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Title: Total Synthesis of Altenuene and Isoaltenuene

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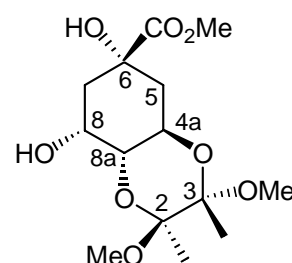
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Content

Experimental procedures and ^1H NMR-spectroscopic data for all previously reported compounds. UV/Vis and CD spectra of authentic and synthesized altenuene. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of altenuene and isoaltenuene.

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*,4*aR*,6*S*,8*R*,8*aR*)-Octahydro-6,8-dihydroxy-2,3-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylbenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-carboxylate¹

$\text{HC}(\text{OEt})_3$ (9.41 mL, 28.6 mmol) and TosOH (0.55 g, 2.9 mmol) was added under an argon atmosphere to a soln of (–)-quinic acid (**11**, 5.00 g, 26.0 mmol) and 2,3-butanedione (2.51 mL, 28.6 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux over night. After cooling to rt, Et_3N (0.5 mL) was added, the solvents were removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on SiO_2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 20:1) to yield the title compound (6.00 g, 18.7 mmol, 72%) as a white solid.

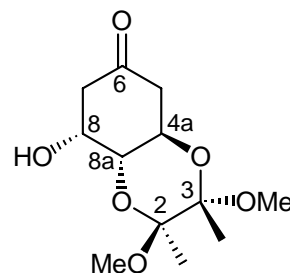


R_f ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 10:1) = 0.26.

^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.30 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.34 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.87–1.97 (m, 2 H), 2.00–2.23 (m, 2 H), 3.06–3.08 (m, 1 H, OH), 3.26 (s, 6 H, OMe), 3.60 (dd, 1 H, $^3J = 2.8$ Hz, $^3J = 10.1$ Hz), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.18–4.22 (m, 2 H), 4.31 (ddd, 1 H, $^3J = 4.7$ Hz, $^3J = 10.1$ Hz, $^3J = 12.2$ Hz).

(2*S*,3*S*,4*aR*,8*R*,8*aR*)-2,3,4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*-Octahydro-8-hydroxy-2,3-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylbenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-one¹

DIBAL-H (46.8 mL of a 1 M soln in THF, 46.8 mmol) was added at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ with exclusion of moisture and air within 30 min to a soln of the acetal described above (3.00 g, 9.36 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (60 mL). The soln was stirred for 30 min at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and for further 30 min at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The mixture was hydrolyzed with H₂O (60 mL) and the precipitating aluminium hydroxide was removed by filtration through Celite[®]. The filter cake was stirred for 1 h in H₂O (200 mL) and filtered again. The combined aqueous layers were treated with NaIO₄ (3.42 g, 16.0 mmol), stirred for 1 h at rt, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4×40 mL) and the organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvents were removed in vacuo to yield crude title compound (1.85 g, 7.10 mmol, 75%) as a white solid which was used without further purification.

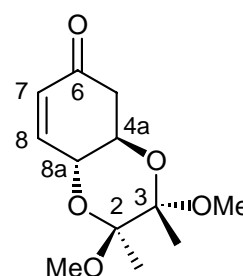


R_f (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) = 0.36.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.28 (s, 1 H), 1.32 (s, 1 H), 2.36–2.38 (m, 1 H, OH), 2.41–2.53 (m, 2 H), 2.60–2.67 (m, 2 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.29 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.86 (dd, 1 H, ³*J* = 2.4 Hz, ³*J* = 10.1 Hz), 4.18–4.31 (m, 2 H).

(2*S*,3*S*,4*aR*,8*aR*)-2,3,4*a*,5,6,8*a*-Hexahydro-2,3-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylbenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-one¹

DMAP (42 mg, 0.3 mmol), *N*-ethyldiisopropylamin (1.93 g, 14.9 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.87 g, 8.5 mmol) was added at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to a soln of hydroxyketone described above (1.85 g, 7.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 1 h at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added satd NaHCO₃ soln (10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×6 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), the solvents were removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on SiO₂ (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) to yield the title compound (1.23 g, 5.08 mmol, 72%) as a white solid. In some runs we used the crude material without any chromatography in the further course of the synthetic sequence with virtually identical yields.

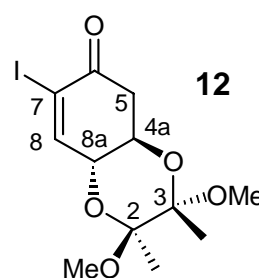


R_f (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) = 0.31.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.33 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.37 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.49 (dd, 1 H, 3J = 13.6 Hz, 2J = 16.4 Hz, 5- $H_{ax}H_{eq}$), 2.75 (ddd, 1 H, 5J = 1.1 Hz, 3J = 4.9 Hz, 2J = 16.4 Hz, 5- $H_{ax}H_{eq}$), 3.26 (s, 6 H, OMe), 4.05 (ddd, 1 H, 3J = 4.9 Hz, 3J = 9.1 Hz, 3J = 13.6 Hz, 4a-H), 4.51 (ddd, 1 H, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 3J = 2.7 Hz, 3J = 9.1 Hz, 8a-H), 6.00 (ddd, 1 H, 5J = 1.1 Hz, 2J = 2.7 Hz, 3J = 10.1 Hz, 8-H), 6.87 (dd, 1 H, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 3J = 10.1 Hz, 7-H).

(2*S*,3*S*,4*aR*,8*aR*)-2,3,4*a*,5,6,8*a*-Hexahydro-7-iodo-2,3-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylbenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-one² (12)

K_2CO_3 (166 mg, 1.20 mmol), DMAP (24 mg, 0.20 mmol) and iodine (381 mg, 1.50 mmol) were added a soln of the enone described above (242 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF/ H_2O (1:1, 10 mL). 20% Aqueous sodium thiosulfate soln (10 mL) was added after stirring for 5 h at rt. Extraction with CH_2Cl_2 (3×10 mL), drying of the combined organic layers (NaSO_4), removal of the solvents in vacuo and purification of the residue by chromatography on SiO_2 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) yielded the iodo compound **12** (354 mg, 0.96 mmol, 96 %) as a yellowish solid.

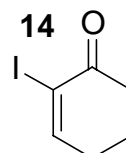


R_f (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) = 0.61.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.32 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 1.35 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.61 (dd, 1 H, 3J = 13.6 Hz, 2J = 16.4 Hz, 5- $H_{ax}H_{eq}$), 2.97 (dd, 1 H, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 2J = 16.4 Hz, 5- $H_{ax}H_{eq}$), 3.25 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.31 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.05 (ddd, 1 H, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 3J = 9.1 Hz, 3J = 13.6 Hz, 4a-H), 4.48 (dd, 1 H, 3J = 1.8 Hz, 3J = 9.1 Hz, 8a-H), 7.63 (d, 1 H, 3J = 1.8 Hz, 8-H).

2-Iodocyclohex-2-enone³ (14)

I_2 (13.2 g, 102 mmol) in pyridine/ CCl_4 (1:1, 25 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a soln of cyclohex-2-enone (5.00 g, 51.9 mmol) in pyridine/ CCl_4 (1:1, 50 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt overnight, treated with 20% aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ soln (150 mL), and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×20 mL). The organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4), the solvents were removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on SiO_2 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) yielding **14** as a dark yellow solid (4.00 g, 18.0 mmol, 34%).



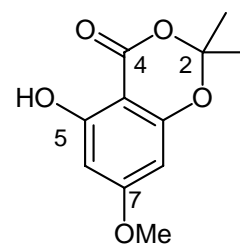
m.p. = 108–110 °C.

R_f(hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) = 0.58.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.02–2.15 (m, 2 H), 2.39–2.46 (m, 2 H), 2.63–2.68 (m, 2 H), 7.74–7.77 (m, 1 H, 5-H).

5-Hydroxy-7-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxin-4-one³

DIAD (2.58 g, 12.8 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a soln of acetal **8** (2.50 g, 11.9 mmol), MeOH (410 mg, 12.8 mmol) and Ph₃P (3.35 g, 12.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (40 ml) under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 5 h while it slowly warmed to rt. EtOAc (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was extracted with H₂O (3×15 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). Removal of the solvents in vacuo and purification of the residue by chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) yielded the title compound (2.09 g, 9.32 mmol, 78 %) as a white solid.

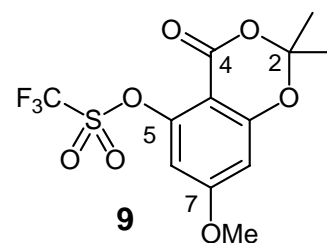


R_f (hexane/EtOAc, 3:1) = 0.28.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.71 (s, 6 H, 2 CH₃), 3.80 (s, 3 H, OMe), 5.98 (d, 1 H, ⁴*J* = 2.3 Hz), 6.13 (d, 1 H, ⁴*J* = 2.3 Hz), 10.4 (s, 1 H, OH).

7-Methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxin-5-yl Trifluoromethanesulfonate³ (**9**)

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (4.13 g, 14.6 mmol) was added dropwise with a syringe at –10 °C with exclusion of moisture and air to a soln of the methyl ether described above (2.96 g, 13.2 mmol) in pyridine (70 mL). The mixture was stirred for 4 h at 0 °C, hydrolyzed with ice water (60 mL), and extracted with Et₂O (4×30 mL). The combined organic layers were extracted with 1 N HCl and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvents were removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to yield triflate **9** (4.44 g, 12.5 mmol, 95 %) as a colorless white solid.



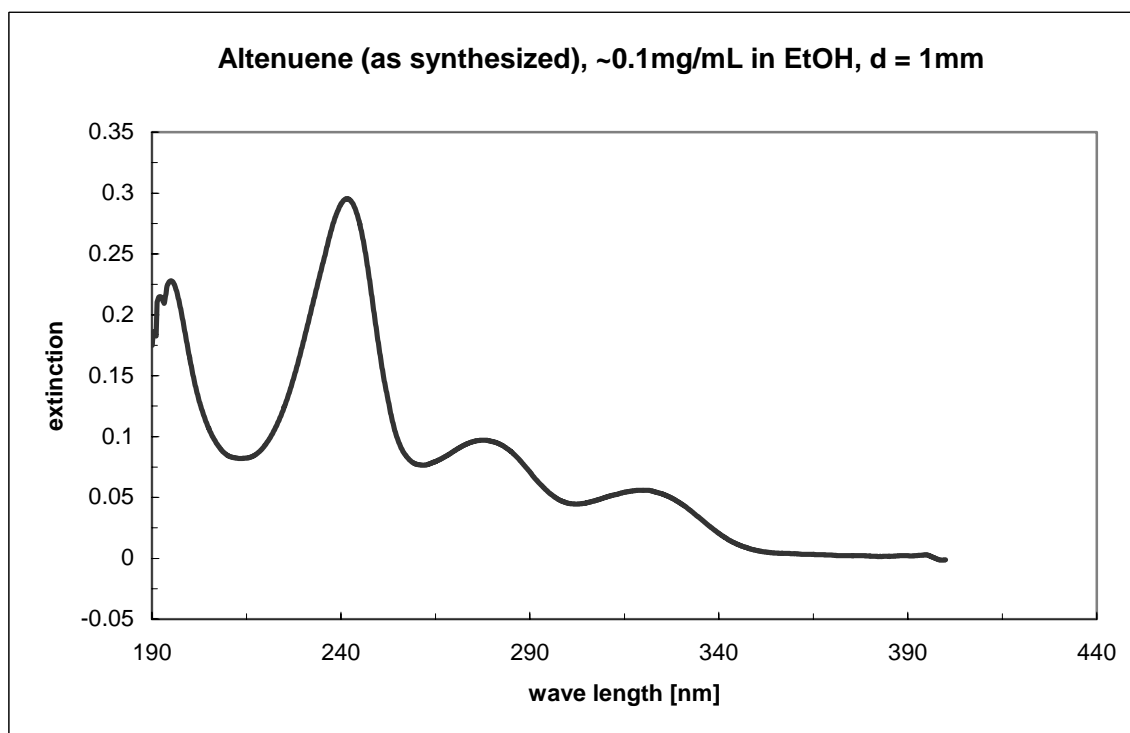
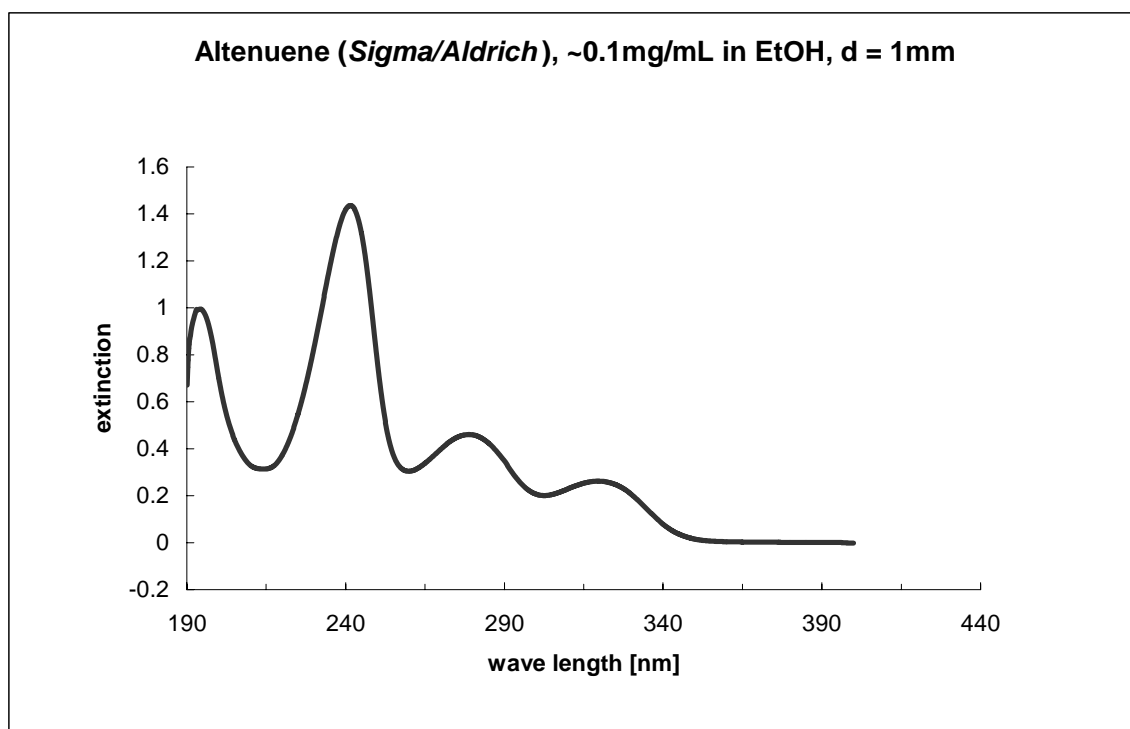
R_f (hexane/EtOAc, 3:1) = 0.20.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.74 (s, 6 H, 2 CH₃), 3.88 (s, 3 H, OMe), 6.49 (d, 1 H, ⁴*J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.53 (d, 1 H, ⁴*J* = 2.4 Hz).

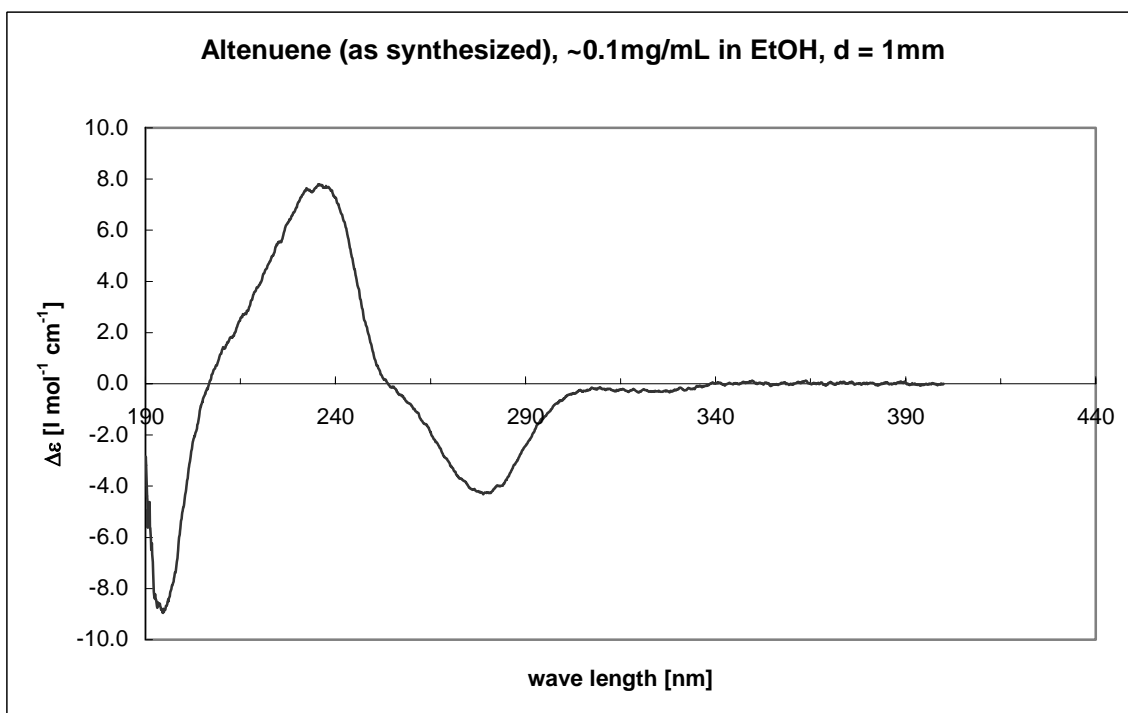
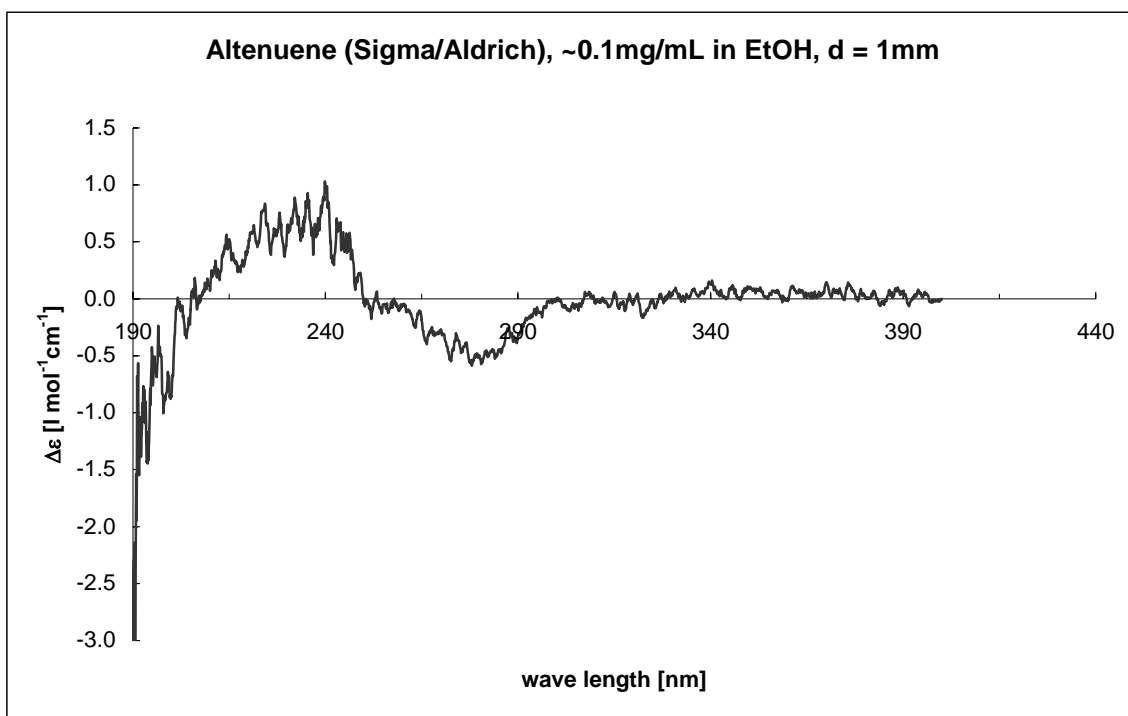
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Qualitative UV/Vis Spectra of Authentic (top) and Synthesized (bottom) Altenuene (4)

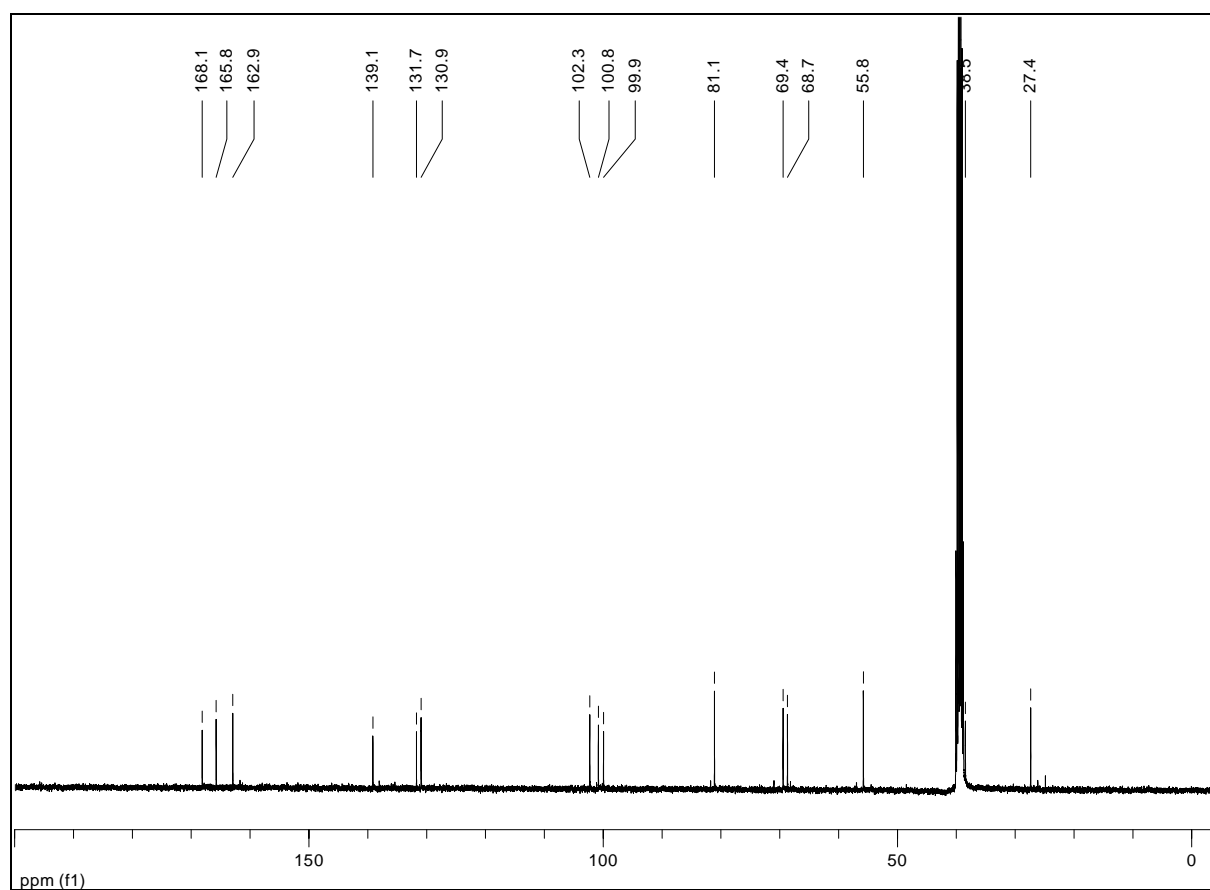
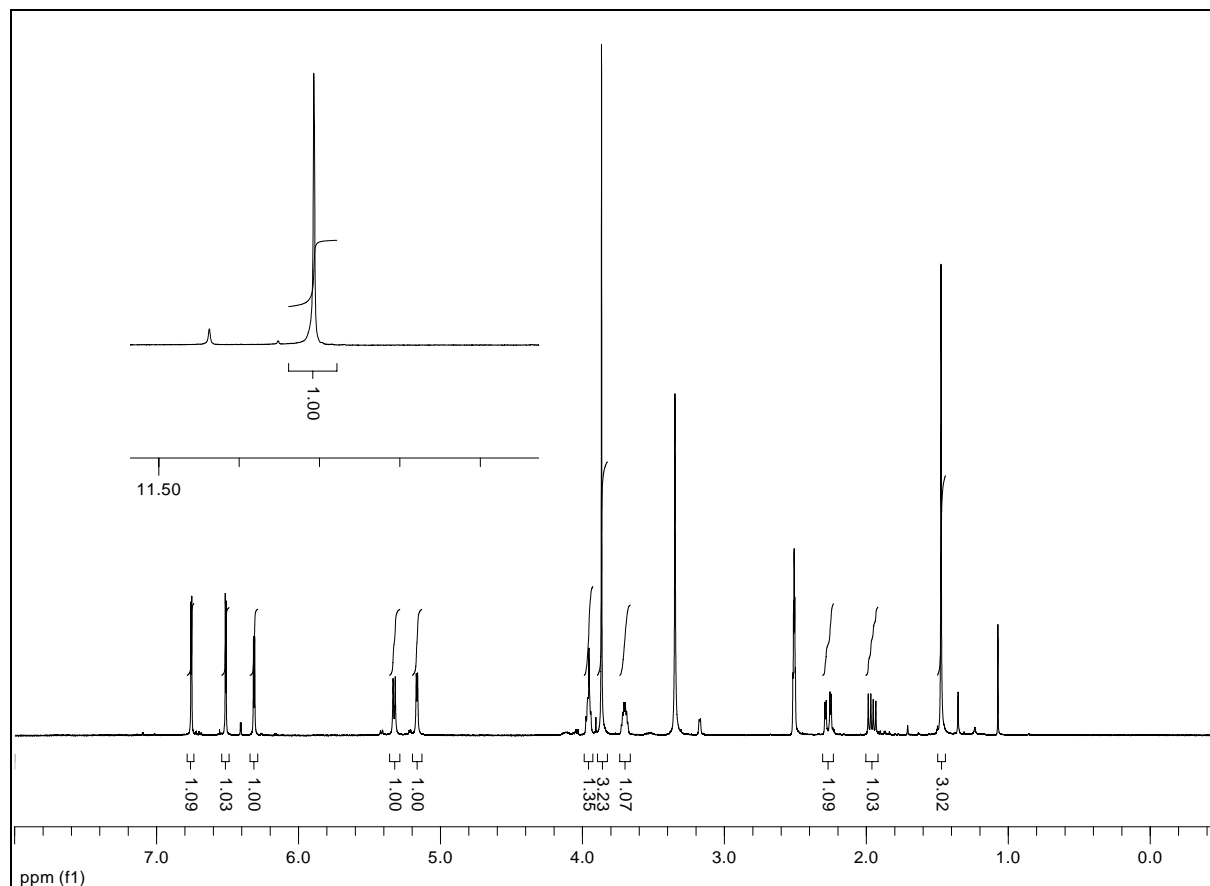


CD Spectra of Authentic (top) and Synthesized (bottom) Altenuene (4) [samples as used for UV/Vis spectra (page 6)]



NMR Spectra of Altenuene (4)

Top: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$); Bottom: ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$)



NMR Spectra of Isoaltenuene (5)

Top: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3); Bottom: ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3).

