

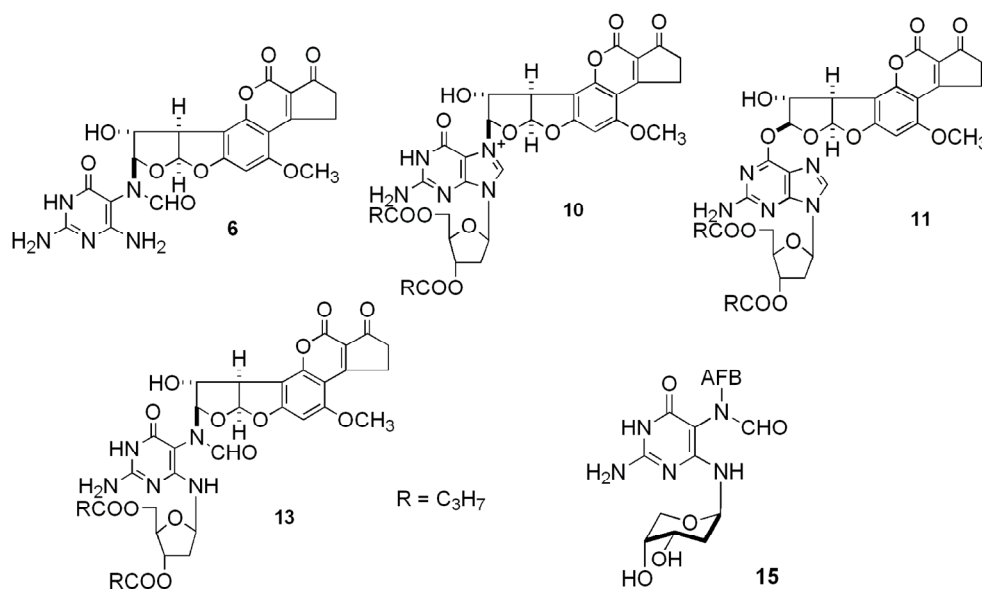
Supporting Information

Unraveling the Aflatoxin-FAPY Conundrum: Structural Basis for Differential Replicative Processing of Isomeric Forms of the Formamidopyrimidine-type DNA Adduct of Aflatoxin B₁

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Preparative Synthesis and Isolation of 13. The mixture containing **10** was made basic with 10 mL of pH 9.5 buffer (15 mM Na₂CO₃/30 mM NaHCO₃) and stirred overnight at ambient temperature. Neutralization using 0.1 M HCl was followed by lyophilization to remove solvents. The residue was dissolved in 4 mL of methanol and clarified by filtration through a 0.45 µm filter. The methanolic solution was fractionated by reverse-phase HPLC (Econosil ODS, 10 µm, 250 x 10 mm, Alltech Associates; 0-67% linear gradient of CH₃CN in water over 40 min; 3.0 mL/min; UV detection at 358 nm). The AFB-FAPY adducts described in this study eluted as a mixture of the major and minor isomers at 33 min. This fraction was collected and lyophilized to afford a mixture of FAPYs A and B in 45-50% combined yield. Separation of the FAPY isomers (**13**-FAPYs A and B) was carried out using reverse-phase HPLC (Econosphere ODS, 5 µm, 250 x 4.6 mm, Alltech Associates; 60% CH₃OH/H₂O; 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 360 nm). Retention times of FAPY A and FAPY B were 22.4 and 29.8 min, respectively. The isomers were collected over Dry Ice/acetone and lyophilized.

Isolation of 15. The methanolic solution was fractionated by reverse-phase HPLC (Econosil ODS, 10 x 250 mm, 10 µm, Alltech Associates; stepwise gradient of MeOH-H₂O as follows: 20 mL 5% MeOH, 100mL 10% MeOH, 50 mL 15% MeOH, 50 mL 20% MeOH, 50 mL 22% MeOH, 100 mL 25% MeOH and finally 100% MeOH; 3.0 mL/min; UV detection at 360 nM. The poorly resolved AFB-FAPY adducts eluted as a mixture of isomers at 100 and 110 min. These fractions were collected and lyophilized to afford the adducts in a total yield of 40-50%. The 100 min peak, which was the major fraction, was dissolved in 50 mL of 10% aqueous methanol and re-fractionated on the same column with a different gradient (100 mL 10% MeOH, 100mL 15% MeOH, 100 mL 20% MeOH, 100 mL 22% MeOH and finally 100 mL 25% MeOH. Four peaks at retention

times 137, 147, 154 and 156 min were obtained. The major peaks (137 (FAPY **15-A**) and 147 min (FAPY **15-B**)) were collected and lyophilized. They were characterized by NMR and MS. FAPY **15-A** was further analyzed by two-dimensional NMR. The 110 minute peak from the first fractionation was similarly separated using the above gradient; it was a mixture of components similar to the original 100 min fraction.

NMR Studies. Routine spectra were recorded on Bruker AC-300 and AM-400 instruments operating at 300.13 MHz and 400.13 MHz, respectively. Two-dimensional spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-500 spectrometer at 500.13 MHz. NMR samples of AFB-FAPY nucleoside were prepared as ~0.01 M solution in a mixture of MeOH-*d*₄/DMSO-*d*₆ (9:1) except for the ROESY, which was performed in pure DMSO-*d*₆ to keep the exchangeable protons visible. The [¹⁵N] labeled AFB-FAPY nucleoside was prepared as ~0.01 M solution in a mixture of methanol-*d*₄/DMSO-*d*₆ (9:1).

¹⁵N NMR spectra were recorded at 288 K in MeOD/DMSO-*d*₆ (9:1) mixtures at 50.9 MHz on a Bruker AMX-500 spectrometer via an INEPT pulse sequence for non-selective polarization transfer, refocused and ¹H-decoupled during acquisition. The delay between pulses was set to 16.7 ms to optimize for a ³*J*_{NH} of 15 Hz. AFB-FAPY nucleoside **13** showed four signals at δ 133.9, 133.6, 131.7, and 130.8. Proton chemical shifts are reported using the residual ¹H in MeOH-*d*₄ as the internal reference (δ 3.30 ppm) or DMSO-*d*₆ (δ 2.49 ppm) in the ROESY. Carbon shifts are referenced to the CD₃ signal of methanol-*d*₄ at δ 49.0. The 2D spectra were measured with natural abundance samples and at 15 °C if not described otherwise.

Homonuclear 2D studies were carried out using the following experiments: double quantum filtered COSY,¹ TOCSY 250 ms mixing time,² NOESY 800 ms mixing time and ROESY 300 ms mixing time.³ The acquisition conditions were as followed: *f*₁ = *f*₂ =

4504 Hz, 2K in the f_2 dimension and 512 increments in f_1 , 32 or 64 scans, and the data were processed as 2K x 1K matrices with a shifted sine-bell apodization. The ROESY spectrum was measured at 20 °C in anhydrous DMSO- d_6 to prevent the exchange of the NH protons. A spectral width $f_1 = f_2 = 6024$ Hz was chosen and all the other conditions were used as in the other experiments.

Carbon chemical shifts were obtained via HMQC (Heteronuclear Multiple-Quantum Coherence) or HMBC (Heteronuclear Multiple-Bond Coherence) experiments.⁴ 2D HMQC spectra were run using the BIRD sequence to suppress the center signal and with carbon decoupling during acquisition in the TPPI mode.⁵ The applied pulse sequence for the HMBC experiment was: relaxation delay - $90^\circ_x(^1\text{H})$ - D_1 - $90^\circ_{f1}(^{13}\text{C})$ - $t_1/2$ - $180^\circ_x(^1\text{H})$ - $t_1/2$ - $90^\circ_{f2}(^{13}\text{C})$ - acquire. The HMBC spectrum was recorded using a delay time D_1 of 60 ms. Both heterocorrelation spectra were 2K covering 4504 Hz in the f_2 dimension and 22,727 Hz in the f_1 dimension and were acquired for 512 increments with 64 scans on the HMQC and 128 scans on the HMBC. The data were processed with 2K in the f_2 dimension and 1K in the f_1 dimension with a shifted sine apodization.

Table S1. ^{13}C Chemical Shifts of AFB₁-FAPY Nucleoside Dibutyrate **13**^a

Carbon	FAPY Ia	FAPY Ib	FAPY IIa	FAPY IIb
<u>Aflatoxin</u>				
C6a	114.23 ^b			
C8	95.42	102.93	95.80	103.58
C5	92.13 ^b			
C9	75.45	75.22	76.27	76.07
OMe	57.30 ^b			
C9a	55.00 ^b			
C2	35.94 ^b			
C3	30.14 ^b			
<u>Pyrimidine</u>				
CHO	168.0	165.47	168.12	165.68
C5	92.08	89.31	92.27	89.62
<u>Deoxyribose</u>				
C1'	82.60 ^b			
C2'	37.33 ^b			
C3'	76.80 ^b			
C4'	82.70 ^b			
C5'	64.56 ^b			
<u>Butyrates</u>				
CH ₃	13.80 ^b			
β-CH ₂	19.11 ^b			
α-CH ₂	36.52 ^b			

^a Chemical shifts for ^{13}C signals were determined from HMQC or HMBC 2D spectra recorded in MeOH-*d*₄/DMSO-*d*₆. (9:1) mixtures at 290 K. Chemical shifts are in ppm relative to TMS. The chemical shifts are derived from the two-dimensional experiments rather than from a 1-D spectrum. Consequently, their accuracy is subject to data point limitations and signals separated by only a few Hz are not resolved from one another. ^b Only one signal seen for the four FAPY species.

Table S2. ¹H and ¹³C Chemical Shifts of formyl isomers of FAPY Nucleoside **15**^{a,b}

Proton	FAPY Aa	FAPY Ab	Carbon	FAPY Aa	FAPY Ab
	major			major	minor
<u>Aflatoxin</u>					
H5	6.39	6.35	C5	91 ^c	
H6a	6.45	6.45	C6a	112.9	112.6
OH ^e	6.08	6.07			
H8	6.27		C8	94.6	102.1
H9	4.92	5.08	C9	74.0	73.9
OMe	3.93	3.93	OMe	56.7	
H9a					
<u>Pyrimidine</u>					
NH1	9.84 ^e	9.64 ^e			
formyl	7.57	8.33	C5	90.2 ^d	87.7 ^d
NH2	6.6 ^e	6.6 ^e			
NH4	6.49 ^e	6.52 ^e			
H1'	5.12 ^e	5.08 ^e	C1'	74.6 ^c	
H2'	1.89 ^c		C2'	33.6 ^c	
H3'	3.82 ^c		C3'	67.1 ^c	
OH3'	4.79 ^e	4.72 ^e			
H4'	3.43 ^c		C4'	66.6 ^c	
OH4'	4.53 ^{c,e}				
H5'	3.18 ^c		C5'	47.7 ^{c,d}	
H5''	3.53 ^d	3.49 ^d			

^a Spectra were recorded in 4:1 mixtures of DMSO-*d*₆/MeOH-*d*₄. Chemical shifts are in ppm relative to TMS. ^bUnless otherwise specified, values for proton and carbon chemical shifts were determined from HMQC 2D spectra. ^cOnly one signal was seen for both FAPY species. ^dValues determined from HMBC 2D spectra. ^eValues obtained from spectra recorded in DMSO-*d*₆. AFB H2 and H3 are not tabulated.

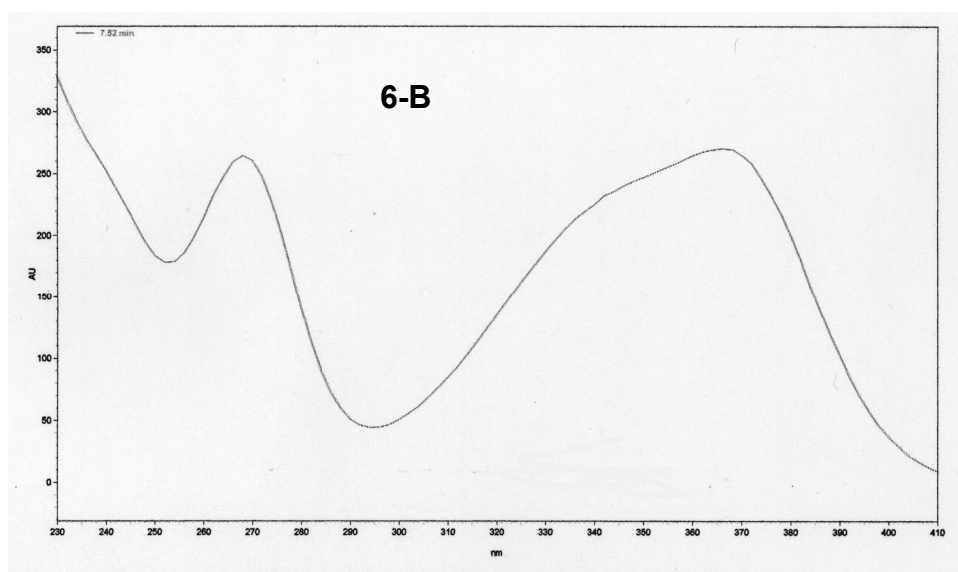
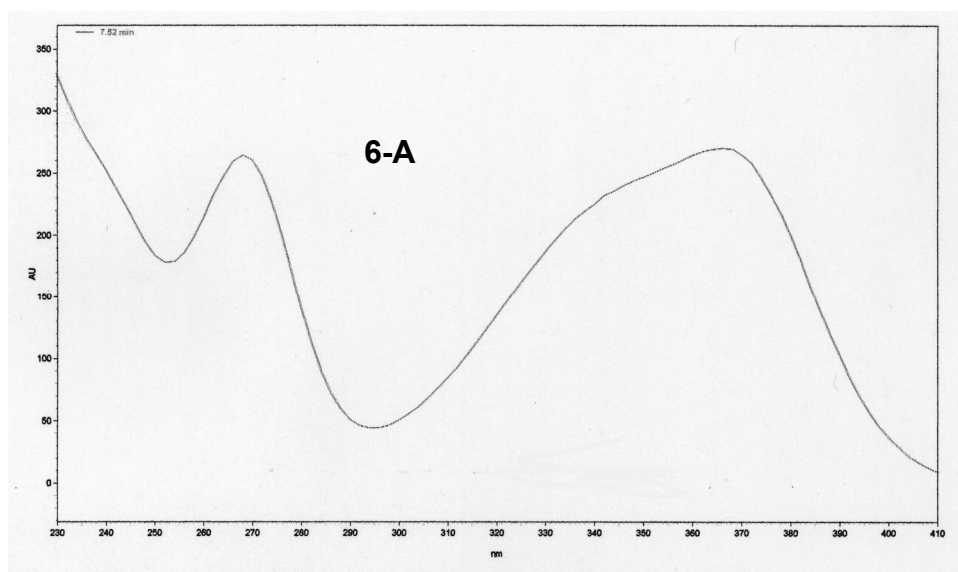


Figure S1. UV spectra (MeOH) of AFB FAPY bases **6-A** (top) and **6-B** (bottom).

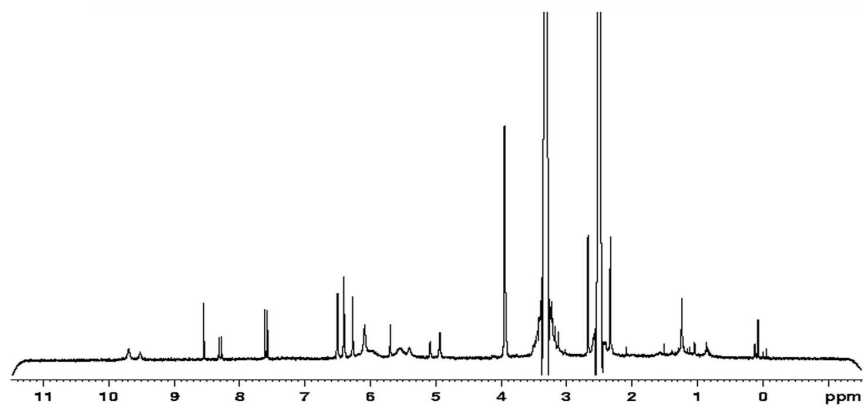


Figure S2. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) of FAPY base **6-A**.

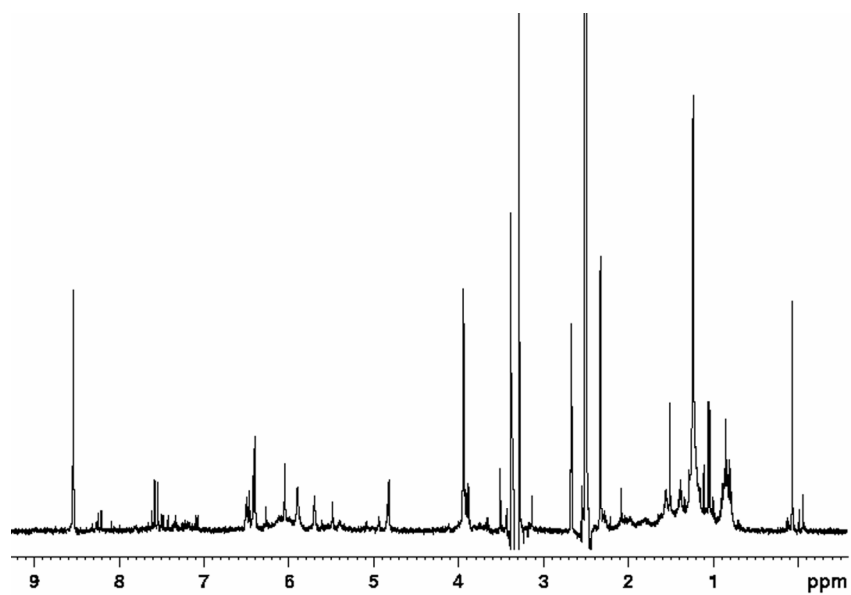


Figure S3. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) of FAPY base **6-B**.

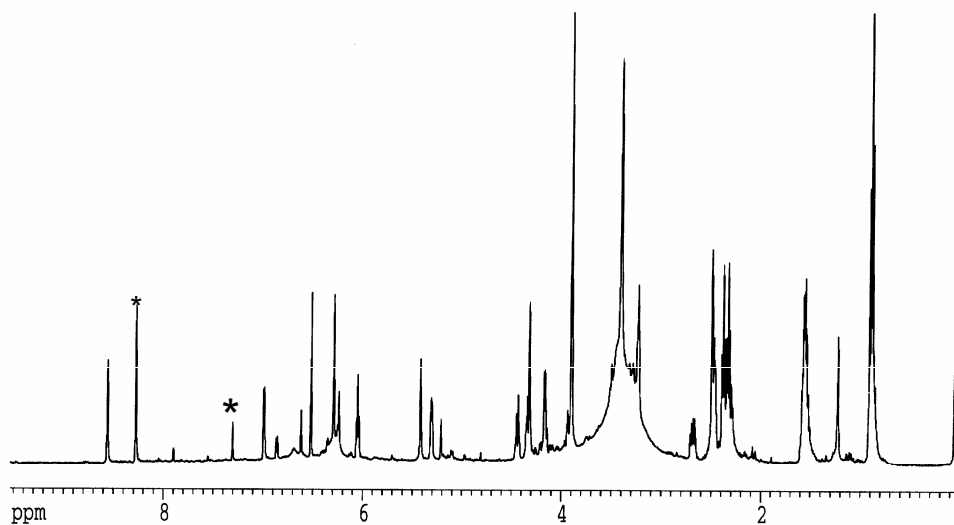


Figure S4. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectrum of AFB-dGuo N7 adduct **10**. Asterisks indicate impurities.

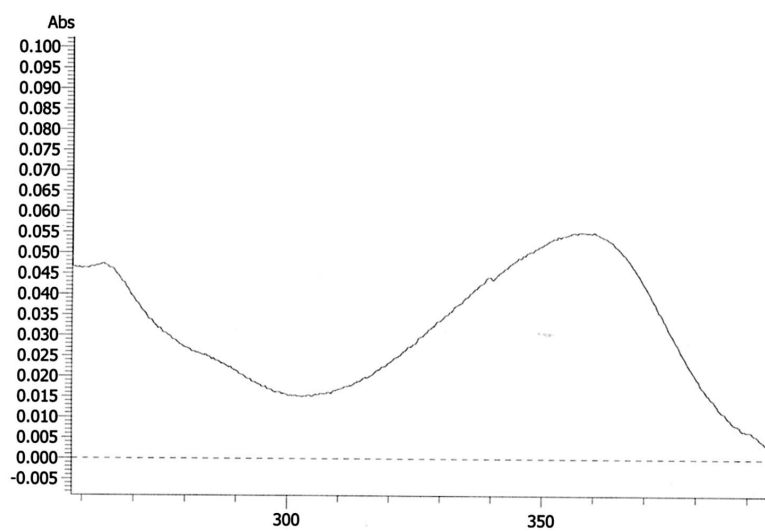


Figure S5. UV (MeOH) spectrum of AFB-dGuo N7 adduct **10**.

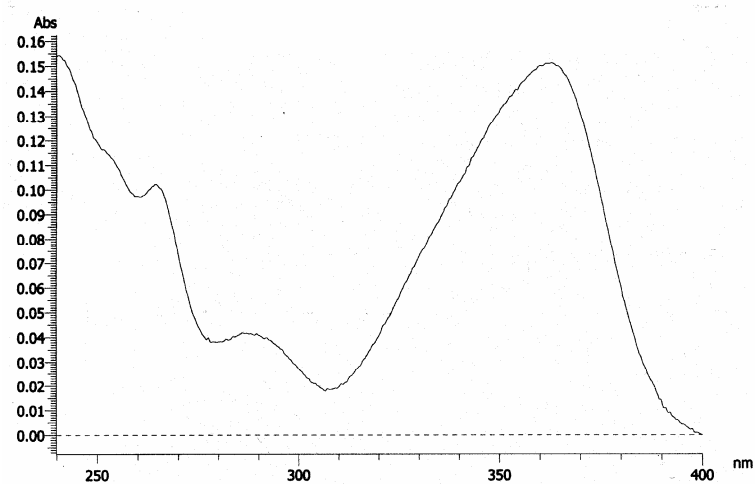


Figure S6. UV spectrum (MeOH) of AFB- O^6 dG 3',5' dibutyrate **11**.

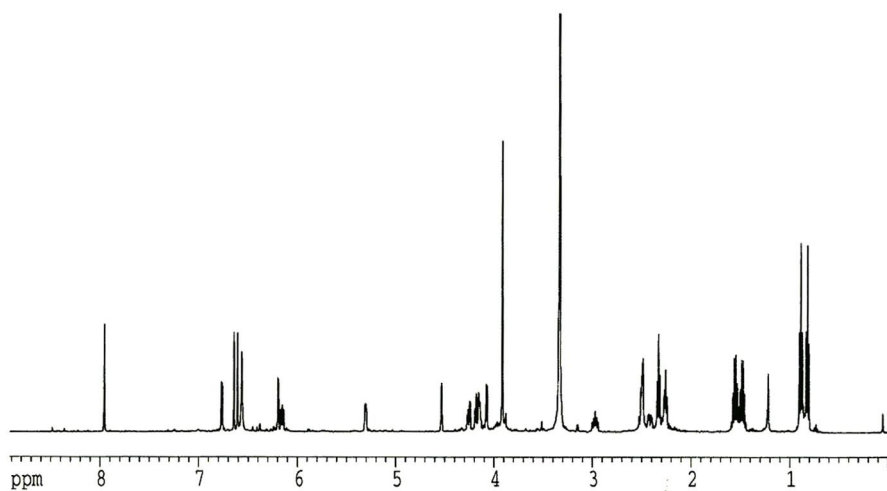


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) of AFB- O^6 dG 3',5' dibutyrate **11**.

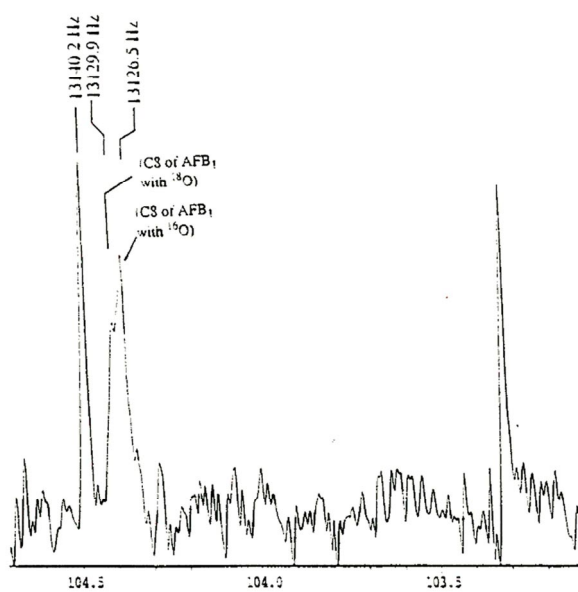
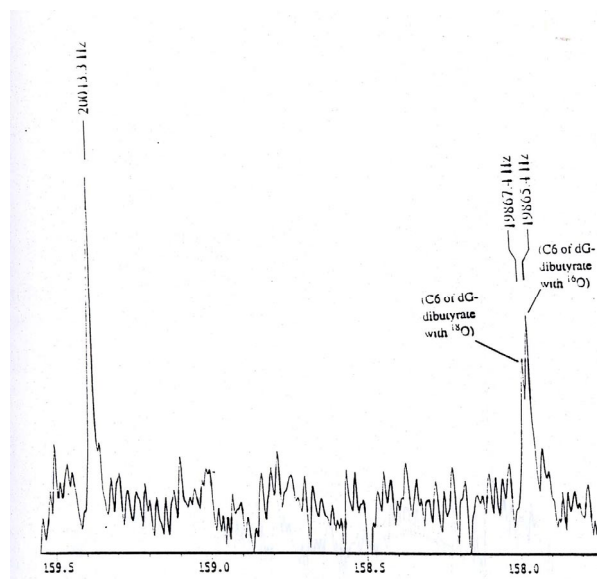


Figure S8. Comparison of the ^{13}C chemical shifts of aflatoxin C6 (upper spectrum) and C8 (lower spectrum) in AFB- O^6 dGuo 3', 5' dibutyrate (**11**) with 6- ^{16}O and 6- ^{18}O .

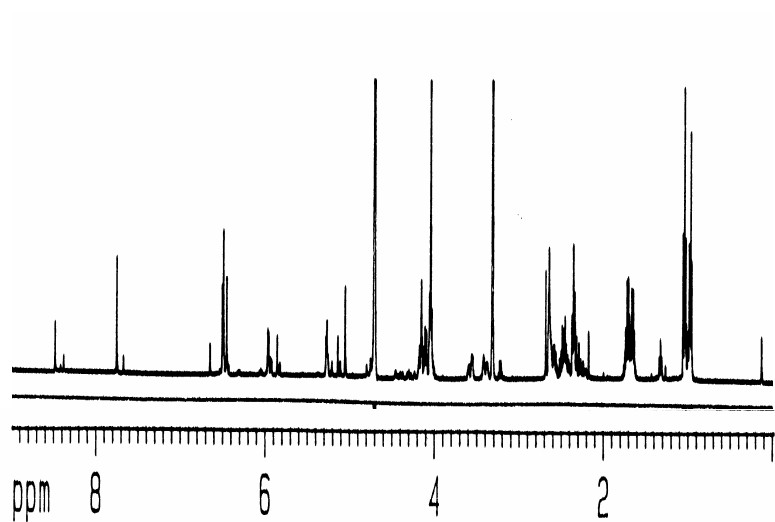


Figure S9. ^1H NMR ($\text{MeOH-}d_4/\text{DMSO-}d_6$) of AFB-FAPY dibutyrate **13-Aab** with minor amounts of **13-Bab**.

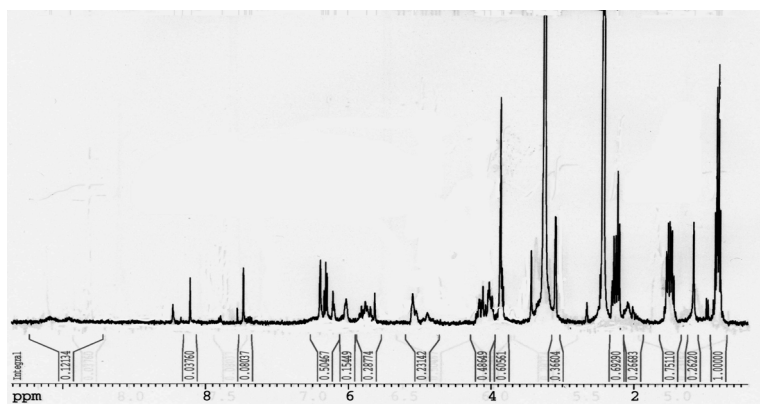


Figure S10. ^1H NMR ($\text{MeOH-}d_4/\text{DMSO-}d_6$) of AFB-FAPY dibutyrate **13-Bab** with minor amounts of **13-Aab**

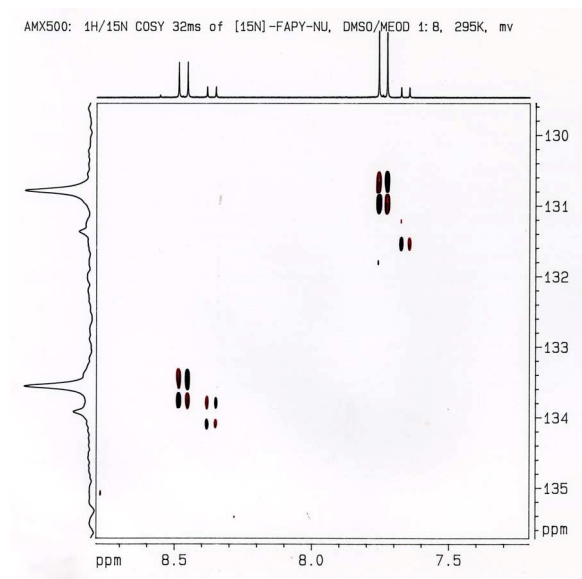


Figure S11. ^1H - ^{15}N COSY of AFB-FAPY dG dibutyrate

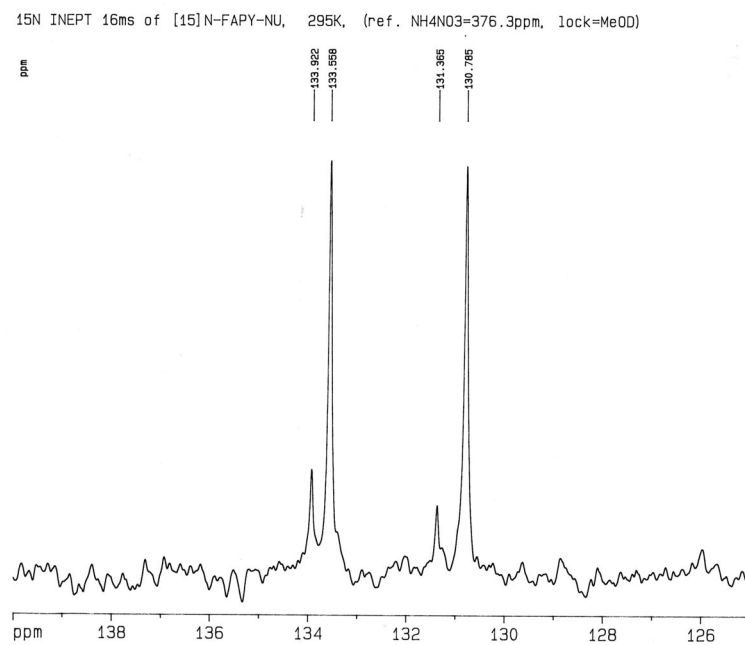


Figure S12. ^{15}N INEPT spectrum of AFB-FAPY dGuo dibutyrate **13**.

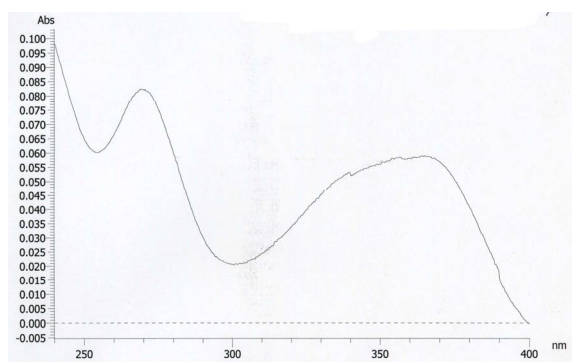
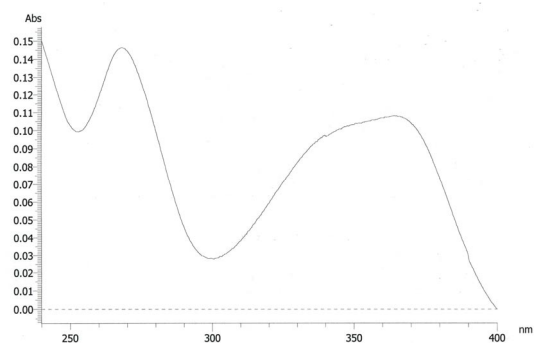


Fig. S13. UV spectra (MeOH) of AFB-FAPY dibutyrate **13-A** (top) and **13-B** (bottom).

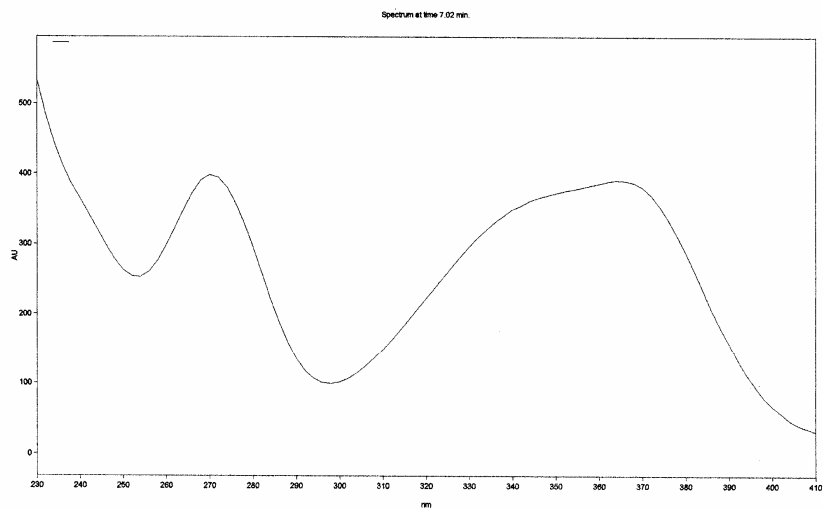


Fig. S14. UV spectrum of AFB-FAPY nucleoside **15**.

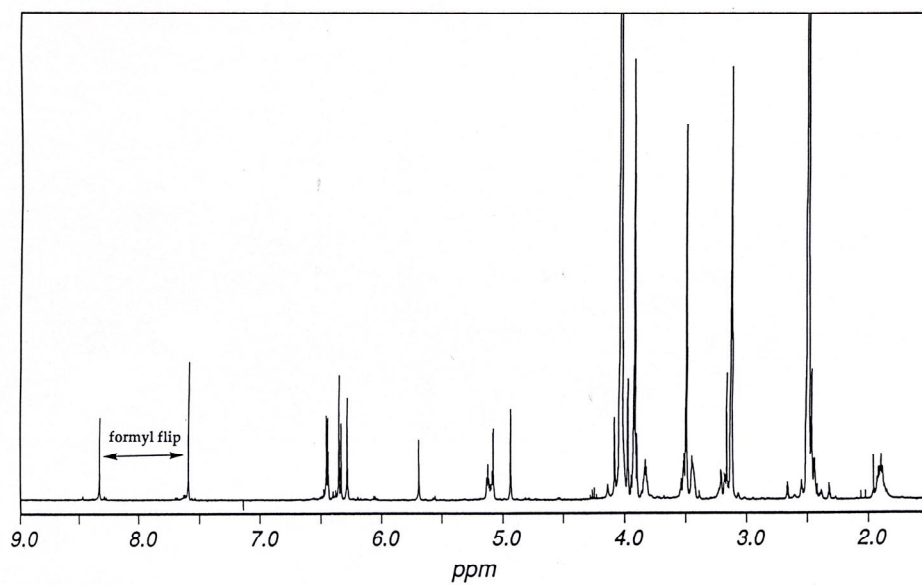


Fig. S15. ^1H NMR of deprotected AFB-FAPY nucleoside **15**.

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