

## • Supporting Information

# Synthesis of bisdesmosidic oleanolic acid saponins via a glycosylation-deprotection sequence under continuous microfluidic/batch conditions.

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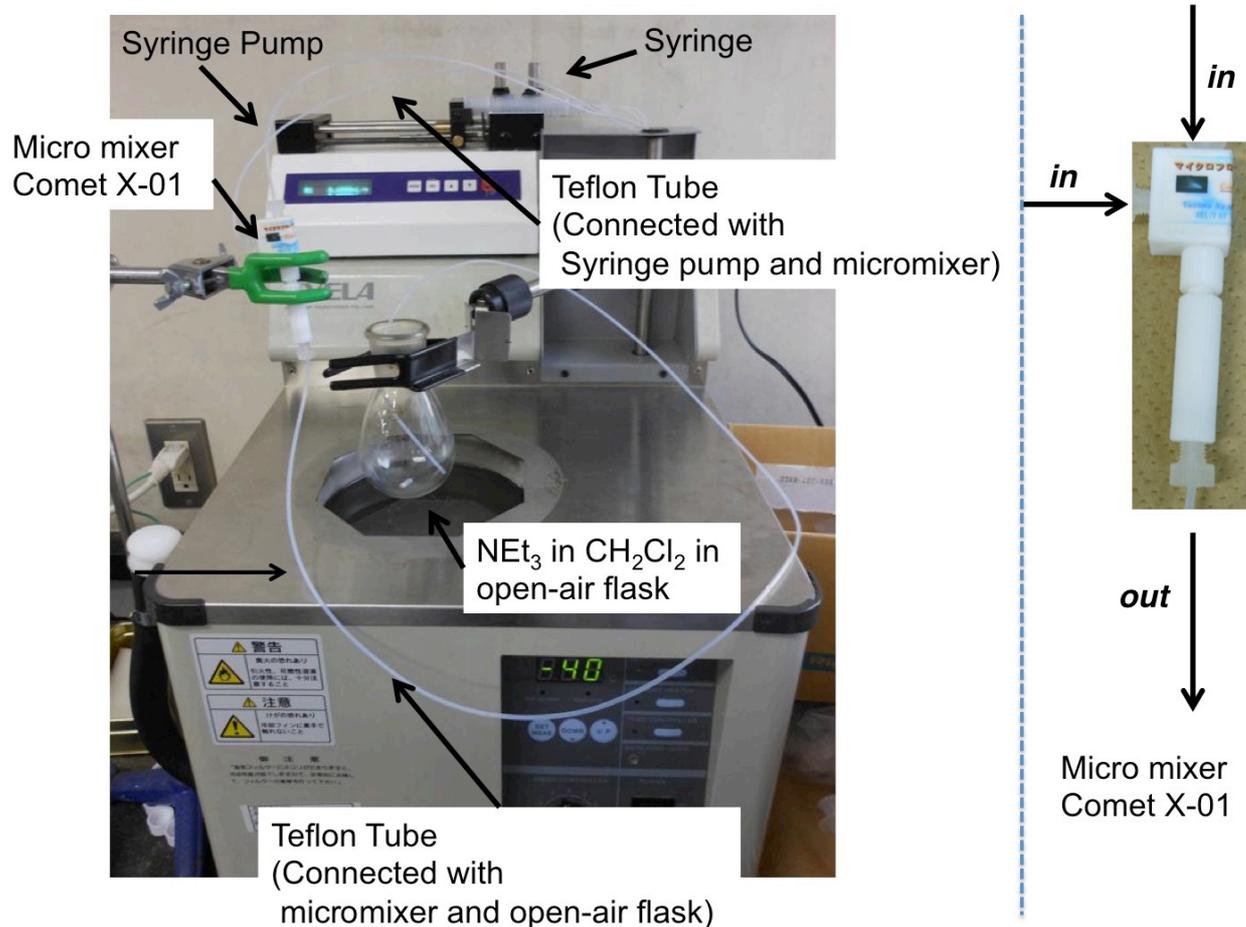
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## I. Set up for microflow reactor.



**Figure S1 Micro-flow system**

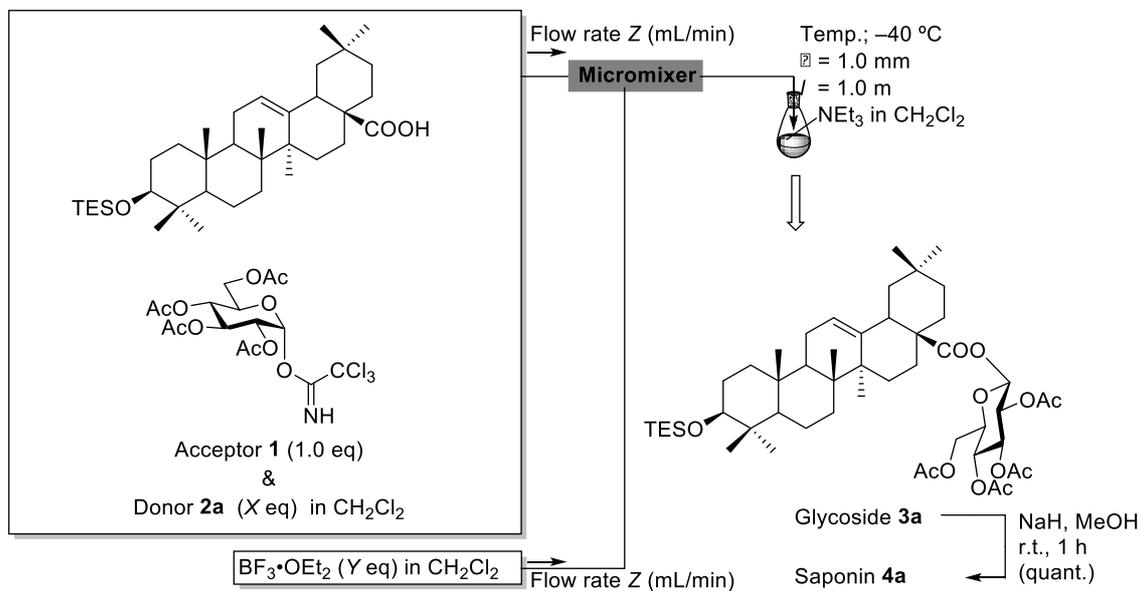
Comet X-01, microflow reactor was purchased from Techno Applications Co. Ltd. (E-mail: yukio-matsubara@nifty.com). Teflon tube with inner diameter 1.0 mm was purchased from Senshu Scientific Co. Ltd. and Techno Applications Co. Ltd. The Comet X-01 mixers and Teflon tube were connected with PEEK fittings purchased from Techno Applications Co. Ltd. Solutions were introduced to microflow system with the syringe pumps (Catamaran HIII-10, Techno Applications Co. Ltd.) equipped disposable syringes [a syringe/polypropylene (PP), a plunger and a seal part/polyethylene (PE), AS ONE]. The disposable syringes and Teflon tube were connected with joints purchased from Techno Applications Co. Ltd.

The employed microflow system is shown in SI-Figure 1. The disposable syringes and Comet X-01 were connected with Teflon tube (inner diameter: 1.0 mm, length: 1000 mm, volume 785  $\mu\text{L}$ ).

The Comet X-01 micromixer and open-air flask were connected with Teflon tube (inner diameter: 1.0 mm, length: 1000 mm, volume 785 CL). In the open-air flask, triethylamine (3.0  $\mu\text{L}$ ) diluted in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1 mL) were prepared for quenching the reaction.

**II. Procedure for C-28 glycosylation of 1 with acetylated donor 2a using microflow reactor.**

**Table S1 The detail result of synthesis of glycoside 3a under microfluidic system at various reaction condition.**

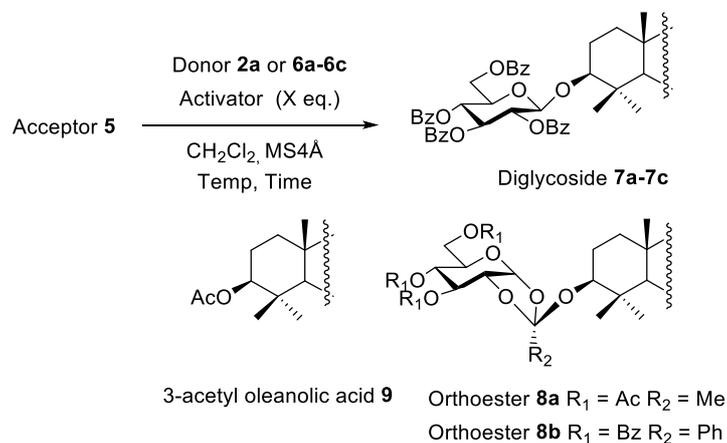


Entry	Donor 2a (eq.)	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (eq.)	Flow rate (mL/min)	Result (%)
1	1.0	0.1	0.1	no reaction
2	1.0	0.1	0.2	no reaction
3	1.0	0.1	0.3	no reaction
4	1.0	0.1	0.4	no reaction
5	1.0	0.1	0.5	no reaction
6	1.0	0.1	0.6	no reaction
7	1.0	0.1	0.7	no reaction
8	1.0	0.1	0.8	no reaction
9	1.0	0.1	0.9	no reaction
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10	1.0	0.5	0.7	3.6
11	1.0	0.5	0.6	48
12	1.0	0.5	0.5	17
13	1.0	0.5	0.4	4.9
14	1.0	0.5	0.1	trace
15	1.0	0.5	0.05	trace
16	1.0	0.5	0.1	trace
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17	1.0	1.0	0.7	4.5

18	1.0	1.0	0.6	51
19	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.5
20	1.0	1.0	0.4	2.6
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21	2.0	0.5	0.6	quant.
22	2.0	1.0	0.6	quant.
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23	2.0	0.5	0.7	quant.
24	2.0	0.5	0.5	quant.
25	2.0	0.5	0.4	quant.
26	2.0	0.5	0.1	quant.
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27	2.0	1.0	0.5	quant.
28	2.0	1.0	0.4	76
29	2.0	1.0	0.1	quant.
30	2.0	1.0	0.7	quant.
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31	1.5	0.1	0.6	0.9
32	1.5	0.5	0.6	59
33	1.5	1.0	0.6	66
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34	2.0	0.1	0.6	11
35	2.0	0.5	0.8	75

**III. Procedure for C-3 glycosylation of 5 with acetylated donor 2a and benzoylated donor 6a, 6b, 6c using batch apparatus.**

**Table S2. The study of glycosylation at C-3 in batch reaction toward synthesis of diglycoside 7a-7c.**



Entry	Donor eq.	Donor Structure	Activator (eq.)	Temp (°C)	Time (min)	Product	Result (%)
1	1.0		BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-40	60	<b>9</b>	-
2	1.0		TMSOTf (1.0)	0	10	-	no reaction
3	3.0		TMSOTf (0.1)	-40	10	Orthoester <b>8a</b>	21~63
4	2.0	<b>2a</b>	TMSOTf (0.1)	r.t.	10	<b>9</b>	-
5	1.5		TMSOTf (0.1)	r.t.	50	Diglycoside <b>7a</b> (β only) Orthoester <b>8b</b>	<b>7a</b> : 26 <b>8b</b> : 43
6	1.5		TMSOTf (1.0)	r.t.	10	Diglycoside <b>7a</b> (β only)	69
7	3.0	<b>6a</b>	TMSOTf (1.0)	r.t.	10	Diglycoside <b>7a</b> (β only)	70
8	3.0		TMSOTf (1.0)	r.t.	20	Diglycoside <b>7b</b> (β only)	64
9	3.0		TMSOTf (1.0)	r.t.	20	Diglycoside <b>7c</b> (β only)	72

Under a variety of reaction conditions, The glycosylation using acetylated **2a** did not give the protected diglycoside **7a** (entries 1-4); instead, the acyloxonium ion intermediate derived from the acetyl imidate donor produced orthoester **8a**<sup>SI-i</sup>, which then rearranged to acetylated oleanolic acid **9**. The structure of orthoester **8a** was determined by a chemical shift on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR at anomeric proton compared to β glycosidic bond.

In order to minimize orthoester formation, the glycosidic linkage at C-3 was constructed using benzoylated glucosyl imidate donor **6a**<sup>SI-ii</sup>. The glycosylation reaction in the presence of a catalytic amount of TMSOTf afforded diglycoside **7a** in low yield along with orthoester **8b** in moderate yield (entry 5). On the other hand, when a stoichiometric amount of TMSOTf was used, **8b** was not detected and **7a** was the only product (entry 6). Using 3.0 eq of glycosyl donor **6a** did not improve the yield of **7a** as compared to the reaction using 1.5 eq of **6a** (entries 6 and 7).

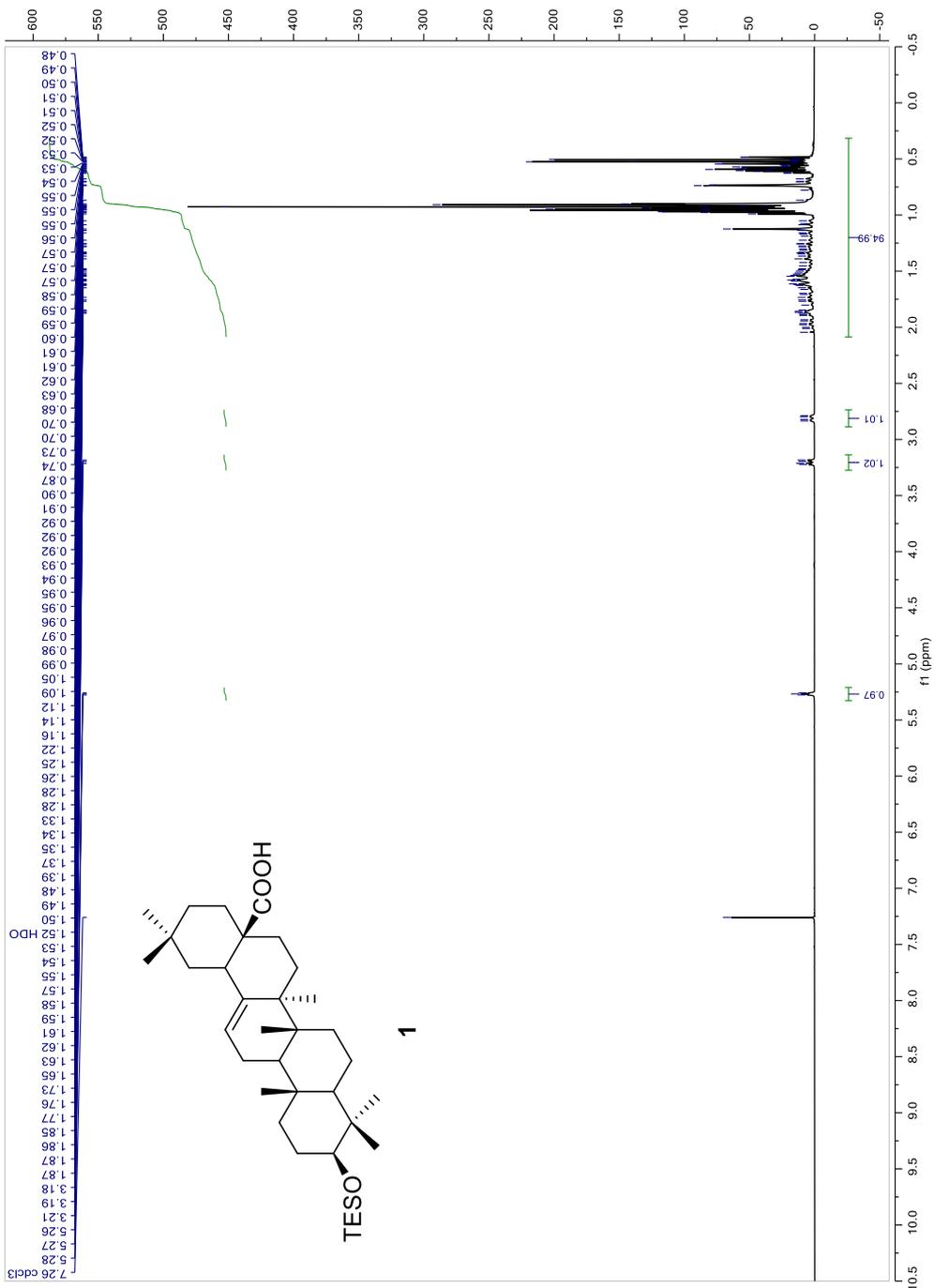
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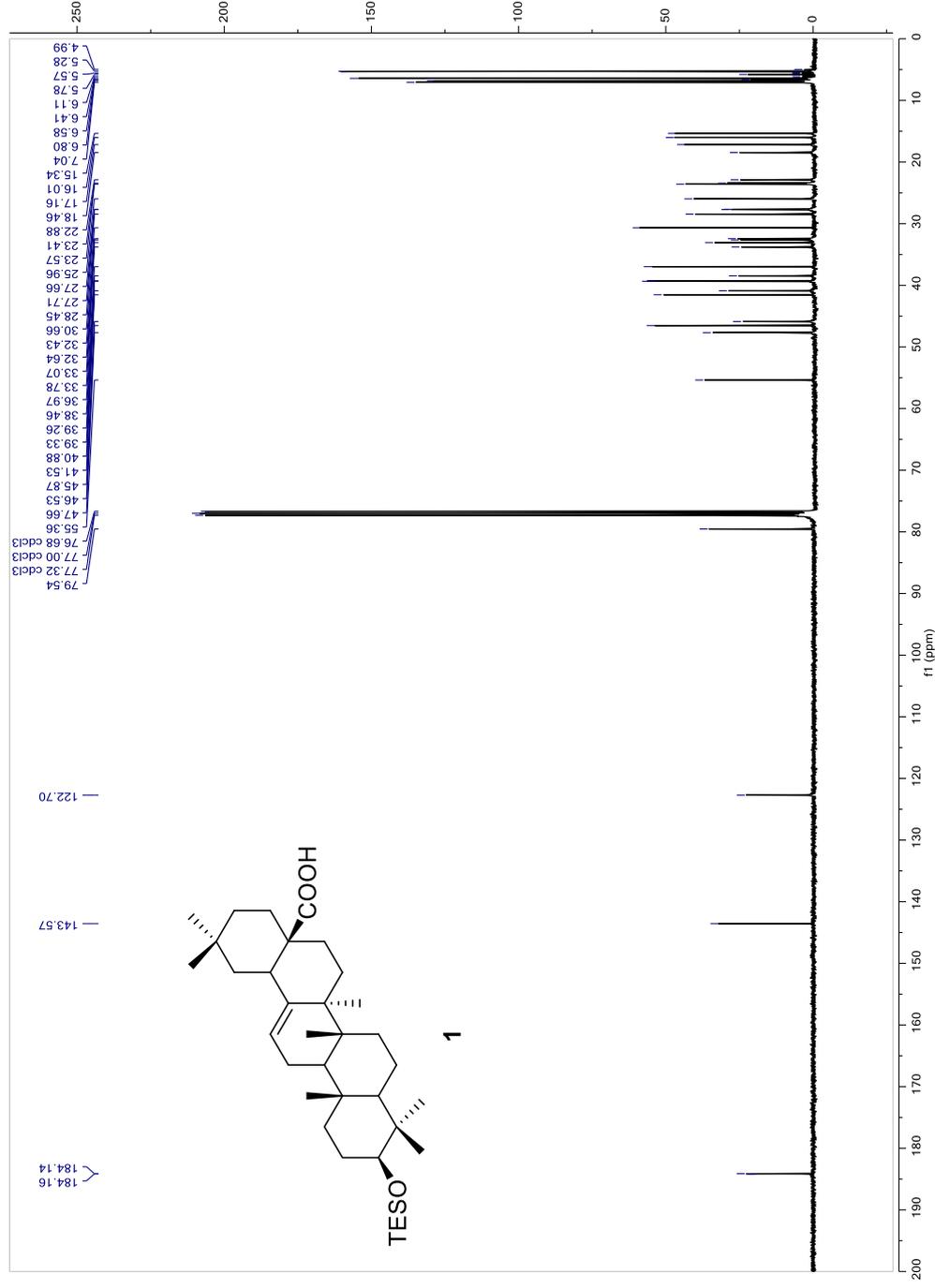
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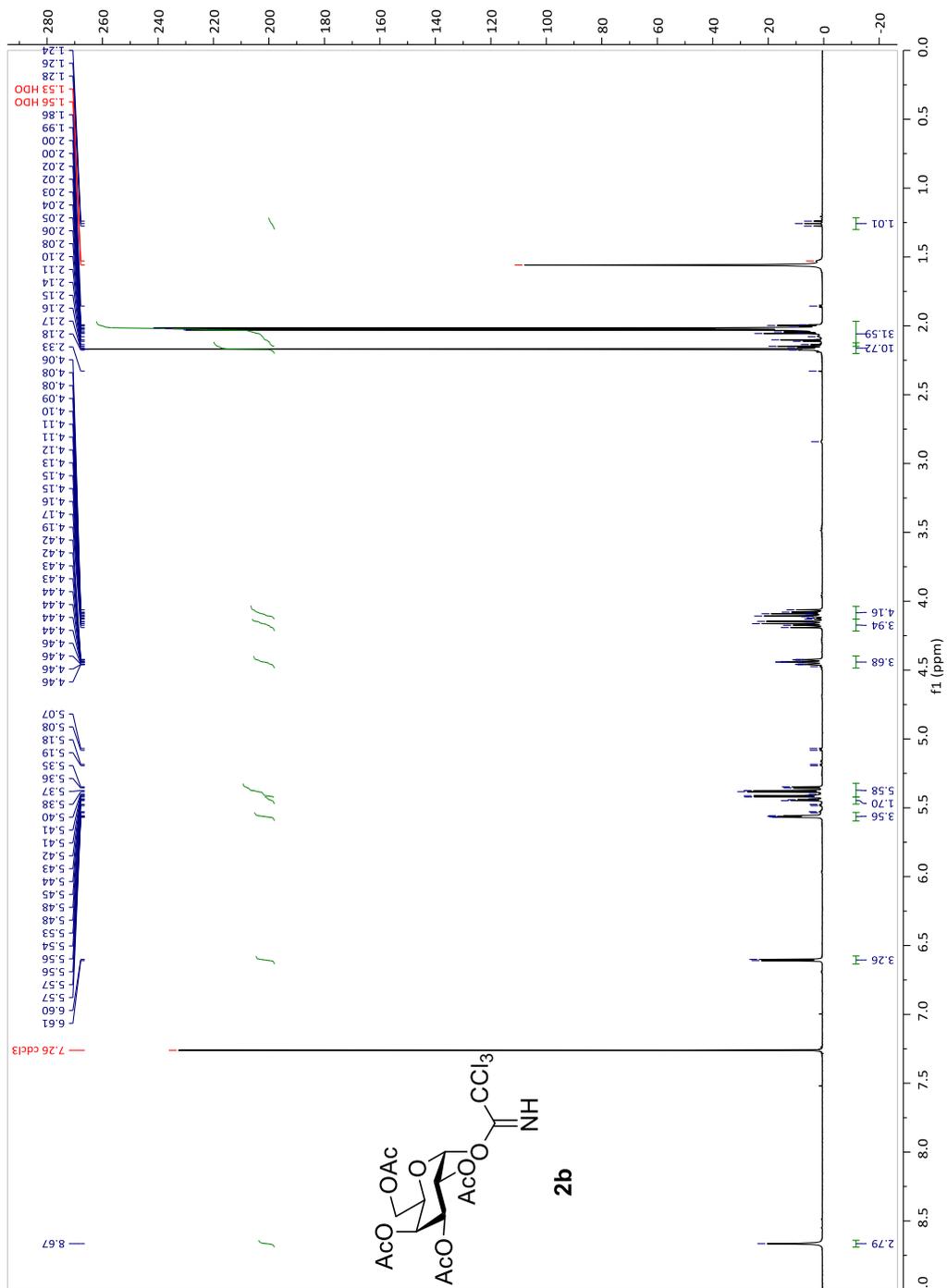


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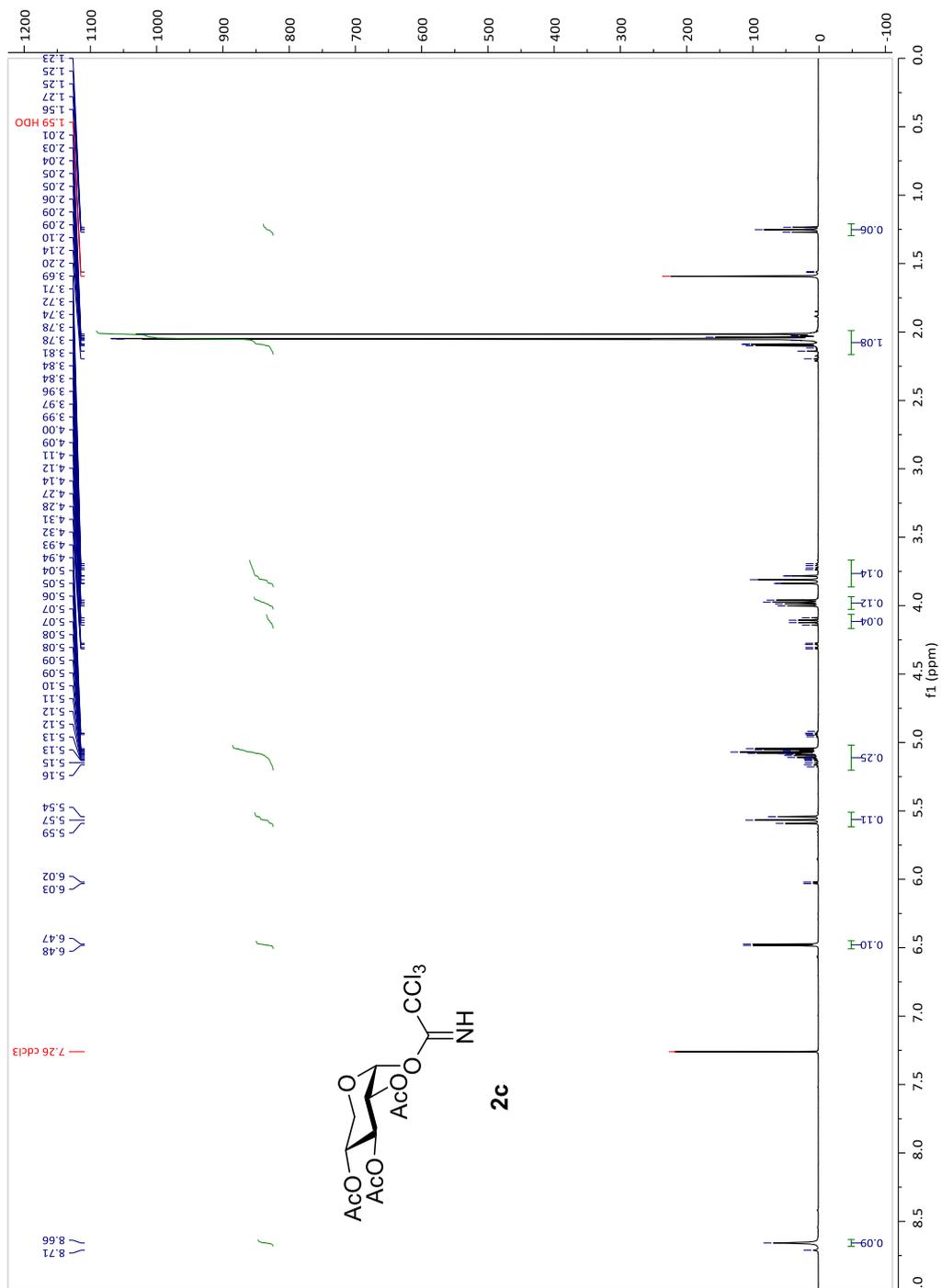
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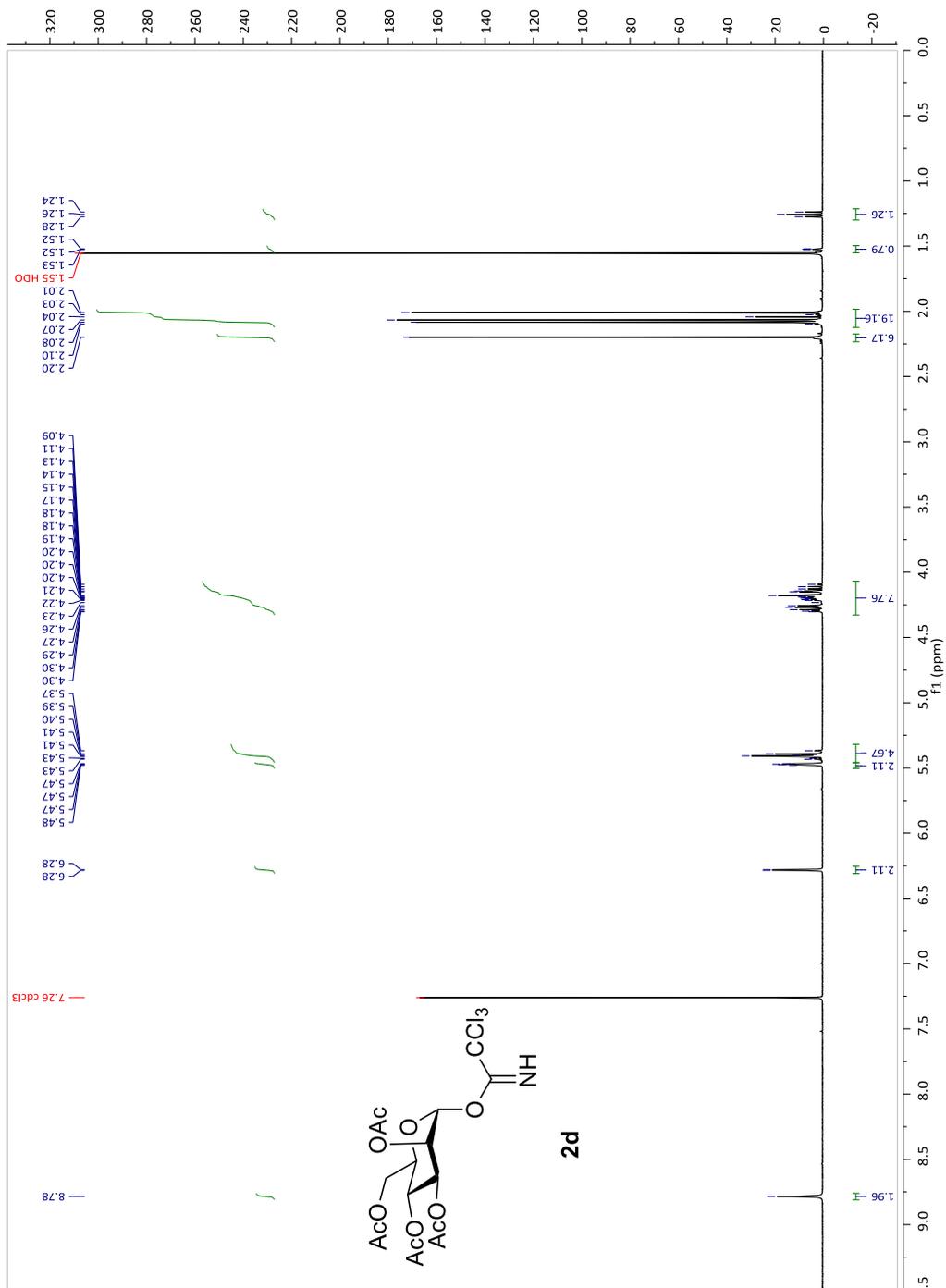
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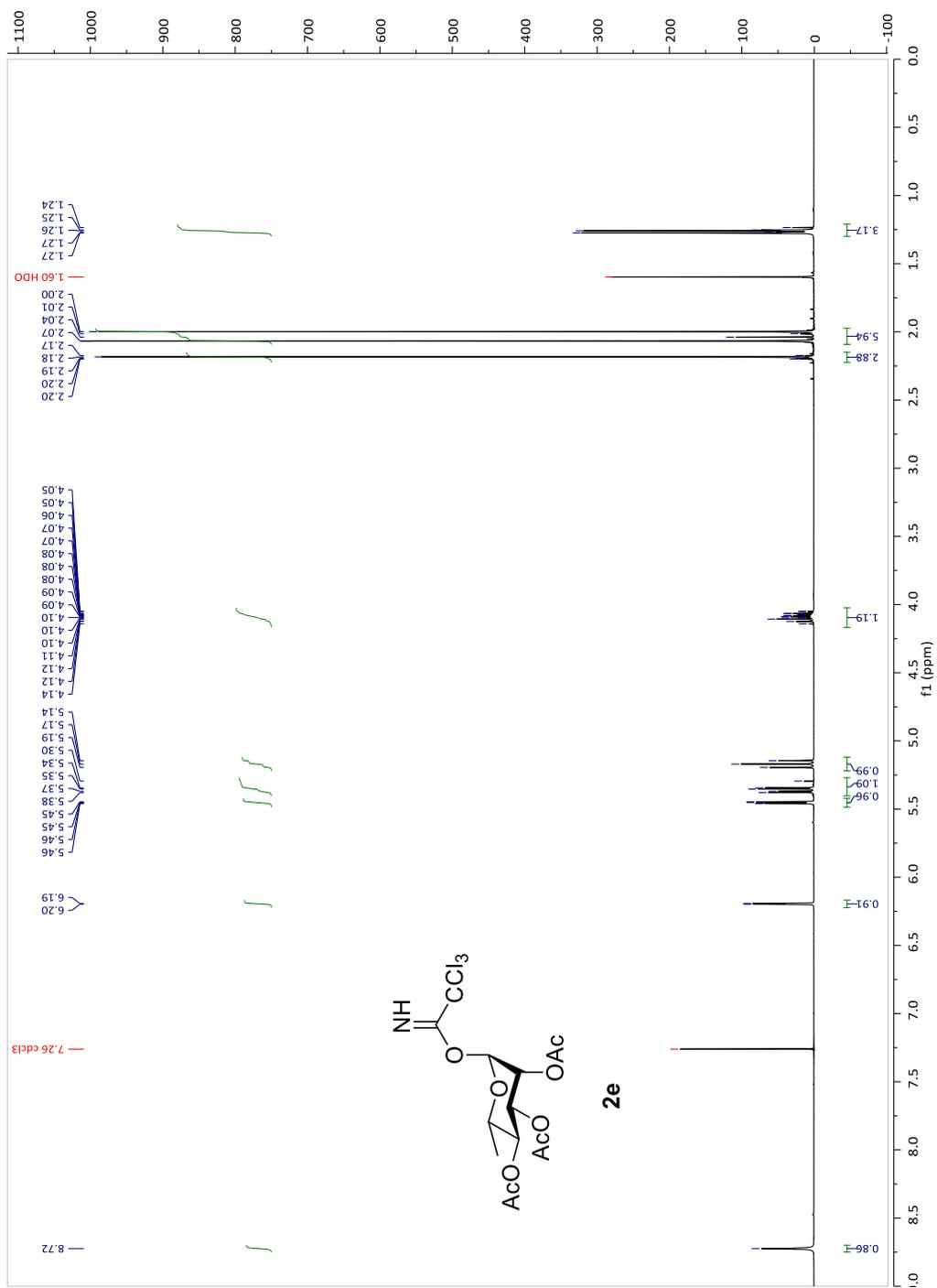
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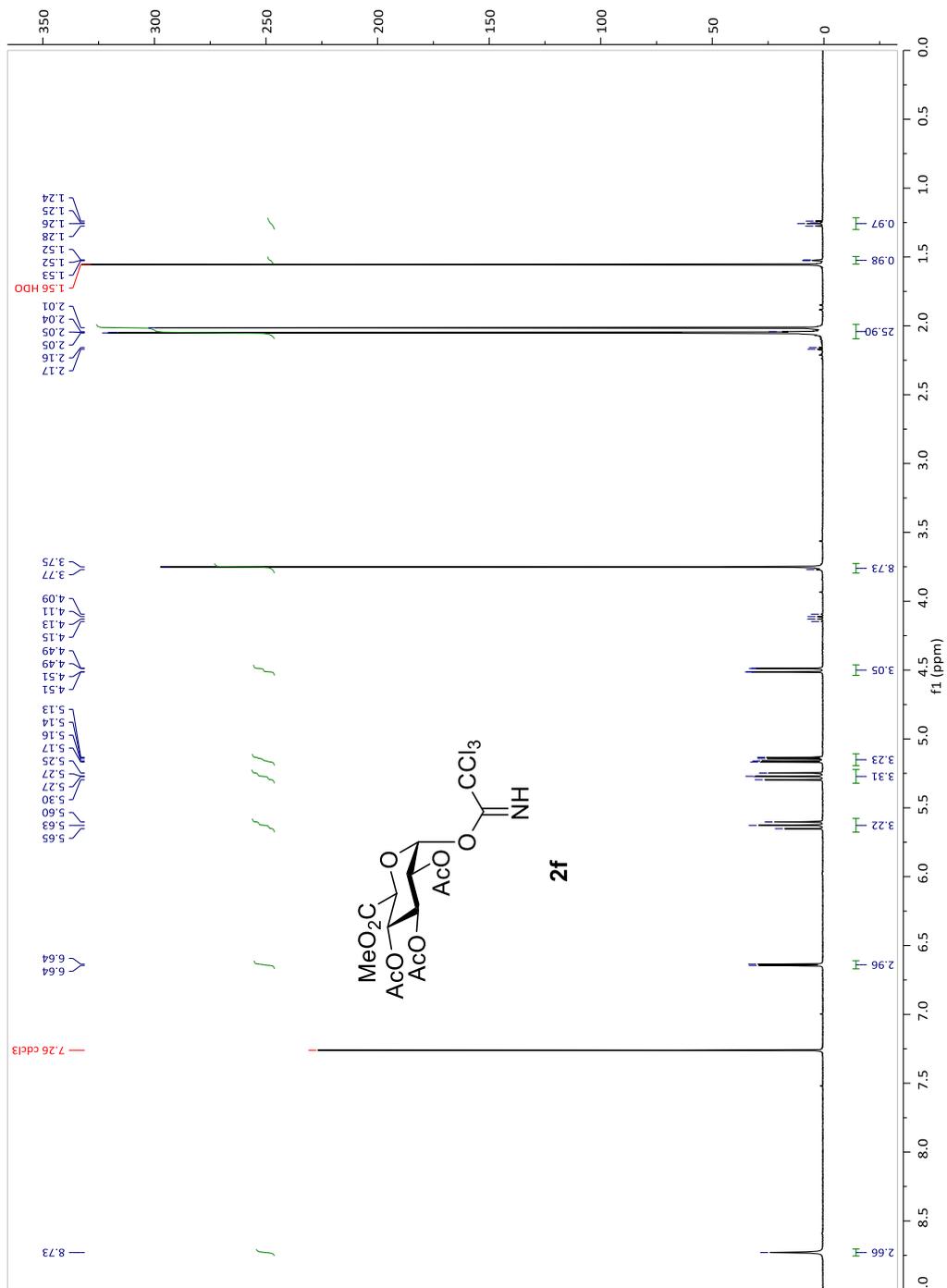
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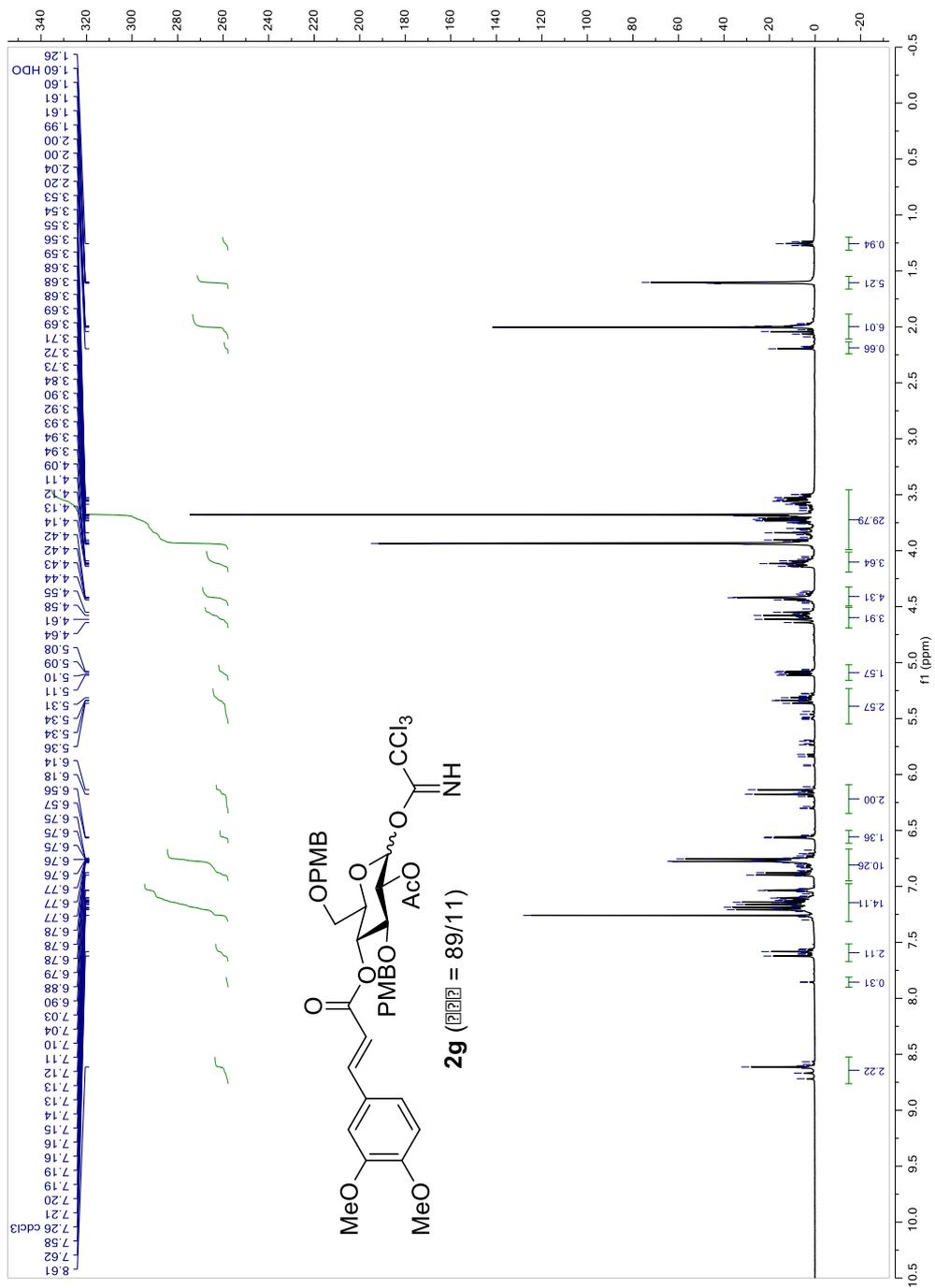
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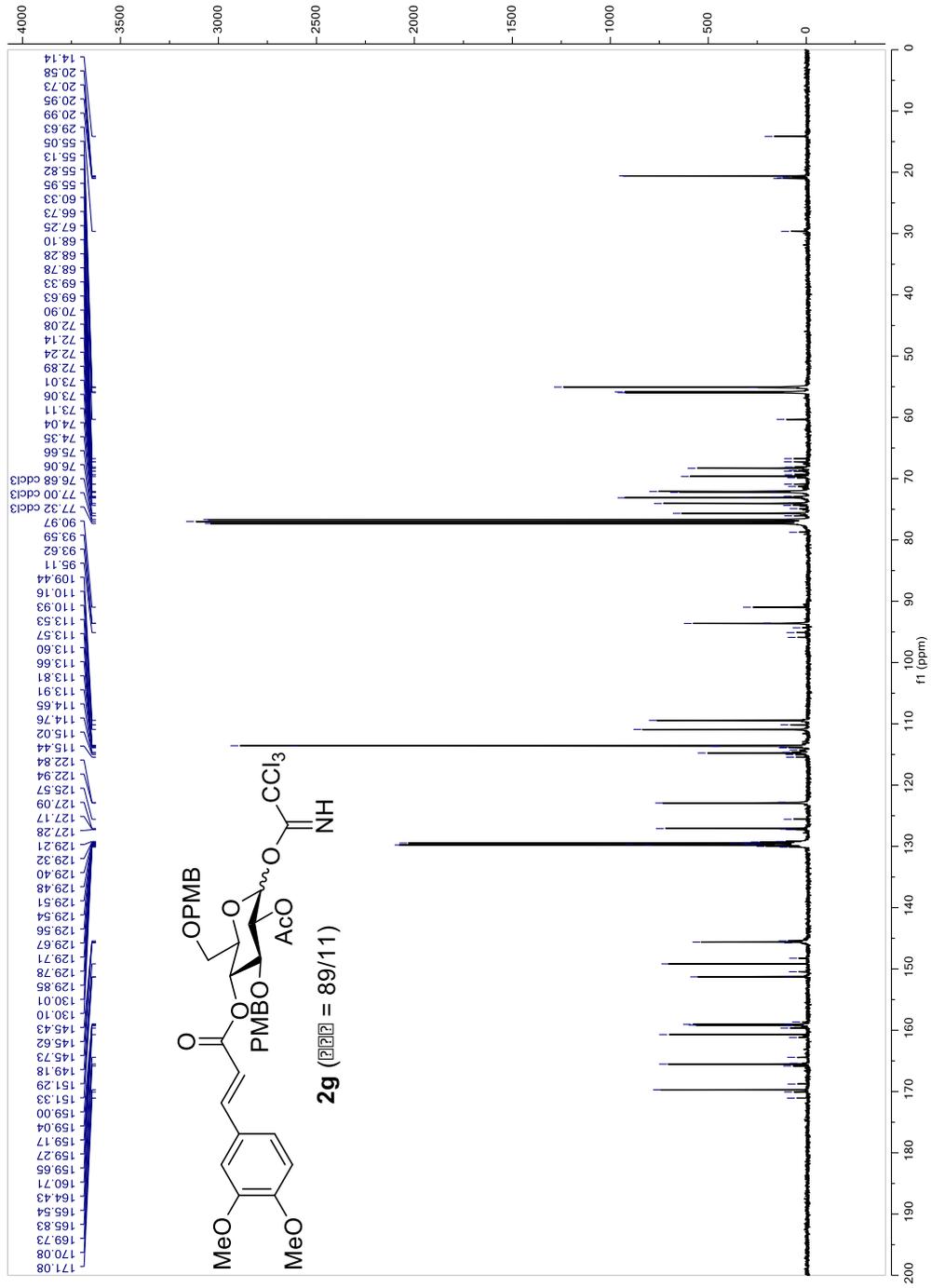
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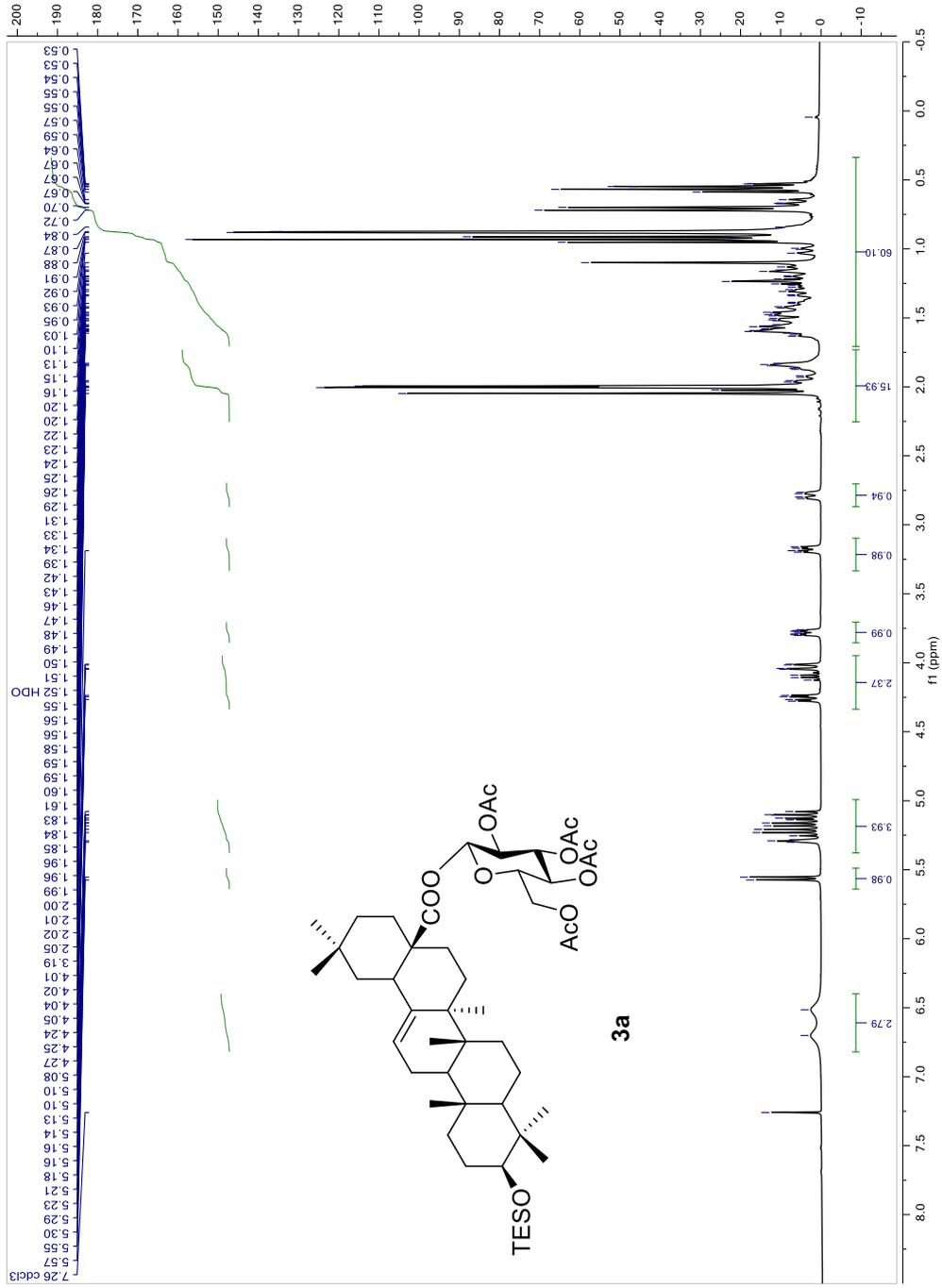
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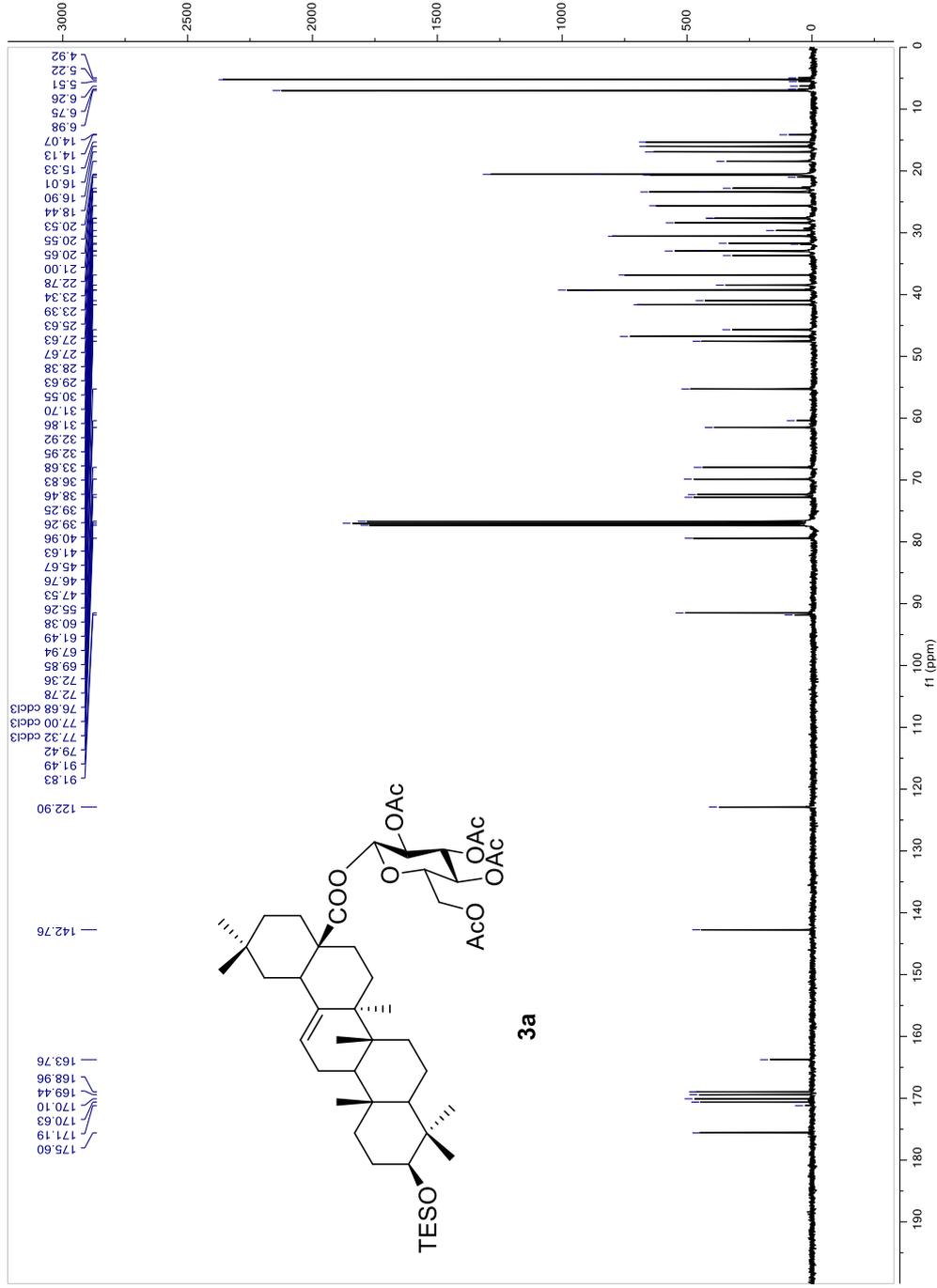


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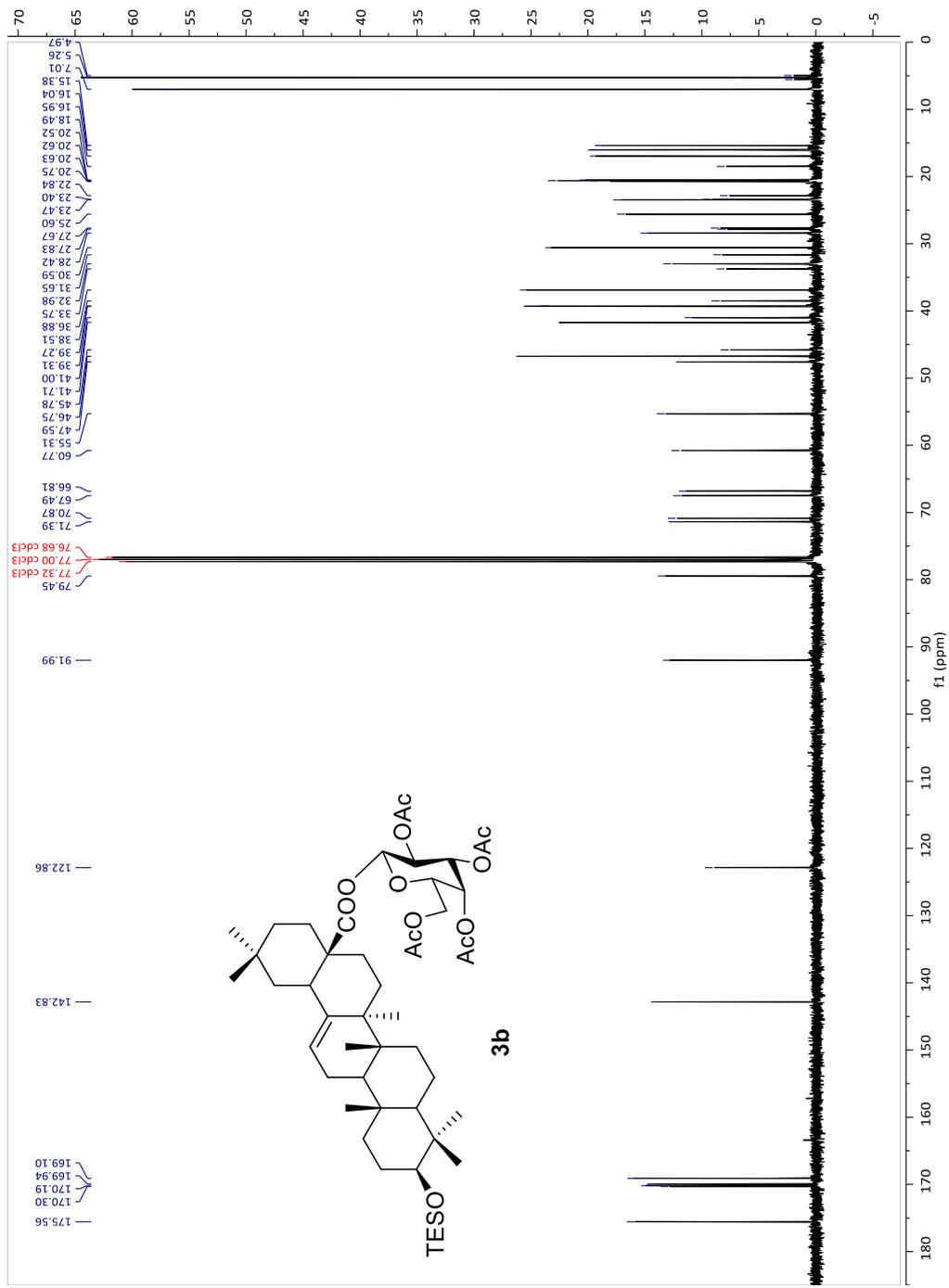
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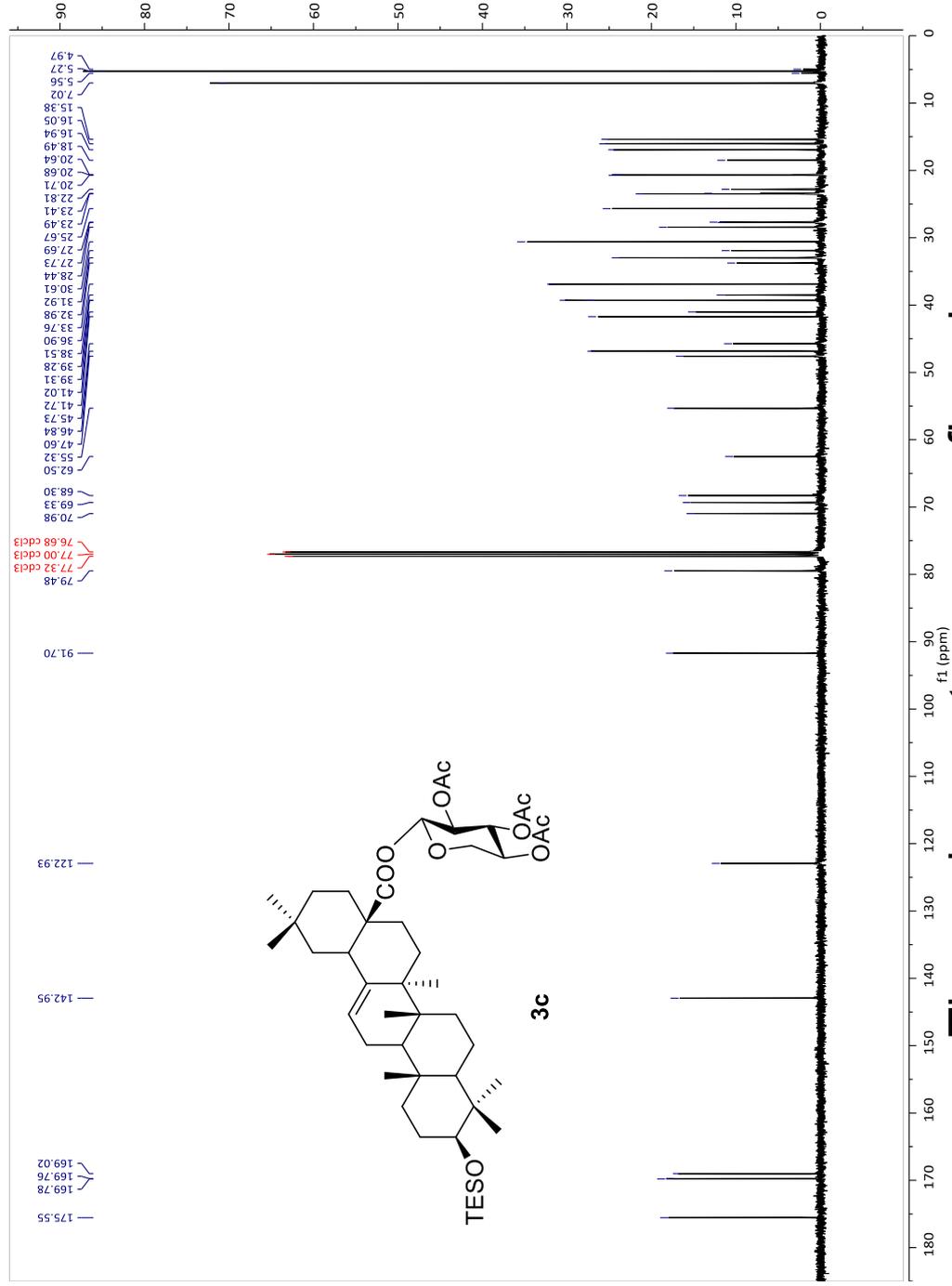
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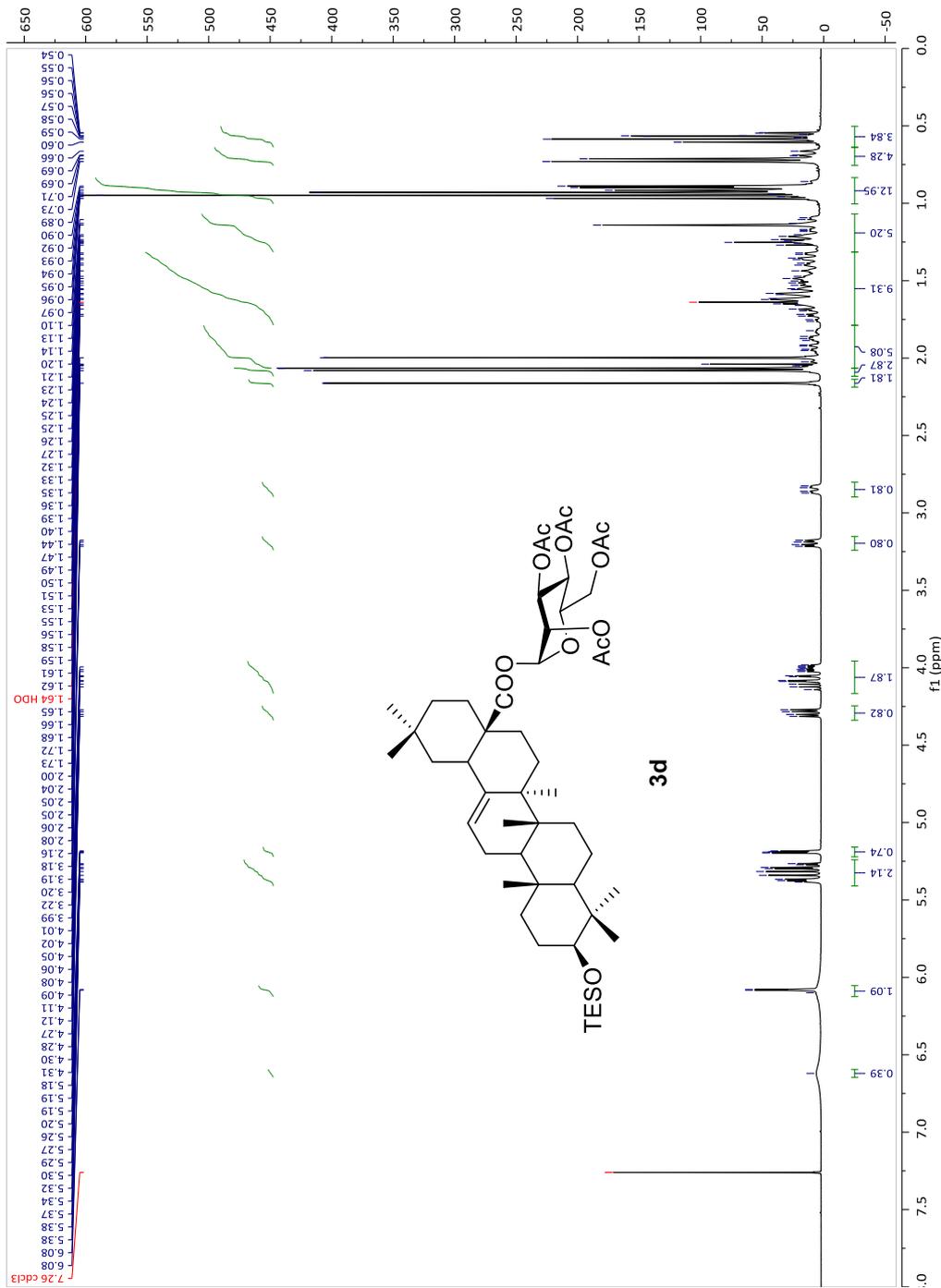


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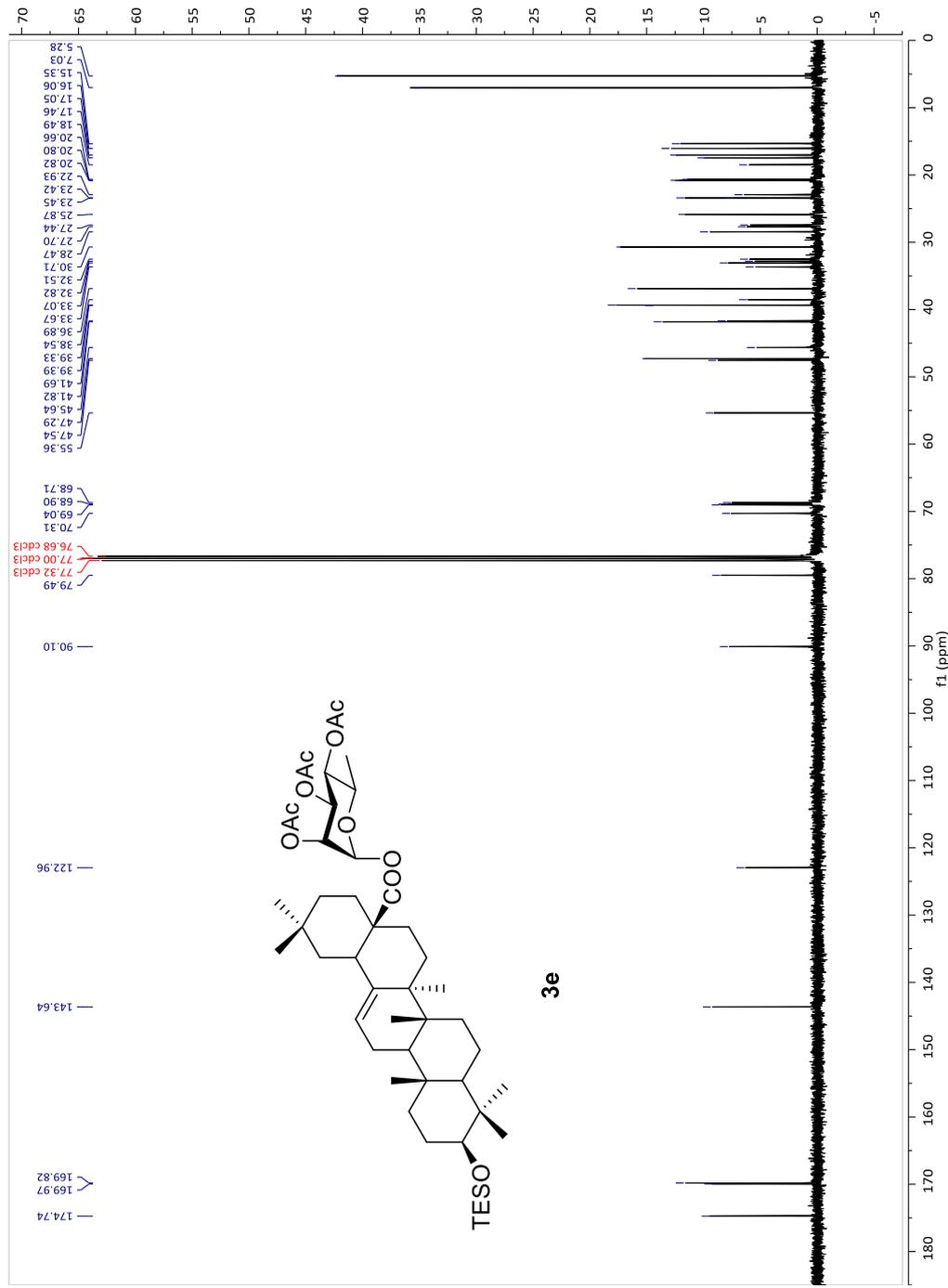


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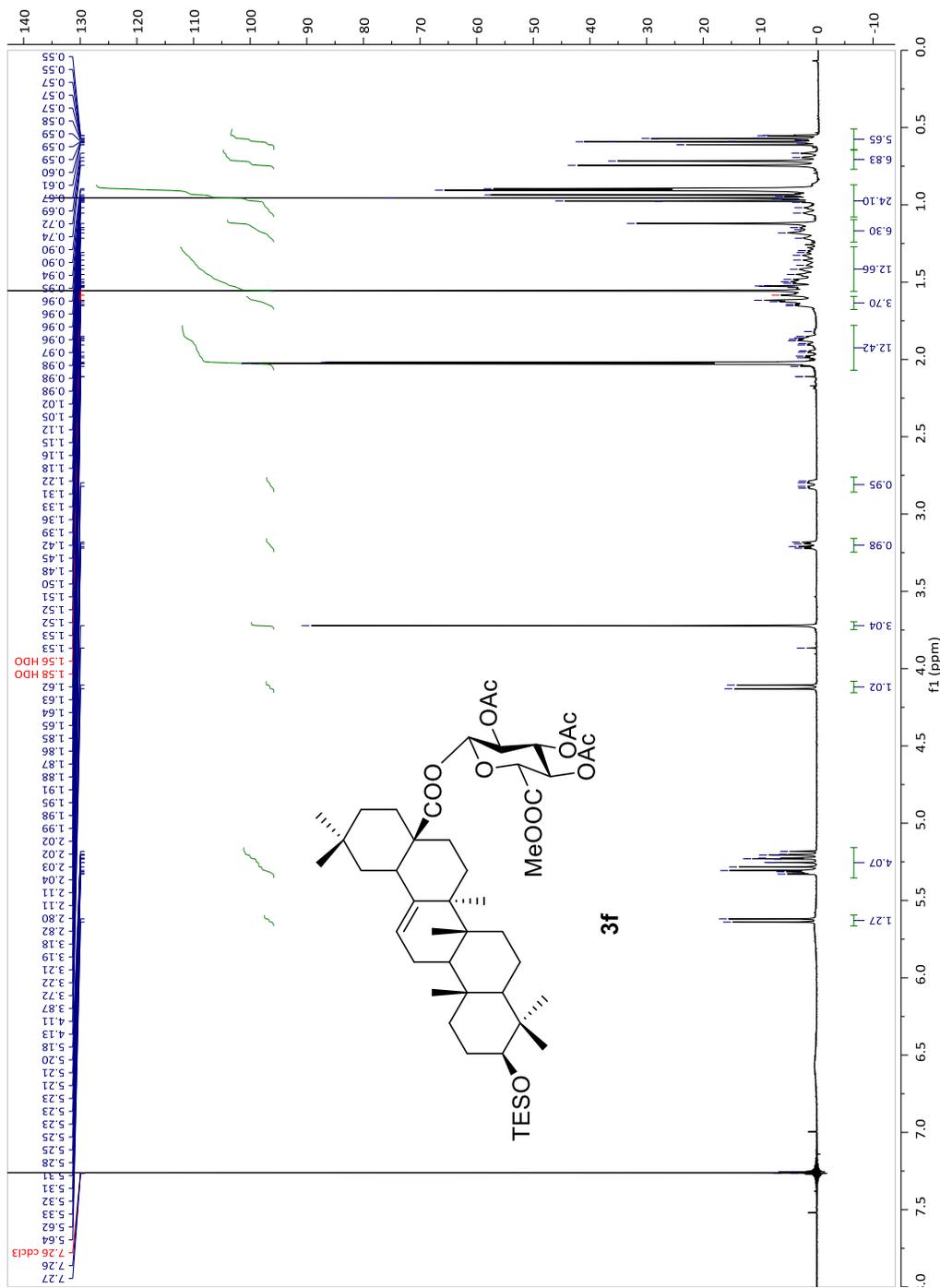


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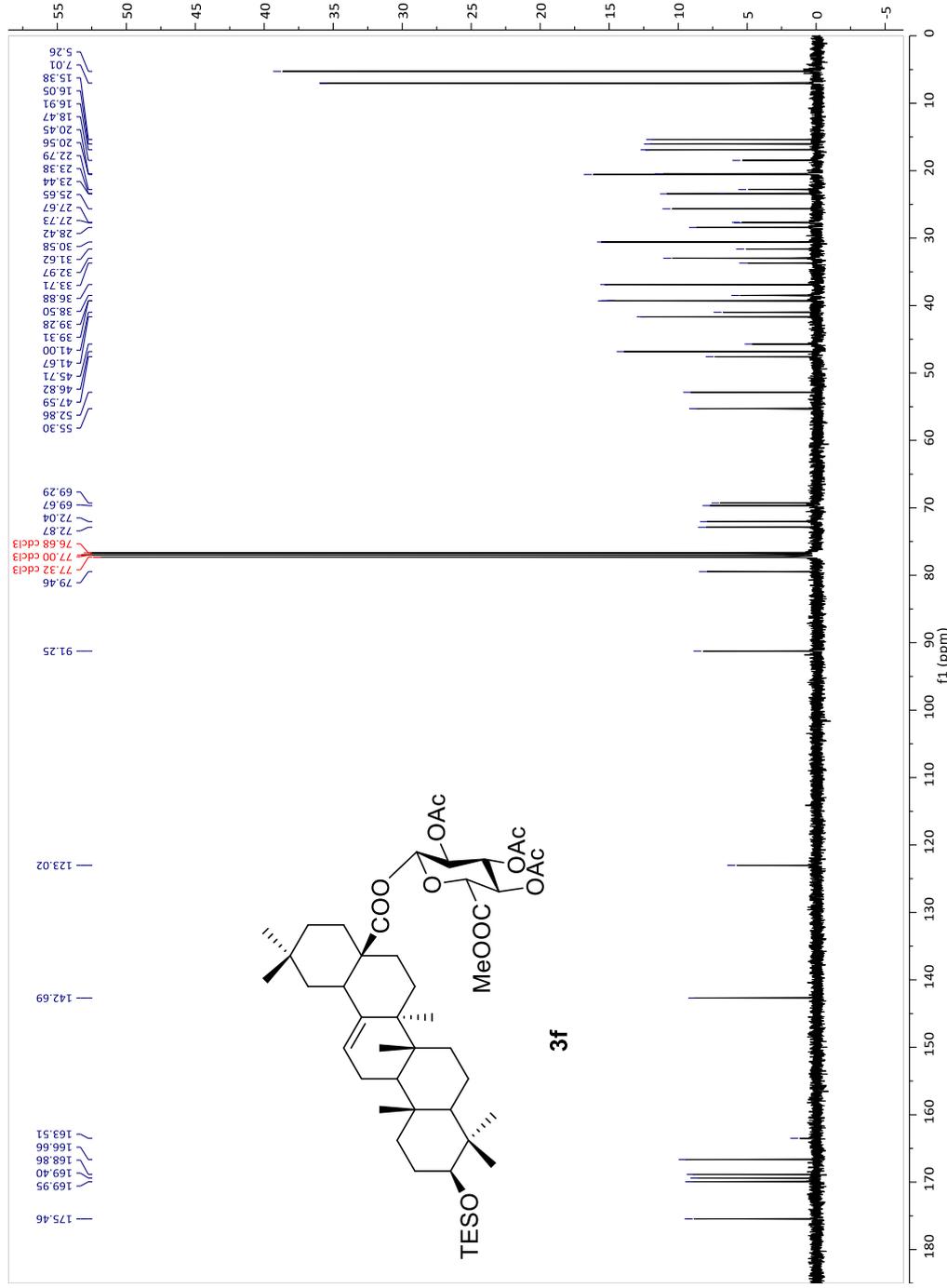
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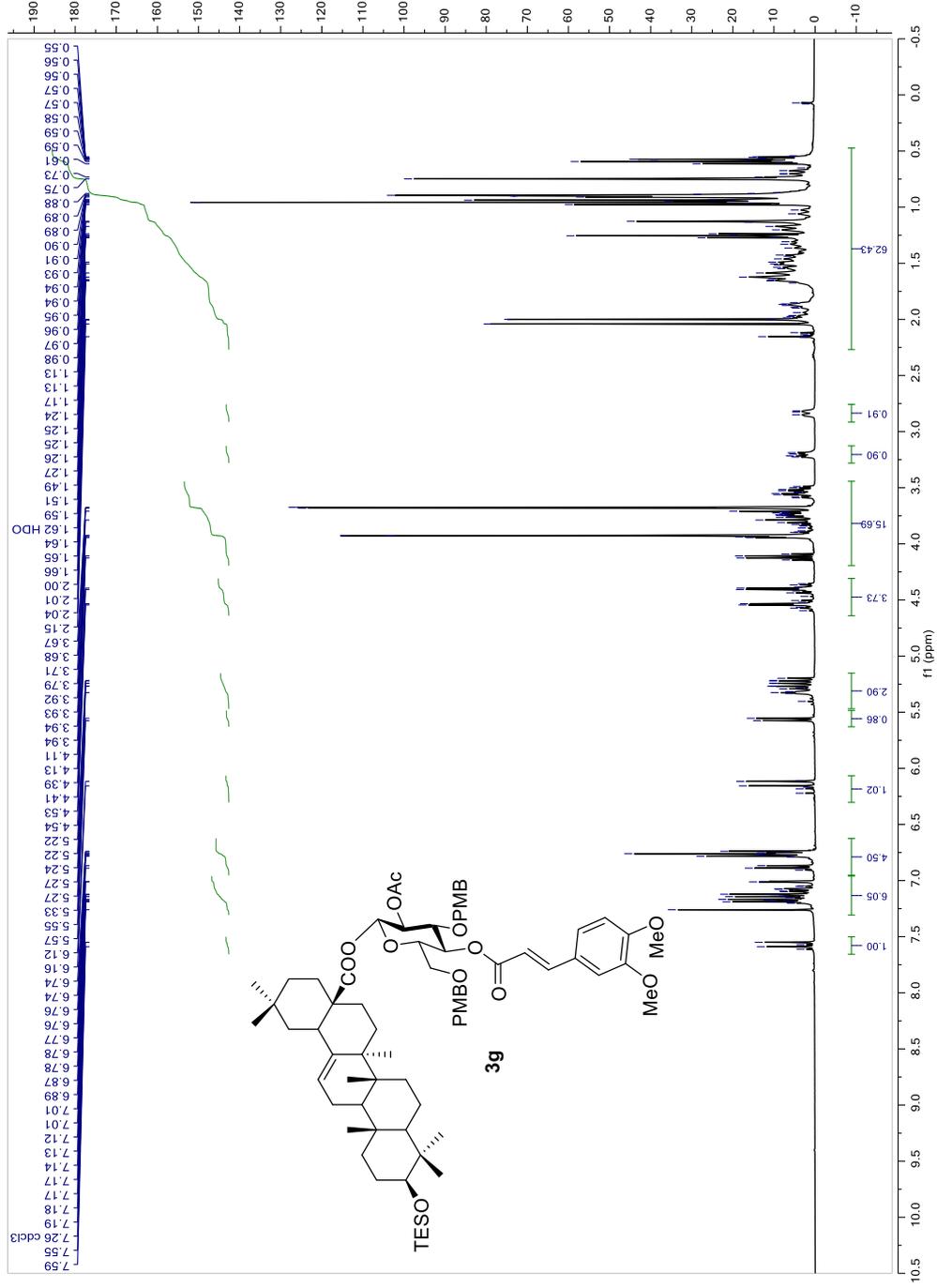
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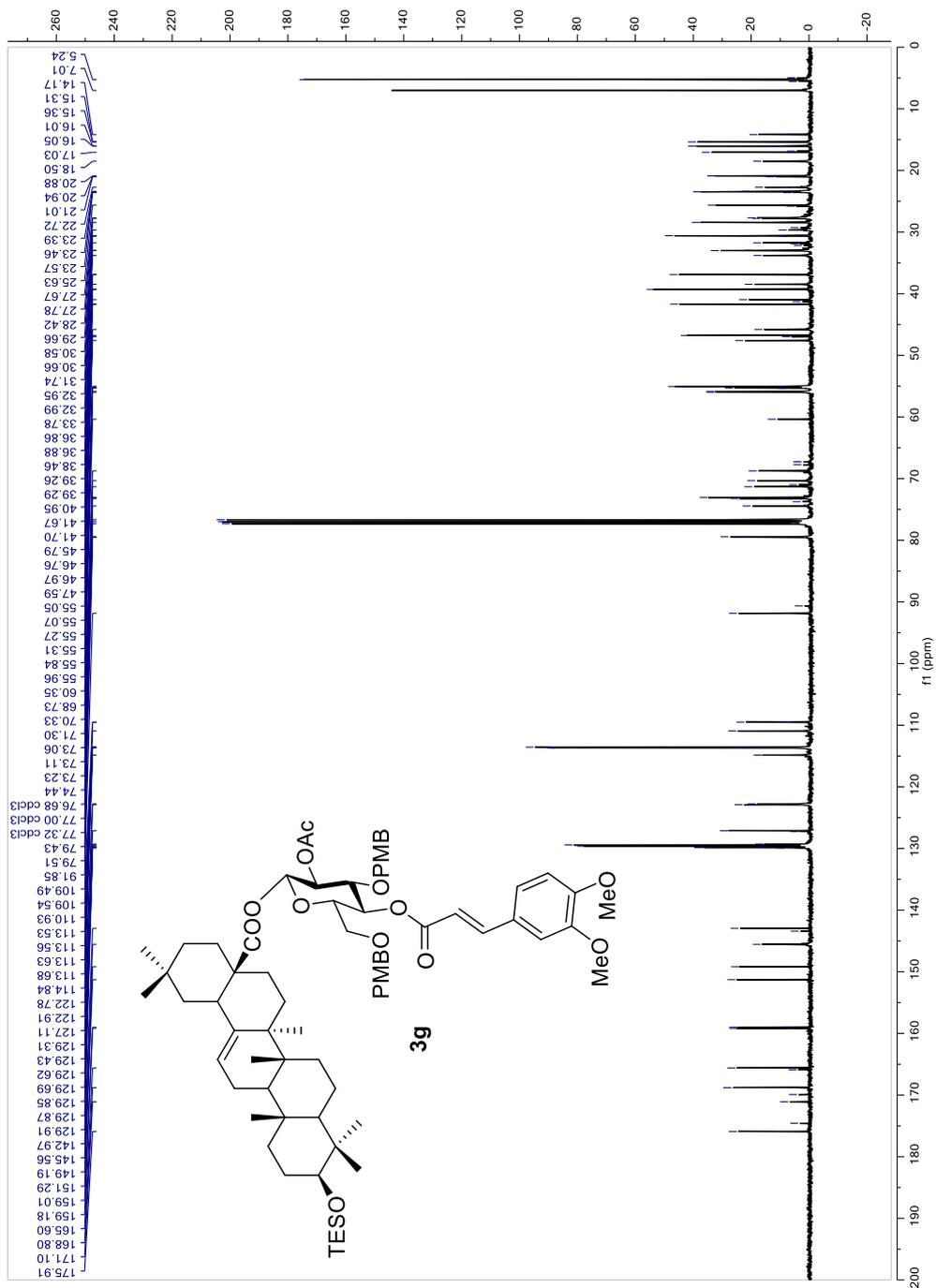
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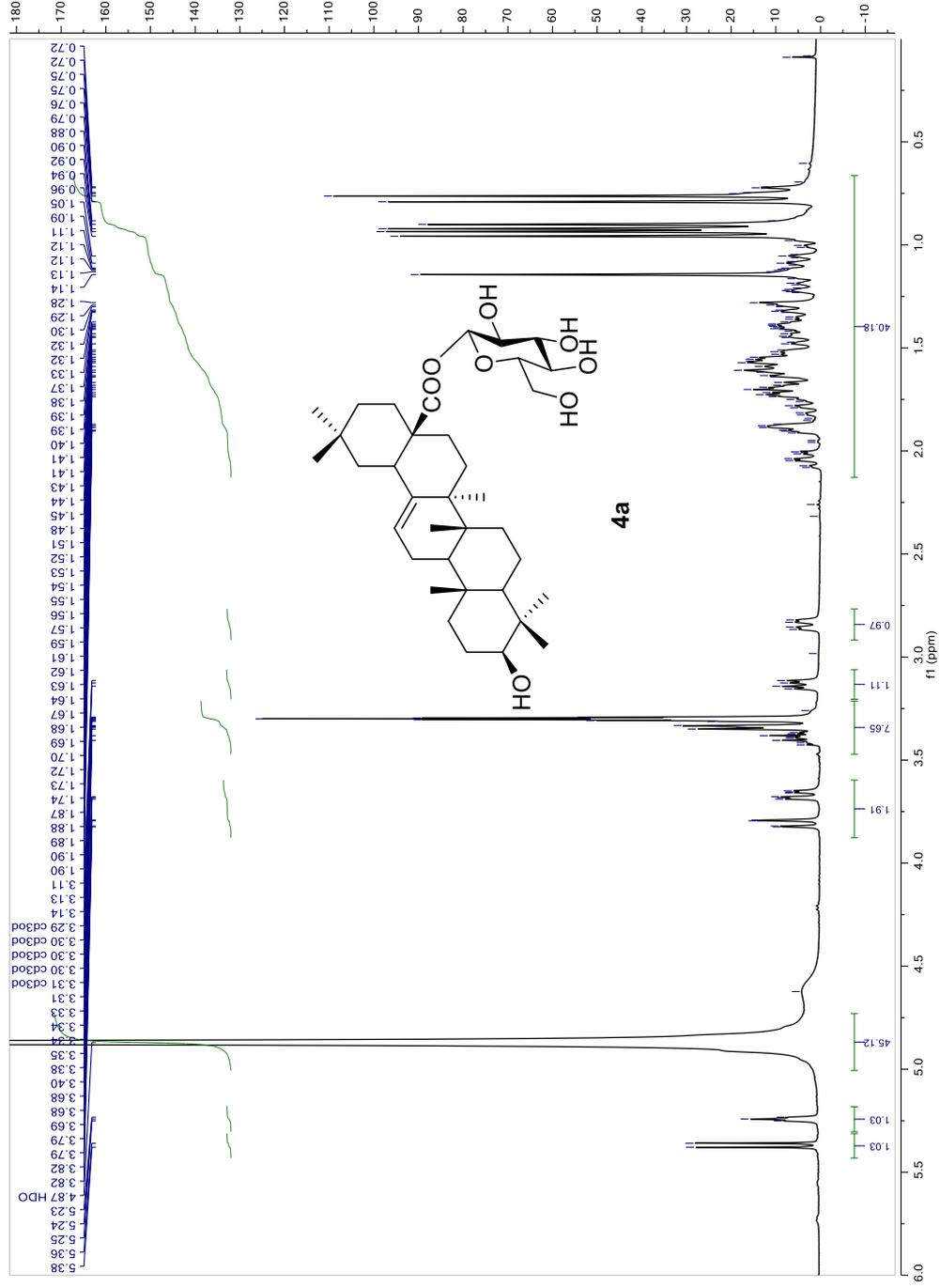
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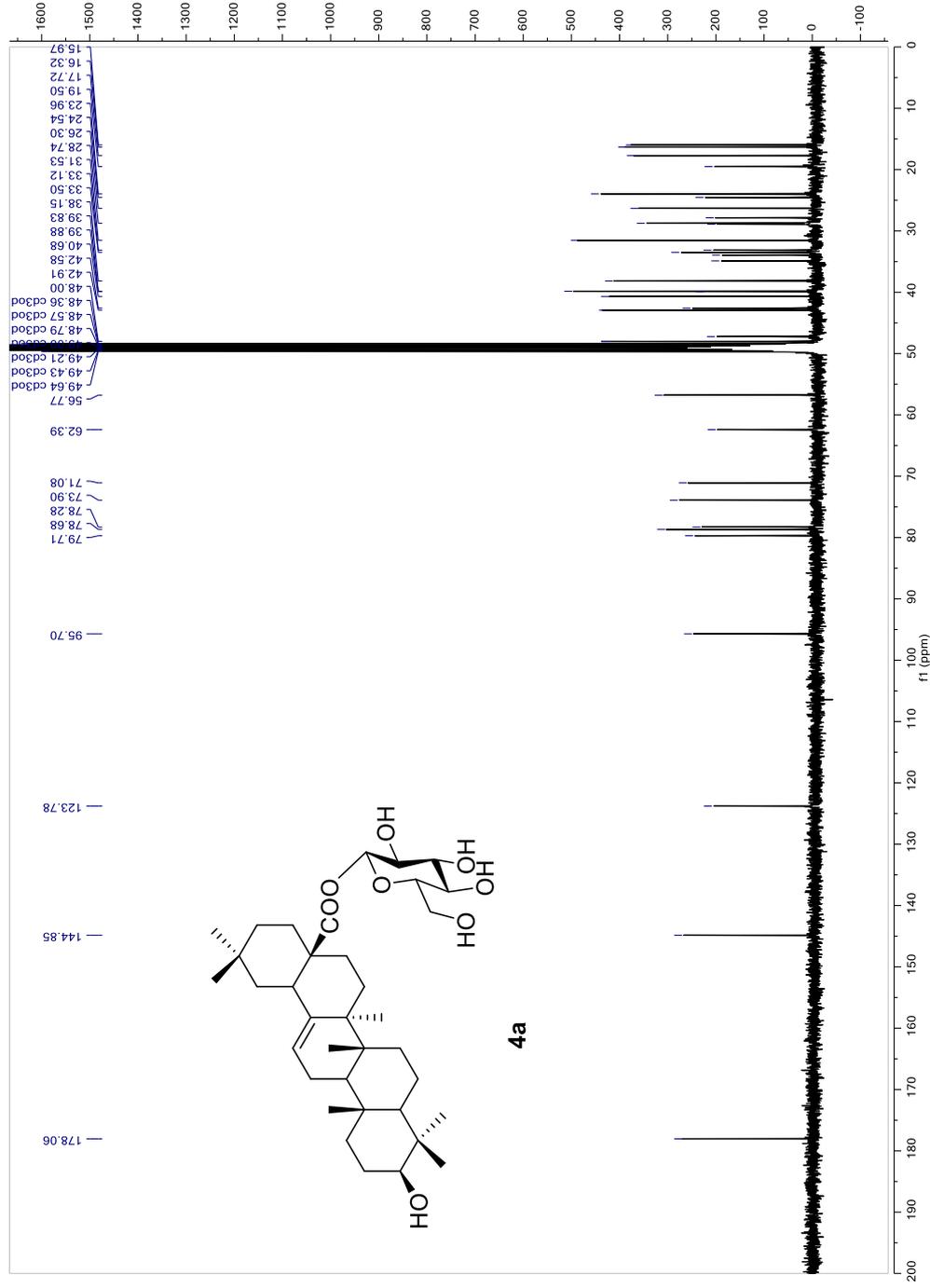
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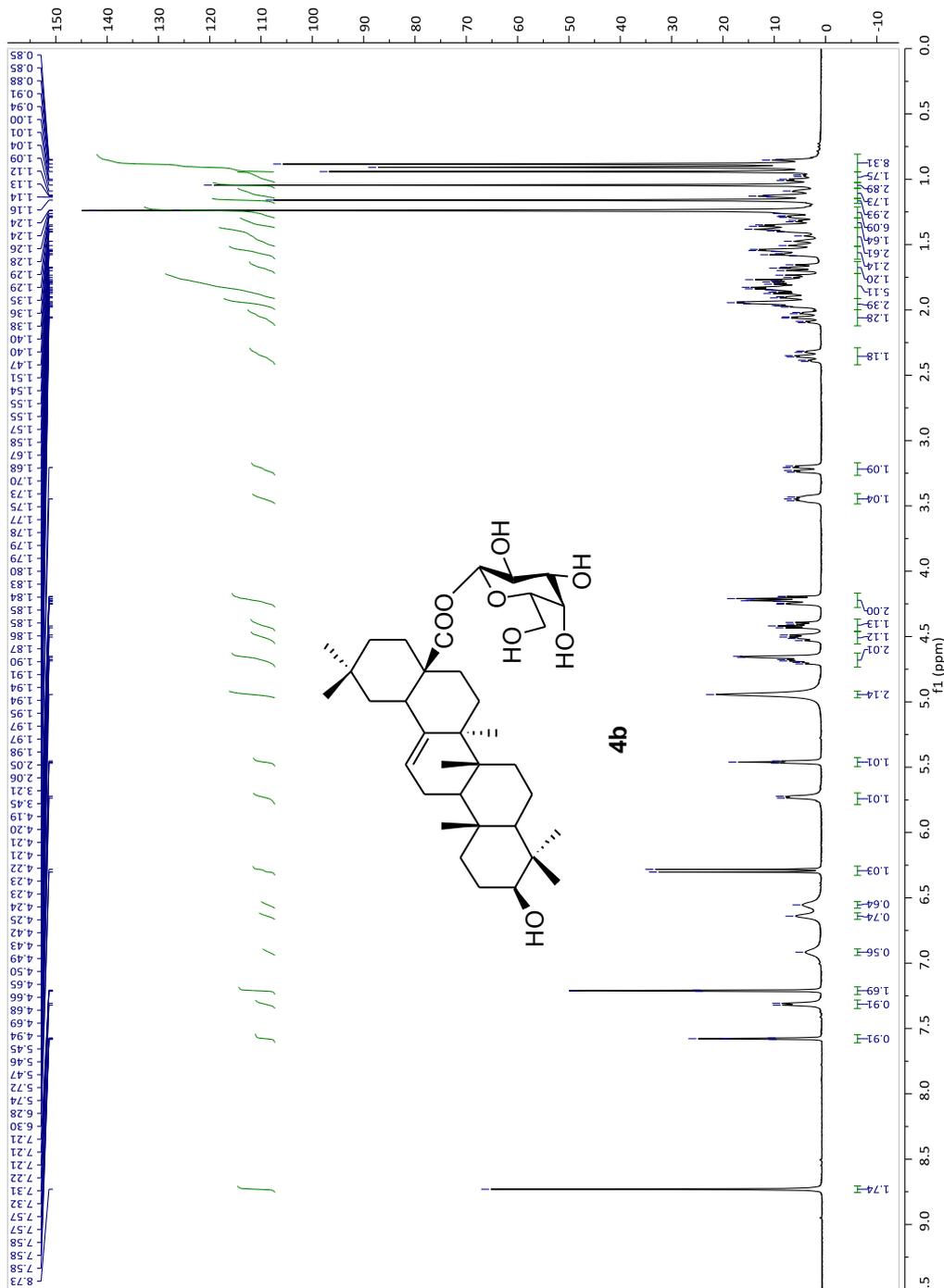
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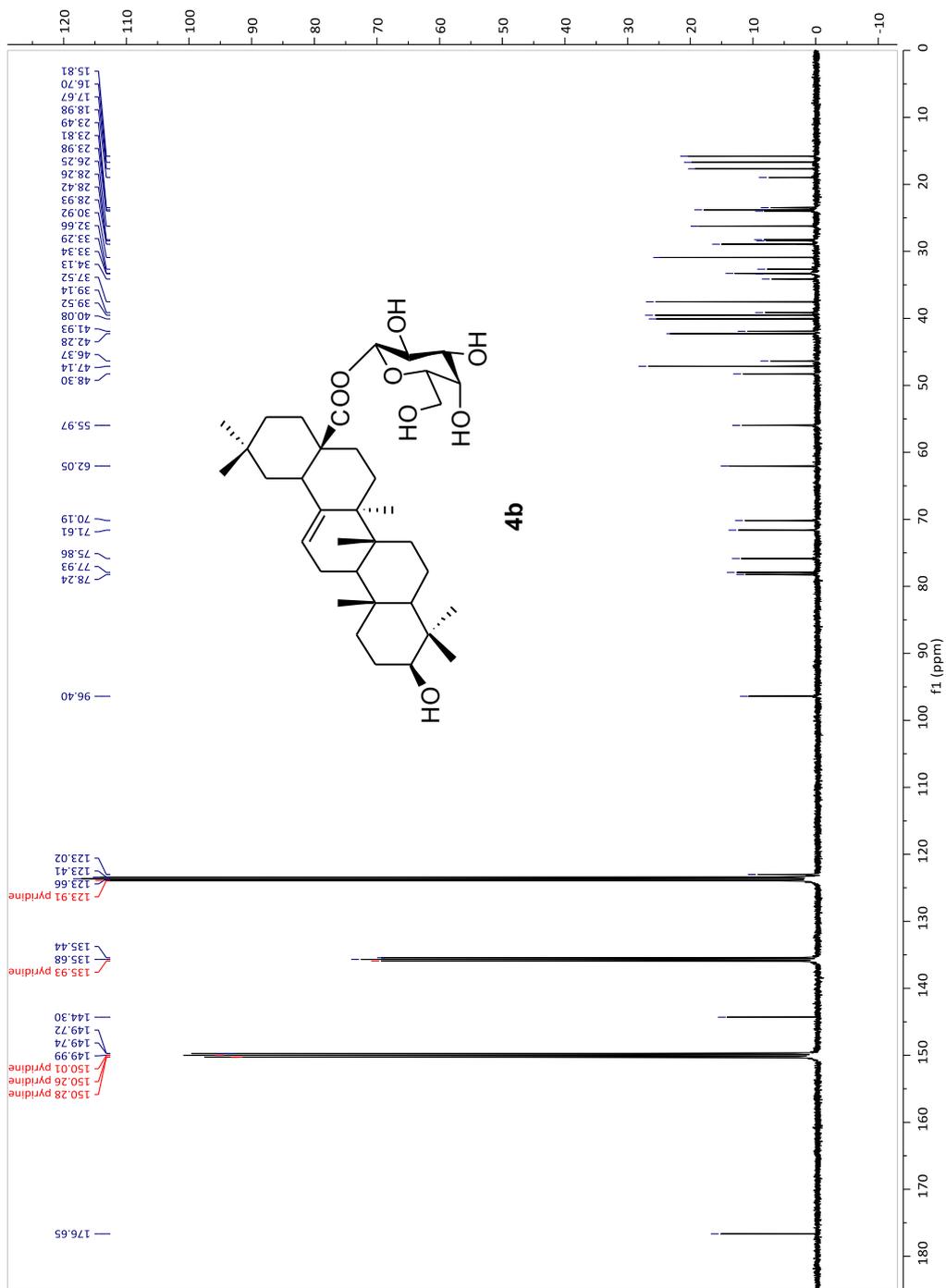


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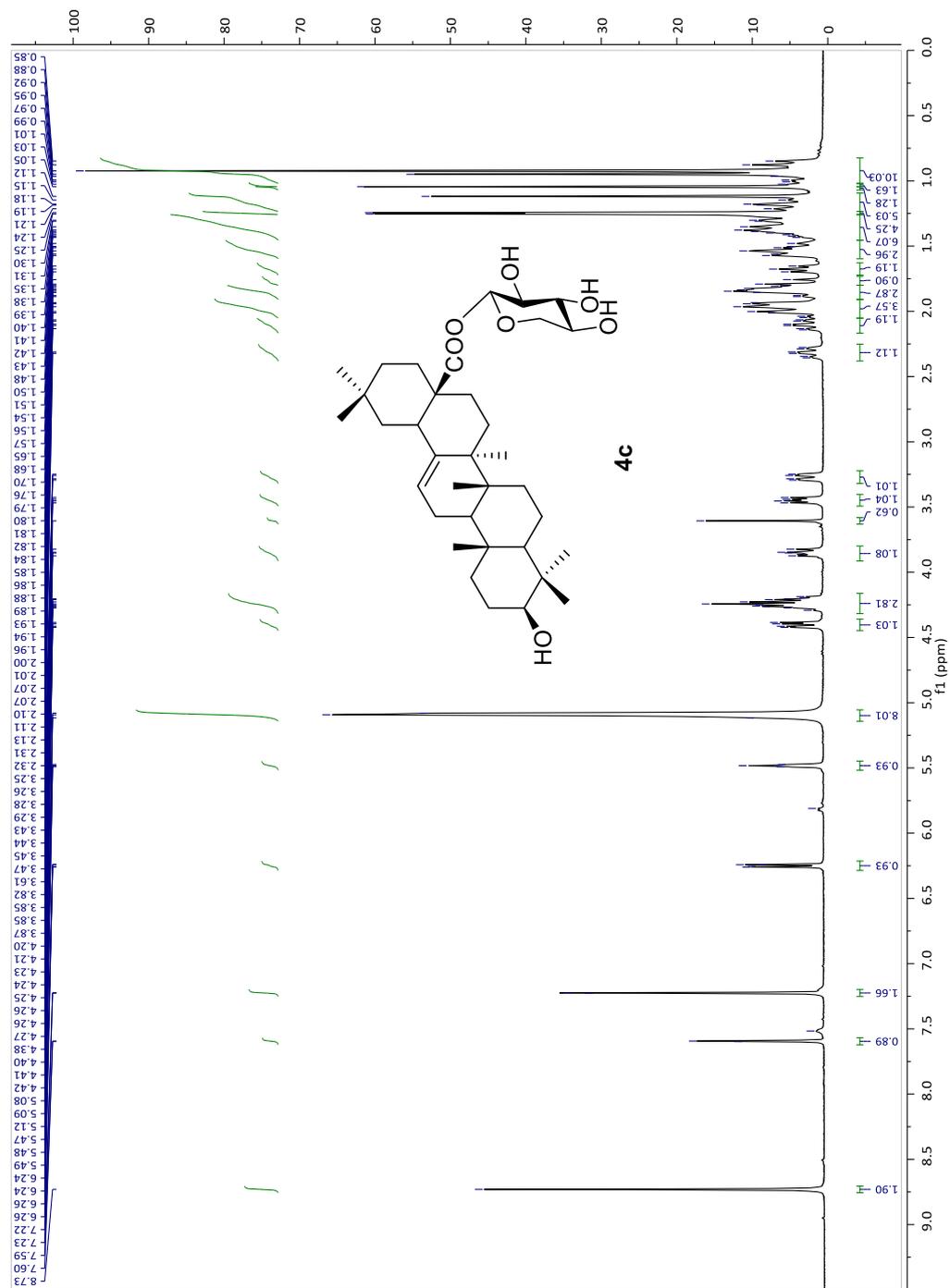


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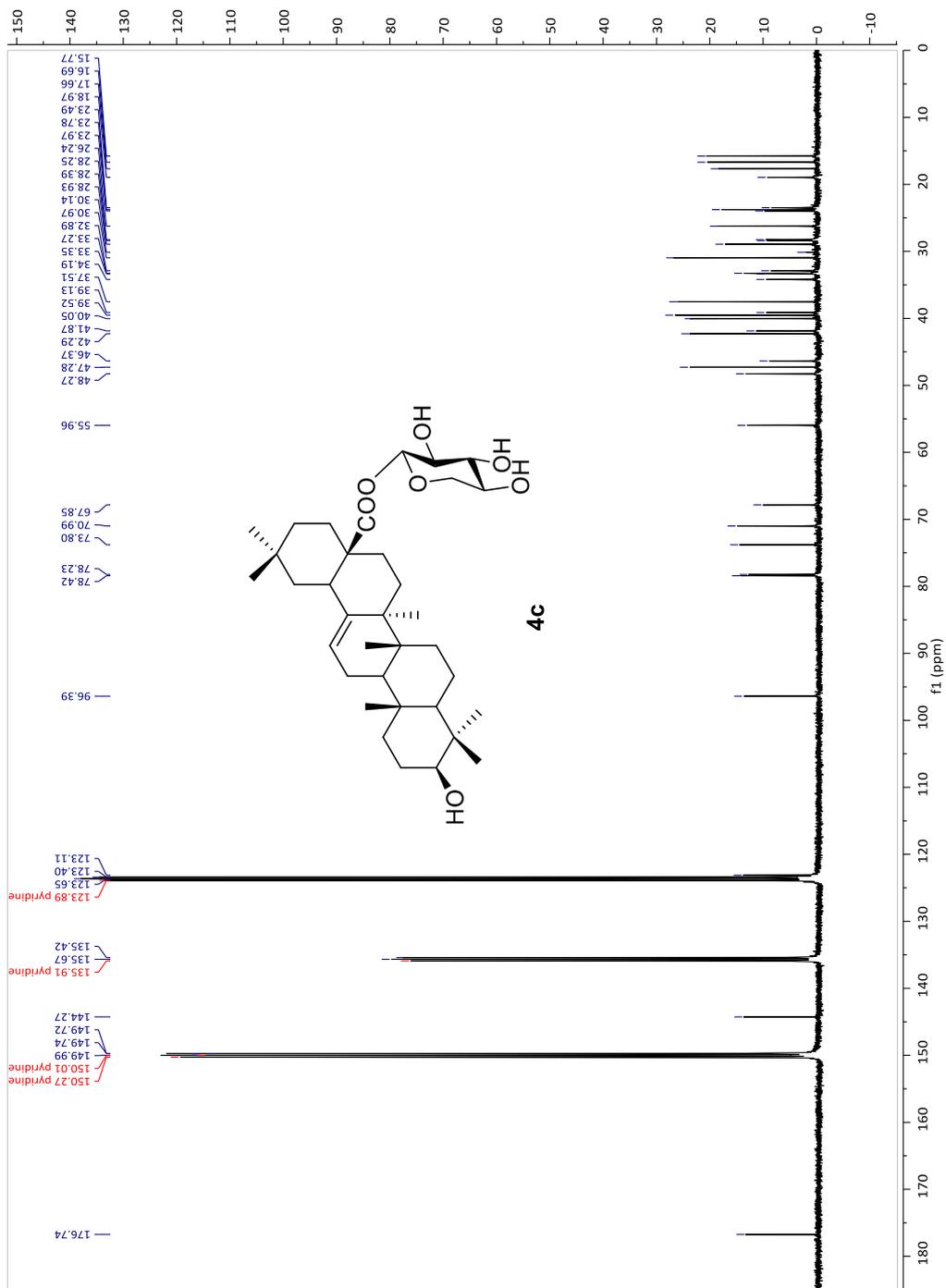
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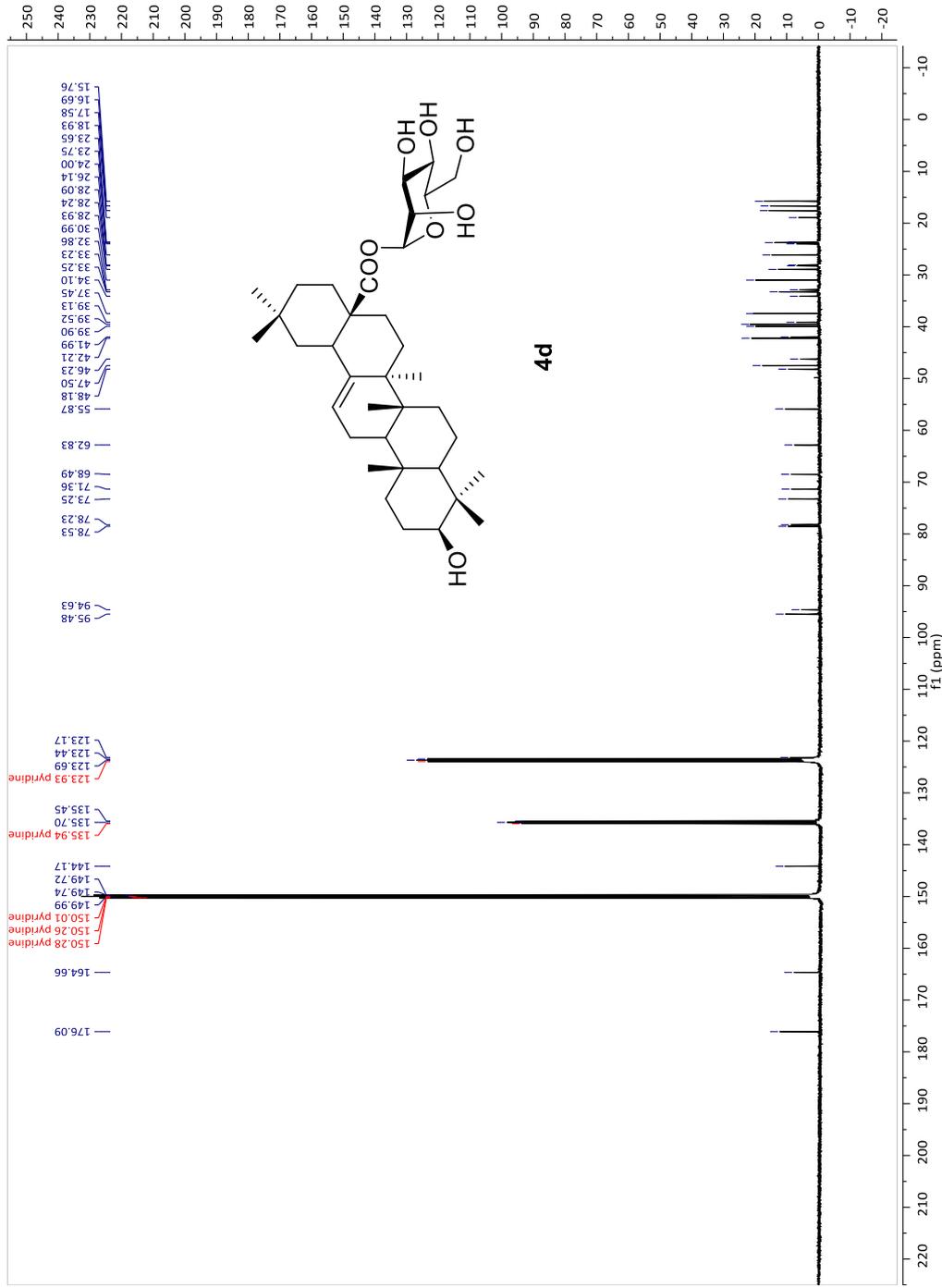
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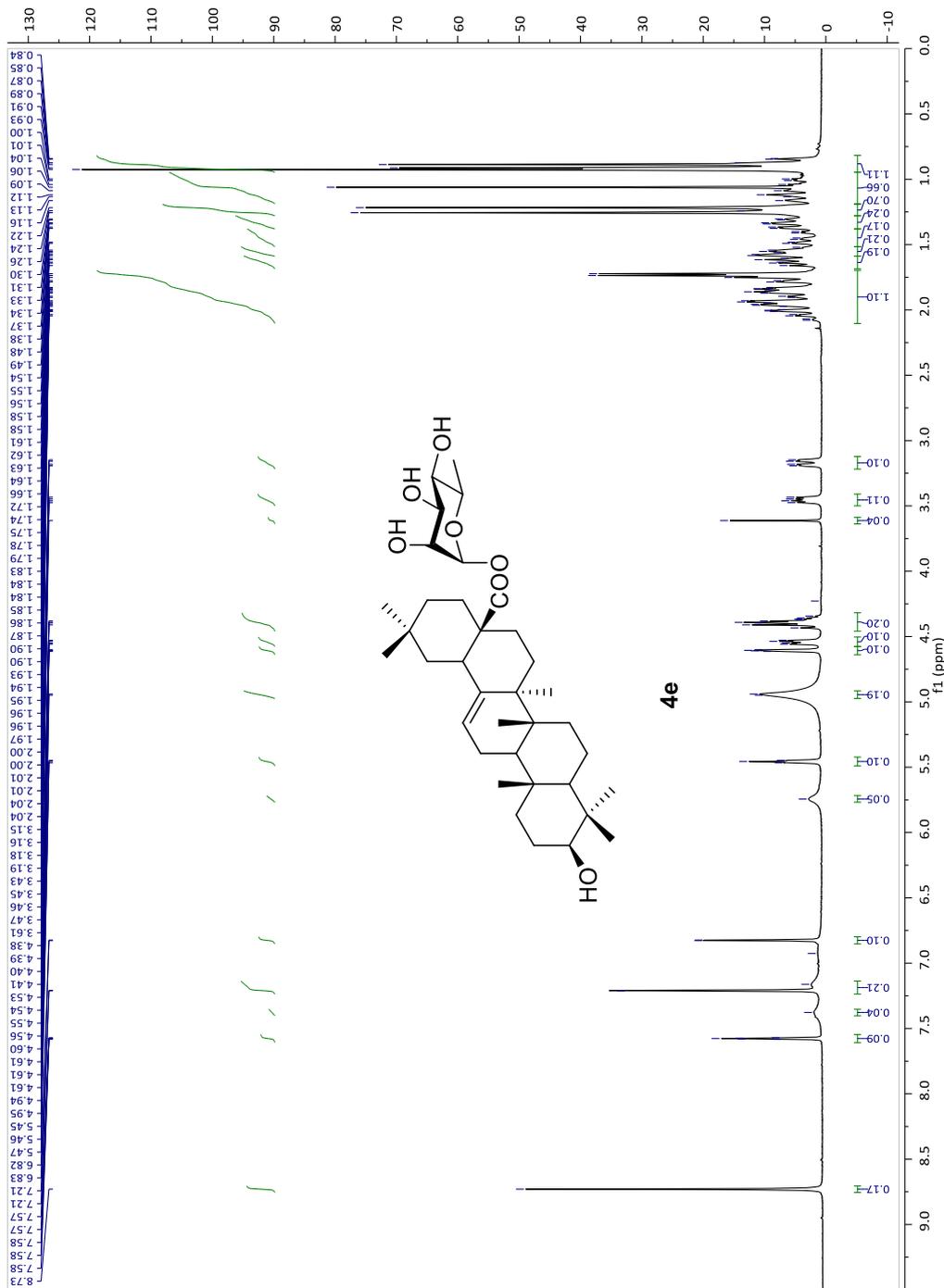


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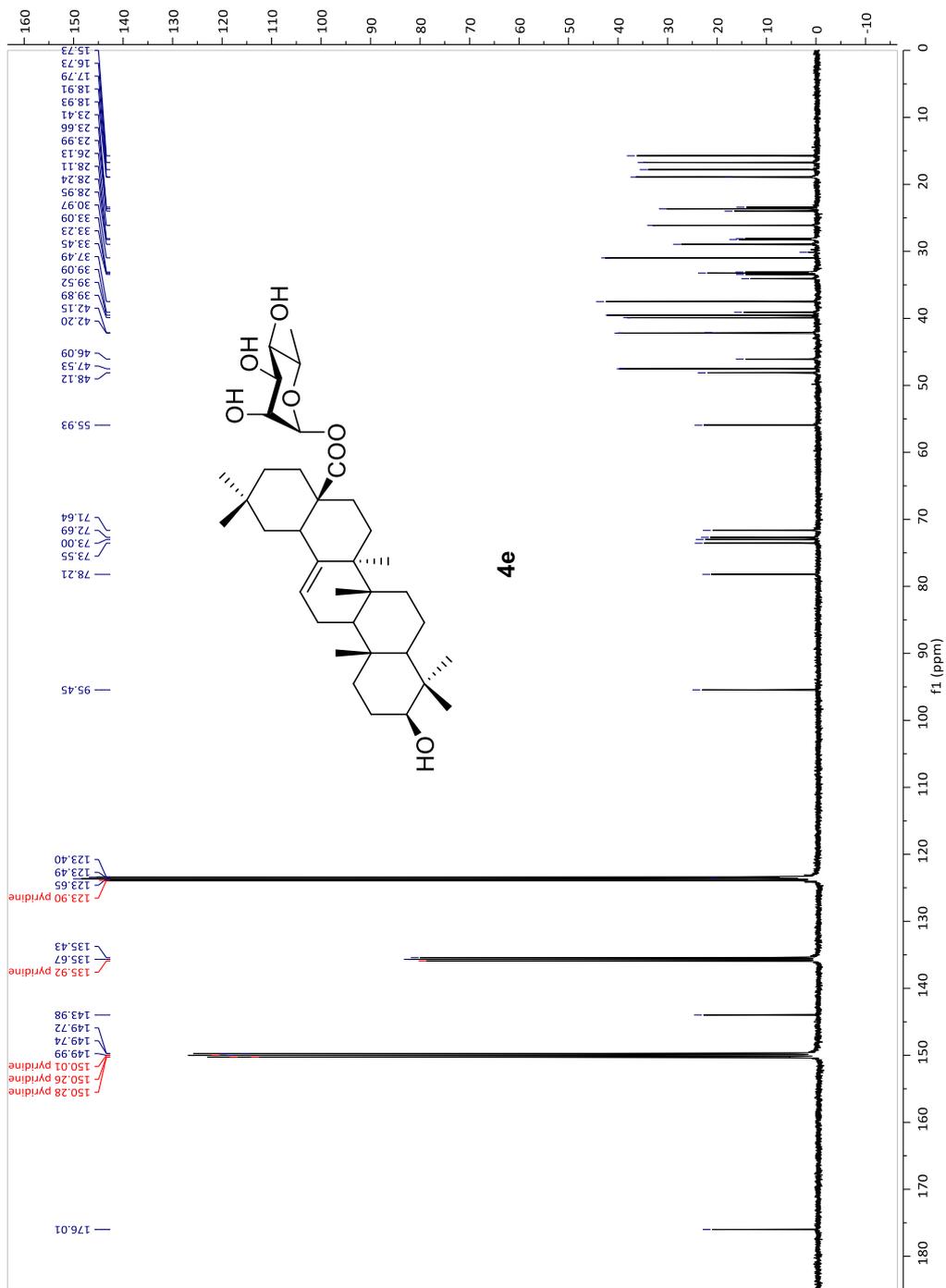


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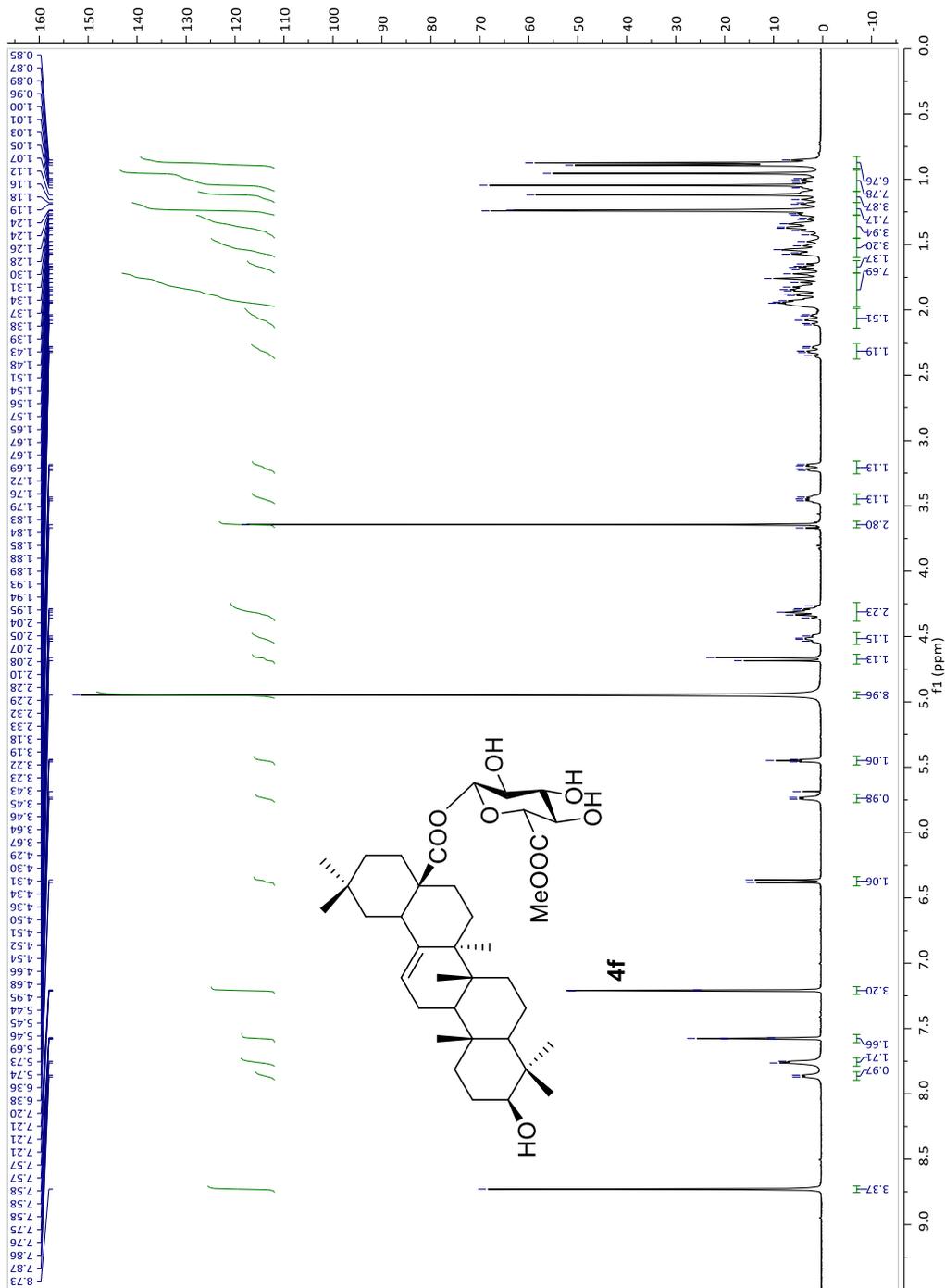


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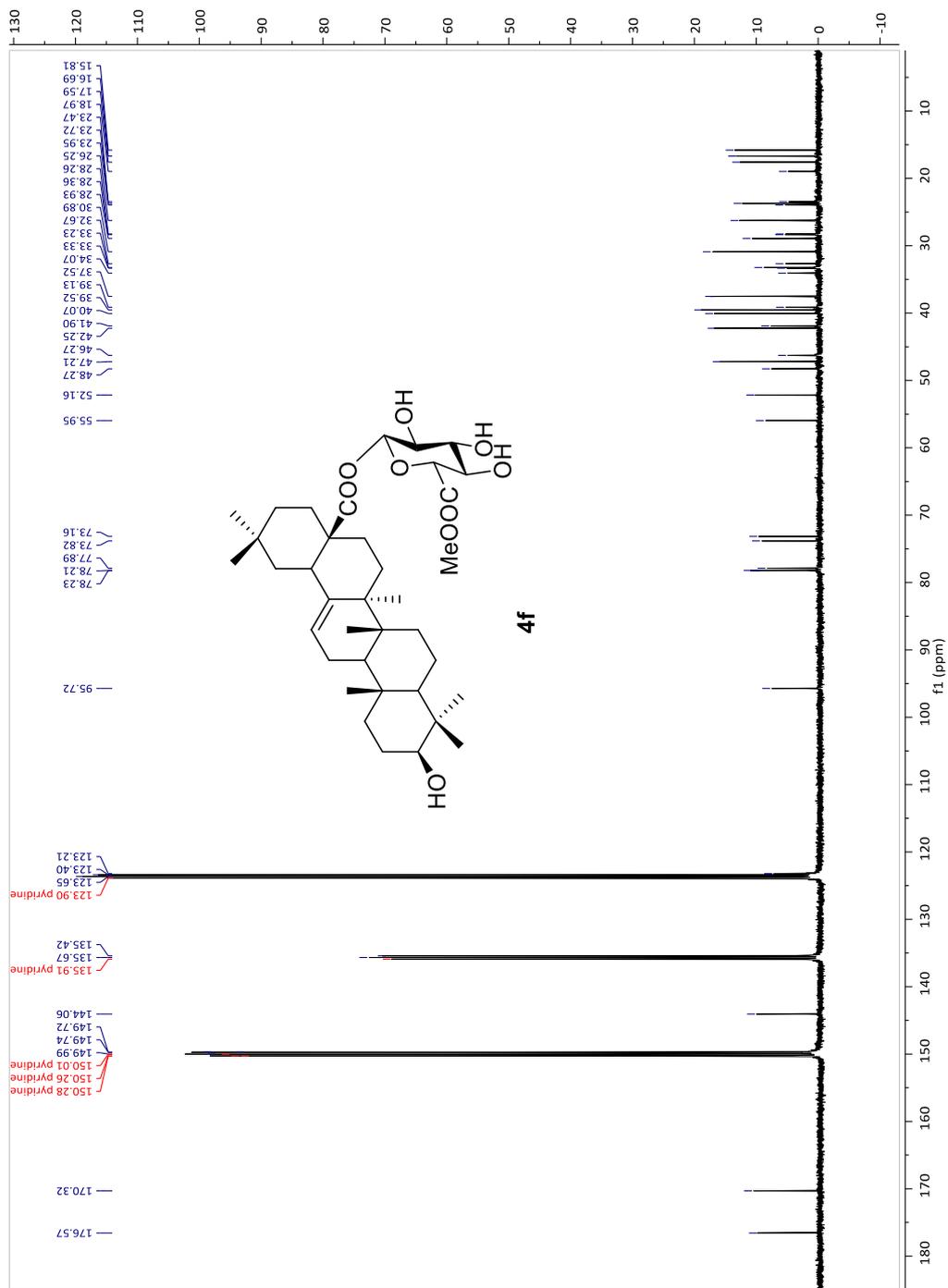
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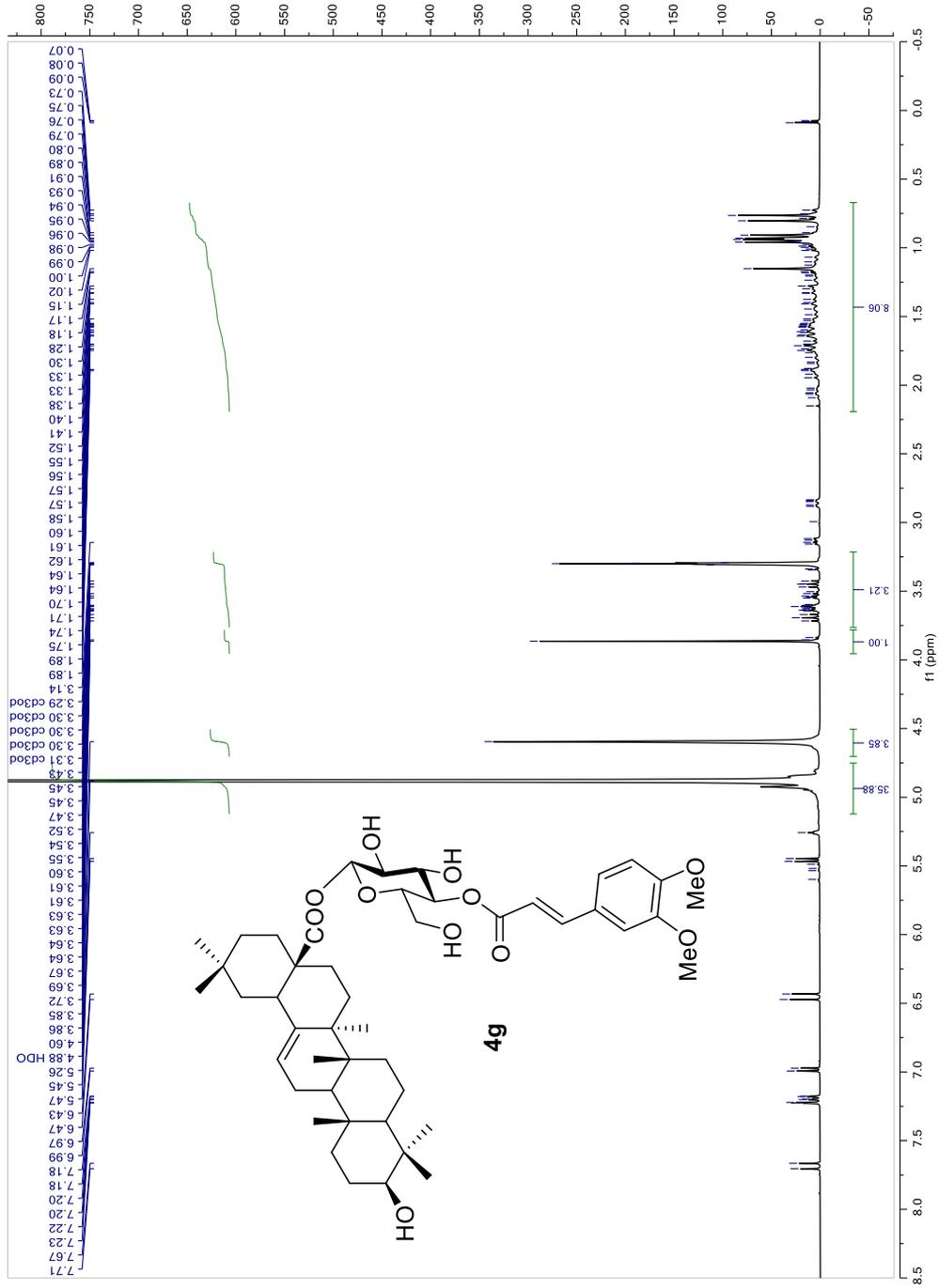
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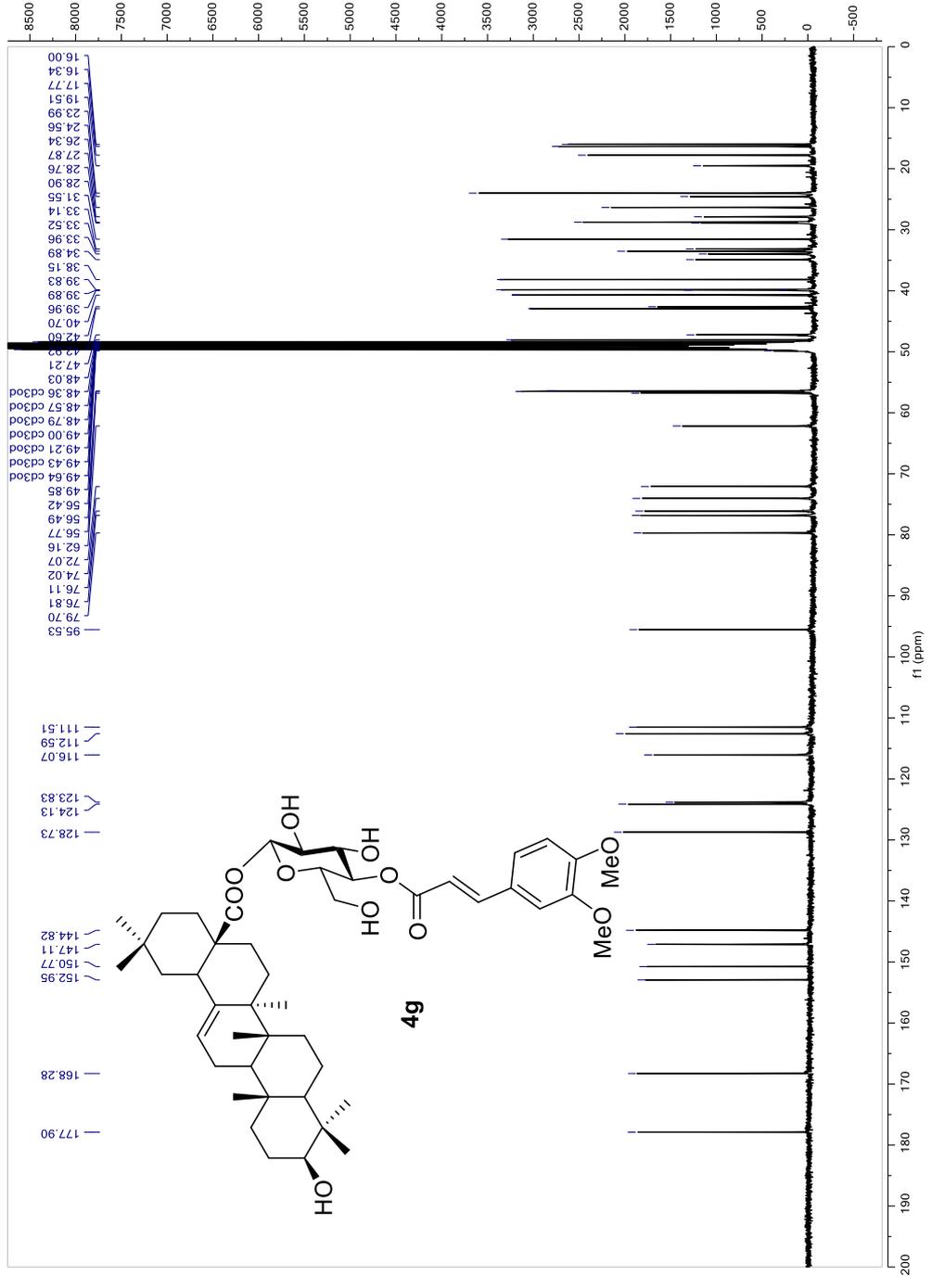
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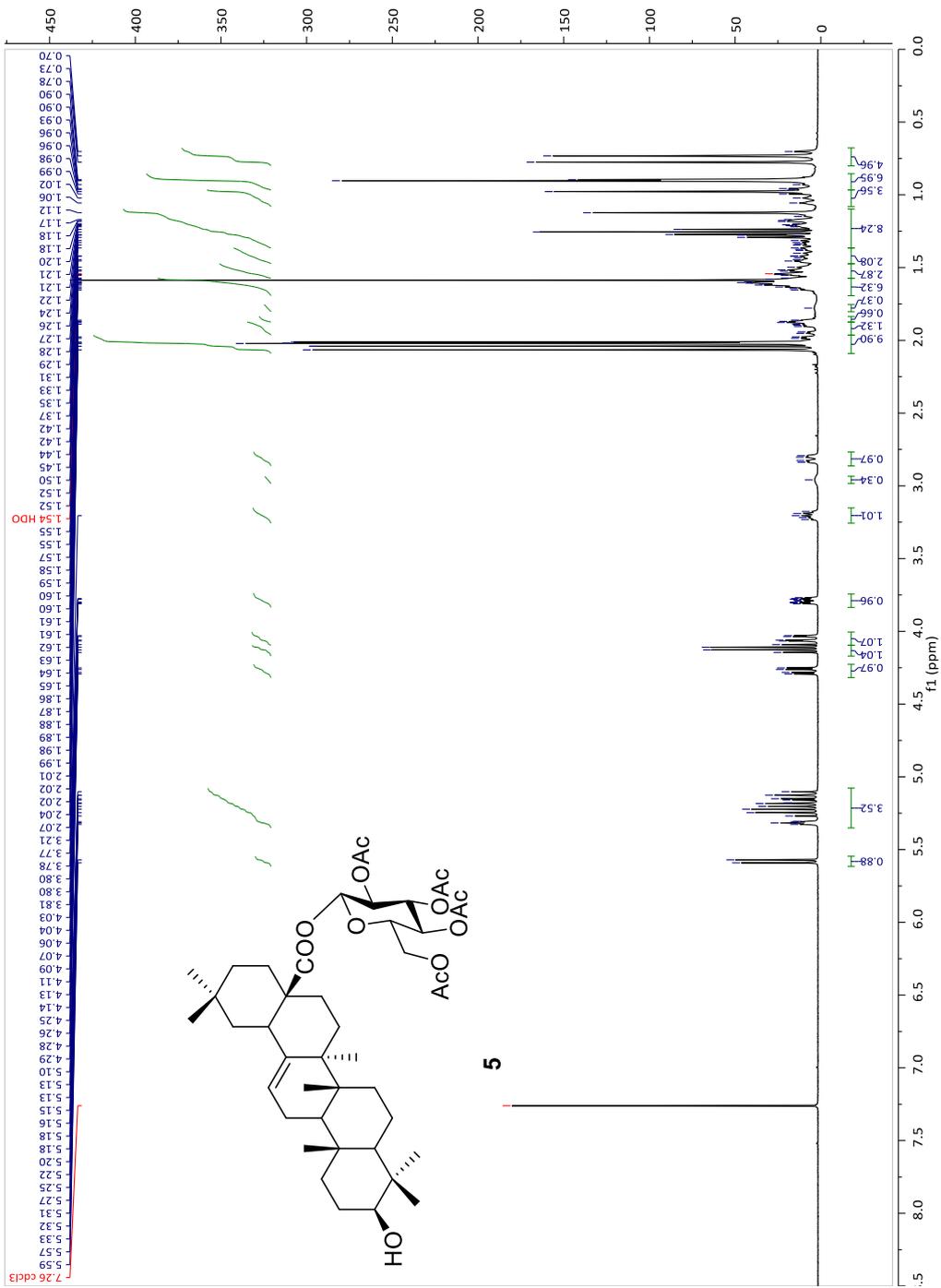
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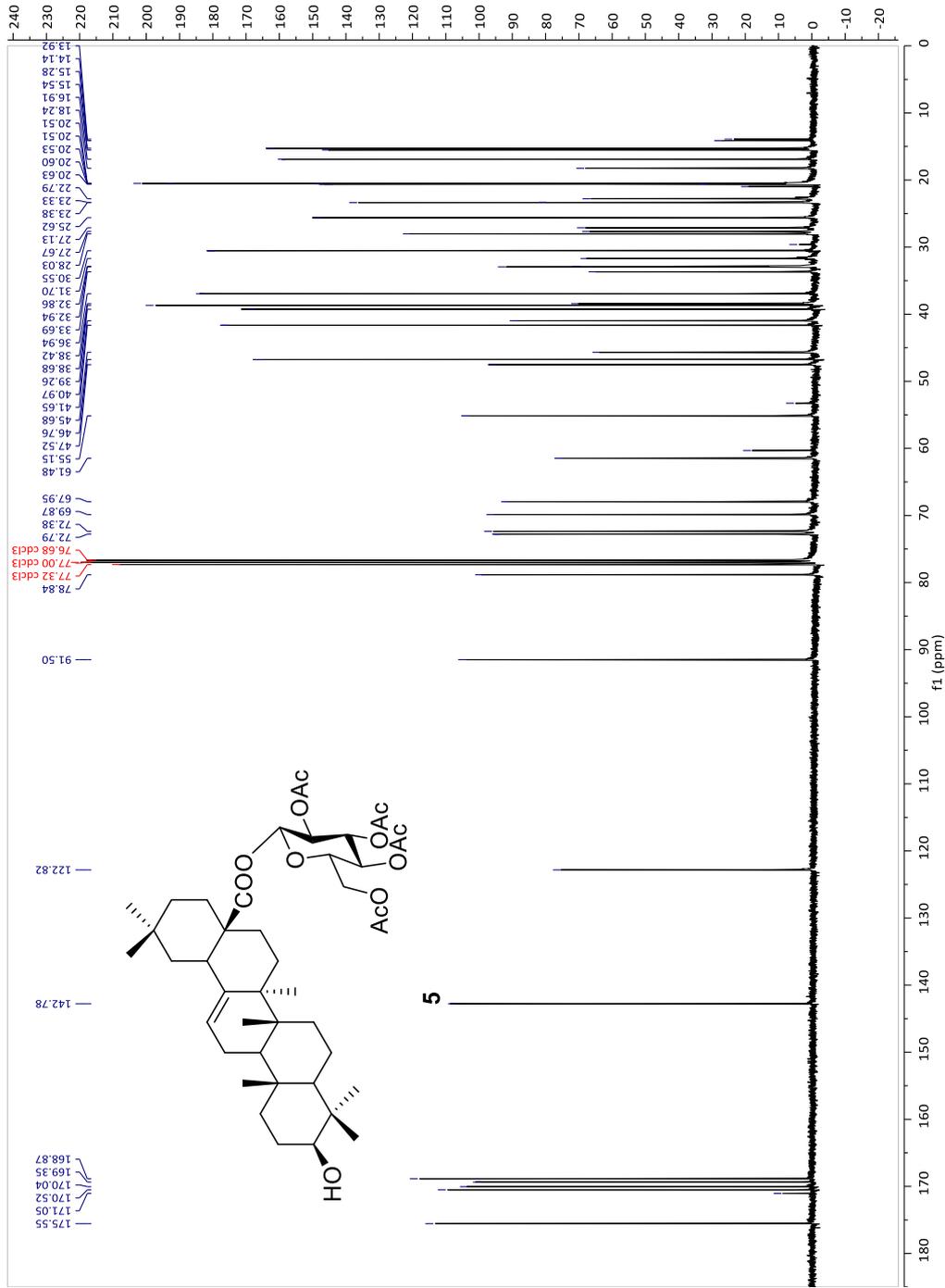
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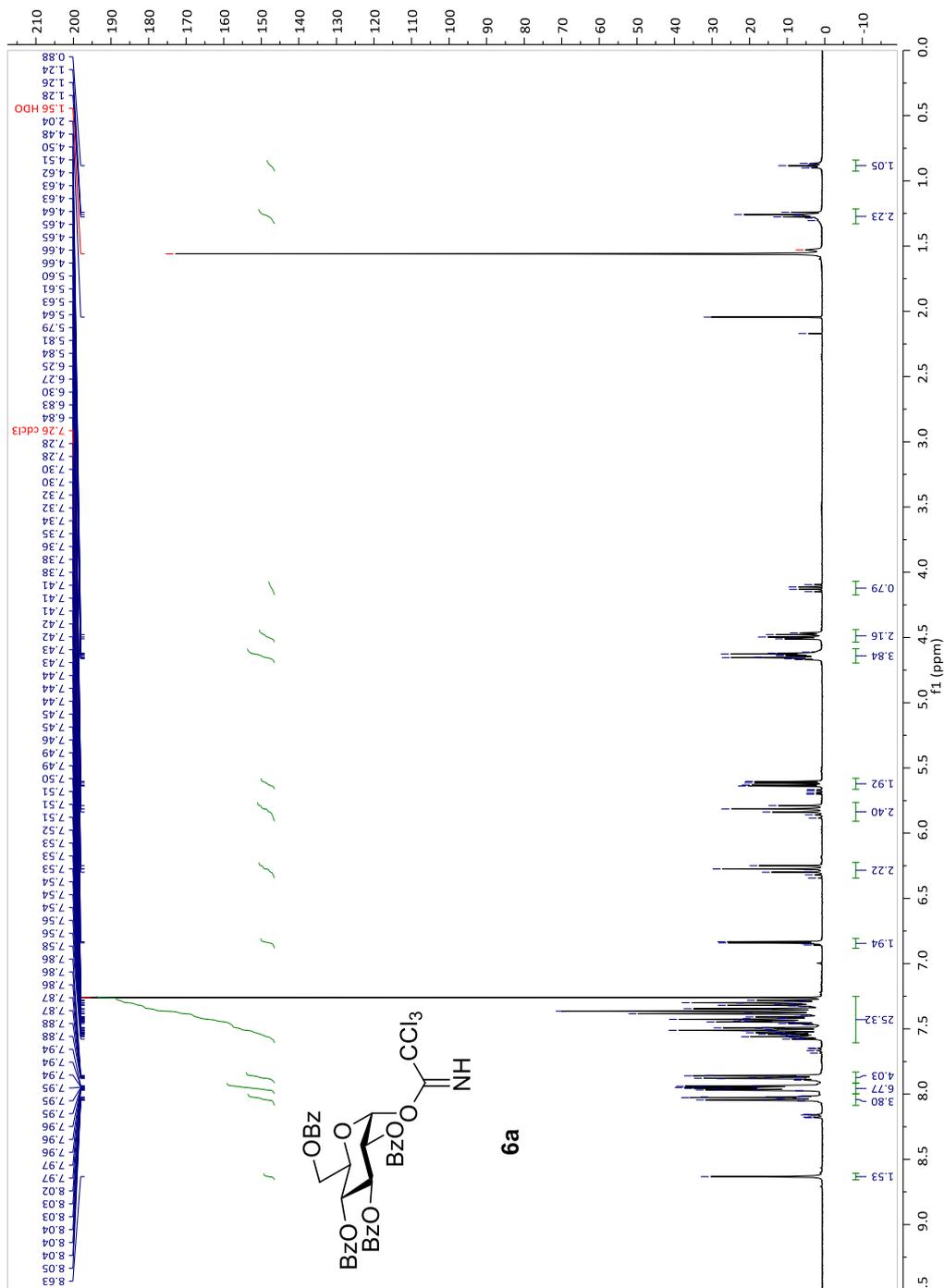
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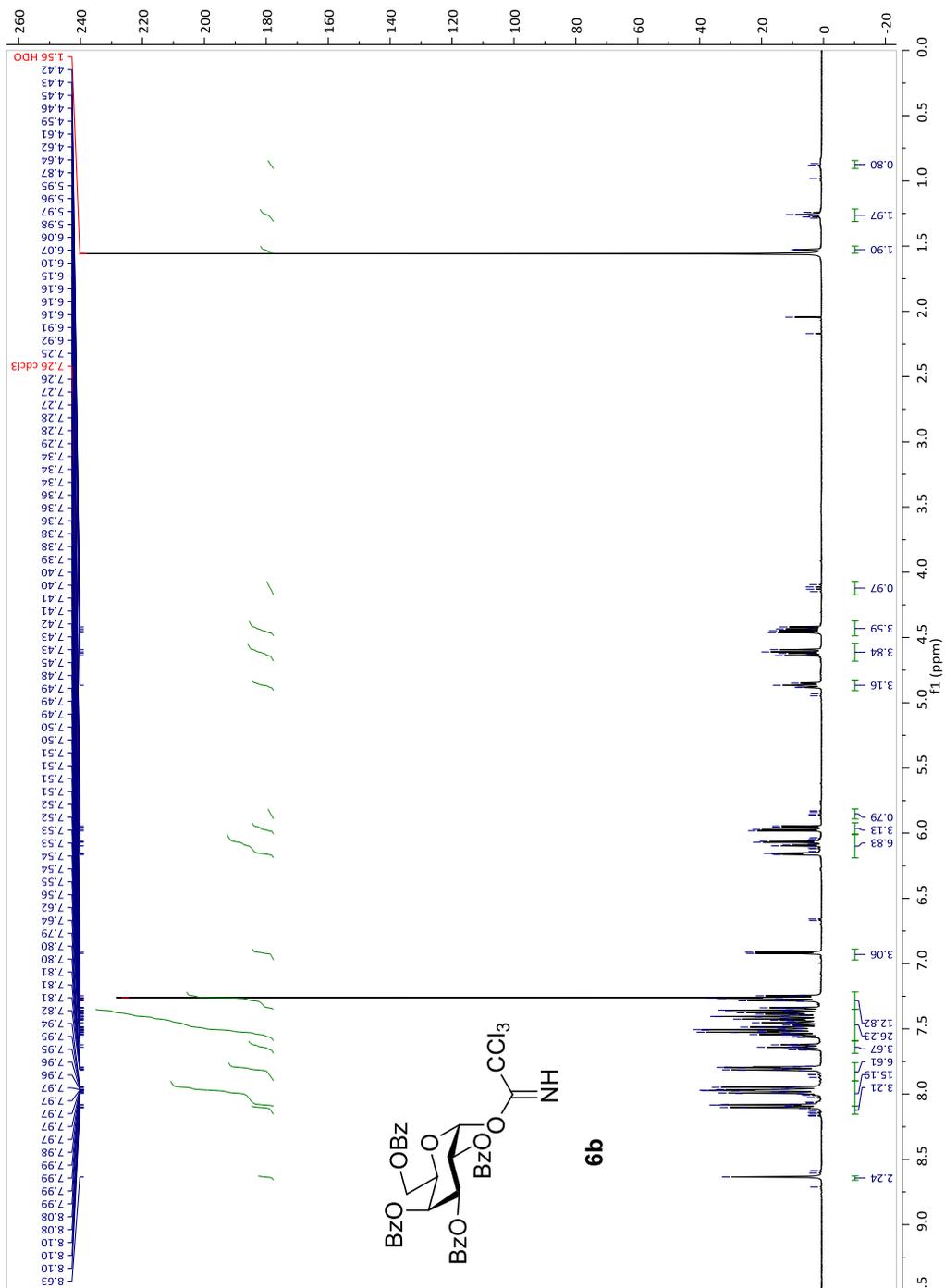


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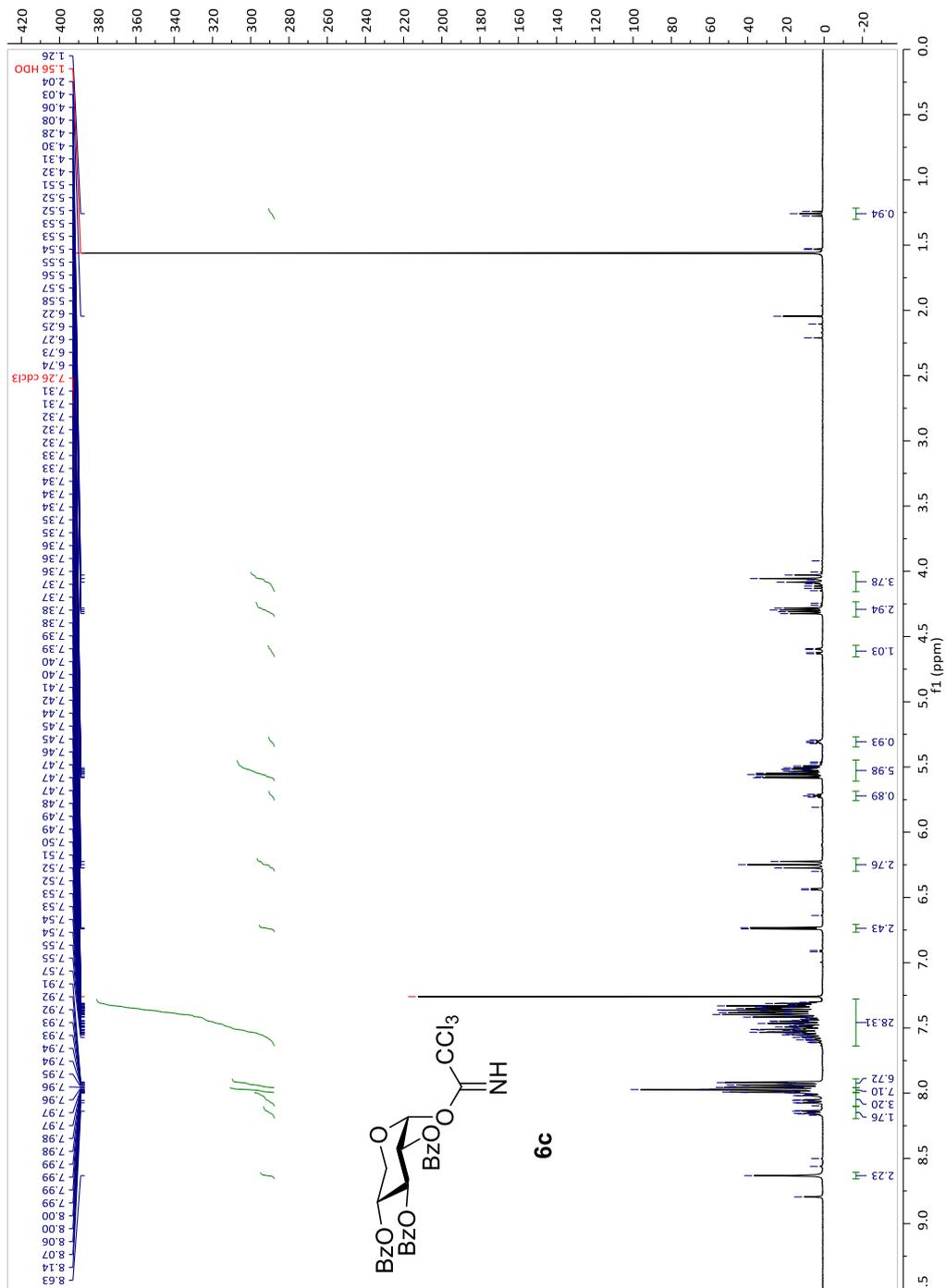
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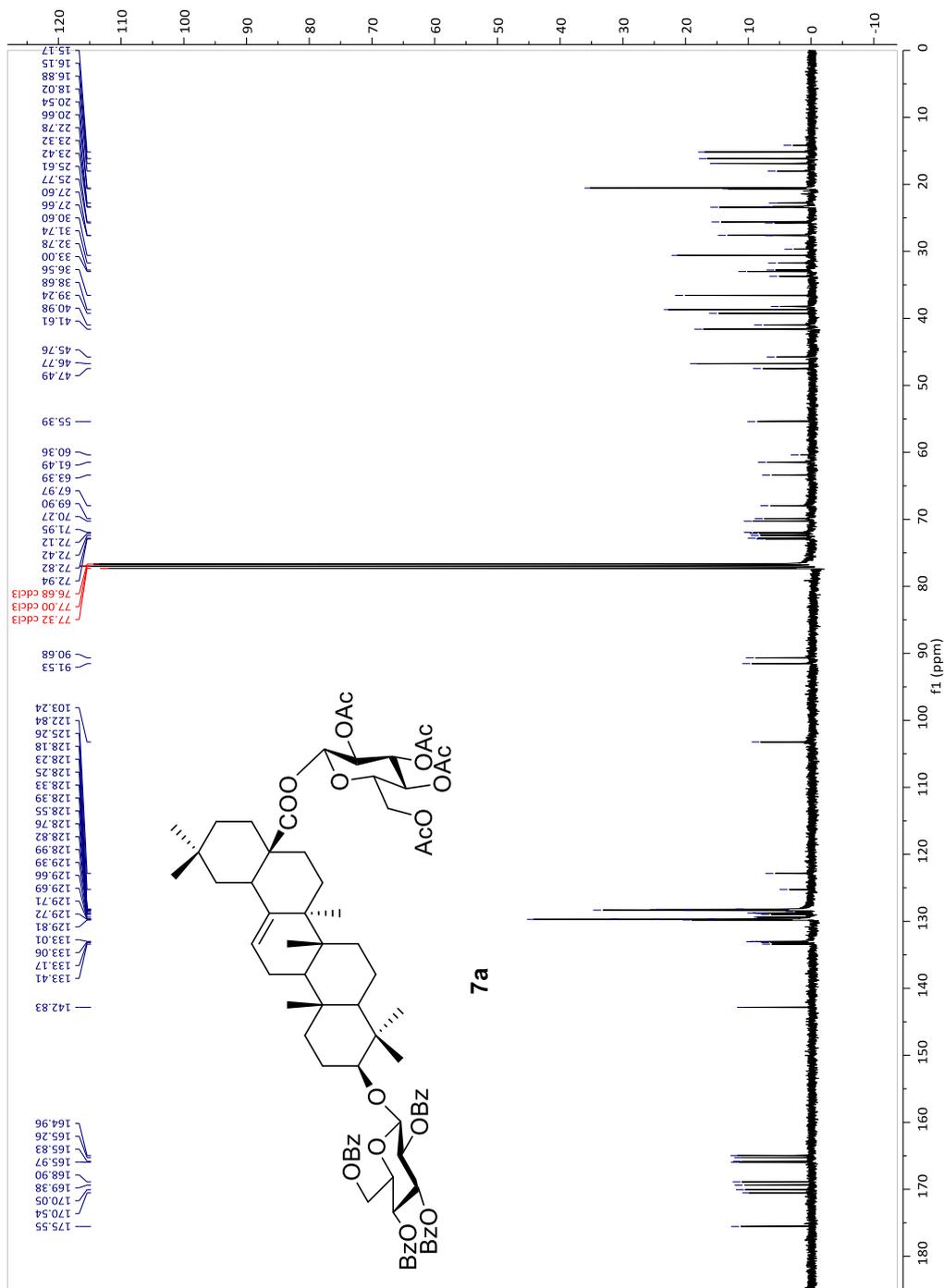


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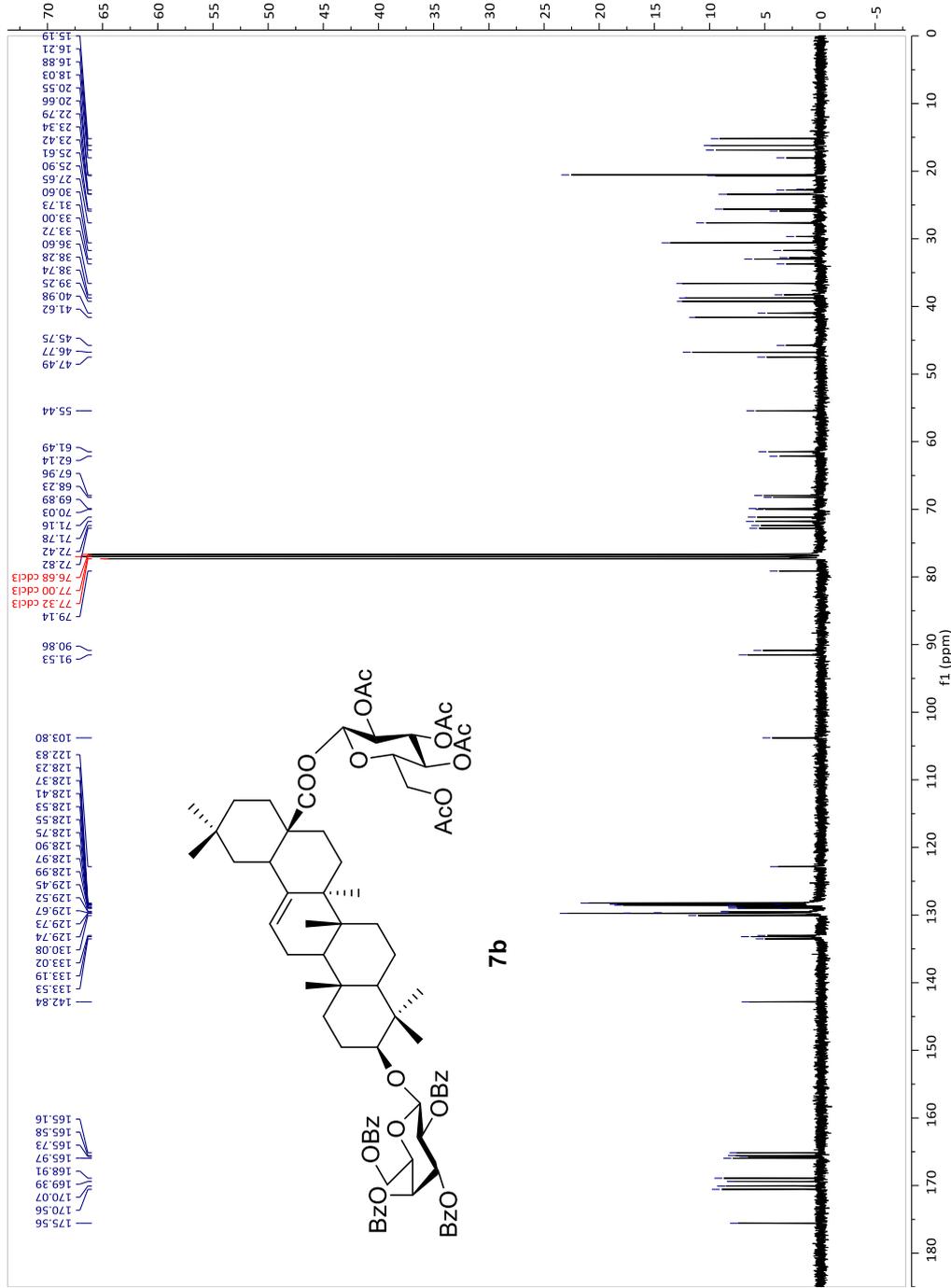
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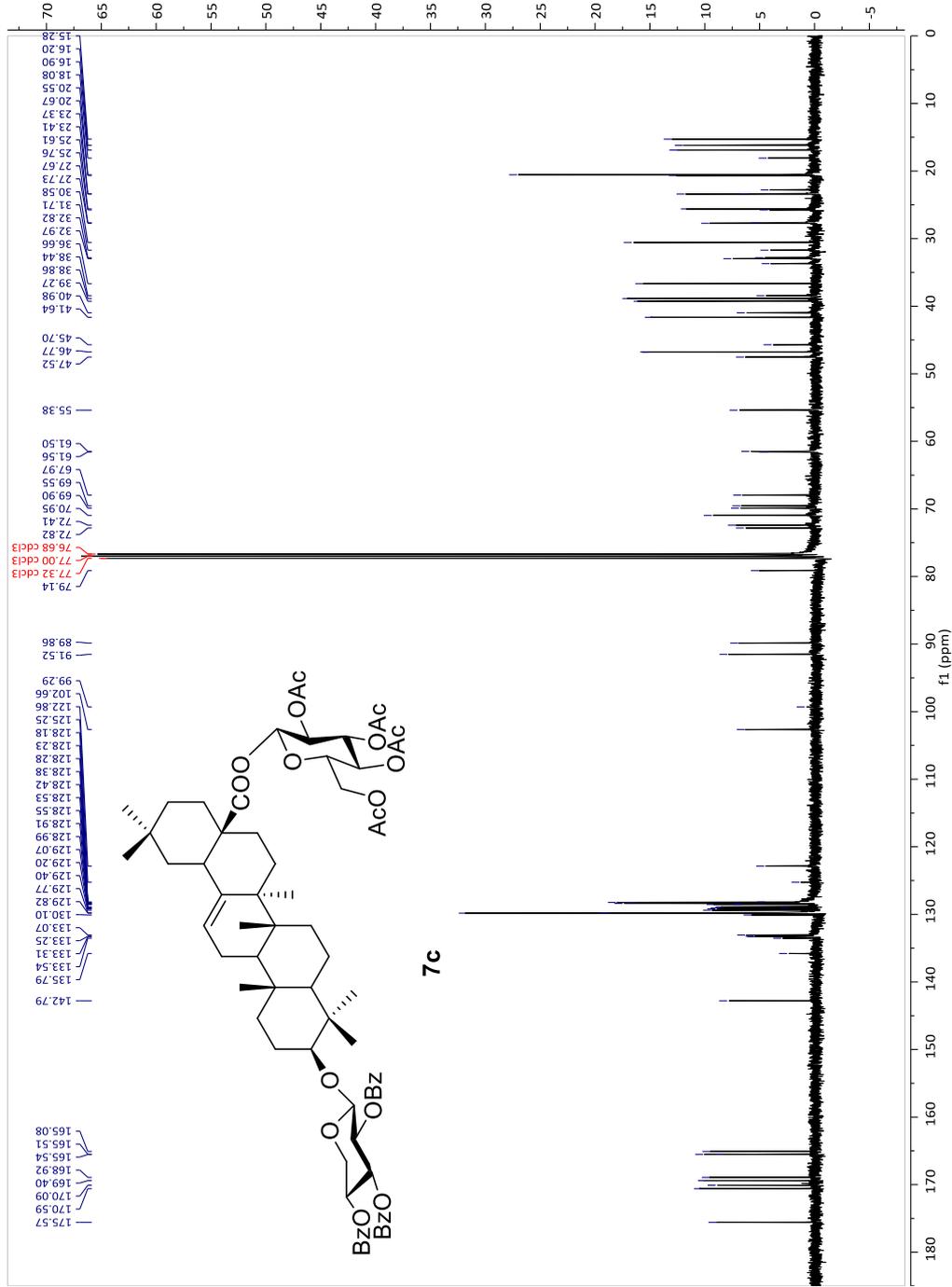
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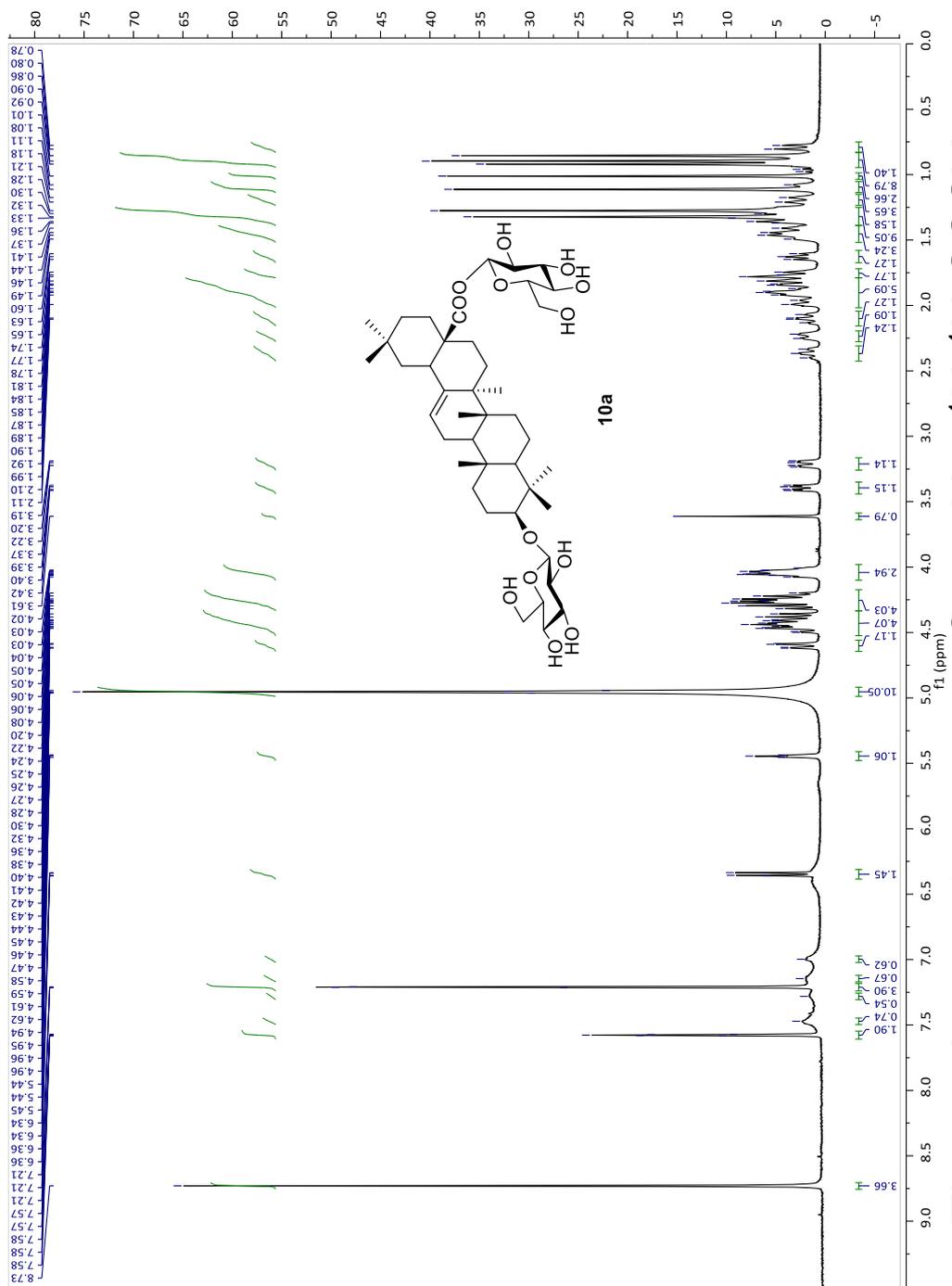


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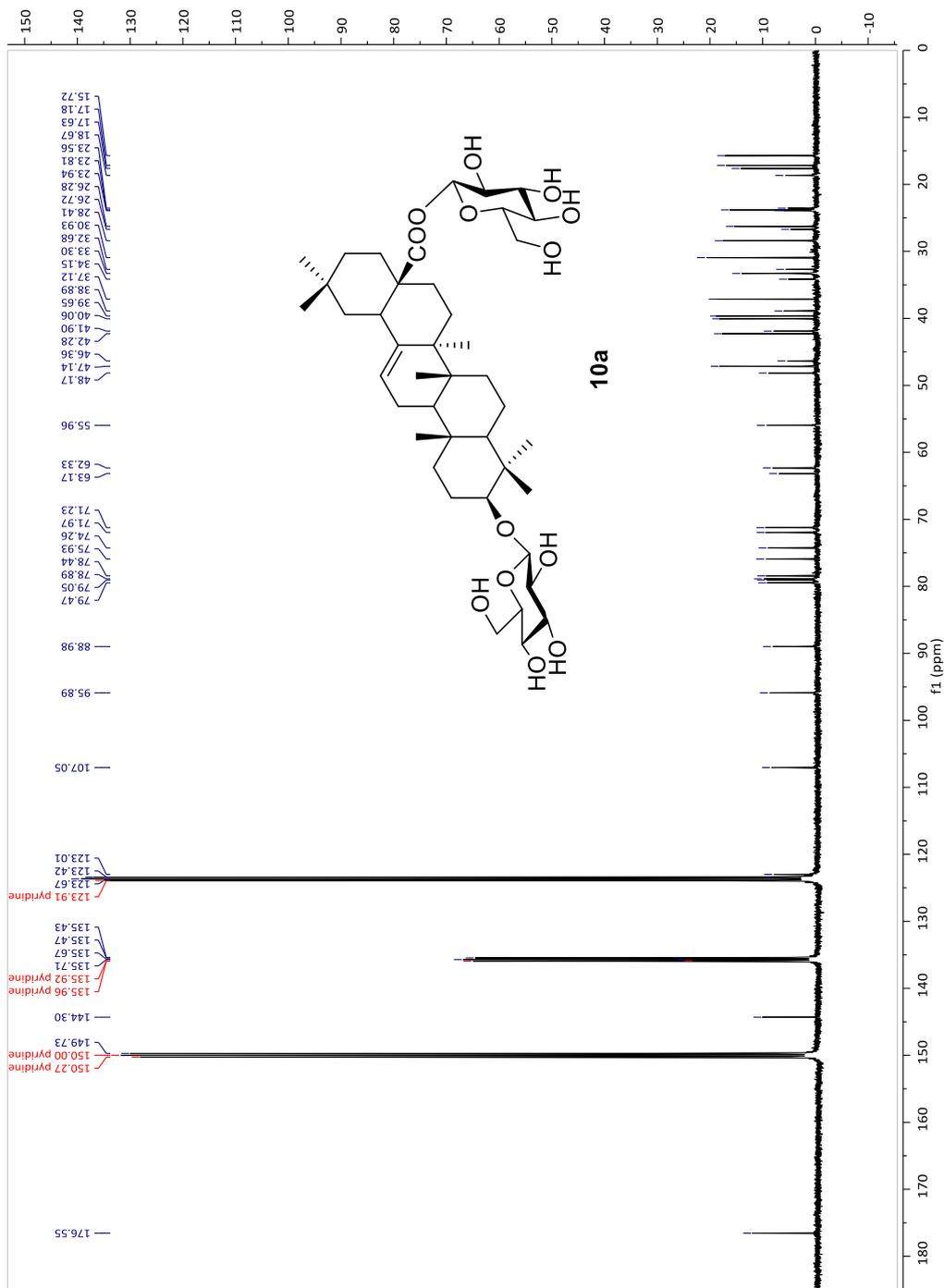
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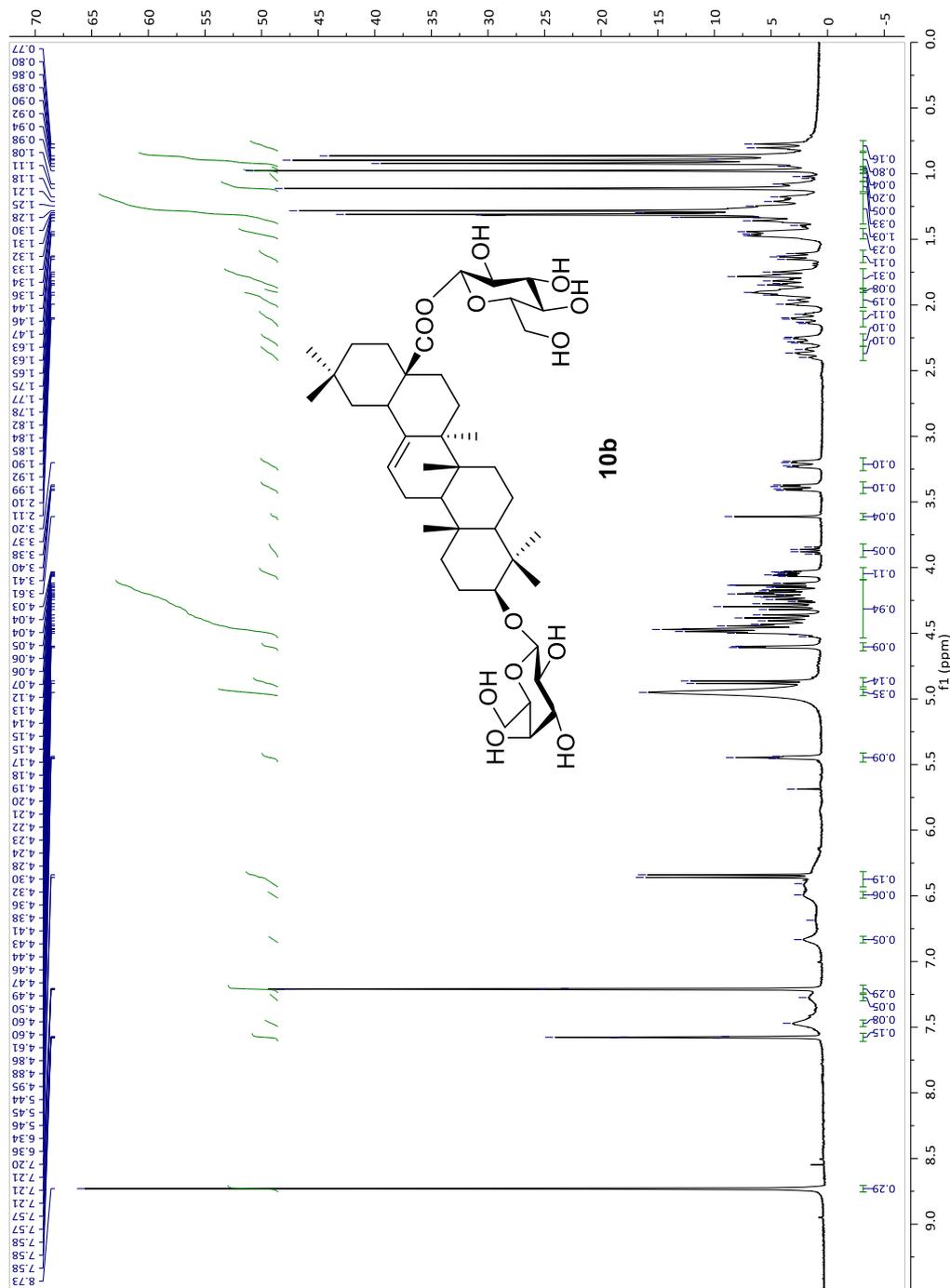
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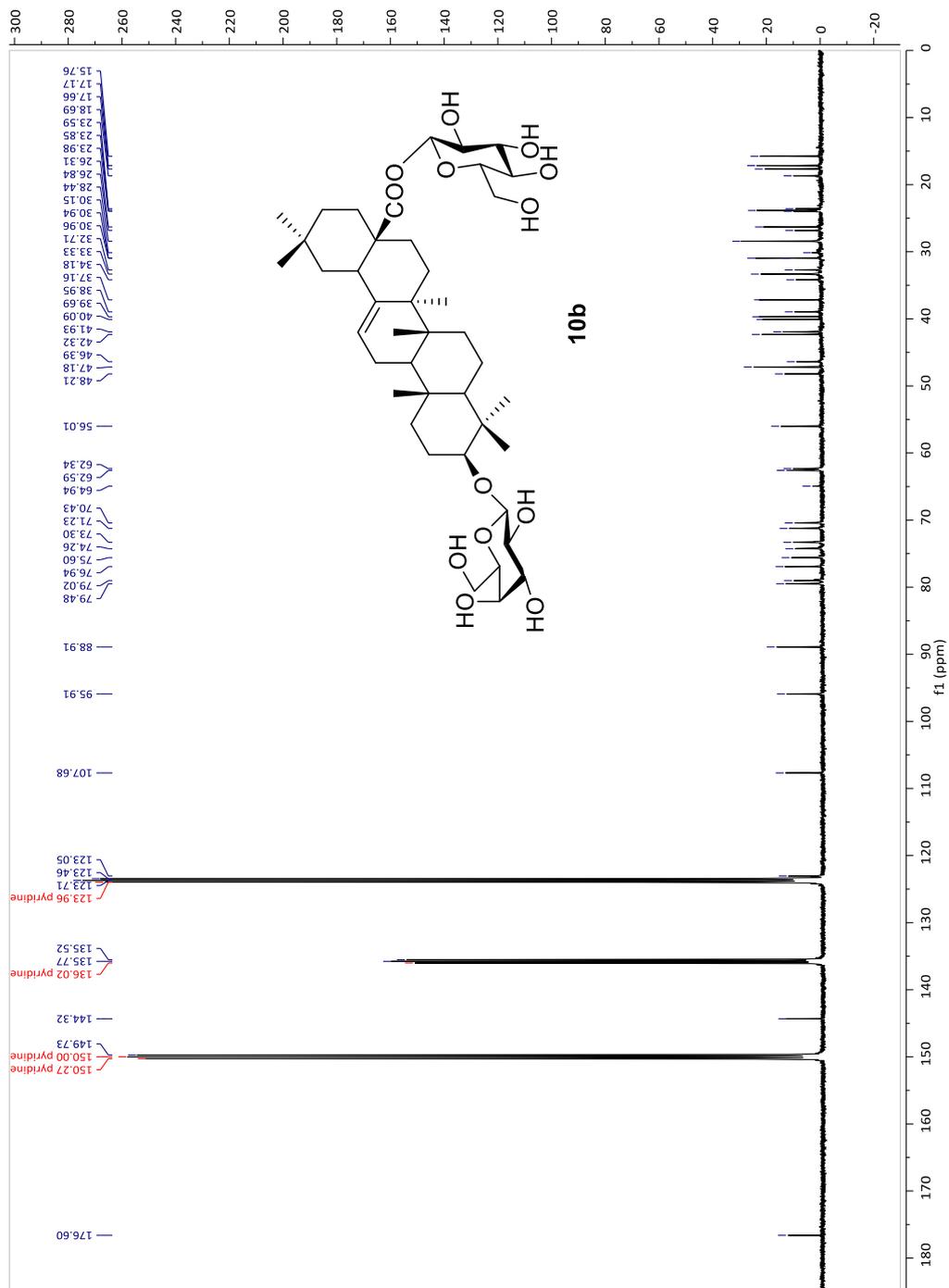
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# 400-MR DD2 (400 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )



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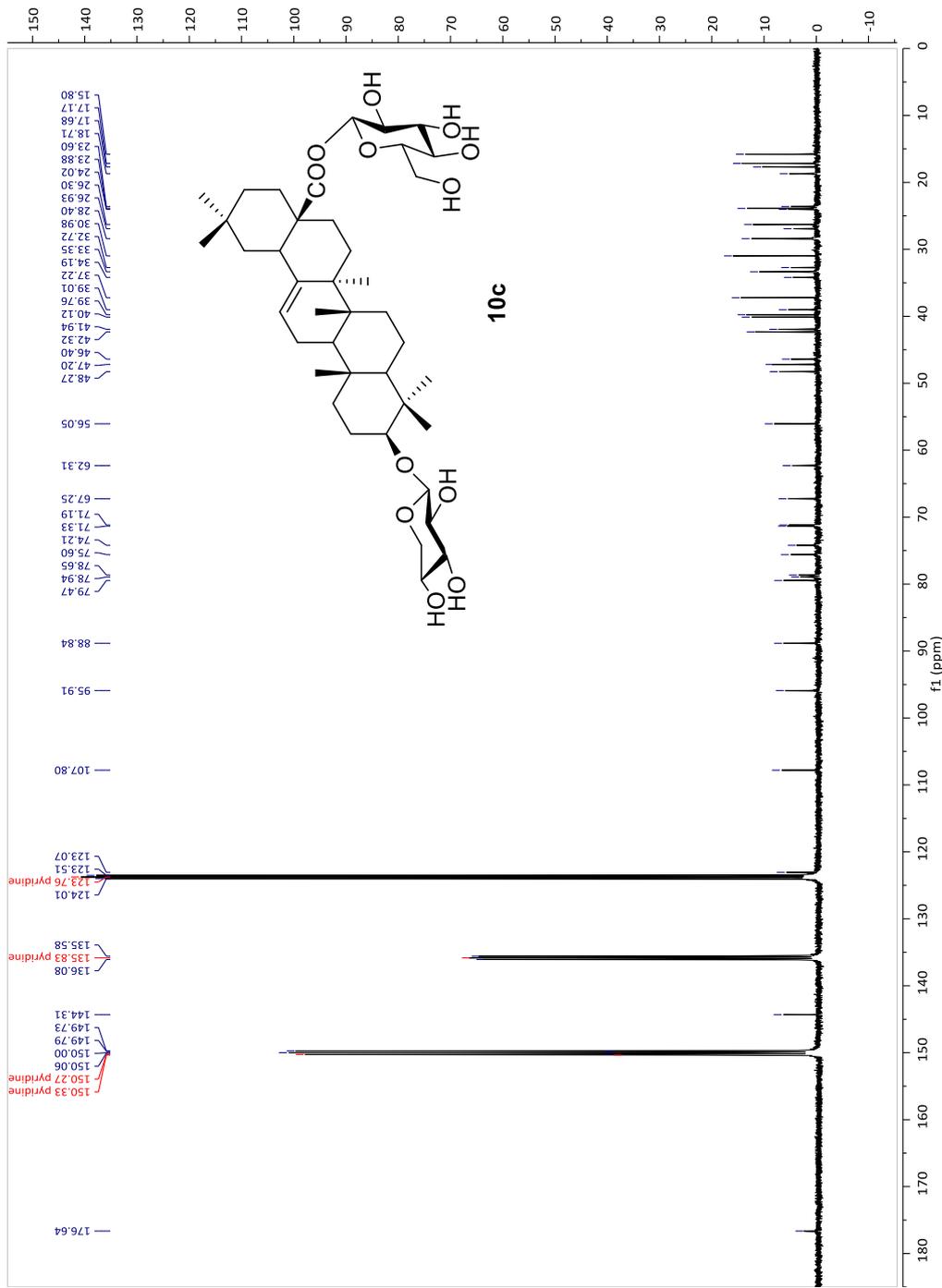
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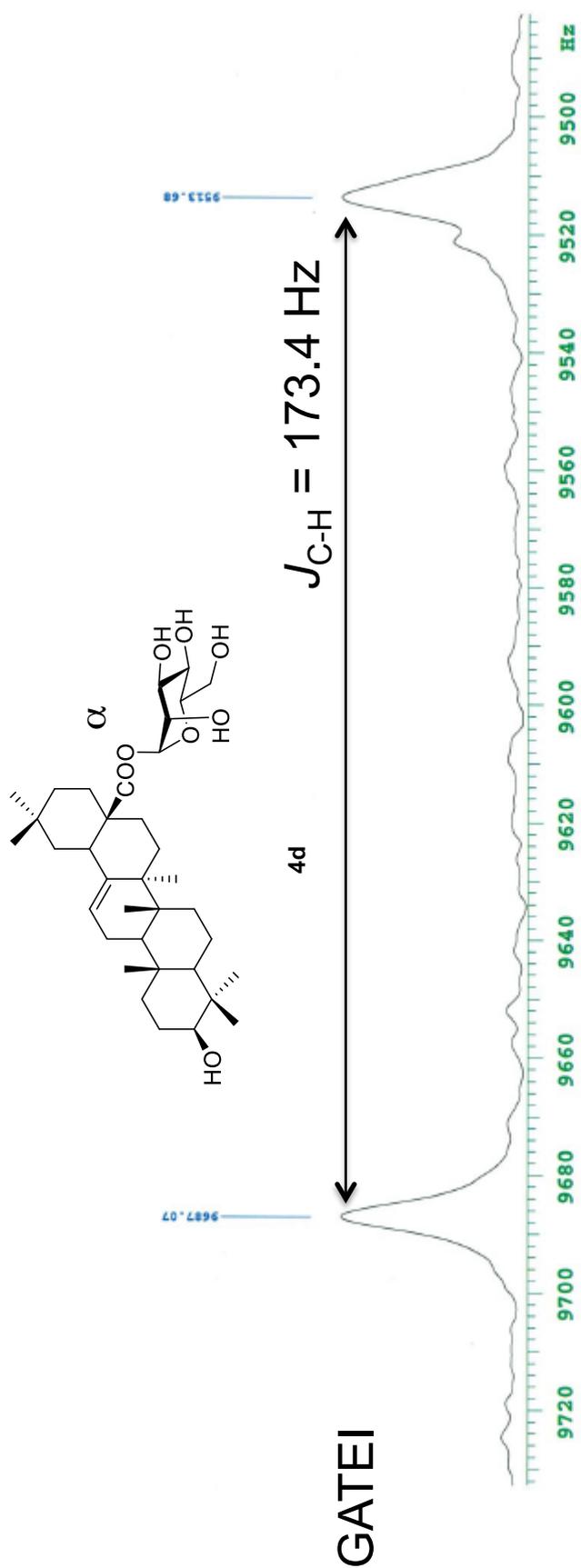


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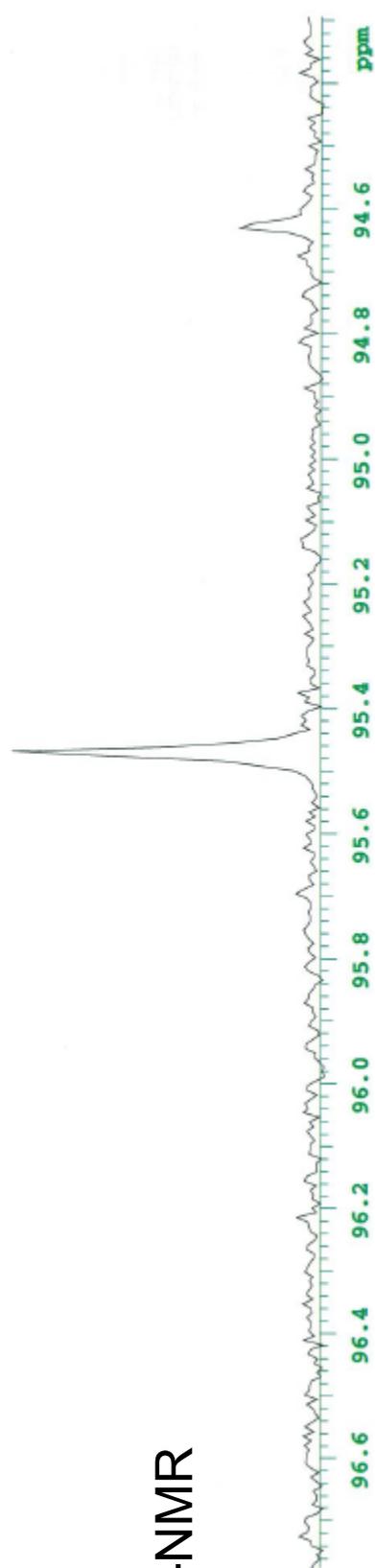


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## IV-2. GATEI chart of prepared compounds



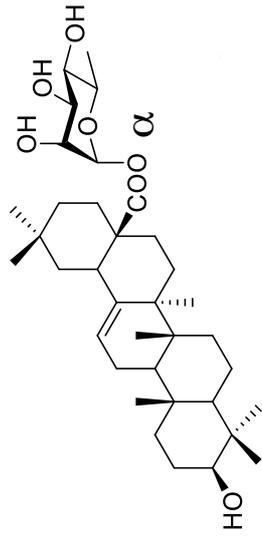
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$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$

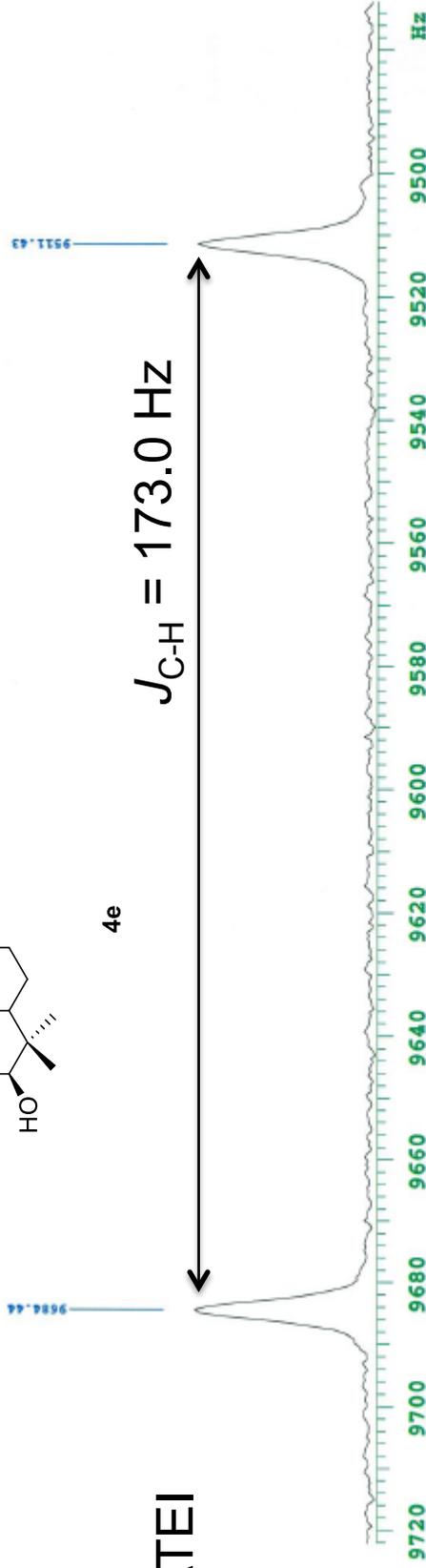
NMR DD2 400NB (400 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )

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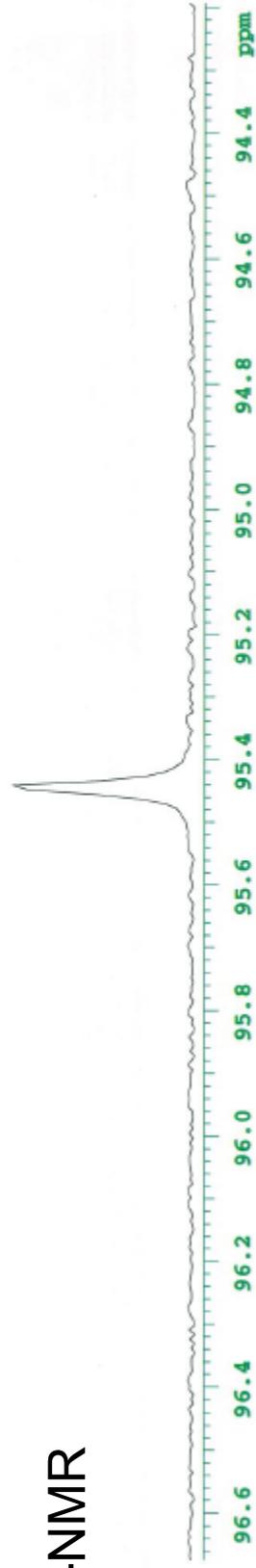
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$$J_{C-H} = 173.0 \text{ Hz}$$



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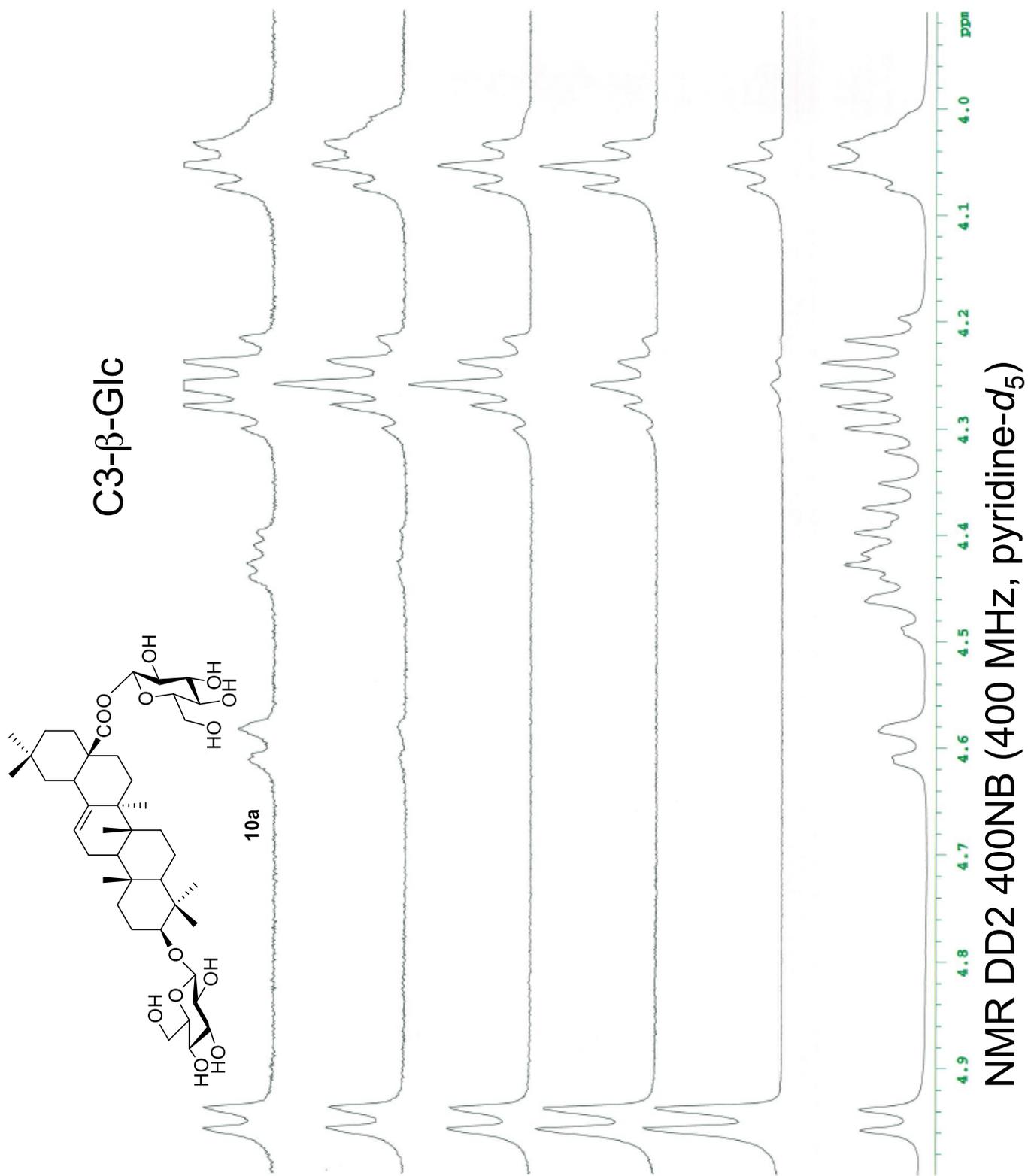
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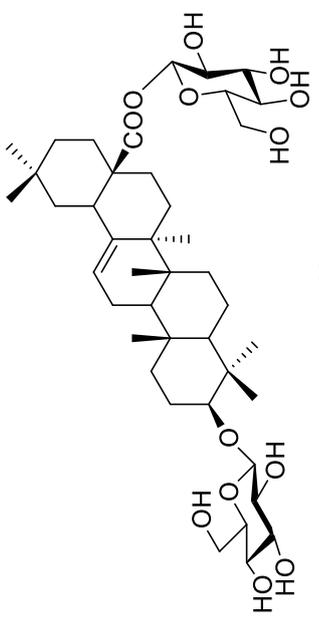


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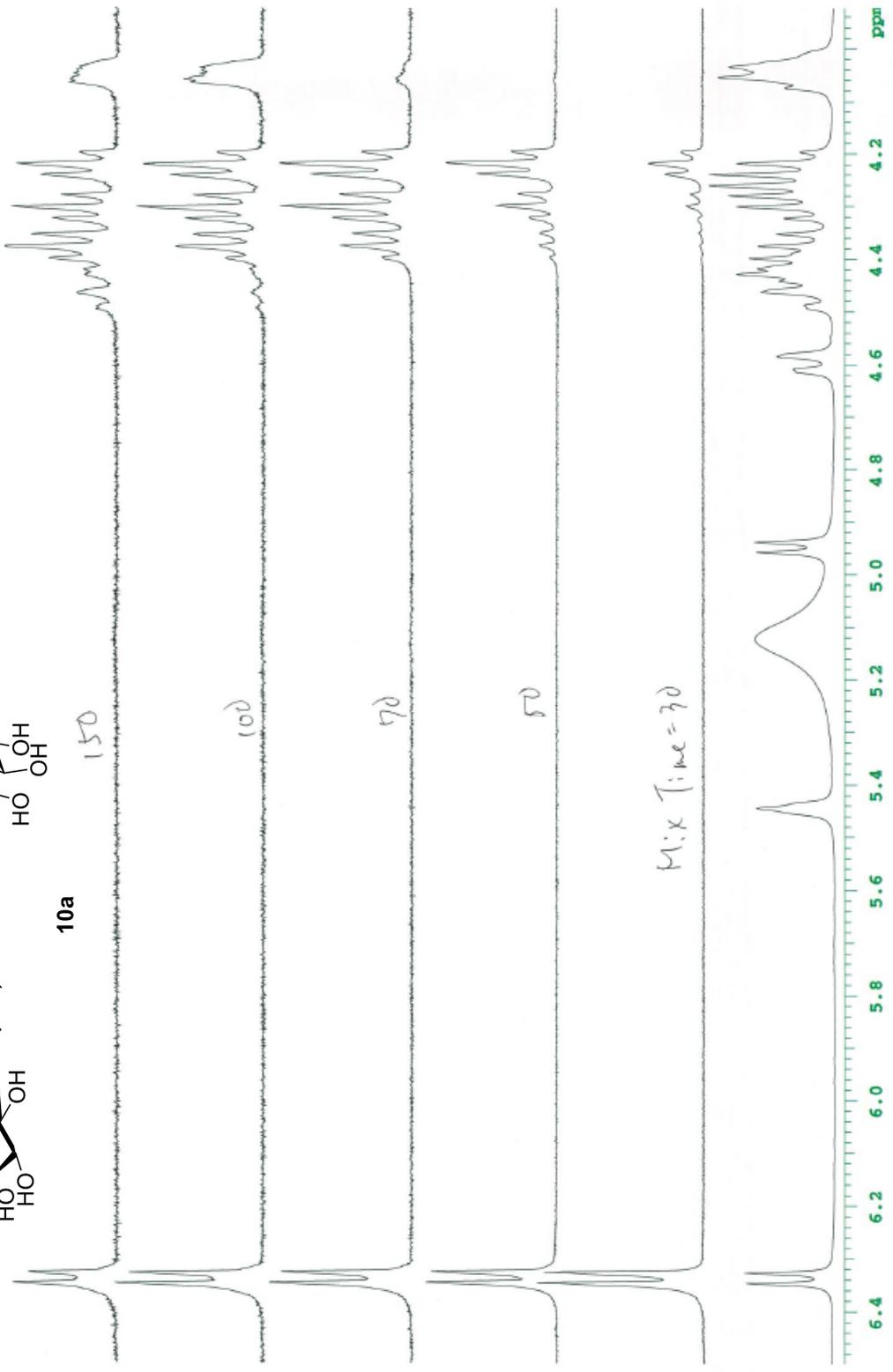
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### IV-3. TOCSY chart of prepared compounds



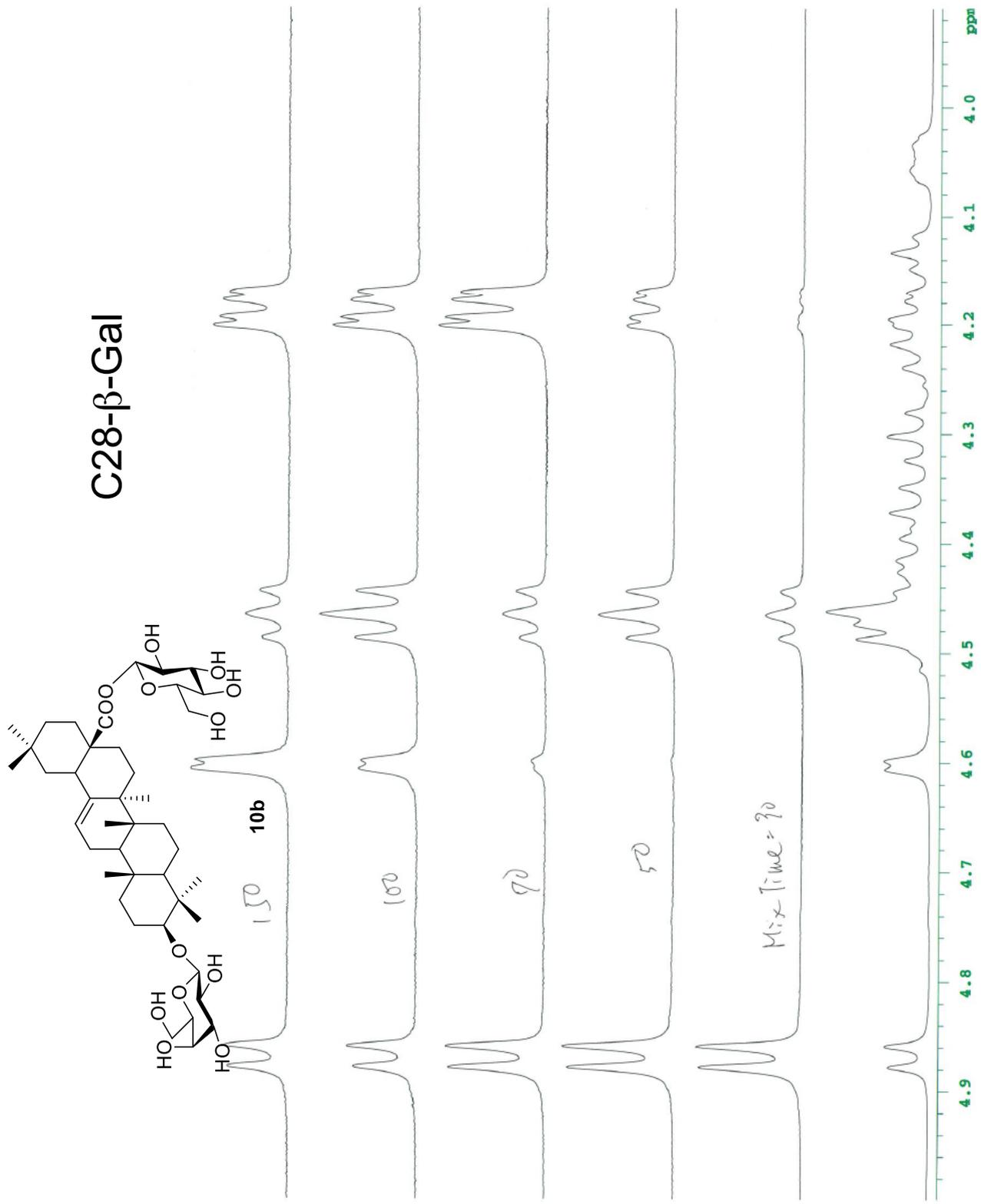


C28-β-Glc

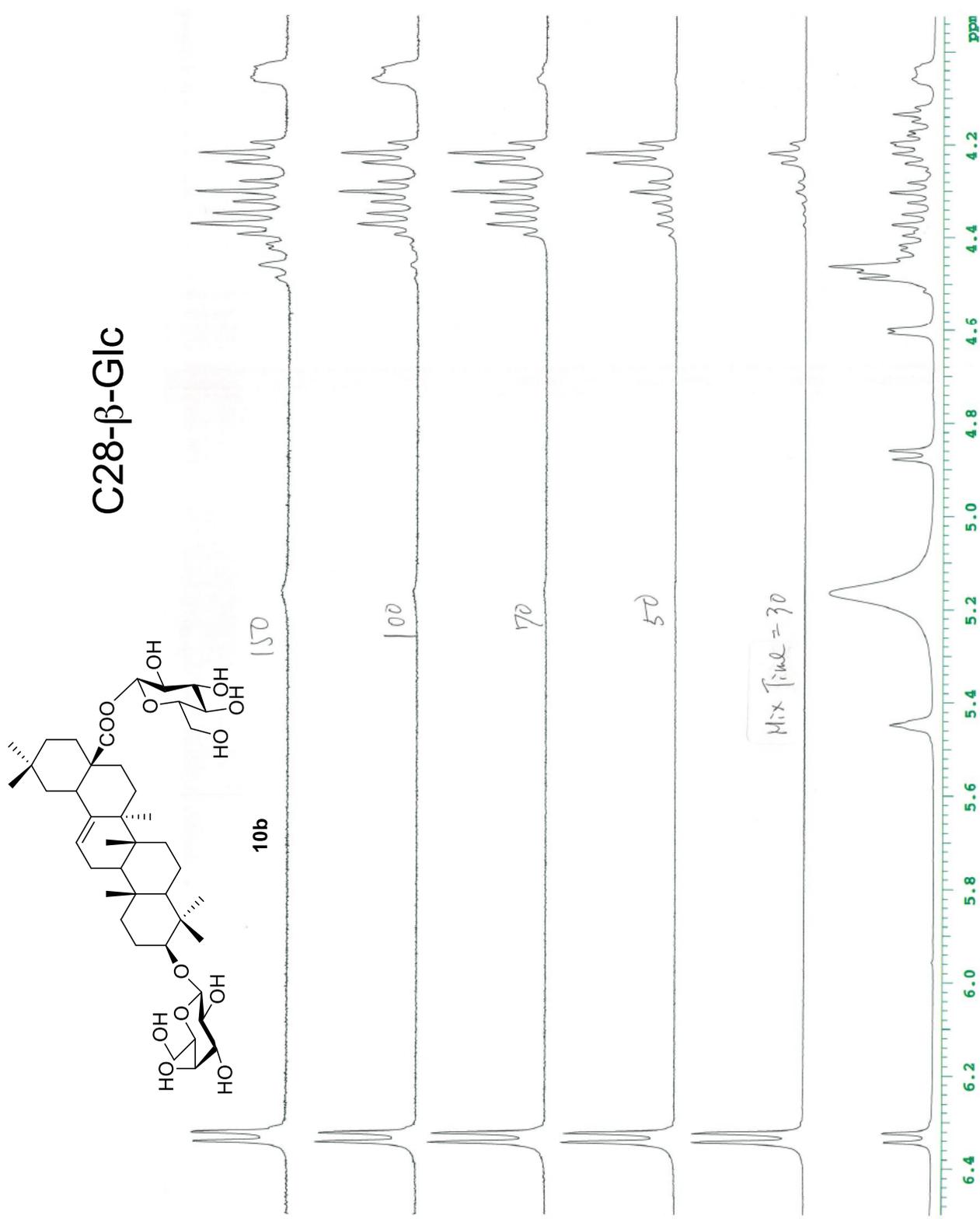


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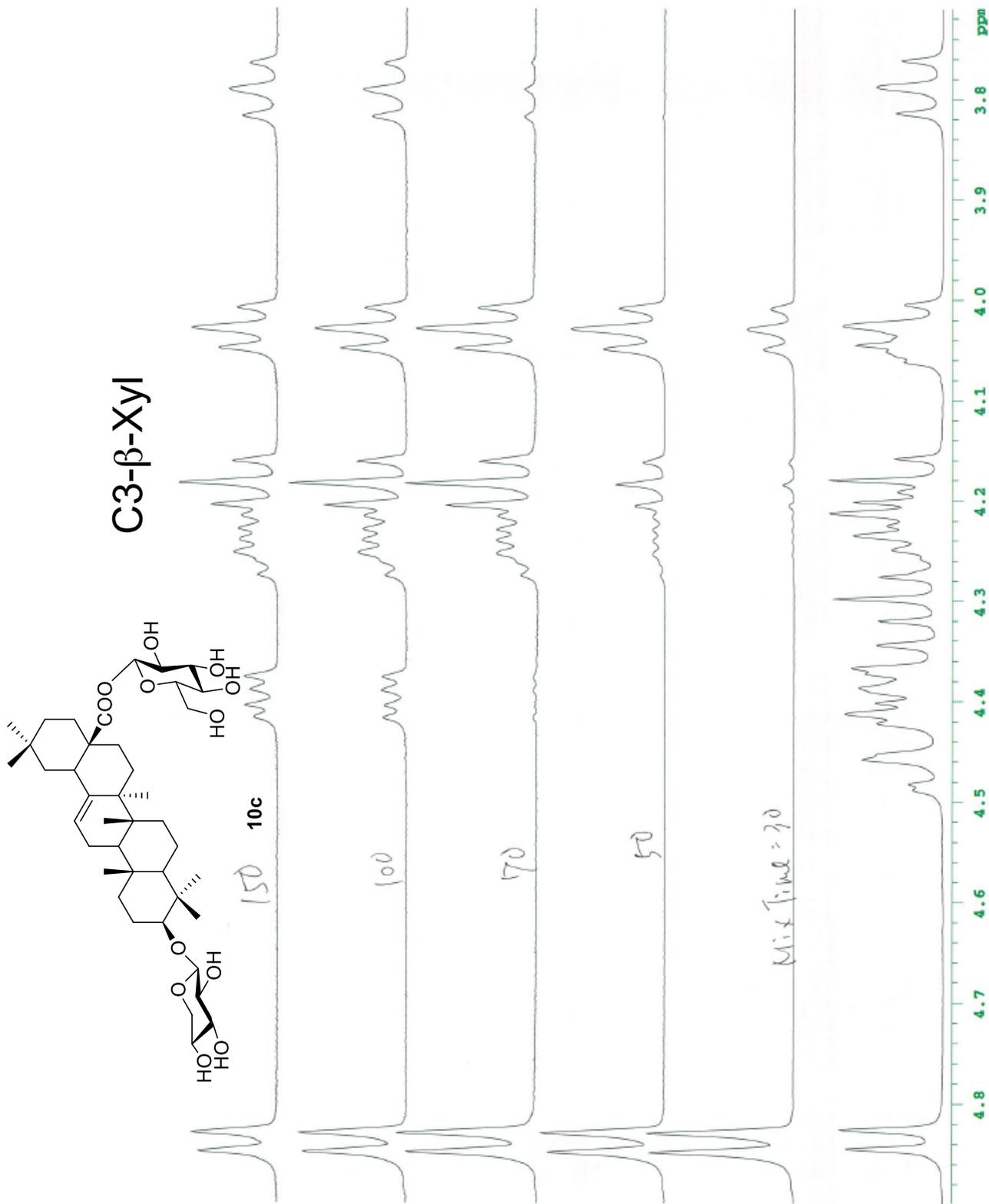
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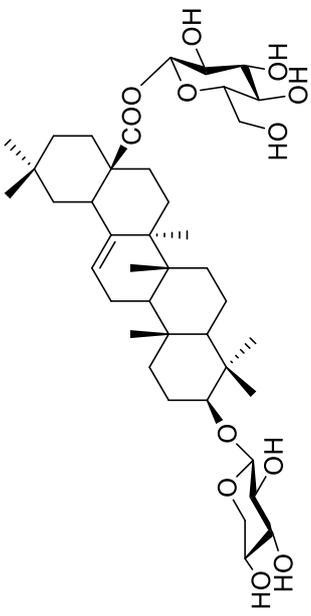
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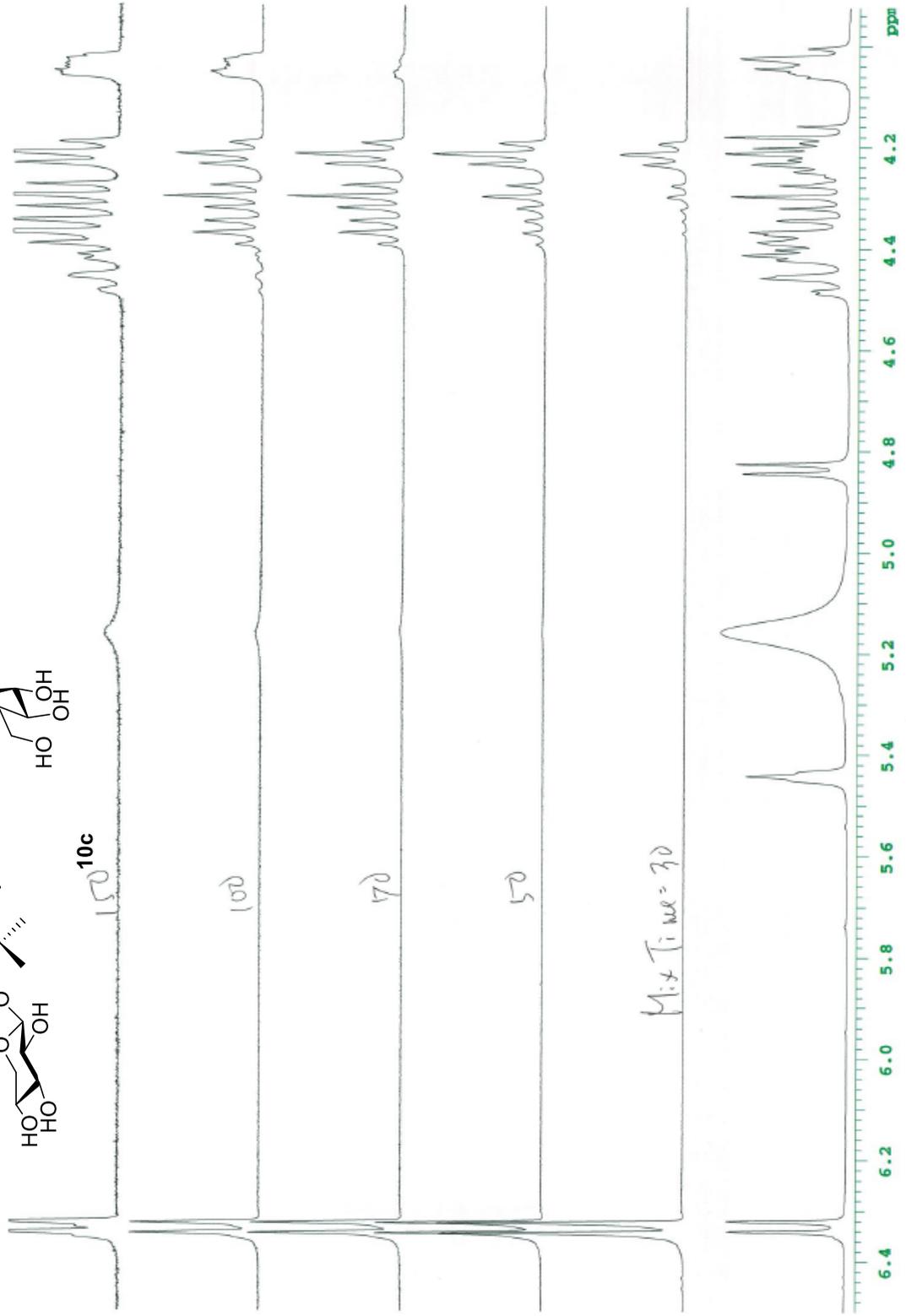
**NMR DD2 400NB (400 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>)**



**NMR DD2 400NB (400 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )**



C28- $\beta$ -Glc

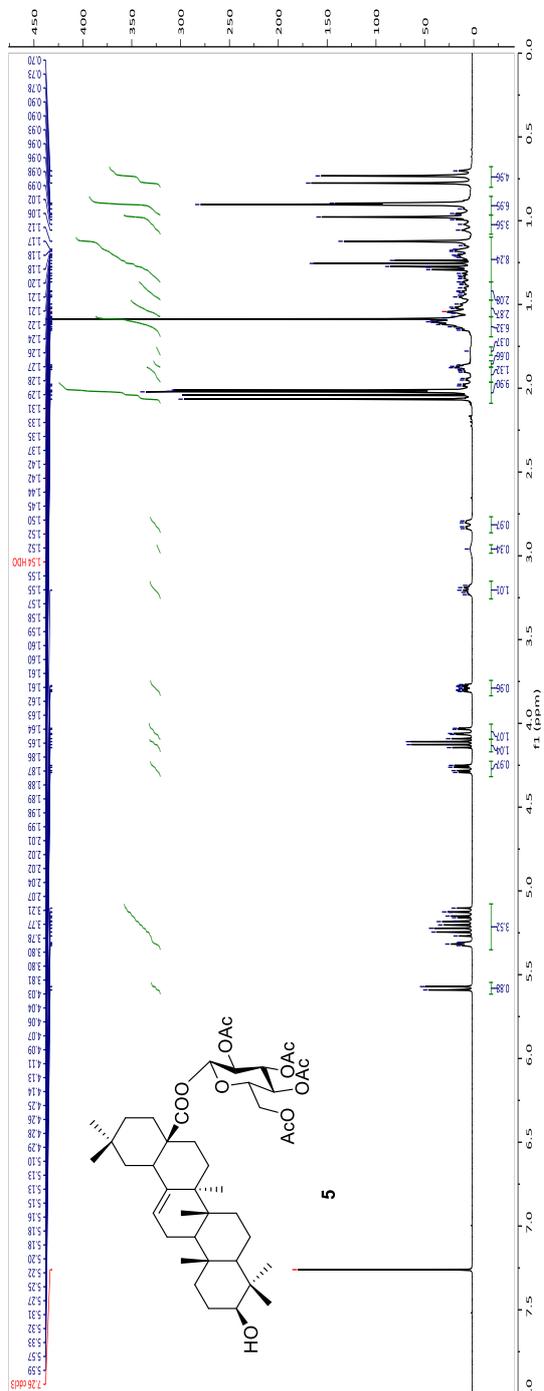


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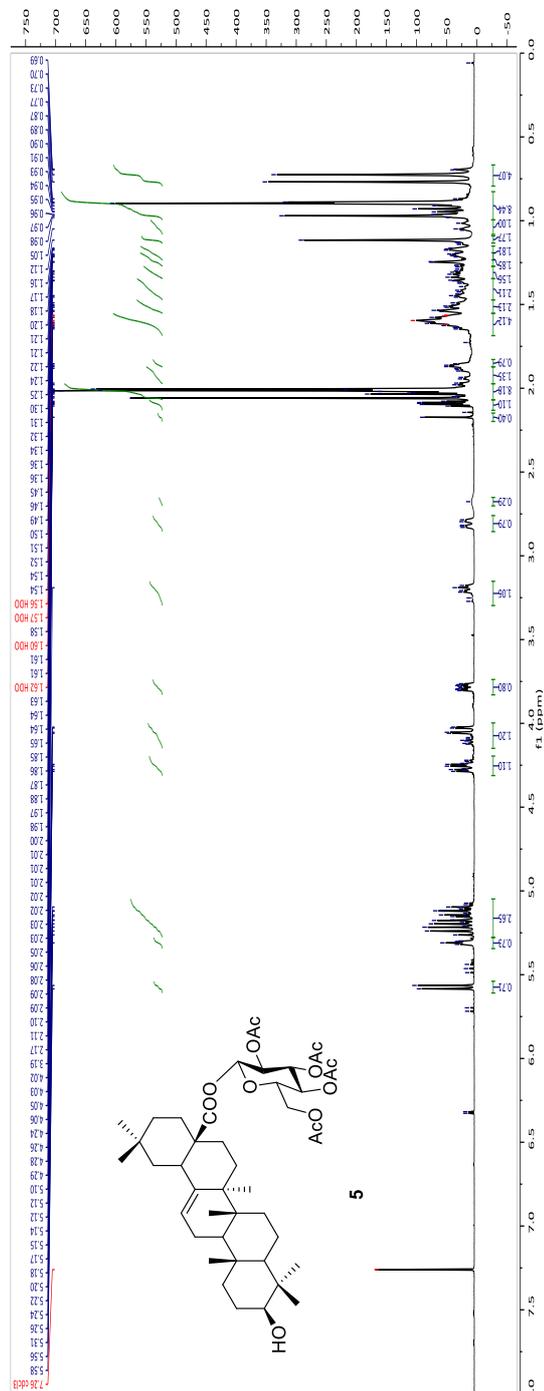
NMR DD2 400NB (400 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )

# IV-4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chart of prepared compound with continuous microfluidic glycosylation-batch deprotection



Stepwise  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
CDCl<sub>3</sub>

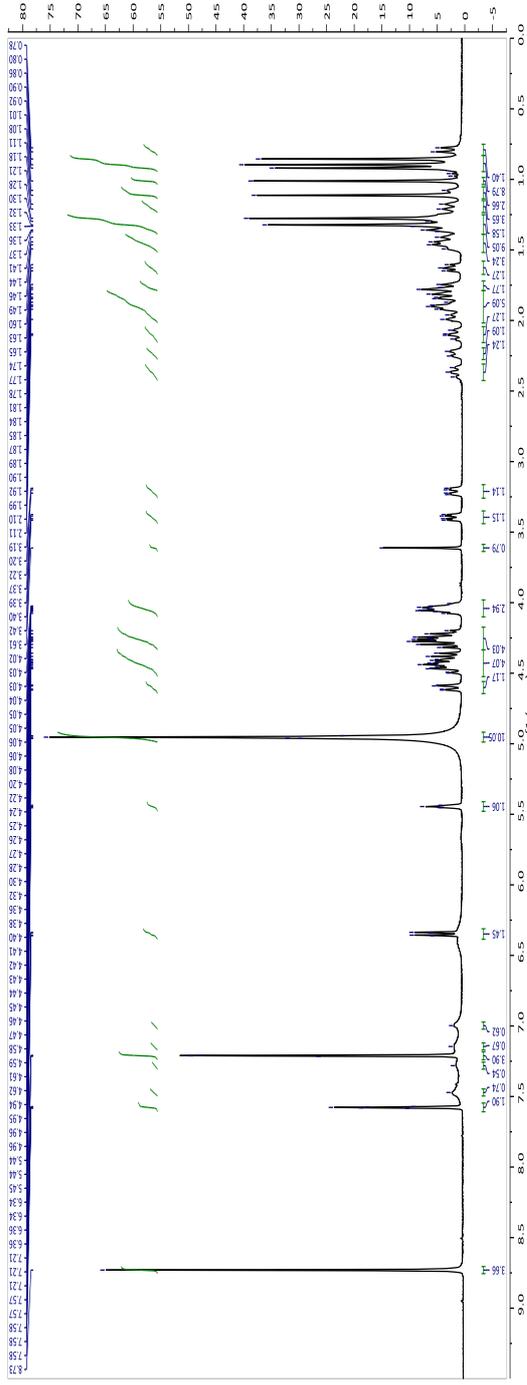
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Continuous  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
CDCl<sub>3</sub>

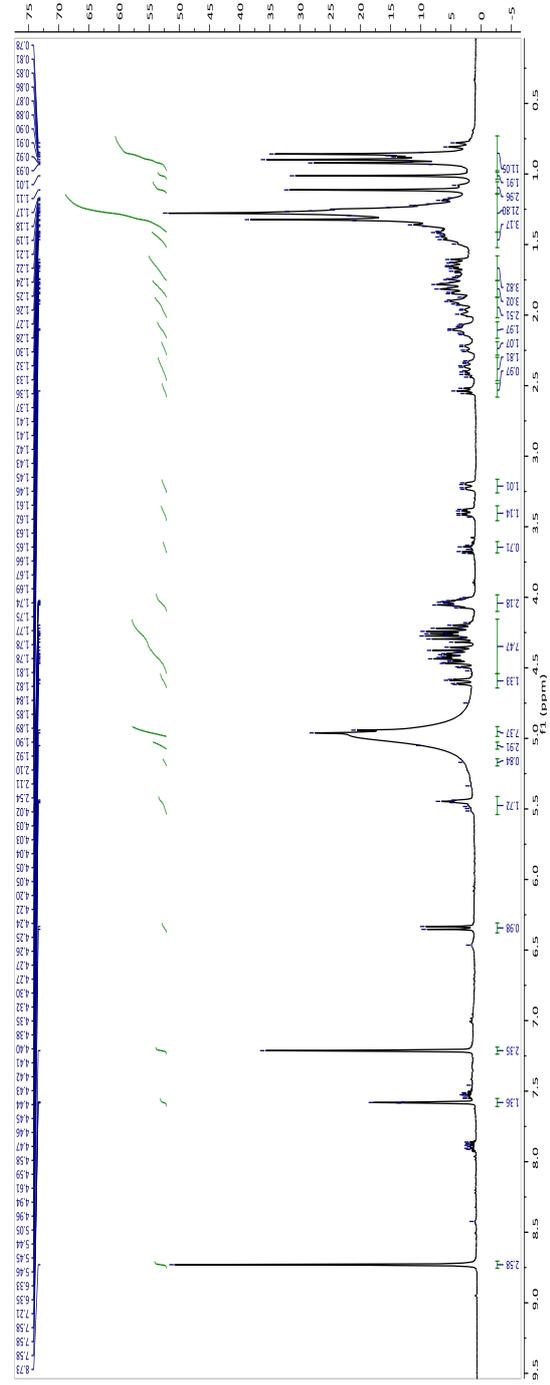
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Stepwise  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>



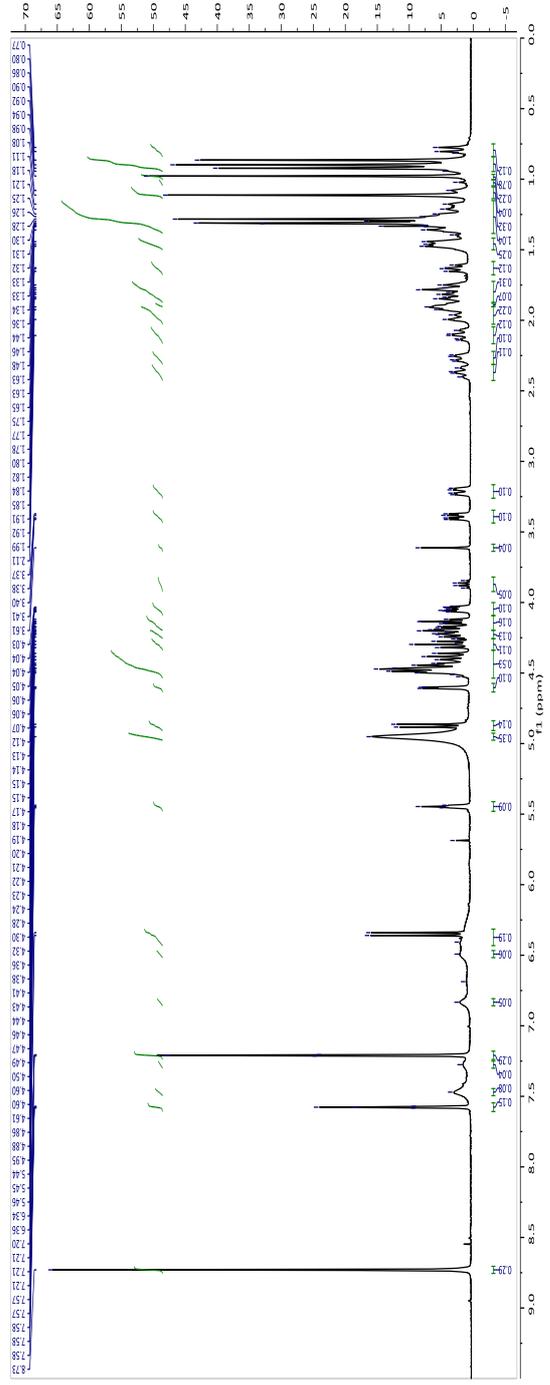
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Cotinuous  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>



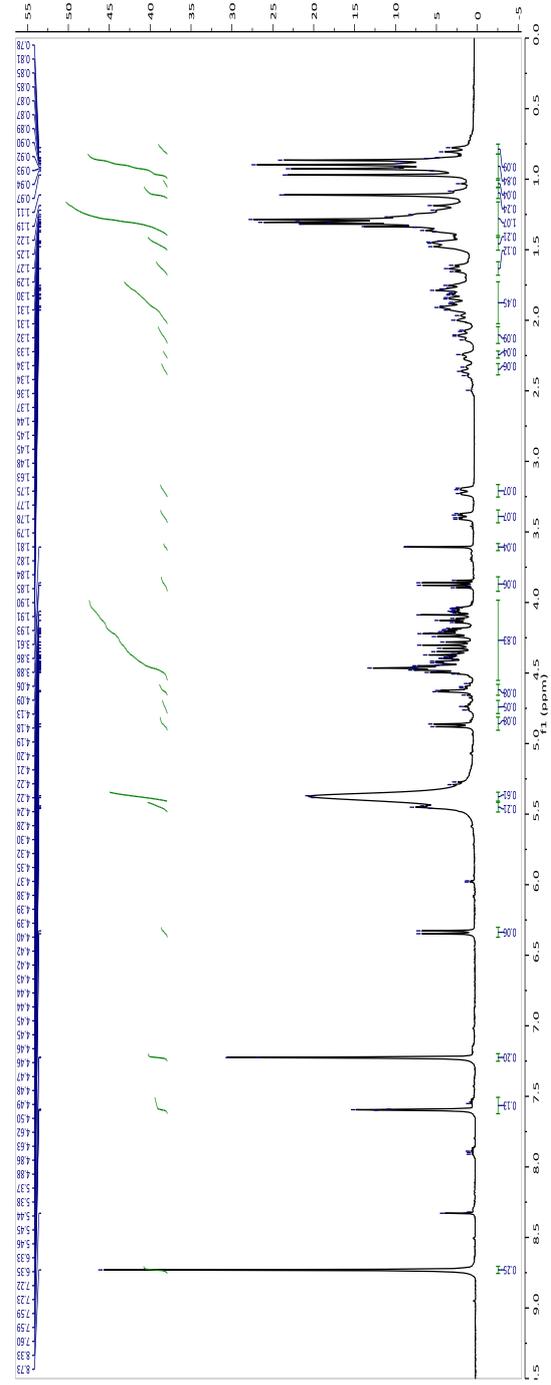
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DD2  
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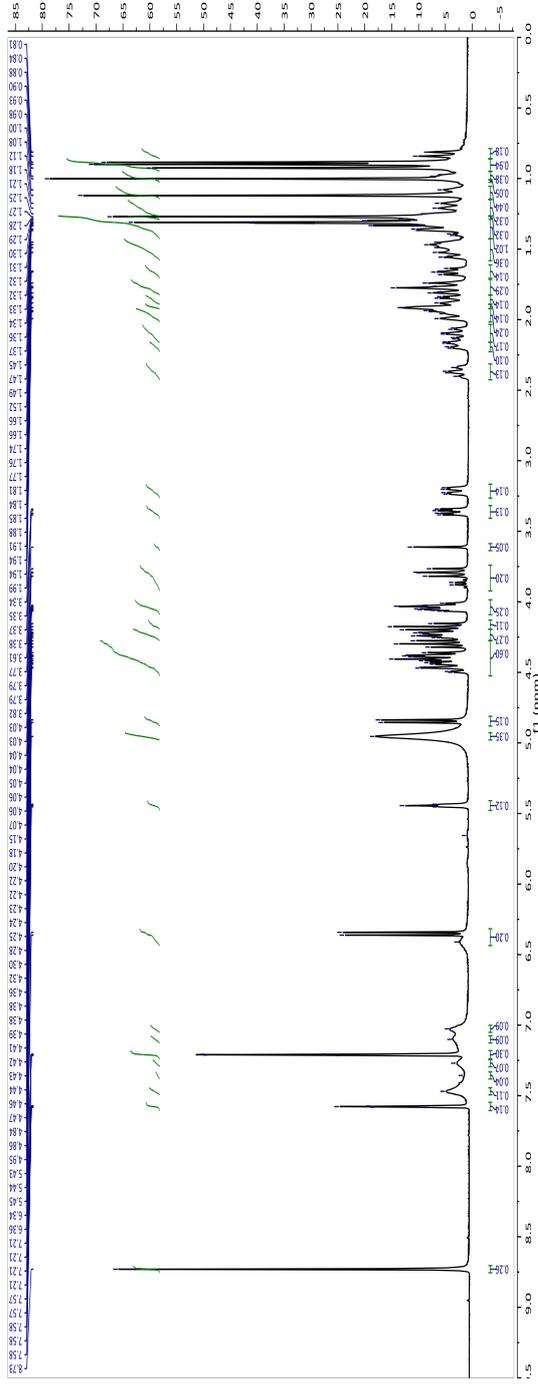
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Cotinuous  
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400-MR  
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400 MHz  
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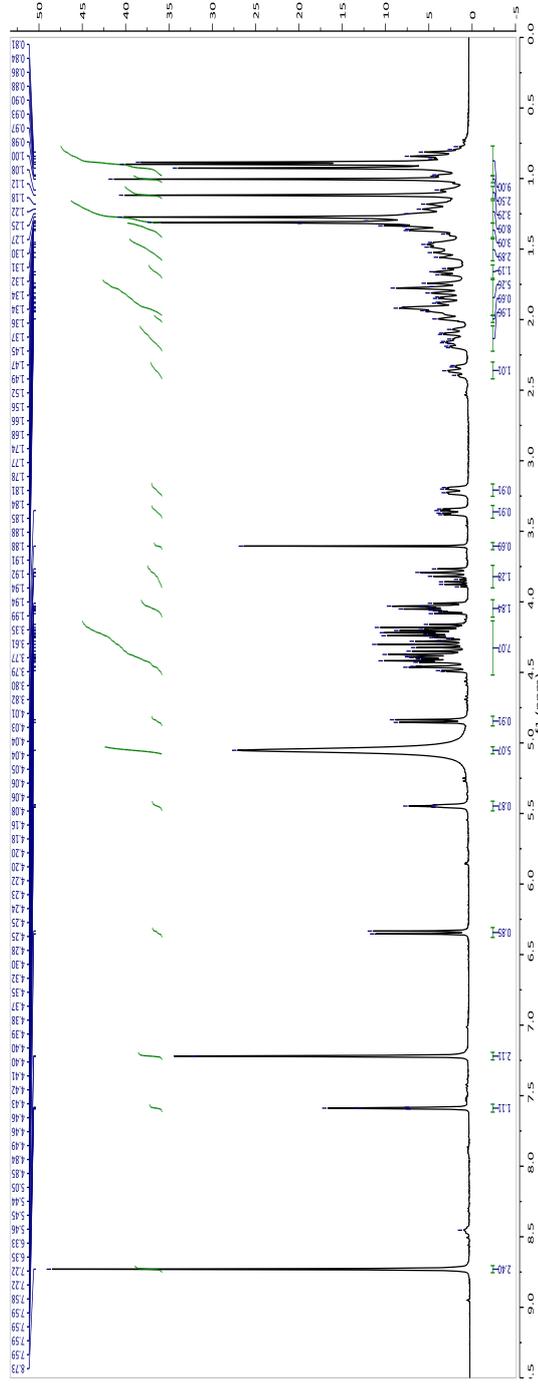
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Stepwise  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>



S73

Cotinuous  
synthesis  
400-MR  
DD2  
400 MHz  
pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>



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