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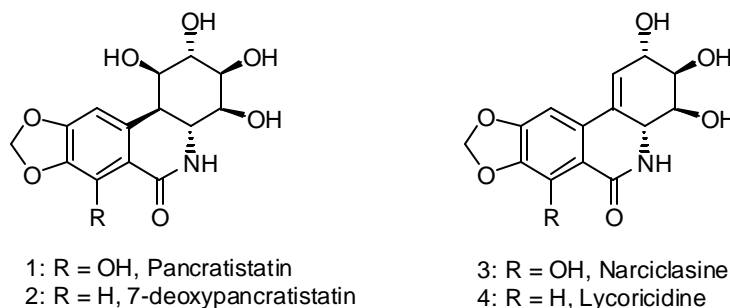
## List of Abbreviations

aq	aqueous
Bn	benzyl
bp	boiling point
Bu	butyl
DCM	dichloromethane
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
Et	ethyl
g	gram
h	hour
IR	infrared
M	molar
mL	milliliter
mmol	millimole
mp	melting point
rt	room temperature
TEA	triethyl amine
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMEDA	N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine
TMS	trimethylsilyl
TBS	<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl

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**Chapter-I: Introduction**

This chapter describes an account of the isolation, biological importance and synthetic approaches developed towards Pancratistatin and its co-engeners.



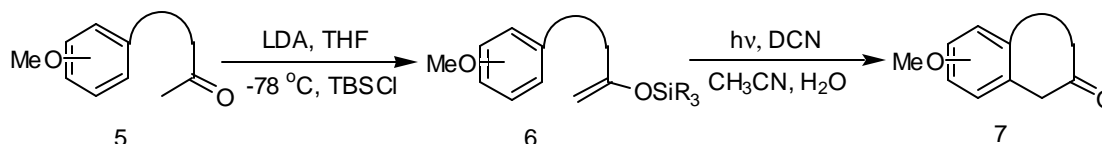
(+)- Pancratistatin (**1**), was first isolated by Pettit and co-workers in 1984 from the plant *Pancratum littorale*. It showed most promising anti-cancer and antiviral activities. It was found to be active against murine P-5076 ovarian sarcoma as well as against P-388 lymphocytic leukemia. Five years later, Ghosal and co-workers isolated 7-deoxypancratistatin (**2**) from the bulbs of *Haemanthus kalbreyeri* which also showed similar biological activities with better therapeutic index due to decreased toxicity. Although Narciclasine (**3**) and Lycoricidine (**4**) were isolated from *Lycoris radiate* by Okamoto and co-workers in 1968, their activity in inhibiting the binding of tRNA to the peptide transferase centre of ribosomal subunit and thereby disrupting the protein biosynthesis in eukaryotic cells, was unveiled much later.

**Chapter-II: Synthetic studies towards Pancratistatin**

The main challenge involved in designing any synthetic route for **1** lies into the control of the *trans*-fused BC-ring junction (4a, 10b) and the stereo controlled

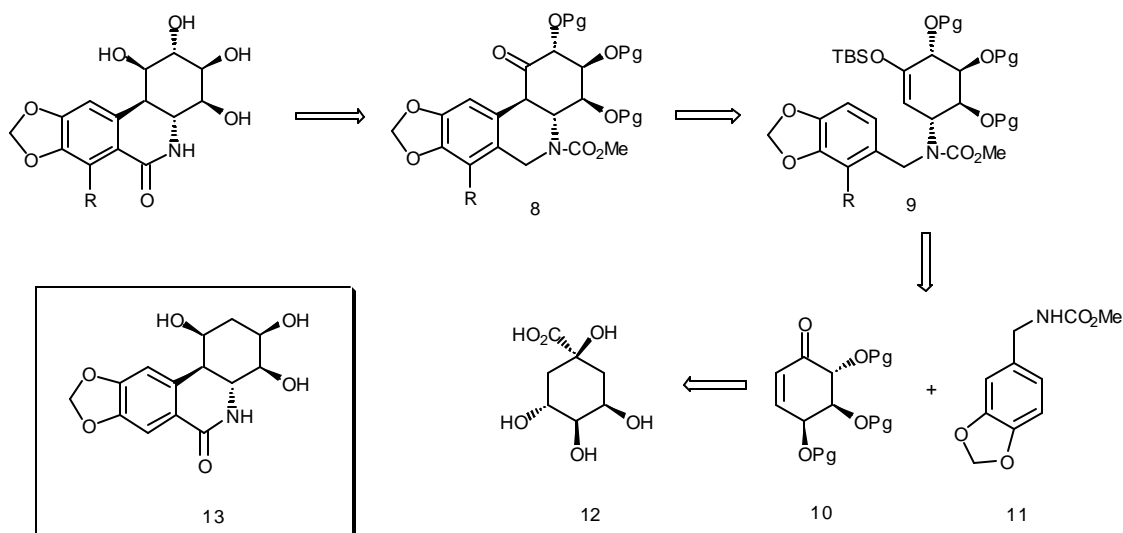


installation of contiguous hydroxy functionalities located around the perimeter of the C-ring moiety. Our group have successfully demonstrated an efficient strategy for the intramolecular  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones by the reaction of silylenolethers to photoinduced electron transfer (PET) generated arene radical cations as shown in Scheme-I.



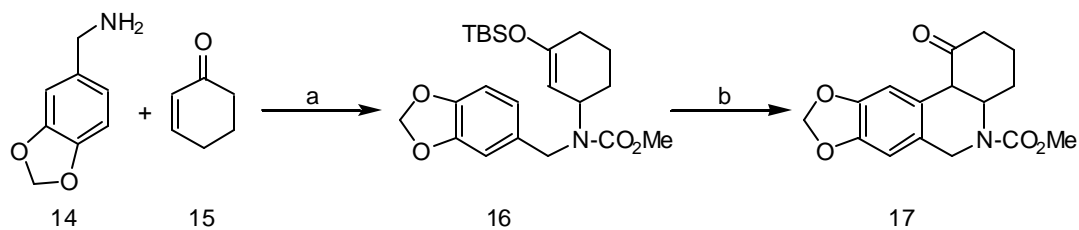
**Scheme-I**

In the context of above strategy, we viewed a new synthetic approach for **1** based on this new concept and also making use of naturally abundant D-(-)-quinic acid (**12**) as chiral source to build the highly oxygenated C-ring system as depicted retrosynthetically in Scheme- II.



**Scheme-II**

In order to evaluate the success of above strategy towards pancratistatin synthesis, we first synthesized the Phenanthridone skeleton (**17**) as depicted in Scheme-III.

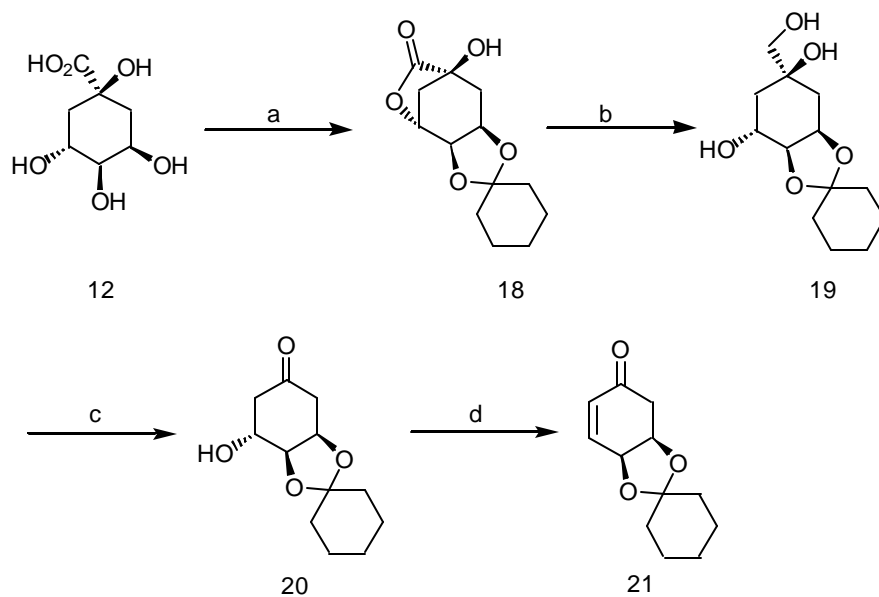


**Scheme-III**

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) TBSOTf,  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ether, 3h, then  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , TEA,  $\text{ClCO}_2\text{Me}$ , 70 %; b) *h\nu*, DCN,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 6h, 72 %.

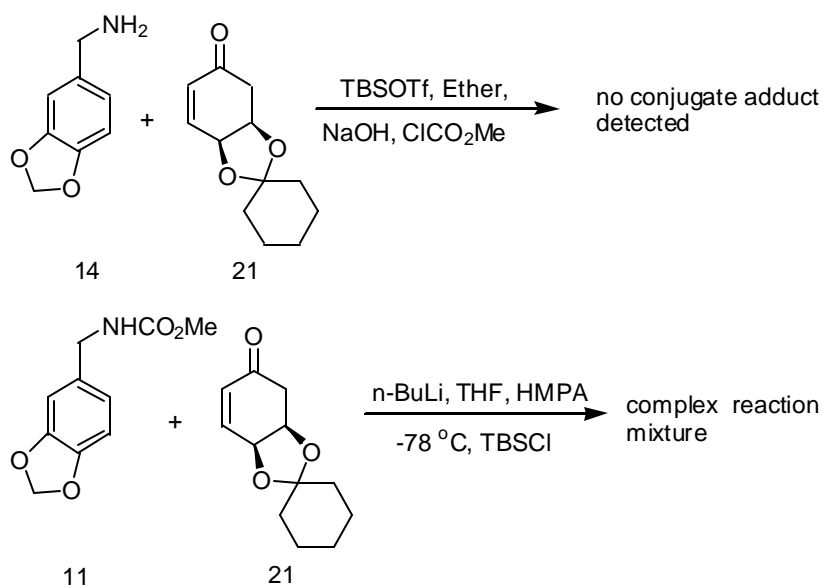
Conjugate addition of piperonyl amine (**14**) to 2-cyclohexen-1-one (**15**) in the presence of TBSOTf in ether solution at  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  followed by the *insitu* protection of amino group gave silylenolether (**16**) in 70 % yield. PET-cyclization **16** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN} : \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (24:1) system, afforded the Phenanthridone skeleton (**17**) in good yield. The stereochemistry of BC ring fusion (4a, 10b) was found to be *trans* based on PMR spectrum.

After the successful preparation of **17**, we moved on to design the synthesis of (+)-2,7-dideoxypancratistatin (**13**) as an advanced model of **2**. Initially we synthesized the cyclohexylidene protected enone (**21**) in four steps starting from **12** (Scheme-IV).



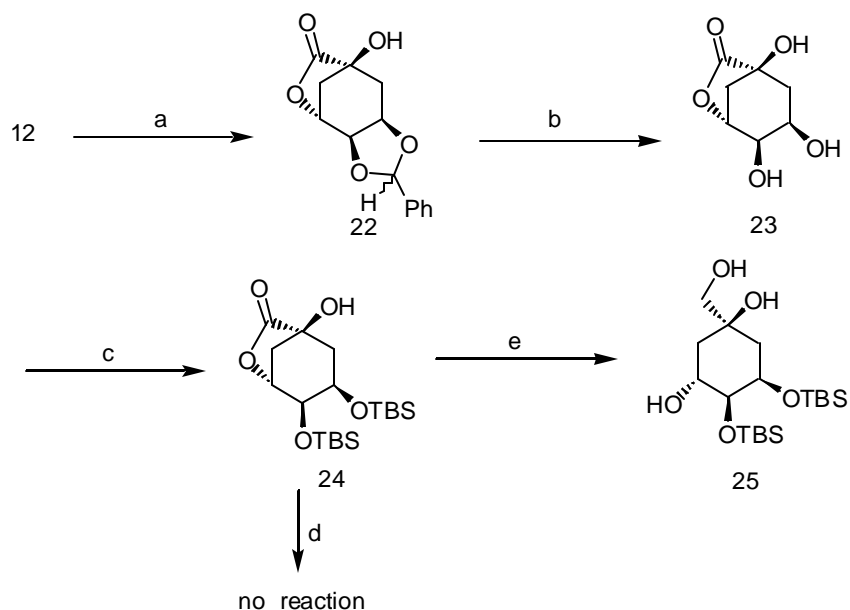
Scheme-IV

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) Cyclohexanone, *p*-TSA, PhH, DMF, reflux, 95 %; b)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ , EtOH, rt, 2 days, 90 %; c)  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0 °C, 0.5 h, 95 %; d) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 0 °C, 1.5 h, 90 %.



Scheme-V

Various attempts were made towards the conjugate addition of piperonyl amine (**14**) to **21**, however, all were unsuccessful. At this stage it was decided to change the protecting group. We felt that instead of cyclohexylidene protecting group, TBS protection would be ideal. The synthetic effort towards the making of diTBS protected enone is shown in the Scheme- VI.

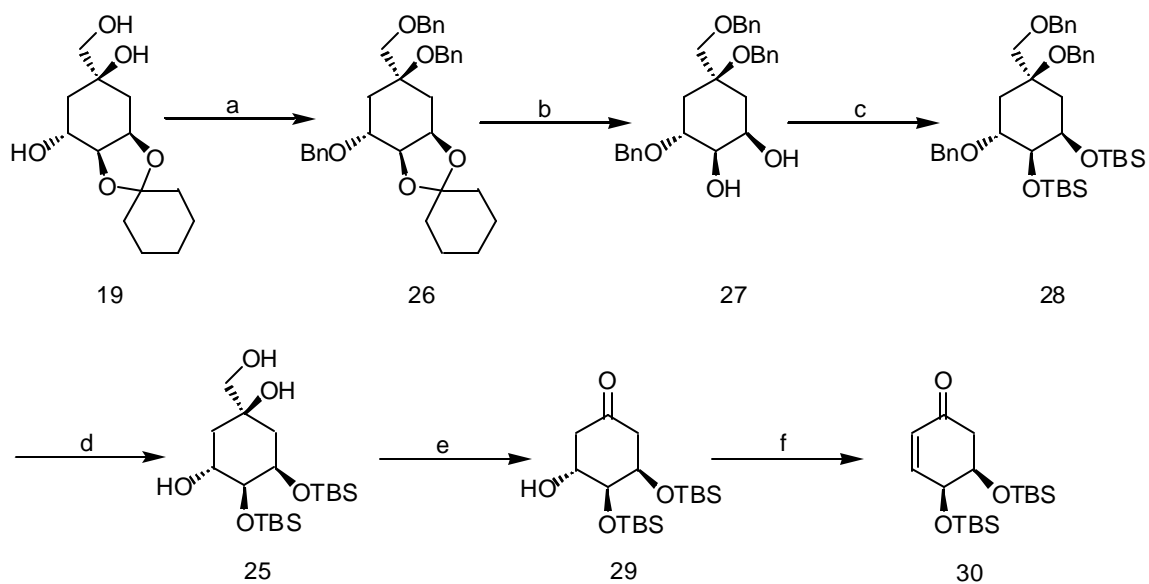


### Scheme-VI

**Reagents and Conditions:** a)  $\text{PhCHO}$ ,  $\text{PhH}$ ,  $\text{DMF}$ ,  $p\text{-TSA}$ , reflux, 2 h, 80 %; b)  $\text{H}_2/\text{Pd-C}$ ,  $\text{EtOH}$ , 1 atm, 92 %; c)  $\text{TBSCl}$ ,  $\text{ImH}$ ,  $\text{DMAP}$ ,  $\text{DMF}$ , rt, 72 %; d)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{EtOH}$ , rt; e)  $\text{LAH}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ , reflux, 30 %.

The poor yield during the reduction of lactone **24** with LAH forced us to change the strategy. We could successfully overcome this problem by protecting the triol **19** as tri-O-benzylether followed by cyclohexylidene deprotection with  $\text{HOAc} : \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (80:20) system and subsequent protection as TBS ether afforded **28**. Debenzylation followed by periodate oxidation gave the  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone **29** which

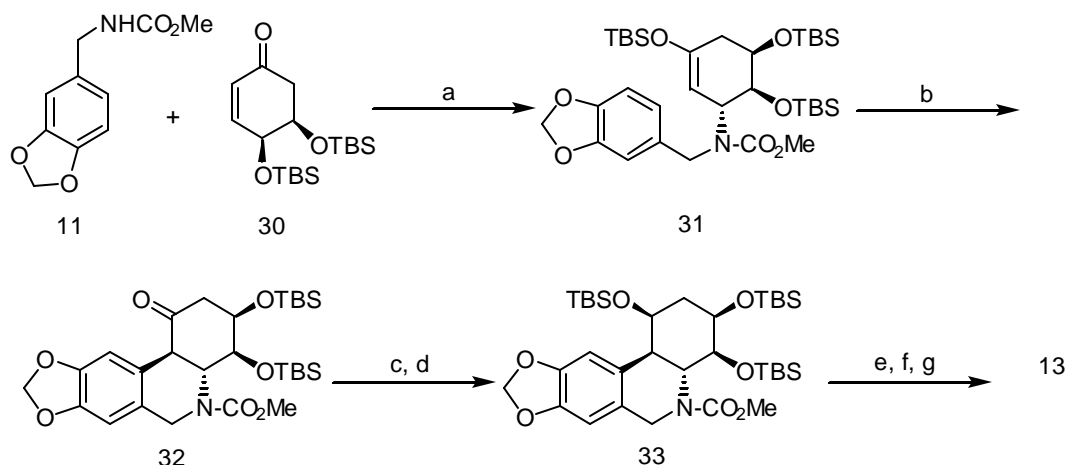
on  $\beta$ -elimination with MsCl/TEA gave the diTBS ether protected enone **30** as depicted in Scheme-VII.



#### Scheme-VII

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) NaH, DMF, 50 °C, BnCl, rt, 85 %; b) HOAc, H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 °C, 10 h, 95 %; c) TBSCl, ImH, DMAP, DCM, DMF, rt, 80 %; d) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd-C, EtOH, 1 atm, 100 %; e) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, rt, 100 %; f) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 0 °C, 95 %.

Conjugate addition of *N*-lithiated piperonyl amine carbamate, prepared by the treatment of **11** with *n*-BuLi in HMPA at -78 °C, followed by trapping of the resultant enolate ion as TBS enolether afforded silylenolether **31** in 95 % yield.



### Scheme-VIII

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) *n*-BuLi, THF,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , TBSCl, 95 %; b) *h*, DCN,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 6 h, 68 %; c)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ , *i*PrOH, rt, 12 h; d) TBSCl, *Im*H, DMAP, DCM, rt, 24 h, 85 % over two steps; e)  $\text{RuO}_2$ ,  $\text{NaIO}_4$ , EtOAc,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; f) NaOMe, MeOH, reflux; g) TBAF, THF, 82 % over three steps.

PET-cyclization by irradiating (Pyrex filter,  $>280\text{nm}$ , 450W Hanovia medium pressure lamp, 6h) a mixture of **31** and 1,4-dicyanonaphthalene (DCN) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (24:1) system and usual work up and chromatographic purification of the crude photolysate gave cyclized product **32** in 68 % yield as a single diastereomer

Sodium borohydride reduction of **32** followed by the protection of the resultant alcohol moiety as TBS ether gave **33** in 85 % yield as a single diastereomer. Benzylic oxidation of **33** by utilizing a catalytic amount of  $\text{RuO}_2$  and  $\text{NaIO}_4$  followed by carbamate and silyl deprotection gave **13**,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +90.91^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.055, MeOH), in overall 23 % yield.

### Chapter-III: Experimental

This chapter gives detailed experimental procedures and spectral characterization of all the new molecules.

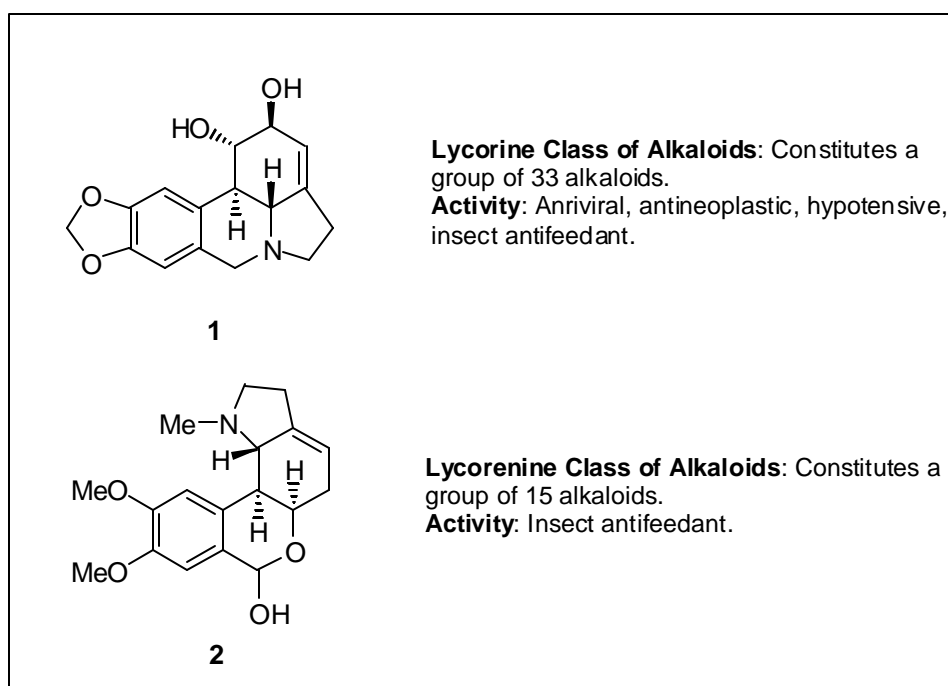
# **CHAPTER-I**

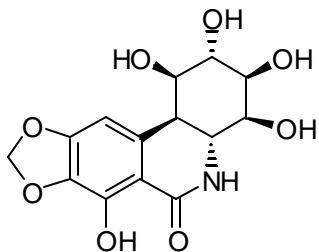
# **INTRODUCTION**



## 1. Introduction

The use of *Amaryllidaceae* plant extracts for medicinal purpose dates back to at least the fourth century<sup>1</sup>. In recent times, a large number of alkaloids, possessing a wide spectrum of biological activities have been isolated from these species<sup>2</sup>. These alkaloids constitute an important group of naturally occurring bases possessing a diversity of functionality and structure. Indeed, over hundred alkaloids have been isolated from the members of the *Amaryllidaceae* plants and most of them may be classified into ten principal skeletally homogeneous subgroups, although, there are several other alkaloids having structures derived from these main molecular frame works. Representative alkaloids from each of these classes include lycorine (1), lycorenine (2), pancratistatin (3), galanthamine (4), crinine (5), latisoline (6), mesembrine (7), augustamine (8), montanine (9) and latifine(10). These alkaloids are listed below with their structural frame works and pharmacological activities [fig 1].

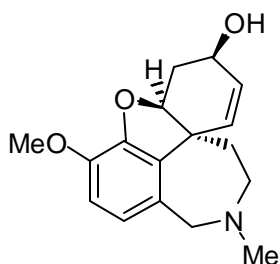




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**Pancratistatin Class of Alkaloids:** Constitutes a group of 10 alkaloids.

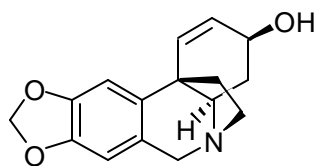
**Activities:** Antitumor, antiviral and antifeedant.



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**Glanthamine Class of Alkaloids:** Constitutes a group of 13 alkaloids.

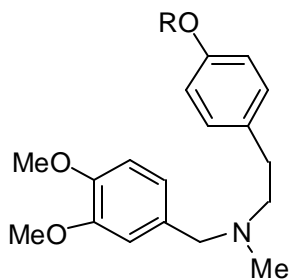
**Activities:** Analgesic, Insecticide and hypotensive



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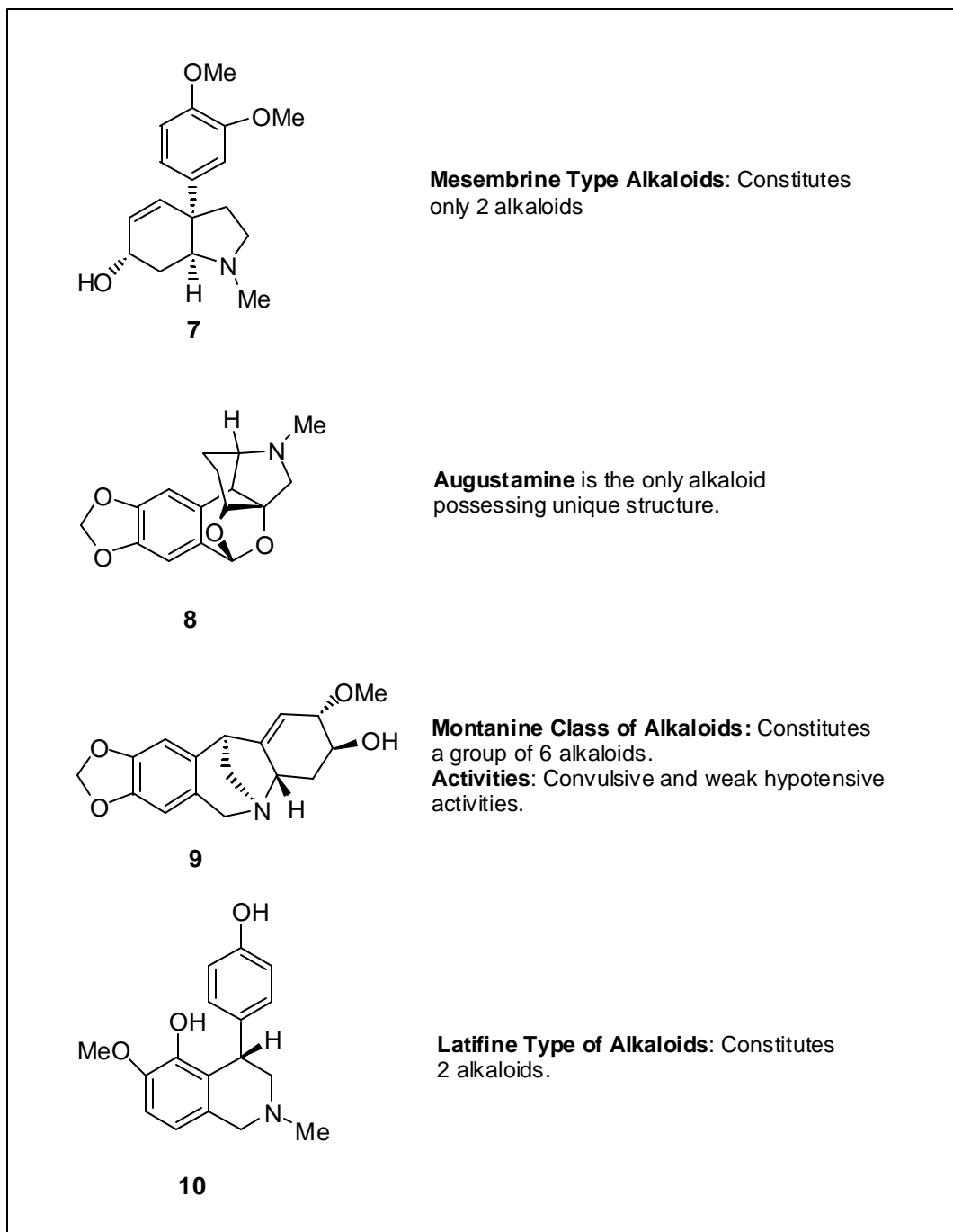
**Crinine type of Alkaloids:** Constitutes a group of 48 alkaloids.

**Activities:** Immunostimulant, antitumor and antiviral



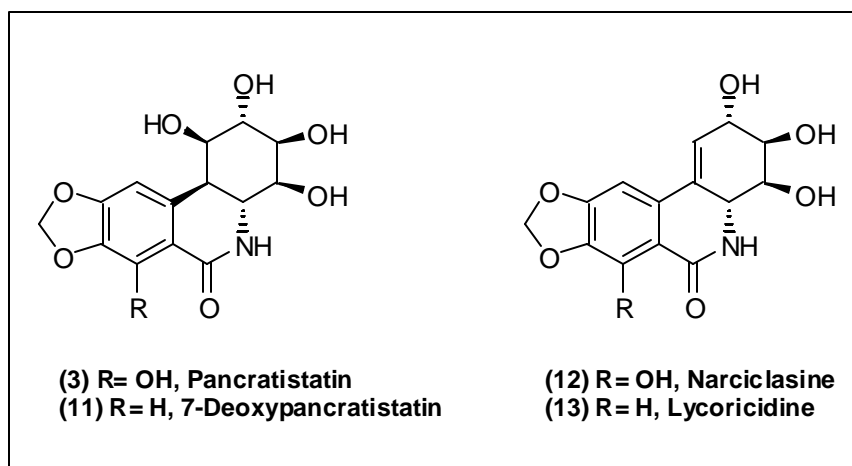
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**Latisoline Class of Alkaloids:** Constitutes a group of 3 alkaloids.



**Fig. 1**

Since the detailed discussion on all of these alkaloids are beyond the scope of this dissertation, we will be concentrating mainly on the Pancratistatin analogues viz 7-deoxypancratistatin (**11**), narciclasine(**12**) and lycoricidine(**13**) (Fig. 2).



**Fig. 2**

Narciclasine (**12**) and lycoricidine (**13**) were discovered in 1968 from the bulbs of the plant *Lycoris radiate*<sup>3</sup>. Sixteen years later, another highly oxygenated phenanthridone alkaloid was extracted from the bulbs of *Pancratum littorale* by Pettit and co-workers<sup>4</sup> that showed more potent antineoplastic and antiviral activities<sup>5</sup>. The studies have indicated that the mechanism of action of narciclasine (**12**) involves the inhibition of the growth of the eukaryotic cells by the disruption in protein biosynthesis. Narciclasine is known to inhibit the binding of tRNA to the peptidyl transferase center of the 60s ribosomal subunit<sup>6</sup>. Although both **12** and **13** show activities against Ehrlich carcinoma<sup>3</sup>, the most promising activity resides with the pancratistatin (**3**), which is active against murine P-5076 ovarian sarcoma as well as murine P-388 lymphocytic leukemia<sup>5</sup>. In 1989, Ghosal and co-workers<sup>7</sup> isolated the latest member of phenanthridone class of alkaloids, 7-deoxypancratistatin, which showed similar activities as **3** but *invitro* antiviral assays showed that **11** has better therapeutic index than **3** due to its decreased toxicity<sup>8</sup>.

Driven by the promising biological activities, interesting structural features and low natural abundance (0.0028% yield in isolation),<sup>4a,5</sup> these alkaloids have garnered considerable attention from the synthetic community. The main challenge

concerning the synthesis of these alkaloids include the elaboration of the *trans* fused BC ring junction and the stereo controlled installation of the contiguous hydroxy functions located around the perimeter of the C-ring moiety<sup>9</sup>. The foregoing discussion would mainly focus on to the discussion on the reported syntheses of **3** and **11** to put the dissertation in proper perspectives.

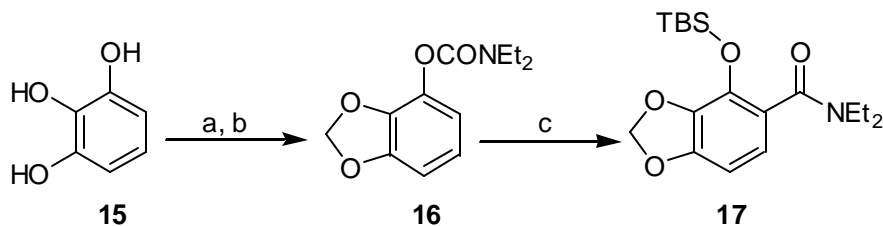
## 2. Synthetic studies concerning with the Pancratistatin and 7-Deoxypancratistatin

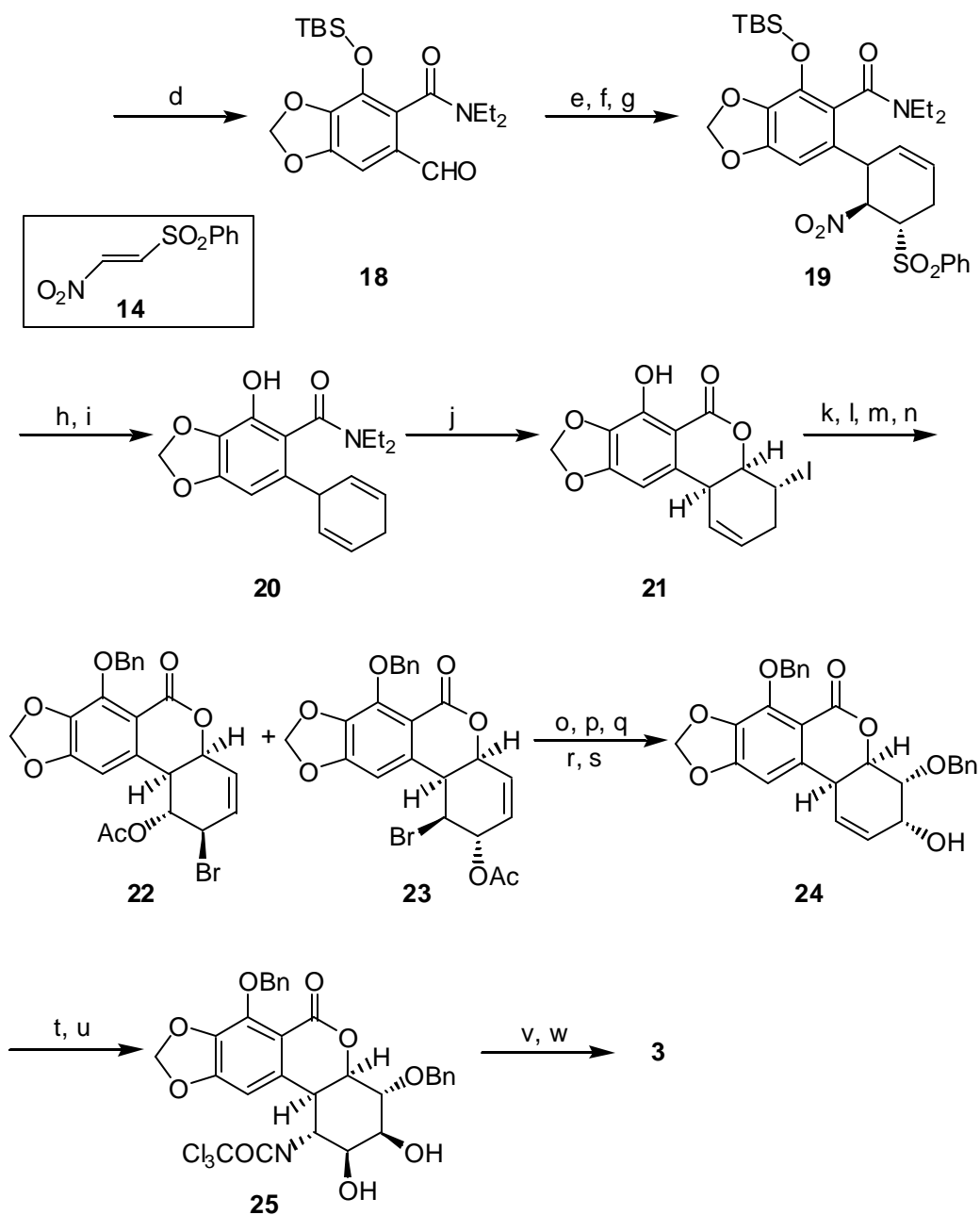
### 2.1. Synthetic Approaches to Pancratistatin

The first total synthesis of pancratistatin was reported by Danishefsky in 1989 in its racemic form<sup>10</sup>. The first enantioselective synthesis was reported by Hudlicky in 1995<sup>11</sup>. In the same year, Trost et al. presented an enantioselective synthesis with high overall yield<sup>12</sup>. Since then, Haseltine<sup>13</sup>, Magnus<sup>14</sup>, Rigby<sup>15</sup> have also presented new synthetic routes to (+)- pancratistatin (**3**). Recently Pettit achieved the synthesis of **3** from the more abundant alkaloid narciclasine (**12**)<sup>16</sup>. All the above mentioned syntheses are described schematically as follows.

#### 2.1a Danishefsky's Approach. (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 4829)<sup>10</sup>

**Total of 25 steps and <1 % overall yield.**





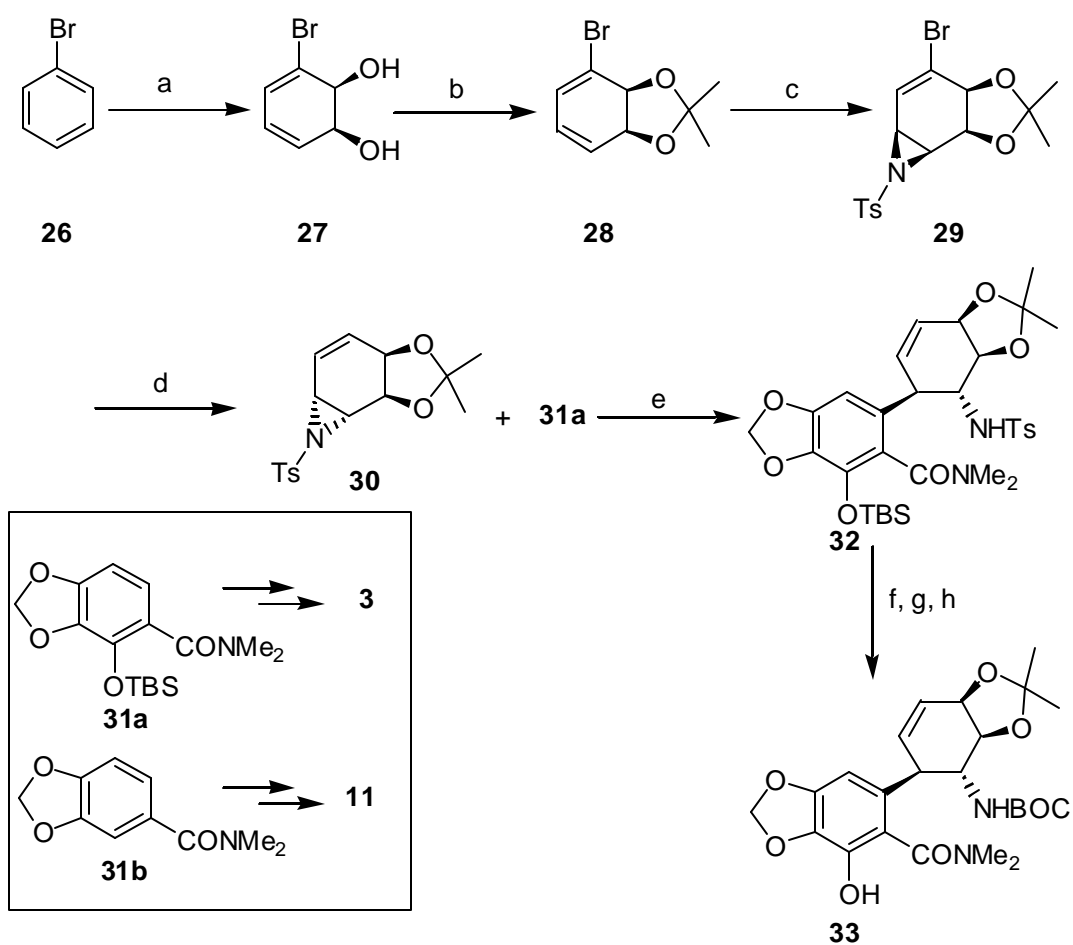
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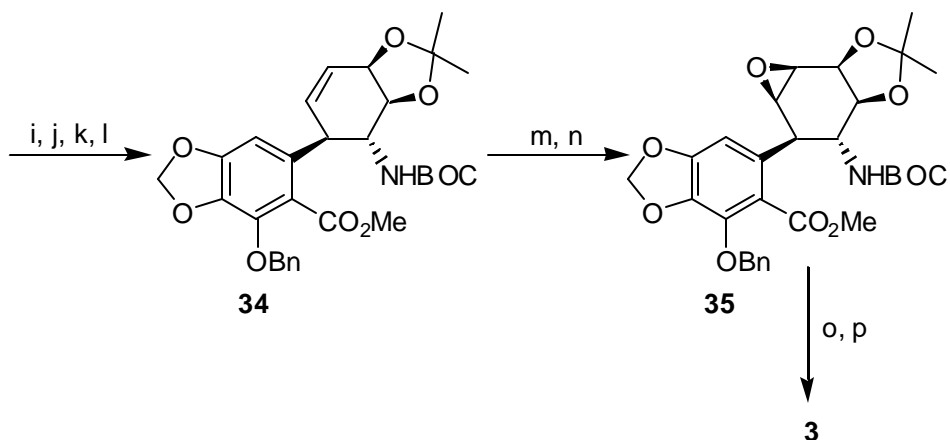
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*PhH*, reflux; n) 2-acetoxyisobutyryl bromide,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , rt; o)  $\text{OsO}_4$ , NMO, DCM, THF, rt; p)  $\text{Bu}_2\text{SnO}$ , PMBBR,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ ; q)  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{BnCl}$ , DMF; r) DDQ, DCM,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; s) Zn, HOAc; t) NaH,  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$ , THF, 100 °C; u)  $\text{OsO}_4$ , NMO, THF, rt; v)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , MeOH, DCM, reflux; w)  $\text{H}_2/\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$ , 1 atm.

**2.1b Hudlicky's Approach.** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 3643)<sup>11</sup>

**Total 14 steps and 2 % overall yield.**



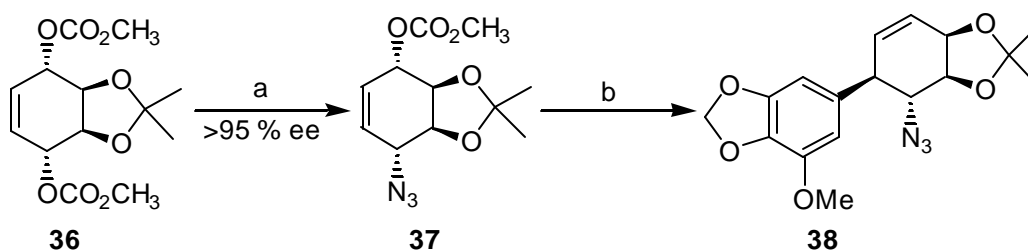


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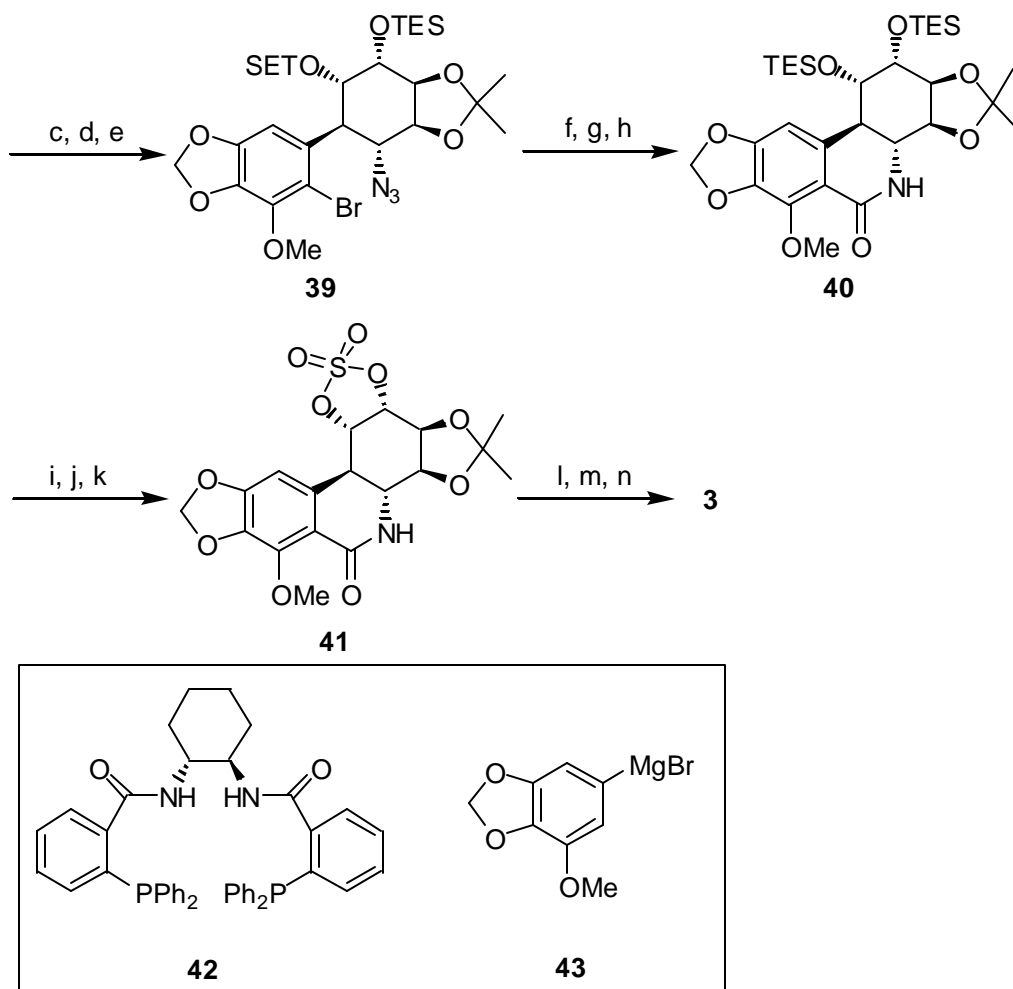
**Reagents and Conditions:** a) *Pp*-39D,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ ; b)  $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OMe})_2$ ,  $\text{TsOH}$ ,  $\text{DCM}$ ,  $\text{rt}$ ; c)  $\text{PhI}=\text{NTs}$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ; d)  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ ,  $\text{AIBN}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $\text{reflux}$ ; e)  $s\text{-BuLi}$ ,  $\text{TMEDA}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{CuCN}$ ; f)  $s\text{-BuLi}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $(\text{BOC})_2\text{O}$ ; g)  $\text{Na}/\text{anthracene}$ ,  $\text{DME}$ ,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; h)  $\text{TBAF}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ; i)  $\text{SMEA H}$ ,  $\text{morpholine}$ ,  $-45\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ; j)  $\text{BnBr}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{DMF}$ ; k)  $\text{NaClO}_2$ ,  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ,  $2\text{-methyl-2-butene}$ ,  $t\text{BuOH}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; l)  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$ ; m)  $\text{HOAc}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; n)  $t\text{BuOOH}$ ,  $\text{VO}(\text{acac})_2$ ,  $\text{PhH}$ ,  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; o)  $\text{BzONa}(\text{cat})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; p)  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$ ,  $\text{EtOAc}$ .

**2.1c Trost's Approach.** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 10143)<sup>12</sup>

**Total 13 steps and 11 % overall yield.**





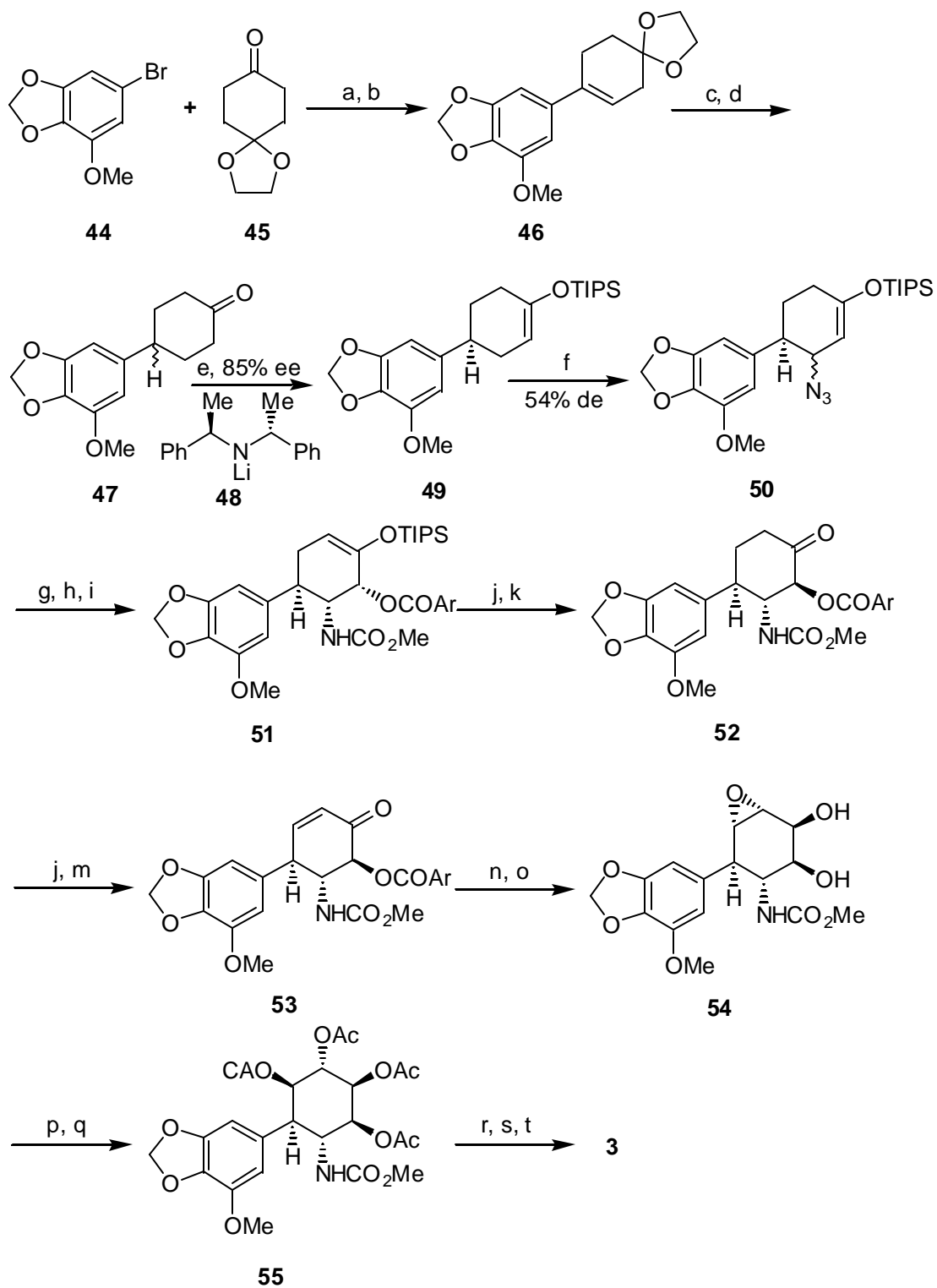


Scheme- III

**Reagents and Conditions:** a)  $(\eta\text{-C}_3\text{H}_3\text{PdCl})_2$ , 0.78mol % of **42**,  $\text{TMSN}_3$ , DCM, RT; b) **43**, CuCN, THE, Ether, 0 °C; c)  $\text{OsO}_4$ ,  $\text{NMO}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , DCM; d) TESOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM; e) NBS, DMF; f)  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{P}$ , THF,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; g)  $\text{COCl}_2$ , THF, TEA; h) *t*-BuLi, Ether, -78 °C; i) TBAF, THF; j)  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , TEA; k)  $\text{RuCl}_3\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ,  $\text{CCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , RT; l)  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Cs}$ , DMF, work up  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , cat.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; m)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , MeOH, rt; n) LiI, DMF, 80 °C.

**2.1d Magnus's Approach.** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 5341)<sup>14</sup>

**Total of 21 steps and in 3 % overall yield.**

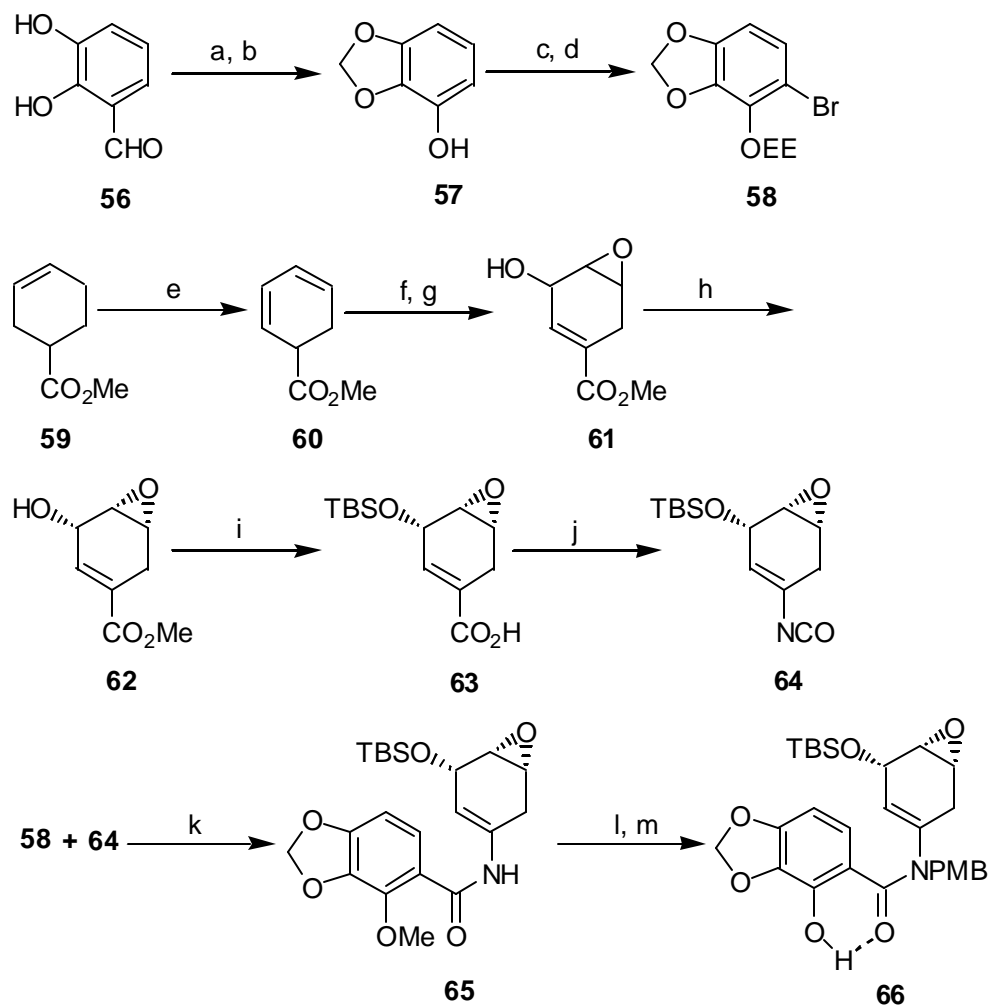


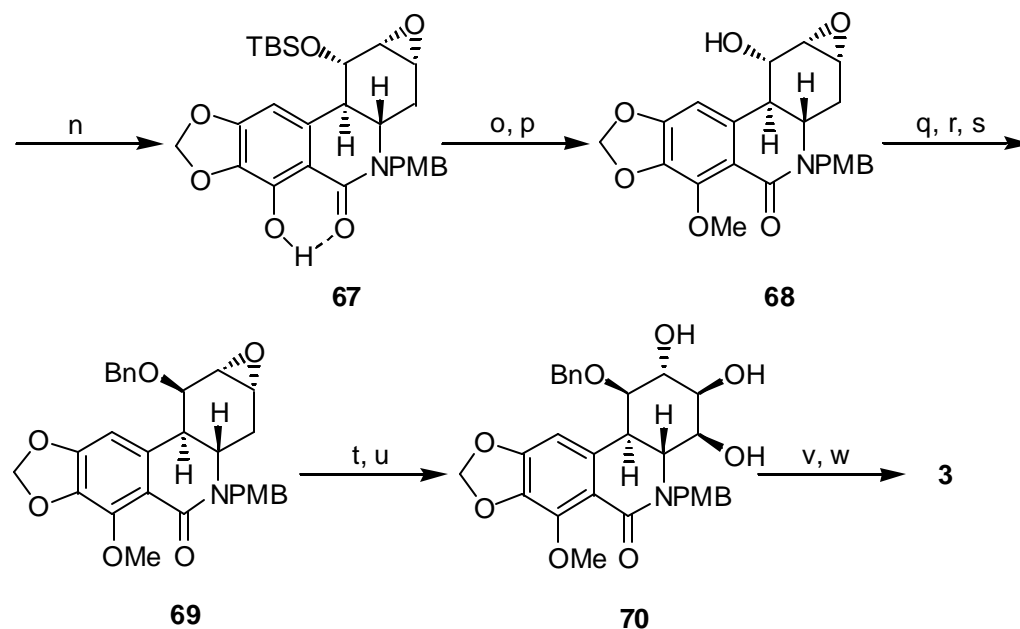
**Scheme- IV**

**Reagents and conditions:** a) *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C; b) POCl<sub>3</sub>, DBU, Py; c) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd-C, EtOH; d) TsOH, MeOH; e) **48**, LiCl, TIPSOTf, THF, -78 °C; f) (PhIO)<sub>n</sub>, TMSN<sub>3</sub>, DCM, -15 °C; g) LAH, Et<sub>2</sub>O; h) MeOCOC(=O)Cl, Py; i) MCPBA; j) H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>; k) KO<sup>t</sup>Bu, HMPA; l) TMSOTf, TEA; m) PhSeOCOCF<sub>3</sub> then H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; n) NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MeOH; o) *L*-selectride, THF; p) PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na, H<sub>2</sub>O; q) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Py; r) Tf<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP; s) BBr<sub>3</sub>; t) NaOMe, MeOH.

**2.1e Rigby's Approach.** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 6624)<sup>15</sup>

Total of 27 steps and in <1 % overall yield.





Scheme-V

**Reagents and conditions:** a)  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , DMF; b) (i) mCPBA; (ii) KOH, MeOH; c)  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Ag}$ ,  $\text{Br}_2$ ; d) EVE, PPTs, DCM; e) (i) NBS, AIBN,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ ; (ii)  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ ; f) (i)  $\text{O}_2$ , Rose Bengal,  $h\nu$ ; (ii)  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ; g) NaOMe, MeOH; i) (i) TBSCl,  $\text{ImH}$ , DCM; (ii) LiOH, MeOH; j) DPPA,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ ,  $110^\circ\text{C}$ ; k)  $n\text{BuLi}$ , THF,  $-70^\circ\text{C}$ ; l) NaH, PMBBr; m) PPTs, MeOH; n)  $h\nu$ , PhH; o) NaH, MeI, THF; p) TBAF, THF; q) Dess-Martin; r)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ ; s) NaH, BnBr; t)  $(\text{PhSe})_2$ ,  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , reflux; u)  $\text{OsO}_4$ , NMO,  $t\text{-BuOH}$ ; v)  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{H}_2$ ; w) LiCl, DMF.

Apart from the successes cataloged above, Haseltine<sup>13</sup> has presented a formal synthesis based on aromatic electrophilic substitution in which he has synthesized optically pure **24**, which is advanced intermediate in Danishefsky's synthesis<sup>10</sup>. Recently, Pettit achieved the synthesis of **3** from more abundant **12**<sup>17</sup>.

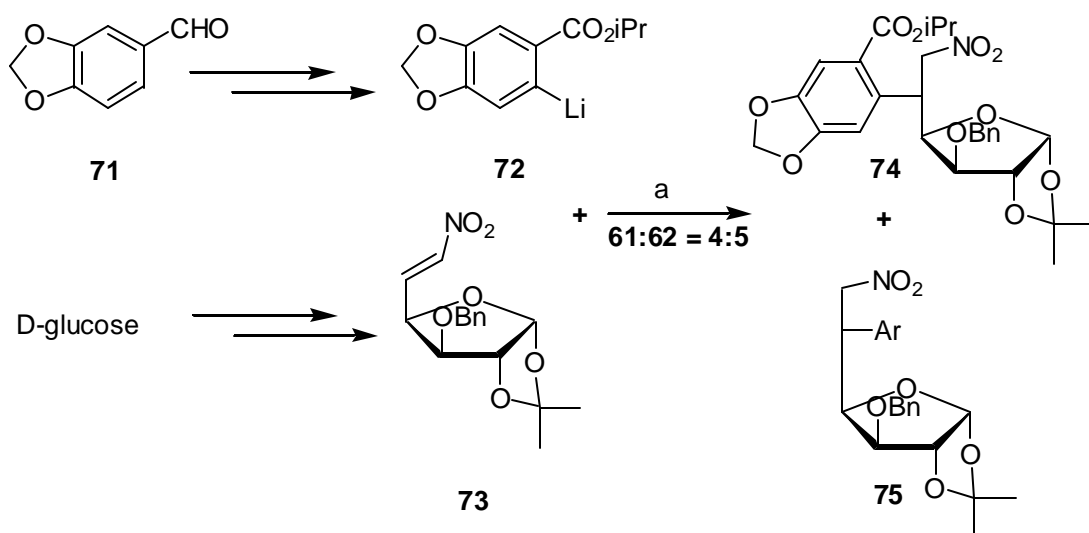
Kim and coworkers<sup>17</sup> have synthesized racemic **3** utilizing Claisen rearrangement as a key step.

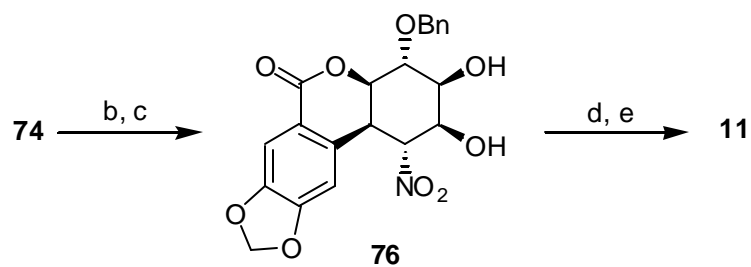
## 2.2 Synthetic approaches to 7-Deoxypancratistatin.

The first total synthesis of 7-deoxypancratistatin (**11**) was achieved by Paulsen and coworkers<sup>18</sup>, en-route to lycoricidine (**13**), prior to its isolation from natural source. In 1995, Hudlicky has reported<sup>11,19</sup> the total synthesis of **11** by utilizing aziridine ring opening with higher order cuprates as a key step, along with the synthesis of **3** which has already been discussed earlier. Keck and coworkers published two different approaches to **11**, one based on 6-exo radical cyclizations of oxime ethers<sup>20</sup>, and the other one based on a second generation radical cyclizations of oxime ethers<sup>21</sup>. Recently, Plumet<sup>22</sup> and coworkers synthesized **11**, using the ring opening of vinylsulphone-furan adduct with metallated aromatic system.

### 2.2a Paulsen's Approach. (*Liebigs. Ann. Chem.* **1983**, 535)<sup>18</sup>

**Total of 10 steps and in 1.1 % overall yield starting from 71 and 73.**





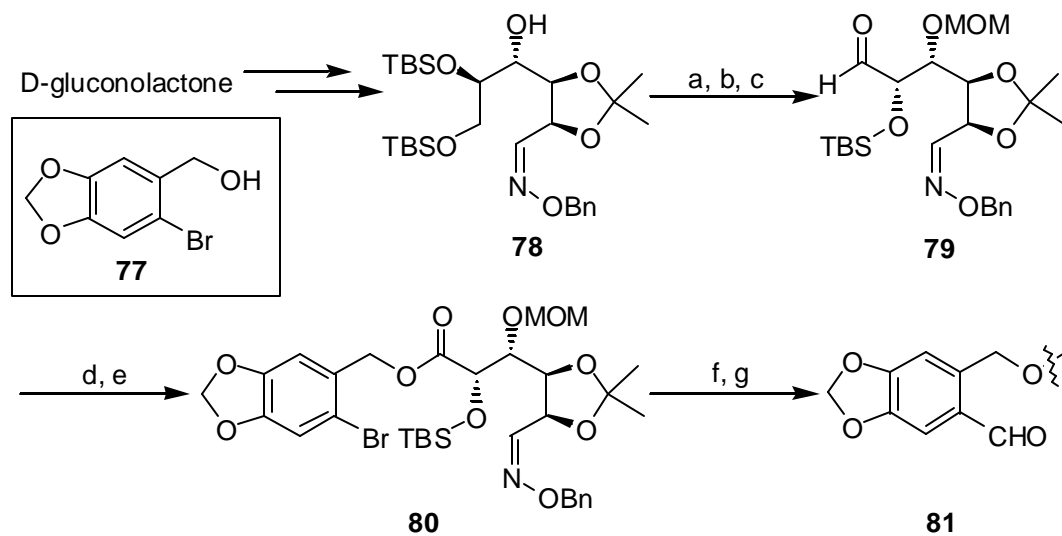
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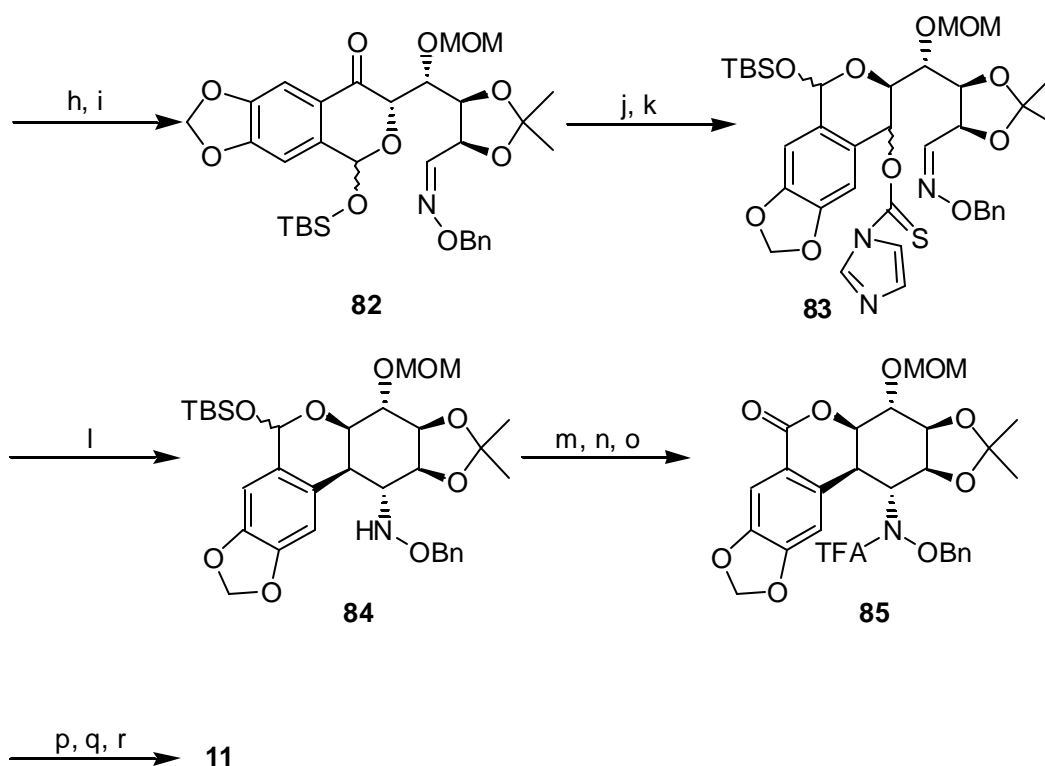
**Reagents and conditions:** a) THF,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; b) HOAc; c)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , MeOH; d) Pd/ $\text{H}_2$ , EtOH; e)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , MeOH.

### 2.2b Keck's Approaches:

**Approach-I** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 7289. and *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, 64, 4465)<sup>20</sup>

**Total of 21 steps and in 7 % overall yield.**



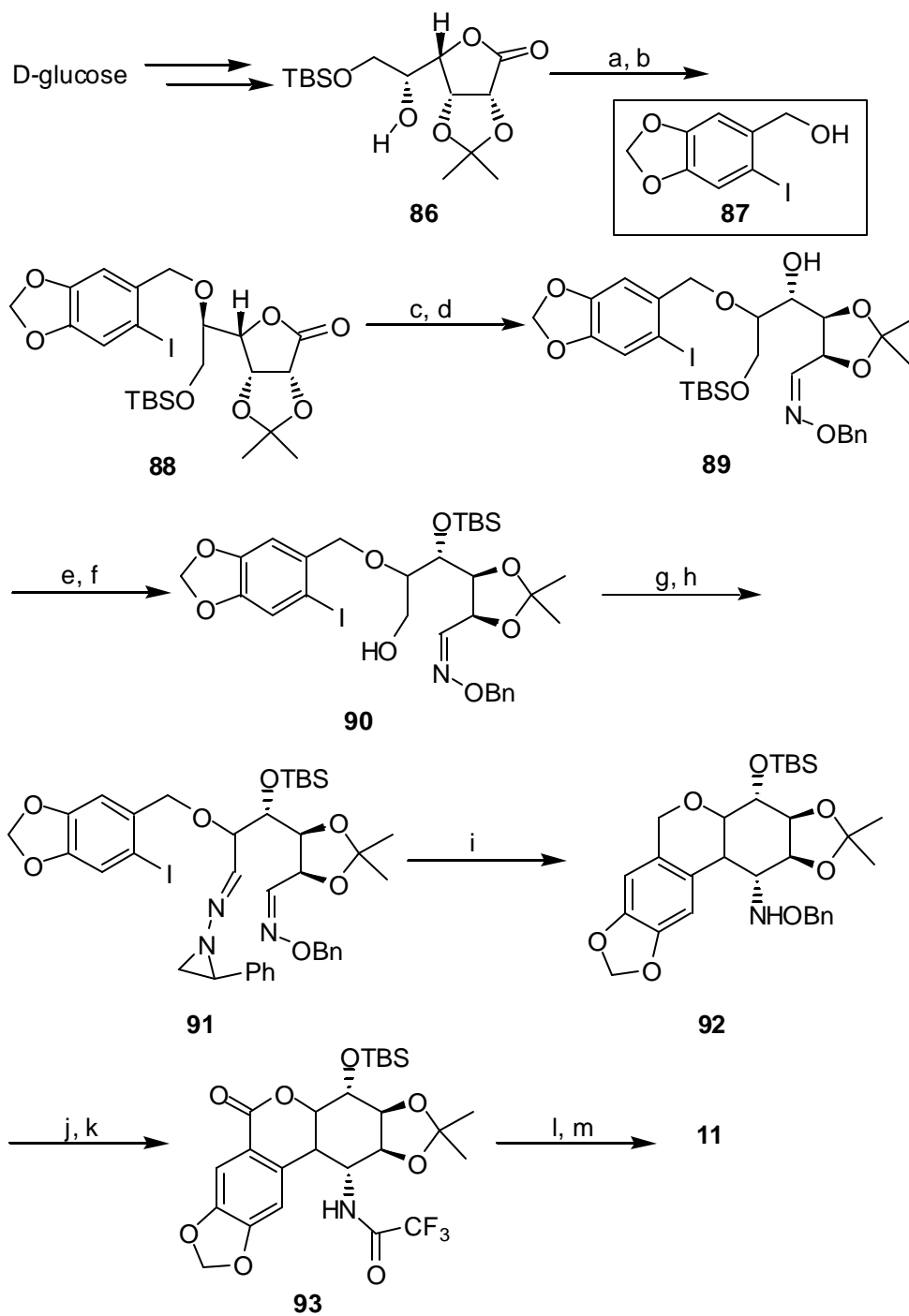


Scheme- VII.

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) MOMCl, DIEA; b) HF-Py; c) TPAP, NMO; d) NaClO<sub>2</sub>, KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; e) PPh<sub>3</sub>, DEAD, **77**; f) *n*-BuLi, -98 °C to -78 °C; g) TPAP, NMO; h) HF-Py; i) TBSOCl, ImH; j) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH; k) TCDI, DMAP, 1,2-dichloroethane; l) Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH, AIBN, PhCH<sub>3</sub>; m) TFAA, DMAP; n) TBAF, THF; o) TPAP, NMO; p) Sml<sub>2</sub>, THF; q) DOWEX-H<sup>+</sup>; r) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH.

Approach –II: (*J. Org. Chem.* 1998, 63, 9164)<sup>21</sup>

Total of 13 steps and in 21 % overall yield.



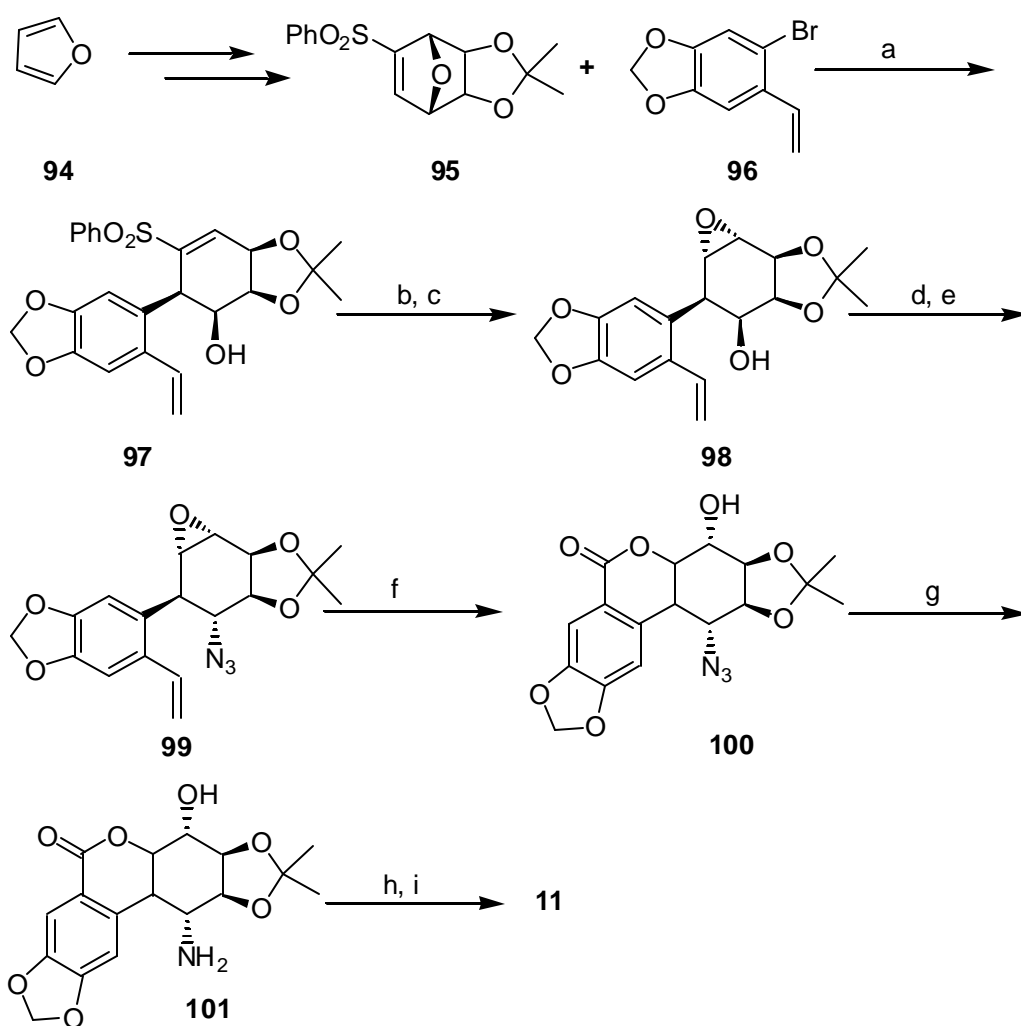
Scheme- VIII



**Reagents and Conditions:** a) NaH,  $Cl_3CCN$ , THF; b) **74**, pTSA, THF, 0 °C; c) L-Selectride, DCM, -78 °C; d) HCl.H<sub>2</sub>NOBn, Py; e) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM; f) HF.Py, THF; g) TPAP, NMO, THF; h) 1-amino-2-phenylaziridine, EtOH, 0 °C; i)  $Ph_3SnH$ , AIBN, PhH; j)  $Sml_2$ , THF then TFAA; k) PCC, DCM; l)  $BF_3.OEt_2$ , DCM; m)  $K_2CO_3$ , MeOH.

**2.2c Plumet's Approach:** (*Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 3683)<sup>22</sup>

Total of 19 steps and in 8 % overall yield.



**Scheme- IX**

**Reagents and conditions:** a) *n*-BuLi, THF, PhCH<sub>3</sub>, -78 °C; b) *t*BuOOH, *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C; c) Na-Hg, MeOH, THF; d) Tf<sub>2</sub>O, Py, DCM, 0 °C; e) Bu<sub>4</sub>NN<sub>3</sub>, PhH; f) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, RuCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CCl<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O; g) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd-C, 40 psi, MeOH; h) CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, 0 °C; i) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, reflux.

Despite the successes cataloged above, it is clear that in spite of the considerable efforts expended by numerous research groups over many years on the synthesis of these alkaloids, total synthesis of these alkaloids remain particularly formidable targets for synthetic chemists. We have taken up the challenge to develop a short and conceptually new synthesis for **3** and **11**. The foregoing chapters will discuss our progress towards this endeavor.

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**CHAPTER-II**

**SYNTHETIC STUDIES**

**TOWARDS PANCRATISTATIN**

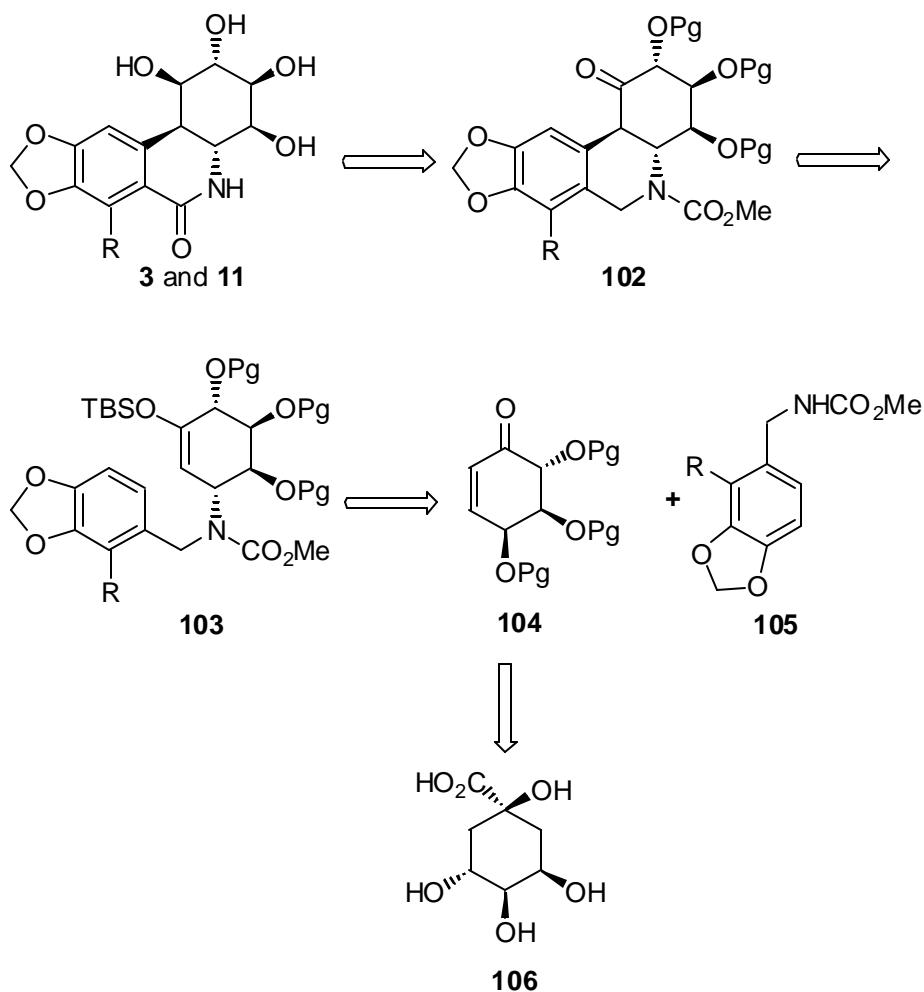
## Synthetic Studies towards Pancratistatin

### 1. Introduction

Due to intriguing pharmacological activities, interesting structural features and scarcity in nature (0.0028% yield in isolation<sup>1</sup>), pancratistatin and 7-deoxypancratistatin have generated considerable attention from the numerous research groups over many years, however, these alkaloids still remain formidable targets for organic synthesis as evident from the discussion appended in the previous chapter. In fact, these alkaloids possess deceptively simple looking molecular structure that present a number of challenges to the capabilities of the contemporary organic synthesis. The principal hurdles in the synthesis include elaboration of *trans* fused BC-ring system and the stereocontrolled installation of the hydroxy functionalities located around the perimeter of the C-ring moiety. We envisaged a new synthetic approach for **3** and **11** utilizing PET-initiated  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones, a new C-C- bond formation strategy developed earlier from our group,<sup>2,3</sup> as a key step and also making use of commercially available D-(-)-quinic acid as the chiral source to build the highly oxygenated C-ring system.

### 2. Retrosynthetic Analysis and Design.

We viewed our new synthetic approach for **3** and **11** through the retrosynthetic route as outlined in the Scheme-X. The key step envisaged in our approach was the photoinduced electron transfer (PET) initiated intramolecular carbocyclization of silylenoethers to a tethered electron rich aromatic ring (**103** to **102**). We anticipated the cyclization would undergo in a *trans* fashion, owing to the stability of [6,6] *trans*-ring fusion over [6,6] *cis*-ring fusion.



### Scheme-X

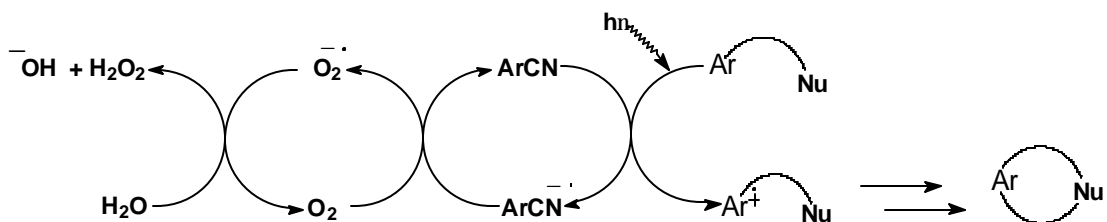
The requisite silylenolether precursor **103** for this crucial transformation could be prepared by the conjugate addition of *N*-metallated piperonyl amine carbamate **105** to the enone **104**. We expected that the conjugate additions would undergo in *trans* fashion as observed in the conjugate addition on various substituted cyclohexenones.<sup>4</sup> The carbonyl functionality at C<sub>6</sub> position could be introduced at relatively later stages of the synthesis to avoid any unforeseen complications in the

cyclization step. The enone precursor **104** can be obtained from D-(-)-quinic acid through simple synthetic transformations.

Since our synthetic endeavor towards pancratistatins involves  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones as key the step, it would be appropriate to highlight the salient features of the protocol developed in our laboratory for the generation of arene radical cation and its intramolecular cyclization with silylenol ethers.

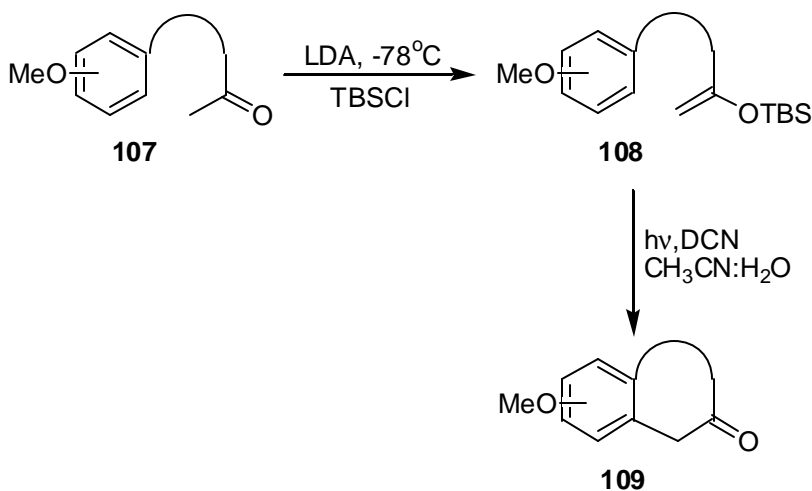
### 3. $\alpha$ -Arylation of ketones- Our Concept and Protocol.

$\alpha$ -Arylation of ketones, although infrequently used, is an important C-C bond formation strategy, which could be used for the rapid access of otherwise inaccessible molecules. Particularly, intramolecular  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones could provide an easy access to benzannulated carbocyclic compounds. Pandey et al<sup>5</sup> have developed a new protocol for  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones following their previous work on the generation of arene radical cations through photoinduced electron transfer reactions and subsequent intramolecular cyclization with various heteroatom nucleophiles as shown in Figure-3. The generation of arene radical cation involved single electron transfer from the excited state of an electron rich arene to the ground state of electron deficient aromatic system like 1,4-dicyanonaphthalene (DCN).



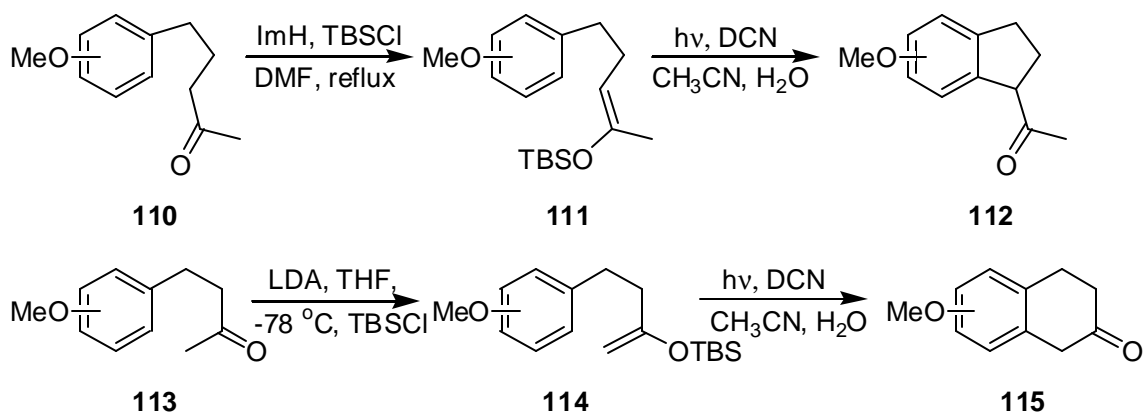
**Figure- 3**

The arene radical cation thus generated was utilized for the direct aromatic nucleophilic substitution reaction of aromatic ring with highly polarized enol silyl ether as shown in Scheme-XI.

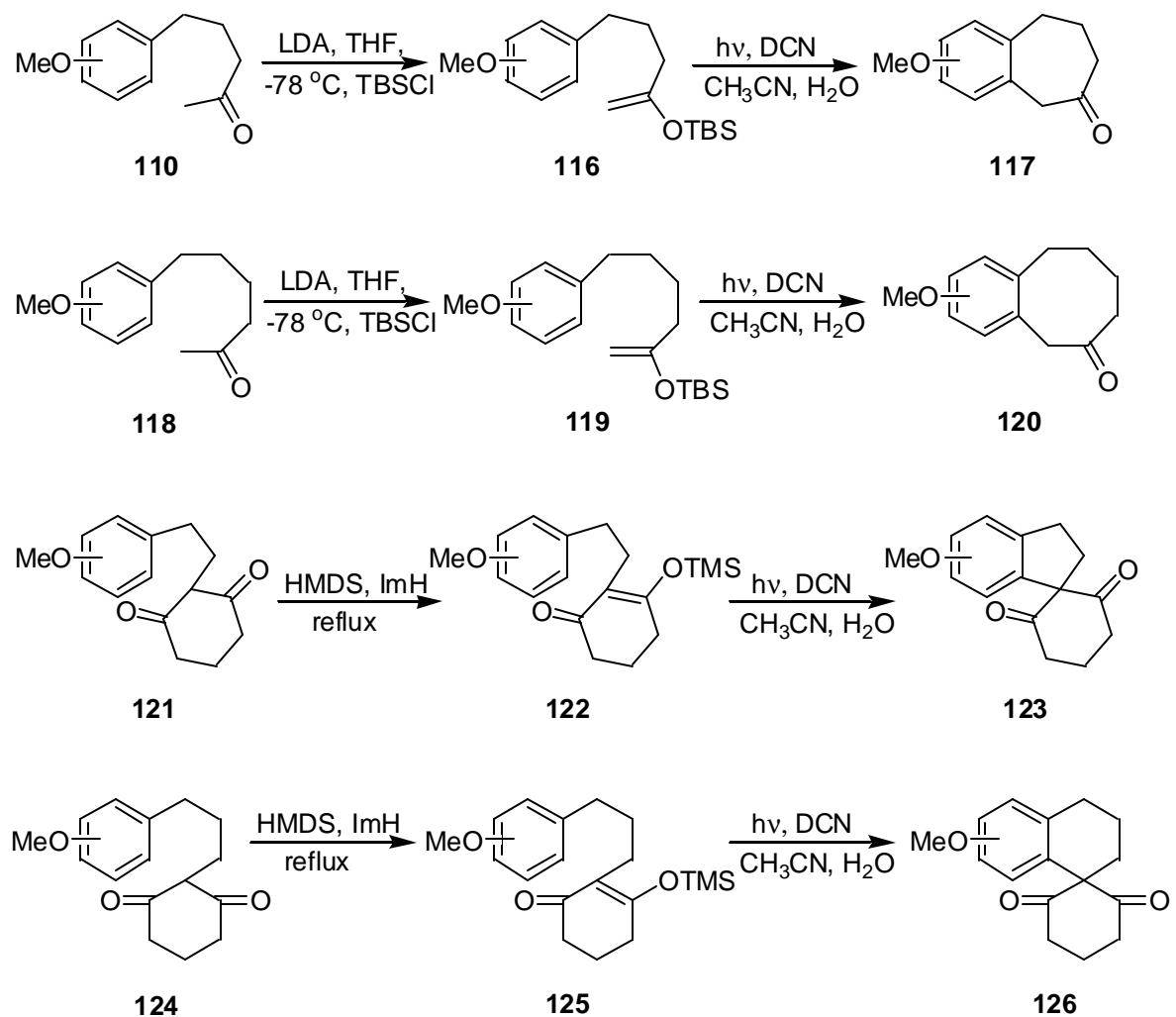


### Scheme-XI

The efficiency of this methodology has been demonstrated by constructing five, six, seven and eight membered benzannulated and benzospiroannulated compounds<sup>3</sup>. (Scheme-XII)







Scheme-XII

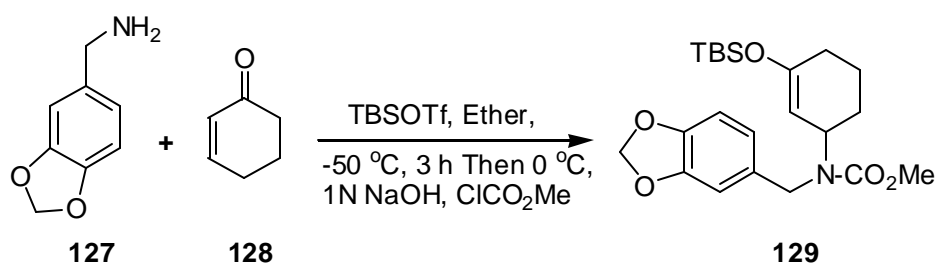
The success of the methodology prompted us to examine its potentiality in the total synthesis of natural products. For this purpose we chose pancratistatins as our synthetic targets.

## Results and discussion

To begin our study, we intended to check the efficiency of this methodology by synthesizing the phenanthridone skeleton, the carbon framework of pancratistatins.

### 4. Synthesis of Phenanthridone Skeleton.

The synthesis of phenanthridone skeleton involves the preparation of silylenolether **129** followed by cyclization by PET reaction. It is known in the literature<sup>6</sup> that conjugate addition with any nucleophile to cyclohexenone in the presence of TBSOTf results in the formation of silylenolether having the nucleophiles at the  $\beta$ -position. Keeping this fact in mind, we reacted piperonyl amine (**127**) with 2-cyclohexen-1-one (**128**) in the presence of TBSOTf in the ether solvent at  $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to form the corresponding silylenolether ammonium complex. The complex was basified to release the corresponding silylenolether having secondary amine at the  $\beta$ -position. The secondary amine was protected as its methyl carbamate by reacting with methyl chloroformate affording required silylenolether precursor **129**.



Scheme-XIII

The IR spectrum of the compound **129** showed strong bands at  $1693\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1251\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the presence of both carbamate and silylenoether functionalities, respectively.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum displayed a multiplet at  $\delta 6.8$  integrating for three protons, which were assigned for the aromatic protons. The methylenedioxy protons appeared as a sharp singlet at  $\delta 5.90$ . A multiplet between  $\delta 5.05$ -  $4.65$ , integrating for one proton, was assigned to  $-\text{N}-\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}-$  proton of the cyclohexyl ring. A broad singlet at  $\delta 4.60$  was attributed to the olefinic proton of the silylenoether moiety. The benzylic protons appeared as two doublets at  $\delta 4.35$  and  $\delta 4.28$  ( $J = 17\text{ Hz}$ ), respectively. The three methyl protons of the carbomethoxyl group appeared as a singlet at  $\delta 3.65$ . A multiplet between  $\delta 2.05$ -  $1.20$ , integrating for six protons, could be assigned to the remaining six methylenic protons of the cyclohexyl ring. A singlet at  $\delta 0.85$ , integrating for nine protons, was assigned to *t*-butyl of the TBS group. The two singlets at  $\delta 0.05$  and  $\delta 0.00$ , integrating for three protons each, were assigned to the dimethyl protons of the TBS group.

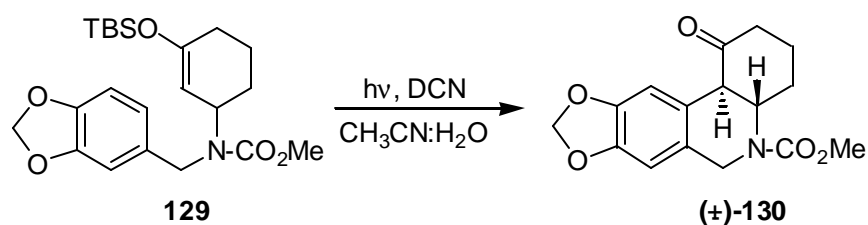
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **129** revealed a total of nineteen signals at  $\delta 157.0$ ,  $154.0$ ,  $147.4$ ,  $145.9$ ,  $133.7$ ,  $119.2$ ,  $107.7$ ,  $106.9$ ,  $104.8$ ,  $100.5$ ,  $53.2$ ,  $52.3$ ,  $45.7$ ,  $29.2$ ,  $27.7$ ,  $25.3$ ,  $20.6$ ,  $17.7$ , and  $-4.9$ . In the DEPT spectrum, the three aromatic methine carbons appeared at  $\delta 119.2$ ,  $107.7$  and  $106.9$ , respectively. The olefinic methine carbon of silylenoether appeared at  $\delta 104.8$ . The methylene carbon of the methylenedioxy group appeared at  $\delta 100.5$ . The methine carbon of  $-\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}-\text{N}-$  appeared at  $\delta 53.2$  and the methyl carbon of the carbamate moiety appeared at  $\delta 52.3$ . The methylenic carbon at  $\delta 45.7$  was assigned to the benzylic carbon and the other three methylenic carbons ( $\delta 29.2$ ,  $27.7$ ,  $20.6$ ) were assigned to the three methylene groups

of cyclohexyl ring. The signal at  $\delta$ 25.3 was assigned to the three methyl carbons of *t*-butyl of TBS group. The other two methyl carbons attached to Si atom of TBS group appeared at  $\delta$ -4.9. The quaternary carbon (which is absent in DEPT spectrum) at  $\delta$ 157.0 was assigned as carbonyl carbon of the carbamate moiety. The three quaternary carbons at  $\delta$ 154.0, 147.4, and 145.9 were attributed to the three quaternary aromatic carbons. The olefinic quaternary carbon of silylenolether appeared at  $\delta$ 133.7. The quaternary carbon at  $\delta$ 17.7 was assigned to *t*-butyl quaternary carbon of the TBS group.

Mass spectrum of **129** displayed molecular ion peak at 419 along with the peaks at 362 ( $M^+ - 57$ ), 305, 252 and 211. The base peak was noticed at 284.

#### 4. 1. PET Cyclization of **129** to Phenanthridone skeleton **130**.

The PET cyclization was carried out by irradiating a mixture of **129** (0.5 g, 1.19 mmol) and DCN (0.05 g, 0.28 mmol) in acetonitrile:water (24:1, 250 mL) solvent system using Hanovia medium pressure lamp (450 W, Pyrex filter,  $>280$  nm) as UV radiation source for 6 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored periodically by TLC. Concentration of the resulting photolysate followed by column chromatographic purification gave cyclized product **130** in 72 % yield.



**Scheme-XIV**

The IR spectrum of **130** showed strong absorption bands at  $1715\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1695\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the presence of both keto carbonyl group and carbamate functionality.

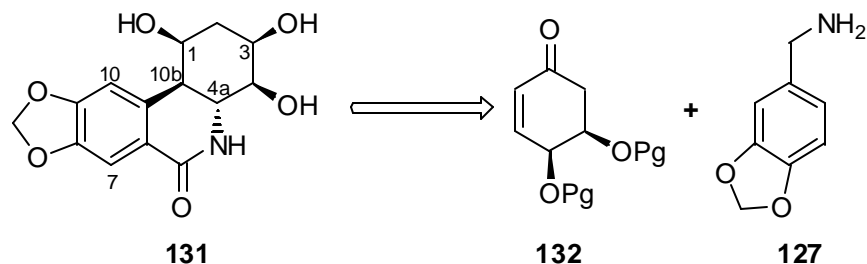
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum displayed two singlets at  $\delta 6.65$  and  $6.45$ , integrating to one proton each, which were assigned to  $\text{H}_7$  and  $\text{H}_{10}$  aromatic protons. The methylenedioxy protons ( $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$ ) were observed as a sharp singlet at  $\delta 5.95$ . A multiplet between  $\delta 5.0-4.50$ , integrating for two protons, was assigned to the two  $\text{H}_6$  benzylic protons. A doublet at  $\delta 4.20$  ( $J = 12.5\text{ Hz}$ ) was assigned as  $\text{H}_{0b}$  proton, confirming the BC *trans* ring fusion. A multiplet between  $\delta 3.85-3.7$ , integrating for four protons, was assigned as three of the methylcarbamate protons and one  $\text{H}_{4a}$  proton. The two  $\text{H}_2$  protons appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta 2.3$ . A multiplet between  $\delta 2.0-1.5$ , integrating for four protons, was assigned to two protons each of  $\text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}_4$  protons.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum showed a total of sixteen carbon signals at  $\delta 209.0$ ,  $155.4$ ,  $147.2$ ,  $147.1$ ,  $125.0$ ,  $122.7$ ,  $106.7$ ,  $106.4$ ,  $101.0$ ,  $54.0$ ,  $52.6$ ,  $52.0$ ,  $42.6$ ,  $37.9$ ,  $24.9$  and  $22.0$ . DEPT experiment revealed the presence of six quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta 209.0$ ,  $155.4$ ,  $147.2$ ,  $147.1$ ,  $125.0$  and  $122.7$ . These quaternary carbons were assigned to  $\text{C}_1$  carbonyl ( $\delta 209.0$ ), carbonyl of carbamate ( $\delta 155.4$ ) and four aromatic quaternary carbons ( $\delta 147.2$ ,  $147.1$ ,  $125.0$  and  $122.7$ ). Two signals at  $\delta 106.7$  and  $106.4$  were assignable to two aromatic methine carbons ( $\text{C}_7$  and  $\text{C}_{10}$ ). The methylenedioxy carbon appeared at  $\delta 101.0$  and the benzylic methylenic carbon ( $\text{C}_6$ ) appeared at  $\delta 42.6$ . The three methylenic carbons of the C-ring appeared at  $\delta 37.9$ ,  $24.9$  and  $22.0$ , respectively.

Mass spectrum **130** showed molecular ion peak at 303 (50) and base peak at 42. The other fragments were observed at 288 ( $M^+ - 15$ , 24), 244 ( $M^+ - 59$ , 26), 232 (27), 188 (32), 174 (33) and 59 (94)

### 5. Synthesis of (+)-2,7-Dideoxypancratistatin (**131**).

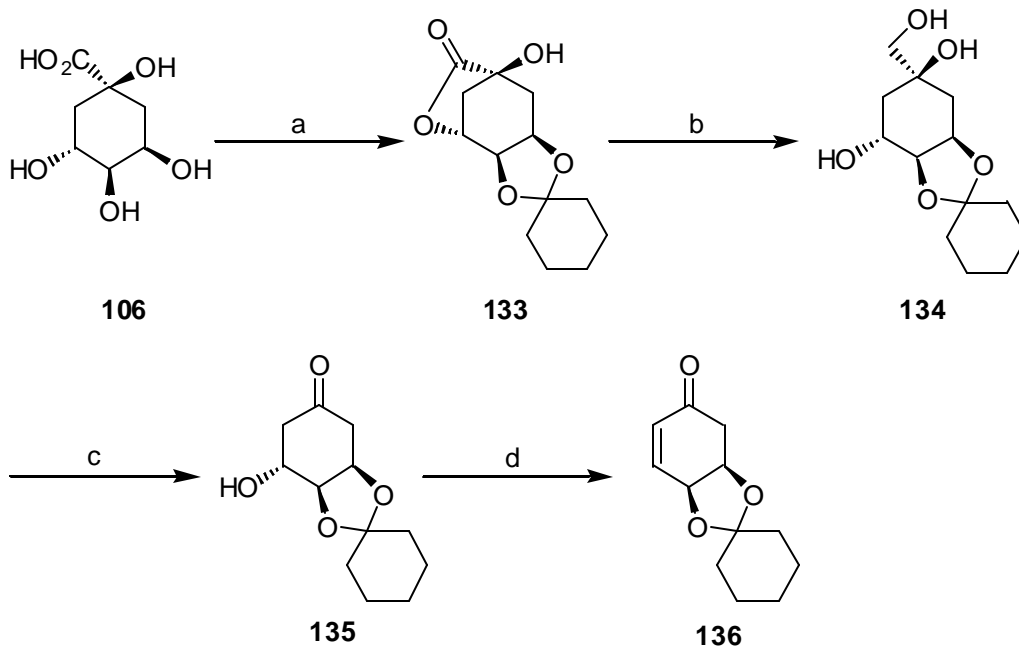
The success of the above reaction prompted us to prepare (+)-2,7-dideoxypancratistatin (**131**) as an advanced model of (+)-7-deoxypancratistatin (**11**). Our synthetic plan to **131** is depicted in the following Scheme-XV.



**Scheme-XV**

Our first task was to prepare a suitably protected 4,5-dihydroxy protected enone **132** from D-(-)-quinic acid. The synthesis of cyclohexylidene protected enone **136** was achieved in four steps as shown in the Scheme-XVI.

First, we lactonized **106** by refluxing with a mixture of cyclohexanone, p-TSA (catalytic), DMF in benzene under Dean-Stark conditions for four hours. The usual work up and the crystallization of the crude product from pet ether: acetone gave **133** in 95 % yield.



Scheme-XVI

**Reagents and conditions:** a) Cyclohexanone, *p*-TSA, PhH, DMF, reflux, 4 h, 95 %; b) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, rt, 24 h, 90 %; c) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 0 °C, 0.5 h; d) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 0 °C, 1.5 h, 90 %.

The IR spectrum of **133** showed strong absorption band at 3429 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1767 cm<sup>-1</sup>, characteristics of hydroxy and lactone functionalities, respectively.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **133** displayed a doublet of doublet at δ4.72 (*J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz), assignable to H<sub>5</sub> proton. The H<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>4</sub> protons appeared as ddd at δ4.46 (*J* = 7.0, 7.0, 3.0 Hz) and δ4.28 (*J* = 6.0, 2.0, 1.2 Hz), respectively. The C<sub>1</sub> hydroxy proton appeared as a singlet at δ3.15. A doublet at δ2.63 (*J* = 11.8 Hz), a multiplet between δ2.45- 2.23 and a doublet of doublet at δ2.16 (*J* = 14.6, 3.0 Hz) were assigned to four methylene protons present at C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> positions. The complex multiplet

between  $\delta$ 1.72- 1.20, integrating for ten protons, was assigned to the cyclohexyl protons of the cyclohexylidene ring.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **133** displayed a total of 13 signals at  $\delta$ 178.6, 110.2, 75.6, 71.3, 71.2, 70.7, 37.9, 36.5, 34.0, 33.3, 24.6, 23.5 and 23.1. DEPT experiment suggested the presence of three quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta$ 178.6, 110.2 and 71.3 which were assigned to the lactone carbonyl, one quaternary carbon at cyclohexylidene group and  $\text{C}_1$  carbon, respectively. Three methine carbons at  $\delta$ 75.6, 71.2 and 70.7 were assigned as  $\text{C}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$ , respectively. The seven methylene carbons at  $\delta$ 37.9, 36.5, 34.0, 33.3, 24.6, 23.5 and 23.1, were assigned to  $\text{C}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6$  and five methylenic carbons present in the cyclohexylidene moiety.

The mass spectrum of **133** showed molecular ion peak at 254 (7) and base peak at 55. The other fragments were observed at 225 (10), 211 (53), 139 (10), 111 (20), and 95 (23).

The reduction of **133** was carried out by reacting with sodium borohydride in ethanol at room temperature for 24 h followed by quenching with brine and usual workup afforded **134** in 90 % yield.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **134** displayed a ddd at  $\delta$ 4.48 ( $J = 5.9, 3.9, 2.9$  Hz), which was assigned as  $\text{H}_4$  proton. Another ddd at  $\delta$ 4.10 ( $J = 10.2, 6.3, 4.3$  Hz) was assigned to  $\text{H}_5$  proton. The  $\text{H}_5$  proton appeared as a triplet like doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 3.97 ( $J = 6.3$  Hz). The methylene protons (attached to  $\text{C}_1$ ) appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 3.45 ( $J = 20, 10.8$  Hz). The three hydroxyl protons appeared as a broad singlet at  $\delta$ 2.6. The signals at  $\delta$ 2.32 (ddd,  $J = 15.6, 2.5, 2.5$  Hz), 2.00 (ddd,  $J = 13.7, 4.9, 2.4$  Hz), 1.88 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz) and 1.80 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz) were assigned to methylene protons attached to  $\text{C}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6$ . The ten-cyclohexylidene protons appeared as a complex multiplet between  $\delta$ 1.79- 1.25.



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **134** showed a total of thirteen signals at  $\delta$ 109.5, 79.5, 73.6, 72.3, 69.8, 68.9, 38.0, 37.8, 34.4, 32.9, 24.7, 23.7, 23.3. DEPT experiment indicated the presence of two quaternary carbons, one at  $\delta$ 109.5, assignable to quaternary carbon of cyclohexylidene moiety and the other one at  $\delta$ 72.3, assignable to  $\text{C}_1$ . The three methine carbon signals at  $\delta$ 79.5, 73.6, 68.9 were assigned to  $\text{C}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  carbons. The methylene carbon attached to  $\text{C}_1$  appeared at  $\delta$ 69.8. The seven methylene signals at  $\delta$ 38.0, 37.8, 34.4, 32.9, 24.7, 23.7 and 23.3 were assigned to  $\text{C}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6$  and five methylenic carbons of cyclohexylidene moiety.

Mass spectrum of **134** showed molecular ion peak at 258 (4) and base peak at 55. The other fragments were observed at 229 (4), 215 (17), 197 (4), 143 (8), 125 (10), 107 (13), 99 (28), 79 (33) and 69 (40).

The compound **134** was subjected to periodate cleavage with  $\text{NaIO}_4$  in water at room temperature. After the reaction was over, extraction with ethyl acetate and column chromatographic purification of the residue gave corresponding  $\beta$ -hydroxyl ketone **135** in 90 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **135** displayed strong absorption bands at  $3460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1711\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristic of the hydroxyl and keto carbonyl functionalities, respectively.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR displayed two multiplets, one at  $\delta$ 4.70, integrating for one proton, which was assigned to  $\text{H}_5$  and the other one at  $\delta$ 4.25, integrating for two protons, was assigned to  $\text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}_4$  protons. Another multiplet appearing between  $\delta$ 2.80-2.30, integrating for four protons, was assigned to  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{H}_6$  protons. The  $\beta$ -hydroxyl

proton appeared as a broad singlet at  $\delta$ 1.90. The ten cyclohexylidene protons appeared as a complex multiplet between  $\delta$ 1.75- 1.25.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR displayed a total of twelve peaks at  $\delta$ 208.8, 109.1, 74.3, 71.5, 67.7, 41.4, 40.0, 35.9, 32.9, 24.8, 23.6 and 23.2. DEPT experiment revealed the presence of two quaternary carbons one at  $\delta$ 208.8, assignable to  $\text{C}_1$  carbonyl and another one at  $\delta$ 109.1, assignable to the quaternary carbon of cyclohexylidene moiety. The three methine carbons at  $\delta$ 74.3, 71.5 and 67.7 assignable to  $\text{C}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  carbons. The spectrum also had seven methylene carbons assignable to  $\text{C}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6$  and five methylenic carbons of cyclohexylidene moiety.

The mass spectrum of **135** showed molecular ion peak at 226 (2) along with base peak at 55. The other fragments were observed at 197 (1), 183 (4), 111 (2), 81 (2), and 69 (14).

The  $\beta$ -elimination of **135** by treating it with MsCl and triethylamine in dry DCM at 0 °C for 1 h followed by usual workup and column chromatographic purification gave enone **136** in 90 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **136** showed strong absorption band at  $1686\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of enone carbonyl in the molecule.

In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum; a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 6.65 ( $J = 10.3, 2.0\text{ Hz}$ ), integrating for one proton, is attributed to  $\text{H}_3$  olefinic proton. The  $\text{H}_2$  olefinic proton appeared as a doublet at  $\delta$ 6.0 ( $J = 10.3\text{ Hz}$ ). A multiplet at 4.7, integrating for two protons, was attributed to  $\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{H}_5$  protons. A doublet of doublet between  $\delta$ 3.05-2.85 ( $J = 17.6, 2.5\text{ Hz}$ ) was assigned to one of the  $\text{H}_6$  protons. Another doublet of

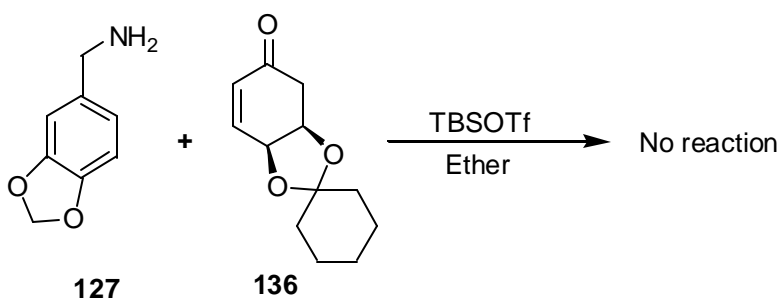
doublet between  $\delta$ 2.75- 2.10 ( $J = 17.6, 3.4$  Hz) was assigned to the other H<sub>6</sub> proton.

The cyclohexylidene protons appeared as a complex multiplet between  $\delta$ 1.75- 0.75.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **136** consisted a total of eleven signals at  $\delta$ 195.4, 146.0, 128.2, 110.1, 72.7, 70.3, 38.5, 37.1, 35.6, 24.5, and 23.4. The DEPT experiment revealed the presence of two quaternary carbons at  $\delta$ 195.4 and 110.1, which were assigned to C<sub>1</sub> carbonyl carbon and the cyclohexylidene quaternary carbon. The C<sub>3</sub> olefinic methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 146.0 and the C<sub>2</sub> olefinic methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 128.2. The C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> methine carbons appeared at  $\delta$ 72.7 and 70.3, respectively. The five methylene carbon signals at  $\delta$ 38.5, 37.1, 35.6, 24.5 and 23.4 were attributed to C<sub>6</sub> and cyclohexylidene methylene carbons.

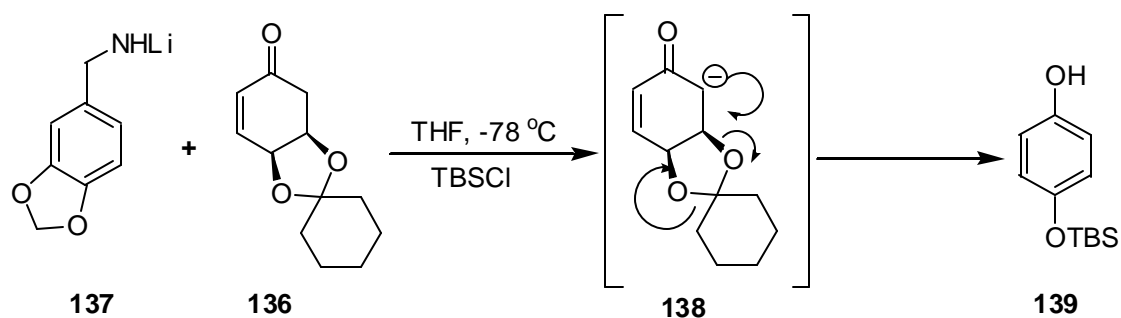
The mass spectrum of **136** possessed molecular ion peak at 208 (43) and base peak at 165. The other fragments were observed at 179 (27), 111 (10), 94 (16), 66 (47) and 55 (61).

Now, the stage was set to carry out the conjugate addition of piperonyl amine on to **112**. The enone **136** was reacted with piperonyl amine and TBSOTf in ether. The reaction failed to give any product even at elevated temperature. The change of solvent to THF also did not help. So, it was presumed that the nucleophilicity of piperonyl amine might not be sufficient to overcome the stereoelectronic repulsion exerted on to enone by the C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> oxygen functionalities.



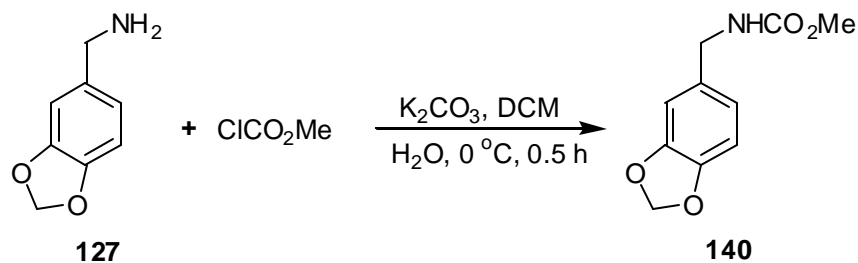
**Scheme-XVII**

To counter this problem, we used lithium piperonyl amide (prepared by the treatment of piperonyl amine with  $n\text{BuLi}$ ) as nucleophile in dry THF at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Unfortunately, this reaction resulted in the aromatization of the enone. The piperonyl amide anion acted as a base, which deprotonated one of the  $\text{C}_6$  protons followed by  $\beta$ -elimination and aromatization.

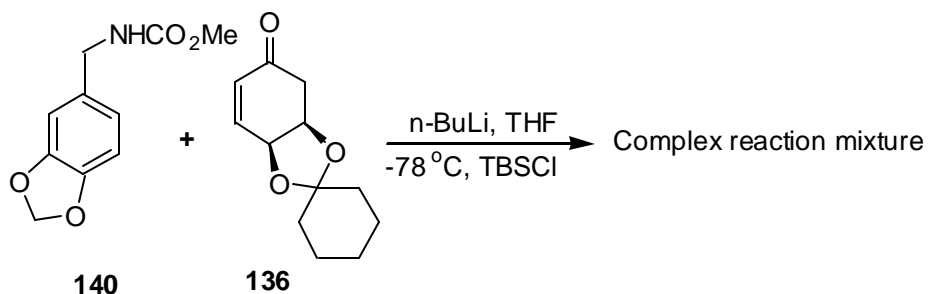


### Scheme-XIII

To reduce the basicity of the piperonyl amide anion and to have optimum nucleophilicity, we decided to stabilize the anion with an electron-withdrawing group on the nitrogen atom. Therefore, we protected the piperonyl amine (**127**) with methyl carbamate group by reacting with methyl chloroformate and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  in DCM solvent at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The usual work up and crystallization from ethanol afforded the carbamate **140** in 93 % yield.

**Scheme-XIX**

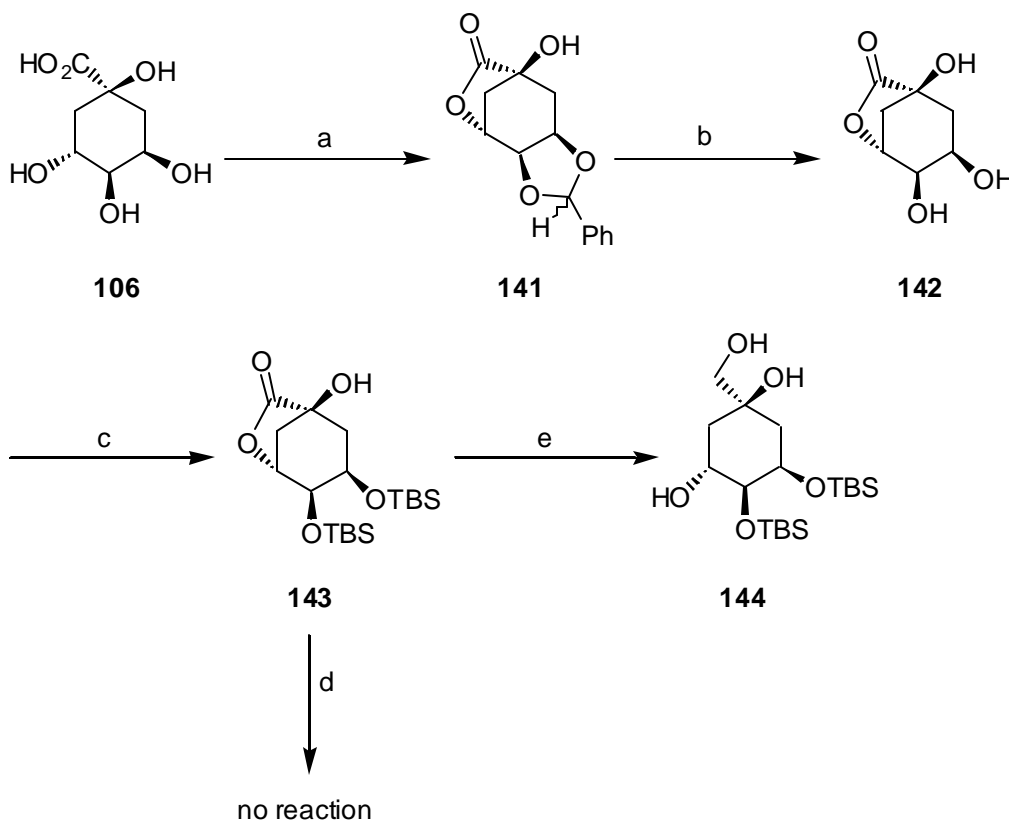
The methyl carbamate, thus, prepared was treated with *n*-BuLi to form the corresponding amide anion. To this, the enone solution in THF was added at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  followed by quenching with TBSCl. The reaction resulted in the formation of a complex mixture in which mono TBS protected hydroquinone **139** was one of the products. Variation of the temperature, change of the solvent and addition of HMPA also did not favor the reaction.

**Scheme-XX**

We felt that the electronic assistance exerted by the cyclohexylidene protecting group (as shown in the Scheme-XVIII) might be responsible for the increased acidity of the  $\text{C}_6$  protons of the enone. In this context, we anticipated that the change of protecting group might be of some help. We chose TBS as our choice of protecting group as it would be stable towards the variety of basic reaction

conditions as well as under various redox reaction conditions and also could be removed under very mild condition using TBAF (tetra n-butyl ammonium fluoride) at room temperature.

Towards this endeavor, the following reaction sequence was adopted. The lactonization was carried out with benzaldehyde to form the benzylidene lactone **141**. Hydrogenation of **141** would produce the corresponding lactone **142**, which on TBS protection followed by lactone reduction produced **144**. The compound **144** could easily be converted into corresponding enone in two steps as described previously. (page no. 32)



**Scheme-XXI**

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) PhCHO, PhH, DMF, pTSA, reflux, 2 h, 80 %; b) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd-C, EtOH, 1 atm, 92 %; c) TBACl, ImH, DMAP, DMF, rt, 72 %; d) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, rt; e) LAH, THF, 0 °C to reflux, 20 h, 30 %.

The lactone **141** was prepared by refluxing a mixture of quinic acid, benzaldehyde and DMF in benzene under Dean-Stark condition with a catalytic amount of pTSA. Usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave diastereomeric mixture (3:1) of the benzylidene lactone **141** in 80 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **141** showed strong absorption bands at 3439 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1787 cm<sup>-1</sup>, characteristics of the hydroxyl and lactone functionalities, respectively.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR exhibited a multiplet between δ7.6- 7.3, integrating for five protons, was assigned to the aromatic protons of the benzylidene functionality. The diastereotopic benzylic proton appeared as two singlets, one at δ6.25, integrating for 0.3 proton and another one at δ5.80, integrating for 0.7 proton. The H<sub>5</sub> proton appeared as a ddd at δ4.95- 4.80 (*J* = 16.6, 5.9, 2.4 Hz) followed by H<sub>6</sub> proton at δ4.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.8, 2.9 Hz). The H<sub>4</sub> proton appeared as a multiplet at δ4.40. The H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>6</sub> methylenic protons appeared between δ2.8- 2.30.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR revealed a total of nineteen signals including the diastereomeric carbon signals at δ178.8, 178.1, 137.5, 135.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 125.8, 103.5, 75.3, 72.7, 72.5, 72.2, 72.0, 71.3, 37.3, 35.4 and 34.2.

The mass spectrum displayed a peak at 261 (M<sup>+</sup>-1) as a base peak along with the fragmentation peaks at 105 (93), 91 (24) and at 77 (80).

The hydrogenation of benzylidene lactone **141** in ethanol at 1 atmospheric pressure for 24 h gave **142** in 92 % yield. The work up involved filtration of the catalyst and concentration under reduced pressure. The crude product was subjected to TBS protection by treatment with TBSCl, ImH and catalytic amount of DMAP in dry DMF at room temperature. The usual workup and column chromatographic purification afforded compound **143** in 72 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **143** showed strong characteristic absorption bands at  $3466\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1730\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of hydroxyl and lactone carbonyl functionalities.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **143** displayed a ddd at  $\delta 4.30$  ( $J = 11.2, 4.4, 2.9$  Hz) assignable to  $\text{H}_f$  proton. A doublet of doublet at  $\delta 4.10$  ( $J = 5.9, 3.0$  Hz) was assigned to  $\text{H}_g$  proton. The  $\text{H}_i$  proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 3.60$  ( $J = 3.4, 3.0$  Hz). A multiplet between  $\delta 2.65$ -  $2.2$ , integrating for two protons, a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 1.95$  ( $J = 12.7, 2.9$  Hz) and triplet like doublet of doublet at  $\delta 1.75$  ( $J = 11.7$  Hz) were assigned to  $\text{H}_j$  and  $\text{H}_k$  protons. The two singlets at  $\delta 0.95$  and  $0.85$ , integrating for nine protons each, were assigned to *t*-butyl protons of TBS groups. A singlet at  $\delta 0.1$ , integrating for nine protons, was assigned to three methyl groups attached to Si of TBS groups. The other methyl appeared as a singlet at  $\delta 0.05$ .

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR revealed a total of thirteen signals at  $\delta 177.4, 75.3, 71.8, 69.3, 67.2, 38.2, 37.5, 25.5, 17.8, 2.8, -3.1, -5.0, \text{ and } -5.25$ . DEPT experiment indicated the presence of three quaternary signals at  $\delta 177.4, 75.3$  and  $17.8$ , which were assigned to the lactone carbonyl carbon,  $\text{C}_1$  carbon and *t*-butyl quaternary carbon, respectively. The  $\text{C}_3, \text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  methine carbons appeared at  $\delta 71.8, 69.3$  and  $67.2$ , respectively. The  $\text{C}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6$  methylene carbon appeared at  $\delta 38.2$  and  $37.5$ . The six *t*-



butyl methyl carbons appeared at  $\delta$ 25.5. The other methyl carbon signals of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ 2.8, -3.1, -5.0, and -5.25.

The mass spectrum of **143** showed peak at 345, corresponding to  $M^+$ -57. The base peak was observed at 73 along with other fragmentation peaks at 327(29), 213 (36) and 149 (22), respectively.

The reduction of the lactone **143** with sodium borohydride as reducing agent did not proceed. Change of solvent and variation of temperature did not facilitate the reaction. So, we decided to go for stronger reducing agent lithium aluminium hydride.

The reduction of **143** was carried out by refluxing with a suspension of LAH in dry THF for 20 h. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification yielded **144** as a white solid in 30 % yield.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **144** displayed a singlet at  $\delta$ 4.60, integrating for one proton, is assigned to one of the hydroxyl protons. A multiplet at  $\delta$ 4.15, integrating for two protons, was assigned to  $\text{H}_\text{b}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{d}$  protons. Another multiplet between  $\delta$ 3.50-3.20, integrating for three protons, was assigned as  $\text{H}_\text{e}$  and methylenic protons attached to  $\text{C}_1$ . The  $\text{H}_\text{c}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{f}$  methylene protons appeared as two multiplets one between  $\delta$ 2.25- 1.95 and the other one between  $\delta$ 1.75- 1.25. Two singlets at  $\delta$ 0.95 and 0.90, integrating for nine protons each, were assigned to the *t*-butyl protons of TBS group. The three singlets at  $\delta$ 0.20, 0.10, 0.05, integrating for three, six and three respectively, were assigned to the methyl groups of TBS group.

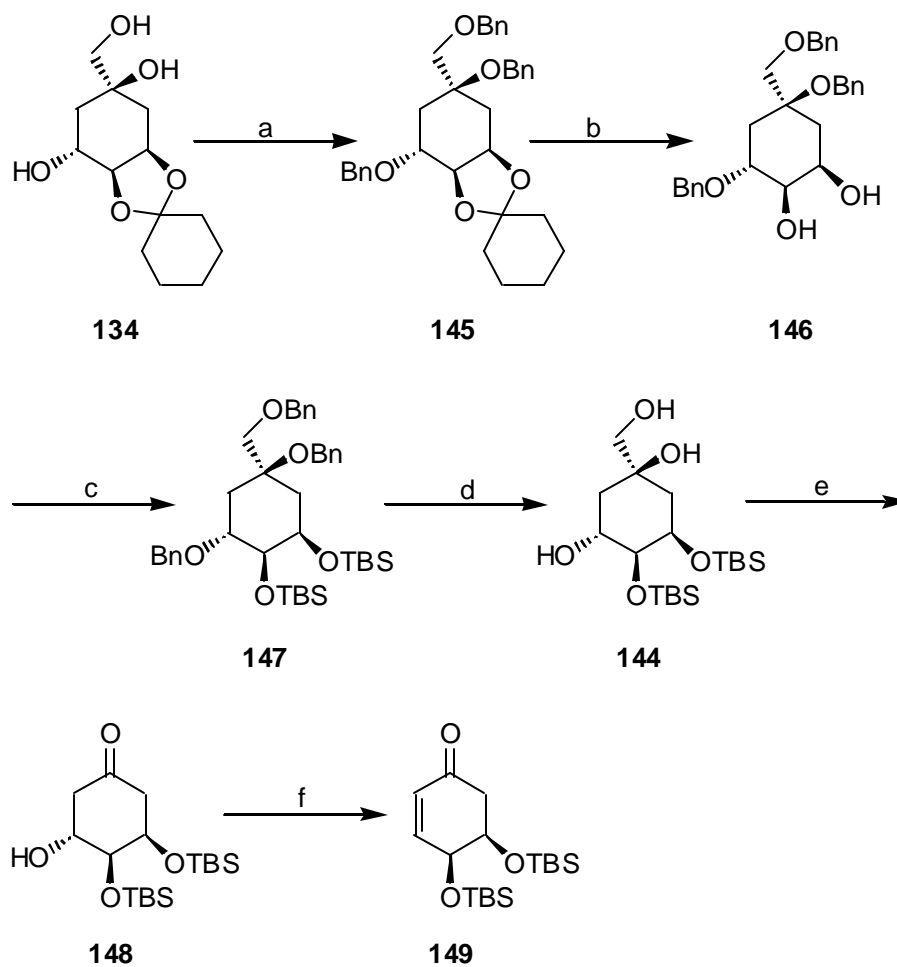
The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **144** revealed a total of fourteen signals at  $\delta$ 78.7, 73.7, 73.5, 70.1, 66.7, 40.7, 37.4, 25.8, 25.5, 18.1, 17.7, -3.9, -4.8 and -5.0. DEPT experiment suggested the presence of three quaternary carbons at  $\delta$ 73.7, 25.8 and 25.5 which were assigned to  $\text{C}_1$  carbon and *t*-butyl quaternary carbons of TBS

groups, respectively. The C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> methine carbons appeared at  $\delta$ 78.7, 73.5 and 66.7. The methylene attached to C<sub>1</sub> appeared at  $\delta$ 70.1. The C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>6</sub> methylene carbons appeared at  $\delta$ 40.7 and 37.4. The two signals at  $\delta$ 25.8 and 25.5 were assigned to t-butyl methyl peaks of TBS group. The other four methyl carbons attached to Si of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ -3.9, -4.8 and -5.0.

The mass spectrum of **144** showed peak at 349 (M+ -57, 7) and base peak at 75. The other major fragments were observed at 257 (41), 199 (81), 147 (72) and 133 (46).

The efforts to improve the yield of LAH reduction were unsuccessful. This might be attributed to the TBS cleavage under the reaction conditions, which forced us to abandon the scheme and adopt a different strategy.

To overcome this problem, we envisaged a new synthetic route starting from **134**. Benzylation of the **134**, cyclohexylidene deprotection, diTBS protection of resulting diol followed by debenylation would deliver the TBS protected compound **144** as shown in Scheme-XXIII.



Scheme-XXII

**Reagents and conditions:** a) NaH, DMF, 50 °C, BnCl, rt, 24 h, 95 %; b) HOAc, H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 °C, 10 h, 95 %; c) TBSCl, ImH, DMAP, DCM, DMF, 0 °C to rt, 24 h, 80 %; d) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd-C, EtOH, 1atm, 24 h, quant.; e) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, rt, 6 h, quant.; f) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 0 °C, 95 %.

The tribenylation of **134** proved to be tricky. A solution of **134** in dry DMF was added to a suspension of NaH at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and finally was heated to 50 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C and benzyl chloride was added dropwise while stirring at room temperature. Usual work up and column chromatographic purification afforded **145** in 95 % yield.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **145** displayed a multiplet between  $\delta 7.45$ -  $7.20$ , integrating for fifteen protons, for the aromatic protons of the three benzyl groups. A doublet at  $\delta 4.80$  ( $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), doublet at  $\delta 4.65$  ( $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), doublet at  $\delta 4.60$  ( $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), singlet at  $\delta 4.55$  (2H) and a doublet at  $\delta 4.45$  ( $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H) were assigned to six benzylic protons. The multiplets at  $\delta 4.35$  (1H) and at  $\delta 4.20$ - $3.90$  (2H) were assigned to  $\text{H}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{H}_5$  protons, respectively. The methylenic protons attached to  $\text{C}_1$  appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 3.5$  ( $J = 10.8, 9.8$  Hz, 2H). A doublet of triplet at  $\delta 2.45$  ( $J = 15.6, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), ddd at  $\delta 2.20$  ( $J = 13.7, 3.9, 2.0$  Hz, 1H) and a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 1.90$  ( $J = 15.6, 4.8$  Hz, 1H) were assignable to  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{H}_6$  protons. A complex multiplet between  $\delta 1.75$ -  $1.3$ , integrating for eleven protons, was assigned to either one of the  $\text{H}_2$  or  $\text{H}_6$  protons and ten of the cyclohexylidene protons.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **145** indicated seventeen signals at  $\delta 139.3, 138.8, 138.0, 109.0, 79.8, 76.1, 75.3, 75.1, 73.2, 71.5, 64.4, 37.9, 35.1, 30.8, 25.0, 24.0$  and  $23.7$  along with a bunch of peaks between  $\delta 128.5$ -  $126.5$ . DEPT spectrum revealed the presence of five quaternary signals at  $\delta 139.3, 138.0, 138.0, 109.0$  and  $76.1$  and these were attributed to the three aromatic quaternary centers, one cyclohexylidene quaternary carbon and  $\text{C}_1$  carbon, respectively. The bunch of peaks between  $\delta 128.5$ -

126.5 were assigned to the aromatic methine carbons. The methine signals at  $\delta$ 79.8, 75.3 and 73.2 were assigned as C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> carbons. The methylene signals at  $\delta$ 75.1, 73.2 and 71.5 were assigned to the three benzylic carbons. Another methylene signal at  $\delta$ 64.4 was assigned at the methylene attached to C<sub>1</sub>. The other methylene carbon signals at  $\delta$ 37.9, 35.1, 30.8, 25.0, 24.0 and 23.7 were assigned to C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub> and cyclohexylidene methylene carbons.

The mass spectrum of **145** showed peak at 316 (M<sup>+</sup>-212, 1) and base peak at 91. The major fragments were observed at 181 (2) and 105 (12).

The cyclohexylidene moiety of **145** was cleaved by stirring with acetic acid: water (80: 20) at 50 °C for 10 h. Removal of the acetic acid by distillation followed by column chromatographic purification of the residue afforded **146** in 95 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **146** showed strong absorption band at 3472 cm<sup>-1</sup>, characteristic of hydroxy functionality.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **146** displayed a multiplet for fifteen aromatic protons between  $\delta$ 7.60- 7.15. Two broad singlets at  $\delta$ 4.75, 4.55, integrating for two protons each, and two doublets at  $\delta$ 4.50 ( $J = 10.7$  Hz) and 4.30 ( $J = 10.7$  Hz), integrating for one proton each, were assigned to six benzylic protons. Two multiplets at  $\delta$ 4.05 and 3.75, integrating for one proton each, were assigned to H<sub>8</sub> and H<sub>4</sub> protons. A multiplet at  $\delta$ 3.50, integrating for three protons, was assigned to H<sub>5</sub> proton and methylenic protons attached to C<sub>1</sub>. A broad singlet at  $\delta$ 2.95 was assigned to two hydroxy protons. A doublet of triplet at  $\delta$ 2.55 ( $J = 14.7, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), a multiplet at  $\delta$ 2.30 (1H), a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 1.65 ( $J = 15.1, 3.4$  Hz, 1H) and a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 1.45 ( $J = 14.1, 11.7$  Hz, 1H) were assigned to H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>6</sub> protons.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum **142** displayed twelve carbon signals at  $\delta$ 138.5, 137.6, 79.6, 76.0, 74.5, 73.9, 73.2, 72.1, 70.2, 64.7, 36.2 and 33.5 along with a bunch of signals between  $\delta$ 129- 127. DEPT experiment revealed the presence three quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta$ 138.5, 137.6 and 79.6, assigned to the aromatic quaternary centers and  $\text{C}_1$  carbon, respectively. The bunch of peaks between  $\delta$ 129- 127 were assigned to the aromatic methine carbons and one aromatic quaternary carbon. The  $\text{C}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  methine carbon signals were observed at  $\delta$ 76.0, 74.5 and 70.2. The benzylic methylenic carbons were observed at  $\delta$ 73.9, 73.2 and 72.1. The methylene attached to  $\text{C}_1$  was observed at  $\delta$ 64.7. The  $\text{C}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6$  methylenic carbon signals were observed at  $\delta$ 36.2 and 33.5.

The mass spectrum of **146** showed peak at 357 ( $M^+$ -91, 6) along with base peak at 91. The other major fragments were observed at 327 (4), 233 (4), 181 (30) and 107 (19).

The two hydroxy groups of **146** were protected as TBS ether by treatment with TBSCl, imidazole and DMAP in dry DMF and dry DCM solvent mixture at room temperature. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave **147** in 80 % yield as a colorless liquid.

In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **147**, fifteen aromatic protons appeared as a multiplet between  $\delta$ 7.45- 7.15. A multiplet between  $\delta$ 4.70- 4.40, integrating for six protons, was assigned to benzylic protons. A ddd at  $\delta$ 3.98 ( $J = 11.8, 4.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H) was assigned to  $\text{H}_6$  proton. The  $\text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}_4$  protons appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 3.82. The methylenic protons attached to  $\text{C}_1$  appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 3.62. The  $\text{H}_2$  and

H<sub>6</sub> methylenic protons appeared as a multiplet between  $\delta$ 2.20- 1.85. The two singlets at  $\delta$ 0.95 and 0.93, integrating for nine protons each, were assigned to *t*-butyl groups of TBS. The other methyl signals of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ 0.10 (3H), 0.07 (6H) and 0.00 (3H).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **147** displayed a total of nineteen signals at  $\delta$ 140.0, 138.5, 78.0, 74.0, 73.1, 71.8, 70.9, 67.8, 63.7, 33.7, 29.1, 25.8, 25.6, 18.1, 17.9, -4.6, -4.8, -4.9 and -5.3 along with a bunch of peaks between  $\delta$ 128- 126. DEPT experiment revealed two aromatic quaternary carbons at  $\delta$ 140.0 and 138.5. A bunch of methine signals between  $\delta$ 128- 126 was assigned to aromatic methine carbons. Three methine signals at  $\delta$ 78.0, 71.8 and 67.8 were assigned to C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> carbons. The three benzylic methylene carbon signals appeared at  $\delta$ 74.0, 73.1 and 70.9. The methylene attached to C<sub>1</sub> appeared at  $\delta$ 63.7. The C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>6</sub> methylene signals appeared at  $\delta$ 33.7 and 29.1. The methyl signals at  $\delta$ 25.8 and 25.6 were assigned to *t*-butyl methyl groups. The two quaternary centers of *t*-butyl appeared at  $\delta$ 18.1 and 17.9. The methyl signals of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ -4.6, -4.8, -4.9 and -5.3.

The debenylation of **147** was carried out by hydrogenation in ethanol at 1 atmospheric pressure of hydrogen gas using palladized charcoal (10 %) as catalyst. Filtration of the catalyst and concentration under reduced pressure afforded **144** as a white solid in quantitative yield. The spectral data of this compound was in excellent agreement with the earlier data. The crude product was subjected to periodate cleavage in ethanol: water (9:1) at room temperature. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave **148** as a white solid in quantitative yield.

The IR spectrum of **148** showed strong absorption bands at  $3443\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1710\text{ cm}^{-1}$  characteristics of hydroxy and keto functionalities, respectively.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **148** displayed a multiplet at  $\delta 4.2$ , integrating for two protons  $\text{H}_3$  and  $\text{H}_4$  protons. The  $\text{C}_5$  proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 3.88$  ( $J = 6.4, 2.0\text{ Hz}$ ). The four-ddd signals, corresponding to one proton each, at  $\delta 2.83$  ( $J = 15.1, 4.4, 1.0\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ),  $2.69$  ( $J = 14.1, 8.3, 1.5\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ),  $2.45$  ( $J = 14.1, 4.0, 1.0\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ) and  $2.31$  ( $J = 15.1, 6.3, 1.0\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ) were assigned to  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{H}_6$  methylene protons. The two singlets at  $\delta 0.95$  and  $0.85$ , integrating for nine protons each, were assigned to *t*-butyl groups of TBS. The other methyl protons of TBS groups appeared as singlets at  $\delta 0.15$  (6H) and  $0.05$  (6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **148** displayed a total of twelve signals at  $\delta 207.7, 74.7, 69.9, 69.8, 46.8, 44.8, 25.7, 18.0, -4.6, -4.7$  and  $-4.9$ . DEPT experiment revealed the presence of two quaternary signals at  $\delta 207.7$  and  $18.0$  which were assigned to carbonyl carbon and to *t*-butyl quaternary carbons, respectively. The  $\text{C}_3, \text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  methine carbon signals appeared at  $\delta 74.7, 69.9$  and  $69.8$ , respectively. The methylene signals at  $\delta 46.8$  and  $44.8$  were assigned to  $\text{C}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6$  methylenic carbons. The methyl signal at  $25.7$  was assigned to *t*-butyl methyl carbons. The other methyl carbons of TBS appeared at  $\delta -4.6, -4.7$  and  $-4.9$ .

The mass spectrum displayed a peak at 317 corresponding to  $\text{M}^+-57$  along with base peak at 73. The other fragments were observed at 299 (15), 185 (45), 157 (21) and 147 (76).



The  $\beta$ -elimination of **148** was carried out by treatment with MsCl and triethyl amine in dry DCM at 0 °C. Usual work up and column chromatographic purification afforded **149** as a white solid in 95 % yield.

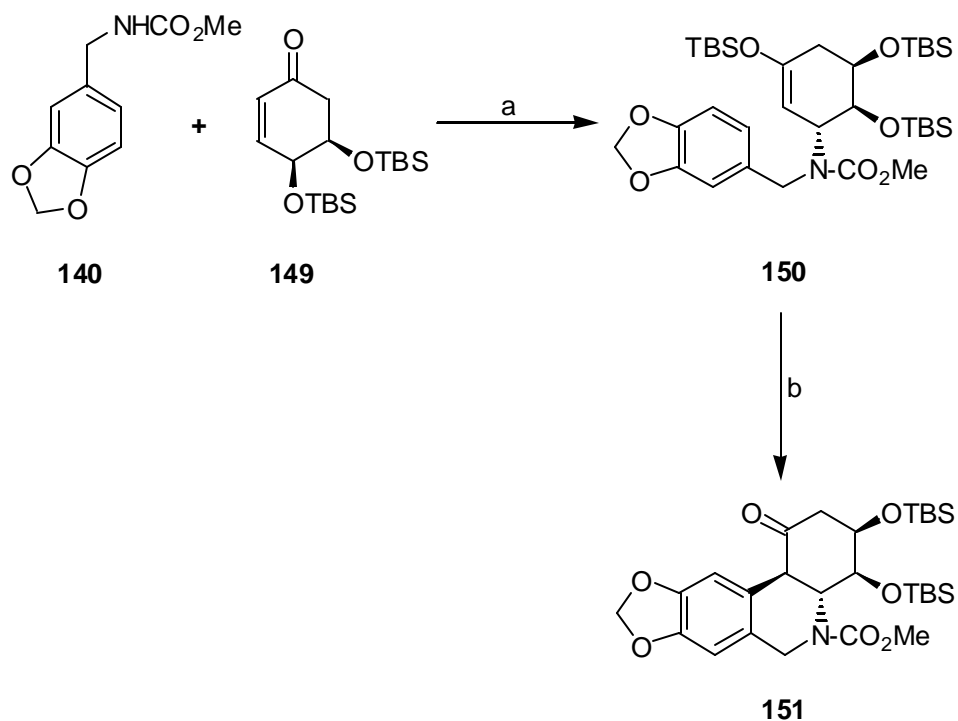
The IR spectrum of **149** showed a strong absorption band at 1685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicating the presence of an enone carbonyl.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **149** displayed a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 6.70$  ( $J = 10.3, 3.5$  Hz, 1H) assignable to  $\text{H}_3$  proton. A doublet at  $\delta 5.95$  ( $J = 10.3$  Hz) was assigned to  $\text{H}_2$  proton. A broad singlet at  $\delta 4.45$  was assigned to  $\text{H}_4$  proton. The  $\text{H}_5$  proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta 4.15$  ( $J = 6.8, 2.9$  Hz). The two doublet of doublets at  $\delta 2.75$  ( $J = 16.2, 6.8$  Hz, 1H) and  $\delta 2.45$  ( $J = 16.2, 2.9$  Hz, 1H) were assigned to  $\text{H}_6$  protons. The two singlets at  $\delta 0.95$  and  $0.85$ , integrating for nine protons each, were assigned for *t*-butyl of TBS group. The other two singlets at  $\delta 0.15$  and  $0.05$ , integrating for six protons each, were assigned to methyl protons of TBS.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **149** displayed a total of nine signals at  $\delta 197.4, 148.7, 129.2, 71.5, 69.3, 44.0, 25.6, 18.1$  and  $-4.7$ . DEPT experiment revealed the presence of two quaternary signals at  $\delta 197.4$  and  $18.1$ , assigned to  $\text{C}_1$  carbonyl and *t*-butyl quaternary carbon of the TBS groups. The methine signal at  $148.7$  was assigned to  $\text{C}_3$  and another signal at  $\delta 129.2$  was assigned to  $\text{C}_2$ . The  $\text{C}_4$  and  $\text{C}_5$  methine signals appeared at  $\delta 71.5$  and  $69.3$ . The  $\text{C}_6$  methylene appeared at  $\delta 44.0$ . The methyl signal at  $\delta 25.6$  was assigned to *t*-butyl methyl carbons. The other methyl carbons of TBS groups appeared at  $\delta -4.7$ .

The mass spectrum of **149** displayed molecular ion peak at 356 (1) along with base peak at 147. The other fragments were observed at 341 (2), 299 (50), 198 (24) and 73 (57).

The above spectral analysis confirmed the structure of the compound **149**. Now, the stage is set for carrying out the conjugate addition of piperonyl amine carbamate (**140**) on to **149**.



### Scheme-XXIII

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) *n*-BuLi, THF, HMPA,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , TBSCl, 95 %; (b) *h*, DCN,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 6 h, 68 %.

#### 5. 1. Conjugate addition of 149 with 140.

To a solution of **140** in dry THF and HMPA was added *n*-BuLi at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . After stirring for 0.5 h, a solution of **149** in dry THF was added drop wise and stirring was continued for additional 0.5 h followed by the addition of TBSCl. The reaction mixture

was allowed to warm to room temperature. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave silylenoether **150** as a pasty mass in 95 % yield.

The IR spectrum of **146** showed strong absorption bands at  $1704\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1254\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristics of carbonyl and silylenoether, respectively.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **150** displayed a multiplet at  $\delta 6.7$ , integrating for three protons, for the aromatic protons. A sharp singlet at  $\delta 5.92$ , integrating for two protons, was assigned to the methylene dioxy protons. A multiplet between  $\delta 4.55$ - $4.25$ , integrating for three protons, was assigned to the benzylic and one olefinic proton. A multiplet between  $\delta 3.9$ - $3.6$ , integrating for six protons, was assigned to the methyl carbamate protons, two  $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$  protons and one  $-\text{CH}_2\text{N}-$  proton of cyclohexyl ring. The methylene protons of cyclohexyl ring appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta 2.15$ . Two singlets at  $\delta 0.93$  and  $0.87$ , integrating for nine and eighteen protons, respectively, were assigned to *t*-butyl methyl protons of TBS groups. The other methyl protons of TBS groups appeared between  $\delta 0.2$ - $0.1$ .

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **150** displayed a total of twenty one signals at  $\delta 156.8$ ,  $151.0$ ,  $147.5$ ,  $146.2$ ,  $120.0$ ,  $107.7$ ,  $107.6$ ,  $101.1$ ,  $100.6$ ,  $73.0$ ,  $68.9$ ,  $58.2$ ,  $52.0$ ,  $48.6$ ,  $36.2$ ,  $25.6$ ,  $25.3$ ,  $17.8$ ,  $-4.7$ ,  $-5.0$  and  $-5.1$ .

The mass spectrum of **150** displayed peak at 623 ( $M^+$ -56, 33) and base peak at 73. The fragments were observed at 548 (11), 289 (3), 200 (3) and 136 (29).

## 5. 2. PET- Cyclization of silylenoether **150** to **151**.

A solution of **150** (600 mg) and DCN (50 mg) in acetonitrile:water system (24:1, 250 mL) was irradiated by using Hanovia medium pressure lamp (450W,

Pyrex filter, >280 nm) for 6 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC, periodically. Concentration of the photolysate followed by column chromatographic purification of the residue gave **151** as a pasty mass in 68 % yield.

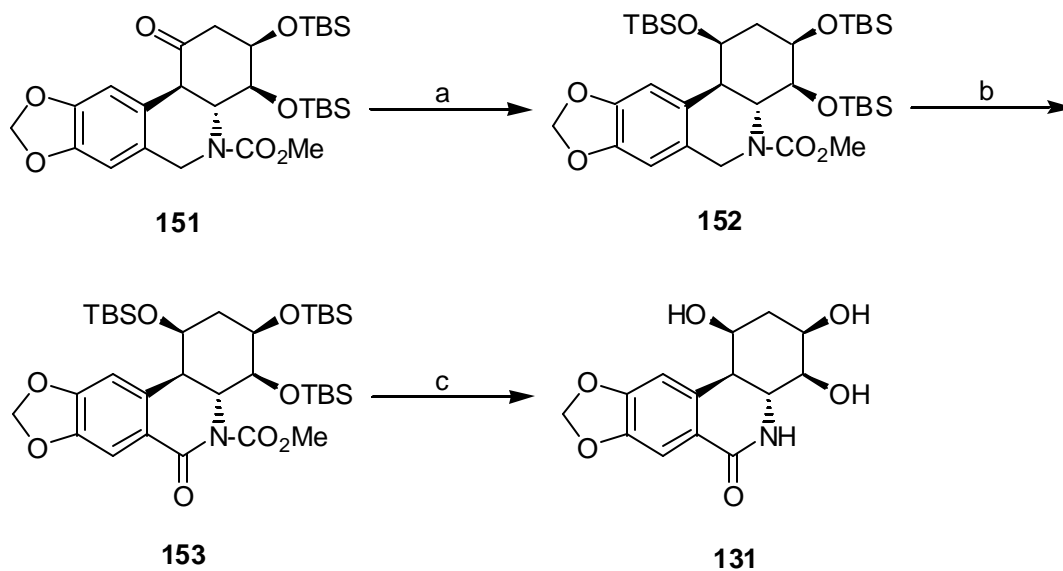
The IR spectrum of **151** showed strong absorption bands at 1717  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of keto carbonyl and carbamate carbonyl in the molecule, respectively.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum displayed two singlets at  $\delta$ 6.65 and 6.48, integrating for one proton each, were assigned to the aromatic protons. The methylenedioxy proton appeared as a singlet at  $\delta$ 5.94. A broad doublet at  $\delta$ 4.87 ( $J = 17.9$  Hz, 2H) was assigned to the benzylic protons. A multiplet between  $\delta$ 4.25 to 3.60, integrating for seven protons, was assigned to  $\text{H}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_{4a}$ ,  $\text{H}_{10b}$  and methyl carbamate protons. The  $\text{H}_2$  methylene appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 2.50. The *t*-butyl protons of TBS appeared as a singlet at  $\delta$ 0.90. The methyl protons of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ 0.10.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **151** displayed a total of twenty one signals at  $\delta$ 206.7, 156.0, 146.9, 126.2, 107.2, 106.4, 100.9, 70.6, 70.3, 52.4, 51.3, 45.3, 43.2, 29.4, 25.4, 17.8, 17.6, -3.8, -4.6, -5.0 and -5.2.

The mass spectrum of **151** showed molecular ion peak at 563 (2) along with base peak at 73. The other fragments were observed at 548 (2), 506 (93), 374 (4), 232 (19) and 147 (57).

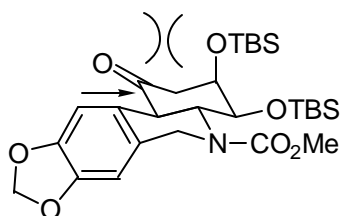
The above spectral analysis confirmed the structure of the cyclized compound **151**. The reduction of  $\text{C}_1$  carbonyl and oxidation of  $\text{C}_6$  position followed by deprotection of the protecting groups was expected to lead to the target molecule **131**.



**Scheme-XXIV**

**Reagents and Conditions:** a) (i)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $^i\text{PrOH}$ , rt, 12 h; (ii),  $\text{TBSCl}$ ,  $\text{ImH}$ ,  $\text{DMAP}$ ,  $\text{DMF}$ ,  $\text{DCM}$ , 85 %; (b)  $\text{RuO}_2$ ,  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ,  $\text{EtOAc}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 88 %; (c) (i)  $\text{NaOMe}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , reflux; (ii),  $\text{TBAF}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ , 10 h, 90 %.

We anticipated that the sodium borohydride reduction would give the  $\beta$ -hydroxy since the axial  $\text{C}_3$  OTBS group would hinder the attack of hydride from  $\beta$  phase. The  $\alpha$ -phase attack would result in the  $\beta$ -alcohol.



**Fig. 4**

The C<sub>1</sub> carbonyl of **151** was reduced by treatment with NaBH<sub>4</sub> in isopropyl alcohol at room temperature. The usual work up gave the crude product, which was subjected to TBS protection with TBSCl, ImH, and catalytic DMAP in dry DCM at room temperature for 24 h. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave **152** as a pasty mass in 85 % yield.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **152** displayed two singlets at δ6.74 and 6.65, integrating for one proton each, assignable as the aromatic protons. The methylenedioxy protons appeared as a sharp singlet at δ5.90. The two doublets at δ4.97 (*J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H) and 3.93 (*J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H) were assigned to H<sub>b</sub> benzylic protons. A multiplet between δ3.80- 3.47, integrating for seven protons, was assigned to H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>5</sub> and methyl carbamate protons. The H<sub>ob</sub> proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at δ2.95 (*J* = 10.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H). One of the H<sub>2</sub> protons appeared as a doublet of doublet at δ2.10 (*J* = 24.0, 12.3 Hz, 1H) and the other proton appeared as a multiplet at δ1.75. The singlets at δ0.95, 0.90 and 0.80, integrating for nine protons each, were assigned to *t*butyl protons. The other methyl protons of TBS groups appeared at δ0.15 (6H), 0.05 (6H), -0.25 (3H) and -0.45 (3H).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **152** displayed a total of twenty signals at δ156.9, 146.5, 146.0, 131.0, 127.8, 111.2, 106.6, 100.5, 72.0, 70.3, 68.6, 58.0, 52.7, 45.9, 44.0, 36.2, 26.0, 18.0, -4.5, -5.0, -5.3 and -6.0. DEPT experiment revealed the presence of five quaternary carbons at δ156.9, 146.5, 146.0, 131.0 and 127.8 which were assigned to carbonyl of carbamate group and four aromatic quaternary carbons, respectively. The two aromatic methine signals appeared at δ111.2 and 106.6. The methylenedioxy carbon appeared at δ100.5. The C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> methine

carbon signals appeared at  $\delta$ 72.0, 70.3 and 68.6. The C<sub>4a</sub> methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 58.0. The methyl signals at  $\delta$ 52.7 was assigned to the methyl carbamate. The C<sub>10b</sub> methine signal appeared at  $\delta$ 44.0. The methylene signal at  $\delta$ 45.9 was assigned to C<sub>6</sub> benzylic methylene carbon. The C<sub>2</sub> methylene appeared at  $\delta$ 36.2. The *t*-butyl methyl signals appeared as a bunch at  $\delta$ 26.0. The quaternary carbons of *t*-butyl appeared as a bunch at  $\delta$ 18.0. The other methyl carbons of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ -4.5, -5.0, -5.3 and -6.0.

The mass spectrum showed one peak at 623 (M<sup>+</sup>-57, 17) and the base peak at 73. The other fragments were observed at 390 (7), 232 (4) and 147 (23).

The benzylic oxidation was carried out using a protocol reported by Smith III and co-workers<sup>7</sup>. A catalytic amount of RuO<sub>2</sub> was added to a stirred solution of NaIO<sub>4</sub> in water at room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred for 10 minutes. To this yellow solution, was added a solution of **152** in the ethyl acetate and the stirring was continued for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of isopropyl alcohol and filtered through a pad of Celite. Concentration and column chromatographic purification afforded **153** as a pasty mass in 88 % yield.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum **153** displayed two singlets at  $\delta$ 7.52 and 6.74, integrating for one proton each, assigned to H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>10</sub> protons. The methylene dioxy protons appeared as a singlet at  $\delta$ 6.0. A multiplet between  $\delta$ 4.2- 3.75, integrating for six protons, was assigned to H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>b</sub> and H<sub>4</sub> and methyl carbamate protons. The H<sub>4a</sub> proton appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 3.65. The H<sub>10b</sub> proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 2.95 (*J* = 10.3, 3.7 Hz). The H<sub>2</sub> methylenic protons appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 2.0. The *t*-butyl methyl protons appeared as three

singlets at  $\delta$ 0.93, 0.90 and 0.80, integrating for nine protons each. The other methyl protons of TBS appeared at  $\delta$ 0.10 (3H), 0.07 (3H), 0.04 (6H), -0.25 (3H) and -0.52 (3H).

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **153** displayed a total of twenty one signals at  $\delta$ 163.5, 155.0, 151.5, 147.2, 136.5, 120.4, 111.5, 108.6, 102.4, 70.0, 69.5, 67.4, 60.4, 54.5, 42.7, 38.2, 14.0, -4.6, -4.7, -4.9, -5.1 and -5.8 along with bunch of other peaks at  $\delta$ 26.0 and 18.0. The DEPT spectrum revealed the presence of six quaternary centers at  $\delta$ 163.5, 155.0, 151.5, 147.2, 136.5 and 120.4, assignable to two carbonyl carbons and four aromatic quaternary carbons, respectively. The two methine carbons of aromatic ring appeared at  $\delta$ 111.5 and 108.6. The methylenedioxy carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 102.4. The  $\text{C}_1$ ,  $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$  methine carbon signals appeared at  $\delta$ 70.0, 69.5 and 67.4. The  $\text{C}_{4a}$  methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 60.4. Methyl carbamate appeared at  $\delta$ 54.5. The  $\text{C}_{10b}$  methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 42.7. The  $\text{C}_2$  methylene carbon signal appeared at  $\delta$ 38.2. The bunch of peaks at  $\delta$ 26.0 were assigned to *t*-butyl methyl carbons. The other bunch at  $\delta$ 18.0 was assigned to *t*-butyl quaternary carbons. The other methyl carbon signals of TBS groups appeared at  $\delta$ -4.6, -4.7, -4.9, -5.1 and -5.8.

The mass spectrum of **153** displayed peak at 636 ( $M^+$ -57, 59) and base peak at 147. The other major fragments were observed at 389 (16), 248 (20) and 189 (13).

#### **5. 4. Preparation of (+)-2,7-Dideoxypancratistatin(131).**

The carbamate deprotection was carried out by refluxing with sodium methoxide in methanol. The reaction was over in 30 minutes. The usual work up and concentration gave crude carbamate deprotected compound.



The above crude compound was subjected for TBS deprotection with 1M TBAF in dry THF. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h. The usual work up and column chromatographic purification gave the target molecule **131** as a white solid in 90 % yield.

### 5. 5. Characterization of (+)-2,7-Dideoxypancratistatin (**131**).

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **131** displayed two singlets at  $\delta$ 7.38 and 6.86, integrating for one proton each, assignable to  $\text{H}_7$  and  $\text{H}_{10}$  aromatic protons. The methylenedioxy protons appeared as a broad singlet at  $\delta$ 6.05. A multiplet between  $\delta$ 4.03- 3.92, integrating for three protons, was assigned to  $\text{H}_1$ ,  $\text{H}_6$  and  $\text{H}_4$  protons. The  $\text{H}_{4a}$  proton appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 3.63. The  $\text{H}_{10b}$  proton appeared as a doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 2.74 ( $J = 10.4, 3.4$  Hz). The  $\text{H}_2$  methylene protons appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$ 1.92.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **131** displayed a total of fourteen signals at  $\delta$ 166.3, 150.3, 147.1, 136.7, 121.3, 109.3, 106.3, 101.4, 69.0, 68.4, 66.4, 55.6, 42.3 and 35.7. The DEPT experiment revealed the presence of five quaternary centers at  $\delta$ 166.3, 150.5, 147.1, 136.7 and 121.3, which were assigned to  $\text{C}_6$  carbonyl carbon and four aromatic quaternary carbons, respectively. The methine carbon signals at  $\delta$ 109.3 and 106.3 were assigned to  $\text{C}_7$  and  $\text{C}_{10}$  aromatic carbons. The methylene dioxy carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 101.4. The three methine signals at  $\delta$ 69.0, 68.4 and 66.4 were assigned to  $\text{C}_1$ ,  $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$ . The  $\text{C}_{4a}$  methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 55.6. The  $\text{C}_{10b}$  methine carbon appeared at  $\delta$ 42.3. The methylene signal at  $\delta$ 35.7 was assigned to  $\text{C}_2$  carbon.

The mass spectrum of **131** displayed molecular ion peak at 293 (7) along with base peak at 190. The fragments were observed at 172 (16), 132 (6), 85 (29), 69 (50) and 57 (92).

The above spectral analysis confirmed the structure of (+)-2,7-dideoxypancratistatin.

## 6. Summary

In summary, we have successfully demonstrated the synthesis (+)-2,7-dideoxypancratistatin using PET-initiated  $\alpha$ -arylation of ketones as the key step. The synthesis also made use of naturally available D-(-)-quinic acid as the chiral source. The further studies towards the synthesis of (+)-pancratistatin and 7-deoxypancratistatin are in progress in the group.

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# **CHAPTER-III**

# **EXPERIMENTAL**

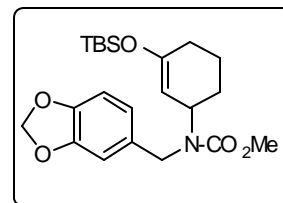
## General

All commercial reagents were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Company and Lancaster Chemical Company and used as such. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and was visualized by UV absorption by fluorescence quenching or  $I_2$  staining or by both. Silica gel for column chromatography was 60-120 mesh size and was obtained from S. D. Fine Chemical Co. India or SRL India Ltd.

All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed under a positive pressure of argon using oven dried glassware (110 °C). All the organic layers obtained from extractions were dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ . All the commercial grade solvents were distilled prior to use. Dichloromethane and *N,N*-dimethylformamide for dry reactions were distilled from  $CaH_2$  under argon and were stored over molecular sieves. Tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl prior to use.

All the melting points are uncorrected in degree Celsius and were recorded on a Thermonik Campbell melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were measured using JASCO 181 digital polarimeter using Na lamp.  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra were run on Bruker AC-200, MSL-300 and DRX-500 instruments. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR model 1620. Mass spectra (EI, 70 eV) were obtained on a Finnigan-Mat 1020 instrument.

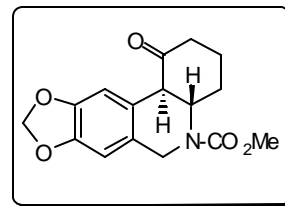
**1. Preparation of Methyl 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl(3-methoxycyclohex-2-ene-1-yl)carbamate **129**:**



To a solution of cyclohex-2-en-1-one (1 mL, 10.34 mmol), TBSOTf (2.85 mL, 12.41 mmol) in dry ether (40 mL) was added piperonyl amine (1.6 mL, 12.86 mmol) at  $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The resulting white suspension was further allowed to stir for 3 h at the same temperature. The mixture was warmed to  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  followed by the addition of 1 *N* NaOH solution (1 mL). Methyl chloroformate (1.2 mL, 15.51 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for an additional 30 minutes. The solution was diluted with ether (50 mL) and washed successively with water (3x50 mL) and brine (1x30 mL). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  before concentrating under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (19:1) as an eluant to give **129** (3.03 g, 70 %) as a colorless pasty mass.

<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1693, 1251 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 6.8 (m, 3H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 5.05- 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.60 (bs, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 17\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.25 (d, $J = 17\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.05- 1.20 (m, 6H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 157.0, 154.0, 147.4, 145.9, 133.7, 119.2, 107.7, 106.9, 104.8, 100.5, 53.2, 52.3, 45.7, 29.2, 27.7, 25.3, 20.6, 17.7, -4.9
<b>Mass m/z (%)</b>	: 419 ( $M^+$ , 2), 362 (38), 305 (11), 284 (100), 252 (8), 211 (61)

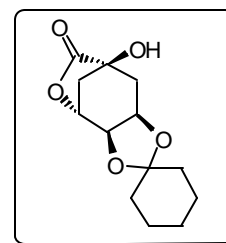
**2. Preparation of 1-Oxo-2,3,4,4a,6,11b-hexahydro-1H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*j*]phenanthridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester **130**:**



A solution of **129** (0.5 g, 1.19 mmol), 1,4-dicyanonaphthalene (DCN, 0.05 g, 0.28 mmol) in acetonitrile: water (24:1, 250 mL) was irradiated using Hanovia medium pressure lamp (Pyrex filter, >280 nm) for 6 h. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (85:15) as an eluant to afford **130** (0.26 g, 72 %) as a colorless pasty mass.

<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1715, 1695 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.00- 4.5 (m, 2H), 4.20 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.5 Hz, 1H) 3.85- 3.7 (m, 4H), 2.3 (m, 2H), 2.0- 1.5 (m, 4H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 209.0, 155.4, 147.2, 147.1, 125.0, 122.7, 106.7, 106.4, 101.0, 54.0, 52.6, 52.0, 42.6, 37.9, 24.9, 22.0.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 303 (M <sup>+</sup> , 50), 288 (24), 244 (26), 232 (27), 188 (32), 174 (33), 135 (41), 116 (35), 89 (30), 77 (29), 59 (94), 42 (100).

**3. Preparation of (1*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-3,4-*O*-Cyclohexylidene-1,3,4-trihydroxy-6-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-7-one **133**:**

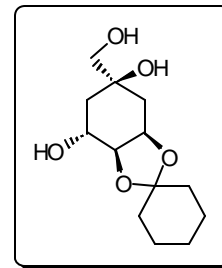


A solution of D-(-)-quinic acid (10 g, 52.08 mmol), p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.11 g, 0.60 mmol), cyclohexanone (10 mL) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (25 mL) in benzene (150 mL) were stirred under reflux for 4 h using Dean-Stark trap until no more water was separated. After the solution had cooled to room temperature, it was diluted with ethyl acetate (300 mL) and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2x100 mL), water (2x200 mL), brine (1x100 mL). After drying over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was crystallized from pet ether: acetone mixture (9:1) to give colorless crystals (12.5 g, 95 % yield) of **133**.

<b>Melting point</b>	: 140- 142 °C
<b>[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -33.5° (c 2.0, MeOH)
IR (nujol)	: 3429, 1767 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	: δ 4.72(dd, <i>J</i> = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 7.0, 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 6.0, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.63 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45- 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.16, (dd, <i>J</i> = 14.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72- 1.20 (complex multiplet, 10 H).
<sup>13</sup> C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	: δ 178.6, 110.2, 75.6, 71.3, 71.2, 70.7, 37.9, 36.5, 34.0, 33.3, 24.6, 23.5, 23.1.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 254 (M <sup>+</sup> , 7), 225 (10), 211 (53), 139 (10), 111 (20), 95 (23), 55 (100).



**4. Preparation of (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)-1,2-*O*-Cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,5-tetrahydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane **134**:**



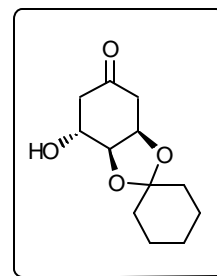
A solution of **133** (10 g, 39.37 mmol) in ethanol (120mL) was stirred at room temperature with sodium borohydride (10 g, 0.29 mol) for 24 h. Saturated, aqueous sodium chloride solution (150 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for additional 12 h. The white precipitate from the reaction mixture was filtered through filter paper and the filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate. The combined filtrate was concentrated to half of its original volume and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x100 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The ethyl acetate extract was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was crystallized from chloroform:pet ether (2:10) to afford **134** as a colorless crystals (9.1 g, 90 %).

<b>[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -64° (c 1, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>Melting point</b>	: 90- 91 °C
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 4.48 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 5.9, 3.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 10.2, 6.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t like dd, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, <i>J</i> = 20, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.6 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 13.7, 4.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79- 1.25 (complex multiplet, 10H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR</b>	: δ 109.5, 79.5, 73.6, 72.3, 69.8, 68.9, 38.0, 37.8, 34.4,

**(50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 32.9, 24.7, 23.7, 23.3.

**Mass *m/z* (%)** : 258 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4), 229 (4), 215 (17), 197 (4), 143 (8), 125 (10), 107 (13), 99 (28), 79 (33), 69 (40), 55 (100).

**5. Preparation of 3*R*,4*S*,5*R*-3,4-*O*-Cyclohexylidene-3,4,5-trihydroxycyclohexanone **135** :**



To a solution of **134** (10 g, 38.76mmol) in water (100 mL) was added sodium meta periodate (12.4 g, 58.14 mmol) in parts at 0 °C. The pH of the solution was maintained between 6-7 by the addition of 1*N* sodium bicarbonate solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for additional 2 h and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water (3x100 mL), brine (1x50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, with pet ether: ethyl acetate (7:3) as eluant to give 8.32 g (95 %) of **135** as a colorless solid.

**Melting point** : 97- 98 °C

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>** : -64° (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

**IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)** : 3460, 1711 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** : δ 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.25 (m, 2H), 2.80- 2.30 (m, 4H), 1.9 (s, 1H),

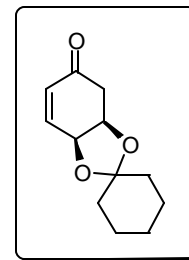
**(200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 1.75- 1.25 (m, 10 H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** : δ 208.8, 109.1, 74.3, 71.5, 67.7, 41.4, 40.0, 35.9, 32.9, 24.8,

**(50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** : 23.6, 23.2.

**Mass *m/z* (%)** : 226 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 2), 197 (1), 183 (4), 111 (2), 81 (2), 69 (14), 55 (100).

**6. Preparation of (4*S*,5*R*)-4,5-*O*-Cyclohexylidene-4,5-dihydroxy-2-cyclohexenone **136**:**



To a solution of **135** (5 g, 22.12 mmol), triethylamine (6.7 mL, 48.67 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (60 mL) was added a solution of MsCl (2.17 mL, 26.54 mmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane over 1 h at 0 °C. After the addition was over, the reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for an additional 1 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed on silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (85:15) as eluant to give **136** as a white solid (4.2 g, 90 %).

**Melting point** : 56- 57 °C

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>** : +135° (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

**IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)** : 1686 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** : δ 6.65 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.0 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.7

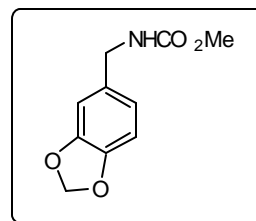
**(200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** (m, 2H), 3.05-2.85 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75- 2.10 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75- 0.75 (m, 10H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** : δ 195.4, 146.0, 128.2, 110.1, 72.7, 70.3, 38.5, 37.1, 35.6,

**(50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 24.5, 23.4.

**Mass *m/z* (%)** : 208 (M<sup>+</sup>, 43), 179 (27), 165 (100), 111 (10), 94 (16), 66 (47), 55 (61).

**7. Preparation of Methyl-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethylcarbamate 140:**



To a mixture of piperonyl amine (5 g, 33.11mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5.5 g, 39.74 mmol), dichloromethane (100 mL) and water (50 mL) was added methyl chloroformate (2.8 g, 36.42 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was further stirred for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (2x100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give colorless plates (6.4 g, 93 %) of **140**.

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**IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)** : 3301, 1693 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** : δ 6.80 (bs, 1H), 6.75 (bs, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 4.95 (bs, 1H),

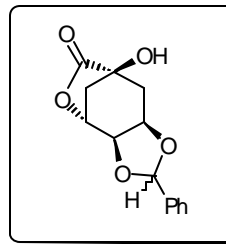
**(200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 4.26 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** : δ 156.8, 147.6, 146.5, 132.1, 120.5, 108.7, 100.5, 52.0,

**(50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 44.5.

**Mass  $m/z$  (%)** : 209 ( $M^+$ , 18), 194 (22), 150 (29), 135 (36), 93 (45), 77 (76), 65 (100).

**8. Preparation of (1*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-3,4-*O*-Benzylidene-1,3,4-trihydroxy-6-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-7-one **141**:**



A suspension of D-(-)-quinic acid (**106**) (10 g, 52.08 mmol) in benzene (150 mL), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (25 mL) and benzaldehyde (10 mL) containing a catalytic amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid was refluxed for 4 h using Dean-Stark water separator. The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (200 mL), washed successively with water (2x200 mL), 1 N sodium bisulphate (2x200 mL), water (2x200 mL), brine (1x100 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated to leave (10.92 g, 80 %) **141** as a mixture of diastereomers. An analytical sample was prepared by chromatography on silica gel, with pet ether: ethyl acetate (1:1) as eluant.

**IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)** : 3439, 1787 cm<sup>-1</sup>

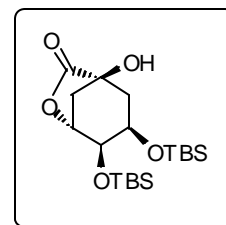
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** : δ 7.6- 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.25 (s, 0.3H), 5.80 (s, 0.7H), 4.95-4.80 (ddd, *J* = 16.6, 5.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 2.8 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55- 2.30 (m, 2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** : δ 178.8, 178.1, 137.5, 135.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 125.8, 103.5, 75.3, 72.7, 72.5, 72.2, 72.0, 71.3, 37.3,

35.4, 34.2.

**Mass  $m/z$  (%)** : 261 ( $M^+$ -1, 100), 122 (15), 105 (93), 91 (24), 77 (80).

**9. Preparation of (1*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-3,4-Bis[(*tert*butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-hydroxy-6-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-7-one **143**:**



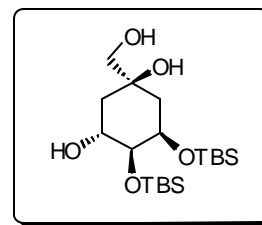
A suspension of **141** (10 g, 38.17 mmol), Pd-C (0.2 g, 10 % Pd on activated charcoal) in ethanol was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure for 24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was over, the reaction was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give **142** as a white solid (6.11 g, 92 %). The crude material was sufficiently pure enough for further reaction.

To a solution of **142** (6 g, 34.48 mmol), imidazole (7.04 g, 103.44 mmol) and catalytic amount of DMAP (0.1 g, 0.82 mmol) in dry DMF (150 mL) was added to a solution of TBSCl (13 g, 86.35 mmol) in dry DMF (20 mL) drop wise at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with pet ether: ethyl acetate (1:1) (3x100 mL). The organic extracts were washed with water (3x100 mL), brine (1x100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluant to give 9.98 g (72 %) of **143** as a white solid.

**Melting point** : 195- 196 °C

<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -5° (c 1, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 3466, 1730, 1464, 1256 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 4.30 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 11.2, 4.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, <i>J</i> = 3.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65- 2.2 (m, 2H), 1.95 (dd, <i>J</i> = 12.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (t like dd, <i>J</i> = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.1 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 177.4, 75.3, 71.8, 69.3, 67.2, 38.2, 37.5, 25.5, 17.8, 2.8, 3.1, -5.0, -5.25.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 345 (M <sup>+</sup> -57, 4), 327 (29), 231 (14), 213 (36), 185 (15), 149 (22), 73 (100).

**10. Preparation of (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)-1,2-Di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane **144**:**

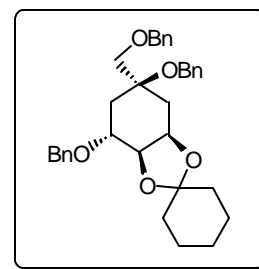


To a suspension of LAH (0.95 g, 24.88 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL) was added drop wise a solution of **143** (5 g, 12.44 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition was over, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 20 h. The reaction was quenched by sequential addition of ethyl acetate, NaOH solution (20 % 5 mL) and water. The white precipitate was filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluant to give **144** (1.52 g, 30 %) as a white solid.

<b>Melting point</b>	: 122- 123 °C
<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -63.3° (c 0.15, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )

<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR</b>	: $\delta$ 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.50- 3.20 (m, 3H), 2.25- 1.95
<b>(200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	(m, 3H), 1.75- 1.25 (m, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.20
	(s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR</b>	: $\delta$ 78.7, 73.7, 73.5, 70.1, 66.7, 40.7, 37.4, 25.8, 25.5, 18.1,
<b>(50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	17.7, -3.9, -4.8, -5.0.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 349 (M <sup>+</sup> -57, 7), 331 (13), 257 (41), 199 (81), 147 (72), 133
	(46), 75 (100).

11. Preparation of (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)-1,2-*O*-Cyclohexylidene-3,5-di-*O*-benzyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydroxy-5-(benzyloxymethyl)cyclohexane **145**:

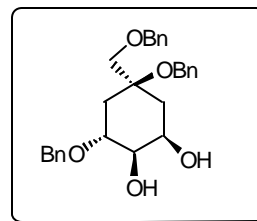


To a suspension of NaH (5.04 g, 60 % suspension in mineral oil, 126 mmol, previously washed with pet ether to remove the mineral oil) in dry DMF (150 mL) was added a solution of **134** (10 g, 39.37 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) drop wise at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was heated to 50 °C for 1h. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C (forms a light brown suspension) followed by the addition of benzyl chloride (14.16 mL, 123.07 mmol). The resulting mixture was further stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with pet ether: ethyl acetate (1:1, 3x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2x200 mL), brine (1x100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (19:1) as eluant to yield **145** as colorless oil (17.7 g, 95 %).



<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1452, 1093 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 7.45- 7.20 (m, 15H), 4.80 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.45 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 4.20- 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.5 (dd, <i>J</i> = 10.8, 9.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dt, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 13.7, 3.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.75- 1.3 (m, 11H)
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 139.3, 138.8, 138.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 109.0, 79.8, 76.1, 75.3, 75.1, 73.2, 71.5, 64.4, 37.9, 35.1, 30.8, 25.0, 24.0, 23.7.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 316 (M <sup>+</sup> - 212, 1), 181 (2), 105 (12), 91 (100)

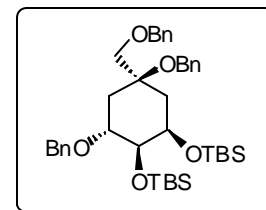
**12. Preparation of (1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,5*R*)-3,5-Di-*O*-benzyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydroxy-5-(benzyloxymethyl)cyclohexane **146**:**



A solution of **145** (10 g, 18.94 mmol) in acetic acid: water (8:2, 100 mL) was warmed to 50 °C for 10 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was over, acetic acid was distilled off under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (300 mL), washed with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (1:1) to give **146** (8.1 g, 95 %) as a colorless pasty mass.

<b>[<math>\alpha</math>]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -5.0° (c 1, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 3472, 2246 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 7.60- 7.15 (m, 15H), 4.75 (bs, 2H), 4.55 (bs, 2H), 4.50 (d, $J$ = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, $J$ = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.5 (m, 3H), 2.95, (bs, 2H), 2.55 (dt, $J$ = 14.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.65 (dd, $J$ = 15.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dd, $J$ = 14.1, 11.7 Hz, 1H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 138.5, 137.6, 129- 127 (multiple peaks), 79.6, 76.0, 74.5, 73.9, 73.2, 72.1, 70.2, 64.7, 36.2, 33.5.
<b>Mass <math>m/z</math> (%)</b>	: 357 (M+ - 91, 6), 327 (4), 233 (4), 181 (30), 107 (19), 91 (100).

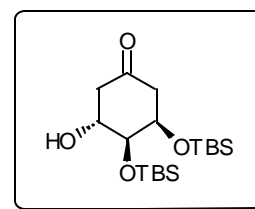
**13. Preparation of (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,5*R*)-1,2-Di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-3,5-di-*O*-benzyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydroxy-5-(benzyloxymethyl)cyclohexane **147**:**



To a solution of **146** (8 g, 17.86 mmol), imidazole (3.65 g, 53.57 mmol), DMAP (0.1 g, 0.821 mmol) in dry DMF (50 mL) was added drop wise a solution of TBSCl (6.72 g, 44.65 mmol) in dry DCM (30 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was over, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with pet ether: ethyl acetate (3:1, 3x200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2x200 mL), brine (1x100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (98:2) as eluant to give **147** (9.7 g, 80 %) as a colorless oil.

<b>[<math>\alpha</math>]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	:	-8.0° (c 0.75, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	:	$\delta$ 7.45- 7.15 (m, 15H), 4.70- 4.40 (m, 6H), 3.98 (ddd, $J$ = 11.8, 4.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.20- 1.85 (m, 4H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 6H), 0.00 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	:	$\delta$ 140.0, 138.5, 128- 126 (multiple peaks), 78.0, 74.0, 73.1, 71.8, 70.9, 67.8, 63.7, 33.7, 29.1, 25.8, 25.6, 18.1, 17.9, -4.6, -4.8, -4.9, -5.3.

**14. Preparation of (3*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-3,4-Di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-3,4,5-trihydroxycyclohexanone **148**:**

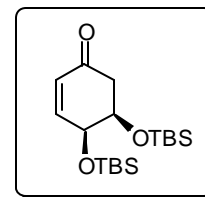


A mixture of **147** (10 g, 14.79 mmol), Pd-C (0.2 g, 10 % on activated charcoal) and ethanol (50 mL) was hydrogenated for 24 h at 1 atmosphere. After reaction was over, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated to afford **144** (6.0 g, 100 %) as a pure white solid which was used as such for the next step.

To a solution of **144** (5 g, 12.32 mmol) in ethanol: water (9:1, 60 mL) was added sodium metaperiodate (5.3 g, 24.63 mmol) portion wise at room temperature. The stirring was continued for additional 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (10:1) as an eluant to yield **148** (4.6 g, 100 %) as a white solid.

<b>Melting point</b>	: 96- 97 °C
<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -10.8° (c 0.6, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 3443, 1710, 1461 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 4.2 (m, 2H), 3.88 (dd, <i>J</i> = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 15.1, 4.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 14.1, 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 14.1, 4.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 15.1, 6.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 6H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 207.7, 74.7, 69.9, 69.8, 46.8, 44.8, 25.7, 18.0, -4.6, -4.7, -4.9.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 317 (M <sup>+</sup> -57, 22), 299 (15), 185 (45), 157 (21), 147 (76), 73 (100)

**15. Preparation of (4*S*,5*R*)-4,5-Di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-4,5-dihydroxy-2-cyclohexenone **149**:**

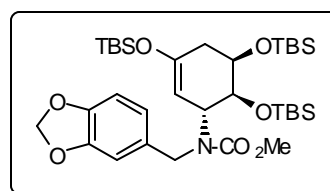


To a solution of **148** (5 g, 13.37 mmol), triethylamine (4.1 mL, 29.41 mmol) in dry DCM (50 mL) was added a solution of MsCl (1.3 mL, 16.04 mmol) in dry DCM (10 mL) over 1 h at 0 °C. After the addition was over, the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, washed with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography

using pet ether: ethyl acetate (97:3) as eluant to give **149** (4.5 g, 95 %) as a white solid.

<b>Melting point</b>	: 57-59 °C
<b>[<math>\alpha</math>]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: +106.7° (c 0.6, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1685 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 6.70 (dd, <i>J</i> = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (bs, 1H), 4.15 (dd, <i>J</i> = 6.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, <i>J</i> = 16.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, <i>J</i> = 16.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 6H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 197.4, 148.7, 129.2, 71.5, 69.3, 44.0, 25.6, 18.1, -4.7.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 356 (M <sup>+</sup> , 1), 341 (2), 299 (50), 198 (24), 147 (100), 73 (57)

**16. Preparation of Methyl-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl[(1*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-5,6-di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-5,6-dihydroxy-3-methoxycyclohex-2-en-1-yl]carbamate **150**:**

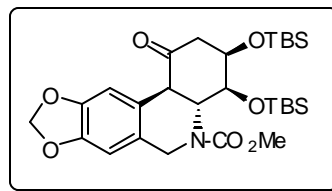


To a solution of **140** (3.17 g, 15.17 mmol), HMPA (5 mL) in dry THF (40 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (2.3 M, 6.6 mL, 15.17 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at same temperature for 0.5 h. A solution of **149** (4.5 g, 12.64 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture and allowed to stir for additional 0.5 h followed by the addition of TBSCl (2.28 g, 15.17 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with water. The reaction mixture was extracted with pet ether: ethyl acetate (2:1, 2x100

mL). The combined organic extracts were washed successively with water (2x100 mL), brine (1x50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (98:2) as eluant to give **150** (8.15 g, 95 %) as a colorless gummy mass.

<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: -54.1° (c 2, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1704, 1462, 1254 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 6.7 (m, 3H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 4.55- 4.25 (m, 3H), 3.90 - 3.6 (m, 6H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.87 (s, 18H), 0.2 - -0.1, (m, 18H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 156.8, 151.0, 147.5, 146.2, 120.0, 107.7, 107.6, 101.1, 100.6, 73.0, 68.9, 58.2, 52.0, 48.6, 36.2, 25.6, 25.3, 17.8, -4.7, -5.0, -5.1.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 623 (M <sup>+</sup> -56, 33), 548 (11), 289 (3), 200 (3), 136 (29), 73 (100).

**17. Preparation of Methyl (3*R*,4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-3,4-di-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-8,9-benzodioxol-3,4-dihydroxy-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,6,10*b*-hexahydrophenanthridine-5(1*H*)-carboxylate **151**:**

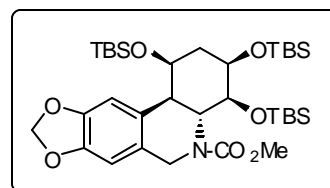


A solution of **150** (0.6 g, 0.88 mmol), 1,4-dicyanonaphthalene (DCN, 0.05 g, 0.28 mmol) in acetonitrile: water (24:1, 250 mL) was irradiated (pyrex filter, >280 nm, 450 W Hanovia medium pressure lamp) for 6 h. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet

ether: ethyl acetate (19:1) as eluant to give **151** (0.34 g, 68 %) as a single diastereomer.

<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: +17.5° (c 2.1, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b>IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: 1717, 1695, 1215 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.87 (bd, <i>J</i> = 17.9 Hz, 2H), 4.25- 3.60 (complex multiplet, 7H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 0.90 (s, 18H), 0.10 (s, 12H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: δ 206.7, 156.0, 146.9, 126.2, 107.2, 106.4, 100.9, 70.6, 70.3, 52.4, 51.3, 45.3, 43.2, 29.4, 25.4, 17.8, 17.6, -3.8, -4.6, -5.0, -5.2.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	: 563 (M <sup>+</sup> , 2), 548 (2), 506 (93), 374 (4), 232 (19), 147 (57), 73 (100).

**18. Preparation of (1*S*,3*R*,4*S*,4*aR*,11*bR*)-1,3,4-Tri-*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-2,3,4,4*a*,6,11*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*j*]phenanthridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester **152**:**



To a solution of **151** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol) in isopropyl alcohol (1 mL) was added sodium borohydride (0.014 g, 0.36 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. Saturated sodium chloride solution (1 mL) was added and the stirring was continued for another 12 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed successively with water (2x10mL), brine (1x10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and

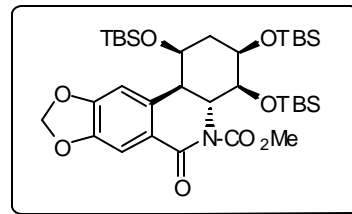
concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to TBS protection without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product, imidazole (0.018 g, 0.27 mmol), DMAP (one crystal) in dry DMF (1 mL) was added a solution of TBSCl in dry DCM (1 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (2 mL) and the mixture was extracted with pet ether: ethyl acetate (1:1, 2x5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2x5 mL), brine (1x5 mL), dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated. The residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (98:2) as eluant to give **152** (0.103 g, 85 % yield over two steps) as a colorless pasty mass.

<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	:	+27.0° (c 0.75, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR</b> <b>(200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	:	δ 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 4.97 (d, <i>J</i> = 16 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80- 3.47 (m, 7H), 2.95 (dd, <i>J</i> = 10.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, <i>J</i> = 24,12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 6H), -0.25 (s, 3H), -0.45 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR</b> <b>(125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	:	δ 156.9, 146.5, 146.0, 131.0, 127.8, 111.2, 106.6, 100.5, 72.0, 70.3, 68.6, 58.0, 52.7, 45.9, 44.0, 36.2, 26.0 (multiple peaks), 18.0 (multiple peaks), -4.5, -5.0, -5.3, -6.0.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	:	623 (M <sup>+</sup> - 57, 17), 390 (7), 232 (4), 147 (23), 73 (100).



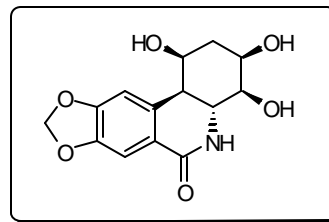
**19. Preparation of (1*S*,3*R*,4*S*,4*aR*,11*bR*)-1,3,4-Tri-  
*O*-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-6-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,6,11*b*-  
 hexahydro-1*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*j*]phenanthridine-5-  
 carboxylic acid methyl ester **153**:**



To a stirred solution of sodium metaperiodate (0.047 g, 0.22 mmol) in degassed water (1 mL) was added ruthenium (IV) oxide (catalytic, 5 mg) at room temperature. The stirring was continued for 10 minutes. To this yellow solution, was added a solution of **152** (0.09 g, 0.15 mmol) in 1 mL of ethyl acetate and the stirring was continued for further 30 minutes. After the reaction was over, the reaction mixture was quenched with isopropyl alcohol and passed through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using pet ether: ethyl acetate (19:1) as eluant to give **153** (0.09 g, 88 %) as a pasty mass.

<b>[<math>\alpha</math>]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	: +75.0° (c 0.2, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 7.52 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.0 (s, 2H), 4.2- 3.75 (complex multiplet, 7H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 10.3, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.0, (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H), -0.25 (s, 3H), -0.52 (s, 3H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	: $\delta$ 163.5, 155.0, 151.5, 147.2, 136.5, 120.4, 111.5, 108.6, 102.4, 70.0, 69.5, 67.4, 60.4, 54.5, 42.7, 38.2, 26.0 (multiple peaks), 18.0 (multiple peaks), 14.0, -4.6, -4.7, -4.9, -5.1, -5.8.
<b>Mass <math>m/z</math> (%)</b>	: 636 ( $M^+$ - 57, 59), 389 (16), 248 (20), 189 (13), 147 (100).

## 20. Preparation of 2,7-dideoxypancratistatin **131**:

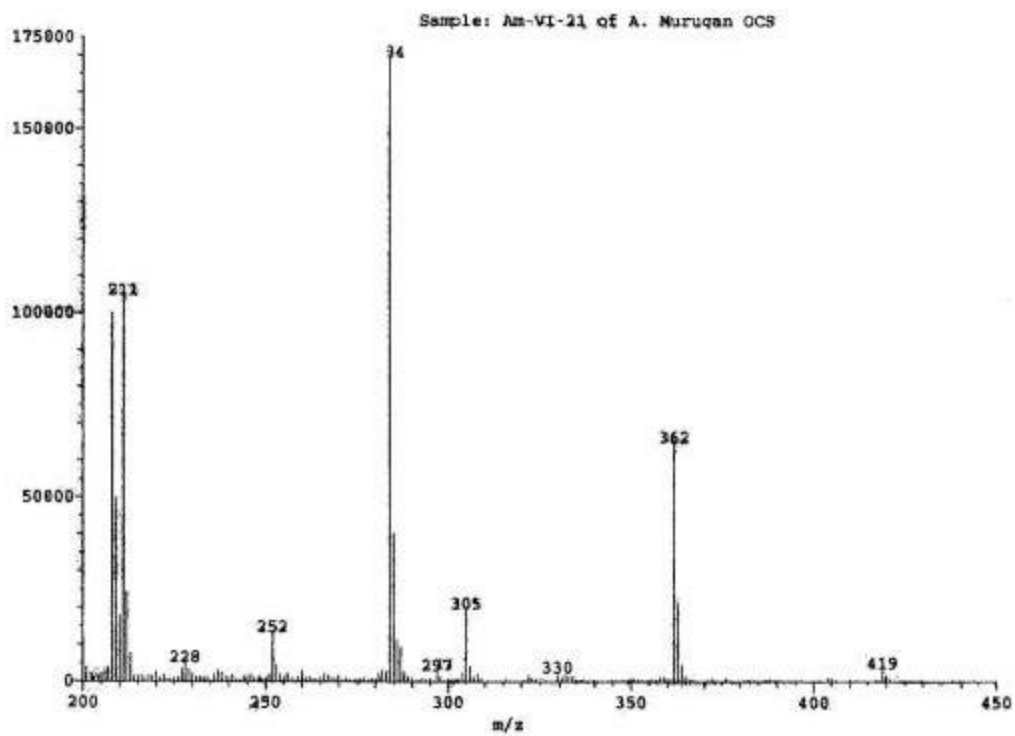
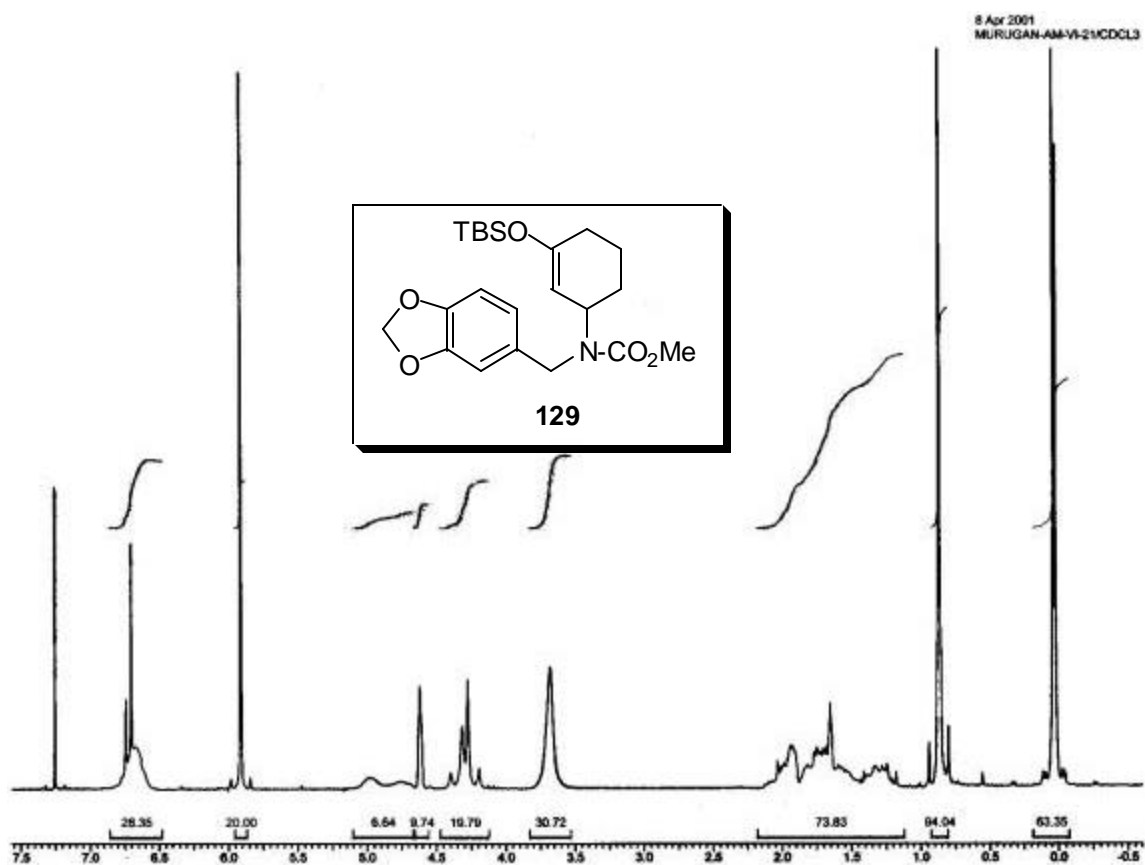


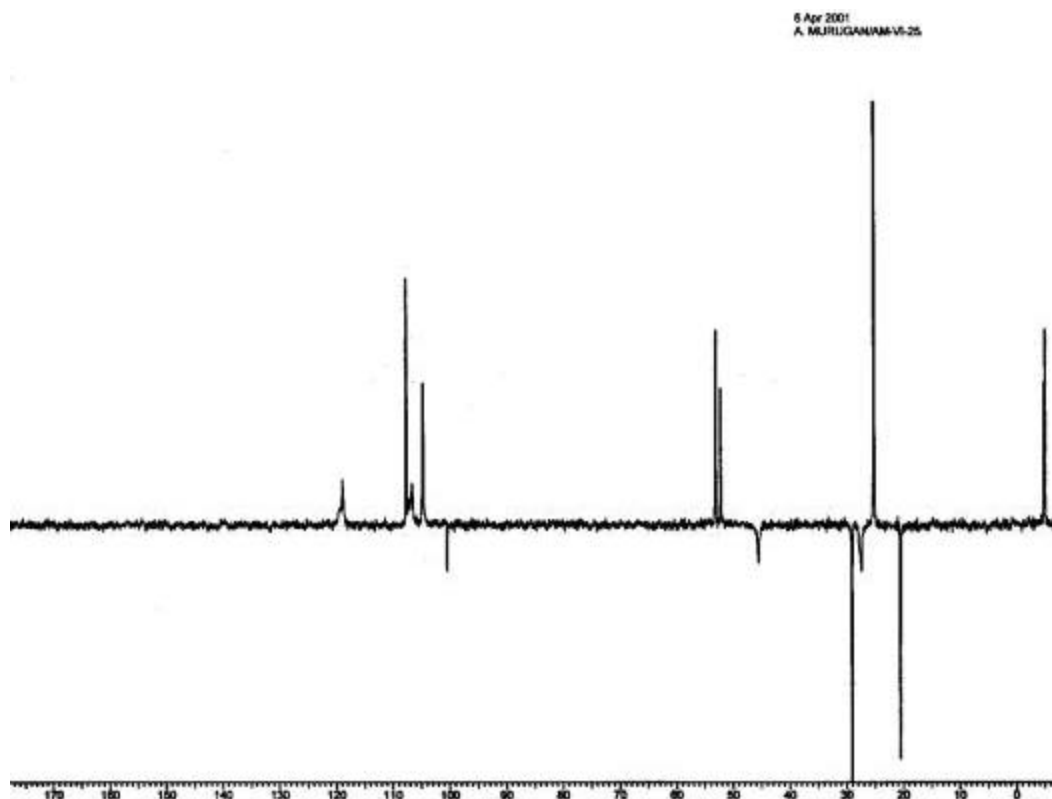
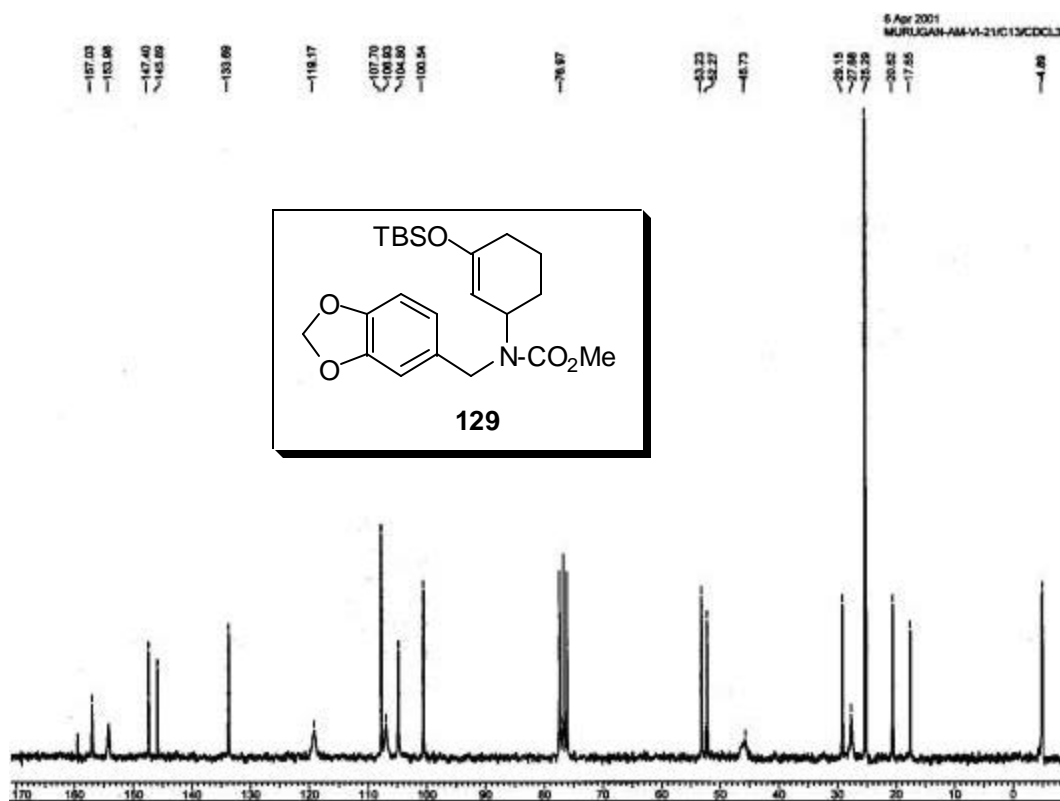
To a solution of **153** (0.09 g, 0.13 mmol) in dry methanol (1 mL) was added sodium methoxide solution (0.15 mL, 1M, 0.15 mmol) and the mixture was refluxed for 30 minutes. The mixture was diluted with water (1 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2x5mL). The combined organic extracts were washed successively with water (2x5 mL), brine (1x5 mL), dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure.

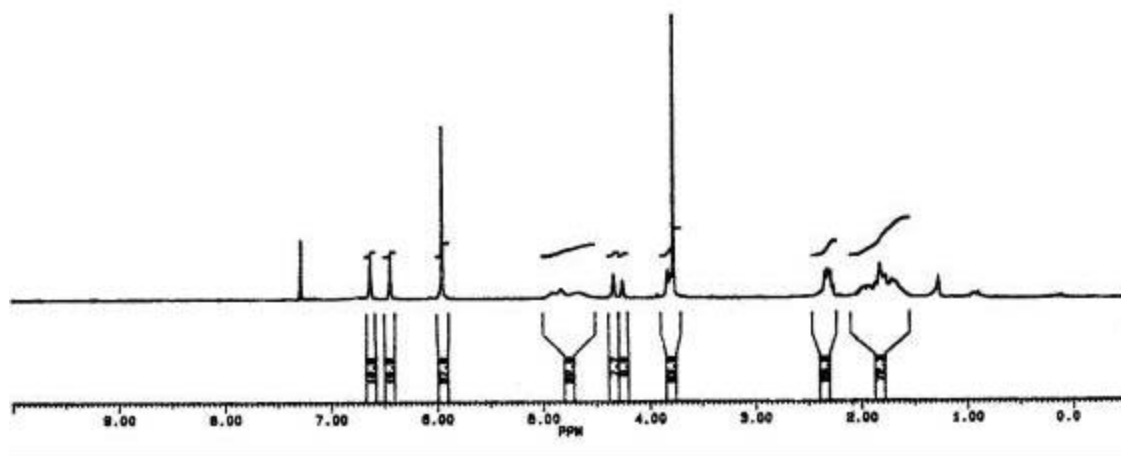
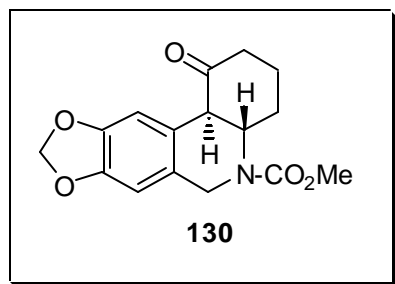
To solution of the above crude product in dry THF was added a solution of TBAF in THF (0.4 mL, 1M, 0.4 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 10 h before quenching with water (1 mL). The mixture evaporated to dryness and the residue was column chromatographed over silica gel using ethyl acetate; methanol (9:1) as eluant to give **131** (0.034 g, 90 % over two steps) as a white solid.

<b>[a]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup></b>	:	+90.9° (c 0.06, MeOH)
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	:	δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.05 (bs, 2H), 4.03- 3.92 (m, 3H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, <i>J</i> = 10.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 2H).
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	:	δ 166.3, 150.3, 147.1, 136.7, 121.3, 109.3, 106.3, 101.4, 69.0, 68.4, 66.4, 55.6, 42.3, 35.7.
<b>Mass <i>m/z</i> (%)</b>	:	293 ( <i>M</i> <sup>+</sup> , 7), 239 (9), 190 (100), 172 (16), 132 (6), 85 (29), 69 (50), 57 (92).

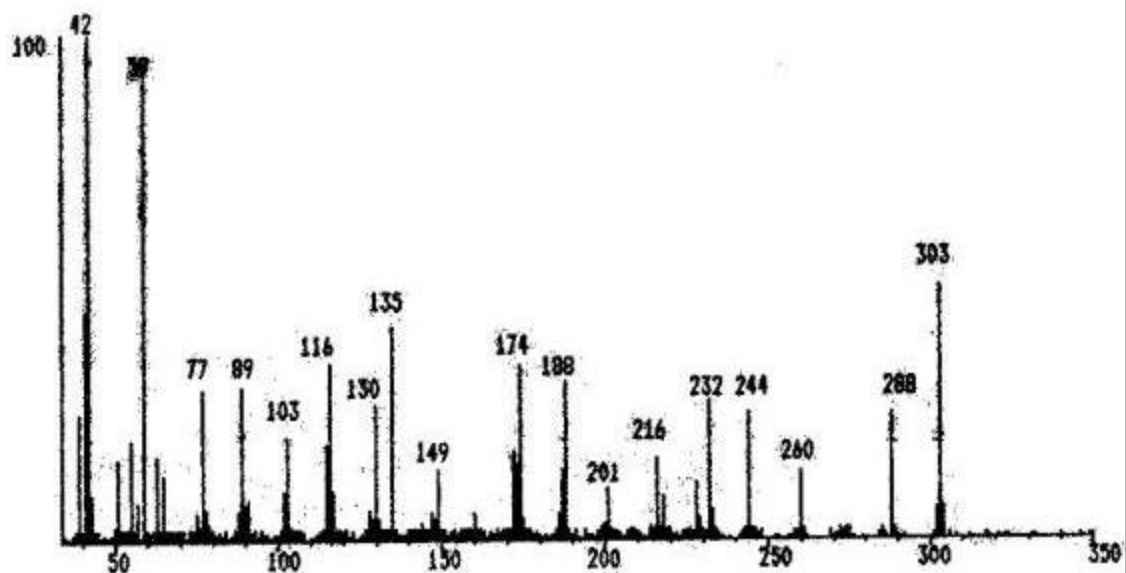
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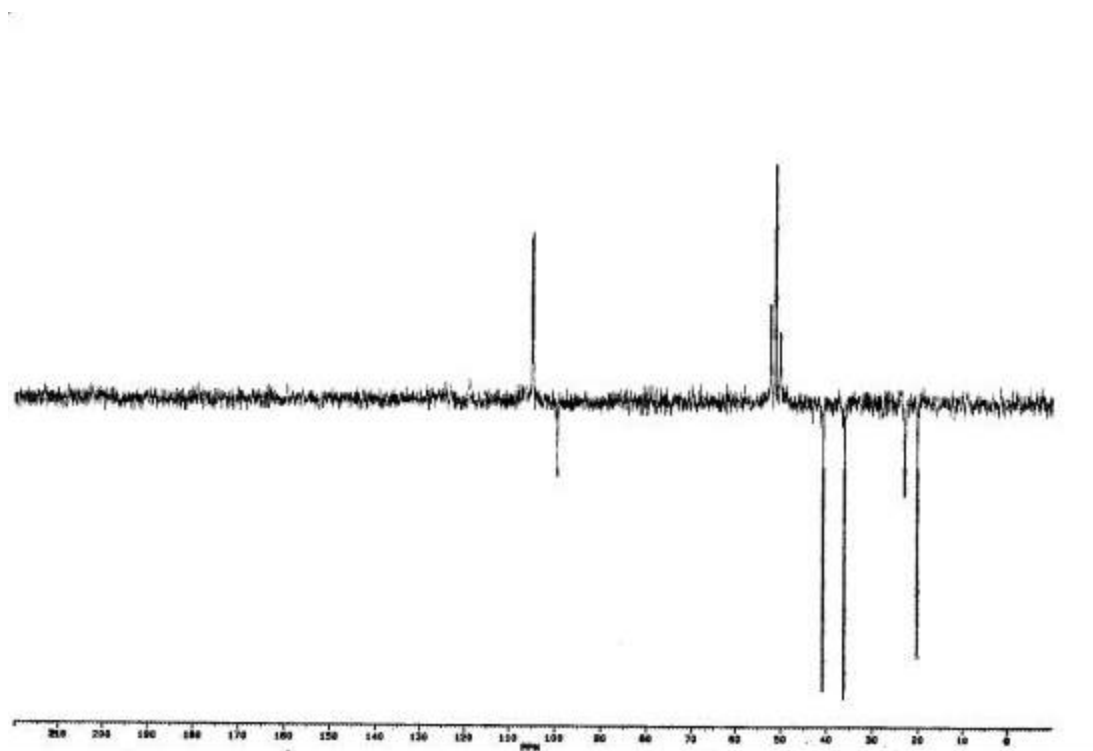
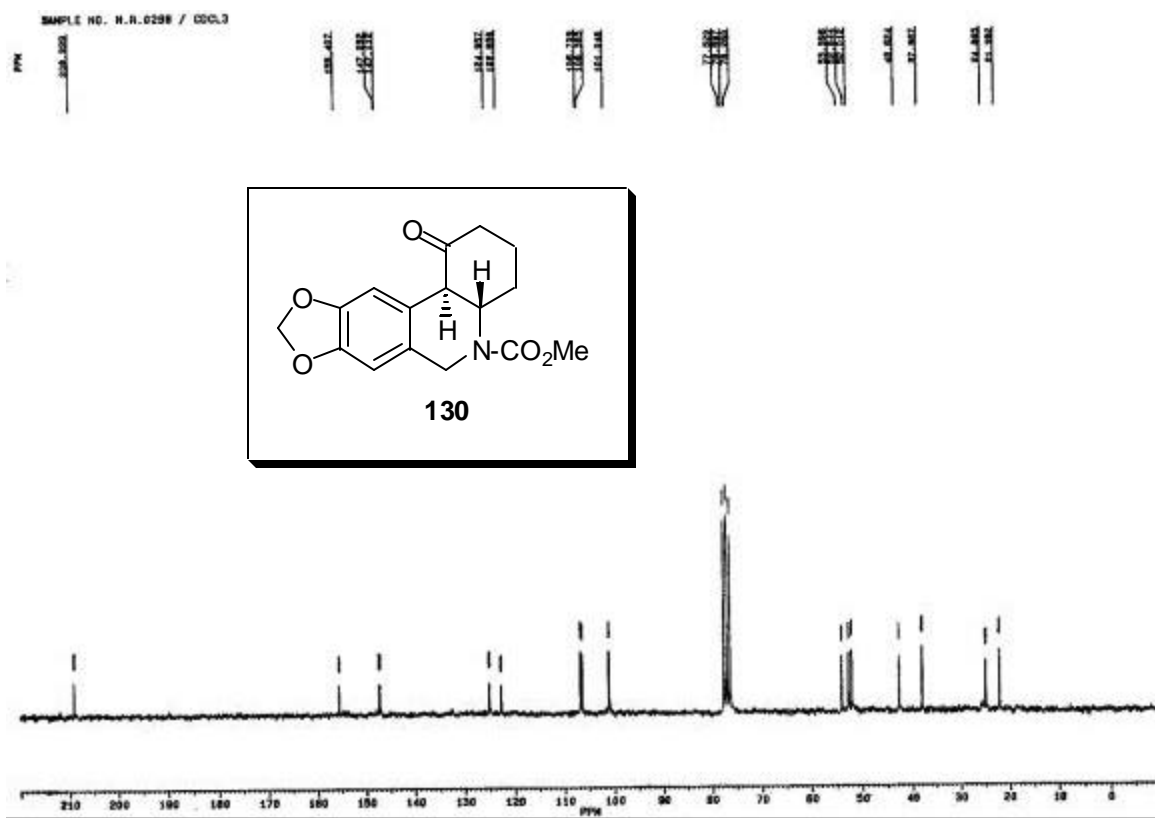


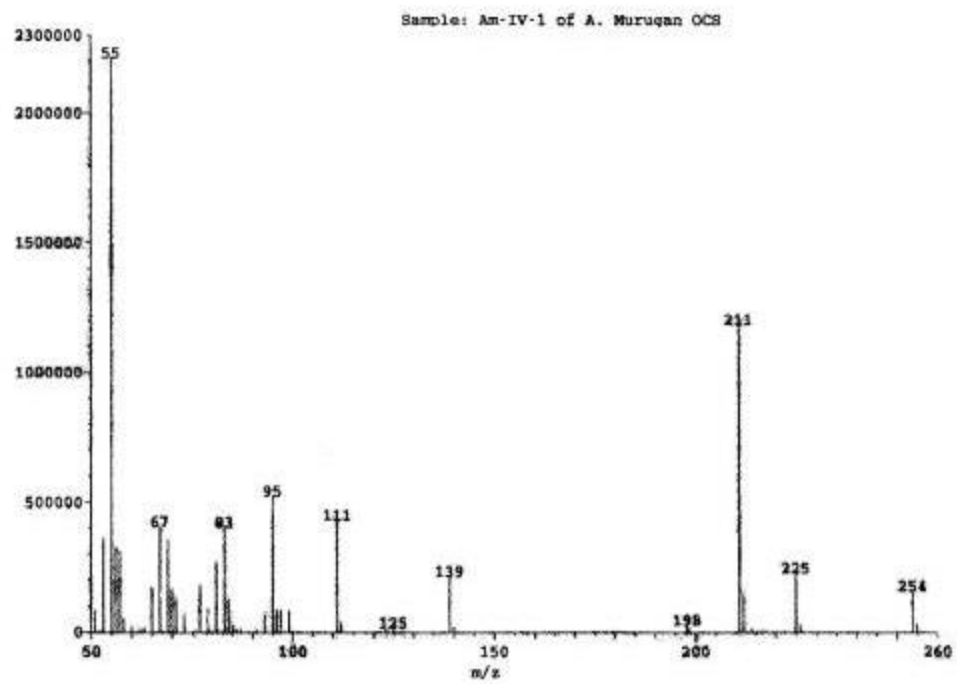
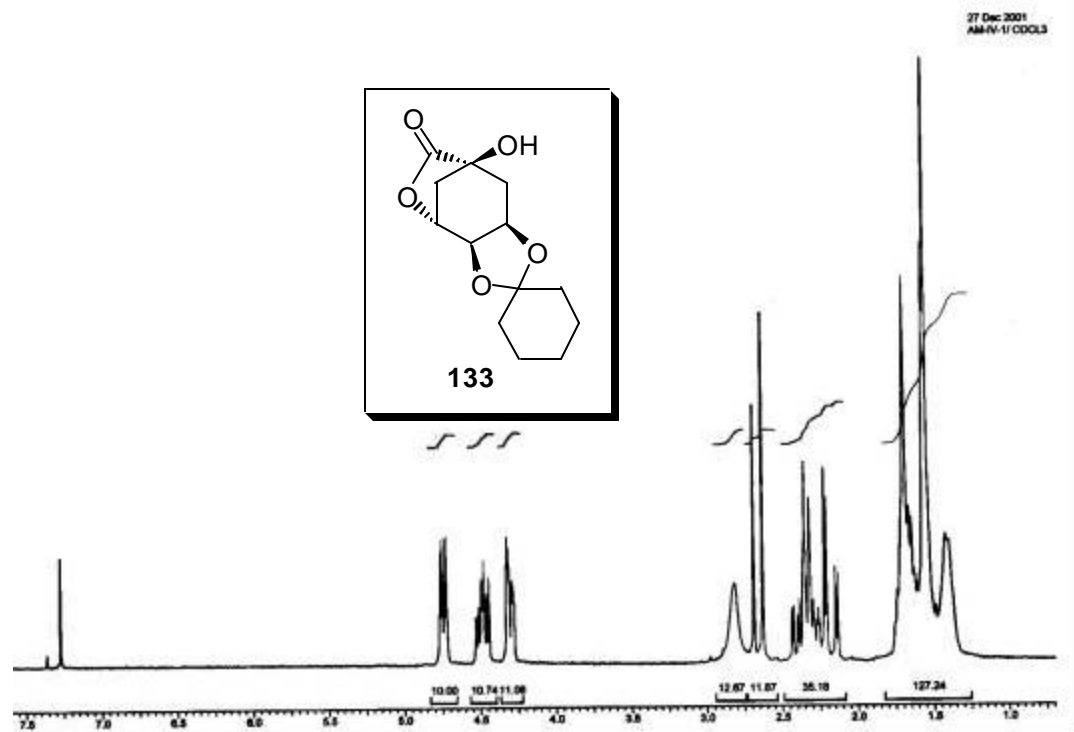




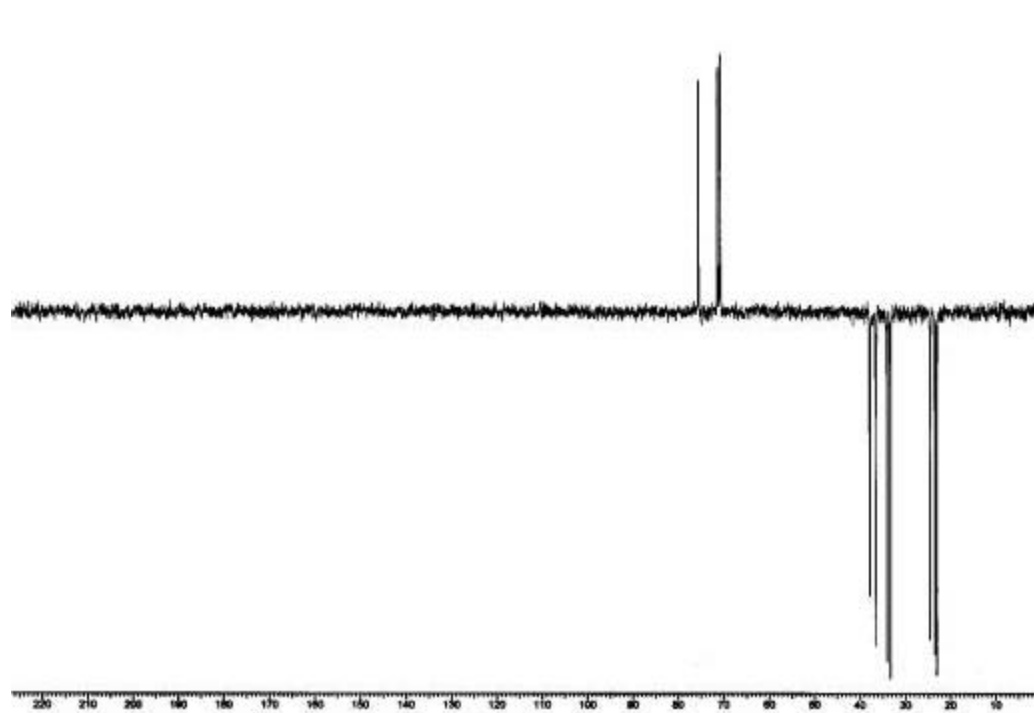
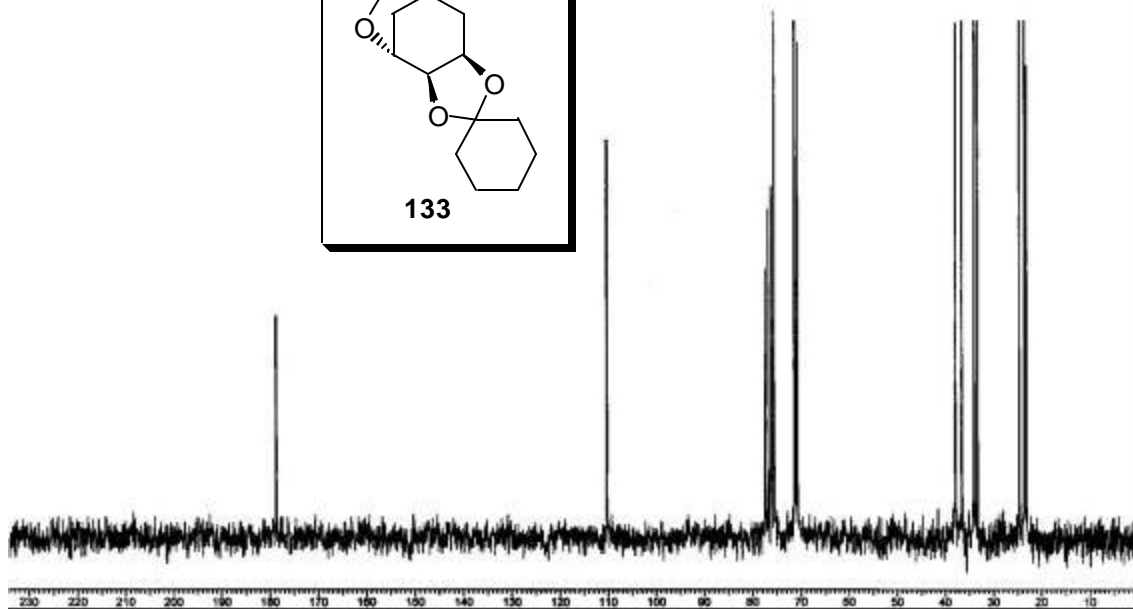
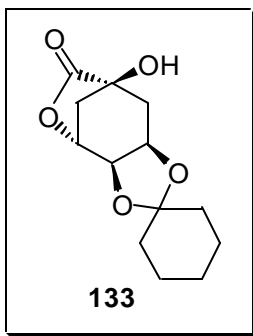
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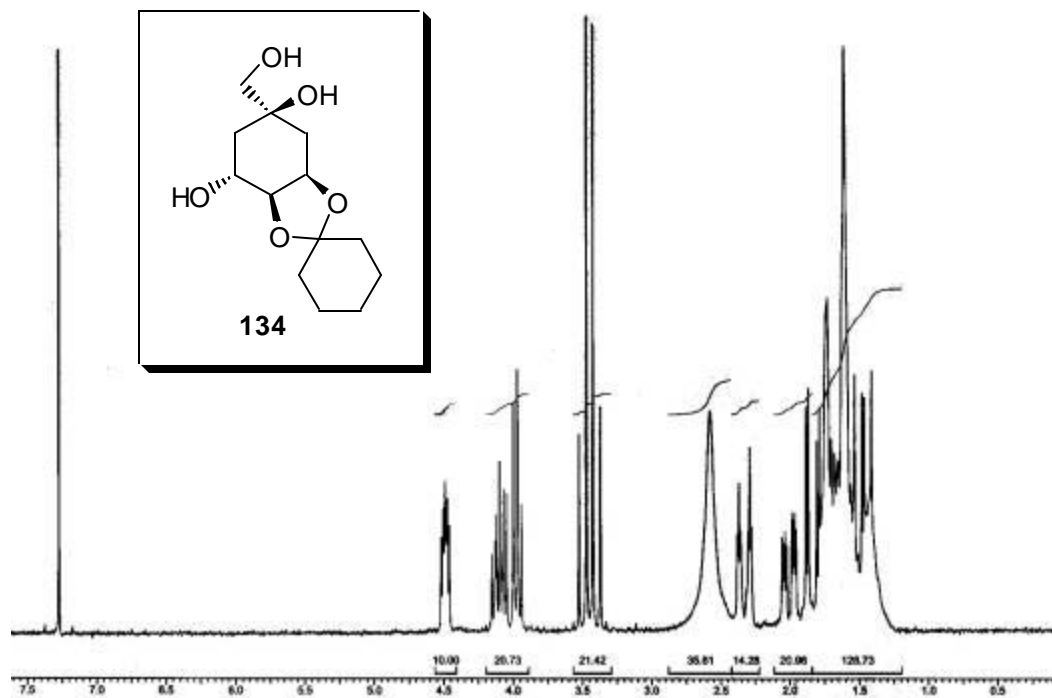




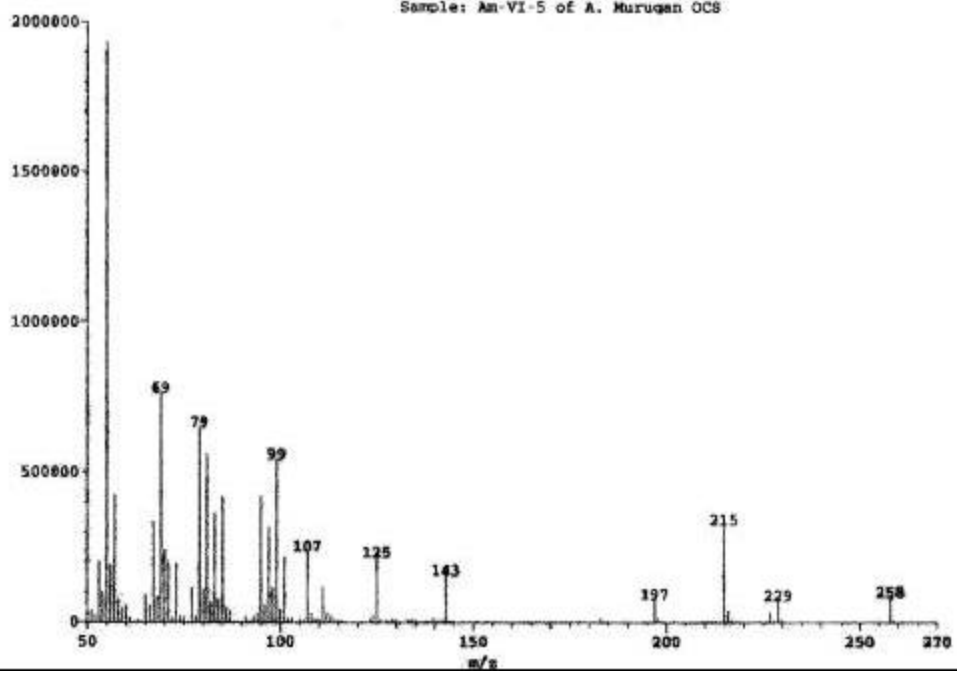


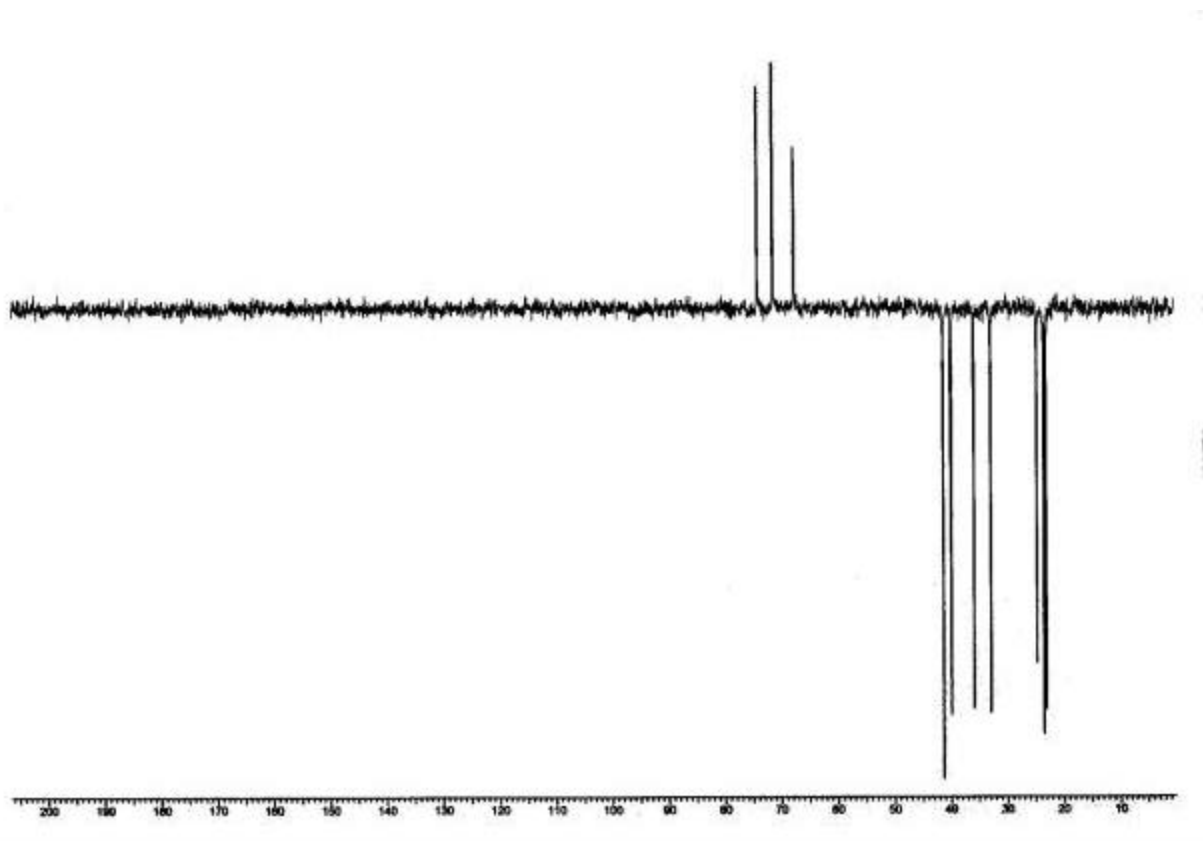
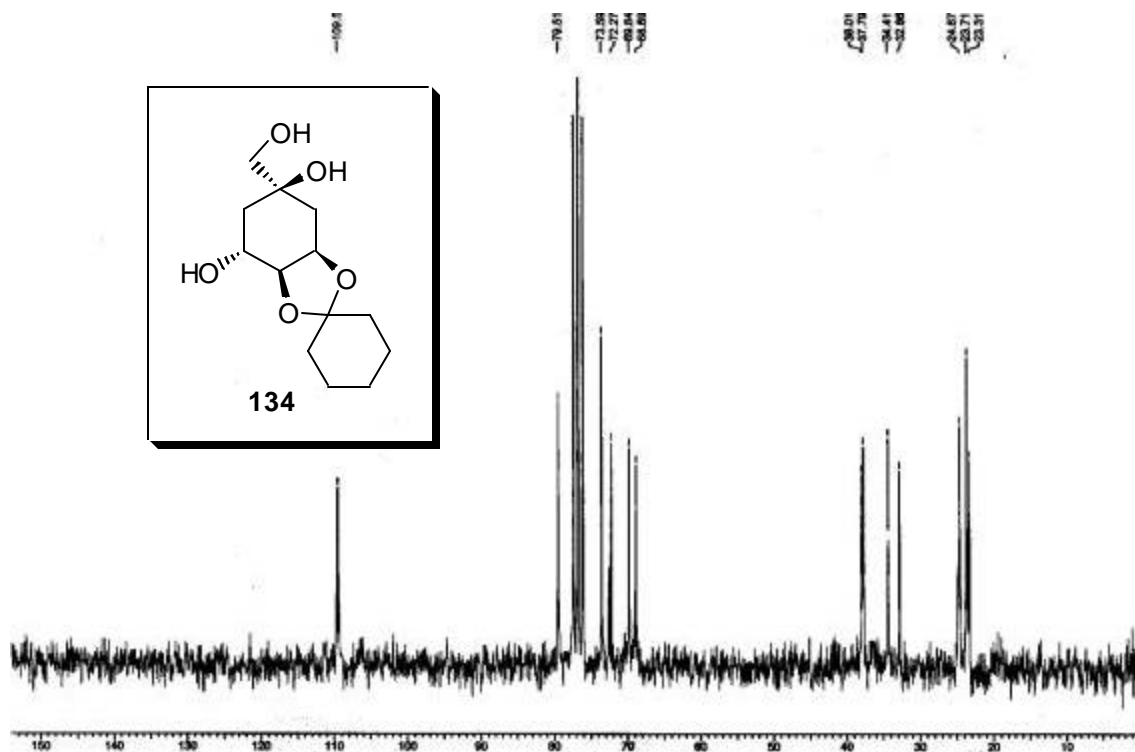


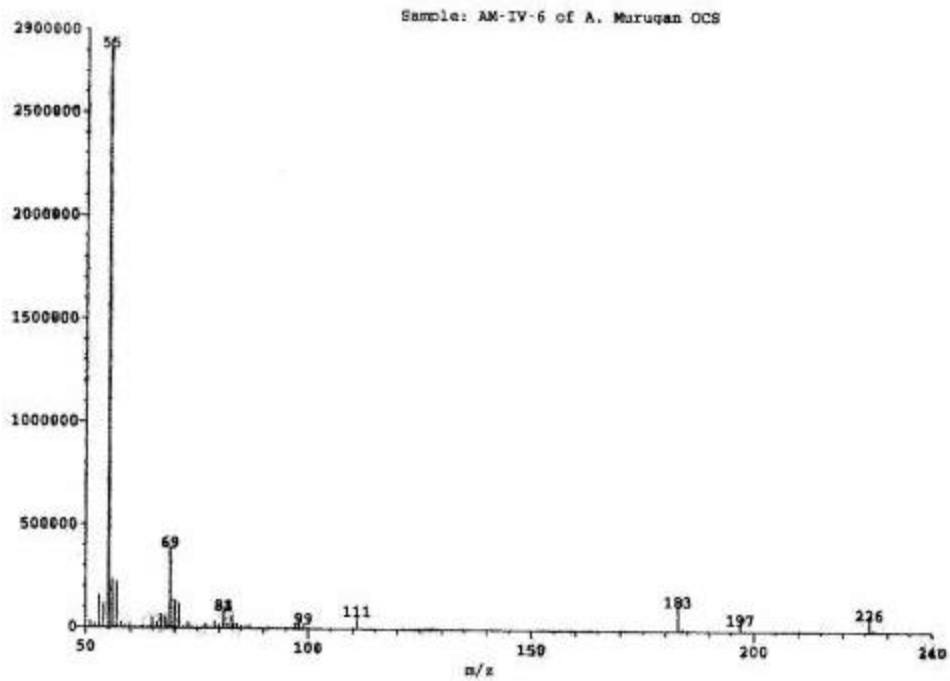
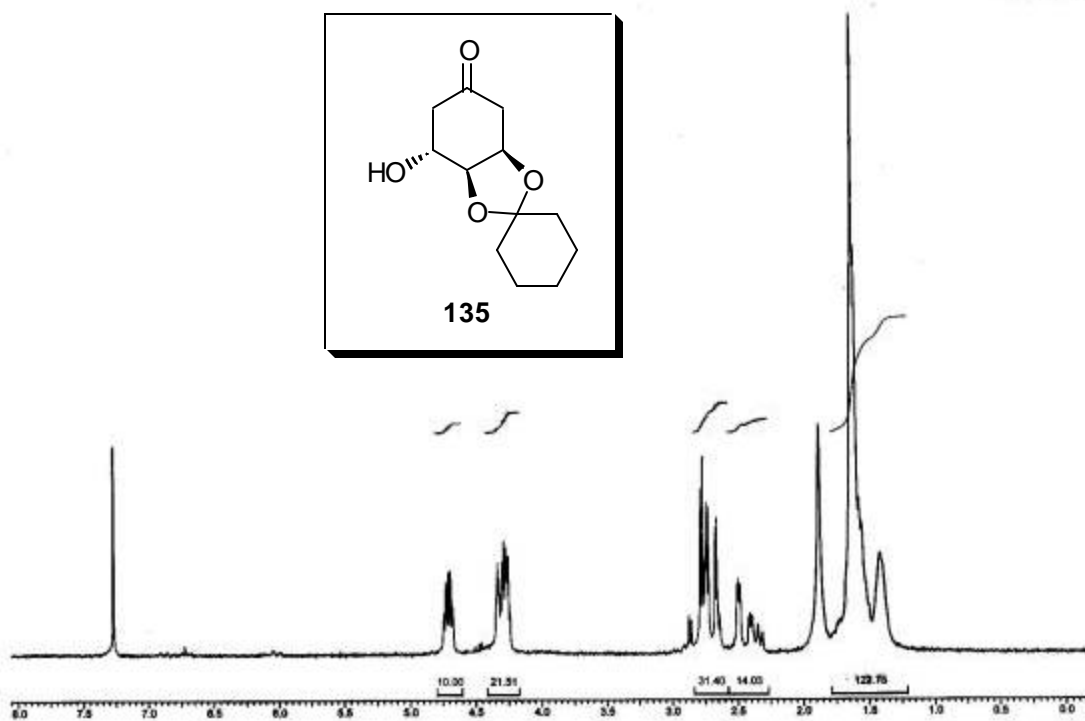
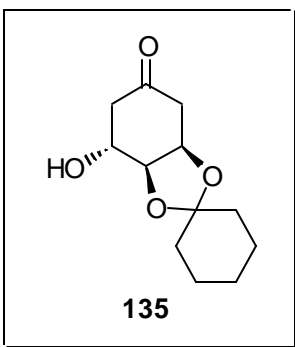
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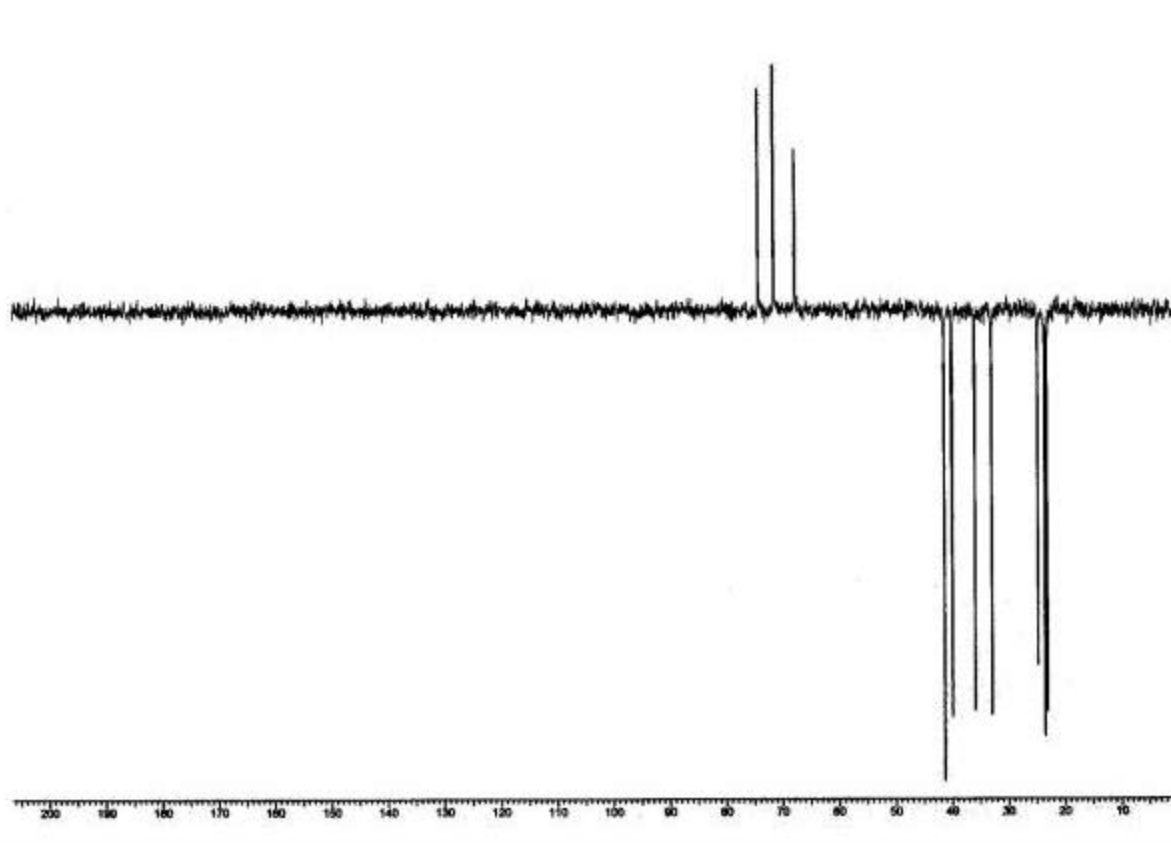
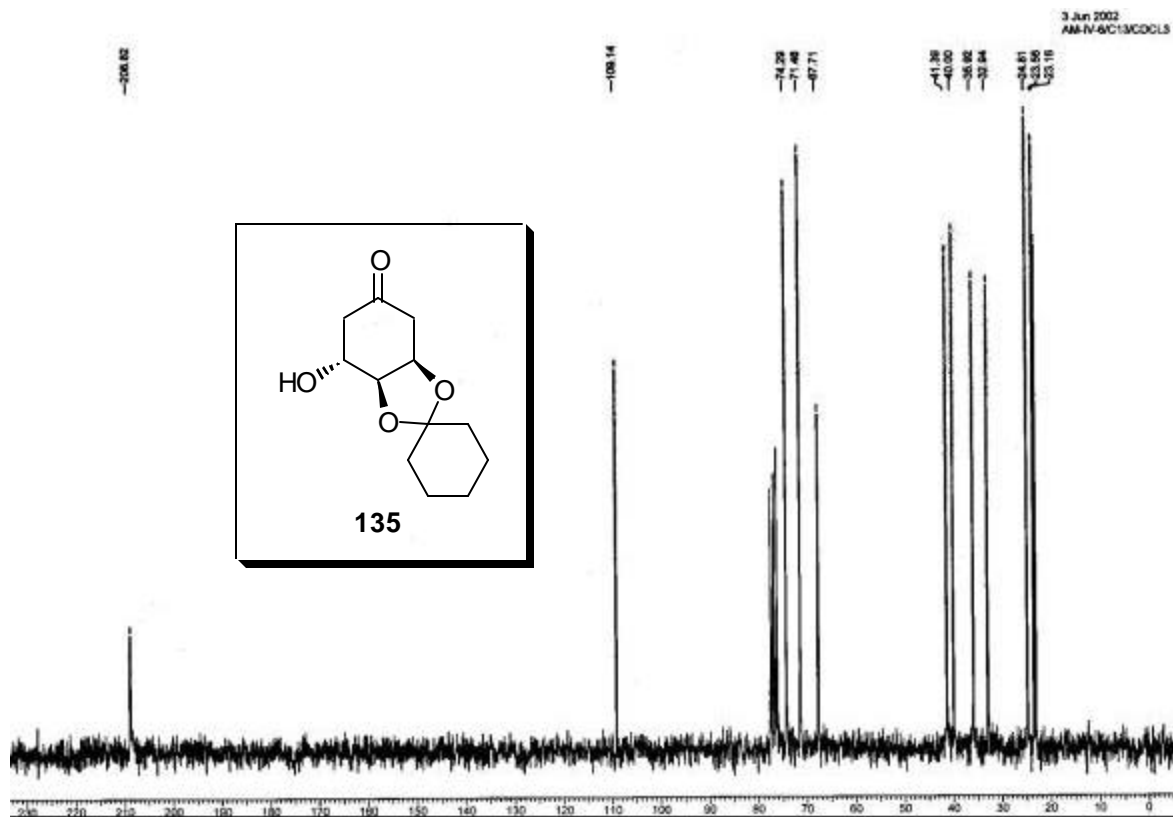


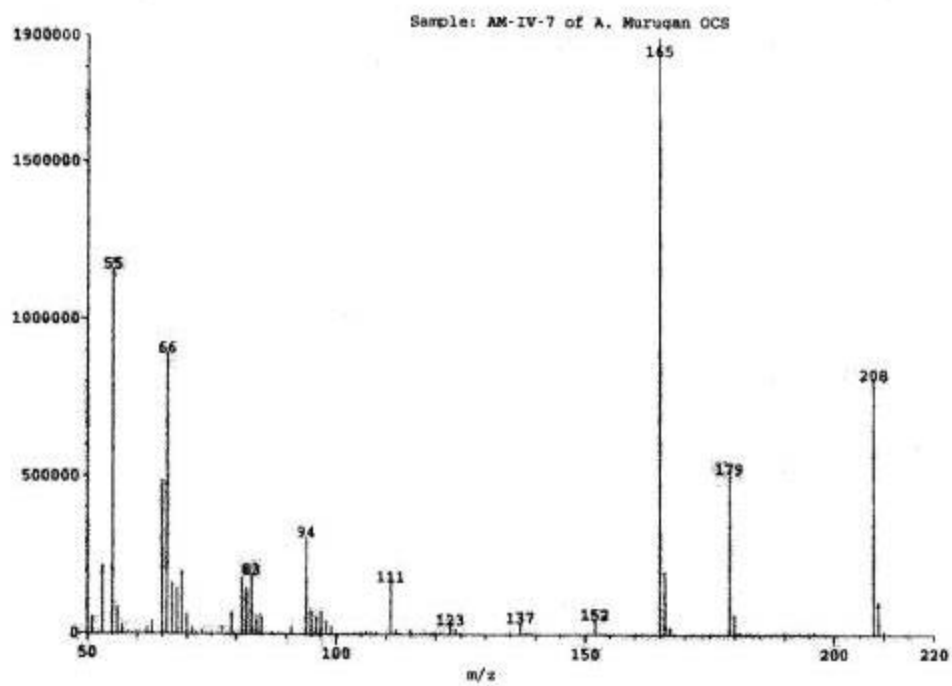
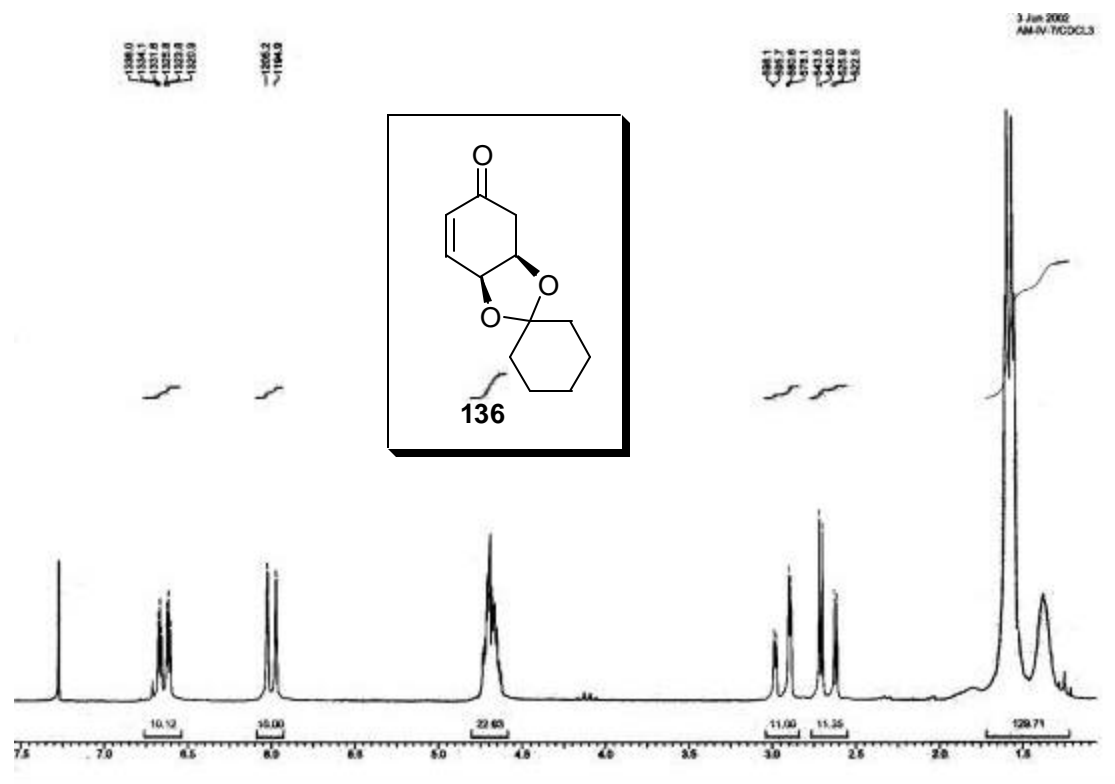
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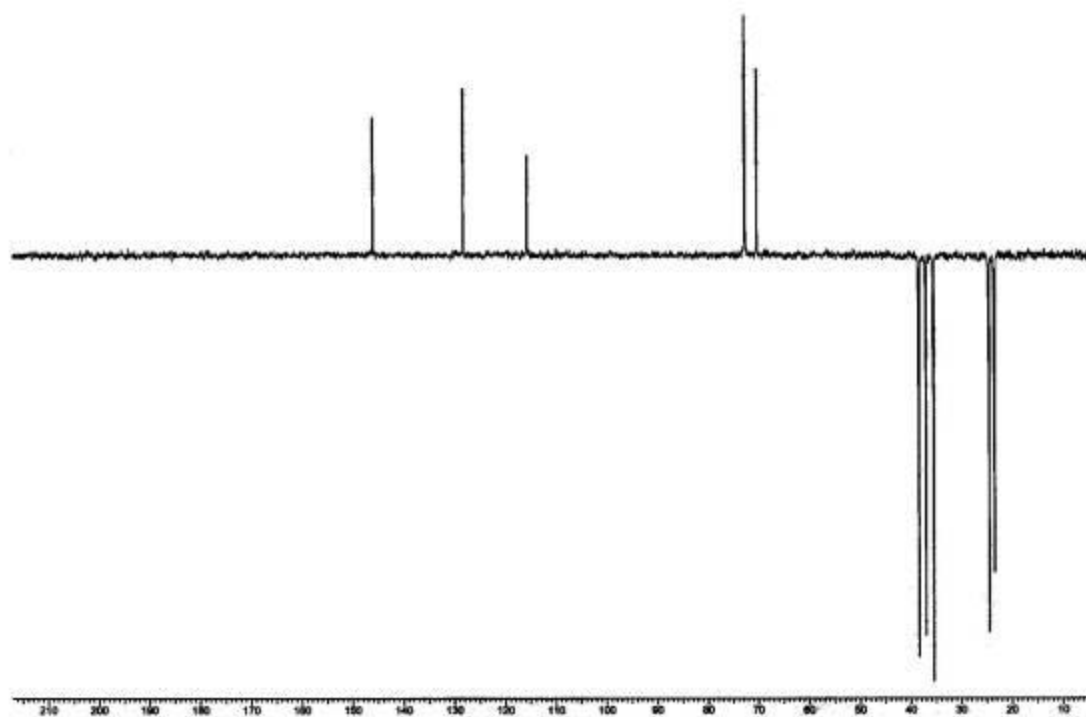
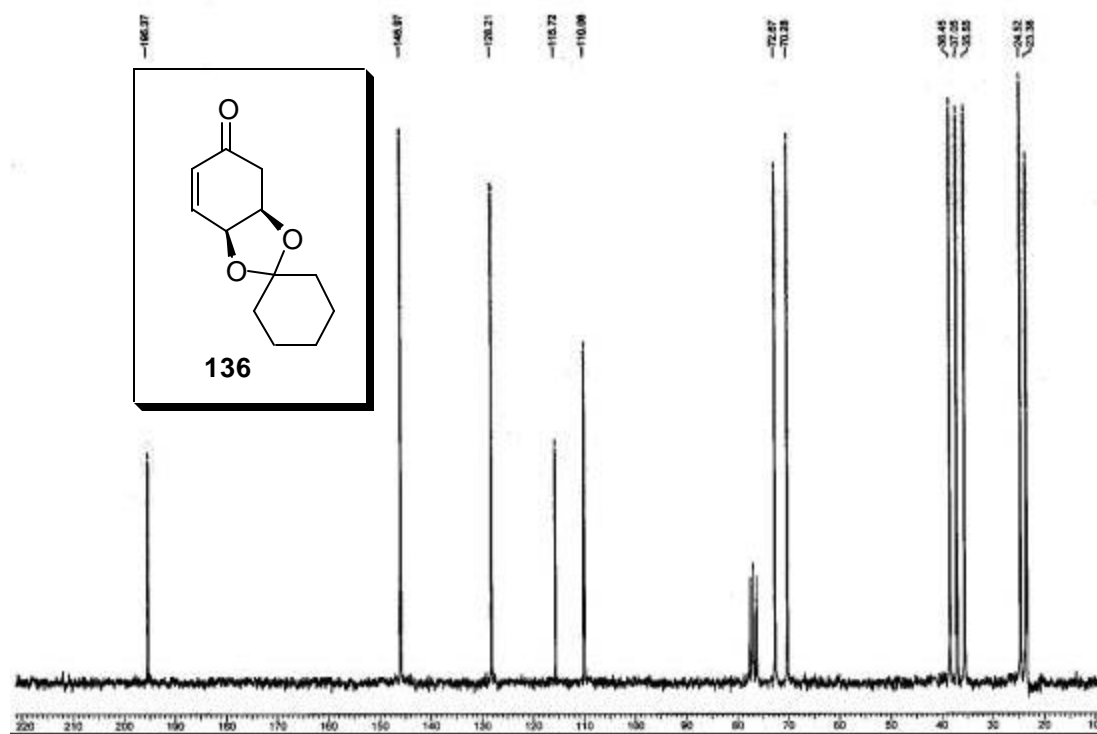


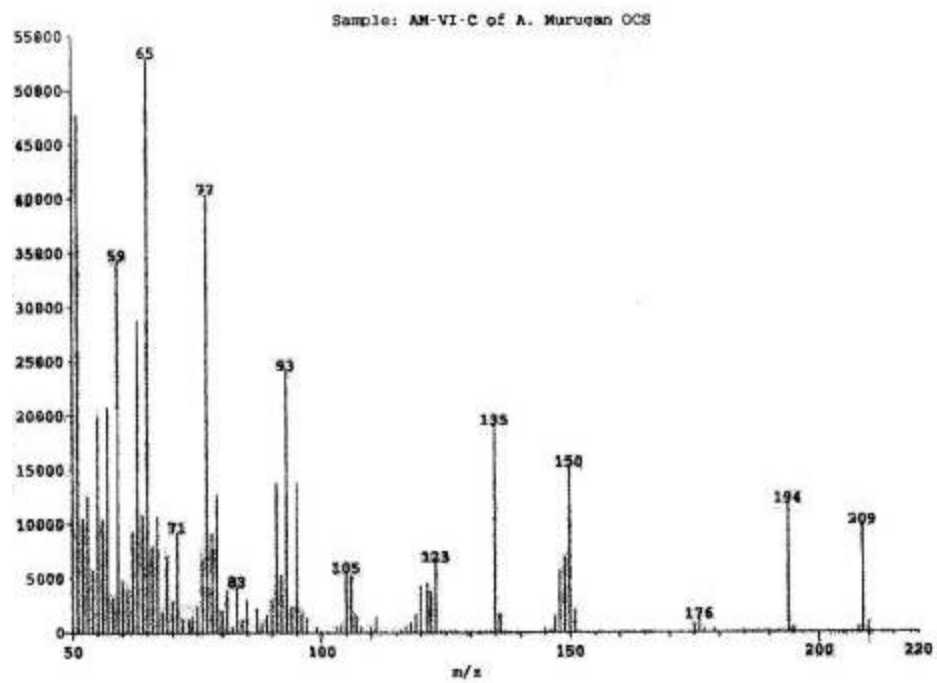
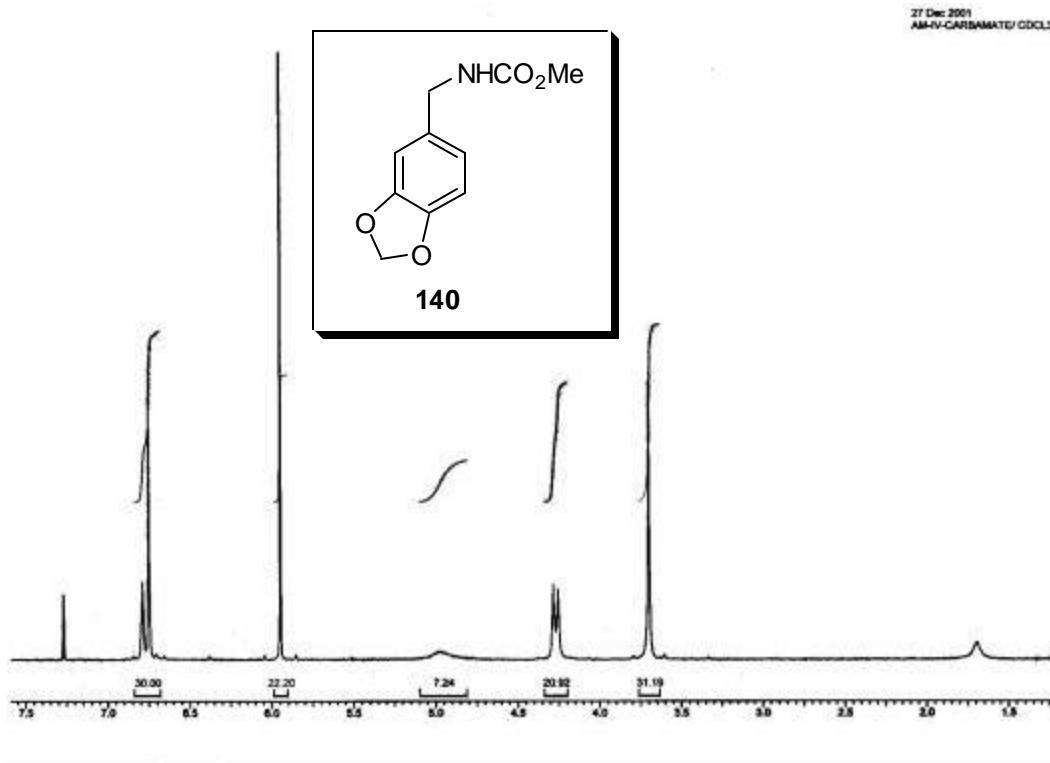


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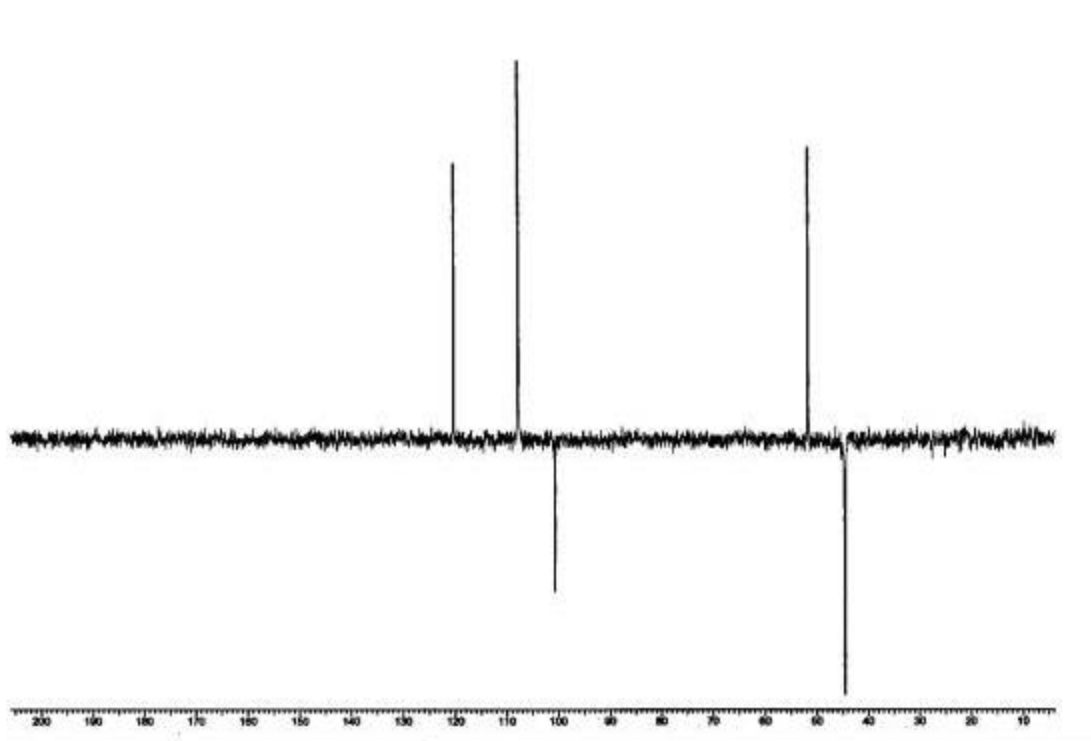
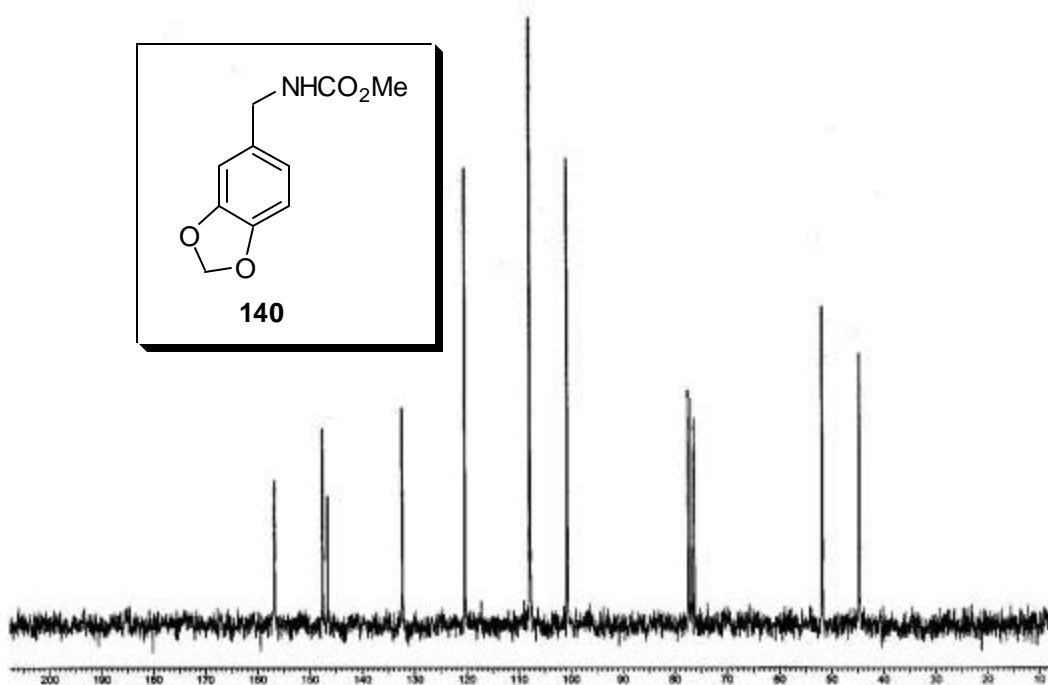
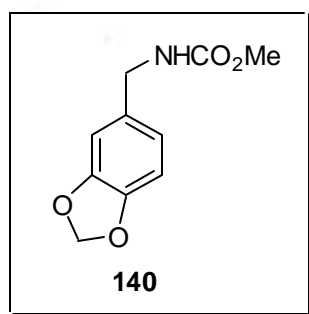


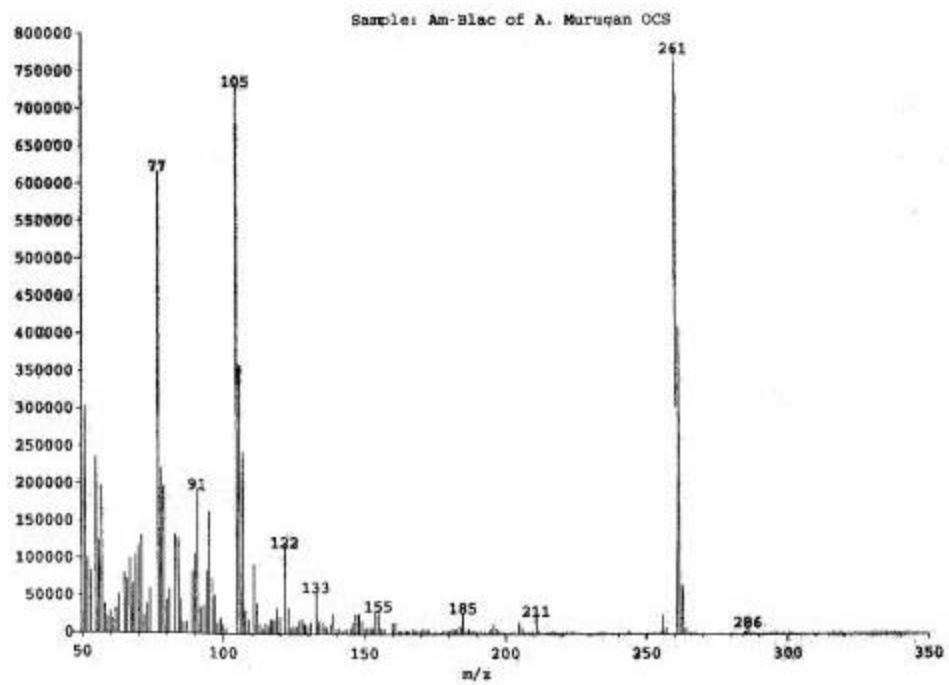
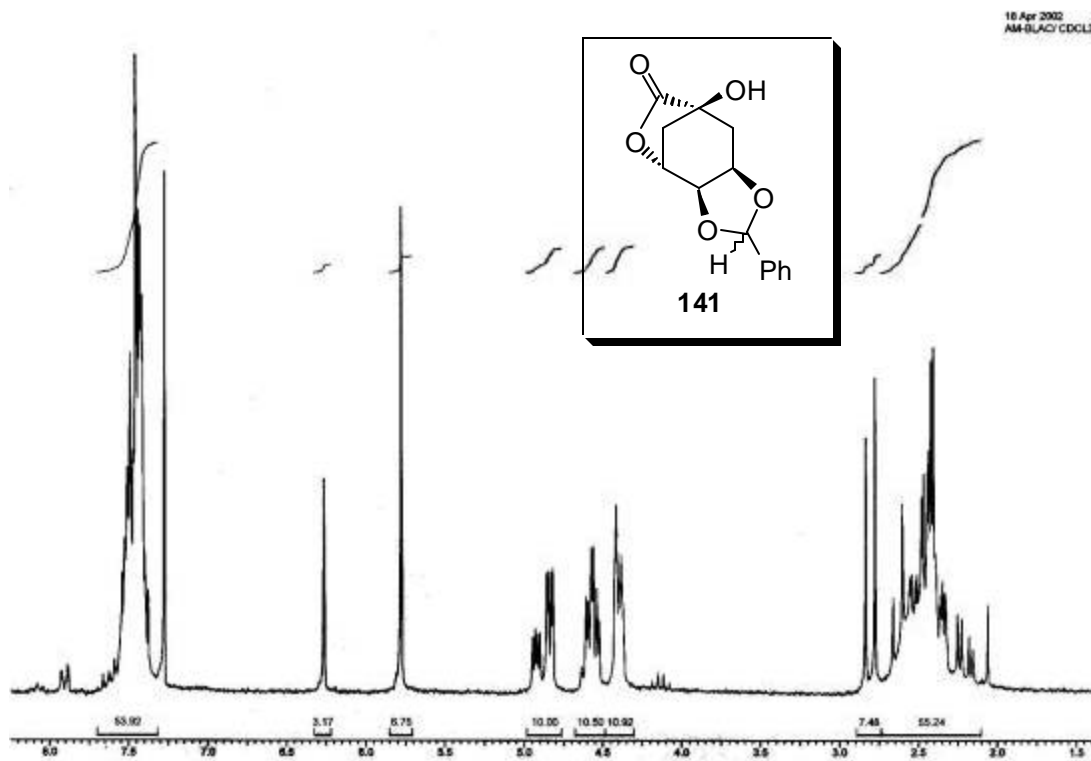


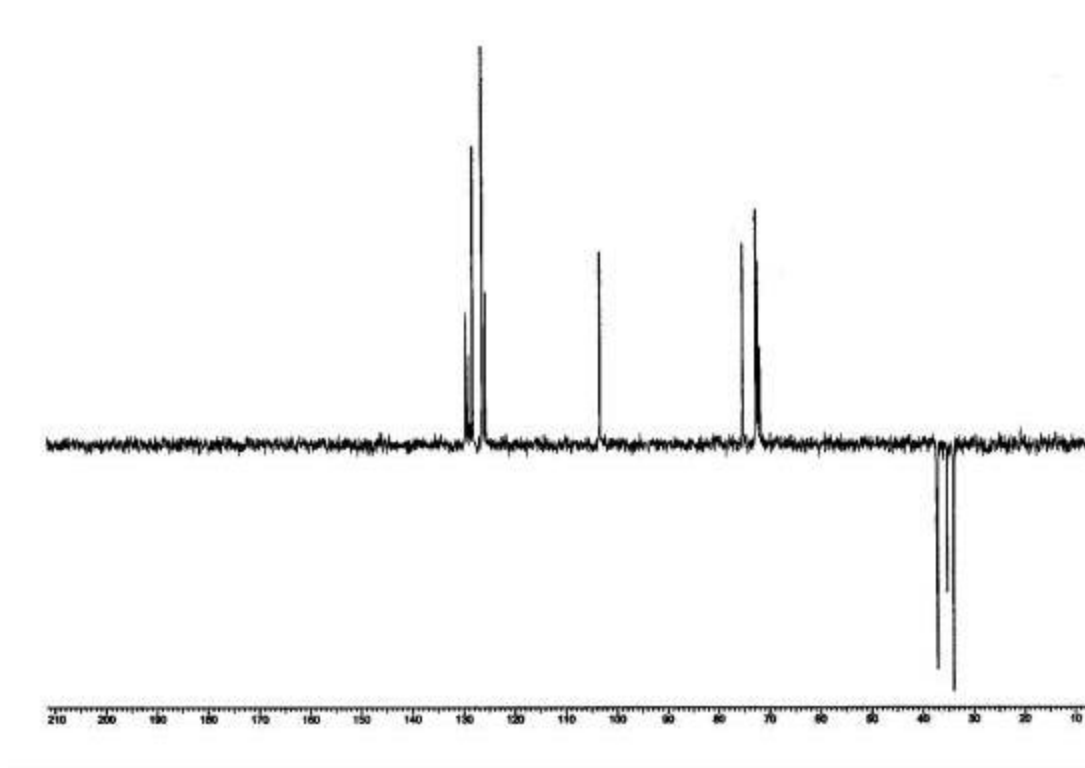
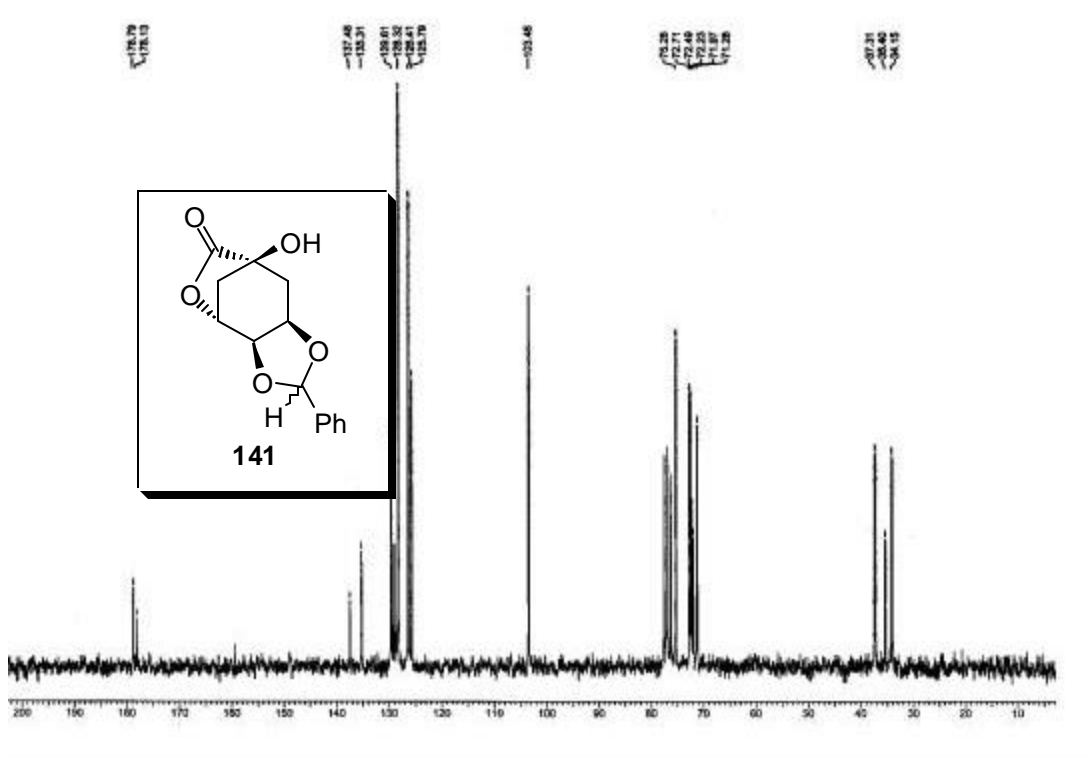


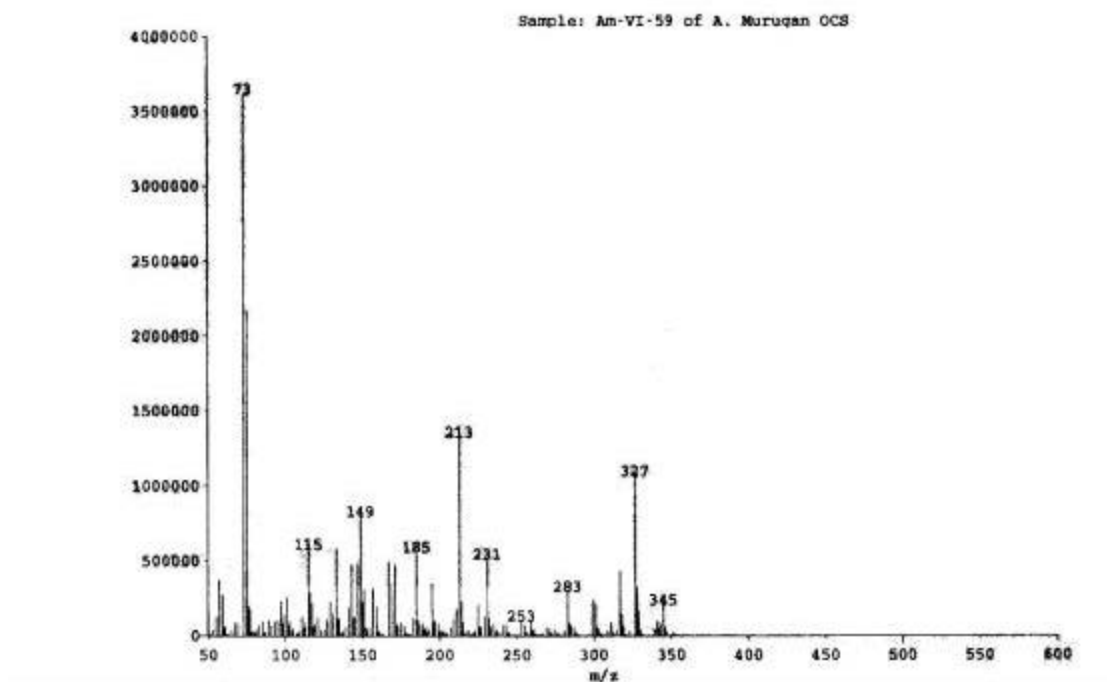
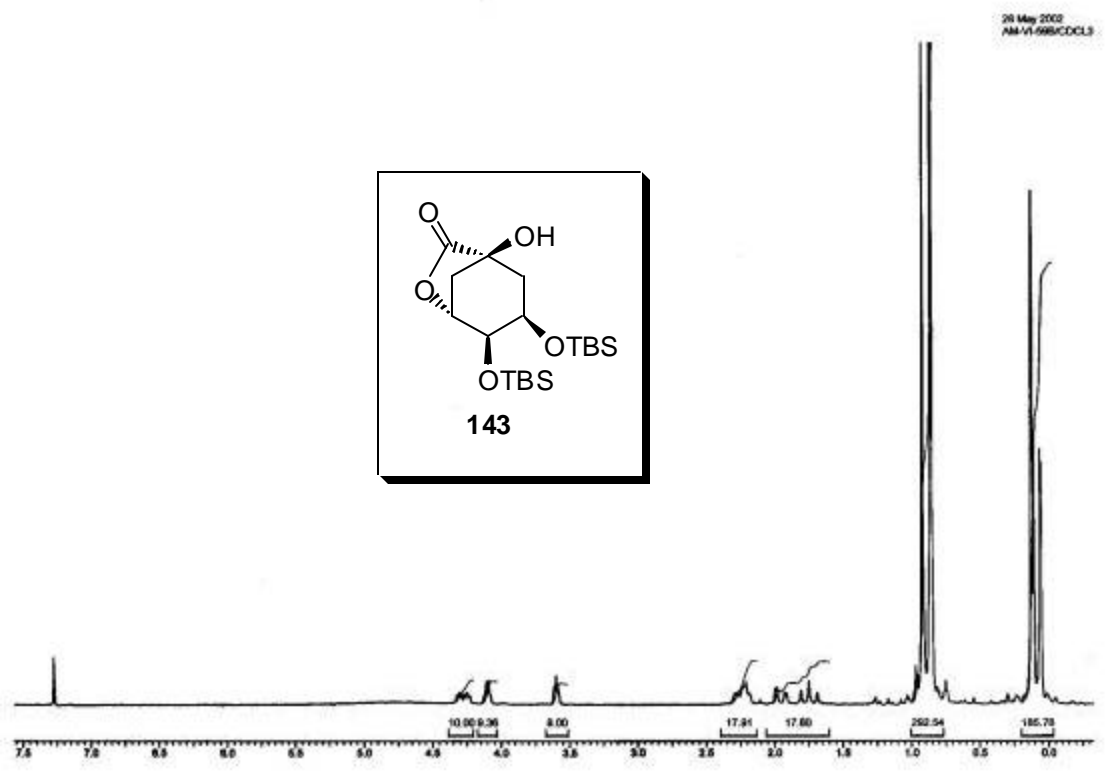


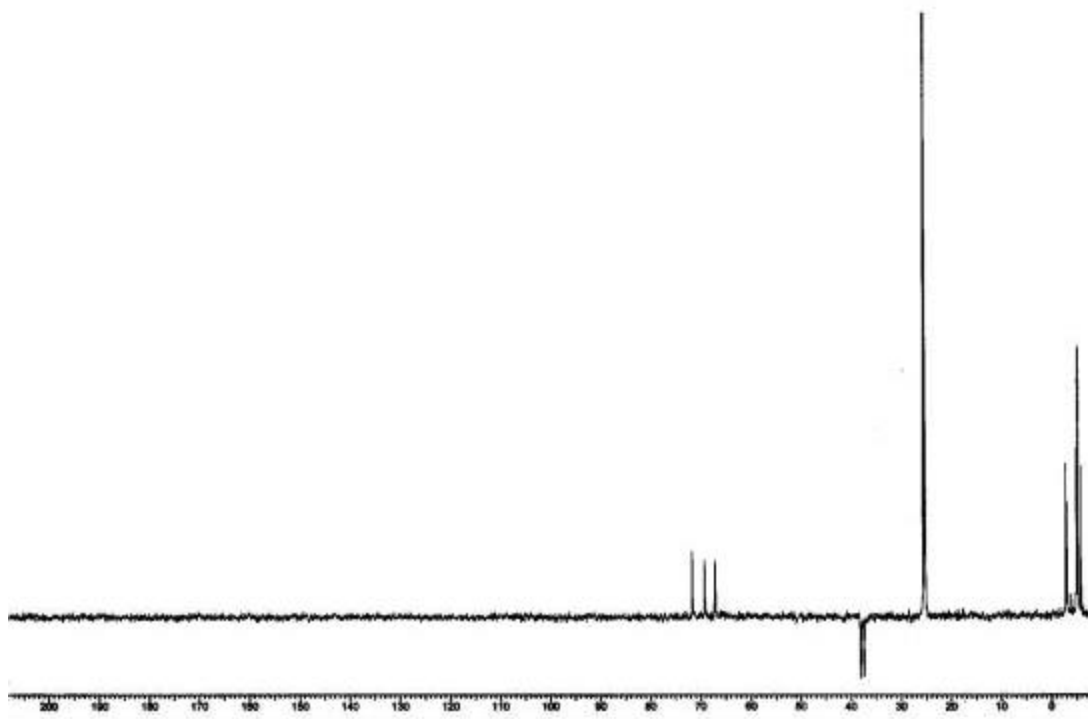
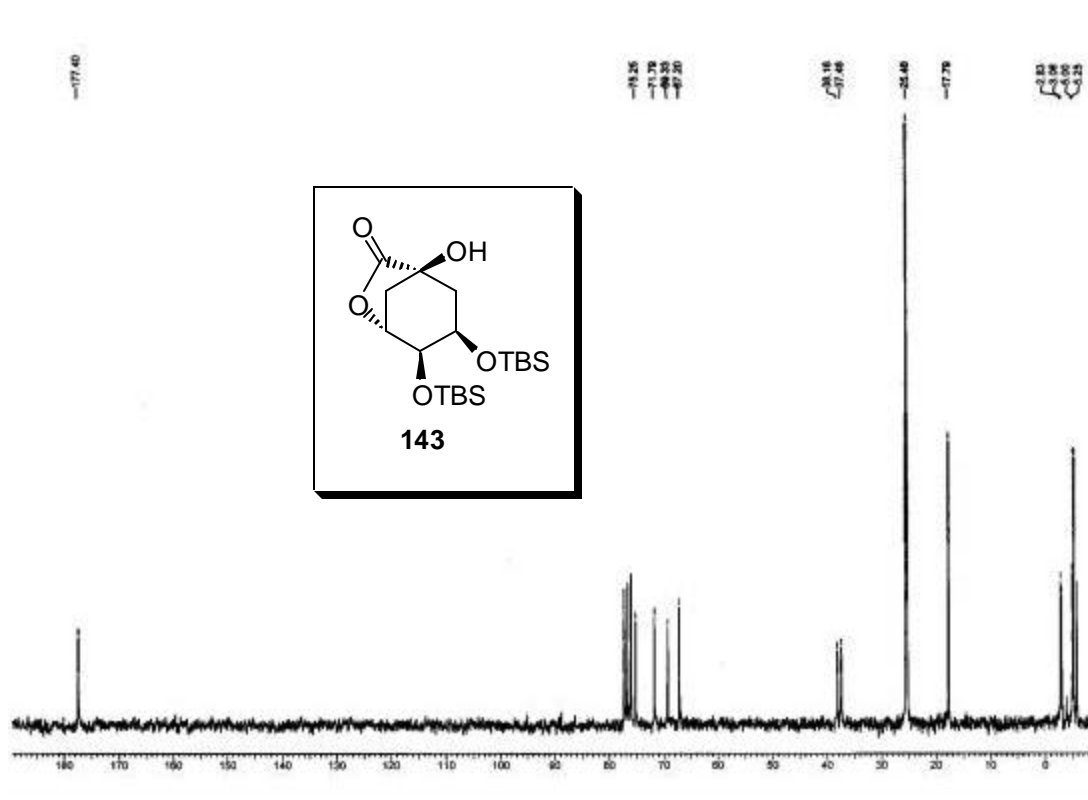


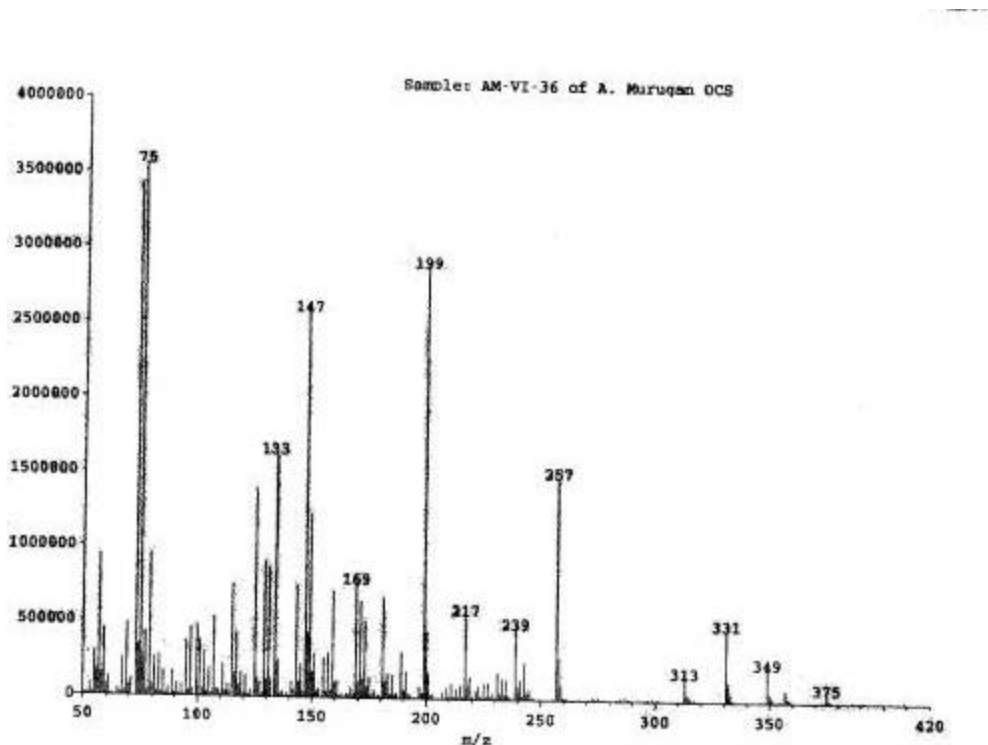
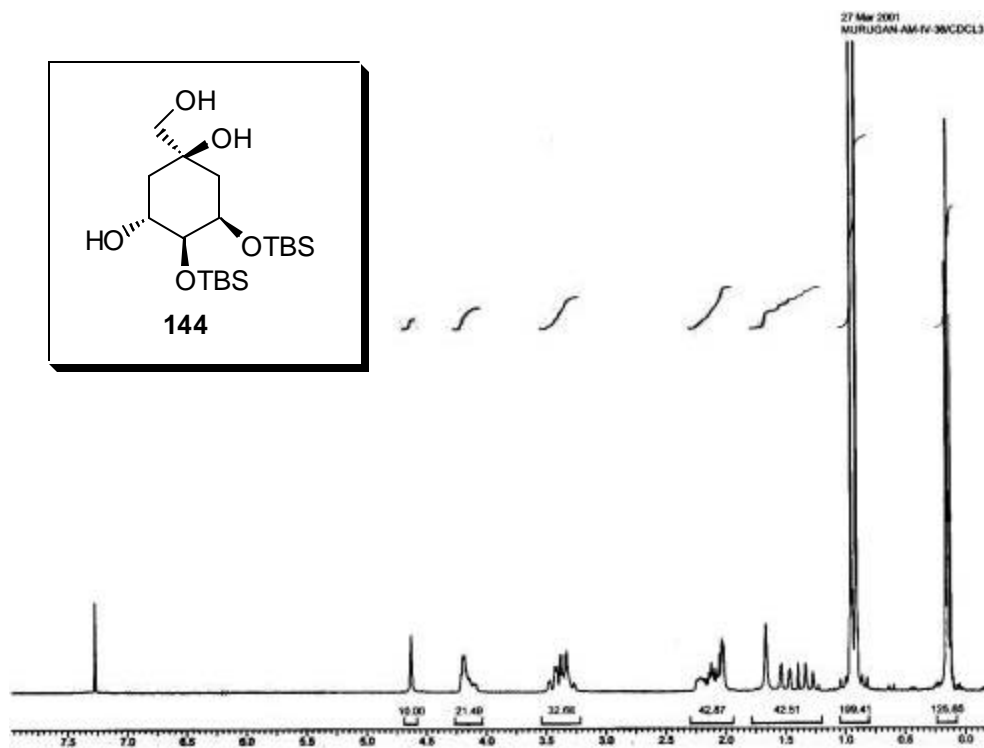


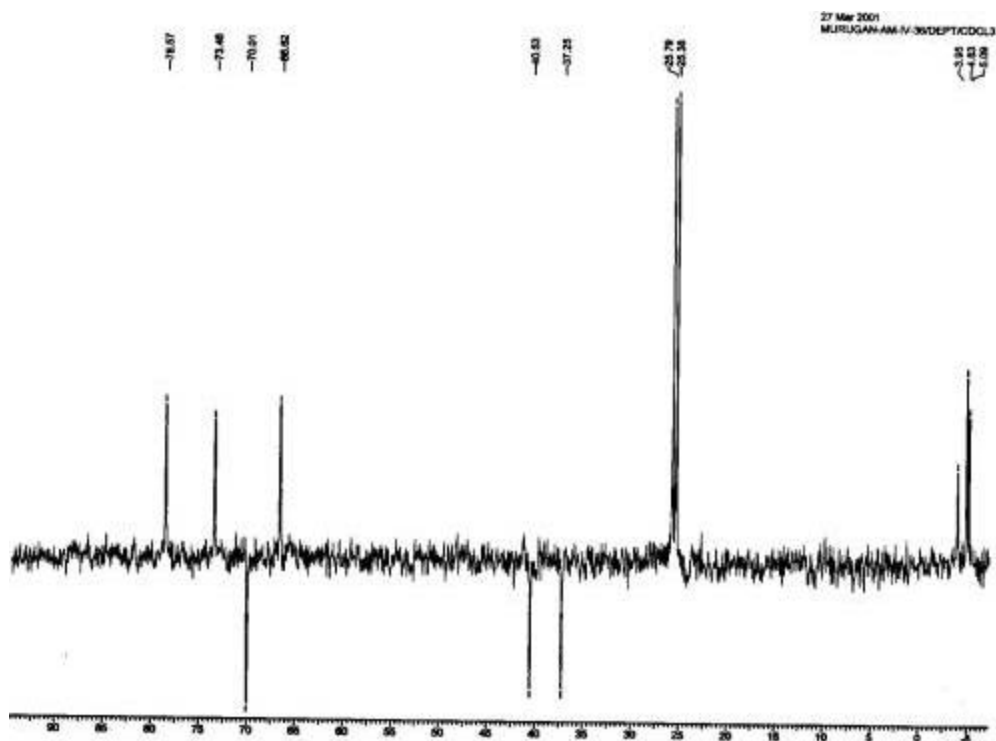
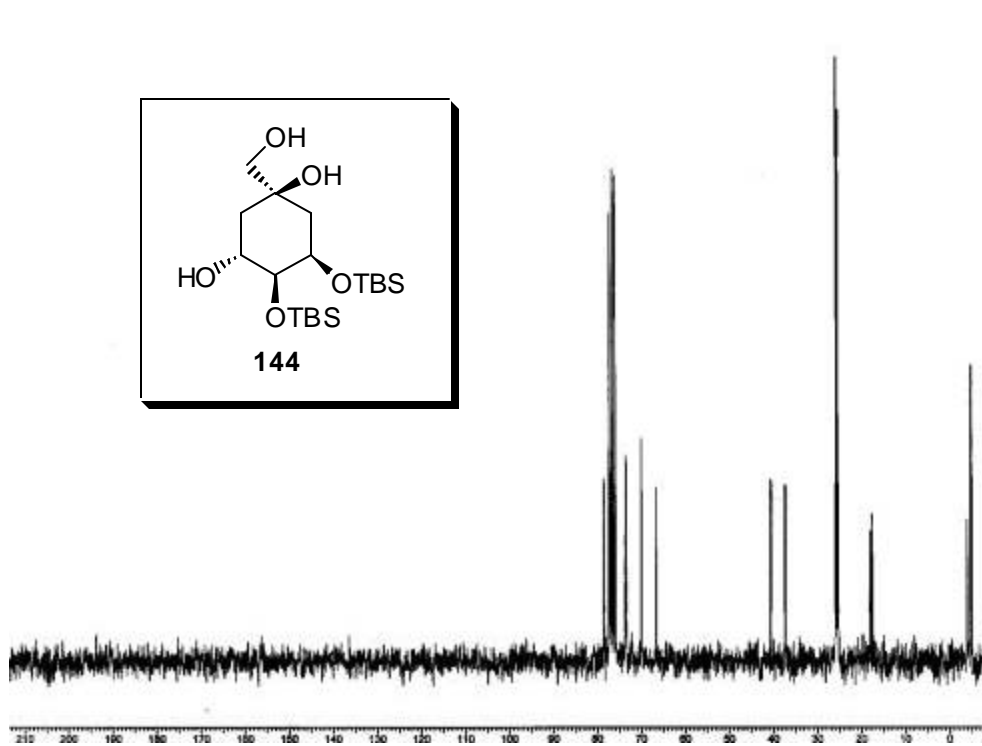
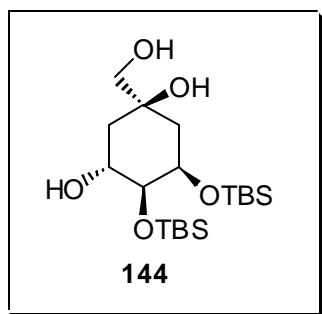


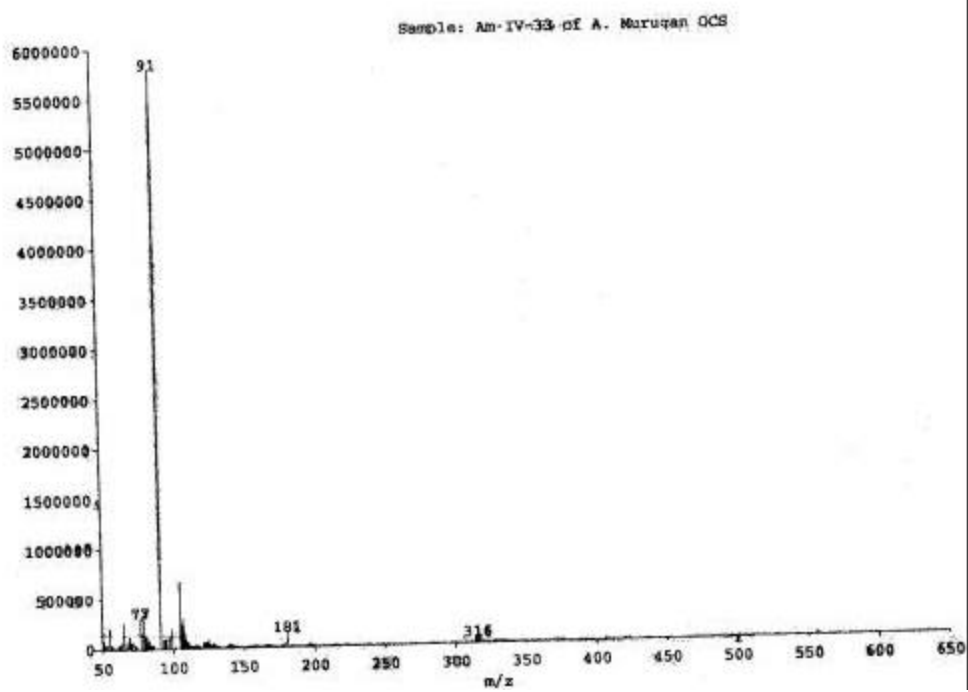
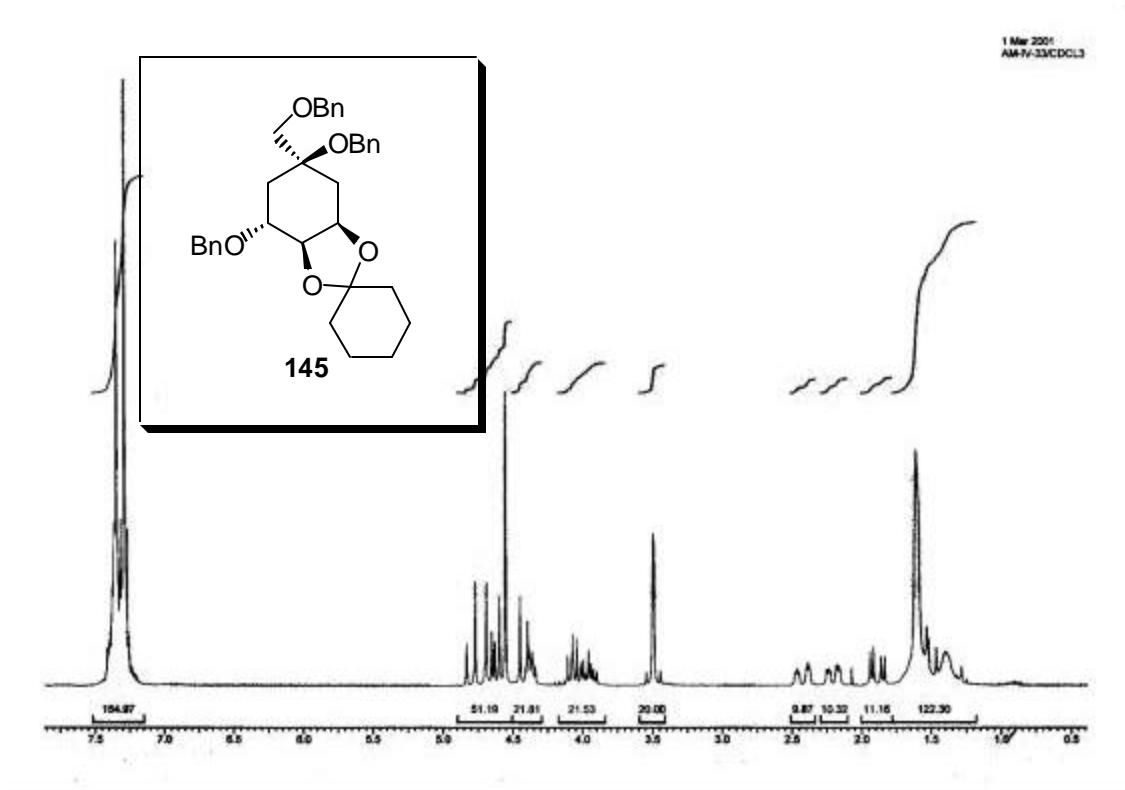




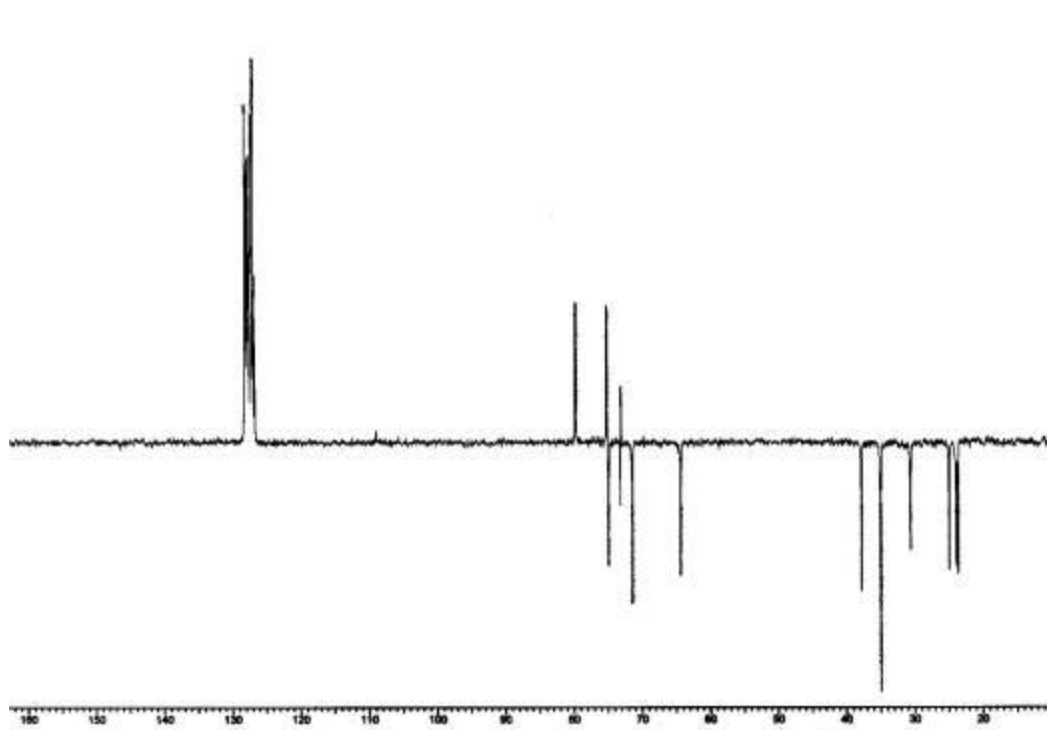
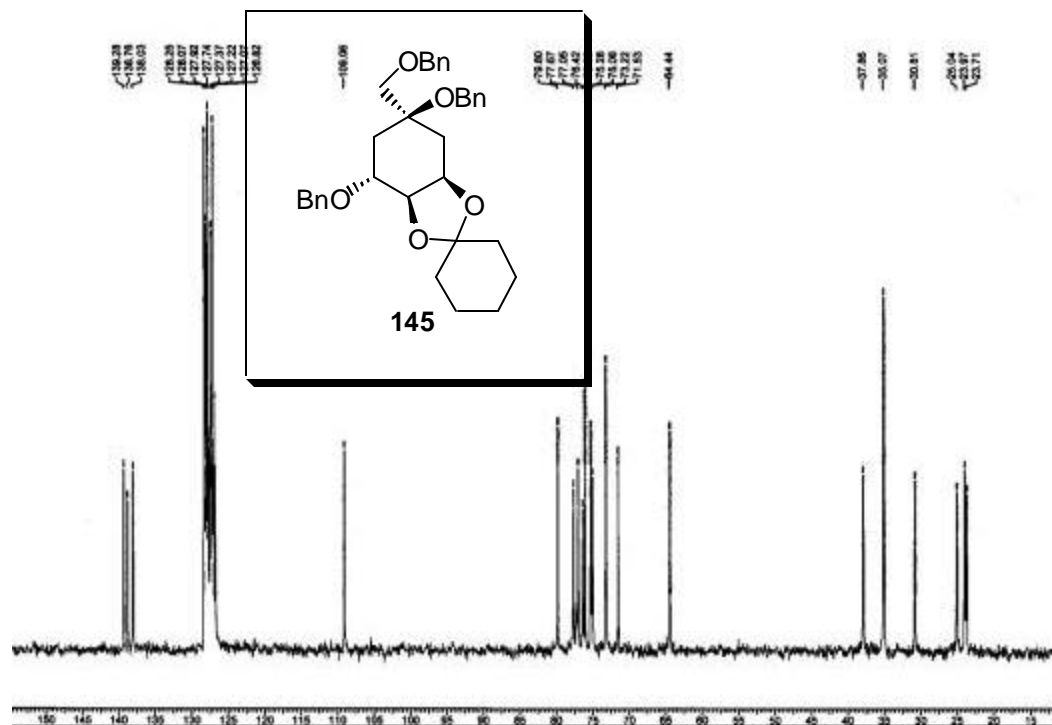


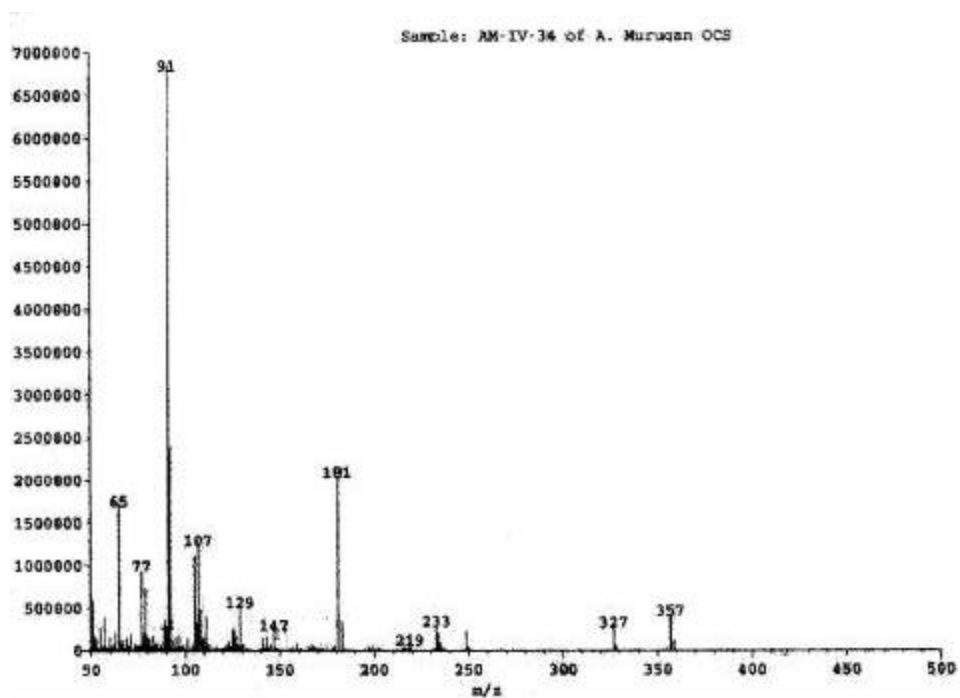
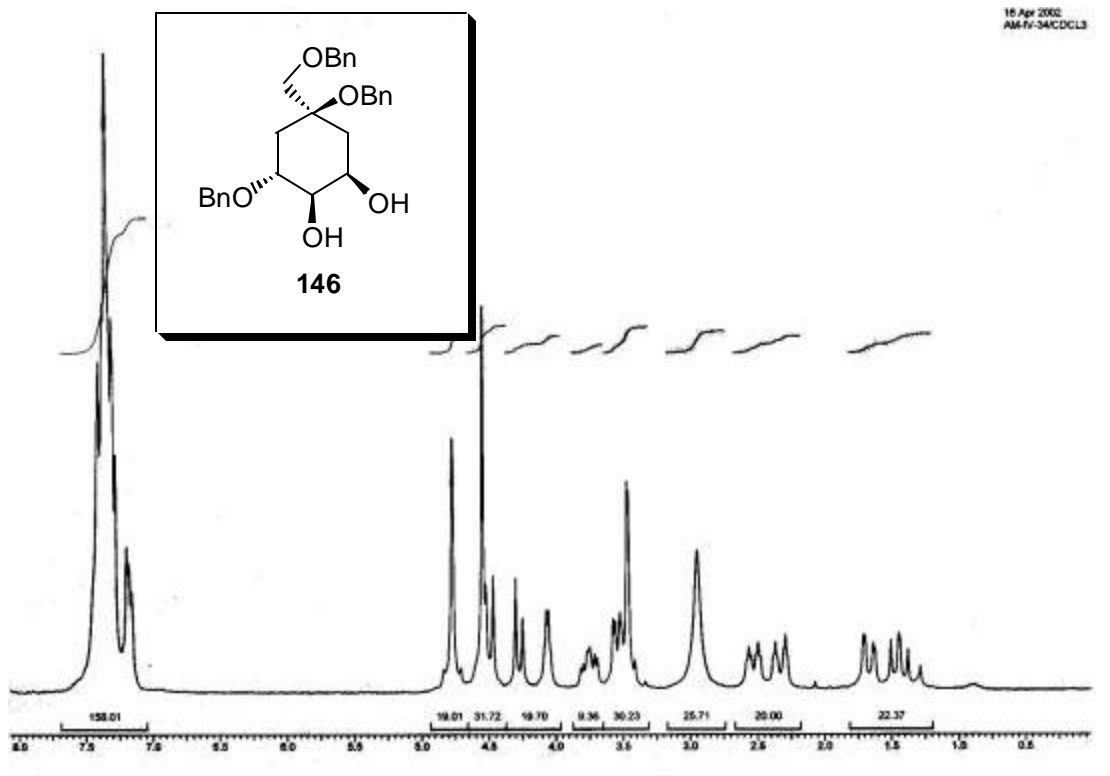


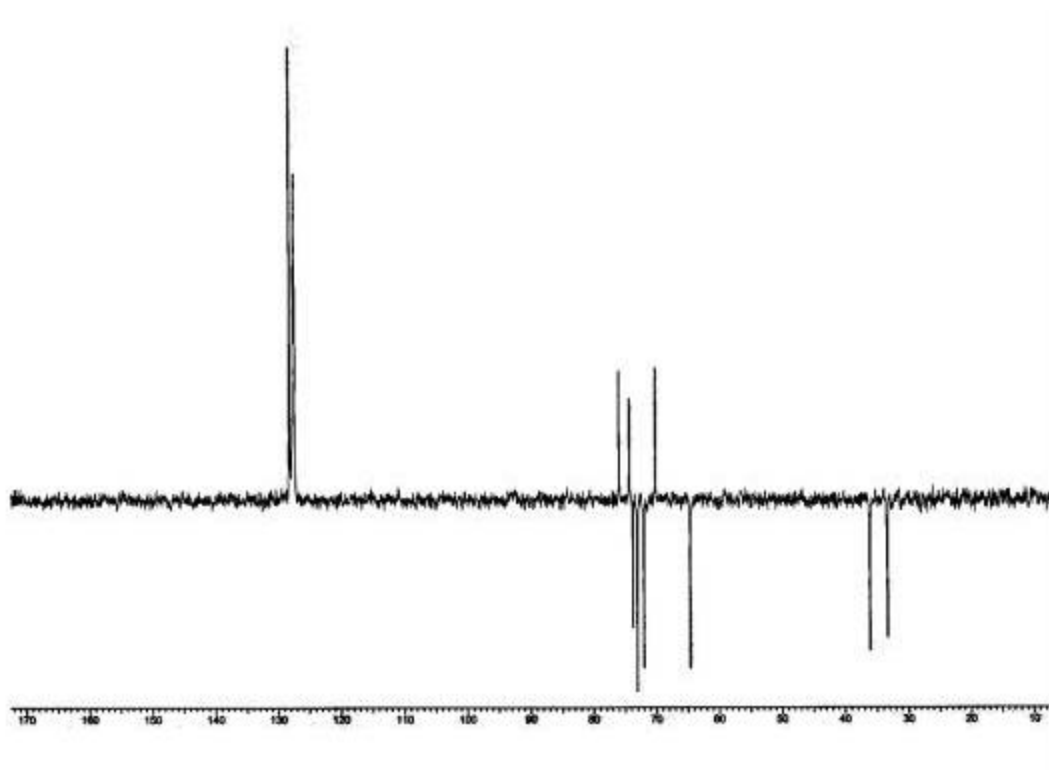
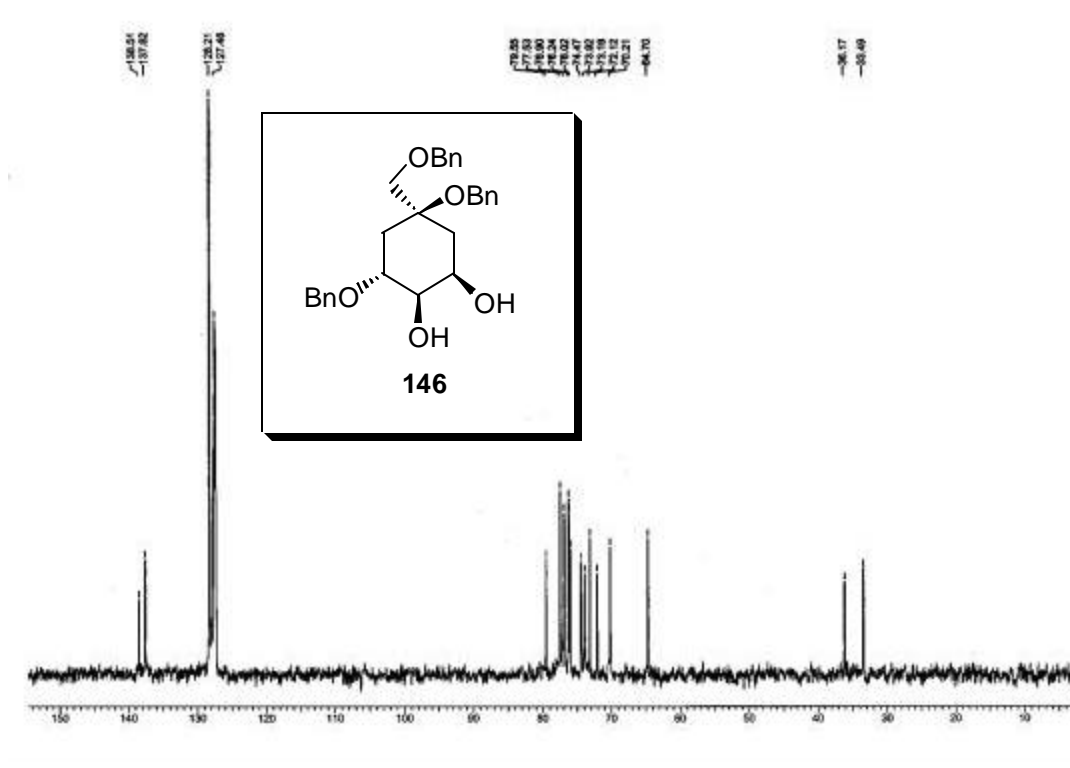




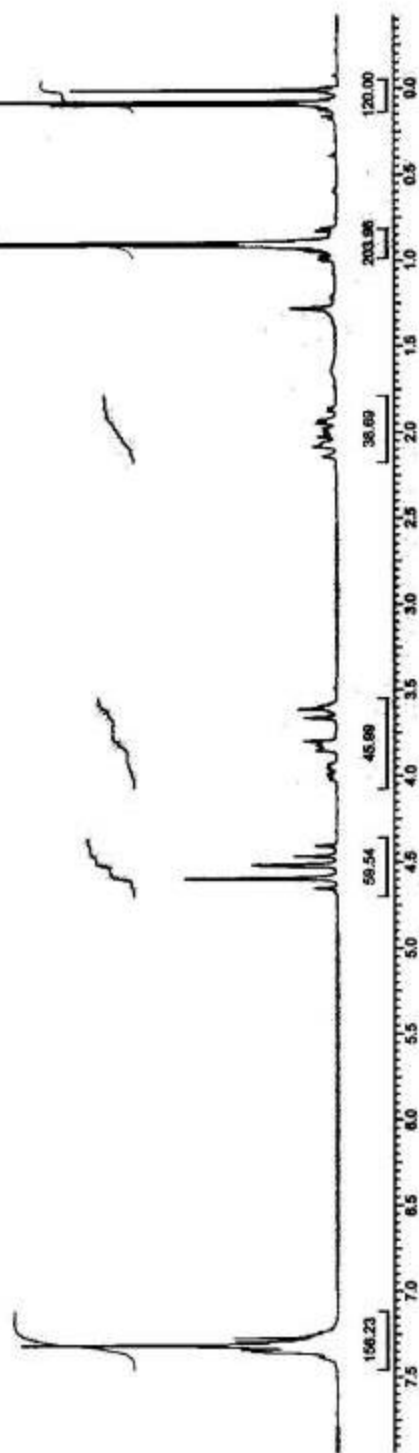
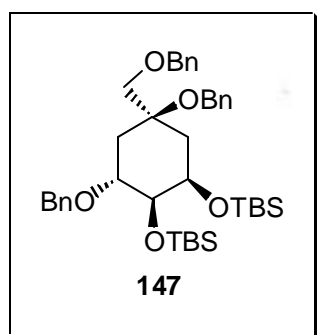


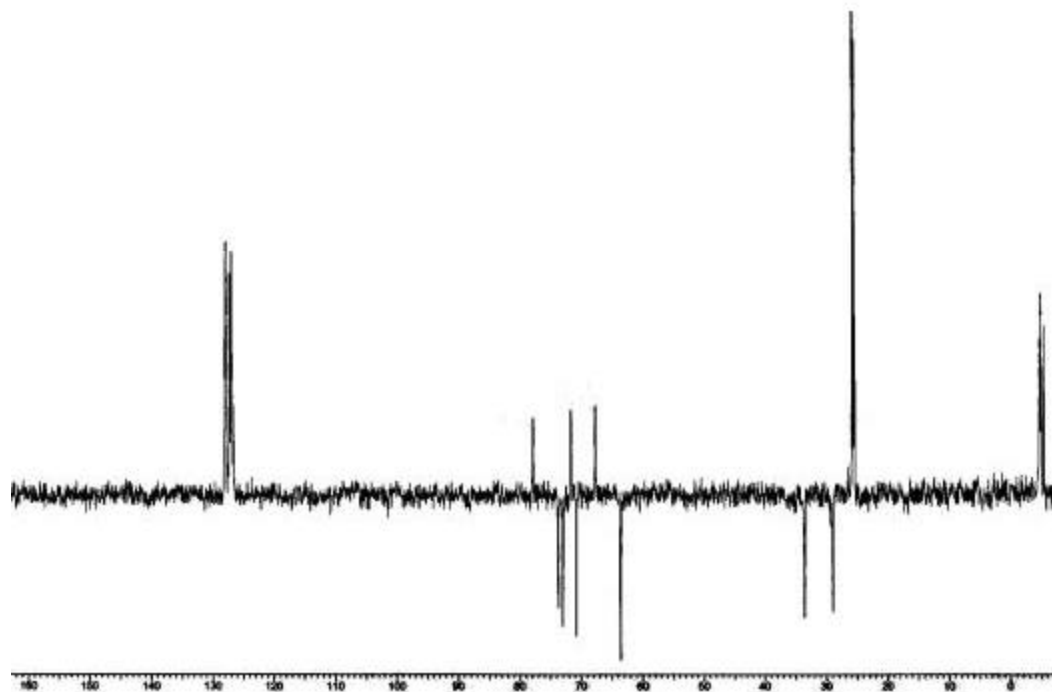
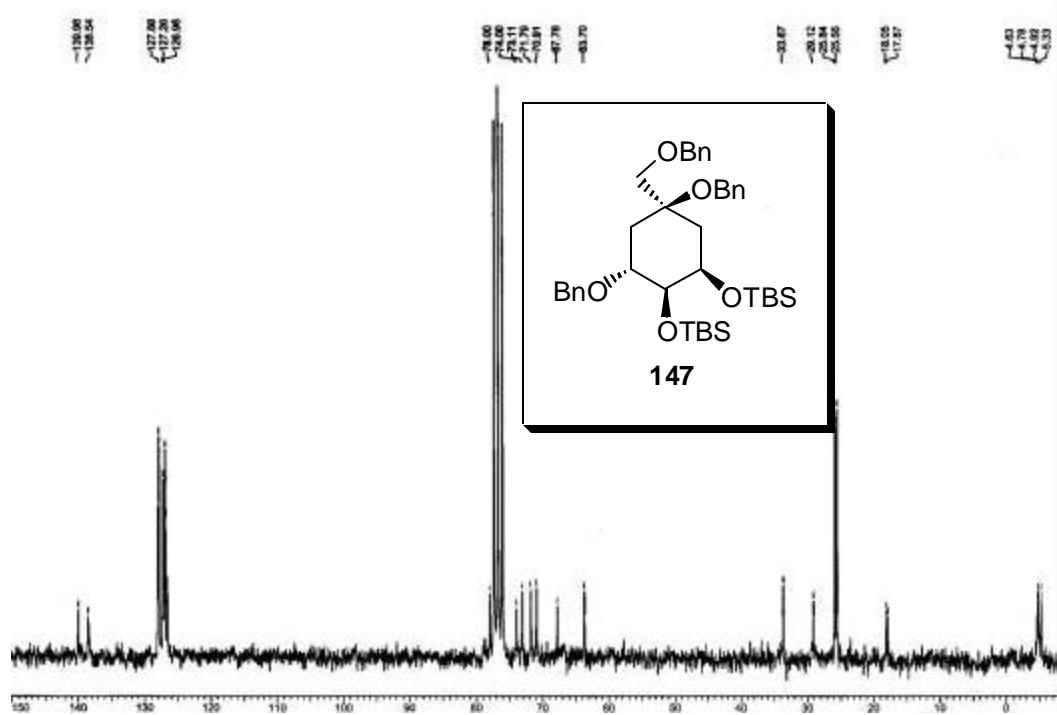


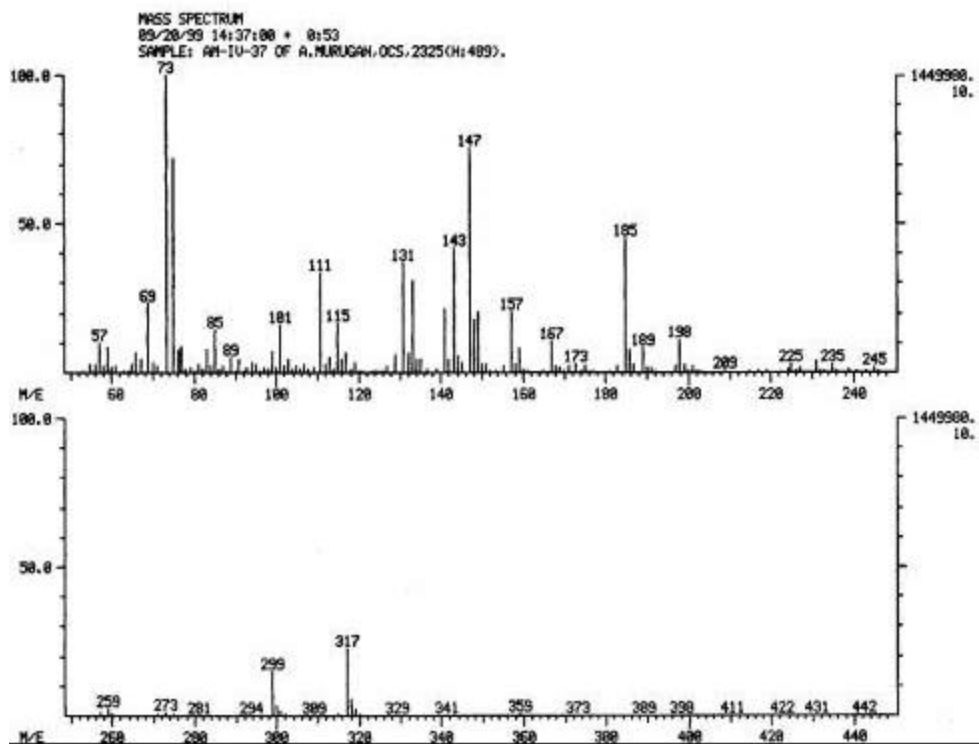
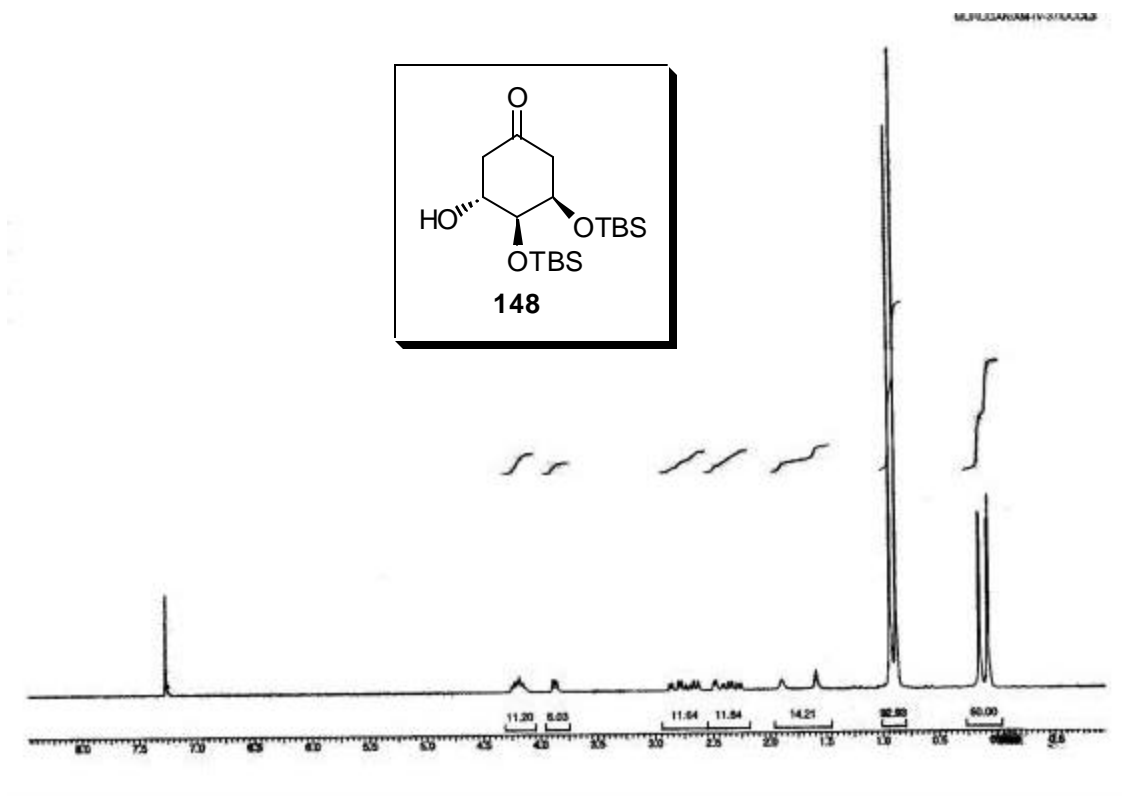




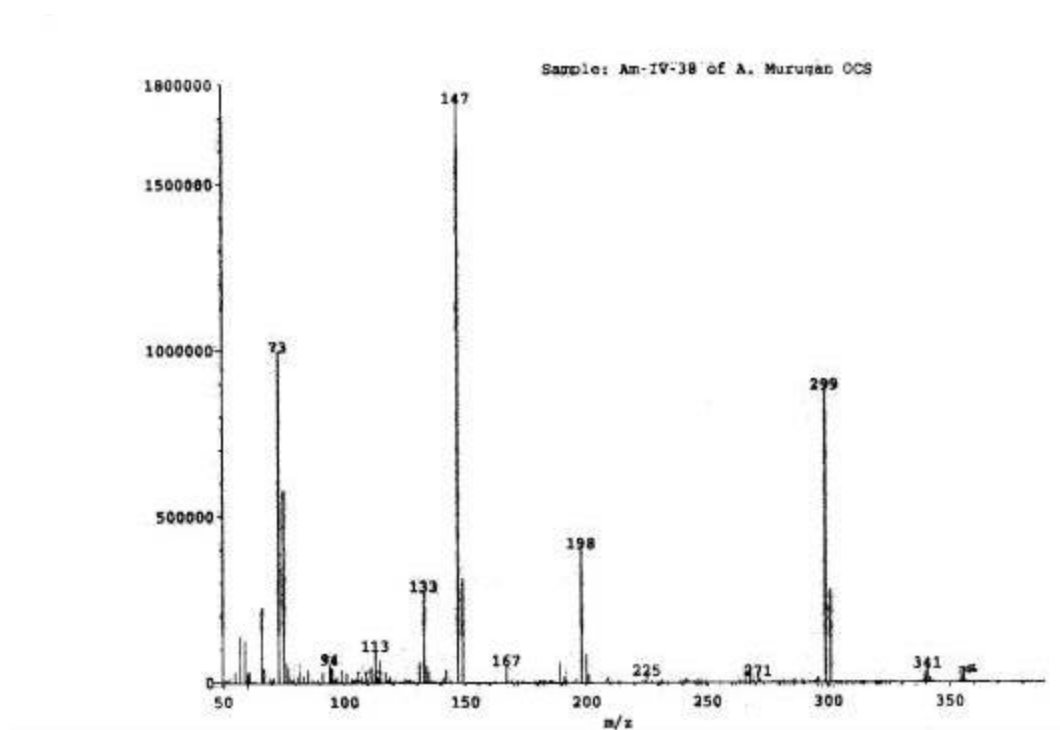
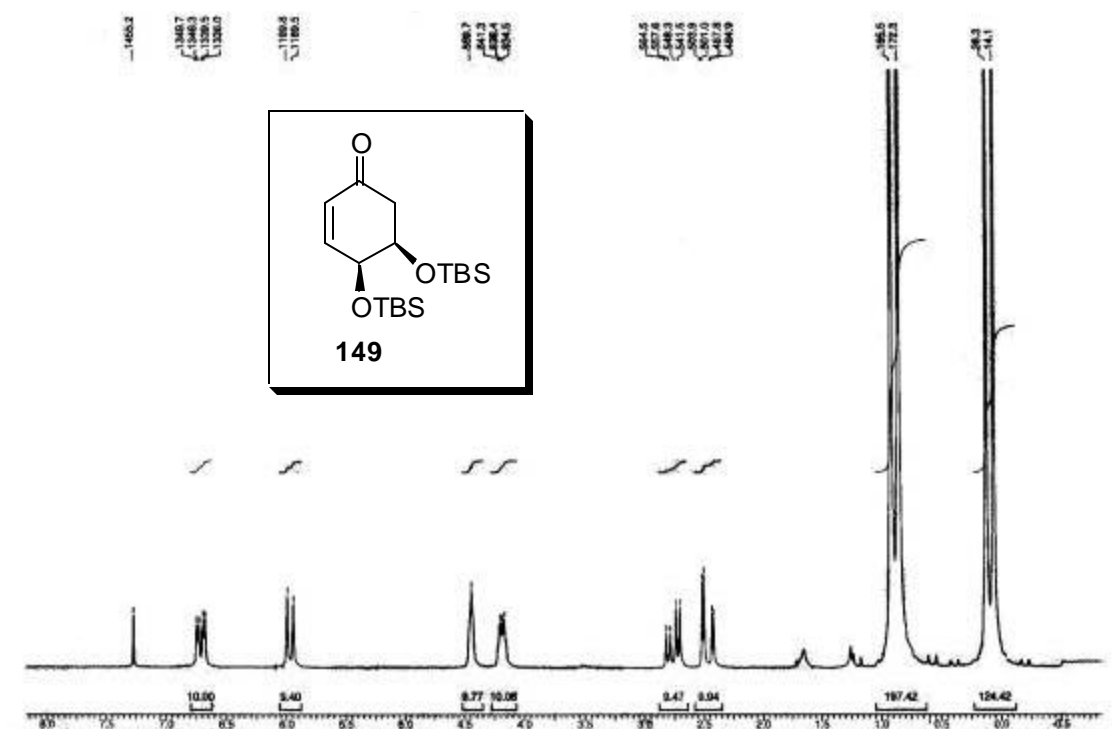
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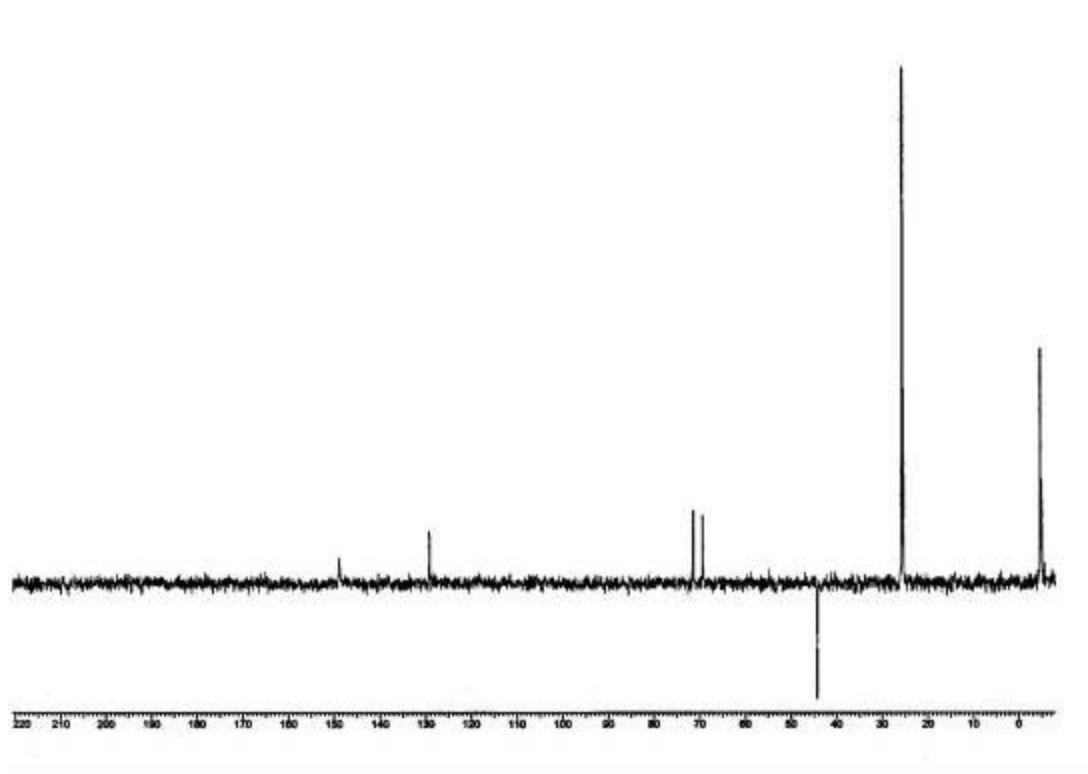
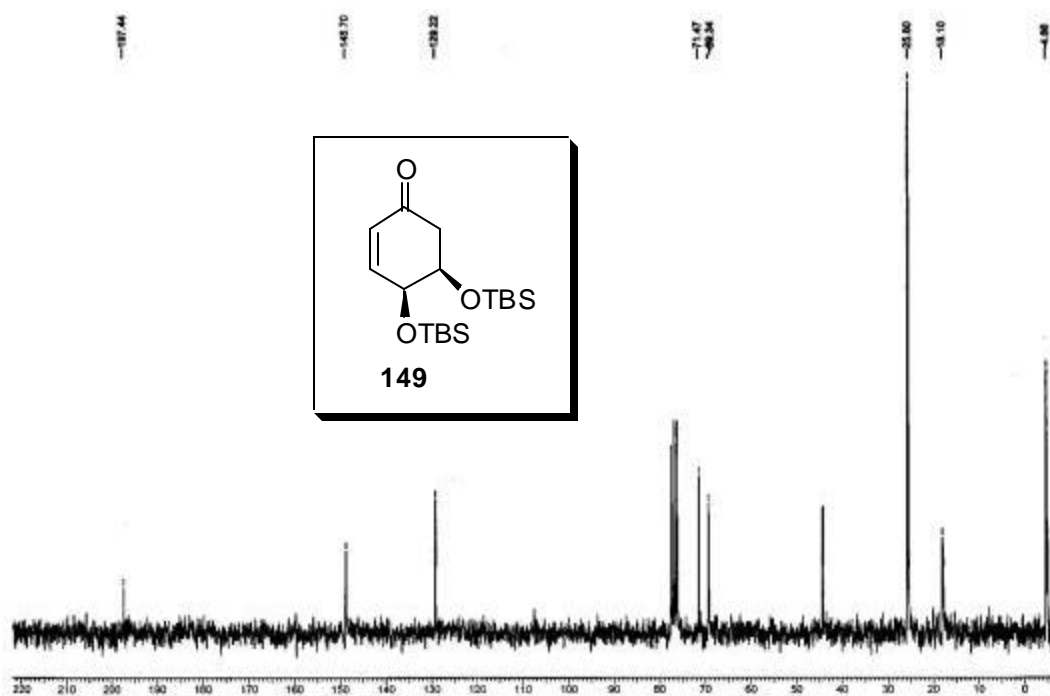


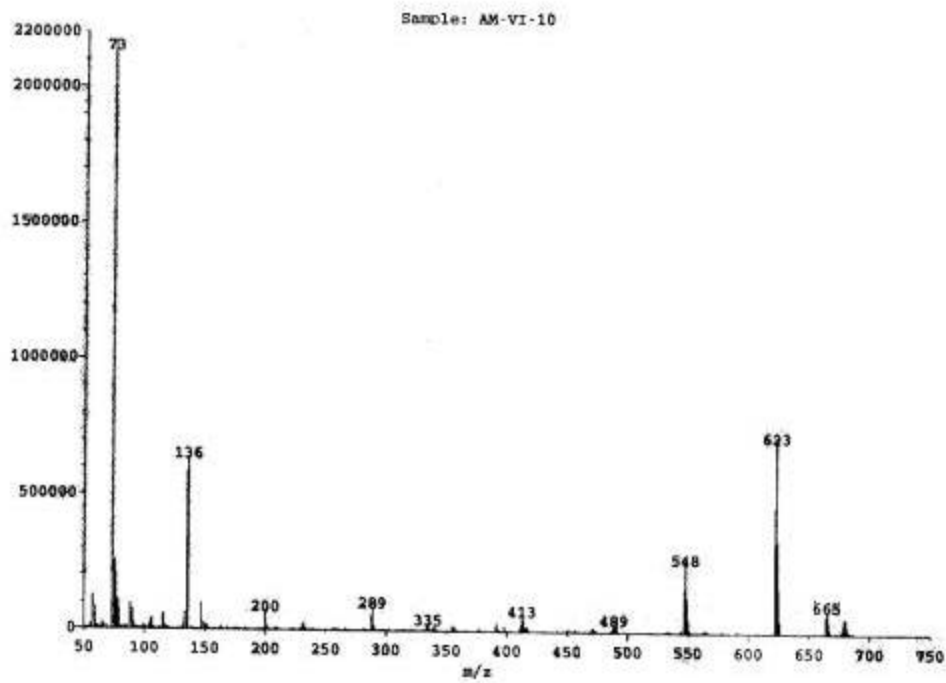
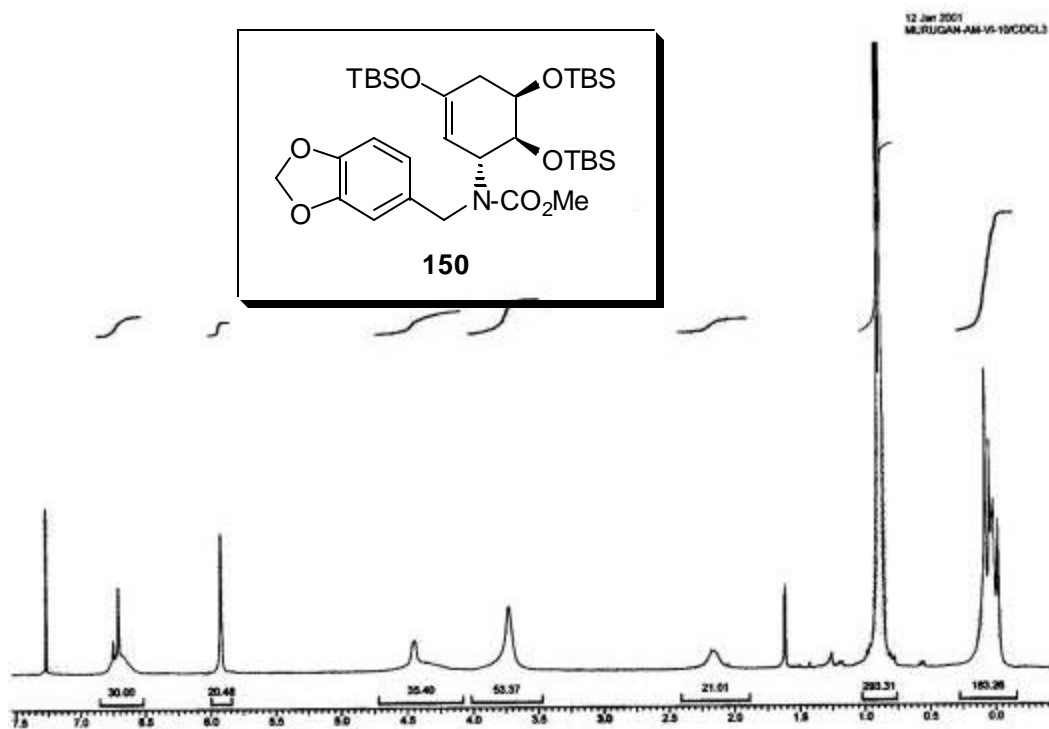


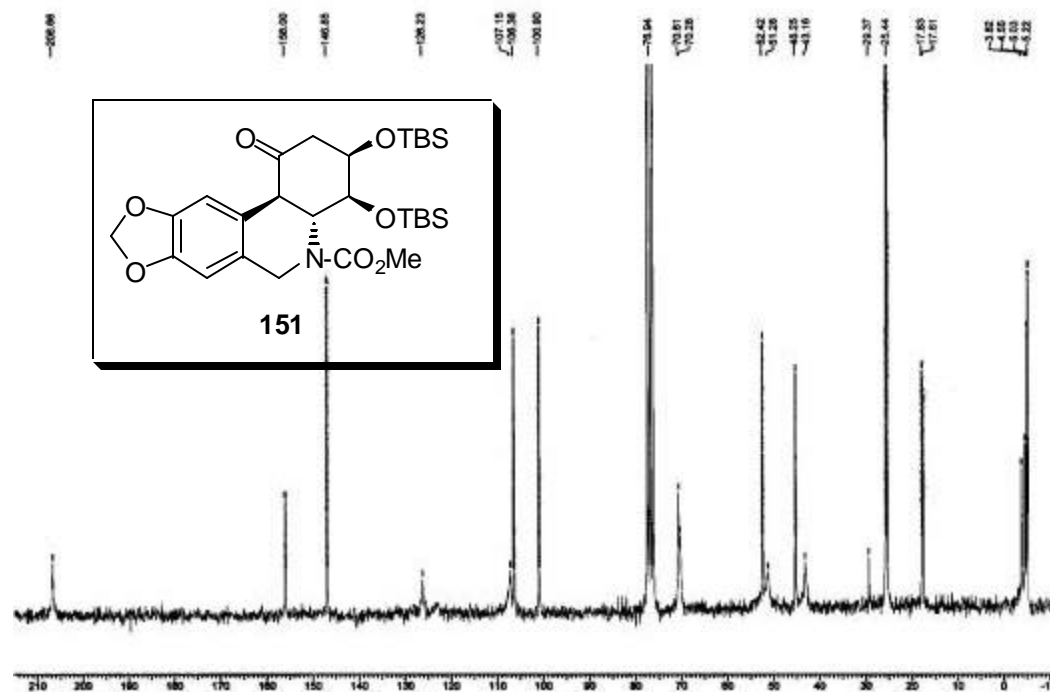
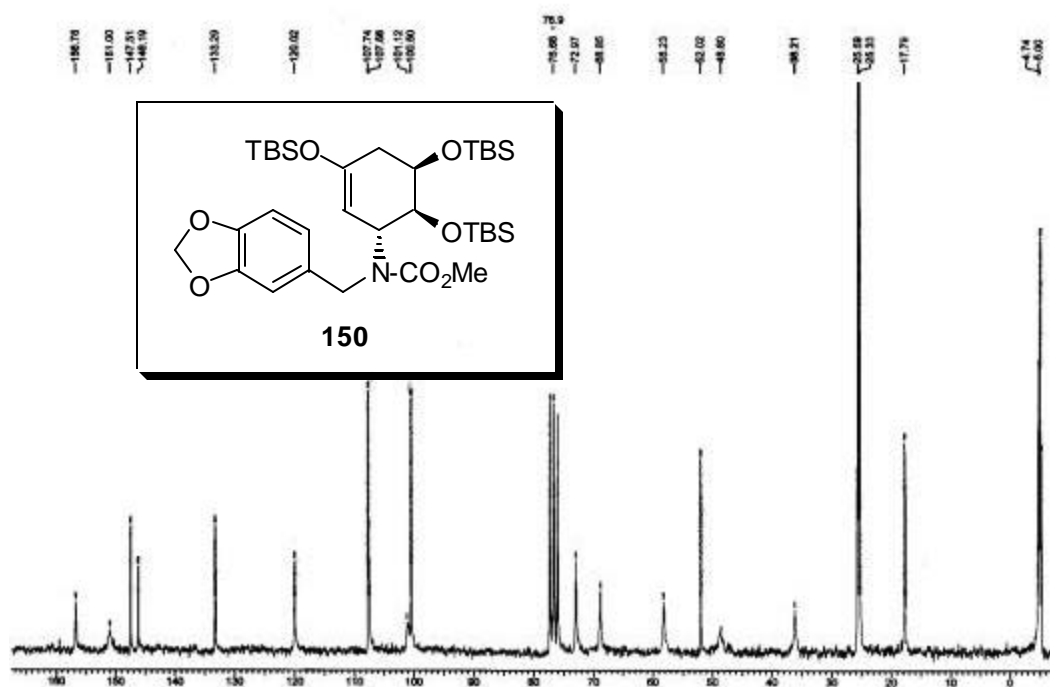


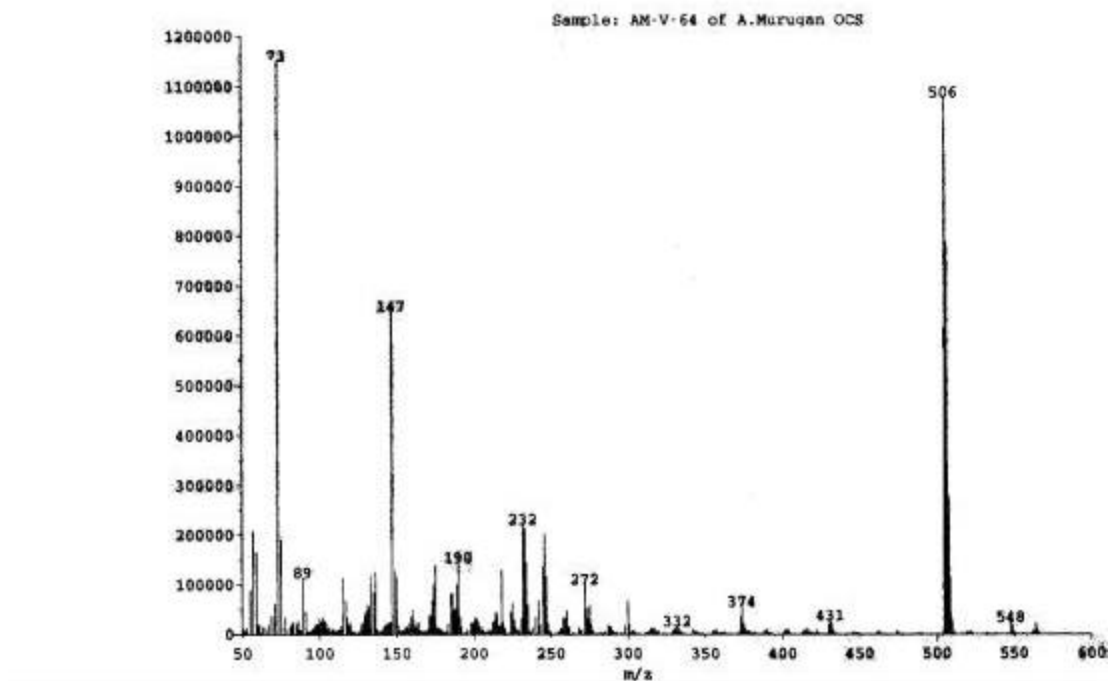
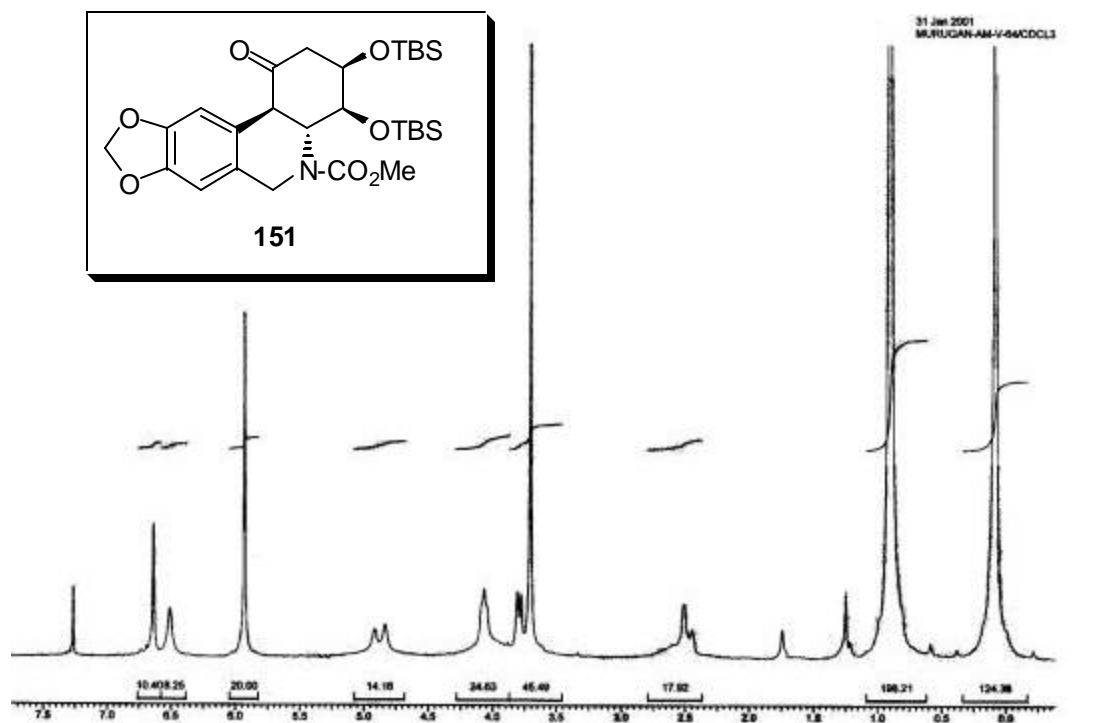


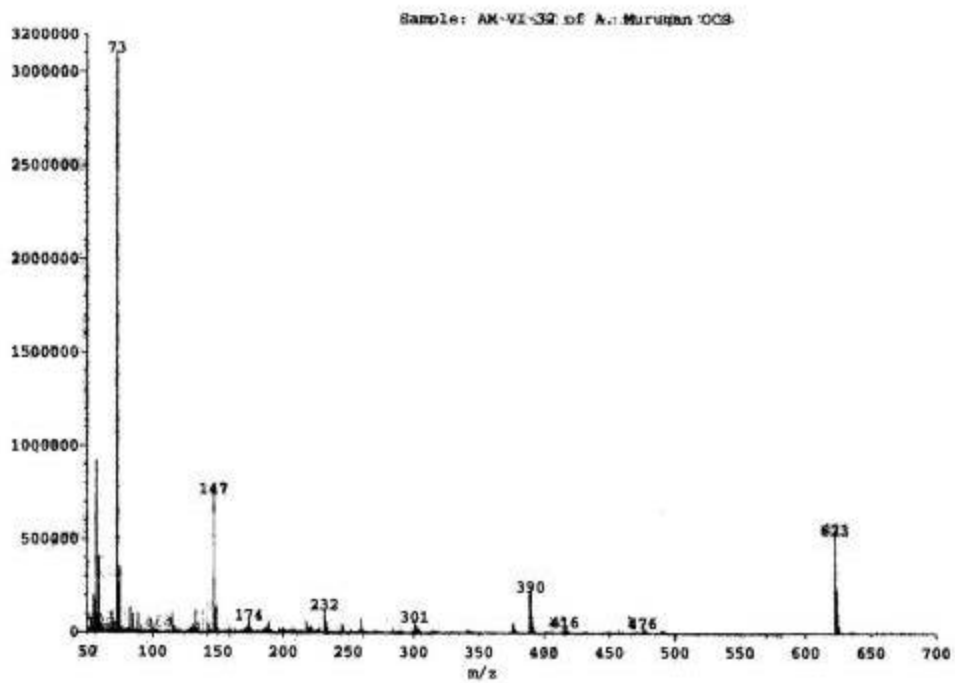
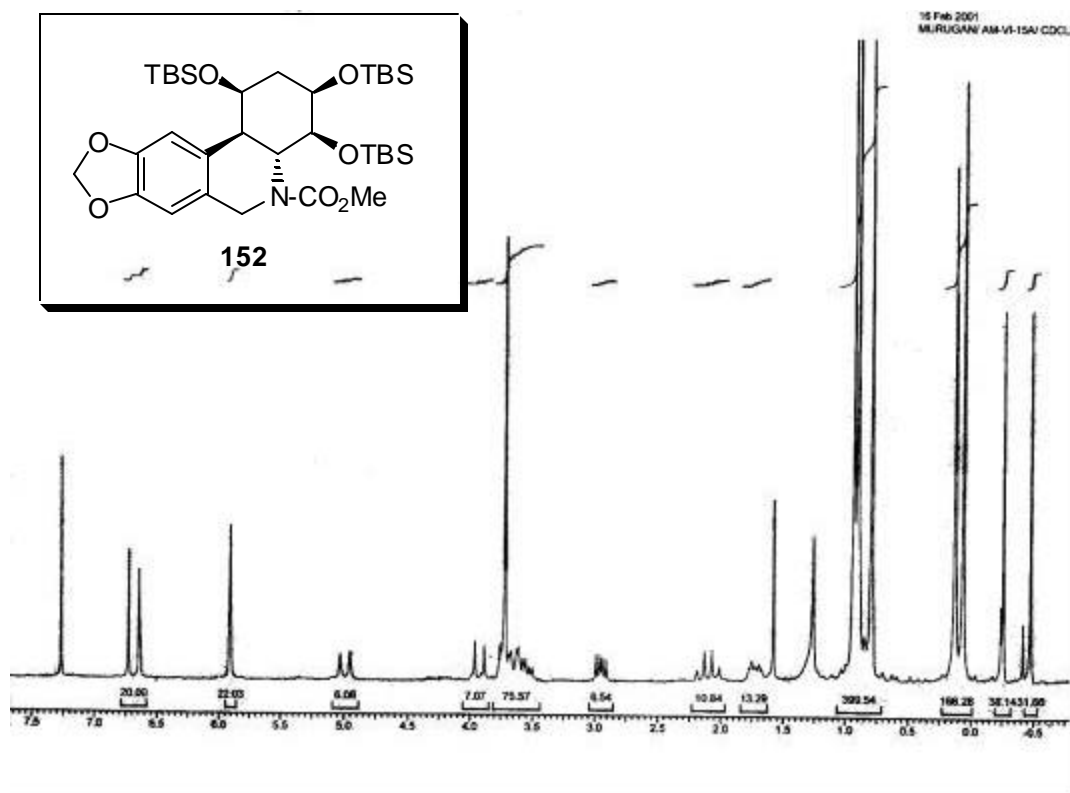


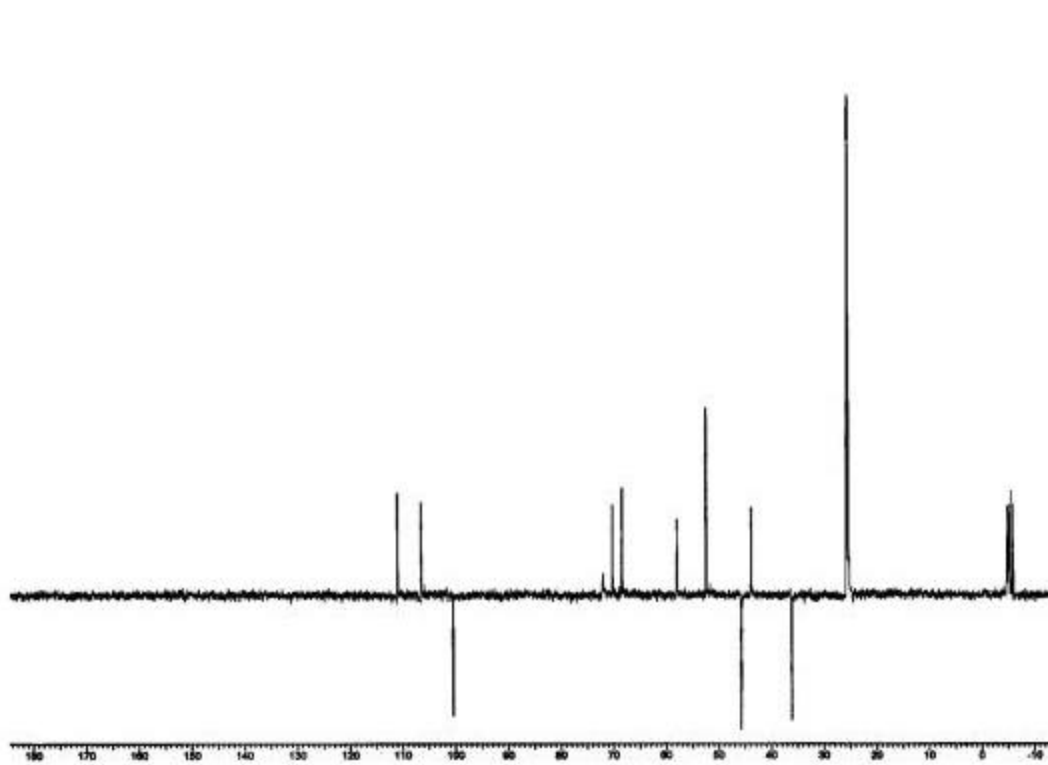
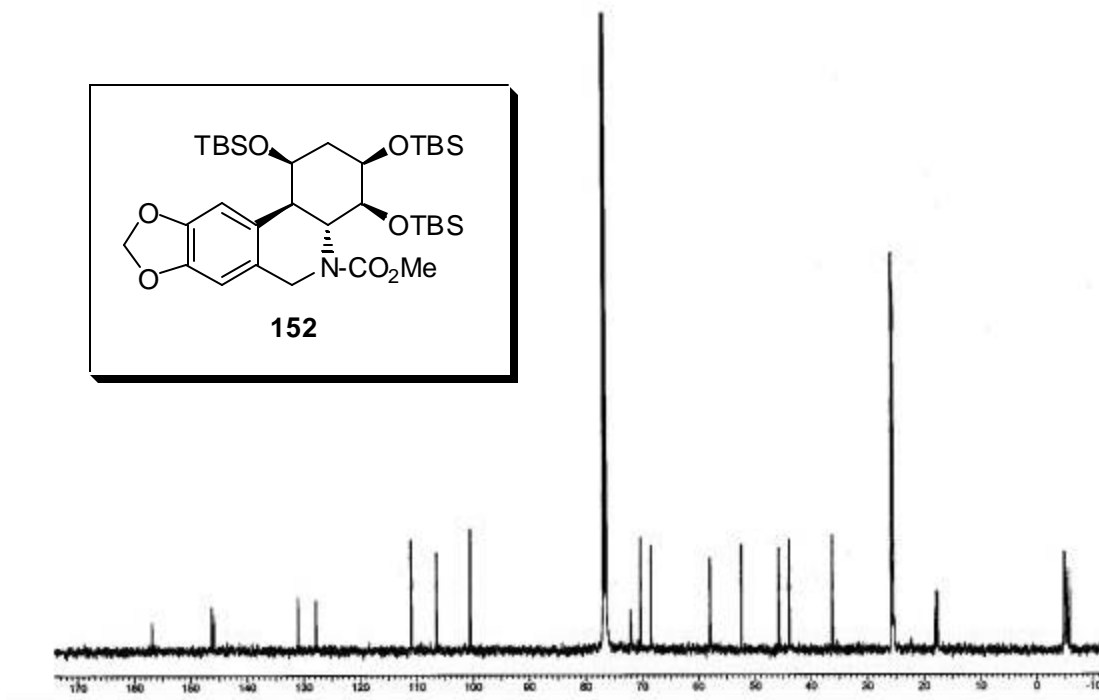
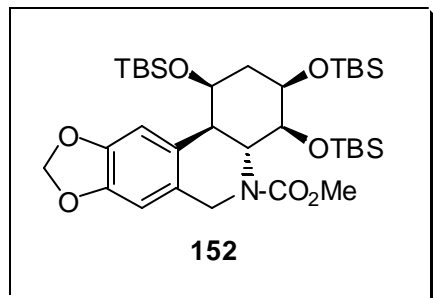


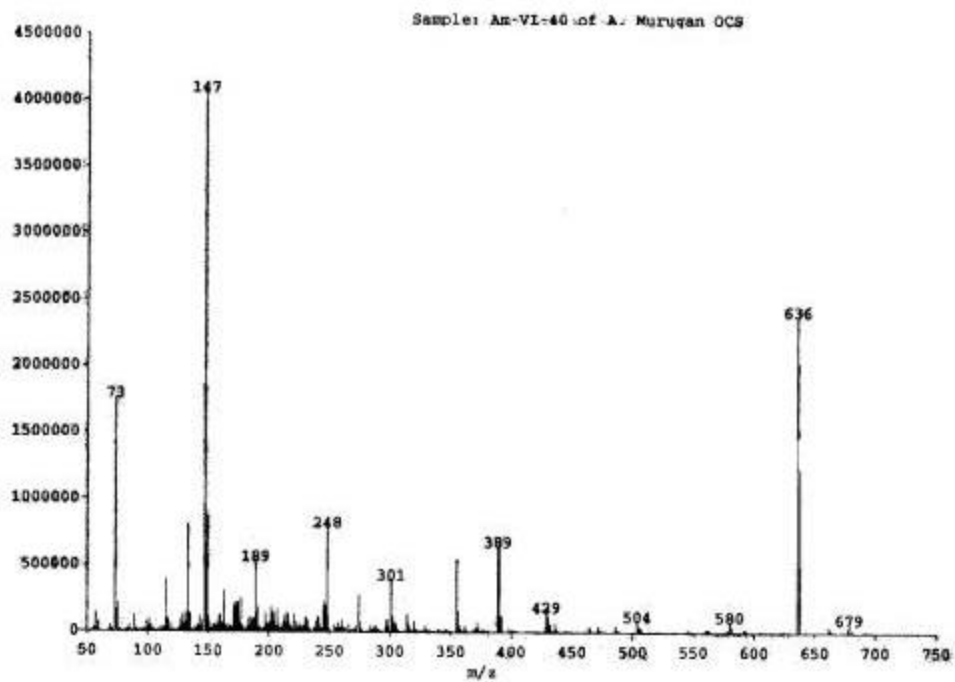
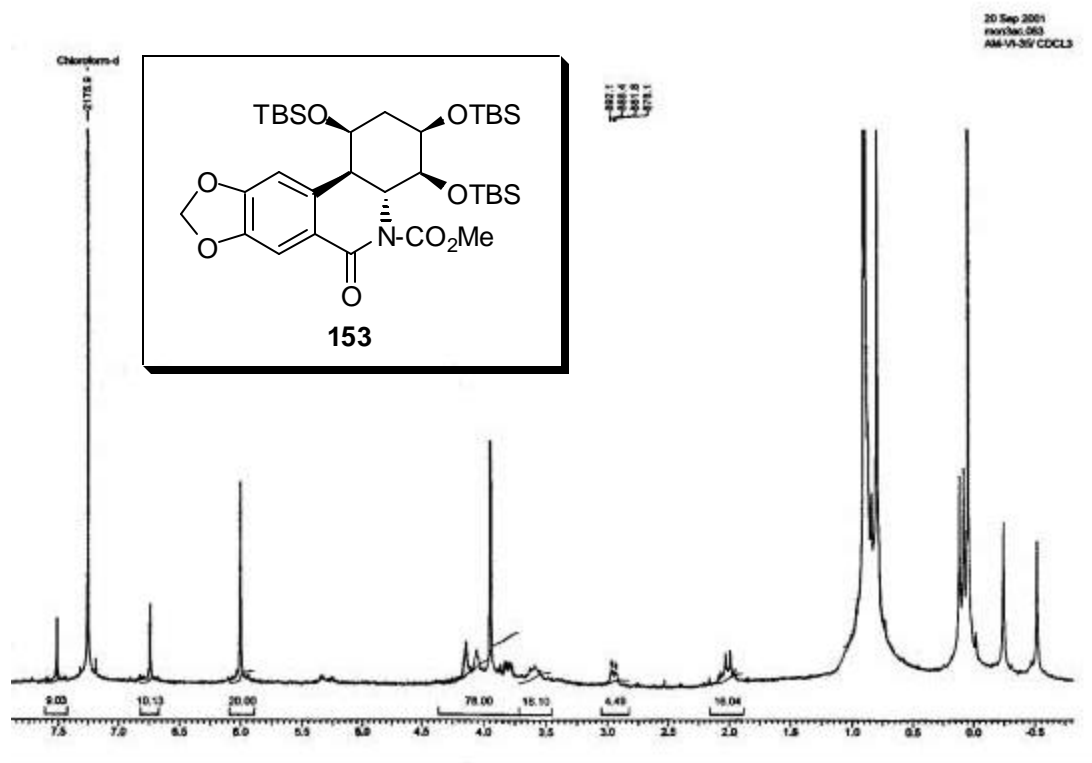


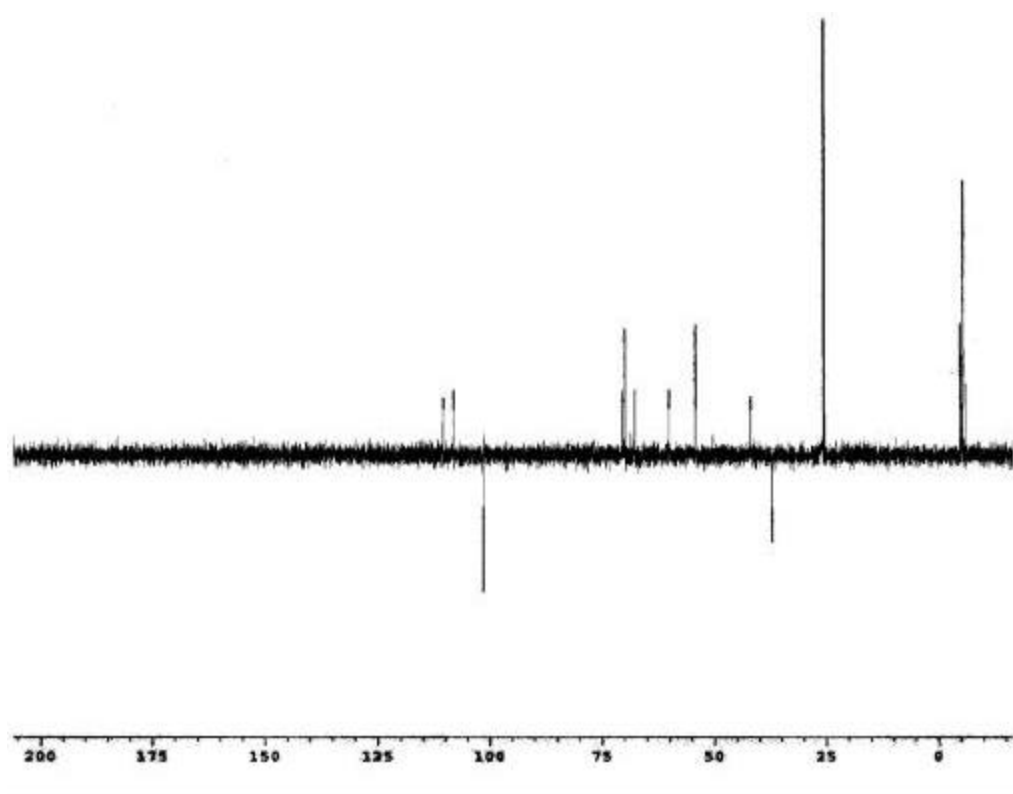
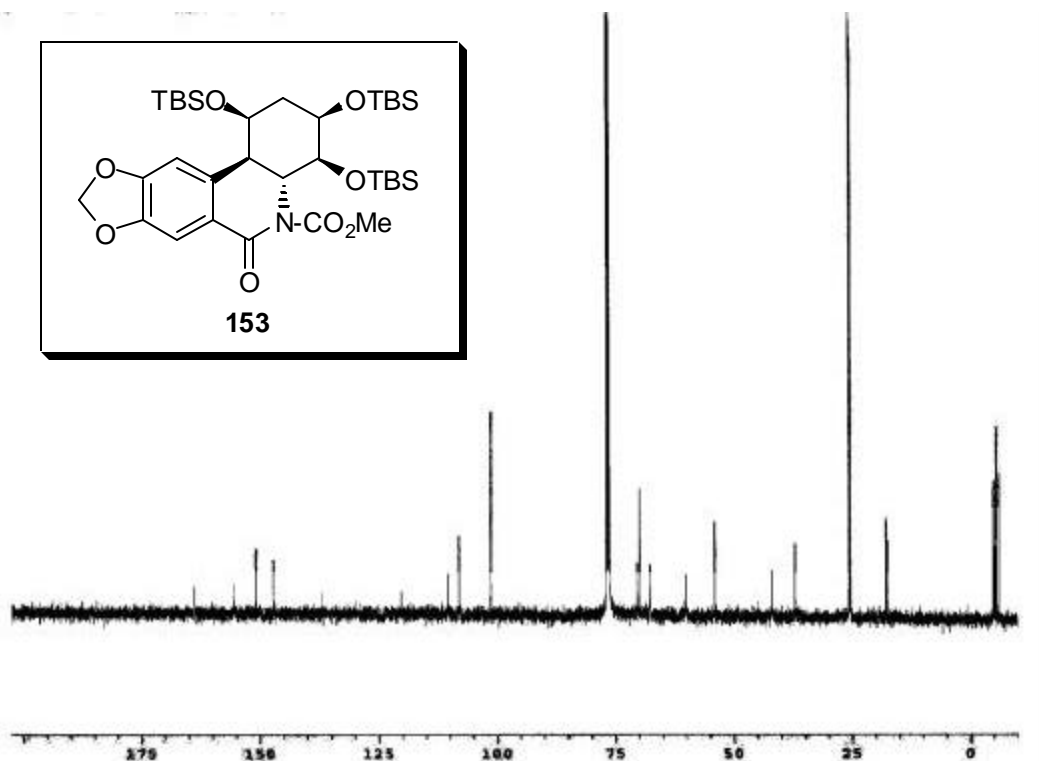
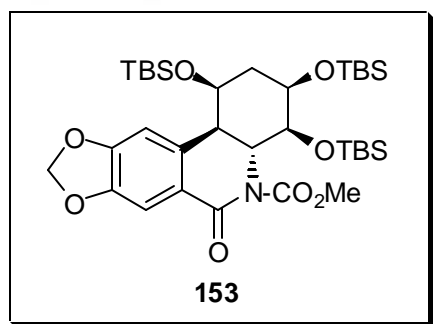




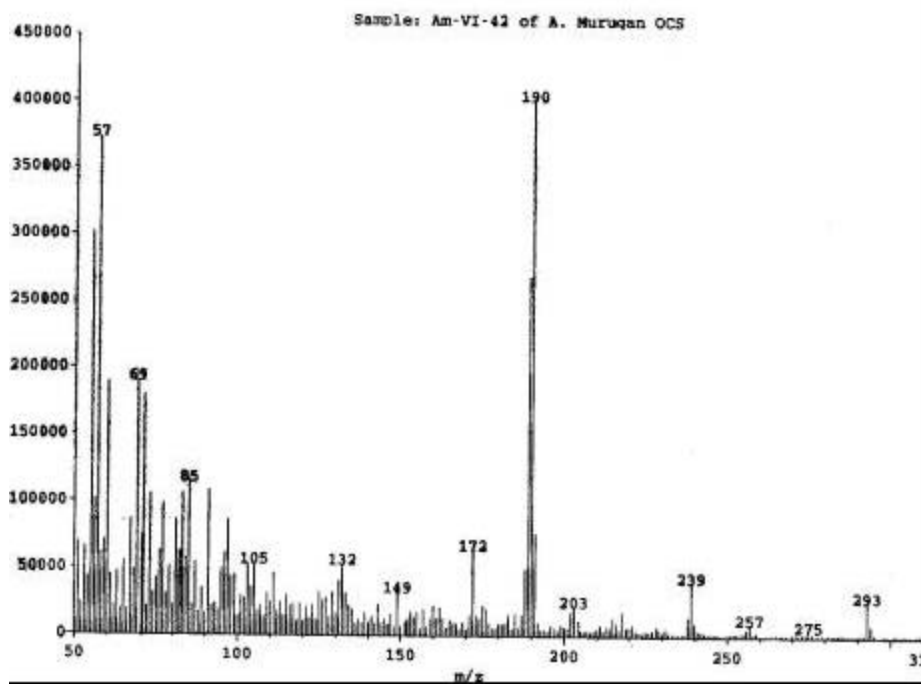
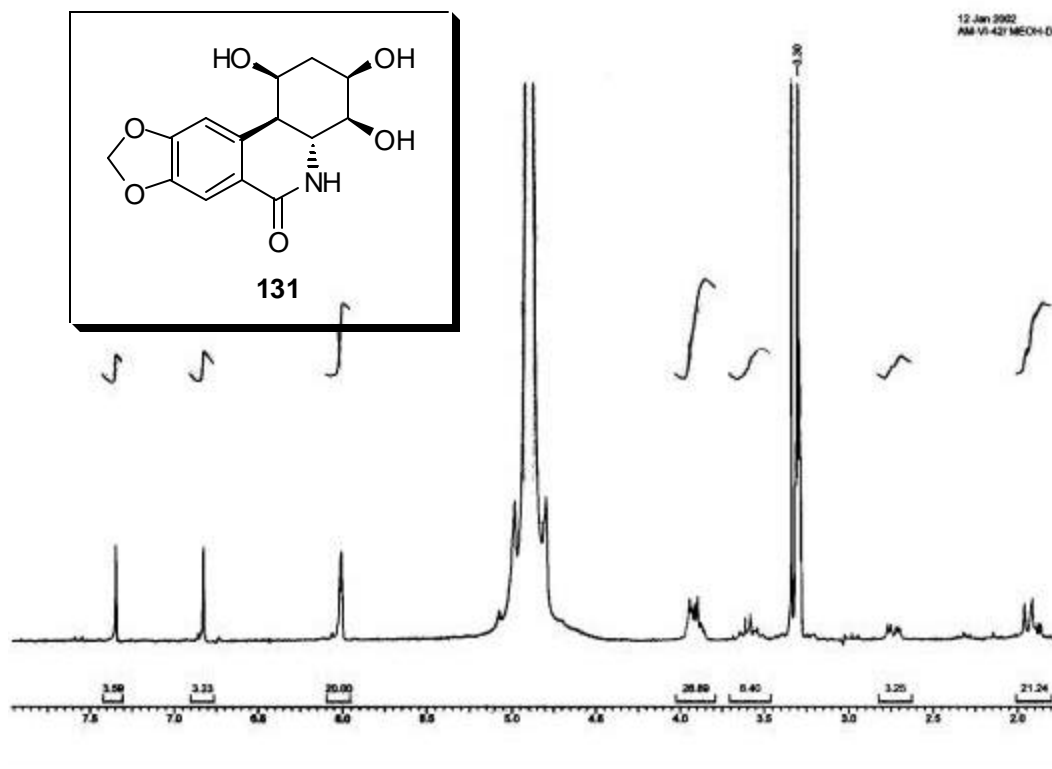


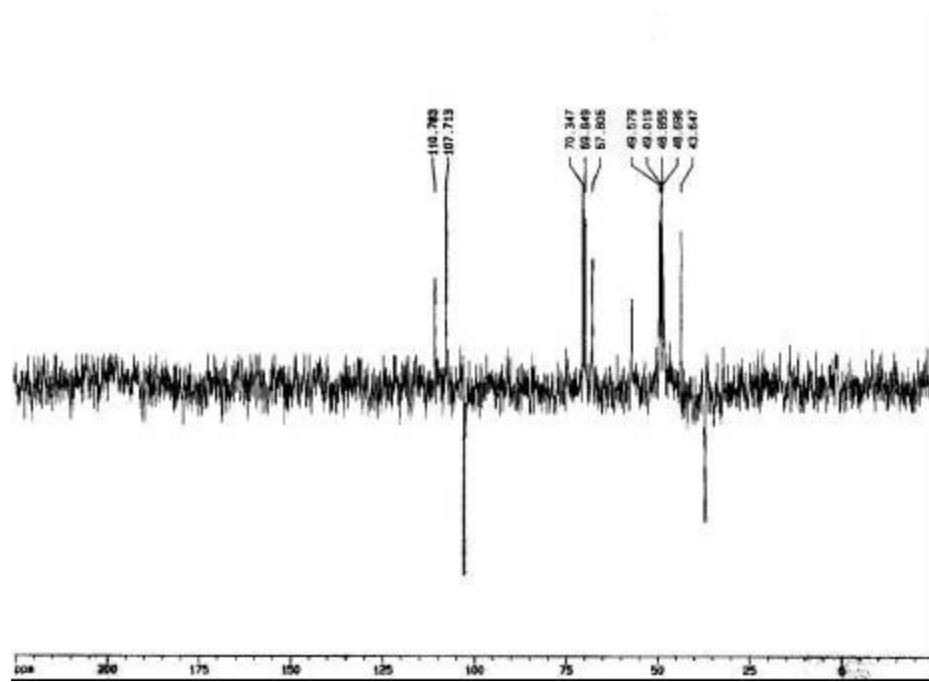
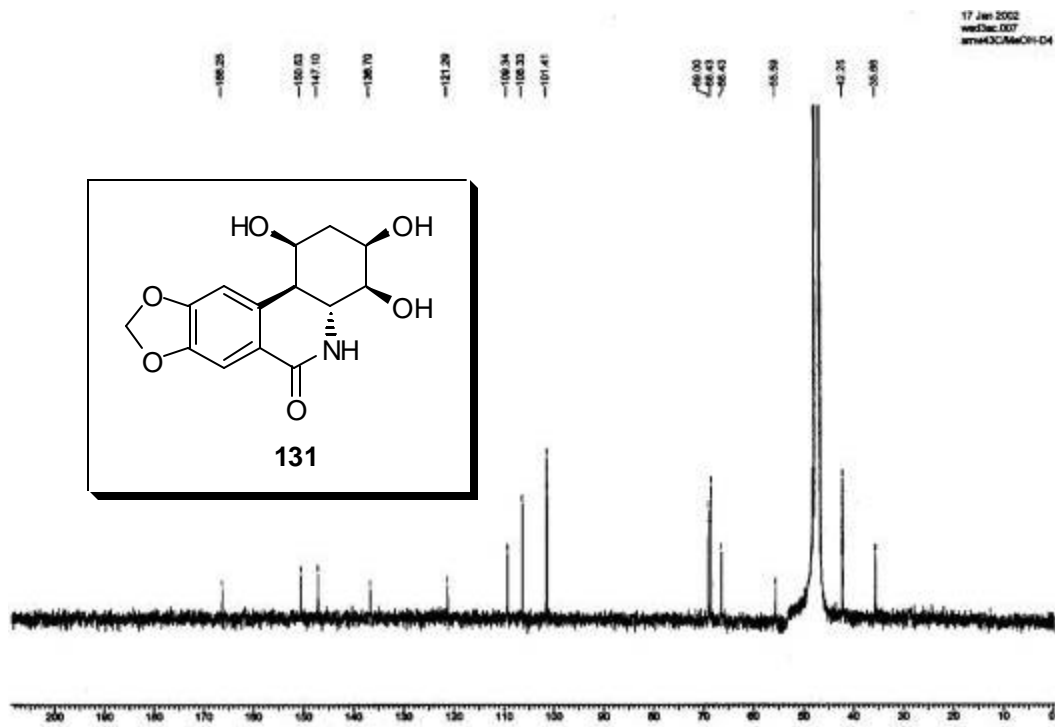


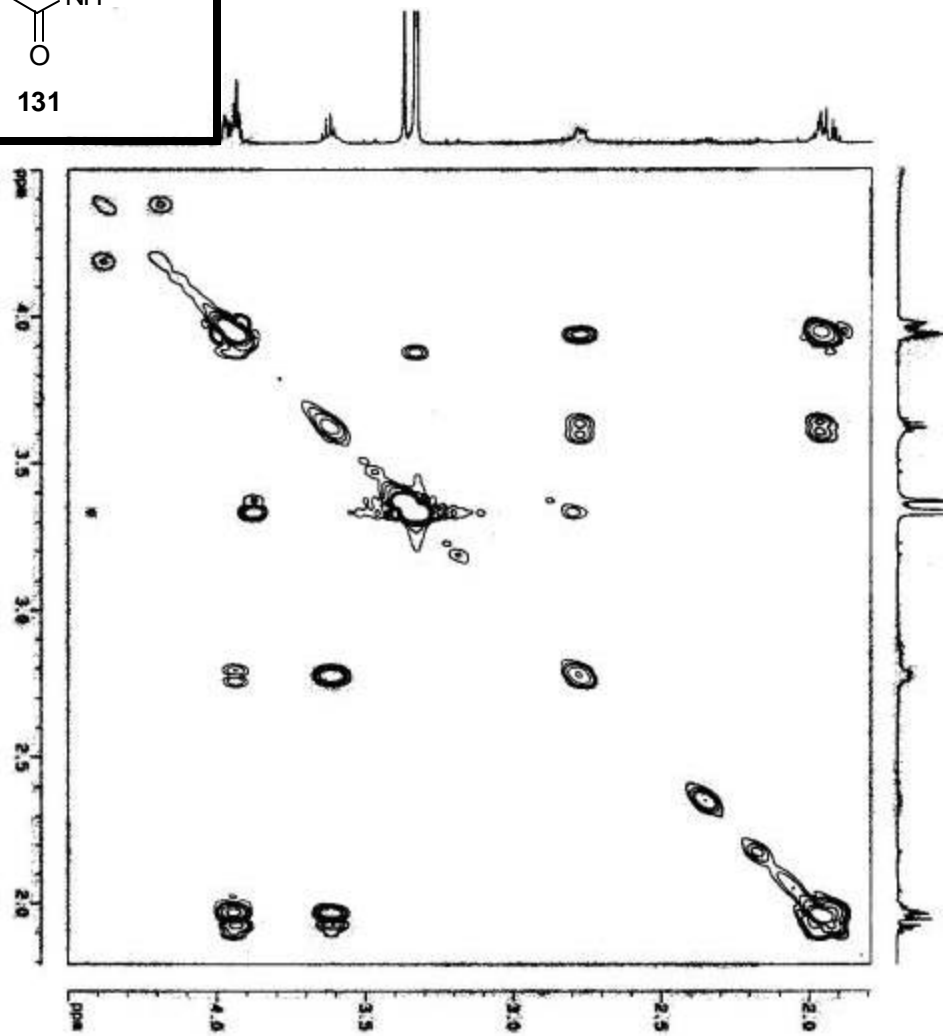
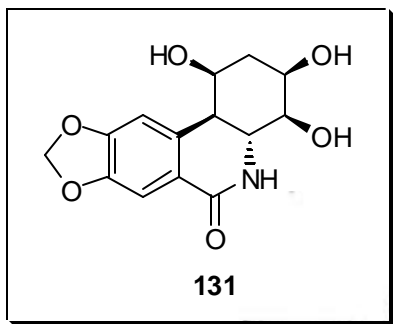












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PULPROG zgpg30  
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AQ 0.0213  
RG 32  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
LB 30  
GB 0  
PC 1  
FREQS 500.136384 MHz  
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SFO 500.136384 MHz  
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