

## Supplementary Information

### Synthesis and Evaluation of Duocarmycin and CC-1065 Analogues Containing Modifications in the Subunit Linking Amide

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***N*<sup>2</sup>-[(5,6,7-Trimethoxyindol-2-yl)thiocarbonyl]-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-cyclopropa[c]benz[e]indol-4-one (7).** A solution of **8** (7 mg, 0.012 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.12 mL) was treated with DBU (5.6 mg, 0.037 mmol, 3 equiv), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 45 min. PTLC (50% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded **7** (2 mg, 30%) as a yellow semi-solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 10.30 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, C5-H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, C8-H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, C3'-H), 6.87 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 5.83 (s, 1H, C3-H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 12.0 Hz, 1H, C1-HH), 4.33 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, C1-HH), 3.96 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.12 (dt, *J* = 4.9, 5.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H, C9a-H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H, C9-HH), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H, C9-HH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 192.2, 184.5, 161.7, 151.6, 142.2, 141.7, 140.1, 138.1, 133.4, 133.0, 128.4, 127.3, 127.0, 124.5, 123.1, 112.4, 108.1, 99.0, 61.5, 60.5, 56.5, 34.1, 32.4, 28.9, 25.9; IR (film) ν<sub>max</sub> 3298, 2937, 1732, 1615, 1372, 1299, 1272, 1236, 1112, 1047, 997, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (pH 3 buffer) λ<sub>max</sub> 366 nm (ε 15270), UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) λ<sub>max</sub> 365 nm (ε 14730); FABHRMS (NBA/NaI) *m/z* 447.1391 (M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S requires 447.1379).

(+)-(8a*R*,9b*S*)-**7**: yellow semi-solid: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> +580 (*c* 0.0005, EtOAc).

(-)-(8a*S*,9b*R*)-**7**: yellow semi-solid: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> -576 (*c* 0.0005, EtOAc).

**5-(Benzylxy)-1-(chloromethyl)-3-[(5,6,7-trimethoxyindol-2-yl)carbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benz[e]indole (12).** A sample of **10** (40 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1 equiv) was treated with 3 M HCl-EtOAc (2 mL) at 24 °C for 30 min. The solvent was removed in vacuo to afford the crude amine salt **11** (quantitative). The salt was dissolved in DMF (1 mL) and treated sequentially with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (40 mg, 0.473 mmol, 5 equiv), 5,6,7-trimethoxyindole-2-carboxylic acid (36 mg, 0.142 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and EDCI (54 mg, 0.283 mmol, 3 equiv) and the suspension was stirred at 24 °C for 22 h. The mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 3 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 N aqueous HCl (1 × 3 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 × 3 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (1 × 5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (0.8 × 10 cm SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0–40% EtOAc/hexane gradient elution) afforded **12** (28 mg, 53%) as a green solid: mp 93–95 °C dec; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 9.40 (br s, 1H, C1'-H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, C5-H), 8.18 (s, 1H, C3-H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.33–7.56 (m, 7H, C6-H, C7-H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, C3'-H), 6.87 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H, C4-OCHHAr), 5.27 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H, C4-OCHHAr), 4.79 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.66 (ap t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.07–4.15 (m, 1H, C1-H), 4.07 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95–3.99 (m, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.91 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.46 (ap t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 160.4, 155.8, 150.1, 142.1, 140.6, 138.8, 136.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.6 (2), 128.0, 127.8, 127.5 (2), 125.5, 124.0, 123.7, 123.6, 122.1, 116.2, 106.5, 98.3, 97.6,

70.3, 61.5, 61.1, 56.2, 55.4, 46.0, 43.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1617, 1577, 1491, 1458, 1405, 1311, 1268, 1232  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; FABHRMS (NBA/CsI)  $m/z$  689.0802 ( $M^+ + \text{Cs}$ ,  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$  requires 689.0819).

**5-(Benzylxy)-1-(chloromethyl)-3-[(5,6,7-trimethoxyindol-2-yl)thiocarbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benz[e]indole (13).** A solution of **12** (42 mg, 0.076 mmol, 1 equiv) in benzene (0.8 mL) was treated with Lawesson's reagent (23 mg, 0.057 mmol, 0.75 equiv) and warmed to 80 °C for 1.5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Flash chromatography (1 × 10 cm  $\text{SiO}_2$ , 0–25% EtOAc/hexane gradient elution) afforded **13** (38 mg, 88%) as a yellow solid: mp 135–137 °C dec;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.26 (br s, 1H, C1'-H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H, C9-H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.23–7.33 (m, 6H, C4-H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH), 6.75 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H, C3'-H), 6.73 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 4.94–4.96 (br d, 1H, C4-OCHHAr), 4.83–4.89 (br d, 1H, C4-OCHHAr), 4.87 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.76 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 12.2$  Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.10 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.91–3.97 (m, 2H, C1-H, CHH-Cl), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62 (ap t,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  185.1, 154.7, 150.3, 142.1, 140.5, 138.9, 136.3, 135.7, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2, 126.7, 125.1, 124.2, 123.8, 123.4, 122.5, 120.9, 104.7, 98.3, 97.4, 70.5, 63.3, 61.6, 61.5, 61.2, 56.2, 45.7, 41.5, 29.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2938, 1581, 1461, 1402, 1320, 1230, 1119  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; FABHRMS (NBA/NaI)  $m/z$  573.1631 ( $M^+ + \text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$  requires 573.1615).

**5-(Benzylxy)-1-(chloromethyl)-3-[(5,6,7-trimethoxyindol-2-yl)iminocarbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benz[e]indole (14).** A suspension of **13** (25 mg, 0.044 mmol, 1 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.5 mL) was treated with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  (62 mg, 0.437 mmol, 10 equiv) and stirred at 24 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and resuspended in THF (1 mL). The suspension was cooled (-78 °C) and treated with ammonia(g) under a stream of nitrogen. The solution was allowed to warm to 24 °C over a 20 h period and the solvent removed in vacuo. Flash chromatography (0.5 × 15 cm  $\text{SiO}_2$ , 0–10%  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  gradient elution) afforded **14** (23 mg, 95%) as a pale yellow solid: mp 161–164 °C dec;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.89 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, C9-H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.27–7.35 (m, 3H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH), 7.05–7.11 (m, 4H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH, C3'-H, C4'-H), 5.48 (br s, 1H, C4-H), 4.59 (ap t,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.25–4.36 (m, 4H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar, C2-HH, C1-H), 4.02–4.13 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.69 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.16 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H, C9-H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.24–7.31 (m, 3H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH), 7.01–7.08 (m, 4H, C4-OCH<sub>2</sub>ArH, C3'-H, C4'-H), 5.34 (br s, 1H, C4-H), 4.54 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 11.6$  Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.46 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.34 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, C5-OCHHAr), 4.30 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, C5-OCHHAr), 4.19–4.23 (m, 1H, C1-H), 4.10 (dd,  $J = 3.1, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.95 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  154.4, 153.9, 150.0, 140.2, 139.5, 138.9, 135.9, 133.0, 129.6, 128.6 (2), 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8 (2), 125.1, 123.5, 122.9, 122.8, 122.5, 119.7, 97.9, 95.7, 69.3, 61.1, 61.0, 56.1, 55.0, 46.3, 40.8, the remaining signal was not detected and is believed to overlap with 154.4; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3500, 2934, 1578, 1458, 1406, 1317, 1219, 1121  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; FABHRMS (NBA/CsI)  $m/z$  556.2015 ( $M^+ + \text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$  requires 556.2003).

**1-(Chloromethyl)-3-[(5,6,7-trimethoxyindol-2-yl)iminocarbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benz[e]indole (9).** A suspension of **14** (1.7 mg, 0.003 mmol, 1 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (0.5 mL) and a catalytic amount of Pd-C (10%) was stirred at 24 °C for 6 h under  $\text{H}_2$  (1 atm). The suspension was filtered (Celite) and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford crude **9** (1.4 mg, 100%) as a pale

yellow solid: mp 155–158 °C dec;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz) δ 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H, C9-H), 7.82–7.90 (br s, 1H, C4-H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.21 (br s, 1H, C3'-H), 7.01 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 4.66 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.45 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.19–4.26 (m, 1H, C1-H), 4.21 (dd,  $J$  = 3.2, 10.9 Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl), 4.03 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.95 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>3</sub>);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 11.90 (br s, 1H, OH), 10.10 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H, C9-H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C8-H), 7.28 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 6.92 (s, 1H, C4-H), 6.90 (br s, 1H, C3'-H), 4.93 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 11.3 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 11.3 Hz, 1H, C2-HH), 4.20–4.24 (m, 1H, C1-H), 4.09–4.12 (m, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.99–4.01 (m, 1H, CHH-Cl), 3.97 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 156.0, 155.1, 151.7, 142.7, 140.4, 140.3, 131.4, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 125.6, 124.8, 124.5, 124.2, 124.0, 120.1, 113.0, 99.2, 98.6, 61.6, 61.5, 60.4, 56.5, 47.0, 42.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3182, 1679, 1584, 1463, 1403, 1317, 1220, 1121 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FABHRMS (NBA/NaI) *m/z* 466.1550 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ , C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 466.1534).

Alternatively, a suspension of **8** (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.25 mL) was treated with CH<sub>3</sub>I (54 mg, 0.373 mmol, 15 equiv) and stirred at 24 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and resuspended in THF (1 mL). The suspension was cooled (-78 °C) and treated with ammonia(g) under a stream of nitrogen. The solution was allowed to warm to 24 °C over a 20 h period and the solvent removed in vacuo. PTLC (4% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded **9** (10.1 mg, 91%) as a pale yellow solid.

Alternatively, a solution of **14** (18 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1 equiv) in TFA (1.6 mL, 0.02 M) was warmed to 70 °C for 0.5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo. PTLC (4% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded **9** (12 mg, 80%) as a pale yellow solid.

(*-*)-(8a*R*,9b*S*)-**9**: pale yellow solid:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} -76$  (*c* 0.007, CH<sub>3</sub>OH).

(*+*)-(8a*S*,9b*R*)-**9**: pale yellow solid:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} +72$  (*c* 0.002, CH<sub>3</sub>OH).

**N**<sup>2</sup>-[(5,6,7-Trimethoxyindol-2-yl)iminocarbonyl]-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydrocyclo-propa[c]benz[e]indol-4-one (**6**). A solution of **9** (12.0 mg, 0.026 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.43 mL) was treated with DBU (11.8 mg, 0.077 mmol, 3 equiv), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 45 min. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. PTLC (4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded **6** (3.8 mg, 34%) as a pale yellow solid: mp 140–142 °C dec;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 10.51 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.99 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C5-H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C6-H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C7-H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, C8-H), 6.88 (s, 1H, C4'-H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H, C3'-H), 5.37 (s, 1H, C3-H), 4.43 (dd,  $J$  = 5.1, 11.2 Hz, 1H, C1-HH), 3.95 (d,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz, 1H, C1-HH), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (dt,  $J$  = 4.9, 5.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H, C9a-H), 1.93 (t,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 1H, C9-HH), 1.80 (dd,  $J$  = 4.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H, C9-HH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 184.0, 163.8, 151.1, 141.7, 140.9, 140.2, 133.8, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 124.5, 122.8, 106.7, 106.1, 98.9, 61.5, 56.6, 55.4, 34.3, 24.9, the two remaining peaks were not observed and are believed to be obscured by the solvent peak at 30 ppm; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3284, 2936, 1698, 1614, 1562, 1463, 1410, 1317, 1242, 1196, 1121, 1104 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  306 nm ( $\epsilon$  15700); FABHRMS (NBA/NaI) *m/z* 452.1574 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$ , C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 452.1586).

(*+*)-(8a*R*,9b*S*)-**6**: pale yellow solid:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} +30$  (*c* 0.0002, CH<sub>3</sub>OH).

(*-*)-(8a*S*,9b*R*)-**6**: pale yellow solid:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} -30$  (*c* 0.0002, CH<sub>3</sub>OH).

**Addition of CH<sub>3</sub>OH to 6. Acid-catalyzed:** A cooled solution (0 °C) of **6** (5.0 mg, 0.012

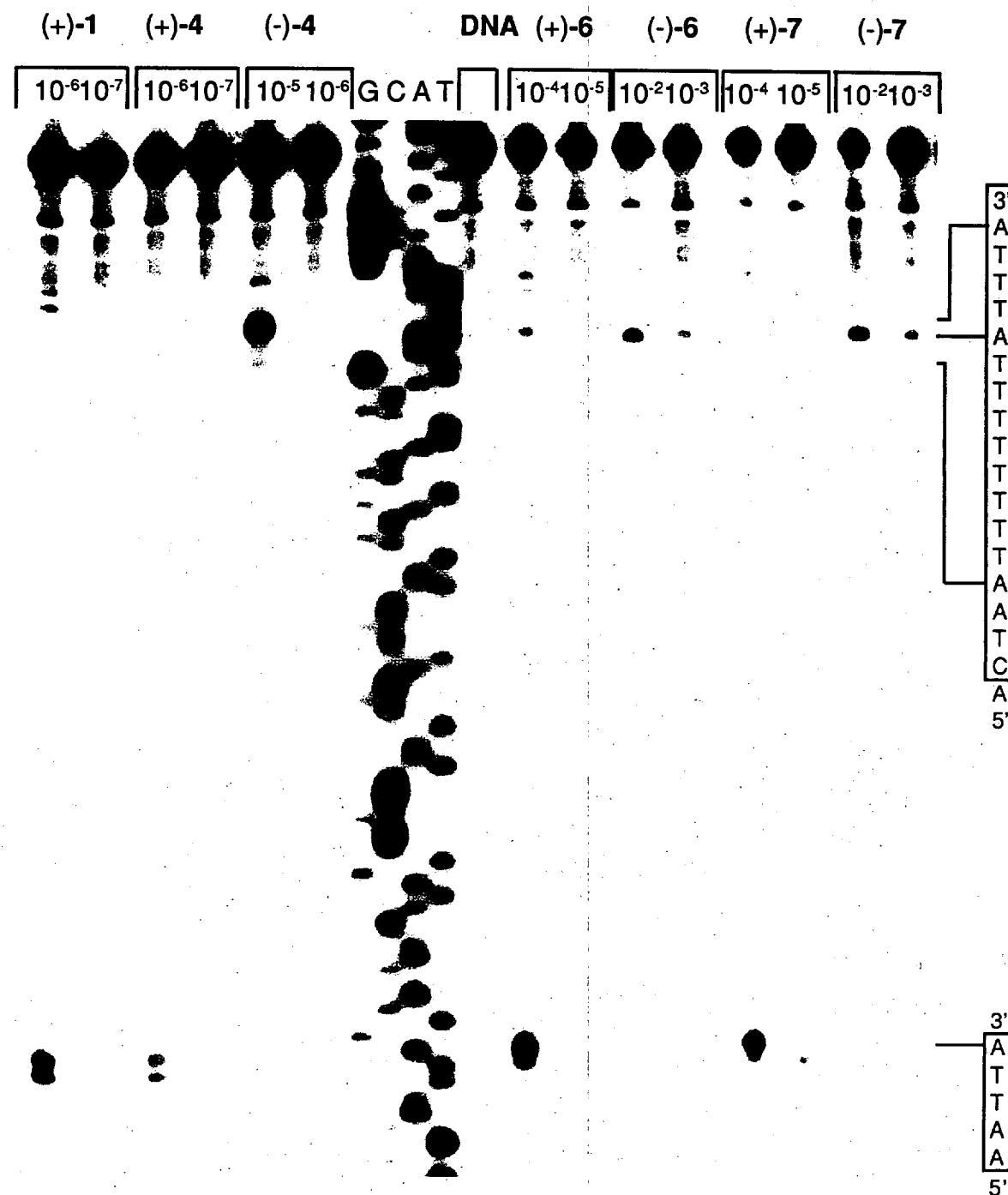
mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.2 mL) was treated with CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (0.14 mL, 0.011 M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 0.24 equiv). The solution was allowed to warm to 24 °C, stirred for 72 h and the solvent was removed in vacuo. PTLC (8% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded **15** (2.0 mg, 87%) as a light tan solid identical in all respects with authentic material.

**Uncatalyzed:** A solution of **6** (3.2 mg, 0.007 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (0.4 mL) was treated with H<sub>2</sub>O (0.4 mL) and stirred (25 °C, 60 h). The solvent was removed in vacuo. PTLC (5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded **15** (1.4 mg, 95%) as a tan solid and **16** (1.4 mg, 71%) as a tan solid. For **16**: mp 78–81 °C dec; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 10.40 (br s, 1H), 8.43 (br s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 150.9, 140.8, 140.1, 130.7, 126.9, 124.6, 105.2, 98.8, 61.4, 56.5, 55.6, 52.9 ppm, the remaining signal was not detected and is believed to overlap with the peak at 150.9; IR (film) ν<sub>max</sub> 3315, 2937, 2360, 1639, 1631, 1440, 1366, 1311, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FABHRMS (NBA/NaI) *m/z* 265.1190 (M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 265.1188).

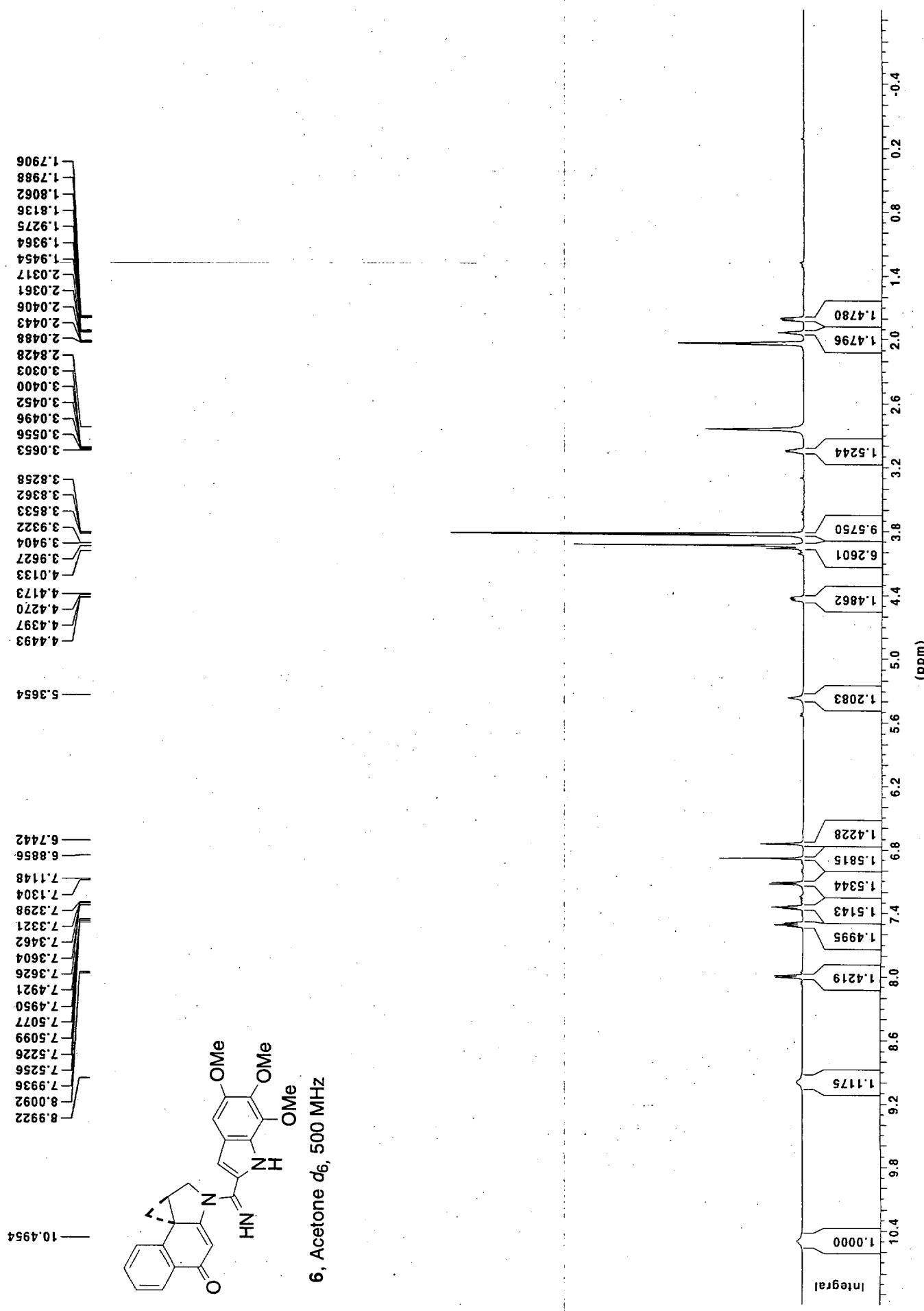
**Solvolytic Reactivity.** A sample of **4** (0.05 mg) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.5 mL) and mixed with pH 3 aqueous buffer (1.5 mL). The pH 3 buffer contained 4:1:20 (v/v/v) 0.1 M citric acid, 0.2 M Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. The solution was sealed and kept at 25 °C protected from light. The UV spectra was measured at hourly time intervals during the first 6–12 h, every day for the next week. The decrease in the long wavelength absorption at 360 nm (pH 3) was monitored. The solvolysis rate constant and the half-life were calculated from data recorded at the long wavelength from the least-squared treatment (*r* = 0.99) of the slope of the plot of time versed ln[(A<sub>f</sub> – A<sub>i</sub>)/(A<sub>f</sub> – A)].

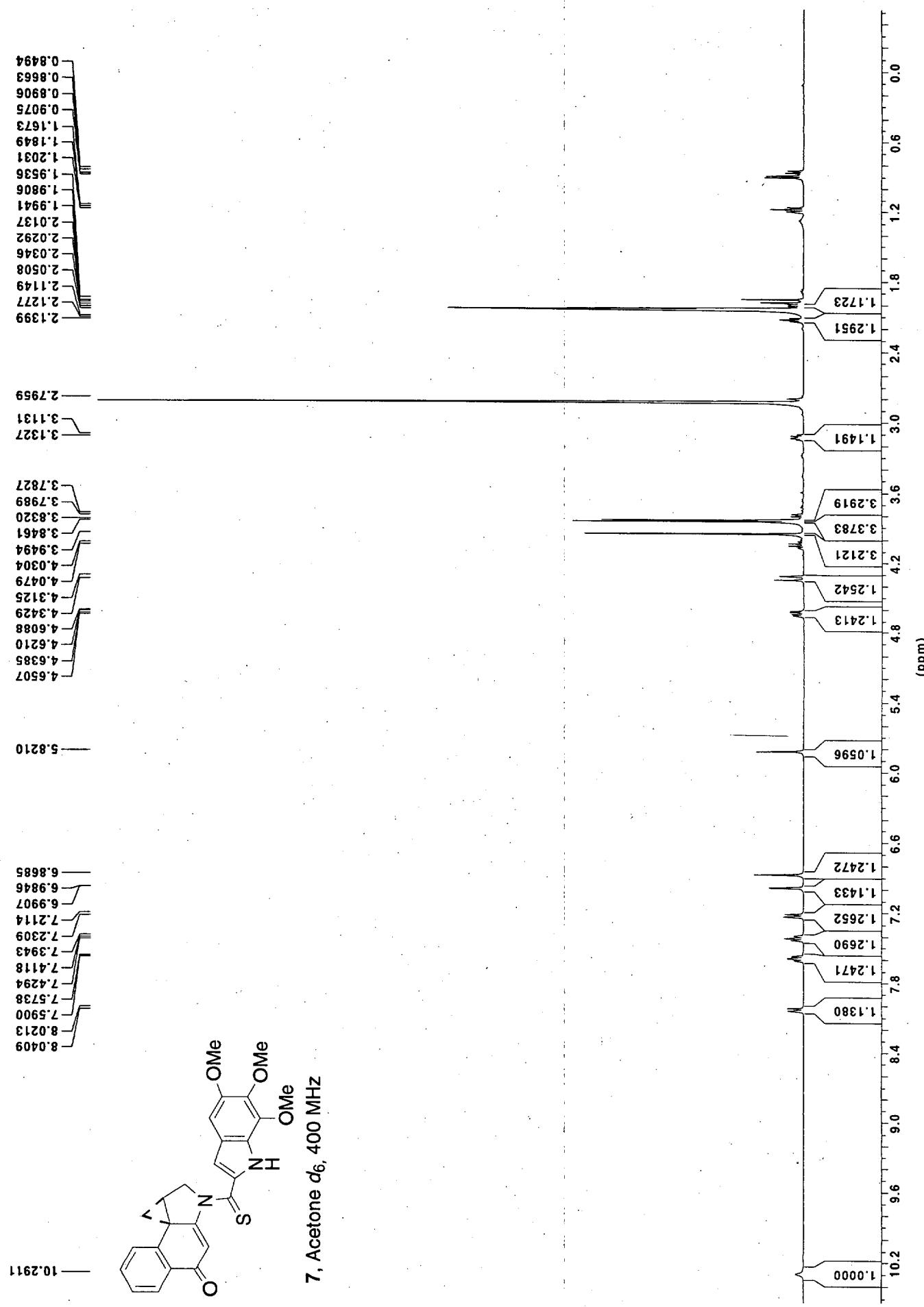
Similarly, **6** (0.05 mg) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.5 mL) and mixed with pH 3 aqueous buffer (1.5 mL). The solution was sealed and kept at 25 °C protected from light. The UV spectra was measured at regular time intervals as described above. The increase in the long wavelength absorption at 314 nm (pH 3) was monitored. The solvolysis rate constant and the half-life were determined as detailed above (*r* = 0.99).

Similarly, **7** (0.05 mg) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.5 mL) and mixed with pH 3 aqueous buffer (1.5 mL). The solution was sealed and kept at 25 °C protected from light. The UV spectra was measured at regular time intervals as described above. The decrease in the long wavelength absorption at 366 nm (pH 3) was monitored. The solvolysis rate constant and the half-life were determined as detailed above (*r* = 0.99).

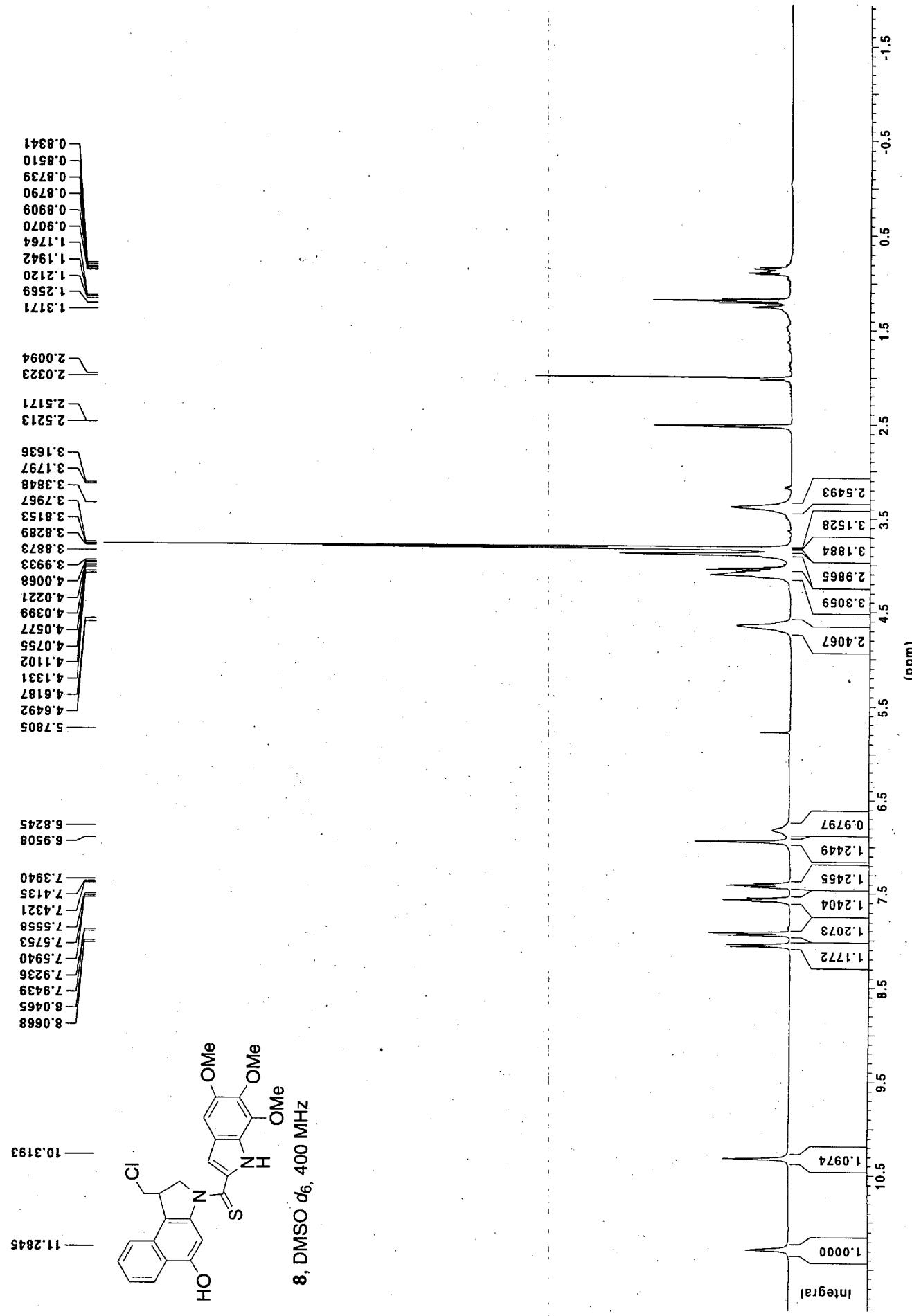


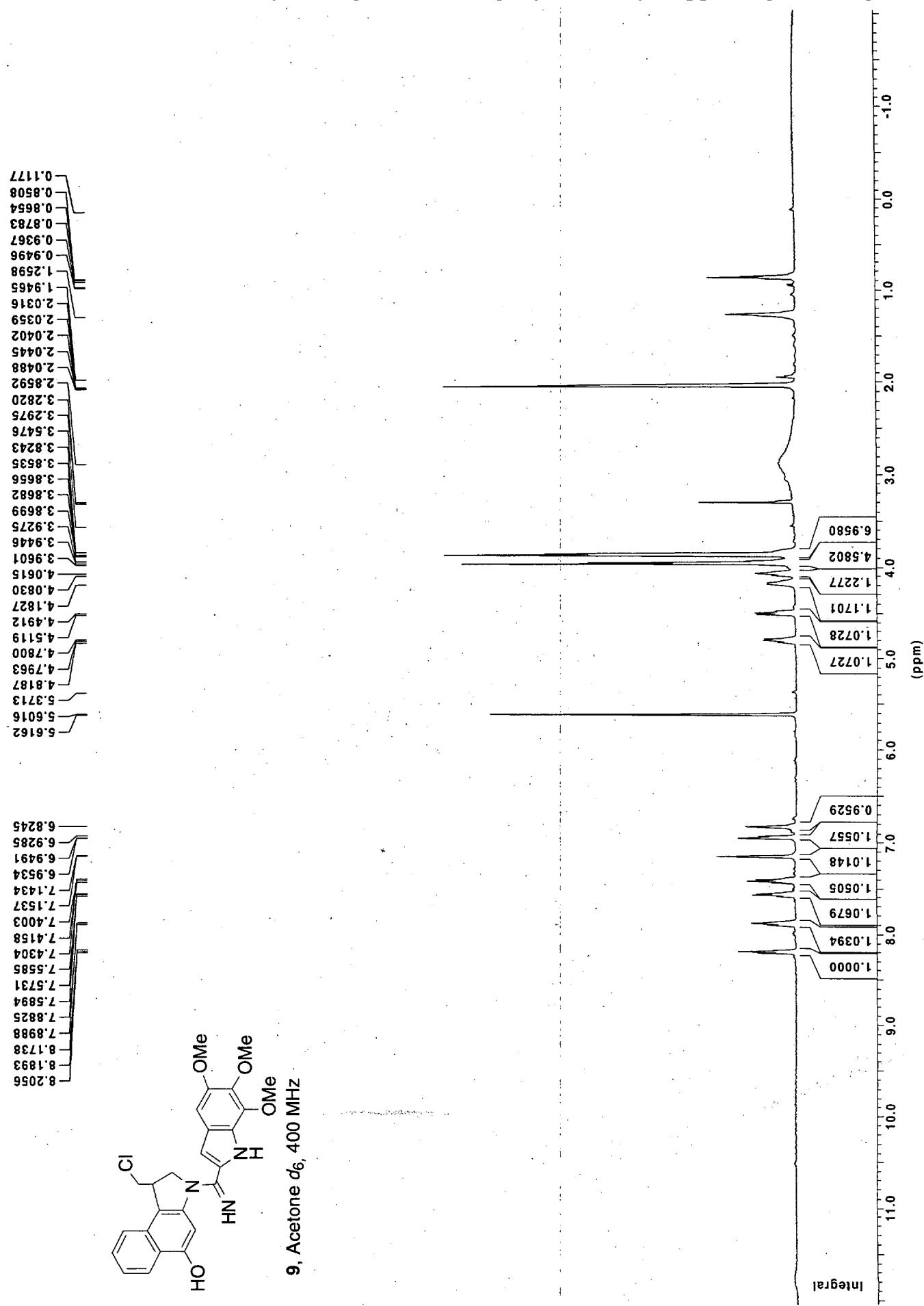
**Supporting Information Figure.** Thermally induced strand cleavage of w794 DNA (144 bp nucleotide no. 5238-138) after DNA-agent incubation with (+)-1, (+)- and (-)-4, 6, 7 (25 °C, 24 h), removal of unbound agent by EtOH precipitation and 30 min thermolysis (100 °C) followed by denaturing 8% PAGE and autoradiography. Lanes 1 and 2, (+)-1 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M); lanes 3 and 4, (+)-4 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M); lanes 5, (-)-4 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M); lanes 6–9, Sanger G, C, A and T sequencing standards; lane 10, control DNA; lanes 11–13, (+)-7 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M); lanes 14–16, (-)-7 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M); lanes 17–19, (+)-6 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M); lanes 20–22, (-)-6 (25 °C,  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M).

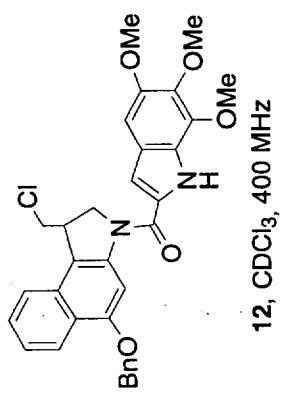
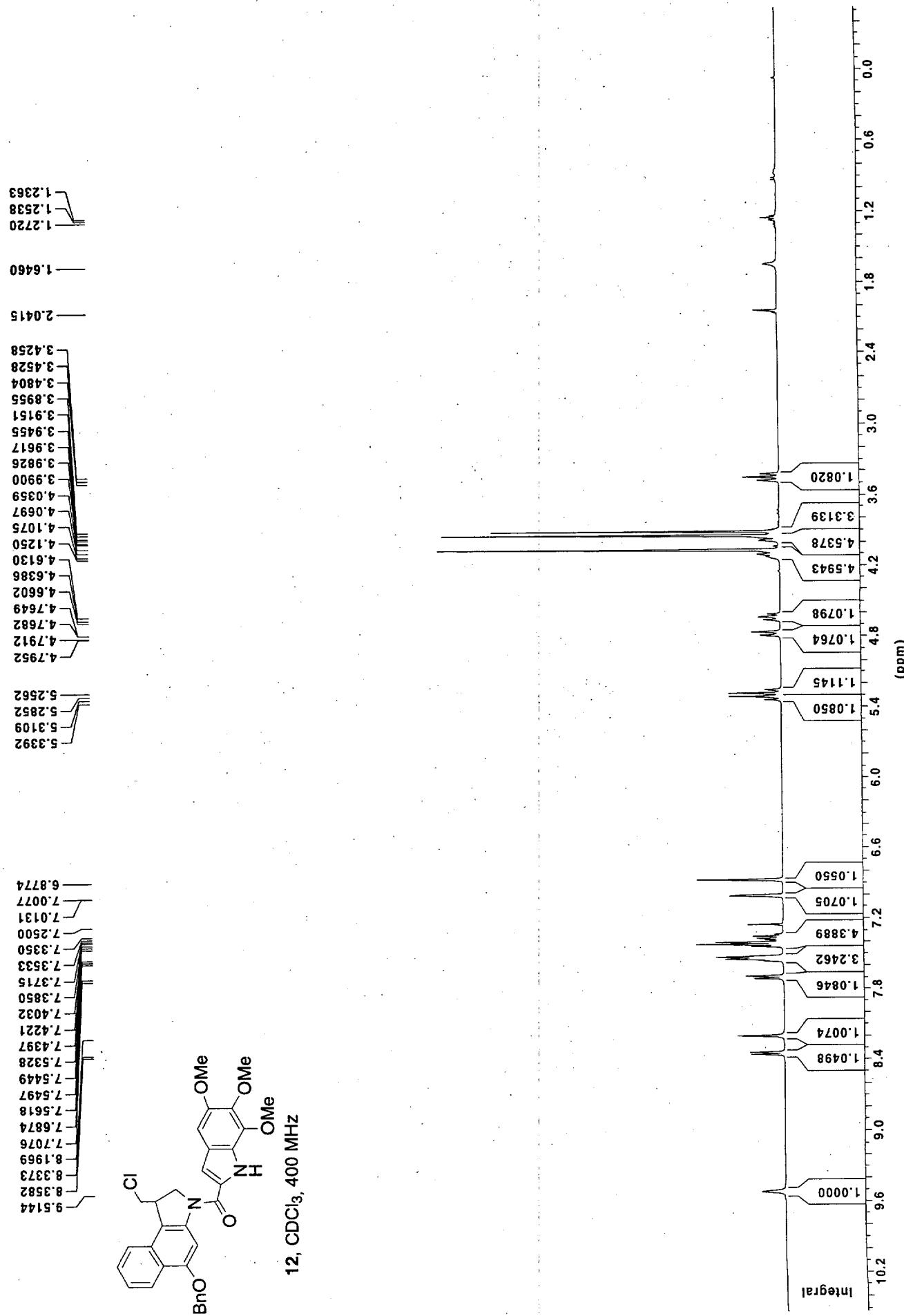




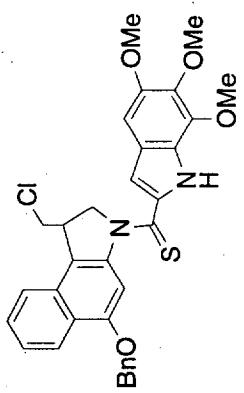
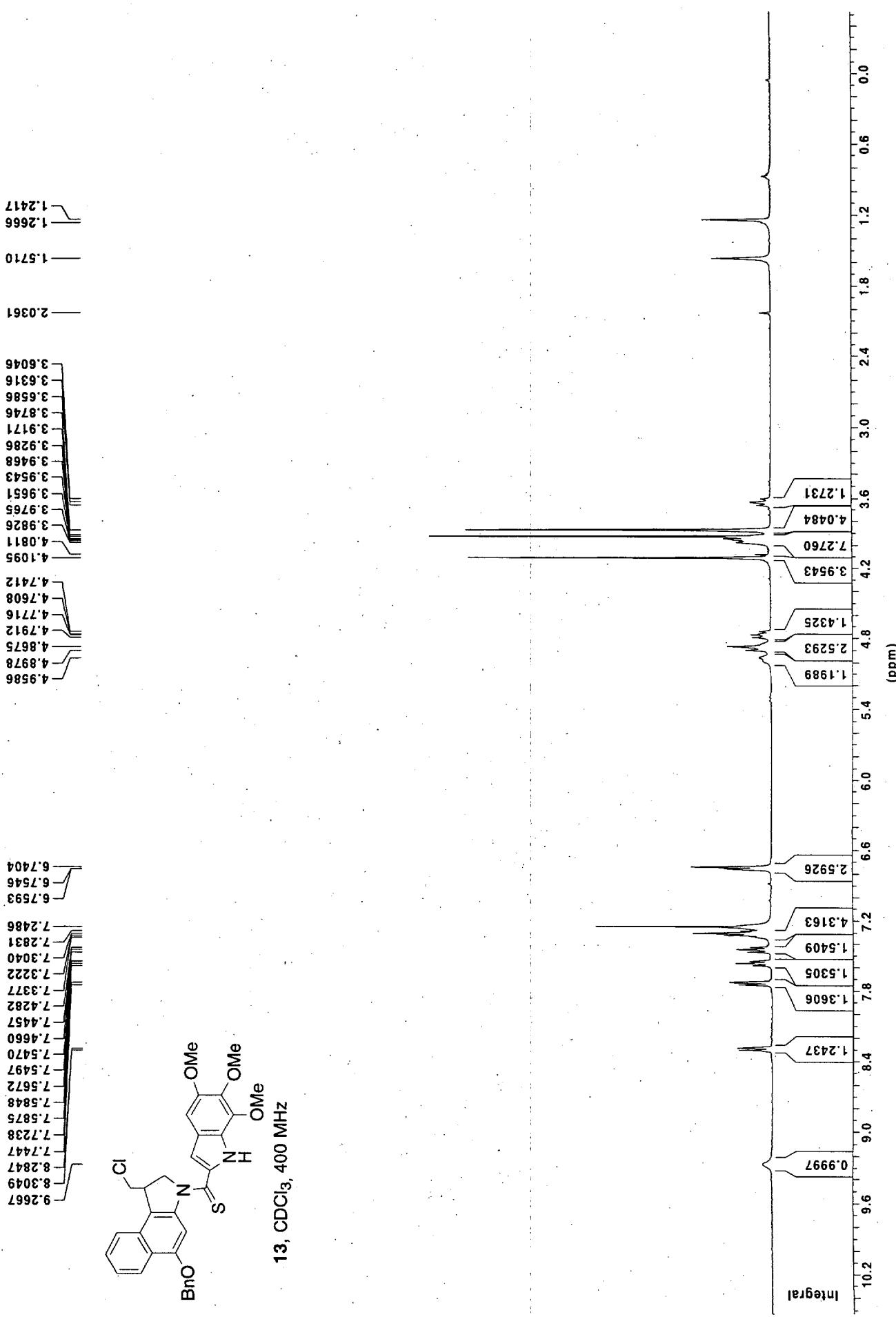
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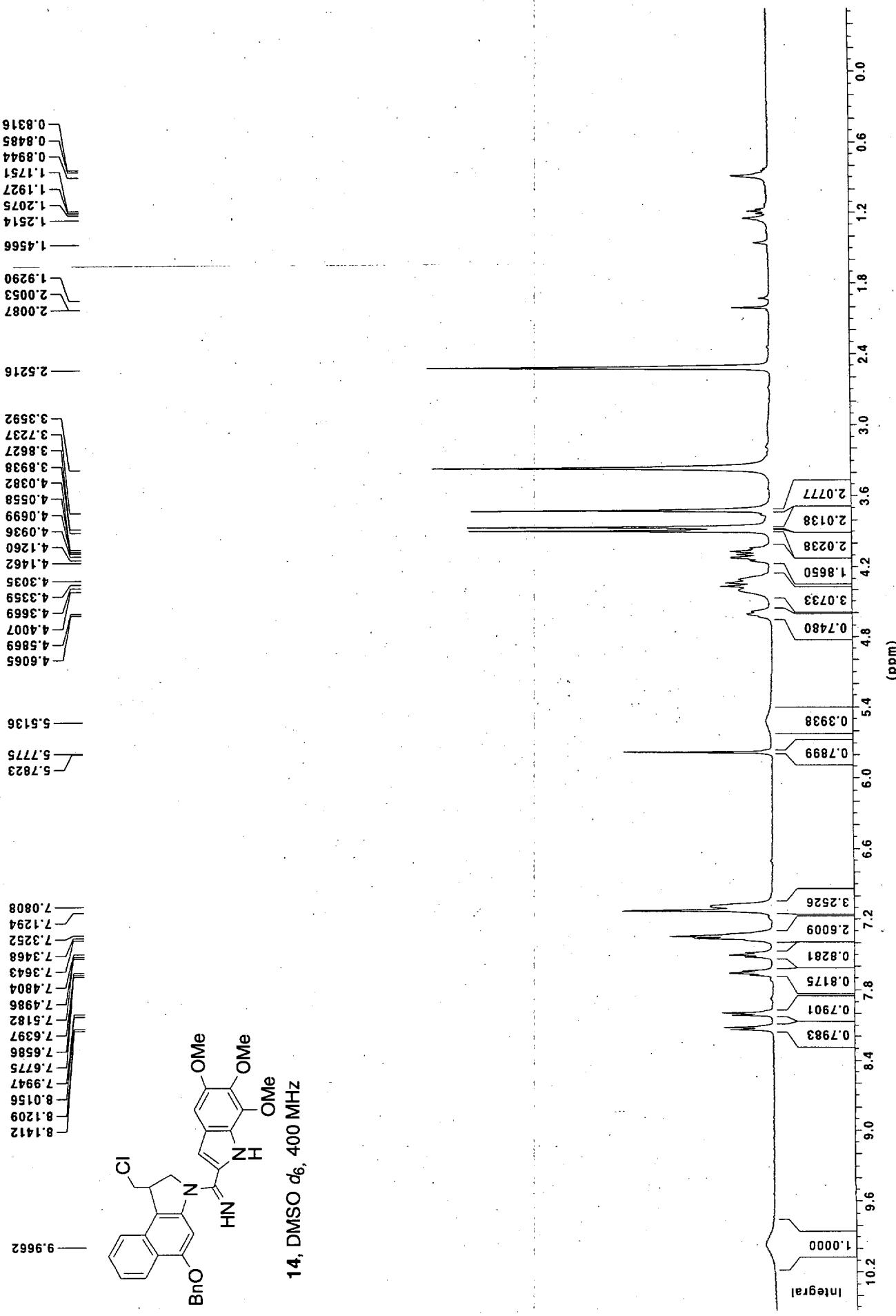


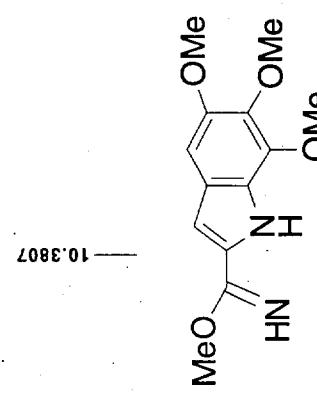
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