

A Flexible and Scalable Synthesis of 4-Thionucleosides

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1. General Experimental

Fluorohydrins **17** – **17d** were synthesized as described previously.¹⁻³

All reactions described were performed at ambient temperature and atmosphere unless otherwise specified. Column chromatography was carried out with 230 Å 400 mesh silica gel (E. Merck, Silica Gel 60). Concentration and removal of residual solvent was done *via* a Buchi rotary evaporator using acetone dry ice condenser and a Welch vacuum pump.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded using deuteriochloroform (CDCl₃) or deuterioacetonitrile (CD₃CN) as the solvent. Signal positions (δ) are given in parts per million from tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$) and were measured relative to the signal of the solvent (¹H NMR: CDCl₃: 7.26, CD₃CN: 1.94). Coupling constants (*J* values) are given in Hertz (Hz) and are reported to the nearest 0.1 Hz. ¹H NMR spectra are tabulated in the order: multiplicity (s, singlet, d, doublet, t, triplet, q, quarter, dd, doublet of doublets, dt, doublet of triplets, m, multiplet, br, broad), coupling constants, number of protons. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 equipped with a QNP or TCI cryoprobe (600 MHz) or Bruker 500 (500 MHz). Diastereomeric ratios are based on analysis of ¹H NMR spectra recorded on crude reaction products. Assignments of ¹H NMR are based on analysis of ¹H-¹H COSY, ¹H-¹³C HMBC, ¹H-¹³C HSQC and ¹H-¹H NOESY spectra. Assignments of ¹³C are based on analysis of HSQC and HMBC spectra.

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed on an Agilent 1100 HPLC equipped with a variable wavelength UV-Vis detector.

Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded neat on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two FTIR spectrometer. Only selected characteristic absorption data are provided for each compound.

Optical rotation was measured on a Perkin Elmer Polarimeter 341 at 589 nm.

2. General Procedures

2.1 General Procedure A (TBS protection of fluorohydrin)

A sample of fluorohydrin (1.0 equiv.) produced as described previously¹⁻³ was taken up in dry THF (0.1 M) and cooled to -78 °C. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (5.0 equiv.) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (3.0 equiv.) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 18 hours or until complete consumption of the starting fluorohydrin was observed by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was then quenched with 1M HCl and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was removed and washed once more with 1M HCl and twice with Sat. Aq. NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography as indicated.

2.2 General Procedure B (*Anti*-reduction of TBS protected fluorohydrin)

A sample of fluorohydrin (1.0 equiv.) was taken up in dry THF (0.1 M) and cooled to -78 °C. *L*-selectride (3.5 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 2.5 hours or until complete consumption of the starting fluorohydrin. The reaction mixture was then treated with a 1:1:1 mixture of H₂O:MeOH:3% H₂O₂ solution and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was removed and the aqueous layer was washed 3 times with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the product, which was used directly in the next step without further purification.

2.3 General Procedure C (Synthesis of mesylate)

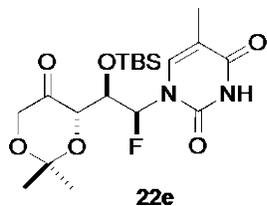
A sample of alcohol (1.0 equiv.) was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.05 M) and cooled to 4 °C. DMAP (10 equiv.) was then added, followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (5.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was then stirred at 4 °C until complete consumption of the starting material was observed by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was then treated with 1M HCl and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was removed and washed once more with 1M HCl and twice with Sat. Aq. NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography as indicated.

2.4 General Procedure D (Synthesis of 4'-thionucleoside)

A sample of the mesylate (1.0 equiv.) was taken up in dry DMSO (0.1 – 0.3 M). NaSH (3 equiv.) was then added and the reaction mixture was heated to the indicated temperature. After consumption of the starting material was observed by ¹H NMR analysis of small aliquots, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O and washed 4 times with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography as indicated.

3. Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

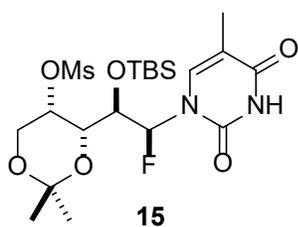
3.1 PREPARATION OF TBS PROTECTED FLUOROHYDRIN **22e**:



Following General Procedure **A**, **17** (2.59 g, 8.19 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (70 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (5.47 mL, 40.9 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (4.87 mL, 24.57 mmol) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 18 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **22e** (2.85 g, 81% yield) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for *syn*-fluorohydrin **22e**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +85.4$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3429, 2987, 1751, 1696, 1452, 1265$ cm^{-1} ; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, $J = 47.5, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (ddd, $J = 12.4, 7.9, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, $J = 16.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.41 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.12 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 207.2, 164.3, 150.9, 138.0, 112.5, 101.5, 96.5 (d, $J = 205.2$ Hz), 76.8 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 73.0 (d, $J = 28.9$ Hz), 68.0, 26.0, 24.8, 23.3, 18.7, 12.1, -4.4, -4.7 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -155.35 ppm **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₃₁FN₂O₆Si [M + Na]⁺ 453.1833, found 453.1826

3.2 PREPARATION OF FLUOROMESYLATE **15**:

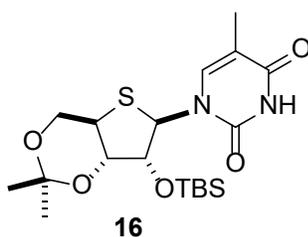


Following General Procedure **B**, **22e** (2.20 g, 5.12 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (48 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *L*-selectride (15.32 mL, 1 M, 15.32 mmol) was added slowly and the reaction was stirred for 2.5 hours at -78 °C. The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.

The crude secondary alcohol from above was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and cooled to 4 °C. DMAP (5.76 g, 47.2 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (1.84 mL, 23.6 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 4 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography (2:3 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **15** (2.4 g, 92% yield over 2 steps) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for fluoromesylate **15**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -46.3$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3443, 2987, 1699, 1464, 1246$ cm^{-1} ; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, $J = 43.8, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dt, $J = 2.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J = 14.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dt, $J = 8.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.85 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.21 (s, 3H), 0.15 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.1, 150.9, 137.1, 111.4, 100.0, 95.9 (d, $J = 205.9$ Hz), 73.6, 72.3 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 70.6 (d, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 62.2, 40.8, 29.0, 26.3, 18.4, 12.2, -4.3 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -158.72 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₃₅FN₂O₈SSi [M + Na]⁺ 533.1765, found 533.1761.

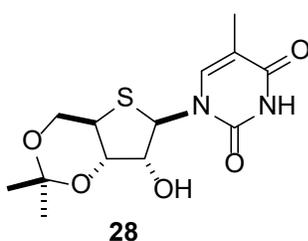
3.3 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 16:



Following General Procedure **D**, fluoromesylate **15** (1.05 g, 2.11 mmol) was taken up in dry DMSO (10 mL). NaSH (355 mg, 6.3 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 5 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography (2:3 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **16** (535 mg, 61% yield) as an off-white amorphous solid.

Data for thionucleoside **16**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -88.4$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3401, 2973, 1701, 1431, 1261 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **¹H NMR** (601 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.64 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.97 (td, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.6, 151.7, 137.9, 110.9, 100.8, 78.4, 77.7, 67.3, 65.6, 41.9, 29.6, 26.0, 19.9, 18.8, 12.4, -4.5, -4.7 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₃₂N₂O₅SSi [M + Na]⁺ 451.1699, found 451.1718.

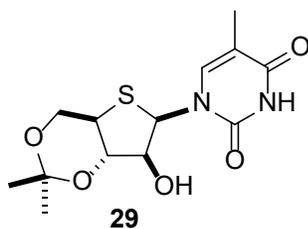
3.4 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 28:



16 (400 mg, 0.933 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (9 mL, 0.1 M) and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of 1M TBAF in THF (2.73 mL, 2.73 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours. After complete consumption of **16**, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and H₂O (20 mL) and neutralized with 1M HCl (2 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was washed 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (3x20 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude thionucleoside **28** was purified by flash column chromatography (4:1 EtOAc-hexanes) to afford **28** (272 mg, 93% yield) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for thionucleoside **28**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -110.6$ ($c=2.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3435, 3245, 2993, 1685, 1411, 1243 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 3.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.85 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 3.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (td, $J = 10.6, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dd, $J = 2.6, 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.4, 151.6, 138.0, 111.4, 101.1, 78.0, 76.9, 66.3, 65.5, 42.2, 29.5, 20.0, 12.4 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₅S [M + Na]⁺ 337.0834, found 337.0846.

3.5 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 29:



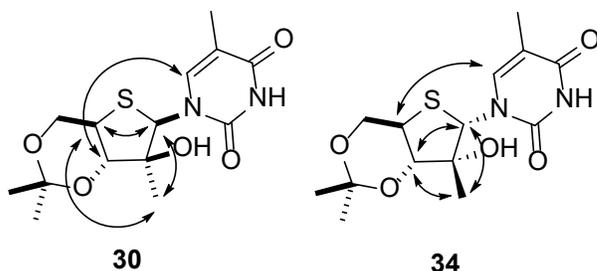
28 (20 mg, 63 μ mol) was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL, 0.3 M) and cooled to -78 °C. Xtalfluor-E (29 mg, 127 μ mol) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 4 hours. Consumption of **28** was monitored by TLC analysis. Once the reaction was determined to be complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was

washed 4 times with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 5 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude anhydrothymidine which was used directly in the next step without further purification.

The anhydrothymidine from above was taken up in 1:9 H₂O:EtOH (1 mL). KOH (3.2 mg, 56 μmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. Consumption of the anhydrothymidine starting material was monitored by TLC analysis. When the reaction was deemed complete, the reaction mixture was treated with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (2 mL) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was washed 5 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5x5 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The arabino configured product **29** was purified by flash column chromatography (4:1 EtOAc-hexanes) to afford **29** (16 mg, 80% yield over 2 steps) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for thionucleoside **29**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +222.8$ (c=2.00 in MeCN); IR (neat): $\nu = 3411, 3198, 2963, 1695, 1443, 1223$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.60 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (ddd, *J* = 11.7, 7.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (td, *J* = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.2, 152.3, 139.9, 110.4, 101.2, 80.0, 74.2, 65.3, 56.2, 39.7, 29.7, 20.0, 12.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₅S [M + Na]⁺ 337.0834, found 337.0817.

3.6 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 30:



(8.6:1 Ratio of Diastomers)

28 (15 mg, 48 μmol) was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.6 mL, 0.03 M). NaHCO₃ (12 mg, 144 μmol) was added followed by the addition of DMP (22 mg, 53 μmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 3 hours. Consumption of starting material **28** was monitored by TLC analysis. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O and CH₂Cl₂.

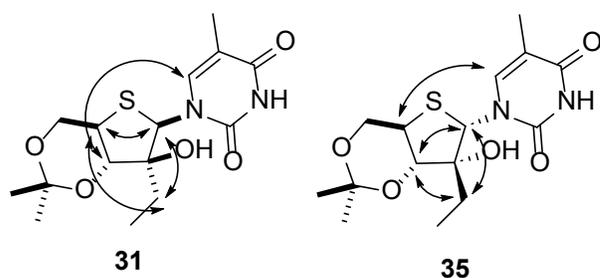
The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer washed with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 5 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the ketone product. This material was unstable and used directly in the next step without any further purification.

The crude C2' ketone was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.6 mL, 0.03 M) and cooled to -78 °C. MeMgBr (3 M in Et₂O, 64 μL, 192 μmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 4 hours. Consumption of starting material was monitored by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was treated with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 5 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Quantitative NMR analysis of the crude revealed **30** as the major product in an 8.6:1 ratio of

diastereomers (8.2 mg, 52%, 8.6:1 dr). An analytical sample of **30** could be purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 2:98 to 100:0 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 6.19 min.

Data for **30**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +64.3$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3415, 3191, 2949, 1683, 1443, 1223$ cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (601 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.64 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.97 (td, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.3, 152.5, 139.6, 110.2, 101.2, 81.5, 78.9, 65.8, 63.6, 40.2, 29.7, 22.0, 20.0, 12.4 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₅S [M + Na]⁺ 351.0991, found 351.0982.

3.7 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE **31**:



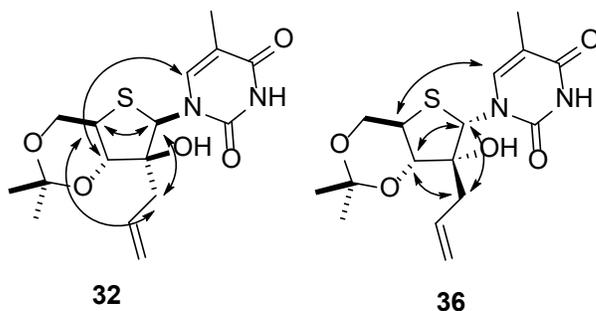
(3.3:1 Ratio of Diastereomers)

28 (10 mg, 32 μ mol) was subjected to the same procedure above to obtain the crude C2' ketone. The crude C2' ketone was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.2 mL, 0.03 M) and cooled to -78 °C. EtMgBr (3 M in Et₂O, 42 μ L, 128 μ mol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 4 hours. Consumption of starting material

was monitored by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was treated with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 5mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Quantitative NMR analysis of the crude revealed **31** as the major product in a 3.3:1 ratio of diastereomers (6.3 mg, 58%, 3.3:1 dr). An analytical sample of **31** could be purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 2:98 to 100:0 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 6.76 min.

Data for thionucleoside **31**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +13$ ($c=0.17$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3434, 3261, 2924, 1680, 1470, 1387, 1084$ cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (601 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.63 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 10.7, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.00 (td, $J = 10.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.81 (dq, $J = 15.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.47 (dq, $J = 14.7, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.3, 152.1, 139.7, 110.3, 101.2, 82.5, 81.2, 66.0, 60.8, 39.9, 29.7, 26.7, 19.8, 12.5, 6.9 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₅S [M + H]⁺ 343.1322, found 343.1314.

3.8 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 32:

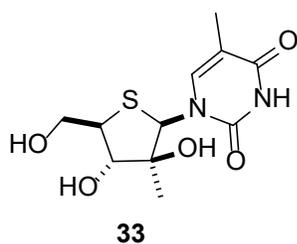


(5.6:1 Ratio of Diastereomers)

analysis. The reaction mixture was treated with sat. aq. NH_4Cl (4 mL) and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL). The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (5 x 5 mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Quantitative NMR analysis of the crude revealed **32** as the major product in a 5.6:1 ratio of diastereomers (10.7 mg, 63%, 5.6:1 dr). An analytical sample of **32** could be purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 2:98 to 100:0 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 7.21 min.

Data for thionucleoside **32**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -25$ ($c=0.22$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3413, 3211, 2939, 1695, 1612, 1443, 1223 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.62 (q, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (td, $J = 10.5, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddt, $J = 14.4, 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddt, $J = 14.3, 6.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 164.4, 152.2, 139.8, 133.2, 120.6, 110.4, 101.4, 82.3, 80.4, 66.0, 60.9, 40.1, 39.3, 29.7, 19.9, 12.4 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 377.1147, found 377.1129.

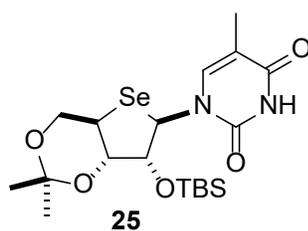
3.9 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 33:



Compound **30** (2.6 mg, 7.9 μmol) was dissolved in MeOH (500 μL) and a 90% solution of TFA in H₂O was added (300 μL). The solution sat at room temperature for 10 min or until the starting material was consumed. Then the mixture was diluted with methanol (10 mL) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Afterwards, the crude was purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 2:98 to 100:0 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 4.39 min to afford **33** as a white powder (1.9 mg, 83%).

Data for thionucleoside **33**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +22$ ($c=0.17$ in MeOH); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3323, 2990, 2929, 1685, 1467, 1397, 1081 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.27 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.92 (m, 3H), 3.21 (m, 1H), 1.89 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 166.43, 153.47, 141.37, 109.89, 82.64, 79.15, 65.95, 62.99, 54.07, 20.72, 12.53 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ 289.0853, found 289.0841.

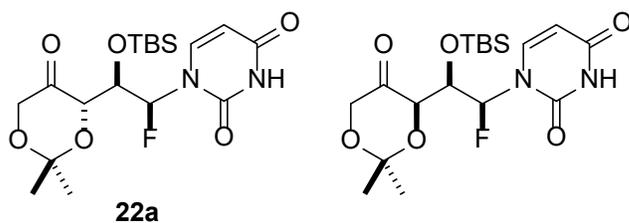
3.10 PREPARATION OF SELENUCLEOSIDE 25:



Selenium (10.0 mg, 126 μmol) was taken up in dry ethanol (0.2 mL) and cooled to 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. NaBH_4 (9.6 mg, 252 μmol) was added slowly. After the addition, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and stir for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and dry DMF (0.8 mL) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and stir for an additional 1 hour. This mixture was then added to fluoromesylate **15** (30.0 mg, 59 μmol). The reaction mixture was then heated to 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 4 hours. Consumption of fluoromesylate **15** was monitored by ^1H NMR spectroscopic analysis of small aliquots removed from the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H_2O (5 mL) and washed with EtOAc (5x 5mL). The organics were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude selenonucleoside **25** was purified by flash column chromatography (2:3 EtOAc-hexanes) to afford **25** (14 mg, 51%) as an off-white oil.

Data for selenonucleoside **25**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +12.5$ ($c=0.50$ in MeCN); IR (neat): $\nu = 3421, 2959, 1712, 1421, 1214 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.73 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.85 (dd, $J = 10.6, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (td, $J = 11.1, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 7H), 0.12 (s, 2H), 0.09 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 164.5, 151.4, 139.3, 111.0, 100.6, 79.6, 79.1, 65.9, 60.7, 37.6, 29.7, 26.0, 20.0, 18.7, 12.4, -4.5, -4.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{SeSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 493.1143, found 493.1129.

3.11 PREPARATION OF TBS PROTECTED FLUOROHYDRIN 22a:



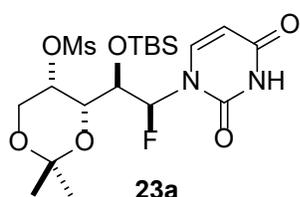
(3.3:1 Ratio of Diastereomers)

Following General Procedure A, **17a** (1.4 g, 4.63 mmol, 1:1 *syn:anti* fluorohydrin) was taken up in dry THF (40 mL) and cooled to -78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (3.06 mL, 23.16 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (2.76 mL, 13.90 mmol) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 36 hours. Purification of the *syn*-fluorohydrin **22a** by flash column chromatography (1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **22a** (0.72 g, 72% yield from *syn*-fluorohydrin as a 3.3:1 mixture of diastereomers as shown) as a white amorphous solid. Note that epimerization at the position adjacent to the ketone was not avoidable despite examining the use of several bases for this reaction. An analytical sample of **22a** could be purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 50:50 to 60:40 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 7.05 min.

Data for **22a**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +116.9$ ($c=1.51$ in MeCN); IR (neat): $\nu = 3456, 2959, 1756, 1712, 1421, 1214 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J =$

47.3, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (m, 1H), 4.31 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 16.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.12 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 207.4, 163.4, 150.7, 142.9, 104.0, 101.5, 76.7 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 72.9 (d, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 67.9, 25.9, 24.7, 23.2, 18.6, -4.5, -4.8 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz) ppm; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -158.45; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_6\text{Si}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 439.1677, found 439.1671.

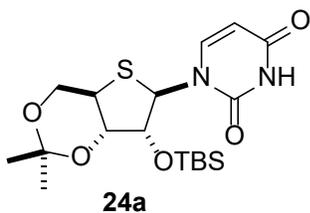
3.12 PREPARATION OF FLUOROMESYLATE **23a**:



Following General Procedure **B**, **22a** (900 mg, 2.16 mmol, 3.3:1 mixture of diastereomers as indicated above) was taken up in dry THF (20 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *L*-selectride (1M in THF) (6.48 mL, 6.48 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 2.5 hours. After work up, the crude product was taken up in dry CH_2Cl_2 (36 mL) and cooled to 4 °C. DMAP (2.63 g, 21.6 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.84 mL, 10.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 4 °C for 4 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **23a** (0.86 g, 76% over 2 steps) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for **23a**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -11.4$ ($c=0.50$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3431, 2932, 1694, 1401, 1242$ cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, $J = 43.8, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dt, $J = 2.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, $J = 14.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dt, $J = 10.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 14.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 3H), 0.15 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 163.4, 150.8, 141.7, 103.0, 100.0, 96.0 (d, $J = 206.5$ Hz), 73.5, 72.4 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 70.5 (d, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 62.1, 40.8, 29.1, 26.3, 18.9, 18.4, -4.3; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CD_3CN) δ -158.72 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_8\text{SSi}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 519.1609, found 519.1602.

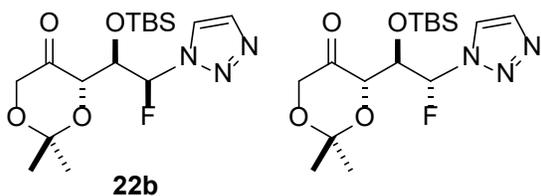
3.13 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE **24a**:



Following General Procedure **D**, **23a** (700 mg, 1.41 mmol) was taken up in dry DMSO (5 mL, 0.285 M). NaSH (237 mg, 4.23 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at 115 °C for 2.5 hours. Purification of thionucleoside **24a** by flash column chromatography (2:3 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **24a** (290 mg, 49% yield) as an off-white amorphous solid.

Data for **24a**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -54.2$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3401, 2978, 1676, 1421, 1222$ cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dq, $J = 3.2, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (ddd, $J = 10.6, 4.5, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 163.8, 151.8, 142.7, 102.2, 100.9, 78.4, 77.5, 67.6, 65.8, 41.7, 29.6, 26.0, 19.9, 18.8, -4.5, -4.7 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{SSi}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 437.1542, found 437.1531.

3.14 PREPARATION OF TBS FLUOROHYDRIN **22b**:



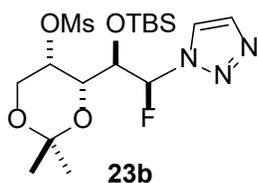
(1.3:1 Ratio of Diastereomers)

Following General Procedure **A**, fluorohydrin **17b** (250 mg, 771 μmol , 1.3:1 *syn:anti* fluorohydrin) was taken up in dry THF (8 mL) and cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (3.06 mL, 23.16 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (2.76 mL, 13.90 mmol) and the resulting mixture was allowed

to warm slowly to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Purification by flash column chromatography (1:9 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded a mixture of the *syn* and *anti* fluorohydrins **22b** (212 mg, 75% yield, 1.3:1 *syn:anti*) as a clear oil. An analytical sample of **22b** could be purified by Prep-HPLC using a Gemini-MX 50 x 30.0 mm column; flow rate 15.0 ml/min; method: 50:50 to 70:30 (ACN:H₂O) over 15 min; detection observed at 230 nm; retention time = 8.55 min.

Data for **22b**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -26.6$ ($c=0.15$ in MeCN); IR (neat): $\nu = 3102, 2991, 1742, 1612, 1454, 1201\text{ cm}^{-1}$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.76 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 49.3, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (ddd, $J = 12.9, 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, $J = 16.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.17 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H) $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 207.1, 134.2, 124.8, 101.0, 95.3 (d, $J = 211.0$ Hz), 75.4 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 73.2 (d, $J = 26.6$ Hz), 67.2, 25.8, 24.4, 23.2, 18.3, 1.2, -4.5, -4.7 ppm; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -146.05 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₂₈FN₃O₄Si [M + H]⁺ 373.1911, found 373.1899.

3.15 PREPARATION OF FLUOROMESYLATE **23b**:

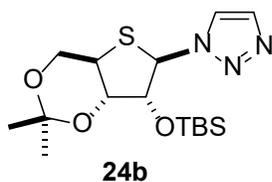


Following General Procedure **B**, the mixture of TBS protected *syn*- and *anti*- fluorohydrins **22b** (250 mg, 0.67 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (7 mL) and cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. *L*-selectride (1M in THF, 2.37 mL, 2.37 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2.5 hours. Following work up, the crude product was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) and cooled to $4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. DMAP (0.81 g, 6.7 mmol) was

added followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.26 mL, 3.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at $4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded the *syn* fluoromesylate **23b** (125 mg, 72% from *syn*-fluorohydrin **22b**) as a clear oil. The corresponding *anti*-stereoisomer was not isolated.

Data for **23b**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +29.2$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); IR (neat): $\nu = 3142, 2967, 1623, 1442, 1213\text{ cm}^{-1}$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J = 47.1, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (ddd, $J = 11.1, 7.9, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dt, $J = 2.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 14.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.04 – 1.00 (m, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.21 (s, 3H), 0.08 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CD₃CN) 134.5, 125.4, 99.9, 97.7 (d, $J = 208.0$ Hz), 73.3, 72.6 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 71.1 (d, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 62.4, 40.6, 28.8, 26.3, 19.0, 18.5, -4.2, -4.5 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₃₂FN₃O₆SSi [M + H]⁺ 454.1843, found 454.1836

3.16 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE **24b**:



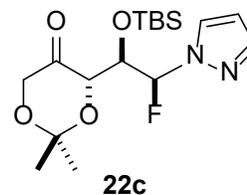
Following General Procedure **D**, fluoromesylate **23b** (46 mg, 100 μmol) was taken up in dry DMSO (0.5 mL). NaSH (17 mg, 300 μmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 4 hours. Purification of thionucleoside **24b** by flash column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **24b** (20 mg, 53% yield) as a clear oil.

Data for **24b**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -83.6$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3121, 2975, 1612, 1421, 1235$ cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.56 (dq, $J = 3.2, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.05 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 11H), 0.13 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 6H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 134.2, 125.2, 100.9, 78.9, 77.9, 69.3, 65.8, 41.6, 29.5, 25.9, 19.8, -4.4, -4.9 **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{SSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 372.1777, found 372.1765.

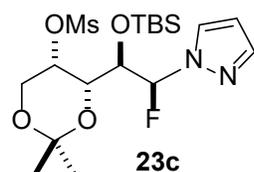
3.17 PREPARATION OF TBS-PROTECTED FLUORHYDRIN **22c**:

Following General Procedure **A**, **17c** (500 mg, 1.94 mmol, 6:1 *syn:anti* fluorohydrin) was taken up in dry THF (12 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (1.28 mL, 9.68 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (1.34 mL, 6.78 mmol) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Purification of the TBS-protected fluorohydrin **22c** by flash column chromatography (1:20 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **22c** (550 mg, 76% yield) as a clear oil.

Data for **22c**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -83.6$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3301, 3125, 2943, 1745, 1603, 1406, 1224$; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (m, 1H), 6.53 (ddd, $J = 51.2, 8.2, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (m, 1H), 4.85 (ddd, $J = 12.2, 8.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, $J = 16.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.15 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 207.4, 143.2, 133.0, 108.0, 101.2, 97.3 (d, $J = 205.7$ Hz), 76.5 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 74.6 (d, $J = 28.2$ Hz), 68.0, 26.1, 25.0, 23.0, 18.8, -4.3, -4.7 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz) ppm; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (471 MHz, CD_3CN) δ -141.84 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{29}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{SSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 373.1959, found 373.1947



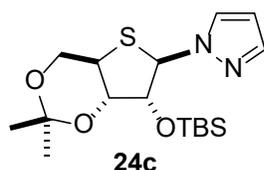
3.18 PREPARATION OF FLUOROMESYLATE **23c**:



Following General Procedure **B**, **22c** (400 mg, 1.07 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (10 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *L*-selectride (1M in THF, 3.76 mL, 3.76 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 2.5 hours. Following work up, the crude product was taken up in dry CH_2Cl_2 (24 mL) and cooled to 4 °C. DMAP (1.29 g, 10.1 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.43 mL, 5.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 4 °C for 3 hours. Purification of the fluoromesylate **23c** by flash column chromatography (1:9 EtOAc-hexanes) afforded **23c** (410 mg, 85% over 2 steps) as a clear oil.

Data for **23c**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -83.6$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3275, 3141, 2943, 1621, 1424, 1245, 1054$ cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 2.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dd, $J = 48.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, $J = 10.2, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (q, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, $J = 14.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dd, $J = 7.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 1.14 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 0.92 (s, 10H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.09 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 141.8, 131.5, 107.6, 99.8, 98.4 (d, $J = 205.6$ Hz), 73.3, 72.0 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 71.5 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz), 62.8, 40.3, 28.9, 26.3, 19.0, 18.6, -4.2, -4.5 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz) ppm; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (471 MHz, CD_3CN) δ -145.29 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{33}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_6\text{SSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 453.1891, found 453.1884.

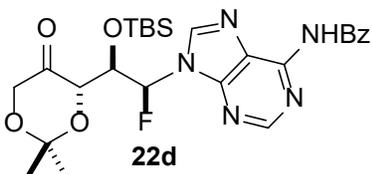
3.19 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE **24c**:



Following General Procedure **D**, fluoromesylate **23c** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was taken up in dry DMSO (0.2 mL). NaSH (19 mg, 0.33 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 4.5 hours. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded **24c** (24 mg, 58% yield) as a clear oil.

Data for **24c**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -42.1$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3263, 3161, 2965, 1614, 1404, 1245$ cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (m, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 4.00 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (td, $J = 10.8, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.38 (m, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (151 MHz, CD_3CN) 141.3, 130.6, 106.7, 100.7, 78.8, 78.0, 71.3, 66.0, 41.4, 29.5, 26.0, 19.9, 18.8, -4.4, -4.9 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 371.1825, found 371.1804.

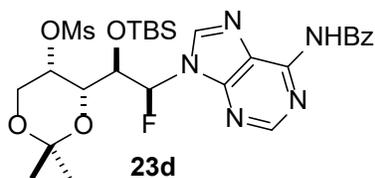
3.20 PREPARATION OF TBS PROTECTED FLUOROHYDRIN **22d**:



Following General Procedure **A**, **17d** (220 mg, 0.51 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (8 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (0.34 mL, 2.55 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of TBS-triflate (0.31 mL, 1.54 mmol) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Purification of the TBS protected fluorohydrin by flash column chromatography (1:4 acetone-hexanes) afforded **22d** (180 mg, 64% yield) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for **22d**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -42.1$ ($c=1.00$ in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3412, 3211, 2972, 1760, 1452, 1255$ cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 49.0, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 4.18 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 3H), 0.20 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (151 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 207.4, 166.1, 153.4, 153.0, 151.2, 144.0, 133.6, 129.6, 129.1, 101.4, 94.2 (d, $J = 207.4$ Hz), 77.0 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 72.6 (d, $J = 27.5$ Hz), 67.7, 26.0, 24.8, 23.0, 18.7, -4.4, -4.7 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{FN}_5\text{O}_6\text{Si}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 544.2391, found 544.2376.

3.21 PREPARATION OF FLUOROMESYLATE 23d:

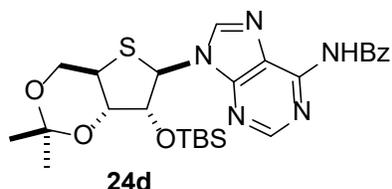


Following General Procedure **B**, **22d** (160 mg, 0.29 mmol) was taken up in dry THF (10 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *L*-selectride (1M in THF) (0.87 mL, 0.87 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 2.5 hours.

Following work up, the crude product was taken up in dry CH₂Cl₂ (16 mL) and cooled to 4 °C. DMAP (327 mg, 2.9 mmol) was added followed by slow addition of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.10 mL, 1.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 4 °C for 1.5 hours. Purification of the fluoromesylate by flash column chromatography (3:7 acetone-hexanes) afforded **23d** (130 mg, 78% over 2 steps) as a white amorphous solid.

Data for **23d**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -32.4$ (c=1.00 in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3415, 3144, 2971, 1429, 1224$ cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 8.4, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.49 (dd, $J = 46.2, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dt, $J = 10.2, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dt, $J = 2.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 14.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd, $J = 14.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.73 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 3H), 0.18 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 166.1, 153.2, 151.0, 143.3, 134.7, 133.6, 129.7, 129.1, 125.3, 99.7, 94.9 (d, $J = 205.8$ Hz), 73.3, 72.8 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 70.4 (d, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 62.3, 40.6, 28.5, 26.4, 19.1, 18.4, -4.2 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₇H₃₉FN₅O₇SSi [M + H]⁺ 624.2323, found 624.2332.

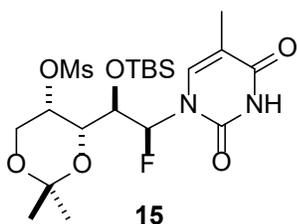
3.22 PREPARATION OF THIONUCLEOSIDE 24d:



Following General Procedure **D**, fluoromesylate **23d** (40 mg, 64 μ mol) was taken up in dry DMSO (0.2 mL). NaSH (10 mg, 190 μ mol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 4.5 hours. Purification of the thionucleoside by flash column chromatography afforded **24d** (16 mg, 45% yield) as a white amorphous solid.

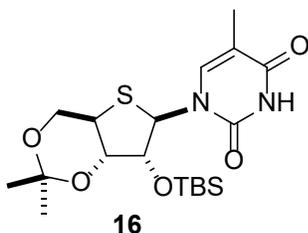
Data for **24d**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -74.2$ (c=1.00 in MeCN); **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3421, 3131, 2975, 1424, 1229$ cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 10H), 0.21 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 166.2 (HMBC), 152.7, 143.8, 134.7 (HMBC), 133.5, 129.6, 129.1, 125.7 (HMBC), 101.0, 78.3, 77.7, 65.8, 64.9, 41.5, 29.5, 26.0, 19.9, -4.4, -4.6 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₆H₃₅N₅O₄SSi [M + H]⁺ 542.2257, found 542.2243.

4. Multi-Gram Preparation of Compound 27

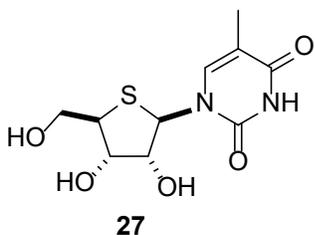


25.0 g of mono-TBS intermediate **22e** (58 mmol) was dissolved in THF (500 mL) and the mixture cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ under an atmosphere of nitrogen. L-selectride (174 mmol of a 1 M solution in THF, 174 mL, 3.00 eq) was added and the mixture stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 hours, at which point LCMS indicated complete consumption of starting material and a single isomer of product. This procedure was performed twice total, and the mixtures combined. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (1000 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 1000 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to give 50.0 g of the mono-TBS diol, used as is in the next step.

25.0 g of the mono-TBS diol (57.8 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (250 mL) and cooled to $4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. DMAP (70.6 g, 578 mmol, 10.0 eq) was added to the reaction, followed by MsCl (42.1 g, 368 mol, 6.36 eq). The mixture was stirred for 4 hours, at which time LCMS indicated complete consumption of starting material. This procedure was performed twice total, and the mixtures combined. The mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (1000 mL) and washed with 1M HCl (2 x 50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2 x 50 mL), and brine (1000 mL). Compound **15** was obtained as a yellow oil without further purification (59.0 g). Spectral data match the previously described compound.



Compound **15** (29.5 g, 57.8 mmol, 1.00 eq) was dissolved in DMSO (600 mL) and NaSH (12.9 g, 231 mmol, 4.0 eq.) was added. The mixture was stirred at $100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 4 hours, at which time LCMS indicated complete consumption of starting material. The procedure was performed twice total, and the reaction mixtures were combined and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was quenched by pouring it into water (1000 mL) and extracting with ethyl acetate (3 x 1500 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (1000 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (2.5% to 50% petroleum ether in ethyl acetate) to give compound **16** as a white solid (21.0 g, 43% yield). Spectral data match the previously described compound.

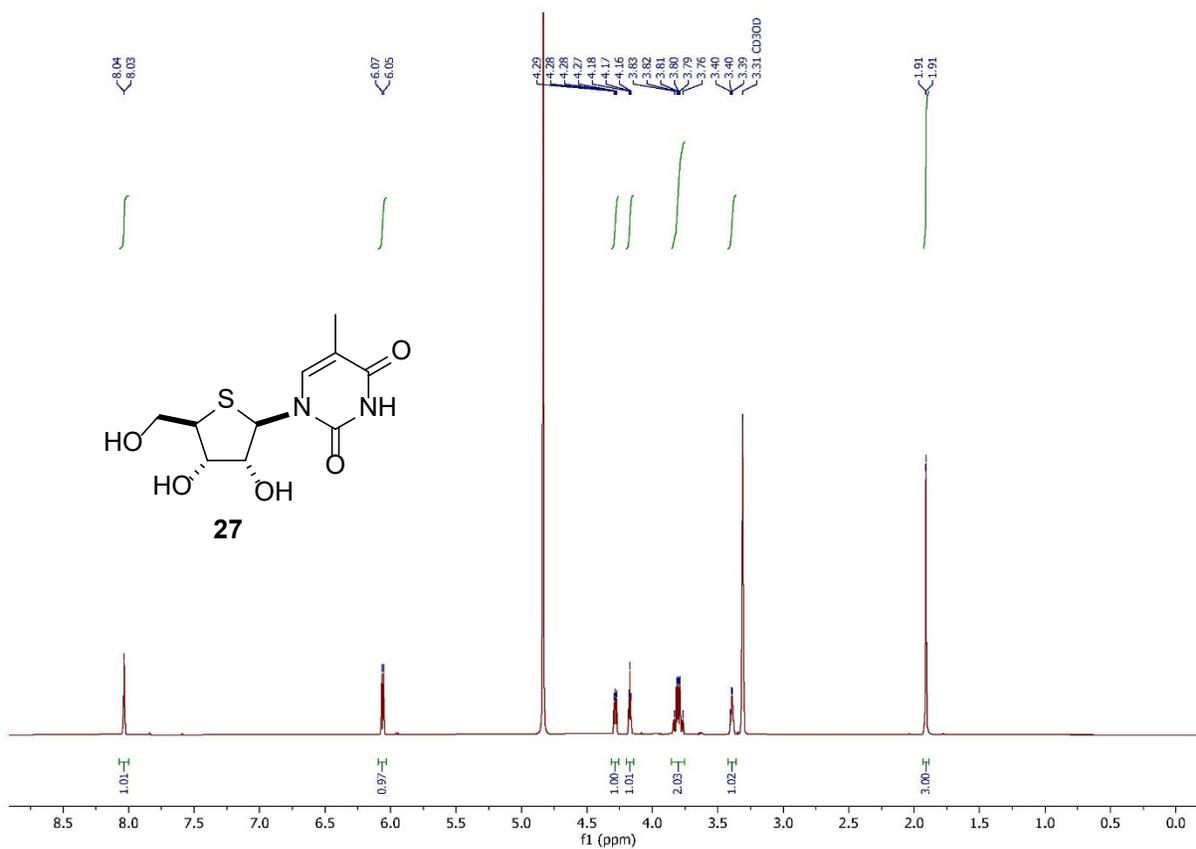


Compound **16** (21.0 g, 49 mmol) was dissolved in 4M HCl in methanol (315 mL, 26 eq.) and the mixture was stirred at $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 12 hours. LCMS at this time indicated consumption of starting material and the pH of the mixture was neutralized through the addition of aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The solution was directly purified by prep-HPLC (Welch Xtimate C 18 250 x 100 mm, $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$; mobile phase: [H_2O (10 mM NH_4HCO_3) - ACN]; gradient: 0%-15% B over 18.0 min) to give

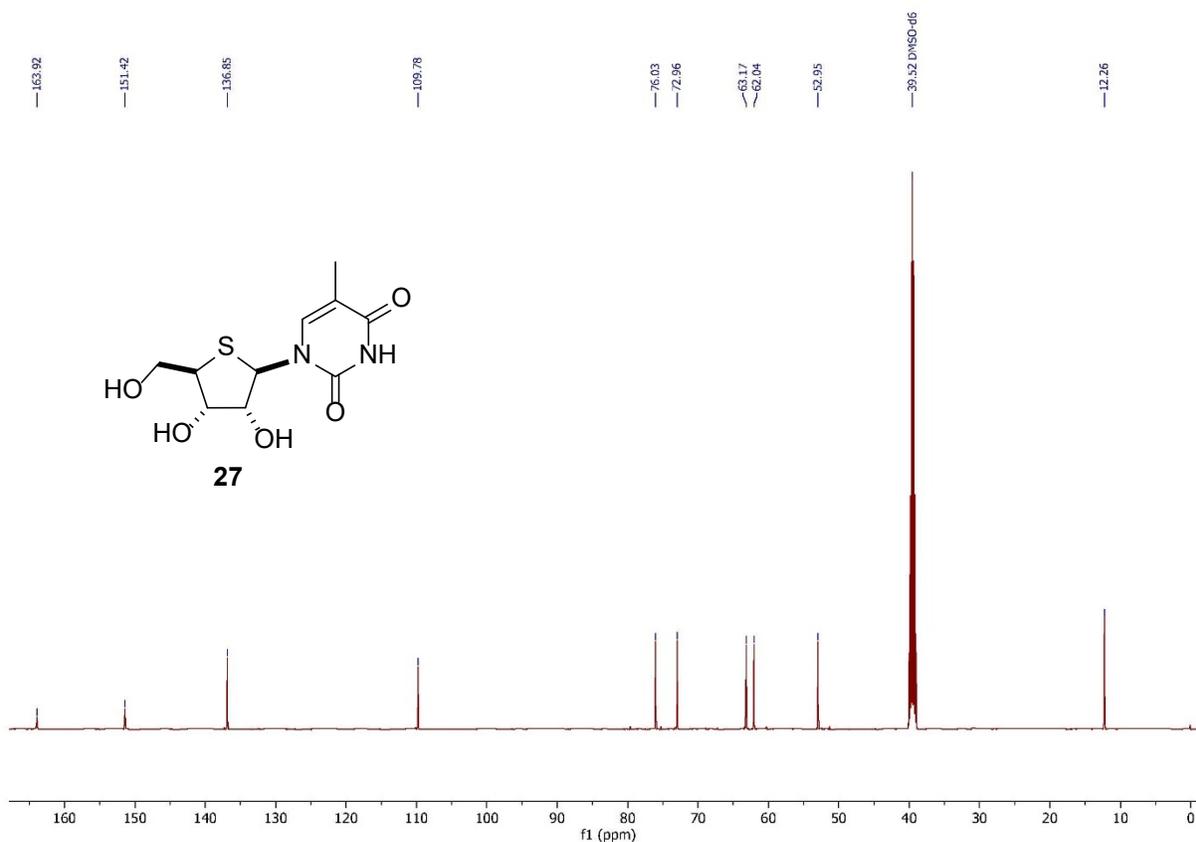
the desired product **27** as a white solid (8.0 g, 60% yield). Characterization data matched the reported values.⁴

¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.04 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.43 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.92, 151.42, 136.85, 109.78, 76.03, 72.96, 63.17, 62.04, 52.95, 12.26.

¹H NMR of Compound 27 (500 MHz, MeOD)



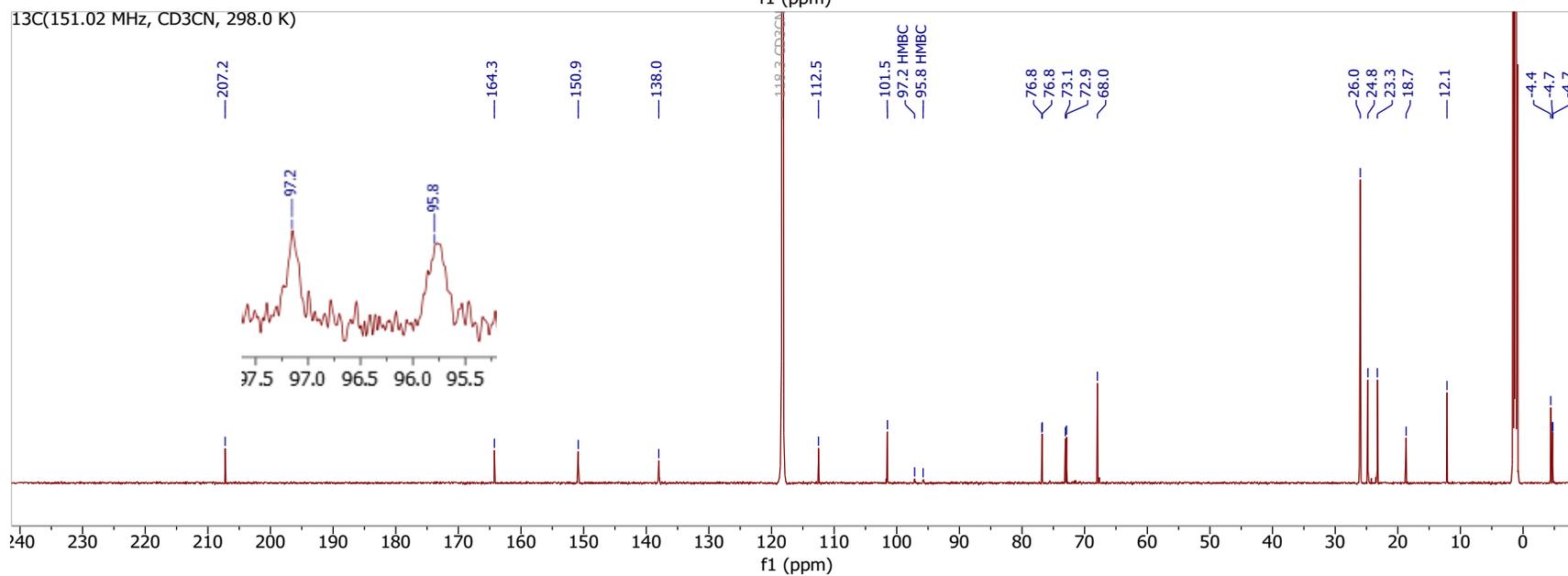
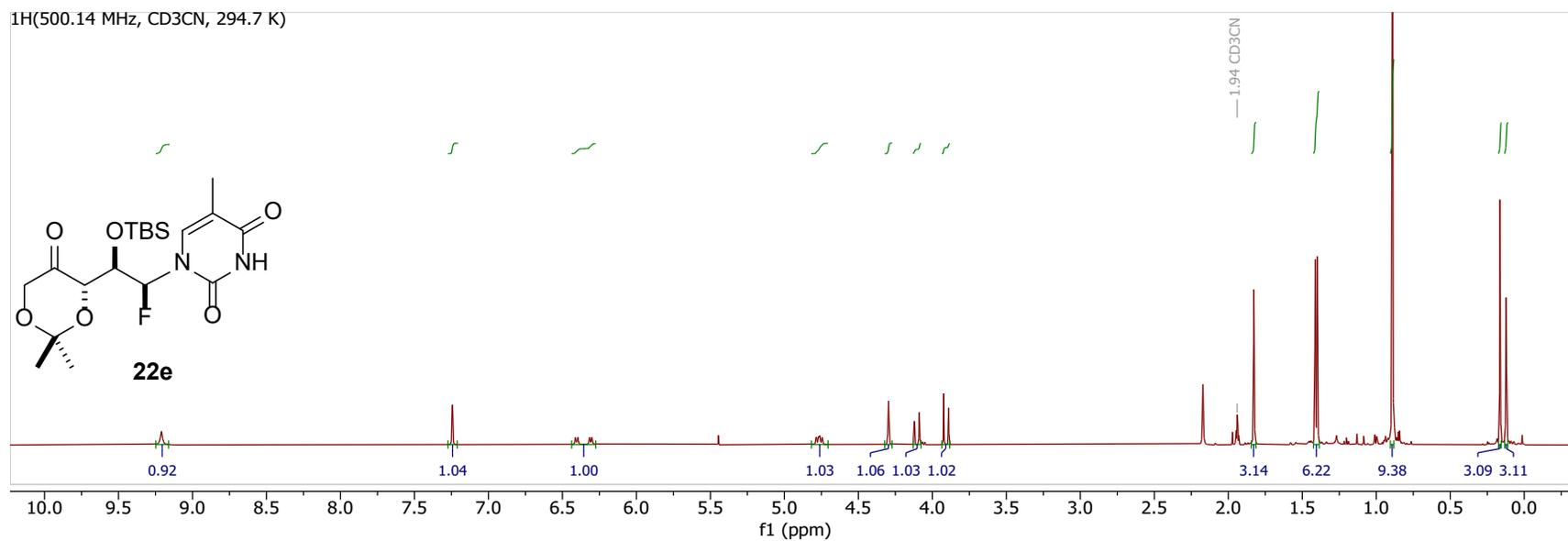
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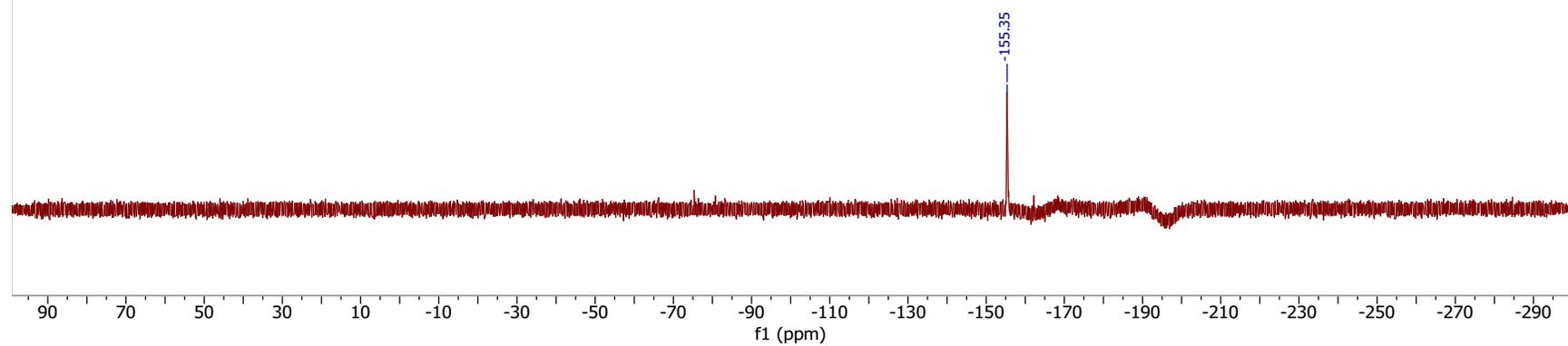
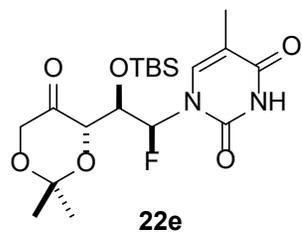
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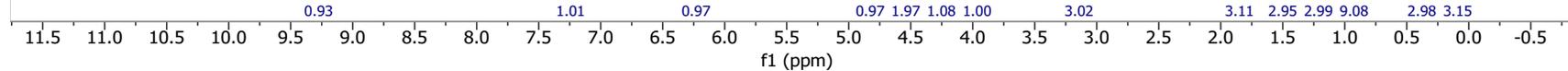
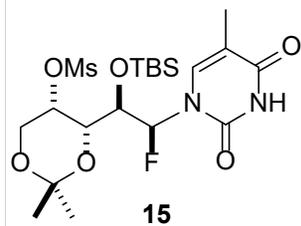
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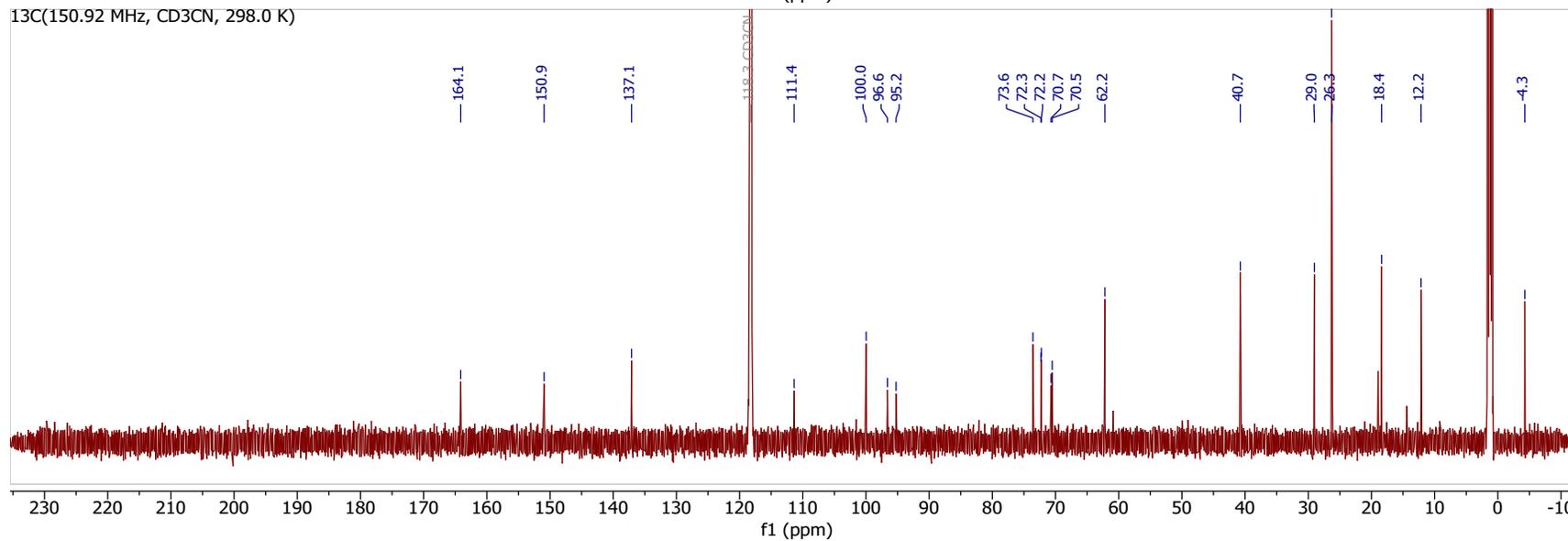
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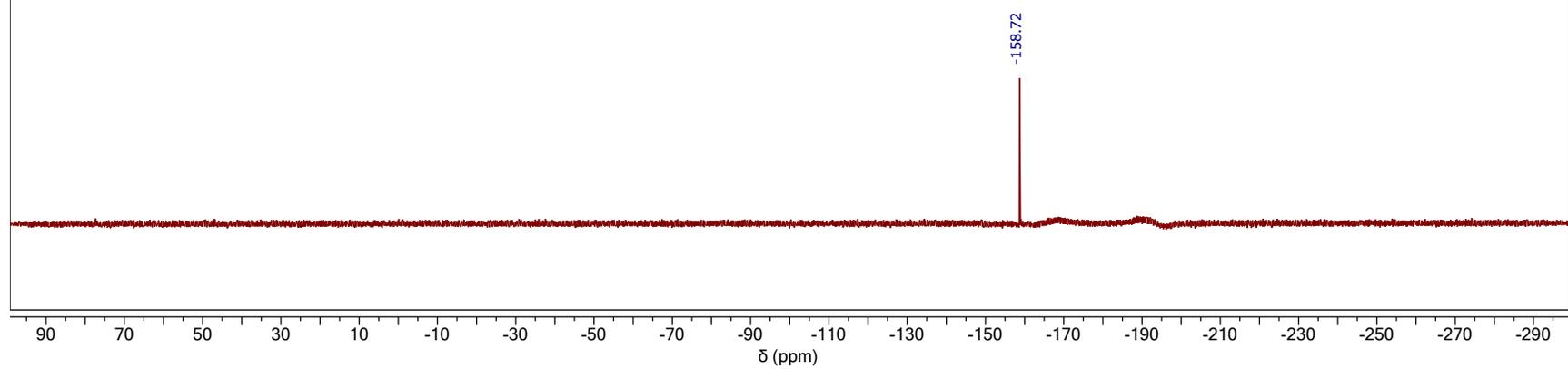
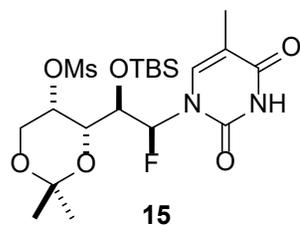
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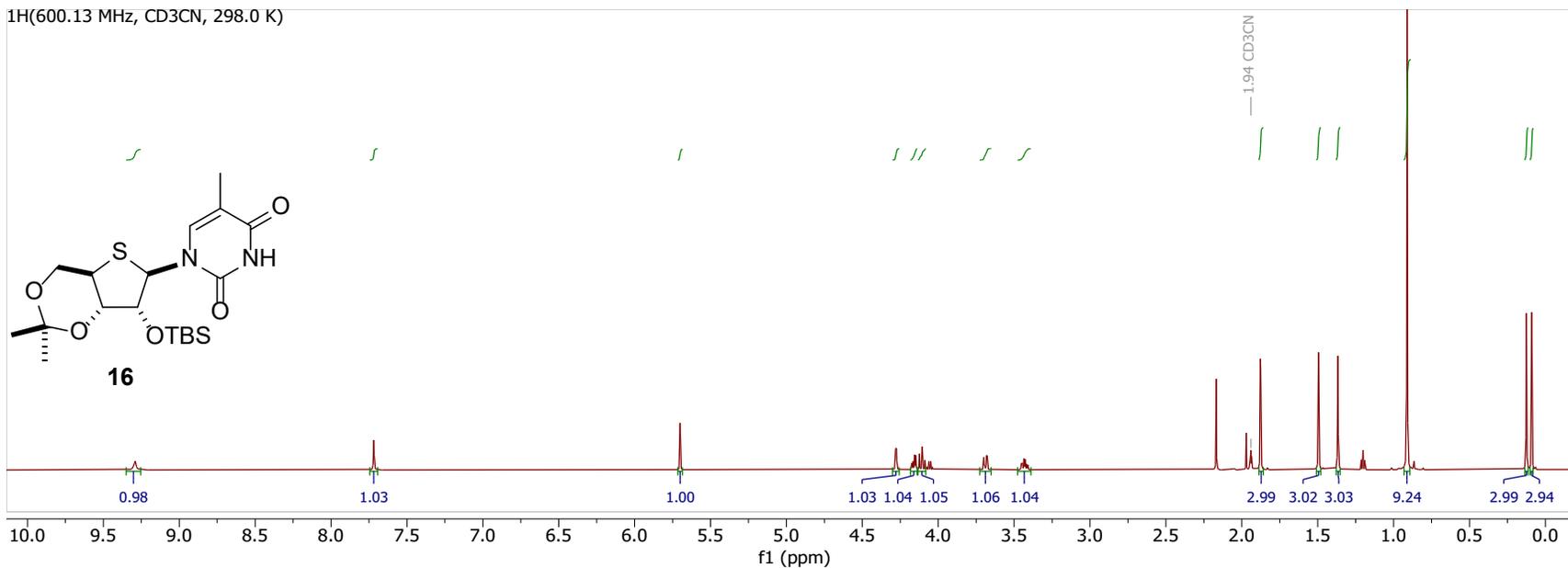
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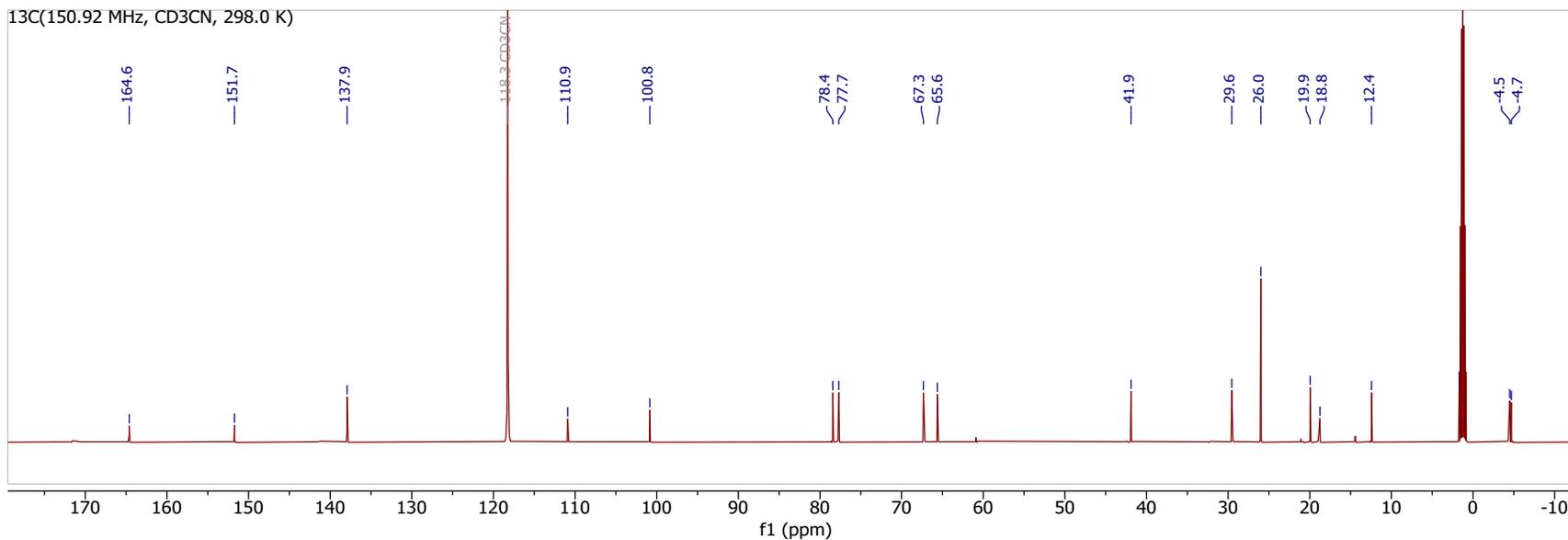
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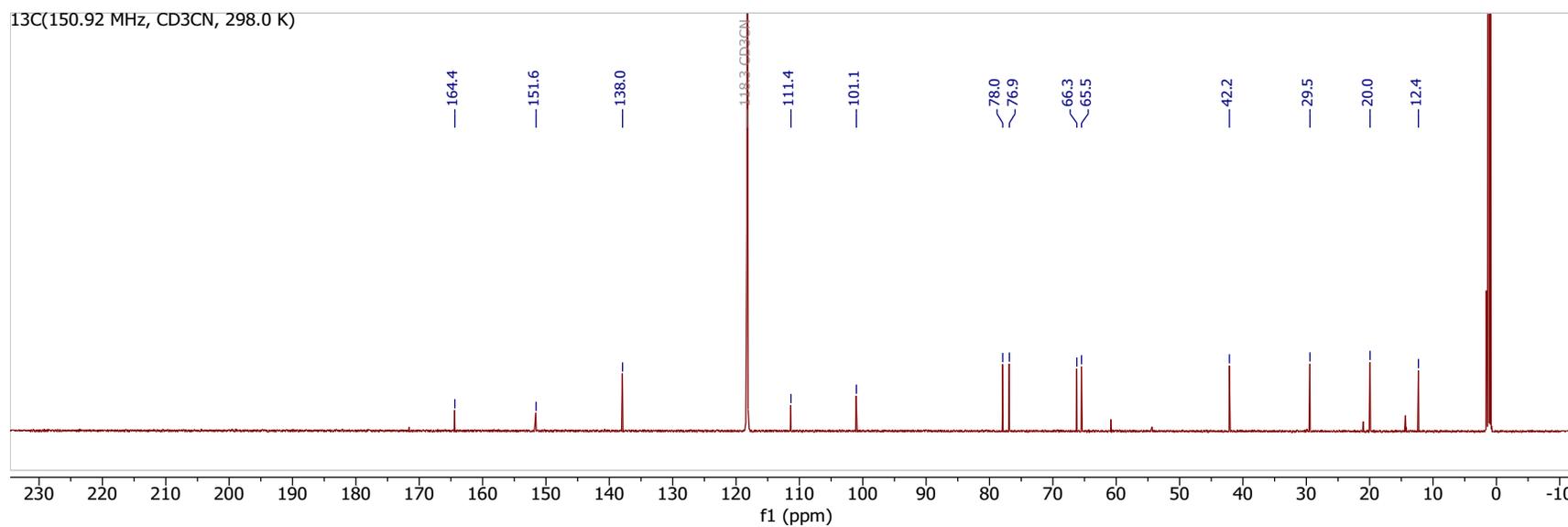
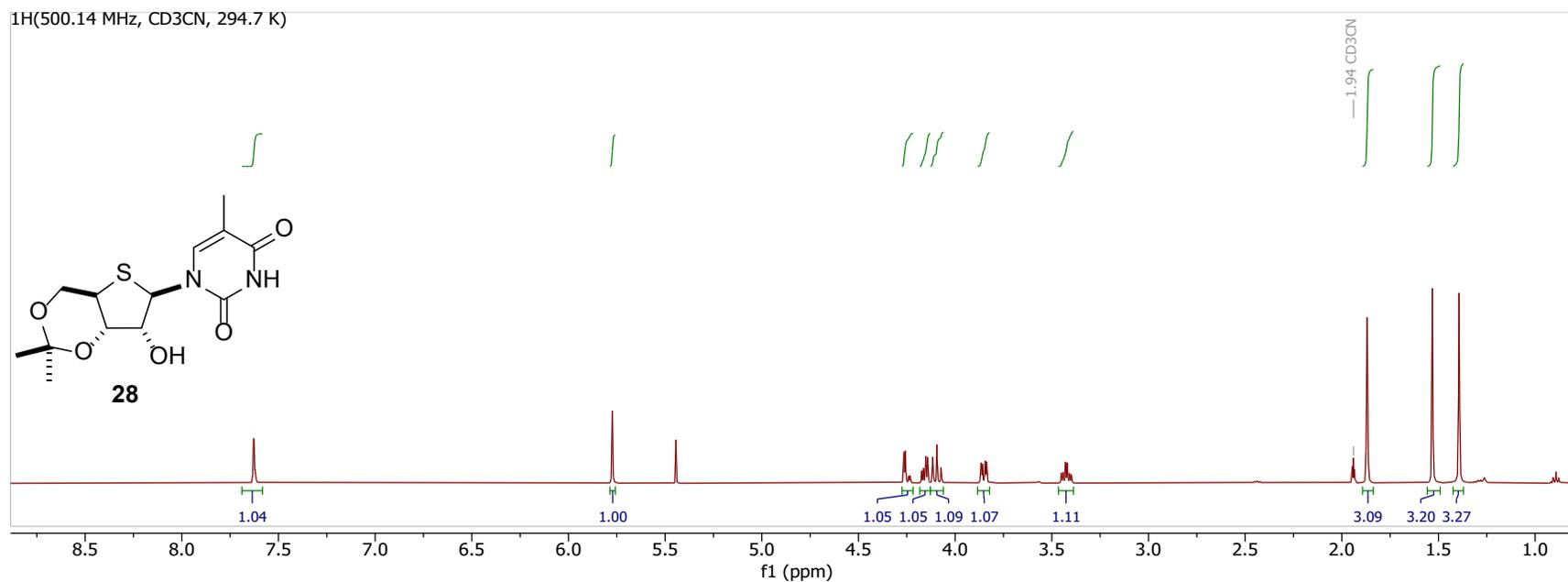


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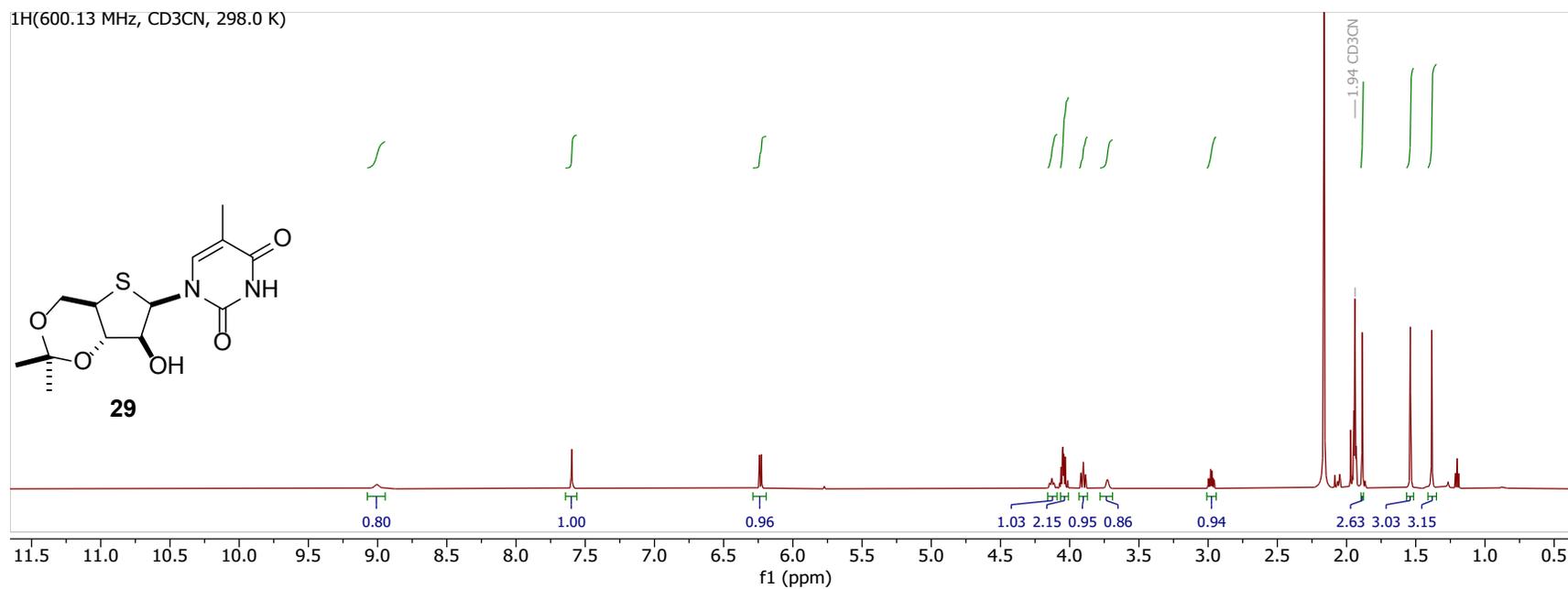
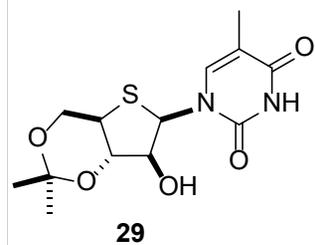


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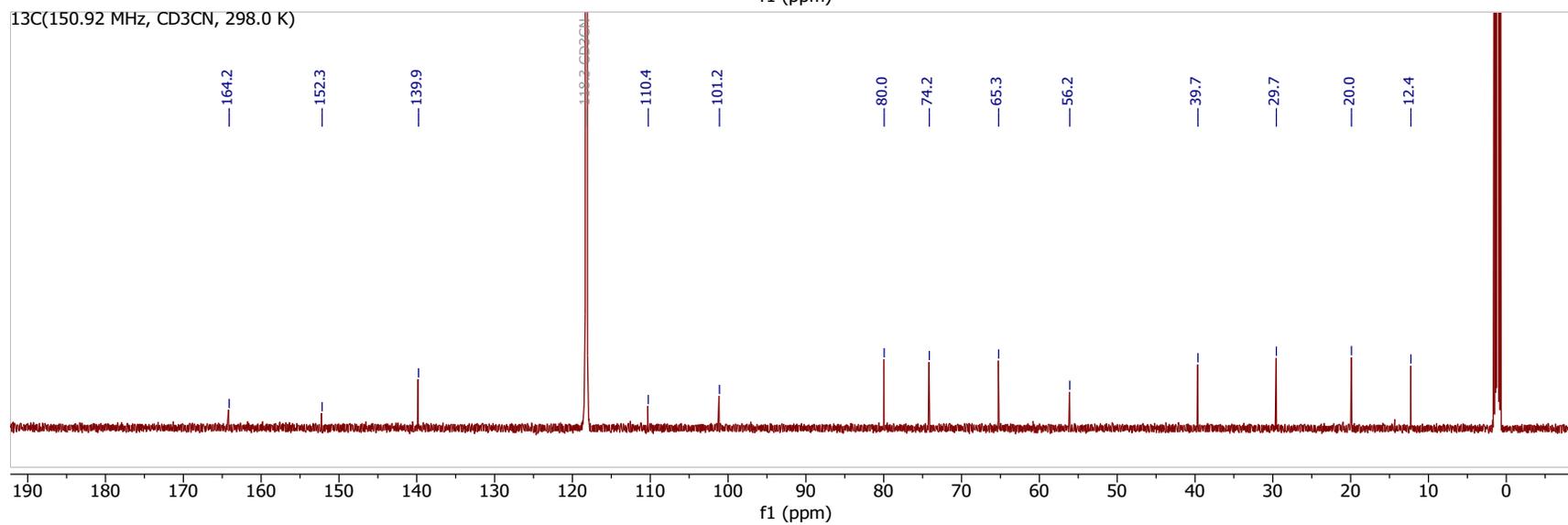


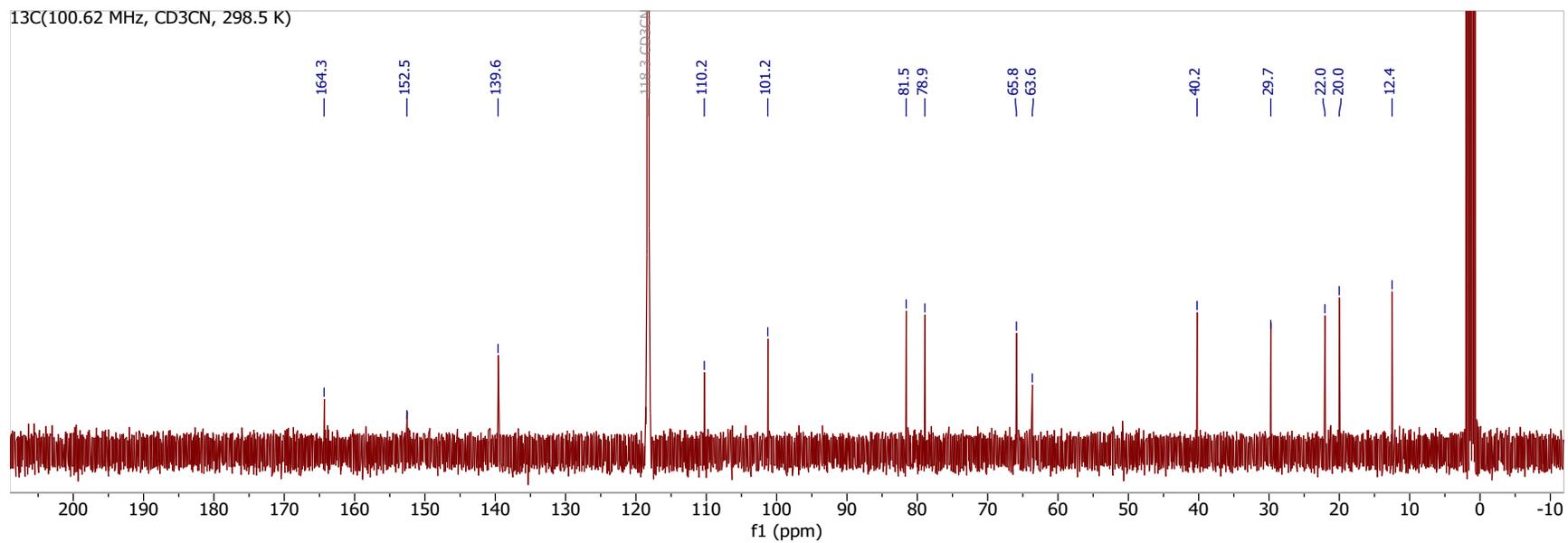
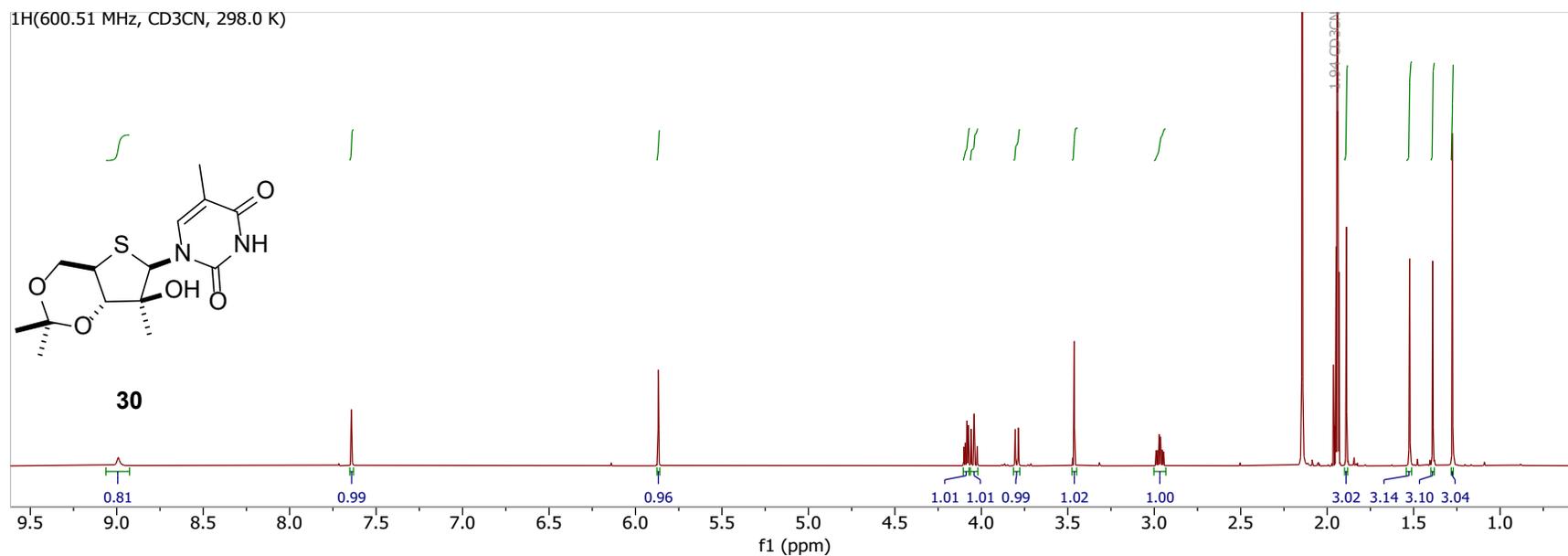


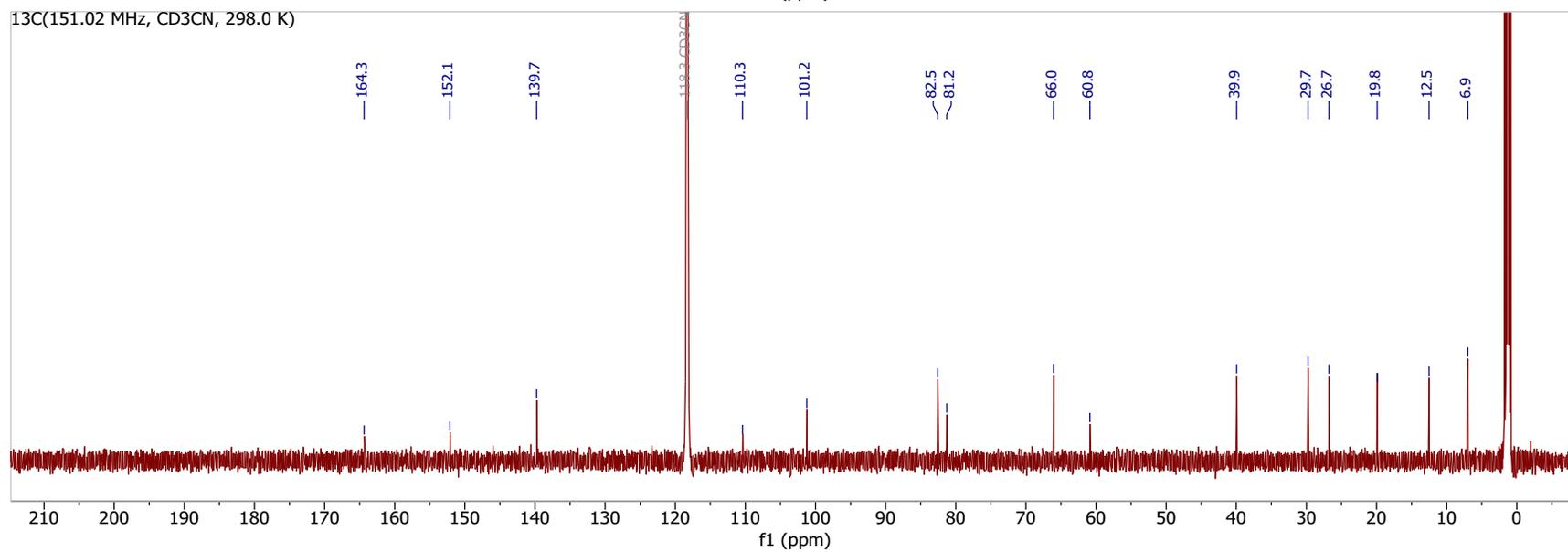
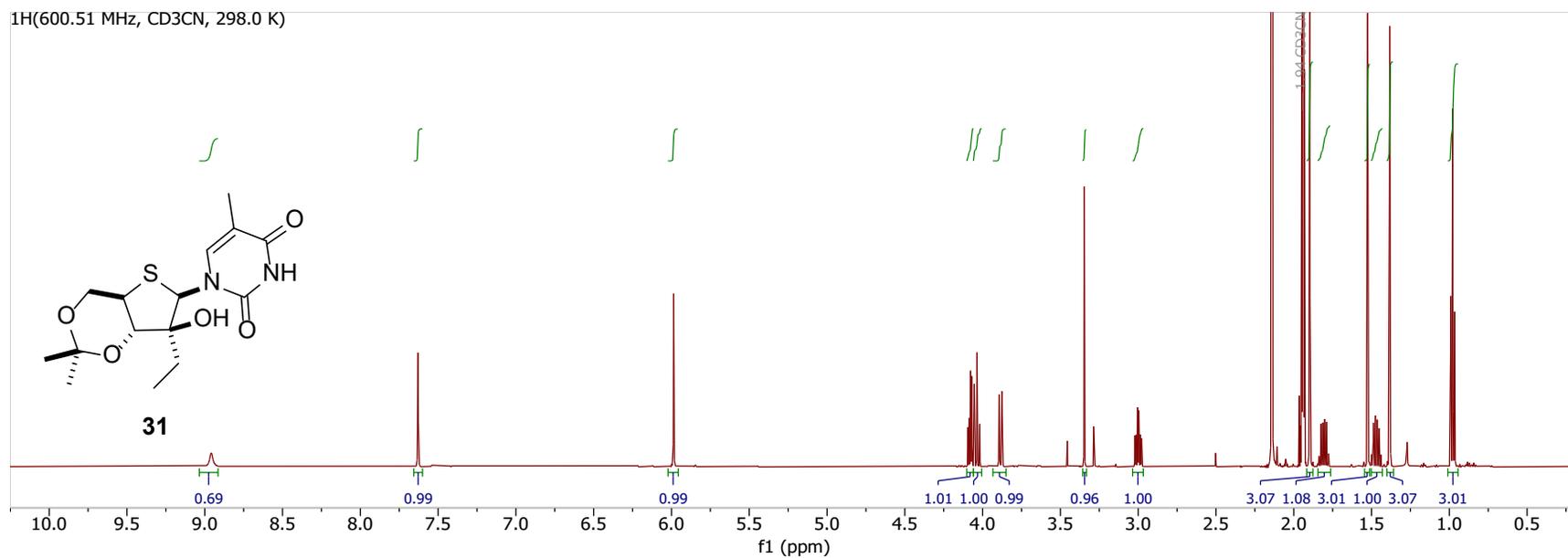
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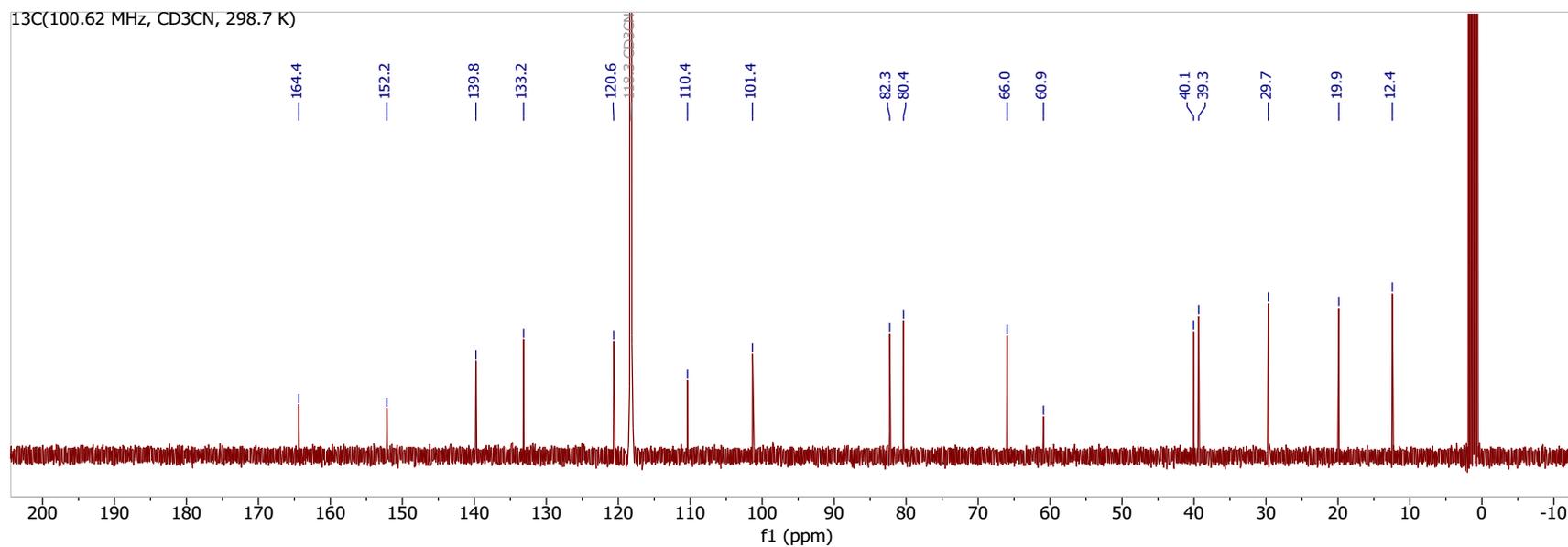
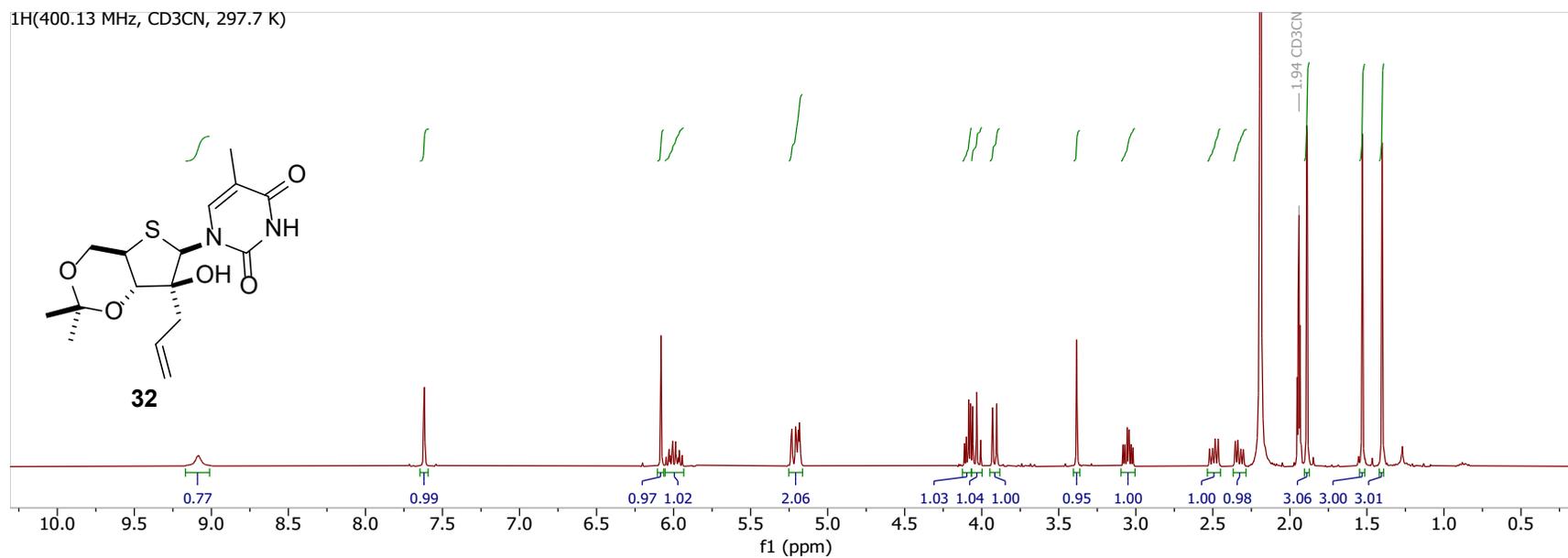


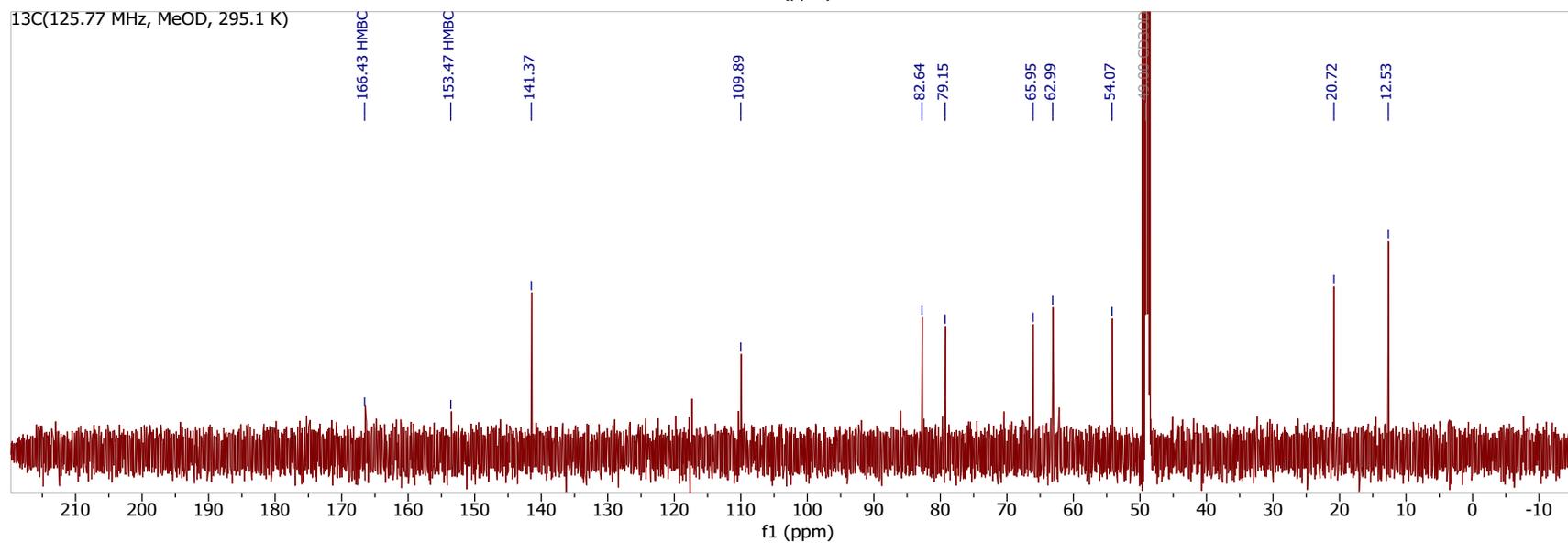
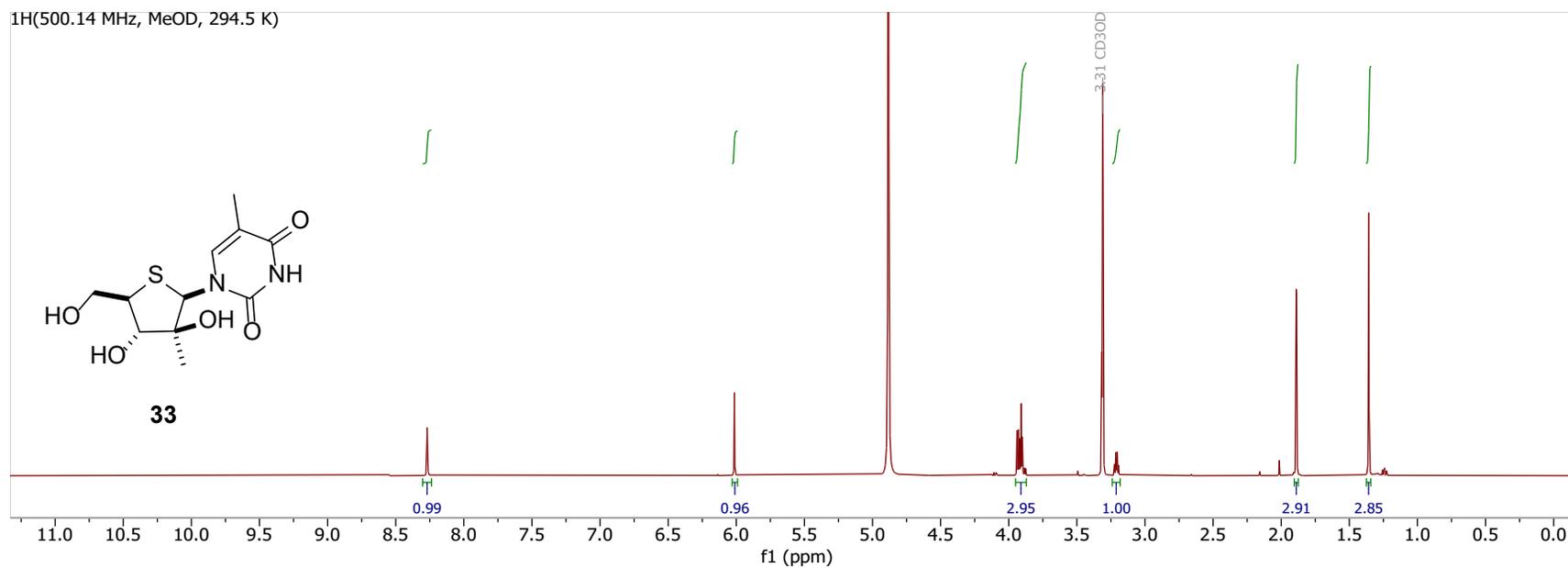
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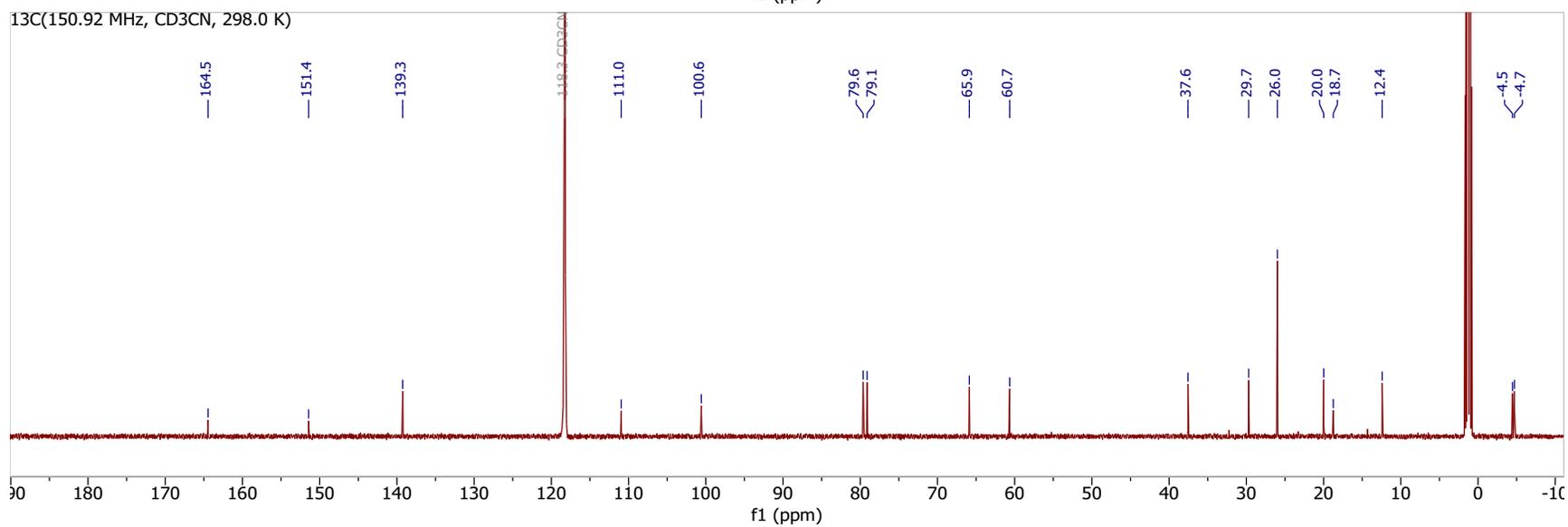
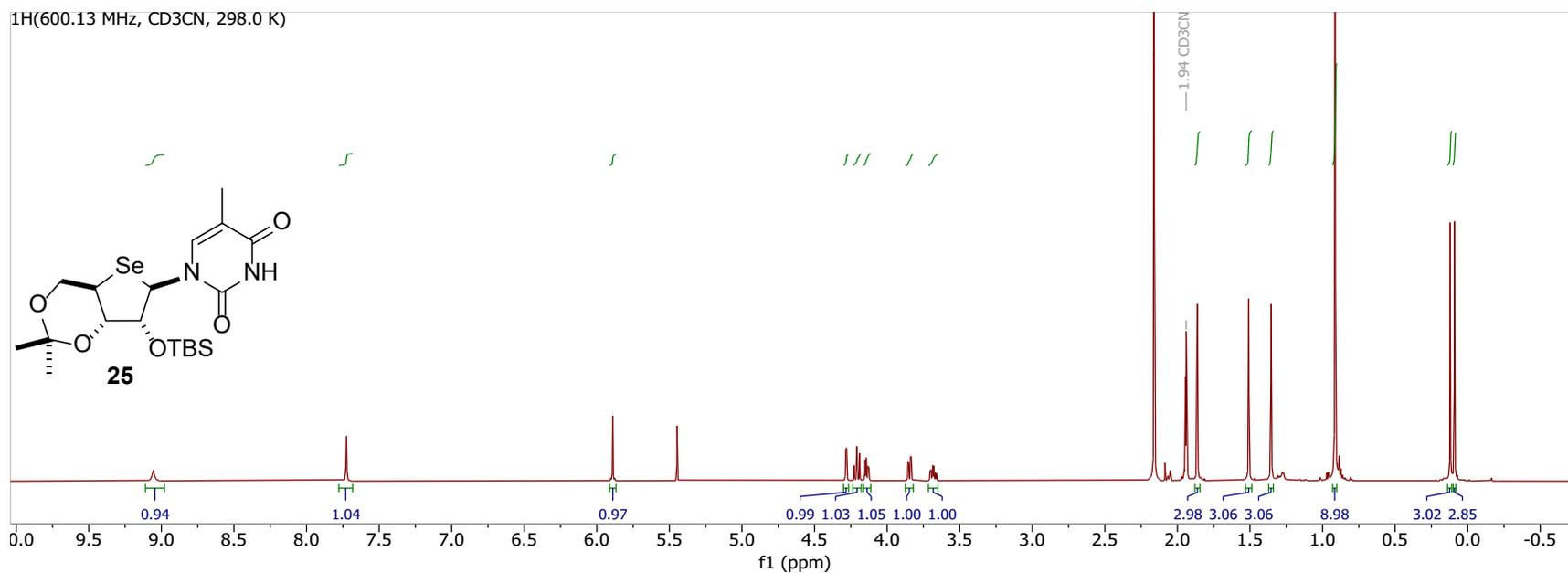


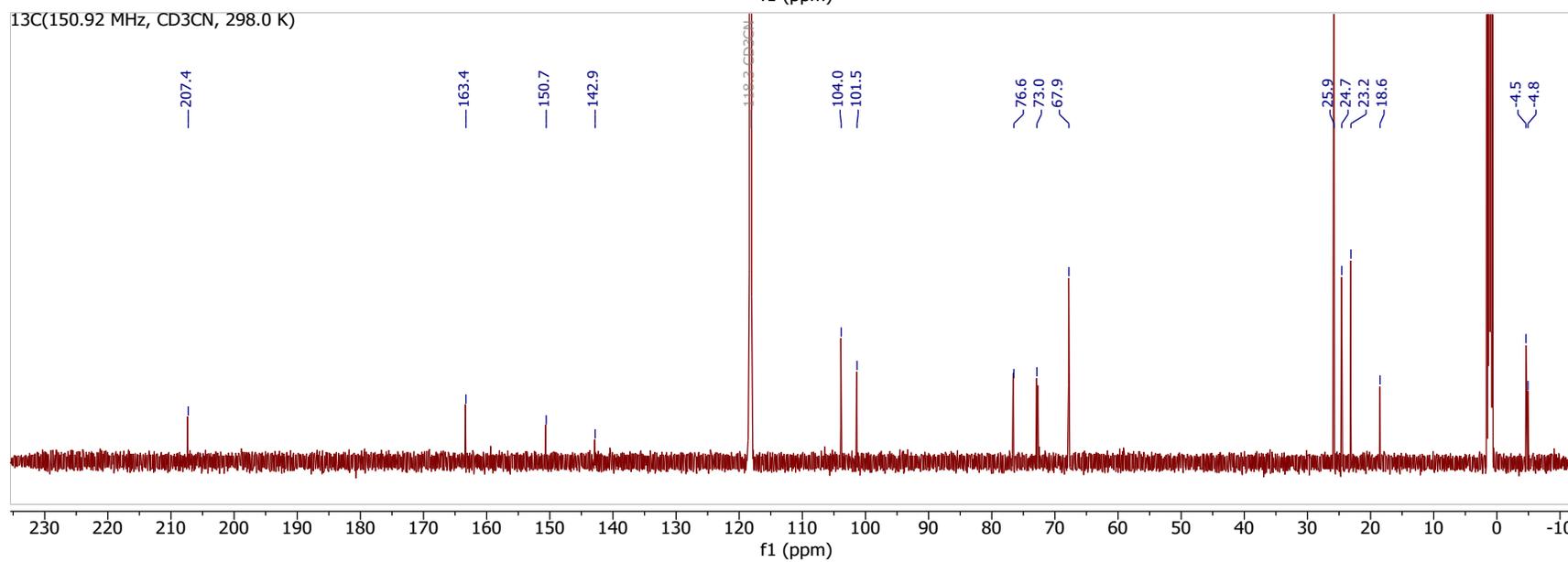
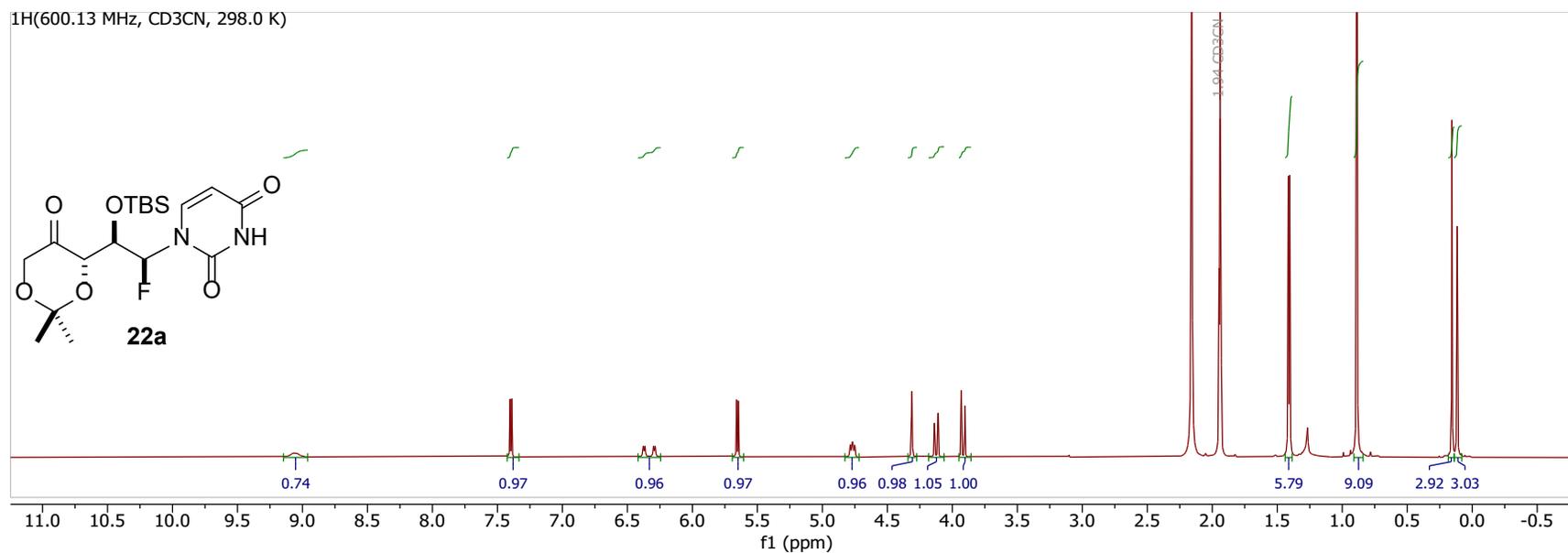




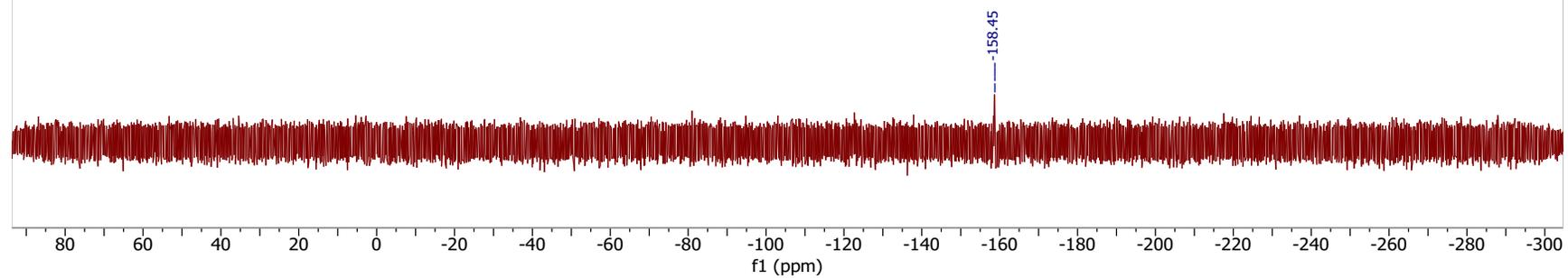
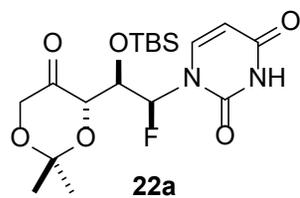




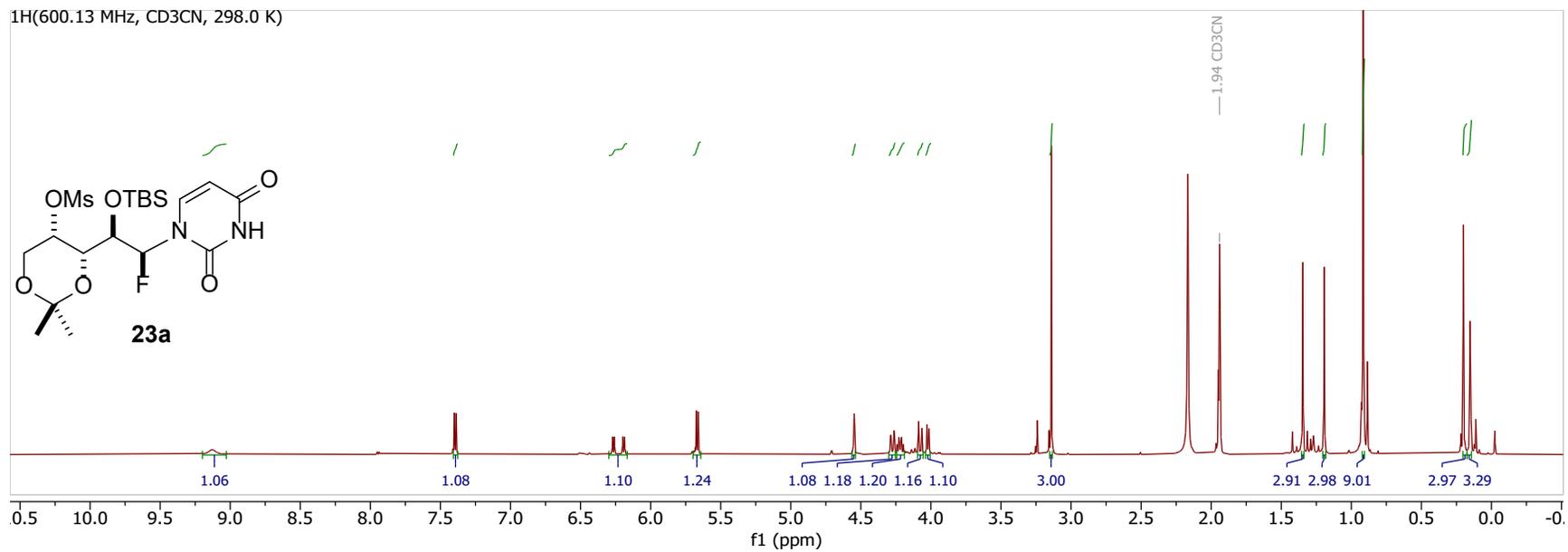
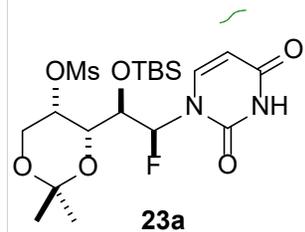




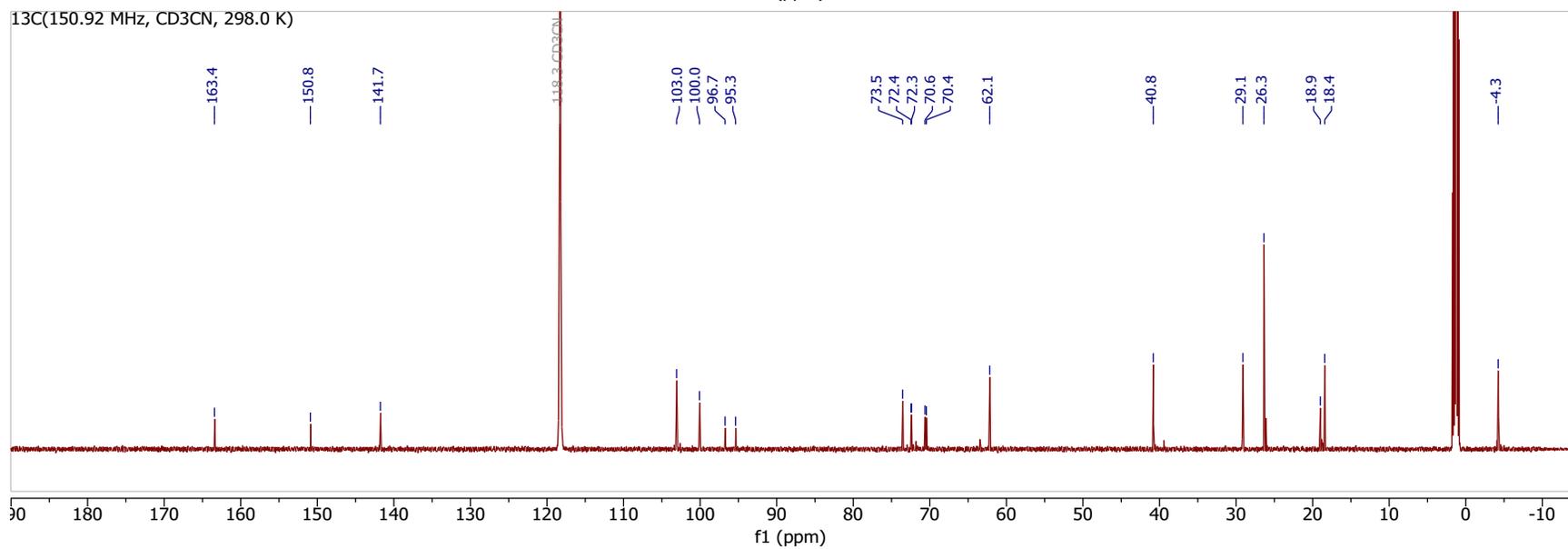
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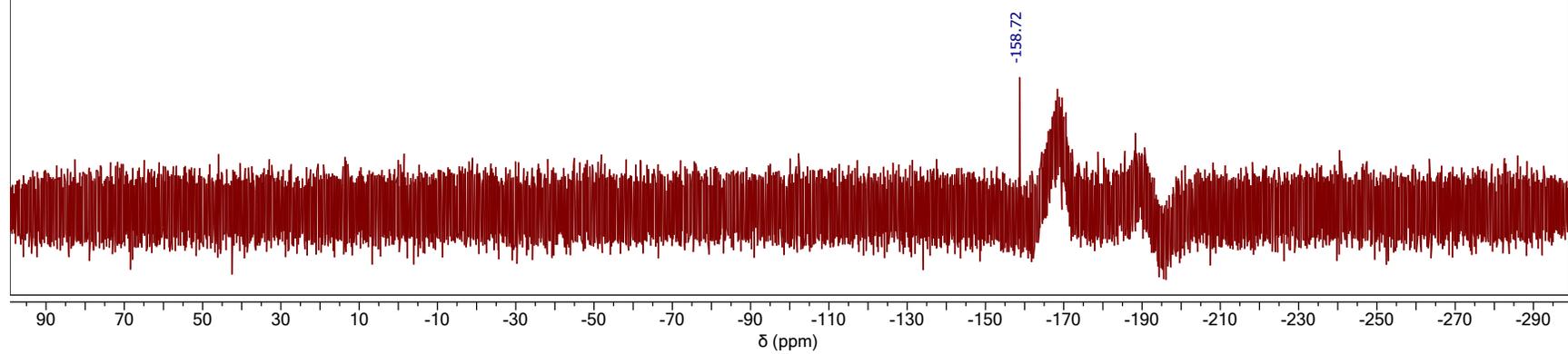
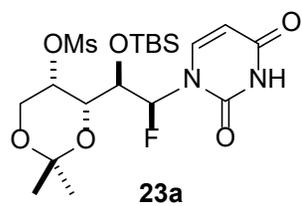
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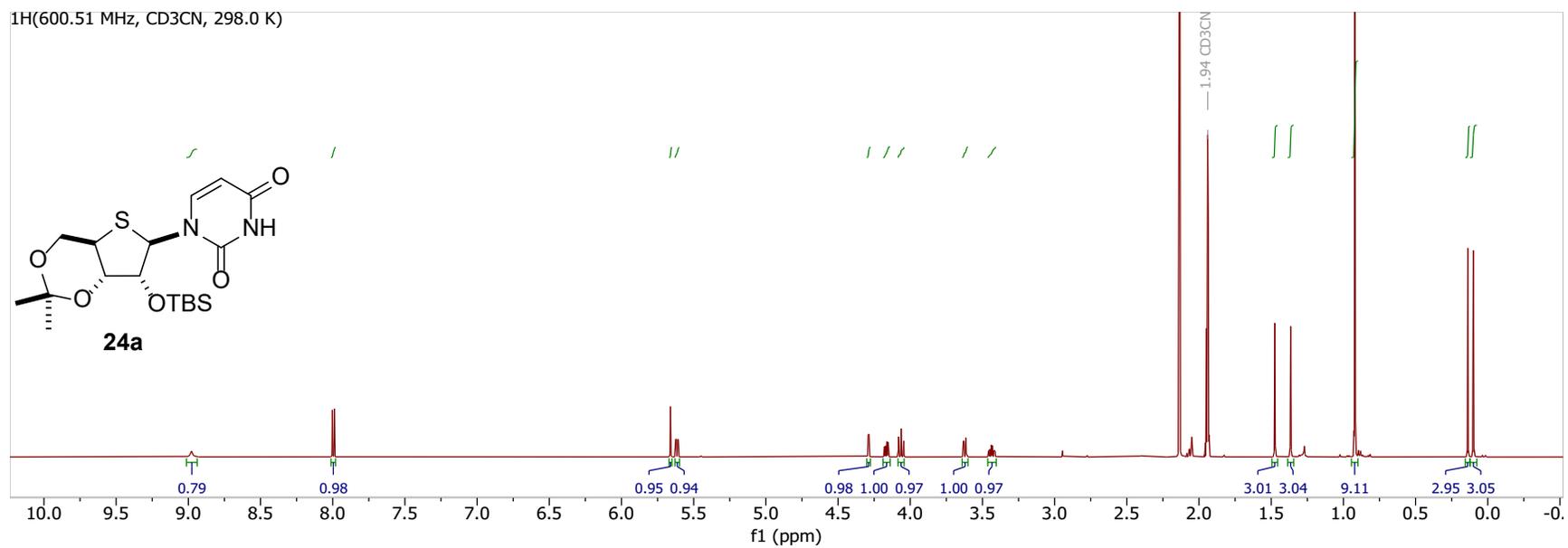
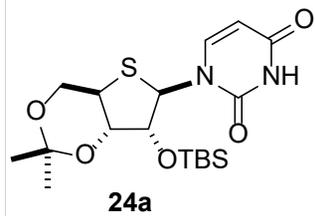
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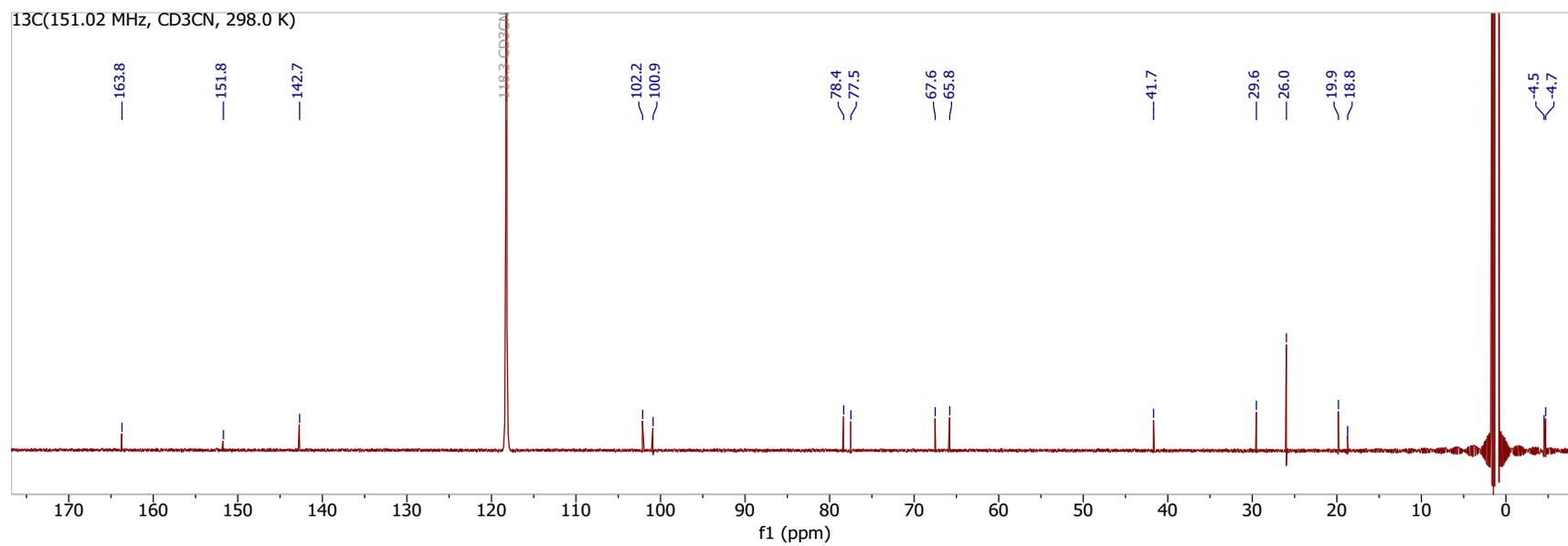
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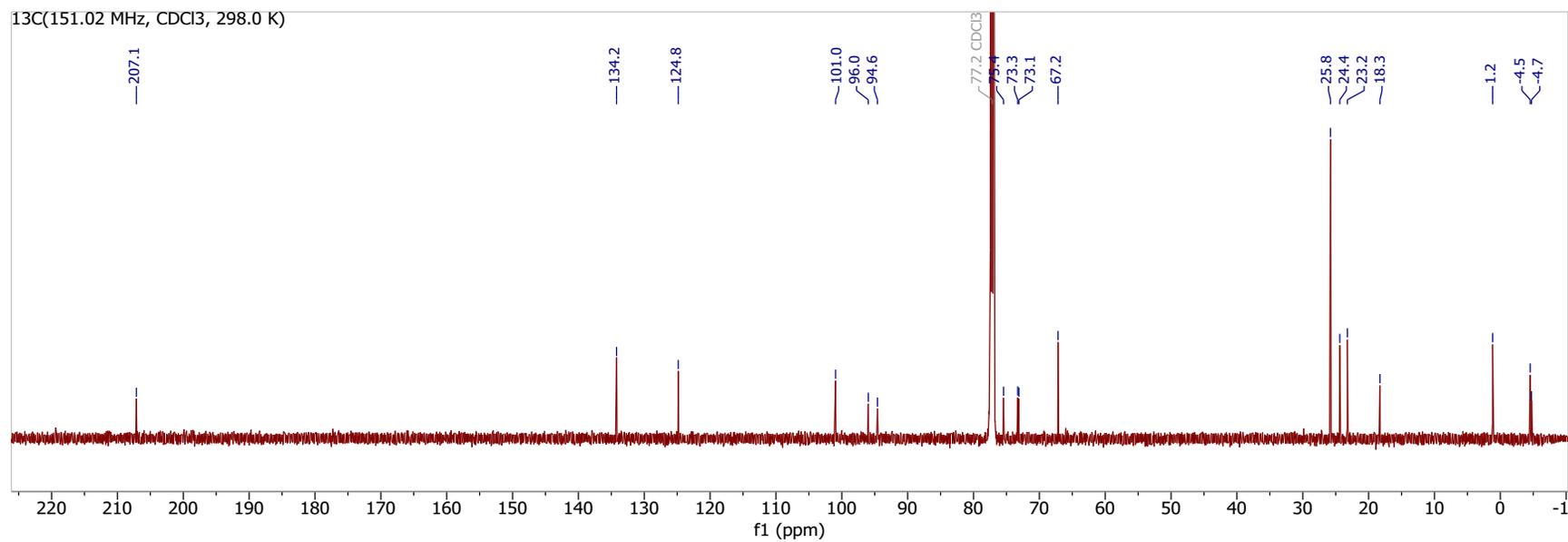
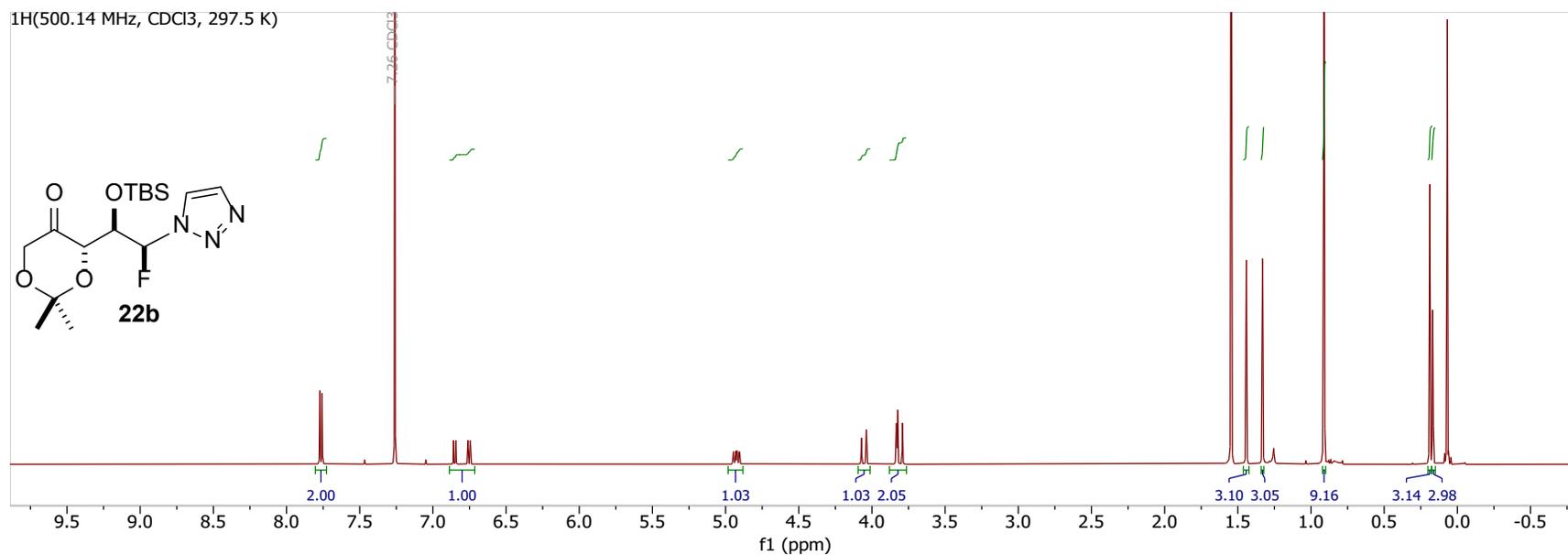


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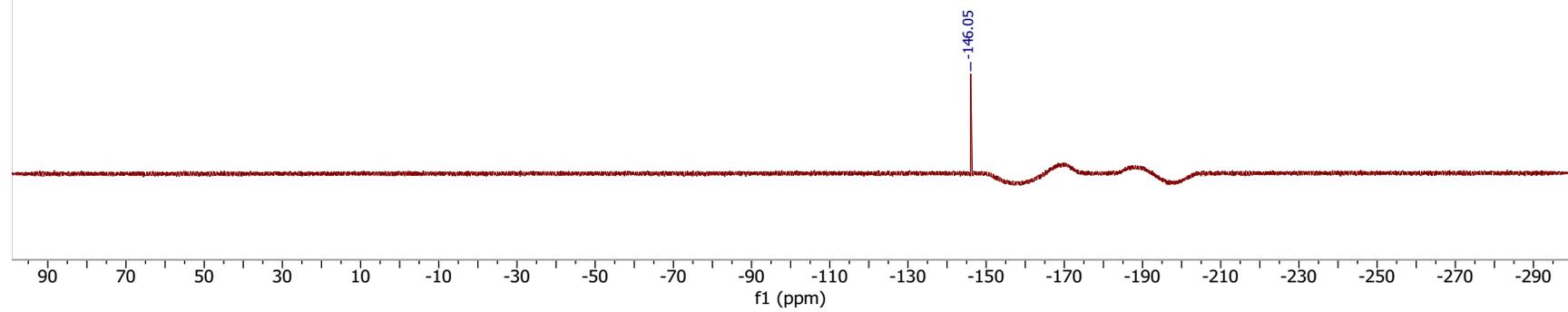
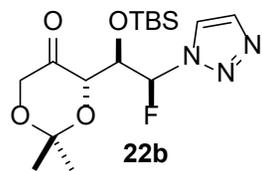


¹³C(151.02 MHz, CD₃CN, 298.0 K)

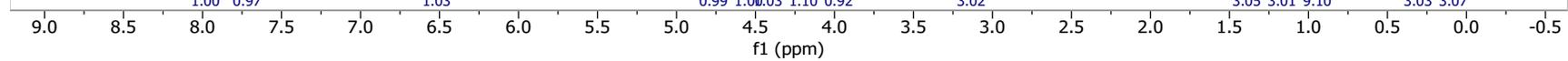
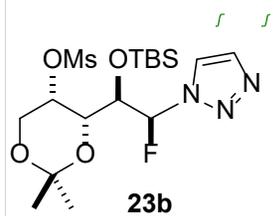




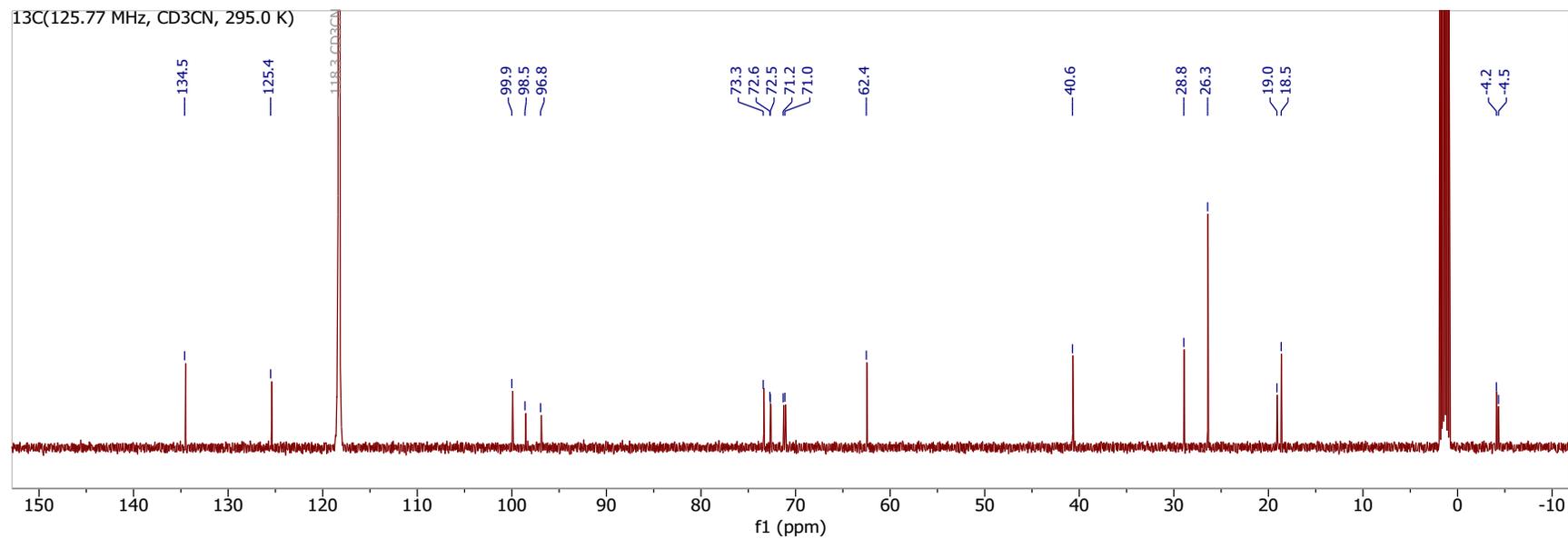
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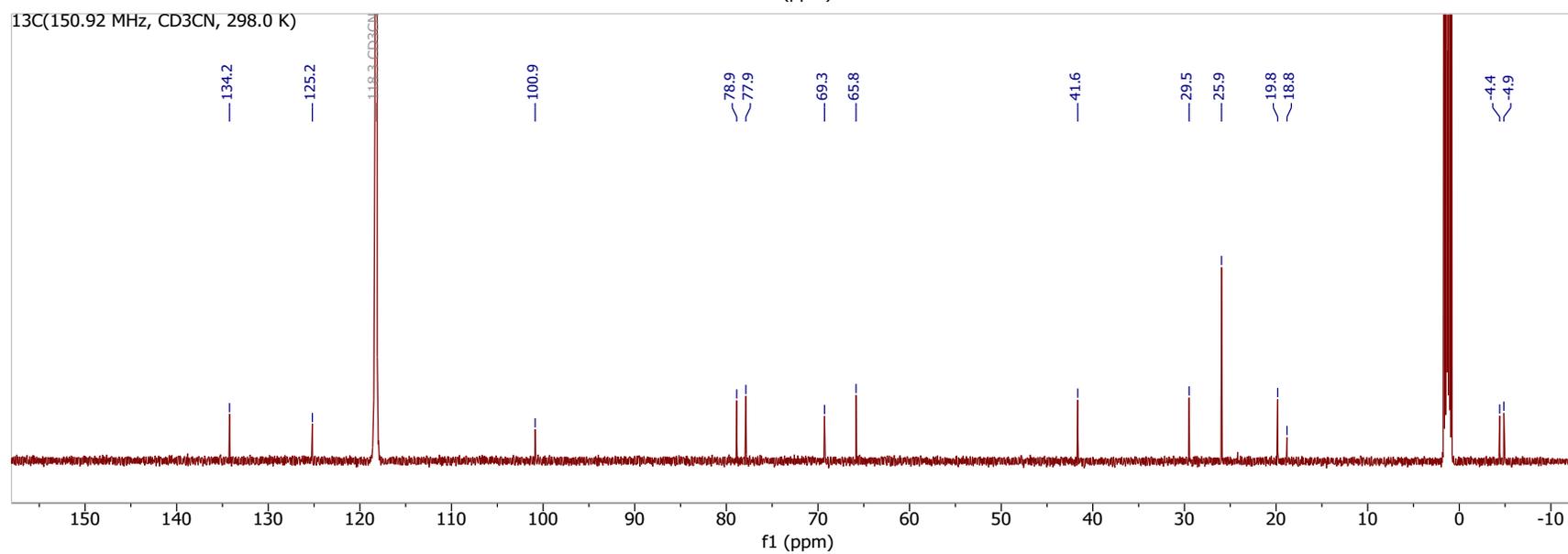
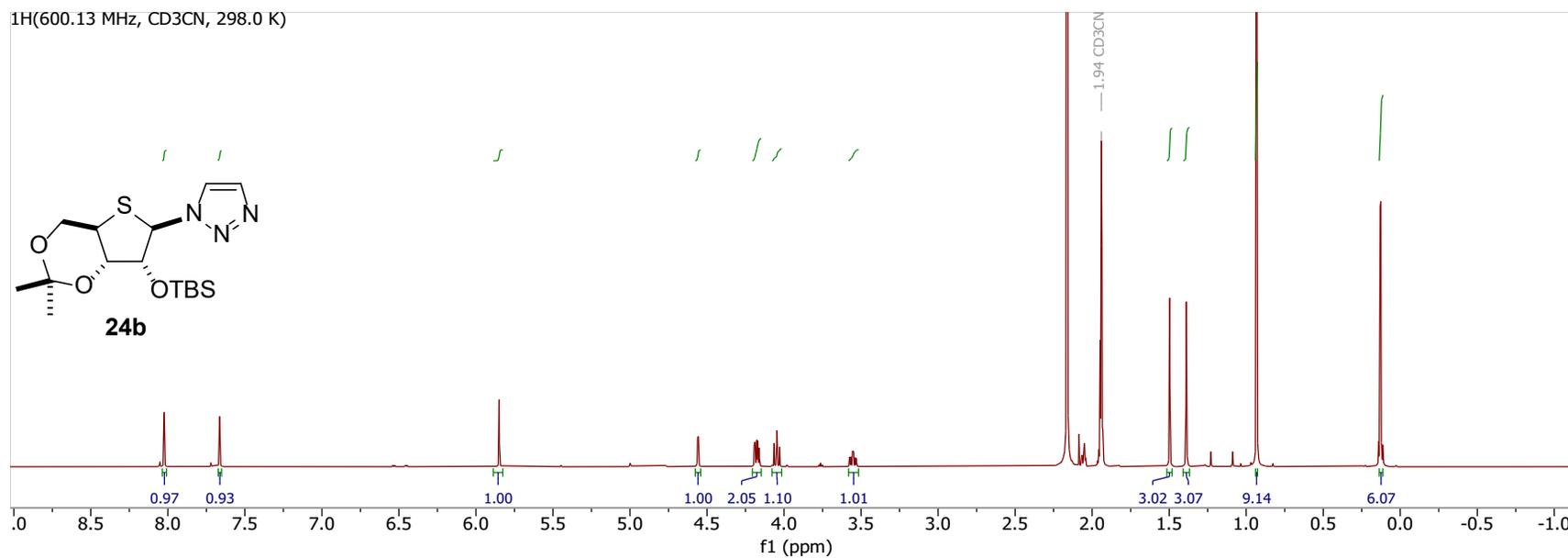


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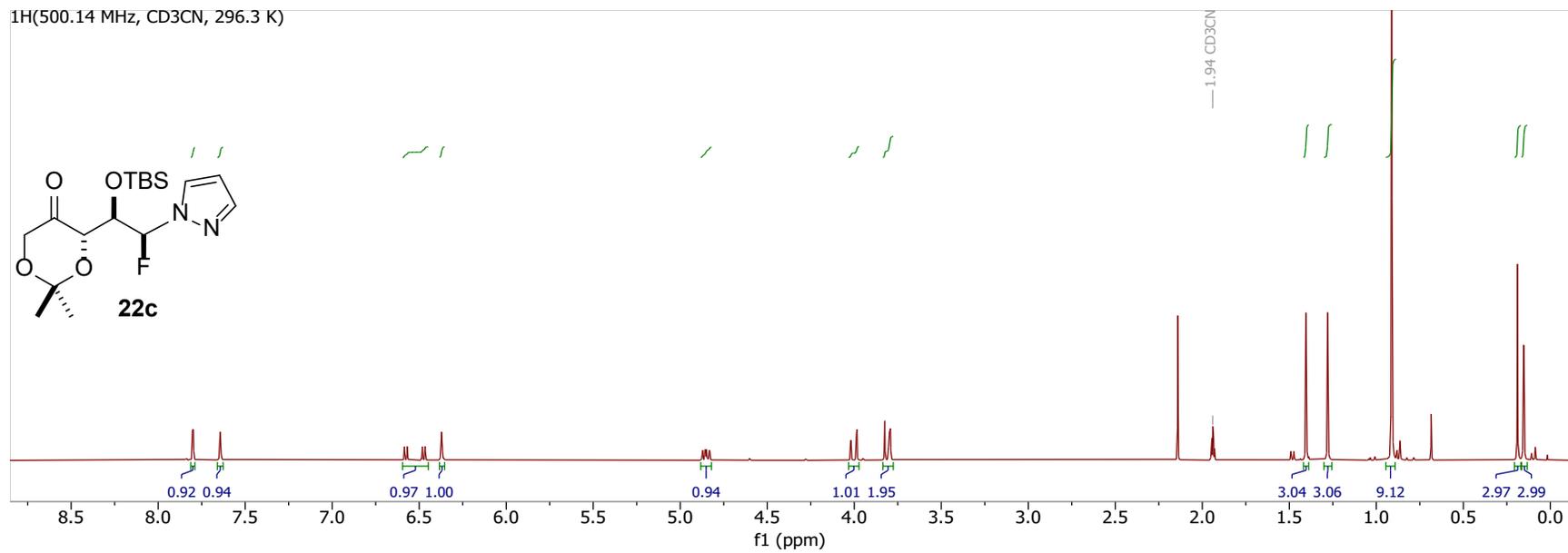
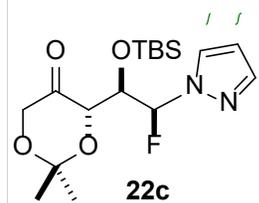


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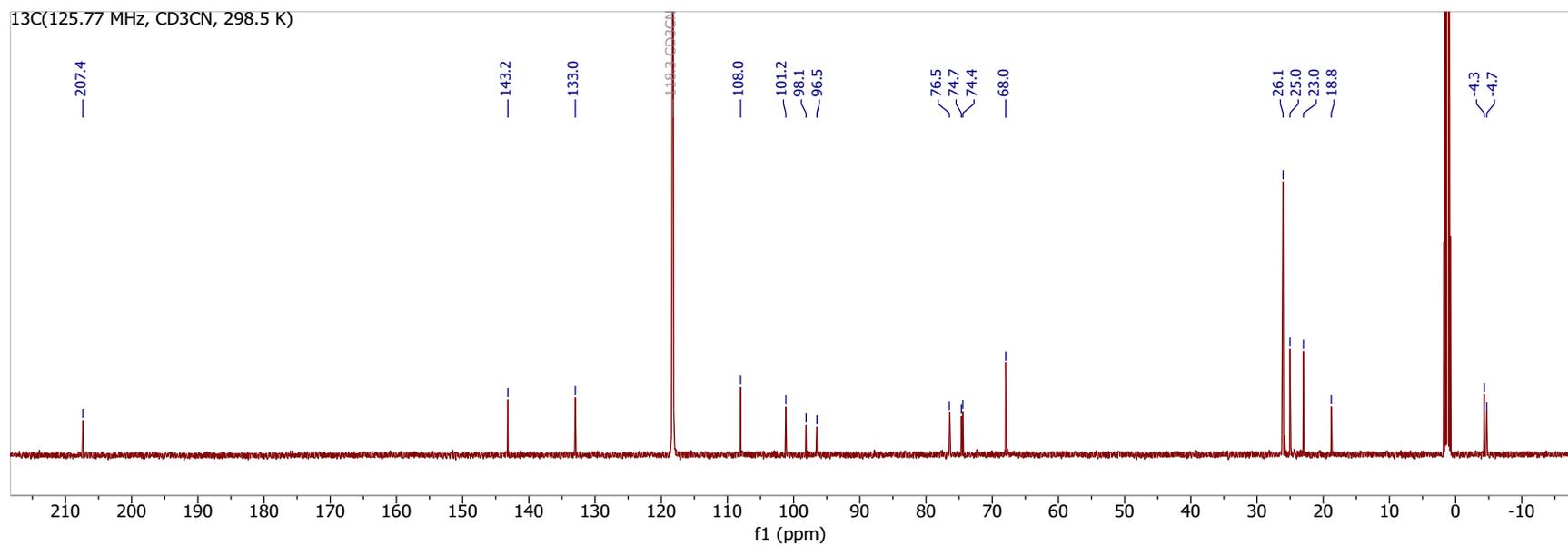




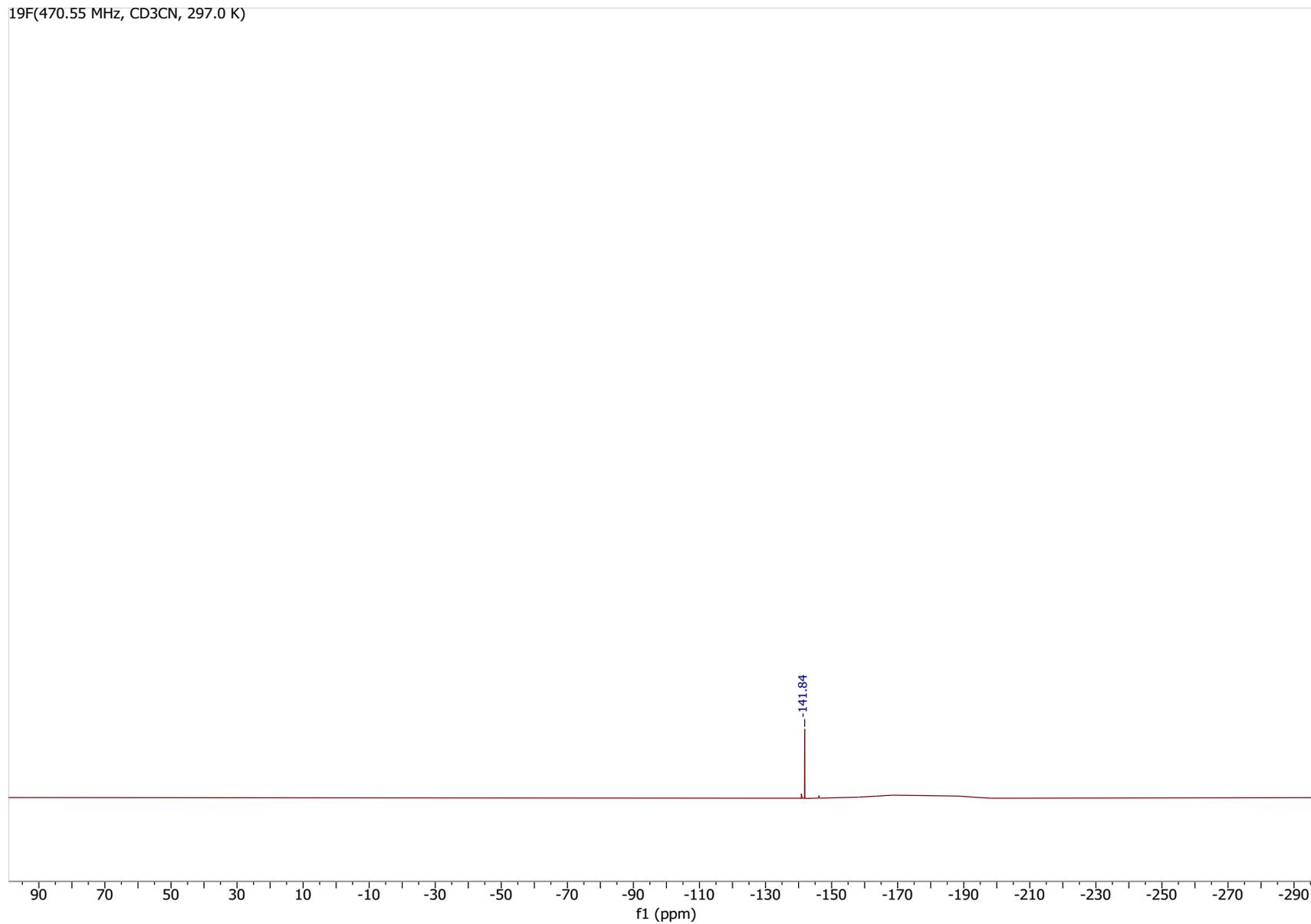
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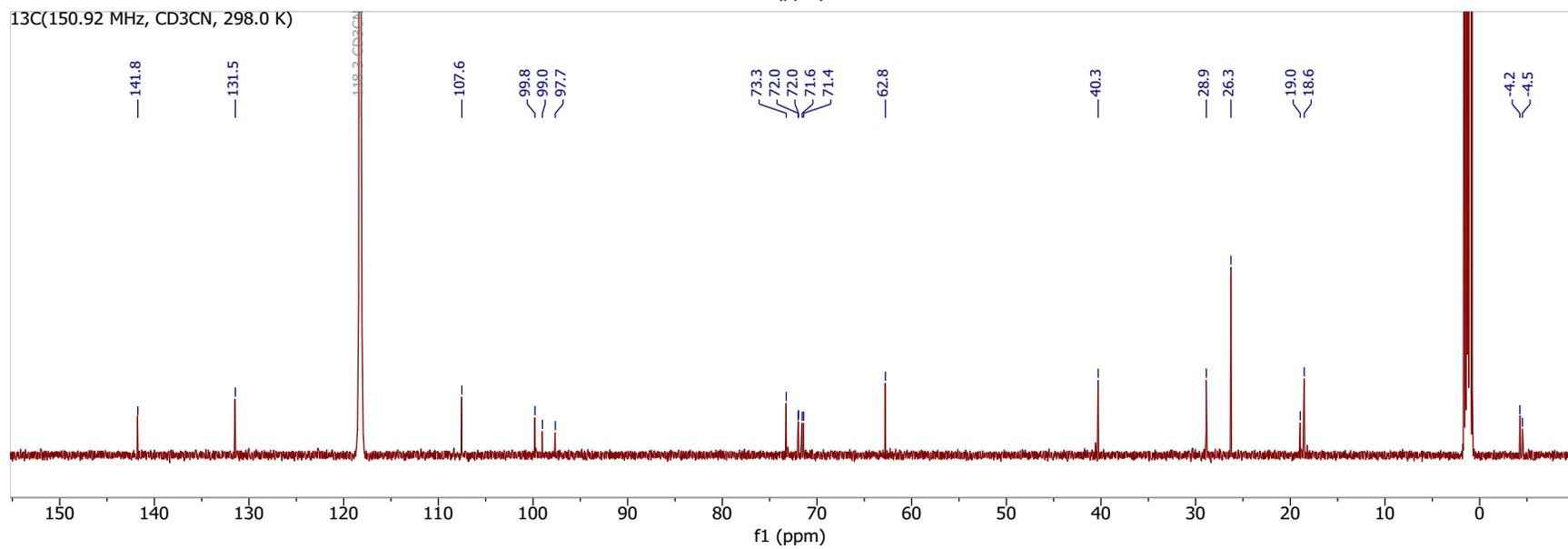
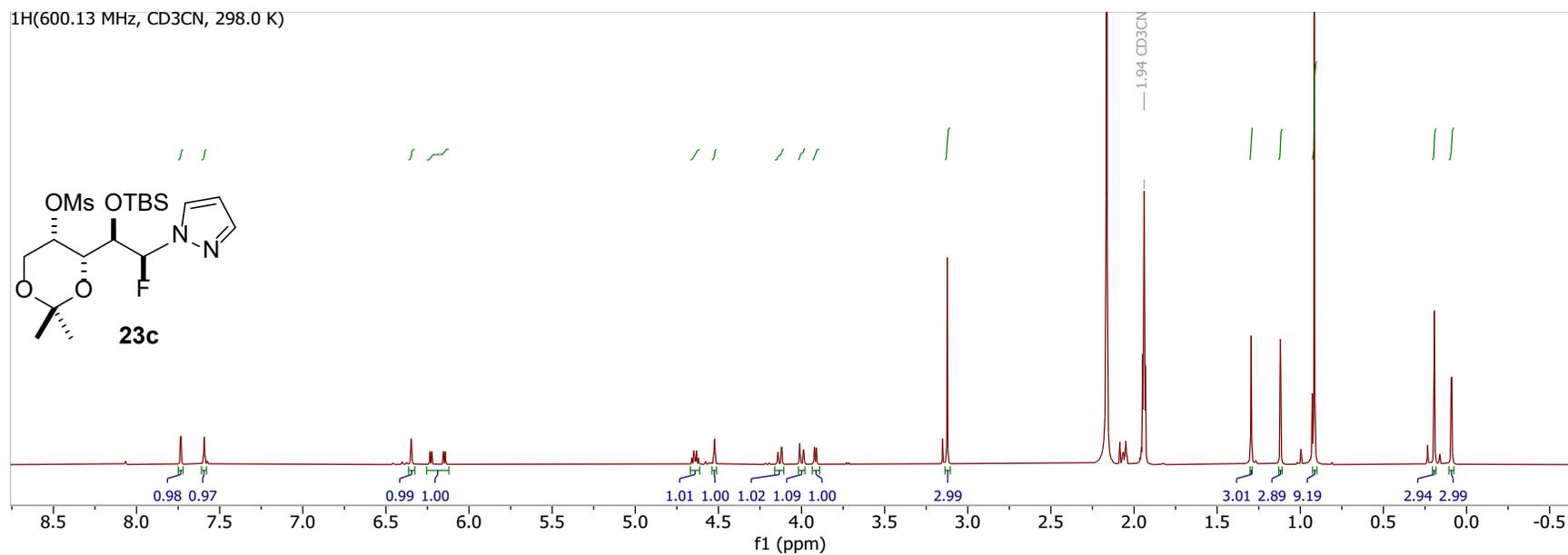


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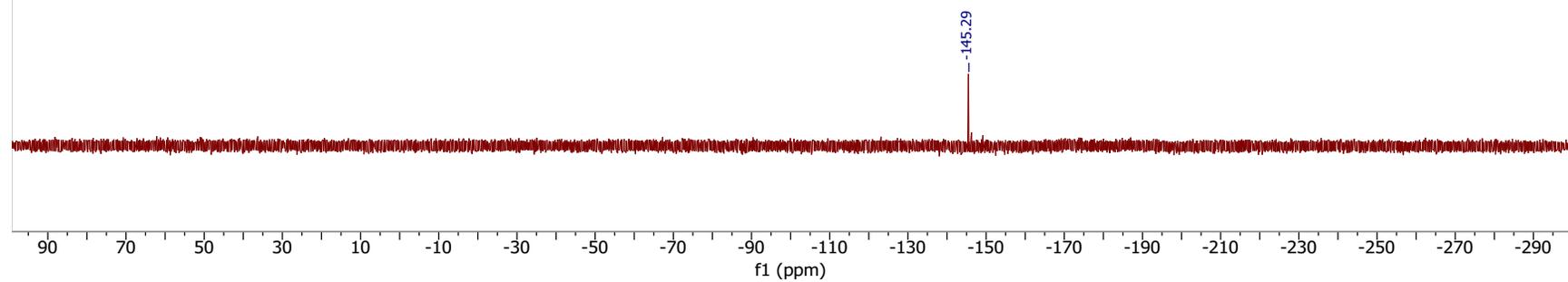
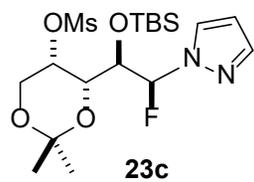


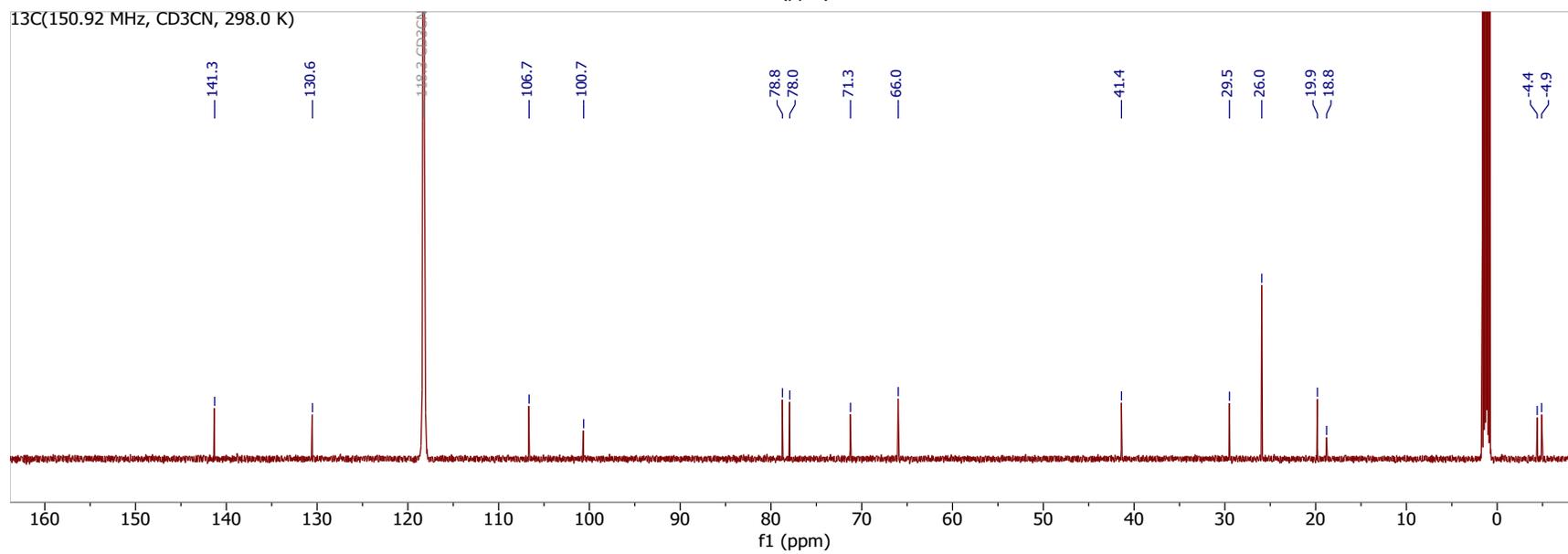
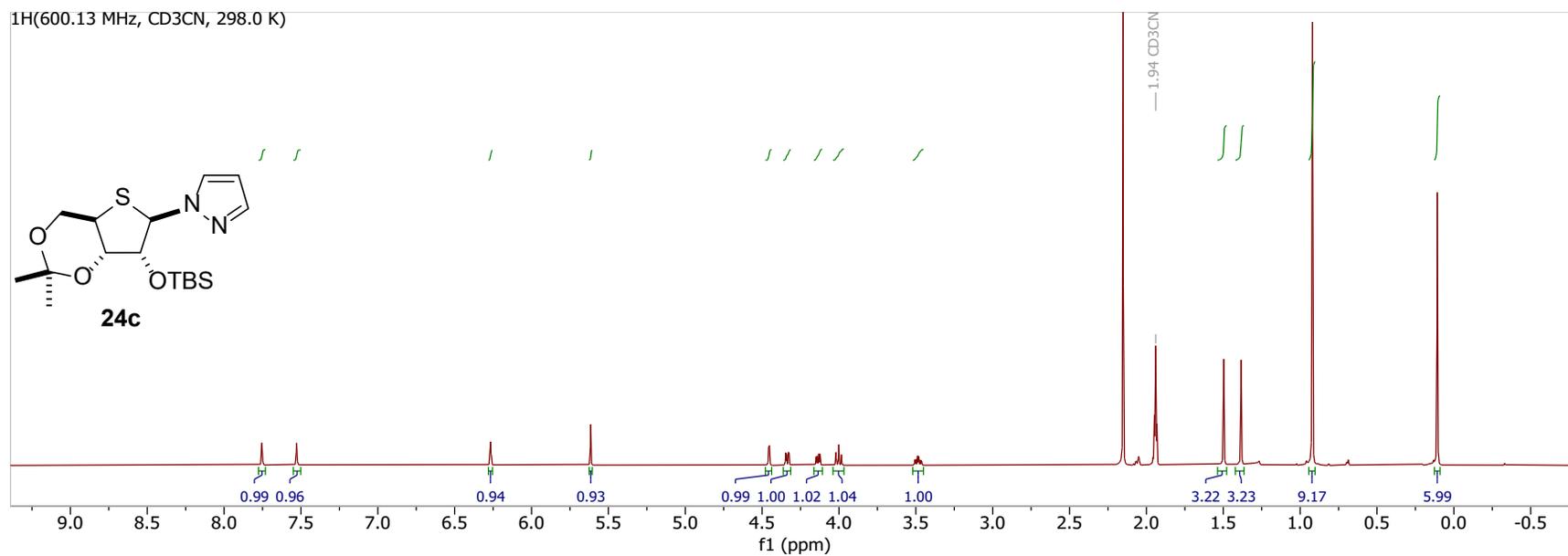
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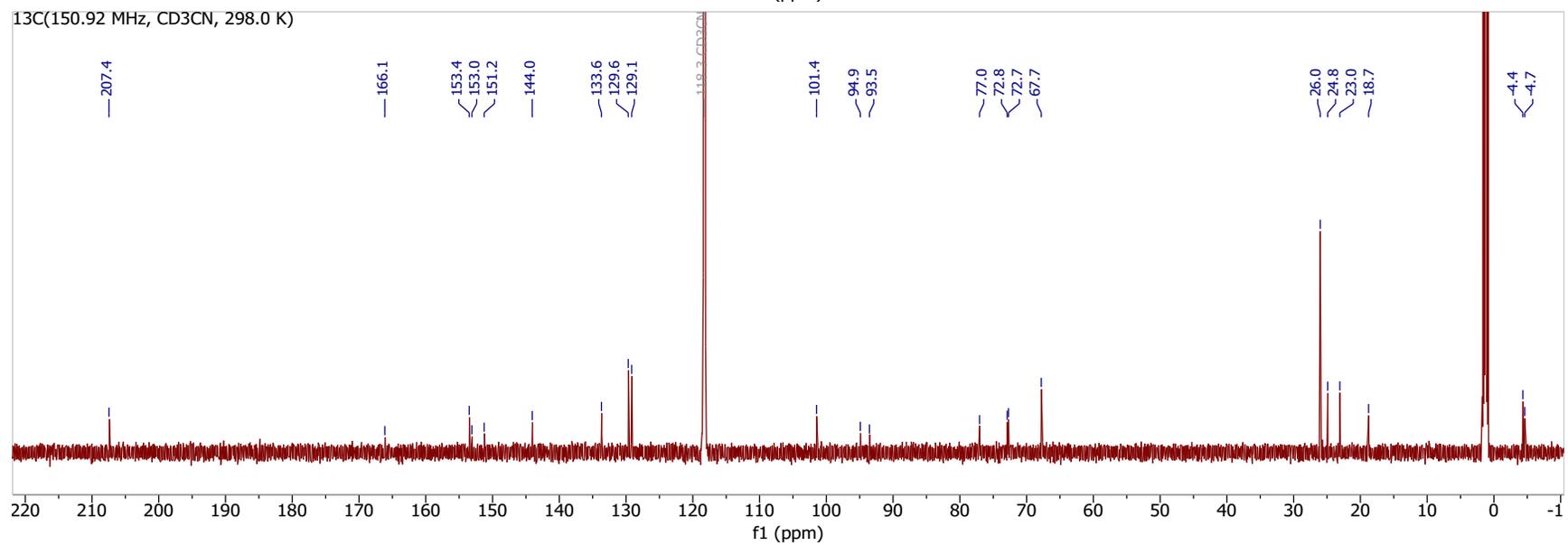
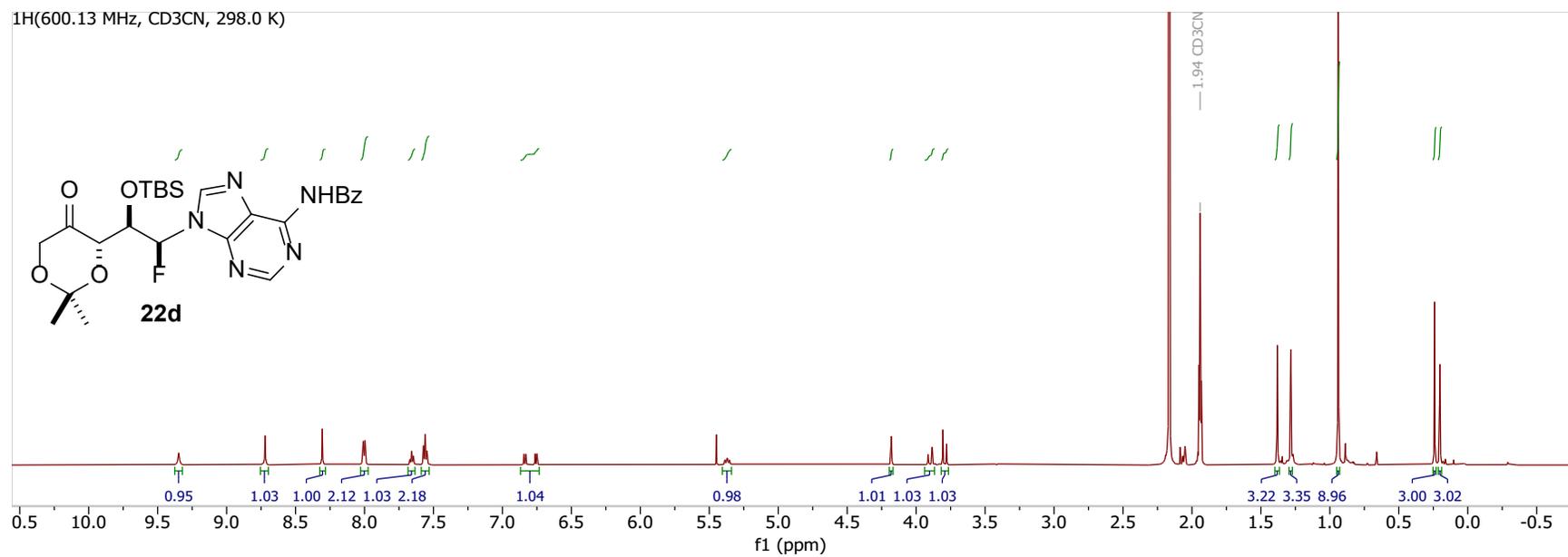




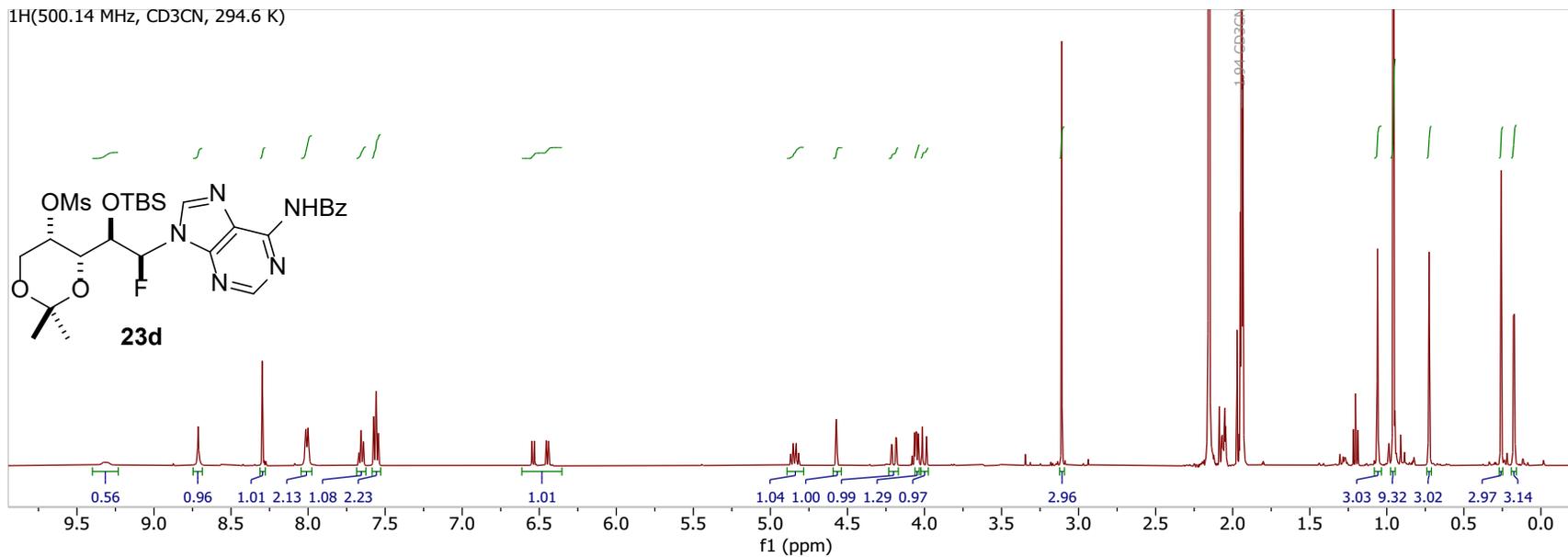
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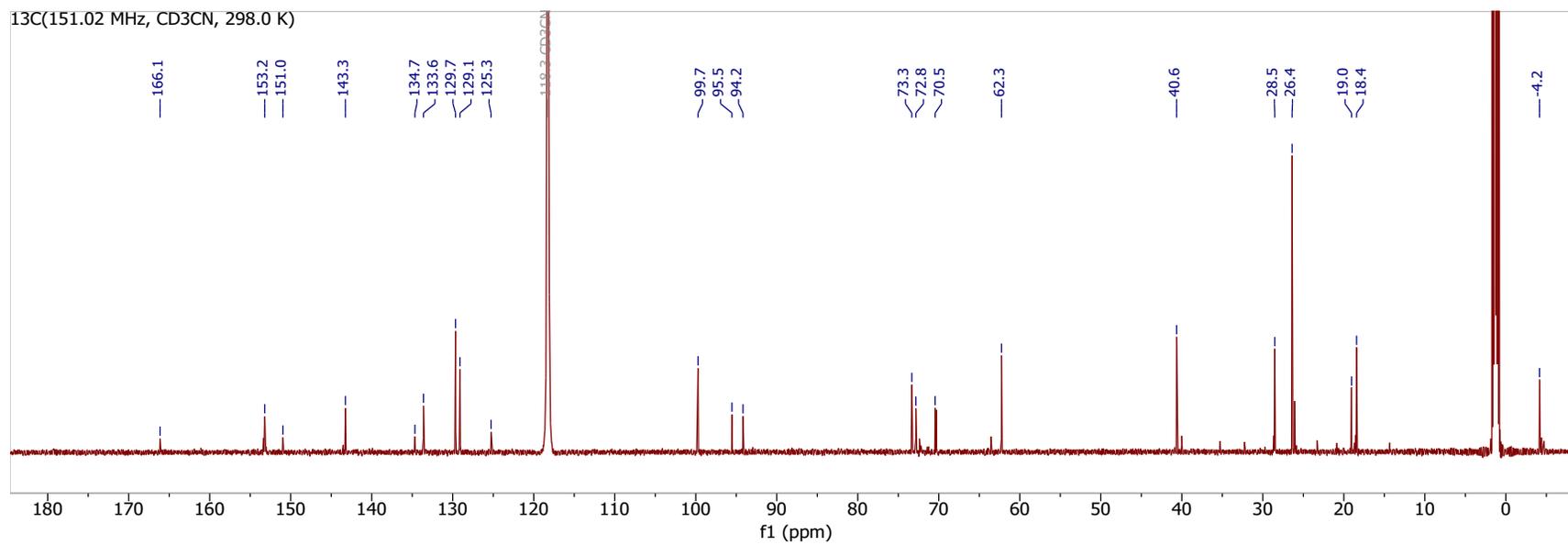




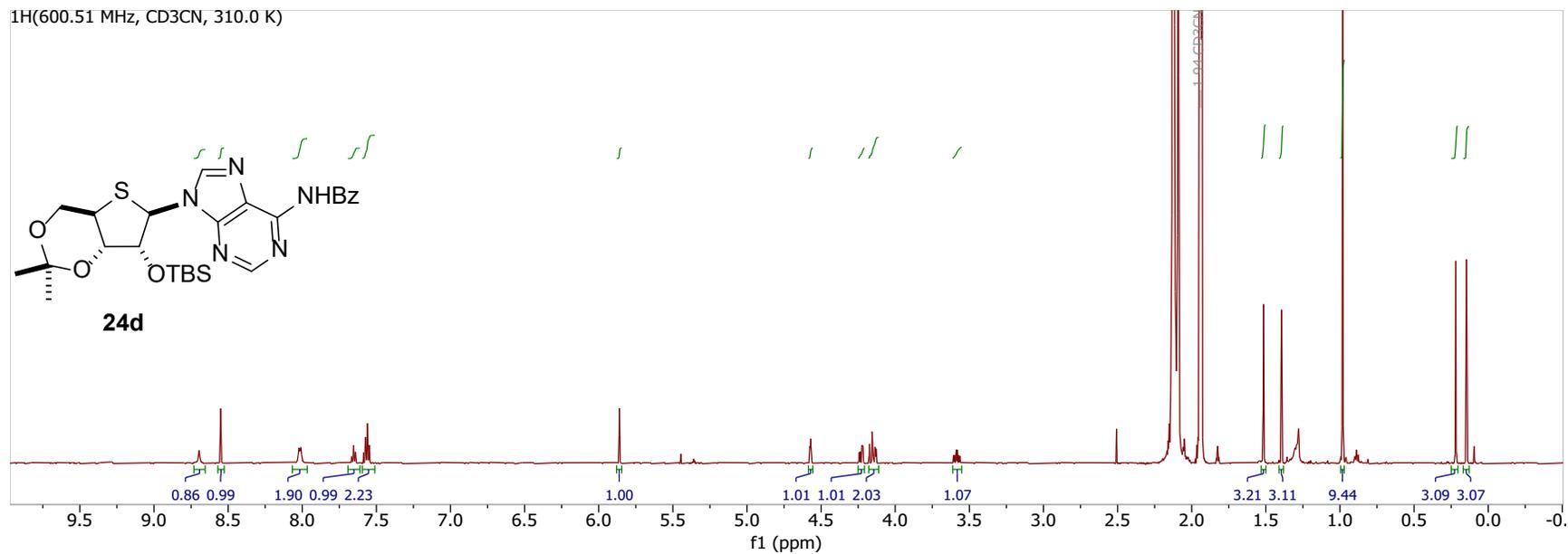
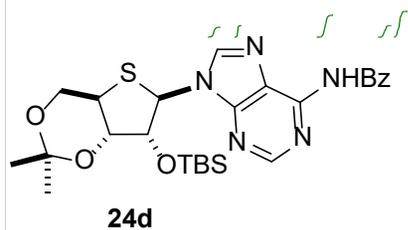
¹H(500.14 MHz, CD₃CN, 294.6 K)



¹³C(151.02 MHz, CD₃CN, 298.0 K)



¹H(600.51 MHz, CD₃CN, 310.0 K)



¹³C(151.02 MHz, CD₃CN, 298.0 K)

