

Phaeophytin and Triterpenoids from *Brachystelma togoense* Schltr, a Nigerian Medicinal Herb

ABSTRACT

The medicinal herb *Brachystelma togoense* Schltr (Apocynaceae) is used traditionally for treatment of ailments. The secondary metabolites, phaeophytin *a*, α -amyirin and lupeol were isolated from the CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH extracts of *Brachystelma togoense*. The structures were elucidated using ¹H, ¹³C and 2D NMR. These phytochemicals have previously being reported to have various biological activities such as anti-inflammatory, anti-fungal and anti-cancer. The presence of phaeophytin *a*, α -amyirin and lupeol in *Brachystelma togoense* justified the use of the plant for medicinal purpose in Nigeria.

Keywords: Secondary metabolites; phaeophytin *a*; α -amyirin; lupeol; *Brachystelma togoense* Schltr

1. INTRODUCTION

Brachystelma was first described by Robert Brown in 1822. The genus *Brachystelma* R. Br. (Apocynaceae: Asclepiadoideae) is represented by about 100-120 species (1). It is an erect perennial herb, growing up to 30 cm high. The genus *Brachystelma* is chiefly distributed in South Africa, South-East Asia and Australasia (2). A total of 18 species are known in India (3) and out of them, 3 species in Maharashtra. *Brachystelma* is found from Ghana to Nigeria, in lowlands to montane areas(4). The raw tuber is said to be edible (4). Many of the tuberous *Brachystelma* are known to be used medicinally for the treatment of headache, stomachache

26 and colds in children(5). *Brachystelma togoense* has being medicinally used for the treatment
27 of dysentery, cough and cold, wounds, stomach ache, typhoid and erectile dysfunction.

28 **2. MATERIAL AND METHOD**

29 **2.1 Collection**

30 The aerial parts of *Brachystelma togoense* was collected during April 2018 from the
31 Ugbokolo forest in Okpokwu, which is the local government area of Benue State-Nigeria.
32 The plant was collect and stored in a plastic container before it was air-dried. The collected
33 specimen was positively identified by Mr. Namadi Sanusi, a botanist at Ahmadu Bello
34 University, Zaria as *Brachystelma togoense*. A specimen (no. 25856) had been retained at the
35 Department of Biological Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria-Nigeria (Figure 1).

36 **2.2 Extraction and isolation**

37 The air-dried *B. togoense* was manually reduced to powder using mortar and pestil. Exactly
38 1000 g of the powdered plant material was extracted on a shaker at room temperature using
39 100 % dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) for 72 h. The extracts were concentrated using a rotary
40 evaporator at 40°C resulting in a brown gum-like texture (32 g). The same procedure was
41 used for methanol (MeOH) which yielded a brown gum-like texture (36 g). The CH_2Cl_2 and
42 MeOH extracts were separated by flash chromatography (Biotage system) over silica gel
43 using three solvents. Firstly, a hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 gradient starting with 100 % hexane and
44 gradually increasing the polarity to 100 % CH_2Cl_2 . Secondly, $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOH}/\text{Ac}$ from a 100
45 % CH_2Cl_2 to 50 % EtOH/Ac and to 100 % EtOH/Ac to yield various fractions (fr. 1-100).
46 Fr.20 was spotted on the TLC plate using 100 % CH_2Cl_2 and appeared a pure compound **1**
47 (51.0 mg). The same procedure was repeated for the MeOH extract yielding compounds **2**
48 (32.0 mg) and **3** (28.0 mg) which were spotted as pure compounds using $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOH}/\text{Ac}$
49 (7:3) from fr.30.

50 **2.2 General experimental procedure**

51 NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a 400MHz or 500 MHz Bruker AVANCE III NMR
52 instrument at room temperature. HREIMS were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6550
53 iFunnel Q-TOF LC/MS with samples dissolved in CH₂Cl₂. Infrared spectra were recorded
54 using a Perkin-Elmer (2000 FTIR) spectrometer on NaCl plates.

55 3. Results and Discussion

56 The following following compounds phaeophytin *a* (51.0 mg; 0.16 %), α -amyrin (32.0 mg;
57 0.10 %) and lupeol (28.0 mg; 0.09 %) were isolated from *Brachystelma togoense* using flash
58 chromatography (biotage system). These compounds (Figure 2) were elucidated based on
59 comparison of previous data (6–8).

60 Phaeophytin-*a* was isolated as a dark green solid from the CH₂Cl₂ extract of the aerial parts
61 of *B. togoense* that was previously described (6). The IR spectrum showed absorbance bands
62 for vinyl proton (3056 cm⁻¹) and sp³ CH (2987, 2932 cm⁻¹) and carbonyl (1736 cm⁻¹) groups.
63 A molecular ion could not be seen in the HRMS spectrometer despite repeated attempts.

64 From the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, it was evident that phaeophytin-*a* belonged to the
65 phaeophytin class. This was particularly evident by the downfield shifts at δ_H 9.32 s, 9.48 s
66 and 8.56 s which could be assigned as H-5, H-10 and H-20 respectively. The deshielded
67 methyl groups proton resonances occurred at δ_H 3.19 (3H-2'), δ_H 3.3 (3H-7') and δ_H 3.38 (3H-
68 12') and a methoxy group proton resonance occurred at δ_H 3.89 (3H-13⁴). The presence of a
69 C-20 phytol tail was evident from the presence of four methyl protons (δ_H 0.80 d, J = 7.3, δ_H
70 0.82 d, J = 7.3, δ_H 0.79 s, δ_H 1.61 s) and ester carbonyl resonance at δ_C 173.8 (C-13³). A
71 comparison of the NMR data of phaeophytin-*a* against literature values for phaeophytin *a*
72 showed the enabled assignment of a keto group carbon resonances at δ_C 189.9 to C-13¹ (6,9).
73 The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **1** were assigned using HSQC and HMBC as
74 given in table 1.

75 Amyrin (α) was isolated as a brown solid from the CH_2Cl_2 extract of the aerial parts
76 of *B. togoense*, which had been isolated previously from the methanol extract of *Sacoglottis*
77 *uchi* (7). The IR spectrum showed absorbance bands for hydroxyl (3055 cm^{-1}) and $\text{sp}^3\text{ CH}$
78 (2987 cm^{-1}) in conjugation and unsymmetrical ethylenic double bond (1733 cm^{-1}) and
79 olefinic carbon (1422 cm^{-1}) groups.

80 The molecular ion was not observed in the HRMS spectrum, however 30 carbons could be
81 counted in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum, indicating the compound was a triterpenoid.

82 The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra (spectrum 2.2 and 2.3) showed the presence of one
83 trisubstituted double bond. A hydroxyl group was placed on C-3 confirmed by the C-3 (δ_{C}
84 79.3) resonance correlating with both the 3H-23 (δ_{H} 0.99 s), 3H-24 (δ_{H} 0.78 s) and H-5 (δ_{H}
85 0.73 d, $J = 11.5$) resonances. A further singlet (δ_{H} 0.79, 0.93, 0.99, 0.78 and 1.24) and two
86 doublet (δ_{H} 0.86 d, $J = 6.2$ and δ_{H} 0.95 d, $J = 6.2$) methyl group proton resonances were
87 present and the typical 12-olaenene double bond (δ_{H} 5.25, δ_{C} 126.1, δ_{C} 138.2) was seen. A
88 comparison against literature data (7) confirmed that this compound was α -amyrin which has
89 been isolated previously from the stem bark of *Sacoglottis uchi* (Humiriaceae)(7).

90 The configuration of the hydroxyl group at C-3 was confirmed as β by the coupling constant
91 of H-3 ($J = 5.1, 11.3$). The configurations at the chiral centres were confirmed using the
92 NOESY spectrum. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for compound **2** were assigned using HSQC
93 and HMBC as given in table 2.

94 Lupeol was isolated as a brown solid from the MeOH extract of the aerial parts of *B.*
95 *togoense* which had been isolated previously from the hexane extract of *Magnolia salicifolia*
96 (10) as well as synthesised (8). The IR spectrum showed an absorbance band for hydroxyl
97 (3363 cm^{-1}). The molecular ion was no seen in the HRMS spectrum, however 30 carbons
98 could be counted in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum indicating the compound was a triterpenoid.

The NMR spectra of lupeol showed the presence of an *iso*-propenyl group typical of the lupene-type of pentacyclic triterpenoids. Coupled 2H-29 methylene protons (δ_H 4.69 d, $J = 2.1$, δ_H 4.57 d, $J = 2.4$) and ^{13}C NMR resonances (δ_C 105.9, δ_C 151.2, δ_C 19.5) could be assigned to two H-29 and C-29, C-20 and C-30 respectively (11).

Lupeol was identified as the known 3 β -hydroxylup-20(29)-ene, commonly referred to as lupeol. A literature search revealed that the ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were similar to those of lupeol. The configurations at the chiral centres were confirmed using the NOESY spectrum. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for compound **3** were assigned using HSQC and HMBC as given in table 3.

Previously, pheophytin *a* has been reported to possess antimicrobial activity against *Candida albicans* (ATCC 90028) and *C. albicans* (ATCC 76615) (12) as well as antioxidant activity (13). Amyrin (α) has been reported to exhibit antimicrobial activity against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *C. albicans*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* (14). Antiprotozoal, anti-inflammatory, antitumor and antimicrobial activity had been reported for lupeol (15).

Conclusion

Phaeophytin *a*, α -amyrin and lupeol are reported here for the first time from *B. togoense*. This was also the first report of the phytochemical quantification in *B. togoense* in Nigeria. However, these secondary metabolites, i.e phaeophytin *a*, α -amyrin and lupeol were reported previously to show various biological activities. Therefore, the results of chemical compound analysis of *B. togoense* justified the ethnomedicinal uses of this plant in Nigeria.

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124 **Competing Interests**

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128 Figure 1: *Brachystelma togoense* in its natural habitat (16)

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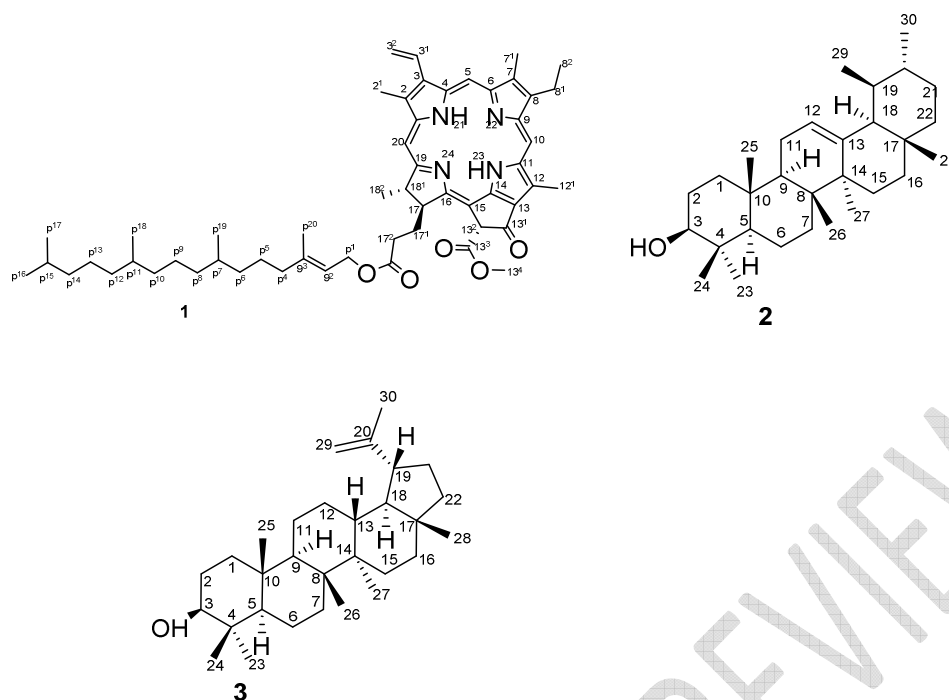


Fig.2: Structures of isolated compounds **1-3** from *B. togoense* Schltr

1. Phaeophytin *a*

2. α -Amyrin

3. Lupeol

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table 1: Correlation table for NMR data of compound 1: phaeophytin-*a*

No.	¹³ C NMR (100 MHz) in CDCl ₃	¹ H NMR (400 MHz) CDCl ₃ (<i>J</i> in Hz) (6)	¹ H NMR (400 MHz) CDCl ₃ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	HMBC (H→C)	COSY	NOESY
1	142.2 C	142.9	-	-	-	-
2	132.0 C	131.8	-	-	-	-
2 ¹	11.4 CH ₃	12.1	3.19 s	1, 2, 3	-	3 ¹ , 3 ² α, 20
3	136.7 C	136.5	-	-	-	-
3 ¹	129.3 CH	129.0	7.97 dd, <i>J</i> = 11.5, 17.8	2, 3, 3 ² , 4	3 ² α, 3 ² β	2 ¹ , 3 ² α, 3 ² β, 5
3 ² α	122.9 CH ₂	122.8	6.28 dd, <i>J</i> = 1.2, 17.8	3, 3 ¹	3 ¹ , 3 ² β	2 ¹ , 3 ¹ , 3 ² β, 5
3 ² β			6.16 dd, <i>J</i> = 1.2, 11.5	3, 3 ¹	3 ¹ , 3 ² α	3 ¹ , 3 ² α
4	136.5 C	136.2	-	-	-	-
5	97.7 CH	97.3	9.32 s	3, 4, 7	-	3 ¹ , 3 ² α, 3 ² β, 7 ¹ , 10
6	155.8 C	155.5	-	-	-	-
7	136.4 C	136.1	-	-	-	-
7 ¹	12.2 CH ₃	11.2	3.30 s	7, 6, 8	-	-
8	145.4 C	145.2	-	-	-	-
8 ¹ α	19.6 CH ₂	19.7	3.64 d, <i>J</i> = 9.2	7, 8, 8 ² , 9	8 ¹ β, 8 ²	7 ¹ , 8 ² , 10
8 ¹ β			3.64 d, <i>J</i> = 9.2	7, 8, 8 ² , 9	8 ¹ α, 8 ²	7 ¹ , 8 ² , 10
8 ²	17.6 CH ₃	16.3	1.67 t, <i>J</i> = 7.6	8, 8 ¹	8 ¹ α, 8 ¹ β	7 ¹ , 8 ¹ α, 8 ¹ β, 10, 13 ⁴
9	151.2 C	151.0	-	-	-	-
10	104.6 CH	104.4	9.48 s		-	5, 8 ¹ α, 8 ¹ β, 8 ² , 12 ¹ , 13 ⁴
11	138.1 C	137.9	-	-	-	-
12	129.2 C	129.1	-	-	-	-
12 ¹	12.3 CH ₃	12.2	3.38 s	11, 12, 13	-	10
13	129.1 C	129.0	-	-	-	-
13 ¹	189.9 C	189.6	-	-	-	-
13 ²	64.9 CH	64.7	6.27s	-	-	-
13 ³	173.2 C	173.0	-	-	-	-
13 ⁴	53.1 OCH ₃	53.0	3.89 s	13 ³	-	8 ² , 10
14	149.9 C	150.0	-	-	-	-
15	105.4 C	105.2	-	-	-	-
16	161.5 C	161.3	-	-	-	-
17	51.4 CH	51.1	4.22 m	17 ¹ , 17 ² , 18 ¹ , 19	17 ¹ α, 17 ¹ β	17 ¹ α, 17 ¹ β, 18 ¹
17 ¹ α	29.8 CH ₂	29.8	2.49 m	16, 17, 17 ² , 17 ³ , 18	17, 17 ¹ β, 17 ² α, 17 ² β	17, 17 ¹ β, 17 ² β,
17 ¹ β			2.22* m	17, 17 ² , 17 ³ , 18	17, 17 ¹ α, 17 ² α, 17 ² β	17, 17 ¹ α, 17 ² α, 18
17 ² α	32.1 CH ₂	31.2	1.26* m	17, 17 ¹ , 17 ³	17 ¹ α, 17 ¹ β, 17 ² β	17 ¹ β
17 ² β			1.26* m	17, 17 ¹ , 17 ³	17 ¹ α, 17 ¹ β, 17 ² α	17, 17 ¹ α, 17 ¹ β, 17 ² α, 18
17 ³	173.8 C	172.0	-	-	-	-
18	50.3 CH	50.1	4.47 d, <i>J</i> = 2.1	16, 17, 17 ¹ , 18 ¹ , 19	18 ¹	18 ¹ , 17 ¹ β, 17 ² β, 20
18 ¹	22.8 CH ₃	22.7	0.85 d, <i>J</i> = 6.6,	17, 18, 19	18	P1α, P1β,

						17, 18, 20
19	172.4 C	170.0	-	-	-	-
20	93.3 CH	93.1	8.56 s	1, 2, 18	-	2 ¹ , 18 ¹ , 18
P1 α	61.7 CH ₂	61.0	4.48 m	P2, P3, 17 ³	P1 β , P2, P20	18 ¹
P1 β			4.48 m	P2, P3, 17 ³	P1 α , P2, P20	18 ¹
P2	117.9 CH	118.0	5.13 m	P4, P20	P1 α , P1 β , P20	
P3	143.1 C	142.0	-	-	-	-
P4 α	40.0 CH ₂	62.0	1.89 m	P2, P3, P20	P4 β , P5 α , P5 β	
P4 β			1.89 m	P2, P3, P20	P4 α , P5 α , P5 β	
P5 α	25.2 CH ₂	39.5	1.26 m	P3, P4, P6	P4 α , P4 β , P5 β , P6 α , P6 β	
P5 β			1.26 m	P3, P4, P6	P4 α , P4 β , P5 α , P6 α , P6 β	
P6 α	36.9 CH ₂	37.0	1.14* m	P4, P5, P7, P8, P19	P5 α , P5 β , P6 β , P7	
P6 β			1.01* m	P5, P7, P8, P19	P5 α , P5 β , P6 α , P7	
P7	32.9 CH	37.0	1.32 m	P6, P8	P6 α , P6 β , P8 α , P8 β , P19	
P8 α	37.6 CH ₂	36.5	1.99* m	P6, P7, P9, P10, P19	P7, P8 β , P9 α , P9 β	
P8 β			1.00* m	P6, P7, P9, P10, P19	P7, P8 α , P9 α , P9 β	
P9 α	24.6 CH ₂	25.0	1.31 m	P8, P10	P8 α , P8 β , P9 β , P10 α , P10 β	
P9 β			1.31 m	P8, P10	P8 α , P8 β , P9 α , P10 α , P10 β	
P10 α	37.5 CH ₂	24.8	1.99* m	P8, P9, P11, P12, P18	P9 α , P9 β , P10 β , P11	
P10 β			1.00* m	P8, P9, P11, P12, P18	P9 α , P9 β , P10 α , P11	
P11	32.8 CH	24.2	1.32* m	P9, P10, P12, P13, P18	P10 α , P10 β , P12 α , P12 β , P18	
P12 α	37.4 CH ₂	40.0	1.99* m	P10, P11, P13, P18	P11, P12 β , P13 α , P13 β	
P12 β			1.00* m	P10, P11, P13, P14, P18	P11, P12 α , P13 α , P13 β	
P13 α	24.9 CH ₂	28.0	1.63 m	P11, P12, P14	P12 α , P12 β , P13 β , P14 α , P14 β	
P13 β			1.63 m	P11, P12, P14	P12 α , P12 β , P13 α , P14 α , P14 β	
P14 α	39.6 CH ₂	32.5	1.19 m	P12, P13, P16, P17	P13 α , P13 β , P14 β , P15	
P14 β			1.10 m	P12, P13, P16, P17	P13 α , P13 β , P14 α , P15	
P15	28.2 CH	32.5	1.49 sep $J = 6.6$	P13, P14, P16, P17	P14 α , P14 β , P16, P17	
P16	22.9 CH ₃	22.7	0.81 d, $J = 7.3$	P14, P15, P17	P15, P17	
P17	23.3 CH ₃	22.6	0.80 d, $J = 7.3$	P14, P15, P16	P15, P16	
P18	19.9 CH ₃	19.6	0.82 d, $J = 7.3$	P10, P11, P12	P11	
P19	19.8 CH ₃	19.4	0.79 d, $J = 9.2$	P6, P7, P8	P7	
P20	16.5 CH ₃	16.2	1.61 d, $J = 4.2$	P2, P3, P4	P1 α , P1 β , P2	

*Overlapped proton resonances

Table 2: Correlation table for NMR data of compound 2: α -amyrin

C	^{13}C NMR(100MHz) in CDCl_3	^{13}C NMR(100MHz) in CDCl_3 (7)	^1H NMR (400MHz) CDCl_3 (J in Hz)	HMBC ($\text{H} \rightarrow \text{C}$)	COSY	NOESY
1 α	38.8 CH_2	38.7	1.66 m	2,3, 5, 9 10, 25	1 β , 2 α , 2 β	2 α ,3
1 β			1.63 m		1 α , 2 α ,2 β	2 β
2 α	27.4 CH_2	27.2	1.62 m	1, 3, 4, 10	1 α , 1 β , 2 β ,3	3 α
2 β			1.61 m		1 α ,1 β , 2 α ,3	3 β
3	79.3 CH	79.1	3.22 dd, $J = 5.1, 11.3$	1, 2, 4, 5, 23, 24	2 α , 2 β	23, 27, 30
4	38.9 C	38.9	-			-
5	55.4 CH	55.2	0.74 d, $J = 11.7$	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10	6 α , 6 β	6 α
6 α	18.5 CH_2	18.4	1.55 m	4, 5, 7, 8	5,6 β ,7 α ,7 β	5, 7 α
6 β			1.52 m		5,6 α ,7 α ,7 β	7 β
7 α	33.2 CH_2	33.9	1.49 m	5, 6, 8, 9	6 α ,6 β ,7 β	5, 6 α
7 β			1.32m		6 α ,6 β ,7 α	6 β
8	39.7 C	40.0	-		-	-
9	47.8CH	47.8	1.51 d, $J = 9.1$	1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 25, 26	11 α ,11 β	5, 24,25,26
10	37.2 C	37.2	-		-	-
11 α	23.5 CH_2	23.1	1.92 d, $J = 3.6$	8, 9, 10, 12, 13	9,11 β ,12	12 α
11 β			1.91 d, $J = 3.6$		9,11 α ,12	11 β
12	126.1 CH	124.5	5.25 t, $J = 4.5$	9, 11, 13, 14, 18, 27	11 α ,11 β	11 α ,18,27,30
13	138.2 C	139.9	-		-	-
14	42.2 C	42.3	-		-	-
15 α	28.2 CH_2	28.0	1.0*	8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 27	15 β ,16 α ,16 β	16 α
15 β					15 α ,16 α ,16 β	16 β
16 α	24.4 CH_2	26.7	2.02 d, $J = 4.7$	14, 15, 17, 18, 28	15 α ,16 α ,16 β	15 α

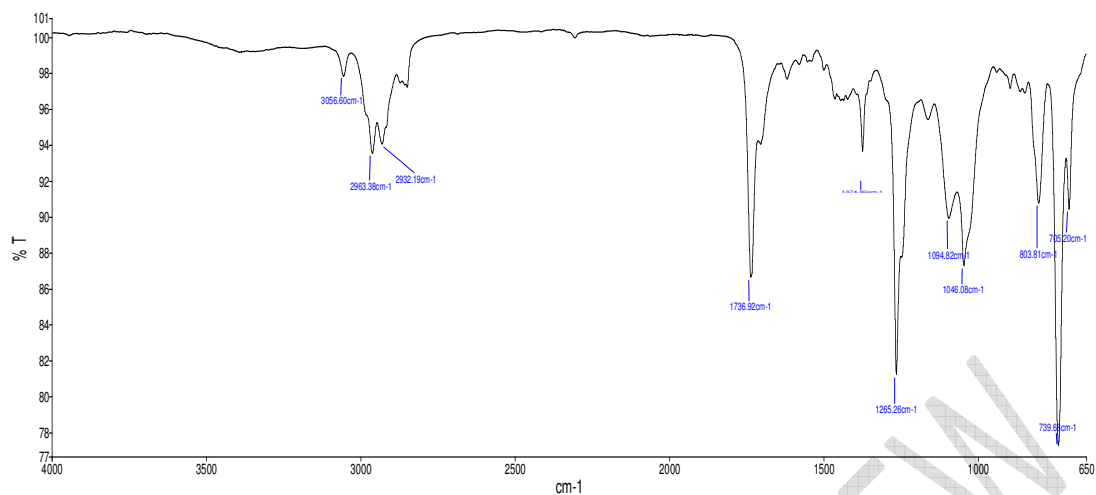
16 β			1.66 m		15 α ,15 β ,16 α	15 β
17	48.1 C	33.9	-	-	-	-
18	52.9 CH	59.1	2.19 d, $J = 11.4$	12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 28	19	12, 23, 27, 30
19	39.3 CH	39.6	1.37 m	13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 29, 30	18	3, 18, 23,27, 30
20	39.0 CH	39.6	1.33 m	18, 19, 21, 22, 29, 30	19, 21 α 21 β	24, 25, 26, 28
21 α	30.8 CH ₂	31.5	1.52 d, $J = 9.4$	17,19,20,22	20,21 β ,22 α , 22 β	22 α
21 β					20,21 β ,22 α , 22 β	22 β
22 α	36.9 CH ₂	41.5	1.74 m	16, 17, 18, 20, 28	21 β ,21 α ,22 β	21 α
22 β			1.68 m		21 α , 21 β ,22 α	21 β
23	28.4 CH ₃	28.0	0.99 s	2, 3, 4, 5	-	-
24	15.8 CH ₃	16.0	0.78 s	3, 4, 5	-	3-OH
25	15.7 CH ₃	16.0	0.93 s	1, 2, 9, 10	-	24,26,28
26	17.3 CH ₃	16.8	0.79 s	7, 8, 9, 14	-	24, 25, 28
27	22.9 CH ₃	23.1	1.24 s	8, 13, 14, 15	-	23, 18, 30
28	23.8 CH ₃	28.0	1.08 s	16, 17, 18, 22	-	23,25, 26, 29
29	17.2 CH ₃	17.5	0.86 d, $J = 6.2$	18, 19, 20	-	24,25, 26, 28,
30	21.4 CH ₃	21.1	0.95 d, $J = 6.2$	19, 20, 21	-	3 α , 27, 30

*Overlapped proton resonances

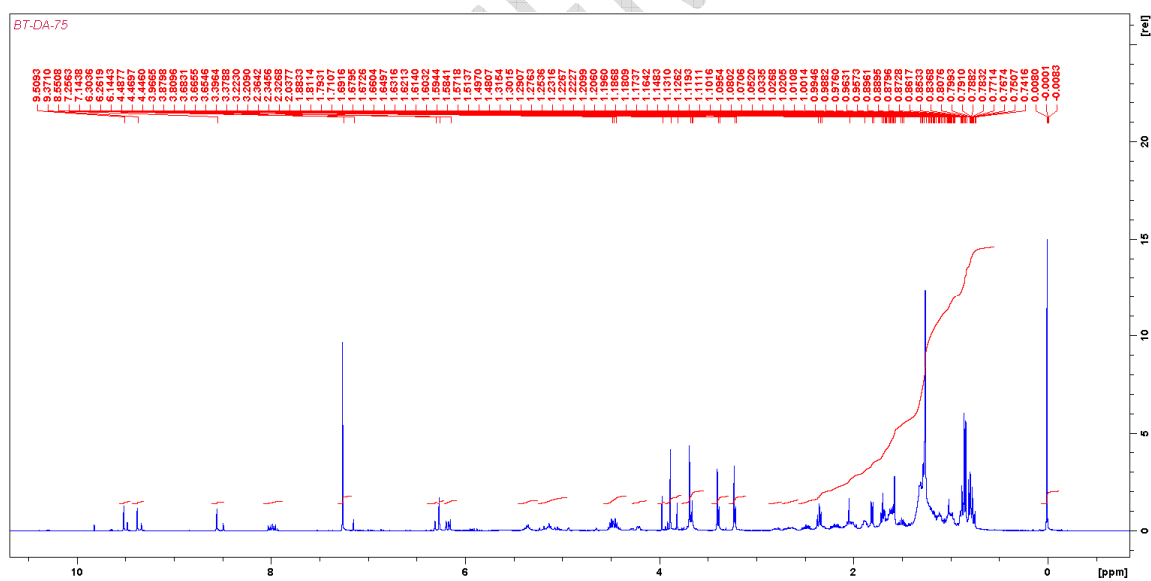
Table 3: Correlation table for NMR data of compound 3: Lupeol (3 β -hydroxylup-20(29)-ene)

C	¹³ C NMR(100 MHz) in CDCl ₃	¹³ C NMR(50 MHz) in CDCl ₃ (11)	¹ H NMR (400MHz) CDCl ₃ (J in Hz)	HMBC (H→C)	COSY	NOESY
1 α	38.9 CH ₂	38.1	1.66 d, <i>J</i> = 3.8	2, 3, 5, 10, 25	1 β , 2 α , 2 β	2 α ,3
1 β			0.90 d, <i>J</i> = 4.2		1 α , 2 α , 2 β	2 β
2 α	27.7 CH ₂	27.4	2.02 d, <i>J</i> = 3.3	1, 3, 4, 10, 23	1 α , 1 β , 2 β , 3	3 α
2 β			1.03 m		1 α , 1 β , 2 α , 3	3 β
3	79.2 CH	79.1	3.19 dd, <i>J</i> = 5.1, 11.2	1, 2, 4, 5, 23, 24	2 α , 2 β	23, 27, 30
4	39.1 C	38.7	-	-	-	-
5	55.5 CH	55.3	0.68 d, <i>J</i> = 10.5	4, 6, 7, 10, 23, 4, 25	6 α , 6 β	6 α
6 α	18.5 CH ₂	18.3	1.52 d, <i>J</i> = 3.6	4, 5, 7, 8, 10	5, 6 β , 7 α , 7 β	5, 7 α
6 β			1.39 d, <i>J</i> = 1.3		5, 6 α , 7 α , 7 β	7 β
7 α	34.5 CH ₂	34.3	2.29 m	5, 6, 8, 9, 26	6 α , 6 β , 7 β	5, 6 α
7 β			1.38 d, <i>J</i> = 1.4		6 α , 6 β , 7 α	6 β
8	41.1 C	40.9	-	-	-	-
9	50.7 CH	50.5	1.26 m	7, 8, 10, 15, 25, 26	11 α , 11 β	5, 24, 25, 26
10	37.4 C	37.2	-	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 25	-	-
11 α	21.1 CH ₂	20.9	1.41 d, <i>J</i> = 2.9	8, 9, 10, 12, 13	9, 11 β , 12 α , 12 β	12 α
11 β			1.26 m			11 β
12 α	25.4 CH ₂	25.2	1.66 d, <i>J</i> = 2.3	9, 11, 13, 14, 18	11 α , 11 β , 12 β , 13	11 α , 18, 27, 30
12 β			1.66 d, <i>J</i> = 2.3		11 α , 11 β , 12 α , 13	-
13	38.3 CH	38.9	1.65 m	8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19	12 α , 12 β	-
14	43.2 C	42.9	-	-	-	16 α
15 α	27.6 CH ₂	27.5	1.68 m	8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 27	15 β , 16 α , 16 β	16 β
15 β			1.59 d, <i>J</i> = 4.1		15 α , 16 α , 16 β	15 α
16 α	35.8 CH ₂	35.6	1.67 d, <i>J</i> = 5.0	14, 15, 17, 18, 28	15 α , 15 β , 16 α	15 β
16 β			1.38 d, <i>J</i> = 1.4		15 α , 15 β , 16 β	2 α , 3

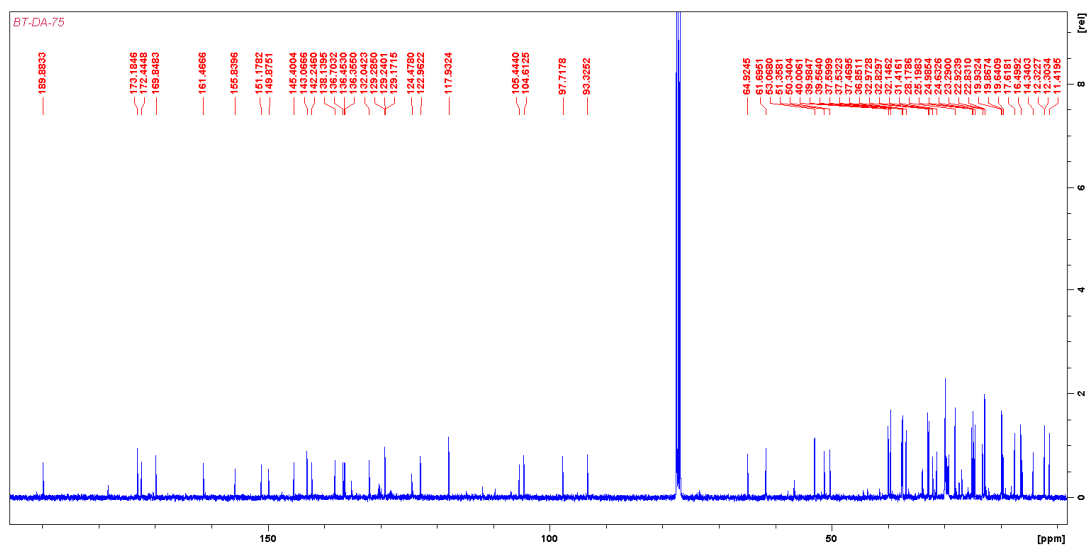
17	43.0 C	43.0	-	-	-	
18	48.5 CH	48.3	1.36 m	12, 13, 14, 19, 21, 20, 29	13,19	5,12, 20, 23, 27
19	48.2 CH	48.0	2.37 m	13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30	18, 21 α ,21 β	3, 18, 23,27
20	151.2 C	150.9	-	-	-	-
21 α	30.0 CH ₂	29.9	1.92 d, $J = 4.9$	17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 28	19,21 β ,22 α ,22 β	22 α
21 β			1.76 d, $J = 1.0$		19,21 α 22 α ,22 β	22 β
22 α	40.2 CH	40.0	1.99 d, $J = 3.3$	16, 17, 19, 21, 28	22 α , 21 β , 22 β	21 α
22 β			1.99 d, $J = 3.3$		21 α , 21 β , 22 α	21 β
23	28.2 CH ₃	28.0	0.97 s	3, 4, 5, 23	-	3-OH, 25, 26, 28
24	15.6 CH ₃	15.4	0.76 s	3, 4, 5, 24	-	3, 5, 9, 19, 27
25	16.3 CH ₃	16.1	0.83 s	1, 2, 5, 9, 10	-	24,26,28
26	16.2 CH ₃	16.0	1.03 s	7, 8, 9, 14	-	24, 25, 28
27	14.8 CH ₃	14.6	0.94 s	8, 13, 14, 15	-	23, 18, 30
28	18.2 CH ₃	18.0	0.79 s	16, 17, 18, 22	-	23,25, 26, 29
29 α	109.5 CH ₂	109.3	4.69 d $J = 2.1$	19, 20, 30	29 β	3 α ,19, 23,27
29 β			4.57 q, $J = 2.4$		29 α	3-OH, 24, 25, 26, 28
30	19.5 CH ₃	19.3	1.68 s	19, 20, 29	-	



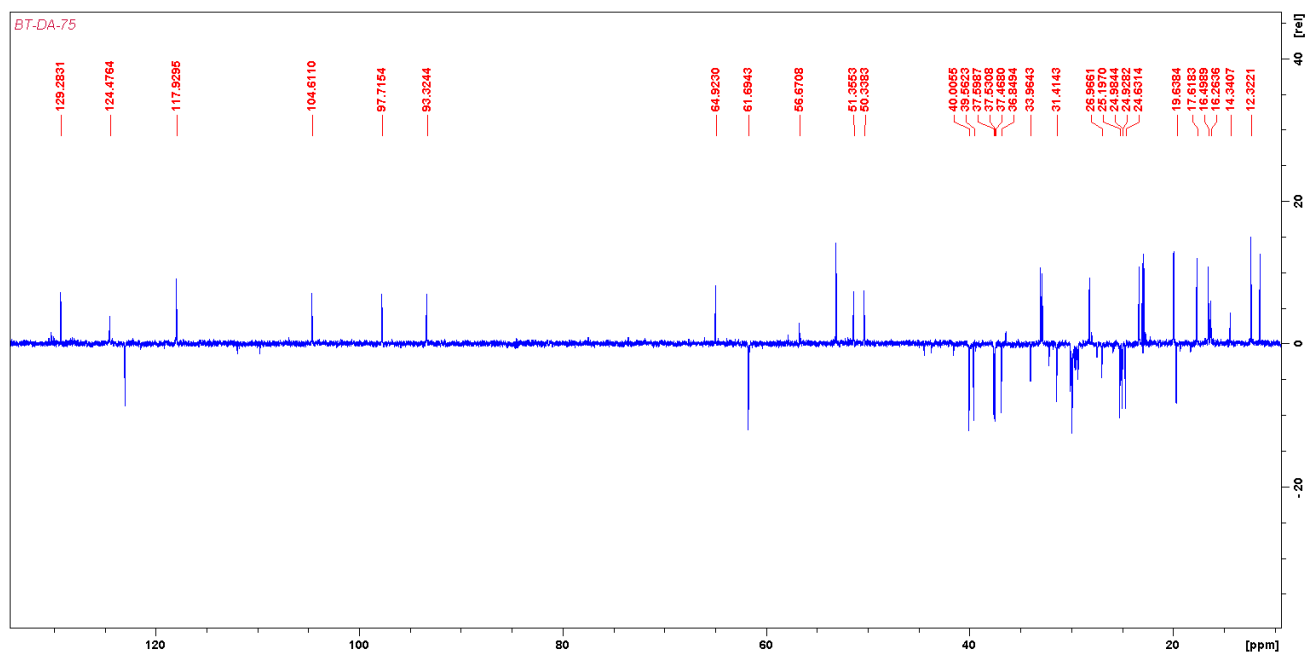
Spectrum 1.1: FTIR spectrum for compound 1



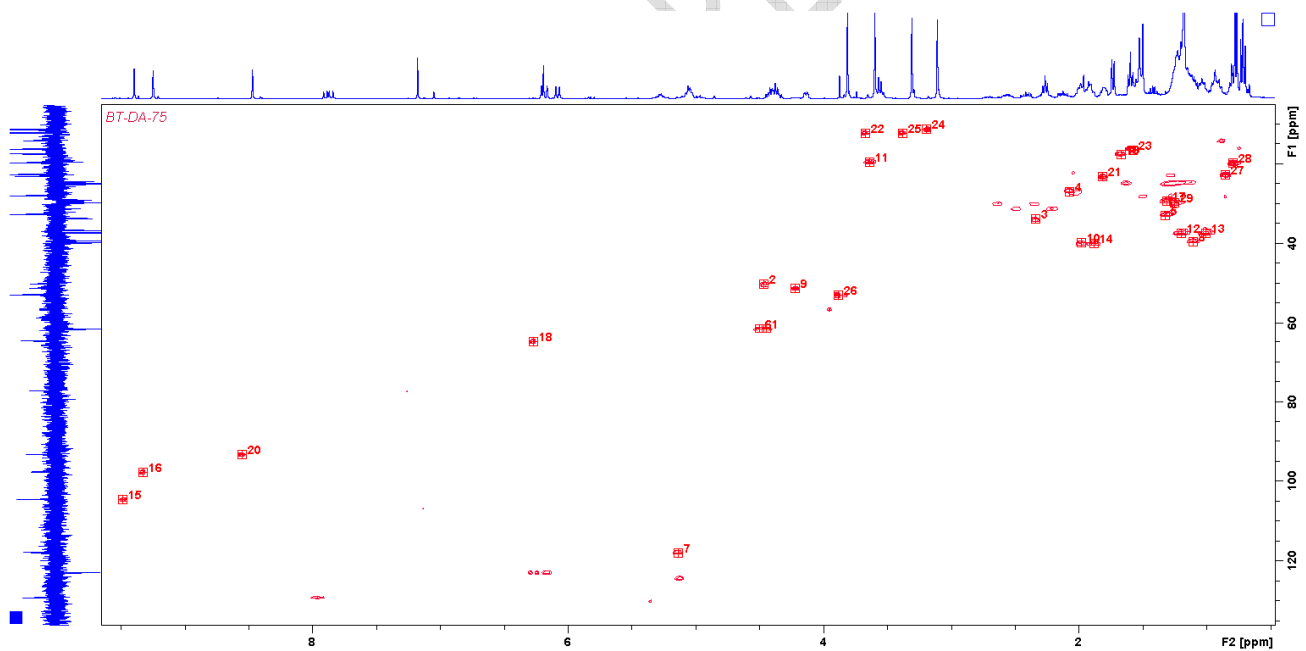
Spectrum 1.2: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 1 in CDCl₃



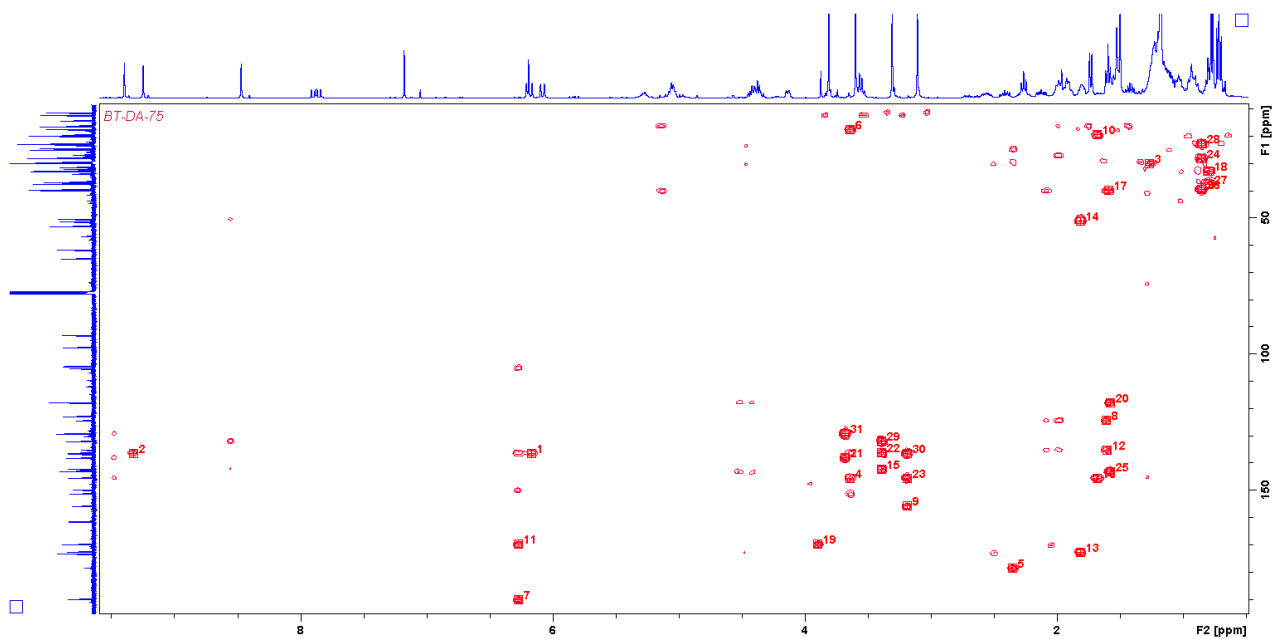
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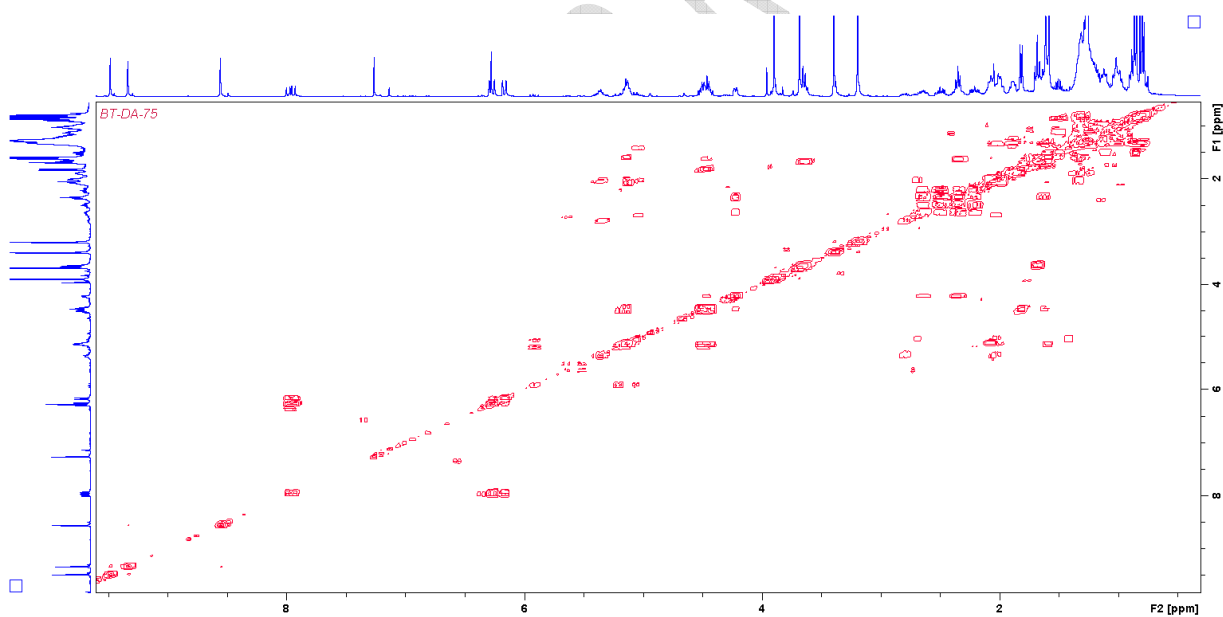
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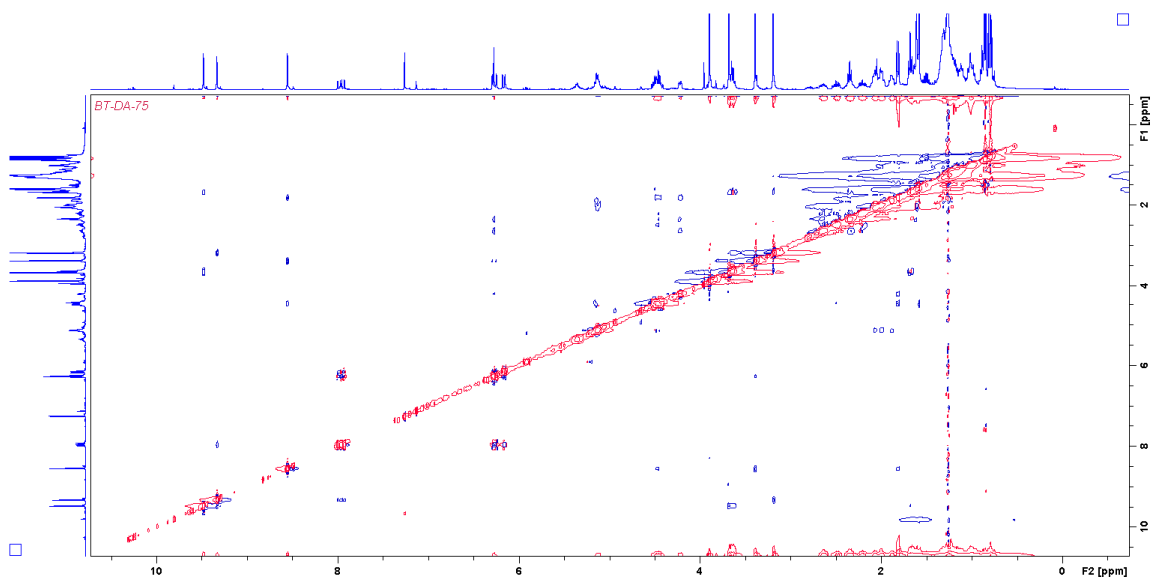
Spectrum 1.5: HSQCDEPT spectrum for compound 1 in CDCl_3



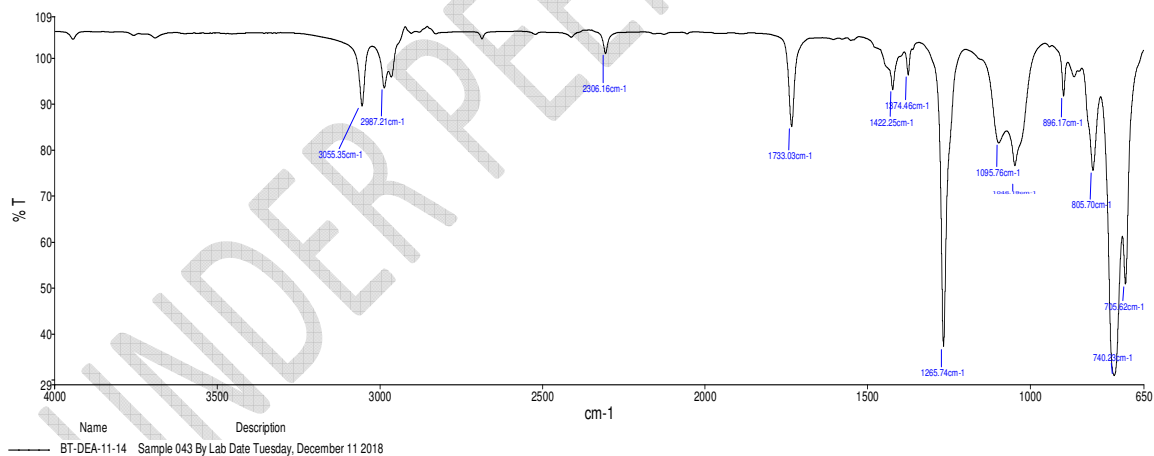
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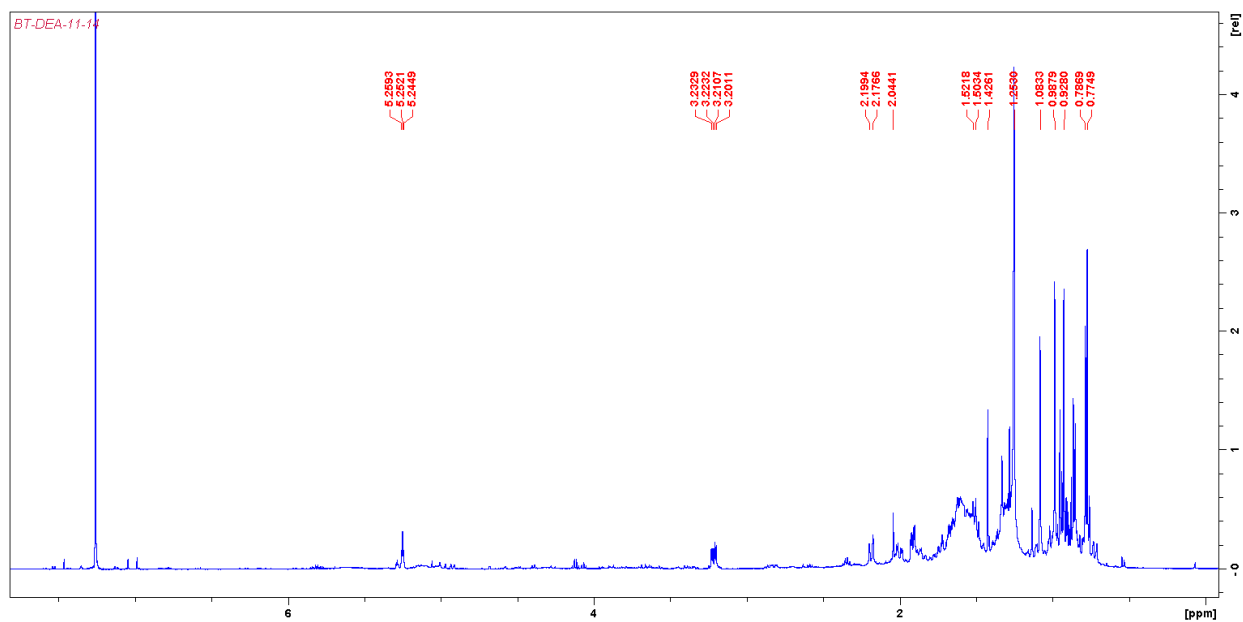
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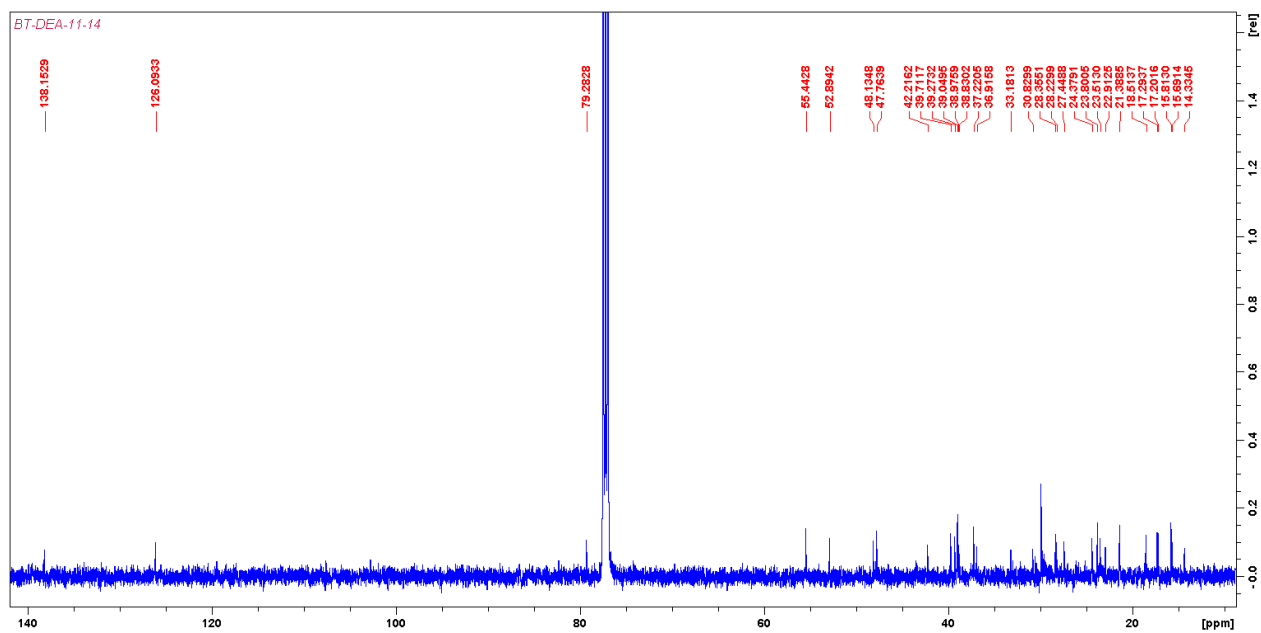
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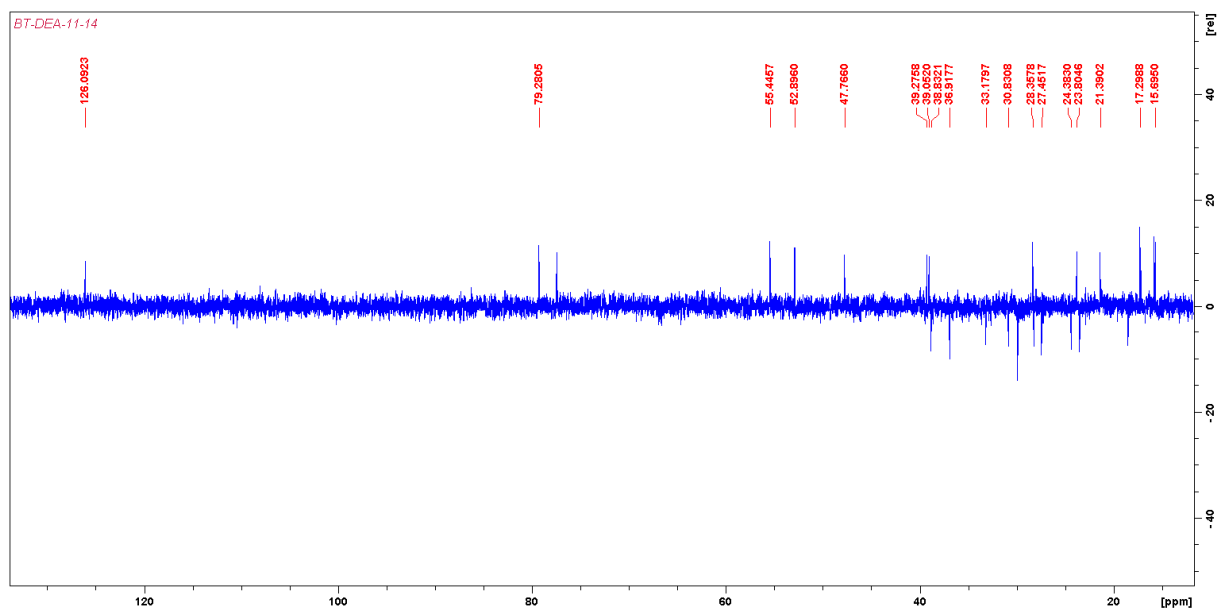
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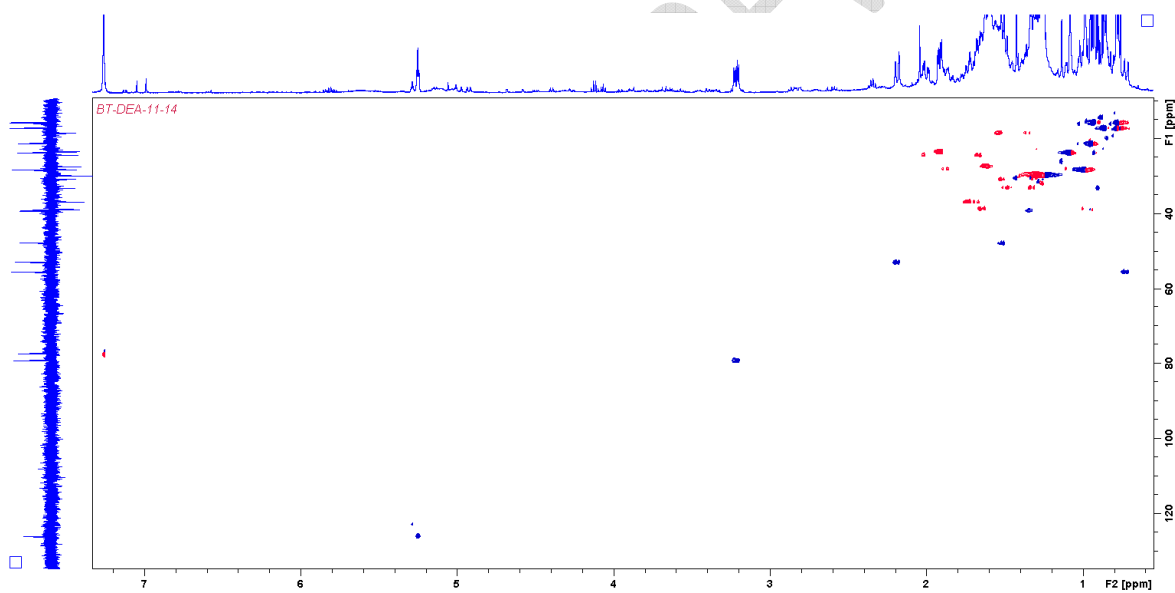
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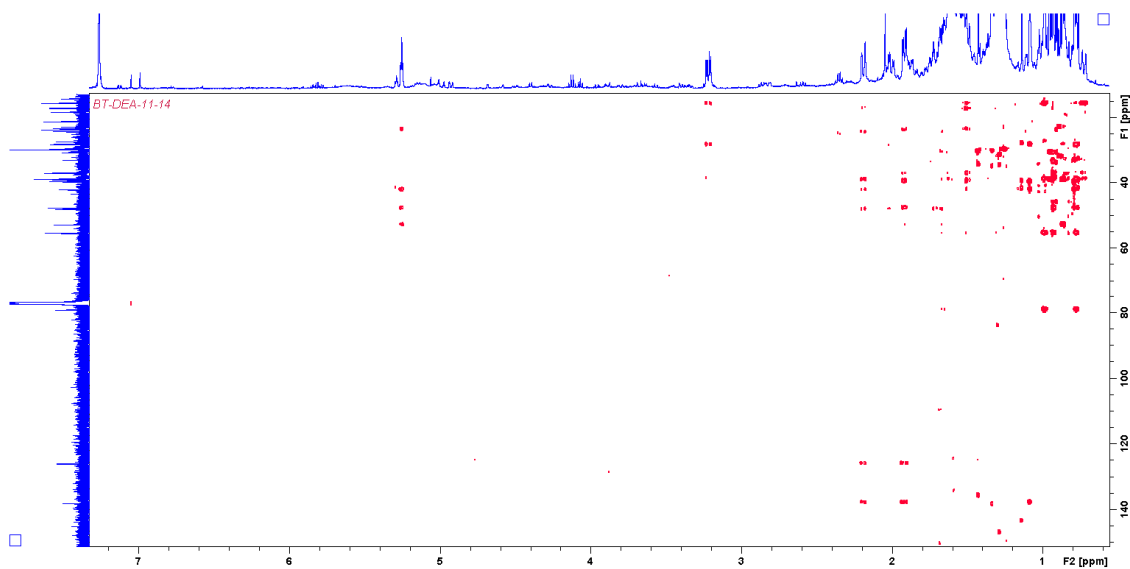
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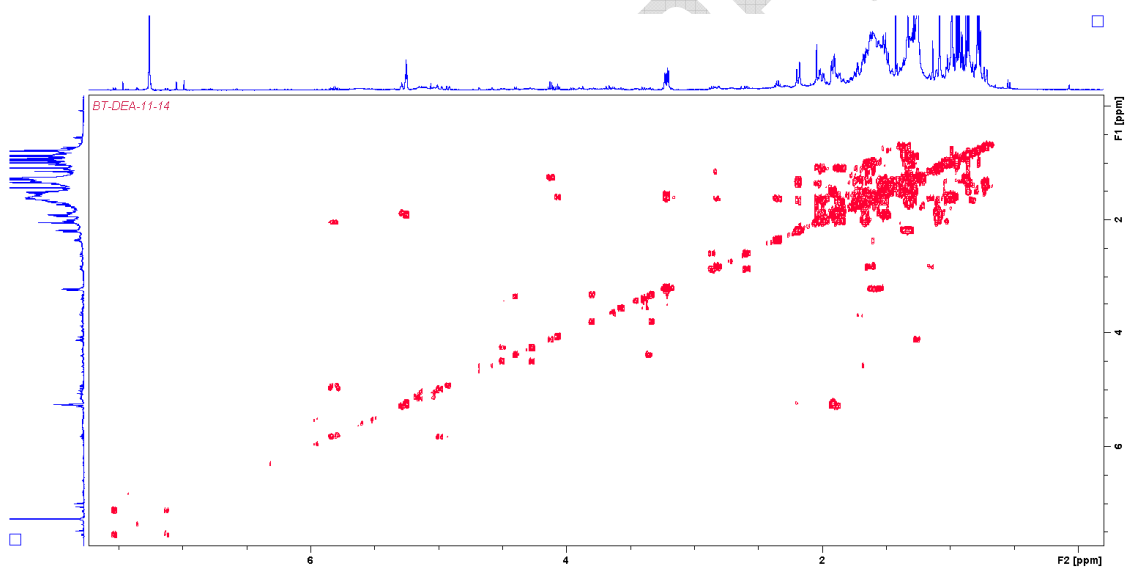
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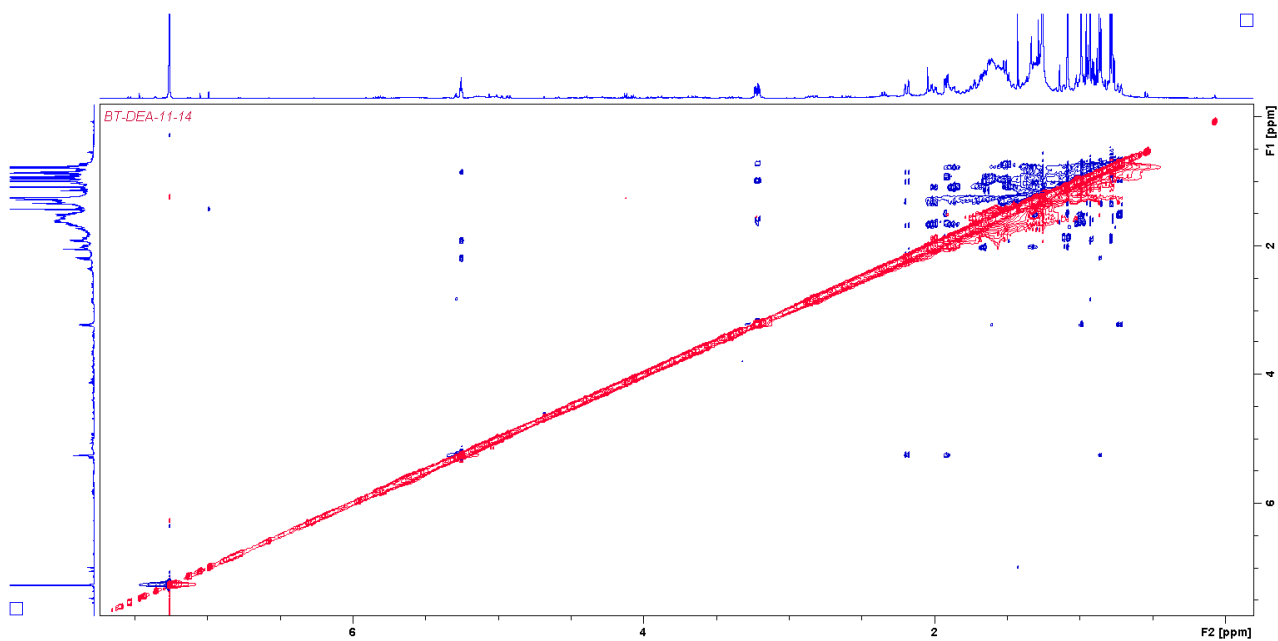
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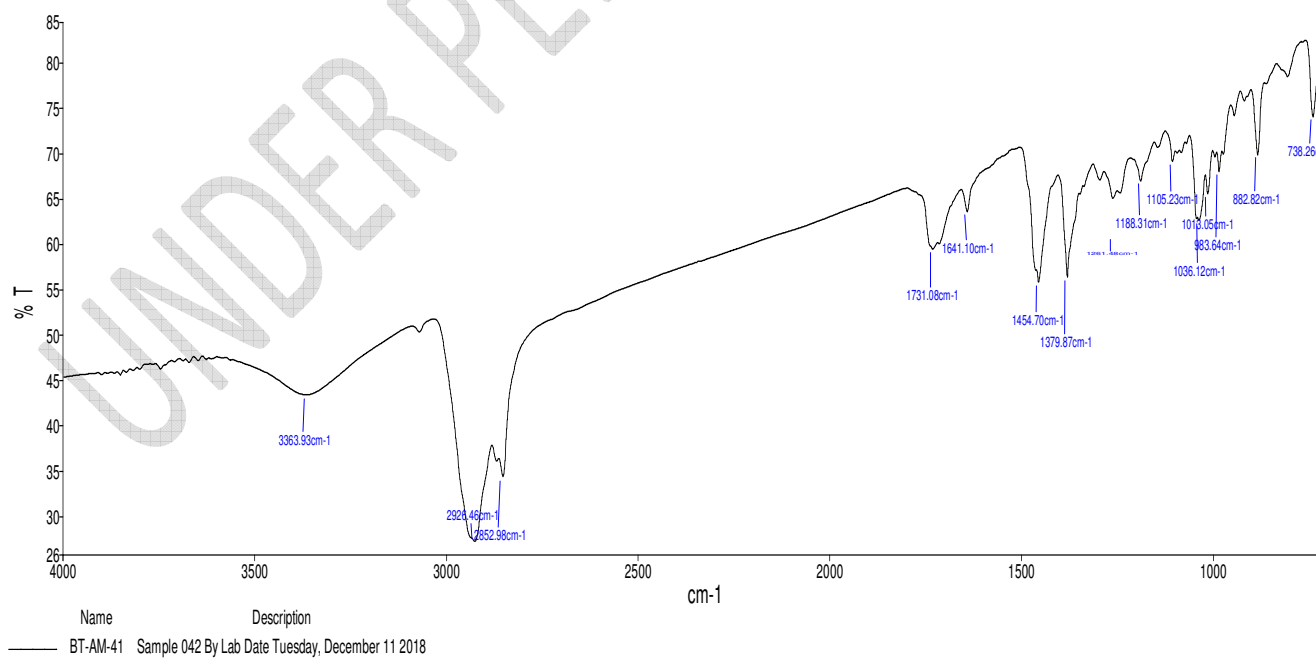
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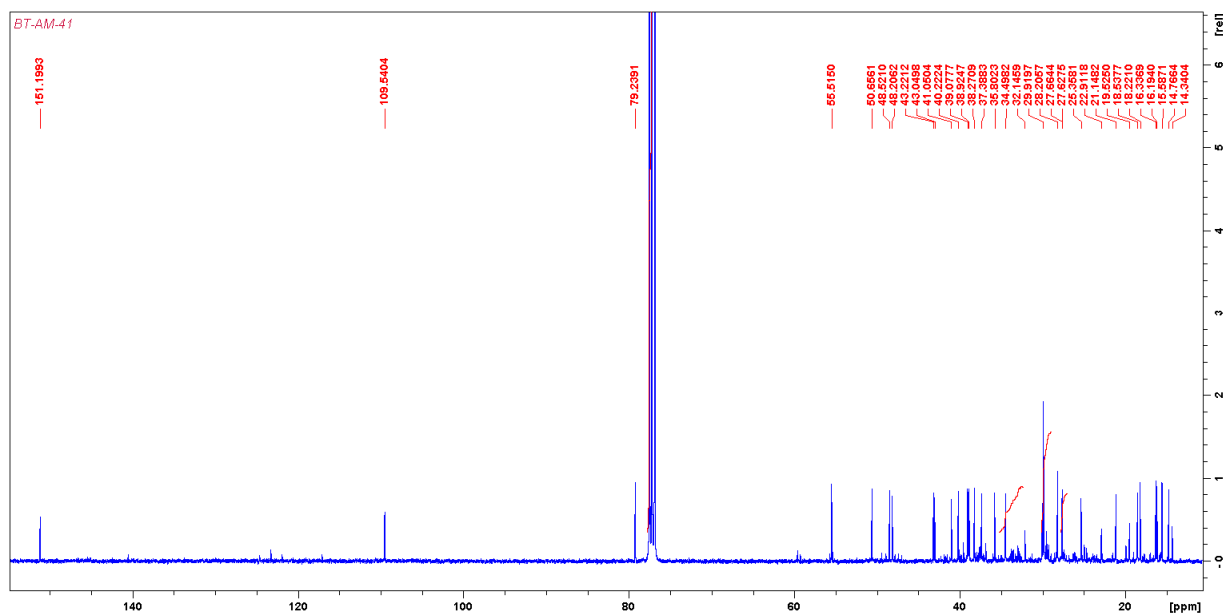
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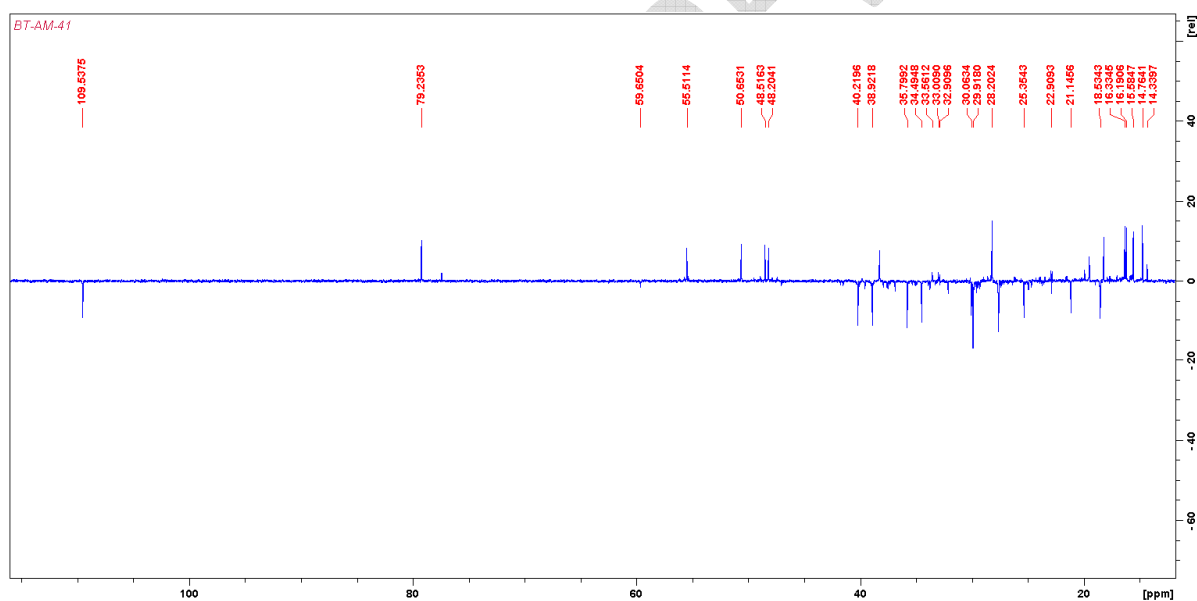
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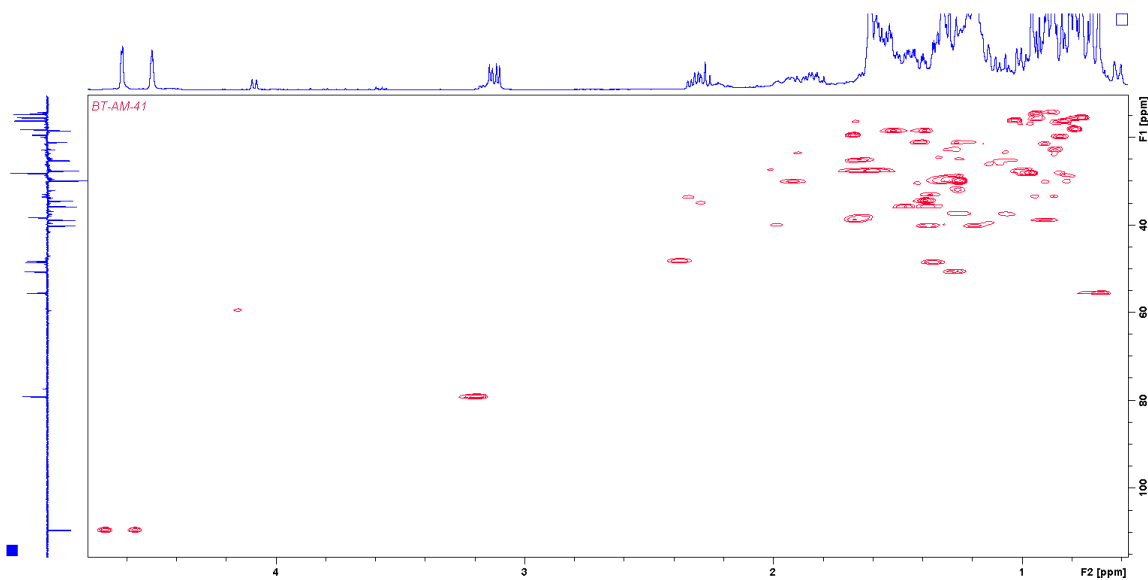
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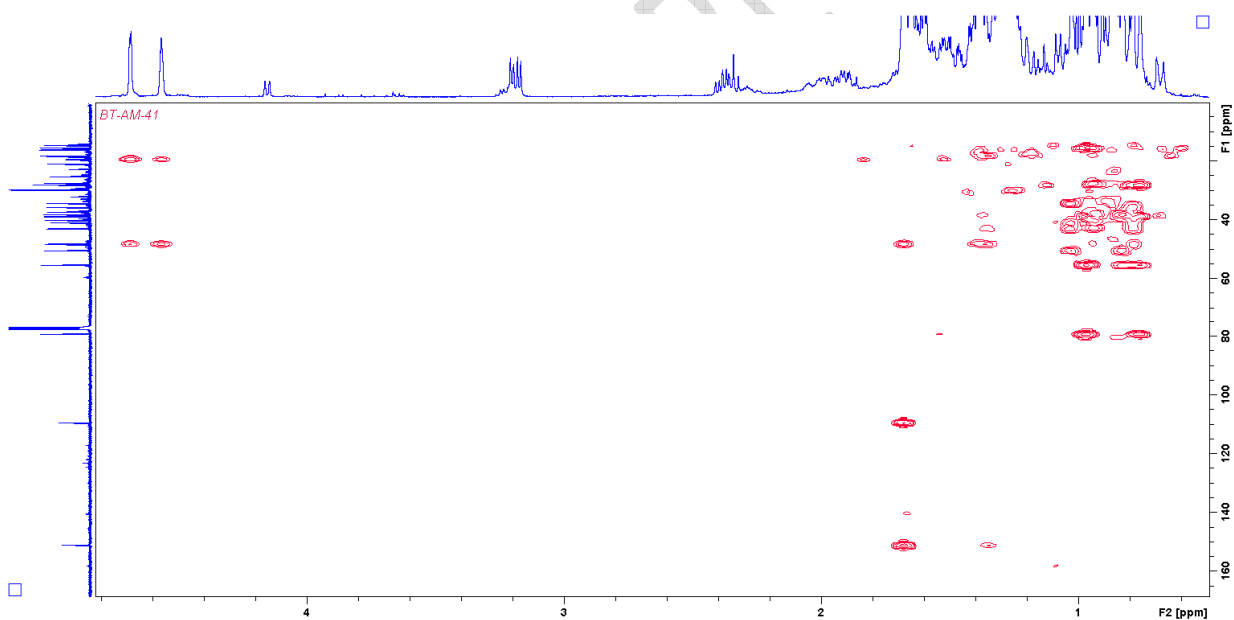
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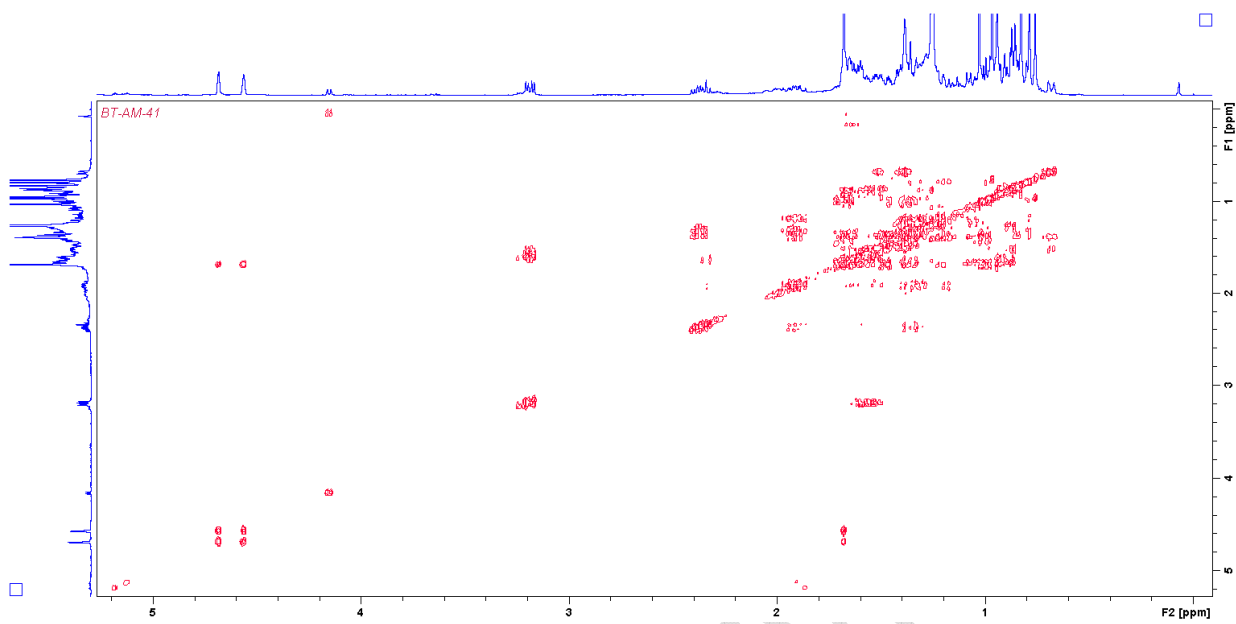
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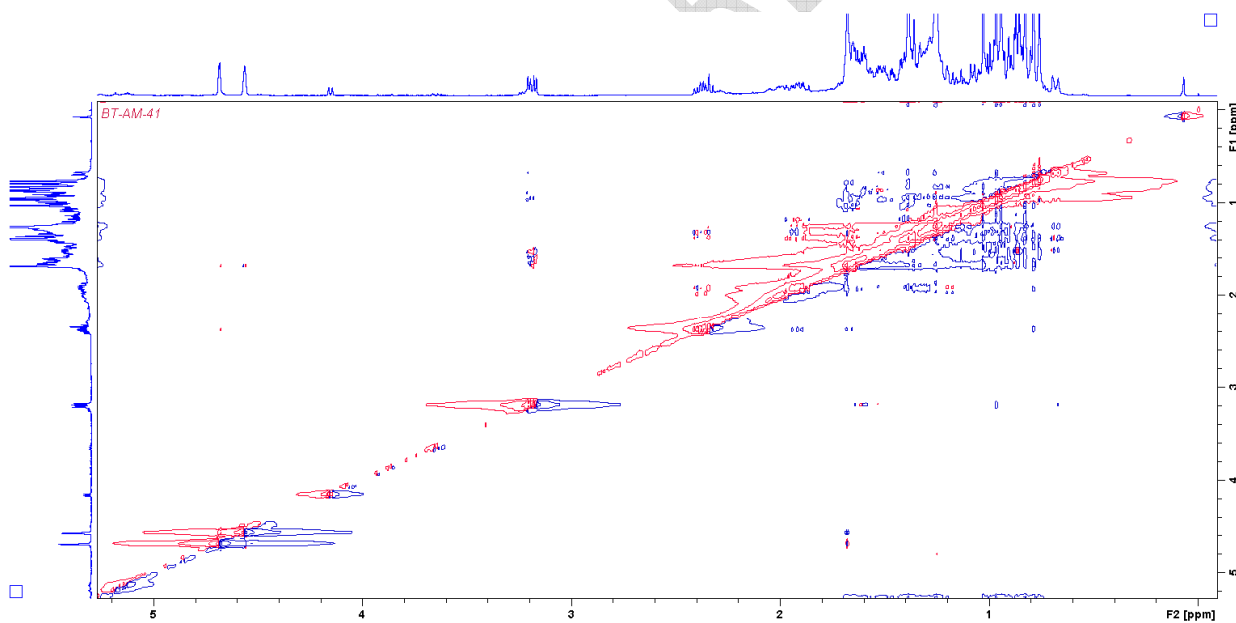
Spectrum 3.5: HSQCDEPT spectrum for compound 3 in CDCl₃



Spectrum 3.6: HMBC spectrum for compound 3 in CDCl₃



Spectrum 3.7: COSY spectrum for compound 3 in CDCl₃



Spectrum 3.8: NOESY spectrum for compound 3 in CDCl₃

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