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Deduce the constitution, assign all nuclei (stereochemically correct as far as possible) and work out all proton-proton coupling constants

Finding the constitution using HSQC, COSY and the one dimensional spectra shouldn't be that challenging ... but the couplings are really tricky ...





















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Step by step:

To get the constitution, initially you don't need to analyze the structure of the proton multiplets.

Use the ¹³C projection to get all ¹³C NMR signals. There are no quaternary carbon atoms as you see if you compare this HSQC with the molecular formula.













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Strategy

- (1) Initially, you might calculate the degree of unsaturation (DBE) from the given molecular formula.
- (2) Find out which spin systems are available in the molecule. Use H,C HSQC and H,H COSY spectra for that purpose.
- (3) How are the fragments connected? A detailed analysis of the multiplets (including size of couplings) can be very helpful. There is a nice tool to simulate spin systems at <u>nmr.cheminfo.org</u>
- (4) In case that you are stuck (no HMBC) you can use <u>nmrshiftdb's prediction</u> to check your structure proposals.