

## Supplementary Material

### **SYNTHESIS OF NEW IMIDAZOPYRIDINE NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES DESIGNED AS MARIBAVIR ANALOGUES**

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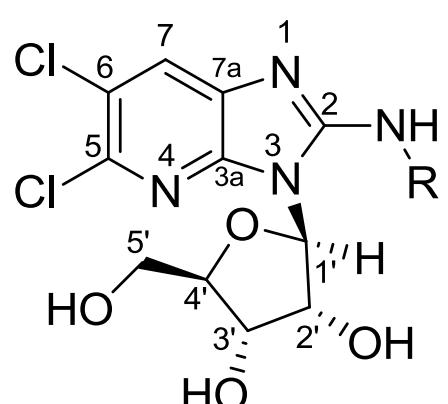
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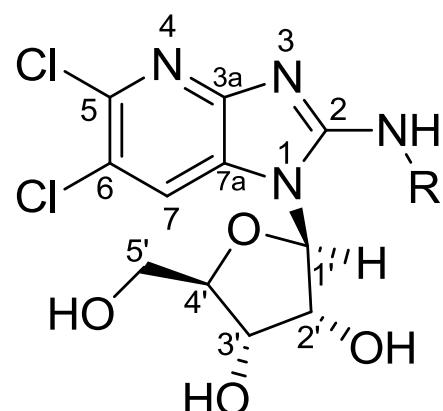
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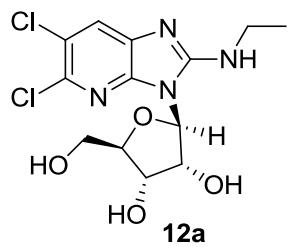


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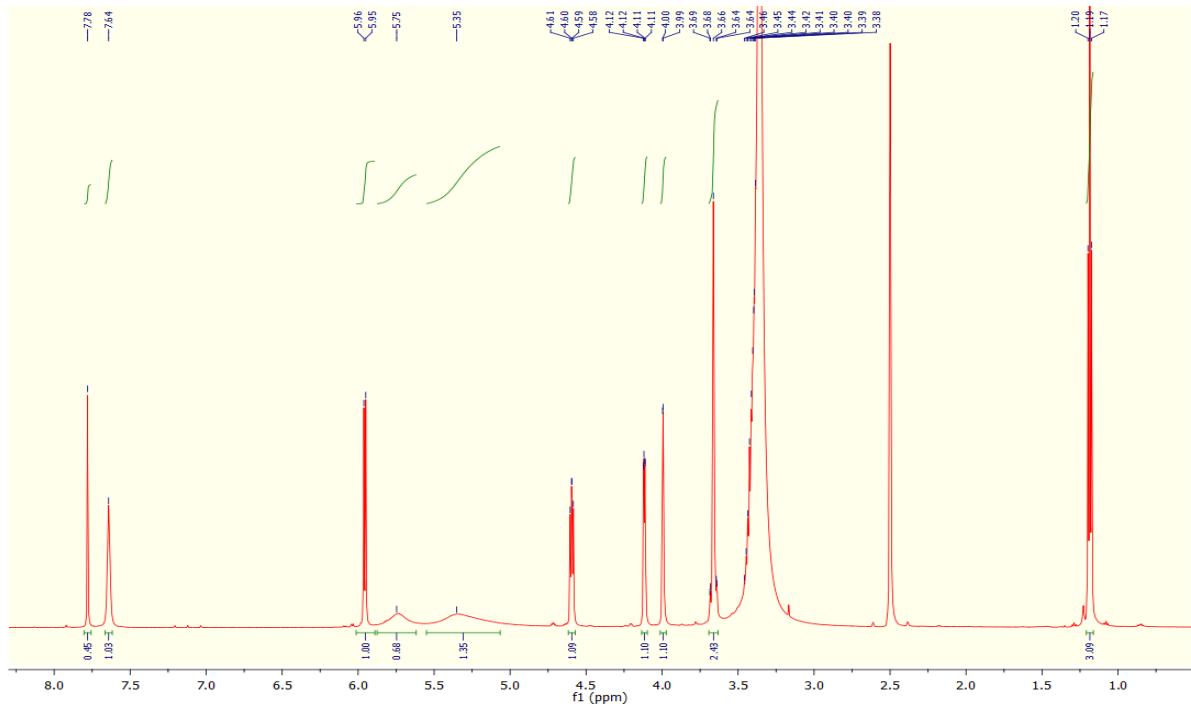


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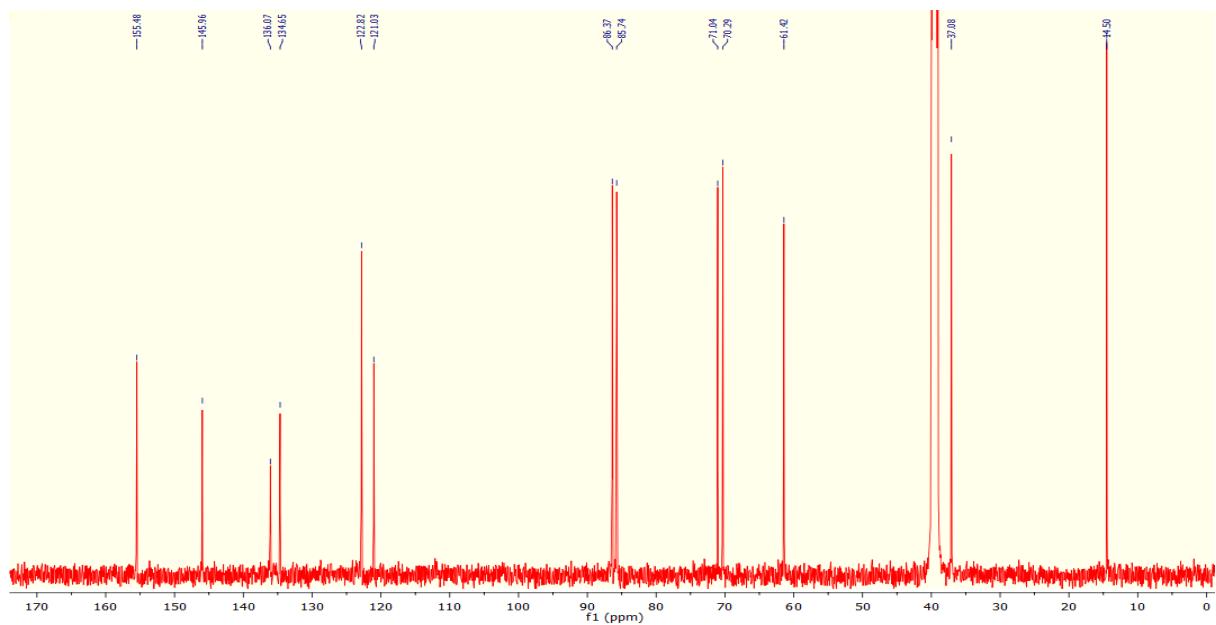
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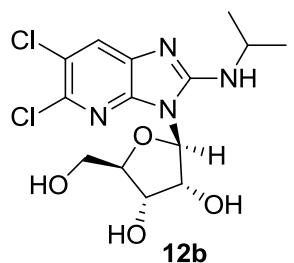
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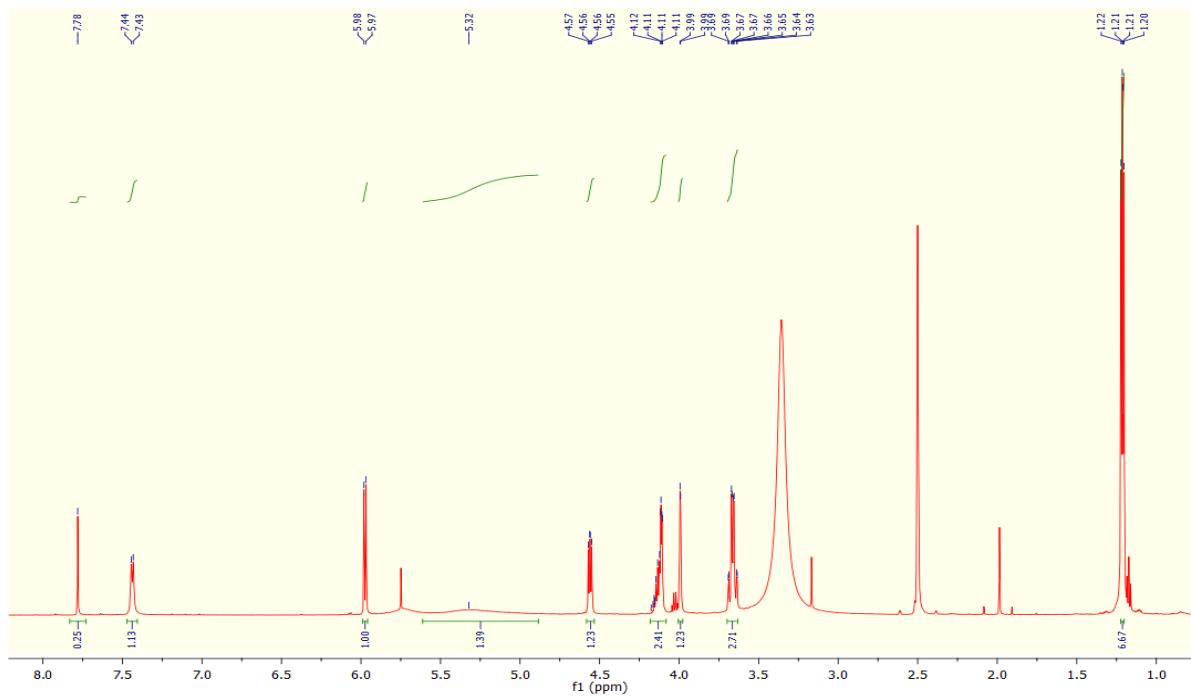
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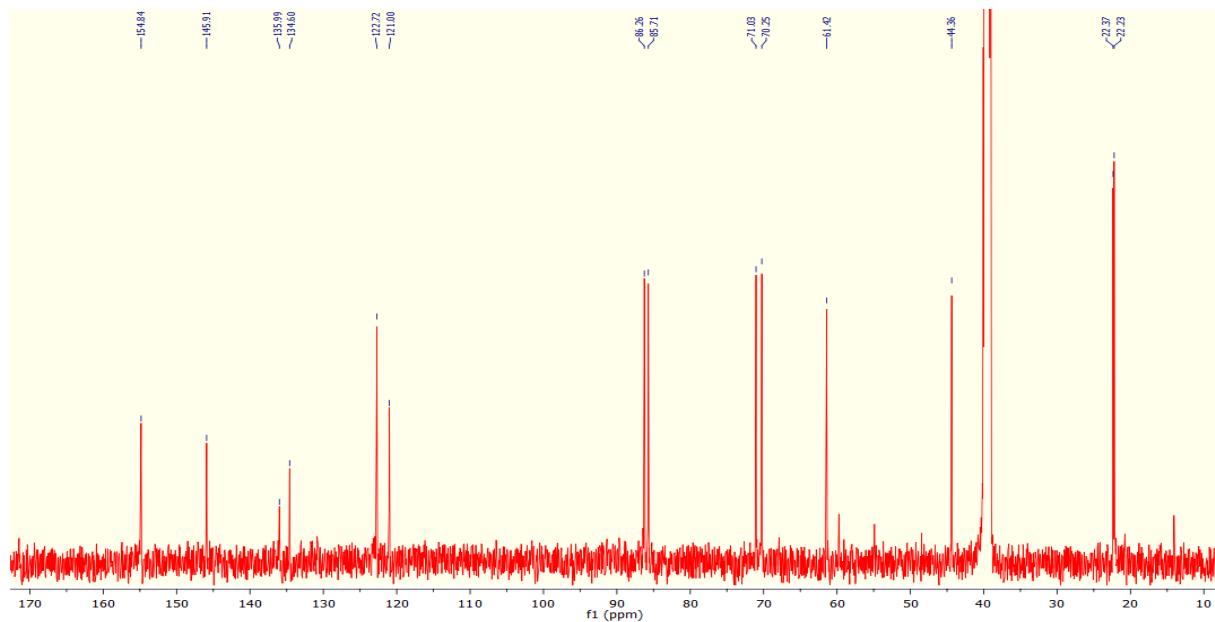
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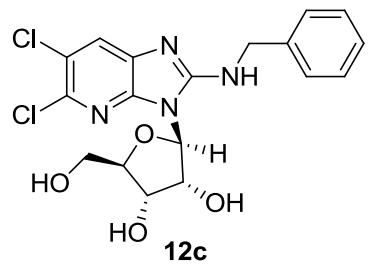
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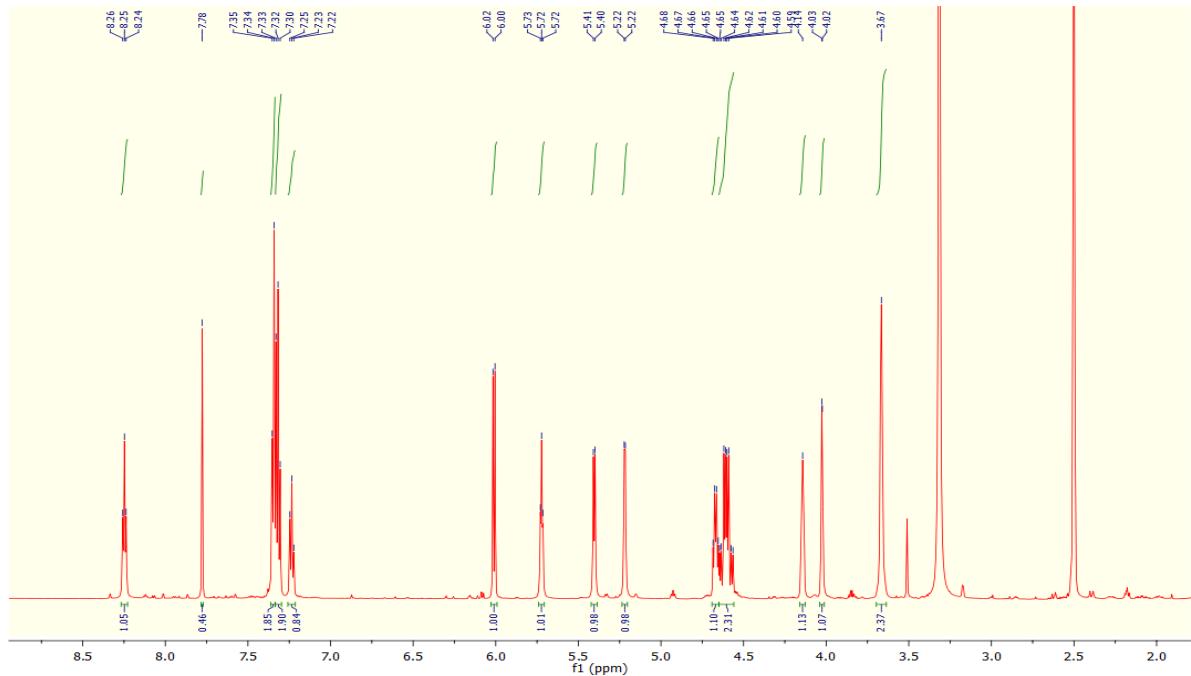
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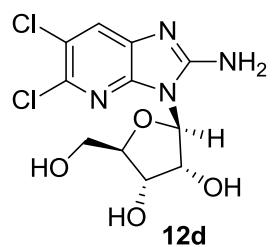
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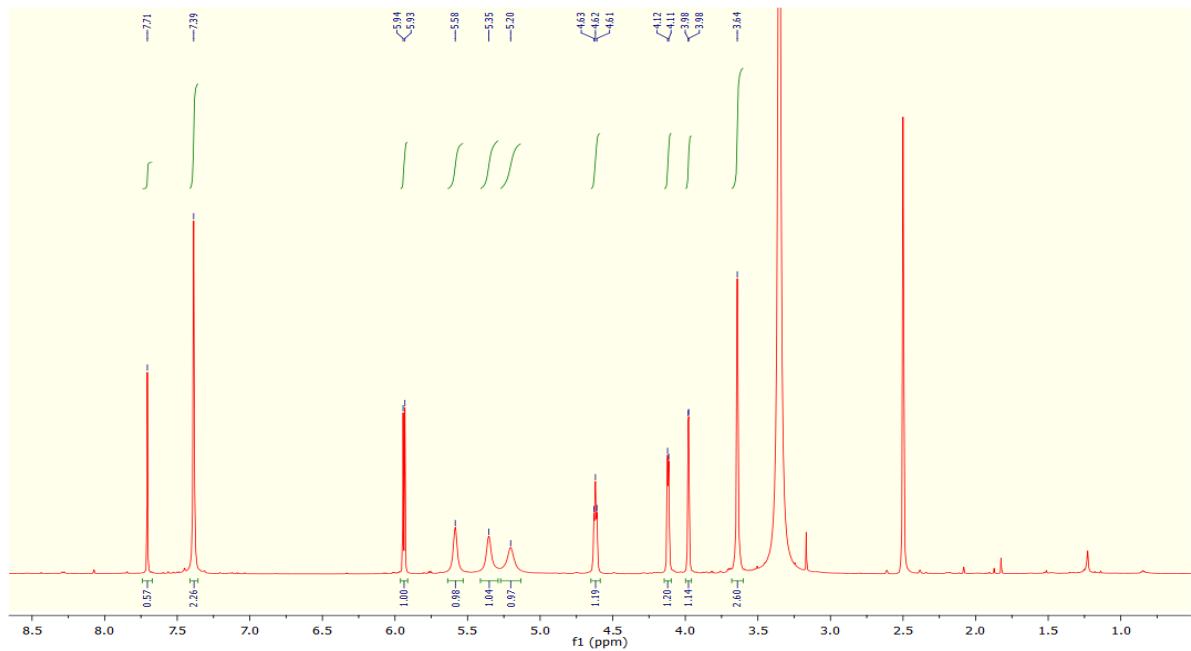
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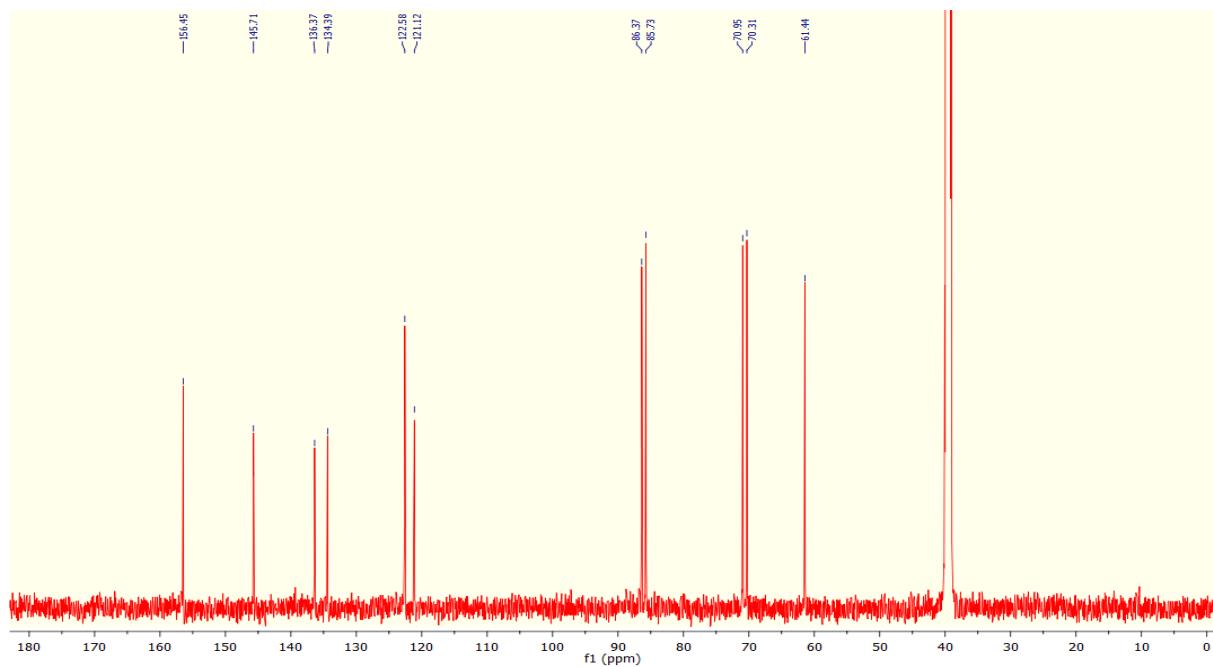
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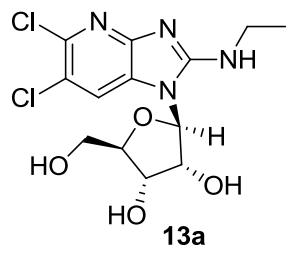
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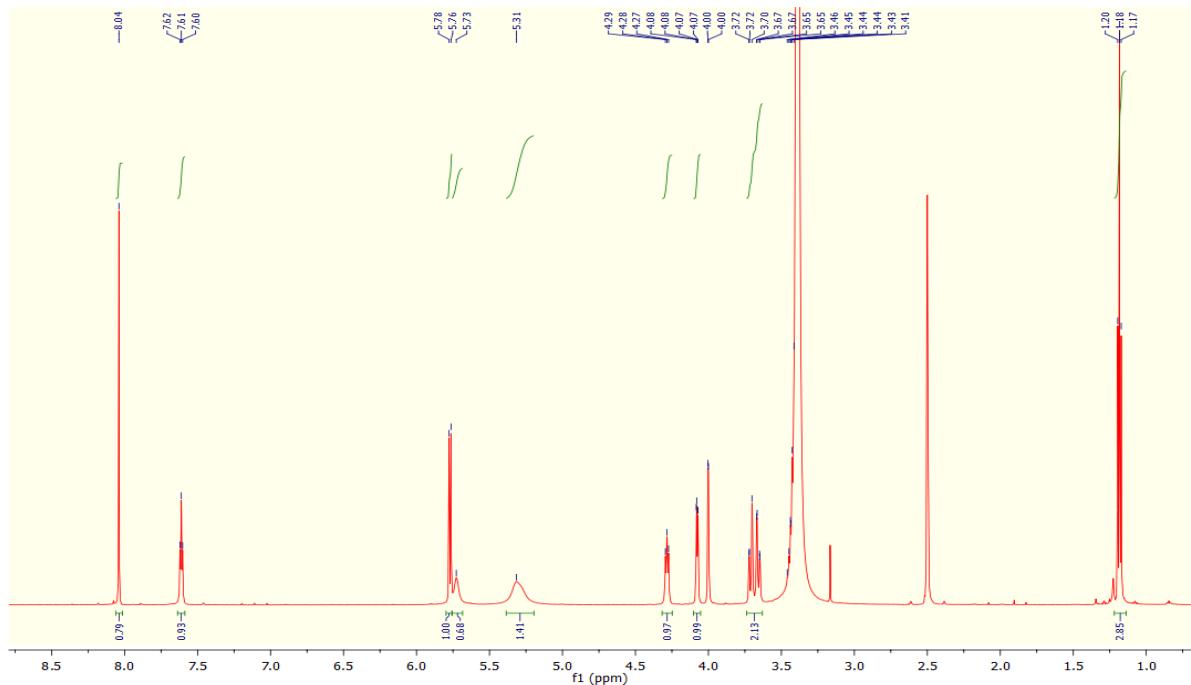
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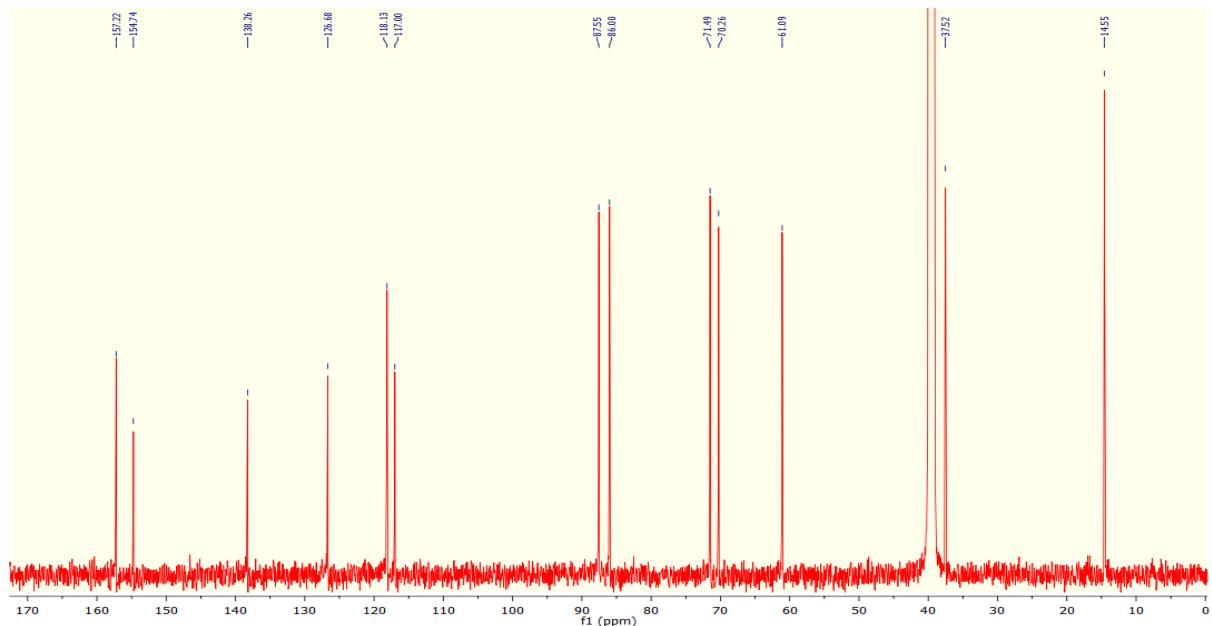
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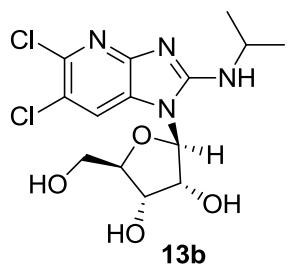
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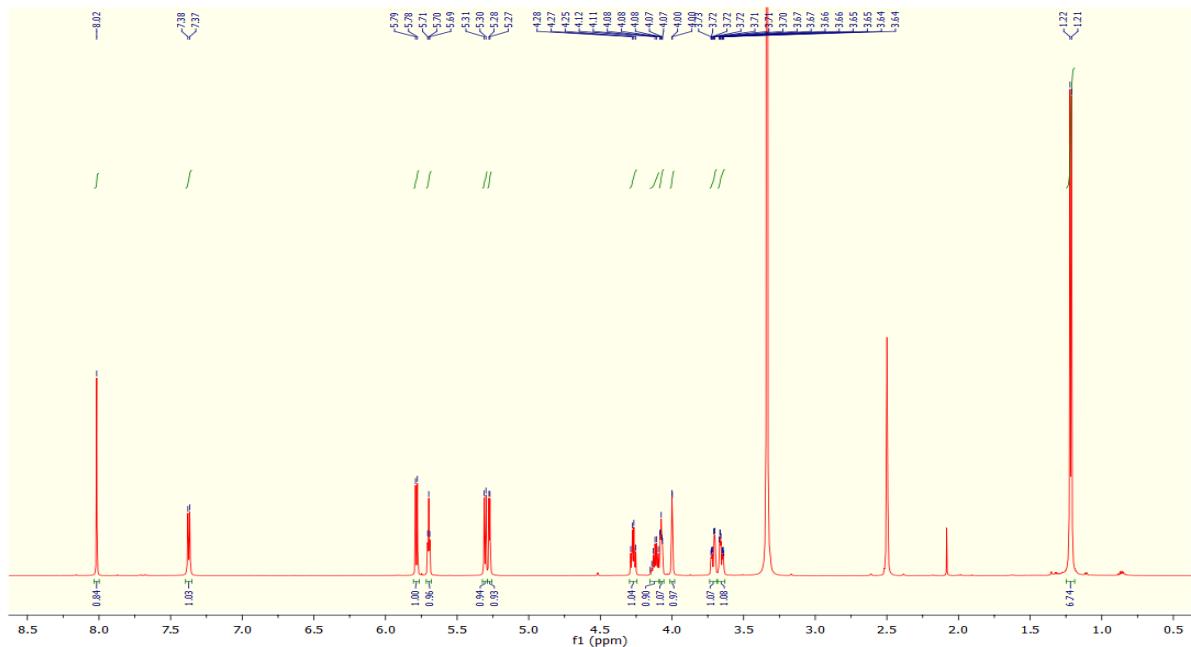
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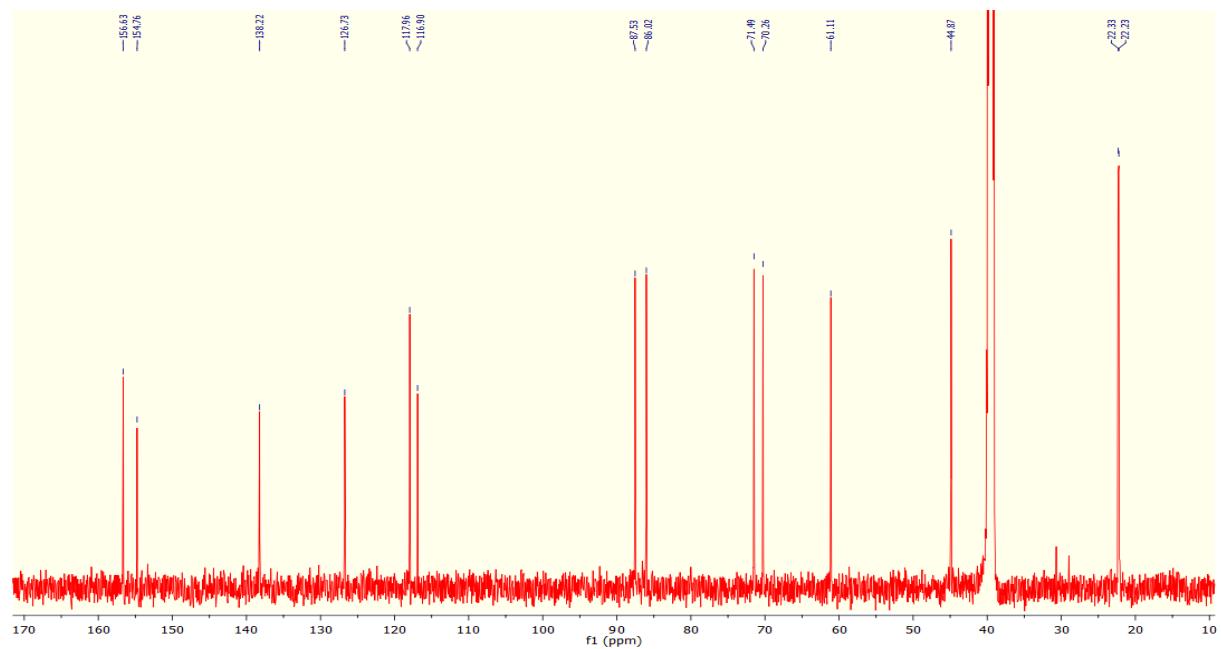
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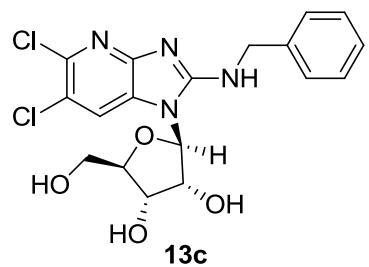
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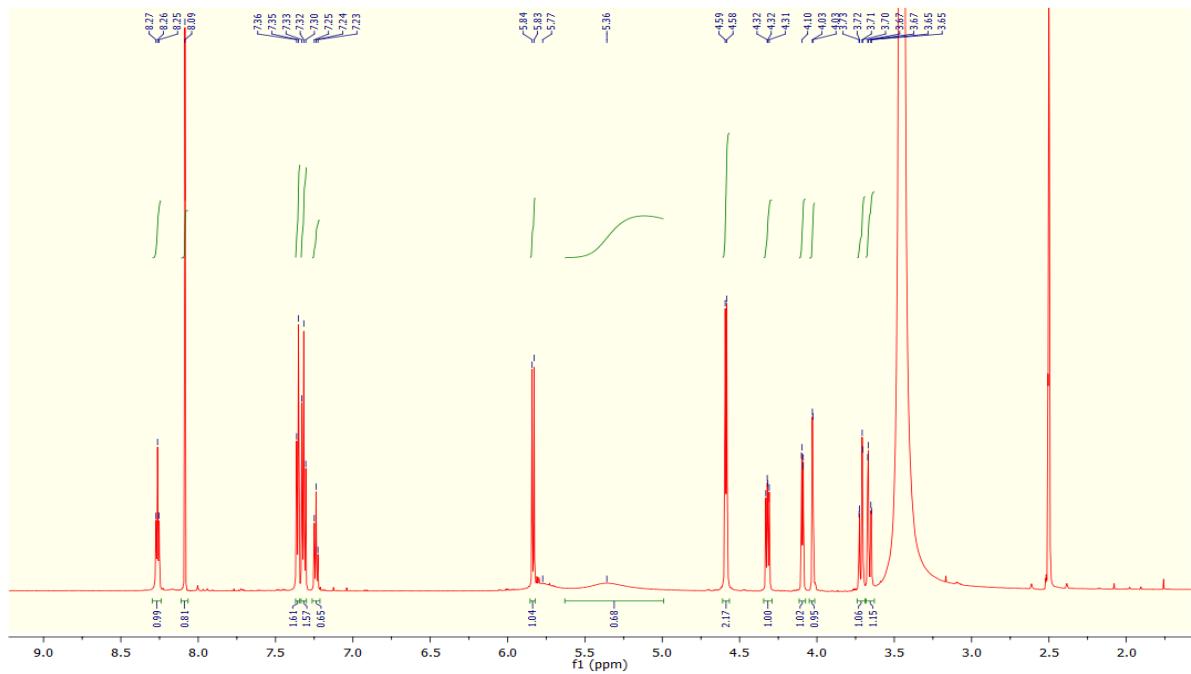
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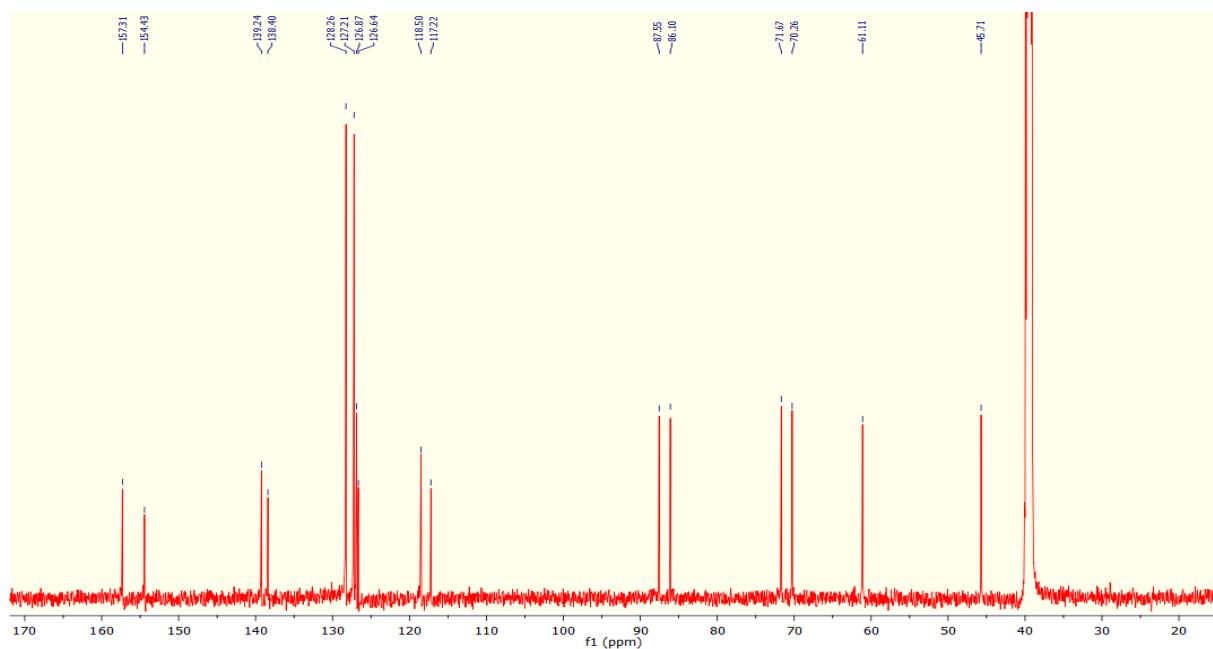
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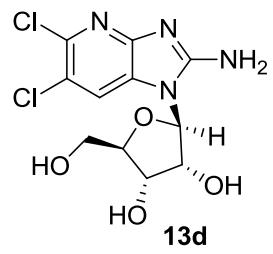
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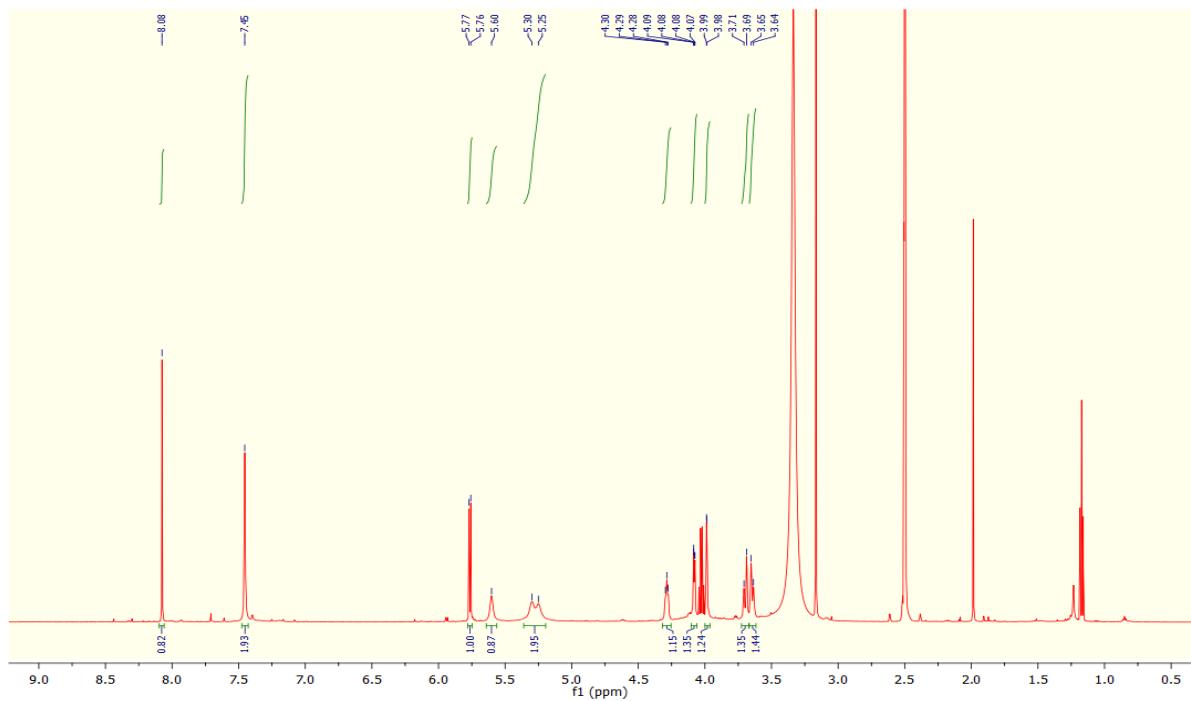
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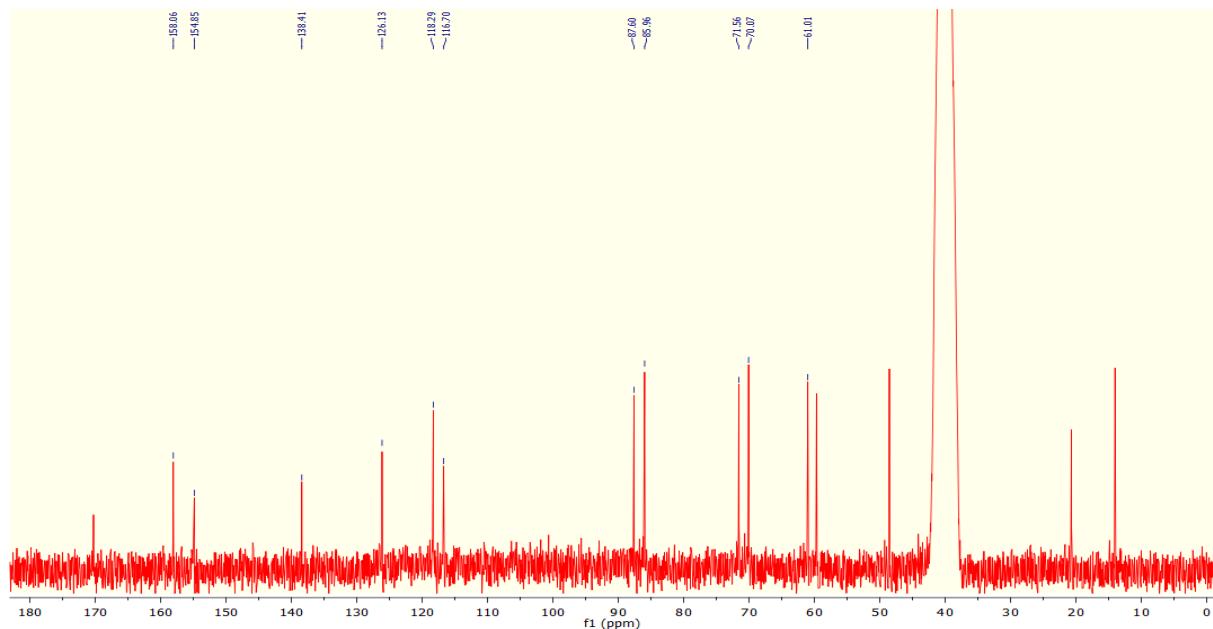
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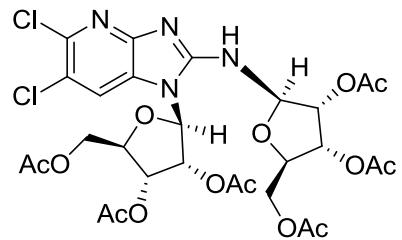
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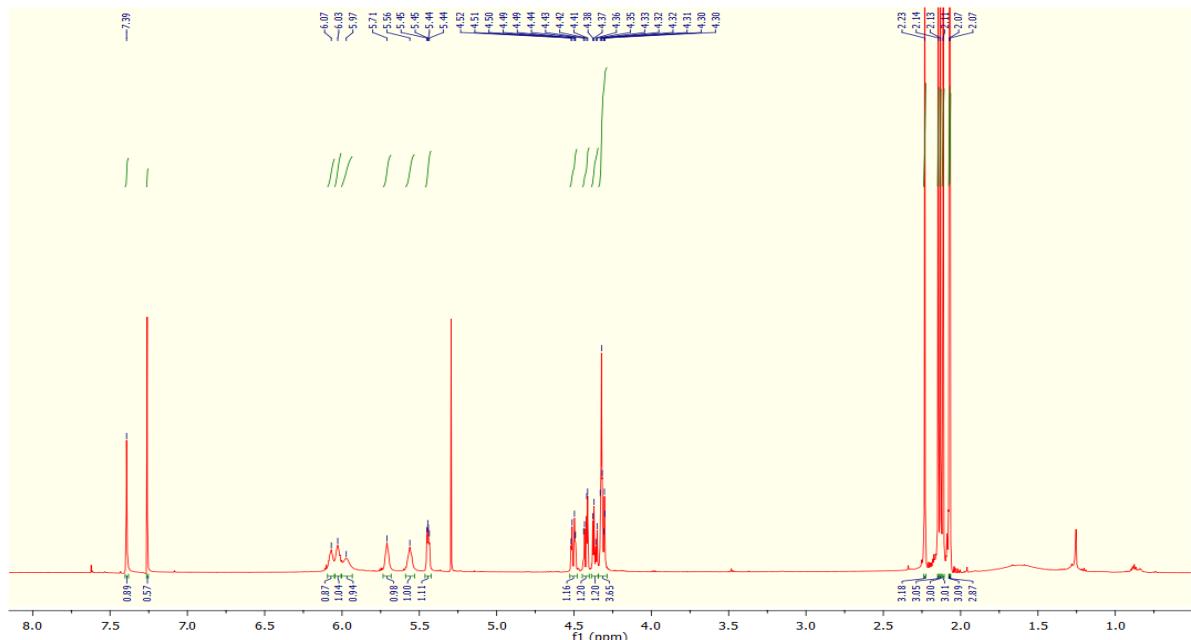


**Figure S9:** <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound 13d.

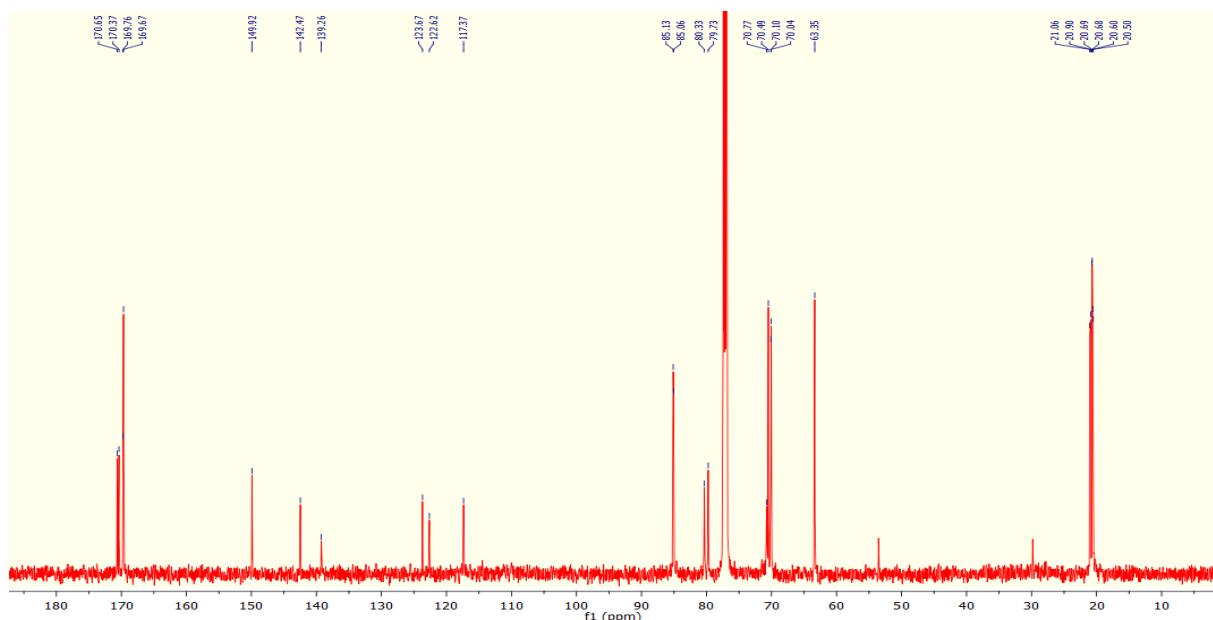


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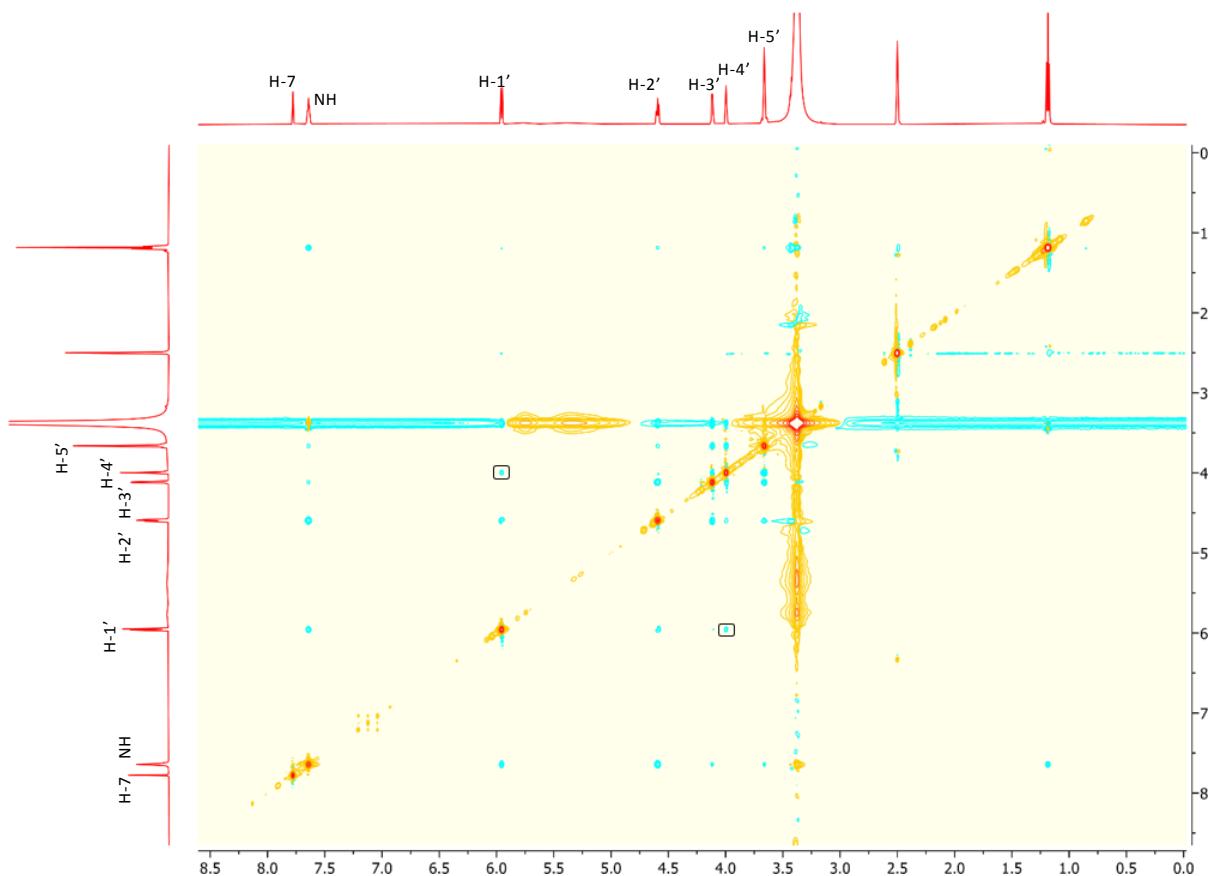
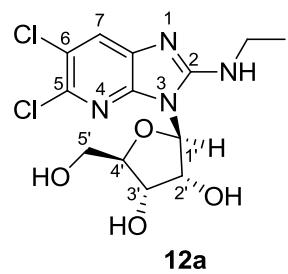
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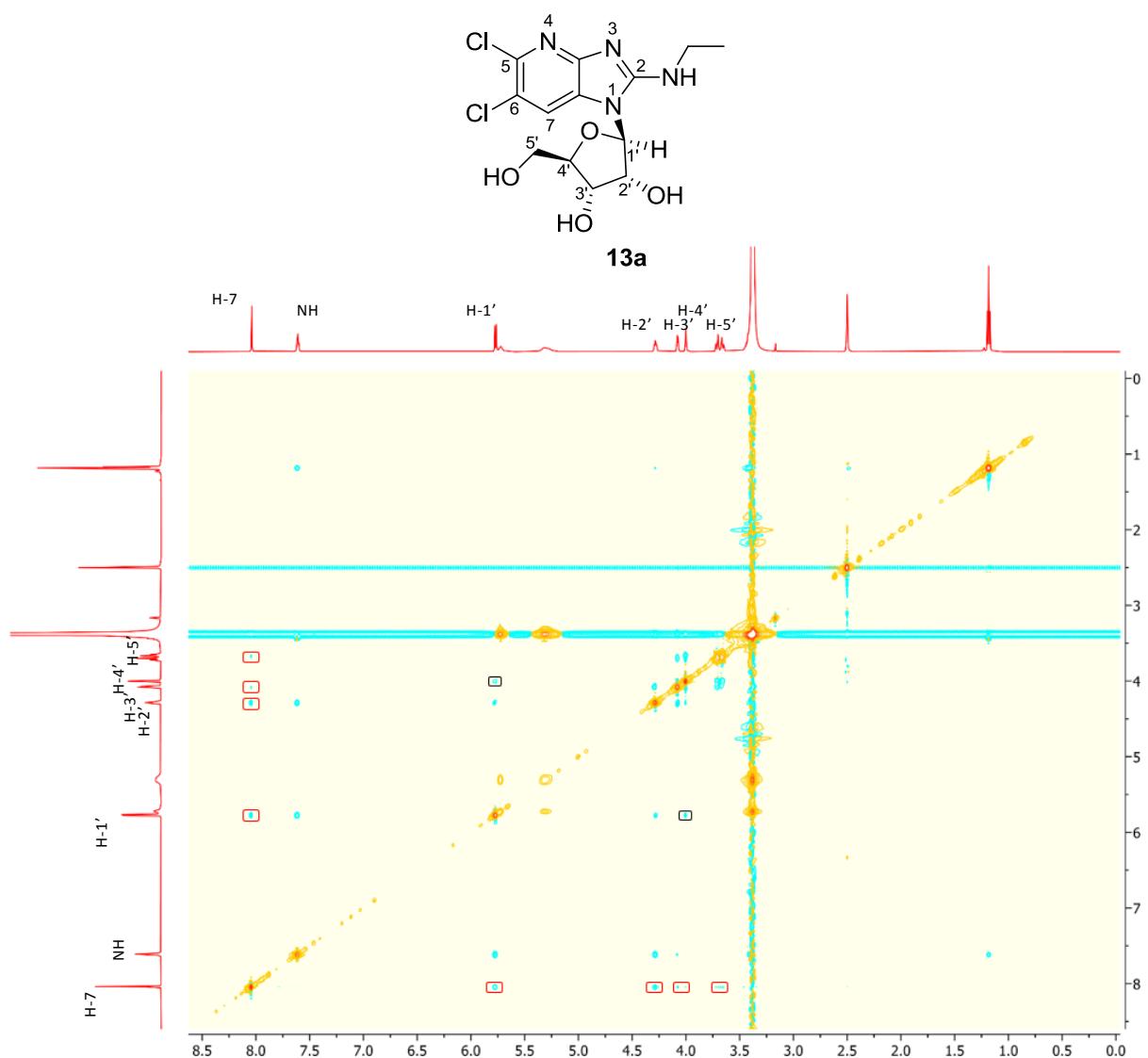
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR



**Figure S10:**  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of compound **14**.



**Figure S11:** NOE spectrum of compound **12a**. Black circles point out the cross correlation peaks between the H-1' and the H-4', indicating the  $\beta$ - configuration. No correlation peaks of the aromatic proton (H-7) and the protons H-1', H-2', H-3' and H-5' of the ribofuranosyl moiety are observed.



**Figure S12:** NOE spectrum of compound **13a**. Black circles point out the cross correlation peaks between the H-1' and the H-4', indicating the  $\beta$ - configuration. Correlation peaks of the aromatic proton (H-7) and the protons H-1', H-2', H-3' and H-5' of the ribofuranosyl moiety are pointed out with red circles, indicating the site of the ribosylation of the imidazopyridine scaffold.

**Table S1.** Cytotoxicity and antiviral activity of the target compounds against HSV-1, HSV-2, Vaccinia virus, Adeno virus-2 and Human Coronavirus (229E), in HEL cell cultures.

| Compound                       | Concentration unit | Minimum cytotoxic concentration <sup>a</sup> | EC <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> |                            |   |                |               |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                                |                    |  | Herpes simplex virus-1 (KOS)  | Herpes simplex virus-2 (G) | Herpes simplex virus-1 TK <sup>c</sup> KOS ACV <sup>r</sup> | Vaccinia virus | Adeno virus-2 | Human Coronavirus (229E) |
| <b>12a</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>12b</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>12c</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>12d</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>13a</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>13b</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>13c</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>13d</b>                     | μM                 | >100   | >100                          | >100                       | >100  | >100           | >100          | >100                     |
| <b>Brivudin<sup>c</sup></b>    | μM                 | >250   | 0,04                          | 75                         | 0,5   | 5,8            | -             | -                        |
| <b>Cidofovir<sup>c</sup></b>   | μM                 | >250   | 1                             | 2                          | 1   | 50             | 10            | -                        |
| <b>Acyclovir<sup>c</sup></b>   | μM                 | >250   | 0,4                           | 0,3                        | 3,5   | >250           | -             | -                        |
| <b>Ganciclovir<sup>c</sup></b> | μM                 | >100   | 0,01                          | 0,03                       | 0,6   | >100           | -             | -                        |
| <b>Zalcitabine<sup>c</sup></b> | μM                 | >250   | -                             | -                          | -   | -              | 17            | -                        |
| <b>Alovudine<sup>c</sup></b>   | μM                 | >250   | -                             | -                          | -   | -              | 5,9           | -                        |
| <b>UDA<sup>c</sup></b>         | μg/ml              | >100   | -                             | -                          | -   | -              | -             | 1,8                      |

<sup>a</sup>Required to cause a microscopically detectable alteration of normal cell morphology.

<sup>b</sup>Required to reduce virus-induced cytopathogenicity by 50 %.

<sup>c</sup>Antiviral drugs included as positive controls.

**Table S2.** Cytotoxicity and antiviral activity of the target compounds against varicella-zoster virus (VZV), in HEL cell cultures.

| Compound                    | Antiviral activity EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup> |  | Cytotoxicity (μM)<br>Cell morphology (MCC) <sup>b</sup> |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
|                             | TK <sup>c</sup> VZV strain                            | TK <sup>c</sup> VZV strain<br>OKA 07-1 |   |
|                             | OKA   | 07-1                                   |   |
| <b>12a</b>                  | >100  | >100                                   | >100  |
| <b>12b</b>                  | >100  | >100                                   | >100  |
| <b>12c</b>                  | >100  | >20                                    | 20  |
| <b>12d</b>                  | >100  | 40,27                                  | >100  |
| <b>13a</b>                  | >100  | >100                                   | >100  |
| <b>13b</b>                  | >100  | >100                                   | >100  |
| <b>13c</b>                  | >100  | >20                                    | 20  |
| <b>13d</b>                  | >100  | >100                                   | >100  |
| <b>Acylovir<sup>c</sup></b> | 2,31  | 49,06                                  | >440  |
| <b>Brivudin<sup>c</sup></b> | 0,0075  | 0,48                                   | >300  |

<sup>a</sup>Effective concentration required to reduce virus plaque formation by 50%. Virus input was 20 plaque forming units (PFU).

<sup>b</sup>Minimum cytotoxic concentration that causes a microscopically detectable alteration of cell morphology.

<sup>c</sup>Antiviral drugs included as positive controls.

**Table S3.** Cytotoxicity and antiviral activity of the target compounds against human cytomegalovirus (HCMV), in HEL cell cultures.

| Compound                       | Antiviral activity EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup> |              | Cytotoxicity (μM) |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|
|                                | AD-169 strain   | Davis strain |                   |
| <b>12a</b>                     | >100  | >100         | >100              |
| <b>12b</b>                     | >100  | >100         | >100              |
| <b>12c</b>                     | >20   | >4           | >100              |
| <b>12d</b>                     | >20   | >100         | >100              |
| <b>13a</b>                     | >100  | >100         | >100              |
| <b>13b</b>                     | >100  | >100         | >100              |
| <b>13c</b>                     | >20   | >20          | >100              |
| <b>13d</b>                     | >100  | >100         | >100              |
| <b>Ganciclovir<sup>c</sup></b> | 9,22  | 2,29         | >350              |
| <b>Cidofovir<sup>c</sup></b>   | 1,93  | 1,05         | >300              |

<sup>a</sup>Effective concentration required to reduce virus plaque formation by 50%. Virus input was 100 plaque forming units (PFU).

<sup>b</sup>Minimum cytotoxic concentration that causes a microscopically detectable alteration of cell morphology.

<sup>c</sup>Antiviral drugs included as positive controls.

**Table S4.** Inhibitory effects of the target compounds on the proliferation of human T-lymphocyte cells (CEM), human cervix carcinoma cells (HeLa) and human dermal microvascular endothelial cells (HMEC-1).

| Compound   | IC <sub>50</sub> ( μM ) <sup>a</sup> |        |        |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|            | CEM                                  | HeLa   | HMEC-1 |
| <b>12a</b> | >100                                 | >100   | >100   |
| <b>12b</b> | >100                                 | >100   | >100   |
| <b>12c</b> | 37 ± 3                               | 36 ± 7 | 20 ± 2 |
| <b>12d</b> | 49 ± 9                               | 40 ± 1 | 57 ± 8 |
| <b>13a</b> | >100                                 | >100   | >100   |
| <b>13b</b> | >100                                 | >100   | >100   |
| <b>13c</b> | 39 ± 8                               | ≥ 100  | 50 ± 4 |
| <b>13d</b> | >100                                 | >100   | >100   |

<sup>a</sup>Concentration of the compound necessary for 50% of growth inhibition. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated from concentration-response curve using linear regression analysis. Each test was performed in quadruplicate in at least two individual experiments.