

# Supporting Materials: Application of Heterogeneous Catalysts in the First Steps of the Oseltamivir Synthesis

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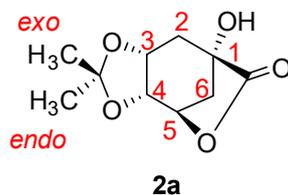
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## Materials and Methods

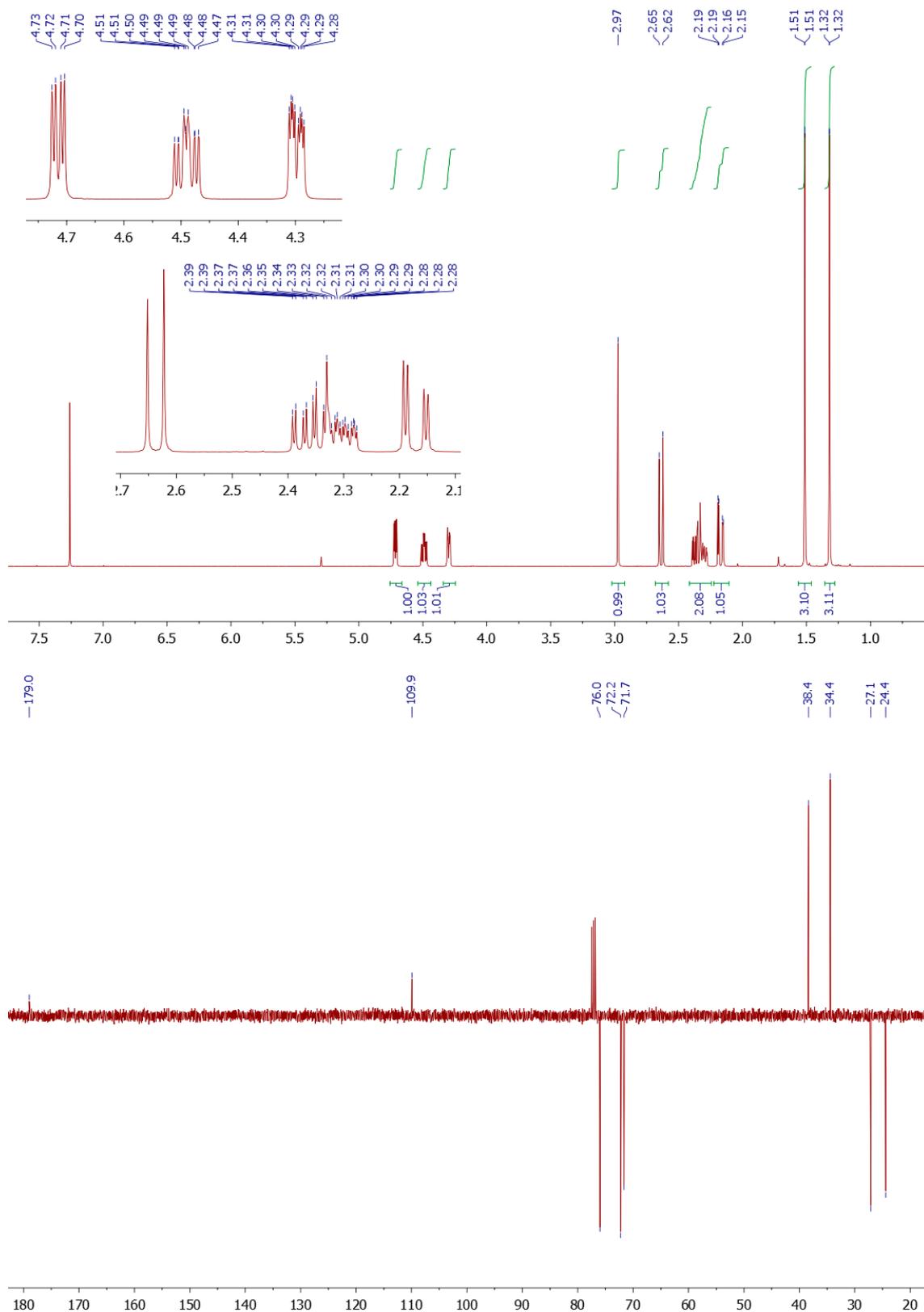
Amberlyst IR-15 (sulfonated polystyrene macroreticular resin, 20% divinylbenzene, 4.7 mmol S/g) was purchased from Alfa Aesar. Deloxan ASP I/9 (polysiloxane supported alkyl sulfonic acid 0.1–0.4 mm particle size, 0.80 mmol S/g) was a gift from Degussa (currently not commercially available). SAC-13 (nafion-silica composite, 13% wt nafion content, 0.17 mmol S/g) was a gift from Dupont (currently not commercially available).

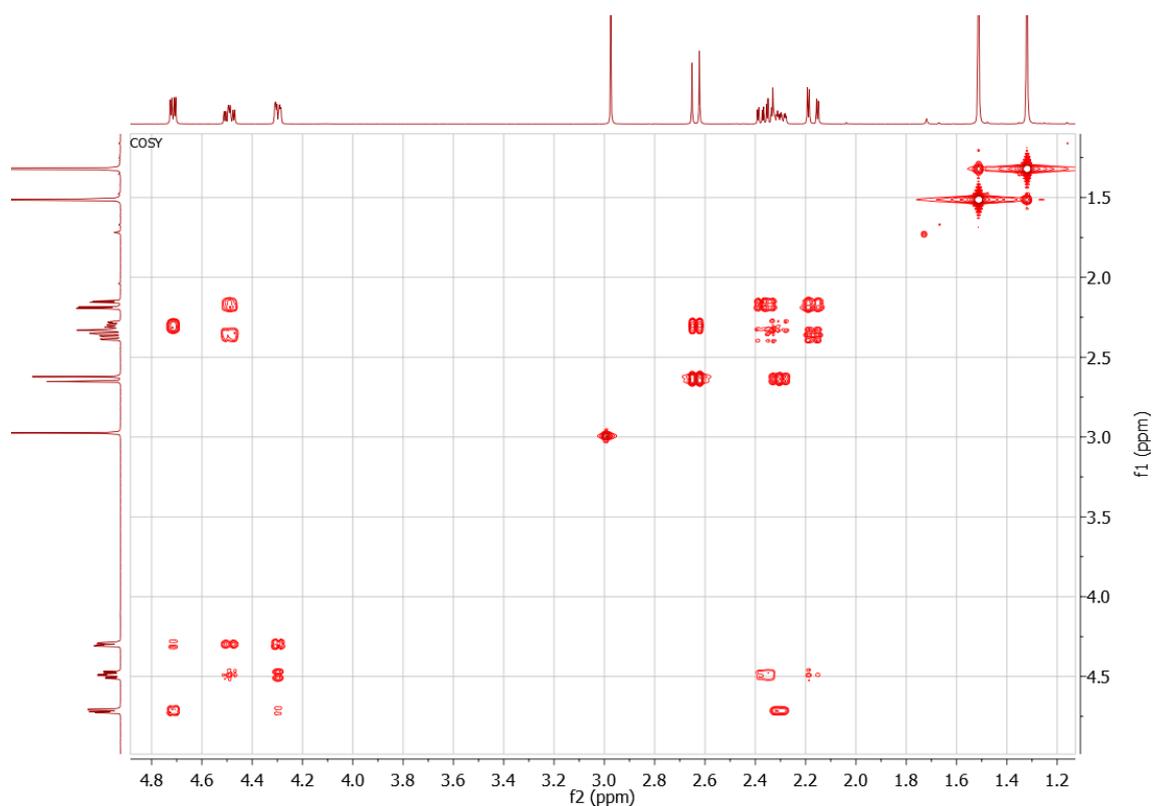
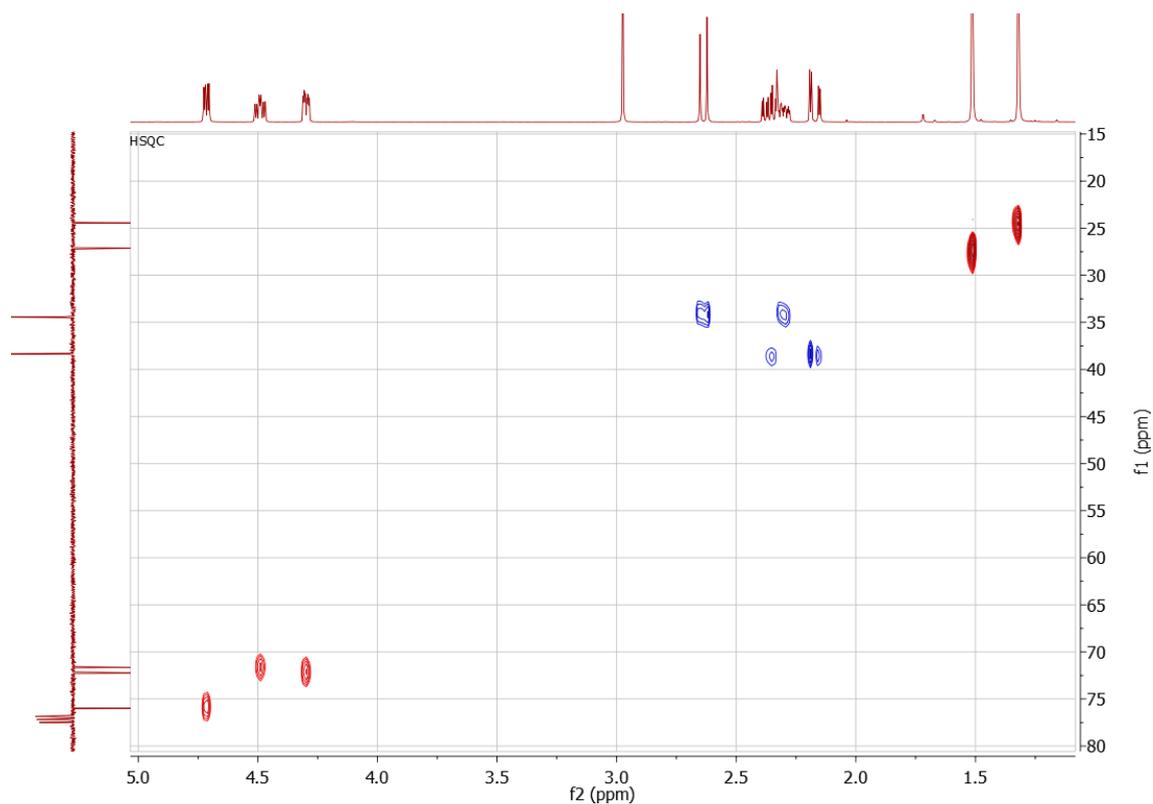
Sulfonated hydrothermal carbon (SHTC, 0.80 mmol S/g) was prepared in two steps from D-glucose, first a hydrothermal synthesis at 195 °C and then sulfonation with concentrated sulfuric acid at 150 °C, as previously described [1]. Amberlite IRA-400 (trimethylbenzylammonium substituted gel type polystyrene resin, 8% divinylbenzene, basic form, 3.8 mmol/g) was purchased from Carlo Erba. TBD-PS (1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene supported on gel type polystyrene, 1% divinylbenzene, 3.0 mmol/g) and TBD-SiO<sub>2</sub> (1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene supported on silica gel, 0.7 mmol/g) were purchased from Aldrich. All the catalysts were dried at 100 °C under vacuum overnight prior to use.

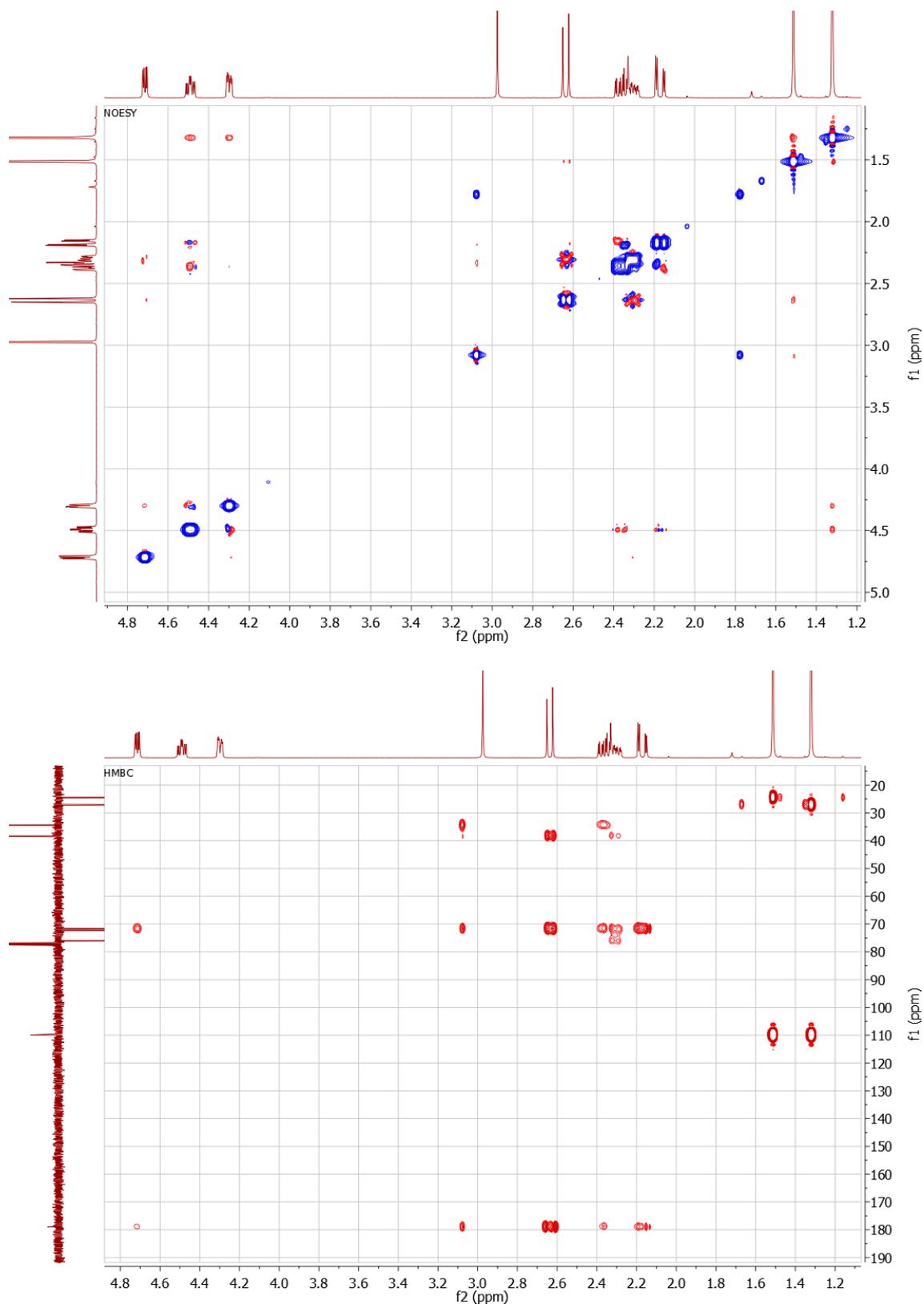
Solvents were dried following standard procedures and all the reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere.

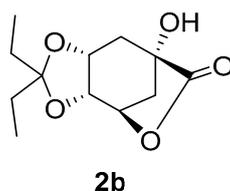


**3,4-O-Isopropylidenequinic acid 1,5-lactone (2a)** [2,3]. To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in acetone (4 mL) was added SHTC (13 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (364 mg, 430  $\mu$ L, 3.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 56 °C for 3 h, then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 6:4, R<sub>f</sub> 0.3), affording the compound **2a** (179 mg, 84 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ <sub>H</sub> 1.32 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 1.51 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 2.17 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.9 Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.30 (1H, dddd, *J* = 11.7, 6.2, 2.3, 1.4 Hz, H<sub>6eq</sub>), 2.36 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.7, 7.1, 2.3 Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.64 (1H, d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, H<sub>6ax</sub>), 2.97 (1H, br s, OH), 4.30 (1H, ddd, *J* = 6.5, 2.5, 1.4 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.49 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.2, 7.0, 3.2 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 34.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 38.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 71.7 (C<sub>3</sub>), 71.7 (C<sub>1</sub>), 72.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 76.0 (C<sub>5</sub>), 109.9 (C<sub>isoprop.</sub>), 179.0 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 237.0733. Found: 237.0731.

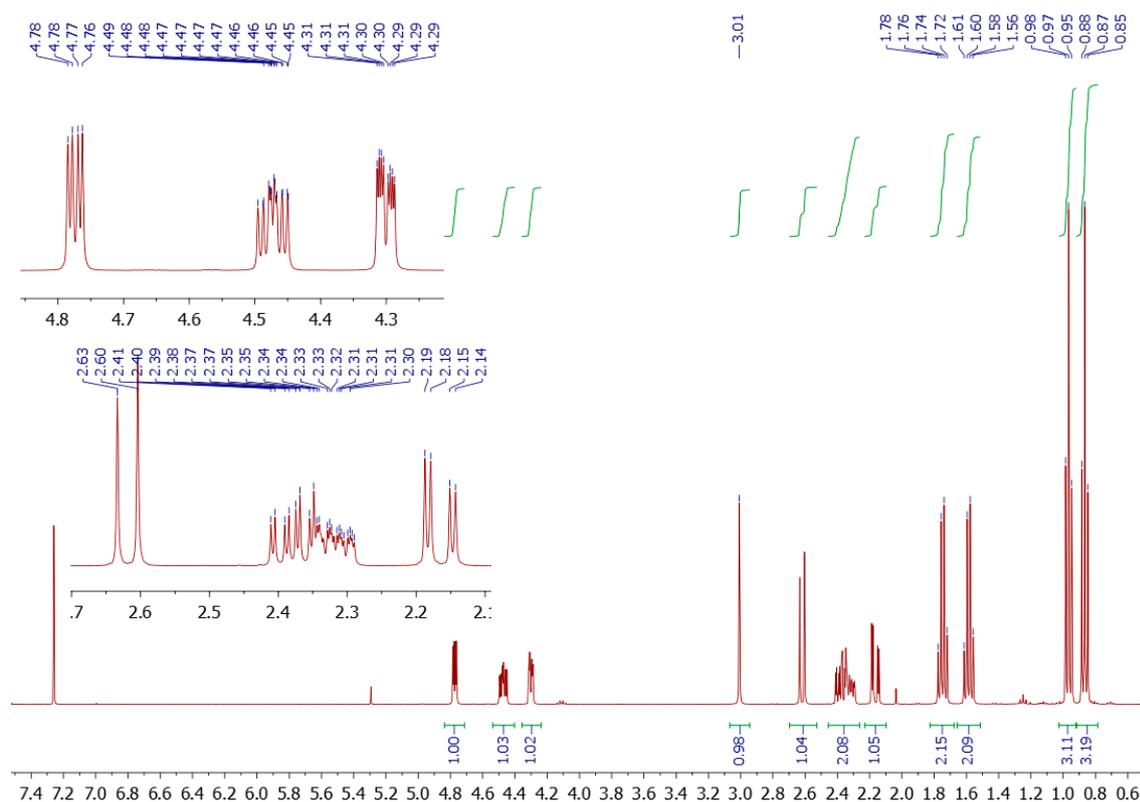


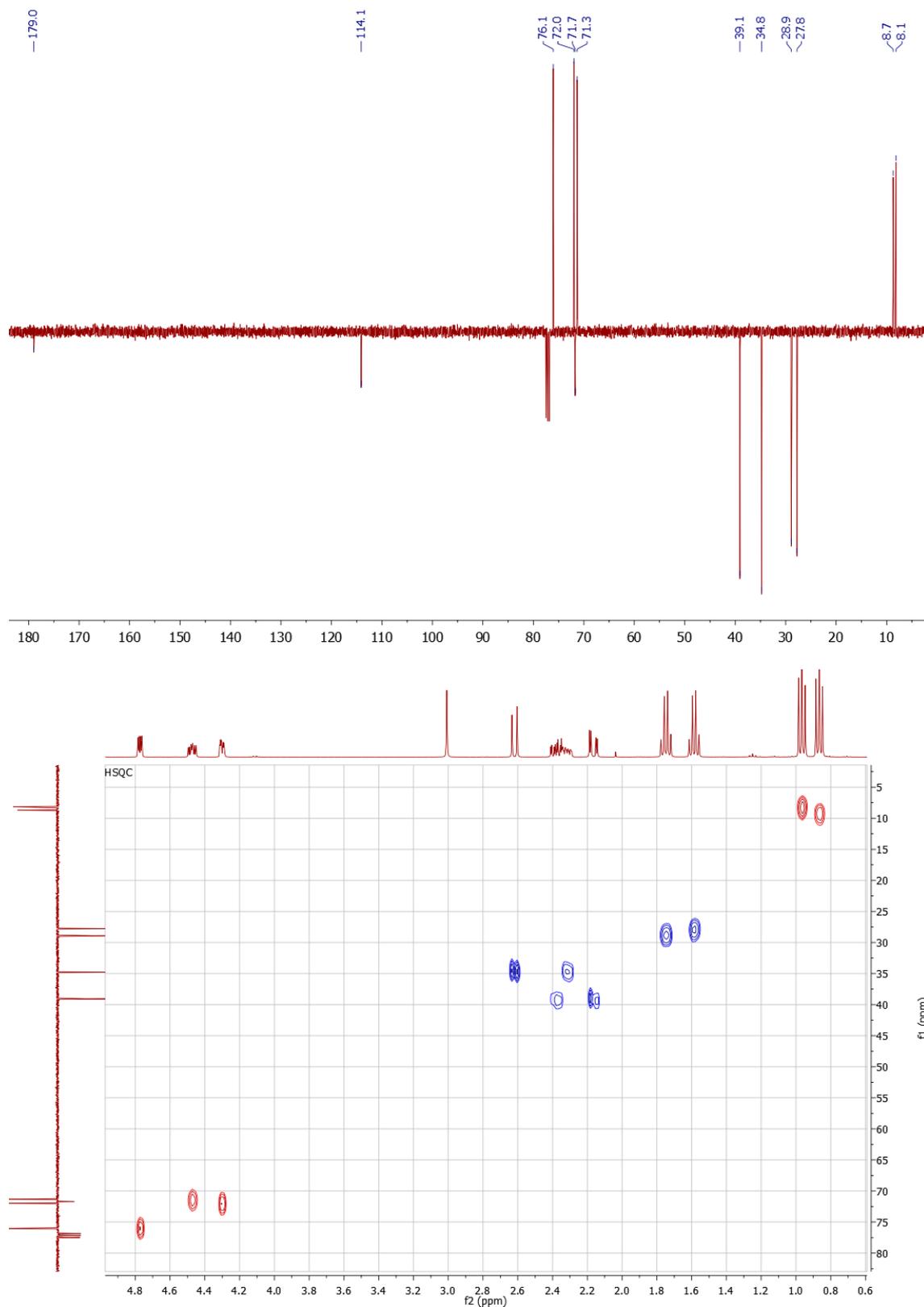


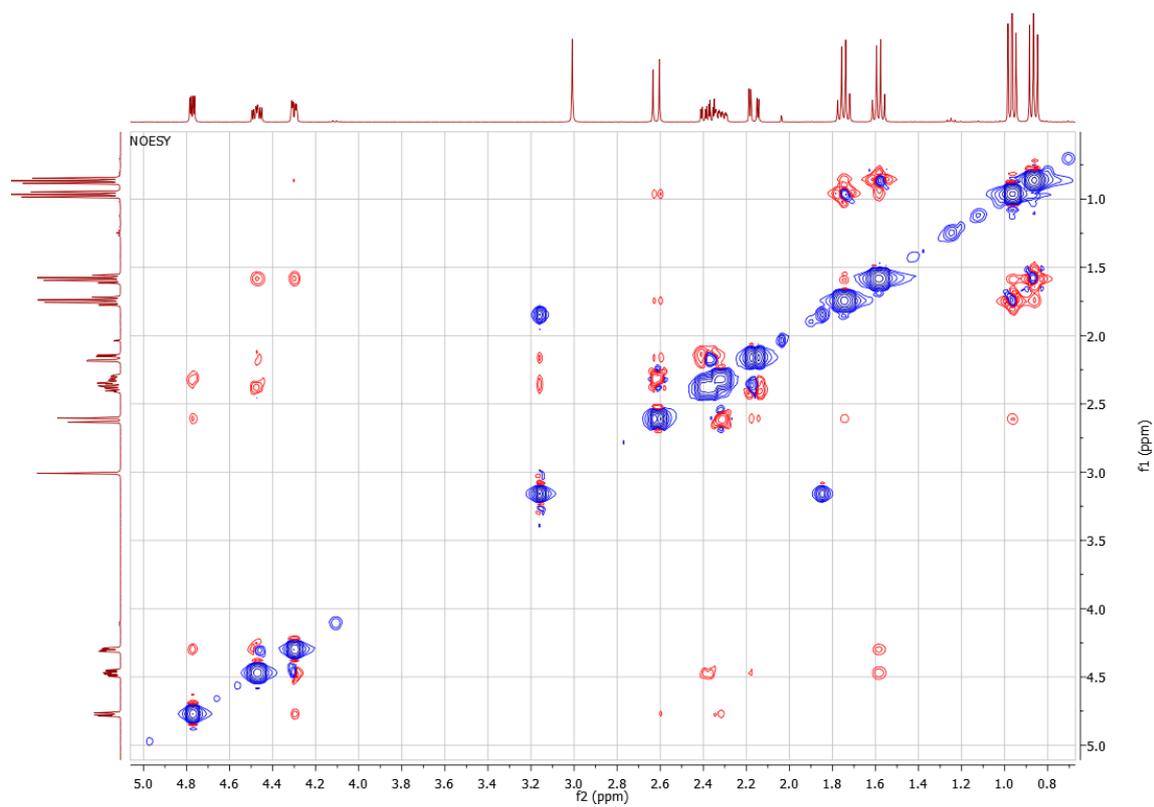
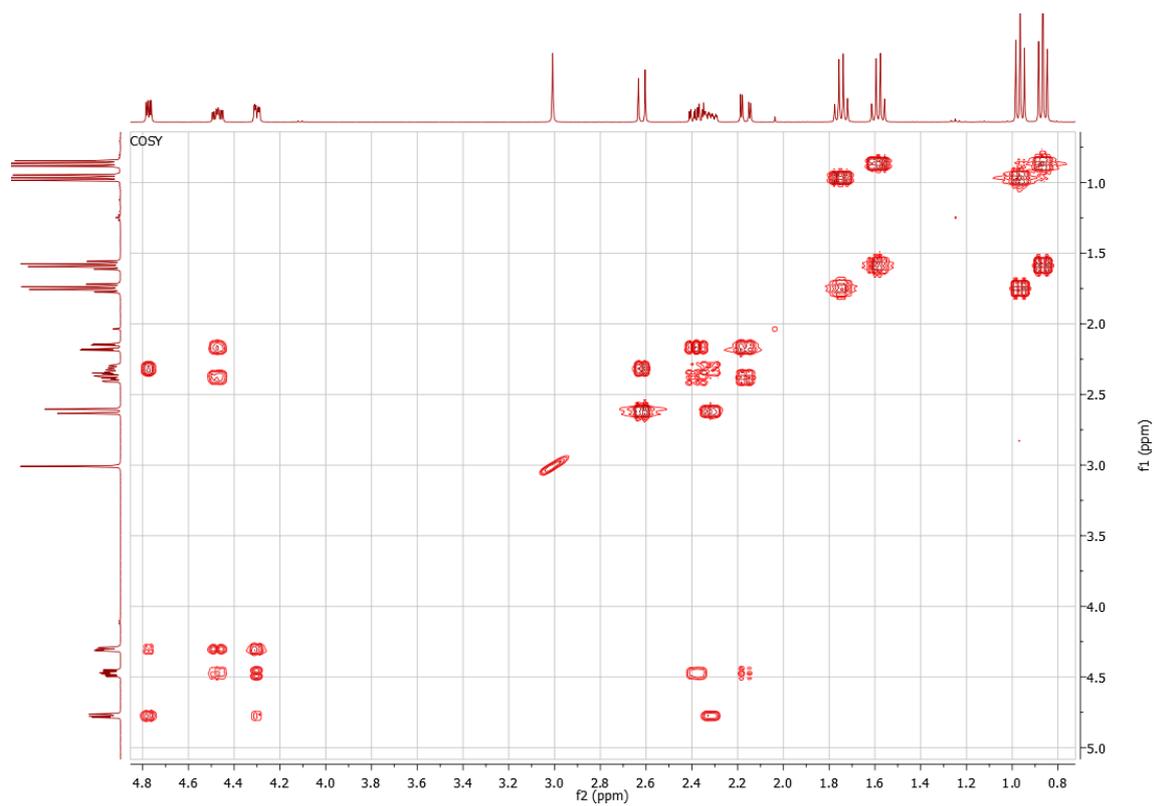


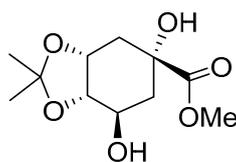
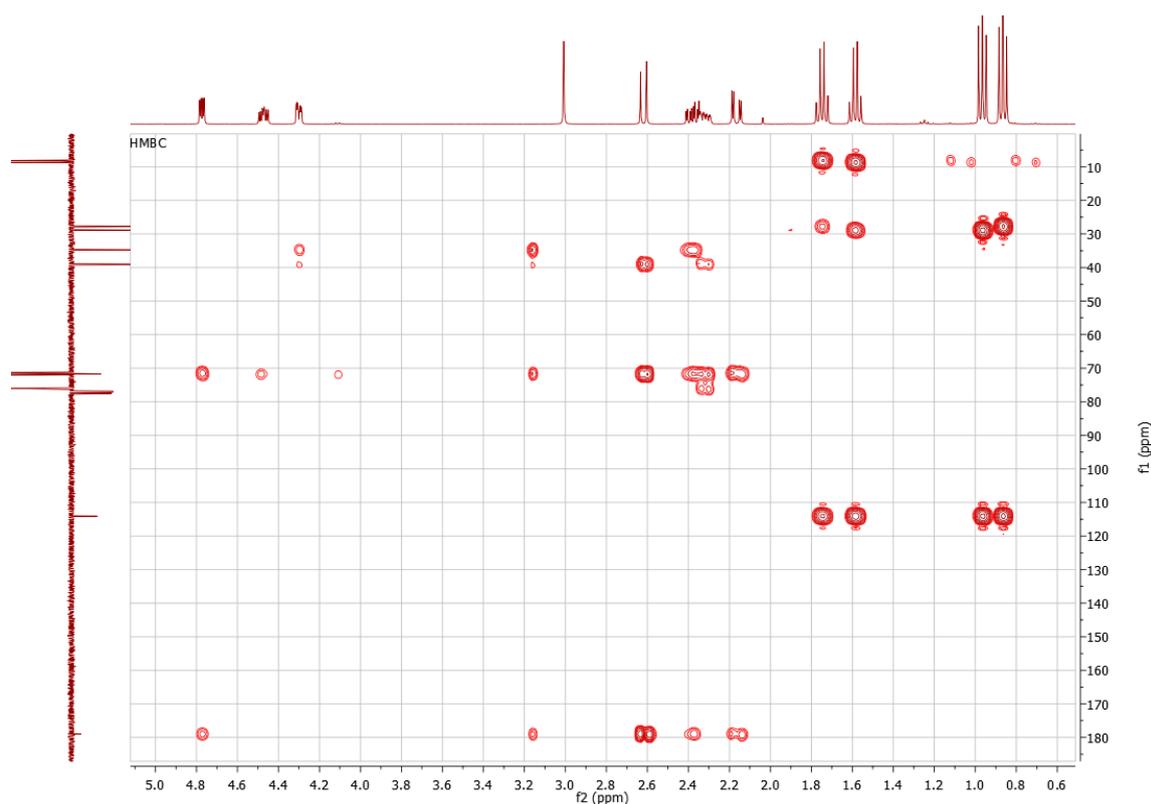


**3,4-O-Pent-2-ylidenequinic acid 1,5-lactone (2b)** [4]. To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in pentan-3-one (4 mL) was added deloxan (13 mg, 0.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 101 °C for 24 h, then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 6:4, Rf 0.3), affording the compound **2b** (230 mg, 95 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 0.87 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 0.97 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 1.59 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 1.75 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 2.17 (1H, dd, J = 14.4, 3.3 Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.32 (1H, dddd, J = 11.8, 6.2, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, H<sub>6eq</sub>), 2.38 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 8.1, 2.7 Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.62 (1H, d, J = 11.8 Hz, H<sub>6ax</sub>), 3.01 (1H, br s, OH), 4.30 (1H, ddd, J = 6.5, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.47 (1H, ddd, J = 8.1, 6.5, 2.7 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.77 (1H, dd, J = 6.2, 2.7 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>C</sub> 8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 8.7 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 27.8 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub><sub>exo</sub>), 28.9 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub><sub>endo</sub>), 34.8 (C6), 39.1 (C2), 71.3 (C3), 71.7 (C1), 72.0 (C4), 76.1 (C5), 114.1 (C<sub>pentylid.</sub>), 179.0 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 265.1046. Found: 265.1040.

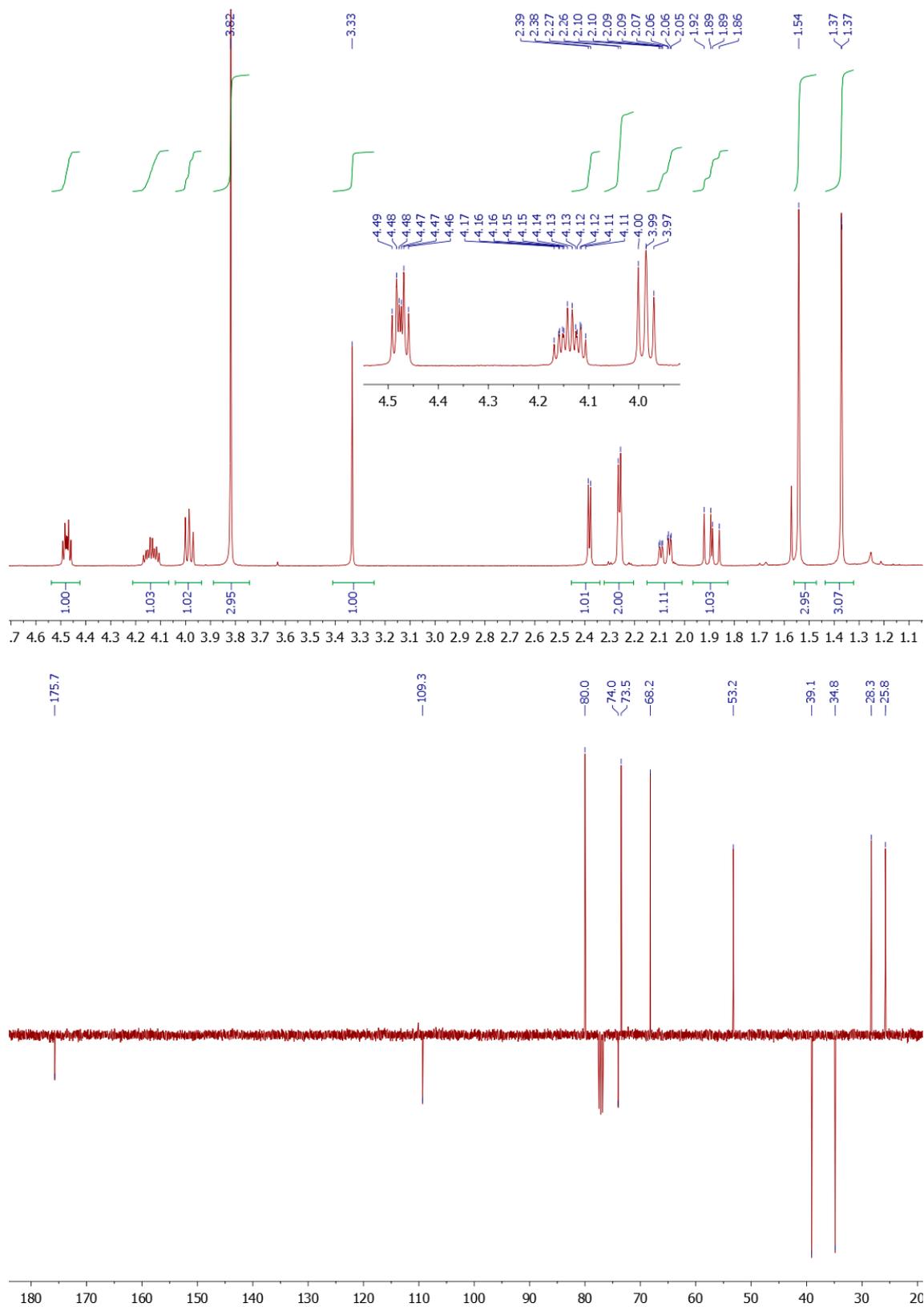


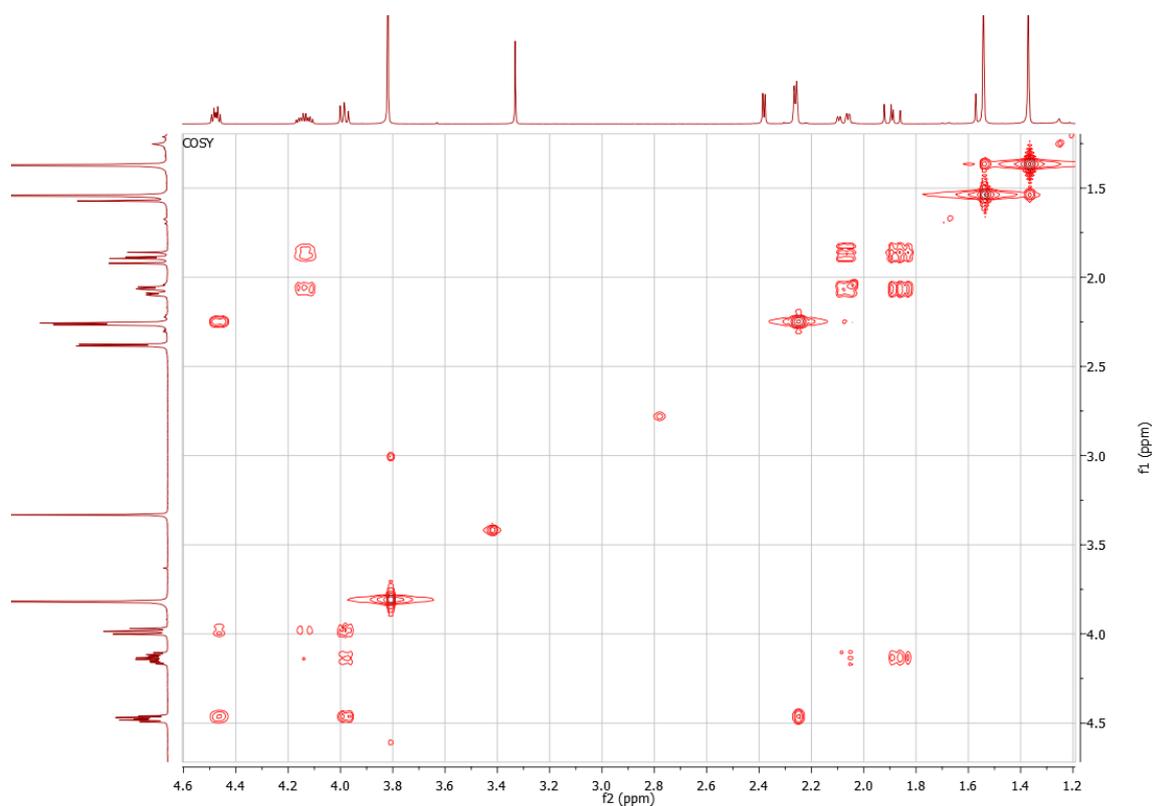


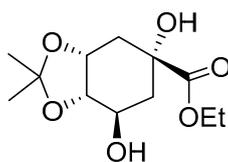
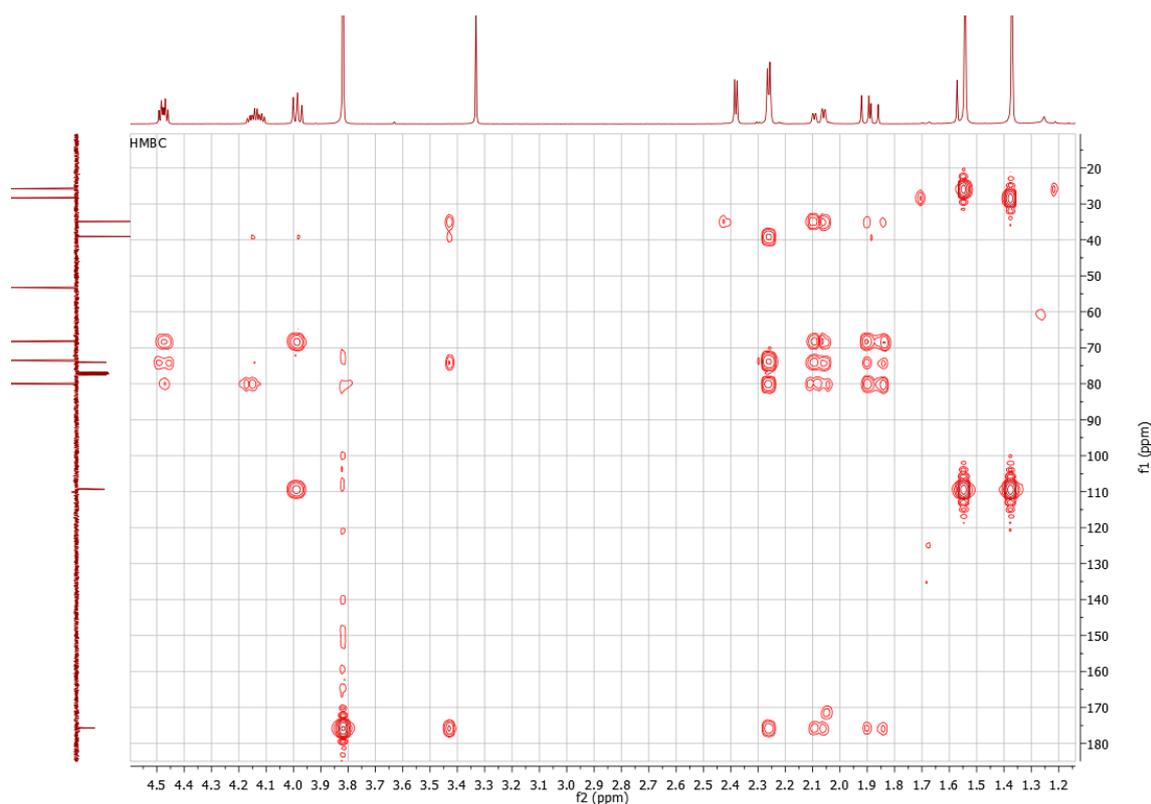


**3aa**

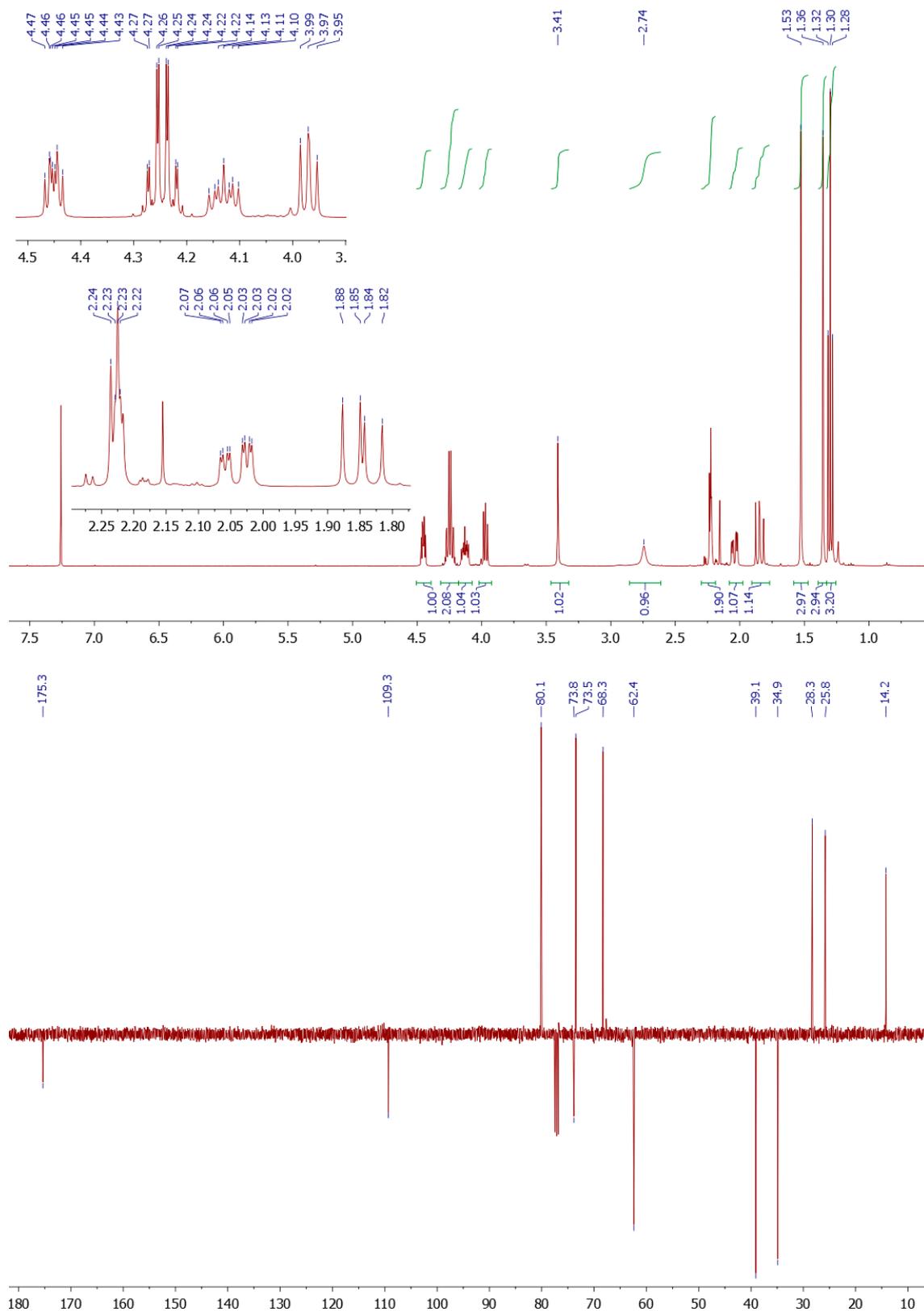
**Methyl 3,4-*O*-isopropylidenequininate (3aa)** [2]. To a solution of 3,4-*O*-isopropylidenequininic acid 1,5-lactone (**2a**) (214 mg, 1 mmol) in methanol (4 mL) was added TBD-PS (33 mg, 0.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 48 h, then the catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 4:6, R<sub>f</sub> 0.3), affording the compound **3aa** (226 mg, 92 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 1.37 (3H, s, CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 1.54 (3H, s, CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 1.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.7, 10.7 Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.2 Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.26 (2H, m, H<sub>6</sub>), 2.39 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, CHOH), 3.33 (1H, br s, OH), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.7 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.14 (1H, dddd, *J* = 10.7, 6.4, 4.2, 3.7 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.48 (1H, dt, *J* = 5.7, 3.7 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>C</sub> 25.8 (CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 34.8 (C<sub>6</sub>), 39.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 68.2 (C<sub>3</sub>), 73.5 (C<sub>5</sub>), 74.0 (C<sub>1</sub>), 80.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 109.3 (C<sub>isoprop.</sub>), 175.7 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: 269.0996. Found: 269.1009.

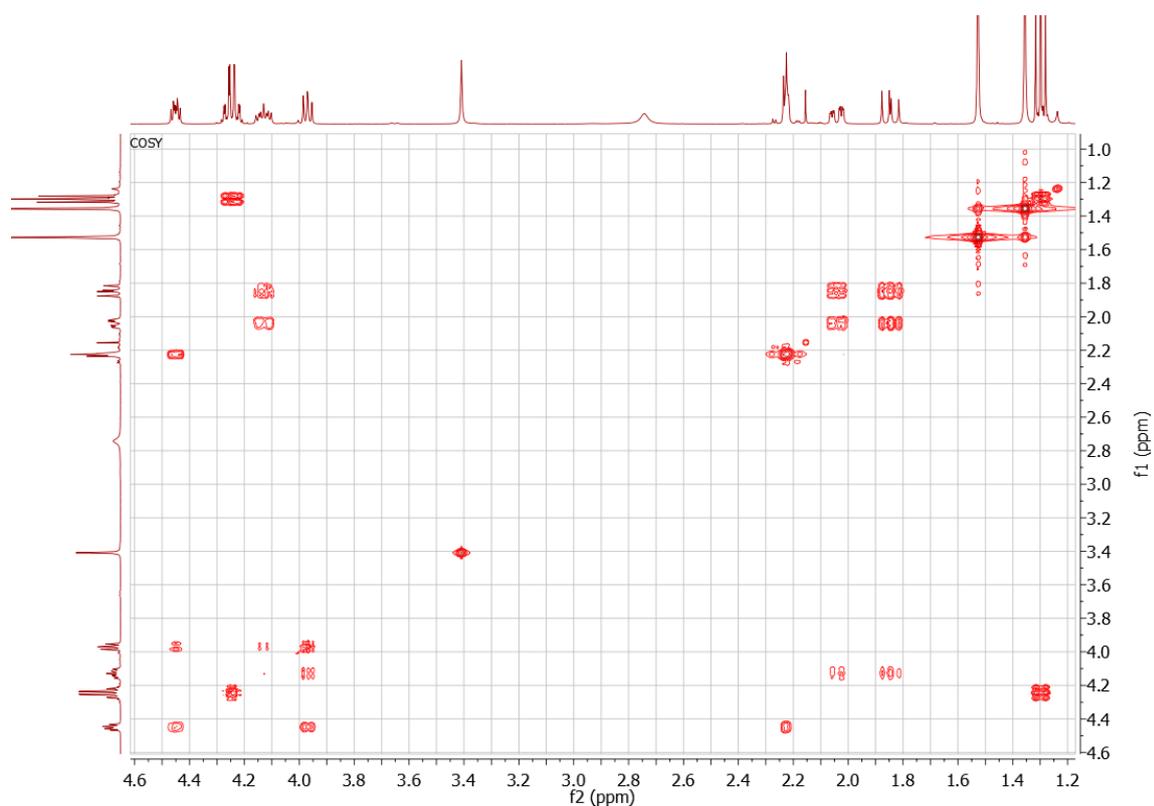
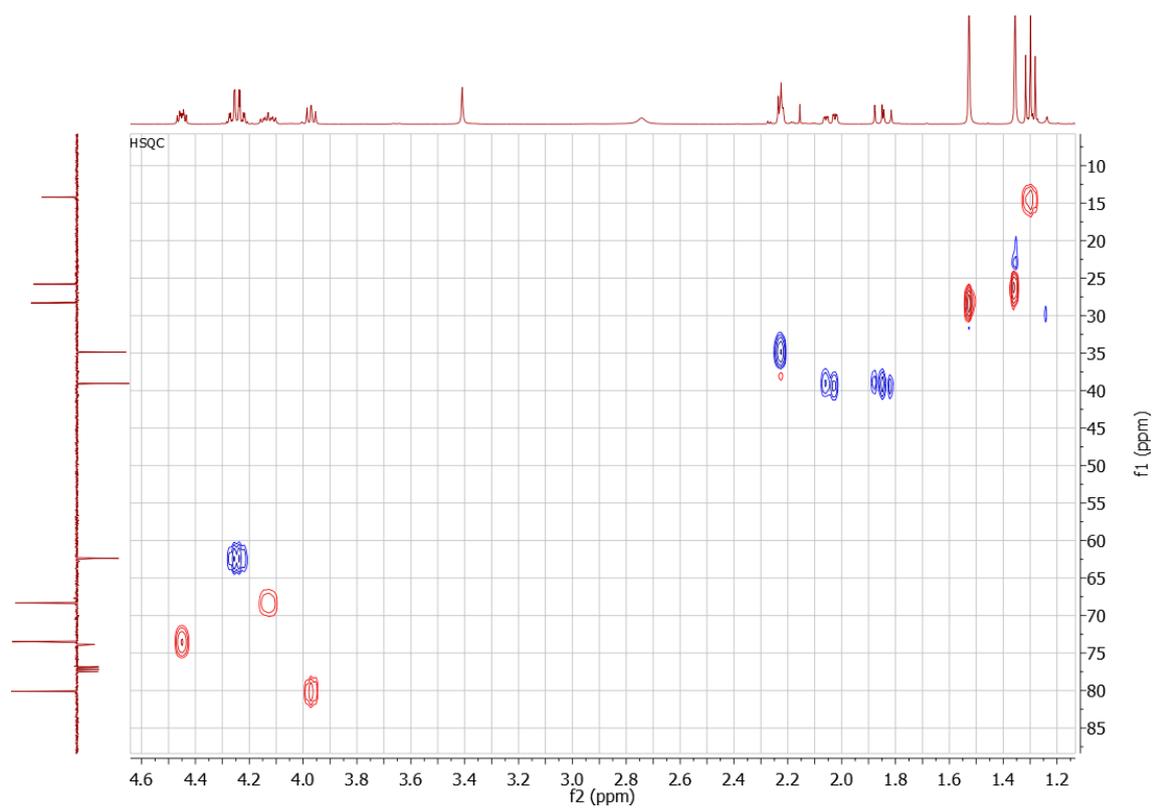


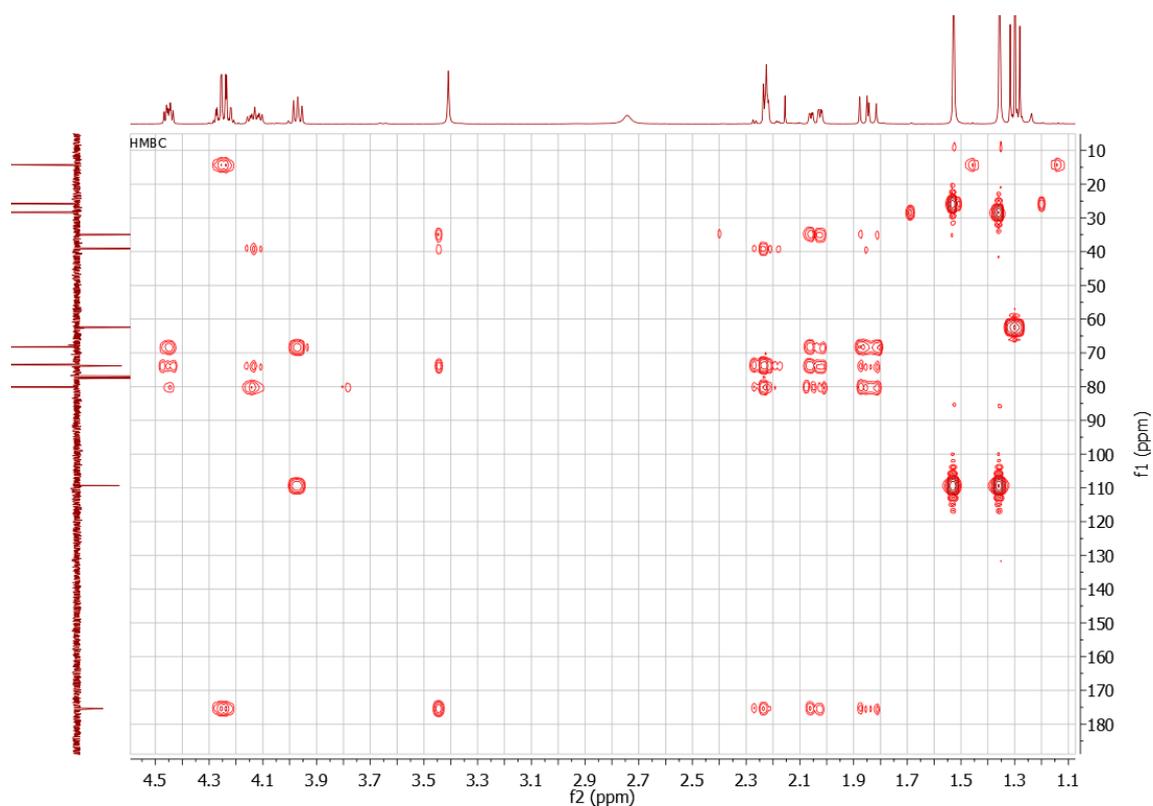
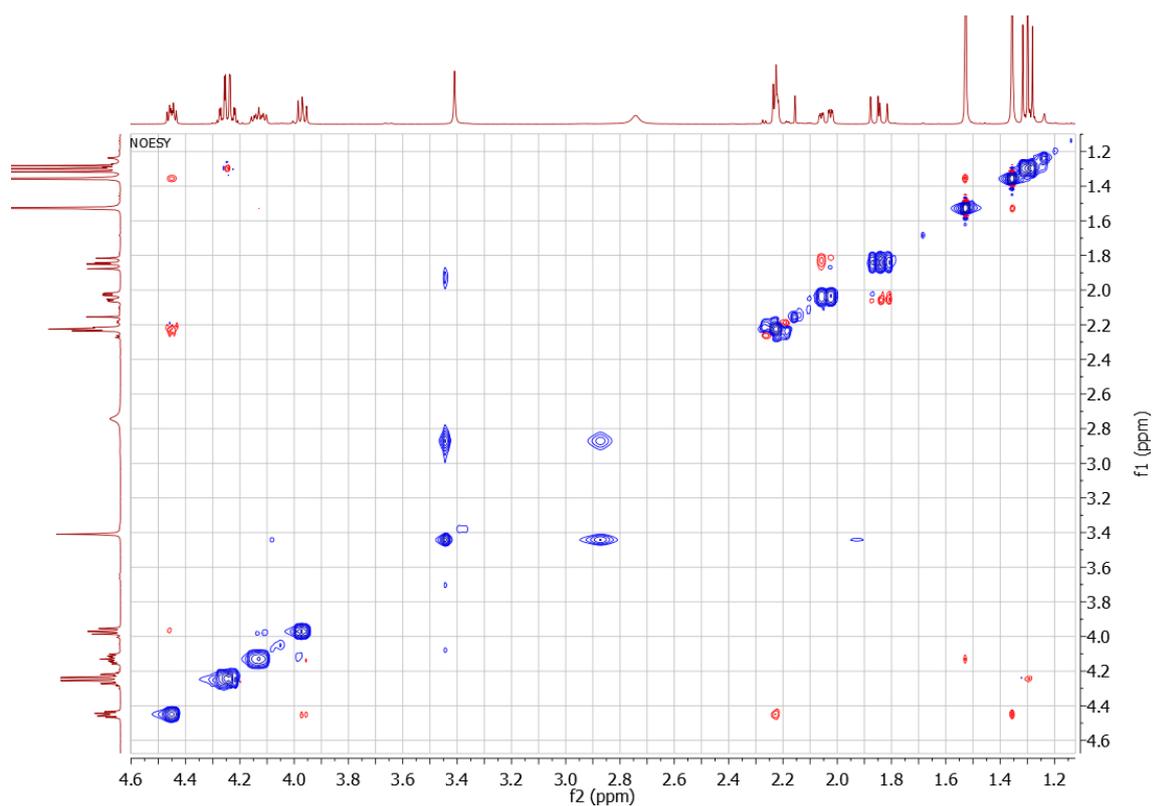


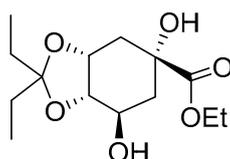
**3ab**

**Ethyl 3,4-*O*-isopropylidenequininate (3ab).** To a solution of 3,4-*O*-isopropylidenequininic acid 1,5-lactone (**2a**) (214 mg, 1 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was added TBD-PS (33 mg, 0.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 48 h, then the catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 4:6, R<sub>f</sub> 0.3), affording the compound **3ab** (215 mg, 83 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 1.30 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (3H, s, CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 1.53 (3H, s, CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 1.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.6, 11.0 Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.04 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.6, 4.3, 1.5 Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.16–2.27 (2H, m, H<sub>6</sub>), 2.74 (1H, br s, OH), 3.41 (1H, br s, OH), 3.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.7 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.13 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 6.4, 4.0 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.24 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.6, 7.1 Hz, OCHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.6, 7.1 Hz, OCHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.45 (1H, ddd, *J* = 5.7, 4.2, 3.6 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>C</sub> 14.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 34.9 (C<sub>6</sub>), 39.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 62.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.3 (C<sub>3</sub>), 73.5 (C<sub>5</sub>), 73.8 (C<sub>1</sub>), 80.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 109.3 (C<sub>isoprop.</sub>), 175.3 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: 283.1152. Found: 283.1154.

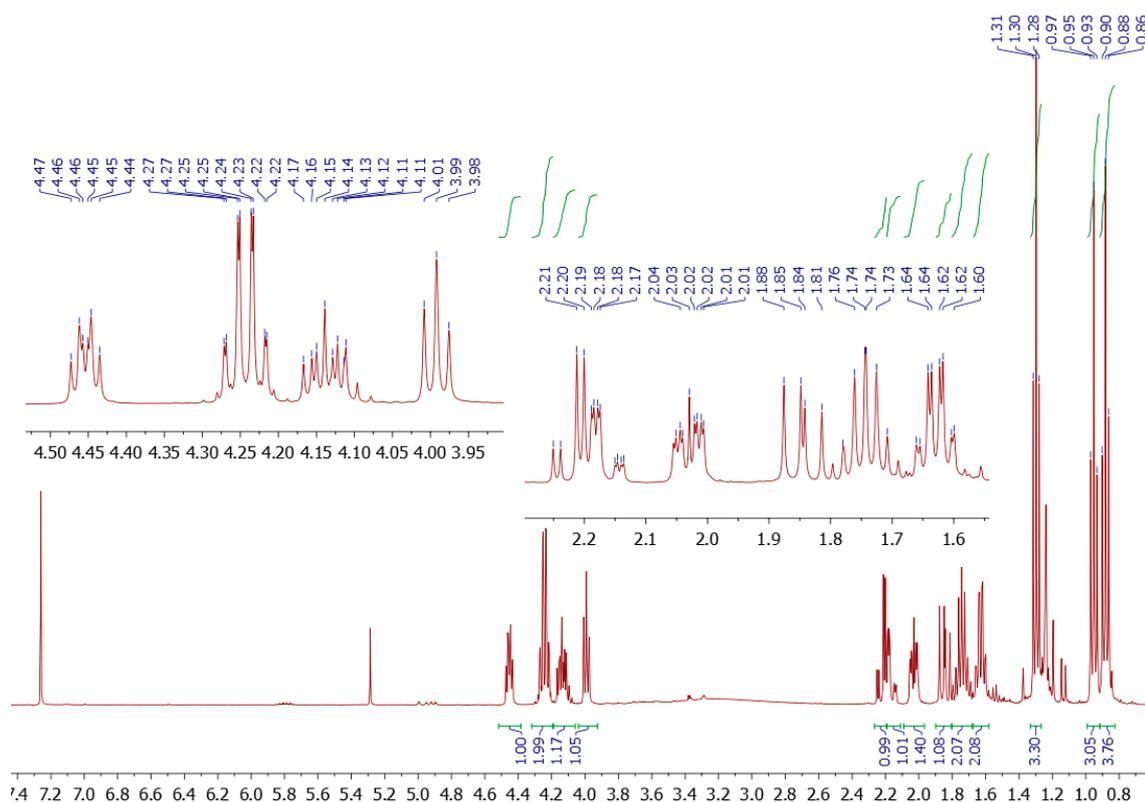


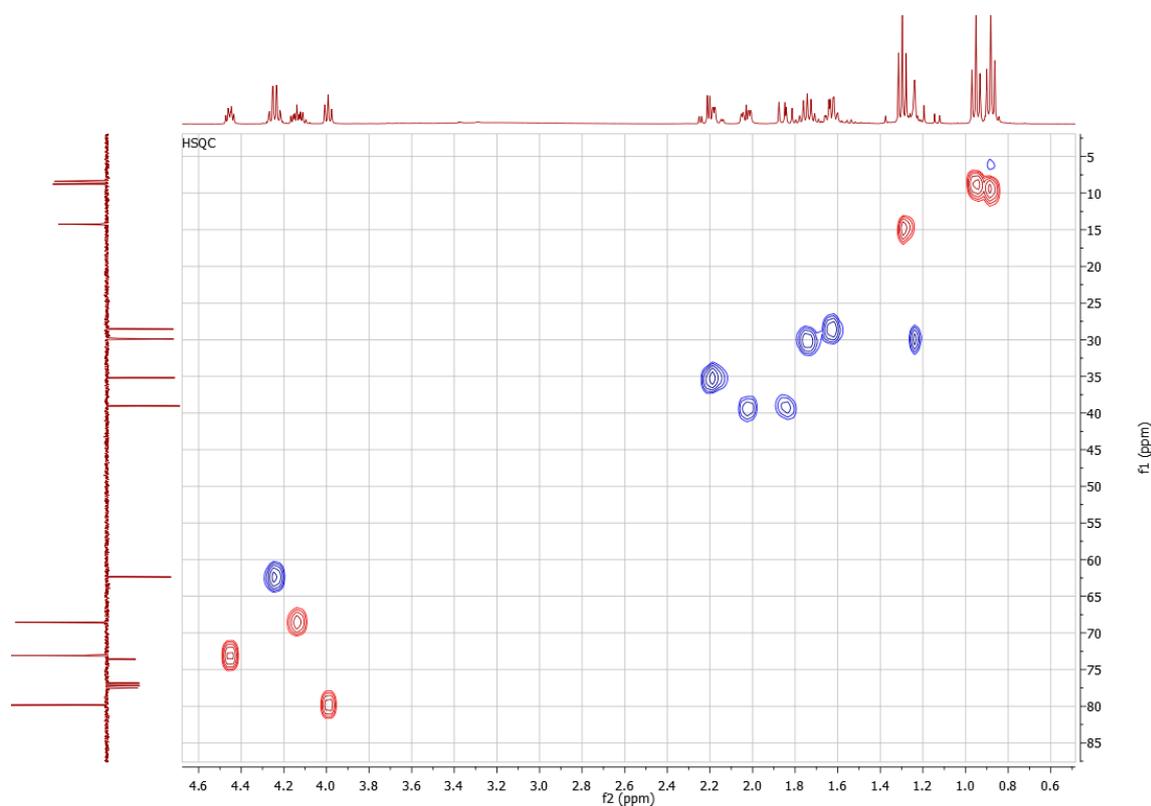
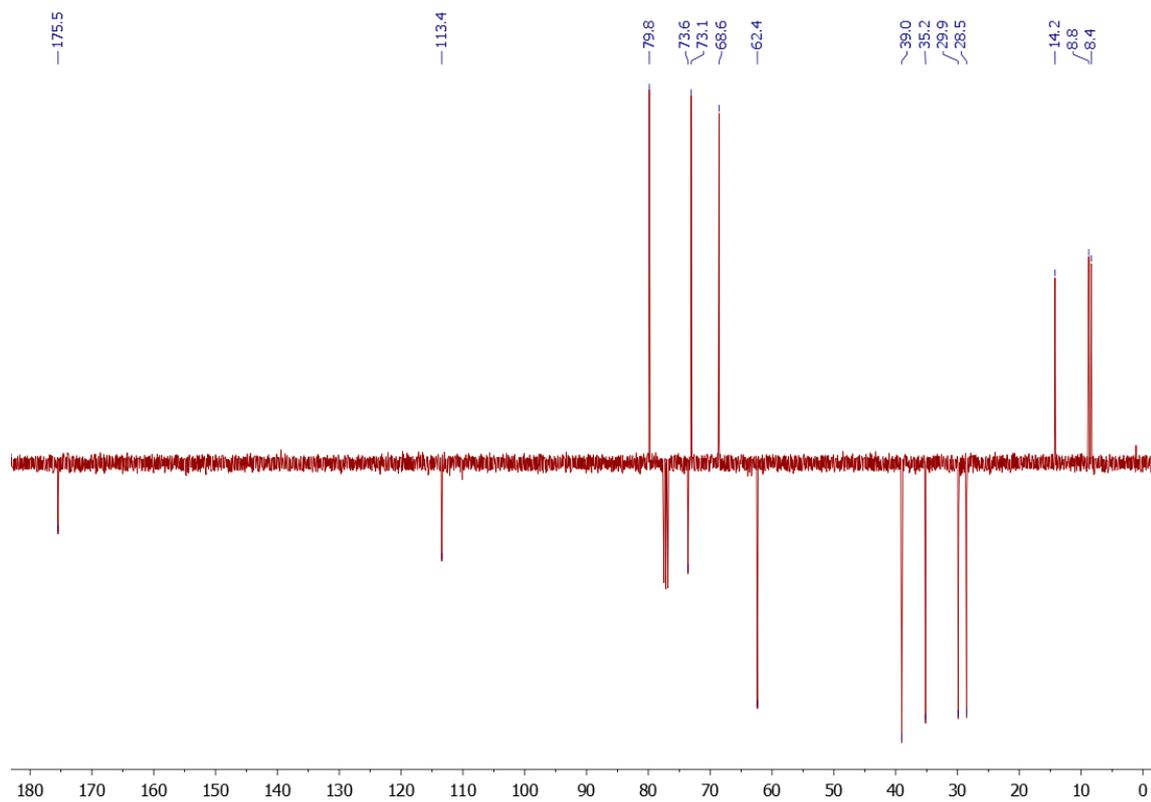


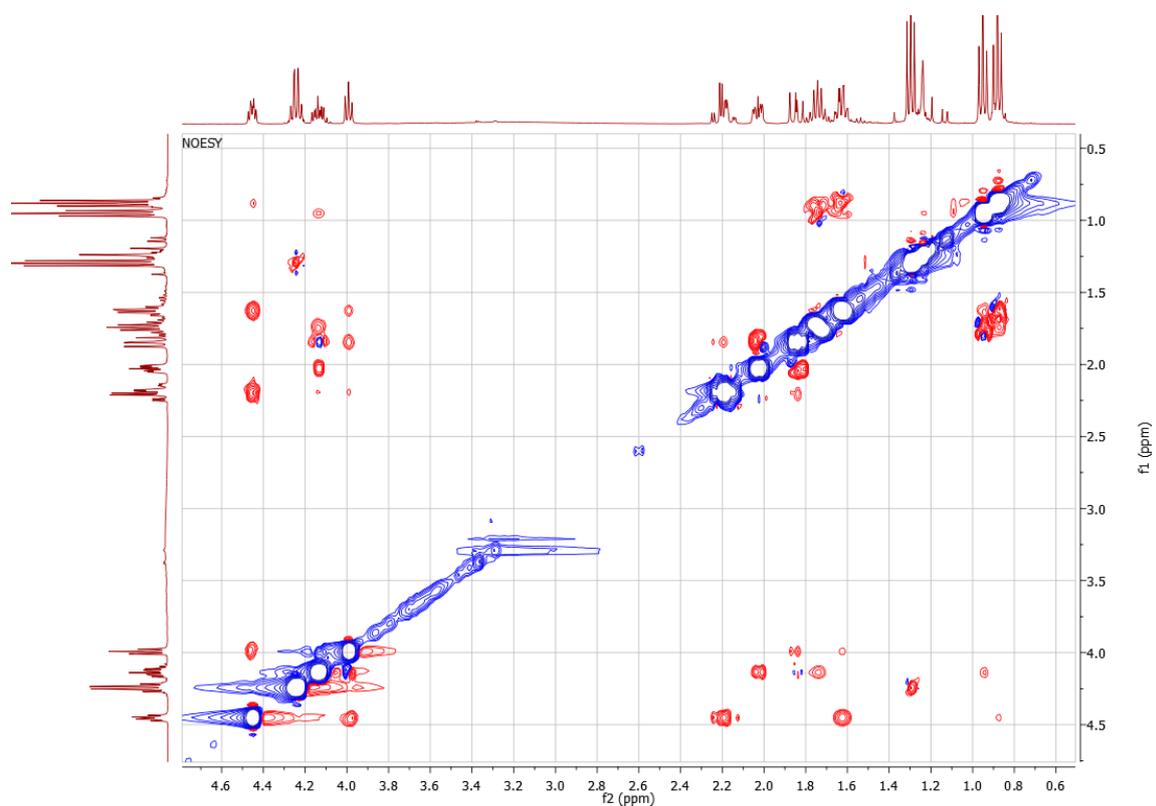
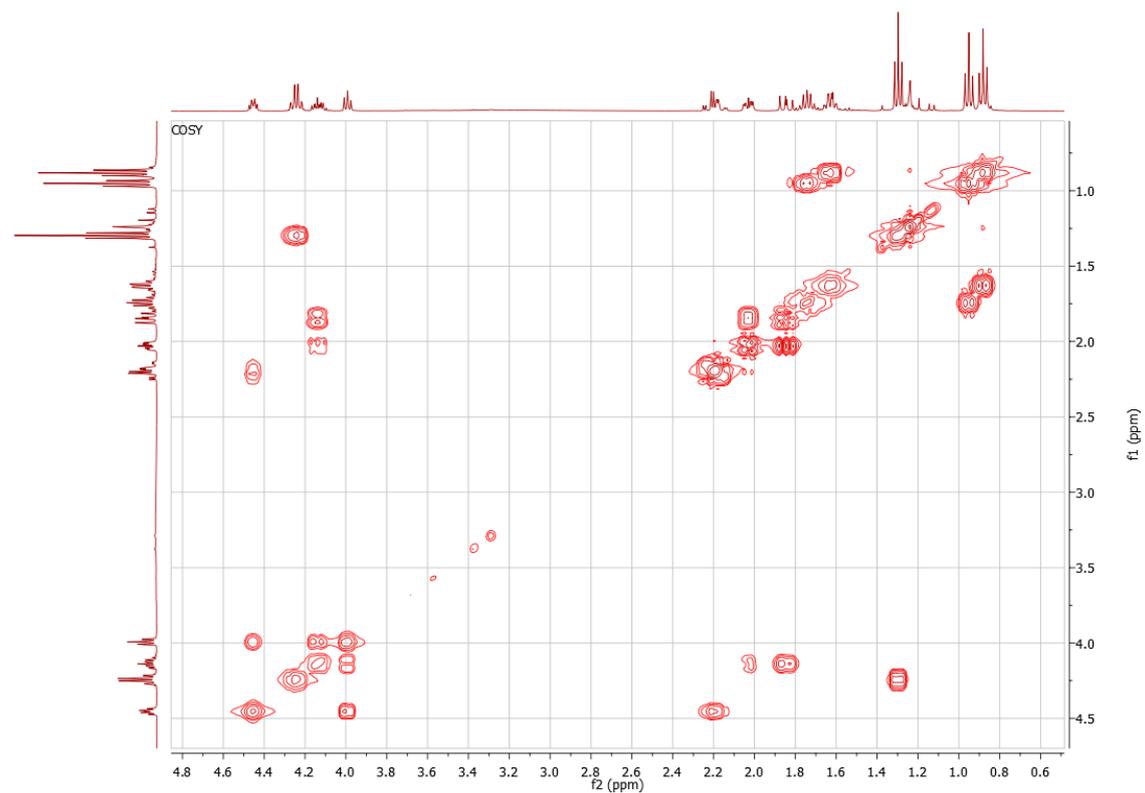


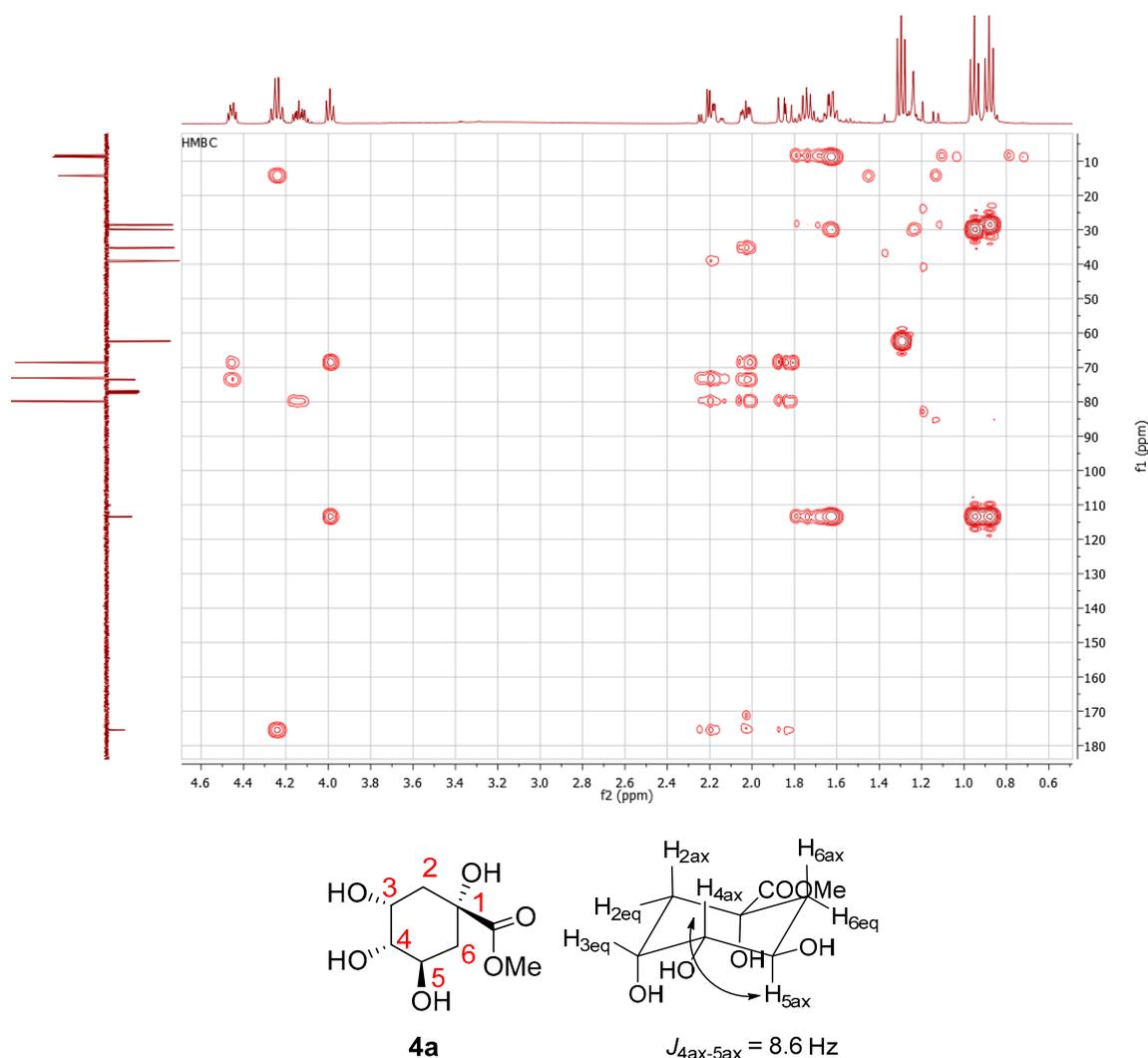
**3bb**

**Ethyl 3,4-*O*-pent-3-ylidenequininate (3bb).** To a solution of 3,4-*O*-pent-2-ylidenequinic acid 1,5-lactone (**2b**) (242 mg, 1 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was added TBD-PS (33 mg, 0.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 48 h, then the catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 3:7, R<sub>f</sub> 0.3), affording the compound **3bb** (239 mg, 83 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 1.30 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (1H, dq, *J* = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, CCHHCH<sub>3endo</sub>), 1.64 (1H, dq, *J* = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, CCHHCH<sub>3endo</sub>), 1.72 (1H, dq, *J* = 14.1, 7.5 Hz, CCHHCH<sub>3exo</sub>), 1.76 (1H, dq, *J* = 14.1, 7.5 Hz, CCHHCH<sub>3exo</sub>), 1.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.7, 11.0 Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.03 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.7, 4.3, 1.7 Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.16 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.3, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, H<sub>6eq</sub>), 2.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, H<sub>6ax</sub>), 3.99 (1H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.14 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 6.3, 4.3 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.24 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.6, 7.1 Hz, OCHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.6, 7.1 Hz, OCHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.45 (1H, dt, *J* = 6.3, 4.4 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>C</sub> 8.4 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 8.8 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 14.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3endo</sub>), 29.9 (CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3exo</sub>), 35.2 (C<sub>6</sub>), 39.0 (C<sub>2</sub>), 62.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.6 (C<sub>3</sub>), 73.1 (C<sub>5</sub>), 73.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 79.8 (C<sub>4</sub>), 113.4 (C<sub>pentylid</sub>), 175.5 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: 311.1465. Found: 311.1457.

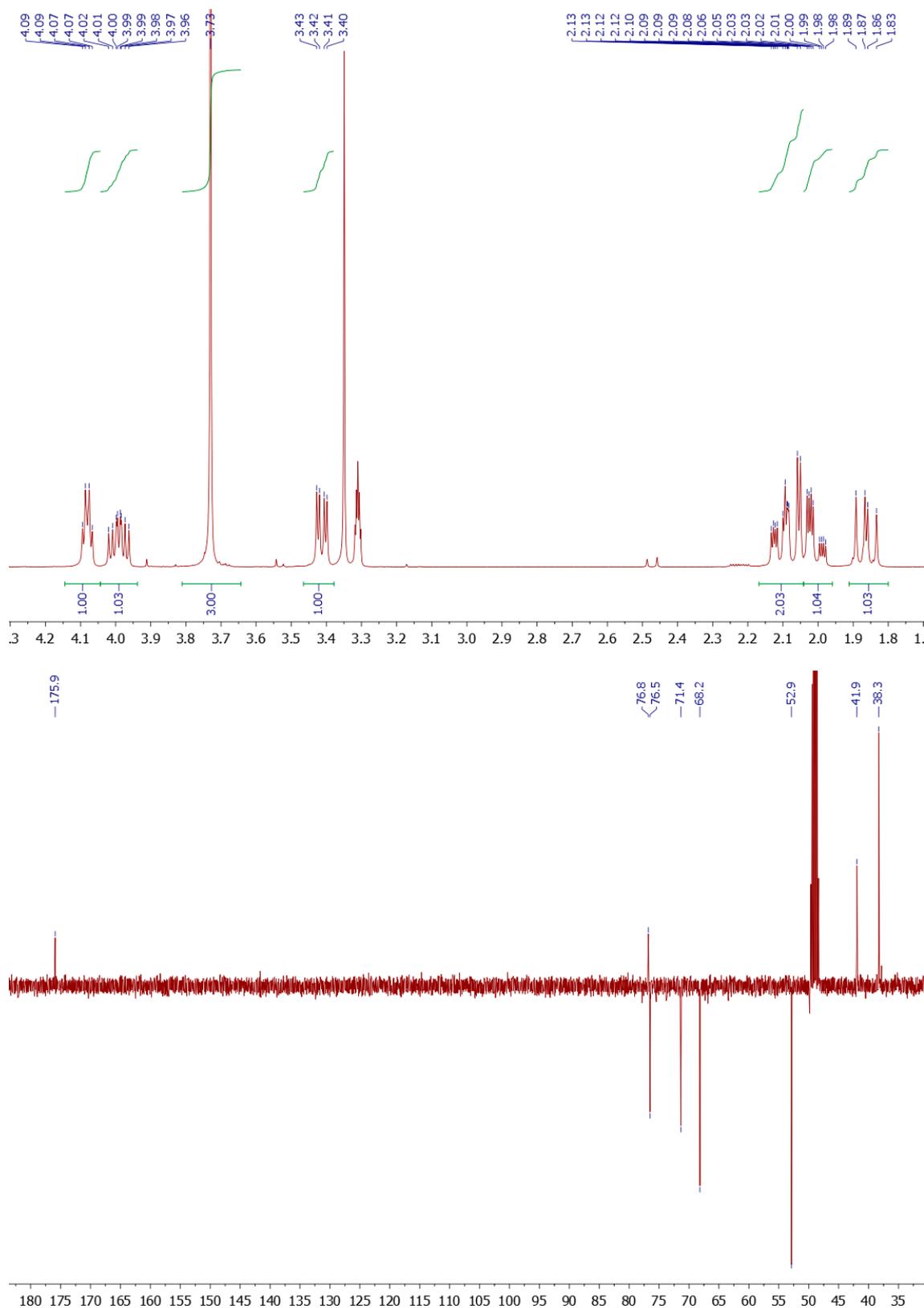


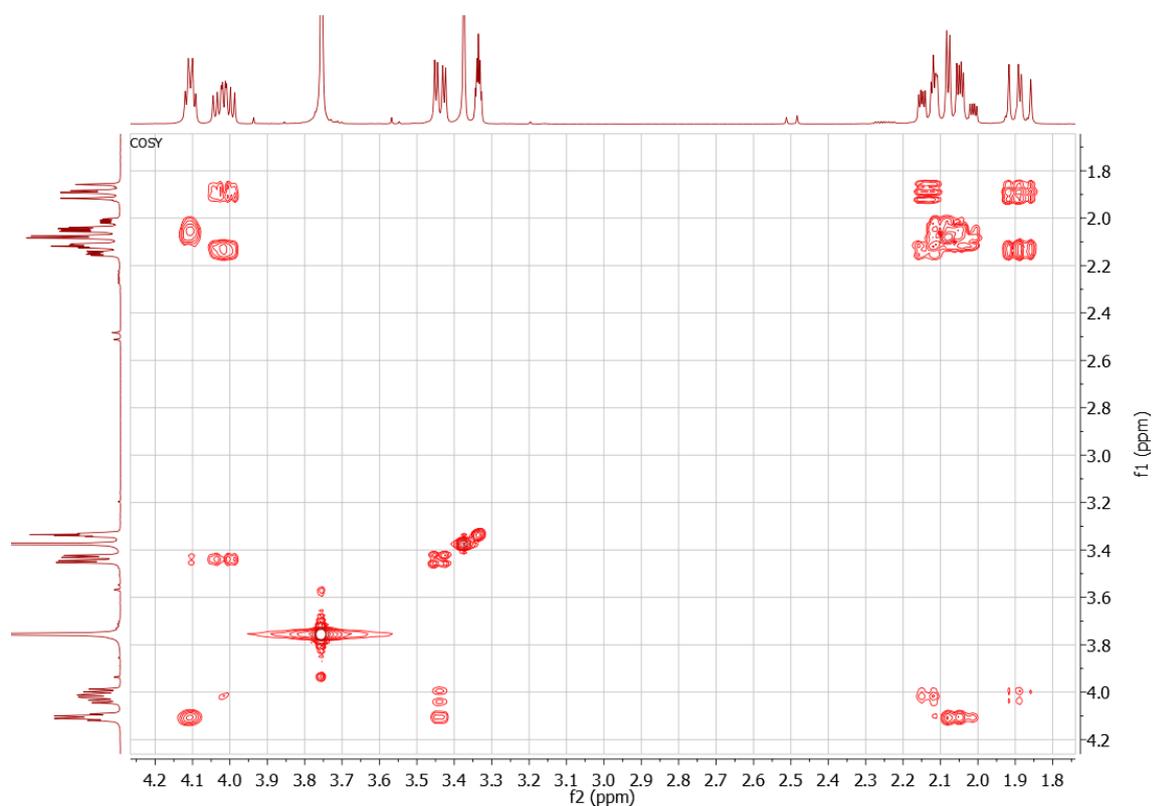
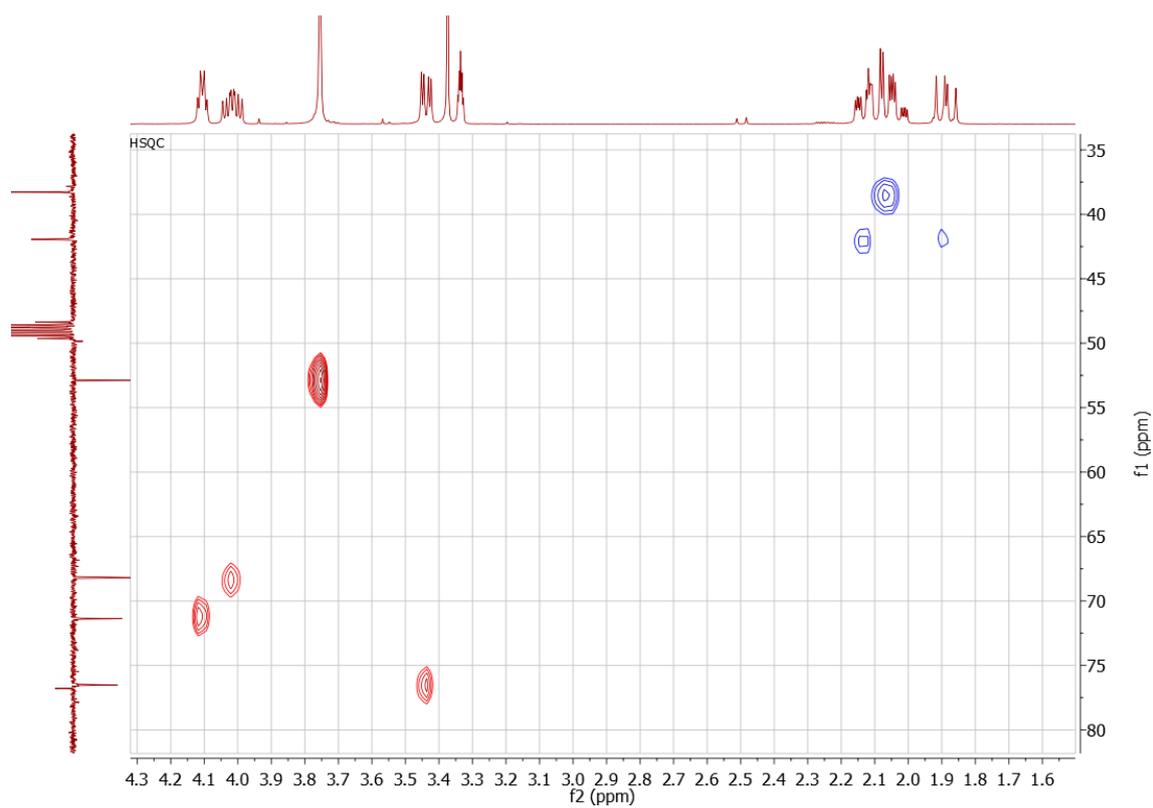


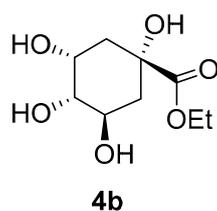
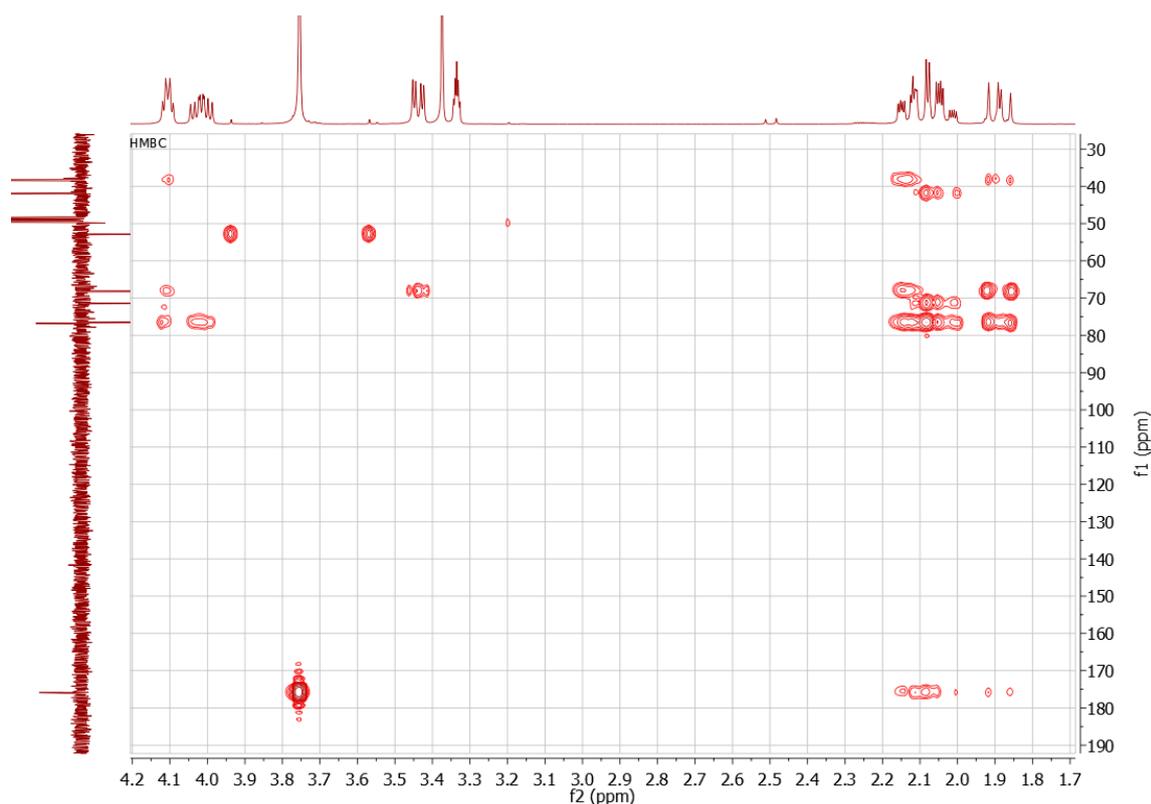




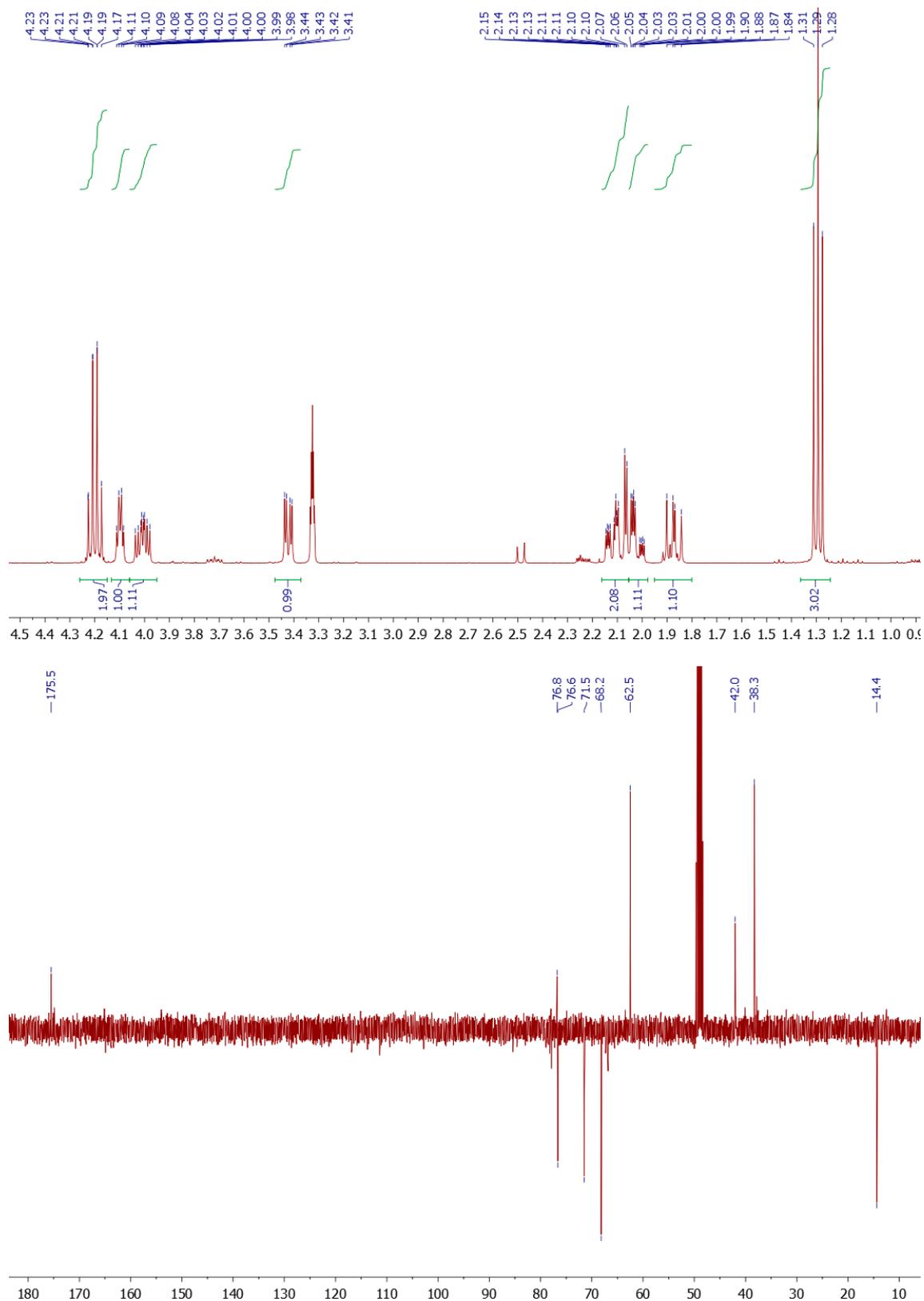
**Methyl quinate (4a)** [5-7]. To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in methanol (4 mL) was added deloxan (13 mg, 0.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 48 h, then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The product was crystallized from dichloromethane/methanol affording the compound **4a** (165 mg, 80 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.86 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2, 10.1 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{6\text{ax}}$ ), 2.00 (1H, ddd,  $J = 14.2, 4.7, 2.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{2\text{ax}}$ ), 2.07 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.2, 3.4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{2\text{eq}}$ ), 2.11 (1H, ddd,  $J = 13.2, 4.5, 2.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{6\text{eq}}$ ), 3.41 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.6, 3.2 \text{ Hz}$ , H4), 3.73 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.99 (1H, ddd,  $J = 10.1, 8.6, 4.5 \text{ Hz}$ , H5), 4.08 (1H, ddd,  $J = 4.7, 3.4, 3.2 \text{ Hz}$ , H3).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  38.3 (C2), 41.9 (C6), 52.9 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 68.2 (C5), 71.4 (C3), 76.5 (C4), 76.8 (C1), 175.9 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_6$ : 229.0683. Found: 229.0687.

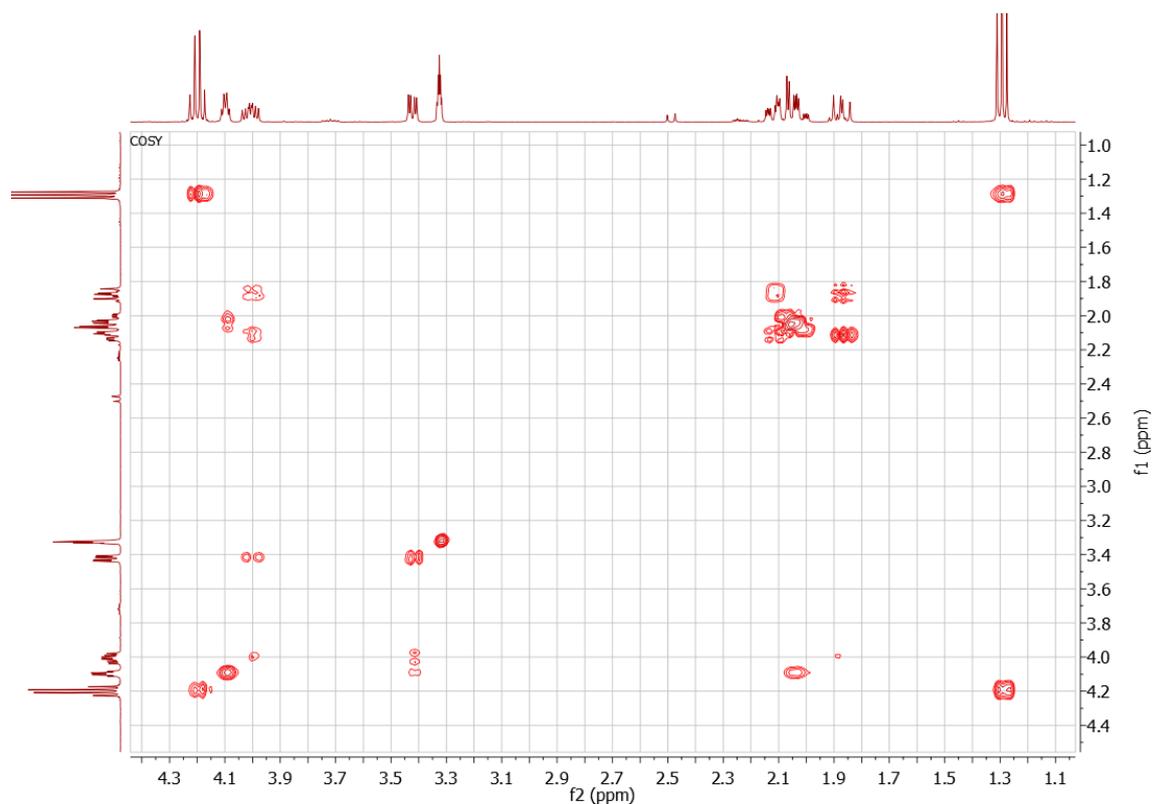
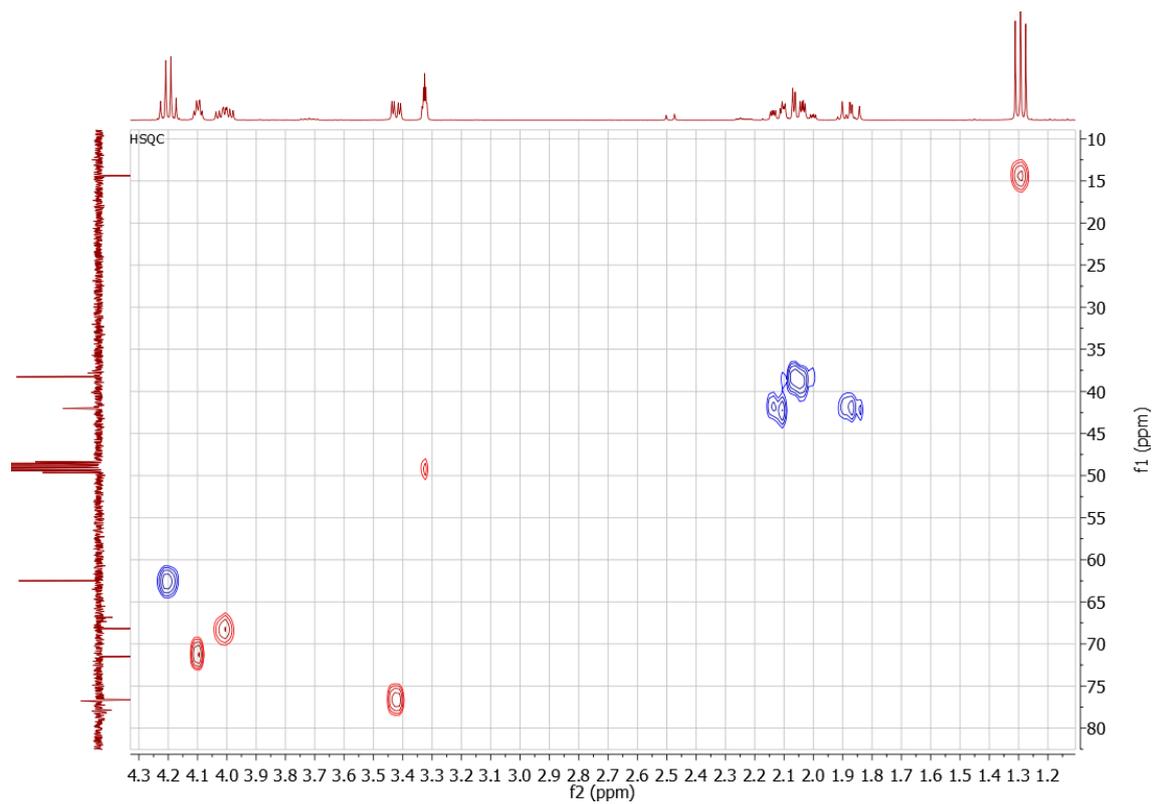


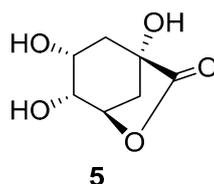




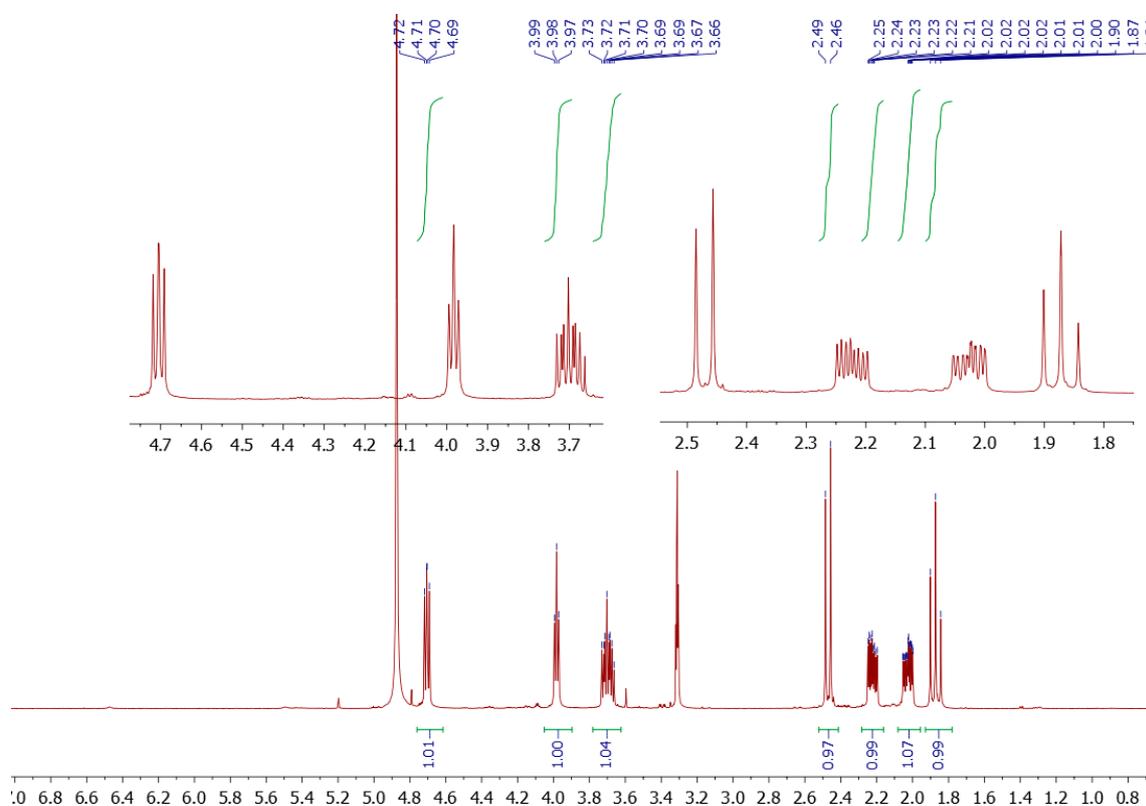
**Ethyl quinate (4b).** To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was added SHTC (13 mg, 0.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 78 °C for 72 h, then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The product was crystallized from dichloromethane/methanol affording the compound **4b** (172 mg, 78 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.29 (3H, t,  $J = 7.1$ , Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.87 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2, 10.2$  Hz, H<sub>6ax</sub>), 2.02 (1H, ddd,  $J = 14.3, 4.5, 2.5$  Hz, H<sub>2ax</sub>), 2.09 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.3, 3.4$  Hz, H<sub>2eq</sub>), 2.12 (1H, ddd,  $J = 13.2, 4.3, 2.3$  Hz, H<sub>6eq</sub>), 3.42 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.7, 3.2$  Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.01 (1H, ddd,  $J = 10.2, 8.7, 4.3$  Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 4.10 (1H, ddd,  $J = 4.5, 3.4, 3.2$  Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.19 (2H, q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 42.0 (C<sub>6</sub>), 62.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.2 (C<sub>5</sub>), 71.5 (C<sub>3</sub>), 76.6 (C<sub>4</sub>), 76.8 (C<sub>1</sub>), 175.5 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: 243.0839. Found: 243.0847.

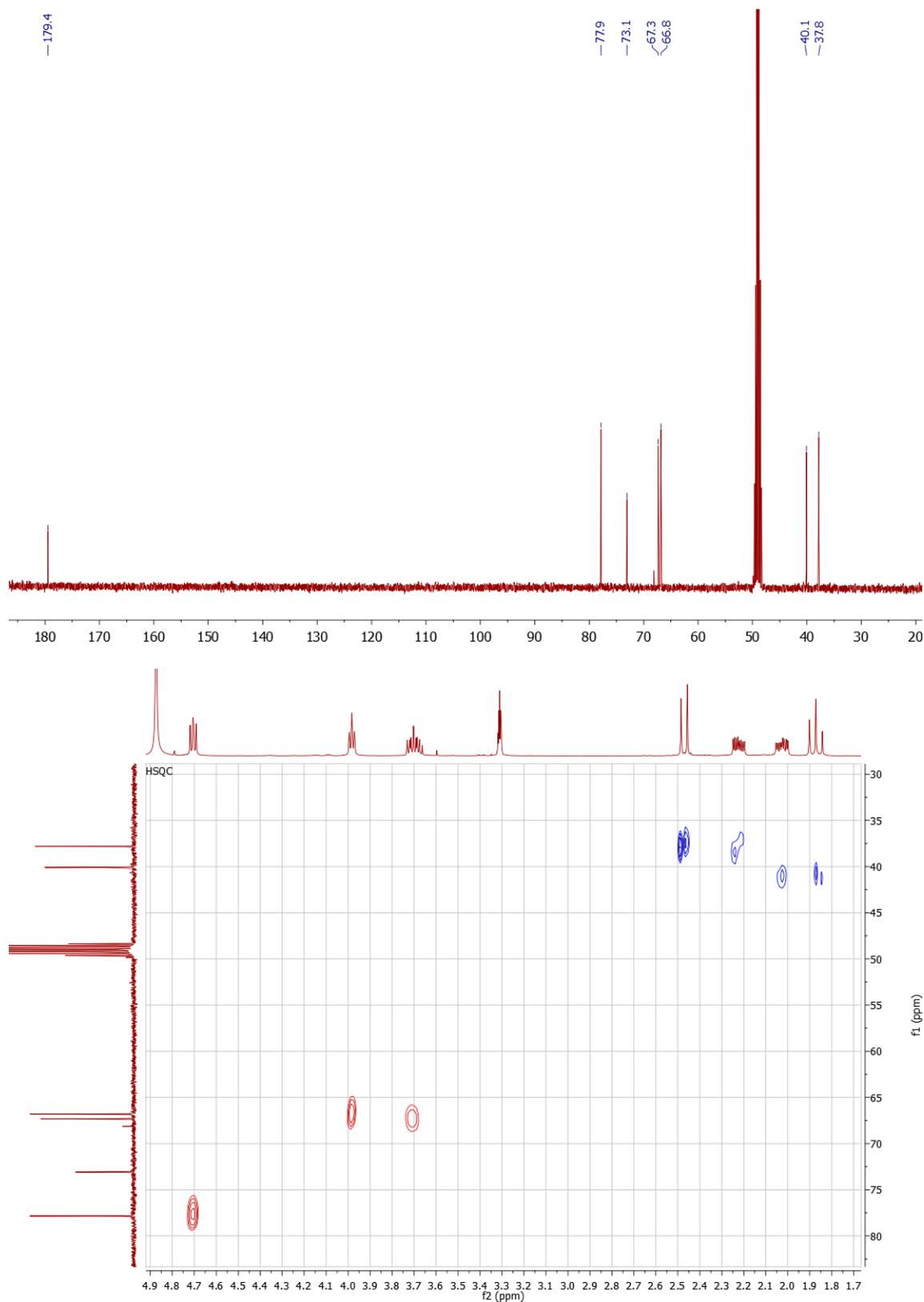


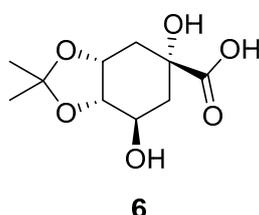
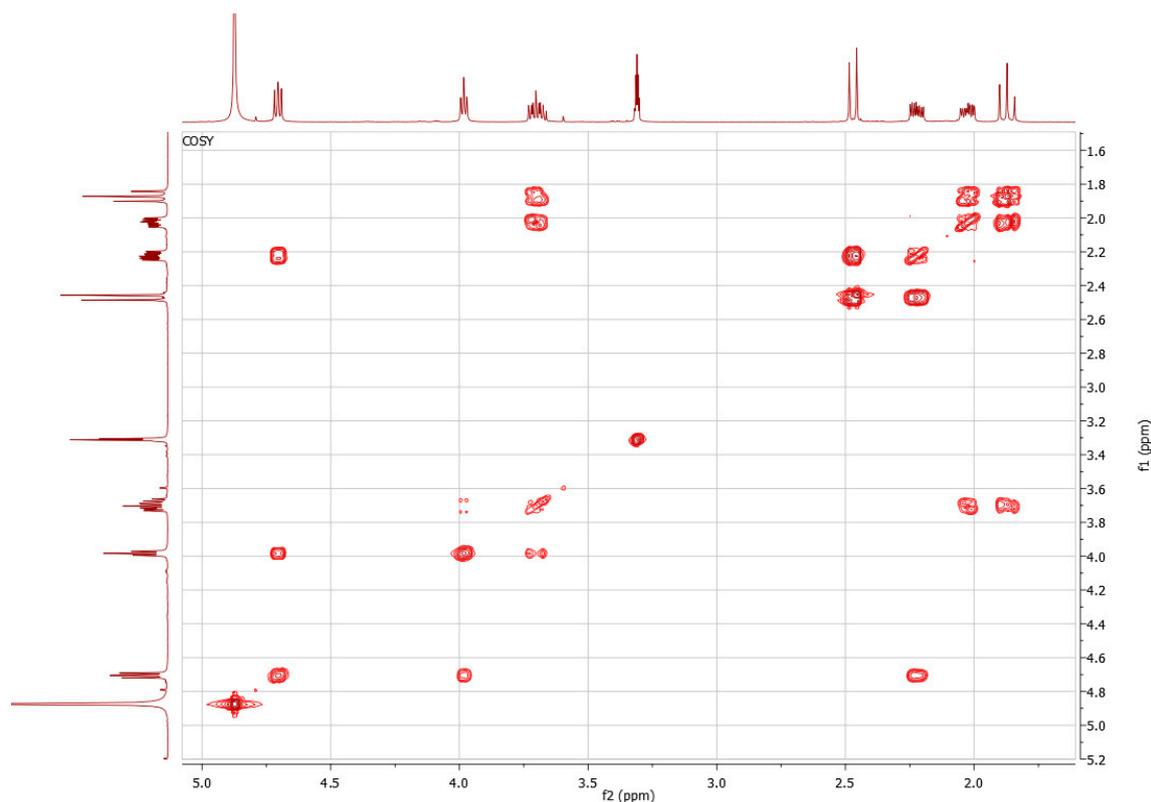




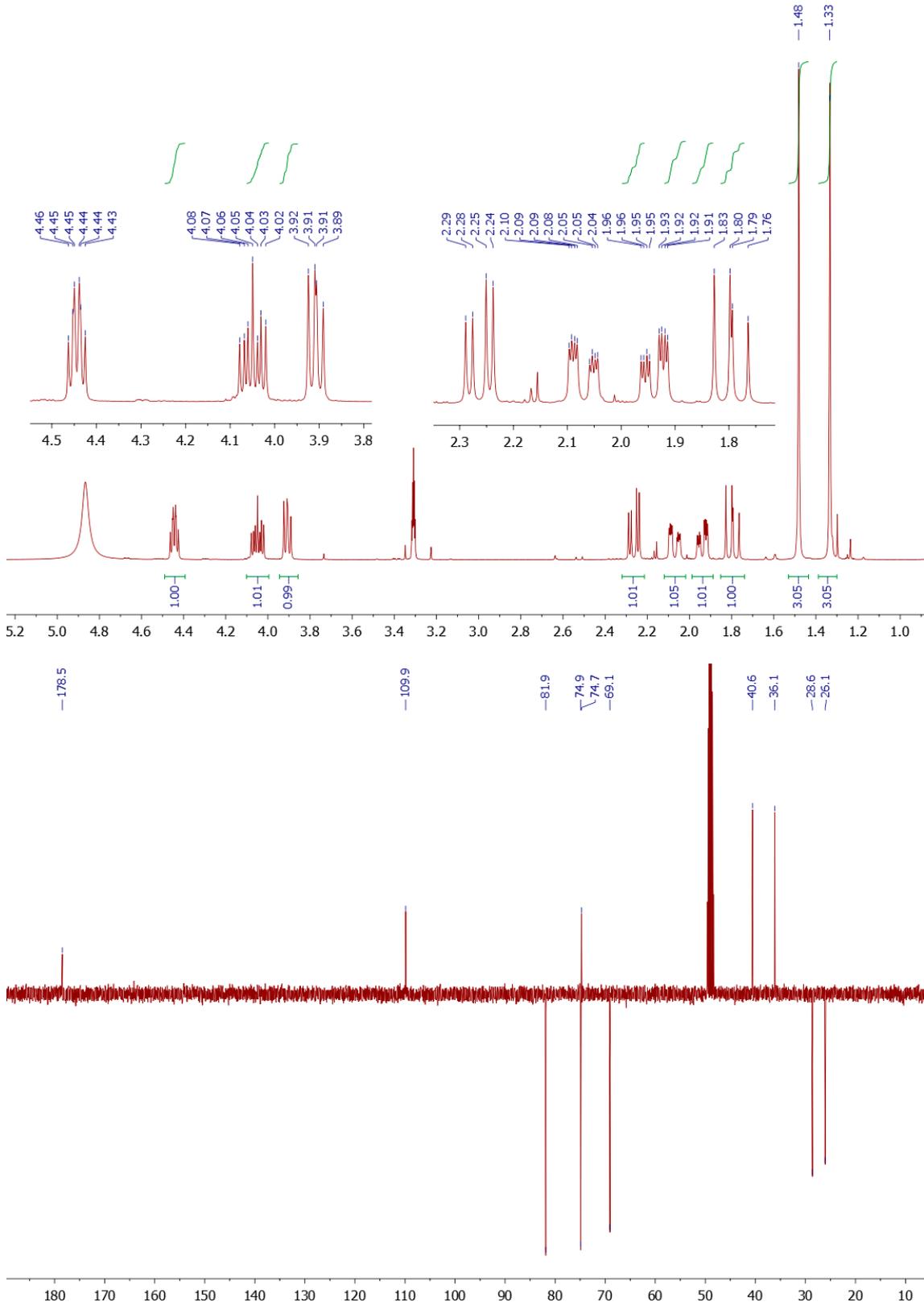
**Quinic acid 1,5-lactone (5)** [8]. To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was added deloxan (13 mg, 0.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 78 °C for 24h then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/MeOH = 9:1, Rf 0.4), affording the compound **5** (33 mg, 19 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.87 (1H, t,  $J = 11.6$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{2\text{ax}}$ ), 2.03 (1H, dddd,  $J = 11.6, 6.6, 2.9, 0.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{2\text{eq}}$ ), 2.22 (1H, ddd,  $J = 11.4, 6.0, 2.9$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{6\text{eq}}$ ), 2.47 (1H, d,  $J = 11.4$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{6\text{ax}}$ ), 3.70 (1H, ddd,  $J = 11.2, 6.6, 4.4$  Hz,  $\text{H}_3$ ), 3.98 (1H, ddd,  $J = 4.9, 4.4, 0.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}_4$ ), 4.71 (1H, dd,  $J = 6.0, 4.9$  Hz,  $\text{H}_5$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  37.8 (C6), 40.1 (C2), 66.8 (C4), 67.3 (C3), 73.1 (C1), 77.9 (C5), 179.4 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{NaO}_5$ : 197.0420. Found: 197.0412.

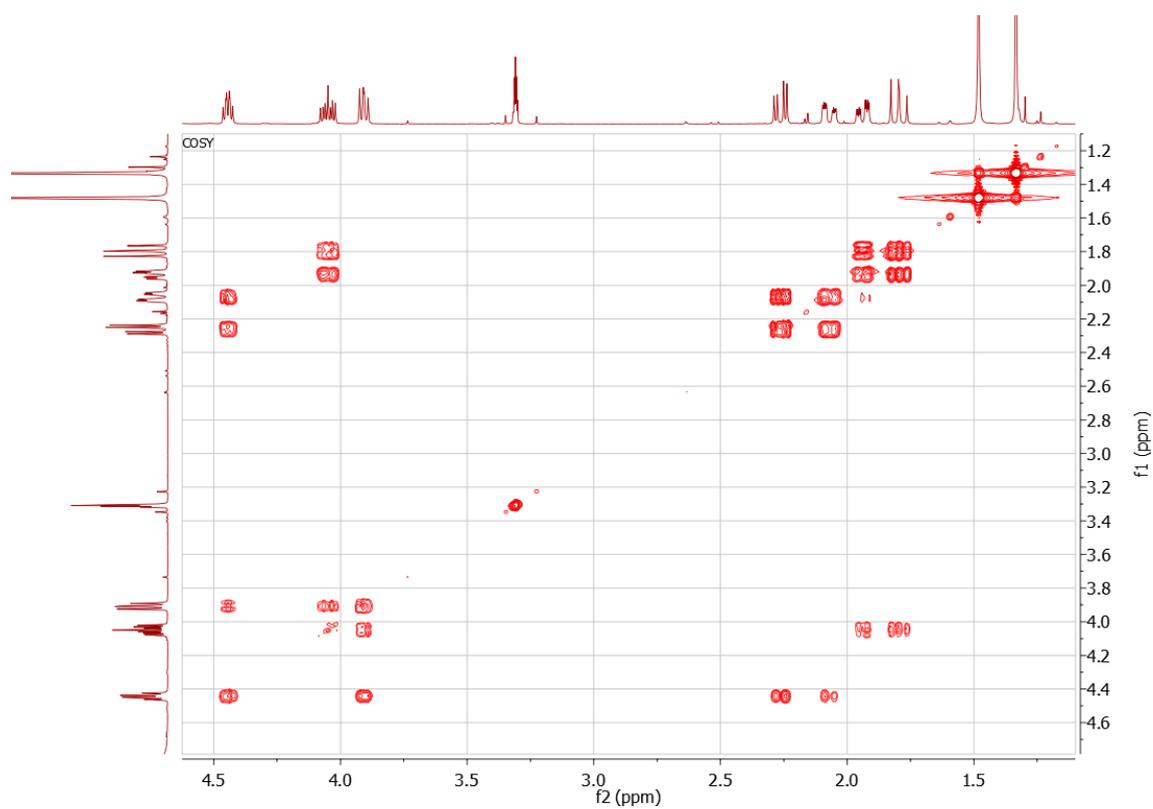
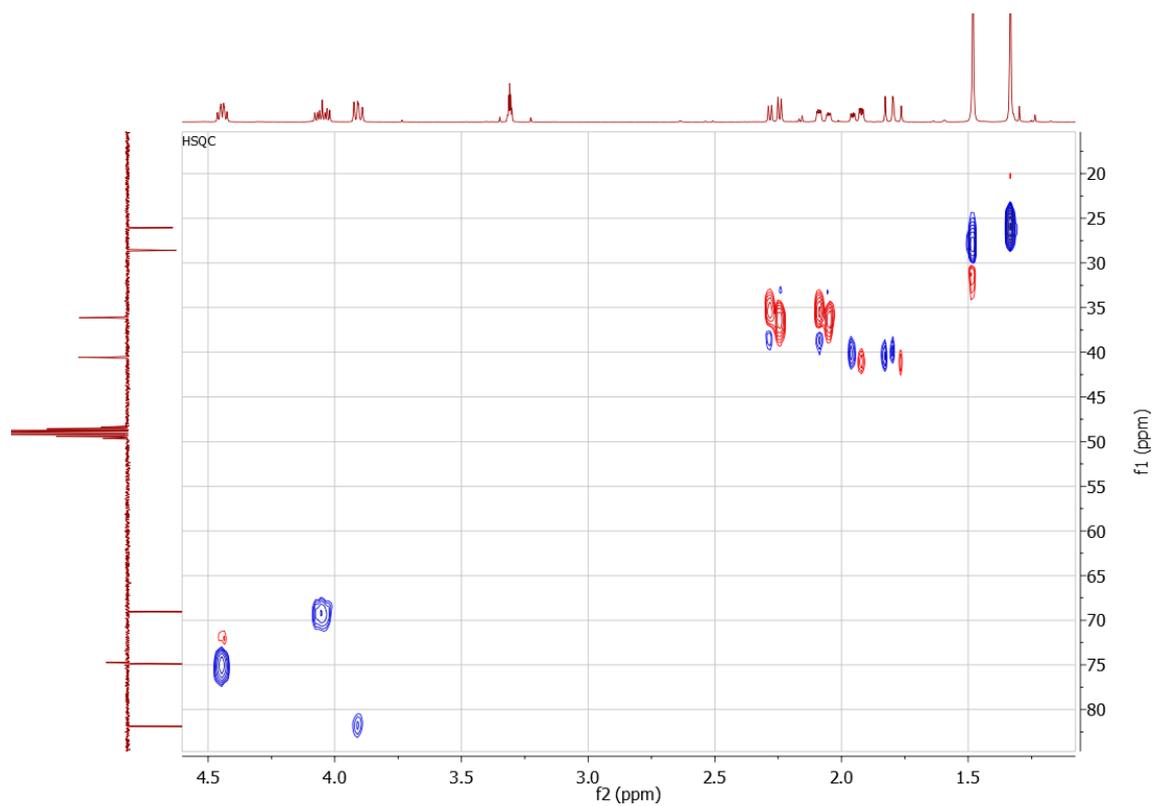


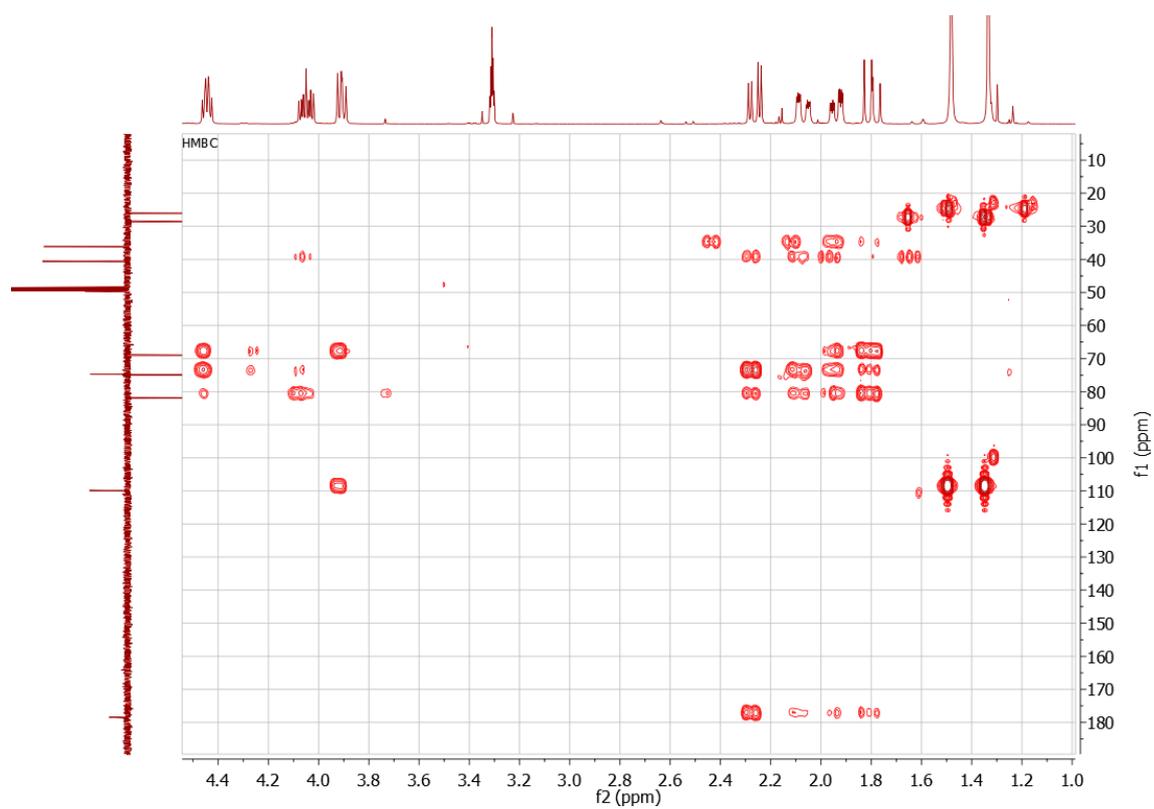
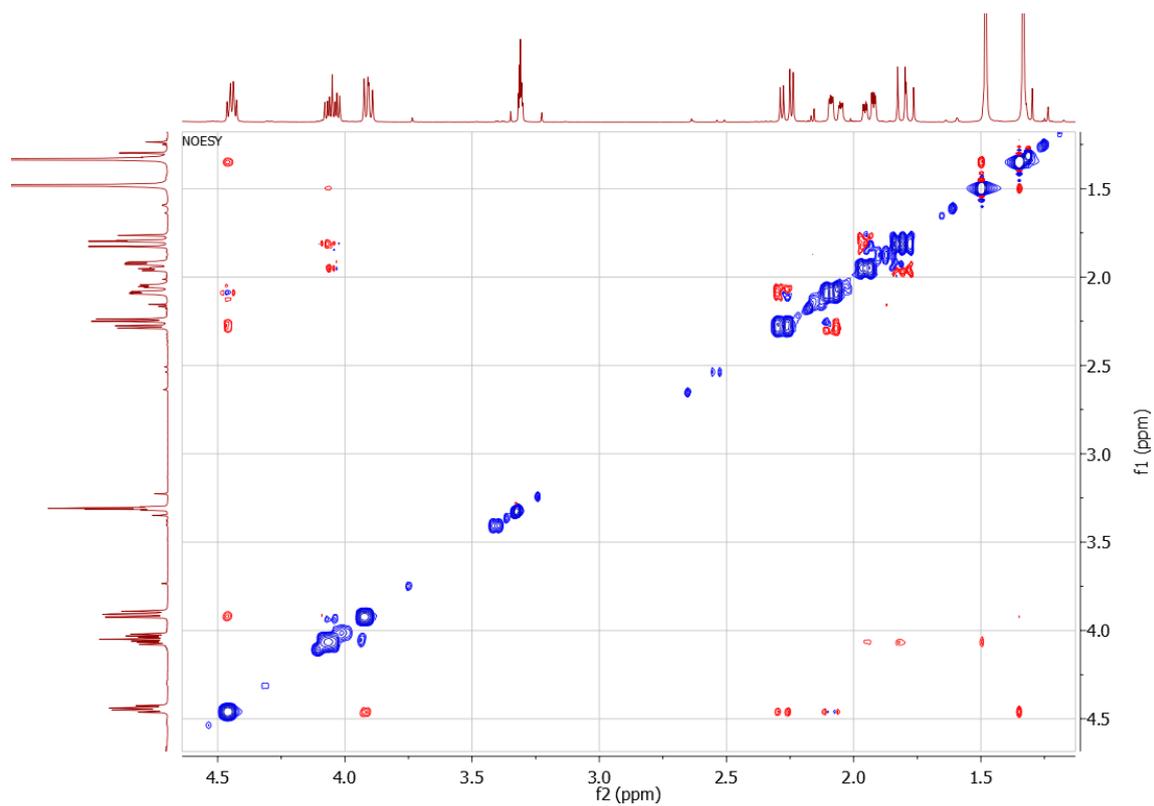


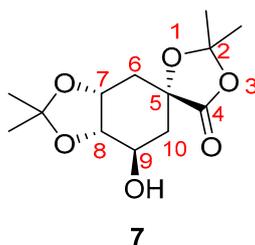


**3,4-O-Isopropylidenequinic acid (6).** To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in acetone/ethanol 1:1 (4 mL) was added deloxan (13 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (364 mg, 430  $\mu$ L, 3.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 78  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h, then the acid catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The solid residue was washed with dichloromethane affording the compound **6** (37 mg, 16 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.33 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{endo}}$ ), 1.48 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_{3\text{exo}}$ ), 1.80 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.5, 11.7$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{2\text{ax}}$ ), 1.94 (1H, ddd,  $J = 13.5, 4.4, 2.0$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{2\text{eq}}$ ), 2.07 (1H, ddd,  $J = 15.3, 4.1, 1.9$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{6\text{eq}}$ ), 2.26 (1H, dd,  $J = 15.3, 5.2$  Hz,  $\text{H}_{6\text{ax}}$ ), 3.91 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.5, 5.8$  Hz, H4), 4.05 (1H, ddd,  $J = 11.7, 7.5, 4.3$  Hz, H3), 4.44 (1H, dt,  $J = 5.4, 4.0$  Hz, H5).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  26.1 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{endo}}$ ), 28.6 ( $\text{CH}_{3\text{exo}}$ ), 36.1 (C6), 40.6 (C2), 69.1 (C3), 74.7 (C1), 74.9 (C5), 81.9 (C4), 109.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{isoprop.}}$ ), 178.5 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_6$ : 255,0839. Found: 255,0849.

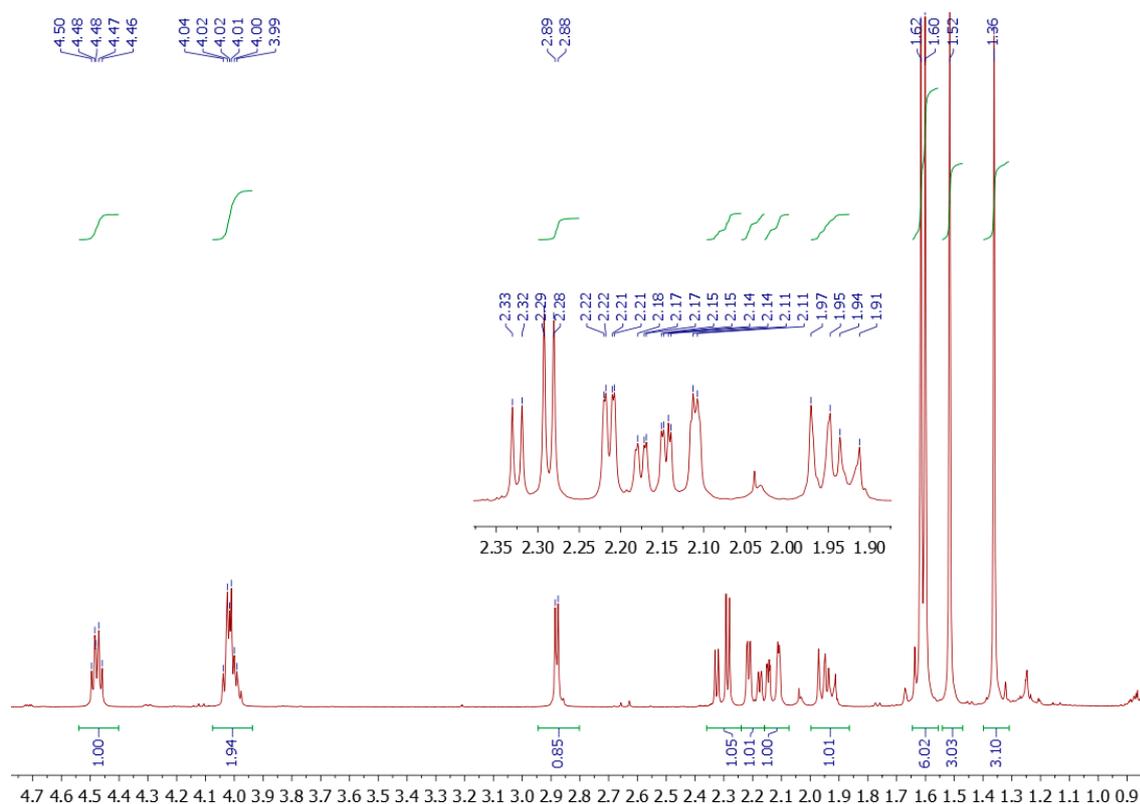


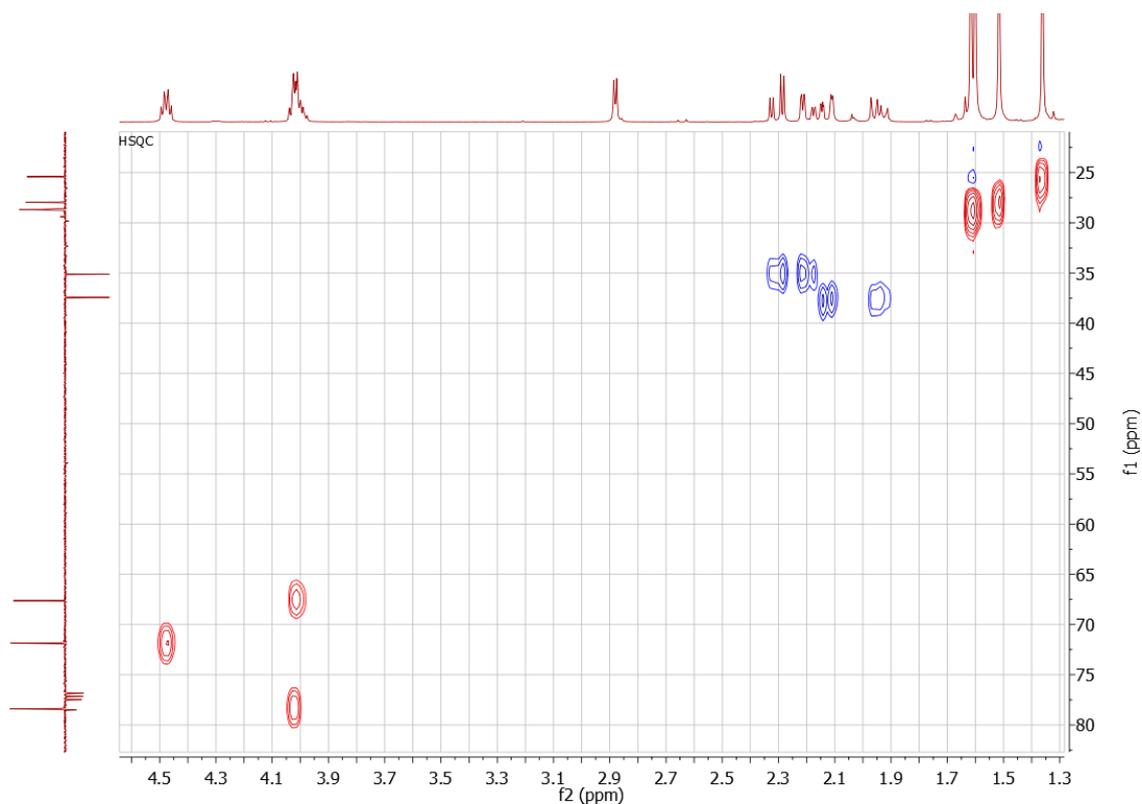
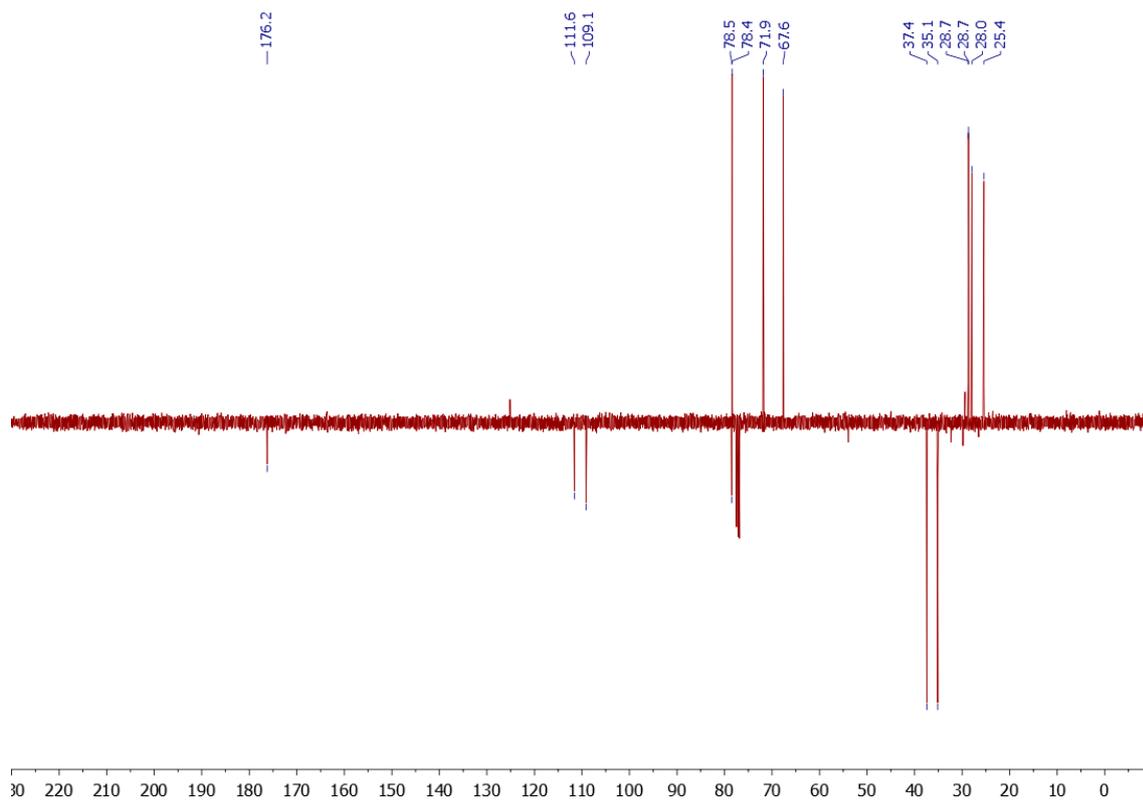


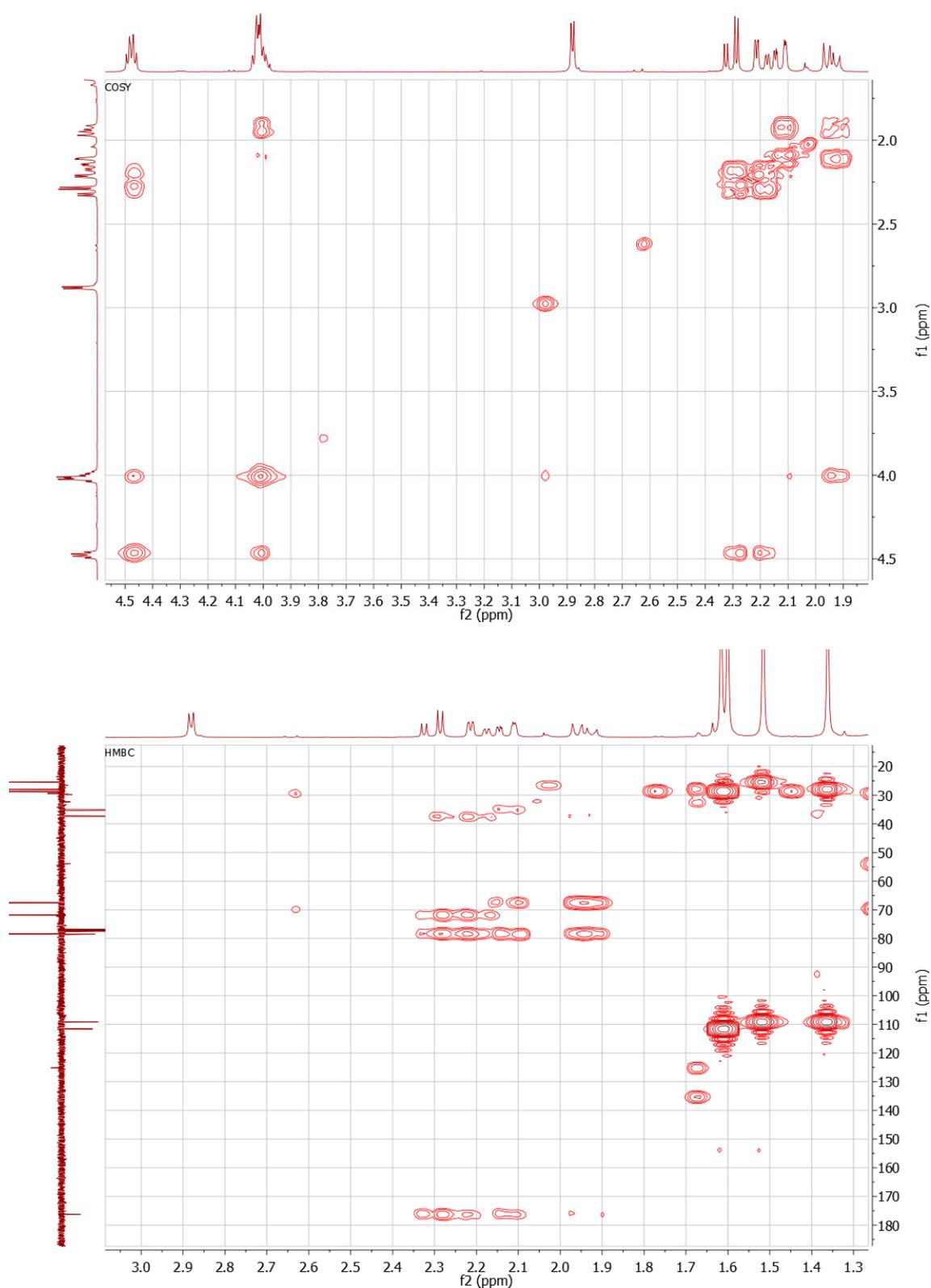




**7,8-O-Isopropylidene (5*S*,7*R*,8*S*,9*R*)-7,8,9-trihydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxaspiro [4.5]decan-4-one (7).** To a solution of quinic acid (192 mg, 1 mmol) in acetone (4 mL) was added deloxan (13 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (364 mg, 430  $\mu$ L, 3.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 56 °C for 4 h, then TBD-PS (33 mg, 0.1 mmol) and ethanol (4 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 24 h, then the catalysts were removed by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 6:4, R<sub>f</sub> 0.3), affording the compound **7** (73 mg, 27 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ <sub>H</sub> 1.36 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>endo</sup>), 1.52 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>exo</sup>), 1.60 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.1, 9.3 Hz, H6<sub>ax</sub>), 2.13 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.1, 4.0, 1.2 Hz, H6<sub>eq</sub>), 2.20 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.4, 4.5, 1.2 Hz, H10<sub>eq</sub>), 2.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.4, 4.7 Hz, H10<sub>ax</sub>), 2.88 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, OH), 3.98–4.30 (2H, m, H7+H8), 4.48 (1H, dt, *J* = 5.8, 4.5 Hz, H9). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 25.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>endo</sup>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>exo</sup>), 28.7 (2 $\times$ CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.1 (C10), 37.4 (C6), 67.6 (C7), 71.9 (C9), 78.4 (C8), 78.5 (C5), 109.1 (C2), 111.6 (C<sub>isoprop.</sub>), 176.2 (C=O). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 295.1152. Found: 295.1154.







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