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**ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY
ASSESSMENT BY ABTS OF
9'Z-BIXIN, 9'Z-NORBIXIN, 9'Z-
METHYLBIXIN AND
ALL E-METHYLBIXIN FROM
BIXA ORELLANA SEEDS
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**



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Palabras clave: 9'Z-Bixina, 9'Z-Norbixina, 9'Z-Methylbixina, All E-methylbixina, Colorante alimentario, Actividad antioxidante, Relación estructura-actividad

ABSTRACT

The 9'Z-bixin is the major pigment present in the annatto (*Bixa orellana L.*) seeds. Other carotenoids present in the seeds of annatto are 9'Z-norbixin and 9'Z-methylbixin. Annatto seeds extract is used as a food colorant. In this study, we extracted and isolated 9'Z-bixin from annatto seeds. 9'Z-norbixin was obtained and purified by saponification of annatto seeds extract. Then, 9'Z-methylbixin was obtained by Steglich esterification of 9'Z-bixin with EDC/DMAP. Also, all *E*-methylbixin was obtained by esterification of 9'Z-bixin in acid conditions with hydrochloric acid in methanol. The antioxidant capacity of 9'Z-bixin and bixin derivatives was measured in ABTS assay to determine their structure–activity relationship. We observed that the esterification of 9'Z-bixin decreases its antioxidant capacity and that the presence of the free carboxyl group is important in the antioxidant capacity of bixin derivatives.

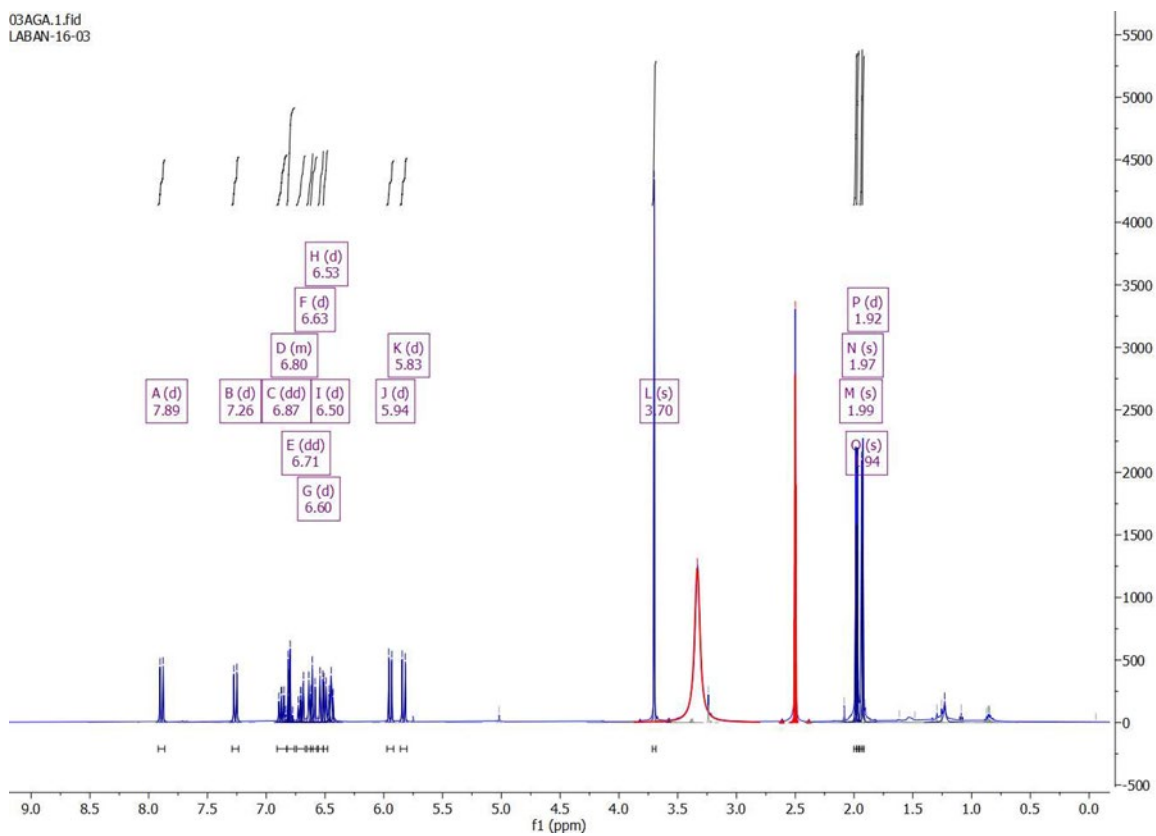
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RESUMEN

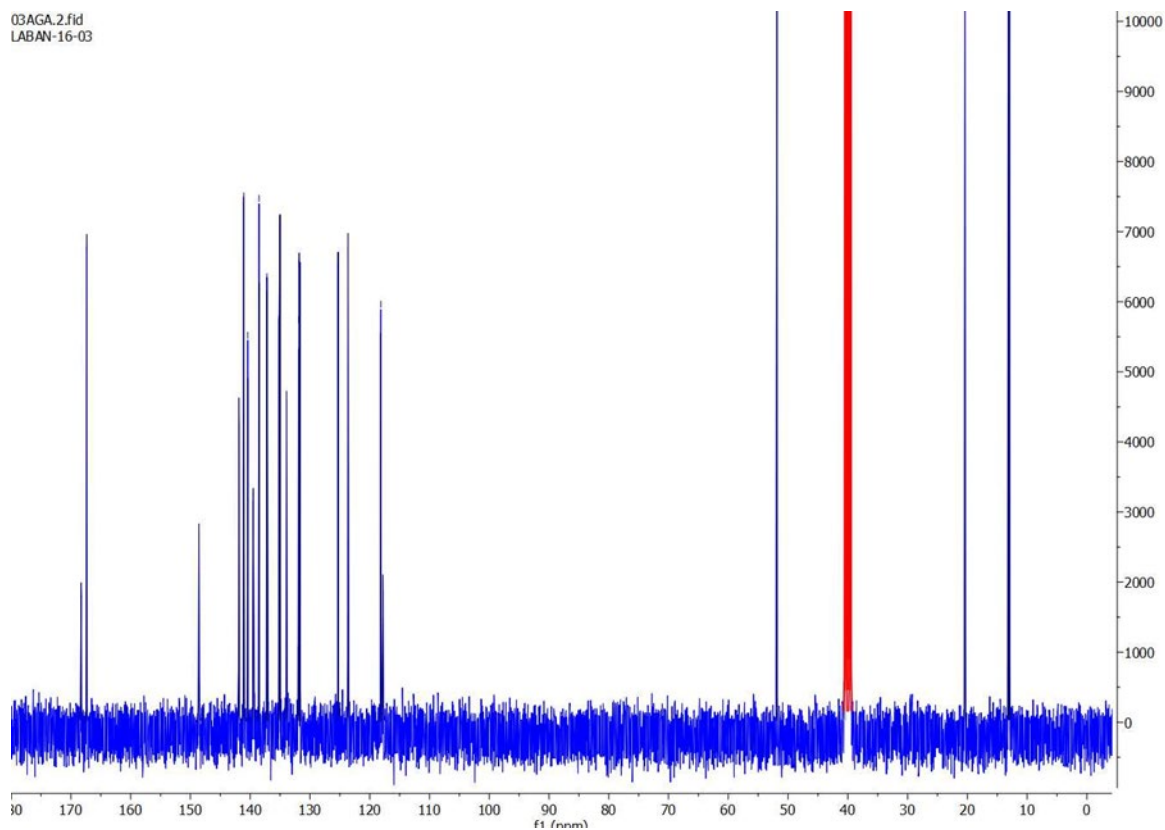
La 9'Z-bixina es el principal pigmento presente en las semillas de achiote (*Bixa orellana L.*). Otros carotenoides presentes en las semillas de achiote son la 9'Z-norbixina y la 9'Z-metilbixina. El extracto de semillas de achiote se utiliza como colorante alimentario. En este estudio, se extrajo y se aisló 9'Z-bixina de semillas de achiote. Se obtuvo y se purificó 9'Z-norbixina a partir de la saponificación de extracto de semillas de achiote. Luego, se obtuvo 9'Z-metilbixina por esterificación de Steglich con EDC/DMAP. También se obtuvo E-metilbixina por esterificación en medio ácido. La capacidad antioxidante de 9'Z-bixina y de los derivados de bixina se midió con el ensayo ABTS para determinar su relación estructura-actividad. Observamos que la esterificación de la 9'Z-bixina disminuye su capacidad antioxidante y que la presencia del grupo carboxilo libre es importante en la capacidad antioxidante de los derivados de bixina.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

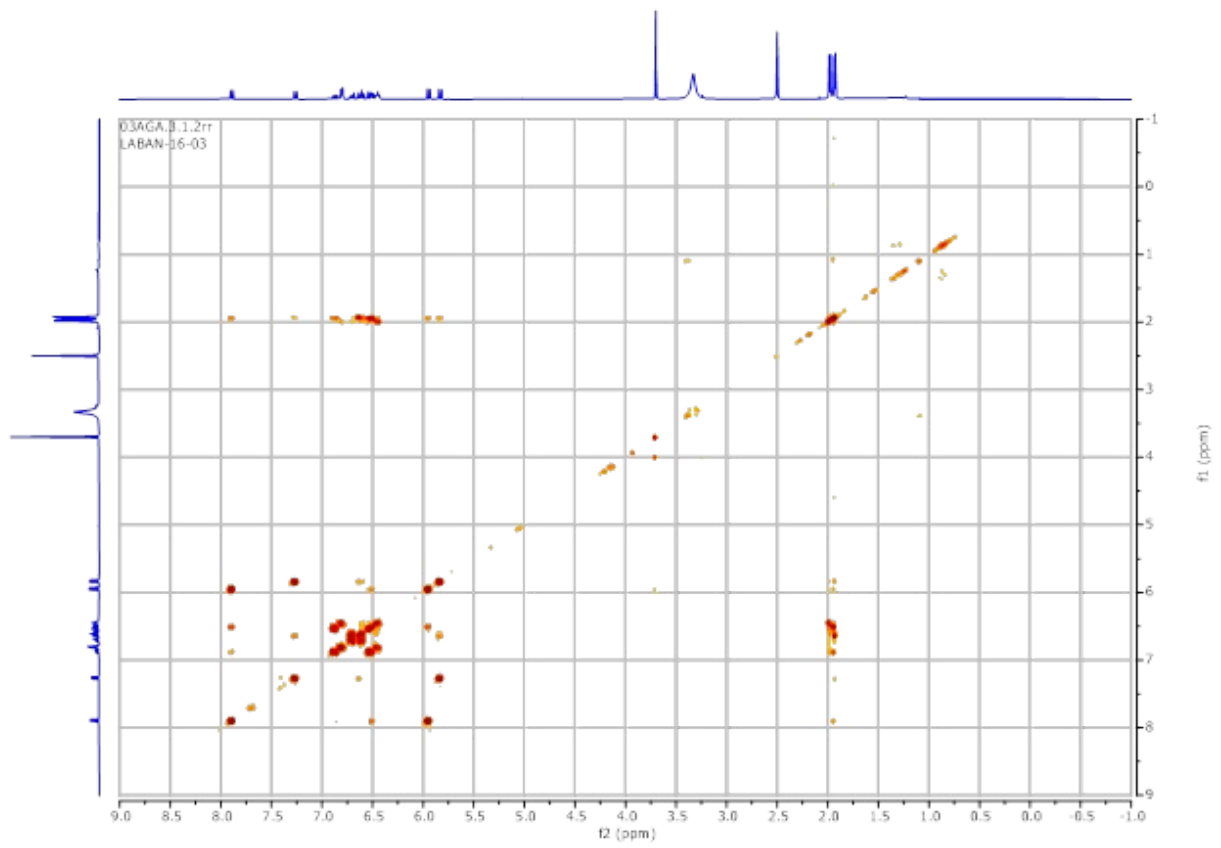
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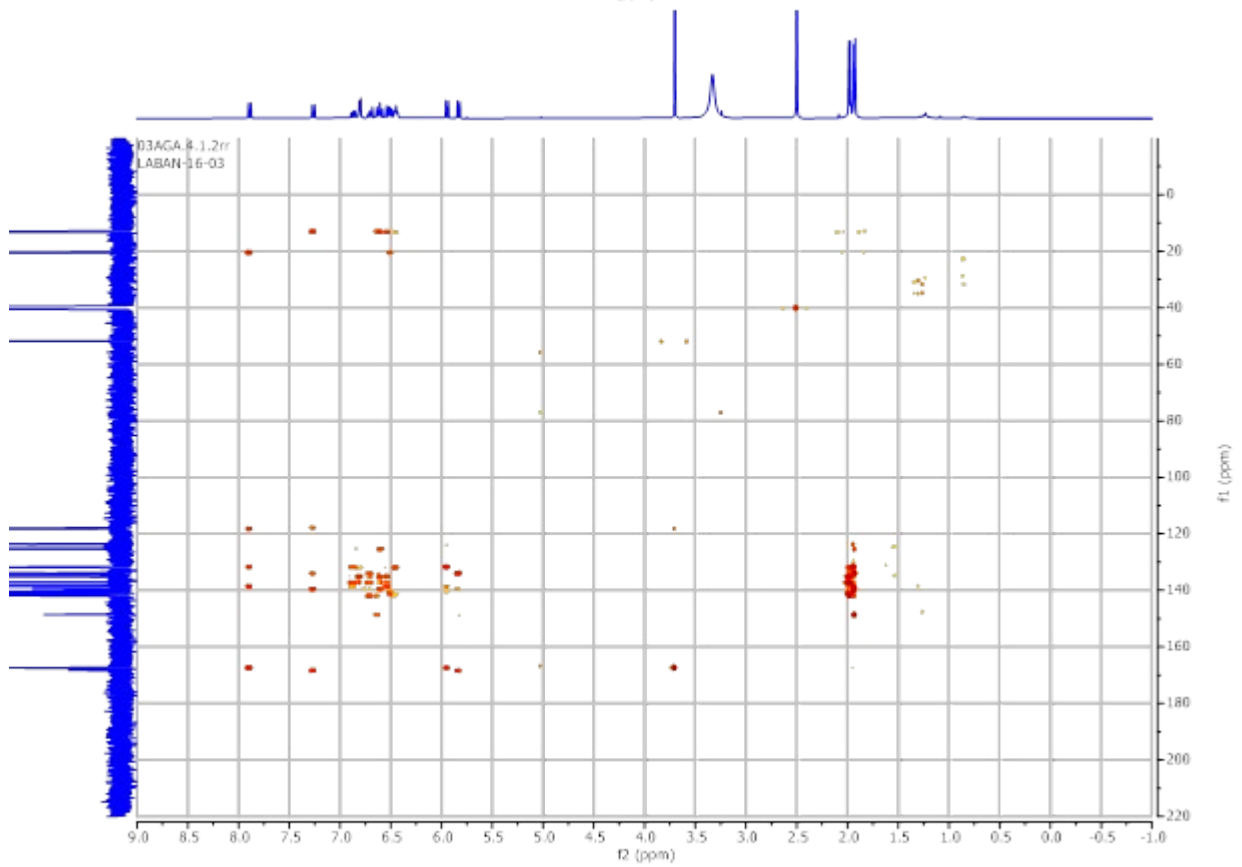


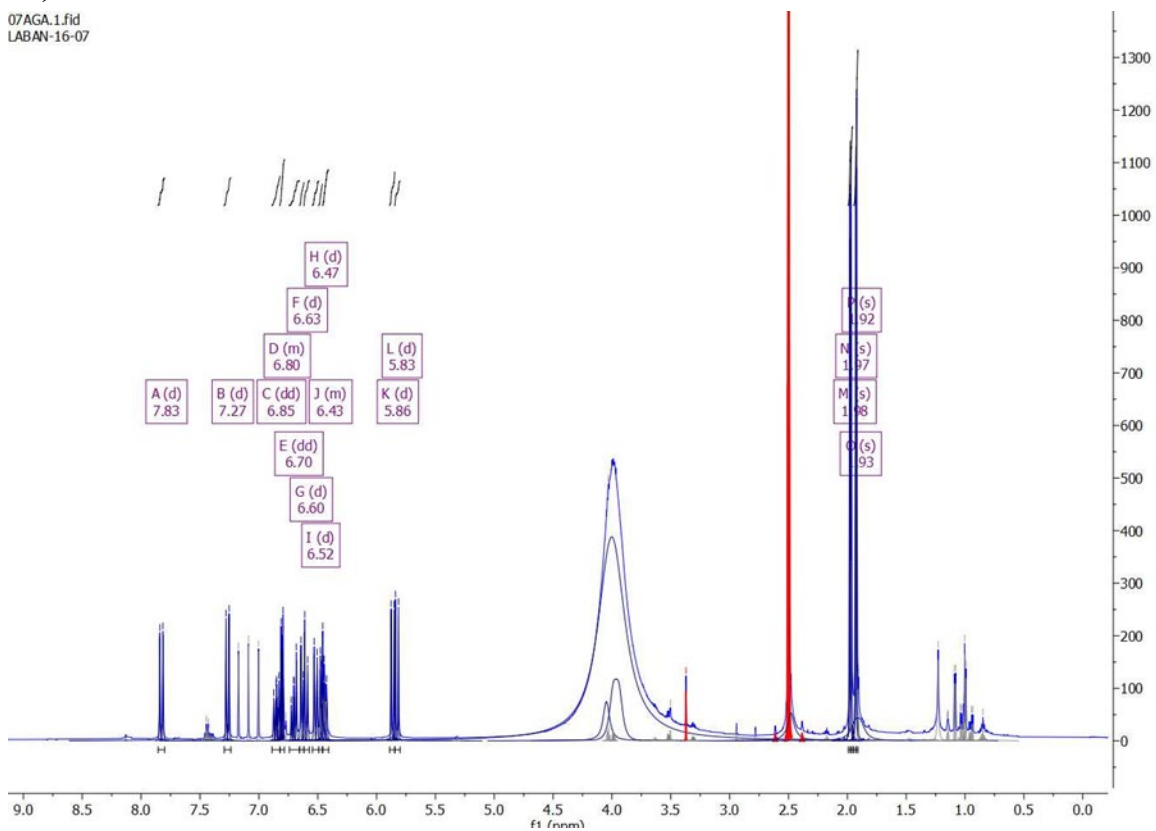
Figure S1. NMR spectra of 1. a) ^1H , b) ^{13}C , c) COSY, d) HSQC.

Table S1. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D₆-DMSO) and ¹³C-NMR (121 MHz, D₆-DMSO) Data of 1. Chemical shifts δ in ppm and coupling constants *J* in Hz.

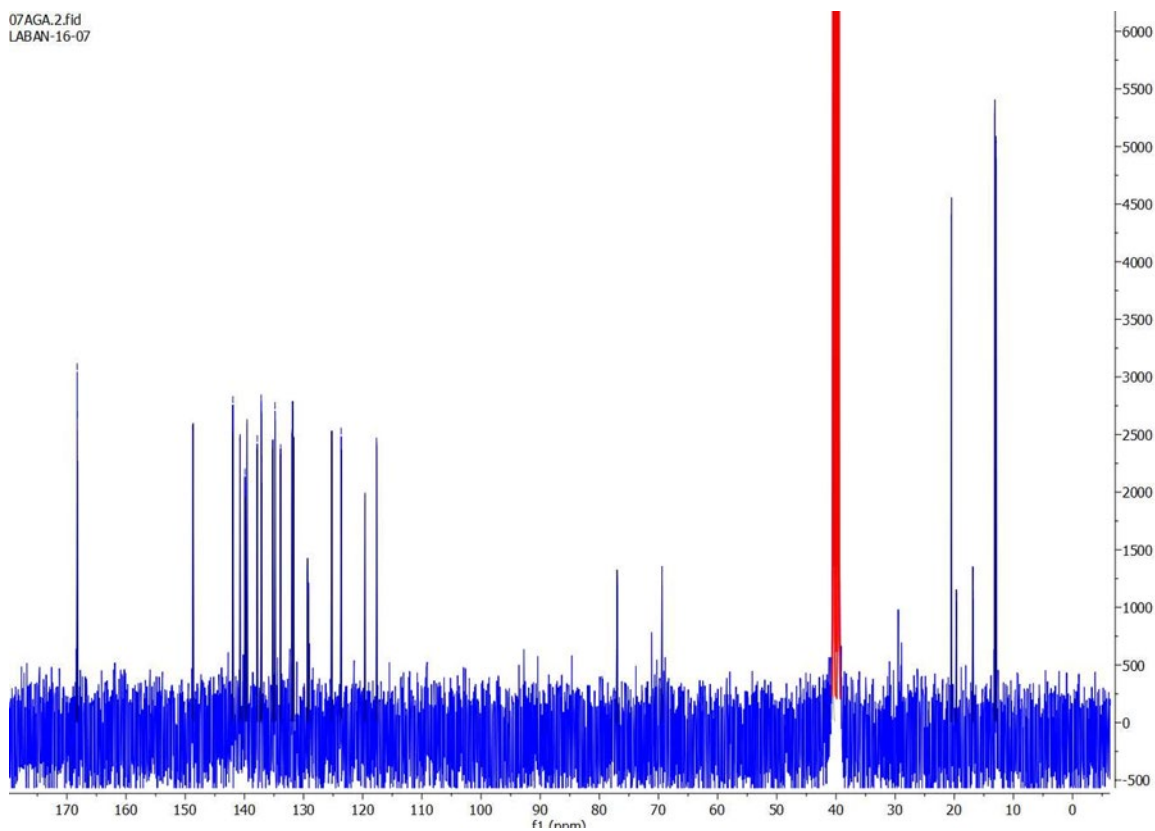
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MeO (1'')	3.70 (<i>s</i>)	MeO (1'')	51.39
		C(6')	166.86
H-C(7')	5.94 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(7')	117.67
H-C(8')	7.89 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(8')	139.94
		C(9')	131.18
H-C(10')	6.50 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 11.8 Hz, 1H)	C(10')	138.04
H-C(11')	6.87 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.7, 11.8 Hz, 1H)	C(11')	123.15
H-C(12')	6.53 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.7 Hz, 1H)	C(12')	140.60
		C(13')	136.72
H-C(14')	6.45(<i>m</i>)	C(14')	134.68
H-C(15')	6.80 (<i>m</i>)	C(15')	131.32
Me(19')	1.97 (<i>s</i>)	C(19')	12.67
Me(20')	1.94 (<i>s</i>)	C(20')	19.92
		C(6)	167.83
H-C(7)	5.83 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(7)	117.32
H-C(8)	7.26 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(8)	148.11
		C(9)	133.45
H-C(10)	6.60 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.8 Hz, 1H)	C(10)	141.42
H-C(11)	6.71 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H)	C(11)	124.81
H-C(12)	6.63 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 11.3 Hz, 1H)	C(12)	139.00
		C(13)	136.67
H-C(14)	6.45 (<i>m</i>)	C(14)	134.54
H-C(15)	6.80 (<i>m</i>)	C(15)	131.43
Me(19)	1.92 (<i>s</i>)	C(19)	12.48
Me(20)	1.96 (<i>s</i>)	C(20')	12.57

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.07 (*s*, 1H), 7.89 (*d*, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (*d*, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (*dd*, *J* = 14.7, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.76 (*m*, 2H), 6.71 (*dd*, *J* = 14.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (*d*, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (*d*, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (*d*, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (*d*, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 – 6.42 (*m*, 2H), 5.94 (*d*, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (*d*, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (*s*, 3H), 2.00 – 1.95 (*m*, 6H), 1.95 – 1.91 (*m*, 6H), 1.23 (*s*, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.83, 166.86, 148.11, 141.42, 140.60, 139.94, 139.00, 138.04, 136.72, 136.67, 134.68, 134.54, 133.45, 131.43, 131.32, 131.18, 124.81, 123.15, 117.67, 117.32, 51.39, 19.92, 12.67, 12.57, 12.48.

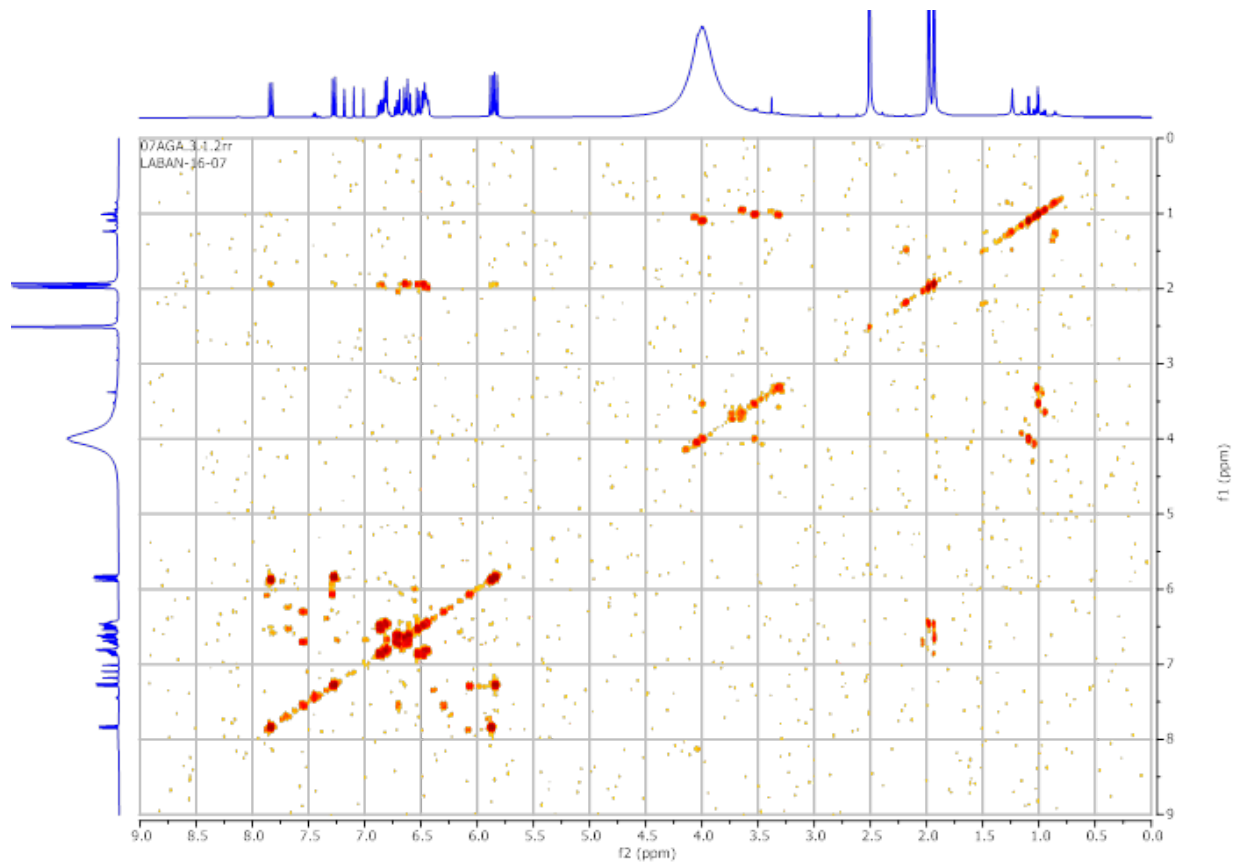
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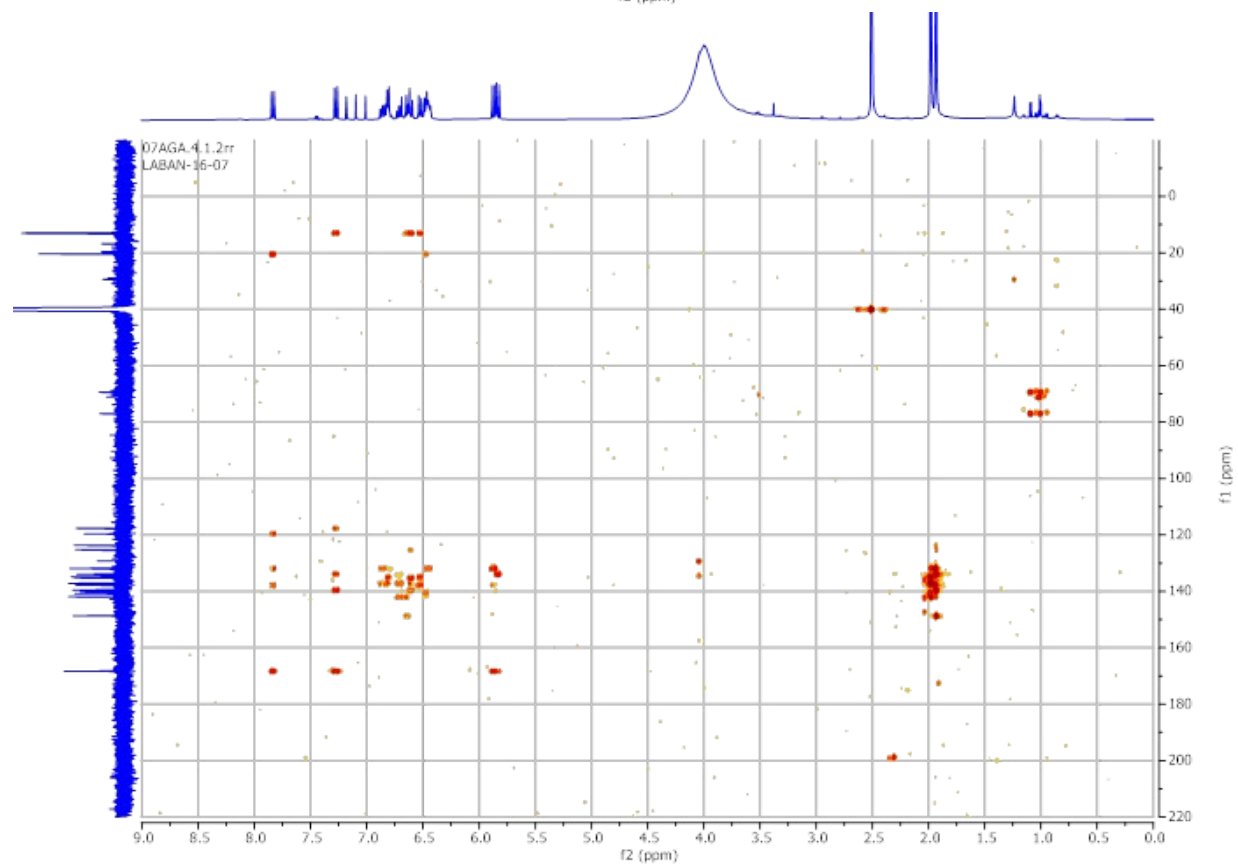


Figure S2. NMR spectra of 2. a) ^1H , b) ^{13}C , c) COSY, d) HSQC.

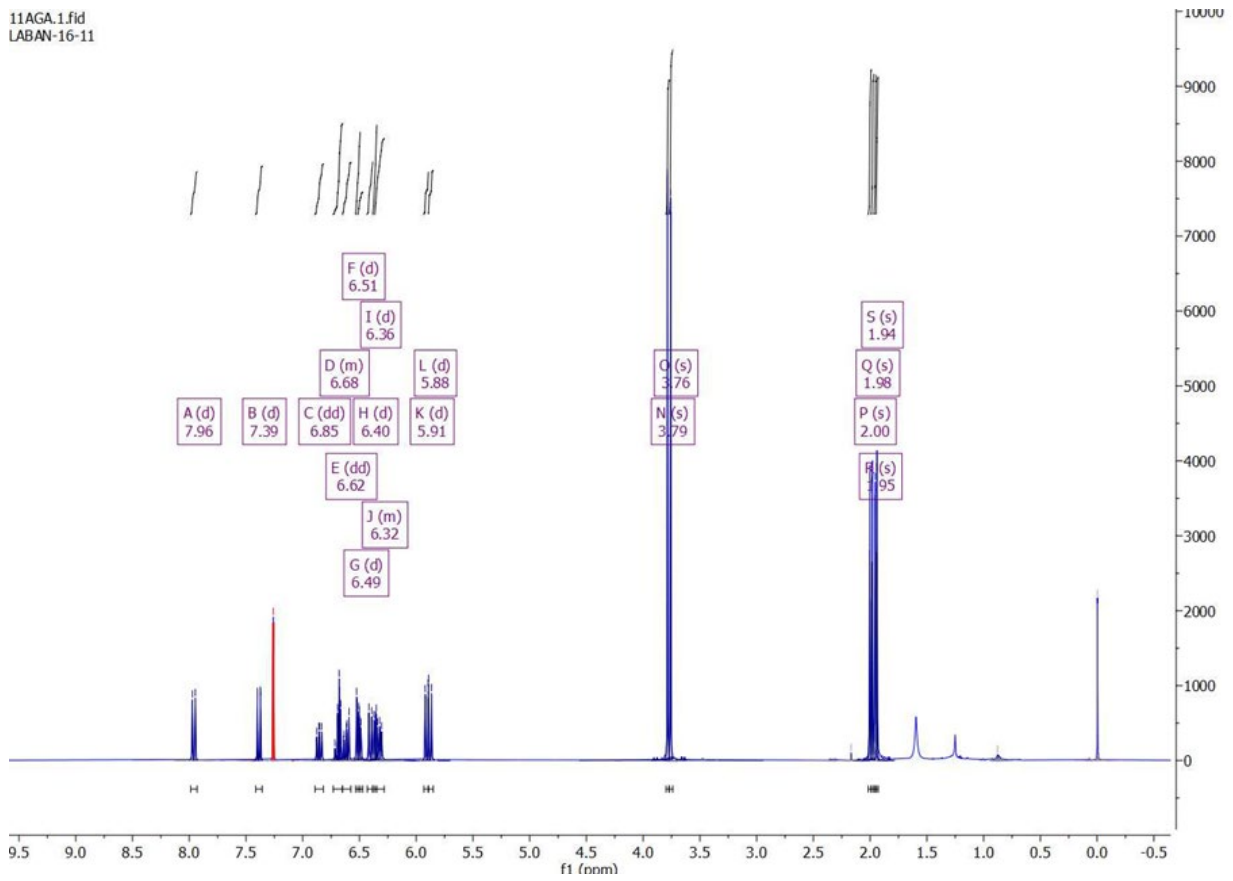
Table S2. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D₆-DMSO) and ¹³C-NMR (121 MHz, D₆-DMSO) Data of 1. Chemical shifts δ in ppm and coupling constants *J* in Hz.

H atom	¹ H δ (ppm)	C atom	¹³ C δ (ppm)
H-C(7')	5.86 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.4 Hz, 1H)	C(6')	168.25
H-C(8')	7.83 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.4 Hz, 1H)	C(7')	119.6
		C(8')	139.55
		C(9')	129.14
H-C(10')	6.48 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.7 Hz, 1H)	C(10')	137.12
H-C(11')	6.85 (dd, <i>J</i> = 14.8, 11.7 Hz, 1H)	C(11')	126.65
H-C(12')	6.52 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.8 Hz, 1H)	C(12')	140.72
		C(13')	135.2
H-C(14')	6.46 – 6.42 (m)	C(14')	133.88
H-C(15')	6.82 – 6.78 (m)	C(15')	129.31
Me(19')	1.97 (s)	C(19')	12.94
Me(20')	1.93 (s)	C(20')	13.04
		C(6)	168.27
H-C(7)	5.83 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(7)	117.67
H-C(8)	7.27 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(8)	148.67
		C(9)	131.85
H-C(10)	6.60 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.8 Hz, 1H)	C(10)	141.95
H-C(11)	6.70 (dd, <i>J</i> = 14.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H)	C(11)	125.24
H-C(12)	6.63 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.3 Hz, 1H)	C(12)	137.16
		C(13)	134.83
H-C(14)	6.46 – 6.42 (m)	C(14)	131.94
H-C(15)	6.82 – 6.78 (m)	C(15)	131.69
Me(19)	1.92(s)	C(19)	12.94
Me(20)	1.97(s)	C(20')	13.04

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 – 6.41 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.27, 168.25, 148.67, 141.95, 140.72, 139.55, 137.16, 137.12, 135.20, 134.83, 133.88, 131.94, 131.85, 131.69, 129.31, 129.14, 125.24, 123.65, 119.60, 117.67, 20.46, 19.66, 16.86, 13.13, 13.04, 12.94.

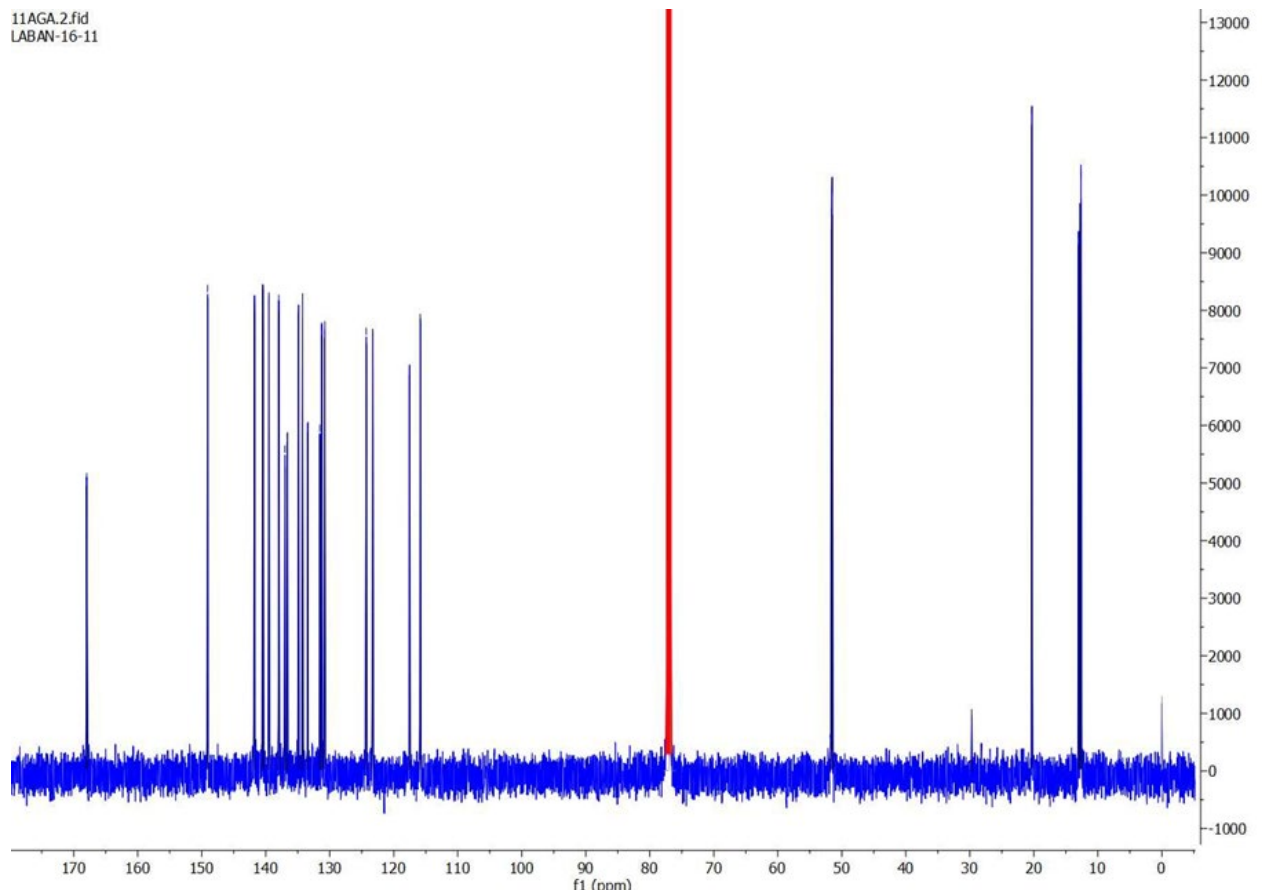
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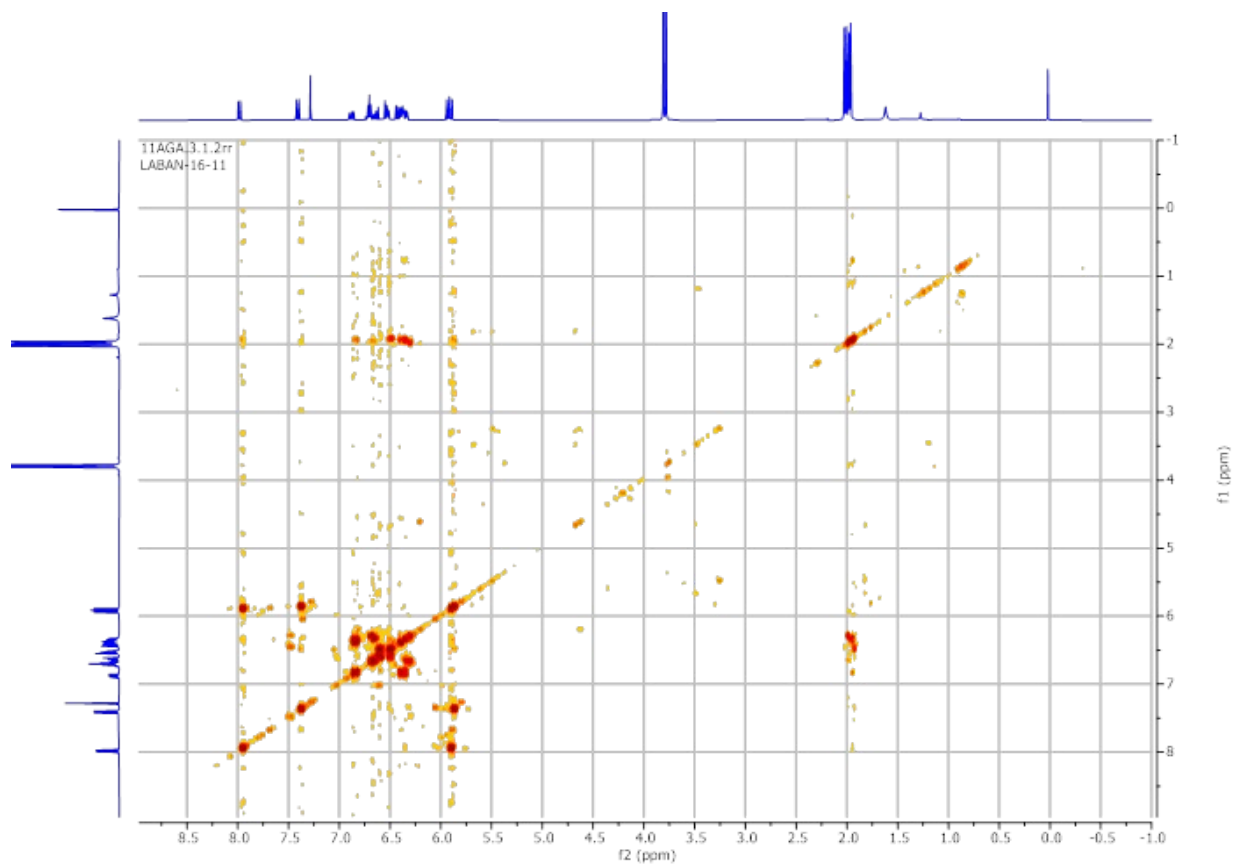


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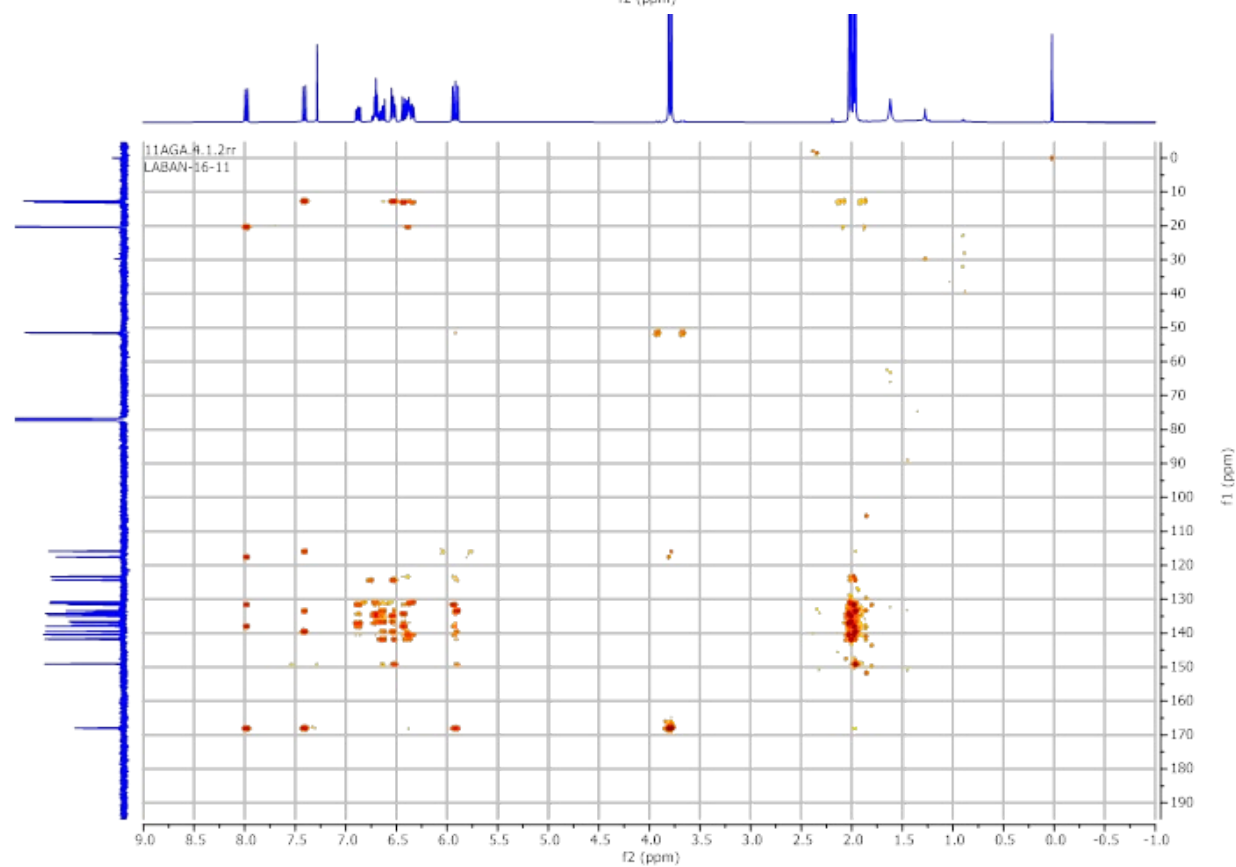


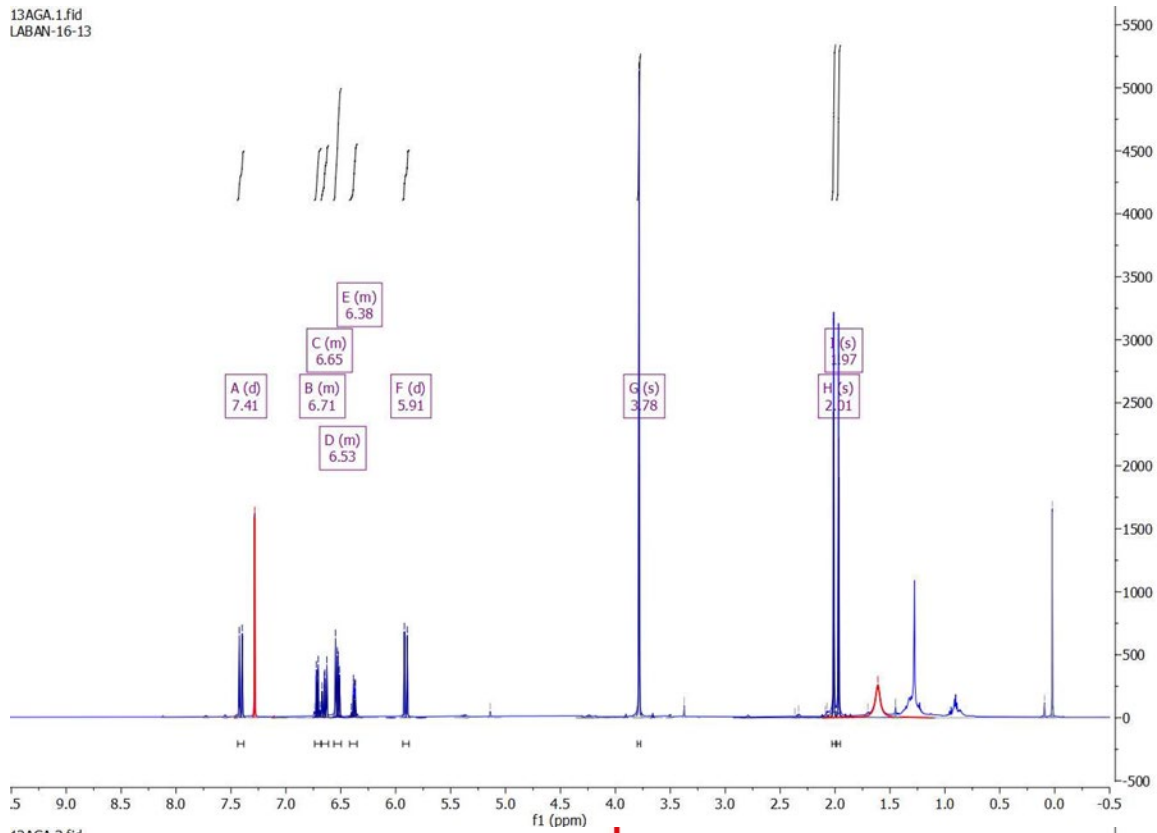
Figure S3. NMR spectra of 3 a) ¹H, b) ¹³C, c) COSY, d) HSQC.

Table S3. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C-NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃). Data of 3. Chemical shifts δ in ppm and coupling constants *J* in Hz.

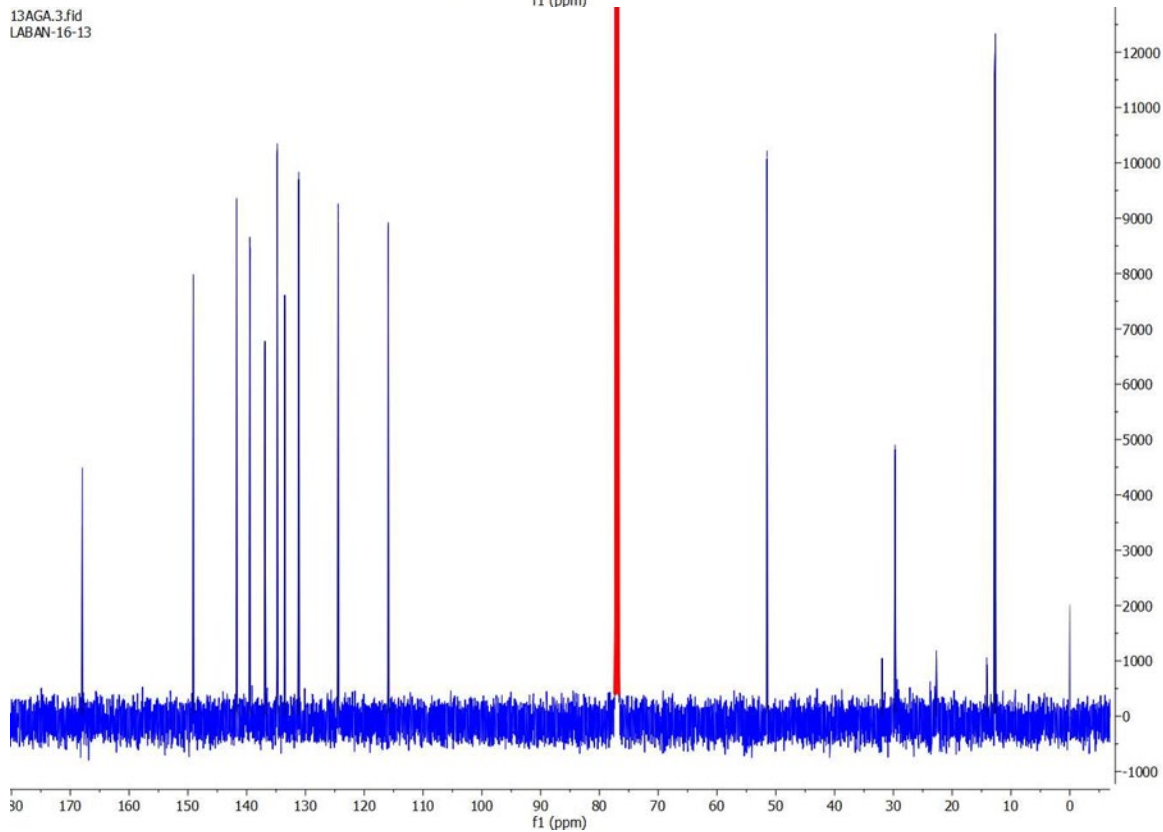
H atom	¹ H δ (ppm)	C atom	¹³ C δ (ppm)
MeO (1'')	3.76 (s, 3H)	C(1'')	51.48
		C(6')	167.94
H-C(7')	5.91 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.4 Hz, 1H)	C(7')	117.51
H-C(8')	7.96 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.4 Hz, 1H)	C(8')	140.46
		C(9')	133.41
H-C(10')	6.36 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.6 Hz, 1H)	C(10')	137.95
H-C(11')	6.85 (dd, <i>J</i> = 14.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H)	C(11')	123.30
H-C(12')	6.40 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.8 Hz, 1H)	C(12')	140.41
		C(13')	136.99
H-C(14')	6.35 – 6.29 (m)	C(14')	134.86
H-C(15')	6.73 – 6.65 (m)	C(15')	131.24
Me(19')	1.98 (s, 3H)	C(19')	13.01
Me(20')	1.95 (s, 3H)	C(20')	20.29
MeO (1''')	3.79 (s, 3H)	C(1''')	51.60
		C(6)	167.98
H-C(7)	5.88 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(7)	115.81
H-C(8)	7.39 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.5 Hz, 1H)	C(8)	149.08
		C(9)	131.54
H-C(10)	6.49 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.5 Hz, 1H)	C(10)	139.50
H-C(11)	6.62 (dd, <i>J</i> = 14.6, 11.5 Hz, 1H)	C(11)	124.29
H-C(12)	6.51 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.6 Hz, 1H)	C(12)	141.76
		C(13)	136.60
H-C(14)	6.36 – 6.28 (m)	C(14)	134.24
H-C(15)	6.73 – 6.65 (m)	C(15)	130.77
Me(19)	1.94 (s, 3H)	C(19)	12.65
Me(20)	2.00 (s, 3H)	C(20')	12.78

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 – 6.28 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.98, 167.94, 149.08, 141.76, 140.46, 140.41, 139.50, 137.95, 136.99, 136.60, 134.86, 134.24, 133.41, 131.54, 131.24, 130.77, 124.29, 123.30, 117.51, 115.85, 115.81, 51.60, 51.48, 20.29, 13.01, 12.78, 12.65.

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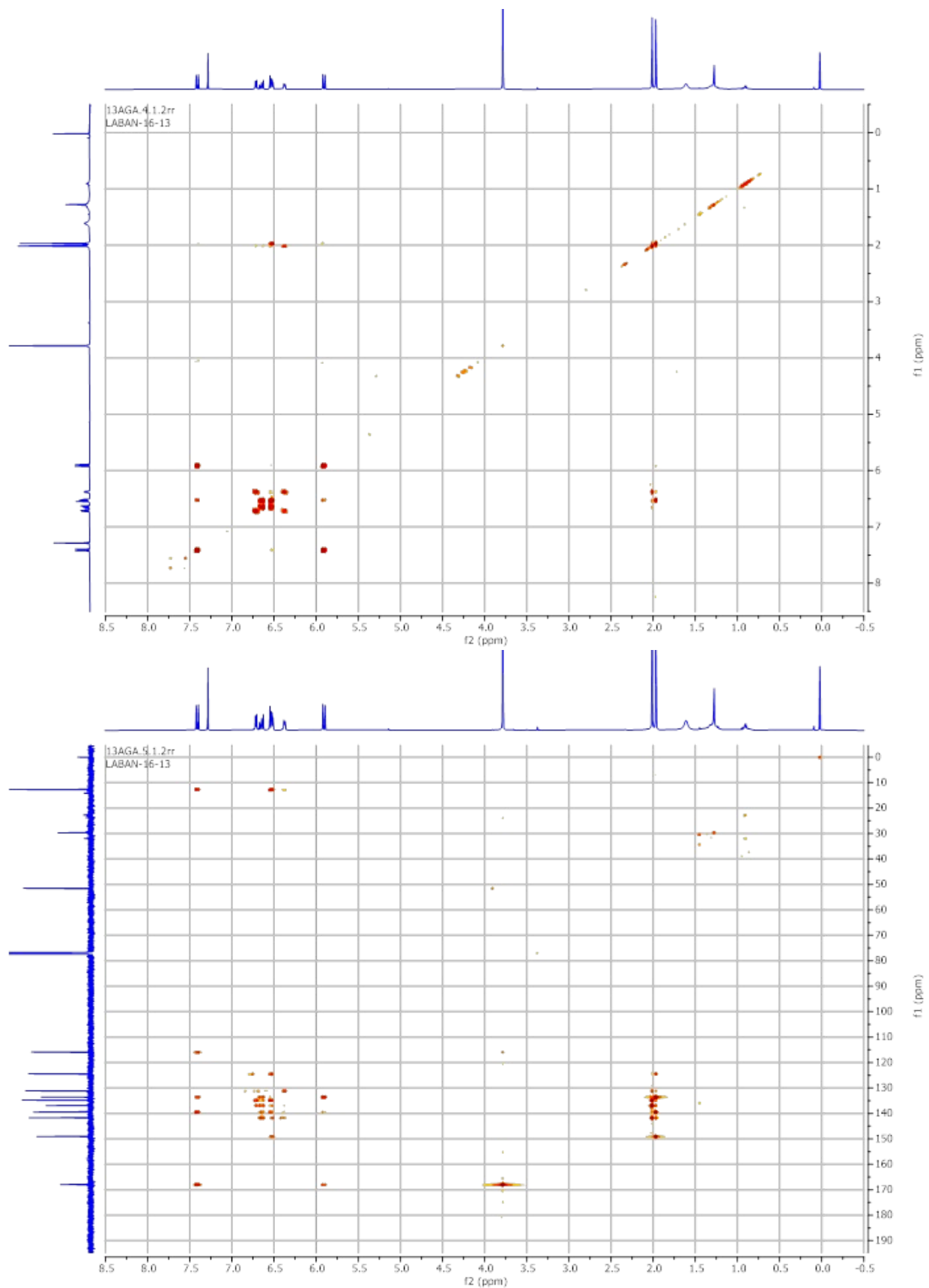
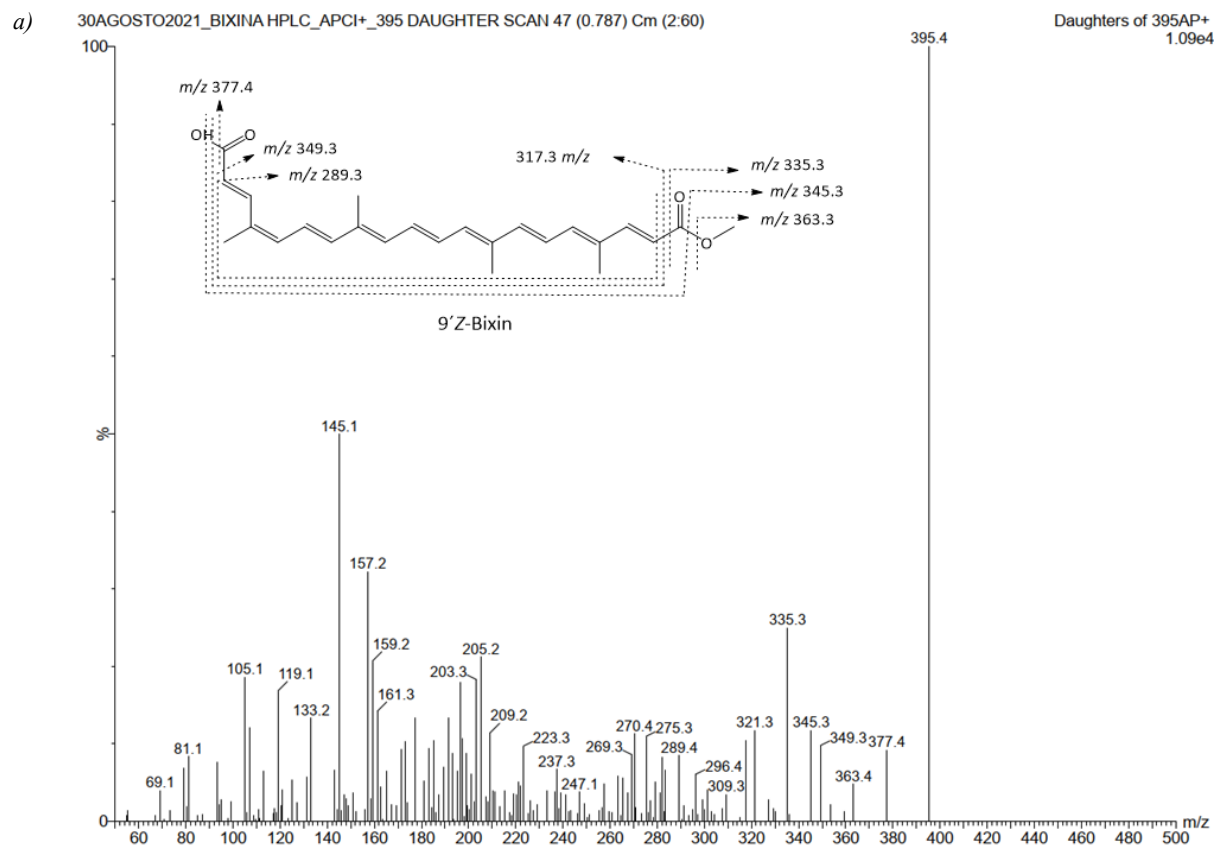


Figure S4. NMR spectra of 4 a) ^1H , b) ^{13}C , c) COSY, d) HSQC.

Table S4. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (121 MHz, CDCl_3). Data of 4. Chemical shifts δ in ppm and coupling constants J in Hz.

H atom	^1H δ (ppm)	C atom	^{13}C δ (ppm)
MeO (1'')	3.76 (s, 6H)	C(1'')	51.49
		C(6')	167.94
H-C(7')	5.88 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 2H)	C(7')	117.51
H-C(8')	7.39 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 2H)	C(8')	149.06
		C(9')	133.52
H-C(10')	6.39 – 6.33 (m, 2H)	C(10')	139.46
H-C(11')	6.65 – 6.59 (m, 2H)	C(11')	124.43
H-C(12')	6.54 – 6.47 (m, 2H)	C(12')	141.70
		C(13')	136.87
H-C(14')	6.35 – 6.29 (m)	C(14')	134.79
H-C(15')	6.71 – 6.65 (m, 2H)	C(15')	131.14
Me(19')	1.99 (s, 6H)	C(19')	12.80
Me(20')	1.94 (s, 6H).	C(20')	12.66
MeO (1')	3.76 (s, 6H)	C(1')	51.49
		C(6)	167.94
H-C(7)	5.88 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 2H)	C(7)	115.81
H-C(8)	7.39 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 2H)	C(8)	149.06
		C(9)	133.52
H-C(10)	6.39 – 6.33 (m, 2H)	C(10)	139.46
H-C(11)	6.65 – 6.59 (m, 2H)	C(11)	124.43
H-C(12)	6.54 – 6.47 (m, 2H)	C(12)	141.70
		C(13)	136.87
H-C(14)	6.36 – 6.28 (m)	C(14)	134.79
H-C(15)	6.71 – 6.65 (m, 2H)	C(15)	131.14
Me(19)	1.99(s, 6H)	C(19)	12.80
Me(20)	1.94 (s, 6H).	C(20')	12.66

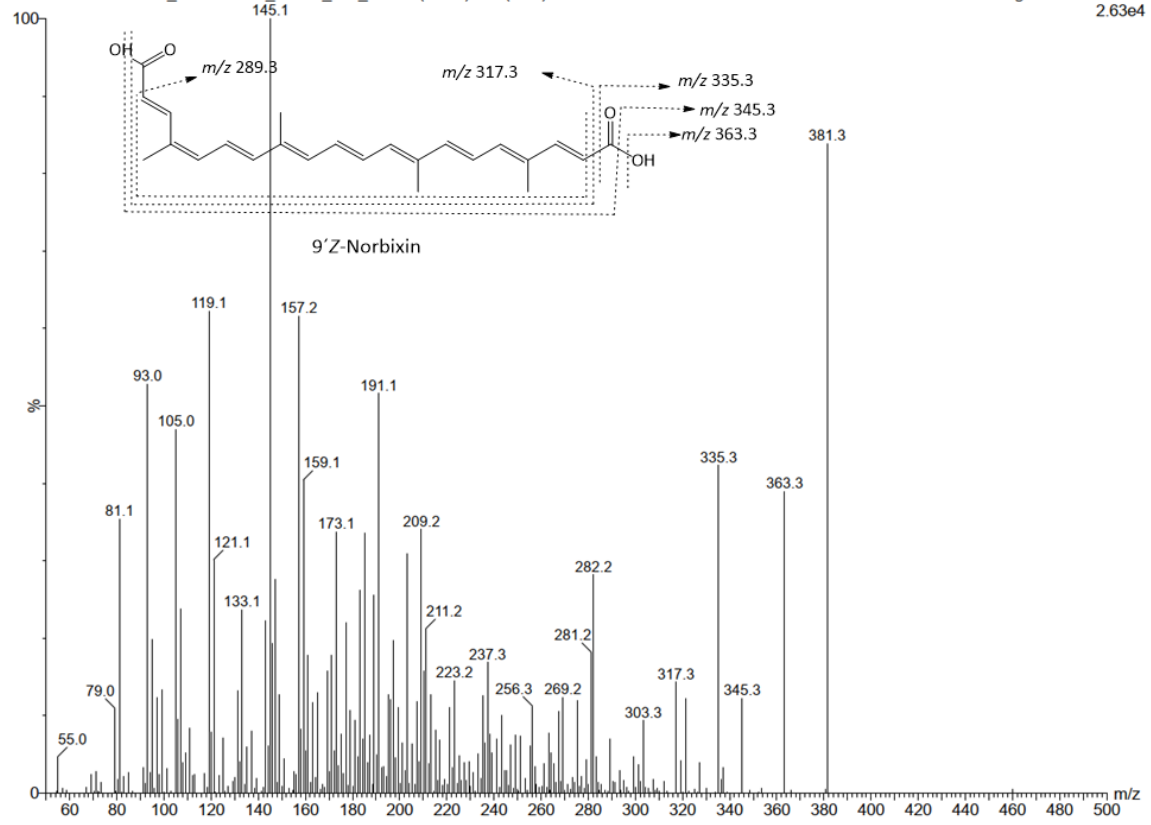
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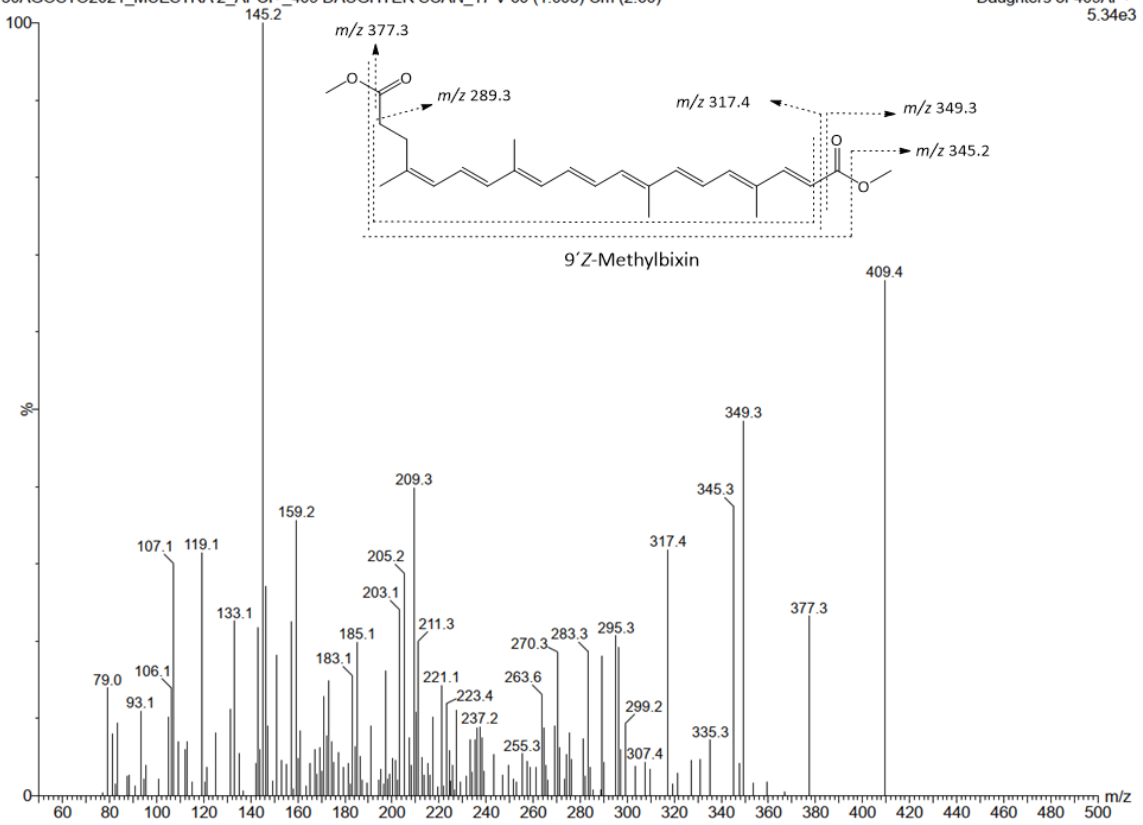
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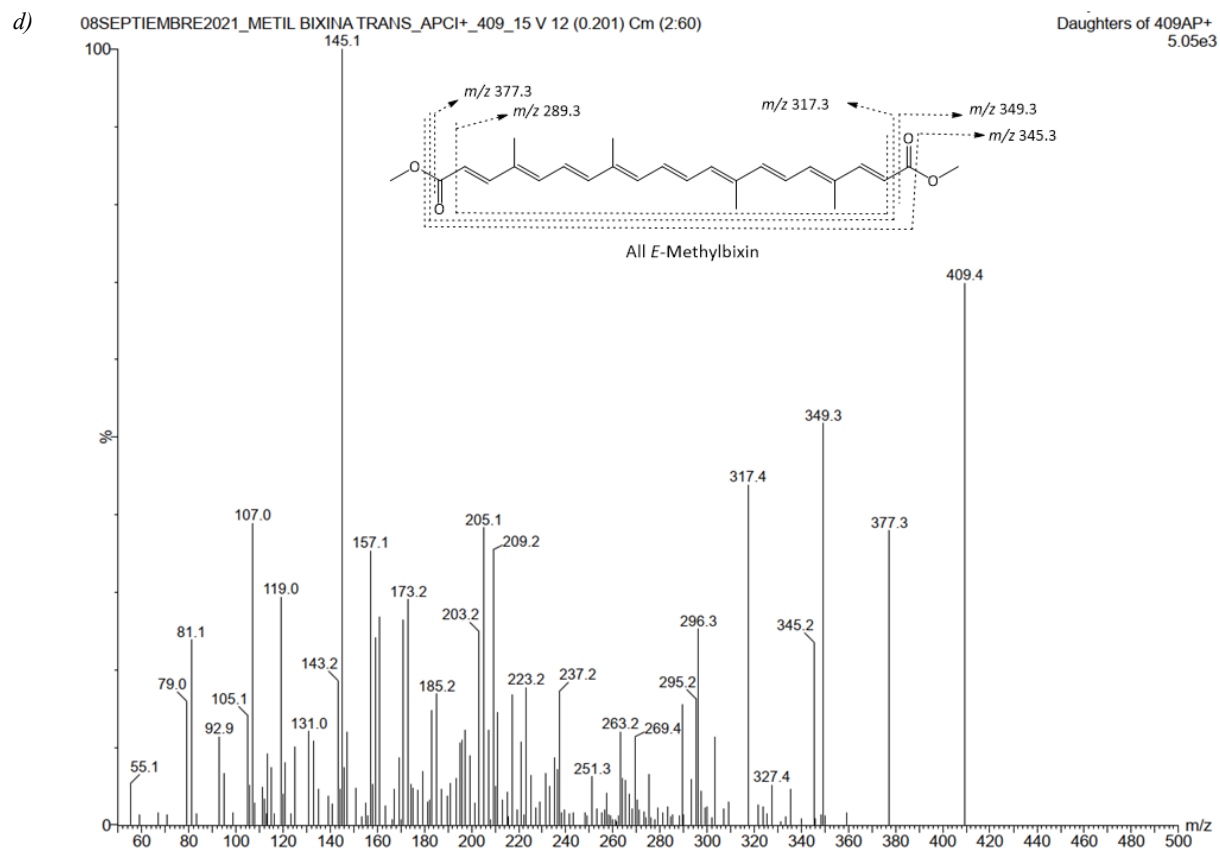
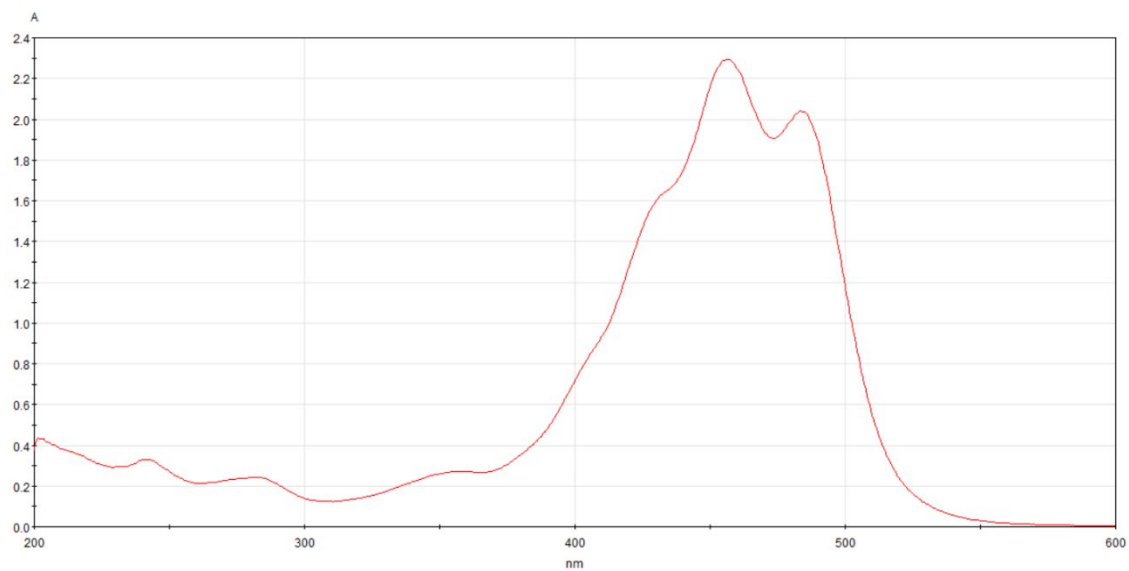


Figure S5. Mass spectrum of a) 1, b) 2, c) 3 and 4).

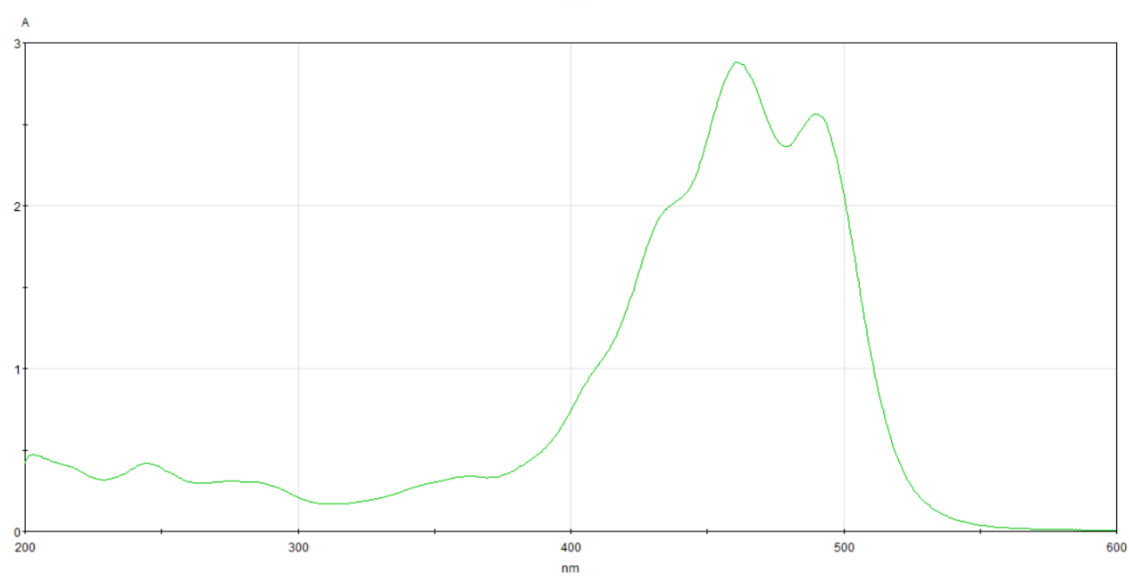
Table 5. Mass spectrometric information of bixin (1) and bixin derivatives (2, 3 and 4)

Compound	Molecular formula	Experimental m/z		Fragmentation MS ² m/z
		M ⁺	[M+H] ⁺	
9'Z-bixin (1)	C ₂₅ H ₃₀ O ₄	394.4	395.4	377.4, 363.4, 349.3, 345.3, 335.3, 317.3, 289.3, 209.2, 197.2, 157.2, 145.2
9'Z-norbixin (2)	C ₂₄ H ₂₈ O ₄	380.2	381.2	363.3, 345.3, 335.3, 317.3, 282.2, 289.3, 209.2, 191.1, 145.1
9'Z-methylbixin (3)	C ₂₆ H ₃₂ O ₄	408.2	409.2	377.3, 349.3, 345.3, 317.4, 295.3, 289.3, 283.3, 209.3, 145.2
All E- methylbixin (4)	C ₂₆ H ₃₂ O ₄	408.2	409.2	377.3, 349.3, 345.2, 317.4, 296.3, 289.3, 205.1, 145.1

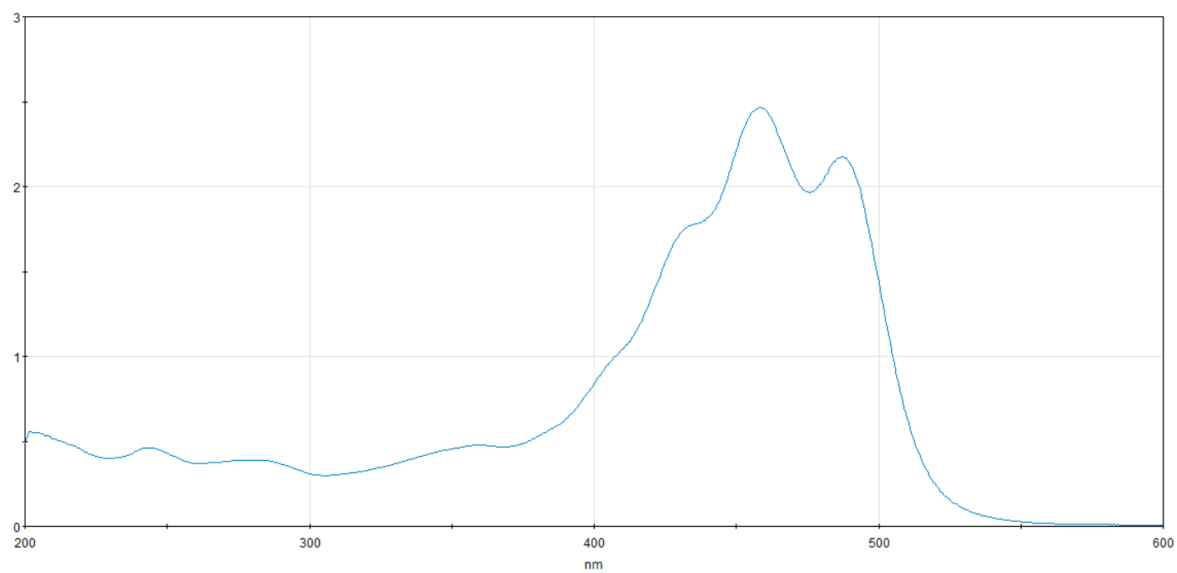
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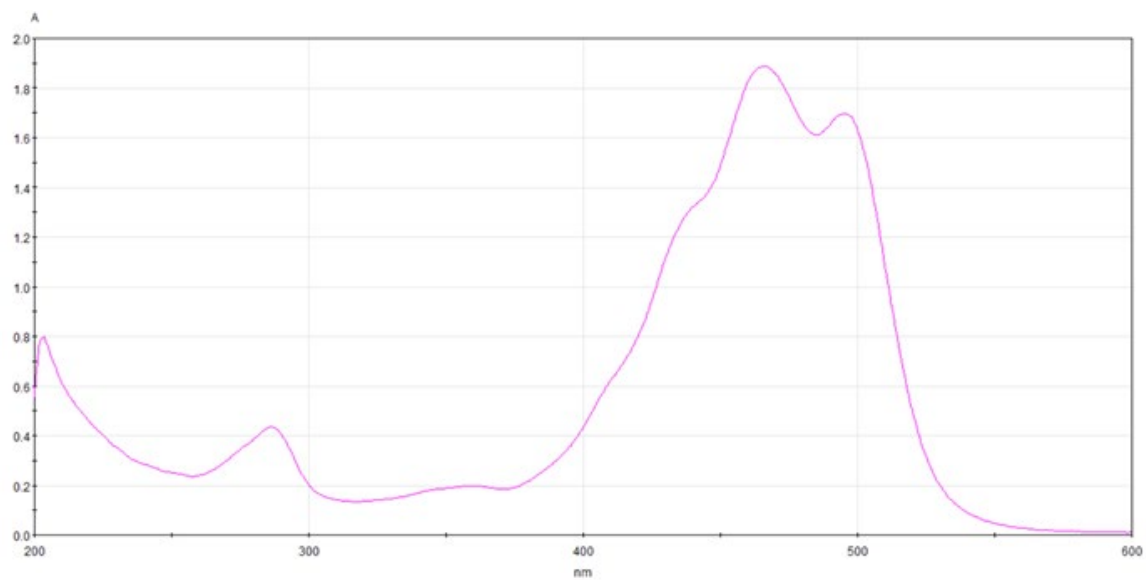


Figure S6. UV-Vis spectrum of a) 1, b) 2, c) 3 and d) 4.