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## Supporting Information

### **Phototemtide A, a Cyclic Lipopeptide Heterologously Expressed from *Photorhabdus temperata* Meg1, Shows Selective Antiprotozoal Activity**

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## Experimental Procedures

### Strain Construction

For construction of heterologous *Escherichia coli* expressing *pttABC* (*MEG1\_RS04960*, *MEG1\_RS04970*, and *MEG1\_RS04975*) or *pttBC*, plasmids pLZ57 and pLZ58 were generated by yeast cloning<sup>1</sup> and Gibson cloning, respectively, and were verified by restriction enzyme digest. The correct pLZ57 was transformed into *E. coli* DH10B MtaA for coexpression with or without pLZ58. Individual colonies were analyzed by HPLC-MS for the phototemtide production.

### Strain Cultivation and Culture Extraction

100  $\mu$ L of overnight cultures of heterologous production *E. coli* were inoculated into 10 mL fresh liquid lysogeny broth (LB) medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotics (50  $\mu$ g/mL kanamycin and spectinomycin), 0.1% L-arabinose (from a 25% stock solution), and 2% Amberlite XAD-16 resin. The cultures were grown at 30 °C and were shaken on a rotary shaker at 200 rpm. After 3 days, the cultures were harvested, and XAD-16 beads were separated and extracted with 10 mL methanol for 1 h. Subsequently, the extracts were analyzed by HPLC-MS.

### HPLC-MS Analysis

HPLC-HR-ESI-MS analysis was carried out on a Dionex UltiMate 3000 system coupled to a Bruker Impact II QTOF mass spectrometer. Compounds were eluted on an ACQUITY UPLC BEH C<sub>18</sub> column (130 Å, 2.1 mm  $\times$  50 mm, 1.7  $\mu$ m) using a gradient from 5% to 95% acetonitrile water solution containing 0.1% formic acid at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min for 16 min. HPLC-ESI-MS analysis was recorded on a Dionex UltiMate 3000 system coupled to a Bruker AmaZonX mass spectrometer. Compounds were eluted on an ACQUITY UPLC BEH C<sub>18</sub> column (130 Å, 2.1 mm  $\times$  100 mm, 1.7  $\mu$ m) using a gradient from 5% to 95% acetonitrile water solution containing 0.1% formic acid at a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min for 16 min. Positive mode with scan range from 100 to 1200 *m/z* was used to detect phototemtides.

### Compound Isolation

To isolate phototemtide A (**1**), the XAD-16 beads from 4 L cultures of *E. coli* expressing *pttABC* were extracted with ethyl acetate. The purification of **1** was performed on an Agilent semipreparative HPLC system with an Eclipse XDB-C<sub>18</sub> column (9.4 mm  $\times$  250 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) using a gradient 50% to 55% acetonitrile water solution containing 0.1% formic acid for 20 min at a flow rate of 3 mL/min to afford **1** (4 mg).

### Configuration Determination of Amino Acids

Amino acid configurations in **1** were determined using the advanced Marfey's method as described previously.<sup>2,3</sup> Approximately 1 mg of peptide was dissolved in 200  $\mu\text{L}$  MeOH and was hydrolyzed with 800  $\mu\text{L}$  HCl (6 M) in an Ace high-pressure tube at 110  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 h. The hydrolysate was evaporated to dryness and redissolved in 100  $\mu\text{L}$  H<sub>2</sub>O. To each a half portion (45  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added 10  $\mu\text{L}$  1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and 80  $\mu\text{L}$  1% FDLA N $\alpha$ -(5-fluoro-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-L-leucinamide or D-leucinamide (L-FDLA or D-FDLA, dissolved in acetone). The brown reaction vials were incubated in a water bath at 40  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 h. After that the reactions were cooled to room temperature, quenched with 10  $\mu\text{L}$  1 M HCl and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 400  $\mu\text{L}$  MeOH. The analysis of the L- and LD-FDLA-derivatized amino acids was carried out with HPLC-MS.

### Synthesis of Chiral 3-Hydroxyoctanoic Acids

The synthesis was carried out by employing key samarium(II) iodide (SmI<sub>2</sub>) mediated asymmetric Reformatsky-type reaction of chiral 4-benzyl-3-bromoacetyl-2-oxazolidinone with *n*-hexanal.<sup>4</sup>

**Step a - Preparation of chiral 4-benzyl-3-bromoacetyl-2-oxazolidinone.** In a two-neck round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar were charged (*R*)- or (*S*)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (352 mg, 3.0 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (THF, 12 mL) under a slight pressure of nitrogen. The flask was cooled in a dry ice–isopropanol bath ( $-78$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and a *n*-hexane solution of *n*-butyllithium (*n*-BuLi, 1.6 M, 2.1 mL, 3.3 mmol) was then added using a syringe through the septum with magnetic stirring. After 30 min, bromoacetyl chloride (BrAcCl, 482 mg, 3.1 mmol) was slowly added to the mixture at the same temperature over a period of 20 min. When the addition was completed, the dry ice bath was removed, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous potassium hydrogen phosphate (K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 3 mL), and the solution was then extracted with three 3 mL portions of diethyl ether. The combined extracts were dried over magnesium sulfate (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator leaving an orange liquid. The crude product was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give (*R*)- or (*S*)-4-benzyl-3-bromoacetyl-2-oxazolidinone as a yellow solid (~300 mg, 33% yield).

**Step b – SmI<sub>2</sub> mediated Reformatsky-type reaction.** All reactions were carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere using a Schlenk tube with standard techniques for air-sensitive materials. A

mixture of *n*-hexanal (124  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) and (*R*)- or (*S*)-4-benzyl-3-bromoacetyl-2-oxazolidinone (299 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was slowly dropwise injected to a THF solution of SmI<sub>2</sub> (0.1 M, 30 mL, 3.0 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 0.5 h, the dry ice bath was removed, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for an additional 0.5 h. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (HCl, 0.1 M, 25 mL), and the aqueous phase was extracted with three 20 mL portions of diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to afford (*R*)-4-Benzyl-3-(*R*)-3-hydroxyoctanoyl-2-oxazolidinone or (*S*)-4-Benzyl-3-(*S*)-3-hydroxyoctanoyl-2-oxazolidinone as a white solid (~195 mg, 60% yield).

**Step c - Hydrolysis of the chiral 4-benzyl-3-3-hydroxyoctanoyl-2-oxazolidinone.** In a round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was charged (*R*)-4-Benzyl-3-(*R*)-3-hydroxyoctanoyl-2-oxazolidinone or (*S*)-4-Benzyl-3-(*S*)-3-hydroxyoctanoyl-2-oxazolidinone (192 mg, 0.6 mmol). A solution of THF in H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 3 mL) was added to the flask. The flask was cooled in an ice-water bath, and a solution of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) (30% in H<sub>2</sub>O, 273  $\mu$ L, 2.4 mmol) and a solution of lithium hydroxide (LiOH, 24 mg, 1.0 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 mL) were added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C. The septum was then removed, and a solution of sodium sulfite (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, 300 mg, 2.4 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1.8 mL) was added. The THF was removed on rotary evaporator and the remaining solution was extracted three times with dichloromethane (DCM, 3.6 mL) to remove the free oxazolidinone. The aqueous layer containing the carboxylate salt of the desired product was cooled in an ice bath and was brought to pH 1 with 6 M HCl. The aqueous solution was then extracted five times with ethyl acetate (2.4 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator to give (*R*)- or (*S*)-3-hydroxyoctanoic acid (3-HOA) as a colorless oil (~85 mg, 89 % yield). Their structures were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

*(R)*-3-Hydroxyoctanoic acid: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.03 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (m, 8H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

*(S)*-3-Hydroxyoctanoic acid: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.07 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

## Synthesis of Epimeric Peptides

The synthesis was accomplished by combining solid and solution phase synthesis.<sup>5,6</sup>

**Step a - Loading of Thr(tBu) on the 2-chlorotriyl chloride (2-CTC) resin.** A solution of Fmoc-Thr(tBu)-OH (119 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, 153  $\mu$ L, 0.9 mmol, 9 equiv) in DCM (1.5 mL) was placed in a plastic reactor vessel filled with 2-CTC resin (63 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The resulting mixture was incubated at room temperature overnight. The remaining free binding sites were capped upon incubating twice with DCM/MeOH/DIPEA (80:15:5) for 10 min at room temperature. The resin was washed several times with dimethylformamide (DMF), MeOH, and DCM, and treated with 20% piperidine in DMF (3  $\times$  10 min) to remove the Fmoc-protecting group. The combined filtrates were used to determine the actual loading of the resin at  $\lambda_{301}$  nm. Afterwards, the resin was washed with DCM and dried.

**Step b - Solid-phase peptide synthesis (SPPS).** The linear sequence was synthesized twice on the 2-CTC resin preloaded with L-Thr(tBu) on a 25  $\mu$ mol scale with a Syro Wave peptide synthesizer by using standard Fmoc chemistry. The resin was placed in a plastic reactor vessel with a Teflon frit and an amount of 6 equiv of amino acid derivatives (Fmoc-D-Phe-OH, Fmoc-Val-OH, Fmoc-Gly-OH, 0.2 M) were activated in situ at room temperature with *O*-(6-Chlorobenzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N,N*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HCTU, 0.6 M, 6 equiv) in DMF in the presence of DIPEA (2.4 M, 12 equiv) in *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) for 50 min. Fmoc-protecting groups were removed with 40% piperidine in DMF for 5 min and the deprotection step was repeated for another 10 min with 20% piperidine in DMF. After each coupling and deprotection step, the resin was washed with NMP. After the addition of the final amino acid residue, the resin was washed with NMP, DMF, and DCM and dried.

**Step c - Attachment of the chiral 3-HOA on the N-terminus of polymer-bound tetrapeptide.** A solution of (*R*)- or (*S*)-3-HOA (20 mg, 0.125 mmol, 5 equiv), 1-[bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridinium 3-oxid hexafluorophosphate (HATU) (48 mg, 0.125 mmol, 5 equiv), 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (17 mg, 0.125 mmol, 5 equiv) and DIPEA (43  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol, 10 equiv) in DMF (1.5 mL) was added to resin. The resulting mixture was incubated in a plastic reactor vessel equipped with a Teflon frit at room temperature overnight. The resin was washed with DMF and DCM, and was treated with 40% piperidine in DMF for 5 min and then 20% piperidine in DMF for 10 min at room temperature to remove the Fmoc-protecting group. Afterwards the resin was washed with DCM and dried.

**Step d – Esterification and cleavage from the resin.** For the esterification of chiral 3-HOA with Fmoc-Ile-OH, resin was added with Fmoc-Ile-OH (177 mg, 0.5 mmol, 20 equiv), benzoyl chloride (BzCl, 58  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol, 20 equiv), triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N, 140  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 40 equiv), and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 1.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.4 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) and was stirred at room temperature overnight. After reaction, the Fmoc-protecting group was removed by using 40% piperidine in DMF for 5 min and then 20% piperidine in DMF for 10 min at room temperature. The protected branched peptide was cleaved with 20% hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) in DCM at room temperature for 1 h.

**Step e – Cyclization and full deprotection.** The peptide was cyclized in solution assisted by microwave irradiation (40 min, 25 W, 75 °C) by using HATU (19 mg, 50  $\mu$ mol, 2 equiv), HOAt (6.8 mg, 50  $\mu$ mol, 2 equiv), and DIPEA (17  $\mu$ L, 0.1 mmol, 4 equiv) in DMF (c = 1 mM). The cyclized product was fully deprotected by incubation with 95% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and 2.5% triisopropylsilane (TIPS) in H<sub>2</sub>O at room temperature for 1 h. The peptide was purified by Agilent semipreparative HPLC system to give **1a** and **1b** in (1.0 mg) 6.1% and (0.3 mg) 1.8% overall yield based on initially actual loading of the resin, respectively. Their structures were confirmed by HR-ESI-MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Compound 1a:** white, amorphous solid; HR-ESI-MS *m/z* 660.3956 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 660.3967,  $\Delta$ ppm 1.7); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.73 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (overlap, 1H), 4.04 (overlap, 1H), 3.94 (overlap, 2H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 0.87 (overlap, 3H), 0.85 (overlap, 6H), 0.83 (overlap, 3H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.51 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

**Compound 1b:** white, amorphous solid; HR-ESI-MS *m/z* 660.3957 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 660.3967,  $\Delta$ ppm 1.6); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.70 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 1H),

1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 0.85 (overlap, 12H), 0.72 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.52 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).

### **Bioactivity Testing**

Bioactivity testing of **1** against the parasites *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense* STIB900, *Trypanosoma cruzi* Tulahuen C4, *Leishmania donovani* MHOM-ET-67/L82, and *Plasmodium falciparum* NF54 was carried out as described previously.<sup>7</sup> Cytotoxicity of **1** against rat skeletal myoblasts (L6 cells) was evaluated as described previously.<sup>7</sup> Bioactivity of **1** against *Micrococcus luteus* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was tested using filter paper discs loaded with MeOH-dissolved compound (1 mg/mL) on the prepared plates which were incubated at 30 °C for 2 days.

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** A domain specificity prediction of PttABC.

A domain	Stachelhaus sequence	most likely amino acid predicted	amino acid detected
A1	DILQIGVIWK	Gly	Gly
A2	DAYWLGGTFK	Val	Val
A3	DAWTVAAVCK	Phe	Phe
A4	DFWNVGMVHK	Thr	Thr
A5	DAYFFGITYK	Val	Ile

**Table S2.** HRESIMS data of natural and synthetic compounds.

compound	sum formula	calcd. [M + H] <sup>+</sup>	found [M + H] <sup>+</sup>	Δppm
natural <b>1</b>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>53</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	660.3967	660.3984	2.5
natural <b>2</b>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>49</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	632.3654	632.3659	0.8
natural <b>3</b>	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>51</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	646.3810	646.3825	2.3
natural <b>4</b>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>55</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	674.4123	674.4135	1.8
synthetic <b>1a</b>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>53</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	660.3967	660.3956	1.7
synthetic <b>1b</b>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>53</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	660.3967	660.3957	1.6

**Table S3.** Bacterial strains used in this study.

strain	genotype	reference
<i>E. coli</i> DH10B MtaA	F- <i>mcrA</i> , Δ( <i>mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC</i> ), Φ80 <i>lacZ</i> ΔM15, Δ <i>lacX74</i> , <i>recA1</i> , <i>endA1</i> , <i>araD139</i> , Δ( <i>ara leu</i> )7697, <i>galU</i> , <i>galK</i> , <i>rpsL</i> , <i>nupG</i> , λ <sup>-</sup> , <i>entD::mtaA</i>	1
<i>P. temperata</i> Meg1	wild type	8

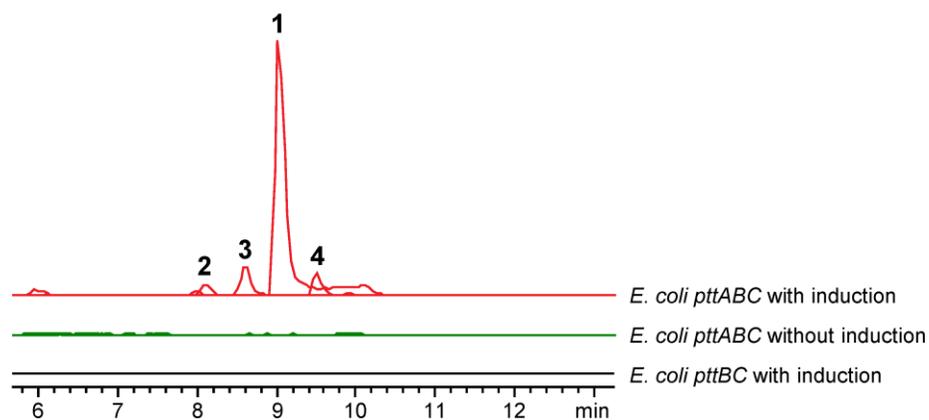
**Table S4.** Plasmids used in this study.

plasmid	genotype/description	reference
pFF1	2μ ori, G418 <sup>R</sup> , pBAD promoter, pCOLA ori, MCS, Ypet-Flag, Km <sup>R</sup>	9
pCDF-ara-tacI	3404 bp, modified from pCDF_tacI/I that contains arabinose-inducible promoter, Sm <sup>R</sup>	Bode lab
pLZ57	25113 bp, <i>pttBC</i> from Meg1 genomic DNA assembled into pFF1, Km <sup>R</sup>	this work
pLZ58	3560 bp, <i>pttA</i> from Meg1 genomic DNA assembled into pCDF, Sm <sup>R</sup>	this work

**Table S5.** Primers used in this study.

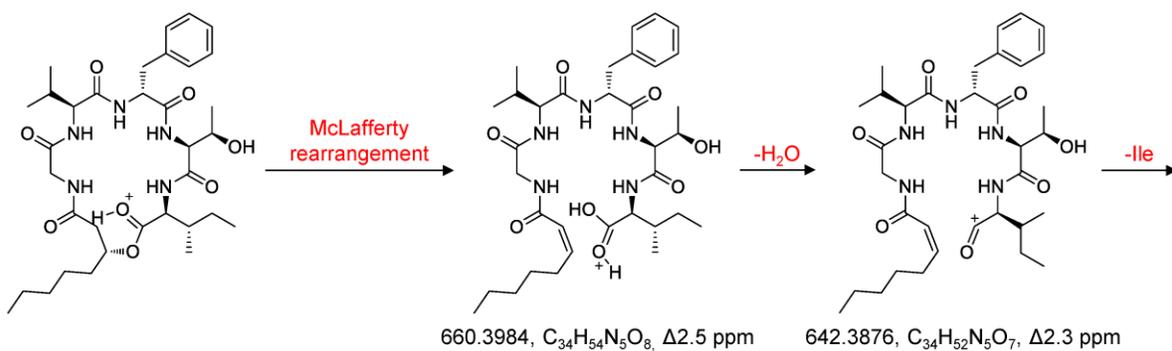
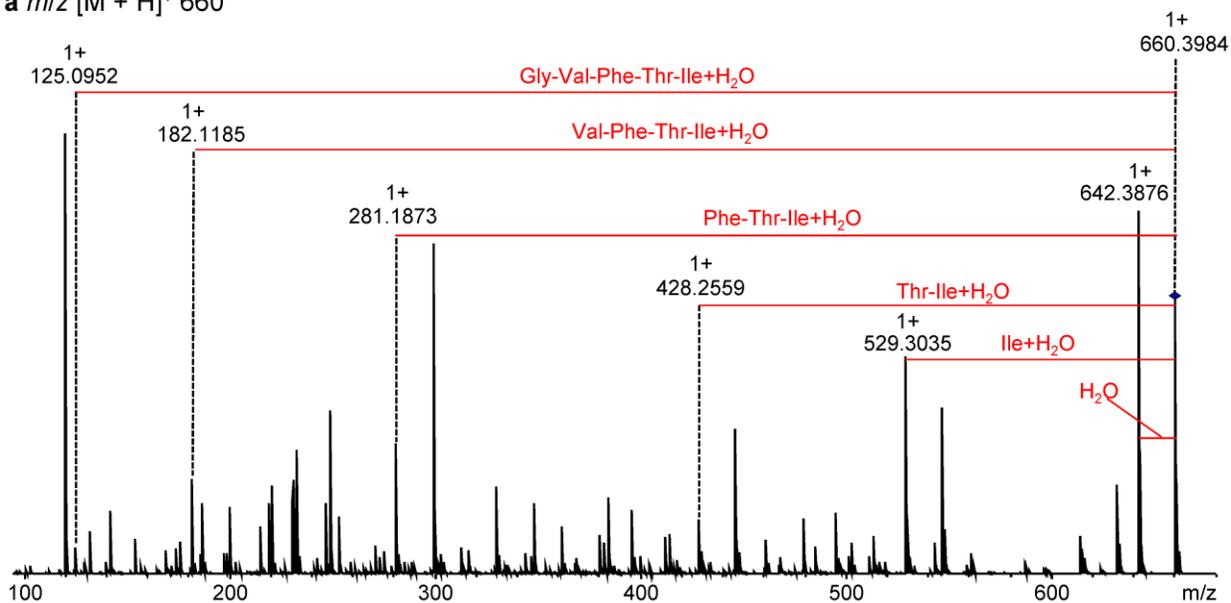
primer	sequence (5'-3')	targeting DNA fragment	plasmid	
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LZ_153	AGTAGAGGAGCAAGTGATGC			
LZ_154	TGTTCCATGTTGAACCGAATC	fragment II of <i>pttBC</i> from Meg1 (7557 bp)		
LZ_155	AATGCTTCATCATTGAGCGAC			
LZ_156	AGCAGAGAATGTGGCTGTTAG	fragment III of <i>pttBC</i> from Meg1 (3917 bp)		
LZ_157	TCTTCACCTTTGCTCATGAACTCGCCAG AACCAGCAGCGGAGCCAGCGGATCCGG CGCGCCTTACTCAATGCTGCTGTCTG			
LZ_148	TTGAGCAATCCATTTGAAAATGAATC			
LZ_158	TCACTGCAAACCTTTTTAGCCTC	<i>pttA</i> from Meg1 (195 bp)		
LZ_159	AGATATGAGGCTAAAAAGTTTGCAGTG ACAATTAATCATCGGCTCGTATAATG	pCDF-ara-tacI vector backbone (3423 bp)		pLZ58
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## Supplementary Figures

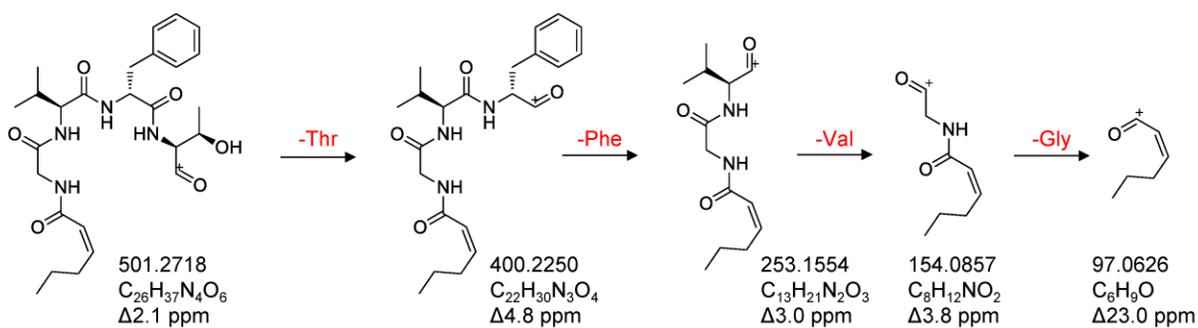
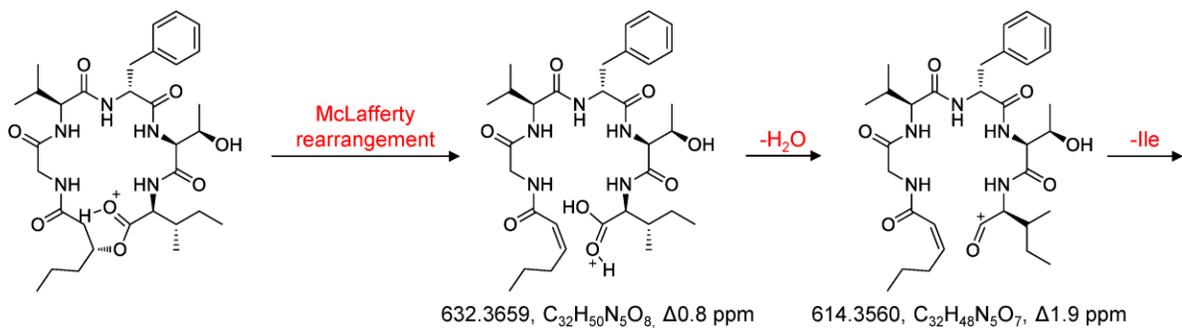
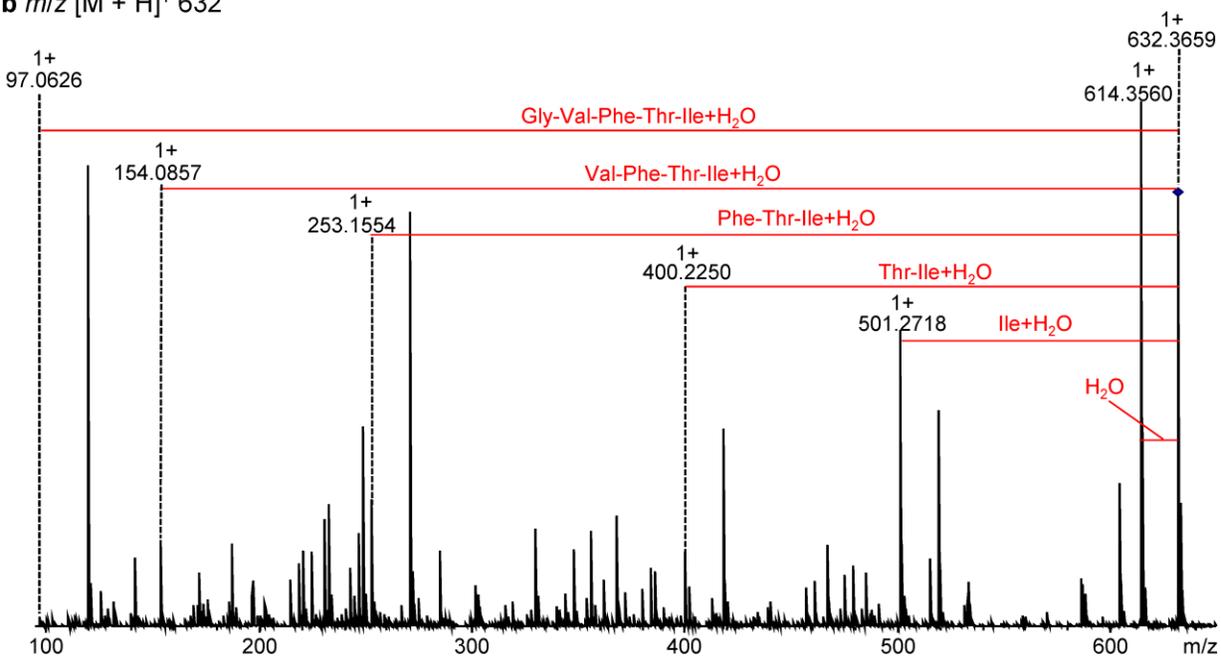


**Figure S1.** HPLC-MS analysis of XAD-16 extracts from *E. coli* expressing *pttABC* with and without arabinose induction and *E. coli* expressing *pttBC* with arabinose induction. Extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) for 1–4 are shown.

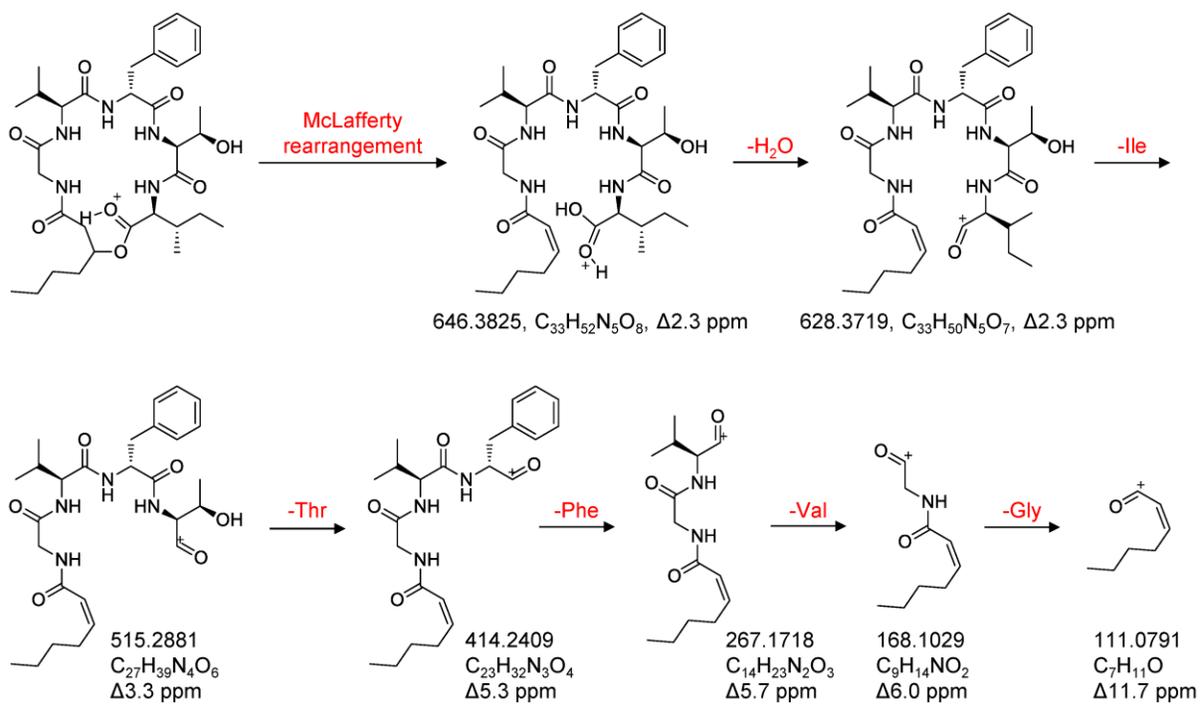
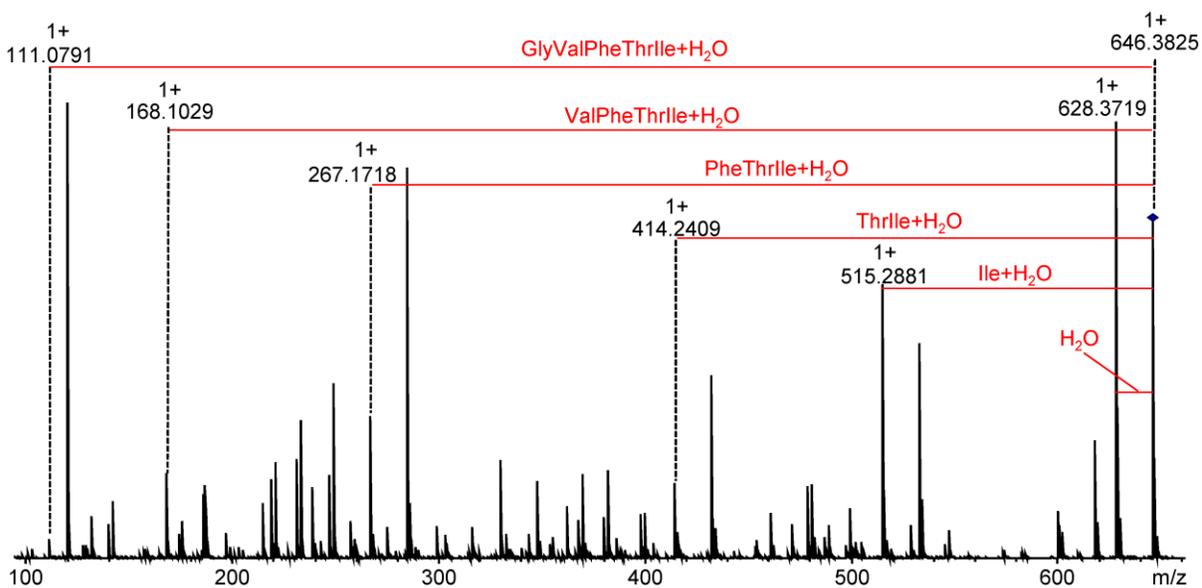
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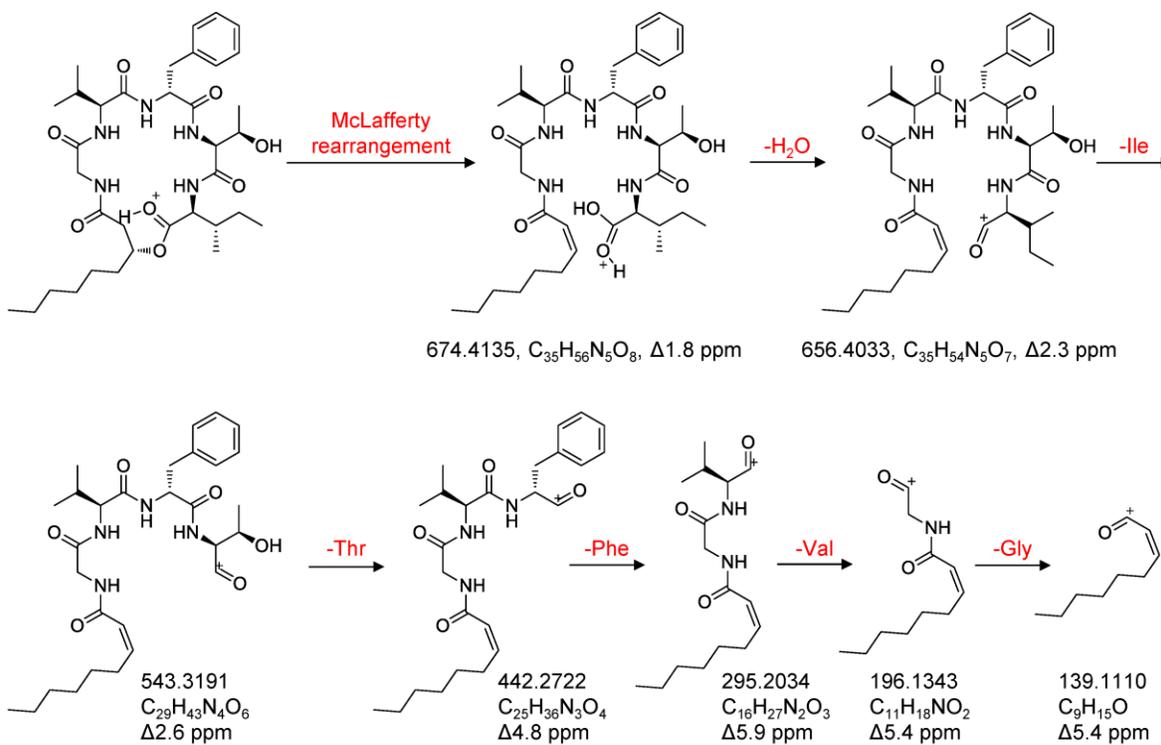
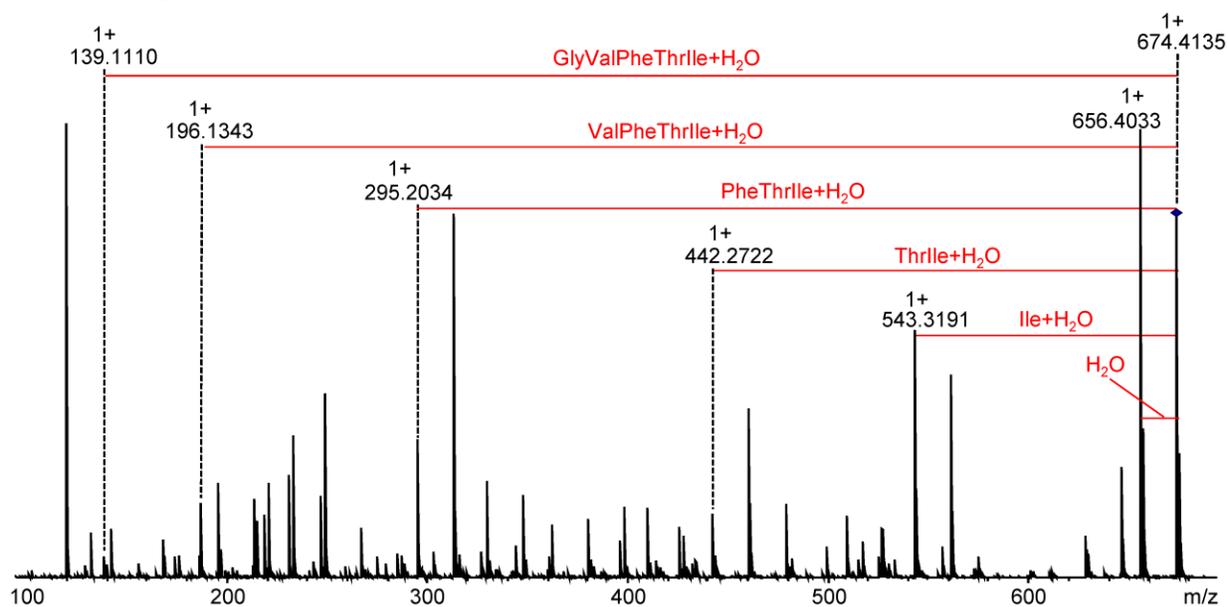
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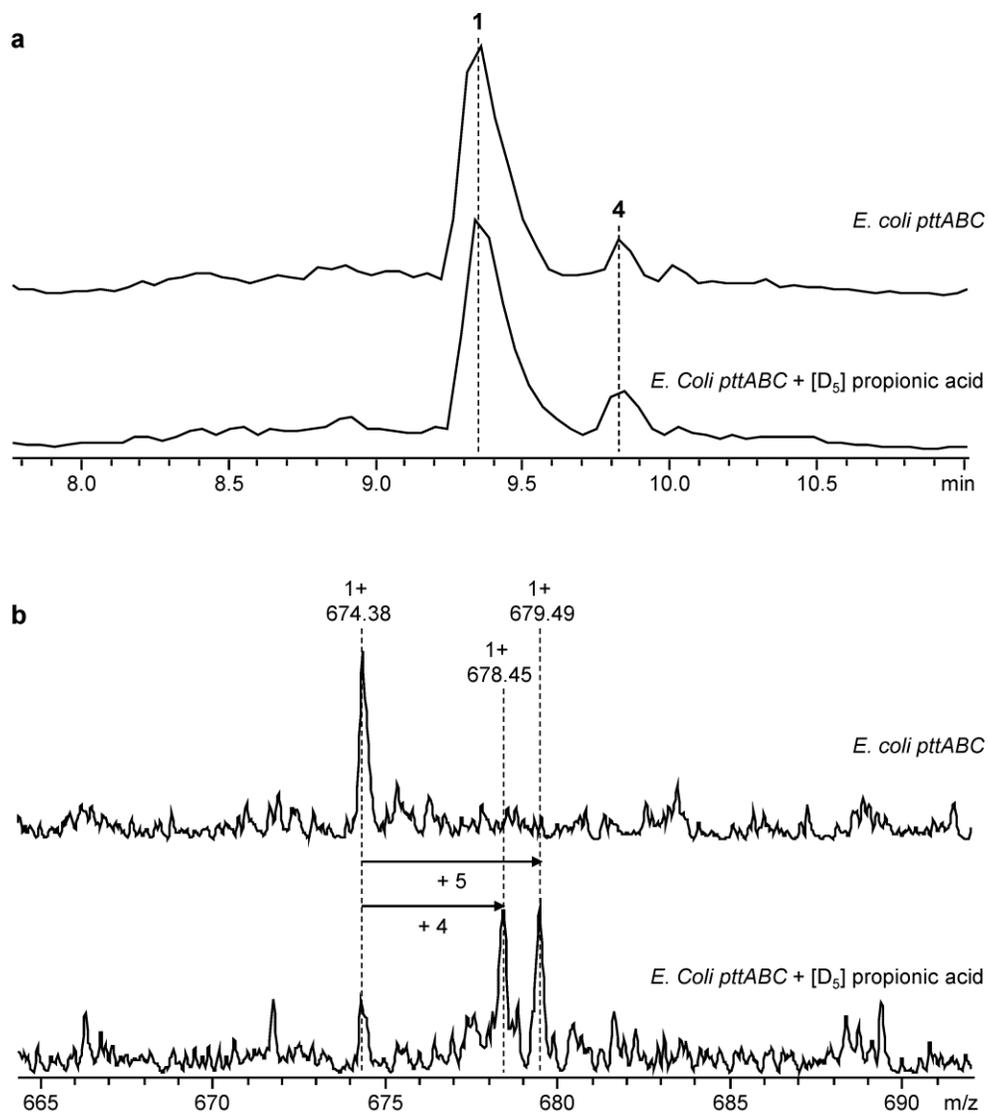
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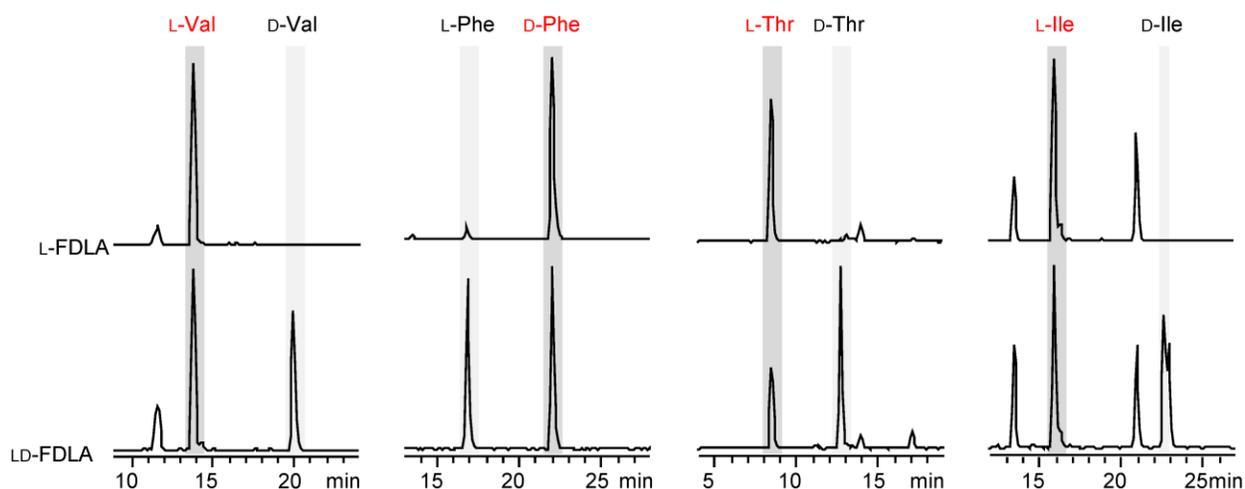
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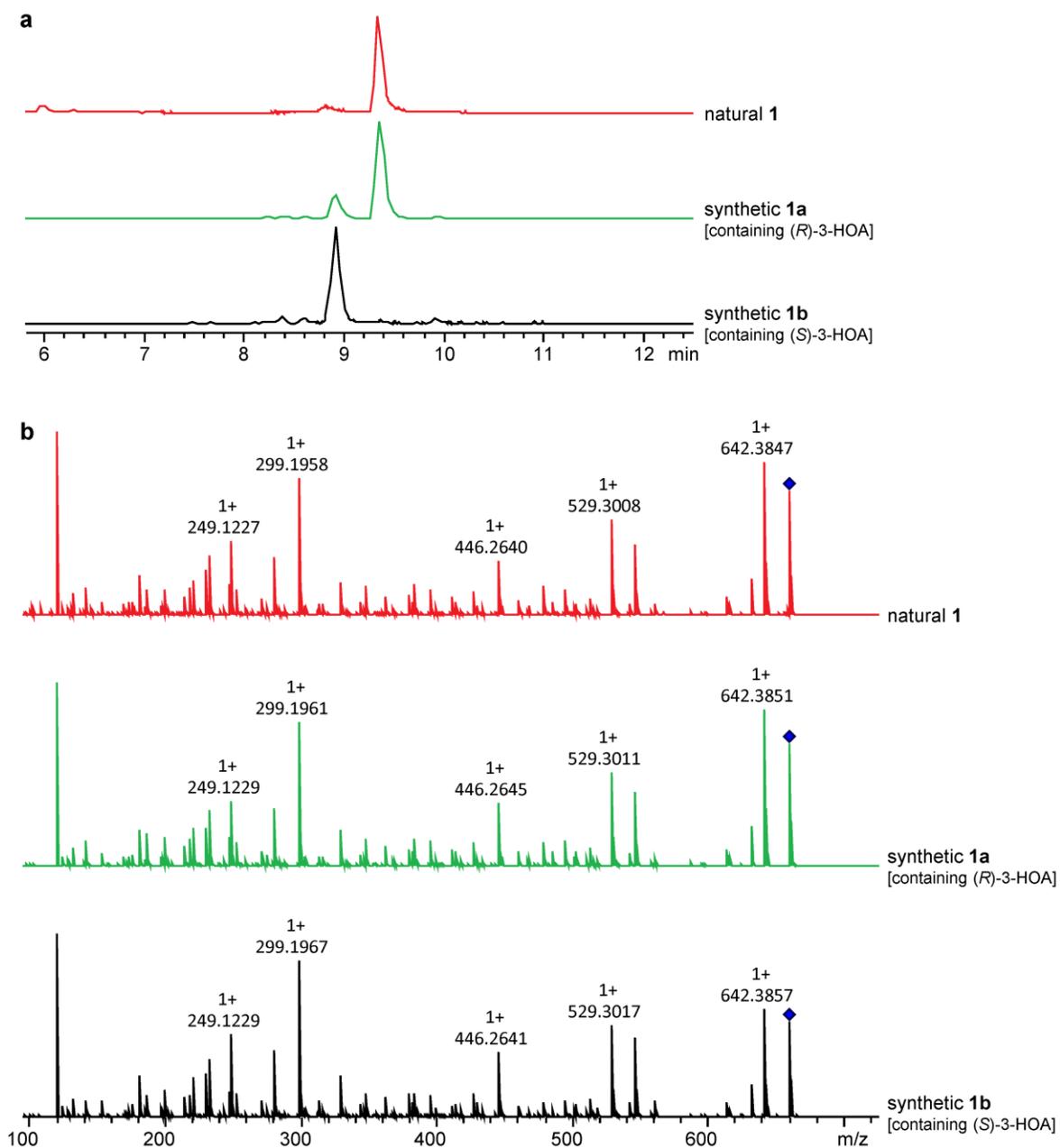
**Figure S2.** Structure identification of 1–4 by detailed HPLC-MS analysis. MS<sup>2</sup> spectra and fragmentation pathways with proposed fragment structures for 1 (a), 2 (b), 3 (c), and 4 (d).



**Figure S3.** HPLC-MS analysis of XAD-16 extracts from labeling experiments with or without [D<sub>5</sub>] propionic acid fed to *E. coli* expressing *pttABC* in LB medium. (a) Base-peak chromatograms (BPCs) for **1** and **4**; (b) Mass shifts for **4**.



**Figure S4.** Configuration determination of amino acids in **1** using the advanced Marfey's method. HPLC-MS analysis of hydrolyzed **1** and derivatized with L-FDLA (upper) and LD-FDLA (lower). Depicted are EIC traces for valine (Val,  $m/z$  412  $[M + H]^+$ ), phenylalanine (Phe,  $m/z$  460  $[M + H]^+$ ), threonine (Thr,  $m/z$  414  $[M + H]^+$ ), and isoleucine (Ile,  $m/z$  426  $[M + H]^+$ ). The configurations are determined by the elution order and L-FDLA derivatized amino acids elute prior to its D-enantiomer.



**Figure S5.** Comparison of natural **1** and synthetic **1a** and **1b** by HPLC-MS analysis. **(a)** EICs for natural **1** and synthetic **1a** and **1b**; **(b)** MS<sup>2</sup> fragmentation patterns for natural **1** and synthetic **1a** and **1b**.

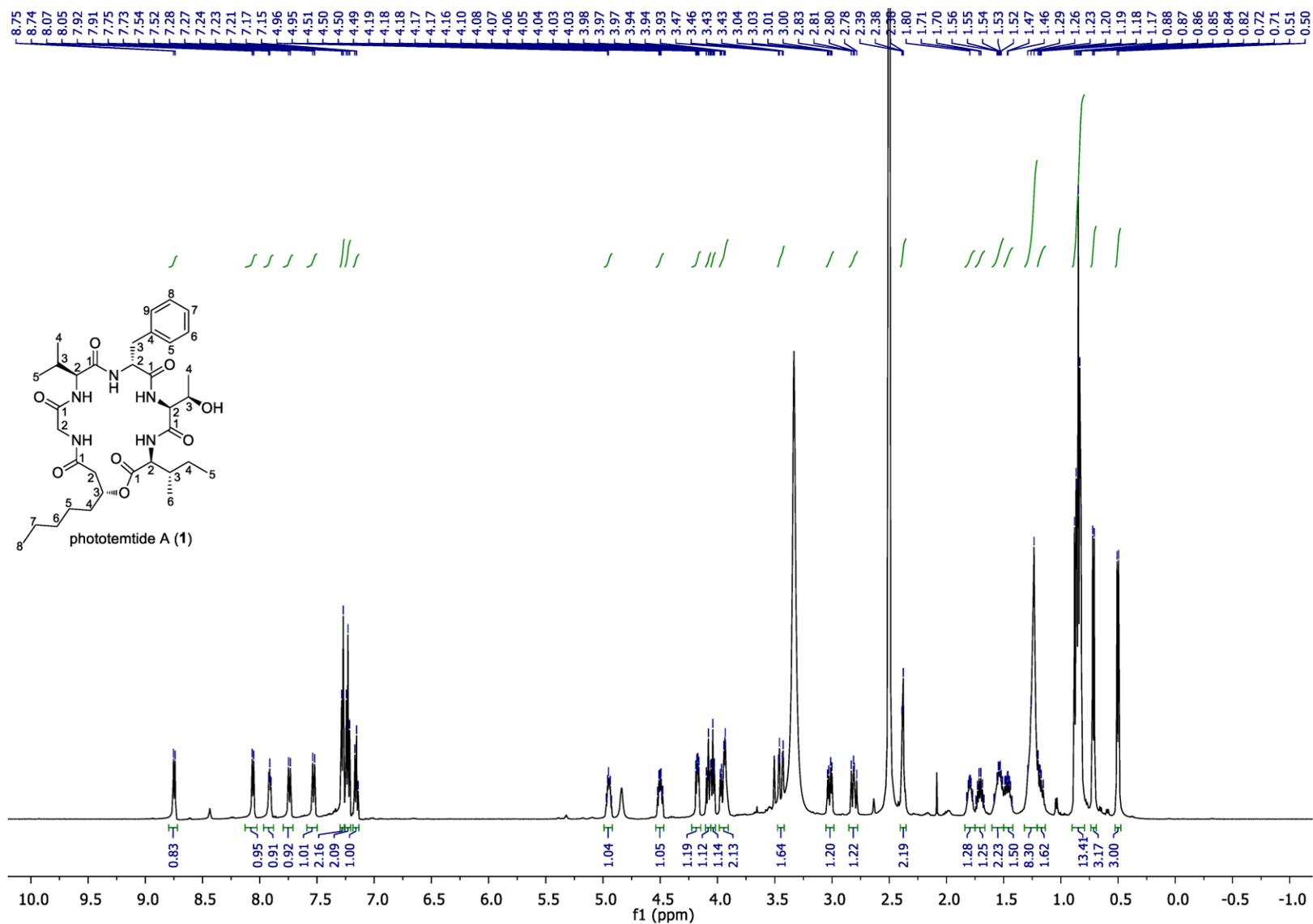
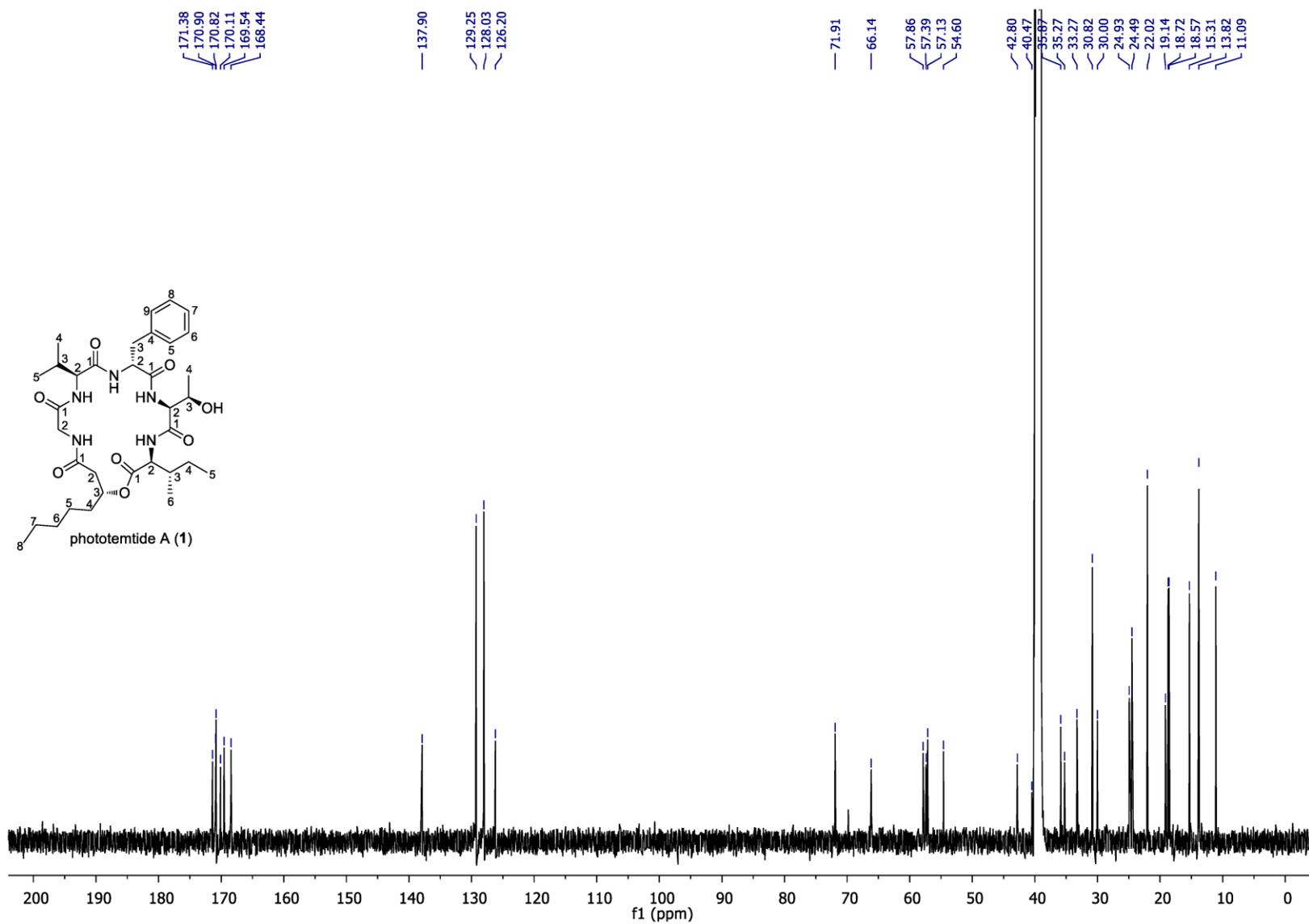
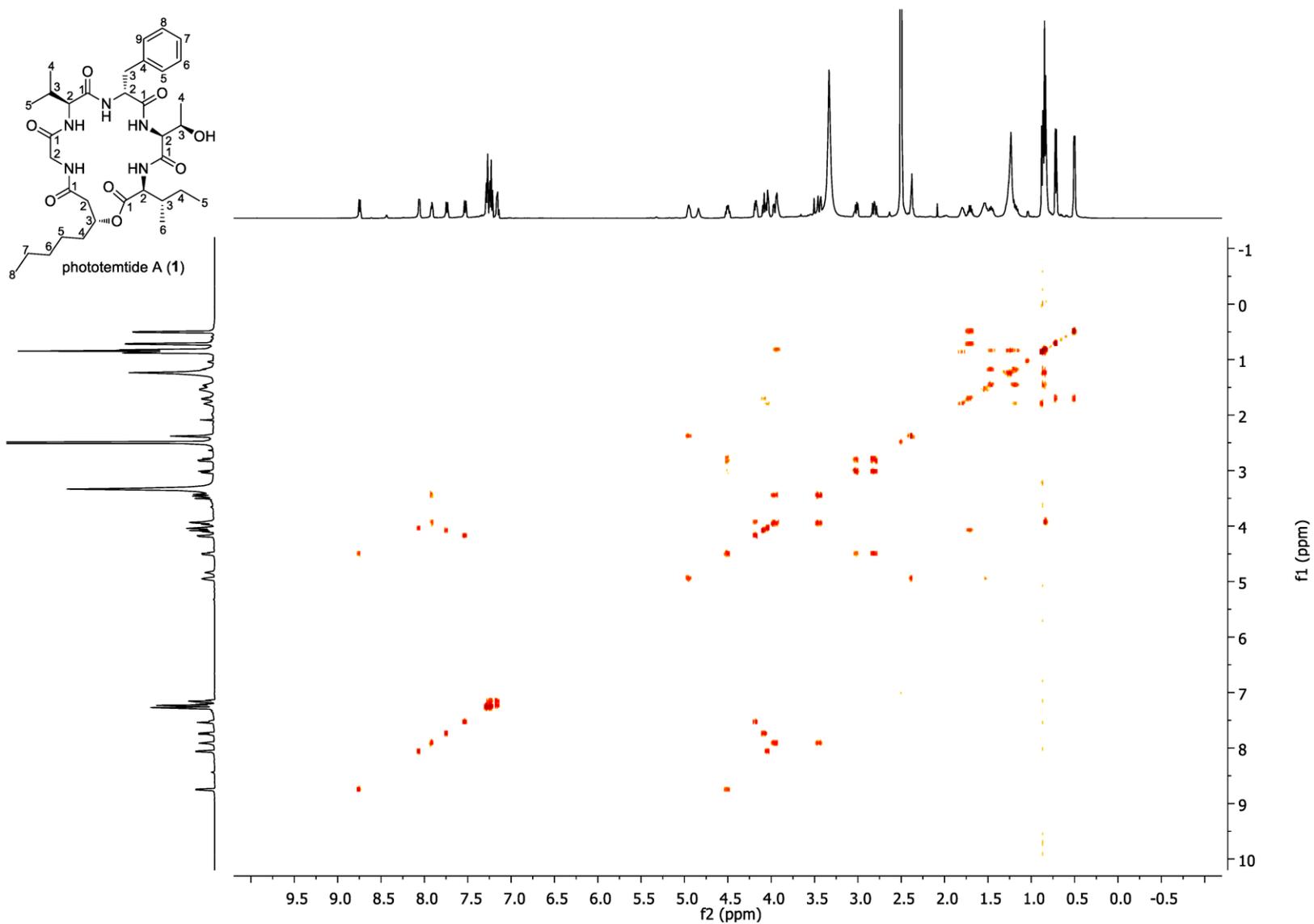


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of nature **1**.



**Figure S7.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of natural **1**.



**Figure S8.** COSY (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of natural **1**.

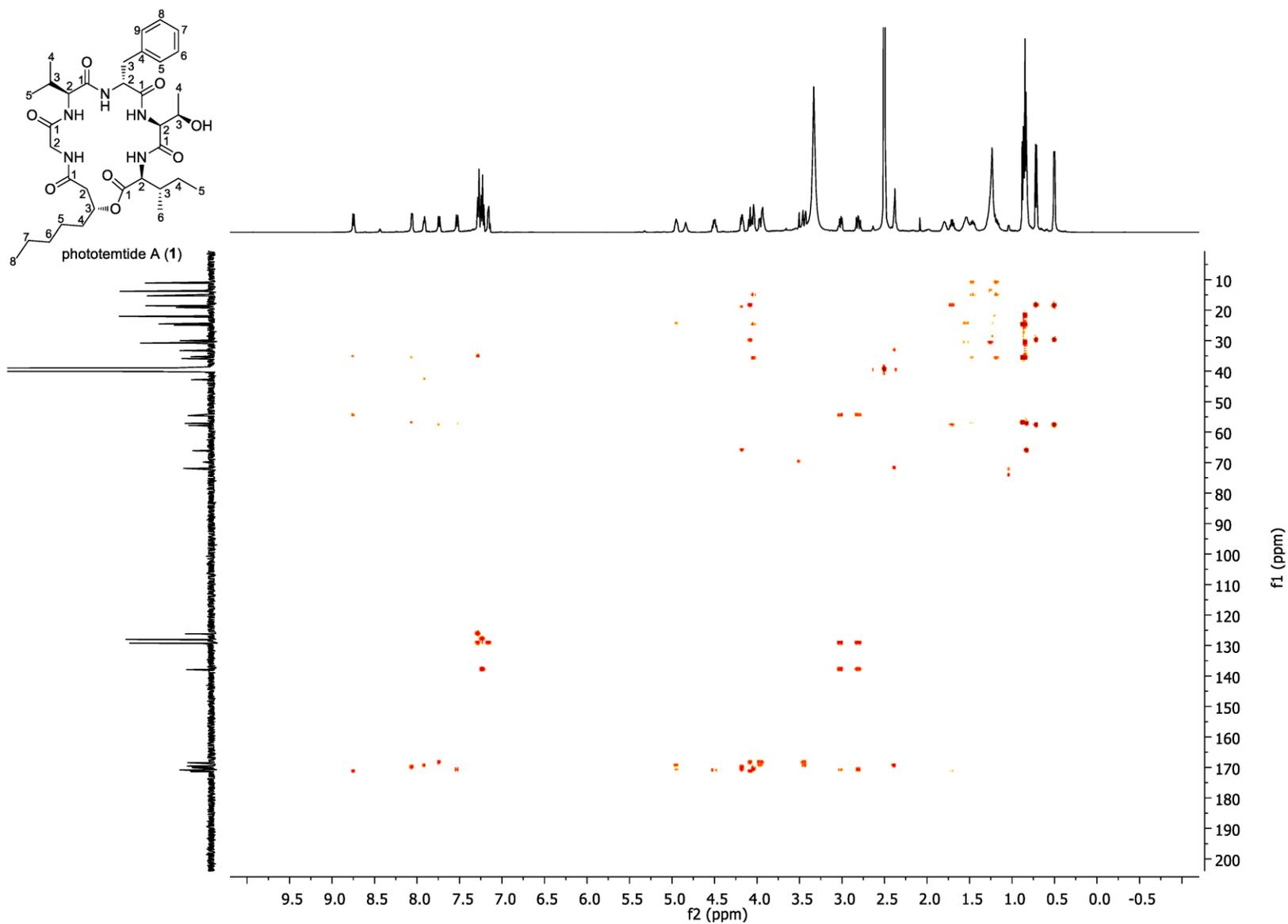
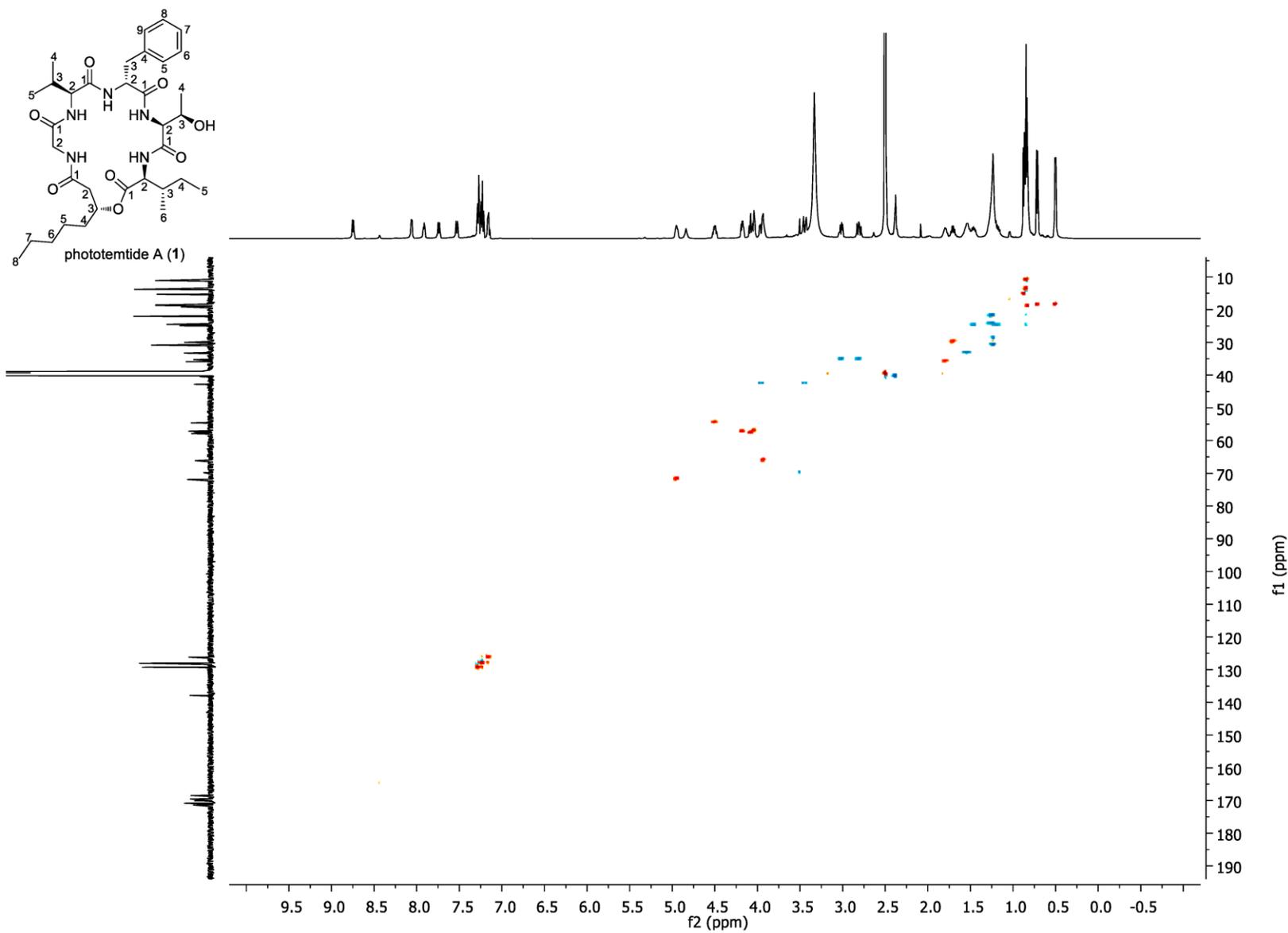


Figure S9. HMBC (DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectrum of natural 1.



**Figure S10.** HSQC (DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectrum of natural **1**.

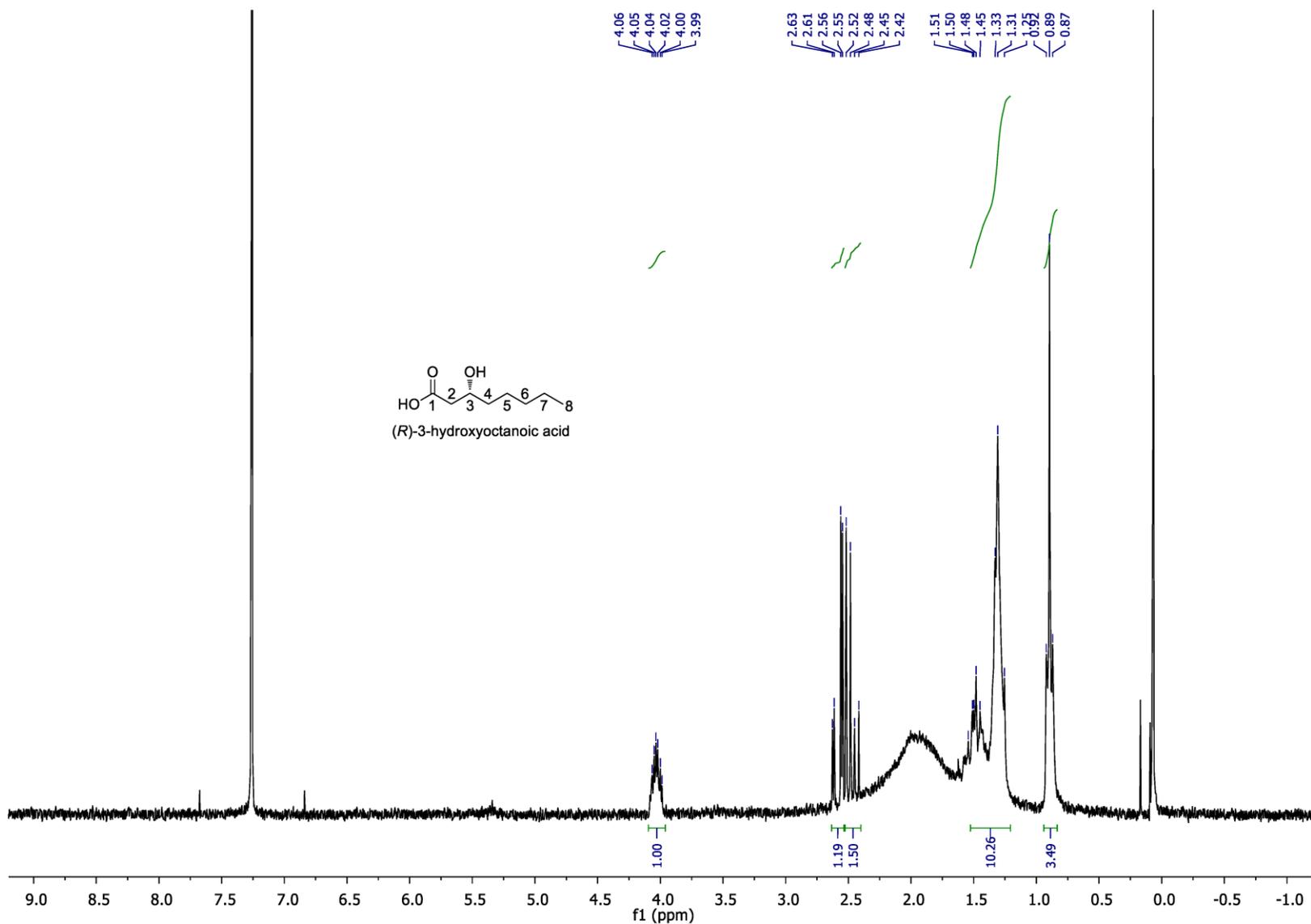
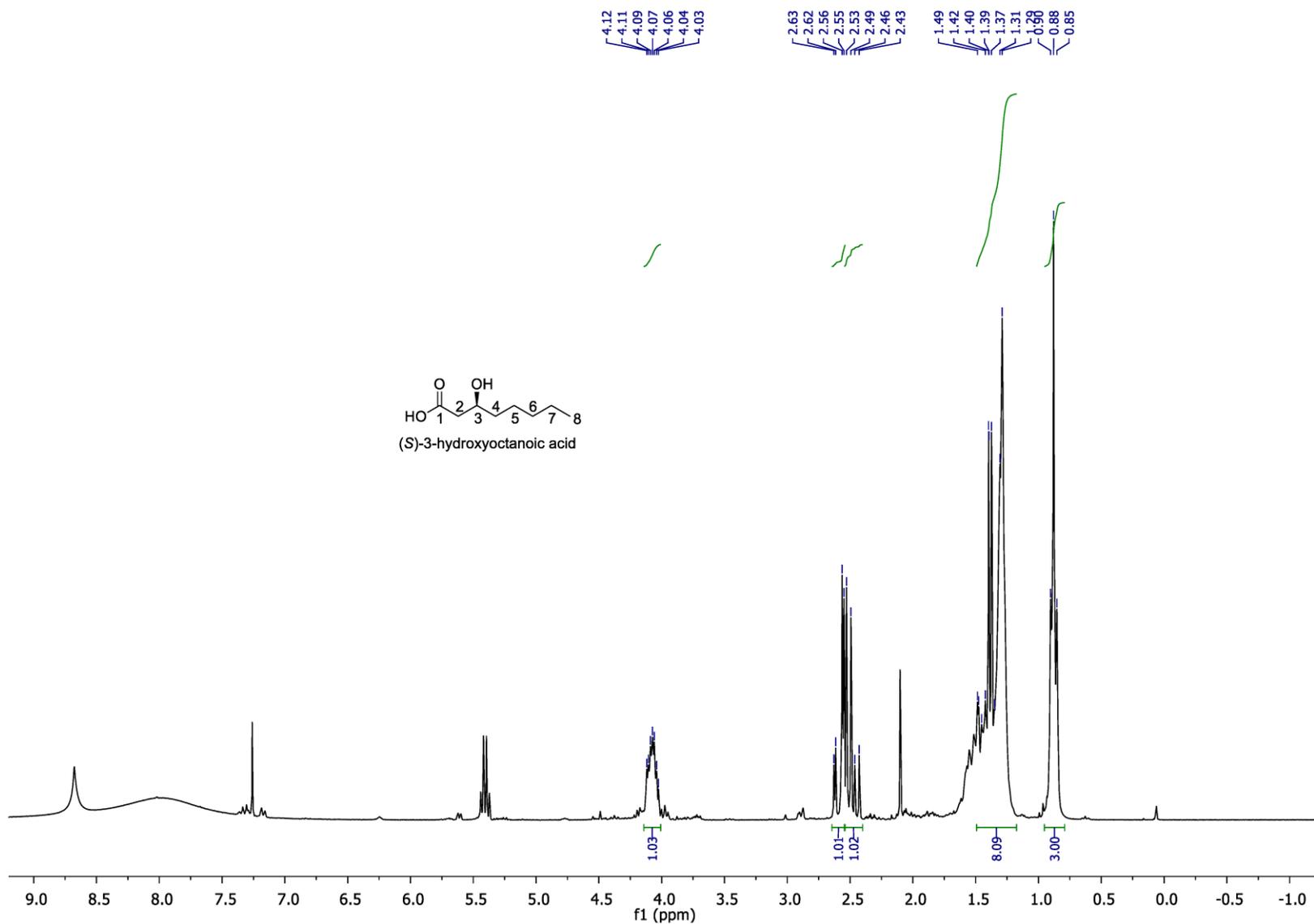
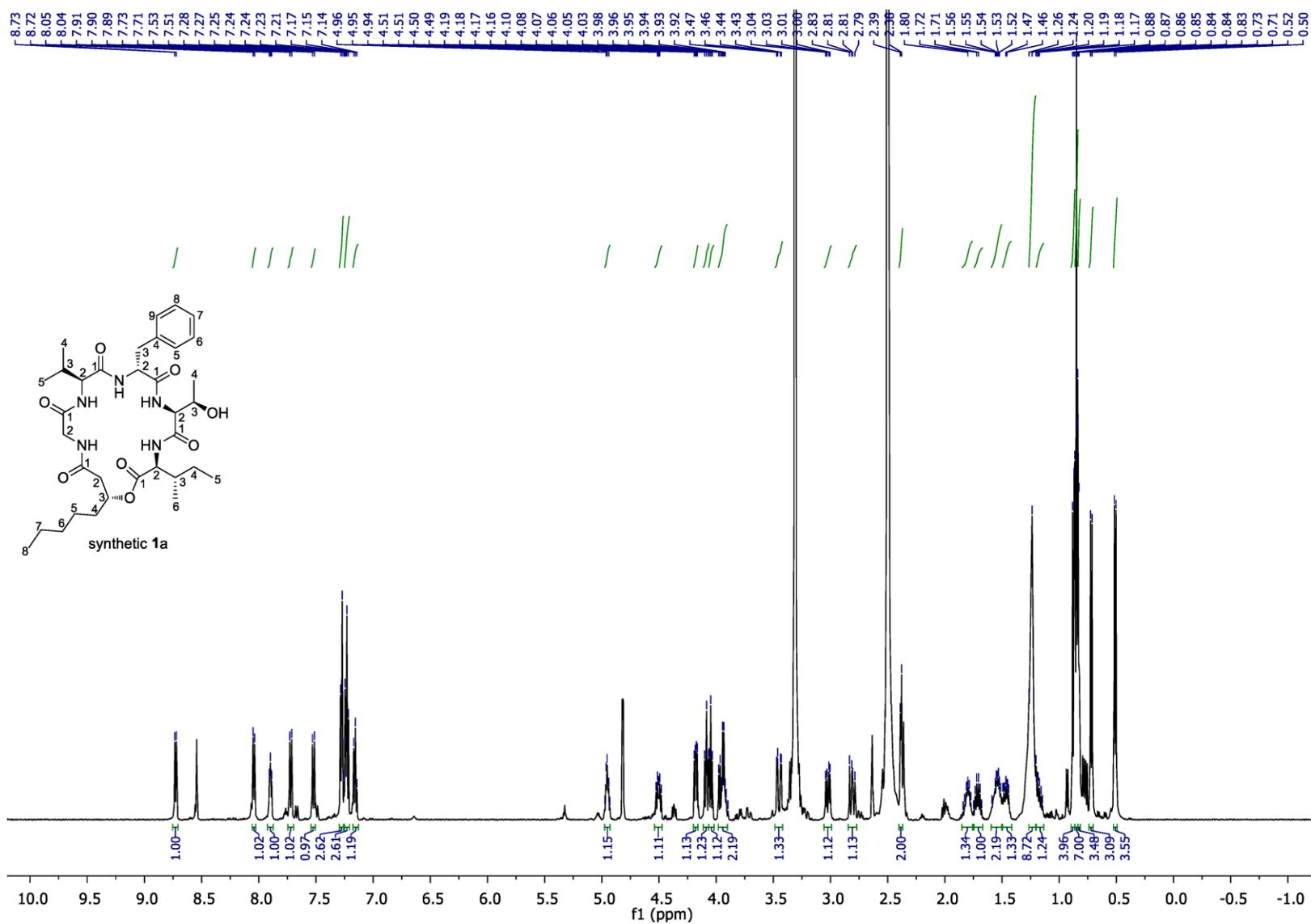


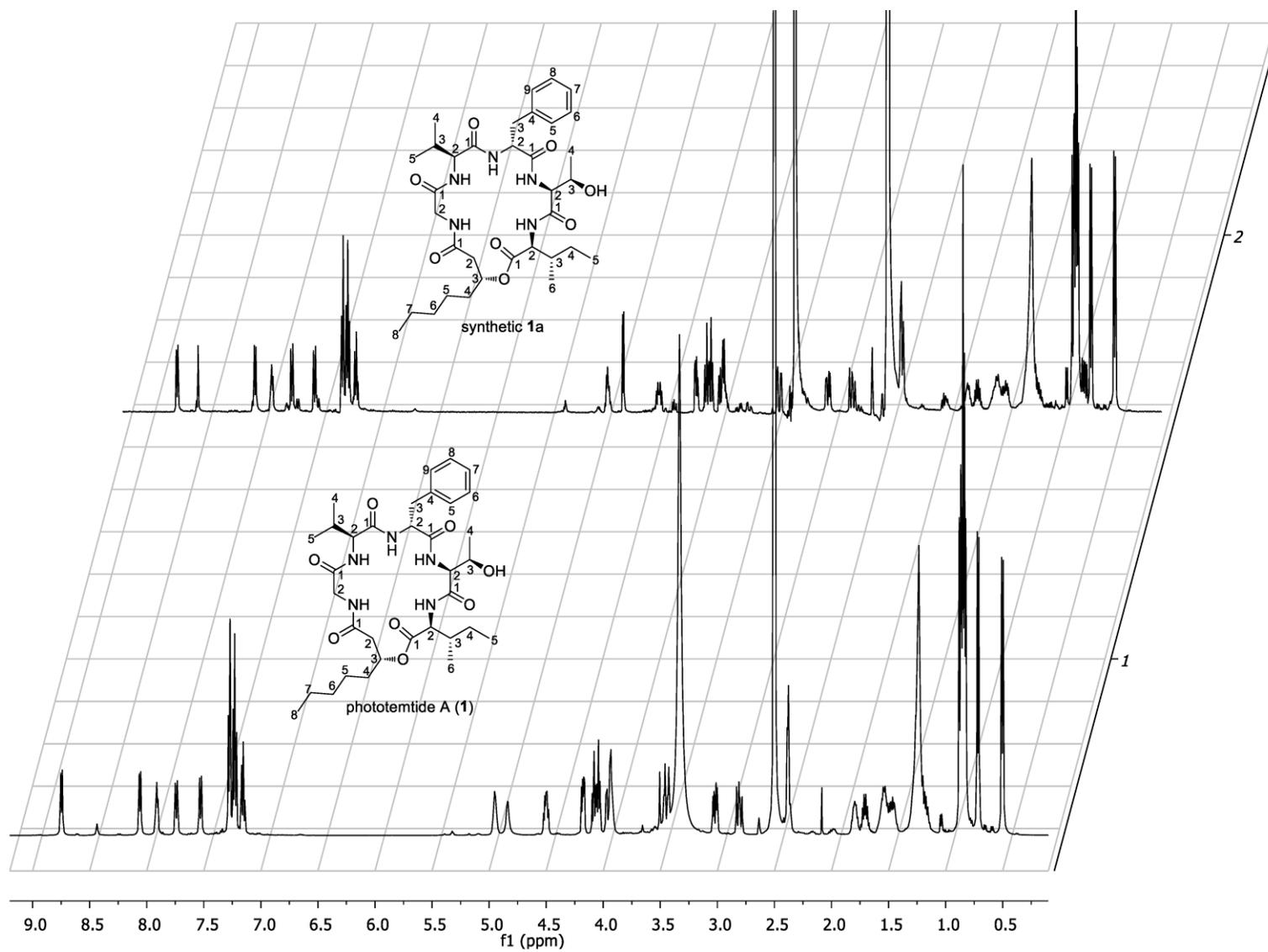
Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of *(R)*-3-hydroxyoctanoic acid.



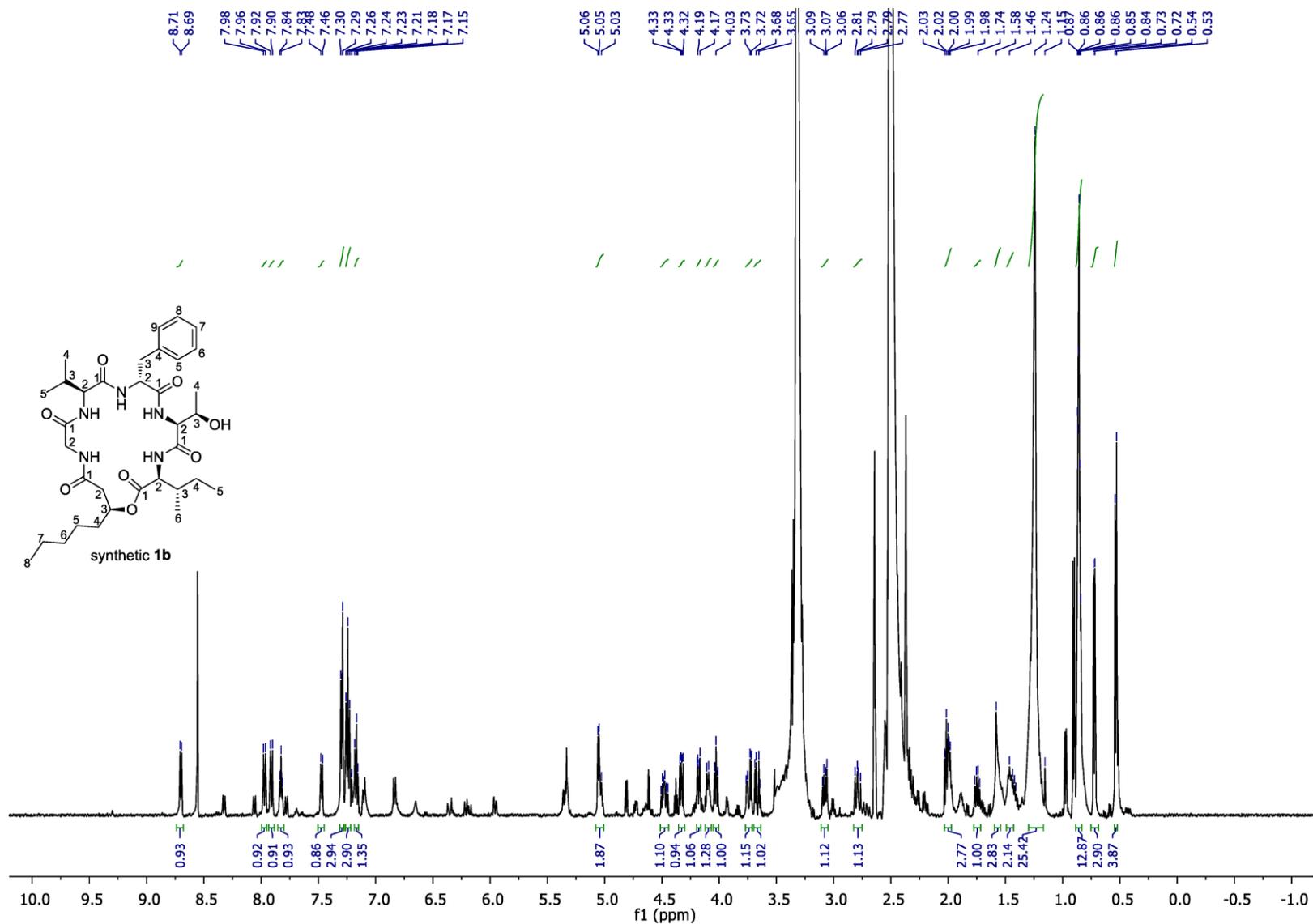
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of (*S*)-3-hydroxyoctanoic acid.



**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectrum of synthetic **1a**.



**Figure S14.** Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of natural **1** (bottom) and synthetic **1a** (top).



**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectrum of synthetic **1b**.

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