

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Preliminary Characterization and In Vivo Studies of Structurally Identical ^{18}F - and ^{125}I -Labeled Benzyloxybenzenes for PET/SPECT Imaging of β -Amyloid Plaques

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Chemical Synthesis

1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzene (**5a**)

A mixture of 4-(benzyloxy)phenol (2.00 g, 10.0 mmol) and KOH (0.56 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry EtOH (30 mL) was stirred under reflux for 30 min. 1-bromo-2-fluoroethane (1.52 g, 12.0 mmol) was then added dropwise, and the mixture was further stirred for 1 h, and evaporated under a vacuum. A white precipitate was formed by adding 50 mL of 1M NaOH, which was then filtered, washed with 50 mL water and recrystallized from methanol to obtain a white solid of **5a** (2.23 g, 90.4%). mp: 69.1-69.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.81 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.10 (m, 2H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₅FO₂ 246; found 246 M⁺.

2-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenoxy)ethanol (**5b**)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **5a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **5b** from 4-(benzyloxy)phenol and 2-chloroethanol (2.35 g, 48.1%). mp: 105.8-106.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.08 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 1H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃ 244; found 244 M⁺.

4-(2-Fluoroethoxy)phenol (**6a**)

To a solution of **5a** (2.08 g, 8.44 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (10 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (89.4 mg, 0.84 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 4 h at 50 °C under 1 atm of hydrogen atmosphere. The catalyst was filtered while hot and washed with MeOH, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a white solid of **6a** (1.32 g, 57.4%). mp: 95.7-96.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz,

2H), 4.80 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.09 (m, 2H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_8H_9FO_2$ 156; found 156 M^+ .

4-(2-Hydroxyethoxy)phenol (6b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **6a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **6b** from **5b** (1.35 g, 100%). mp: 92.1-92.8 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.61 (m, 2H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_8H_{10}O_3$ 154; found 154 M^+ .

1-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-4-((4-iodobenzyl)oxy)benzene (7a)

To a solution of **6a** (468.5 mg, 3.0 mmol) and 1-(bromomethyl)-4-iodobenzene (890.8 mg, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL), K_2CO_3 was added (414.6 mg, 3.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, a white precipitate was formed by adding 50 mL of water, which was then filtered, washed with 50 mL of water and recrystallized from methanol to obtain a white solid of **7a** (986.8 mg, 88.4%). mp: 108.3-108.8 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.79 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.11 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 153.11 (C_q), 152.93 (C_q), 137.62 ($2 \times CH$), 136.94 (C_q), 129.24 ($2 \times CH$), 115.89 ($2 \times CH$), 115.79 ($2 \times CH$), 93.35 (C_q), 82.01 (d, $J = 170.6$ Hz, CH_2), 69.96 (CH_2), 67.87 (d, $J = 20.5$ Hz, CH_2); HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}FIO_2$ 372.0023; found 372.0029 M^+ .

2-(4-((4-Iodobenzyl)oxy)phenoxy)ethanol (7b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **7a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **7b** from **6b** and 1-(bromomethyl)-4-iodobenzene (1.38 g, 72.9%). mp: 129.3-129.9

°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.06 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.96 – 3.91 (m, 2H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₅IO₃ 370; found 370 M⁺.

1-Bromo-4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)phenoxy)methyl)benzene (7c)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **7a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **7c** from **6a** and 1-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)benzene (1.55 g, 95.2%). mp: 115.6-116.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 4.80 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.11 (m, 2H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₄BrFO₂ 324; found 324 M⁺.

2-(4-((4-Iodobenzyl)oxy)phenoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (8a)

A mixture of **7b** (740.4 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Et₃N (10 mL) was stirred in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) in an ice bath, and tosyl chloride (571.9 mg, 3.0 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Water was added (50 mL), and the mixture was extracted by CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under a vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1, v/v) to obtain a white solid of **7a** (425.7 mg, 40.6%). mp: 120.8-121.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.36 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₁IO₅S 524; found 524 M⁺.

Tributyl(4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)phenoxy)methyl)phenyl)stannane (8b)

A mixture of **7c** (650.3 mg, 2.0 mmol), $(\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn})_2$ (2.32 g, 4.0 mmol), $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pd}$ (231.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) and Et_3N (1 mL) in toluene (10 mL) was stirred under reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt = 15/1, v/v) to give a colorless oil of **8b** (325.6 mg, 30.4%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.80 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 1.14 – 0.96 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 9H); MS (ED): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{41}\text{FO}_2\text{Sn}$ 536; found 536 M^+ .

4-(2-Fluoroethoxy)benzaldehyde (**9a**)

To a solution of 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2.44 g, 20 mmol) and 1-bromo-2-fluoroethane (2.54 g, 20 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL), K_2CO_3 (5.53 g, 40 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 2h, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. 50 mL of water was added, and the mixture was extracted by CH_2Cl_2 (3×10 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under a vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1, v/v) to give a white solid of **9a** (2.95 g, 87.8%). mp: 53.3-54.5 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.88 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 2H); MS (ED): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{FO}_2$ 168; found 168 M^+ .

4-(2-Bromoethoxy)benzaldehyde (**9b**)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **9a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **9b** from 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde and 1,2-dibromoethane (1.32 g, 28.9%). mp:

51.2-51.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H).

(4-(2-Fluoroethoxy)phenyl)methanol (10a)

To a stirring mixture of **9a** (2.95 g, 17.6 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (10 mL) in ice bath, NaBH₄ (1.33 g, 35.2 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and 10 mL of water was added to quench the reaction. MeOH was evaporated under reduced pressure and the mixture was neutralized with 1 M HCl and then extracted by CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow oil of **6a** (2.73 g, 91.1%). mp: 50.6-51.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.84 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.27 – 4.17 (m, 2H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₁FO₂ 170; found 170 M⁺.

(4-(2-Bromoethoxy)phenyl)methanol (10b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **10a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **10b** from **9b** (1.14 g, 95.8%). mp: 88.7-89.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H); MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₁BrO₂ 230; found 230 M⁺.

1-(Bromomethyl)-4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzene (11a)

To a stirring solution of **10a** (2.73 g, 16.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) at 0 °C, phosphorus tribromide (4.33 g, 16.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and the reaction was quenched by addition of 20 mL of water. The mixture was neutralized with NaHCO₃ and then extracted by CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10

mL). Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a colorless oil of **11a** (3.54 g, 95.0%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.84 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.27 – 4.16 (m, 2H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{BrFO}$ 232; found 232 M^+ .

1-(2-Bromoethoxy)-4-(bromomethyl)benzene (11b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **11a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **11b** from **10b** (1.29 g, 99.0%). mp: 53.9-54.7 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.29 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{O}$ 292; found 292 M^+ .

1-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)benzene (12a)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **7a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **12a** from 4-iodophenol and **11a** (623.4 mg, 94.1%). mp: 127.6-128.2 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.83 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.27 – 4.16 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.65 (C_q), 158.39 (C_q), 138.23 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 129.24 (C_q), 129.21 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 117.34 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 114.81 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 83.00 (C_q), 81.87 (d, $J = 170.8$ Hz, CH_2), 69.80 (CH_2), 67.20 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz, CH_2); HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FIO}_2$ 372.0023; found 372.0028 M^+ .

1-(2-Bromoethoxy)-4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)benzene (12b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **7a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **12b** from 4-iodophenol and **11b** (493.7 mg, 92.7%). mp: 118.6-119.7 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz,

2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.30 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H);

MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}BrIO_2$ 432; found 432 M^+ .

1-Bromo-4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzyl)oxy)benzene (12c)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **7a** was employed to obtain a white solid of **12c** from 4-bromophenol and **11a** (1.03 g, 76.1%). mp: 116.7-117.3 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.84 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 4.17 (m, 2H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}BrFO_2$ 324; found 324 M^+ .

2-(4-((4-Iodophenoxy)methyl)phenoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (13a)

A mixture of **12b** (402.5 mg, 0.93 mmol) and silver *p*-toluenesulfonate (519.1 mg, 1.86 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was stirred for 12 h at 90 °C. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1) to give a white solid of **13a** (277.6 mg, 57.0%). m.p. 141.7-142.5 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.39 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.17 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}IO_5S$ 524; found 524 M^+ .

Tributyl(4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzyl)oxy)phenyl)stannane (13b)

The procedure described above for the preparation of **8b** was used to obtain a colorless oil of **13b** from **12c** (134.6 mg, 25.1%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 4.83 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 4.17 (m,

2H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 1.14 – 0.96 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 9H);

MS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{41}FO_2Sn$ 536; found 536 M^+ .

Supplementary Tables

Table S1 | Crystal data and structure refinements for compound **12a** (CCDC 1063679)

12a	
Data collection	
Formula sum	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ FIO ₂
Formula weight (g/mol)	372.16
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	17.65, 10.49, 7.66
α , β , γ (°)	90, 96.4, 90
Cell volume (Å ³)	1408.94
Z	4
F(000)	728
Crystal size (mm)	0.27×0.20×0.11
Calc. density (g/cm ³)	1.754
Completeness (%)	99.9
Refinement	
R[F ² > 2σ(F ²)]	0.0180
wR(F ²)	0.0409
GoF	1.036
Reflections	2550
Parameters	172
Restraints	0

Table S2 | Purity of key target compounds

Compounds	Flow rate (mL/min)	Mobile phase (CH ₃ CN %)	Column (Venusil MP C18)	Retention time (RT, min)	Purity (%)
7a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.81	99.4
[¹²⁵ I] 7a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	9.28	99.2
7a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.12	99.2
[¹⁸ F] 7a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.53	99.7
12a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.21	99.7
[¹²⁵ I] 12a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.63	99.0
12a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	8.96	99.2
[¹⁸ F] 12a	1	80	4.6 × 250 mm	9.61	99.9

Table S3 | Biodistribution of radioactivity after intravenous injection of [¹²⁵I]**7a**, [¹⁸F]**7a**, [¹²⁵I]**12a** and [¹⁸F]**12a** in normal ICR mice ^a

Organ	2 min	10 min	30 min	60 min
[¹²⁵ I] 7a (log <i>D</i> = 3.96 ± 0.22, SA ≈ 81 GBq/μmol)				
blood	5.03 ± 0.20	3.03 ± 0.48	2.17 ± 0.31	1.96 ± 0.31
brain	7.04 ± 0.89	2.73 ± 0.25	1.05 ± 0.22	0.55 ± 0.11
heart	9.70 ± 2.25	2.01 ± 0.14	1.65 ± 0.43	1.00 ± 0.18
liver	22.45 ± 3.88	14.43 ± 2.37	12.35 ± 2.83	5.15 ± 1.09
spleen	3.86 ± 0.21	1.32 ± 0.13	1.26 ± 0.20	1.14 ± 0.56
lung	10.78 ± 2.33	7.44 ± 1.59	4.25 ± 0.41	4.04 ± 1.63
kidney	12.03 ± 1.20	9.53 ± 1.58	6.71 ± 0.78	6.56 ± 1.10
pancreas	8.15 ± 1.09	2.07 ± 0.30	2.61 ± 0.59	1.97 ± 0.48
muscle	3.72 ± 0.51	1.28 ± 0.11	1.29 ± 0.31	1.36 ± 0.25
thyroid ^b	0.12 ± 0.02	0.09 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.03
stomach ^b	1.32 ± 0.21	1.08 ± 0.24	4.38 ± 1.00	2.44 ± 0.97
intestine ^b	6.46 ± 0.79	17.21 ± 2.33	19.88 ± 4.22	20.21 ± 7.78
[¹²⁵ I] 7a (log <i>D</i> = 3.96 ± 0.22, SA ≈ 60 GBq/μmol)				
blood	3.30 ± 0.43	2.31 ± 0.22	1.39 ± 0.15	0.83 ± 0.06
brain	5.39 ± 0.36	3.51 ± 0.36	0.97 ± 0.11	0.37 ± 0.05
heart	7.34 ± 0.69	2.32 ± 0.15	0.96 ± 0.13	0.55 ± 0.10
liver	12.12 ± 2.01	11.30 ± 0.58	6.29 ± 0.22	3.31 ± 0.37
spleen	3.63 ± 0.83	1.53 ± 0.23	0.62 ± 0.03	0.36 ± 0.03
lung	7.77 ± 0.18	6.50 ± 0.69	4.30 ± 0.58	1.91 ± 0.29
kidney	9.80 ± 1.05	10.01 ± 1.43	6.25 ± 1.23	3.40 ± 0.48
pancreas	6.79 ± 1.53	2.79 ± 0.35	1.06 ± 0.16	0.57 ± 0.05
muscle	3.37 ± 0.50	1.42 ± 0.20	0.95 ± 0.08	0.72 ± 0.20
thyroid ^b	0.12 ± 0.03	0.11 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.04	0.22 ± 0.05
stomach ^b	1.15 ± 0.21	0.74 ± 0.09	1.67 ± 0.33	1.04 ± 0.30
intestine ^b	4.57 ± 0.96	8.51 ± 0.48	18.87 ± 2.27	25.30 ± 3.94
[¹⁸ F] 7a (log <i>D</i> = 3.88 ± 0.17, SA ≈ 60 GBq/μmol)				
blood	5.99 ± 0.16	4.29 ± 0.14	4.36 ± 0.20	4.97 ± 0.12
brain	6.14 ± 0.52	4.78 ± 0.11	3.85 ± 0.24	3.48 ± 0.12
heart	9.32 ± 0.27	4.03 ± 0.34	4.20 ± 0.52	4.26 ± 0.13
liver	17.83 ± 1.41	6.07 ± 0.27	4.31 ± 0.32	3.84 ± 0.21
spleen	5.92 ± 1.30	3.33 ± 0.20	3.38 ± 0.23	3.28 ± 0.29
lung	9.34 ± 0.45	4.63 ± 0.35	4.21 ± 0.18	4.32 ± 0.17
kidney	12.70 ± 0.69	7.69 ± 1.15	6.12 ± 0.79	4.77 ± 0.52
pancreas	8.18 ± 0.79	3.96 ± 0.15	3.62 ± 0.30	2.89 ± 0.37
muscle	5.03 ± 0.63	3.46 ± 0.19	3.82 ± 0.40	4.31 ± 0.38
bone	2.53 ± 0.43	1.55 ± 0.50	2.70 ± 0.48	4.16 ± 0.59
stomach ^b	1.55 ± 0.11	1.24 ± 0.13	1.82 ± 0.48	1.58 ± 0.18
intestine ^b	6.38 ± 1.04	5.38 ± 0.33	5.95 ± 0.89	8.13 ± 1.01
[¹²⁵ I] 12a (log <i>D</i> = 3.62 ± 0.15, SA ≈ 81 GBq/μmol)				
blood	4.96 ± 0.35	3.88 ± 0.79	3.89 ± 0.53	3.01 ± 1.07

brain	5.27 ± 0.98	2.28 ± 0.27	0.81 ± 0.06	0.37 ± 0.06
heart	6.61 ± 1.42	2.12 ± 0.16	1.67 ± 0.09	1.17 ± 0.45
liver	18.12 ± 2.34	12.07 ± 1.06	8.68 ± 1.02	4.64 ± 0.77
spleen	2.85 ± 0.30	1.29 ± 0.06	1.03 ± 0.10	0.84 ± 0.31
lung	10.30 ± 2.16	4.16 ± 0.26	3.56 ± 0.38	3.11 ± 1.02
kidney	9.16 ± 0.59	7.61 ± 1.23	7.44 ± 0.90	6.09 ± 2.17
pancreas	6.45 ± 0.56	2.44 ± 0.28	1.75 ± 0.10	1.37 ± 0.41
muscle	3.47 ± 0.45	1.31 ± 0.12	0.99 ± 0.17	1.20 ± 0.26
thyroid ^b	0.13 ± 0.02	0.13 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.04	0.34 ± 0.10
stomach ^b	1.30 ± 0.14	1.34 ± 0.16	2.02 ± 0.49	2.27 ± 0.40
intestine ^b	4.81 ± 0.97	10.68 ± 2.60	16.61 ± 3.88	18.84 ± 8.75
[¹⁸F]12a (log D = 3.84 ± 0.07, SA ≈ 60 GBq/μmol)				
blood	7.53 ± 0.80	4.55 ± 0.36	5.91 ± 0.33	5.87 ± 0.19
brain	6.76 ± 0.41	5.73 ± 0.44	5.02 ± 0.32	4.26 ± 0.18
heart	9.11 ± 1.07	4.40 ± 0.36	5.41 ± 0.36	4.76 ± 0.40
liver	13.20 ± 1.45	4.74 ± 0.36	4.84 ± 0.28	4.64 ± 0.21
spleen	4.98 ± 0.32	3.55 ± 0.26	4.29 ± 0.36	3.87 ± 0.34
lung	9.17 ± 1.10	4.91 ± 0.60	5.34 ± 0.31	5.19 ± 0.36
kidney	11.63 ± 0.86	6.19 ± 0.46	6.19 ± 0.37	5.48 ± 0.41
pancreas	8.75 ± 0.33	3.96 ± 0.27	4.55 ± 0.36	3.95 ± 0.25
muscle	5.38 ± 0.47	3.92 ± 0.41	4.71 ± 0.50	4.51 ± 0.49
bone	2.55 ± 0.29	2.13 ± 0.27	3.31 ± 0.21	3.51 ± 0.78
stomach ^b	1.70 ± 0.08	1.54 ± 0.32	2.09 ± 0.32	1.70 ± 0.29
intestine ^b	7.72 ± 0.54	6.94 ± 0.53	8.09 ± 0.43	8.50 ± 1.23

^a Expressed as % injected dose per gram. Each value represents the mean ± SD for 4-5 mice at each interval.

^b Expressed as % injected dose per organ.

Table S4 | Percentages of metabolites extracted from the brain, plasma, liver, urine and feces of ICR mice after intravenous injection of [¹²⁵I]7a and [¹⁸F]7a

Organ	Post-injection time (min)	[¹²⁵ I]7a			[¹⁸ F]7a	
		Metabolite [¹²⁵ I]7a-1	Metabolite [¹²⁵ I]7a-2	Parent tracer [¹²⁵ I]7a	Metabolite [¹⁸ F]7a-1 and 2	Parent tracer [¹⁸ F]7a
Brain	2	4.1%	0.0%	95.9%	15.3%	84.7%
	10	5.1%	8.9%	86.0%	30.2%	69.8%
	30	10.0%	10.6%	79.4%	31.1%	68.9%
	60	10.3%	17.6%	72.1%	66.0%	34.0%
Plasma	2	14.8%	0.0%	85.2%	56.9%	43.1%
	10	58.7%	0.0%	41.3%	78.4%	21.6%
	30	77.9%	0.0%	22.1%	78.2%	21.8%
	60	87.7%	0.0%	12.3%	92.8%	7.2%
Liver	2	60.5%	4.3%	35.2%	20.5%	79.5%
	10	72.3%	14.2%	13.5%	37.4%	62.6%
	30	86.3%	4.9%	8.8%	51.3%	48.7%
	60	93.0%	3.7%	3.3%	76.6%	23.4%
Urine	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
	10	97.4%	0.0%	2.6%	100%	0.0%
	30	100%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
	60	100%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
Feces	2	77.1%	0.0%	22.9%	46.4%	53.6%
	10	41.2%	0.0%	58.8%	81.2%	18.8%
	30	98.0%	0.0%	2.0%	89.5%	10.5%
	60	91.7%	8.3%	0.0%	92.7%	7.3%

Table S5 | Percentages of metabolites extracted from the brain, plasma, liver, urine and feces of ICR mice after intravenous injection of [¹²⁵I]12a and [¹⁸F]12a

Organ	Post-injection time (min)	¹²⁵ I]12a			¹⁸ F]12a	
		Metabolite [¹²⁵ I]12a-1	Metabolite [¹²⁵ I]12a-2	Parent tracer [¹²⁵ I]12a	Metabolite [¹⁸ F]12a-1 and 2	Parent tracer [¹⁸ F]12a
Brain	2	7.9%	0.0%	92.1%	12.1%	87.9%
	10	8.2%	9.7%	82.1%	34.3%	65.7%
	30	9.6%	12.1%	78.3%	50.8%	49.2%
	60	12.7%	18.7%	68.6%	70.2%	29.8%
Plasma	2	11.6%	0.0%	88.4%	26.3%	73.7%
	10	70.5%	0.0%	29.6%	59.6%	40.4%
	30	73.7%	0.0%	26.3%	65.9%	34.1%
	60	95.3%	0.0%	4.68%	86.1%	13.9%
Liver	2	48.7%	2.2%	49.1%	8.9%	91.1%
	10	76.7%	1.8%	21.5%	14.7%	85.3%
	30	90.5%	3.2%	6.3%	17.8%	82.2%
	60	94.7%	1.5%	3.8%	78.3%	21.7%
Urine	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
	10	100%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
	30	100%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
	60	98.9%	1.1%	0.0%	100%	0.0%
Feces	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	53.3%	46.7%
	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	79.1%	20.9%
	30	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.2%	16.8%
	60	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	82.6%	17.4%

Supplementary Figures

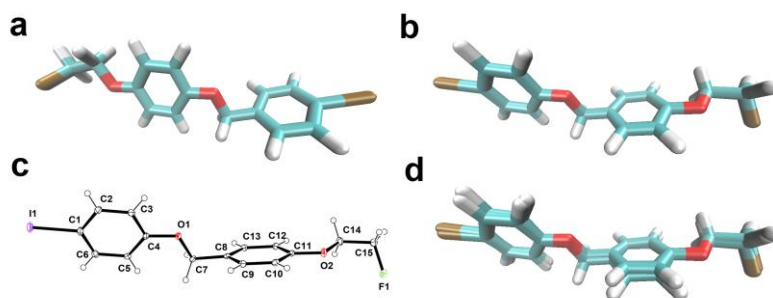


Figure S1 | Chemical structures of 7a and 12a. Optimized structures of benzyloxybenzene derivatives 7a (a) and 12a (b). (c) X-ray crystal structure of 12a (CCDC 1063679). Superposition of 12a optimized and its X-ray crystal structure was shown in d. RMSD = 0.190 Å.

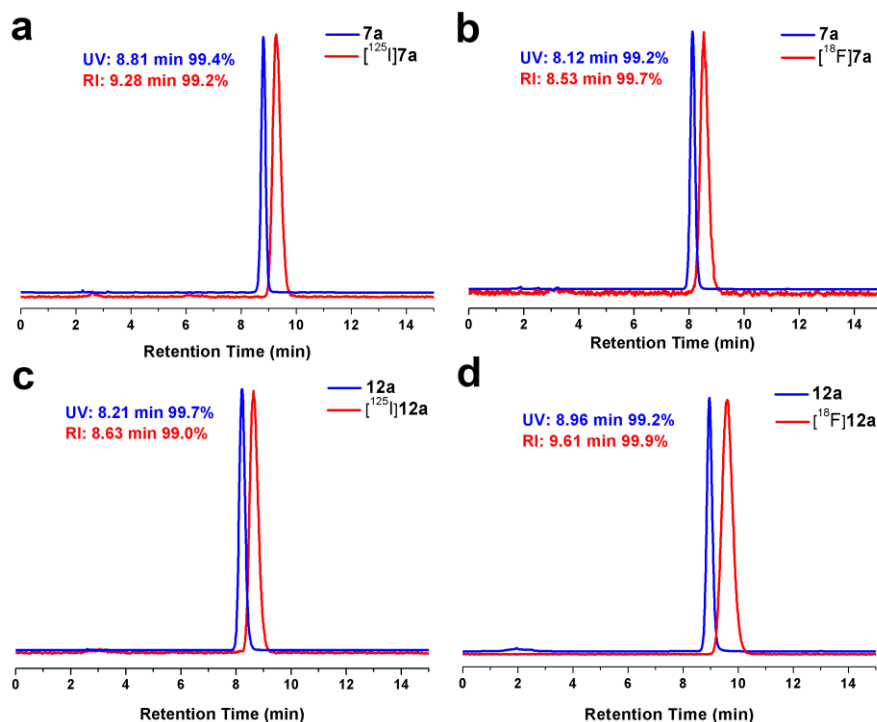


Figure S2 | Co-injection HPLC profiles of 7a and [¹²⁵I]7a; 7a and [¹⁸F]7a; 12a and [¹²⁵I]12a; 12a and [¹⁸F]12a. HPLC conditions: Venusil MP C18 column (Agela Technologies, 5 μm, 4.6 × 250 mm), CH₃CN/H₂O = 80%/20%, 1 mL/min, UV, 254 nm.

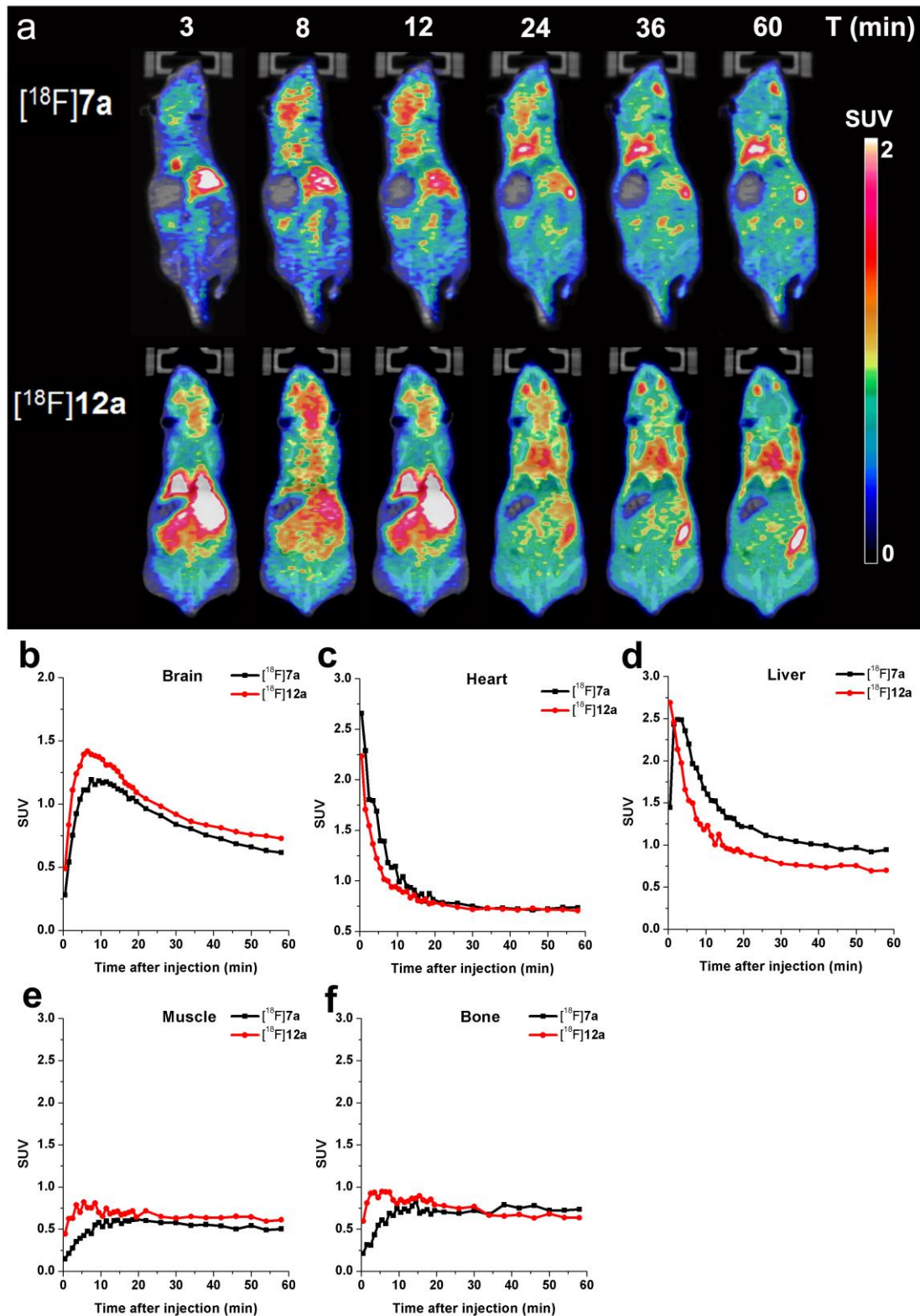


Figure S3 | Dynamic microPET/CT imaging of $[^{18}\text{F}]7\text{a}$ and $[^{18}\text{F}]12\text{a}$ in normal ICR mice. (a) Whole body time-radioactivity biodistribution by dynamic microPET/CT imaging. PET image color intensities are expressed as standardized uptake value (SUV). (b-f) Time-activity curves (TACs) of $[^{18}\text{F}]7\text{a}$ and $[^{18}\text{F}]12\text{a}$ in brain, heart, liver, muscle and bone for the entire 60 min PET scan.

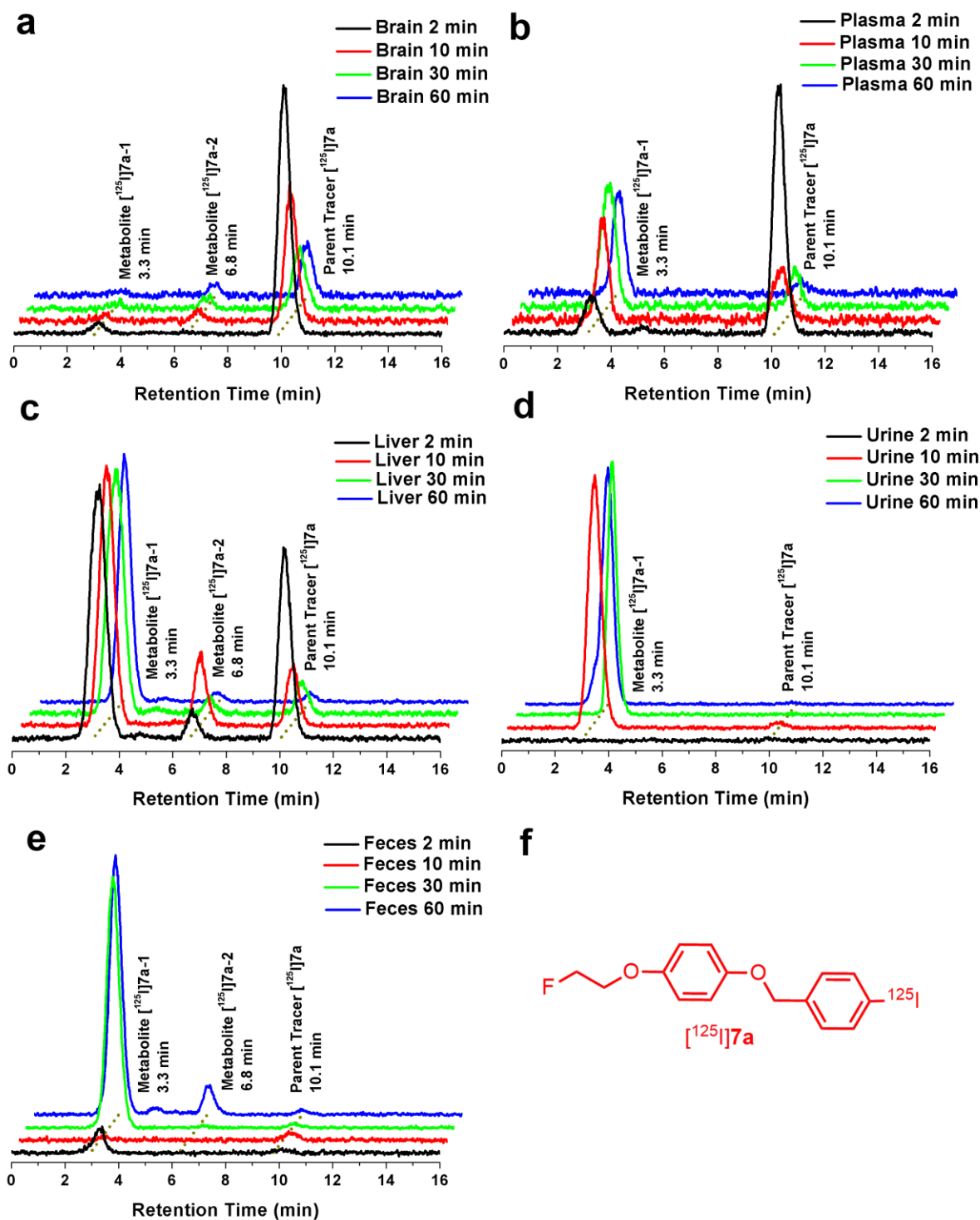


Figure S4 | HPLC profiles for radioactive metabolites of [¹²⁵I]7a in ICR mice brain (a), plasma (b), liver (c), urine (d) and feces (e) at 2, 10, 30 and 60 min post-injection time points. Reversed-phase HPLC performed on a Venusil MP C18 reverse phase column (Agela Technologies, 5 μm, 4.6 mm × 250 mm) using a binary gradient system (acetonitrile/water : 80%/20%) at a 1.0 mL/min flow rate. (f) Chemical structure of [¹²⁵I]7a.

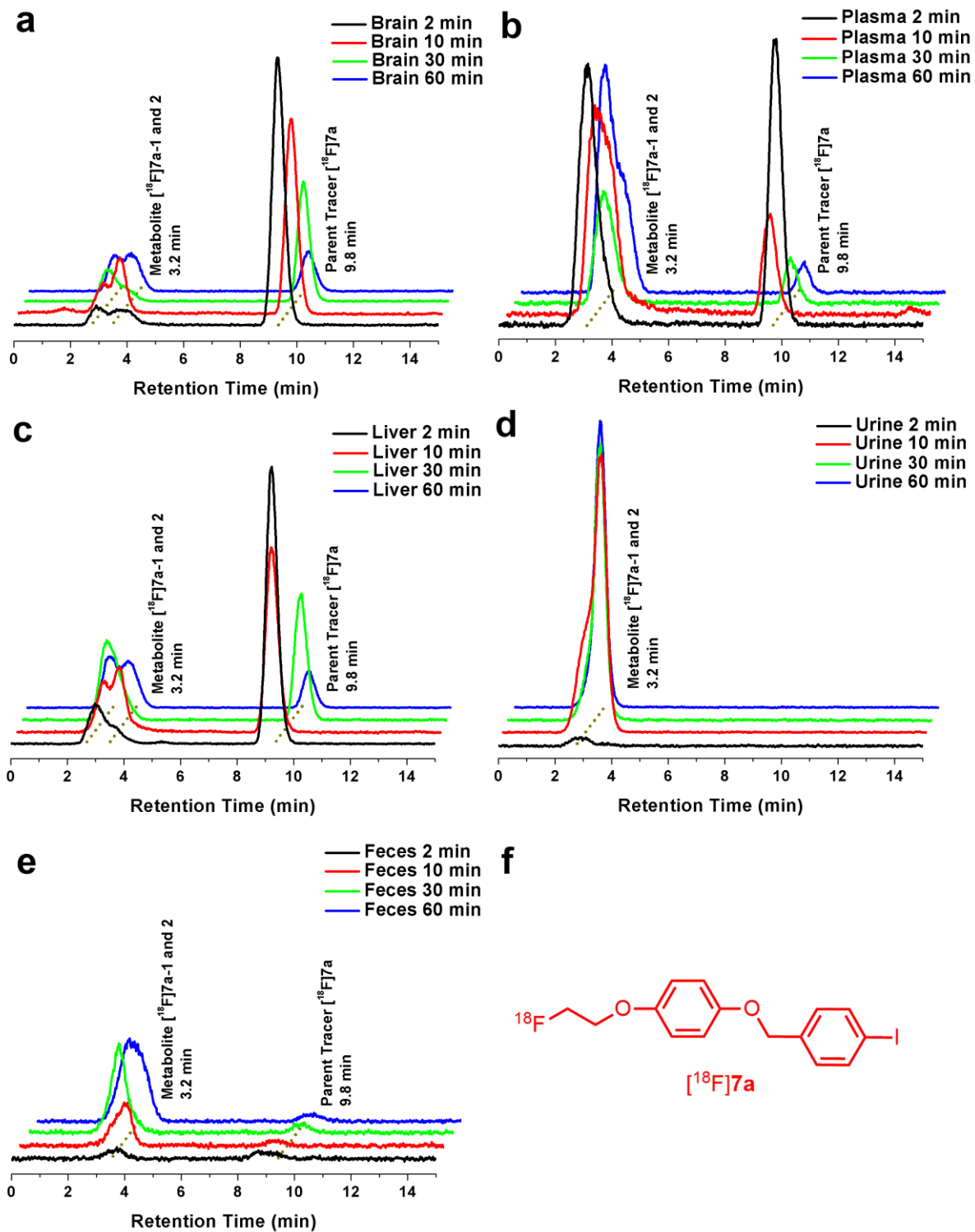


Figure S5 | HPLC profiles for radioactive metabolites of $[^{18}\text{F}]7\text{a}$ in ICR mice brain (a), plasma (b), liver (c), urine (d) and feces (e) at 2, 10, 30 and 60 min post-injection time points. Reversed-phase HPLC performed on a Venusil MP C18 reverse phase column (Agela Technologies, $5\ \mu\text{m}$, $4.6\ \text{mm} \times 250\ \text{mm}$) using a binary gradient system (acetonitrile/water : 80%/20%) at a $1.0\ \text{mL}/\text{min}$ flow rate. (f) Chemical structure of $[^{18}\text{F}]7\text{a}$.

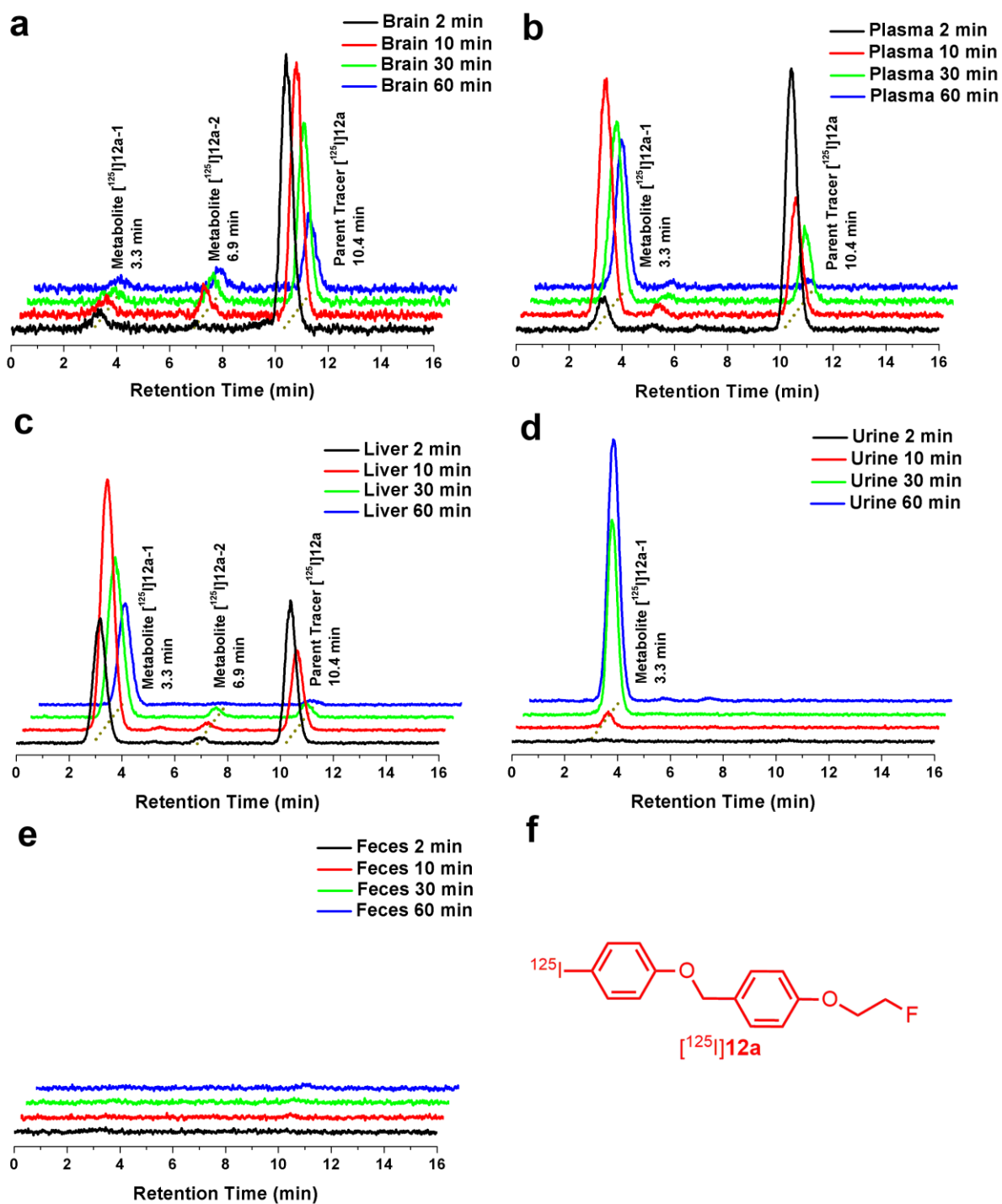


Figure S6 | HPLC profiles for radioactive metabolites of [¹²⁵I]12a in ICR mice brain (a), plasma (b), liver (c), urine (d) and feces (e) at 2, 10, 30 and 60 min post-injection time points. Reversed-phase HPLC performed on a Venusil MP C18 reverse phase column (Agela Technologies, 5 μm, 4.6 mm × 250 mm) using a binary gradient system (acetonitrile/water : 80%/20%) at a 1.0 mL/min flow rate. (f) Chemical structure of [¹²⁵I]12a.

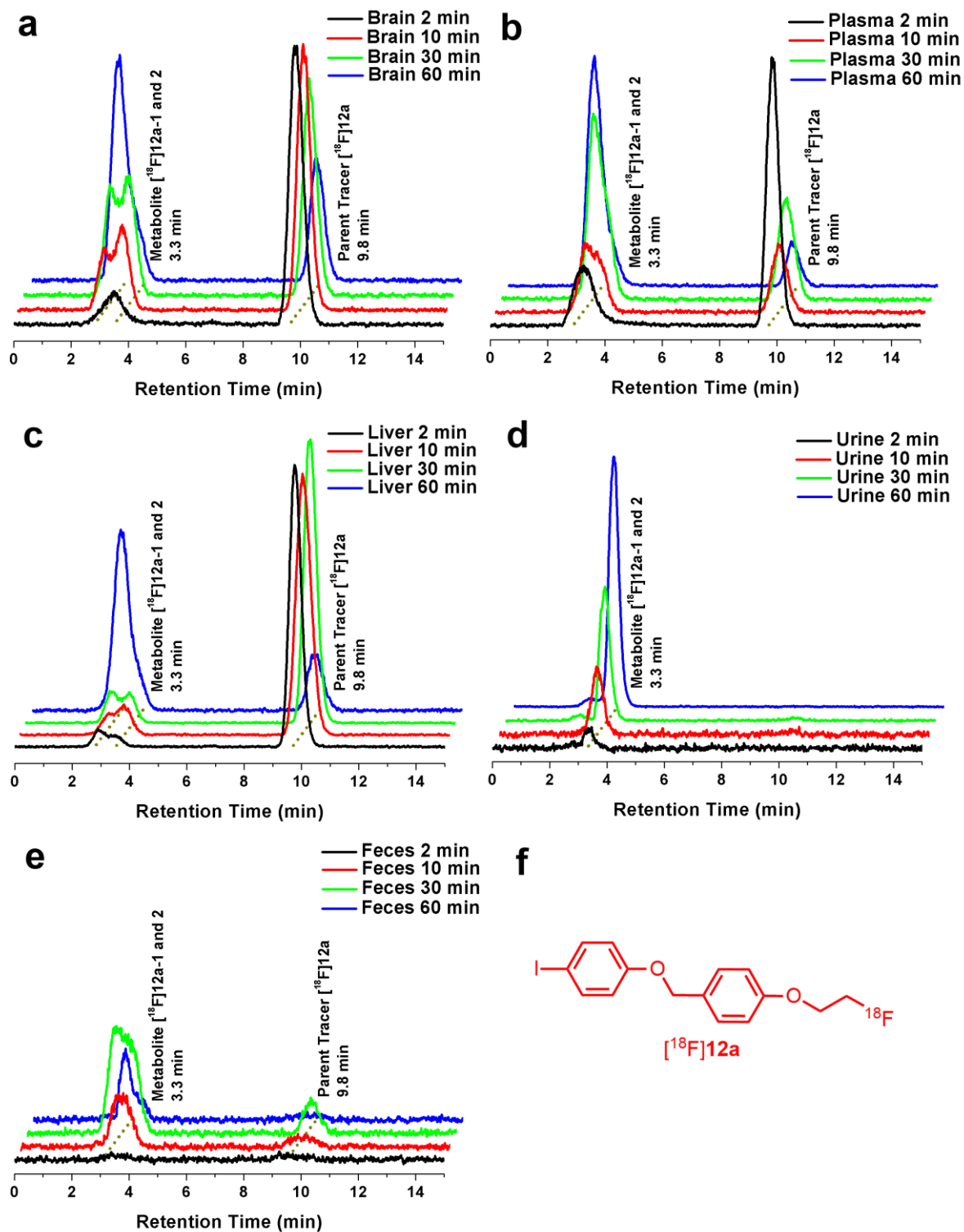
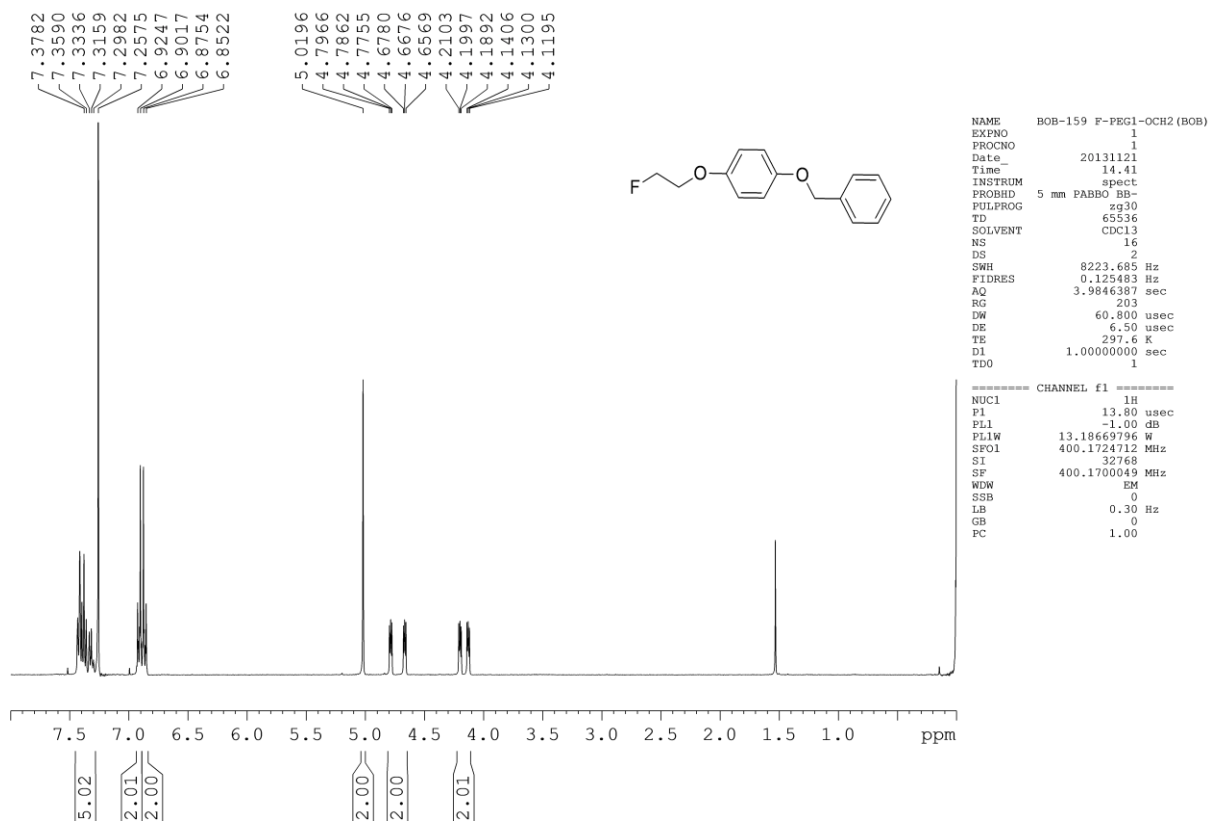
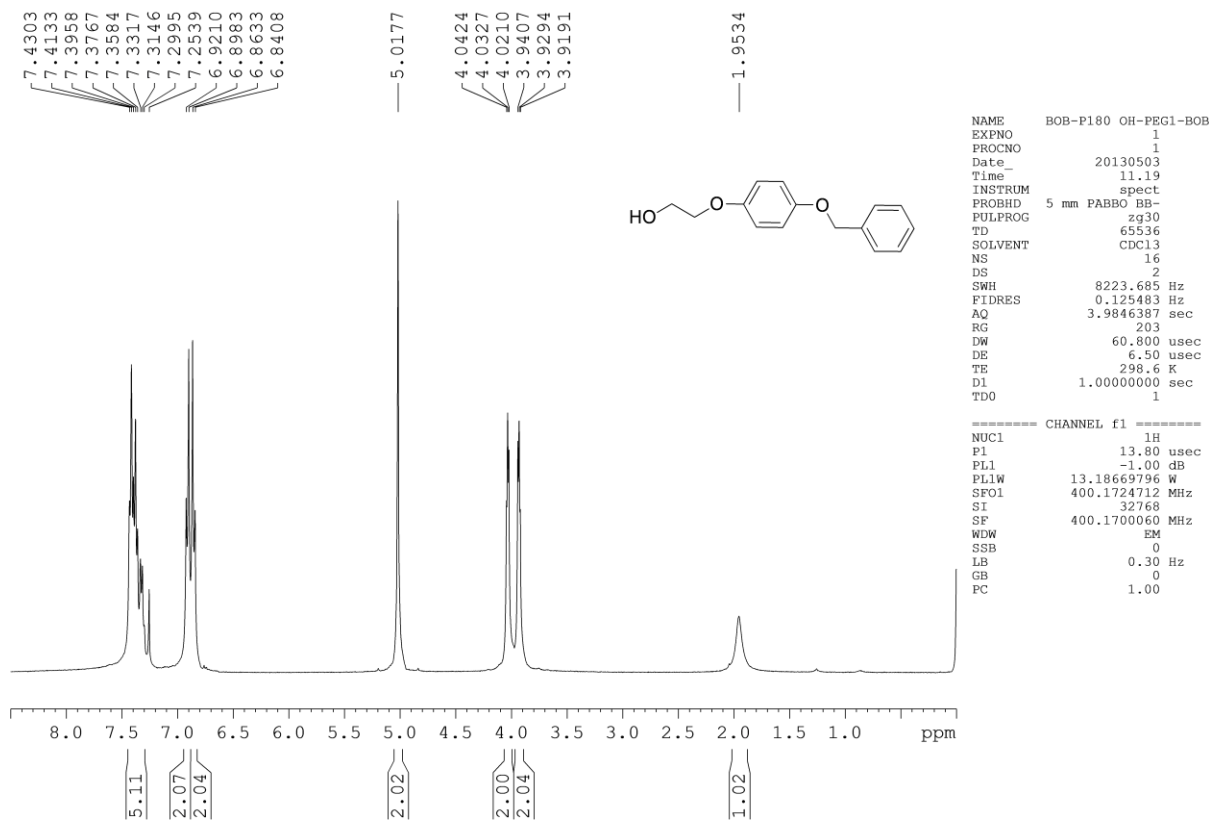


Figure S7 | HPLC profiles for radioactive metabolites of $[^{18}\text{F}]12\text{a}$ in ICR mice brain (a), plasma (b), liver (c), urine (d) and feces (e) at 2, 10, 30 and 60 min post-injection time points. Reversed-phase HPLC performed on a Venusil MP C18 reverse phase column (Agela Technologies, $5\ \mu\text{m}$, $4.6\ \text{mm} \times 250\ \text{mm}$) using a binary gradient system (acetonitrile/water : 80%/20%) at a $1.0\ \text{mL}/\text{min}$ flow rate. (f) Chemical structure of $[^{18}\text{F}]12\text{a}$.

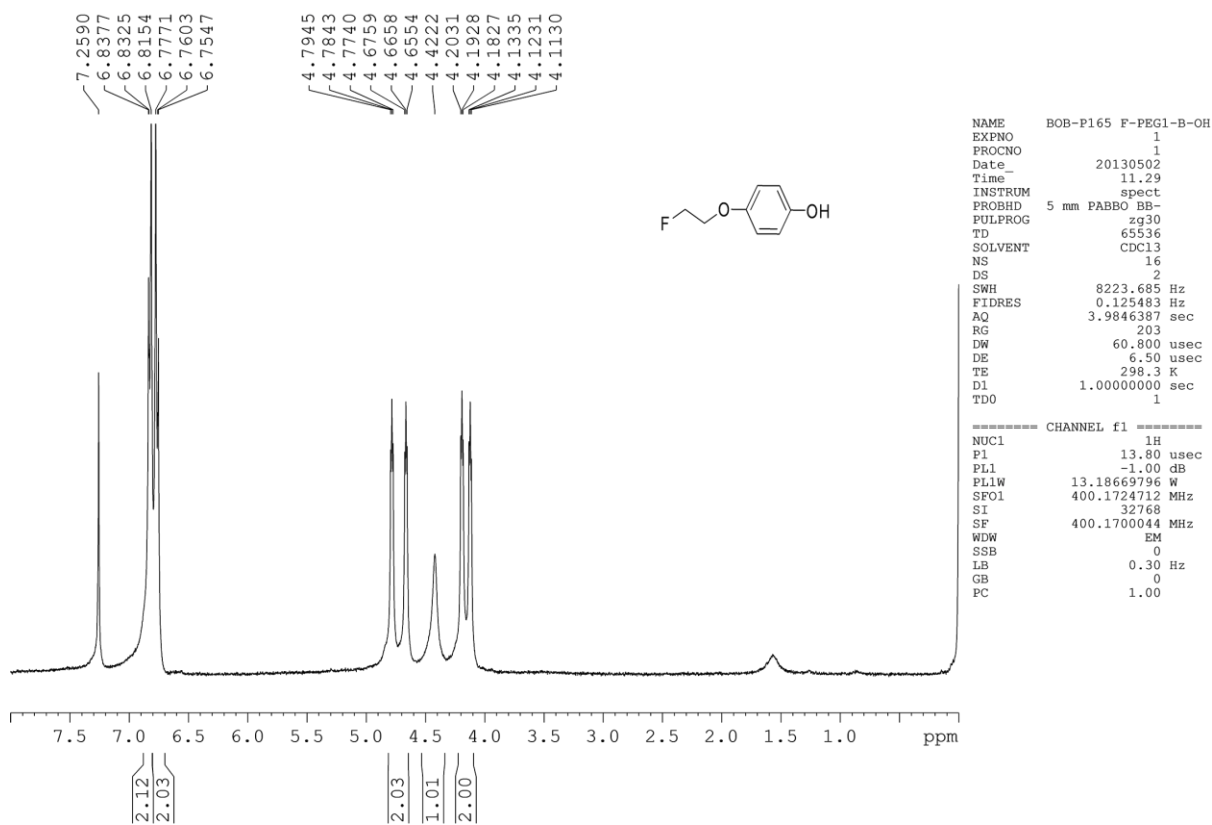
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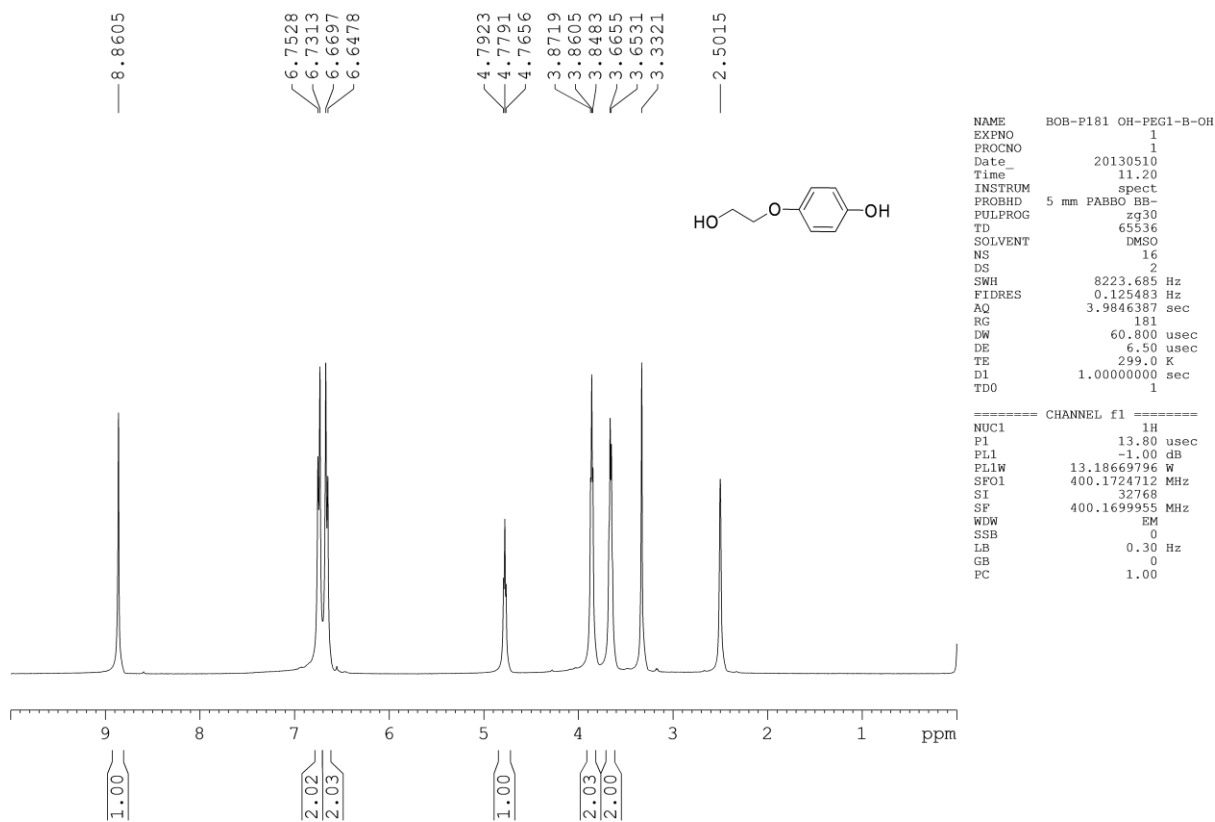
¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of 1-(benzyloxy)-4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzene (**5a**)



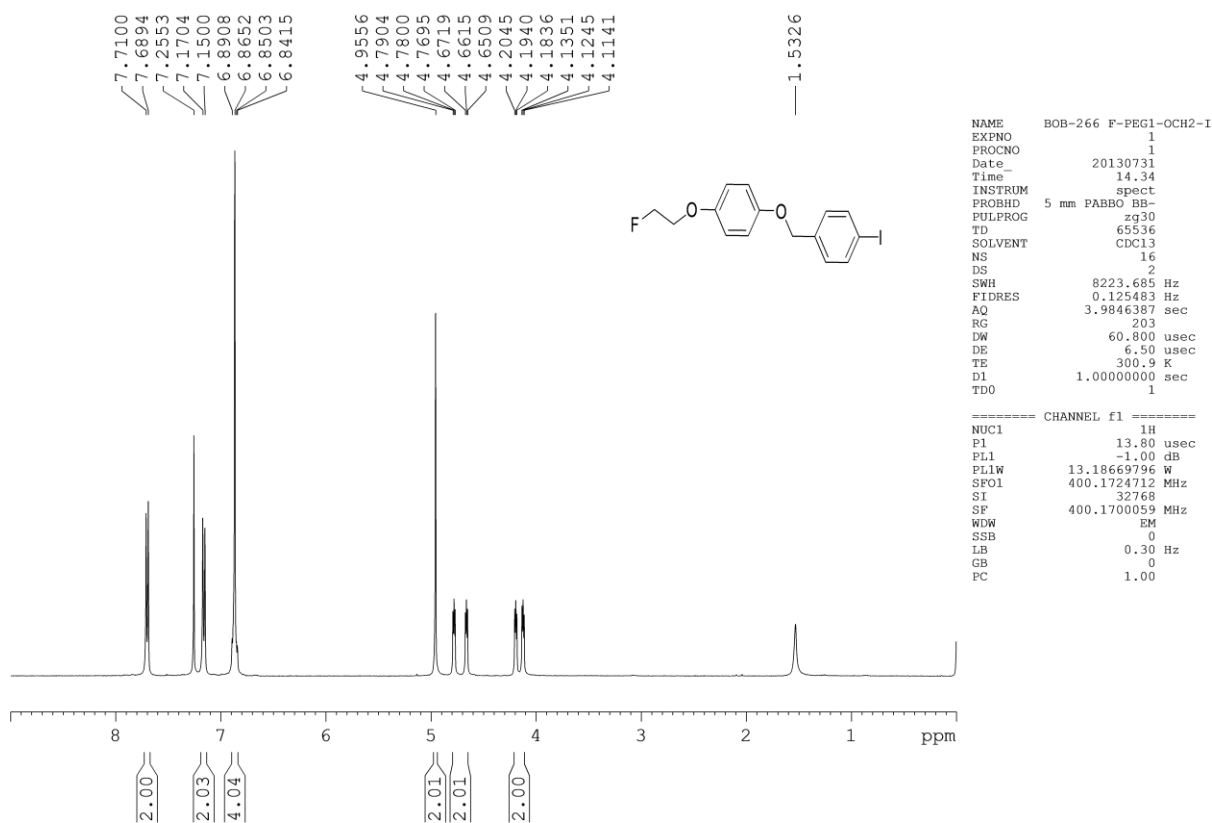
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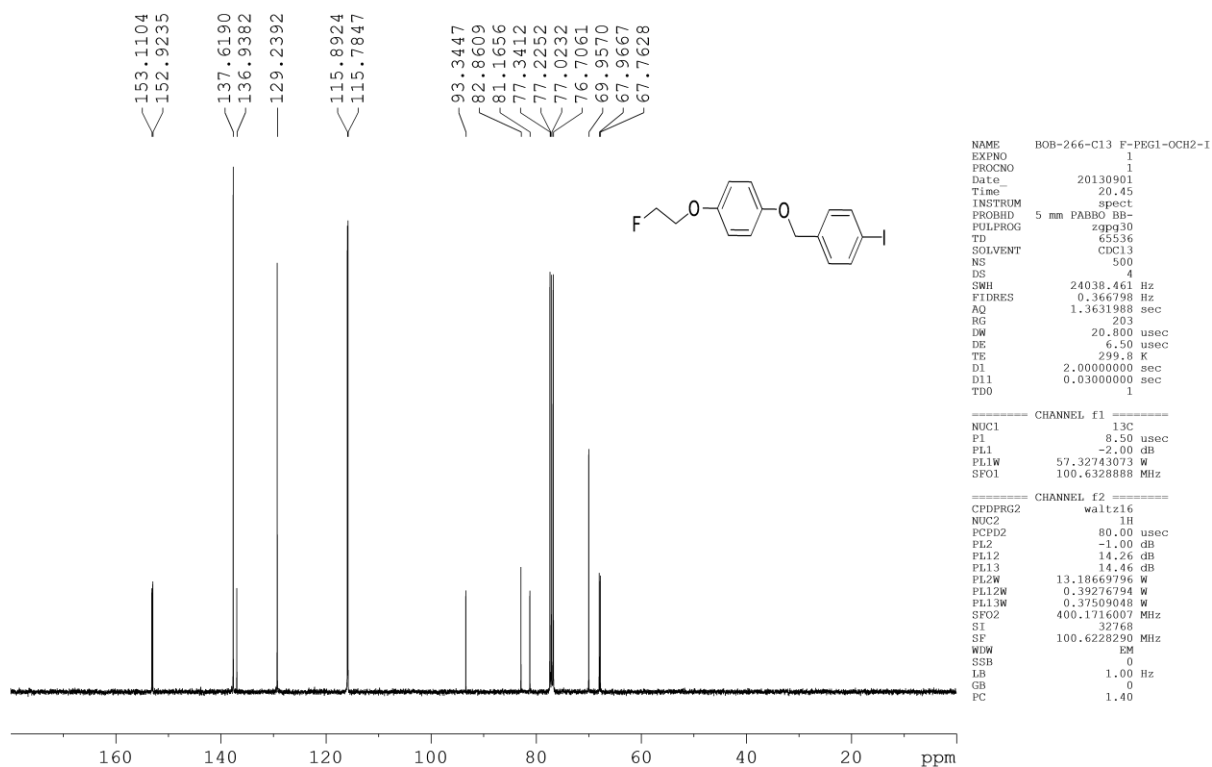
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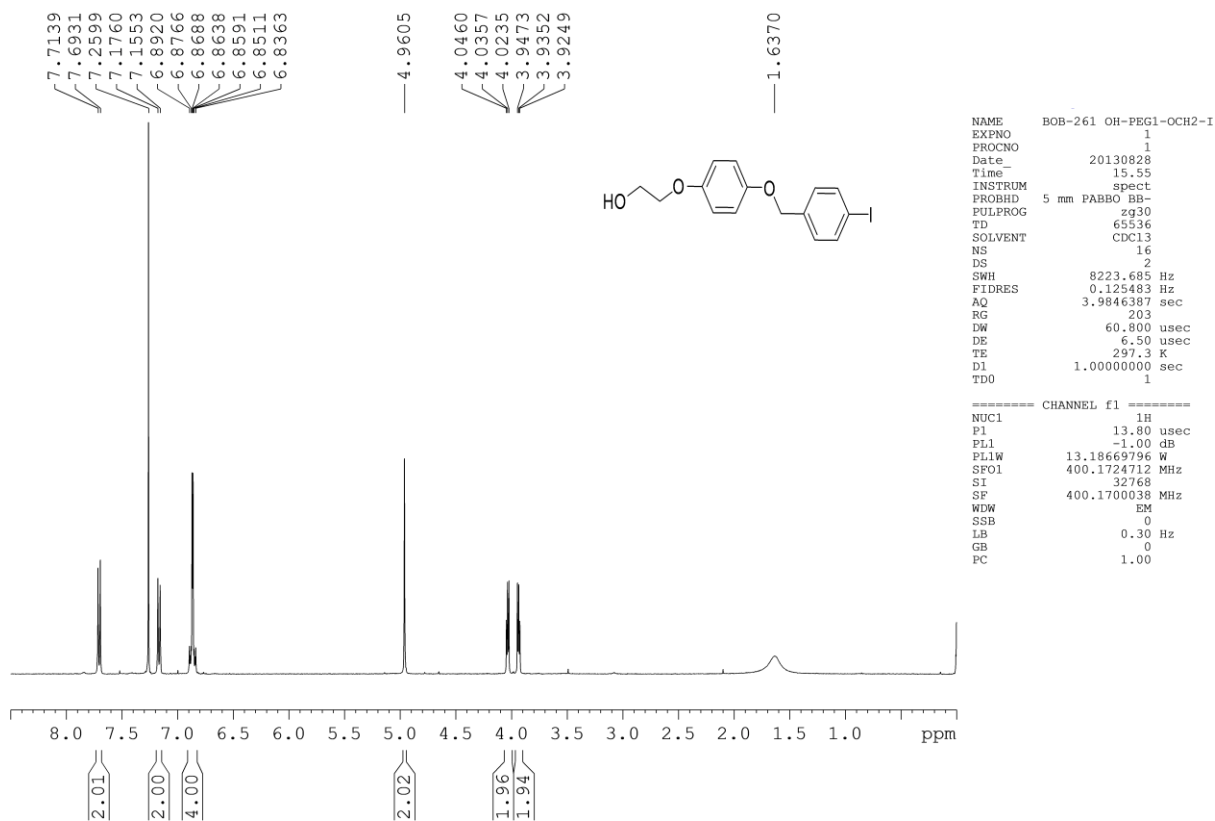
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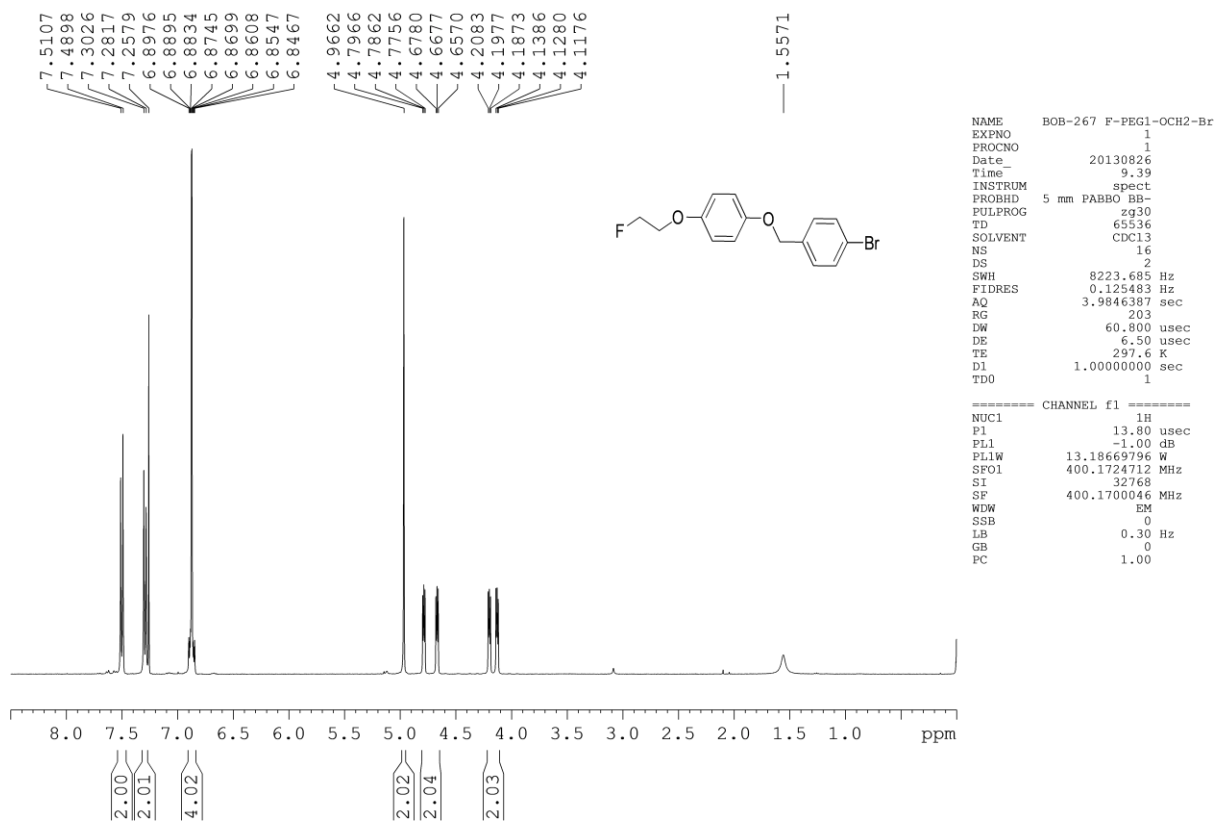
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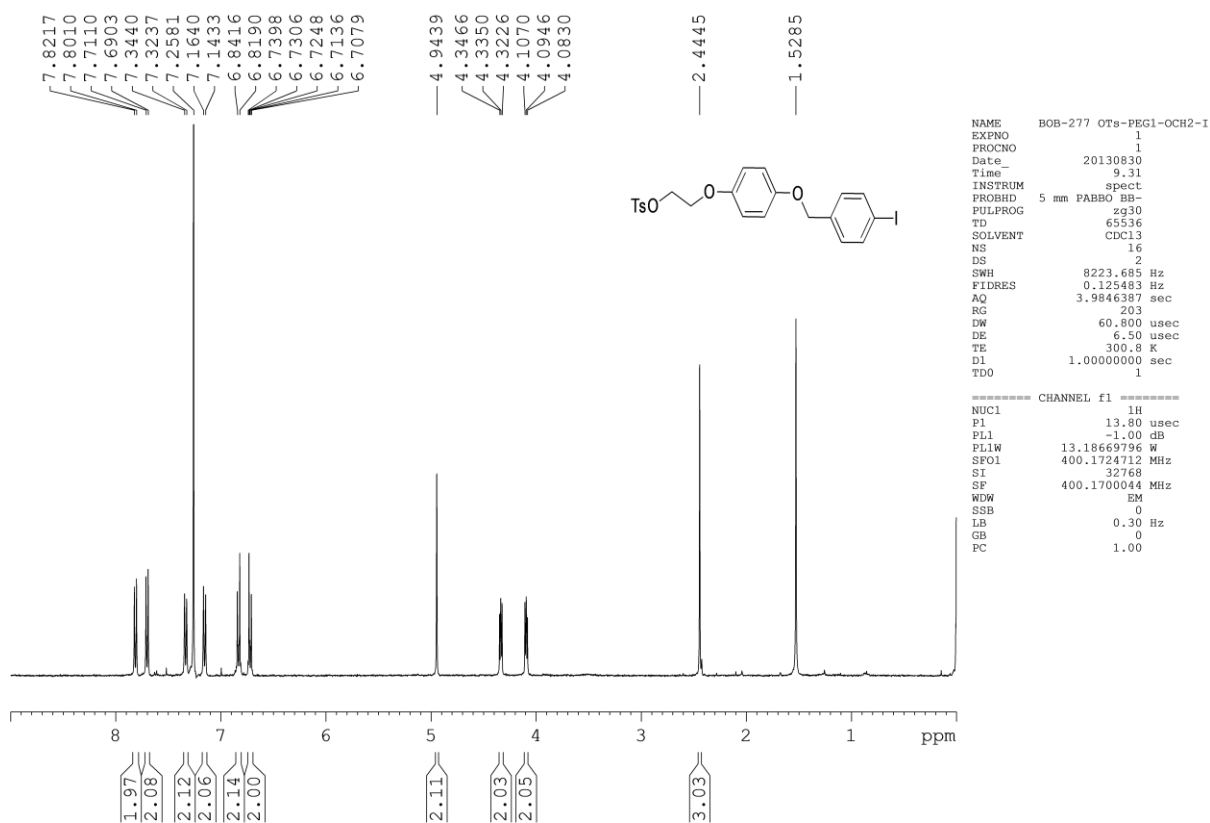
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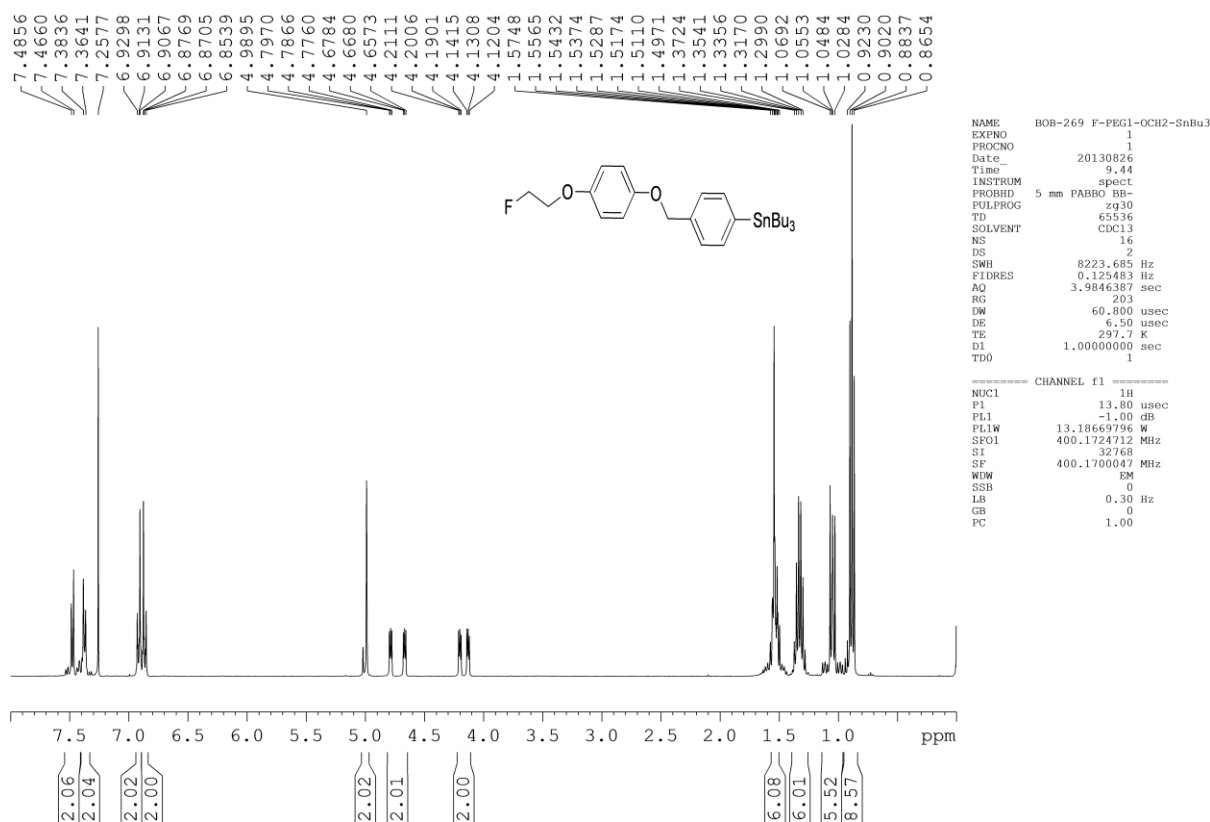
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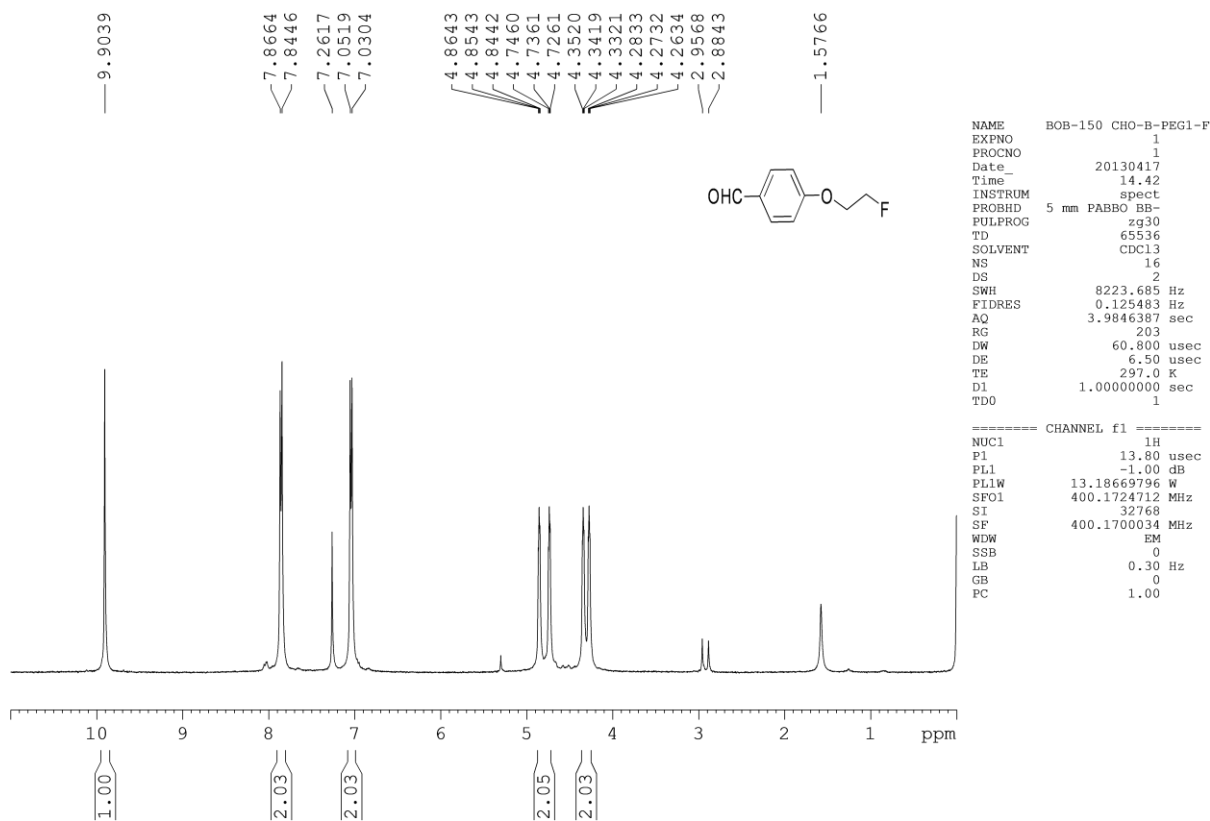
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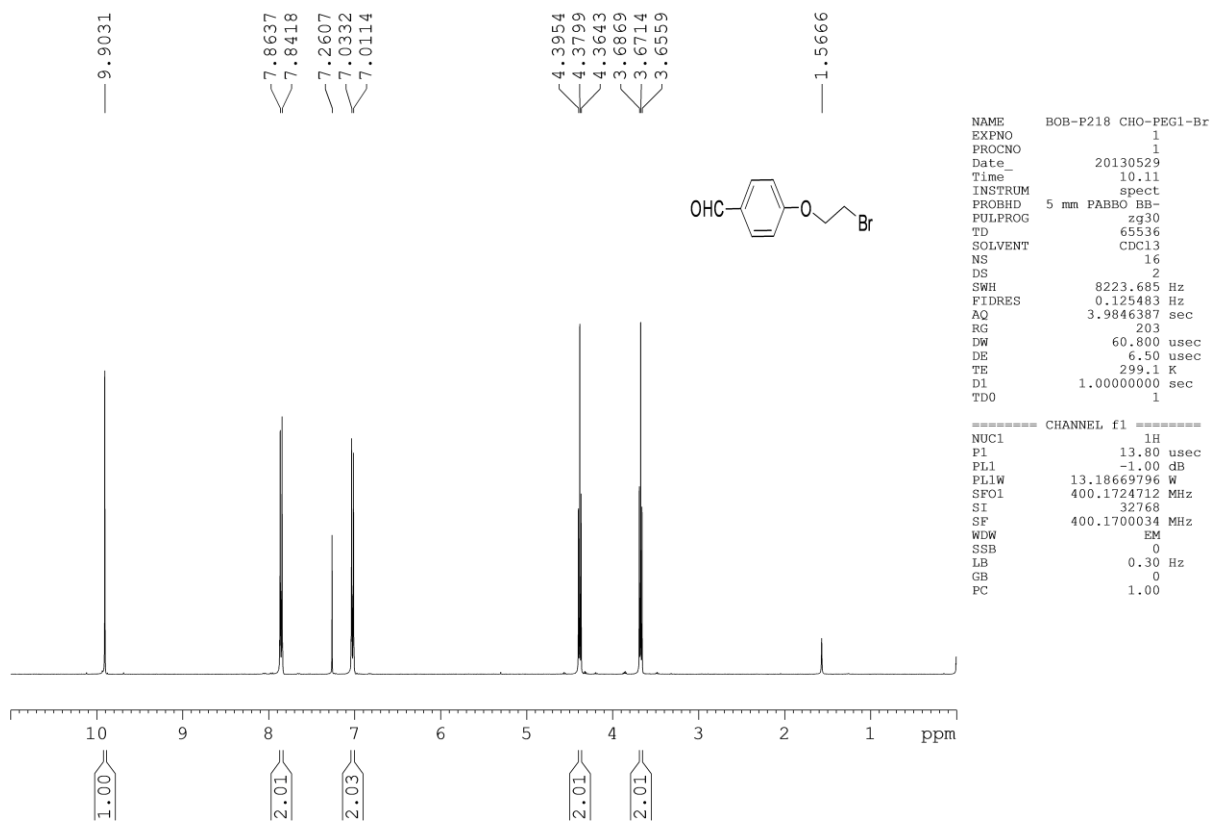
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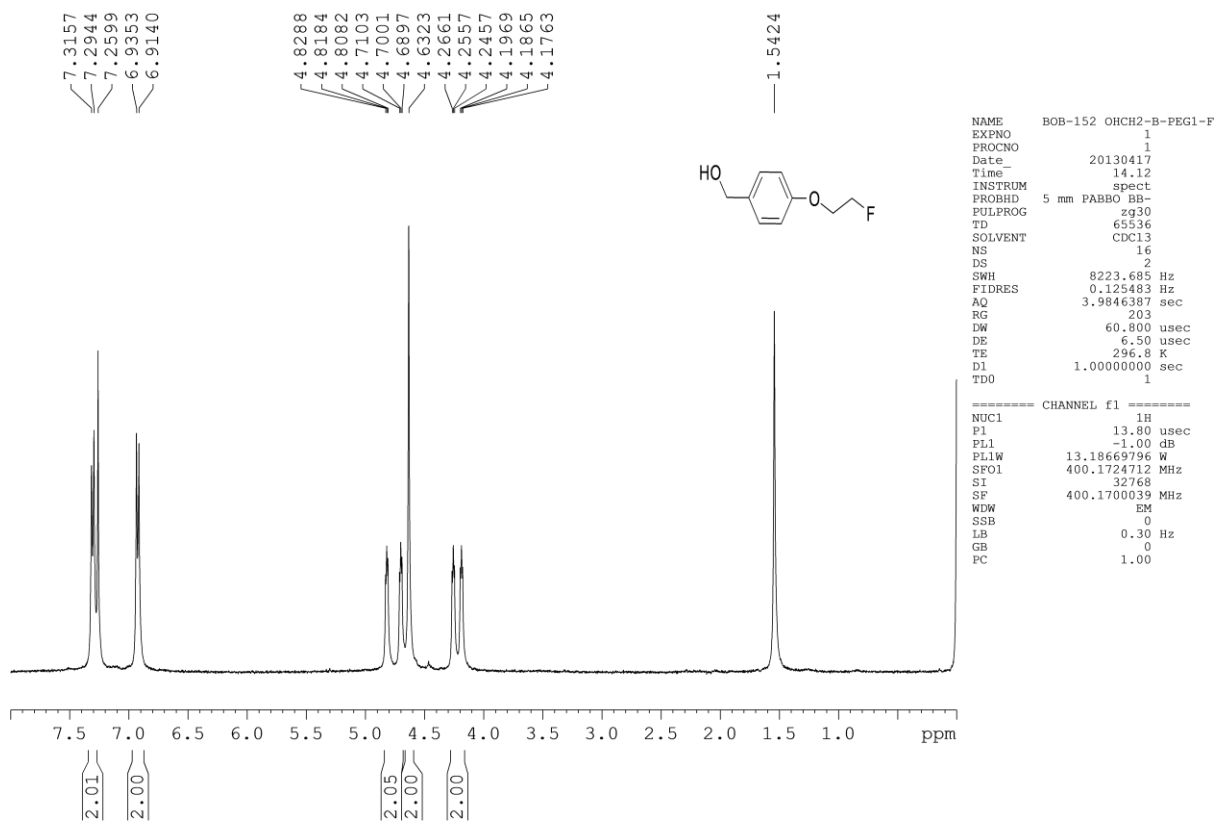
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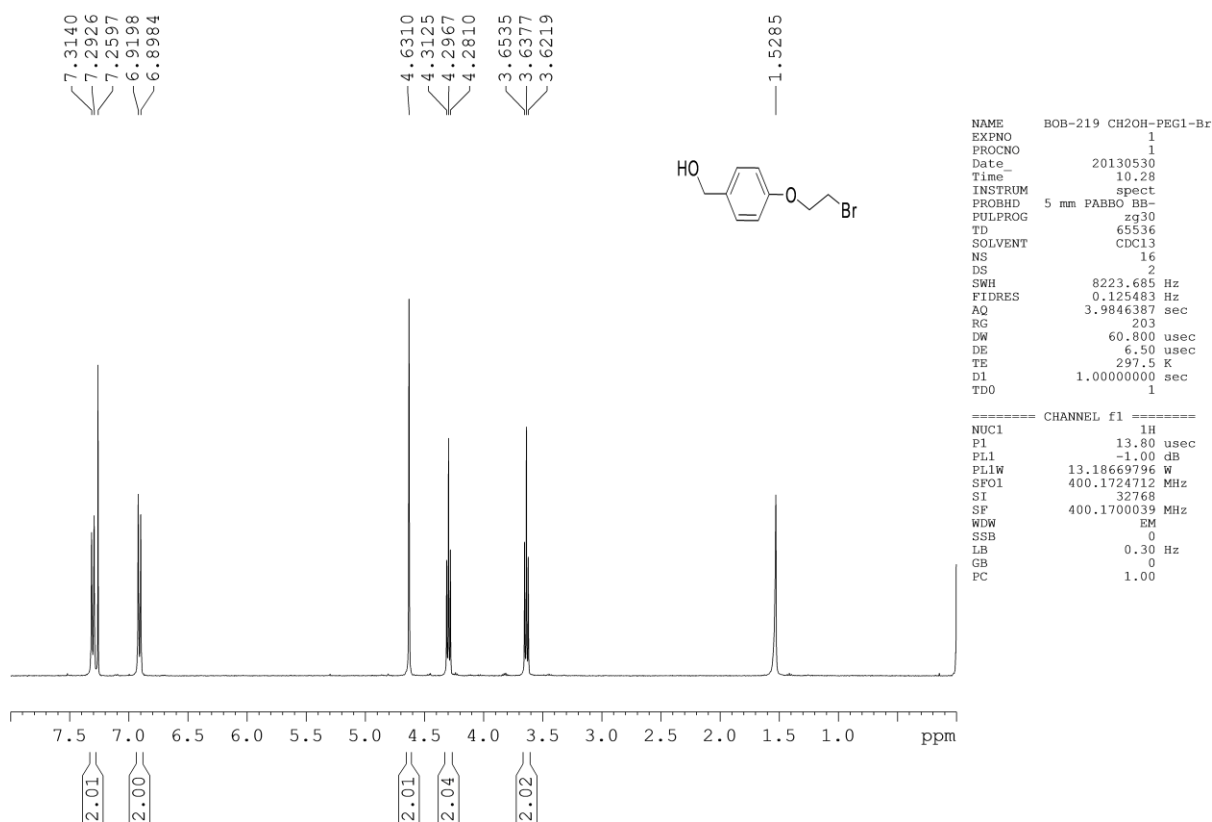
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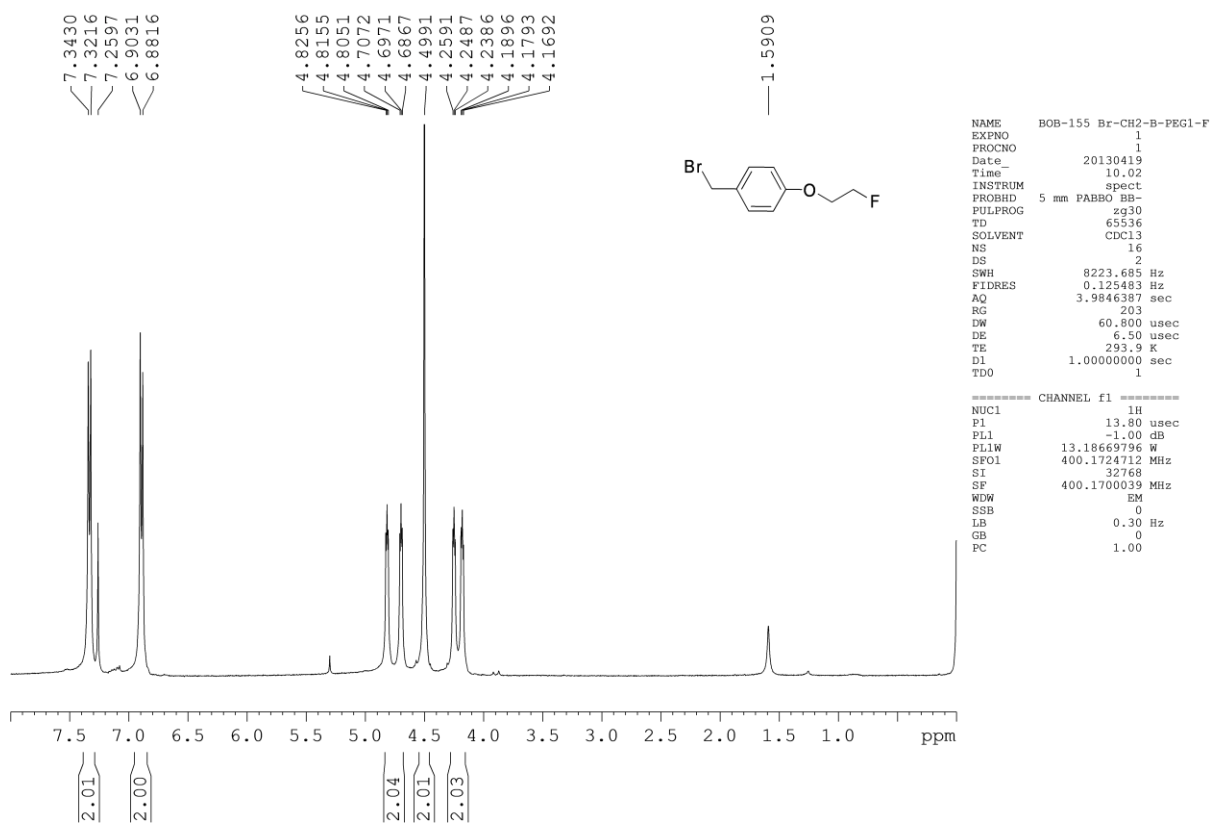
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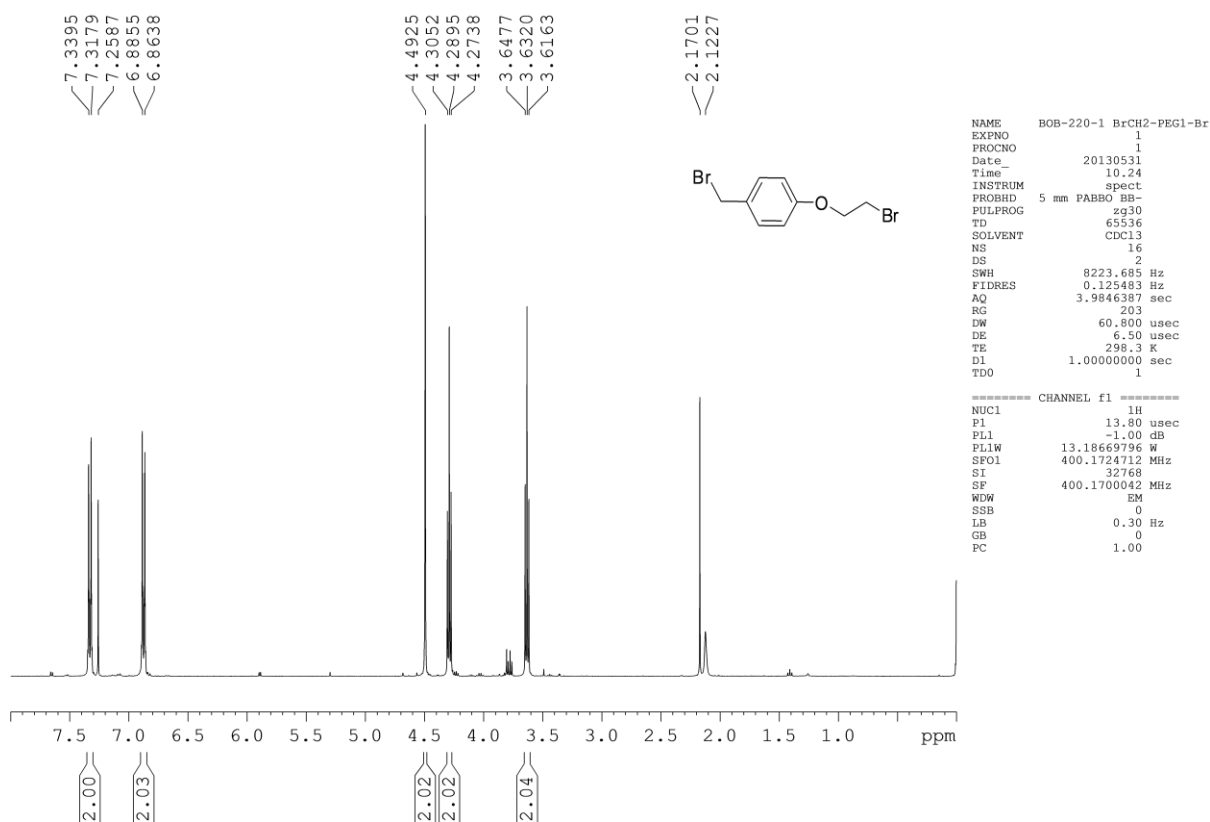
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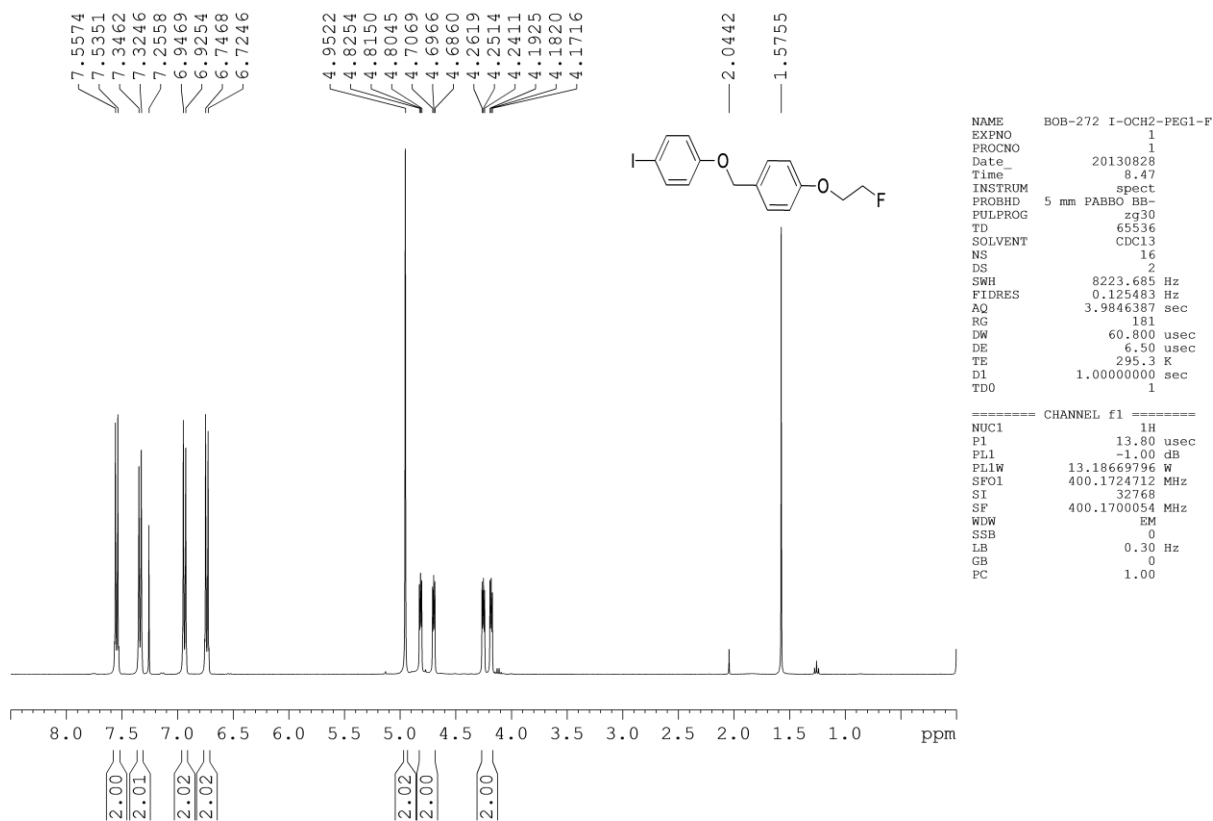
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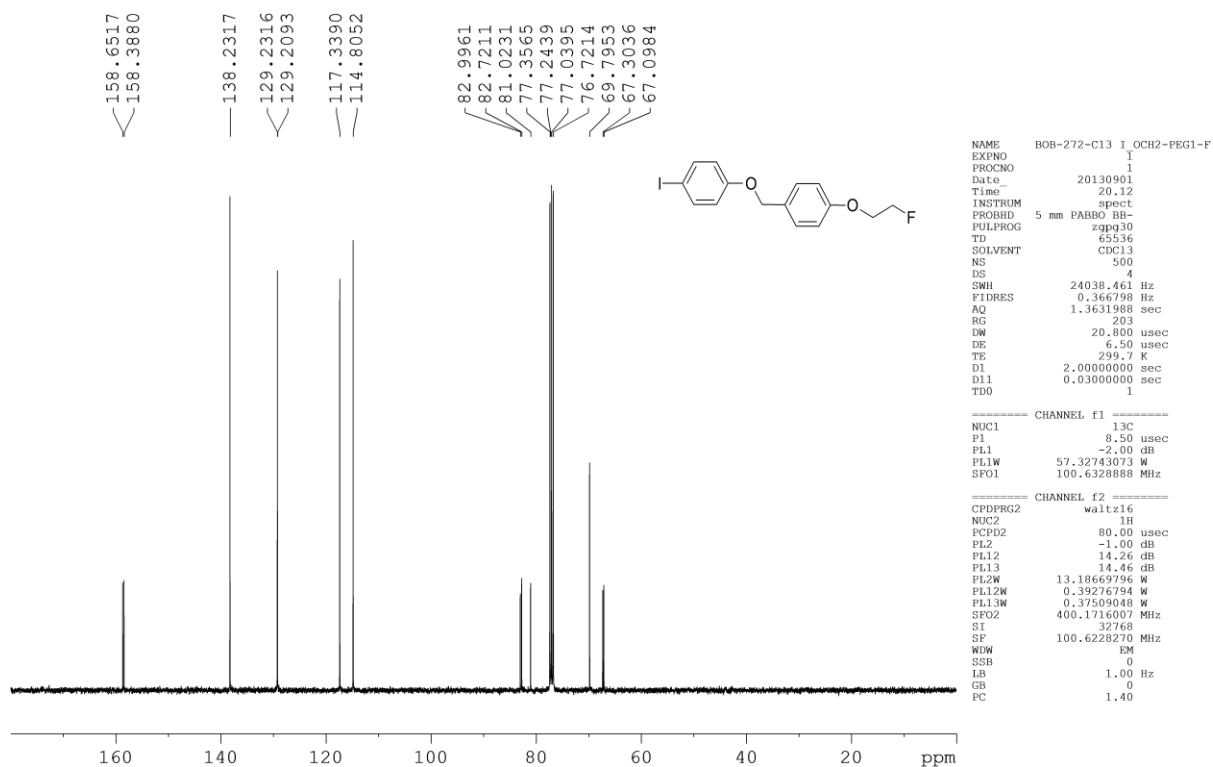
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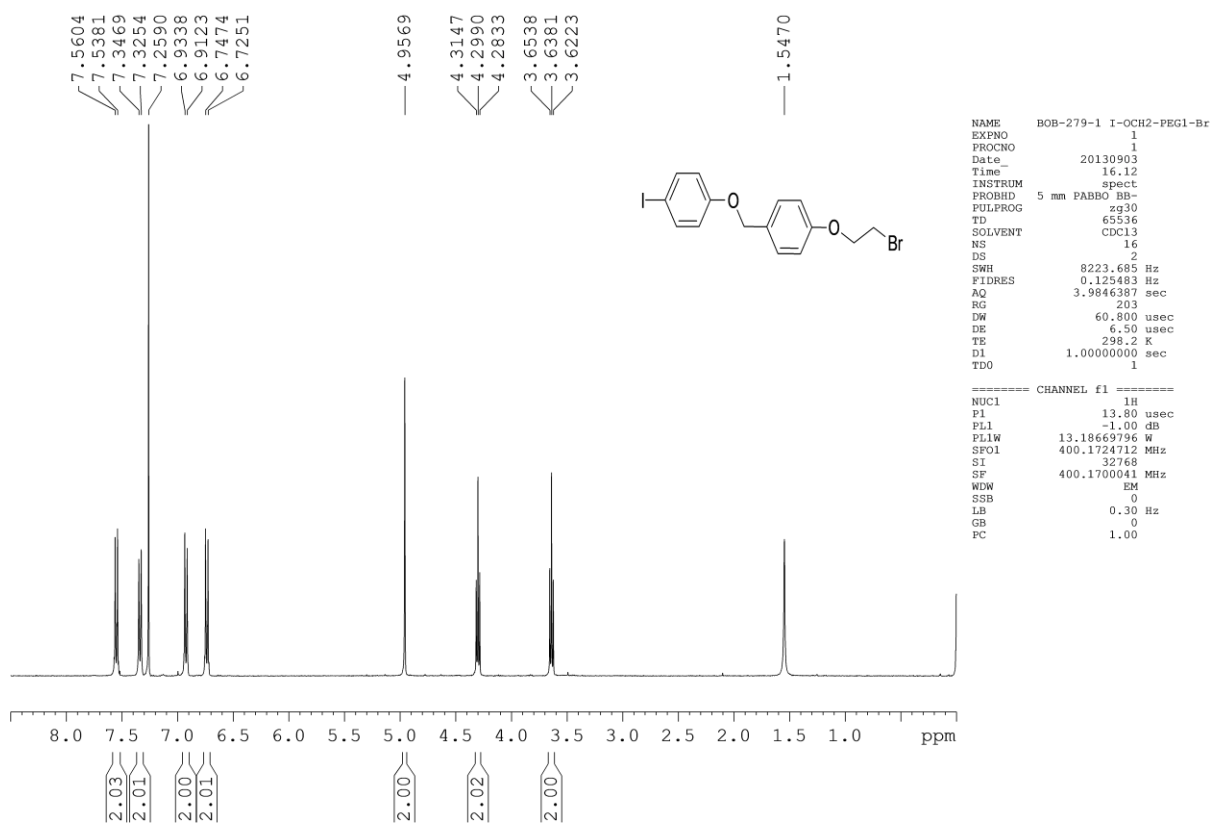
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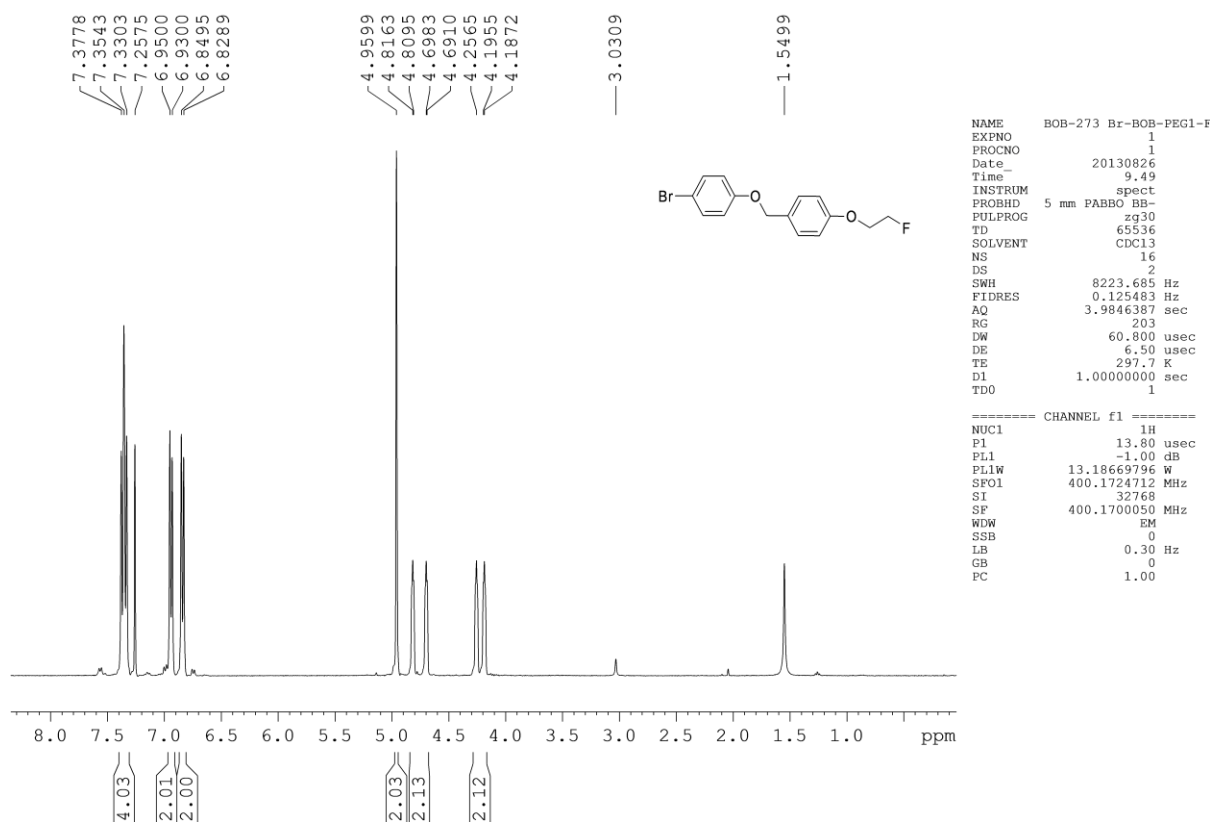
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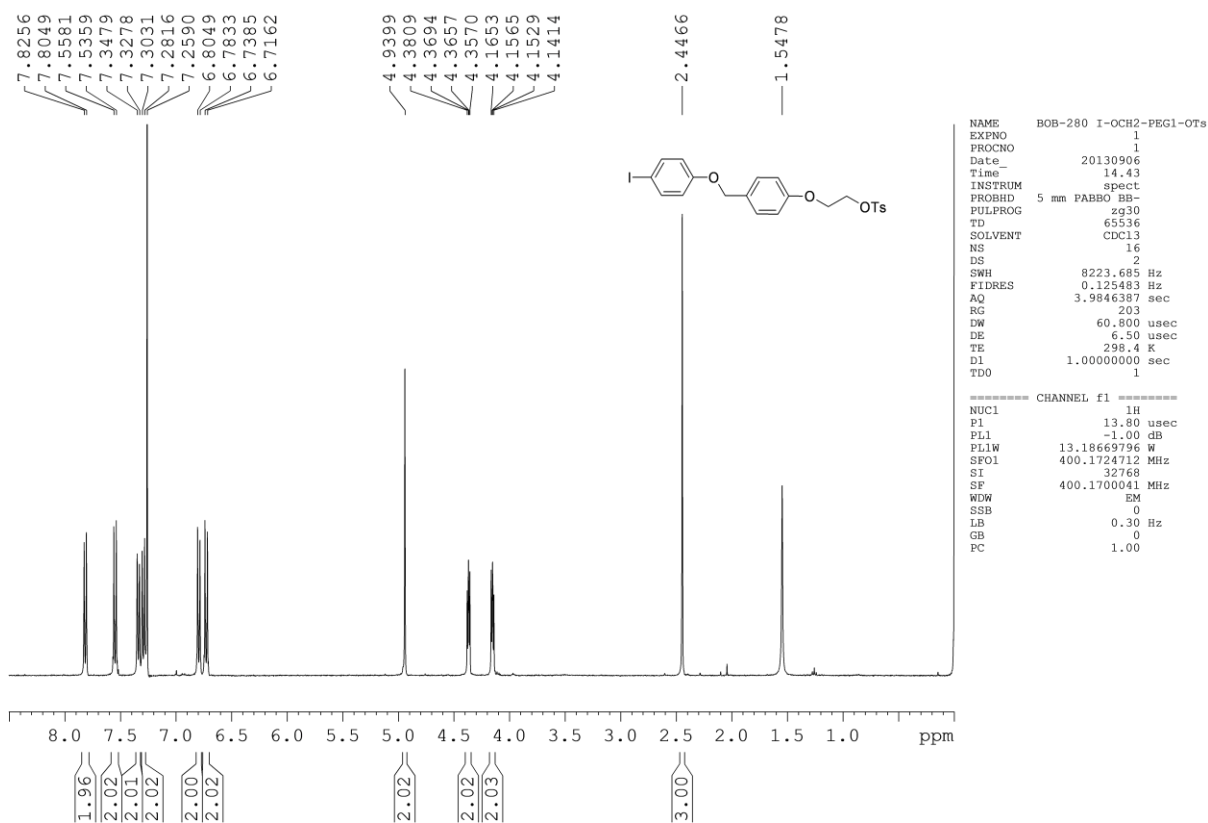
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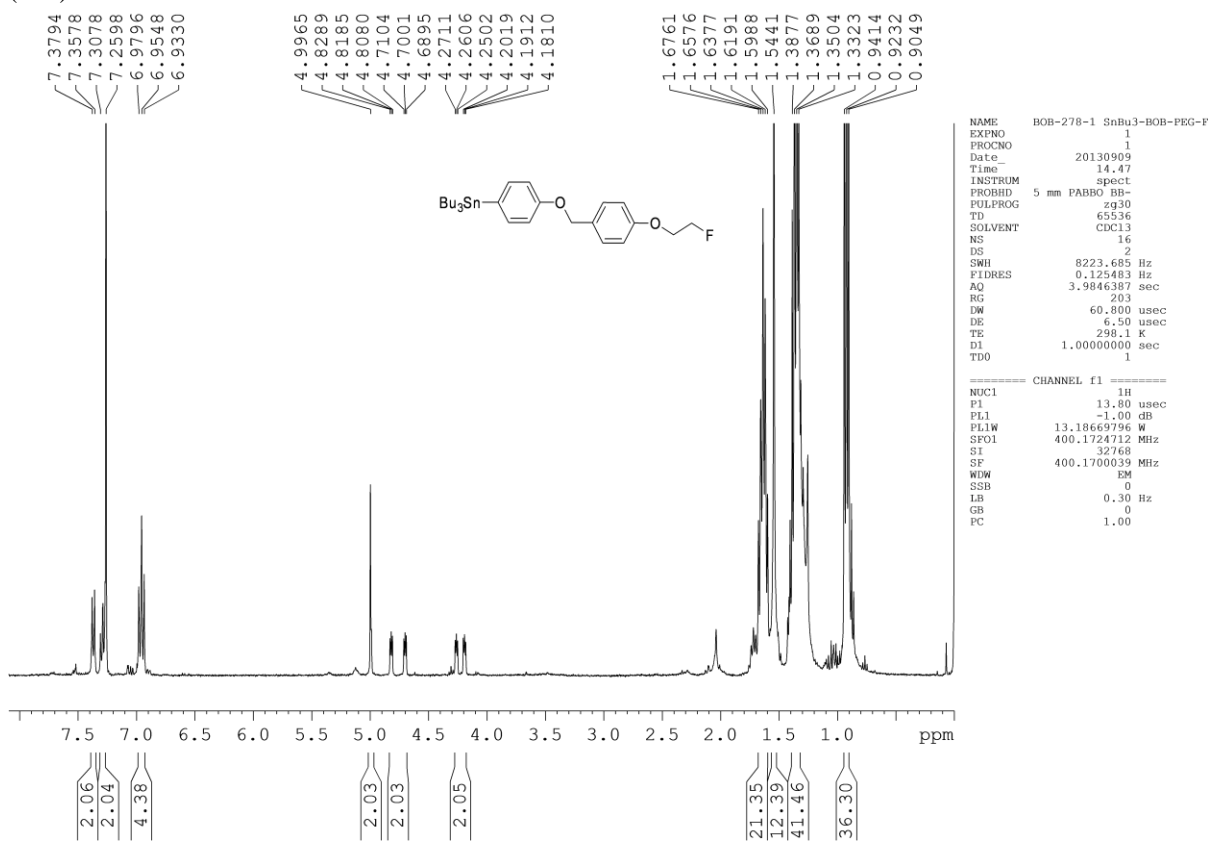
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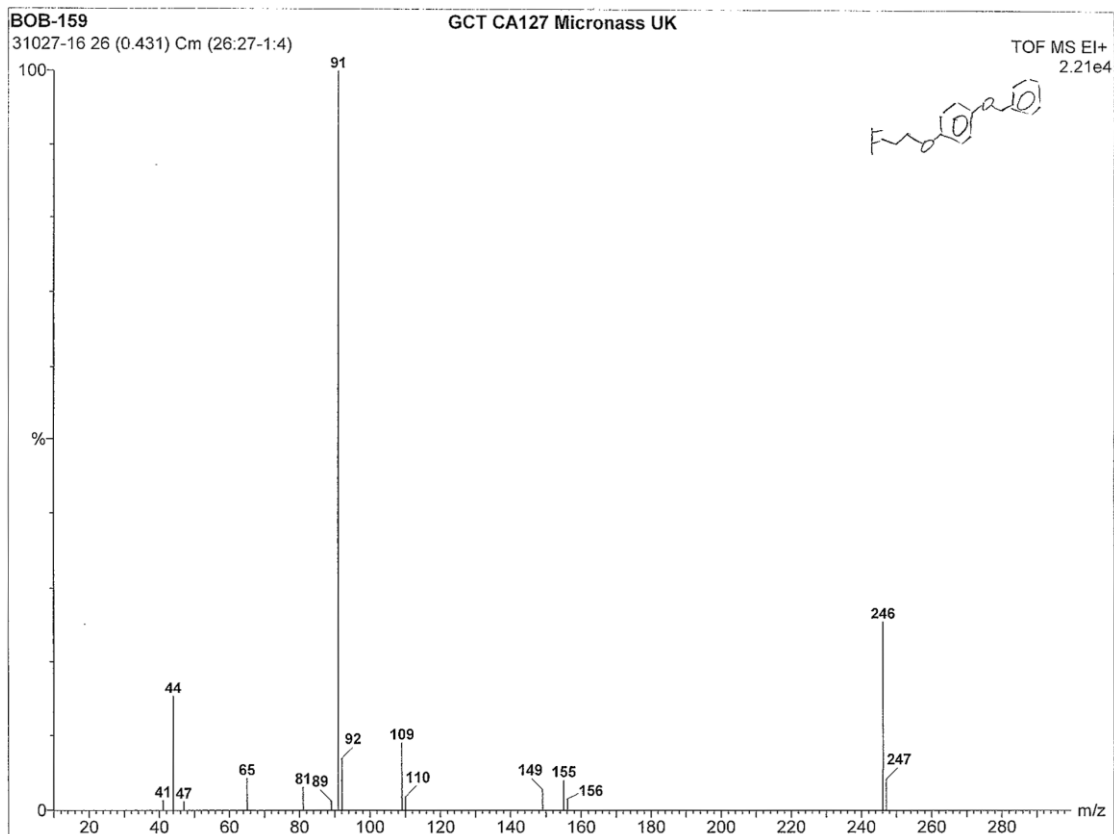
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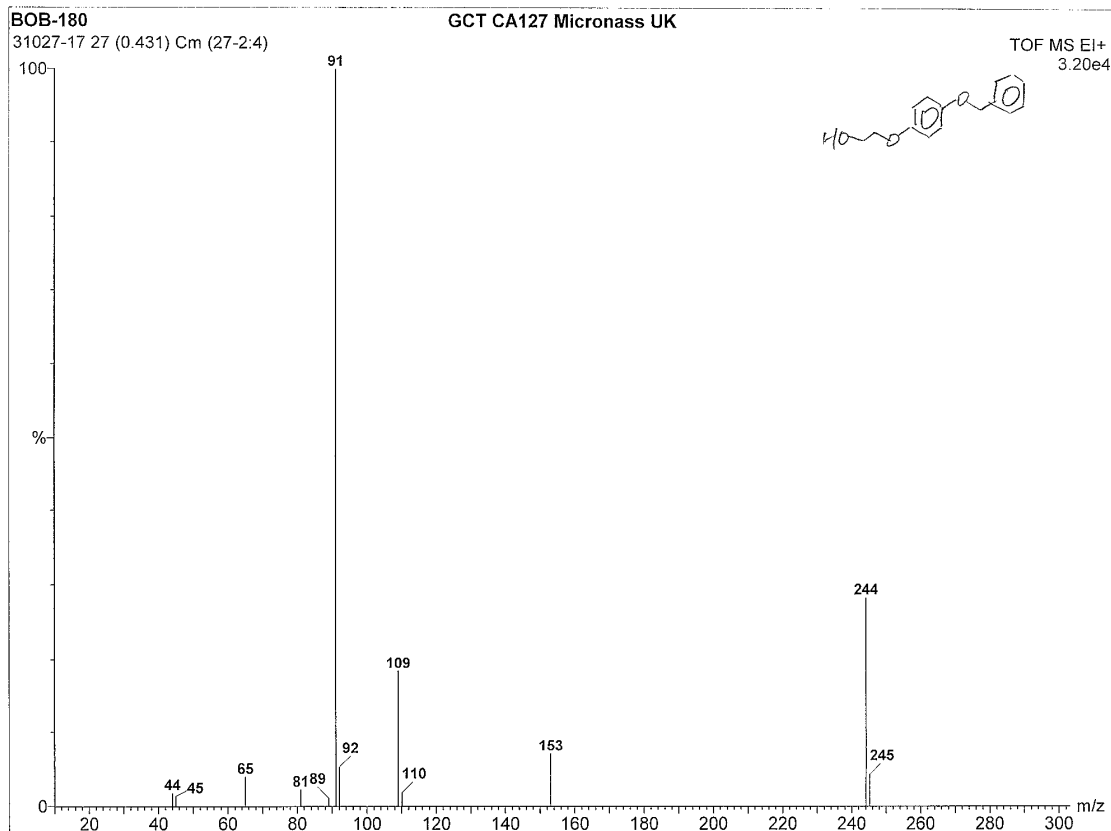
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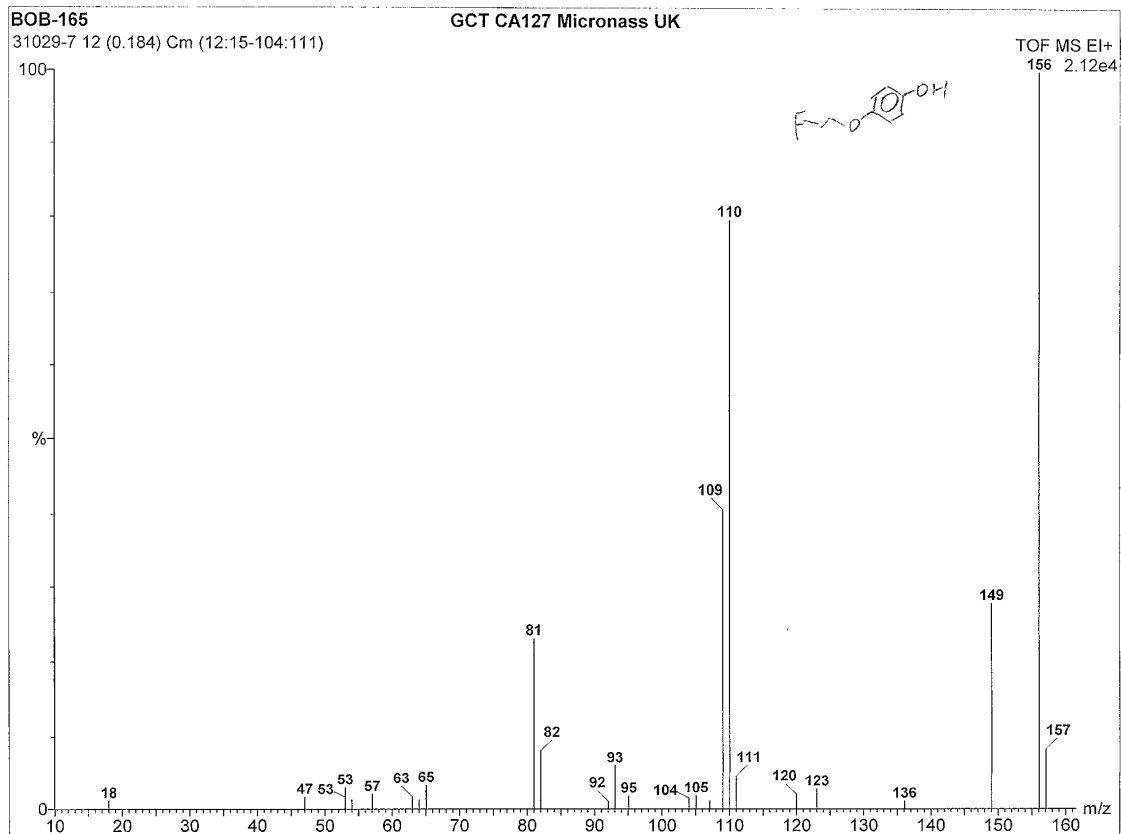
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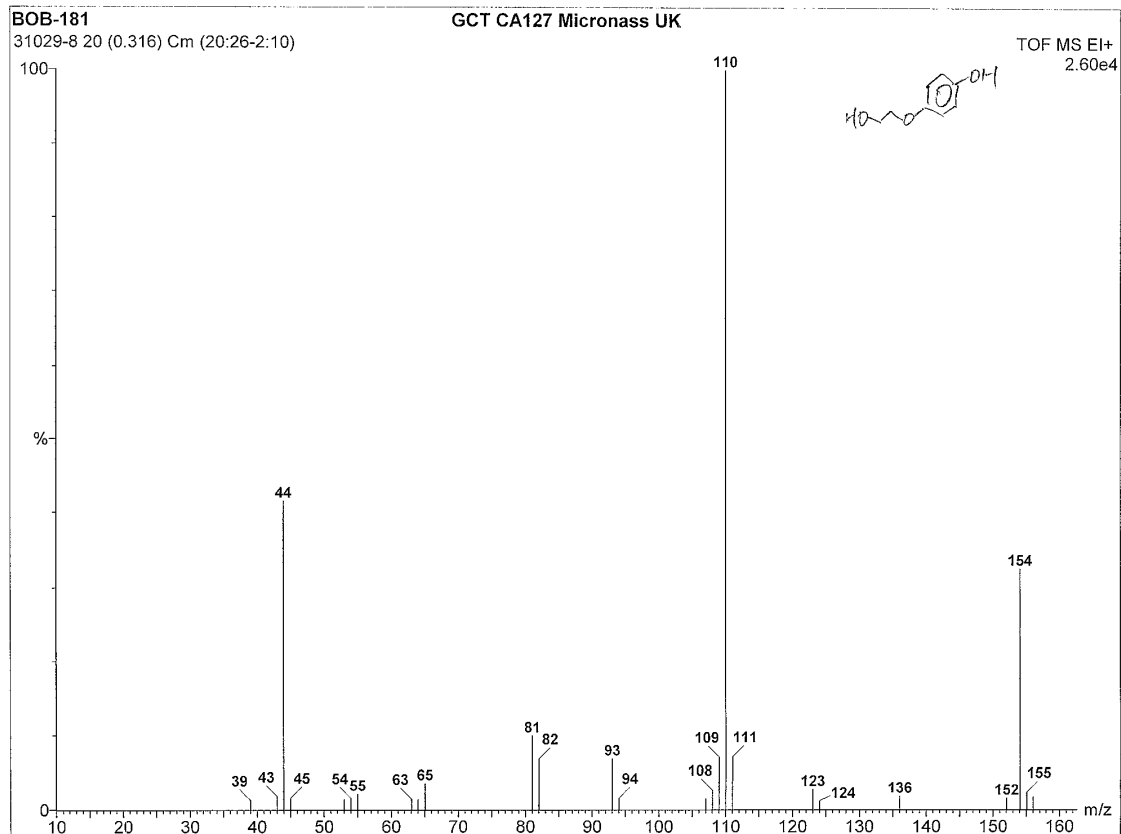
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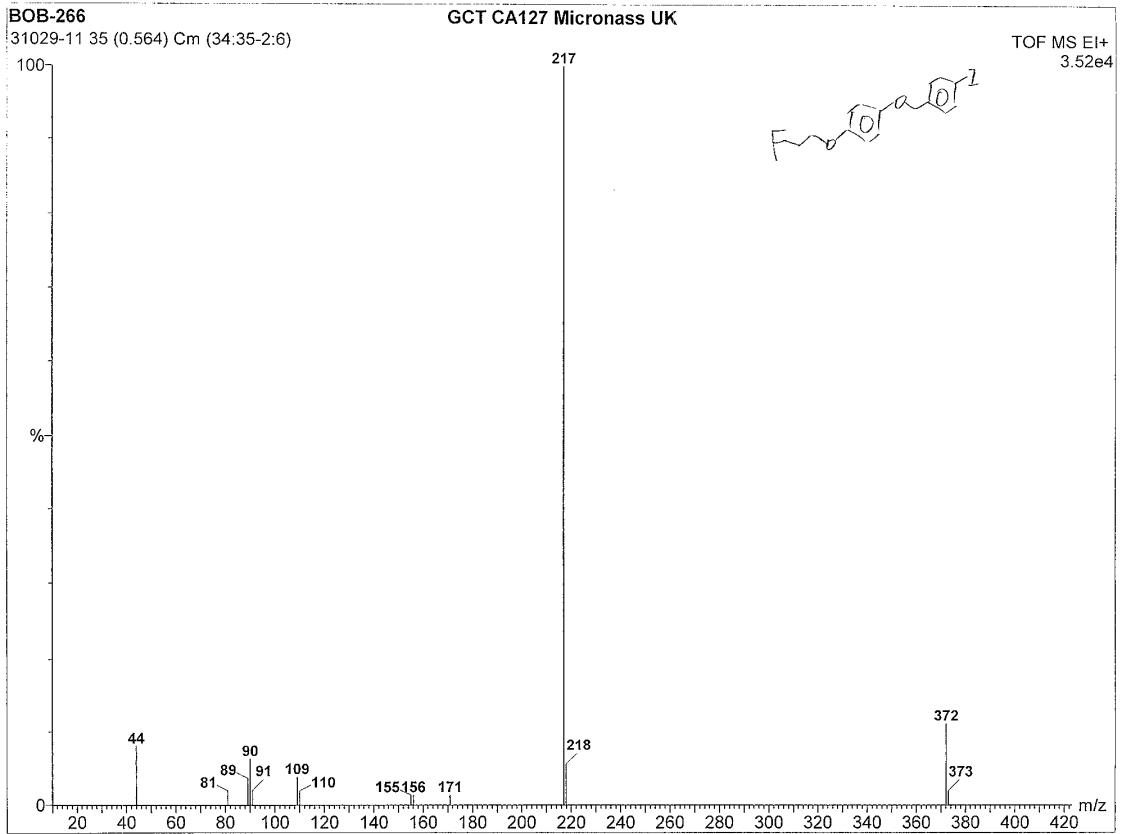
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MS spectrum of 4-(2-fluoroethoxy)phenol (**6a**)



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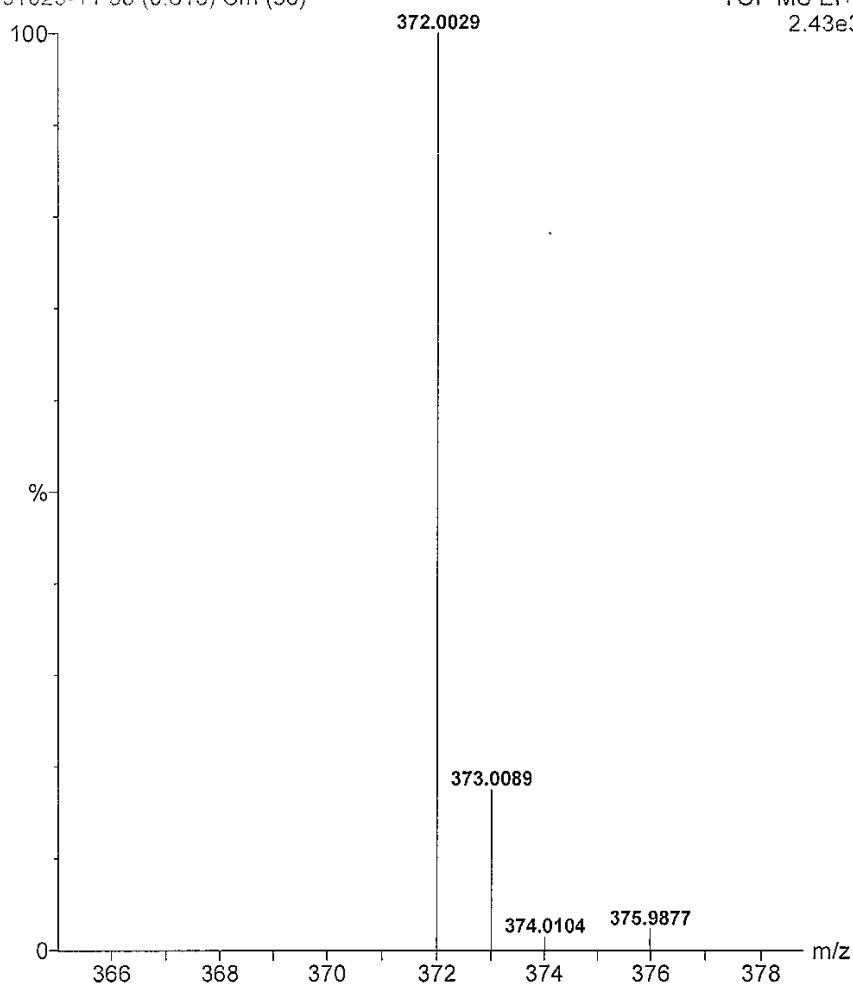
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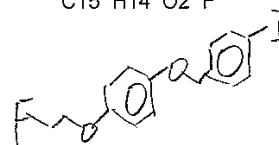


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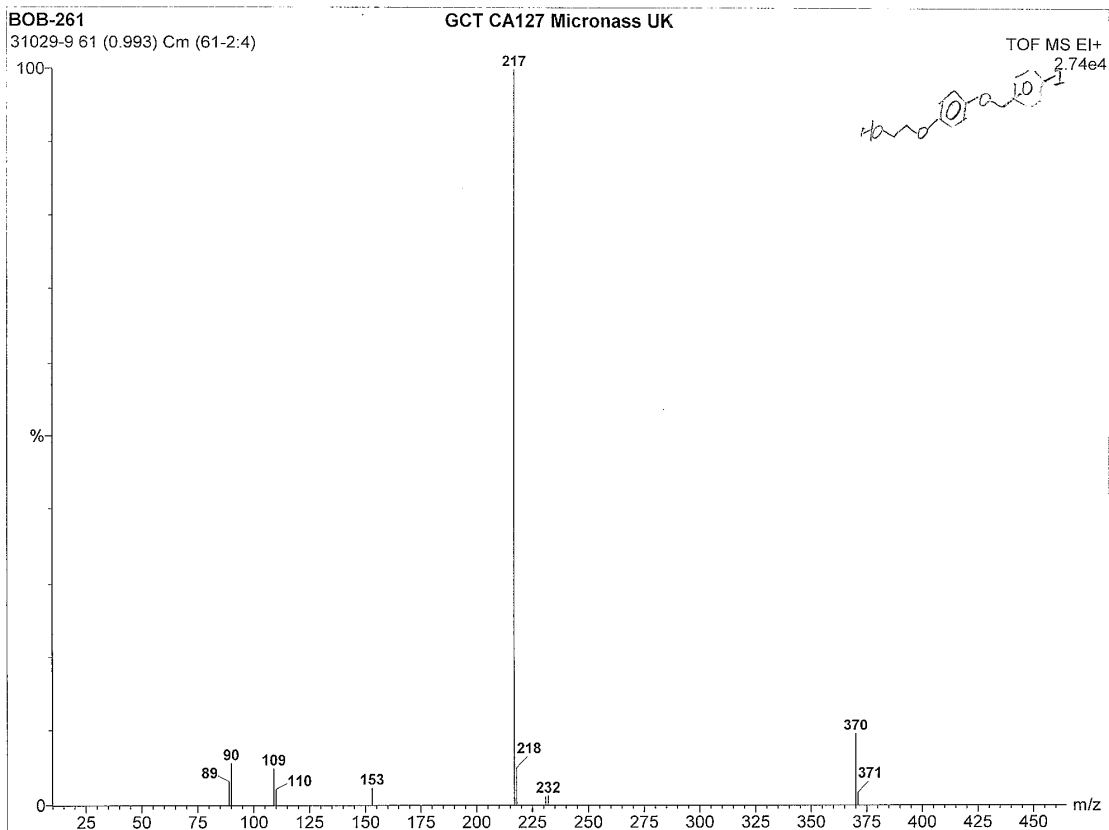
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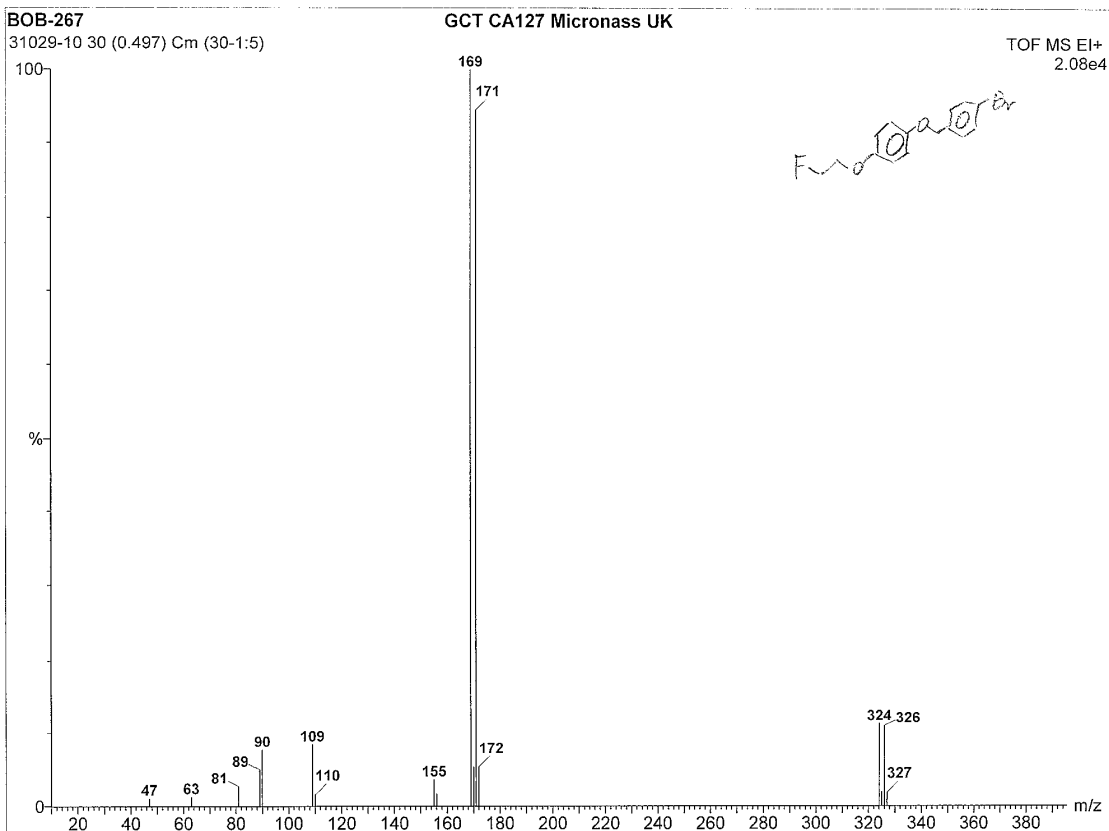
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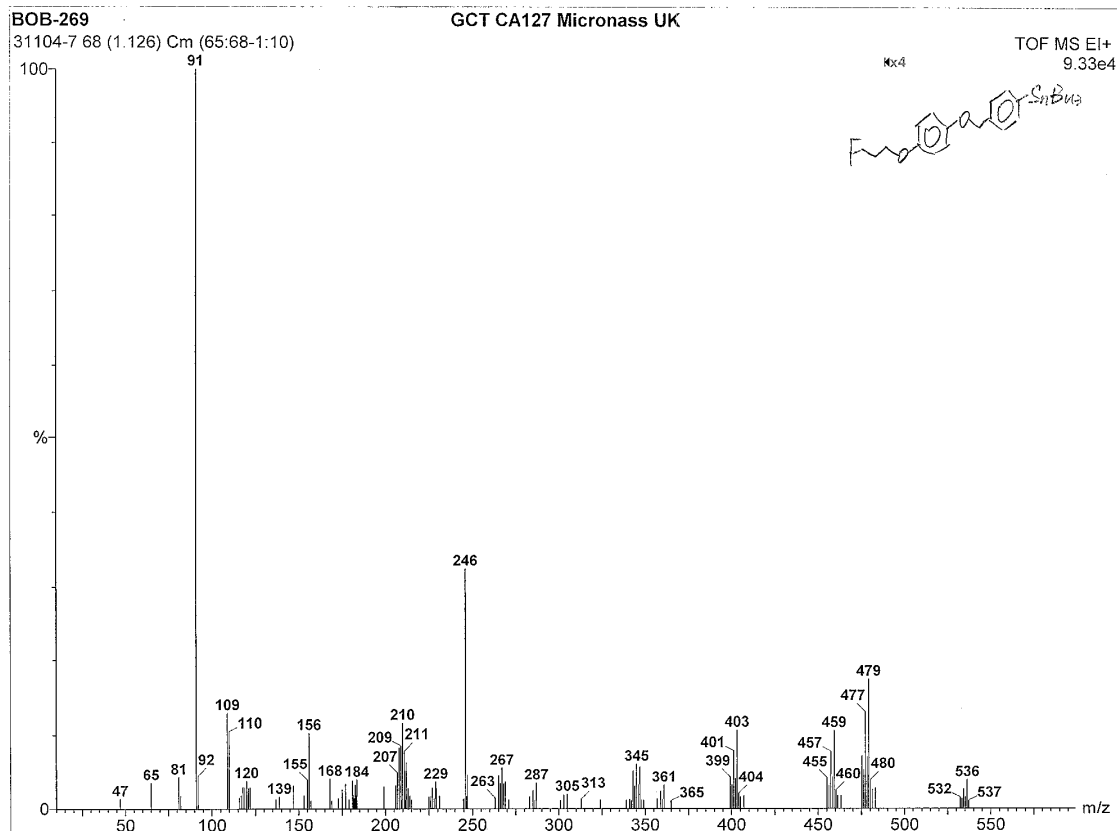
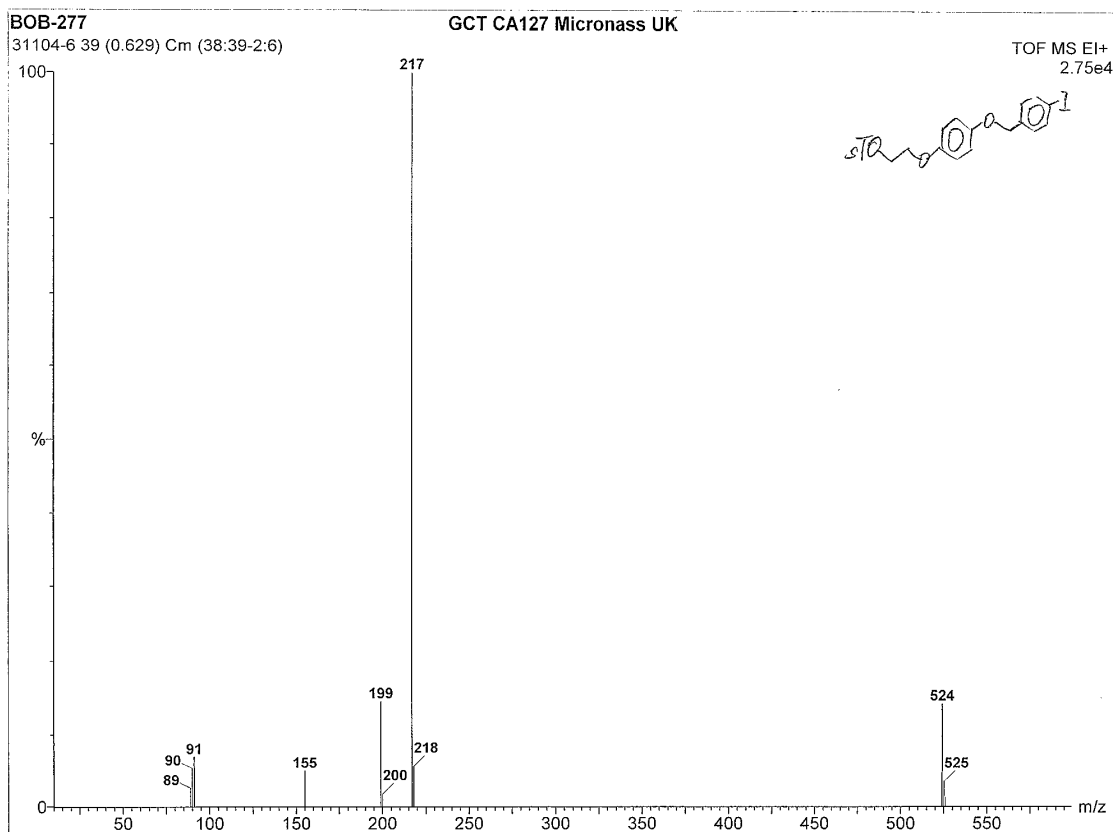
HRMS spectrum of 1-(2-fluoroethoxy)-4-((4-iodobenzyl)oxy)benzene (7a)

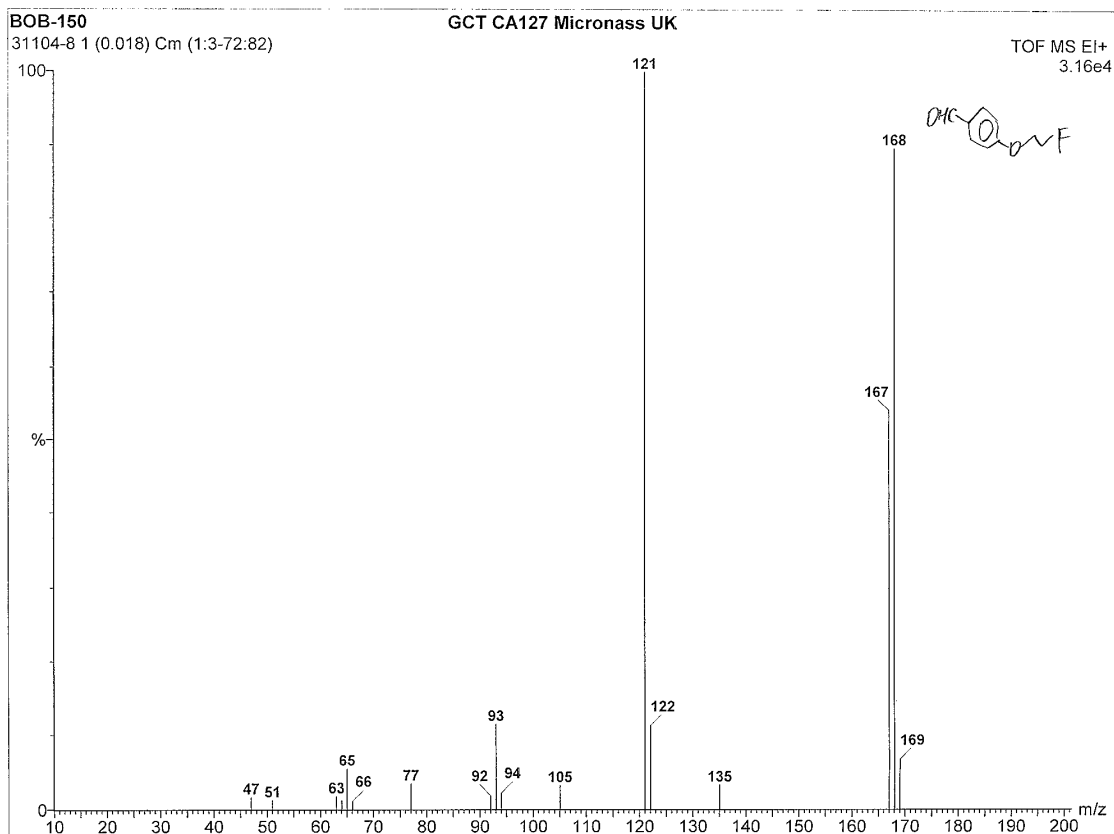


MS spectrum of 2-(4-((4-iodobenzyl)oxy)phenoxy)ethanol (**7b**)

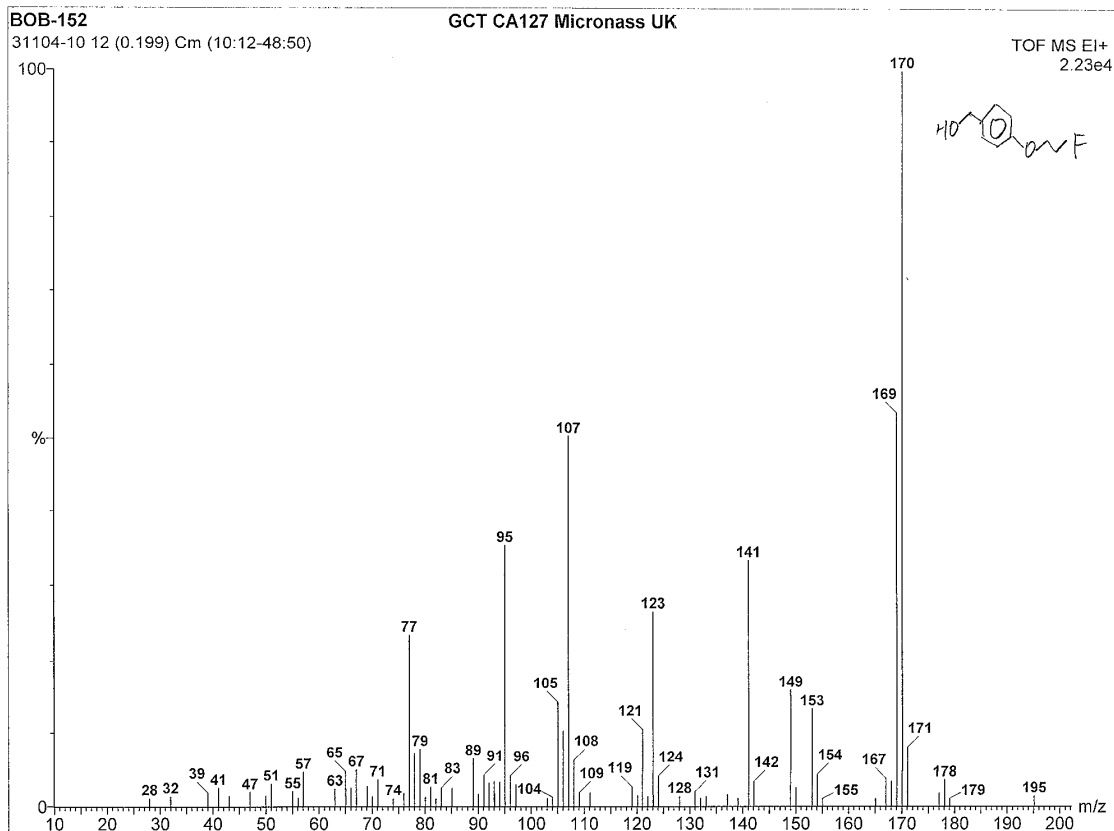


MS spectrum of 1-bromo-4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)phenoxy)methyl)benzene (**7c**)

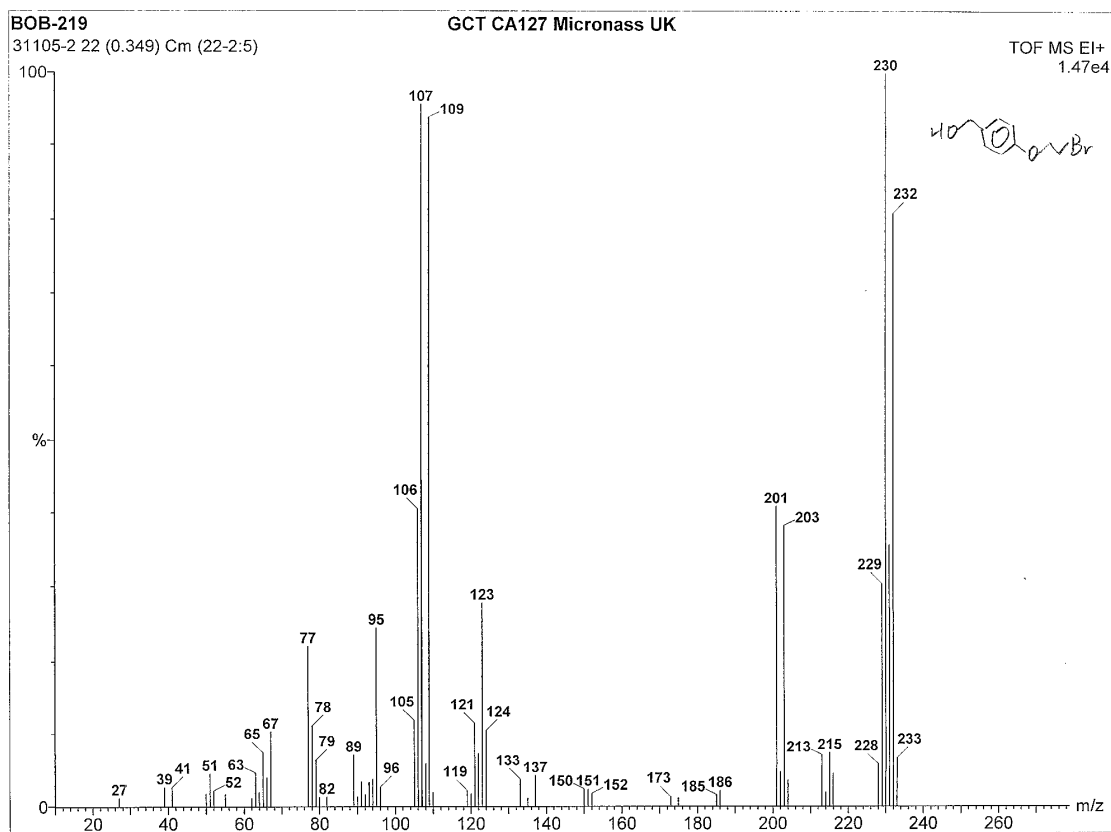




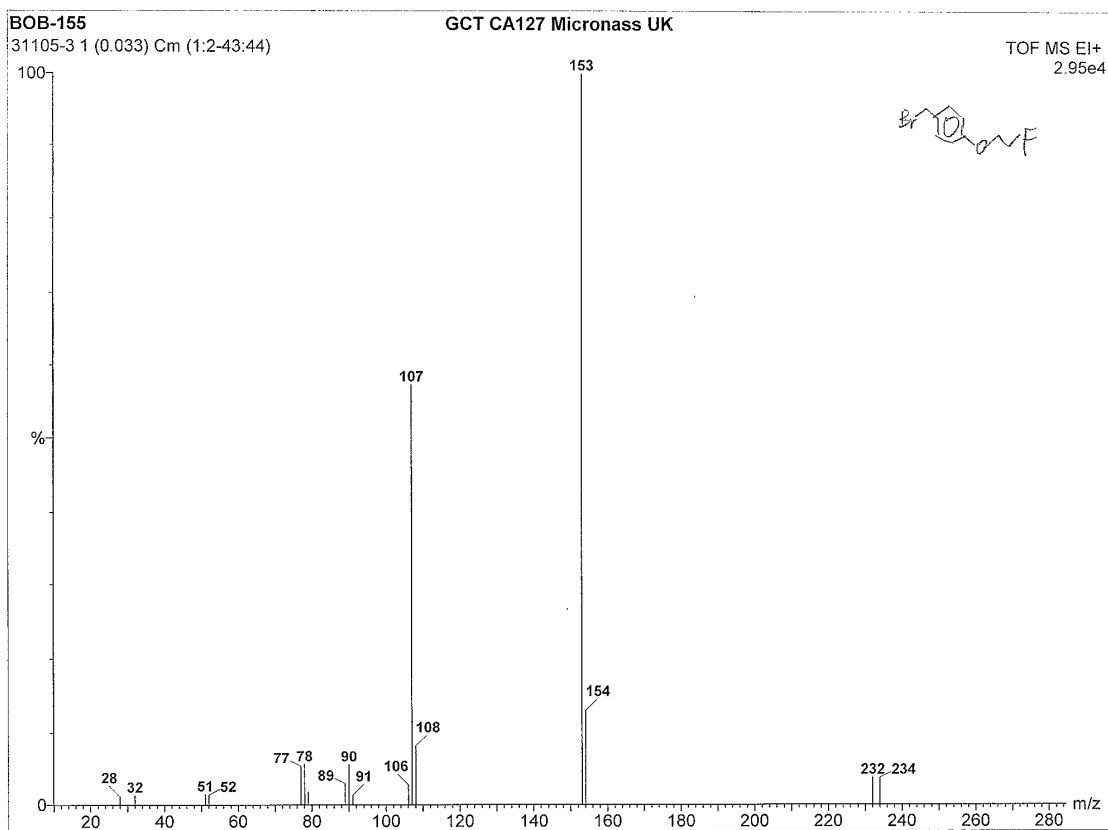
MS spectrum of 4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzaldehyde (**9a**)



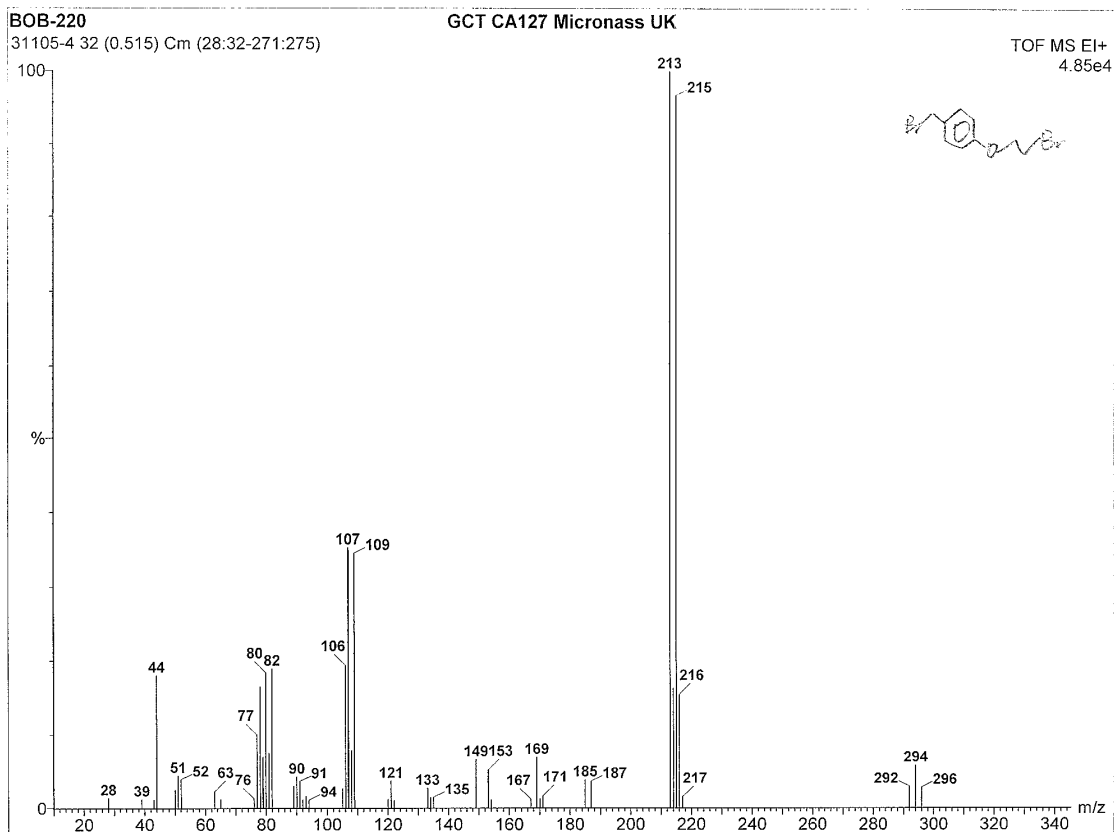
MS spectrum of (4-(2-fluoroethoxy)phenyl)methanol (**10a**)



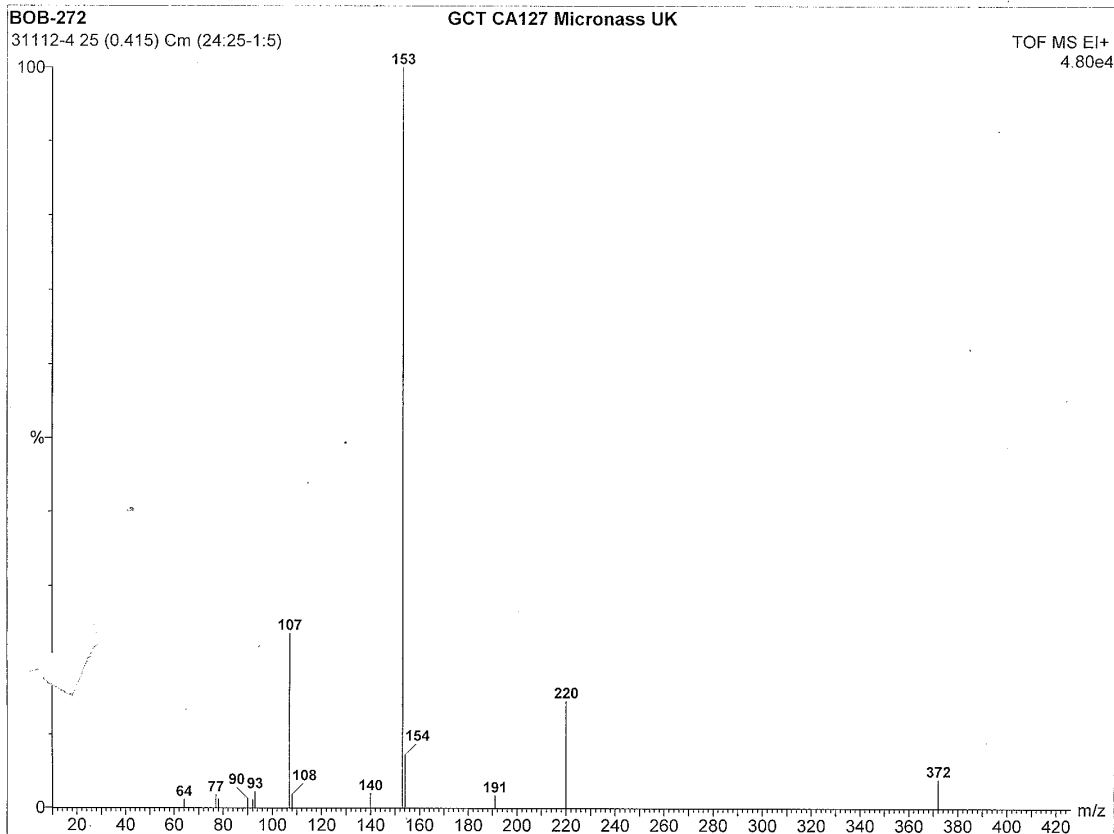
MS spectrum of (4-(2-bromoethoxy)phenyl)methanol (**10b**)



MS spectrum of 1-(bromomethyl)-4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzene (**11a**)



MS spectrum of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-4-(bromomethyl)benzene (**11b**)

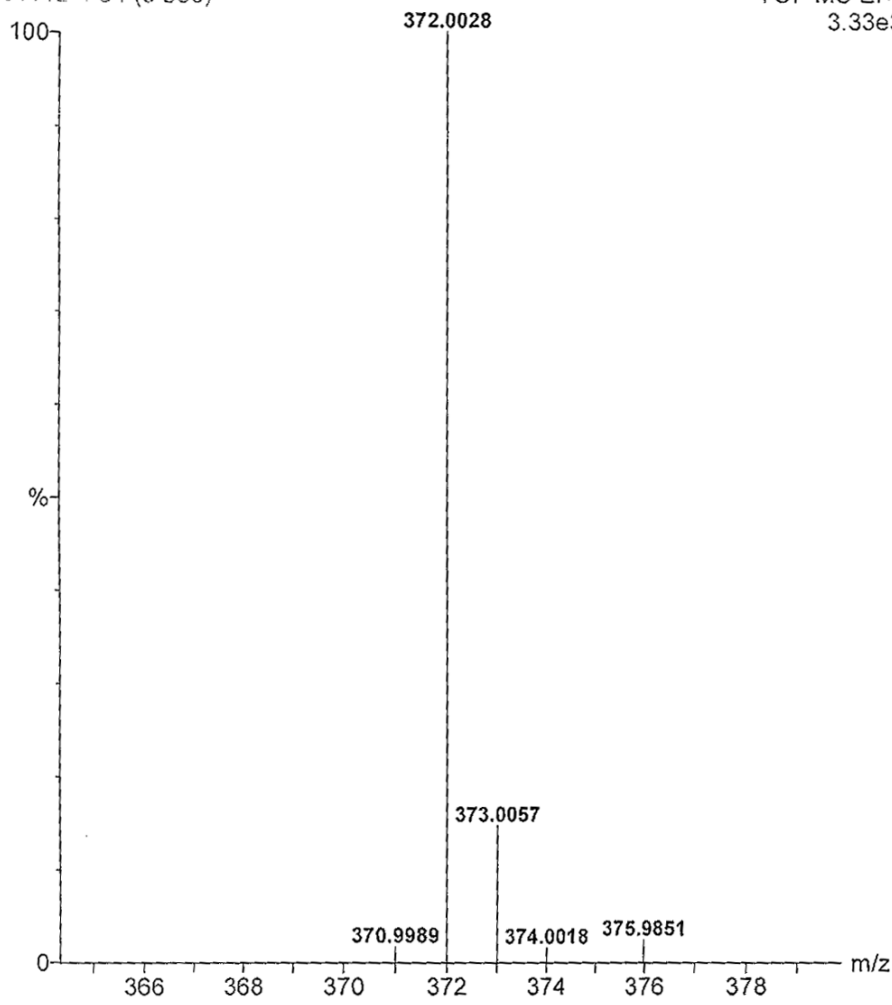


MS spectrum of 1-(2-fluoroethoxy)-4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)benzene (**12a**)

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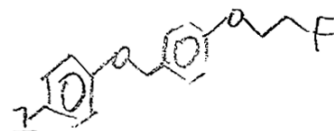


Elemental Composition Report

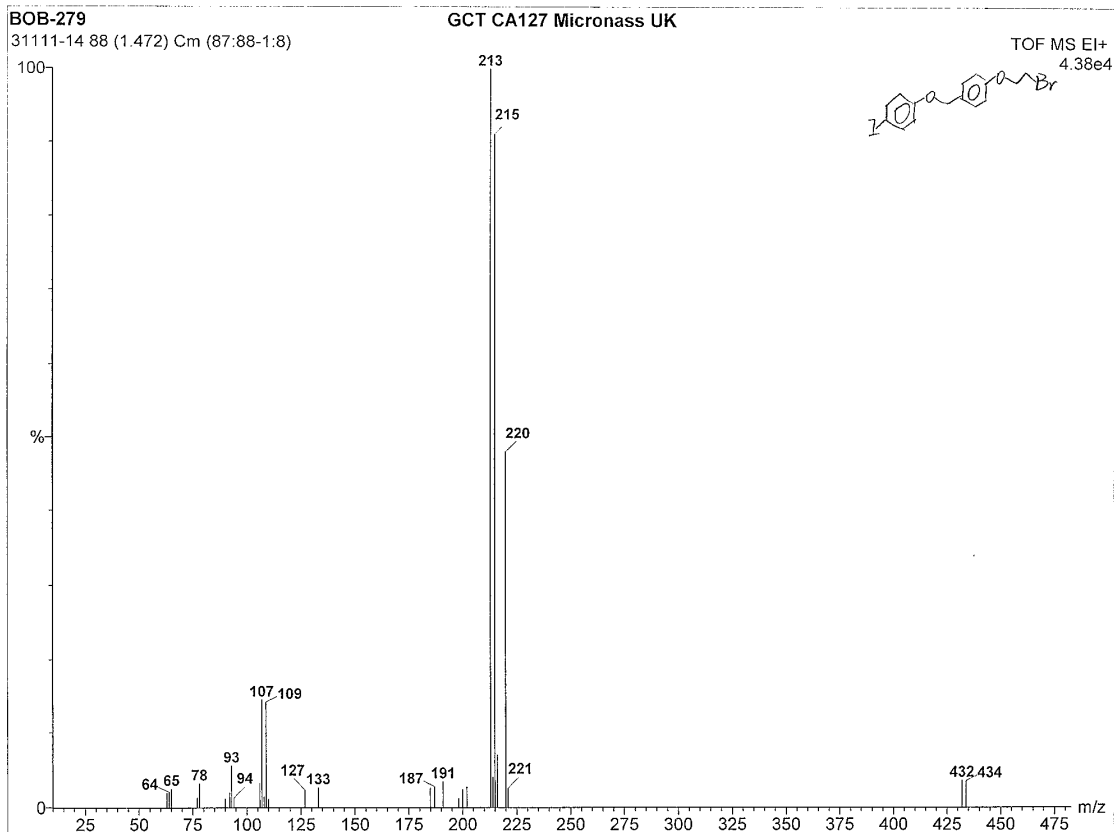
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions
82 formula(e) evaluated with 3 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)

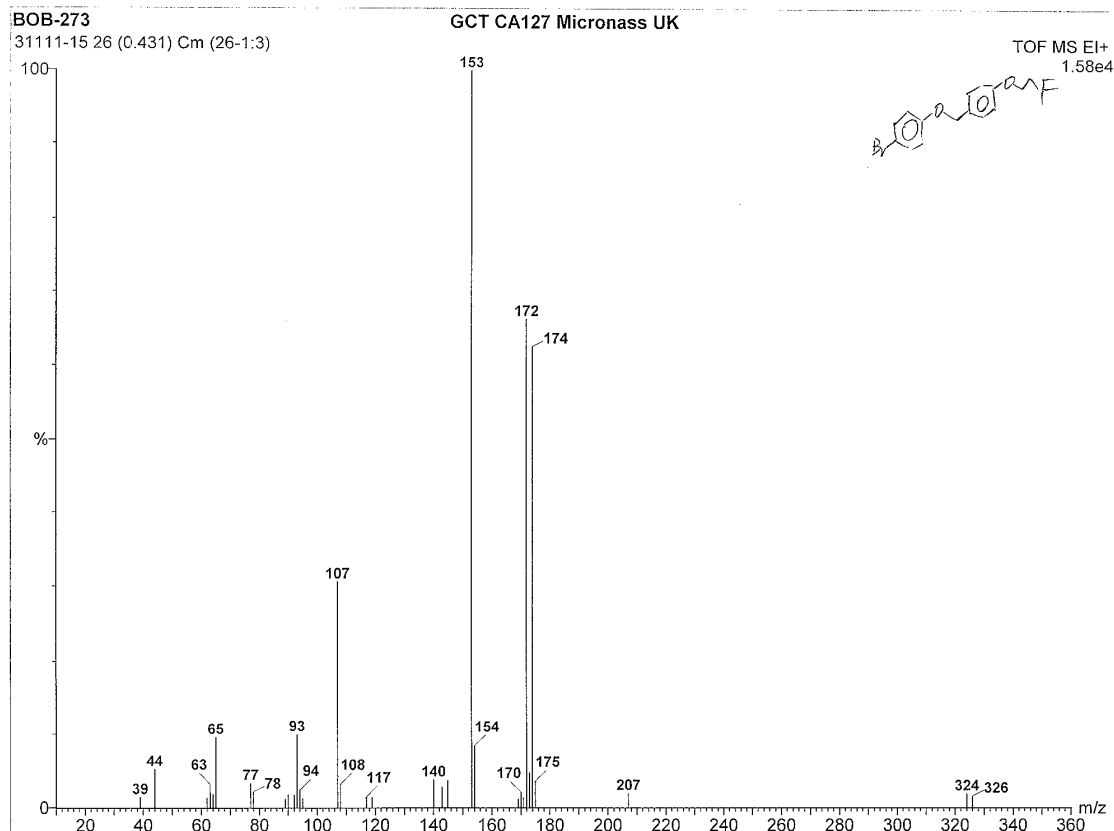
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Mass	RA	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	Score	Formula	
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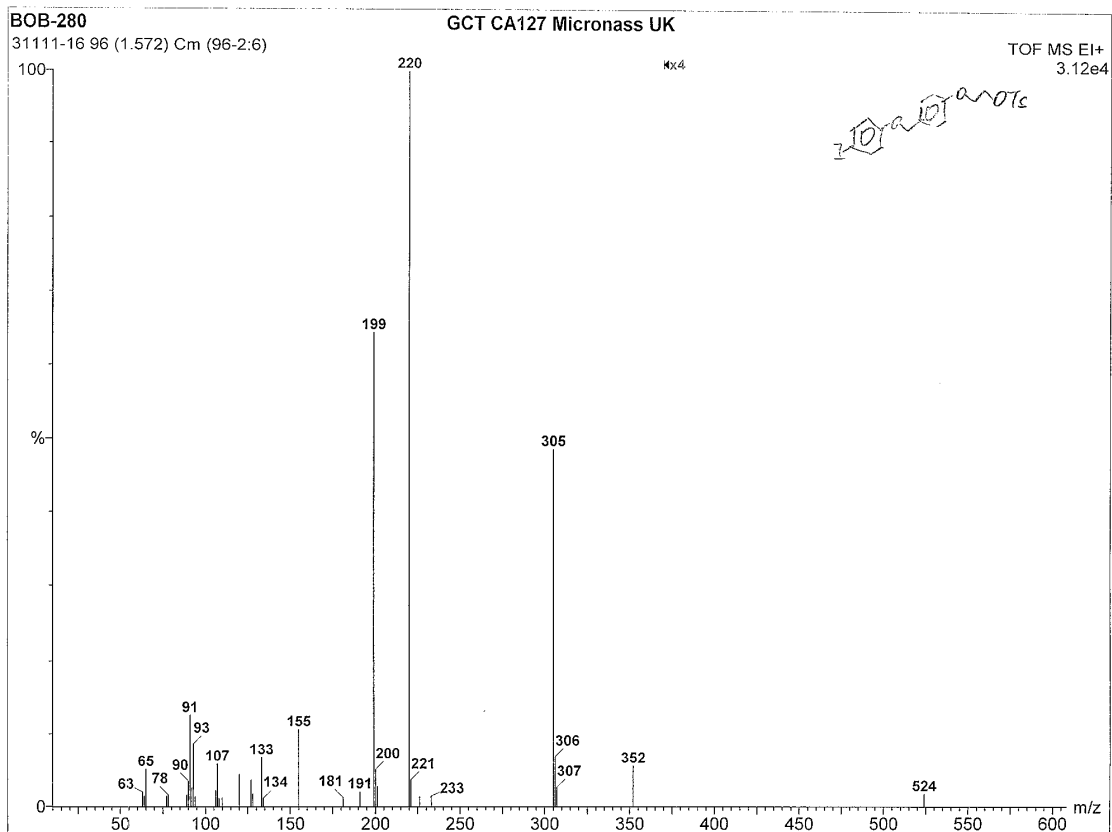
HRMS spectrum of 1-(2-fluoroethoxy)-4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)benzene (**12a**)



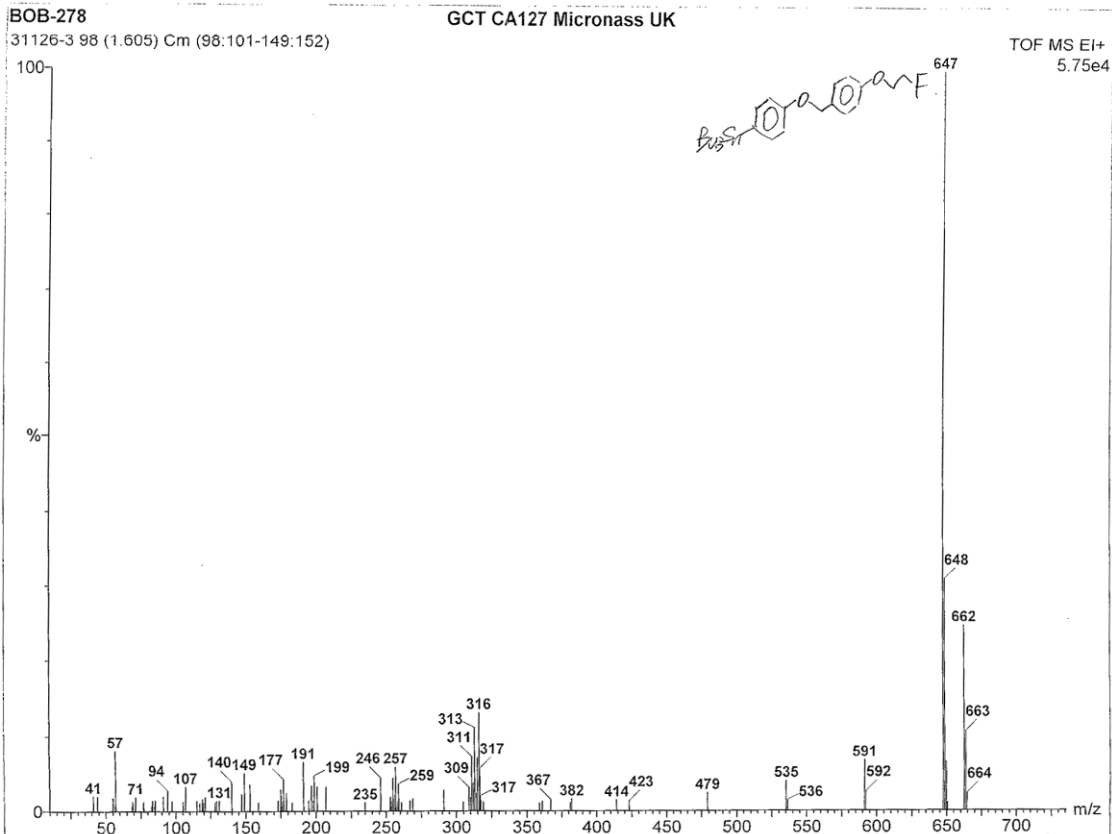
MS spectrum of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)benzene (**12b**)



MS spectrum of 1-bromo-4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzyl)oxy)benzene (**12c**)



MS spectrum of 2-(4-((4-iodophenoxy)methyl)phenoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**13a**)



MS spectrum of tributyl(4-((4-(2-fluoroethoxy)benzyl)oxy)phenyl)stannane (**13b**)