

Satellite-selective 1D TOCSY experiments for measuring long-range ^1H - ^{13}C coupling constants and two-bond ^{13}C isotopic effects on proton chemical shifts

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We present a simple methodology for determining the sign and the magnitude of long-range heteronuclear ^1H - ^{13}C coupling constants between protons and proton-bearing carbons[1] and for the first experimental measurement of the effect of the substitution of ^{12}C by ^{13}C on the chemical shifts of protons separated by two bonds in small molecules in their natural abundance[2]. The approach involves recording two 1D-TOCSY experiments in which the offset of the selective proton pulse is set on the low- and high-frequency ^{13}C satellites of an isolated proton signal. The application of this method to a number of organic molecules is described.

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