



Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of new bile acid-fused tetrazoles using the Schmidt reaction

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**Synthetic procedures, analytical data, X-ray analysis details,
and copies of spectra**

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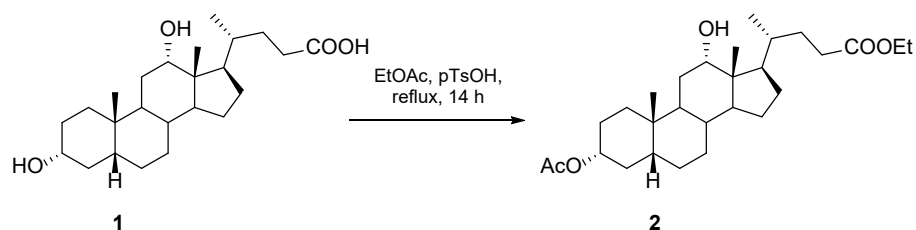
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1. Experimental procedures and analytical data

General information

All reactions requiring dry conditions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of argon. Acetonitrile was dried over molecular sieves and redistilled prior to use, DCM and benzene were distilled over P₂O₅, and pyridine was dried over KOH and redistilled prior to use. All organic solutions were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. TLC was carried out on Merck 60 F₂₄₅ aluminium-backed silica gel plates, UV light or 50% sulfuric acid with heating were used for visualization. Chromatographic purifications were performed using silica gel (0,04–0,063 mm, Merck). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC 250 (250 MHz for ¹H, 62 MHz for ¹³C) and Bruker AV III HD 400 (400 MHz for ¹H and 101 MHz for ¹³C) instruments. Residual solvent signals were used for spectra calibrations. For microwave-assisted reactions, CEM Discovery Benchmate reactor was used. IR spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer SpectrumTwo instrument. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6210 (ESI+) LC–MS (time-of-flight) instrument or a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap instrument. Melting points were determined on a hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected.

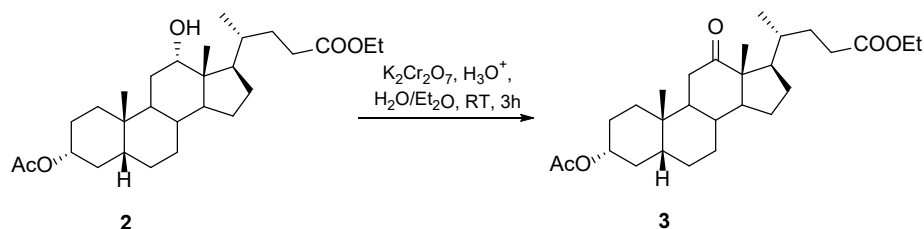
Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-12 α -hydroxy-5 β -cholan-24-oate (**2**)



Deoxycholic acid (**1**, 2.00 g, 5.09 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (50 mL) in a round-bottom flask. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (0.200 g, 1.16 mmol) and water (0.6 mL) were added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 14 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was poured into saturated NaHCO₃ solution (150 mL), the phases were

separated, and the water phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). Combined organic extracts were washed with water, dried, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, giving the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (toluene/acetone 6:1, R_f : 0.35). Yield: 81% (1.91 g), colorless oil. Spectroscopic data are in good correlation with the literature data [1].

Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-12-oxo-5 β -cholan-24-oate (3)



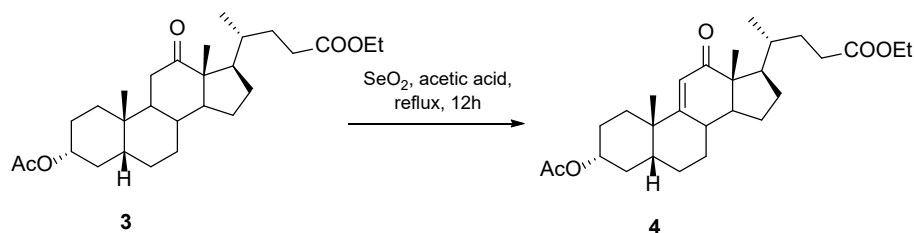
Compound **2** (1.06 g, 2.29 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (20 mL). An acidified solution of $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ (1.01 g in 10 mL H_2O) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 3 h with vigorous stirring. After reaction completion, the mixture was transferred to the separation funnel, and the phases were separated. The water phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the product was obtained and was used further without additional purification. Yield: 76% (0.81 g, 1.74 mmol), pale yellow amorphous crystals.

R_f : 0.82 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2958, 2878, 1715 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.84 (d, $J=6.4$ Hz, 3H, H-21,); 1.00 (s, 6H, H-19, H-18); 4.11 (q, $J=7.4$ Hz, 2H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 4.68 (m, 1H, H-3).

^{13}C NMR (62 MHz, CDCl_3): 11.6 (CH_3); 14.2 (CH_3); 18.5 (CH_3); 21.3 (CH_3); 22.7 (CH_3); 24.3 (CH_2); 25.9 (CH_2); 26.3 (CH_2); 26.9 (CH_2); 27.4 (CH_2); 30.4 (CH_2); 31.5 (CH_2); 32.1 (CH_2); 34.8 (CH_2); 35.3 (Cq); 35.5 (CH); 35.6 (CH); 38.0 (CH_2); 41.3 (CH); 43.9 (CH); 46.4 (CH); 57.4 (Cq); 58.6 (CH); 60.1 (CH_2); 73.6 (CH, C-3); 170.5 (Cq, AcO); 174.1 (Cq, C-24); 214.5 (Cq, C-12).

Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-12-oxo-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oate (**4**)



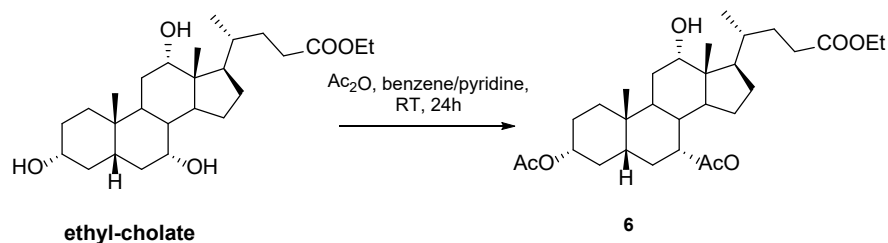
Compound **3** (0.923 g, 2.00 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (20 mL), SeO_2 (0.750 g, 6.76 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was diluted with 50 mL of DCM and filtered through the pad of Celite®. Further, the mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the crude product was obtained and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/acetone 12:1, R_f :0.23). Yield: 74% (0.678 g), white crystals from acetone/hexane, mp 148 °C.

IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2934, 2870, 1731, 1673 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.91 (s, 3H, H-18); 1.02 (d, J =6.5 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.19 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.25 (t, J =7.2 Hz, 3H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃CO-); 4.12 (q, J =7.2 Hz, 2H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 4.73 (m, 1H, H-3); 5.71 (d, J =2.2 Hz, 1H, H-11).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 10.74; 14.27; 19.50; 21.37; 24.23; 26.20; 26.54; 27.41; 27.67; 29.77; 30.66; 31.78; 34.03; 35.06; 35.31; 37.85; 39.96; 41.84; 47.31; 53.08; 53.53; 60.18; 73.81 (CH, C-3); 123.71 (CH, C-11); 163.99 (Cq, C-9); 170.64 (Cq, CH₃CO-); 174.29 (Cq, C-24); 205.13 (Cq, C-12).

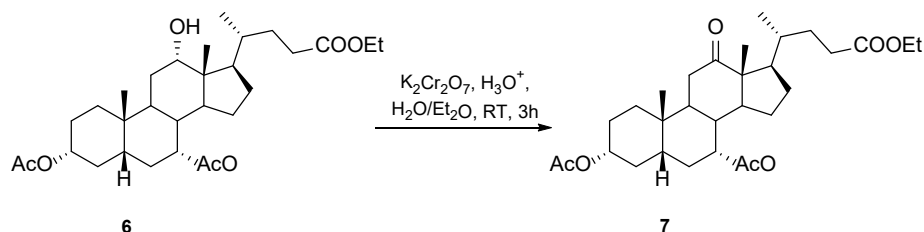
Ethyl 3 α ,7 α -diacetoxy-12 α -hydroxy-5 β -cholan-24-oate (**6**)



Ethyl cholate (**5**, 5.09 g, 11.52 mmol) was dissolved in dry benzene (60 mL) and dry pyridine (7.5 mL), and acetic anhydride (7.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature with stirring for 24 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was poured into water (250 mL) and the phases were separated. The water phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 40 mL), and the combined organic phases were

washed with 1 M HCl and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the crude product was obtained and was crystallized from methanol. The product was used further without additional purification. Yield: 74% (4.43 g).

Ethyl 3 α ,7 α -diacetoxy-12-oxo-5 β -cholan-24-oate (7)



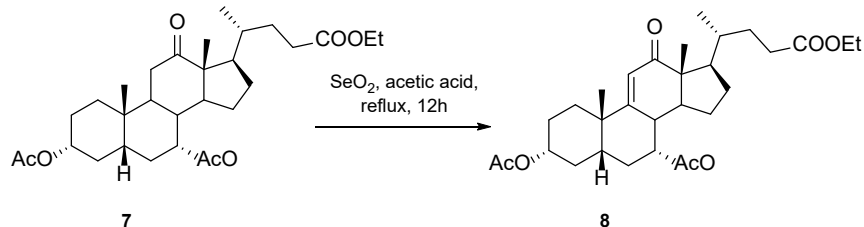
Compound **6** (2.00 g, 3.85 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (50 mL). An acidified solution of $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ (2.10 g in 20 mL H_2O) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 3 h with vigorous stirring. After reaction completion, the mixture was transferred to the separation funnel and the phases were separated. The water phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3×20 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the product was obtained and purified by column chromatography (toluene/acetone 7:1, R_f : 0.40). Yield 71% (1.41 g), colorless crystals from ethanol/hexane, mp 163 °C.

IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2935, 2862, 1711 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.85 (d, $J=6.5$ Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.02 (s, 6H, H-19, H-18); 1.24 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 3H, -O- CH_2 **CH**₃); 2.01-2.02 (s, 6H, $2 \times$ **CH**₃CO-); 4.11 (q, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H, -O-**CH**₂CH₃); 4.56 (m, 1H, H-3); 4.98 (d, $J=2.7$ Hz, 1H, H-7).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 11.49; 14.26; 18.54; 21.42; 21.46; 22.10; 23.78; 26.53; 27.37; 30.44; 31.32; 31.49; 34.52; 34.87; 35.50; 35.53; 37.60; 37.84 ($2 \times$ CH); 40.46; 46.34; 53.11; 57.07; 60.19; 70.48; 73.51; 170.16 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 170.65 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 174.15 (Cq, C-24); 213.92 (Cq, C-12).

Ethyl 3 α ,7 α -diacetoxy-12-oxo-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oate (8)



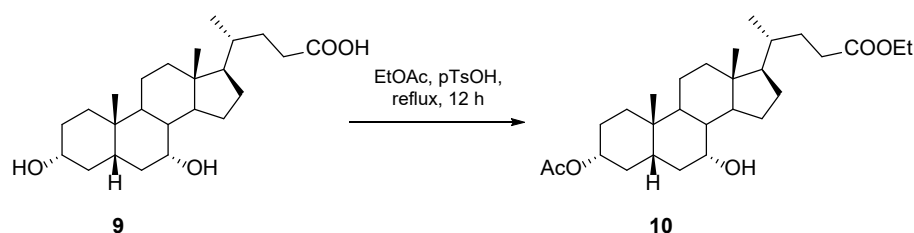
Compound **7** (0.400 g, 0.77 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (15 mL), SeO_2 (0.275 g, 2.32 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was diluted with 50 mL of DCM and filtered through the pad of Celite®. Further, the mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the crude product was obtained and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/acetone 9:1, R_f : 0.30). Yield: 69% (0.274 g), white crystals from acetone/hexane, mp 154 °C.

IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2934, 2878, 1724, 1675 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.95 (s, 3H, H-18); 1.04 (d, $J=6.5$ Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.24 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.28 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 3H, $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$); 2.03 (s, 6H, $2 \times \text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 4.14 (q, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H, $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$); 4.62 (m, 1H, H-3); 5.19 (d, $J=3.3$ Hz, 1H, H-7); 5.86 (d, $J=2.3$ Hz, 1H, H-11).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 10.69; 14.26; 19.34; 21.33; 21.39; 23.61; 27.46; 27.72; 30.10; 30.62; 30.83; 31.67; 34.92; 35.32; 36.16; 39.97; 40.70; 41.02; 46.70; 47.06; 53.28; 60.21; 70.16; 73.72; 125.08 (CH, C-11); 159.73 (Cq, C-9); 170.02 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 170.67 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 174.22 (Cq, C-24); 204.50 (Cq, C-12).

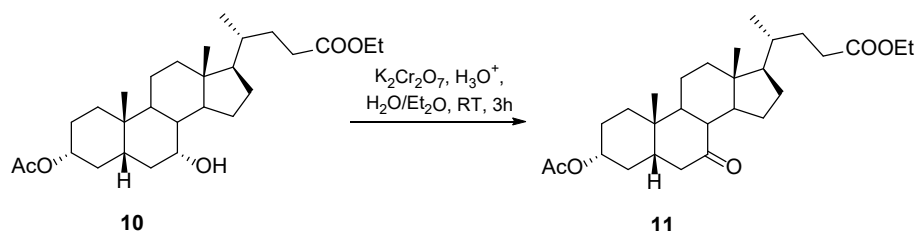
Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-7 α -hydroxy-5 β -cholan-24-oate (10)



Chenodeoxycholic acid (**9**, 3.00 g, 7.64 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (75 mL) in a round-bottom flask. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (0.306 g, 1.77 mmol) and water (1 mL) were added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was poured into saturated NaHCO_3 solution (150 mL). The phases were

separated, and the water phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water, dried, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, giving the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (toluene/acetone 9:1, *R_f*: 0.38). Yield: 66% (2.35 g), white amorphous crystals. Spectroscopic data are in good correlation with the literature data [1].

Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-7-oxo-5 β -cholan-24-oate (11)



Compound **10** (1.00 g, 2.16 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (25 mL). An acidified solution of $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ (0.95 g in 10 mL H_2O) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 3 h with vigorous stirring. After reaction completion, the mixture was transferred to the separation funnel, and the phases were separated. The water phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and water. After drying and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the product was obtained and used further without additional purification. Yield: 84% (0.890 g), white amorphous crystals.

R_f: 0.72 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2958, 2878, 1728 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.67 (s, 3H, H-18); 0.93 (d, $J=6.2$ Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.21 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.26 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 3H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃CO-); 4.13 (q, $J=7.9$ Hz, 2H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 4.69 (m, 1H, H-3).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 12.05; 14.27; 18.38; 21.32; 21.72; 23.04; 24.79; 26.05; 28.28; 30.99; 31.33; 33.11; 33.83; 35.17; 35.21; 38.93; 42.64; 42.76; 45.26; 45.86; 48.89; 49.50; 54.81; 60.21; 72.95 (CH, C-3); 170.57 (Cq, CH₃CO-); 174.25 (Cq, C-24); 211.80 (Cq, C-7).

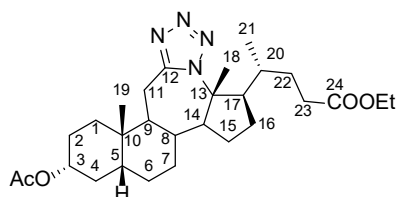
General procedure for the preparation of hydrazoic acid solution

Benzene solution of hydrazoic acid was prepared in accordance with the literature procedure [2] as follows: In a round-bottom flask, sodium azide (3.00 g, 47 mmol) was

dissolved in water (15 mL), benzene was added (23 mL), and the mixture was cooled with an ice water bath. Further, concentrated sulfuric acid (3 mL) was added with vigorous stirring and cooling. After addition was completed, the mixture was stirred for additional 15 minutes with cooling. The cold mixture was transferred to the separation funnel, and the phases were separated. The cold organic phase was dried, and the obtained solution was used in the reaction immediately.

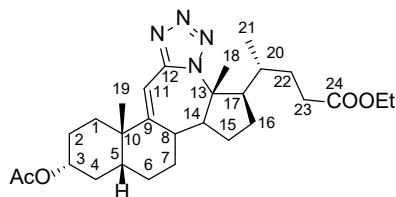
Analytical data for protected tetrazoles

Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-12a-aza-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -cholan-24-oate (13)



Colorless crystals from ethanol m. p. 194 °C; Rf: 0.55 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2953, 2872, 1733 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI+) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $[C_{28}H_{44}N_4O_4Na]^+$: 523.3255, found: 523.3254. For ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data see Table S1.

Ethyl 3 α -acetoxy-12a-aza-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oate (14)



Colorless crystals from ethanol m. p. 197 °C; Rf: 0.51 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2957, 2872, 1732, 1622 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI+) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $[C_{28}H_{42}N_4O_4Na]^+$: 521.3098 found: 521.3100. For ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data see Table S1.

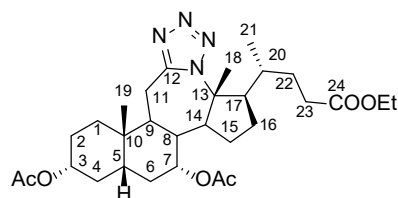
Table S1: Complete assignments of ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts for compounds **13** and **14**. Coupling constants are given in Hertz in parentheses.^a

	compound 13 (CDCl_3)		compound 14 (CDCl_3)	
position	^1H chemical shift (ppm)	^{13}C chemical shift (ppm)	^1H chemical shift (ppm)	^{13}C chemical shift (ppm)
1	2.10/1.19	35.22 (CH_2)	2.23/1.46	36.06 (CH_2)
2	1.79/1.39 ^b	26.54 (CH_2) ^b	1.60/1.43	33.89 (CH_2)
3	4.75, m	73.50 (CH)	4.78, m	73.56 (CH)
4	1.61	31.82 (CH_2)	2.12/1.45	27.59 (CH_2)
5	1.55	41.25 (CH)	1.76	42.35 (CH)
6	1.79/1.64 ^b	26.54 (CH_2) ^b	1.92/1.80	27.83 (CH_2)
7	1.36/1.18 ^b	26.54 (CH_2) ^b	2.20/1.36	29.23 (CH_2)
8	1.95	39.36 (CH)	2.51	43.19 (CH)
9	1.75	38.61 (CH)	—	156.05 (Cq)
10	—	35.86 (Cq)	—	42.17 (Cq)
11	3.50, H-11 α , d (15.1)/2.64, H-11 β , dd (15.1, 12.0)	23.52 (CH_2)	6.71, s	108.33 (CH)
12	—	155.46 (Cq)	—	150.63 (Cq)
13	—	69.72 (Cq)	—	69.44 (Cq)
14	1.72	55.96 (CH)	1.97	53.00 (CH)
15	1.96/1.65	21.08 (CH_2)	1.96/1.74	21.32 (CH_2)
16	1.98	26.98 (CH_2)	1.94/1.83	28.14 (CH_2)
17	2.85, td (10.5, 3.2)	52.21 (CH)	2.73, t (10.6)	53.31 (CH)
18	1.47, s	14.66 (CH_3)	1.26, s	14.65 (CH_3)
19	1.06, s	22.94 (CH_3)	1.26, s	29.71 (CH_3)
20	2.19	32.61 (CH)	2.41	31.91 (CH)

21	1.14, d (6.8)	20.18 (CH ₃)	1.15, d (6.9)	20.52 (CH ₃)
22	1.90/1.42	29.03 (CH ₂)	1.36	28.58 (CH ₂)
23	2.44/2.32	32.31(CH ₂)	2.47/2.32	32.51 (CH ₂)
24	—	173.96 (Cq)	—	173.91 (Cq)
<u>CH₃</u> CO-	2.0, s	21.36 (CH ₃)	2.01, s	21.36 (CH ₃)
CH ₃ <u>C</u> O-	—	170.62 (Cq)	—	170.69 (Cq)
-O-CH ₂ <u>CH₃</u>	1.25, t (7.1)	14.23 (CH ₃)	1.24, t (7.1)	14.24 (CH ₃)
-O- <u>CH₂</u> CH ₃	4.12, q (7.1)	60.36 (CH ₂)	4.11, q (7.1)	60.38 (CH ₂)

^aMultiplicities are determined just for nonoverlapped signals in ¹H NMR spectrum. ^bDue to extensive overlap of ¹³C signals, these assignments could interchange.

Ethyl 12a-aza-3 α ,7 α -diacetox-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -cholan-24-oate (15)

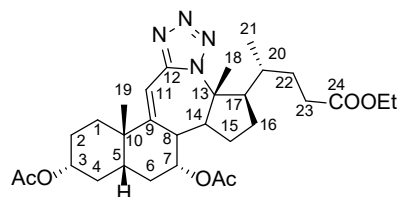


Colorless crystals from ethanol m. p. 207 °C; R_f: 0.45 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2959, 2874, 1733 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₃₀H₄₅N₄O₆]⁺: 559.3490 found: 559.3497.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.07 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.13 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 1.49 (s, 3H, H-18); 2.00 (s, 6H, 2 × CH₃CO-); 2.31 (m, 1H, H-23a); 2.45 (m, 1H, H-23b); 2.71 (m, 1H, H-11 β); 2.89 (td, J₁ = 10.6 Hz, J₂ = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-17); 3.59 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H, H-11 α); 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, -O-CH₂CH₃); 4.61 (m 1H, H-3); 4.98 (s, 1H, H-7).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 14.06 (CH₃, C-18); 14.23; 20.02; 21.30; 21.37; 21.50; 22.44 (CH₃, C-19); 22.48 (CH₂, C-11); 26.13; 26.57; 29.04; 30.86; 32.13; 32.70; 33.61; 34.45; 35.42; 36.34; 40.26; 41.40; 50.93; 51.92; 60.38; 69.08; 71.85 (CH, C-7); 73.29 (CH, C-3); 154.92 (Cq, C-12); 170.05 (Cq, CH₃CO-); 170.65 (Cq, CH₃CO-); 173.88 (Cq, C-24).

Ethyl 12a-aza-3 α ,7 α -diacetox-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oate (16)

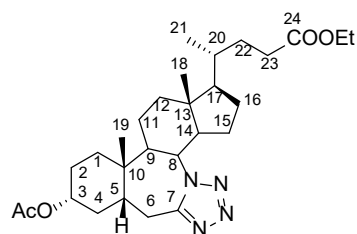


Colorless crystals from ethanol m. p. 201-202 °C; Rf: 0.48 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2934, 2872, 1734, 1656 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI+) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $[C_{30}H_{44}N_4O_6Na]^+$: 579.3153 found: 579.3157.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 1.14 (d, $J=6.8$ Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H, -O- CH_2CH_3); 1.29 (s, 6H, H-18, H-19); 1.95 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 2.01 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 4.09 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H, -O- CH_2CH_3); 4.64 (m 1H, H-3); 5.19 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H, H-7); 6.86 (s, 1H, H-11).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 14.22; 14.29; 20.43; 21.16; 21.30; 21.36; 27.89; 28.22; 28.52; 29.81; 31.62; 31.90; 32.39; 35.88 (2 \times CH_2); 41.10; 42.02; 45.52; 49.03; 53.23; 60.36; 69.09; 72.24 (CH, C-7); 73.43 (CH, C-3); 110.88 (CH, C-11); 150.41 (Cq, C-12); 152.03 (Cq, C-9); 170.05 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 170.64 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 173.79 (Cq, C-24).

Ethyl 3 α -acetox-7a-aza-7a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':7,7a]-5 β -cholan-24-oate (17)

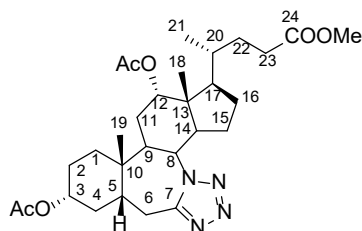


Colorless oil that solidifies on standing, resistant to crystallisation. Rf: 0.40 (toluene/acetone 4:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2951, 2878, 1729 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI+) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $[C_{28}H_{45}N_4O_4]^+$: 501.3441 found: 501.3443.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.45 (q, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4 α); 0.76 (s, 3H, H-18); 0.98 (d, $J=6.4$ Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.27 (m, 6H, H-19 and -O- CH_2CH_3); 1.95 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO-}$); 3.09 (dd, $J_1 = 15.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.3$ Hz, 1H, H-6a); 3.25 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, H-6b); 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H, -O- CH_2CH_3); 4.25 (t, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H, H-8); 4.72 (m 1H, H-3).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 11.45 (CH_3 , C-18); 14.28; 18.37; 21.21; 22.18 (CH_2 and CH_3 , C-19); 23.92 (CH_2 , C-6); 26.21; 26.46; 27.72; 30.78; 31.22; 31.64 (CH_2 , C-4); 35.05; 36.74; 37.62; 37.77; 39.35; 42.63; 42.71; 50.33; 54.80; 59.87 (CH , C-8); 60.28; 72.22 (CH , C-3); 154.46 (Cq, C-7); 170.40 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 174.08 (Cq, C-24).

Methyl 7a-aza-3 α ,12 α -diacetox-7a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':7,7a]-5 β -cholan-24-oate (18)



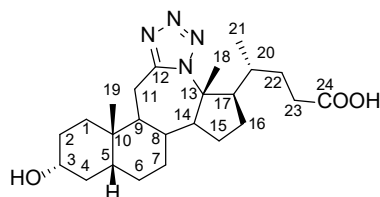
Colorless oil that solidifies on standing, resistant to crystallisation. Rf: 0.46 (toluene/acetone 2:1) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2958, 2878, 1734 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI+) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{Na}]^+$: 567.3159 found 567.3149.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.48 (q, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-4 α); 0.86 (s, 3H, H-18); 0.90 (d, J =6.5 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.27 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.98 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 2.16 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 3.14 (m, 2H, H-6a, H-9); 3.25 (dd, J_1 = 15.3 Hz, J_2 = 2.3 Hz, 1H, H-6b); 3.70 (s, 3H, -O- CH_3); 4.31 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H, H-8); 4.73 (m 1H, H-3); 5.22 (s, 1H, H-12).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): 12.18 (CH_3 , C-18); 17.72; 21.18; 21.36; 22.16 (CH_3 , C-19); 23.89 (CH_2 , C-6); 25.75; 26.20; 26.92; 27.02; 30.62; 30.88; 31.64; 33.91; 34.30; 36.54; 39.07; 42.46 (CH , C-9); 42.62; 45.11; 46.99; 51.57; 59.36; 72.10 (CH , C-3); 73.26 (CH , C-12); 154.44 (Cq, C-7); 170.27 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 170.57 (Cq, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$); 174.35 (Cq, C-24).

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12a-Aza-3 α -hydroxy-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -cholan-24-oic acid (19)

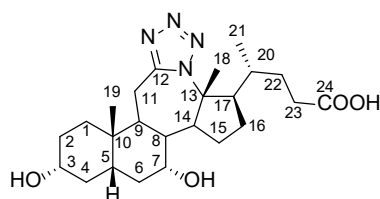


White crystals from methanol m. p. 234 °C; Rf: 0.23 (chloroform/acetone 2:1 + 1% CH₃COOH) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3421, 2935, 2869, 1727 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₄H₃₉N₄O₃]⁺: 431.3017 found: 431.3002.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 0.98 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.03 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.42 (s, 3H, H-18); 2.73 (m, 2H, H-17, H-11 β); 3.27 (d, 1H, H-11 α overlapping with H₂O); 3.41 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 4.45 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H, -OH); 12.04 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 14.52 (CH₃, C-18); 20.57; 20.90; 23.07 (CH₂, C-11); 23.16 (CH₃, C-19); 26.56; 26.67; 26.90; 29.17; 30.71; 32.29; 32.37; 35.73; 35.90; 36.21; 38.50; 39.07; 41.40; 52.29 (CH, C-17); 55.64; 69.98; 70.05 (CH, C-3); 156.19 (Cq, C-12); 175.19 (Cq, C-24).

12a-Aza-3 α ,7 α -dihydroxy-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -cholan-24-oic acid (20)

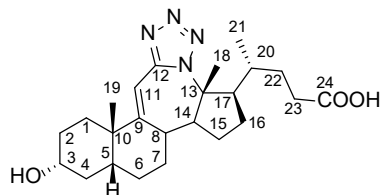


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 0.98 (s, 3H, H-19); 1.03 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.44 (s, 3H, H-18); 2.72 (td, J₁ = 10.3 Hz, J₂ = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-17); 2.81 (m, 1H, H-11 β); 3.23 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 3.31 (m, 1H, H-11 α , overlapping with H₂O); 3.76 (s, 1H, H-7, partial overlapping with H₂O); 4.35 (s, 2H, 2 × -OH); 12.01 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 14.00 (CH₃, C-18); 20.36; 21.47; 22.09 (CH₂, C-11); 22.71 (CH₃, C-19); 25.87; 29.35; 30.77; 32.26; 32.67; 32.71; 35.02; 36.13; 36.64; 39.90; 41.19; 42.60; 51.43; 52.02; 67.17 (CH, C-7); 69.41; 70.45 (CH, C-3); 155.98 (Cq, C-12); 175.21 (Cq, C-24).

12a-Aza-3 α -hydroxy-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oic acid (21)

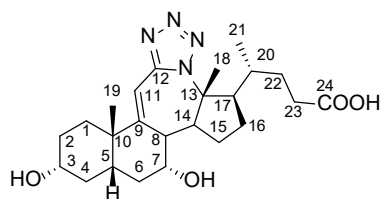


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 1.07 (d, J=6.7 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.21 (s, 3H, H-18); 1.23 (s, 3H, H-19); 2.61 (m, 2H, H-5, H-17); 3.48 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 4.58 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, -OH); 6.53 (s, 1H, H-11); 12.02 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 14.51 (CH₃, C-18); 20.84; 21.28; 27.78; 28.24; 28.68; 28.72; 29.85 (CH₃, C-19); 31.67; 32.23; 32.50; 36.40; 38.37; 42.32; 42.51; 42.82 (CH, C-5); 52.77; 53.24 (CH, C-17); 69.69; 70.05 (CH, C-3); 107.35 (CH, C-11); 150.86 (Cq, C-12); 157.84 (Cq, C-9); 175.17 (Cq, C-24).

12a-Aza-3 α ,7 α -dihydroxy-12a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':12,12a]-5 β -chol-9(11)-en-24-oic acid (22)



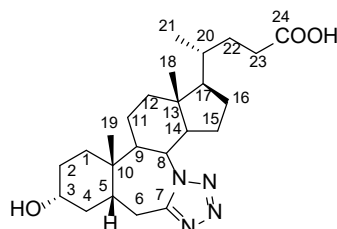
White crystals from methanol m. p. 223 °C; Rf: 0.20 (chloroform/acetone 2:1 + 1% CH₃COOH) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3311, 2928, 2869, 1738, 1643 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for [C₂₄H₃₆N₄O₄Na]⁺: 467.2629 found: 467.2630.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 1.08 (d, J=6.7 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.22 (s, 6H, H-18, H-19); 2.66 (m, 2H, H-5, H-17); 3.32 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 3.94 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.44 (s, 1H, -OH); 4.60 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, -OH); 6.63 (s, 1H, H-11); 12.00 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 14.13 (CH₃, C-18); 20.83; 21.37; 27.58; 28.77; 30.19; 31.86; 32.41; 32.52; 35.35; 36.47; 41.32; 42.31; 42.44; 47.49; 49.59; 53.31; 69.49;

69.54 (CH, C-7); 70.52 (CH, C-3); 109.00 (CH, C-11); 151.01 (Cq, C-12); 156.81 (Cq, C-9); 175.20 (Cq, C-24).

7a-Aza-3 α -hydroxy-7a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':7,7a]-5 β -cholan-24-oic acid (23)

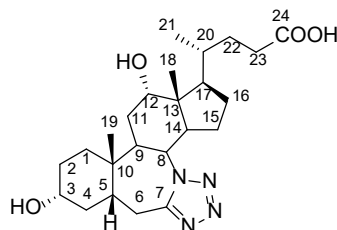


White crystals from ethanol/hexane m. p. 168-169 °C; Rf: 0.17 (toluene/acetone 2:1 + 1% CH₃COOH) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3320, 2931, 2861, 1742 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₄H₃₉N₄O₃]⁺: 431.3017 found: 431.3017.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 0.11 (q, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H, H-4 α); 0.72 (s, 3H, H-18); 0.94 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.21 (s, 3H, H-19); 2.85 (dd, J₁ = 14.8 Hz J₂ = 5.7 Hz, 1H, H-6a); 3.38 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 3.43 (m, 1H, H-6b overlapping with H₂O); 4.42 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H, -OH); 4.58 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H, H-8); 11.98 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 11.63 (CH₃, C-18); 18.66; 22.09; 22.30 (CH₃, C-19); 23.85 (CH₂, C-6); 26.05; 27.80; 30.38; 31.02; 31.13; 35.07; 36.34 (CH₂, C-4); 37.07; 37.47; 37.92; 39.54 (Cq, overlapping with DMSO-d₆); 42.32; 42.74; 50.65; 54.76; 59.25 (CH, C-8); 69.30 (CH, C-3); 155.64 (Cq, C-7); 175.35 (Cq, C-24).

7a-Aza-3 α ,12 α -dihydroxy-7a-homo-tetrazolo[5',1':7,7a]-5 β -cholan-24-oic acid (24)



White crystals from ethanol/hexane m. p. 238 °C; Rf: 0.28 (chloroform/acetone 1:1 + 1% CH₃COOH) IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3329, 2929, 1739 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₄H₃₉N₄O₃]⁺: 447.2971 found: 447.2957.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 0.12 (q, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H, H-4 α); 0.69 (s, 3H, H-18); 0.96 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 3H, H-21); 1.18 (s, 3H, H-19); 2.84 2.85 (dd, J₁ = 15.7 Hz J₂ = 5.6 Hz, 1H,

H-6a); 3.00 (m, 1H, H-14); 3.37 (m, 1H, H-3, overlapping with H₂O); 3.41 (m, 1H, H-6b overlapping with H₂O); 3.89 (s, 1H, H-12); 4.47 (br. s, -OH); 4.55 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H, H-8); 4.68 (br. s, -OH); 11.96 (br. s, 1H, -COOH).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 12.50 (CH₃, C-18); 17.61; 22.27 (CH₃, C-19); 23.86 (CH₆, C-6); 25.55; 27.31; 30.06; 30.17; 31.11; 31.28; 33.16; 35.05; 36.32 (CH₂, C-4); 37.09; 39.17; 41.15 (CH, C-14); 42.27; 46.06; 46.58; 59.53; 69.33 (CH, C-3); 69.56 (CH, C-12); 155.60 (C_q, C-7); 175.43 (C_q, C-24).

2. X-ray crystallography data

The diffraction data for compounds **13** and **14** were collected on a Rigaku (Oxford Diffraction) Gemini S diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71071 Å). CrysAlisPro and CrysAlis RED software packages [3] were employed for data collection and data integration. The space group determinations were based on an analysis of the Laue class and the systematically absent reflections. Collected data were corrected for absorption effects using the multiscan method, applying an empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics [4] as implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK [3] scaling algorithm.

The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXT [5]. The structures were refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on F^2 using SHELXL-2018/3 program [6]. For both compounds, nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, while the hydrogen atoms attached to carbon atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and refined as riding on the parent atoms, with C–H = 0.98 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methine groups, C–H = 0.97 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methylene groups, and with C–H = 0.96 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 \cdot U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl groups. The crystal data and refinement parameters are summarized in Table S2.

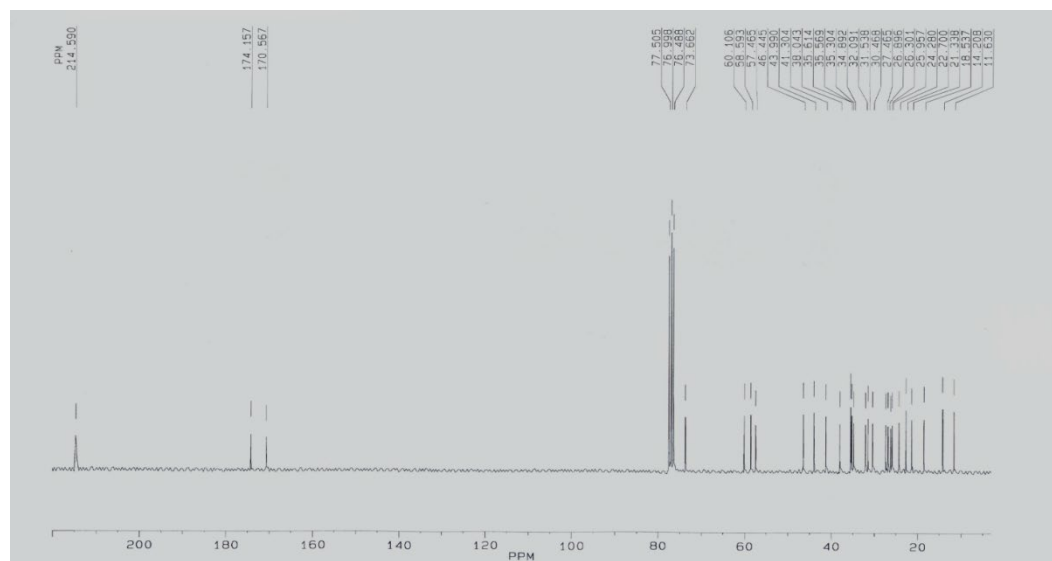
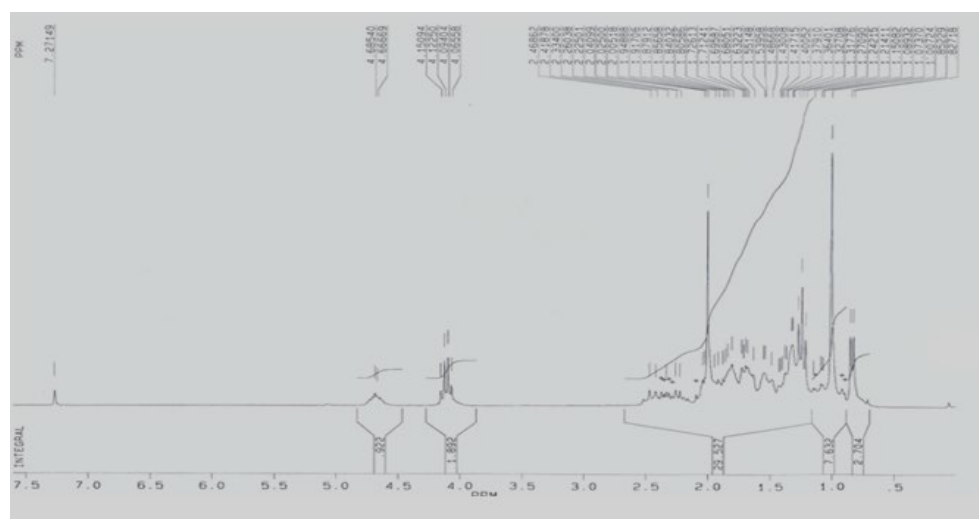
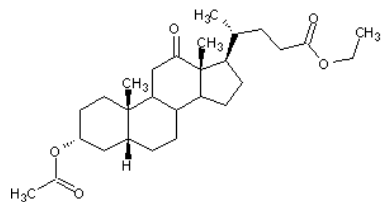
Table S2: Crystallographic data and refinement parameters for compounds **13** and **14**

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chemical formula	C ₂₈ H ₄₄ N ₄ O ₄	C ₂₈ H ₄₂ N ₄ O ₄
M_r	500.67	498.65
T (K)	293	179
crystal system	orthorhombic	orthorhombic

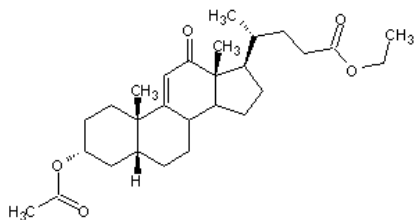
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a (Å)	7.9904 (6)	7.8084 (8)
b (Å)	15.1903 (13)	15.1919 (13)
c (Å)	23.1138 (19)	23.363 (2)
V (Å ³)	2805.5 (4)	2771.5 (5)
Z	4	4
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.08	0.08
θ range (°) for cell measurement	3.7 – 24.5	3.7 – 25.4
crystal size (mm)	0.64 × 0.35 × 0.26	0.57 × 0.31 × 0.24
absorption correction	multiscan	multiscan
T_{\min} , T_{\max}	0.104, 1.000	0.916, 1.000
reflections collected	6995	12988
independent reflections	4680 (R (int) = 0.022)	6455 (R (int) = 0.054)
observed ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) reflections	3771	4145
R ($F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$), wR (F^2), S	0.071, 0.163, 1.09	0.077, 0.173, 1.02
no. of parameters	330	330
no. of restraints	0	0
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$, $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (eÅ ⁻³)	0.34, -0.22	0.63, -0.42
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3. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

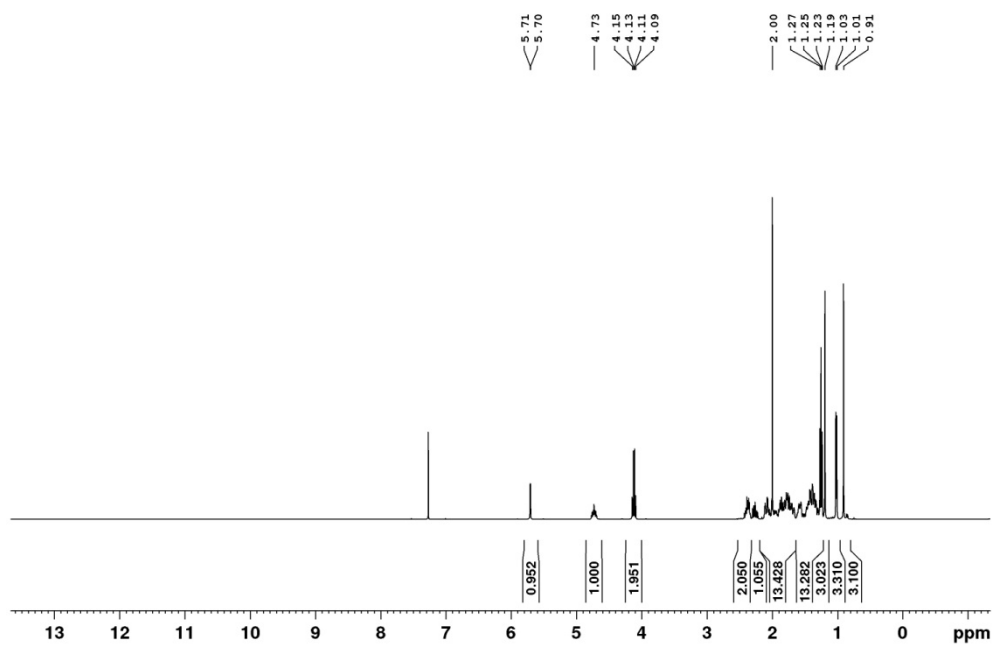
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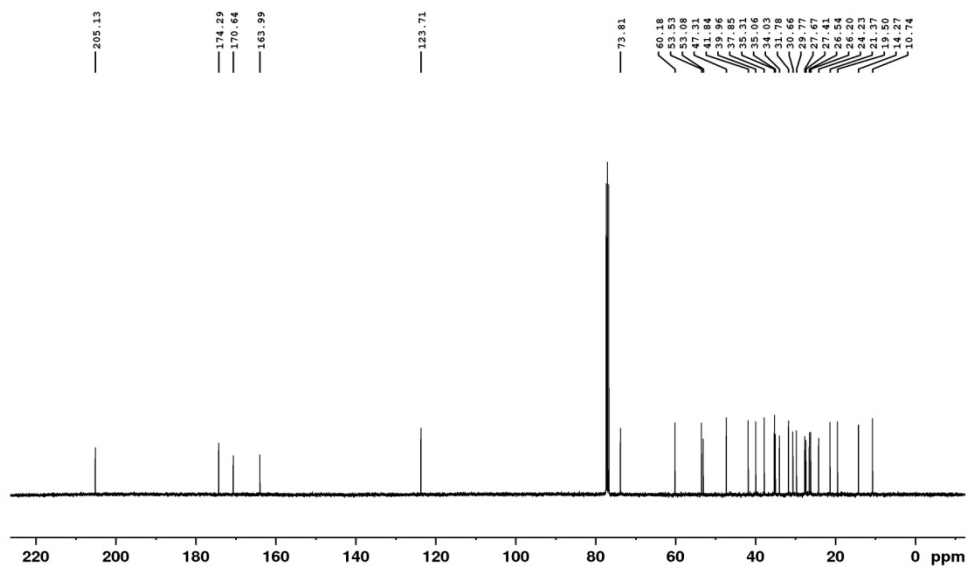
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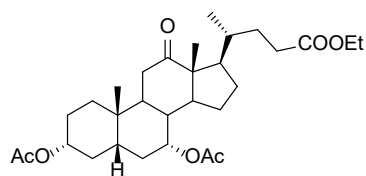
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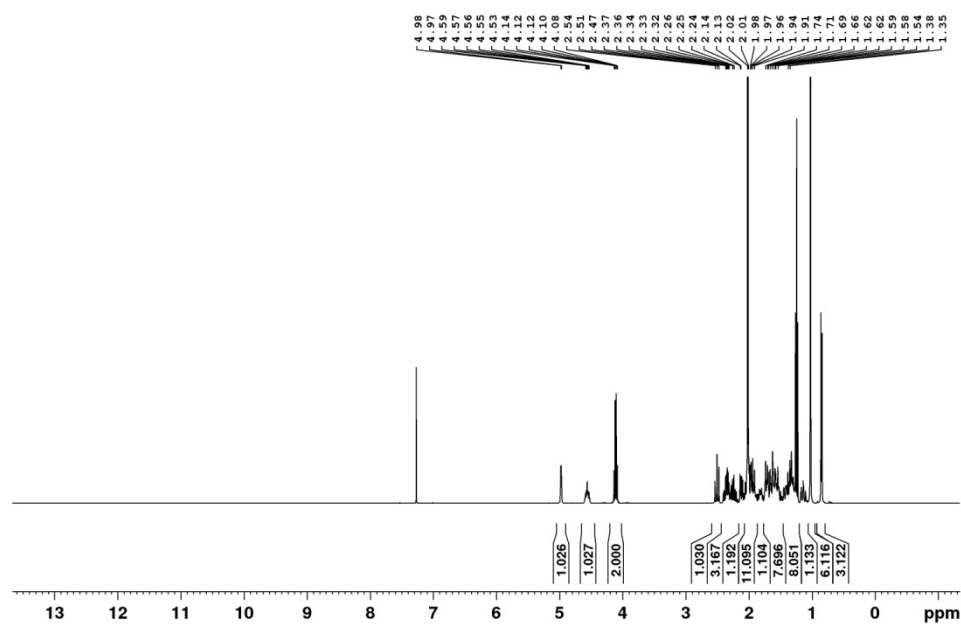
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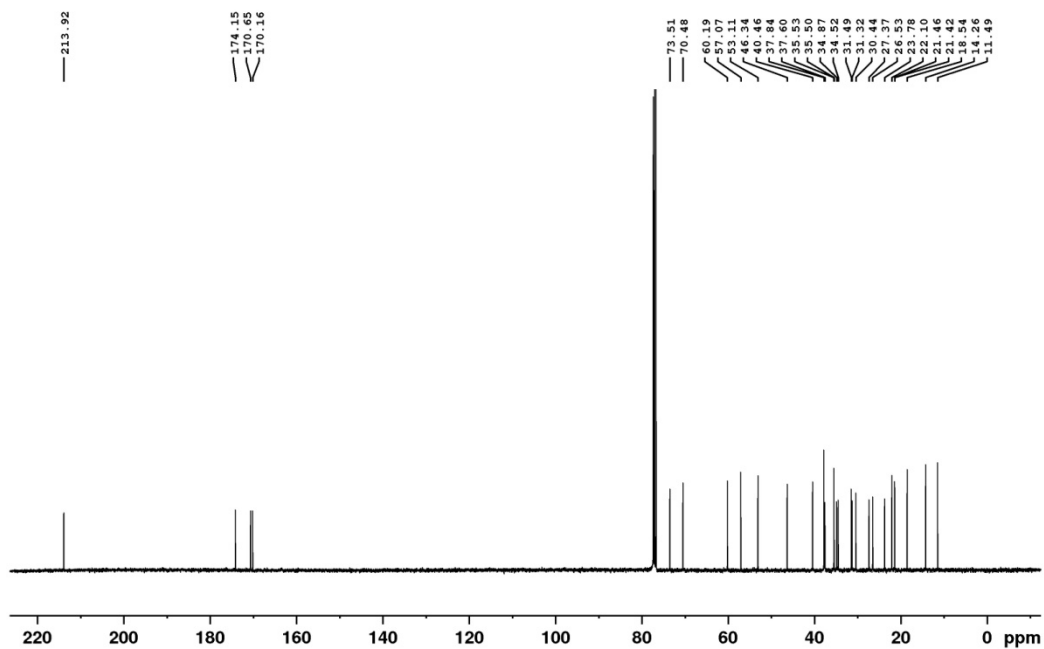
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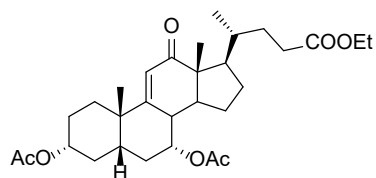
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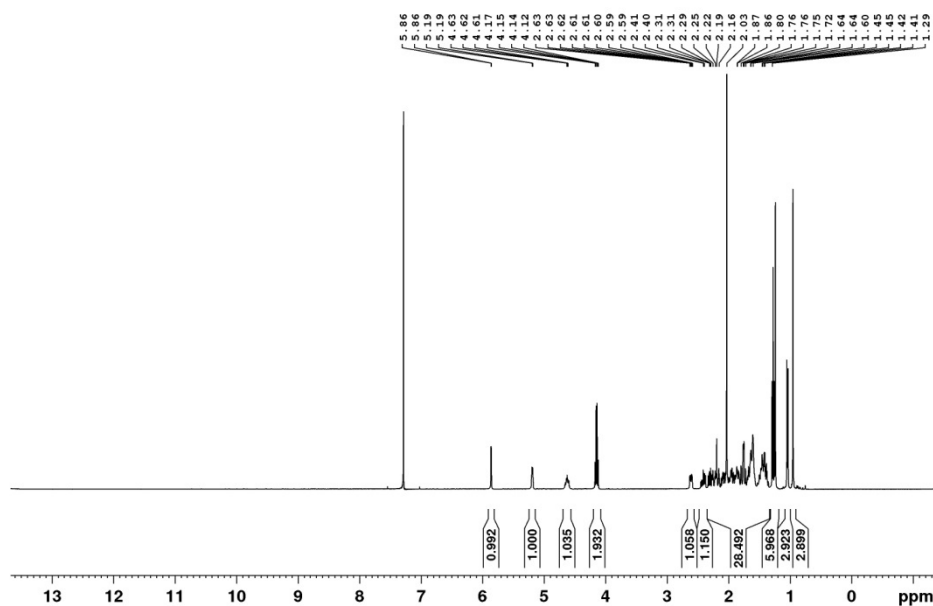
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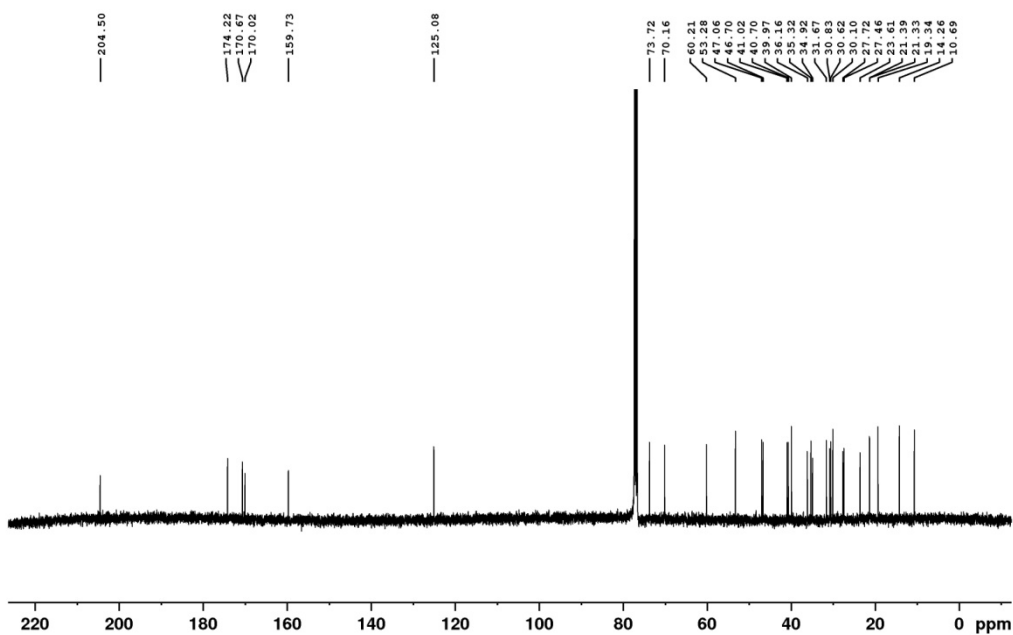
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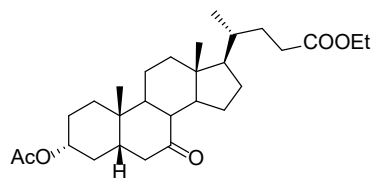
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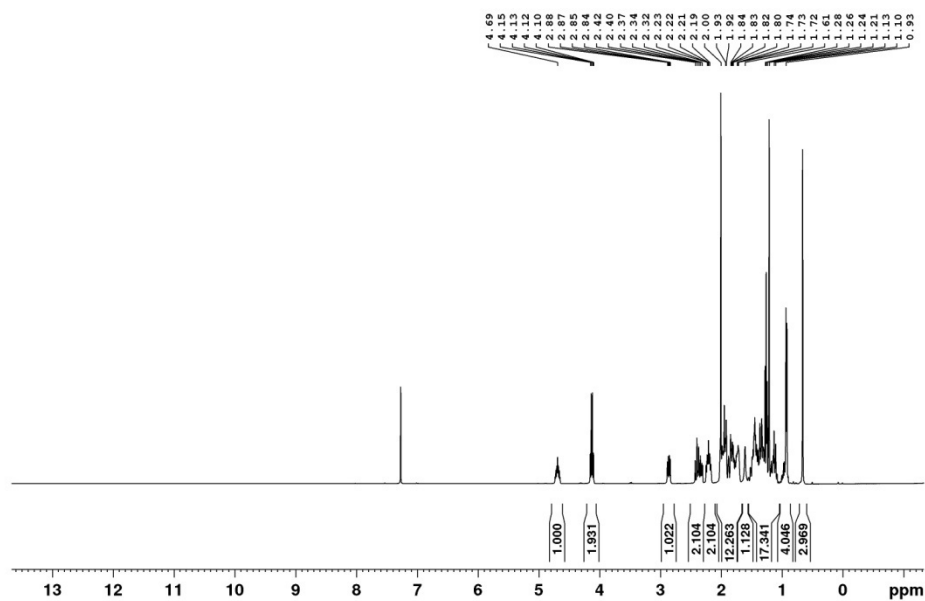
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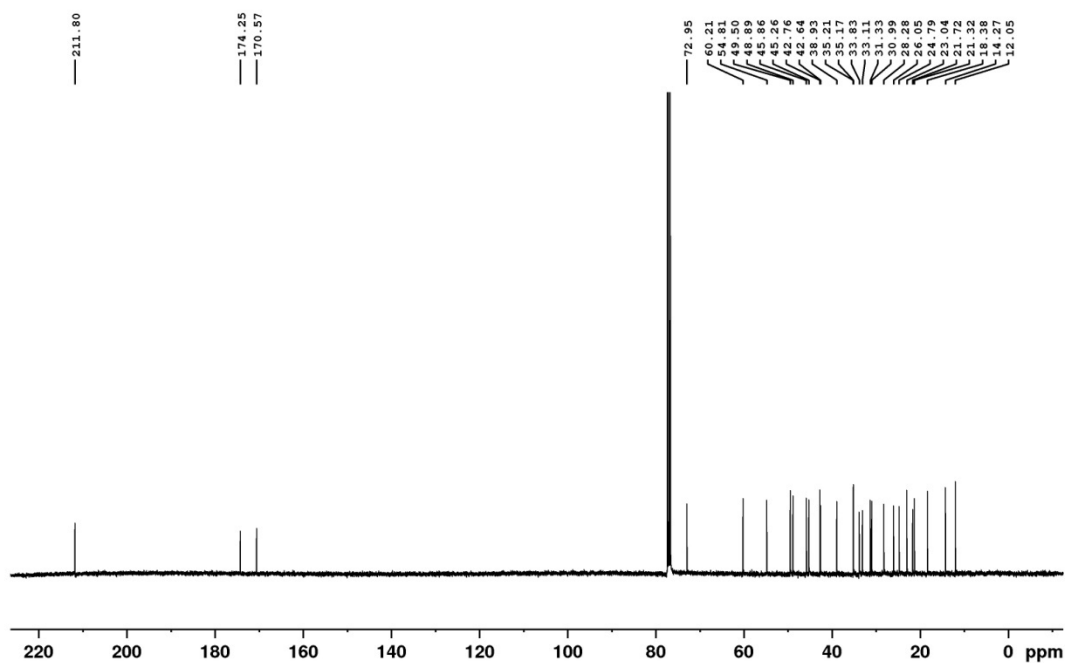
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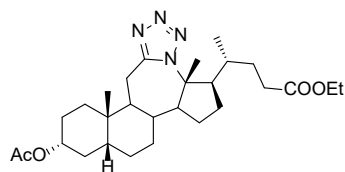
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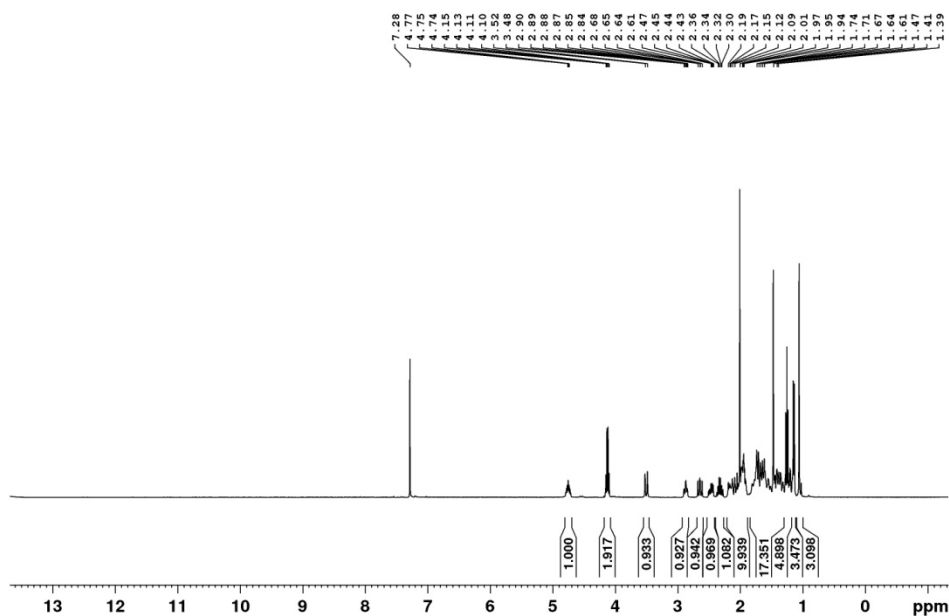
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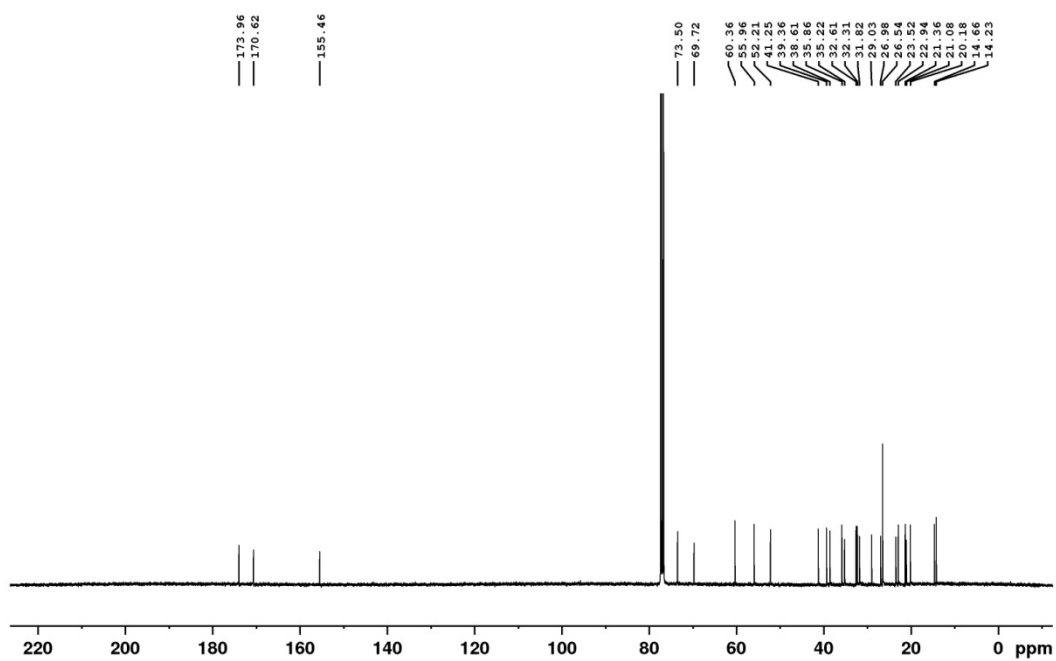
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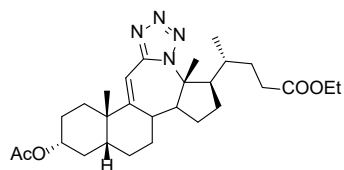
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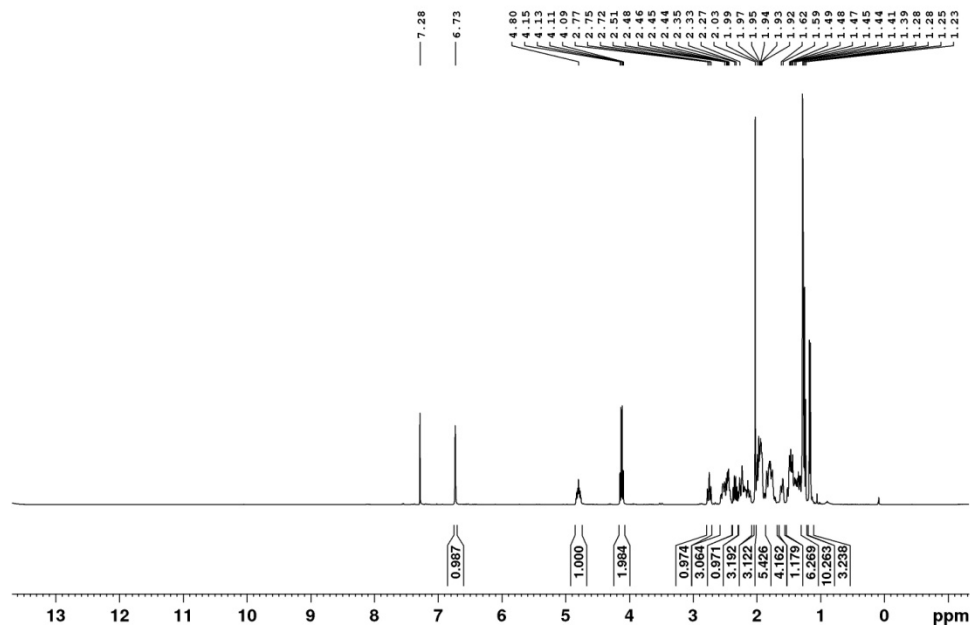
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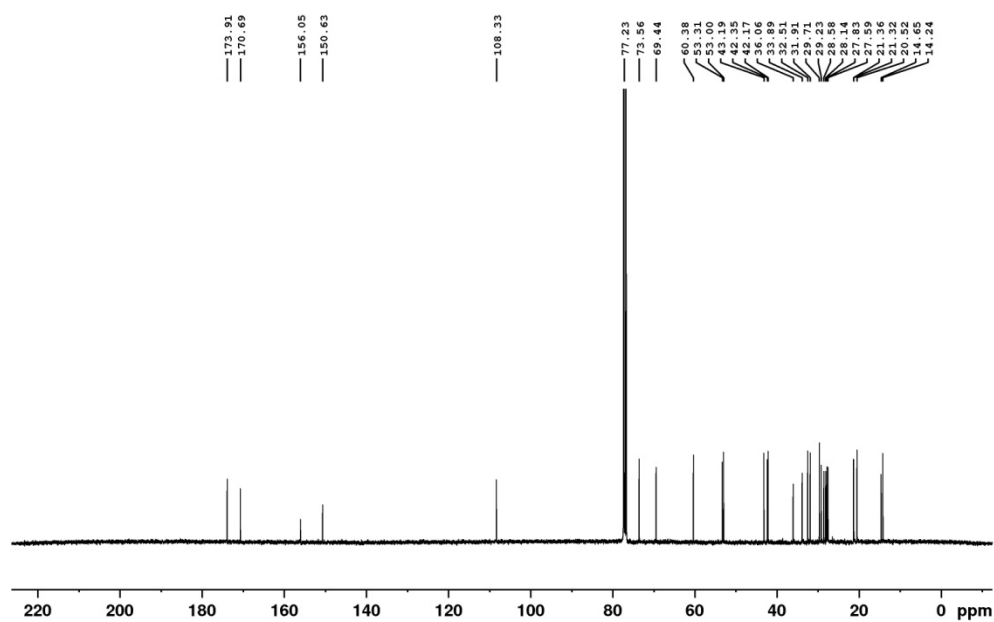
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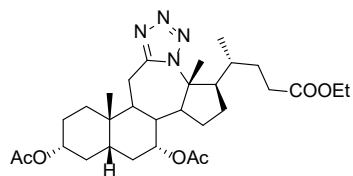
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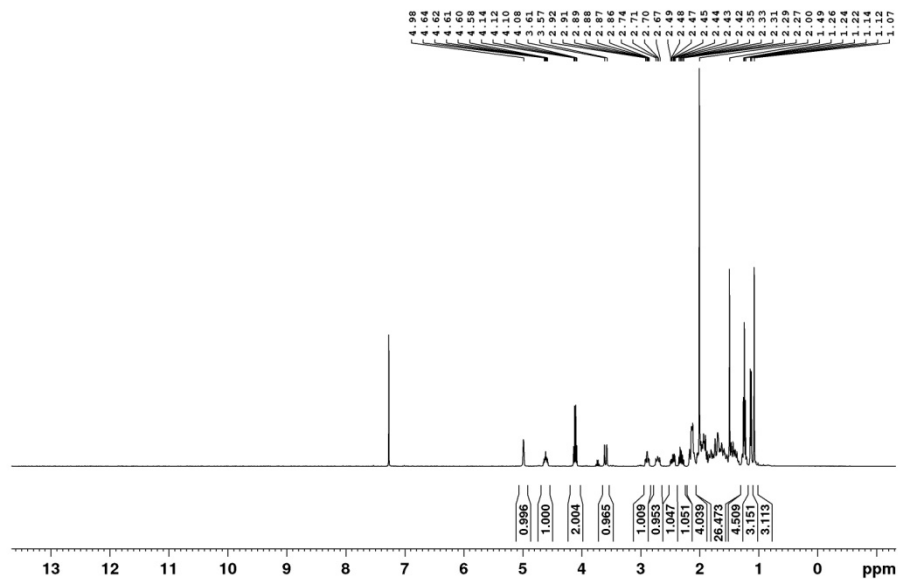
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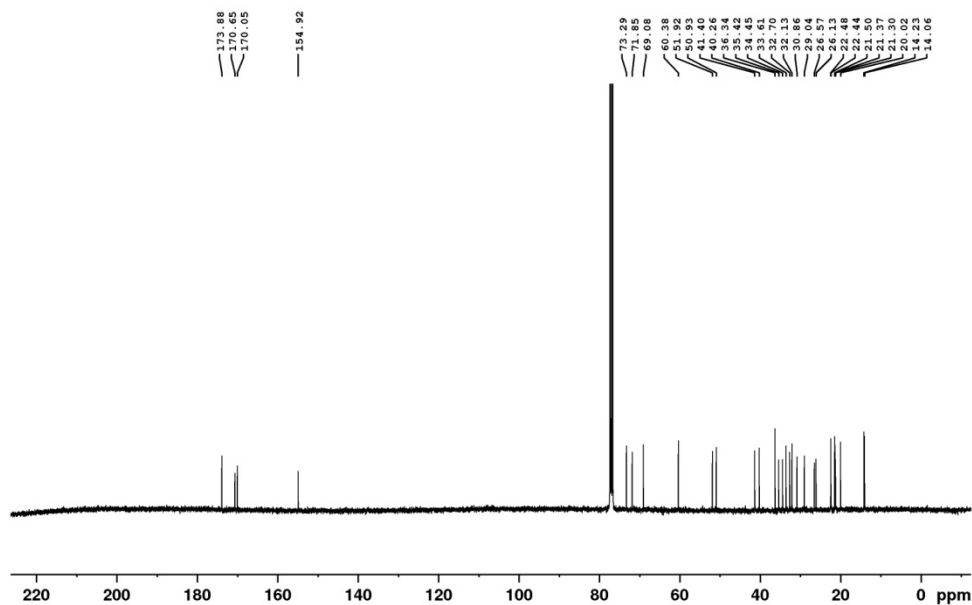
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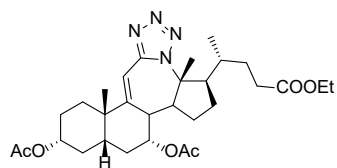
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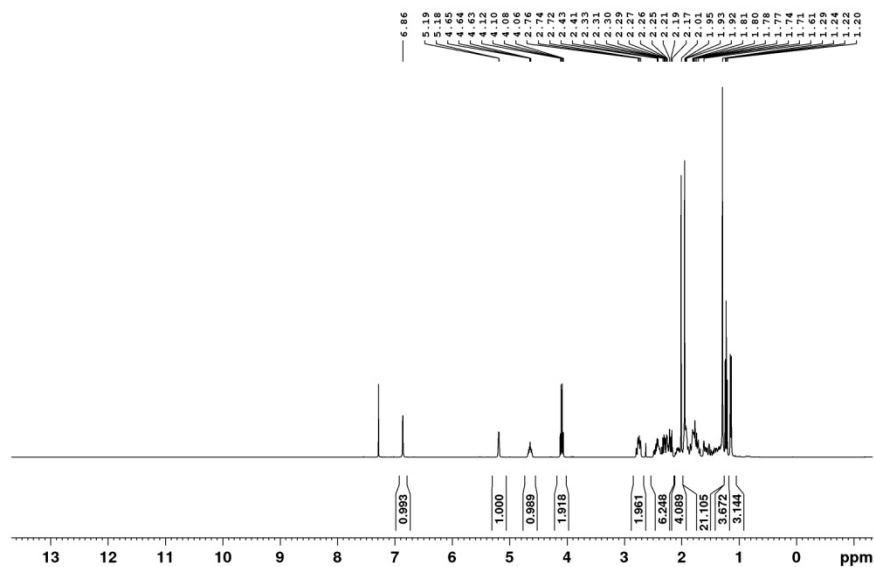
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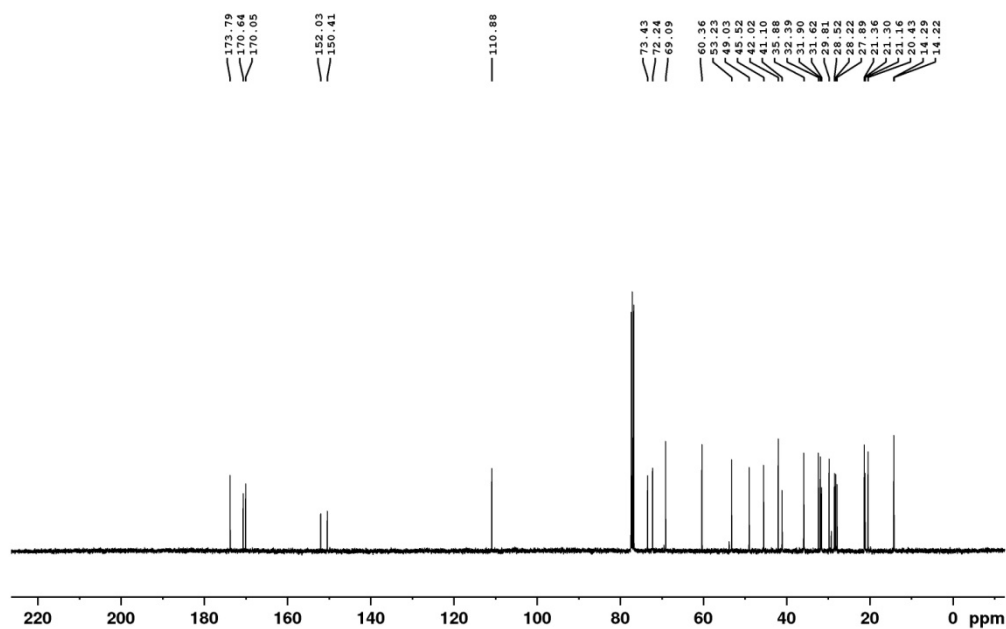
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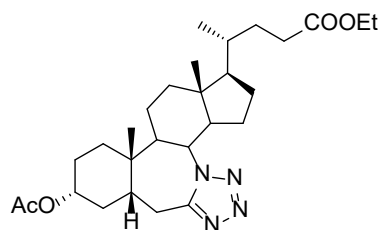
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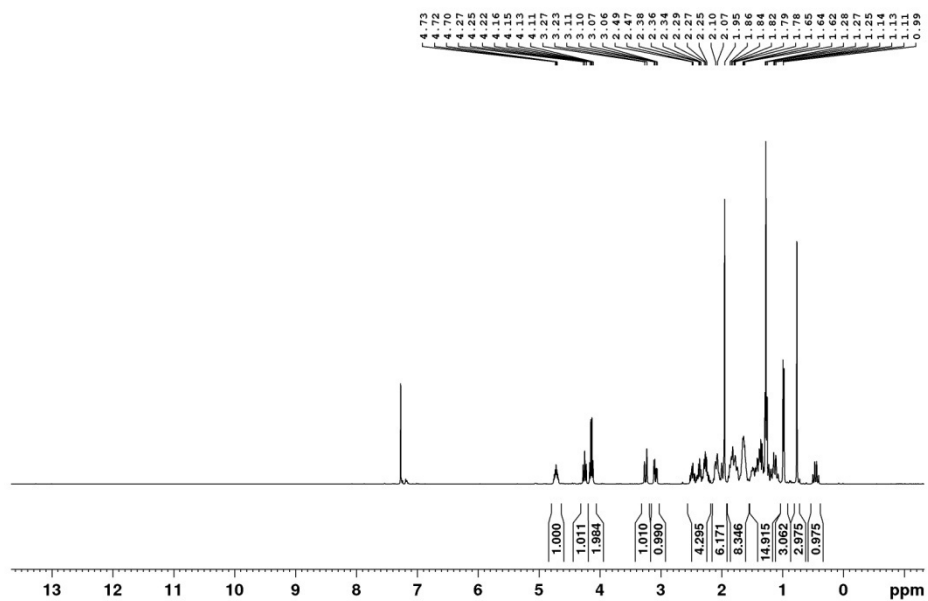
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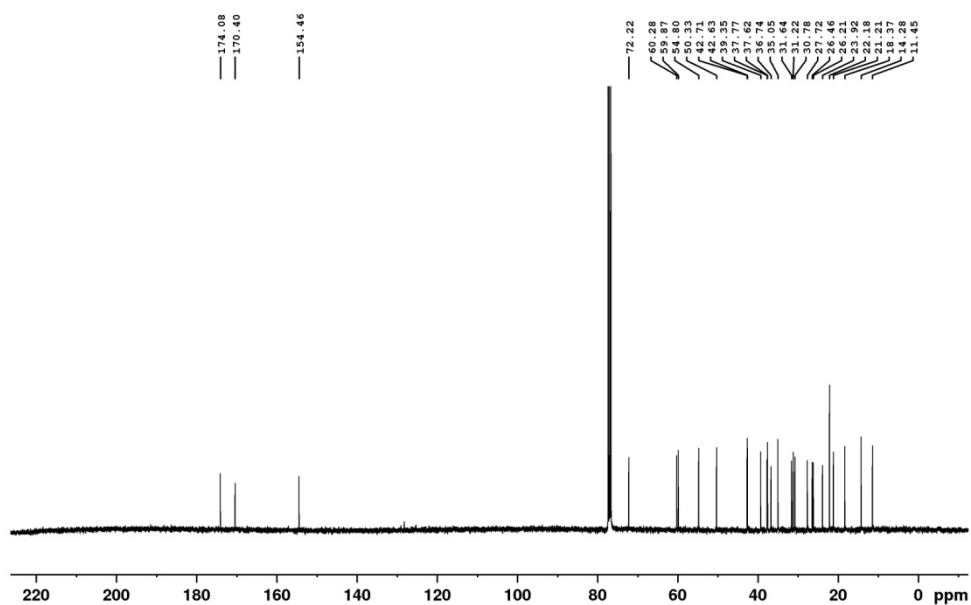
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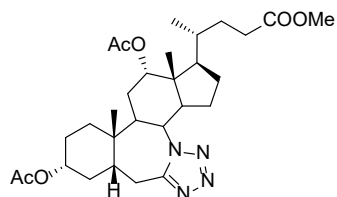
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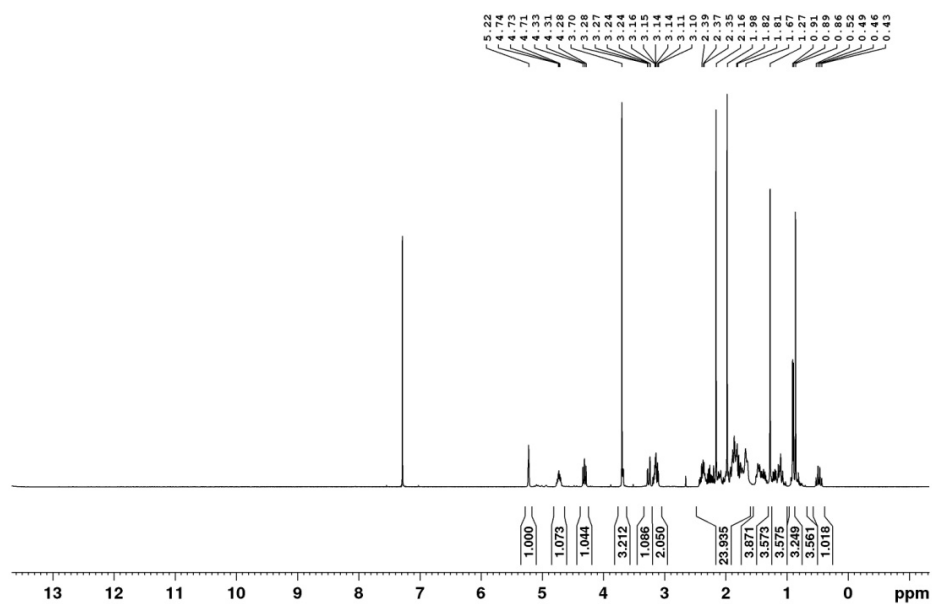
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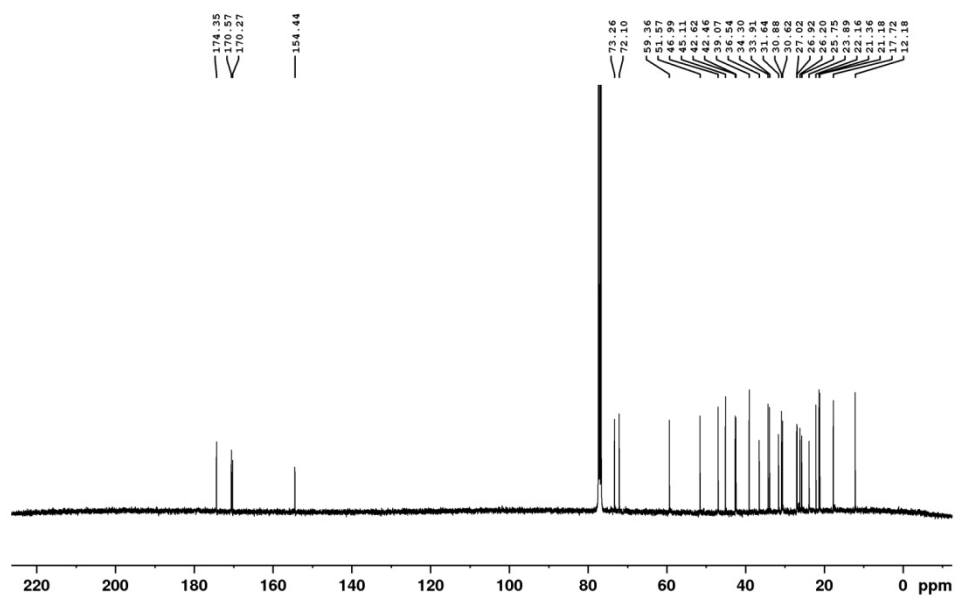
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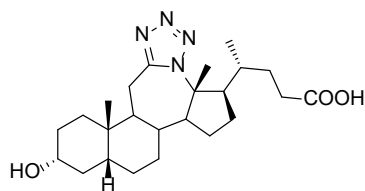
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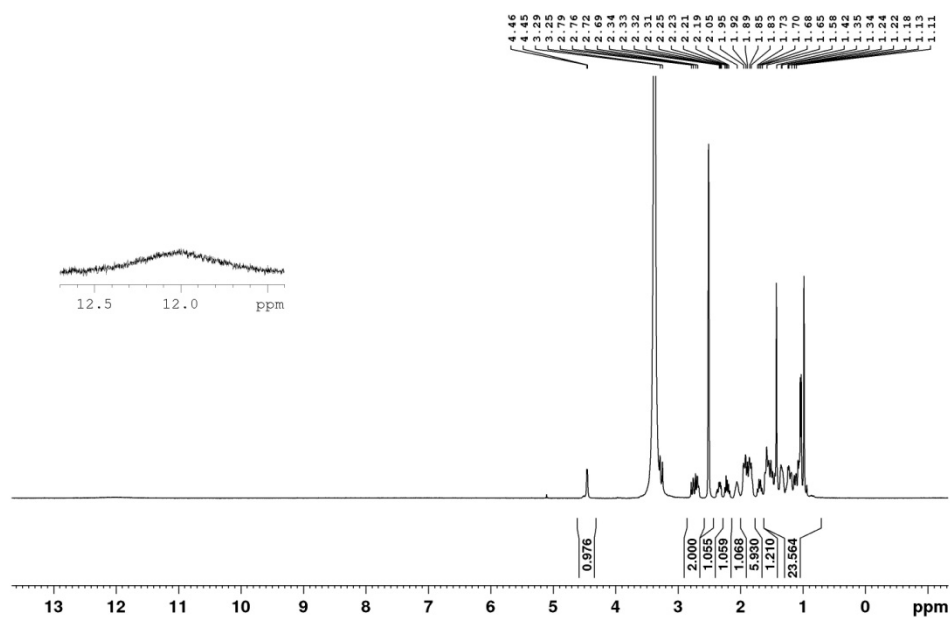
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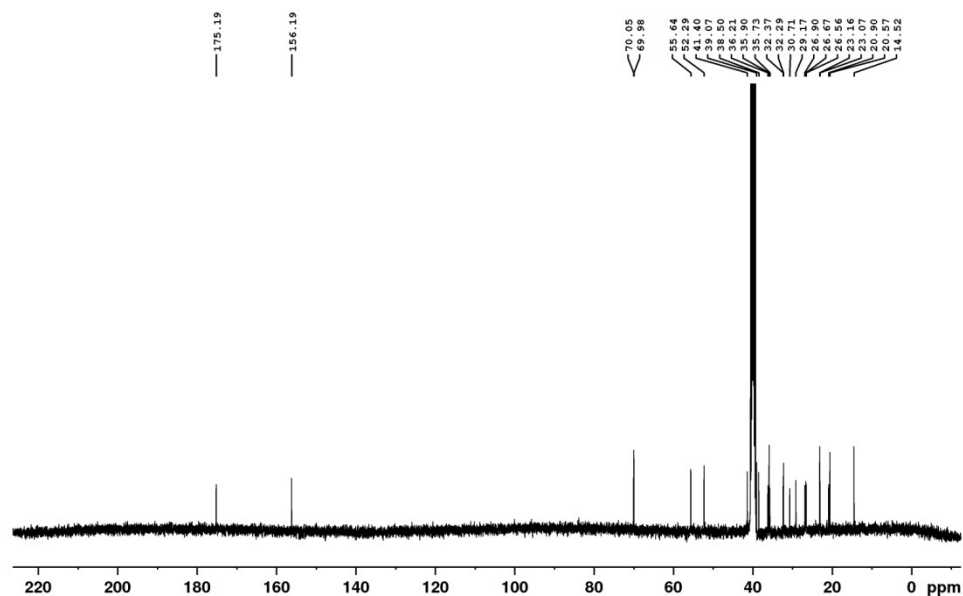
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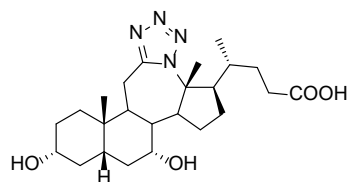
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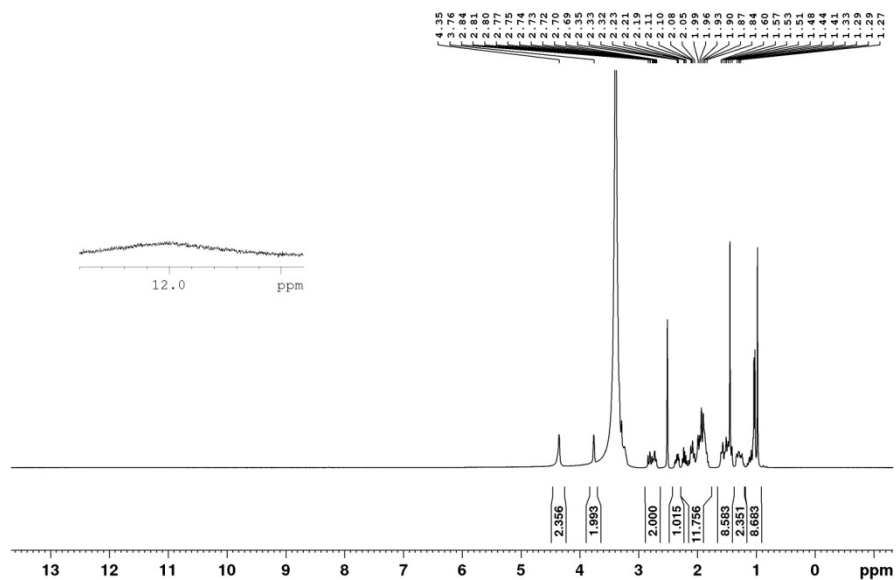
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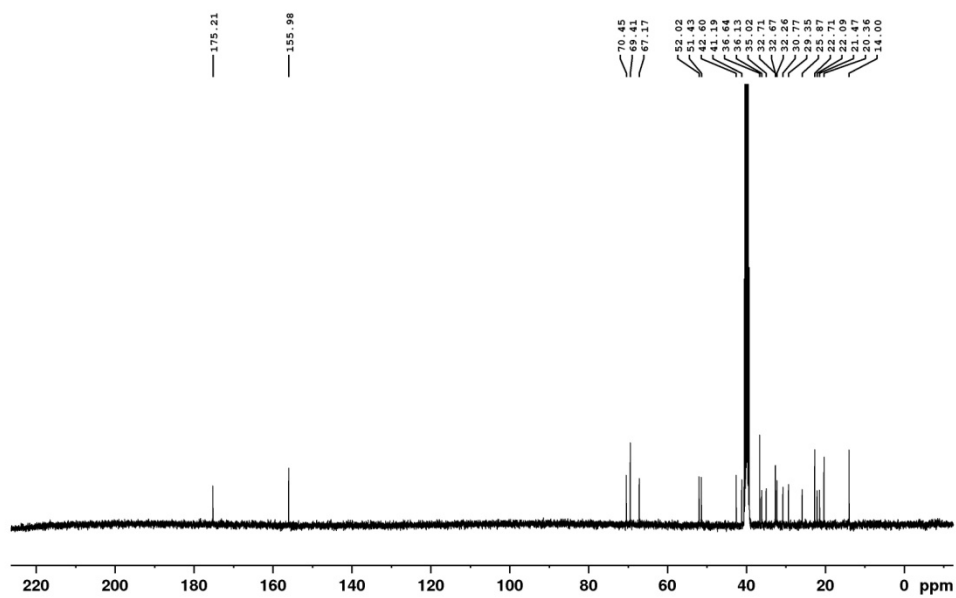
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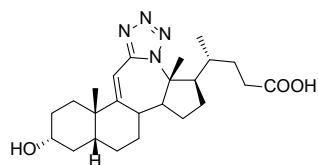
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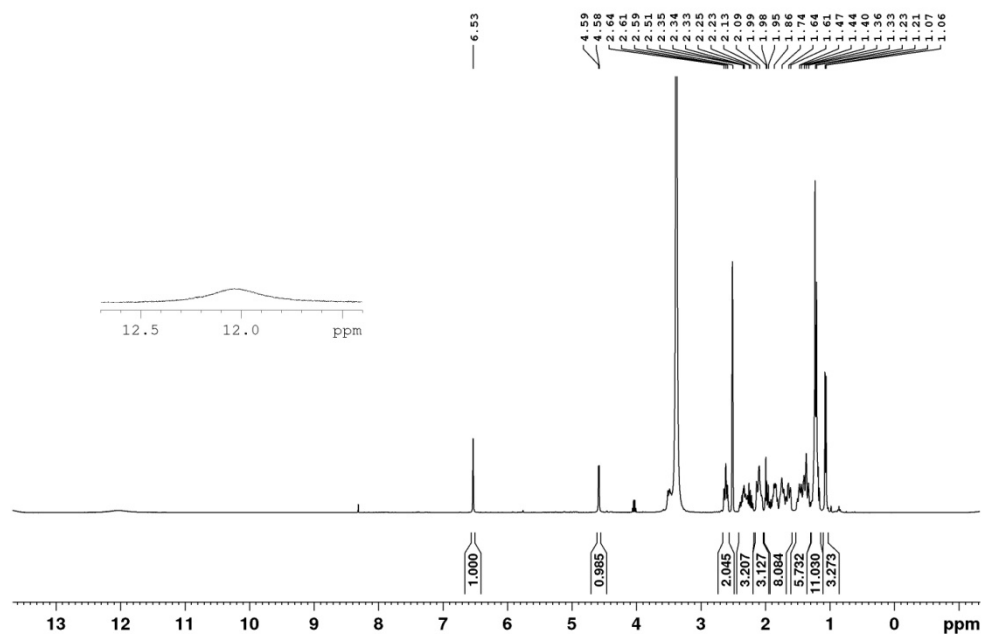
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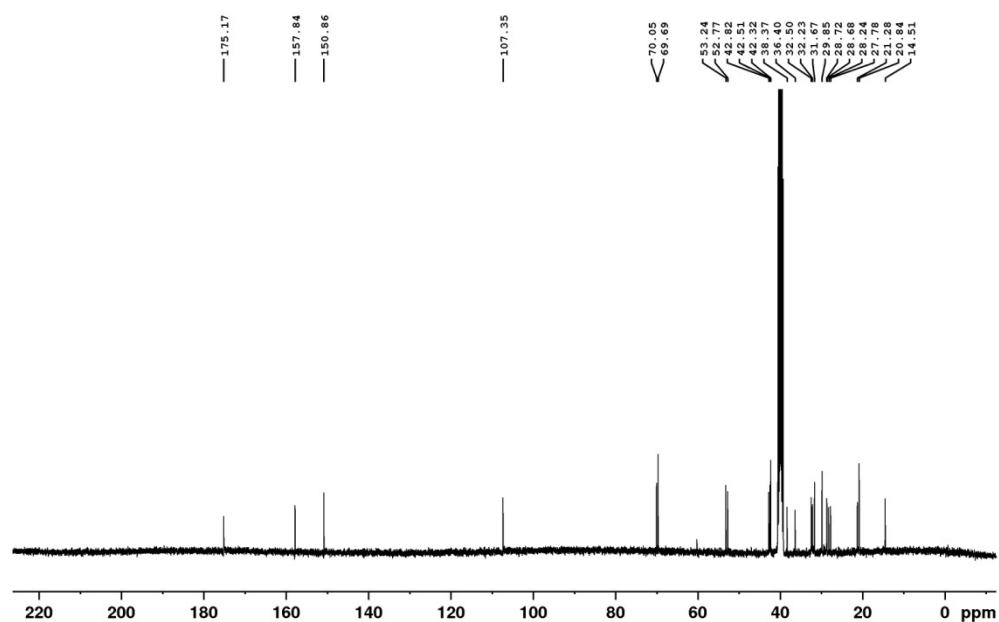
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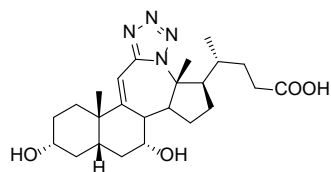
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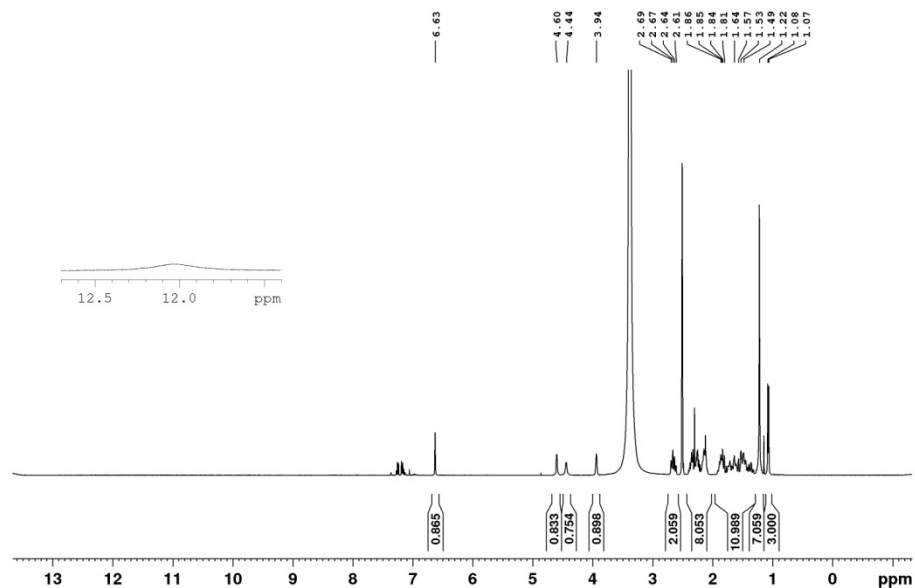
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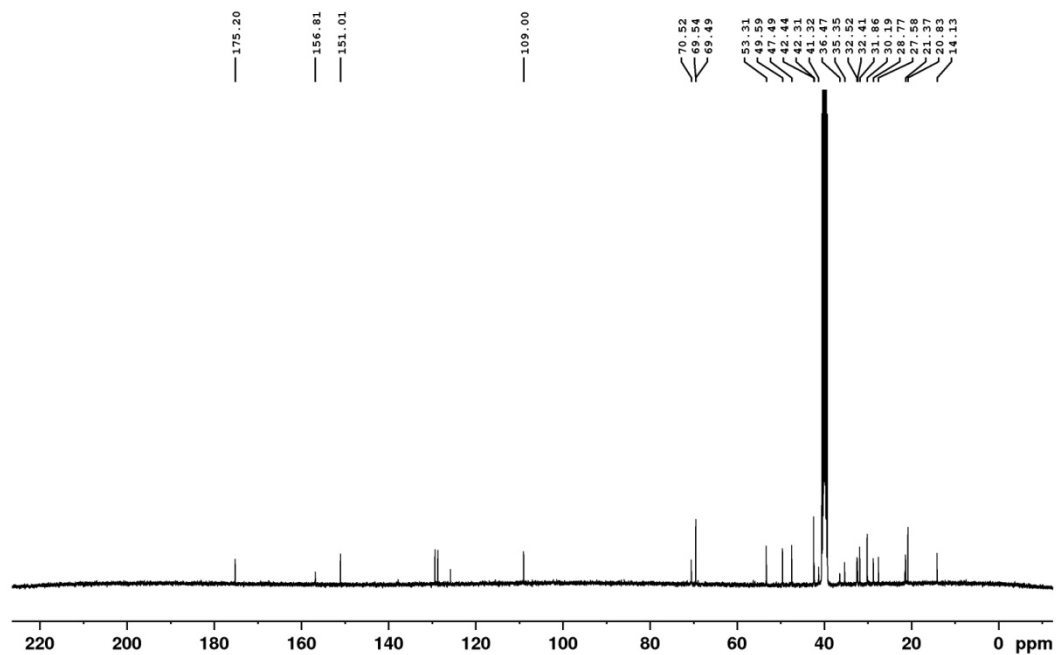
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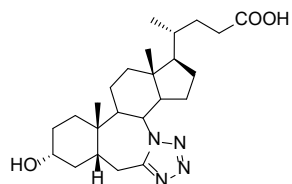
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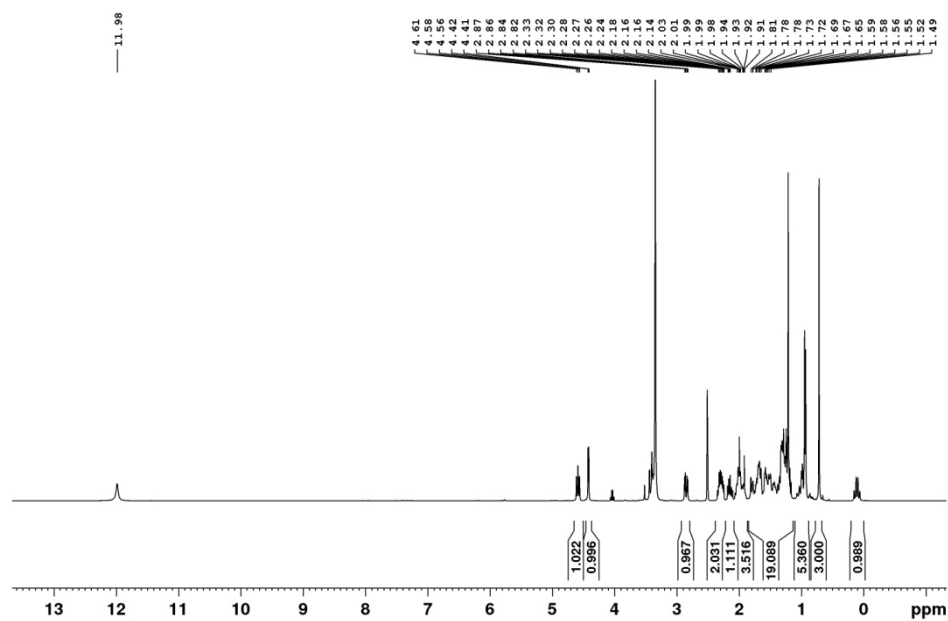
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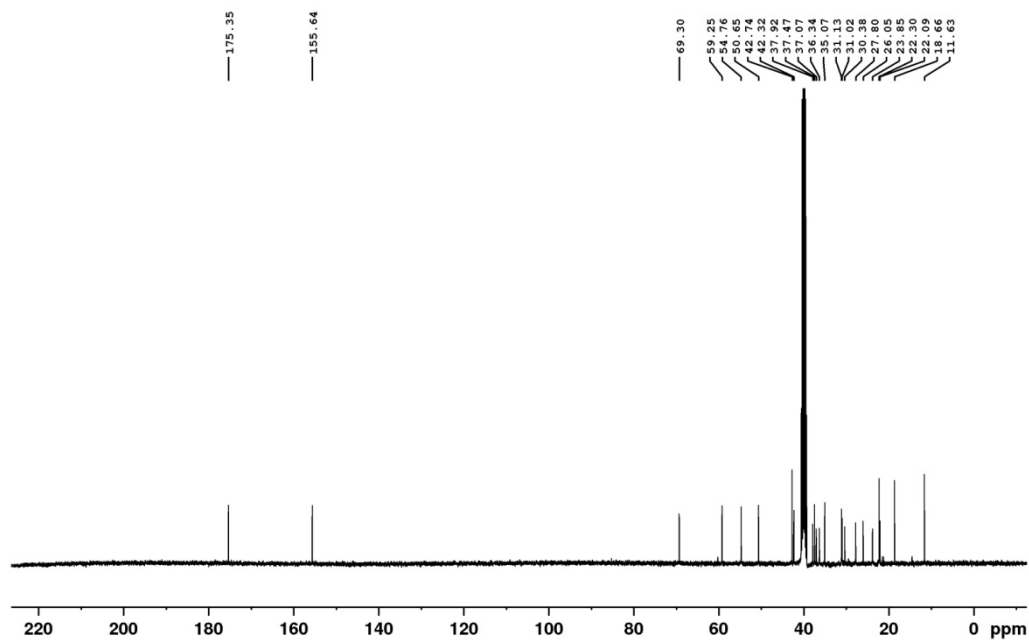
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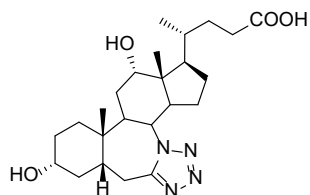
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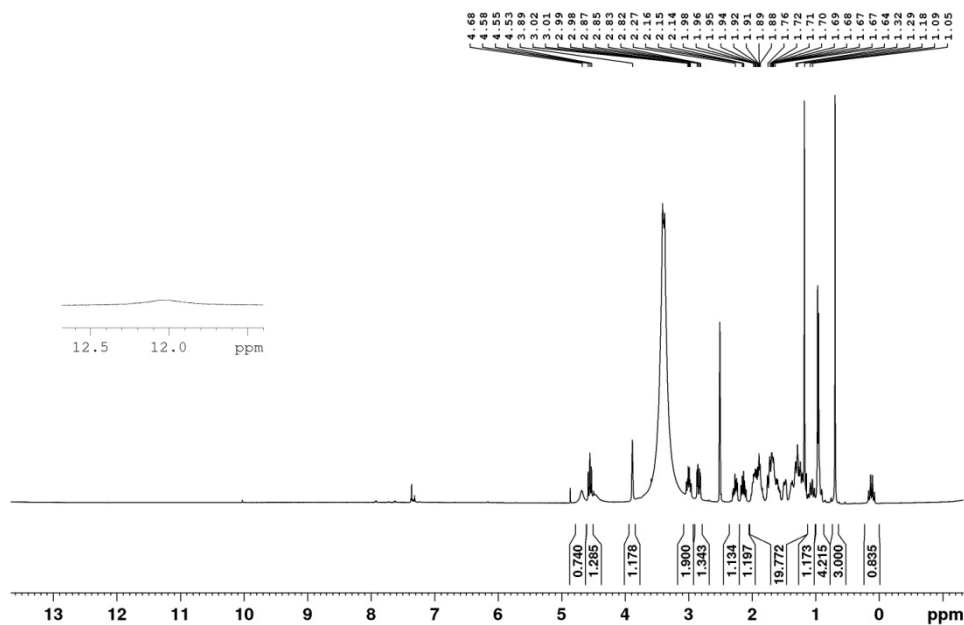
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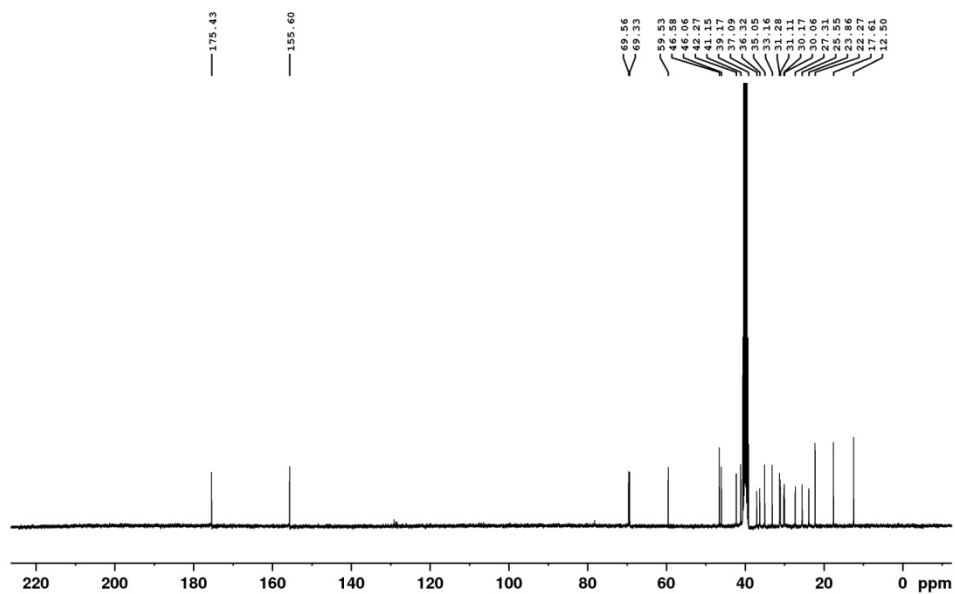
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Compound 24, DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz



Compound 24, DMSO-d₆, 101 MHz



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