

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Synthesis, structural assignments and antiinfective activities of 3-*O*-benzyl-carvotacetone and 3-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-5-methyl-*p*-benzoquinone

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ABSTRACT

In an attempt to synthesize carvotacetone analogues, new 3-*O*-benzyl-carvotacetone (**10**) and previously reported 3-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-5-methyl-*p*-benzoquinone (**11**) were synthesized from piperitone (**7**). In this work, we describe synthesis of **10** and other analogues from **7**. Luche reduction of **7** to *cis*-piperitol (**8**), followed by benzylation yielded 3-*O*-benzyl-piperitol (**9**). Riley oxidation of **9** afforded corresponding ketone **10**, **11** and 3-benzyloxy-4-isopropylcyclohex-1-enecarbaldehyde (**12**). Structures of these compounds were determined based on NMR, IR and LC-MS spectral data. Compound **11**, exhibited antiplasmodial activities against chloroquine-sensitive (D6) and resistant (W2) strains of *Plasmodium falciparum* with IC₅₀ values of 0.697 and 0.653 µg/mL, respectively. In addition, compound **11** was active against *Cryptococcus neoformans* with an IC₅₀ value of 3.11 µg/mL, compared to reference standard fluconazole (IC₅₀ value of 1.87 µg/mL), while **10** and **12** were

inactive against both organisms. This is the first report of the antiplasmodial and anticryptococcal activity of compound **11**.

Key words: Piperitone, Riley oxidation, 3-Hydroxy-2-isopropyl-5-methyl-*p*-benzoquinone, 3-*O*-benzyl-carvotacetone, Anti-plasmodial, Cryptococcosis.

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Table S1: ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectral Data assignment of compound 9 by 2D experiments

Position	^{13}C NMR, δ , ppm	^1H NMR, δ , ppm	HMBC
1	140.3		
2	121.1	5.82, <i>m</i> , 1H	C-7, C-6, C-4, C-3
3	71.7	3.89, (<i>t</i>), 1H	C-7', C-5, C-2, C-1
4	46.2	1.09, 1H	C-9, C-8, C-6, C-5
5	21.4	1.63, (<i>m</i>), 2H	C-6, C-4, C-3, C-1
6	31.7	2.02, (<i>dd</i>)/2.07, (<i>dd</i>), 2H	C-5, C-4, C-2, C-1
7	23.7	1.77, (<i>s</i>), 3H	C-6, C-2, C-1
8	28.3	1.86, (<i>m</i>), 1H	C-10, C-9, C-4
9	21.0	0.98, (<i>d</i>), 3H, J = 6.5 Hz	C-10, C-8, C-4
10	21.1	1.0, (<i>d</i>), 3H, J = 6.5 Hz	C-9, C-8, C-4
1'	139.6		
2'/6'	127.5	7.39, (<i>m</i>), 2H	C-4', C-1'
3'/5'	128.2	7.36, (<i>m</i>), 2H	C-3'/5', C-1'
4'	127.2	7.28, (<i>m</i>), 1H	C-2'/C-6', C-1'
7'	70.1	4.73, (<i>d</i>), J= 11.7Hz/ 4.49, (<i>d</i>), J=11.7Hz	C-3, C-1', C-2'/C-6'

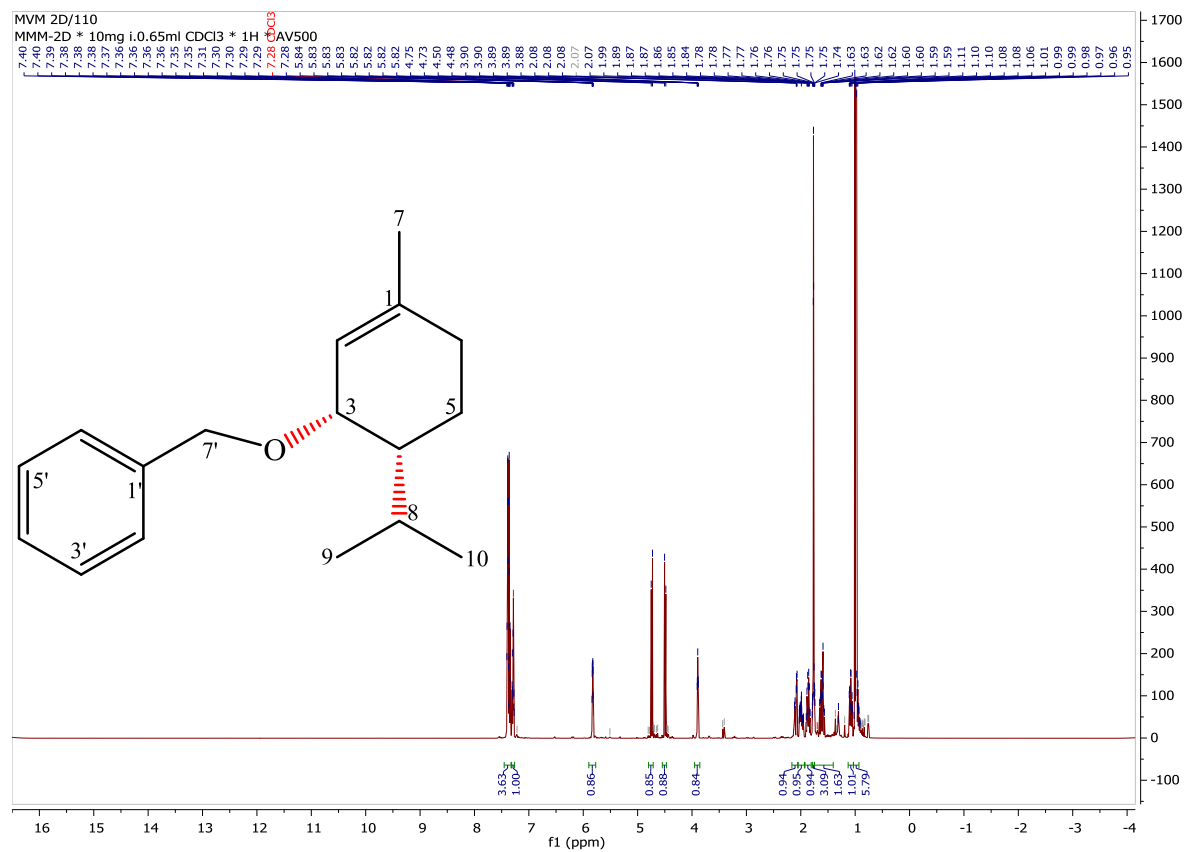
Figure S2: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of compound 9

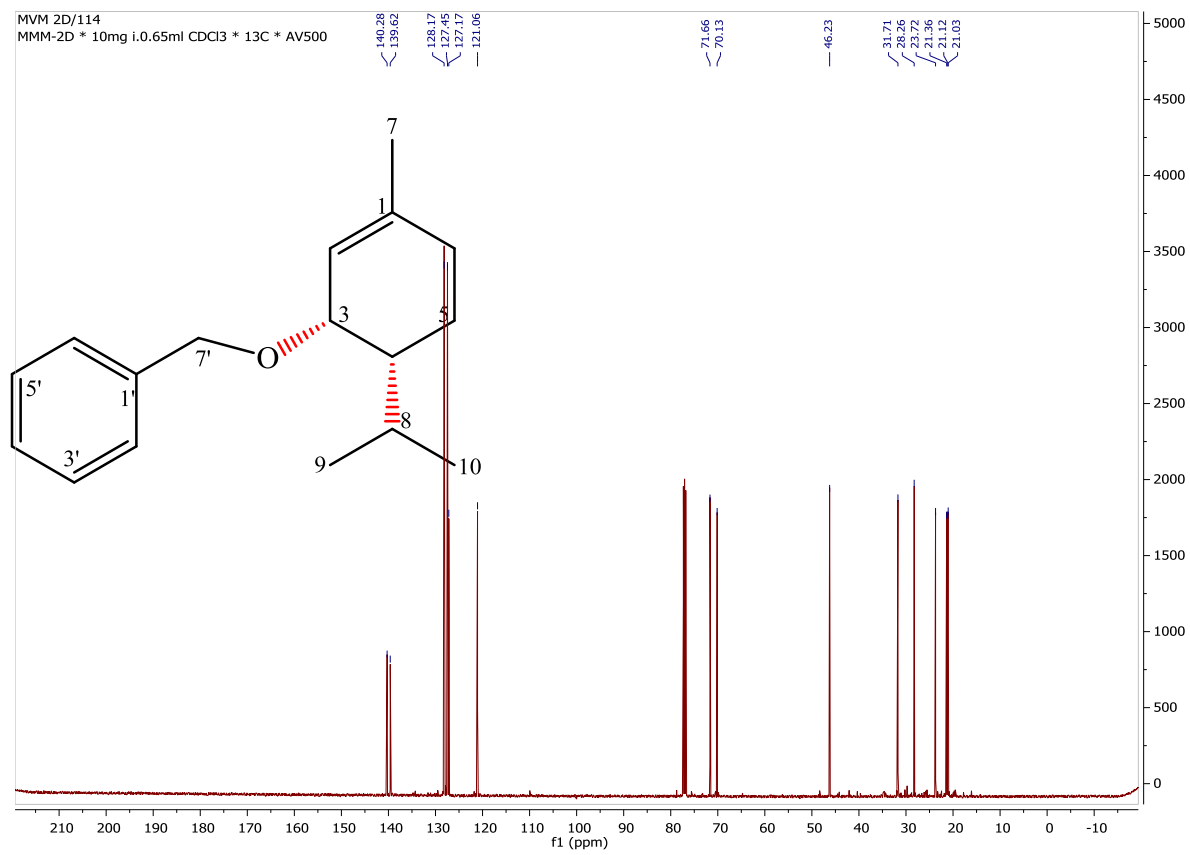
Figure S3: ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound 9

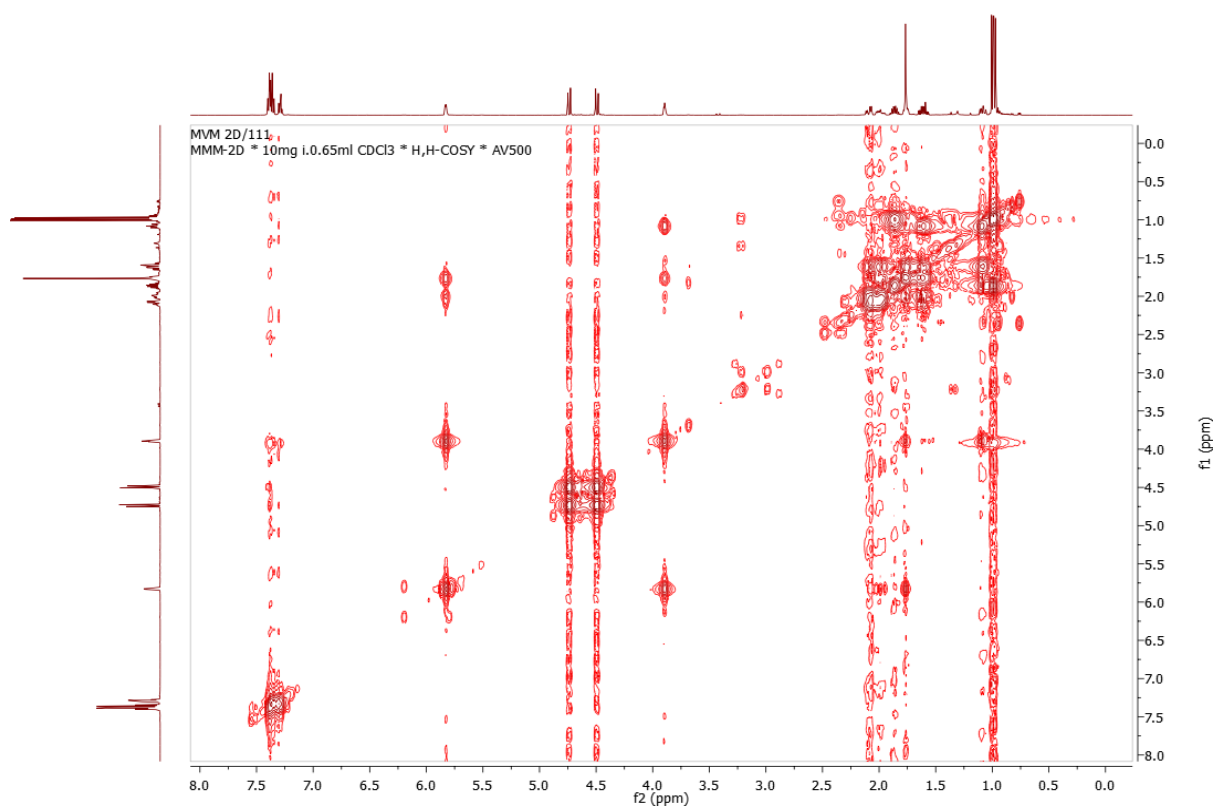
Figure S4: COSY spectrum of compound 9

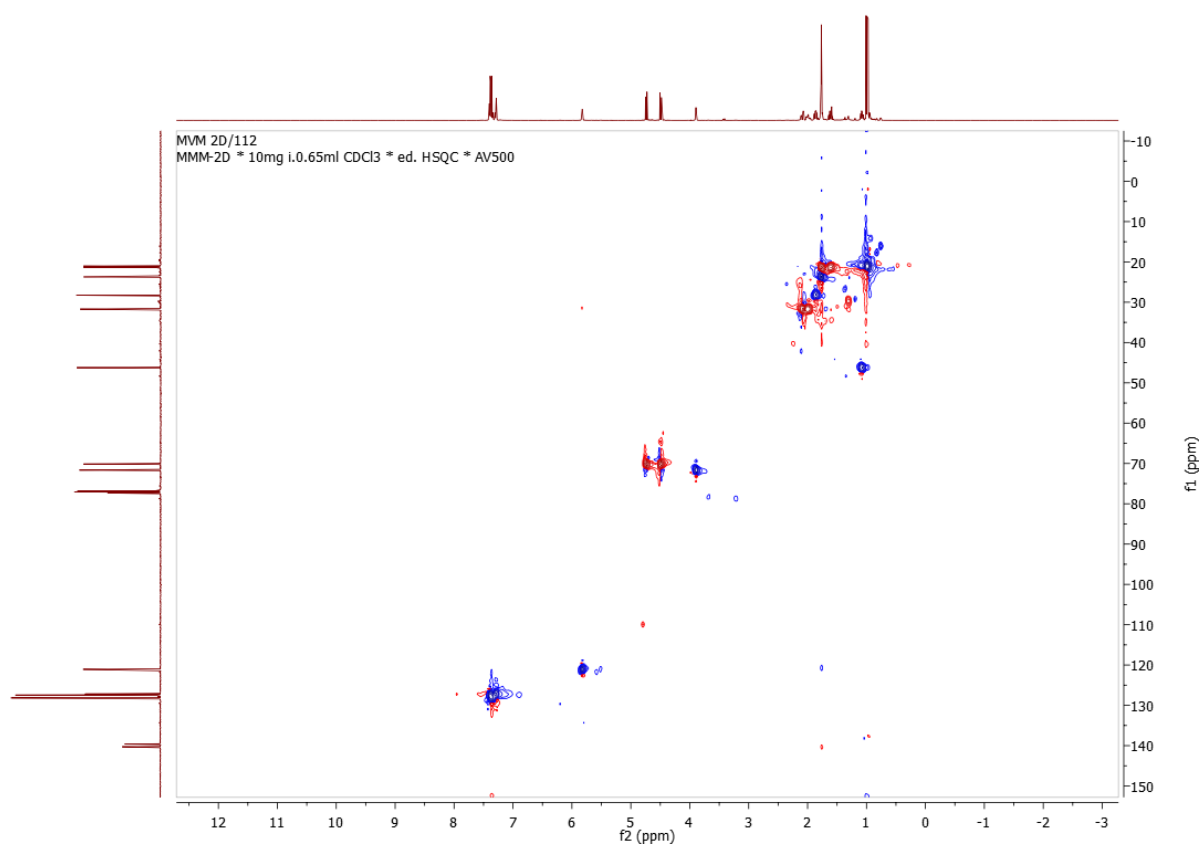
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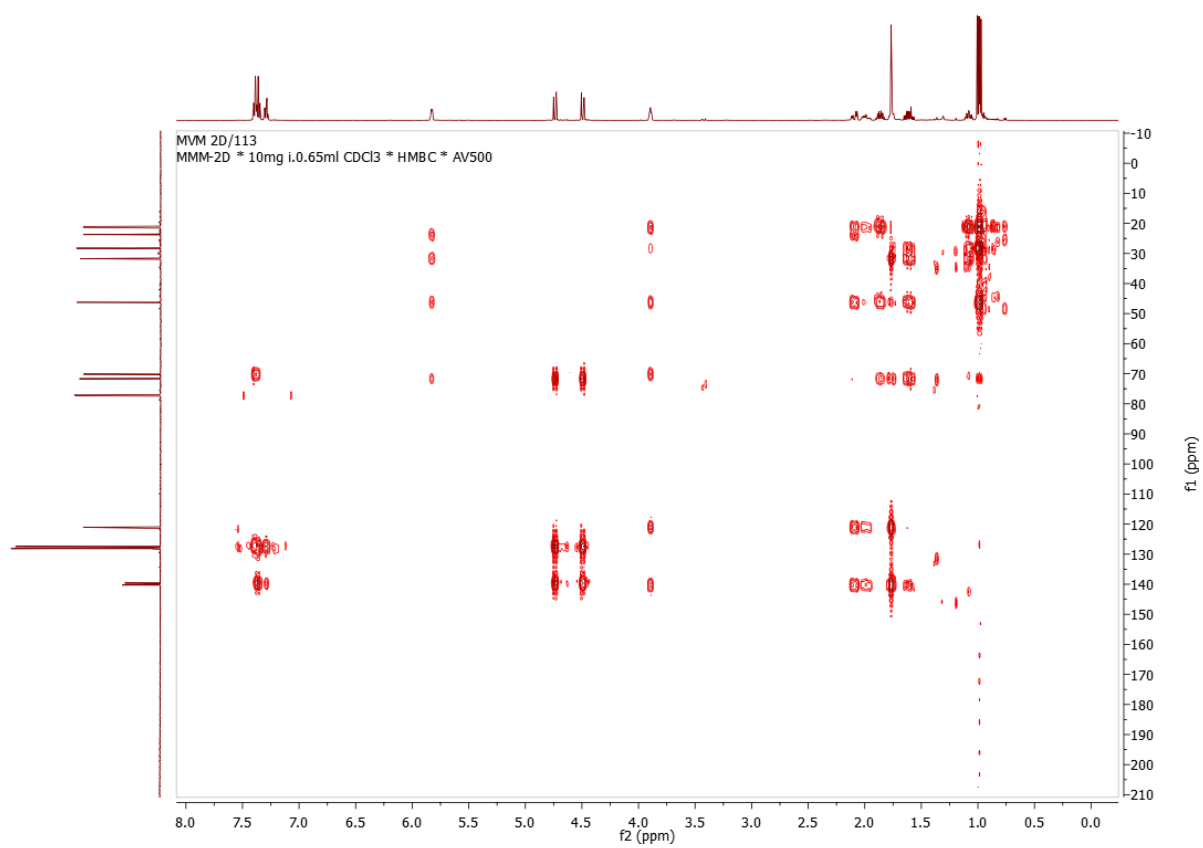
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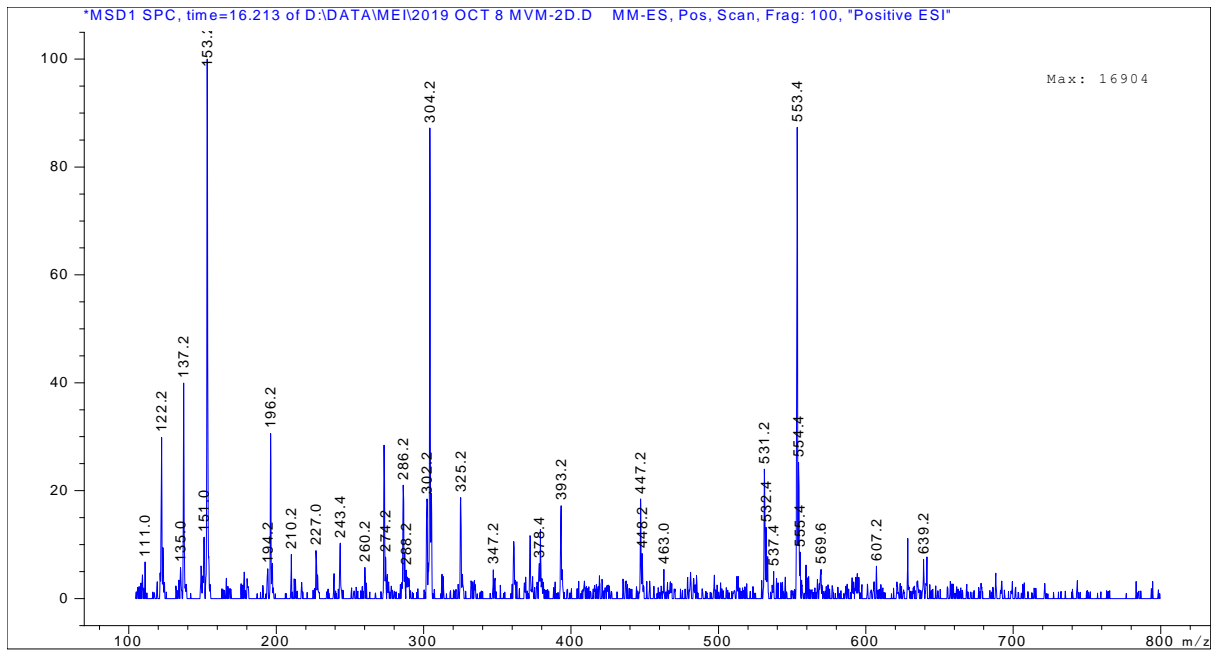
Figure S7: LC-MS spectrum for compound 9

Figure S8: IR spectrum of compound 9

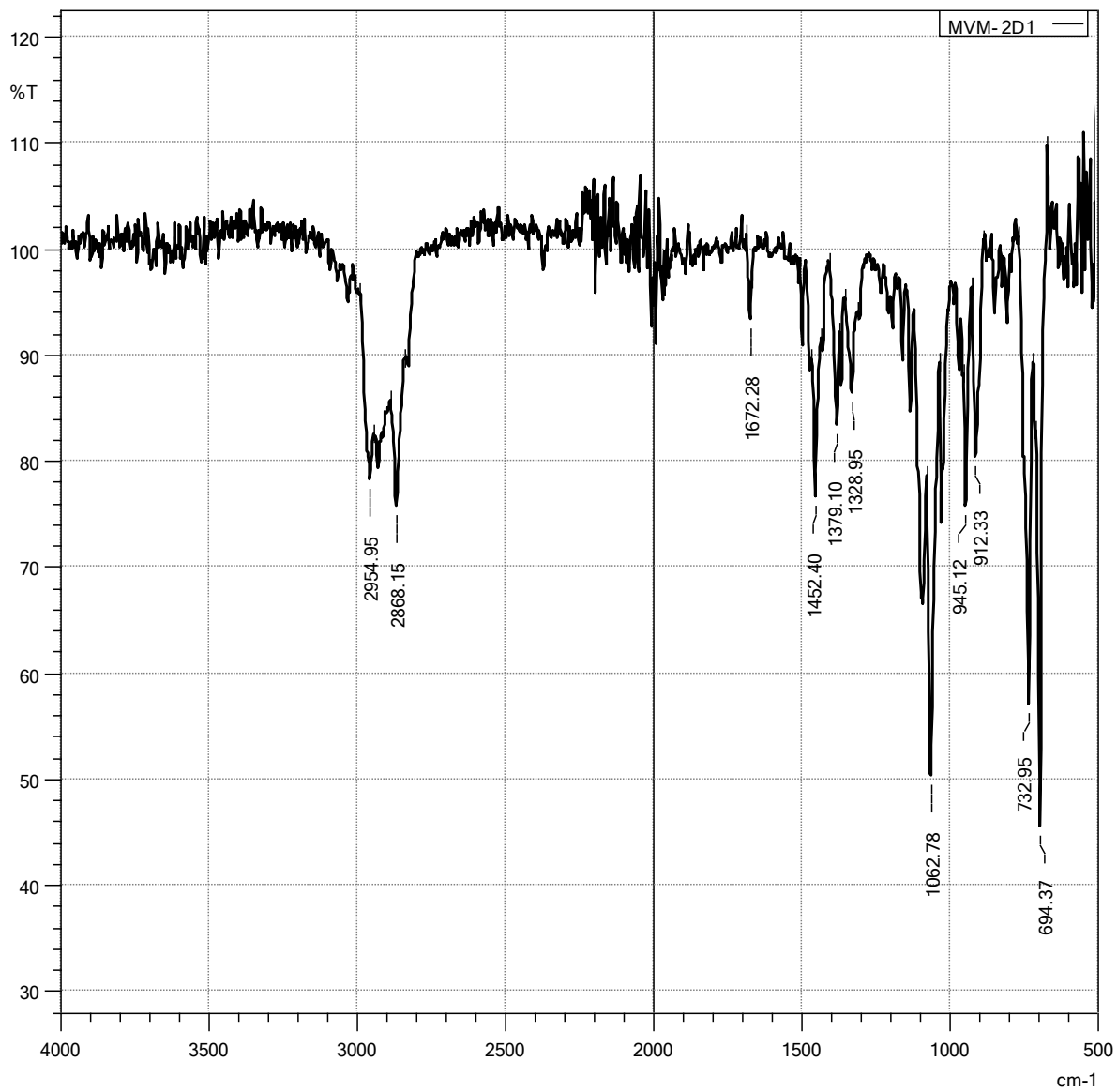


Table S9: ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectral Data assignment of compound 10 by 2D experiments

Position	^{13}C NMR, δ , ppm	^1H NMR, δ , ppm	HMBC
1	132.7		
2	146.4	6.78, <i>m</i> , 1H	C-6, C-7, C-4
3	78.7	3.85, <i>d</i> , $J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H	C-7', C-5, C-4, C-2
4	46.9	1.65, <i>m</i> , 1H	C-10, C-9, C-8
5	27.3	2.39, <i>m</i> , 2H	C-4, C-3, C-1
6	198.1		
7	15.6	1.83, <i>s</i> , 3H	C-6, C-2, C-1
8	28.2	1.94, <i>m</i> , 1H	C-10, C-9, C-4
9	20.5*	0.86, <i>d</i> , 3H, $J=6.6\text{Hz}$	C-10, C-8
10	20.4*	0.96, <i>d</i> , 3H, $J=6.6\text{Hz}$	C-9, C-8
1'	138.1		
2'/6'	127.9	7.33, <i>m</i> , 2H	C-7', C-4'
3'/5'	128.3	7.36, <i>m</i> , 2H	C-2'/6', C'4, C-1'
4'	127.6	7.30, <i>m</i> , 2H	C-3'/5', C-2'/6''
7'	71.3	4.48, <i>d</i> , $J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H 4.58, <i>d</i> , $J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H	C-3, C-2'/6', C-1' C-3, C-2'/6', C-1'

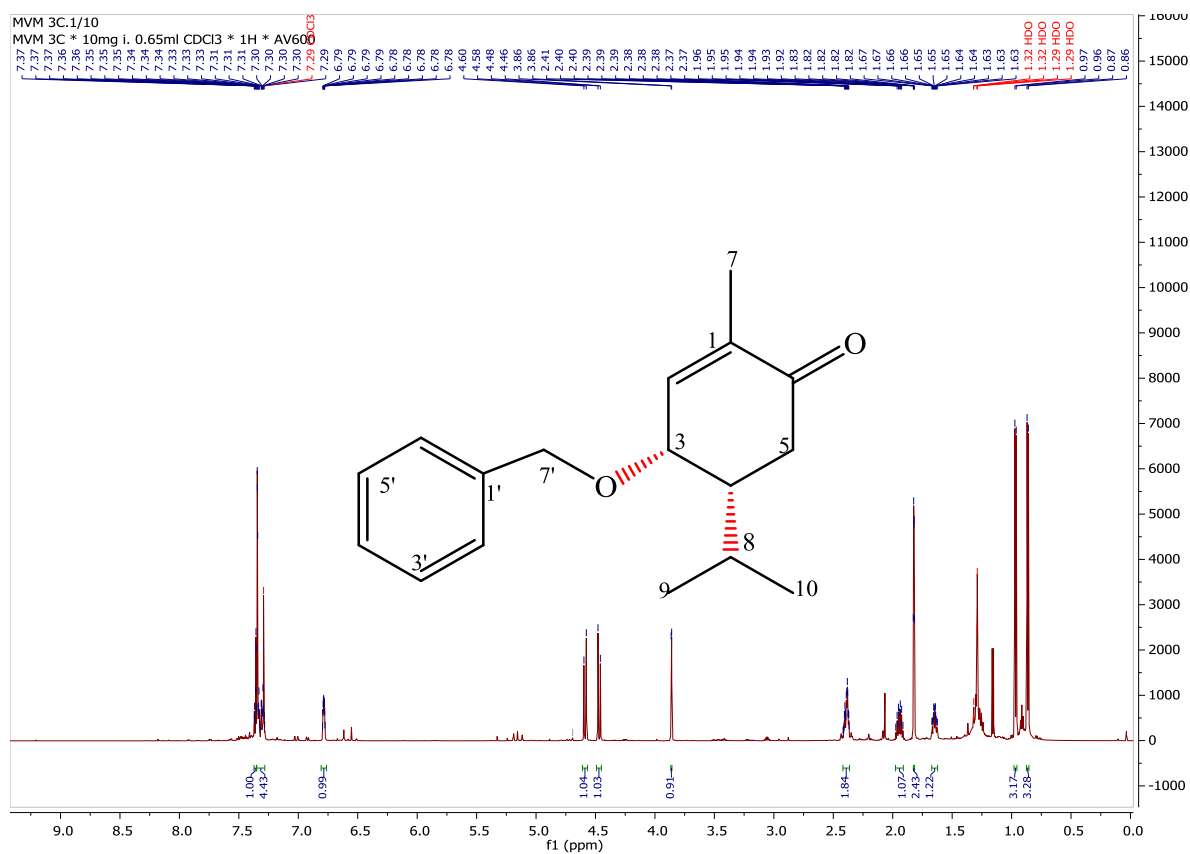
Figure S10: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum data of compound 10

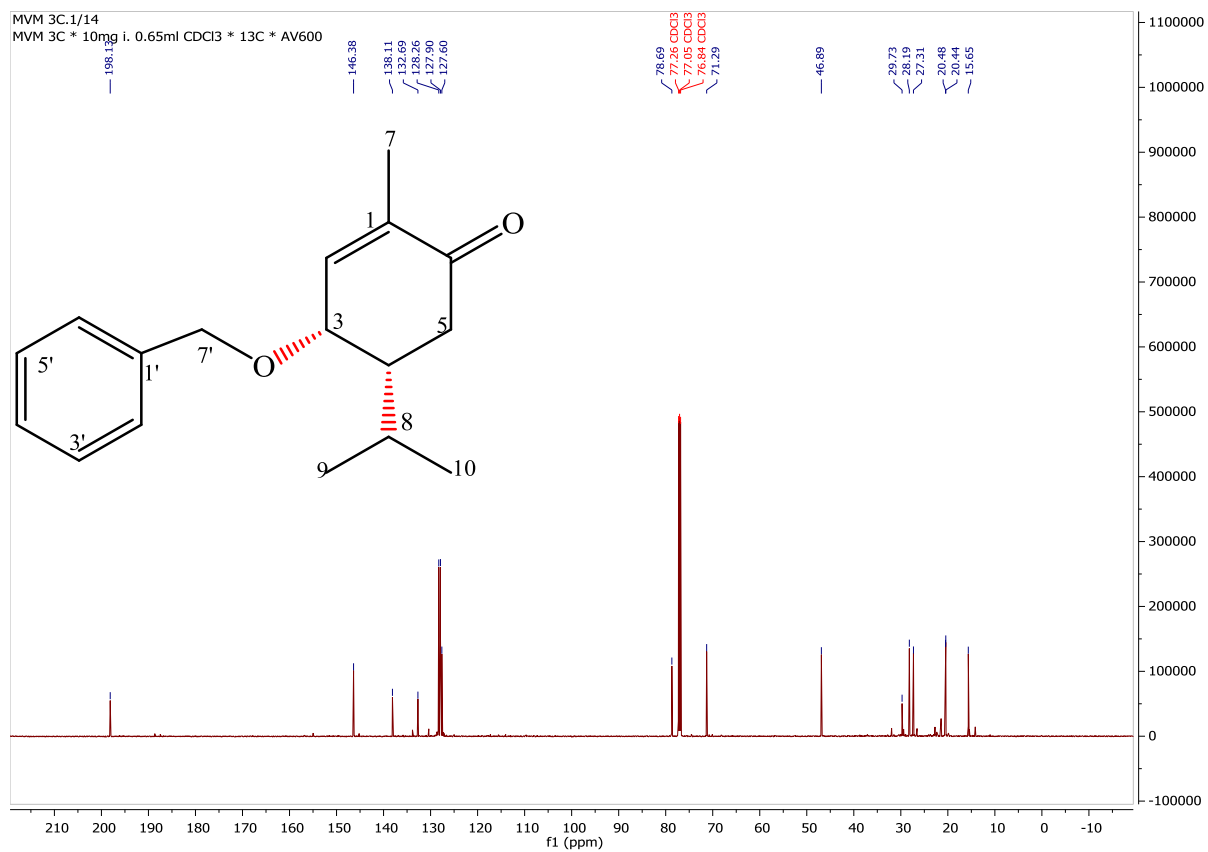
Figure S11: ^{13}C -NMR spectrum data of compound 10

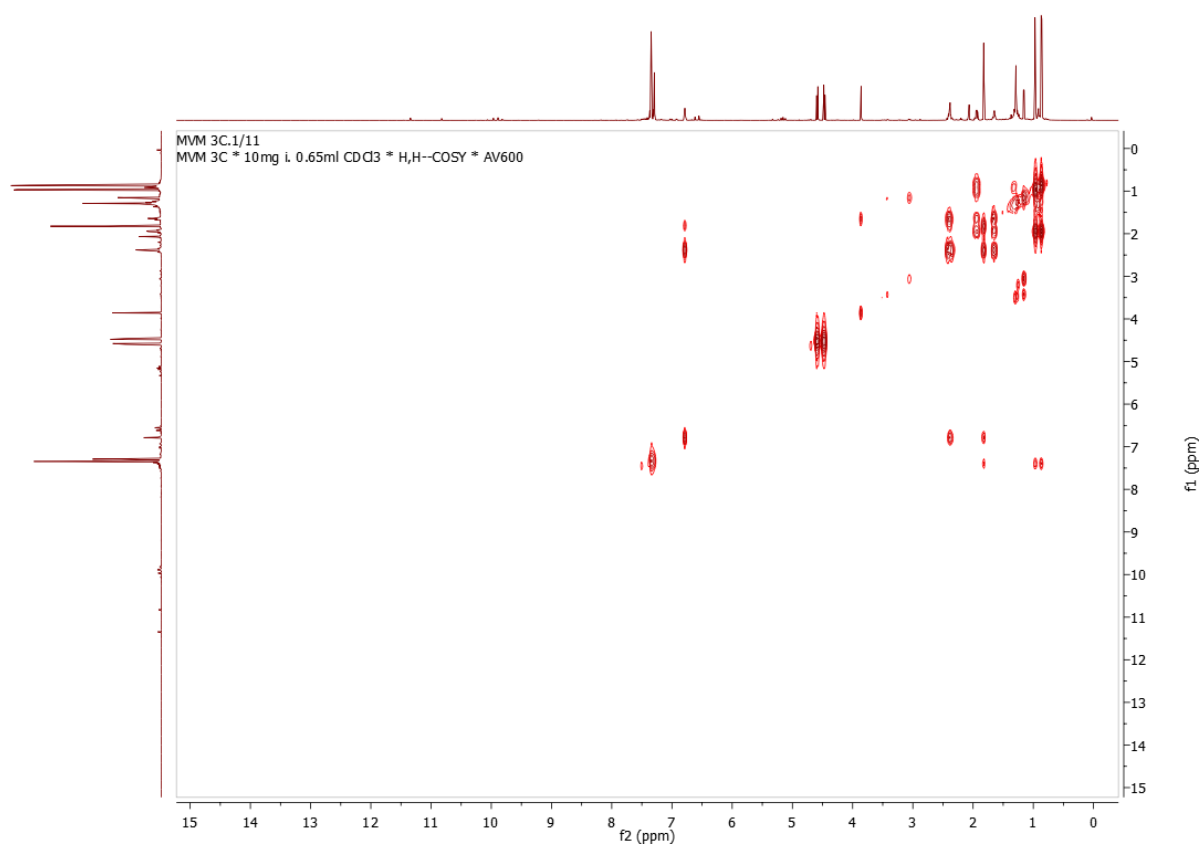
Figure S12: COSY spectrum of compound 10

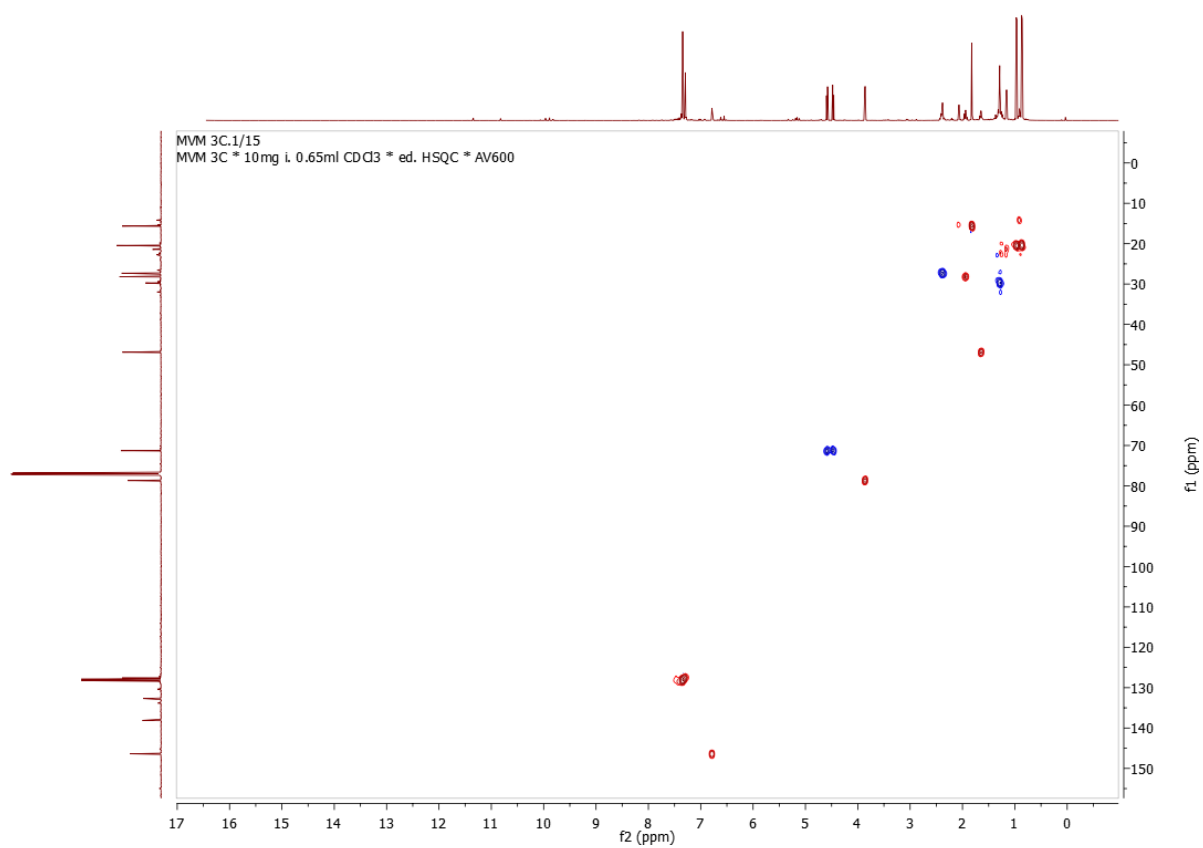
Figure S13: HSQC spectrum of compound 10

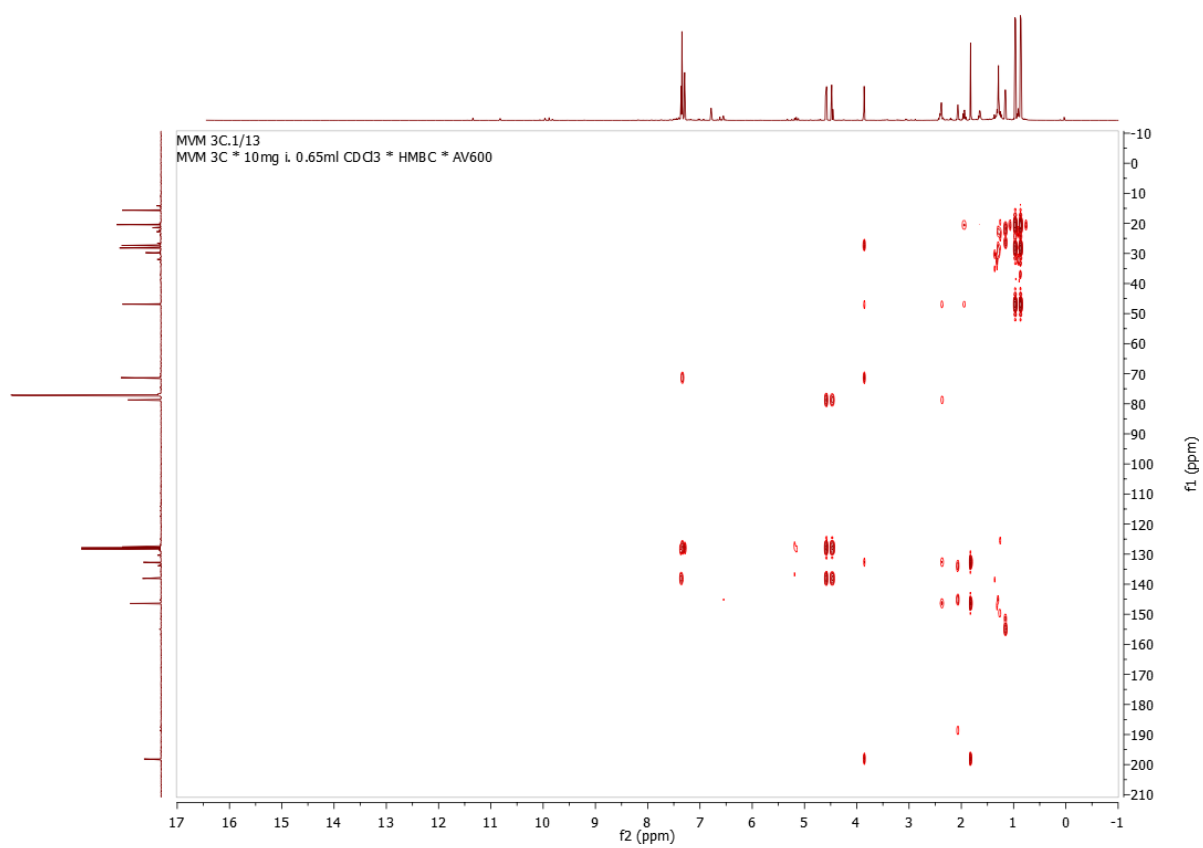
Figure S14: HMBC spectrum of compound 10

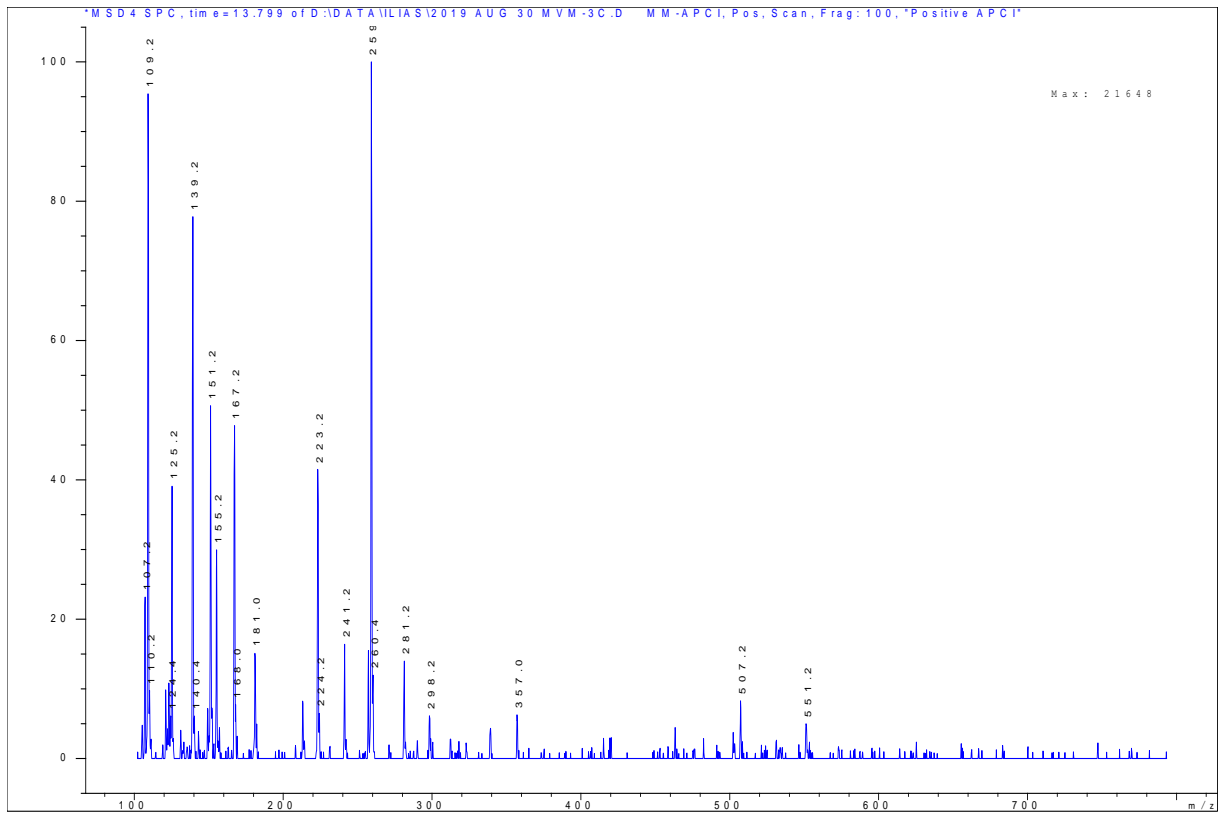
Figure S15: LC-MS spectrum for compound 10

Figure S16: IR spectrum of compound 10

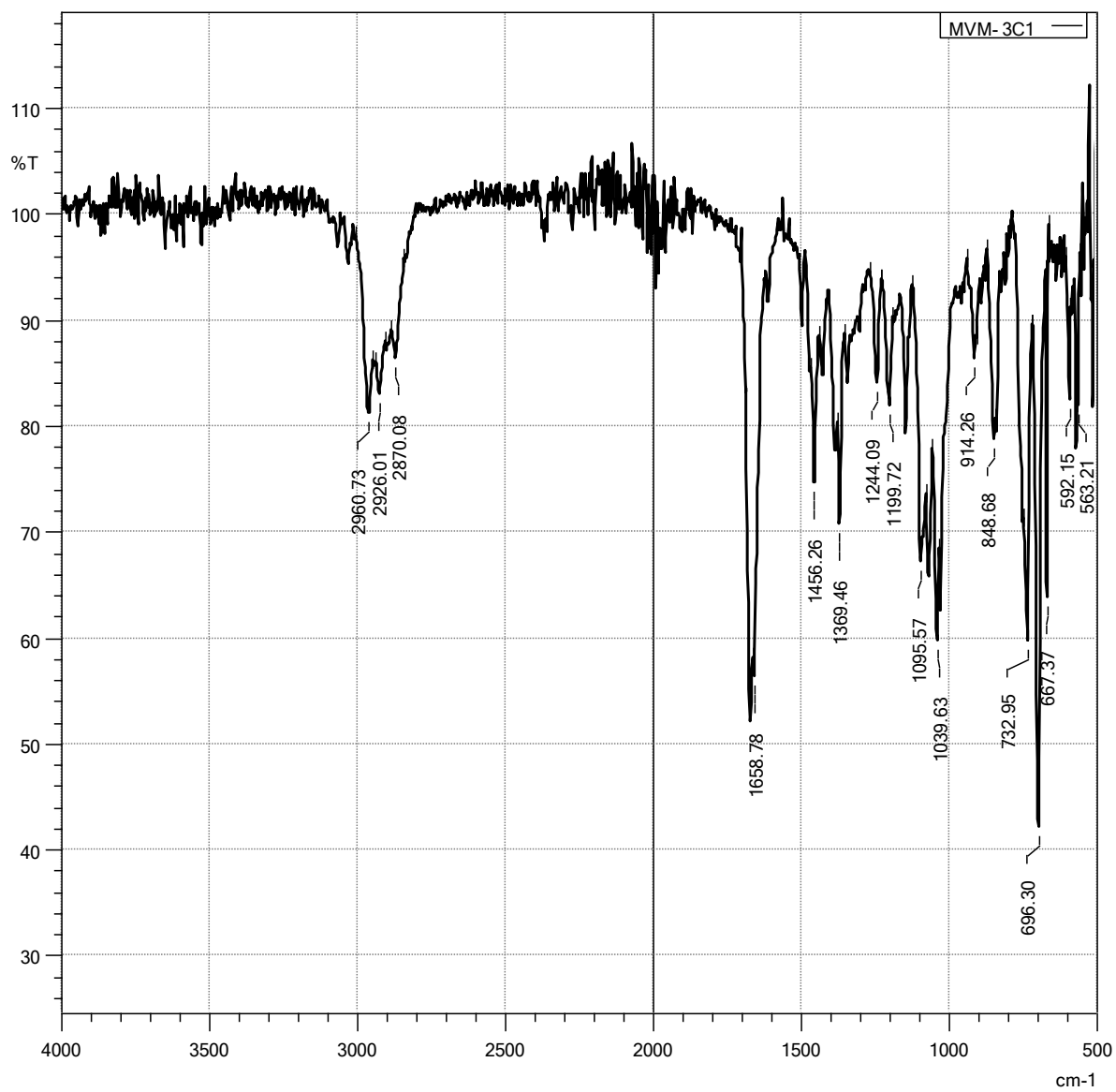


Table S17: ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectral Data assignment of compound 12 by 2D experiments

Position	^{13}C NMR, δ , ppm	^1H NMR, δ , ppm	HMBC
1	143.7		
2	146.4	6.93 1H	C-6, C-5
3	71.4	4.20 <i>t</i> , 1H	C-6, C-7'
4	46.4	1.19 <i>m</i> , 1H	C-10, C-9, C-8
5	20.1	1.55 <i>m</i> 1H 1.89 <i>m</i> , 1H	C-5, C-4, C-3, C-1
6	22.7	2.53 <i>m</i> , 1H 2.03 <i>m</i> , 1H	C-7, C-5, C-4, C-2, C-1
7	194.7	9.54 <i>s</i> , 1H	C-5, C-2, C-1
8	28	1.89 <i>m</i> , 1H	C-4, C-3
9	21.1*	1.02 <i>d</i> , 3H	C-10, C-8, C-4
10	21.0*	1.02 <i>d</i> , 3H	C-9, C-8, C-4
1'	138.6		
2'/6'	128.4	7.38 <i>d</i> $J = 4.8\text{Hz}$	C-7', C-4', C-3'/5', C-1'
3'/5'	127.6	7.32 <i>m</i>	C-2'/6', C-1'
4'	127.7	7.34 <i>m</i>	C-3', C-2'
7	71.5	4.76 <i>d</i> $J=11.5\text{ Hz}$ / 4.64 <i>d</i> $J=11.5\text{ Hz}$	C-3, C-2'/6', C-1'

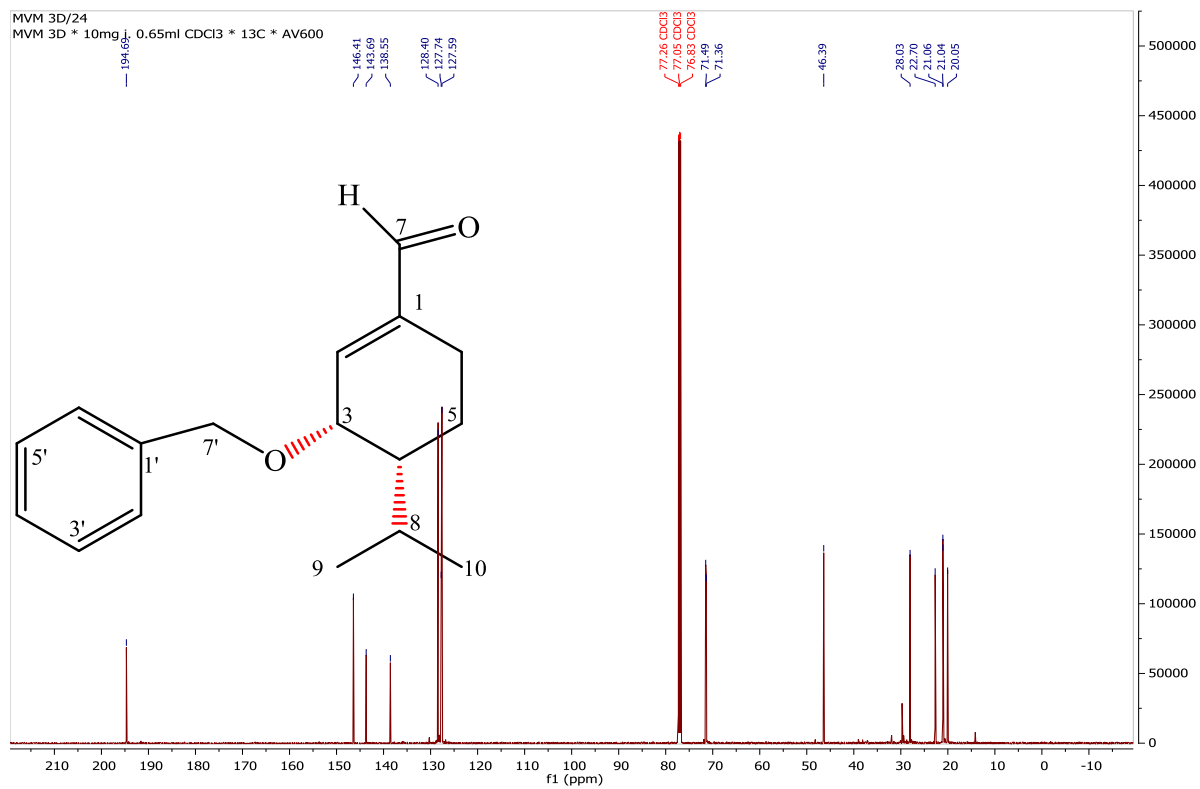
Figure S19: ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound 12

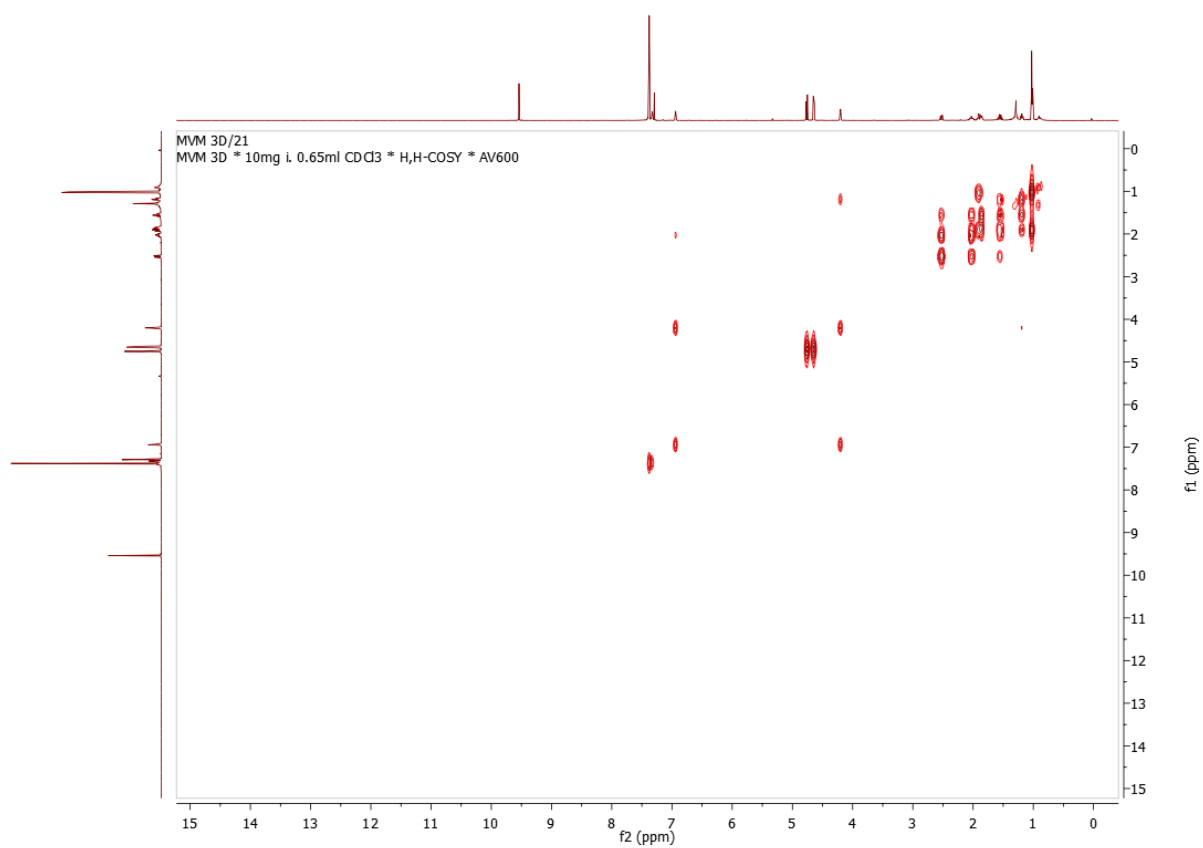
Figure S20: COSY spectrum of compound 12

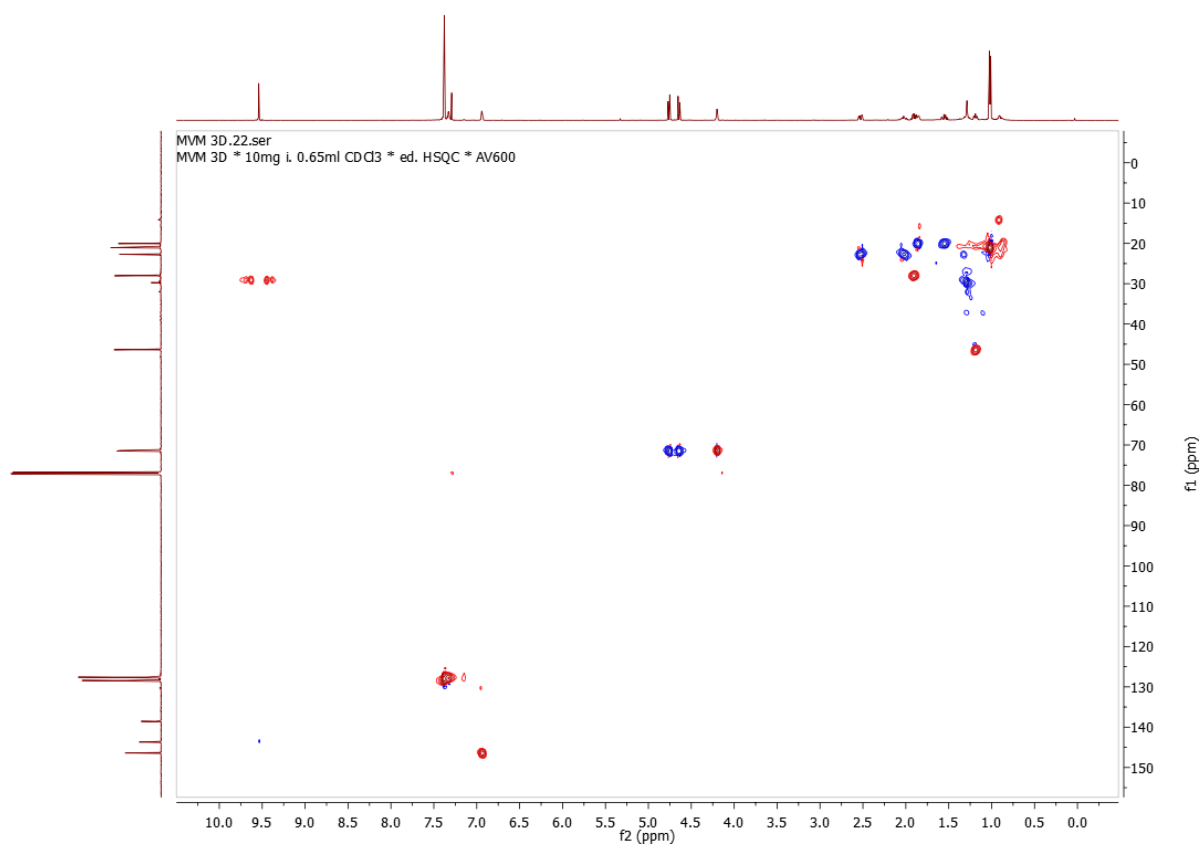
Figure S21: HSQC spectrum of compound 12

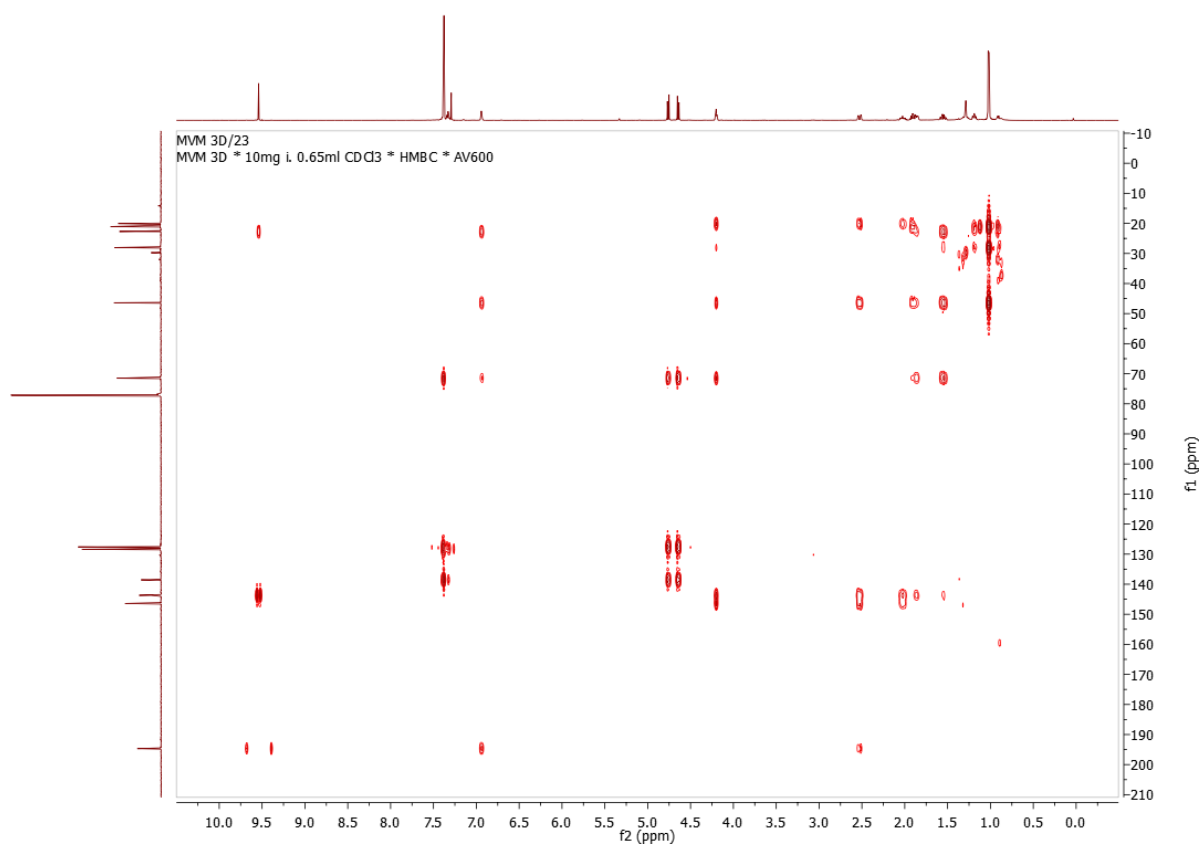
Figure S22: : HMBC spectrum of compound 12

Figure S23: IR spectrum of compound 12

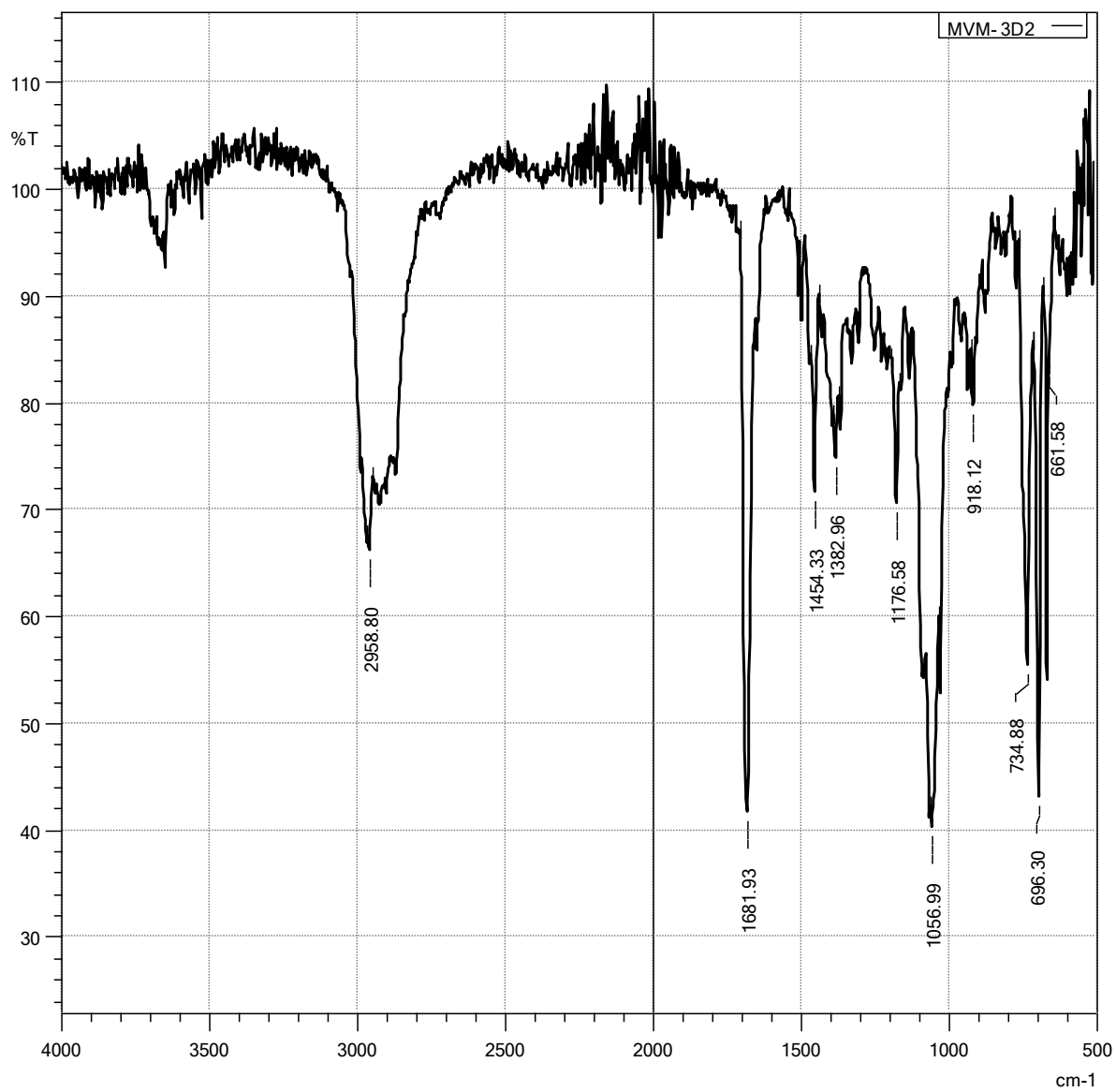


Figure S24: LC-MS spectrum for compound 12