## **Supporting information**

# Discovery of tert-butyl ester-based DON prodrugs for enhanced metabolic stability and tumor delivery

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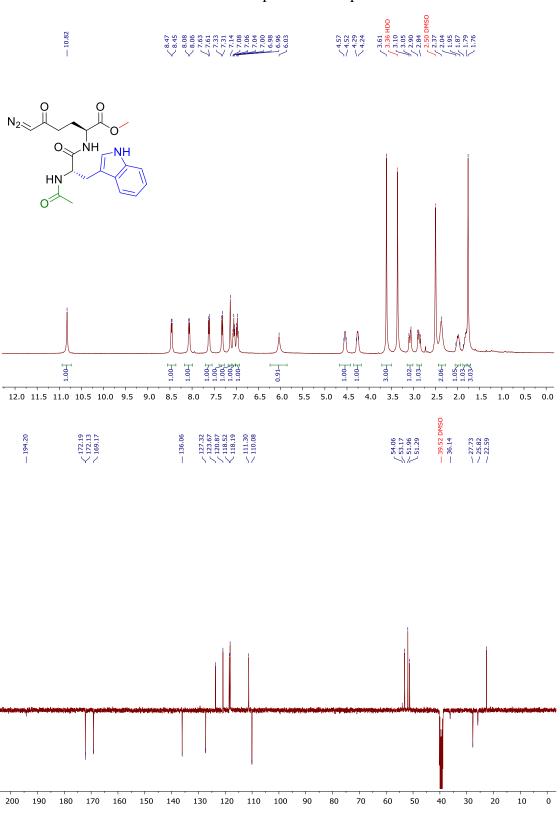
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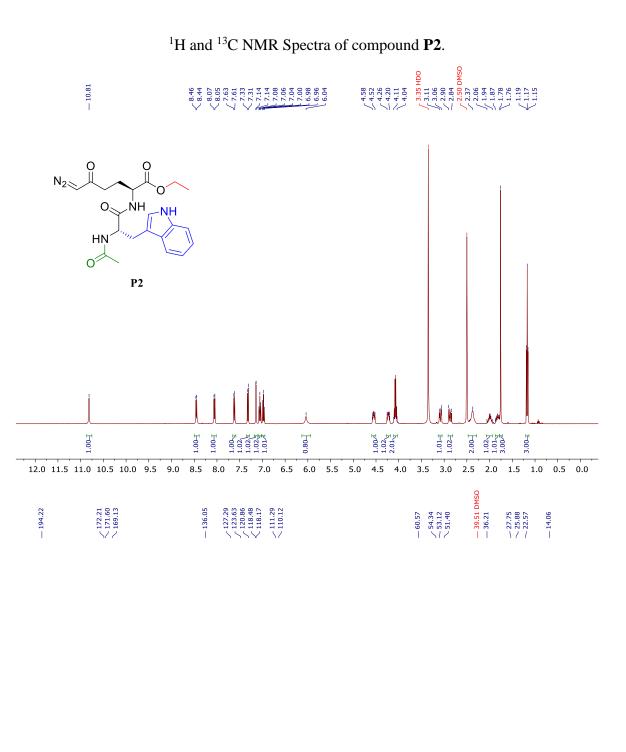
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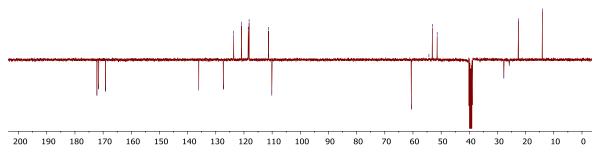
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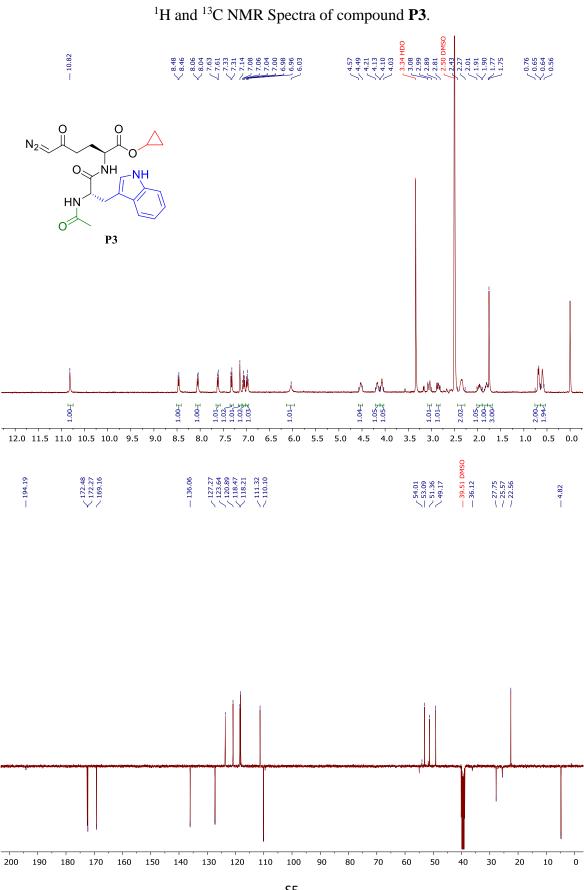
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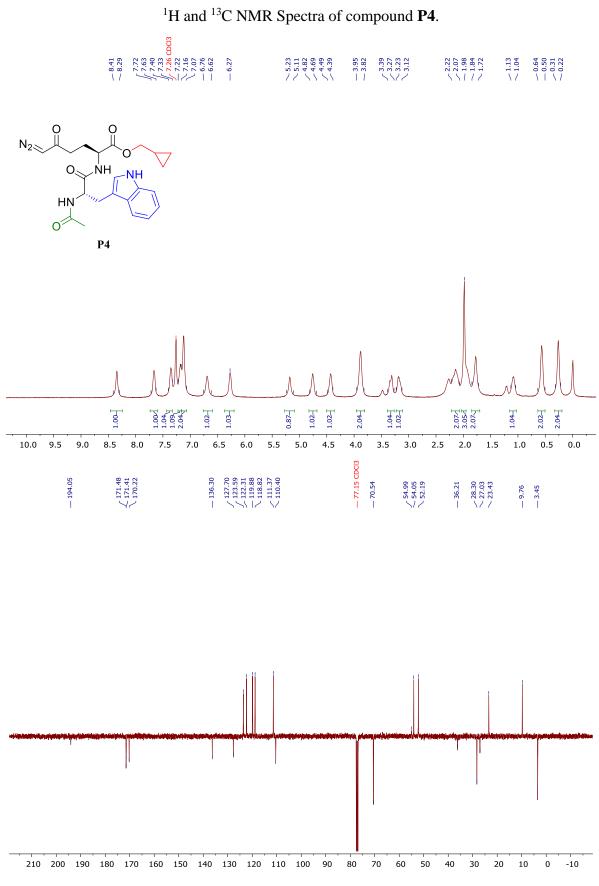


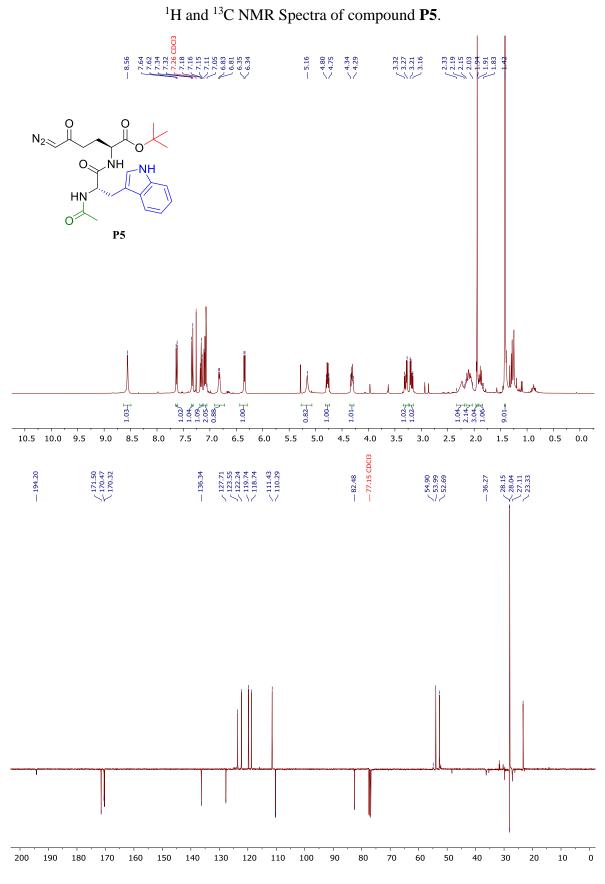
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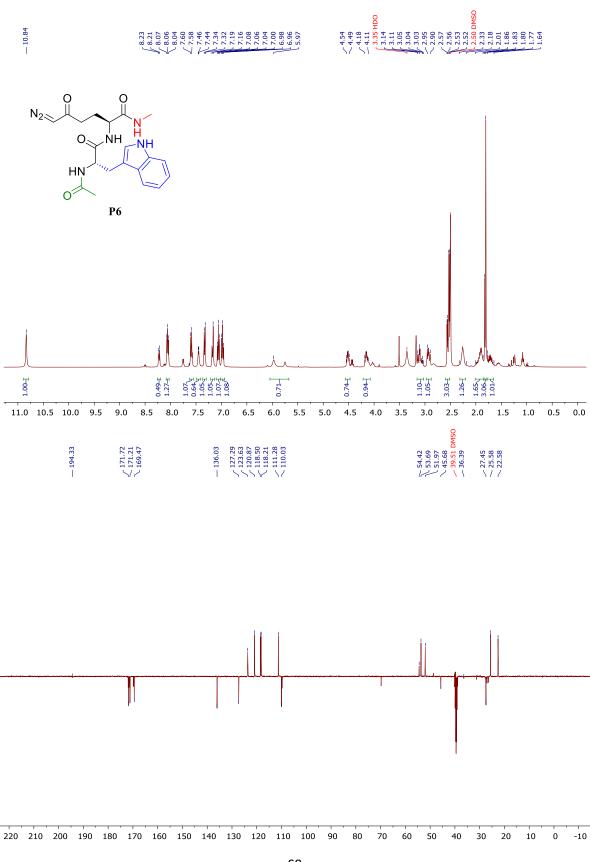




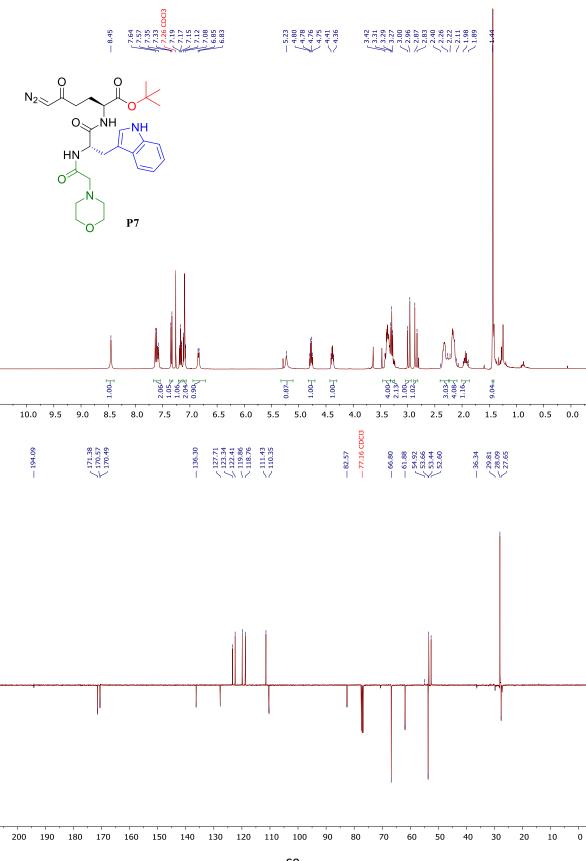




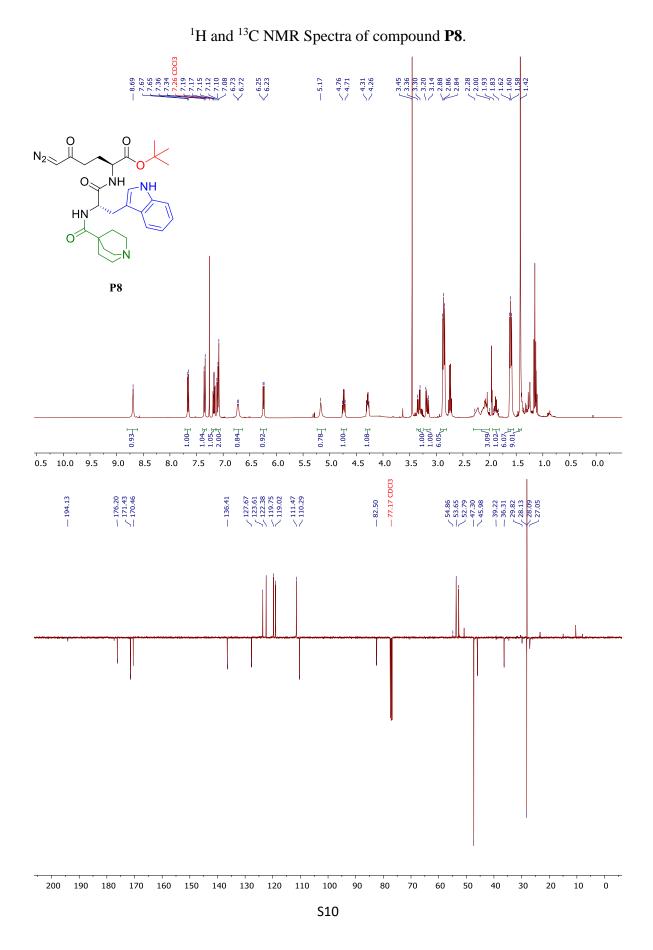


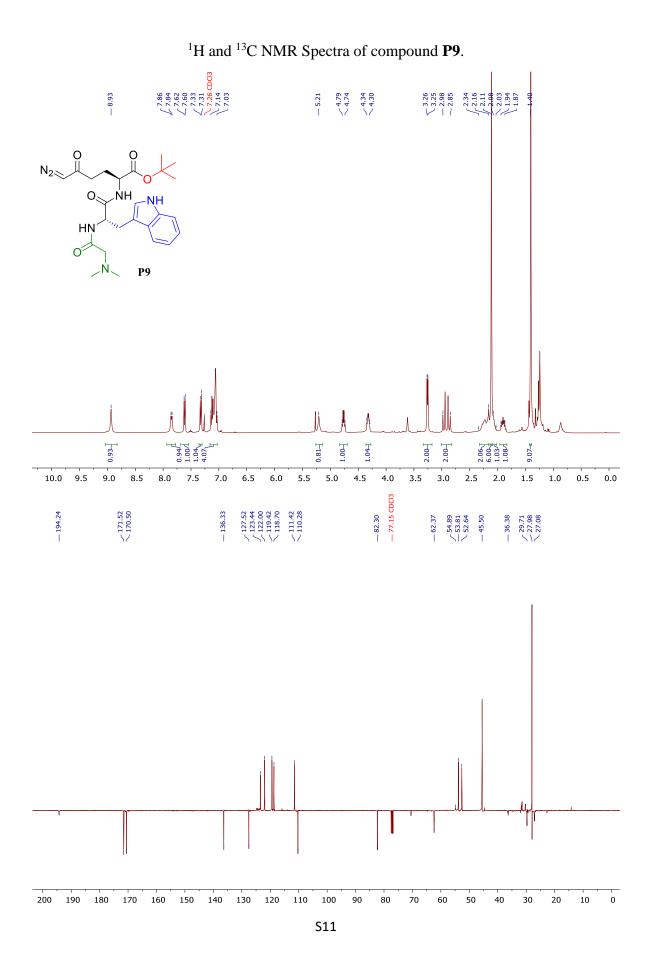


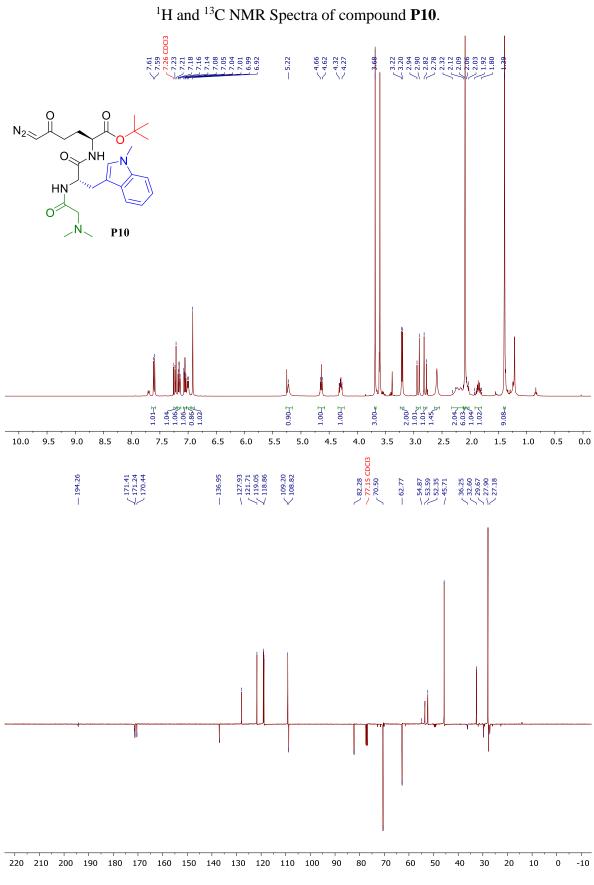
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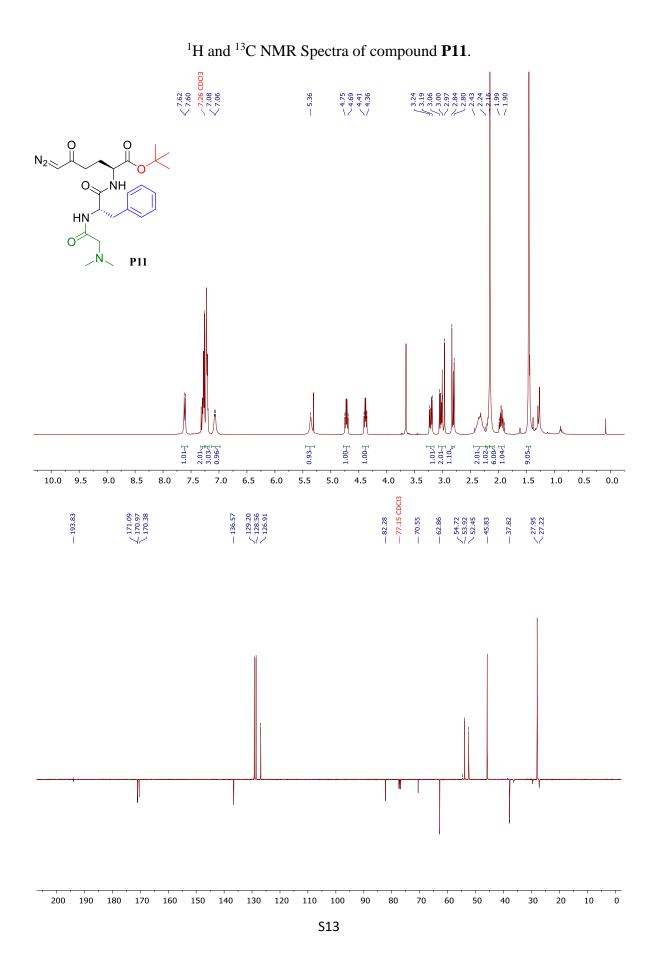


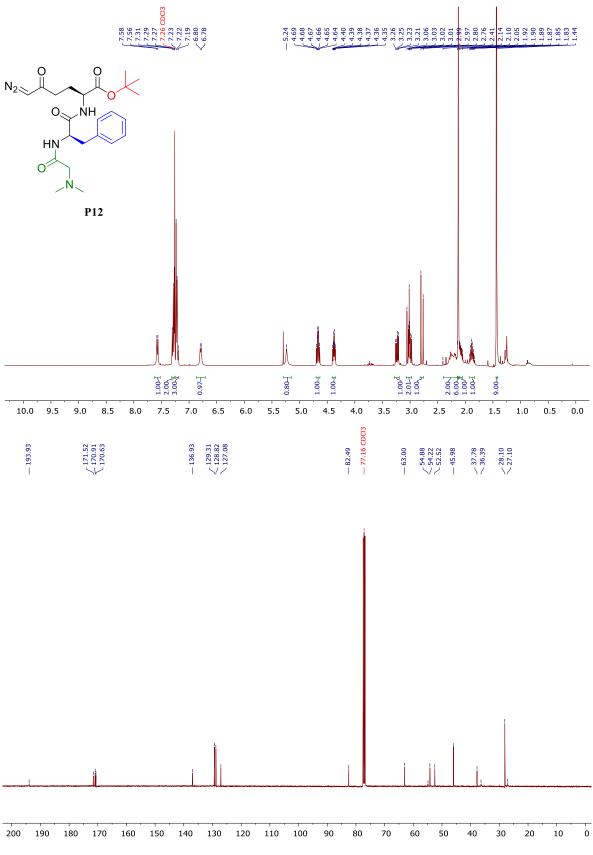
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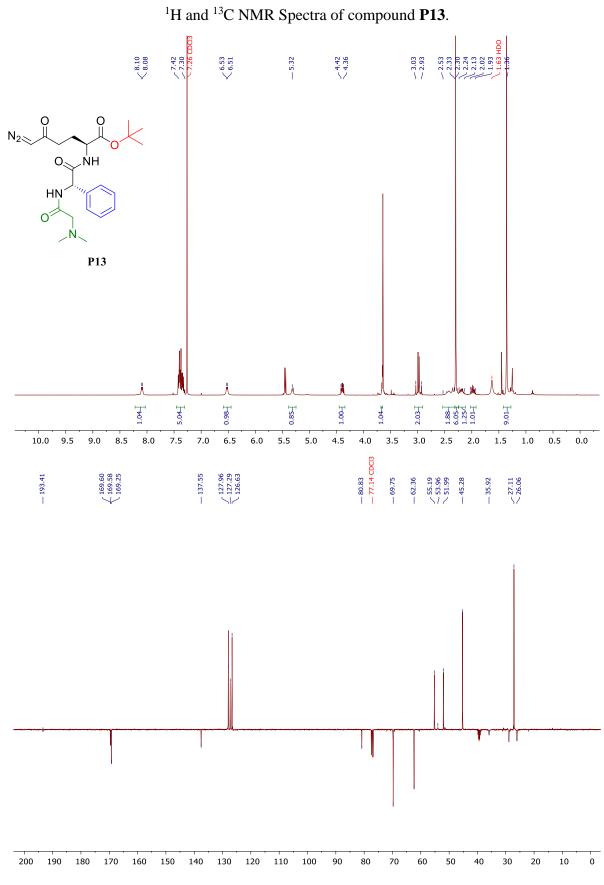


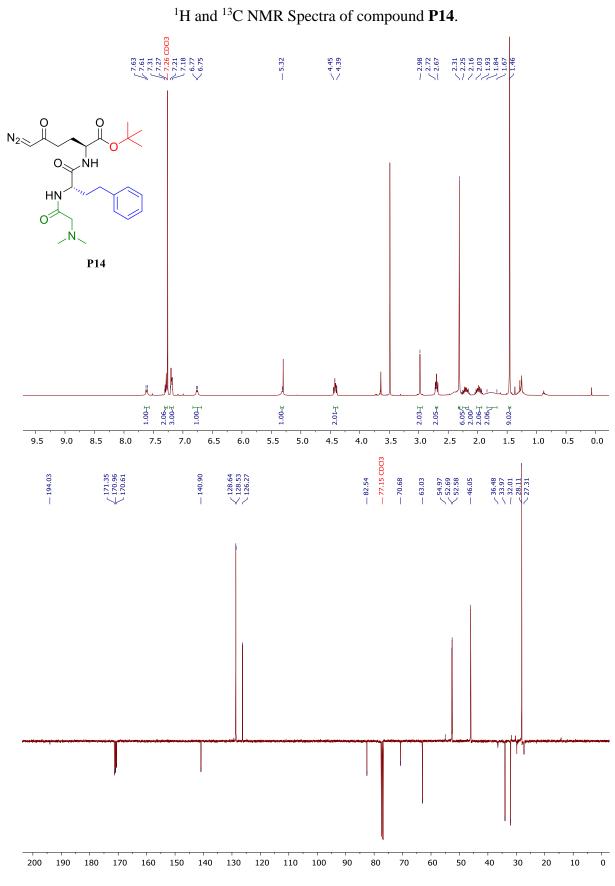


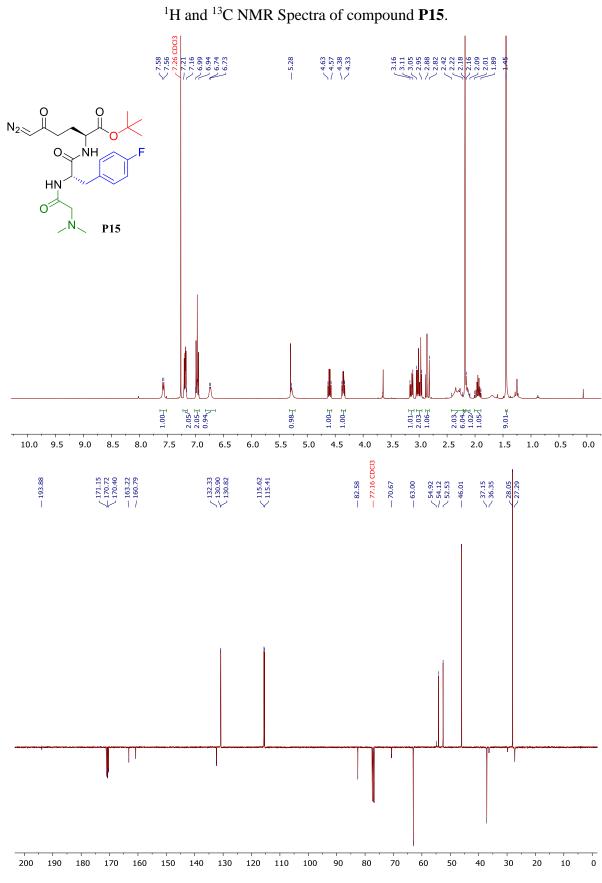




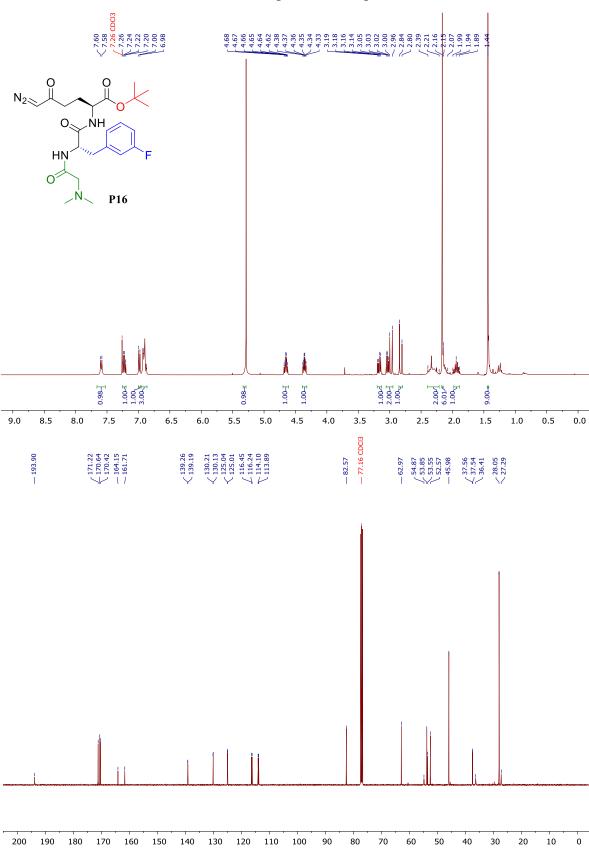
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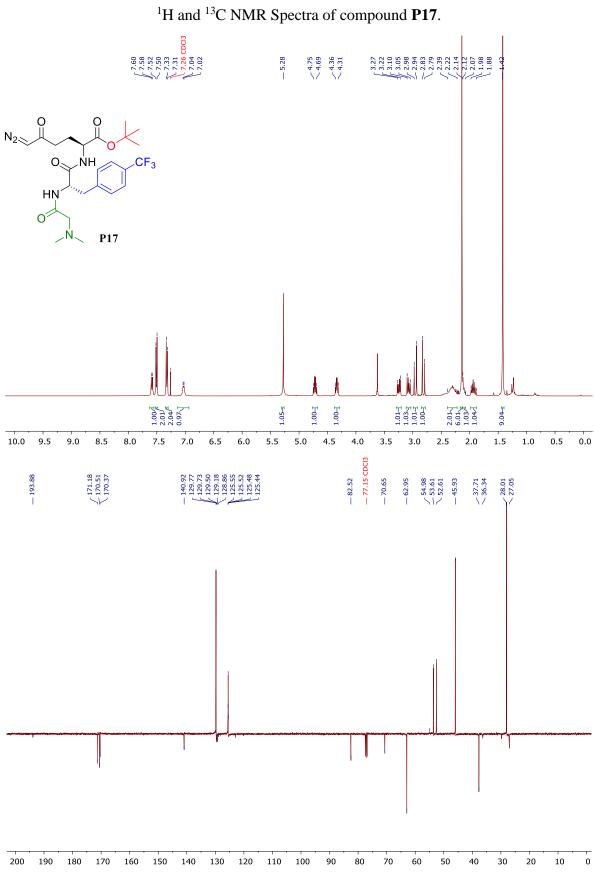




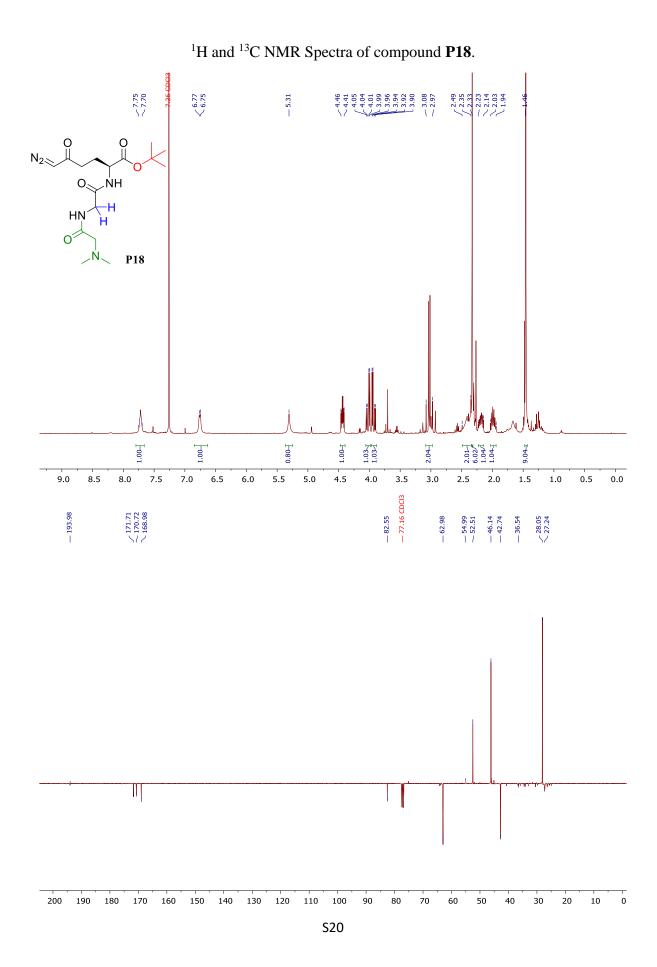
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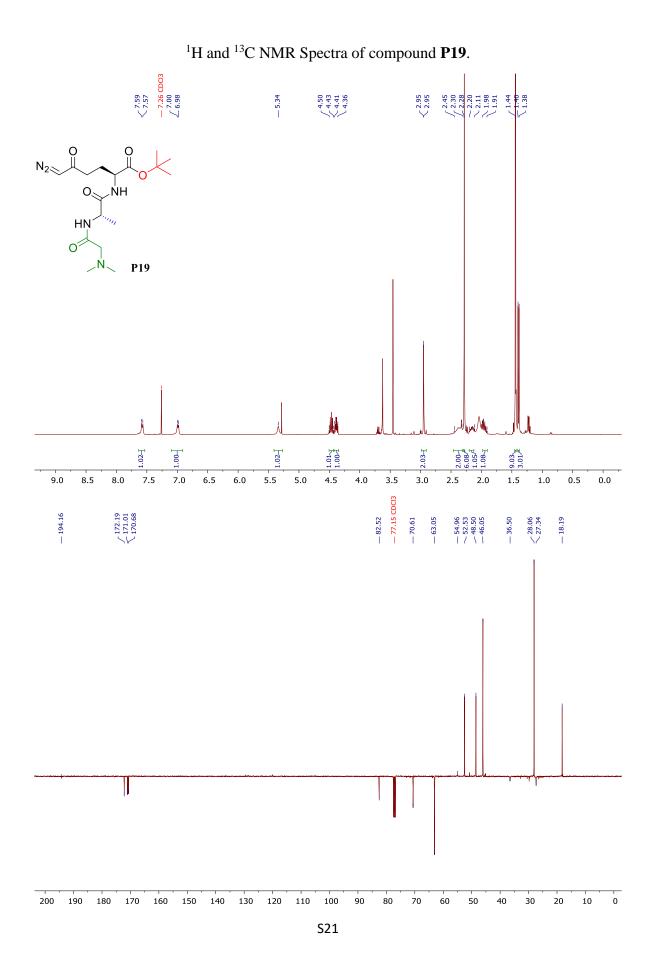


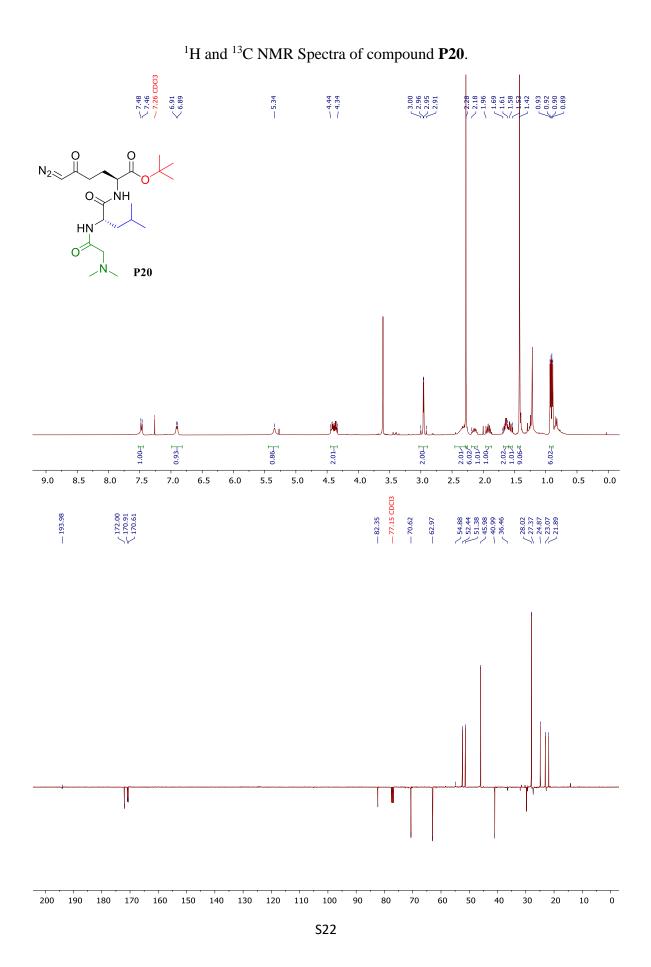
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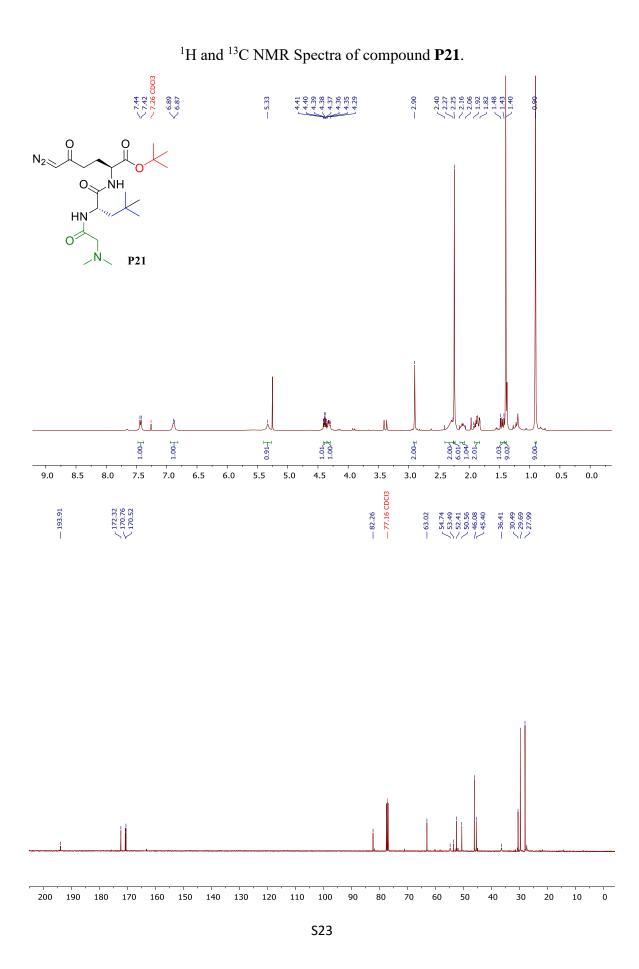


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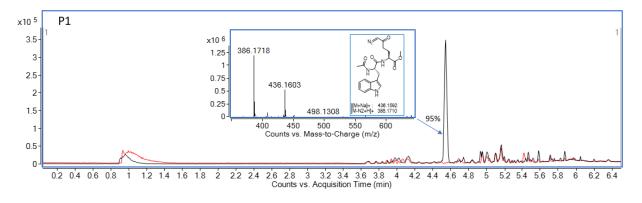




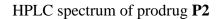


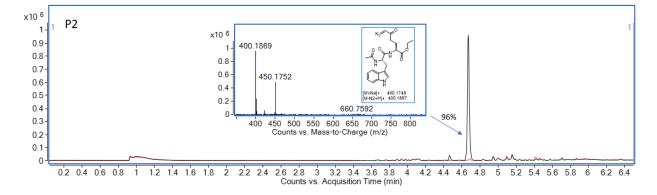


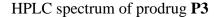
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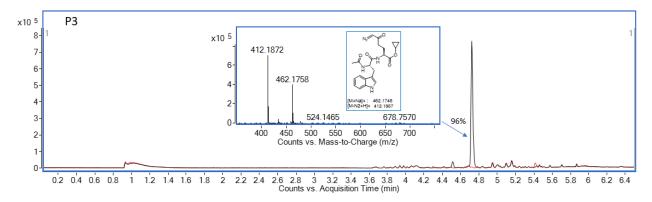


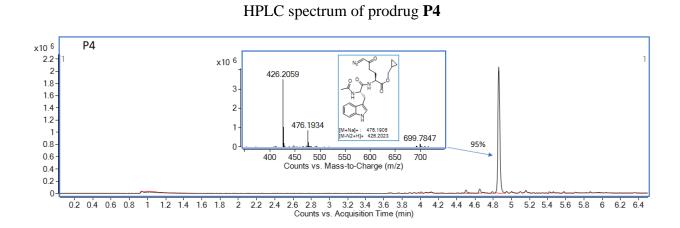
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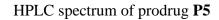


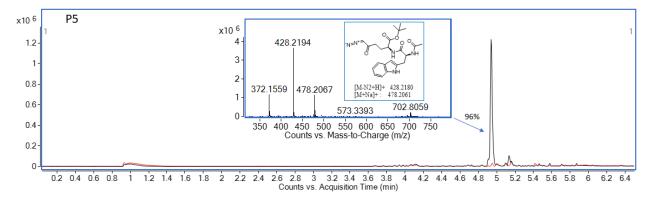




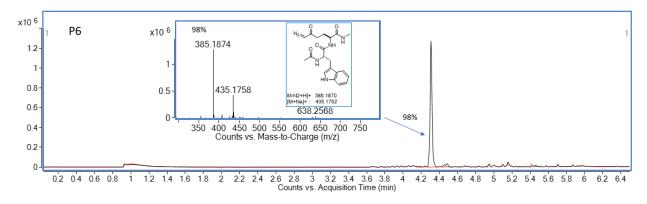


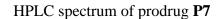


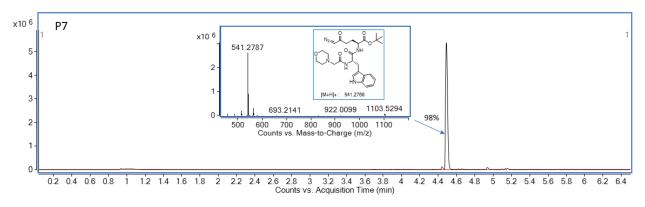


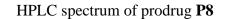


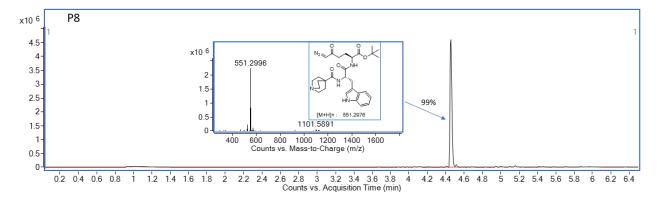
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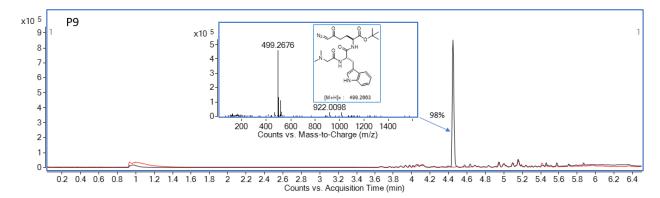


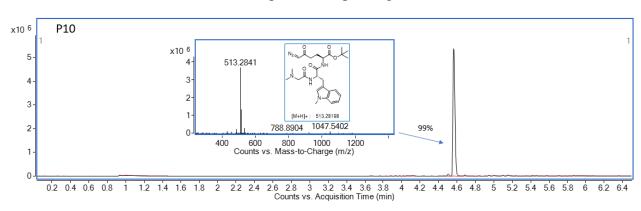




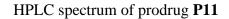


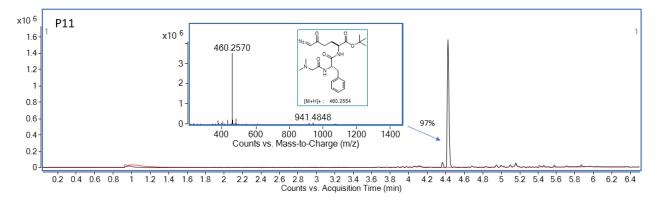
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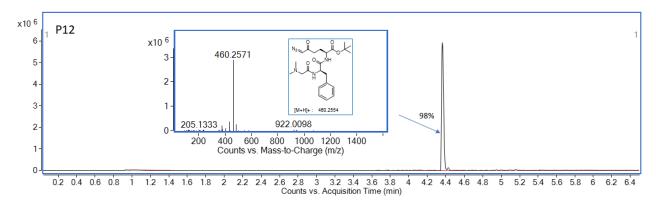


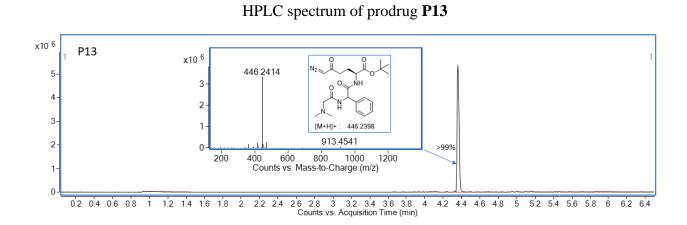
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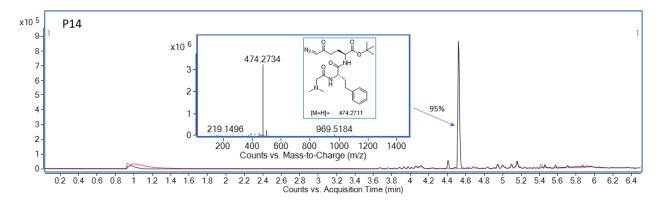


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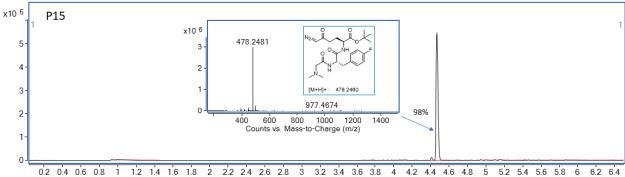




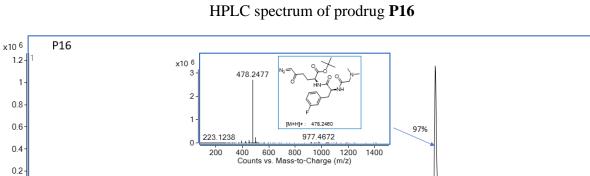
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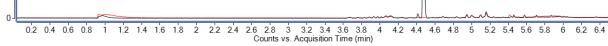


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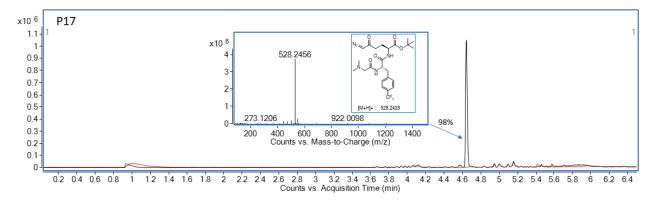


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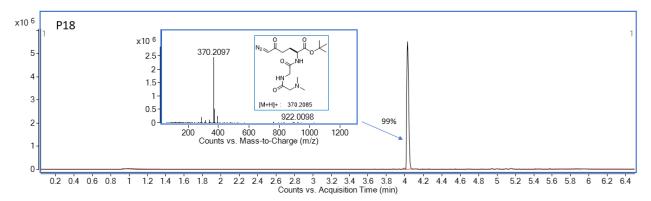


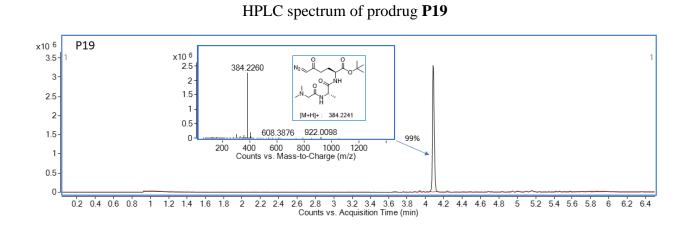


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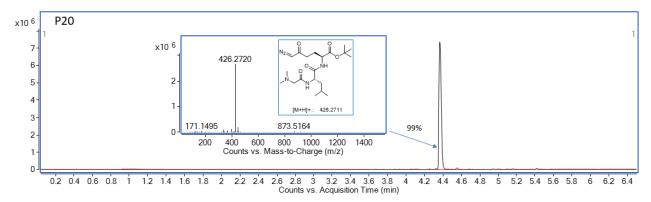


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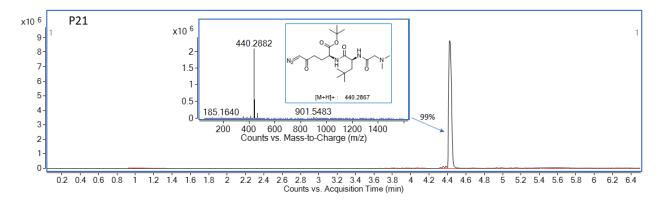




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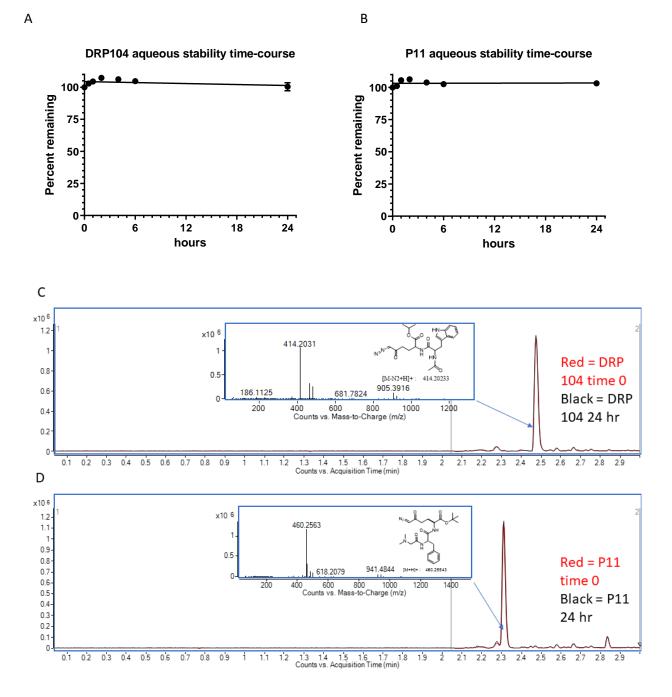
HPLC spectrum of prodrug P21



Cmpd #	clogD
DRP-104	-0.07
P1	-0.84
P2	-0.48
P3	-0.37
P4	-0.06
P5	0.21
P6	-1.57
P7	-0.11
P8	0.41
P9	-0.01
P10	0.21
P11	-0.11
P12	-0.11
P13	-0.40
P14	0.34
P15	0.03
P16	0.03
P17	0.77
P18	-2.33
P19	-1.77
P20	-0.51
P21	-0.21

## Table S1: clogD<sub>7.4</sub>\*values of prodrugs P1-P21 and DRP-104

\*Calculated using Chemaxon online calculator



**Figure S1. Aqueous stability of DRP 104 and P11.** DRP 104 (**A**) and **P11** (**B**) were spiked into PBS (n = 3) and incubated at 37°C. Aliquots were removed at each time-point and percent remaining was measured over 24hr by LCMS; Chromatographic traces of DRP 104 (**C**) and **P11** (**D**) at time 0 vs 24 h showed complete stability with no degradation.