

Alkaloid Caulerpin and Cytotoxic Activity against NCL-H460 Lung Cancer Cells Isolated along with β -sitosterol from the *Halimeda cylindracea* Decaisne

(Alkaloid Kaulerpin dan Aktiviti Kesitotoksikannya terhadap Sel Barah Paru-Paru NCL-H460 Dipencilkan bersama β -sitosterol daripada *Halimeda cylindracea* Decaisne)

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ABSTRACT

Alkaloid caulerpin (1), along with β -sitosterol (2), were isolated from the n-hexane extract of the macroalga Halimeda cylindracea Decaisne. The chemical structure was identified by a spectroscopic method including IR, MS, UV, NMR 1D, NMR 2D, and comparison with data of spectra previously reported. Compounds (1) and (2) were isolated for the first time from this macroalga. Compound (1) were evaluated for their cytotoxicity activity against NCL-H460 lung cancer cells in vitro and showed moderate activity with IC_{50} value of 20.05 μ g/mL.

Keywords: β -sitosterol; caulerpin; Halimeda cylindracea; NCL-H460 lung cancer cells

ABSTRAK

Alkaloid kaulerpin (1), bersama dengan β -sitosterol (2), diasingkan daripada ekstrak n-heksana daripada makroalga Halimeda cylindracea Decaisne. Struktur kimia dikenal pasti dengan kaedah spektroskopi termasuk IR, MS, UV, NMR 1D, NMR 2D dan perbandingan dengan data spektrum yang dilaporkan sebelumnya. Sebatian (1) dan (2) diasingkan untuk pertama kalinya daripada makroalga ini. Sebatian (1) dinilai untuk aktiviti kesitotoksikannya terhadap sel barah paru-paru NCL-H460 secara in vitro dan menunjukkan aktiviti sederhana dengan nilai IC_{50} 20.05 μ g/mL.

Kata kunci: β -sitosterol; Halimeda cylindracea; kaulerpin; sel barah paru-paru NCL-H460

INTRODUCTION

Halimeda is one plant of macroalga genera which is the largest species, 48 species were reported, and is a genera of the family Halimedaceae (Guiry & Guiry 2020). Species from this genus distributed in tropical and sub-tropical waters, mainly in the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and most in the Pacific Ocean (Hillis-Colinvaux 1980). There are 37 species from the Indo-Pacific Ocean and most is in the Indonesian Ocean (Kadi 1987). *Halimeda* is generally found in areas of high predator activity, so it too can produce a new segment that contains a high concentration of group chemical metabolite defense (Paul & Fenical 1984; Paul & Van Alstyne 1988).

The extracts of *Halimeda* show that it possesses diverse biological activity such as antiviral, antibacterial,

and anticancer activity. *H. tuna* active to murine coronavirus strain A5Y, Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial and active to cancer cell HeLa, HepG2 and KB cell line (Indira et al. 2013; Koehn et al. 1991; Moo-Puc et al. 2009). *H. opuntia* active to bacterial such as *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, and *Escherichia coli* (Selim 2012). *H. incrassata* active to cancer cell HeLa, HepG2 and KB cell line (Moo-Puc et al. 2009). *H. macrolaba* active to *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, and five vibrio strain (Govindasamy et al. 2011; Natrah et al. 2015). *H. cylindracea* active to *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, and *Salmonella typhi* (Dini et al. 2019). *H. gracilis* has potential as antioxi-dan, antibacterial, and larvisida activity (Suganya et al. 2019).

The genus *Halimeda* produce alkaloid compounds (Guyen et al. 2010; Ovenden et al. 2012; Su et al. 1998). In addition to compounds mentioned, most class from secondary metabolite reported from *Halimeda* are diterpenoid with acetate and aldehyde moiety such as halimedatetrasetat, halimedatrial, halitunal, udoteal, rhipocephalin, and rhipocephenal with antimicrobial and cytotoxic properties (Koehn et al. 1991; Paul & Fenical 1984; Sun & Fenical 1979; Tillekeratne & Schmitz 1984). Steroid compounds that have been reported are cholesterol, Δ^5 -ergosterol, clionasterol, and β -sitosterol (Dzaha et al. 2003; Hendri et al. 2017; Patterson 1974). In the present study, we reported the isolation and structural determination, biological activity of alkaloid dimethyl-5,12-dihydrocycloocta[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]-diindole-6,13-dicarboxylate (**1**), along with β -sitosterol from the *H. cylindracea* Decaisne that are collected from the gulf of Boni, South Sulawesi, Indonesia.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

GENERAL EXPERIMENT PROCEDURES

The IR spectra was measured on ZHIMADSU IR Prestige-21 in KBR. Massa spectra was obtained with a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 spectrometer. The UV spectra was measured on a Thermo Orion Aqua Mate 8000 UV-Vis spectrometer. The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR APT spectra data was recorded with a BRUKER spectrometer (600 MHz for ^1H and 150 MHz for ^{13}C) using tetra methyl silane (TMS) as an internal standard. Chromatographic separation was carried out on silica gel 60 (Merck). TLC plates were precoated with silica gel GF₂₅₄ (Merck, 0.25 mm), detection was achieved with 10% CeSO_4 in H_2SO_4 2N, followed by heating.

PLANT MATERIAL

H. cylindracea Decaisne was collected from the corral island in the Gulf of Boni, South Sulawesi, Indonesia (4° 03' 19" S, 120° 22' 51" E) in November 2018. The sample was collected in the morning and when seawater at the lowest ebb condition, from various depths (0.5-2 m). The sample macroalga was identified by Mrs. Tri Handayani, the staff of Research Center for Oceanography, LIPI Ancol, Indonesia, with identification number B7435/IPK.2/IF.07/XI/2019.

EXTRACTION AND ISOLATION

The dried sample of *H. cylindracea* Decaisne (10.47 kg)

was extracted with *n*-hexane at room temperature for 4 days. After removal of the solvent through evaporated in the reduce pressure, to give crude extracts (12.87 g). The *n*-hexane crude extract (11.0 g) was fractionated by column chromatography on silica gel 60 using a gradient *n*-hexane-EtOAc to give six fraction (A-F). Fraction D (830 mg) was fractionation by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted with a solvent of *n*-hexane:EtOAc (9:1) to give 75 fractions. Finally, fraction 33-40 (109 mg) was chromatographed on a column of silica gel, eluted with *n*-hexane:EtOAc (8:2) to give compound **1** (12.7 mg). Fraction C (3.10 g) was chromatographed on a column silica gel, eluted with *n*-hexane-chloroform (8:2) to give seven fractions (C1-C7). White crude crystal on subfraction (C3) recrystallization with *n*-hexane and EtOAc to give compound **2** (462.0 mg).

Alkaloid caulerpin (**1**) – Compound **1** was obtained as solid red; mp. 318-320 °C; MS molecular peak at m/z 398.40 $[\text{M}]^+$; IR (KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3381, 3053, 2951, 2850, 1687, 1625, 1560, 1265; UV absorption (nm) at 223, 277, 298, 314, and 365; ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ_{H} 7.38 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H-7), 7.45 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H-4), 7.05 (1H, t, $J = 7.2, 7.8$ Hz, H-5), 7.13 (1H, t, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, H-6), 8.21 (1H, s, H-9), 10.58 (1H, s, N-H), 3.80 ppm (3H, s, H-OCH₃); ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): Table 1.

β -sitosterol (**1**) – Compound **2** was obtained as a needles white crystal; m.p. 132-134 °C; MS molecular peak at m/z 414.25 $[\text{M}]^+$; IR (KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3423, 2935, 2868, 1645, 1463, 1377, 1379, 1055; ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ_{H} 5.34 (1H, brs, H-6), 3.51 (1H, m, H-3), 0.68 (3H, s, H-18), 1.01 (3H, s, H-19), 0.93 (3H, d, H-21), 0.82 (3H, d, H-26), 0.85 (3H, d, H-27), 1.31 (3H, m, H-29); ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): Table 2.

CYTOTOXIC ASSAY

The cytotoxic activities in IC_{50} (value is the concentration required for 50% growth inhibition) of compound **1** against NCL-H460 lung cancer cell was assessed using *MTT assay*. To do this process, NCL-H460 cell in an RPMI 1640 medium with a concentration of 1.5×10^4 cells were cultured in each 96-well plate with a volume of 100 μL . After 24 h incubation, the varying concentration of compound were added to the wells. The compounds added were first dissolved in DMSO at the required concentration. The sample concentration was prepared using PBS (phosphoric buffer solution, pH = 7.30 - 7.65), control wells received only DMSO. Cells were incubated at 37 °C with 5% carbon dioxide for 48 h. Afterward, the cells were then examined for cytotoxic effects (cell

rounding). In the next step, the wells were washed with 200 μL of PBS and then 200 μL of PBS and 25 μL of MTT solution was added to the wells and incubated for 1 h at 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Subsequently, optical absorption was recorded by ELISA reader at a wavelength of 595 nm. The percentage of surviving cells was calculated and determined using the following formula. IC_{50} values were taken from the plotted graph of percentage live cells compared to control (%), versus the tested concentration of compounds ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$). Each assay and analysis was run in triplicate and averaged.

Percentage of surviving cells = Mean optical absorption of cells exposed to the sample solution / mean optical absorption of control cells \times 100.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Alkaloid caulerpine **1** and β -sitosterol **2** was successively isolated from the *n*-hexane extract of *H. cylindracea* Decaisne for the first time. The molecule structure of compounds **1** and **2** (Figure 1) was determined using by IR, UV, MS, NMR spectroscopy measurements ($^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$), 2D measurements ($^1\text{H-}^1\text{H}$ COSY, HSQC, HMBC, and NOESY), and compared data literature.

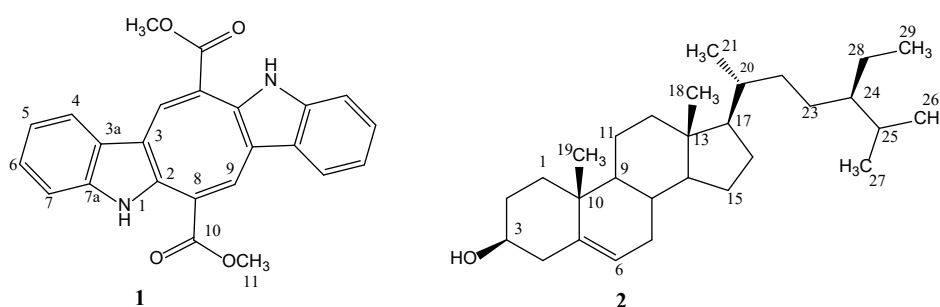


FIGURE 1. The structures of **1** and **2** from *H. cylindracea* Decaisne

Compound **1** was obtained as a solid red with melting point 318 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. That can dissolve in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or acetone. Compound **1** have specific characteristic which is spot on the TLC is black phosphorescent under UV lamp (365 nm) and gives a red color after sprayed with CeSO_4 2% in sulfuric acid 2N.

The IR spectra data showed absorption (λ_{max} cm^{-1}) to indicate a typical bonding of functional group N-H stretching (3381.21 cm^{-1}), Ar-H stretching (3053.32 cm^{-1}), C-H aliphatic stretching (2951.09 cm^{-1} & 2850.79 cm^{-1}), C=O stretching (1687.71 cm^{-1}), C=C aromatic (1560.41 cm^{-1} & 1625 cm^{-1}), and -CO-O ester (1265.30 cm^{-1}). The MS show peak at m/z 398.40 corresponding to the molecule formula $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$, UV absorption at 277 and 298 indicated to indolic and 365 nm indolic conjugate with ester. In the UV and IR spectral analysis of **1** gave a

typical spectra of alkaloid caulerpin (Maiti & Thomson 1977). The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectral data of compound **1** (Table 1), confirmed the presence of four signal of the aromatic proton with the multiplicities are two doublets at δ_{H} 7.38 ppm (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), and 7.45 ppm (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz) and two triplet at δ_{H} 7.05 ppm (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ and 7.8 Hz) and 7.13 ppm (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ and 7.8 Hz), are signals were inferred the occurrence of the four aromatic carbon of indoles. The signals that appeared at δ_{H} 8.21 ppm (1H, s) were assigned to olefin proton with height frequency as an effect of the *trans*-crotonate β proton carbonyl group (Lambert et al. 2018). Then, the presence of a typical signal for proton bonding on the nitrogen of indoles at δ_{H} 10.58 ppm (1H, s), and the last proton typical signal two of methoxy groups of ester at δ_{H} 3.80 ppm (6H, s).

Based on the ^{13}C NMR (Table 1) with the Attached Proton Test (APT) and Multiple-Quantum Correlation (HMQC) experiment to a detailed analysis of compound **1** showed the presences of twelve carbon double signals consist of six quaternary carbon which signal resonances at δ_{C} 132.31 (C-2), 111.27 (C-3), 127.06 (C-3a), 137.39 (C-7a), 125.50 (C-8), and 165.27 (C=O-10) ppm, four resonances of sp^2 methines aromatic carbon at δ_{C} 117.08 (C-4), 119.46 (C-5), 122.12 (C-6), and 110.94 (C-7) ppm, one sp^2 methine carbon at δ_{C} 141.24 (C-9) ppm, and one oxygenated methyl at δ_{C} 50.95 (C-11) ppm. Then, the position of functional group and proton of compound **1** also detailed with Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation (HMBC) and Correlated Spectroscopy (^1H - ^1H COSY) spectra (Figure 2), proton-proton correlations *ortho*-benzylic in C_4 - C_5 - C_6 - C_7 supported HMBC correlation proton (H-4) to carbon (C_3 , C_6 , and C_7), proton (H-5) to carbon (C_3 and C_{3a}), proton (H-6) to carbon (C_4 and C_{7a}), and proton (H7) to carbon (C_{3a} and C_5) showed the four proton of aromatic benzene ring from the indoles skeleton in compound **1**. Proton (H-9) correlation to carbon (C_2 , C_3 , C_{3a} , C_8 , and C_{10}), and proton (H-11) to carbon (C_{10}) is confirmed bisindole skeleton. All experiments of compound **1** and compared with the literature, such signals of compound **1** identical to alkaloid caulerpin spectroscopic data previously reported from green alga *caulerpa* (Alarif et al. 2010; Maiti & Thomson 1977; Maiti et al. 1978).

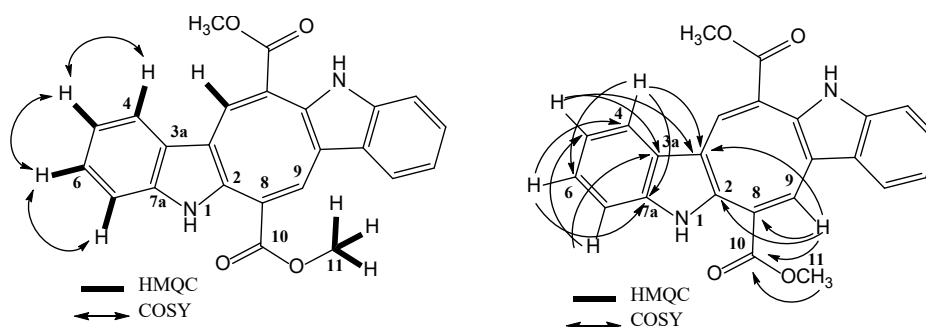
Compound **2** (β -sitosterol) was isolated as needles white crystal, with melting point of 132 °C and can dissolve in the chloroform. The compound did not give phosphorescent under the UV lamp, but gives a blue and to red color after sprayed with CeSO_4 2% in sulfuric acid 2N, the suggestion was support by positive result as the

steroid compound. The MS show peak at m/z 414.25 corresponding to the molecule formula $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}$. The IR spectra data of **2** showed absorption (λ_{max} cm^{-1}) aliphatic stretching (2935.66 cm^{-1} & 2868.15 cm^{-1}), aliphatic bending $-\text{CH}_2$ (1463.97 cm^{-1}) and $-\text{CH}_3$ (1377.17 cm^{-1}). The hydroxyl stretching absorption (3423.65 cm^{-1}), C-O (1055.06 cm^{-1}), and C=C olefin (1645.28 cm^{-1}). The IR spectrum of **2** representative the absorption frequencies of the β -sitosterol functional groups.

^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 ; 600 MHz) spectrum data at δ_{H} 3.48 ppm (1H, *m*) showed the proton of H-3, one proton at δ_{H} 5.33 ppm (1H, *t*) appeared the vinylic proton of H-6 as the characteristic of methine from the β -sitosterol. The six proton signal at δ_{H} 0.68 (3H, *s*), 0.93 (3H, *d*), 0.82 (3H, *d*), 0.85 (3H, *d*), and 1.31 (3H, *d*), 1.01 (3H, *s*), showed the six methyl groups from the β -sitosterol skeleton. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** showed 29 signals. Signal at δ_{C} 71.95 ppm are the characteristic signal of carbon connected to oxygen of C-3, two signal at δ_{C} 121.85 and 141.00 are signal for carbon sp^2 from C-5 and C-6 double bounds. There is signal characteristic of the β -sitosterol. Based the on the ^{13}C NMR with the Attached Proton Test (APT) spectrum, compound **2** showed signal at δ_{C} 12.06, 19.58, 19.06, 19.23, 19.80, and 12.50 ppm for six methyls carbon, signal at δ_{C} 141.00, 36.72, and 42.55 ppm for three quaternary carbon, signal at δ_{C} 71.95, 121.85, 32.15, 50.41, 57.00, 56.32, 36.48, 46.32, and 29.25 ppm for nine methylene carbon, and signal at δ_{C} 37.51, 31.86, 42.51, 32.13, 21.23, 40.03, 24.51, 26.71, 34.18, 28.43, and 23.29 ppm for eleven methines carbon. All of spectral data from compound **2** show similarity the absorption frequencies for β -sitosterol previously reported from *H. gracilis* (Henri et al. 2017).

TABLE 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR (^1H , 600 MHz, ^{13}C , 125 MHz in acetone) Data for Compound **1**^a, and Caulerpin^b (^1H , 600 MHz, ^{13}C , 600 MHz in CDCl_3) (Alarif et al. 2010)

Carbon position	δ_{C} (ppm) ^a ΣC	δ_{C} (ppm) ^b ΣC	δ_{H} (ppm, ΣH , multiplicities) ^a	δ_{H} (ppm, ΣH , multiplicities) ^b
1			10.58 (2H, brs)	9.2 (2H, 2 NH)
2	132.31 (2C)	132.8 (2C)		
3	111.27 (2C)	112.6 (2C)		
3a	127.06 (2C)	128.1 (2C)		
4	117.08 (2C)	118.0 (2C)	7.45 (2H, d)	7.0 -7.4 (8H, Ar)
5	119.46 (2C)	120.7 (2C)	7.05 (2H, t)	
6	122.12 (2C)	123.4 (2C)	7.13 (2H, t)	
7	110.94 (2C)	111.5 (2C)	7.38 (2H, d)	
7a	137.39 (2C)	137.7 (2C)		
8	125.50 (2C)	125.1 (2C)		
9	141.24 (2C)	142.7 (2C)	8.21 (2H, s)	8.1 (2H, =CH-)
10	165.27 (2C)	166.6 (2C)		
11	50.92 (2C)	52.3 (2C)	3.80 (6H, s)	3.8 (6H, 2 CO_2Me)

FIGURE 2. HMQC, COSY, and HMBC correlation of **1**

In this study, Compound **1** cytotoxicity were evaluated against NCL-H460 lung cancer cell with IC_{50} value 20.05 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ with positive control *cisplatin* IC_{50} 5.59 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The cytotoxicity effects of compound **1** has been reported as protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1B (PTP1B) inhibitory activity with IC_{50} values 5.86 μM (Yang et al. 2014), active to several human cancers cell line; breast cancer SK-BR-3, lung cancer A549, colon cancer HT29, cervical cancer HeLa, leukemia K562, and

liver cancer Huh7 with IC_{50} cytotoxicity values of 3.71, 4.20, 4.04, 1.95, 4.67 and 0.72 μM , respectively (Li et al. 2018), anti-proliferation to cancer cell HCT-116 and HT-29 (Yu et al. 2017), have potential as antiviral against virus HSV-1, CHIKV line cell, and active to bovine viral diarrhea virus with EC_{50} 2.0 μM (Esteves et al. 2019; Macedo et al. 2012; Pinto et al. 2012), inhibited the growth *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cell strain H37Rv with IC_{50} 0.24 μM (Canche Chay et al. 2014).

TABLE 2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR (^1H , 600 MHz, ^{13}C , 125 MHz in CHCl_3) data for Compound **2**^a, and β -sitosterol^b (Henri et al. 2017)

Carbon position	δ_c (ppm)	δ_H (ppm, ΣH , multiplicities) ^a	δ_c (ppm)	δ_H (ppm, ΣH , multiplicities) ^b
1	37.51		37.4	
2	31.86		31.8	
3	71.95	3.51 (1H, m)	71.9	3.51 (1H, m)
4	42.51		42.4	
5	141.00		140.9	
6	121.85	5.34 (1H, t)	121.9	5.34 (1H, t)
7	32.13		32.0	
8	32.15		32.1	
9	50.41		50.3	
10	36.72		36.7	
11	21.31		21.3	
12	40.03		39.9	
13	42.55		42.5	
14	57.00		56.9	
15	24.51		24.5	
16	26.71		26.5	
17	56.32		56.2	
18	12.06	0.68 (3H, s)	12.0	0.67 (3H, s)
19	19.58	1.01 (3H, s)	19.6	1.00 (3H, s)
20	36.48		36.4	
21	19.06	0.83 (3H, d)	19.2	0.81 (3H, d)
22	34.18		34.1	
23	28.43		28.4	
24	46.32		46.2	
25	29.25		29.1	
26	19.23	0.82 (3H, d)	19.0	0.82 (3H, d)
27	19.80	0.85 (3H, d)	19.8	0.84 (3H, d)
28	23.29		23.2	
29	12.50	1.31 (3H, m)	12.5	1.33 (3H, m)

CONCLUSION

Alkaloid dimethyl-5,12-dihydrocycloocta-[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]-diindole-6,13-dicarboxylate (**1**) and steroid compound, β -sitosterol (**2**) have been isolated for the first time from the *H. cylindracea* Decaisne. Compound **1** showed moderate activity against NCL-H460 lung cancer cells with IC₅₀ value 20.05 μ g/mL. The result showed that a macroalga *H. cylindracea* Decaisne from the Gulf of Boni produce alkaloid and steroid compound.

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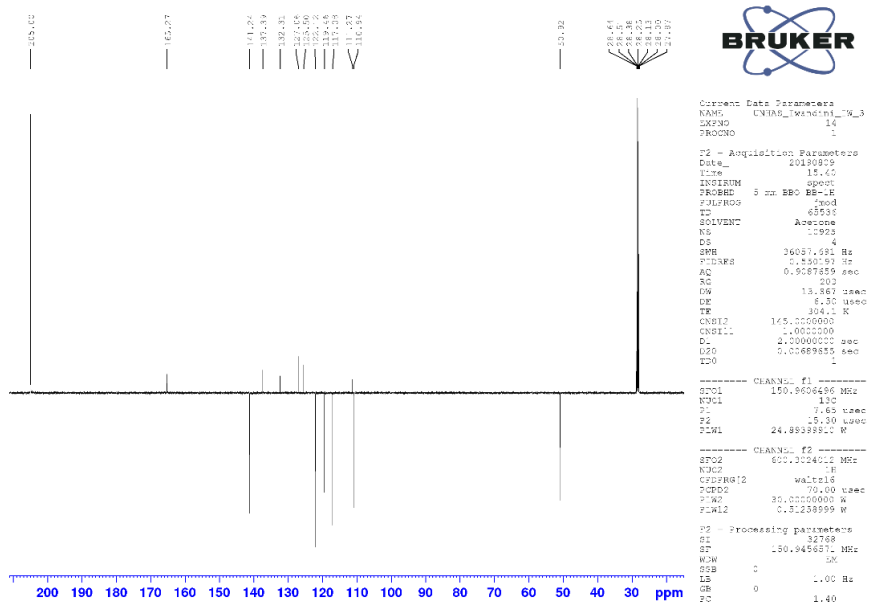
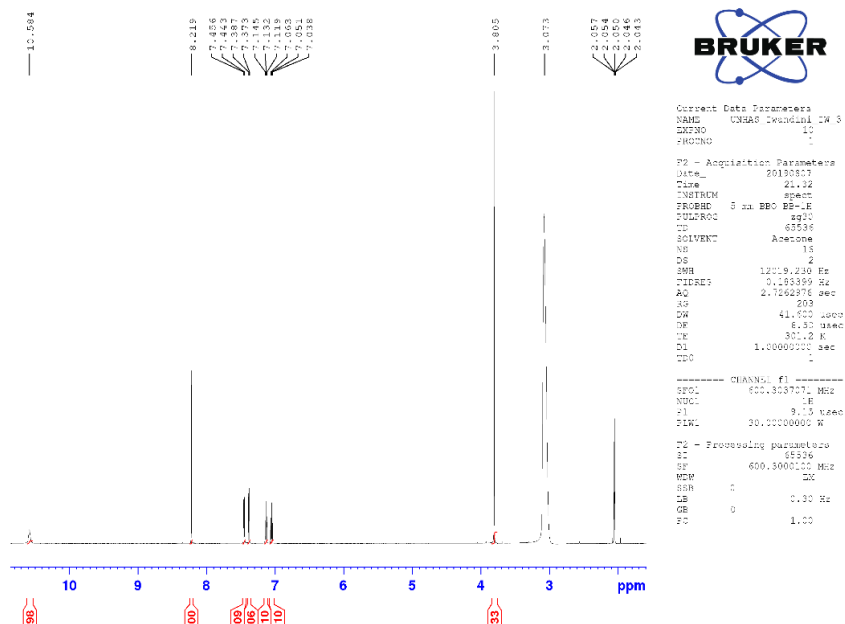
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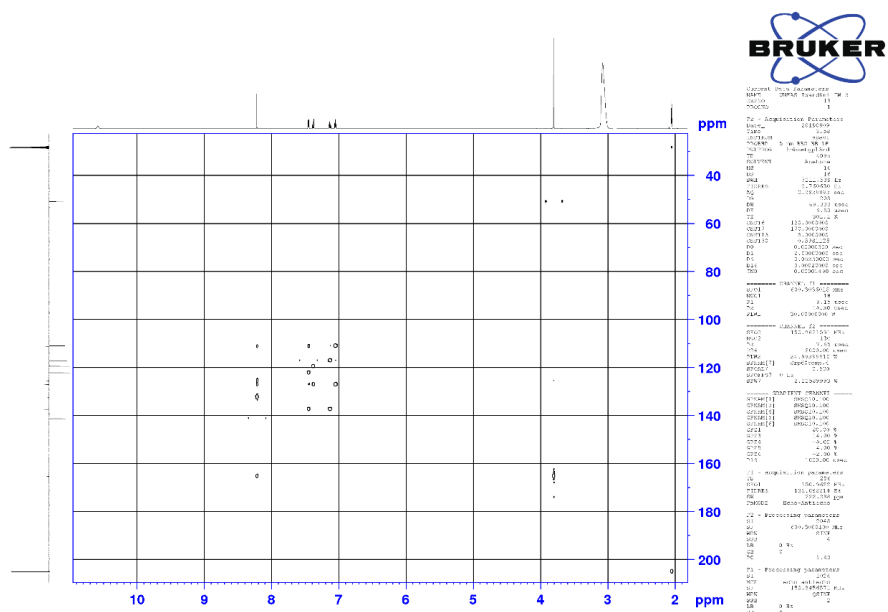
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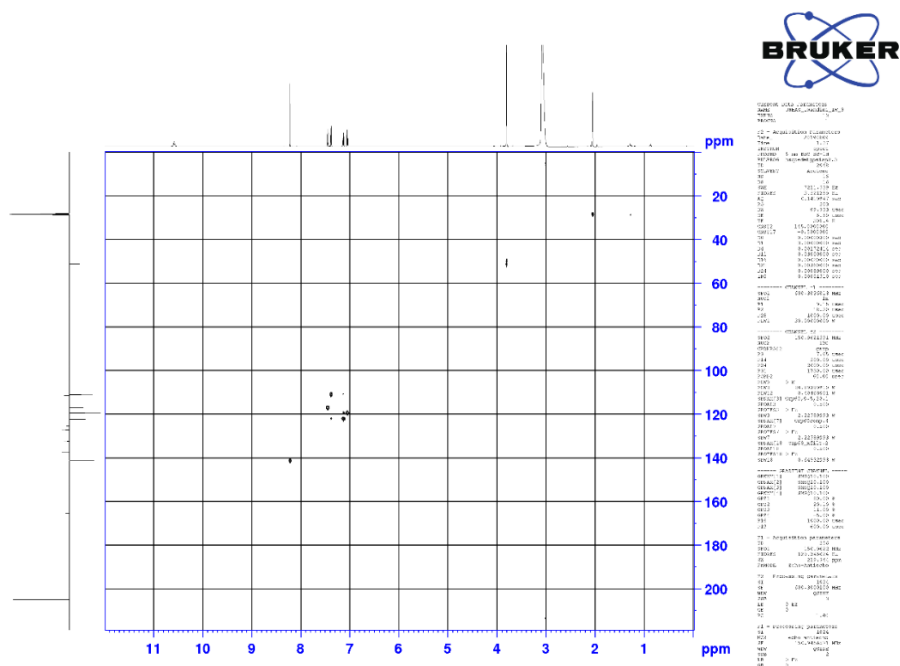
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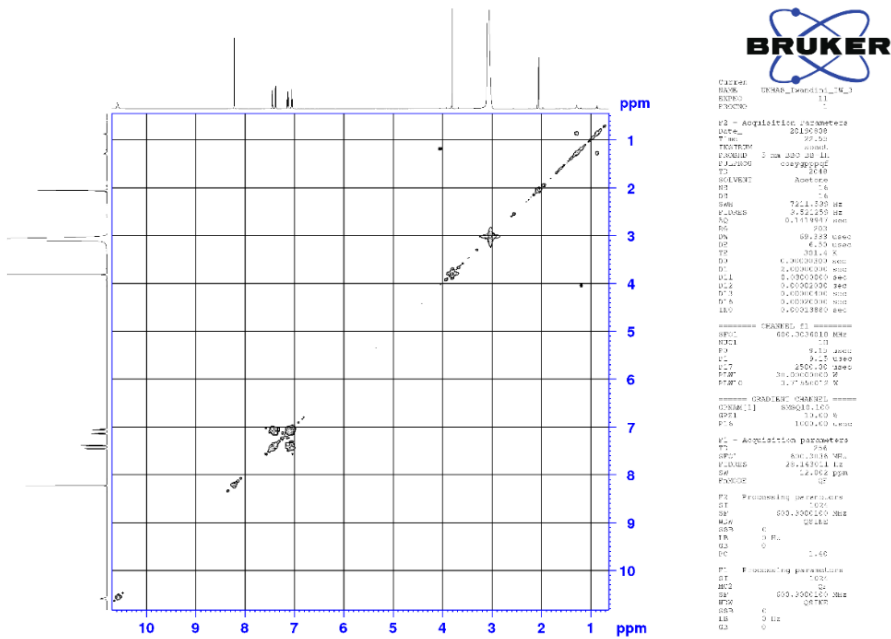
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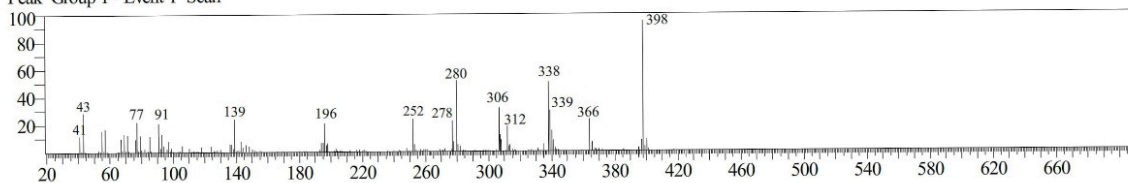
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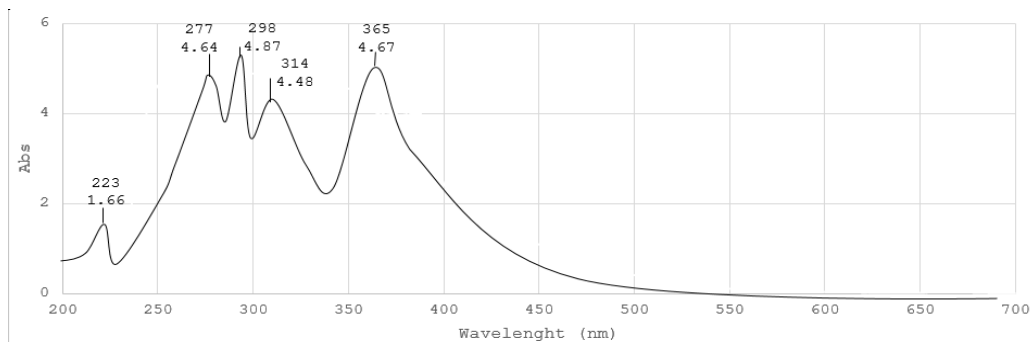
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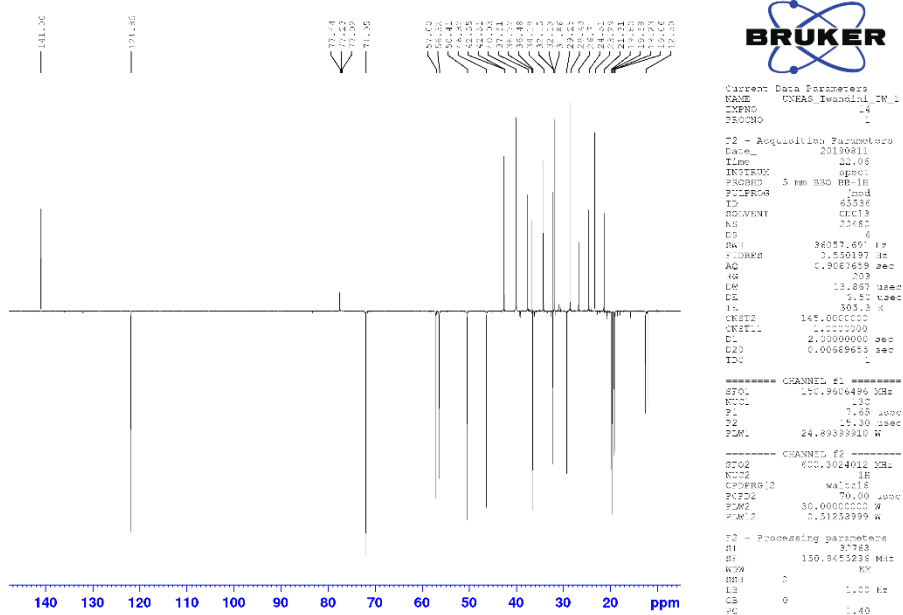
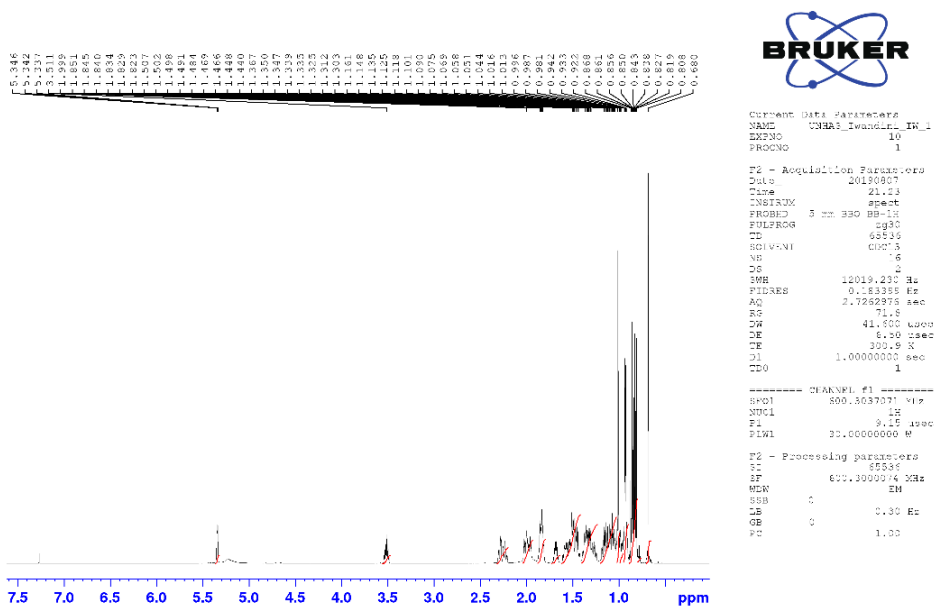
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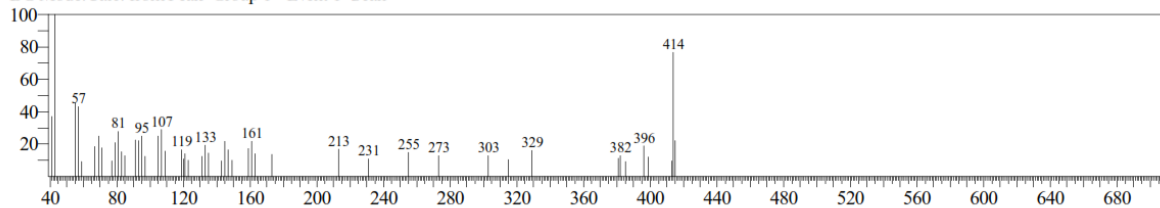
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