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# **A Truly Practical Synthesis of a Phytosiderophore 2'-Deoxymugineic Acid. A Key to the Mechanistic Study of Iron Acquisition by Graminaceous Plants**

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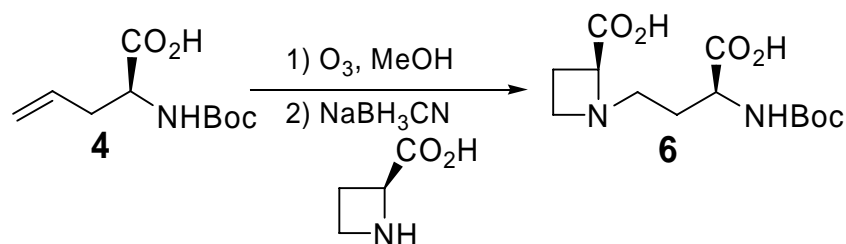
## **General Procedures and Methods**

Melting points were determined with a Yanaco MP-21 melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Optical rotations were taken on a JASCO DIP-1000 with a sodium lamp (D line). FTIR spectra were measured on a JASCO FT/IR-410 infrared spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL EX-400 or Varian mercury 300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). For  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), the central residual solvent peak was used as the internal reference (7.24, 3.35, and 4.65 ppm, respectively), whereas the central solvent peak as the reference (77.0 and 49.3 ppm, respectively) for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ). Electrospray mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics Apex-Q94e FT-ICR-MS (9.4 T magnet). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with E. Merck pre-coated TLC plates, silica gel 60F-254, layer thickness 0.25 mm. Flash chromatography was performed on E. Merck kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh) silica gel. Reagents and solvents are commercial grade and were used as supplied. The starting materials (L-allylglycine, L-azetidine-2-carboxylic acid, and L-(–)-malic acid) were purchased from Aldrich and used as supplied.

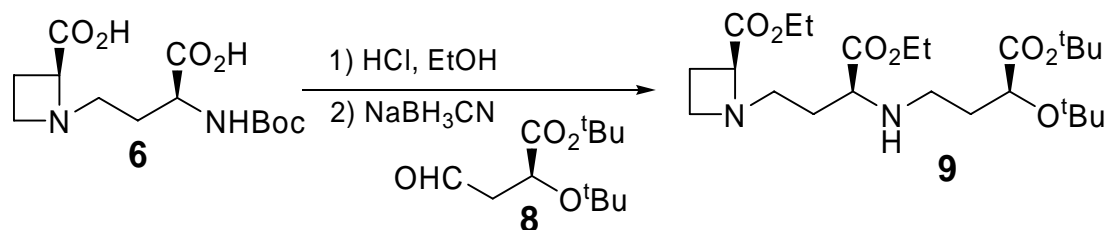
All PCR experiments were performed with Taq<sup>EX</sup> polymerase (Takara) on a thermal cycler, GeneAmp PCR system 9600 (Applied Biosystems). Subcloned inserts

were sequenced on a genetic analyzer, ABI PRISM™ 310 (Applied Biosystems) with use of a Big-Dye sequencing kit (Applied Biosystem). The open reading frame (ORF) region of *HvYSL* or *ZmYSL* cDNA was inserted into the *Xenopus* expression vector pSP64 polyA (Promega). The plasmid was linearized with *Bam*H1, and cRNA for *HvYSL* or *ZmYSL* was transcribed *in vitro* with SP6 RNA polymerase by mMACHINE kit (Ambion). The cRNA was injected in *Xenopus* oocytes with a microdispenser injector (Drumond). Electric currents were measured by two-electrode voltage clamp analysis on  $-60$  mV at room temperature with an Oocyte clamp OC725C instrument (Warner Instrument) and Digital 1322A data acquisition system (Axon Instruments).

#### Stepwise synthesis of **9** from **4**

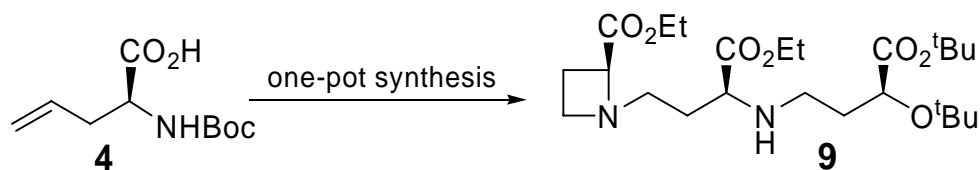


Ozone was bubbled through a solution of Boc-L-allylglycine (1.6 g, 7.4 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) at  $-78$  °C until the color of solution changed to blue. After bubbling of nitrogen until the blue color was gone, to the solution were added L-azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (752 mg, 7.4 mmol) and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (470 mg, 7.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by short-pass flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with ethyl acetate/methanol = 5/1 to only methanol) to give **6** (2.1 g, 93%). IR (neat):  $\nu = 3397, 2976, 1697, 1614, 1393, 1365$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 4.52$  (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.85-4.30 (m, 2H), 3.82 (q,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.85-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 177.27, 172.79, 157.37, 80.37, 68.29, 53.75, 50.84, 49.85, 29.42, 28.76, 22.36$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1556, found: 303.1551;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -44.0$  ( $c = 1.0$ , MeOH).



The suspension of **6** (1.7 g, 5.6 mmol) in cooled dry HCl/EtOH (prepared from 4.0 mL of acetyl chloride and 160 mL of ethanol) was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, stirred for 15 h at room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, dehydrated by toluene azeotropy, and vacuumed for several hours. To the mixture of the residue in methanol (30 mL) were added aldehyde **8** (1.3 g, 5.6 mmol) and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (354 mg, 5.6 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 4 h, quenched with satd. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1 to only ethyl acetate containing 0.1 % triethylamine) to give protected DMA **9** (1.8 g, 68%) as colorless oil. IR (neat):  $\nu = 3329, 2975, 1744, 1474, 1391, 1192 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 4.12\text{-}4.22$  (m, 4H), 3.91 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.39 (br t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 (br t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.16 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 174.38, 173.36, 172.07, 80.07, 74.11, 69.68, 64.77, 60.16, 60.11, 59.21, 55.06, 50.68, 43.71, 33.93, 30.65, 27.56, 27.49, 20.96, 13.95, 13.86$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 473.3229, found: 473.3221;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -92.8$  ( $c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).

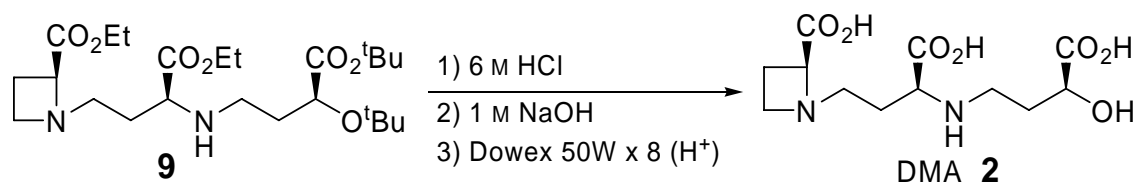
#### One-pot synthesis of **9** from **4**



Ozone was bubbled through a solution of Boc-L-allylglycine (1.2 g, 5.7 mmol) in methanol (40 mL) at -78 °C until the color of solution changed to blue. After

bubbling of nitrogen until the blue color was gone, to the solution was added L-azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (564 mg, 5.7 mmol) and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (351 mg, 5.7 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The suspension of the residue in cooled dry HCl /EtOH (prepared from 4.5 mL of acetyl chloride and 100 mL of ethanol) was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, stirred for 15 h at room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, dehydrated by toluene azeotropy, and vacuumed for several hours. To the mixture of the residue in methanol (50 mL) was added aldehyde **8** (1.3 g, 5.7 mmol) and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (351 mg, 5.7 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 4 h, quenched with satd. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with ethyl acetate (x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1 to only ethyl acetate containing 0.1 % triethylamine) to give protected DMA **9** (1.44 g, 55%) as colorless oil.

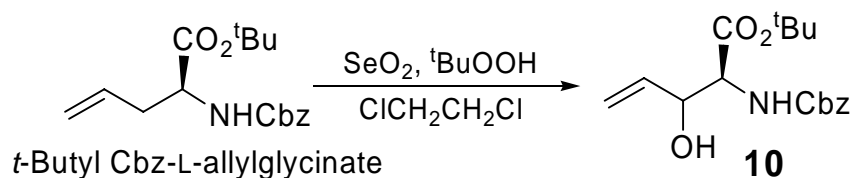
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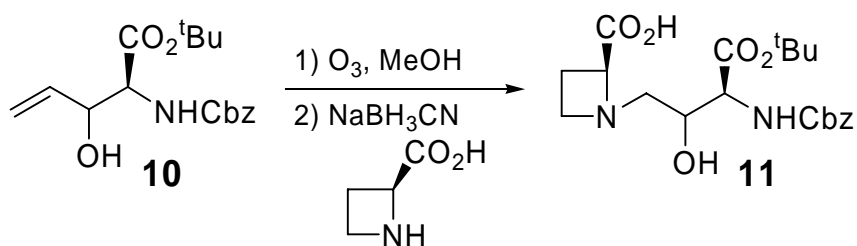
A suspension of **9** (2.1 g, 4.4 mmol) in cooled 6 M HCl (40 mL) was stirred for 10 h at room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture of the residue in 1 M NaOH (40 mL) was stirred for 10 h at room temperature. The mixture was neutralized by 1 M HCl and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on ion-exchange resin (Dowex 50W x 8) (elution with water to 1 M NH<sub>3</sub>) to give DMA ammonium salts (1.3 g, 97%) as white solid. Further purification by recrystallization (from H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH-EtOH) gave pure DMA **2** (950 mg, 71%). IR (neat):  $\nu = 3381, 3041, 1644, 1414, 1093 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 4.63$  (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (td,  $J = 9.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (app. q,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.18-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.96-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.60 (qd,  $J = 9.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt,  $J = 11.7, 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.70-2.18 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 180.05, 173.21, 172.17, 70.32, 66.90, 59.61, 51.24, 50.50, 44.25, 30.45, 24.54, 21.12$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup>

[M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 303.1200, found: 303.1198; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> = -69.2 (c = 1.0, H<sub>2</sub>O, pH = 6.5) (lit = -70.5<sup>[6]</sup>).

### Synthesis of MA **1** and 2'-epi-MA **3** from *t*-butyl Cbz-L-allylglycinate

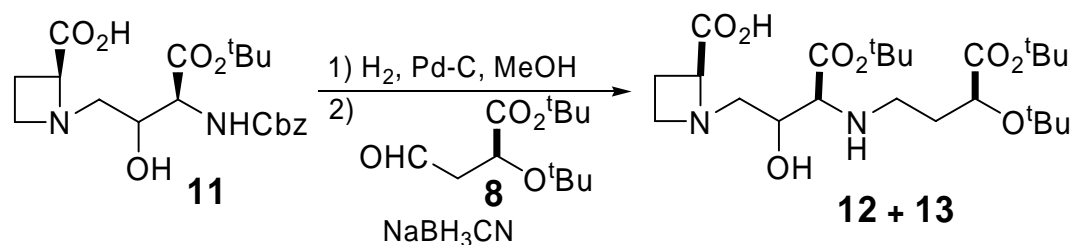


To a solution of *t*-butyl Cbz-L-allylglycinate (1.4 g, 4.6 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (30 mL) was added selenium dioxide (510 mg, 4.6 mmol) and <sup>t</sup>BuOOH (3.3 mL of 5.5 M solution in decane, 18.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 15 h at 70 °C, quenched with satd. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with ethyl acetate (x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with satd. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1 to 4/1) to give **10** (812 mg, 55%) as colorless oil. IR (neat): ν = 3422, 2978, 1718, 1509, 1455, 1369 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.30-7.45 (m, 5H), 5.90 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (br d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.60 (br s, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H) as a major isomer; δ = 7.30-7.45 (m, 5H), 5.81 (ddd, *J* = 16.4, 10.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (br s, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.55 (br s, 1H), 4.47 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (br s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H) as the minor isomer; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 169.32, 156.31, 136.35, 128.29, 128.23, 127.98, 127.86, 116.54, 82.50, 72.69, 66.87, 58.56, 27.90 as the major isomer; δ = 169.32, 156.31, 136.08, 128.23, 127.98, 127.86, 127.78, 117.01, 82.50, 72.69, 67.13, 27.90 as a minor isomer; HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1471, found : 344.1468.



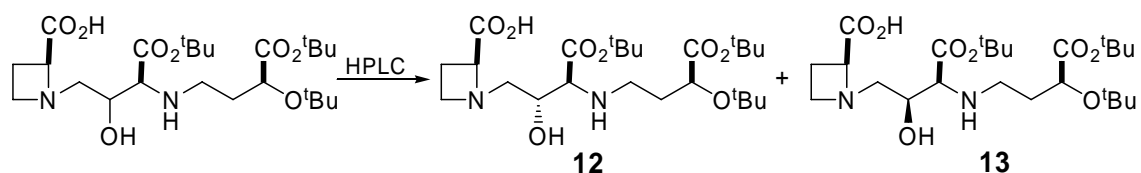
Ozone was bubbled through a solution of **10** (550 mg, 1.7 mmol) in methanol

(15 mL) at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  until the color of the solution changed to blue. After bubbling of nitrogen until the blue color was gone, to the solution was added L-azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (173 mg, 1.7 mmol) and  $\text{NaBH}_3\text{CN}$  (107 mg, 1.7 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by short-pass flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with ethyl acetate/methanol = 5/1 to only methanol) to give **6** (595 mg, 86%) as colorless oil. IR (neat):  $\nu = 3290, 2978, 1729, 1633, 1516\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta = 7.25\text{--}7.40$  (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.74 (t,  $J = 9.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 10.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.27 (br s, 1H), 4.01 (td,  $J = 9.6, 4.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.89 (q,  $J = 9.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.32 (d,  $J = 12.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.17 (t,  $J = 12.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.48–2.68 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H) as a major isomer;  $\delta = 7.25\text{--}7.40$  (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.74 (t,  $J = 9.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 10.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.17 (br s, 1H), 4.01 (td,  $J = 9.6, 4.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.89 (q,  $J = 9.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.41 (t,  $J = 12.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.32 (d,  $J = 12.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.48–2.68 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H) as a minor isomer;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 172.92, 170.04, 158.61, 137.88, 129.37, 128.98, 128.86, 83.74, 69.08, 68.40, 67.89, 67.42, 58.83, 52.55, 28.31, 23.17$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 409.1976, found: 409.1969.



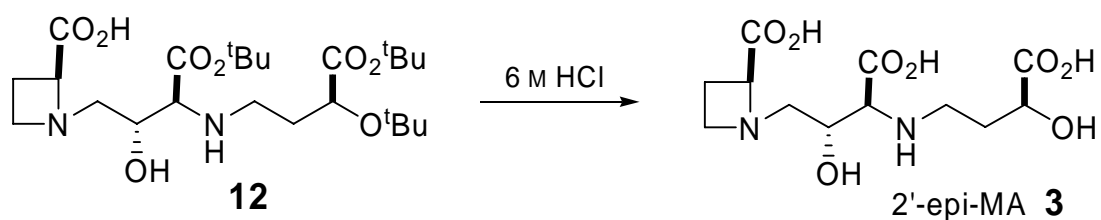
To a solution of **11** (450 mg, 1.1 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was added 10% palladium on carbon (90 mg, 20 wt%). The mixture was stirred for 2 h under hydrogen, flashed with argon, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. To a solution of the residue in methanol (10 mL) were added acetic acid for adjusting to pH 4 ~ 6 (66  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.1 mmol), aldehyde **8** (254 mg, 1.1 mmol), and  $\text{NaBH}_3\text{CN}$  (70 mg, 1.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with ethyl acetate/methanol = 4/1 to chloroform/methanol = 4/1) to give a mixture of **12** and **13** (480 mg, 89%) as colorless oil. IR (neat):  $\nu = 3290, 2975, 1731, 1634, 1455\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 4.52$  (t,  $J = 9.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.15 (dt,  $J = 6.8, 3.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.04 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 5.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.93 (td,  $J = 9.2, 4.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.77 (q,

$J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.40 (m, 3H), 2.89 (dt,  $J = 12.0, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.19 (s, 9H) as a major isomer **12**;  $\delta$  4.60 (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.90-4.06 (m, 3H), 3.81 (q,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.40 (m, 3H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.75 (m, 3H), 1.78-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.19 (s, 9H) as a minor isomer **13**;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 175.46, 174.25, 171.63, 83.48, 82.31, 76.10, 71.25, 69.49, 68.36, 65.71, 60.38, 52.58, 45.68, 34.66, 28.39, 28.27, 28.24, 23.36$  as a major isomer **12**;  $\delta = 175.28, 173.65, 171.41, 83.83, 82.34, 76.17, 71.31, 69.22, 68.40, 66.62, 59.46, 51.90, 45.48, 34.24, 28.44, 28.31, 28.21, 23.07$  as a minor isomer **13**; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 489.3170, found: 489.3170.



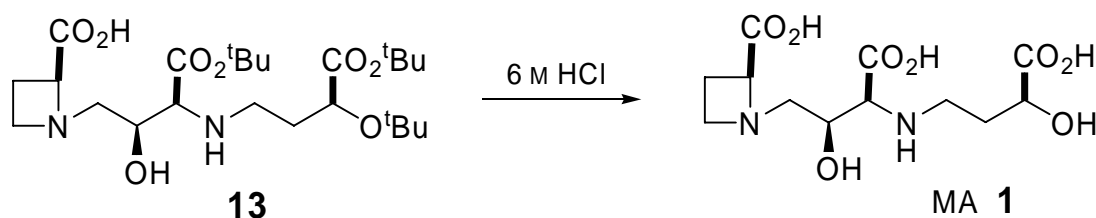
HPLC conditions for separation of **12** and **13**: column: CAPCELLPAK C18-UG80 (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) (Shiseido); flow rate: 9.999 mL/min; elution: 35%  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1%  $\text{AcOH}$ ); retention times: minor **13**: 14.0 min, major **12**: 16.3 min.

The respective fractions were concentrated separately under reduce pressure to give **12** and **13**, respectively.



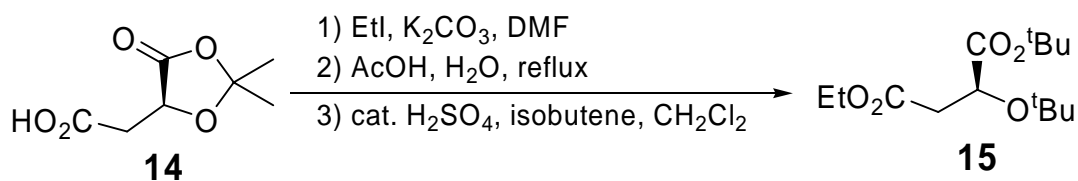
A mixture of **12** (122 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 6 M  $\text{HCl}$  (20 mL) was stirred for 6 h, concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on ion-exchange resin (Dowex 50W x 8) (elution with water to 5%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ ) to give 2'-epi-MA ammonium salts as white solid. Further purification by DIANION HP20 (elution with water) was followed by lyophilization to give pure 2'-epi-MA **3** (81 mg, quant.) as white powder. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3213, 3051, 2839, 1610, 1412, 1329, 1238, 1107, 934, 773;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pH = 4.53 adjusted by the

addition of 1 M DCl):  $\delta = 1.96\text{-}2.05$  (1H, m),  $2.10\text{-}2.20$  (1H, m),  $2.51\text{-}2.61$  (1H, m),  $2.65\text{-}2.75$  (1H, m),  $3.16$  (1H, dt,  $J = 12.7, 7.1$  Hz),  $3.30$  (1H, dt,  $J = 12.7, 7.1$  Hz),  $3.41$  (1H, dd,  $J = 9.8, 13.2$  Hz),  $3.57$  (1H, dd,  $J = 2.7, 13.2$  Hz),  $3.63$  (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz),  $4.06$  (1H, app. q,  $J = 9.7$  Hz),  $4.07\text{-}4.21$  (1H, m),  $4.16$  (1H, dd,  $J = 4.4, 7.6$  Hz),  $4.22$  (1H, ddd,  $J = 2.7, 8.3, 9.8$  Hz),  $4.89$  (1H, t,  $J = 9.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pH = 4.53 adjusted by the addition of 1 M DCl):  $\delta = 24.5, 32.7, 48.1, 54.4, 60.0, 67.4, 67.5, 69.9, 73.2, 172.4, 175.7, 182.1$  ppm; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 321.1298, found : 321.1298 ;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -48.8$  ( $c = 0.57, \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

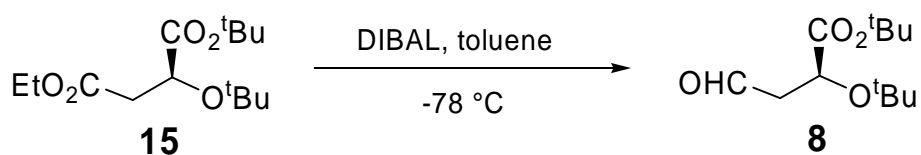


According to a similar procedure mentioned above for 2'-epi-MA **3**, MA **1** was obtained (20 mg, quant.) from **13** (30 mg, 0.063 mmol). IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu = 3215, 3061, 2855, 1618, 1412, 1319, 1236, 1115, 1092, 976, 773$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pH = 4.53 adjusted by the addition of 1 M DCl):  $\delta = 1.99\text{-}2.09$  (1H, m),  $2.14\text{-}2.24$  (1H, m),  $2.52\text{-}2.62$  (1H, m),  $2.67\text{-}2.77$  (1H, m),  $3.16\text{-}3.25$  (1H, m),  $3.25\text{-}3.33$  (1H, m),  $3.43$  (1H, dd,  $J = 2.7, 13.7$  Hz),  $3.56$  (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 13.7$  Hz),  $3.85$  (1H, d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz),  $4.03$  (1H, app. q,  $J = 9.7$  Hz),  $4.10$  (1H, dt,  $J = 4.2, 10.1$  Hz),  $4.17$  (1H, dd,  $J = 4.6, 7.3$  Hz),  $4.44$  (1H, dt,  $J = 9.3, 2.9$  Hz),  $4.88$  (1H, t,  $J = 9.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pH=4.53 adjusted by the addition of 1 M DCl):  $\delta = 24.6, 32.9, 47.9, 53.9, 59.0, 67.4$  (2C),  $70.6, 73.2, 171.8, 175.8, 182.3$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 321.1298, found: 321.1292;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -63.5$  ( $c = 0.31, \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (lit:  $-70.7,^{[21]} -64.6^{[8h]}$ ).

### Synthesis of aldehyde **8**

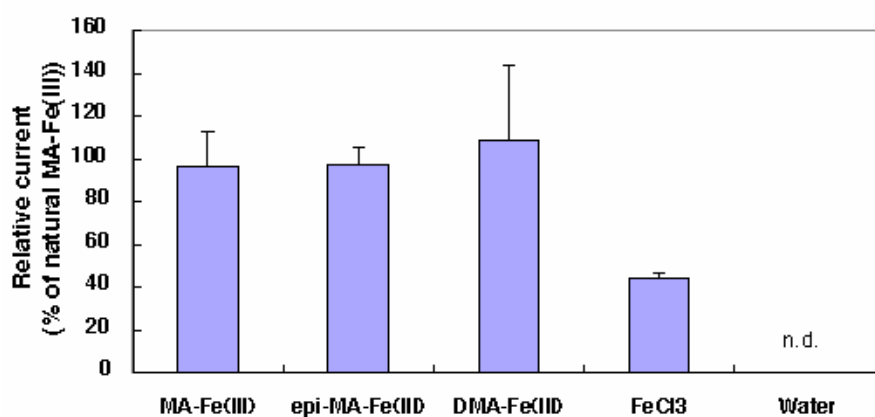


To a solution of **14** (17.5 g, 100 mmol) in DMF (40 mL) were added  $K_2CO_3$  (41 g, 300 mmol) and ethyl iodide (12.1 mL, 150 mmol) successively. The mixture was stirred for 2 h, quenched with saturated ammonium chloride, and extracted with diethyl ether (x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over anhydrous  $MgSO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The solution of the residue in AcOH (80 mL) and  $H_2O$  (20 mL) was heated under reflux for 30 min, concentrated under reduced pressure, and vacuumed for 3 h. Isobutene gas was bubbled through the mixture of the residue and concd  $H_2SO_4$  (1 mL) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) for 1 h. The mixture was stirred for 16 h in a stoppered flask, quenched with satd.  $NaHCO_3$ , and extracted with ethyl acetate (x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $MgSO_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1 to 4/1) to give **15** (16.7 g, 61%) as colorless oil. IR (neat):  $\nu = 2976, 2935, 1725, 1475, 1367\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 4.31$  (dd,  $J = 8.1, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.14 (m, 2H), 2.63 (dd,  $J = 15.3, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd,  $J = 15.3, 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 172.37, 170.42, 81.22, 75.26, 68.98, 60.65, 39.49, 27.84, 27.78, 14.17$ ; HRMS:  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{14}H_{26}O_5^+ [M+H]^+$ : 275.1859, found: 275.1863;  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -37.3$  ( $c = 1.5, CHCl_3$ ).



To a solution of **15** (10.0 g, 36 mmol) in toluene (130 mL) was added DIBAL (39 mL, 1 M solution in toluene) at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was stirred for 20 min, quenched with saturated ammonium chloride (11.5 mL), diluted with diethyl ether (200 mL), and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture was added anhydrous  $MgSO_4$ , stirred for 20 min, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elution with hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1 to 4/1) to give **8** (7.3 g, 88%) as colorless oil. IR (neat):  $\nu = 2977, 2935, 1737, 1459, 1367\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.76$  (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (ddd,  $J = 16.2, 8.1, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (ddd,  $J = 16.2, 4.8,$

2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 200.00, 172.58, 81.89, 75.82, 67.70, 47.48, 28.09, 28.03$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 231.1597, found: 231.1596;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = -52.9$  ( $c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S1:** Iron transporting activities of synthetic MA-, 2'-epi-MA-, DMA-iron(III) and natural MA-iron(III) with *Xenopus laevis* oocytes expressing ZmYS1 by the two-electrode voltage clamp method. Currents relative to natural MA-iron(III) are shown.



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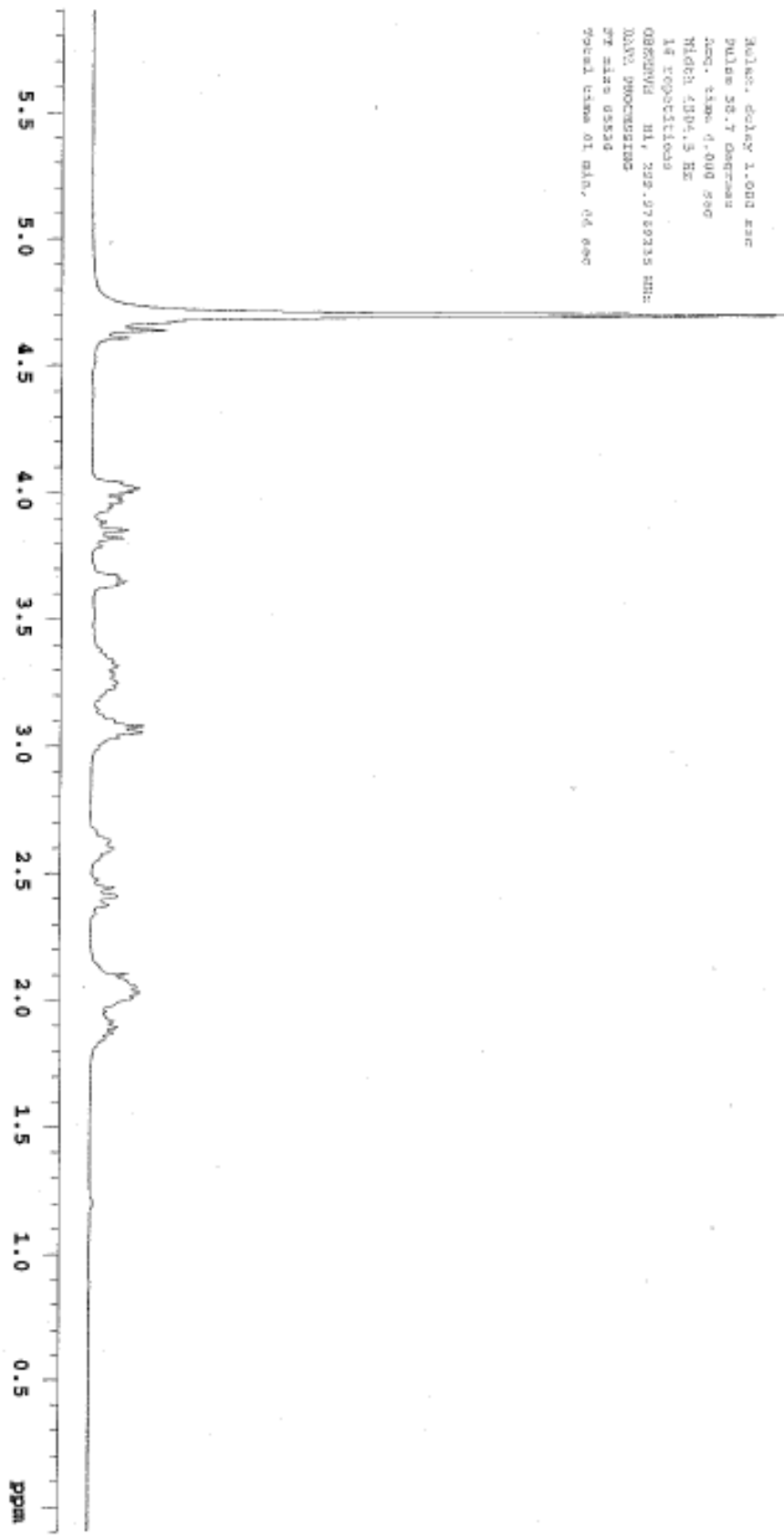
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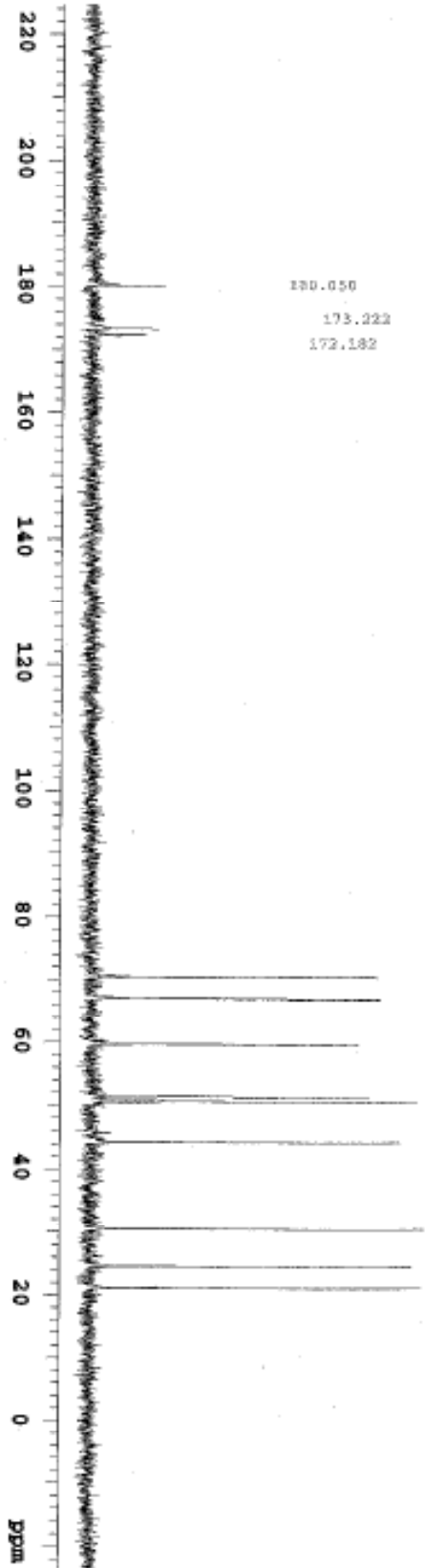
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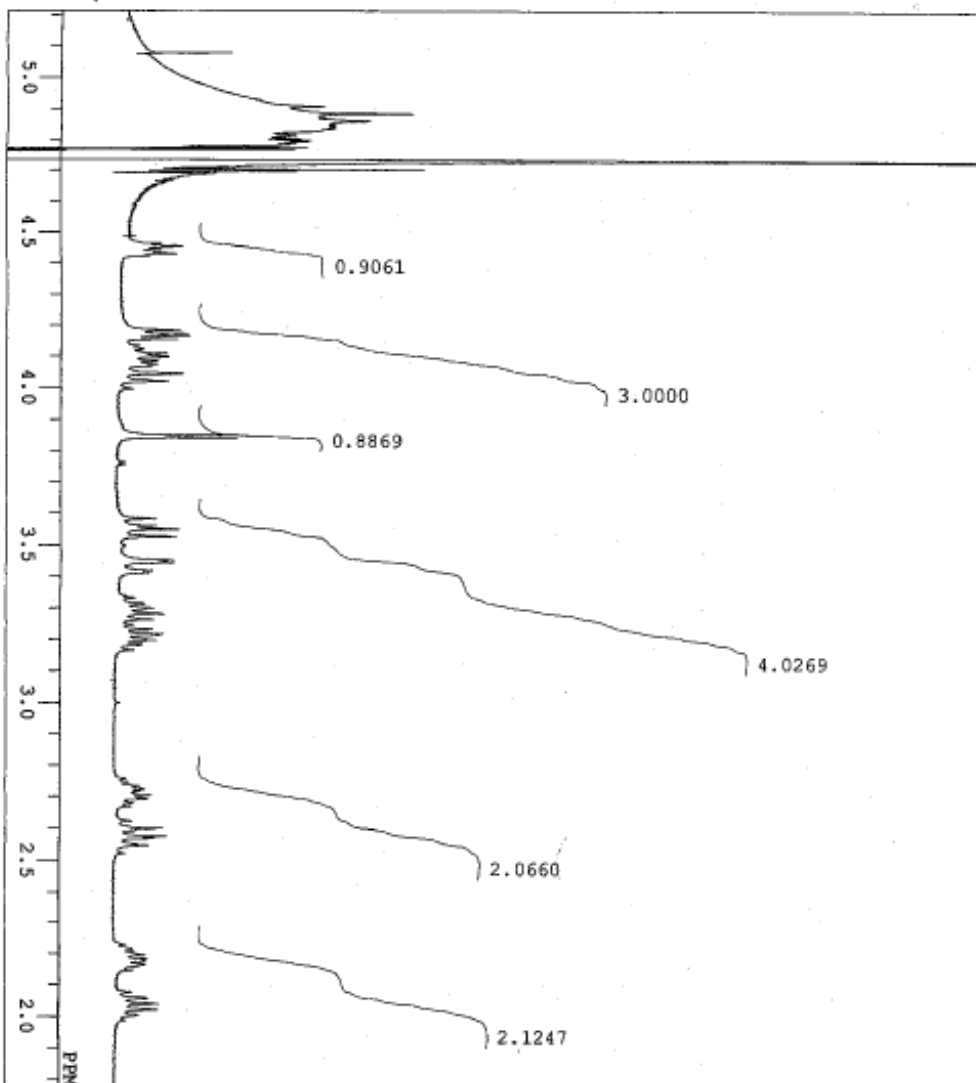
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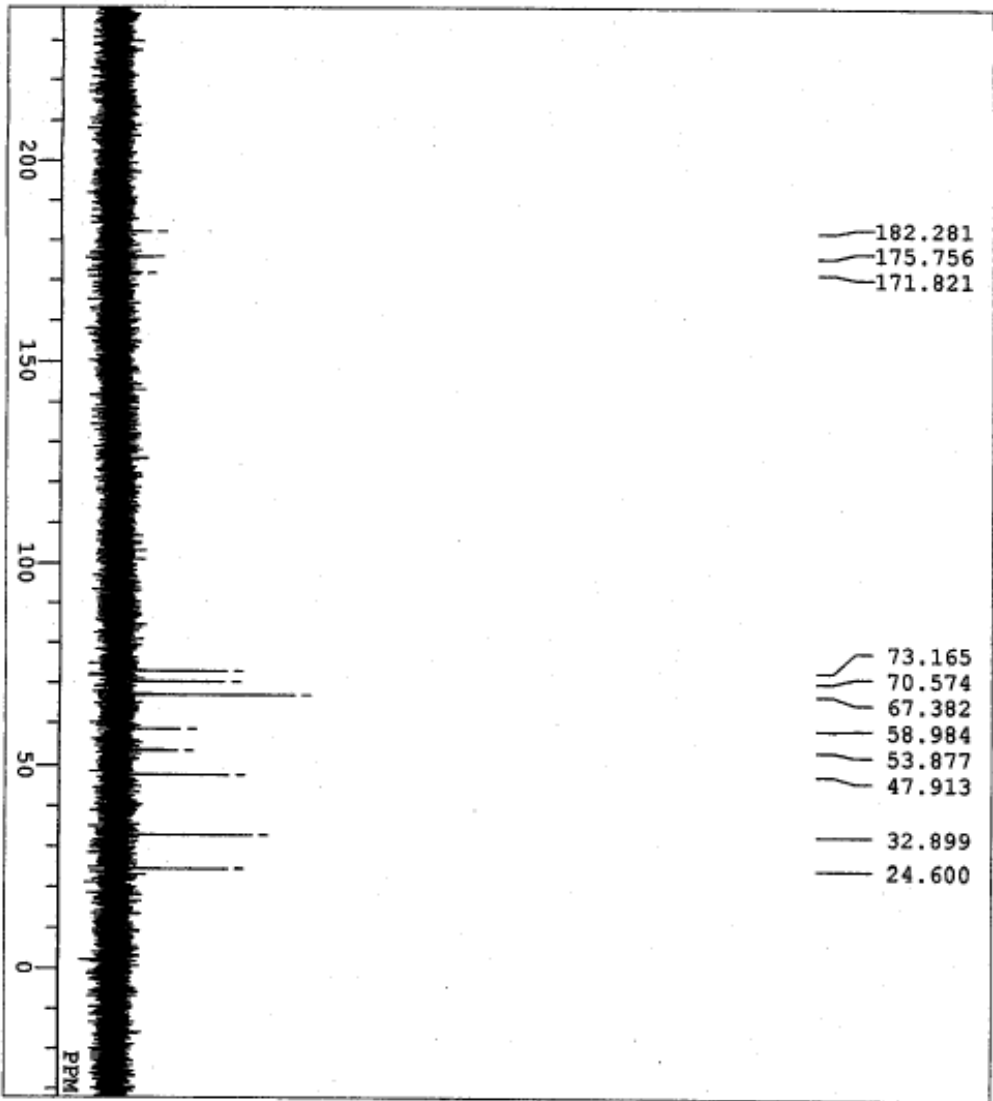


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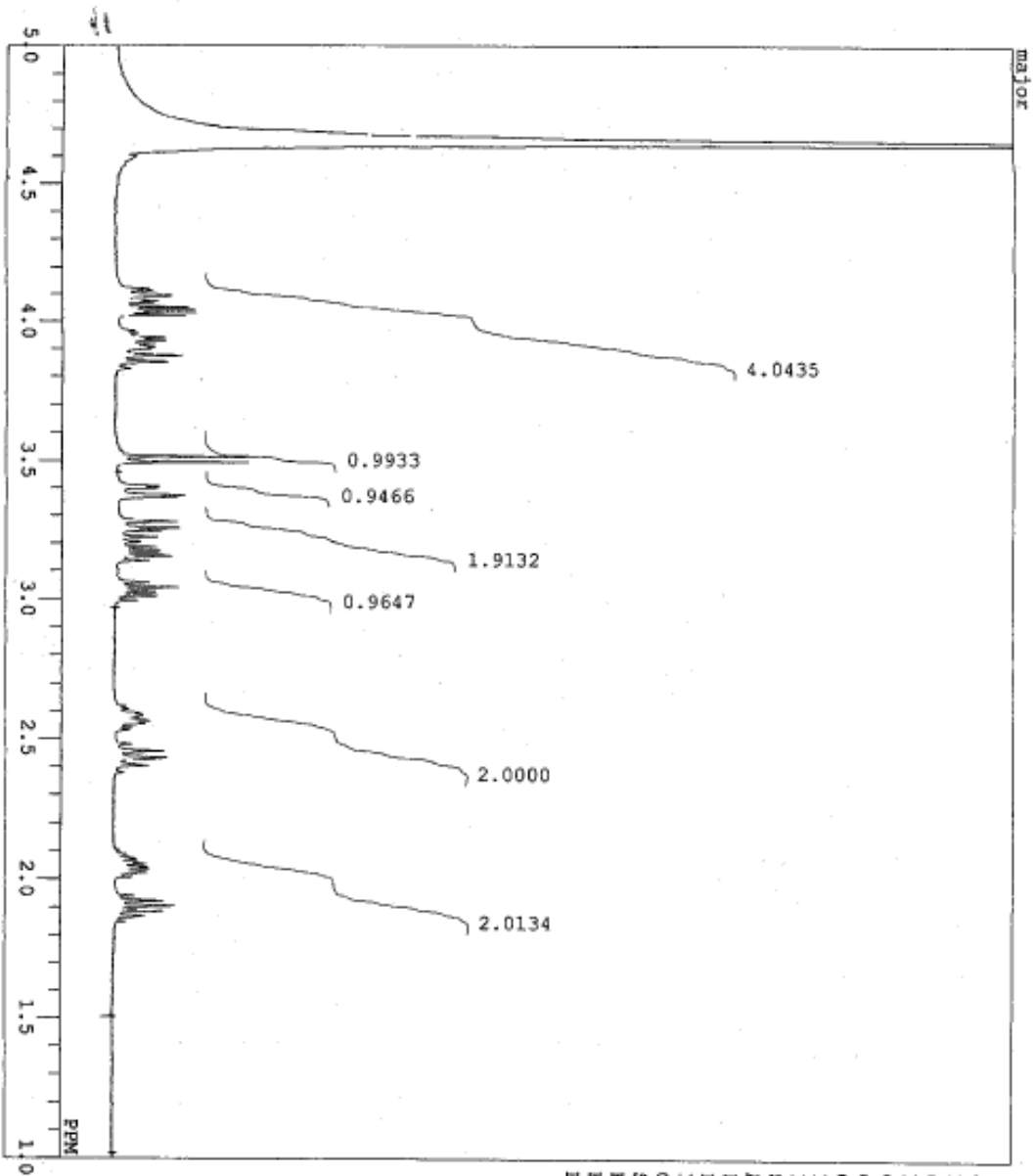
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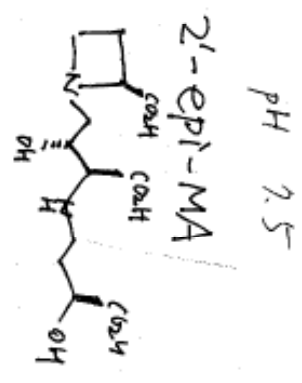


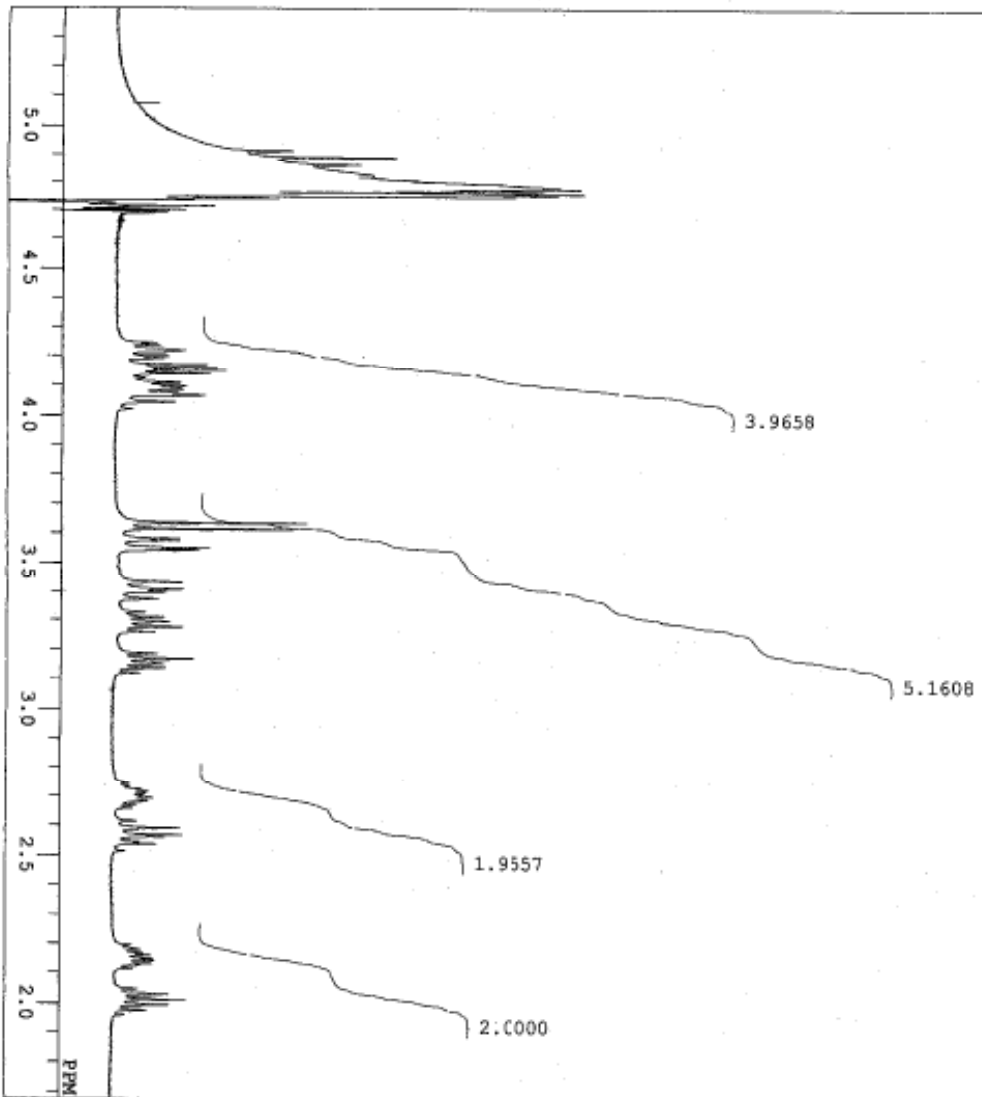
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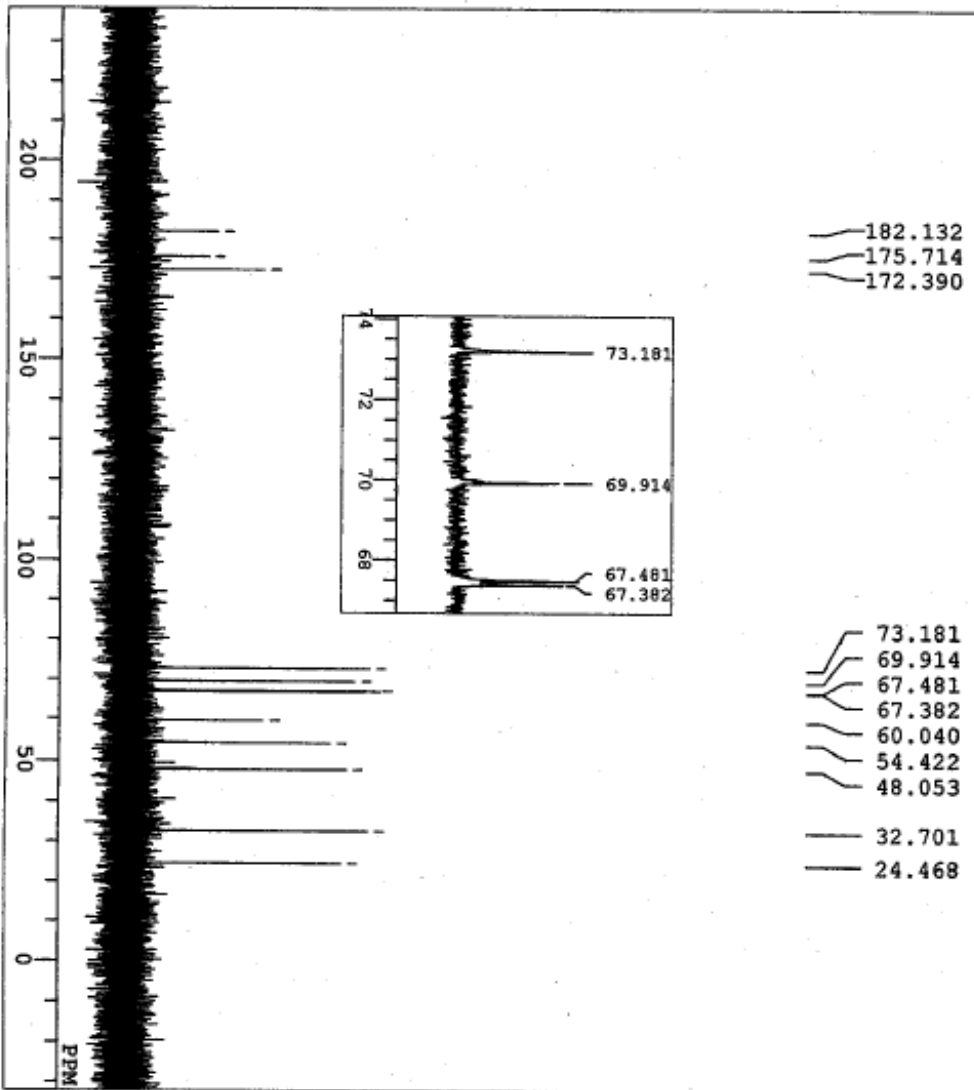


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