

**Total Synthesis of Clerocidin via a Novel, Enantioselective
Homoallenylboration Methodology**

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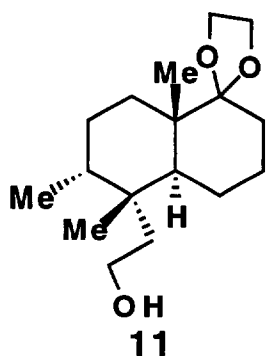
Supporting Information

General techniques. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in dry, freshly distilled solvents under anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled from sodium/benzophenone; dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), HMPA and toluene from calcium hydride; DMF from calcium chloride. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated. Reagents were purchased at highest commercial quality and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as visualizing agent and 7% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid, or *p*-anisaldehyde solution and heat as developing agents. E. Merck silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) was used for flash chromatography. Preparative thin-layer chromatography separations were carried out on 0.25 or 0.50 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254). NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 or 500 instrument and calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent as an internal reference. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet; d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer

Model 781 spectrometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a VG 7070 HS mass spectrometer under chemical ionization (CI) conditions or on a VG ZAB-ZSE mass spectrometer under fast atom bombardment (FAB) conditions.

Alcohol 11

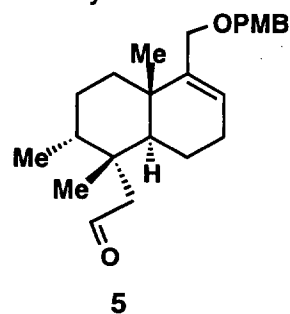
The higher homolog of the Wieland-Miescher ketone was obtained in enantiomerically pure form (>95%, HPLC) *via* a L-phenylalanine-mediated Robinson annulation, followed by two recrystallizations from ether/hexanes as described by: Brunner, S. D.; Radeke, H. S.; Tallarico, J. A.; Snapper, M. L. *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, *60*, 1114. Uma, M. R.; Swaminathan, S.; Rajagopalan, K. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, *25*, 5825.



11: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.33$ (silica, 70% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]^{25}_D$: -16.8 ($c = 2.2$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 3355, 2952, 2878, 1454, 1381, 1186, 1031, 937; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.94 (m, 3H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.22 (m, 14H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 113.8, 65.5, 65.0, 59.3, 43.9, 43.1, 42.7, 37.5, 36.1,

30.4, 25.0, 23.7, 23.2, 21.3, 20.1, 17.7, 15.0; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}^+ \text{H}^+$) 283.2275, found 283.2271.

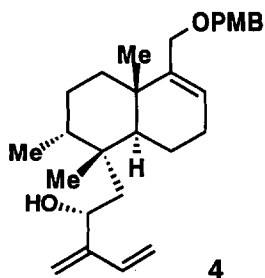
Aldehyde 5



5: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.50$ (silica, 50% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]^{25}_D$: +16.3 ($c = 5.1$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 2932, 2858, 1716, 1515, 1246, 1045, 823; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.91 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.56 (bs, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.96 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H),

3.86 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.37 (dd, $J = 15.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, $J = 15.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.08-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.24 (m, 6H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 159.4, 144.4, 130.9, 129.6, 124.3, 114.0, 71.9, 70.7, 55.4, 54.0, 44.5, 39.5, 38.0, 36.6, 29.3, 26.4, 25.4, 22.4, 21.7, 18.4, 15.6; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_3$ (M^+ Cs^+) 503.1561, found 503.1582.

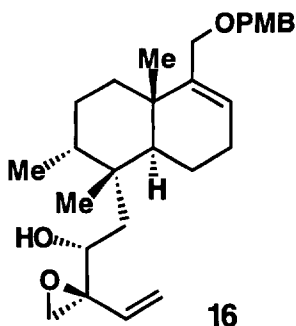
Alcohol 4



To a mixture of L-DIPT (0.54 ml, 2.60 mmol), powdered molecular sieves (0.5 g), and toluene (5 ml) was added diisopropyl 2,3-butadien-1-ylboronate (0.27 ml, 1.30 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 1 h, and then connected to a vacuum (15 mmHg) for approximately 3 h under stirring.

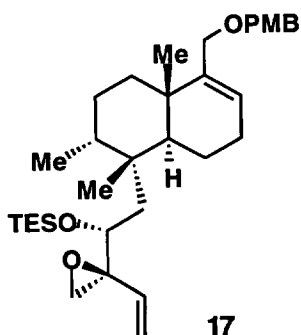
Argon was then allowed into the flask, followed by toluene (2 ml). The mixture was cooled to -78°C , and treated with a solution of aldehyde 5 (324 mg, 0.87 mmol) in toluene (5 ml). After stirring for 72 h at -78°C , the reaction mixture was quenched with water, allowed to warm to 25°C and extracted with Et_2O (3 X 10 ml). The combined ethereal solutions were concentrated, dried over MgSO_4 , and the residue purified by flash chromatography (silica, 0-10% ether in hexanes) to afford alcohol 4 (0.30 g, 0.72 mmol, 83%, 71% de). 4: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.5$ (silica, 50% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]_D^{25} : +21.9$ ($c = 0.5, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$); IR (film) ν_{max} 3442, 2927, 2860, 1611, 1514, 1247, 1035, 904, 823; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, $J = 13.5, 22.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.58-5.53 (m, 2H), 5.18-5.10 (m, 3H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.96 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.22-1.20 (m, 14H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 151.5, 144.8, 135.5, 131.1, 129.5, 124.2, 116.0, 114.0, 113.5, 71.8, 70.8, 70.5, 55.4, 45.6, 45.2, 38.5, 38.0, 35.6, 29.8, 29.4, 26.8, 26.7, 25.6, 22.1, 21.2, 18.0, 15.5; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_3$ (M^+ Na^+) 447.2875, found 447.2890.

Epoxide 16



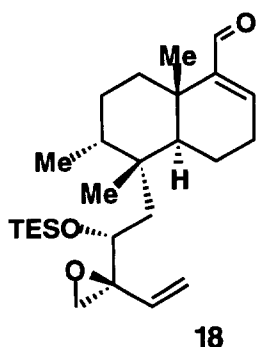
To a stirring suspension of alcohol **4** (0.30 g, 0.72 mmol) and 4 Å powdered, activated molecular sieves (0.10 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 ml) at -20°C , were added sequentially D-diethyl tartrate (38.2 μl , 0.18 mmol) and $(i\text{PrO})_4\text{Ti}$ (47.6 μl , 0.16 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at -20°C under argon for 30 min and then treated with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (0.26 ml, 5.0-6.0 M in decane, 1.44 mmol). After stirring at -20°C for 6 h, water (1 ml) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm to 25°C . The mixture was then treated with sodium hydroxide (0.2 ml of a 30% aqueous solution) and aqueous saturated sodium chloride (10 ml), stirred vigorously for 20 min. and then filtered through a small plug of celite. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was washed with methylene chloride (2 X 10 ml). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (silica, 0-20% ether in hexanes), to furnish epoxide **16** (0.28 g, 0.63 mmol, 88%, 86% de). **16**: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.5$ (silica, 50% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]_D^{25} : +37.40$ ($c = 0.5$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 3460, 2921, 1611, 1514, 1459, 1247, 1035; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.94 (dd, $J = 17.0, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (bs, 1H), 5.38 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, $J = 11.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.04 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.60 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.13-1.27 (m, 12H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 160.0, 145.5, 134.6, 131.9, 129.7, 123.9, 117.6, 114.4, 72.1, 71.4, 68.9, 61.9, 55.0, 52.8, 45.1, 41.6, 38.8, 38.7, 37.3, 29.8, 27.1, 26.4, 23.0, 21.3, 19.1, 16.5; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 463.2824, found 463.2806.

Silyl ether 17



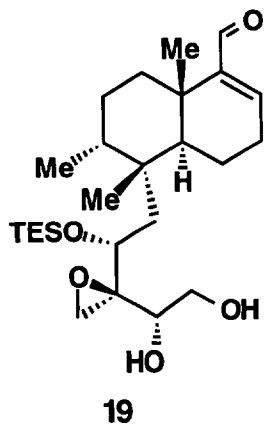
17: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.75$ (silica, 25% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]^{25}_D : +18.48$ ($c = 4.6$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 2952, 2872, 1609, 1515, 1461, 1240, 1085, 743; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.30 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, $J = 17.5, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (bs, 1H), 5.54 (dd, $J = 17.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.02 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 8.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.66 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.04-0.91 (m, 12H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 9H), 0.61 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 160.0, 145.3, 134.2, 131.9, 129.7, 124.3, 116.5, 114.4, 74.0, 72.0, 71.5, 61.2, 58.2, 55.0, 45.5, 42.9, 38.7, 38.6, 37.2, 29.7, 27.0, 26.2, 22.8, 20.9, 18.8, 16.6, 7.5, 5.9; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{54}\text{O}_4\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}^+ \text{Cs}^+$) 687.2846, found 687.2825.

Olefin 18

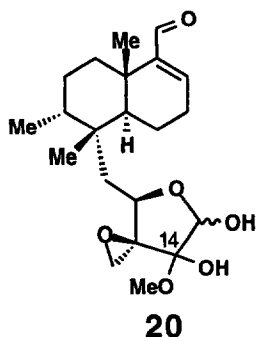


18: colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.8$ (silica, 50% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]^{25}_D : +22.33$ ($c = 2.7$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 2959, 2878, 2704, 2361, 1690, 1468, 1085, 1011; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 6.32 (dd, $J = 17.5, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (bt, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.54 (dd, $J = 17.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J = 11.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dt, $J = 14.5, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.28 (m, 10H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.11 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 9H), 0.58 (q, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 193.4, 152.6, 151.1, 134.0, 116.4, 74.0, 61.1, 58.6, 45.5, 43.2, 38.55, 38.51, 37.0, 29.3, 28.7, 26.1, 21.9, 20.8, 18.0, 16.4, 7.4, 5.9; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}^+ \text{Na}^+$) 455.2957, found 455.2971.

Diol 19

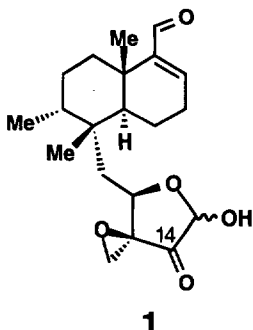


To a solution of olefin **18** (25.1 mg, 0.058 mmol) in 50% *tert*-butyl alcohol/water (1 ml) at 0°C, was added a mixture of (DHQD)₂PHAL (hydroquinidine 1,4-phthalazinediyl diether) (0.5 mg, 0.58 μmol), K₃Fe(CN)₆ (0.057 g, 0.174 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.024 g, 0.174 mmol), and K₂O₈S₄·2H₂O (0.2 mg, 0.58 μmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 7 h, and then treated with Na₂S₂O₅. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25°C while stirring vigorously, after which ethyl acetate (20 ml) was added, and the aqueous layer was further extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (silica, 0-50% ether in hexanes) afforded diol **19** (0.020 g, 0.042 mmol, 72%, 75% de). **19**: white solid; *R_f* = 0.35 (silica, 60% ether in hexanes); [α]_D²⁵: +35.0 (c = 0.2, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film) ν_{max} 3416, 2959, 2919, 2872, 1690, 1461, 1381, 1085, 1011; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 6.54 (bt, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13-1.21 (m, 14H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.64 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 152.1, 133.4, 79.3, 73.3, 68.3, 64.2, 50.2, 45.3, 42.6, 35.9, 29.8, 28.9, 28.7, 25.4, 21.7, 20.4, 17.7, 16.0, 7.1, 5.4; HRMS, calcd for C₂₆H₄₆O₅Si (M+ Na⁺) 489.3012, found 489.3028.

Clerocidin-C14 methanol adduct (**20**)

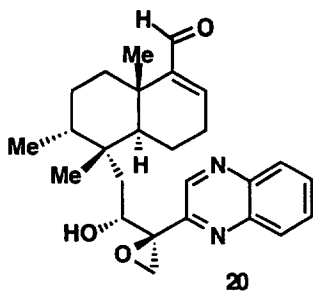
To a solution of oxalyl chloride (0.018 ml, 0.210 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 ml) at -78°C , was added slowly DMSO (0.024 ml, 0.336 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 15 min and then treated with a solution of diol **19** (0.020 g, 0.042 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 ml) added dropwise over 5 min. After stirring for 30 min Et_3N (0.094 mmol, 0.672 mmol) was added slowly and the mixture was allowed to warm to 25°C . The crude reaction mixture was treated with TBAF•THF (0.046 ml, 1.0 M, 0.046 mmol), stirred for another 15 min, quenched with methanol (2 ml) and partitioned between water (10 ml) and ethyl acetate (10 ml). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was further extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 5 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. Purification by preparative thin layer chromatography (silica, 0-50% ether in hexanes, 1% MeOH) afforded clerocidin as the C14-methanol adduct (**20**) (0.012g, 0.032 mmol, 76%). **20**: white solid; $R_f = 0-0.4$ (silica, 60% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]_D^{25} : +75.0$ ($c = 0.5$, CD_3OD); IR (film) ν_{max} 3375, 2912, 1676, 1025; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 3.24, 3.23 (2 s, 3H), 3.03 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.4-2.23 (m, 3H), 1.82-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.42-1.15 (m, 6H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 194.7, 153.1, 152.3, 97.1, 96.6, 71.9, 71.2, 66.6, 48.6, 48.4, 47.7, 44.2, 38.2, 36.2, 29.3, 28.1, 25.5, 20.8, 20.6, 17.5, 14.8; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6$ ($\text{M}^+ \text{Na}^+$) 403.2097, found 403.2112.

Clerocidin (1)

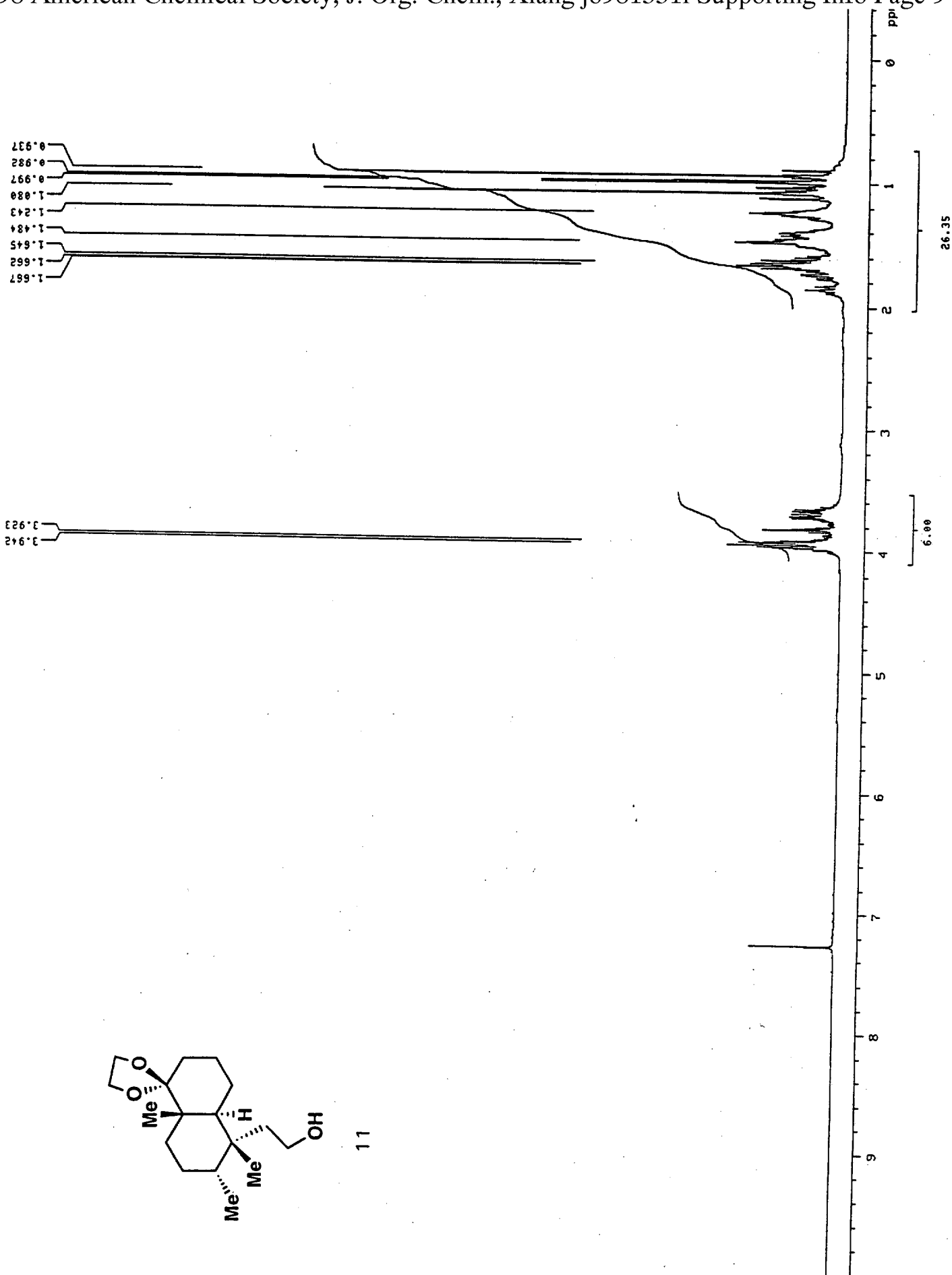


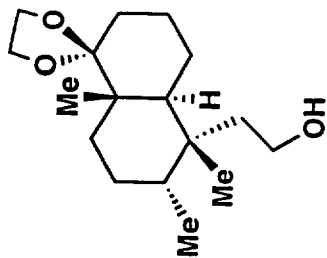
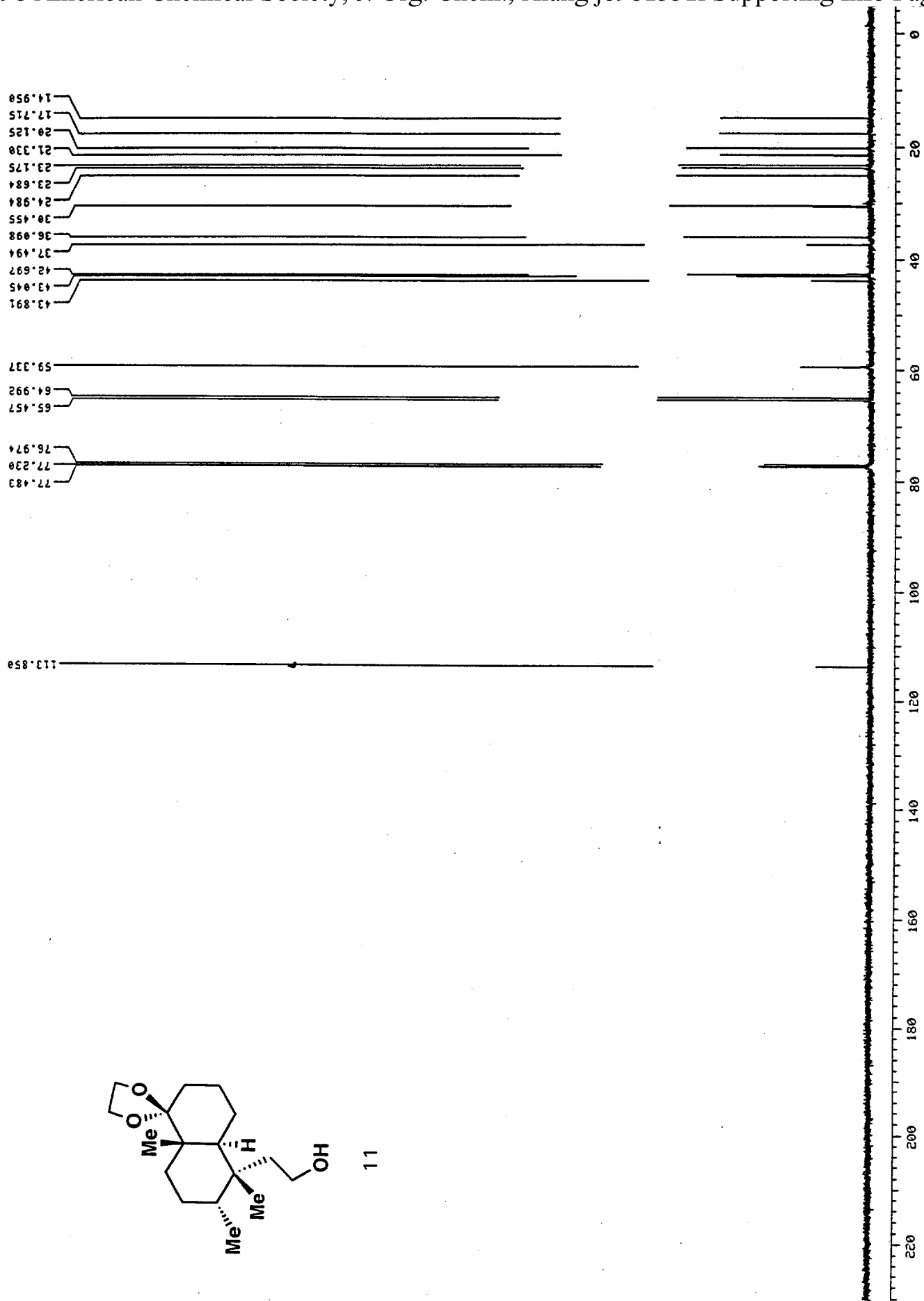
Conversion of compound **20** to **1** was accomplished by dissolving **20** in deuterated chloroform and evaporating the solvent under reduced pressure. This work-up afforded clerocidin (**1**) as a mixture of different forms (^1H NMR 500 MHz, CDCl_3). The interconversion of **20** to **1** was found to be solvent- and time-dependent.

Phthalazine-clerocidin adduct (20)

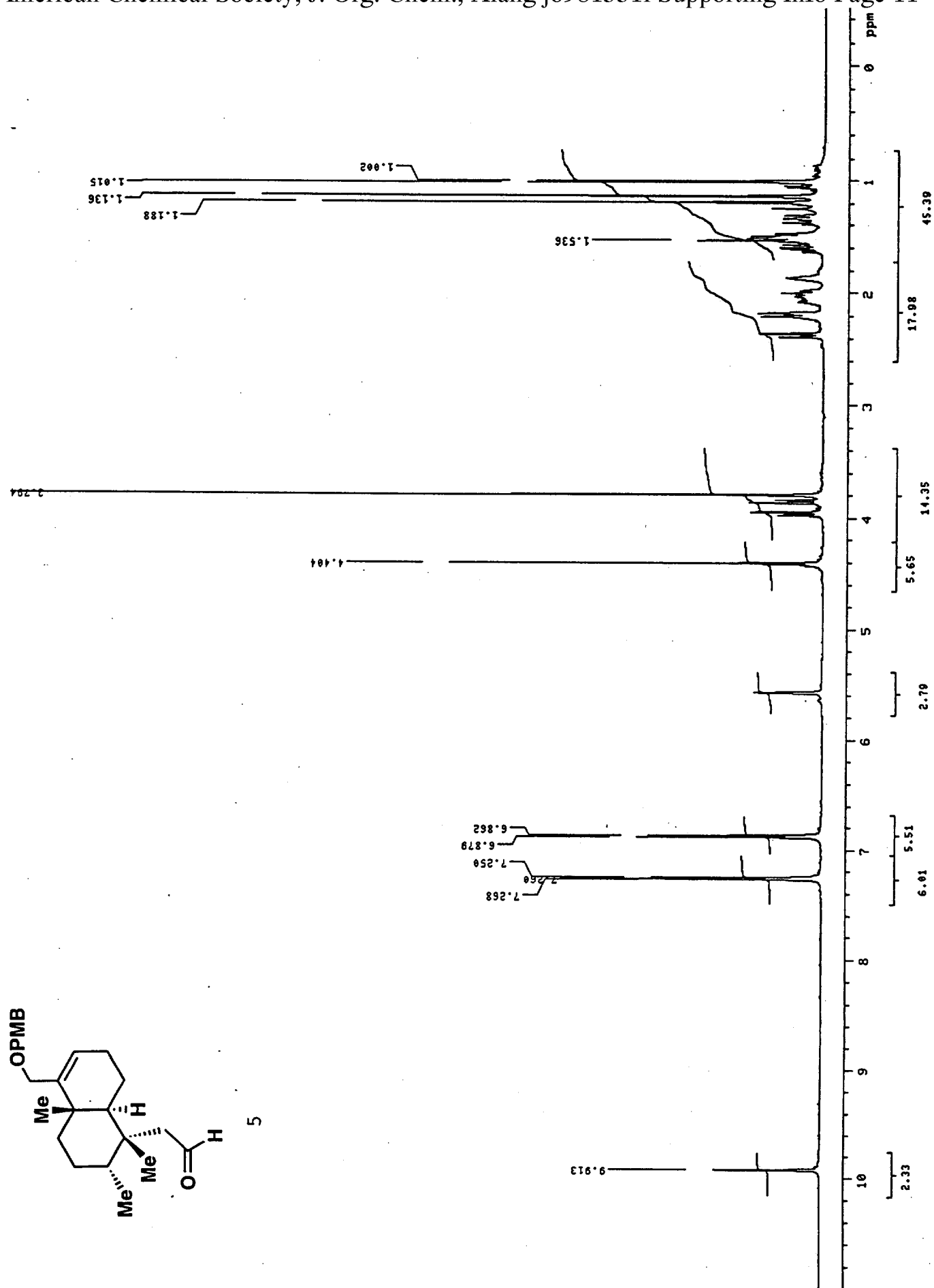


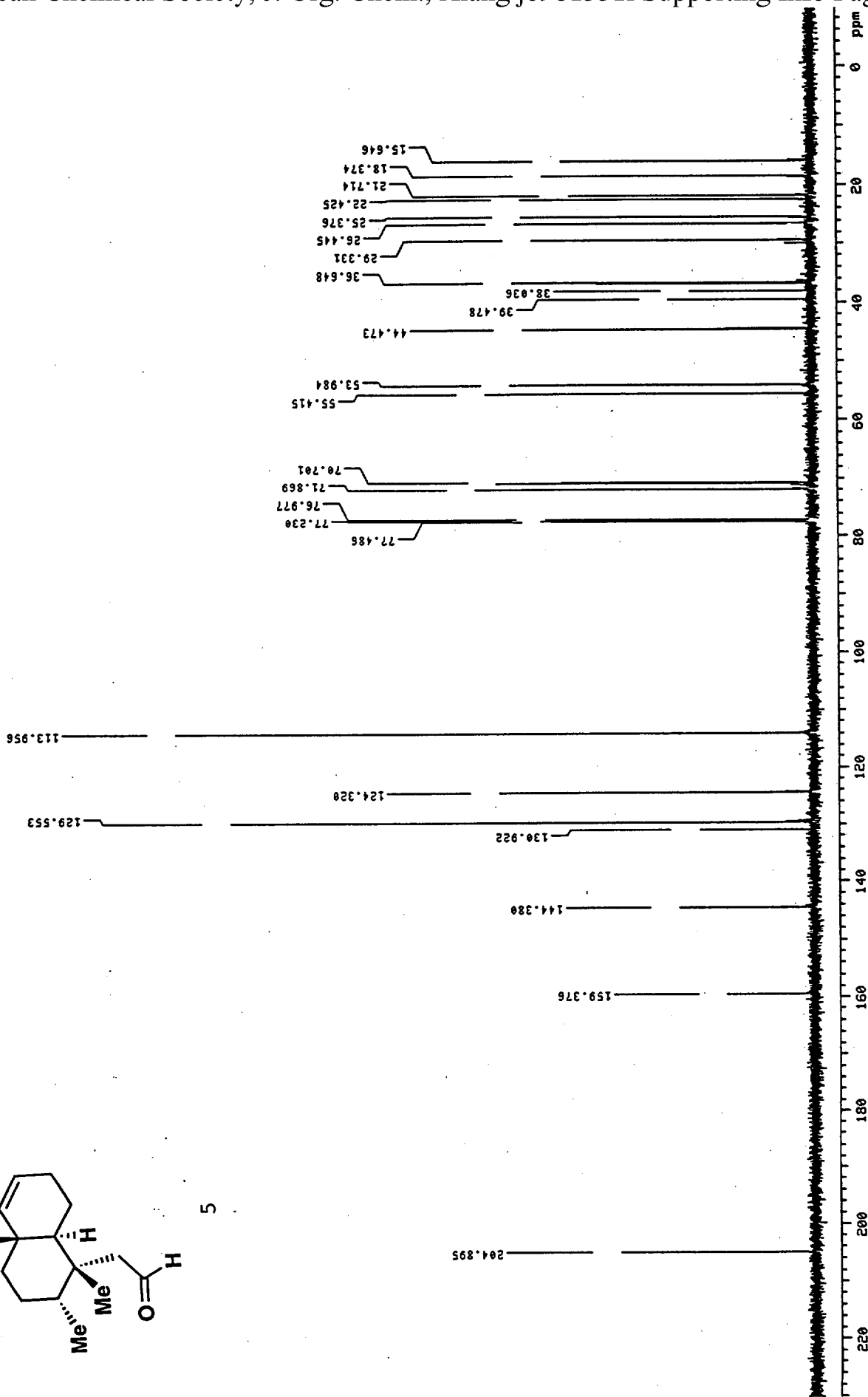
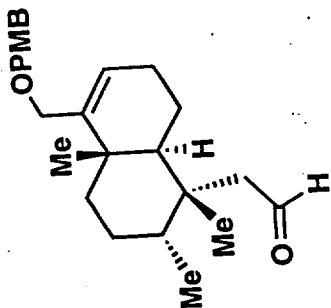
20: $R_f = 0.6$ (silica, 75% ether in hexanes); $[\alpha]^{25}_D : -4.3$ ($c = 0.2$, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film) ν_{max} 3444, 2917, 2860, 1722, 1687, 1455, 1265, 1131, 1082, 758; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 9.17 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.71 (m, 1H), 5.77 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dd, $J = 3.0, 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 192.9, 154.4, 152.3, 150.5, 143.1, 142.6, 140.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.9, 111.2, 72.4, 60.6, 57.5, 55.3, 44.7, 42.5, 38.6, 38.1, 36.8, 30.2, 29.8, 28.4, 26.2, 22.1, 21.3; HRMS, calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$ (M^+) 419.2335, found 419.2347.

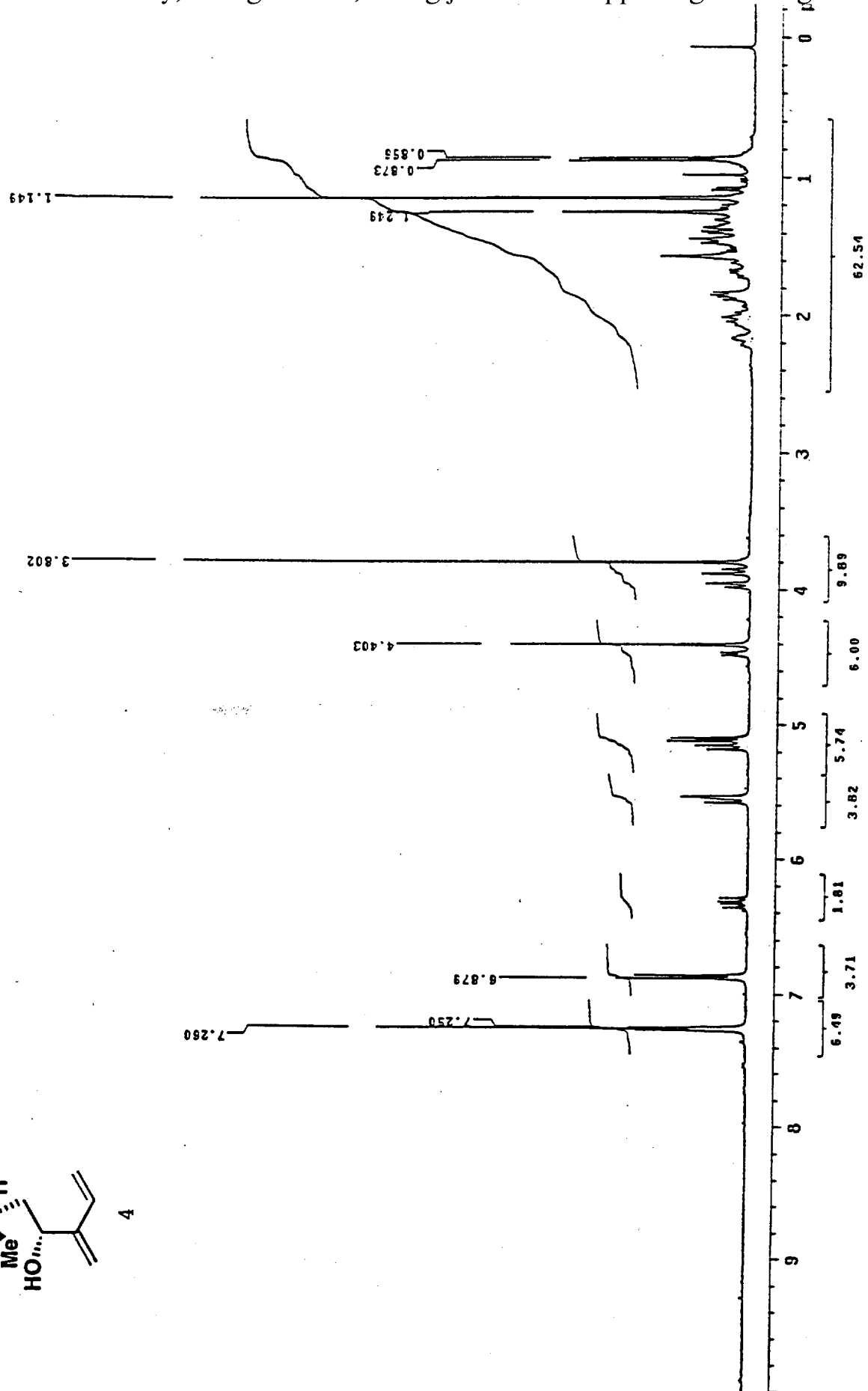
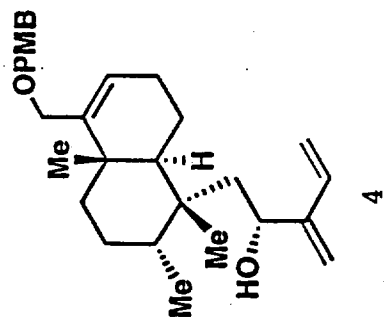


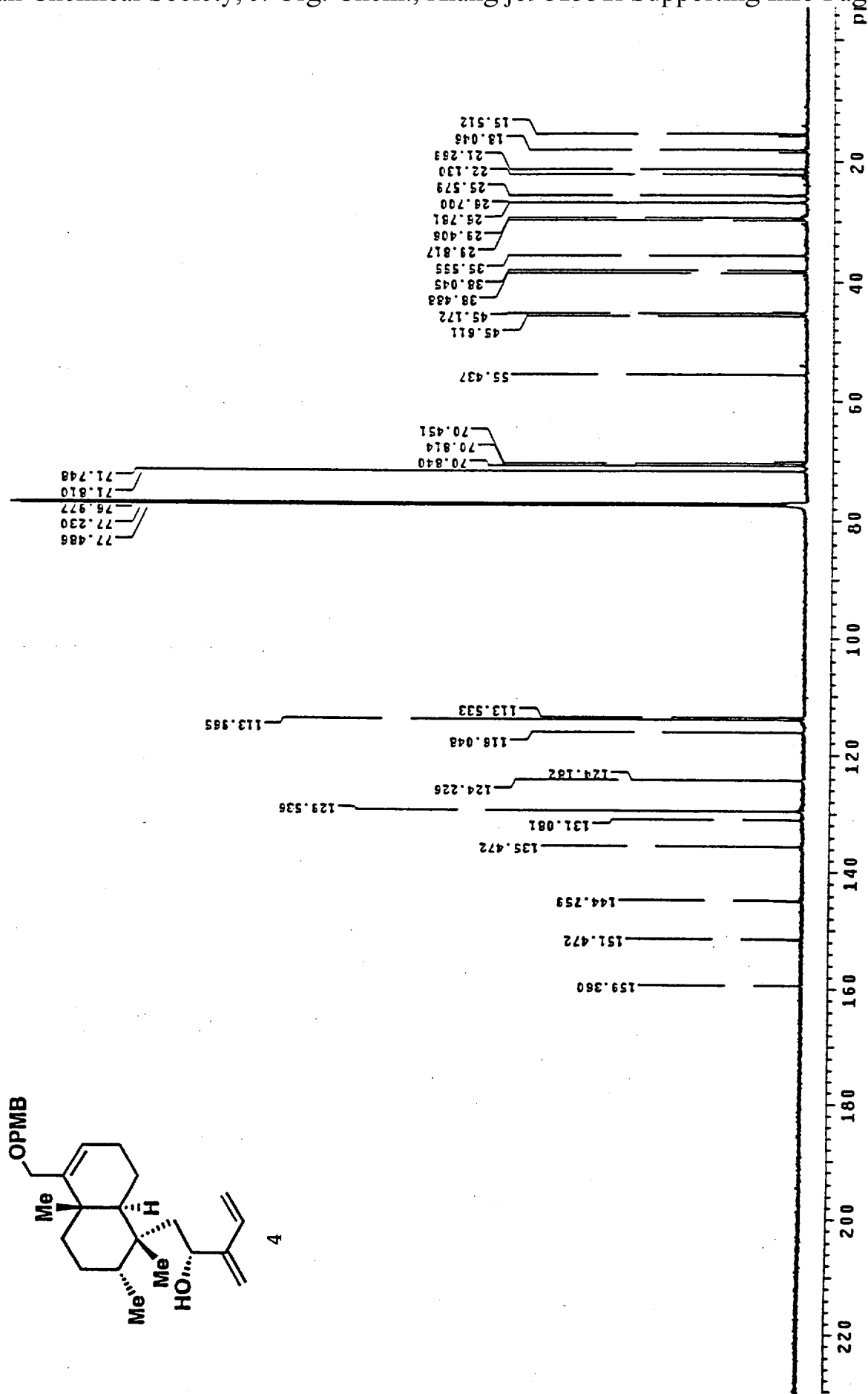


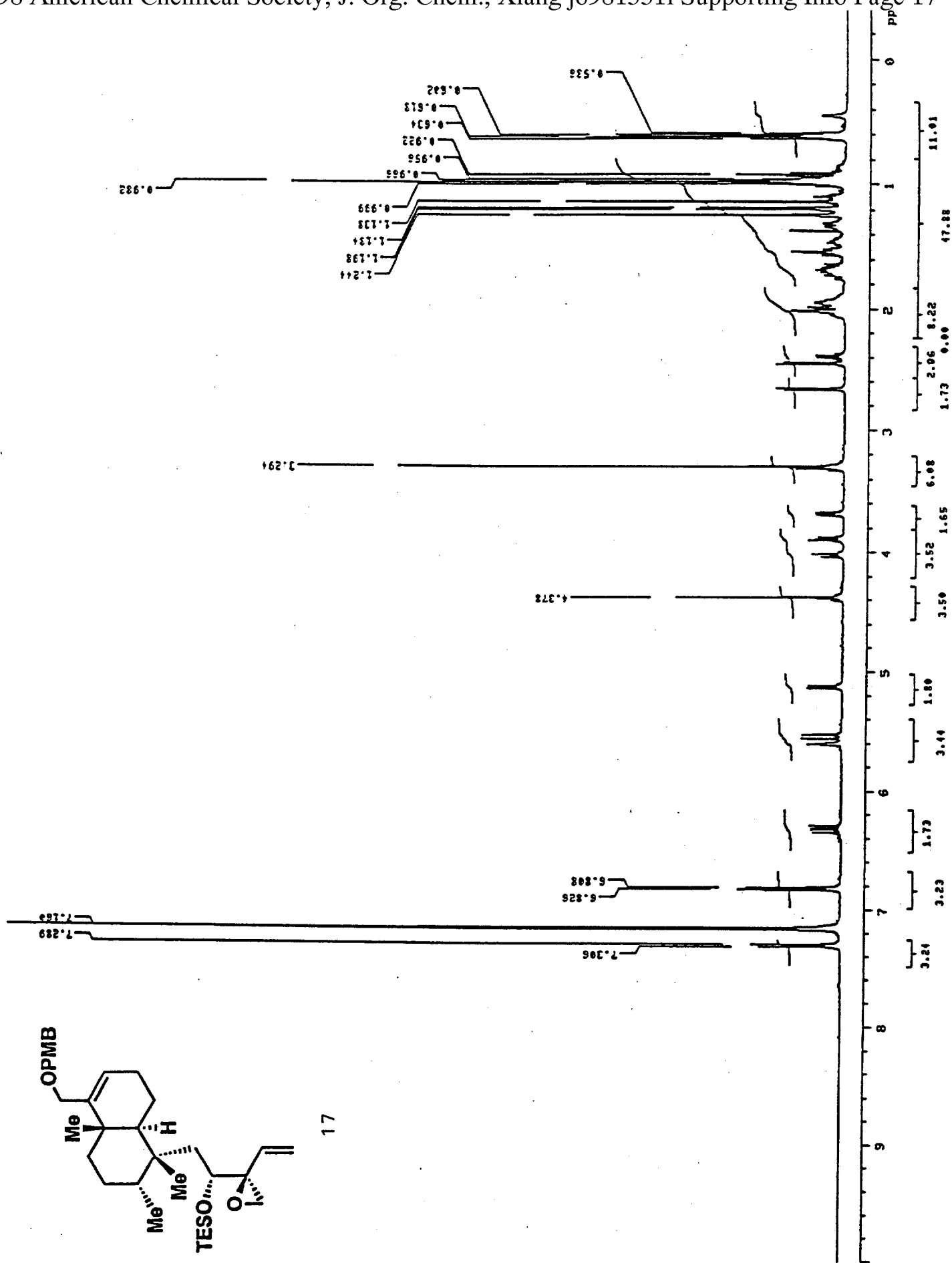
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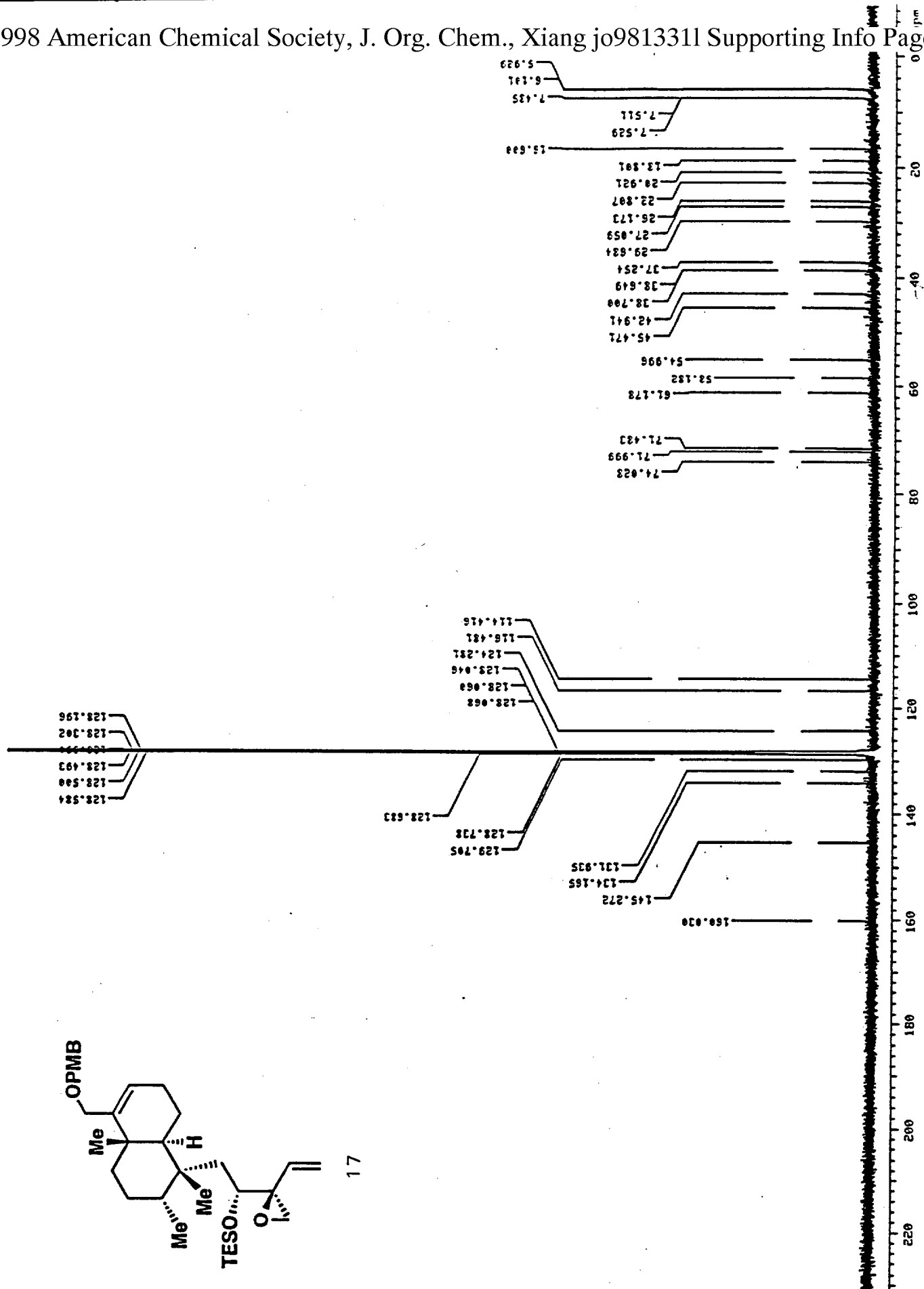




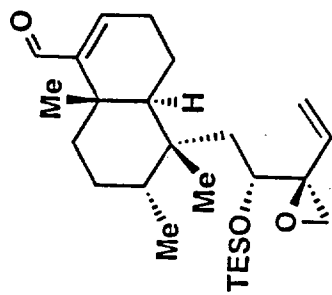
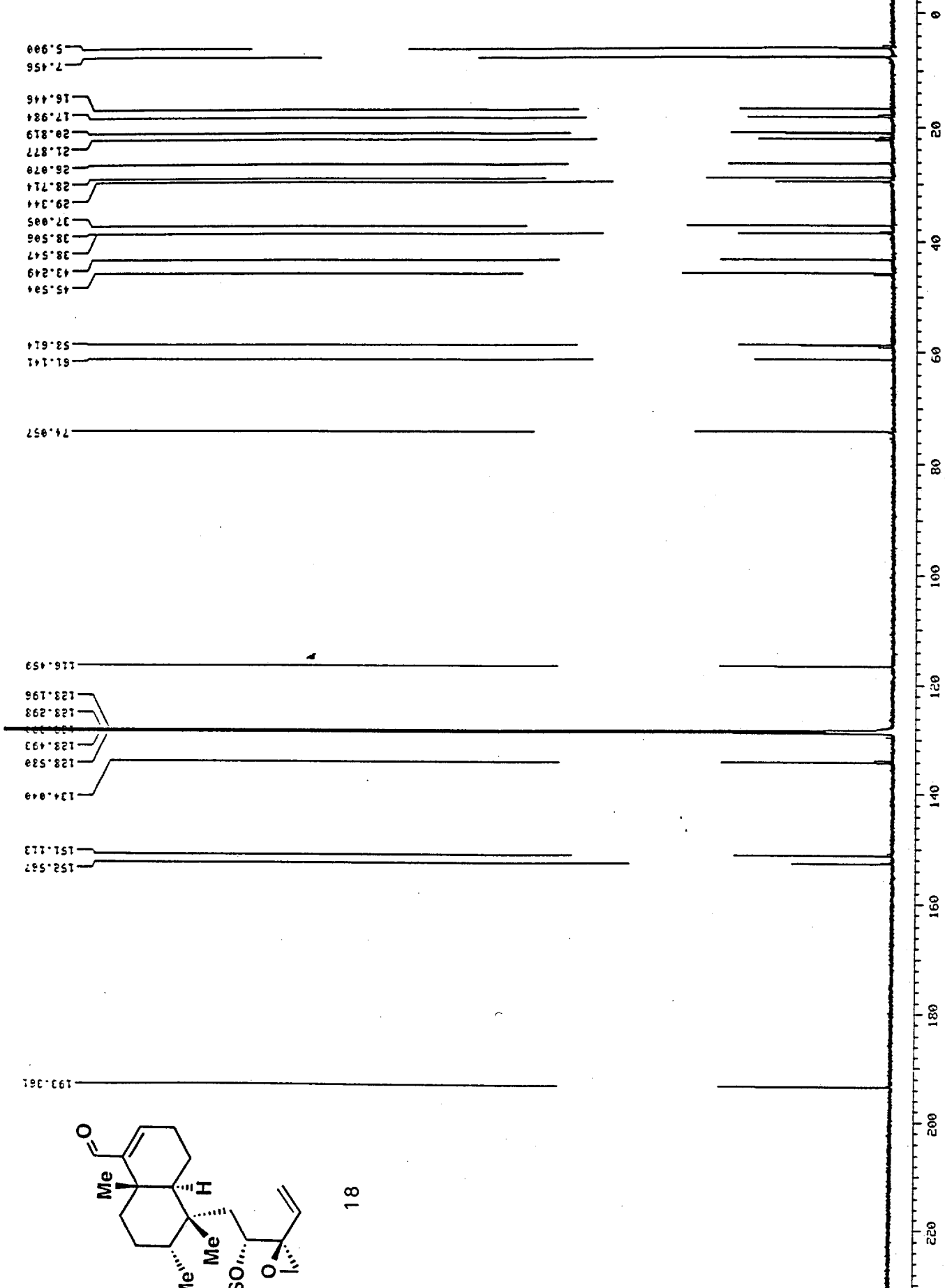




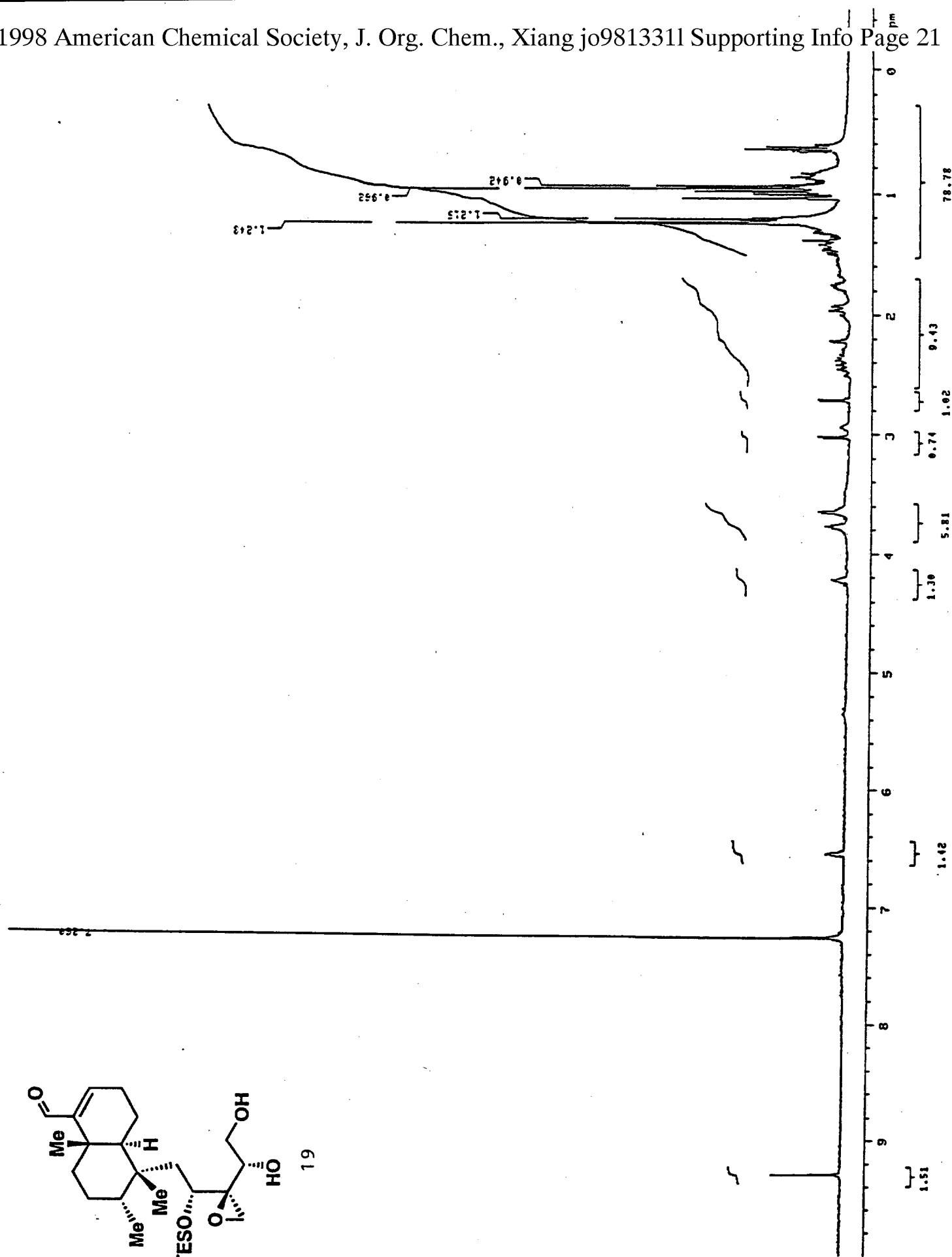
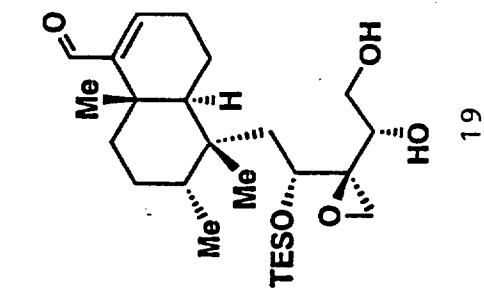
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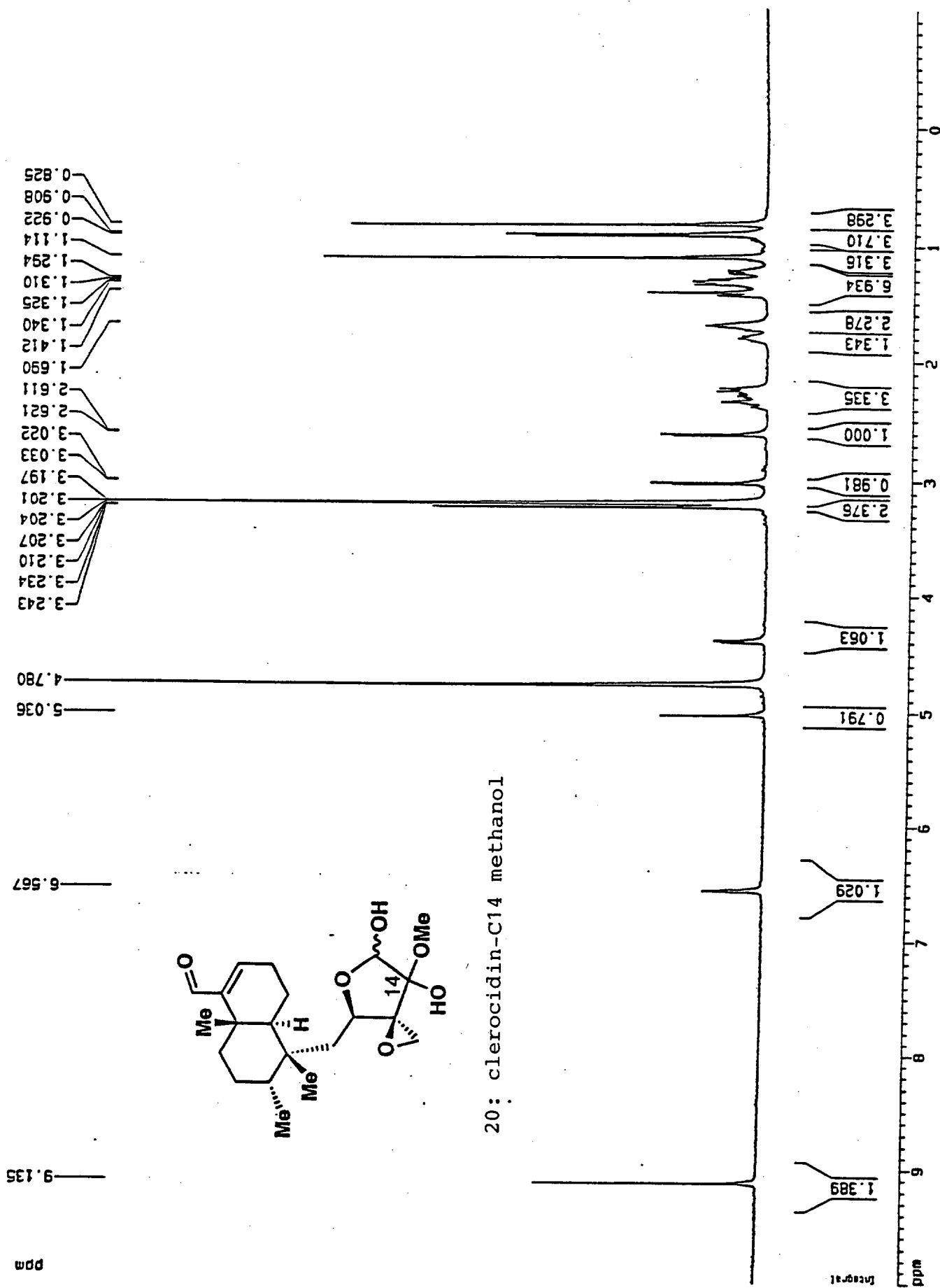


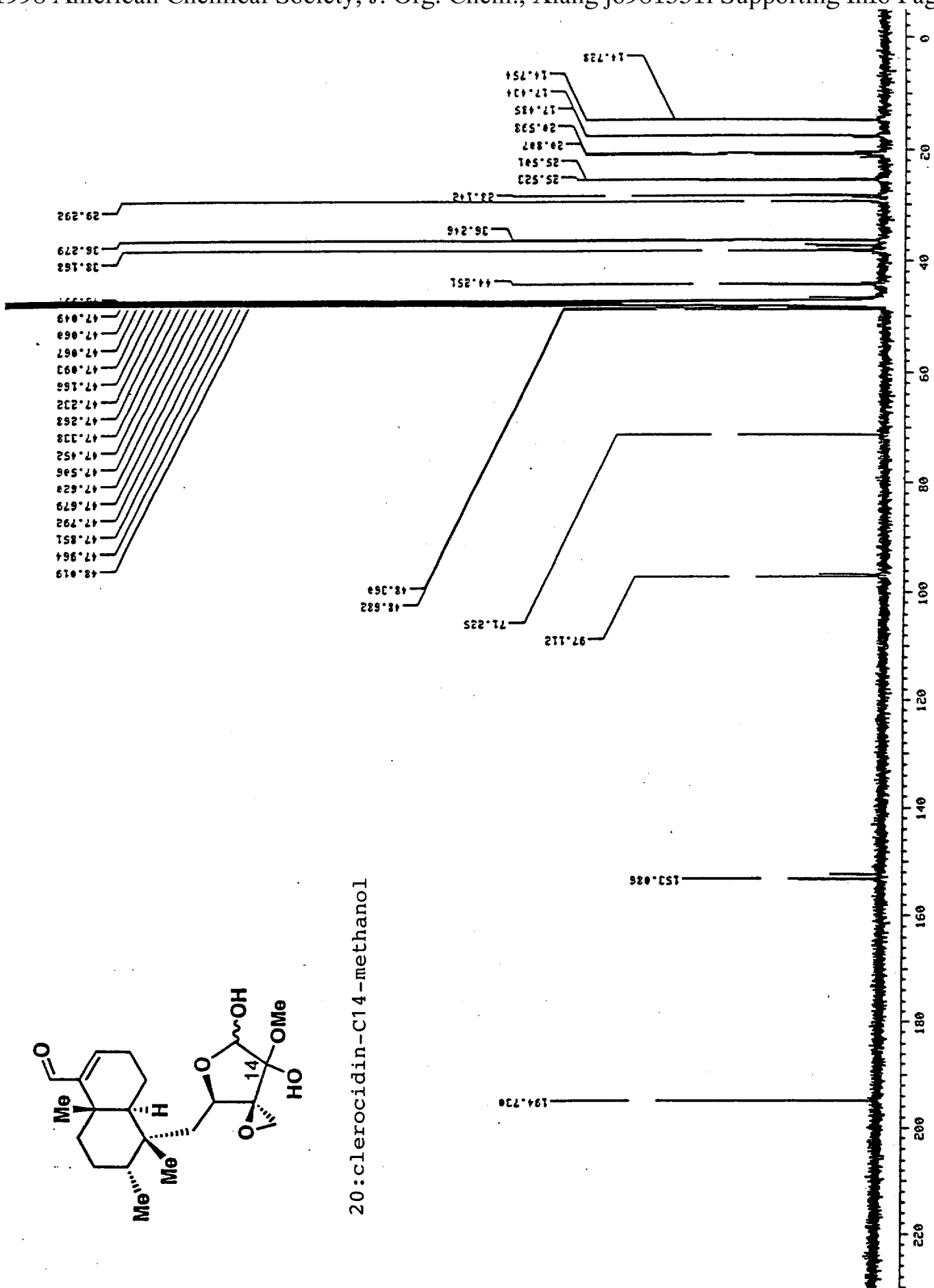
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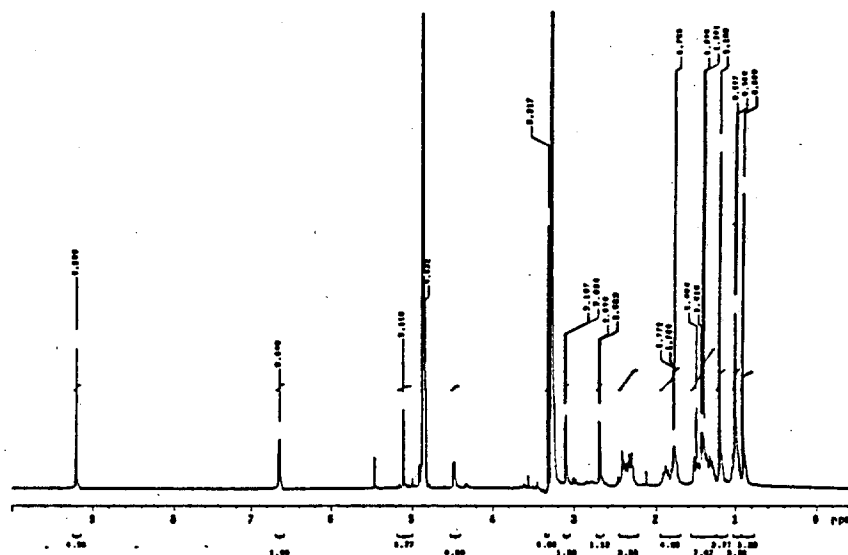
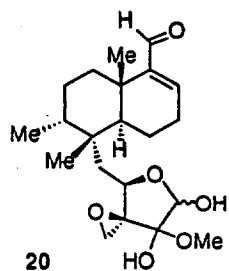


20:clerocidin-C14-methanol

Exper. 1

^1H NMR spectrum of clerocidin in CD_3OD

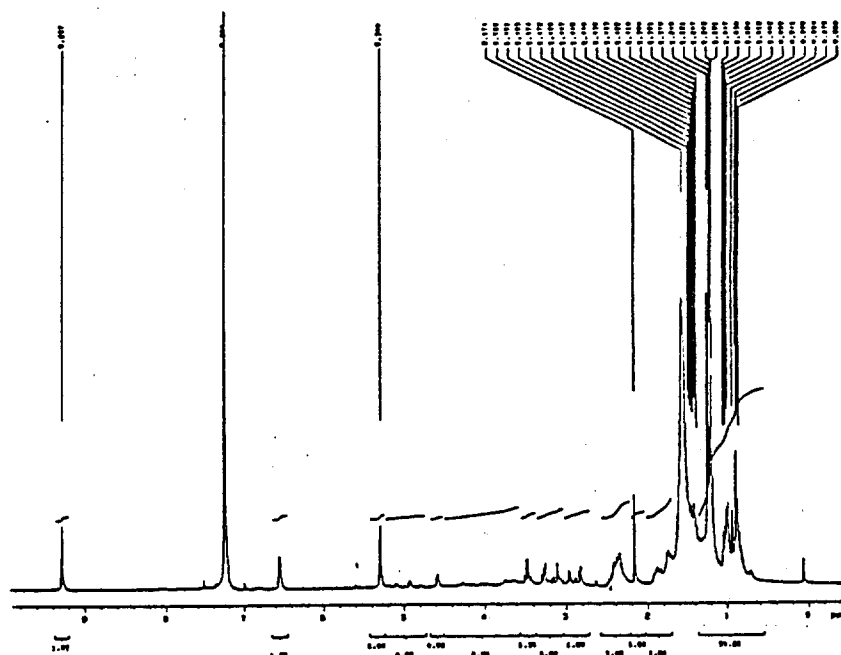
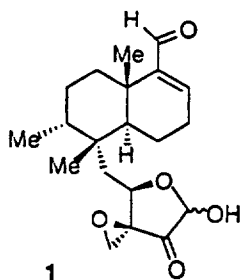
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Exper. 2

^1H NMR spectrum of clerocidin in CDCl_3

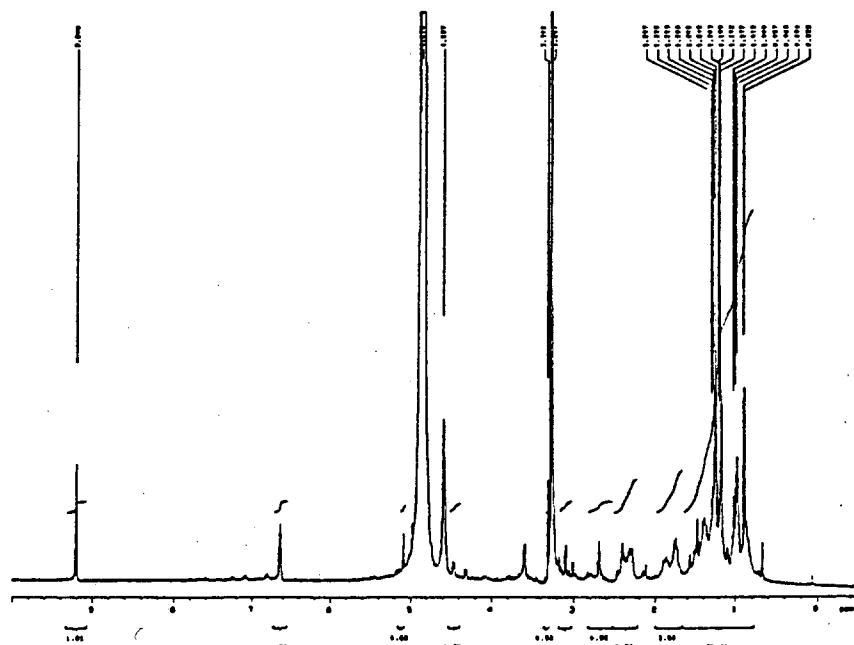
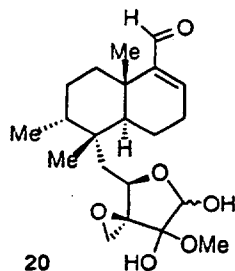
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Exper. 3

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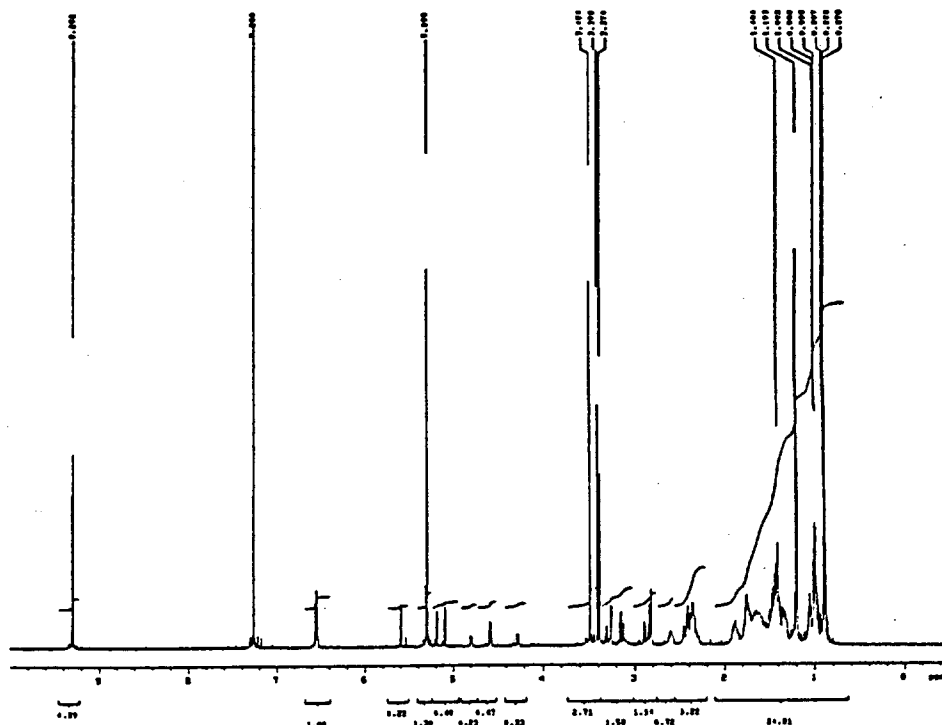
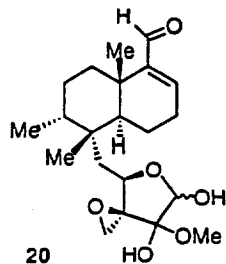
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Exper. 1

¹H NMR spectrum of clerocidin-C14 methanol adduct (**20**) in CDCl₃.

Spectrum was recorded immediately after dissolving **20** in CDCl₃.



Exper. 2

¹H NMR spectrum of clerocidin-C14 methanol adduct (**20**) in CDCl₃.

Spectrum was recorded 24 hrs after dissolving **20** in CDCl₃.
 (The peak at 3.48 ppm is free methanol).

