Supporting Information

Novel Betulinic Acid-Nucleoside Hybrids with Potent Anti-HIV Activity

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1. Experimental Section

1.1 Biology

1.1.1 Multi-cycle viral replication in MT4 cell assay.

HIV-1 NL4-3 Nanoluc-sec at a dose of 50 TCID50/well was used to infect MT4 cells (1 \times 105 cells/mL) in the presence of compounds at various concentrations in 96-well plates. The reporter virus, HIV-1 NL4-3 Nanoluc-sec, was created by inserting the secNluc sequence from pNL1.3[secNluc] (Promega Cat#: N1021) in place of the Nef sequence spanning nucleotide 8796-8892 of pNL4-3 plasmid (GenBank: AF324493.2) using Not I and Xho I restriction enzyme sites. Not I site was introduced into pNL4-3 by site directed mutagenesis and the Xho I site was a unique site in pNL4-3. On day 3 post-infection, supernatant samples were harvested and assayed for luciferase activity using the Promega Nano-Glo® luciferase assay system. The antiviral potency is defined as the drug concentration that reduces the luciferase activity by 50% (IC₅₀).

1.1.2 Cytotoxicity Assay.

A CellTiter-Glo® luminescent cytotoxicity assay (Promega) was used to determine the cytotoxicity of the synthesized compounds. MT4 cells were cultured in the presence of various concentrations of the compounds for 3 days. Cytotoxicity of the compounds was determined by following the protocol provided by the manufacturer. The 50% cytotoxic concentration (CC_{50}) was defined as the concentration that caused a 50% reduction of cell viability.

1.2 Chemistry

1.2.1 General Methods

The starting materials were purchased commercially and used directly. DMF and THF contained less than 50 ppm of water and were stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Progress of reactions was monitored using TLC visualized by UV lamp (254 nm) or KMnO₄ developer. Column chromatography was performed using 300 mesh silica gel (Yantai Xinnuo Co. Ltd.). Melting points (mp) were measured on a Shenguang WRR melting point apparatus (Shanghai Precision & Scientific Instrument Co. Ltd.). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using an Agilent 400 MR (400 MHz for ¹H; 100 MHz for ¹³C) in deuterated solvents. Chemicals shifts are reported in parts per million (δ ppm) relative to TMS or the solvent peak. Coupling constants (*J*) are expressed in hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectrometer, (HRMS) analysis was performed using an Agilent 1290-6540 Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

1.2.2 Synthetic procedures

Synthesis of betulonic acid (6).

To a solution of betulin (20.0g, 45.2 mmol) in acetone (400 mL) was added freshly prepared Jones' reagent (200 mL) dropwise over 30 min at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 20 min at 0 °C, the ice bath was removed and stirring continued for 2 h (monitoring by TLC). The reaction was quenched with MeOH (300 mL) and water (300 mL). The solvent was removed under vacuum and the aqueous residue was extracted with EtOAc (3×200 mL).

The combined organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ eluting with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (10:1) to remove the impurities, then with petroleum ether/EtOAc (4:1) to afford betulonic acid as a white solid (12.2 g, 26.8 mmol, 59.3%), mp 191-193 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 12.10 (s, 1H), 4.69(s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 2.95 (td, J=11.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.26 (td, J=12.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.54 (t, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.00 (m, 14H), 1.02-0.96 (m, 1H), 0.98(s, 3H), 0.95(s, 3H), 0.93(s, 3H), 0.90(s, 3H), 0.85(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ : 218.5, 177.2, 150.3, 109.7, 55.4, 53.8, 49.0, 48.4, 46.6, 46.5, 42.1, 40.1, 38.8, 37.7, 36.4, 36.3, 33.6, 33.1, 31.6, 30.1, 29.2, 26.4, 25.1, 21.0, 20.7, 19.2, 19.0, 15.7, 15.4, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₄₆O₃ [M+H]⁺ 455.3525, found 455.3519.

Synthesis of betulonic acid methyl ester (7).

To a solution of compound **6** (4.54 g, 10.0 mmol) in DMC (40 mL), DBU (6.0 mL, 40 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 24 h (monitoring by TLC). The mixture was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed twice with 10% HCl (aq) followed by saturated NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1) to afford compound **7** as a white solid (3.36 g, 7.2 mmol, 72.0%), mp167-169 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 4.74 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.00 (td, J=10.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (t, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.24 (m, 13H), 1.20-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.05-0.99 (m, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 218.2, 176.6, 150.5, 109.6, 56.5, 54.9, 51.3, 49.9, 49.3, 47.3, 46.9, 42.4, 40.6, 39.6, 38.3, 36.9, 36.9, 34.1, 33.6, 32.1, 30.5, 29.6, 26.6, 25.5, 21.4, 21.0, 19.6, 19.3, 15.9, 15.7, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₄₈O₃ [M+H]⁺ 469.3682, found 469.3675.

Synthesis of methyl-2a-propargyl-3-oxolup-20(29)-en-28-oate (8).

A 1M solution of KN(SiMe₃)₂ (32 mL, 32 mmol) in THF was added under nitrogen at room temperature to a stirred solution of compound 7 (2.54 g, 5.4 mmol) in DME (135 mL). After 30 min, 1M Et₃B (40 mL, 40 mmol) in DME was added and the mixture was stirred for Then, a solution of propargyl bromide (4.0 mL, 48 mmol) was added. The 60 min. reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h under nitrogen (monitoring by TLC), neutralized with 3 M HCl (aq), and diluted with water (300 mL). After extraction with EtOAc (3×150 mL), the organic layers were combined, washed with saturated NaHCO₃, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO_2 eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1). Compound 8 was obtained as a pale yellow powder (2.32 g, 4.58 mmol, 84.8%), mp 112-114 °C. ¹H NMR $(DMSO-d_6, 400 \text{ MHz}) \delta$: 4.73-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.72 (t, J=2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, J = 16.7, 4.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.07 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.56 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 1.52-1.20 (m, 11H), 1.14-1.00 (m, 4H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz) & 214.4, 175.6, 150.0, 109.8, 83.0, 72.0, 56.3, 55.8, 51.2, 49.2, 48.7, 47.5, 46.6, 45.4, 42.1, 40.4, 40.1, 37.6, 36.8, 36.1, 33.5, 31.4, 29.9, 29.1, 24.9, 24.8, 21.3,

20.7, 19.0, 18.8, 18.8, 15.7, 15.6, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{34}H_{50}O_3$ [M+H]⁺ 507.3838, found 507.3831.

Synthesis of methyl-2α-propargyl-3β-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oate (9).

Compound **8** (1.89 g, 3.7 mmol) was dissolved in isopropanol (120 mL), NaBH₄ (2.8 g, 7.4 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 5h (monitoring by TLC). HCl (3 M, 60 mL) was added slowly. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×100 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1) to afford compound **9** as a white solid (0.98 g, 1.9 mmol, 51.4%), mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 4.70 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59-4.54 (m, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.92 (td, *J* = 10.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dt, *J* = 16.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 1.98 (m, 3H), 1.86-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51-0.96 (m, 13H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.73-0.62 (m, 2H), 0.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ 175.6, 150.0, 109.7, 83.5, 79.2, 72.0, 55.8, 55.0, 51.2, 49.9, 48.7, 46.6, 44.1, 42.0, 40.2, 38.8, 37.7, 36.7, 36.1, 34.4, 33.8, 31.4, 29.9, 29.1, 28.4, 24.9, 21.7, 20.5, 18.8, 18.1, 16.6, 16.5, 15.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₅₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 509.3995, found 509.3988.

Synthesis of 2α-propargyl-3β-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oic acid (10).

LiI (2.10g, 15 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of compound **9** (508 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF (15 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux under nitrogen for 24 h (monitoring by TLC), diluted with water (10 mL), and neutralized with 10% HCl (aq). The product was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL), the extracts were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (2:1) to give compound **10** as a white solid (386 mg, 0.78 mmol, 78.0%), mp 170-172 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 4.77-4.71 (m 1H), 4.63-4.57 (m, 1H), 3.07-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dt, J=12.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dd, J=12.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.16 (m, 13H), 1.12-1.02 (m, 1H), 0.98 (s, 6H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.85-0.80 (m, 1H), 0.78(s, 3H), 0.76-0.70 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 40.7, 39.1, 38.4, 37.3, 37.0, 34.8, 34.2, 32.1, 30.5, 29.6, 28.3, 25.5, 22.4, 20.9, 19.3, 18.5, 16.99, 16.2, 16.0, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₅₀O₃ [M+H]⁺ 495.3838, found 495.3835.

General Method for Click Reactions.

To a solution of the alkyne (0.24 mmol) in 2mL of t-BuOH/H₂O 1:1 (v:v) was added DIPEA (50 uL, 0.3 mmol) and azide (0.2 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 15 min, a solution of CuI (4 mg, 0.02 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt until azide was gone (monitoring by TLC). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5-10% MeOH in DCM) to give compounds **8a-c**, **9a-c**, and **10a-c**.

Methyl 2α -{1N[1-(2-deoxy-2 β -fluoro- β -*D*-arabinopentafuranosyl)cytosine-4-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3-oxolup-20(29)-en-28-oate (8a).

White solid, yield (62.2%), m.p.151-153 °C. ¹H NMR (MeOH- d_4 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.99 (d, J =

7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dt, J = 53.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 21.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.38~4.18 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.26~3.08 (m, 2H), 3.06~2.92 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30~2.16 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.92~1.81 (m, 2H), 1.76~1.53 (m, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.20 (m, 10H), 1.19-1.10 (m, 2H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.09-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.98(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (MeOH-*d*₄, 100 MHz) δ : 218.6, 178.2, 167.0, 156.8, 151.8, 146.8, 143.8, 124.0, 110.4, 98.8 (d, J=7.3 Hz), 96.1(d, J=193.5 Hz), 96.1, 86.5 (d, J=15.6 Hz), 76.4 (d, J=25.4 Hz), 63.2, 58.9, 57.9, 51.9, 51.5, 50.7, 49.6, 48.6, 48.2, 43.7, 43.6, 42.1, 39.7, 38.7, 37.9, 35.4, 33.2, 31.7, 30.9, 27.0, 26.8, 25.7, 22.3, 22.1, 20.4, 19.6, 16.8, 16.6, 15.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₆₁FN₆O₇ [M+H]⁺ 793.4664, found 793.4657.

Methyl 2α -{1N[1-(2-deoxy-2 β -fluoro- β -*D*-arabinopentafuranosyl)uracil-4-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3-oxolup-20(29)-en-28-oate (8b).

White solid, yield (68.5%), m.p. 162-164 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ : 11.56 (brs, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (brs, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, J = 54.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dt, J = 25.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.21-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.05 (m, 2H), 2.04-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61-1.16 (m, 14H), 1.15-1.06 (m, 2H), 1.04-0.93 (m, 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ : 215.6, 175.6, 162.9, 150.2, 150.0, 144.5, 141.2, 122.2, 109.8, 101.8, 95.5 (d, J=11.0 Hz), 94.7 (d, J=192.5 Hz), 82.2, 74.0 (d, J=24.1 Hz), 60.6, 56.6, 55.8, 51.3, 49.2, 48.7, 47.7, 46.6, 46.2, 42.1, 41.1, 40.2, 37.6, 36.9, 36.1, 33.5, 31.4, 29.9, 29.1, 25.7, 25.1, 24.9, 21.2, 20.6, 18.9, 18.8, 15.7, 15.6, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₆₀FN₅O₈ [M+H]⁺ 794.4504, found 794.4500.

Methyl 2α -{1N[1-(2,3-dideoxy- β -D-ribopentafuranosyl)thymine-3-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3-oxolup-20(29)-en-28-oate (8c).

White solid, yield (74.8%), m.p.152-154 °C. ¹H NMR(CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 2H), 6.29 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47-5.34 (m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.34 (m, 1H), 4.11-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.24-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.83 (m, 3H), 2.60 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27-2.08 (m, 3H), 1.94-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.23 (m, 10H), 1.16-1.06 (m, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 217.4, 176.6, 164.1, 150.5, 150.3, 146.8, 137.7, 122.4, 111.0, 109.7, 87.9, 85.2, 61.3, 58.9, 57.5, 56.4, 51.2, 50.0, 49.3, 48.5, 47.9, 46.9, 42.4, 42.2, 40.7, 38.1, 37.6, 37.5, 36.9, 34.0, 32.1, 30.4, 29.5, 26.4, 25.3, 24.9, 21.4, 21.1, 19.2, 19.2, 16.1, 16.0, 14.6, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₆₃N₅O₇ [M+H]⁺ 774.4806, found 774.4802.

$\label{eq:linear} Methyl \ 2\alpha - \{1N[1-(2-deoxy-2\beta-fluoro-\beta-D-arabinopentafuranosyl)cytosine-4-yl] - 1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl] - 3\beta-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oate (9a).$

White solid, yield (60.4%), m.p. 163-165 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (br, 1H), 7.29 (br, 1H), 6.83-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dt, J = 55.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H),

4.79-4.64 (m, 2H), 4.61-4.51 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.14 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (td, J=10.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J = 14.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.03 (m, 13H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H), 0.73-0.63 (m, 1H), 0.49 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ : 175.6, 165.6, 154.7, 150.0, 144.9, 141.8, 122.0, 109.8, 94.7 (d, J=191.6 Hz), 95.4 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 94.1, 82.9, 80.3, 74.2 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 60.8, 55.8, 55.0, 51.2, 49.8, 48.7, 46.6, 44.3, 41.9, 40.1, 38.9, 37.6, 36.7, 36.1, 35.5, 33.8, 31.4, 30.0, 29.1, 28.5, 28.5, 25.0, 20.3, 18.9, 18.2, 16.6, 16.6, 15.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₆₃FN₆O₇ [M+H]⁺ 795.4821, found 795.4816.

Methyl 2α -{1N[1-(2-deoxy-2 β -fluoro- β -*D*-arabinopentafuranosyl)uracil-4-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3 β -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oate (9b).

White solid, yield (68.8%), m.p.174-176 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 11.56 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dt, *J* = 55.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dt, *J* = 25.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (brs, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.15 (ddd, *J* = 32.8, 12.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.89 (td, *J* = 10.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.03 (m, 14H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H), 0.73-0.63 (m, 1H), 0.49 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 175.6, 162.9, 150.2, 150.0, 145.0, 141.2, 122.1, 109.8, 101.8, 94.7 (d, J=192.1 Hz), 95.3 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 82.2, 80.3, 74.0 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 60.5, 55.8, 55.0, 51.2, 49.8, 48.7, 46.6, 44.3, 42.0, 40.2, 38.9, 37.6, 36.7, 36.1, 35.5, 33.8, 31.4, 30.0, 29.1, 28.5, 28.5, 25.0, 20.3, 18.9, 18.2, 16.6, 16.6, 15.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₆₂FN₅O₈ [M+H]⁺ 796.4661, found 796.4656.

Methyl 2α -{1N[1-(2,3-dideoxy- β -D-ribopentafuranosyl)thymine-3-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3 β -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oate (9c).

White solid, yield (78.3%), m.p.164-166 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 11.4 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.82 (brs, 1H), 6.39 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35-5.28 (m, 1H), 5.27 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.60-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.17 (dt, J = 5.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.15 (dd, J = 14.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.58 (m, 3H), 2.26 (dd, J = 14.5, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.16 (m, 10H), 1.12-0.93 (m, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H), 0.71-0.62 (m, 1H), 0.51 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ : 175.6, 163.7, 150.4, 150.0, 146.1, 136.2, 122.0, 109.8, 109.5, 84.5, 83.8, 80.3, 60.6, 58.7, 55.8, 55.0, 51.2, 49.9, 48.7, 46.6, 44.4, 42.0, 40.2, 38.9, 37.6, 37.0, 36.6, 36.1, 35.6, 33.8, 31.4, 29.9, 29.1, 28.7, 28.5, 25.0, 20.3, 18.9, 18.2, 16.6, 16.6, 15.6, 14.4, 12.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₆₅N₅O₇ [M+H]⁺ 776.4962, found 776.4959.

2α -{1N[1-(2-Deoxy-2\beta-fluoro- β -D-arabinopentafuranosyl)cytosine-4-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3\beta-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oic acid (10a).

White solid, yield (42.6%), m.p. 189-191 °C. ¹H NMR (MeOH- d_4 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.97 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J=11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (brs, 1H), 5.38 (dt, J=54.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J=21.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.39-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.81 (d, J=10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J=14.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H),

2.36-2.16 (m, 2H), 2,01-1.93 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.57 (m, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.24 (m, 10H), 1.19-1.00 (m, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.72 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 0.60 (t, J=12.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (MeOH- d_4 , 100 MHz) δ : 180.6, 167.7, 158.0, 152.1, 146.9, 143.4, 123.9, 110.2, 98.8 (d, J=6.0 Hz), 96.2 (d, J=193.2 Hz), 86.5 (d, J=13.9 Hz), 83.0, 76.4 (d, J=25.2 Hz), 63.2, 57.6, 57.1, 56.0, 52.0, 50.5, 48.6, 46.2, 43.7, 42.0, 40.5, 39.7, 38.5, 38.3, 37.3, 35.6, 33.5, 31.8, 30.9, 29.8, 29.1, 26.9, 22.1, 19.8, 19.7, 17.5, 17.1, 16.7, 15.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₂H₆₁FN₆O₇ [M+H]⁺ 781.4664, found 781.4657.

2α -{1N[1-(2-Deoxy-2\beta-fluoro- β -D-arabinopentafuranosyl)uracil-4-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}-3\beta-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oic acid (10b).

White solid, yield (48.8%), m.p. 195-197 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ : 12.03 (brs, 1H), 11.56 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J=5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (t, J=5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dd, J=8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dt, J=55.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dt, J=25.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.57 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.16 (ddd, J=31.0, 12.3, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.21-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J=9.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.04 (m, 3H), 1.90-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.20 (m, 11H), 1.14-1.01 (m, 2H), 1.01-0.88 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.73-0.63 (m, 1H), 0.50 (t, J=12.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ : 177.2, 162.8, 150.2, 145.1, 141.2, 122.2, 109.6, 101.8, 95.3 (d, J=10.9 Hz), 94.7 (d, J=192.3 Hz), 82.2 (d, J=16.0 Hz), 80.3, 74.0 (d, J=24.3 Hz), 60.6, 55.4, 55.0, 49.9, 48.5, 46.6, 44.3, 42.0, 40.2, 38.9, 37.5, 36.7, 36.3, 35.5, 33.8, 31.7, 30.0, 29.1, 28.5, 28.5, 25.0, 20.3, 18.9, 18.2, 16.7, 16.6, 16.6, 15.7, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₂H₆₀FN₅O₈ [M+H]⁺ 782.4504, found 782.4498.

$$\label{eq:a-linear} \begin{split} &2\alpha-\{1N[1-(2,3-Dideoxy-\beta-D-ribopenta furanosyl)thymine-3-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl\}-3\beta\\ &-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-28-oic acid (10c). \end{split}$$

White solid, yield (57.3%), m.p.190-192 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ : 12.06 (brs, 1H), 11.4 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.35-5.28 (m, 1H), 5.27 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.17 (dt, J = 5.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.15 (dd, J = 14.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (td, J=10.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.58 (m, 3H), 2.31-2.04 (m, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50 (t, J=11.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.16 (m, 10H), 1.14-1.02 (m, 2H), 0.99-0.90 (m,1H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H), 0.71-0.62 (m, 1H), 0.51 (t, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ : 177.2, 163.7, 150.4, 150.3, 146.2, 136.2, 122.1, 109.7, 109.6, 84.5, 83.8, 80.3, 60.7, 58.8, 55.4, 55.0, 49.9, 48.5, 46.6, 44.5, 42.0, 40.3, 38.9, 37.5, 37.0, 36.7, 36.3, 35.6, 33.8, 31.7, 30.0, 29.1, 28.7, 28.5, 25.0, 20.4, 18.9, 18.2, 16.6, 16.6, 15.7, 14.4, 12.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₆₃N₅O₇ [M+H]⁺ 762.4806, found 762.4802.

Methods for solubility determination of BA and compound 8B by quantitative ¹H NMR:

Preparation of internal standard solution

2,3,5-Triiodobenzoic acid (20.8 mg) was dissolved in methanol- d_4 (2.0 mL) to produce the internal standard solution with a concentration of 10.4 mg/mL. The standard solutions were prepared before use.

Preparation of samples for NMR spectroscopic analysis

Saturated solutions (300 μ L) of BA and compound **8b** in methanol-*d*⁴ were transferred into separate 5 mm NMR tubes. The same volume of internal standard (2,3,5-triiodobenzoic acid) was added into each tube before NMR analysis.

¹H NMR spectroscopy analysis and data processing

All ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on an Agilent 400 MR 400MHz spectrometer operating at a proton NMR frequency of 399.79 MHz. The spectra were measured without sample spinning at a temperature of 298K. Methanol- d_4 was used as the internal lock. The following parameters were used in all ¹H NMR experiments: 16 scans of 64K data points were acquired with a spectral width of 6410 Hz (16 ppm), an acquisition time of 2.56 s, a relaxation delay of 30 s to ensure relaxation for all signals; the exponential window function was selected and the line broadening (LB) was set to 0.3 Hz. Phase and baseline corrections were performed manually prior to signal integration by using MestReNova software (version 10.0.1, Mestrelabs Research SL, Santiago de Compostela, Spain).

Compound	MW	Weight (mg)	μmol	Volume (mL)	Area
BA	456.71 (M _x)	1.47	3.21	0.3	0.5250 (Ax)
8b	793.96 (M _x)	15.78	19.88	0.3	3.2499 (Ax)
2,3,5-triiodobenzoic acid	499.81 (M _{IS})	3.12 (W _{IS})	6.24	0.3	1 (A _{IS})

The quantification of BA and **8b** in this study can be performed by using the following equation:

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = -\frac{Ax}{A_{IS}} \times \frac{N_{IS}}{Nx} \times \frac{Mx}{M_{IS}} \times W_{IS} \times P_{IS}$$

Wx is the mass of the analyte,

Ax and AIS represent their integral areas of the analyte and internal standard (IS),

 N_{IS} and Nx correspond to the numbers of spinning protons of internal standard and the analyte (in this experiment, both N_{IS} and Nx = 1),

Mx and M_{IS} are the molecular masses of the analyte and IS,

W_{IS} is the weighed mass of IS,

P_{IS} is the purity of the internal standard. (98.0 %)

The equation can be simplified as follows:

$$Wx = Ax \times \frac{Mx}{M_{IS}} \times 3.0576$$

The calculated solubilities of BA and compound **8b** in methanol are 4.9 mg/mL and 52.6 mg/mL (10.7 mmol/L and 66.3 mmol/L), respectively.



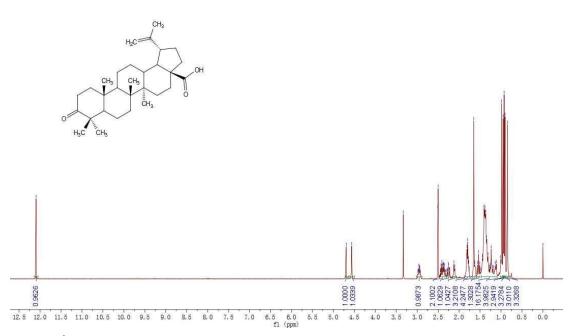


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6 in DMSO- d_6

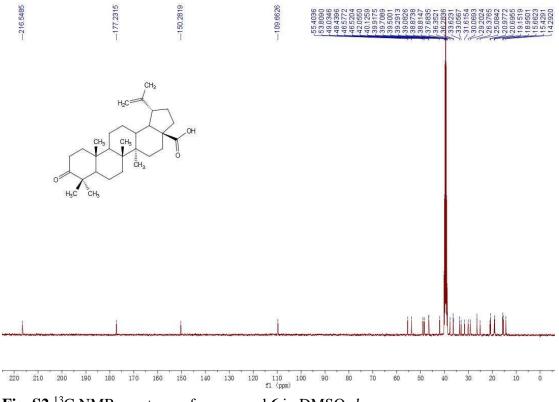


Fig. S2 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6 in DMSO-d₆

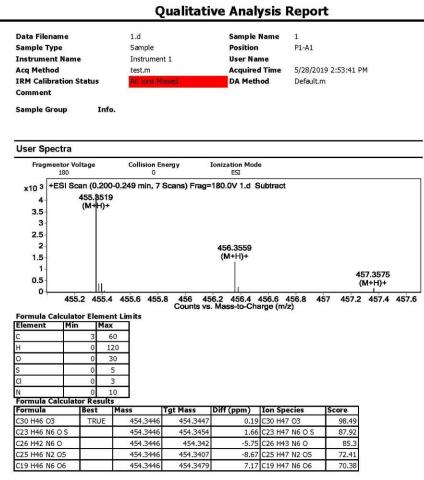
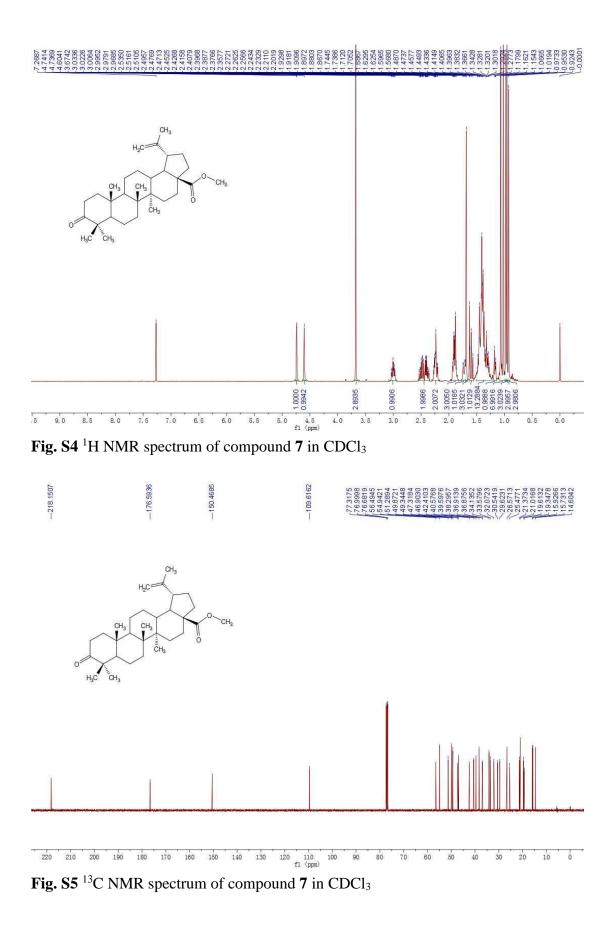


Fig. S3 HRMS spectrum of compound 6





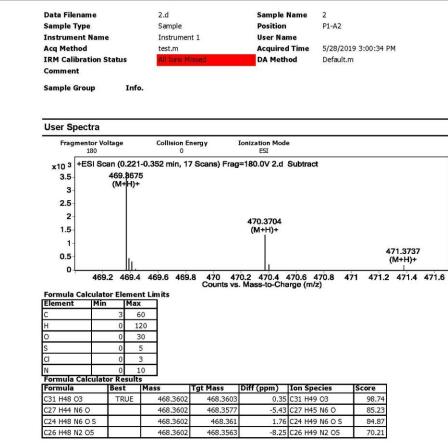


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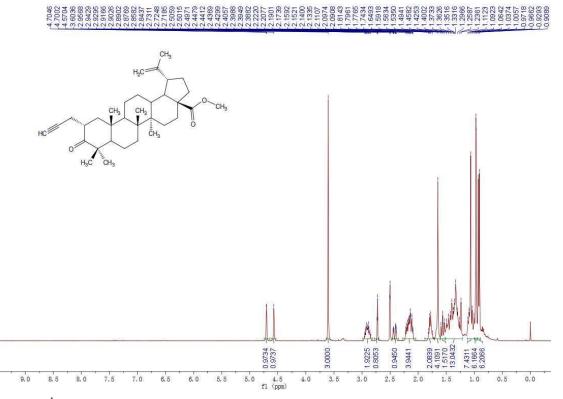


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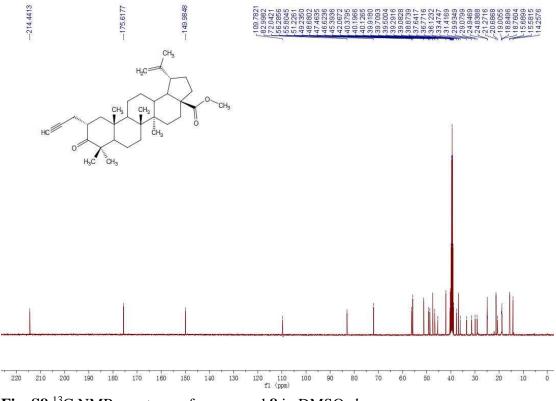


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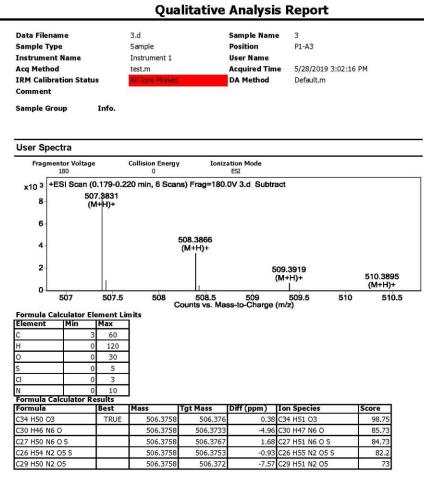


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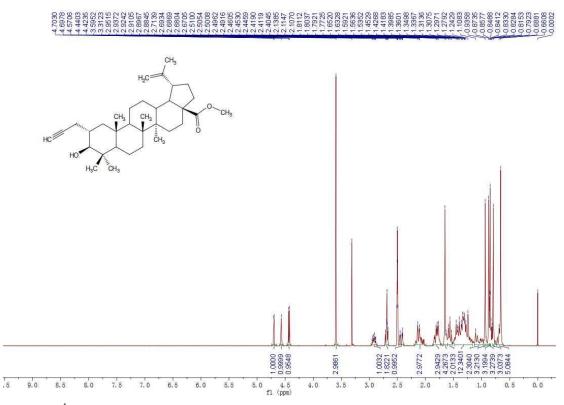


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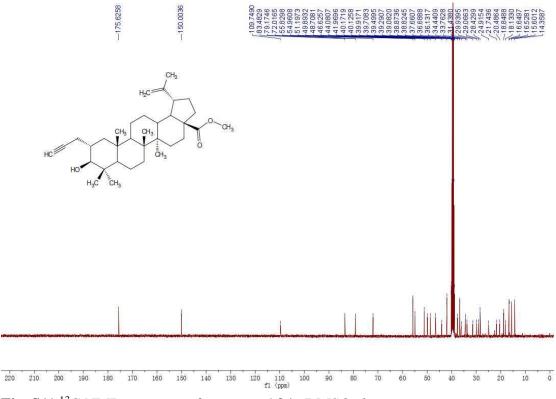


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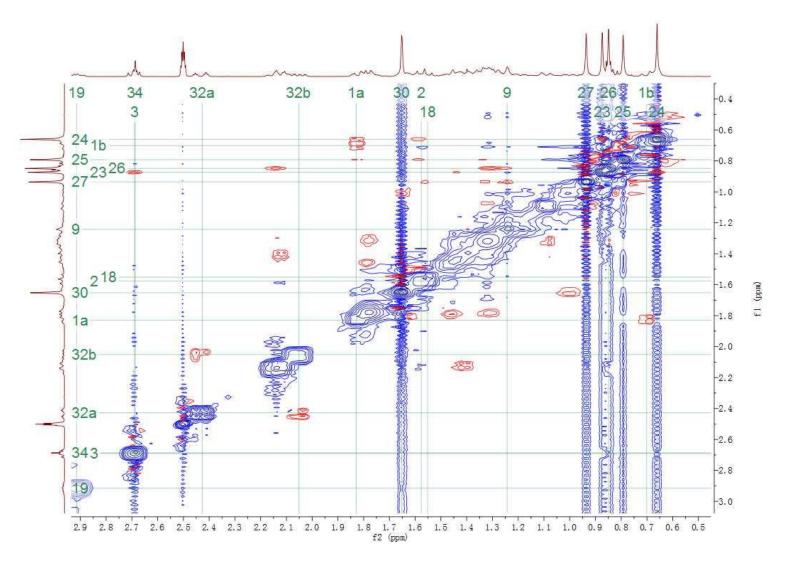


Fig. S12 NOESY spectrum of compound 9

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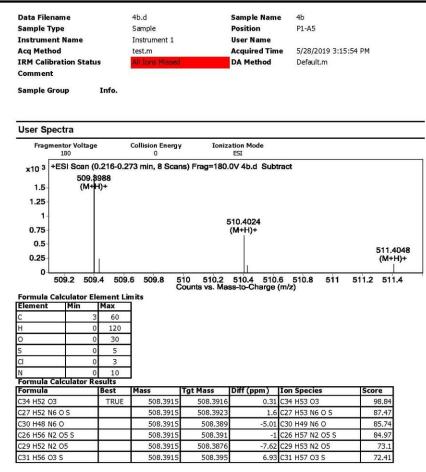


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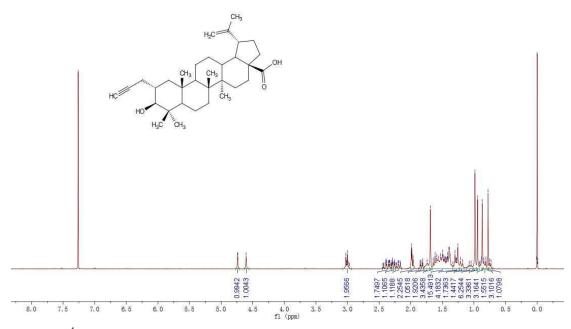


Fig. S14 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 10 in CDCl₃

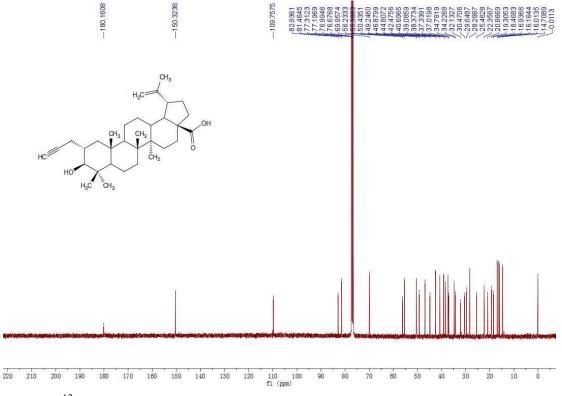


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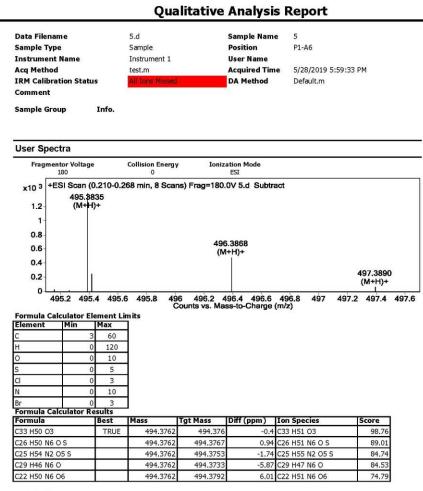


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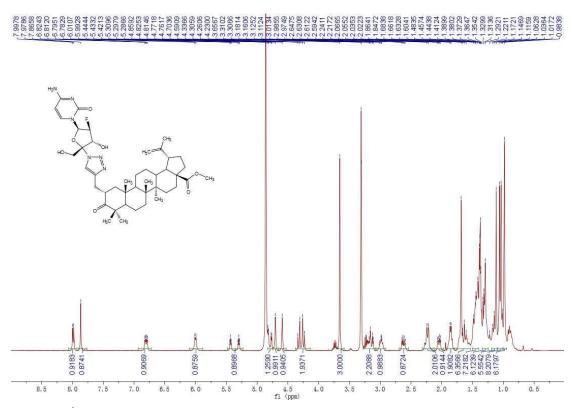


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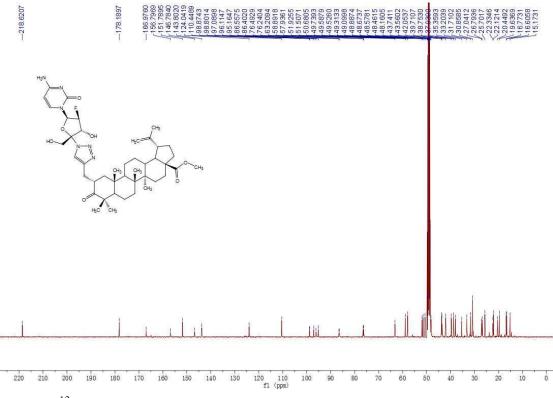


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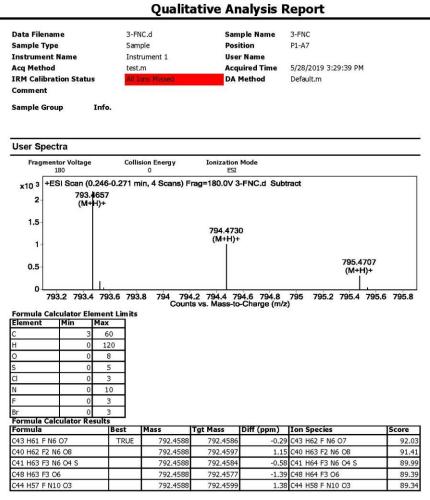
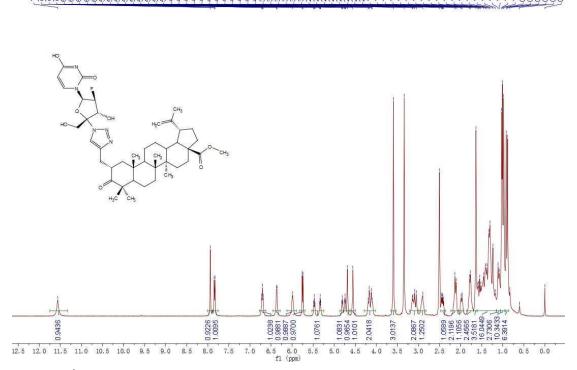


Fig. S19 HRMS spectrum of compound 8a



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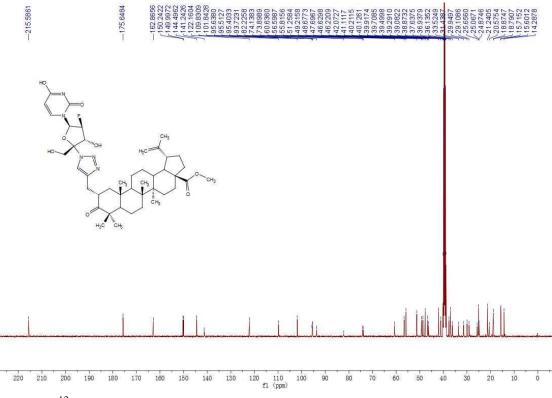


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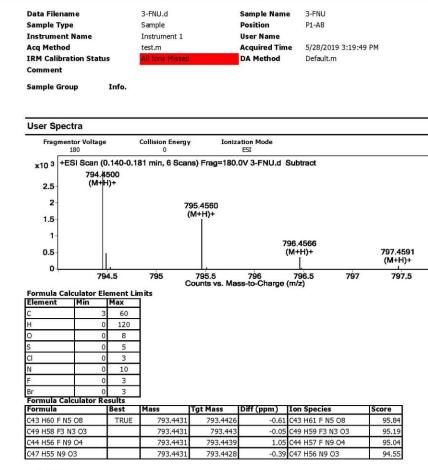


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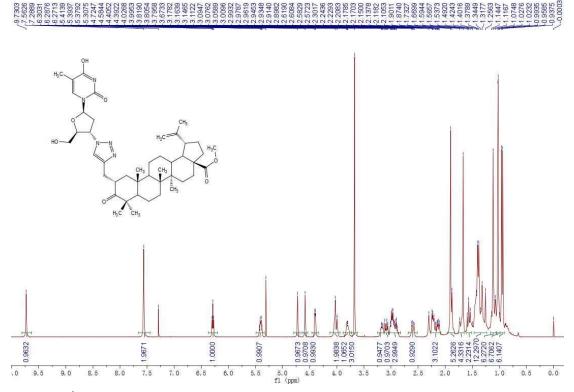


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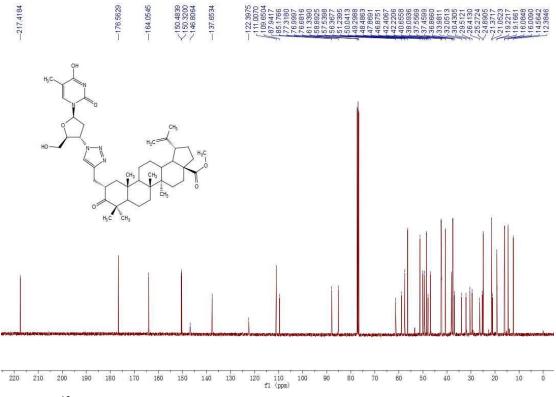


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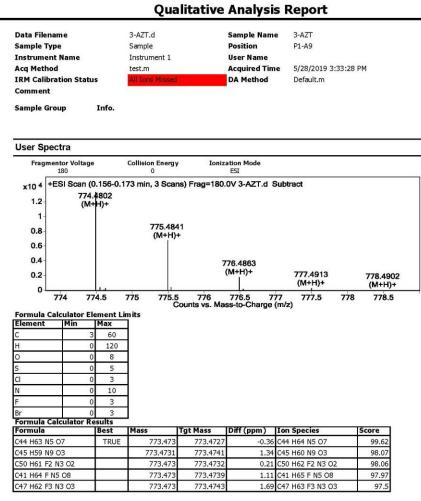


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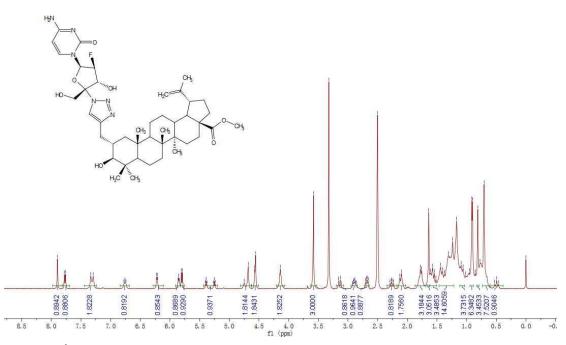


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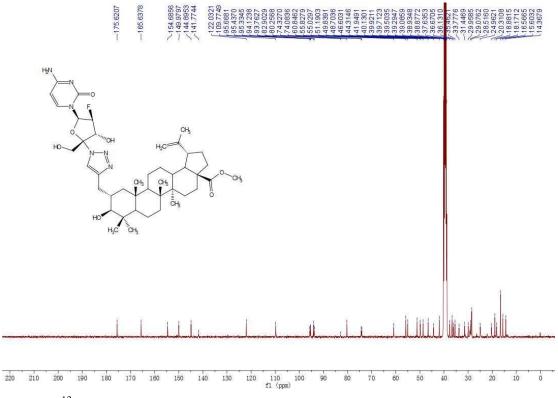


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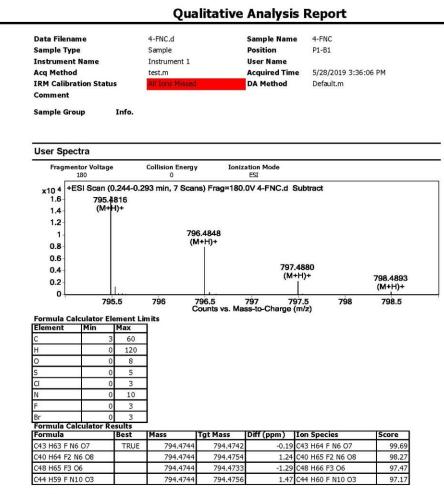


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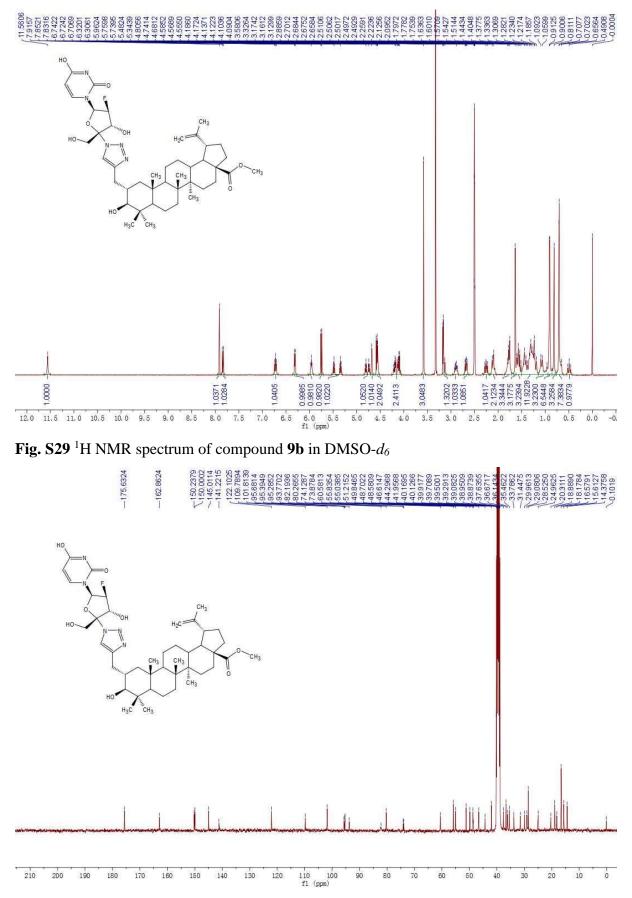


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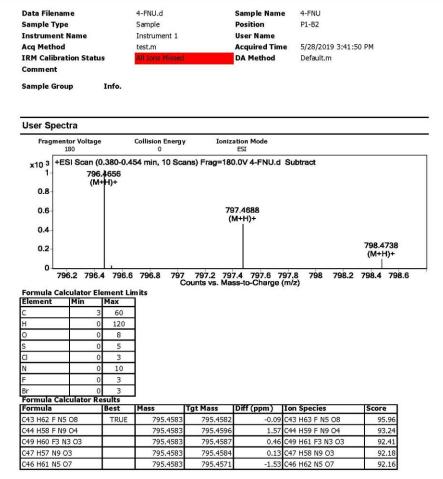


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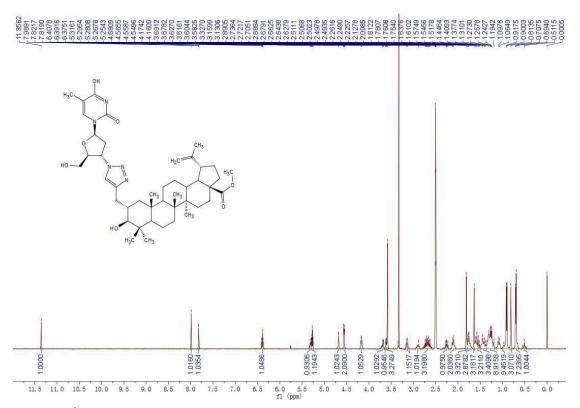


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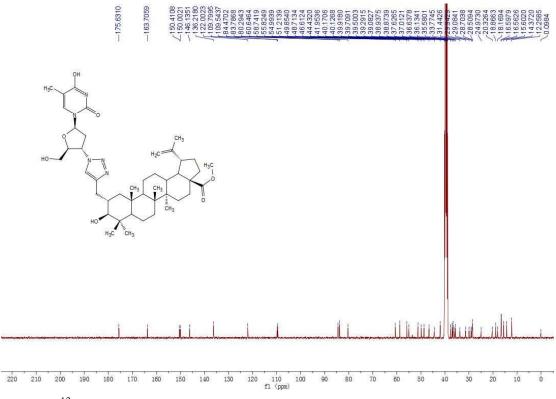


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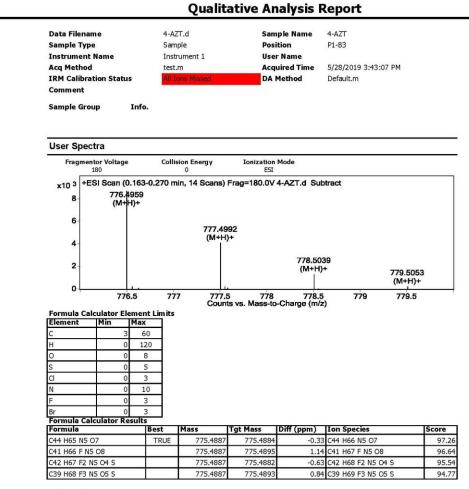


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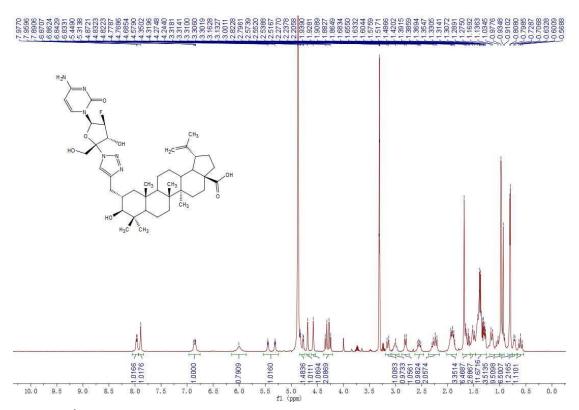


Fig. S35 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 10a in MeOH-d₄

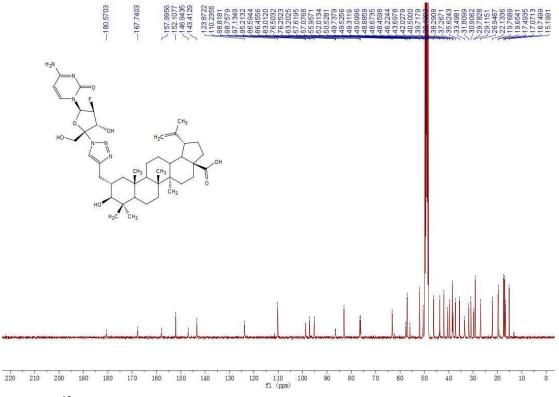


Fig. S36 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10a in MeOH-d₄



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Fig. S37 HRMS spectrum of compound 10a

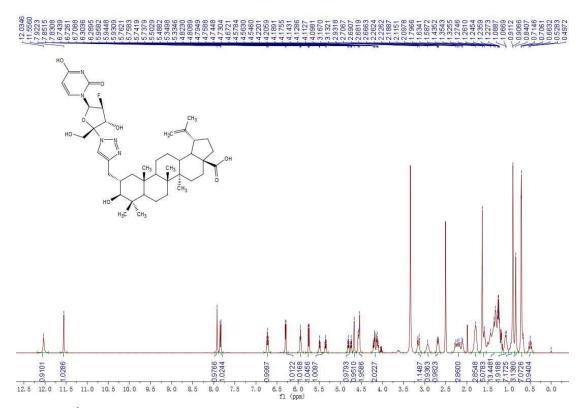


Fig. S38 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 10b in DMSO-d₆

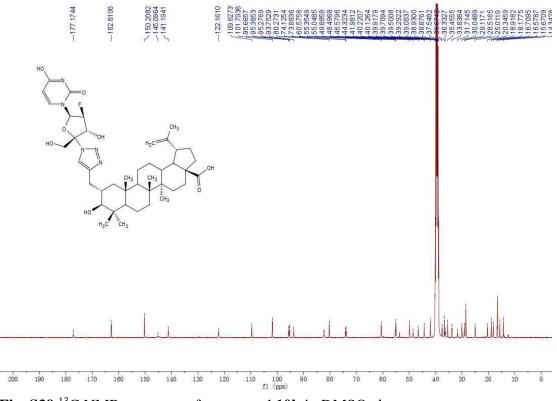


Fig. S39 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10b in DMSO-*d*₆



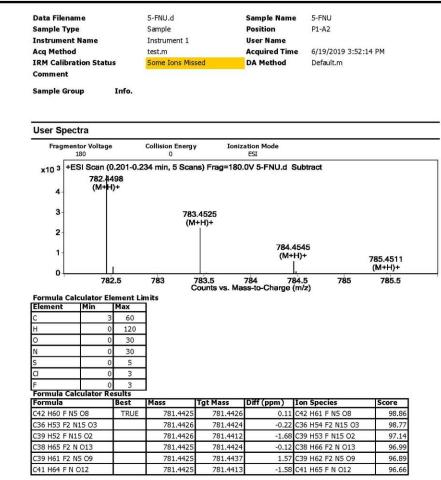


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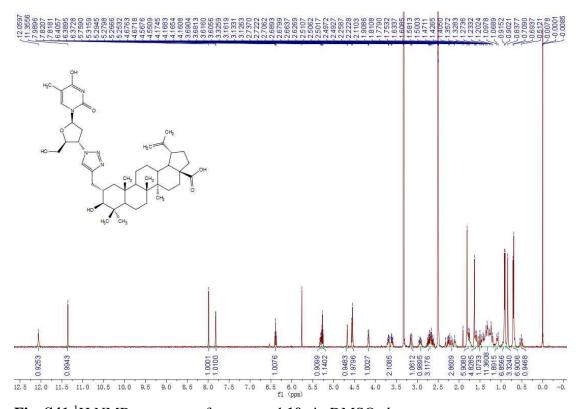


Fig. S41 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 10c in DMSO-d₆

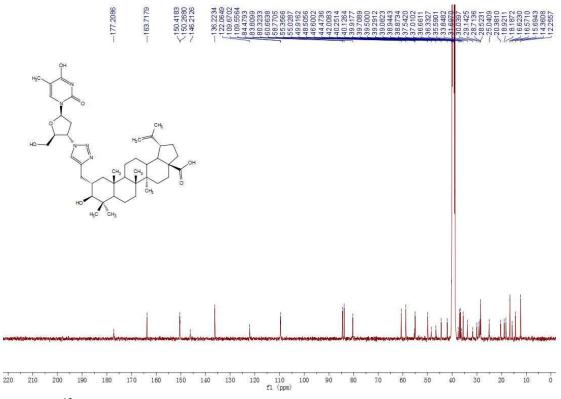
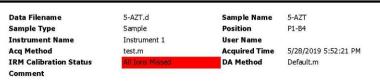


Fig. S42 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10c in DMSO-*d*₆

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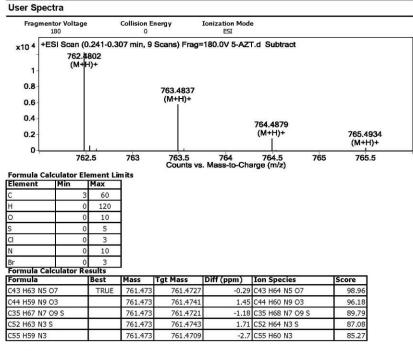


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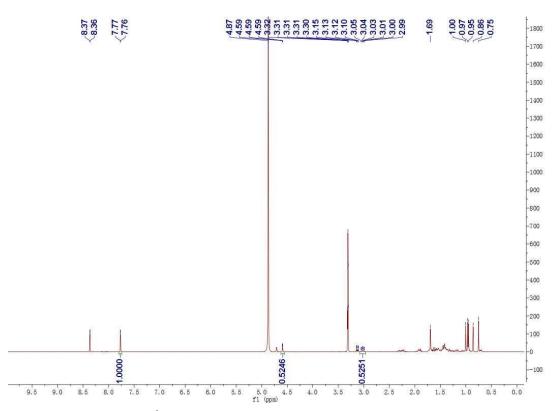


Fig. S44. Quantitative ¹H NMR spectrum of betulinic acid with internal standard

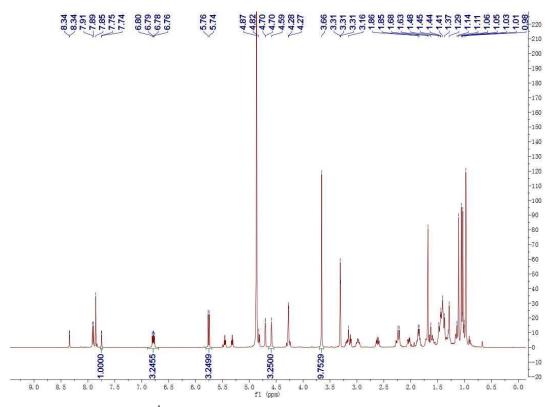


Fig. S45. Quantitative ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 8b with internal standard