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Large Scale Synthesis of Eldecalcitol

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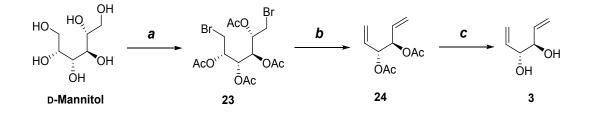
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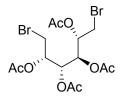
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Scheme S1. Synthesis of 3. *Reagents and conditions*: (a) i) AcBr, 1,4-dioxane, 3 d, rt; ii) Ac₂O, pyridine, 12 h, rt, 36%; (b) NaOAc, Zn, AcOH, 110 °C, 1 h, 100%; (c) K₂CO₃, MeOH, rt, 1 h, 100%.

Experimental Procedures

(2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*)-1,6-Dibromohexane-2,3,4,5-tetrayl tetraacetate (23)



To a dispersion of D-mannitol (15.0 kg, 82.3 mol) in 1,4-dioxane (151 L) was added AcBr (14.8 L, 199.7 mol) at rt for 3 days and solvent was evaporated. To the resulting substance was added pyridine (34 L, 414.3 mol) and cooled to 10 °C. To the reaction mixture was added Ac₂O (36 L, 377.0 mol) at 10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h and solvent was evaporated. To the resulting substance was added EtOH (23 L). The solution was stirred at rt for 1 h, filtered, washed with EtOH (12 L), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product **23** (14.2 kg, 29.8 mol, 36%) was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.42 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 5.13–5.08 (2H, m), 3.55 (2H, dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.6 Hz), 3.39 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.35 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.12 (6H, s), 2.11 (6H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 169.8, 69.3, 69.0, 30.8, 20.9, 20.8.

(3R,4R)-Hexa-1,5-diene-3,4-diyl diacetate (24)



To a solution of compound **23** (14.2 kg, 29.8 mol) in AcOH (71 L) were added NaOAc (5.38 kg, 65.6 mol) and Zn (7.80 kg, 119.3 mol) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 1 h, cooled to rt, filtered, and evaporated. To the crude compound were added water (71 L) and AcOEt (71 L). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product **24** (5.91 kg, 29.8 mol, 100%) was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.82–5.71 (2H, m), 5.44–5.38 (2H, m), 5.33 (2H, d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 5.28 (2H, d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 2.09 (6H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 132.8, 119.3, 74.4, 21.0.

(3*R*,4*R*)-Hexa-1,5-diene-3,4-diol (3)

To solution of compound **24** (5.91 kg, 29.8 mol) in MeOH (30 L) was added K₂CO₃ (0.82 kg, 5.93 mol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product **3** (3.41 kg, 29.8 mol, 100%) was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.92–5.81 (2H, m), 5.36 (2H, d, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 5.25 (2H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.00 (2H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.3 Hz), 2.94 (2H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 117.5, 75.8. 3-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)propan-1-ol (7)

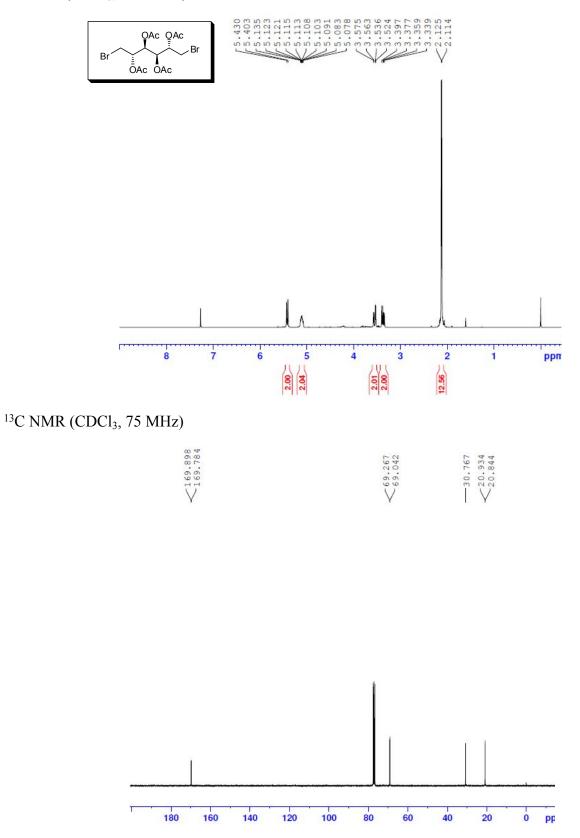
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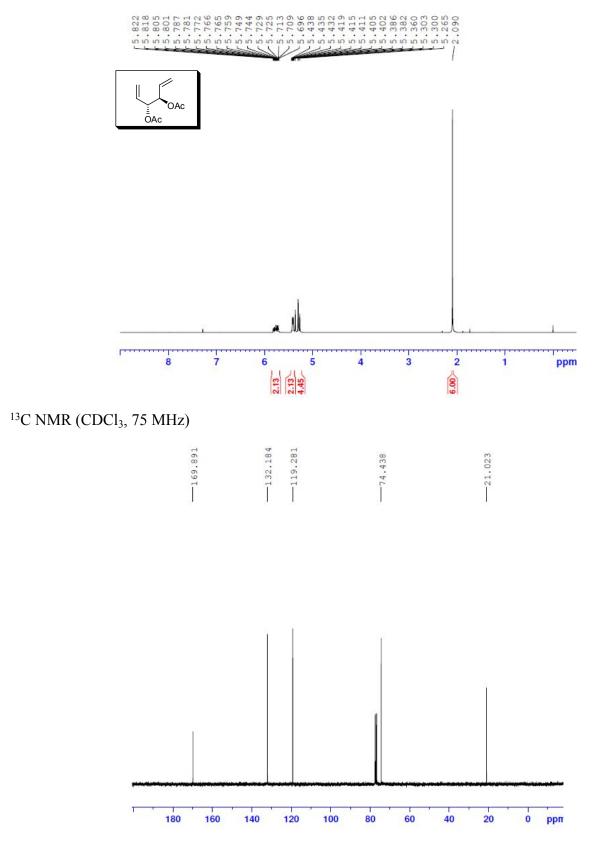
To a dispersion of 1,3-propanediol (1.35 kg, 17.7 mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20.3 L) was added Et₃N (2.48 L, 17.7 mol) at rt. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. TBDPSCl (4.63 L, 17.7 mol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture using dropping funnel. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15 h, quenched with water (18 L), and stirred for 10 min. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Thin film distillation of the resulting substance at 155 °C under 0.2 torr gave the product **7** (5.04 kg, 16.0 mol, 90%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73–7.66 (4H, m), 7.46–7.35 (6H, m), 3.86–3.81 (4H, m), 2.42 (1H, s), 1.84–1.76 (2H, m), 1.06–1.05 (9H, m); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 133.4, 129.9, 127.9, 63.3, 62.0, 34.4, 27.0, 19.2.

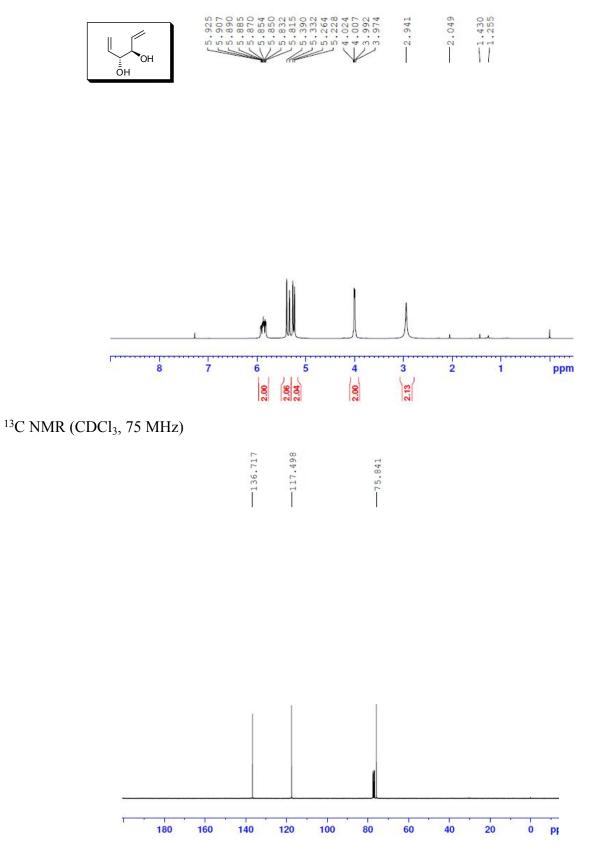
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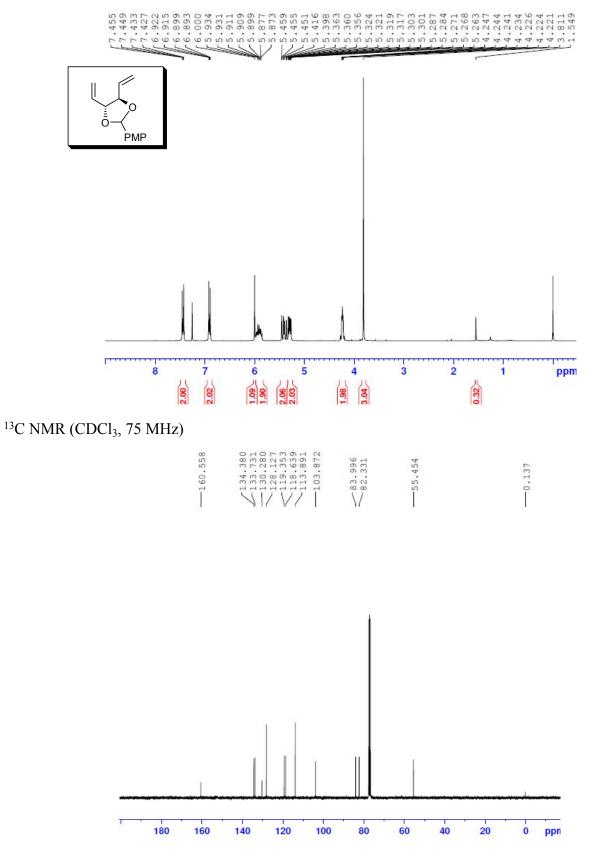
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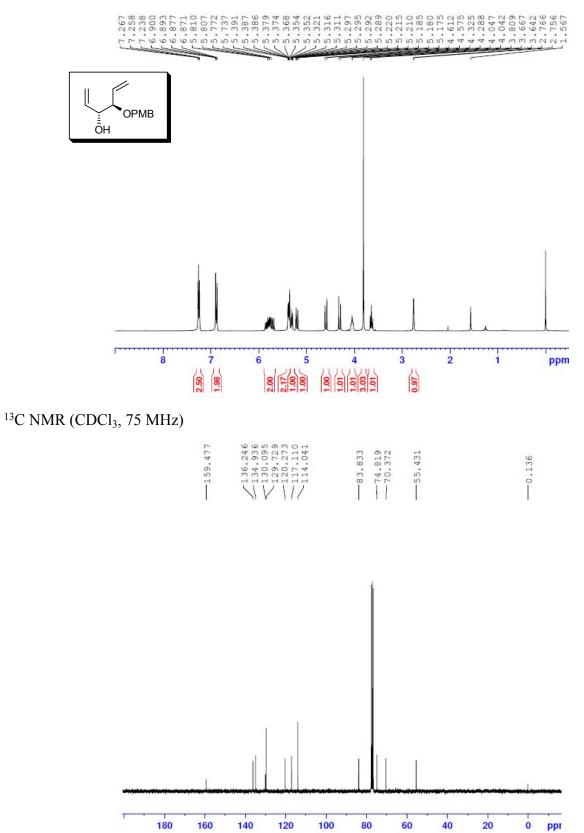
To a dispersion of compound 7 (5.04 kg, 16.0 mol) in *n*-heptane (30 L) was added DIPEA (2.93 L, 16.8 mol) at rt. The reaction mixture was cooled to 10 °C. (TfO)₂O (2.69 L, 16.0 mol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture using dropping funnel. The reaction mixture was stirred at 10 °C for 30 min, quenched with water (14 L), and stirred for 10 min. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product **8** (6.79 kg, 15.2 mol, 95%) was immediately used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66–7.63 (4H, m), 7.47–7.35 (6H, m), 4.74 (2H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 3.77 (2H, t, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 2.05–1.97 (2H, m), 1.07–1.04 (9H, m); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.6, 133.3, 130.0, 128.0, 74.6, 58.8, 32.3, 26.9, 19.3.

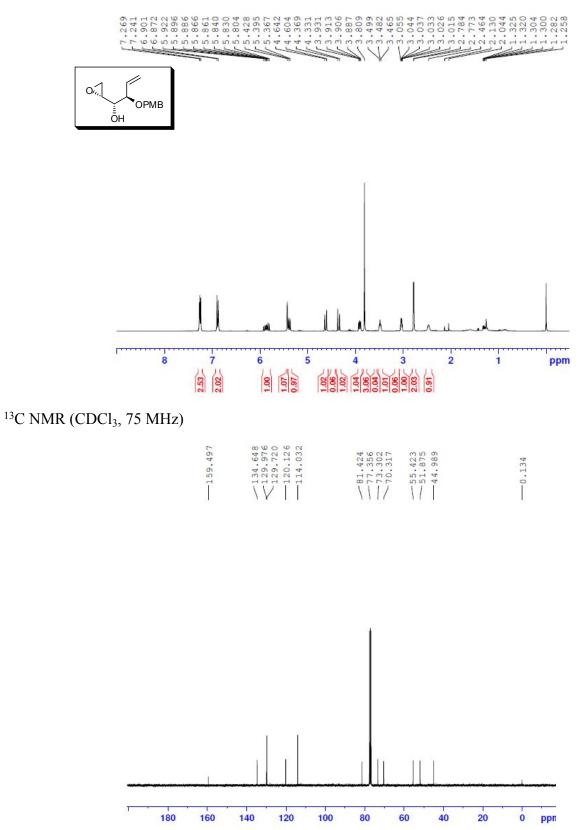


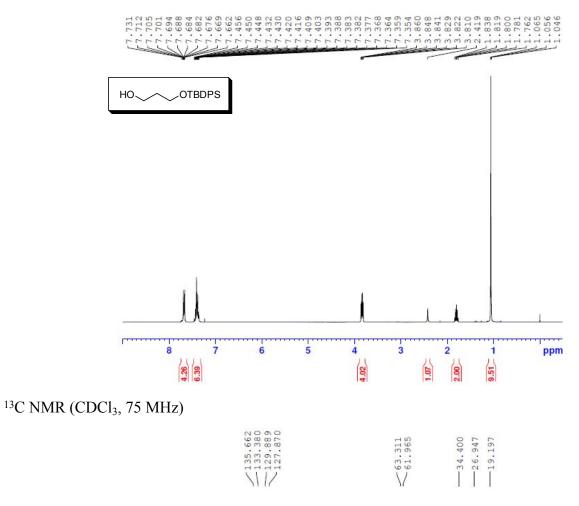


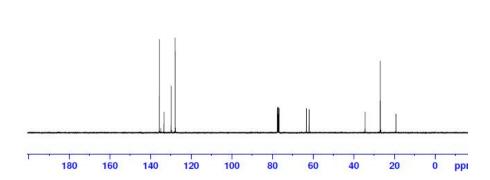


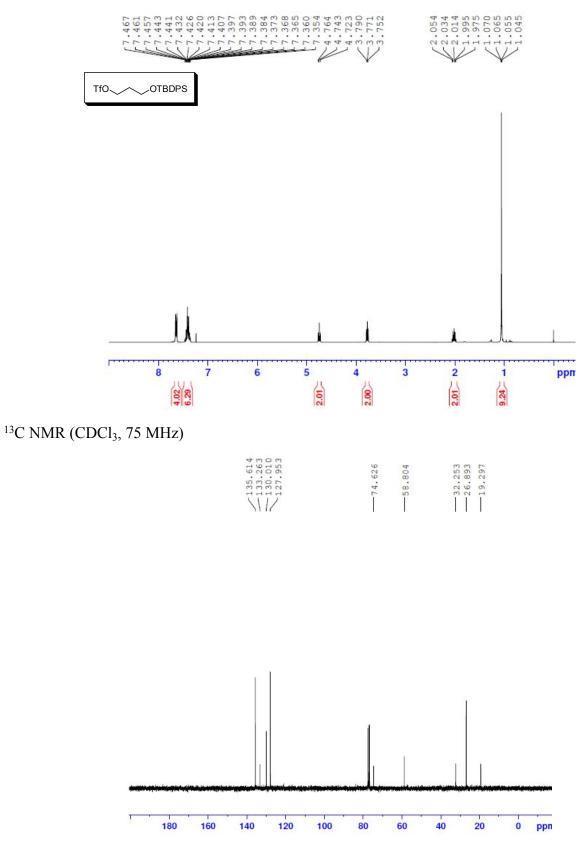


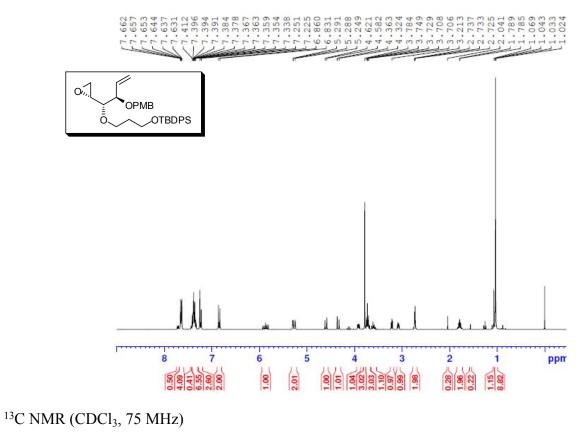


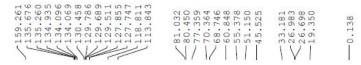


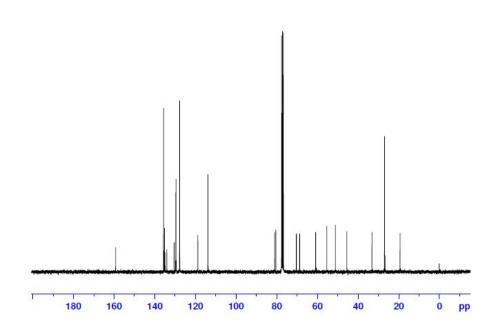


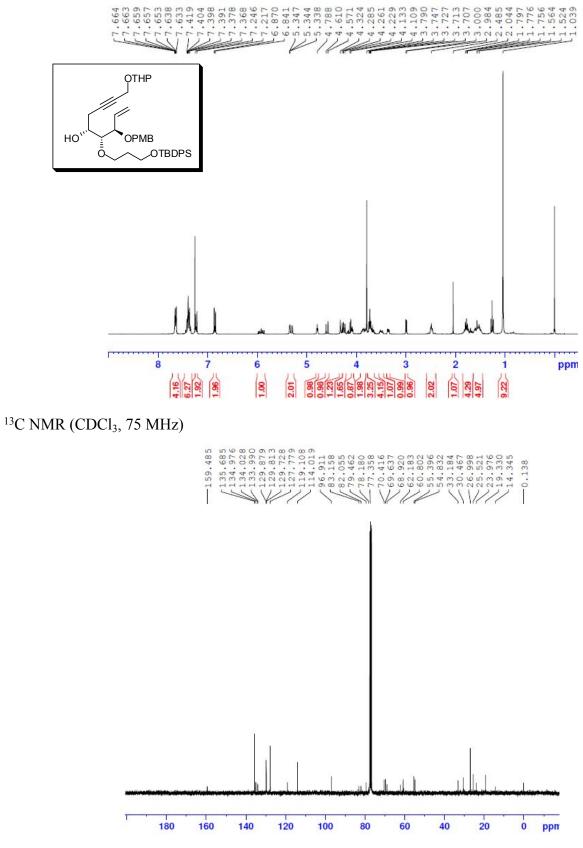


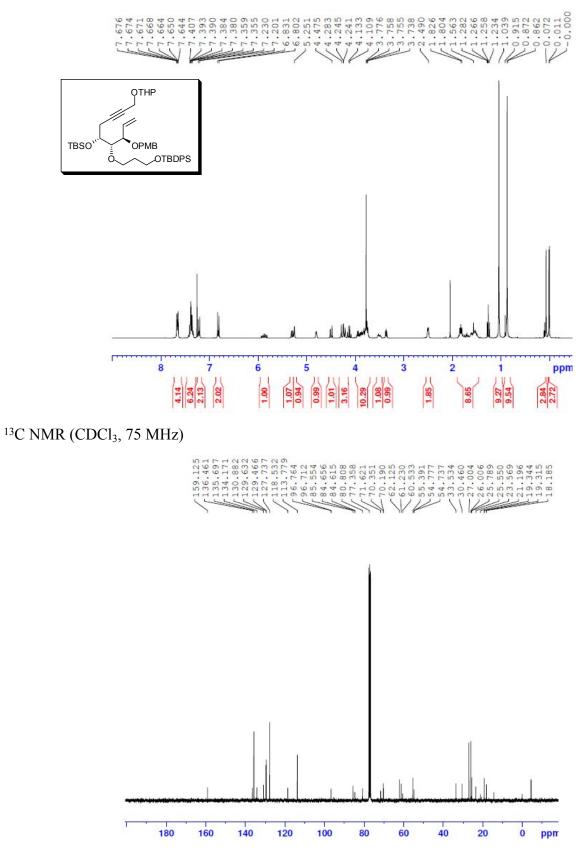


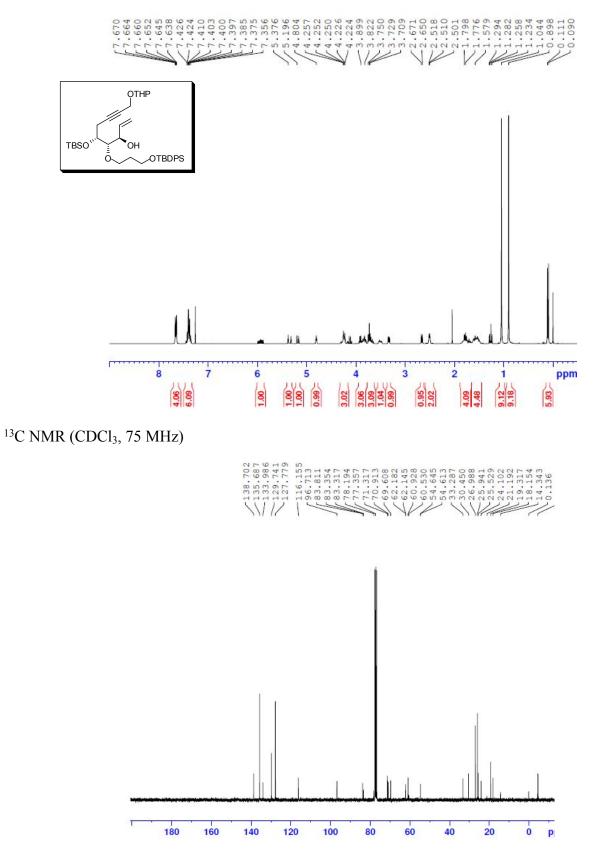


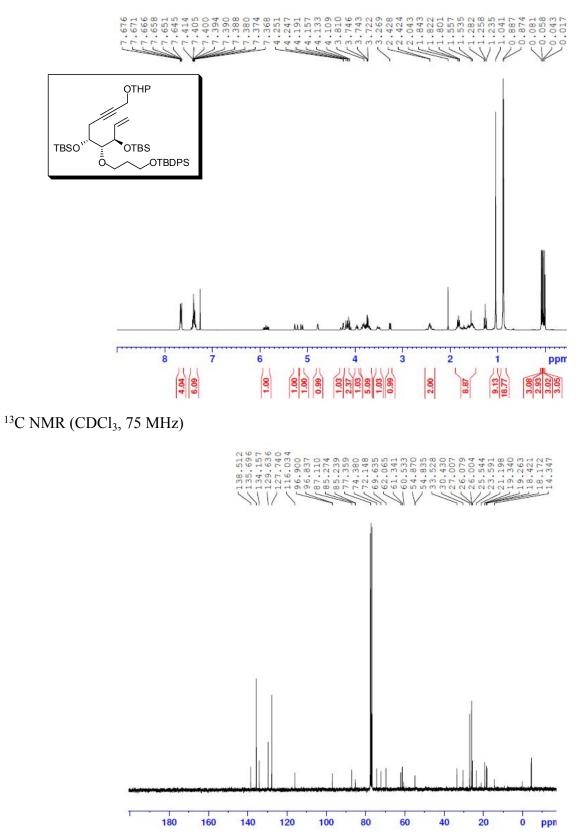


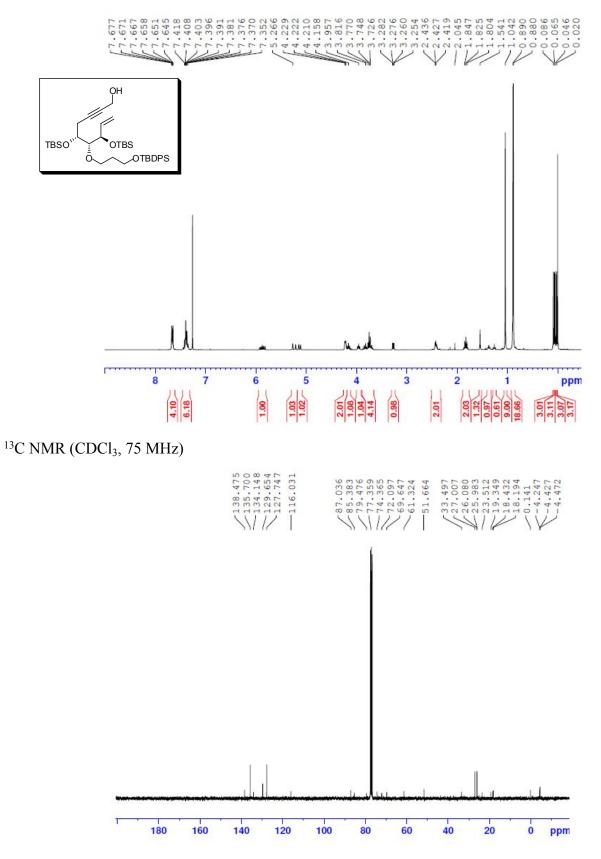




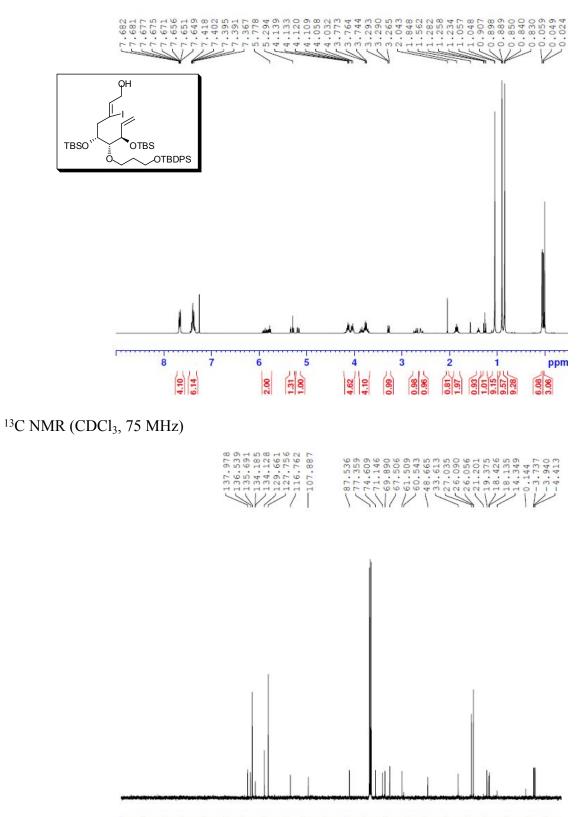




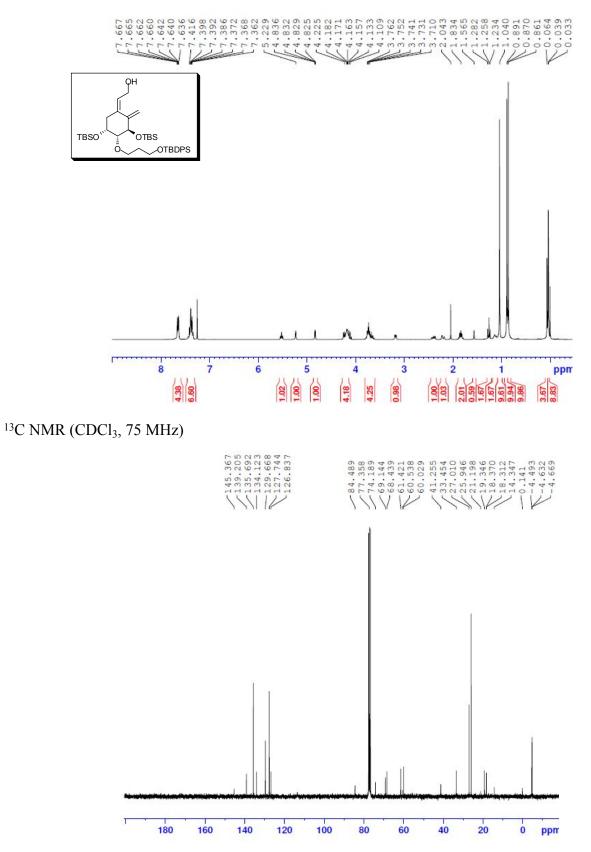


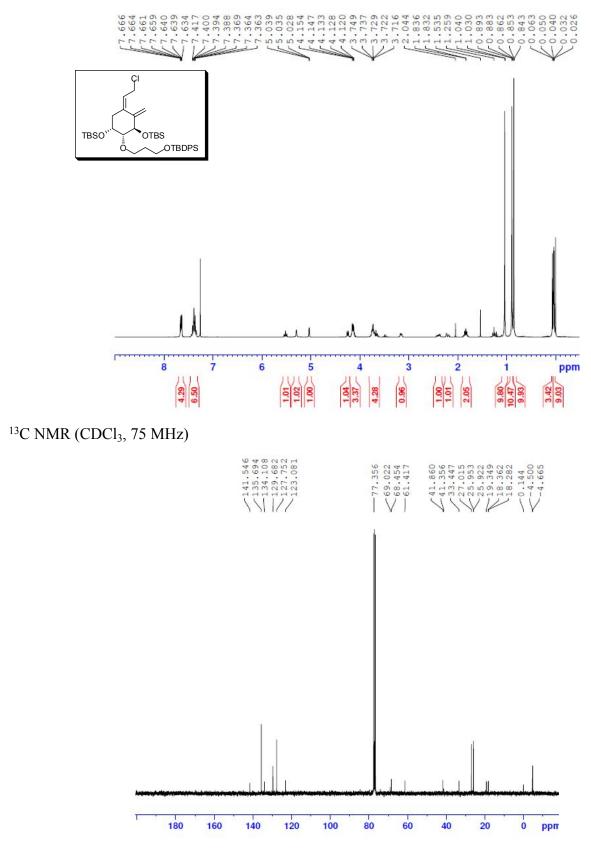


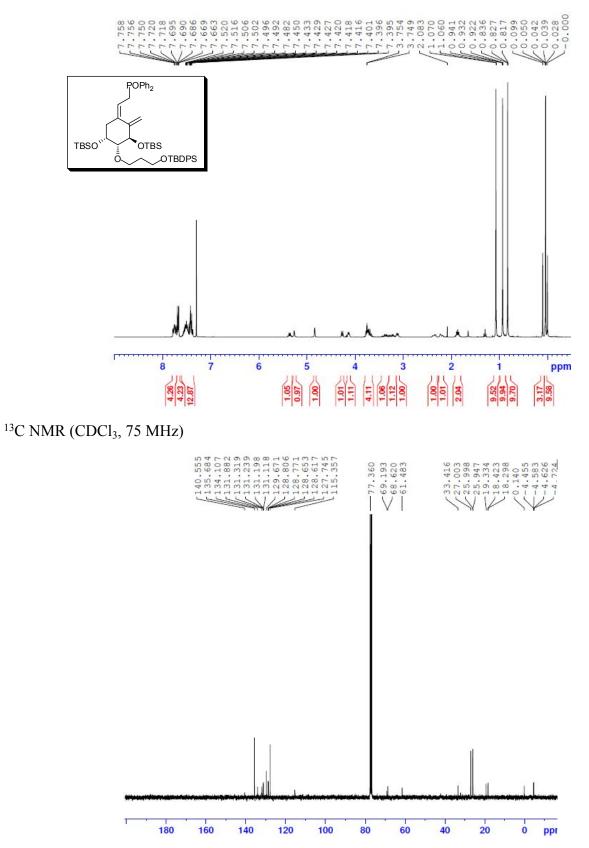
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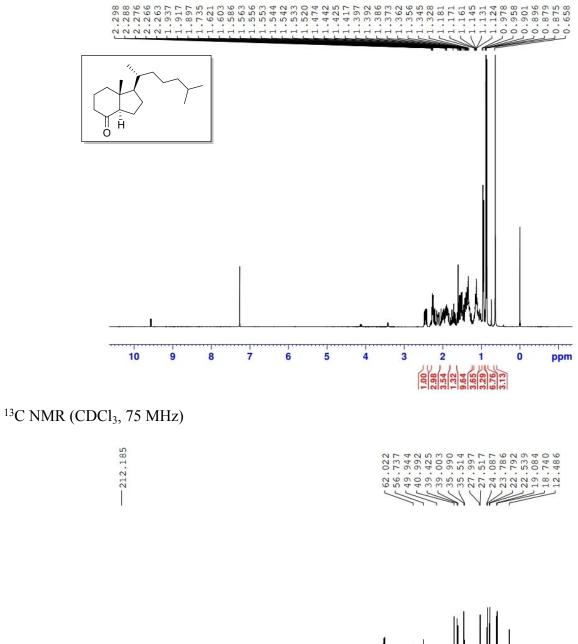


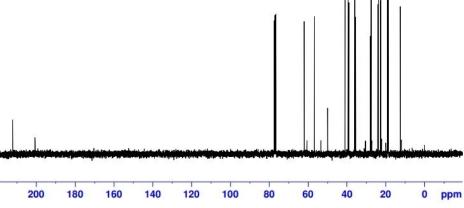
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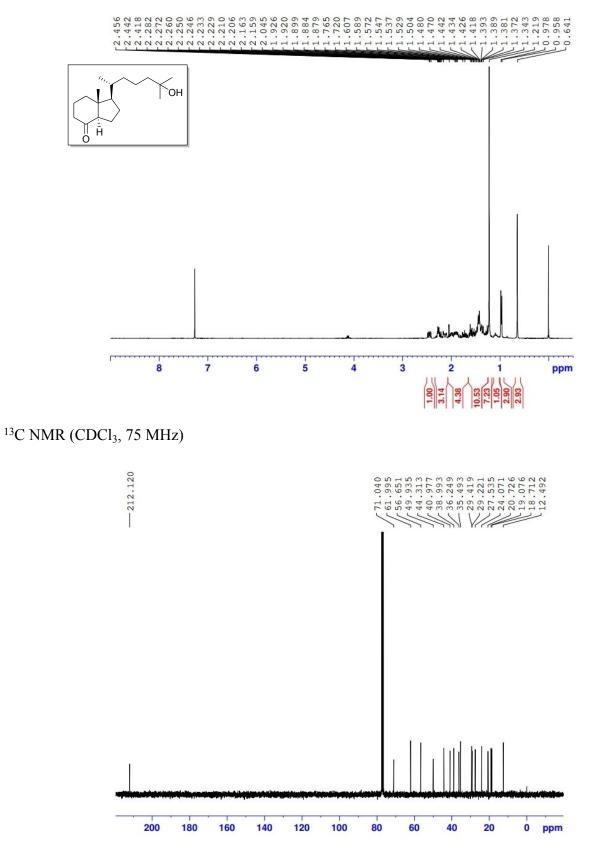


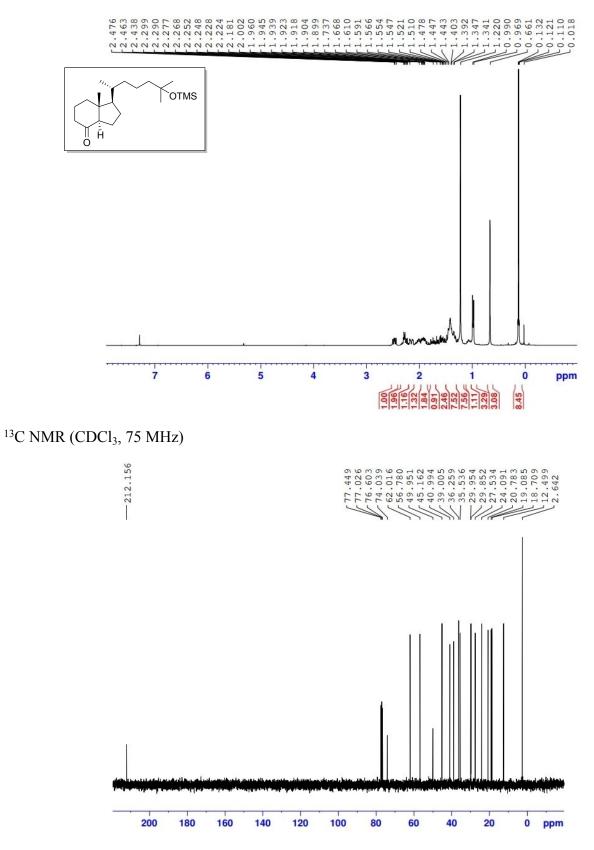




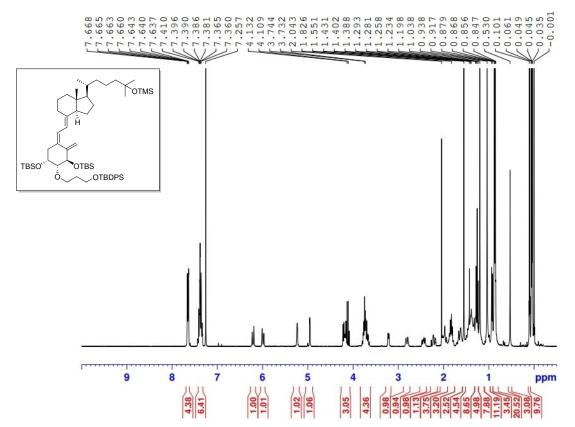


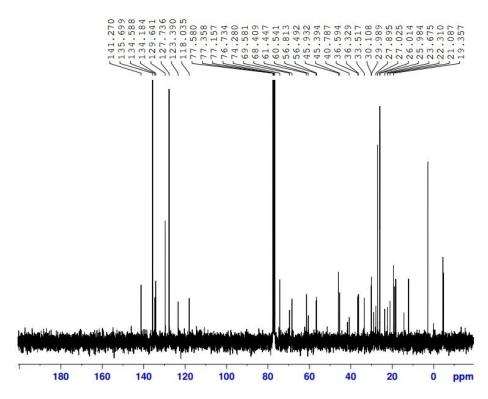




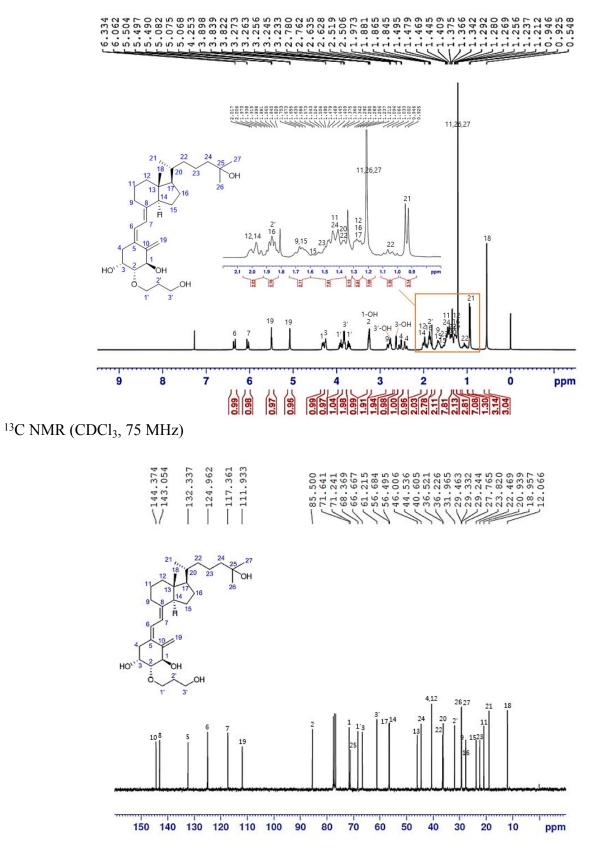


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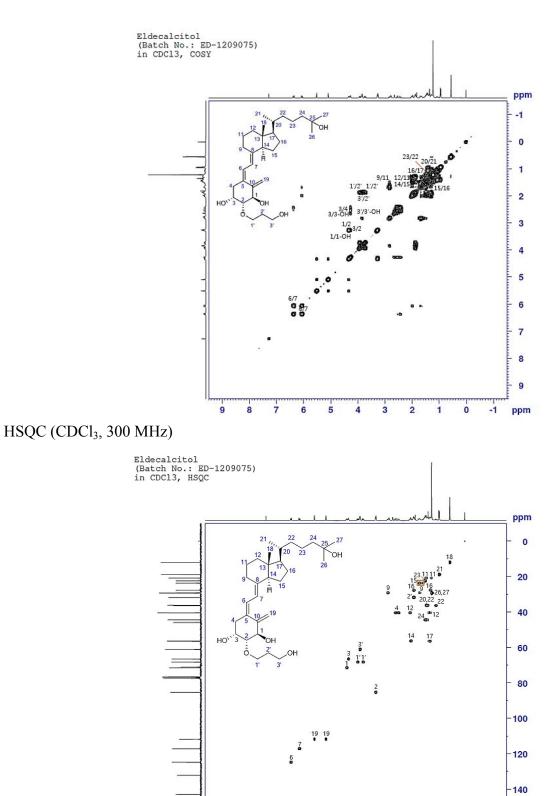


Compound 1 (eldecalcitol)



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