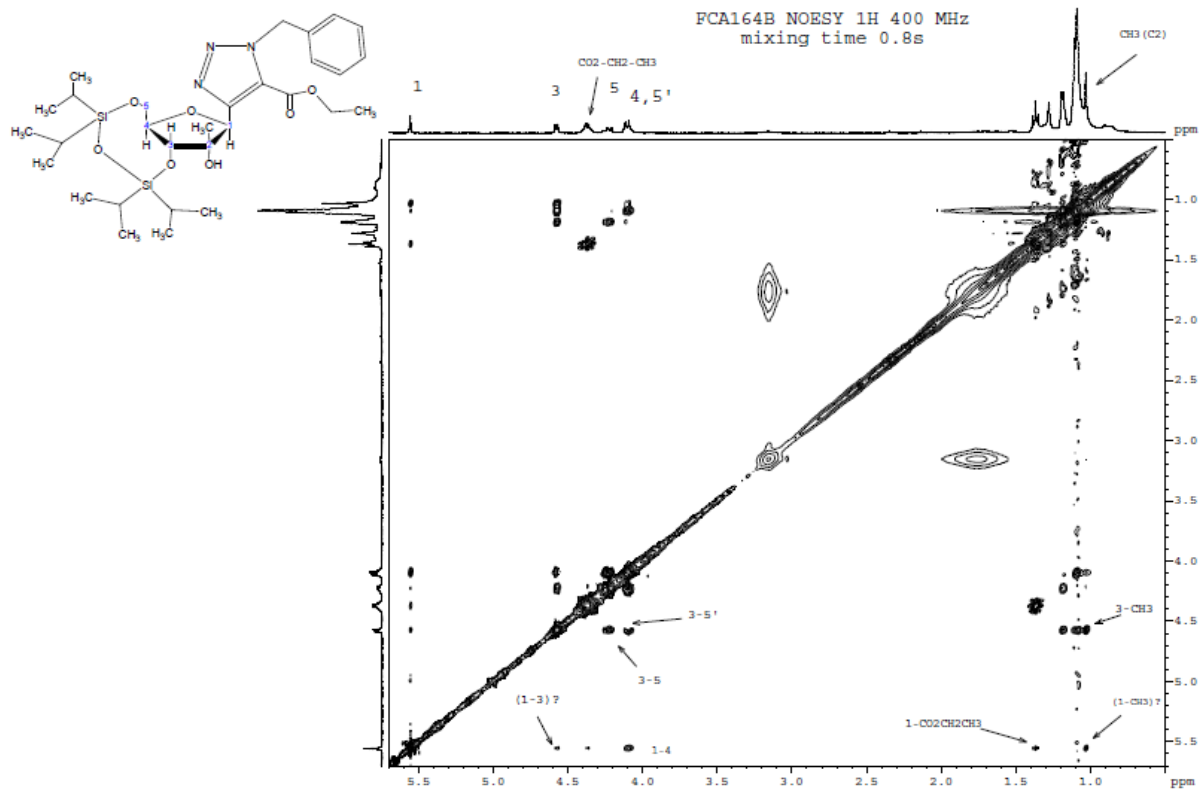


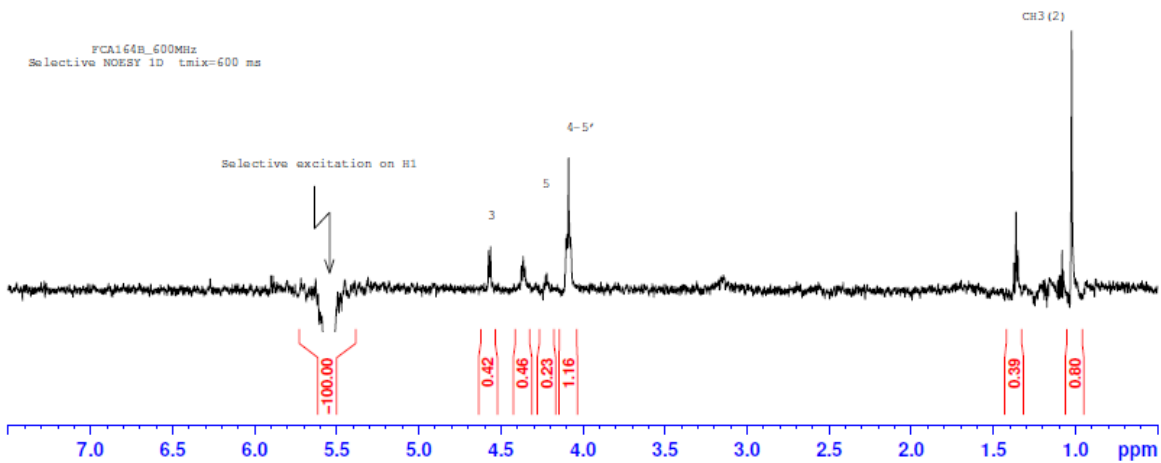
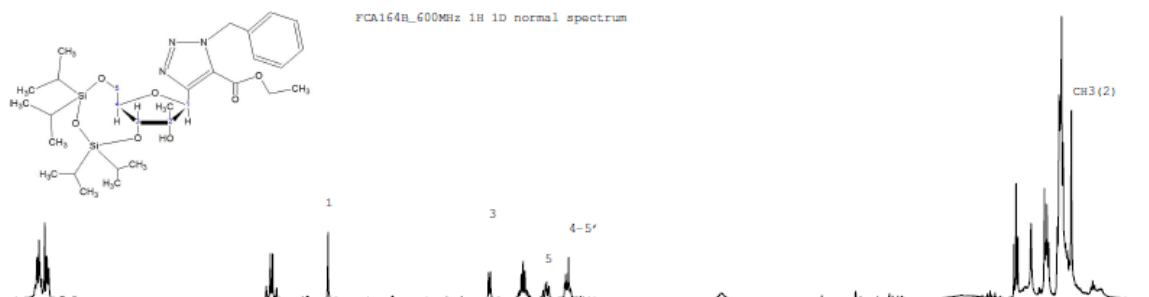
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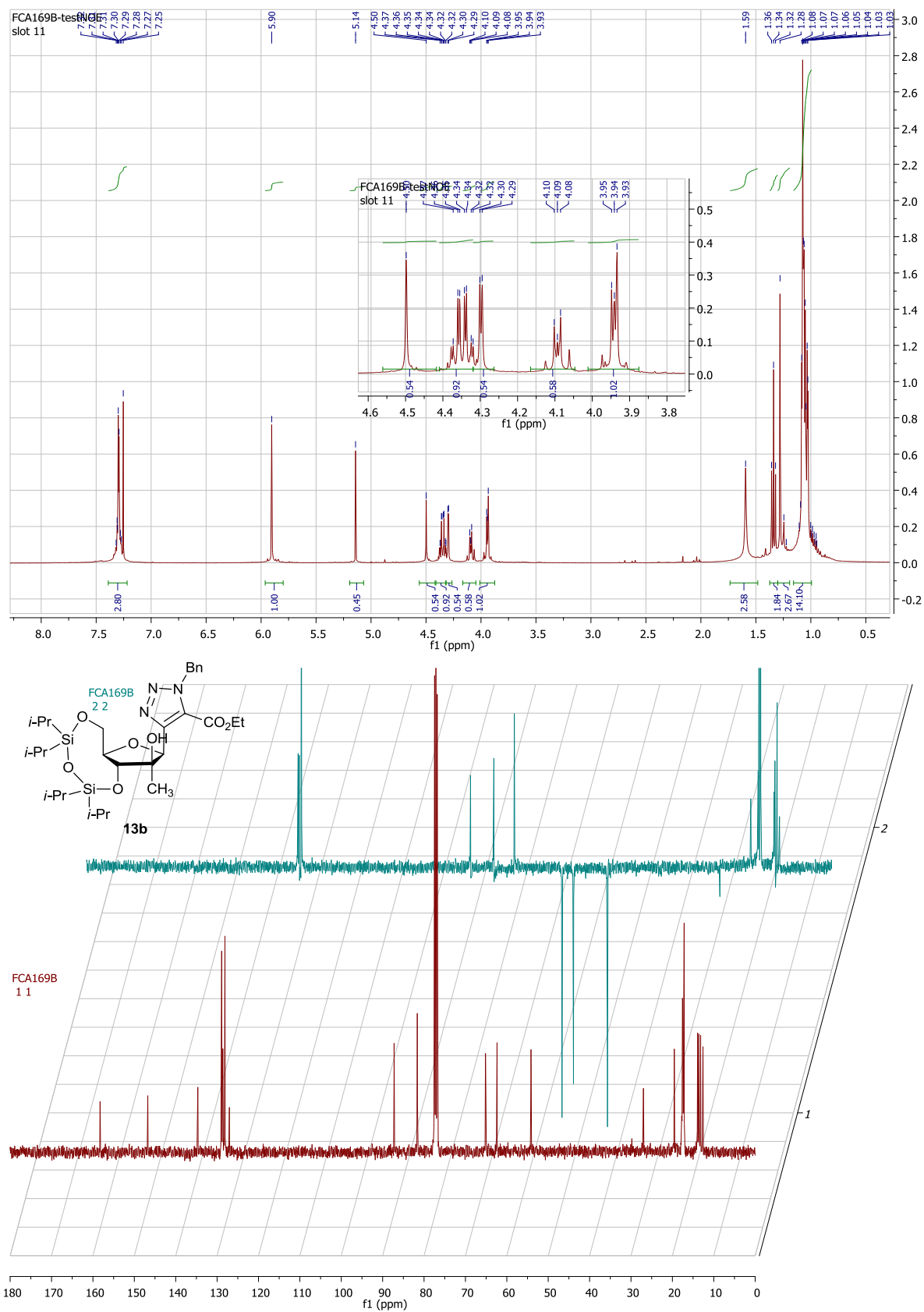
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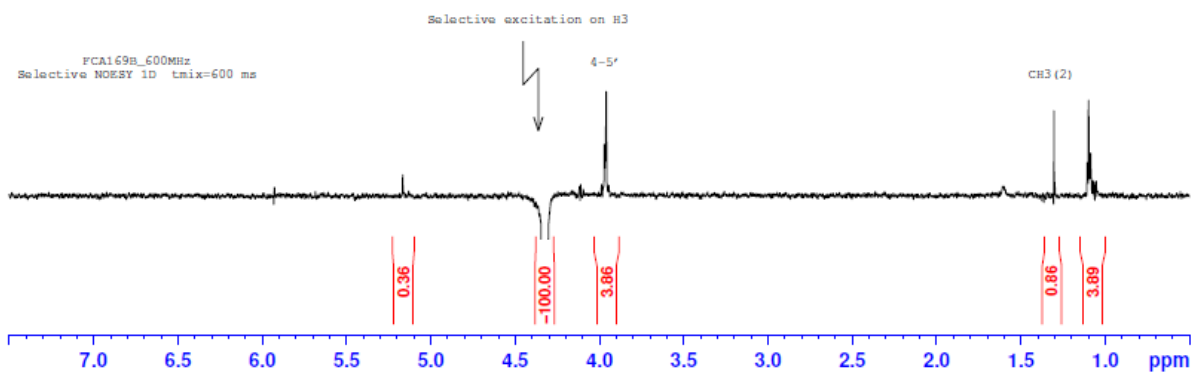
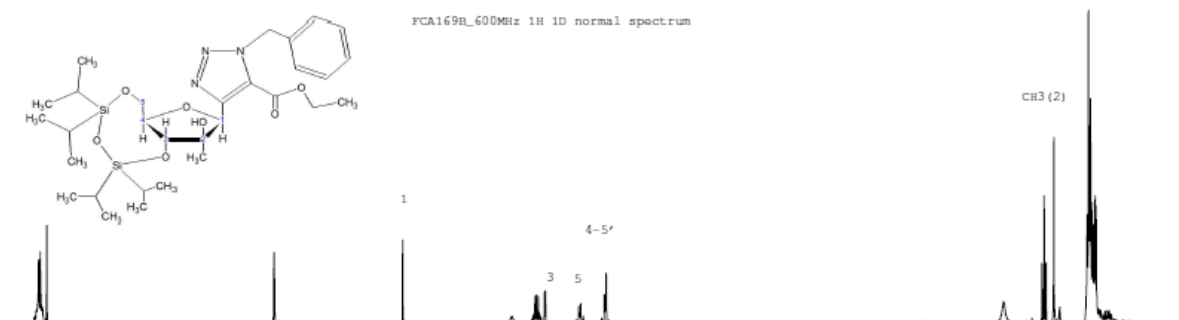
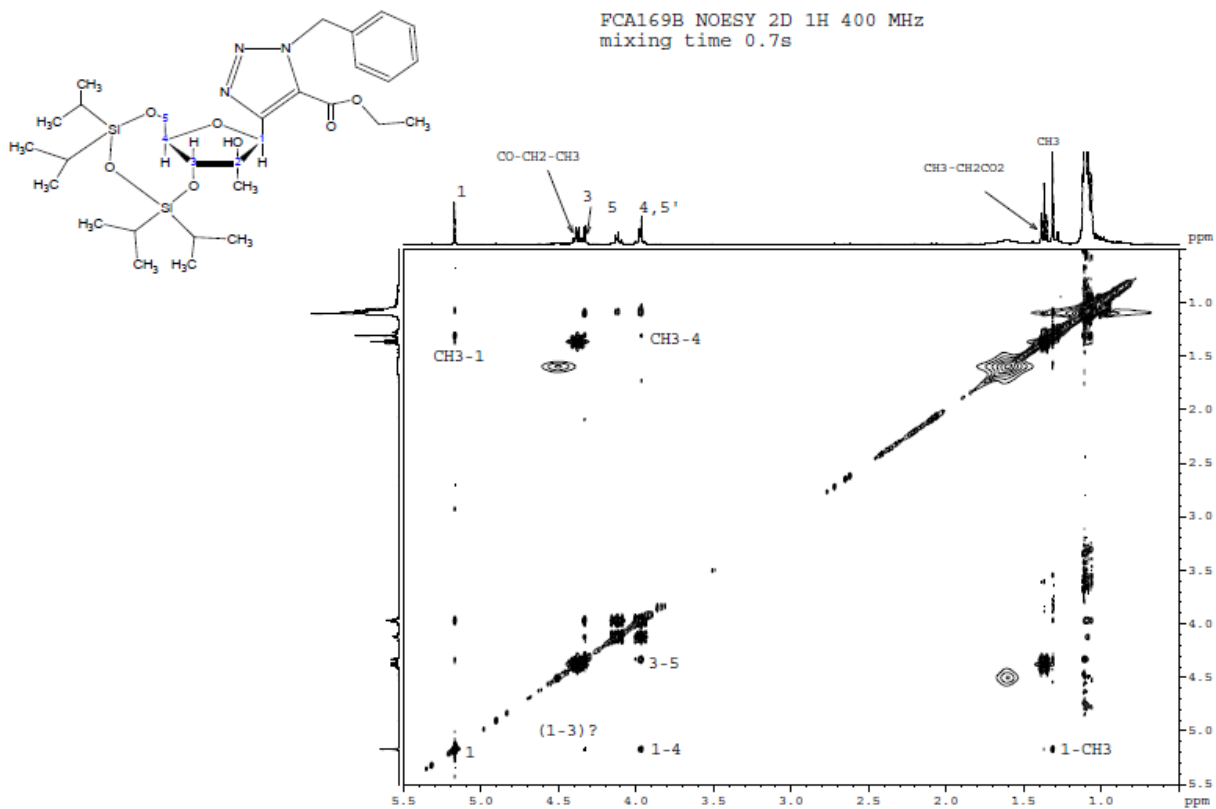


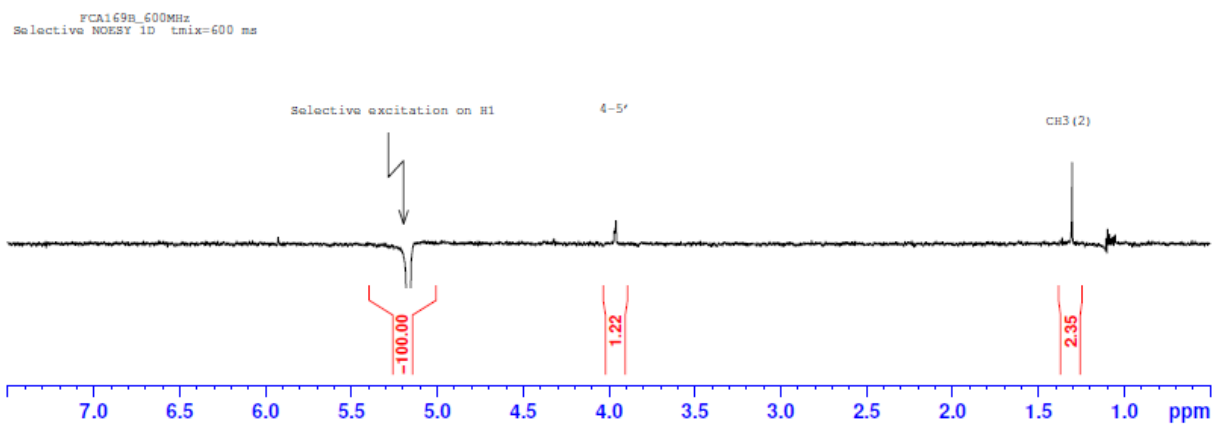
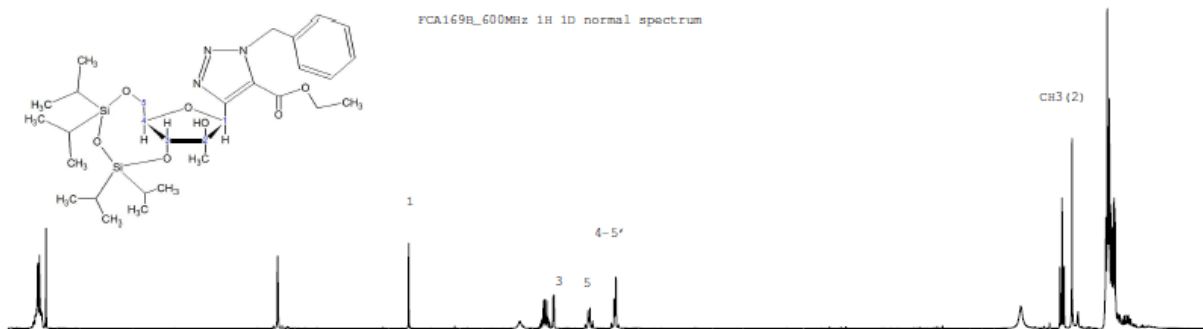




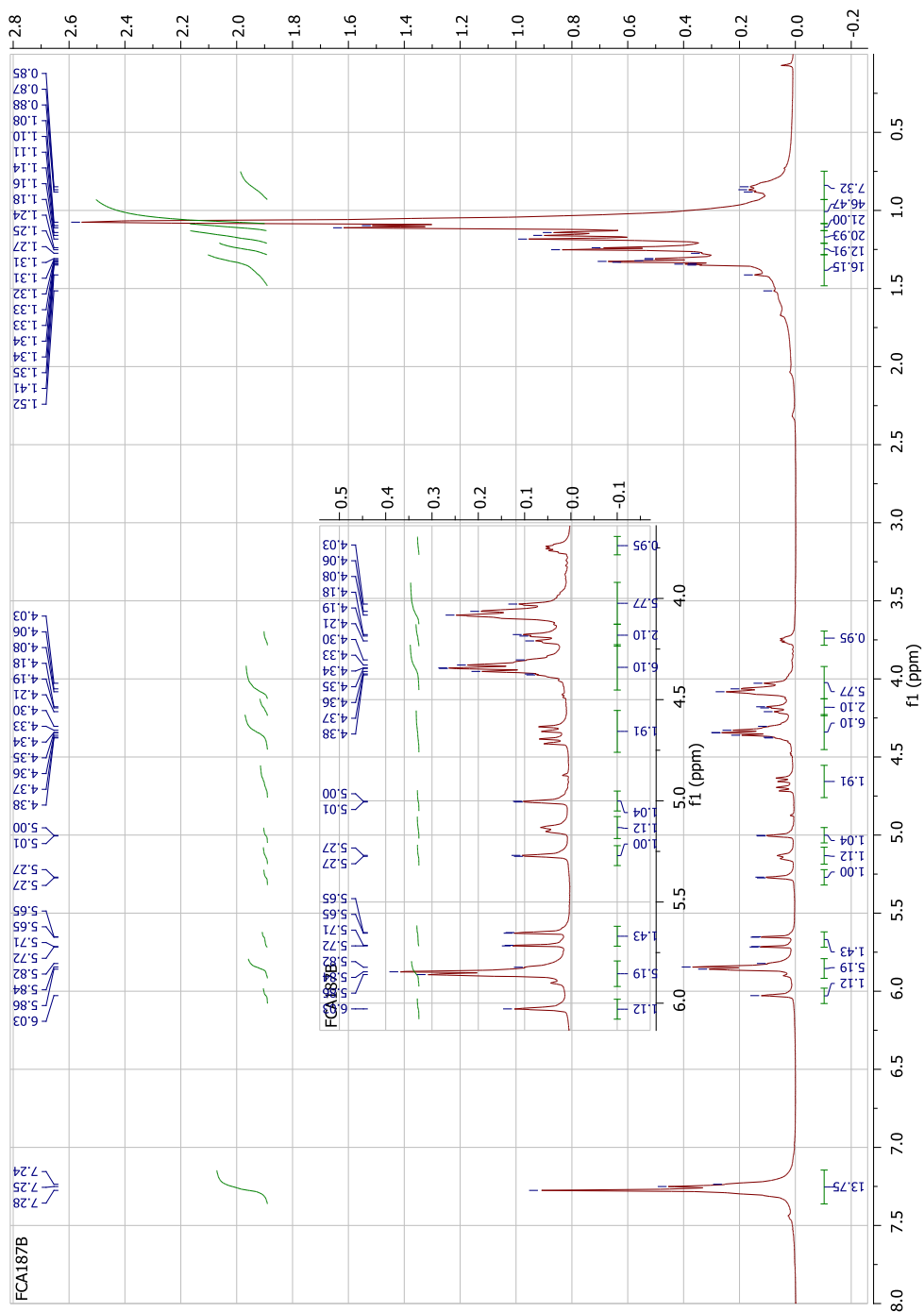
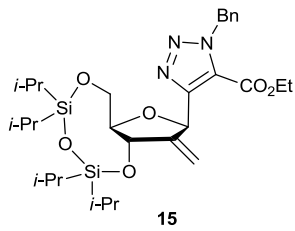
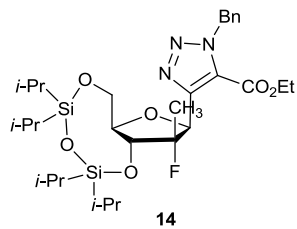
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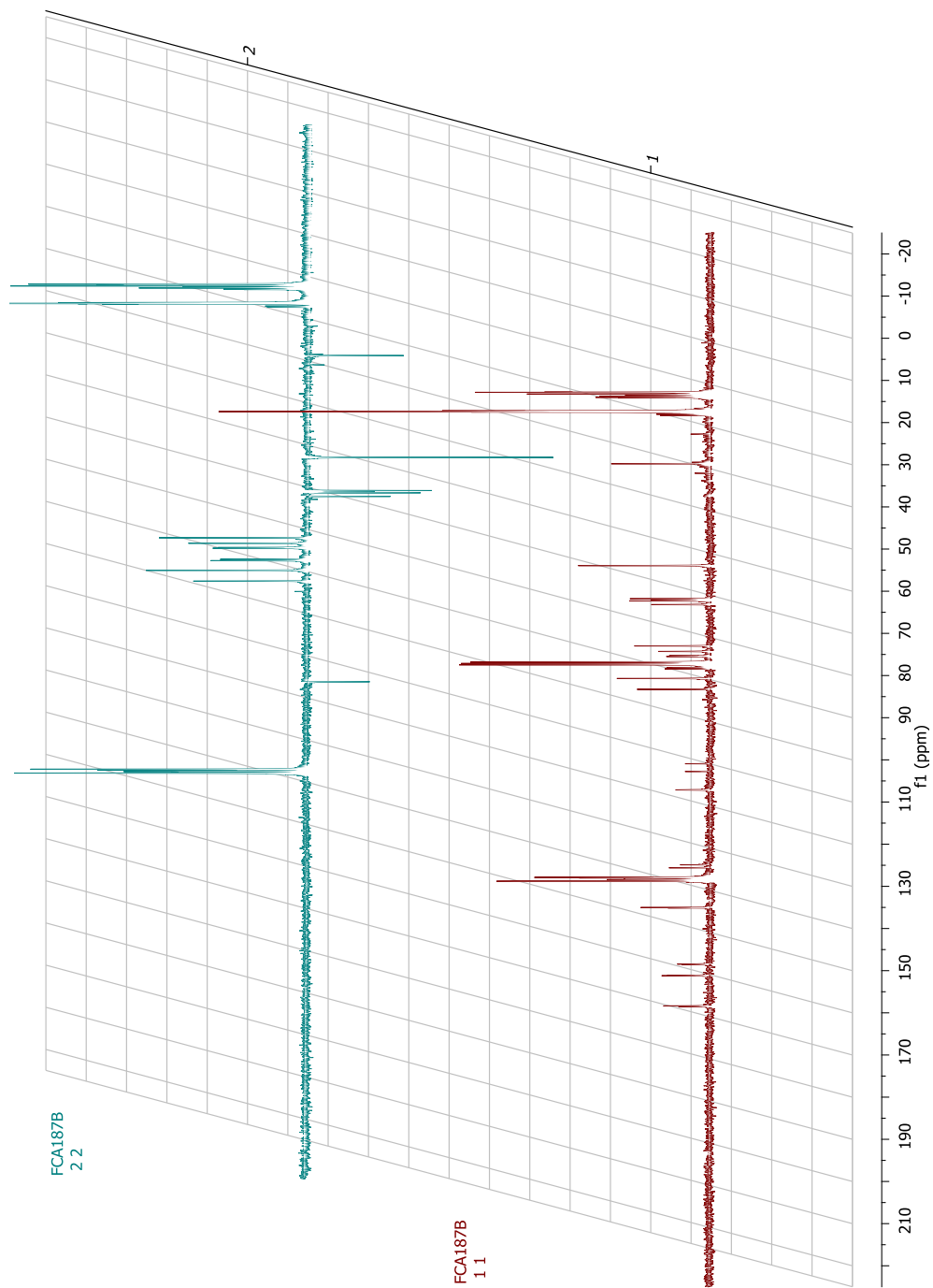




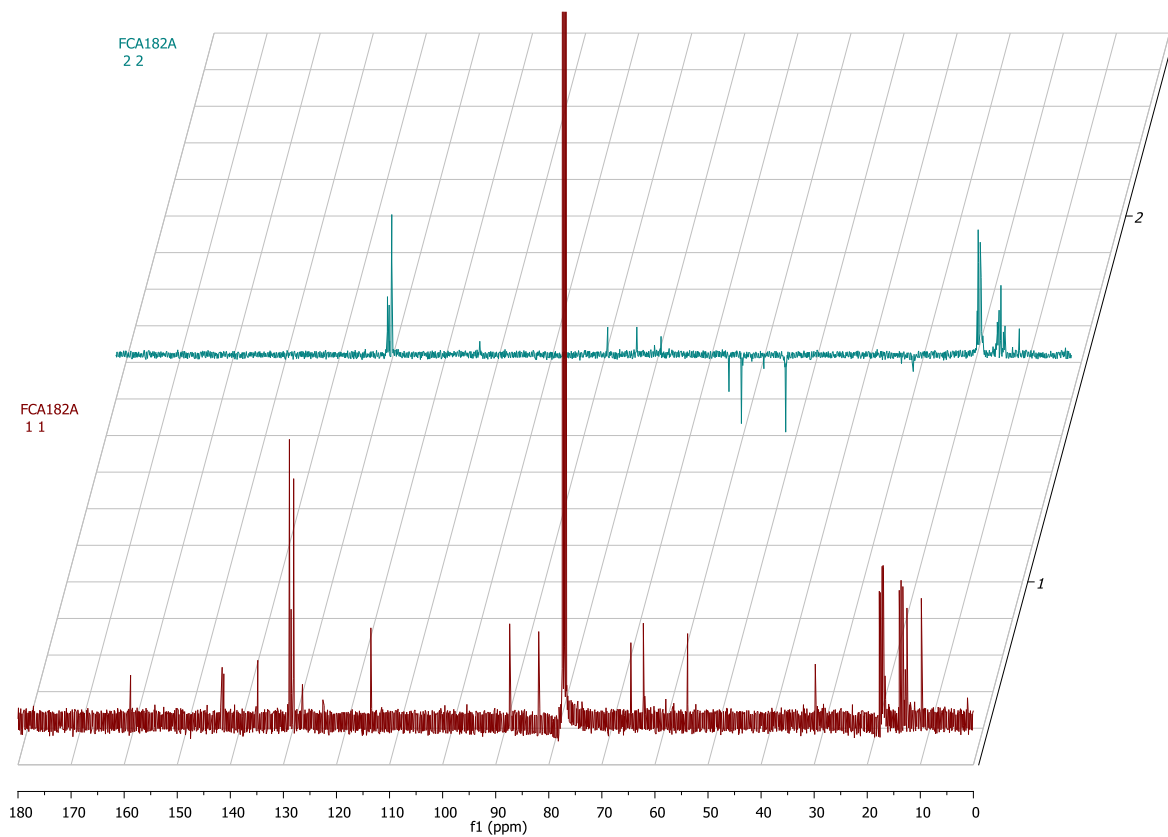
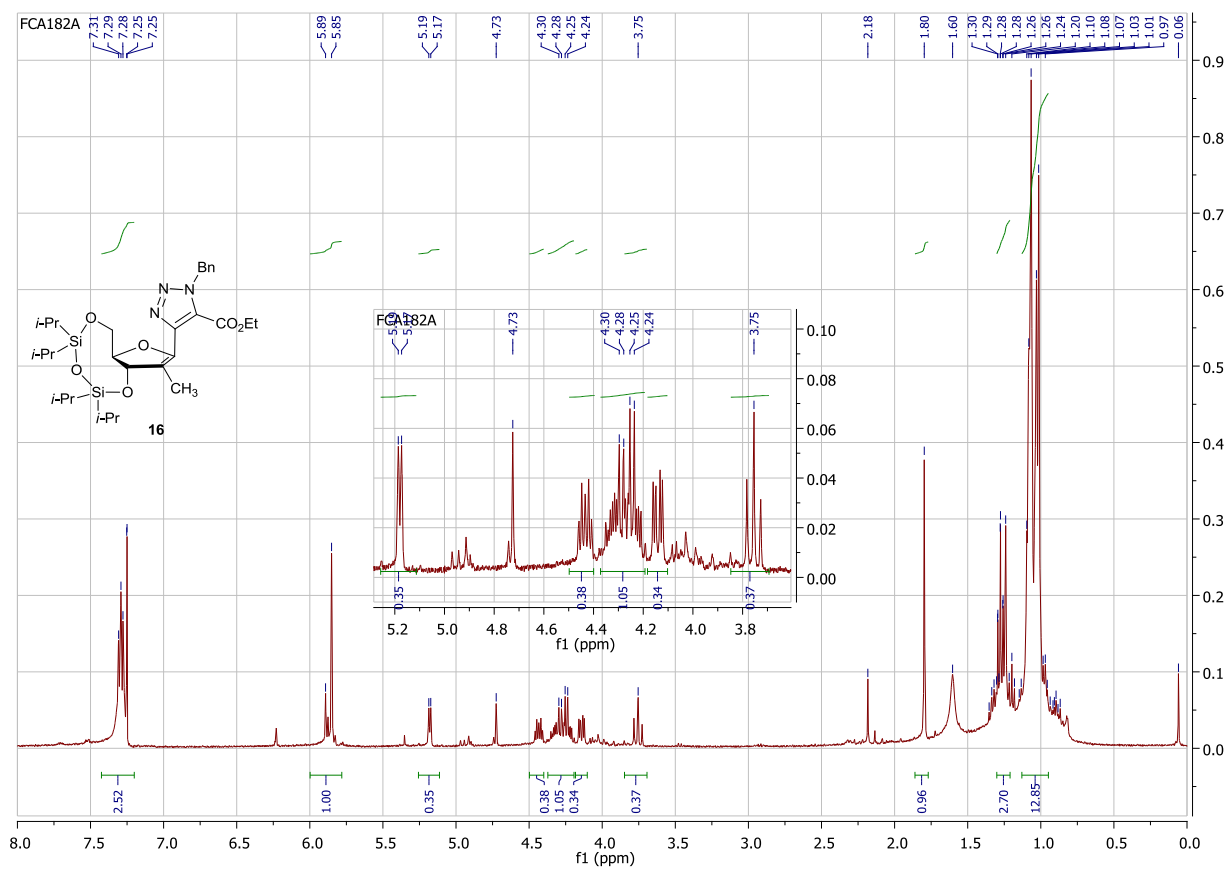


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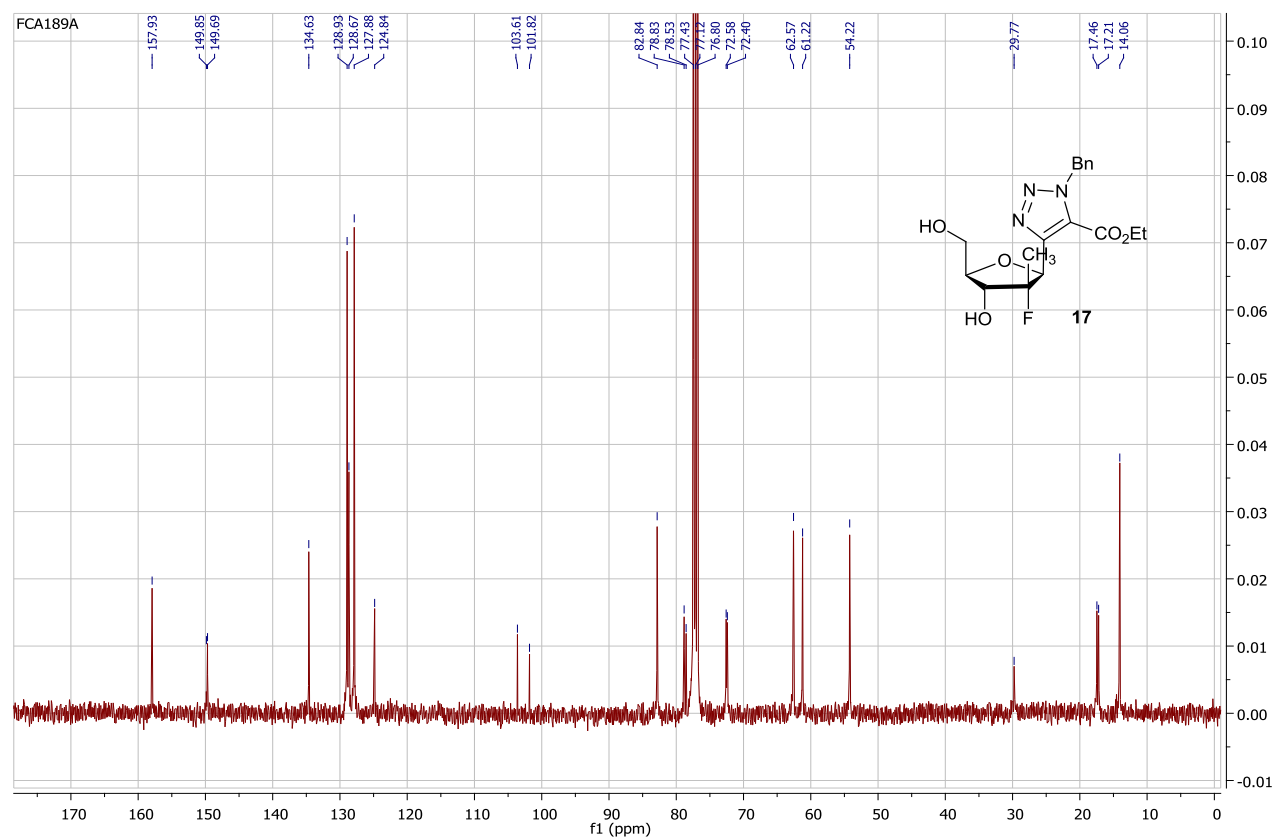
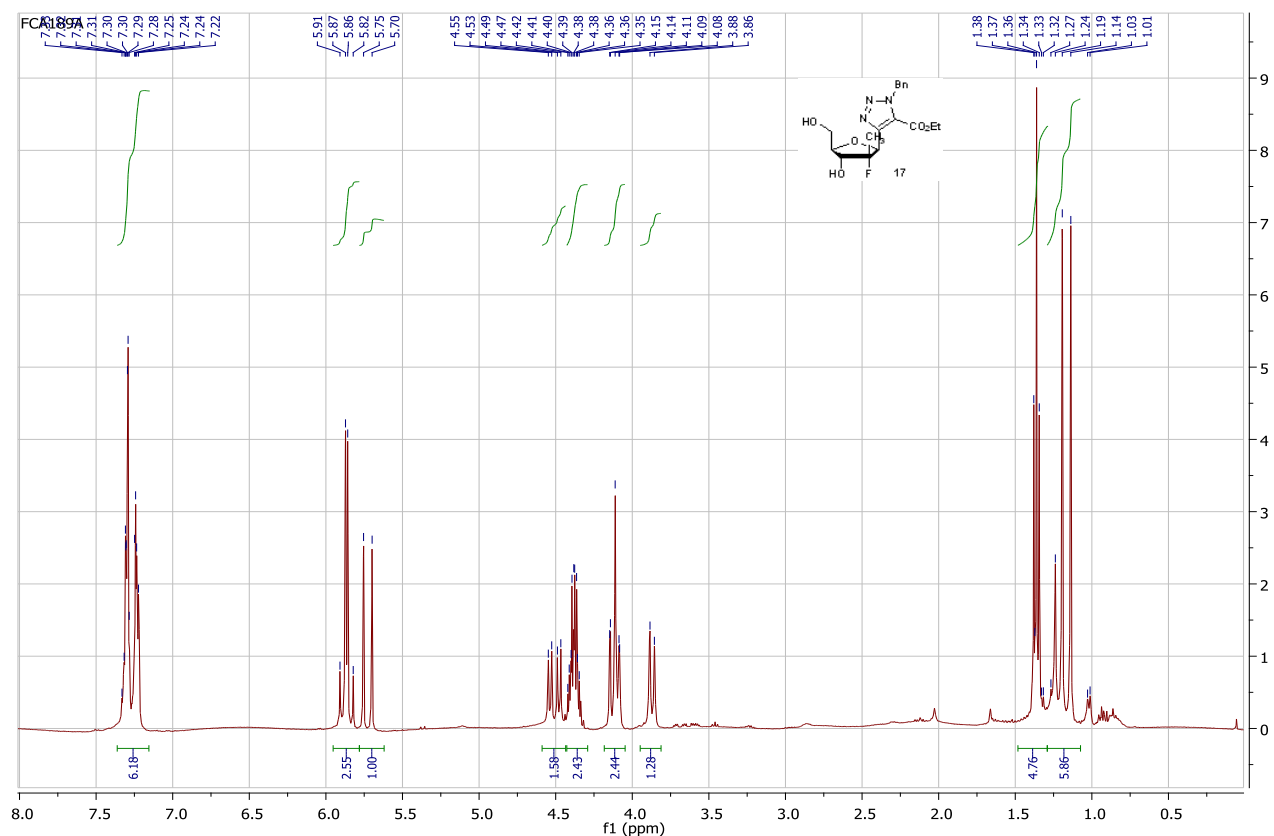




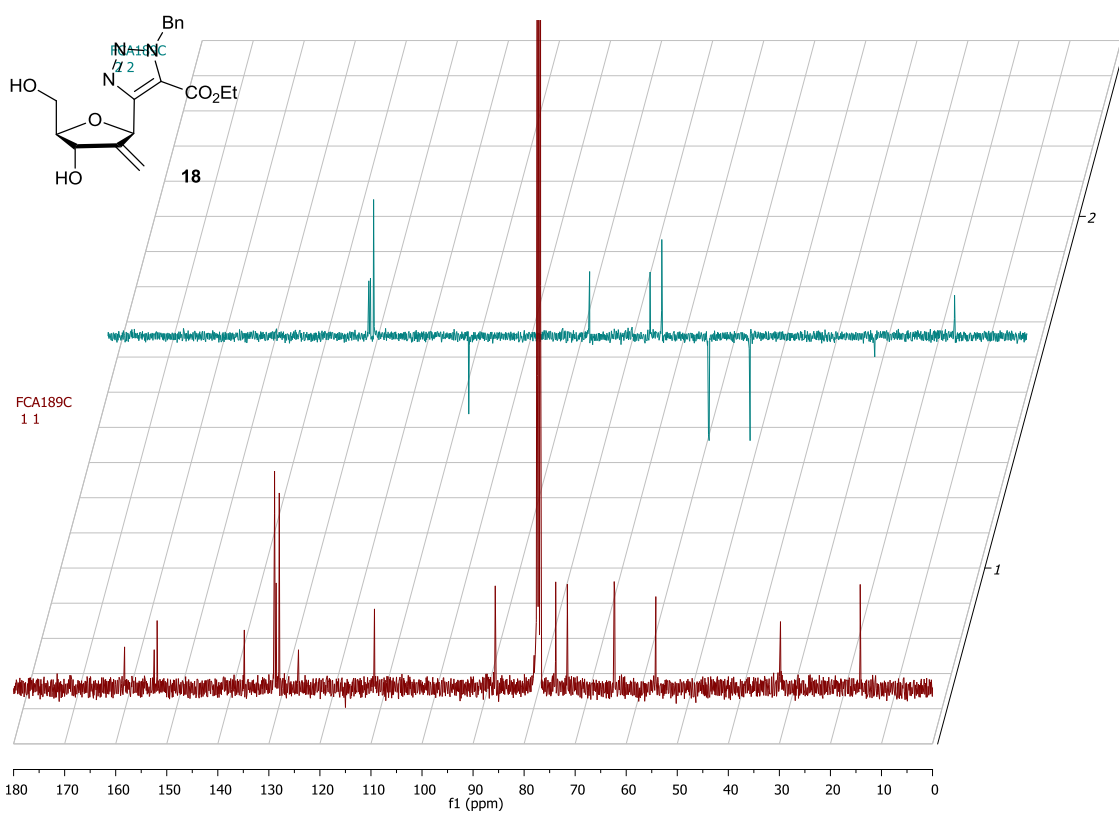
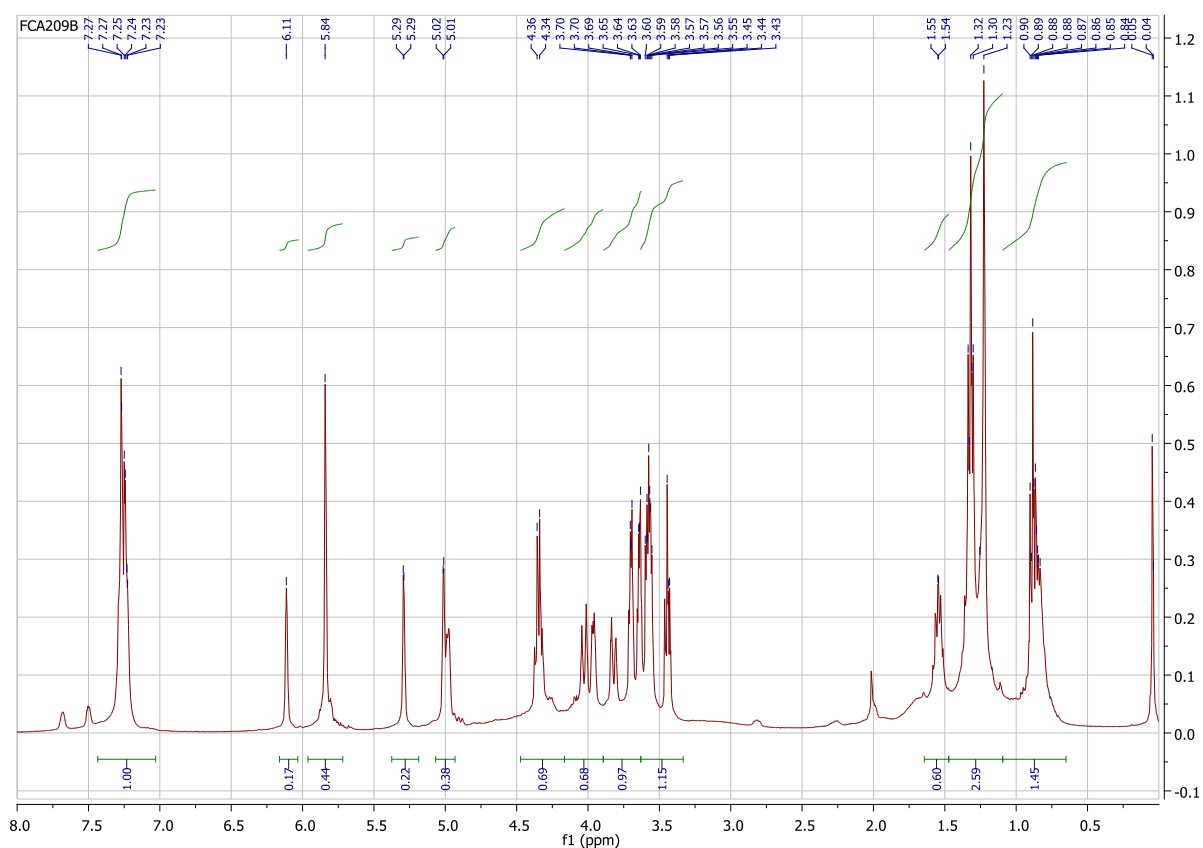
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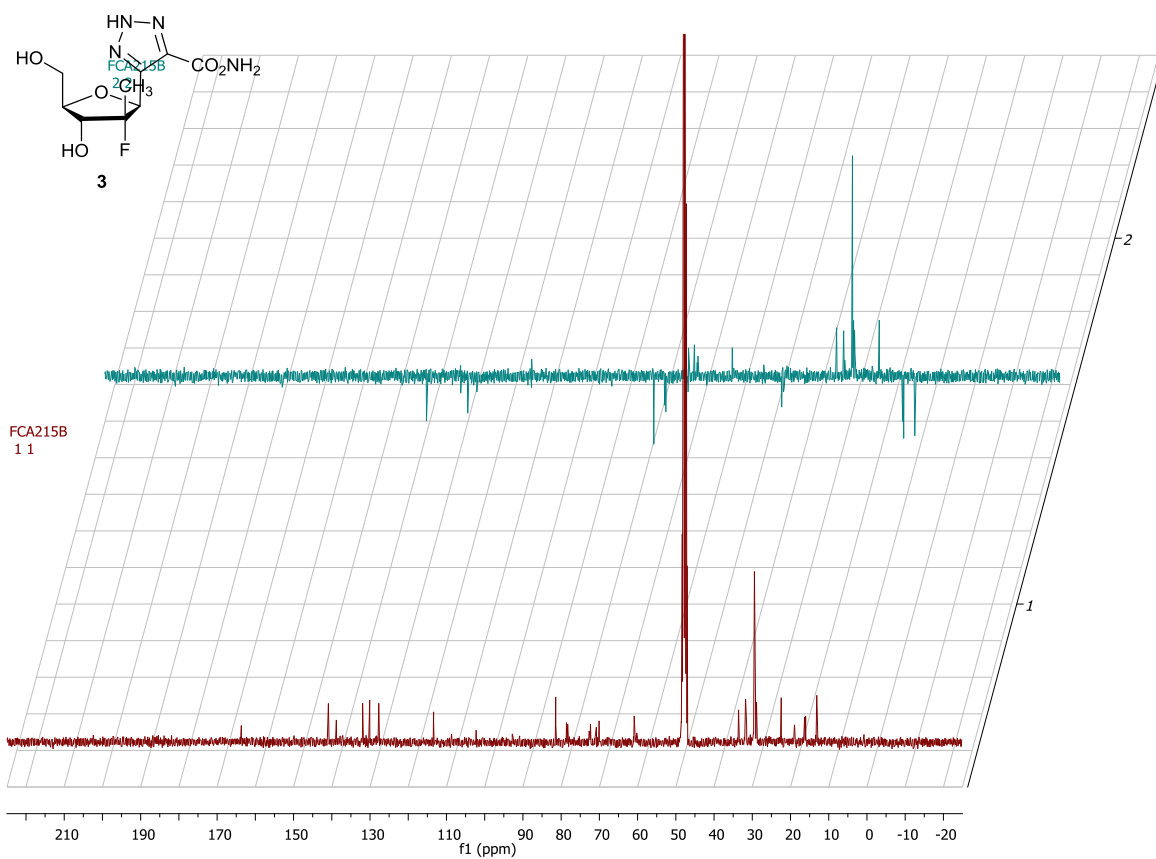
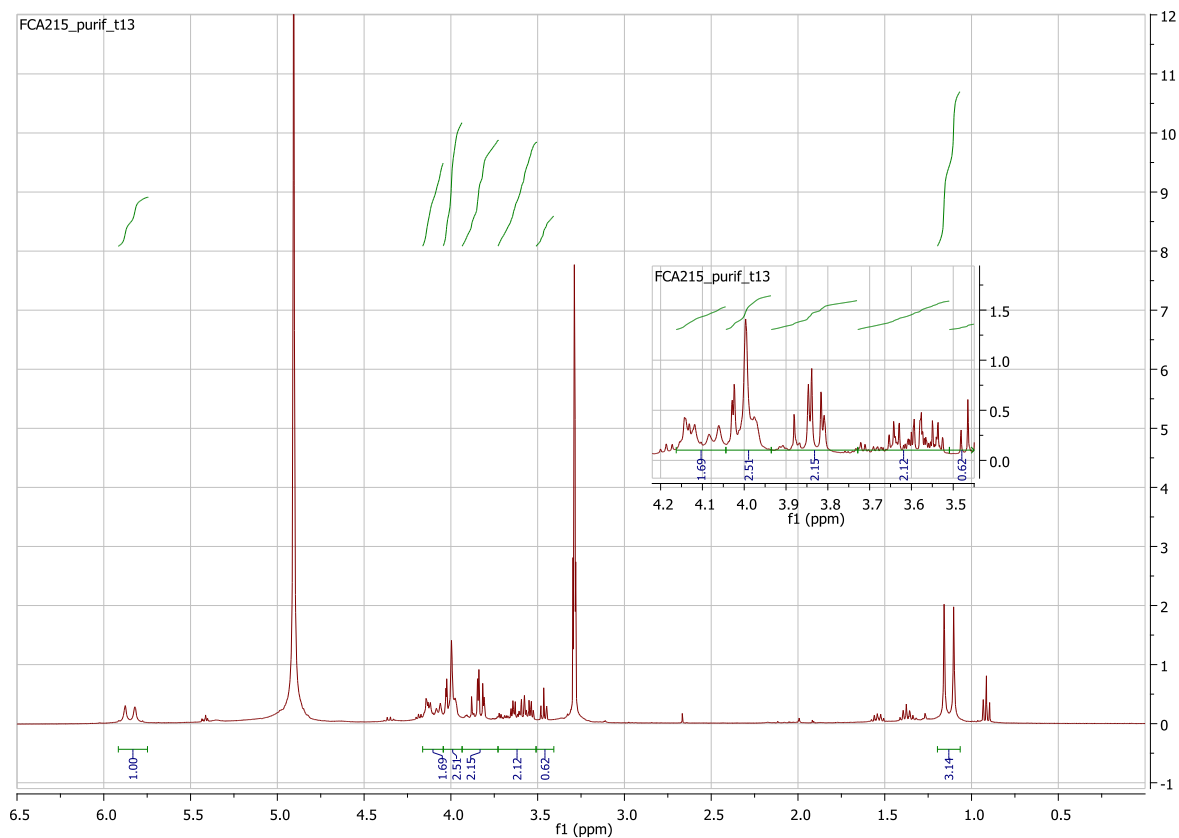
Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro-2'-methyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (17)



Ethyl 1-benzyl-4-(2'-deoxy-2'-methylene- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-1,2,3-triazole-5-carboxylate (18)



2'-Deoxy-2'-fluoro-2'-methyl-5-β-D-ribofuranosyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide (3)



X-ray diffraction data was collected by using a Kappa X8 APPEX II Bruker diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). Crystals were mounted on a CryoLoop (Hampton Research) with Paratone-N (Hampton Research) as cryoprotectant and then flash-frozen in a nitrogen-gas stream at 100 K. The temperature of the crystal was maintained at the selected temperature (100 K) by use of a 700 series Cryostream cooling device within an accuracy of ± 1 K. The data were corrected for Lorentz polarization and absorption effects. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 [3] and refined against F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques using SHELXL-97 [4] with anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were located on a difference Fourier map and introduced into the calculations as a riding model with isotropic thermal parameters. All calculations were performed by using the crystal structure crystallographic software package WINGX [5].

The crystal data collection and refinement parameters are given in Table S1.

CCDC 936439 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

For **10b**, the C₆H₅ group is rotationally disordered with an occupancy ratio of 0.511(4) : 0.489(4).

Table S1: Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for compound **10b**.

Compound	10b
Formula	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₃ O ₆
M _r	349.34
Crystal size, mm ³	0.14 x 0.03 x 0.01
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a, Å	4.9742(10)
b, Å	17.253(3)
c, Å	18.466(4)
α, °	90
β, °	90
γ, °	90
Cell volume, Å ³	1584.7(5)
Z ; Z'	4 ; 1
T, K	100(1)
F ₀₀₀	806
μ, mm ⁻¹	0.113
θ range, °	1.62 – 30.61
Reflection collected	13 076
Reflections unique	4 217
R _{int}	0.1013
GOF	0.985
Refl. obs. (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	2 072
Parameters	264
wR ₂ (all data)	0.1530
R value (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0670
Largest diff. peak and hole (e ⁻ ·Å ⁻³)	-0.337 ; 0.235

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