

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Novel dammarane-type saponins from *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* and their neuroprotective effect

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#### Abstract

Three novel dammarane-type saponins,  $2\alpha,3\beta,12\beta,20(S),24(S)$ -pentahydroxydammar-25-ene-3- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-20- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**, namely gypenoside J1),  $2\alpha,3\beta,12\beta,20(S),25$ -pentahydroxydammar-23-ene-3- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-20- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**2**, namely gypenoside J2) and  $2\alpha,3\beta,12\beta,20(S)$ -tetrahydroxydammar-25-en-24-one-3- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-20- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**, namely gypenoside J3) along with one known gypenoside (gypenoside LVII) were isolated from the aerial parts of *G. pentaphyllum* using various chromatographic methods. Their structures were elucidated on the basis of IR, 1D- ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ ), 2D-NMR spectroscopy (HSQC, HMBC and COSY), and mass spectrometry (ESI-MS/MS). Their activity was tested using CCK-8 assay. These four compounds showed little anti-cancer activity with IC<sub>50</sub> values more than 100  $\mu\text{M}$  against four types of human cancer lines. The effects of them against H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced oxidative stress in human neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cells were evaluated and they all showed potential neuroprotective effects with 3.64%-18.16% higher cell viability than the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced model group.

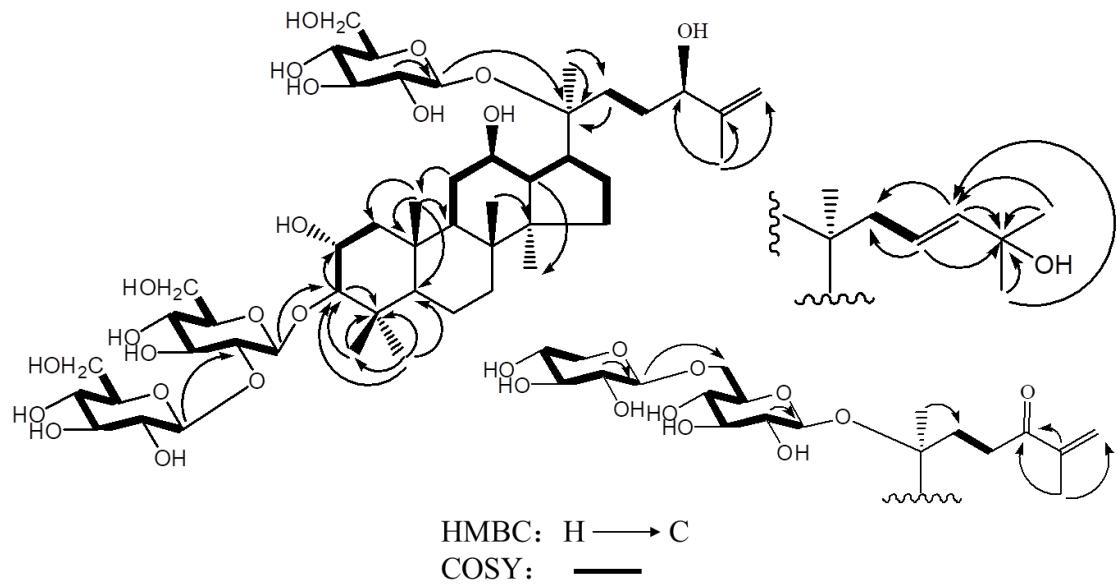


Fig. S1 Key correlations in HMBC and COSY.

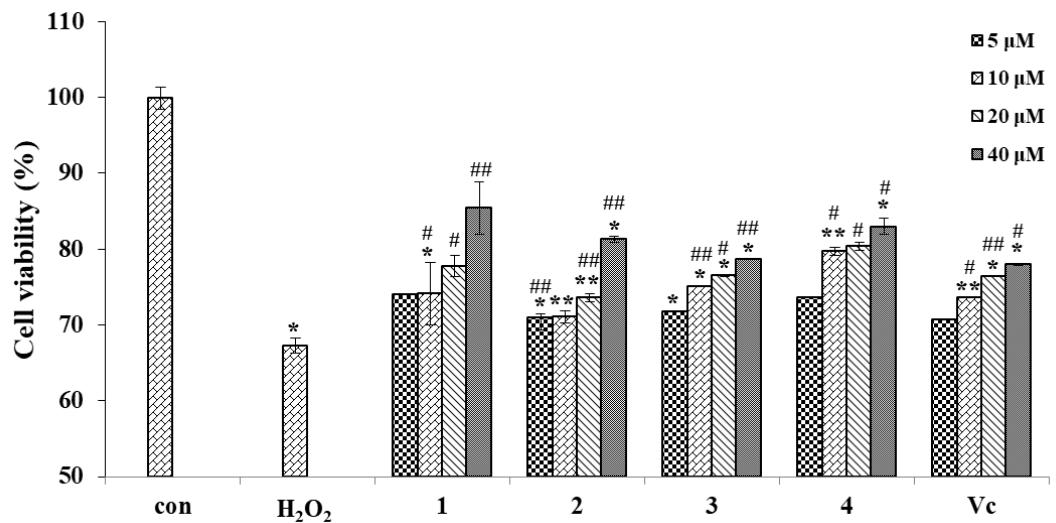


Fig. S2 Neuroprotective effects of dammarane-type saponins against  $H_2O_2$ -induced injury of SH-SY5Y cells. Data were shown as mean  $\pm$  SD of three separate experiments and expressed as percentage (%) of control. \* $p < 0.05$  and \*\* $p < 0.01$  compared with control group; # $p < 0.05$  and ## $p < 0.01$  compared with  $H_2O_2$ -induced model group.

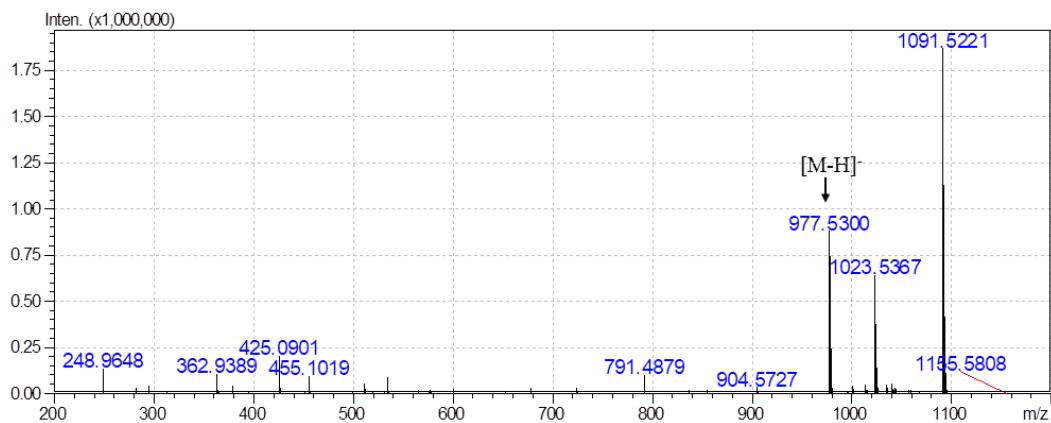


Fig. S3 HRESIMS of compound 1

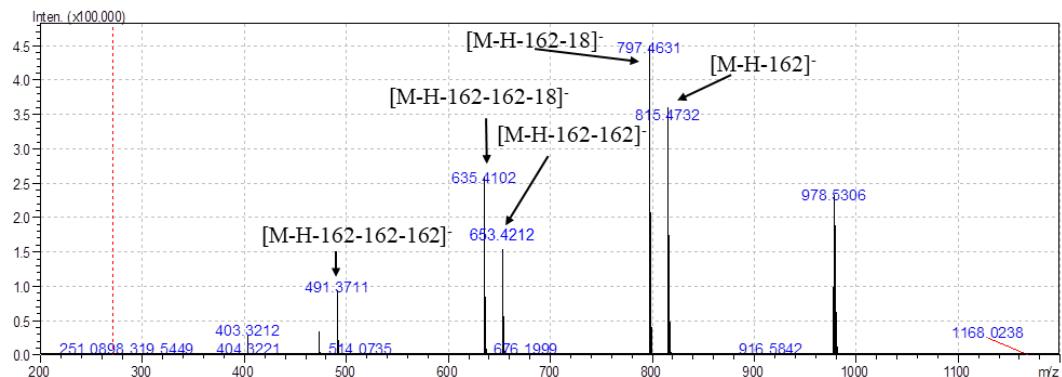


Fig. S4 MS/MS data of compound 1

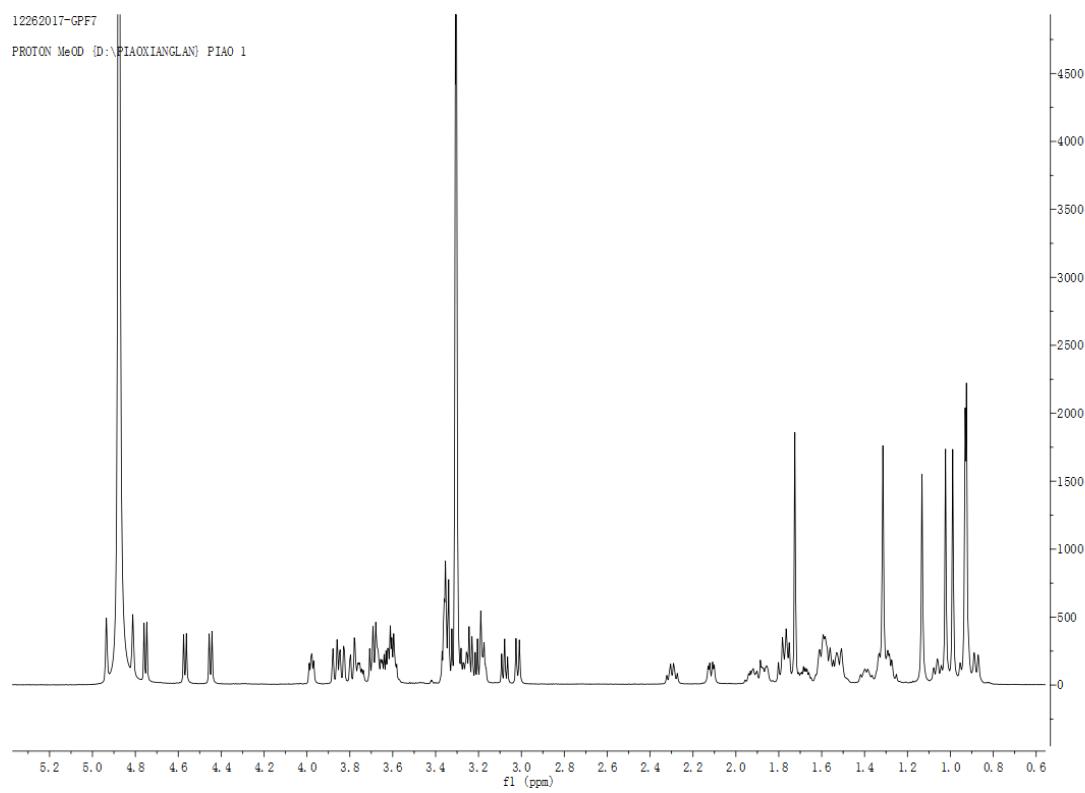


Fig. S5  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz)

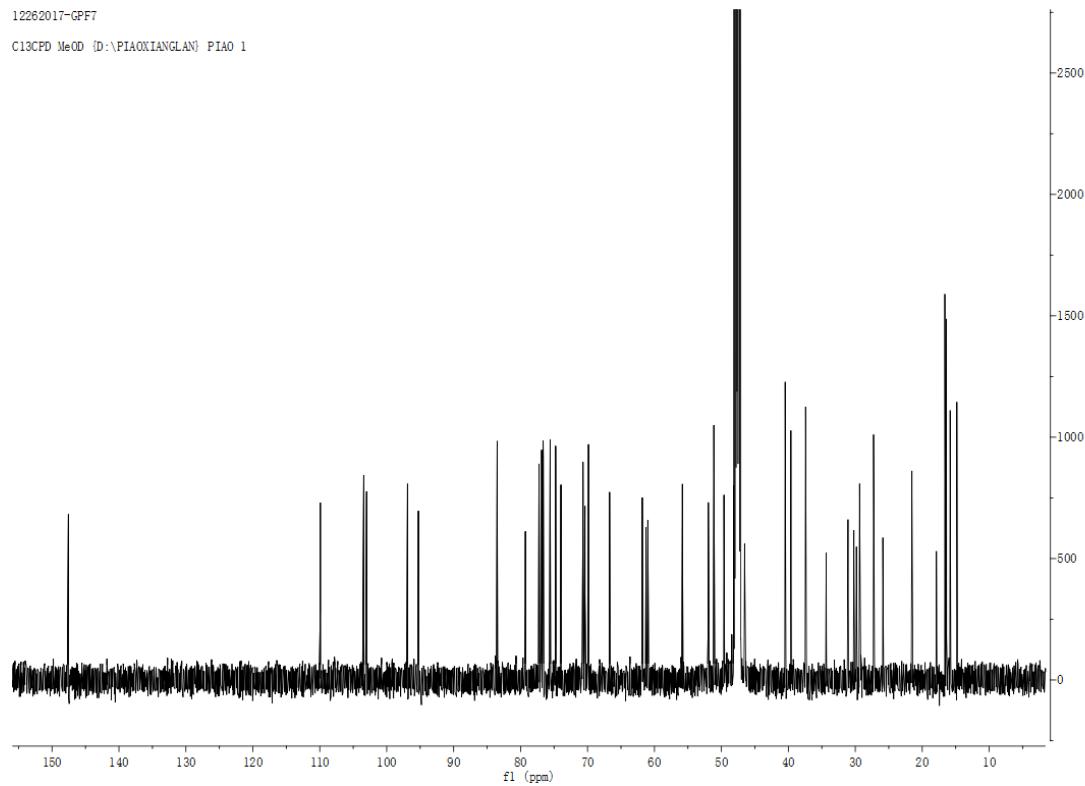


Fig. S6  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **1** (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz)

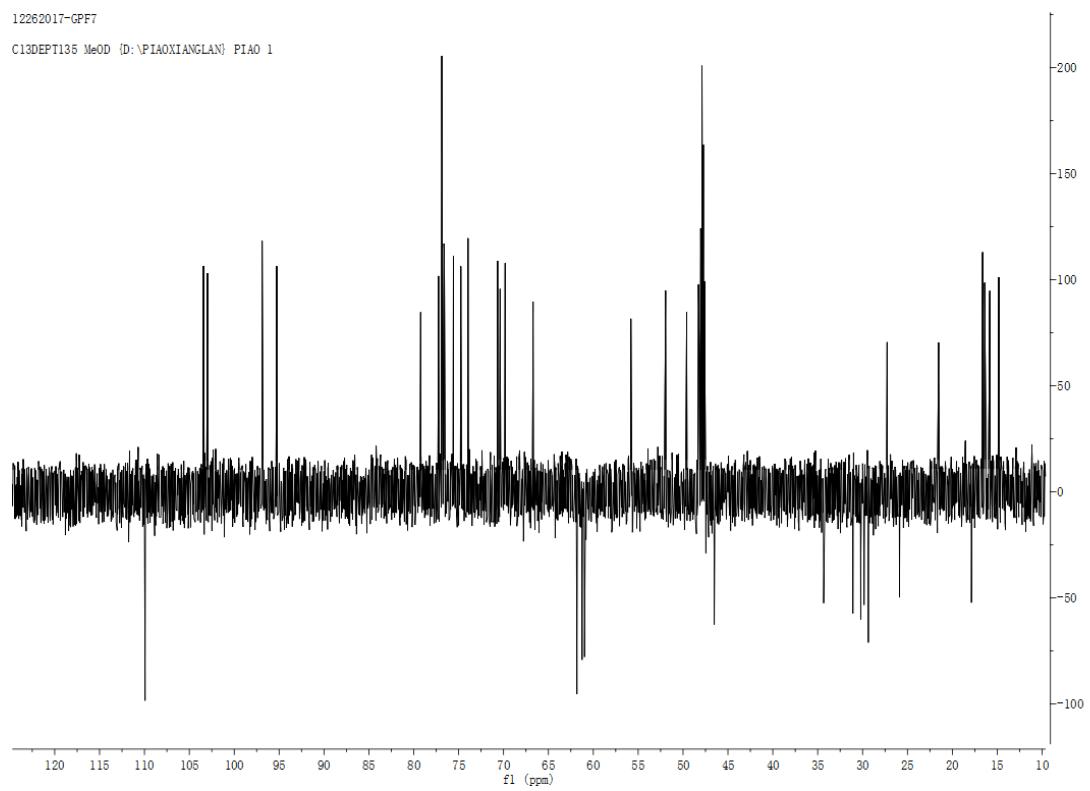


Fig. S7 DEPT 135 of compound **1** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 150 MHz)

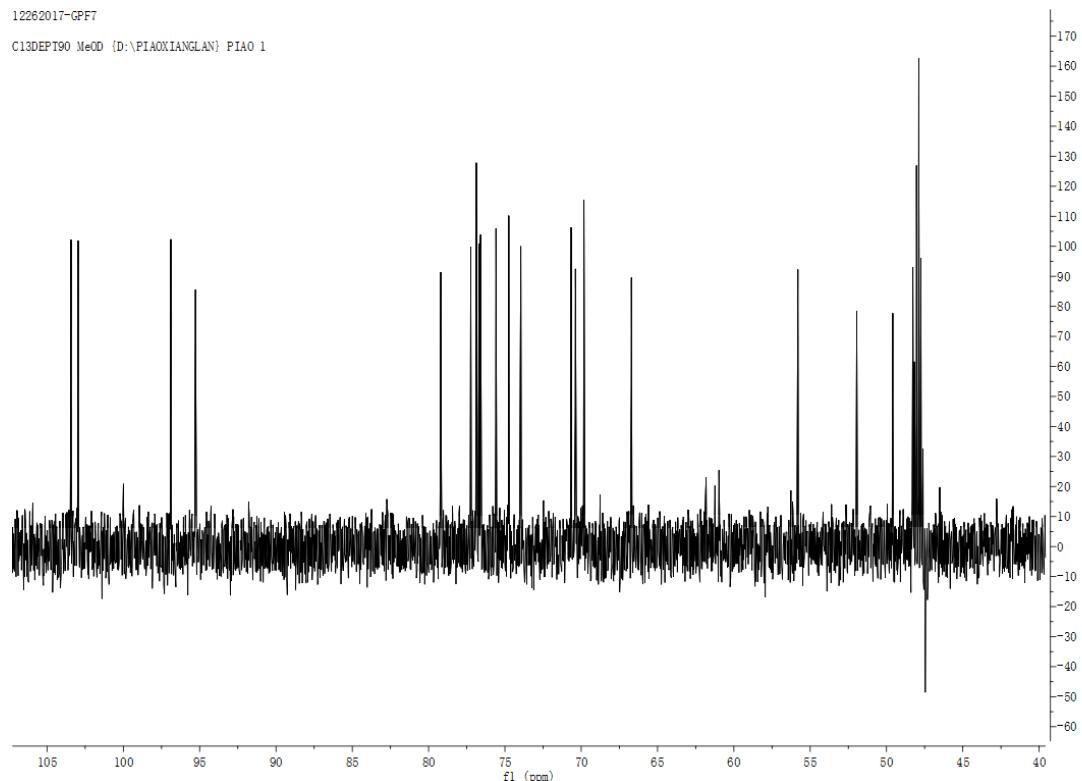


Fig. S8 DEPT 90 of compound **1** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 150 MHz)

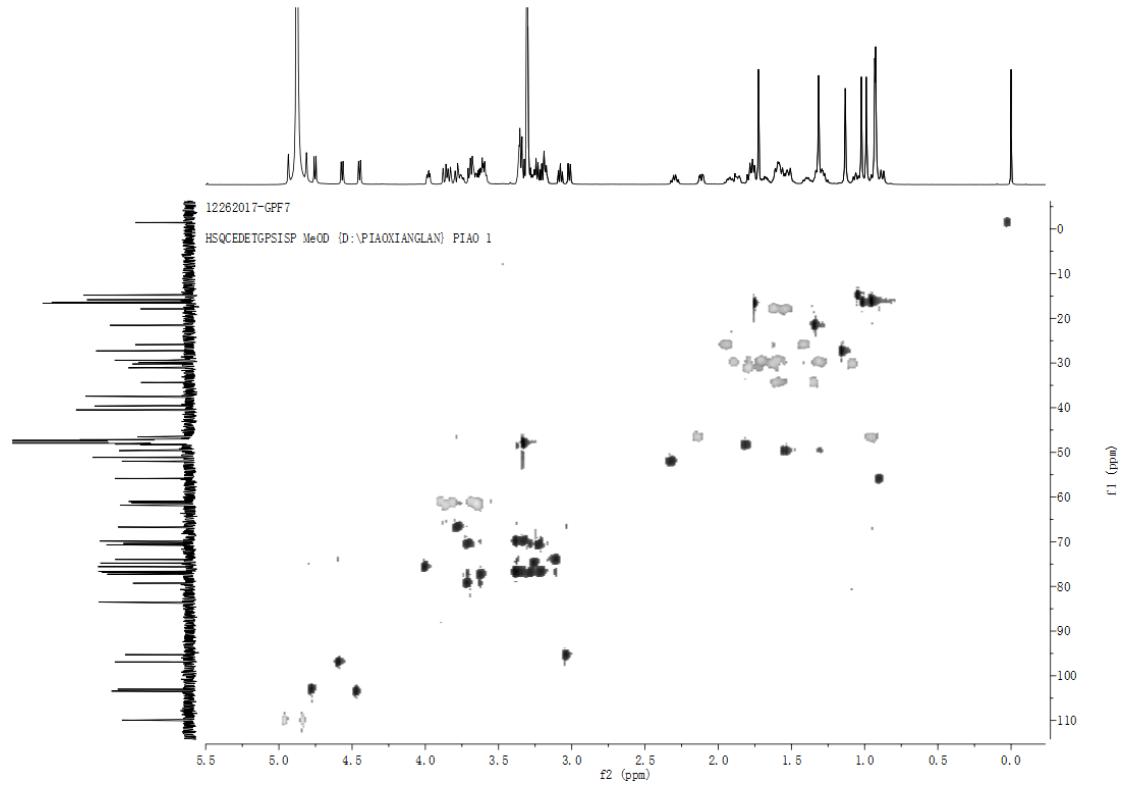


Fig. S9 HSQC spectrum of compound 1 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

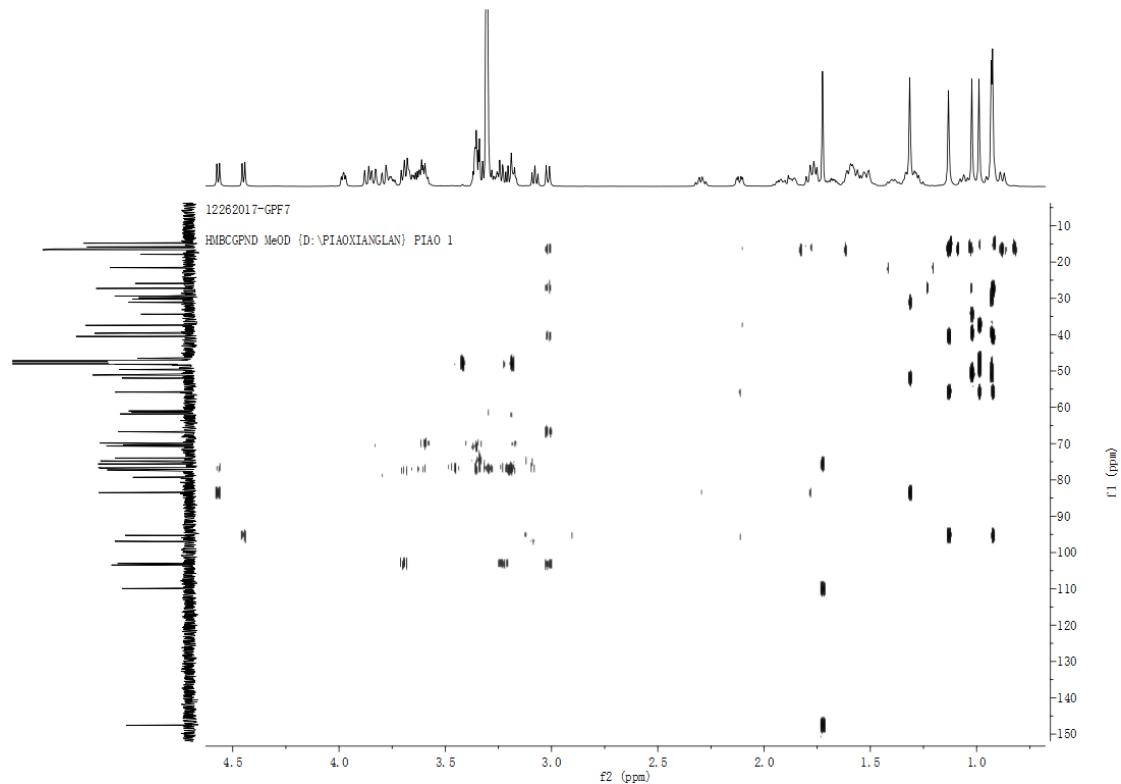


Fig. S10 HMBC spectrum of compound 1 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

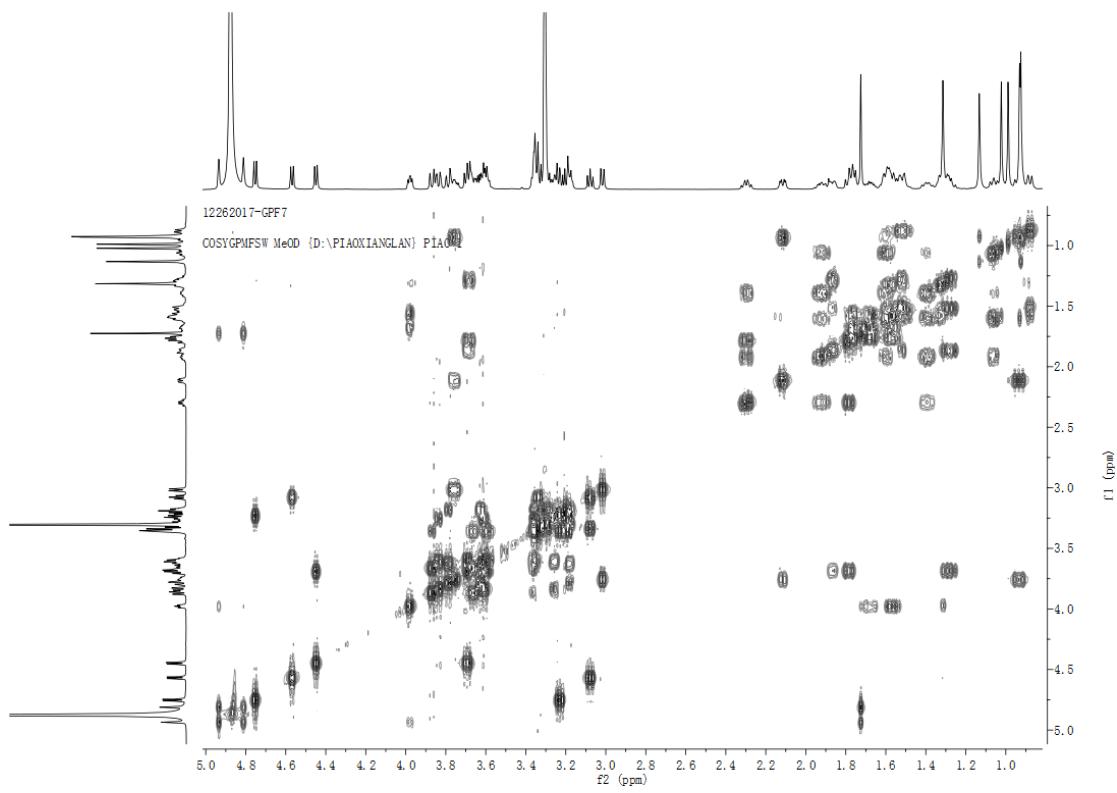


Fig. S11  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of compound 1 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

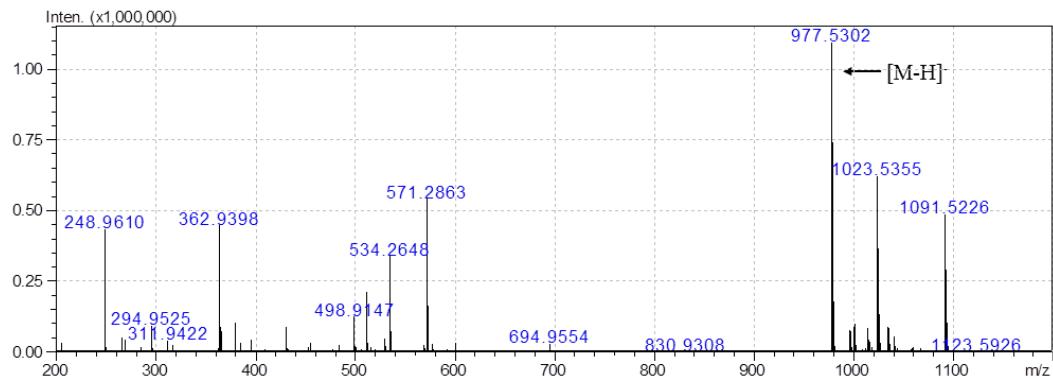


Fig. S12 HRESIMS of compound 2

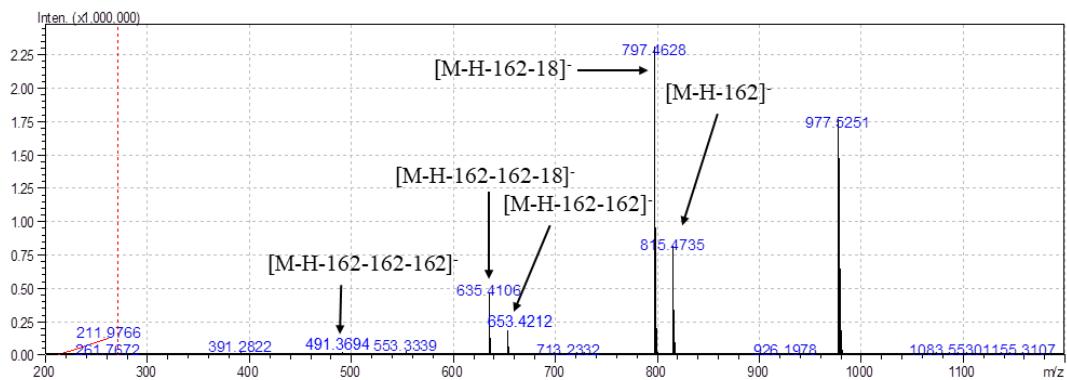


Fig. S13 MS/MS data of compound 2

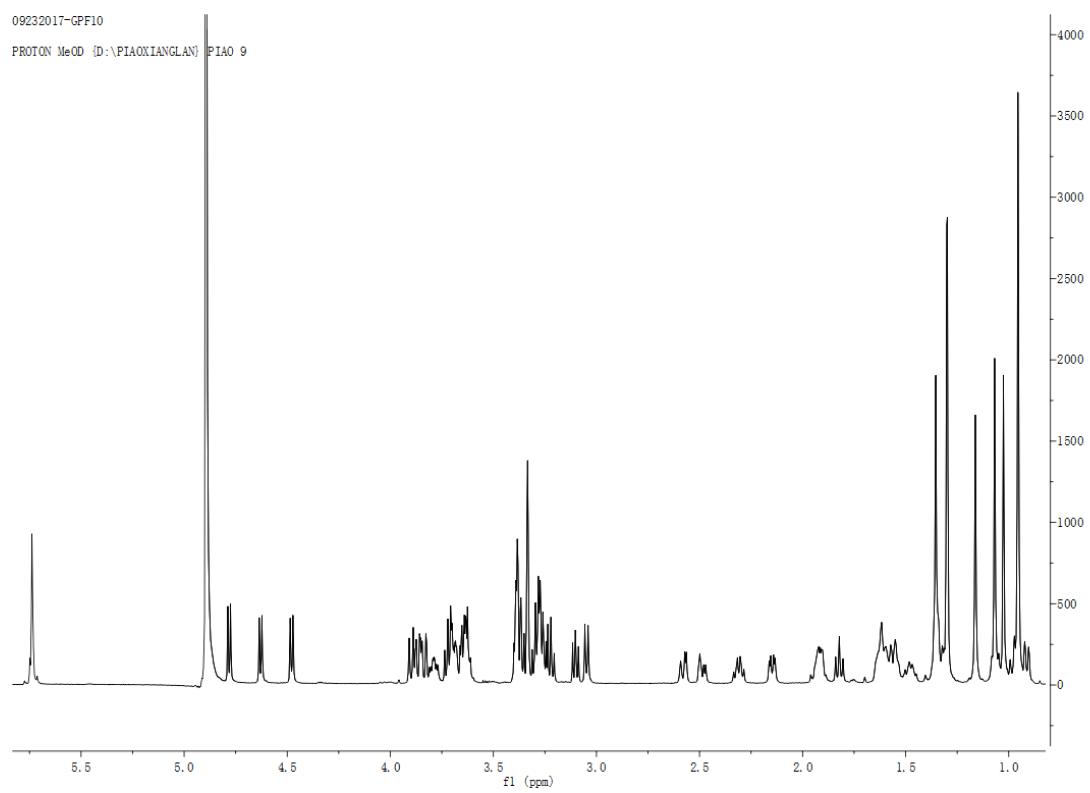


Fig. S14  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 2 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

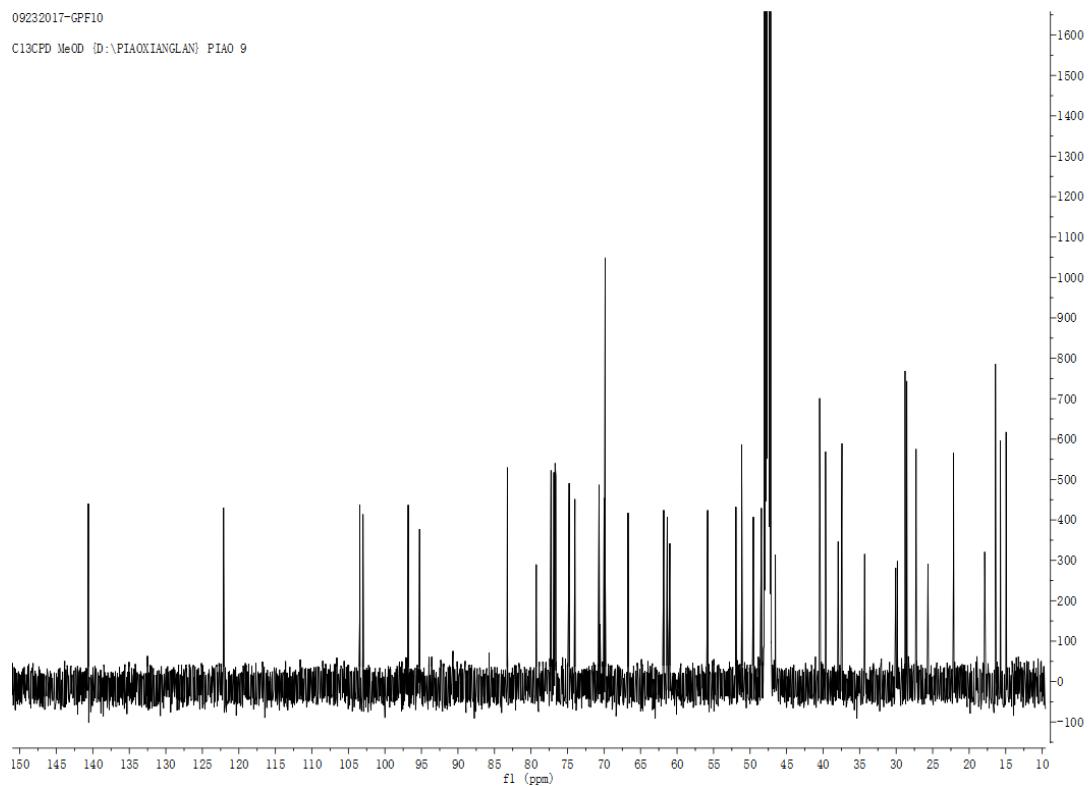


Fig. S15  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound 2 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 150 MHz)

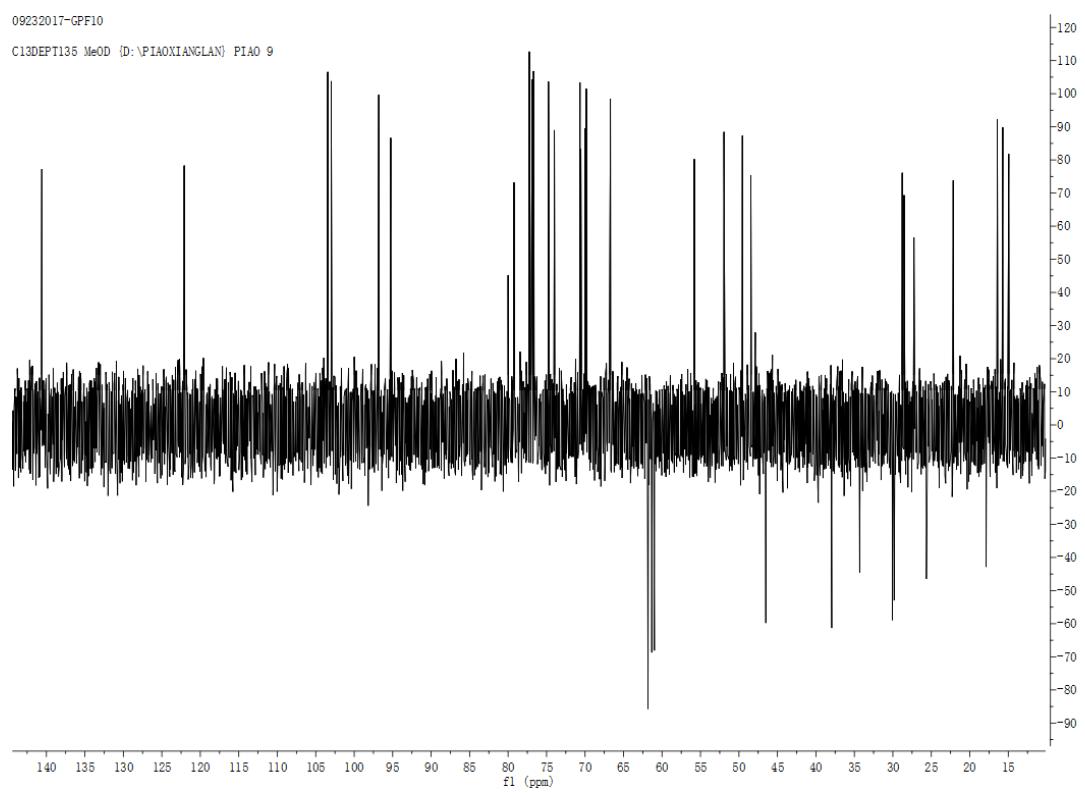


Fig. S16 DEPT 135 of compound **2** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 150 MHz)

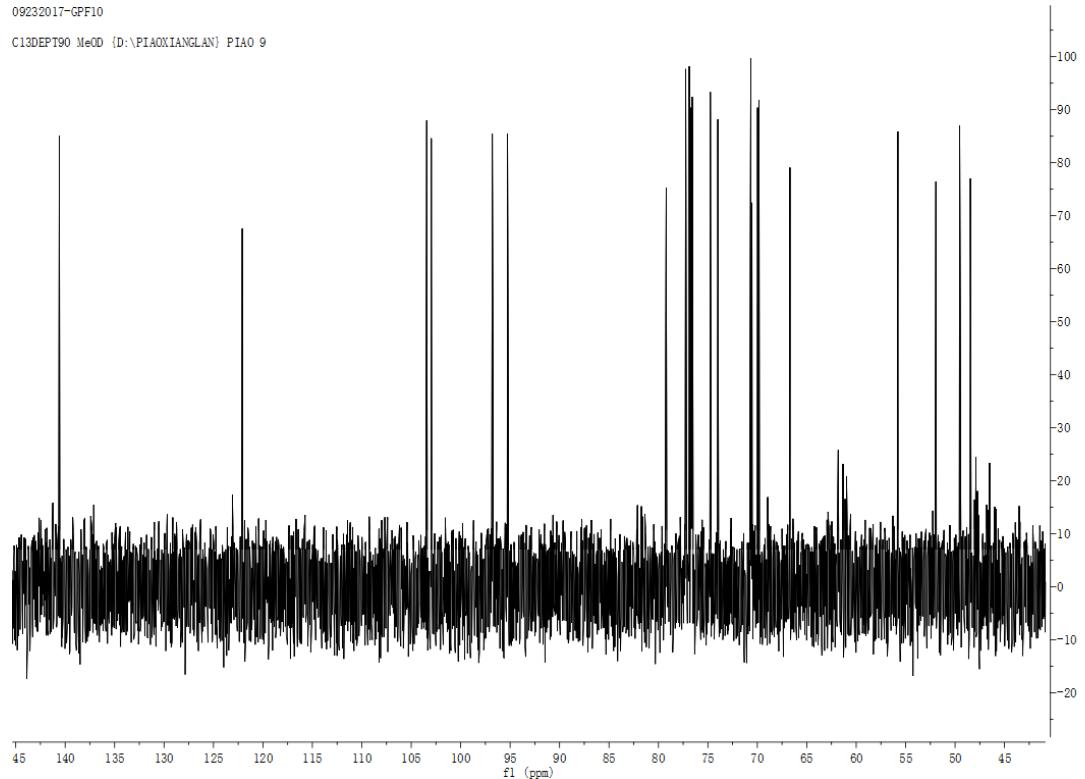


Fig. S17 DEPT 90 of compound **2** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 150 MHz)

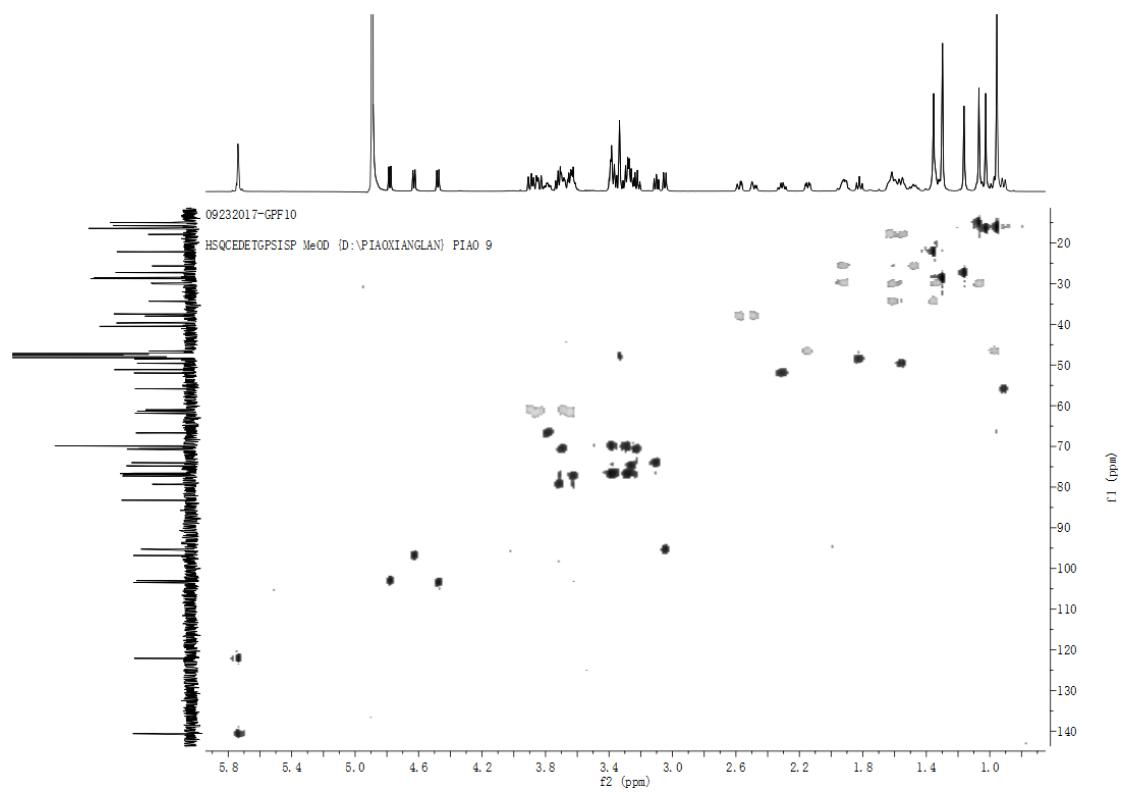


Fig. S18 HSQC spectrum of compound 2 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

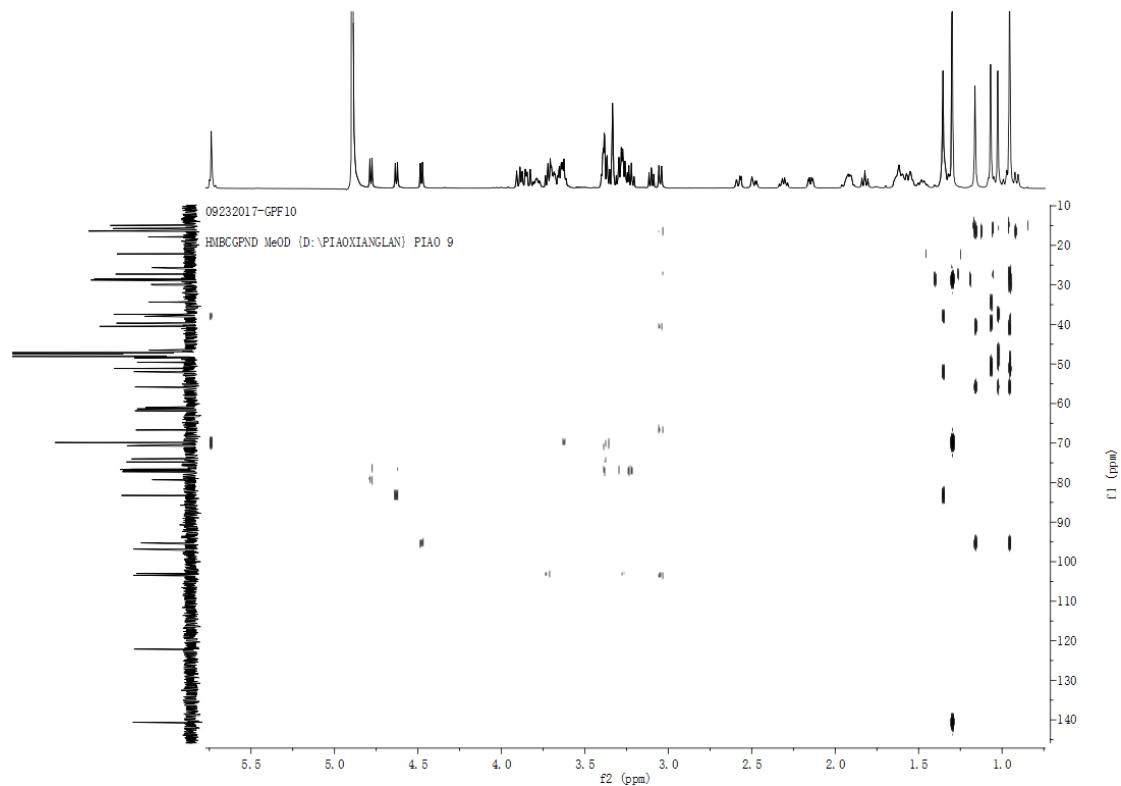


Fig. S19 HMBC spectrum of compound 2 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

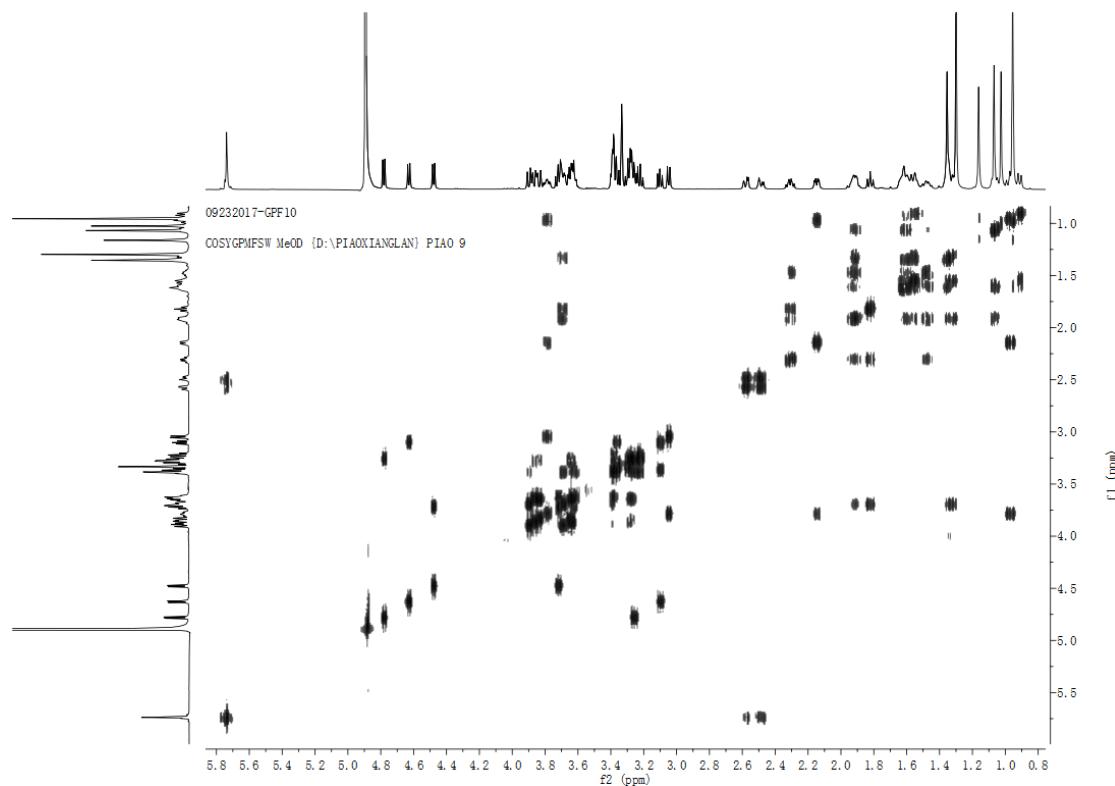


Fig. S20  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of compound 2 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

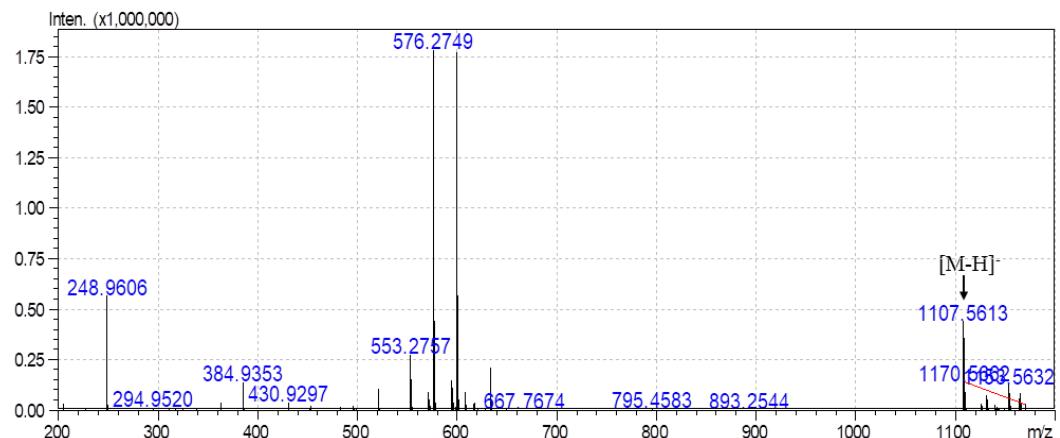


Fig. S21 HRESIMS of compound 3

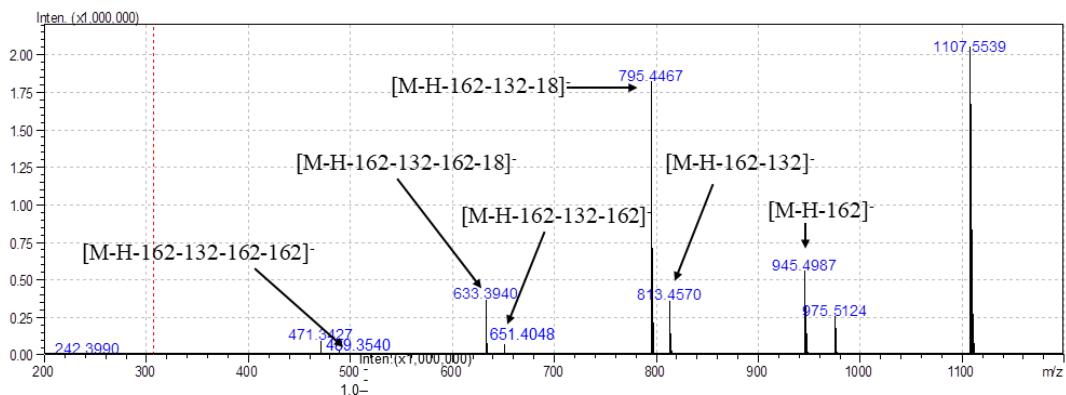


Fig. S22 MS/MS of compound 3

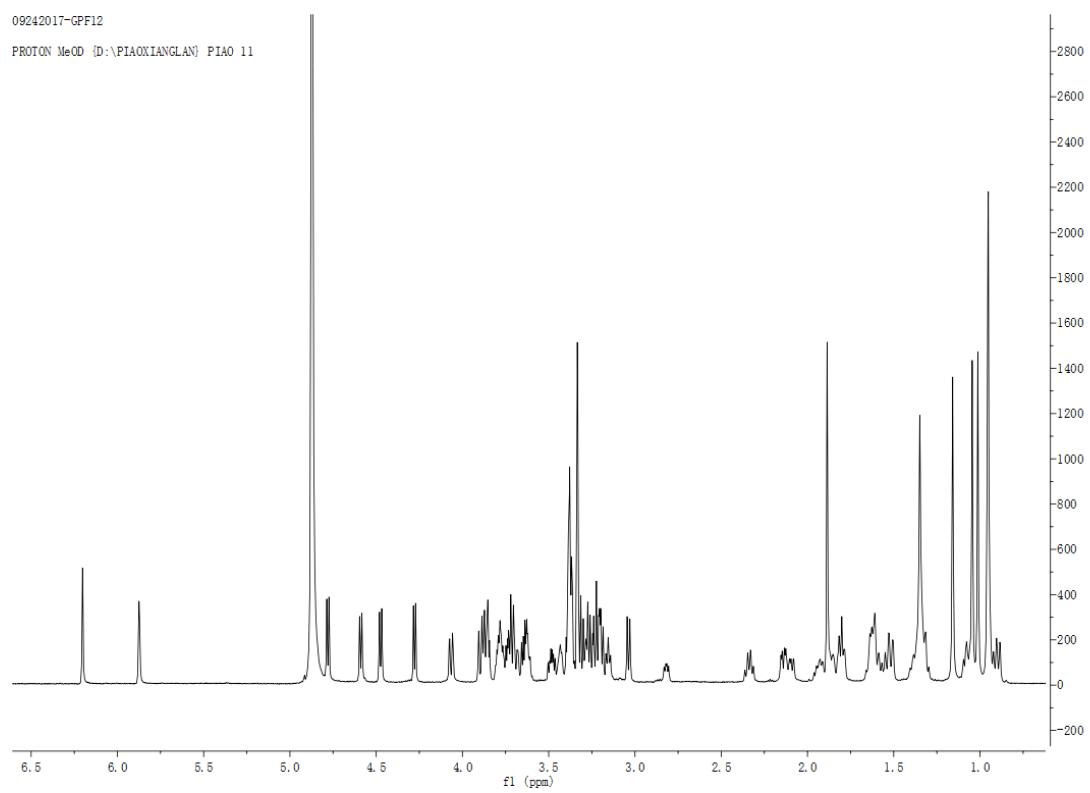


Fig. S23  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz)

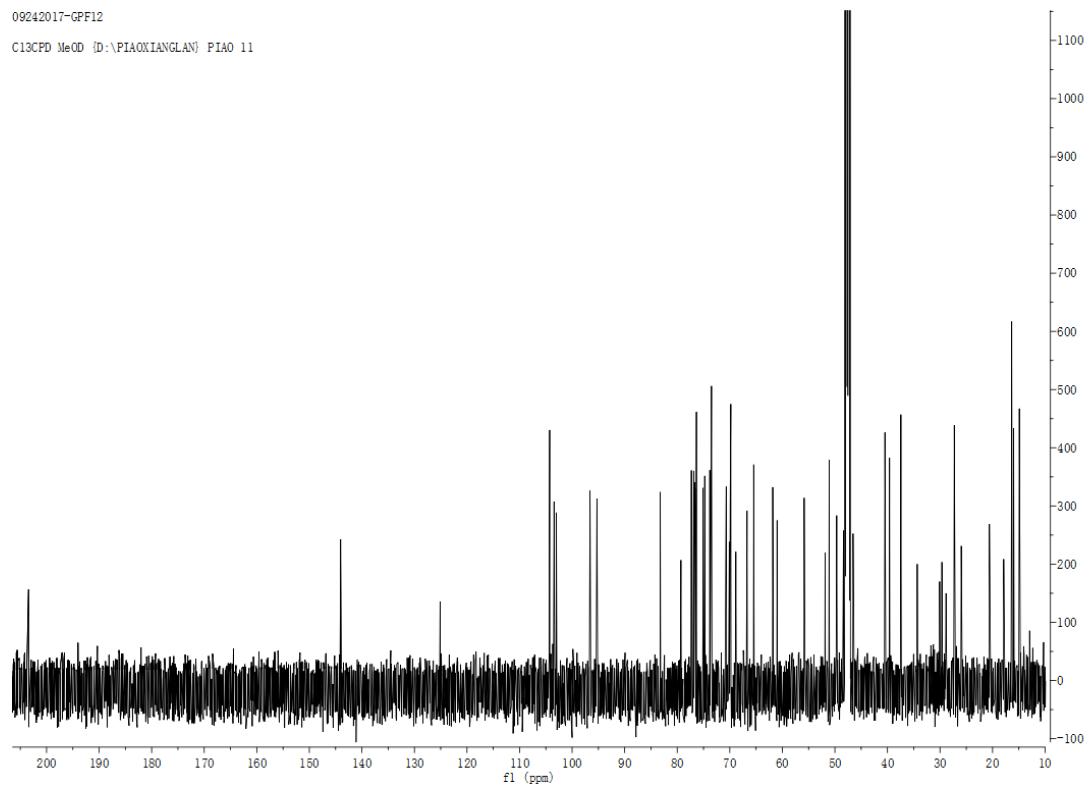


Fig. S24  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound 3 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz)

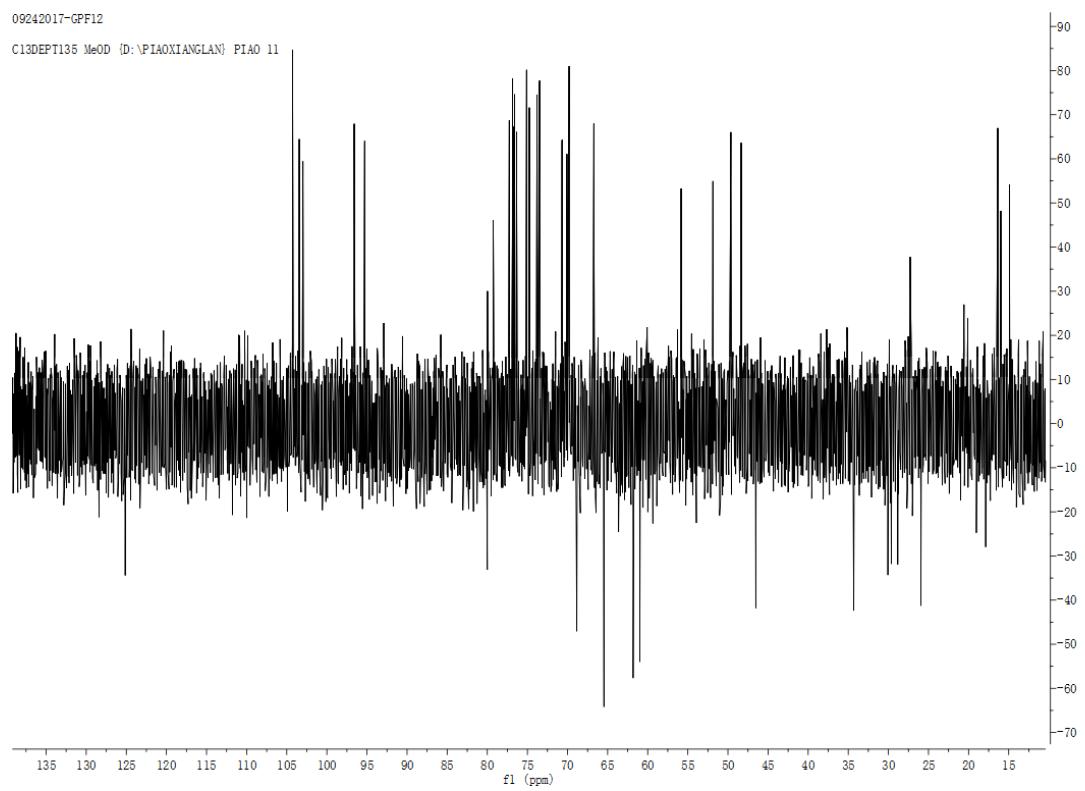


Fig. S25 DEPT135 of compound 3 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz)

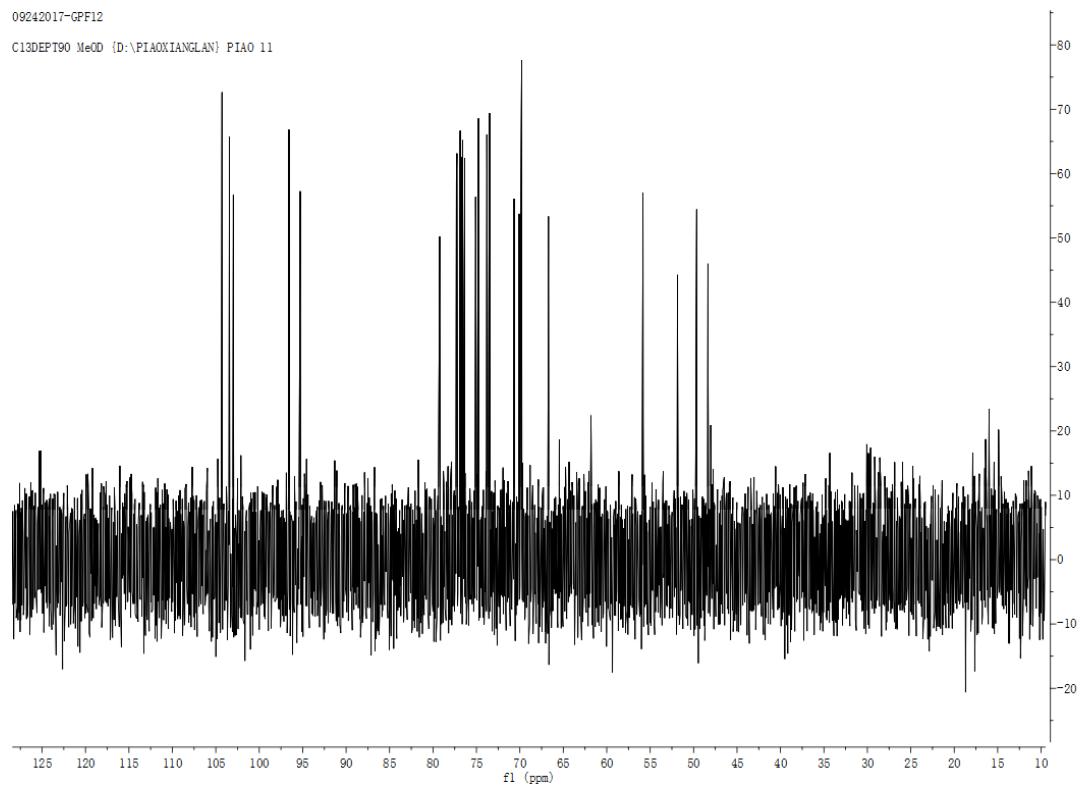


Fig. S26 DEPT90 of compound 3 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz)

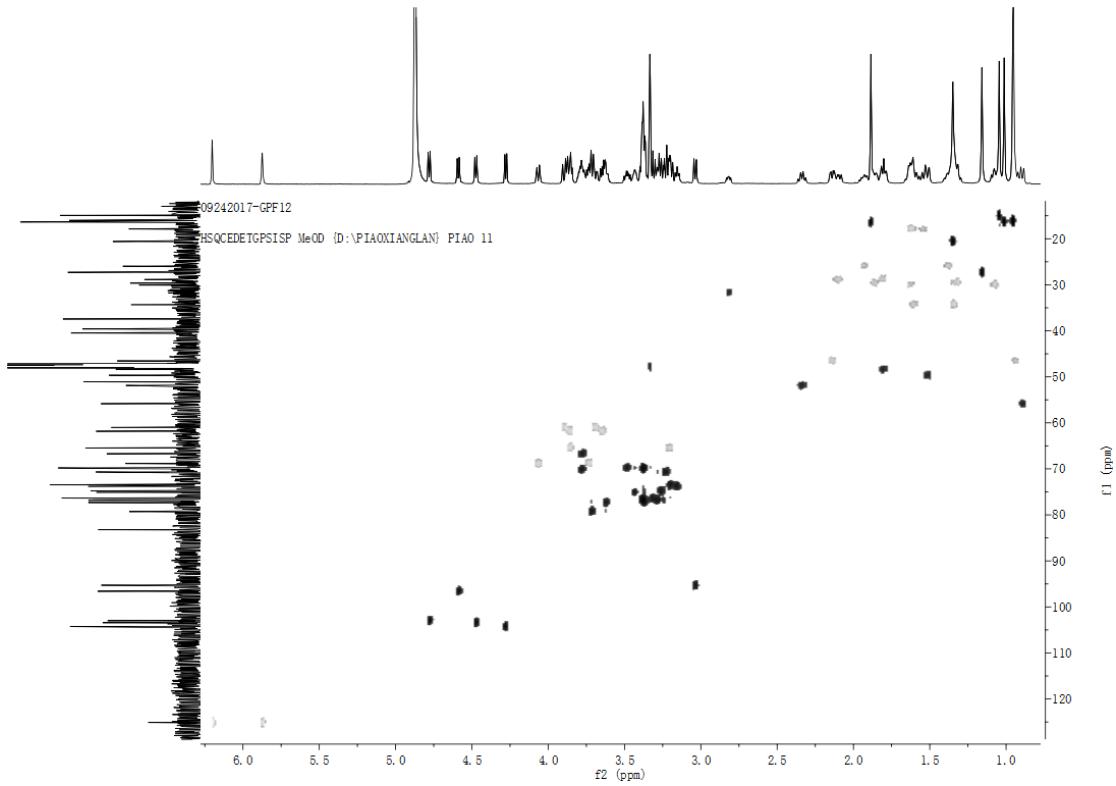


Fig. S27 HSQC spectrum of compound 3 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

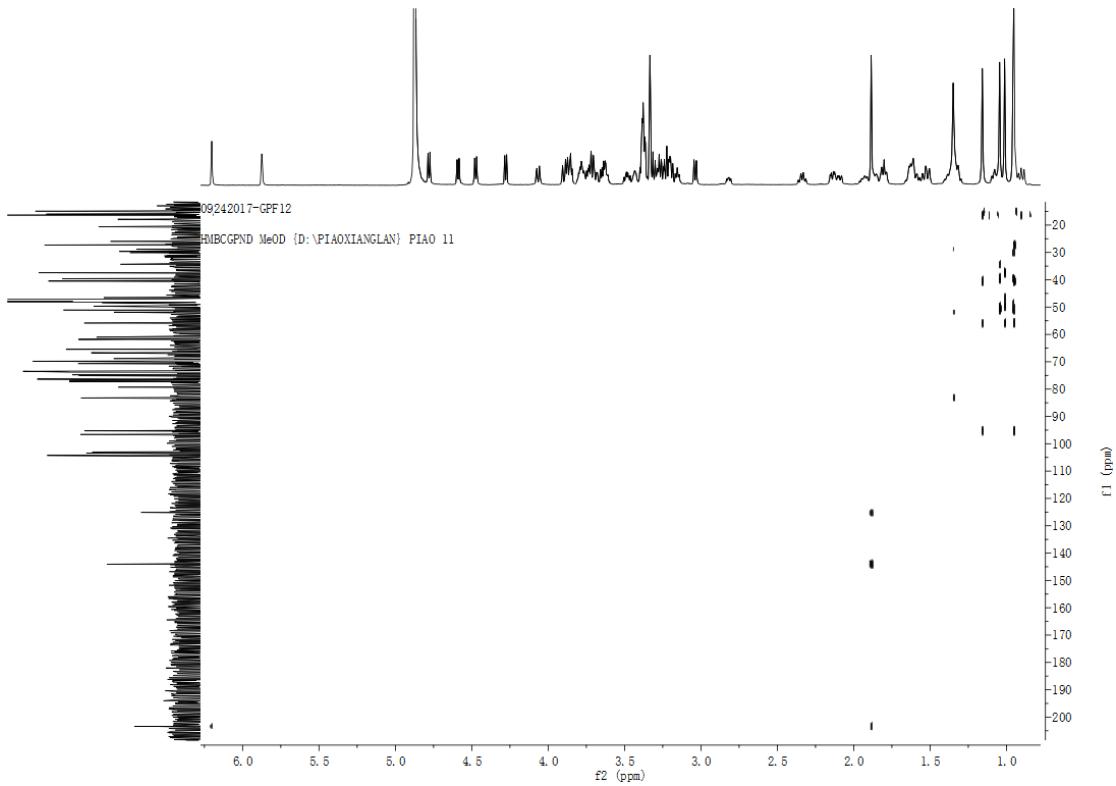


Fig. S28 HMBC spectrum of compound 3 ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

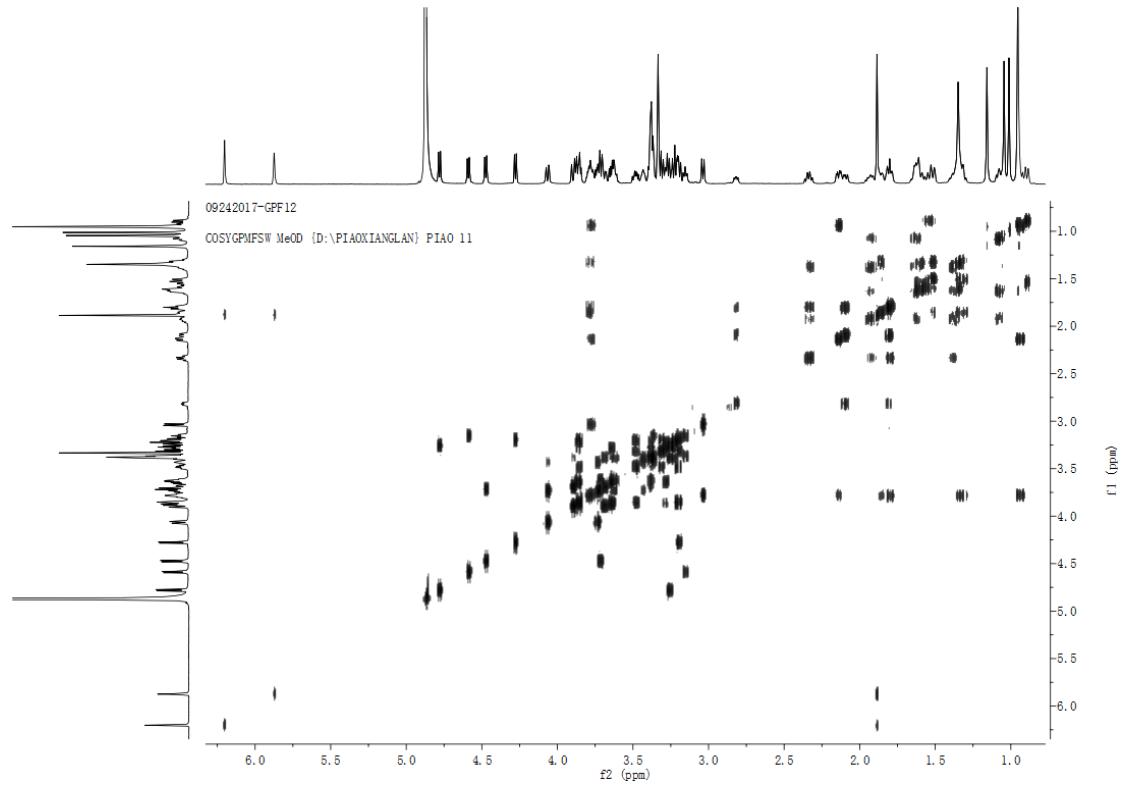


Fig. S29  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of compound **3** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz)

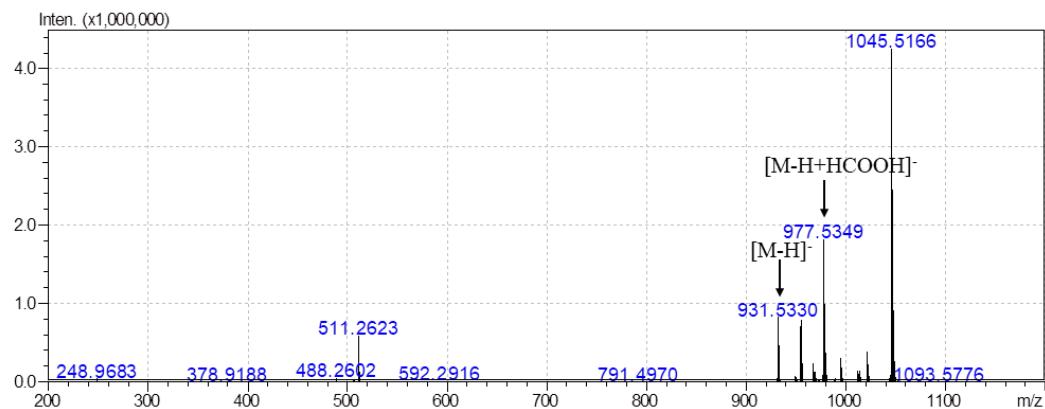


Fig. S30 HRESIMS of compound **4**

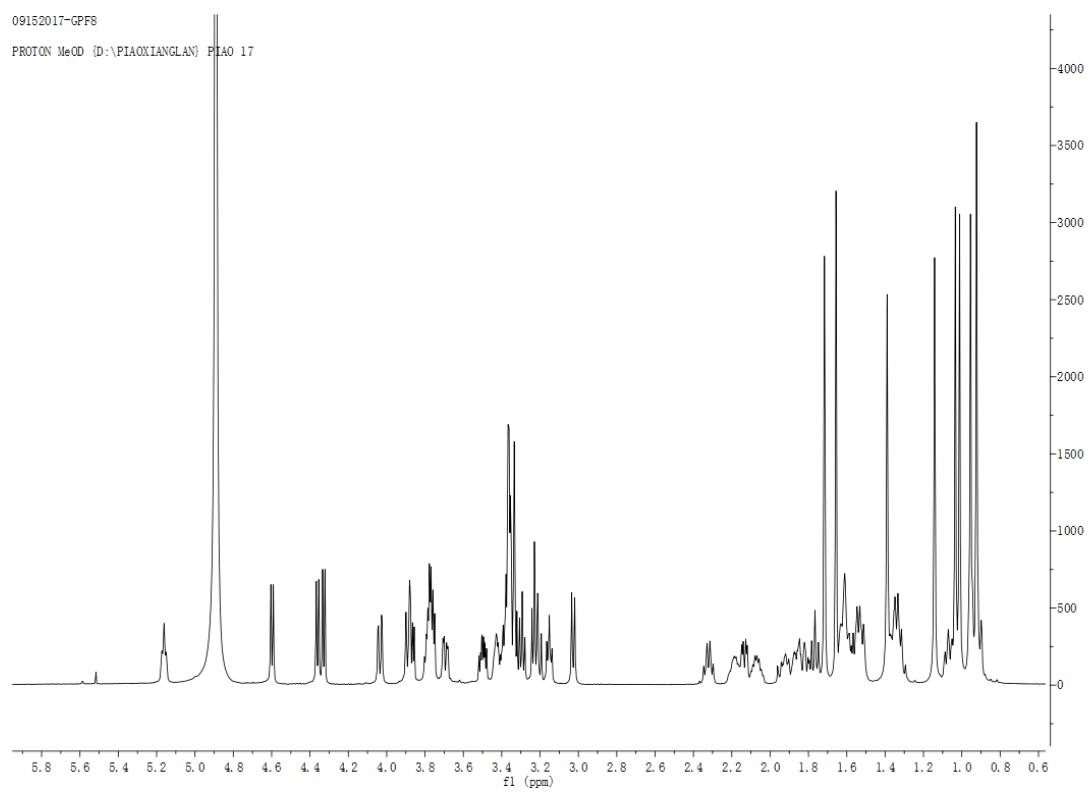


Fig. S31  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz)

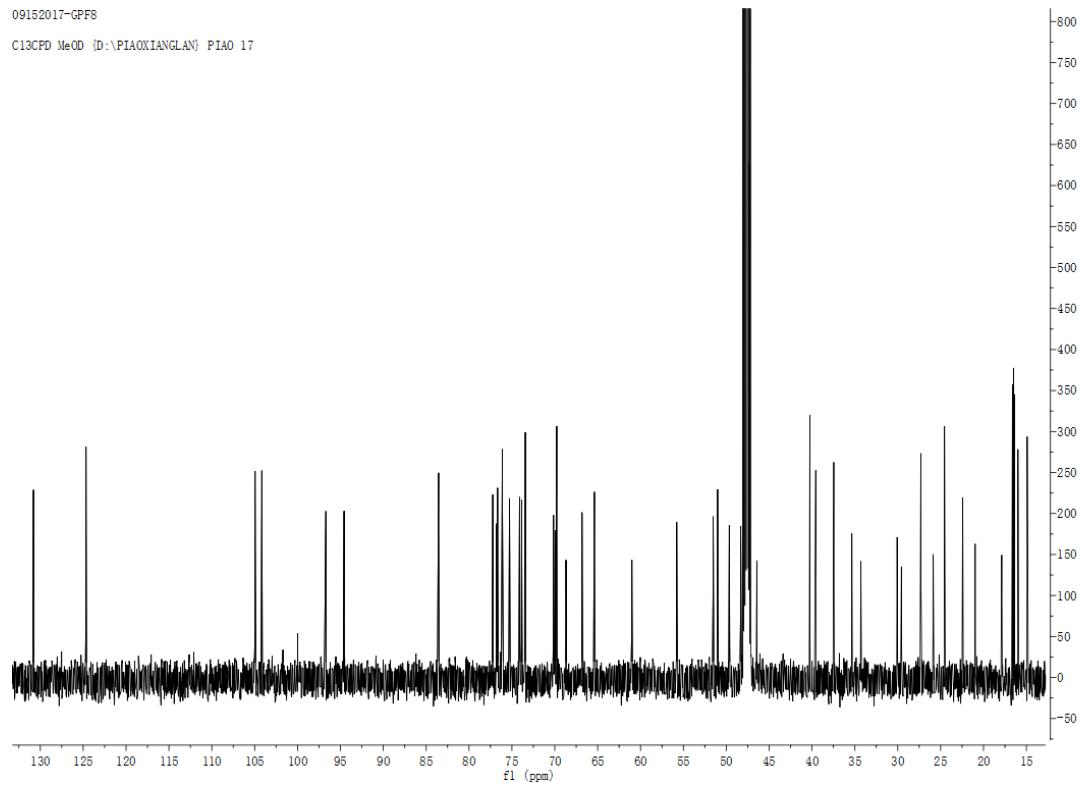


Fig. S32  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz)

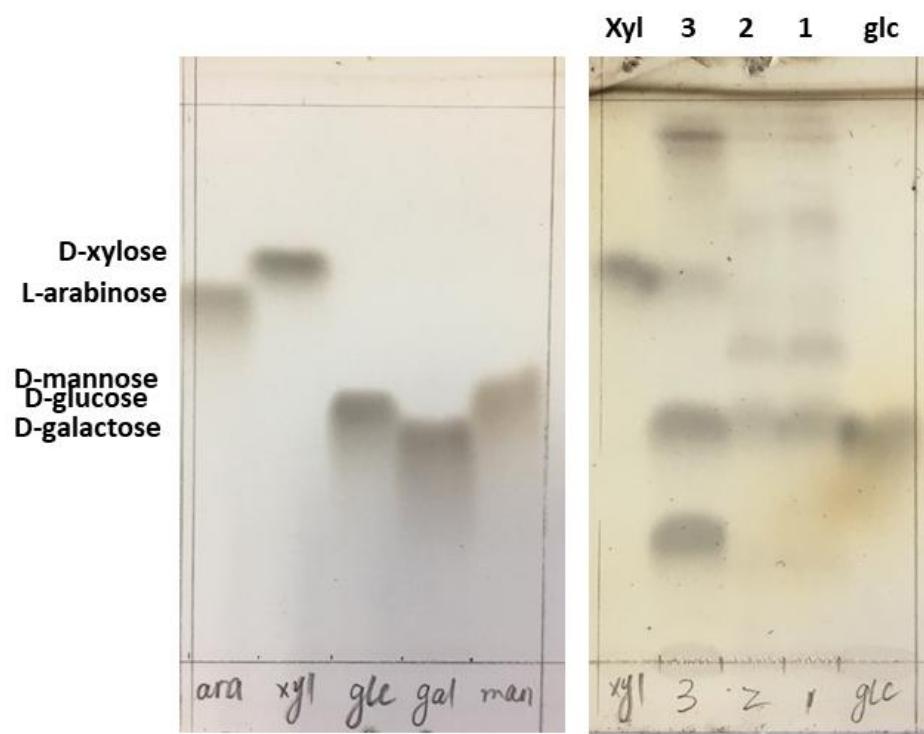


Fig. S33 Sugar identification of compounds 1-3 through TLC

**Table S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 600 MHz) Spectroscopic Data for gypenosides J1-J3.**

	no.	gypenoside J1	gypenoside J2	gypenoside J3
aglycone	1	0.95 m, 2.12 dd ( <i>J</i> = 12.6, 4.6)	0.97 m, 2.15 dd ( <i>J</i> = 12.6, 4.6)	0.94 m, 2.14, dd ( <i>J</i> = 12.6, 4.6)
	2	3.78 m	3.79 m	3.78 m
	3	3.04 d ( <i>J</i> = 9.0)	3.04 d ( <i>J</i> = 9.0)	3.03 d ( <i>J</i> = 9.0)
	4			
	5	0.91 d ( <i>J</i> = 10.2)	0.90 d ( <i>J</i> = 10.2)	0.90 d ( <i>J</i> = 11.4)
	6	1.54 m, 1.62 m	1.56 m, 1.63 m	1.55 m, 1.62 m
	7	1.35 m, 1.61 m	1.35 m, 1.62 m	1.34 m, 1.61 m
	8			
	9	1.55 m	1.56 m	1.50 m
	10			
	11	1.09 m, 1.02 m	1.06 m, 1.61 m	1.07 m, 1.64 m
	12	3.71 m	3.69 m	3.78 m
	13	1.82 m	1.83 m	1.81 m
	14			
	15	1.31 m, 1.89 m	1.32 m, 1.91 m	1.31 m, 1.87 m
	16	1.42 m, 1.94 m	1.48 m, 1.92 m	1.37 m, 1.93 m
	17	2.32 q ( <i>J</i> = 9.3)	2.31 m	2.34 q ( <i>J</i> = 9.6)
	18	1.02 s	1.07 s	1.05 s
	19	0.99 s	1.03 s	1.01 s
	20			
	21	1.31 s	1.35 s	1.35 s
	22	1.71 m, 1.79 m	2.50 m, 2.57 m	1.82 m, 2.10 m
	23	1.71 m, 1.79 m	5.74 m	2.82 m
	24	4.01 bt	5.74 m	
	25			
	26	4.81 s, 4.94 s	1.30 s	5.87 s, 6.20 s
	27	1.72 s	1.30 s	1.89 s
	28	1.13 s	1.16 s	1.16 s
	29	0.93 s	0.96 s	0.95 s
	30	0.92 s	0.96 s	0.95 s
3-O-inner	1'	4.46 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.7)	4.48 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.8)	4.48 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.8)
	2'	3.72 m	3.72 m	3.71 m
	3'	3.62 m	3.63 m	3.62 m
	4'	3.39 m	3.39 m	3.38 m
	5'	3.28 m	3.28 m	3.29 m
	6'	3.65 m, 3.86 dd ( <i>J</i> = 11.8, 2.2)	3.64 m, 3.87 dd ( <i>J</i> = 11.8, 2.2)	3.65 m, 3.87 m
3-O-term	1"	4.76 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.7)	4.78 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.7)	4.79 d ( <i>J</i> = 7.7)
	2"	3.26 m	3.26 m	3.26 m
	3"	3.39 m	3.39 m	3.30 m

	4"	3.23 m	3.23 m	3.23 m
	5"	3.39 m	3.39 m	3.38 m
	6"	3.70 m, 3.90	3.70 m, 3.90	3.69 m, 3.88
		d ( $J = 11.5$ )	d ( $J = 11.5$ )	d ( $J = 11.5$ )
20- <i>O</i> -inner	1'''	4.58 d ( $J = 7.8$ )	4.63 d ( $J = 7.8$ )	4.60 d ( $J = 7.8$ )
	2'''	3.11 m	3.11 m	3.16 m
	3'''	3.34 m	3.37 m	3.37 m
	4'''	3.33 m	3.29 m	3.38 m
	5'''	3.21 m	3.28 m	3.43 m
	6'''	3.65 m, 3.81	3.65 m, 3.84	3.73 m, 4.06
		d ( $J = 12.2$ )	dd ( $J = 12.7, 1.9$ )	d ( $J = 9.8$ )
20- <i>O</i> -term	1''''			4.28 d ( $J = 7.5$ )
	2''''			3.20 m
	3''''			3.32 m
	4''''			3.48 m
	5''''			3.20 m, 3.85 m

**Table S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz) and HMBC for gypenosides J1-J3.

	no.	gypenoside J1			gypenoside J2			gypenoside J3		
		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	type	HMBC	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	type	HMBC	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	type	HMBC
aglycone	1	46.5	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-19	46.5	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-19	46.5	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-19
	2	66.7	CH	H-3	66.7	CH	H-3	66.7	CH	H-3
	3	95.3	CH	H-1', 28, 29	95.3	CH	H-1', 28, 29	95.3	CH	H-1', 28, 29
	4	40.5	C	H-3, 28, 29	40.5	C	H-3, 28	40.5	C	H-3, 28, 29
	5	55.8	CH	H-19, 28, 29	55.8	CH	H-19, 28, 29	55.8	CH	H-19, 28, 29
	6	17.9	CH <sub>2</sub>		17.9	CH <sub>2</sub>		17.9	CH <sub>2</sub>	
	7	34.4	CH <sub>2</sub>		34.3	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-18	34.3	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-18
	8	39.6	C		39.7	C		39.6	C	H-18
	9	49.6	CH	H-19	49.6	CH	H-19	49.7	CH	H-19
	10	37.4	C	H-19	37.4	C	H-19	37.4	C	H-19
	11	30.2	CH <sub>2</sub>		30.1	CH <sub>2</sub>		30.1	CH <sub>2</sub>	
	12	70.4	CH		70.6	CH		70.1	CH	
	13	48.3	CH		48.5	CH		48.4	CH	
	14	51.1	C	H-18, 30	51.2	C	H-30	51.1	C	H-18
	15	29.8	CH <sub>2</sub>		29.8	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-30	29.6	CH <sub>2</sub>	
	16	25.9	CH <sub>2</sub>		25.6	CH <sub>2</sub>		26	CH <sub>2</sub>	
	17	52	CH	H-21	51.9	CH	H-21	51.9	CH	H-21, 30
	18	14.8	CH <sub>3</sub>	H-30	14.9	CH <sub>3</sub>	H-30	14.9	CH <sub>3</sub>	H-30
	19	16.4	CH <sub>3</sub>	H-6, 11	16.4	CH <sub>3</sub>		16.4	CH <sub>3</sub>	
	20	83.5	C	H-1'', 21, 22	83.2	C	H-1'', 21, 22	83.2	C	H-1''
	21	21.5	CH <sub>3</sub>		22.2	CH <sub>3</sub>		20.6	CH <sub>3</sub>	
	22	31.1	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-21	38	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-23, 24	28.9	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-21
	23	29.4	CH <sub>2</sub>		122.1	CH	H-22	31.7	CH <sub>2</sub>	
	24	75.6	CH	H-27	140.6	CH	H-26, 27	203.5	C	H-25, 27
	25	147.6	C	H-27	69.9	C	H-23, 24, 26, 27	144.1	C	H-27
3-O-inner	1'	103.4	CH		103.4	CH	H-2', 3	103.4	CH	H-3
	2'	79.3	CH	H-1''	79.3	CH	H-1''	79.3	CH	H-1''
	3'	77.3	CH		77.3	CH		77.3	CH	
	4'	69.9	CH		69.9	CH		69.9	CH	
	5'	76.9	CH		76.9	CH		76.9	CH	
	6'	61.8	CH <sub>2</sub>		61.8	CH <sub>2</sub>		61.8	CH <sub>2</sub>	

3-O-term	1"	103.0	CH	103.0	CH	H-2'	103.0	CH	H-2'
	2"	74.8	CH	74.8	CH		74.8	CH	
	3"	76.6	CH	76.6	CH		76.6	CH	
	4"	70.7	CH	70.7	CH		70.7	CH	
	5"	76.7	CH	76.7	CH		76.7	CH	
	6"	61.0	CH <sub>2</sub>	61.0	CH <sub>2</sub>		61.0	CH <sub>2</sub>	
20-O-inner	1'''	96.9	CH	96.8	CH	H-2'''	96.6	CH	
	2'''	74.0	CH	74.0	CH		73.8	CH	
	3'''	76.9	CH	76.7	CH		77.3	CH	
	4'''	69.9	CH	70.0	CH		69.9	CH	
	5'''	76.6	CH	76.6	CH		75.1	CH	
	6'''	61.3	CH <sub>2</sub>	61.3	CH <sub>2</sub>		68.9	CH <sub>2</sub>	H-1'''
20-O-term	1''''						104.3	CH	H-2'''', 6'''
	2''''						73.5	CH	
	3''''						76.4	CH	
	4''''						69.8	CH	
	5''''						65.5	CH <sub>2</sub>	