

## Supporting Information

### Dual-Acting Small Molecules: Subtype-Selective Cannabinoid Receptor 2 Agonist/Butyrylcholinesterase Inhibitor Hybrids Show Neuroprotection in an Alzheimer's Disease Mouse Model

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## 1. Calculation of the combination index

Table S-1. Calculation of combination index (CI) for the **2 + 6** mix.

<i>Treatment (mg/kg IP)</i>	<i>PP (%)</i>	<i>C<sub>x,UW-MD-95</sub></i>	<i>C<sub>x,UW-MD-131</sub></i>	<i>CI</i>
<i>(a) Spontaneous alternation (Fig. 8A)</i>				
<b>2</b> (0)	0.0 ± 11.2			
<b>2</b> (0.1)	51.3 ± 14.2			
<b>2</b> (0.3)	65.3 ± 14.8 <sup>1</sup>			
<b>6</b> (0)	0.0 ± 11.2			
<b>6</b> (0.1)	45.6 ± 15.7			
<b>6</b> (0.3)	51.3 ± 24.3 <sup>2</sup>			
<b>2</b> (0.1) + <b>6</b> (0.1)	82.9 ± 12.2	0.36 ± 0.05	0.47 ± 0.08	<b>0.49 ± 0.08</b>
<i>(b) Passive avoidance (Fig. 8C)</i>				
<b>2</b> (0)	0.0 ± 34.9			
<b>2</b> (0.1)	11.6 ± 38.1			
<b>2</b> (0.3)	32.5 ± 33.9			
<b>2</b> (1)	104.5 ± 51.6 <sup>3</sup>			
<b>6</b> (0)	0.0 ± 34.9			
<b>6</b> (0.1)	20.7 ± 31.8			
<b>6</b> (0.3)	80.1 ± 39.3 <sup>4</sup>			
<b>2</b> (0.1) + <b>6</b> (0.1)	56.0 ± 37.0	0.54 ± 0.21	0.22 ± 0.08	<b>0.65 ± 0.25</b>

Percent protection (PP) was calculated using 100% for V1/V2-treated animals and 0% for Aβ<sub>25-35</sub>/V2/V2-treated animals. CI: combination index. C<sub>x,Drug</sub> was calculated using the linear regression from responses with the drug alone: <sup>1</sup> y = 196.4x + 12.68; <sup>2</sup> y = 150.7x + 12.217; <sup>3</sup> y = 103.9x + 0.314; <sup>4</sup> y = 271.2x - 2.56. CI in bold shows synergy.

## 2. Neuroprotection and Neurotoxicity of compounds **14** and **15d**

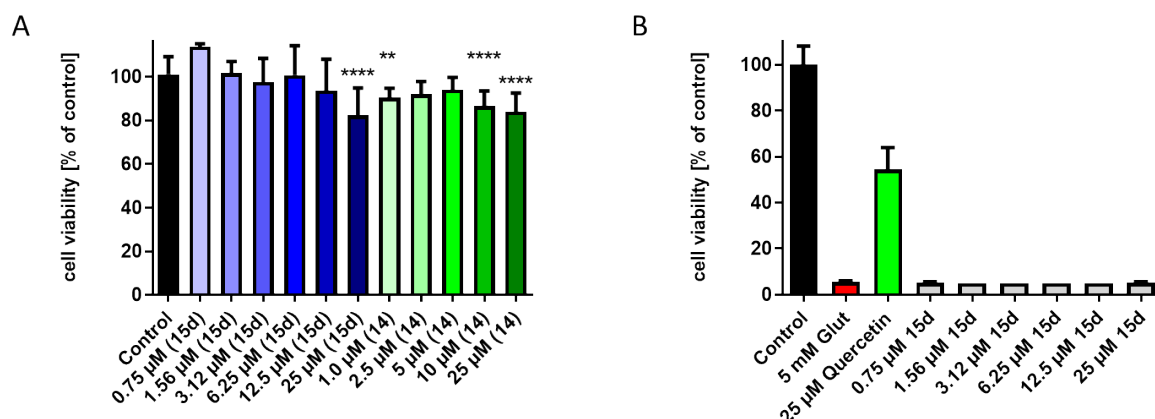


Figure S-1. Neurotoxicity studies on neuronal HT-22 cells for compounds **15d** and **14** (A) and neuroprotection against glutamate-induced oxidative stress of compound **15d** (B). Results of the modified MTT test are presented as means  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments, each performed in sextuplicate, and refer to untreated control cells, which were set as 100% values. Statistical analysis was achieved by applying one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's multiple comparison post-test. Levels of significance: \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ . Treated cells were compared to (A) untreated cells and (B) cells treated with glutamate only.

## 3. Time-dependent inhibition of hBChE by compounds **15d** and **21d**

To determine  $K_m$  and  $v_{max}$ , residual enzyme activity was plotted against time for several concentrations.

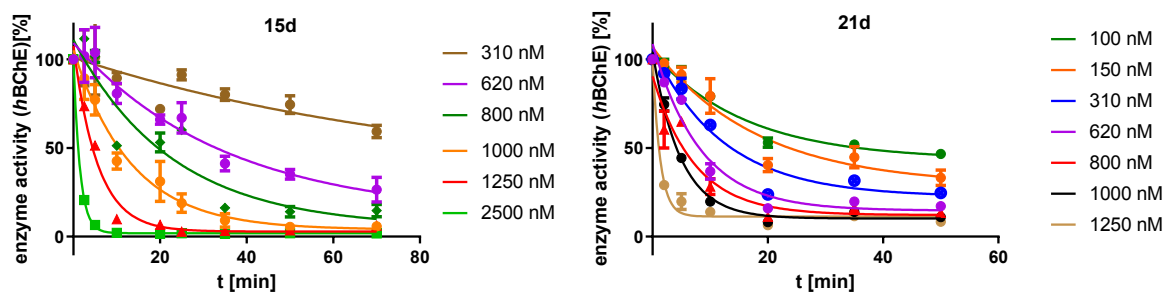


Figure S-2. Time-dependent inhibition of hBChE by compounds **15d** and **21d**.

#### 4. $\beta$ arr2 screening of the complete library



Figure S-3. Functional activity screening of compounds **4**, **14**, **15a-j**, **20** and **21a-e** by NanoBiT® *hCB<sub>2</sub>R*  $\beta$ arr2 recruitment assay. Receptor activation was monitored at 10  $\mu$ M and normalized to the maximum response of compound **4**; n=3.

#### 5. Pharmacokinetic measurements

Table S-2. Plasma concentrations of compound **15d** in male CD-1 mice following IV (2 mg/kg) administration.

Sample collection time point, min	Plasma concentration (ng/ml)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	1912	1857	1645	<b>1805</b>	141	81
15	794	638*	791	<b>793</b>	2	2
60	20	19	13	<b>18</b>	4	2
120	1	1	BQL	<b>1</b>	1	0
240	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

\*Grubbs' outlier test: Significant outlier. P < 0.05

Table S-3. Brain concentrations of compound **15d** in male CD-1 mice following IV (2 mg/kg) administration.

Sample collection time point, min	Brain concentration (ng/g)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	178	171	232	<b>194</b>	33	19
15	38	30	39	<b>36</b>	5	3
60	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	0
120	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
240	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

Table S-4. Plasma concentrations of metabolite **14** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration of compound **15d** (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Plasma concentration (ng/ml)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	114	109	86	<b>103</b>	15	9
15	51	42	43	<b>45</b>	5	3
60	6	4	2	<b>4</b>	2	1
120	2	1	1	<b>1</b>	1	0
240	BQL	1*	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

\*Grubbs' outlier test: Significant outlier. P < 0.05

Table S-5. Brain concentrations of metabolite **14** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration of compound **15d** (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Brain concentration (ng/g)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	3	3	3	<b>3</b>	0	0
15	1	1	2	<b>2</b>	0	0
60	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
120	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
240	BQL	BQL	BQL	<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

Table S-6. Plasma concentrations of compound **21d** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Plasma concentration (ng/ml)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	133	117	122	<b>124</b>	8	5
15	109	89	86	<b>95</b>	13	7
60	18	25	37	<b>27</b>	10	6
120	7	7	6	<b>7</b>	1	0
240	1	1	4	<b>2</b>	1	1

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

Table S-7. Brain concentrations of compound **21d** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Brain concentration (ng/g)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	32	38	44	<b>38</b>	6	4
15	18	23	21	<b>21</b>	2	1
60	9	8	11	<b>9</b>	2	1
120	5	4	3	<b>4</b>	1	0
240	2	1	2	<b>2</b>	0	0

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

Table S-8. Plasma concentrations of metabolite **20** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration of compound **21d** (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Plasma concentration (ng/ml)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	6	6	17	<b>10</b>	7	4
15	7	6	7	<b>6</b>	0	0
60	4	4	9	<b>6</b>	3	2
120	2	1	1	<b>1</b>	1	0
240	BQL	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	0

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined

Table S-9. Brain concentrations of metabolite **20** in male CD-1 mice following IV administration of compound **21d** (2 mg/kg).

Sample collection time point, min	Brain concentration (ng/g)					
	Mouse A	Mouse B	Mouse C	Mean	SD	SE
0	BQL			<b>BQL</b>	ND	ND
5	7	7	14	<b>9</b>	4	2
15	13	13	15	<b>14</b>	1	0
60	13	14	14	<b>14</b>	1	0
120	6	4	3	<b>4</b>	2	1
240	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	0

BQL - Below the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ)

ND - Not determined



## 6. HPLC chromatograms of target compounds

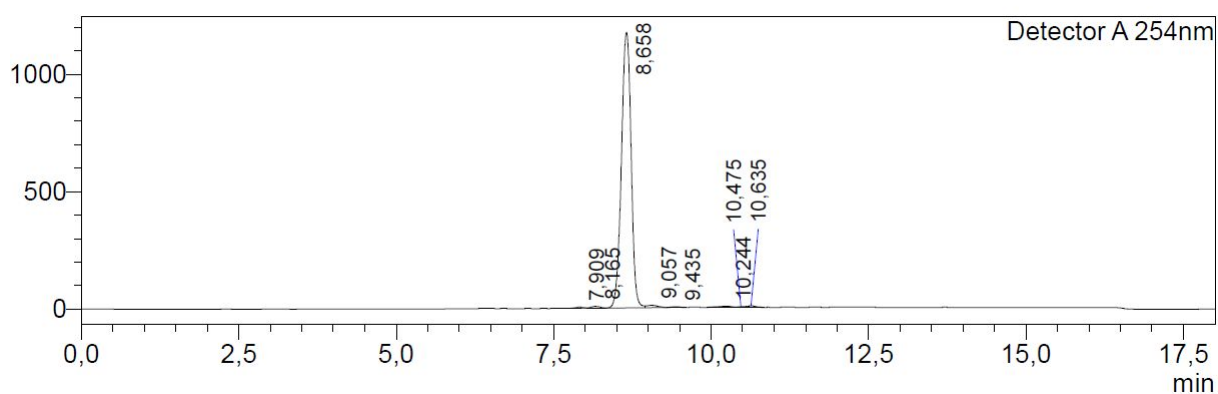


Figure S-4. HPLC chromatogram of **14**.

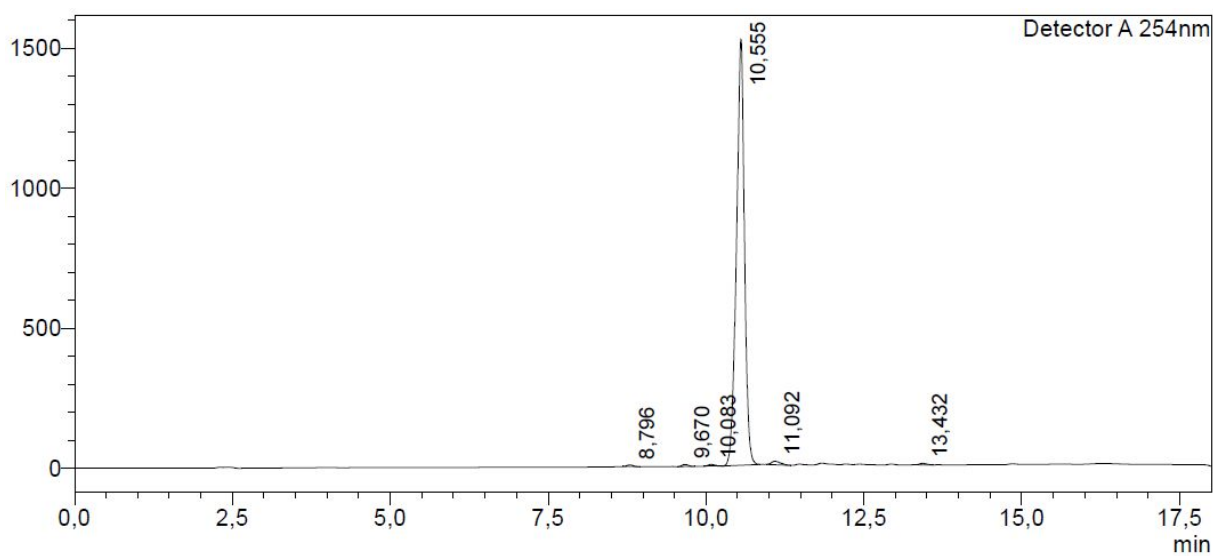


Figure S-5. HPLC chromatogram of **15a**.

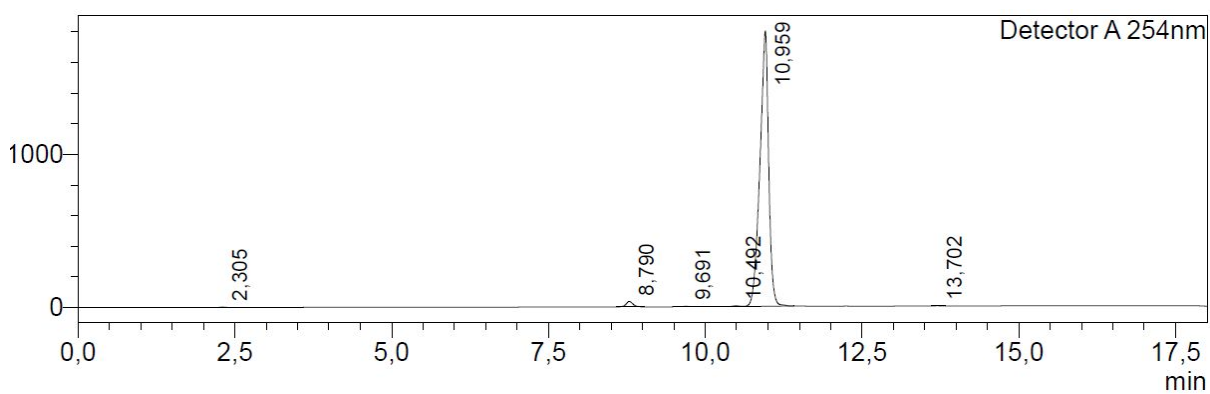


Figure S-6. HPLC chromatogram of **15b**.

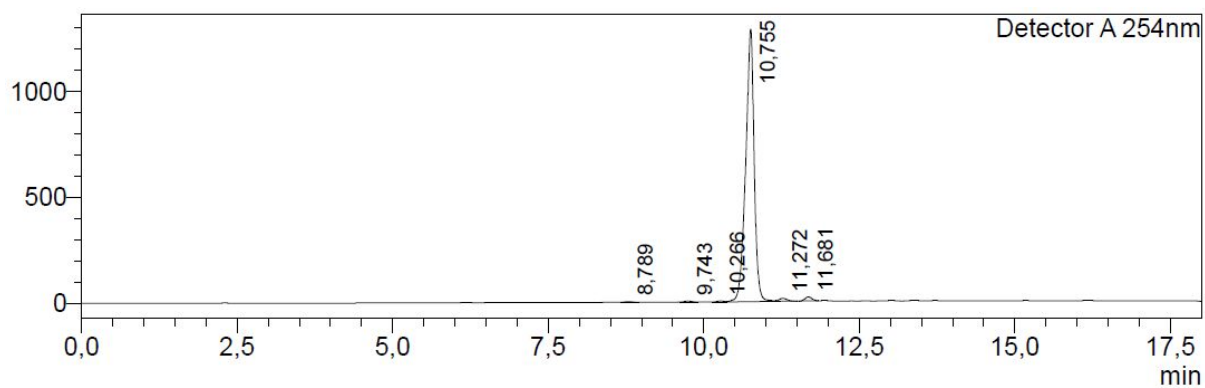


Figure S-7. HPLC chromatogram of **15c**.

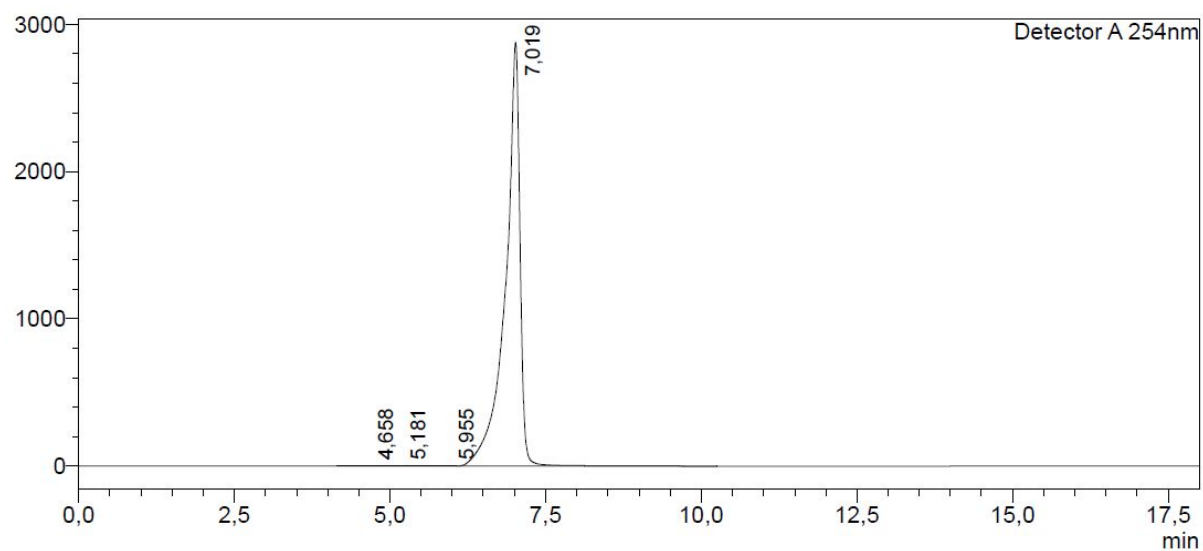


Figure S-8. HPLC chromatogram of **15d**.

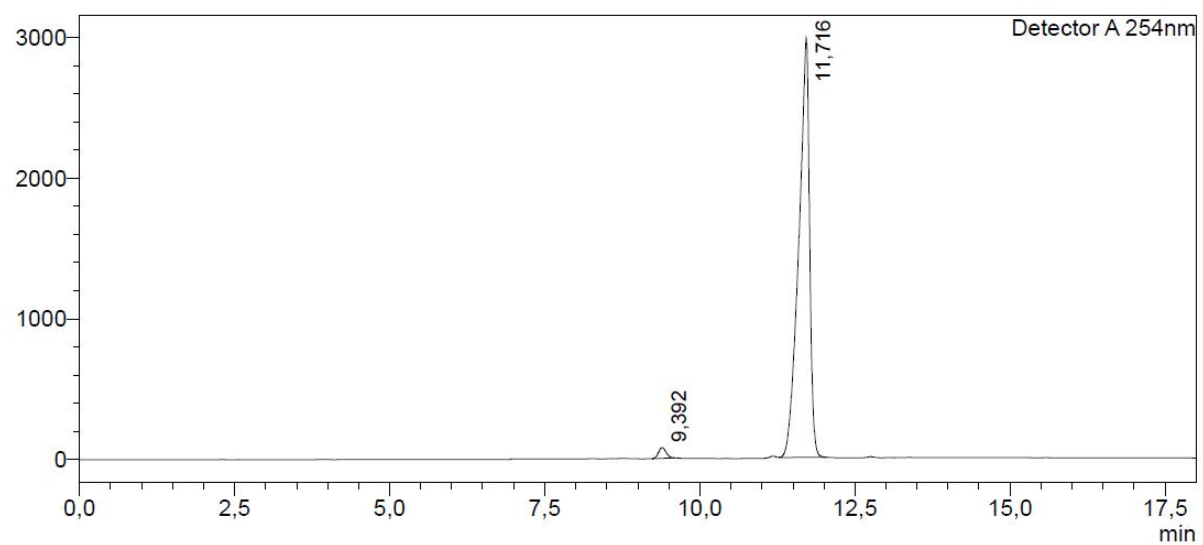


Figure S-9. HPLC chromatogram of **15e**.

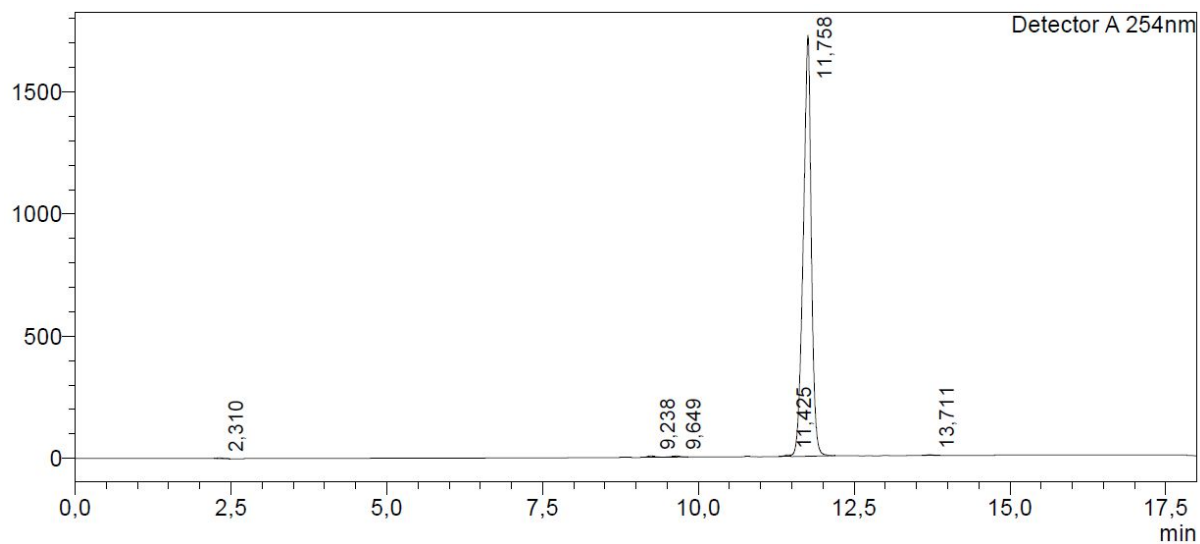


Figure S-10. HPLC chromatogram of **15f**.

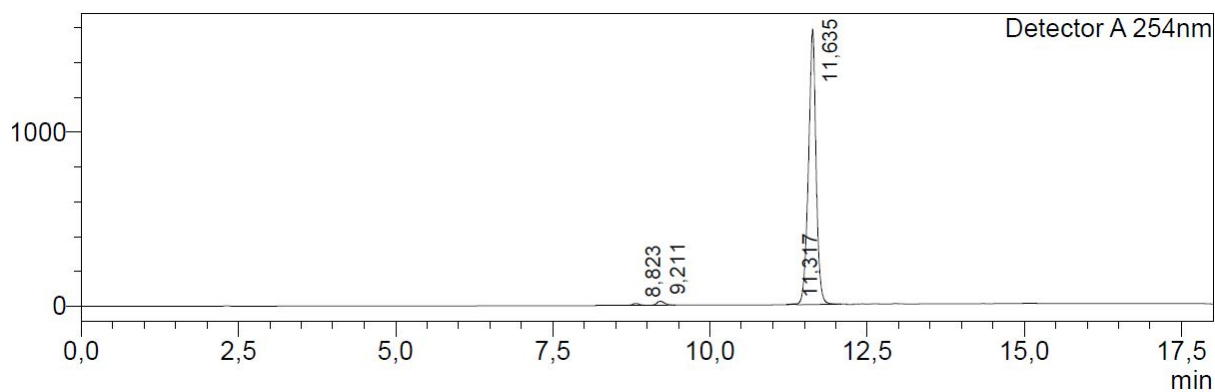


Figure S-11. HPLC chromatogram of **15g**.

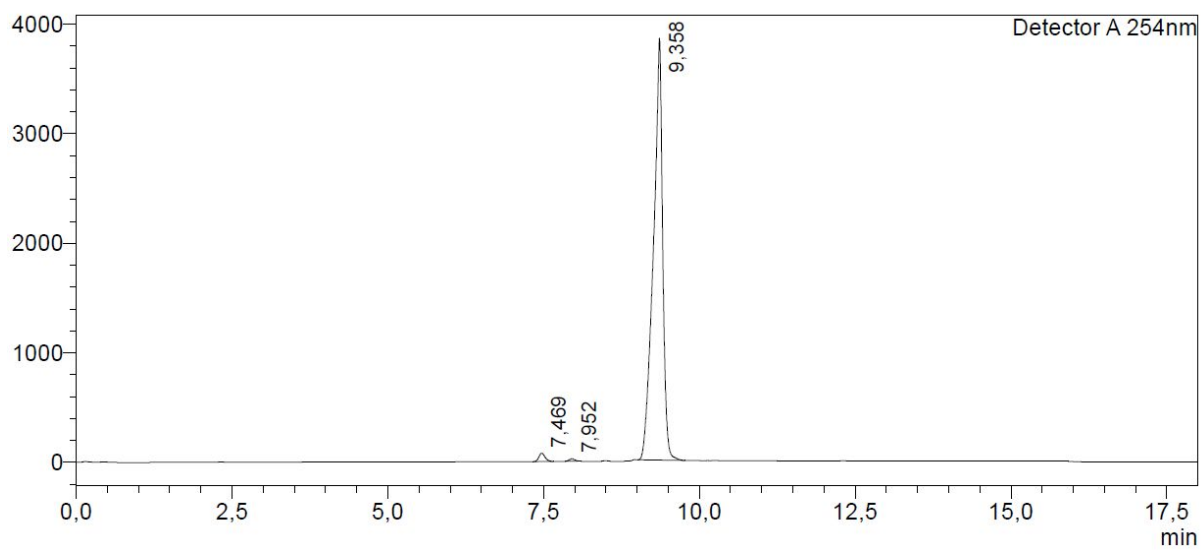


Figure S-12. HPLC chromatogram of **15h**.

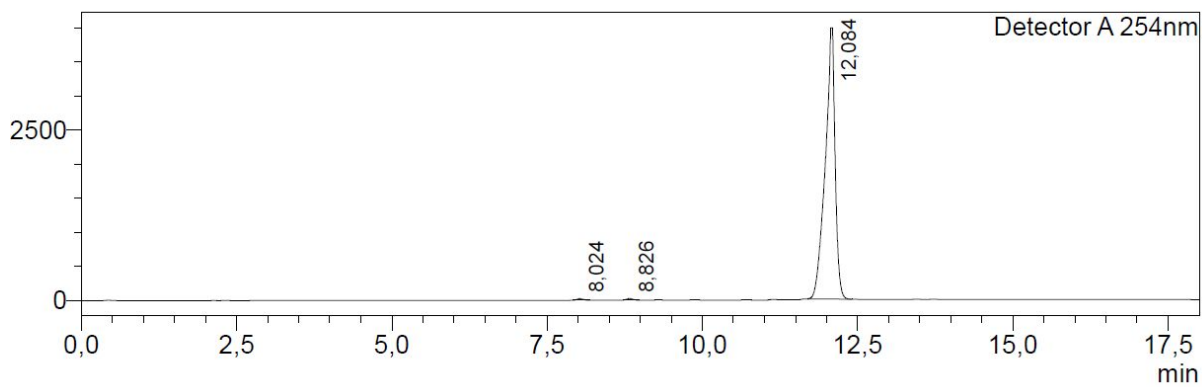


Figure S-13. HPLC chromatogram of **15i**.

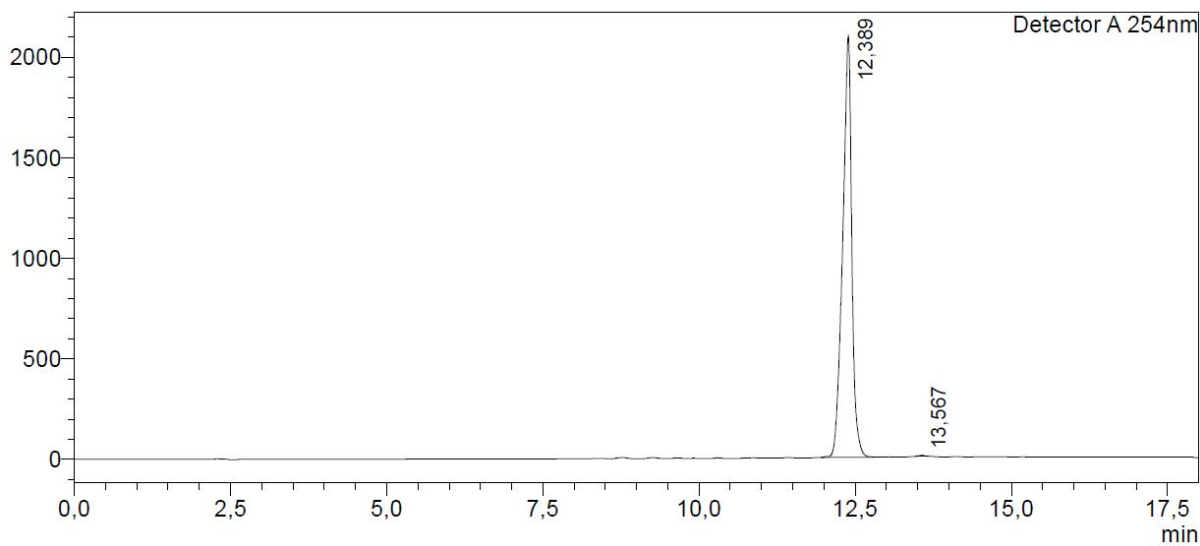


Figure S-14. HPLC chromatogram of **15j**.

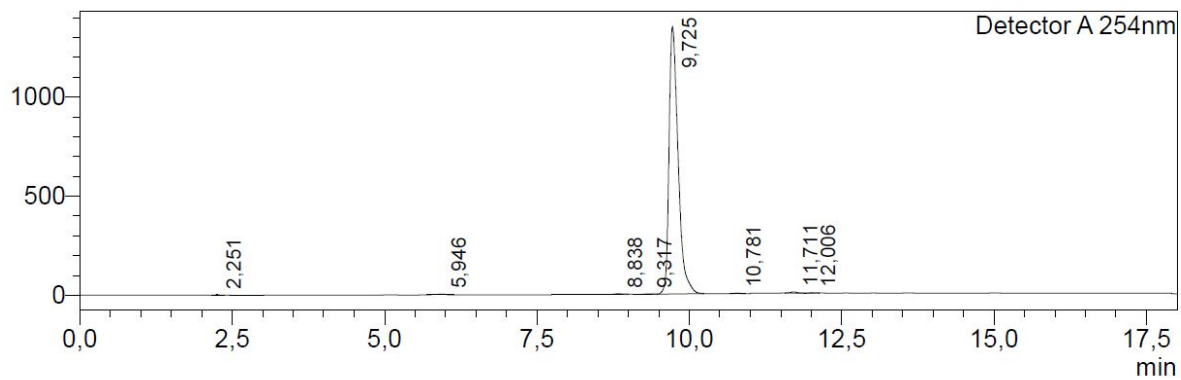


Figure S-15. HPLC chromatogram of **20**.

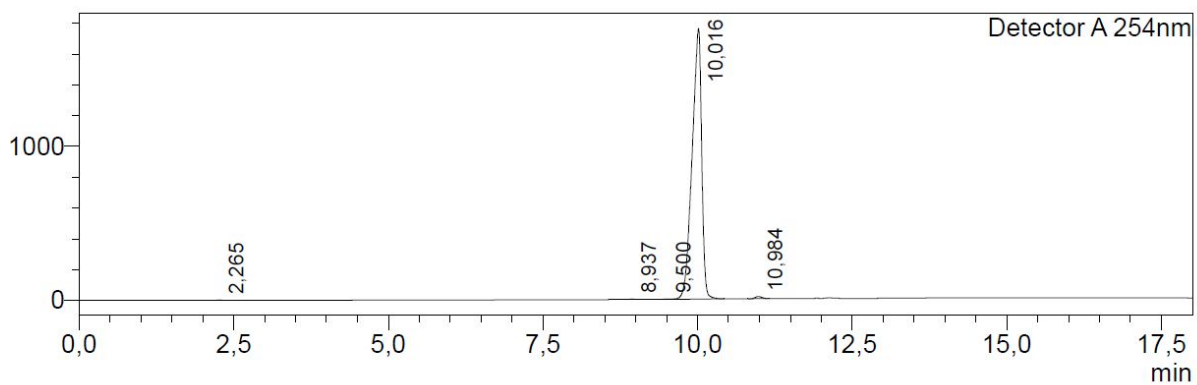


Figure S-16. HPLC chromatogram of **21a**.

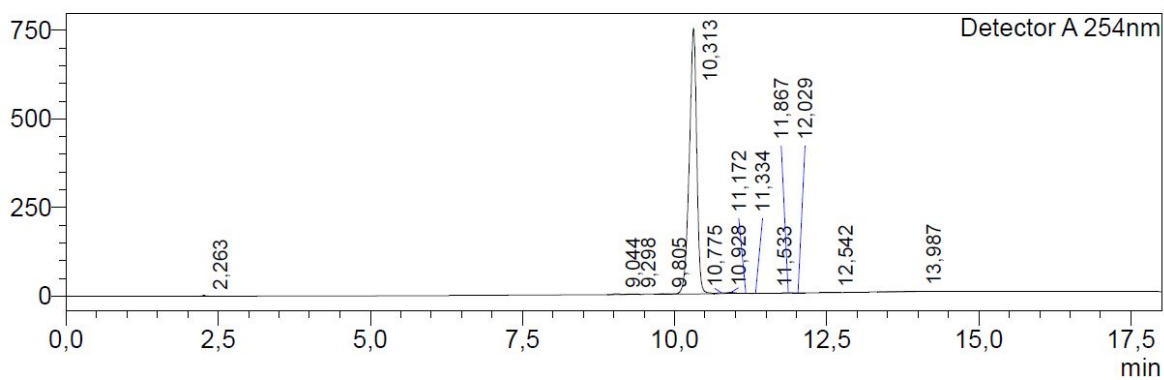


Figure S-17. HPLC chromatogram of **21b**.

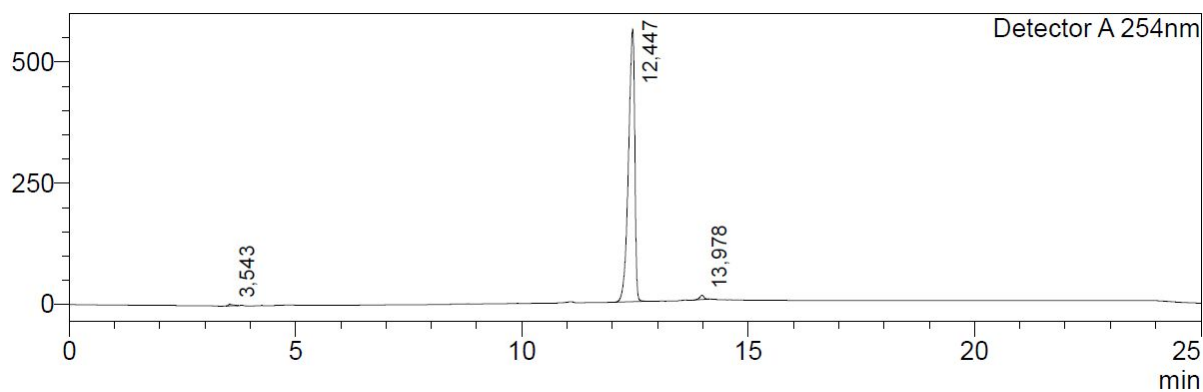


Figure S-18. HPLC chromatogram of **21c**.

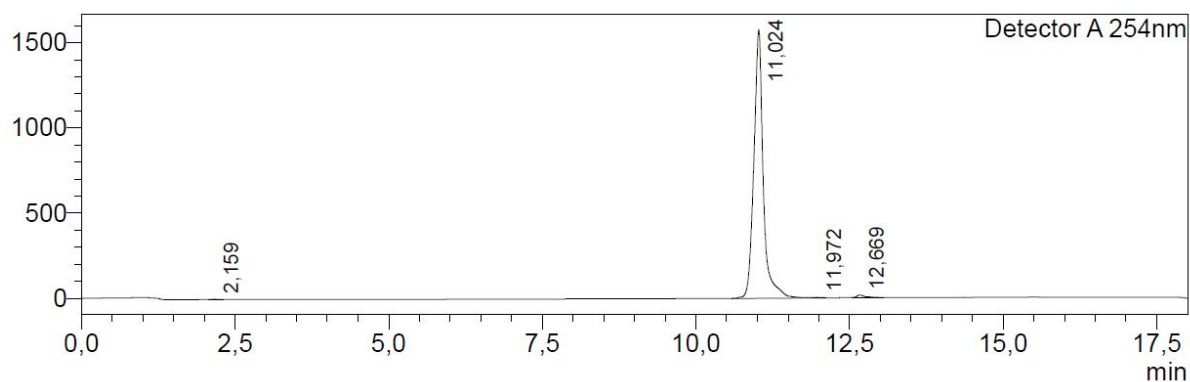


Figure S-19. HPLC chromatogram of **21d**.

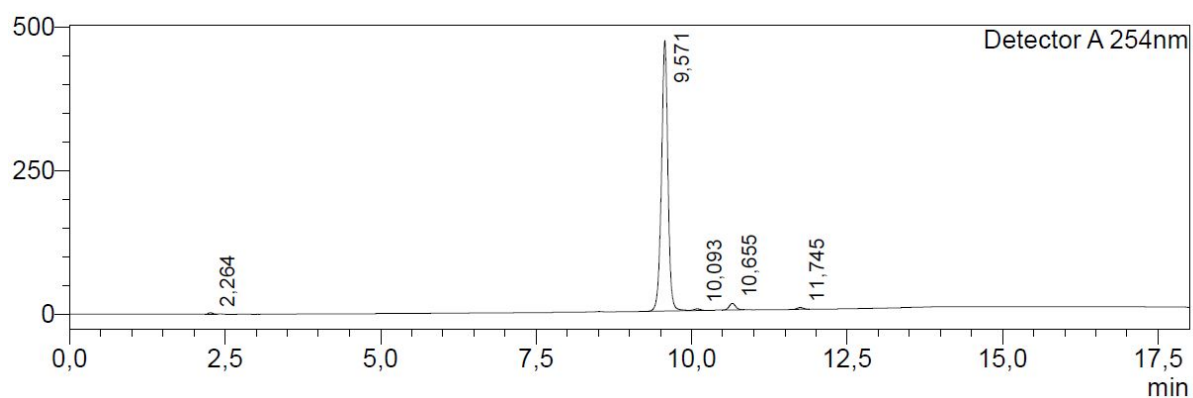


Figure S-20. HPLC chromatogram of **21e**.

## 7. Melting point measurement

Melting point were measured with OptiMelt MPA 100, an automated meltingpoint system from Stanford Research Systems. The device records a sigmoidal melting curve, wherein the inflection point is reported as the melting point.