

Supporting Information

An In-depth Study on Ring-closing Metathesis of Carbohydrate-derived α -Alkoxyacrylates: Efficient Syntheses of DAH, KDO and 2-Deoxy- β -KDO

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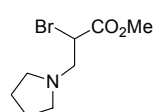
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General experimental information

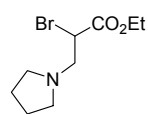
All reactions with air- or moisture-sensitive compounds were performed under an inert atmosphere. Nitrogen and argon were dried over Sicapent, CaCl_2 and KOH. CH_2Cl_2 was distilled over CaH_2 . THF and Et_2O were distilled over Na. Acetonitrile was distilled and stored on molecular sieves (4 Å). Toluene was distilled over CaH_2 and deoxygenated using the freeze-pump-thaw method. Et_3N was distilled and stored over KOH. All other chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh, 60 Å). ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a 200, 300 or 400 MHz spectrometer. Spectra are reported in units of ppm on the δ scale, relative to chloroform (7.25 ppm for ^1H -NMR and 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C -NMR). IR measurements were performed on an FTIR spectrometer. 2-Vinylphenol¹ was prepared by a Wittig olefination of salicyl aldehyde, using $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{CH}_2$.

Methyl 2-bromo-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propanoate (4a)



A solution of methyl 2,3-dibromopropanoate (2.01 g, 8.17 mmol) in toluene (130 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and pyrrolidine (0.68 mL, 8.05 mmol) and Et_3N (1.15 mL, 8.17 mmol) were added. After stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, the resulting suspension was filtered over Celite, washed with H_2O (25 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The resulting crude product was >95% pure according to NMR and therefore directly used in the next step. The yield was 1.72 g (89%). The analytical data were in agreement with those reported earlier.² ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz): δ 4.33 (dd, J = 6.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.30 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 6.0, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (m, 4H), 1.84 (m, 4H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 169.5, 59.3, 58.2, 54.1, 43.0, 23.6.

Ethyl 2-bromo-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propanoate (4b)

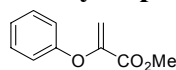


The same procedure was applied as for **4a**, using ethyl 2,3-dibromopropanoate. The crude yield was 1.77 g (92%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz): δ 4.38-4.26 (m, 3H), 3.28 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 6.0, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 169.4, 61.8, 59.3, 54.1, 43.0, 23.6, 13.9.

General procedure A for the preparation of α -alkoxyacrylates

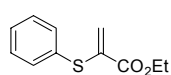
To a cooled (0 °C) solution of the alcohol (1 equiv) in diethyl ether/DMF (1:1, 0.05M) was added NaH (60% in mineral oil; 2.5 equiv) and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, freshly prepared **4a** or **b** (3.5 equiv) was added and the reaction was stirred for 18 h. Next, H_2O was added, the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 \times) and the combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in (m)ethanol/MeCN (1:1, 0.1M), MeI (10 equiv) and Na_2CO_3 (5 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at reflux temperature for 48 h. Next, H_2O was added and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO_4 , concentrated and the product was isolated by column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane, 1:6).

Methyl 2-phenoxyacrylate (9)



This compound was prepared from phenol according to general procedure A. The yield was 62 mg (55%). Analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.³ ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.32-7.05 (m, 5H), 5.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 162.9, 155.0, 150.4, 129.6, 124.1, 119.1, 103.8, 52.6.

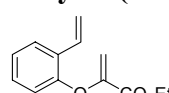
Ethyl 2-(phenylsulfanyl)acrylate (10)



This compound was prepared from thiophenol according to general procedure A. The yield was 26 mg (53%). Analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁴ ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.45-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1

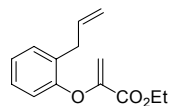
Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 163.9, 138.7, 133.9, 132.8, 129.4, 128.6, 122.3, 61.9, 14.3.

Ethyl 2-(2-vinylphenoxy)acrylate (13)



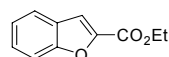
This compound was prepared from 2-vinylphenol according to general procedure A. The yield was 35 mg (61%). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.57 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.83 (m, 2H), 5.77 (dd, $J = 1.1, 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, $J = 1.1, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 162.3, 151.7, 150.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.8, 126.4, 124.8, 120.2, 115.5, 101.8, 61.7, 14.4. HRMS (EI^+): calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$, $[\text{M}]^+$: 218.0943, found: 218.0943.

Ethyl 2-(2-allylphenoxy)acrylate (14)



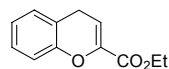
This compound was prepared from 2-allylphenol according to general procedure A. The yield was 7.13 g (78%). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.26-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 1.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.57 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.66 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 162.3, 152.4, 150.7, 136.0, 131.5, 130.3, 127.4, 124.7, 119.7, 116.0, 101.5, 61.6, 34.1, 14.4. HRMS (EI^+): calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$, $[\text{M}]^+$: 232.1100, found: 232.1099.

Ethyl benzofuran-2-carboxylate (15)



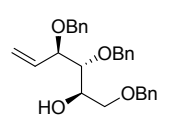
To a solution of **13** (18.5 mg, 84.8 μmol) in toluene (3 mL) was added 5 mol% of (IMes)(PCy₃)Cl₂Ru=CHPh (**A**). The reaction was stirred under an inert atmosphere at 70 °C for 30 min, followed by removal of the solvent *in vacuo*. The product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane, 1:20). The yield was 14.3 mg (89%). Analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁵ ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.69-7.27 (m, 5H), 4.44 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 159.3, 155.4, 145.5, 127.3, 126.8, 123.6, 122.6, 113.6, 112.2, 61.6, 14.6.

Ethyl 4H-2-chromenecarboxylate (16)



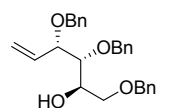
To a solution of **14** (29.7 mg, 128 μmol) in toluene (4 mL) was added 5 mol% of (IMes)(PCy₃)Cl₂Ru=CHPh (**A**). The reaction was stirred under an inert atmosphere at 70 °C for 30 min, followed by removal of the solvent *in vacuo*. The product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane, 1:20). The yield was 24.0 mg (92%). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.17-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.22 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.55 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 161.3, 150.8, 141.5, 128.7, 127.7, 123.7, 118.0, 116.9, 110.0, 61.4, 24.7, 14.4. HRMS (EI^+): calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$, $[\text{M}]^+$: 204.0787, found: 204.0787.

(2R,3R,4R)-1,3,4-Tris(benzyloxy)hex-5-en-2-ol (21)



This compound was synthesized according to known procedures, analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁶ The yield was 856 mg (86%). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.38-7.23 (m, 15H), 6.00-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.30 (m, 2H), 4.53 (m, 4H), 4.40 (d_{AB}, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J = 3.9, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.52 (m, 3H), 2.82 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 138.0, 137.9, 137.6, 134.9, 128.2 (2), 128.1, 127.9 (2), 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 118.8, 80.5, 80.2, 74.1, 73.4, 70.9, 70.7, 70.4.

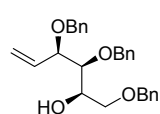
(2R,3R,4S)-1,3,4-Tris(benzyloxy)hex-5-en-2-ol (22)



This compound was synthesized according to known procedures, analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁷ The yield was 180 mg (28%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.31-7.17 (m, 15H), 5.99-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.34 (m, 2H), 4.64-4.48 (m, 4H), 4.57 (d_{AB}, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 3.9, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.87-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.70 (m, 1H),

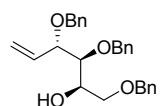
3.61 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 138.2(2), 137.8, 134.9, 128.2, 128.1(3), 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4(2), 127.3, 119.5, 82.0, 80.9, 74.1, 73.4, 70.8, 70.4.

(2R,3S,4R)-1,3,4-Tris(benzyloxy)hex-5-en-2-ol (23)



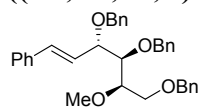
This compound was synthesized according to known procedures, analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁸ The yield was 281 mg (46%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.35-7.18 (m, 15H), 5.96 (m, 1H), 5.36 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.52 (m, 4H), 4.52 (d_{AB}, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 3.9, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.57 (m, 4H), 2.83 (br d, $J = 5.7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 138.2, 138.0(2), 135.4, 128.2(2), 128.1(2), 127.8, 127.5(3), 127.4, 119.5, 81.4, 80.6, 79.6, 74.4, 73.2, 71.1, 70.3.

(2R,3S,4S)-1,3,4-Tris(benzyloxy)hex-5-en-2-ol (24)



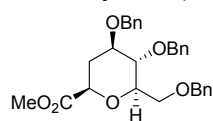
This compound was synthesized according to known procedures, analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.⁶ The yield was 271 mg (75%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.31-7.16 (m, 15H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.35 (m, 2H), 4.63-4.39 (m, 4H), 4.61 (d_{AB}, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 6.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 2.6, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, $J = 3.3, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 138.1(2), 137.8, 135.0, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0(2), 127.7(2), 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 119.2, 82.1, 80.2, 75.0, 73.3, 71.2, 70.7, 70.0.

((2R,3R,4S,E)-2-Methoxy-6-phenylhex-5-ene-1,3,4-triyl)tris(oxy)tris(methylene)-tribenzene (36)



To a solution of **35**⁹ (4.4 mg, 10.2 μmol) in toluene (1 mL) was added (IMes)(PCy₃)Cl₂Ru=CHPh (**A**, 8.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an inert atmosphere at 80 °C for 18 h. The reaction was exposed to air and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane, 1:10). The isolated yield of **36** was 74%. ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.40-7.23 (m, 20H), 6.61 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dd, $J = 8.2, 16.2$ Hz), 4.88-4.61 (m, 3H), 4.39 (m, 3H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (m, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 138.8, 138.5, 138.1, 136.5, 133.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3 (2), 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 81.9, 81.5, 80.1, 75.3, 73.3, 70.7, 69.2. $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}} = +10.3$ (c 0.3, CHCl_3). HRMS (CI^+): calculated for C₃₄H₃₇O₄, $[\text{M}^+ + \text{H}]$: 509.2692, found: 509.2708.

(2R,4R,5S,6R)-Methyl 4,5-di(benzyloxy)-6-[(benzyloxy)methyl]tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-carboxylate (37)



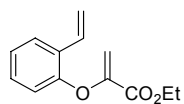
A solution of **29a** (63 mg, 0.129 mmol) in EtOAc/MeOH/Et₃N (50:50:1; 10 ml) was treated with 10% Pd/C (20 mg) and H₂ (1 atm) for 1 h. The mixture was filtered over Celite, concentrated *in vacuo* and the product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/heptane, 1:4). The yield was 60 mg (95%). The analytical data agreed with those reported in literature.¹⁰ ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.36-7.17 (m, 15H), 4.90-4.53 (m, 6H), 4.01 (dd, $J = 2.0, 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.65 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 2H), 2.49 (ddd, $J = 2.0, 4.9, 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 (q, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 170.0, 138.0, 128.2, 128.1 (2), 127.8, 127.7, 127.5 (2), 127.4, 127.3, 80.5, 79.3, 77.8, 75.1, 74.4, 73.4, 71.5, 69.1, 52.4, 34.0. $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}} = +10.6$ (c 0.5, CH_2Cl_2).

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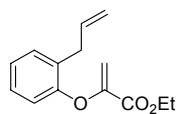
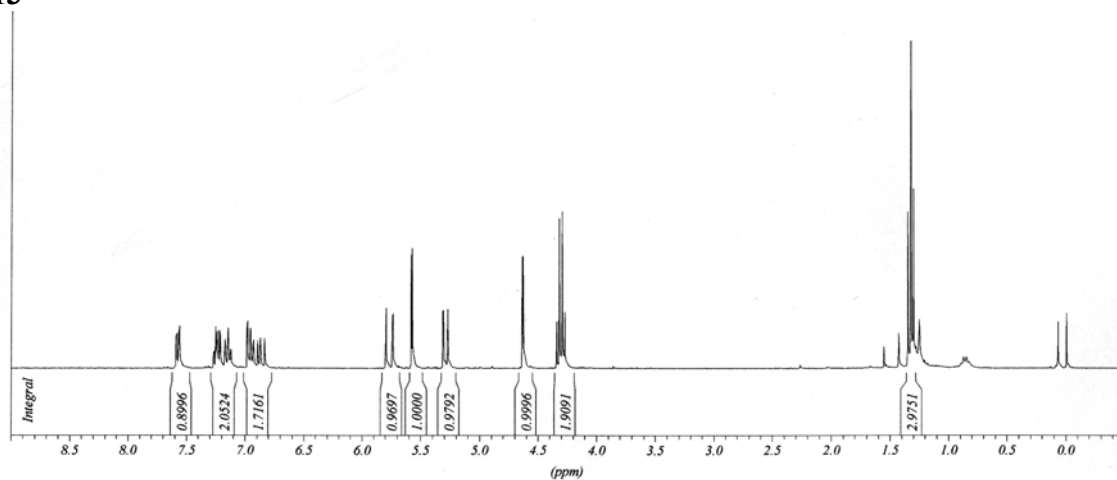
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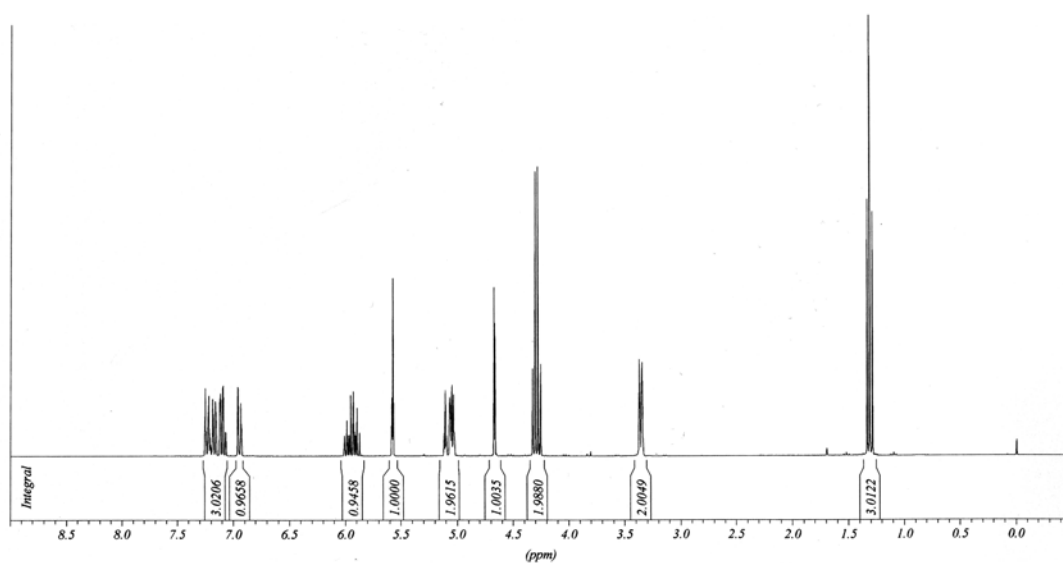
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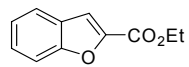


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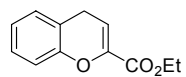
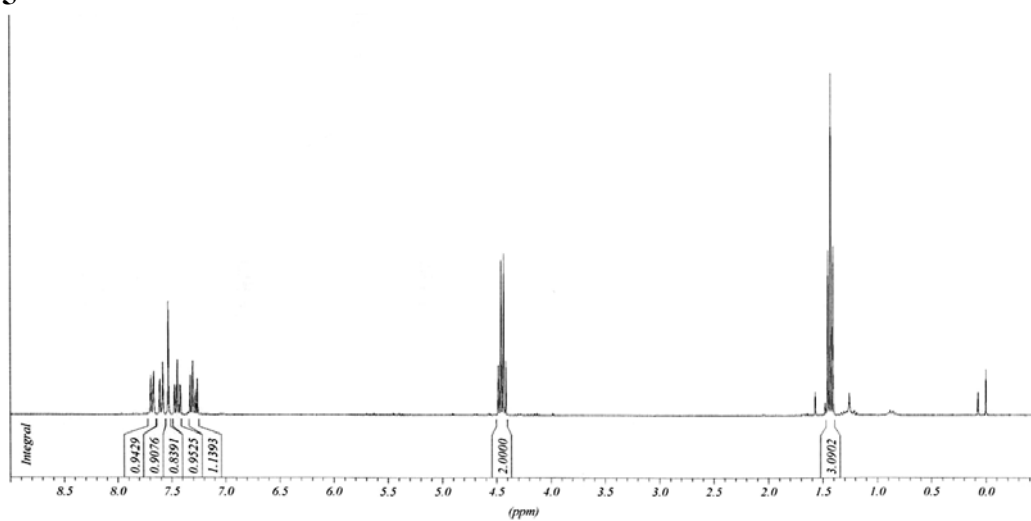


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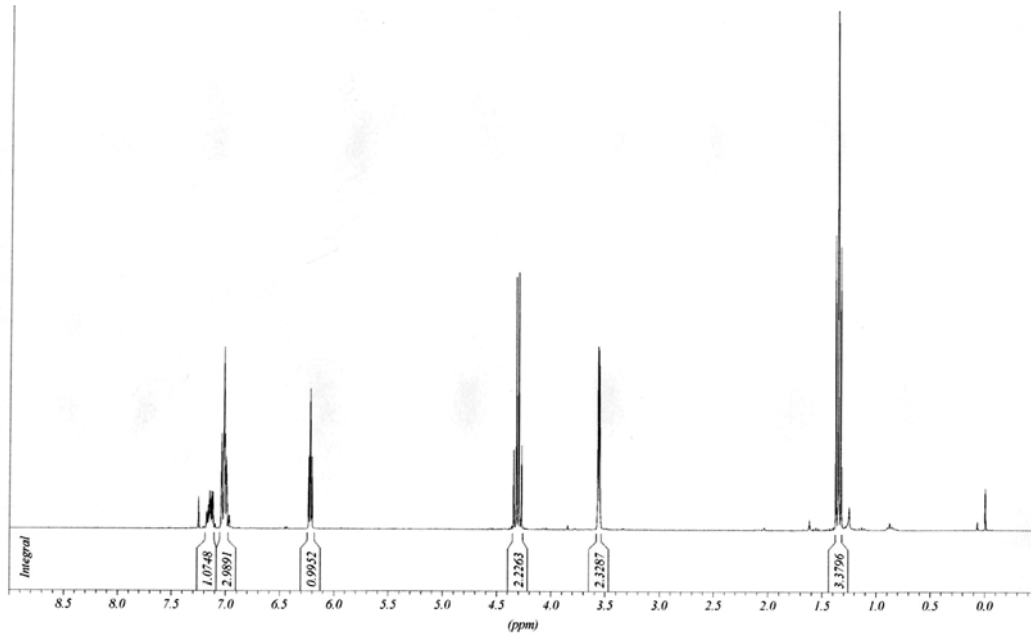


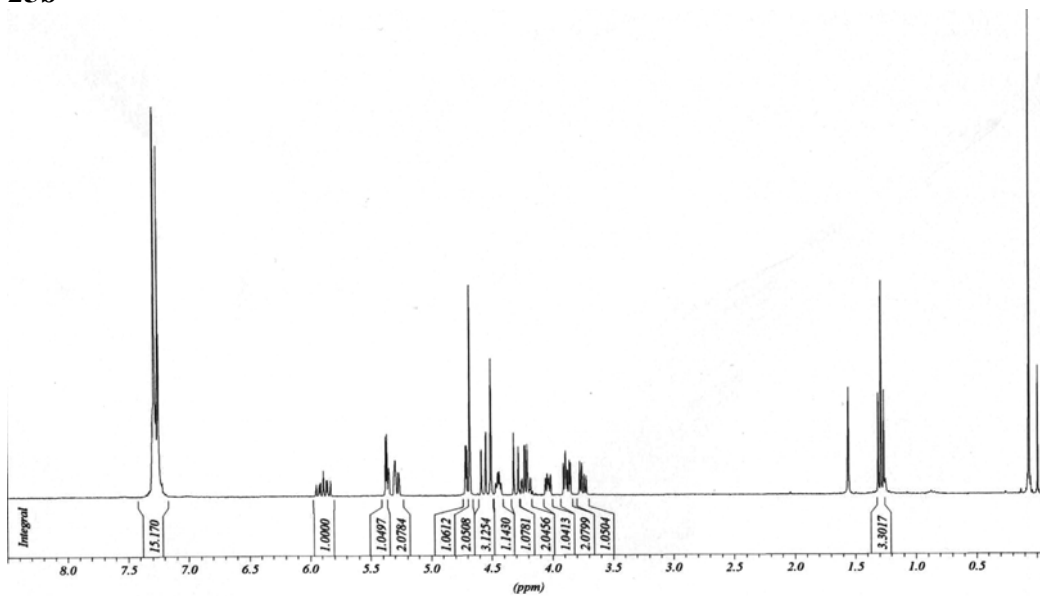
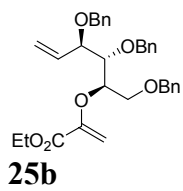
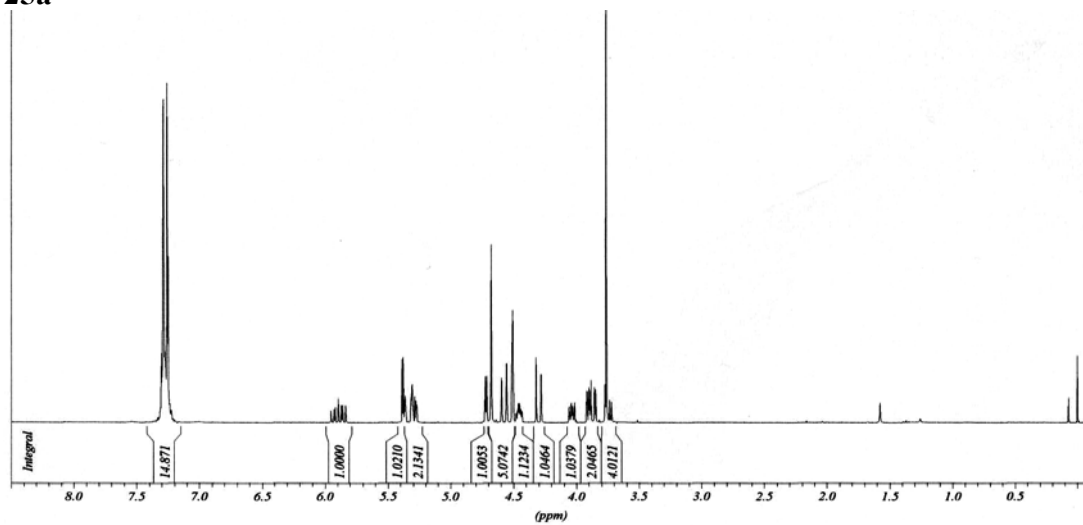
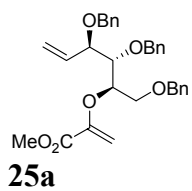


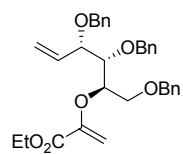
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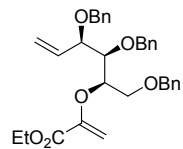
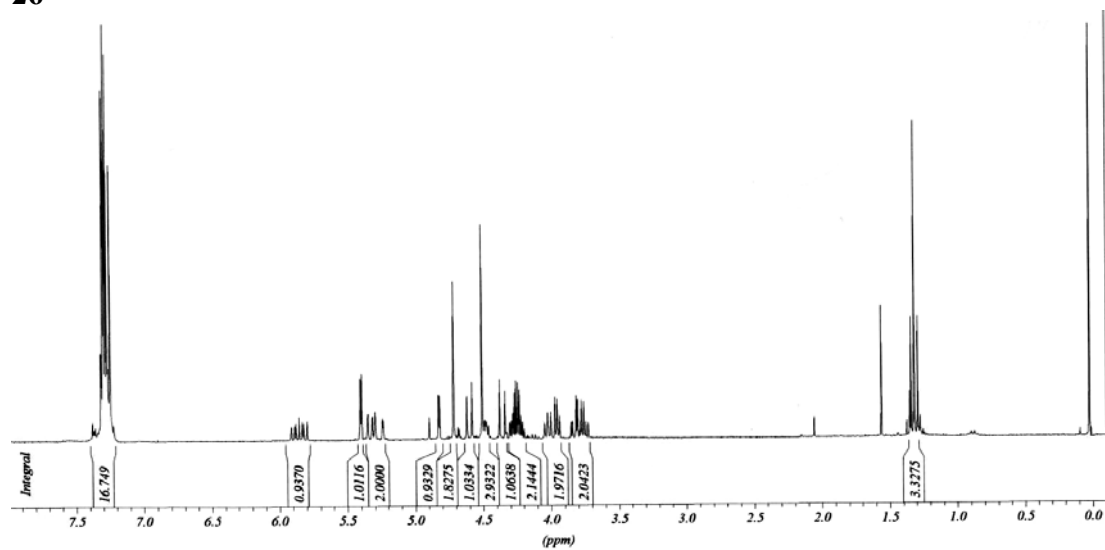
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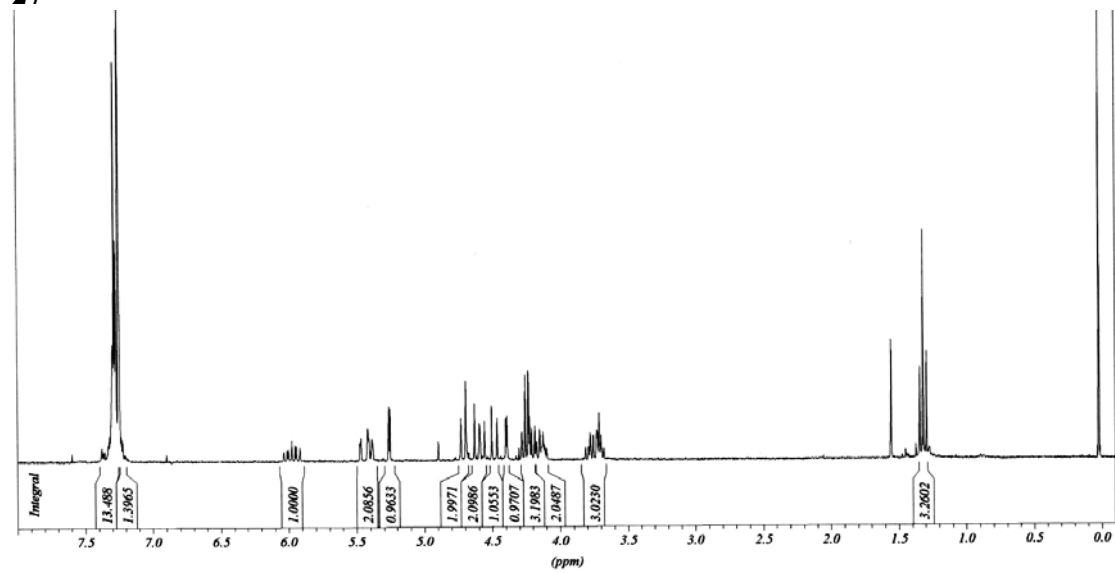


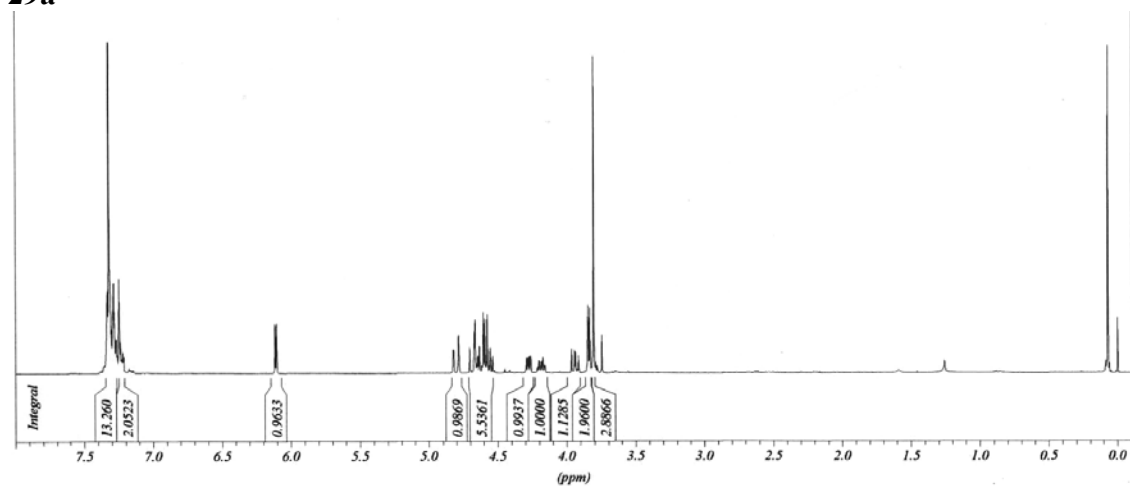
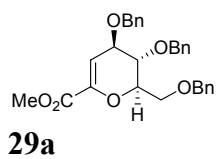
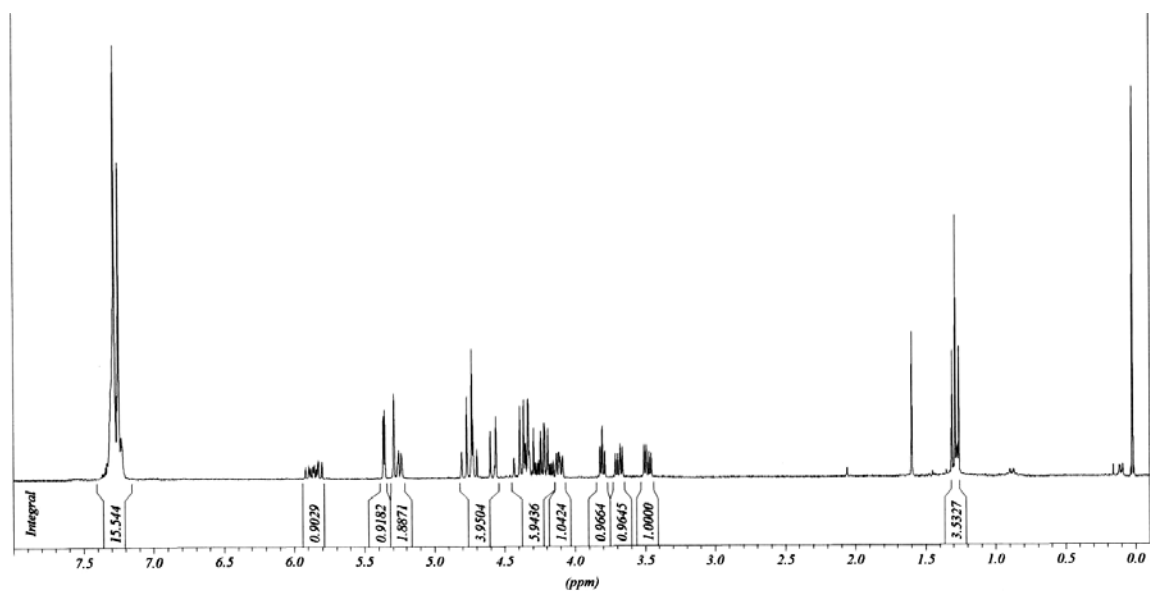
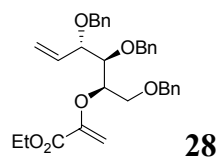


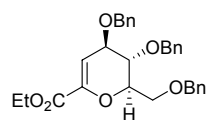
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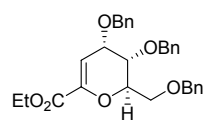
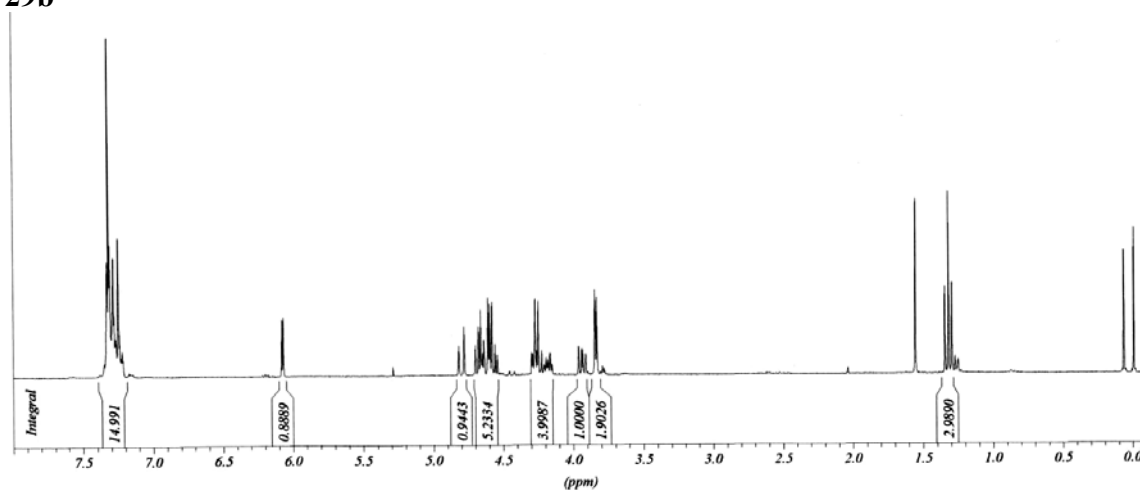
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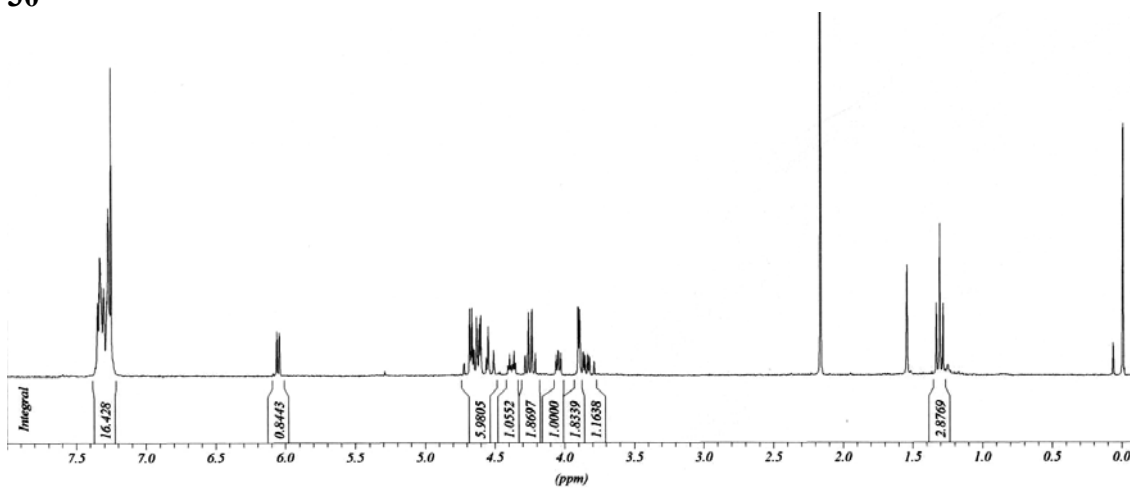


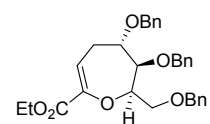


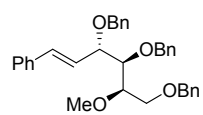
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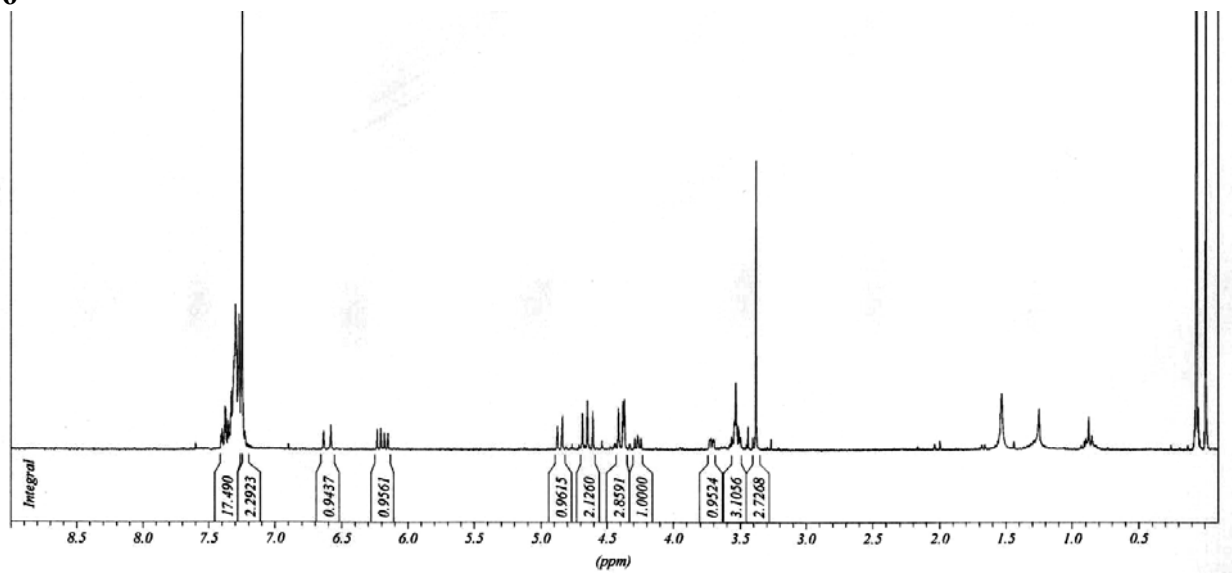
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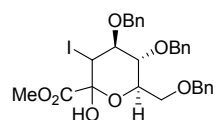






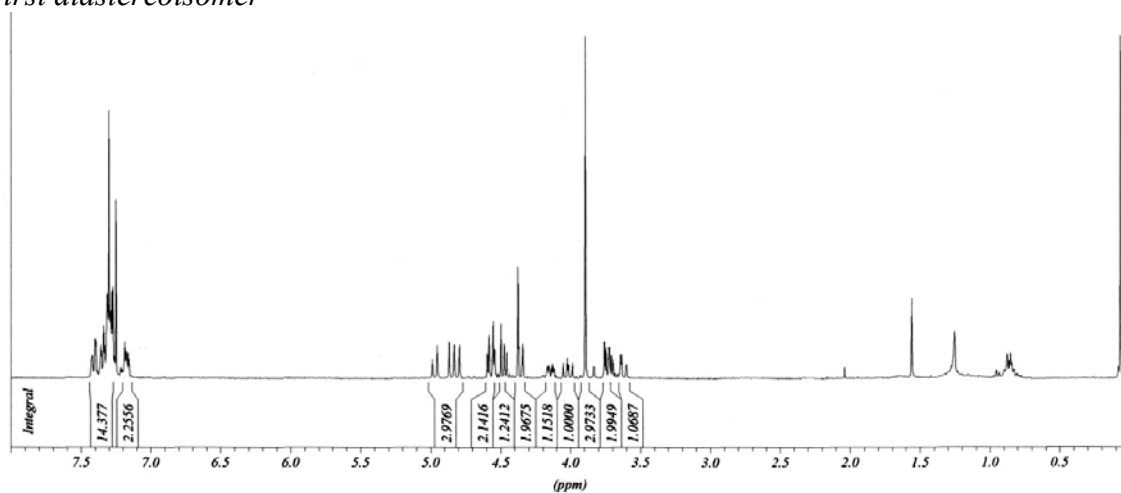
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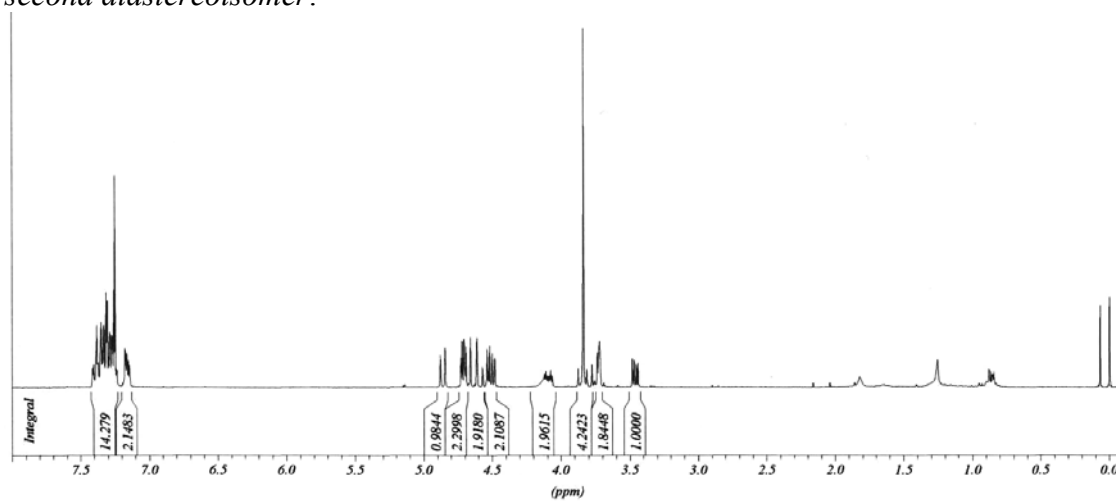


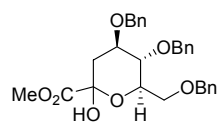
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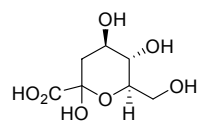
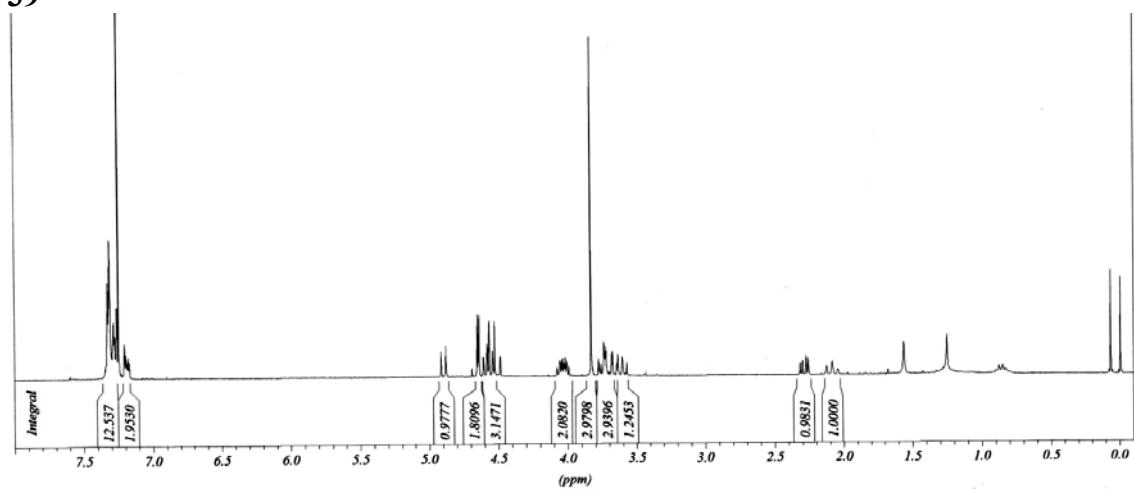


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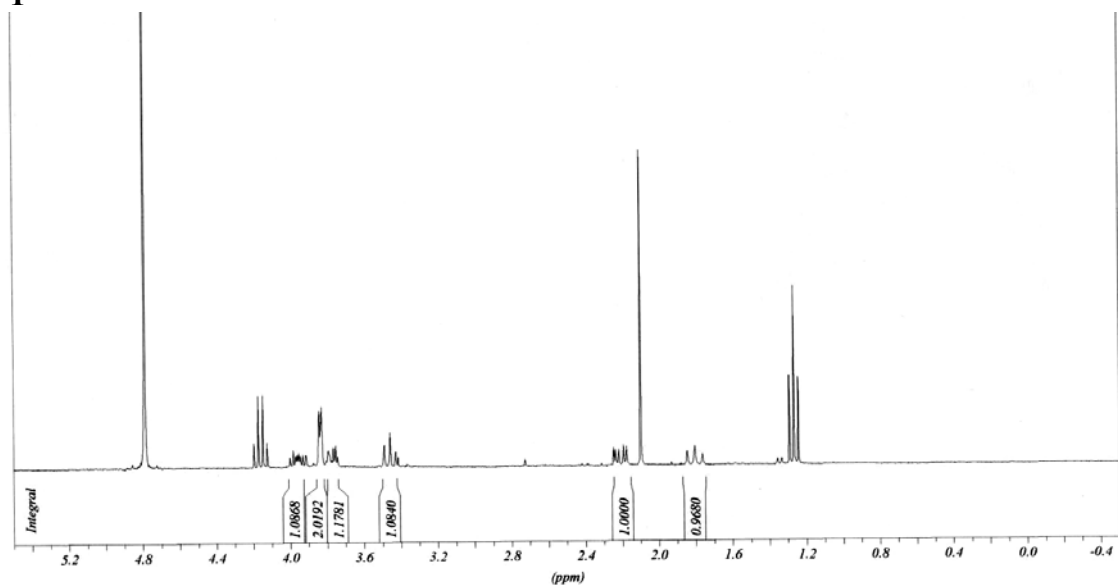


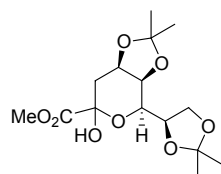


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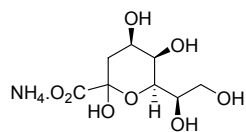
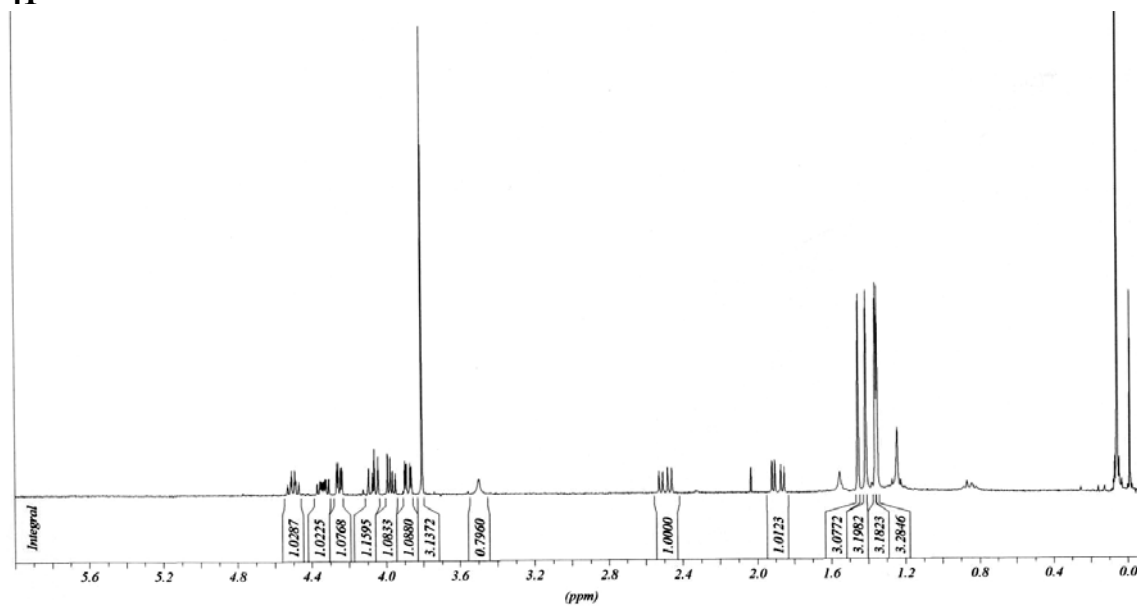


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