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# **Characterization of DNA Minor Groove Binding Alkylating Agents**

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Details for the synthesis and characterization of compounds 1-11 (see Figure 1).

NMR and mass spectra of compounds 1-11.

Figure S1. Sample HPLC trace of control calf thymus DNA and DNA treated with compound 7.

**Figure S2.** Temperature-dependent UV melts of calf thymus DNA in the absence and presence of the minor groove binding compounds.

**Figure S3.** Temperature-dependent UV melts of poly-d(A-T) poly-d(A-T) DNA in the absence and presence of the minor groove binding compounds.

Synthesis of 1: As previously described (reference #13)

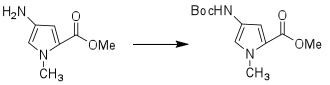
#### Synthesis of 2:



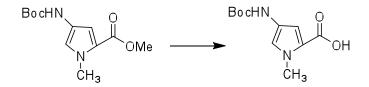
The synthesis of **2** followed previously reported method [Kumar, R., and Lown, J. W. (2003) Design, synthesis and *in vitro* cytotoxicity studies of novel pyrrolo[2,1][1,4] benzodiazepine-glycosylated pyrrole and imidazole polyamide conjugates. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 1, 3327-3342.].



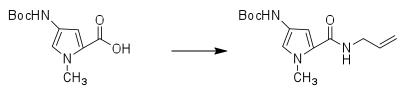
To a solution of methyl 1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5.98 mmol, 1.1 g) in min amount of EtOAc (50 mL) and MeOH (350 mL) was added 10% Pd/C catalyst (389 mg) and the reaction mixture shaken in a Parr apparatus at 55 psi until complete disappearance of starting material (by TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and solvents evaporated to dryness to afford the amine in quantitative yield (0.890 g, 96.73%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.67 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.90 (br, 2H), 6.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.34), 6.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.34).



To a solution of methyl 4-amino-1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5.778 mmol, 890 mg) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (17.331 mmol, 2.4 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and Boc anhydride added (1.89 g, 8.67 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for~ 18 h under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvents evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield the product (1.065 g, 72.55%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 9H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.61 (br, s, 1H), 7.10 (br, s, 1H), 9.12\delta (s, br, 1H).



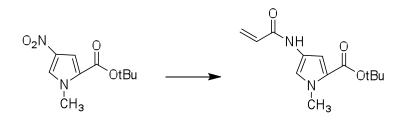
To a solution of methyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4.163 mmol,1.058 g) in MeOH (33 mL) was added solution of NaOH (826.54 mg in 33 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O). The reaction mixture was refluxed at 65 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The MeOH was evaporated to minimum volume and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C with ice and acidified with Dowex 50WX4 ion exchange resin to pH 5-6. The resin beads were filtered and washed thoroughly with MeOH. The solvents were evaporated to dryness and the solid material obtained was then dried (908 mg, 90.8%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.43 (s, 9H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.24 (br, s, 1H), 6.70 (br, s, 1H), 8.80 (s, br, 1H).



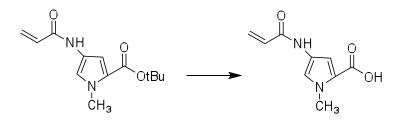
To a solution of 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (3.721 mmol, 894 mg) and HOBT (5.582 mmol, 754 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (14.884 mmol, 2 mL). This was followed by the addition of EDC (7.442 mmol, 1.43 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and allyl amine (7.442 mmol, 557  $\mu$ L) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for ~ 18 h. The white solid that precipitated was filtered off and the filtrate diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield the product (854 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 9H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.78 (m, 2H), 5.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.95), 5.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.95), 5.79-5.87 (m, 1H), 6.66 (br, s, 1H), 6.84 (br, s, 1H), 8.14 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.47), 9.04 (s, br, 1H).



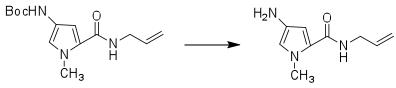
Synthesis followed previously published procedure [Wurtz, N. R., Turner, J. M., Baird, E. E., and Dervan, P. B. (2001) Fmoc solid phase synthesis of polyamides containing pyrrole and imidazole amino acids. *Org.Lett. 3*, 1201-1203.].



To a solution of tert-butyl 1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (6.188 mmol, 1.4 g) in MeOH (350 mL) was added 10% Pd-C (1 g) and the reaction mixture shaken in a Parr apparatus at 50 psi until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and the solvents evaporated to give the amine (5.401 mmol, 1.06 g) that was dissolved in anhydrous THF (70 mL). To this was added diisopropylethylamine (16.203 mmol, 2.8 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and acryloyl chloride (8.102 mmol, 658  $\mu$ L) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was maintained at -78 °C in the dark until the disappearance of amine (based on TLC) and the reaction was then slowly allowed to warm to room temperature. THF was evaporated and H<sub>2</sub>O added to the residue. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic extracts are combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent evaporated to dryness. The compound was then isolated by silica gel column chromatography to yield the product (1.0388 g, 77%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.49 (s, 9H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 2.34), 6.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.19 and 2.34), 6.27-6.34 (m,1H), 6.71 (d,1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 10.08 (br, s, 1H,-NH)

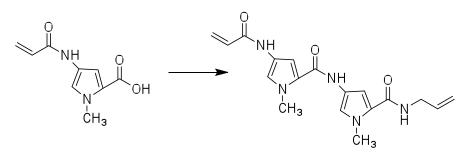


To a solution of tert-butyl 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4.12 mmol, 1.032 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added 1M TiCl<sub>4</sub> solution (10.31 mmol, 10 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C and slowly allowed to come to room temperature until complete disappearance of starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with EtOAc (4 x 50 mL). The organic solvents was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness to give the product (782 mg, 97.62%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H), 5.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.77 and 1.96), 6.17 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.96), 6.29-6.35 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 10.09 (br, s),12.22 (br, s, 1H).

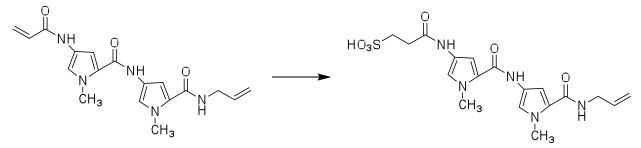


To a solution of tert-butyl (5-(allylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamate (2.585 mmol, 722 mg,) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13 mL) was added 50% TFA:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (38 mL) at 0 °C such that the final concentration of TFA was around 40%. The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C until complete disappearance of starting material. The solvents were evaporated to dryness to give the amine, N-allyl-4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide in quantitative yields. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.80-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.07 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and

1.95), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.95), 5.81-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.357 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.7), 9.64 (s, br).

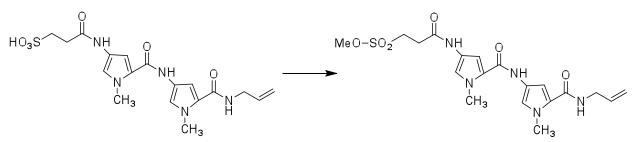


To a solution of 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (1.293 mmol, 251 mg) and HOBT (1.94 mmol, 262 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.172 mmol, 721  $\mu$ L). This was followed by the addition of EDC (2.59 mmol, 496 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and N-allyl-4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (2.586 mmol, 0.496 g) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13 mL) containing Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.6 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> and at room temperature for 18 h and the reaction mixture diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvents evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to get the product (444mg, 96%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.78-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.95), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.95), 5.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.76 and 1.95), 5.82-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.79 and 1.95), 6.34-6.41 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.21 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.91 (s, 1H), 10.11 (s, 1H).



To a solution of 4-acrylamido-N-(5-(allylcarbamoyl)-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2carboxamide (0.416 mmol, 148 mg) in EtOH: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1,10 mL) was added NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.833 mmol, 88 mg) in 1.2 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The pH of the reaction mixture was then adjusted to 8.0 using a 5% NaOH solution. The reaction mixture was then heated to 80 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and conc, HCl added dropwise so that the pH was between 1 and 2. The solvents were evaporated to dryness and the solid obtained was treated with 1 N cold HCl solution and then centrifuged (4000 rpm, 10 min). The supernatant was decanted and the solid twice treated with 1 N cold HCl, centrifuged and the supernatant decanted. The solid obtained was then dried thoroughly to give the product (111 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.66-2.68 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.84 (m, 10H), 5.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.55 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.56), 5.81-5.91 (m, 1H),

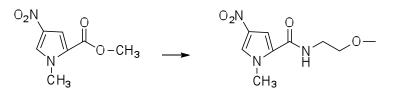
6.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.56), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.56), 7.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.46), 9.87 (s, 1H), 9.97 (s, 1H).



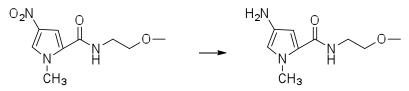
To a solution of 3-((5-((5-(allylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-3-oxopropane-1-sulfonic acid (0.254 mmol, 111 mg) in dry dioxane (15 mL) was added 3-methyl-1-*p*-tolyltriaz-1-ene (1.522 mmol, 227 mg). The reaction was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C till disappearance of starting material. The dioxane was evaporated to minimum volume and the residue was loaded onto a silica gel column deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The product was eluted with EtOAc (88 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.73 (t, 2H, J = 7.03), 3.61 (t, 2H, J = 7.03), 3.77-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.56), 5.83-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 6.88 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.20 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 8.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.47), 9.89 (s, 1H), 10.06 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 29.85, 36.45, 36.62, 41.17, 44.50, 60.22, 104.32, 104.75, 115.14, 118.51, 118.63, 122.10, 122.47, 123.20, 123.32, 136.43, 158.77, 161.50, 166.03. HRMS (ES+H) m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{26}N_5O_6S$  (452.1604) Found (452.1591).

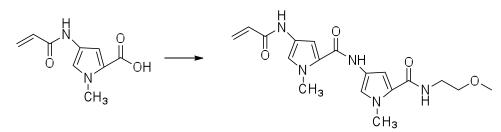
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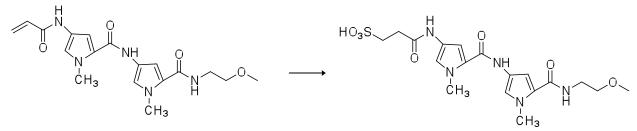
Synthesis followed previously reported method [Sabot, C., Kumar, K. A., Meunier, S., and Mioskowski, C. (2007) A convenient aminolysis of esters catalyzed by 1,5,7-triazabicyclo [4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD) under solvent-free conditions. *Tet. Lett.* 48, 3863-3866.].To methyl 1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5.433 mmol, 1 g) was added 1,5,7-triazabicyclo-[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD) (225 mg, 30 mol%) followed by 2-methoxyethylamine (10.866 mmol, 949 µL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed up to 75 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield the product (1.168g, 94.6%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.41 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.326 (br, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 1.8).



To a solution of N-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (5.109 mmol,1.16 g) in MeOH (320 mL) was added 10% Pd/C catalyst (330 mg) and the reaction mixture stirred in an atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> at room temperature until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and solvents evaporated to dryness to get the desired amine, 4-amino-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.24 (s, 3H), 3.26-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.126 (br, 2H), 6.18-6.19 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, 1H, *J* = 6).

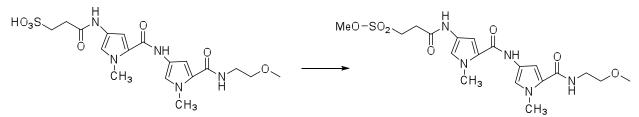


To a solution of 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (1.416 mmol, 275 mg) and HOBT (2.124 mmol, 287 mg) under N<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.665 mmol, 789  $\mu$ L). This was followed by the addition of EDC (2.832 mmol, 543 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and 4-amino-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (1.814 mmol, 385 mg) was added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for about 18 h under N<sub>2</sub> and allowed to come to room temperature, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvents evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to get the product (365mg, 68.9%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.38 (s, 3H), 3.55-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 5.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8 and 1.2), 6.27-6.32 (m, 1H), 6.42 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.2 and 1.2), 6.53-6.57 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.36 (s, 1H, br), 7.87 (s, 1H, br).



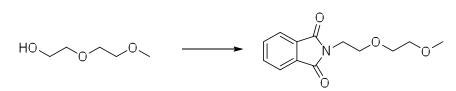
To a solution of 4-acrylamido-N-(5-((2-methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.956 mmol, 357 mg) in EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 19 mL) was added NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution (1.912 mmol, 203mg) in 2.9 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The pH of the reaction mixture was

then adjusted to 8.0 using 5% NaOH solution. The reaction mixture was then heated to 80 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and conc. HCl added dropwise so that the pH was between 1 and 2. The solvents were evaporated to dryness and the solid obtained treated with 1 N cold HCl solution and then centrifuged (4000 rpm, 10 min). The supernatant was decanted and the solid obtained was twice treated with 1 N cold HCl, centrifuged and the supernatant decanted. The solid obtained was then dried thoroughly to give the product (75 mg, 17%) <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.52-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.68 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.30-3.33 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.84-6.85 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 6), 9.86 (s, 1H), 9.97 (s, 1H).



To a solution of 3-((5-((5-((2-methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-3-oxopropane-1-sulfonic acid (0.147 mmol, 67 mg) in dry dioxane (10 mL) was added 3-methyl-1-*p*-tolyltriaz-1-ene (1.522 mmol, 132 mg).The reaction was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C until disappearance of starting material. The dioxane was evaporated to minimum volume and the residue was loaded onto a silica gel column deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The product was eluted with sequential EtOAc and then with 2%MeOH:EtOAc to yield the product (34 mg, 49%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.73 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.85-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.88 (s, 1H), 10.06 (s, 1H). HRMS (ES+Na) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>NaS (492.1529) Found (492.1537).

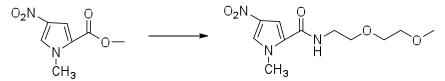
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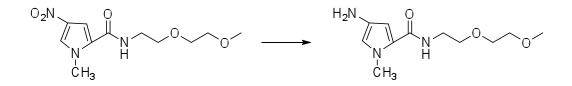
Prepared as previously reported [Dombi, K. L., Griesang, N., and Richert, C. (2002) Oligonucleotide arrays from aldehyde-bearing glass with coated background. *Synthesis 6*, 816– 824.]. To a mixture of triphenyl phosphine (24 mmol, 6.3 g) and phthalimide (24 mmol, 3.53 g) in THF (100 mL) was added 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol (20 mmol, 2.35 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min and DIAD (24 mmol, 4.7 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub> overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with EtOH (40 mL) and solvents evaporated to dryness. The solid obtained was treated with 1:1 petroleum ether: EtOAc and stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The white residue was filtered off and washed with 1:1 petroleum ether: EtOAc (10 mL) and the filtrate evaporated to dryness. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (2.47 g, 49%) <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.32 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.76 (t, 2H, J = 5.4), 3.92 (t, 2H, J = 5.4), 7.71-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.86 (m, 2H).



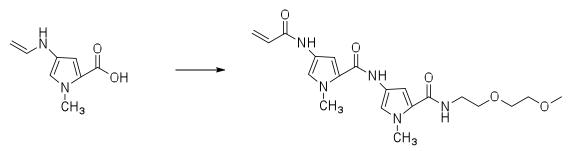
Compound was prepared as previously described [Dombi, K. L., Griesang, N., and Richert, C. (2002) Oligonucleotide arrays from aldehyde-bearing glass with coated background. *Synthesis 6*, 816–824.]. To a solution of 2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (9.49 mmol, 2.37 g) in EtOH (26 mL) was added hydrazine monohydrate (10.44 mmol, 506  $\mu$ L). The resulting mixture was refluxed at 100 °C for 5 h when a white precipitate formed. The slurry was allowed to cool and treated with conc. HCl (2.3 mL), followed by refluxing again for 1 h. The slurry was allowed to cool to room temperature and the white solid was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was taken up in H<sub>2</sub>O (14 mL) and the pH of the solution adjusted to 11.0 with 1 N NaOH. The aqueous phase was saturated with NaCl and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic extracts are dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and solvents evaporated. The residue was then distilled (Kugelrohr distillation) (0.5 Torr, heating chamber 190-195 °C, compound distilled at 130 °C) to yield product (0.682 g, 60%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.4), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.52 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.4), 3.55-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.63 (m, 2H).



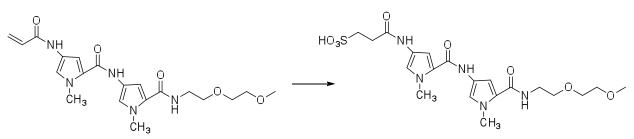
To methyl 1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (2.861 mmol, 0.527 g) was added 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (118 mg, 30 mol%) followed by 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanamine (5.723 mmol, 628 mg) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed up to 75 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (0.430 g, 55%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.45 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.61 (m, 4H), 3.66-3.69 (m, 4H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.71 (s, br), 7.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2).



To a solution of N-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-4-nitro-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (1.452 mmol, 0.394 g) in MeOH (3 8mL) was added 10% Pd/C catalyst (67 mg) and the reaction mixture stirred in an atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> at room temperature until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and solvents evaporated to dryness to afford 4-amino-N-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.41 (s, 3H), 3.55-3.58 (m, 4H), 3.61-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4), 6.29-6.32 (m, 2H).

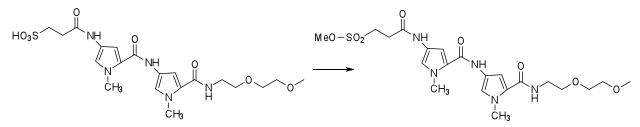


To a solution of 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (1.128 mmol, 219 mg) and HOBT (1.692 mmol, 229 mg) under N<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.511 mmol, 629  $\mu$ L), followed by the addition of EDC (2.256 mmol, 432 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and 4-amino-N-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (1.450 mmol, 350 mg) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for about 18 h under N<sub>2</sub>, allowed to come to room temperature and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvents evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give product (339 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.29-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 6), 3.52-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.67 (dd, 1H *J* = 10.2 and 1.8), 6.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 6), 9.91 (s, 1H), 10.11 (s, 1H).



To a solution of 4-acrylamido-N-(5-((2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.099 mmol, 41.7 mg) in EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1.9 mL) was added NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.199 mmol, 21.1 mg) in 0.3 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The pH of the reaction mixture was then adjusted to 8.0 with using 5% NaOH solution. The reaction mixture was then heated to 80 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and conc. HCl added dropwise so that the pH remained

between 1 and 2. The solvents were evaporated to dryness to yield the product (44 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.53-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.69 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.29-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.84-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 8.01 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.87 (s, 1H), 9.98 (s, 1H).

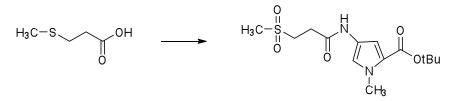


To a solution of 3-((5-((5-((2-(2-methoxy)ethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-3-oxopropane-1-sulfonic (0.0372 mmol, 18.6 mg) in dry dioxane (5 mL) was added 3-methyl-1-*p*-tolyltriaz-1-ene (0.149 mmol, 23 mg). The reaction was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for 1 h, then another 20 mg of 3-methyl-1-*p*-tolyltriaz-1-ene was added and the reaction heated for another 30 min. The dioxane was evaporated to minimum volume and the residue was loaded onto a silica gel column deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The product was sequentially eluted with EtOAc and then 5% MeOH:EtOAc to yield product (15mg, 78%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.50-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.4 (m, 2H), 3.47 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6), 3.52-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 6.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 8.01 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.88 (s, 1H), 10.06 (s, 1H). HRMS (ES+Na) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>NaS (536.1791) Found (536.1765).

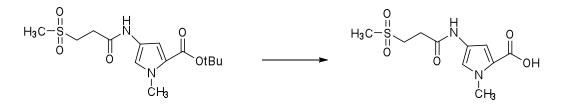
#### Synthesis of 5:

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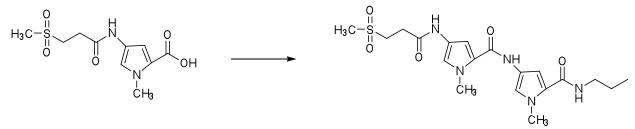
Prepared as previously described [Truce, W. E., and Knospe, R. H. (1955) The preparation of 0keto sulfones by the Claisen condensation. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 77, 5063-5067.]. To a solution of 3-(methylthio)propionic acid (6.241 mmol, 0.65 mL) in a 1:1 mixture of AcOH:Ac<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) was added 35% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 48 h and the excess of peroxide quenched by addition of a trace amount of MnO<sub>2</sub> under N<sub>2</sub>. The solvent was removed by distillation to give a white solid in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.68 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8) 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 12.56 (s, br, 1H).



To a solution of 3-(methylthio)propanoic acid (1.045 mmol, 159 mg) and HOBT (1.484 mmol, 200 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (3.956 mmol, 0.551 mL), followed by the addition of EDC (1.978 mmol, 0.379 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and tert-butyl 4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (1.484 mmol) added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for about 18 h and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the organic layer dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (282 mg, 81.7%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.49 (s, 9H), 2.69 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.39 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.96), 7.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.96), 10.03 (s, br, 1H).



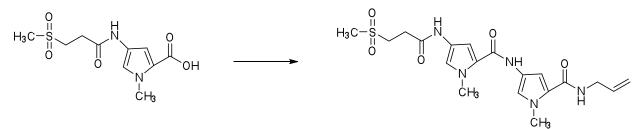
To a solution of tert-butyl 1-methyl-4-(3-(methylsulfonyl)propanamido)-*1H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (0.847 mmol, 0.280 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (27 mL) was added 1M TiCl<sub>4</sub> solution (1.694 mmol, 1.7 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C and slowly allowed to come to room temperature until complete disappearance of starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted thoroughly with EtOAc (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to give a quantitative yield of the acid product. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.70 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.0 (s, 3H), 3.39 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, 1H *J* = 1.95), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 10.08 (s, br, 1H).



To a solution of 1-methyl-4-(3-(methylsulfonyl)propanamido)-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (0.551 mmol, 151 mg) and HOBT (0.765 mmol, 103 mg) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was added

Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.042 mmol, 0.285 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (1.02 mmol, 0.196 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and the reaction mixture cooled to 0 °C and 4-amino-1-methyl-N-propyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.765 mmol) was added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (100  $\mu$ L). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for about 18 h and the solvent removed. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (111 mg, 46%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  0.863 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.42), 1.44-1.51 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.01 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.14 (m, 2H) 3.40 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.16-7.17 (m, 2H,), 8.0 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.86 (s, br, 1H), 10.06 (s, br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (150MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.91, 23.05, 28.68, 36.37, 36.61, 40.65, 40.91, 50.24, 104.31, 104.56, 118.20, 118.62, 122.15, 122.42, 123.33, 123.56, 158.76, 161.68, 166.55. HRMS (ES+Na) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NaS (460.163) Found (460.162).

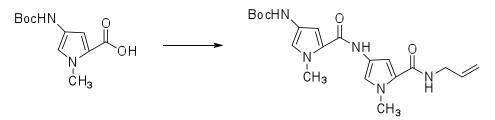
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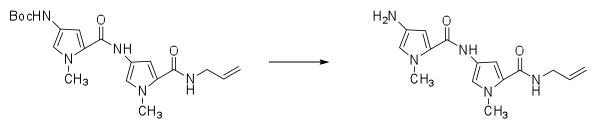
To a solution of 1-methyl-4-(3-(methylsulfonyl)propanamido)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (0.193 mmol, 53 mg) and HOBT (0.289 mmol, 39 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.773 mmol, 0.108 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (0.386 mmol, 74 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and the reaction mixture cooled to 0 °C and N-allyl-4-amino-1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.289 mmol) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (100 µL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for about 18 h and diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic solvents were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent evaporated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (26 mg, 31%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO $d_6$ )  $\delta$  2.73 (t, 2H, J = 7.80), 3.01 (s, 3H), 3.38-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.80 (m, 5H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 5.05 (dd, 1H, J = 10.15 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, J = 17.18 and 1.56), 5.81-5.90 (m, 1H) 6.86 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 6.88 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.20 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 8.20 (t, 1H, J = 7.68, 9.88 (s, br, 1H), 10.06 (s, br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  28.68, 36.45, 36.60, 40.91, 41.18, 50.24, 104.32, 104.74, 115.15, 118.52, 118.63, 122.15, 122.48, 123.21, 123.318, 136.44, 158.78, 161.50, 166.55. HRMS (ES+Na) m/z calcd for C19H25N5O5NaS (458.147) Found (458.145).

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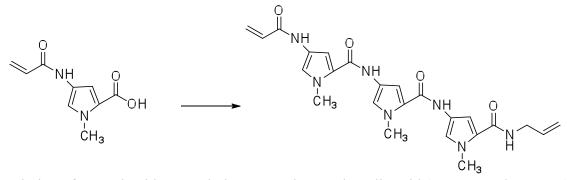
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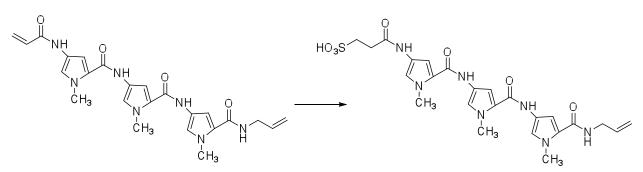
To a solution of 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl) amino)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (2.805 mmol, 674 mg) and HOBT (4.208 mmol, 569 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (11.221 mmol, 1.56 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (5.61 mmol, 1.075 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C and N-allyl-4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (5.61 mmol added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for about 18 h and then the reaction was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic solvents were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (1.011 g, 89%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 9H), 3.74-3.84 (m, 8H), 5.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.59 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.23 and 1.56), 5.81-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.82 (br, s, 1H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.18 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.09 (s, 1H), 9.83 (s, 1H).



To a solution of tert-butyl (5-((5-(allylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-carbamoyl)-1methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl) carbamate (2.391 mmol, 960 mg,) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12 mL) was added 50% TFA: dichloromethane (34mL) at 0 °C such that the final concentration of TFA was ~40%. The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> and at 0 °C until complete disappearance of starting material. The solvents were evaporated to dryness to give the N-allyl-4-(4-amino-1methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamido)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide product in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.78-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.95), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.23 and 1.95), 5.82-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.22 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.71 (s, br, 2H), 10.00 (s,1H).

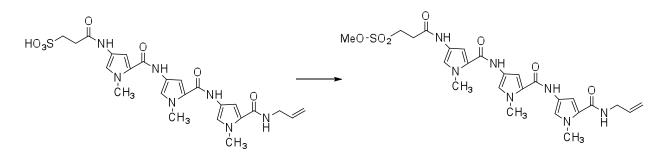


To a solution of 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (1.545 mmol, 300 mg) and HOBT (2.318 mmol, 313 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.18 mmol, 0.861 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (3.09 mmol, 0.592 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and N-allyl-4-(4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamido)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (2.39 mmol) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature, stirred for 18 h and then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography to give product (0.555 g, 75%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.77-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.847 (s, 3H), 3.854 (s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.56Hz), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.23 and 1.56), 5.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.95), 5.82-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.19 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.19 and 1.95), 6.34-6.41 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.56), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.56), 7.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.95), 8.21 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.91 (s, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 10.117 (s, 1H).



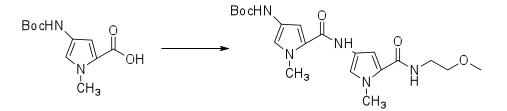
To a solution of 4-acrylamido-N-(5-((5-(allylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (1.114 mmol, 532 mg) in EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 24 mL) was added NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution (2.228 mmol, 236 mg) in 3.2 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The pH of the reaction mixture was then adjusted to 8.0 using 5% NaOH solution. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and conc. HCl added dropwise so that the pH remained between 1 and 2. The solvent were evaporated to dryness and the solid residue treated with 1 N cold HCl solution and then centrifuged (4000 rpm, 10 min).The supernatant was decanted and the solid was twice treated with 1 N cold HCl, centrifuged and the supernatant decanted. The solid obtained was then dried thoroughly to give product (550 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR

(400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.53-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.70 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.87(m, 11H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, J = 10.16 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, J = 17.18 and 1.56), 5.82-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.03 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.15 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.21 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 1.56) 8.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.25), 9.91 (s, 2H), 9.97 (s, 1H).



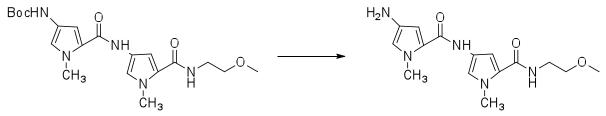
To a solution of 3-((5-((5-(allylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-3-oxopropane-1-sulfonic acid (0.947 mmol, 530 mg) in dry dioxane (53 mL) was added 3-methyl-1-*p*-tolyltriaz-1-ene (5.683 mmol, 848 mg).The reaction was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for about 1 h and then the dioxane evaporated to minimum volume and the residue loaded onto a silica gel column deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The product was eluted in EtOAc (159 mg, 29%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.74 (t, 2H, J = 7.03), 3.62 (t, 2H, J = 7.03), 3.77-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.83-3.86 (s, br, 6H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.16 and 1.56), 5.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.18 and 1.56), 5.82-5.91 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.04 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.18 (d, 1H, J = 1.56), 7.21 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 8.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.25), 9.91 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 10.07 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  29.84, 36.44, 36.57, 36.63, 41.18, 44.50, 57.38, 104.37, 104.80, 105.15, 115.16, 118.45, 118.65, 118.94, 122.12, 122.53, 123.62, 123.20, 123.23, 123.33, 136.45, 158, 158.93, 161.53, 166.05. HRMS (ES+H) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S (574.2084) Found (574.2072).

#### Synthesis of 9:

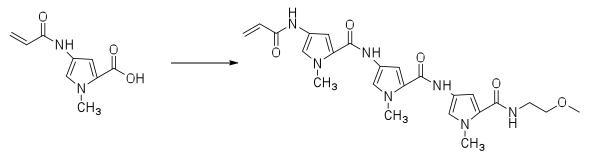


To a solution of 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (3.90 mmol, 937 mg) and HOBT (5.85 mmol, 790 mg) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25mL) was added  $Et_3N$  (15.60 mmol, 2.17 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (7.80 mmol, 1.495 g) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled

to 0 °C and 4-amino-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (5.07 mmol) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 18h, diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated, and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (1.141 g, 69%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 9H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.30-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H,), 3.78 (s,3H), 3.79\delta (s, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.26Hz), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.99 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.09 (s, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H).

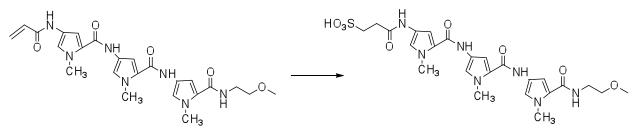


To a solution of tert-butyl (5-((5-((2-methoxyethyl) carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl) carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl) carbamate (2.625 mmol, 1.101 g,) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13 mL) was added 50%TFA:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) at 0 °C such that the final concentration of TFA was around 40%. The reaction mixture was stirred under N2 at 0 °C until complete disappearance material. The of starting solvent was removed to give 4-amino-N-(5-((2methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.86 (d, 1H, J = 1.8), 6.94 (d, 1H, J = 1.8), 7.11 (d, 1H, J = 1.8) 1.8), 7.19 (d, 1H, J = 1.8), 8.04 (t, 1H, J = 5.4), 9.73 (s, br, 2H), 9.99 (s, 1H).

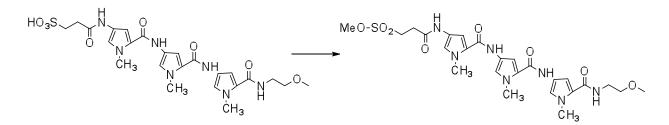


To a solution of 4-acrylamido-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (2.059 mmol, 400 mg) and HOBT (3.086 mmol, 417 mg) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) was added  $Et_3N$  (8.24 mmol, 1.15 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (4.12 mmol, 0.789 g) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and 4-amino-N-(5-((2-methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (2.68 mmol) added in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 mL) and  $Et_3N$  (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for about 18h, diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and sequentially extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , EtOAc and MeOH. The organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, evaporated and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield yellow product (0.720 g, 70%) that

was washed with hot EtOH to give white product. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.26 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.846 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.67 (dd,1H, *J* = 10.2 and 1.8), 6.19 (dd,1H, *J* = 17.4 and 1.8), 6.35-6.39 (m,1H), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.91 (s, 1H), 9.95 (s, 1H), 10.11 (s, 1H).



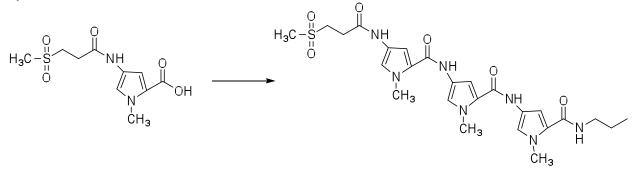
To a solution of 4-acrylamido-N-(5-((5-((2-methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.0787 mmol, 39 mg) in EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 2 mL) was added NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.157 mmol, 16.7 mg) in 0.242 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The pH of the reaction mixture was then adjusted to 8.0 using 5% NaOH solution. The reaction mixture was then heat at 80 °C until complete disappearance of starting material (based on TLC). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and conc. HCl was added dropwise so that the pH was between 1 and 2. The solvent was then evaporated to dryness and the solid residue was then treated with 1 N cold HCl solution and then centrifuged (4000 rpm, 10 min).The supernatant was decanted and the solid was twice treated with 1 N cold HCl, centrifuged and the supernatant decanted. The solid obtained was then dried thoroughly to give product (38mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.52-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.68 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.41 (t, 2H, *J* = 6), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.2), 7.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.24(d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.90 (s, 1H), 9.91 (s, 1H), 9.98 (s, 1H). HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S (577.61) Found (577.20).



To a solution of 3-((5-((5-((5-((2-methoxyethyl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-3-oxopropane-1-sulfonic acid (0.0658 mmol, 38 mg) in dry dioxane (5 mL) was added 3-methyl-1-p-tolyltriaz-1-ene (0.263 mmol, 39.2 mg). The reaction was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for about 1h and the dioxane reduced to a minimum volume and then loaded onto a silica gel column deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The product was sequentially eluted in EtOAc to 5% MeOH:EtOAc (4

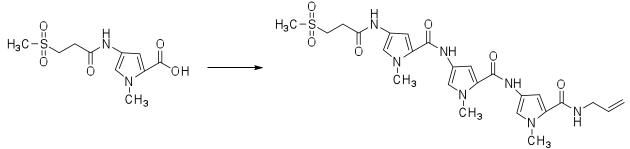
mg, 10%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.52-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.841 (s, 3H), 3.843(s, 3H), 3.87(s, 3H), 6.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.8), 6.89(d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 7.24(d, 1H, *J* = 1.8), 8.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.89 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 10.07 (s, 1H).

Synthesis of 10:



To a solution of 1-methyl-4-(3-(methylsulfonyl)propanamido)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (0.397 mmol, 109 mg) and HOBT (0.548 mmol, 74 mg) in anhydrous DMF (2.5 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.46 mmol, 0.203 mL). This was followed by the addition of EDC (0.73 mmol, 0.140 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and amine, f (0.548 mmol) was added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for about 18 h, solvent removed and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (66 mg, 30%). The product had a yellow color and was treated with hot EtOH to yield a white solid ethanol when a white solid product. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  0.867 (t, 3H, J = 7.42), 1.442-1.532 (m, 2H) 2.73 (t, 2H, J = 7.8), 3.01(s, 3H), 3.10-3.15 (m, 2H) 3.41 (t, 2H, J = 7.8), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, br 6H), 6.86 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 1.95), 7.03 (d, 2H, 2.95), 7.05), 7.051.95), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H) 7.24 (d, 1H, J = 1.97), 8.0 (t, 1H, J = 5.86), 9.89 (s, br, 1H), 9.93 (s, br, 1H), 10.07 (s, br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.92, 23.07, 28.69, 36.36, 36.57, 36.61, 40.66, 40.91, 50.24, 104.39, 104.58, 105.13, 118.15, 118.67, 118.93, 122.17, 122.56, 123.25, 123.33, 123.56, 158.83, 158.91, 161.71, 166.57. HRMS (ES+H) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (560.229) Found (560.224).

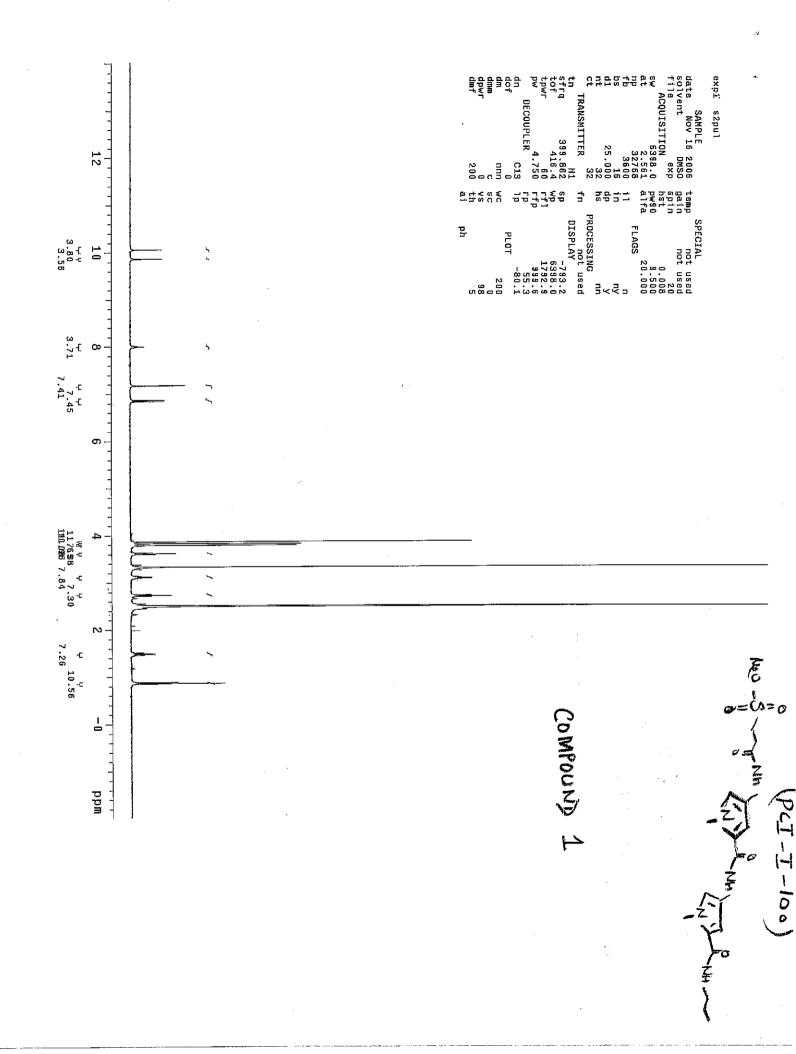
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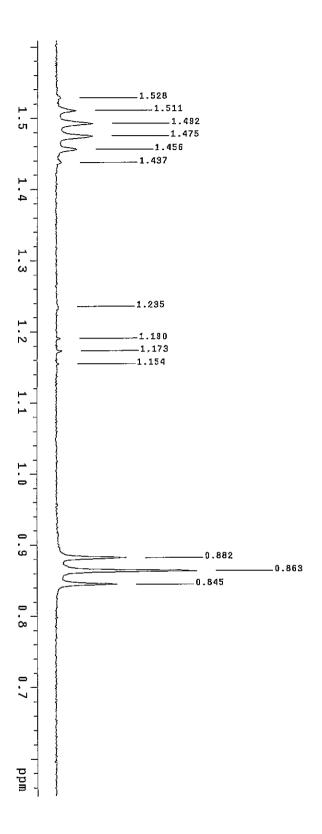


To a solution of 1-methyl-4-(3-(methylsulfonyl)propanamido)-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (0.390 mmol, 107 mg) and HOBT (0.518 mmol, 70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was added

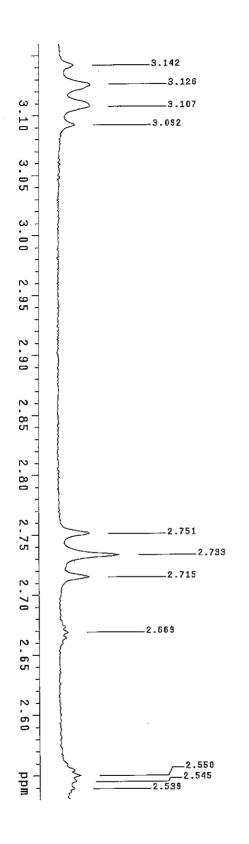
Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.38 mmol, 0.192 mL) followed by the addition of EDC (0.69 mmol, 133 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and N-allyl-4-(4-amino-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamido)-1-methyl-*1H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (0.518 mmol) added in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.10 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature, stirred for about 18 h and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield product (19 mg, 8.7%). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.73 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.01 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8), 3.78-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.85(s, 3H), 5.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.80 and 1.80), 5.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.40 and 1.80), 5.84-5.90 (m, 1H) 6.89(d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 8.19(t, 1H, *J* = 5.4), 9.90(s, br, 1H), 9.92 (s, br, 1H), 10.05 (s, br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  28.69, 36.45, 36.57, 36.62, 40.91, 41.19, 50.24, 104.39, 104.78, 105.16, 115.16, 118.47, 118.67, 118.94, 122.17, 122.54, 122.62, 123.21, 123.24, 123.32, 136.45, 158.83, 158.94, 161.54, 166.57. HRMS (ES+H) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (558.213) Found (558.214).

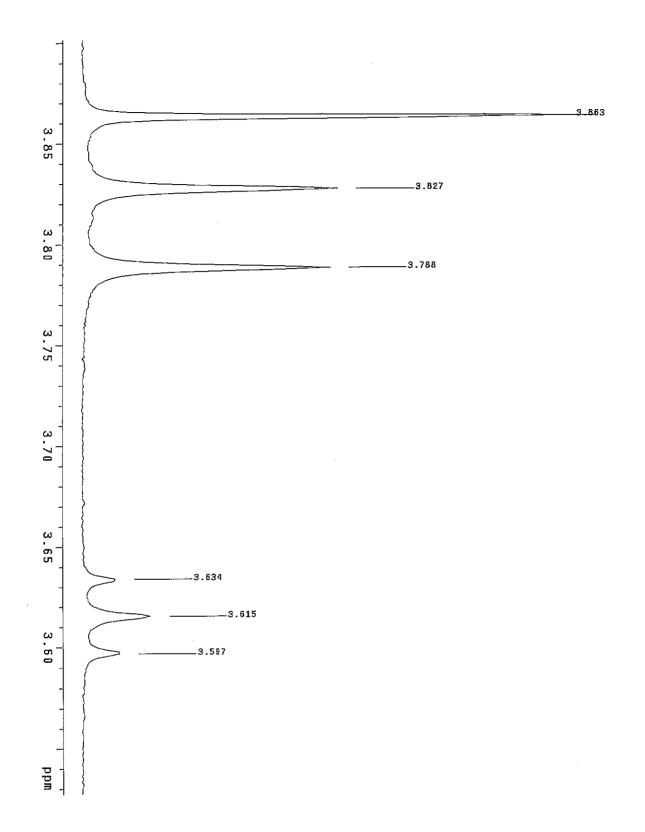
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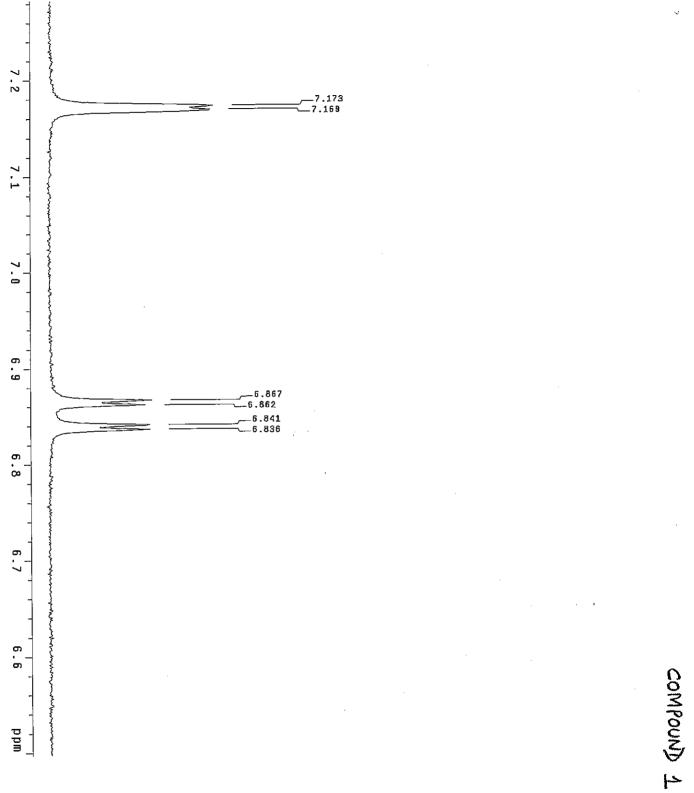




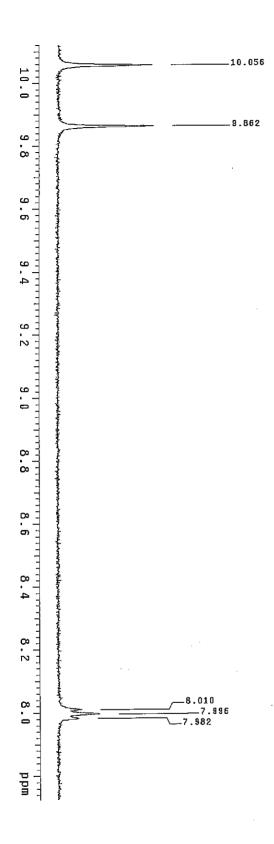
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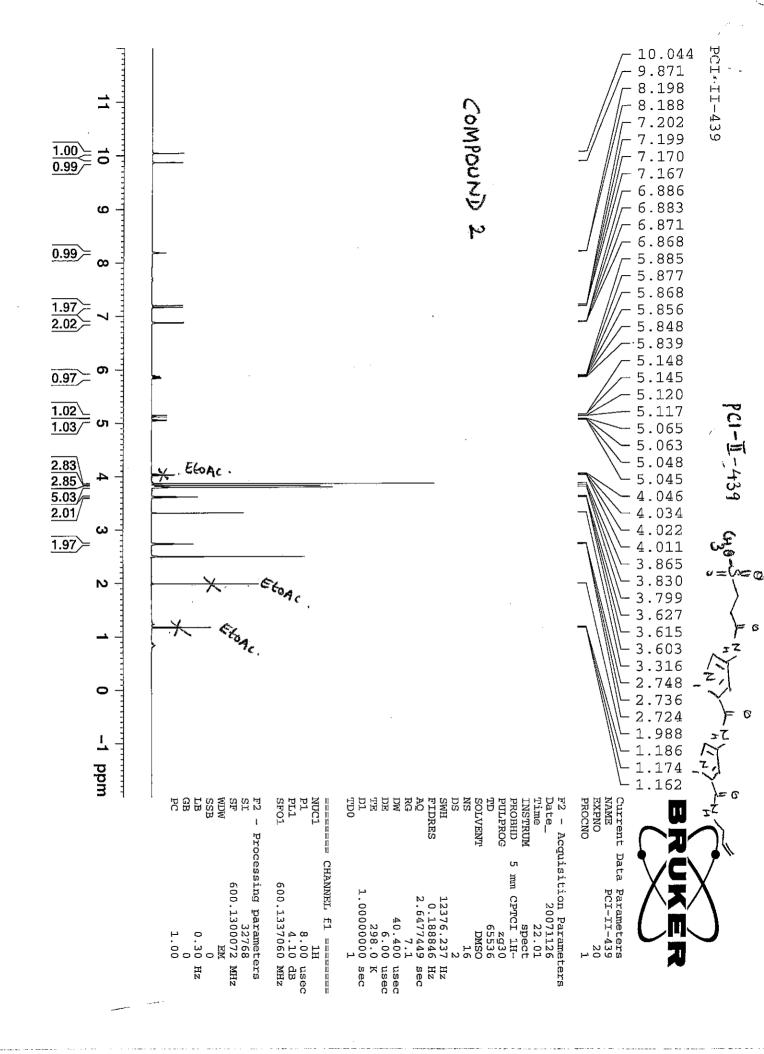


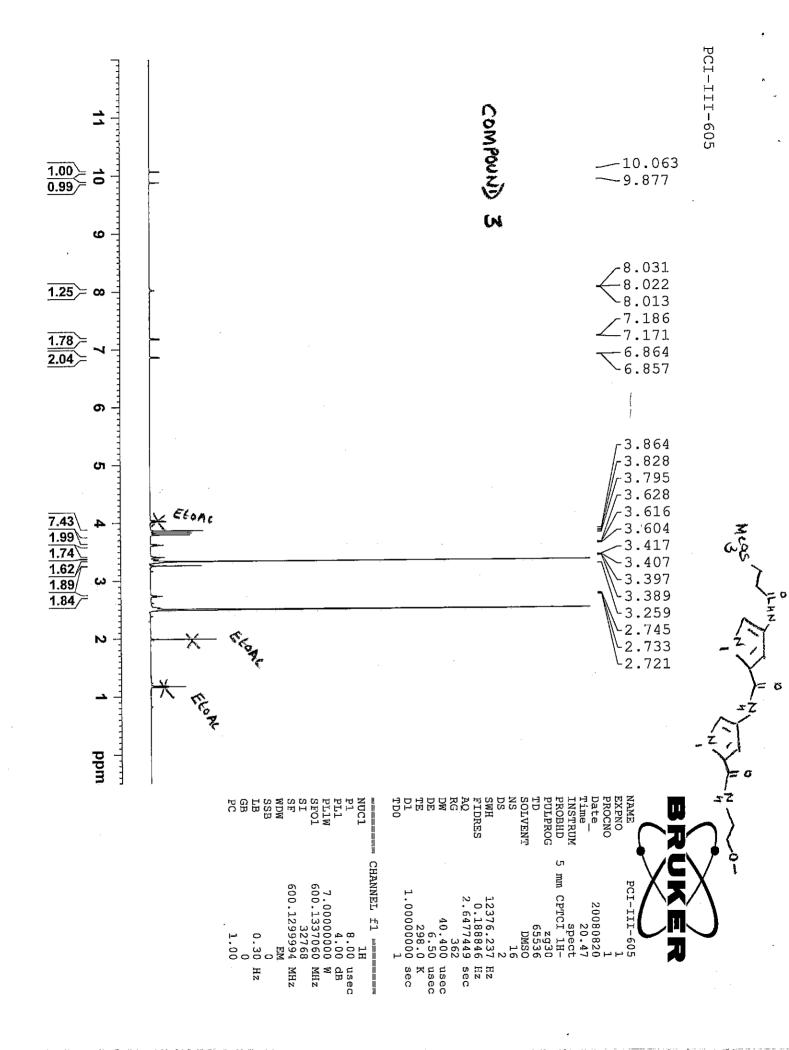
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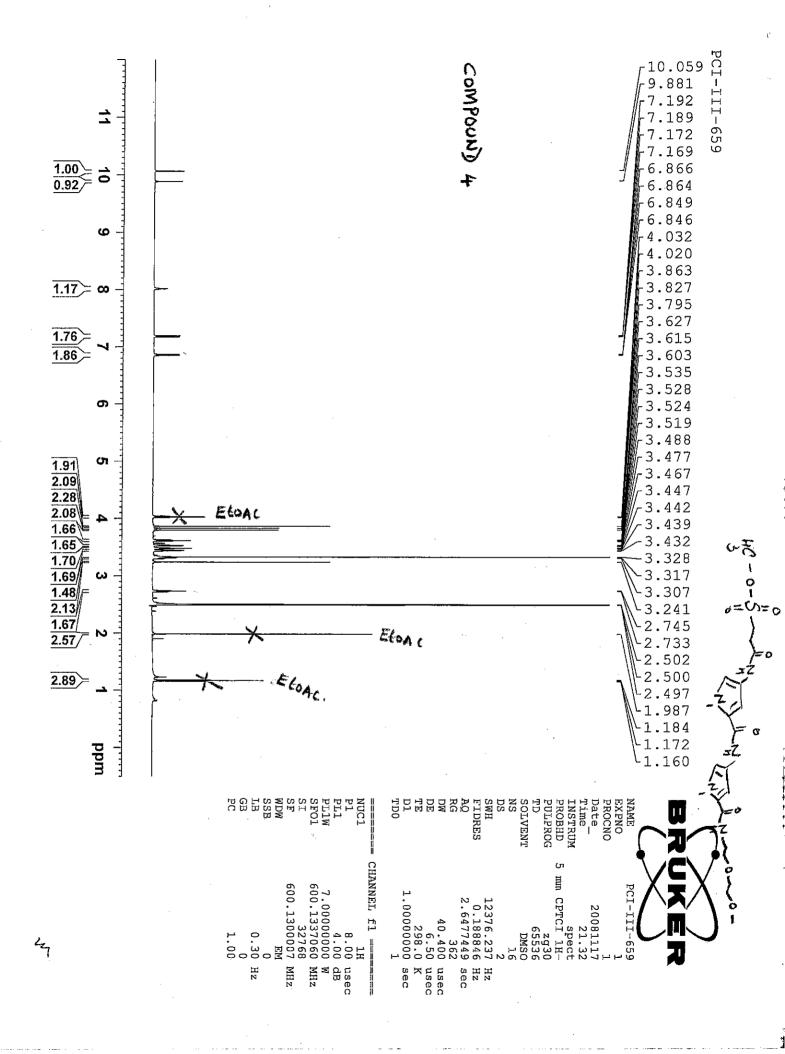


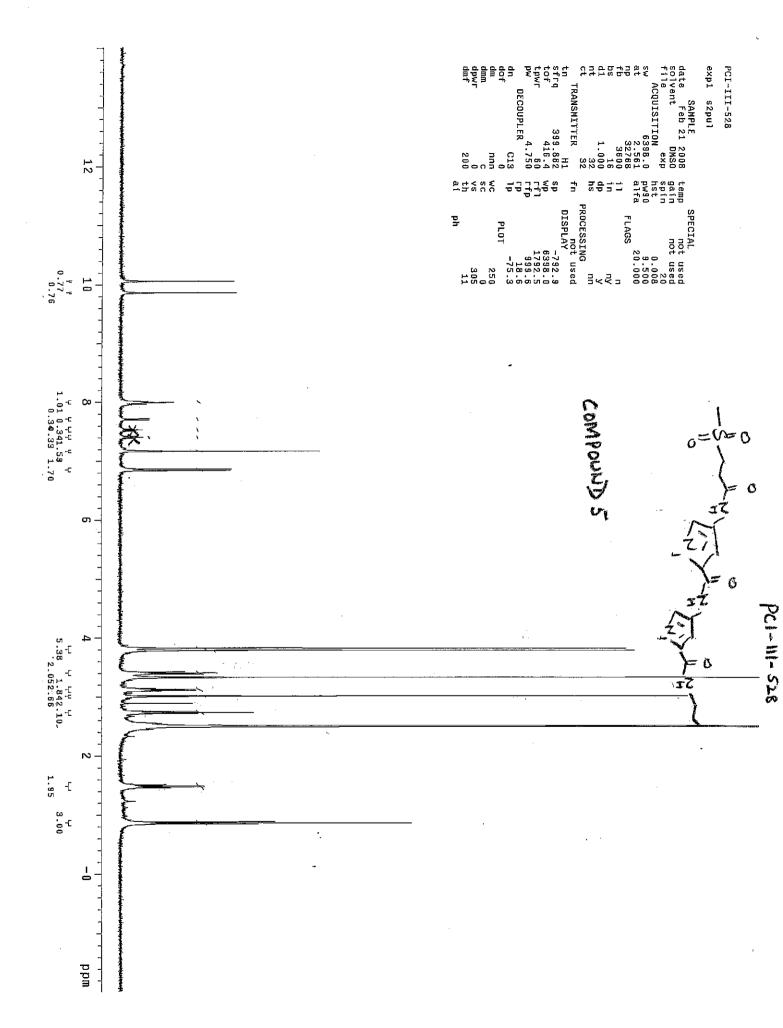
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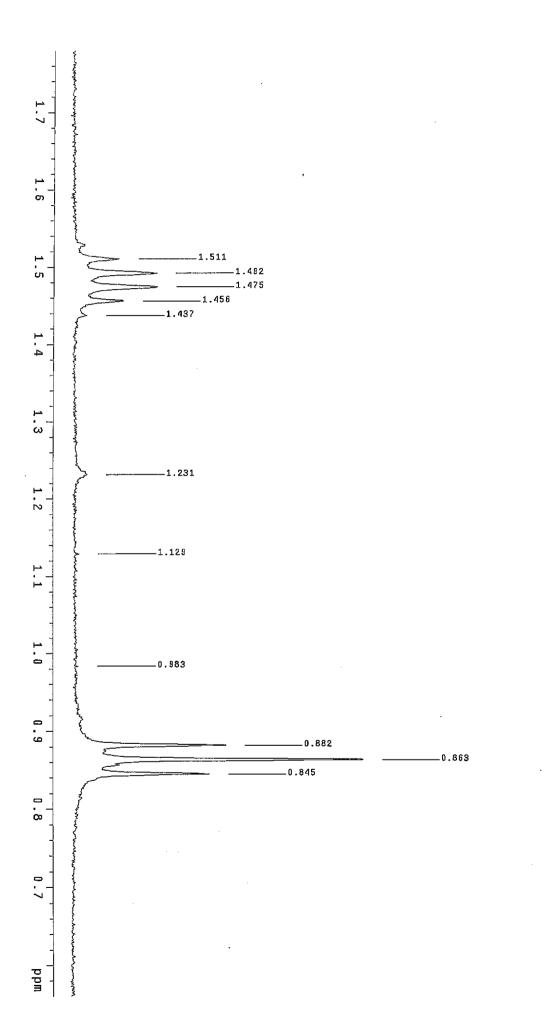
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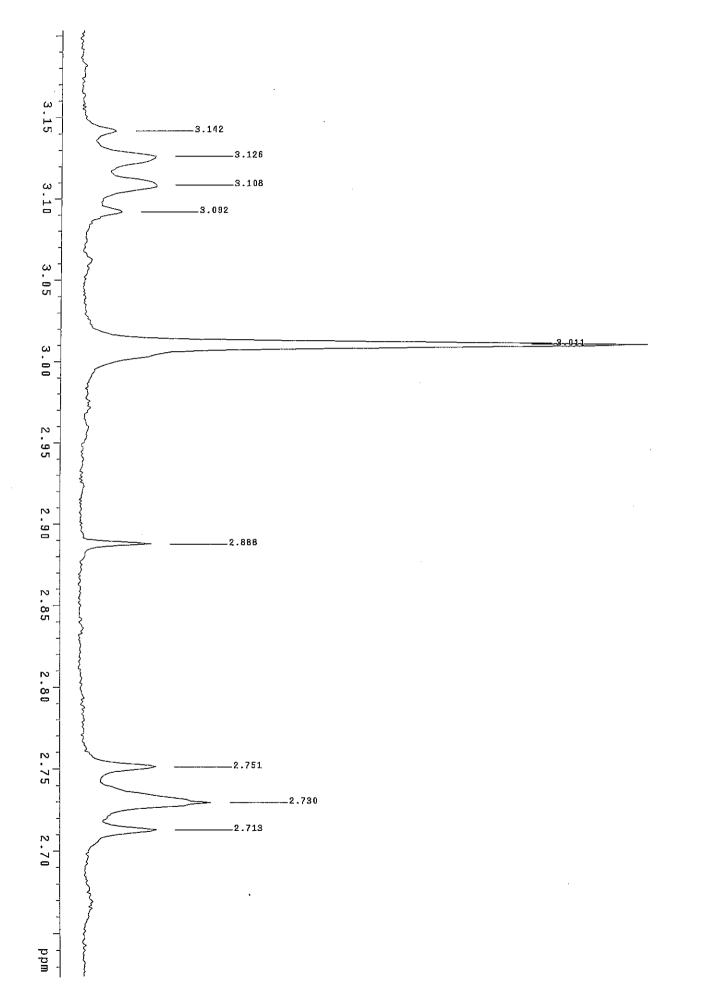


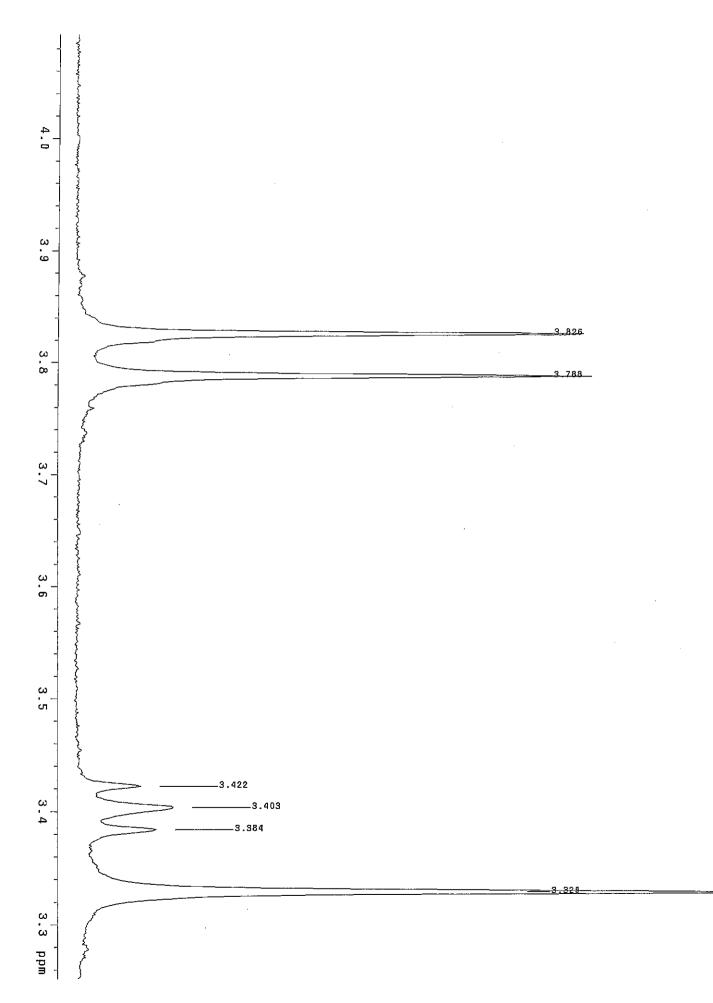


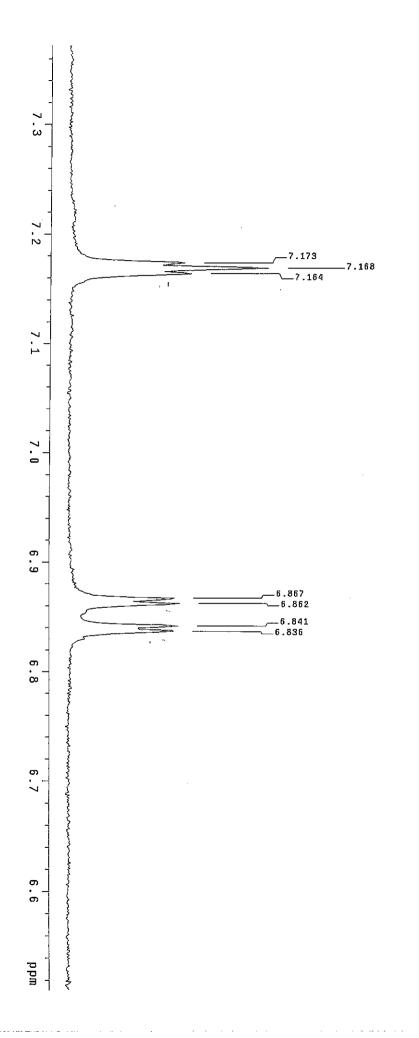




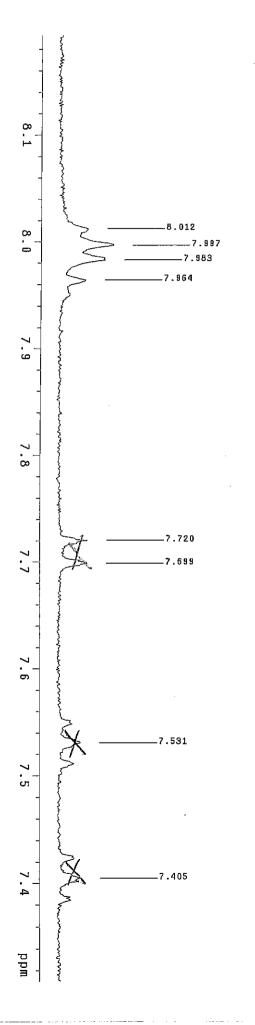




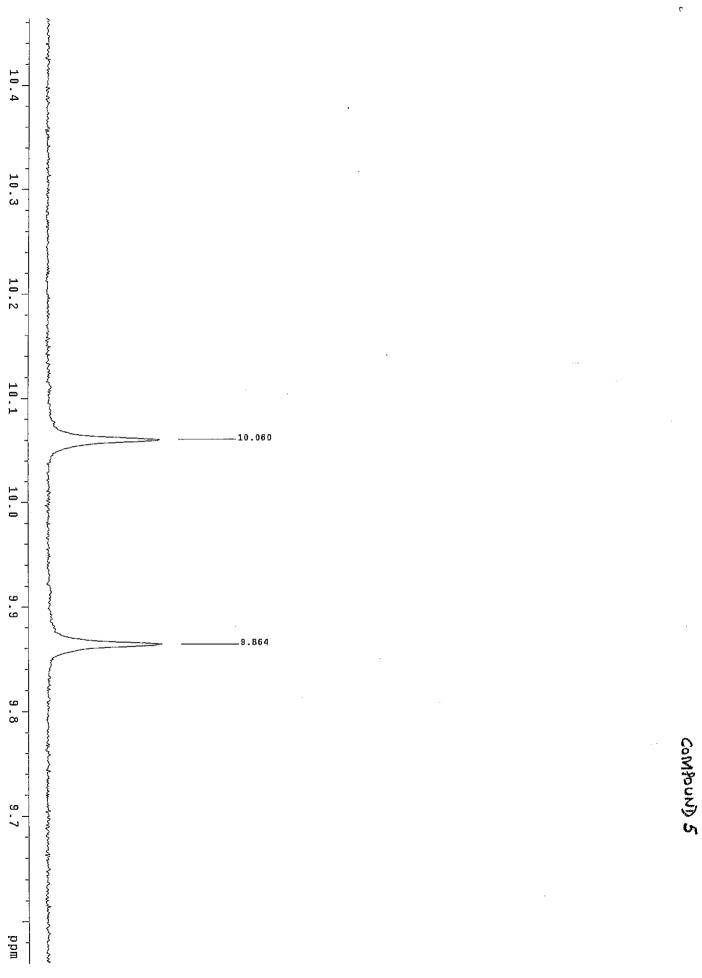


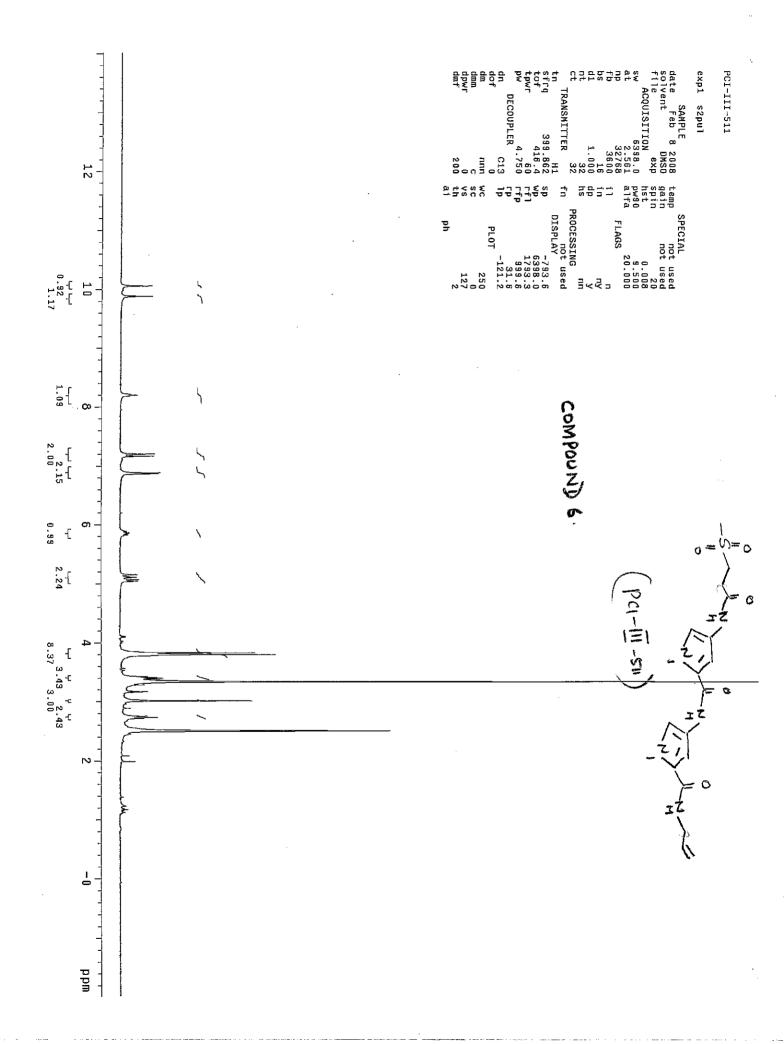


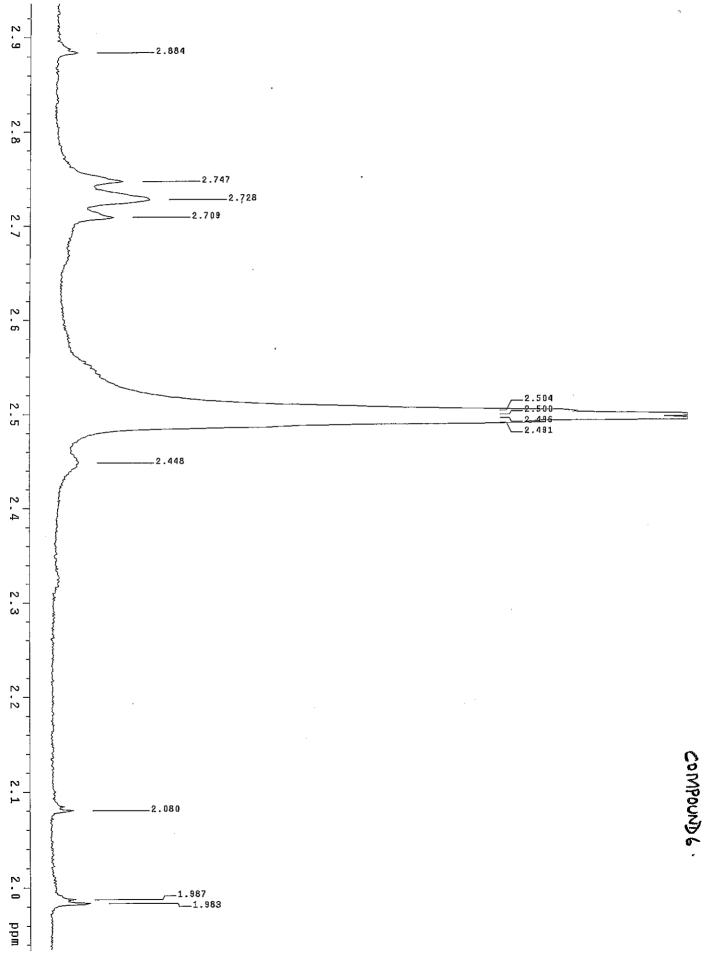
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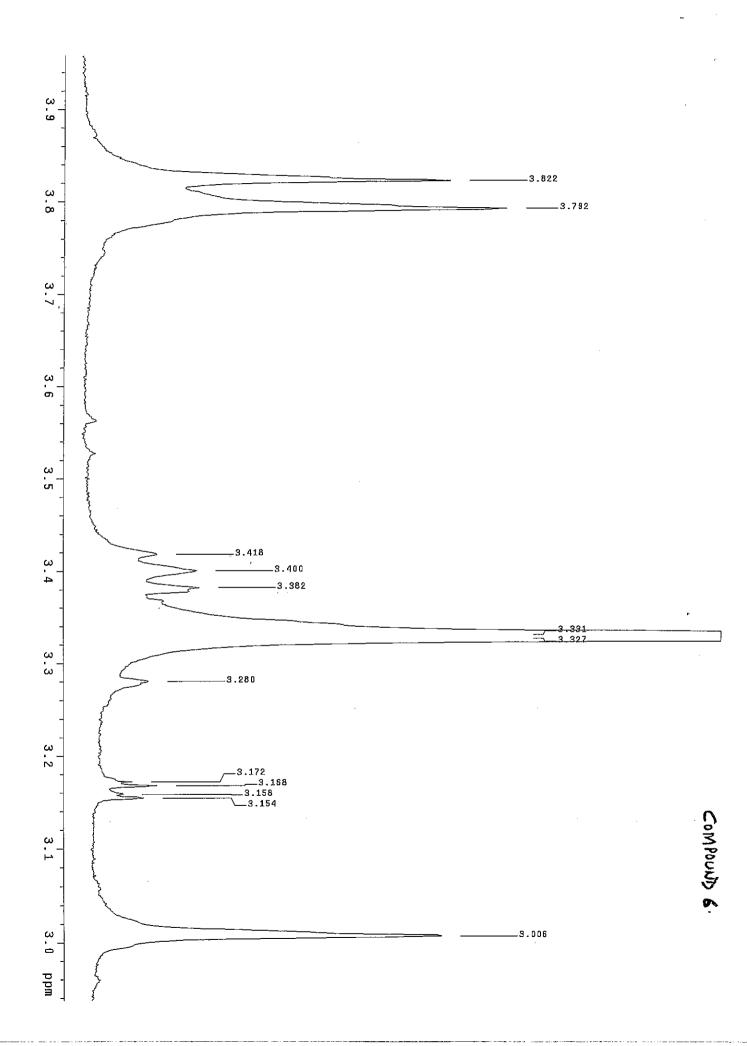


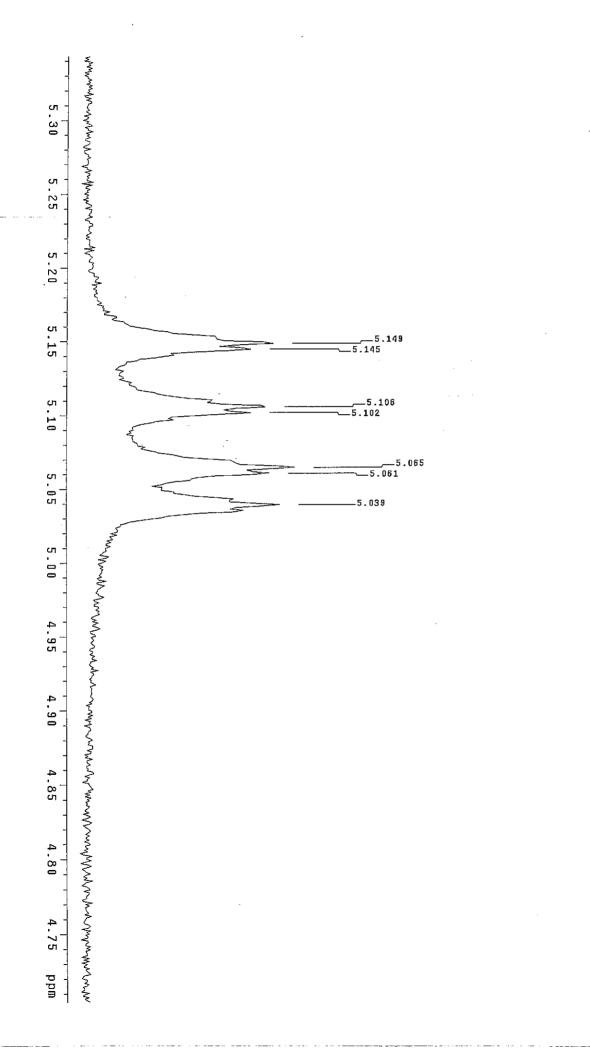


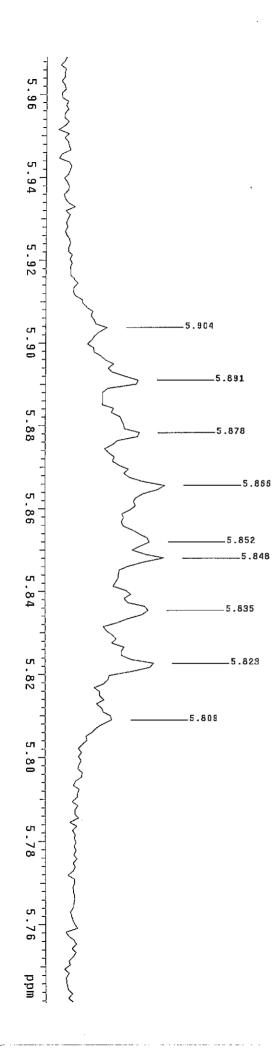




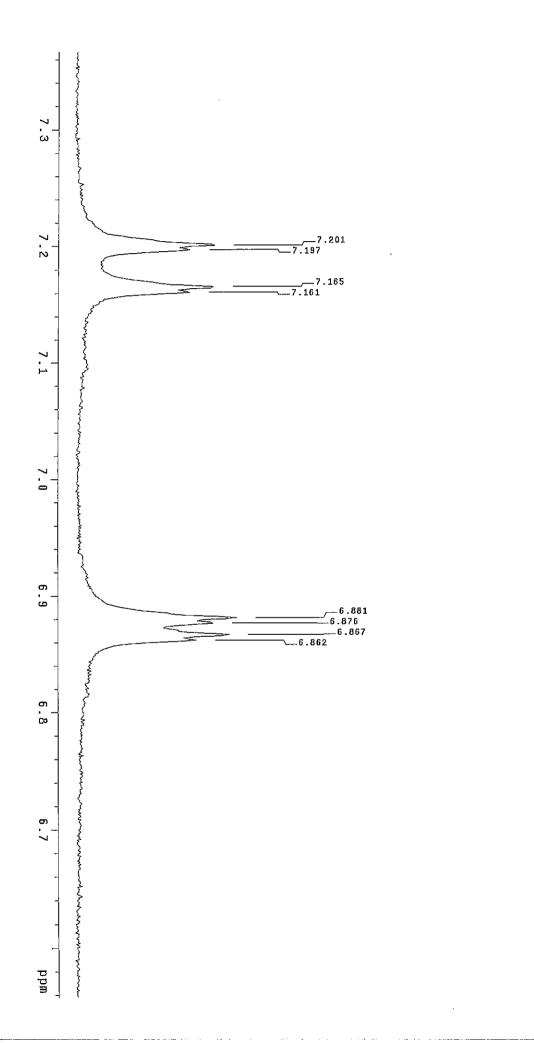


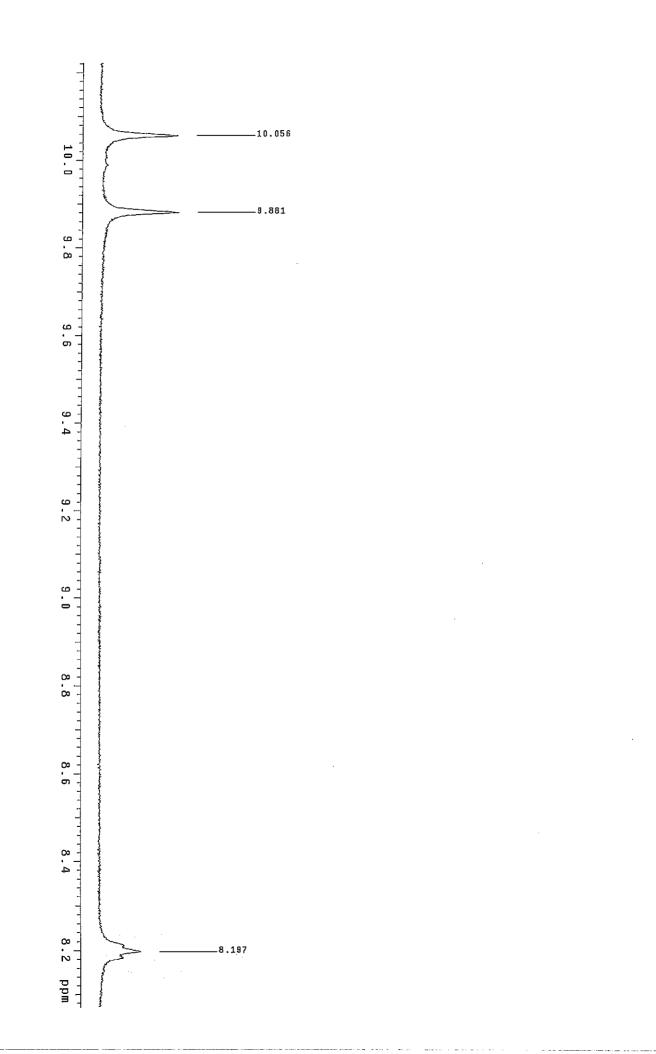


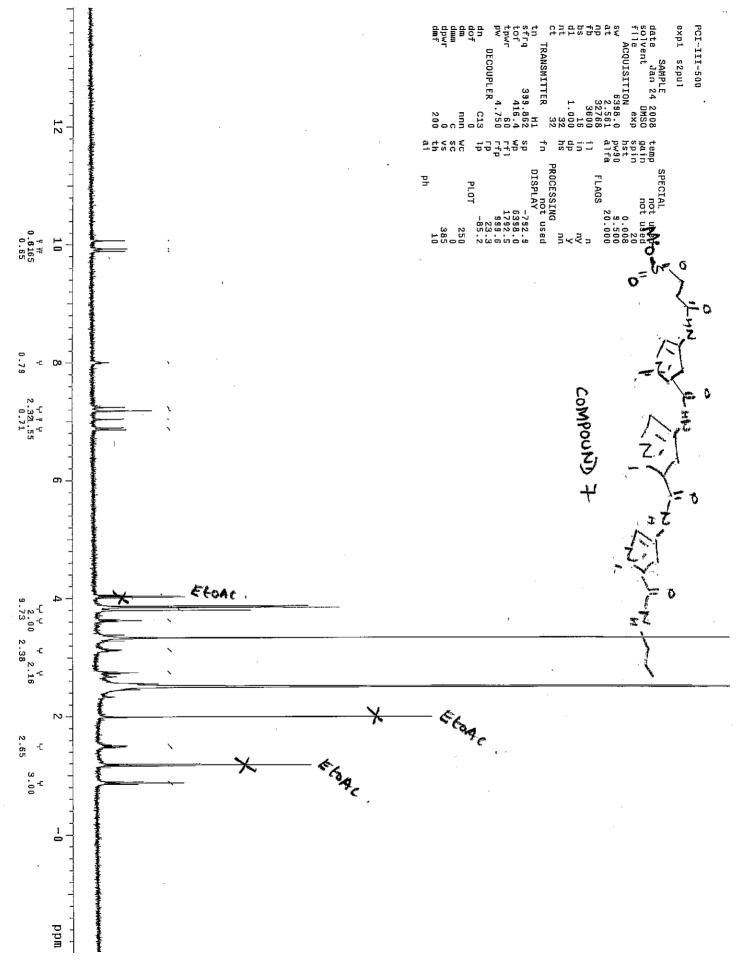




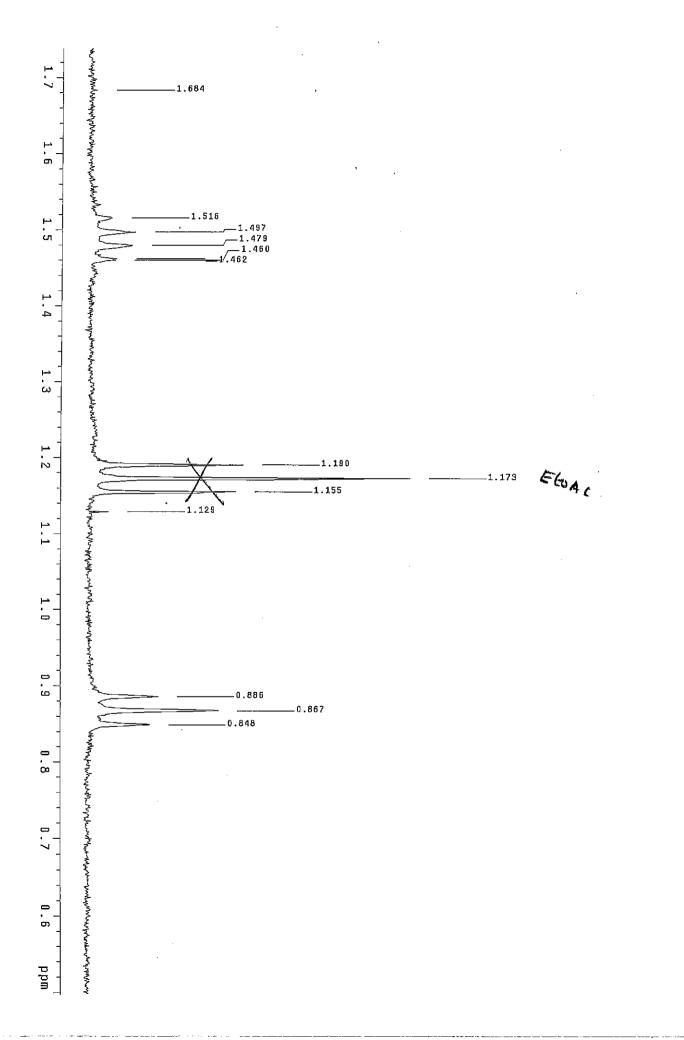
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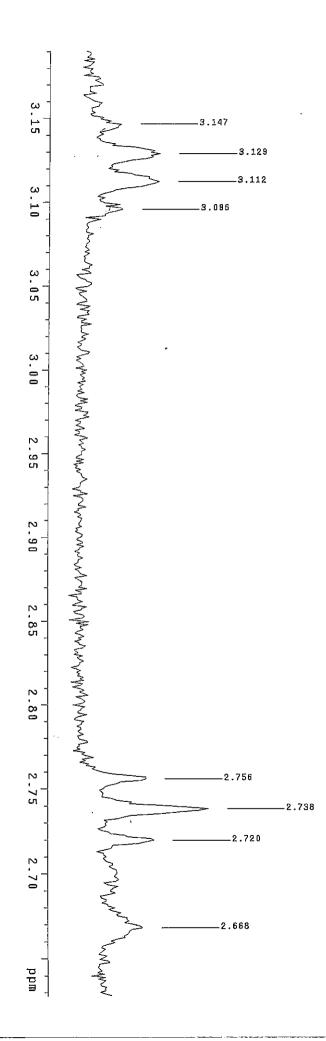


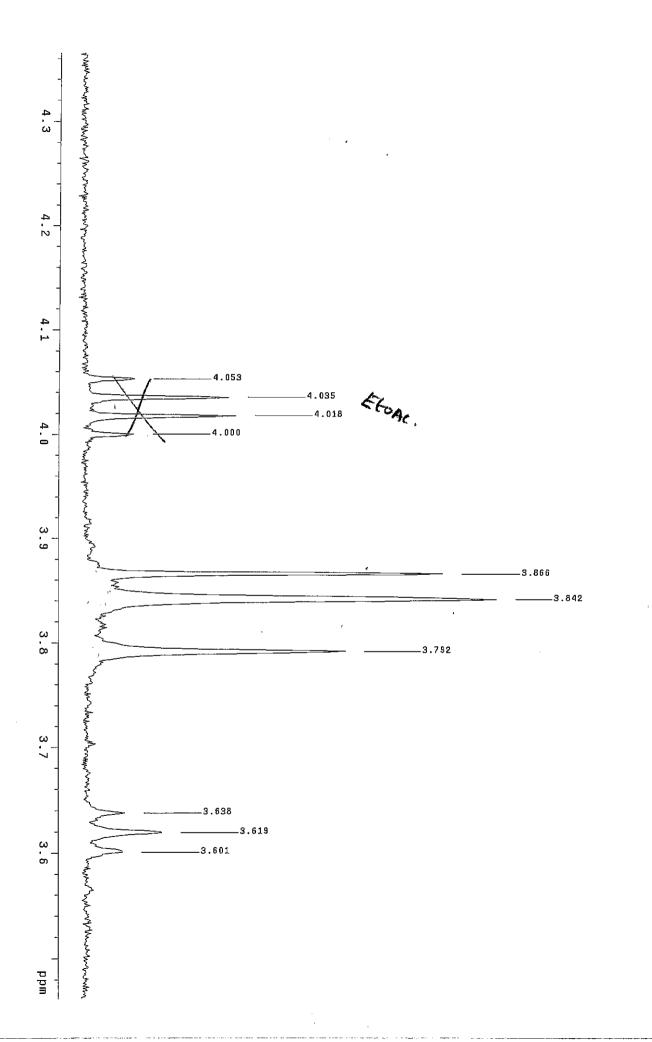


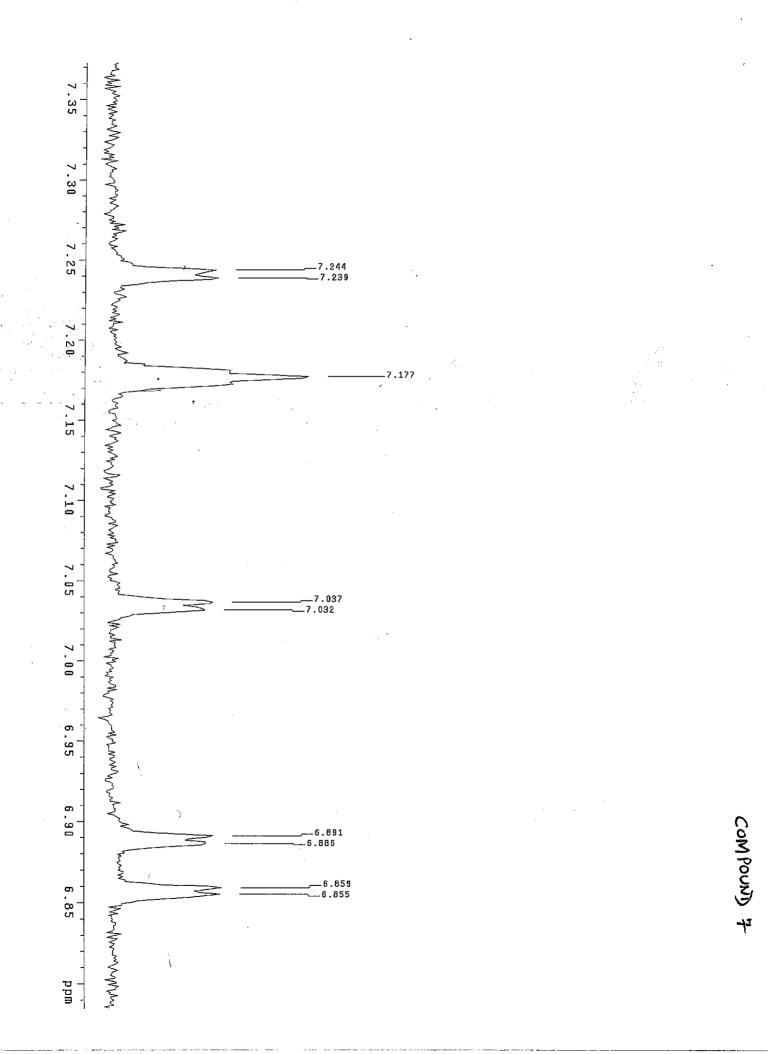


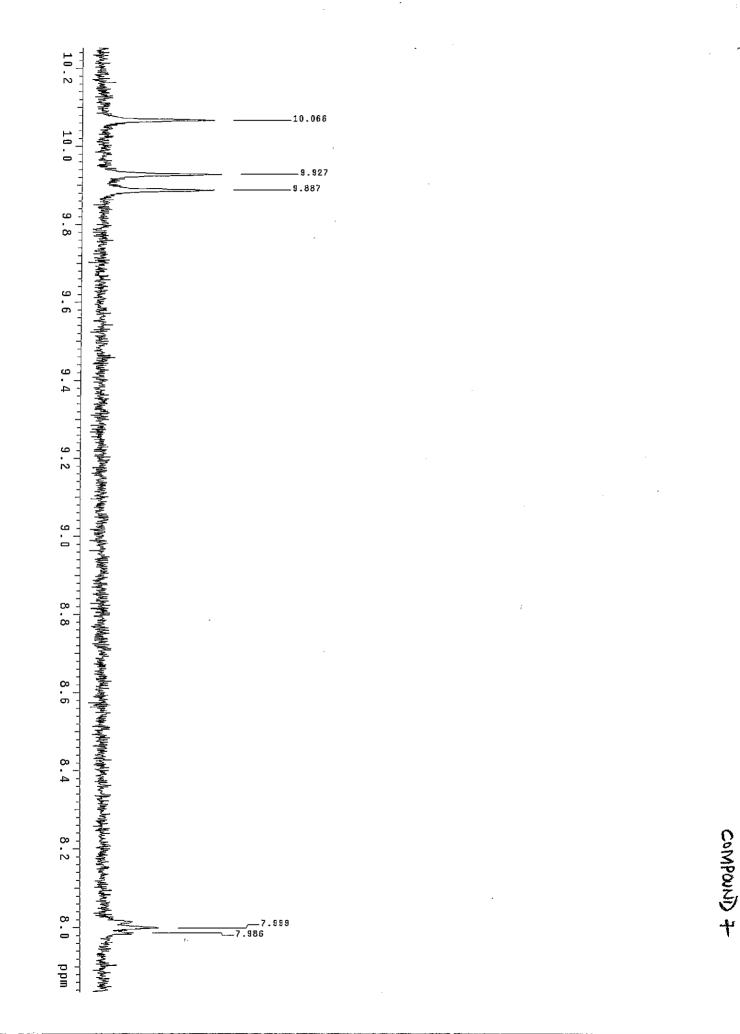
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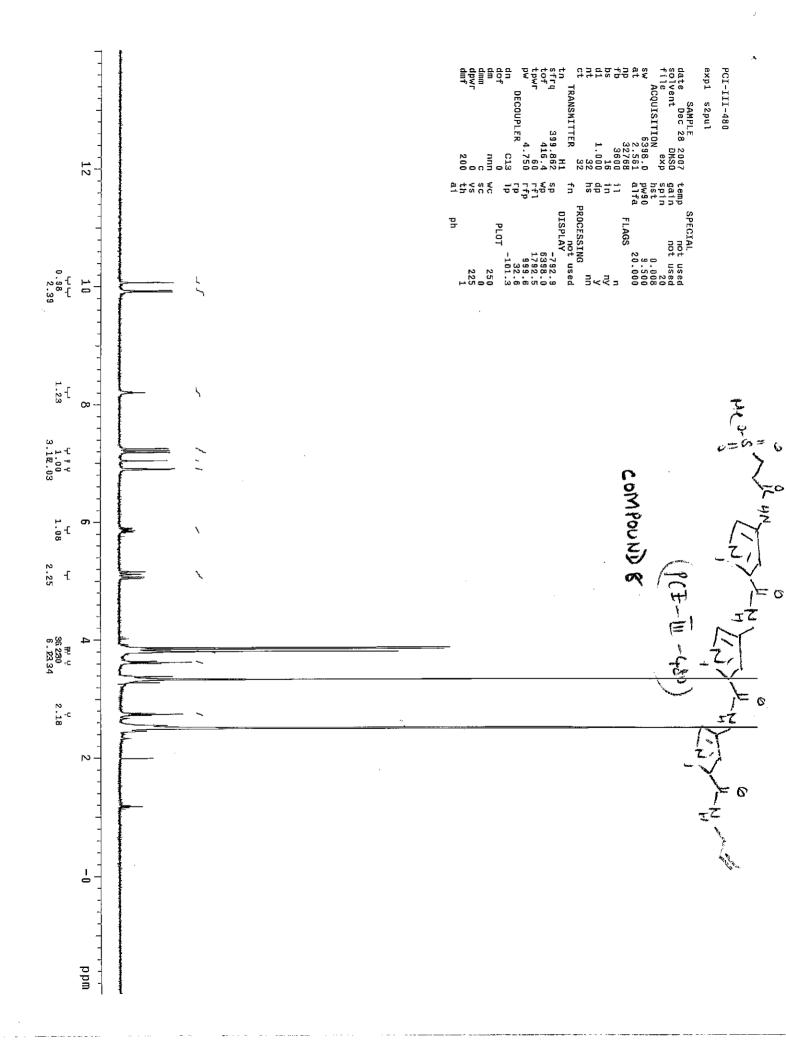


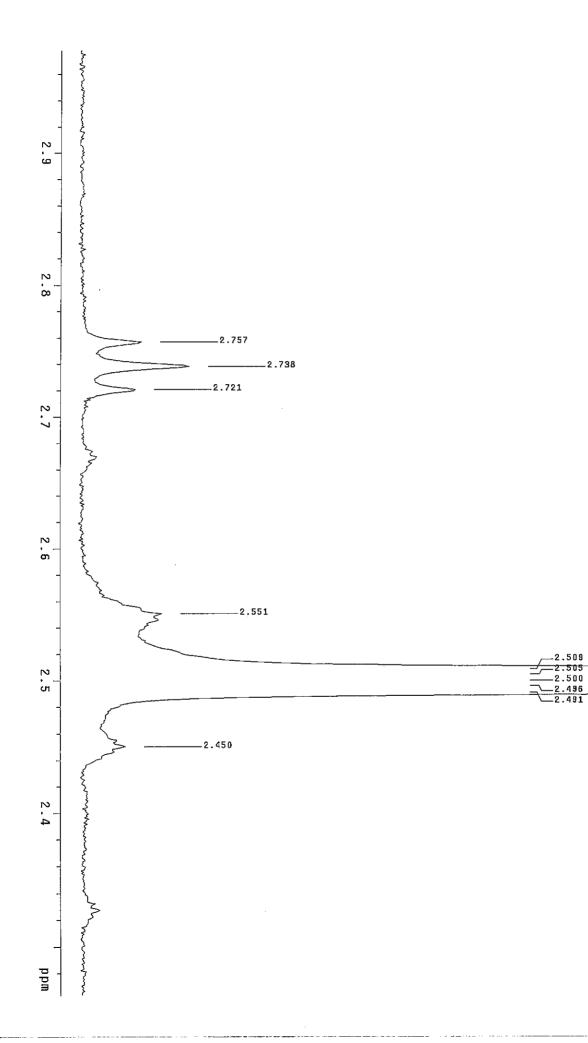


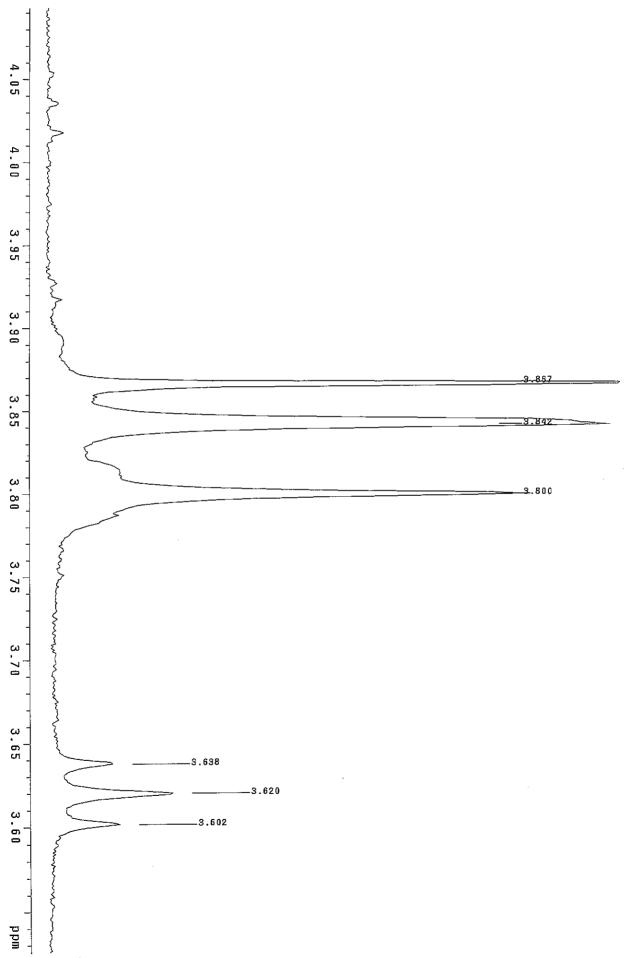


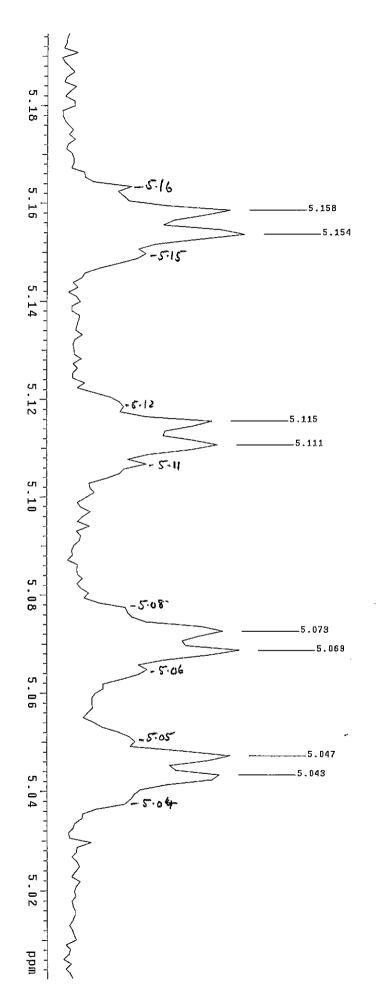








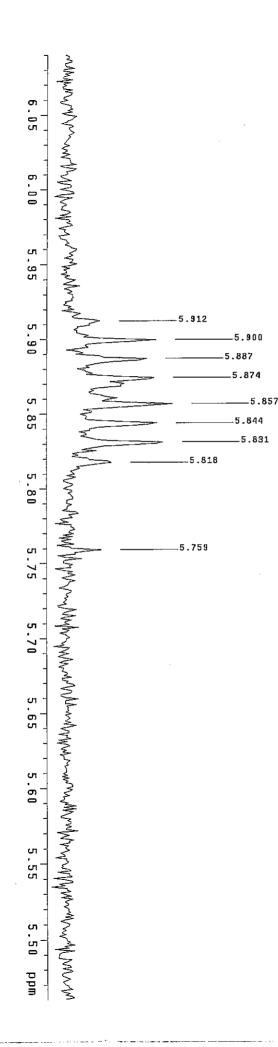




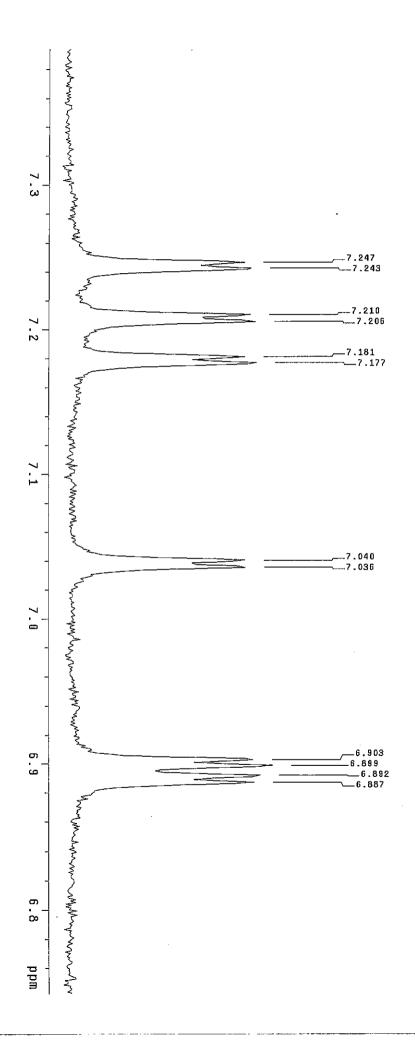
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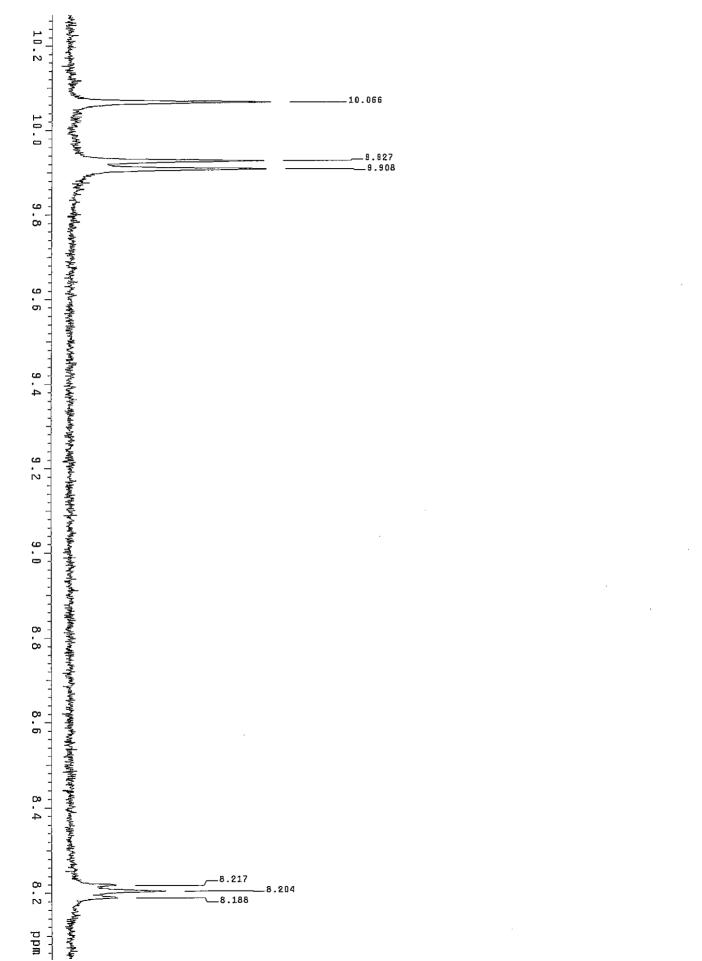
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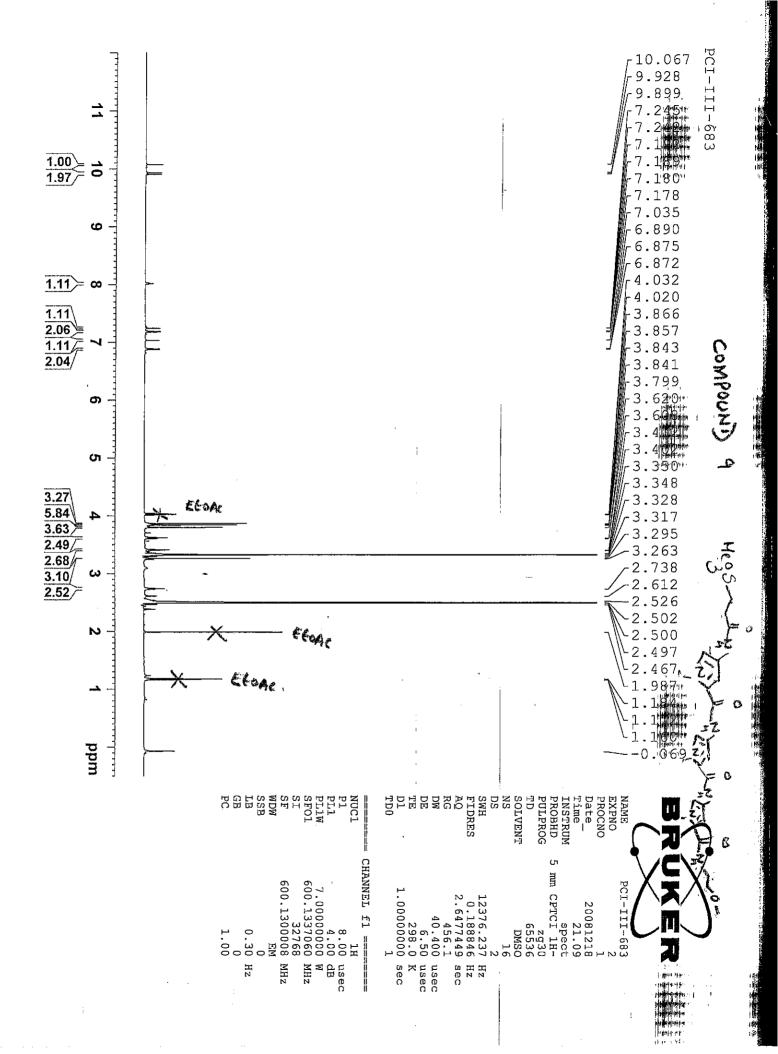
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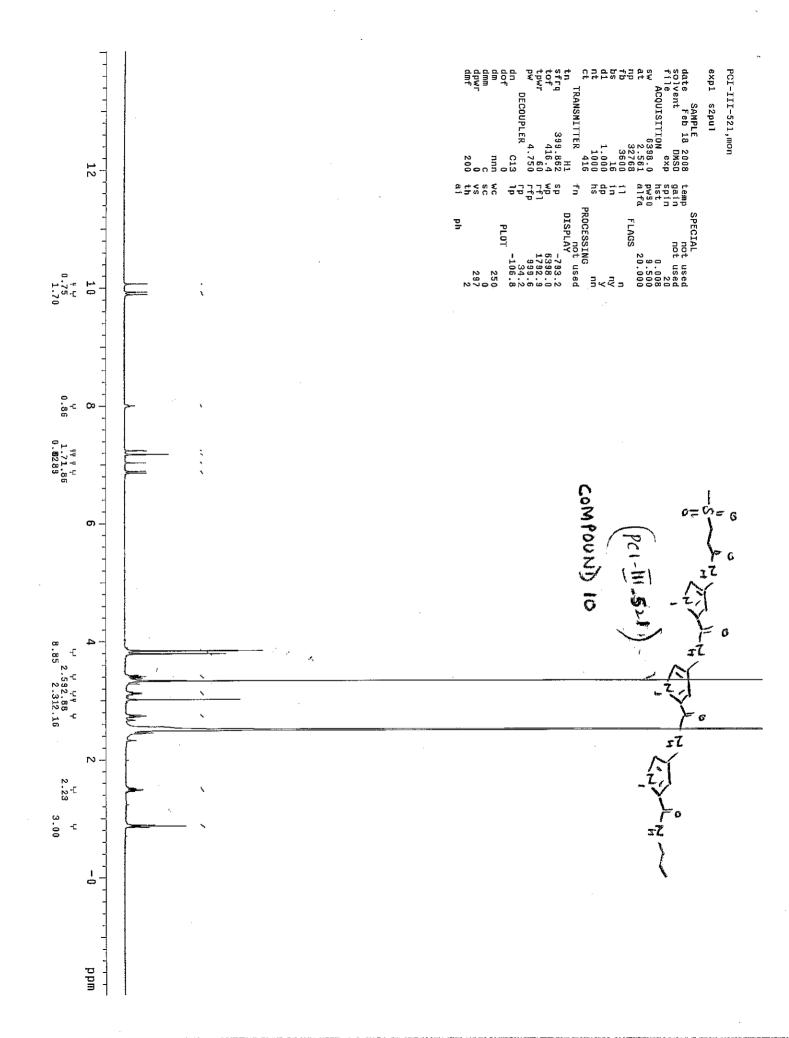


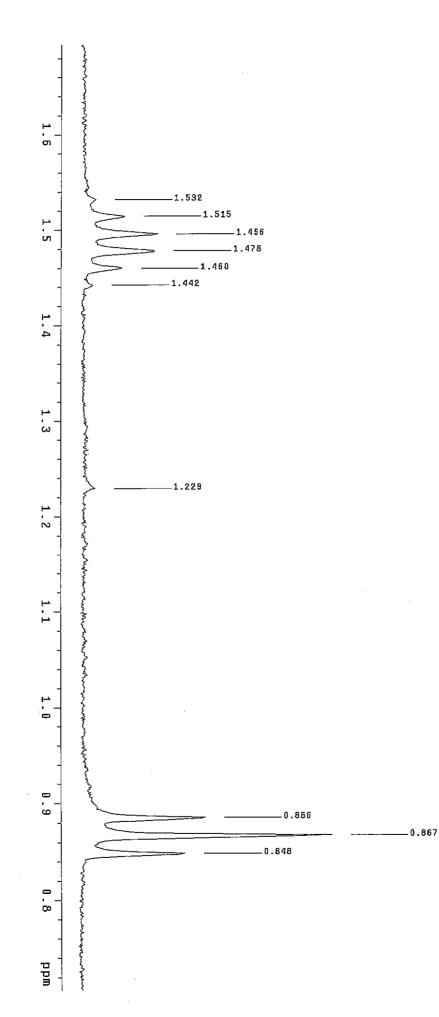
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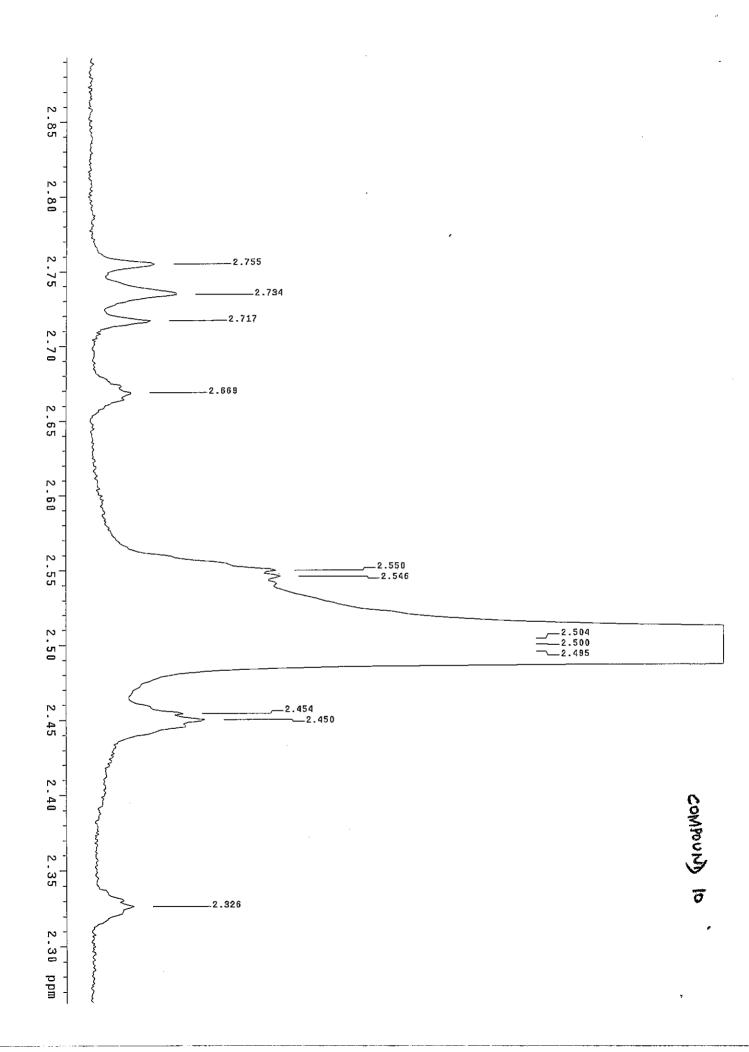


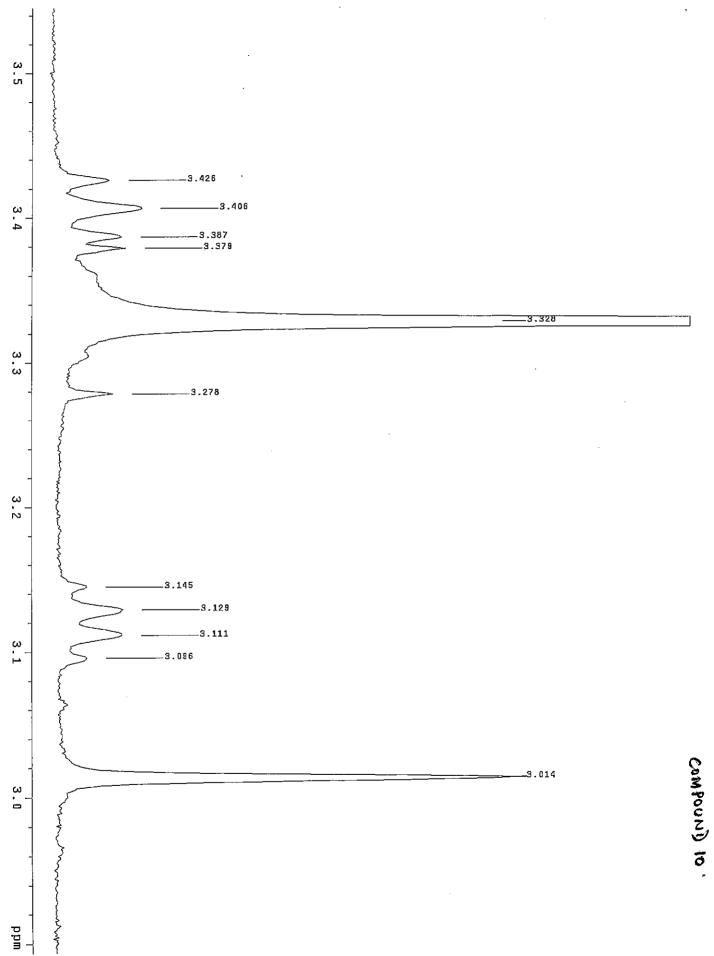
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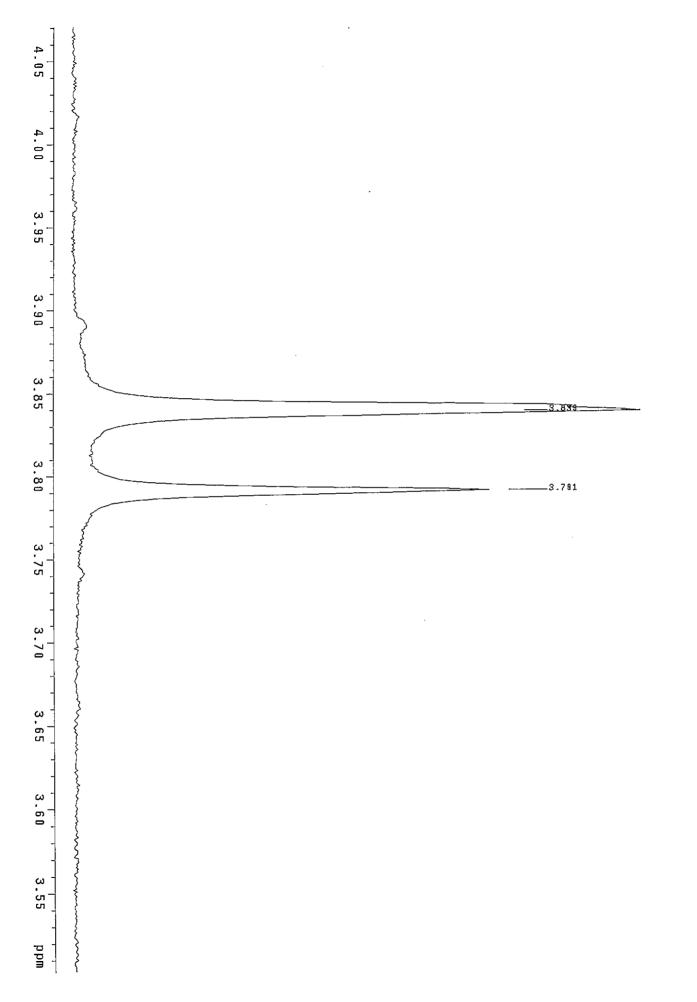


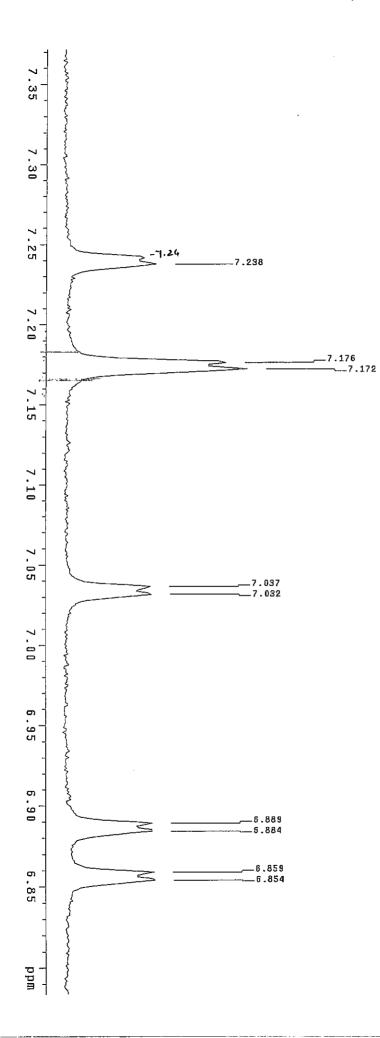


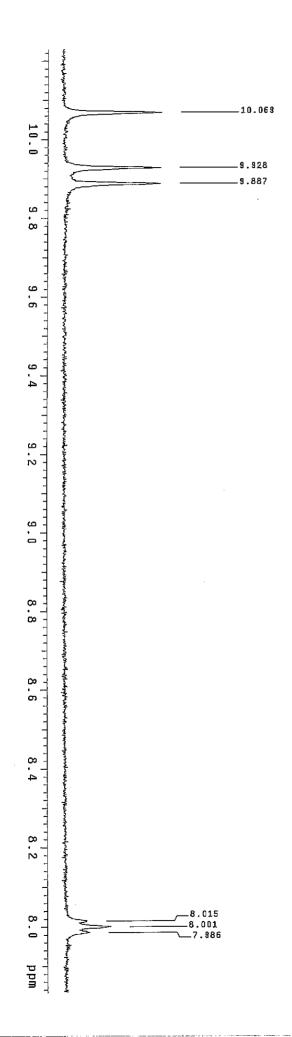




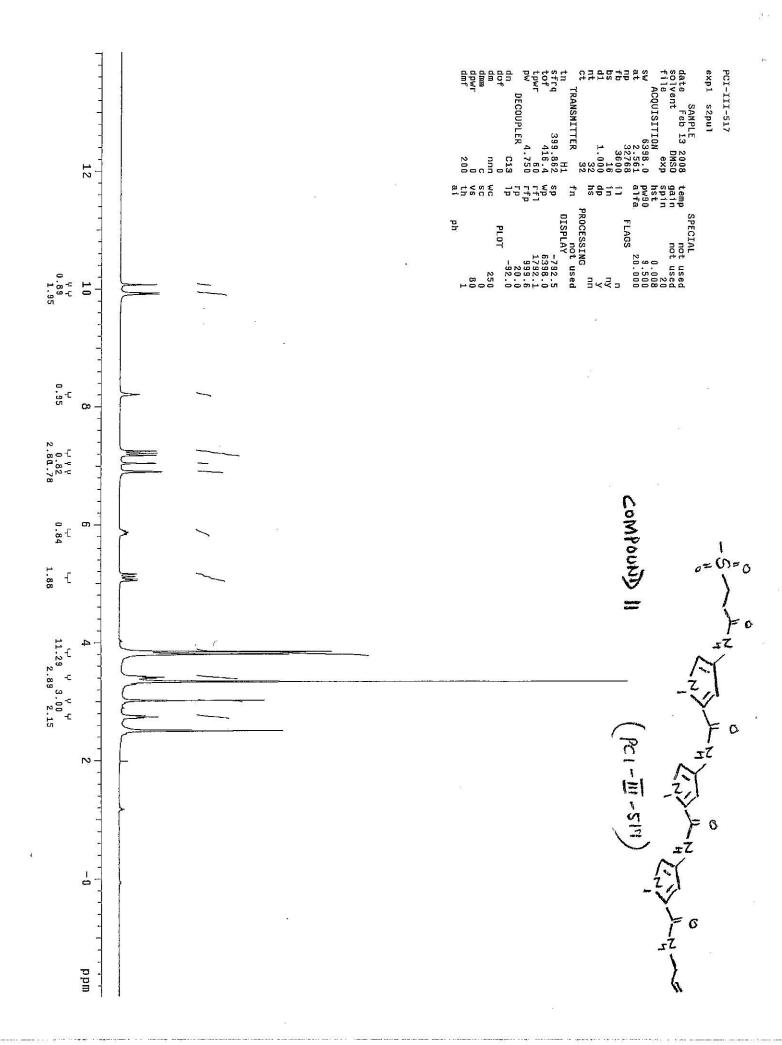


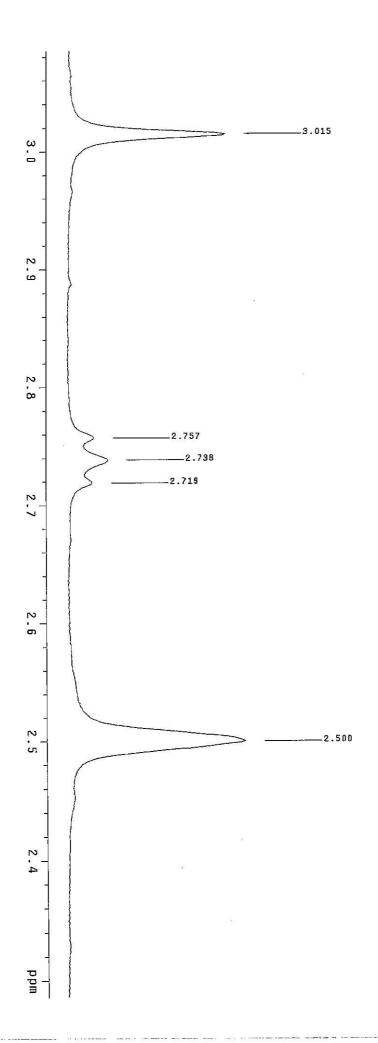


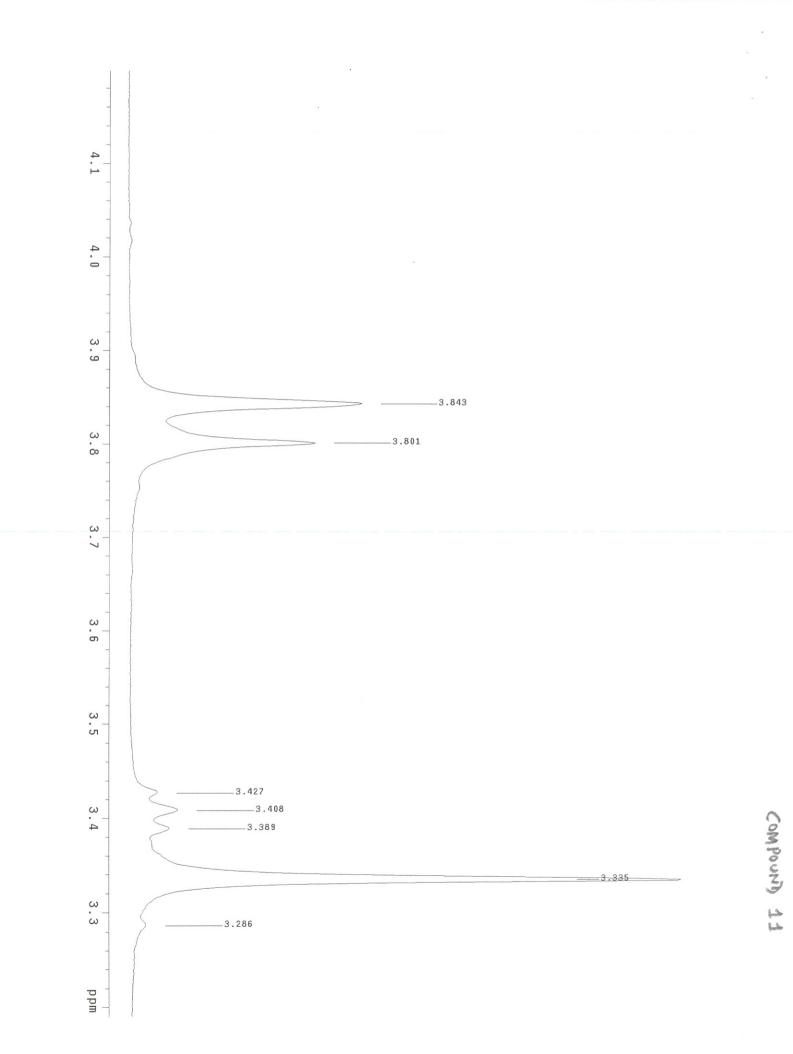


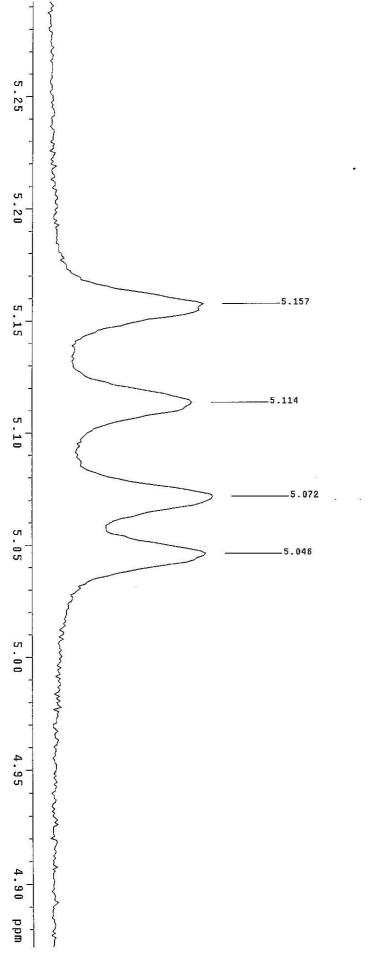


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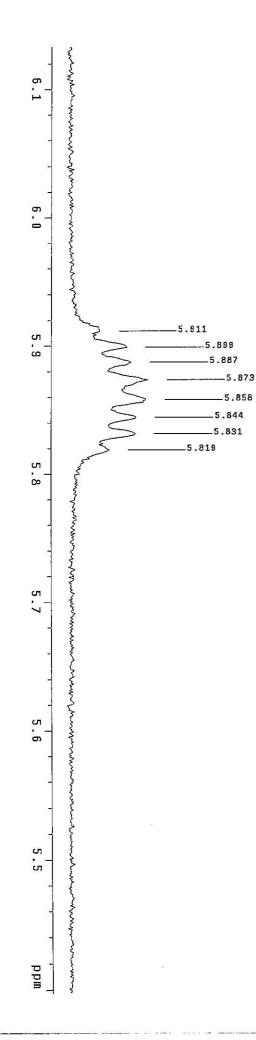


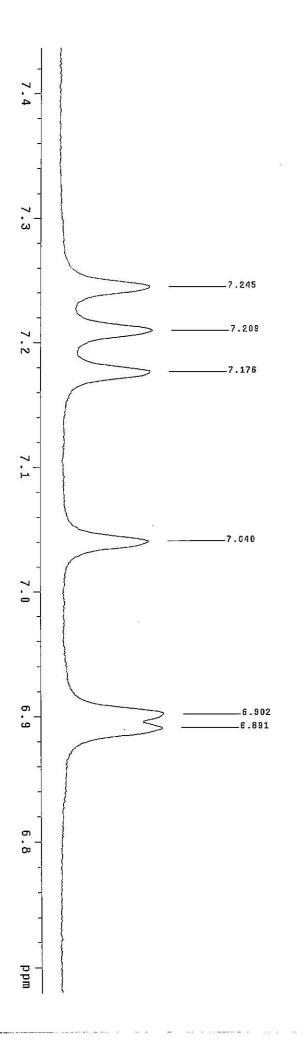


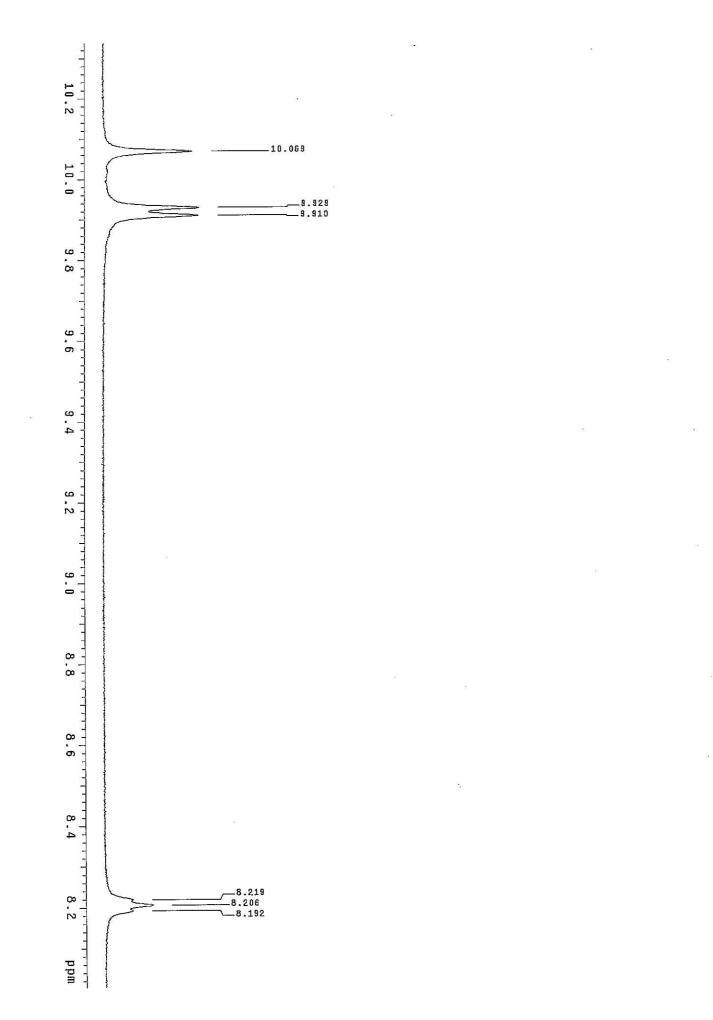


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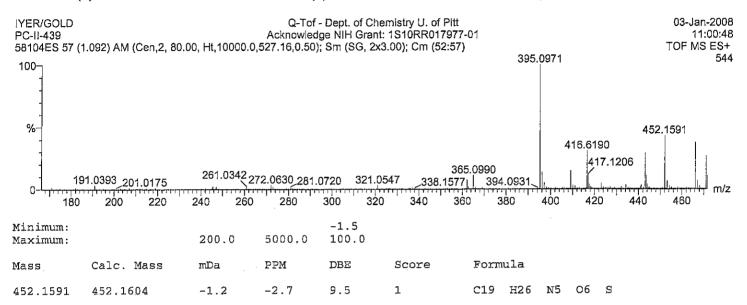
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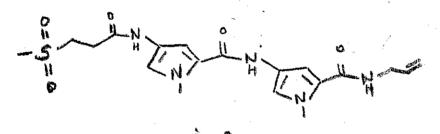
#### Single Mass Analysis

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Isotope cluster parameters: Separation = 1.0 Abundance = 1.0%	(PCI- II- 439)

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

82 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)





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#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 20.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 100.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 330 formula(e) evaluated with 5 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-24 H: 0-35 N: 0-6 O: 0-10 23Na: 0-1 S: 0-1 IYER PCI-III-659 GOLD 62589ES 187 (3.525) AM (Cen,5, 80.00, Ar,5000.0,527.16,0.00); Sm (Mn, 2x3.00)

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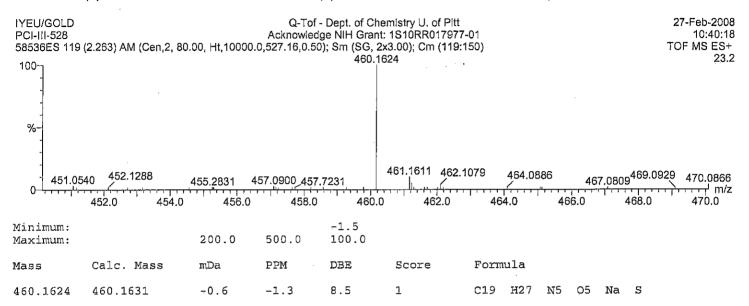
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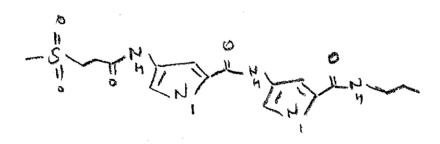
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron lons 141 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)



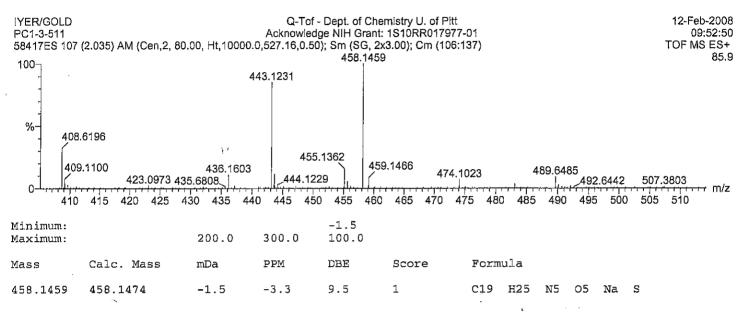


# Single Mass Analysis

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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

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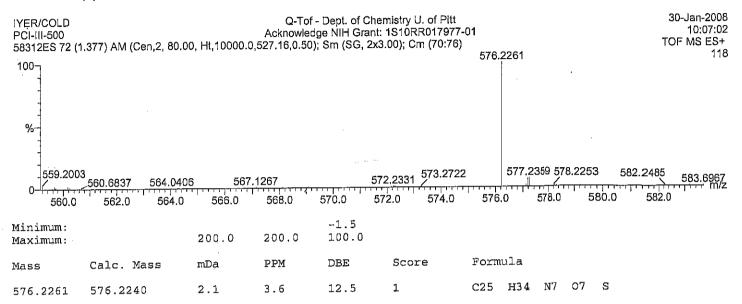
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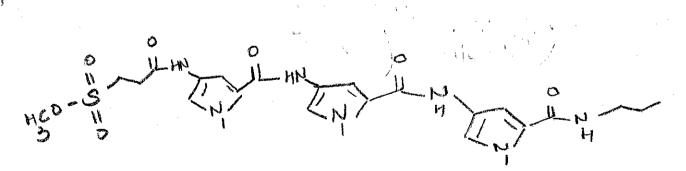
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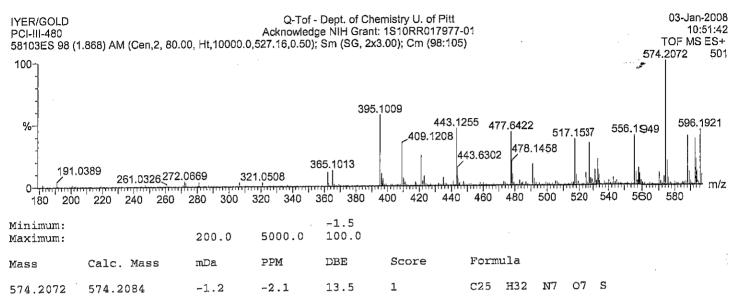
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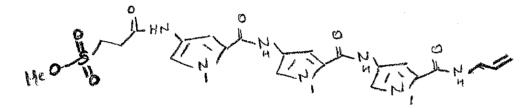
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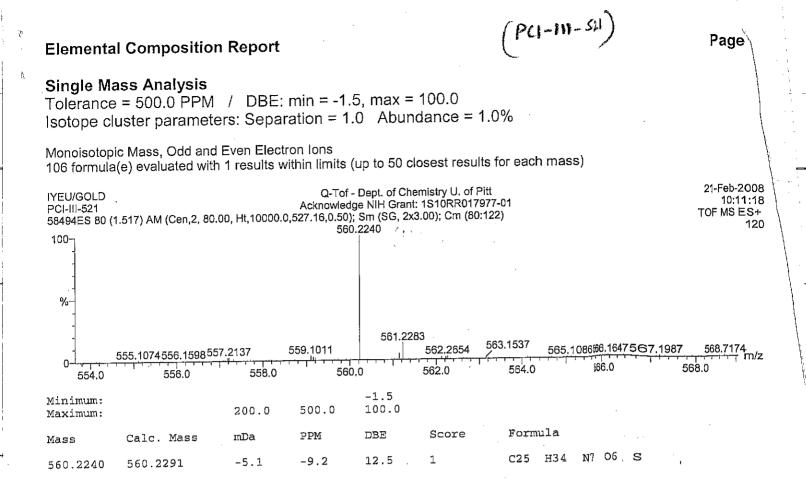


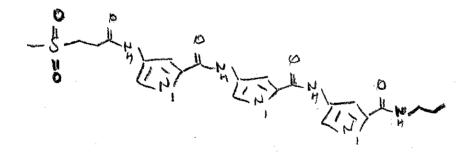
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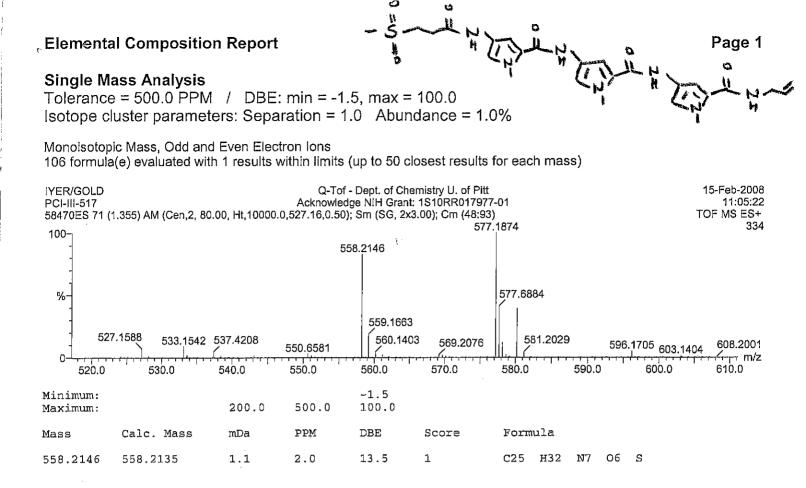
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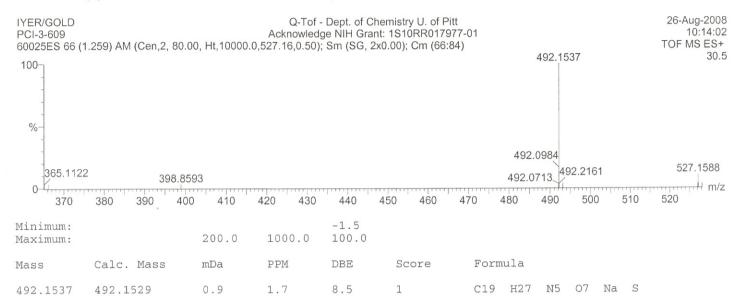
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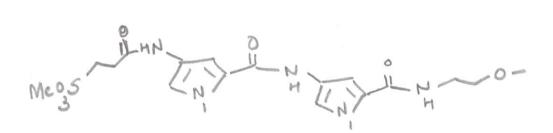
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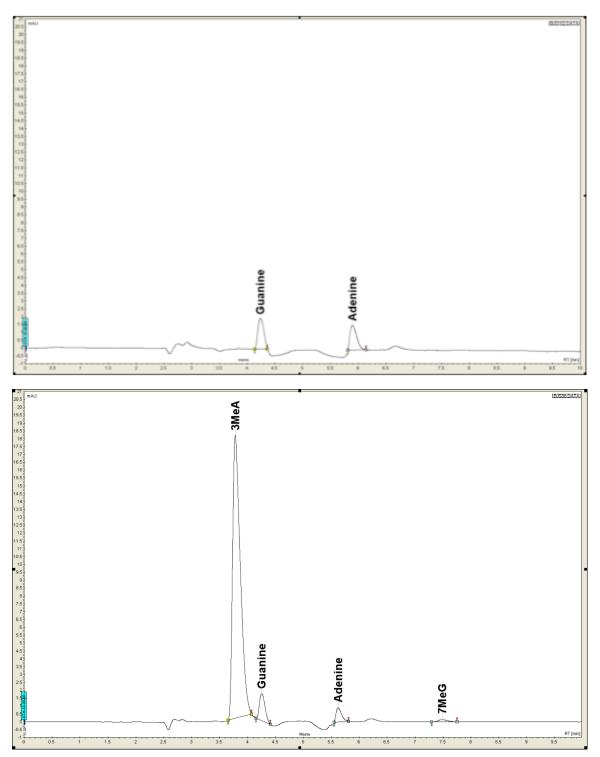
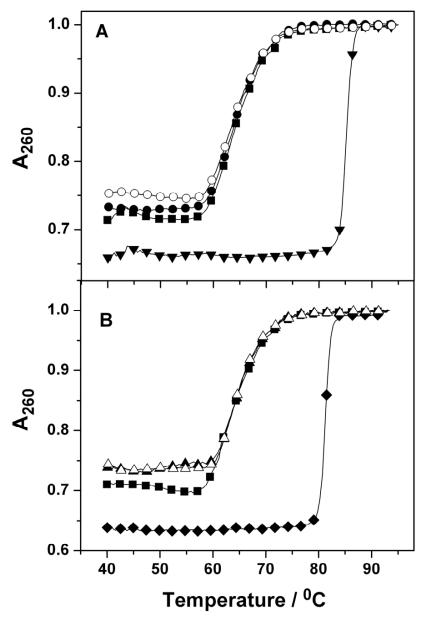
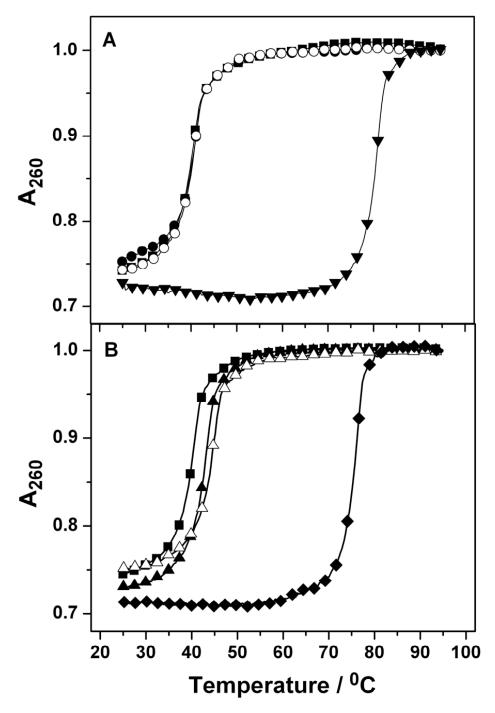


Figure S1. HPLC trace of untreated calf thymus DNA (top) and DNA treated with compound 7.



**Figure S2.** UV melting curves of calf thymus DNA (~ 76  $\mu$ M) in the absence (**■**) and presence of 1:1 complex of (**A**) compound **5** (**●**), compound **6** (o) and netropsin (**▼**) and (**B**) compound **10** (**▲**), compound **11** ( $\Delta$ ) and distamycin (**♦**) in 10% ethanol-phosphate buffer, pH 7 at 260 nm.



**Figure S3.** UV melting curves of poly-d(A-T)  $\cdot$  poly-d(A-T)  $\sim$  76  $\mu$ M, in the absence (**■**) and presence of 1:1 complex of (**A**) compound 1 (**•**), compound 2 (o) and netropsin (**▼**) and (**B**) compound 3 (**▲**), compound 4 ( $\Delta$ ) and distamycin (**◆**) in 10% EtOH-phosphate buffer, pH 7 at 260 nm.