

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Title:** Direct Preparation of N-Glycosidic Bond-Linked Nonionic Carbohydrate-Based Surfactant (NICBS) via Ritter Reaction

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## 1. General

The high-speed shaker used in this study was a Wrist Action™ Shaker (Model 75) purchased from Burrell Scientific (Pittsburg, PA, USA). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded in MALDI mode on a Voyager-DE STR 4160, using  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid as matrix, at the Department of Chemistry, University of Houston.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with a Bruker Avance 600 MHz NMR spectrometer (at 600 Mz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 150 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ , respectively, TMS as internal standard) at the Keck/IMD NMR center founded by the W. M. Keck Foundation and the University of Houston. The unacylated surfactant molecules were purified on silica gel using EtOAc/MeOH (5:1 to 3:1) as eluent, whereas the acetylated products were purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (5:1 to 3:2) as eluent. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel (precoated silica gel plate F<sub>254</sub>, Merck) and detected by heating with 1.5%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in EtOH.

## 2. Direct preparation of 1-*N*-lauroyl-2,3,4,6-tetraacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosylamine from $\beta$ -*D*-glucose pentaacetate

To an 18 mL of scintillation vial were added 0.2169 g of  $\beta$ -*D*-glucose pentaacetate (0.56 mmol), 1.0 mL of undecyl cyanide (d = 0.827 g/mL, 4.56 mmol), 0.1048 g of  $\text{AgClO}_4$  (0.5 mmol), and 0.5 mL of TMSOTf (d = 1.228 g/mL, 2.76 mmol). The vial was capped and mounted to the high-speed shaker. After 24 hours, the reaction was quenched by 0.5 mL of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and 0.1663 g of 1-*N*-lauroyl-2,3,4,6-tetraacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosylamine was isolated by column chromatography, in yield of 56%.

## 3. The reaction between glucose and 4-methylbenzyl cyanide

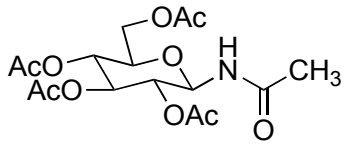
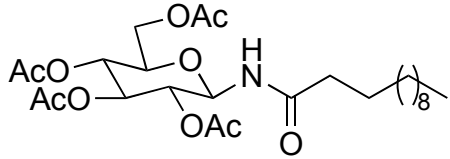
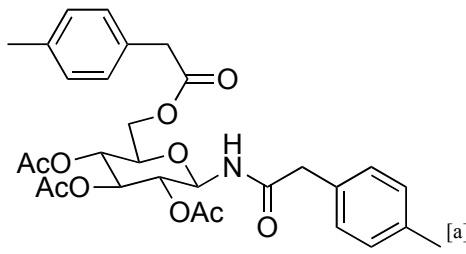
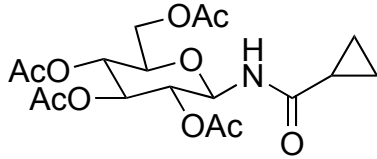
To an 18 mL of scintillation vial were added 0.2418 g of *D*-glucose (1.34 mmol), 1.5 mL of 4-methylbenzyl cyanide (d = 0.992 g/mL, 11.3 mmol), 0.1244 g of  $\text{AgClO}_4$  (0.6 mmol), and 0.5 mL of TMSOTf (2.76 mmol). The vial was capped and mounted to the high-speed shaker. After 24 hours, the reaction was quenched by 0.5 mL of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and the mixture was directly loaded to a 10 cm silica gel column and washed with hexane/EtOAc (2:1 to 1:1) to remove unreacted cyanide and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.1218 g of colorless oil was obtained, when the column was eluted with EtOAc/MeOH (5:1) ( $R_f$  = 0.80 for EtOAc/MeOH = 3:1), which was further acetylated with  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  in pyridine. The reaction mixture was diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc, and washed with 1N HCl (3  $\times$  20 mL), saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aqueous solution (2  $\times$  20 mL) and brine (20 mL), and dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$ . After removal of solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (3:1) to afford 75 % of 1-*N*,6-di(4-methylphenyl)-acetyl-2,3,4-triacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosylamine, as evidenced from the following NMR characterization, as well as high resolution Mass spectroscopy.

## 4. The reaction between glucose and cyclopropyl cyanide

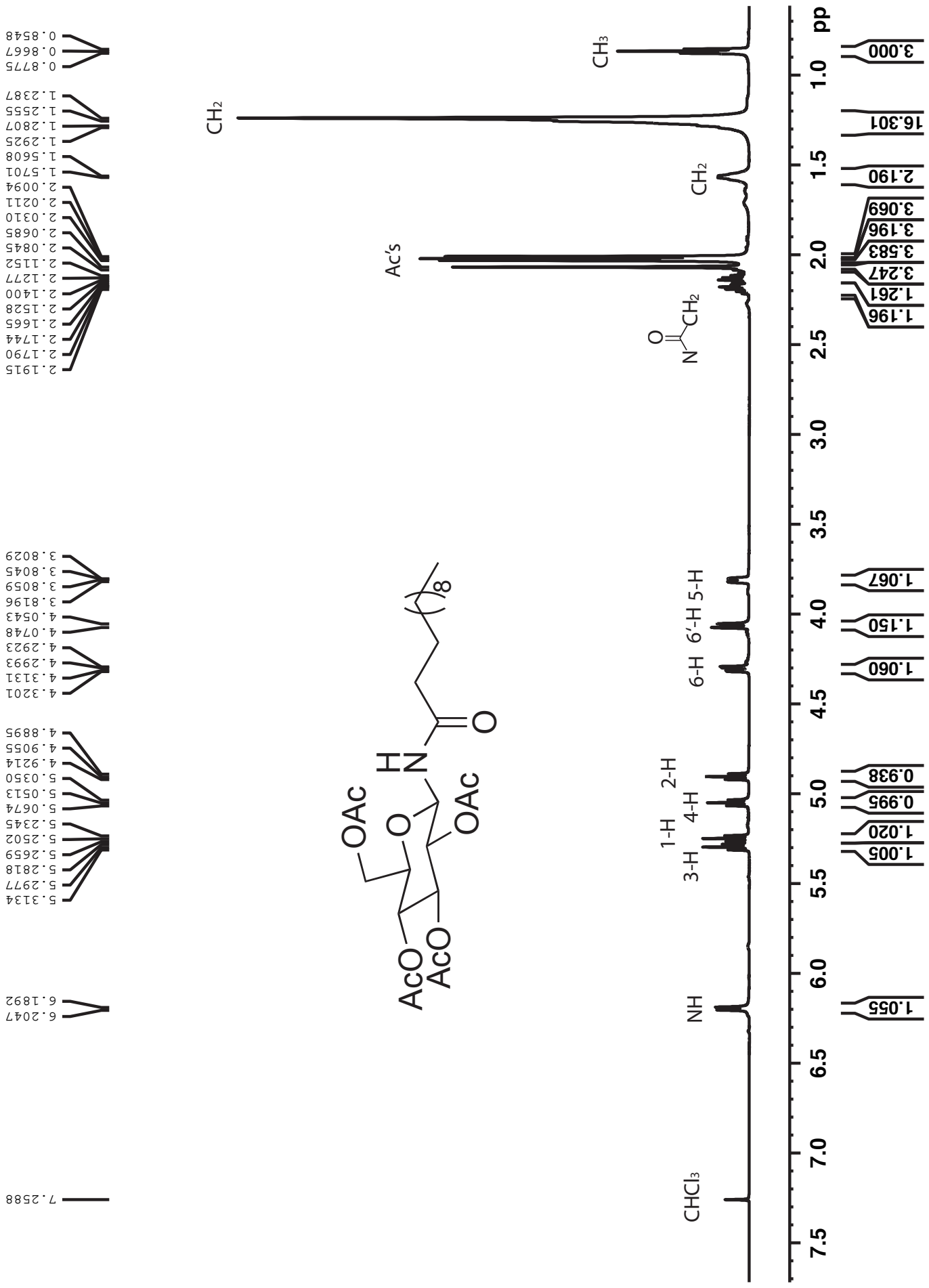
To an 18 mL of scintillation vial were added 0.225 g of *D*-glucose (1.25 mmol), 1.5 mL of cyclopropyl cyanide (d = 0.911 g/mL, 20.4 mmol), 0.135 g of  $\text{AgClO}_4$  (0.65 mmol), and 0.5 mL of TMSOTf (2.76 mmol). The vial was capped and mounted to the high-speed shaker. After shaking for 3 hours, most of the solid sugar disappeared, and after 24 hours, the reaction was quenched by 0.5 mL of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and the mixture was directly loaded to a 10 cm silica gel column and washed with hexane/EtOAc (2:1 to 1:1) to remove unreacted cyanide and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.223 g of very viscous oil (68.8%) was obtained when

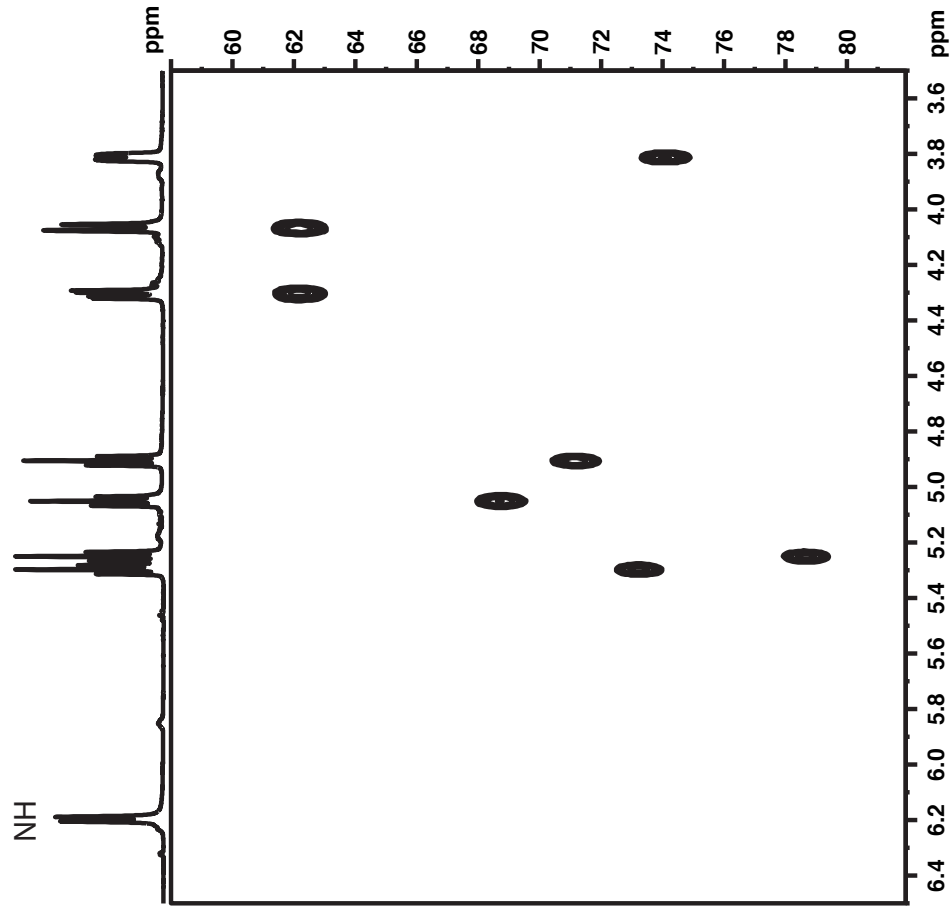
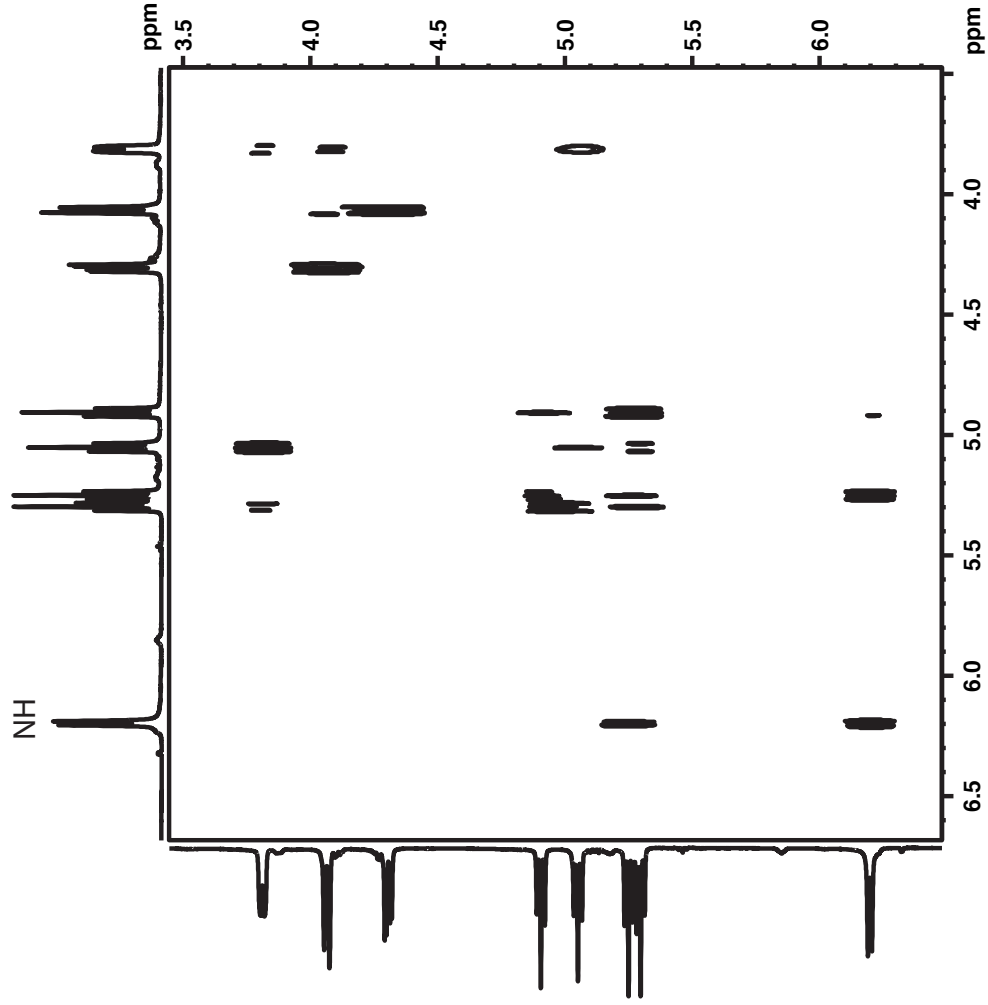
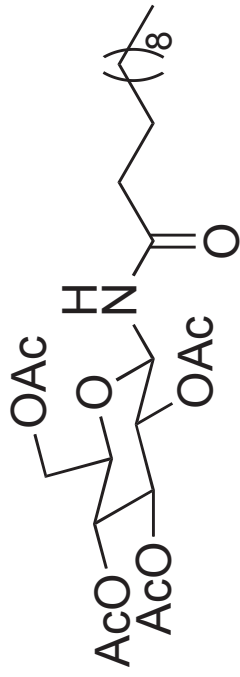
the column was further eluted with EtOAc/MeOH (5:1) ( $R_f = 0.41$  for EtOAc/MeOH = 3:1), which was then acetylated with Ac<sub>2</sub>O in pyridine. The reaction mixture was diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc, and washed with 1N HCl (3 × 20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution (2 × 20 mL) and brine (20 mL), and dried over CaCl<sub>2</sub>. After removal of solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (3:1) to afford 0.1671 g of 1-*N*-(cyclopropyl)formyl-2,3,4,6-tetracetyl-β-*D*-glucopyranosylamine (47.7%), as evidenced from the following NMR characterization, as well as high resolution Mass spectroscopy.

#### 5. Summary of high resolution MS of prepared surfactant molecules from *D*-glucose

Nitrile	Structure	Formula	Calc. MS	Found MS
CH <sub>3</sub> CN		C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>10</sub> Na	412.1220	412.1219
n-C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>23</sub> CN		C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>43</sub> NO <sub>10</sub> Na	552.2785	552.2790
4-CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN		C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> NO <sub>10</sub> Na	592.2159	592.2152
c-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -CN		C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>10</sub> Na	438.1376	438.1355

[a] the second (4-methylphenyl)acetyl group is assigned to position 6, for the nucleophilic attack of OH on cyano group to form ester, because among the rest OHs, the 6-OH is primary OH, and has less steric hindrance than 2-OH, 3-OH and 4-OH.

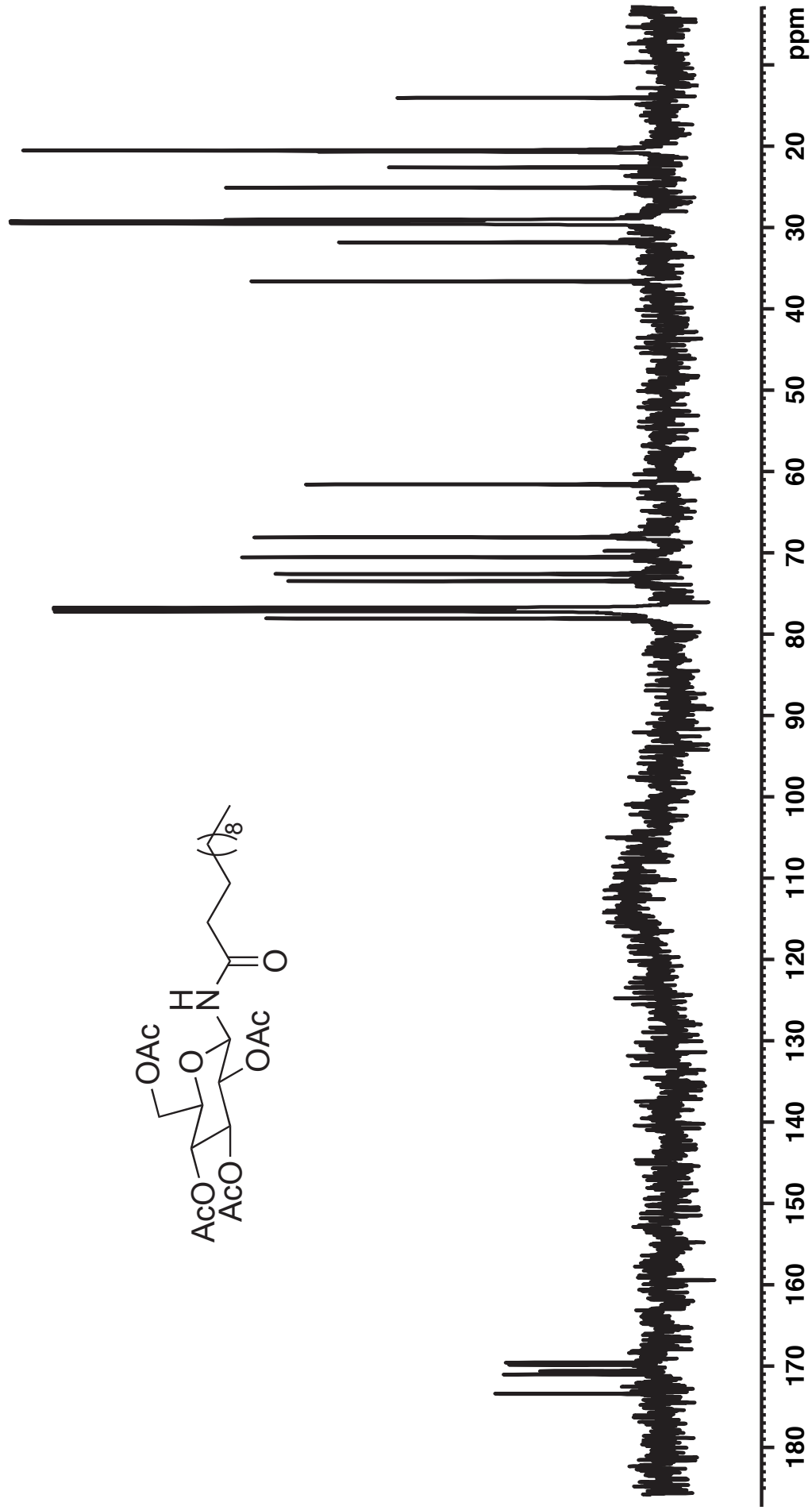
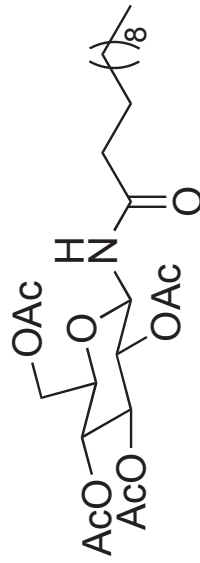


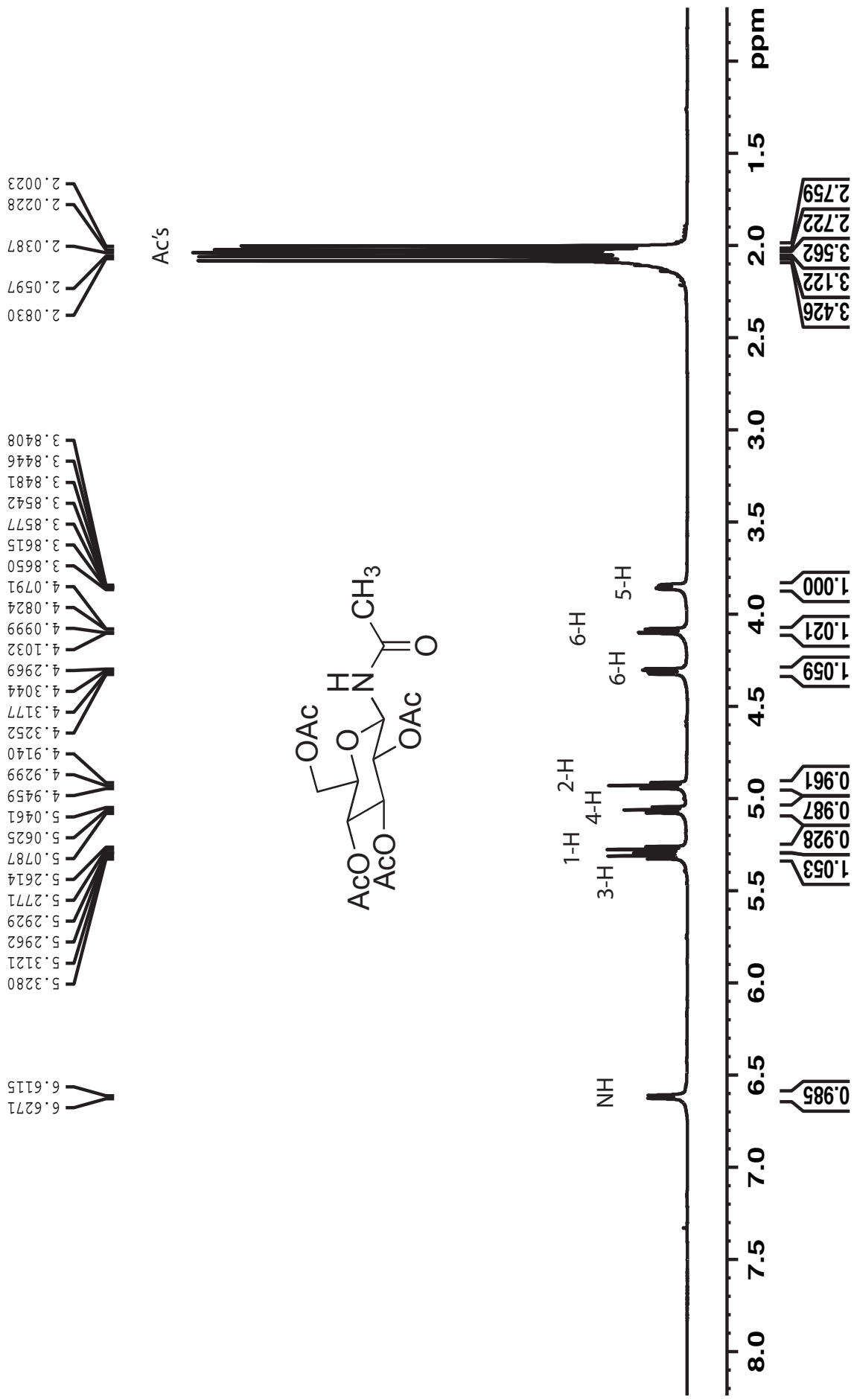


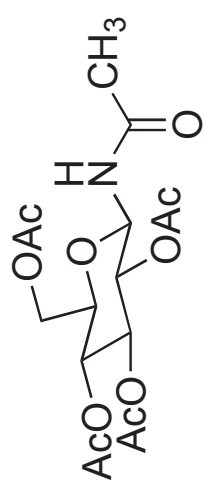
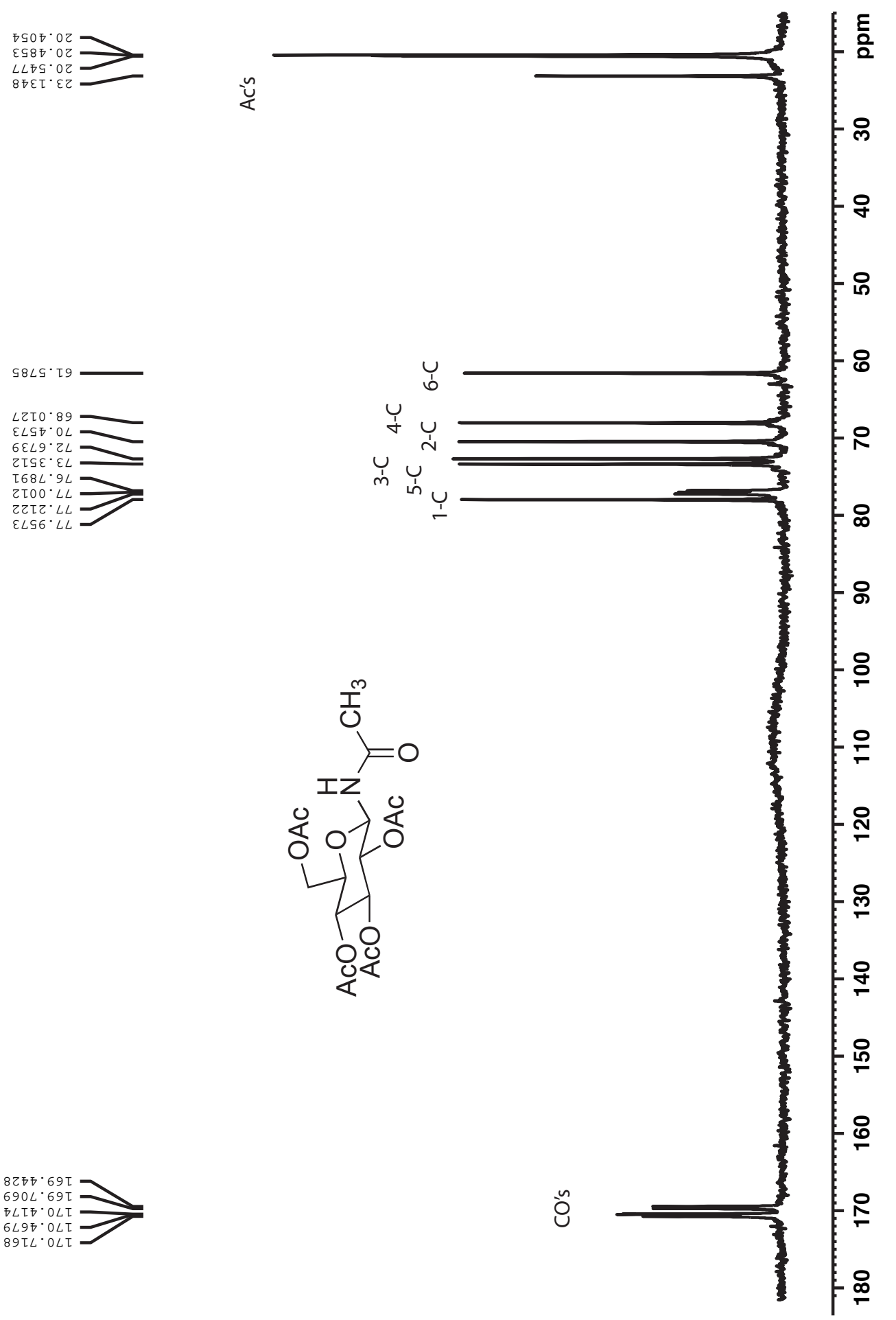
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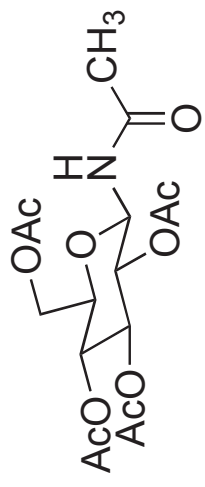


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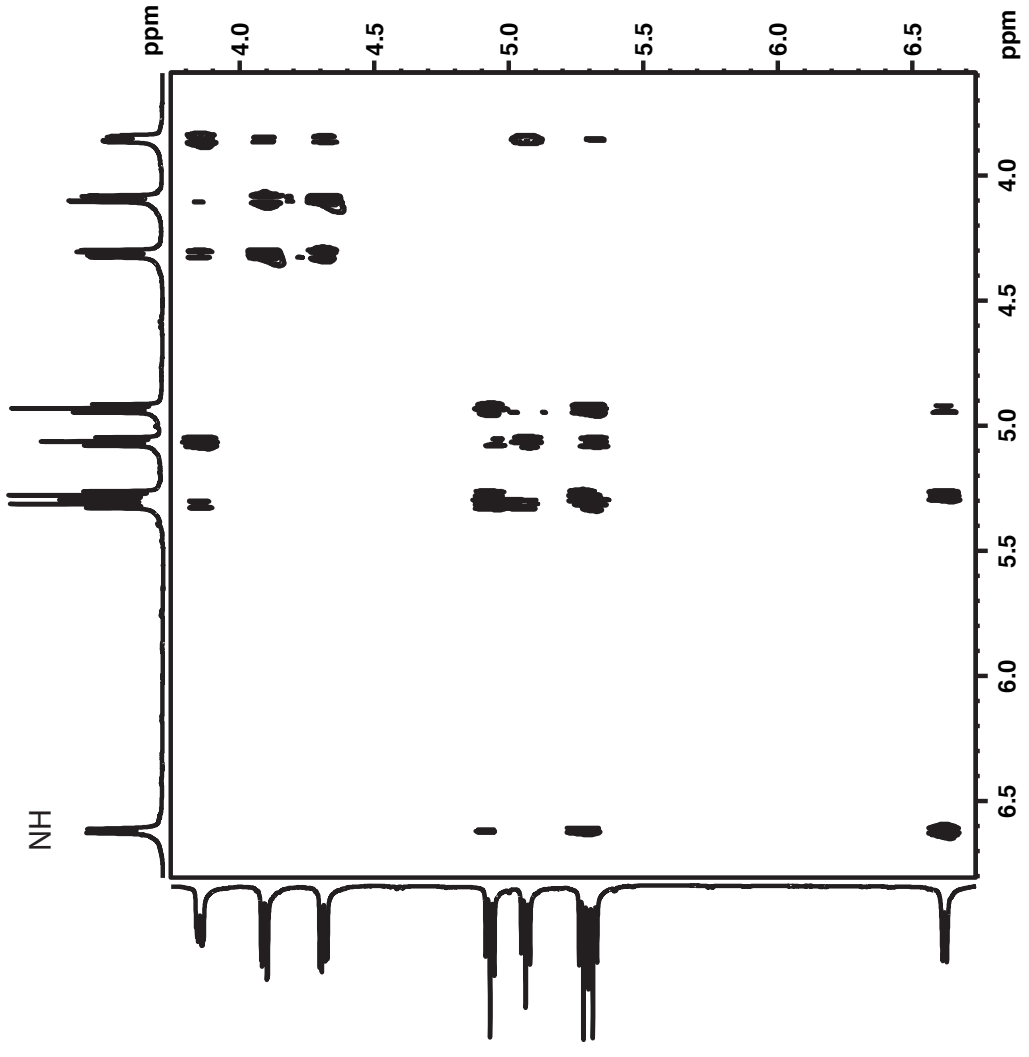
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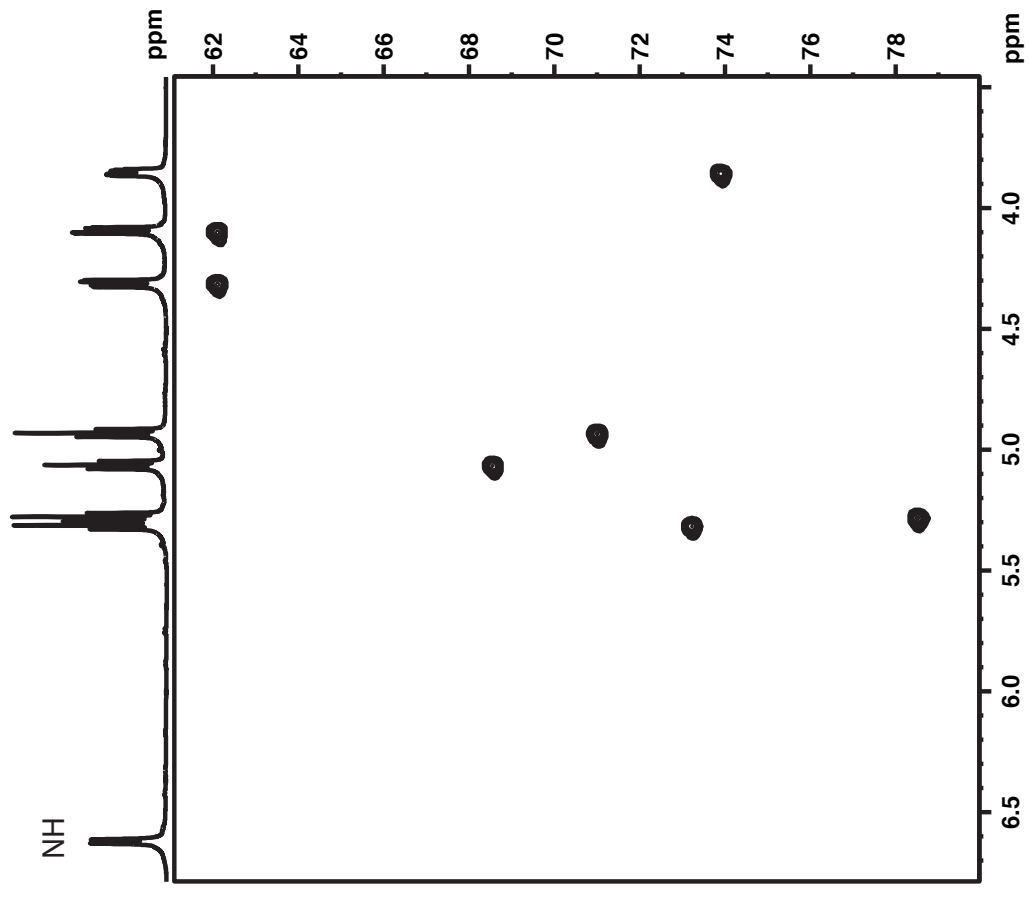
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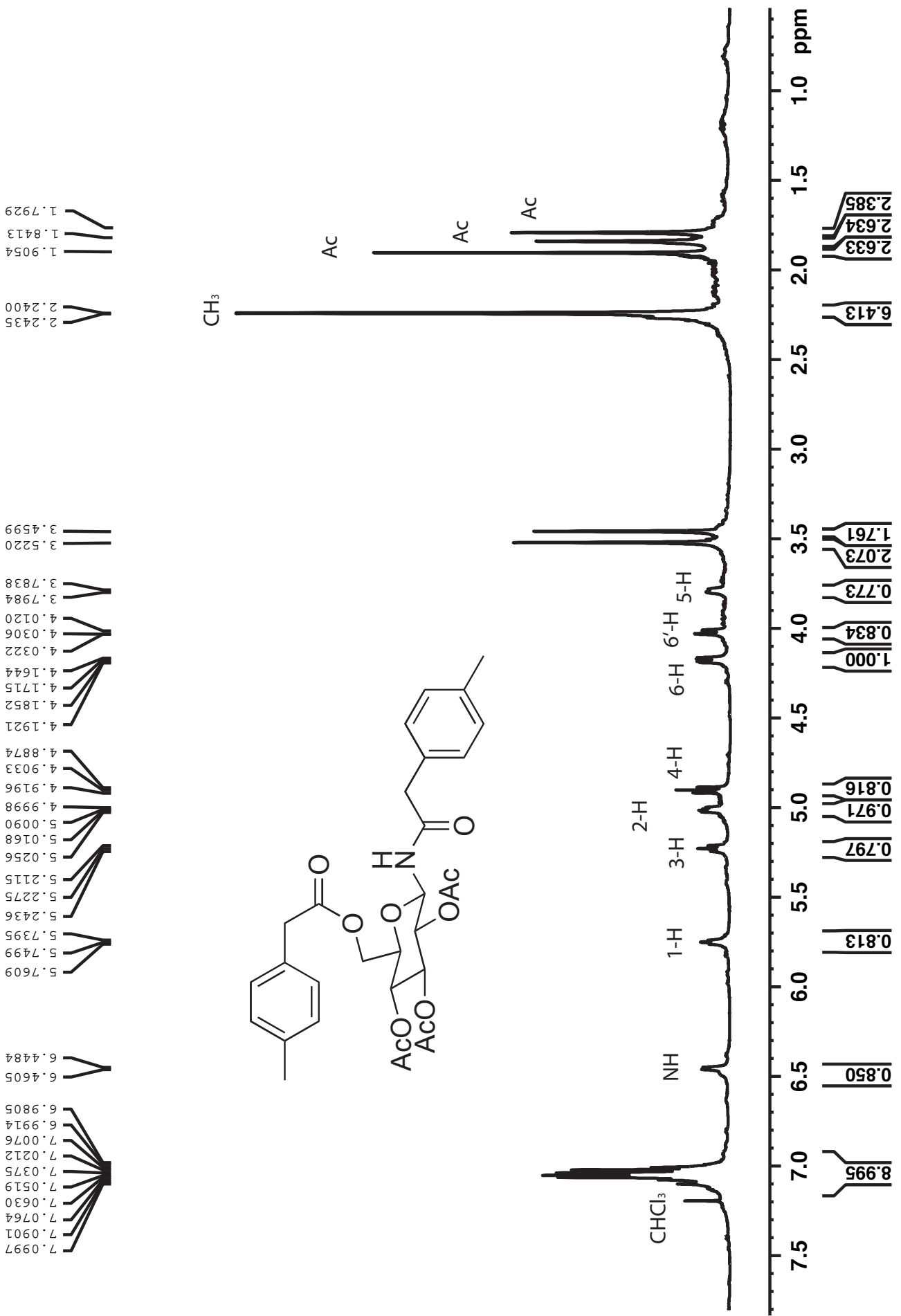


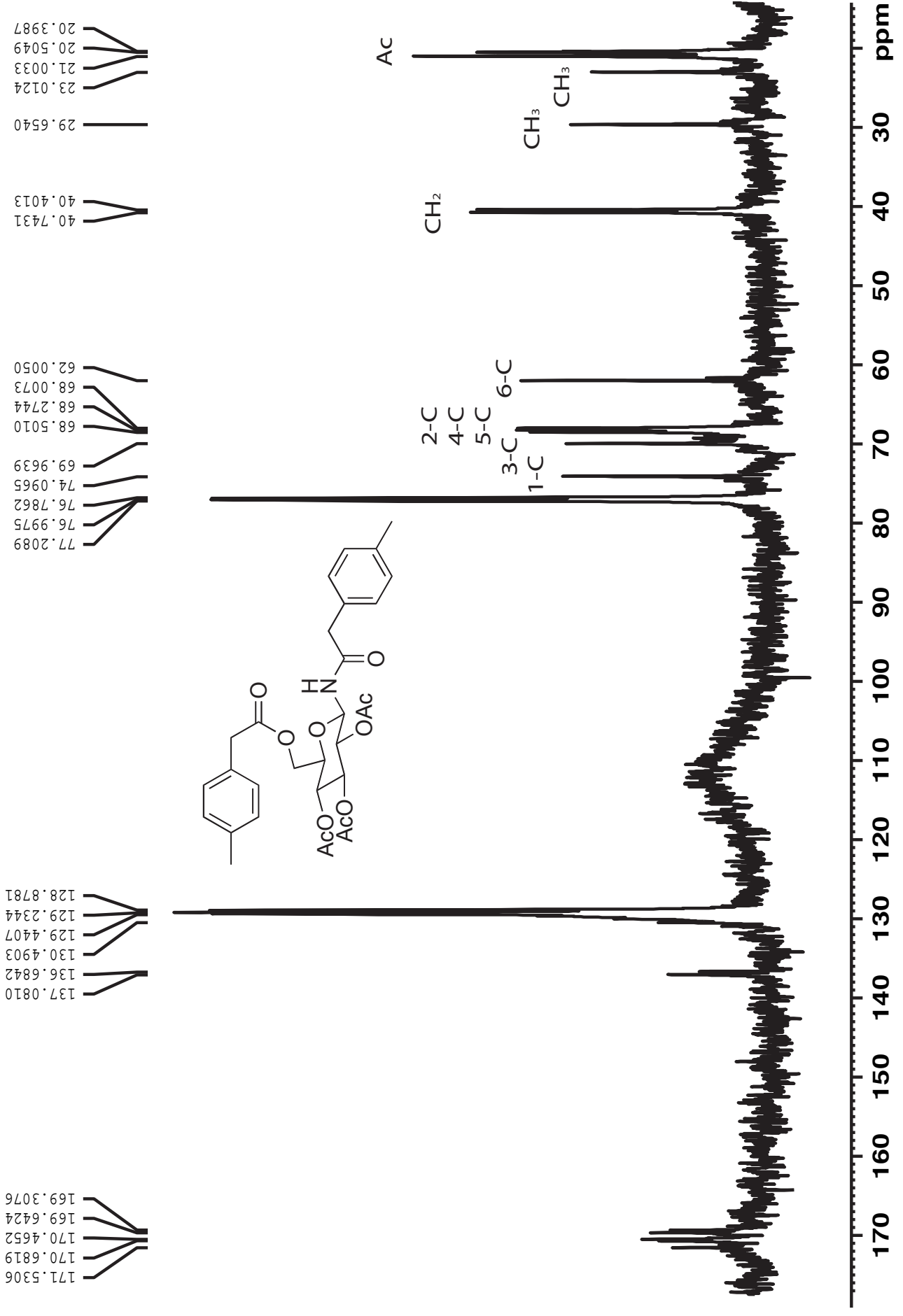
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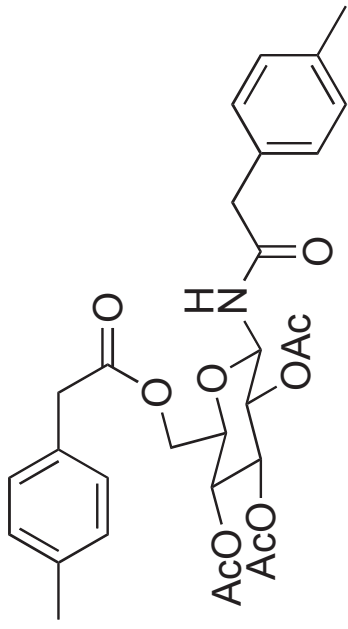


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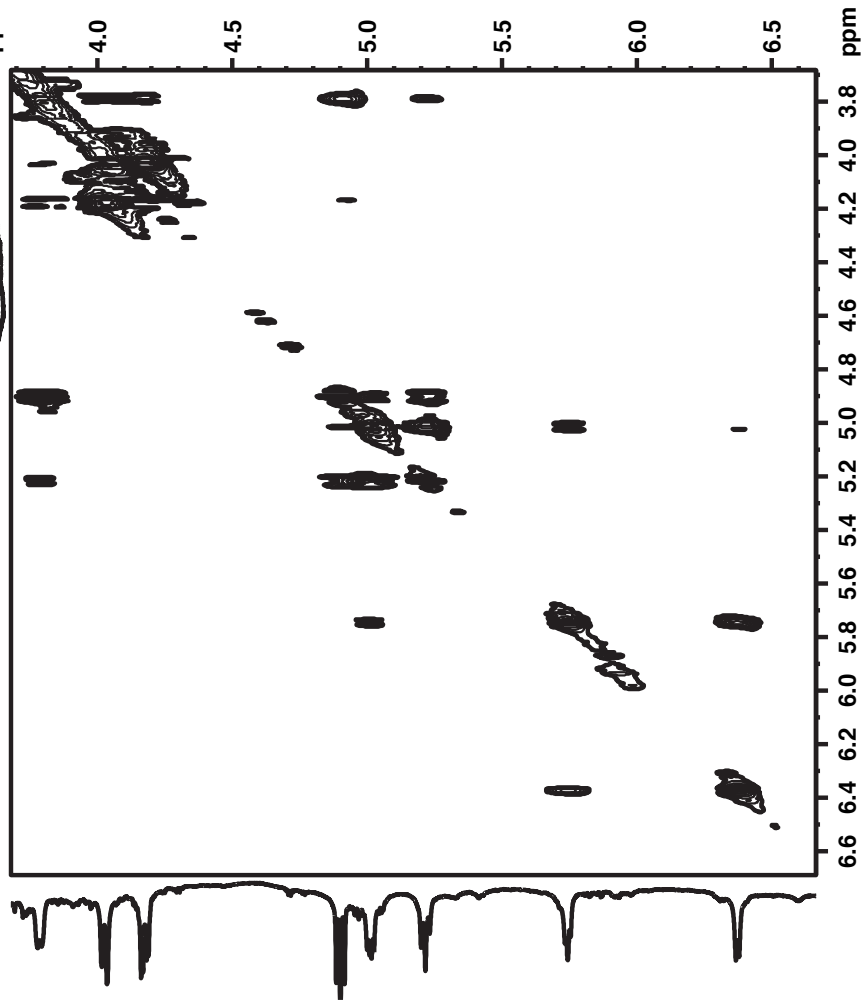






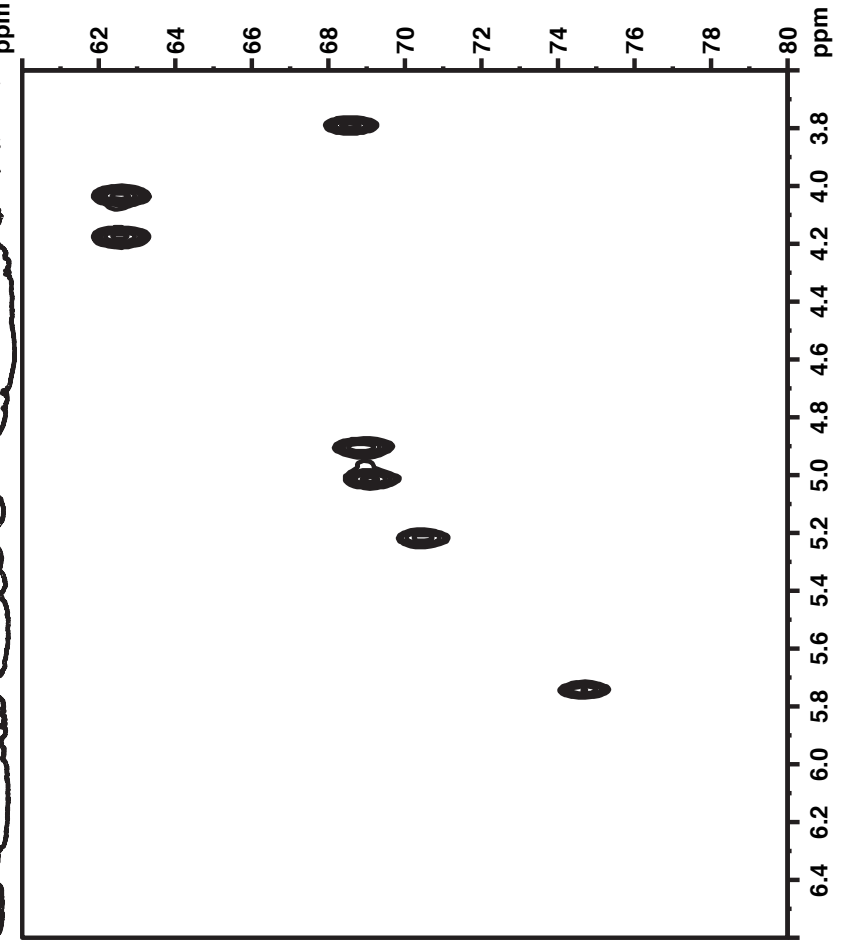
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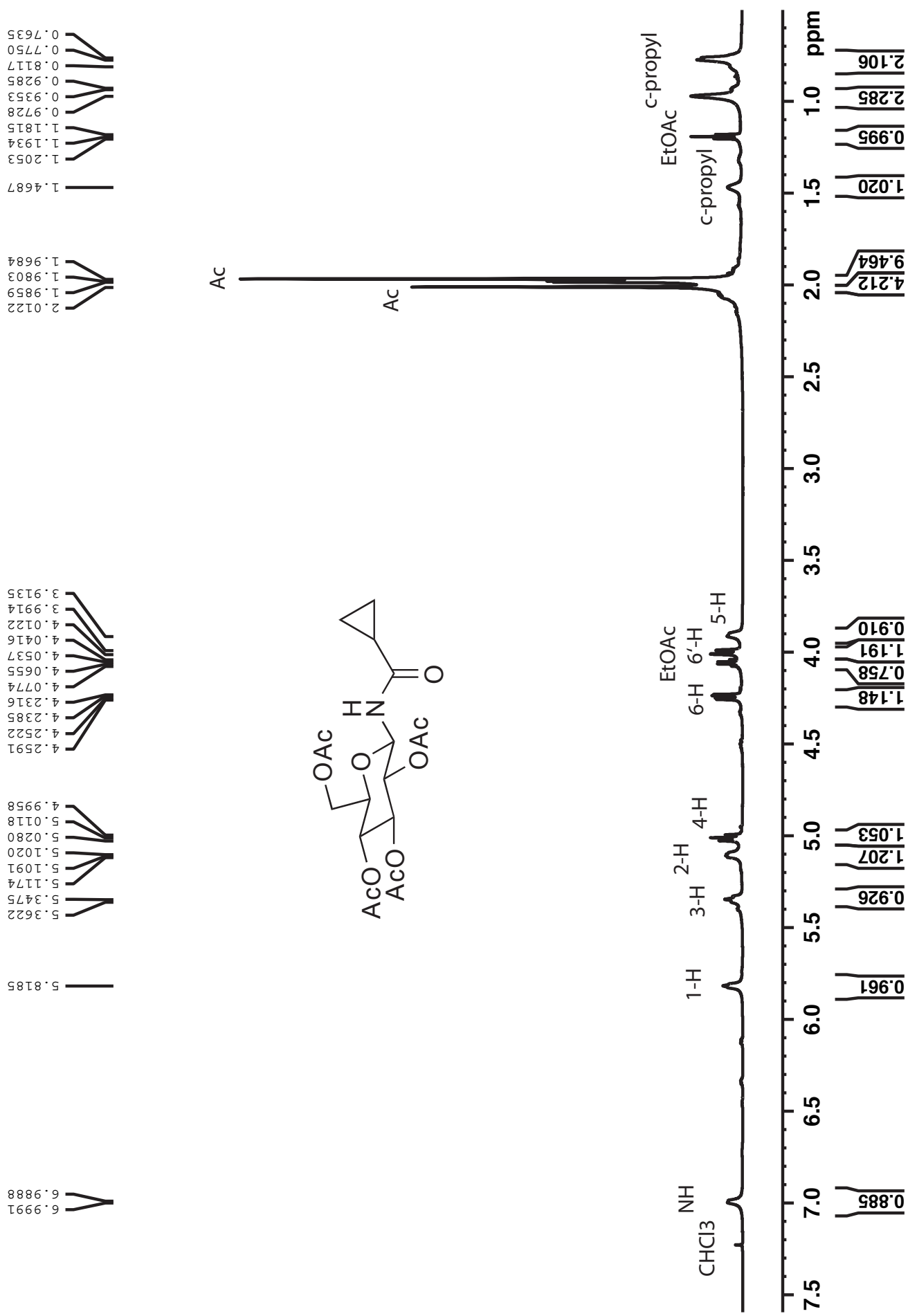
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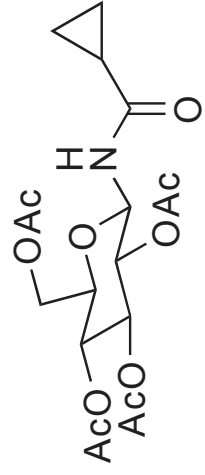
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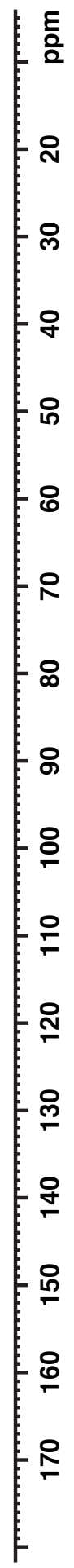
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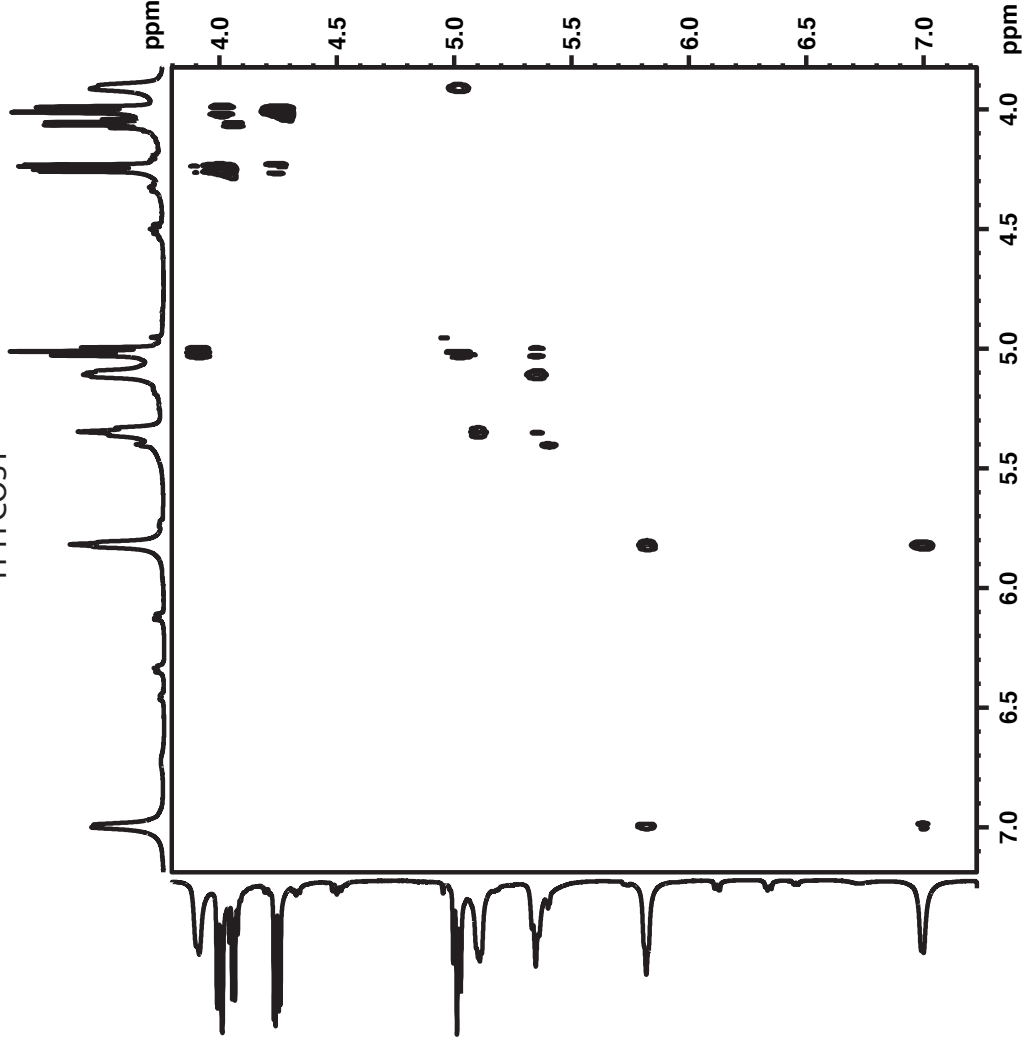
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