

## **2'-C-Branched Ribonucleosides II: The Synthesis of 2'-C- $\beta$ -Trifluoromethyl**

### **Ribonucleosides**

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### **Experimental**

All reagents and anhydrous solvents were purchased from Aldrich; other solvents were from Fisher unless otherwise noted. All reactions using air sensitive or moisture sensitive reagents were run under an argon atmosphere.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 500 or Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane,  $^{19}\text{F}$  chemical shift are recorded in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to  $\text{CFCl}_3$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to the solvent used.  $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOE experiments were recorded on Bruker 400 spectrometer. High Resolution Mass Spectra were obtained from the Department of Chemistry, University of California at Riverside on VG-ZAB instrument. Merck silica gel (9385 grade, 230-400 mesh, 60 Å, Aldrich) was used for column chromatography. Silica gel on glass with fluorescent indicator (Sigma) was used for TLC.

**1,3,5-Tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-2-ketoribofuranose (2):** Under argon atmosphere, 1,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose **1** (10.0 g, 21.6 mmol) was added to the mixture of Dess-Martin periodinane (20.0 g, 47.2 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (100 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The solvent was removed and the residue was triturated with diethyl ether (200mL). Following filtration through a pad of silica gel and anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (w/w=1:1), the organic solution was washed with a solution of sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate (25 g) in water (150 mL), then ice cooled saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (100 mL), brine (100 mL) and dried

over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed and the residue was dried under high vacuum to give pure **2** as white foam: 9.835 g (97% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11-8.08 (m, 4H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.35 (m, 9H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.86 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 5.04-5.01 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd,  $J$  = 3.4, 12.5 Hz), 4.63 (dd,  $J$  = 4.5, 12.5 Hz).

**1,2,3,5-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-2-*C*- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (**3**):** Under argon atmosphere, a catalytic amount of TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 1.1 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added into the mixture of 1,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-2-ketoribofuranose **2** (9.95 g, 21.6 mmol) with trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (0.5 M solution in THF, 75.0 mL, 37.5 mmol) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The solution became yellow immediately upon the addition of TBAF and became dark brown eventually. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature, TBAF (1M solution in THF, 20 mL, 20 mmol) was added into the mixture. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 10 minutes. Following removal of THF under vacuum,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added and the mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl. After the organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , the solvent was removed and the residue was dried under high vacuum. This material was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (300 mL). To the resulting solution at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , *N,N*-dimethylaminopyridine (3.96 g, 32.4 mmol),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (40 mL), and benzoyl chloride (7.52 mL, 64.8 mmol) were added. After 5 h at ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into 500 mL of ethyl ether and washed with 1 N HCl, saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , and brine. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to give **3** (10.0 g, 73% overall yield from **2**) as a white foam. The stereochemistry of **3** was confirmed by  $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOE.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.77 (dd,  $J$  = 4.4, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd,  $J$  = 5.8, 12.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0, 164.7, 163.6, 162.8, 133.9, 133.8, 133.7, 133.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 123.2 (q,  $J$  = 287.0 Hz), 94.3, 83.0 (q,  $J$  = 29.9 Hz) 81.0, 70.7, 62.8. HMRS calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_9$   $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$  652.1794; Found: 652.1794.

**2',3',5'-Tri-*O*-benzoyl-2'-*C*- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl-D-uridine (4a and 4b):** A stirred suspension of uracil (280 mg, 2.5 mmol) and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  (10 mg) in 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane (25 mL) was heated to reflux under argon until a clear solution formed. The clear solution was evaporated under vacuum to remove the excess 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane. The residue was dried under high vacuum ( $< 0.1$  mm Hg) for 2 h. The crude bis(trimethylsilyl)uracil (2.5 mmol) obtained was dissolved in dry acetonitrile (25 mL), which was then transferred *via* cannula to a heavy-wall pressure tube containing 1,2,3,5-tetra-*O*-benzoyl-2'-*C*-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose **3** (0.50 g, 0.79 mmol). Under an argon atmosphere, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.45 mL, 2.5 mmol) was added in one portion to the solution with exclusion of moisture. The reaction mixture was heated to 120  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days. The reaction was quenched by carefully pouring the mixture into 25 mL of 10%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and stirred for 15 min. The mixture was extracted with methylene chloride, and the organic phase was washed with brine and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 25% ethyl acetate in hexanes. The

reaction gave the  $\beta$ -anomer **4b** (157 mg, 32%; the fast isomer) and the  $\alpha$ -anomer **4a** (7 mg, 1%; the slow isomer) as white solids in a combined yield of 33% along with the recovery of a large amount of starting material **3** (283 mg, 57%). The stereochemistry of **4a** and **4b** was determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOE.  $\beta$ -isomer (**4b**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.60 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.19 (m, 1H), 4.93 (dd,  $J = 2.5, 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd,  $J = 3.5, 12.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 164.9, 164.1, 163.1, 149.9, 139.0, 134.3, 133.9, 133.5, 130.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 125.8, 123.4 (q,  $J = 283.8$  Hz), 102.1, 85.5 (q,  $J = 28.9$  Hz), 84.5, 79.7, 67.6, 62.0. HMRS calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  625.1434; Found: 625.1415.  $\alpha$ -isomer (**4a**):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.31 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd,  $J = 2.5, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.21 (m, 1H), 4.80 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dd,  $J = 4.5, 12.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0, 164.1, 163.5, 162.8, 149.8, 139.8, 134.7, 134.0, 133.4, 130.1, 129.73, 129.71, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.64, 127.59, 123.0 (q,  $J = 285.6$  Hz), 102.1, 86.3, 85.3 (q,  $J = 29.5$  Hz), 83.1, 70.8, 63.5, 60.4. HMRS calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  625.1434; Found: 625.1396.

**3,5-Di-*O*-benzoyl-2-*C*- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-1-ribofuranosyl bromide (**5**):** A mixture of 1,2,3,5-tetra-*O*-benzoyl-2-*C*-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose **3** (1.62 g, 2.56 mmol) and 30% HBr in AcOH (10 mL) was stirred and heated to 80-85 °C for 5 h in a

dry sealed heavy-wall pressure tube. After it was cooled, the reaction mixture was diluted with methylene chloride (110 mL) and transferred to a separating funnel containing ice. The organic layer was washed subsequently with ice water (45 mL), ice cooled saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2x45 mL) and ice water (45 mL). After the organic layer was dried by anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane to give **5** (0.965 g, 77%). The stereochemistry of **5** was determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOE.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.67 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 4.75-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.63 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.56 (br s, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -78.6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 164.5, 134.1, 133.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 122.9 (q,  $J = 279.7$  Hz), 94.0, 82.7, 81.1 (q,  $J = 28.7$  Hz), 68.9, 61.9. HMRS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_6\text{F}_3\text{Br}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  489.0161; Found: 489.0166.

**3',5'-Di-O-benzoyl-4-N-benzoyl-2'-C- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -D-Cytidine (6):** A mixture of **3** (2.39 g, 3.77 mmol) and 30% HBr in acetic acid (30 mL) was stirred and heated to 80-85 °C in a heavy-wall pressure tube overnight. After it cooled, the reaction mixture was diluted with methylene chloride (360 mL) and transferred to a separating funnel containing ice. After mixing and separating, the organic layer was washed successively with ice  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (150 mL), ice cooled saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2x150 mL), ice water (150 mL). After the organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , the solvent was removed and the residue was dried under reduced pressure to give **5** as a pale-yellow oil which was used without further purification. **5** was then taken up in dry toluene (100 mL) and transferred *via* cannula to the reaction flask containing persilylated 4-*N*-

benzoylcytosine (8.74 mmol), which was prepared *in situ* from 4-*N*-benzoylcytosine (1.88 g, 8.74 mmol), (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (30 mg) in 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane (100 mL) as described above for the synthesis of **4a** and **4b**. To this solution was added HgO (1.15 g) and HgBr<sub>2</sub> (1.15 g). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux under an argon atmosphere overnight. When TLC indicated that **5** was completely consumed, the reaction was quenched by addition of methanol (10 mL) and water (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for another 15 min at rt and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 0.5% methanol in chloroform to provide the **6** (0.99 g, 42% yield) as the only isomer. The stereochemistry of **6** was determined by the <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>1</sup>H NOE experiment. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (m, 3H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 7H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.75 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -77.2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 166.0, 164.8, 163.2, 156.8, 143.9, 133.6, 133.3, 133.2, 132.7, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.6, 123.9 (q, *J* = 286.9 Hz), 97.7, 90.9, 80.1, 79.8 (q, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 70.7, 62.4. HRMS calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 624.1594; Found: 624.1588.

**3',5'-Di-*O*-benzoyl-2'-*C*-β-trifluoromethyl-β-D-uridine (7):** A mixture of **3** (2.32 g, 3.66 mmol) and 30% HBr in acetic acid (20 mL) was stirred and heated to 80-85 °C in a heavy-wall pressure tube overnight. After it cooled, the reaction mixture was diluted with methylene chloride (240 mL) and transferred to a separating funnel containing ice. After mixing and separating, the organic layer was washed successively with ice H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), ice cooled saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2x100 mL), ice water

(100 mL). After the organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , the solvent was removed and the residue was dried under reduced pressure to give **5** as a pale-yellow oil which was used without further purification. **5** was then taken up in dry benzene (70 mL) and transferred *via* cannula to the reaction flask containing bis(trimethylsilyl)uracil (8.03 mmol), which was prepared *in situ* from uracil (0.90 g, 8.03 mmol),  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  (30 mg) in 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane (80 mL) as described above for the synthesis of **4a** and **4b**. To this solution was added  $\text{HgO}$  (1.00 g) and  $\text{HgBr}_2$  (1.00 g), the reaction mixture was then heated to reflux under an argon atmosphere for 8 h. When TLC indicated that **5** was completely consumed, the reaction was quenched by addition of methanol (15 mL) and water (6 mL). The mixture was stirred for another 30 min at rt and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 0.5% methanol in chloroform to provide the **7** (0.894 g, 47% yield) as the only isomer. The stereochemistry of **7** was determined by the  $^{19}\text{F}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOE experiment.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.23 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 4H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.96 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.85 (br s, 1H), 5.58 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.57-4.66 (m, 1H), 4.55 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 12.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.7.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 164.7, 163.2, 150.7, 139.3, 133.9, 133.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 123.5 (q,  $J = 284.7$  Hz), 102.9, 89.5, 79.7 (q,  $J = 27.8$  Hz), 78.0, 69.0, 61.6. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{F}_3$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  521.1172; Found: 521.1162.

**3',5'-Di-*O*-benzoyl-5-methyl-2'-*C*- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -D-uridine (**8**): A**

mixture of **3** (1.694 g, 2.67 mmol) and 30%  $\text{HBr}$  in acetic acid (15 mL) was stirred and

heated to 80-85 °C in a heavy-wall pressure tube for 5 h. After it cooled, the reaction mixture was diluted with methylene chloride (175 mL) and transferred to a separating funnel containing ice. After mixing and separating, the organic layer was washed successively with ice H<sub>2</sub>O (75 mL), ice cooled saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2x75 mL), ice water (75 mL). After the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed and the residue was dried under reduced pressure to give **5** as a pale-yellow oil which was used without further purification. **5** was then taken up in dry benzene (70 mL) and transferred *via* cannula to the reaction flask containing persilylated thymine (6.0 mmol), which was prepared *in situ* from thymine (0.76 g, 6.0 mmol) and (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (20 mg) in 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane (60 mL) as described above for the synthesis of **4a** and **4b**. To this solution was added HgO (0.77 g) and HgBr<sub>2</sub> (0.77 g). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux under an argon atmosphere overnight. After it was cooled down, the reaction was quenched by addition of methanol (10 mL) and water (4 mL). The mixture was stirred for another 15 min at rt and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 0.5% methanol in chloroform to provide the **8** (0.817 g, 57% yield) as the only isomer. The stereochemistry of **8** was determined by the <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>1</sup>H NOE experiment. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 12.0, 1H), 4.66 (m, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 12.0, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.1. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.9, 164.8, 163.9, 150.8, 134.8, 133.8, 133.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 123.6 (q, *J* = 281.7 Hz), 111.6, 89.5, 79.6 (q, *J* = 29.2

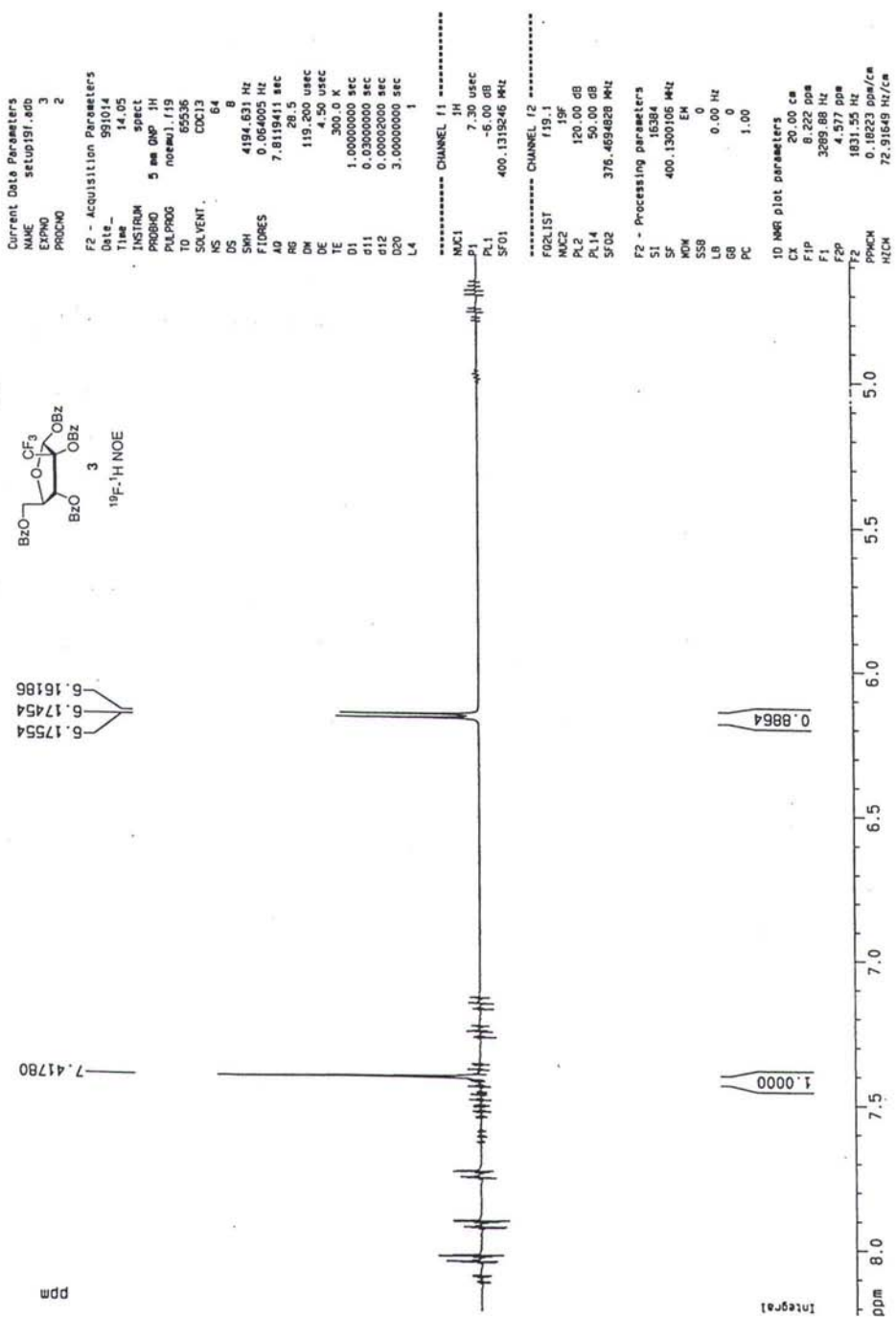


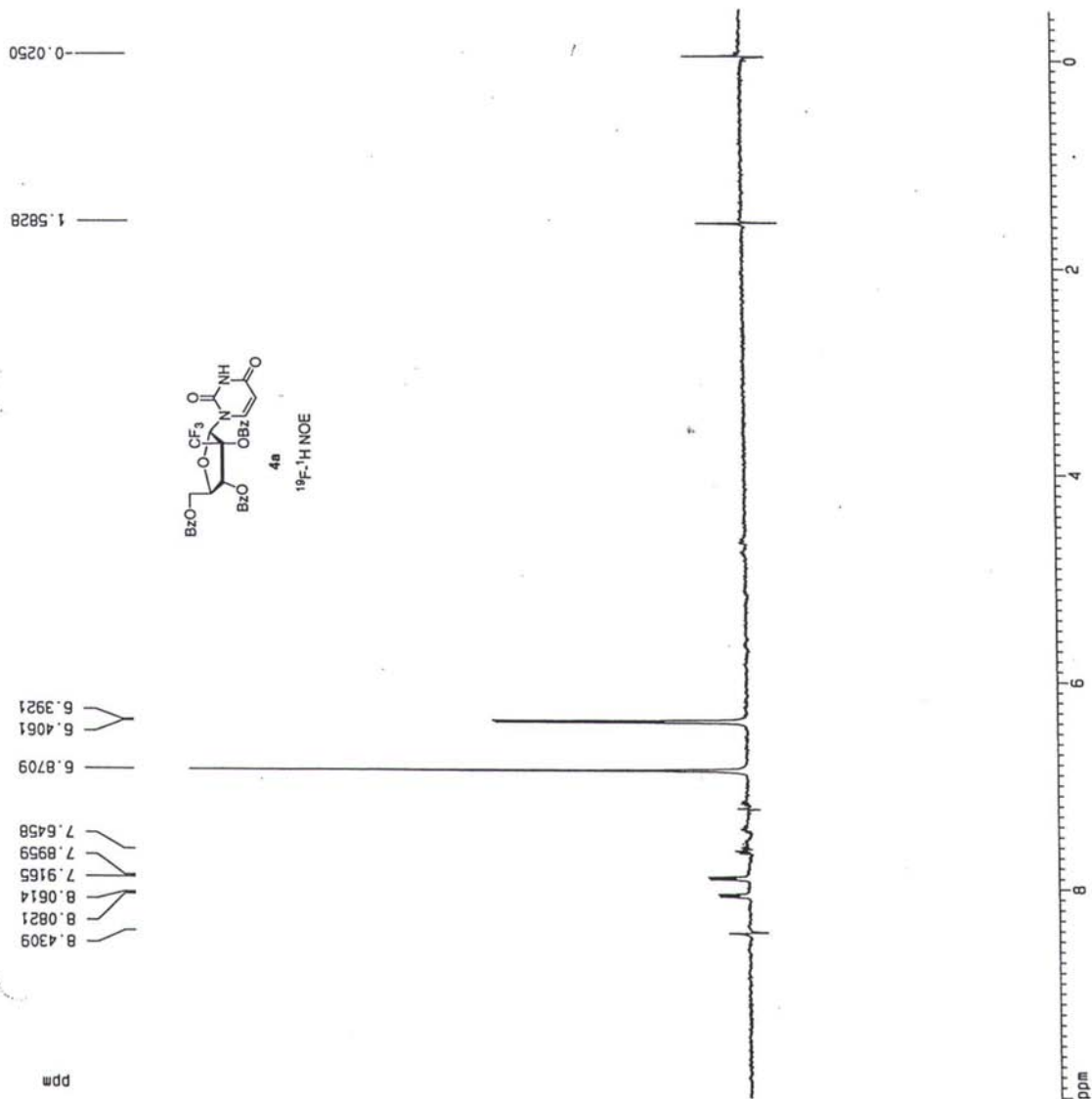
Hz), 69.0, 61.6, 12.0. HRMS calcd for  $C_{25}H_{22}N_2O_8F_3$  ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> 535.1328; Found: 535.1311.

**2'-C- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -D-cytidine (9):** Ammonia was bubbled into a solution of **6** (128 mg, 0.205 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) at 0 °C for half an hour. The solution was kept at 4 °C for 2 days and then concentrated under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in water (20 mL) and washed with  $CCl_4$  (3x20 mL). The aqueous layer was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate and methanol (4:1) to give **9** (58 mg, 91%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.65 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  165.4, 154.6, 141.7, 124.5 (q,  $J$  = 285.1 Hz), 93.9, 88.2, 81.1, 79.8 (q,  $J$  = 27.1 Hz), 67.7, 58.5. HRMS calcd for  $C_{10}H_{13}F_3N_3O_5$  [ $M+H$ ]<sup>+</sup> 312.0807; Found 312.0804.

**2'-C- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -D-uridine (10):** A solution of **7** (186 mg, 0.36 mmol) in ammonia-saturated methanol (0 °C; 25 mL) was kept at 4 °C for 2 days. When TLC indicated that the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by chromatography eluting with 12% methanol in chloroform to provide **10** (109 mg, 98%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 6.06 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (br s, 1H), 4.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.66 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  162.8, 149.9, 140.8, 124.4 (q,  $J$  = 284.6 Hz), 101.5, 87.6, 81.4, 80.0 (q,  $J$  = 27.5 Hz), 67.3, 58.1. HRMS calcd for  $C_{10}H_{12}F_3N_2O_6$  [ $M+H$ ]<sup>+</sup> 313.0647; Found 313.0650.

**2'-C- $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl-5-methyl- $\beta$ -D-uridine (11):** A solution of **8** (346 g, 0.65 mmol) in ammonia-saturated methanol (0 °C; 50 mL) was kept at 4 °C for 2 days. When TLC indicated that the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by chromatography eluting with 10% methanol in chloroform to provide **11** (210 mg, 99%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H), 6.64 (br s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 6.03 (br s, 1H), 5.42 (br s, 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.67 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  163.5, 150.0, 136.5, 124.4 (q,  $J$  = 285.4 Hz), 108.8, 87.5, 81.4, 78.0 (q,  $J$  = 27.3 Hz), 67.2, 58.1, 12.2. HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 327.0804; Found 327.0819.





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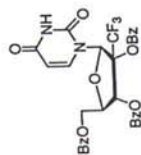
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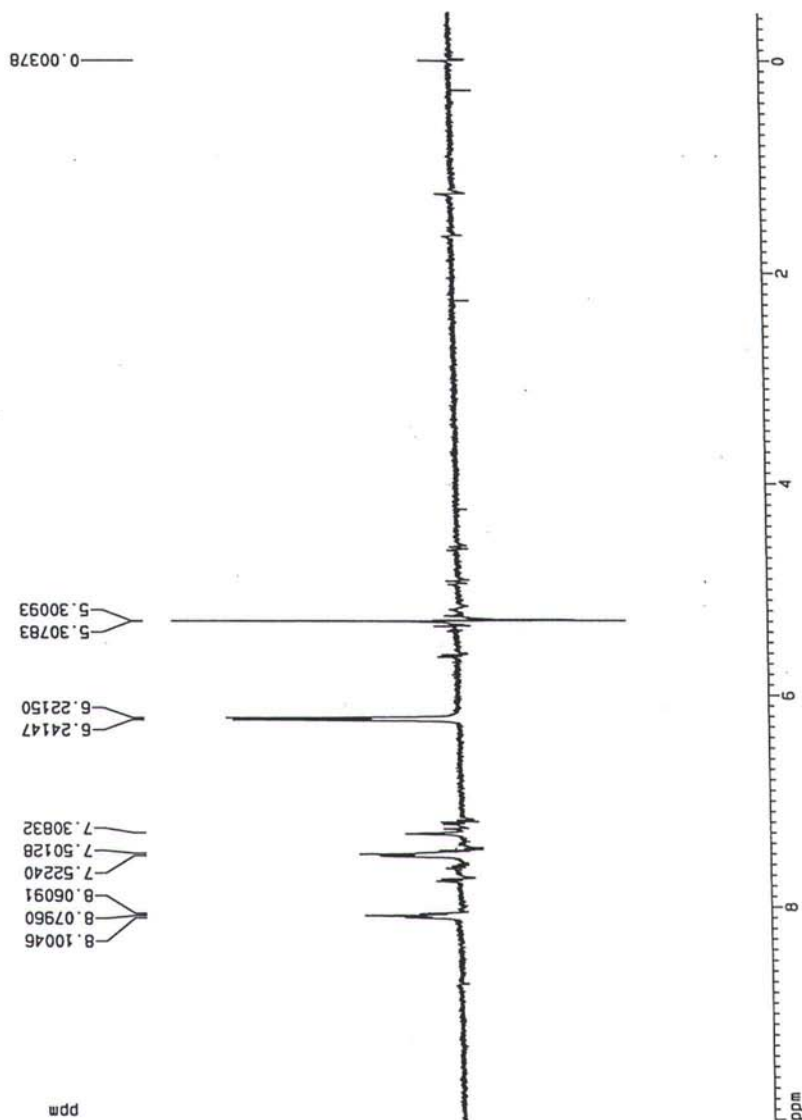
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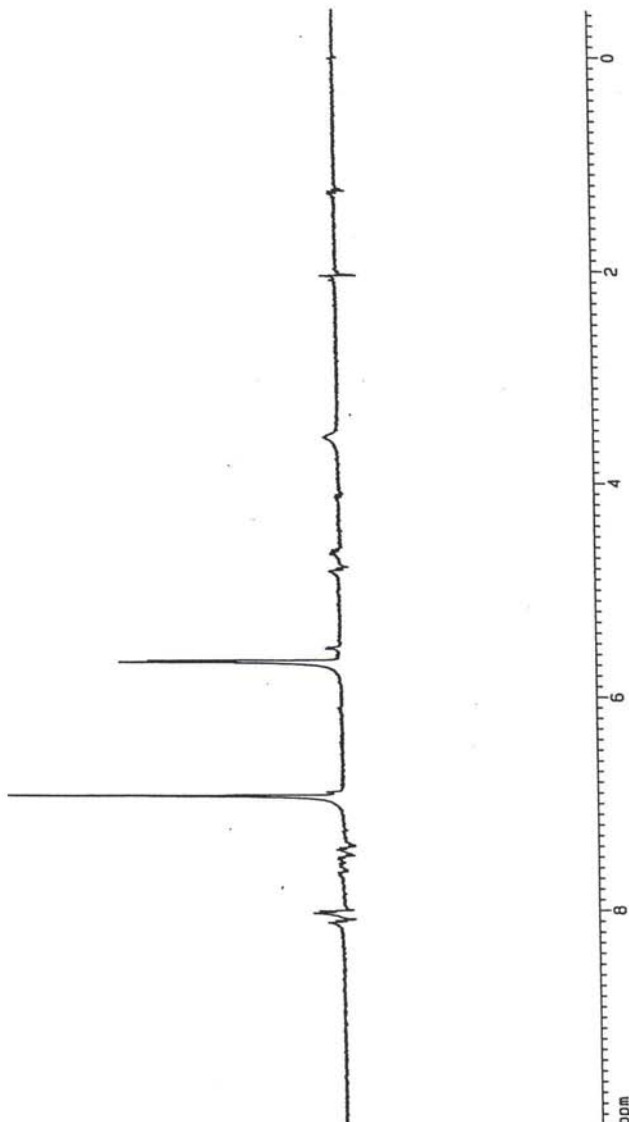
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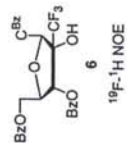


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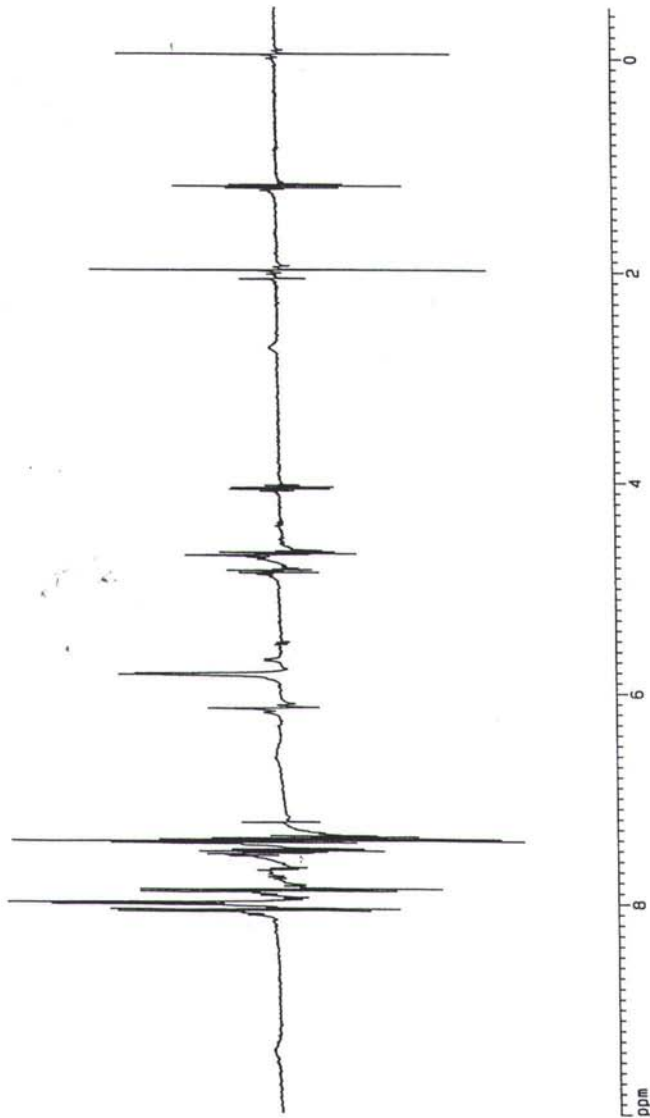
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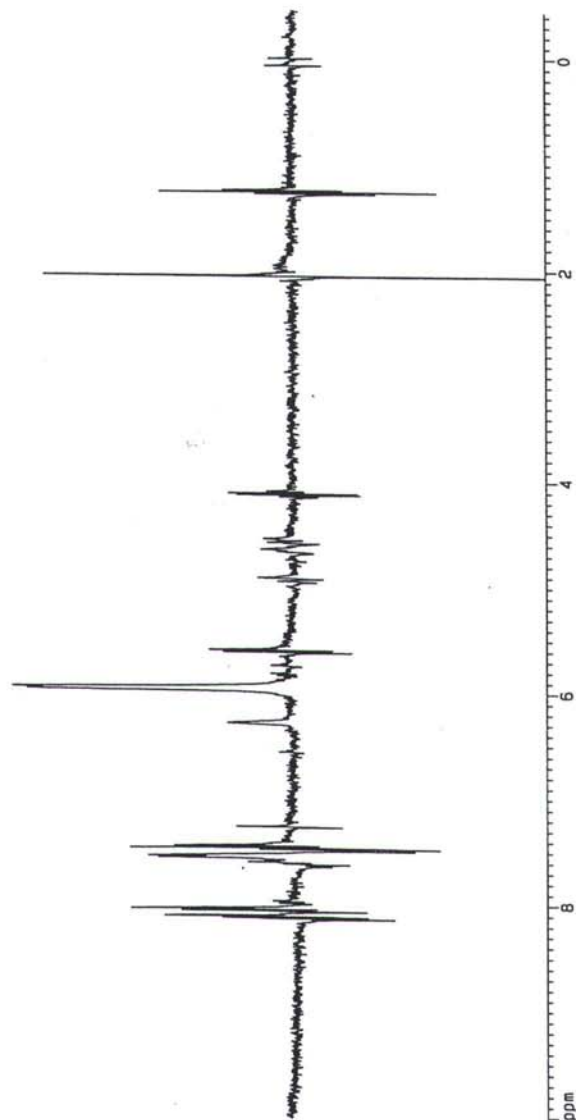
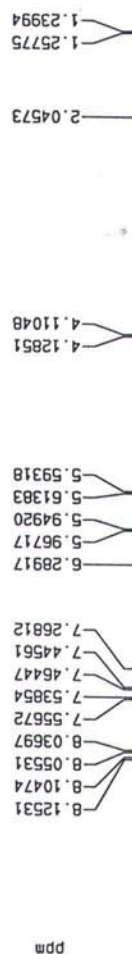
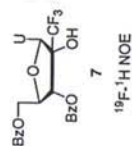


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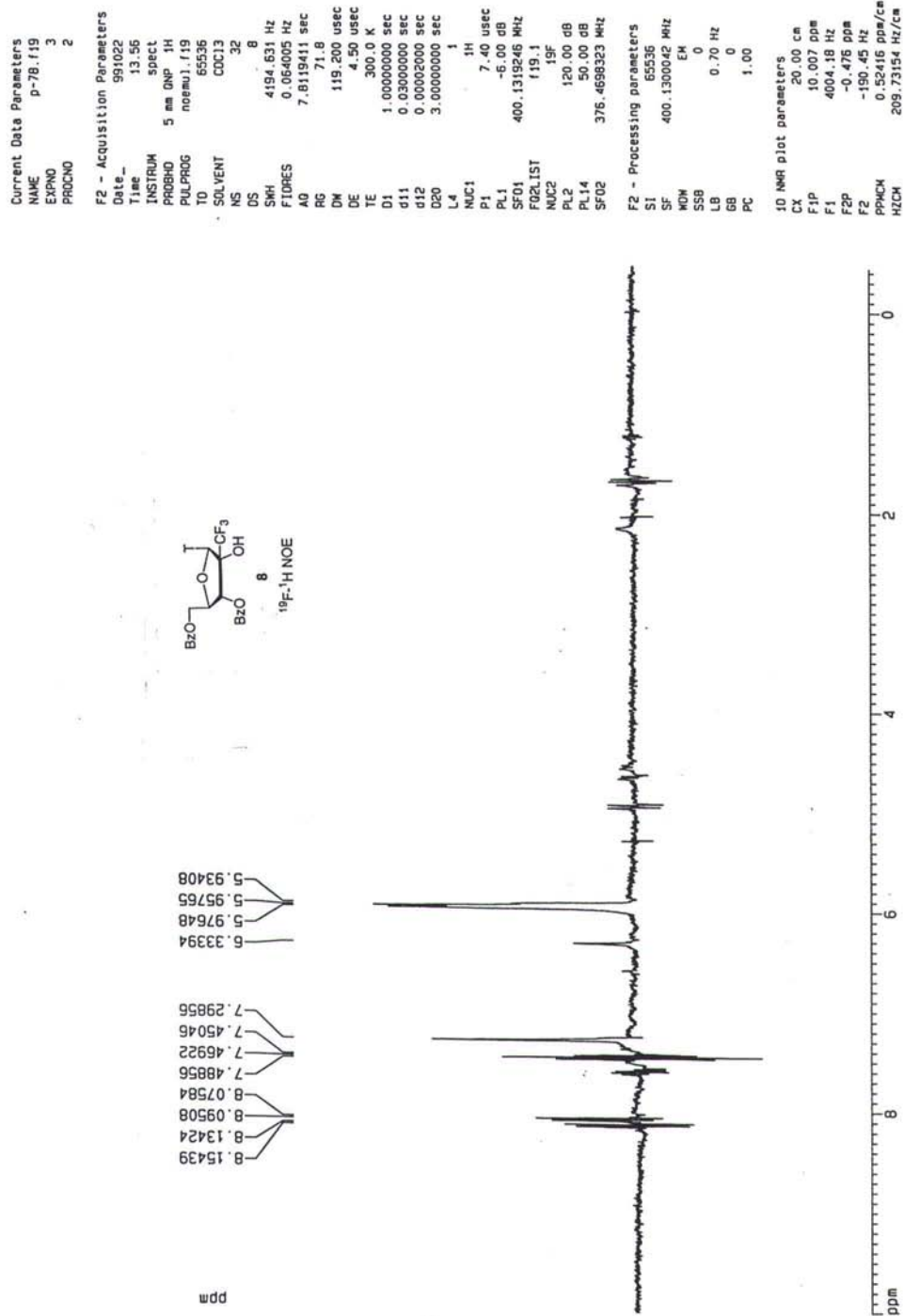
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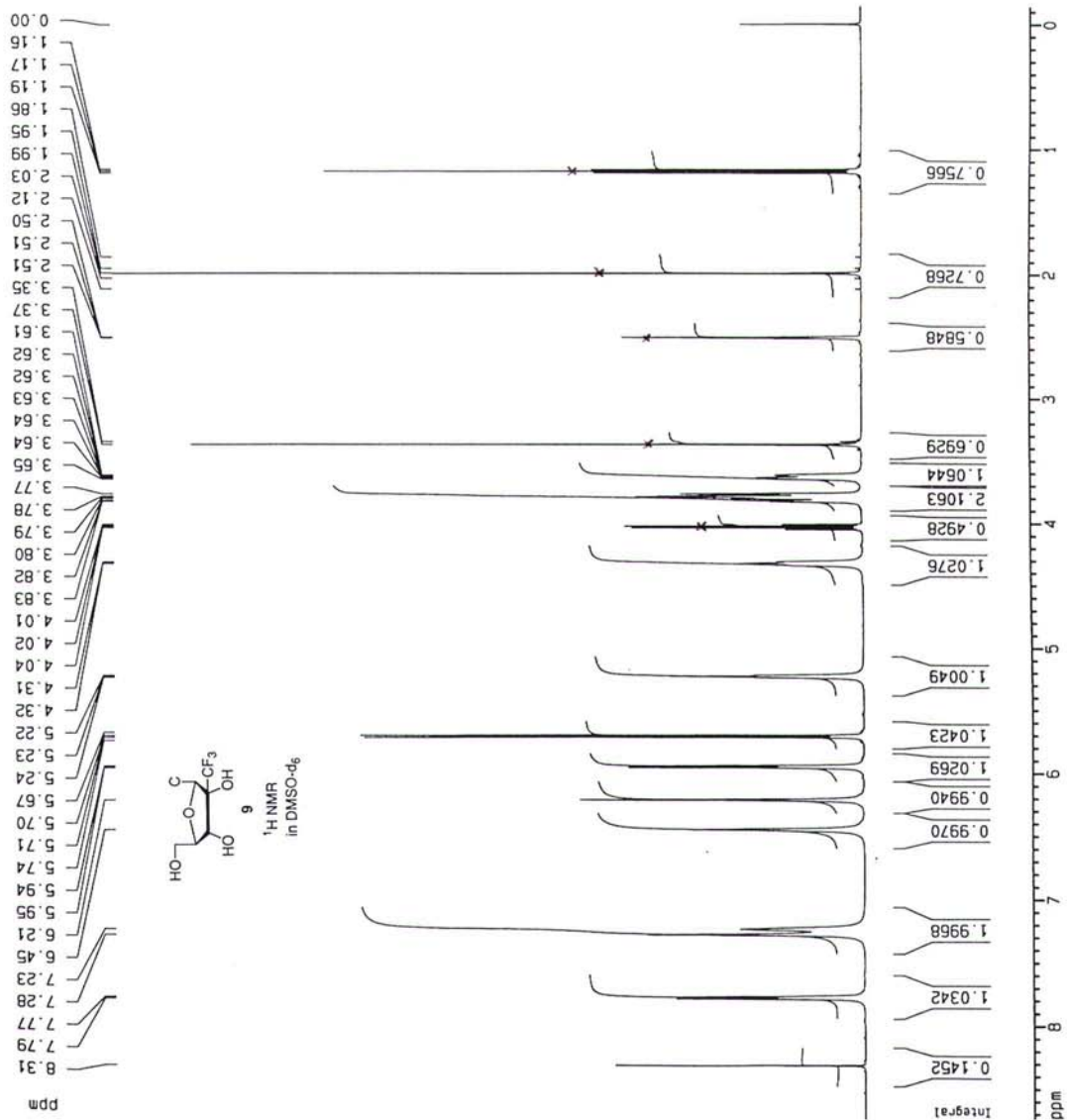
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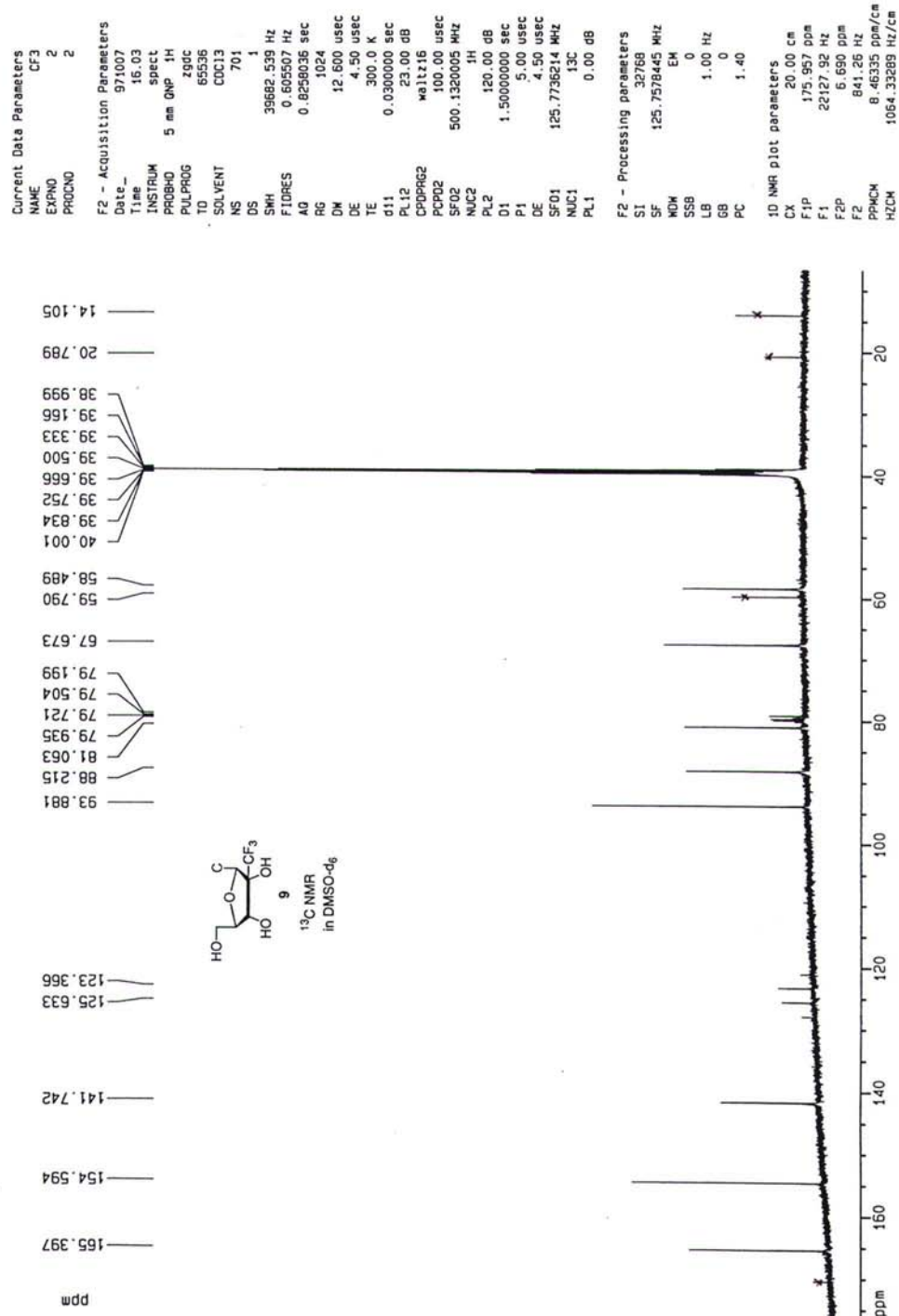
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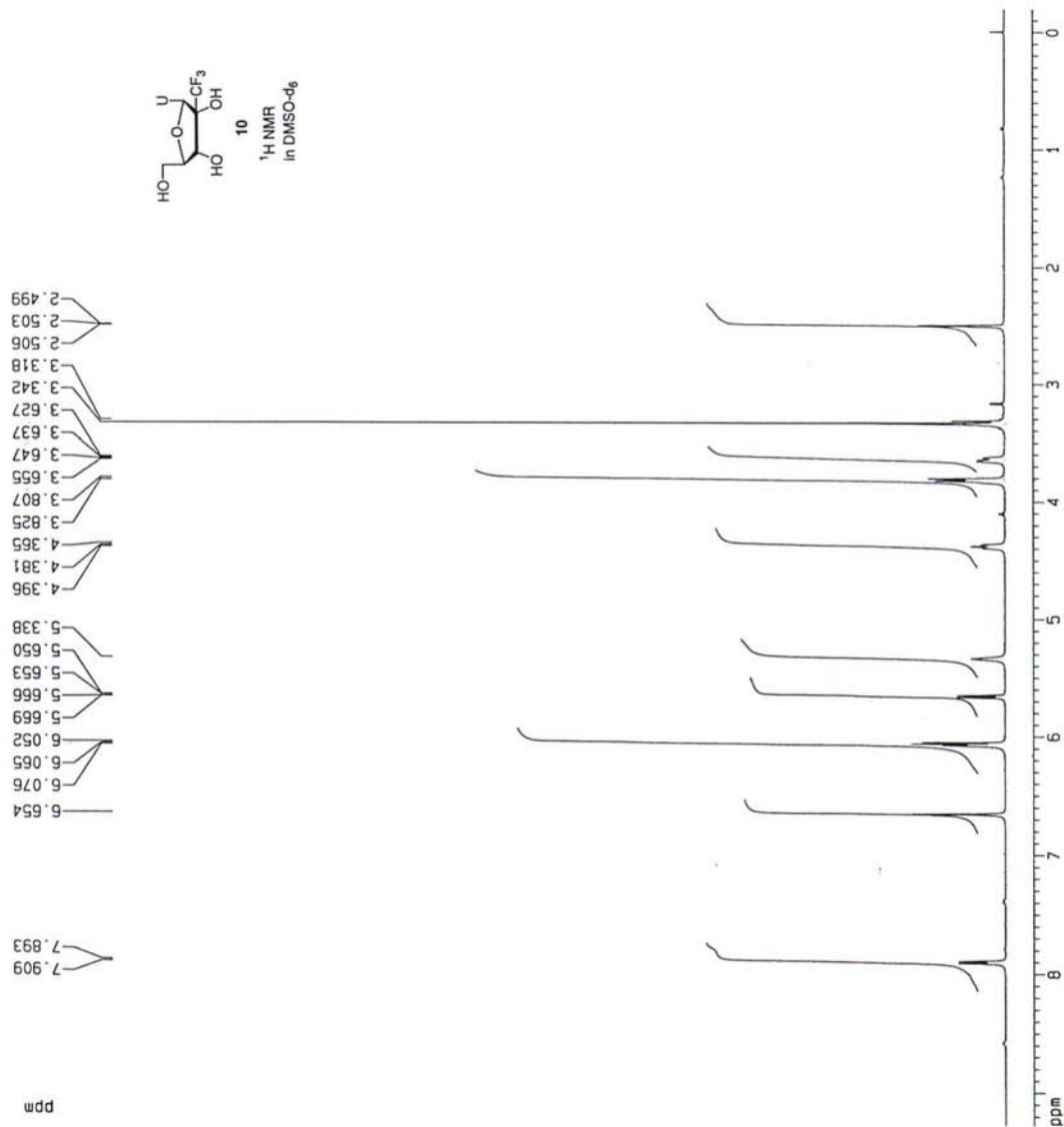












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