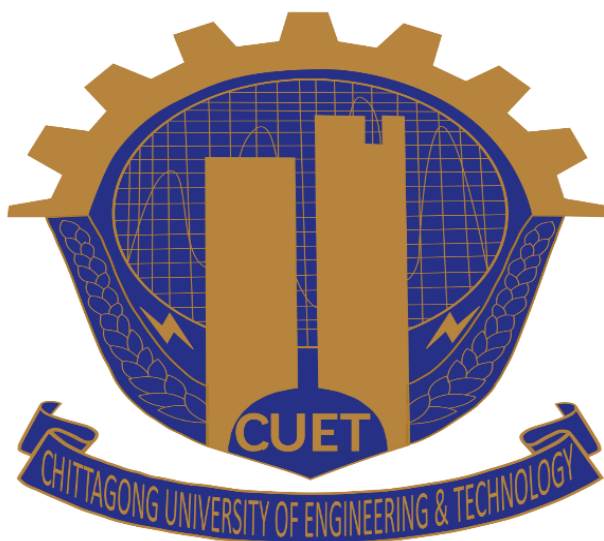


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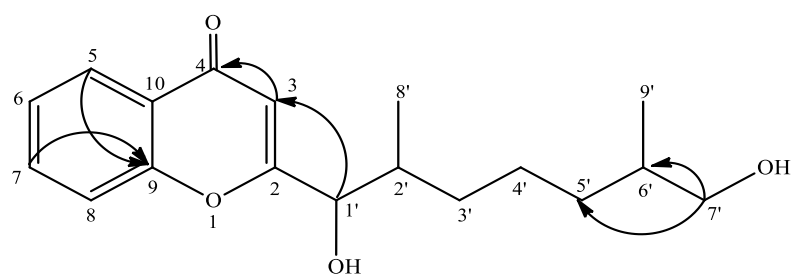
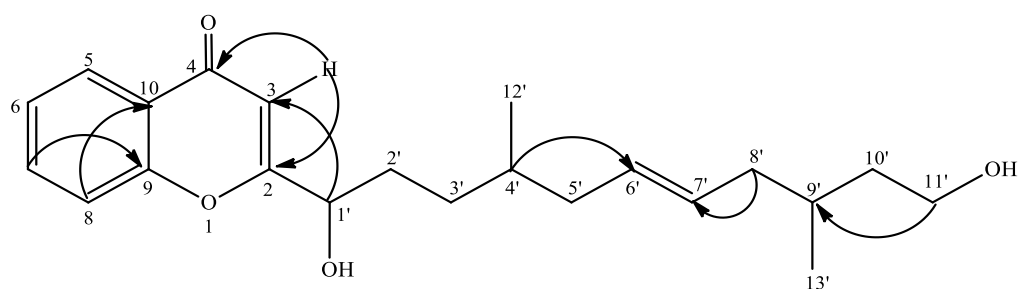
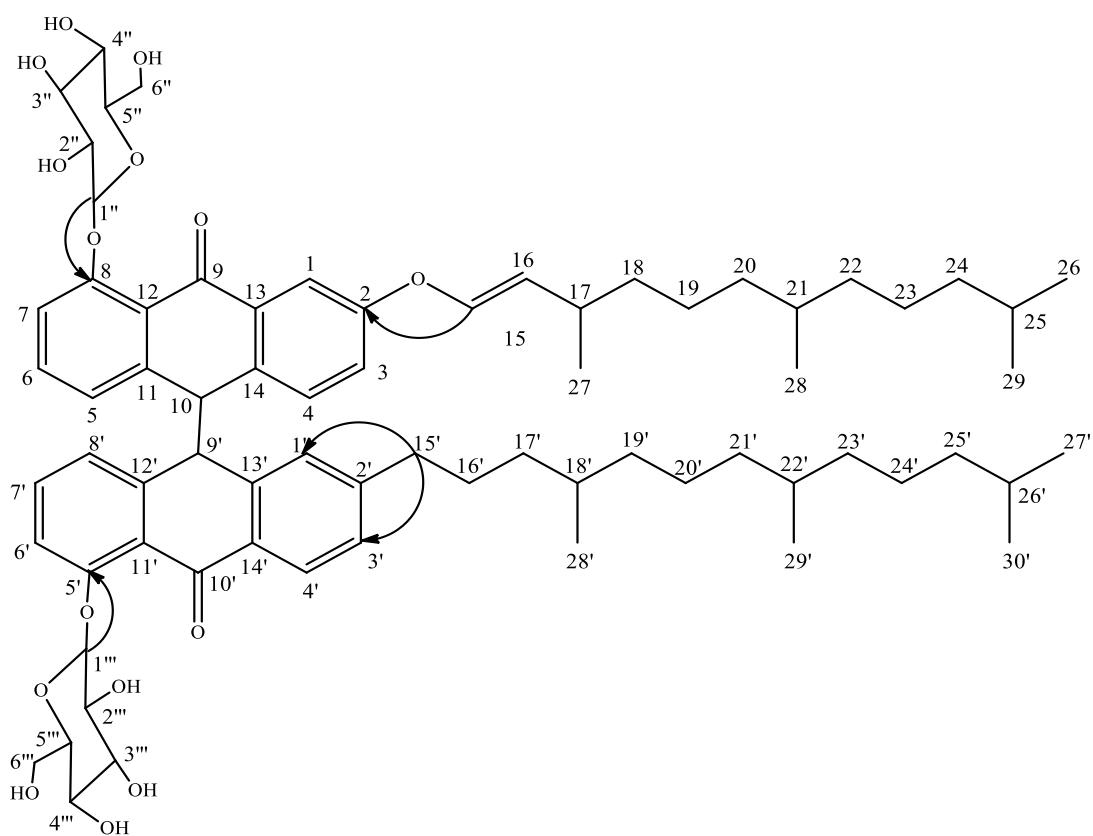
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Abstract

The plant *Cassia fistula* is one the important medicinal plants of Bangladesh. It belongs to the family *Fabaceae* and genus *Cassia*. The plant *Cassia fistula* is locally known as Sonalu. It is a medium sized deciduous or semi-deciduous tree, 10 to 15 m tall with a straight trunk to 5 m in height and 1 m in diameter. The leaves are deep green, flowers are bright yellow in color. The fruit is a pendulous and cylindrical. It is black, glabrous and many seeded. Seeds are ovate, imbedded horizontally, dark colored pulp. This plant is used for the treatment of several diseases like skin diseases, abdomen pain, fever and leprosy etc.

Different types of compounds like flavonoids, glycosides, alkaloids, steroids and amino acids have been reported from the plant of the genus *Cassia*. Anthraquinone glycosides, kaempferol, tannins and chromen were reported from *Cassia fistula*. The purpose of the present research work was a phytochemical investigation on the fruits of *Cassia fistula* for the isolation of bioactive secondary metabolites like alkaloid, flavonoid, and chromen as well as to determine their molecular structure. Fresh and matured fruits of *Cassia fistula* were collected from Sitakunda-Kumira hill region of Chittagong district during the month of December 2020. The dried powdered fruits (3 kg) were successively extracted with dichloromethane (DCM) and rectified sprite (RS). RS extract was concentrated to 250 ml and partitioned with CHCl_3 , EtOAc and *n*- butanol respectively. On the removal of the solvent CHCl_3 extract gave a green Mass 31 g.

Fractionation and purification of CHCl_3 extract afforded three pure compounds, named as **P1**, **P2** and **P3**. Compounds **P1** and **P2** showed remarkable antibacterial activities against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria and compounds **P3** exhibited significant antifungal activities against the fungi *Aspergillus niger*. Their structure of compounds were established as 2-(1', 7' - dihydroxy-2', 6' - dimethylheptyl)-4H- chromen-4-one (**P1**), (E)-2-(1', 11' -dihydroxy-4', 9' -dimethylundec-6' -en-1' -yl)-4H-chromen-4-one (**P2**) and 5''[{(2R,3S,5R,6S)-3'',4'',5''-trihydroxy-6''(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl}oxy]-5'''[{(2S, 3R, 5S,6R)-3''',4''',5'''-trihydroxy-6'''(hydroxymethyl) tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl}oxy]-17-[(E)-17,21,25 -trimethyldodec-15-en-15-yl}oxy]-2'-(28',29',30'-trimethyltridecyl)--9,10'-bianthracene]-9, 10' (9H,10H)-dione (**P3**)

**P1****P2****P3**

সারাংশ

ক্যাসিয়া ফিস্টুলা বাংলাদেশের একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ঔষধি গাছ। এটি *Fabaceae* এবং *Cassia* বংশের অন্তর্গত। ক্যাসিয়া ফিস্টুলা উদ্ভিদ স্থানীয়ভাবে সোনালু নামে পরিচিত। এটি একটি মাঝারি আকারের পর্ণমোচী বা অর্ধ-পর্ণমোচী গাছ, উচ্চতা ১০ থেকে ১৫ মিটার যার একটি সোজা কাণ্ড ৫ মিটার লম্বা এবং ব্যাস ১ মিটার হয়। পাতার রং গাঢ় সবুজ ও ফুল হয় উজ্জ্বল হলুদ বর্ণের। ফল গুলো লটকানো এবং নলাকার হয়। এইগুলো কালো, চকচকে এবং অনেক বীজযুক্ত হয়। বীজ ডিম্বাকার, অনুভূমিকভাবে বাঁধা, গাঢ় রঙের সজ্জার হয়। এই উদ্ভিদটি চর্মরোগ, পেটে ব্যথা, জ্বর এবং কুষ্ঠরোগের মতো বিভিন্ন রোগের চিকিৎসায় ব্যবহৃত হয়।

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২০২০ সালের ডিসেম্বর মাসে চট্টগ্রাম জেলার সীতাকুণ্ড-কুমিরা পার্বত্য অঞ্চল থেকে ক্যাসিয়া ফিস্টুলার তাজা এবং পরিপক্ক ফল সংগ্রহ করা হয়েছিল। এই পরিপক্ক ফলের শুকনো গুঁড়ো (৩ কেজি) পর্যায়ক্রমে RS এবং CHCl_3 দিয়ে বের করা হয়েছিল। দ্রাবক CHCl_3 নির্যাস অপসারণ করে (RS পার্টিশন থেকে) ৪.৭৪৭২ গ্রাম একটি গাঢ় সবুজ নির্যাস পাওয়া যায়।

CHCl_3 নির্যাসের ভগ্নাংশ এবং বিশুদ্ধকরণের মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্ত তিনটি বিশুদ্ধ যৌগের নাম দেওয়া হয়েছিল P1, P2 এবং P3 । P1 এবং P2 যৌগগুলি গ্রাম-পজিটিভ এবং গ্রাম-নেগেটিভ ব্যাকটেরিয়ার বিরুদ্ধে উল্লেখযোগ্য অ্যান্টিব্যাকটেরিয়াল কার্যকলাপ দেখিয়েছে এবং P3 যৌগ *Aspergillus niger* ছত্রাকের বিরুদ্ধে উল্লেখযোগ্য অ্যান্টিফাঙ্গাল কার্যকলাপ প্রদর্শন করেছে।

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Abbreviation

TLC	Thin layer chromatography
TMS	Tetra Methyl Saline
UV	Ultraviolet
WHO	World Health Organization
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
VLC	Vacuum Liquid Chromatography
GLC	Gas Liquid Chromatography
g	Gram
HMBC	Hetero-Nuclear Multiple Bonds Correlation
HPLC	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
h	Hour
HIV	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
IR	Infrared
m.p	Melting Point
Mol.wt	Molecular Weight
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
ppm	Parts per million
ppt.	Precipitate
PC	Paper Chromatography
PPC	Preparative Paper Chromatography
PTLC	Preparative Thin Layer Chromatography
AMP	Aminopyrine
BNH	Bangladesh National Herbarium
CNS	Central Nervous System
CC	Column Chromatography
COSY	Correlated Spectroscopy
DCM	Dichloromethane
DEPT	Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer
DMSO	Dimethyl Sulphoxide
FTIR	Fourier-transform Infrared Spectroscopy
GC	Gas Chromatography
GCMS	Combined Gas Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry

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1. Introduction

1.1 General:

From the known prehistoric period, plants leaves, barks etc. have been used in many ways of medicinal purposes treating various diseases. Ancient Greek manuscripts called Egyptian papyri and various Chinese writings describe the uses of herbs. There is evidence that it has been used medicinally for over four thousand years by Indian Vaid, Unani Hakims, Mediterranean and European cultures. The World Health Organization reports that nearly eighty percent of people worldwide rely directly on herbal medicine for their initial health care and disease preventions.

According to pharmacology, plants are mainly divided into two groups- (a) poisonous i.e. harmful plants and (b) beneficial i.e. medicinal plants. Among these two main groups medicinal plants occupy an important place in human life those are also called medicinal herbs and since prehistoric periods, it has been discovered, practiced and used as traditional medicine. Hundreds of medicinal compounds synthesized from these herbs are used for various functions including defense and protection against fungi, viruses, insects, pathogenic microorganisms and various species of herbivorous mammals.

Due to the presence of medicinal molecules in medicinal plants, the plants are considered as main sources of natural compounds that are beneficial to treat human diseases and due to the presence of phytochemicals play a vital role in treating various diseases.

Many medicinal plants are traditionally used for various seasonal ailments. To save human's lives and preserve the trees, it should be propagated. In the last two decades the world has witnessed an unprecedented explosion of interest in the potential uses of these plant medicines in healthcare and this has sparked a renaissance in pharmacognosy.

However, Bangladesh is also looking forward to develop this herbal sector because there remains a wide range of acceptance among general people for having a common belief that herbal medicine is free of all side effects. Through exploiting this acceptance & maintaining proper quality control herbal sector has a huge scope for being established in medicinal practices in Bangladesh.

1.2 Some important plant derived drugs used in modern medicines:

Drug	Plant Source	Pharmacological activity
Aesculetin	<i>Frazinus rhychophylla</i>	Antidysentery
Aescin	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Antiinflammatory
Anisodamine	<i>Anisodus tanguticus</i>	Anticholinergic
Betulinic acid	<i>Betula alba</i>	Anticancerous
Bergenin	<i>Ardisia japonica</i>	Antitussive
Camphor	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Rubefacient
Caffeine	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	CNS stimulant
Digitalin	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Cardiotonic
Danthron	<i>Cassia species</i>	Laxative
Etoposide	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Antitumor agent
Glaucine	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Antitussive
Gitalin	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Cardiotonic
Hydrastine	<i>Hydrastis Canadensis</i>	Hemostatic
Irinotecan	<i>Camptotheca acuminata</i>	Anticancer, antitumor
Kheltin	<i>Ammi visage</i>	Bronchodilator
Lapachol	<i>Tabebuia species</i>	Anticancer, antitumor
Morphine	<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Analgesic
Menthol	<i>Mentha species</i>	Rubefacient
Nicotine	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	Insecticide
Papavarine	<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Smooth muscle relaxant
Palmatine	<i>Coptis japonica</i>	Antipyretic, detoxicant
Quinine	<i>Cinchona ledgeriana</i>	Antimalarial, antipyretic
Rorifone	<i>Rorippa indica</i>	Antitussive
Sennosides A, B	<i>Cassia species</i>	Laxative
Tetrandrine	<i>Stephania tetrandra</i>	Antihypertensive
Vasicine	<i>Vinca minor</i>	Cerebral stimulant
Valapotriates	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Sedative

1.3 The plant family *Leguminosae* (*Fabaceae*):

After *Orchidaceae* and *Asteraceae* plant families, *Leguminosae* is considered as the third-largest containing 740 genera and 19,400 species and is accounted as one of the 12 flowering plants in the plant kingdom. Most of the plants in this family are shrubs and herbaceous plants with essential economic value (King and Hickey, 1997). *Leguminous* plants are usually rich in important metal ions i.e. iron, potassium, phosphorus, calcium and also vitamins A, B, C. Due to presence of these beneficial properties, edible legumes are important nutrients for human consumption (Guzmán *et al.* 2003). The high amounts of nutrients in *Leguminosae* also enrich inorganic nitrogen of soil by fixing nitrogen released in the air (Kouas *et al.*, 2009).

The leaves of *Leguminous* plants are usually alternate and compounds those are most often odd or even pinnately compounds. The petals are stamens and small which have long colored filaments. The fruiting ovary usually develops into a legume. Legumes are a common dry fruit that usually dehisces on both sides. A few species of basic leguminous fruit have evolved into samarae, follicles, loment, achenes, indehiscent legumes, drupes, and berries.

1.4 The species *Cassia fistula* and its distribution:

Cassia fistula is a native species in the Indian subcontinent and the nearest area of Southeast Asia. It is generally found as an ornamental species in such regions like tropical and subtropical regions. During hot and dry weather in late spring and early summer, this plant bears profuse flowers, causing the plant to be covered by yellow flowers, often leaving almost no leaves visible. This plant grows better in full sun days in drained soil. The plants are slightly salt-tolerable and relatively drought-tolerable and also light short frosts tolerable, but may be damaged when cold becomes continued.

1.5 Botany of *Cassia fistula*:

Cassia fistula is found as widely grown plant in subtropical and tropical regions due to profuse flowering. This flower is the national symbol of Thailand (Thai Government, 2001). Its genus is *Cassia* and family is *Fabaceae*. In Bangladesh it is better known as 4

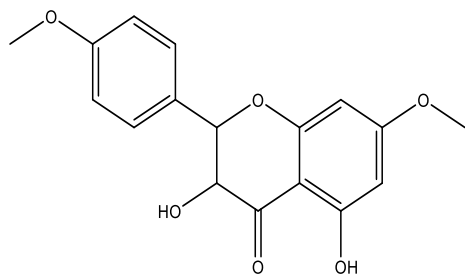
Sonalu. It is a medium-sized deciduous tree with a straight trunk 10 to 15 meters tall and 1 m in diameter and 5 m in height. Branches of the trees spread out around forming an open crown. Stems are aerial, woody, erect, cylindrical, branched, glabrous and hard. Leaves are alternates, spirally arranged, peripinnately compounds, 30 to 40 cm long, ovate leaflets. Flowers of *Cassia fistula* are bright yellow, slightly zygomorphic shape and pentamerous. The fruit is an oblong, cylindrical, indehiscent pod, 60 to 100 cm long and 1.5 to 2 cm wide, shiny, many-seeded (up to 100 seeds) and black in color. The seeds are ovate, numerous, dark-colored pulp, imbedded horizontally in a sweet, separated by transverse dispersions called phragmatuses.

1.6 Medicinal uses of *Cassia fistula* Linn:

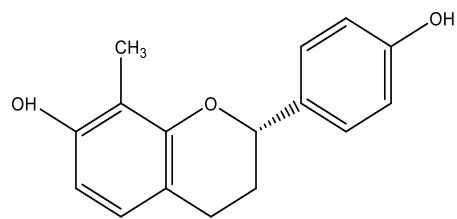
The plant is broadly used in the treatment of traditional medicinal systems (Mohd. Danish et al). Fruits and seeds of the *Cassia fistula* are used to treating fever, skin diseases, stomach problem and leprosy (Perry LM., 1980, Perry LM., 1980). Flower's decoction is prescribed for stomach discomfort (Satyavati *et al.*, 1989). Roots are used for tuberculous glands and various membranous ailments (Alam *et al.*, 1990; Asolkar *et al.*, 1992).

1.7 Previous phytochemical investigations on the plants of the genus *Cassia*:

Kiplagat *et al.* in 2016 studied on the root of the *Cassia abbreviate* and they isolated 2,3-dihydro-5-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl) chromen-4-one (1) and 3,4-Dihydro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-methoxy-2H-chromen-7-ol (2) (Kiplagat *et al.*, 2016).

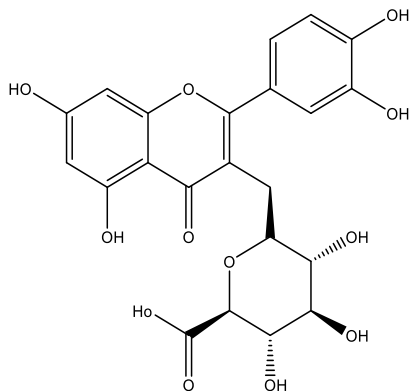


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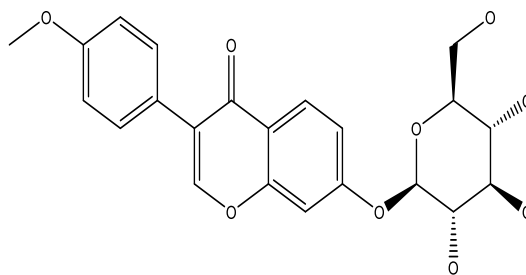


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Vijayalakshmi *et al.* in 2016 investigated on *Cassia tora* leaves and they afforded two compounds, Quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucuronid (3) and Formononetin-7-O- β -D-glucoside (4) (Vijayalakshmi *et al.*, 2016).

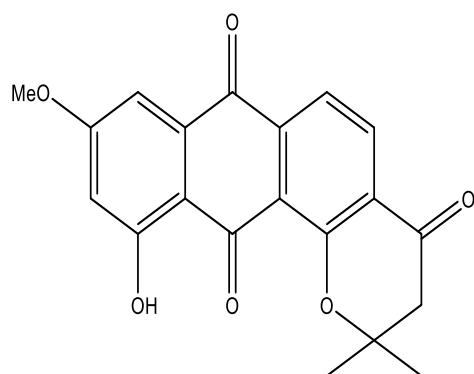


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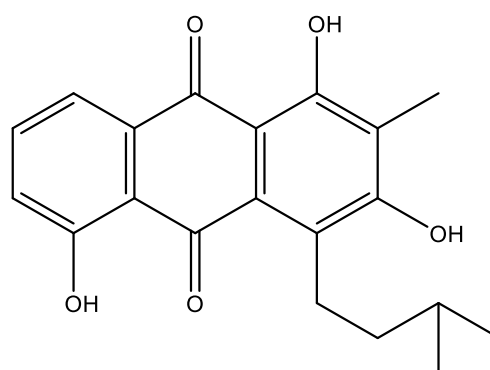


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Ye *et al.* in 2014 studied on the stems of the *Cassia siamea* and reported the presence of Siameaquinones A and B (5) together, Lupinacidin A (6) (Ye *et al.*, 2014).

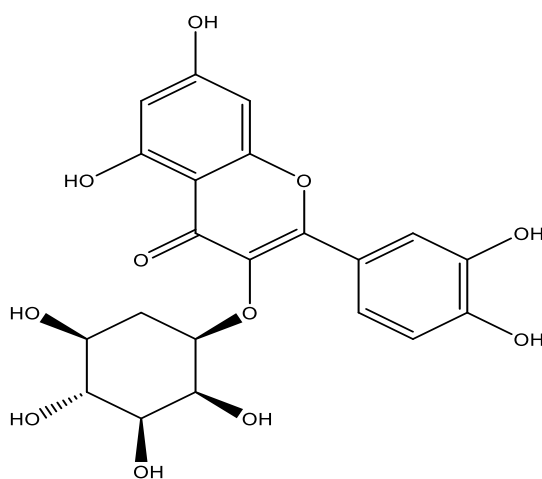


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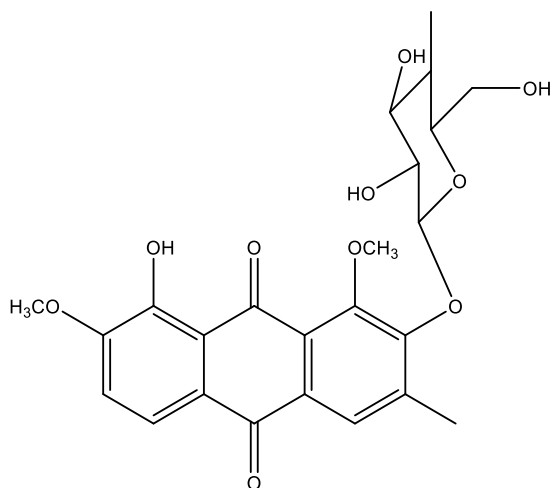
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El-Toumy *et al.* in 2012 investigated on the leaves of the *Cassia roxburghii* and isolated a compound Quercetin 3-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (7) (El-Toumy *et al.*, 2012).

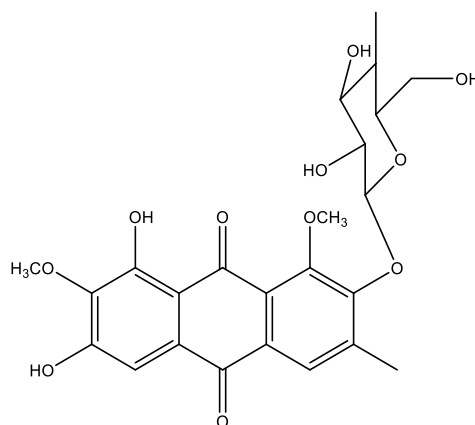


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Tang *et al.* (2008), studied on the seeds of the *Cassia obtusifolia* and they isolated two compounds named of 1-Desmethyllaurantio-obtusin-2-O- β -D-Glucopyranoside (8) and Aurantio-obtusin 6-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (9)

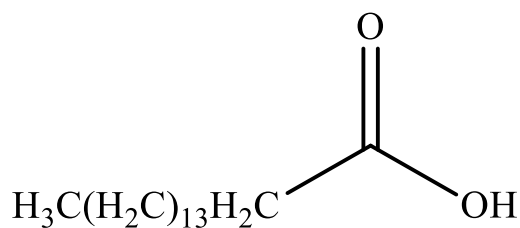


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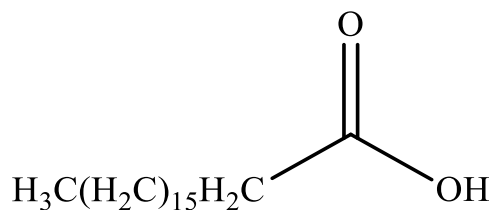


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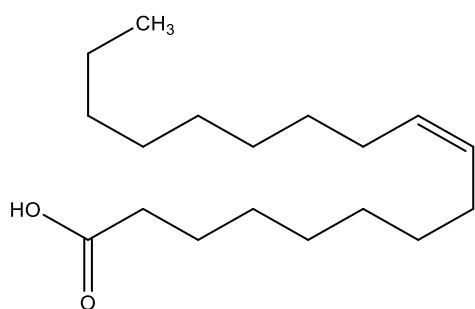
Ledwani and Singh in 2005 investigated on the seeds of the *Cassia reingera* and reported some Miscellaneous compounds named of Palmitic acid (10), Stearic acid (11), Oleic acid (12) and Linoleic acid (13) (Ledwani and Singh, 2005).



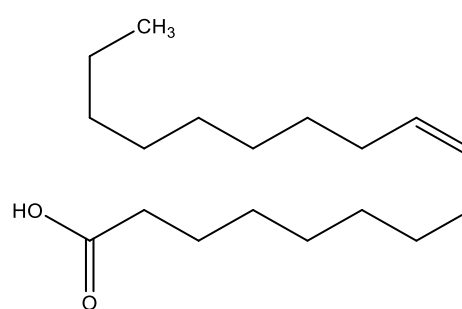
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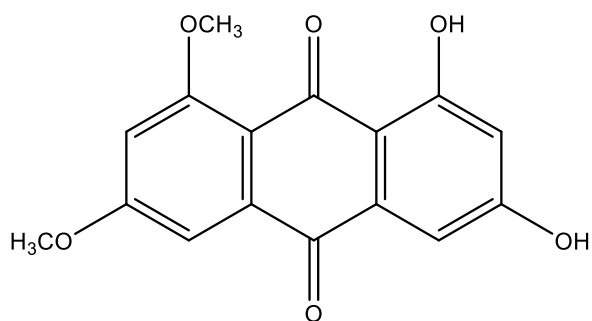


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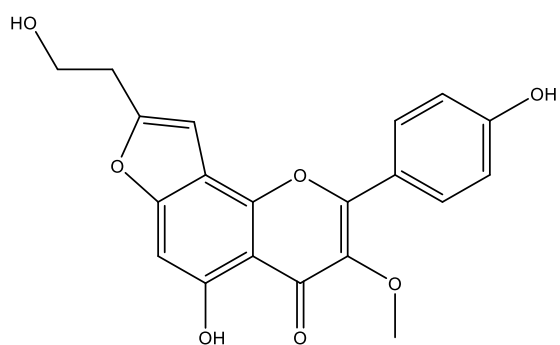
Gupta *et al.*, in 1989 studied on the root of *Cassia marginata* and they isolated 1,3-Dihydroxy-6-8-dimethoxy-2-isoprenylantraquinone (14) (Gupta *et al.*, 1989).



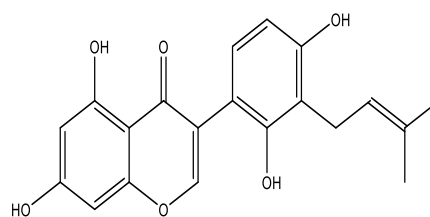
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1.8 Previous phytochemical investigations on the plants of the species *fistula*:

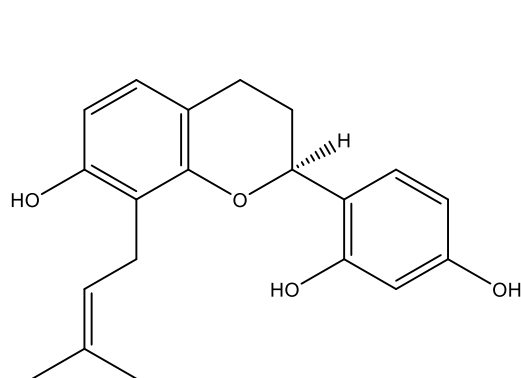
Zhao *et al.* in 2013 carried out phytochemical investigation on the stems of *Cassia fistula* and reported the present of Fistulaflavonoid B (15), Licoisoflavone (16), Morusyn-nansins F (17), (3S)-3',7-dihydroxy-2',4',5',8-tetramethoxyisoflavan (18), (3S)-7-hydroxyl - 2',3',4',5',8-pentamethoxyisoflavan (19), (2S)-2',4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-8-prenylflavan (20) (Zhao *et al.*, 2013).



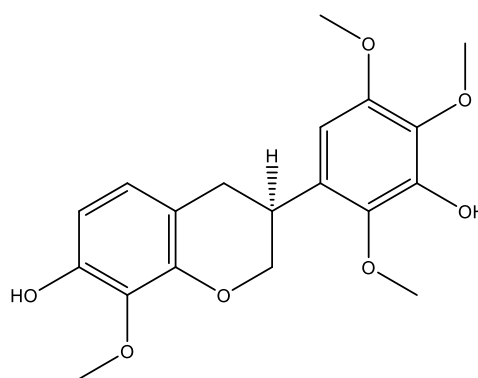
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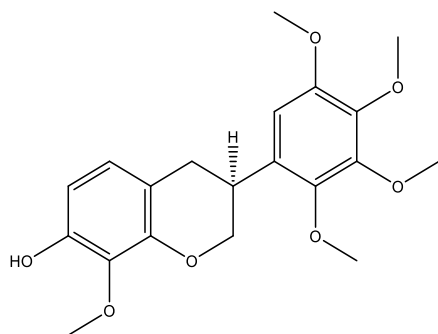
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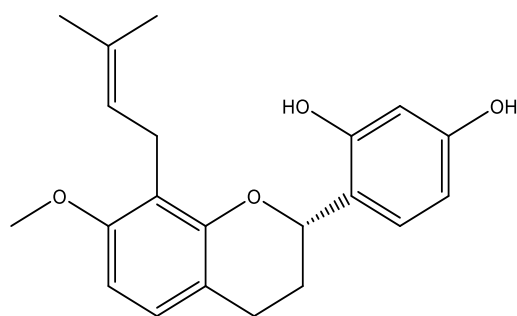
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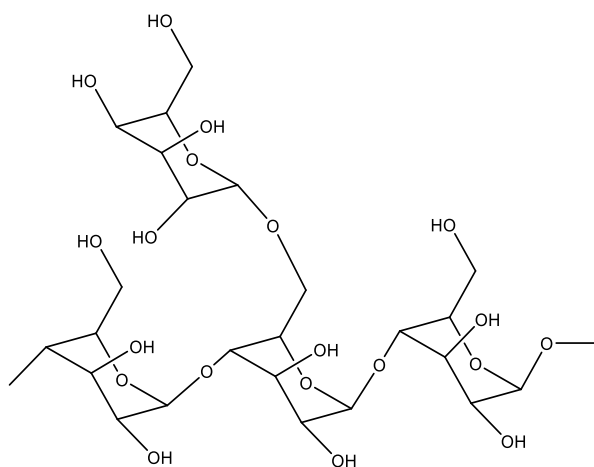


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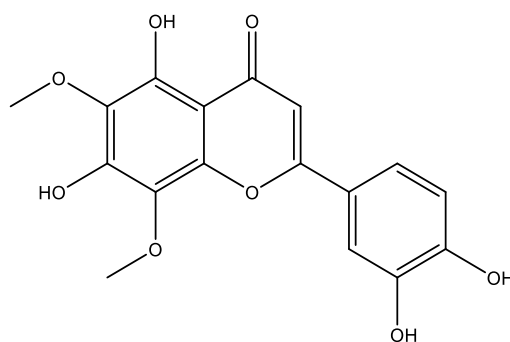
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Agrawal *et al.*, (2012), investigated on the seeds of *Cassia fistula* and isolated one compound named Galactomannan (21).



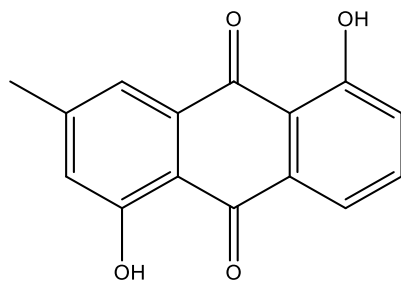
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Danish *et al.* in 2011 studied on the stem bark of *Cassia fistula* and reported the presence of 5,7,3',4'-Tetrahydroxy-6,8-dimethoxyflavone-3-O- α -arabinopyranoside (22) (Danish *et al.*, 2011),.

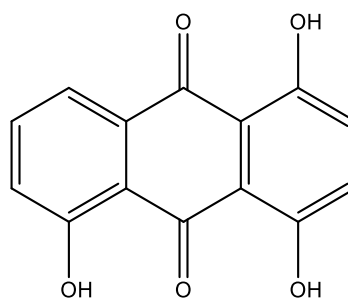


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Lee *et al.* in 2001 investigated the seeds of the *Cassia fistula* and isolated Ziganein (23) and 1,4,5-Trihydroxyanthraquinone (24) (Lee *et al.*, 2001),.

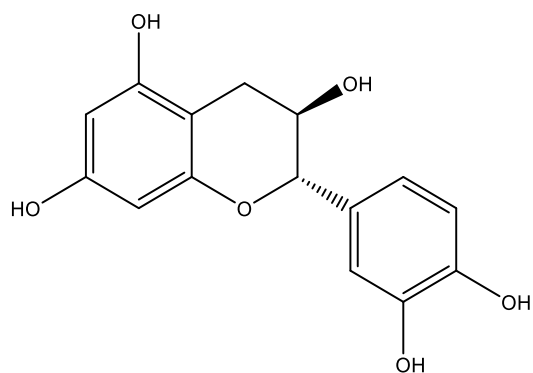


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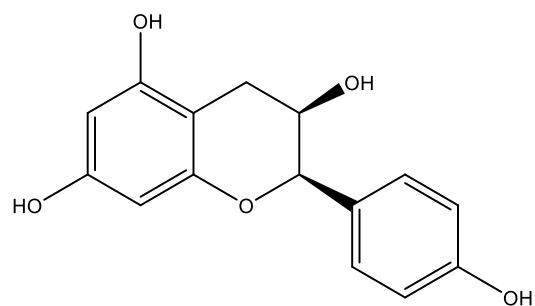


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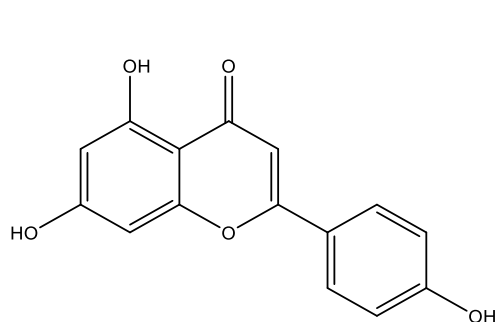
Rastogi and Mehrotra in 1999 studied on the fruits of *cassia fistula* and led to the isolation of (+) Catechin (25), Epi-afzelechin (26), kaempferol (27), Dihydrokaempferol (28) (Rastogi and Mehrotra, 1999).



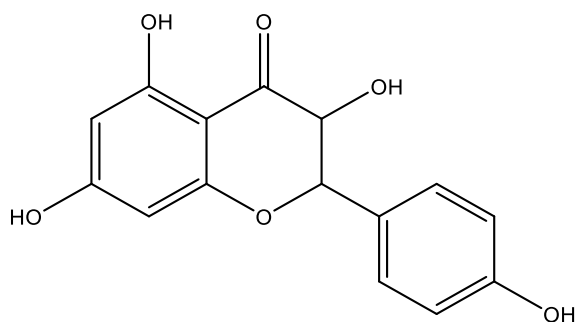
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1.9 Objective with specific aims and possible outcome:

The research project on the fruits of *Cassia fistula* has been undertaken to achieve the following objectives / outcomes.

a) Objectives:

1. Extraction of the fruits of *Cassia fistula* with different organic solvents.
2. Isolation and purification of compounds using physical and chromatographic techniques.
3. Biological studies on the pure compounds with an aim to unfold their biological activities.

b) Possible outcomes:

1. Isolation of secondary metabolites from different extracts.
2. Characterization of isolated secondary metabolites by spectroscopic method.
3. Bioactivity studies of the isolated secondary metabolites.

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EXPERIMENTAL
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2. Experimental

2.1 General methods:

The following steps are a summary of various methods for extraction, fractionation and purification of compounds during experimental works.

2.1.1 Chemicals and Solvents:

In the experiments, the used chemicals and solvents were procured from BDH (England) or Aldrich (America) or E. Merk (Germany). Before using the solvents for extractions, chromatographic separations or any analytical purposes, all solvents were distilled.

2.1.2 Crystallization and Fractional crystallization methods of samples:

The techniques of crystallization and re-crystallization were used for purifying the column chromatography (CC). Crystallization techniques usually involve choosing a solvent in where the substances or separated crude masses are comparatively less soluble in the solvent. The obtained compounds or crude masses from the separation process were totally dissolved in the minimum amount of solvent for crystallization or fractional crystallization.

2.1.3 Chromatographic techniques:

Chromatography is one technique of the separation process where the analyte is incorporated into a gaseous or liquid mobile phase. To separate the crude extracts into separate pure components from various types of solvent extraction. Various chromatography methods have been developed i.e. thin layer chromatography, preparative thin layer chromatography and column chromatography.

2.1.4 Detection of compounds in chromatography:

At room temperature, the developed chromate-plate was dried and the compounds on the chromate-plate were identified as follows:

(i) Use of UV light: The dried compounds on TLC plates were observed by UV light of different wave lengths such as 350nm and 254nm. It was observed that some compounds were fluoresced and others were dark spots with different and identical colors.

(ii) Uses of Iodine vapor: Detection of compounds by Iodine vapor is very popular and common. Iodine vapor is a versatile reagent that is used for detection and identification of compounds on chromate-plates. In iodine vapor system the developed plates were kept in iodine vapor tank locating the spots.

2.1.5 Column chromatographic technique (CC):

(a) Column development: Glass tubes of several diameters and lengths for example 8cm × 90cm, 3cm × 60cm, and 1cm × 30cm fitted with rotary-flow controlled system those were used for column chromatography separations.

(b) Stationary phase: As stationary phase in column chromatography separation, silica gel G₆₀-G₂₅₄ was used.

(c) Preparation of silica gel column: A burette is usually used as a column in this process. A small amount of cotton is first placed at the bottom of the column so that no solids can escape through the tap. The silica gel (required amount) was swelled into a respective solvent to prepare a specific column. For example, *n*-hexene, ethyl acetate, chloroform or a mixture of several solvents at different ratios were poured into the column while solvent flows continuously. The slurry should be poured carefully so that no air bubbles are formed in the column. The column is equilibrated for homogenous packing with two or three column volume of solvent. Normal separation in column chromatography is usually performed by gravitational flow of solvents.

2.1.6 Steroidal Test:

(a) Salkowski Tests: The reddish color produced when shaking the chloroform solution of extract with conc. H_2SO_4 indicated that steroids are present in the sample.

(b) Lieberman Burchardt tests: Forming reddish ring at the junction of two layers when chloroform solution of extract was mixed with 1 ml of conc. H_2SO_4 and few drops of acetic anhydride indicated that steroids are present in the sample.

2.1.7 Determination of melting points:

All melting points of obtained products were observed and recorded by Fisher John's Electro thermal apparatus (Model no. 1A 9000) and were uncorrected. The heating on the apparatus was done very carefully to maintain steady temperature.

2.1.8 Spectroscopy methods:

(a) Infrared (IR) spectroscopy: IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu Spectrophotometer, Model FTIR-IRAffinity-1. Samples were run on dry solid KBr. The spectra were run at Wazed Miah Science Research Centre, Jahangirnagar University.

(b) Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy: ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker BPX-200 spectrometer, operating at 400 MHz for ^1H -NMR and 100 MHz for ^{13}C -NMR in the Wazed Miah Science Research centre, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. Chemical shifts were determined as parts per million (ppm) as compared to tetramethylsilane (TMS).

(c) Mass spectroscopy (MS): Mass spectral data were recorded on Q-TOF mass spectrometer, electrospray ionization (ESI-MS), Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras, India.

2.2.9 Collection of *Cassia fistula* fruits:

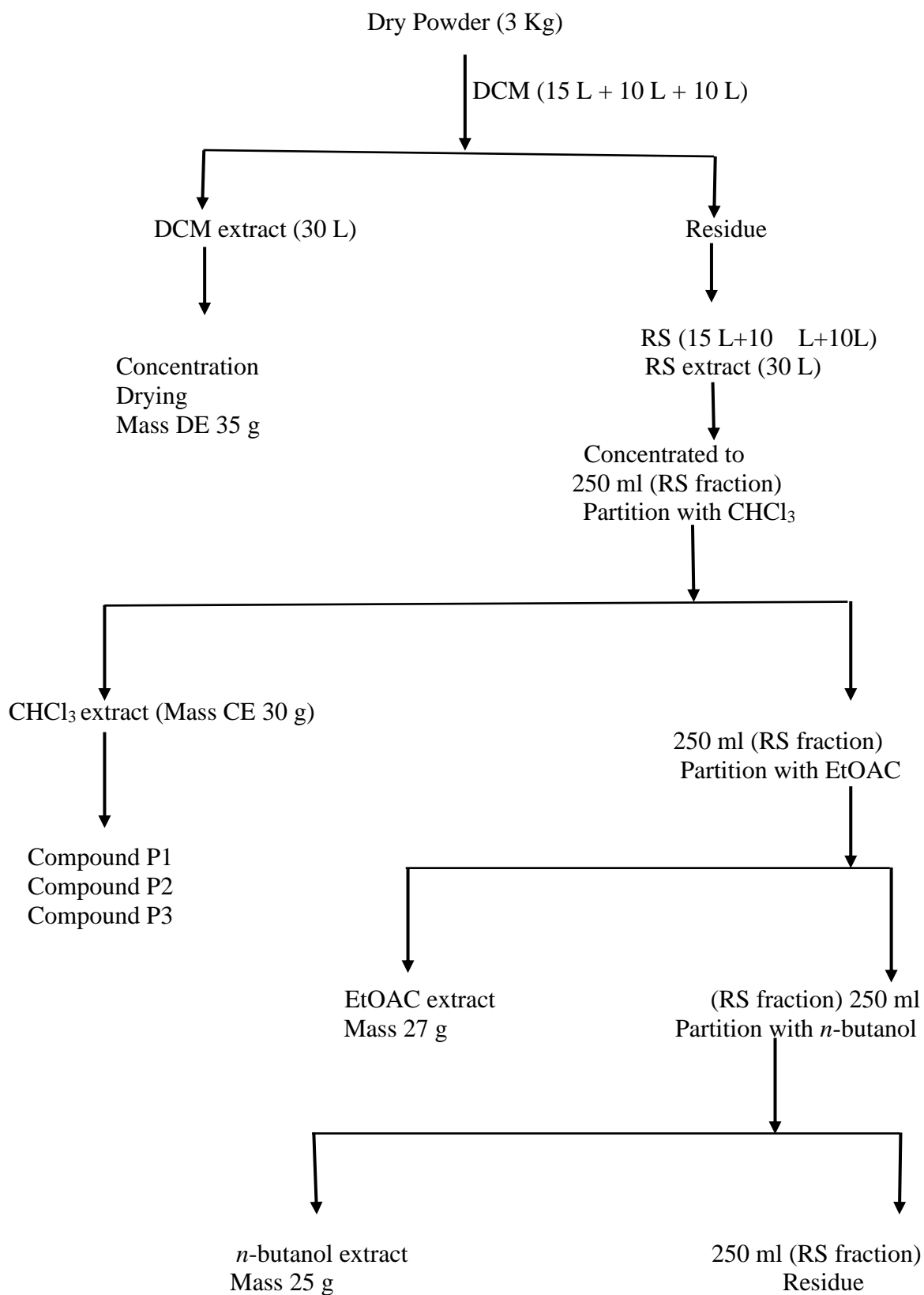
The *Cassia fistula* fruits were collected from Sitakunda-Kumira hill region of Chittagong district, located in the south-eastern region in Bangladesh. Fresh fruits were collected on December 2020.

2.2.10 Drying and grinding of plant materials:

The fruits are dried in the air and cut into very small pieces. Then it was kept dried in absence of sunlight followed by grinding to make powder form using a cyclotec-grinding machine. It was carefully stored in polythene bag until used for experiment.

2.2.11 Extraction process:

Air-dried powder of *cassia fistula* fruits (3 kg) was successively extracted with DCM (3×72 h) and rectified spirit (3×72 h) respectively as described in the fractionation Scheme 2.2.1. On removal of the solvent, the DCM extract gave a green Mass DE (35 g). The rectified spirit (RS) extract was concentrated to 250 ml and partitioned followed by CHCl₃, EtOAc and *n*-butanol. On removal of solvent CHCl₃ fraction gave a green Mass CE (30.0 g), EtOAc fraction gave a light green Mass EE (27.0 g) and *n*-butanol fraction gave a light yellow Mass BE (25.0 g).



Scheme: 2.2.1 Extraction and fractionation of plant materials

2.2.12 Preliminary examination on the crude of chloroform extract (CE):

The crude mass of chloroform extract was clearly soluble in CHCl_3 and partial soluble in *n*-hexene but insoluble in water. It did not give positive color reactions for steroids and flavonoids. It also did not respond to the qualitative tests of alkaloids with Mayer's and Dragendorff reagent. Mass CE was identified by TLC in solvents *n*- C_6H_{14} : EtOAc (1:1) on silica gel plates. Two spots were observed on TLC plate with R_f value ~ 0.60 and ~ 0.55 .

2.2.13 Separation method of the crude of chloroform extract by Column Chromatography:

Crude Mass CE was dissolved in CHCl_3 in small amount that was adsorbed by silica gel and reproduced in the powder form. Then it was placed into a column (90 x 8) cm of silica gel prepared by *n*-hexene. The elution was carried out with *n*-hexene: EtOAc (1:1) solvent system. About 5 ml portions were collected at regular intervals. The eluents were monitored by TLC and pooled into three different fractions CF1, CF2, CF3 according on their TLC behavior.

Table 2.1: Column chromatography separation of Mass CE (5.0 g).

No. of fractions	No. of Test tube	Eluting solvent	Observation	R_f values	Yield
CE1	1-10	<i>n</i> -hexene: EtOAc (1:1)	No spot	-	-
CE2	11-20	<i>n</i> -hexene: EtOAc (1:1)	One spot	~ 0.60	40 mg
CE3	21-37	<i>n</i> -hexene: EtOAc (1:1)	mixture	-	72 mg
CE4	38-50	<i>n</i> -hexene: EtOAc (1:1)	One spot	~ 0.55	120 mg
CE5	50-100	CH_3OH	Mixture	-	3.5 g

2.2.14 Isolation of compound P1 and P2 from fraction CE:

Fraction CE2 (40 mg) was a brown color, amorphous solid, soluble in CHCl_3 and partial soluble in *n*-hexane. Solid Mass (40 mg as compound P1) was obtained from the *n*-hexane: EtOAc (1:1) by purification in where repeated crystallizations were involved. It was observed a single spot on TLC plate with R_f value ~ 0.60 in *n*-hexane: EtOAc (1:1) and was named as **P1**. Fraction CE4 (120 mg) was also a brown amorphous solid. Its R_f value was 0.55 in *n*-hexane: EtOAc (1:1) and was named as **P2**.

2.2.15 Isolation of compound P3 from the fraction CE5:

Fraction CE5 (3.5 mg) was yellow color, amorphous solid, soluble in CHCl_3 and EtOAc. Solid Mass (165.0 mg) was obtained from purification and crystallization process of *n*-hexane: EtOAc (1:2) solvent system. Its R_f value was 0.45 in *n*-hexane: EtOAc (1:1) and was named as compound **P3**. We could isolate three pure compounds **P1**, **P2** and **P3** from CHCl_3 extract (CE)

2.3.1 Physical properties of the compound P1:

White amorphous solid

Soluble in Chloroform

Spectral properties of the compound P1:

IR $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3447 cm^{-1} (O-H), 1690 cm^{-1} (>CO)

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^1H NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.1

^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^{13}C NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.1

ESI-MS: m/z (M+1) 305.5236, 160, 147, 110, 106, 78, 70 etc.

2.3.2 Physical properties of the compound P2:

Amorphous solid

Soluble in Chloroform

Spectral properties of the compound P2:

IR $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3419 cm^{-1} (OH) and 1701 cm^{-1} (>CO)

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^1H NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.2

^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^{13}C NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.2

ESI-MS: m/z (M+1), 359.4272 214, 164, 147, 106 (100), 78, 70 etc.

2.3.3 Physical properties of the compound P3:

White crystalline solid

Soluble in MeOH

Spectral properties of the compound P3:

IR $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3497 cm^{-1} , 3409 cm^{-1} (OH), 1671 cm^{-1} for >C=O

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^1H NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.3

^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD) δ : ^{13}C NMR spectral data for Compound **P1** are given in the Table 3.3

ESI-MS: m/z (M+1) 1191.6936, 597, 373, 227, 226, 164 etc.

2.4 Biological Studies

2.4.1 Antimicrobial assays:

In vitro antimicrobial potencies of the isolated compounds P1, P2 and P3 were determined by the Agar disk diffusion model (ADM) [2]. A continuous monitoring procedure was performed throughout the 24-hours incubation period of the basal media. Sterile cotton bars were used for bacterial and fungal Inoculation. Then the samples' disks were kept carefully on previously inoculated agar plates and incubated at 37°C, twenty four hours for antibacterial incubation and at 26°C, forty eight hours for antifungal incubation. As positive controls, Amphotericin B and Ceftriaxone were used for the antifungal and antibacterial tests, respectively. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was utilized for both tests as control.

Small amounts of compounds (300 µg) were added to each disk in 25 µL of DMSO sample solution. Furthermore, a positive control disk containing 50 µg of standard Ceftriaxone/Amphotericin B was charged with 10 µL of Ceftriaxone/Amphotericin B solution in DMSO. Again, the dishes were kept undisturbed in an incubator for 24 hours. Finally, using a measuring scale, inhibition zones were measured. In the study, *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis* gram-positive bacteria and *S. typhimurium*, *E. coli* gram-negative bacteria were used. In addition, two antifungal *T. harzianum* and *A. niger*, strains were used to check antifungal activity.

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3. Results & Discussions

3.1 Characterization of compound P1:

Compound **P1** (40 mg) was an amorphous solid of white color and melted at 182-183 °C. The IR spectrum of **P1** (Fig 3.1.2) revealed a broad absorption at $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ 3447 cm^{-1} for hydroxyl (OH^\cdot) functional group and sharp absorption was observed at $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ 1690 cm^{-1} for carbonyl ($=\text{CO}$) functional group. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P1** (Fig.3.1.5) showed that there are 18 carbons present in the compound. Molecular ion peak at m/z : 305.5236 [$\text{M}+1$] was observed in mass spectrum of **P1** (Fig.3.1.8) that was corresponding to the molecular formula $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$. Previous phytochemical investigations revealed *Cassia fistula* was a rich source of chromones (Gao *et al.*, 2014.). Compound **P1** was to be postulated based on a chromone skeleton along with a long alkyl chain. The ^1H NMR of compound **P1** (Fig.3.1.3) showed the presence of 6 methyl, 8 methylene and 8 methane protons in the molecule (Table 3.1). One olefinic proton appeared at δ 6.79 (s, 1H, H-3) and four aromatic protons attached to C5, C6, C7 and C8 are appeared at δ 7.35 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-5), 7.79 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-6), 7.81 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-7) and 8.34 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-8) respectively. ^{13}C NMR (DEPT) spectrum of **P1** (Fig.3.1.6) showed that 6 methyl carbons, 8 methine carbons and 8 methylene carbons are present in **P1**. Carbonyl carbon was confirmed by Chemical shift at δ 193.2(C4) from ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P1**. Important connectivity and H-C correlations observed in the 2D HMBC (Fig. 3.1.9) spectrum are given in the Fig. 3.1. Based on the spectral data obtained from ^1H NMR & ^{13}C NMR, the structure **1** can be suggested as the compound **P1**. Finally compound **P1** is characterized as **2-(1', 7' - dihydroxy-2', 6' -dimethylheptyl)-4H-chromen-4-one. (1)**

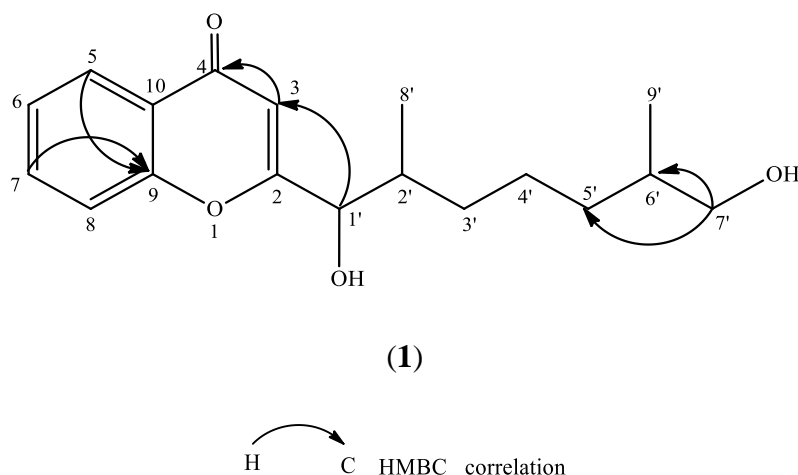


Table 3.1: ^{13}C NMR and ^1H NMR data for Compound **P1** (CD_3OD , δ , ppm, J/Hz).

C atom	^{13}C , δ	^1H , δ	COSY
2	136.9		
3	125.3	6.79 (s)	
4	193.2		
5	120.2	7.35 (d, $J = 7.6$)	H-6
6	123.9	7.79 (t, $J = 7.6$)	H-5,7
7	119.9	7.81 (t, $J = 7.6$)	H-6,8
8	119.2	8.34 (d, $J = 7.6$)	H-7
9	162.2		
10	113.5		
1'	54.5	3.97 (s)	
2'	56.4	3.32 (s)	
3'	31.6	1.30 (s)	
4'	29.3	1.30 (s)	
5'	29.0	1.30 (s)	
6'	32.3	1.9 (m)	
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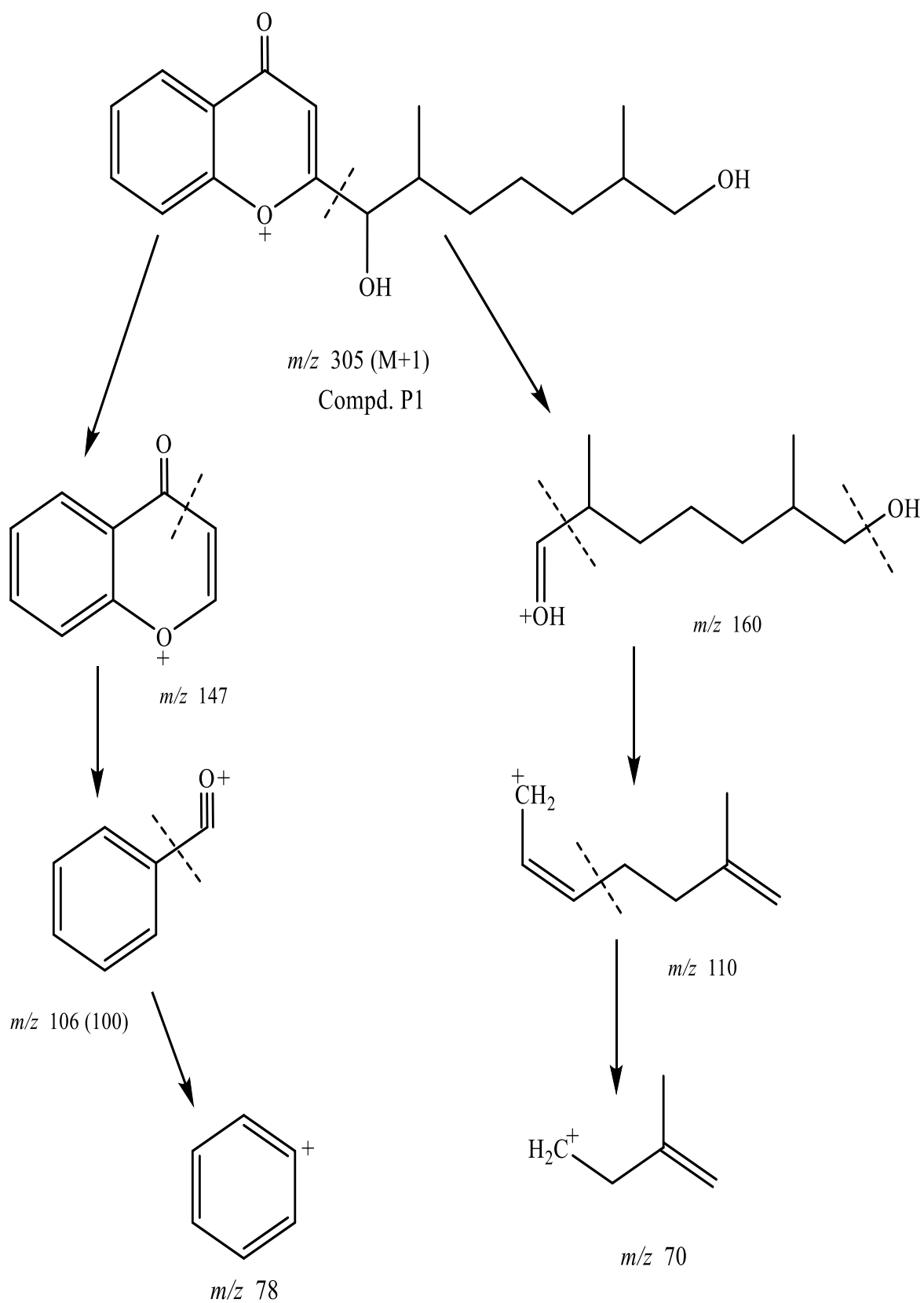


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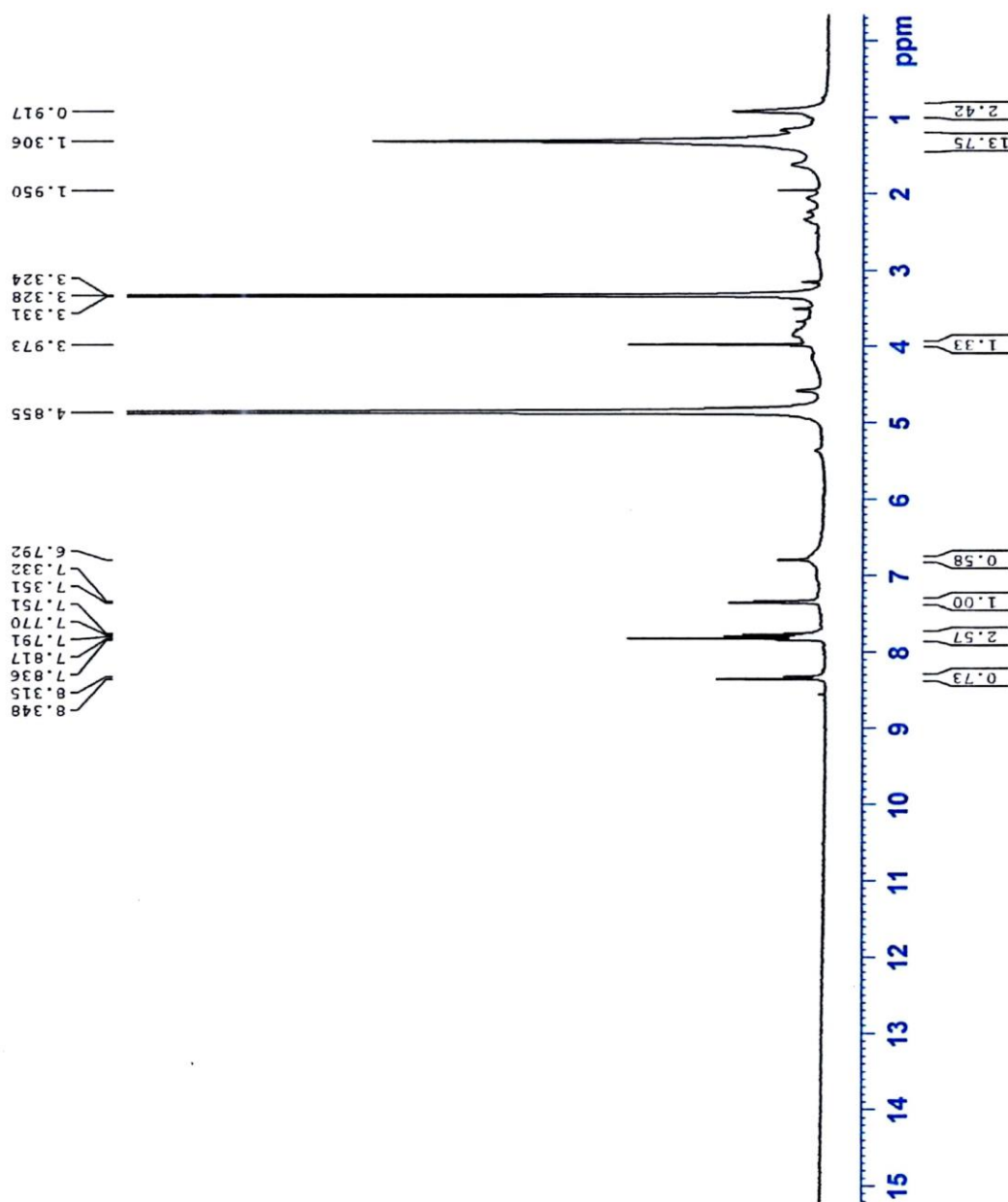


Fig 3.1.3: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound P1.

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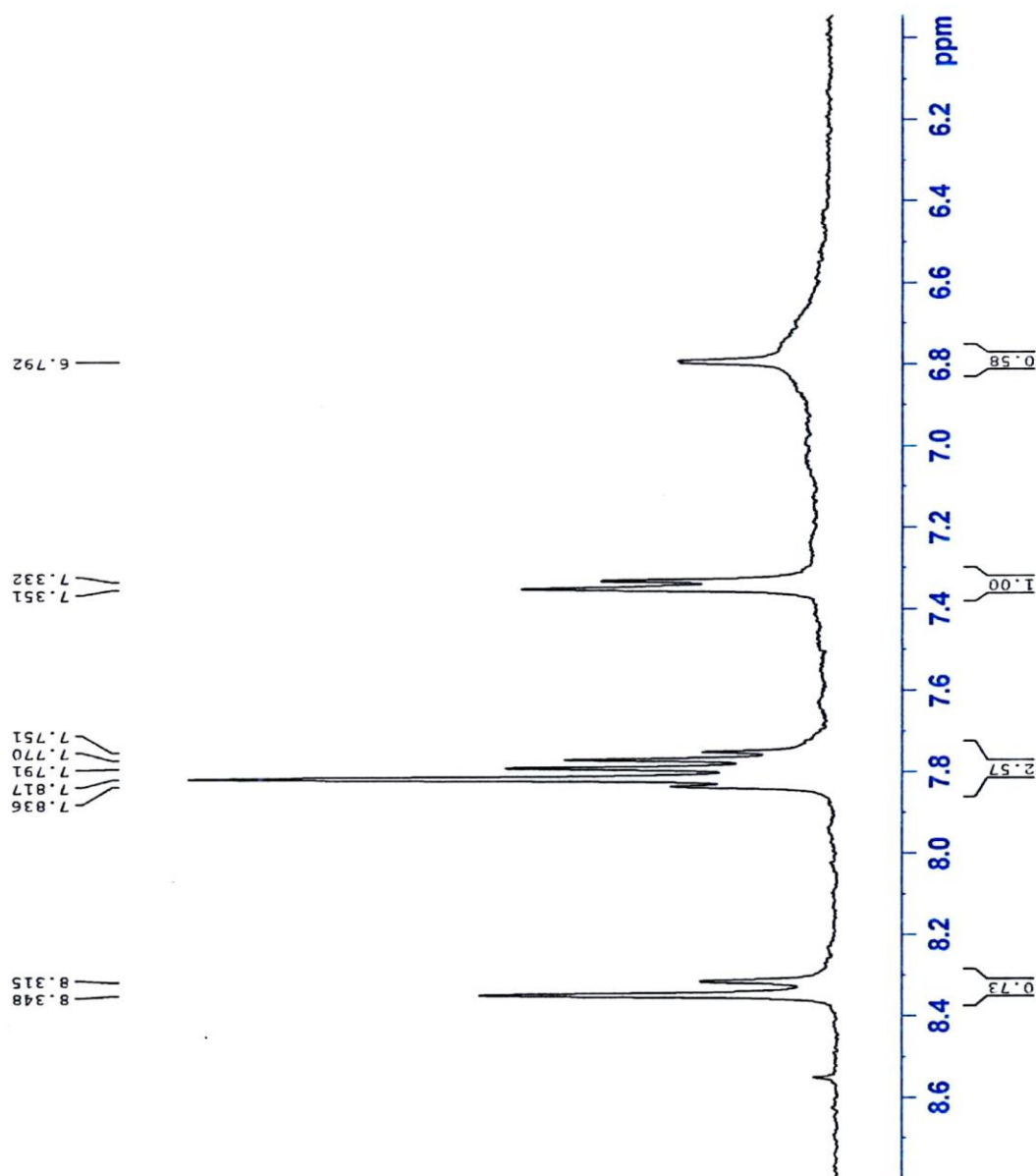
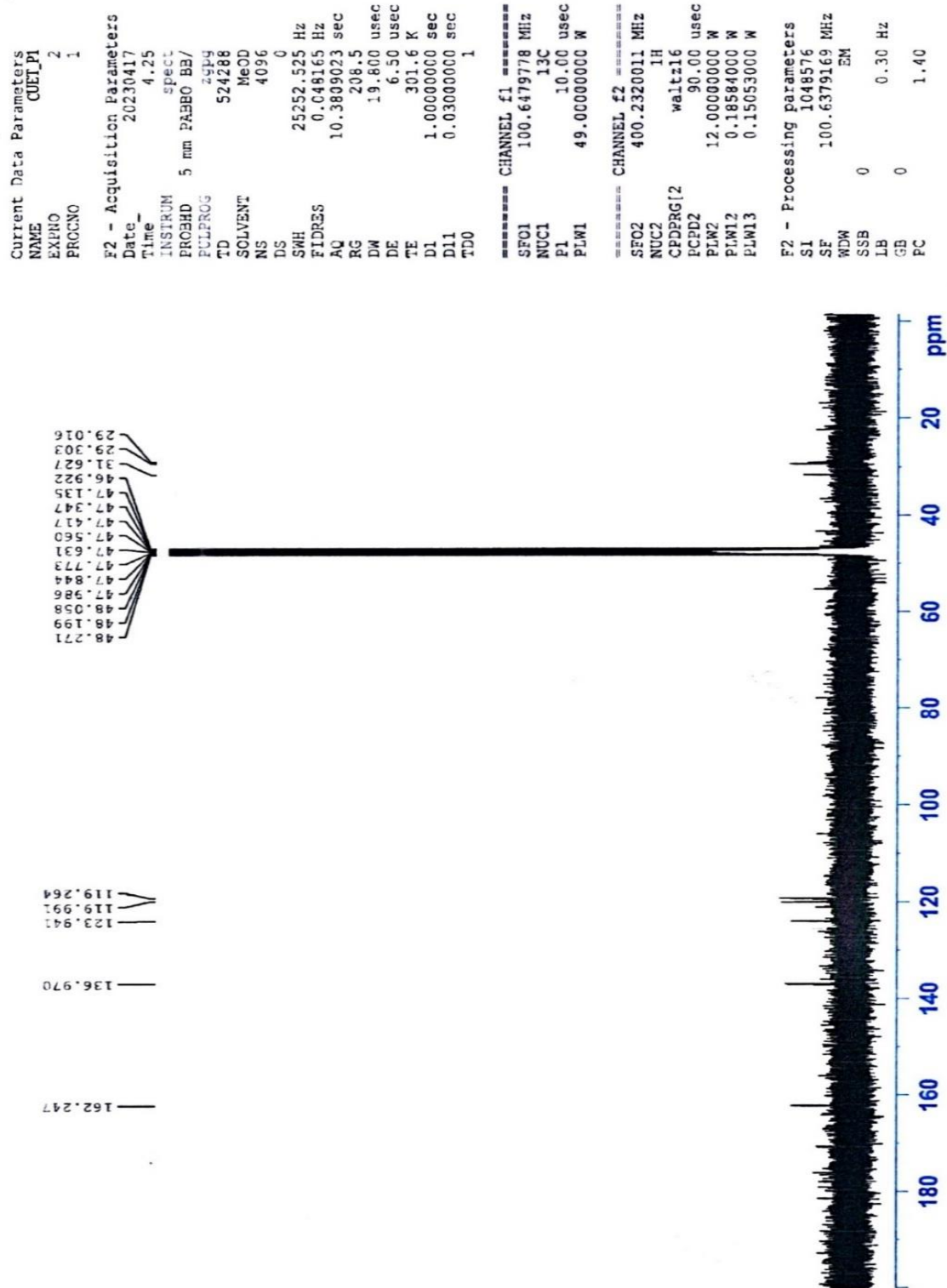
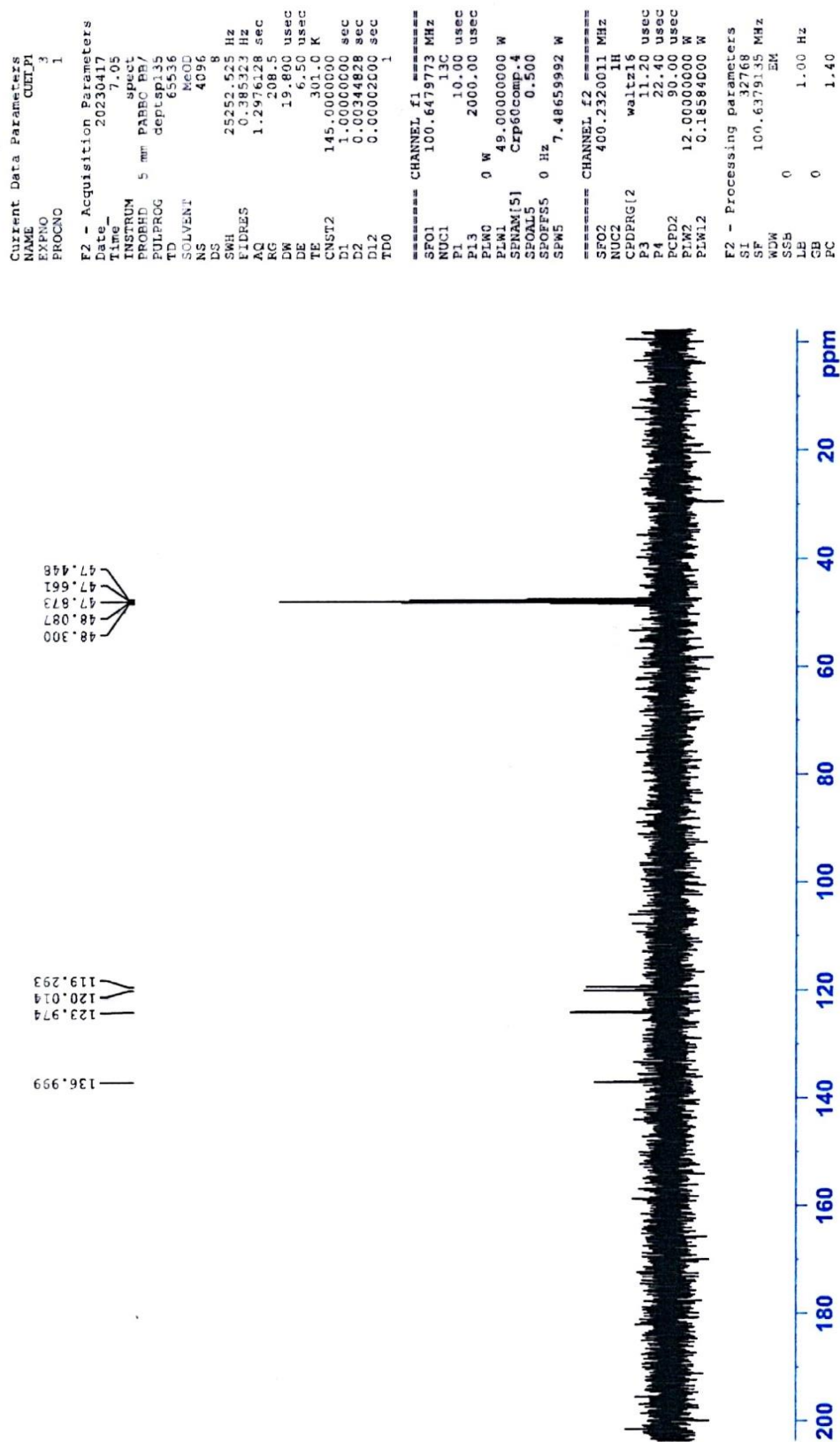


Fig 3.1.4 ^1H (Expand) spectrum of compound P1.

Fig 3.1.5 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound P1.

Fig 3.1.6 ¹³C NMR (DEPT) spectrum of compound P1.

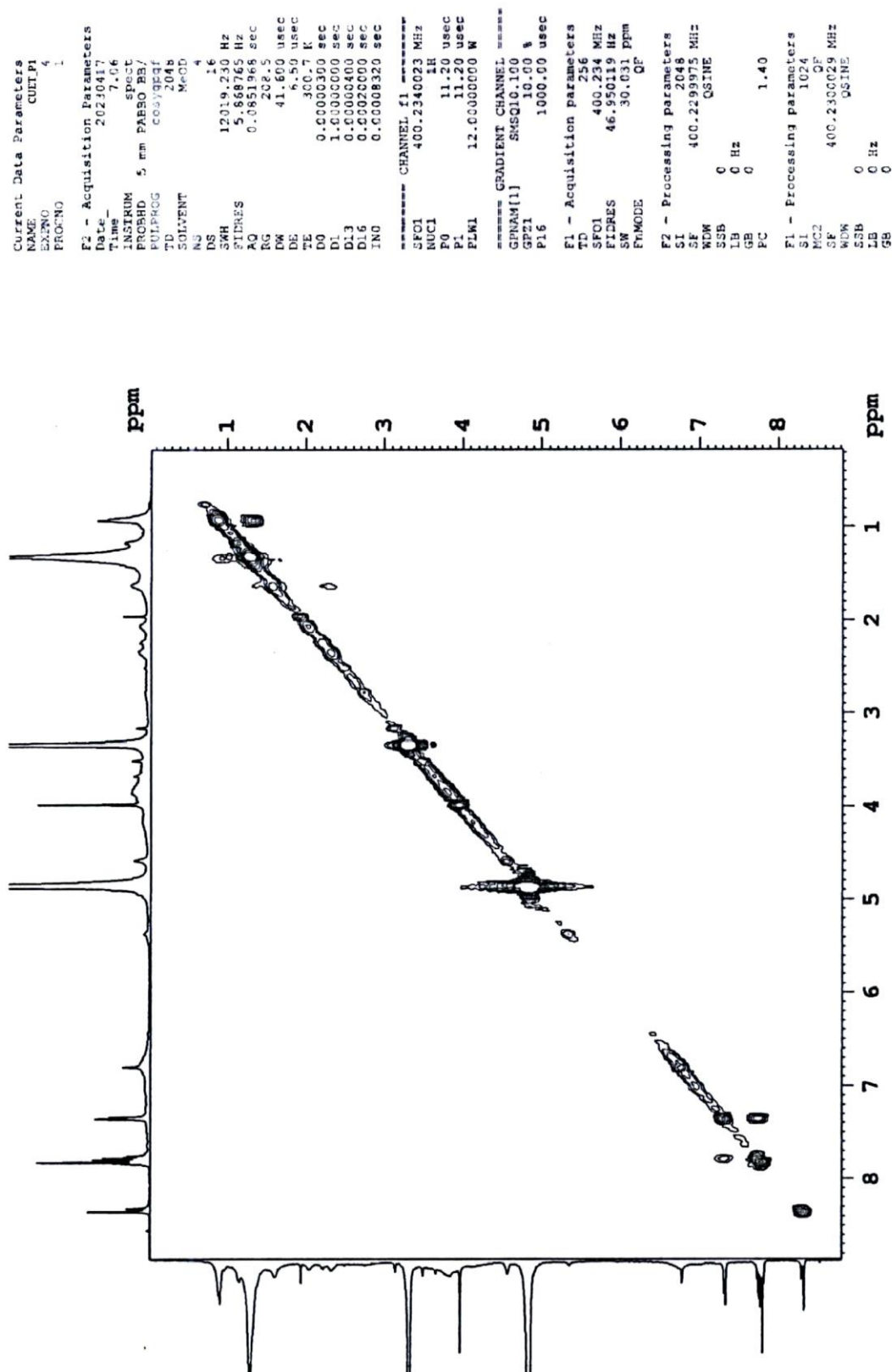


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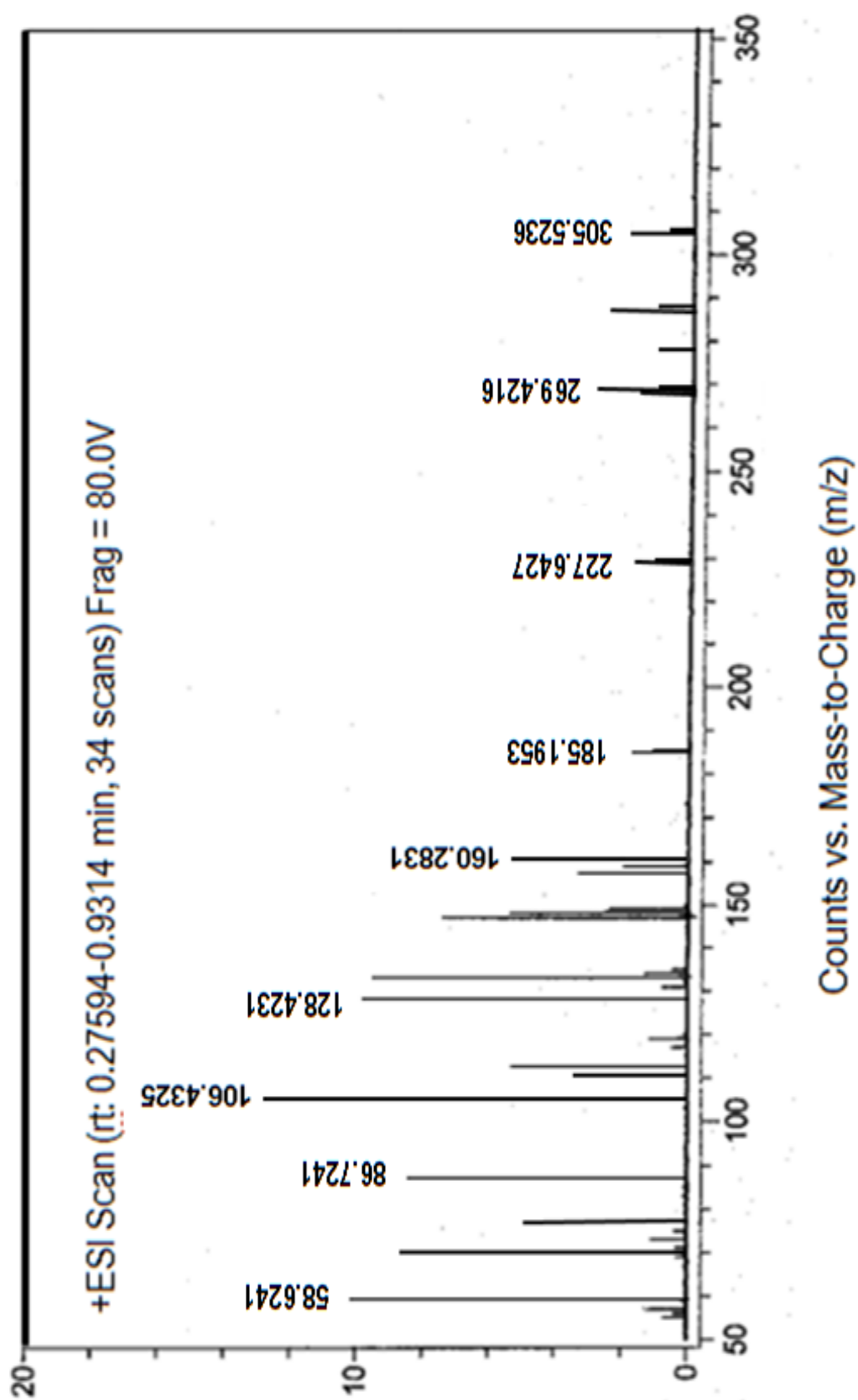
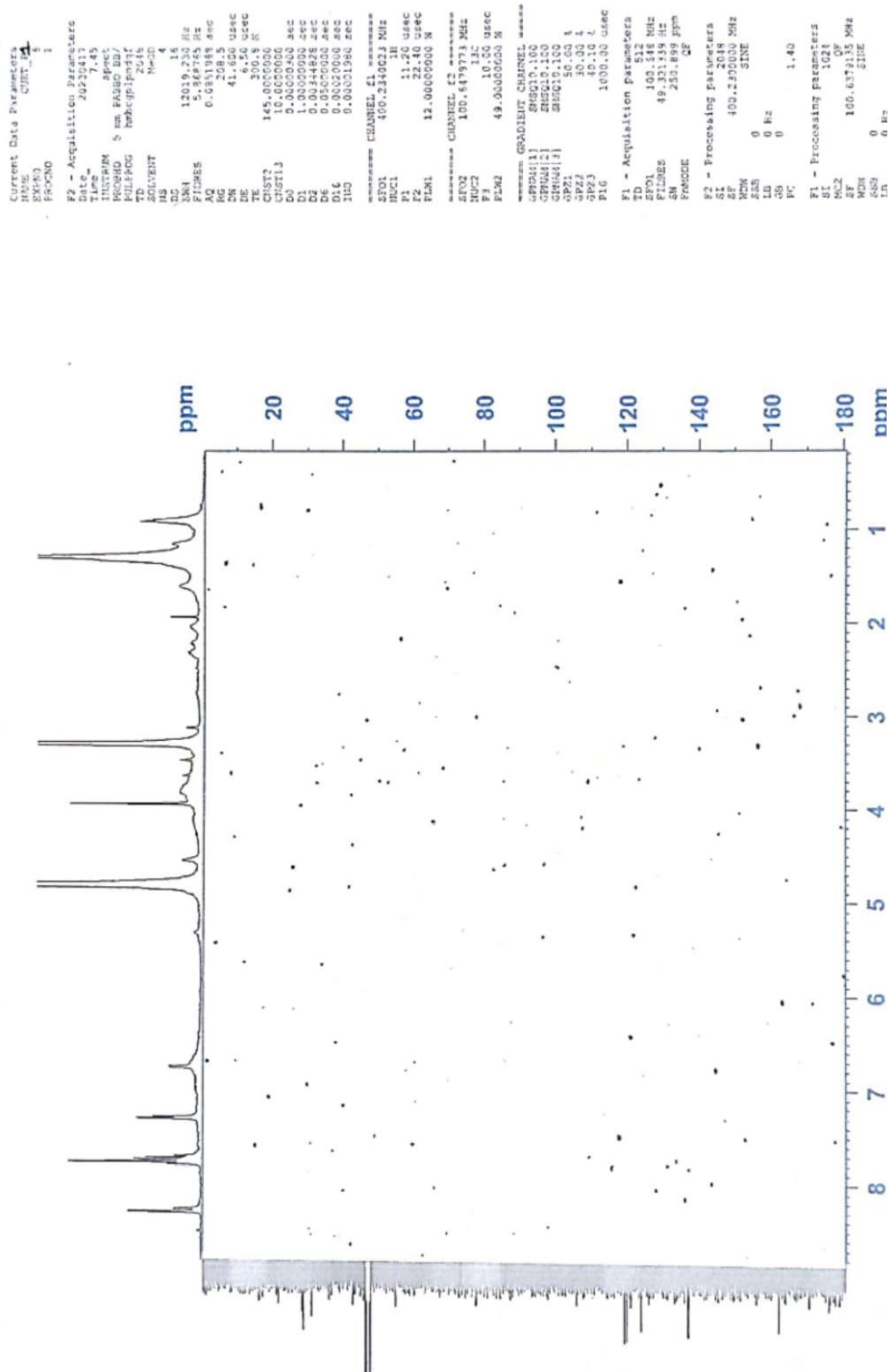
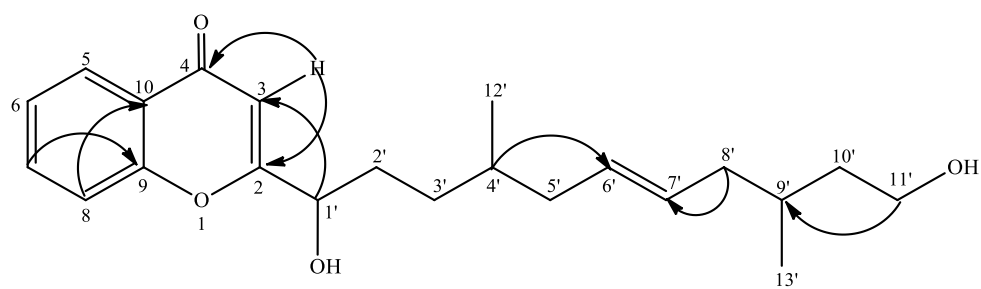


Fig 3.1.8 Mass spectrum of compound P1.



3.2 Characterization of compound **P2**:

Compound **P2** (120 mg) was an amorphous solid and melted at 165-166°C. The IR spectrum (Fig. 3.2.2) of **P2** showed characteristic absorption band at $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ 3419 cm^{-1} for hydroxyl (OH^-) functional group and 1701 cm^{-1} for carbonyl(=CO) functional group. The highest molecular ion peak m/z 359.4272 [$\text{M}+1$] of compound **P2** (Fig. 3.2.10) afforded its molecular formula $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$ which was consistent with ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P2** (Fig.3.2.5). Comparison of the ^1H NMR (Table 3.2) and ^{13}C NMR data (Table 3.2) of **P2** with that of **P1** suggested that **P2** has same chromone moiety along with a long alkyl chain additional one double bond in the chain. The ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **P2** (Fig.3.2.3) showed four aromatic proton absorptions at δ 7.35 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-5), 7.79 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-6), 7.81 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-7) and 8.34 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$, H-8) attached to the carbons C5, C6, C7 and C8 respectively. One olefinic proton appeared at δ 6.79 (s, 1H, H-3), a multiplet at δ 5.36 (m) appeared due to two olefinic protons attached to the carbon C6' and C7' in the molecule. Protons of two methyl groups attached to the carbon C12' and C13' appeared at δ .93 (d, 3H, $J = 6.0$, H-12') and .90 (d, 3H, $J = 6.0$, H-13') respectively. The presence of 6 methylene carbons in the molecule were confirmed from the ^{13}C NMR (DEPT 135°) spectrum of **P2** (Fig.3.2.7). Absorption at δ 192.6 is due to the presence of one carbonyl carbon (C4) in the molecule. Compound **P2** showed 6 aromatic carbon absorptions at δ 120.2(C5), 123.9(C6), 119.9(C7), 119.2(C8), 162.2(C9), 113.5(C10) and four olefinic carbon absorptions at δ 136.9(C2), 125.3(C3), 124.2(C6') and 124.3(C7'). The connectivity and citation of side chains and functional groups are located analyzing HMBC spectrum (Fig. 3.2.8). Important mass fragments of compound **P2** m/z 359.4272 [$\text{M}+1$], 214, 164, 147, 106(100), 78, 70 etc. are shown in Fig.3.2.1. On the basis of the above spectral data structure (**2**) has been assigned to compound **P2**. Hence the structure of compound **P2** was assigned as (*E*)-2-(1', 11' -dihydroxy-4', 9' -dimethylundec-6' -en-1' -yl)-4*H*-chromen-4-one. (**2**)



(2)



Fig. 3.2: Important HMBC correlations of compound P2.

Table 3.2: ^{13}C NMR and ^1H NMR data for Compound **P2** (CD_3OD , δ , ppm, J/Hz).

C atom	^{13}C , δ	^1H , δ	COSY
2	136.9		
3	125.3	6.79 (s)	
4	192.6		
5	120.2	7.35 (d, $J = 7.6$)	H-6
6	123.9	7.79 (t, $J = 7.6$)	H-5,7
7	119.9	7.81 (t, $J = 7.6$)	H-6,8
8	119.2	8.34 (d, $J = 7.6$)	H-7
9	162.2		
10	113.5		
1'	54.5	3.79 (t, $J = 6.0$)	H-2'
2'	56.4	3.32 (m)	
3'	31.6	1.30 (m)	
4'	33.5	1.62 (m)	
5'	29.3	2.32 (m)	
6'	124.2	5.36 (m)	
7'	124.3	5.36 (m)	
8'	29.0	2.32 (m)	
9'	32.3	1.62 (m)	
10'	28.8	1.30 (m)	
11'	77.1	3.32 (t, $J = 3.2$)	H-10'
12'	12.8	.93 (d, $J = 6.0$)	H-4'
13'	12.9	.90 (d, $J = 6.0$)	H-9'

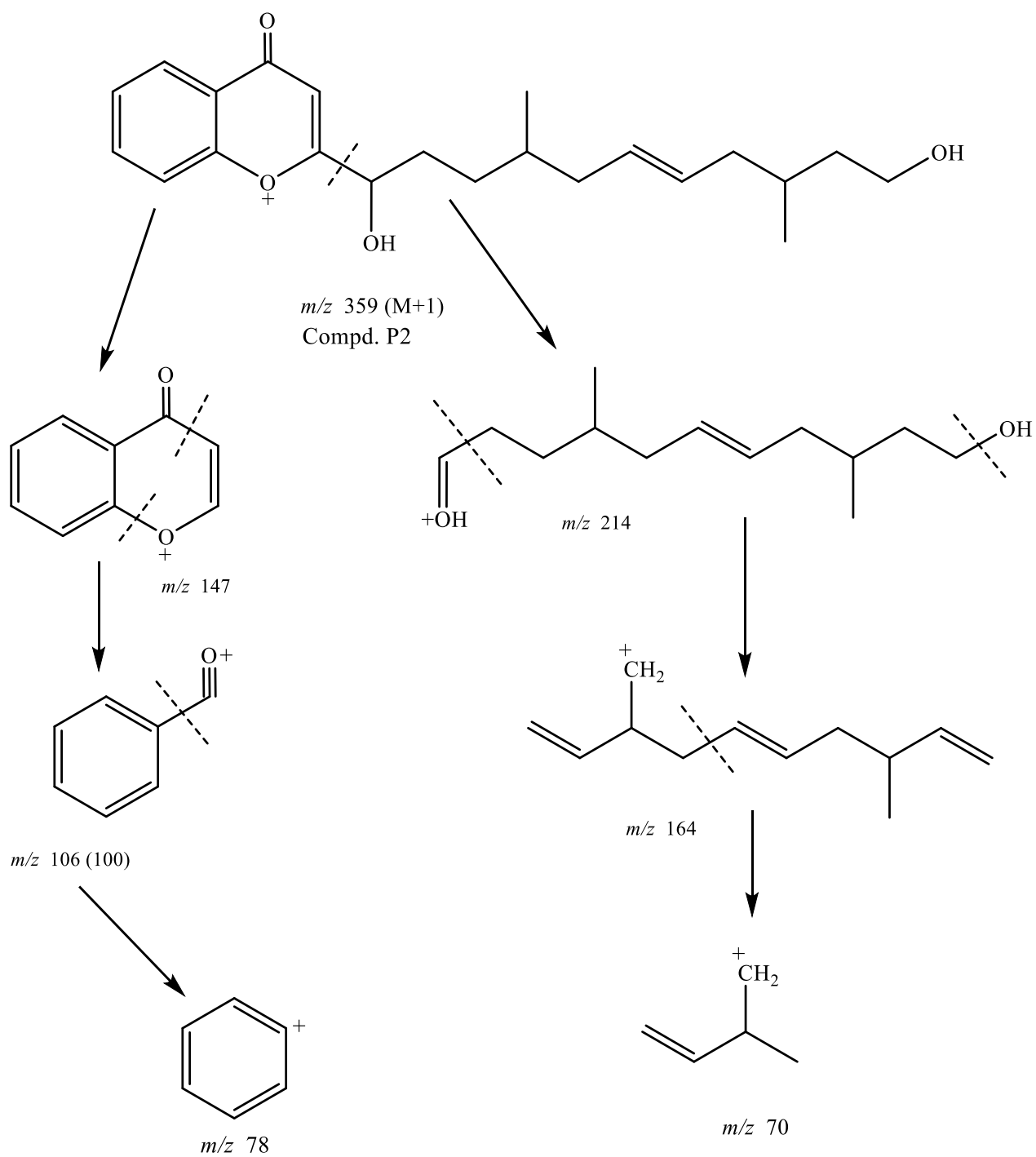


Fig 3.2.1

Mass fragmentation of compound P2.

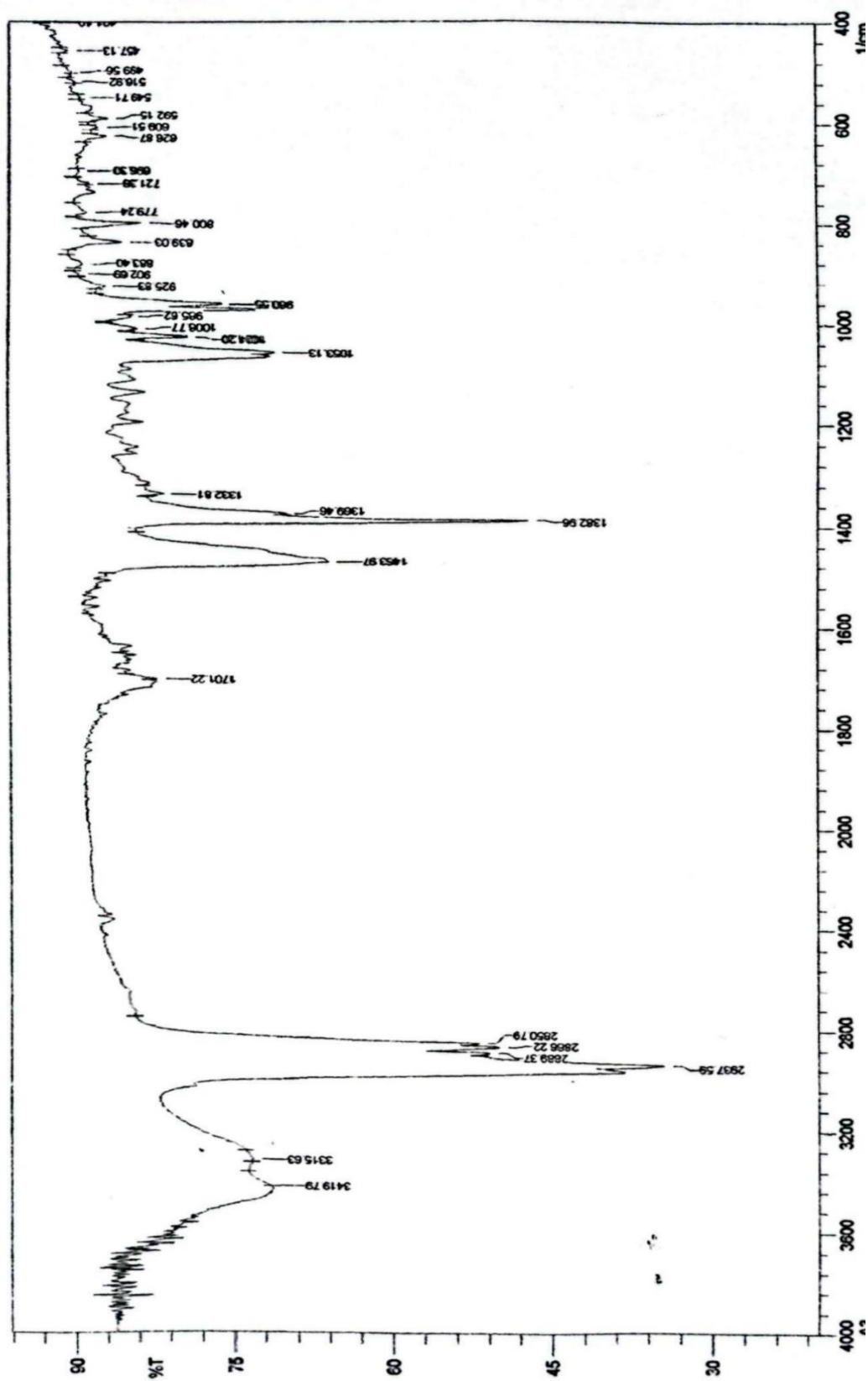


Fig 3.2.2.2 IR spectrum of compound P2.

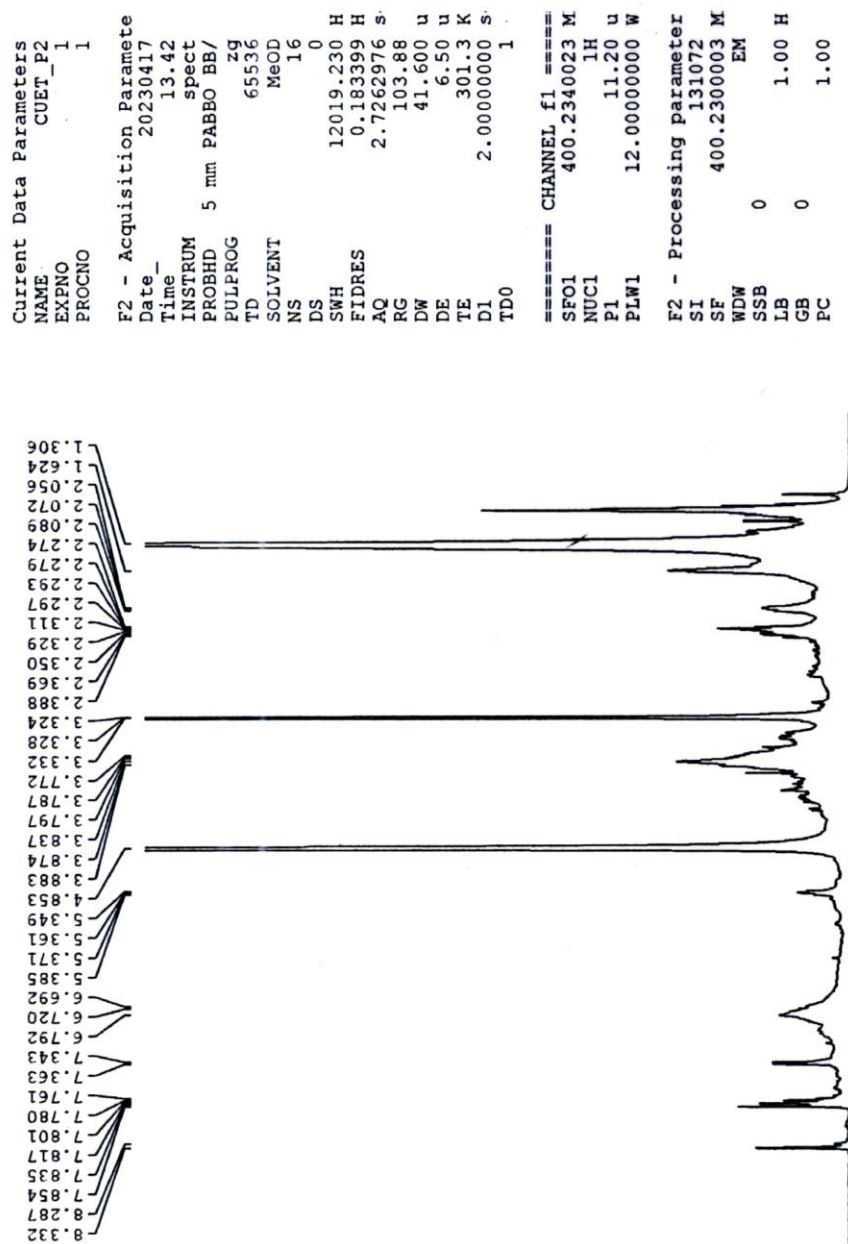


Fig 3.2.3 ¹H spectrum of compound P2.

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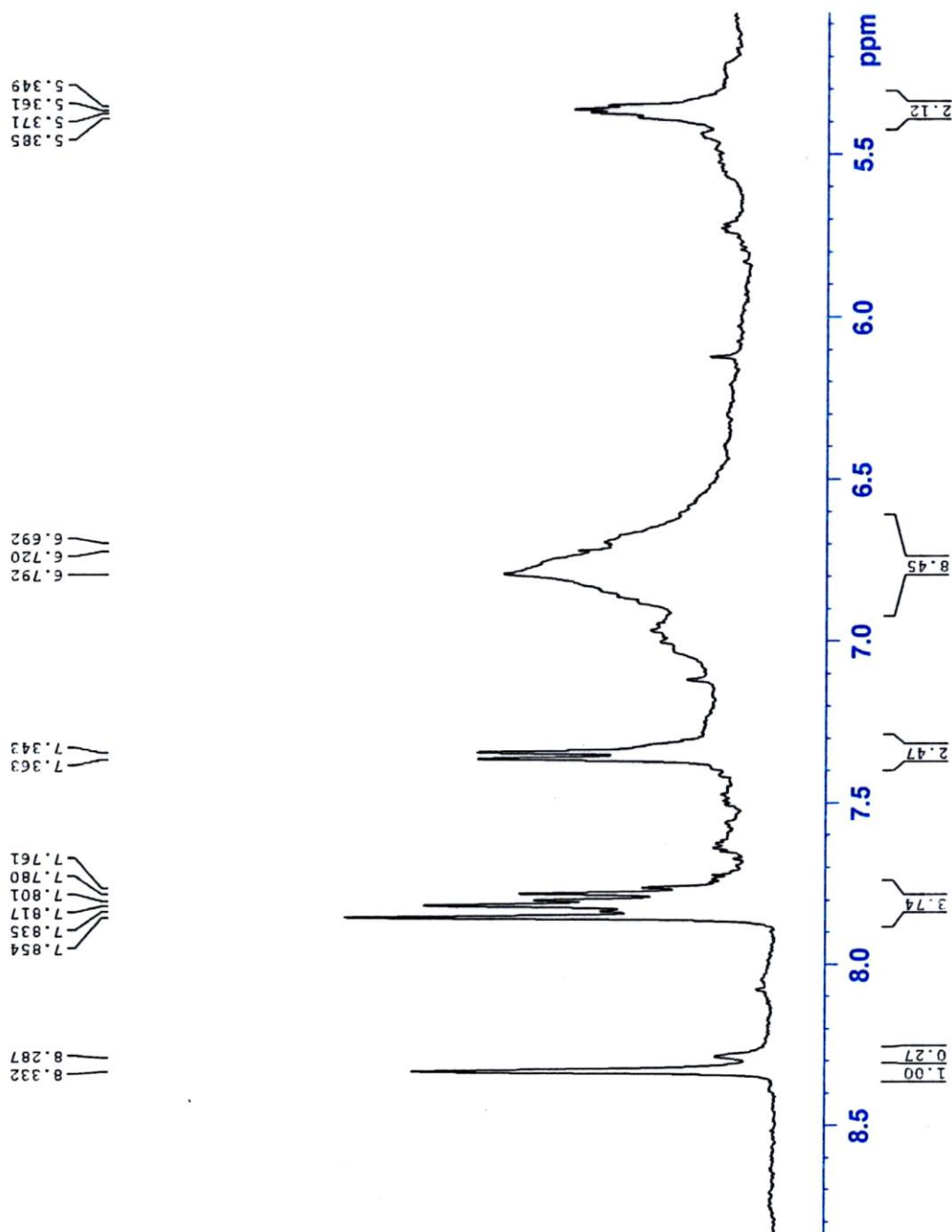
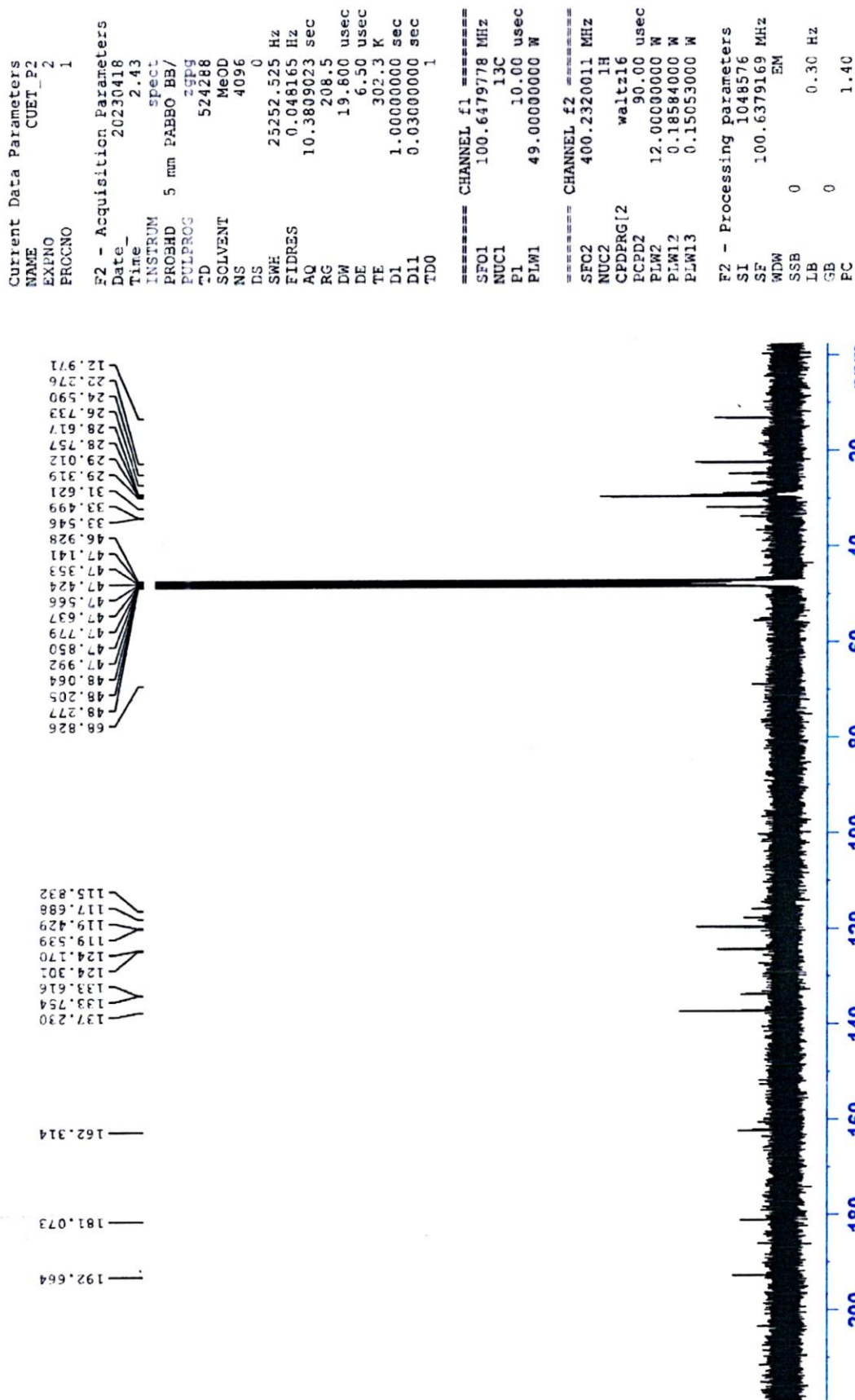


Fig 3.2.4 ^1H (Expand) spectrum of compound P2.

Fig 3.2.5 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound P2.

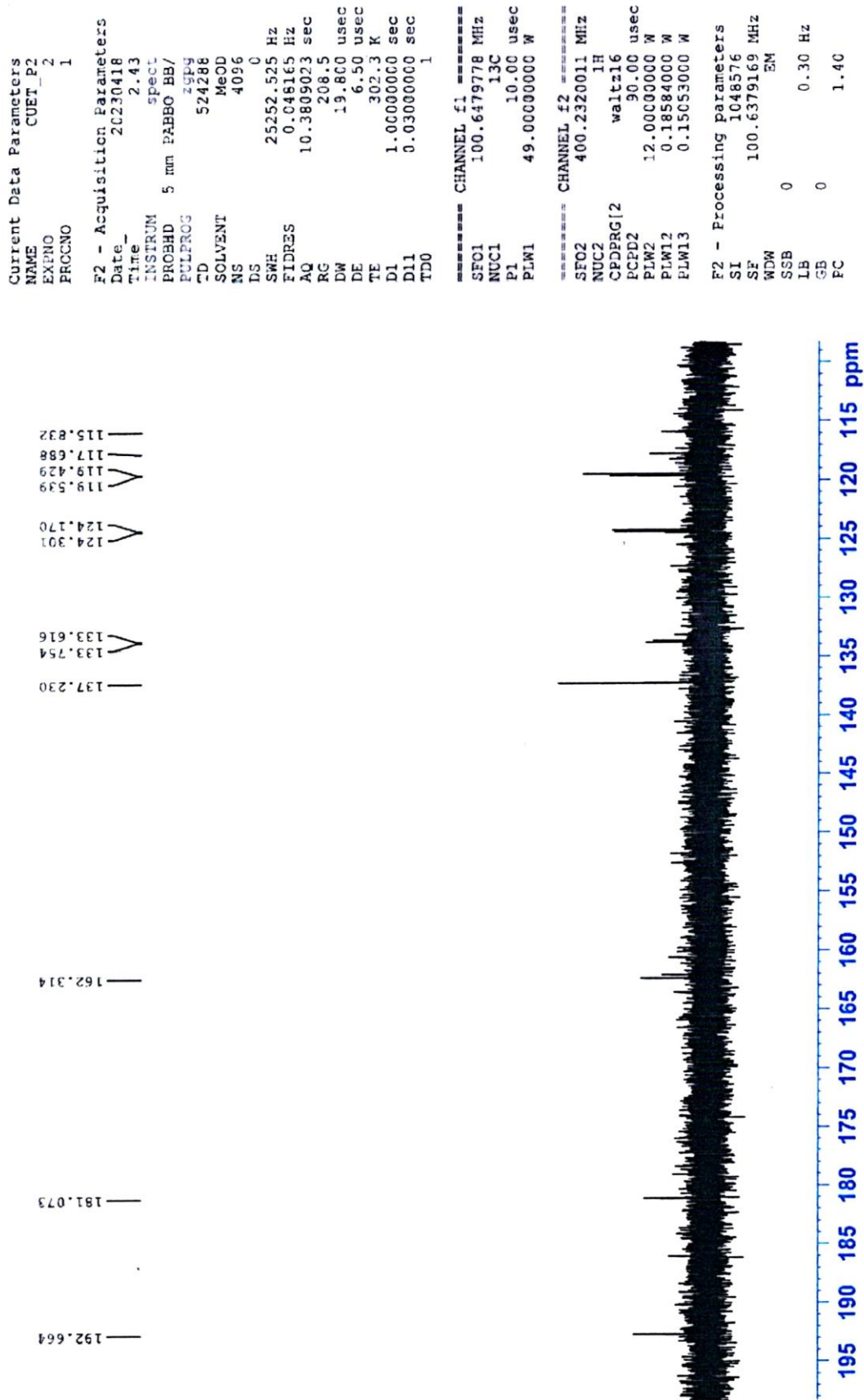
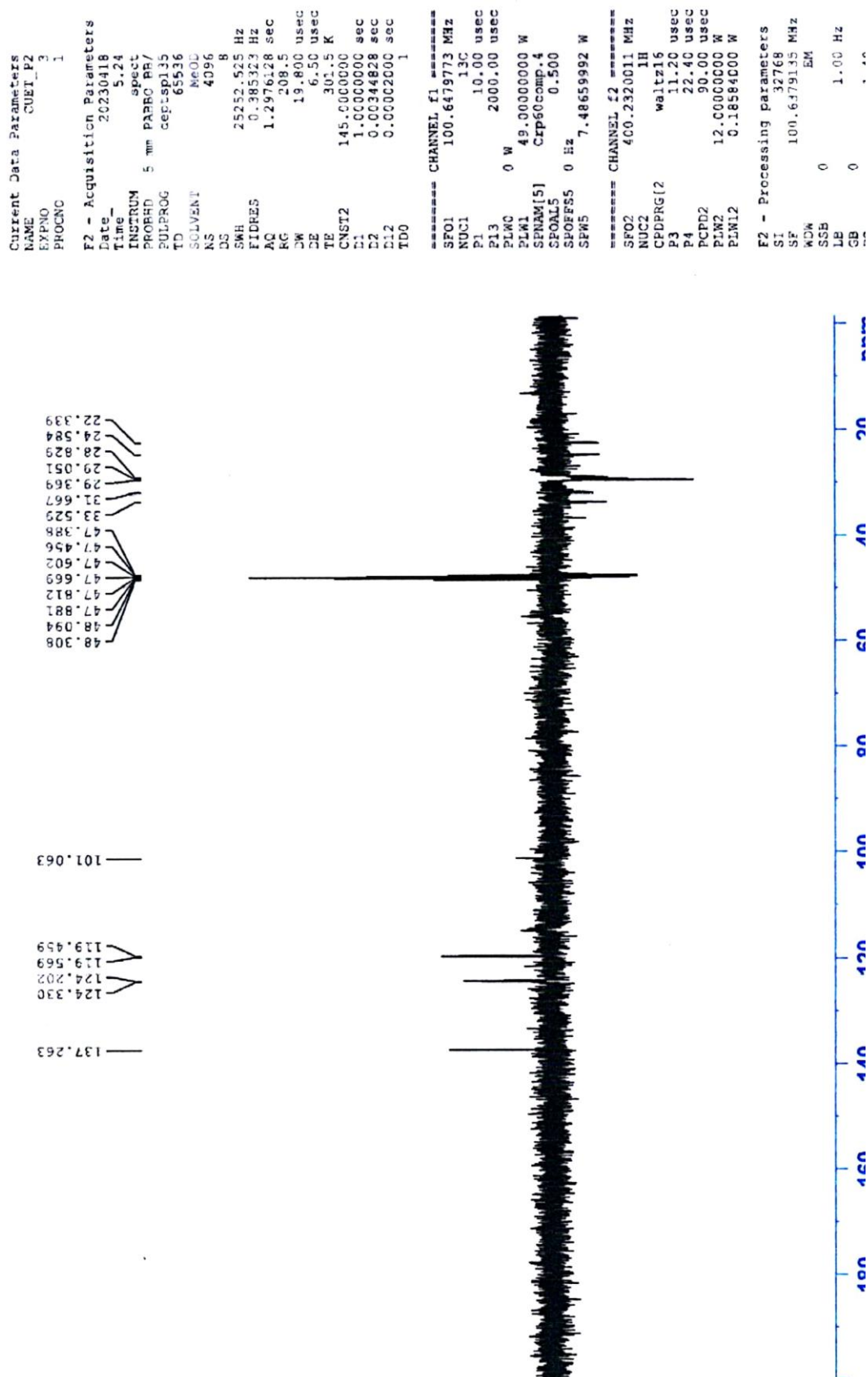
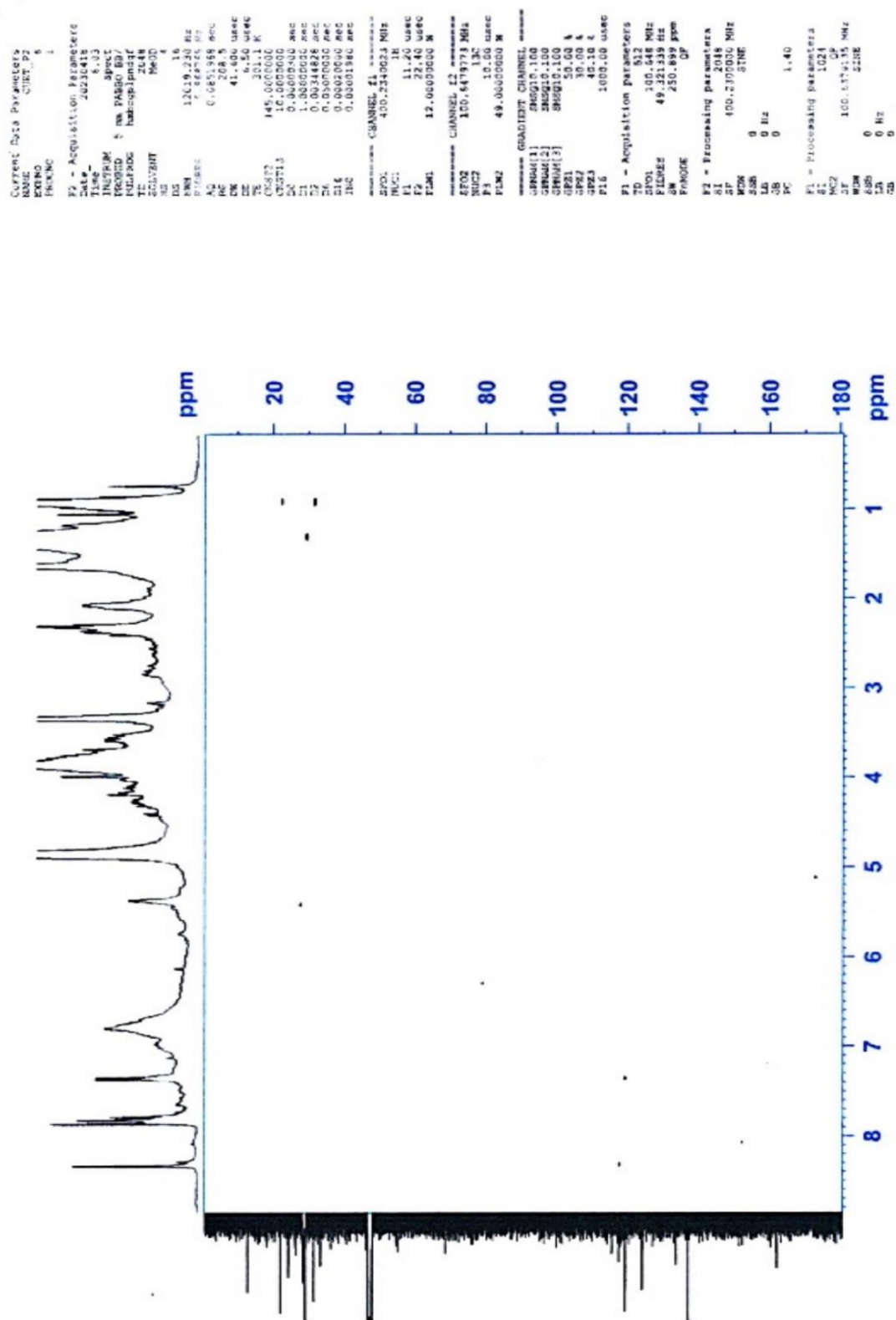


Fig 3.2.6 ^{13}C NMR (Expand.) spectrum of compound P2 .





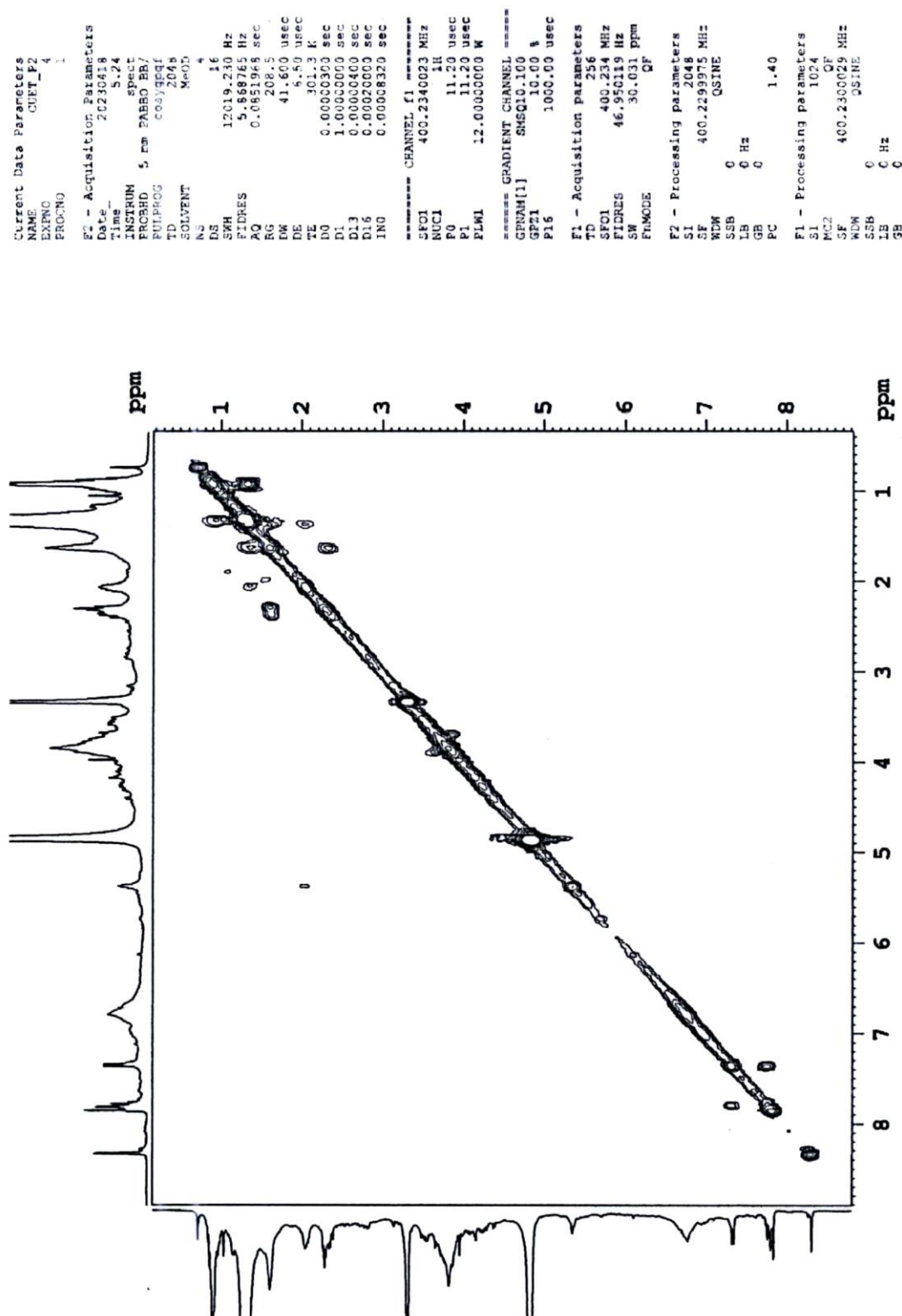


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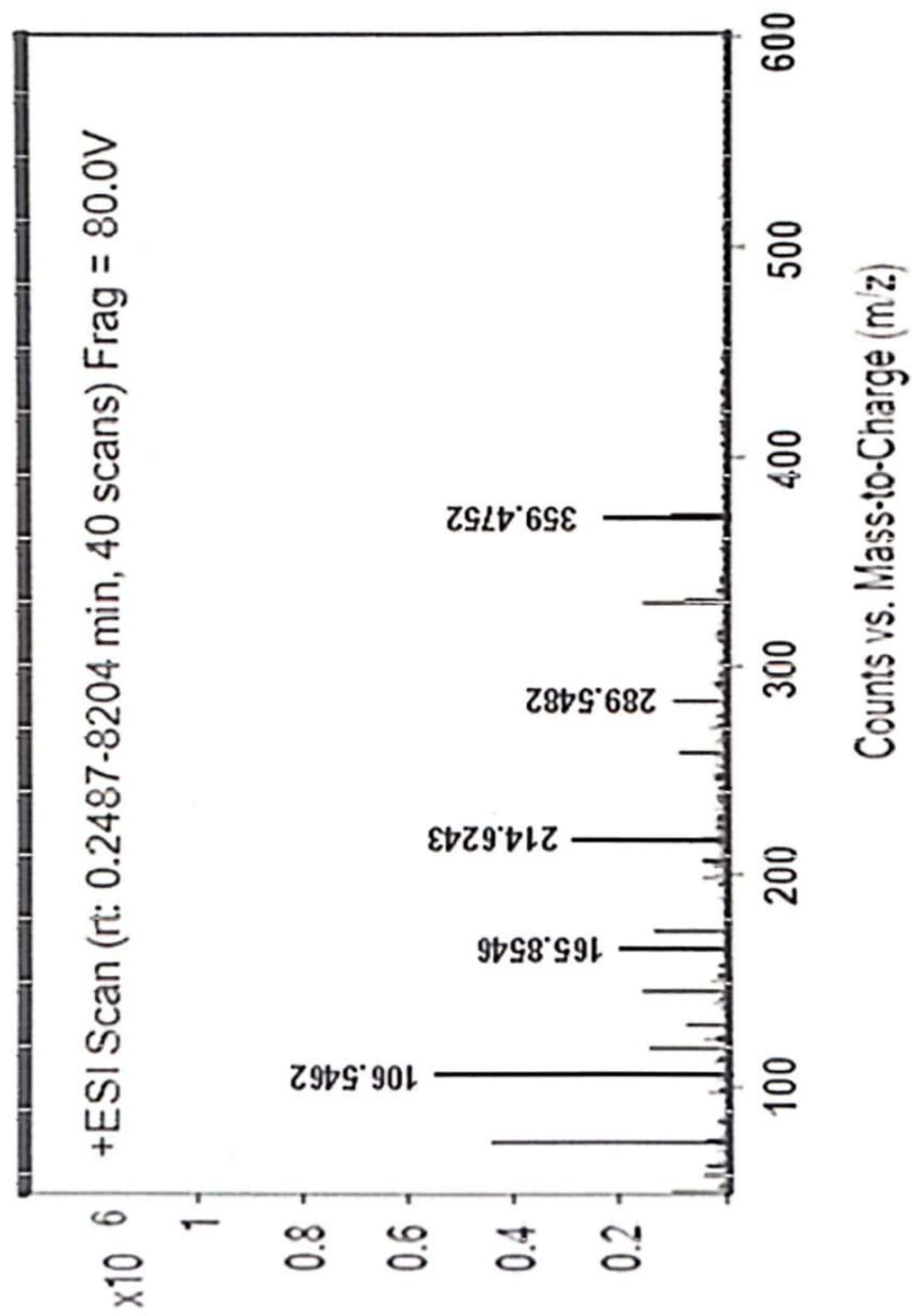


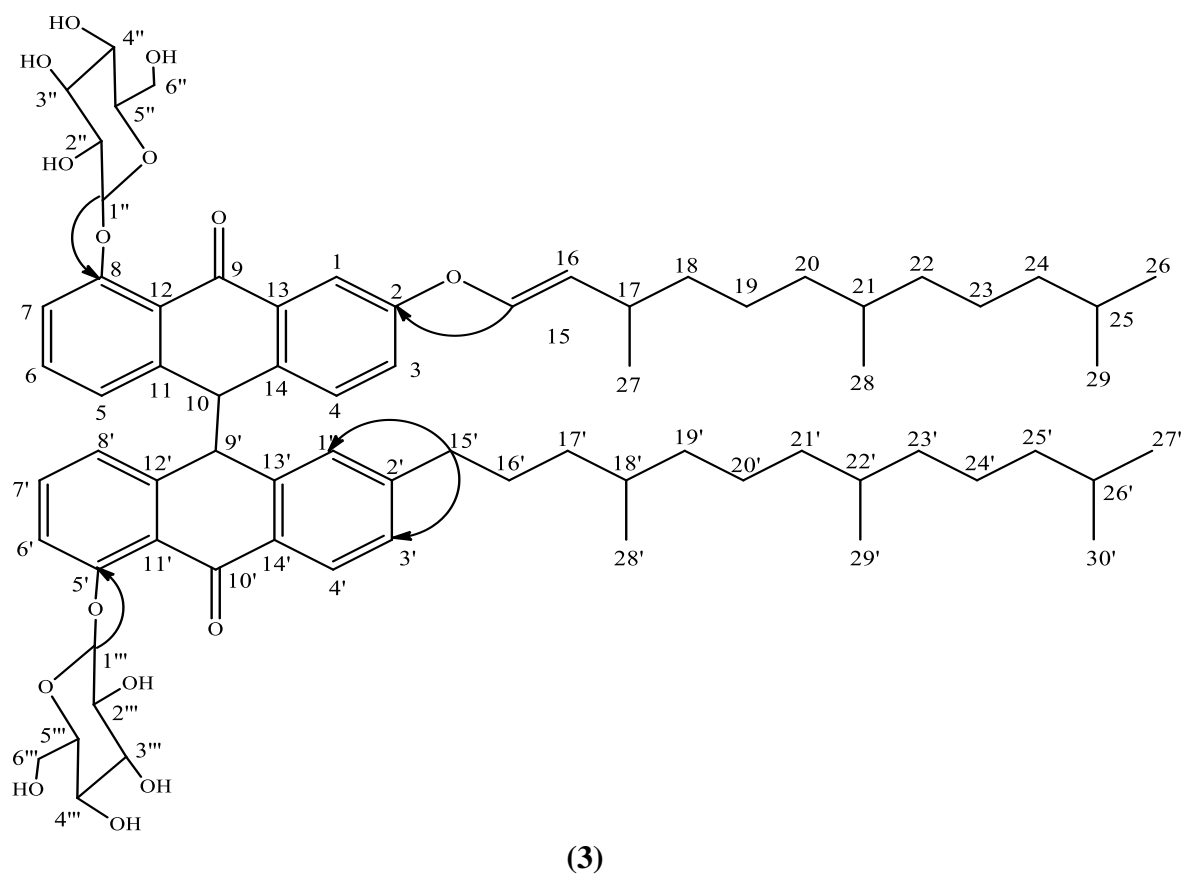
Fig 3.2.10

Mass spectrum of compound P2.

3.3 Characterization of Compound P3:

Compound **P3** (155 mg) was obtained as amorphous solid of white color and melted at 195-196 °C. Compound **P3** responded to positive color tests for an anthraquinone, appearance of red color with methanolic sodium hydroxide as well as with methanolic magnesium acetate (Kalidhar *et al.*, 1998). It also gave positive reaction for glycoside (Finer, 1975). The IR spectrum (Fig.3.3.2) of **P3** showed sharp absorption at $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ 16710 cm^{-1} for =CO functional group and broad absorption for O-H stretching at $\bar{\nu}_{\max}$ 3497, 3409 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **P3** (Fig. 3.3.3) revealed the presence of methyl, methine and methylene protons in **P3** which also supported by its ^{13}C NMR spectrum (Fig. 3.3.5). ^{13}C NMR of **P3** revealed that there were 8 methyl carbons, 17 methylene carbons and 18 methine carbons present in the compound. From the literature review it was revealed that *Cassia* genus has a number of anthraquinone glycosides along with long alkyl chain (Kalidhar *et al.* 1998, Rao *et al.* 2003, Aminah *et al.* 2021). Several attempts were made to correlate **P3** with those of reported in the literature and this is in line with the observation that compound **P3** contains anthraquinone glycosides along with long alkyl chains in the molecule. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **P3** revealed the presence of 12 aromatic protons attached to C2, at δ 6.29 (s, 1H, H-2), C3, at δ 6.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$, H-3), C4, at δ 7.19 (s, 1H, H-4), C5, at δ 6.78 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$, H-5) C6, at δ 7.72 (m, 1H, H-6), C7, at δ 6.68 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$, H-7), C1', at δ 7.26 (s, 1H, H-1'), C3', at δ 7.63 (m, 1H, H-3'), C4', at δ 7.33 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$, H-4'), C6', at δ 6.92 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$, H-6'), C7', at δ 7.63 (m, 1H, H-7') and C8', at δ 6.22 (d, 1H, $J = 9.6$, H-8'). Absorptions of two olefinic protons attached to C15 and C16 are shown at δ 7.84 (d, 1H, $J = 9.2$, H-15) and 5.36 (m, 1H, H-16) respectively. Presence of two anomeric protons at δ 5.90 (d, 1H, $J = 3.2$, H-1'') and 5.36 (d, 1H, $J = 3.2$, H-1''') indicated compound **P3** contain two sugar moieties in the molecule. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **P3** showed the presence of 71 carbons in the molecule. The mass spectrum (Fig. 3.3.8) of **P3** exhibited highest molecular ion peak at m/z 1191.6936 [M+1] consistent with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{71}\text{H}_{96}\text{O}_{15}$. ^{13}C NMR (DEPT) spectrum of **P3** (Fig. 3.3.7) revealed the presence of 17 methylene carbons and 8 methyl carbons in the compound **P3**. Absorptions of 24 aromatic carbons appeared at δ 108.7(C1), 151.7(C2), 114.9(C3), 108.5(C4), 112.5(C5), 128.4(C6), 117.0(C7), 167.8(C8), 132.1(C11), 145.6(C12), 140.5(C13), 129.6(C14), 107.6(C1'), 132.1(C2'), 116.5(C3'), 127.5(C4'), 167.8(C5'), 128.5(C6'), 130.9(C7'), 111.1(C8'), 144.6(C11'), 132.1(C12'), 129.3(C13') and 142.1(C14') were obtained from ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P3** (Table 3.3).

The important homo-nuclear H-H correlations and hetero-nuclear H-C correlations in the molecule **P3** observed from 2D COSY (Fig. 3.3.10) and HMBC (Fig. 3.3.9). The mass fragmentation pattern m/z : $[M+1]$ 1191, 597, 373, 227, 226, 164 etc. supports the proposed structure of **P3**. Analysis of all spectral data structure **3** is suggested for compound **P3** and was characterized as 5''[{(2*R*,3*S*,5*R*,6*S*)-3'',4'',5''-trihydroxy-6''(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl}oxy]- 5'''[{(2*S*, 3*R*,5*S*, 6*R*) -3''',4''',5'''-trihydroxy-6'''(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl}oxy]-17-[(*E*)-17,21,25-trimethyldodec-15-en-15-yl}oxy]-2'-(28',29',30'-trimethyltridecyl)-9, 10'-bianthracene]-9,10'(9'*H*,10'*H*) -dione. It is a new natural product that is being reported for the first time through the study.



Compound P3



Fig. 3.3 : Important HMBC correlations of compound P3.

Table 3.3: ^{13}C NMR and ^1H NMR data for Compound P3 (CD_3OD , δ , ppm, J/Hz)*.

C atom	^{13}C , δ	^1H , δ	COSY	C atom	^{13}C , δ	^1H , δ	COSY
1	108.7	7.19, s		8'	111.1	6.22 (d, $J = 9.6$)	H-7'
2	151.7			9'	95.6	4.39, s	
3	114.9	6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-4	10'	192.3		
4	108.5	7.19, s		11'	144.6		
5	112.5	6.78 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-6	12'	132.1		
6	128.4	7.72 (t, $J = 4.0$)		13'	129.3		
7	117.0	6.68 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-6	14'	142.1		
8	167.8			15'	62.6	2.33, m	
9	196.3			16'	42.6	1.30, m	
10	94.7	4.70, s		17'	39.7	1.30, m	
11	132.1			18'	55.4	1.61, m	
12	145.6			19'	38.7	1.30, m	
13	140.5			20'	37.3	1.30, m	
14	129.6			21'	36.5	1.30, m	
15	144.6	7.84 (d, $J = 9.2$)	H-16	22'	47.9	1.44, m	
16	129.6	5.36, m		23'	33.7	1.30, m	
17	56.6	2.72, m		24'	33.5	1.30, m	
18	36.5	1.30, m		25'	31.8	1.30, m	
19	33.3	1.30, m		26'	45.8	2.06, m	
20	33.5	1.30, m		27'	13.0	.91 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-26'
21	48.1	1.44, m		28'	22.6	.96 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-18'
22	36.0	1.30, m		29'	18.4	97 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-22'
23	32.2	1.30, m		30'	13.0	.90 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-26'
24	31.8	1.44, m		1''	102.5	5.90 (d, $J = 3.2$)	H-2''
25	38.7	2.06, m		2''	72.3	3.92, m	
26	12.9	.86 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-25	3''	69.3	3.32, m	
27	24.5	1.15 (d, $J = 3.6$)	H-17	4''	67.7	3.32, m	
28	18.0	.88 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-21	5''	73.6	4.30 (t, $J = 6.4$)	H-4'', 6''
29	12.6	.99 (d, $J = 4.4$)	H-25	6''	65.2	4.23 (d, $J = 3.6$)	H-5''
1'	107.6	7.26, s		1'''	104.4	5.36 (d, $J = 3.2$)	H-2'''
2'	132.1			2'''	71.5	3.92, m	
3'	116.5	7.63 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-4'	3'''	69.6	3.32, m	
4'	127.5	7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-3'	4'''	65.2	3.32, m	
5'	167.8			5'''	73.8	4.30 (t, $J = 6.4$)	H-4''', 6'''
6'	128.5	6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$)	H-7'	6'''	67.7	4.23 (d, $J = 3.6$)	H-5'''
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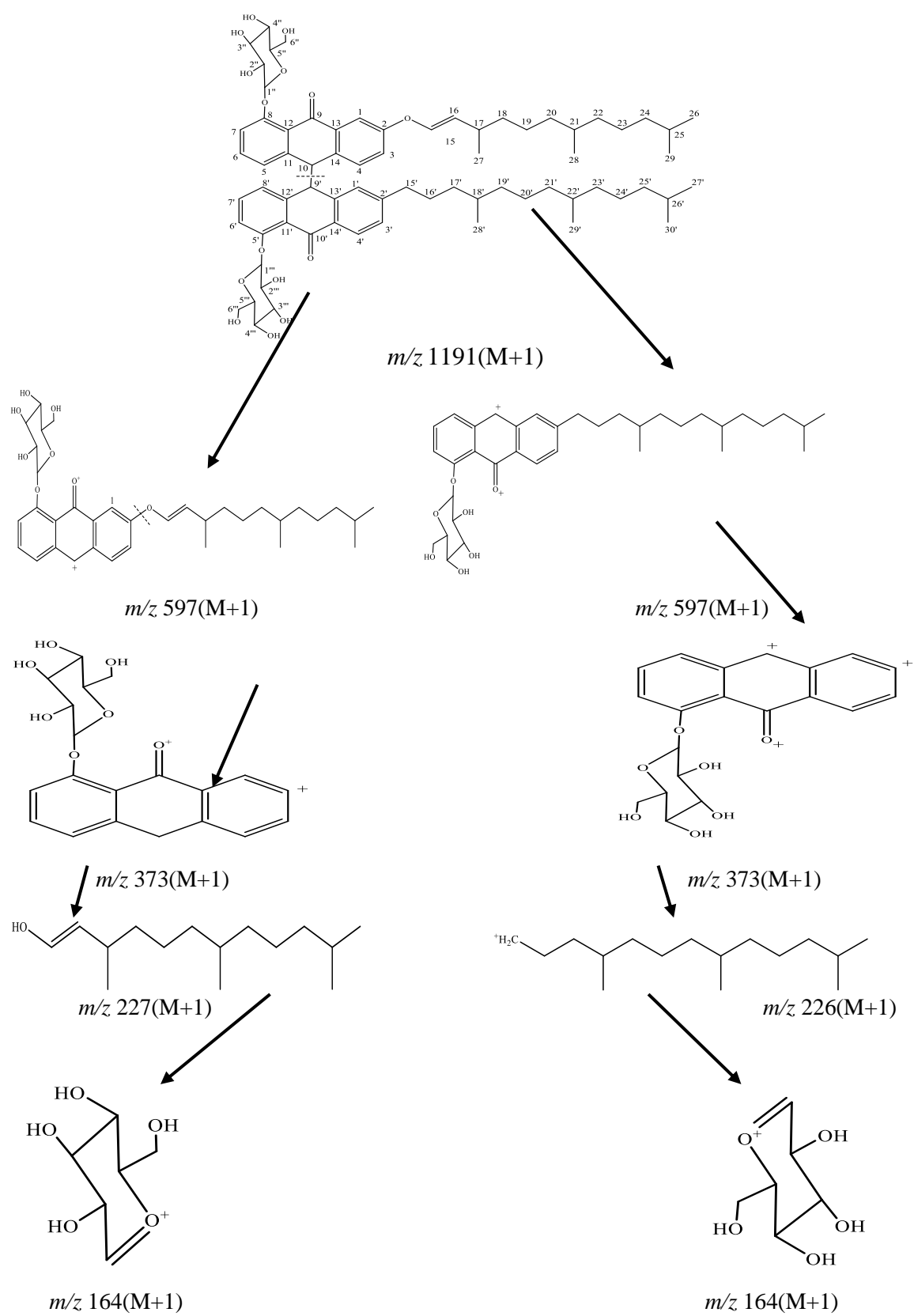


Fig 3.3.1

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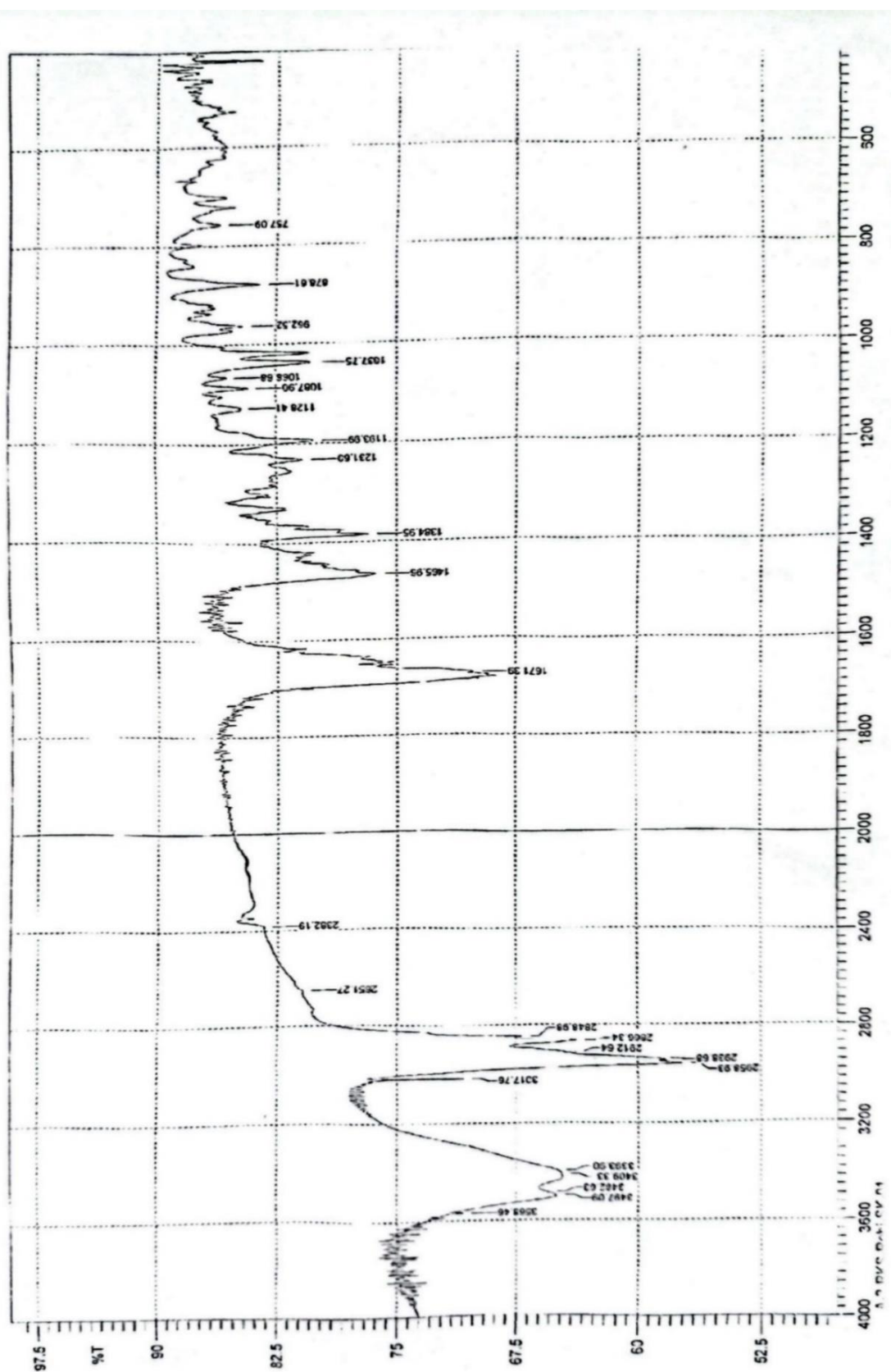


Fig 3.3.2 IR spectrum of compound P3.

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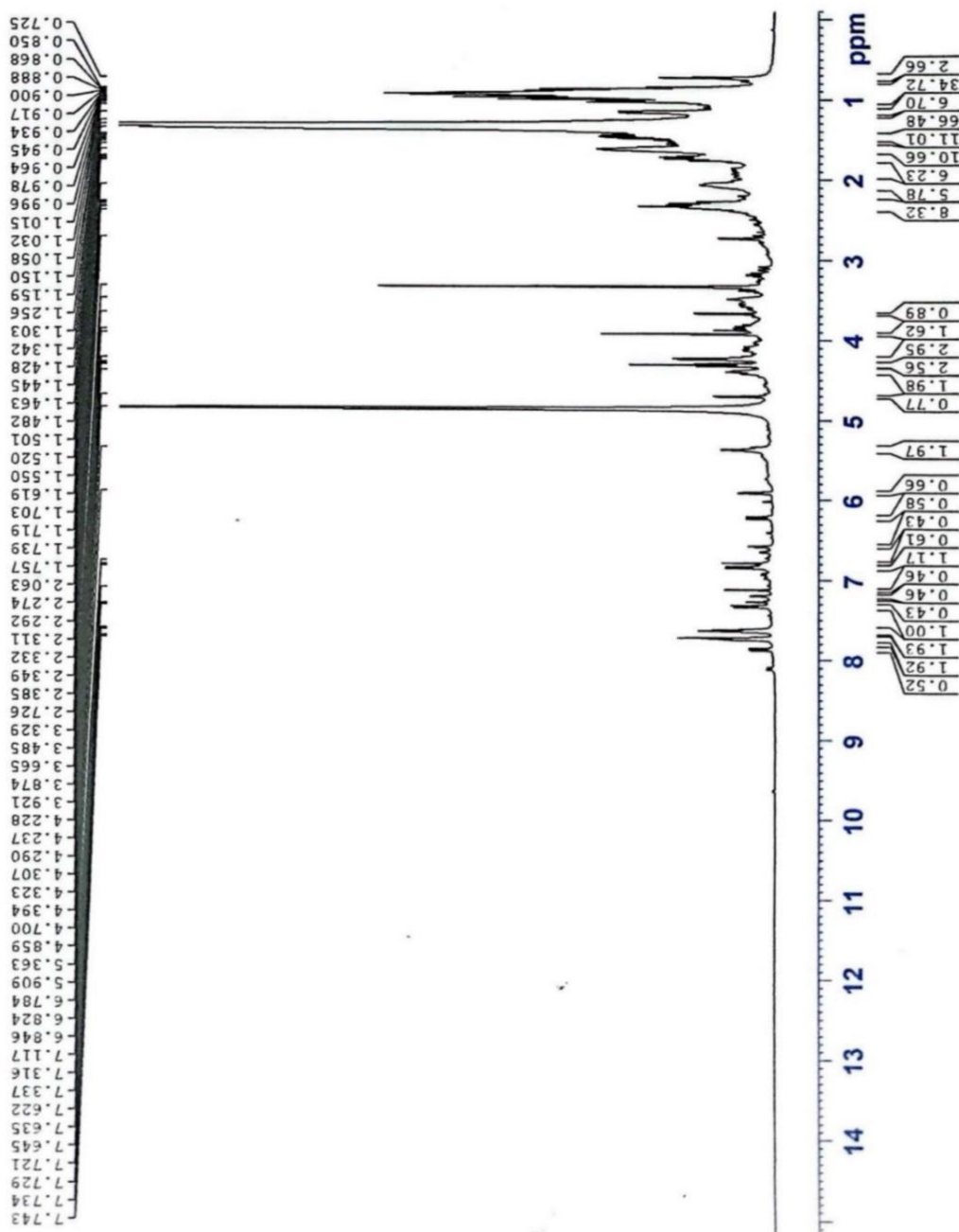


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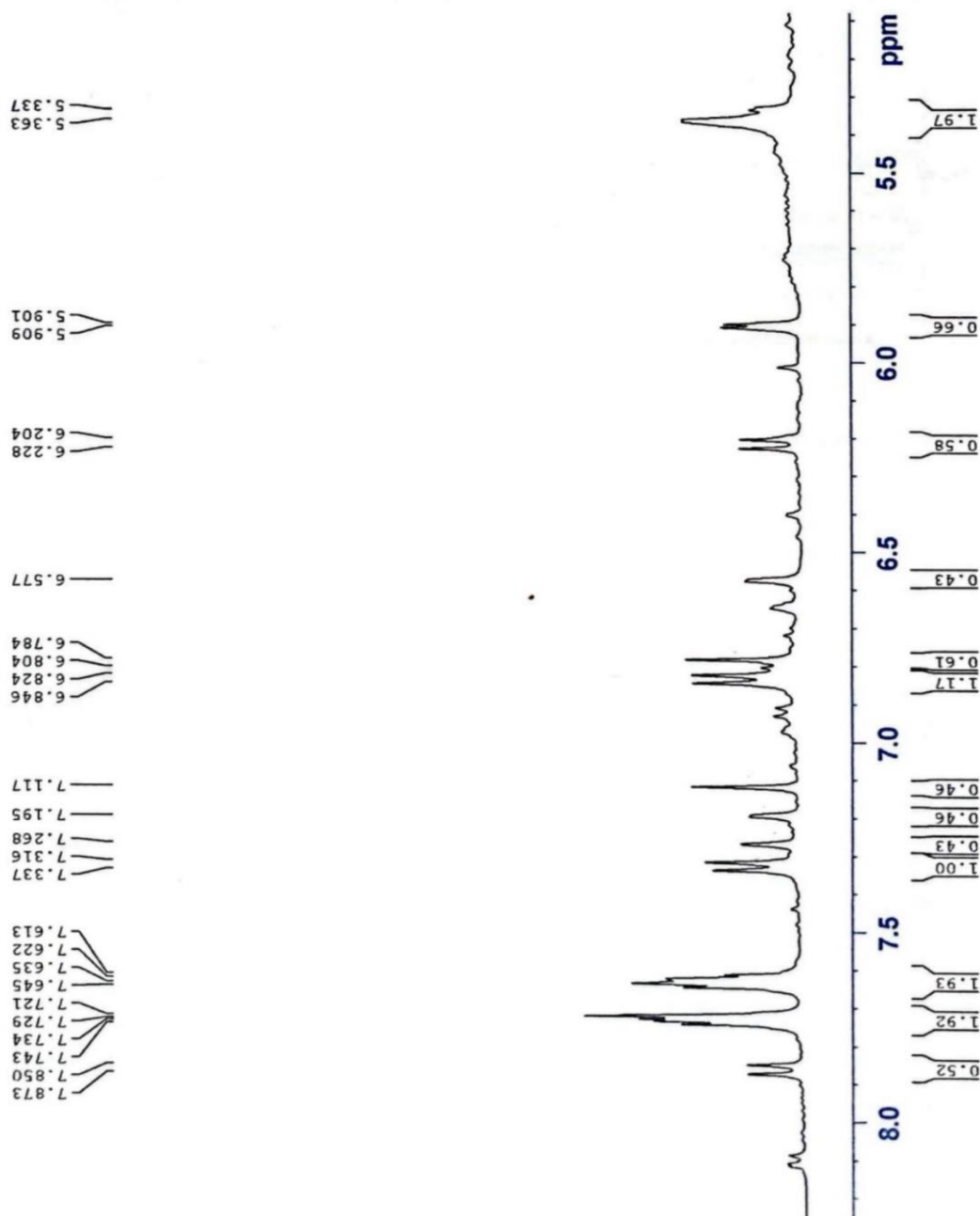
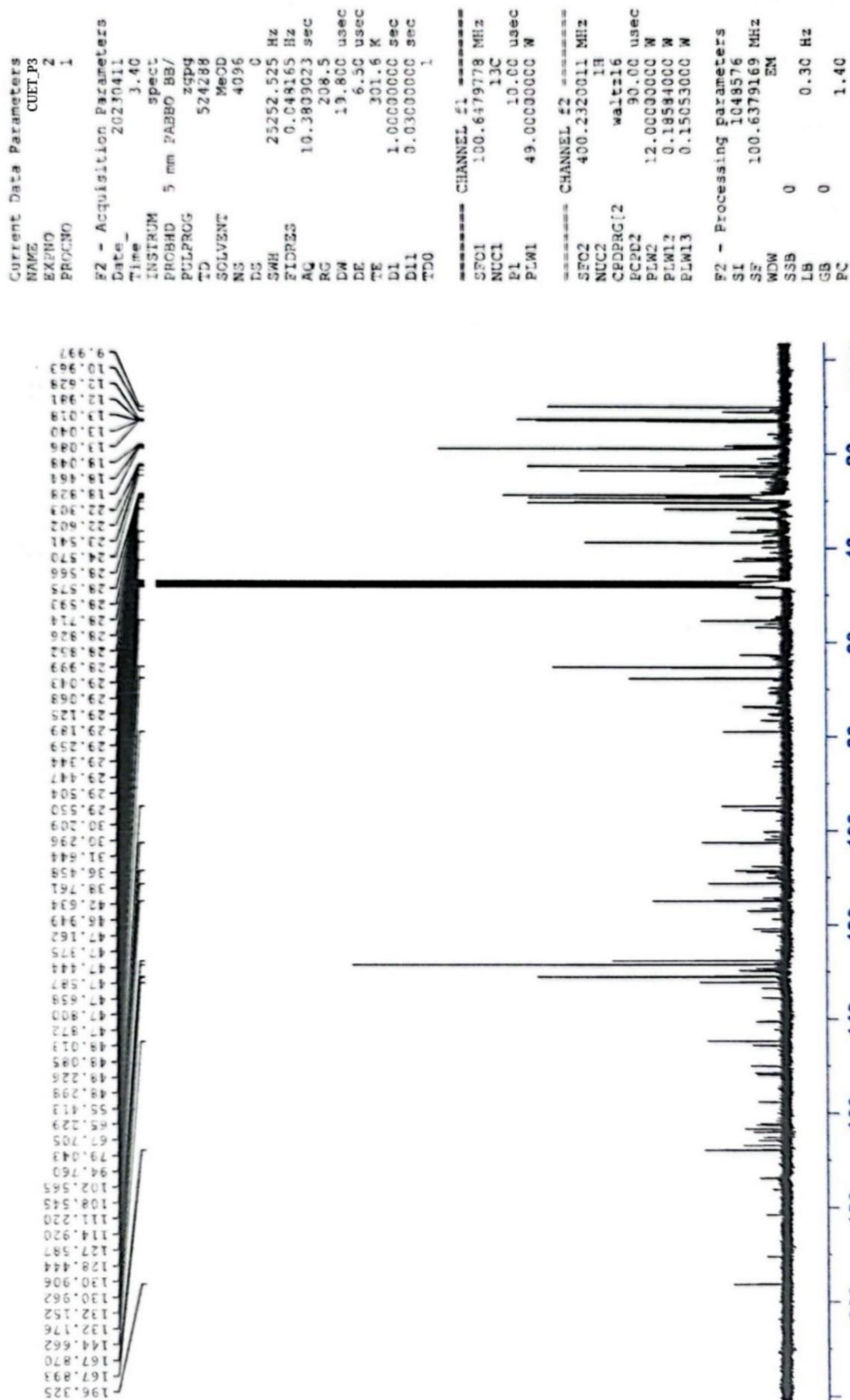
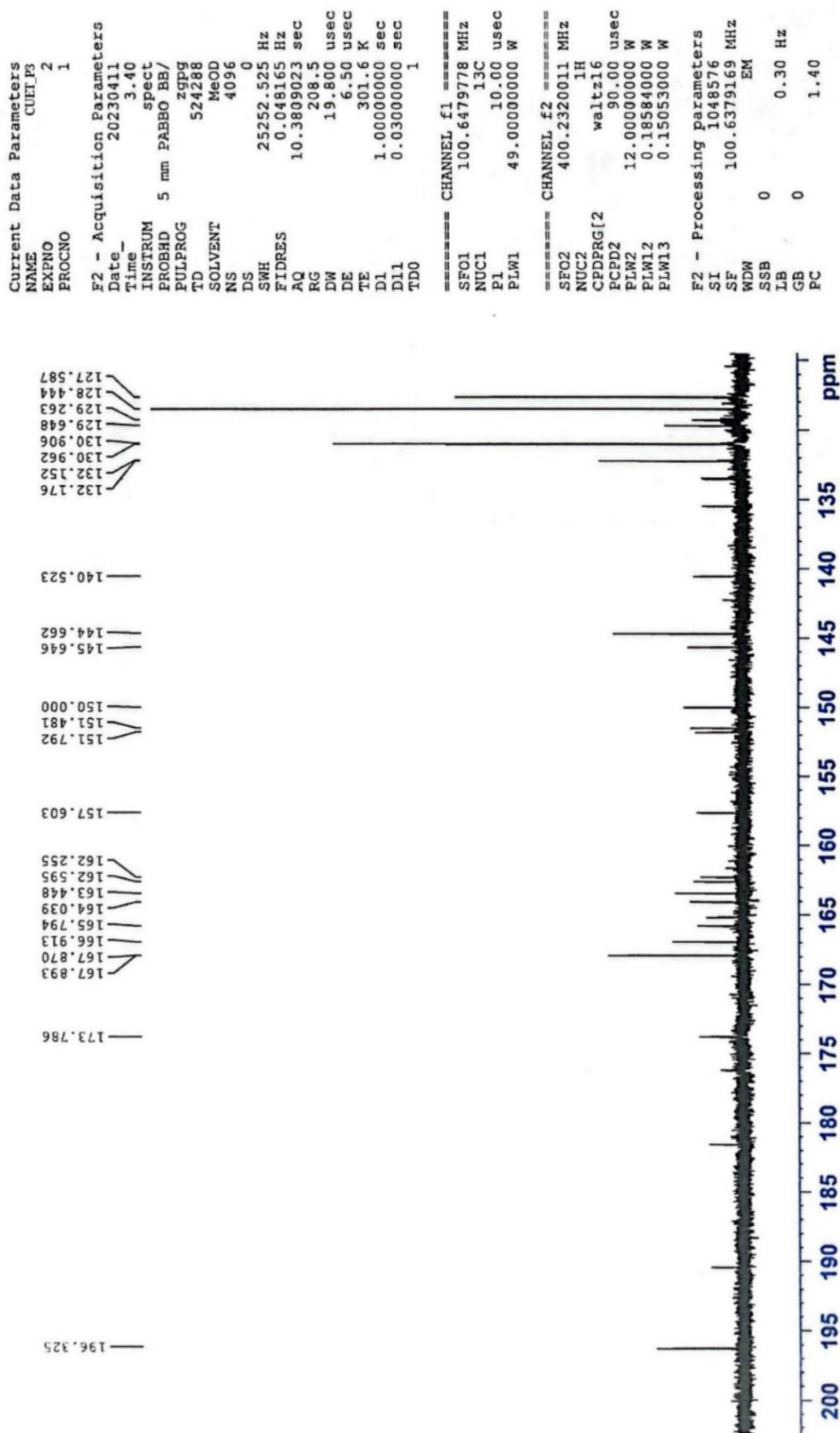


Fig 3.3.4 ¹H (Expand) spectrum of compound P3.

Fig 3.3.5 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound P3.

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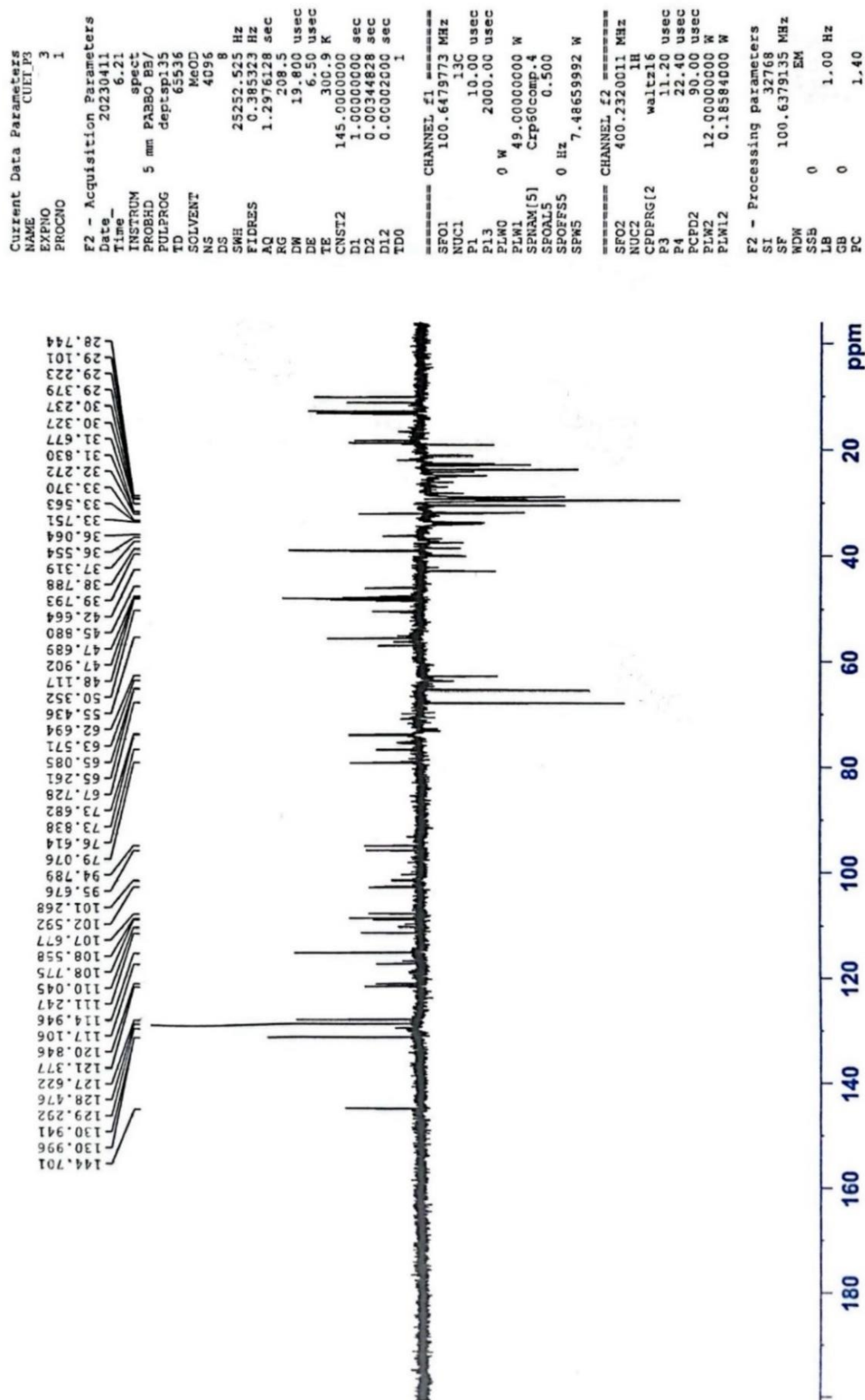


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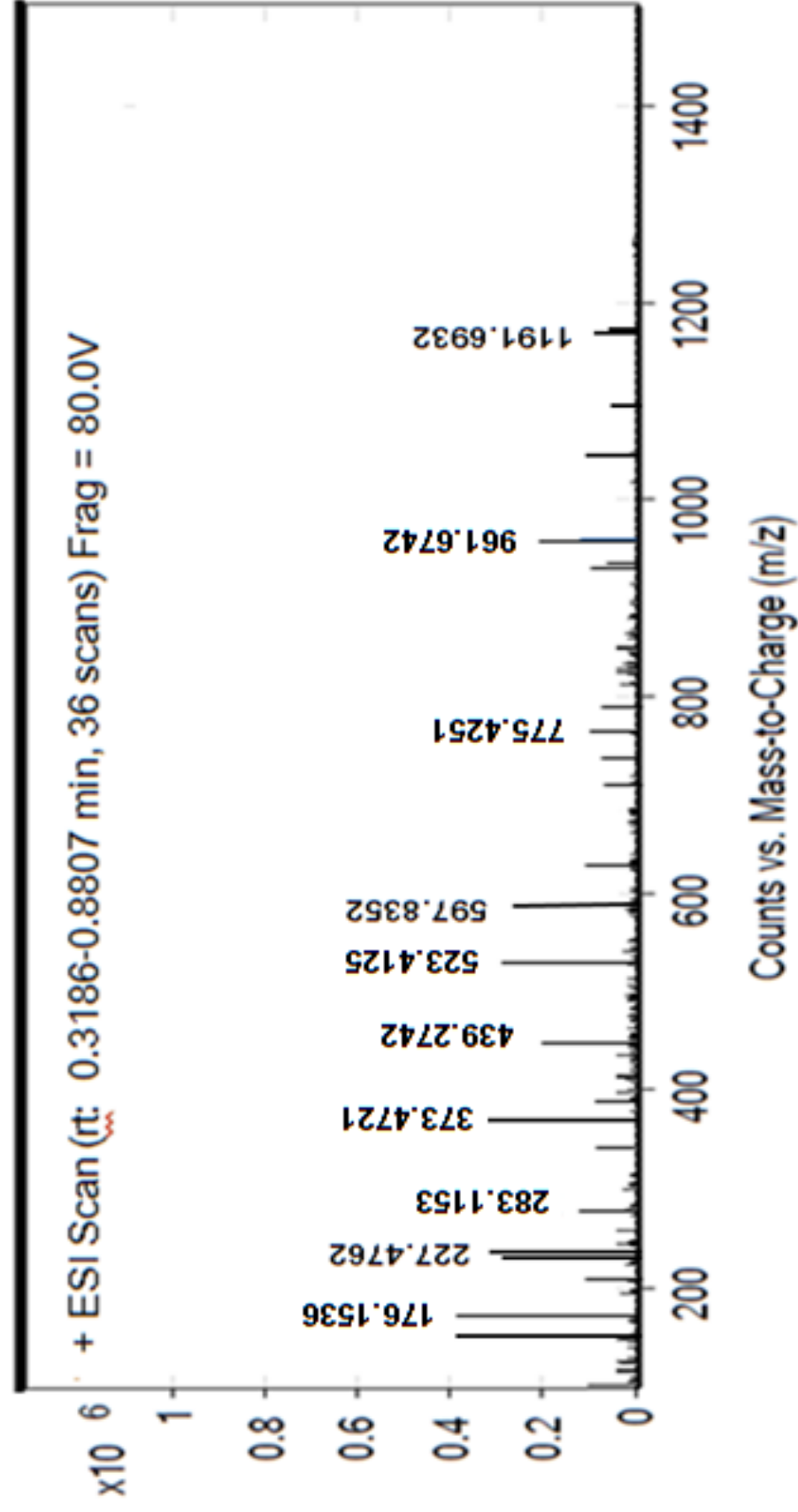


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Mass spectrum of compound P3.

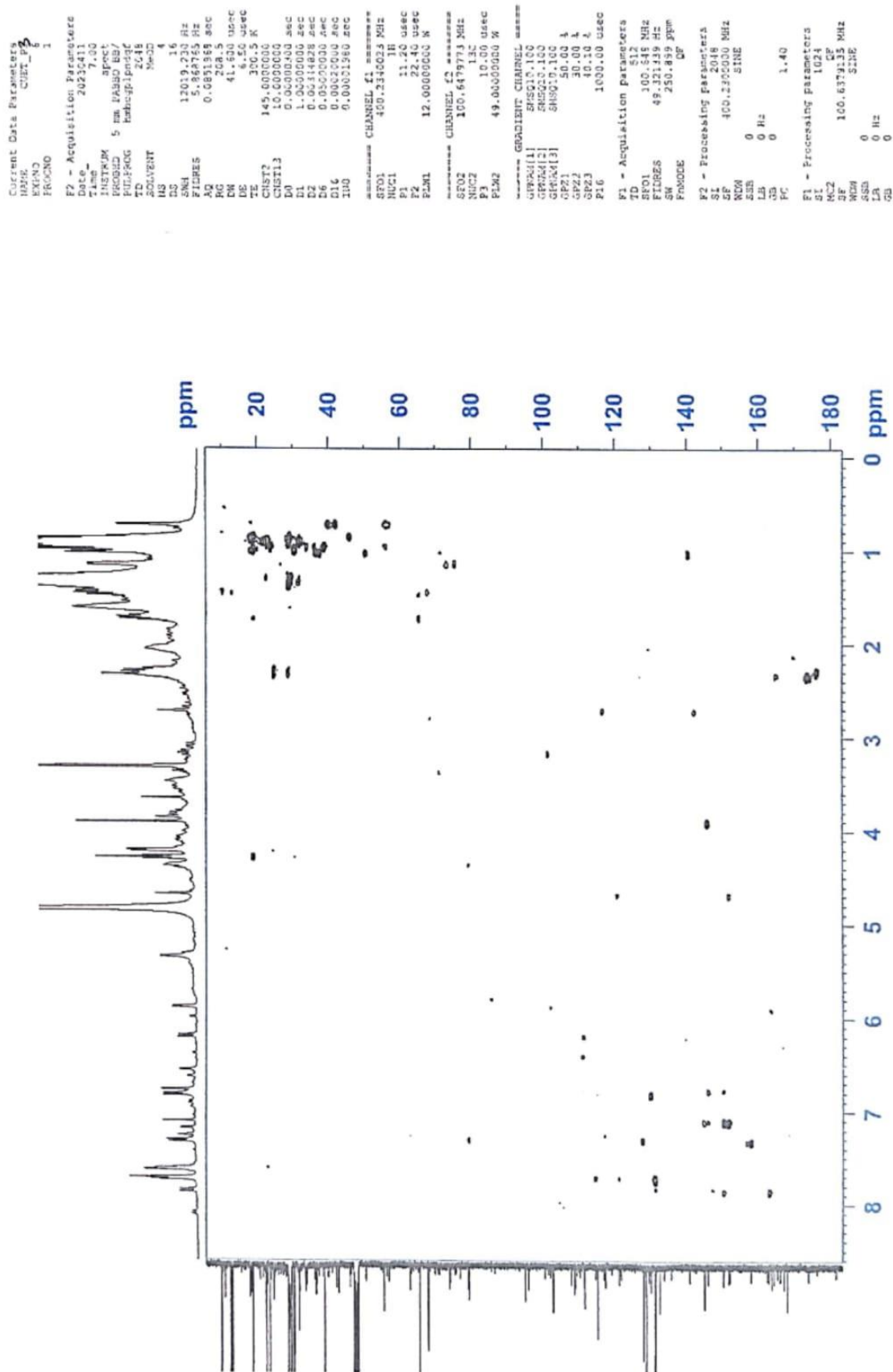


Fig 3.3.9 HMBC spectrum of compound P3.

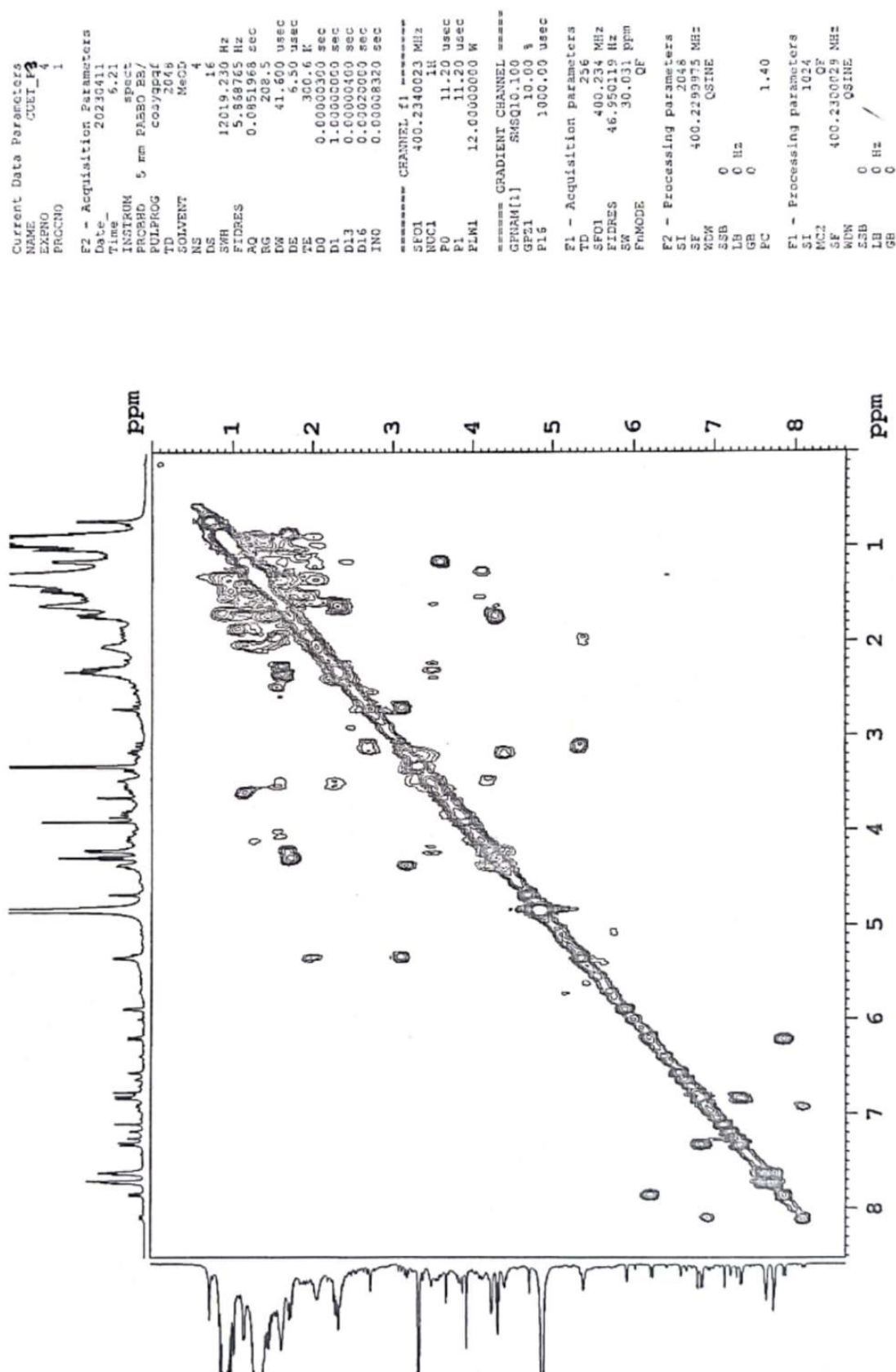


Fig 3.3.10 COSY spectrum of compound P3.

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4. Biological Studies

4.1 Antimicrobial potency assay:

In vitro antimicrobial studies of the isolated compounds (**P1**, **P2** and **P3**) were assayed against two gram-positive and two gram-negative bacteria along with two fungi by using agar disc diffusion method. The development of diameter of inhibition zones (mm \pm SD) are presented in **Table 3.4 -3.5**. Ceftriaxone and Amphotericin B were used as standard. All the tested compounds showed activity against bacterial and fungal strains. Compound P2 and P3 were biologically inactive towards gram-positive bacteria. P1 displayed activities against all bacterial and fungal strains. P2 exhibited inhibition value 19.0 ± 1.0 mm against *S. typhimurium*. P3 exhibited inhibition value 21.0 ± 1.0 mm against *S. typhimurium*. Compounds P1, P2 and P3 showed promising anti-fungal activities value 27.7 ± 0.6 mm, 19.3 ± 0.6 mm and 41.3 ± 0.6 mm, 45.0 ± 1.0 mm and 33.3 ± 0.6 mm, 36.3 ± 0.6 mm against respected fungal strains respectively. Compounds P1, P2 and P3 showed remarkable antibacterial activities and compound P3 exhibited significant antifungal activities against fungal strains.

Table 3.4: Anti-bacterial activity of the compounds **P1**, **P2** and **P3**.

Test samples	Gram positive bacteria		Gram negative bacteria	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>S. typhimurium</i>	<i>E. Coli</i>
P1	12.3 ± 0.6	13.3 ± 0.6	18.3 ± 0.6	17.3 ± 1.2
P2	-	-	19.0 ± 1.0	-
P3	-	-	21.0 ± 1.0	-
Ceftriaxone	38.0 ± 1.0	34.0 ± 1.0	44.3 ± 0.6	40.0 ± 1.0
DMSO	-	-	-	-

The individual data expressed as mean \pm SD (Standard deviation) of three experiments

Table 3.5: Ani-fungal activity of the compounds P1, P2 and P3.

Test samples	<i>T. harzianum</i>	<i>A. niger</i>
P1	27.7 ± 0.6	19.3 ± 0.6
P2	41.3 ± 0.6	45.0 ± 1.0
P3	33.3 ± 0.6	36.3 ± 0.6
Amphotericin B	17.7 ± 0.6	8.3 ± 0.6
DMSO	-	-

The individual data expressed as mean \pm SD (Standard deviation) of three experiments

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5. Conclusion:

The main objective of the research work was to isolate some compounds from the fruit of *Cassia fistula* along with other secondary metabolites as well as to determine the molecular structure of the isolated compounds. In the study, it was succeeded in finding some of them those were isolated and established the structures by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, Mass spectroscopy of three natural products **P1**, **P2** and **P3**. They are new natural products and reported for the first time from the *Cassia fistula* fruits. The isolated products **P1**, **P2** and **P3** were tested antimicrobial activities where **P1** showed potential antibacterial activities against all experimental bacterial strains, **P2** and **P3** showed against *S. typhimurium*. In the antifungal screening, compounds **P1**, **P2** and **P3** showed remarkable antibacterial activities.

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