

# Viridistratins A–C, Antimicrobial and Cytotoxic Benzo[j]fluoranthenes from Stromata of *Annulohypoxylon viridistratum* (Hypoxylaceae, Ascomycota)

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# Protocol: Antimicrobial Activity Assay

The assay was conducted as a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assay in 96-well round-bottom microtiter plates using the parameters summarized in Table S1 and as already described in [S1].

Stocks of the test organisms were generated by growing the organisms overnight in 50 mL shaking flasks filled with 25 mL of the growth medium at 140 rpm (for media and temperatures see Table S1). If the organisms were well grown the next day, which was checked by occurrence of an optical density (OD)>30 of the suspension (OD<sub>600 nm</sub> for bacteria, OD<sub>548 nm</sub> for fungi and *M. smegmatis*), aliquots of these were stored in 1.5 mL reaction tubes in a freezer at -80 °C for up to 12 months. Upon use, aliquots were unthawed and the OD of the suspension measured and adjusted by diluting with the respective growth medium. OD<sub>600 nm</sub> was adjusted to 0.01 and OD<sub>548 nm</sub> to 0.1.

Subsequently, 150 µL of the adjusted suspensions were added to all wells of a 96-well microtiter plate (one test organism per plate). In row A, additional 130 µL of suspensions plus 20 µL of the test compounds (1 mg/mL) and the controls (one compound/column) were added. MeOH as well as MeOH:DMSO 9+1 were used as negative controls, while different positive controls (references) were used for the test organisms (see Table S1). Then, starting from row A, 150 µL of the suspension were transferred to the next row, the contents thoroughly mixed, and 150 µL transferred to the following row. The remaining 150 µL after row H were discarded. This resulted in a serial dilution of the test compounds, ranging from 66.7 µg/mL in row A to 0.52 µg/mL in row H.

The microtiter plates were then incubated overnight on a microplate shaker at 800 rpm at 30 or 37 °C (see Table S1) and were visually evaluated the next day. The MIC is defined as the lowest concentration where no growth of the test organism was observed. A lower MIC thus corresponds to a higher antimicrobial activity of the test compound.

**Table S1:** MIC assay experiment parameters

| test organism                    | strain No. | growth medium        | incubation temp. [°C] | positive control (reference) |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>         | DSM10      | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 30                    | oxytetracyclin 1.0 mg/mL     |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>     | DSM346     | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 30                    | oxytetracyclin 0.1 mg/mL     |
| <i>Micrococcus luteus</i>        | DSM1790    | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 30                    | oxytetracyclin 0.1 mg/mL     |
| <i>Chromobacterium violaceum</i> | DSM30191   | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 30                    | oxytetracyclin 0.1 mg/mL     |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i>          | DSM1116    | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 37                    | oxytetracyclin 0.1 mg/mL     |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>    | PA14       | MHB <sup>1</sup>     | 37                    | gentamicin 0.1 mg/mL         |
| <i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i>   | ATCC700084 | 7H9+ADC <sup>2</sup> | 37                    | kanamycin 0.1 mg/mL          |
| <i>Candida albicans</i>          | DSM1665    | MYC <sup>3</sup>     | 30                    | nystatin 1.0 mg/mL           |
| <i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> | DSM70572   | MYC <sup>3</sup>     | 30                    | nystatin 1.0 mg/mL           |
| <i>Mucor hiemalis</i>            | DSM2656    | MYC <sup>3</sup>     | 30                    | nystatin 1.0 mg/mL           |
| <i>Pichia anomala</i>            | DSM6766    | MYC <sup>3</sup>     | 30                    | nystatin 1.0 mg/mL           |
| <i>Rhodotorula glutinis</i>      | DSM10134   | MYC <sup>3</sup>     | 30                    | nystatin 1.0 mg/mL           |

<sup>1</sup> MHB: Müller-Hinton Broth (SN X927.1, Carl Roth GmbH, Karlsruhe, Germany)

<sup>2</sup> 7H9+ADC: Middlebrook 7H9 Broth Base + Middlebrook ADC Growth Supplement (SN M0678+M0553, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany)

<sup>3</sup> MYC: 1 % w/v, bacto peptone, 1% w/v yeast extract, 2 % w/v glycerol, pH 6.3

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### *Protocol: Cytotoxicity Assay*

The assay was conducted in 96-well flat-bottom microtiter plates using the parameters summarised in Table S2 and as described in [S2].

Cell lines L929 and KB 3.1 were incubated at 37 °C under 10 % CO<sub>2</sub> in Gibco™ DMEM medium (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) supplemented with 10 % FBS. A microtiter plate was filled with 120 µL of this suspension (50,000/mL) in each well.

Seperately, another microtiter plate was filled with 100 µL of growth medium in each well. Then, 50 µL of the test compound solutions (1 mg/mL) were given to wells of the first column in two replicates (one compound per row). Cells without additives, MeOH, and MeOH:DMSO 9+1 were used as negative controls. Starting from the first column, 50 µL of the solutions were gradually transferred to the next column, the contents thoroughly mixed, and 50 µL transferred to the following column. This created a serial dilution of the test compounds ranging from 333 µg/mL to  $1.9 \times 10^{-3}$  µg/mL. The remaining 50 µL after column twelve were discarded. From this microtiter plate, 60 µL of the solutions from 111 µg/mL to  $1.9 \times 10^{-3}$  µg/mL were given to the first plate containing 120 µL of the cell suspensions (*i.e.* the highest concentration 333 µg/mL was not used). This resulted in final compound concentrations ranging from 37 µg/mL to  $0.6 \times 10^{-3}$  µg/mL.

After 5 days of incubation under the aforementioned incubation conditions, the half maximum inhibitory concentrations (IC<sub>50</sub>) were determined using a colorimetric tetrazolium dye MTT assay [S3]. For this, 20 µL of a 5 mg/mL solution of 3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2H-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) were added to each well and incubated for two hours at 37 °C. Then, the microtiter plate was centrifuged (3,000 rpm, 5 min) and the supernatant removed by holding the plate upside-down and gentle shaking. Afterwards, the wells were washed using 100 µL of phosphate buffered saline (PBS). The plate was again centrifuged and the supernatant removed as described before. Then, 100 µL of an isopropanol:HCl solution (1L isopropanol+4 mL HCl 37 % w/v) were added to the wells. After incubating for 10 min at ambient temperature, the absorption of the wells at 595 nm was measured with an Infinite® 200 Pro microplate reader (TECAN, Männedorf, Schweiz).

The absorption values of the cells without additives were averaged and set to 100 % cell viability. Then, the means of absorption of the two compound replicates were set in relation to the blank media. These percentage values were plotted against the concentration range (37 µg/mL to  $0.6 \times 10^{-3}$  µg/mL). The IC<sub>50</sub> value was read from the plot (in µg/mL) and the units conversed to µM.

If effects were observed with cell lines L929 and KB 3.1 (IC<sub>50</sub> < 50 µM), the other cell lines were tested using the same protocol.

**Table S2:** Cytotoxicity assay experiment parameters

| cell line | type                                   | No.     | growth medium                                                                                                            |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L929      | mouse fibroblasts                      | ACC 2   | DMEM <sup>1</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup>                                                                             |
| KB 3.1    | human endocervical adenocarcinoma (AC) | ACC 158 | DMEM <sup>1</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup>                                                                             |
| PC-3      | human prostate AC                      | ACC 465 | F-12K Nutmix <sup>3</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup>                                                                     |
| SK-OV-3   | human ovary AC                         | n/a     | McCoys 5a <sup>4</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup>                                                                        |
| MCF-7     | human breast AC                        | ACC 115 | RPMI 1640 <sup>5</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup><br>+ 1 % MEMNEAA <sup>6</sup><br>+ 1.25 mL/500 mL insulin <sup>7</sup> |
| A431      | human squamous AC                      | ACC 91  | RPMI 1640 <sup>4</sup><br>+ 10 % FBS <sup>2</sup>                                                                        |
| A549      | human lung carcinoma                   | ACC 107 | DMEM <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                        |

<sup>1</sup> DMEM: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (SN 61965026, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)

<sup>2</sup> FBS: Fetal Bovine Serum (SN 10500064, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

<sup>3</sup> F-12K Nutmix: Ham's F-12K (Kaign's) Medium (SN 21127022, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

<sup>4</sup> McCoys 5a: McCoy's 5a (modified) Medium (SN 26600023, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

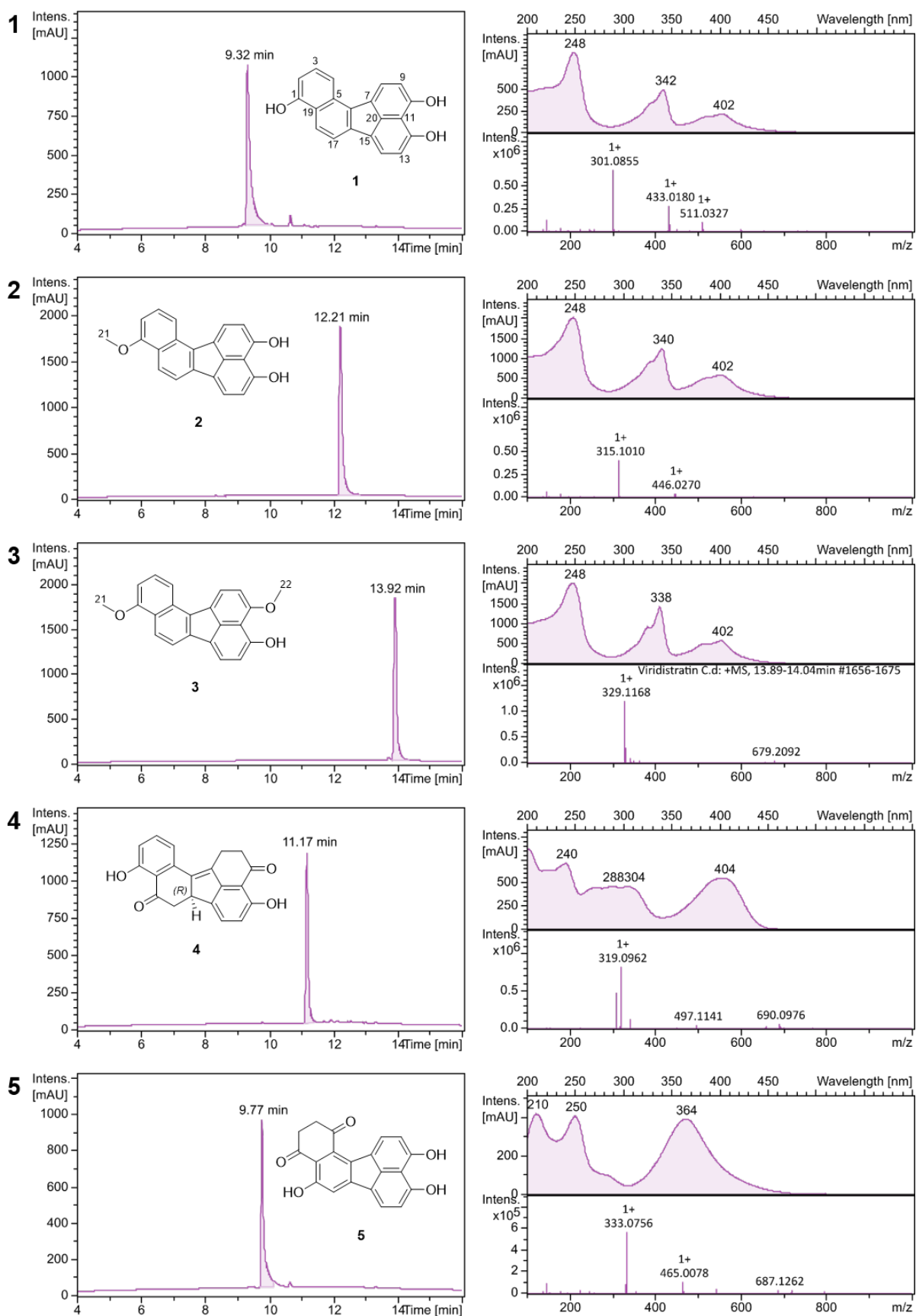
<sup>5</sup> RPMI 1640: RPMI 1640 Medium (SN 21875091, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

<sup>6</sup> MEMNEAA: MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution 100× (SN 11140035, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

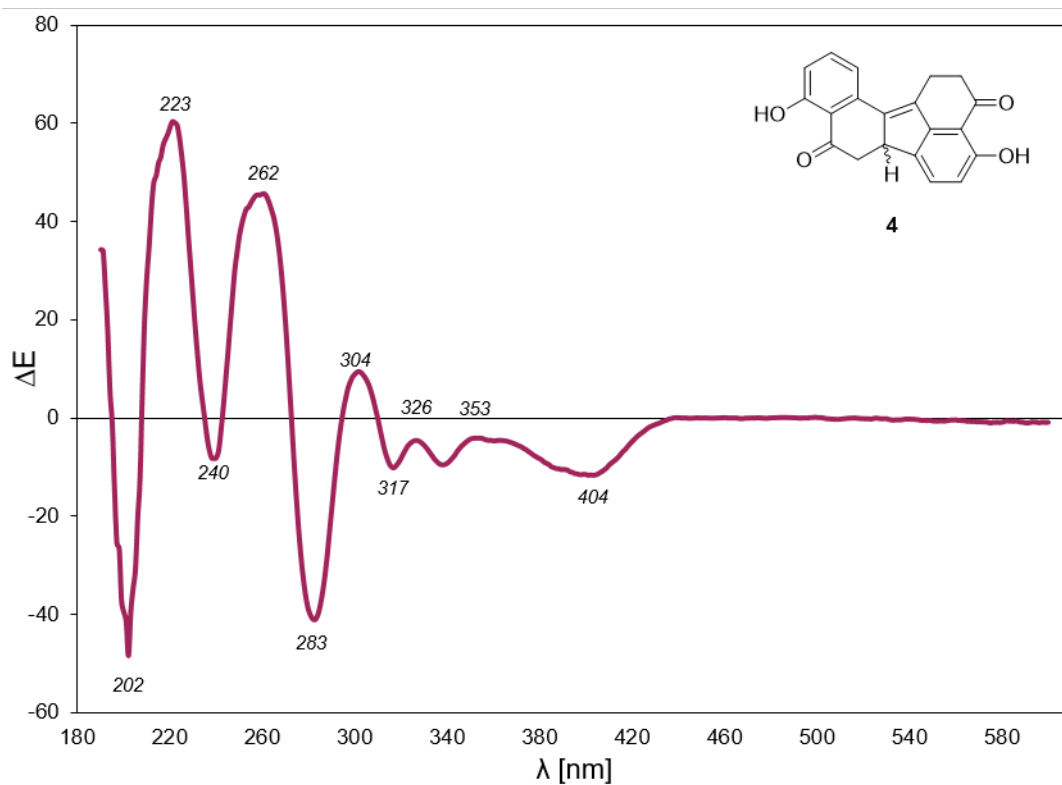
<sup>7</sup> Insulin: Human Recombinant Insulin, Zinc Solution (SN 12585014, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

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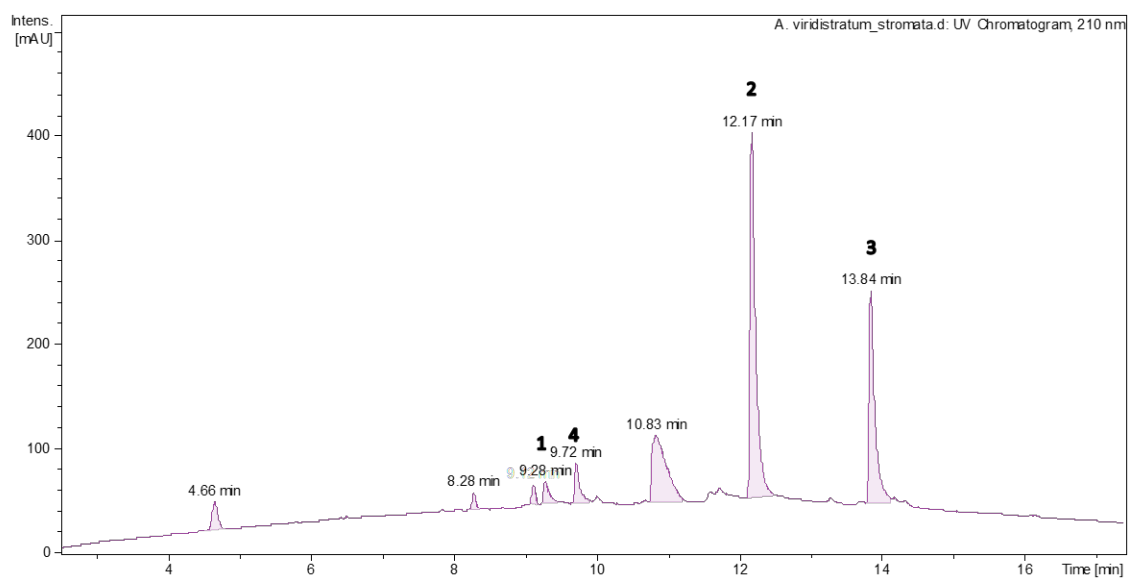
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**Figure S1:** HPLC-UV/Vis chromatograms at 210 nm, DAD and HR-ESI-MS(+) traces of viridistratins A–C (1–3) and truncatones A+C (4, 5).



**Figure S2:** ECD spectrum of truncatone A (**4**). Italic numbers: important maxima/minima of the spectrum.



**Figure S3:** HPLC-UV/Vis chromatogram at 210 nm of the crude extract of *A. viridistratum*. 1–3: viridistratins A–C, 4: truncatone C. Truncatone A (**5**) was not found in the crude extracts.

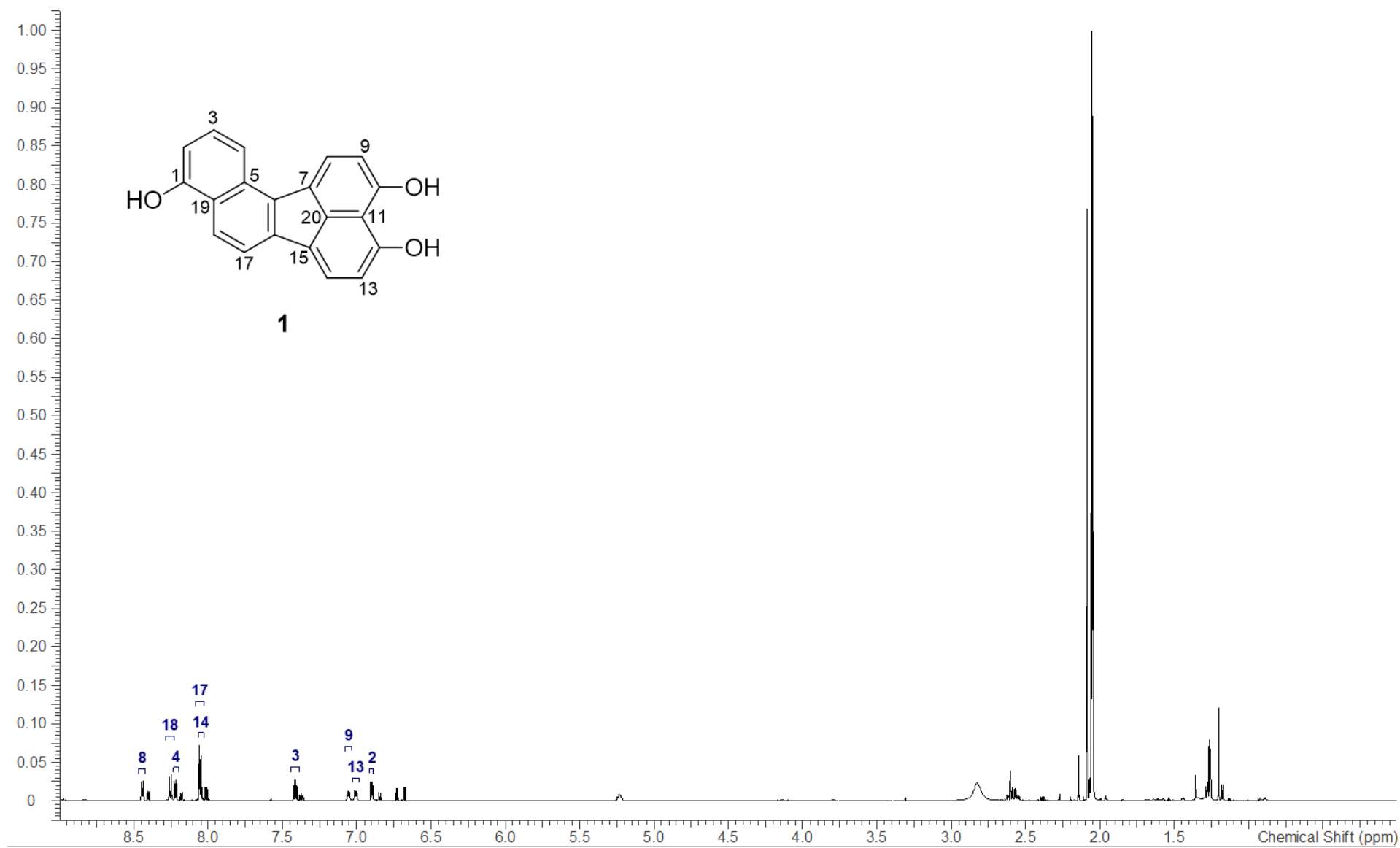


Fig. S4:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{acetone-}d_6$ ) of viridistratin A (**1**).

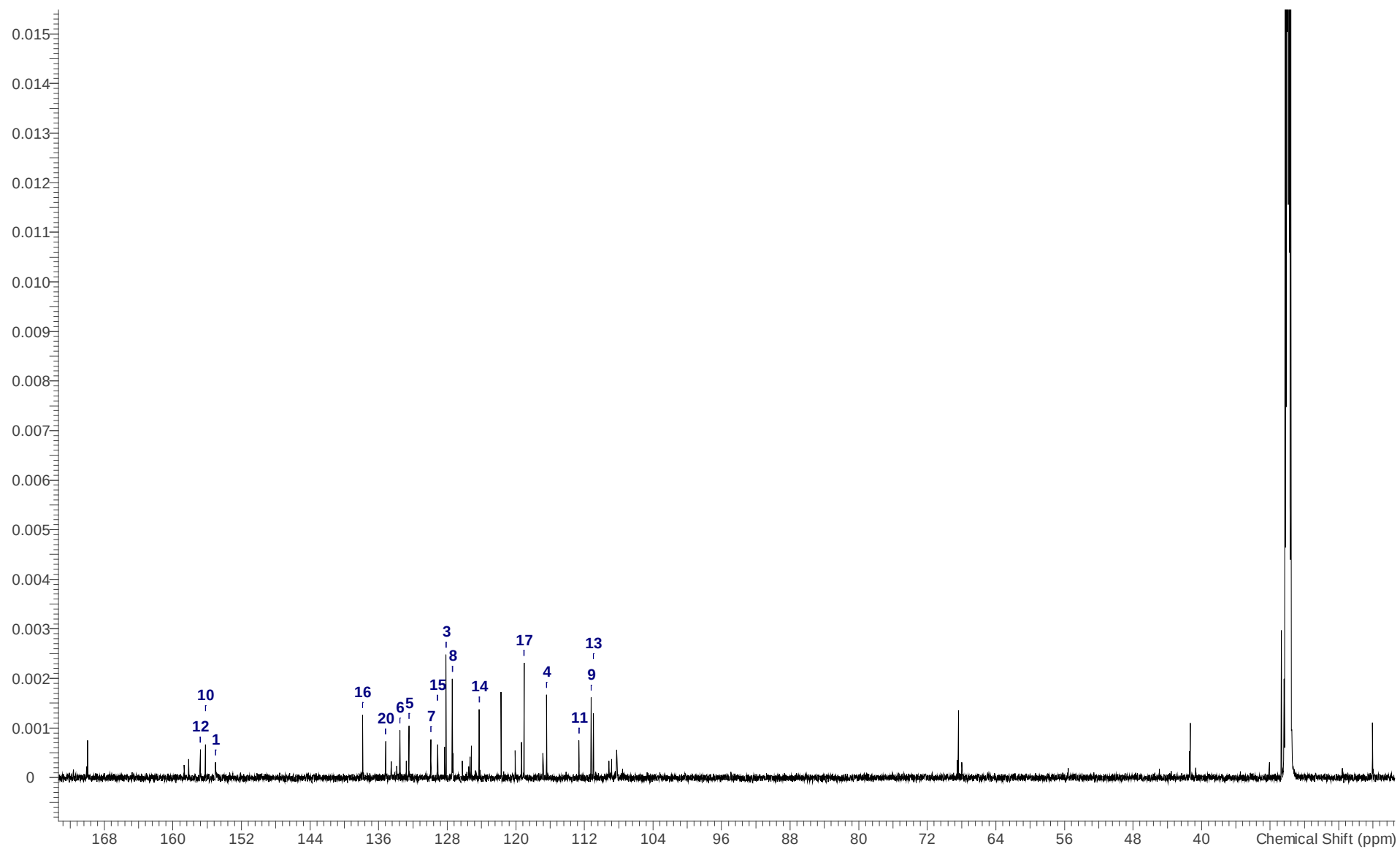


Fig. S5:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin A (1).



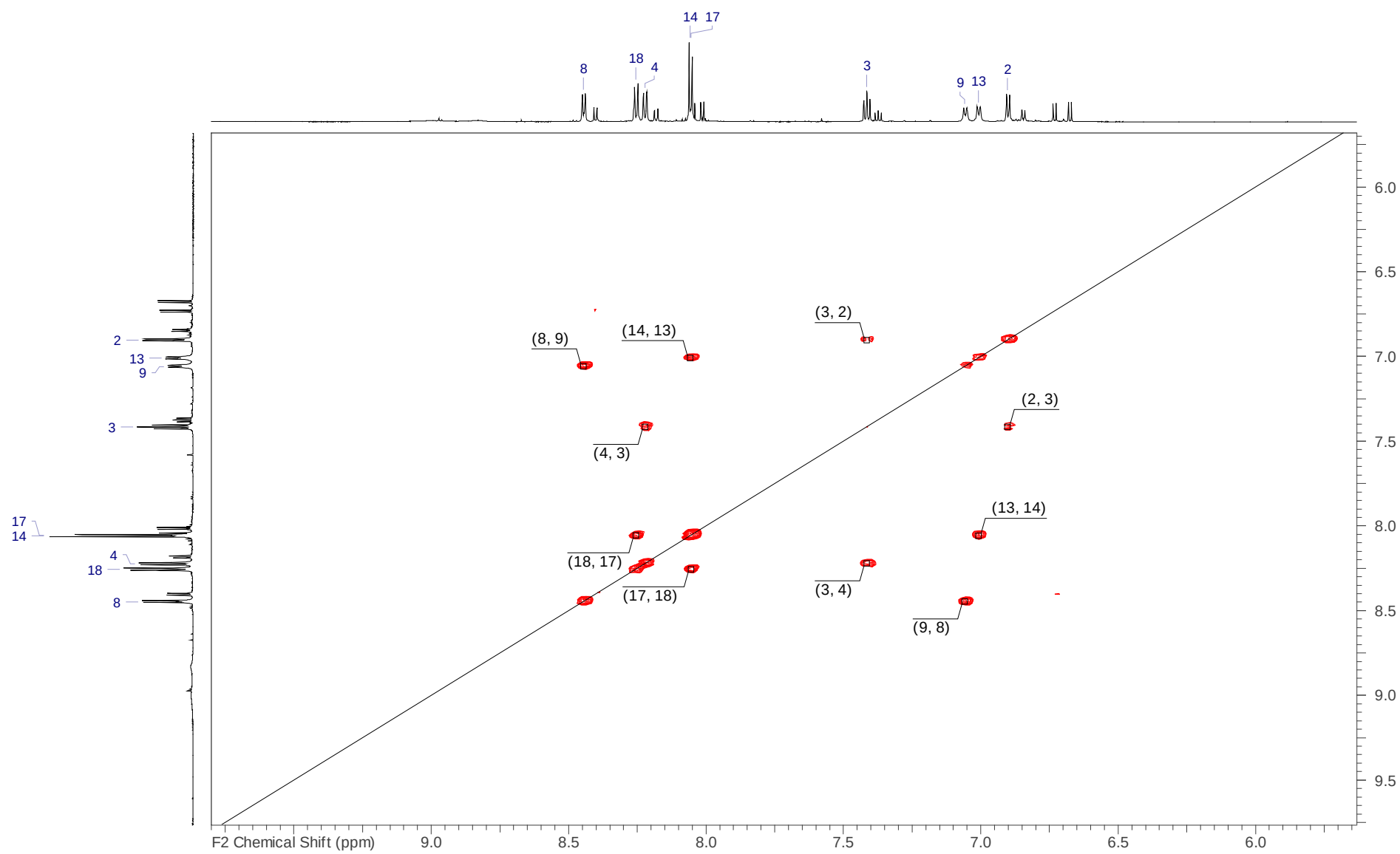


Fig. S6:  $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin A (1).

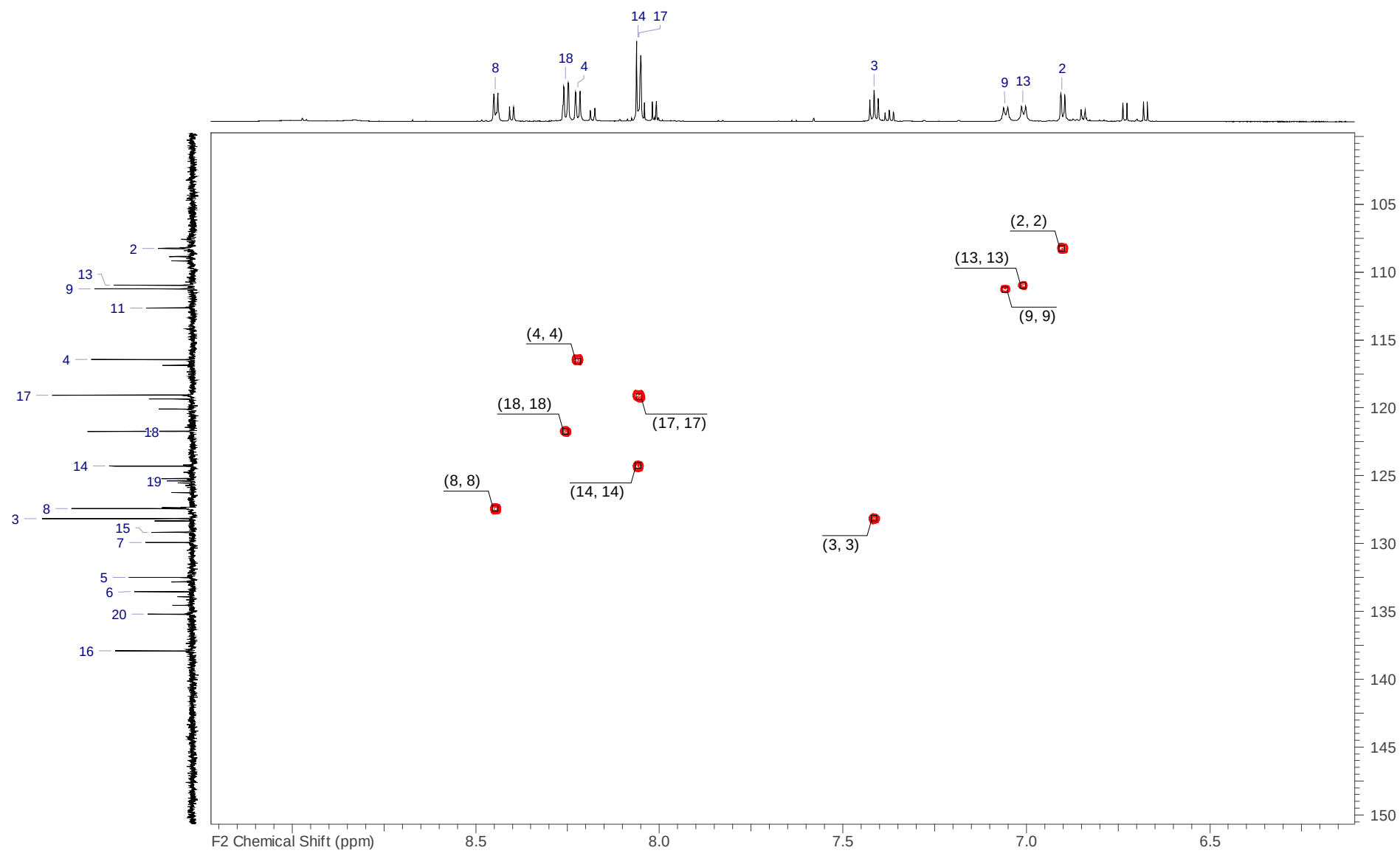
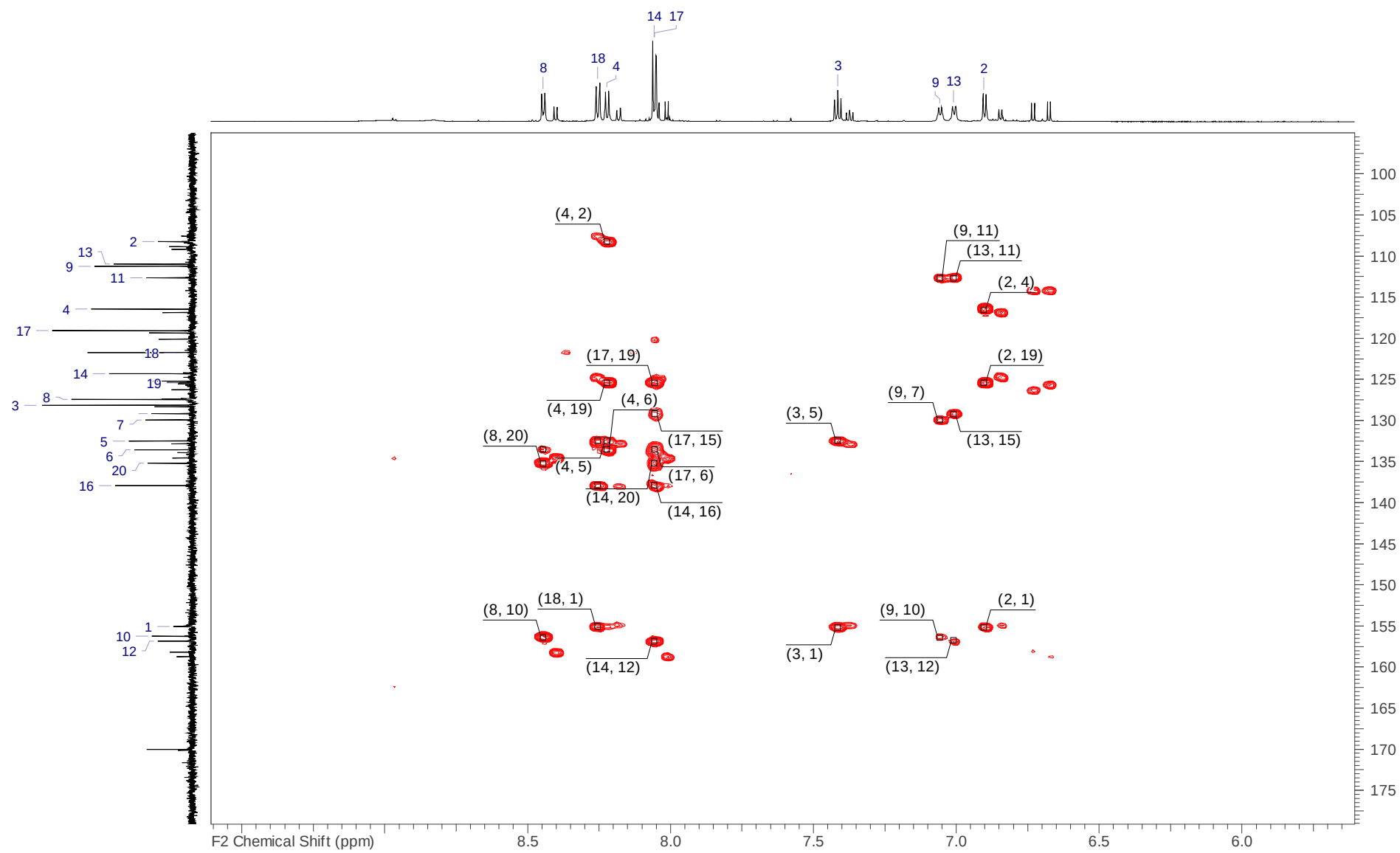


Fig. S7:  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin A (1).



**Fig. S8:**  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin A (1).

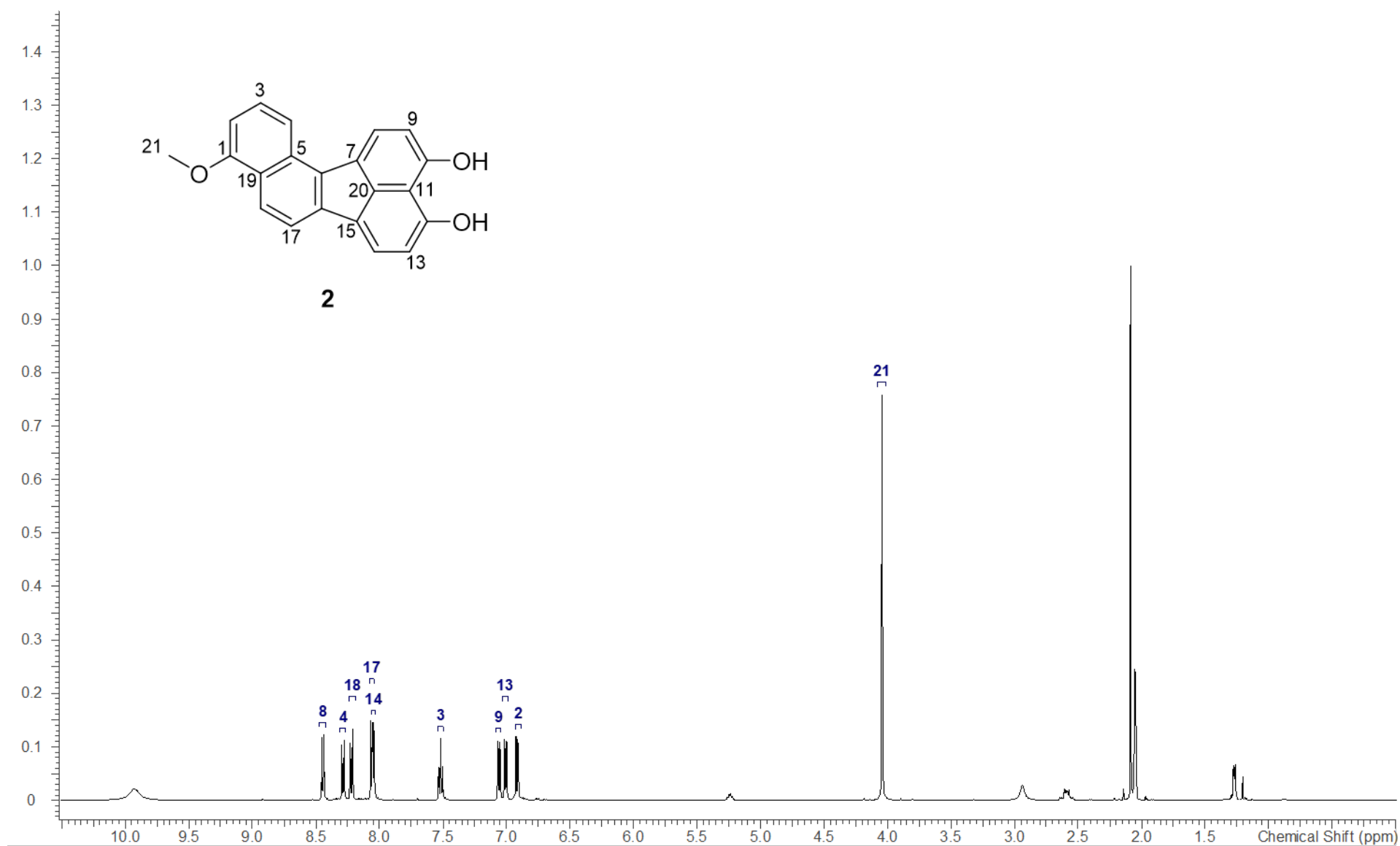


Fig. S9:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin B (2).

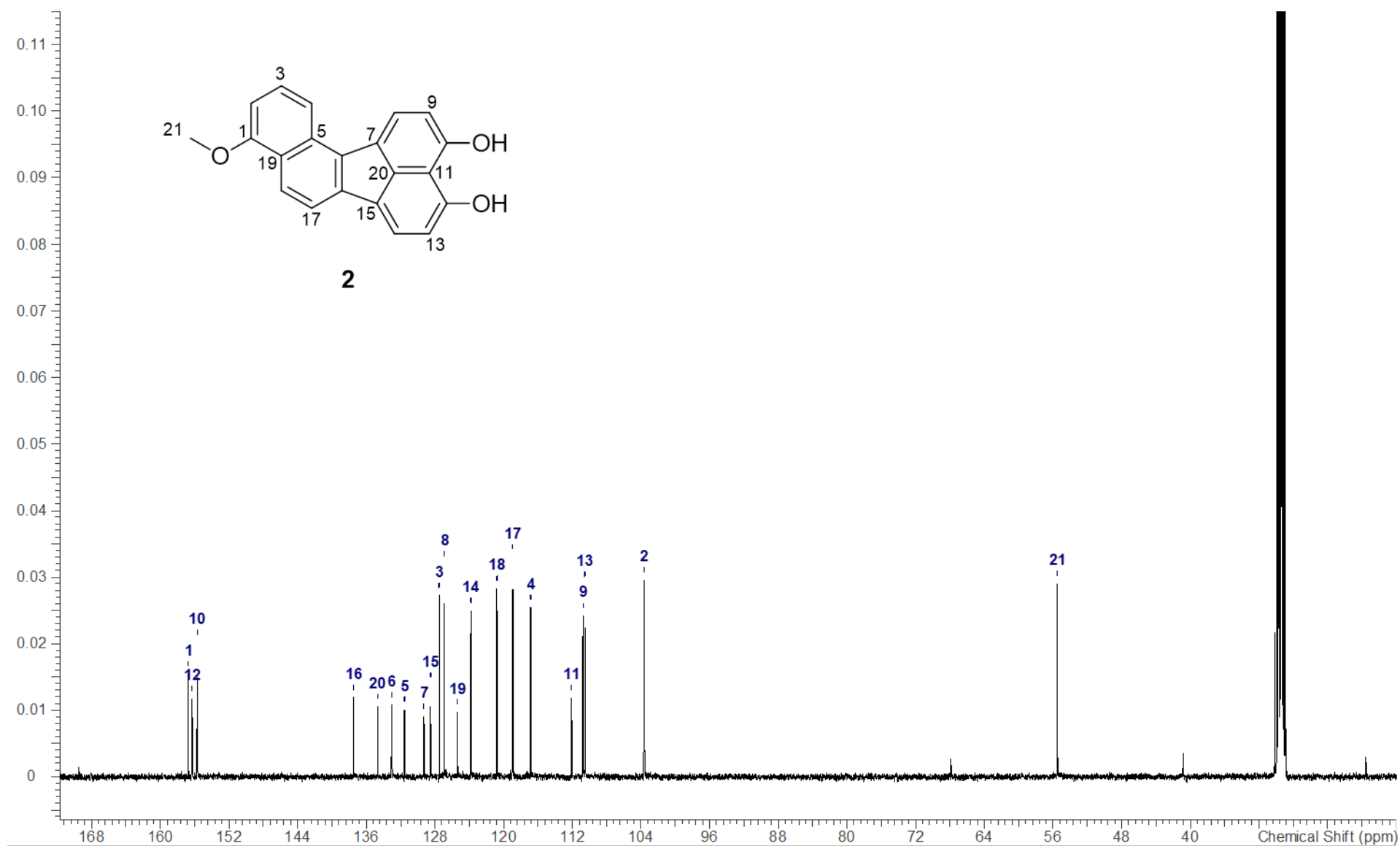
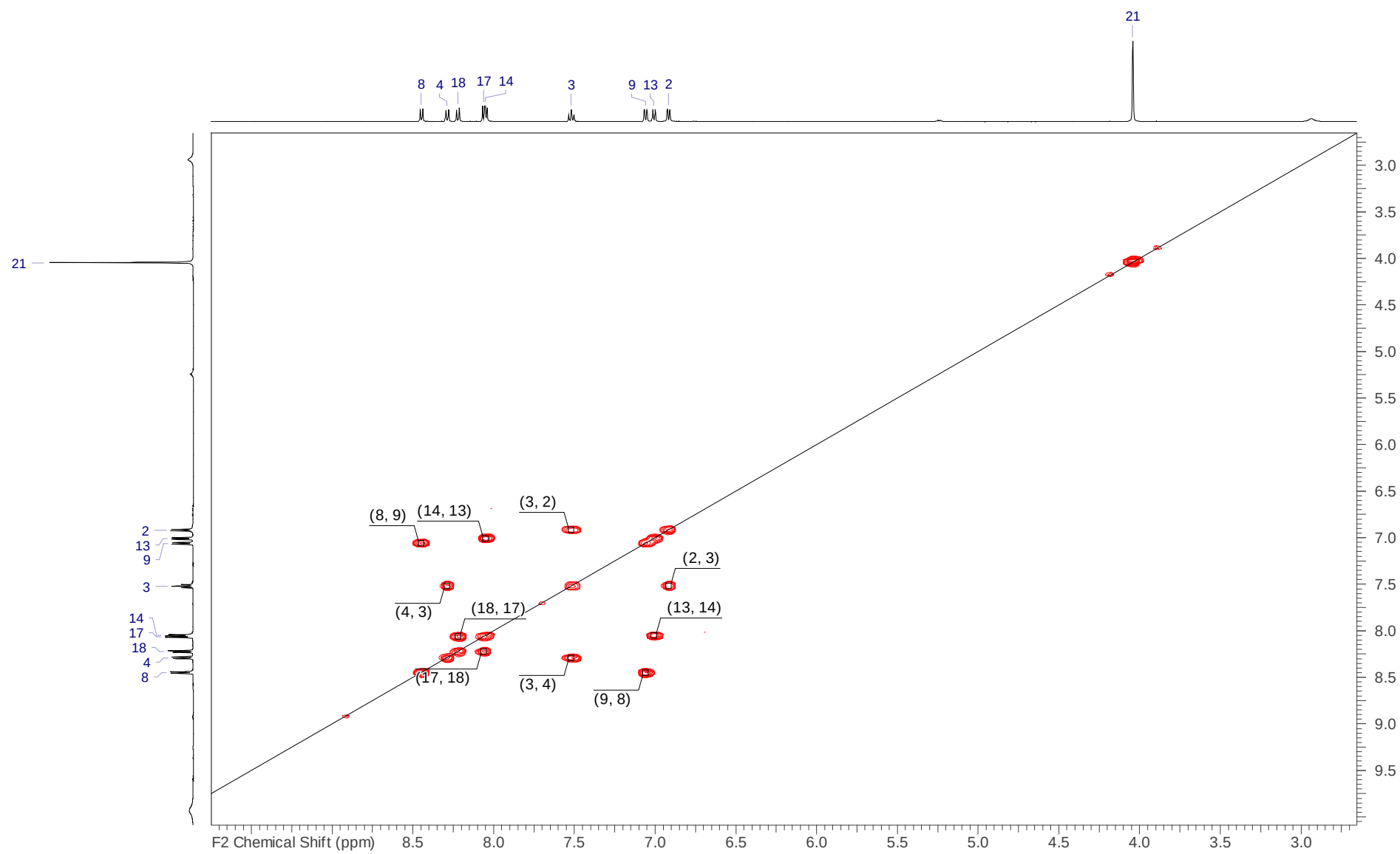
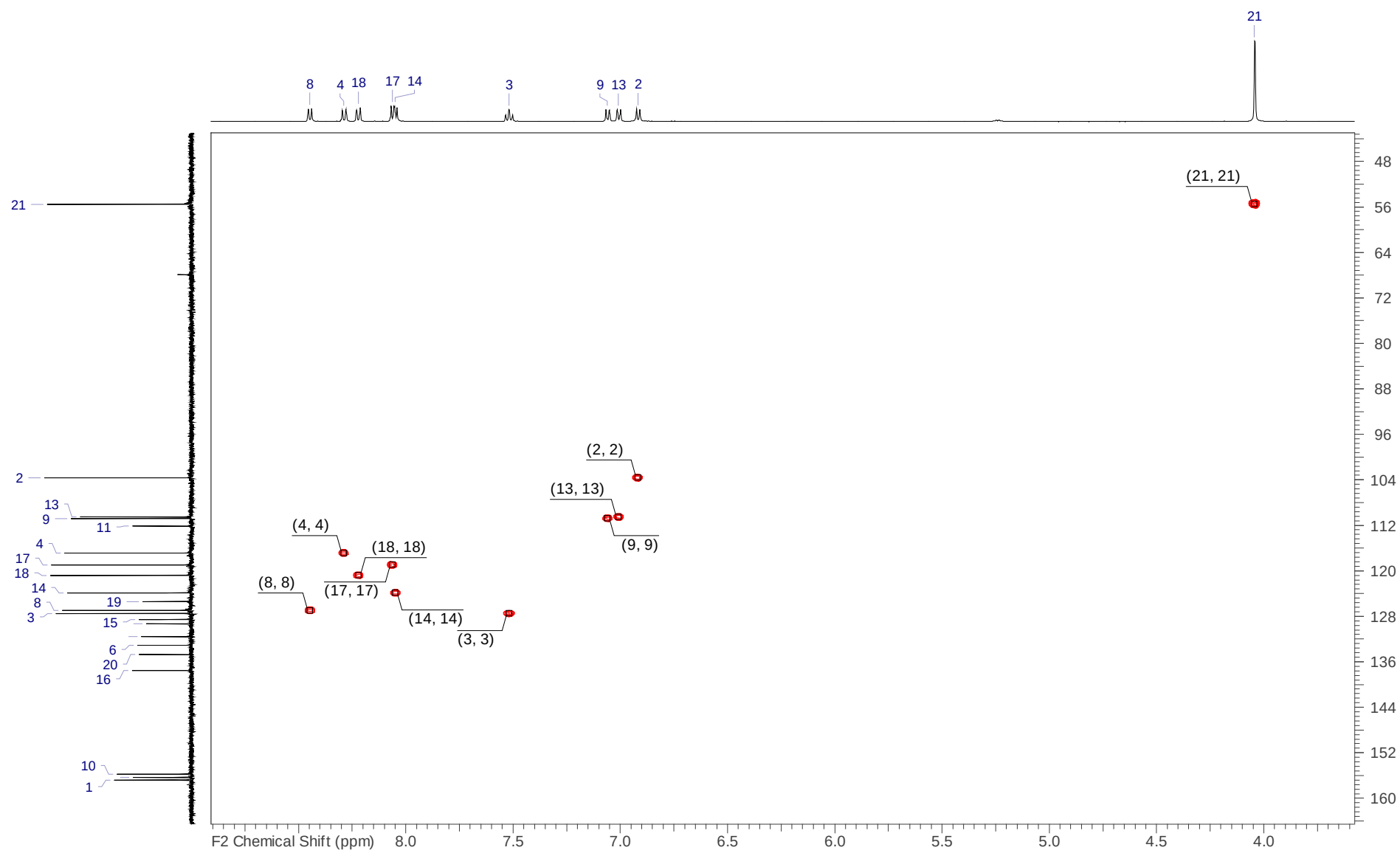


Fig. S10: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (500 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of viridistratin B (2).



**Fig. S11:**  $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin B (2).



**Fig. S12:**  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin B (2).

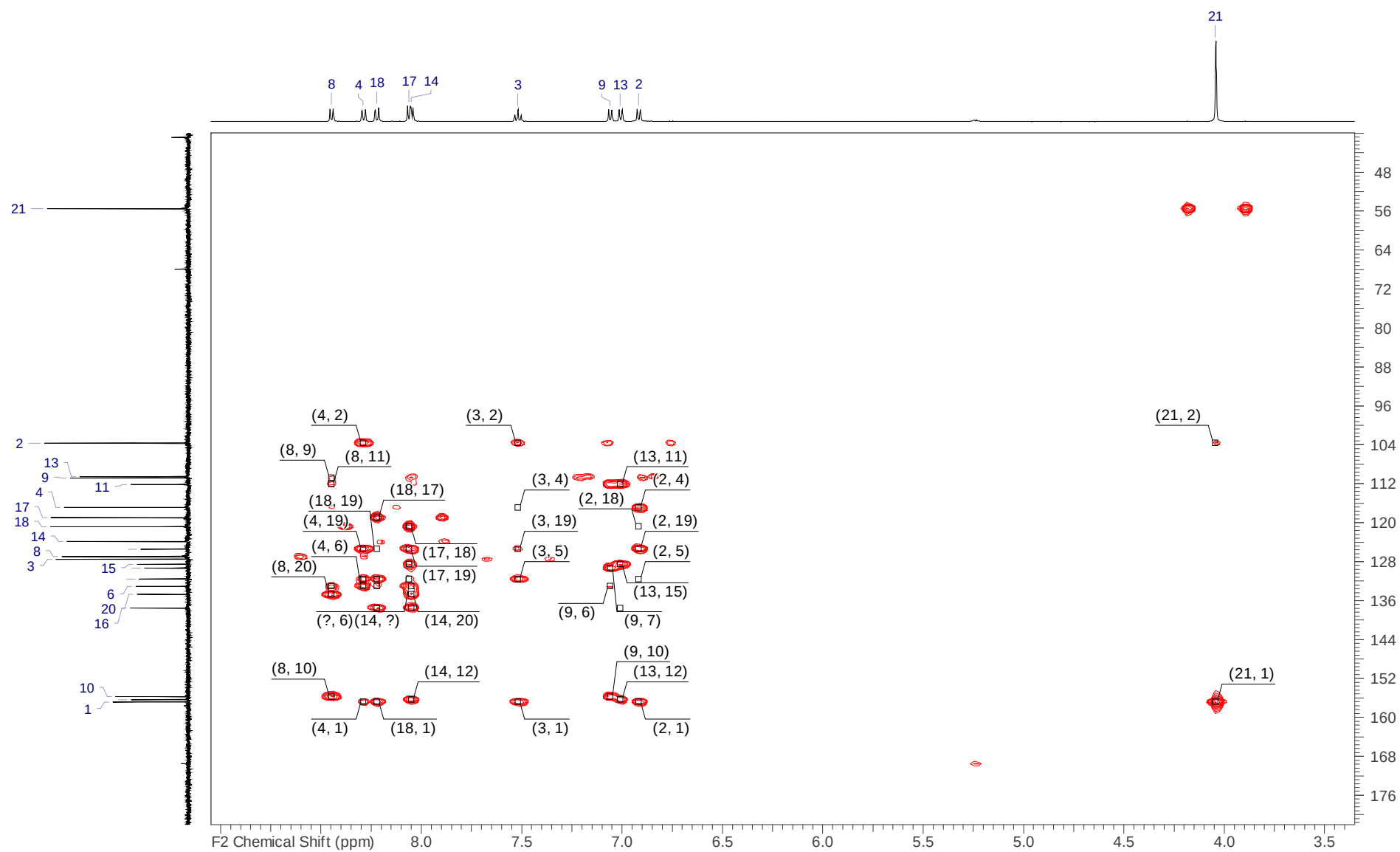


Fig. S13:  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of viridistratin B (2).



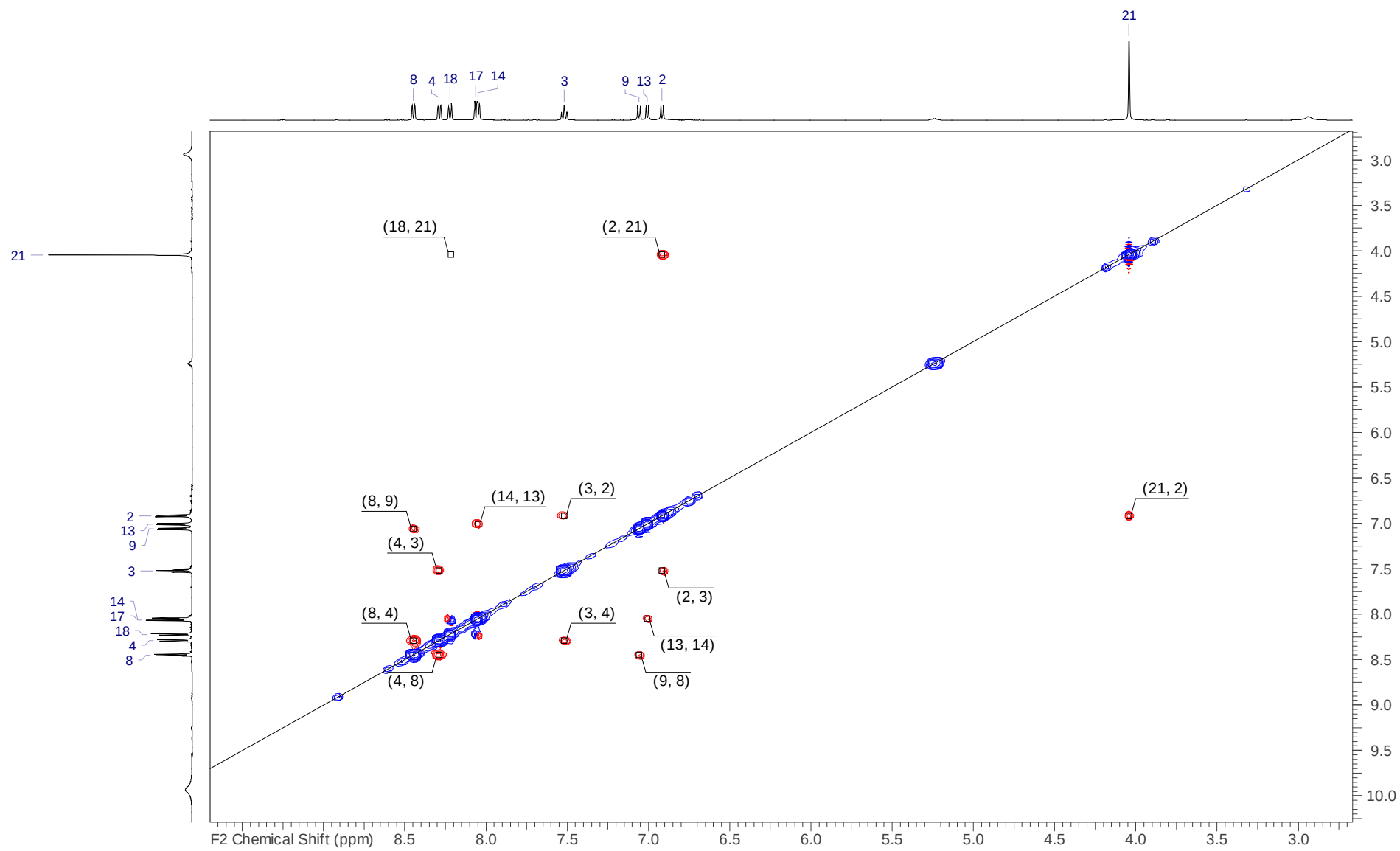


Fig. S14: ROESY spectrum (500 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of viridistratin B (2).

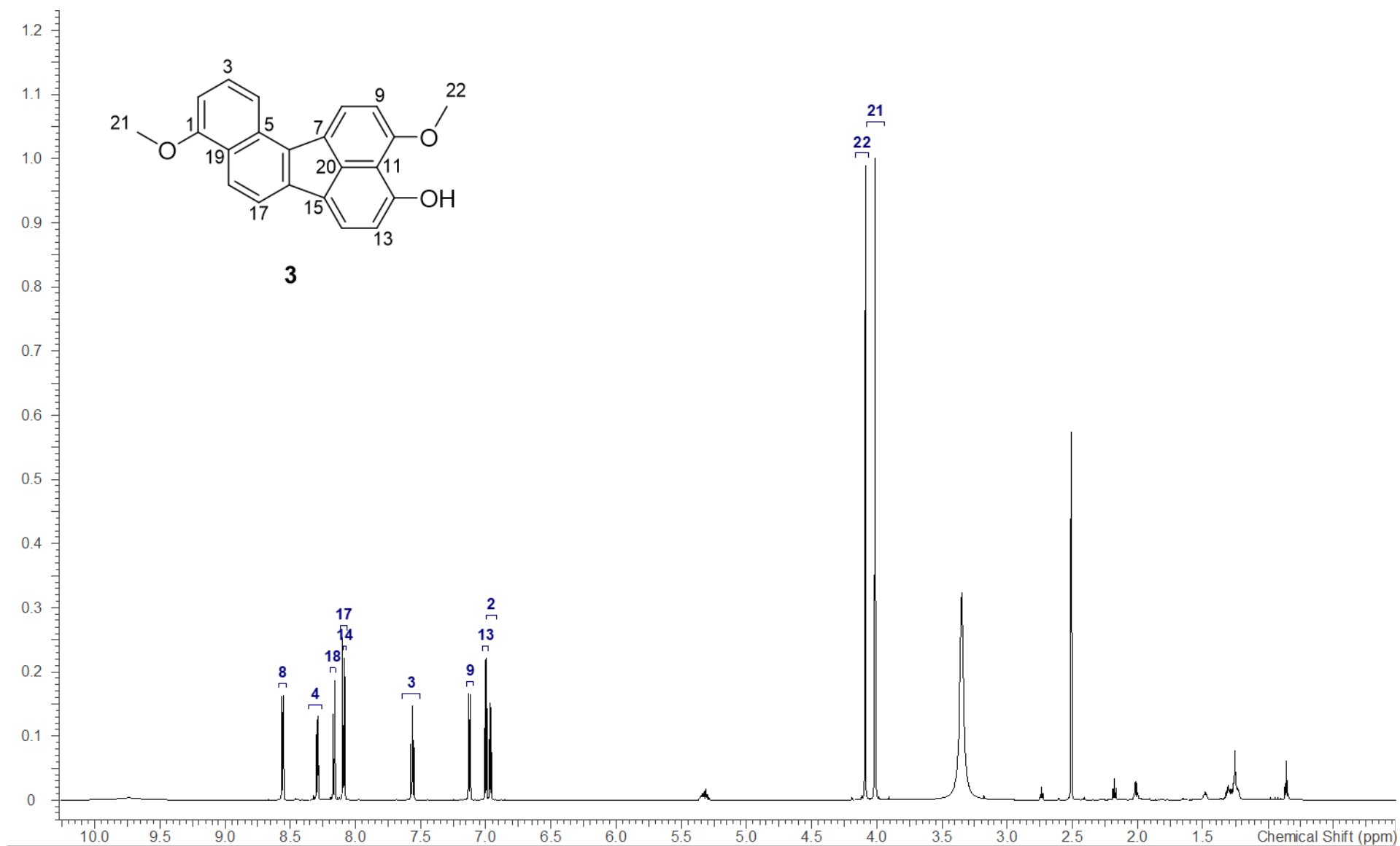


Fig. S15:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) of viridistratin C (3).

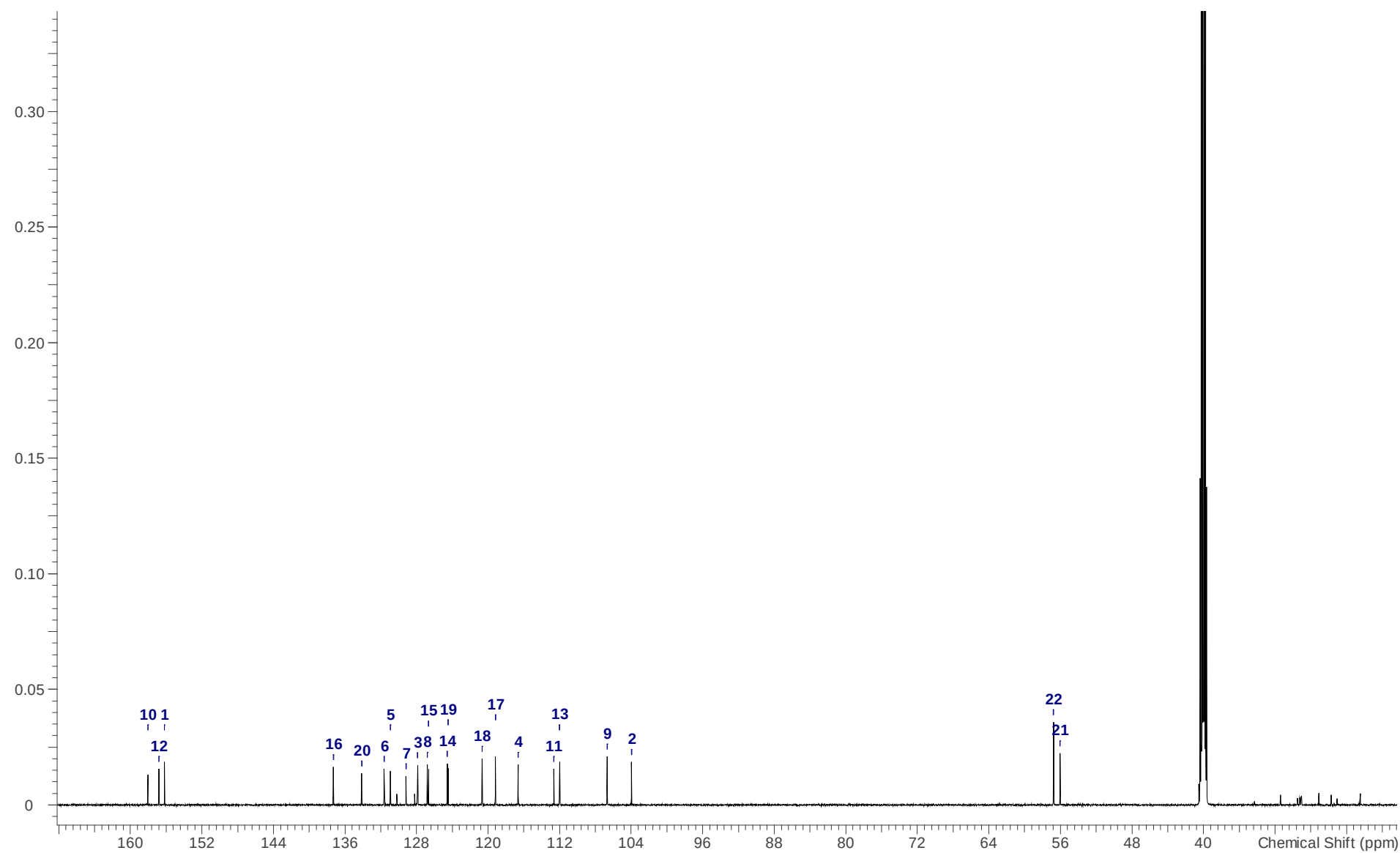


Fig. S16:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) of viridistratin C (3).

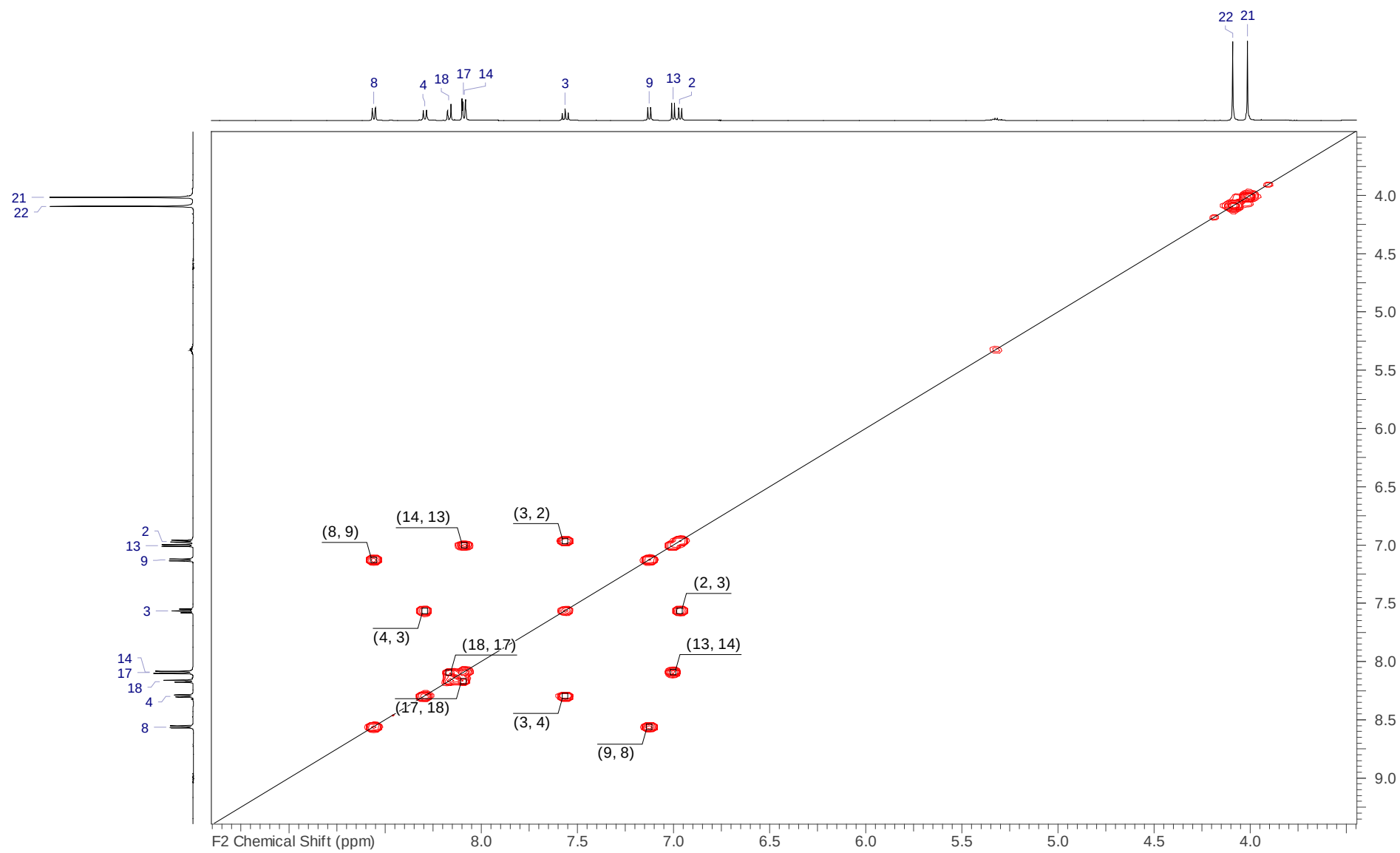


Fig. S17:  $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) of viridistratin C (3).

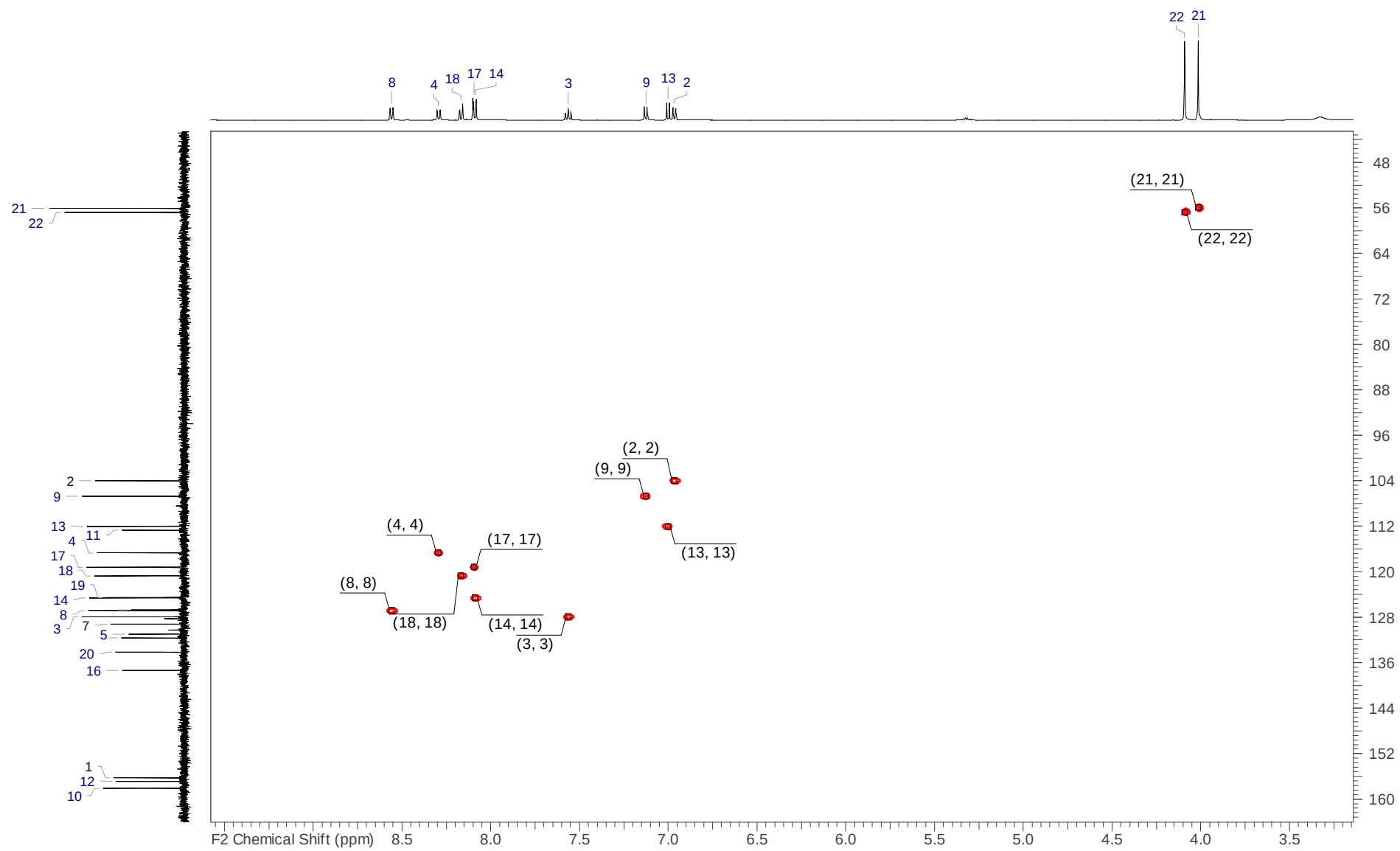
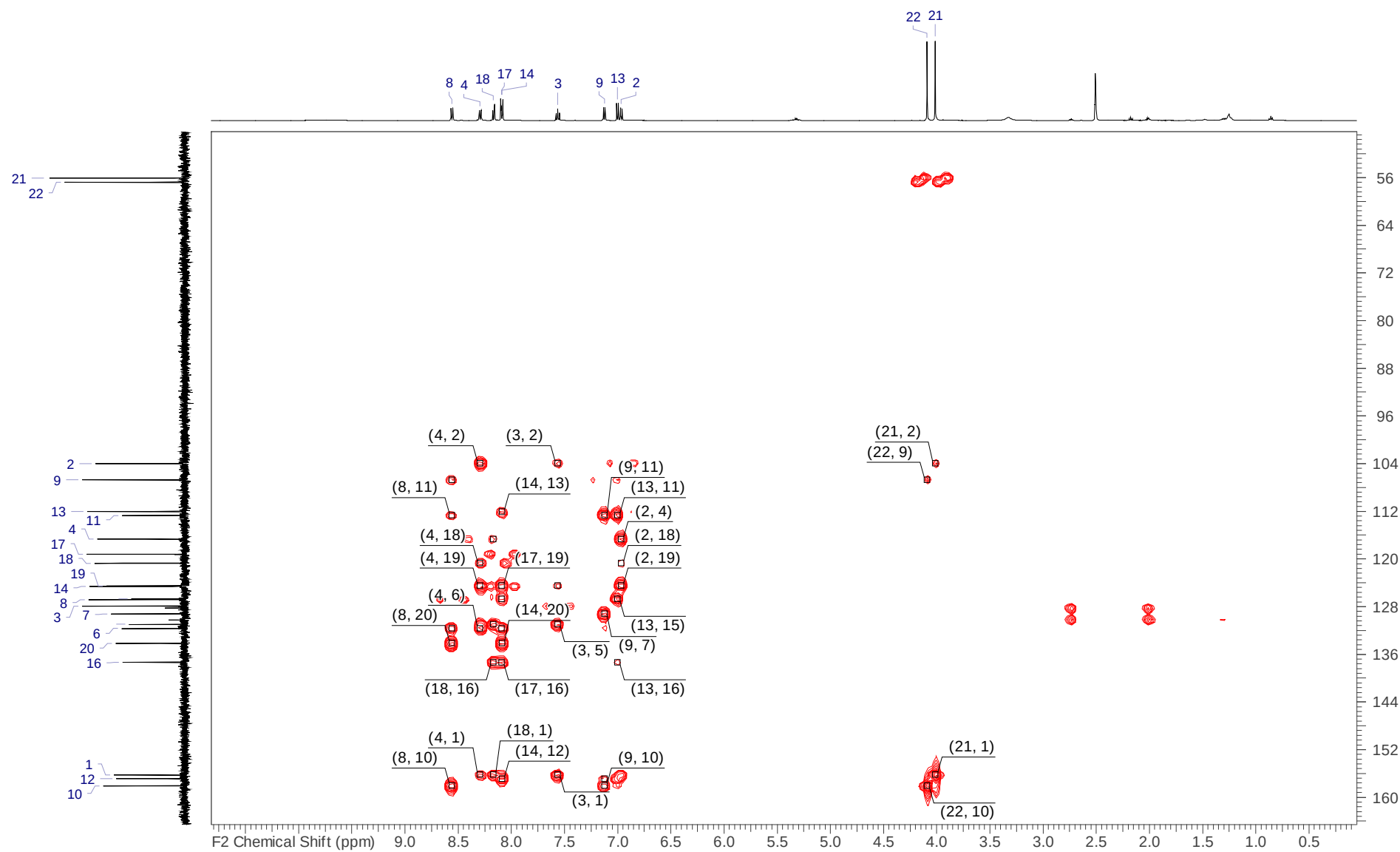


Fig. S18:  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) of viridistratin C (3).



**Fig. S19:**  $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) of viridistratin C (3).