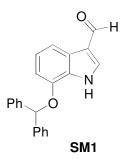
# Supporting Information for

Total Synthesis of Dragmacidin E Ken S. Feldman<sup>1\*</sup> and Paiboon Ngernmeesri<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Chemistry Department, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802 USA, <sup>2</sup>Chemistry Department, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, 10900 Thailand

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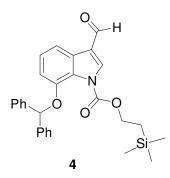
General Experimental. Unless stated otherwise, moisture and oxygen sensitive reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using anhydrous, deoxygenated solvents. Tetrahydrofuran, toluene, dimethylformamide, and dichloromethane were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under a nitrogen atmosphere. Methanol was dried by passage through an activated alumina column under a nitrogen atmosphere or distillation from magnesium under a nitrogen atmosphere. Acetonitrile was dried by passage through an activated alumina column under a nitrogen atmosphere or distillation from calcium hydride under a nitrogen atmosphere. Ethyl acetate was dried over molecular sieves. Anhydrous carbon tetrachloride and 1,4-dioxane were used as received. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Flash chromatography was performed on 32-63 µm silica gel. Melting points were taken with a Melt-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected. Chemical shifts of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si ( $\delta$  0.00), DMSO-d6 ( $\delta$ 2.49), DMF-d7 ( $\delta$  2.74), CD<sub>3</sub>OD ( $\delta$  3.30) or acetone-d6 ( $\delta$  2.04) if the former was absent.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are reported relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si ( $\delta$  0.0), CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.0), DMSO-d6 ( $\delta$ 39.5), DMF-d7 ( $\delta$  30.1), CD<sub>3</sub>OD ( $\delta$  49.0) or acetone-d6 ( $\delta$  29.8) if the former was absent.



**7-Benzhydryloxyindole-3-carboxaldehyde (SM1)**. Phosphorus(V) oxychloride (6.20 mL, 66.5 mmol) was added slowly to DMF (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture

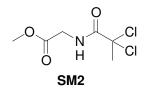
was stirred at this temperature for 30 min and a solution of 7-benzhydrylindole (16.62 g, 55.52 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) was added via cannula. The resulting dark brown solution was heated at 35-40 °C for 20 h followed by cooling to room temperature and then in an ice bath. Ice (~50 g) was added to the reaction mixture followed by slow addition of a 1 M NaOH solution (100 mL). The mixture was heated at 95 °C for 1 h and again allowed to cool to room temperature and then cooled in an ice bath. The liquid phase was slowly decanted off to leave a black syrup. This residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL). The black organic phase was poured into ice water (100 mL) and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give the desired aldehyde **SM1** as a yellow solid (13.00 g, 72% yield).

When a reaction was performed with a recrystallized starting material (125 mg, 0.42 mmol) by adding a solution of this compound in DMF (2 mL) to a reaction flask containing phosphorus(V) oxychloride (50  $\mu$ L, 0.42 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) at 0 °C, 127 mg (93% yield) of the desired aldehyde was obtained. mp 158-160 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc); IR (film) 3107, 1659 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.03 (br s, 1H), 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 6 H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 144.4, 140.6, 135.6, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 125.9, 123.5, 119.5, 114.4, 107.4, 82.1; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 328.1 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 328.1338, found 328.1328.

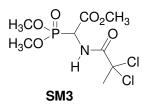


N-[(Trimethylsilylethoxy)carbonyl]-7-benzhydryloxyindole-3-carboxalde-

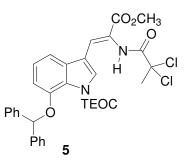
hyde (4). To an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 1.75 g, 43.75 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added a solution of aldehyde SM1 (13.00 g, 39.71 mmol) in THF (100 mL) via cannula. The suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then a solution of 4-nitrophenyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl carbonate (12.94 g, 45.67 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added via cannula. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting orange suspension was poured into ice water (200 mL) and extracted with ether (3 x 100 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/ether) to give the desired protected aldehyde 4 as a yellow solid (16.58 g, 89% yield). mp 101-102 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 1767, 1676 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 9.98 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.09 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.3, 149.9, 145.8, 141.0, 138.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 126.7, 125.7, 125.5, 121.3, 114.4, 110.7, 82.3, 67.2, 17.4, -1.7; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 494.2 (70%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{28}H_{29}NO_4NaSi]^+$ : 494.1764, found 494.1748.



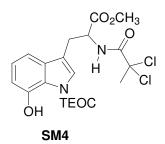
Methyl (2,2-Dichloropropionylamino)-acetate (SM2). To a solution of 2,2dichloropropionic acid (90%, 13.6 mL, 119 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) was added 2 drops of DMF followed by oxalyl chloride (20.8 mL, 238 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 7.5 h until bubbling stopped. The resulting yellow acid chloride solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and then redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). The acid chloride solution was cannulated to an ice-cooled solution of glycine methyl ester hydrochloride (10.00 g, 79.64 mmol) and DMAP (20.43 g, 167.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 mL). The resulting red solution was stirred for 12 h (0 °C  $\rightarrow$  room temperature) and it turned dark brown. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (100 mL) and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to afford the dichloroamide SM2 as a light yellow syrup (13.63 g, 80% yield). IR (film) 3368, 1753, 1686 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43 (br s, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 169.3, 166.6, 81.7, 52.5, 41.9, 33.8; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 214.0  $(100\%, M+H^{+})$ ; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $[C_6H_{10}NO_3Cl_2]^{+}$ : 214.0038, found 214.0040.



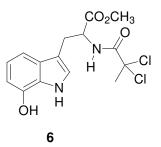
Methyl (2,2-Dichloropropionylamino)-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-acetate (SM3). To a solution of dichloroamide SM2 (10.71 g, 50.04 mmol) in CCl<sub>4</sub> (100 mL) was added N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) (9.51 g, 53.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux under sunlamp irradiation for 3 h. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with CCl<sub>4</sub> (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow liquid. This liquid was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) and trimethyl phosphite (P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>) (6.52 g, 52.6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 13 h. It was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the desired product as an off-white solid (16.12 g, 100% yield, crude). This phosphanate was carried on to the next step without purification. For characterization purpose, a portion was recrystallized from EtOAc to give the desired phosphanate SM3 as a white solid. mp 93-94 °C; IR (film) 3206, 1756, 1696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (br d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 21.6, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.88 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.85 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.0, 165.7 (d, J = 5.1Hz), 81.3, 54.2 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 53.9 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 53.4, 51.0 (d, J = 147.2 Hz), 33.6; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 322.1 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_8H_{15}NO_6Cl_2P]^+$ : 322.0014, found 322.0014.



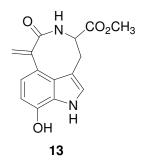
Methyl-2-(2,2-dichloropropionylamino)-3-(*N*[(trimethylsilylethoxy)carbonyl] -7-benzhydryloxyindol-3-yl)-acrylate (5). То an ice-cooled suspension of dimethylphosphoryl amide SM3 (12.50 g, 38.8 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) was added DBU (5.80 mL g, 38.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min and then aldehyde 4 (12.20 g, 25.9 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) was added via cannula. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting dark brown solution was poured into a mixture of ice water (100 mL) and brine (50 mL), and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to give the desired alkene 5 as a white solid (14.58 g, 84%) yield). mp 140-142 °C (recrystallized from hexanes/ether); IR (film) 3306, 1760, 1721, 1706 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.30-7.16 (m, 7H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.6, 163.7, 150.0, 146.2, 141.2, 132.2, 130.2, 128.5, 127.6, 126.7, 125.5, 124.43, 124.39, 121.5, 113.3, 111.0, 109.9, 82.17, 82.06, 66.6, 52.6, 33.5, 17.5, -1.7; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 689.2 (100%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>NaSiCl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 689.1617, found 689.1621



Methyl-2-(2,2-dichloropropionylamino)-3-(*N*[(trimethylsilylethoxy)carbonyl] -7-hydroxyindol-3-yl)-propionate (SM4). To a solution of the alkene 5 (10.40 g, 15.6 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of MeOH and toluene (100 mL) was added Rh(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl (145 mg, 0.64 mmol) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was placed in a sealable metal container equipped with a gas inlet pressure gauge, and this vessel was pressurized with H<sub>2</sub> at 1250 psi with heating to 45 °C for 50 h. The resulting dark brown solution was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to give the desired dichloroamide SM4 as a white solid (7.68 g, 98% yield). mp 96-97 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 3406, 1746, 1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 7.32 (br d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 7.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 7.5 (d, J7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (ddd, J = 7.5, 5.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H) 4.45 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.24 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.13 (m, 2H), 0.08 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8, 165.7, 153.2, 144.7, 132.9, 125.4, 124.0, 123.2, 116.5, 113.2, 109.7, 81.9, 67.5, 52.9, 52.7, 33.7, 26.7, 17.5, -1.6; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 503.1 (100%,  $M+H^+$ ); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{21}H_{29}N_2O_6SiCl_2]^+$ : 503.1172, found 503.1200.



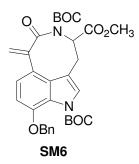
Methyl 2-(2,2-Dichloropropionylamino)-3-(7-hydroxyindol-3-yl)-propionate (6). To a solution of N-TEOC indolyl dichloroamide SM4 (7.54 g, 15.0 mmol) in THF (70 mL) was added 1 M TBAF (15.0 mL, 15.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then poured into ice water and extracted with EtOAc (3 x xThe organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 70 mL). The crude residue was purified by flash concentrated under reduced pressure. chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give the unprotected indole 6 as a white foamy solid (5.19 g, 96% yield). mp 55-57 °C; IR (film) 3396, 1738, 1679 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  10.65 (s, 1H), 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dt, J = 8.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 171.5, 165.6, 143.6, 129.1, 126.2, 123.4, 119.3, 109.7, 109.2, 105.5, 82.9, 54.3, 52.2, 34.2, 26.2; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 359.1 (75%, M+H<sup>+</sup>), 381.0 (100%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 359.0565, found 359.0543.



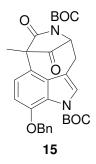
Methyl 10-Hydroxy-7-methylene-6-oxo-1,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydroazocino[4,5,6*cd*]indole-4-carboxylate (13). A solution of dichloroamide 6 (157 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (87.5 mL) in a quartz vessel was degassed by passage of dry nitrogen for 30 min prior to, and during, irradiation. This solution was irradiated at 254 nm in a Rayonet photochemical reactor for 30 min. The resulting light brown solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:4 hexanes/EtOAc and 100% EtOAc, respectively) to afford the bridged indole 13 as a yellow solid (83 mg, 66% yield). A larger scale reaction was carried out by dissolving 2.00 g (5.57 mmol) of 6 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (600 mL) and irradiated for 4 h to give 950 mg (60%) yield) of the desired product. mp 232-234 °C; IR (film) 3320, 1736, 1635 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  11.09 (s, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.86 (app br s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 15.1, 13.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 172.1, 171.5, 148.7, 144.3, 126.5, 124.8, 124.6, 121.4, 121.2, 112.6, 110.4, 104.9, 55.4, 52.4, 32.1; LRMS(CI) m/z (relative intensity) 287.1 (97%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{15}N_2O_4]^+$ : 287.1032, found 287.1048.



Methyl 10-Benzyloxy-7-methylene-6-oxo-1,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydroazocino[4,5,6*cd***]indole-4-carboxylate (SM5).** To a solution of hydroxy indole **13** (1.60 g, 5.59 mmol) in DMF (24 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (929 mg, 6.72 mmol) followed by benzyl bromide (810  $\mu$ L, 6.77 mmol). The reaction mixture for stirred at room temperature for 14 h and then poured into ice water and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:3 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford the protected product SM5 as a yellow solid (1.56 g, 74% yield). mp 216-217 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/MeOH); IR (film) 3333, 1742, 1652 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  11.39 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (br d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.86 (br t,  $J \sim 10$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, J = 16.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 16.3, 12.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 171.8, 171.4, 148.3, 145.4, 137.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 125.0, 124.3, 123.2, 120.8, 113.2, 110.5, 102.5, 69.1, 55.3, 52.4, 31.1; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 377.2 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{22}H_{21}N_2O_4]^+$ : 377.1501, found 377.1514.

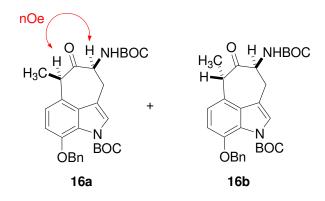


1,5-Di-*tert*-butyl 4-Methyl-10-benzyloxy-7-methylene-6-oxo-3,4,6,7-tetrahydroazocino[4,5, 6-cd]indole-1,4,5-tricarboxylate (SM6). A solution of BOC<sub>2</sub>O (1.72 g, 7.87 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) was cannulated into a suspension of benzyloxyindole **SM5** (1.22 g, 3.24 mmol) and DMAP (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The resulting dark brown solution was poured into ice water (30 mL) and extracted with ether (3 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to afford the desired protected product SM6 as a white solid (1.29 g, 69% yield). mp 179-180 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 1732, 1692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd, J = 12.6, 4.1 Hz, 10.1 Hz)1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dd, J = 15.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.5, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.07 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.6, 170.8, 151.3, 148.3, 148.1, 144.4, 136.7, 129.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 126.0, 125.3, 122.7, 115.2, 108.1, 83.5, 82.6, 70.8, 57.5, 52.5, 27.7, 27.4, 26.5; LRMS(AP+) m/z (relative intensity) 577.2  $(95\%, M+H^+)$ ; HRMS (AP+) m/z calcd for  $[C_{32}H_{37}N_2O_8]^+$ : 577.2250, found 577.2600.



Oxoimide 15. A solution of imide SM6 (3.56 g, 6.17 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and a 1 M solution of N-selectride in THF (6.8 mL, 6.8 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h (-78 °C to room temperature). The resulting red solution was poured into ice water (60 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, passed through a SiO<sub>2</sub> pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was suspended in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (50 mL) and DMAP (75 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added followed by a solution of BOC<sub>2</sub>O (2.69 g, 12.33 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, then additional DMAP (75 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 10 min. The resulting brown solution was poured into ice water (60 mL) and extracted with ether (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to afford the bridged amide 15 as a white solid (2.81 g, 83% yield). mp 96-98 °C (recrystallized from ether/hexanes); IR (film) 1798, 1763, 1744, 1721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.86 (dd, J = 4.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (ddd, J = 17.0, 4.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddd, J = 16.9, 2.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.07 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.9, 170.9,

149.4, 148.6, 147.8, 136.7, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 125.4, 120.2, 119.9, 112.5, 107.8, 84.3, 83.8, 70.8, 64.7, 58.3, 27.9, 27.7, 27.0, 13.5; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 569.2 (100%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{31}H_{34}N_2O_7Na]^+$ : 569.2264, found 569.2280.



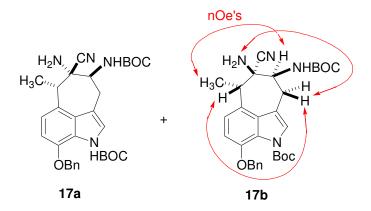
(±)-tert-Butyl 3-Benzyloxy-8-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-6-methyl-7-oxo-6,7,8,

**9-tetrahydro-2-azabenzo**[*cd*]**azulene-2-carboxylate** (**16a** and **16b**). To an ice-cooled solution of imide **15** (2.10 g, 3.84 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was added a deoxygenated 1 M aq. LiOH solution (7.8 mL, 7.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h (0 °C to room temperature). The resulting slightly yellow solution was poured into ice water (40 mL) and extracted with ether (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 hexanes/ether) to afford a ~ 2:1 mixture of diastereomeric ketones **16a** and **16b** as a white solid (1.81 g, 91% yield). Major product (**16a**): mp 156-157 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 3417, 1756, 1710 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (br d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 4.64 (br dd, *J* ~ 4.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* =

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15.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 15.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.4, 155.6, 148.7, 146.6, 137.0, 131.1, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 125.8, 124.9, 123.4, 119.7, 115.6, 109.1, 83.2, 79.6, 70.9, 61.4, 44.9, 28.2, 27.7, 27.6, 14.2; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 543.2 (100%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 543.2471, found 543.2467.

Minor product (**16b**): mp 161-162 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 3385, 1755, 1717 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (br s, 1 H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.48 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (br q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (app d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.7, 155.5, 148.8, 146.6, 137.1, 131.1, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 125.8, 125.2, 123.3, 121.2, 116.0, 109.2, 83.4, 80.0, 71.1, 59.4, 47.8, 29.2, 28.3, 27.8, 15.8; LRMS(ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 543.3 (78%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup>: 543.2471, found 543.2484.



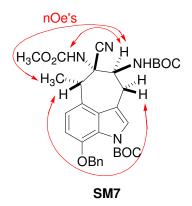
(±)-*tert*-Butyl 7-Amino-3-benzyloxy-8-*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino-7-cyano-6methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-2-azabenzo[*cd*]azulene-2-carboxylate (17a and 17b). A

solution of the diastereomeric mixture of ketones 16a and 16b (1.736 g, 3.33 mmol) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (368 mg, 6.88 mmol) in saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (15 mL) in a sealed tube was heated at 75 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and TMSCN (1.80 mL, 13.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred in a sealed tube at room temperature for 18 h. The resulting yellow suspension was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 mL) and then poured into ice water (100 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1, 1:1 and 1:2 hexanes/EtOAc, respectively) to afford the aminonitriles 17a (1.052 g, 58%) yield) and 17b (227 mg, 12% yield) as light yellow solids. Major product (17a): mp 143-144 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 3318, 2222, 1755, 1714 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (br d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 15.4, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (br s, 2H), 1.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 155.7, 148.9, 147.0, 137.1, 132.2, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 125.1, 124.9, 124.0, 122.7, 122.3, 116.7, 108.9, 83.3, 80.5, 71.0, 65.7, 58.5, 42.0, 30.0, 28.2, 27.8, 15.2; LRMS(AP+) m/z (relative intensity) 547.3 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (AP+) m/z calcd for  $[C_{31}H_{39}N_4O_5]^+$ : 547.2920, found 547.2881.

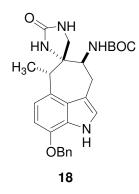
Minor product (**17b**): mp 149-150 °C (recrystallized from ether); IR (film) 3379, 1754, 1715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (br d, *J* ~ 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16

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(s, 2H), 4.43 (br t,  $J \sim 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 14.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, J = 15.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (br s, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.9, 148.8, 146.8, 137.0, 131.0, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 125.2, 124.5, 123.7, 121.9, 115.5, 108.7, 83.3, 80.0, 70.9, 62.5, 52.9, 46.3, 28.4, 28.3, 27.7, 19.0; LRMS(ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 547.3 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 547.2920, found 547.2940.

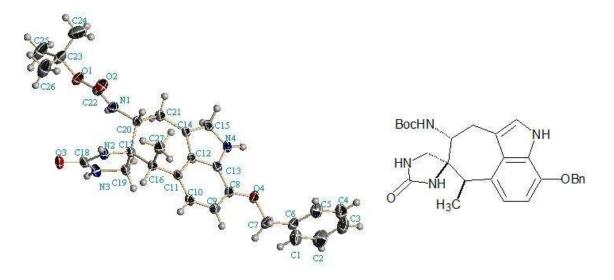


(±)-*tert*-Butyl 3-Benzyloxy-8-*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino-7-cyano-7-methoxycarbonylamino-6-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-2-azabenzo[*cd*]azulene-2-carboxylate (SM7). To a mixture of aminonitrile 17a (795 mg, 1.45 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (402 mg, 2.91 mmol) was added THF (20 mL) followed by methylchloroformate (740  $\mu$ L, 8.79 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 20 h. The resulting yellow solution was allowed to cool to room temperature, poured into ice water (30 mL), and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:2 hexanes/ether) to afford the desired product SM7 as a white solid (758 mg, 86% yield). mp 120-122 °C; IR (film) 3323, 2237, 1755, 1730, 1684 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 5.40 (br d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.33 (ddd, J = 8.9, 7.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 16.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.0, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.6, 155.2, 148.7, 146.9, 137.0, 131.1, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 125.2, 125.0, 123.9, 117.6, 114.1, 108.9, 83.3, 81.2, 70.9, 65.5, 54.1, 52.3, 42.7, 30.1, 28.1, 27.7, 17.1; LRMS(ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 622.3 (55%, M+NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 622.3241, found 622.3260.



( $\pm$ )-Spirocyclic Imidazolone 18. To a solution of aminonitrile SM7 (570 mg, 0.94 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) was added cobalt (II) chloride (3.06 g, 23.6 mmol). The resulting dark blue solution was cooled in an ice bath and sodium borohydride (892 mg, 23.6 mmol) was added in portions. The resulting black suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Then additional sodium borohydride (892 mg, 23.6 mmol) was added in portions. The resulting black suspension was added in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h (0 °C to room temperature). The resulting black suspension was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and acidified with 1 M HCl solution (60 mL). The acidic solution was stirred vigorously for 1 h until it turned fuchsia and clear. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted

with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in EtOH (9 ml) and a 1 M LiOH solution (9 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at ~95 °C for 6 h. The resulting black suspension was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL), and poured into ice water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (3% and 5% saturated  $NH_3/MeOH$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) to afford the desired product 18 as a yellow solid (348 mg, 78% yield). mp 222-224 °C IR (film) 3260, 1701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (br s, 1H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (br s, 1 H), 5.24 (br d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.55 (br m, 1H), 3.58 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.13 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 15.9, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75) MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 161.6, 155.9, 143.5, 137.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.0, 122.3, 119.1, 109.9, 102.9, 77.9, 69.1, 65.7, 49.6, 48.4, 44.6, 28.3, 28.2, 19.4; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 477.2 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{27}H_{33}N_4O_4]^+$ : 477.2502, found 477.2505.

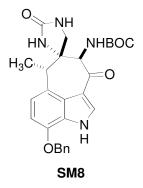


A colorless plate shaped crystal of **18** (CCDC 826169) [(C27 H33 N4 O4), 2.25(CH3-OH)] with approximate dimensions 0.06 x 0.21 x 0.29 mm, was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured at 143(2) K, cooled by Rigaku-MSC X-Stream 2000, on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a MoK $\alpha$  fine-focus sealed tube ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073Å) operated at 1600 watts power (50 kV, 32 mA). The detector was placed at a distance of 5.8 cm from the crystal.

A total of 1850 frames were collected with a scan width of 0.3° in  $\omega$  and an exposure time of 20 seconds/frame. The total data collection time was about 18 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame integration algorithm. The integration of the data using a Monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 22075 reflections to a maximum  $\theta$  angle of 28.23° (0.90 Å resolution), of which 7217 were independent, completeness = 96.5%, R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0848, R<sub>sig</sub> = 0.0910 and 4218 were greater than  $2\sigma(I)$ . The final cell constants: a = 14.467(6)Å, b = 17.927(7)Å, c = 11.676(4)Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 91.572(8)^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , volume = 3027(2)Å<sup>3</sup>, are

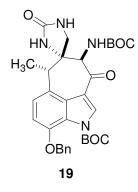
based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 2613 reflections above  $20\sigma(I)$  with  $2.472^{\circ} < \theta < 23.053^{\circ}$ . Analysis of the data showed negligible decay during data collection. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan technique (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.6684.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL (Version 6.1) Software Package, using the space group P21/c, with Z = 4 for the formula unit, C29.25 H42 N4 O6.25. The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  with 380 variables converged at R1 = 7.33%, for the observed data and wR2 = 20.70% for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.032. The largest peak on the final difference map was 0.596 e<sup>-</sup> /Å<sup>3</sup> and the largest hole was -0.656 e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>3</sup>. Based on the final model, the calculated density of the crystal is 1.206 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and F(000) amounts to 1182 electrons.



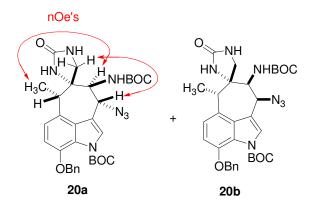
(±)-Spirocyclic Imidazolone SM8. To an ice-cooled solution of the cyclic imidazolone 18 (305 mg, 0.64 mmol) in a mixture of THF (6 mL) and  $H_2O$  (2 mL) was added DDQ (872 mg, 3.84 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. The resulting dark yellow solution was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (3 x 30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (3% and 5% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the desired product **SM8** as a dark yellow solid (224 mg, 71% yield). mp 240 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3368, 1704, 1641 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  11.76 (br s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  189.2, 162.6, 158.7, 145.3, 138.1, 132.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 124.5, 123.9, 116.1, 106.0, 80.1, 70.8, 64.5, 62.4, 50.3, 48.7, 28.5, 20.9; LRMS(ESI) *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 491.1 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 491.2294, found 491.2278.



(±)-*N*-Boc Ketoindole 19. A solution of BOC<sub>2</sub>O (106 mg, 0.49 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was slowly added to a suspension of the keto indole SM8 (224 mg, 0.46 mmol) and DMAP (6 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL). The reaction mixture immediately turned yellow and clear. It was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and then concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash

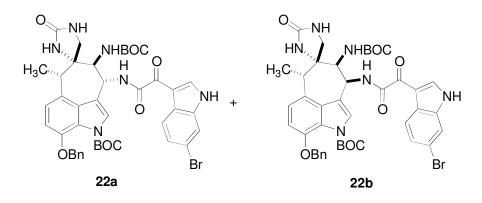
chromatography on silica gel (gradient 1-3% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the desired Boc-protected product **19** as a yellow solid (241 mg, 89% yield). mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3384, 1768, 1711, 1659 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.2 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 19.7 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.69 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (app s, 2H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.50 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 189.4, 161.9, 157.9, 147.8, 146.0, 136.5, 135.1, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 125.3, 124.8, 116.9, 109.3, 85.7, 80.7, 71.1, 64.2, 64.5, 48.8, 47.7, 28.3, 27.6, 20.8; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 591.3 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 591.2819, found 591.2872.



(±)-Azido Indoles 20a and 20b. To an ice-cooled solution of keto indole 17 (241 mg, 0.41 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (154 mg, 4.07 mmol). The resulting clear and colorless solution was stirred for 20 min (0 °C to room temperature), poured into ice water (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in a mixture of toluene (5 mL) and DMF (0.5 mL) and

DPPA (440 µL, 2.04 mmol) was added followed by DBU (370 µL, 2.47 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h. The resulting dark brown solution was poured into ice water (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient 1-5% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford a 2:1 mixture of the desired azides 20a and 20b as a slightly yellow solid (197 mg, 78% yield). Major product (20a): mp 200 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3259, 2098, 1761, 1713 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, acetoned6)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (br d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (br s, 1H), 5.58 (br s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6) δ 162.5, 157.4, 149.4, 147.0, 138.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.49, 128.46, 128.44, 127.9, 125.9, 125.6, 116.0, 109.4, 84.5, 79.6, 71.3, 65.5, 61.9, 57.7, 50.0, 46.6, 28.6, 27.8, 19.4; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 640.3  $(50\%, M+Na^{+})$ ; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $[C_{32}H_{40}N_7O_6]^{+}$ : 618.3040, found 618.3038.

Minor product (**20b**): mp 200 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3257, 2102, 1760, 1707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  7.85 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (br d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (br s, 1H), 5.52 (br s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  162.7, 156.8, 149.5, 147.2, 138.4, 131.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 125.8, 124.6, 116.9, 109.5, 84.4, 79.5, 71.3, 67.3, 62.0, 58.5, 48.6, 45.5, 28.5, 27.8, 15.8; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 640.2 (50%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{32}H_{40}N_7O_6]^+$ : 618.3040, found 618.3063.



(±)-**Bisindoles 22a and 22b**. To a solution of a 2:1 mixture of azido indoles **20a** and **20b** (197 mg, 0.32 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added nickle (II) chloride (42 mg, 0.32 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (235 mg, 6.21 mmol) was added in portions. The resulting black suspension was stirred for 1 h (0 °C to room temperature). The reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with EtOAc (60 mL). The organic filtrate was washed with 0.01 M EDTA (2 x 30 mL) and brine solution (30 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Then, 6-bromoindol-3-yl-oxo-acetyl chloride (**21**)<sup>1</sup> (110 mg, 0.38 mmol) was added followed by Et<sub>3</sub>N (90  $\mu$ L, 0.64 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h (0 °C to room temperature), and then diluted with EtOAc (60 mL) and poured into ice water (30 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted

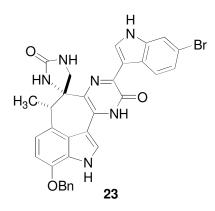
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with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient 1-5% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford a 2:1 mixture of the desired bisindoles **22a** and **22b** as a white solid (152 mg, 57%) yield). The stereochemistry of 22a was confirmed by transformation of 20a to 22a. Major Product (22a): mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3292, 1696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  11.50 (br s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.58 (br d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.5Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.2Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (br d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.45 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 4.54 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H),1.24 (s, 9H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  181.7, 163.9, 162.7, 158.0, 149.7, 147.0, 140.2, 138.4, 138.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 124.8, 124.2, 117.4, 116.1, 113.7, 109.2, 84.2, 79.6, 71.3, 65.9, 48.9, 46.9, 28.5, 27.8, 18.0; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMF-d7) 8 182.3, 164.1, 157.8, 149.5, 146.6, 140.1, 138.3, 138.2, 128.9, 128.3, 128.23, 128.15, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2, 125.3, 124.7, 123.8, 119.9, 116.9, 116.1, 113.4, 108.9, 84.2, 79.0, 70.9, 65.7, 57.3, 48.7, 47.9, 46.6, 28.4, 27.6, 17.9 (one C=O peak at ~163 ppm is obscured by the solvent peak); LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 863.2 (61%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{42}H_{45}N_6O_8NaBr]^+$ : 863.2380, found 863.2353.

Minor Product (**22b**): mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3296, 1702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  11.54 (br s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.44 (br d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (br d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s,

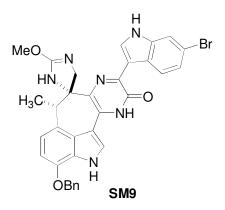
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1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 4.43 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.11 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6)  $\delta$  181.3, 163.6, 162.8, 157.1, 149.6, 147.2, 140.4, 138.4, 138.3, 131.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 125.2, 124.1, 118.8, 117.4, 116.2, 113.5, 109.4, 84.1, 79.5, 71.3, 66.8, 60.8, 49.4, 49.0, 46.8, 28.5, 27.9, 17.4; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 863.2 (92%, M+Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub>NaBr]<sup>+</sup>: 863.2380, found 863.2349.

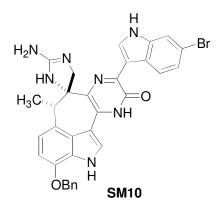


(±)-Bisindolyl Pyrazinone 23. To an ice-cooled solution of bisindole 22 (91 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) was added TFA (2 mL). The resulting orange solution was stirred at 0°C for 1 h. At that point, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and then saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL) was slowly added at 0°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 min and then EtOAc (60 mL) was added followed by additional saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (40 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved in MeOH (30 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 16 h to let the cyclization go to completion. This solution then was

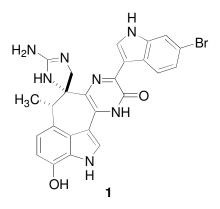
concentrated under reduced pressure to give a pale vellow solid. This solid was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) and DDQ (49 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (3 x 50 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient 1-10% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the desired bisindolyl pyrazinone 23 as a bright yellow solid (44 mg, 65% overall yield). mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3235, 1686, 1633 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMFd7)  $\delta$  12.33 (s, 1H), 12.28 (br s, 1H), 11.68 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.9Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 3.57 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75) MHz, DMF-d7) & 164.2, 155.9, 145.3, 138.3, 138.2, 131.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.7, 126.4, 125.9, 123.9, 123.7, 121.7, 115.7, 114.5, 113.8, 104.9, 70.4, 67.3, 53.2, 51.3, 20.1; LRMS(ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 621.2 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{32}H_{26}BrN_6O_3]^+$ : 621.1250, found 621.1246.



(±)-Iso-urea SM9. To a yellow suspension of urea 23 (6.0 mg, 0.010 mmol) in EtOAc (10 mL) at room temperature was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (17 mg, 0.20 mmol) followed by Me<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> (29 mg, 0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). This mixture was poured into a mixture of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (25 mL) and water (25 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. TLC analysis showed that urea 23 was not all consumed and so the reaction was repeated under the same reaction conditions for 1 h to give a clear and bright yellow solution. The reaction mixture was worked up as previously described. The crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (7% saturated  $NH_3/MeOH$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) to afford the desired iso-urea SM9 as a bright yellow solid (4.2 mg, 69%). mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3142, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  8.7 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 635.2 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $[C_{33}H_{28}BrN_6O_3]^+$ : 635.1406, found 635.1385. Since the iso-urea precipitated quickly in MeOD and was gradually converted back to the urea in DMF-d7, we could not obtain a good <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of this compound.

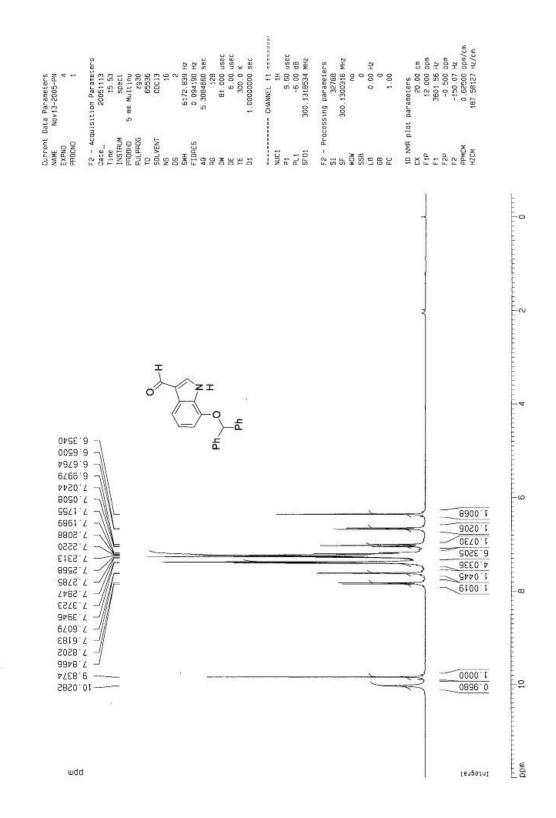


(±)-Guanidine SM10. A solution of iso-urea SM9 (8.8 mg, 0.014 mmol) in saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (2 mL) in a sealed tube was heated at 95 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture then was allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient 5-40% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the desired guanidine SM10 as a bright yellow solid (5.7 mg, 66%). mp 250 °C (dec.); IR (neat) 3182, 1686, 1626 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (850 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.55 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (212.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  161.5, 161.0, 146.1, 138.84, 138.76, 132.8, 130.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.5, 125.3, 124.5, 123.7, 121.5, 116.0, 115.2, 114.8, 104.7, 72.3, 71.3, 56.6, 51.6, 20.0; LRMS(ESI) *m*/z (relative intensity) 620.3 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd for [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 620.1410, found 620.1390.

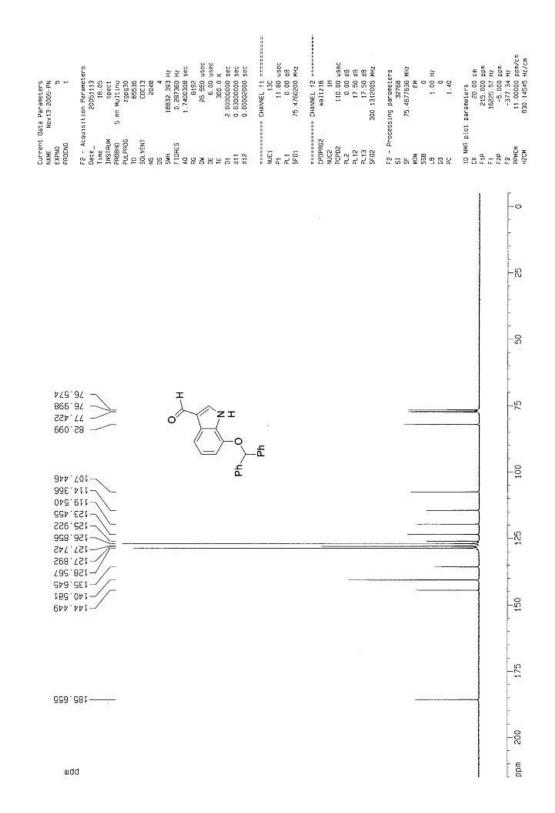


(±)-Dragmacidin E (1). To a suspension of guanidine SM10 (3.9 mg, 0.0063 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.5 mL) was added TMSI (110 µL, 0.77 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at  $50^{\circ}$ C for 2 h and then it was allowed to cool to room temperature. This solution then was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and saturated sodium metabisulfite (20 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient 10-50% saturated NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford dragmacidin E (1) as a bright yellow solid (1.8 mg, 55%). mp 200 °C (dec.); IR (film) 3401, 1690, 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (212.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 160.6, 157.3, 144.9, 138.8, 132.0, 128.4, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.3, 124.6, 123.9, 122.9, 116.8, 115.2, 113.8, 108.2, 72.1, 56.3, 51.1, 19.7; LRMS(ESI) m/z (relative intensity) 530.3 (100%, M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 530.0940, found 530.0959.

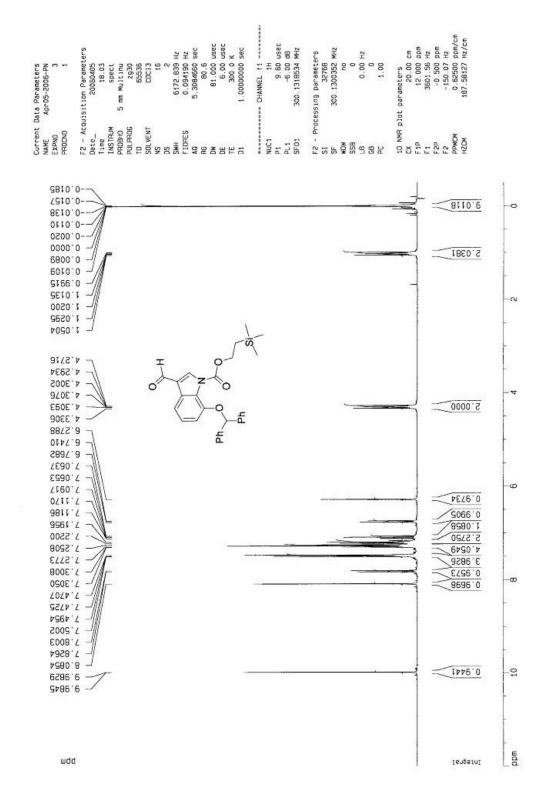
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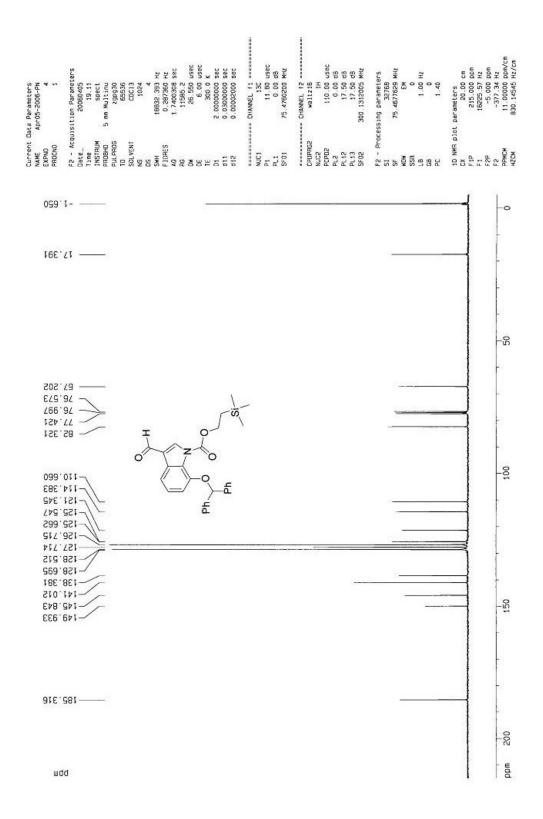
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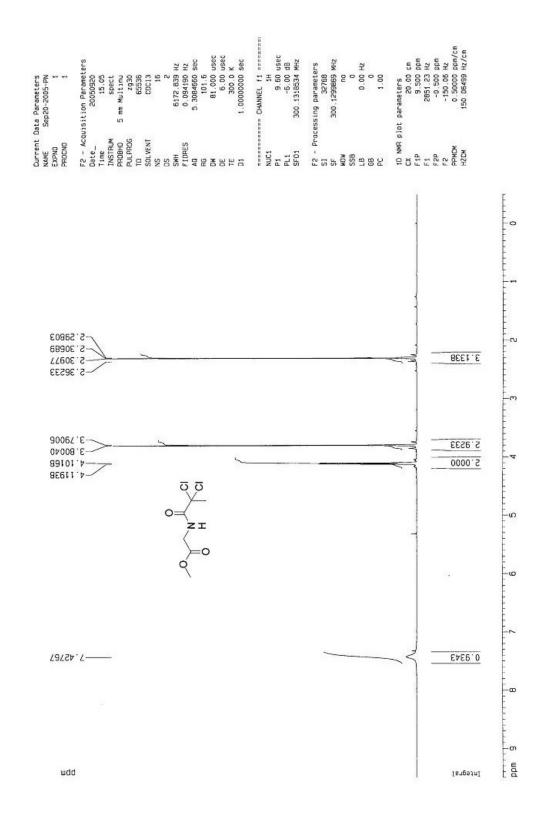
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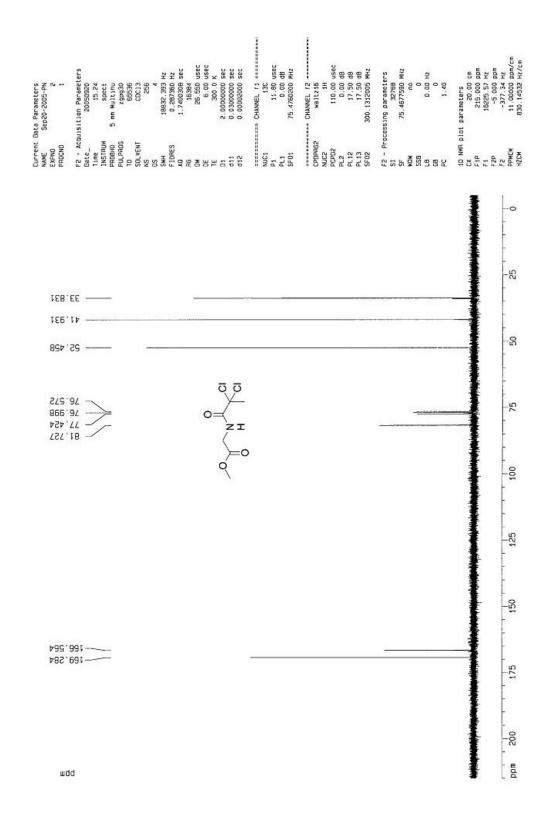


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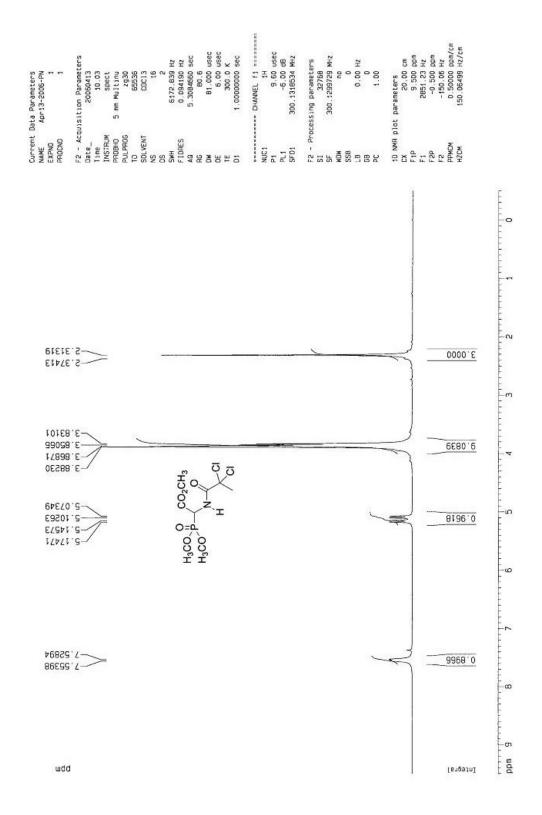


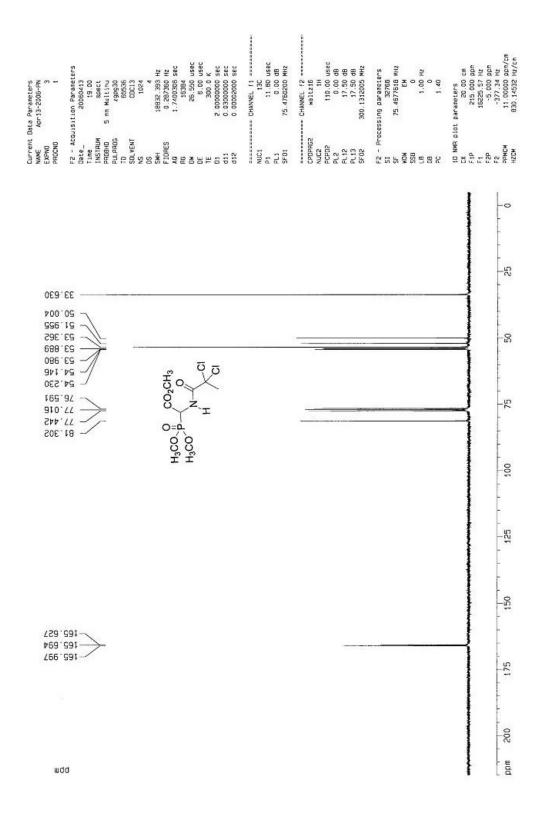
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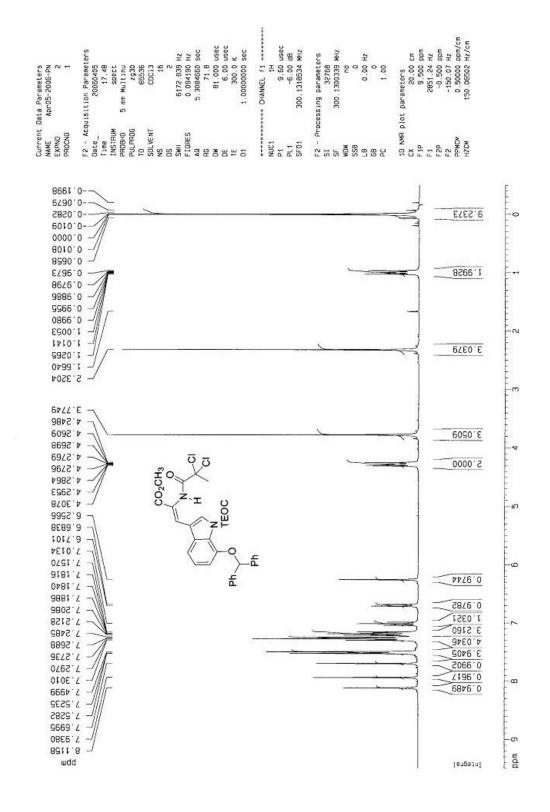


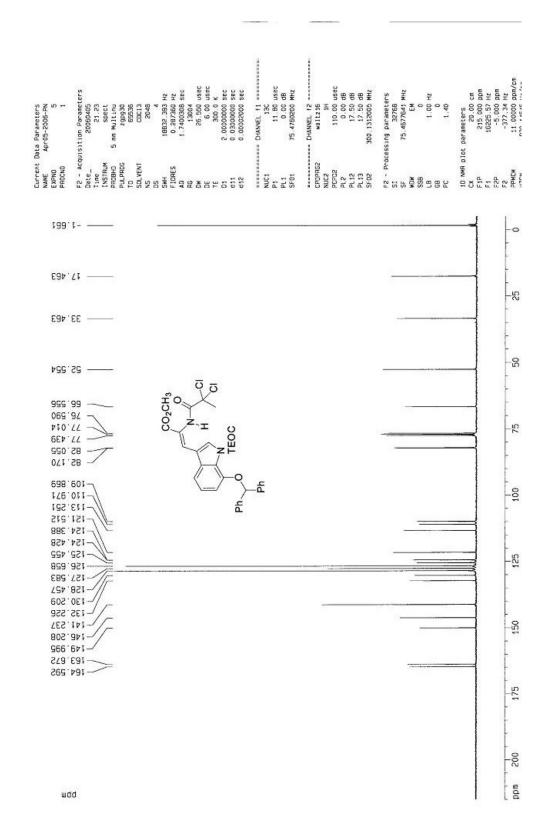
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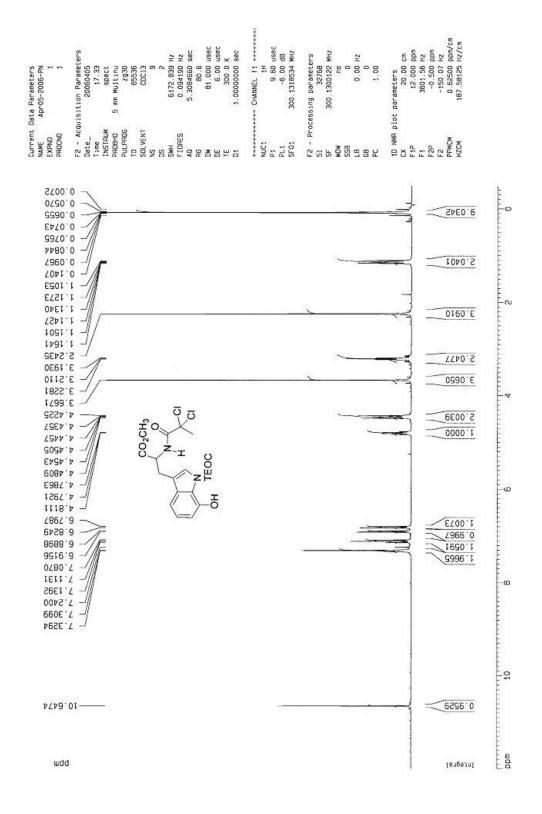


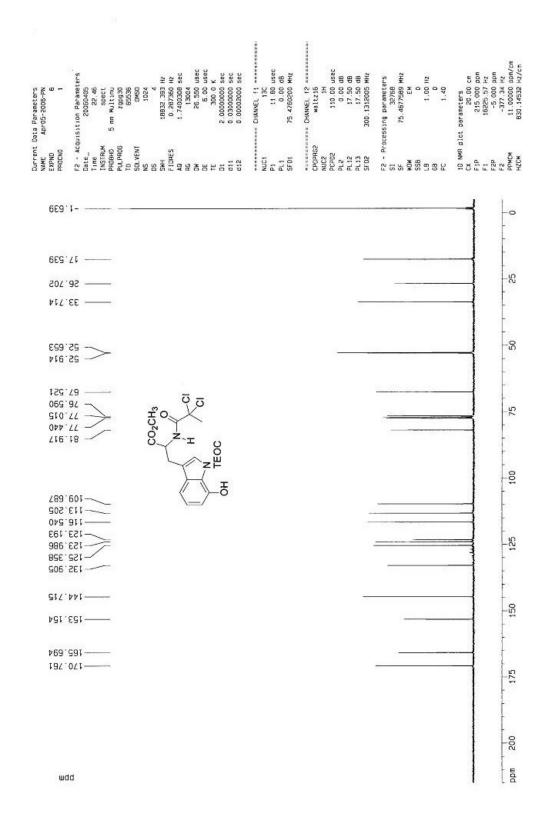


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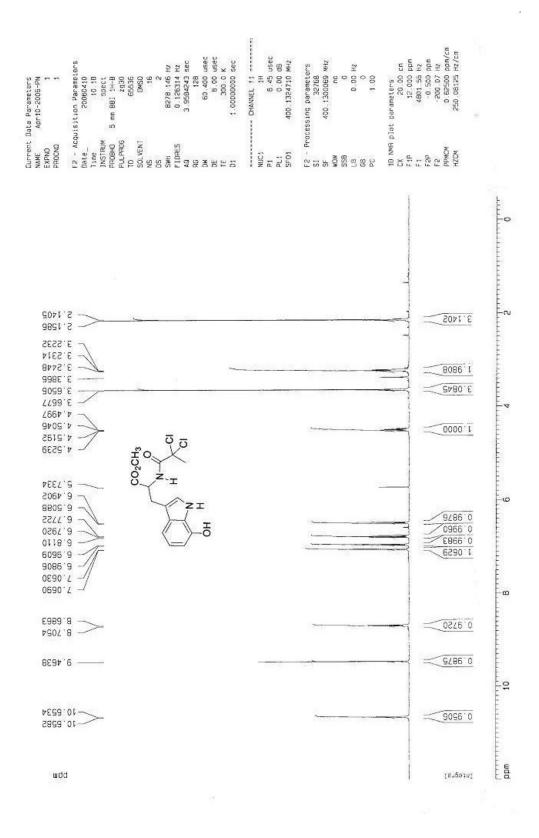




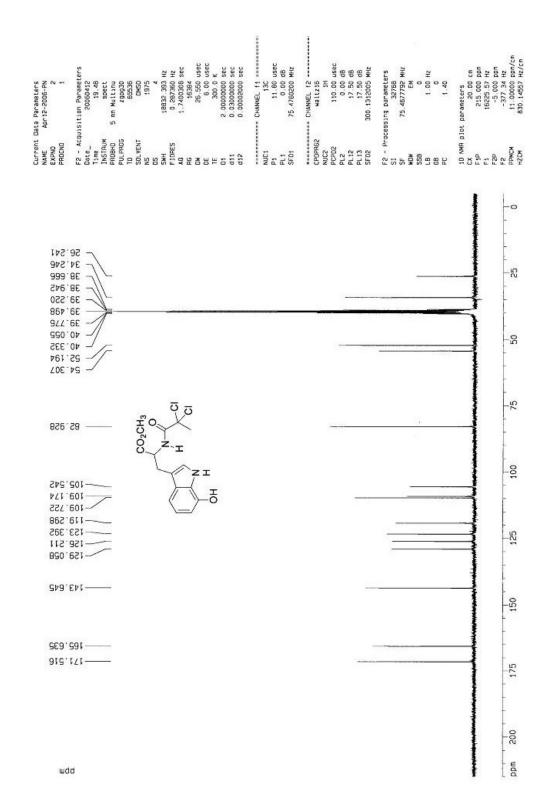




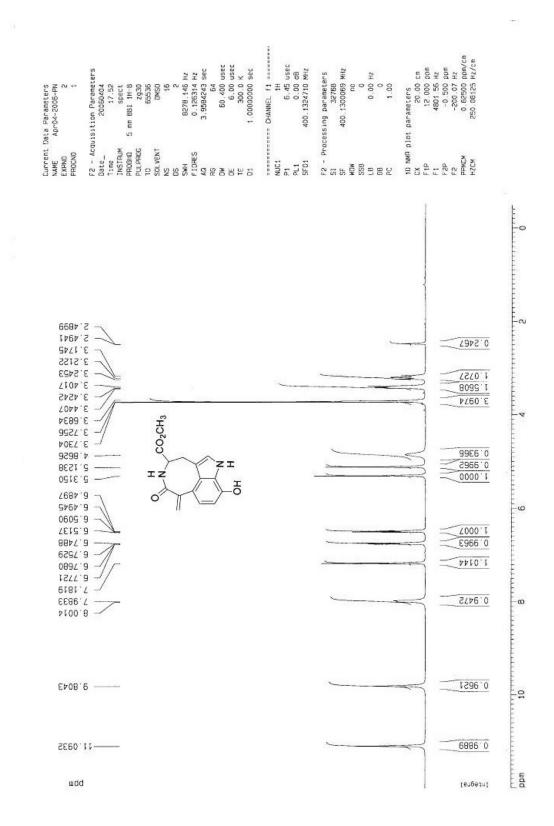
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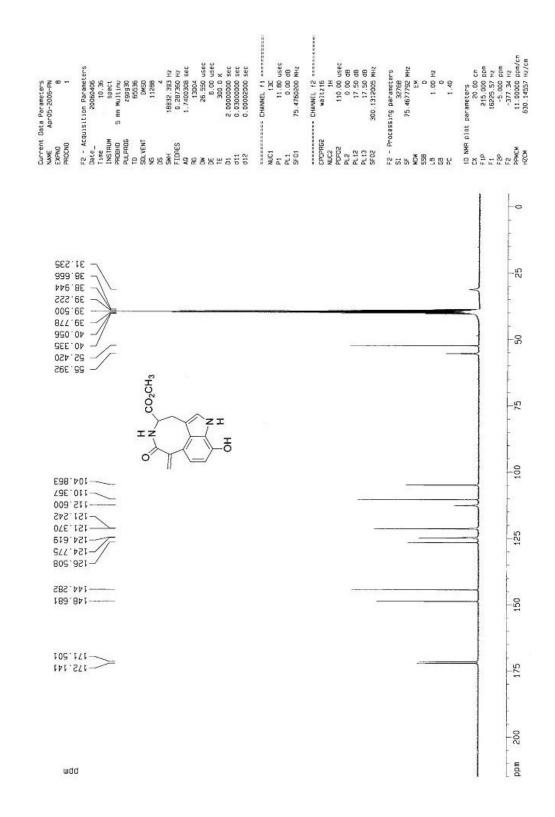
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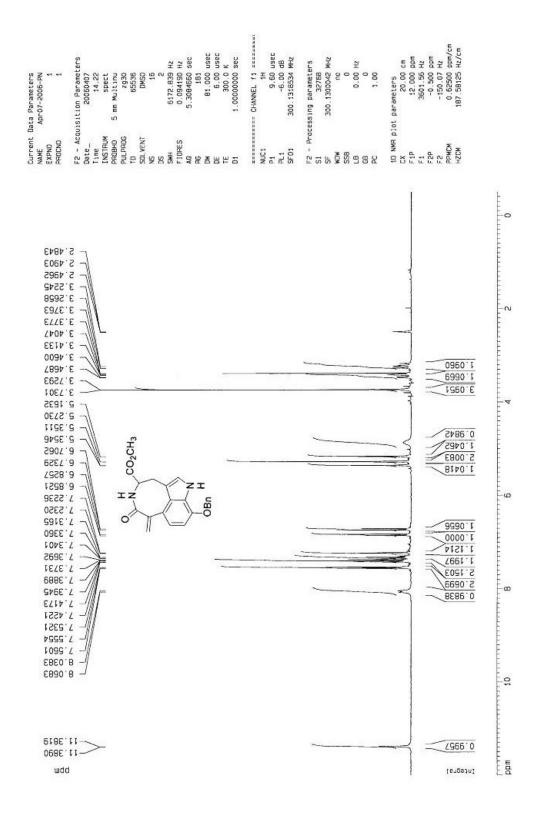


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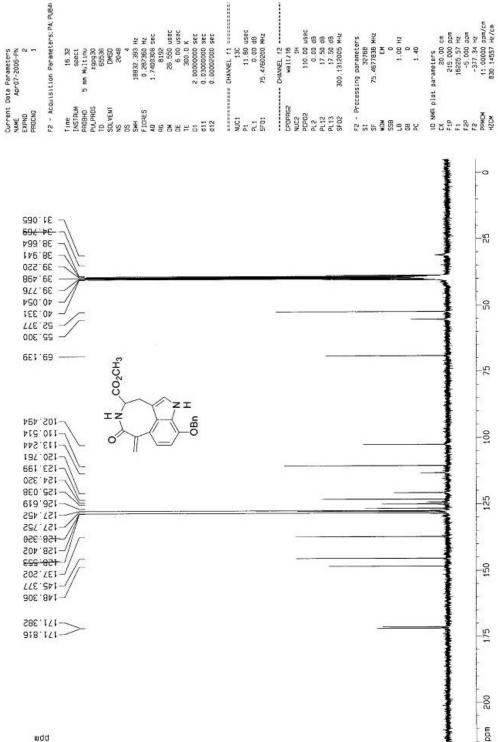


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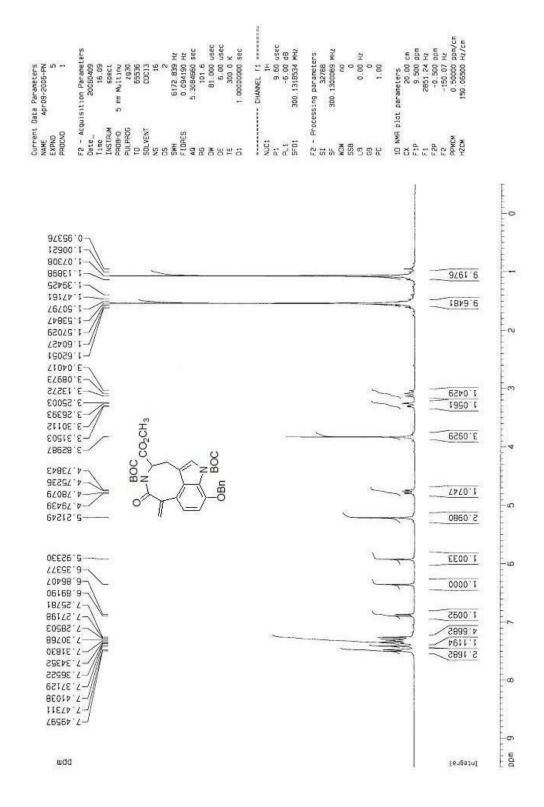




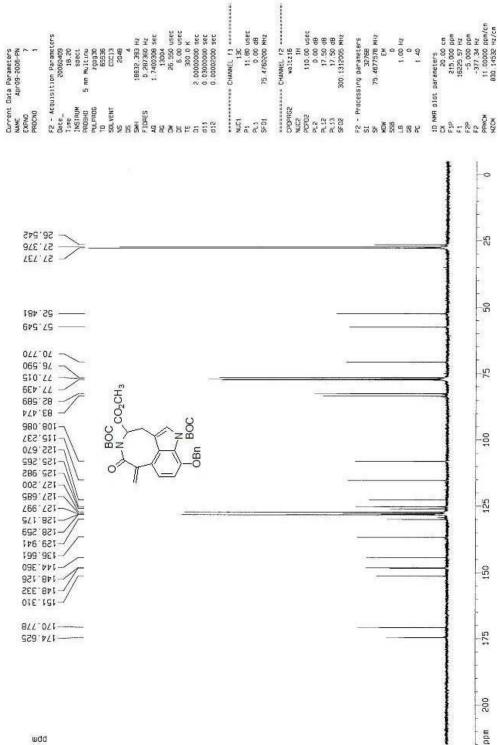
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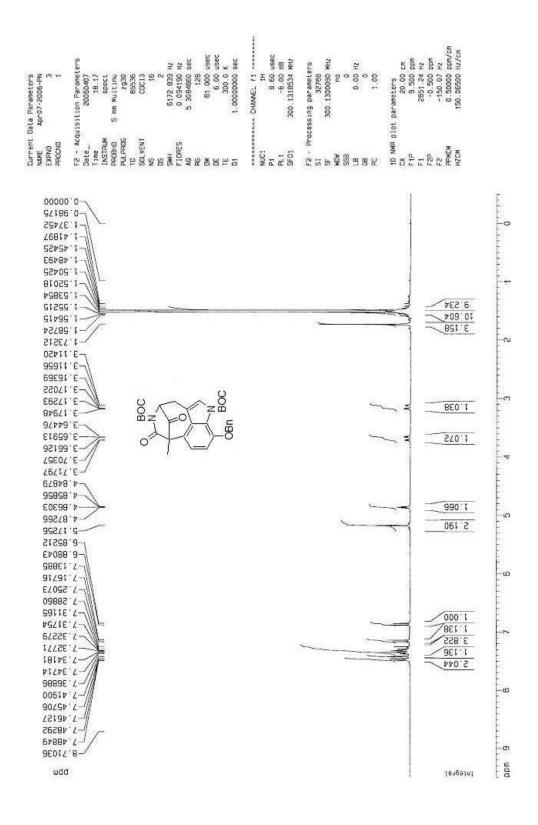


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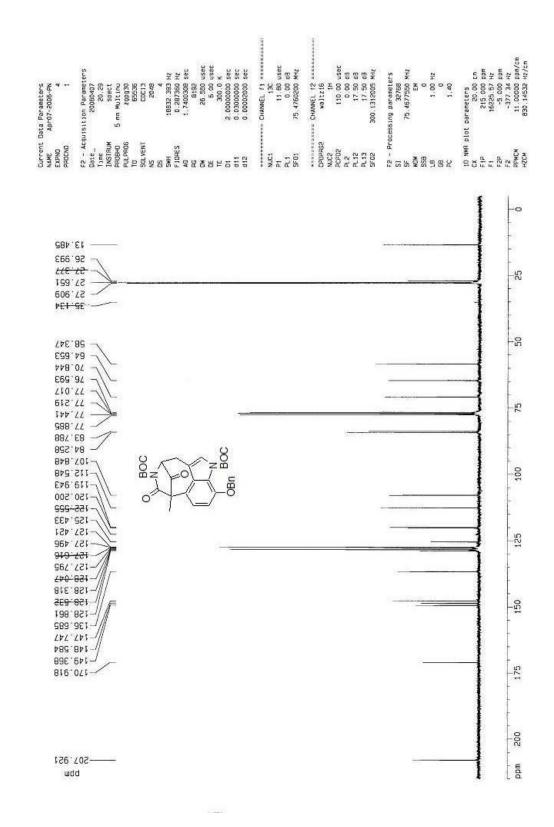




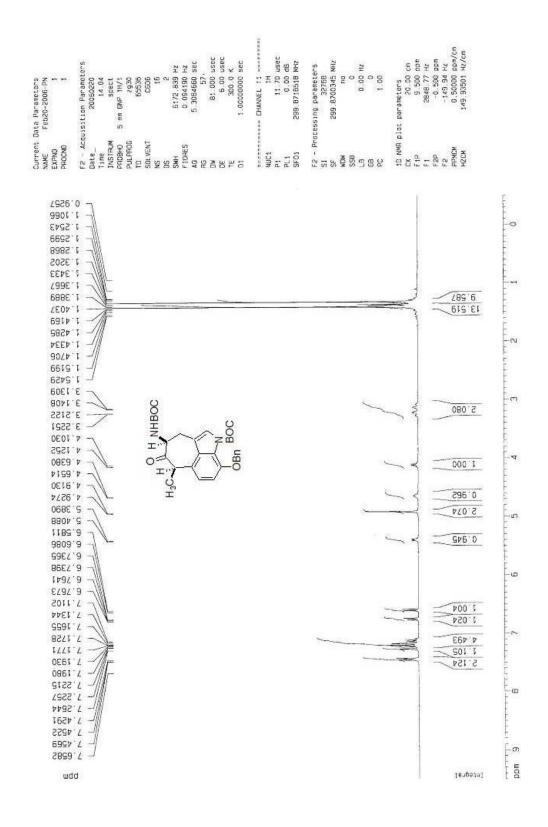
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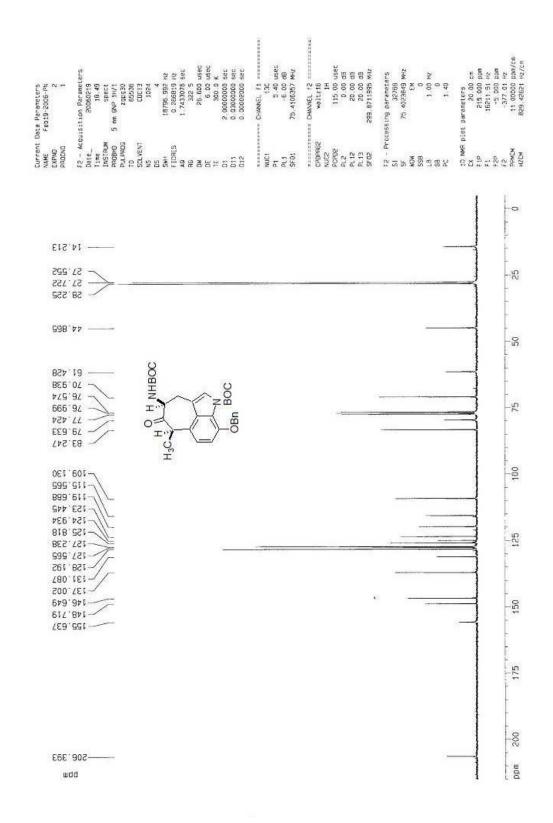
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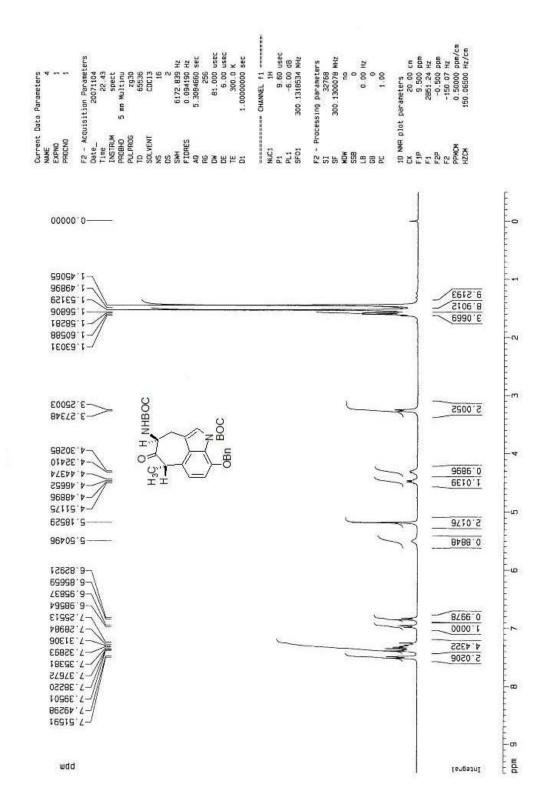
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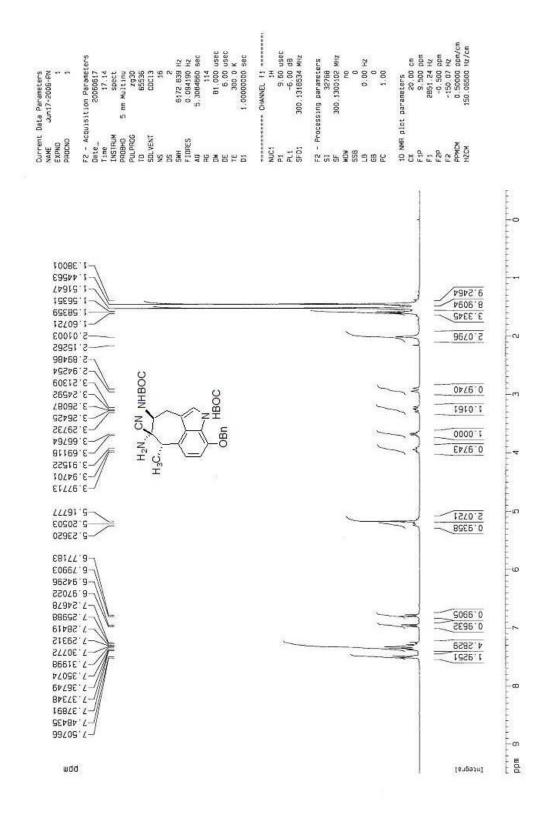


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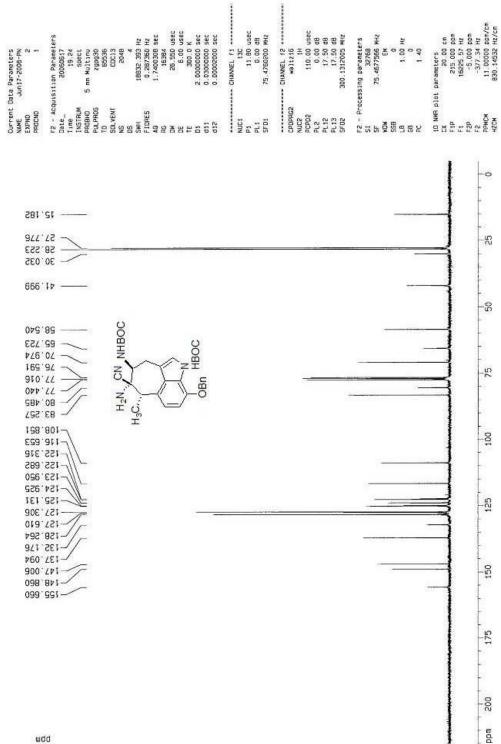
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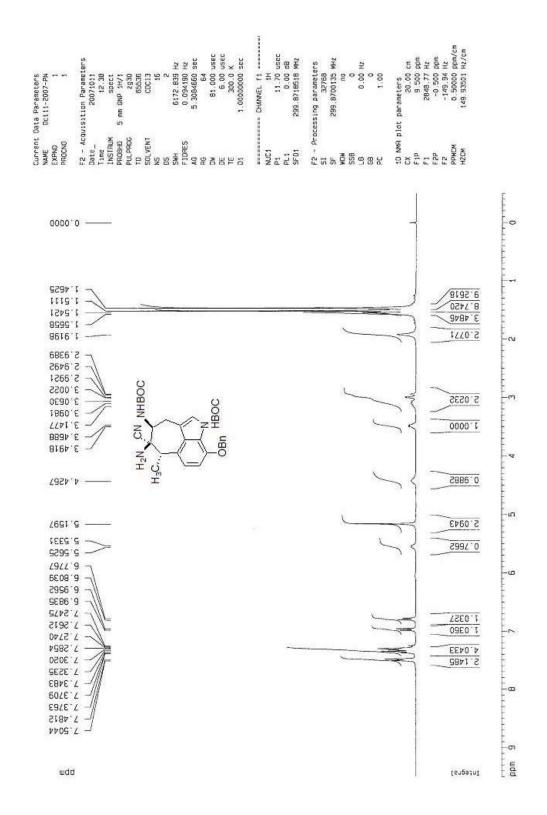
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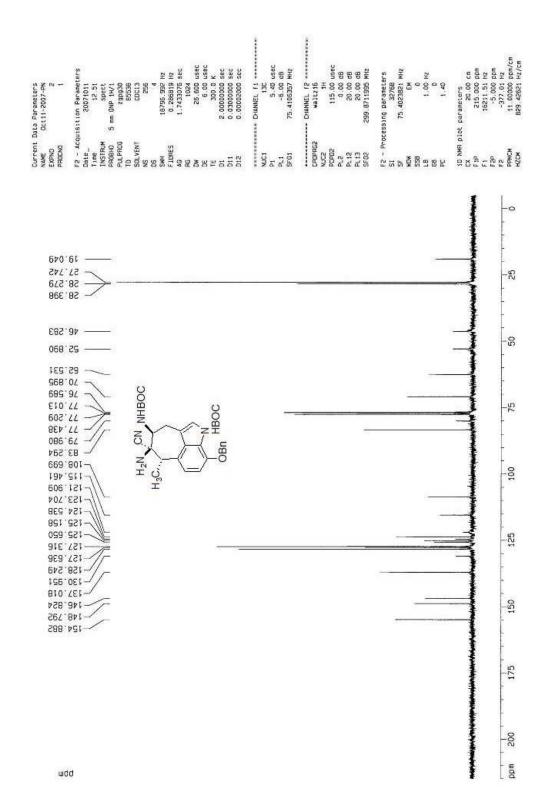


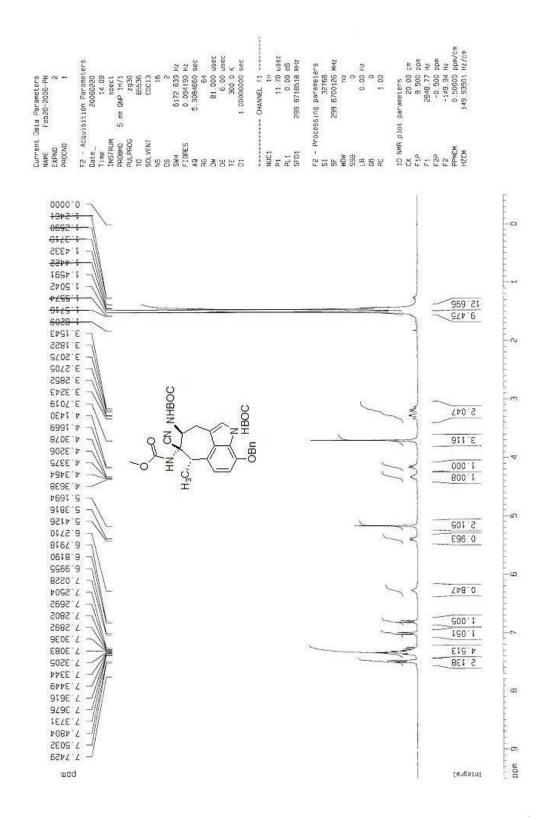


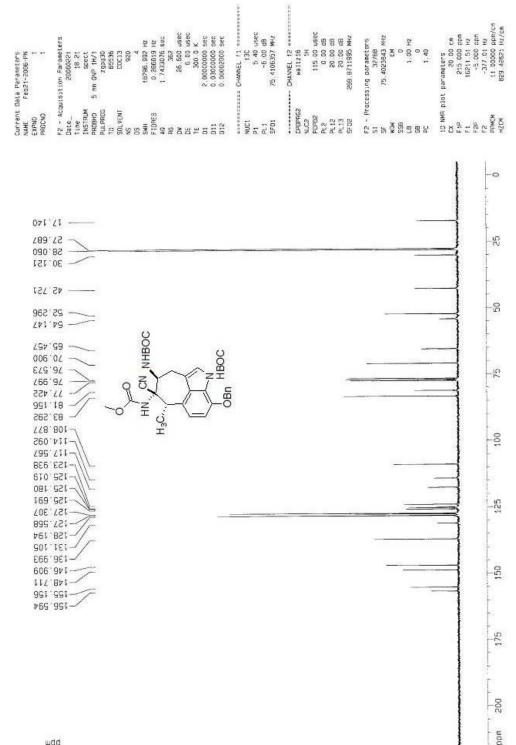
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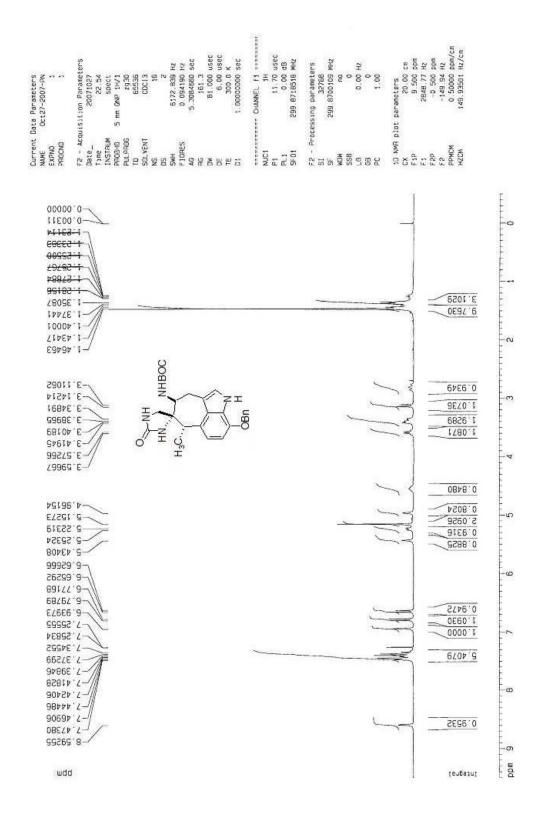


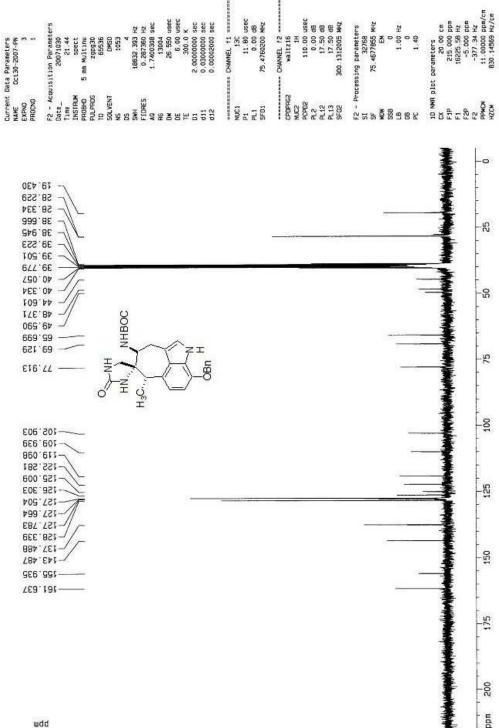




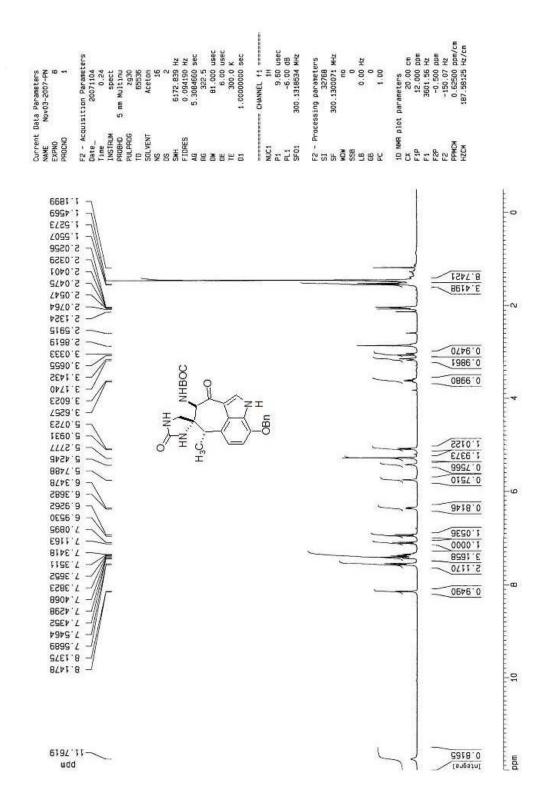
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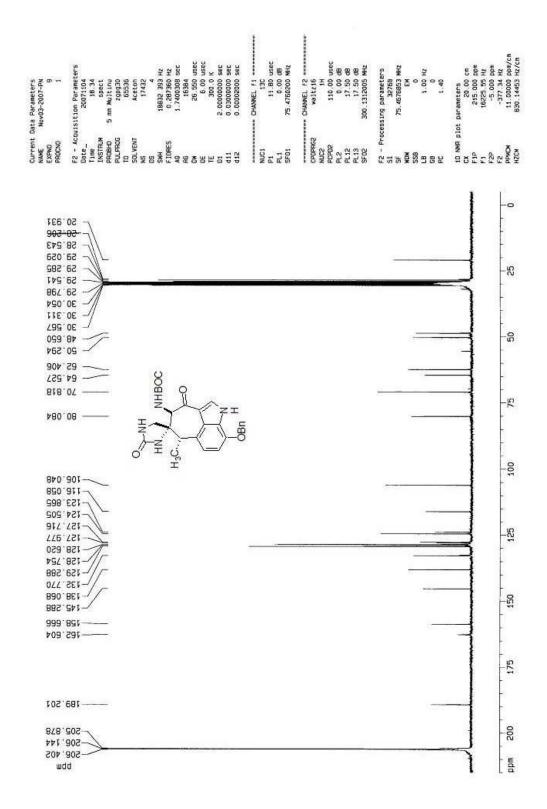
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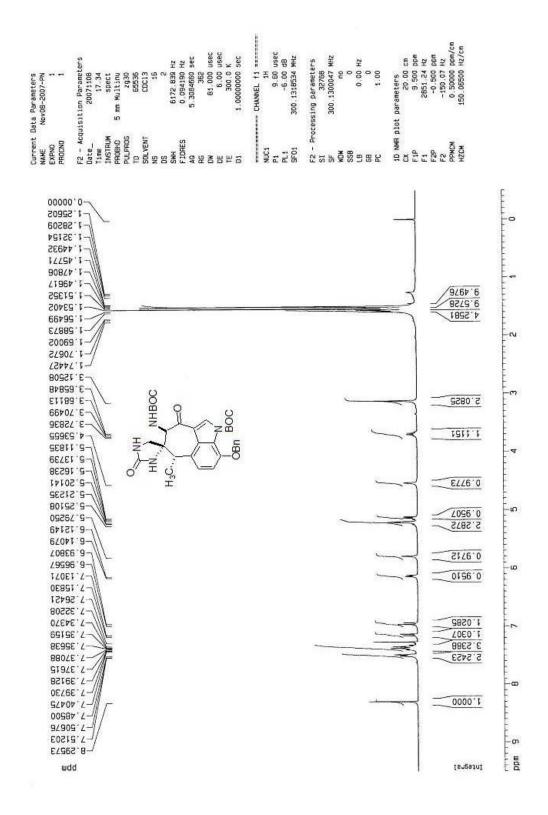


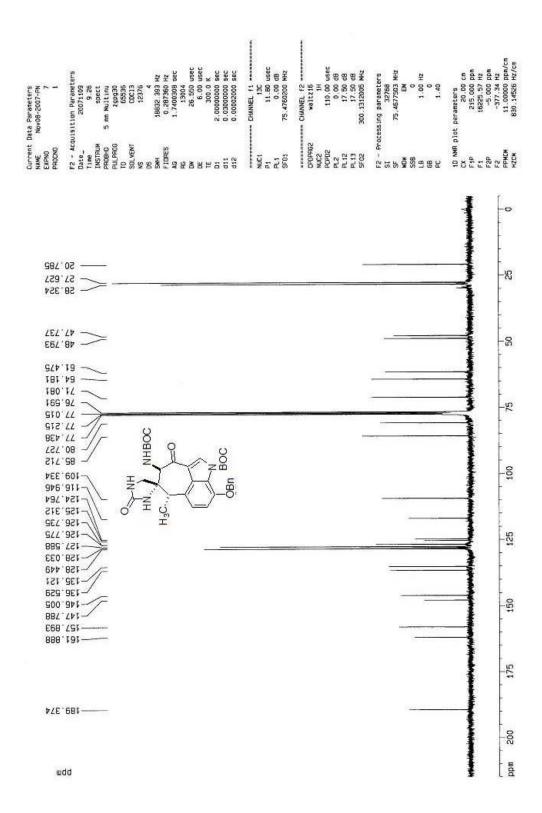
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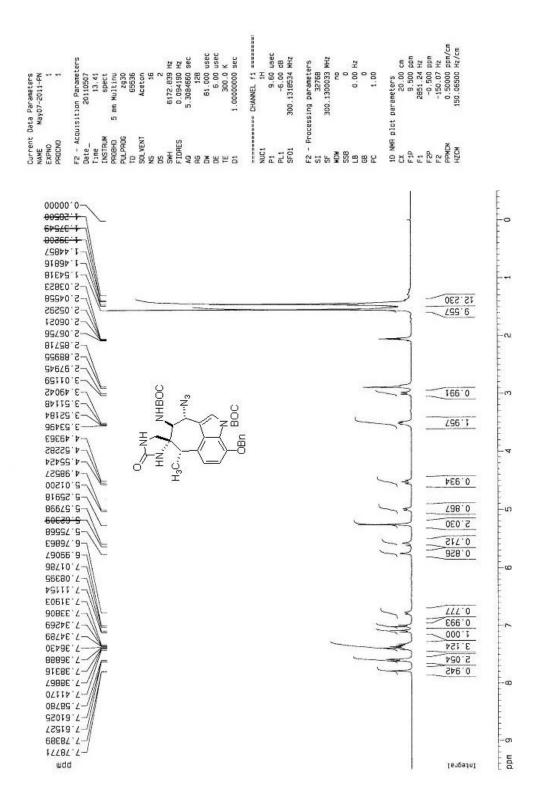


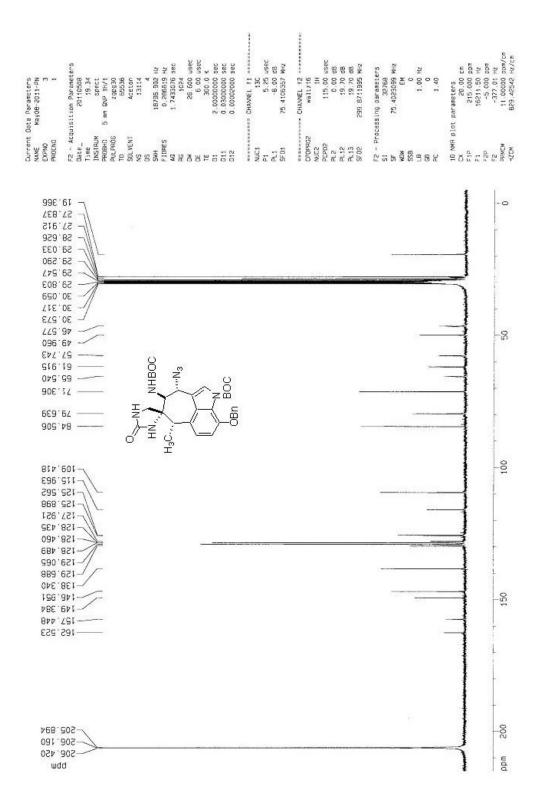
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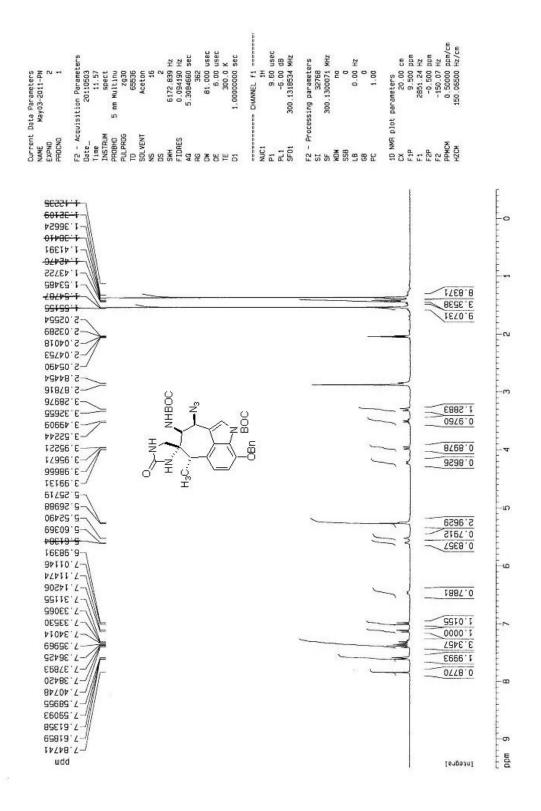


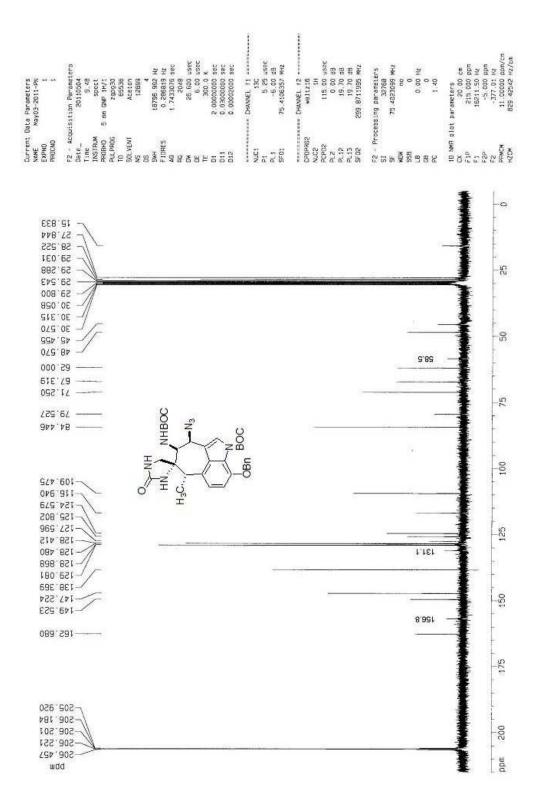
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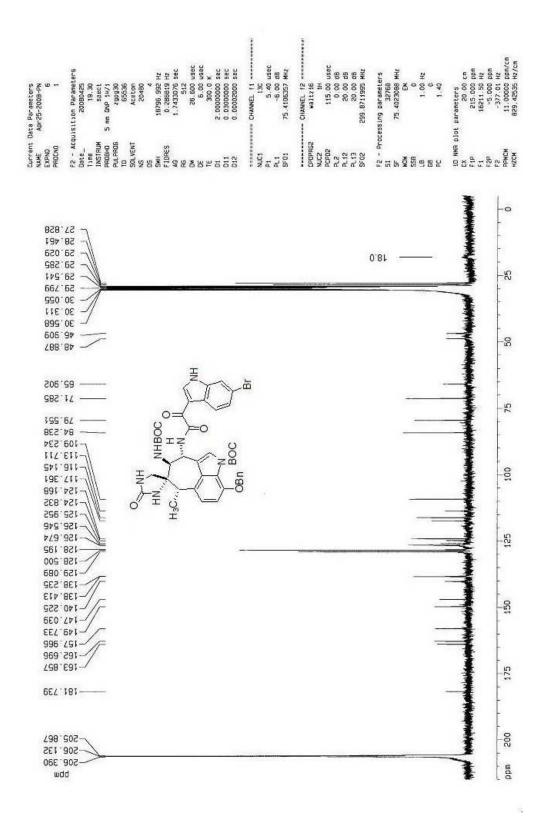




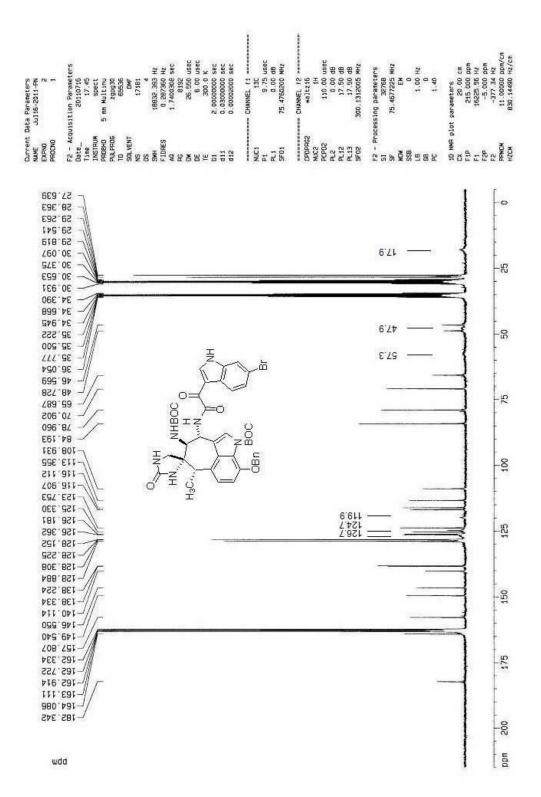
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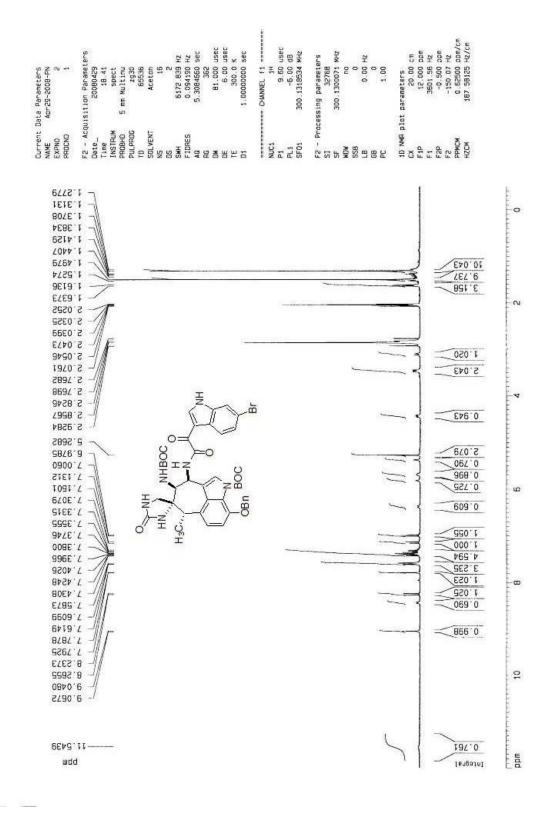
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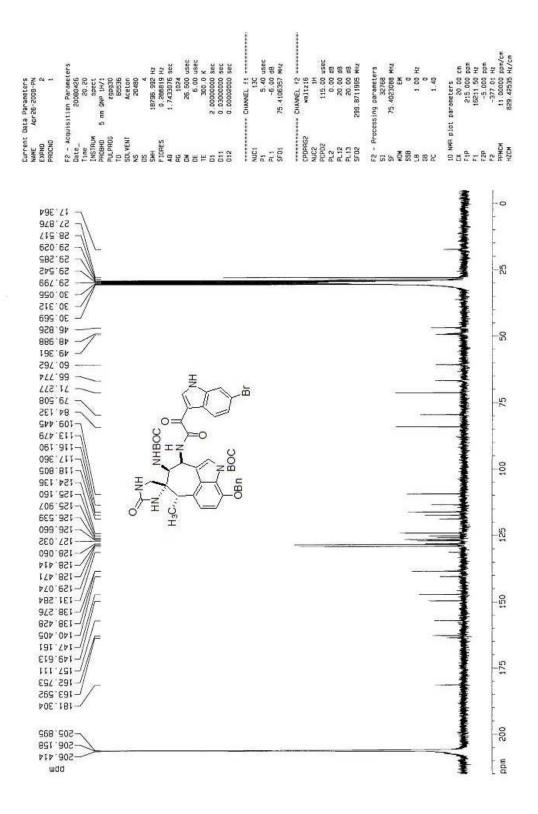


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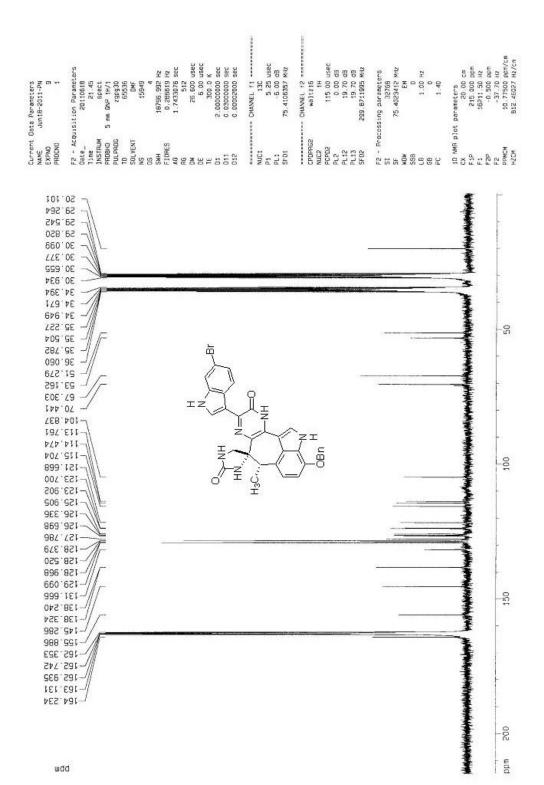
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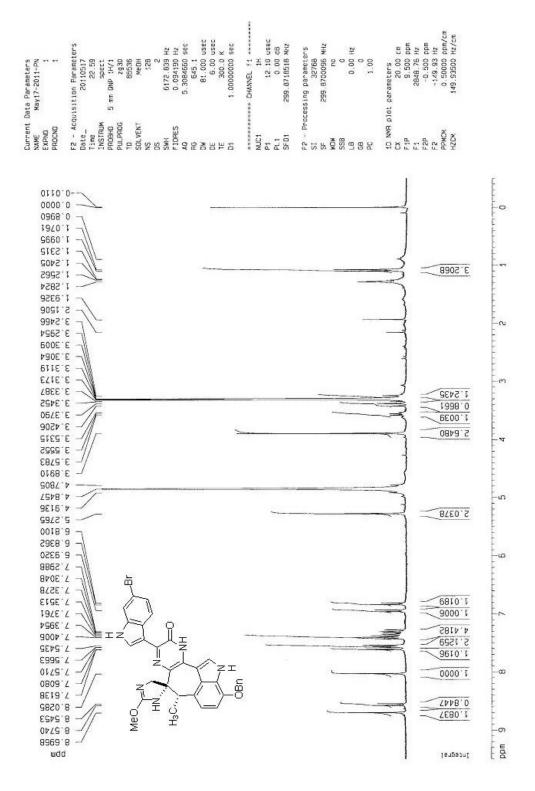
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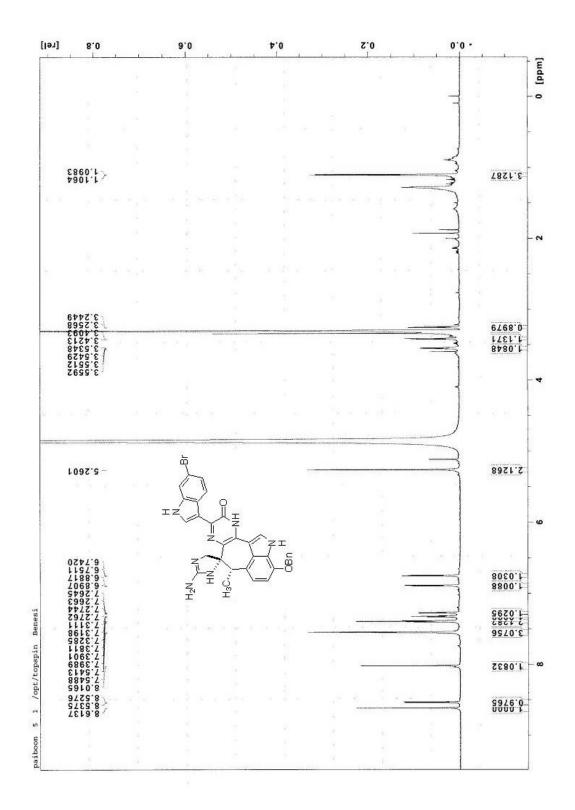


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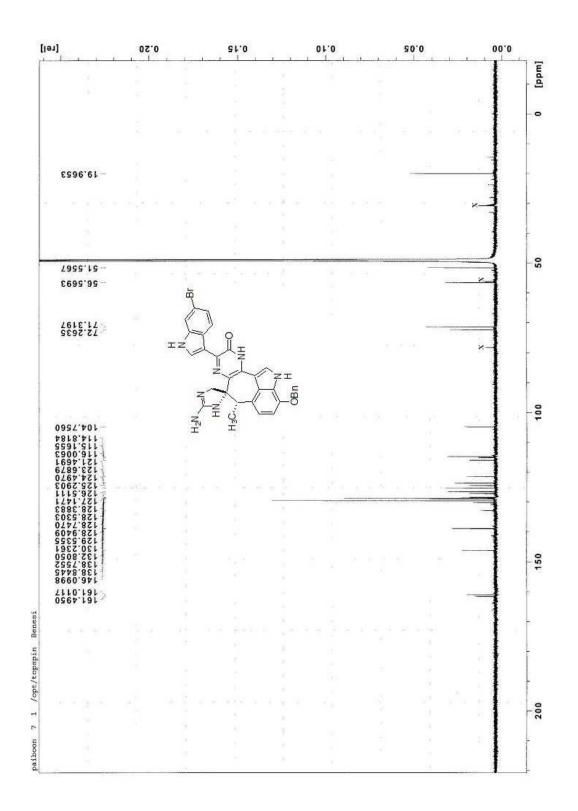
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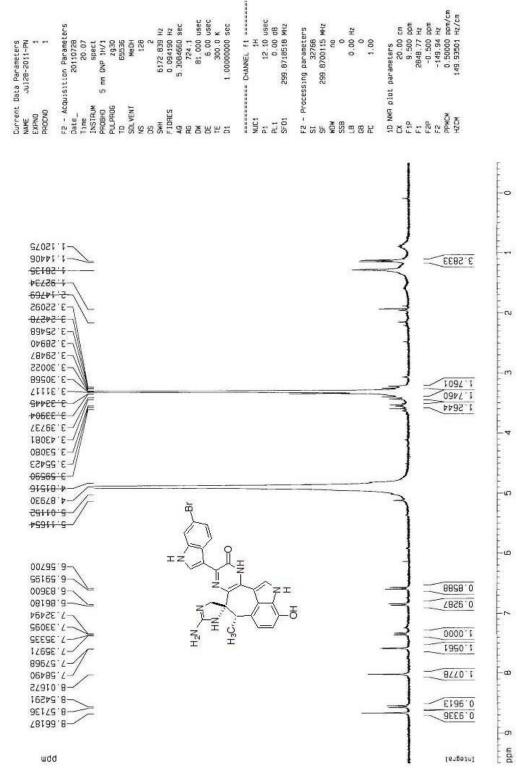
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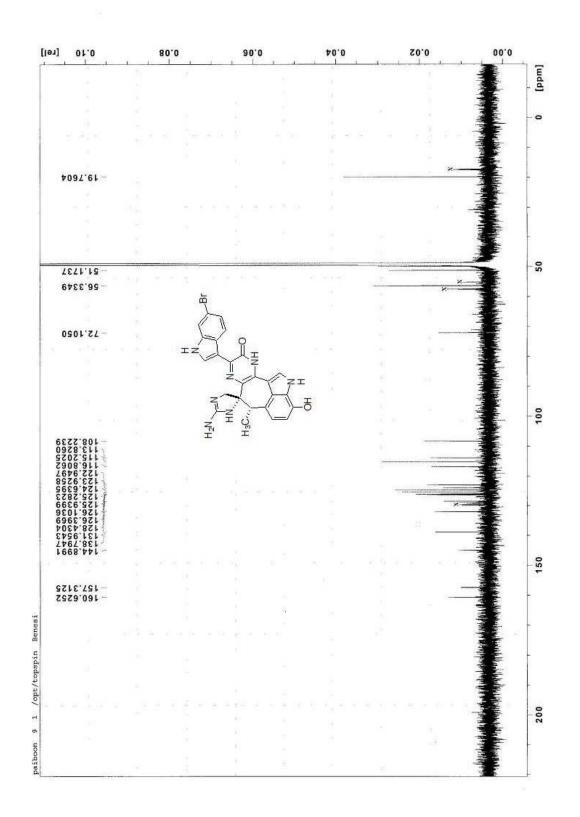
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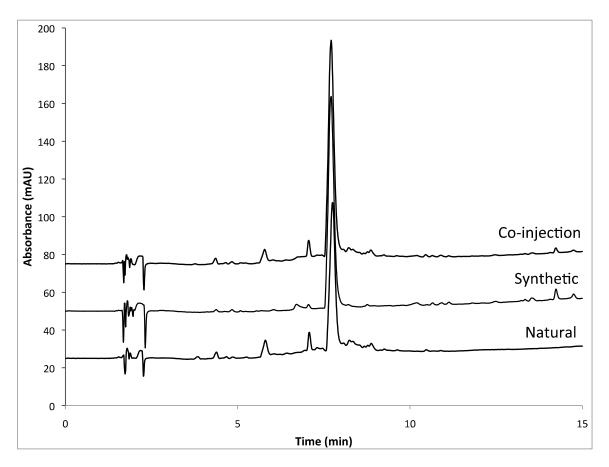
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# HPLC assay of synthetic dragmacidin E vs. natural dragmacidin E, conducted by Dr. R. Capon, The University of Queensland

HPLC conditions: Zorbax SB-C8 150 x 4.6 mm, 5 uM column, 1 mL/min, gradient 10 - 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O (with isocratic 0.05 % formic acid) over 15 min.; UV detection at 254 nm.



UV comparison of synthetic dragmacidin E and natural dragmacidin E, conducted by Dr. R. Capon, The University of Queensland.

