

# Click dimers to target HIV TAR RNA conformation

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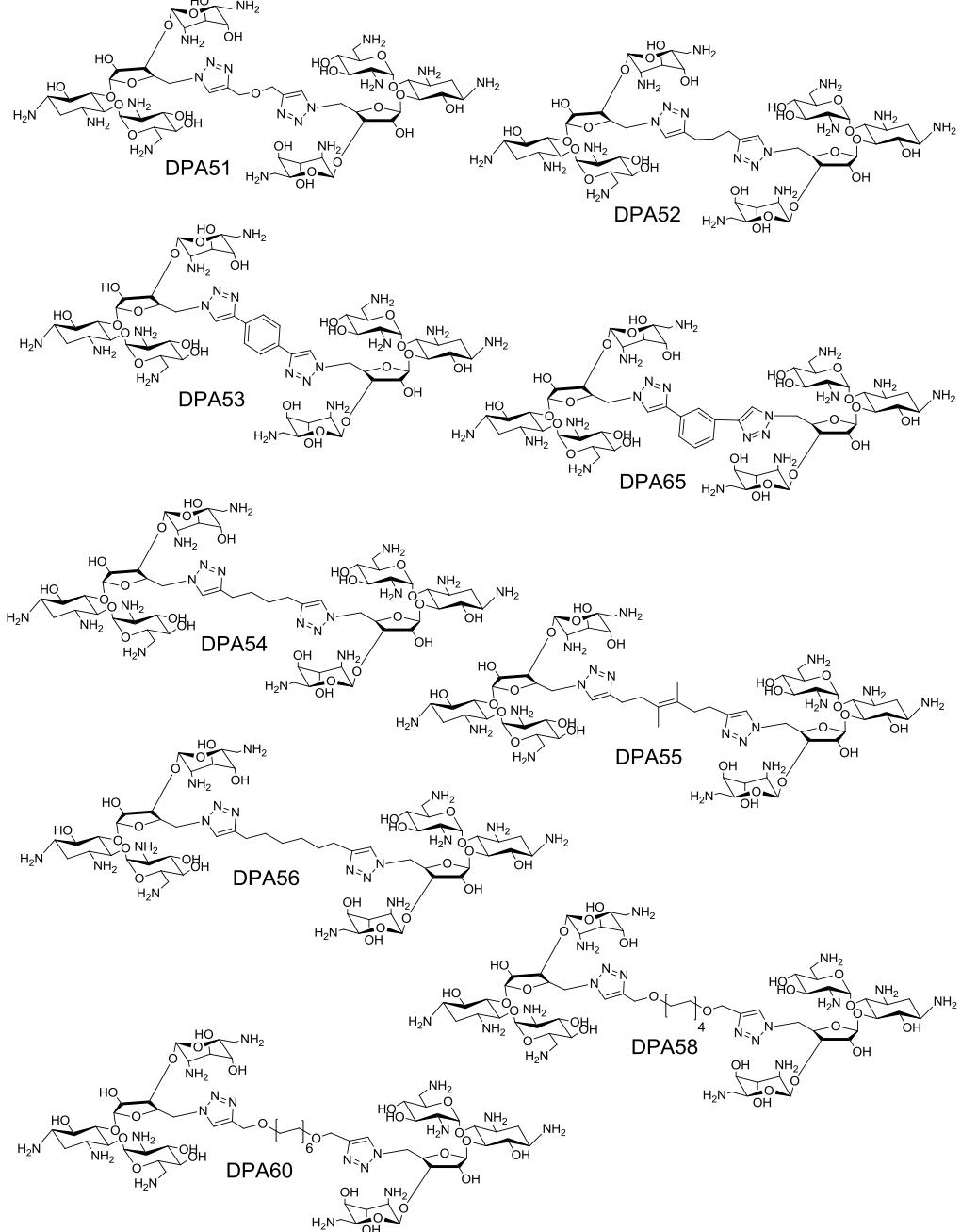
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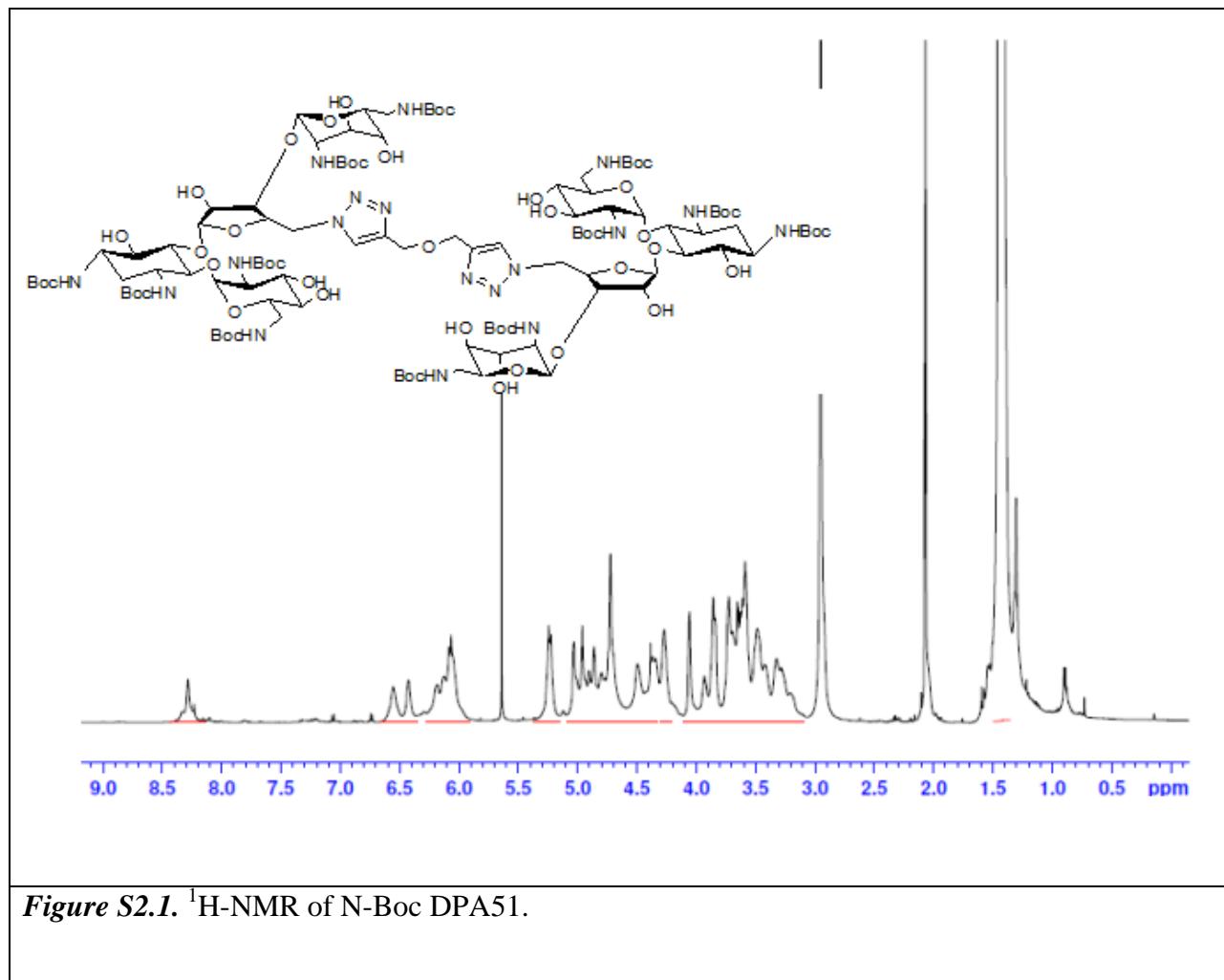
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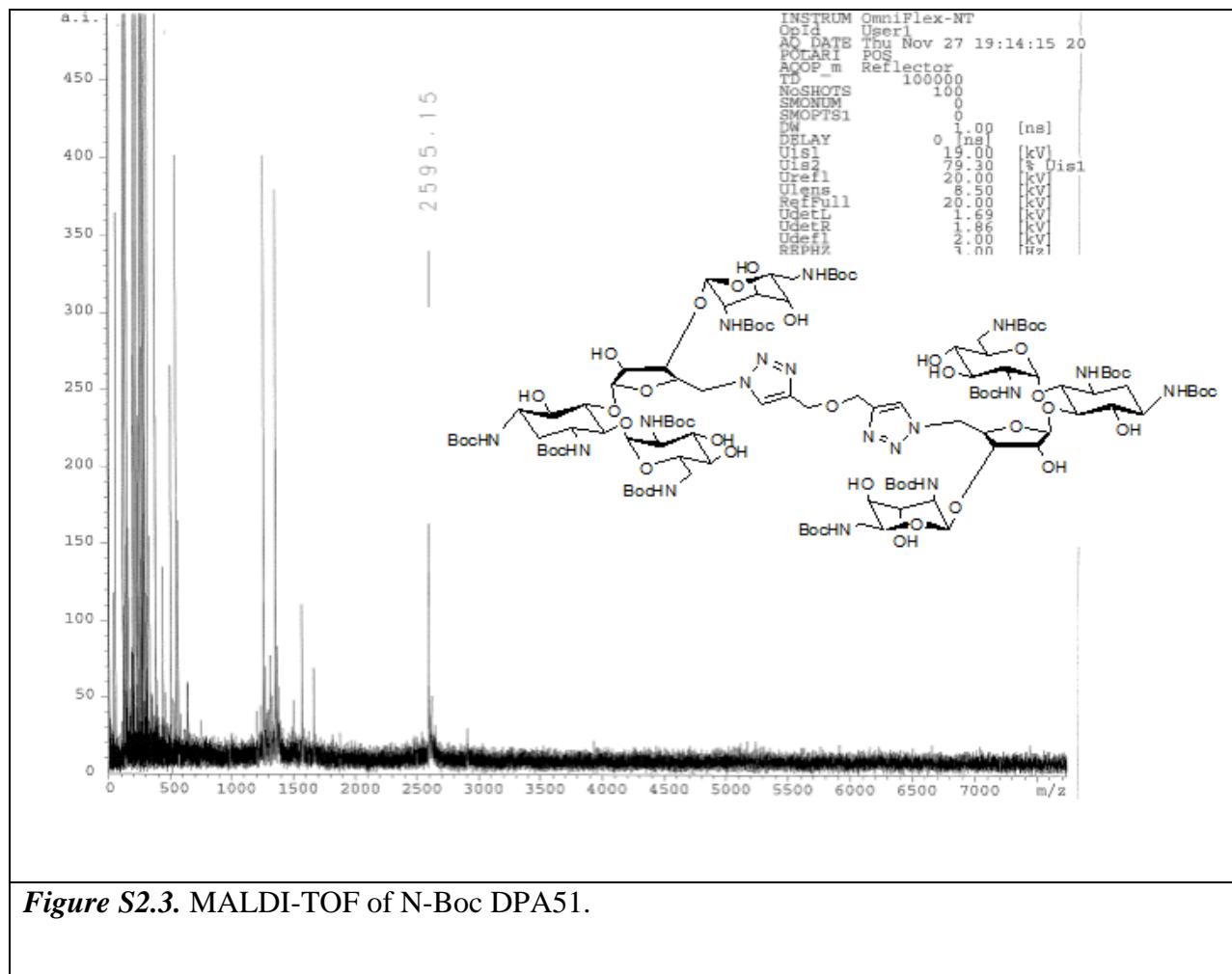


**Scheme 1.** Chemical structure of neoneo dimers. All the amine groups in neomycin dimers are in salt form ( $+\text{HCl}$ ).

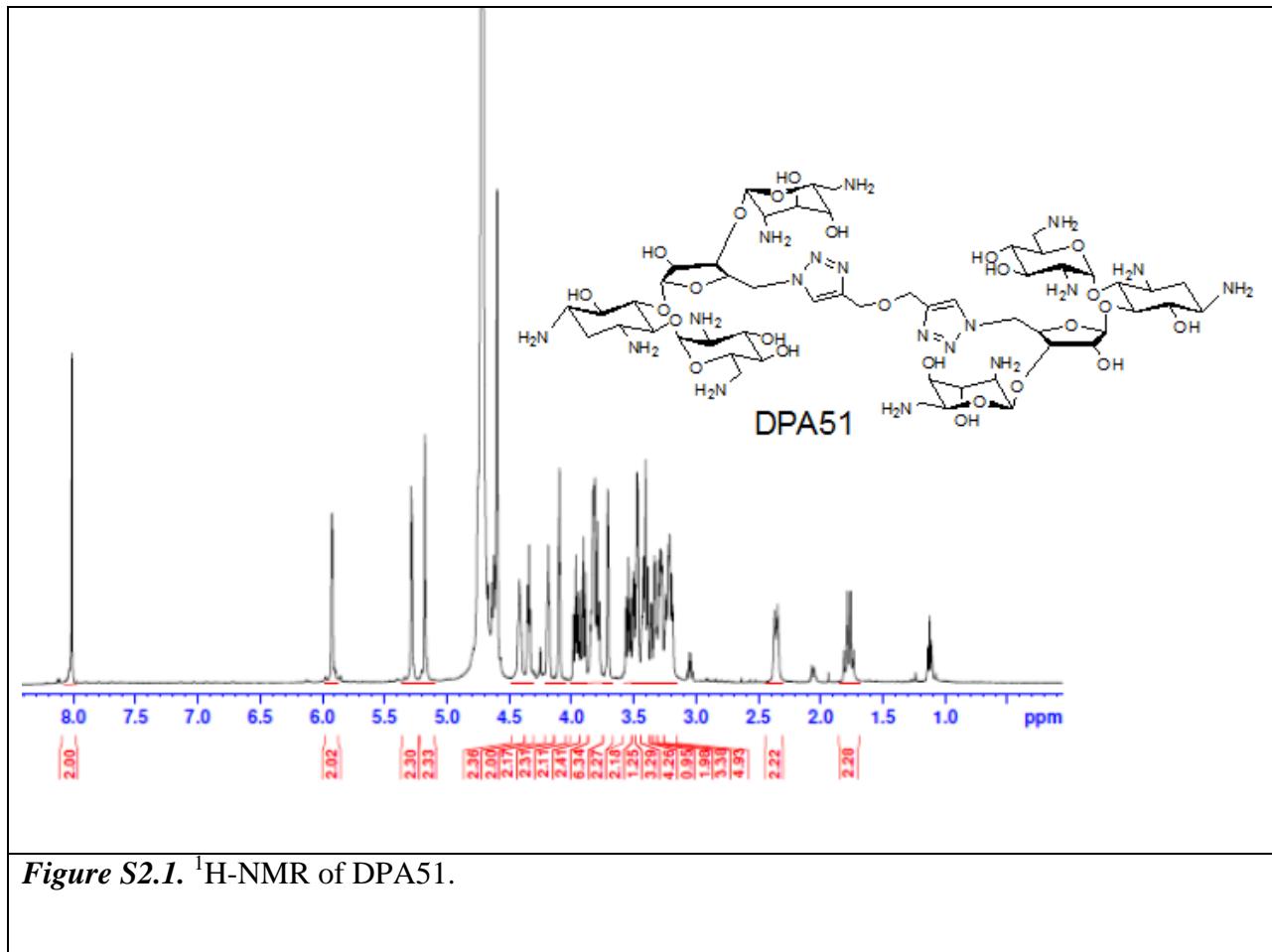
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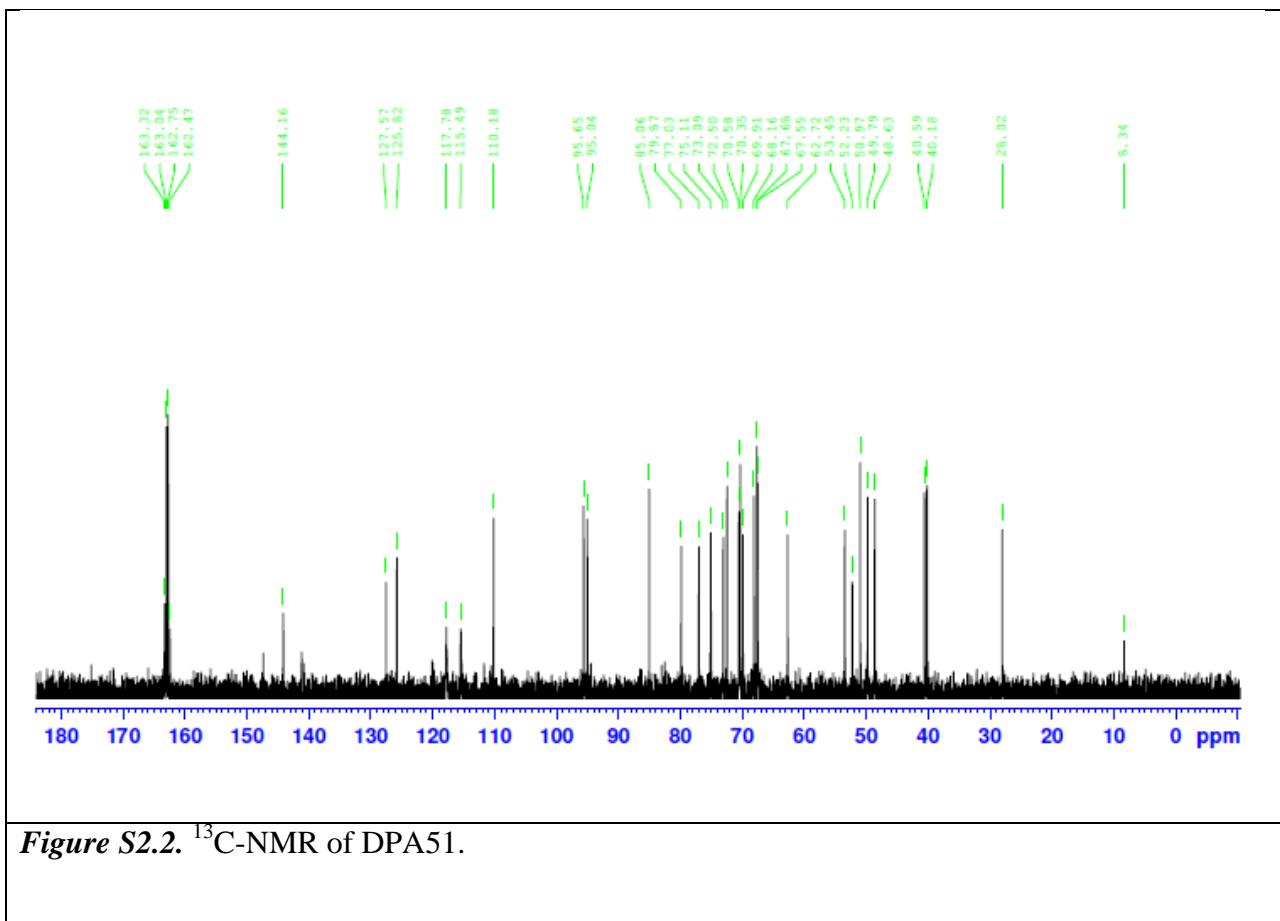
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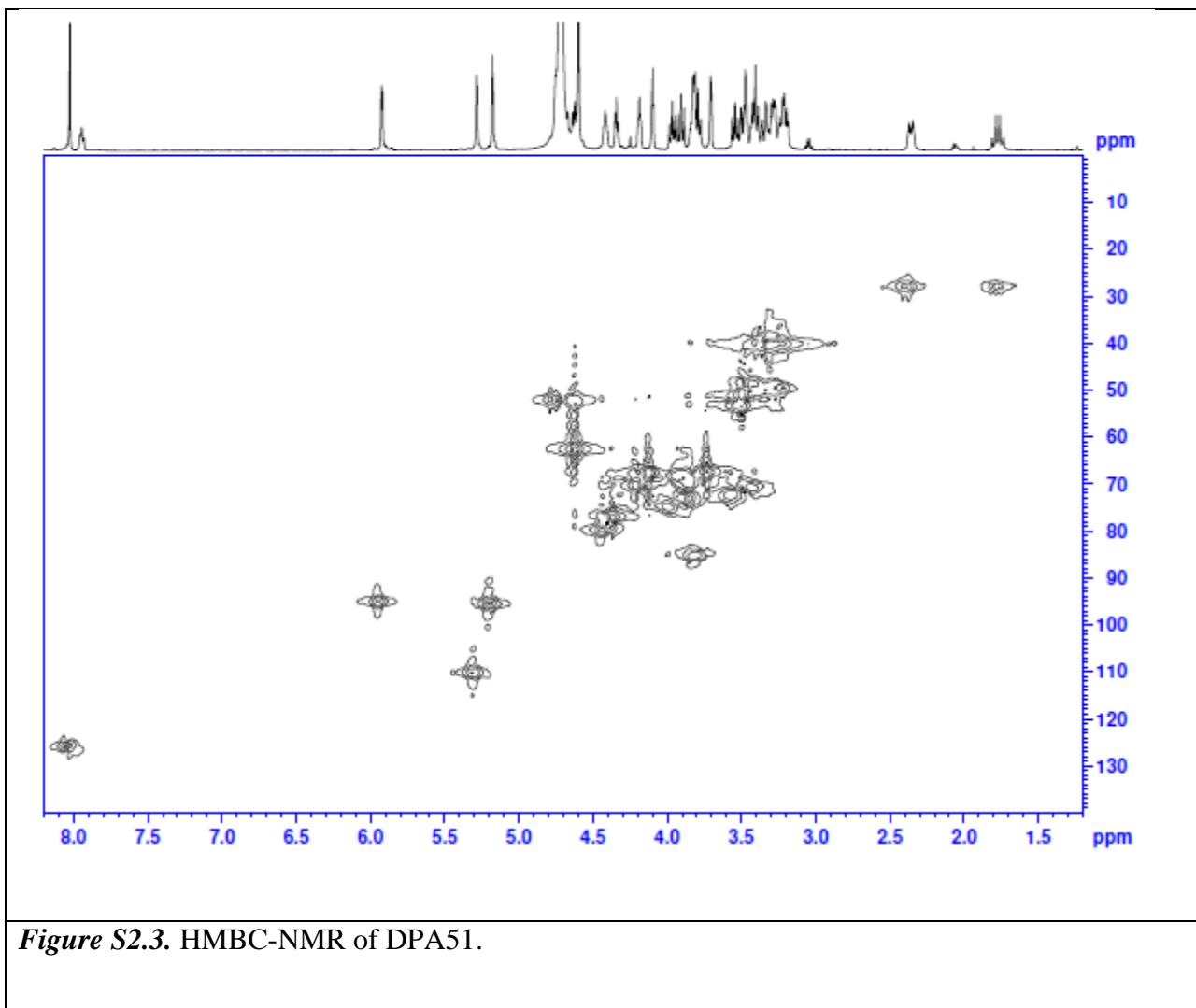


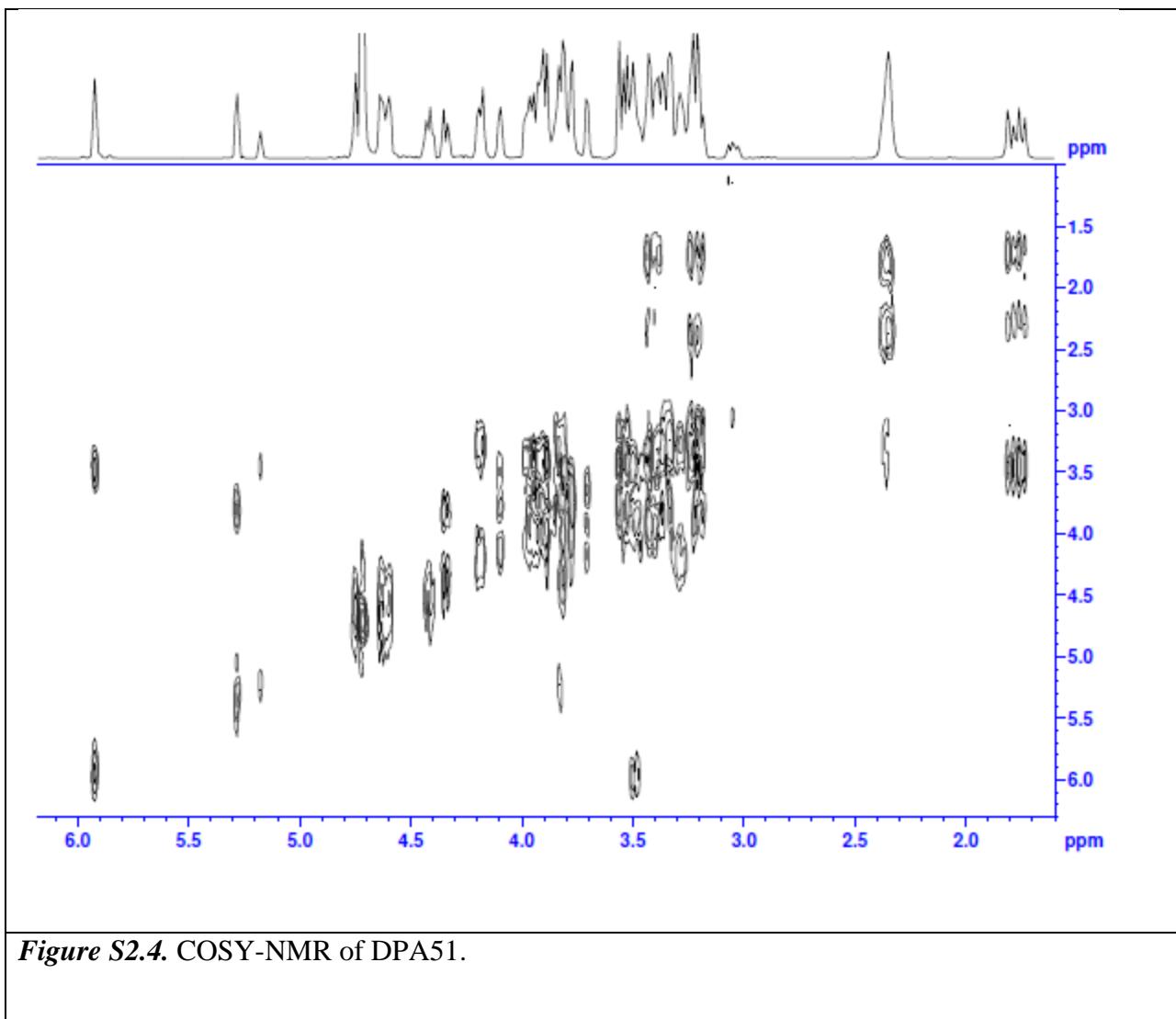
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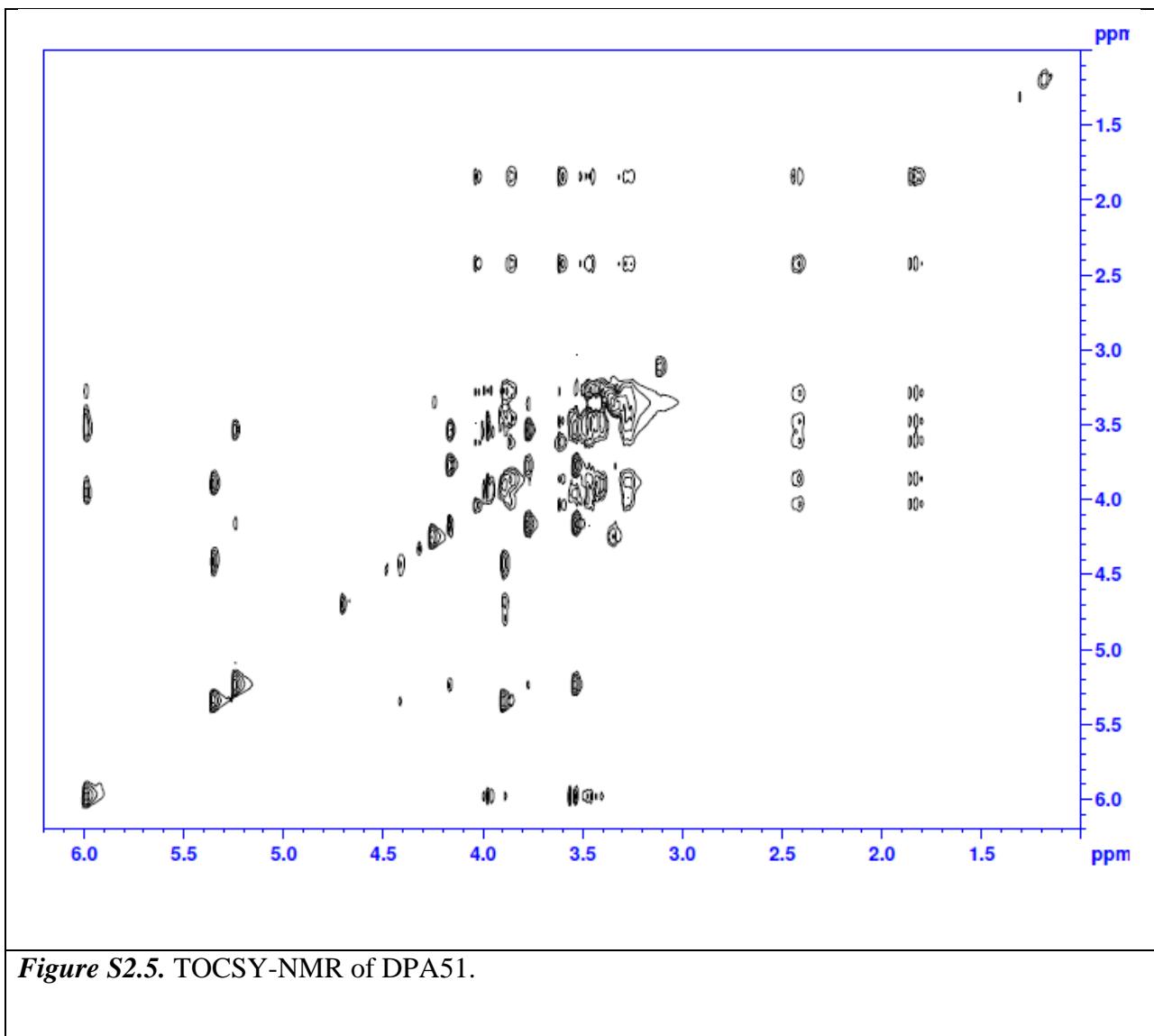




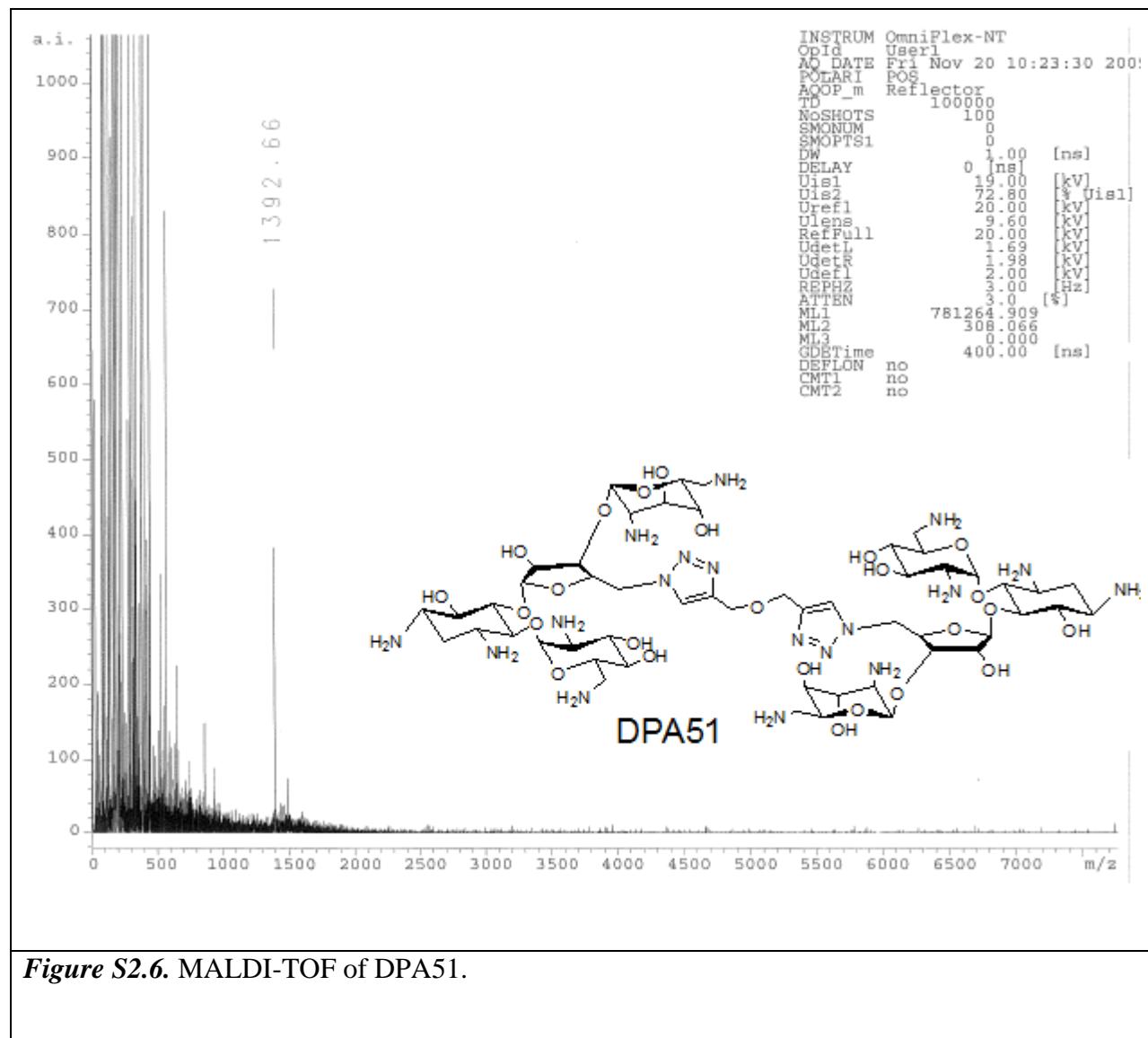
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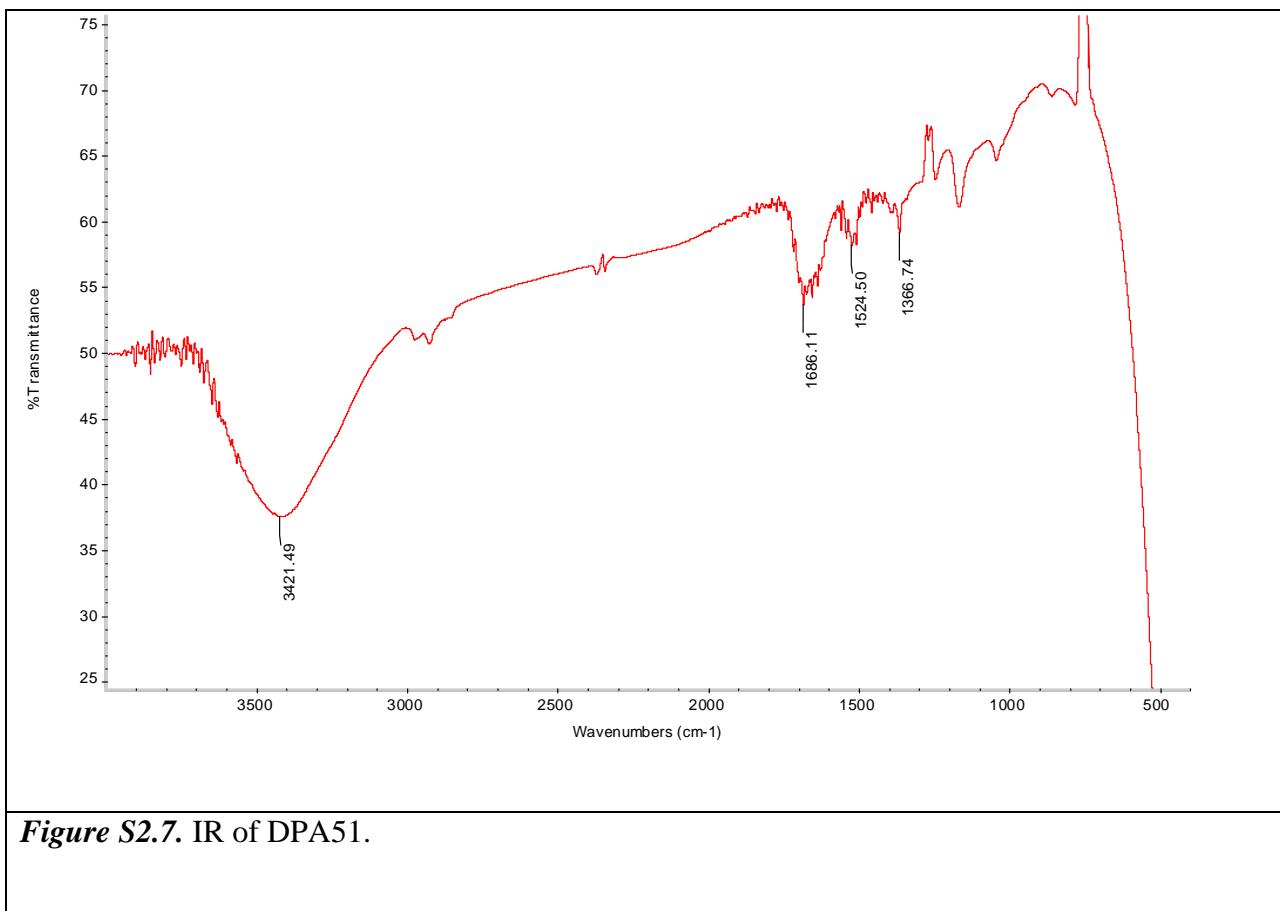




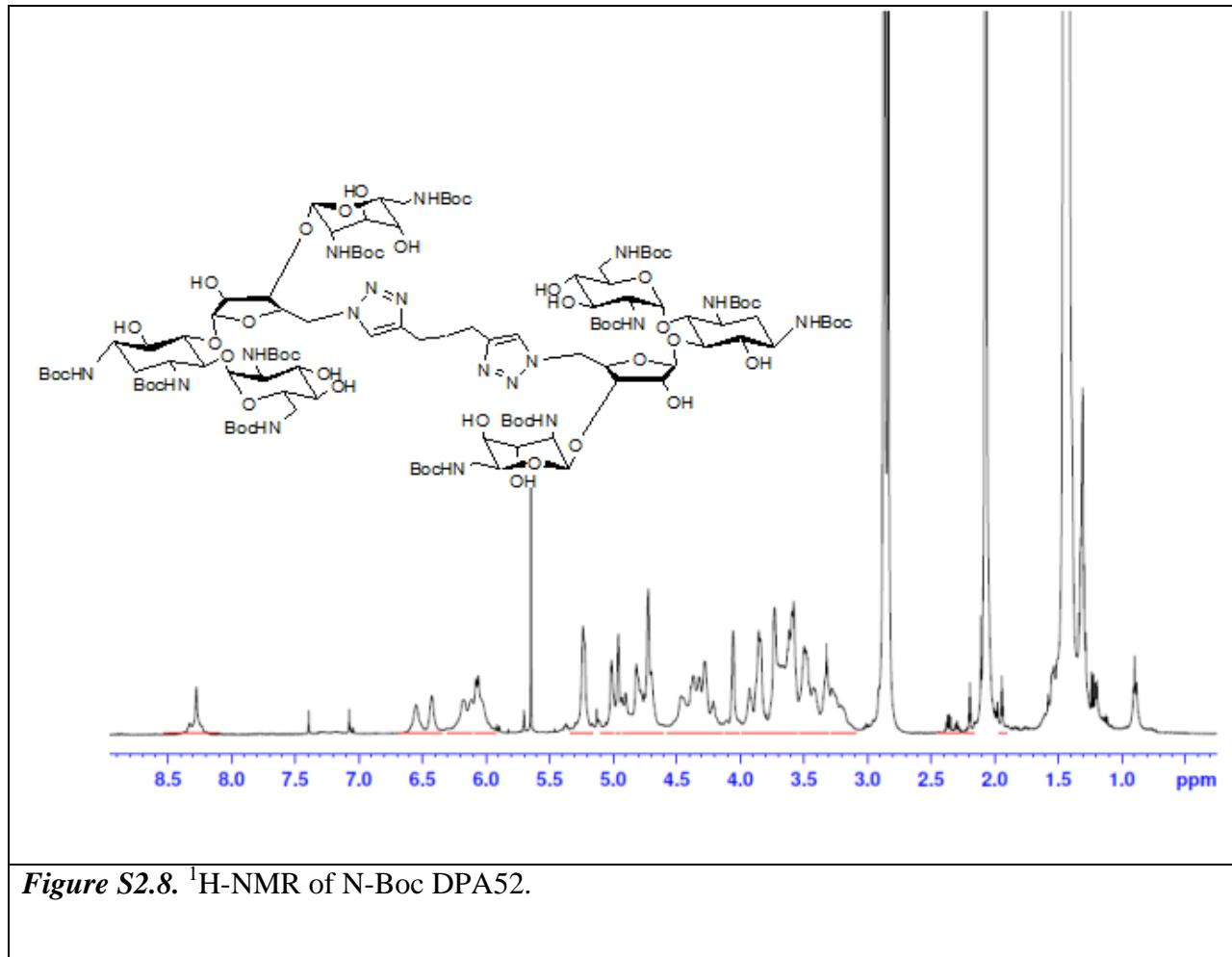
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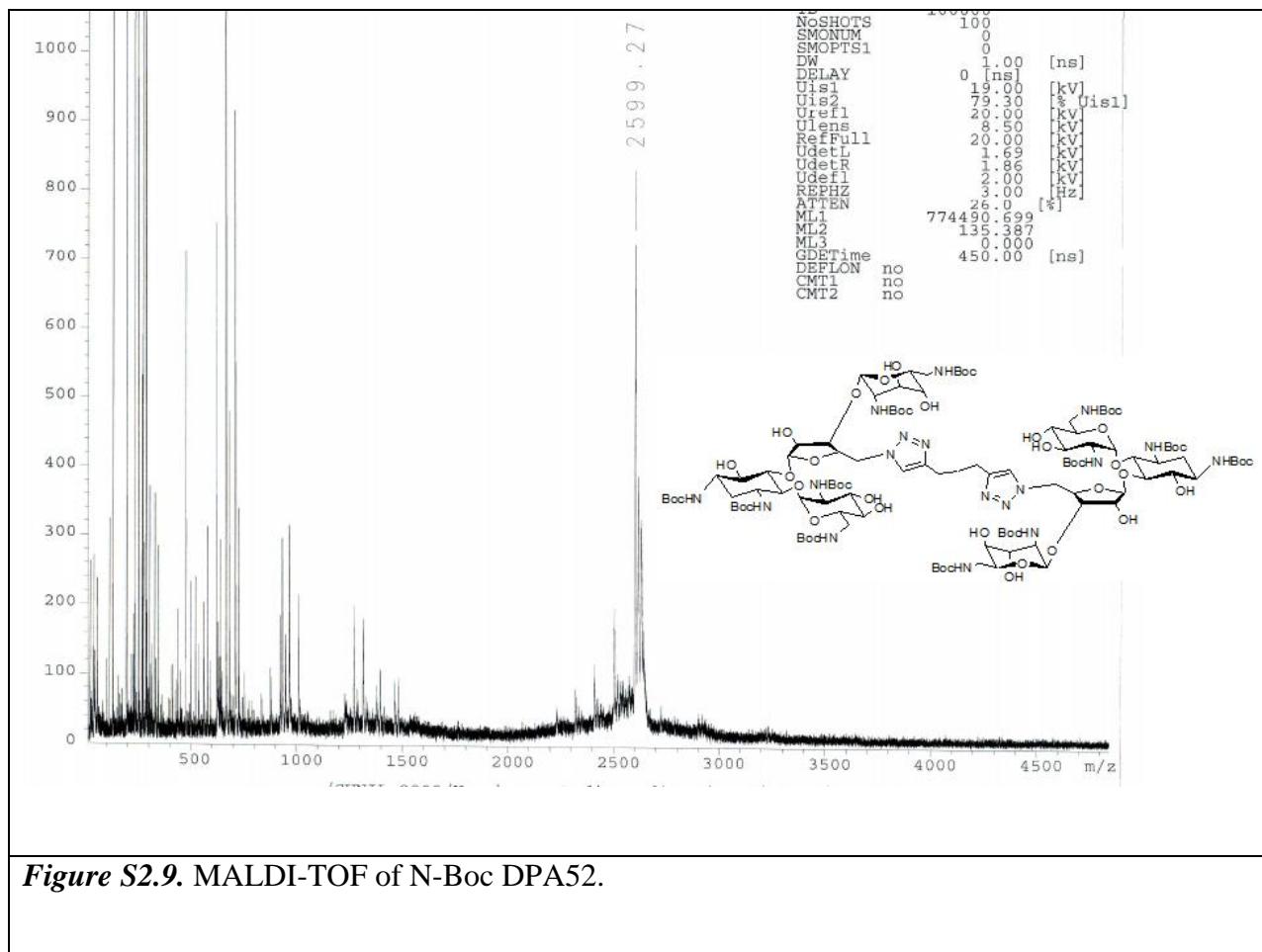


**Figure S2.6.** MALDI-TOF of DPA51.

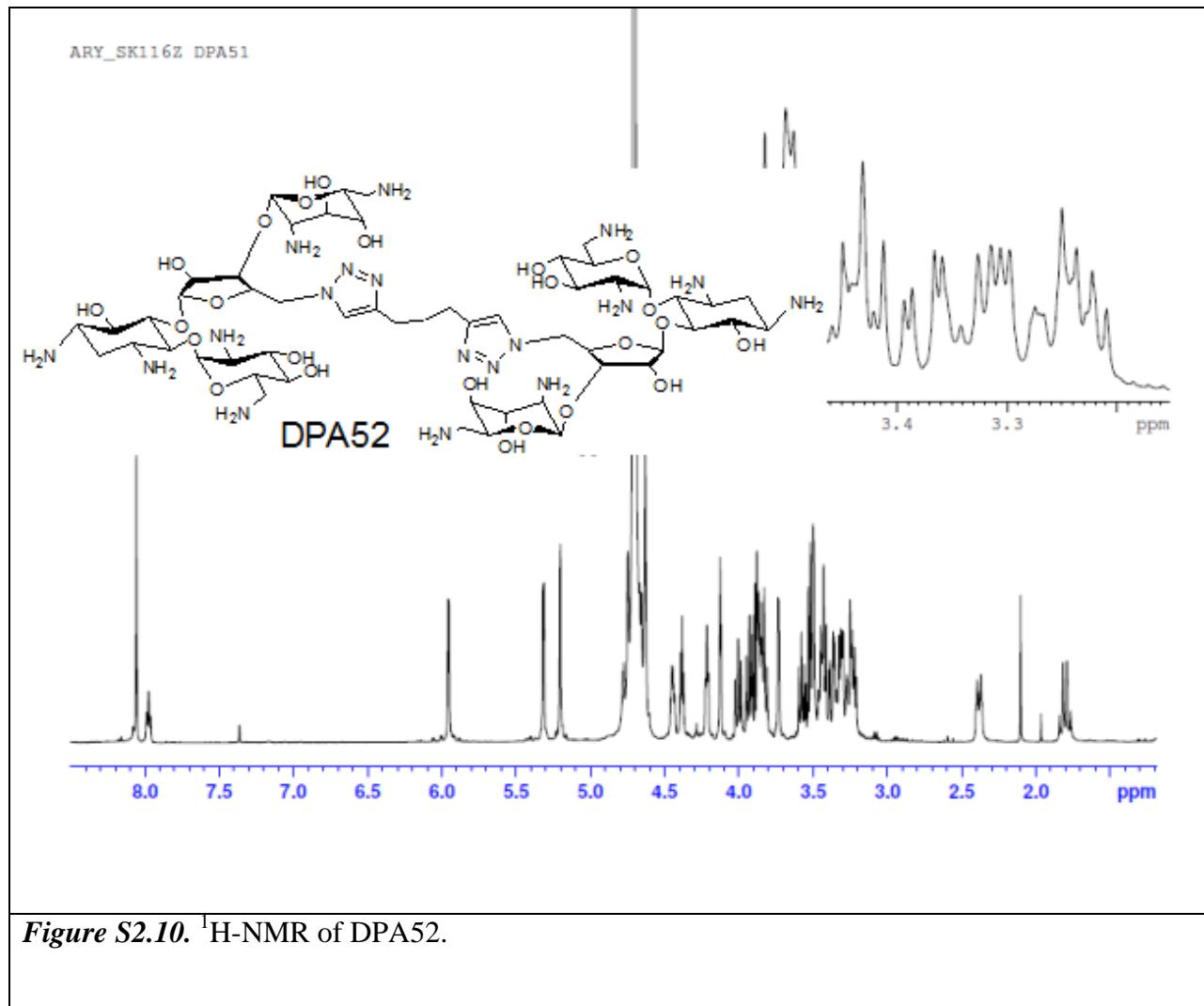


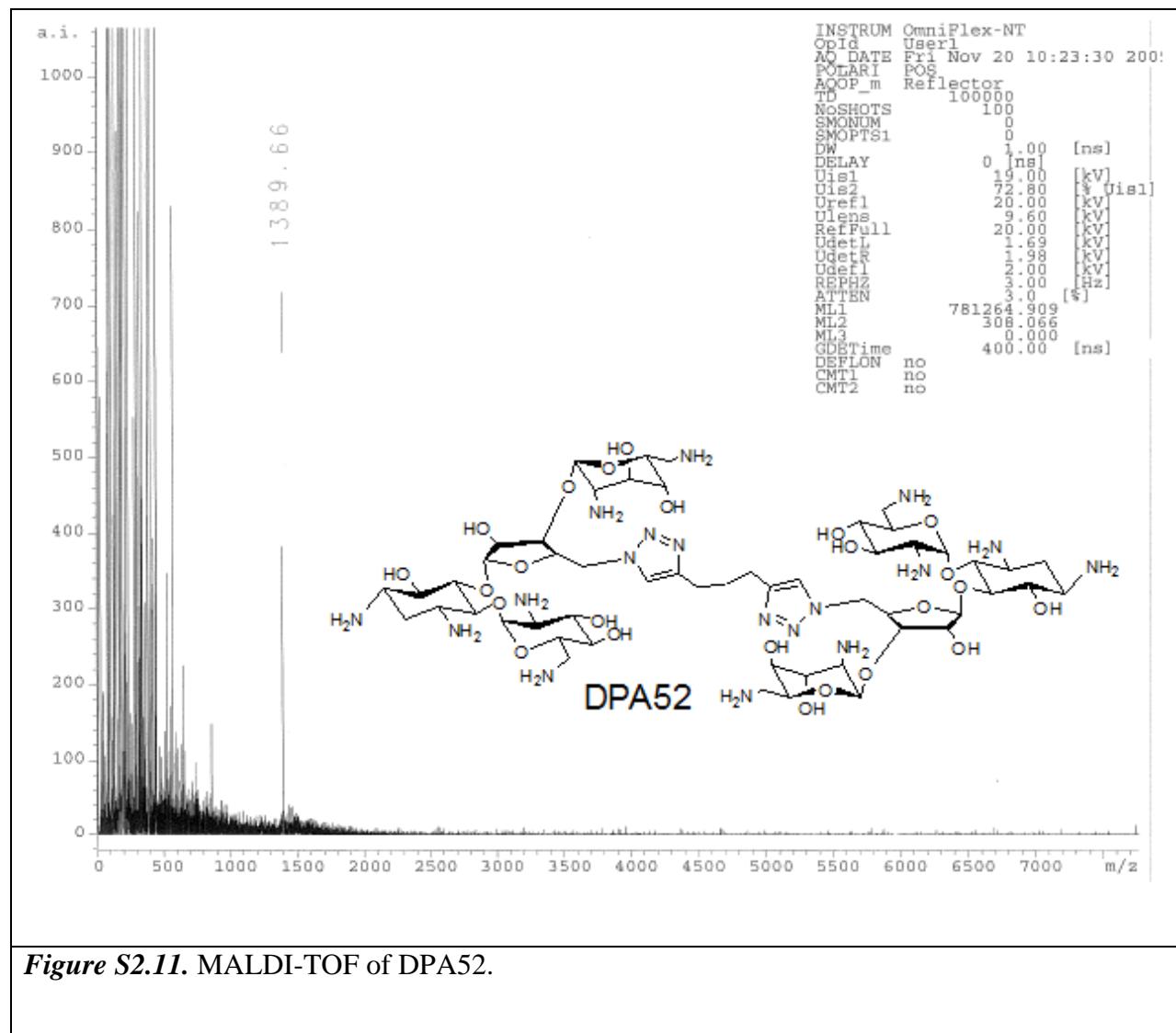
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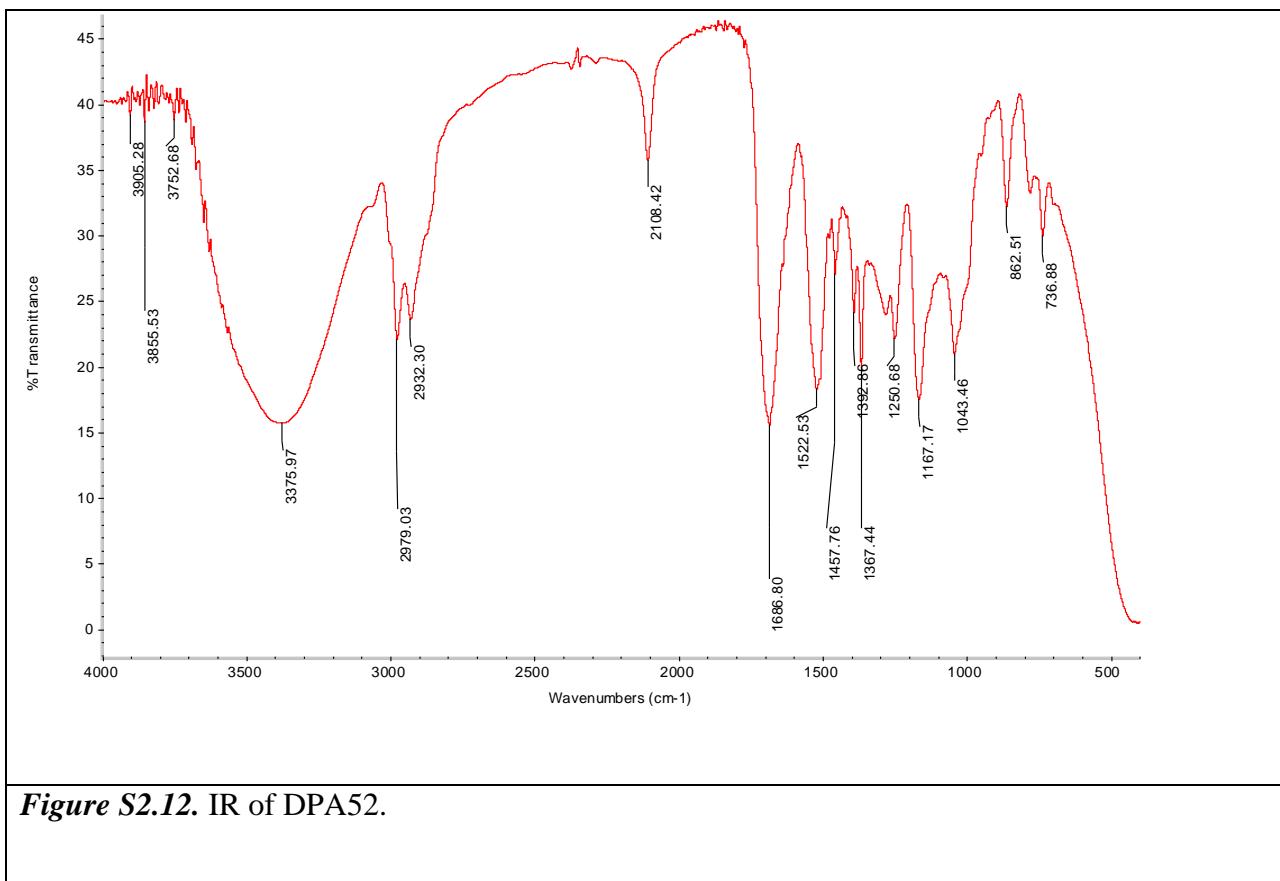




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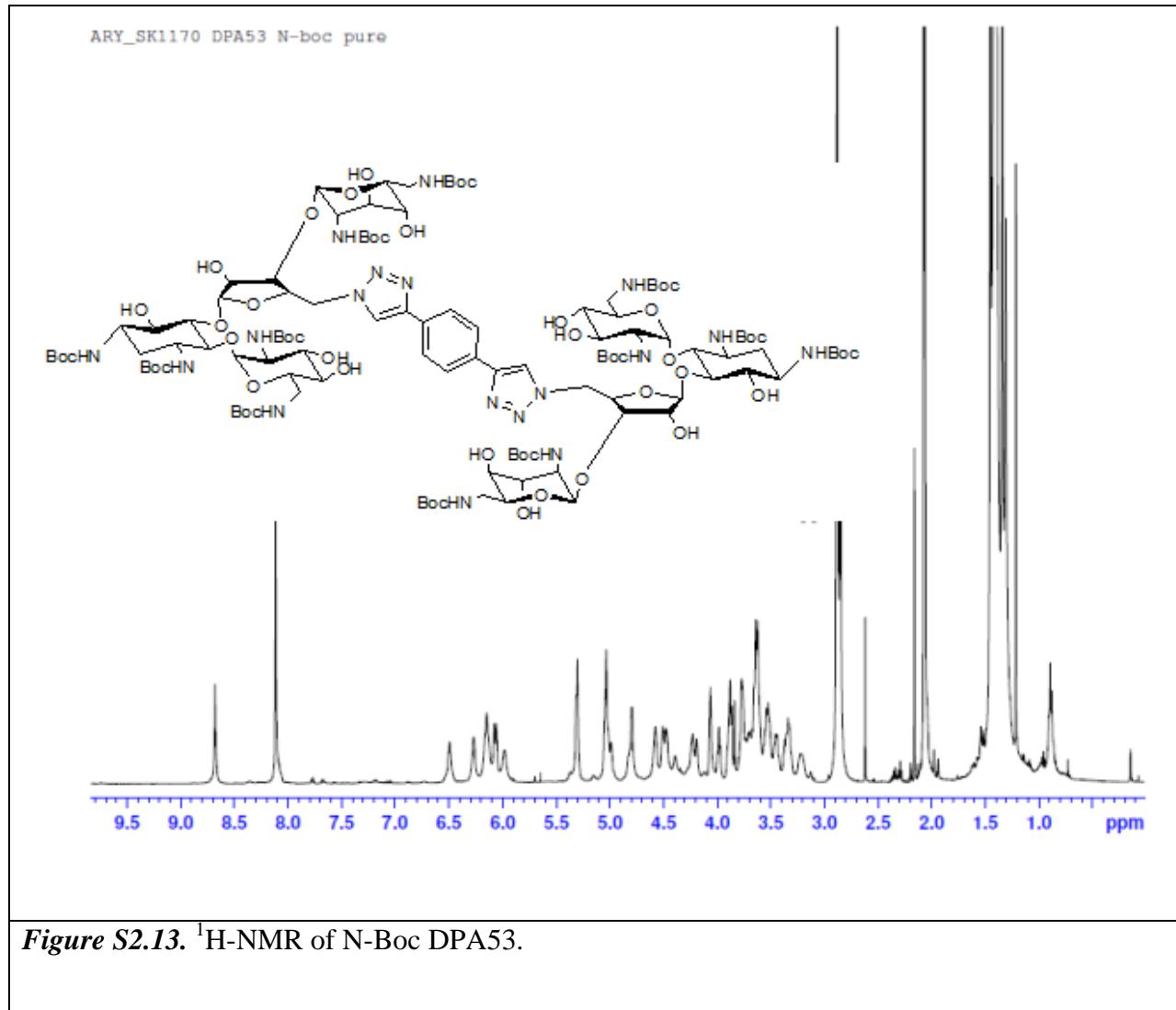


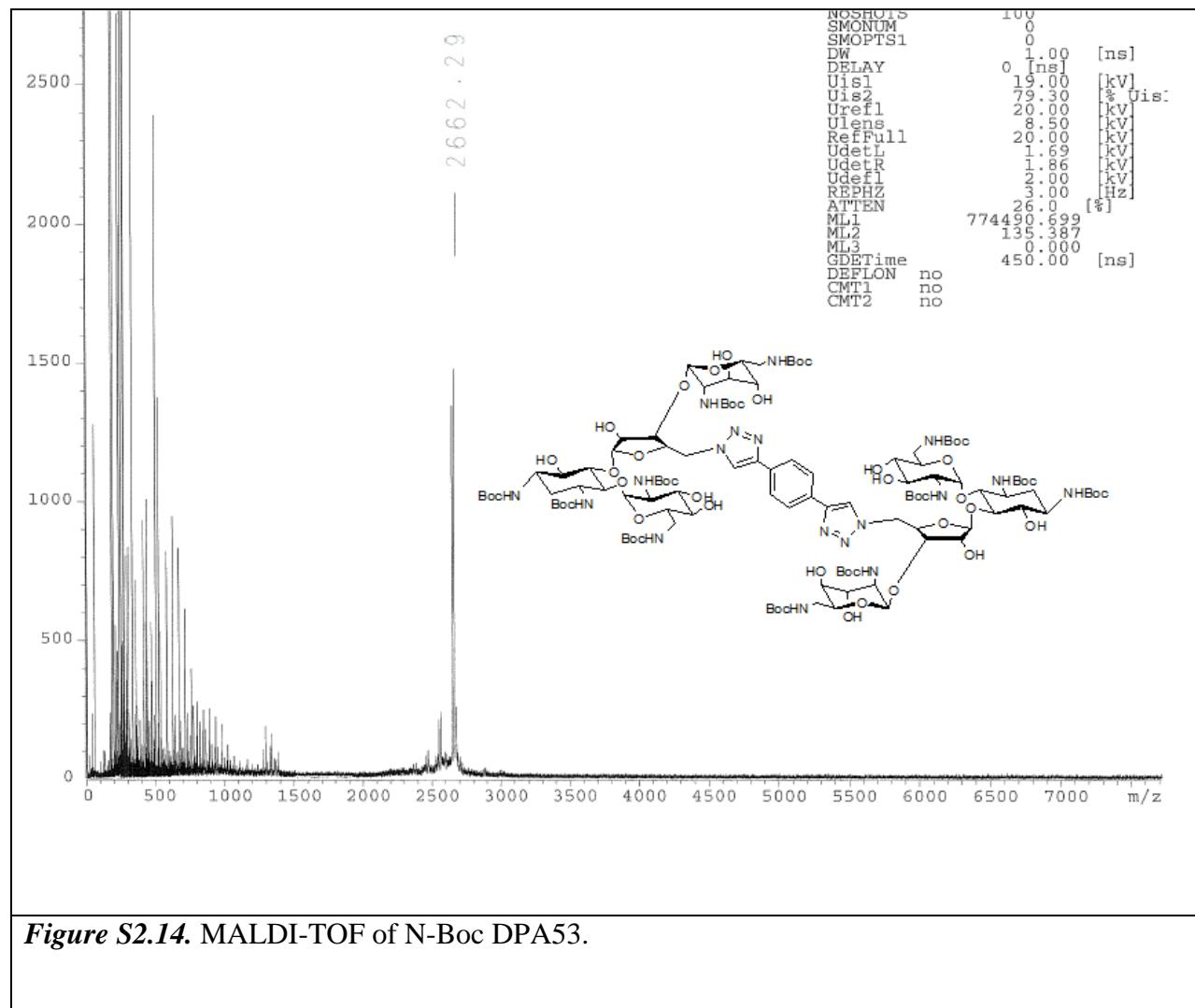




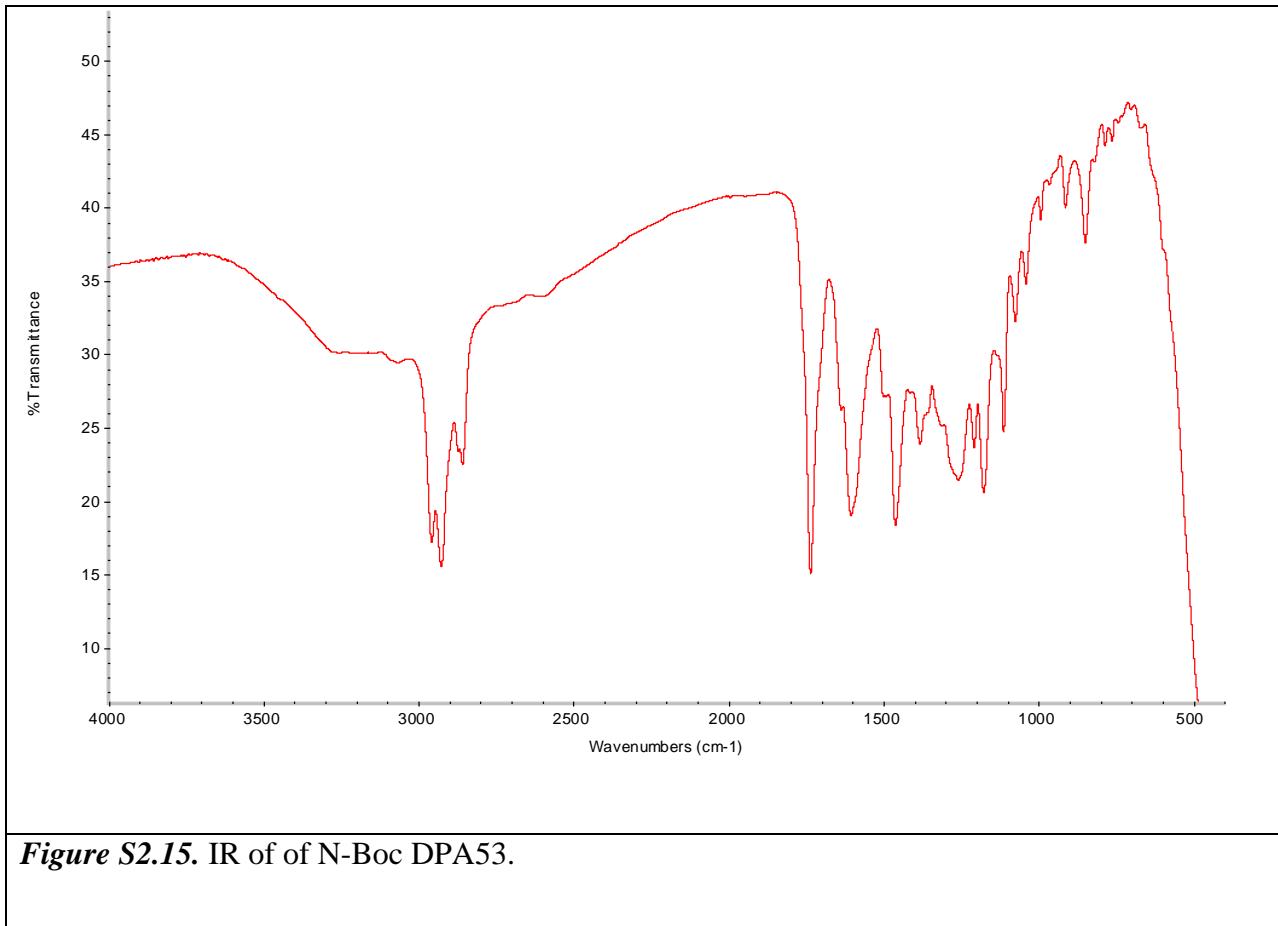
**Figure S2.12.** IR of DPA52.

**N-Boc DPA53.**

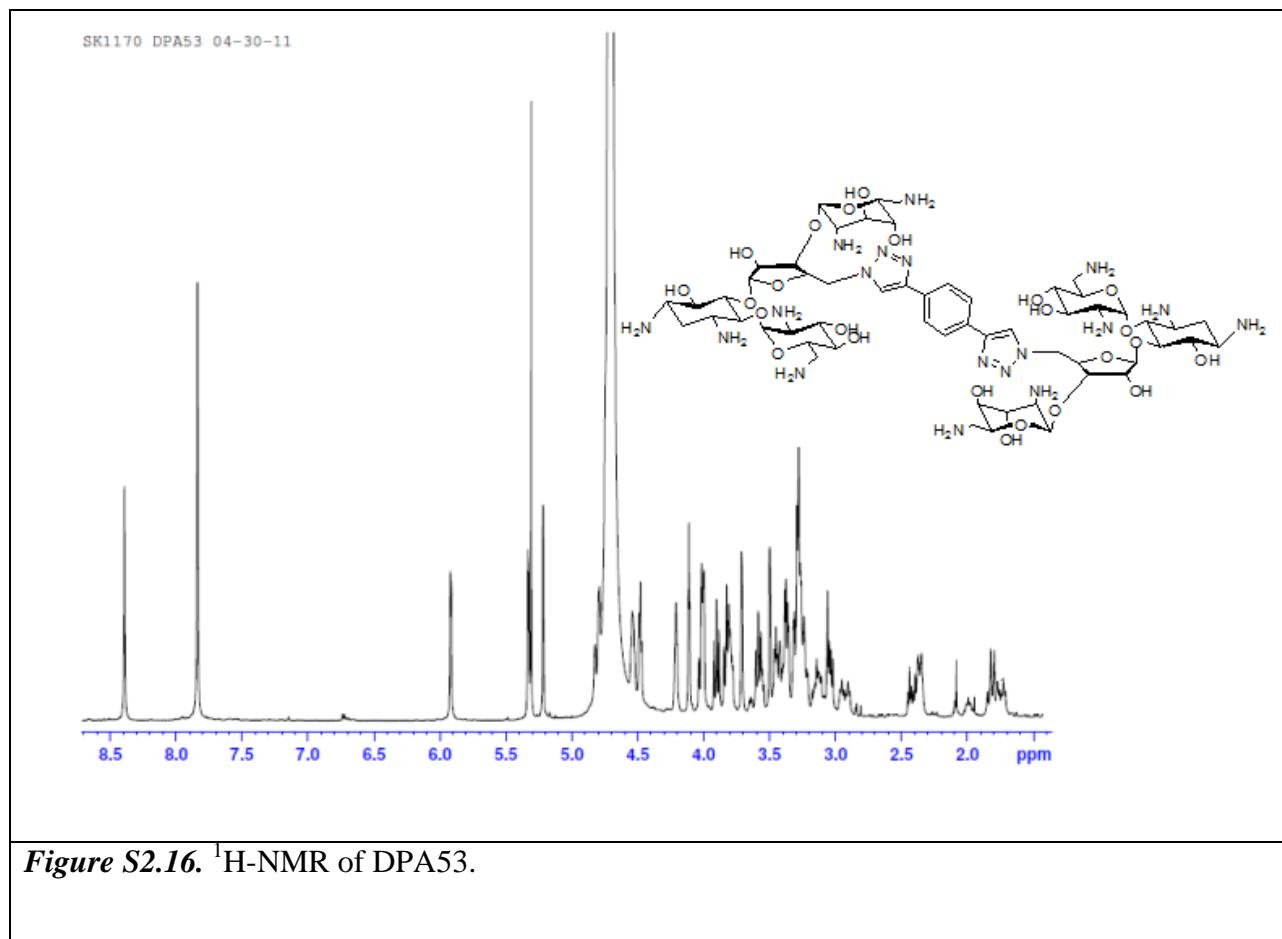


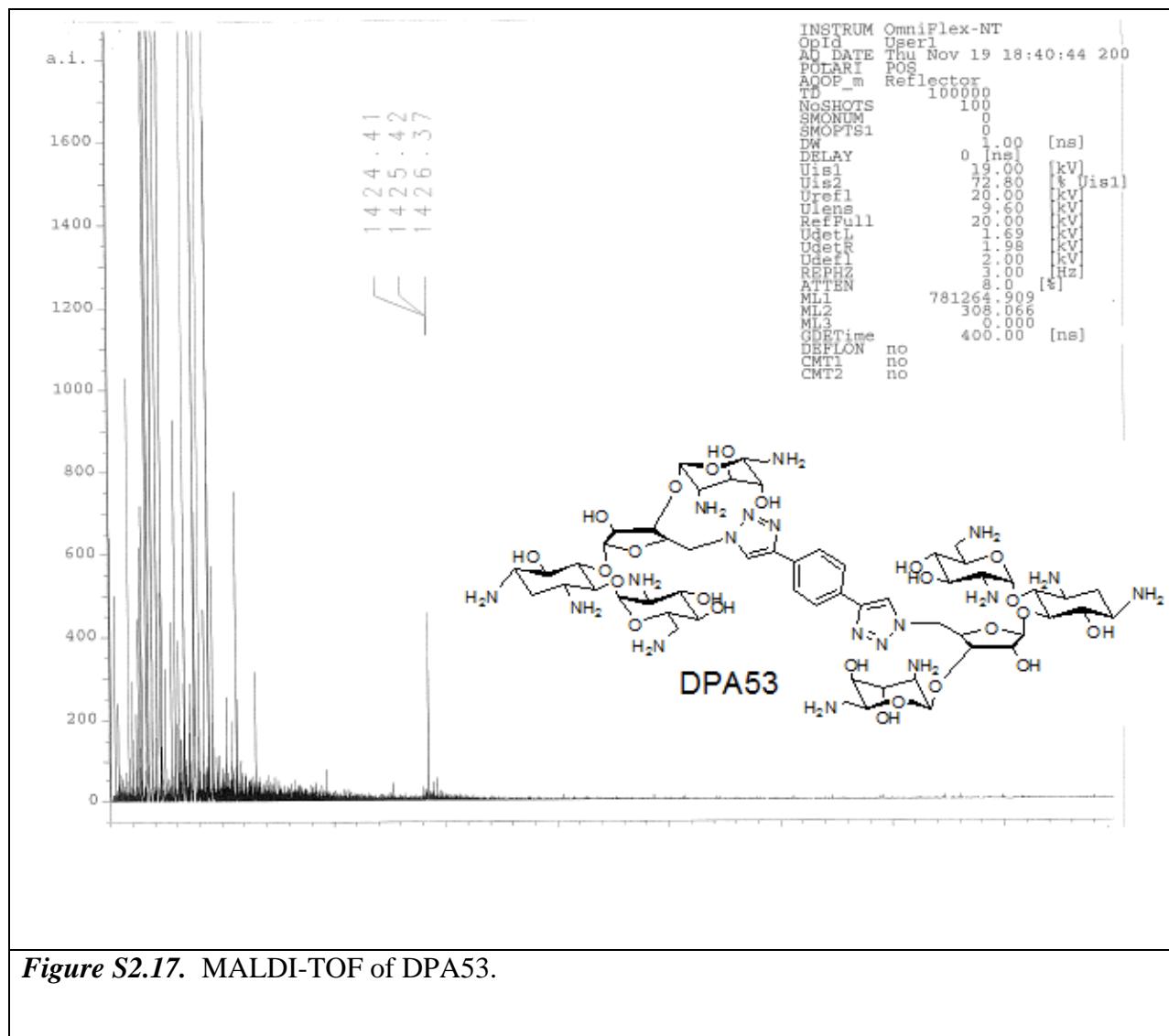


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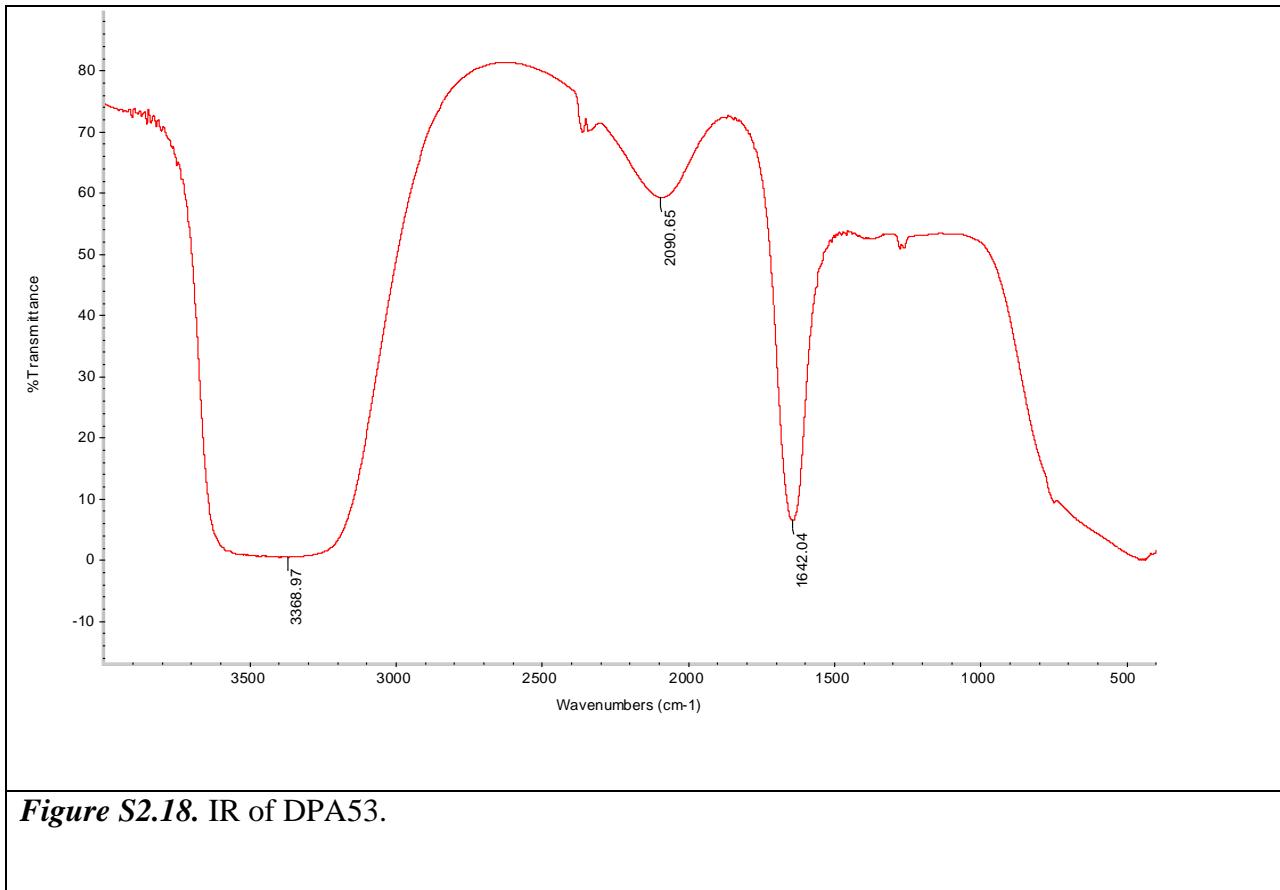


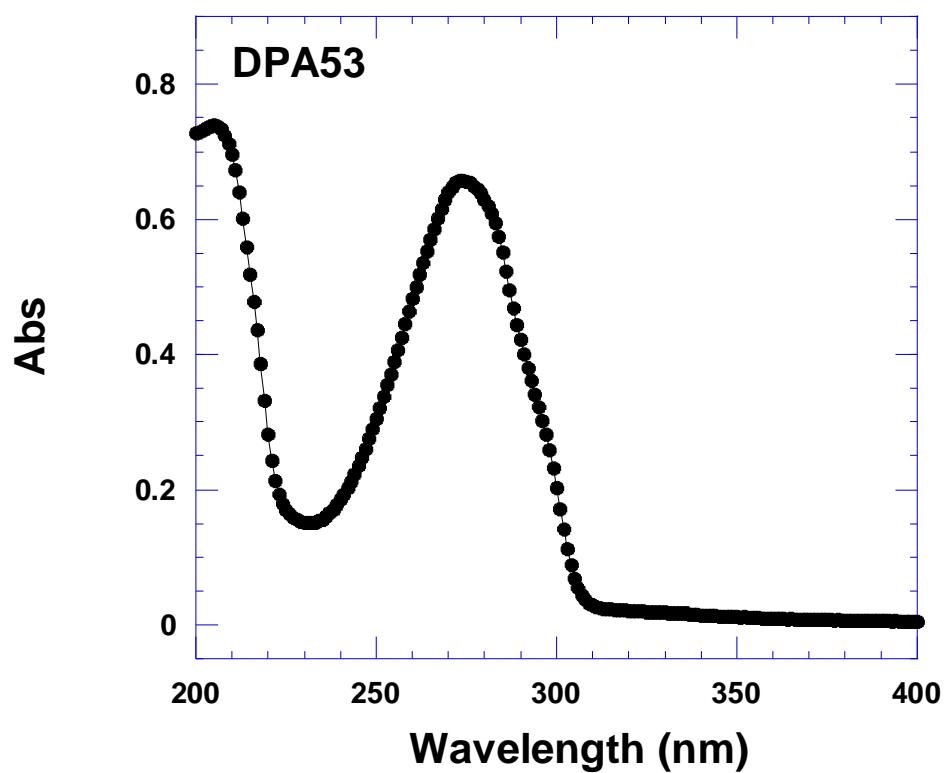
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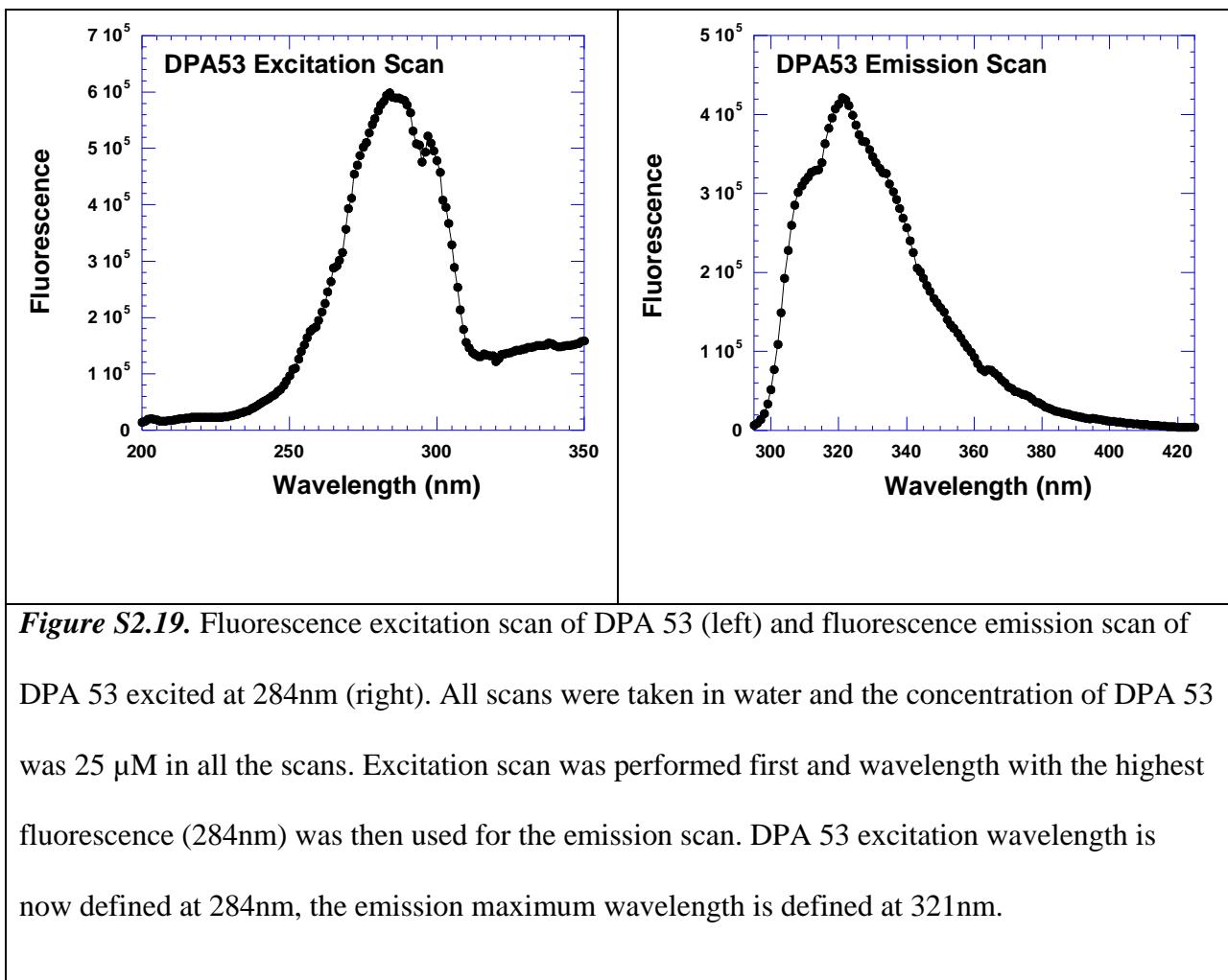


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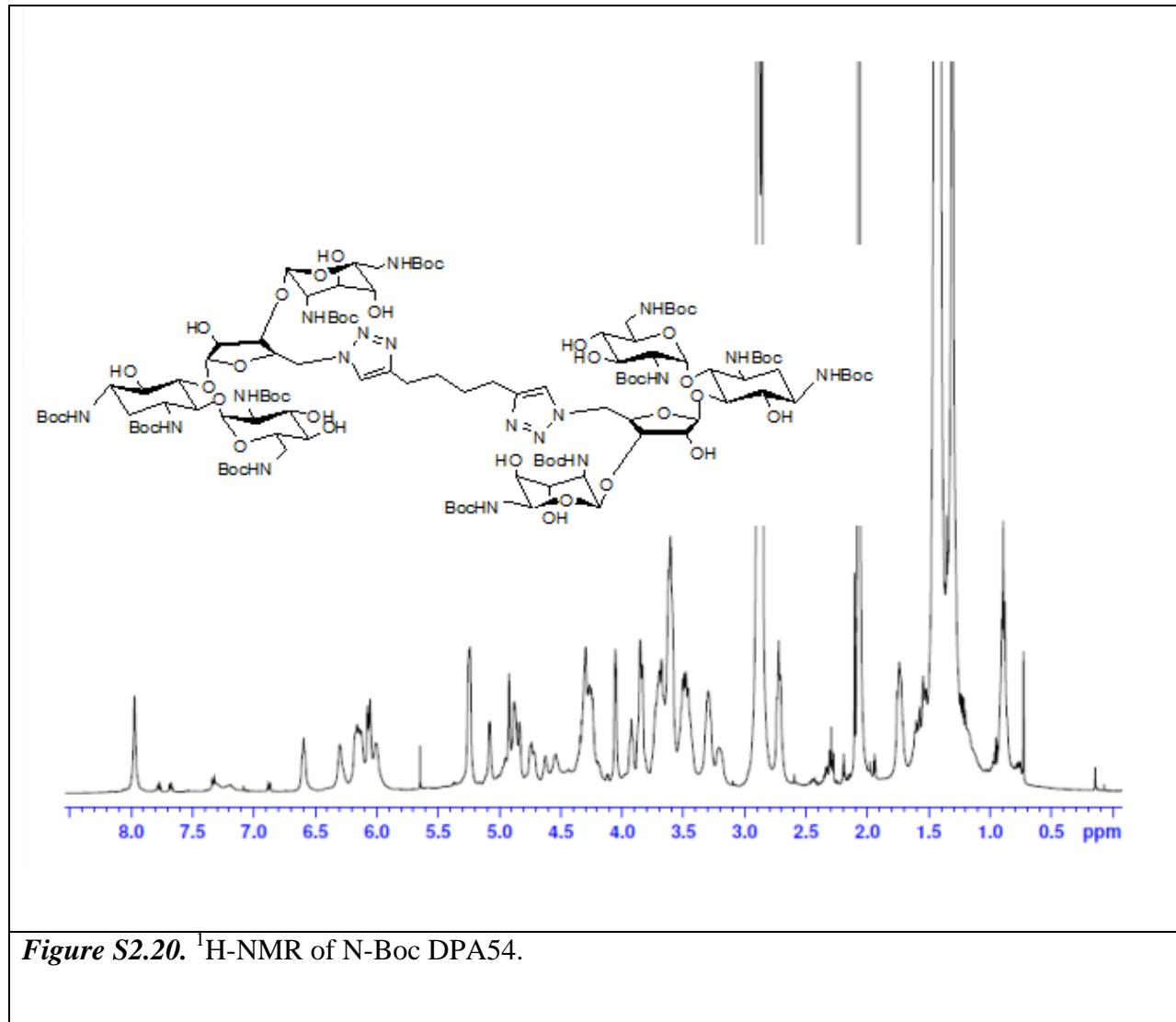


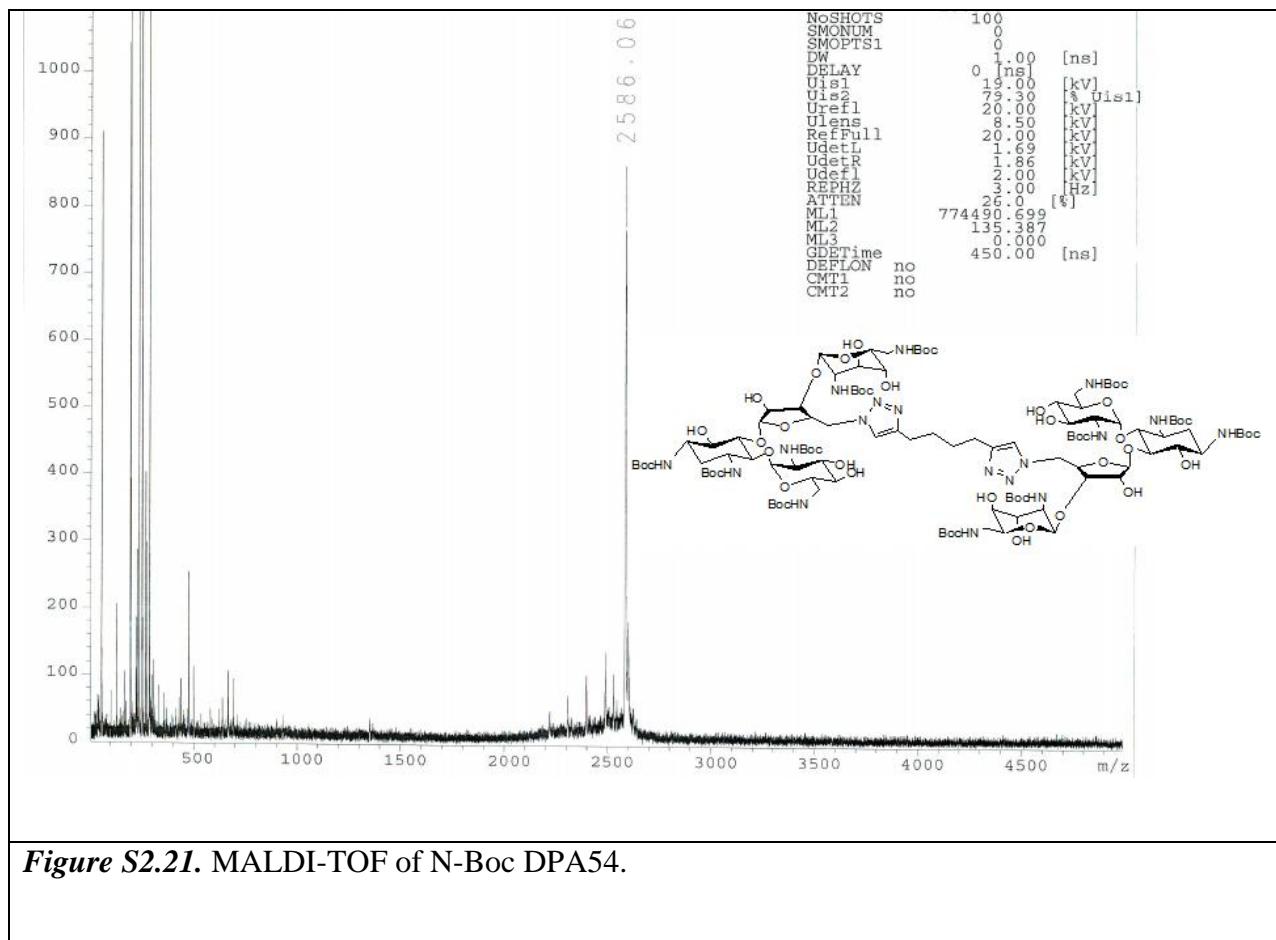


**Figure S2.18.** UV absorbance scan of DPA 53. Scan was taken in water and the concentration of DPA 54 was 25  $\mu$ M. T = 25 °C.



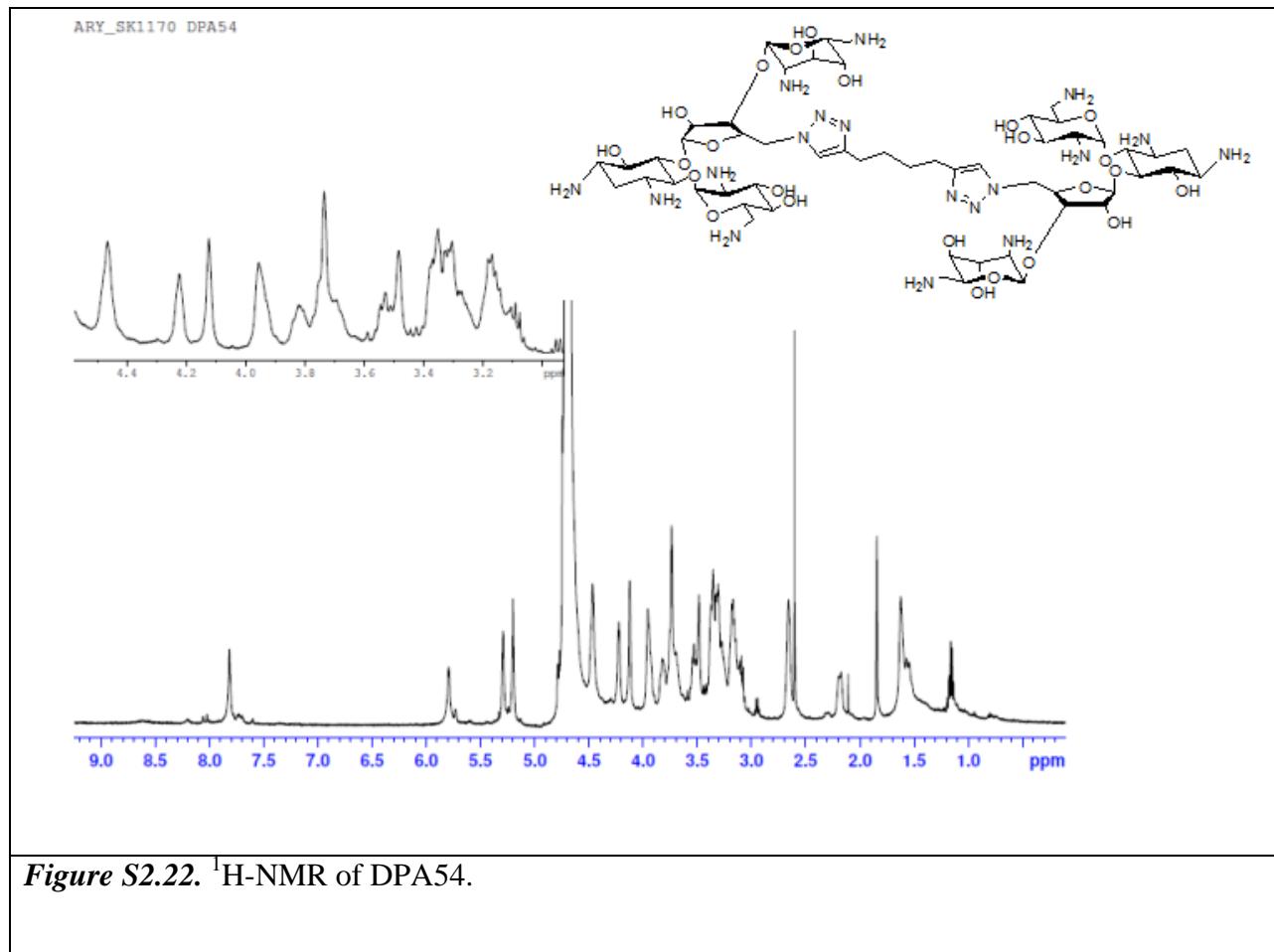
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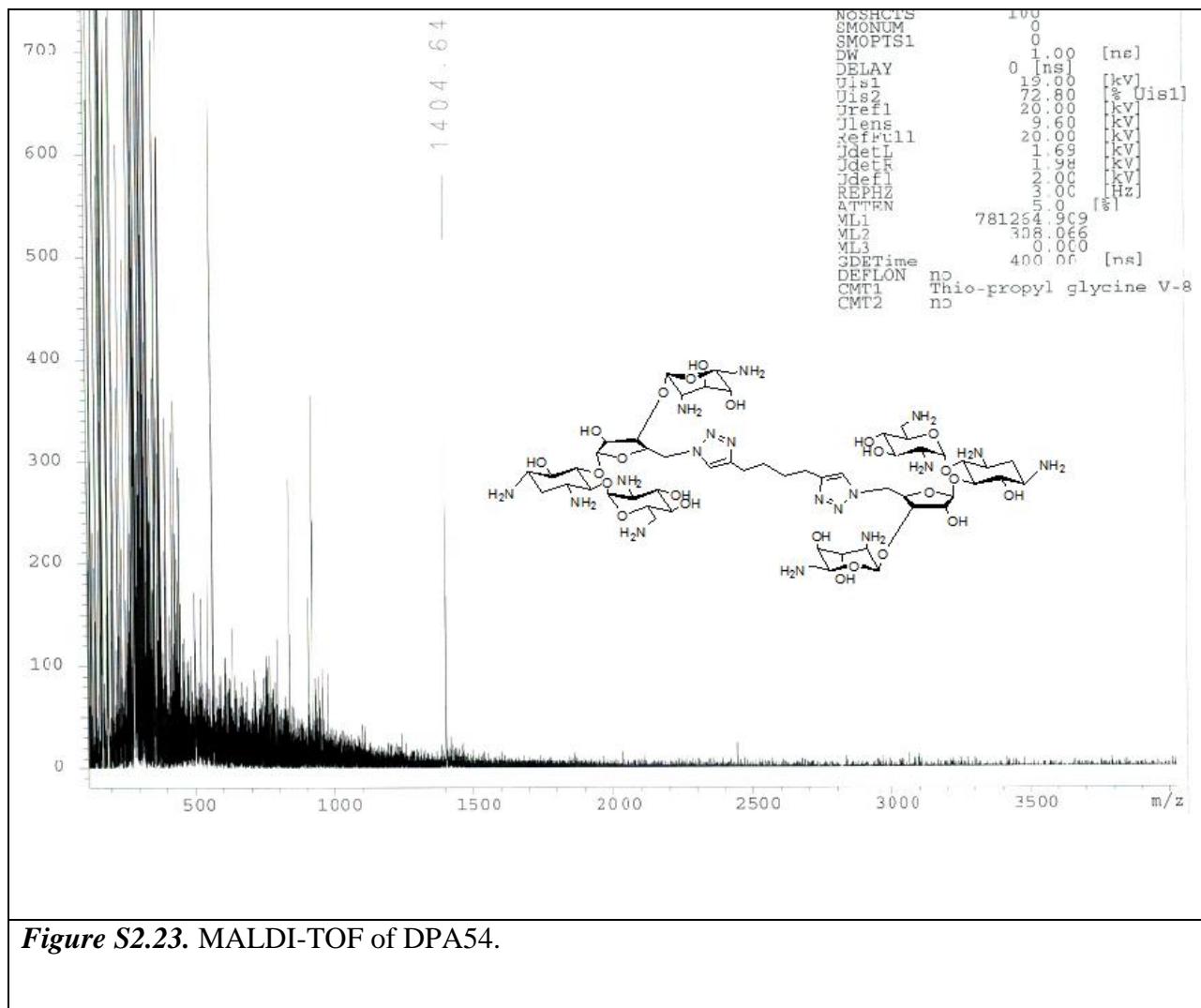


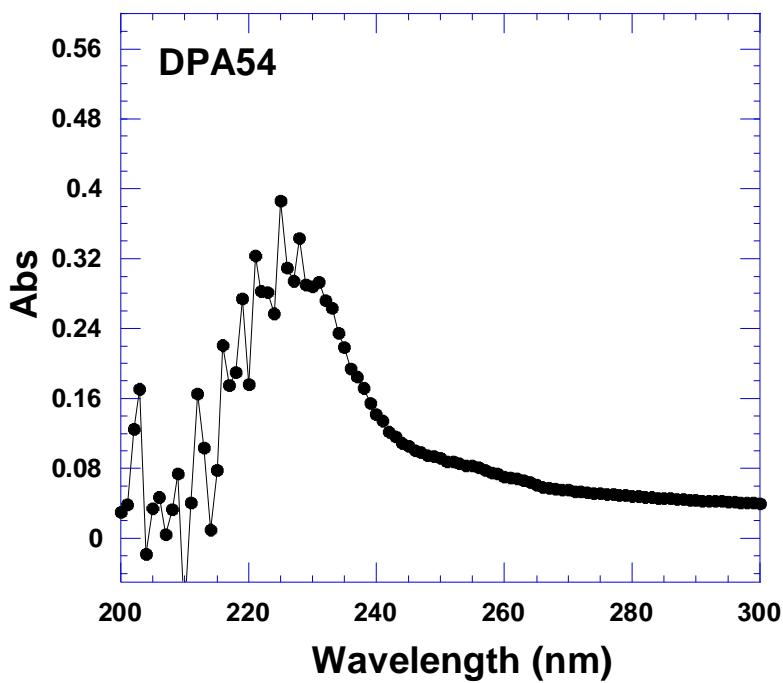


**Figure S2.21.** MALDI-TOF of N-Boc DPA54.

**DPA54.**

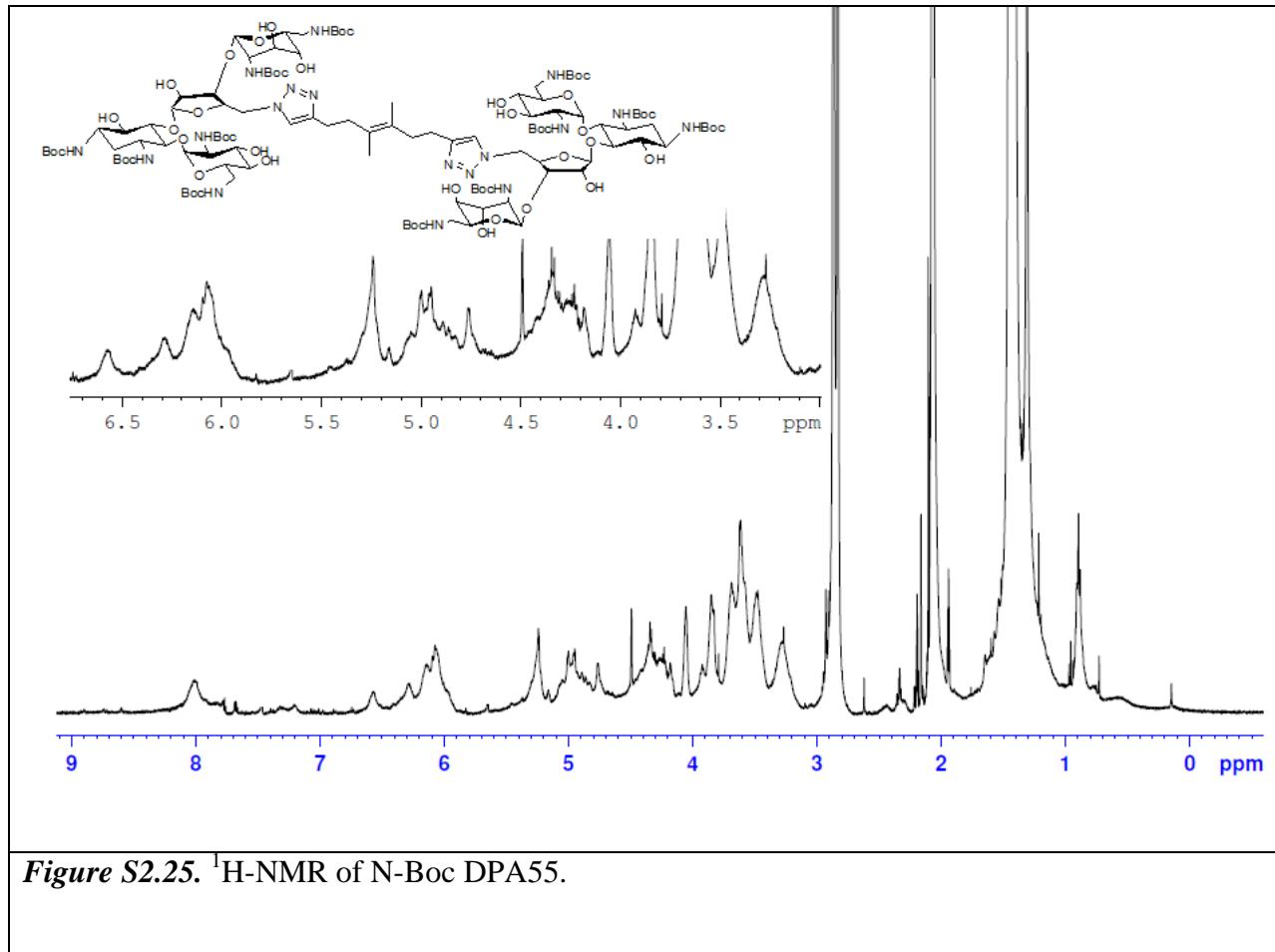


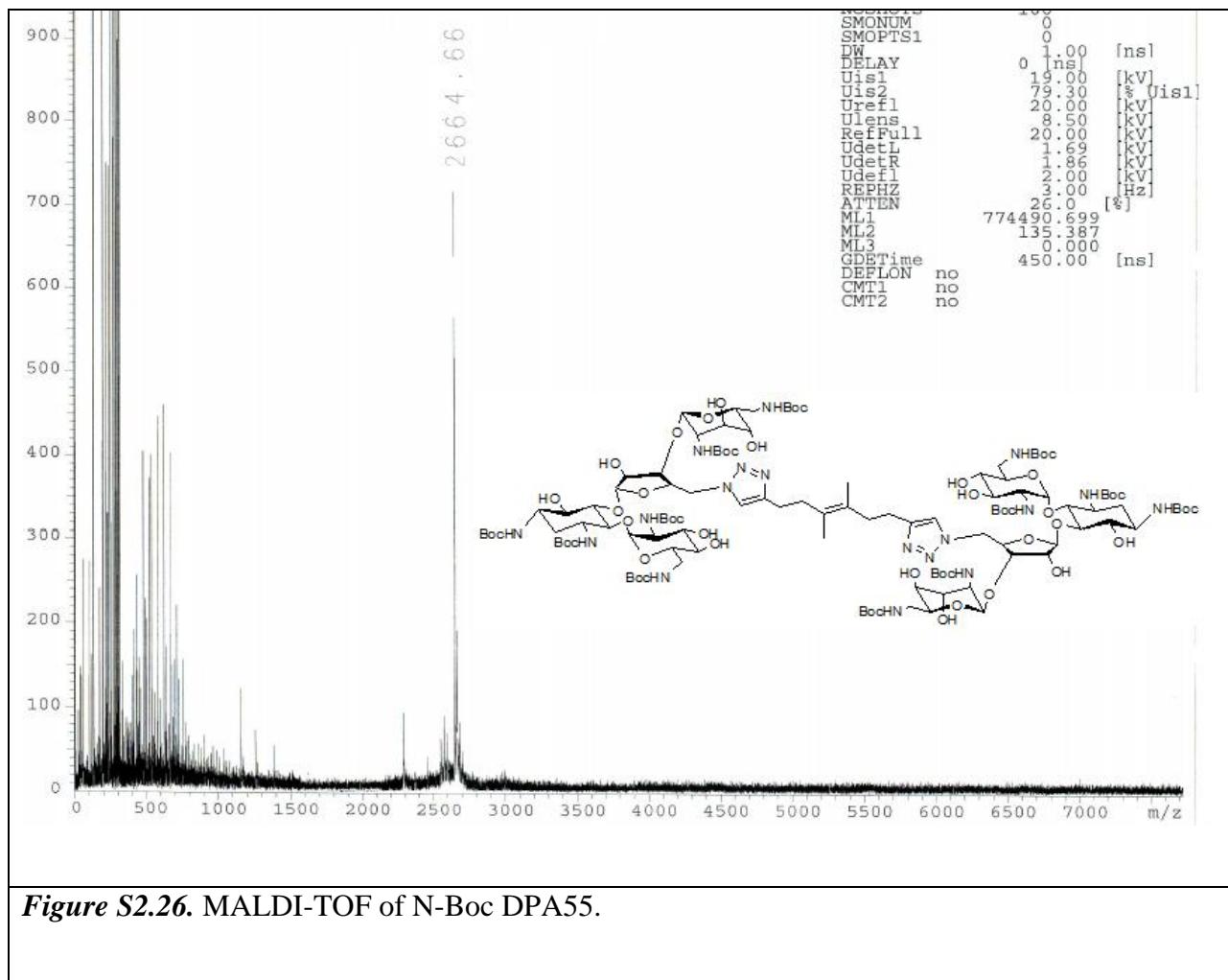




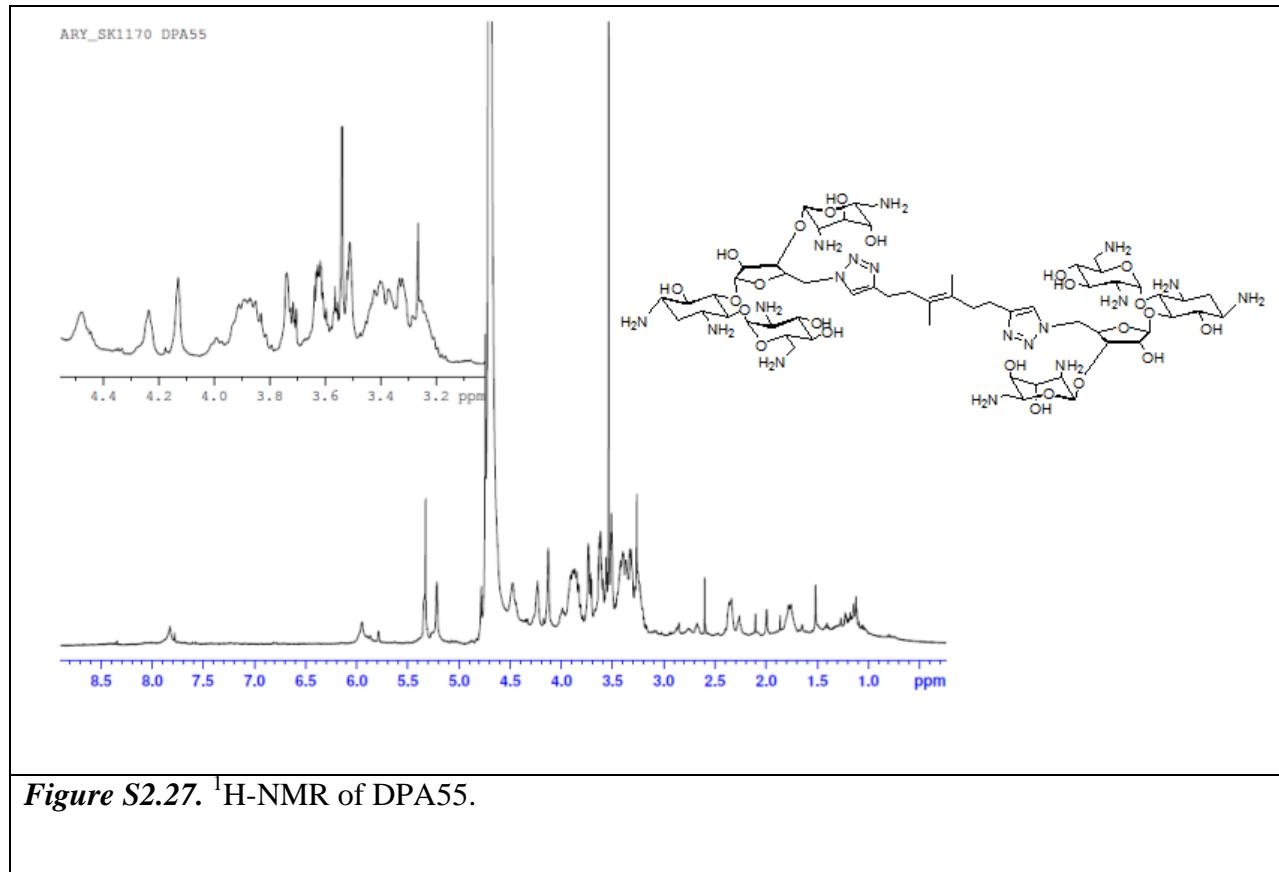
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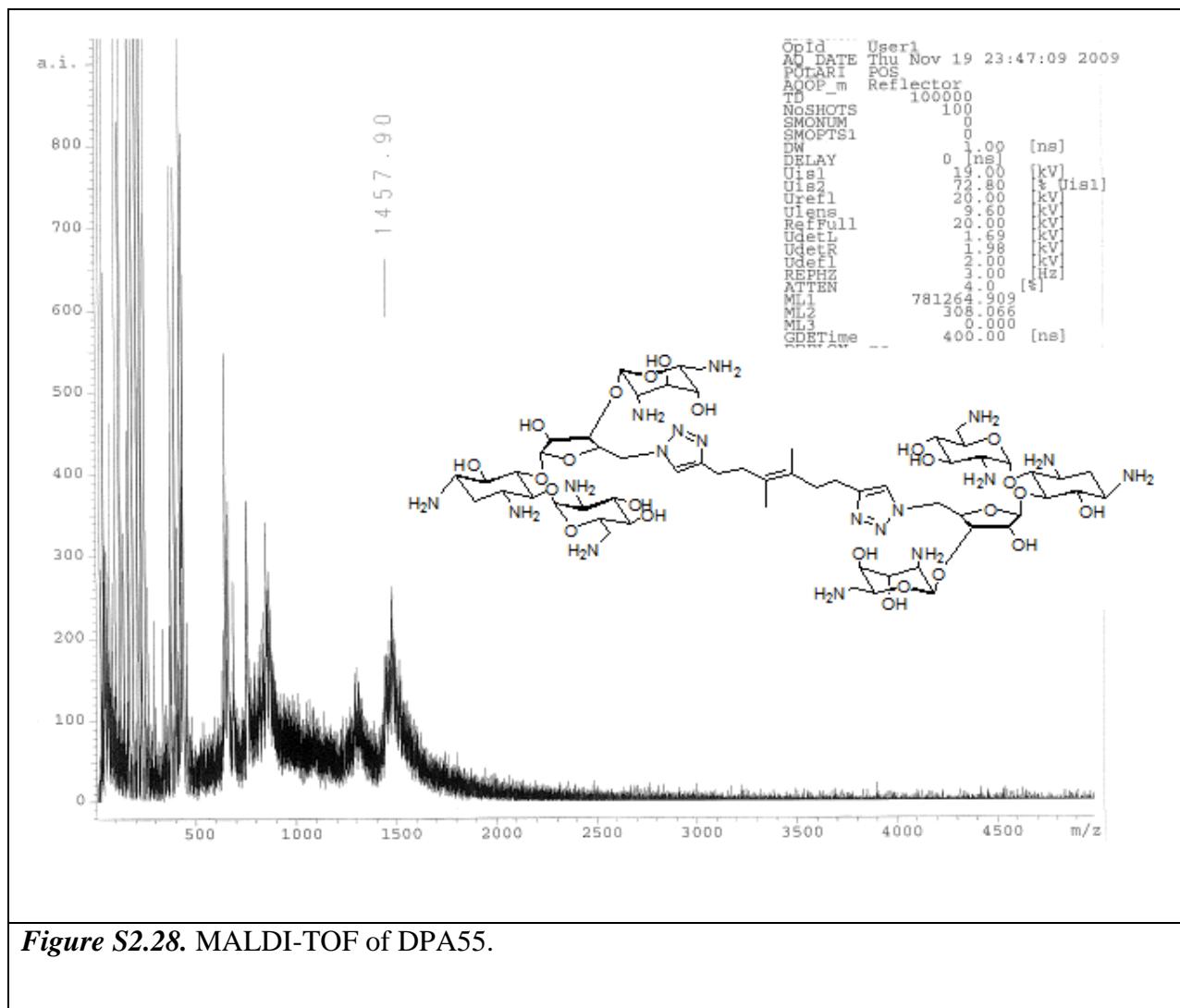
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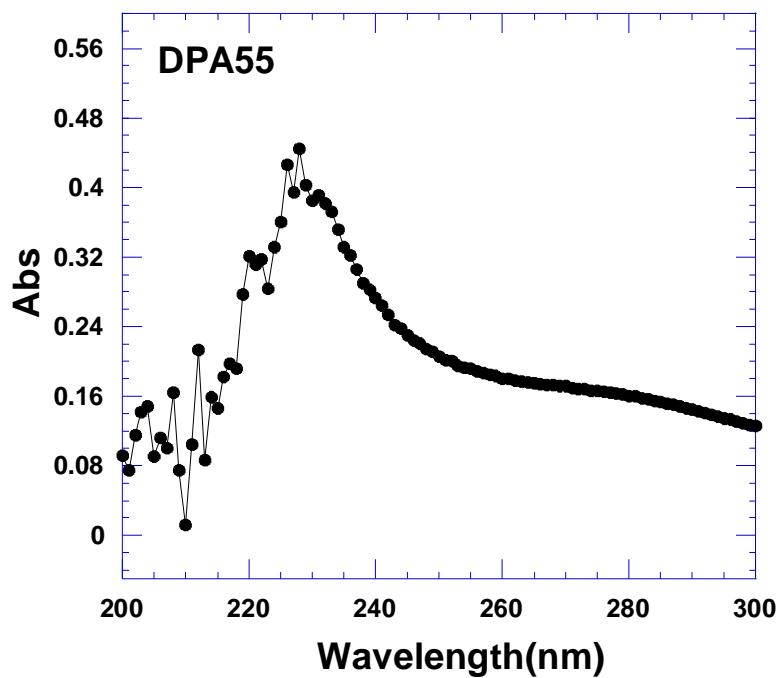


## DPA55.



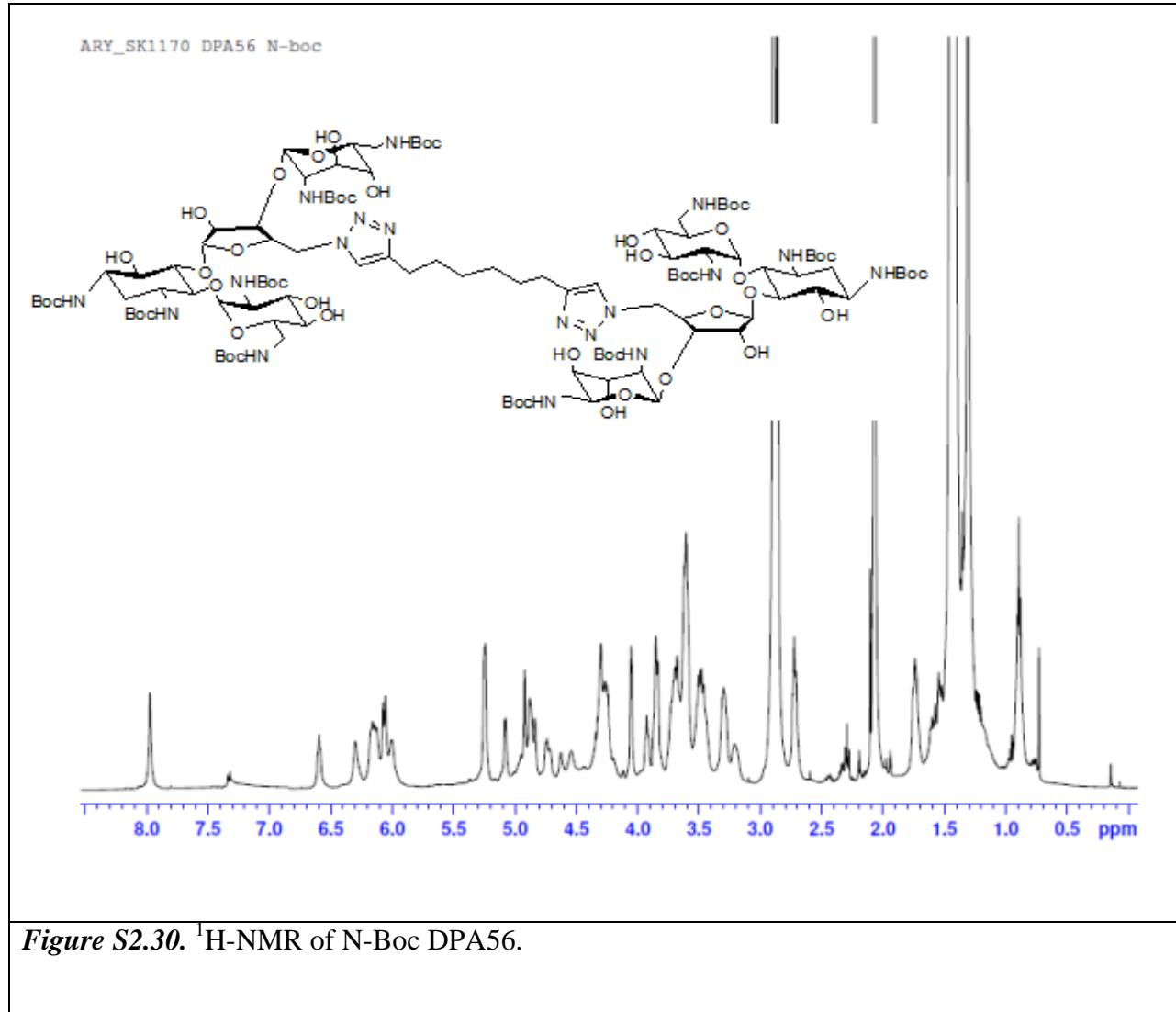


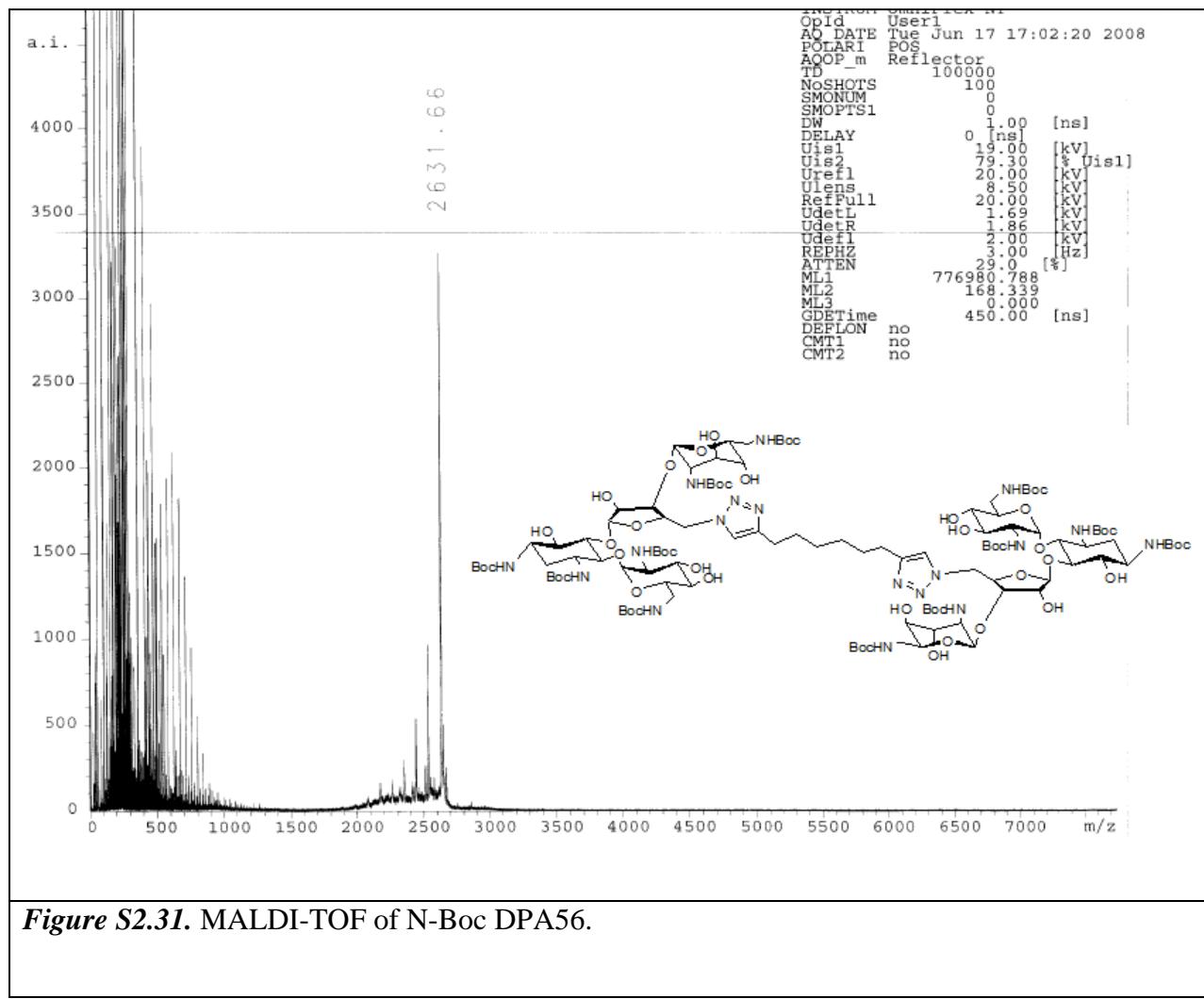
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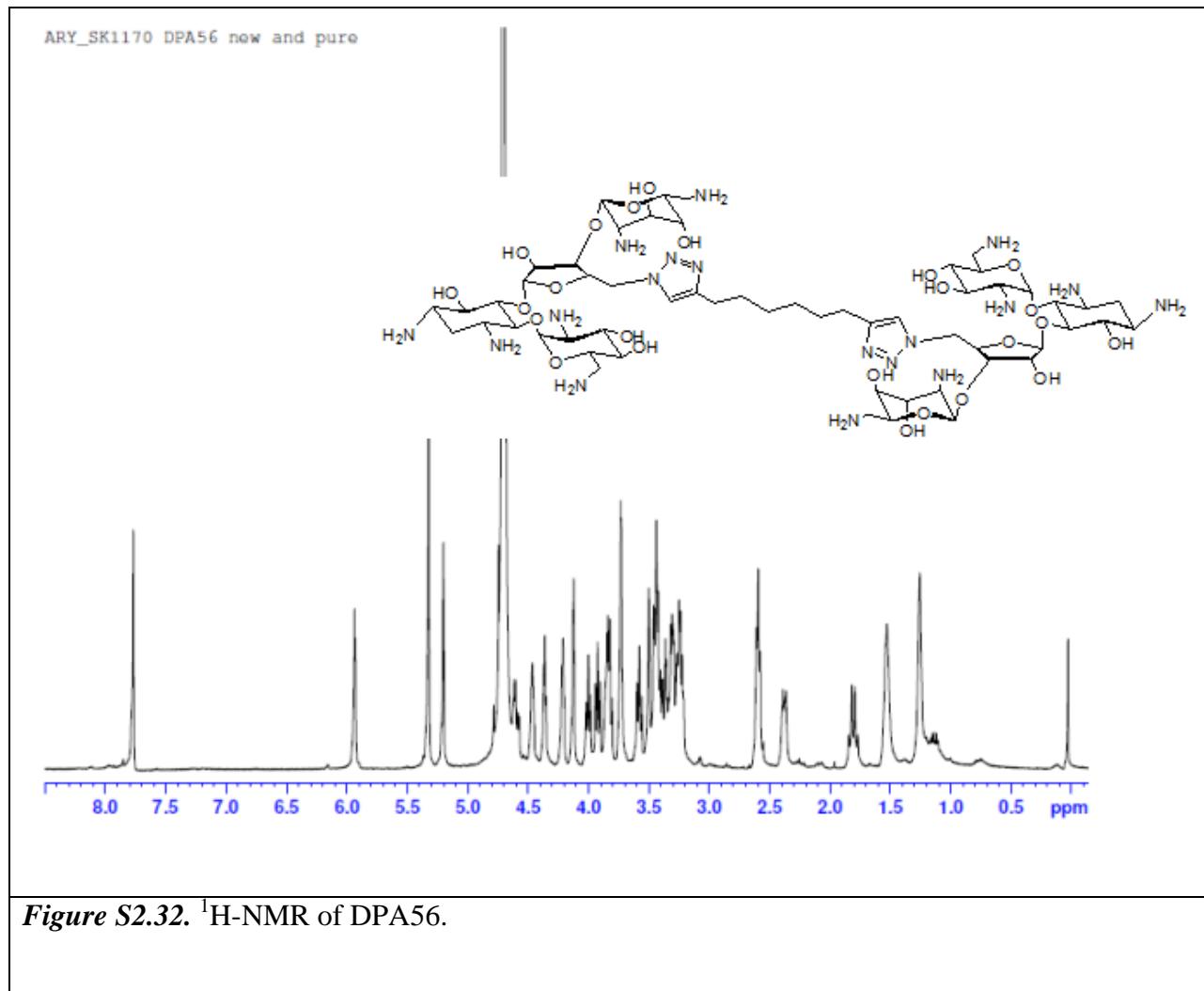
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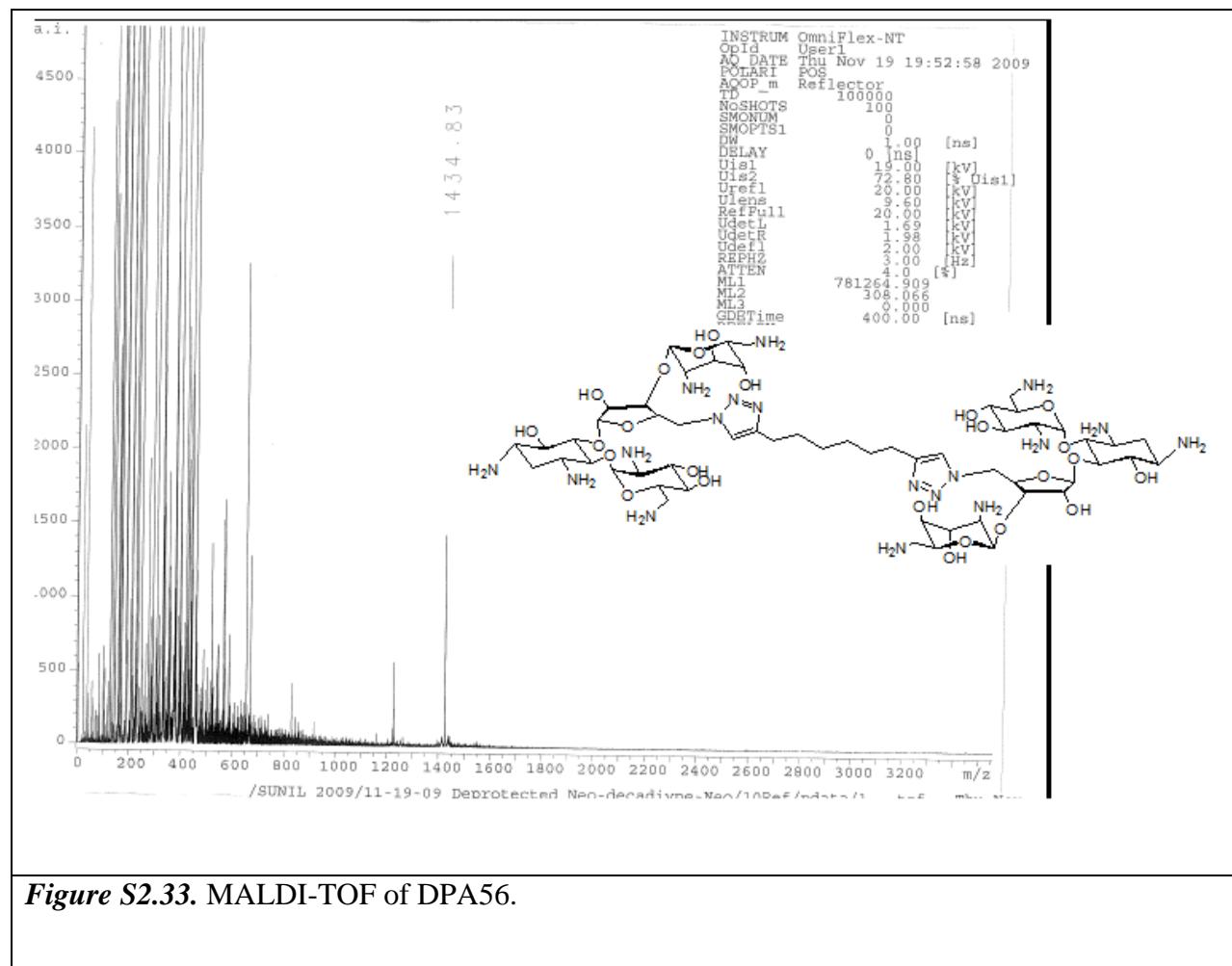
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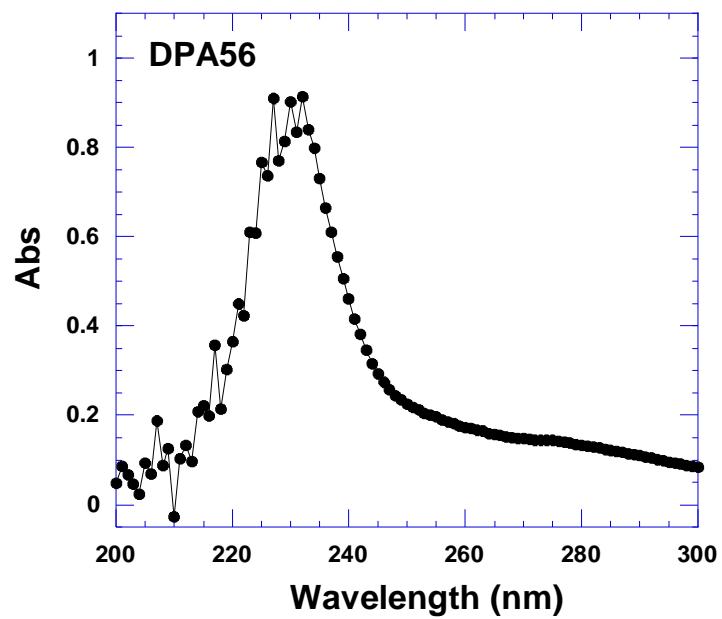


**DPA56.**



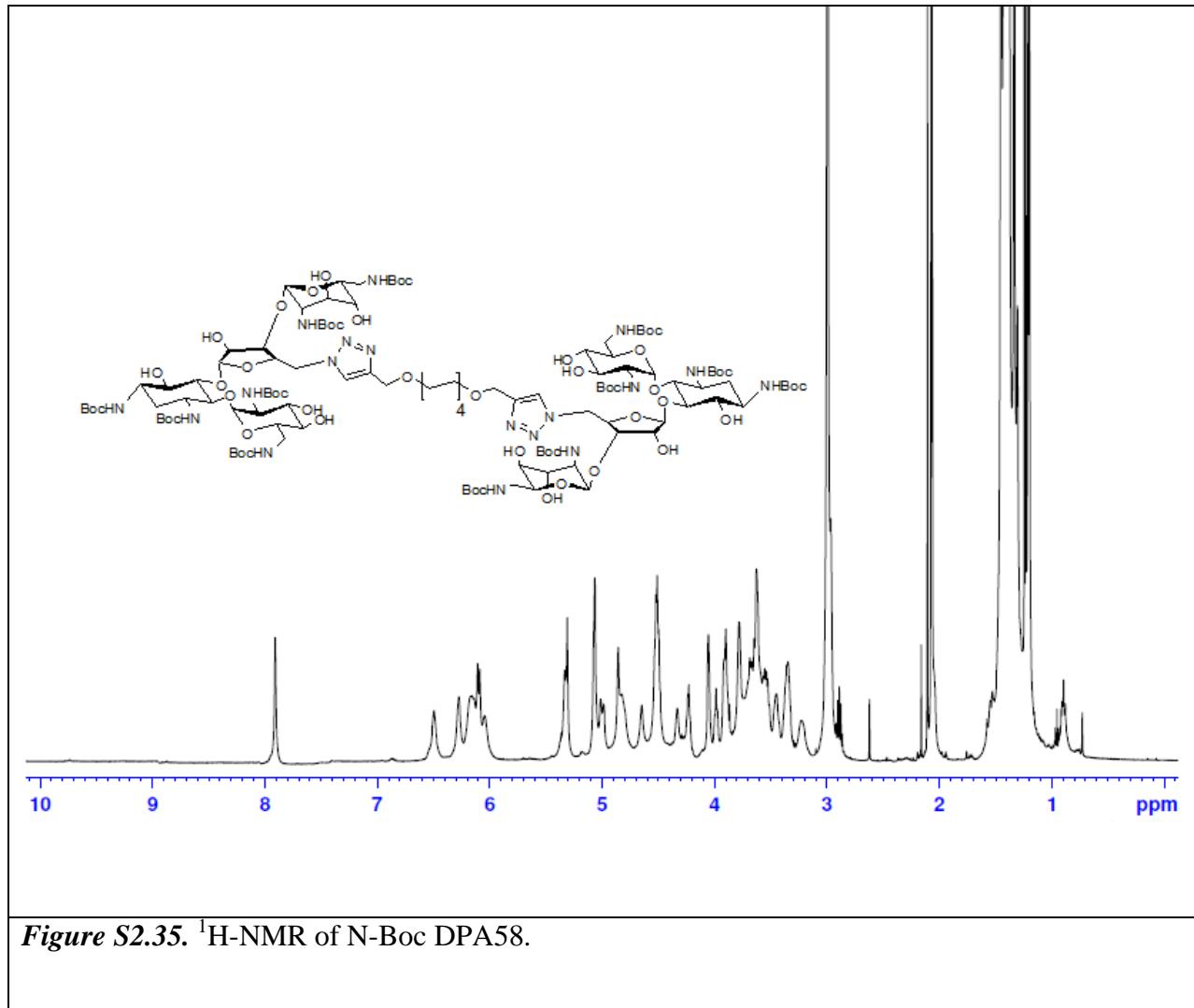


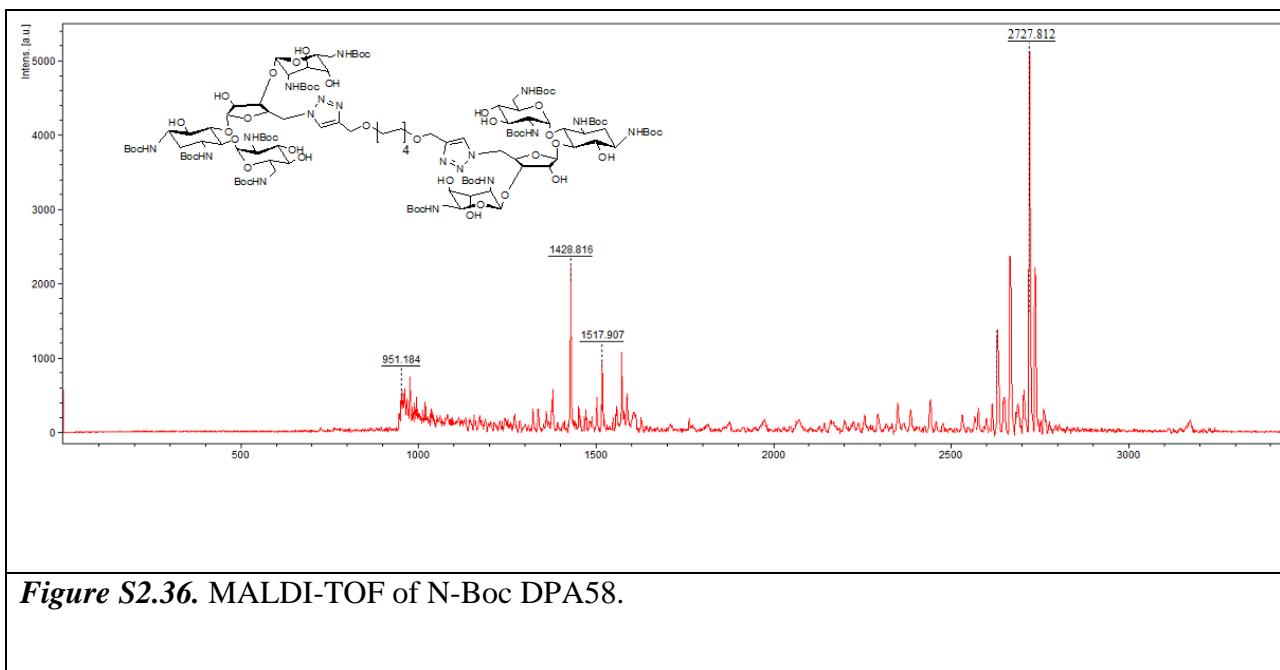
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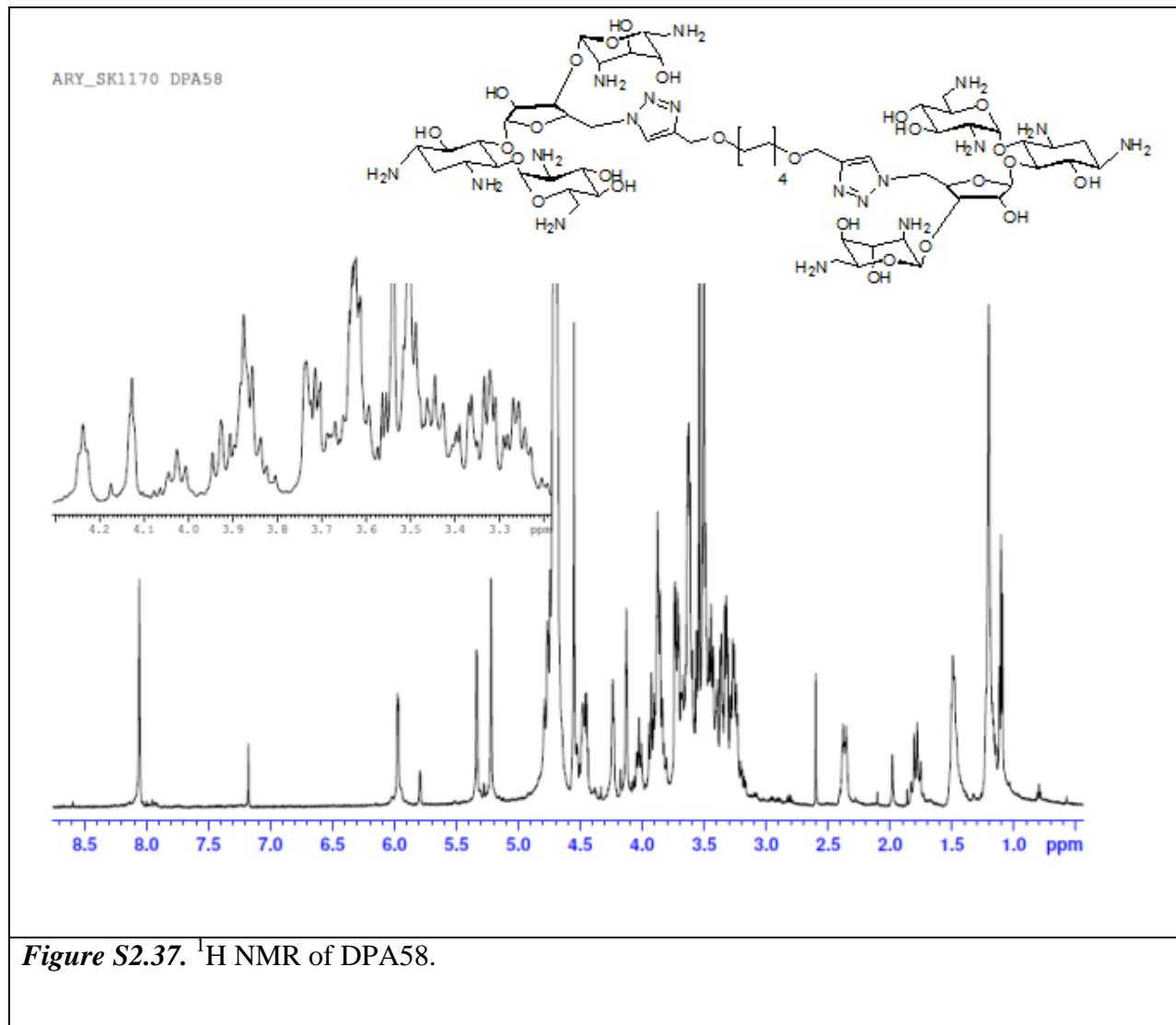
**Figure S2.34.** UV absorbance scan of DPA56. Scan was taken in water and the concentration of DPA56 was 25  $\mu\text{M}$ . T = 25 °C.

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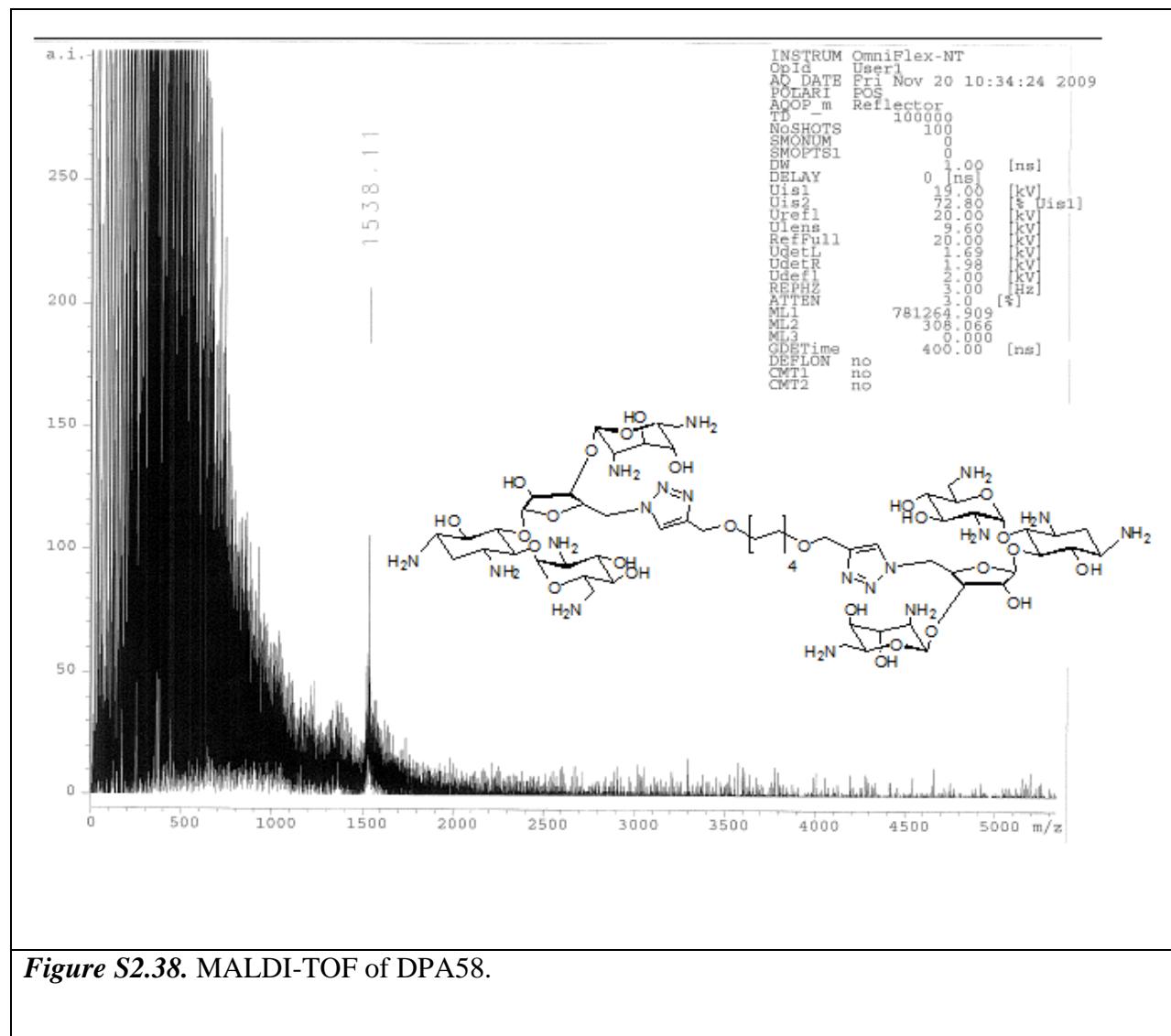


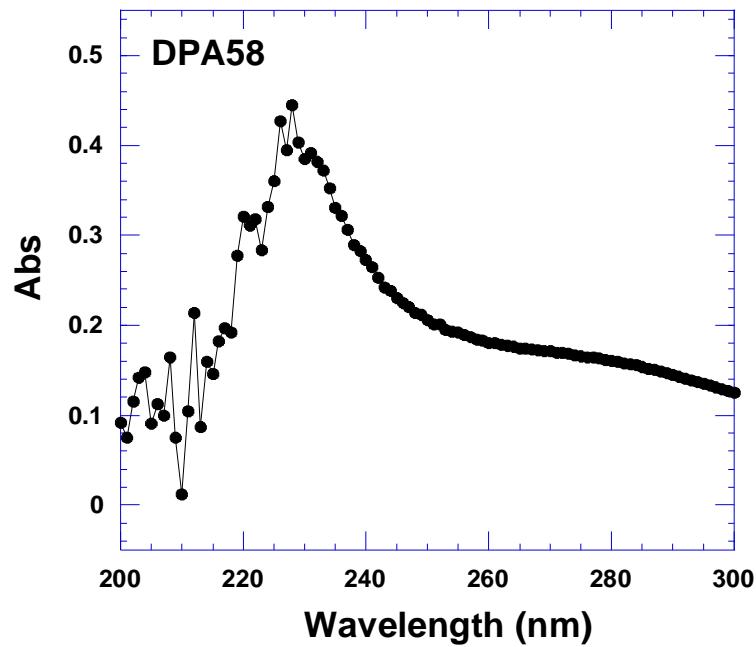


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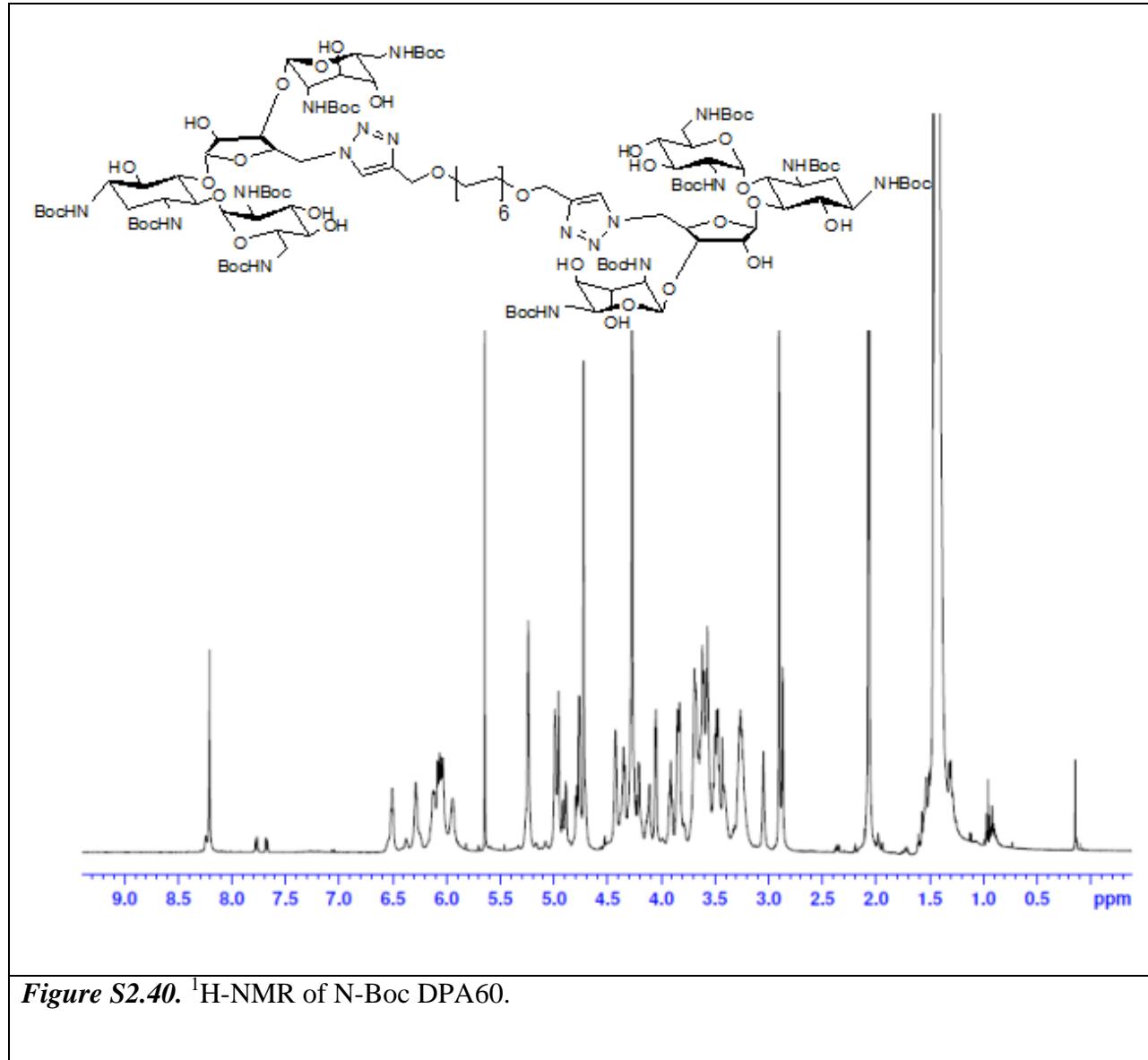
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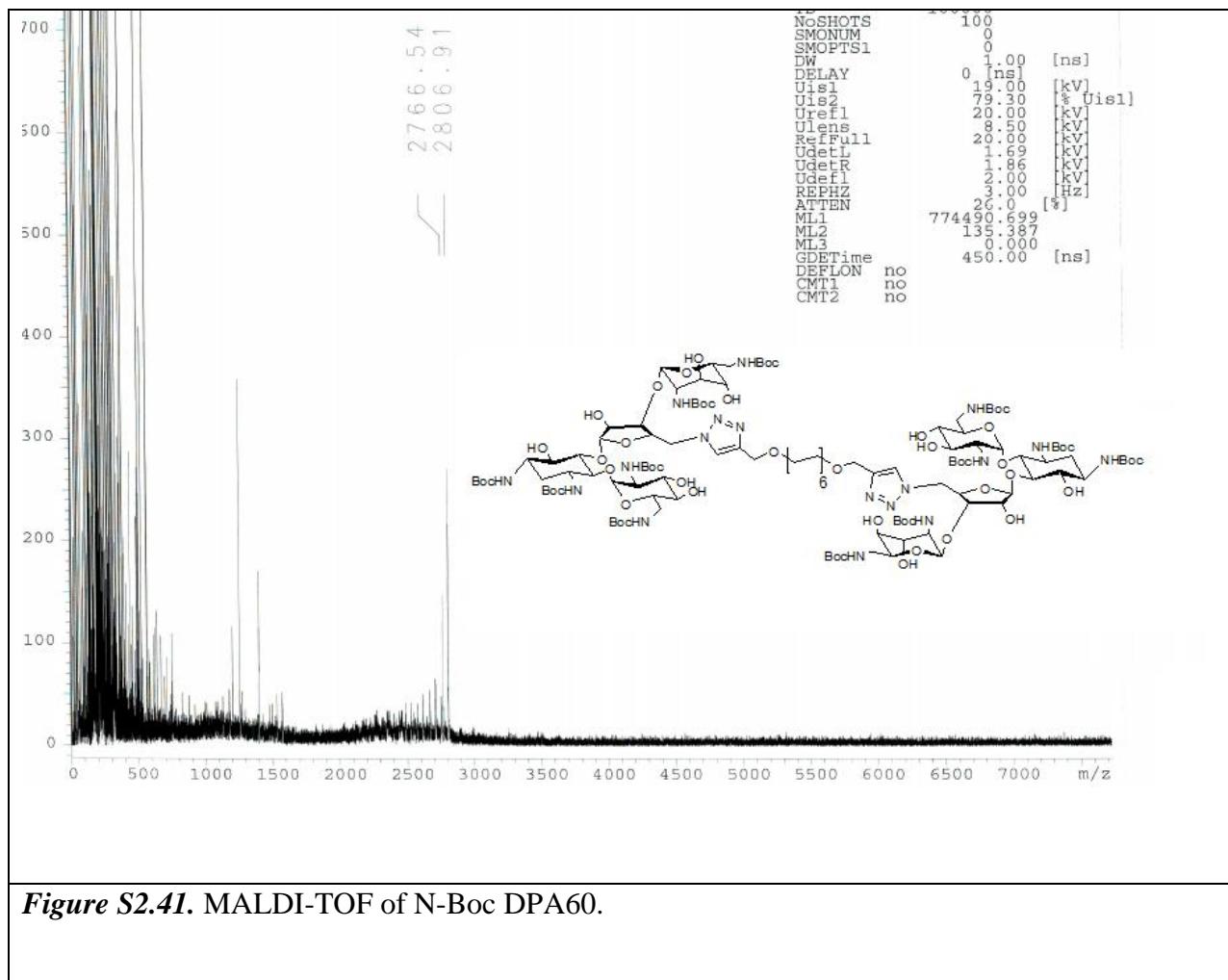




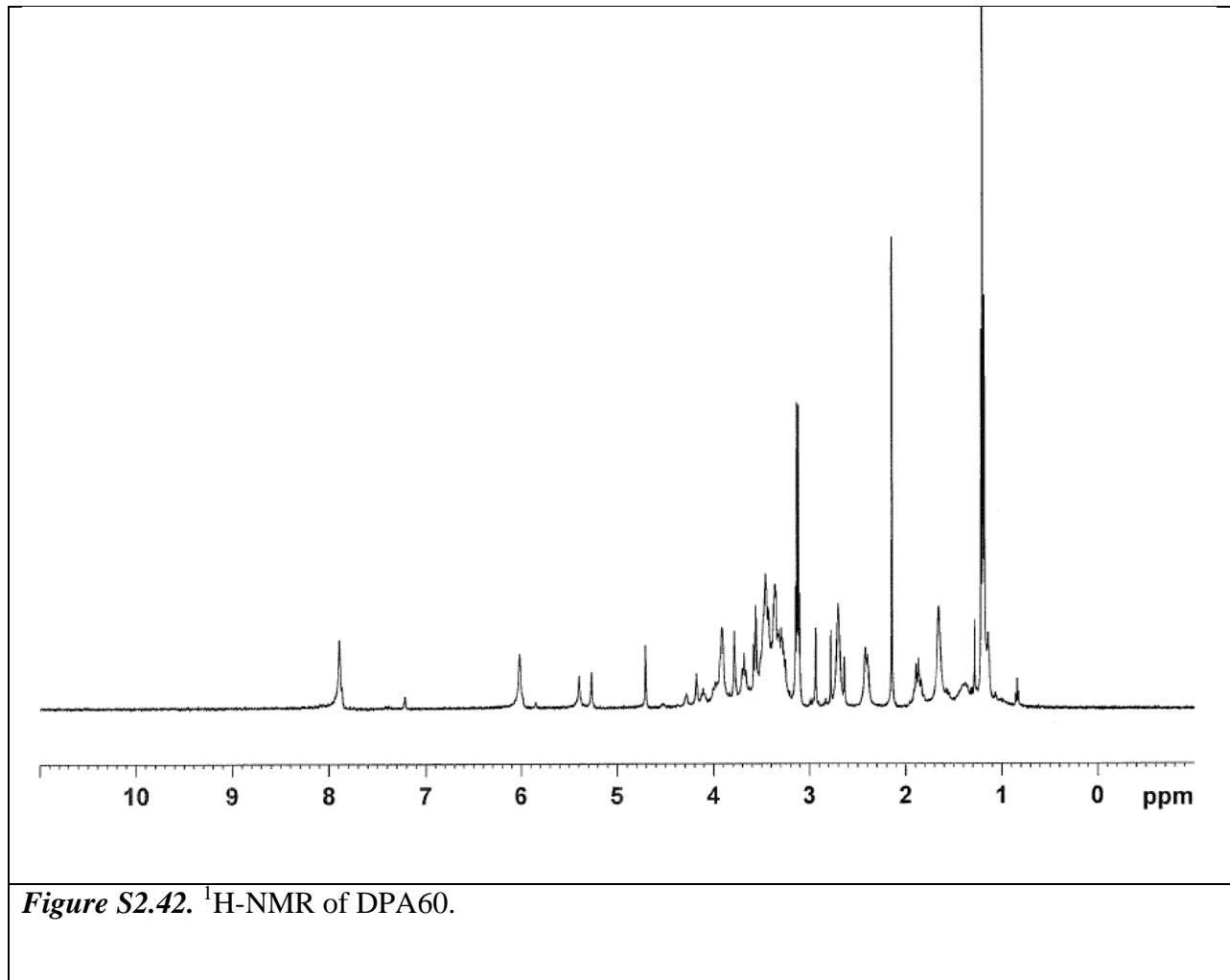
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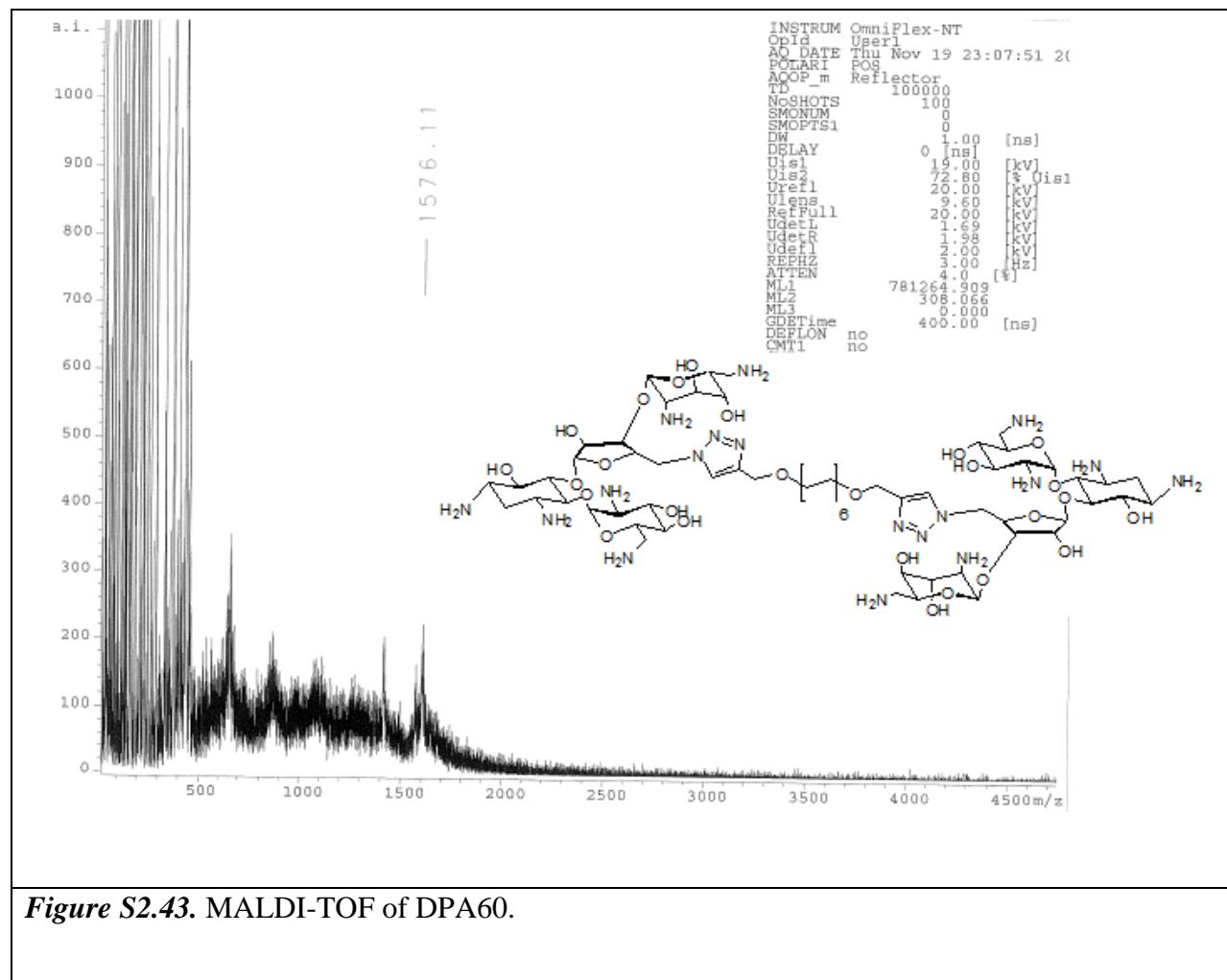
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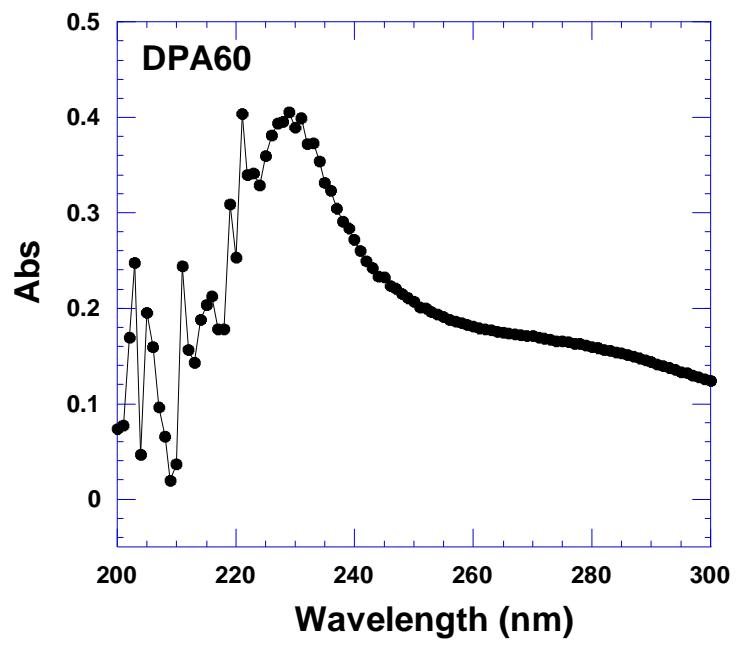




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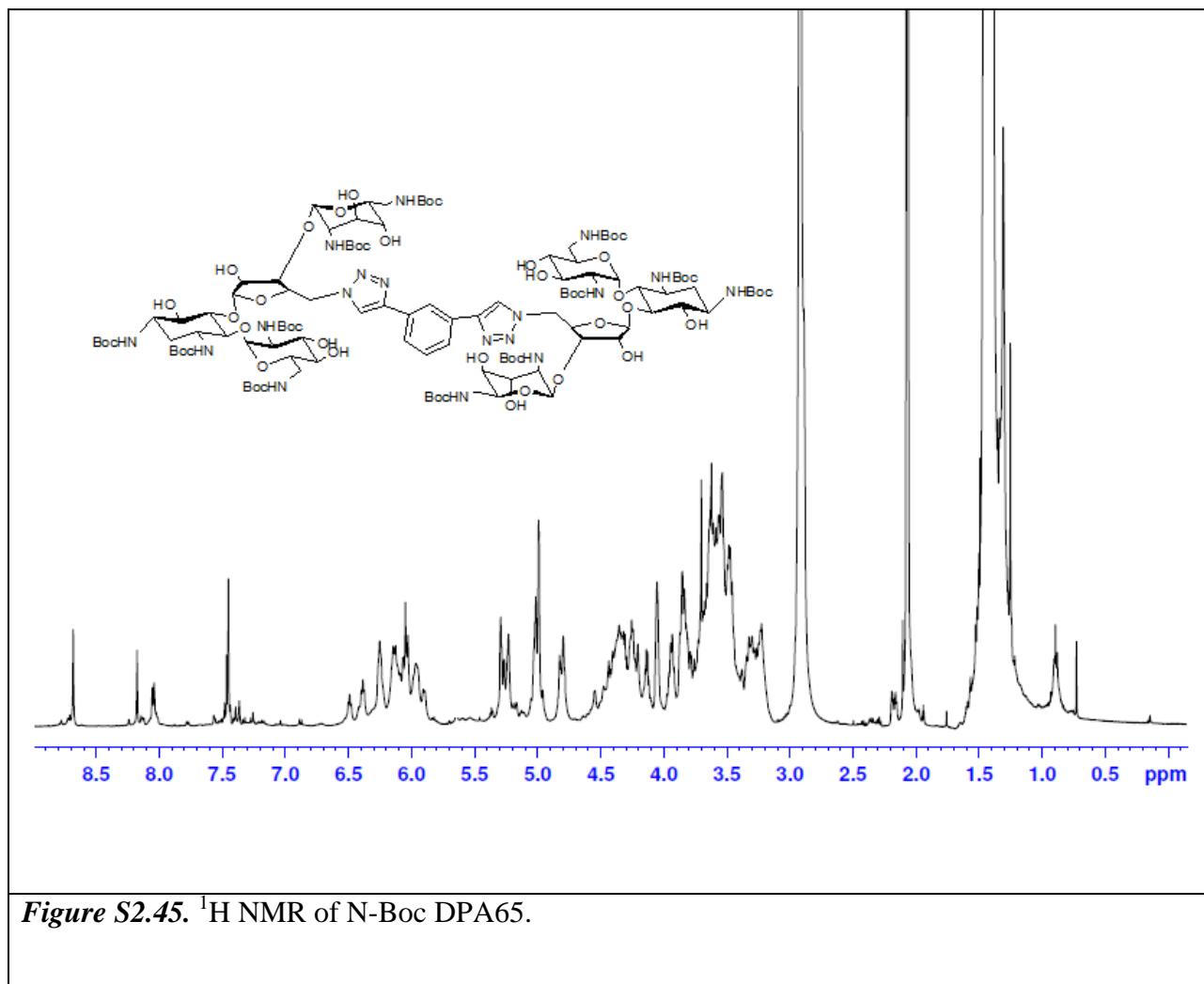




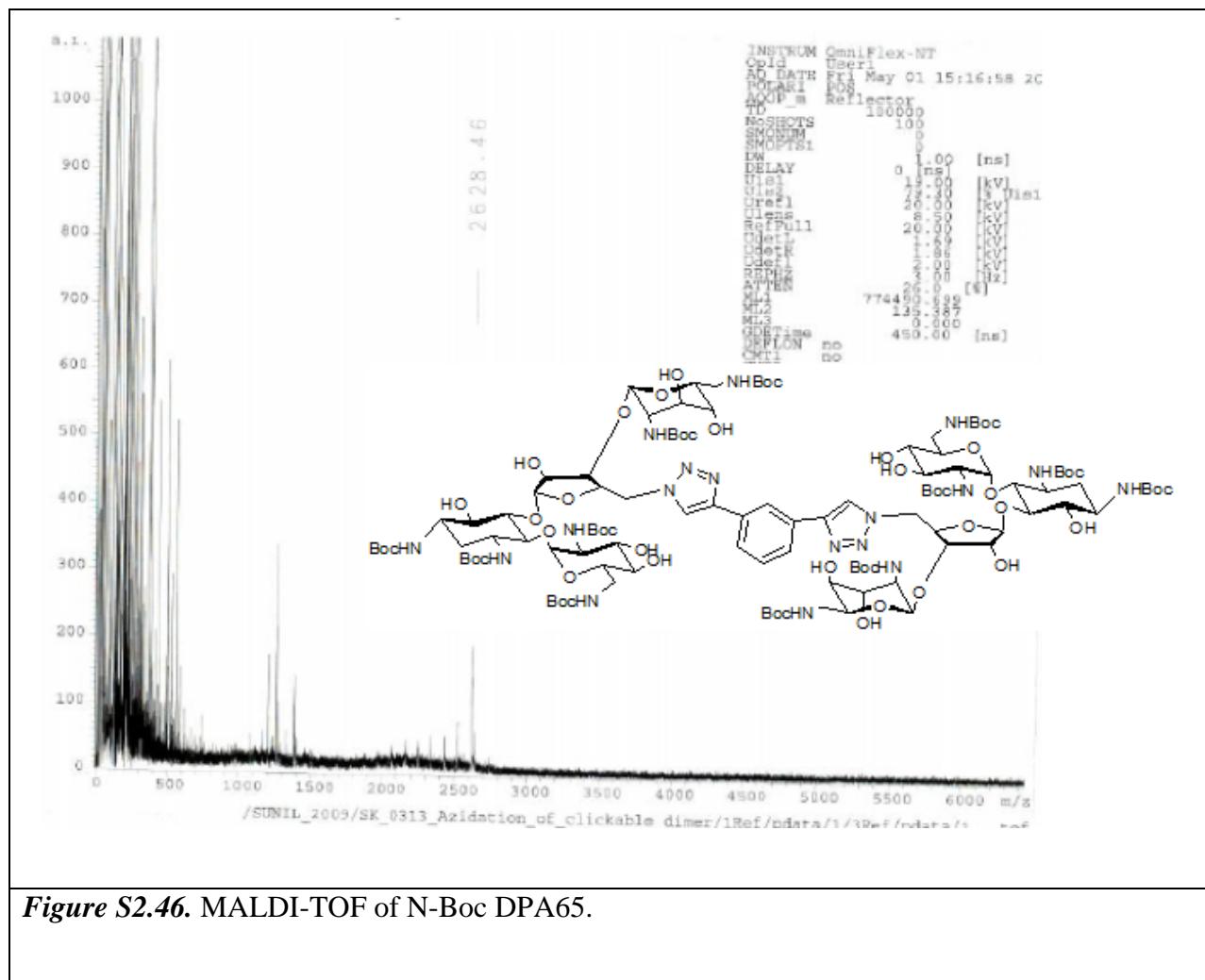


**Figure S2.44.** UV absorbance scan of DPA60. Scan was taken in water and the concentration of DPA60 was 25  $\mu$ M. T = 25 °C.

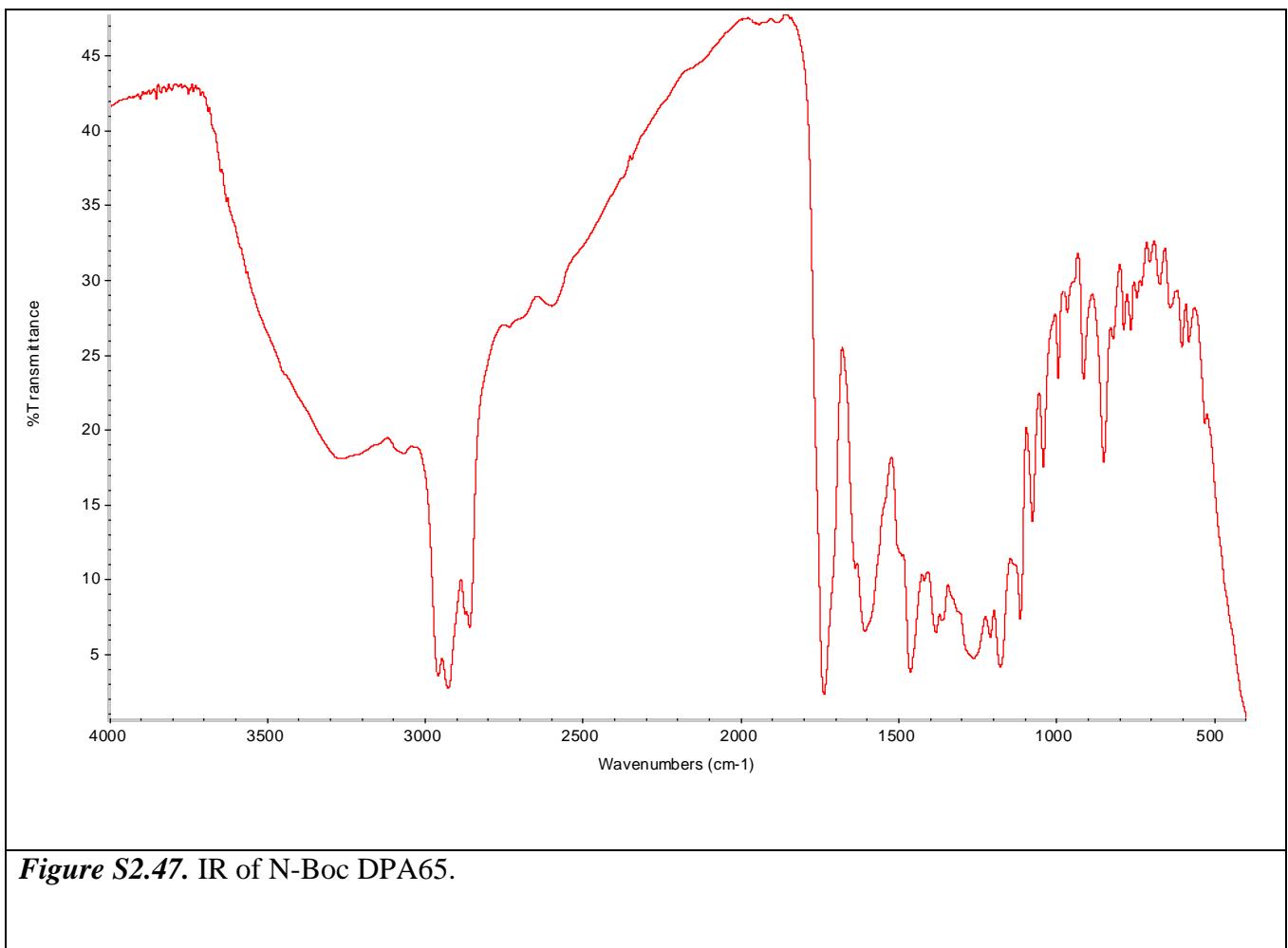
**N-Boc DPA65.**



**Figure S2.45.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of N-Boc DPA65.

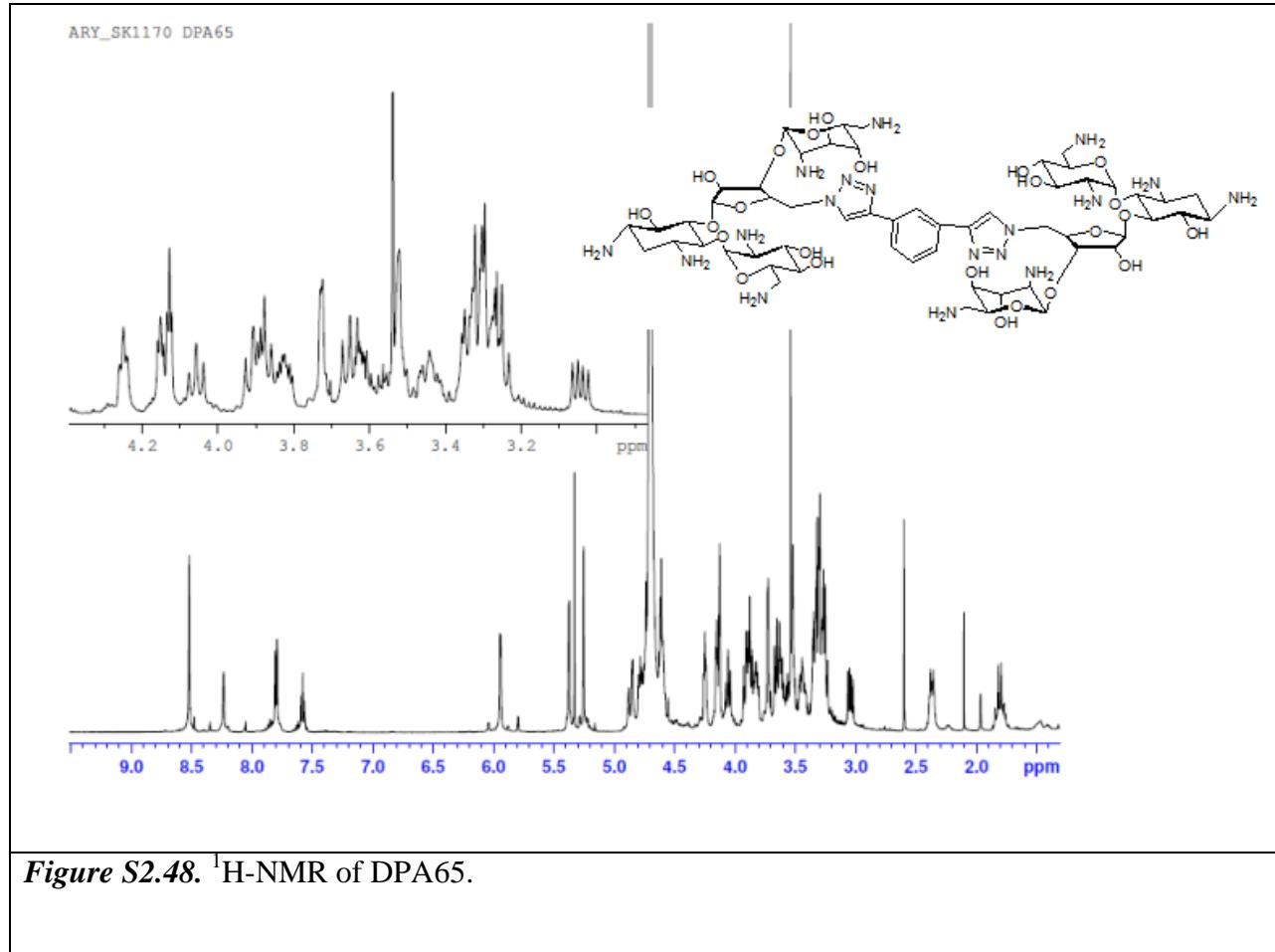


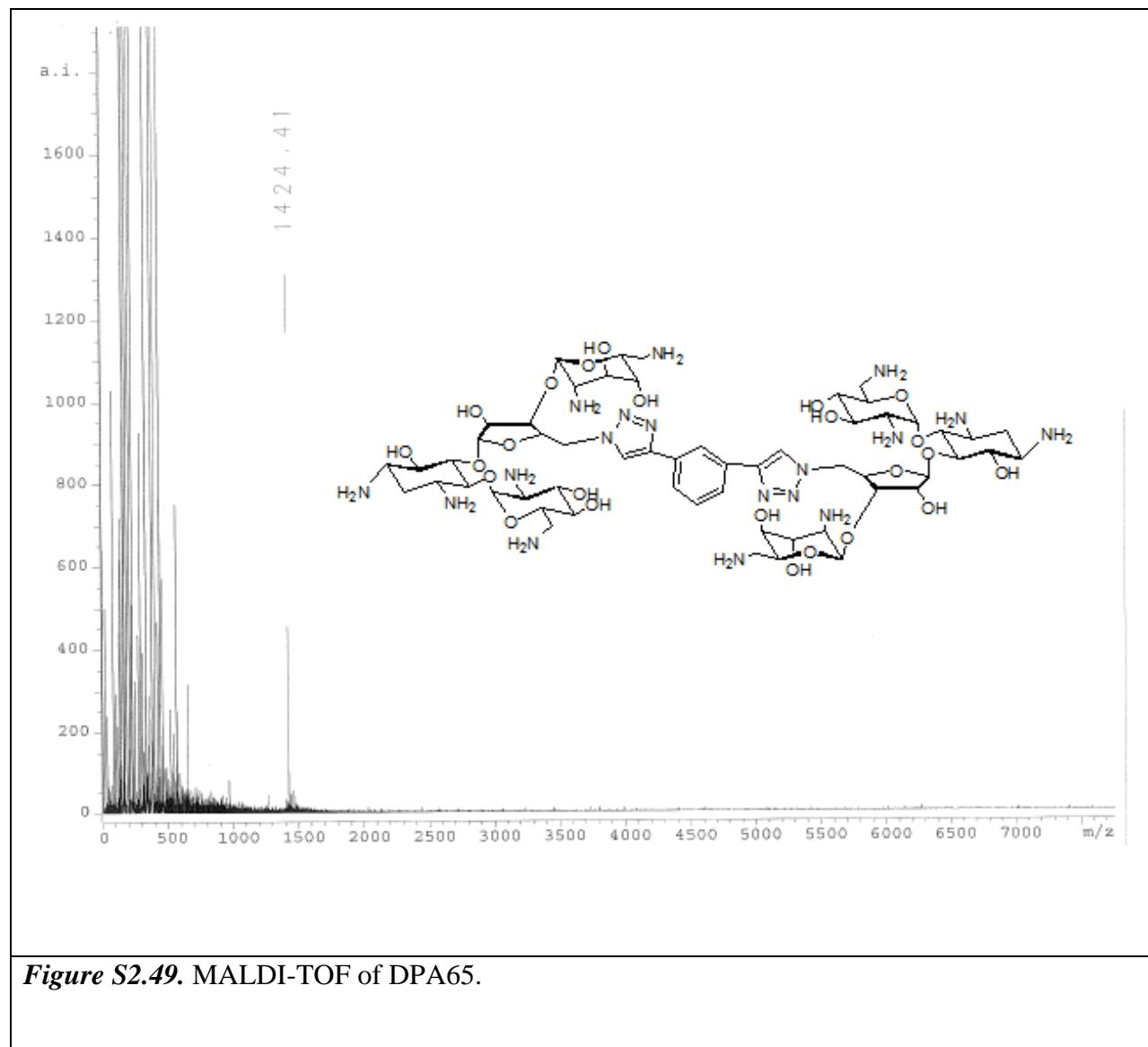
**Figure S2.46.** MALDI-TOF of N-Boc DPA65.



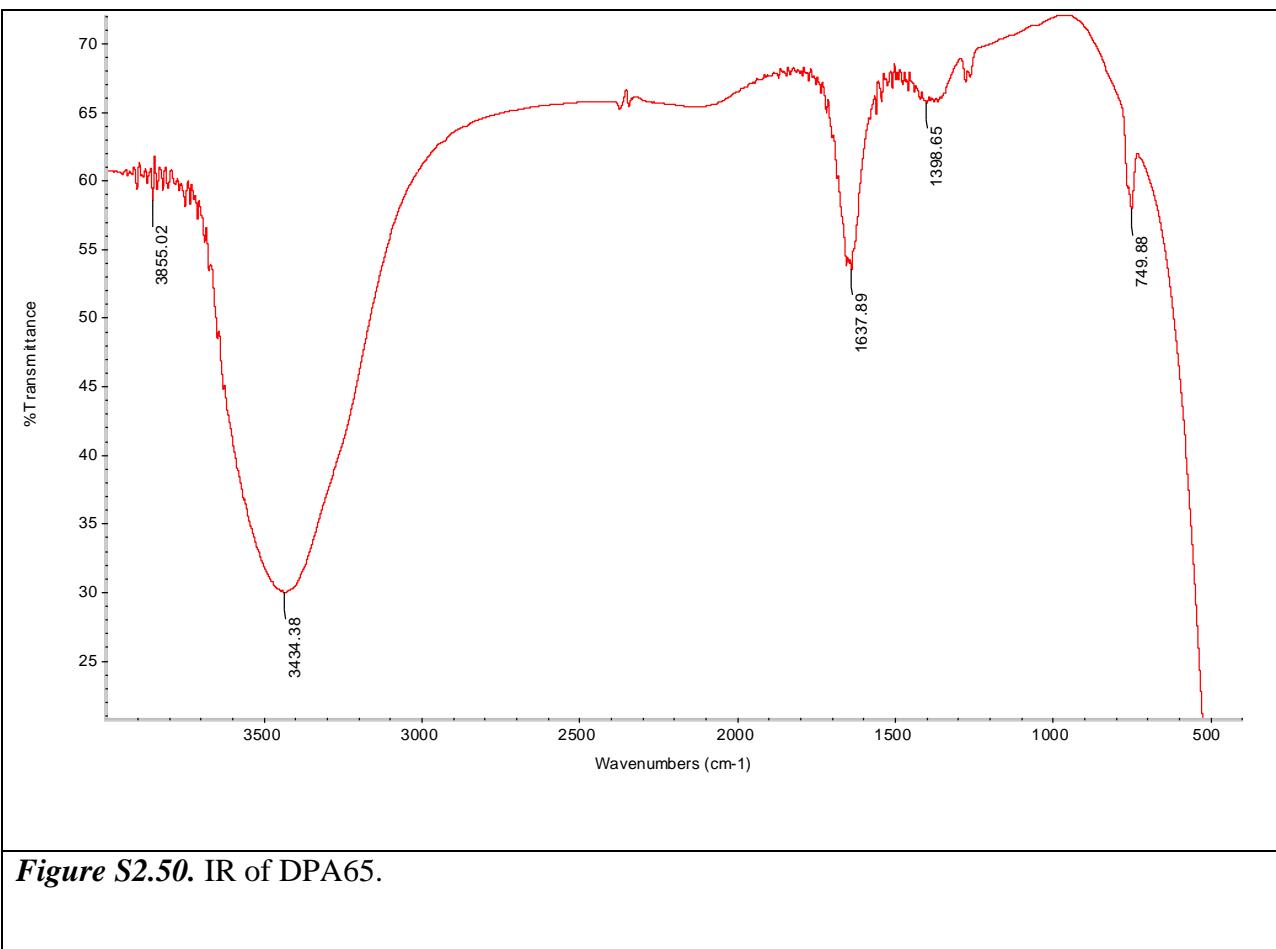
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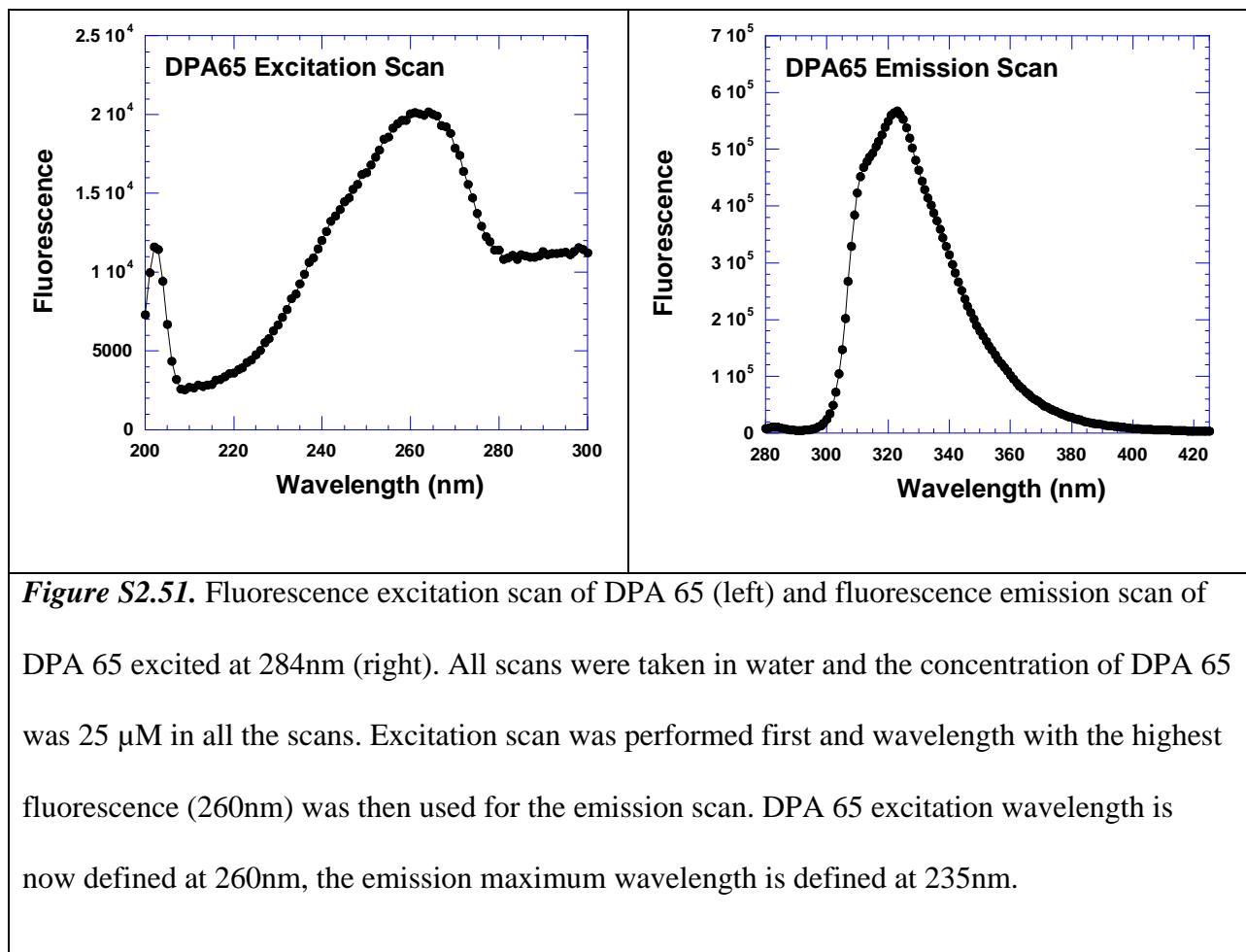
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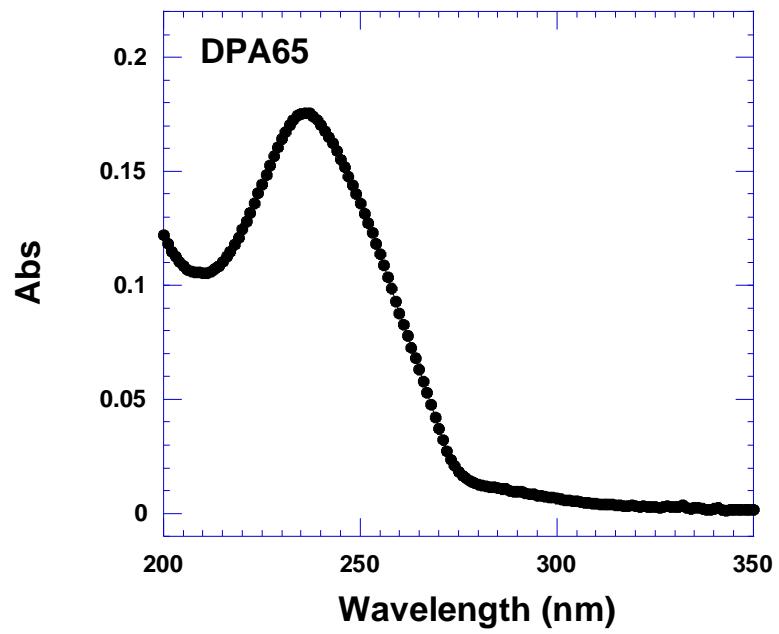




**Figure S2.49.** MALDI-TOF of DPA65.







**Figure S2.52.** UV absorbance scan of DPA 65. Scan was taken in water and the concentration of DPA 65 was 25  $\mu$ M. T = 25 °C.

### **N-Boc DPA51.**

[ $R_f$  0.38 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)];  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.55 (s, 2 H), 6.43 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{IV}}$ ), 5.95-6.25 (m, 12 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{1\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{3\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{2\text{IV}}$ , and  $\text{NH}_{2\text{II}}$ ), 5.20-5.18 (d,  $J = 8.36$  Hz, 4 H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.00-.80 (m, 10 H), 4.75-4.65 (m, 8 H), 4.43-4.55 (br, 4 H), 4.40-4.30 (m, 4 H), 4.27 (br, 6 H), 4.06 (s, 4 H), 3.93 (m, 2 H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 6 H), 3.80-3.55 (m, 20 H), 3.53-3.37 (m, 8 H), 3.35-3.15 (m, 8 H), 1.85-1.35 (m, 110 H, 6  $\times$  boc,  $\text{H}_{2\text{Ieq}}$ ); MS (MALDI-TOF) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{112}\text{H}_{192}\text{N}_{18}\text{O}_{49}$ , 2595.80, found 2595.15 [(M+Na $^+$ )].

### **N-Boc DPA52.**

[ $R_f$  0.42 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)]  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.56 (s, 2 H), 6.42 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{IV}}$ ), 6.28- 5.97 (m, 12 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{1\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{3\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{2\text{IV}}$ , and  $\text{NH}_{2\text{II}}$ ), 5.30-5.18 (d,  $J = 7.41$  Hz, 4 H), 5.07-4.99 (m, 4H), 4.98-4.94 (s, 2 H), 4.90-4.77 (m, 8 H), 4.77-4.65 (m, 8 H), 4.57-4.44 (m, 4 H), 4.42-4.32 (m, 8 H), 4.31-4.16 (m, 16 H), 4.06 (s, 4 H), 3.96-3.90 (t,  $J = 6.30$  Hz, 2H), 3.90-3.80 (m, 6 H), 3.78- 3.64-3 (m, 18 H), 3.53- 3.37 (m, 8 H), 3.37-3.15 (m, 10 H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 2 H,  $\text{H}_{2\text{Ieq}}$ ), 1.52-1.23 (m, 110 H,  $\text{H}_{2\text{Iax}}$ , 12  $\times$  Boc); MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{113}\text{H}_{194}\text{N}_{18}\text{O}_{48}$  2598.80, found: 2599.27(M+2H+Na $^+$ ).

### **N-Boc DPA53.**

[ $R_f$  0.40 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)]; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2980, 2930, 2880, 2910, 1720, 1608, 1480;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (s, 2 H, triazole), 8.14-8.04 (s, 4 H, Aromatic ring protons), 6.50 (s, 2 H), 6.28 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{IV}}$ ), 6.23-5.97- (m, 12 H,  $\text{NH}_{6\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{1\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{3\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{NH}_{2\text{IV}}$ , and  $\text{NH}_{2\text{II}}$ ), 5.26-5.41 (m, 4 H), 5.11-5.03 (m, 4H), 5.03-4.95 (d,  $J = 12.45$  Hz, 2 H), 4.93-4.74 (m, 6 H), 4.65 (s, 2 H), 4.59- 4.44 (m, 8 H), 4.27- 4.19 (m, 2 H), 4.05 (s, 2 H), 4.04- 3.95 (t,  $J = 6.31$  Hz,

2 H), 3.95-3.85 (m, 4H), 3.83- 3.75 (m, 4 H), 3.72- 3.58 (m, 10 H), 3.58-3.49 (m, 4 H), 3.49-3.41 (m, 2 H), 3.41-3.29 (m, 4 H), 3.27-3.15 (br, 2 H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.94 Hz, 2 H), 1.50-1.25-1.50 (m, 110 H,  $H_{2Iax}$ , 12  $\times$  Boc); MS( MALDI-TOF),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $C_{116}H_{192}N_{18}O_{48}$  2629.86, found 2662.29 ( $M+Na^+$ ),.

#### **N-Boc DPA54.**

[ $R_f$  0.42 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)],  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CD_3COCD_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.53 (s, 2 H), 6.41 (s, 2 H,  $NH_{6IV}$ ), 6.27-5.92 (m, 12 H,  $NH_{6II}$ ,  $NH_{1I}$ ,  $NH_{3I}$ ,  $NH_{2IV}$ , and  $NH_{2II}$ ), 5.30-5.16 (m, 4 H), 5.05-4.87 (m, 8 H), 4.87-4.62 (m, 10 H), 4.57-4.41 (br, 4 H), 4.41-4.24 (m, 8 H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 2 H), 4.09-4.00 (s, 4 H), 3.97-3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.90-3.79 (m, 6 H), 3.79-3.54 (m, 16 H), 3.54-3.36 (m, 8 H), 3.37-3.10 (m, 8 H), 1.52-1.35 (m, 110 H,  $H_{2Iax}$ , 6  $\times$  Boc); MS ( MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calcd. for  $C_{114}H_{196}N_{18}O_{48}$  ( $M^+$ ), 2586.87 found 2586.06.

#### **N-Boc DPA55.**

[ $R_f$  0.44 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)];  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CD_3COCD_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.50-6.64 (br, s, 2 H), 6.39-6.23 (br, s, 2 H,  $NH_{6IV}$ ), 6.23-5.90 (m, 10 H,  $NH_{1I}$ ,  $NH_{6II}$ ,  $NH_{3I}$ ,  $NH_{2IV}$ , and  $NH_{2II}$ ), 5.35-5.20 (m, 4 H), 5.12-5.03 (m, 2 H), 5.03-4.80 (m, 8 H), 4.79-4.70 (m, 2 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 4.40-4.21 (m, 8 H), 4.20-4.14 (m, 2 H), 4.06 (s, 2 H), 3.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.10 Hz, 2 H), 3.90-3.80 (m, 6 H), 3.77-3.54 (m, 16 H), 3.55-3.39 (m, 8 H), 3.38-3.13 (m, 6 H), 2.93 (m, 2 H), 2.38-2.26 (m, 2 H,  $H_{2Ieq}$ ), 2.23-2.14 (m, 2 H), 1.96-1.93 (m, 2 H, linker protons), 1.68-1.20 (m, 110 H, 6  $\times$  Boc and linker protons,  $H_{2Iax}$ ); MS MALDI-TOF  $m/z$  for  $C_{118}H_{202}N_{18}O_{48}$  [ $M+H_2O$ ] $^+$ , calcd 2663.94, found 2664.66.

**N-Boc DPA56.**

[R<sub>f</sub> 0.44 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)], <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.60 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.30 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>6IV</sub>), 6.23-6.10 (m, 4 H, NH<sub>1I</sub> and NH<sub>6II</sub>), 6.10-5.90 (m, 6 H, NH<sub>3I</sub>, NH<sub>2IV</sub>, and NH<sub>2II</sub>), 5.29-5.19 (m, 4 H), 5.07 (d, J = 2.68 Hz, 2 H), 4.92 (s, 2 H), 4.90-4.80 (m, 4 H), 4.78-4.67 (m, 2 H), 4.58-4.50 (br, s, 2 H), 4.40-4.15 (m, 8 H), 4.05 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (t, J = 5.99 Hz, 2 H), 3.89-3.78 (m, 4 H), 3.76-3.65 (m, 8H), 3.65-3.55 (m, 8 H), 3.55-3.38 (m, 6 H), 3.37-3.25 (m, 4 H), 3.24-3.15 (m, 2 H), 2.78-2.66 (m, 4 H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 2 H, H<sub>2Ieq</sub>), 1.80-1.67 (m, 4 H, H<sub>2Iax</sub> and linker protons), 1.50-1.30 (m, 112 H, 6 × Boc and linker protons); MS ( MALDI-TOF) m/z calcd. for C<sub>116</sub>H<sub>200</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>48</sub> [M+H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 2632.94, found 2631.66.

**N-Boc DPA58.**

[R<sub>f</sub> 0.42 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)], <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.50 (m, 2 H), 6.28 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>6IV</sub>), 6.23-5.95 (m, 10 H, NH<sub>1I</sub>, NH<sub>6II</sub>, NH<sub>3I</sub>, NH<sub>2IV</sub>, and NH<sub>2II</sub>), 5.42-5.27 (m, 4 H), 5.13-5.03 (s, 4 H), 4.98 (d, J = 12.45 Hz, 2 H), 4.92-4.73 (m, 6 H), 4.78-4.67 (m, 2 H), 4.65 (br, s, 2 H), 4.59-4.42 (m, 8 H), 4.33 (s, 2 H), 4.27-4.19 (m, 2 H), 4.05 (m, 2 H), (t, J = 6.13 Hz, 2 H), 3.95-3.85 (m, 4 H), 3.83-3.75 (m, 4 H), 3.73-3.58 (m, 12 H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 4 H), 3.49-3.41 (m, 4 H), 3.41-3.29 (m, 4 H), 3.28-3.14 (br, s, 2 H), 2.92-2.85 (m, 2 H), 1.69-1.03 (m, 122 H, H<sub>2Iax</sub>, linker protons, 12 × Boc); MS ( MALDI-TOF) m/z calcd. for C<sub>120</sub>H<sub>208</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>50</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 2727.03, found 2727.81.

**N-Boc DPA60.**

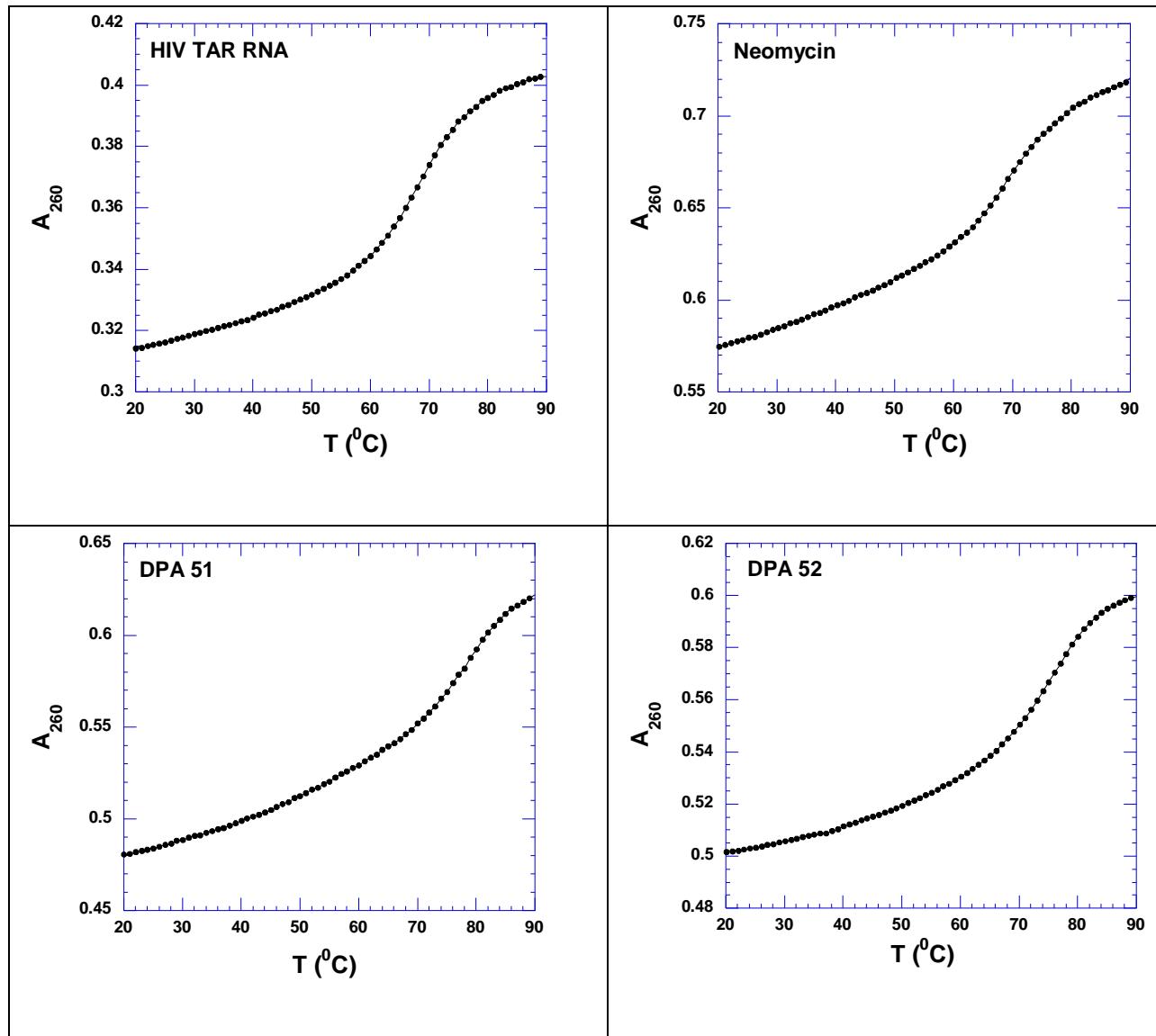
[R<sub>f</sub> 0.44 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (s, 2 H, triazole), 6.57-6.47 (t, J = 5.83 Hz, 2 H), 6.33-6.22 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>6IV</sub>), 6.18-5.98 (m, 10 H, NH<sub>1I</sub>, NH<sub>6II</sub>,

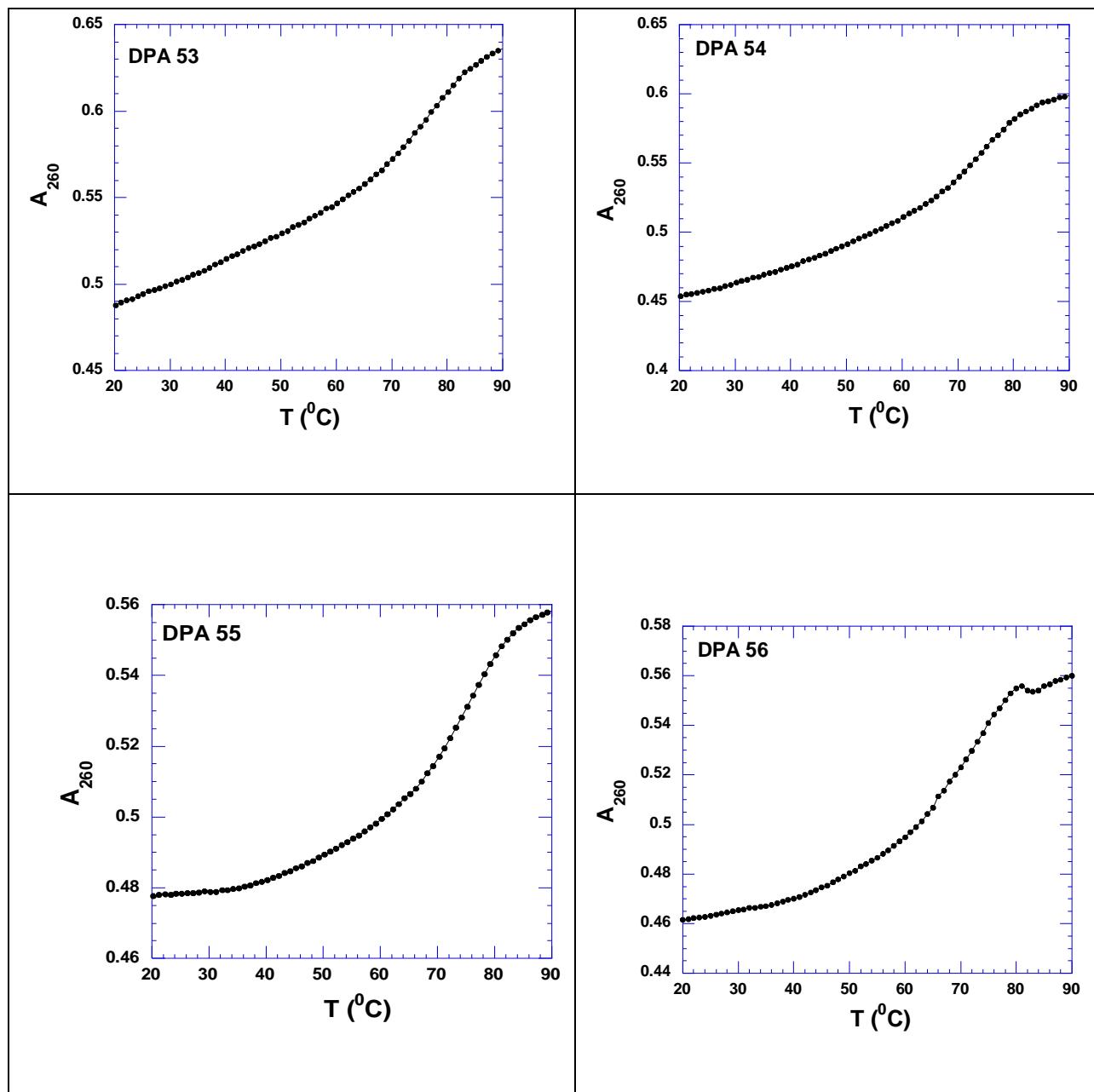
NH<sub>3I</sub>, NH<sub>2IV</sub>, and NH<sub>2II</sub>), 5.30-5.19 (m, 4 H), 5.03-4.93 (m, 4 H), 4.94-4.87 (m, 2 H), 4.84-4.74 (m, 4 H), 4.74-4.66 (m, 4 H), 4.47-4.41 (br, s, 2 H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 4 H), 4.32-4.25 (m, 10 H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 2 H), 4.16-4.08 (m, 2 H), 4.08-4.02 (m, 4 H), 3.95-3.88 (t, *J* = 6.78 Hz, 2 H), 3.88-3.80 (m, 6 H), 3.74-3.53 (m, 20 H), 3.53-3.45 (m, 6 H), 3.44-3.36 (m, 2 H), 3.32-3.16 (m, 8 H), 3.05 (s, 2 H), 2.87 (s, 2 H), 1.58-1.32 (m, 126 H, H<sub>2Iax</sub>, 6 × Boc, linker protons); MS ( MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calcd.for C<sub>124</sub>H<sub>216</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>50</sub> [M+2Na]<sup>+</sup>, calcd 2805.49, found 2806.91.

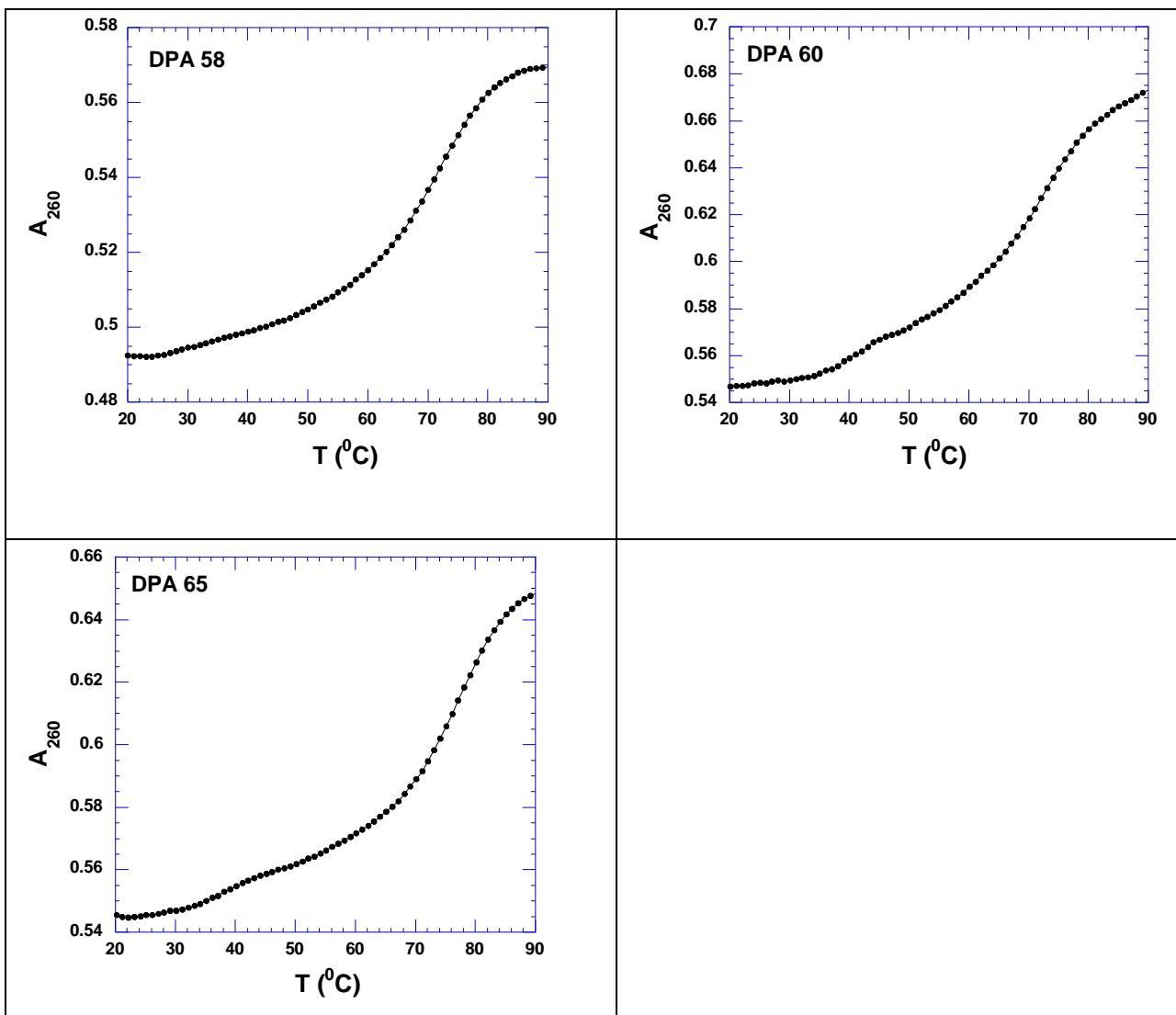
### **N-Boc DPA65.**

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2910-2980 (br), 2870, 2910, 1719, 1610, 1470; [R<sub>f</sub> 0.42 in 10% EtOH in DCM (v/v)]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.68 (s, 2 H, triazole), 8.18 (s, 1 H, Ar), 8.063 (d, *J* = 6.93 Hz, 2 H, Ar), 7.47 (s, 1 H, Ar), 6.39 (t, *J* = 5.67 Hz, 2 H, NH<sub>6IV</sub>), 6.30-5.86 (m, 10 H, NH<sub>3I</sub>, NH<sub>2IV</sub>, NH<sub>2II</sub>, NH<sub>1I</sub> and NH<sub>6II</sub>), 5.29 (m, 2 H), 5.27 (m, 2 H), 5.23 (m, 2 H), 5.07-4.96 (m, 6 H), 4.87-4.75 (m, 4 H), 4.51-4.29 (m, 12 H), 4.29-4.18 (m, 6 H), 4.17-4.09 (m, 2 H), 4.05 (br, 4 H), 3.99-3.90 (m, 4H), 3.89-3.77 (m, 8 H), 3.73-3.51 (m, 18 H), 3.51-3.40 (m, 10 H), 3.38-3.13 (m, 10 H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 2 H, H<sub>2Ieq</sub>), 1.55-1.25 (m, 110 H, H<sub>2Iax</sub>, 12 × Boc); MS ( MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calcd.. for C<sub>116</sub>H<sub>192</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>48</sub>, 2629.86, found 2628.46 [(M+Na<sup>+</sup>)].

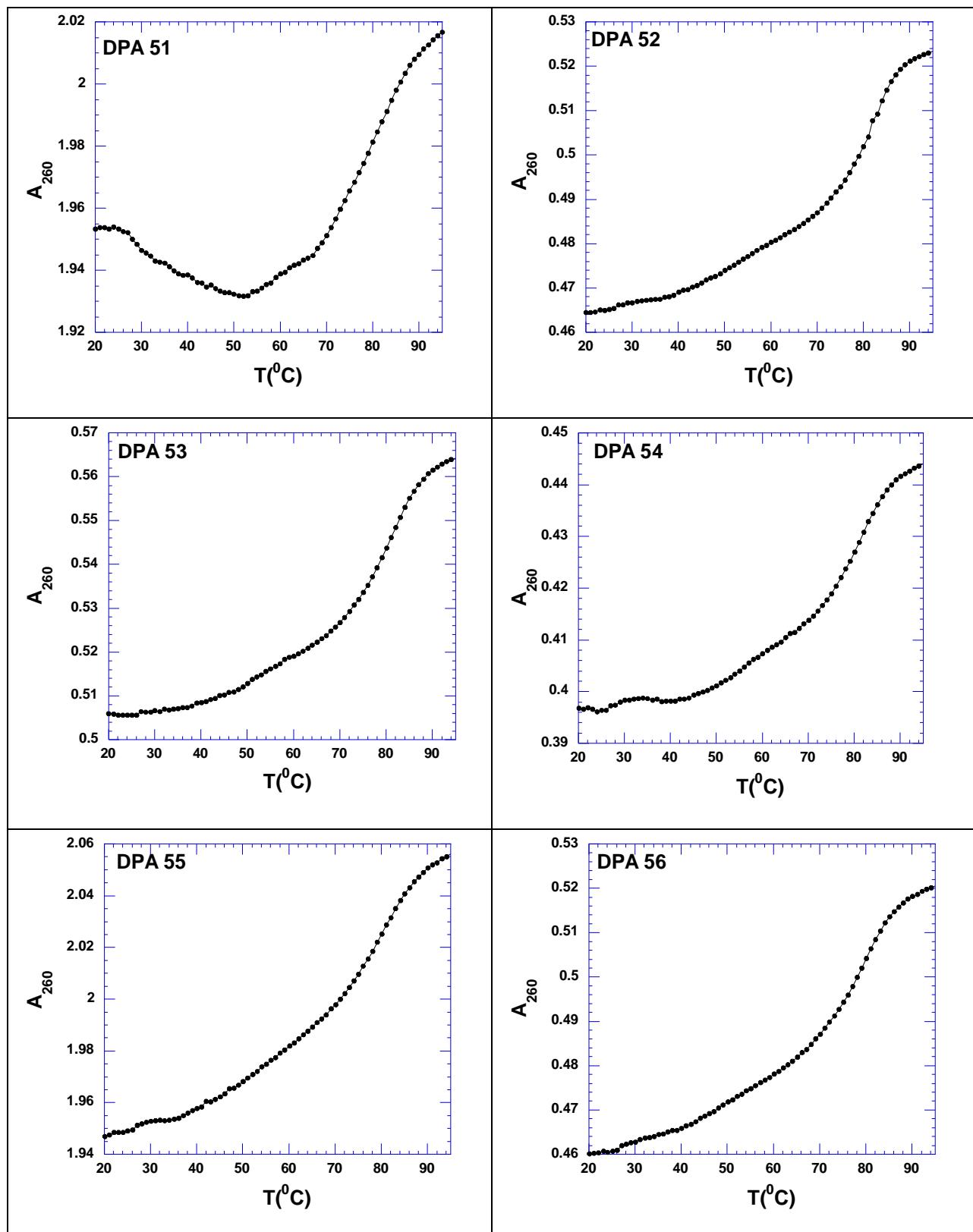
### 3. UV-thermal denaturation profiles (S3).

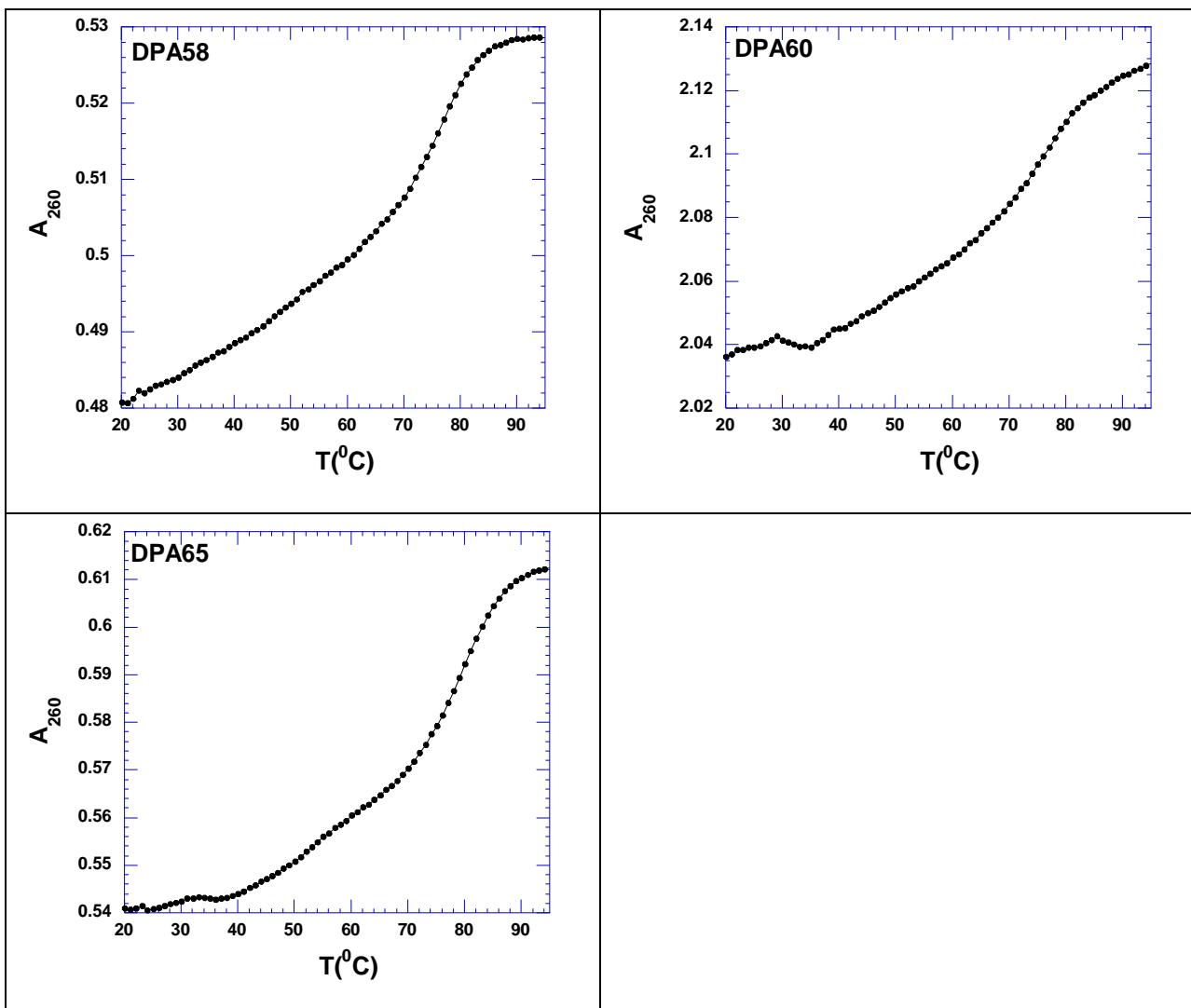






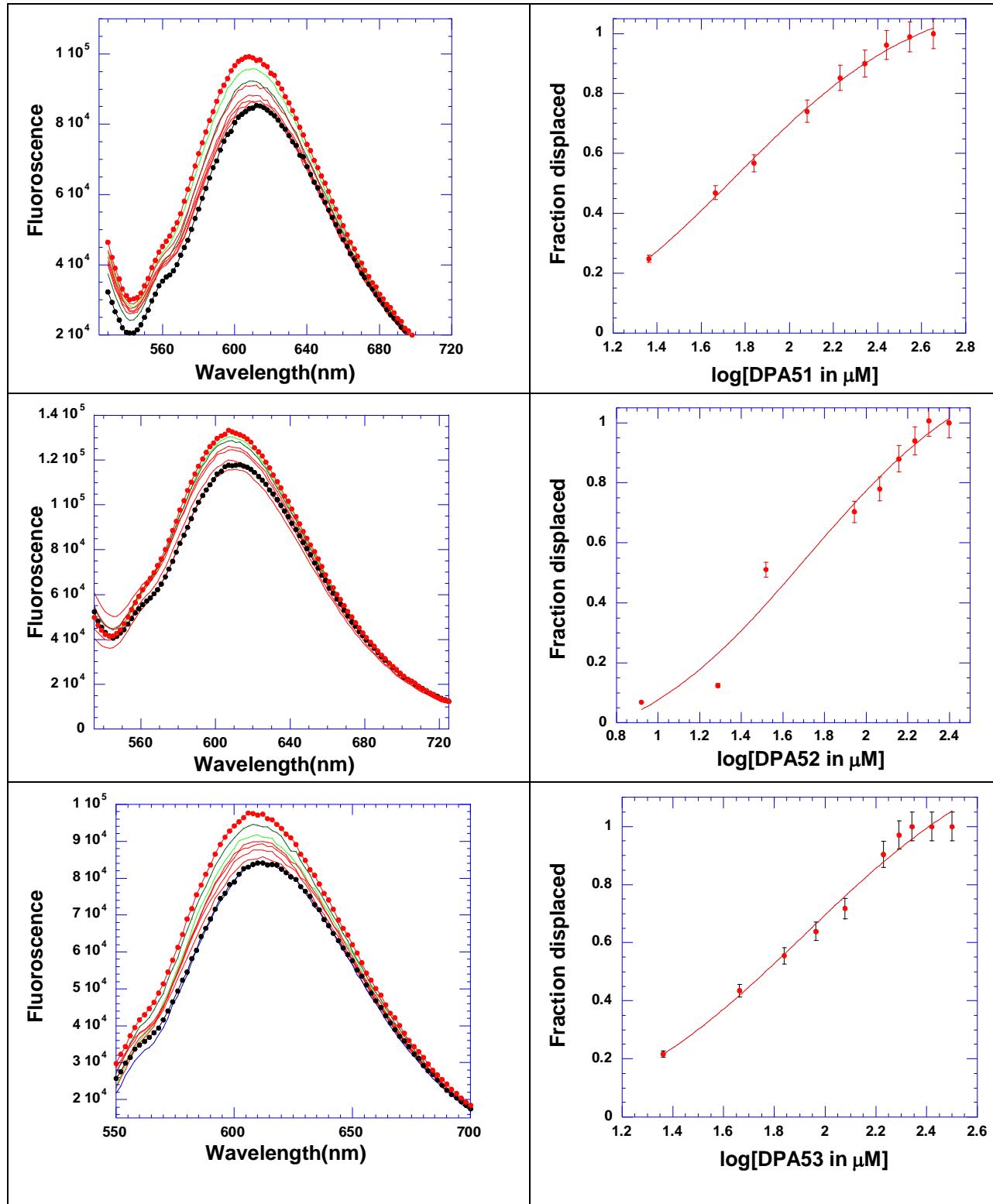
**Figure S3.1.** UV-thermal denaturation profiles of HIV TAR RNA and HIV TAR RNA/neomycin dimer complexes. Sample of HIV TAR RNA (1  $\mu$ M/molecule) was mixed with ligand (neomycin dimer) with  $r_{dr}$  value of 1 ( $r_{dr}$  = ratio of drug to RNA concentration). Buffer conditions: 100 mM KCl, 10 mM SC, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 6.8. Heating rate was 0.3 °C/ min.

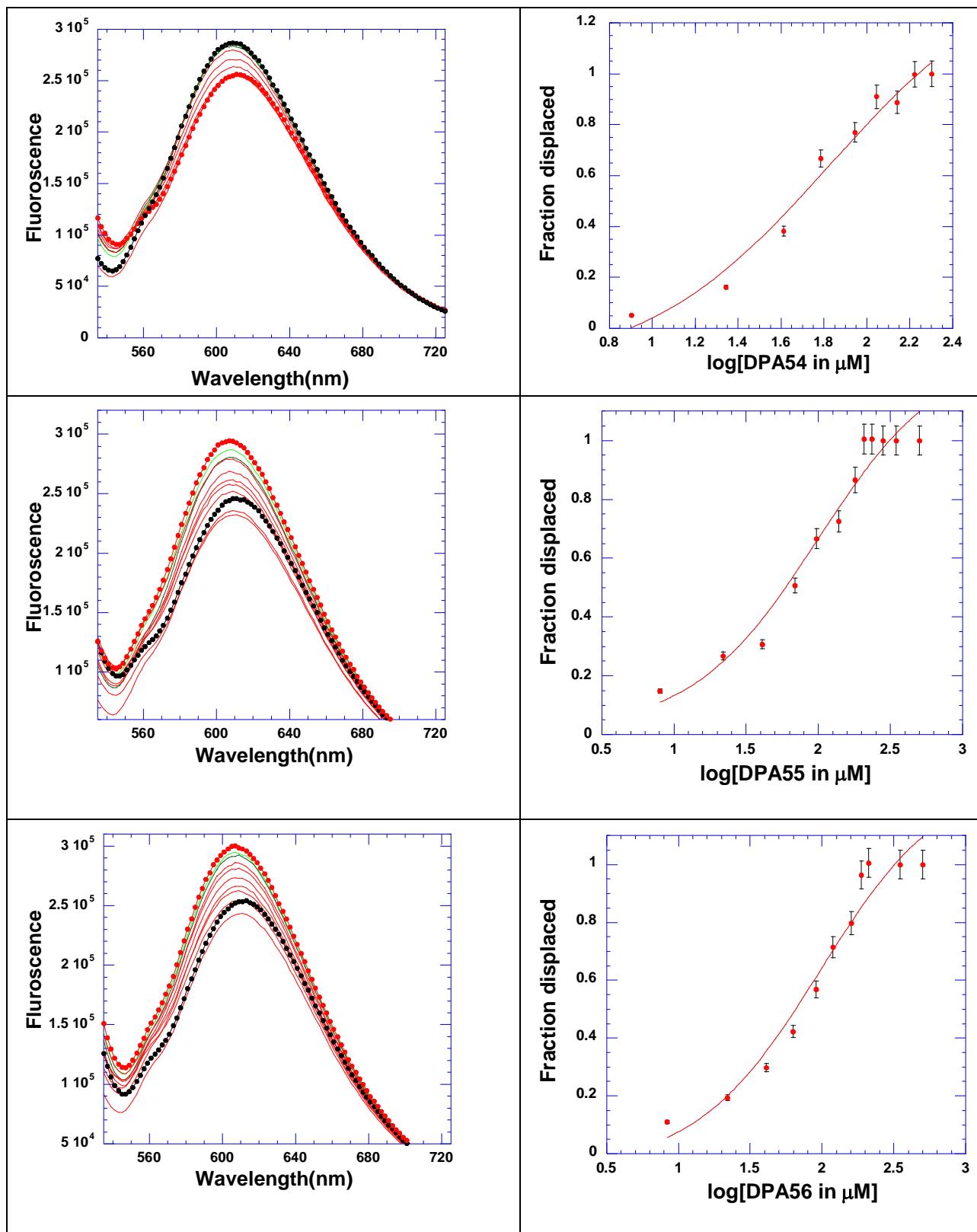


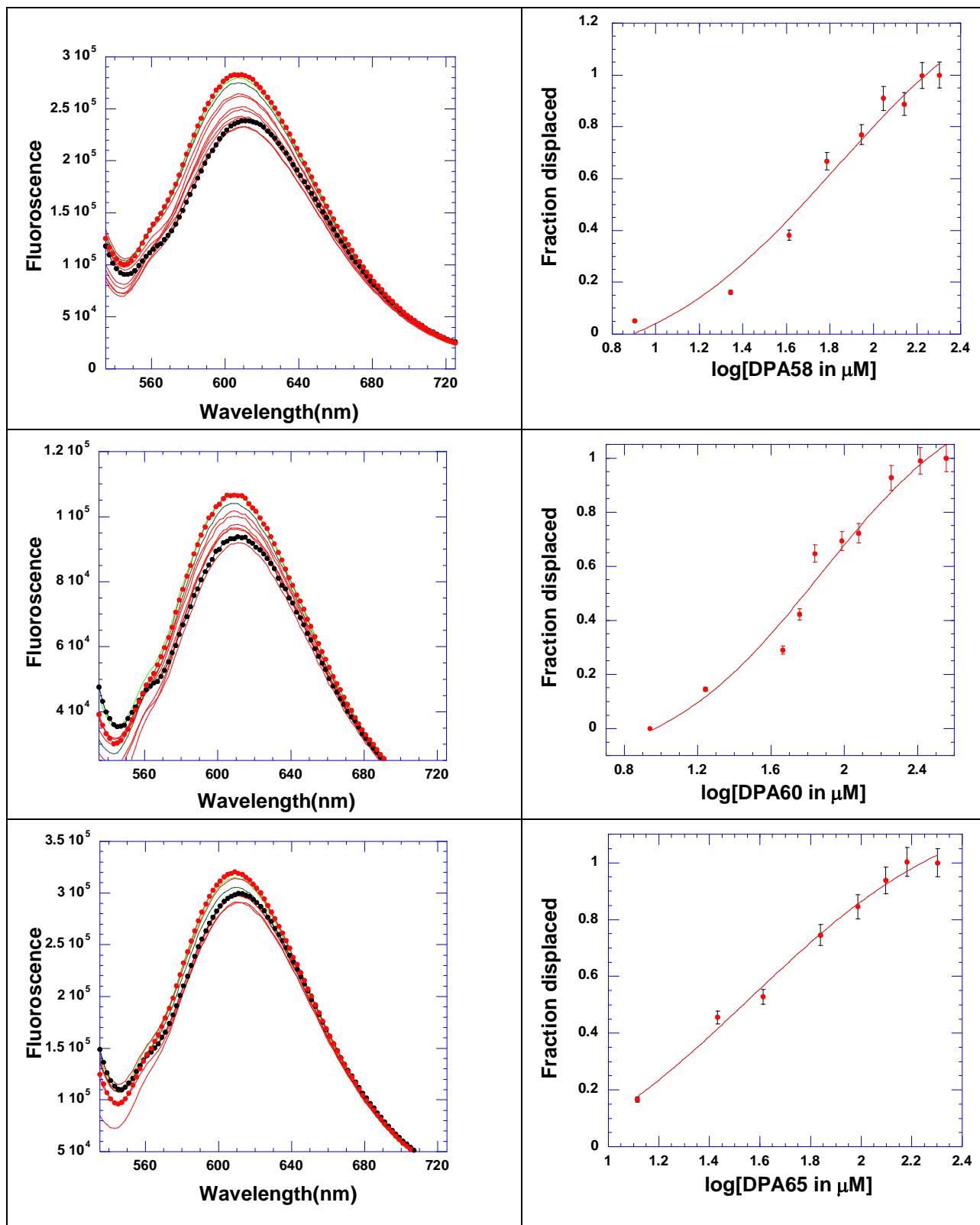


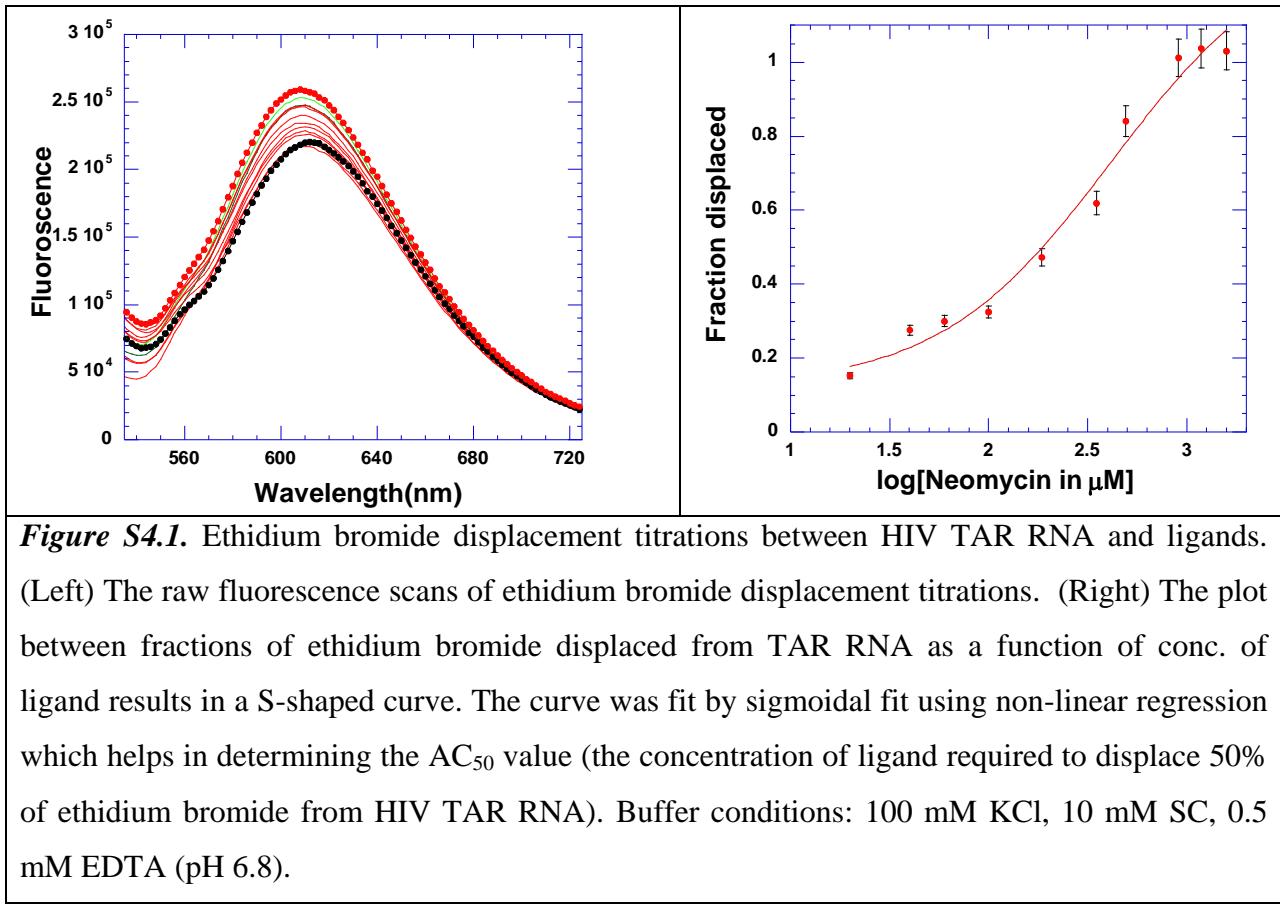
**Figure S3.2.** UV-thermal denaturation profiles of HIV TAR RNA and HIV TAR RNA/neomycin dimer complexes. Sample of HIV TAR RNA (1  $\mu\text{M}$ /molecule) was mixed with ligand (neomycin dimer) with  $r_{\text{dr}}$  value of 2 ( $r_{\text{dr}}$  = ratio of drug to RNA concentration). Buffer conditions: 100 mM KCl, 10 mM SC, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 6.8. Heating rate was 0.3  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ .

#### 4. Ethidium bromide displacement titrations (S4).

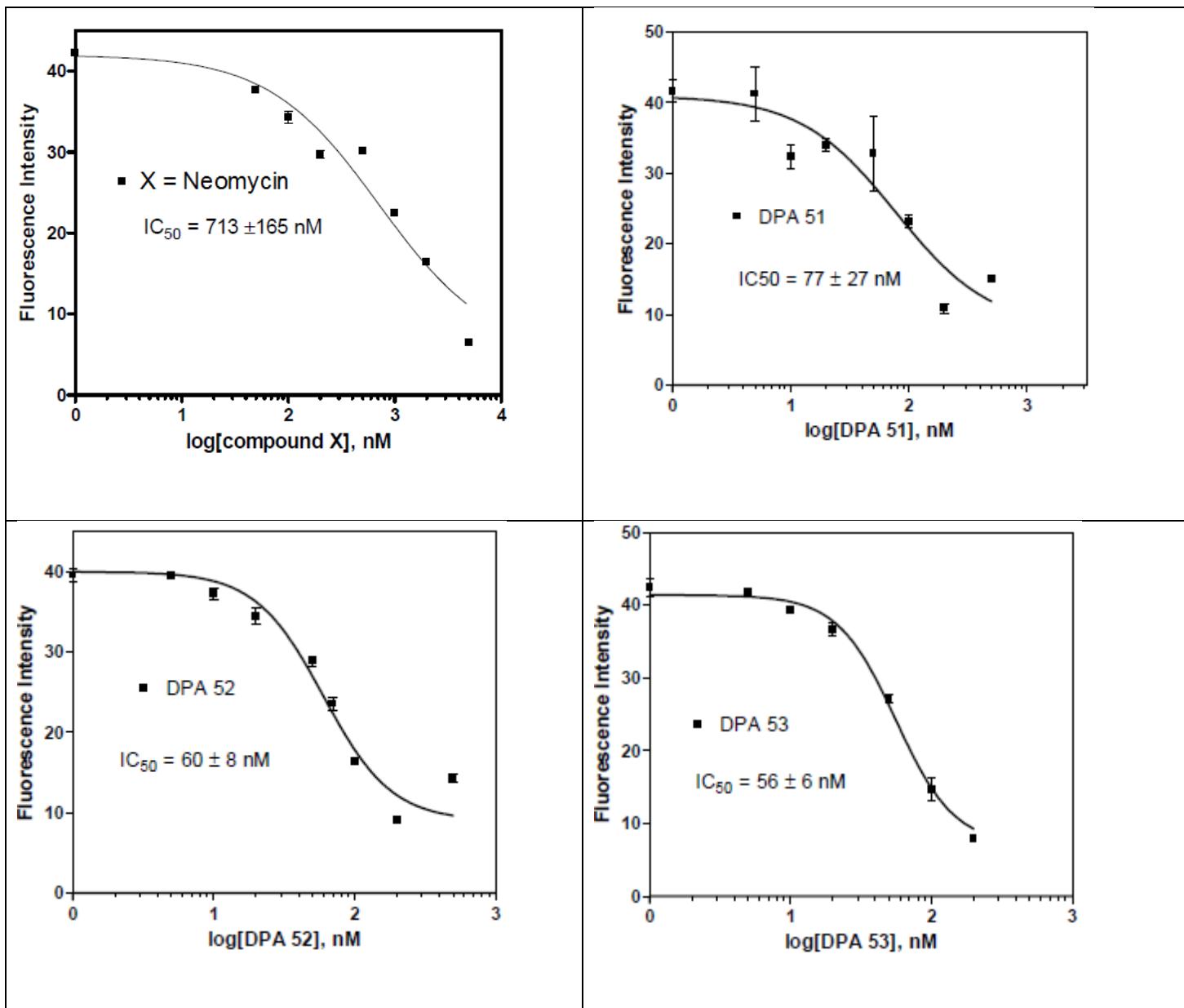


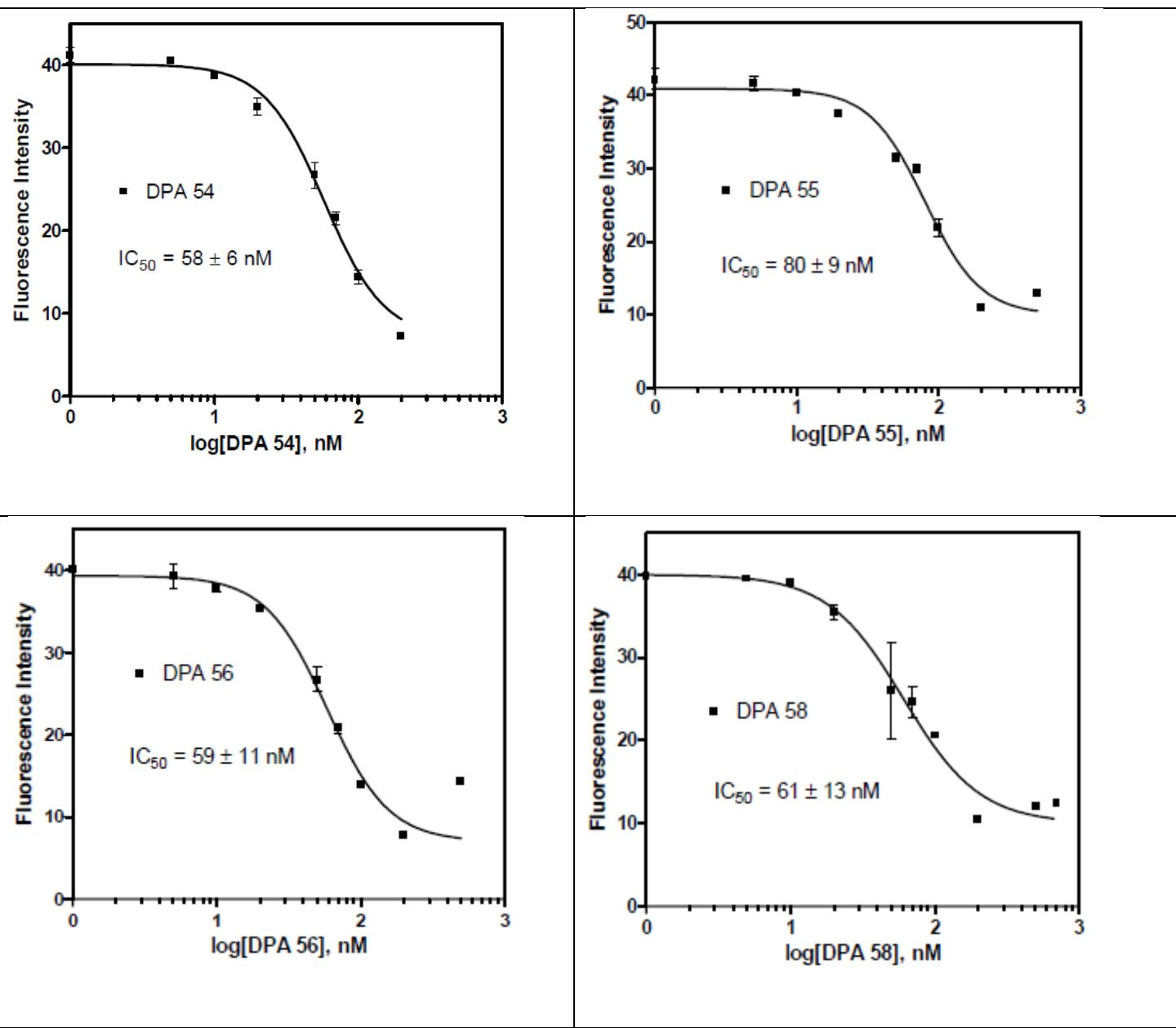


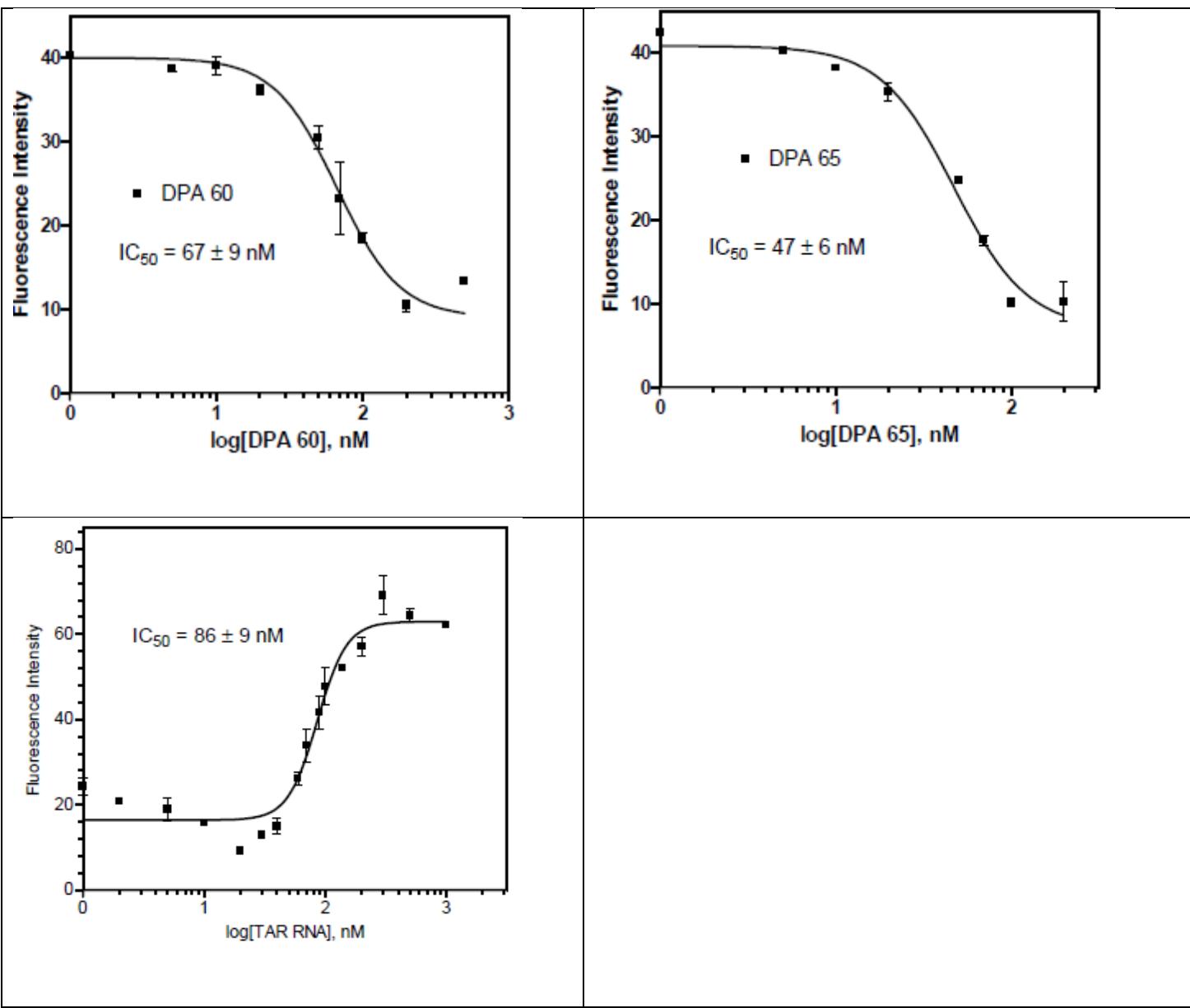




## 5. FRET mediated competition binding assay (S5).



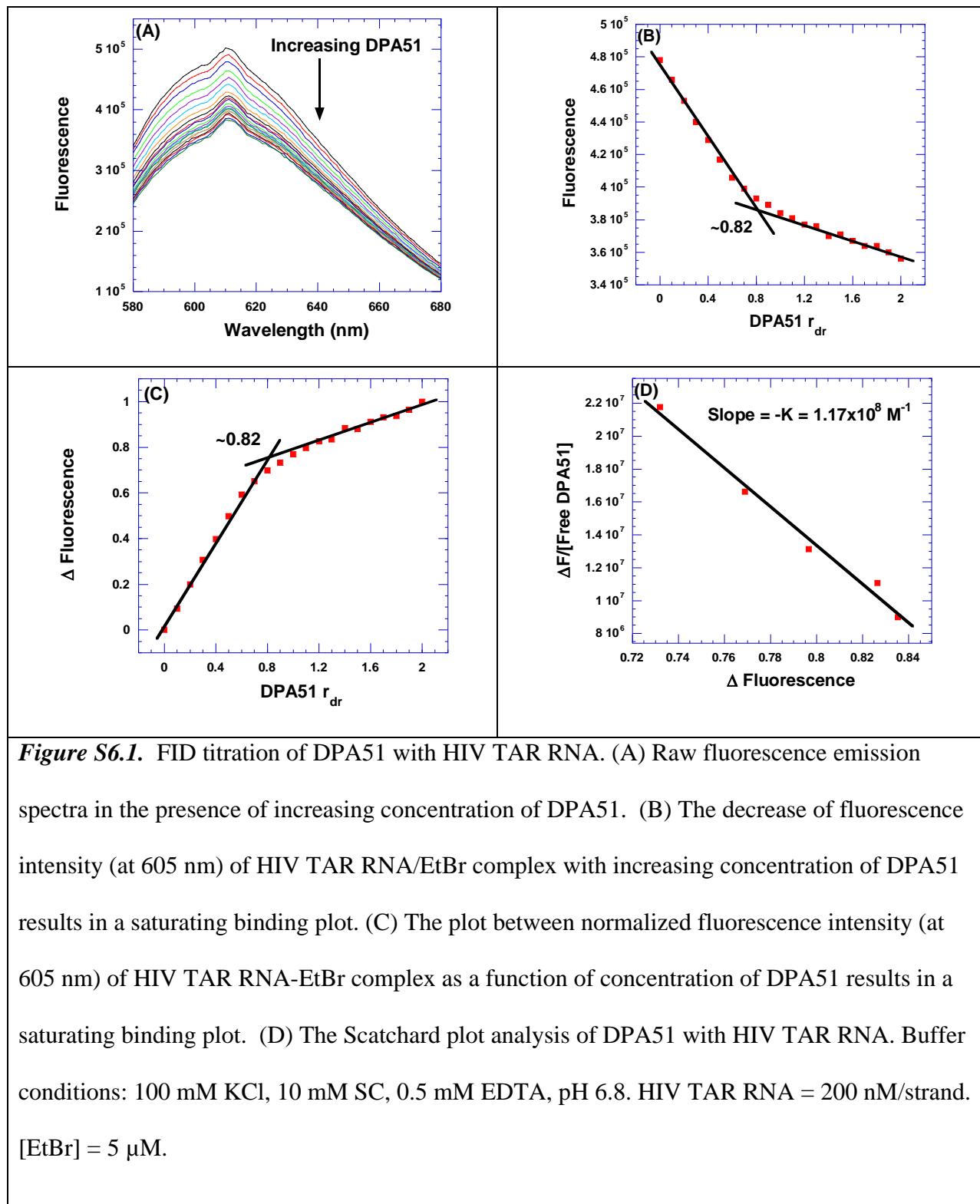


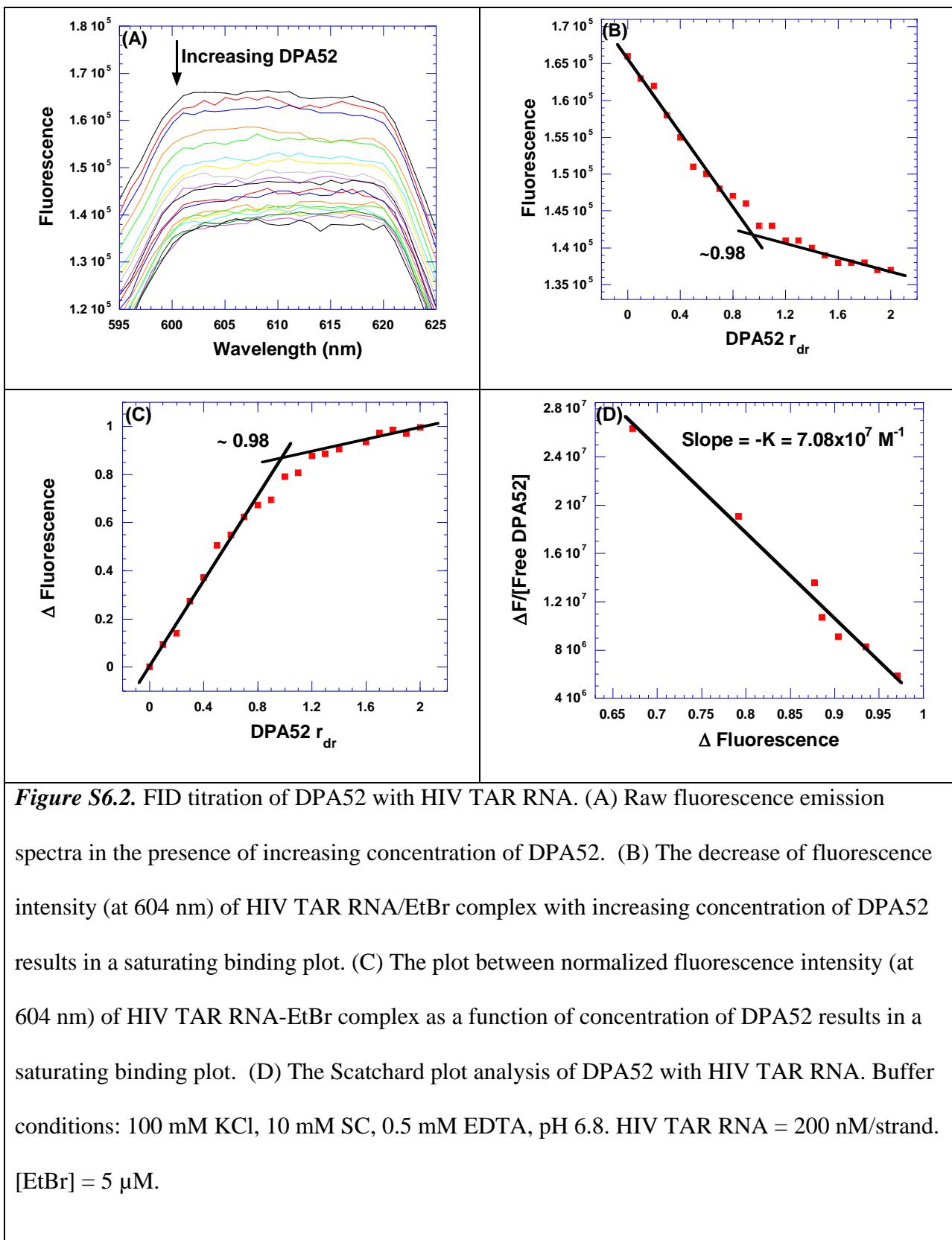


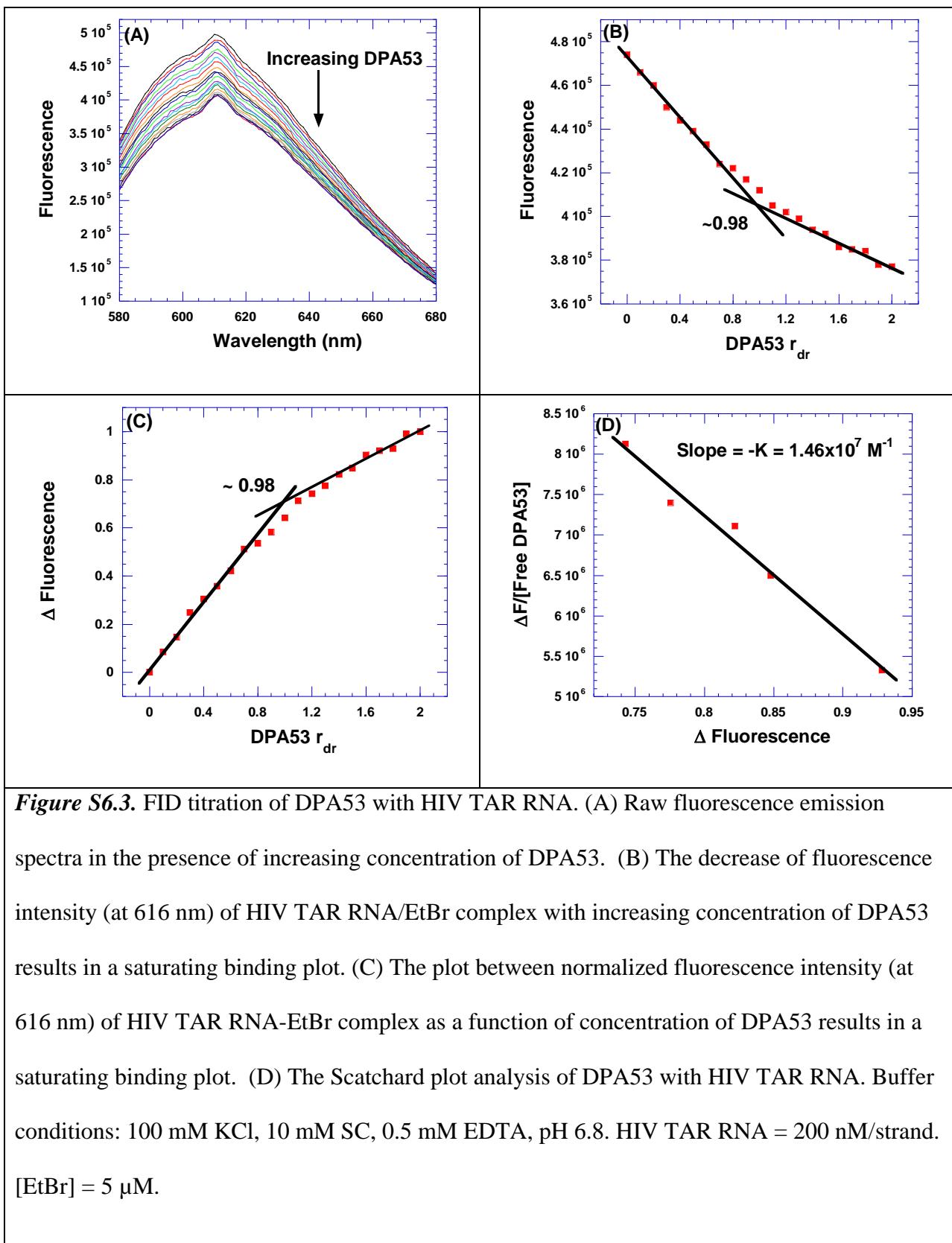
**Figure S5.1.** The FRET mediated competition binding assay between neomycin dimers and HIV TAR RNA.

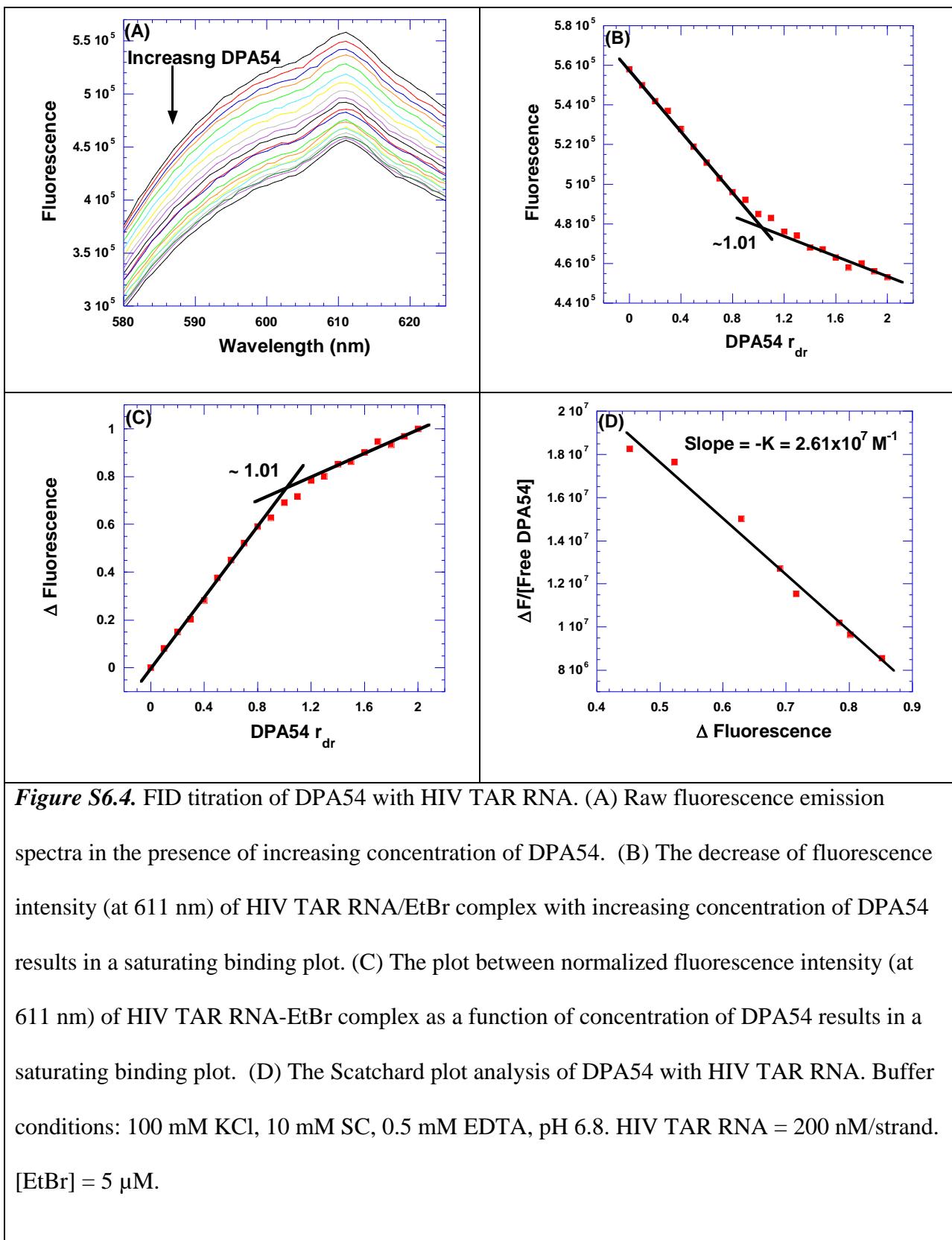
The plots showing decrease in fluorescence intensity as a function of concentration of neomycin dimers. The plots were fit using sigmoidal fit which result in a s-shaped binding isotherm and helps in determining the  $IC_{50}$  (the concentration of neomycin dimers or neomycin required to displace 50% fluorescein labeled TAT peptide). Buffer conditions: 50 mM Tris, 20 mM KCl, pH = 7.4. [HIV-1 TAR RNA] = 100 nM/strand , [fluorescein-labeled Tat peptide] = 100 nm. T = 25 °C.

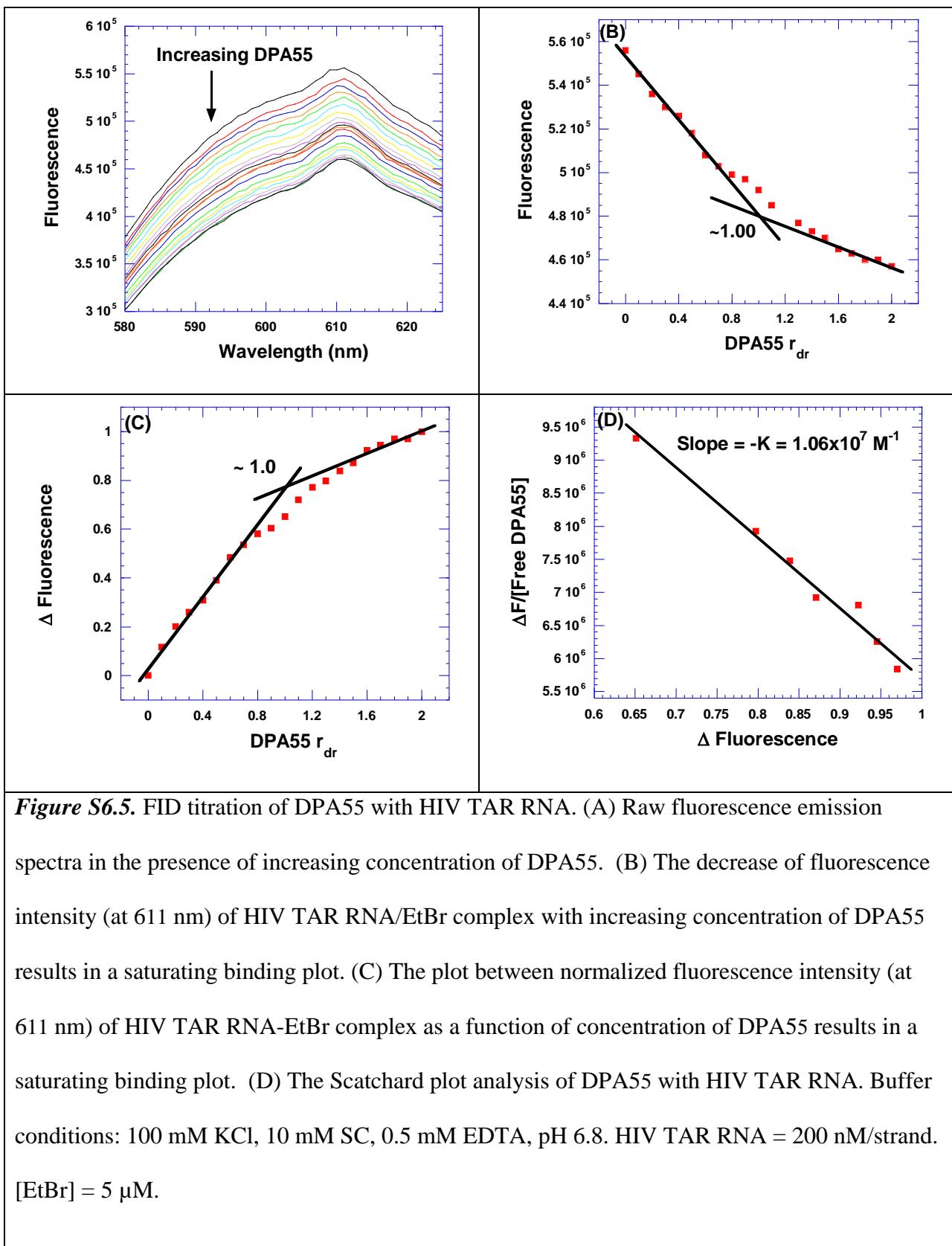
## 6. Ethidium bromide displacement titration to determine the binding constants (S6).

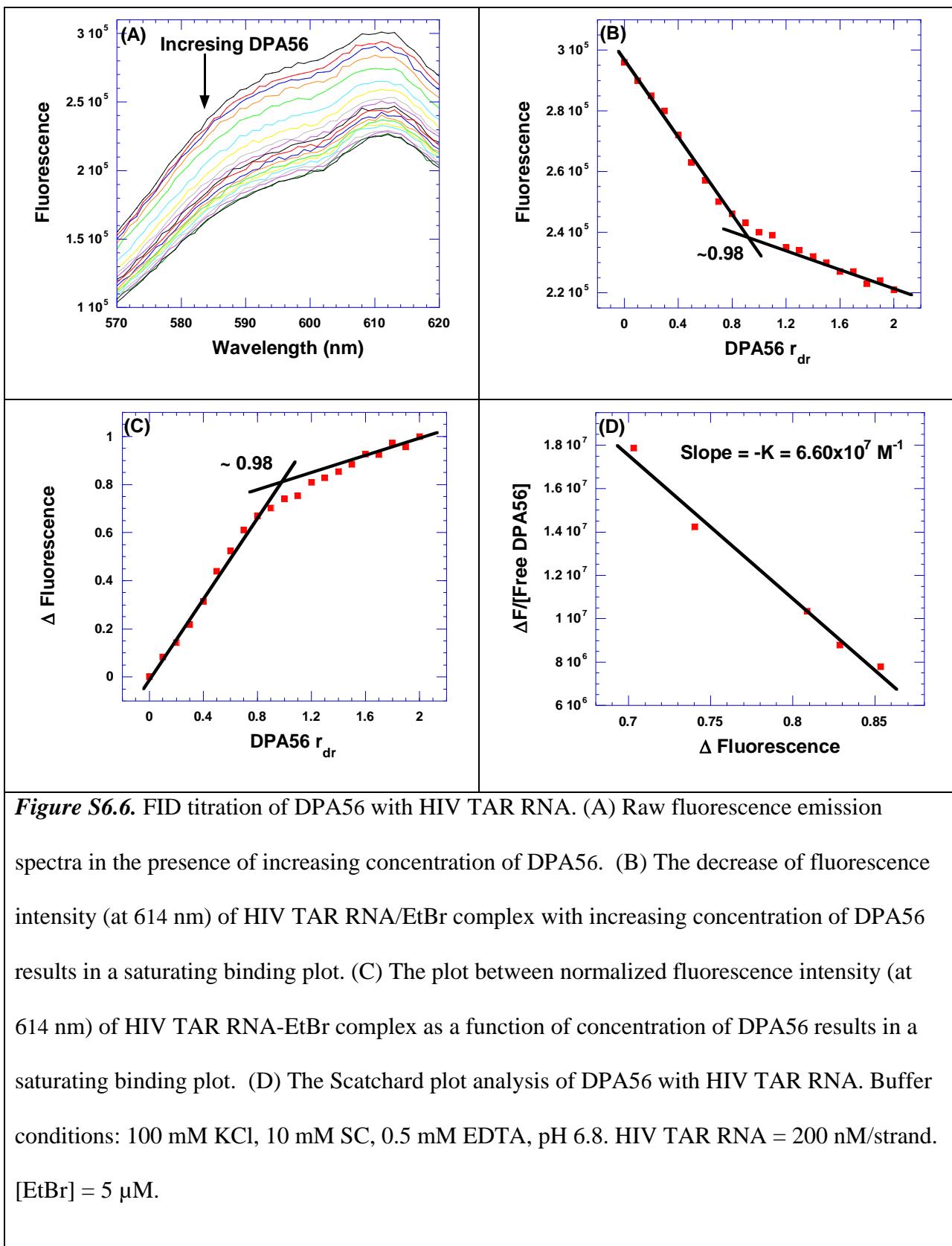


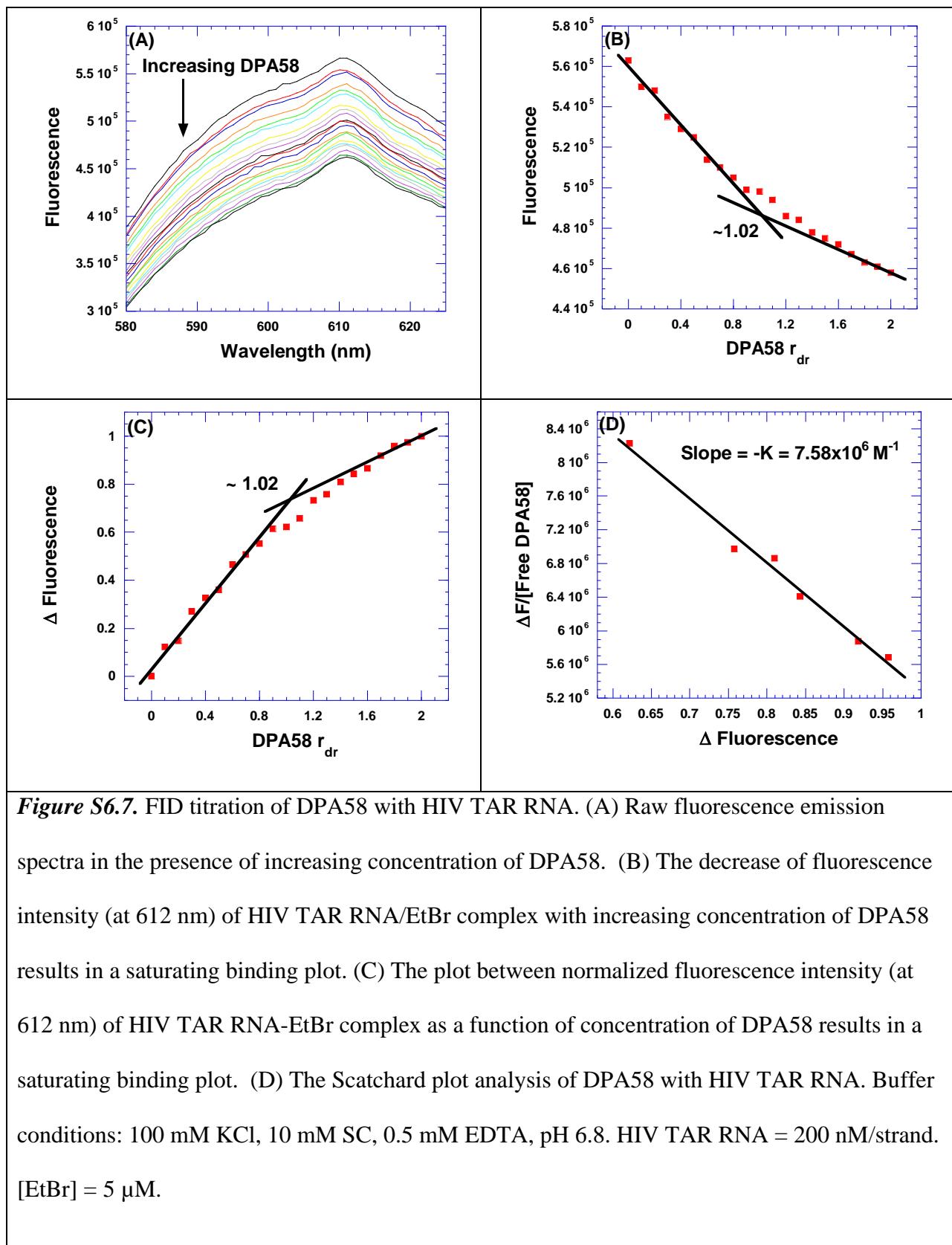


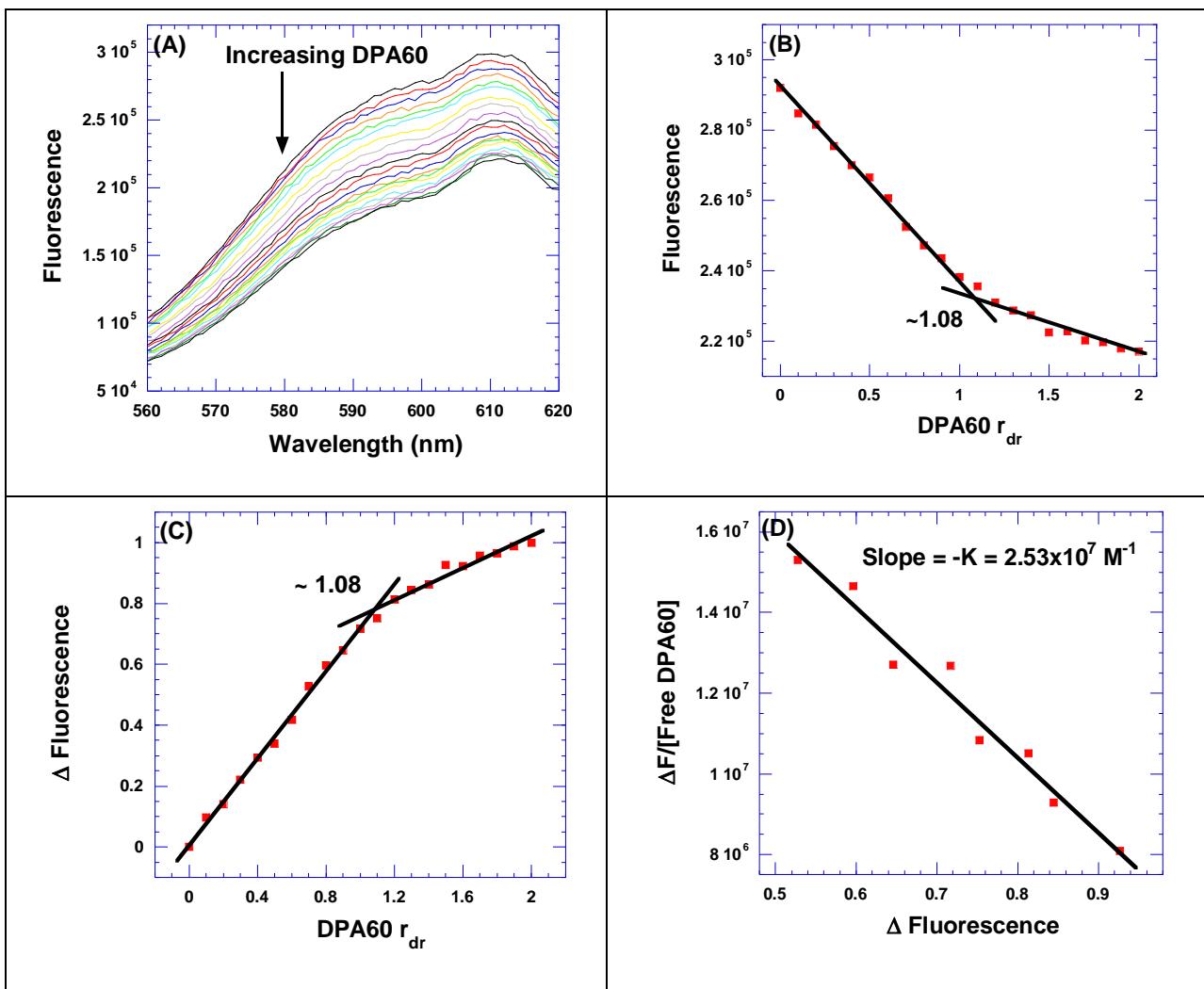




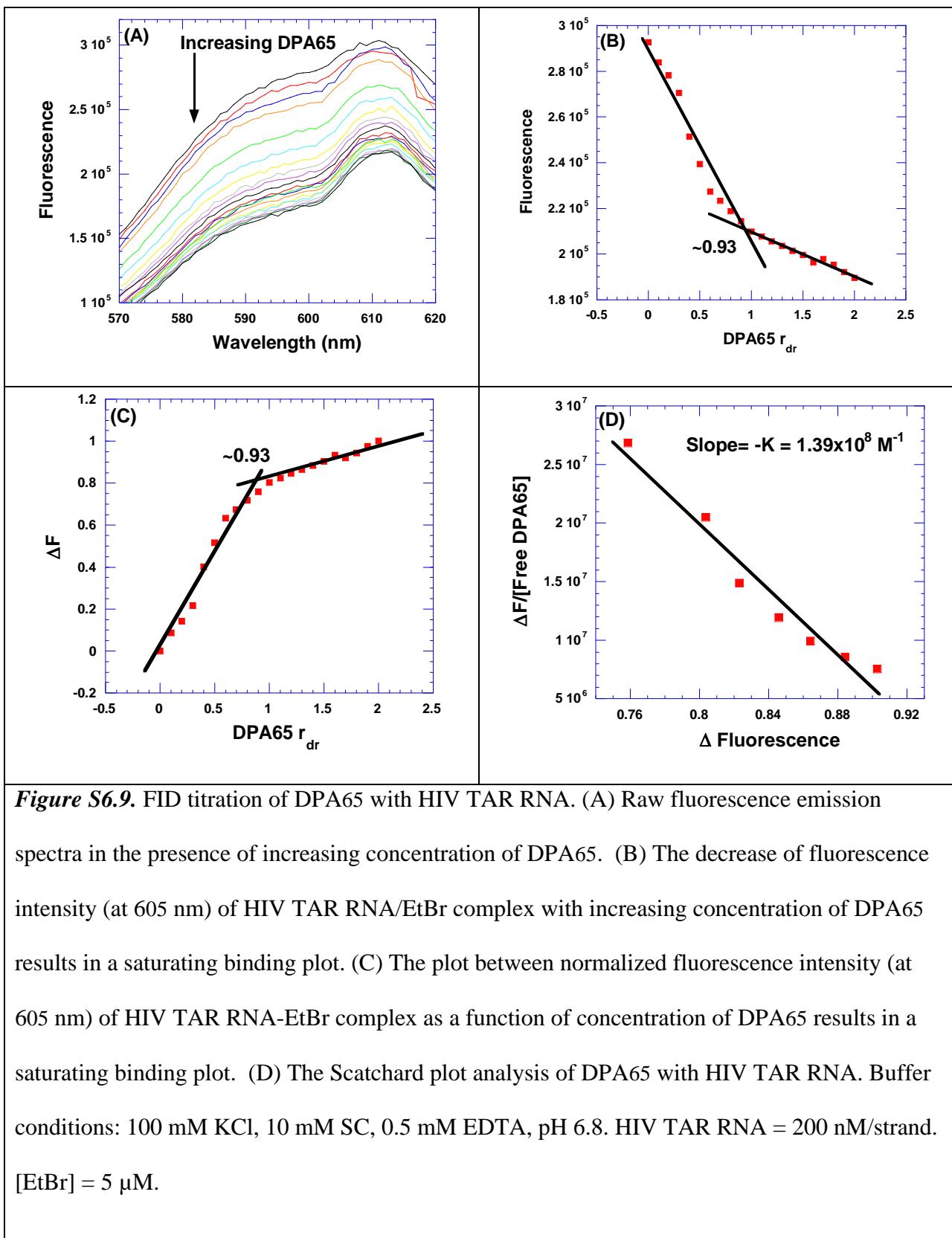


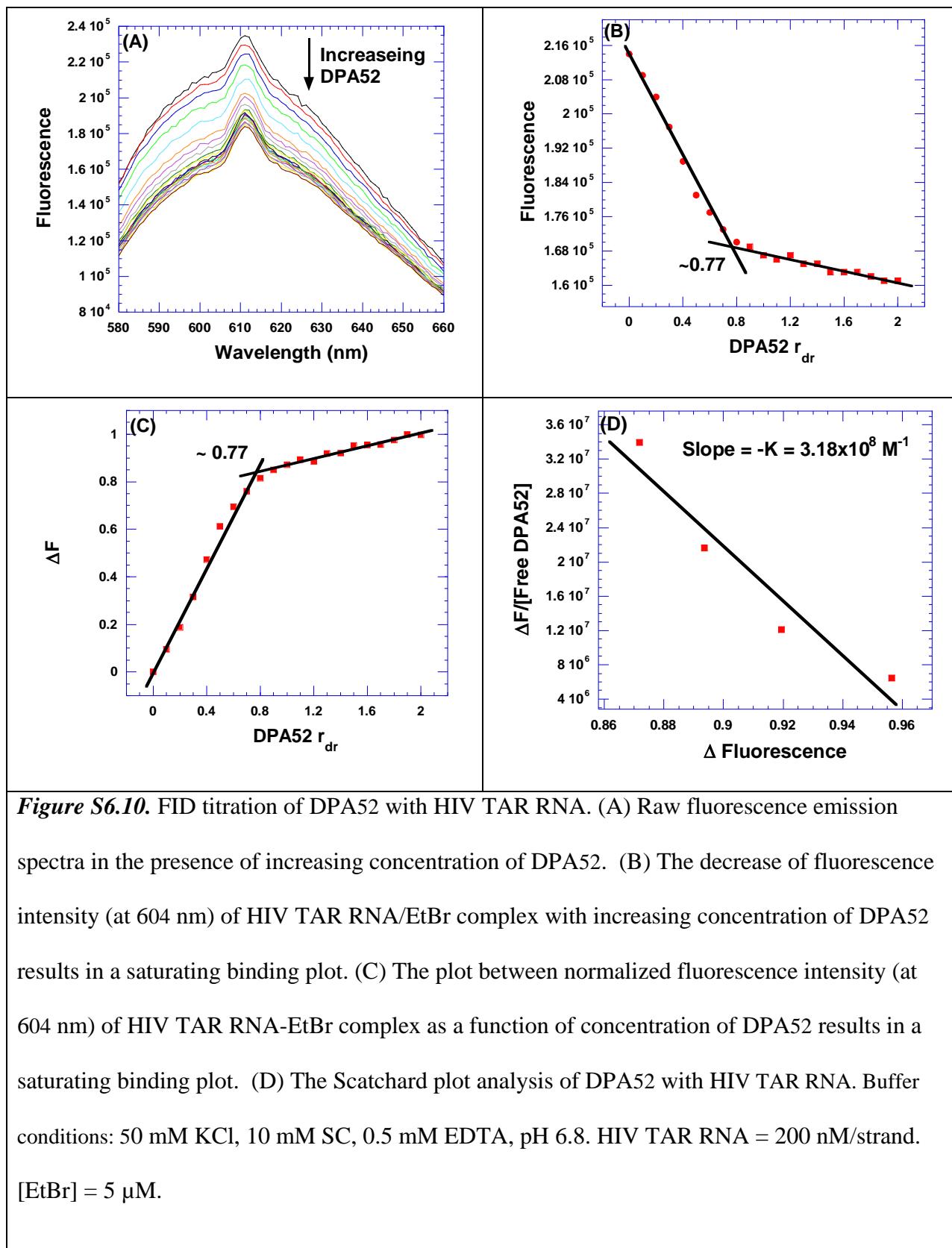


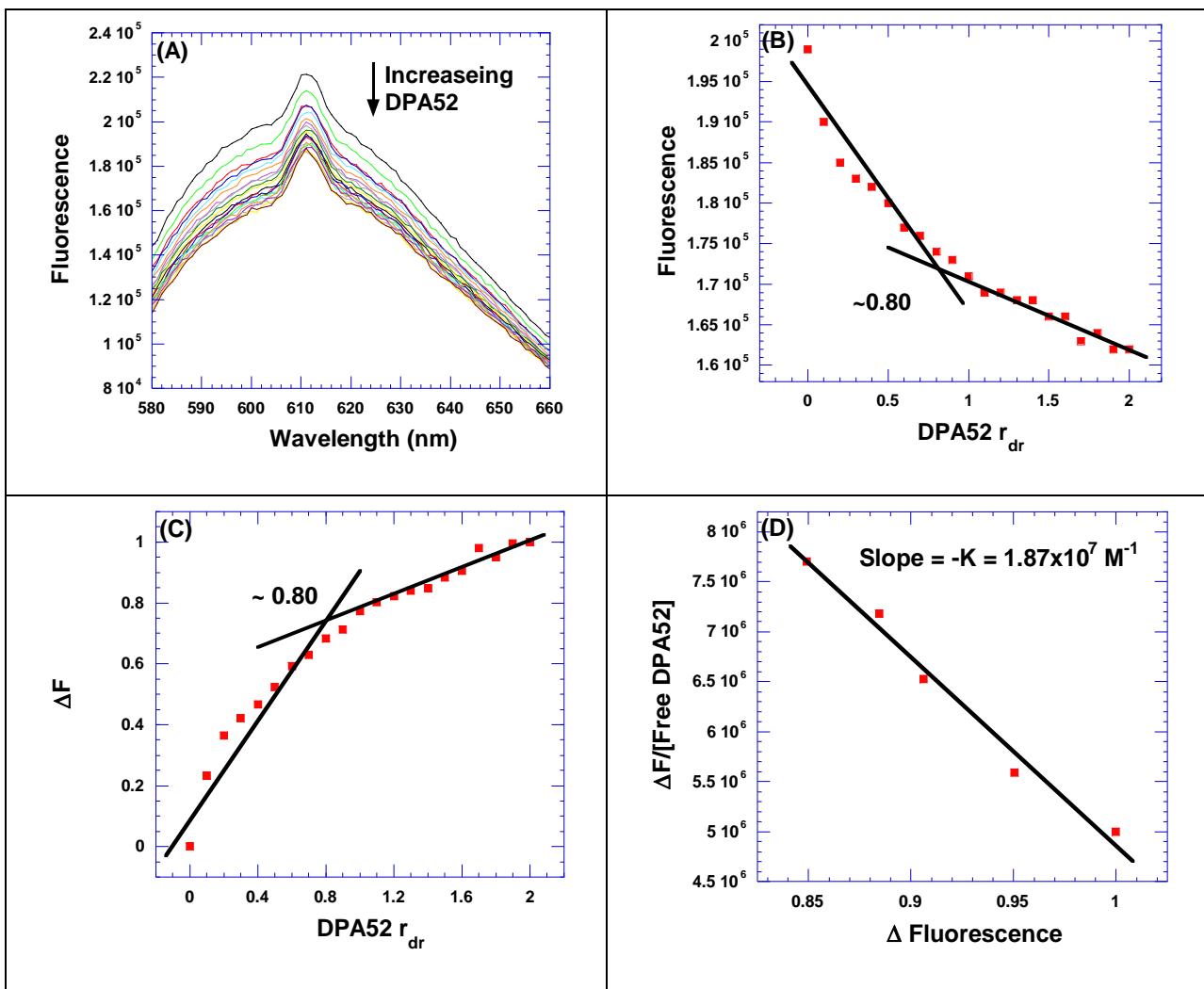




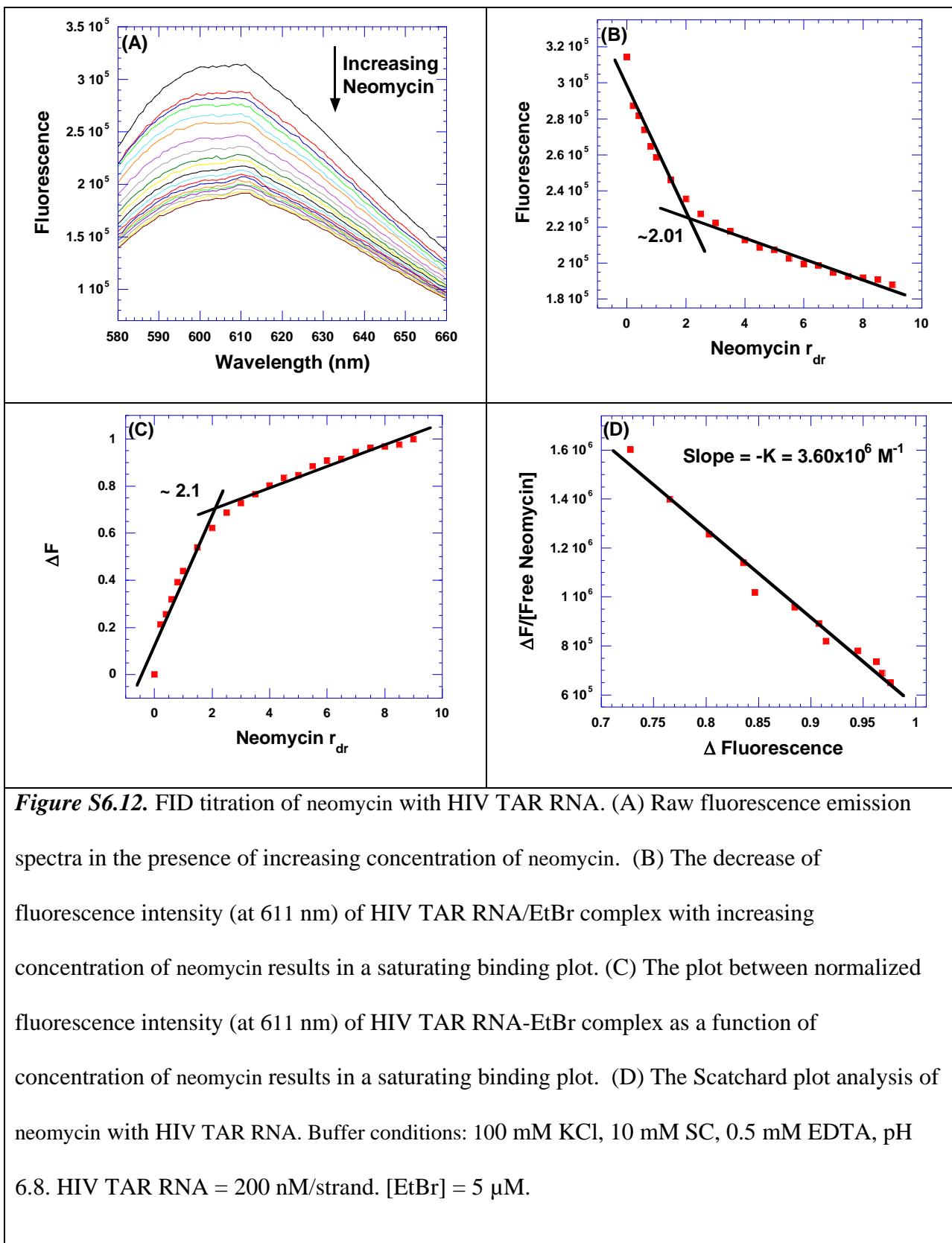
**Figure S6.8.** FID titration of DPA60 with HIV TAR RNA. (A) Raw fluorescence emission spectra in the presence of increasing concentration of DPA60. (B) The decrease of fluorescence intensity (at 615 nm) of HIV TAR RNA/EtBr complex with increasing concentration of DPA60 results in a saturating binding plot. (C) The plot between normalized fluorescence intensity (at 615 nm) of HIV TAR RNA-EtBr complex as a function of concentration of DPA60 results in a saturating binding plot. (D) The Scatchard plot analysis of DPA60 with HIV TAR RNA. Buffer conditions: 100 mM KCl, 10 mM SC, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 6.8. HIV TAR RNA = 200 nM/strand. [EtBr] = 5  $\mu\text{M}$ .

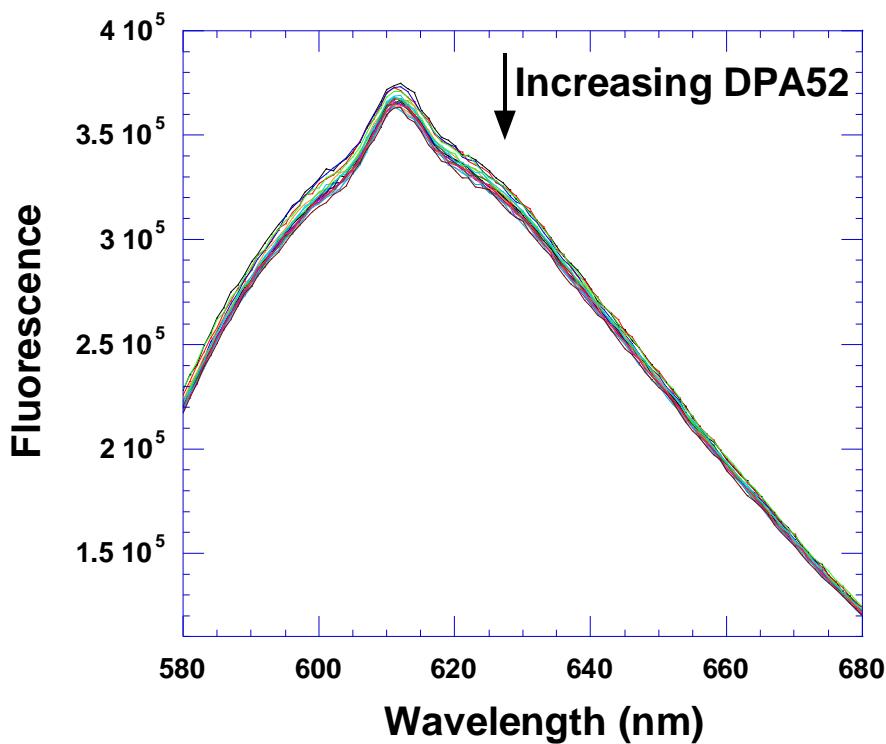






**Figure S6.11.** FID titration of DPA52 with HIV TAR RNA. (A) Raw fluorescence emission spectra in the presence of increasing concentration of DPA52. (B) The decrease of fluorescence intensity (at 604 nm) of HIV TAR RNA/EtBr complex with increasing concentration of DPA52 results in a saturating binding plot. (C) The plot between normalized fluorescence intensity (at 604 nm) of HIV TAR RNA-EtBr complex as a function of concentration of DPA52 results in a saturating binding plot. (D) The Scatchard plot analysis of DPA52 with HIV TAR RNA. Buffer conditions: 150 mM KCl, 10 mM SC, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 6.8. HIV TAR RNA = 200 nM/strand. [EtBr] = 5  $\mu\text{M}$ .





**Figure S6.13.** Direct titration of DPA65 in the ethidium bromide solution. Raw fluorescence emission spectrum in the presence of increasing concentration of DPA65. Buffer conditions: 100 mM KCl, 10 mM SC, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 6.8.  $[EtBr] = 5 \mu M$ .