

Synthesis of (*S,R,R,S,R,S*) 4,6,8,10,16,18-Hexamethyldocosane from *Antitrogus parvulus* via Diastereoselective Hydrogenations

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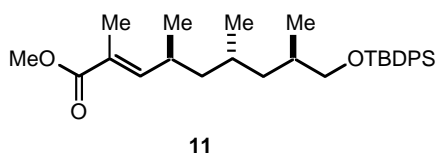
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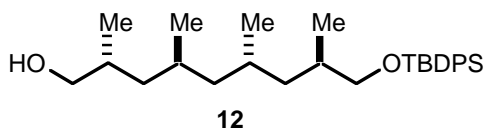
General procedures: NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity-500 and VXR-300 spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on Jasco DIP-360 digital polarimeter. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (230–600 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was performed using glass plates coated with silica gel 60 F254 (E. Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Toluene and THF were distilled over Na/benzophenone. Other solvents and reagents were used as received. General catalytic hydrogenation conditions: the corresponding alkene was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 M) and the Iridium catalyst (**L-2**) (1 mol% for small scale, 0.2 mol% for gram scale reactions, unless otherwise stated) was then added. The resulting solution was degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and then transferred to a Parr Bomb. The bomb was flushed with hydrogen for 1 min without stirring. The mixture was then stirred at 700 rpm at 50 atm. After 4 h, the bomb was vented and the solvent evaporated. The crude product was passed through a silica plug (EtOAc/hexanes =3:7). The diastereomeric ratio of the crude material was then measured through chiral capillary GC analysis using β- or a γ-CD

column (carrier gas: helium; column pressure: 29.71 Psi; gas flow rate: 2.1 mL/min; gradient temperature: 5 °C/min: 90 °C hold time: 30 min, 200 °C, 5 min). For compound **16**, the MS (ESI) data was collected by addition of LiCl solution (0.1 M in MeOH) to the sample solution.

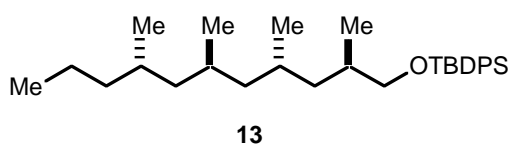
Experimental Procedures



To a solution of alcohol **10** (137 mg, 0.332 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 25 °C was added NMO (47 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4 Å MS (1.5 g) followed by TPAP (6.0 mg, 0.02 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and then filtered through Celite, eluting with hexanes (25 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was put on a high vacuum pump for 30 min., the resulting residue was dissolved in toluene (5 mL) at 25 °C without any further purification. To this solution was added the Wittig reagent 2-(triphenylphosphanylidene)propionic acid methyl ester (347 mg, 1.0 mmol) in one portion. The reaction mixture was then put in an oil bath (preheated to 80 °C) and stirred for 12 h. After being cooled to 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with hexanes (15 mL) and filtered through Celite, the filtrate was then concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (5:95) gave alkene **11** as a colorless oil (104 mg, 65% over 2 steps). $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +32.6 (*c* 4.20, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 3066, 2959, 2860, 1717, 1646, 1468, 1424, 1274, 1108 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.38 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.49 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.74-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.07 (m, 4H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 148.7, 135.6, 134.0, 129.5, 127.5, 125.5, 69.6, 51.7, 45.1, 40.4, 33.1, 30.7, 27.8, 26.9, 19.9, 19.3, 16.4, 12.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₃₀H₄₅O₃Si [M+H]⁺ 481.3138. Found 481.3140.

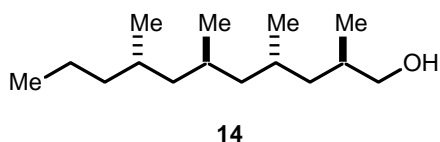


Hydrogenation of **11** (104 mg, 0.216 mmol) was carried out according to the general procedure using **L-2** (1 mol%, 3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.3 mL). NMR of the crude product showed 100% conversion. GC analysis of the crude material showed *anti:syn* ratio in the newly formed stereocenter to be 20.0:1.00 ($t_{\text{R(syn)}} = 54.09$ min, $t_{\text{R(anti)}} = 54.81$ min). Without further purification, the reaction mixture was reduced to the more readily separable alcohol (DIBALH, THF, 0 °C, 30 min) and purification by column chromatography EtOAc/hexanes (2:98) gave alcohol **12** as a colorless oil (78 mg, 80% ; GC analysis showed *anti:syn* >120:1.0). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +14.6$ (c 2.22, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 3386 (br), 2955, 2908, 2852, 1468, 1424, 1377, 1088 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6H), 3.51-3.34 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.21-0.96 (m, 6H), 1.04 (m, 9H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.77 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.76 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.6, 134.1, 129.4, 127.5, 69.4, 69.0, 46.4, 41.3, 41.2, 33.1, 27.1, 27.0, 26.8, 19.4, 19.3, 19.2, 16.8, 16.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{47}\text{O}_2\text{Si}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 455.3345. Found 455.3350.



To a solution of alcohol **12** (777 mg, 1.71 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (13 mL) at 25 °C was added NMO (220 mg, 1.8 mmol), 4 Å MS (1.0 g) followed by TPAP (30 mg, 0.08 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and then filtered through Celite, eluting with hexanes (45 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was put on a high vacuum pump for 30 min. Without any further purification, the resulting residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. In a separate round bottom flask, ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (1.26 g, 3.4 mmol) suspension in THF (10 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added dropwise KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 6.8 mL, 3.4 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1 h before the crude aldehyde solution was added via a cannula. After 1 h, saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to 25 °C. The layers were then separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3×15 mL). The combined

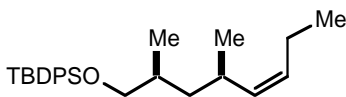
organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was filtrated through a plug of silica eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (10:90), the filtrate was concentrated to leave a slightly yellow residue. The resulting residue was then dissolved in THF/MeOH(1/1, 10 mL) at 25 °C and Pd/C (10%, 150 mg) was added. The atmosphere above the solution was removed under vacuum and then replaced with hydrogen. Stirring was continued for 7 h and the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, the residue was purified though column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (10:90) gave the two-carbon homologated product **13** (607 mg, 76% over three steps) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +9.76$ (c 1.20, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2960, 2924, 2863, 1456, 1423, 1374, 1118 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 5.4, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, $J = 6.8, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.07 (m, 5H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.01-0.96 (m, 4H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.78 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.76 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.73 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.6, 134.1, 129.5, 127.6, 69.5, 46.4, 45.5, 41.4, 40.2, 33.2, 29.7, 27.3, 27.2, 26.9, 20.1, 19.6, 19.5, 19.4, 19.3, 16.9, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{51}\text{OSi}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 467.3709. Found 467.3715.



To a solution of compound **13** (192 mg, 0.41 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise a solution of TBAF (1 M in THF, 0.8 mL, 0.8 mmol) at 25 °C.

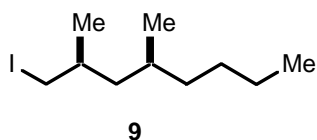
Stirring was continued for 1.5 h, then the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) followed by NH_4Cl (2 mL of a saturated, aqueous solution). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3×5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with Et_2O /hexanes (10:90) gave alcohol **14** (79 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +23.51$ (c 1.20, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 3359 (br), 2920, 2880, 2852, 2825 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.49 (dd, $J = 5.8, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 6.8, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.01 (m, 9H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz,

3H), 0.82 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 69.0, 46.5, 45.5, 41.3, 40.2, 33.2, 29.7, 27.3, 27.1, 20.1, 19.6, 19.5, 19.4, 16.4, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.2531. Found 229.2529.

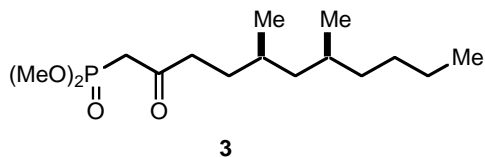


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To a solution of oxalyl chloride (0.83 mL, 9.51 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (13 mL) cooled to -78°C was added dropwise DMSO (1.12 mL, 15.7 mmol). After 5 min, a -78°C solution of alcohol **6** (1.67 g, 4.53 mmol)¹ in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL, 2×1 mL for rinsing) was rapidly added via cannula. After 5 min, Et_3N (3.2 mL, 22.7 mmol) was introduced and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0°C before NH_4Cl (10 mL) was added followed by Et_2O (25 mL). The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed sequentially with H_2O (2 mL) and brine (3 mL). The organic extract was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was carried out to the next step without any further purification. In a separate round bottom flask, n -propyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.62 g, 6.8 mmol) suspension in THF (15 mL) cooled to -78°C was added dropwise KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 13.5 mL, 6.75 mmol). Stirring was continued for 1 h before the crude aldehyde in THF solution (1.5 mL, 2×0.5 mL for rinsing) was cannulated. After 1 h, saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (20 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to 25°C . The layers were then separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc /hexanes (10:90) gave Z-alkene **7** (1.49 g, 83% over two steps) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +2.78$ (c 1.05, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 3074, 2961, 2860, 1461, 1389, 1108 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.38 (m, 6H), 5.30 (td, $J = 7.2, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 9.9, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.93 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.6, 135.5, 134.1, 130.1, 129.4, 127.5, 69.4, 41.2, 33.6, 29.1, 26.8, 22.2, 20.8, 19.3, 16.6, 14.6. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{39}\text{OSi}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 395.2770. Found 395.2770.

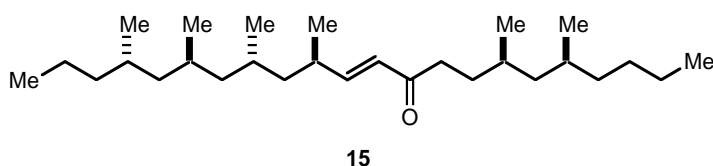


To a solution of silyl ether **8** (1.96 g, 4.95 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added dropwise a solution of TBAF (1 M in THF, 6.4 mL, 6.4 mmol) at 25 °C. Stirring was continued for 2 h and then the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) followed by NH₄Cl (10 mL of a saturated, aqueous solution). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with Et₂O/hexanes (10:90) gave a colorless oil, NMR analysis showed considerable amount of silyl impurities. Without further attempts for the purification, this material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and used in the next step. To a separate flask charged with PPh₃ (2.6 g, 9.90 mmol), imidazole (1.0 g, 14.6 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added I₂ (2.51 g, 9.90 mmol) at 0 °C. After 10 min the previous alcohol solution was transferred via cannula into this mixture and stirring was continued for additional 20 min. After concentration the residue was put on silica gel column and flushed with hexanes to give iodide **9** (1.14 g, 86% over two steps) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +4.70$ (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 2953, 2925, 2866, 1457, 1367, 1194 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.25 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.97 (m, 11H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 44.0, 36.6, 31.8, 29.9, 29.0, 22.9, 21.3, 19.8, 18.3, 14.1. MS (GCMS/CI): calcd for C₁₀H₂₂I [M+H]⁺ 269.0. Found 269.1.



Sodium hydride (187 mg, 60% suspension in mineral oil, 4.67 mmol) in a round bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere was washed with dry hexanes (3 × 0.5 mL). Then THF (6 mL) was charged into this flask and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. To this solution was added dropwise dimethyl (2-oxopropyl)-phosphonate (776 mg, 4.67 mmol). After 30 min, *n*-BuLi (2.33 mL, 2.0 M in cyclohexanes, 4.66 mmol) was introduced dropwise into this white suspension; this gave a yellow solution. After 30 min, iodide **9** (1.14 g, 4.24 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise via cannula. Stirring was continued for 1 h and then the reaction mixture was diluted with ether (10 mL) followed by NH₄Cl (10 mL of a saturated, aqueous solution). The organic

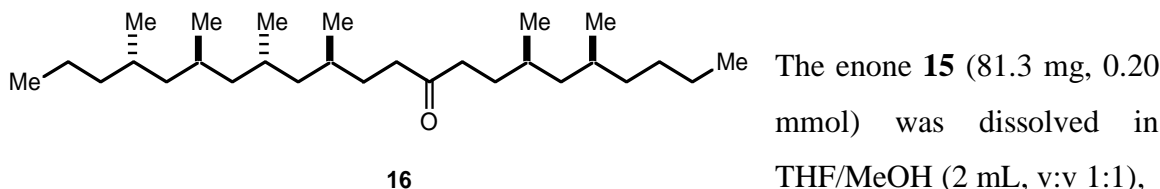
layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (1:1) gave phosphonate **3** (1.02 g, 79%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -0.61 (*c* 1.31, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2953, 2920, 2860, 1714, 1456, 1392, 1271, 1180, 1043 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.74 (d, $J_{\text{H-P}} = 11.1$ Hz, 6H), 3.05 (d, $J_{\text{H-P}} = 22.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.53 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.11 (m, 7H), 0.99-0.90 (m, 2H), 0.88-0.78 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.1, 52.9(d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.8$ Hz), 44.8, 42.02, 41.7(d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 1.4$ Hz), 40.3, 36.4, 29.9, 29.8, 29.4, 29.0, 22.9, 20.1, 19.8, 14.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4\text{P}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 307.3859. Found 307.3857.



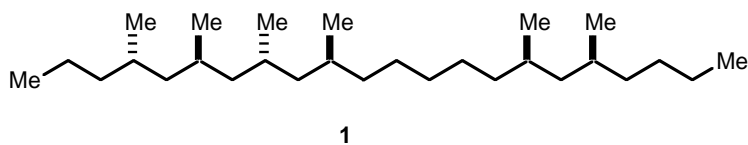
To a solution of alcohol **14** (60.7 mg, 0.266 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at 25 °C was added NMO (46 mg, 0.392

mmol), 4 Å MS (300 mg) followed by TPAP (5 mg, 0.013 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and then filtered through a short plug of silica, eluting with ether (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and gave a colorless oil. Without further purification, the resulting residue was dissolved in THF (1 mL). To a separate round bottom flask charged with activated $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (85 mg, 0.266 mmol) was added a solution of phosphonate **3** (81 mg, 0.266 mmol) in wet THF (2 mL, THF: H_2O 40:1) at 25 °C. After 10 min, the previous aldehyde solution was added dropwise into the white suspension via cannula. Stirring was continued for 5 min, and then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the resulting residue by flash column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (5:95) gave α,β -unsaturated ketone **15** (92.5 mg, 86% over two steps) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -19.8 (*c* 1.01, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2959, 2927, 2970, 1694, 1676, 1631, 1464, 1379 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.67 (dd, $J = 7.8, 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.36 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.40 (m, 6H), 1.36-1.14 (m, 12H), 1.09-0.92 (m, 10H), 0.88-0.72 (m, 22H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 152.9, 128.1, 45.7, 45.3, 44.9, 44.4, 40.1, 37.8, 36.5,

34.1, 31.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.6, 29.1, 27.6, 27.2, 23.0, 20.1, 20.0 (two), 19.8, 19.6, 19.5, 19.3, 14.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{28}H_{54}LiO[M+Li]^+$ 413.4335. Found 413.4339.



palladium on carbon (10%, 21 mg) was then added carefully. The atmosphere above the solution was removed under vacuum and the replaced with hydrogen. Stirring was continued for 4 h. After filtration through Celite and concentration of the filtrate, the residue was purified though column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (5:95) to give ketone **16** (80.2 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +11.6$ (*c* 2.20, $CHCl_3$); IR (neat) 2963, 2910, 2875, 1714, 1469, 1383 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 2.47-2.27 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.37 (m, 8H), 1.31-1.10 (m, 12H), 1.08-0.91 (m, 8H), 0.88-0.74 (m, 24H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 212.1, 46.5, 45.5, 45.1, 44.8, 40.5, 40.3, 40.1, 36.5, 31.6, 30.5, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.1, 27.2 (two coincident signals), 23.0, 20.2, 20.1, 20.0, 19.6, 19.5, 19.4, 19.3, 14.4, 14.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{28}H_{56}LiO [M+Li]^+$ 415.6846. Found 415.6851.



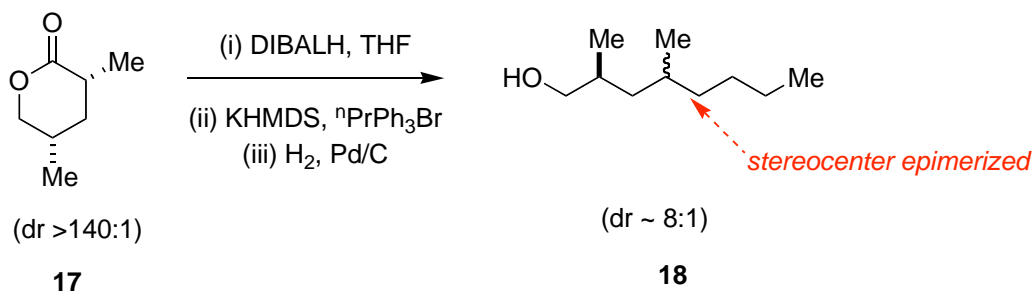
To a solution of ketone **16** (68 mg, 0.16 mmol) and $TsNHNH_2$ (45 mg, 0.241 mmol) in dry DMF/sulfolane (1 mL, 1/1) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (4.0 mg, 0.021 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C. Then $NaBH_3CN$ (40 mg, 0.63 mmol) was added and the reaction temperature was raised to 110 °C and

continued for 2 h. After cooling to 25 °C, water (2 mL) then hexanes (2 mL) were added to the reaction mixture with vigorous stirring. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with hexanes (3 × 1 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (2 mL) then dried (Na₂SO₄). After concentration, the residue was purified through column chromatography, eluting with hexanes to give saturated hydrocarbon **1** (59 mg, 94%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{23}_{\text{D}} +12.1$ (*c* 0.80, CHCl₃), natural material: $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} +10.7$ (*c* 0.44, CHCl₃)²; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.58-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.42 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.15 (m, 17H), 1.09-0.95 (m, 10H), 0.91-0.84 (m, 7H), 0.82-0.76 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 46.52, 45.54, 45.52, 45.20, 40.21, 37.87, 36.86, 36.55, 30.36, 29.98, 29.95, 29.95, 29.69, 29.17, 27.26, 27.26, 27.06, 26.94, 23.07, 20.29, 20.29, 20.08, 19.64, 19.58, 19.55, 19.53, 14.39, 14.19. Full MS(EI, 70 ev) attached on page S32.

Table S1 comparison of ^{13}C NMR of natural and synthetic **1**

atom number	natural 1 (δc) ³	synthetic 1 (δc)
C1	14.39	14.39
C2	20.08	20.08
C3	40.22	40.21
C4	29.71	29.69
C5	45.56	45.54
C6	27.29	27.26
C7	46.53	46.52
C8	27.29	27.26
C9	45.54	45.52
C10	30.00	29.98
C11	37.88	37.88
C12	26.94	26.94
C13	30.36	30.36
C14	27.07	27.06
C15	36.88	36.86
C16	29.98	29.95
C17	45.22	45.20
C18	29.98	29.95
C19	36.57	36.55
C20	29.17	29.17
C21	23.07	23.07
C22	14.18	14.19
Me-4,10	19.65, 19.59	19.64, 19.58
Me-6,8	19.55, 19.56	19.55, 19.53
Me-16,18	20.30, 20.30	20.29, 20.29

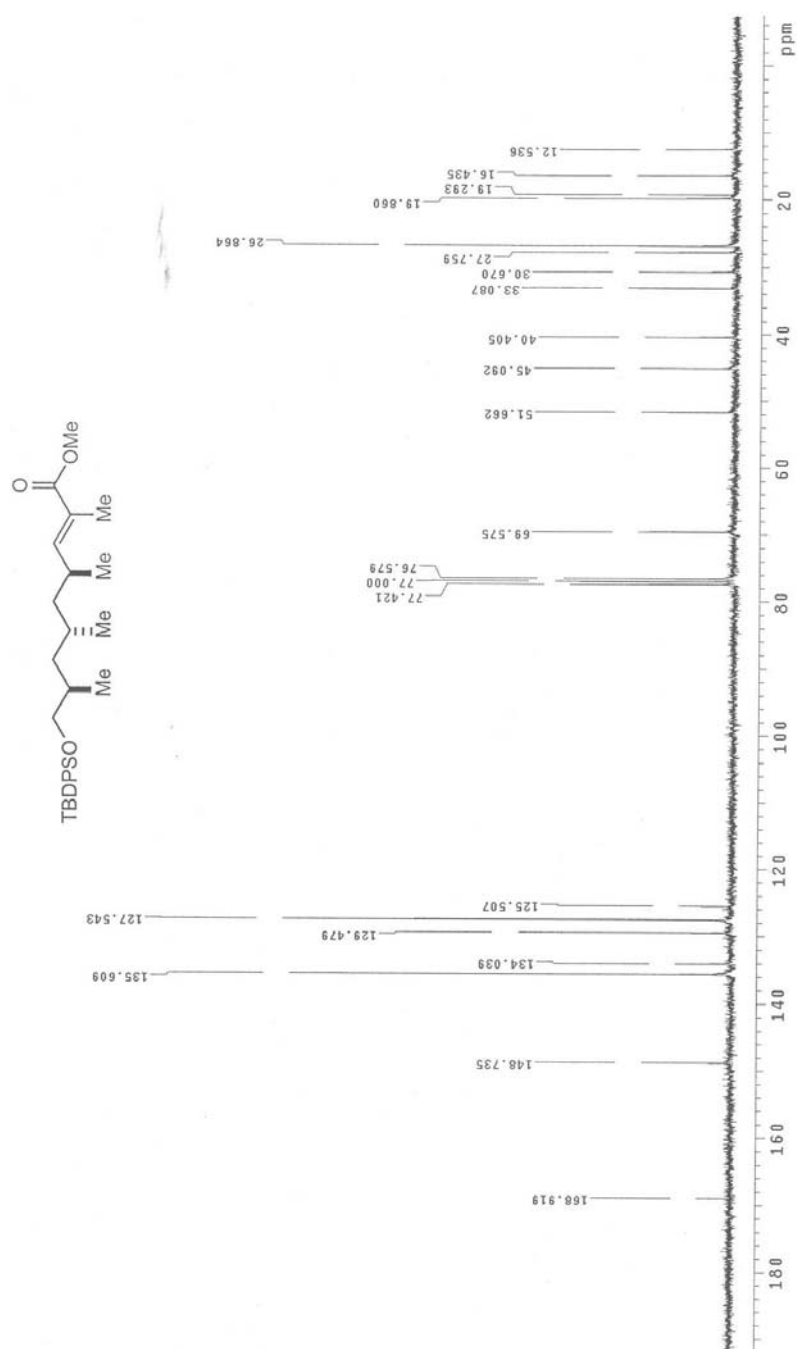
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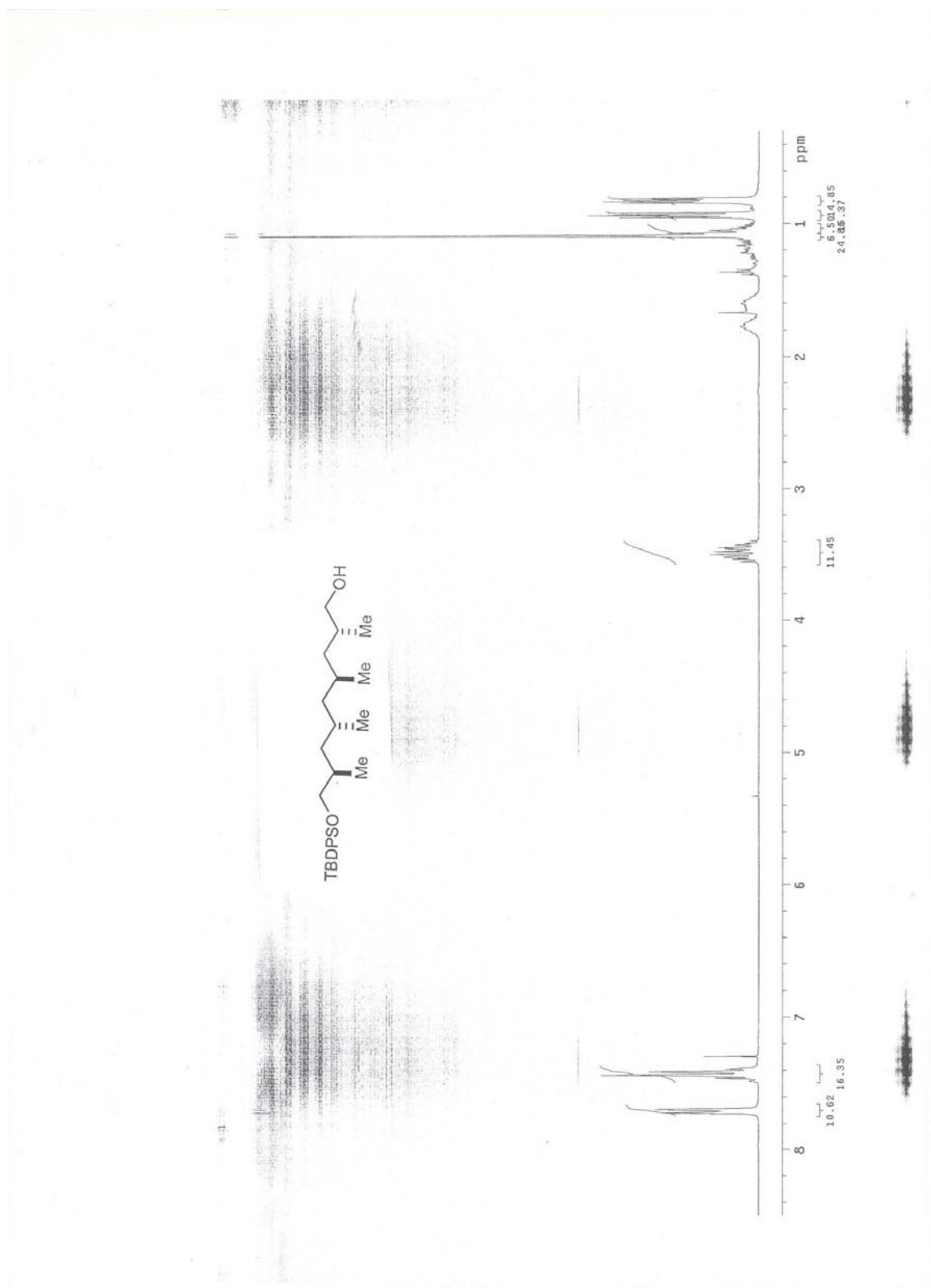
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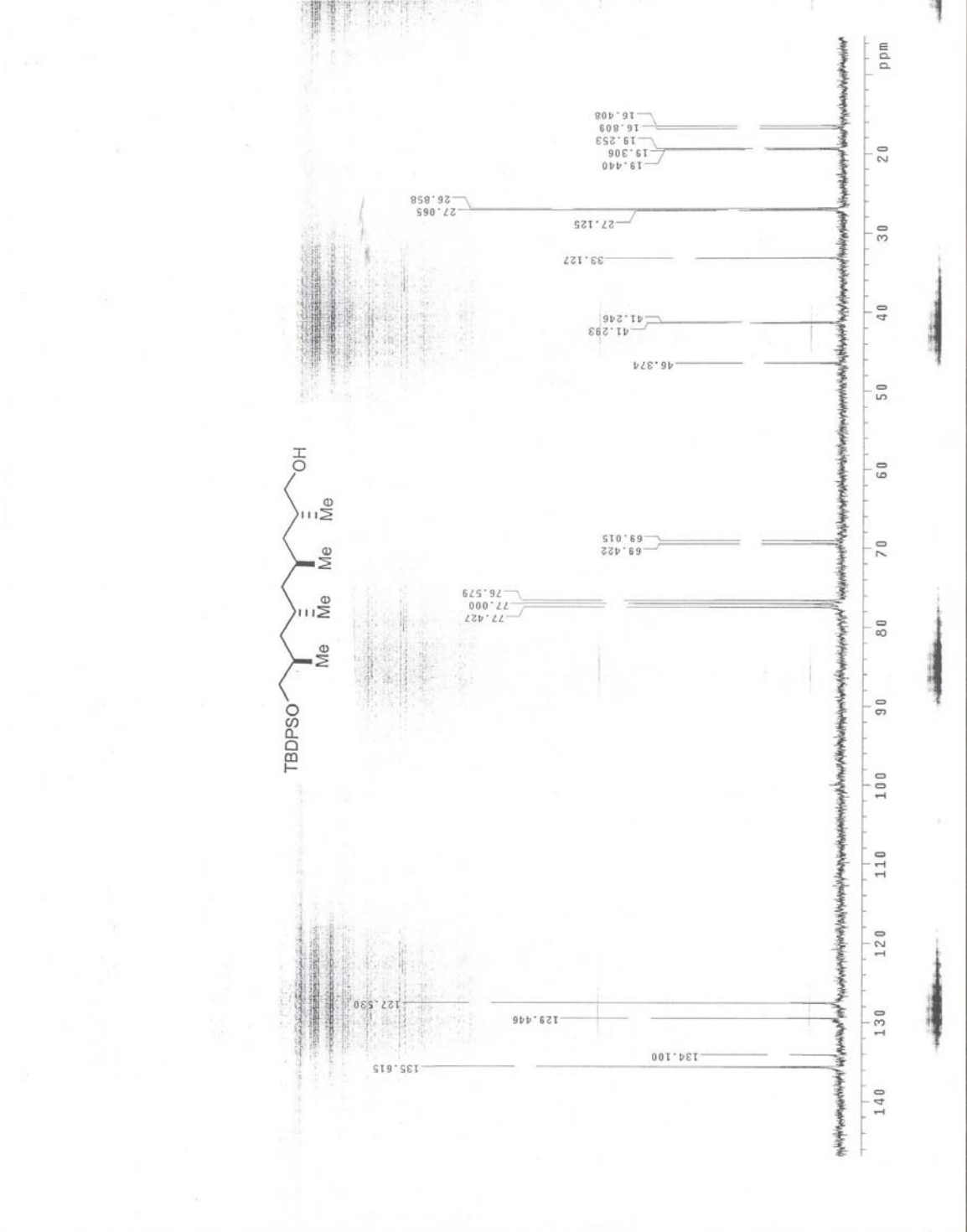
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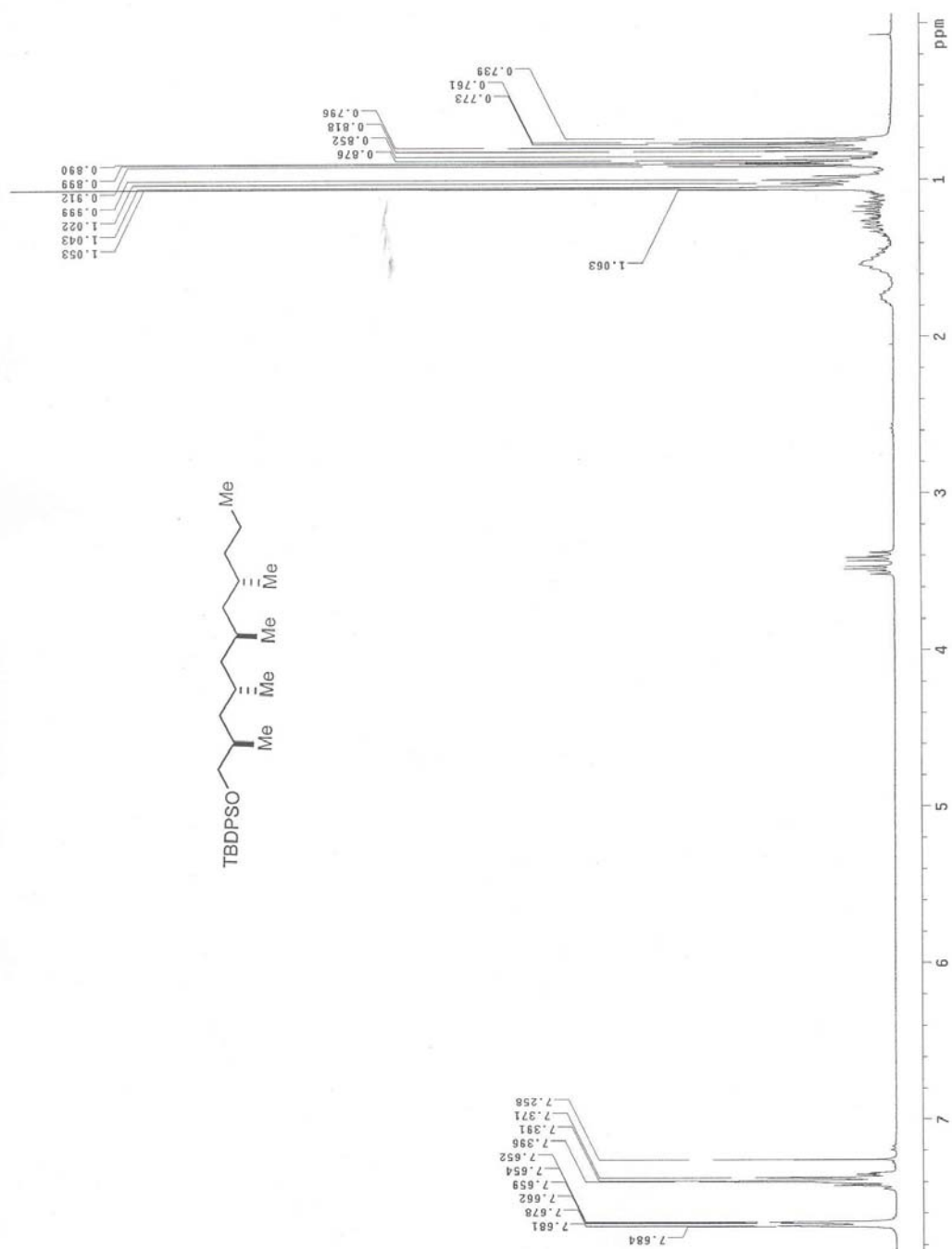
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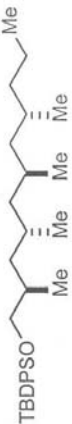
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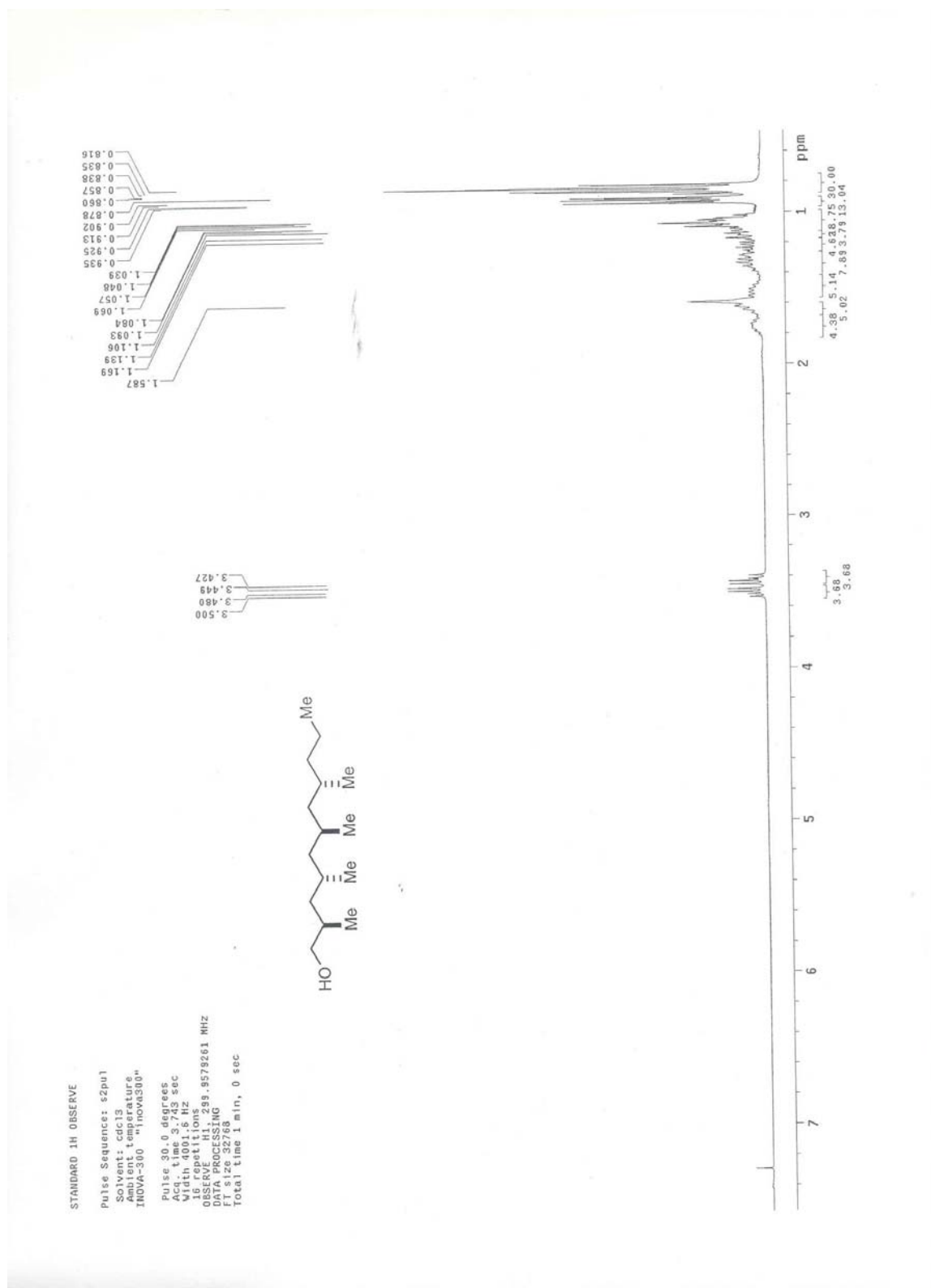
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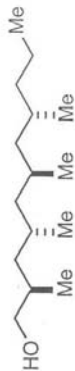
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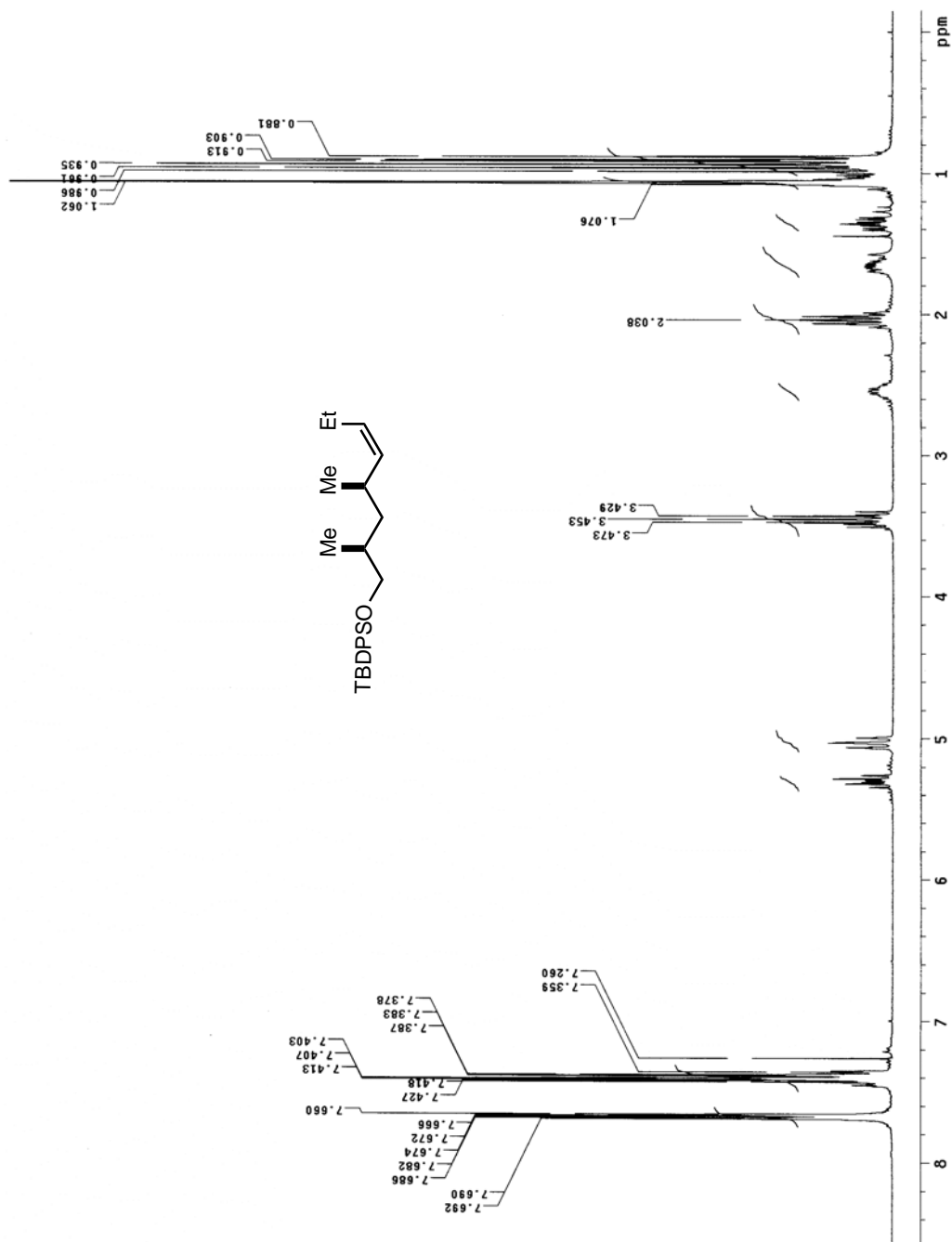
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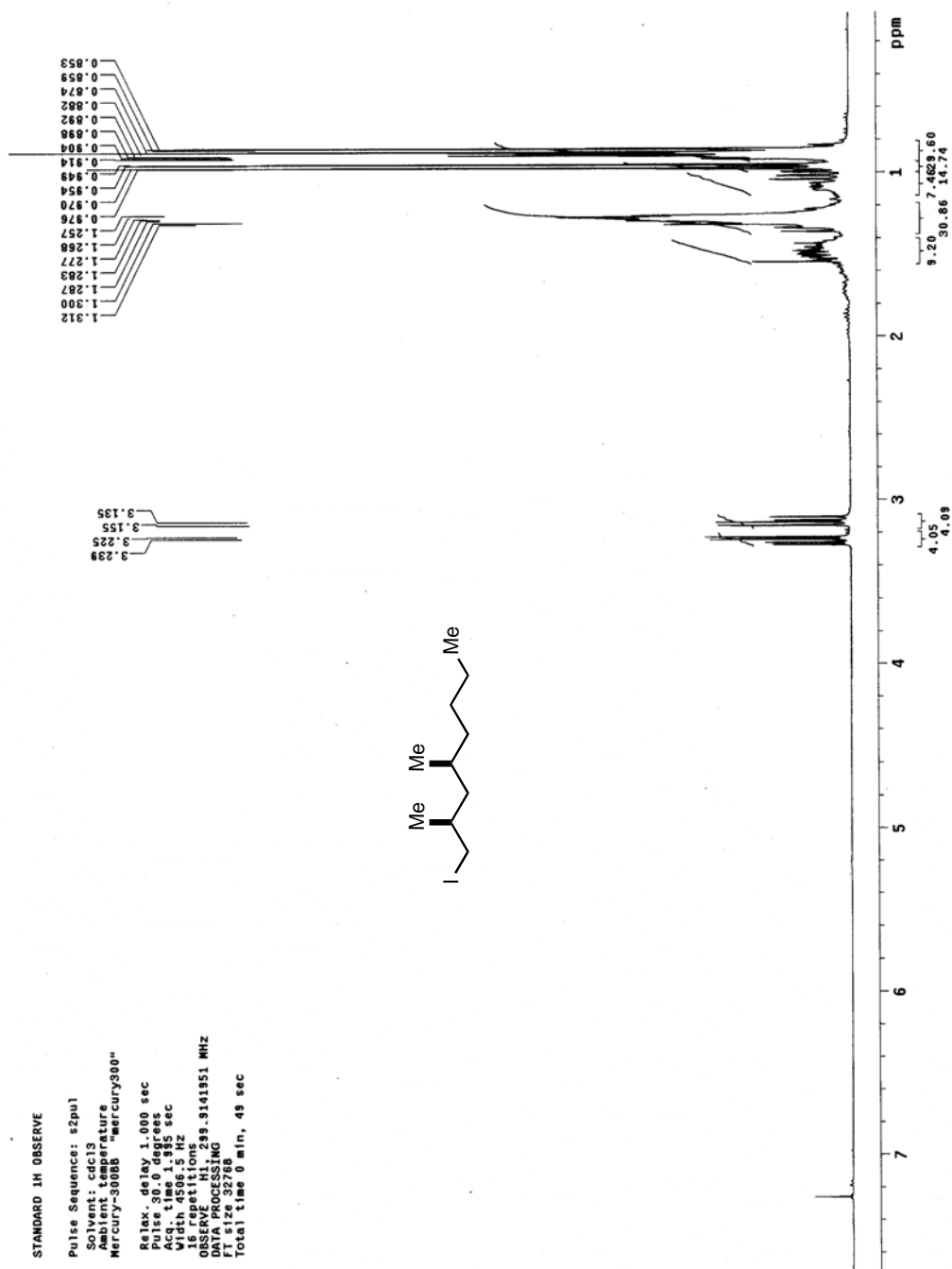


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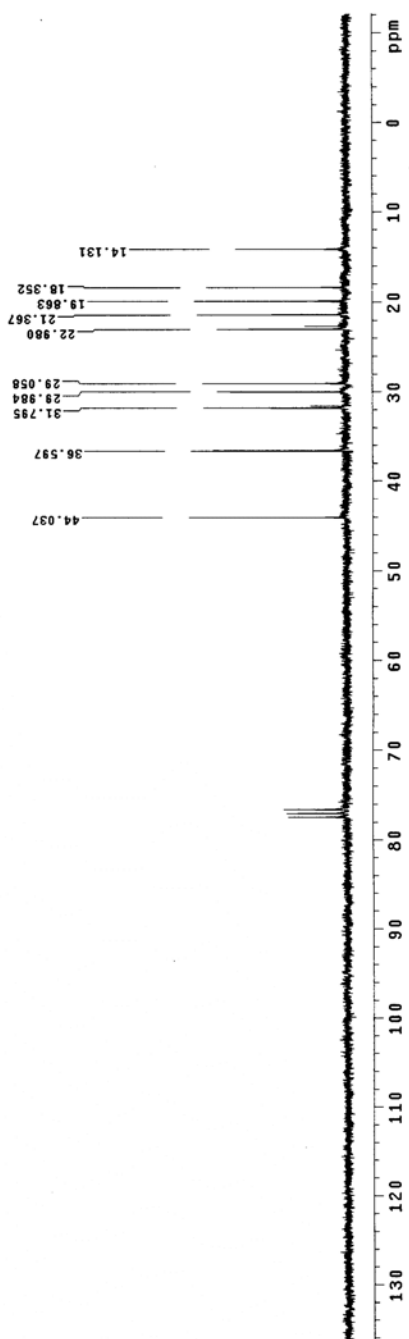
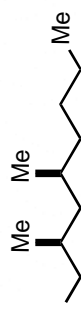


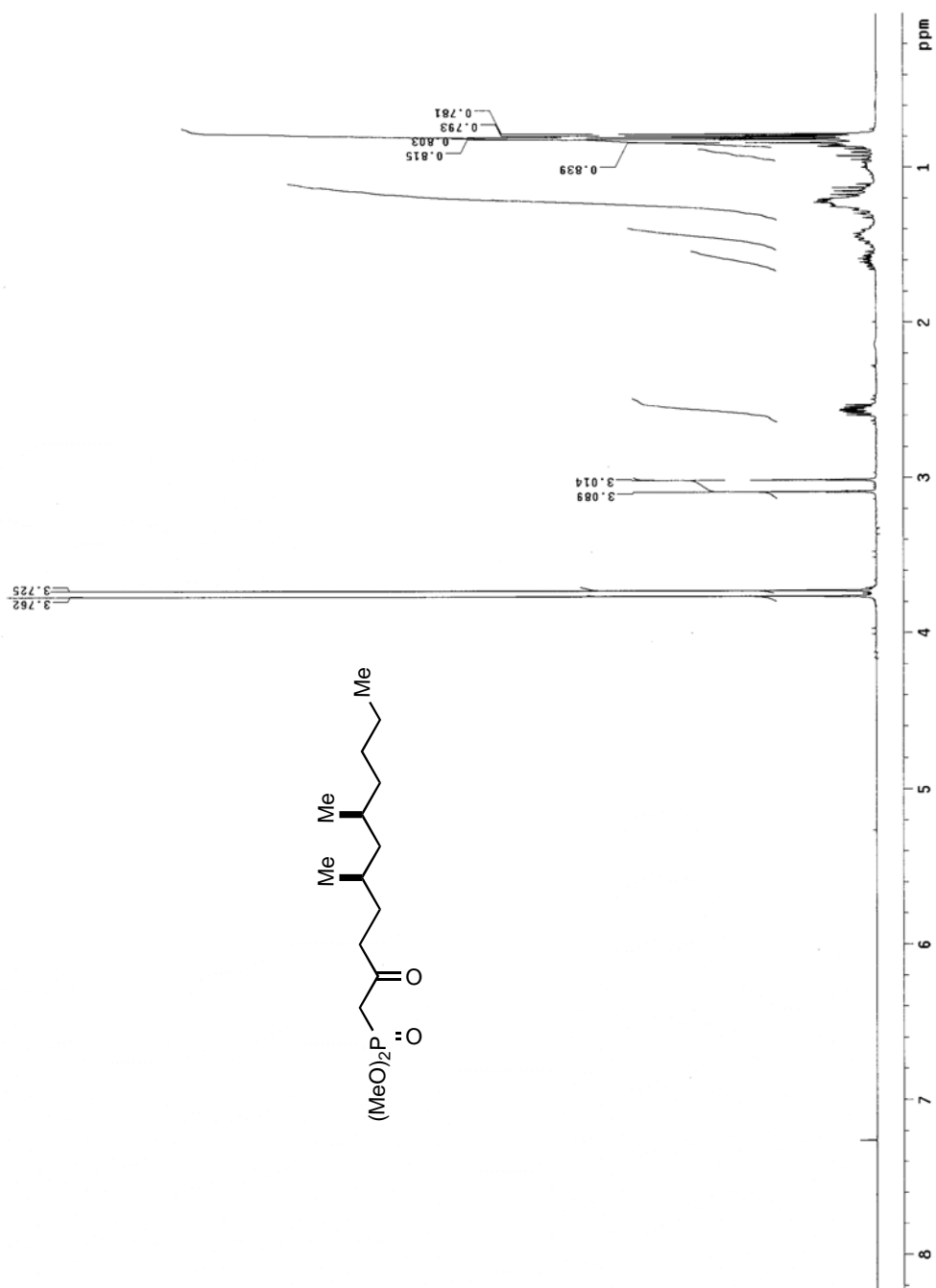
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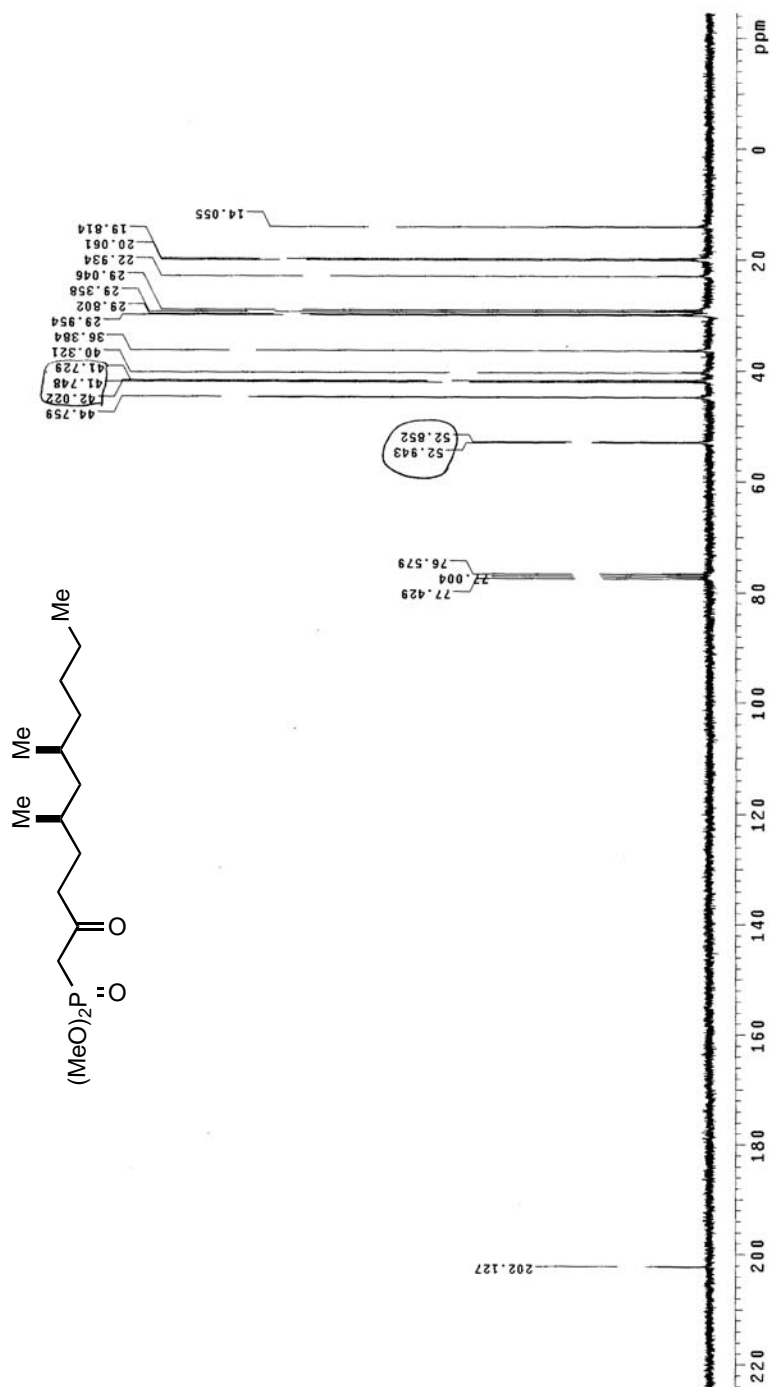
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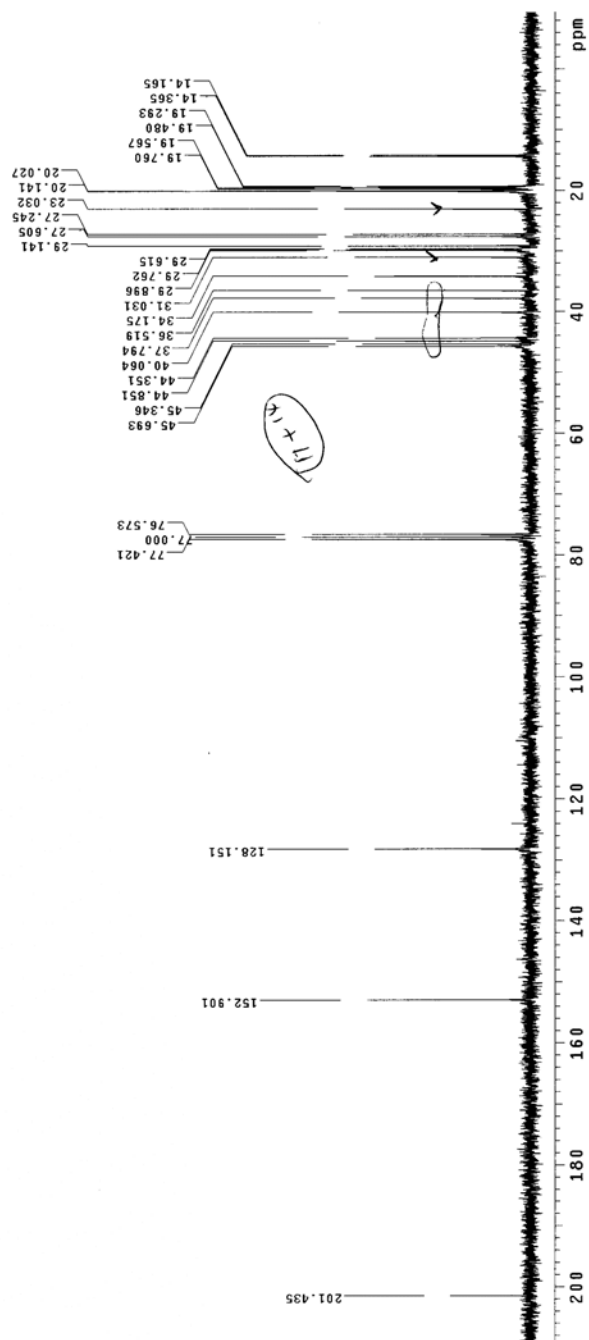
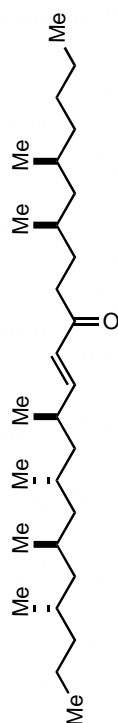
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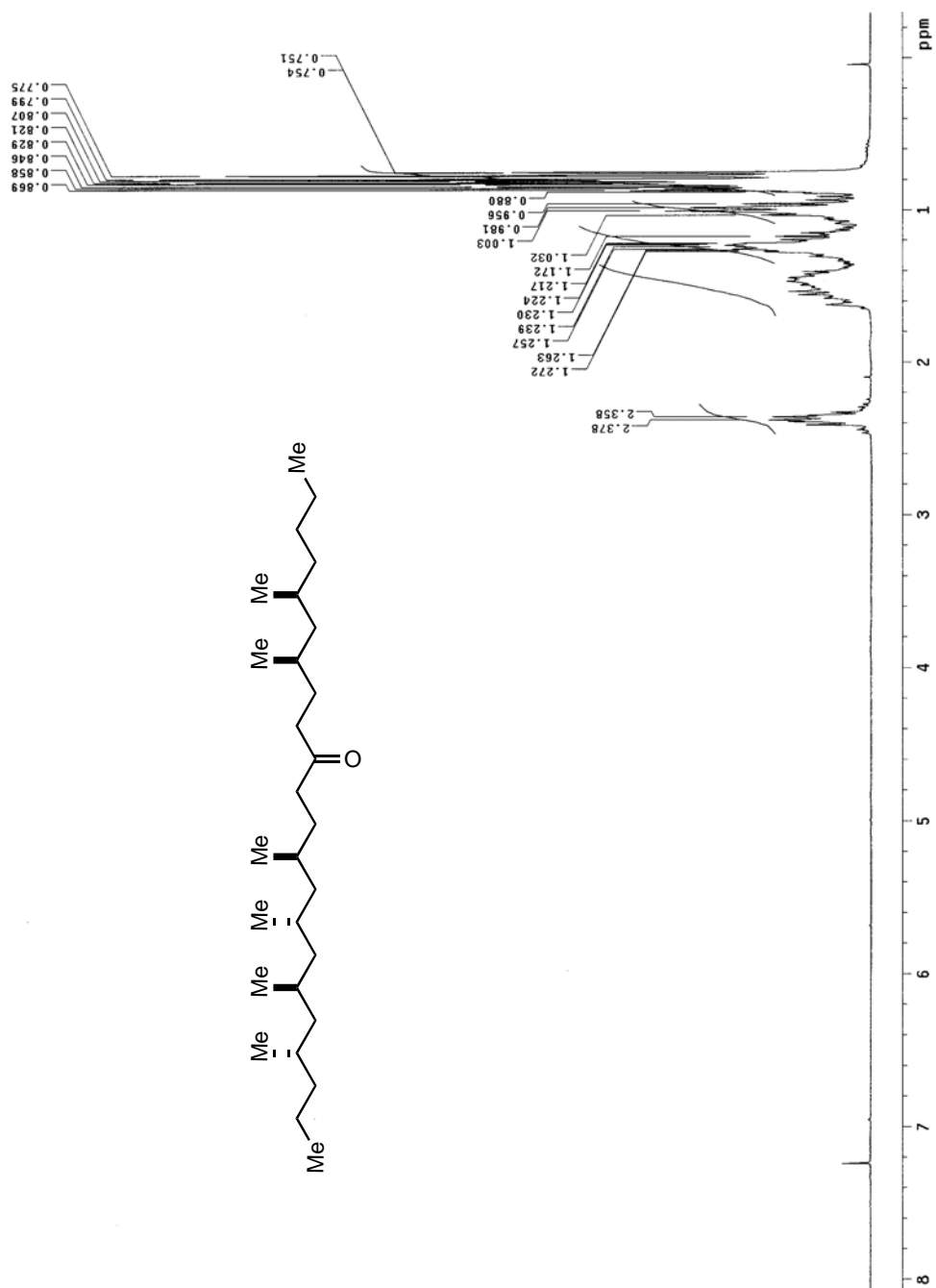


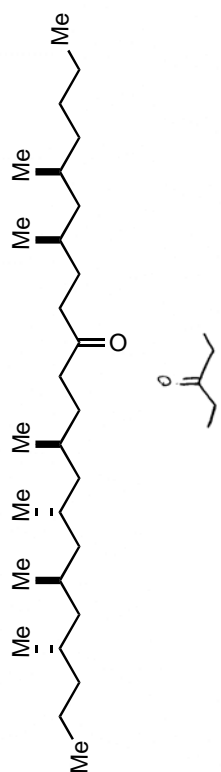
compound 3

Chemical structure of 2,3,4,5,6,7-hexamethyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-octamethyl-2-octenoic acid derivative (a branched alkyl chain with multiple methyl groups and a terminal methyl group) is shown. The corresponding ¹H NMR spectrum is displayed below the structure, showing peaks in the aliphatic region (0.8-1.8 ppm) and a small peak in the aromatic region (7.2 ppm).

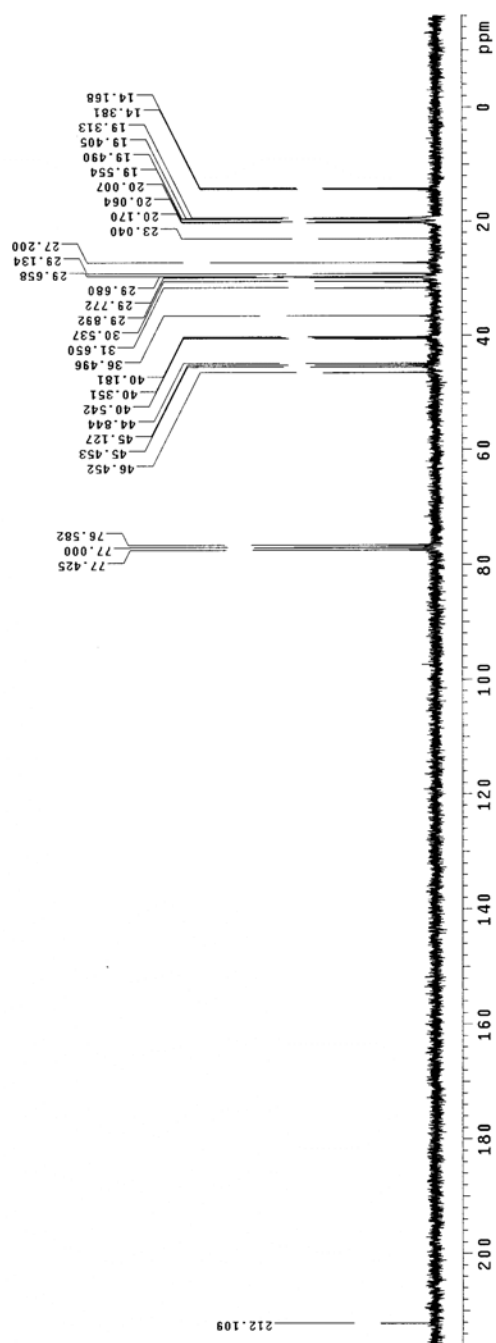


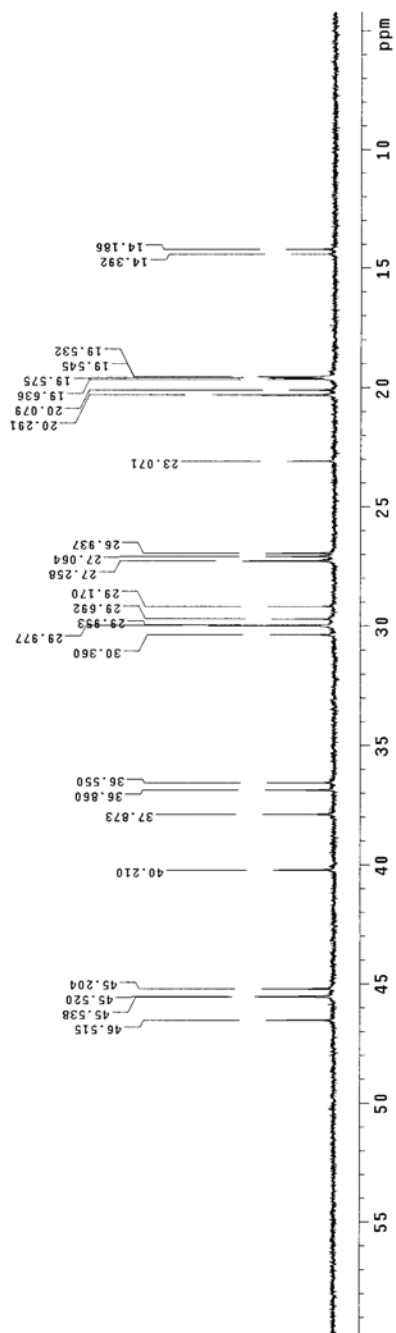
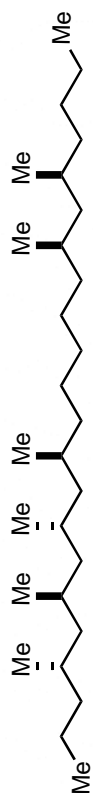
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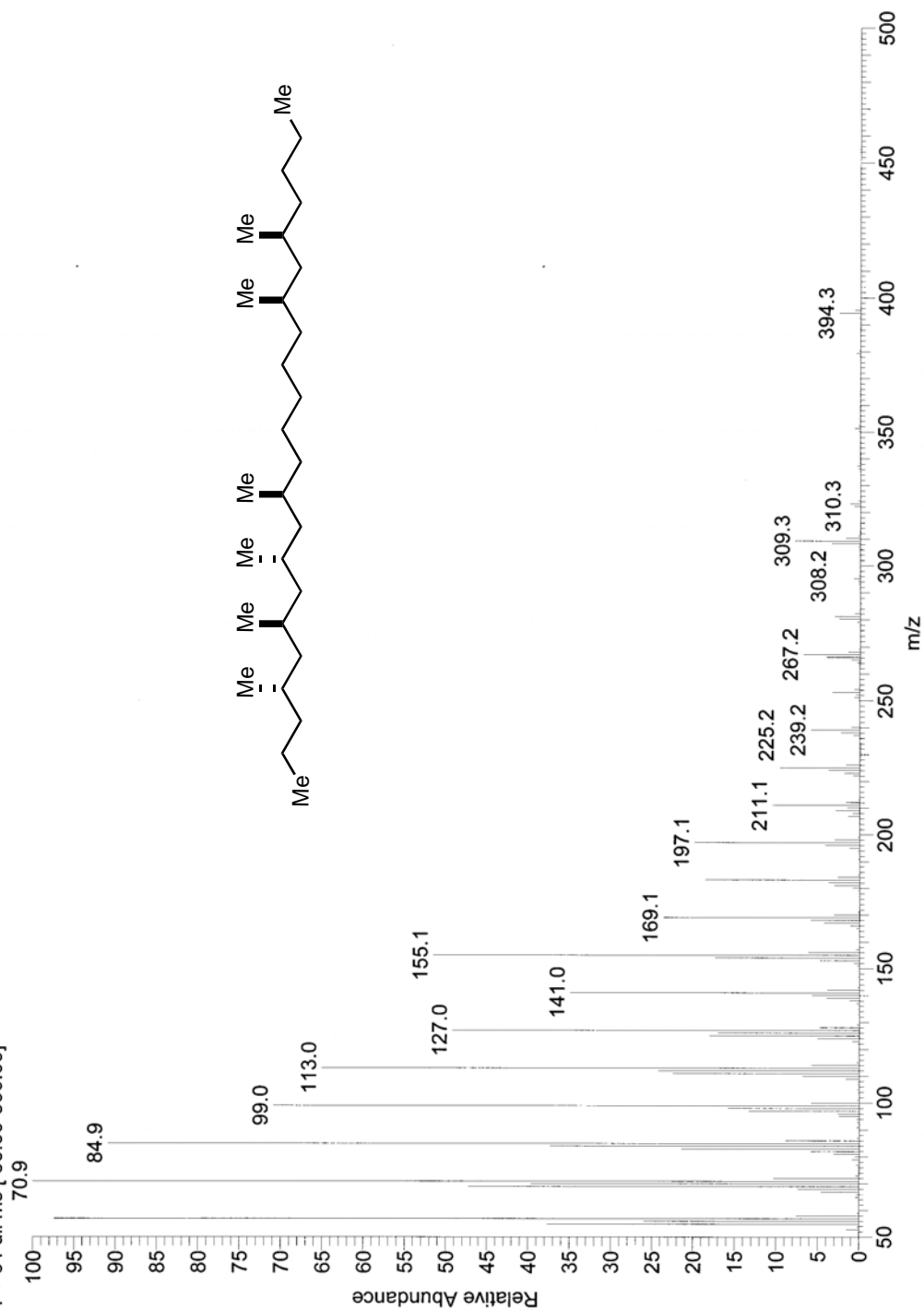
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