

Decreasing HepG2 cytotoxicity by lowering the lipophilicity of benzo[d]oxazolephosphinate ester utrophin modulators

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Table S1. Molecular and physicochemical properties of phosphinate analogues. In blue are analogues that belong to the previous series of phosphinates most of which were reported previously¹, in orange are analogues of the new series. Analogues presented in this publication have their designated numbers. Predicted clogP values were generated with OSIRIS Datawarrior version 5.0.0 © 2002-2019 Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd. logD (SF) was measured experimentally with the shaking flask method.

#	Molecular Formula	Total MW	cLogP	logD (SF)
2	C17H15NO3F3P	369.278	4.43	3.80
3	C16H15NO3FP	319.271	3.68	2.80
	C16H15NO3CIP	335.726	4.18	3.76
	C20H18NO3P	351.341	4.77	4.31
	C25H20NO3P	413.412	6.20	
	C16H14NO3CI2P	370.171	4.79	
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	C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
	C18H18NO3P	327.319	4.03	
	C18H17NO3FP	345.309	4.03	
	C20H18NO3P	351.341	4.77	
	C16H14NO3CI2P	370.171	4.79	3.96
	C18H18NO3P	327.319	4.03	
	C21H20NO3P	365.368	5.18	
	C18H18NO3P	327.319	4.03	
	C21H20NO3P	365.368	5.18	
	C17H16NO3CI2P	384.198	5.20	
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	C18H18NO3CI2P	398.225	5.60	
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	C19H20NO3P	341.346	4.44	
	C17H16NO3CI2P	384.198	5.20	
	C21H20NO3P	365.368	5.18	
	C22H22NO3P	379.395	5.56	
	C18H18NO3CI2P	398.225	5.58	
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	C17H16NO3CI2P	384.198	5.20	
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	C20H22NO3P	355.373	4.82	
	C18H18NO3CI2P	398.225	5.58	
	C18H18NO3CI2P	398.225	5.60	
	C16H14NO3CI2P	370.171	4.79	
	C21H16NO3CI2P	432.242	6.22	
	C20H20NO3CI2P	424.263	5.92	

C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	2.95
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C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
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C16H14NO3F2P	337.261	3.78	2.95
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C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
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C20H15NO3FP	367.315	4.70	
C16H15NO3FP	319.271	3.68	
C16H15NO3FP	319.271	3.68	
C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.77	
C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.77	
C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.98	

	C20H19N2O3P	366.356	4.30	
	C23H17N2O3P	400.373	4.92	
	C20H19N2O3P	366.356	4.30	
	C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
	C20H19N2O3P	366.356	4.30	
	C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
	C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.77	
	C23H17N2O3P	400.373	4.92	
	C19H17N2O3P	352.329	3.89	
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15	C17H16NO3F2P	351.288	4.27	3.09
16	C17H15NO3F3P	369.278	4.38	3.40
17	C17H18NO4P	331.307	3.51	3.19
18	C17H16NO4F2P	367.287	3.75	2.45
19	C17H14NO5F2P	381.27	5.35	2.40
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23	C17H15NO3F3P	369.278	4.38	3.59
24	C17H14NO5F2P	381.27	5.35	3.60
25	C16H15N2O4F2P	368.275	3.10	2.60
26	C16H14N2O3F3P	370.266	3.42	2.41
27	C16H15N2O3F2P	352.276	3.27	2.08
46	C17H16NO3F2P	351.288	4.27	3.06
47	C17H18NO4P	331.307	3.51	
48	C17H16NO4F2P	367.287	3.75	
49	C16H14N2O3F3P	370.266	3.48	
50	C16H14N2O3F3P	370.266	3.48	2.20
51	C17H16NO3F2P	351.288	4.27	3.33
52	C17H16NO3F2P	351.288	4.27	2.98
53	C17H16NO4F2P	367.287	3.75	3.20
54	C16H14N2O3F3P	370.266	3.48	1.98
	C21H21NO3F3P	423.37	5.64	4.50
	C19H19NO3F3P	397.332	5.19	
	C16H15NO3FP	319.271	3.68	
	C19H17NO3F3P	395.316	4.96	
	C16H15N2O3F2P	352.276	3.33	2.00
	C17H16NO4F2P	367.287	3.75	3.42
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	C17H18NO4P	331.307	3.51	2.49
	C19H18NO4F2P	393.325	4.28	2.80
	C18H16N2O3F3P	396.304	4.01	2.80
	C19H18NO4F2P	393.325	4.28	3.60
	C19H17NO3F3P	395.316	4.96	4.20

Table S2. Calculated physicochemical properties and cytotoxicity of the compounds used for the clogP-cytotoxicity correlation. In orange are the data for the cpds that were considered outliers. clogP and topological polar surface area (TPSA) values were generated with generated with OSIRIS Datawarrior version 5.0.0 © 2002-2019 Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd

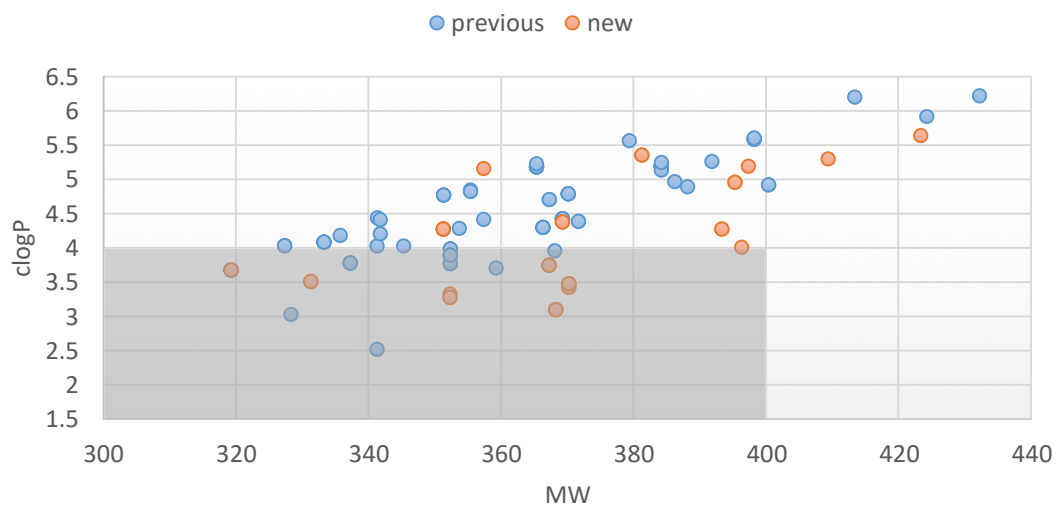
#	Molecular Formula	pIC ₅₀ (HepG2)	pEC ₅₀ (H2K)	ratio	ClogP	TPSA
2	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ NO ₃ F ₃ P	4.23	5.89	1.39	4.43	62.14
3(e2)	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ FP	3.70	6.91	1.87	3.68	62.14
20	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₂ O ₄ F ₂ P	3.70	6.51	1.76	3.10	84.26
24	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ NO ₅ F ₂ P	4.16	4.00	0.96	5.35	80.60
47	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ NO ₄ P	3.70	6.29	1.70	3.51	71.37
49	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃ F ₃ P	3.70	4.00	1.08	3.48	75.03
55	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ NO ₃ F ₃ P	7.67	4.00	0.52	5.19	62.14
56	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ NO ₃ F ₃ P	4.88	4.00	0.82	4.96	62.14
57	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ NO ₃ F ₃ P	5.30	4.00	0.75	5.30	62.14
	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ CIP	4.09	6.95	1.70	4.18	62.14
	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ NO ₄ F ₂ P	4.32	5.83	1.35	4.28	71.37
	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ NO ₄ F ₂ P	4.20	4.52	1.08	4.28	71.37
	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ FP	3.70	4.00	1.08	3.68	62.14
	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ NO ₃ FP	4.07	6.19	1.52	4.21	62.14

Table S3. Calculated clogP values with different software. From left to right: Dotmatics physicochemical properties calculator, Perkin Elmer ChemDraw version 19.1.0.8 © 1998-2020 PerkinElmer Informatics, Inc, and OSIRIS Datawarrior version 5.0.0 © 2002-2019 Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd

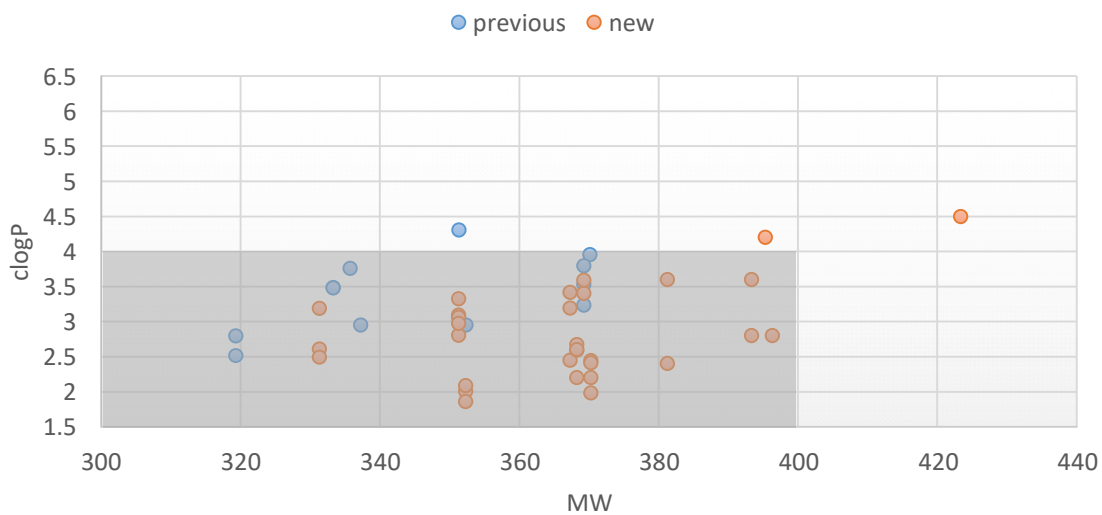
Cpd	Molecular Formula	clogP		
		Dotmatics	Chemdraw	DataWarrior
2	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ NO ₃ F ₃ P	4.85	3.64	4.43
3(e2)	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ FP	3.96	2.89	3.68
20	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₂ O ₄ F ₂ P	3.62	2.60	3.10
24	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ NO ₅ F ₂ P	4.57	4.35	5.35
47	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ NO ₄ P	3.82	2.75	3.51
49	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃ F ₃ P	3.46	2.34	3.48
55	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ NO ₃ F ₃ P	5.77	4.48	5.19
56	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ NO ₃ F ₃ P	5.43	4.22	4.96
57	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ NO ₃ F ₃ P	5.30	4.55	5.30
	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ CIP	4.48	3.46	4.18
	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ NO ₄ F ₂ P	5.09	3.78	4.28
	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ NO ₄ F ₂ P	5.09	3.78	4.28
	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₃ FP	3.96	2.89	3.68
	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ NO ₃ FP	4.53	3.47	4.21

Figure S1. Physicochemical properties' plots a) MW-clogP b) MW-logD between previous (blue)¹ and new (orange) analogues showing decrease in lipophilicity and the move to optimal chemical space (grey area). Experimental logD (b) was measured with the shaking flask method for selected analogues. Predicted clogP (a) was generated with OSIRIS Datawarrior version 5.0.0 © 2002-2019 Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

a)



b)



Equations S1 and S2

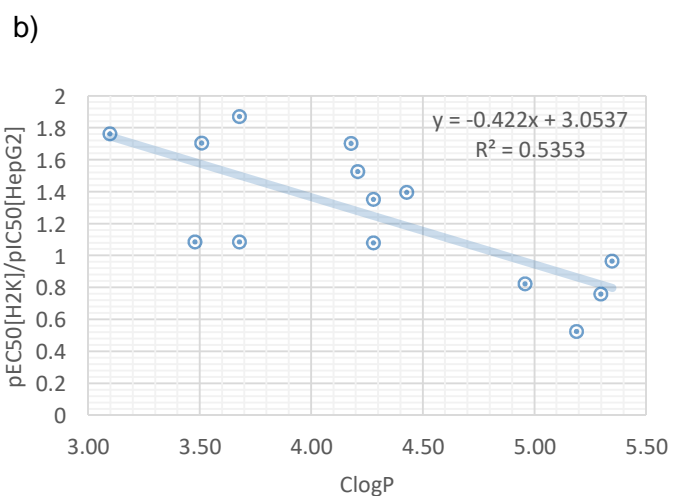
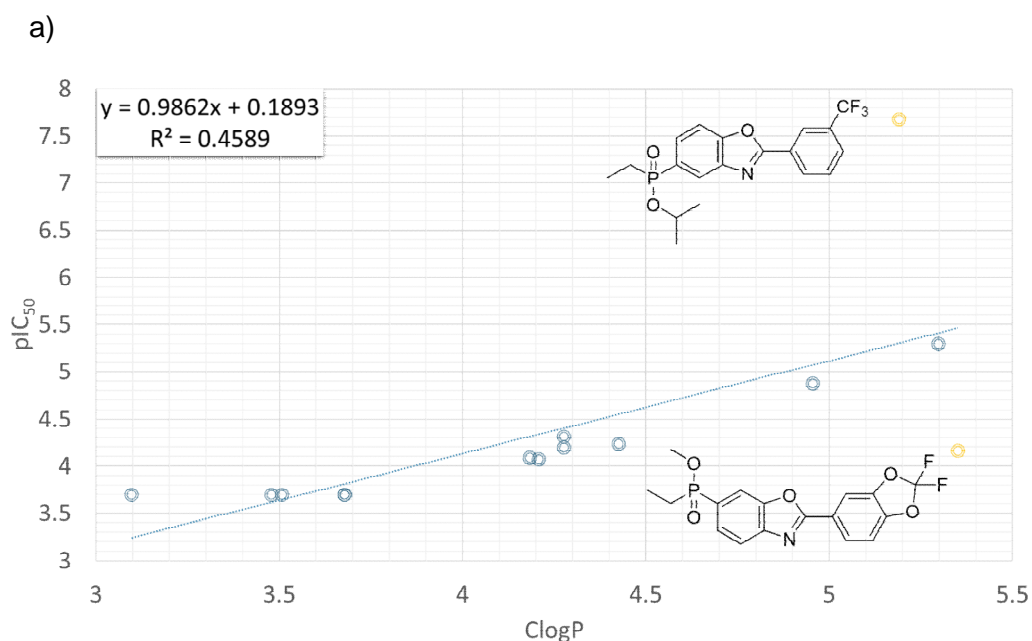
$$y = 0.9862x + 0.1893 \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

$$(n = 14, R^2 = 0.4589)$$

$$y = 0.7698x + 0.9853 \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

$$(n = 12, R^2 = 0.9081)$$

Figure S2. a) Correlation between cytotoxicity in HepG2 cells and lipophilicity as expressed from their pIC_{50} and clogP plot ($n = 14$). Predicted clogP (a) was generated with OSIRIS Datawarrior version 5.0.0 © 2002-2019 Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd. In yellow are the two outliers b) Only a weak but negative correlation was shown when the ratio $\text{pEC}_{50}[\text{H2K}]/\text{pIC}_{50}[\text{HepG2}]$ was plotted against ClogP .



Analytical methods used for LCMS

Method A

MET/u-HPLC (MSQ1 low pH 7 min method)

Column: Phenomenex Kinetex-XB C18, 2.1 mm x 100 mm, 1.7 μ m

Flow rate: 0.6 ml/min

Mobile Phase: A, Formic acid (aqueous) 0.1% and B, Formic acid (MeCN) 0.1%

Injection Vol: 3 μ l

Temp.: 40 $^{\circ}$ C

Detection: 215 nm (nominal)

Gradient Time (minutes) - % B

0.00 - 5

5.30 - 100

5.80 - 100

5.82 - 5

Method B

METCR 1410 (low pH Shimadzu 2min method) - IPC

Column: Kinetex Core-Shell C18, 2.1mmx50mm, 5 μ m column

Flow rate: 1.2 ml/min

Mobile Phase: A, Formic acid (aqueous) 0.1% and B, Formic acid (acetonitrile) 0.1%

Injection Vol: 3 μ l

Temp.: 40 $^{\circ}$ C

Detection: 215 nm (nominal)

Gradient Time (minutes) - % B

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1.20 - 100

1.30 - 100

1.31 - 5

Experimental

Chemistry

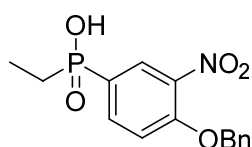
General Experimental. All reactions involving moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using standard vacuum line techniques and glassware that was flame dried and cooled under nitrogen before use. Water was purified by an Elix® UV-10 system. All other reagents were used as supplied (analytical or HPLC grade) without prior purification. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminium plates coated with 60 F254 silica. Flash column chromatography was performed either on Kieselgel 60 silica on a glass column, or on a Biotage SP4 automated flash column chromatography platform. Melting points were recorded on a EZ-Melt Automated Melting Point Apparatus (EZ Melt) and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III spectrometers (at 400 or 500 MHz) using the deuterated solvent stated and at RT. The field was locked by external referencing to the relevant deuterium resonance. Accurate mass measurements were run on either a Bruker MicroTOF internally calibrated with polyalanine, or a Micromass GCT instrument fitted with a Scientific Glass Instruments BPX5 column (15 m × 0.25 mm) using amyl acetate as a lock mass. For preparative HPLC the instrument used was a Waters Acquity H-Class consisting of an Acquity UPLC PDA Detector, an Acquity Quaternary Solvent Manager, and an Acquity QDa mass detector. Two general methods were used: 1) a basic method, where the column was an XBridge™ C18 10 µm particle size (30 × 100 mm); 5-95% gradient of MeCN (0.2% NH₄OH) in H₂O over 14 min, and the flow rate was 40 mL/min; 2) an acidic method, where the column was an Sunfire™ C18 10 µm particle size (30 × 100 mm); 5-95% gradient of MeCN (0.1% HCOOH) in H₂O over 14 min, and the flow rate was 40 mL/min. Experiments conducted at Contract Research Organisations used their standard equipment.

Acid chlorides

The acid chlorides used were either commercially available or synthesised from the respective carboxylic acids and oxalyl or sulfonyl chloride. The yield was assumed to be quantitative.

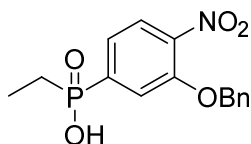
General procedure 1: Pd-catalysed C-P bond formation (6, 7, 37-45)

To a degassed solution of 2-aryl bromobenzo[d]oxazole or bromophenyl derivative (1 eq), DIPEA (2.1 eq) and ethylphosphinic acid (2 eq) in DME (0.7 M) and toluene (0.3 M) Pd(OAc)₂ (0.06 eq) and xantphos (0.06 eq) were added under N₂ and the reaction was heated to 90°C for 2 h. The solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*, and the residue partitioned between EtOAc and NaOH (1M). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, acidified with 1M HCl (pH 3) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compounds.



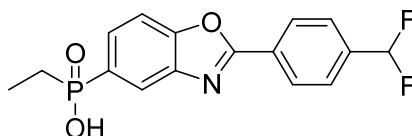
(4-(Benzyloxy)-3-nitrophenyl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (**6**)

The title compound was prepared from **4** and isolated as a brown oil (715 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 1.78 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (dt, *J* = 18.7, 7.6 Hz, 4H). LC-MS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 1.04 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₆NO₅P, 321.08; *m/z* found 321.85 [M + H]⁺, 319.90 ([M - H]⁻).



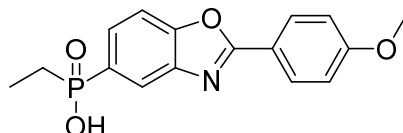
(3-(Benzyloxy)-4-nitrophenyl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (7)

The title compound was prepared from **5** and isolated as a brown solid (3.5 g, 93%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 1.79 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (dt, *J* = 18.7, 7.7 Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 1.01 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₆NO₅P, 321.08; *m/z* found 321.90 [M + H]⁺.



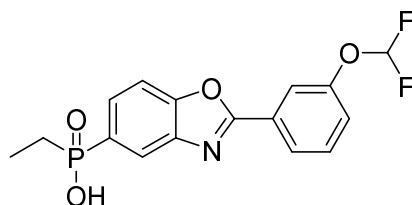
(2-(4-(Difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (37)

The title compound was prepared from **28** and isolated as a pink solid (170 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 55.6 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, *J* = 18.3, 7.6 Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 96%) R_T 1.03 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₂NO₃P, 337.07; *m/z* found 337.95 [M + H]⁺.



Ethyl(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (38)

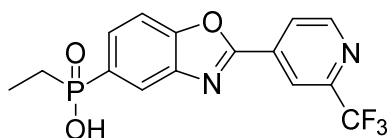
The title compound was prepared from **29** and isolated as a pink solid (411 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.80 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, *J* = 18.4, 7.6 Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 99%) R_T 1.03 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₆NO₄P, 317.08; *m/z* found 317.85 [M + H]⁺.



(2-(3-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (39)

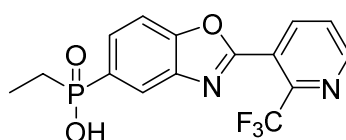
The title compound was prepared from **30** and isolated as pink oil (150 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 73.6 Hz, 1H),

1.79 (dq, $J = 15.1, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.94 (dt, $J = 18.2, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 94%) R_T 1.06 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}F_2NO_4P$, 353.06; m/z found 353.85 $[M + H]^+$.



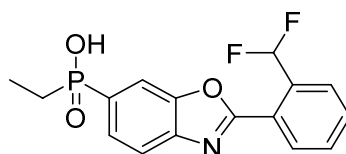
Ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (40)

The title compound was prepared from **31** and isolated as pink oil (170 mg, 82%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.06 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, $J = 11.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, $J = 9.9, 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dt, $J = 15.1, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, $J = 18.4, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 99%) R_T 1.01 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{12}F_3N_2O_3P$, 356.05; m/z found 356.80 $[M + H]^+$.



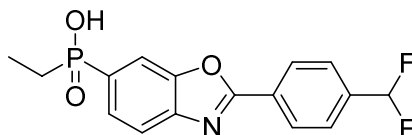
Ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (41)

The title compound was prepared from **32** and isolated as a white solid (149 mg, 73%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.01 (dd, $J = 4.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.87 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 8.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dq, $J = 15.1, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.96 (dt, $J = 18.5, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 98%) R_T 0.97 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{12}F_3N_2O_3P$, 356.05; m/z found 356.95 $[M + H]^+$, 354.95 $[M - H]^-$.



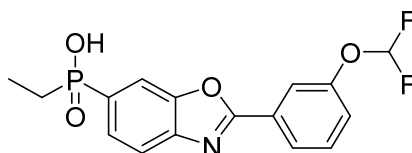
2-(2-(Difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl(ethyl)phosphinic acid (42)

The title compound was prepared from **33** and isolated as a brown solid (180 mg, 91%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.31 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (t, $J = 54.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 1.76 (dt, $J = 15.2, 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (dt, $J = 18.2, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 95%) R_T 1.05 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}F_2NO_3P$, 337.07; m/z found 337.95 $[M + H]^+$.



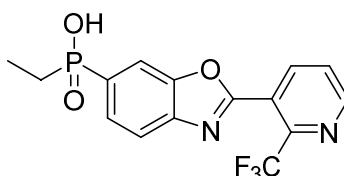
2-(4-(Difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl(ethyl)phosphinic acid (43)

The title compound was prepared from **34** and isolated as a pink solid (150 mg, 72%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 55.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dq, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, $J = 18.4, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 1.01 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}F_2NO_3P$, 337.07; m/z found 337.95 $[M + H]^+$.



2-(3-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl(ethyl)phosphinic acid (44)

The title compound was prepared from **35** and isolated as a brown oil (540 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.77 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 73.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, *J* = 18.5, 7.6 Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 1.04 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₂NO₄P, 353.06; *m/z* found 353.85 [M + H]⁺, 351.85 [M - H]⁻.

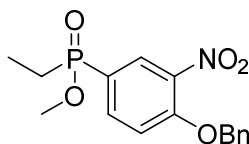


Ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinic acid (45)

The title compound was prepared from **36** and isolated as a white solid (187 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.02 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 0.96 (dt, *J* = 18.6, 7.6 Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 0.97 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₂O₃P, 356.05; *m/z* found 356.90 [M + H]⁺, 354.95 ([M - H]⁻).

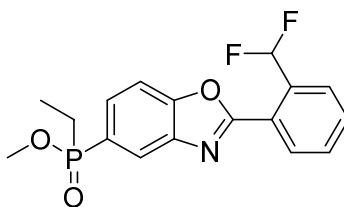
General procedure 2: Formation of methyl phosphinates (8, 14, 46-54)

To a solution of ethylphosphinic acid derivative (1 eq) in SOCl₂ (0.15 M) catalytic DMF was added and the mixture was heated to 70 °C for 1 h. The solvents were evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M) and added dropwise to an ice-cold (0 °C) solution of DIPEA (3.5 eq) and DMAP (2 eq) in MeOH (0.3 M relative to DMAP) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 M relative to DMAP). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at RT, concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with aqueous HCl (1 M), sat. NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by HPLC (acidic method) to afford the title compounds.



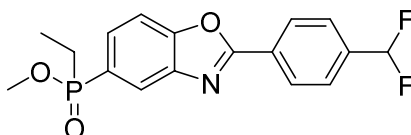
Methyl (4-(benzyloxy)-3-nitrophenyl)(ethyl)phosphinate (8)

The title compound was prepared from **6** and isolated as a yellow oil (3.46 g, 10.32 mmol, 81%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (ddd, *J* = 10.4, 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 0.95 (dt, *J* = 19.2, 7.7 Hz, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.12 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₈NO₅P, 335.09; *m/z* found 335.85 [M + H]⁺.



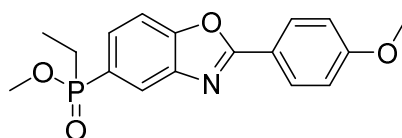
Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (14)

The title compound was prepared from **14a** and isolated as a brown oil (45 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.33 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 54.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.5, 152.3, 141.5 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 133.2 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 132.5, 131.6, 130.1, 129.4 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 127.1 (d, *J* = 121.1 Hz), 126.3 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 124.4 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 123.8 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 112.3 (t, *J* = 235.7 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.1 (d, *J* = 101.9 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -111.8 (d, *J* = 54.7 Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.15 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₃P, 351.08; *m/z* found 351.90 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 352.09086. Found: 352.09021.



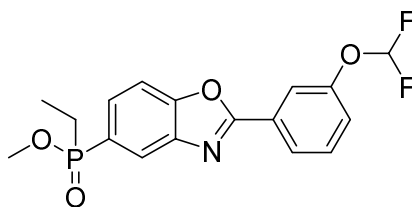
Methyl (2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (46)

The title compound was prepared from **37** and isolated as a white solid (100 mg, 56%). mp 60-63 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 55.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.06 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 18.9, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.2, 153.2, 142.1 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 137.8 (t, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 127.6 (d, *J* = 121.1 Hz), 127.3 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 124.2 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 114.8 (t, *J* = 236.5 Hz), 112.3 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 51.3 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.7 (d, *J* = 101.3 Hz), 6.3 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -111.1 (d, *J* = 55.3 Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.05 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₃P, 351.1; *m/z* found 352.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 352.09086. Found: 352.09017.



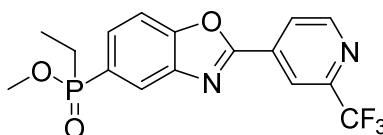
Methyl ethyl(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (47)

The title compound was prepared from **38** and isolated as a colourless oil (41 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.20 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.08 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dt, *J* = 18.9, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.7, 162.6, 152.6, 142.0 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 129.5, 128.4 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 126.6 (d, *J* = 121.6 Hz), 122.9 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 118.3, 114.9, 111.4 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 55.6, 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 101.7 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 43.9. LCMS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.31 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO₄P, 331.10; *m/z* found 331.90 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO₄P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 332.1046. Found: 332.1048.



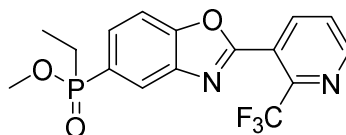
Methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (48)

The title compound was prepared from **39** and isolated as a pale yellow oil (76 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.17 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 73.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.5, 152.7, 151.4, 141.6 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 131.5, 129.2 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 124.4, 123.6 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 122.9, 117.2, 116.3 (t, *J* = 258.7 Hz), 111.8 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 101.9 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -82.6 (d, *J* = 73.8 Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.16 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₄P, 367.08; *m/z* found 367.90 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₄P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 368.05878. Found: 368.05602.



Methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (49)

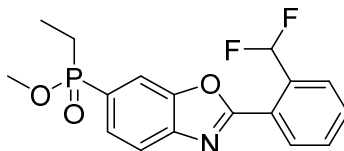
The title compound was prepared from **40** and isolated as a pale brown oil (95 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.08 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.10 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 160.5, 152.8, 151.9, 147.7 (q, *J* = 34.7 Hz), 141.3 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 135.5, 130.1 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 127.7 (d, *J* = 120.6 Hz), 124.7, 124.4 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 121.3 (q, *J* = 273.7 Hz), 117.9, 112.3 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 50.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.1 (d, *J* = 101.3 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -66.8. LCMS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 2.92 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₂O₃P, 370.1; *m/z* found 371.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₂O₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 371.0767. Found: 371.0768.



Methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (50)

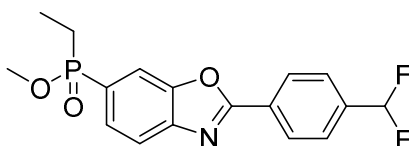
The title compound was prepared from **41** and isolated as a white solid (39 mg, 49%). mp 95-7 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.02 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.09 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.8, 152.9 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 151.7, 144.2 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz), 141.3, 141.1, 129.8 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 127.6, 127.5 (d, *J* = 120.3 Hz), 124.2 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 122.0, 121.2 (q, *J* = 275.1 Hz), 112.0 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 50.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.1 (d, *J* = 101.9 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -63.0. LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.05 min, MS (ESI):

mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}F_3N_2O_3P$, 370.07; m/z found 370.95 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_3P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 371.0767. Found: 371.0768.



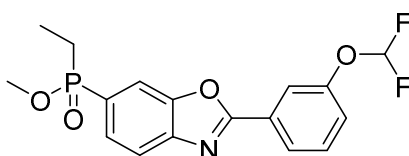
Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (51)

The title compound was prepared from **42** and isolated as a white gum (73 mg, 41%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.31 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.92 (t, $J = 54.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.80 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 162.8, 150.4 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 144.9, 133.7 (t, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 133.1, 132.1, 130.6, 128.7 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz), 127.8, 126.8 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 124.9 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 121.2 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 112.7 (t, $J = 236.0$ Hz), 51.4 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 21.6 (d, $J = 102.0$ Hz), 6.2 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ -111.8 (d, $J = 54.5$ Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.17 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{17}H_{16}F_2NO_3P$, 351.1; m/z found 352.1 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{16}F_2NO_3P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 352.09086. Found: 352.09100.



Methyl (2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (52)

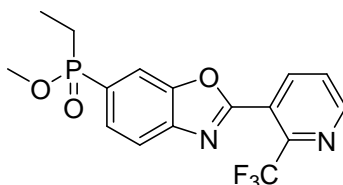
The title compound was prepared from **43** and isolated as a white solid (73 mg, 64%). mp 81–2 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.42 – 8.33 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dt, $J = 11.7, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.7, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (ddd, $J = 10.8, 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 55.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.08 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 163.5, 150.2 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 144.6, 137.5 (t, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 127.6 (d, $J = 120.2$ Hz), 126.8 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz), 114.5 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 114.3 (t, $J = 236.9$ Hz), 50.9 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 102.0$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ -111.2 (d, $J = 55.7$ Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.03 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{17}H_{16}F_2NO_3P$, 351.1; m/z found 352.1 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{16}F_2NO_3P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 352.09086. Found: 352.09054.



Methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (53)

The title compound was prepared from **44** and isolated as a yellow oil (59 mg, 0.16 mmol, 48%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.16 (ddd, $J = 11.6, 1.3, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (ddd, $J = 7.8, 1.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.6, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, $J = 10.8, 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 2.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 73.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.14 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 163.3, 151.4 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 150.1 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz), 144.5 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 131.5, 128.2 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 127.7, 127.6 (d, $J = 120.6$ Hz), 124.4, 123.0, 120.5 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz), 117.3, 116.2 (t, $J = 258.9$ Hz), 114.5 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 50.9 (d, $J = 6.6$

Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 101.8$ Hz), 5.78 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -82.6 (d, $J = 73.6$ Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 4.13 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4\text{P}$, 367.08; m/z found 367.85 [M + H] $^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4\text{P} + \text{H}^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 368.08578. Found: 368.08655.

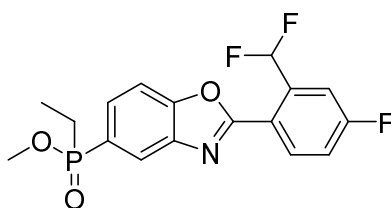


Methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinate (54)

The title compound was prepared from **45** and isolated as a white solid (42 mg, 46%). mp 82-3 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.02 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, $J = 8.0, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.11 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.1, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 160.6, 151.8, 150.8 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 144.2 (q, $J = 34.1$ Hz), 144.0 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 141.1, 128.5 (d, $J = 119.4$ Hz), 128.4 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 127.6, 122.0, 121.2 (q, $J = 274.1$ Hz), 121.0 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 50.9 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 21.1 (d, $J = 102.0$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.0. LCMS (215 nm, 96%) R_T 1.04 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$, 370.07; m/z found 370.90 [M + H] $^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P} + \text{H}^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 371.0767. Found: 371.0770.

General procedure 3: Insertion of aryl and heteroaryl substituents via C-H activation (16, 19-27)

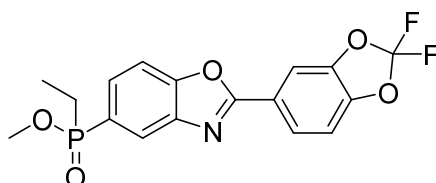
To a solution of methyl benzo[d]oxazolyl(ethyl)phosphinate (1 eq) and Cs_2CO_3 (2 eq) in anhydrous dioxane (0.15 M) under nitrogen $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (0.1 eq) and CuI (0.05 eq) were added. The reaction was stirred at RT for 5 min, before the addition of bromoaryl (1 eq) followed by heating at 100 °C for 12 h. The reaction was then diluted with water, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by HPLC (acidic method), unless otherwise stated, to afford the title compounds.



Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)-4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (16)

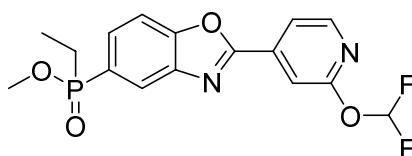
The title compound was prepared from **12** and 1-bromo-2-(difluoromethyl)-4-fluorobenzene and isolated as a white solid (27 mg, 16%). mp 102-3 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.37 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dt, $J = 11.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.88 (td, $J = 54.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 9.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td, $J = 8.4, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dt, $J = 18.9, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.0 (d, $J = 252.7$ Hz), 160.7, 152.4, 141.5 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 136.0 (td, $J = 23.0, 7.8$ Hz), 133.2 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 129.4 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 127.6, 126.7, 123.8 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz), 121.1 (q, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 118.9 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 113.9 (dt, $J = 24.8, 7.5$ Hz), 111.9 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz), 111.5 (t, $J = 237.3$ Hz), 50.8 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 21.1 (d, $J = 101.3$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-

d_6) δ -105.5 (dd, $J = 8.4, 6.1$ Hz, 1F), -112.4 (d, $J = 54.6$ Hz, 2F). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.26 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{17}H_{15}F_3NO_3P$, 369.1; m/z found 370.1 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{15}F_3NO_3P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 370.08144. Found: 370.08074.



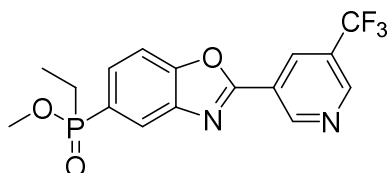
Methyl (2-(2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (19)

The title compound was prepared from **12** and 5-bromo-2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole and isolated as an off-white solid (17 mg, 8%). mp 103 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, $J = 11.7, 0.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dt, $J = 18.9, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (12.5 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 162.4, 152.7, 145.5, 143.5, 141.7 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 131.3 (t, $J = 254.7$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 127.1 (d, $J = 121.1$ Hz), 125.1, 123.5 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz), 122.7, 111.7 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 111.2, 109.3, 50.8 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 101.8$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 46.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ -48.9. LC-MS (215 nm, 98%) R_T 3.43 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{17}H_{14}F_2NO_5P$, 381.1; m/z found 382.1 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{14}F_2NO_5P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 382.0650. Found: 382.0646.



Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (20)

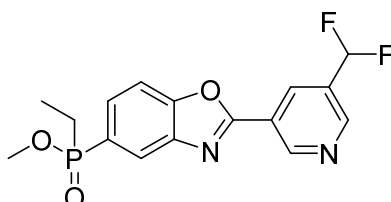
The title compound was prepared from **12** and 4-bromo-2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridine and isolated as a white gum (63 mg, 31%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, $J = 11.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, $J = 5.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, $J = 10.0, 8.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, $J = 72.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 161.1, 160.1 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 153.4 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 148.4, 142.1 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 138.0, 130.3 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 127.6 (d, $J = 122.0$ Hz), 125.2 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz), 117.8, 114.1 (t, $J = 256.4$ Hz), 111.9 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 109.6, 51.4 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 22.9 (d, $J = 103.1$ Hz), 6.1 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 47.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -89.1 (d, $J = 72.3$ Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 3.02 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{15}F_2N_2O_4P$, 368.1; m/z found 369.1 $[M + H]^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{15}N_2O_4P + H^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 369.0810. Found: 369.0816.



Methyl ethyl(2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (21)

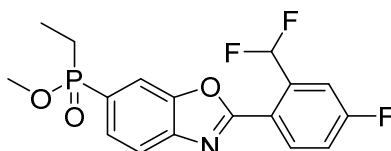
The title compound was prepared from **12** and 3-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine. Purification with HPLC (basic method) derived the desired product as an off-white solid (66 mg, 40%). mp 134-5 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.65 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.28 (dd, $J = 2.1, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.84 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dt, $J = 11.6, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H),

7.83 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.11 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.1, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 161.2, 152.0, 150.3 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 149.2 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 144.2, 132.2 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 128.4 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz), 128.3 (d, $J = 120.1$ Hz), 125.7 (q, $J = 33.3$ Hz), 123.2 (q, $J = 272.8$ Hz), 123.0, 120.8 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 50.9 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 101.4$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -61.1. LC-MS (215 nm, 95%) R_T 1.07 min, MS (ESI): mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$, 370.07; m/z found 370.90 [M + H] $^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P} + \text{H}^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 371.0767. Found: 371.0768.



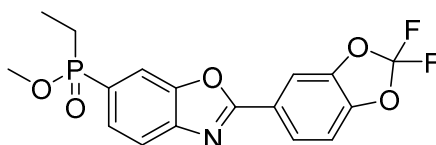
Methyl (2-(5-(difluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (22)

The title compound was prepared from **12** and 3-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)pyridine and isolated as a pale brown solid (156 mg, 28%). mp 99-101 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.52 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.10 – 9.01 (m, 1H), 8.73 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, $J = 11.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 55.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.10 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 160.9, 152.7, 150.4, 149.9 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 141.5 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 132.5 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 130.4 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz), 129.5 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 127.3 (d, $J = 121.0$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 122.7, 113.4 (t, $J = 237.3$ Hz), 112.0 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 50.9 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 21.2 (d, $J = 101.3$ Hz), 5.8 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -112.3 (d, $J = 54.9$ Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 2.49 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$, 352.1; m/z found 353.1 [M + H] $^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P} + \text{H}^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 353.0861. Found: 353.0862.



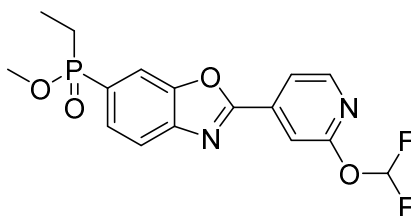
Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)-4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (23)

The title compound was prepared from **13** and 1-bromo-2-(difluoromethyl)-4-fluorobenzene and isolated as a white solid (66 mg, 39%). mp 132-4 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.38 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, $J = 54.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71 (td, $J = 8.4, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.5 (d, $J = 252.7$ Hz), 162.0, 150.4 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 144.8, 136.6 (td, $J = 23.1, 8.6$ Hz), 133.7 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 128.7 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 128.3 (d, $J = 120.2$ Hz), 121.6 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 121.2 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 119.4 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 114.4 (dt, $J = 24.5, 7.4$ Hz), 112.0 (t, $J = 237.1$ Hz), 51.4 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 21.6 (d, $J = 102.0$ Hz), 6.2 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 46.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -105.3 (dd $J = 14.5, 8.4$ Hz, 1F), -112.4 (d, $J = 54.5$ Hz, 2F). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.29 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{P}$, 369.1; m/z found 370.1 [M + H] $^+$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{P} + \text{H}^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 370.08144. Found: 370.08112.



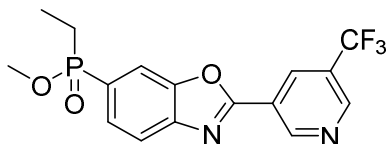
Methyl (2-(2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (24)

The title compound was prepared from **13** and 5-bromo-2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole and isolated as a white gum (14 mg, 7%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.08 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.14 (dt, *J* = 19.1, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 150.9 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz), 146.7, 145.5 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 144.5, 131.9 (t, *J* = 257.5 Hz), 128.2 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 127.2 (d, *J* = 122.0 Hz), 124.7, 123.0, 120.7 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 110.2, 109.3, 51.4 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 22.9 (d, *J* = 103.8 Hz), 6.1 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 47.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -49.8. LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 3.41 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₄F₂NO₅P, 381.1; *m/z* found 382.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₄NO₅P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 382.0650. Found: 382.0649.



Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (25)

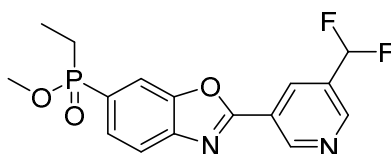
The title compound was prepared from **13** and 4-bromo-2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridine and isolated as a white sticky solid (65 mg, 33%). mp 46-47 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.56 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 72.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.11 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.4 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 159.2 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 150.3 (d, *J* = 19.6 Hz), 149.0, 144.1, 137.6, 128.7 (d, *J* = 120.0 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 121.1 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 118.2, 114.9 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 114.8 (t, *J* = 255.7 Hz), 108.9, 50.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.1 (d, *J* = 101.4 Hz), 5.7 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -87.5 (d, *J* = 72.2 Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 99%) R_T 3.01 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₅F₂N₂O₄P, 368.1; *m/z* found 369.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₄P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 369.0810. Found: 369.0811.



Methyl ethyl(2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinate (26)

The title compound was prepared from **13** and 3-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine. Purification with HPLC (basic method) derived the desired product as an off-white solid (61 mg, 37%). mp 134-5 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.64 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 9.27 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (dt, *J* = 2.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.10 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 160.9, 153.2, 152.3, 149.6 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 141.9 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 132.6 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 127.9 (d, *J* = 120.4 Hz), 126.2 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 124.4 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 123.4, 112.5 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 51.3 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.6 (d, *J* = 101.9 Hz), 6.3. ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz,

DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -61.1. LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.08 min, MS (ESI): mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₂O₃P, 370.07; *m/z* found 370.95 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₂O₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 371.0767. Found: 371.0770.

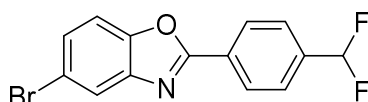


Methyl (2-(5-(difluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (27)

The title compound was prepared from **13** and 3-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)pyridine and isolated as a yellow gum (11 mg, 7%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 9.53 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 55.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.12 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 19.0, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.2, 150.9, 150.7 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz), 150.5 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 144.8, 133.0 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 130.8 (t, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 128.9 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 120.1 Hz), 123.1, 121.2 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 113.9 (t, *J* = 237.0 Hz), 51.4 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 21.6 (d, *J* = 101.6 Hz), 6.2 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -112.4 (d, *J* = 54.9 Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 96%) R_T 2.48 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₅F₂N₂O₃P, 352.1; *m/z* found 353.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₅F₂N₂O₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 353.0861. Found: 353.0863.

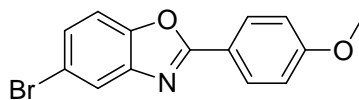
General procedure 4: Benzo[d]oxazole ring formation from o-aminophenols (28-36)

A suspension of bromoaminophenol (1 eq) and benzoyl chloride (1.25 eq) in xylenes (0.15 M) was heated to 155 °C for 1 h. Methanesulfonic acid (0.2 eq) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed at 155 °C for 2-3 h. The solvents were evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compounds.



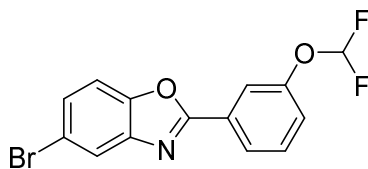
5-Bromo-2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (28)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-4-bromophenol and 4-(difluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-50% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **28** as a pink solid (220 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 55.6 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 96%) R_T 1.38 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₄H₈⁷⁹BrF₂NO, 322.98; *m/z* found 323.85 [M + H]⁺.



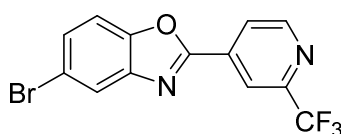
5-Bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (29)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-4-bromophenol and 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-40% EtOAc in heptane) to afford **29** as a pink solid (471 mg, 58%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.17 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 98%) R_T 1.39 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₄H₁₀⁷⁹BrNO₂, 302.99; *m/z* found 303.75 [M + H]⁺.



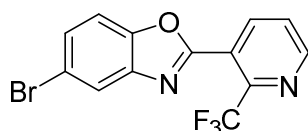
5-Bromo-2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (30)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-4-bromophenol and 3-(difluoromethoxy)benzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-100% EtOAc in heptane) to afford **30** as a pink solid (190 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 73.5 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 93%) R_T 1.40 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₄H₈⁷⁹BrF₂NO₂, 338.97; *m/z* found 339.75 [M + H]⁺.



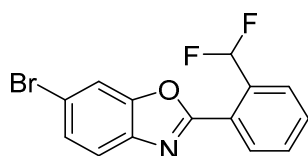
5-Bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (31)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-4-bromophenol and 2-(trifluoromethyl)isonicotinoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-50% EtOAc in heptane) to afford **31** as a pink solid (200 mg, 56%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.06 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.42 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.36 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₃H₆⁷⁹BrF₃N₂O, 341.96; *m/z* found 342.75 [M + H]⁺.



5-Bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (32)

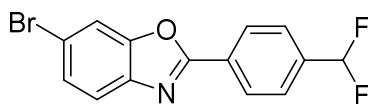
The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-4-bromophenol and 2-(trifluoromethyl)nicotinoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-40% EtOAc in heptane) to afford **32** as a pink solid (498 mg, 66%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.01 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 66%) R_T 0.94 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₃H₆⁸¹BrF₂N₂O, 343.96; *m/z* found 344.80 [M + H]⁺.



6-Bromo-2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (33)

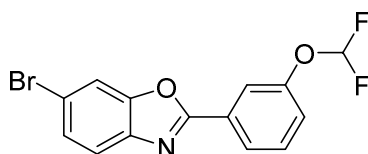
The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-5-bromophenol and 2-(difluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-100% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **33** as a pink solid (180 mg, 30%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.29 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.90 (t, *J* = 54.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,

$J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.8 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 66%) R_T 1.38 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{14}H_8^{81}BrF_2NO$, 324.97; m/z found 325.85 [M + H]⁺.



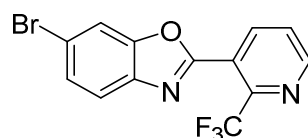
6-Bromo-2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (34)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-5-bromophenol and 4-(difluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-50% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **34** as a pink solid (200 mg, 43%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 55.6$ Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.38 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{14}H_8^{79}BrF_2NO$, 322.98; m/z found 323.80 [M + H]⁺.



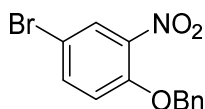
6-Bromo-2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (35)

The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-5-bromophenol and 3-(difluoromethoxy)benzoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-30% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **35** as a red/brown solid (541 mg, 62%). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.16 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dt, $J = 7.8$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 73.6$ Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 98%) R_T 1.38 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{14}H_8^{81}BrF_2NO_2$, 340.97; m/z found 341.75 [M + H]⁺.



6-Bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (36)

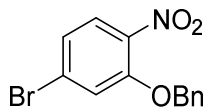
The title compound was prepared from 2-amino-5-bromophenol and 2-(trifluoromethyl)nicotinoyl chloride followed by purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-40% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **36** as a pink solid (545 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.29 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.90 (t, $J = 54.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.8 Hz, 1H). LC-MS (215 nm, 66%) R_T 0.94 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $C_{13}H_6^{81}BrF_3N_2O$, 343.96; m/z found 344.80 [M + H]⁺.



1-(Benzyloxy)-4-bromo-2-nitrobenzene (4)

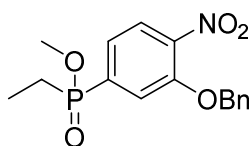
To a mixture of 4-bromo-2-nitrophenol (600 mg, 2.75 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (380 mg, 2.75 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) benzylbromide (0.36 mL, 3.03 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was refluxed at 60 °C for 6 h. The reaction was cooled to RT and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*. The title compound was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-20% EtOAc in heptanes) as an off-white solid (1.37

g, 97%). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 5.32 (s, 2H). LCMS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.34 min.



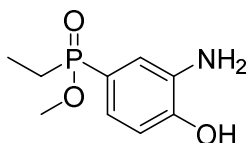
2-(Benzyloxy)-4-bromo-1-nitrobenzene (5)

The title compound was prepared from 5-bromo-2-nitrophenol (3.42 g, 15.7 mmol), benzyl bromide (2.05 mL, 17.3 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.17 g, 15.7 mmol) in acetone (25 mL) using a method analogous to the synthesis of **4**. Purification with flash column chromatography (gradient 0-15% EtOAc in heptanes) afforded **5** as a yellow solid (3.6 g, 74%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 2H). LCMS (215 nm, 97%) R_T 1.32 min.



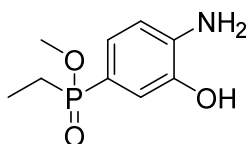
Methyl (3-(benzyloxy)-4-nitrophenyl)(ethyl)phosphinate (9)

A solution of **7** (3.5 g, 10.9 mmol) in SOCl₂ (12 mL) was heated at 70 °C for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in MeOH (30 mL) and stirred for 15 min, the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with aqueous HCl (1 M), sat. NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown solid (3.46 g, 81%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.93 (dt, *J* = 19.2, 7.6 Hz, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 94%) R_T 1.13 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₈NO₅P, 335.09; *m/z* found 335.95 [M + H]⁺.



Methyl (3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)(ethyl)phosphinate (10)

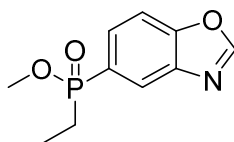
To a solution of **8** (820 mg, 2.69 mmol) in EtOH/CH₂Cl₂ (5:1, 30 mL) 10% Pd/C (286 mg, 0.27 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 3 h under H₂. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite™, washed with MeOH and the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a colourless oil (555 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.78 (br s, 1H), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.78 (br s, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 3H), 1.85 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 0.93 (dt, *J* = 18.4, 7.7 Hz, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 0.34 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₉H₁₄NO₃P, 215.07; *m/z* found 215.85 [M + H]⁺, 213.85 [M - H]⁻.



Methyl (4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)(ethyl)phosphinate (11)

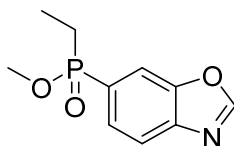
The title compound was prepared from **9** (3.45 g, 9.3 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (0.988 g, 0.93 mmol) in EtOH/CH₂Cl₂ (5:1, 90 mL), using a method analogous to the synthesis of **10**, and

isolated as a brown solid (2.0 g, 94%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 9.39 (br s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 11.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 7.9, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (br s, 2H), 3.42 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 5H), 1.83 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 0.83 (m, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 90%) R_T 0.64 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$, 215.07; m/z found 215.90 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.



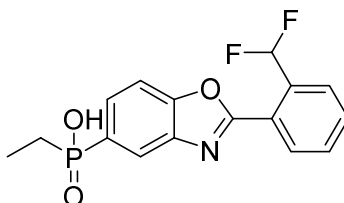
Methyl benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl(ethyl)phosphinate (12)

To a suspension of **10** (6.6 g, 30.7 mmol) in xylenes (100 mL) diethoxymethoxyethane (18 mL, 108 mmol) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (771 mg, 3.07 mmol) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 3 h. The solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* and the desired product obtained after flash column chromatography (gradient 0-5% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) as an orange oil (747 mg, 91%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd, $J = 11.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (ddt, $J = 8.3, 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (ddt, $J = 10.7, 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.09 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 0.96 (dt, $J = 18.9, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 92%) R_T 0.80 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$, 225.06; m/z found 225.85 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.



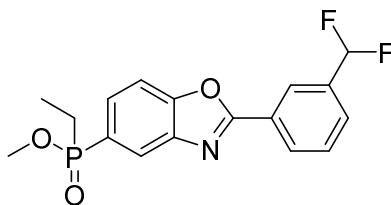
Methyl benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl(ethyl)phosphinate (13)

The title compound was prepared from **11** (724 mg, 2.86 mmol) diethoxymethoxyethane (1.67 mL, 10 mmol) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (72 mg, 0.29 mmol) in xylenes (10 mL), using a method analogous to the synthesis of **12**. The desired product was obtained after flash column chromatography (gradient 0-15% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) as a brown oil (677 mg, 95%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dt, $J = 11.7, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.7, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 0.96 (dt, $J = 19.0, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). LCMS (215 nm, 79%) R_T 0.78 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$, 225.06; m/z found 225.90 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.



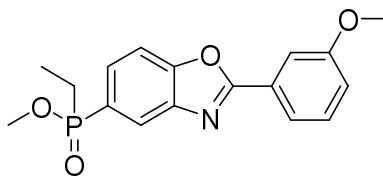
(2-(2-(Difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (14a)

In an oven-dried, nitrogen flushed pressure tube, **12** (150 mg, 0.67 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (7.5 mg, 0.03 mmol) and N-Xantphos (28 mg, 0.05 mmol) were suspended in DME (3 mL) and 1M LiHMDS (1.33 mL, 1.33 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at RT for 5 min. Bromo (difluoromethyl)benzene (166 mg, 0.80 mmol) was added and the reaction heated to 85 °C for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by HPLC (acidic method) to afford the title compound as an orange solid (50 mg, 22%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 8.33 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (t, $J = 54.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 1.82 (dq, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (dt, $J = 18.4, 7.7$ Hz, 3H). LC-MS (215 nm, 99%) R_T 1.06 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{P}$, 337.07; m/z found 337.90 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.



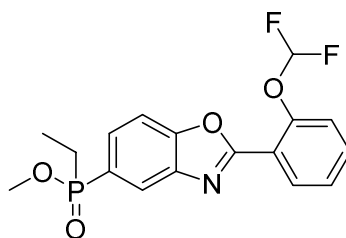
Methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (15)

The title compound was prepared from **12**, using a method analogous to the synthesis of **14a**. Purification with HPLC (acidic method) afforded **15** as a brown oil (19 mg, 12%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 – 8.37 (m, 2H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 55.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 18.9, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.7, 152.7 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 141.7 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 135.3 (t, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 130.3, 129.9, 129.4 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 127.6, 126.6, 124.8 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 123.6 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 114.3 (t, *J* = 236.5 Hz), 111.8 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 101.3 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -110.6 (d, *J* = 55.9 Hz). LC-MS (254 nm, 100%) R_T 3.05 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₃P, 352.1; *m/z* found 352.1 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₆ F₂NO₃P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 352.09086. Found: 352.09037.



Methyl ethyl(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (17)

3-methoxybenzoyl chloride (64.7 μL, 0.46 mmol) was added to a solution of **10** (90 mg, 0.42 mmol) in dioxane (4 mL) and stirred at RT for 1 h. In(OTf)₃ (23.51 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C overnight. The solvents were evaporated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 0.5 M aq. HCl, then sat. aq. NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to give a yellow oil. The desired product was obtained after purification with HPLC (acidic method) as a white solid (36 mg, 26%). mp 102–3 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.08 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dt, *J* = 18.9, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.4, 159.7, 152.6, 141.7 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 130.7, 128.9 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 127.2, 126.9 (d, *J* = 120.8 Hz), 123.4 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 119.9, 118.7, 112.1, 111.7 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 55.5, 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 101.7 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.8. LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.14 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO₄P, 331.10; *m/z* found 331.95 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO₄P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 332.1046. Found: 332.1049.



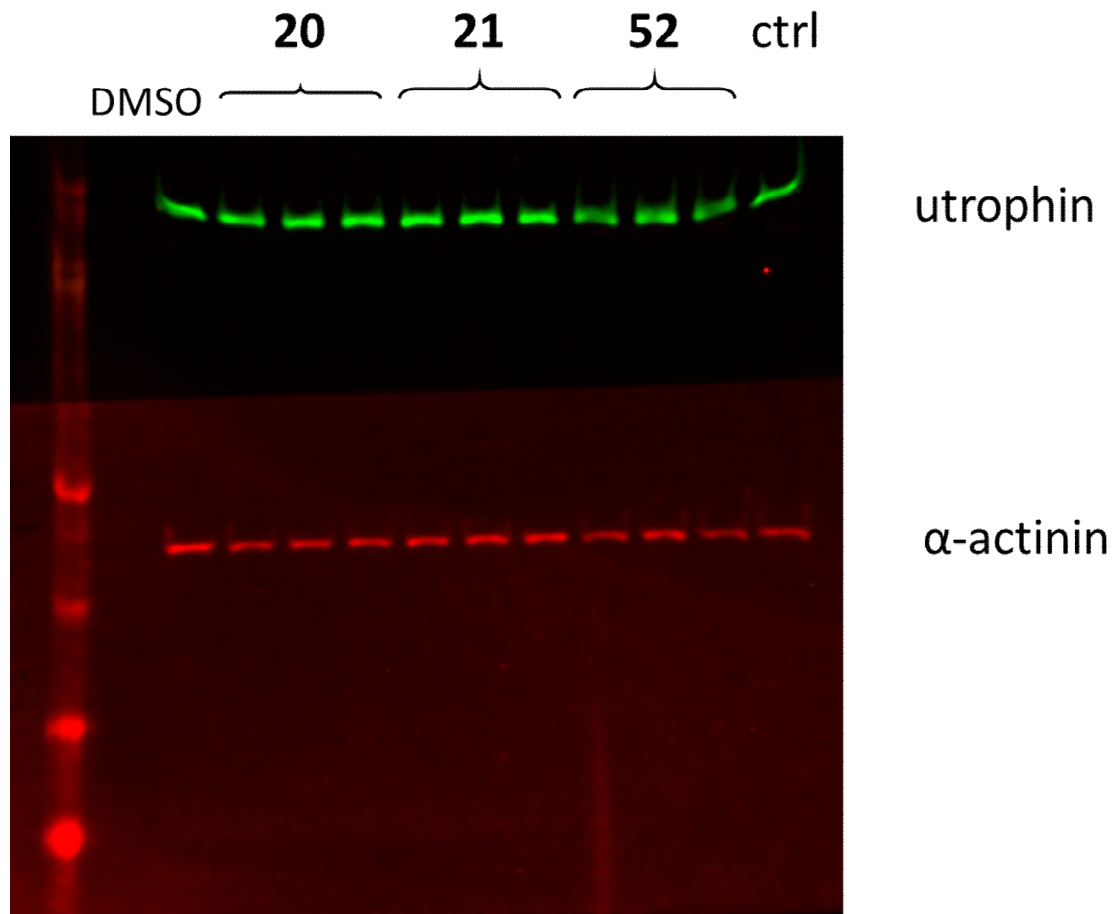
Methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (18)

The title compound was prepared from **12** and 1-bromo-2-(difluoromethoxy)benzene with a similar method to general procedure 3, using Pd(dppf)Cl₂ as a catalyst and obtained as a brown gum (57 mg, 34%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 1.5, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 73.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 2.07 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dt, *J* = 18.9, 7.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.0, 152.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 149.0 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 141.4 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 133.8, 131.5, 129.1 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 126.9 (d, *J* = 121.1 Hz), 126.3, 123.7 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 121.3, 118.7, 116.0 (t, *J* = 259.3 Hz), 111.7 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 50.8 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 101.5 Hz), 5.8 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR {H} (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 46.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -82.3 (d, *J* = 73.7 Hz). LC-MS (215 nm, 100%) R_T 1.11 min, MS (ESI): mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₄P, 367.08; *m/z* found 367.95 [M + H]⁺. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₆F₂NO₄P + H⁺ [M + H]⁺: 368.08578. Found: 368.08634.

Biological evaluation

Utrophin quantification using Western blotting has previously been reported in detail.¹ OX01914 was used as positive control. An example of an uncropped blot is reported below.

Example of uncropped blot



H2K reporter gene assay

Cell culture: H2K-mdx utrA-luc cells² were maintained in DMEM High glucose (Invitrogen) supplemented with 20% Fetal Bovine Serum Gold (PAA), 2% CEE (SLI), 2 mM L-Glutamine (Invitrogen), 1% Penicillin Streptomycin (Invitrogen) and 2 µg/500 mL Mouse Interferon-γ (Roche). Cells were maintained at 10% CO₂ at 33 °C. EC₅₀ is the average from three or more biological replicates, 3 technical replicates each.

Utrophin firefly luciferase reporter gene assay: White flat bottomed 384 well plates (Corning) were seeded with 1500 H2K-mdx utrA-luc cells. After 16 h at 10% CO₂ and 33 °C, the cells were dosed with compound in triplicate from 10 mM solution stocks in DMSO (final DMSO concentration was 0.1%). Compounds were diluted in the following concentration series: 0.0003 µM, 0.001 µM, 0.003 µM, 0.01 µM, 0.03 µM, 0.1 µM, 0.3 µM, 1 µM, 3 µM, 10 µM, 30 µM. The cells were incubated for a further 24 h, (10% CO₂, 33 °C). Relative luminescence readout after using the Luciferase Assay System (Promega, E1501) reagents was measured using an EnVision2103 plate reader (Perkin Elmer). The means from the biological triplicates were fitted with a four-parameter logistic function with least squares regression (Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm) to calculate EC₅₀ values.

Firefly luciferase biochemical inhibition assay

Recombinant firefly luciferase (Quantilum Promega, E1701) was assayed at a final concentration of 0.6 nM in a buffer containing 25 mM HEPES, 5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EDTA, 5 mM DTT and 1 mg/mL BSA. Compounds were diluted in the following concentration series: 0.95 nM, 3 nM, 9.5 nM, 30 nM, 95 nM, 0.3 µM, 0.95 µM, 3 µM, 9.5 µM, 30 µM, from 10 mM stocks in DMSO (with a final assay concentration of DMSO at 0.3%). PTC124 was used as a positive control.³ Luciferase substrates ATP (Sigma) and D-luciferin (Promega) were used in a final assay concentration of 10 µM, close to their K_M concentrations.⁴ Luciferase was pre-incubated with ATP and the query compound at 0 °C for 15 min. D-Luciferin was dispensed and endpoint luminescence output immediately read using an EnSight plate reader (Perkin Elmer) FLUOstar Optima plate reader (BMG Labtech). Luminescence output was fitted with a four-parameter logistic function with least squares regression (Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm) to calculate IC₅₀ values. IC₅₀ is the average of three technical replicates.

Cytotoxicity assay in HepG2 cells

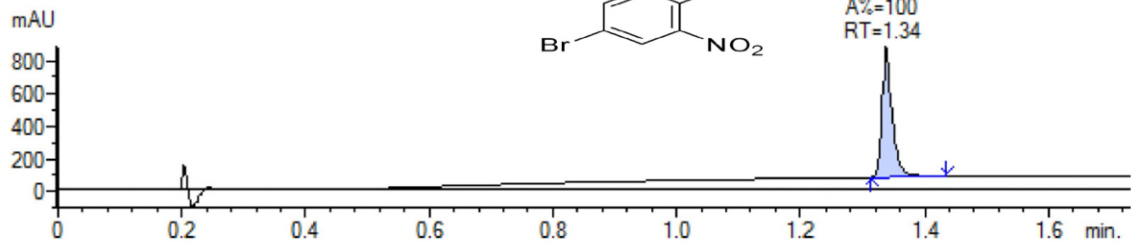
Cell viability is based on ATP titration in intact cells using CellTiter-Glo® Reagent (provided by Promega) through the ATP-dependent oxydoreduction of luciferin by luciferase. Human hepatocarcinoma HepG2 cells (ATCC HB-8065) are plated at 2500 cells/well in 384-well plates (30 µl/well). After 4 h of incubation at 37°C, compounds 100-fold concentrated are added to the cells. After an incubation of 40 h at 37°C, the medium is removed, and CellTiter-Glo® Reagent is added for luminescence reading. Compounds are tested in duplicate at ten concentrations (final top concentration of 30 µM, semi log dilution factor). Results are expressed as a percentage of inhibition of cell viability.

Characterization Data

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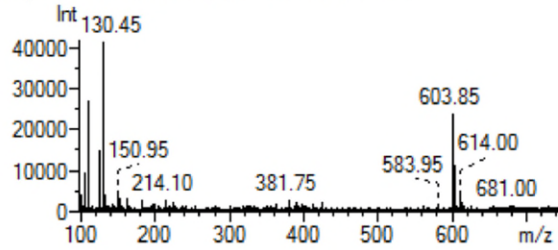
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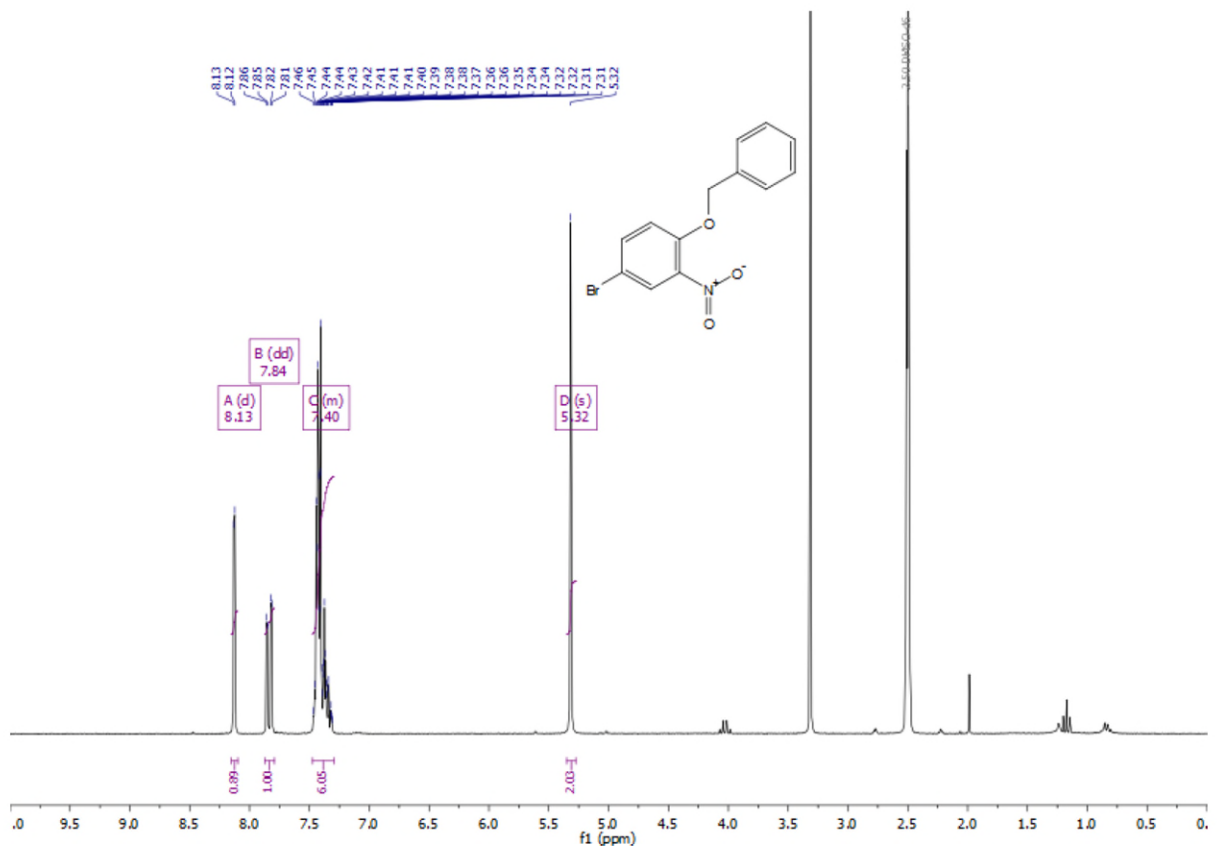
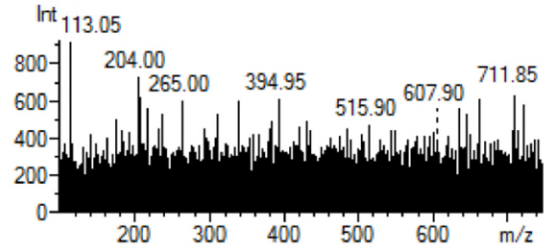
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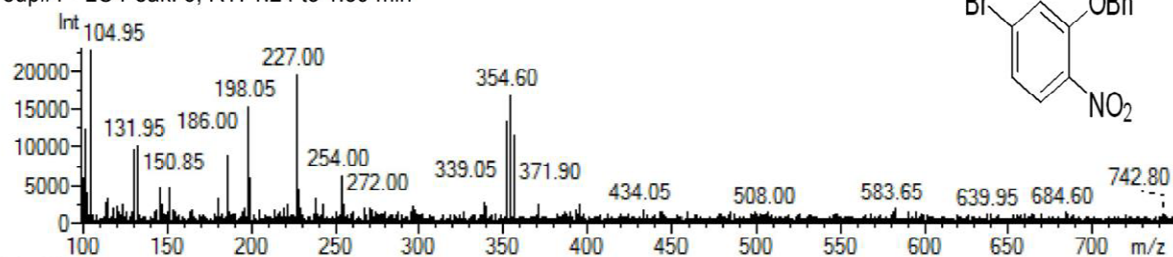
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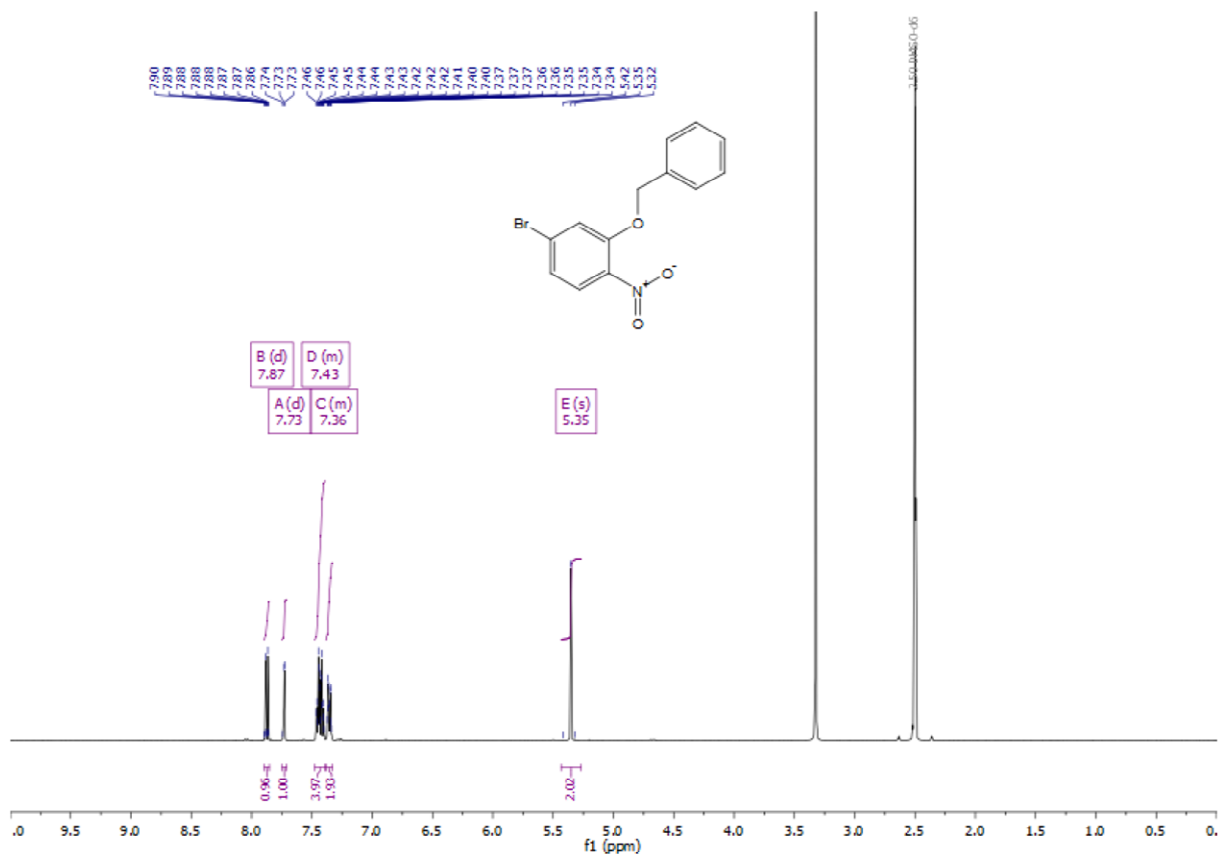
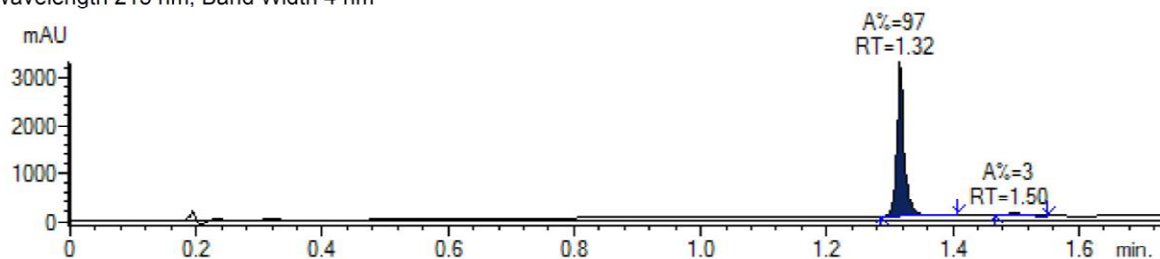
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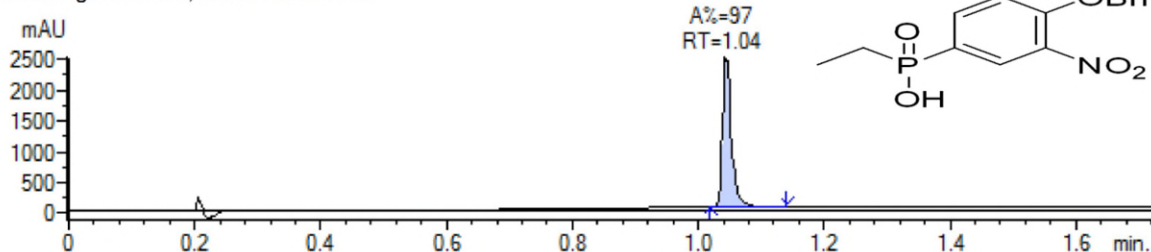
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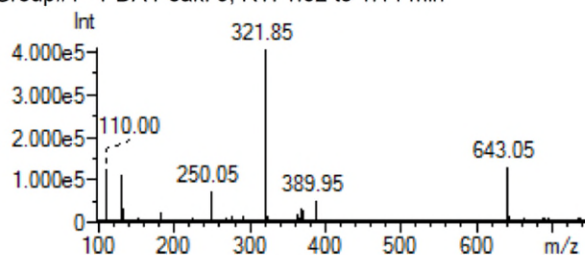
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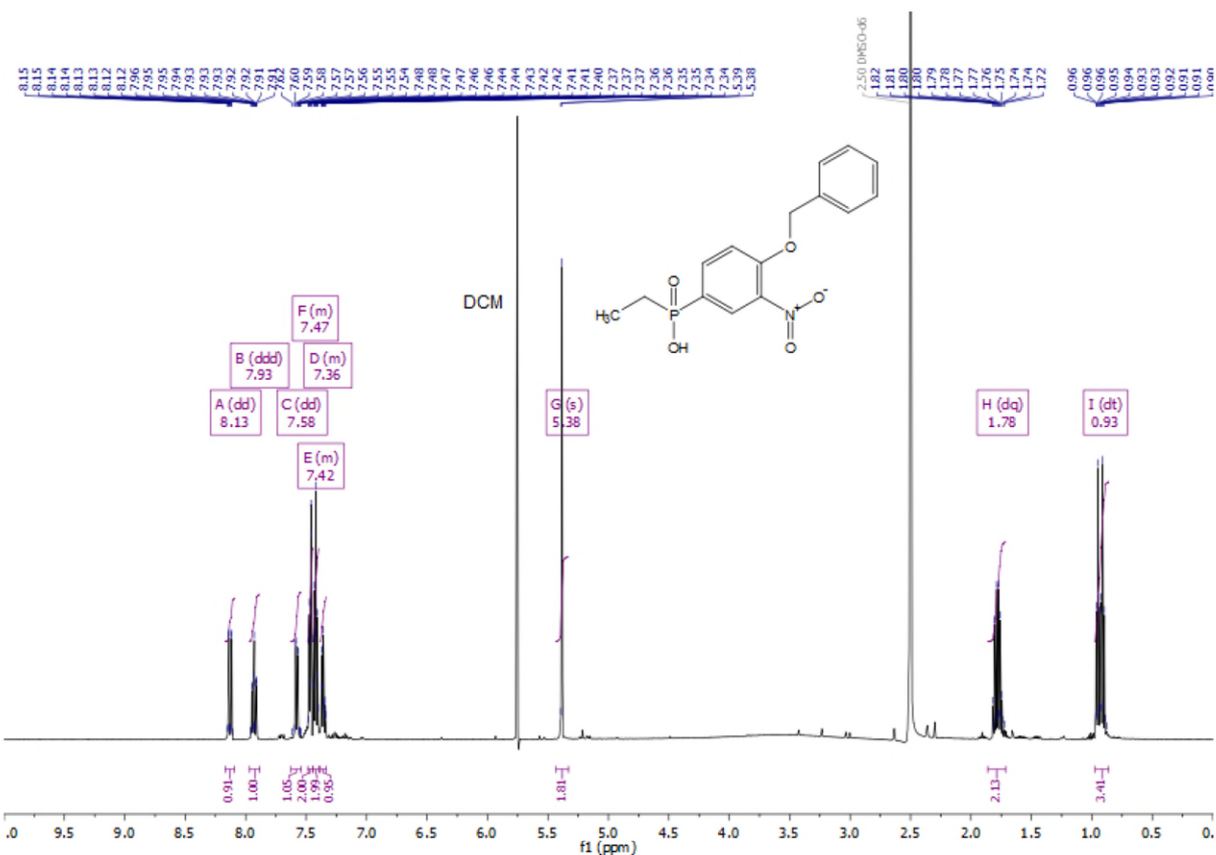
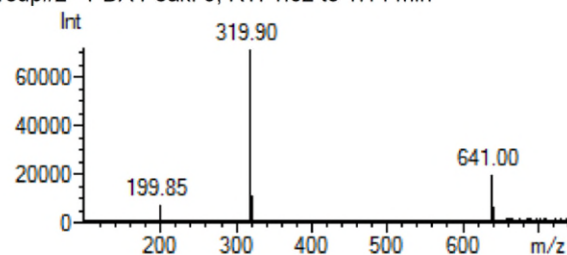
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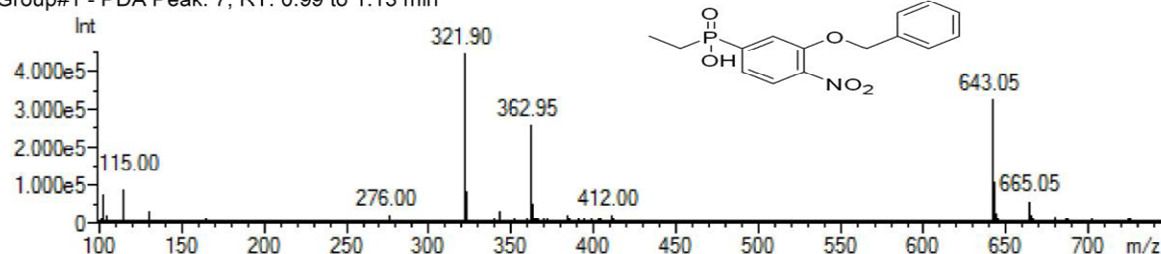
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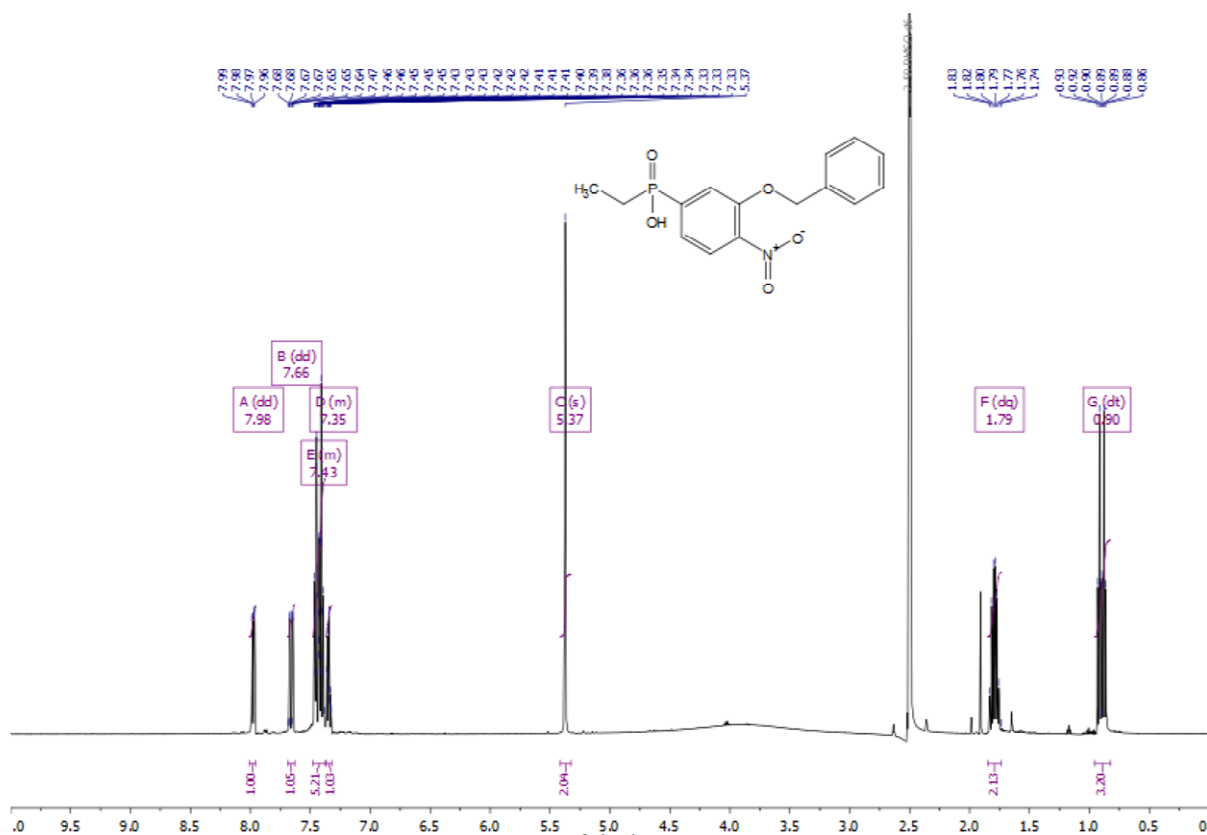
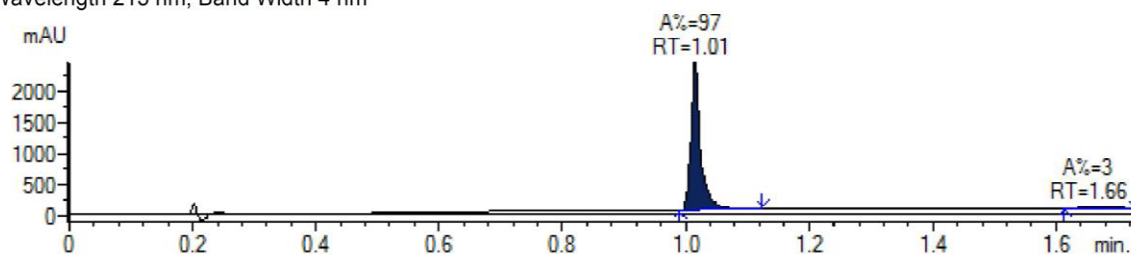
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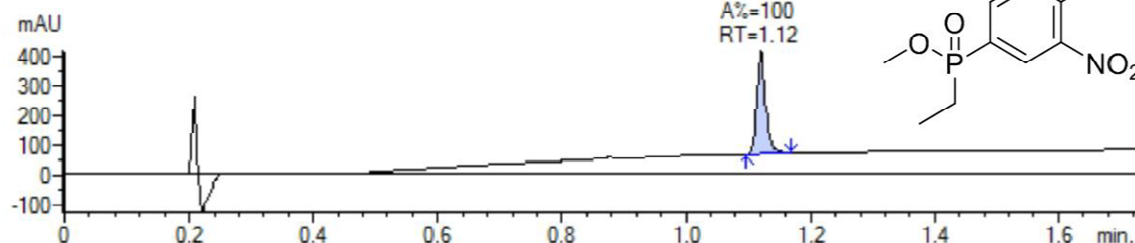
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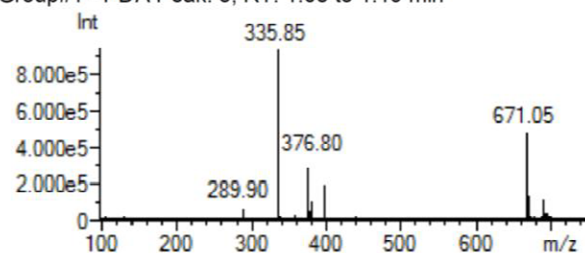
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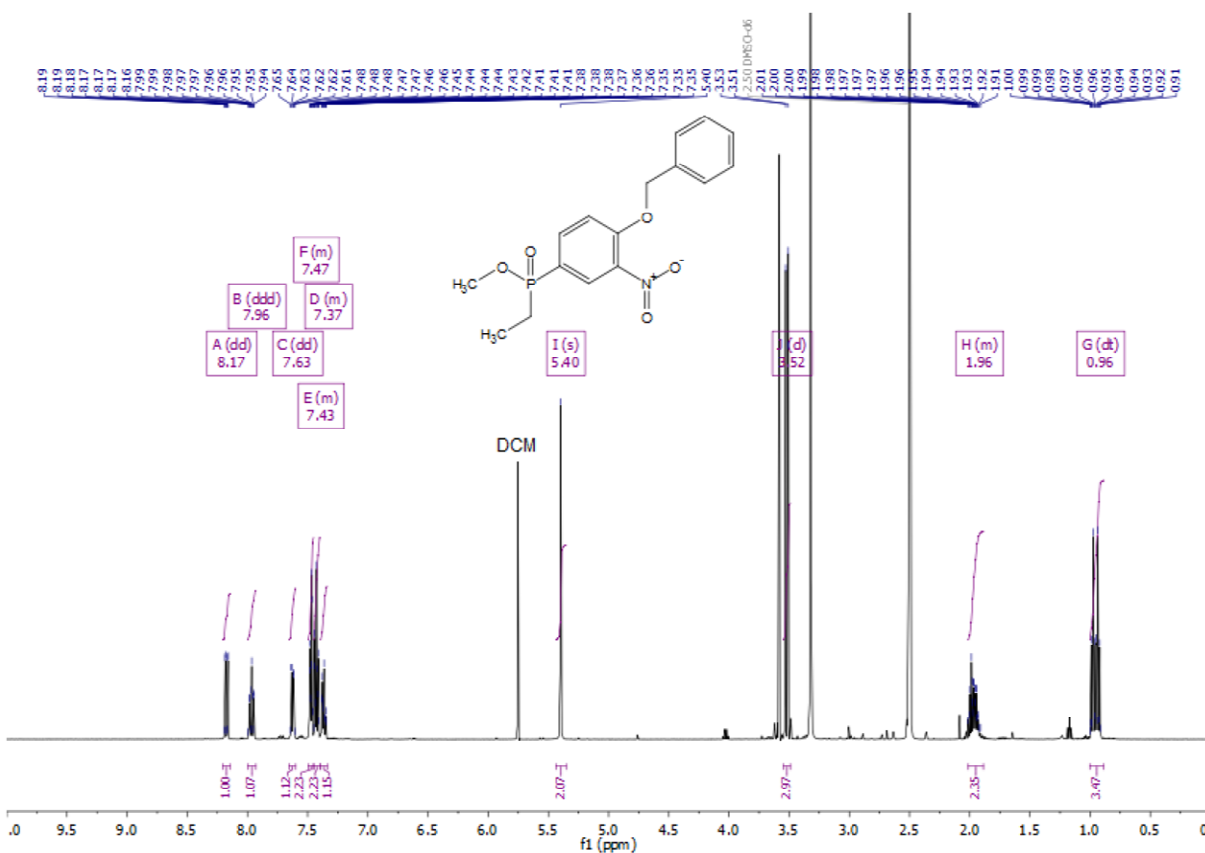
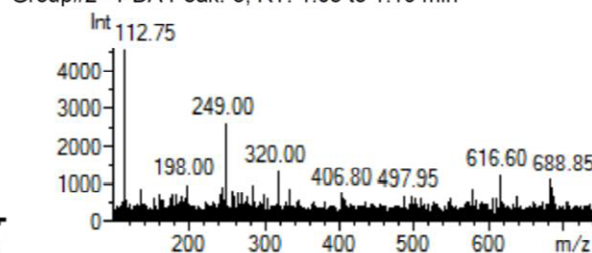
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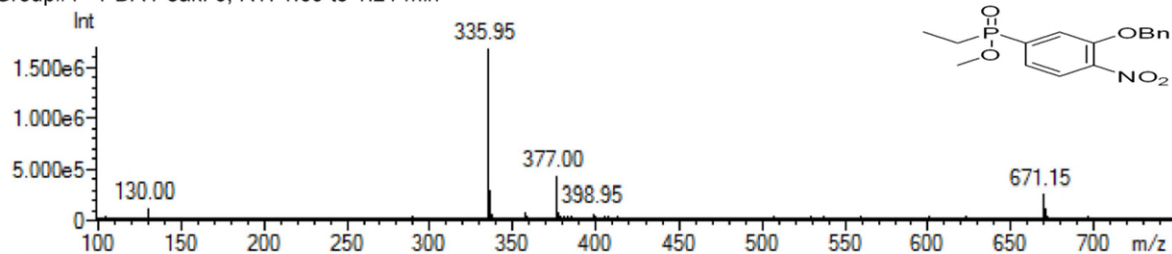
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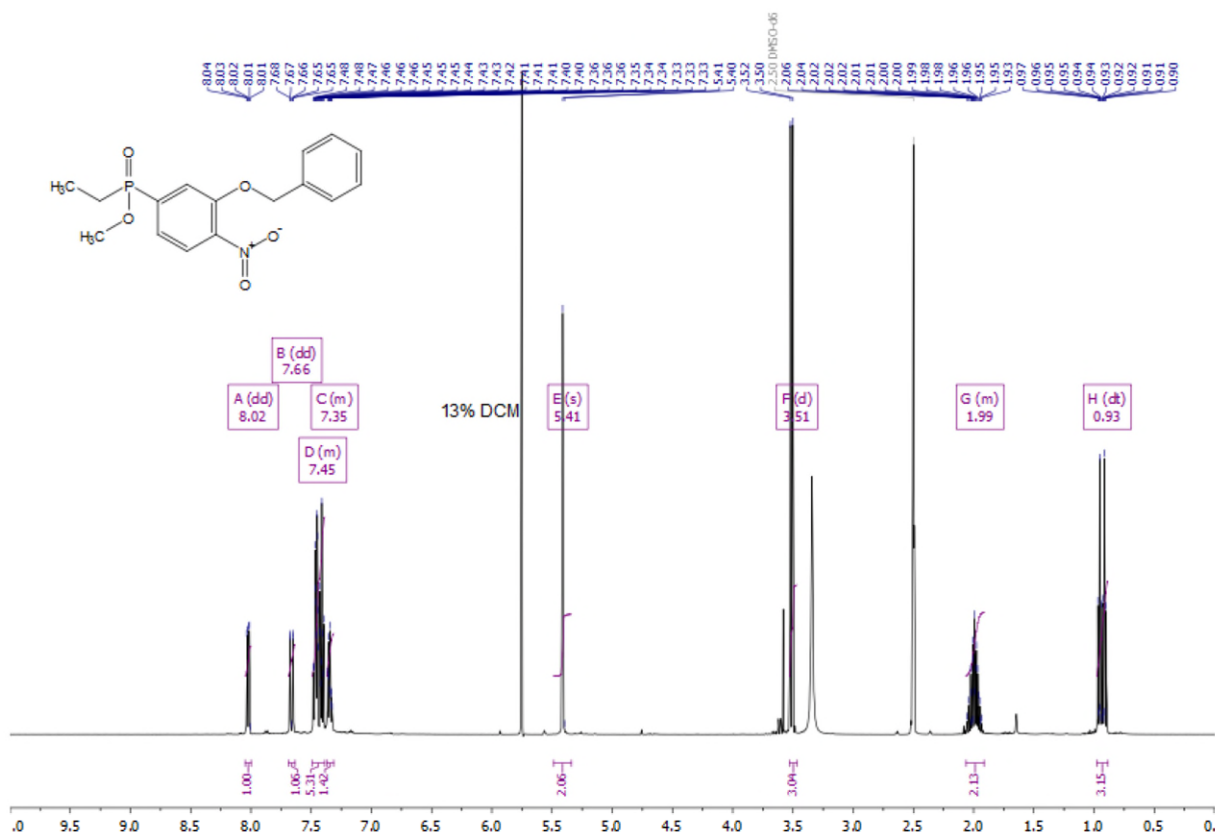
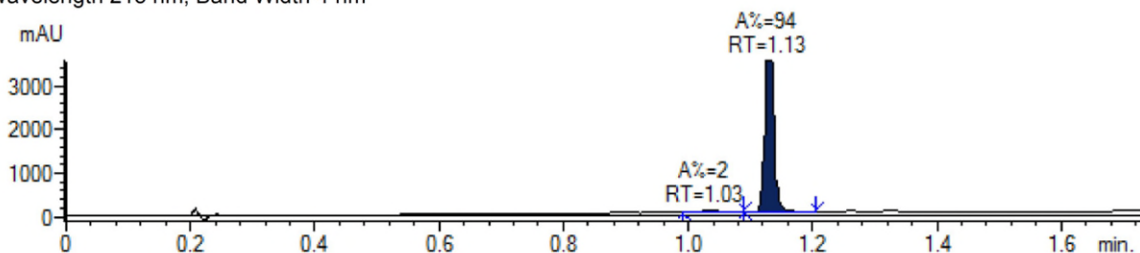
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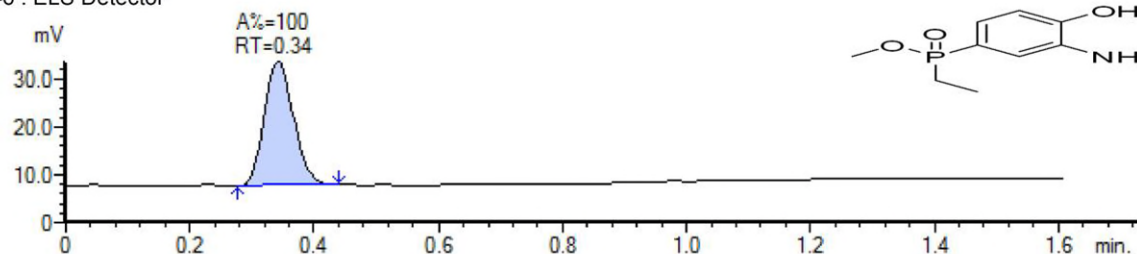
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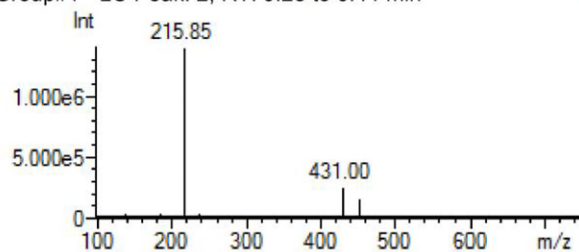
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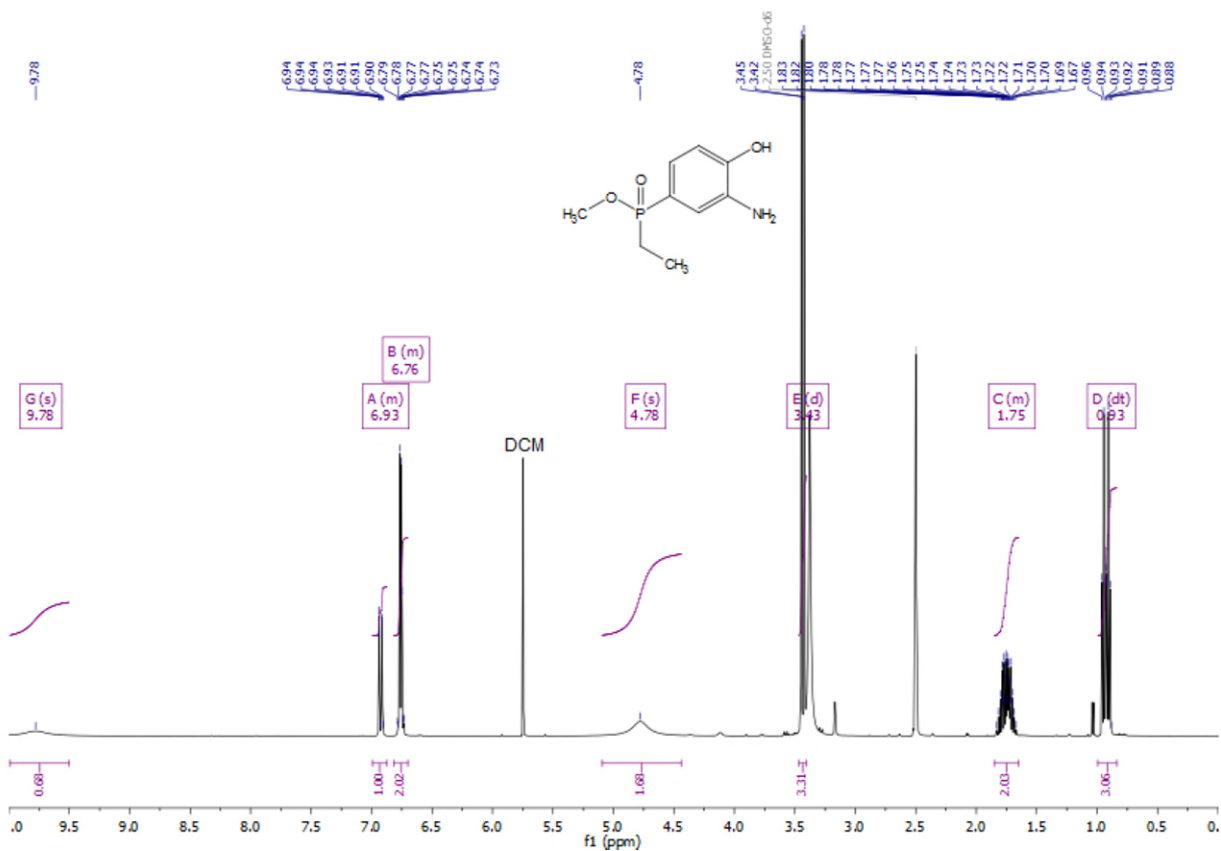
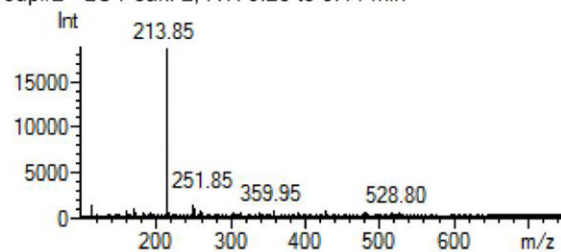
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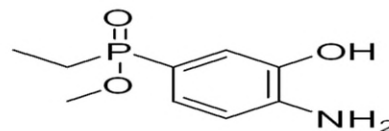
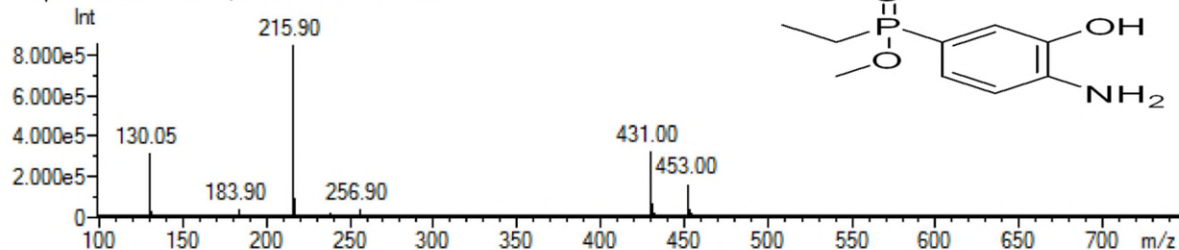
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methyl (4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)(ethyl)phosphinate (11)

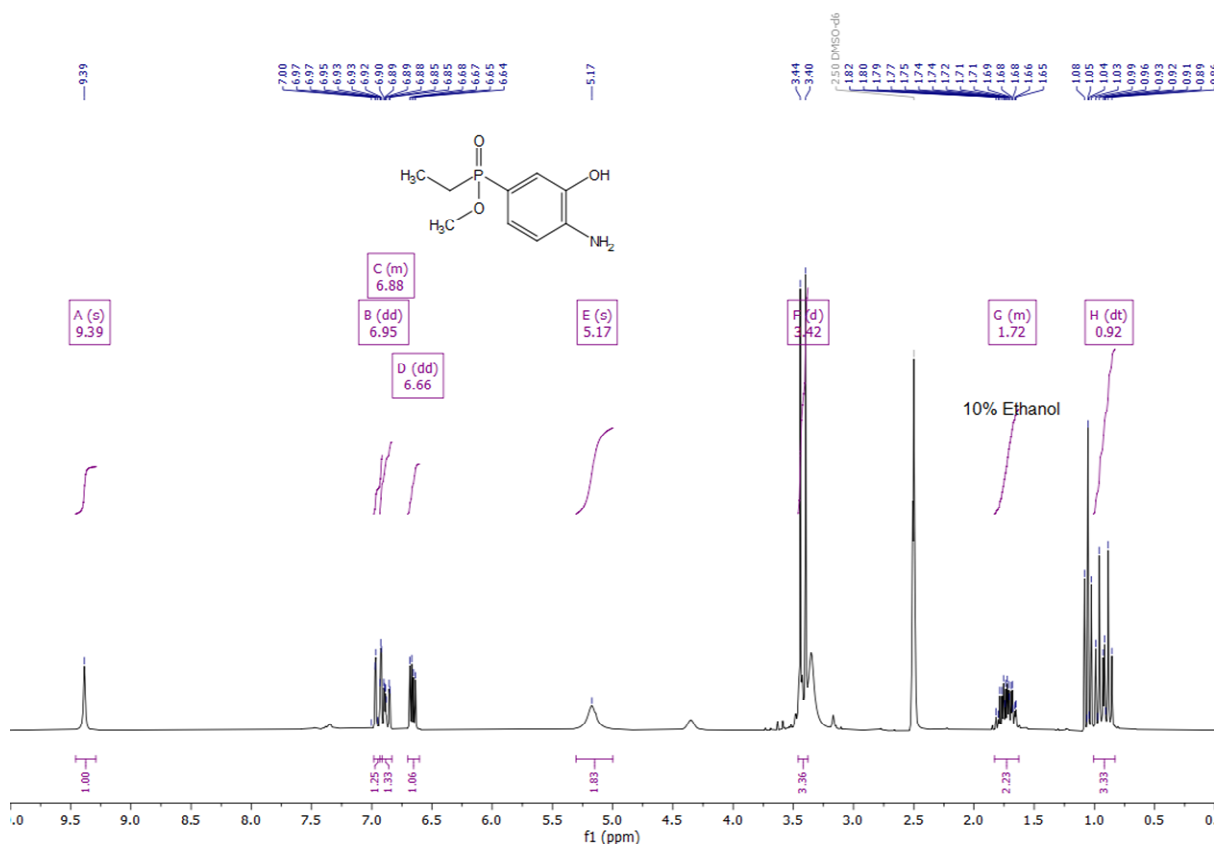
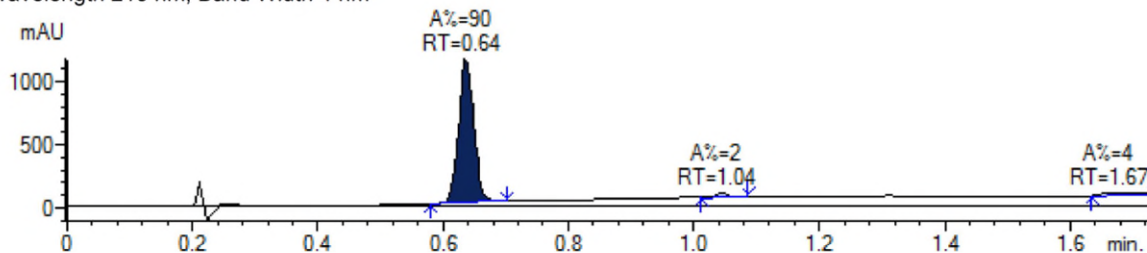
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 2, RT: 0.58 to 0.70 min



PDA Chromatogram

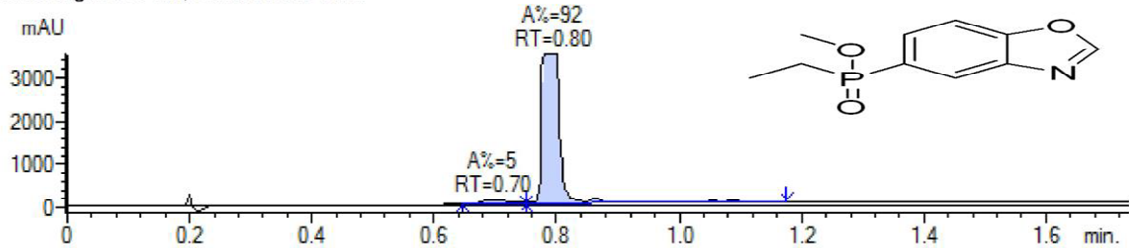
1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



methyl benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl(ethyl)phosphinate (12)

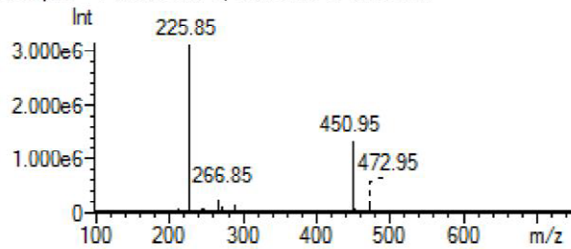
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



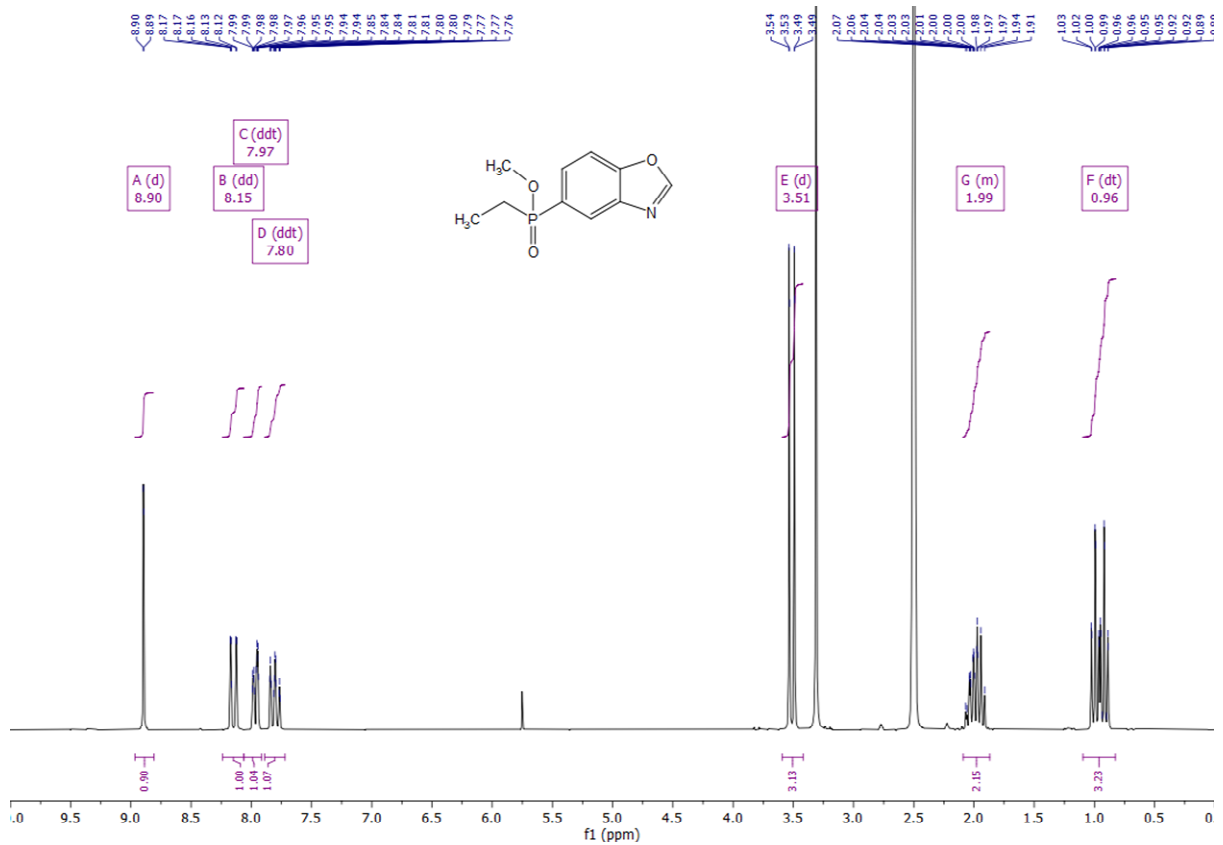
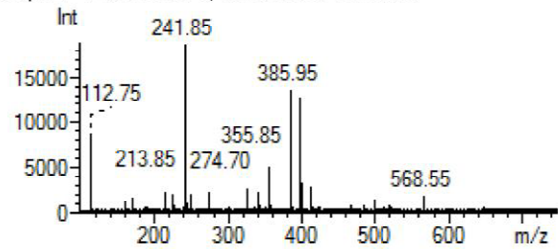
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 0.75 to 1.18 min



MS Spectrum

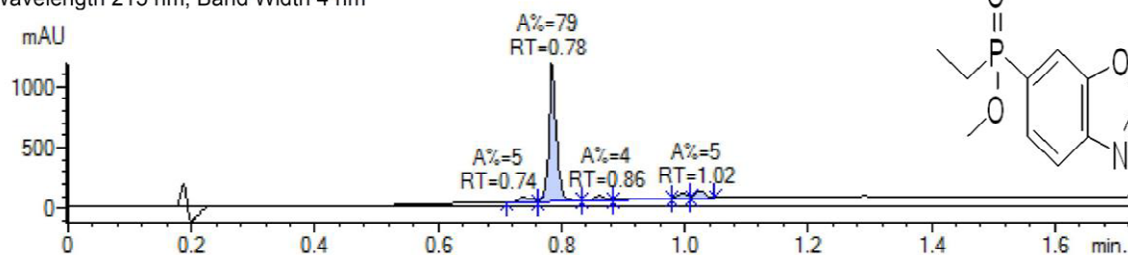
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 0.75 to 1.18 min



methyl benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl(ethyl)phosphinate (13)

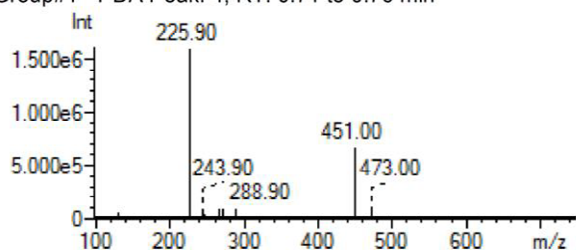
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



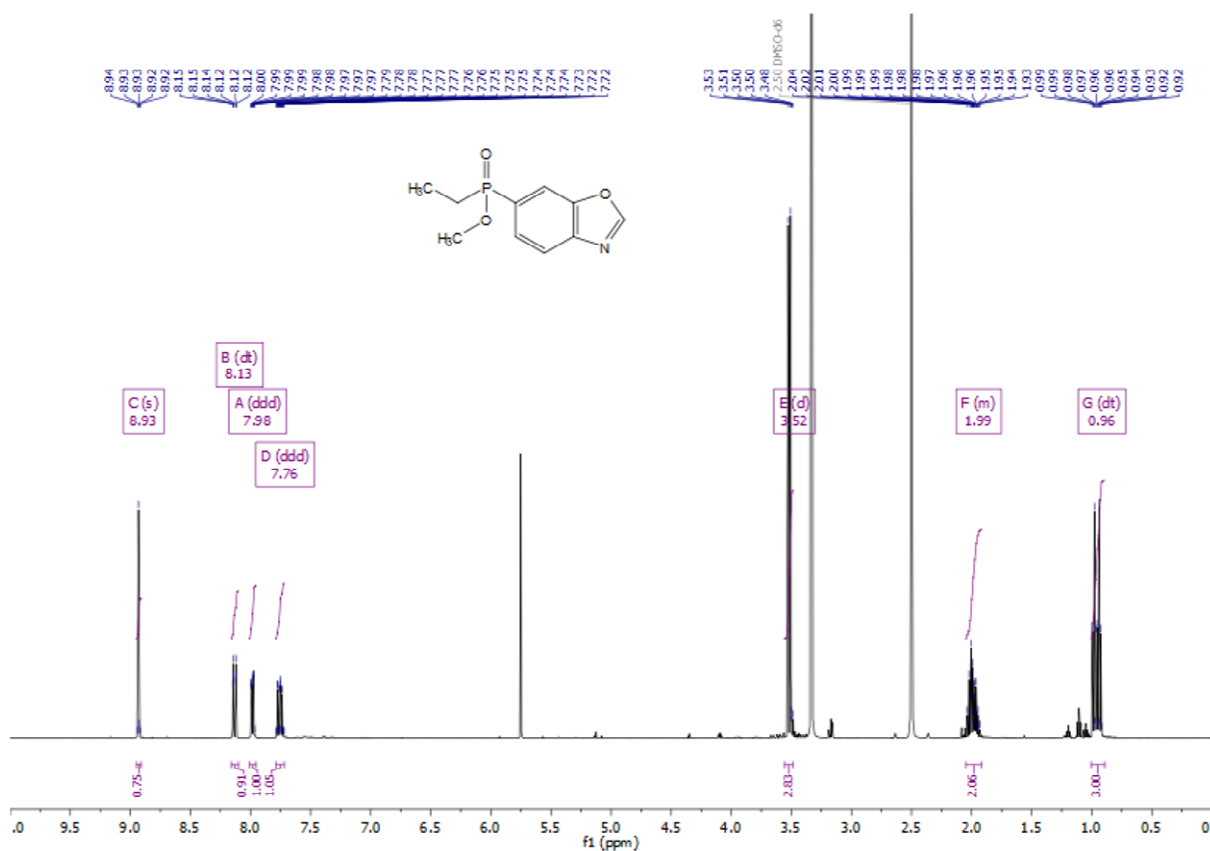
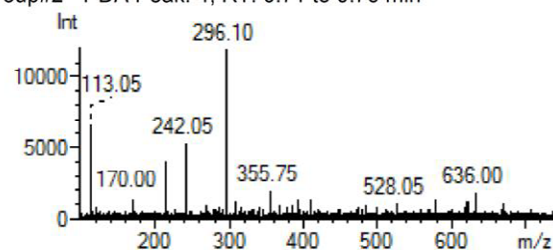
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 4, RT: 0.71 to 0.76 min



MS Spectrum

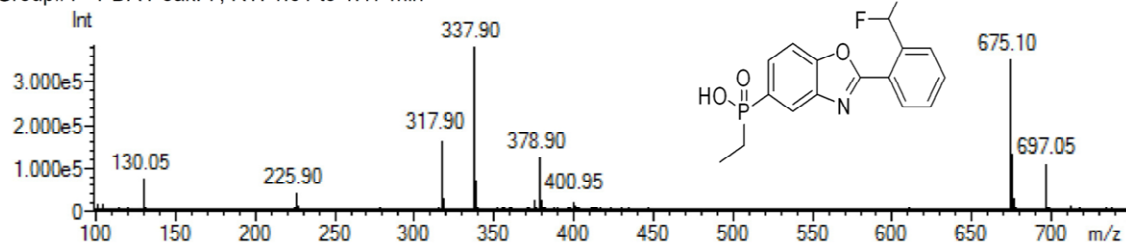
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 4, RT: 0.71 to 0.76 min



(2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (14a)

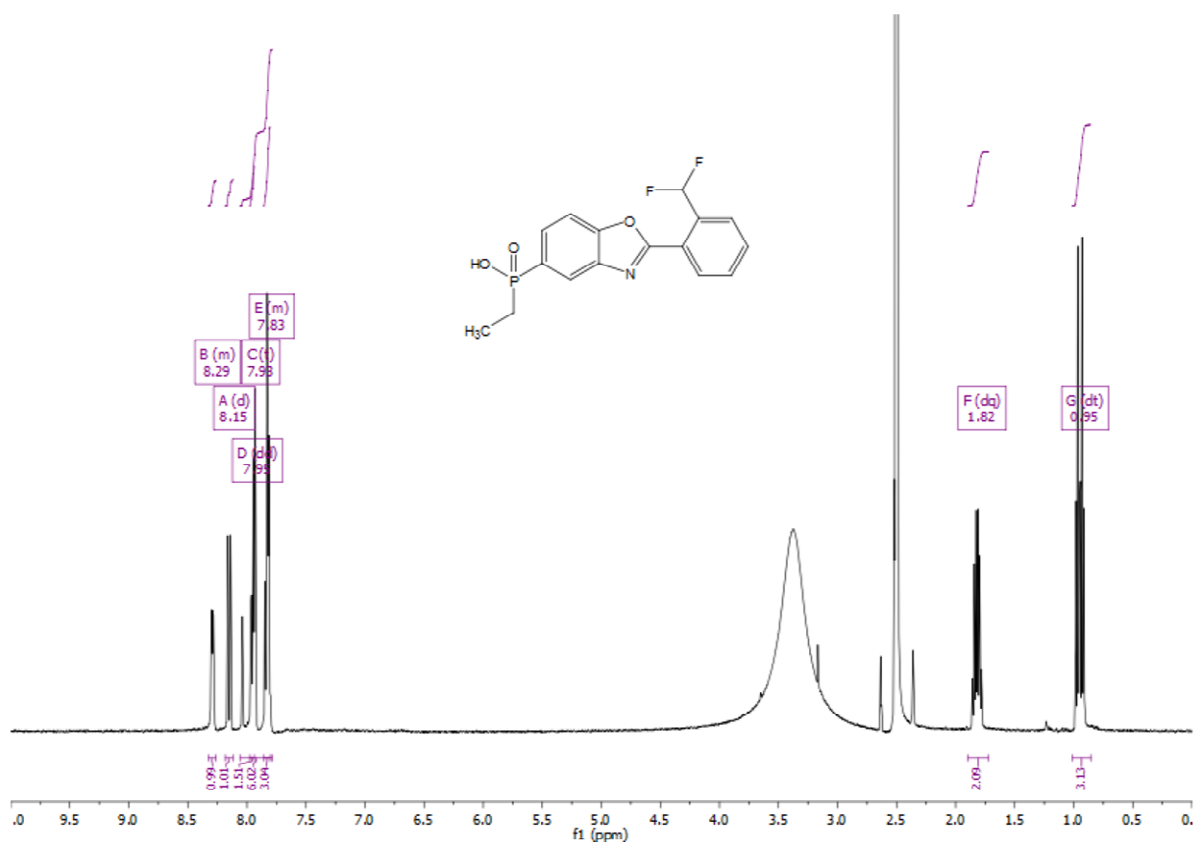
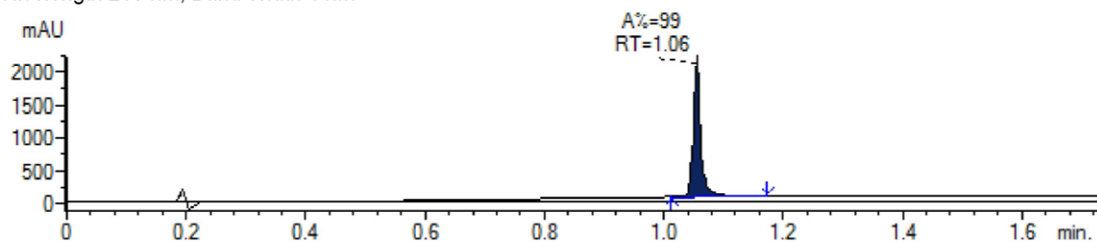
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 7, RT: 1.01 to 1.17 min



PDA Chromatogram

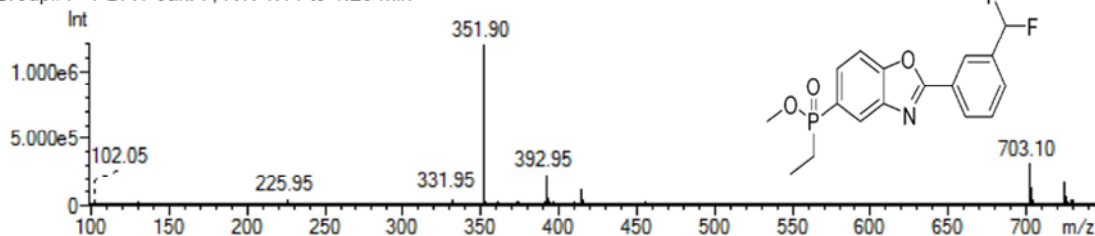
1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (14)

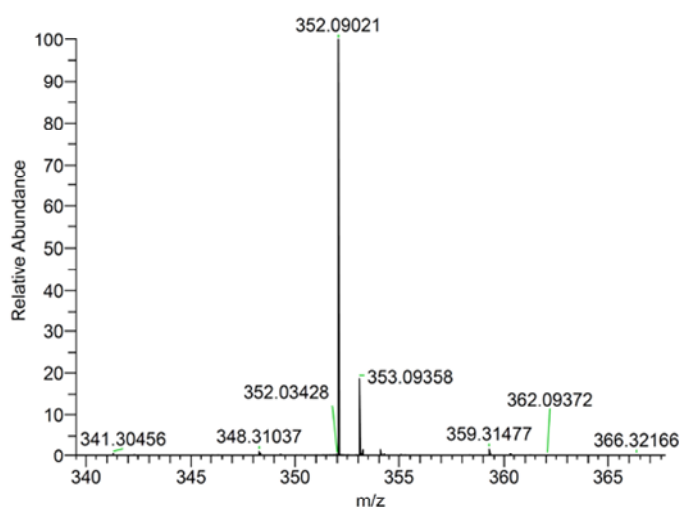
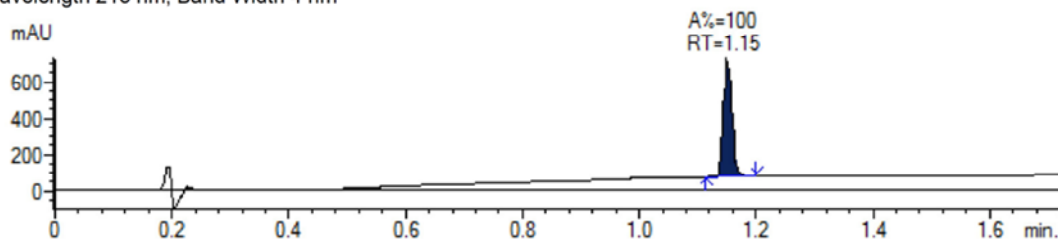
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 7, RT: 1.11 to 1.20 min



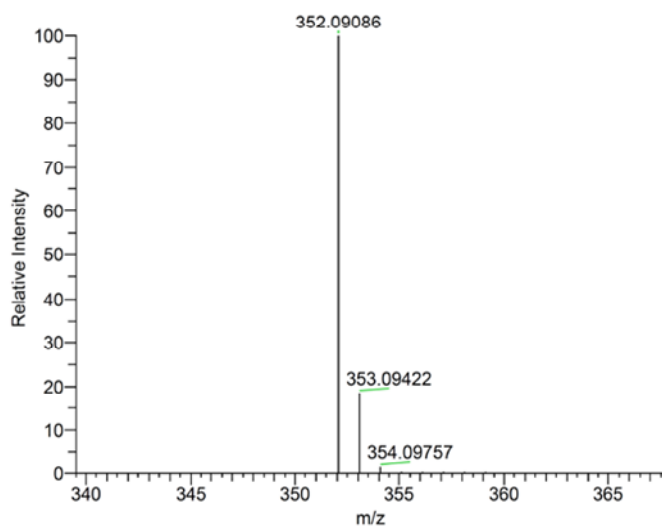
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



NL: 3.89E7
ESI74311 #13-27 RT: 0.15-0.31 AV: 8 NL:
3.89E+007
T: FTMS (1,1) + p ESI Full ms
[80.00-1600.00]

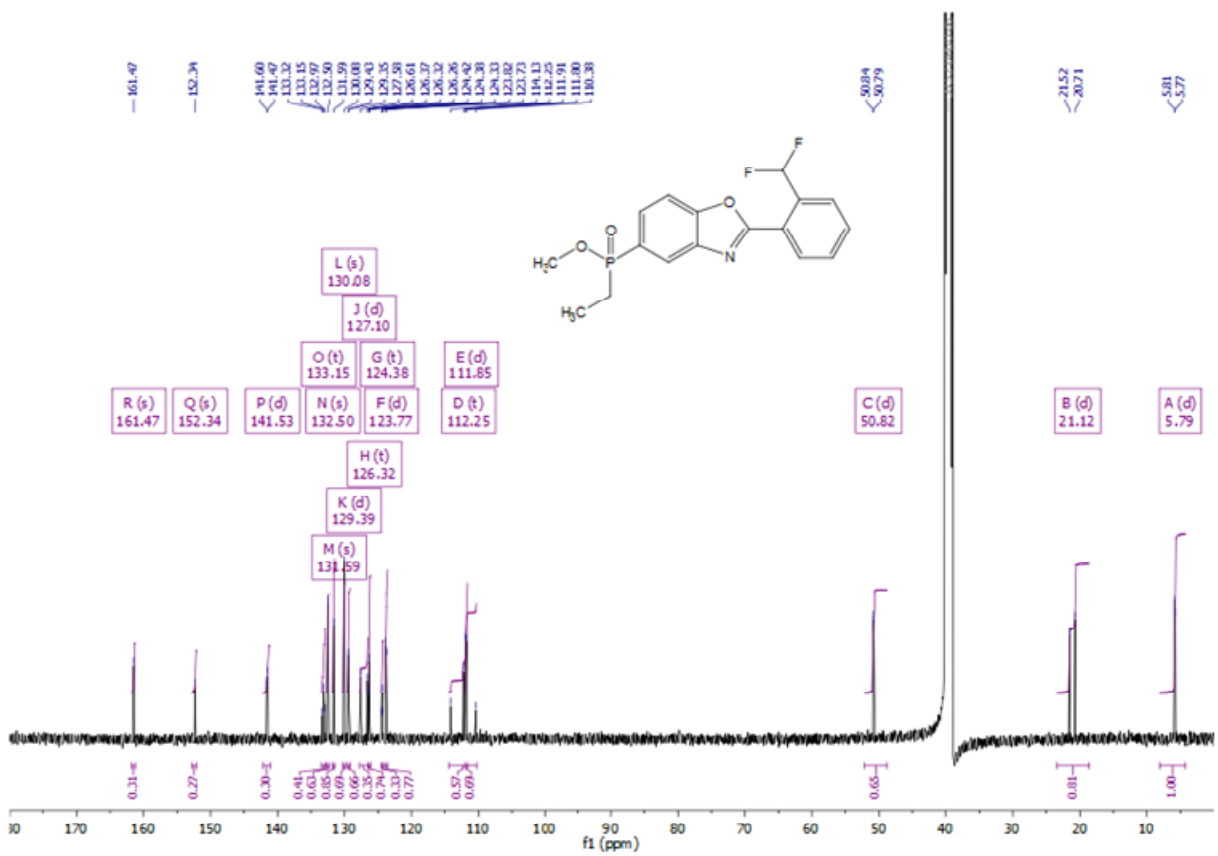
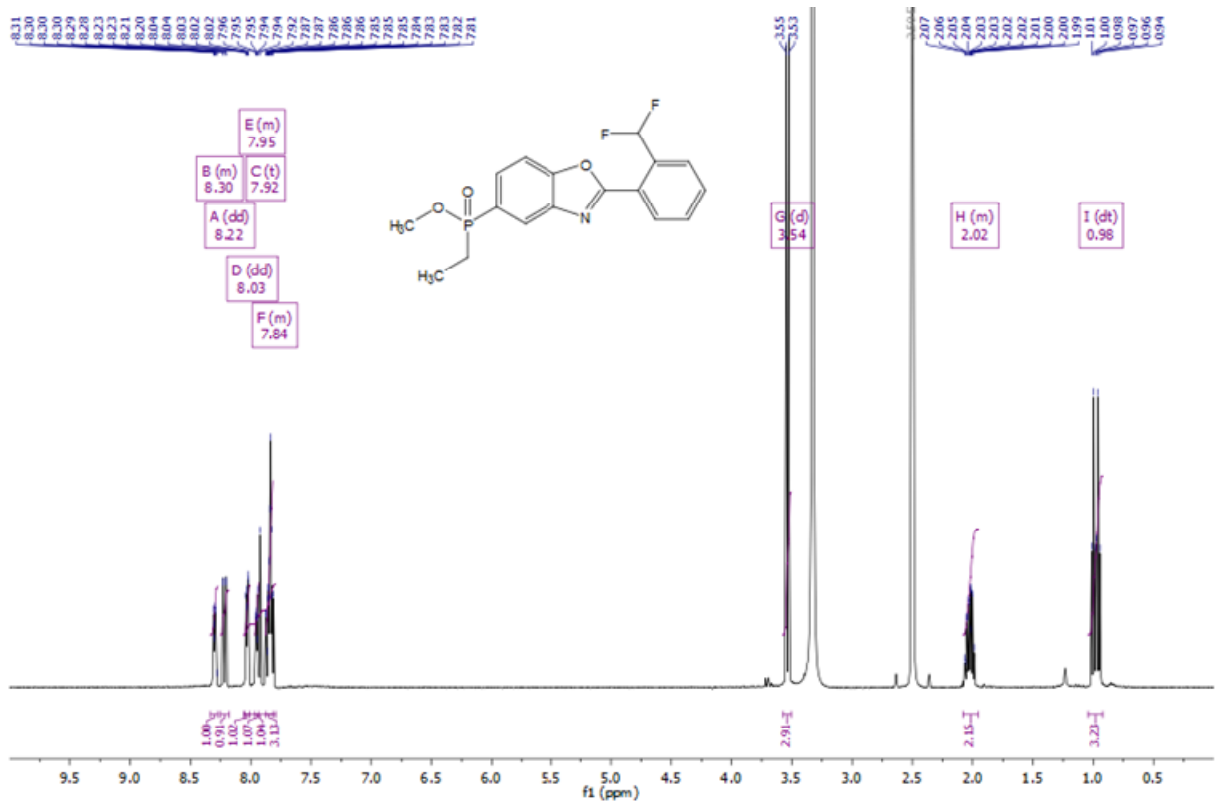
**Measured
Spectrum**

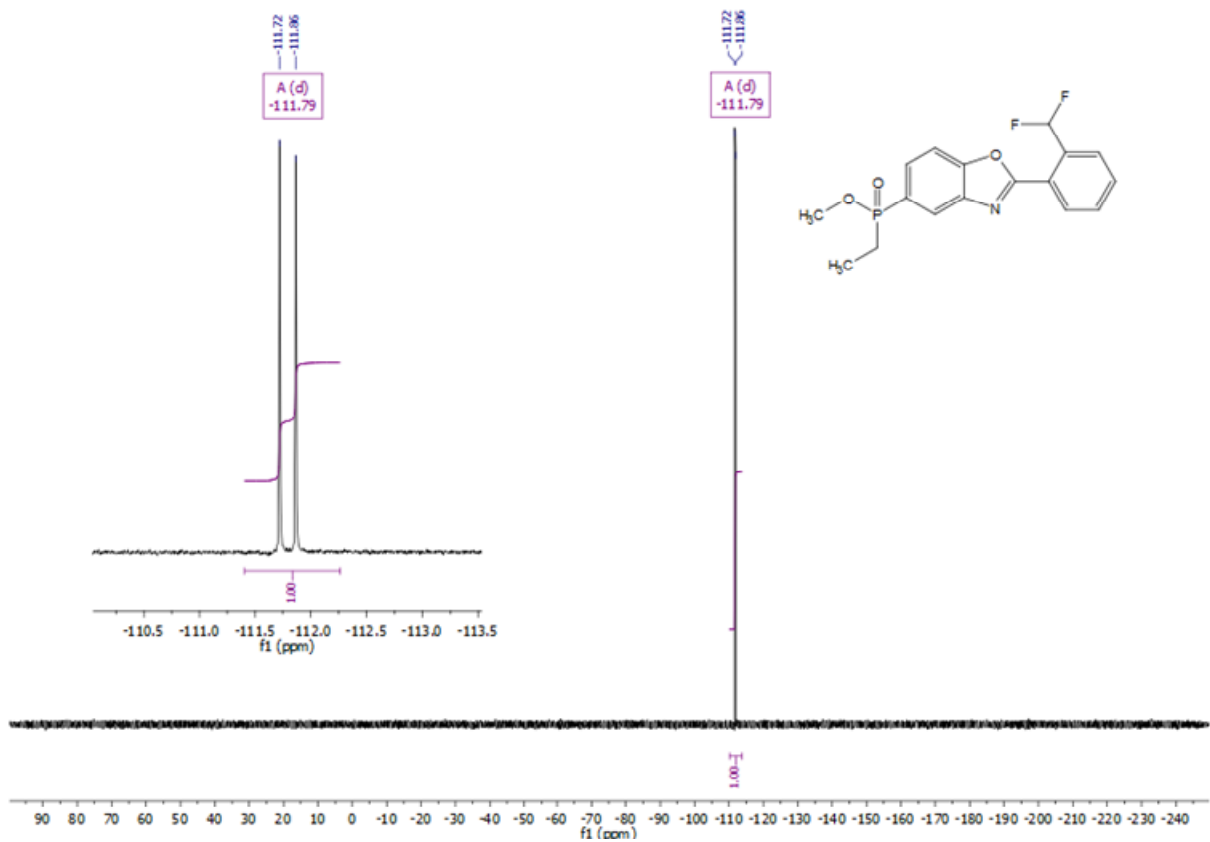
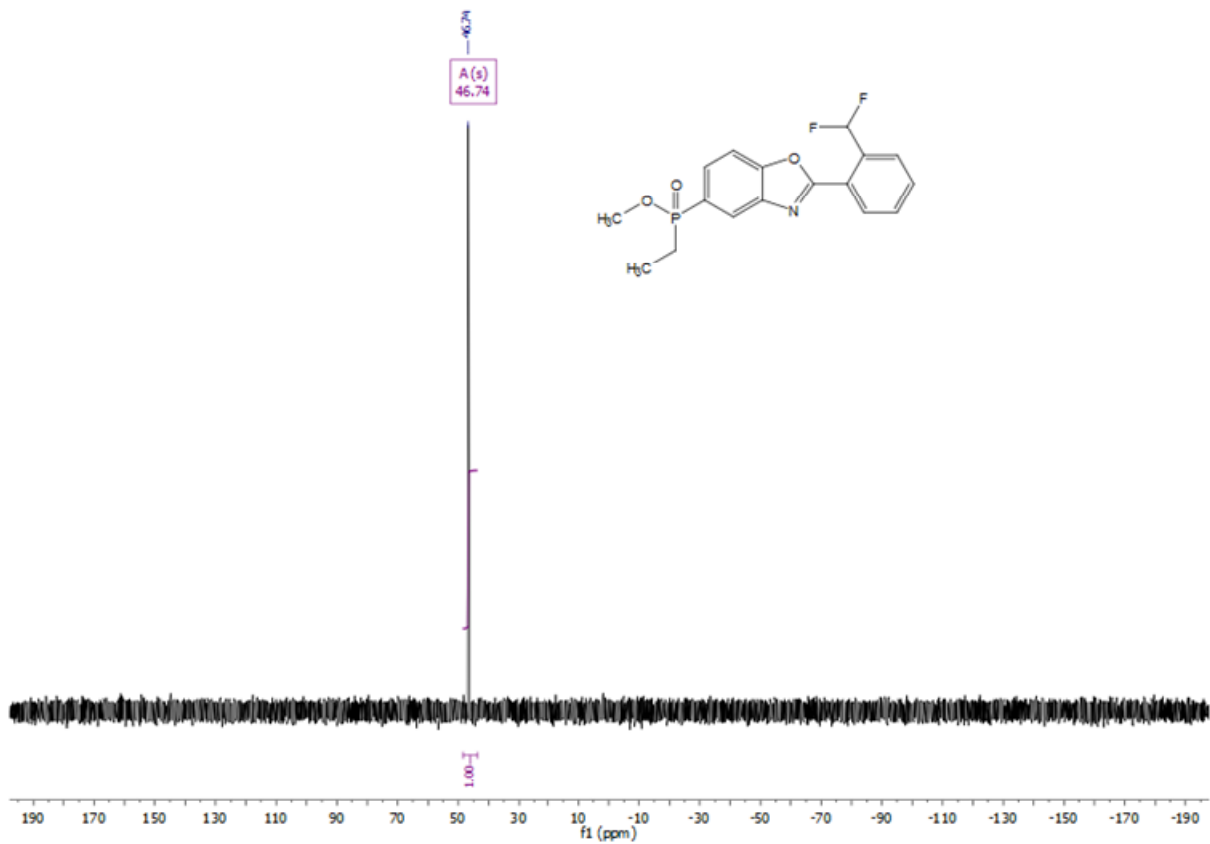


NL: 8.2ZE5
C17H17O3N1F2P1: C₁₇ H₁₇ O₃ N F₂ P
Chg 1 R: 1000000 Res. Pwr. @FWHM

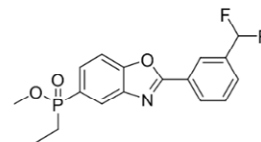
**Theoretical
Spectrum**

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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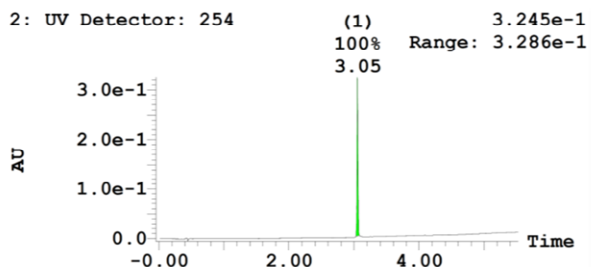




methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (15)

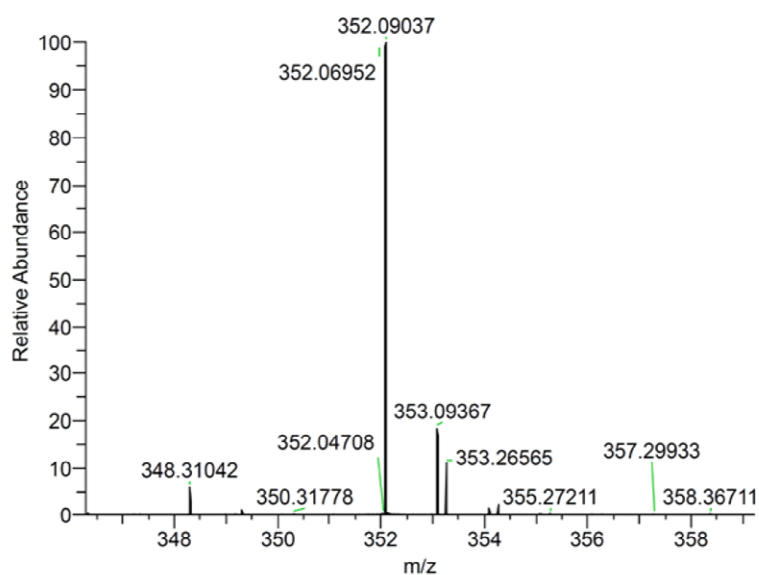
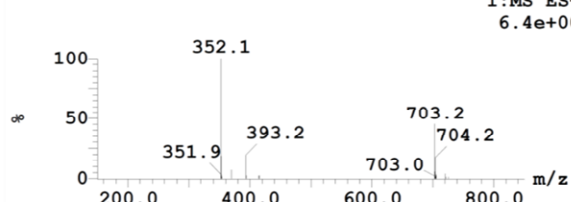


2: UV Detector: 254



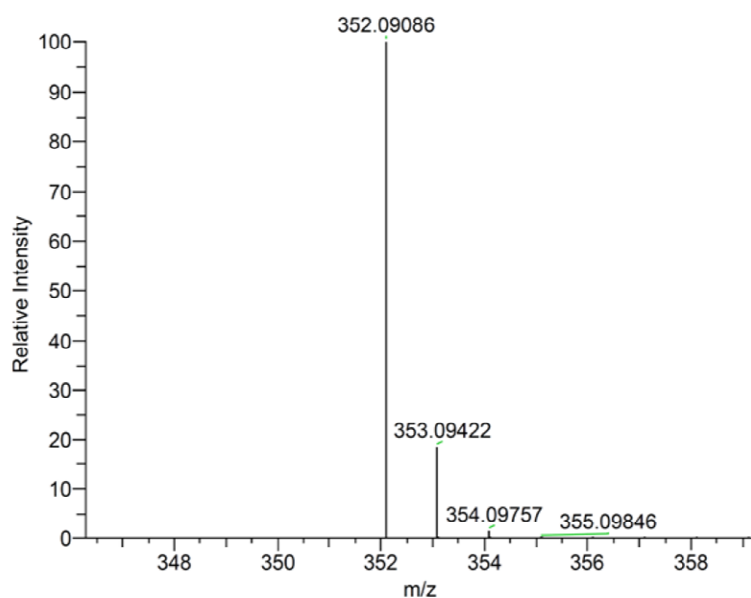
Peak ID 1 Compound Time 3.05 Mass Found

1: MS ES+ 6.4e+006



NL: 1.23E7
ESI74312 #13-27 RT: 0.15-0.31 AV: 8 NL:
1.23E+007
T: FTMS {1,1} + p ESI Full ms
[80.00-1600.00]

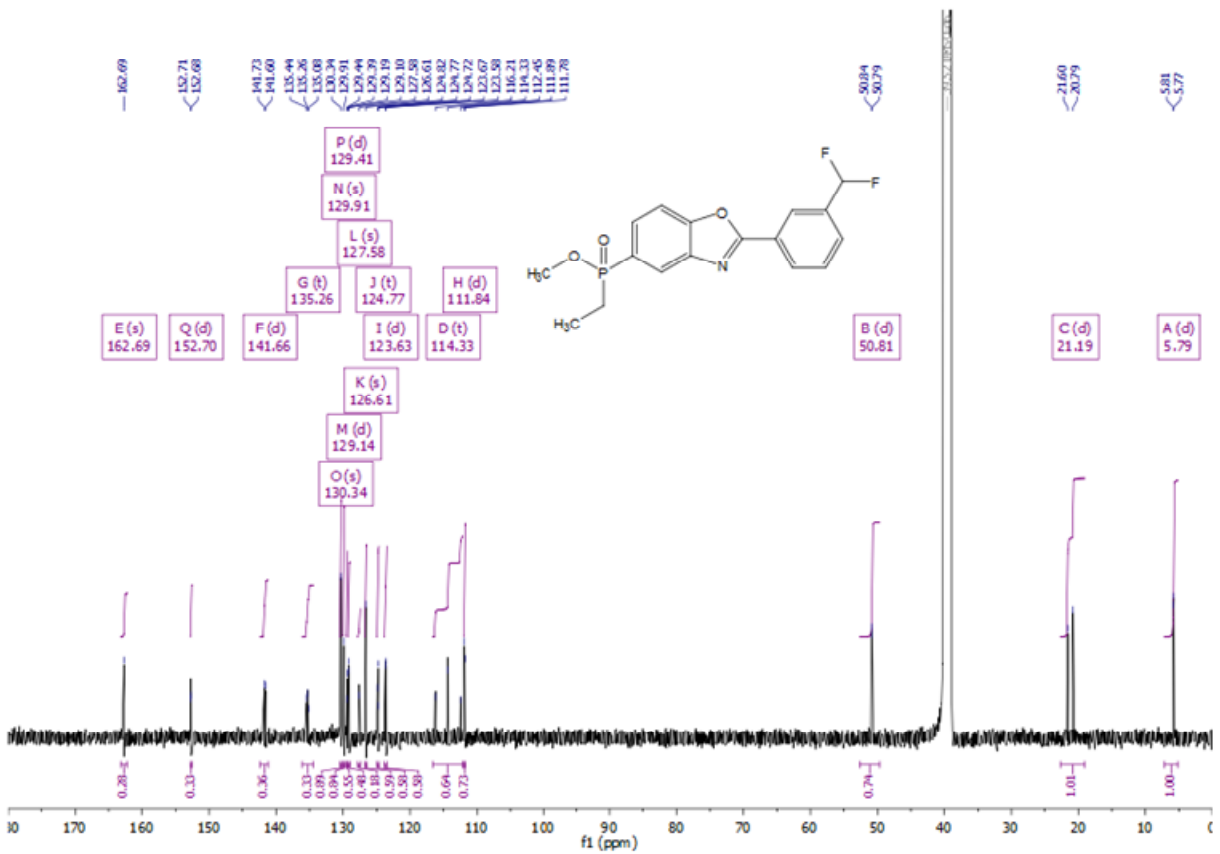
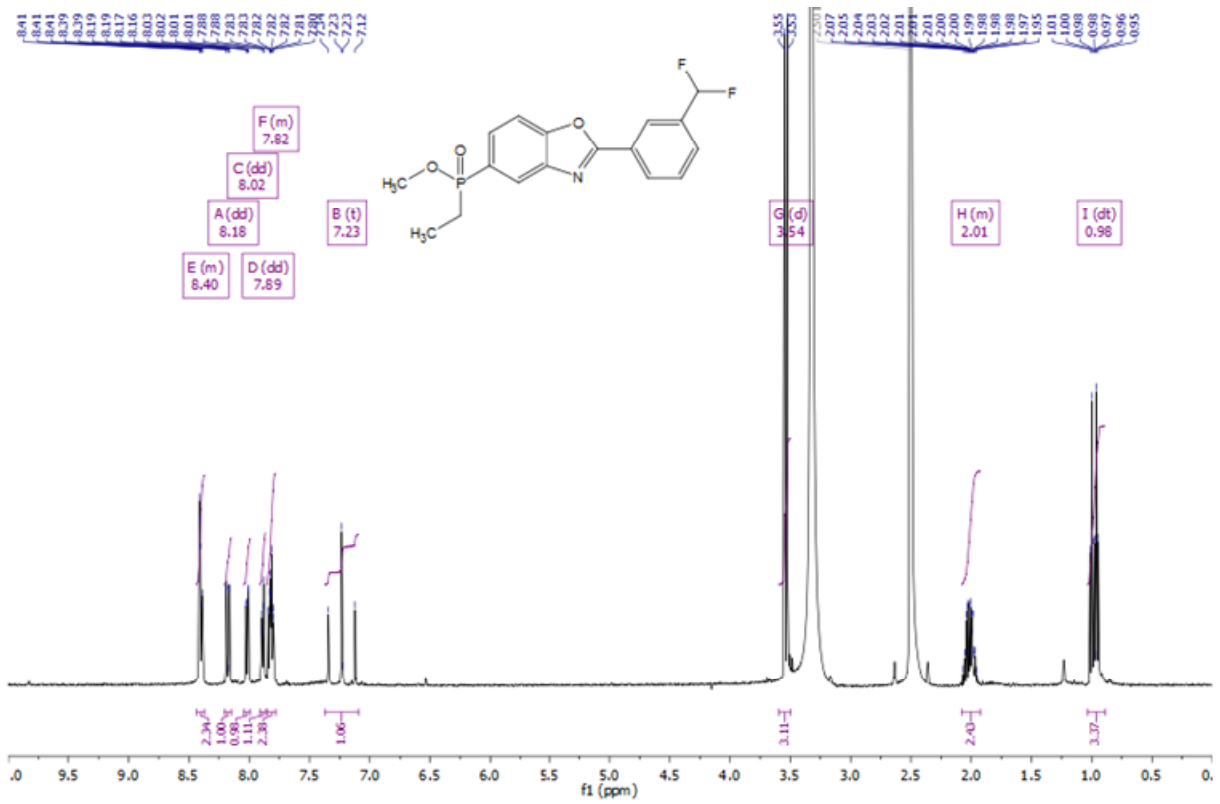
Measured Spectrum

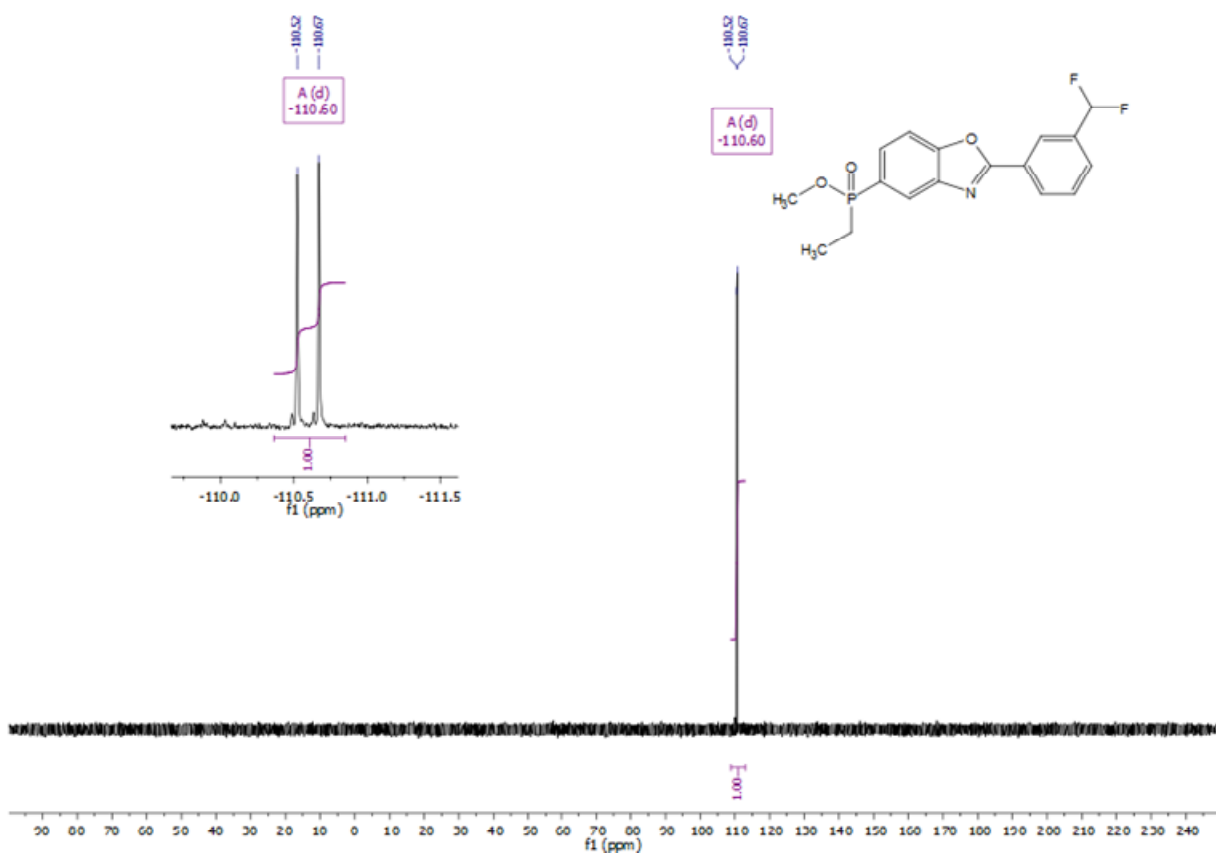
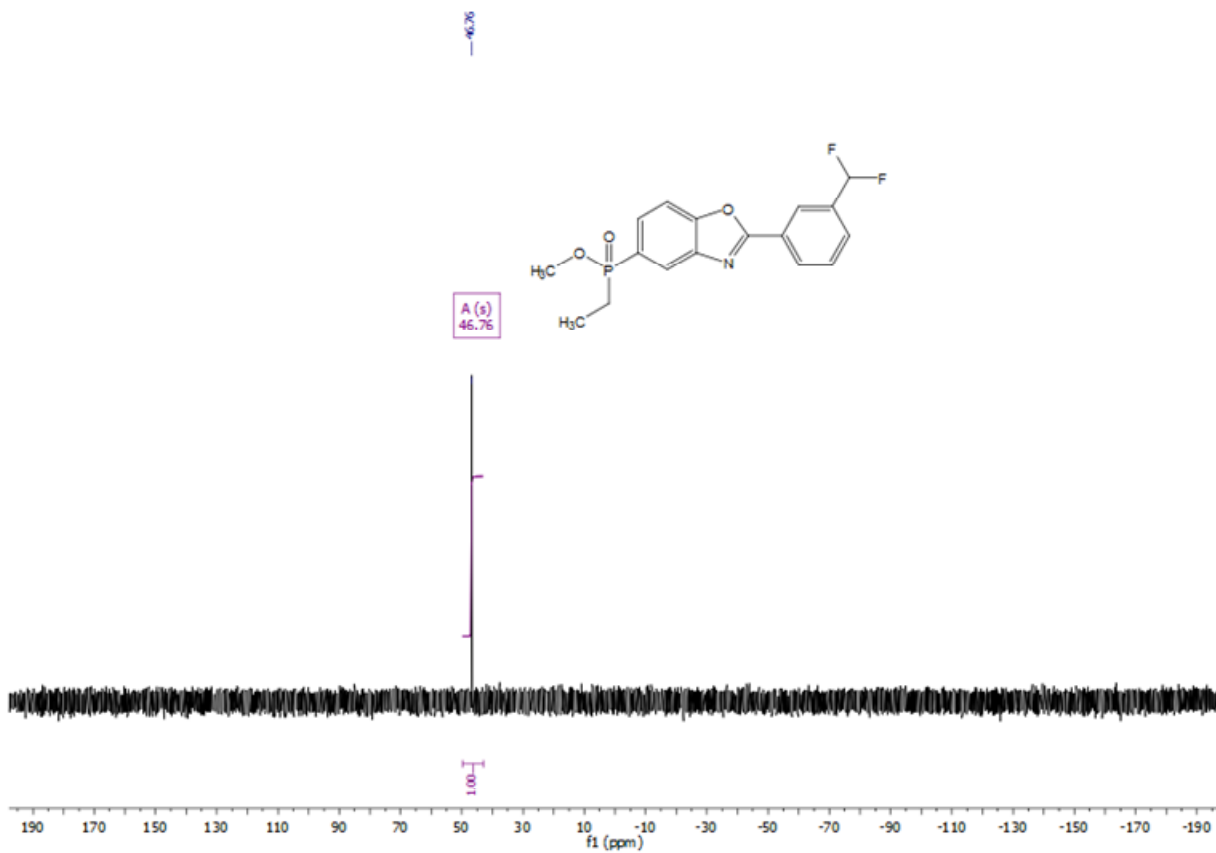


NL: 8.22E5
C17H17O3N1F2P1: C₁₇H₁₇O₃N F₂P
Chrg 1 R: 1000000 Res. Pwr. @FWHM

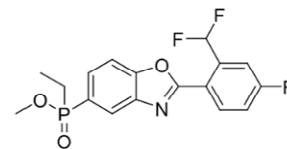
Theoretical Spectrum

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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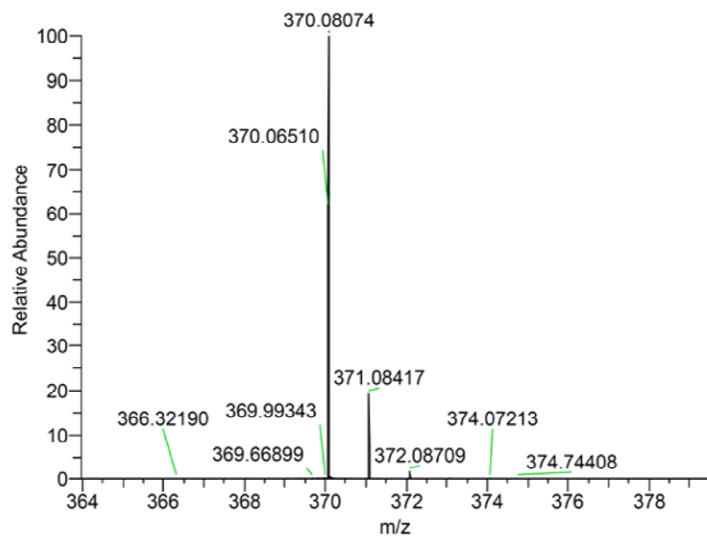
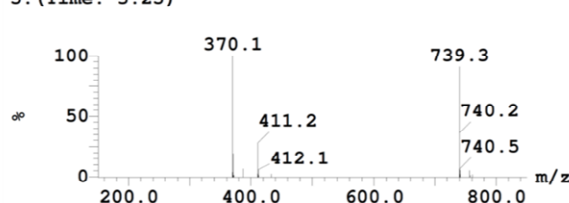
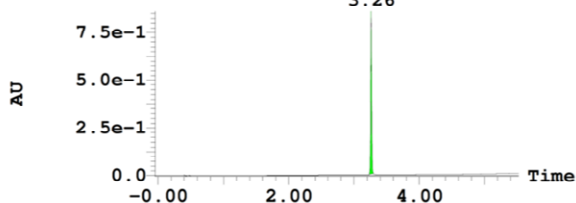


methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)-4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (16)



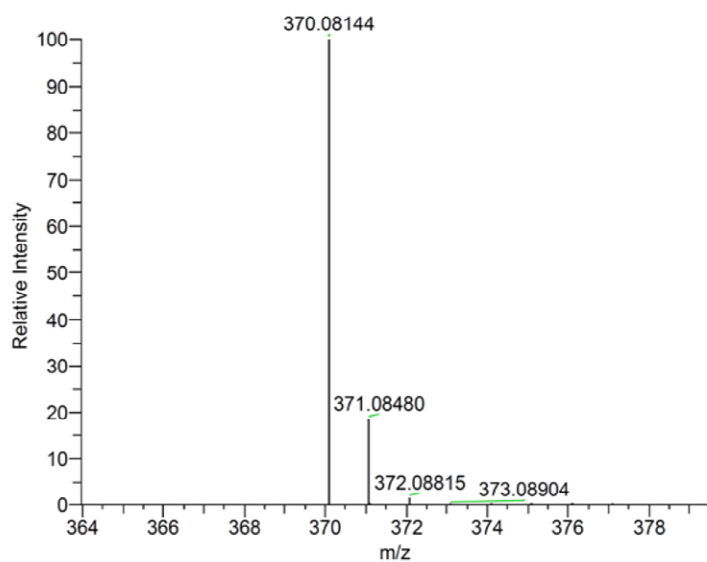
3: UV Detector: 254

(5) 8.607e-1 Peak ID Compound Time Mass Found
 100% Range: 8.619e-1 5 3.25
 3.26 5: (Time: 3.25)



NL: 4.30E7
 ESI74314 #13-27 RT: 0.15-0.31 AV: 8 NL:
 4.30E+007
 T: FTMS {1,1} + p ESI Full ms
 [80.00-1600.00]

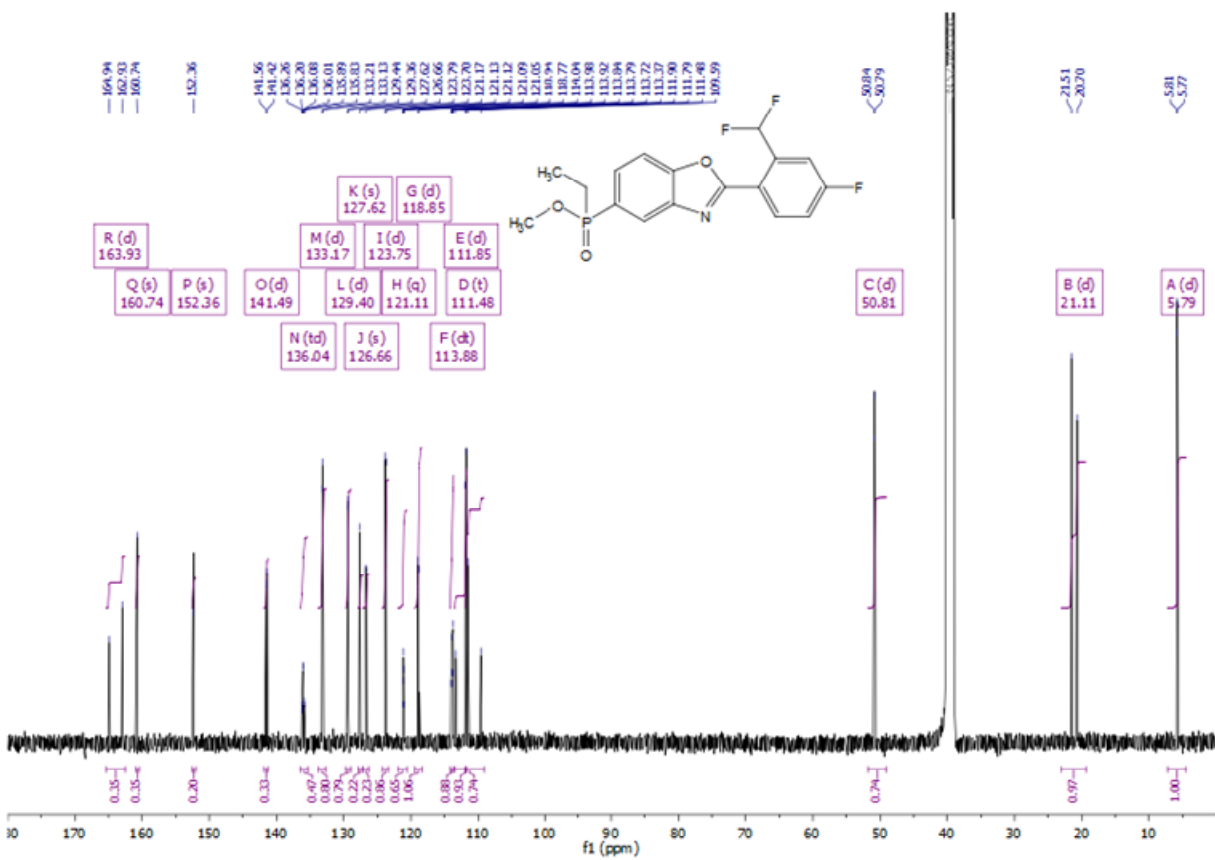
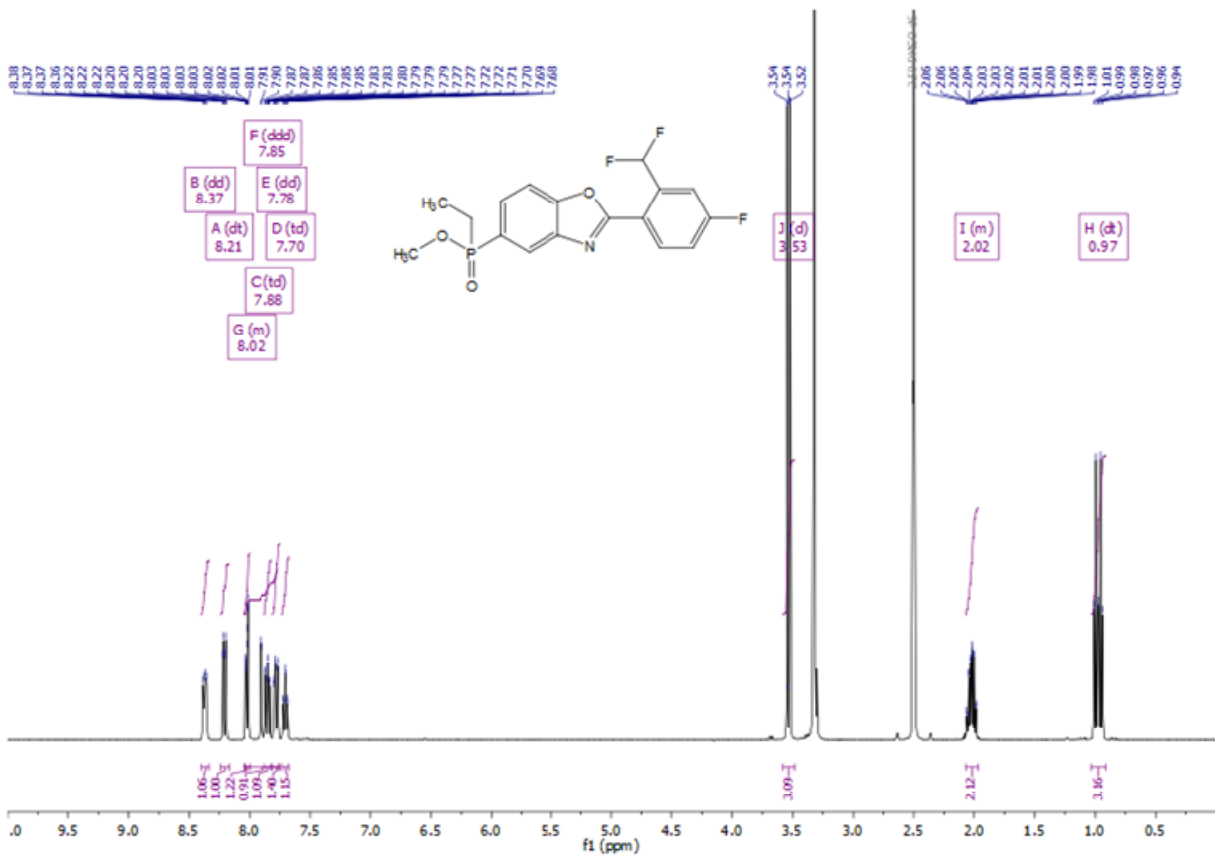
Measured
 Spectrum

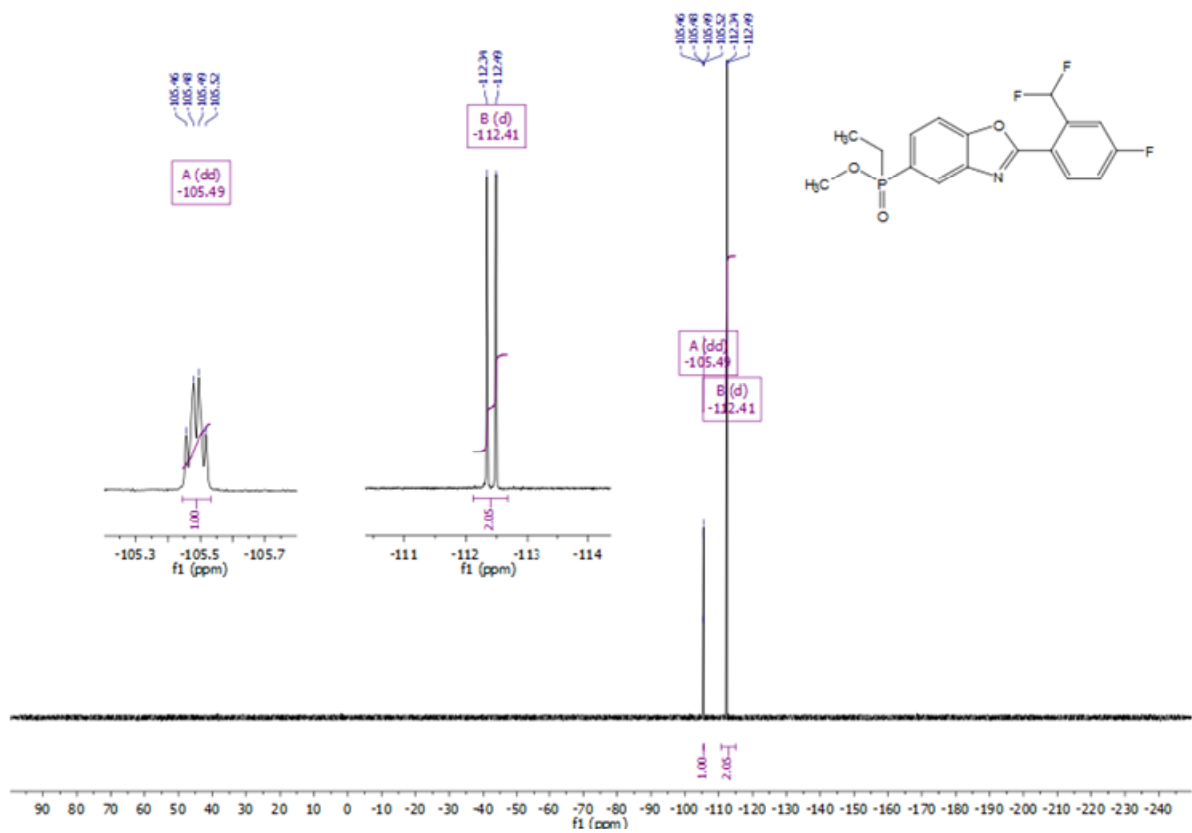
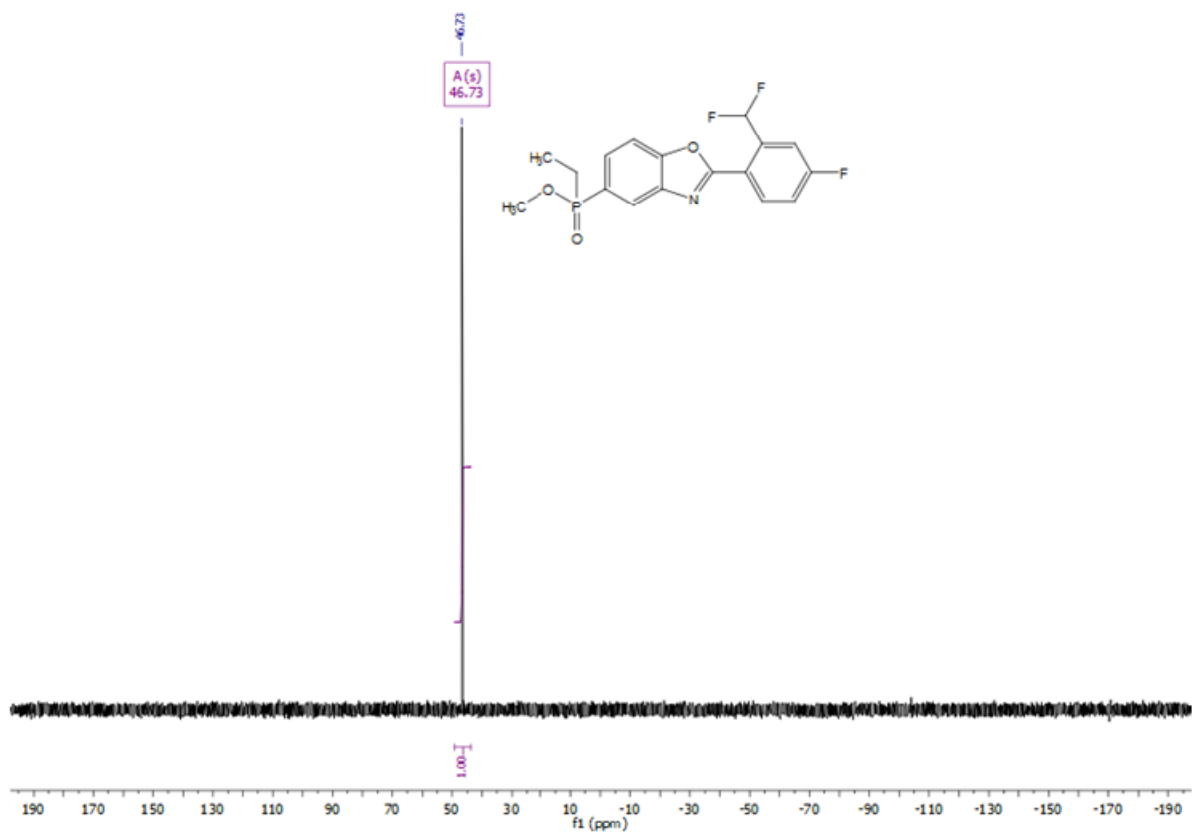


NL: 8.22E5
 C17H16O3N1F3P1: C17 H16 O3 N F3 P
 Chrg 1 R: 1000000 Res. Pwr. @FWHM

Theoretical
 Spectrum

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
370.08075	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₃ NF ₃ P	9.5	-1.87	370.08144

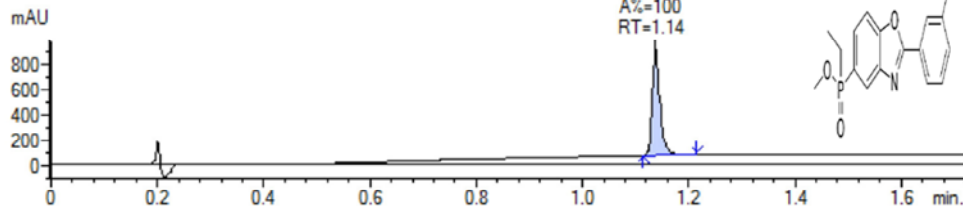




methyl ethyl(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (17)

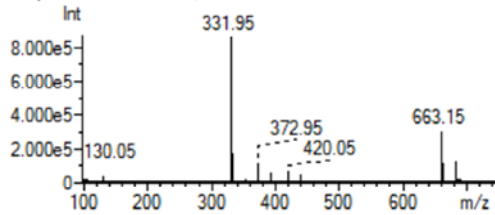
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



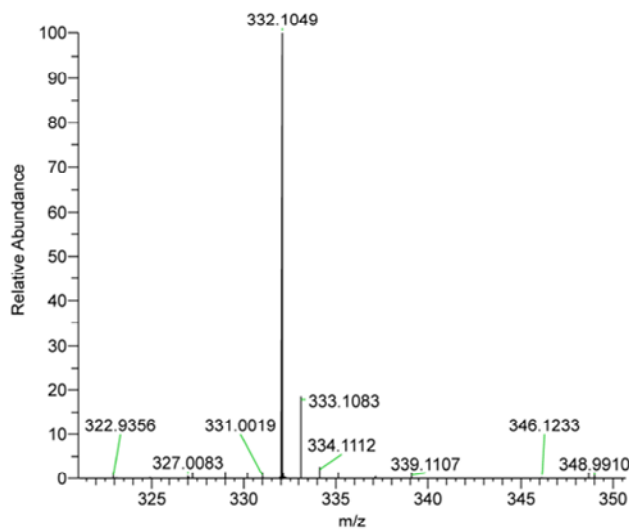
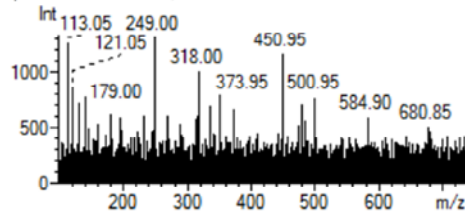
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.11 to 1.21 min

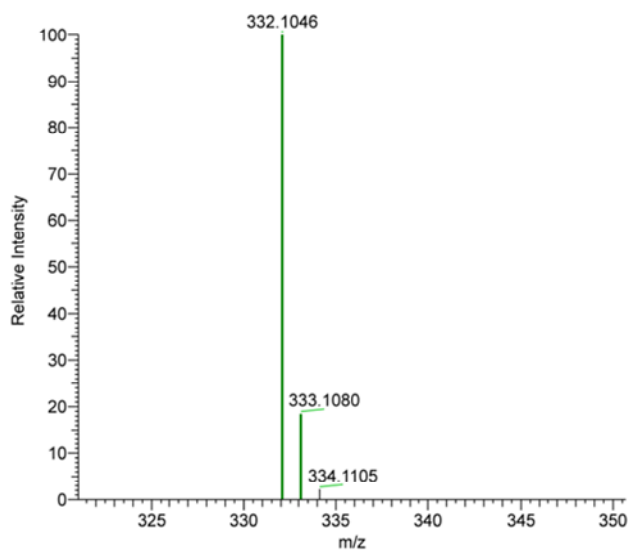


MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.11 to 1.21 min



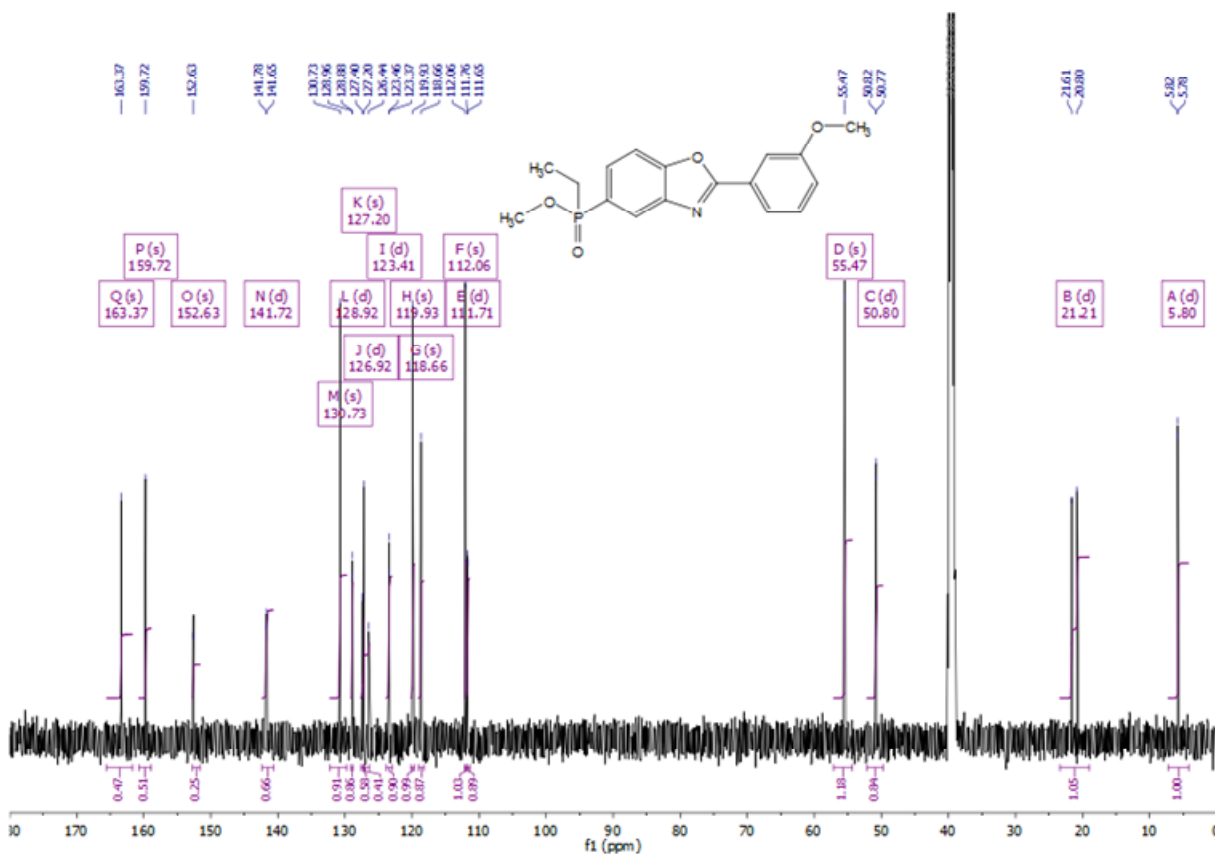
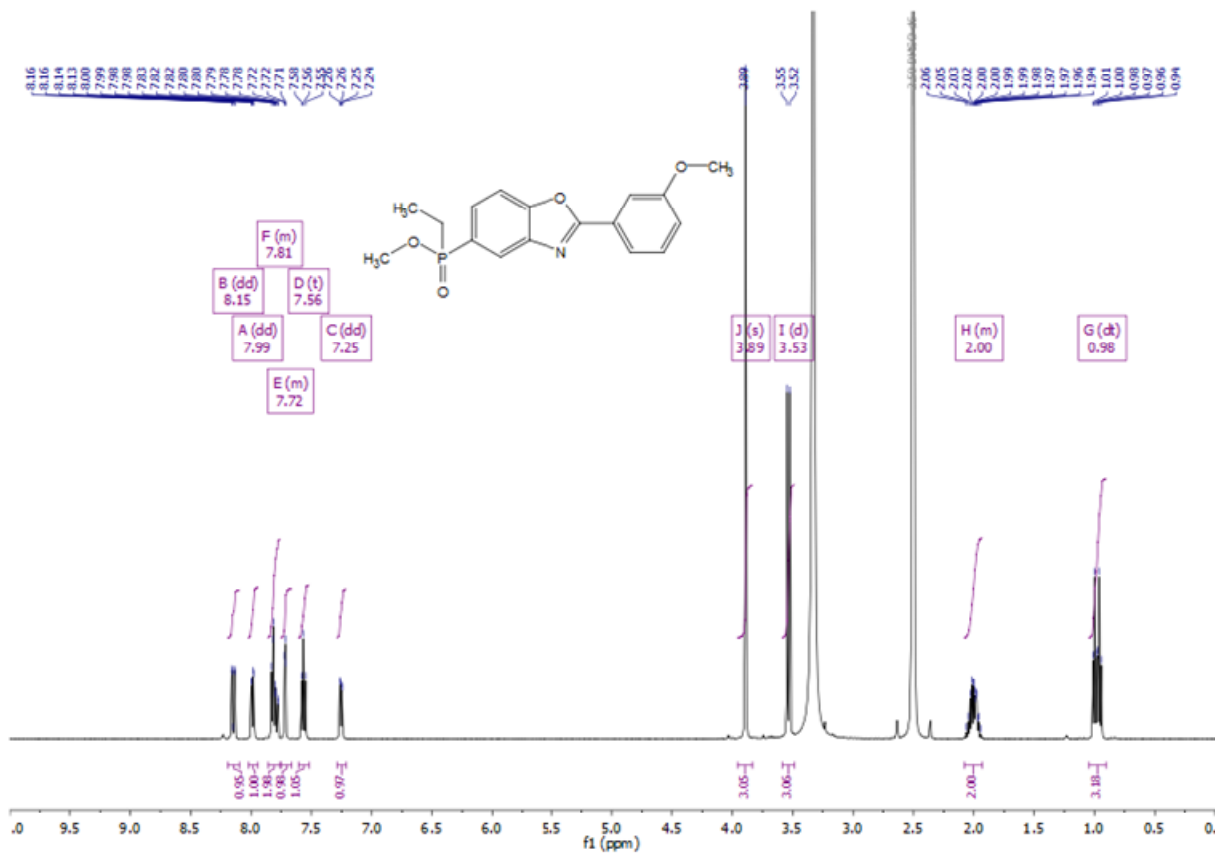
NL: 2.05E7
ESI76999 #15 RT: 0.17 AV: 1 NL:
6.68E+007
T: FTMS (1.1) + p ESI Full lock ms
[80.00-1600.00]

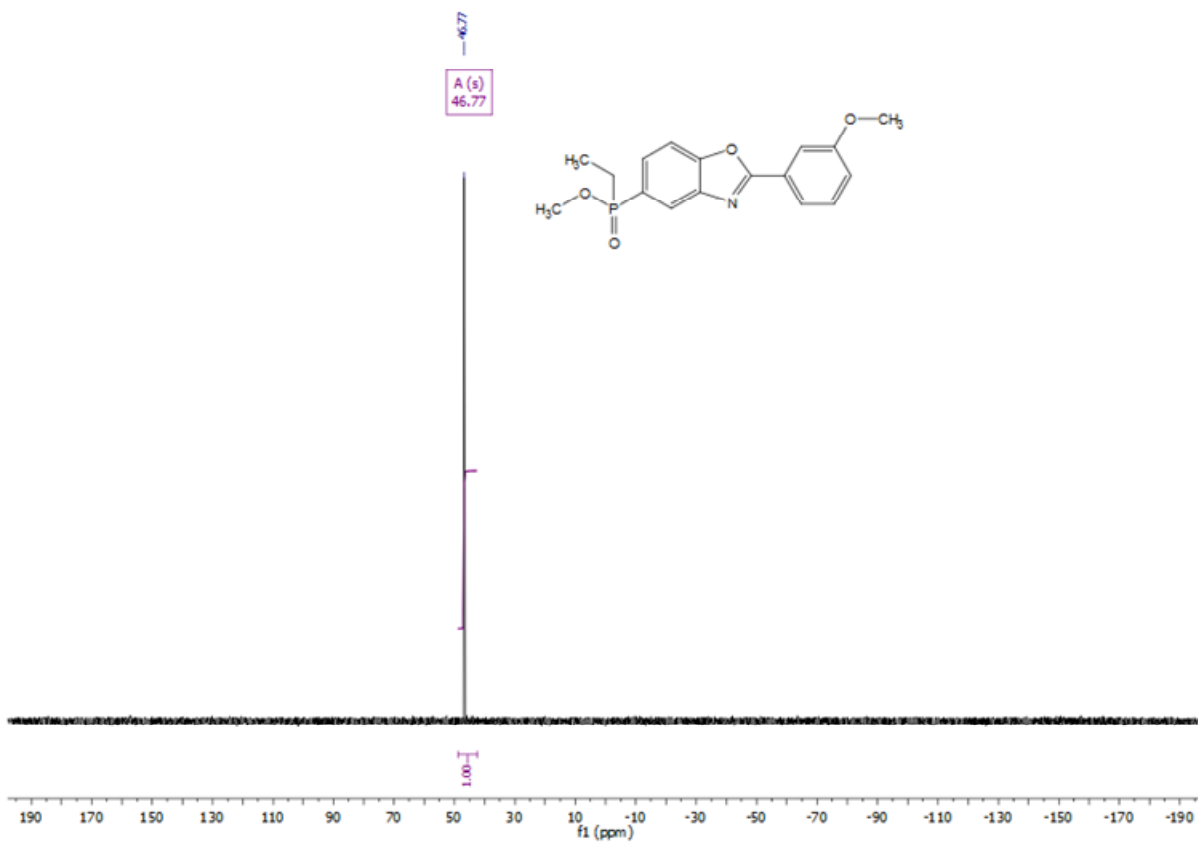


NL: 8.20E5
C17H19O4NP Chrg 1 R: 4480 Res. Pwr.
@FWHM

Theoretical Spectrum

Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
332.1049	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ ...	27.901...	9.50	0.99	332.10...	1	94.988...	4	0	98.715...	97.907... (Collec...

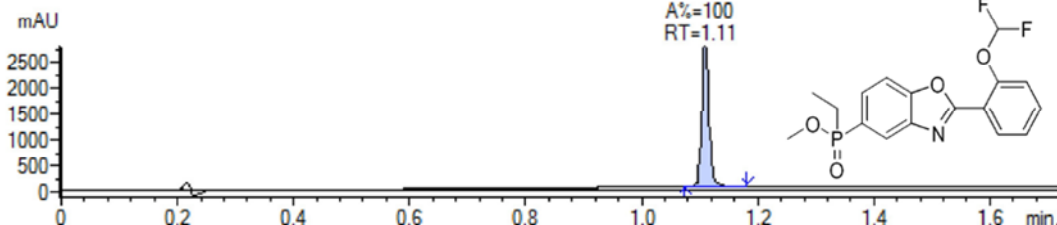




methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (18)

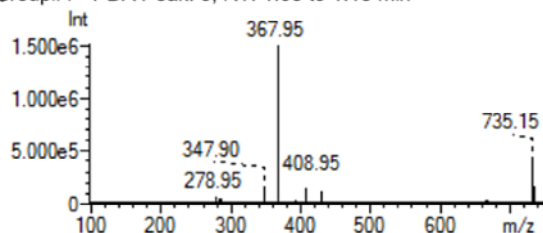
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



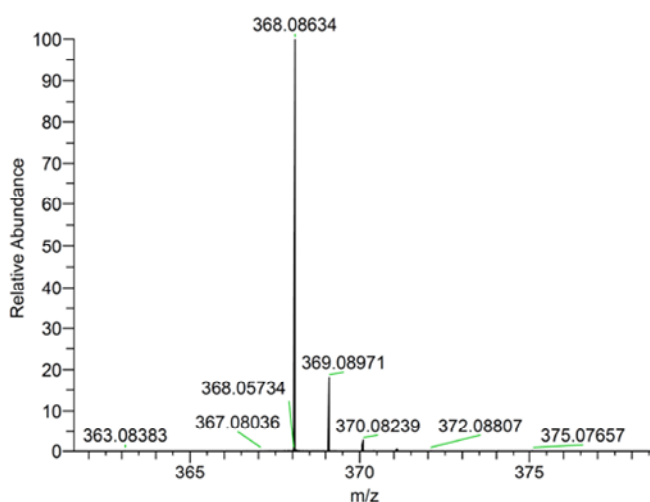
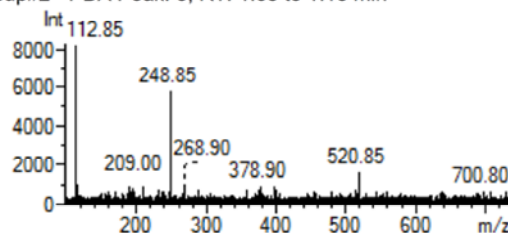
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.08 to 1.18 min



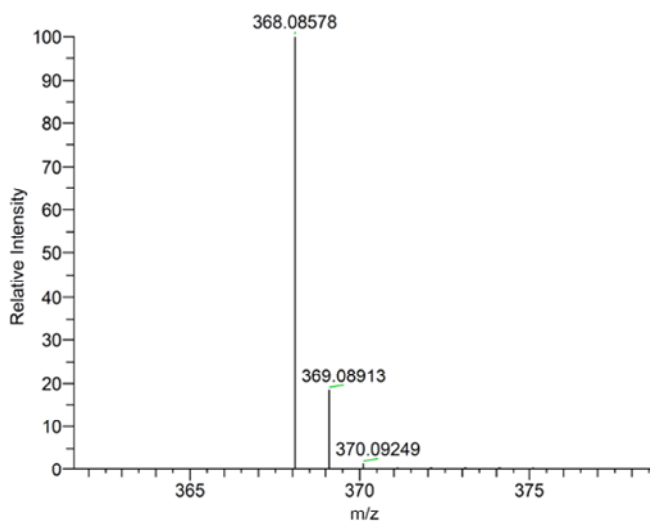
MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.08 to 1.18 min



NL: 6.93E7
ESI74320 #13-27 RT: 0.15-0.31 AV: 8 NL:
6.93E+007
T: FTMS (1.1) + p ESI Full ms
[80.00-1600.00]

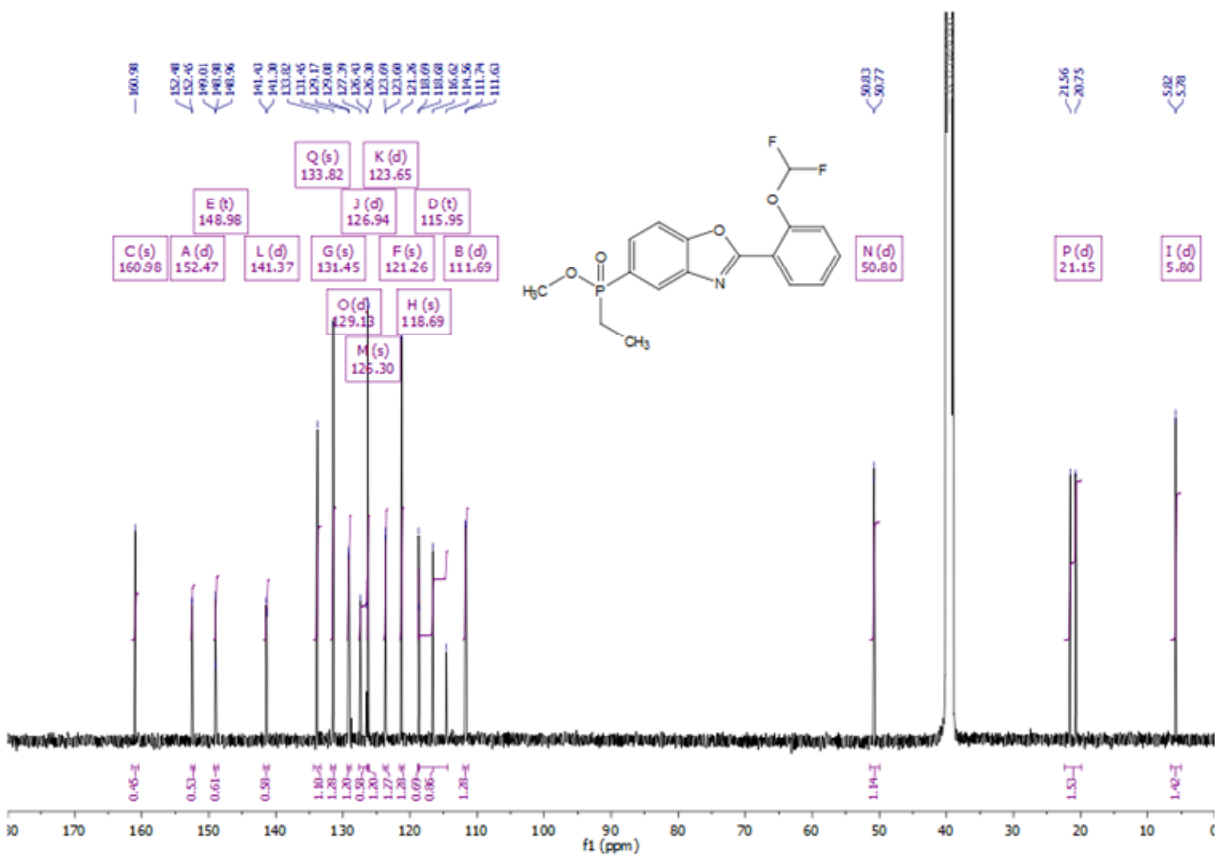
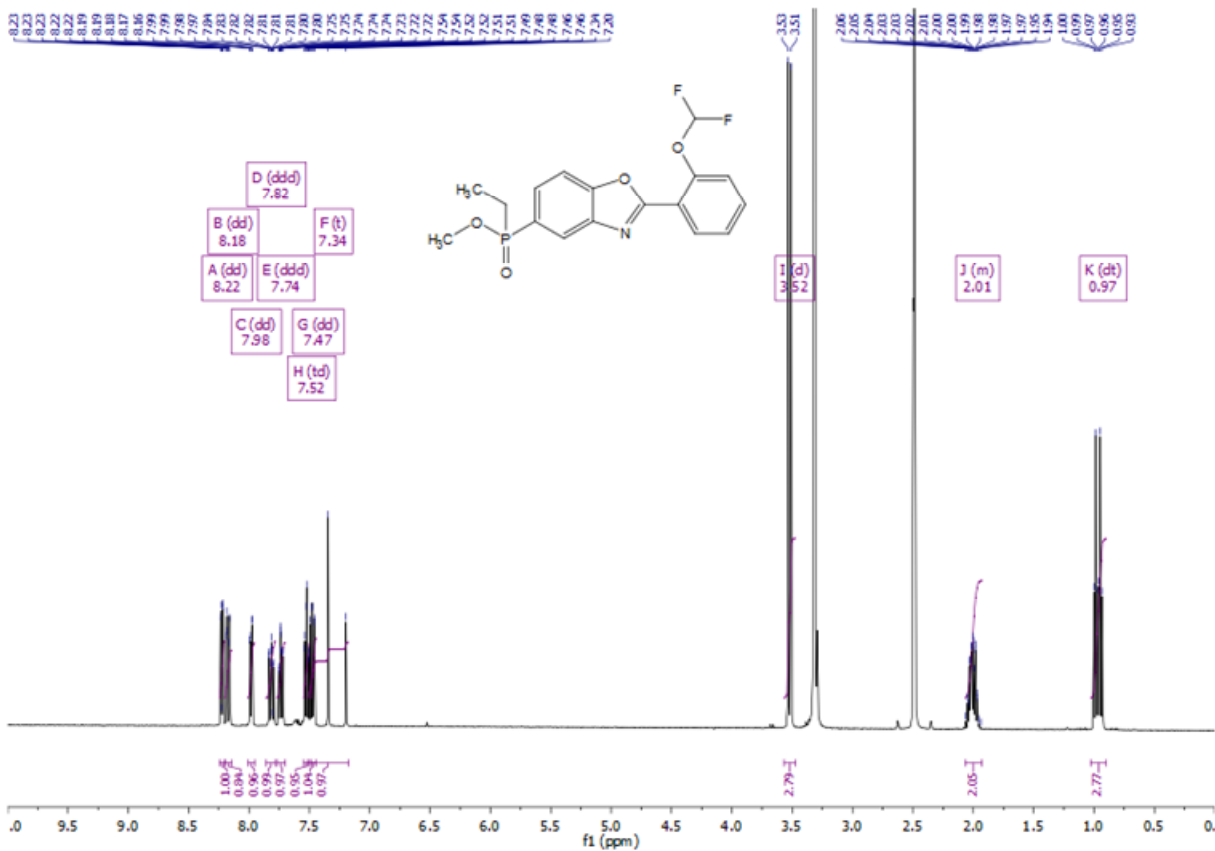
**Measured
Spectrum**

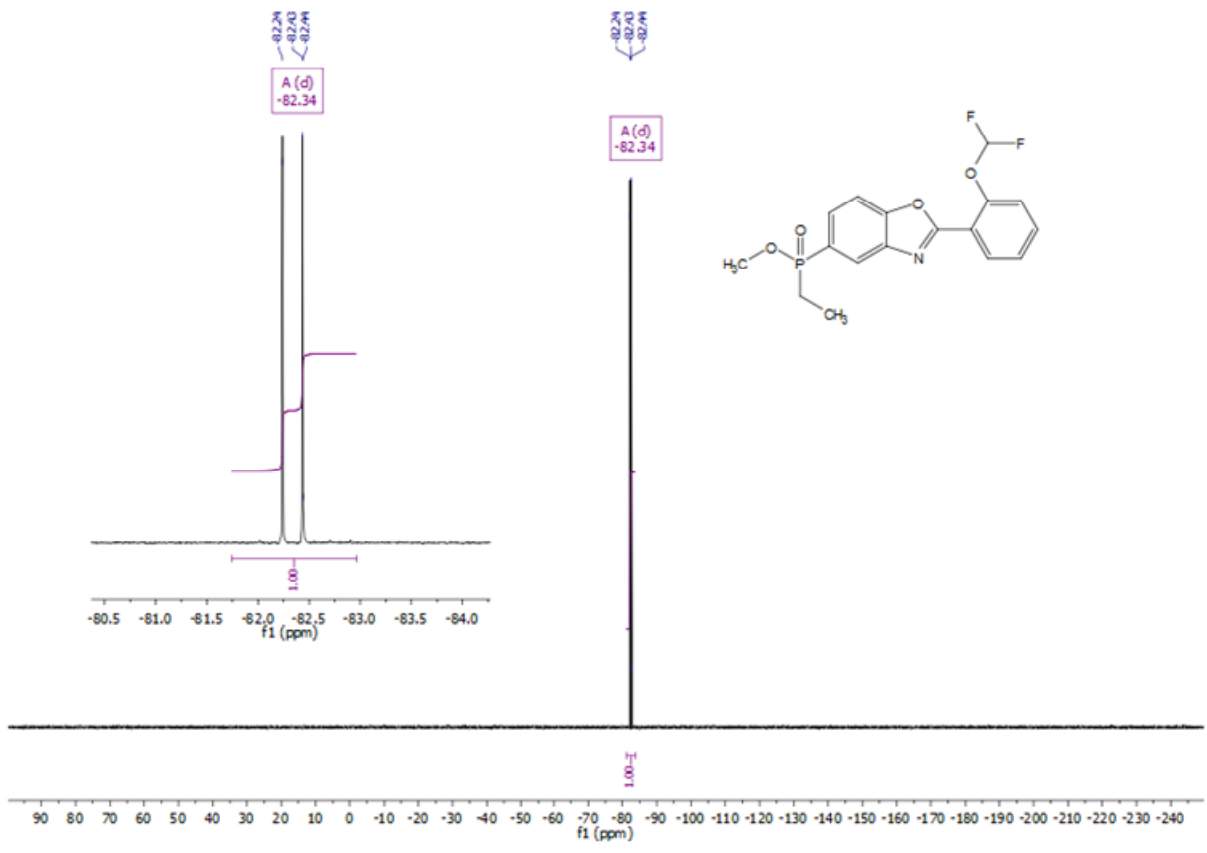
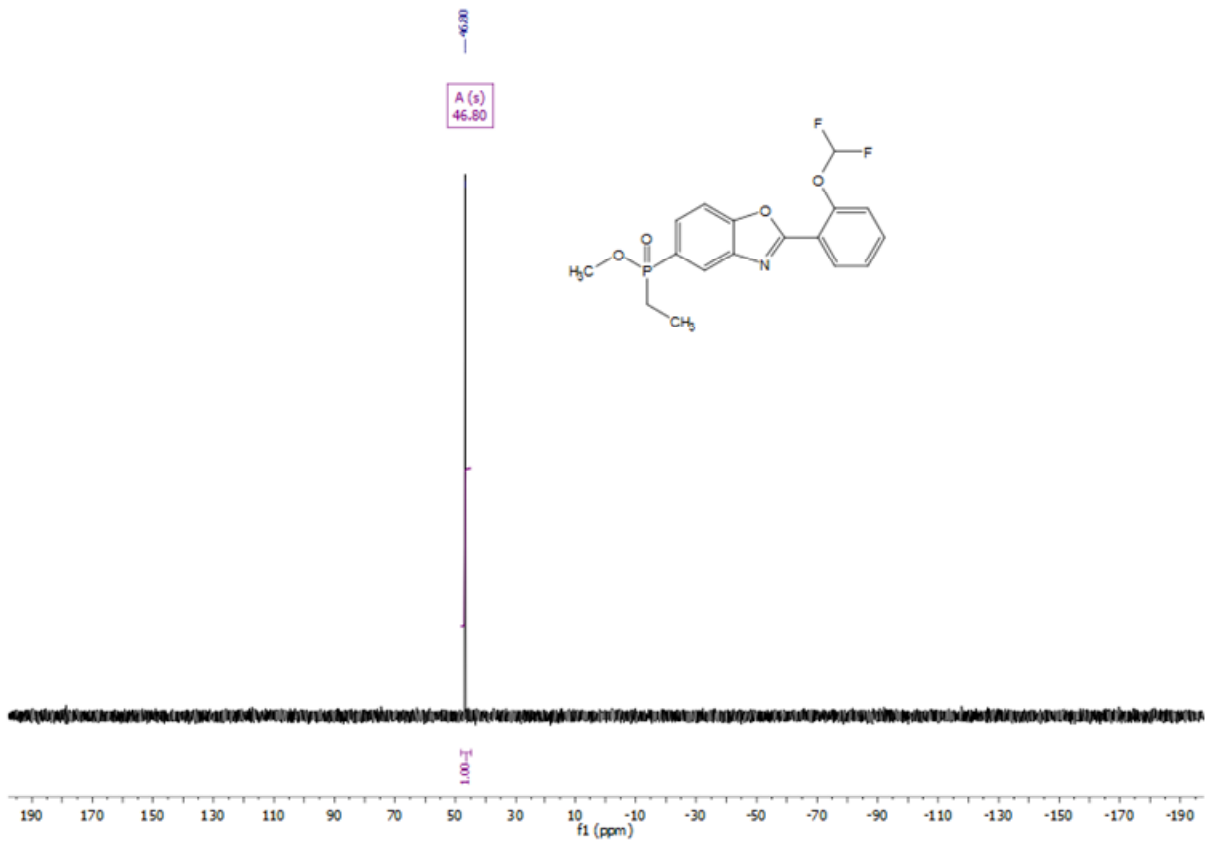


NL: 8.20E5
C17H17O4N1F2P1: C₁₇ H₁₇ O₄ N F₂ P
Chrg 1 R: 1000000 Res. Pwr. @FWHM

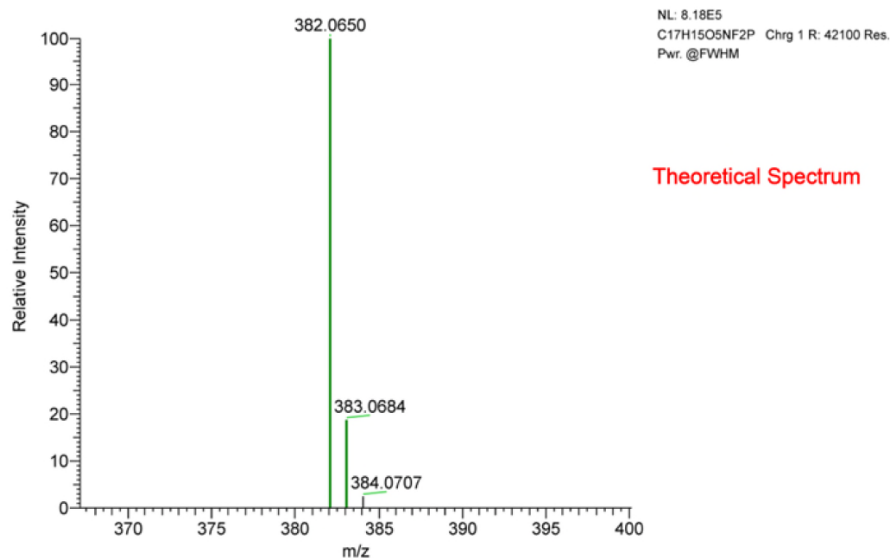
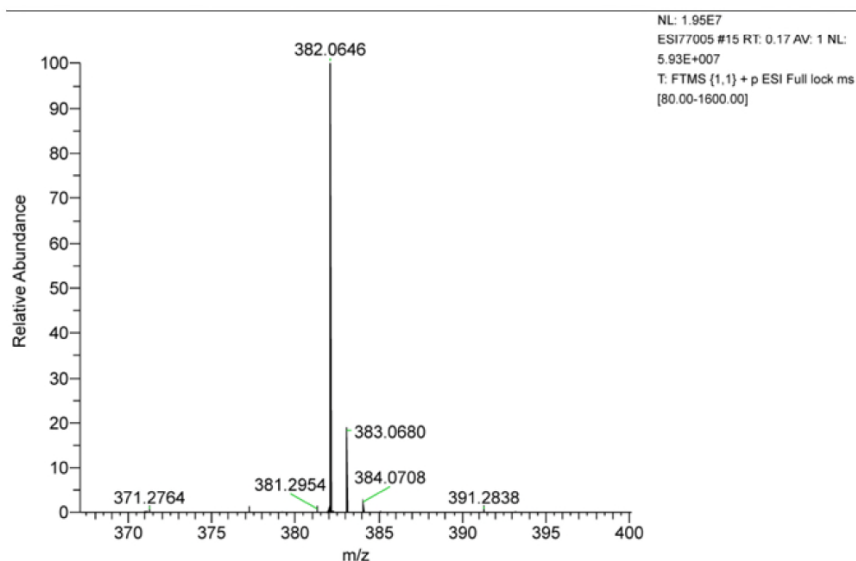
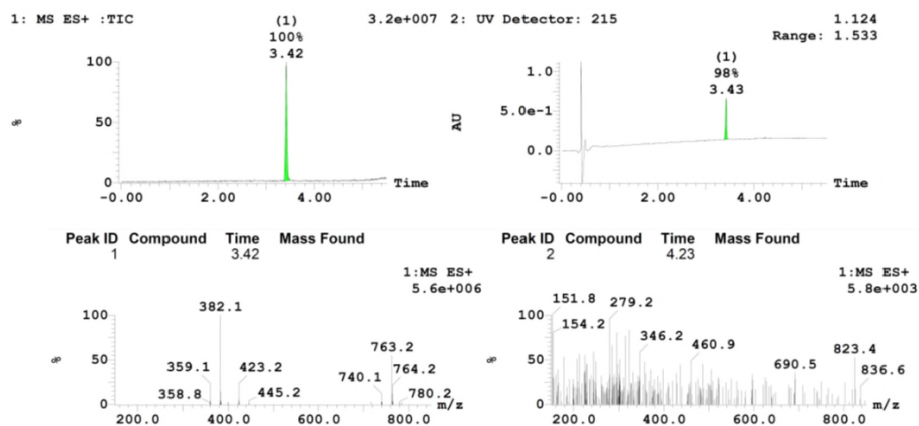
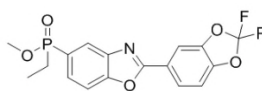
**Theoretical
Spectrum**

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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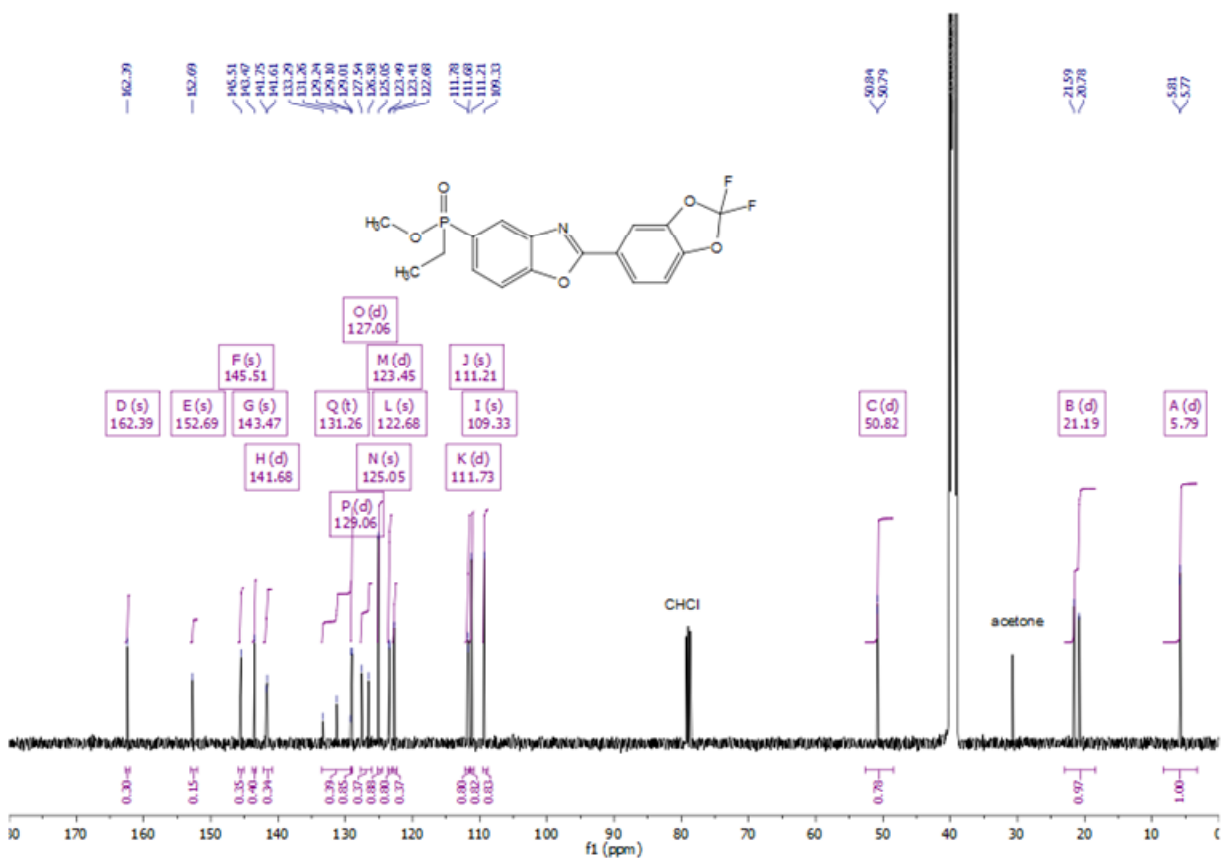
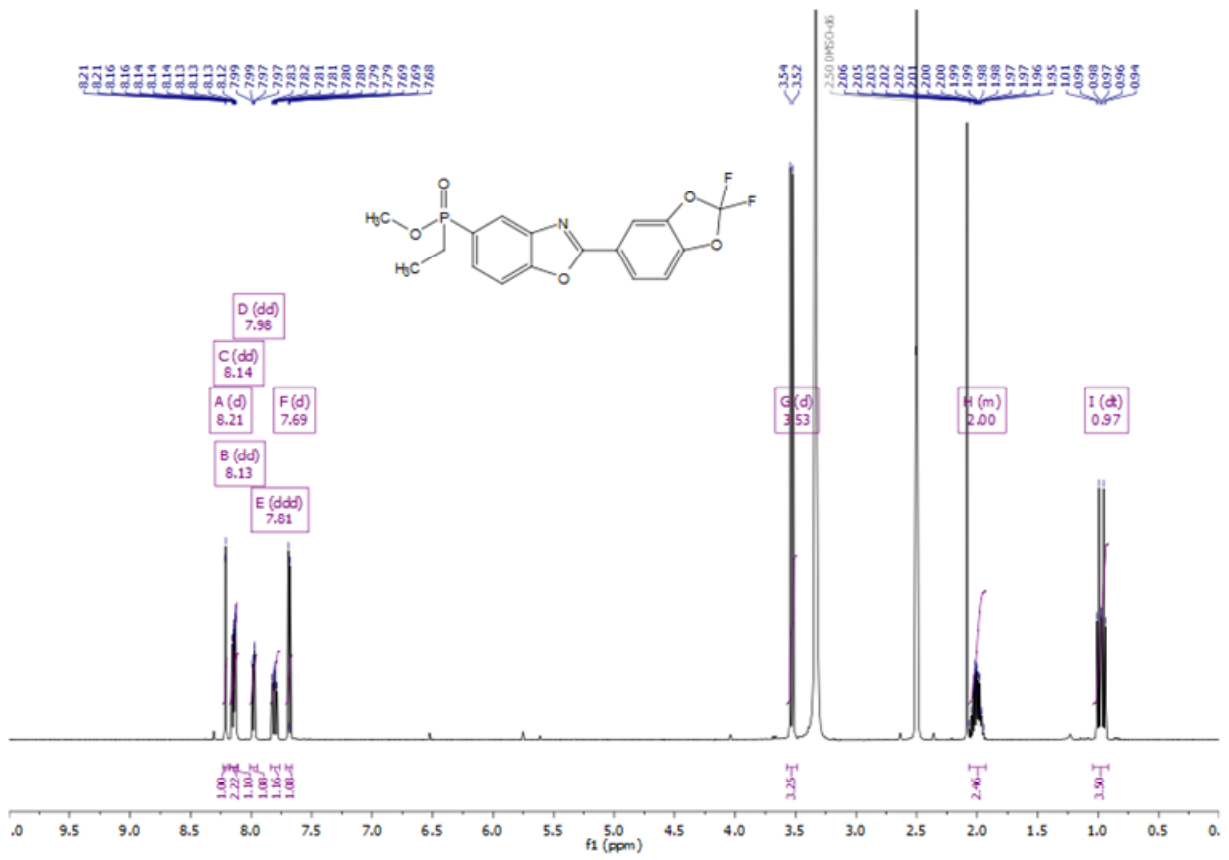


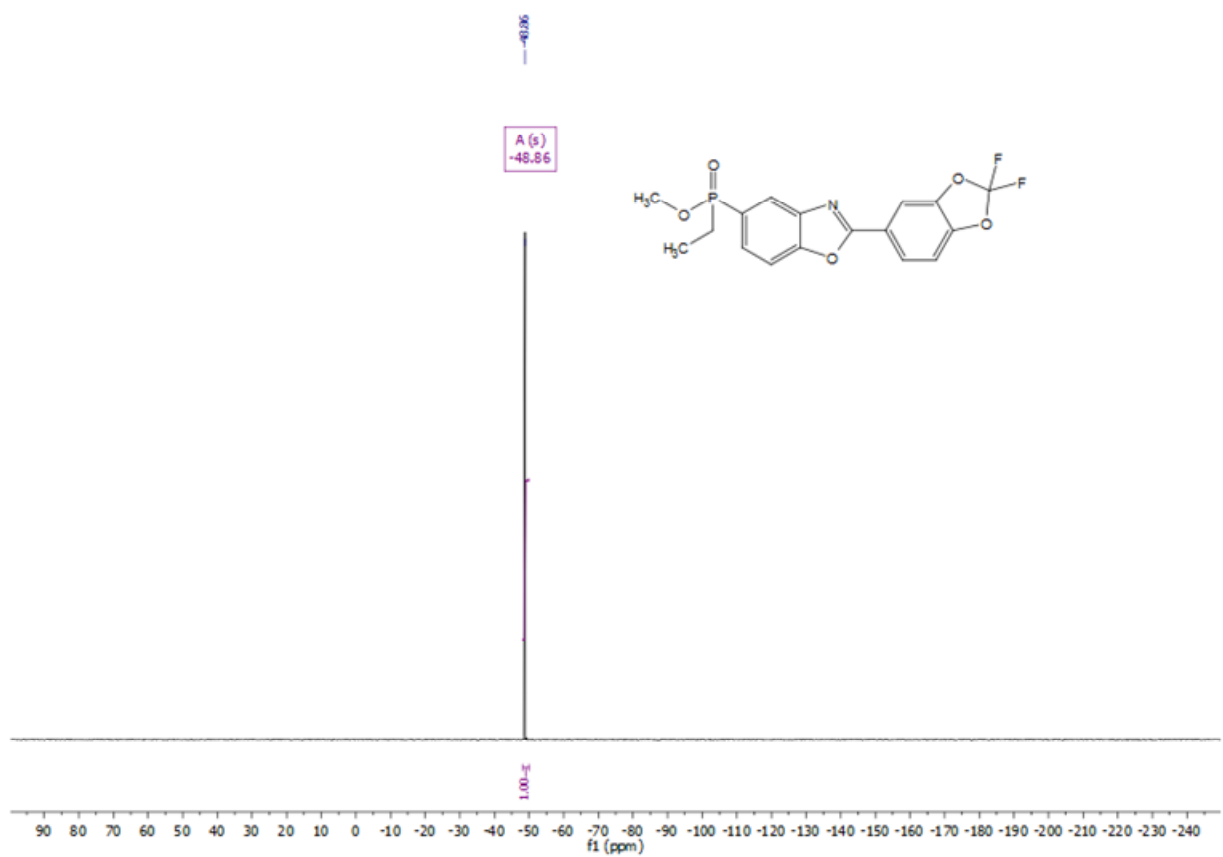
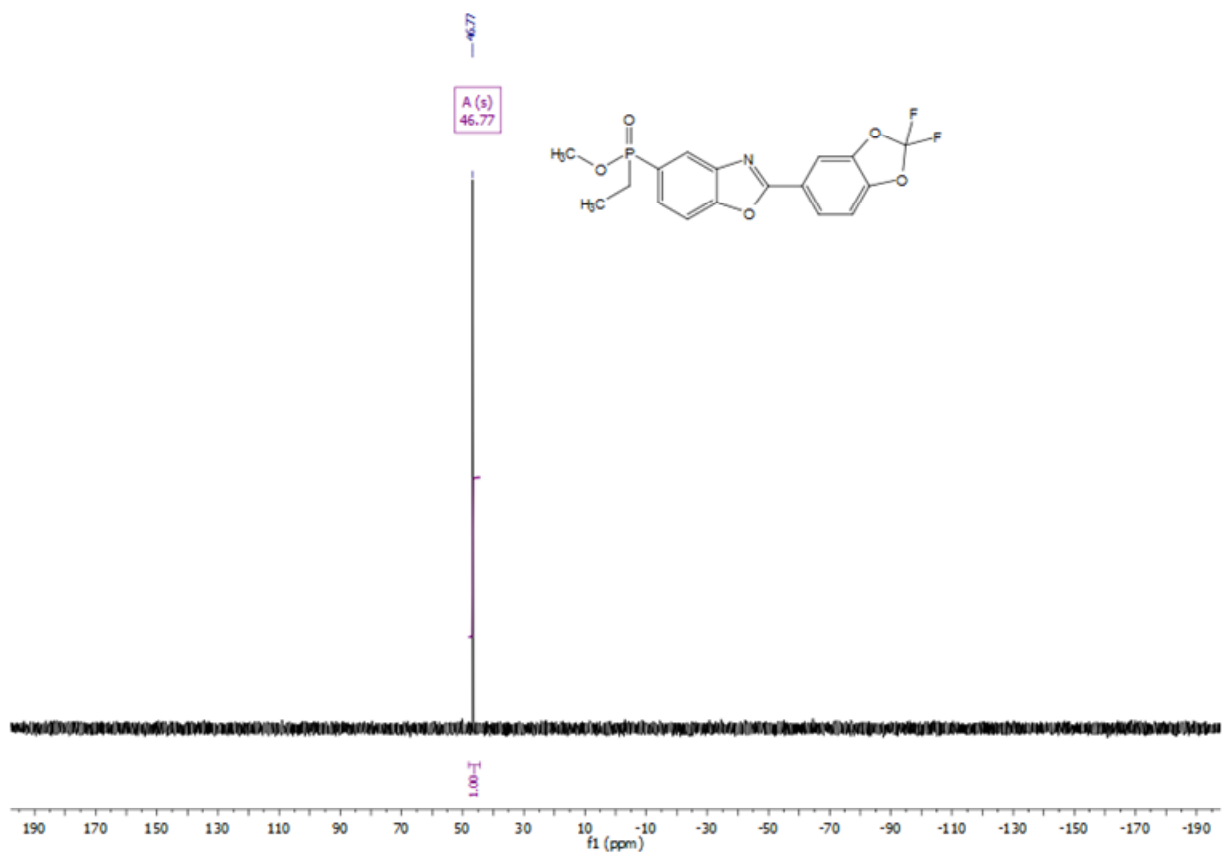


methyl (2-(2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (19)

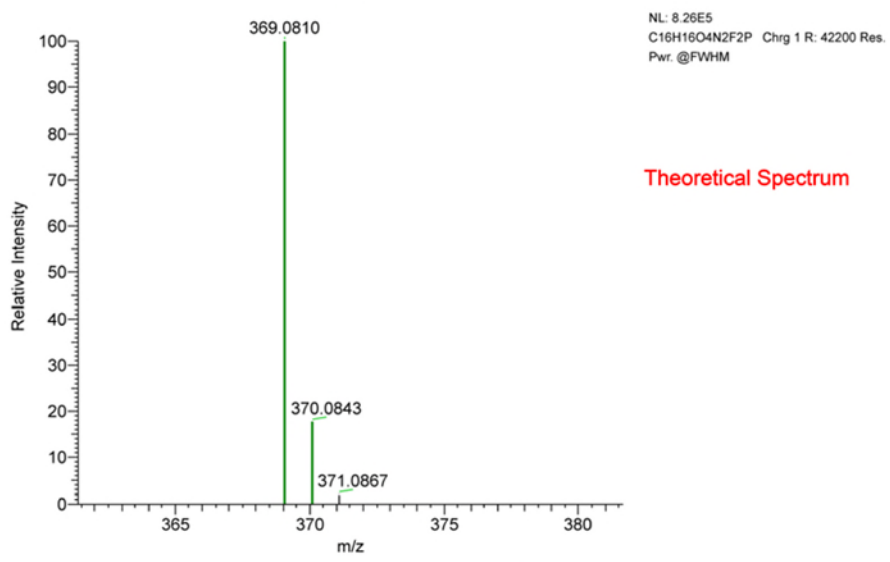
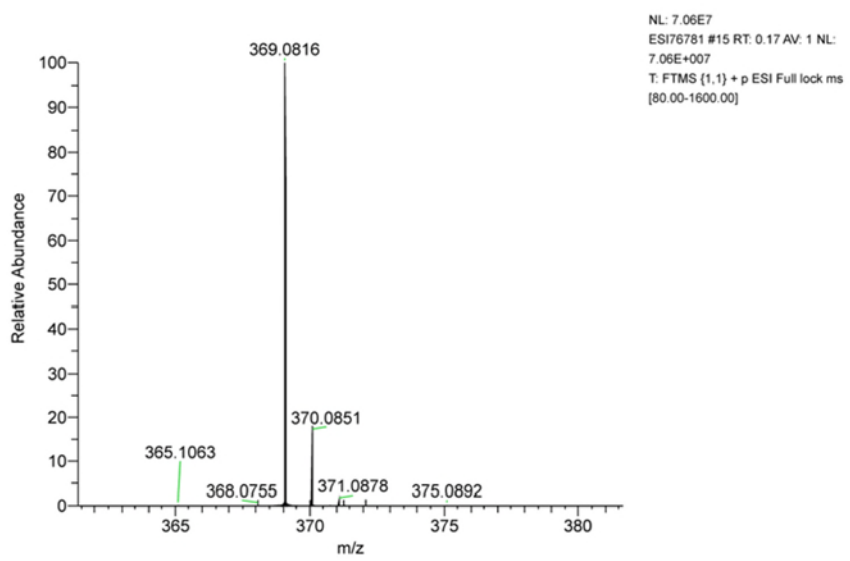
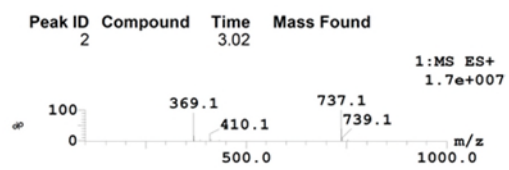
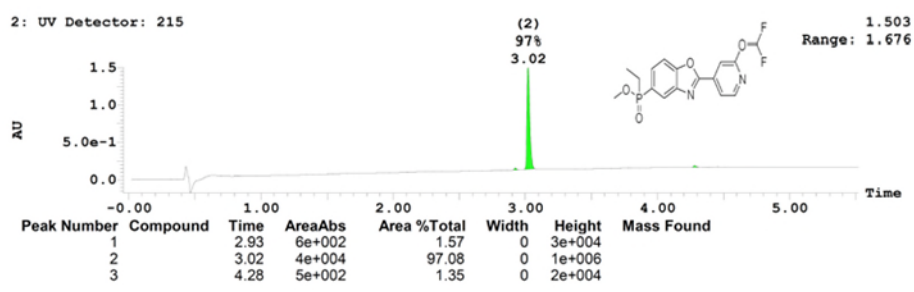


Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
382.0646	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ ...	28.139...	10.50	-1.22	382.06...	1	94.666...	4	0	98.362...	97.668... (Collec...

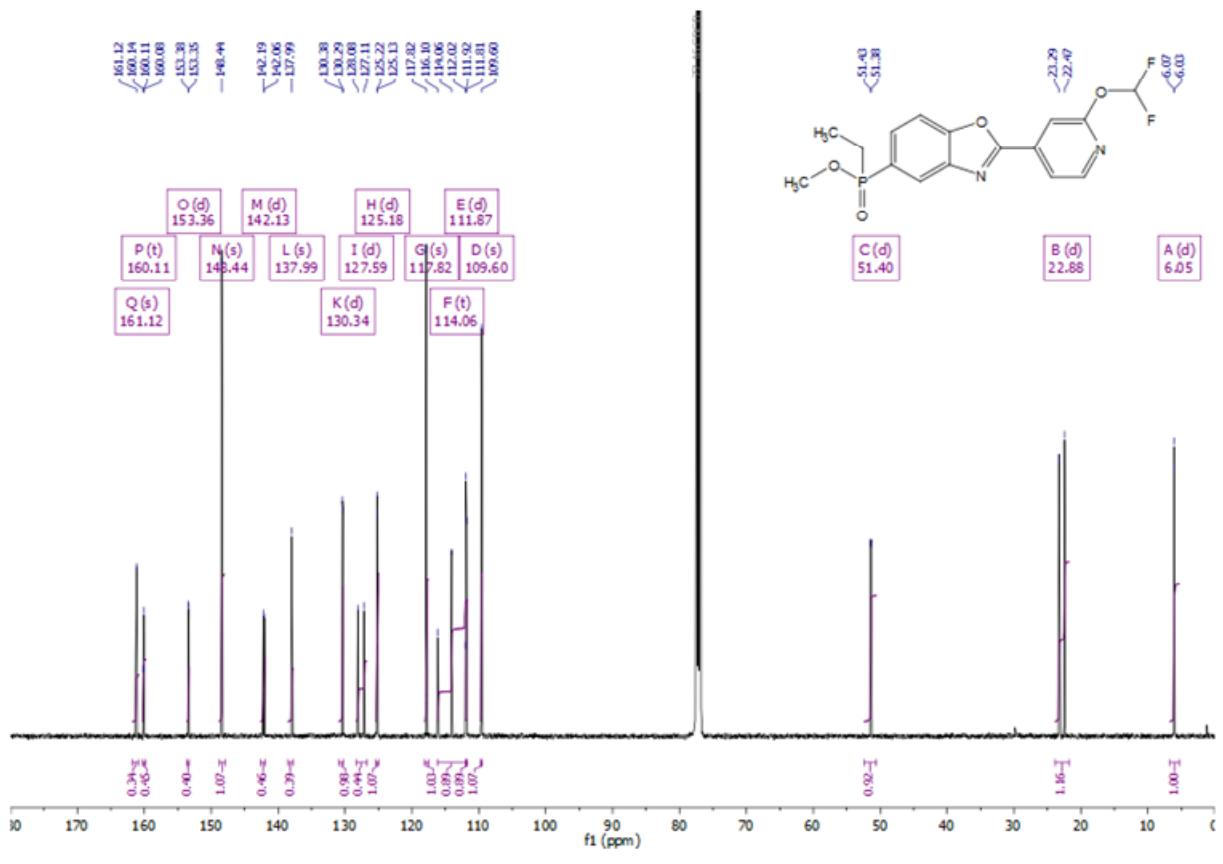
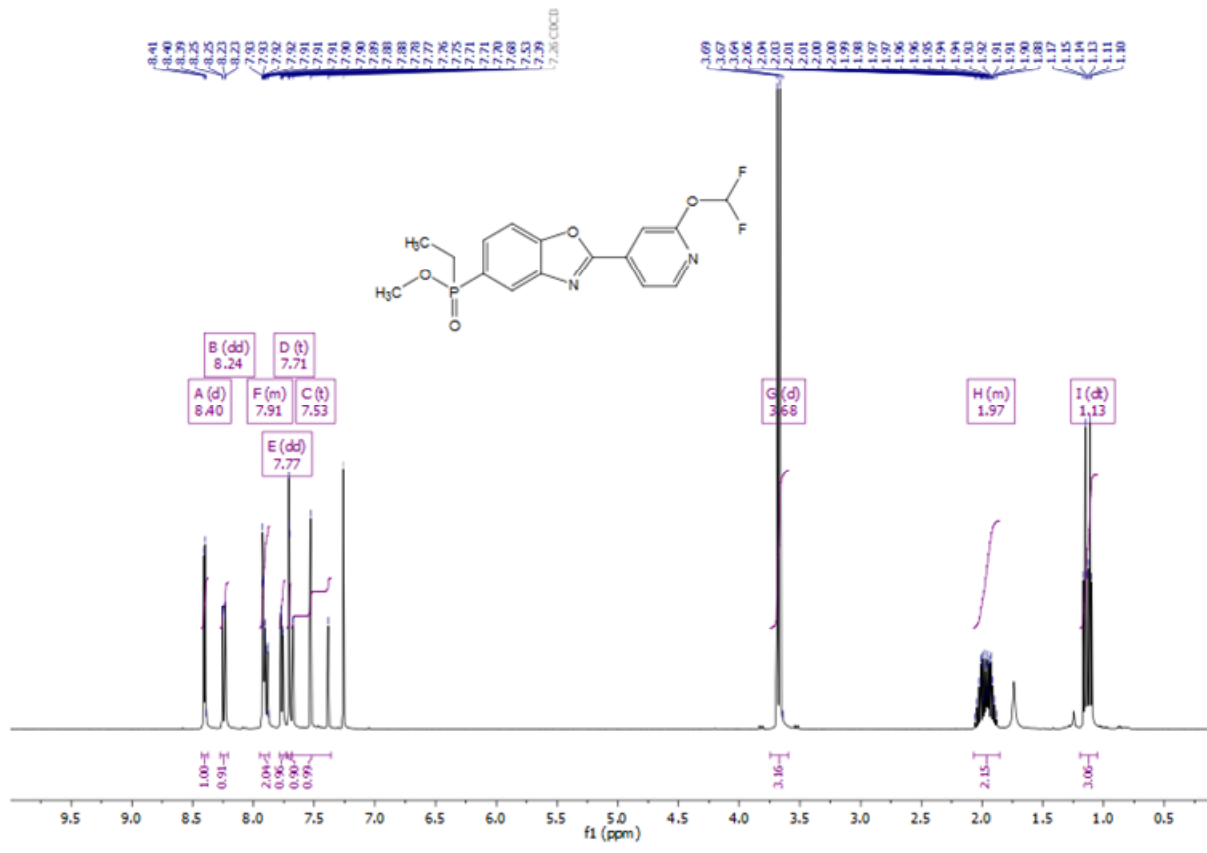


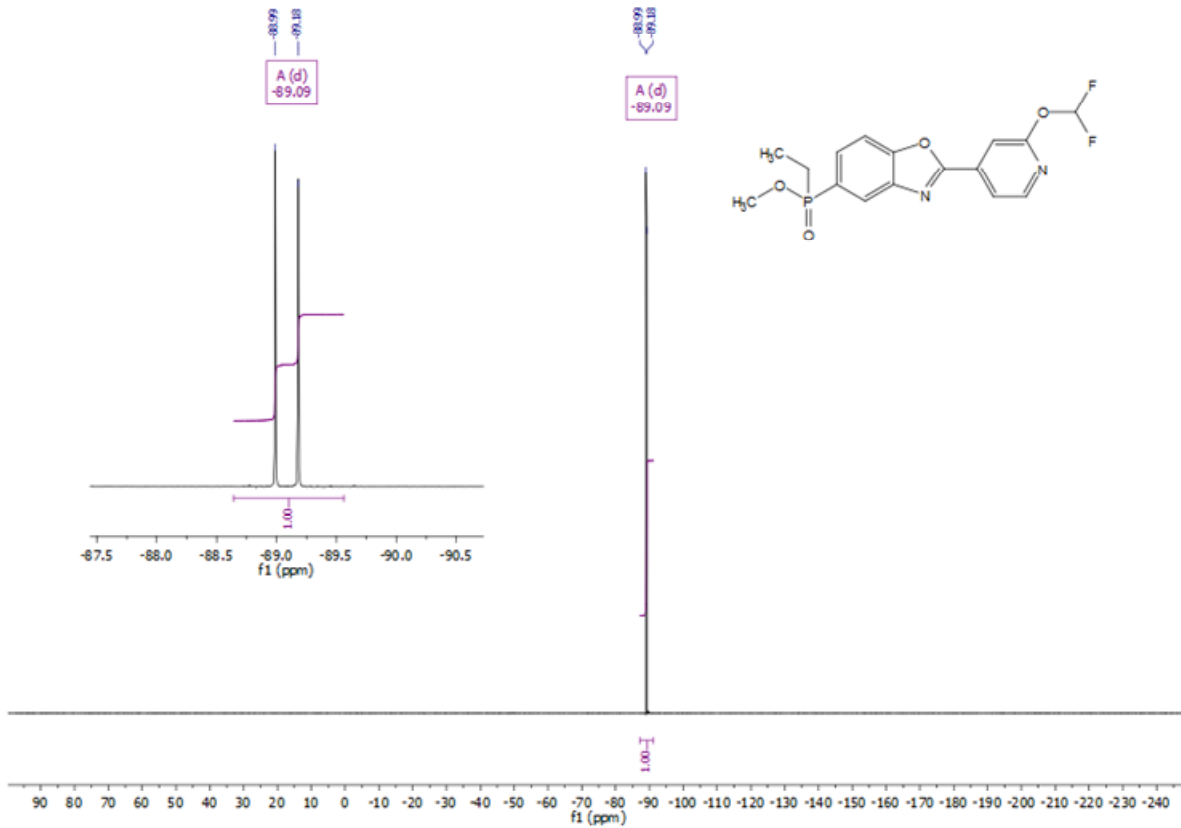
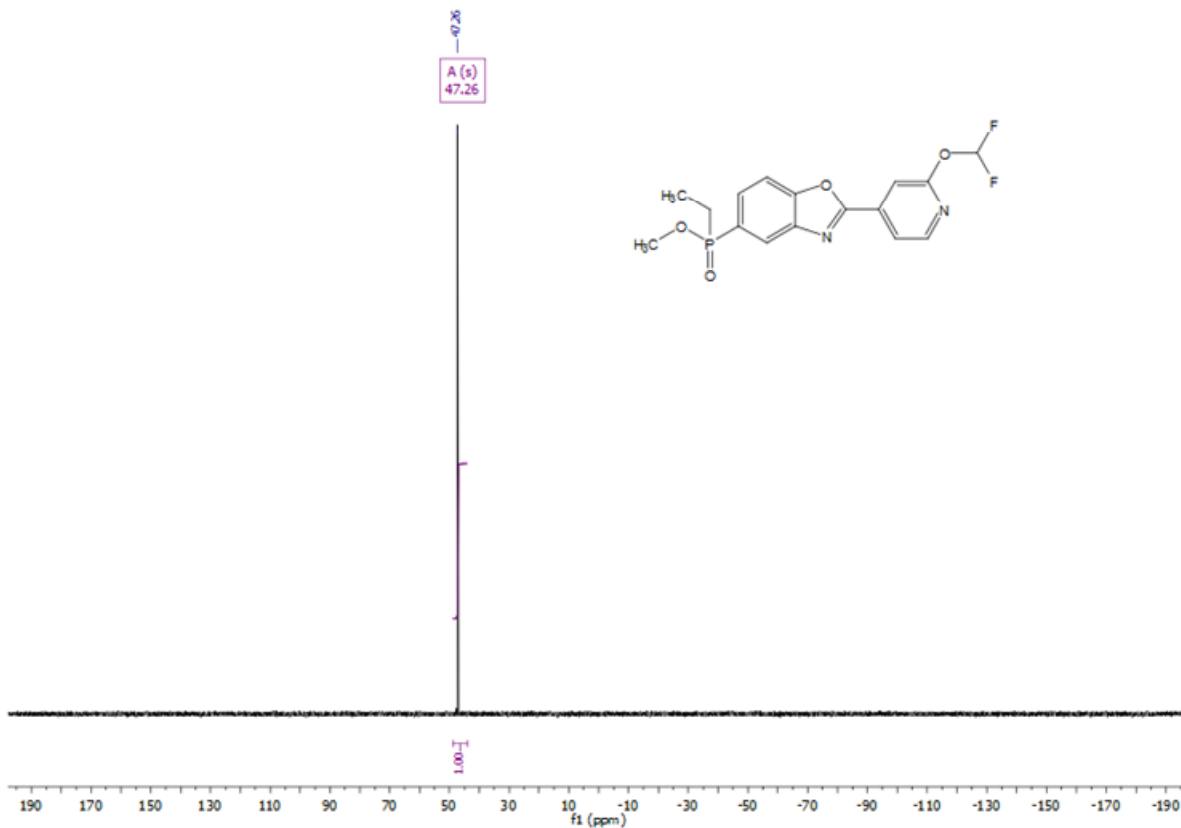


methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (20)



Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
369.0816	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ ...	26.855...	9.50	1.48	369.08...	1	94.843...	4	0	98.620...	97.992... (Collec...

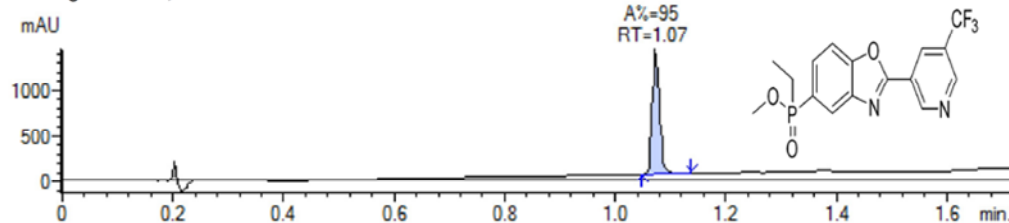




methyl ethyl(2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (21)

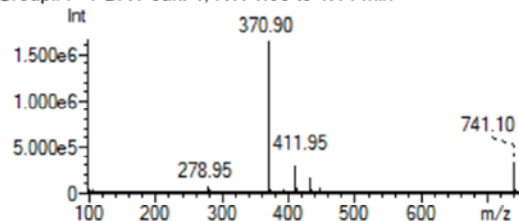
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



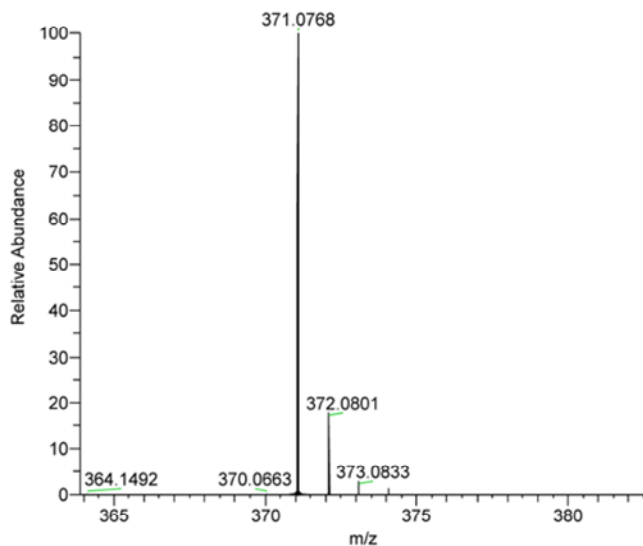
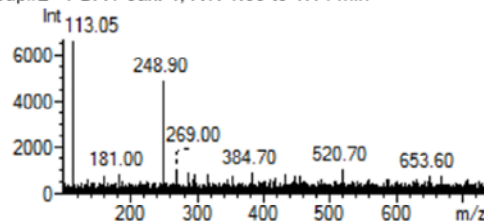
MS Spectrum

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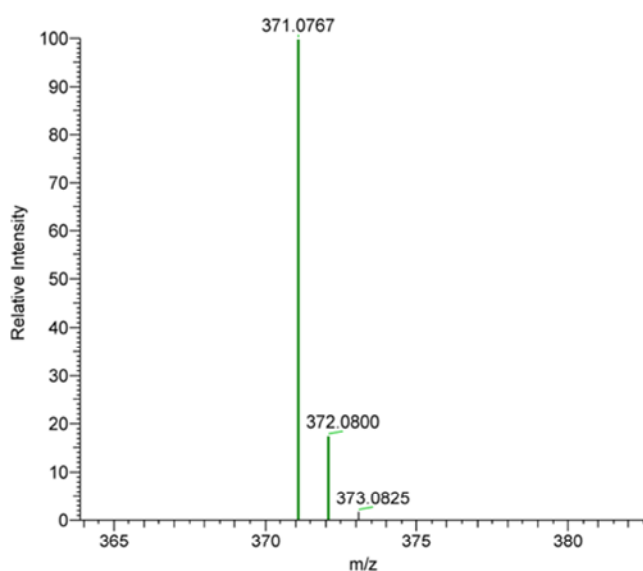


MS Spectrum

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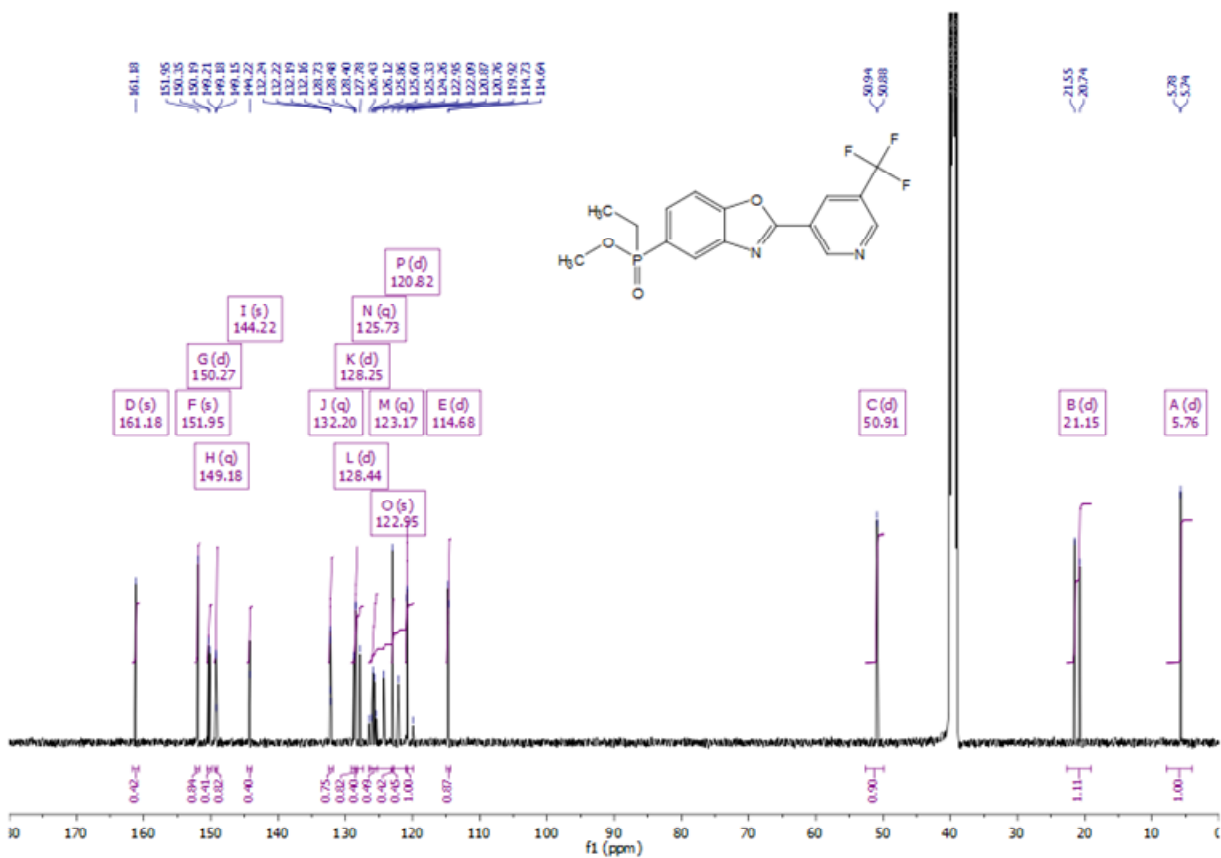
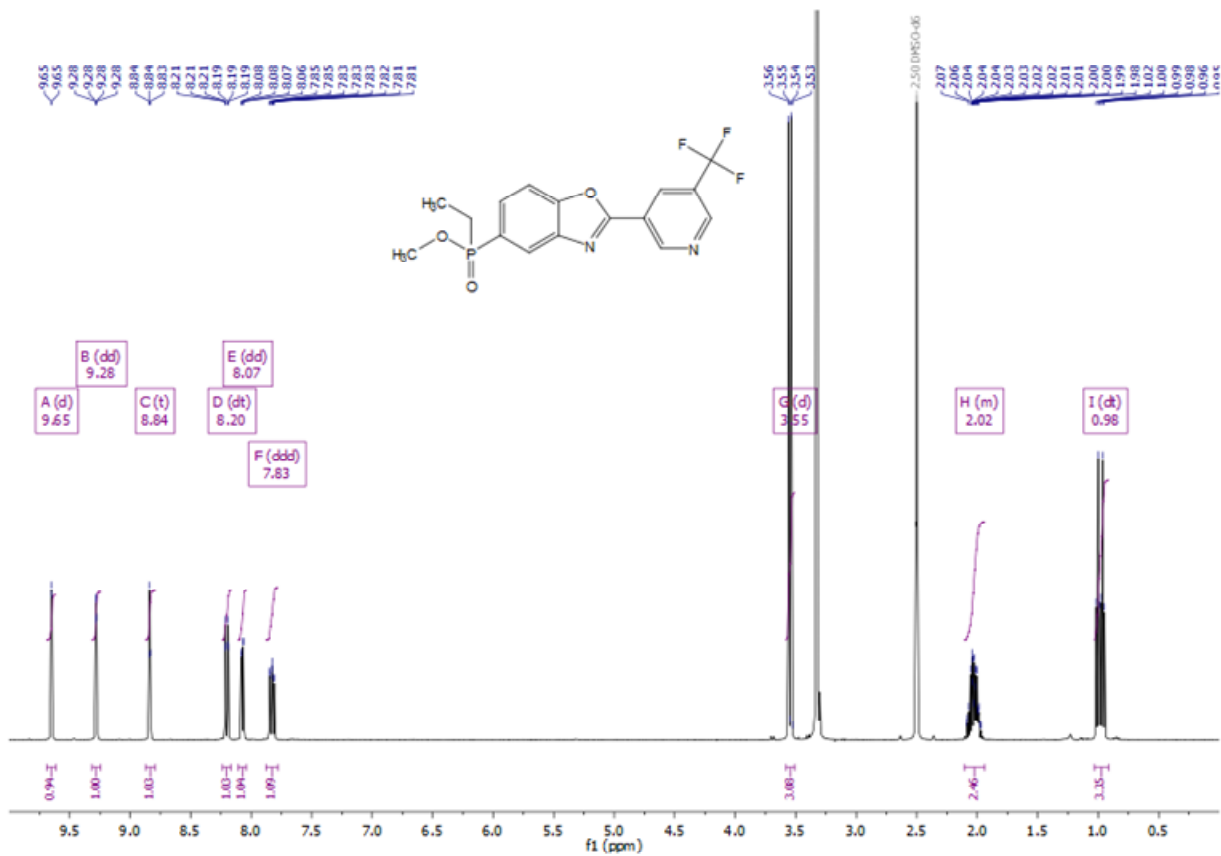
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[80.00-1600.00]

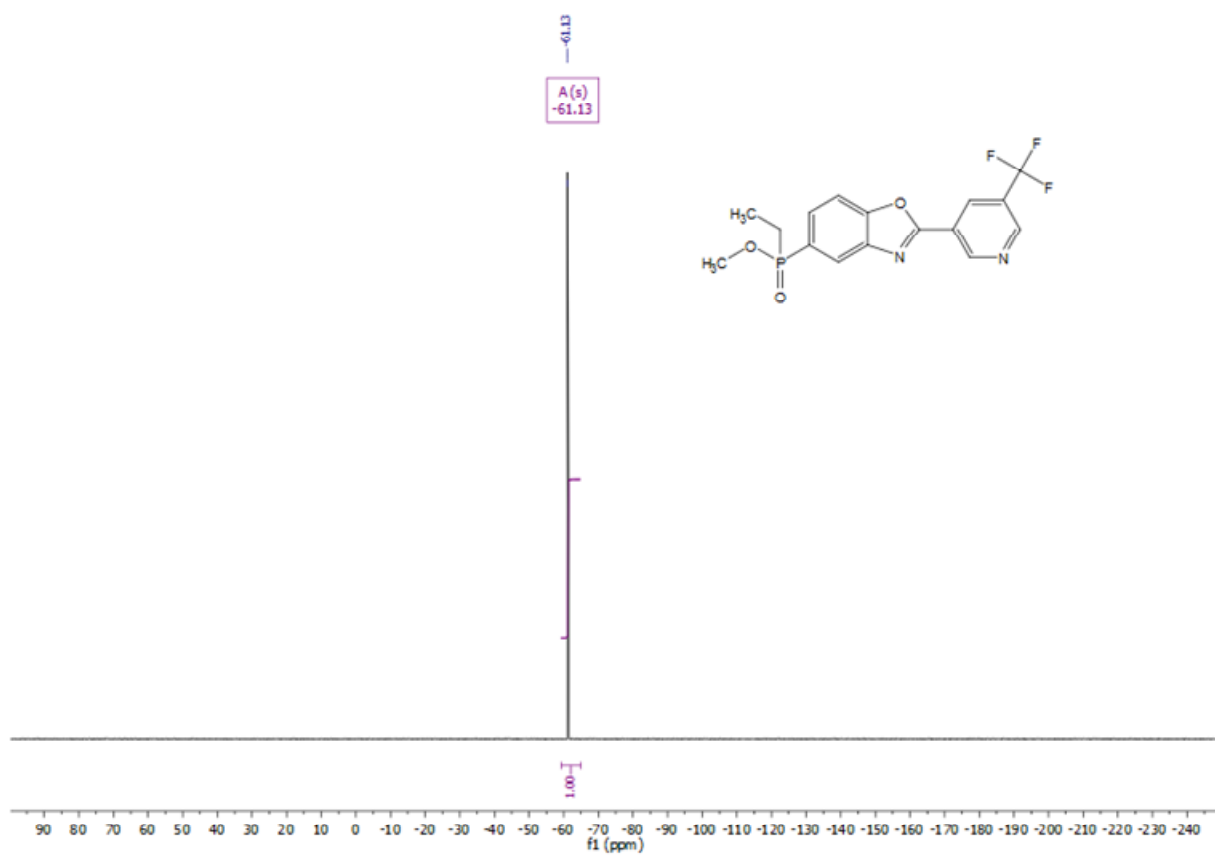


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Pwr. @FWHM

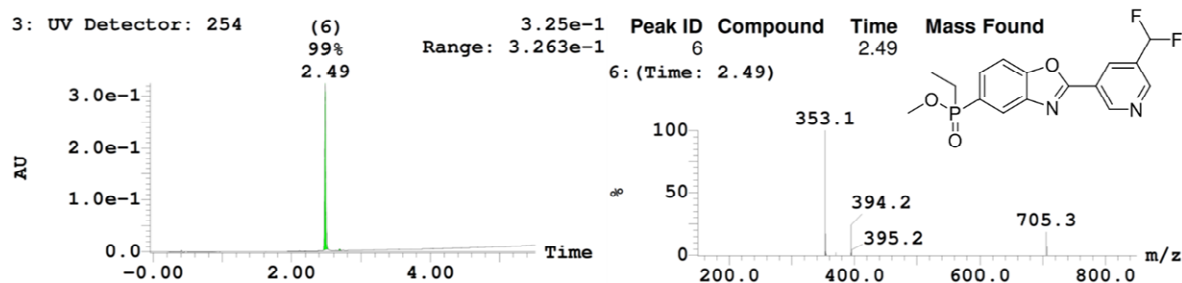
Theoretical Spectrum

Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
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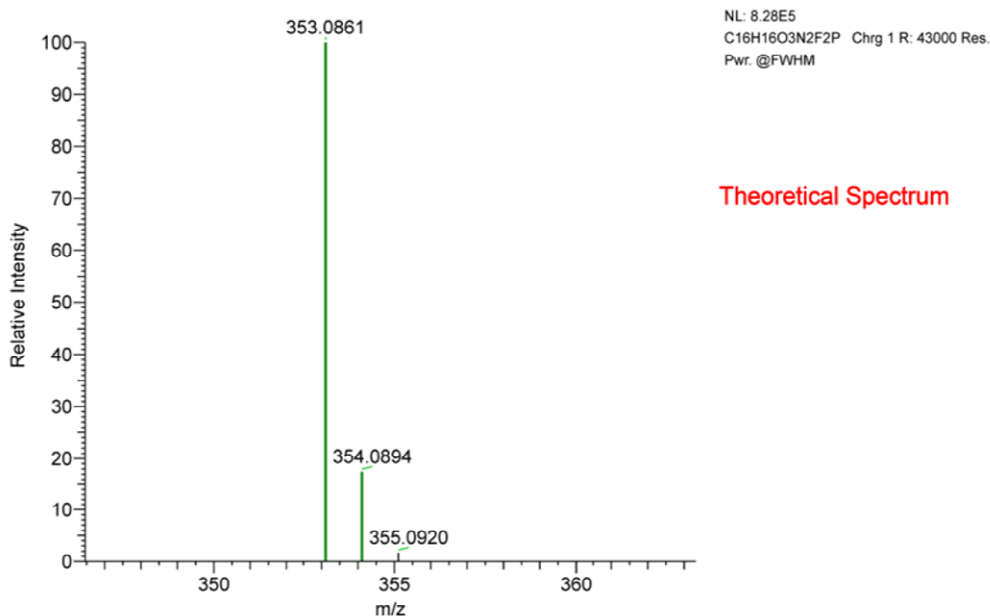
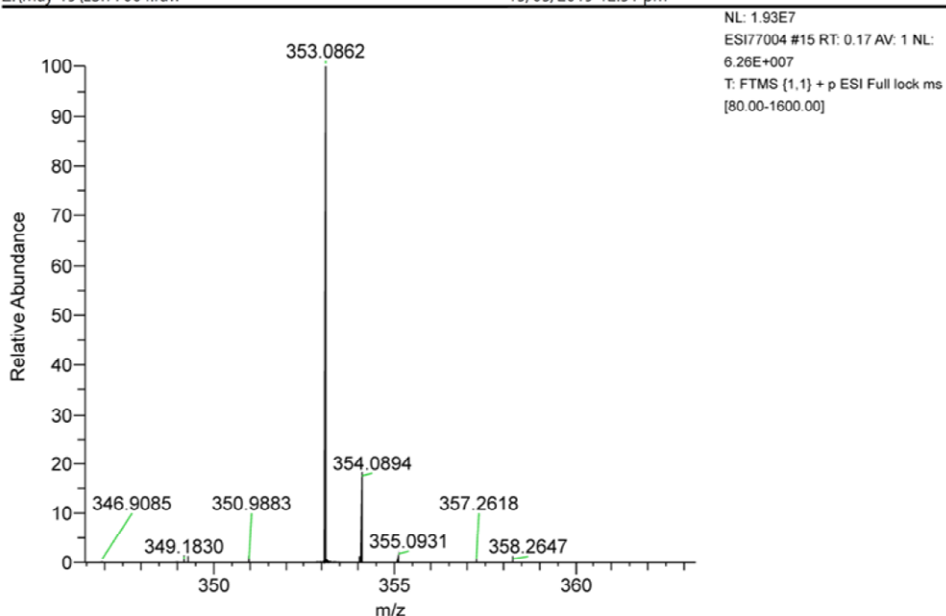


methyl (2-(5-(difluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (22)

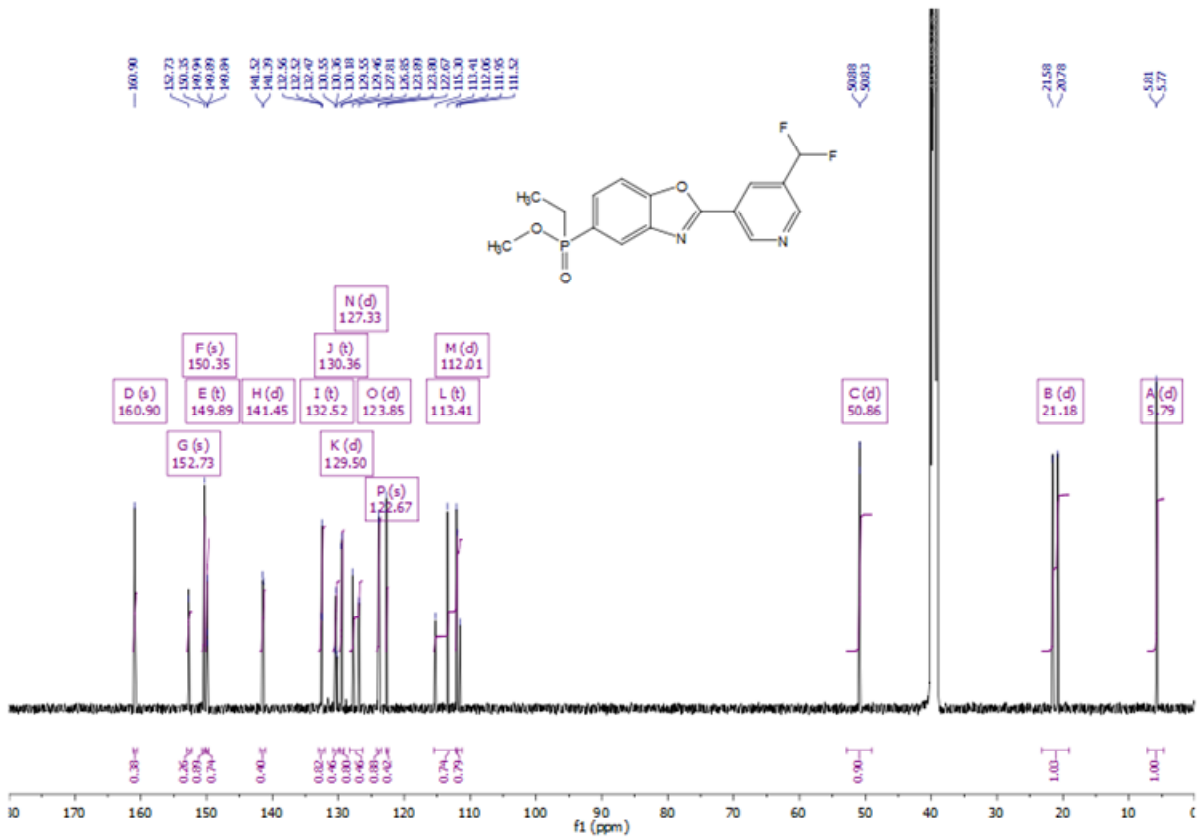
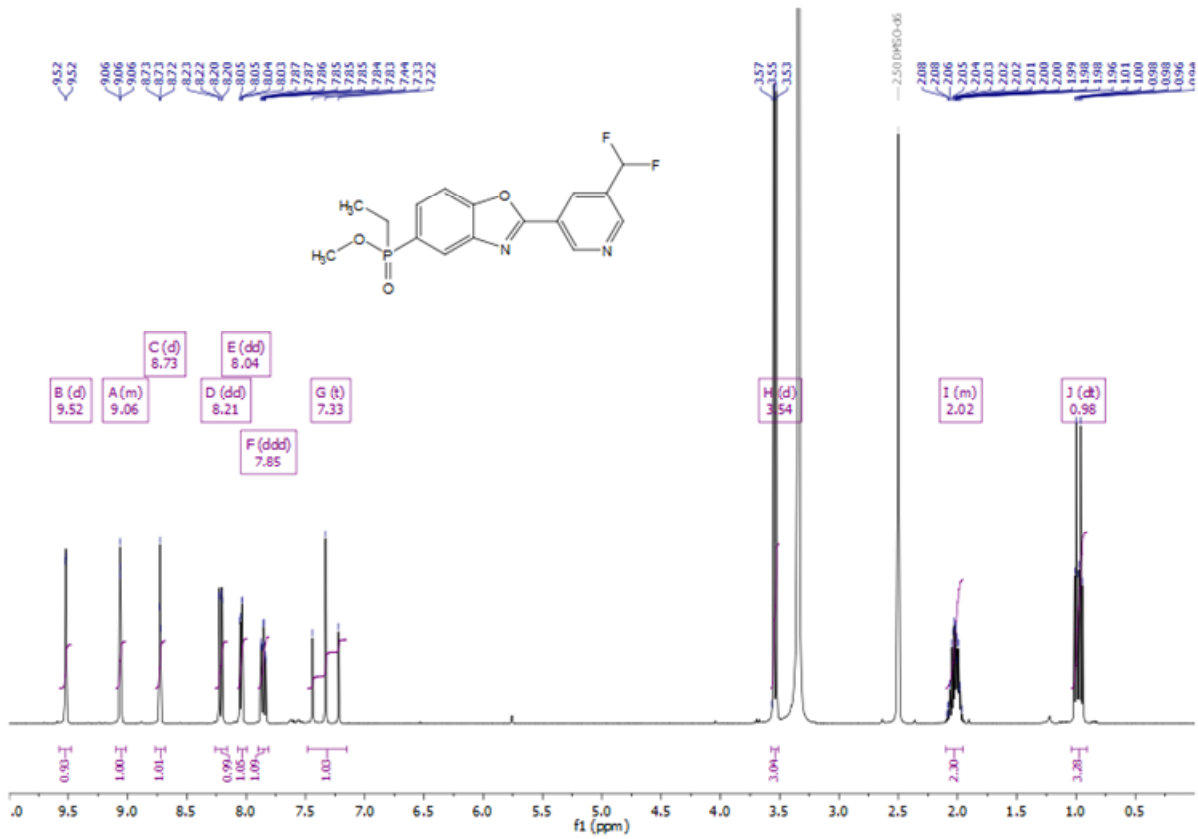


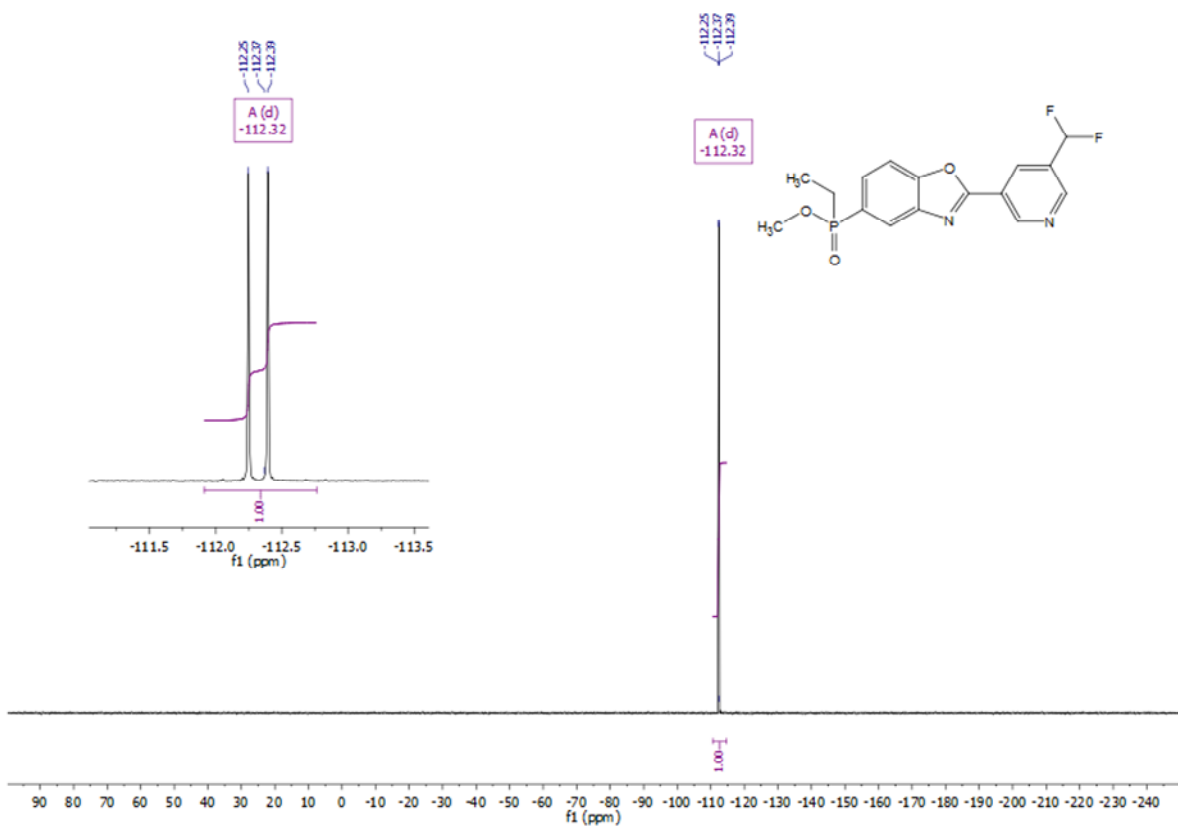
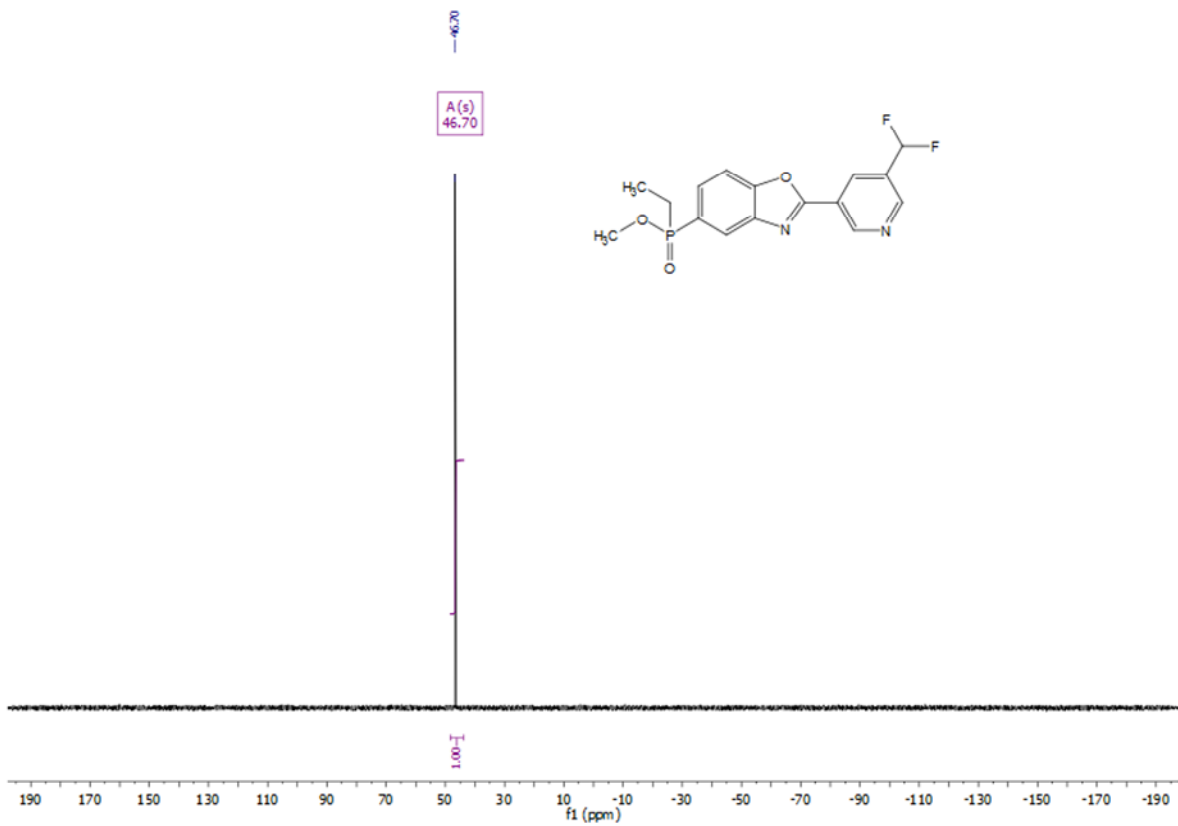
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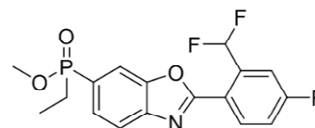


Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
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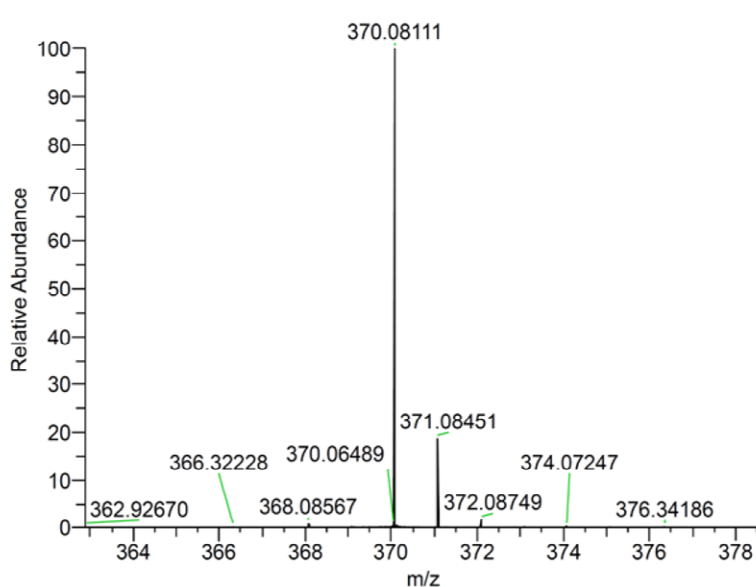
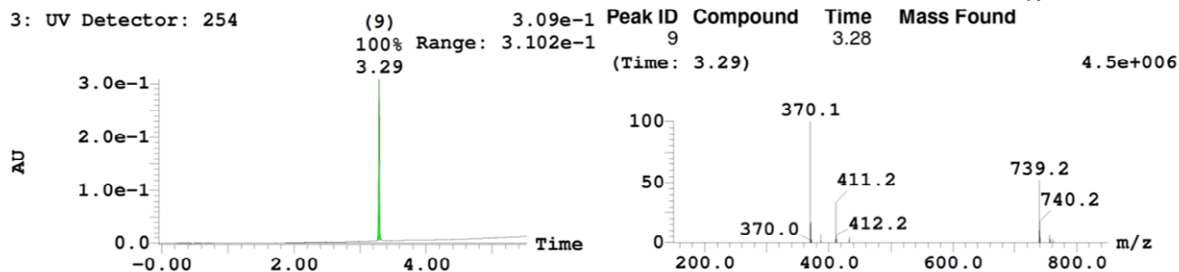




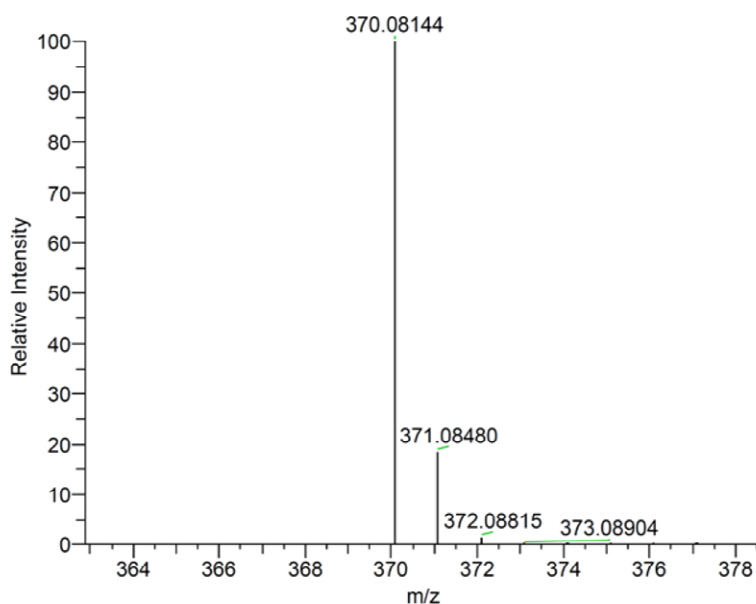
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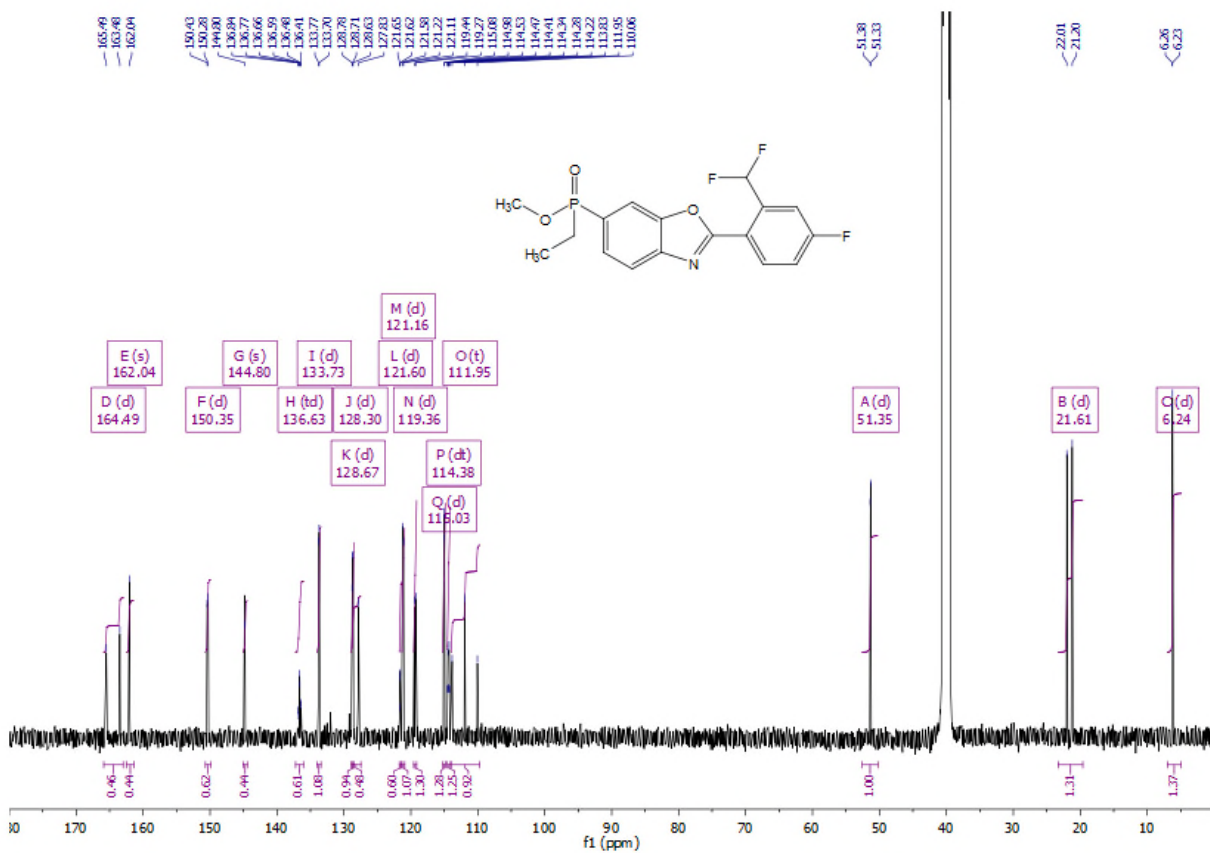
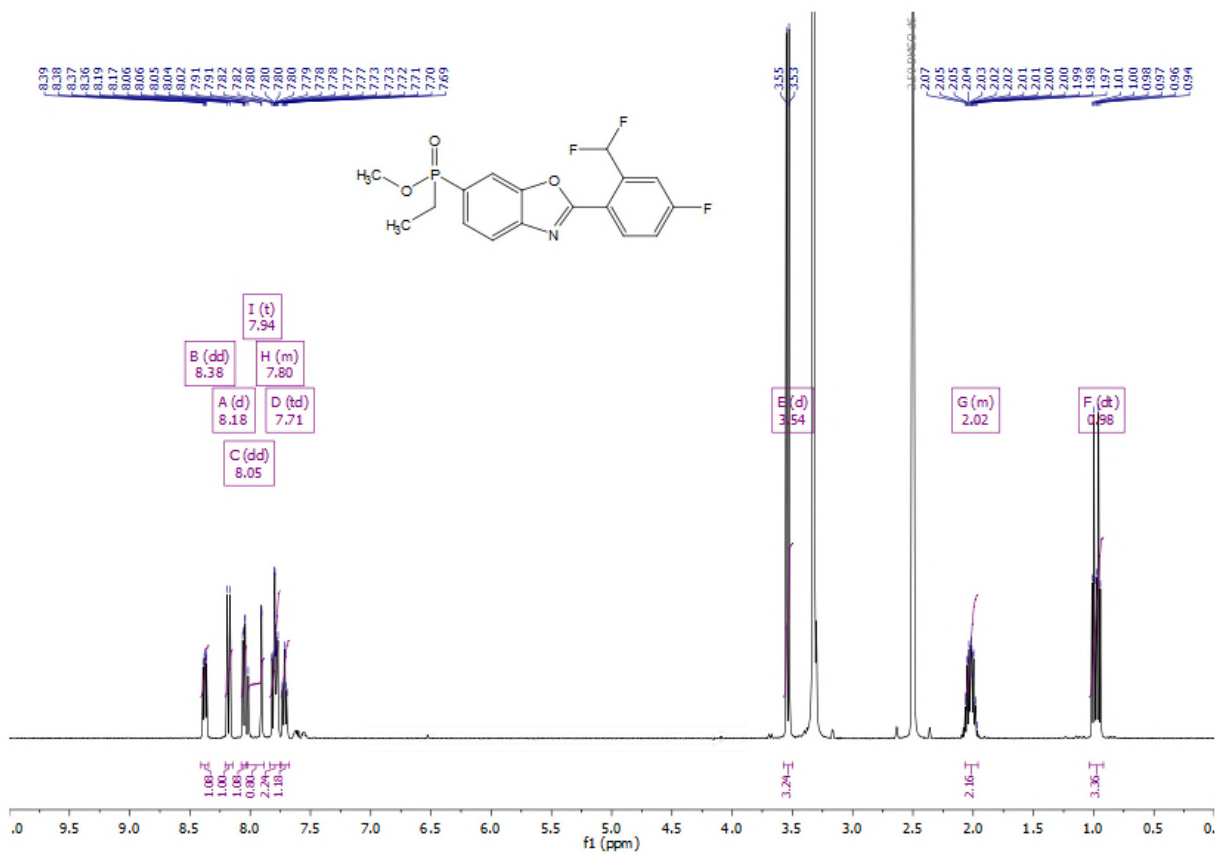


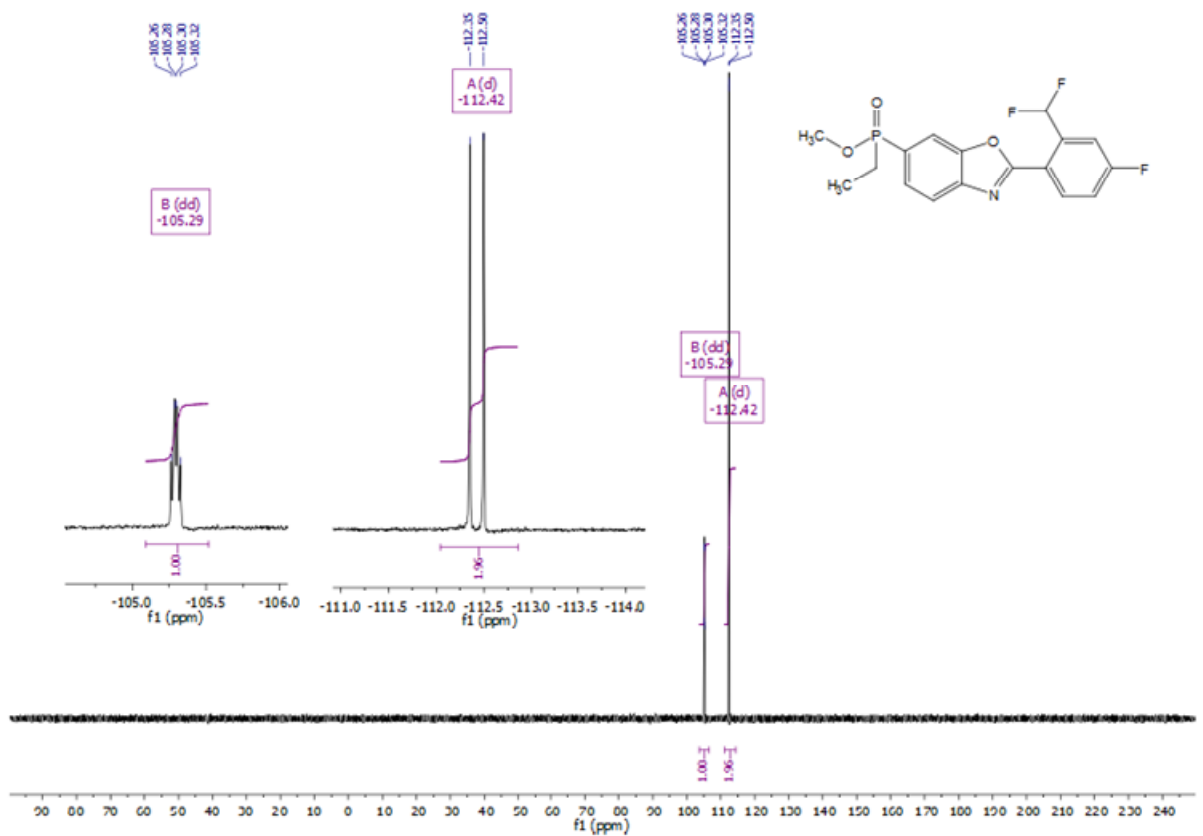
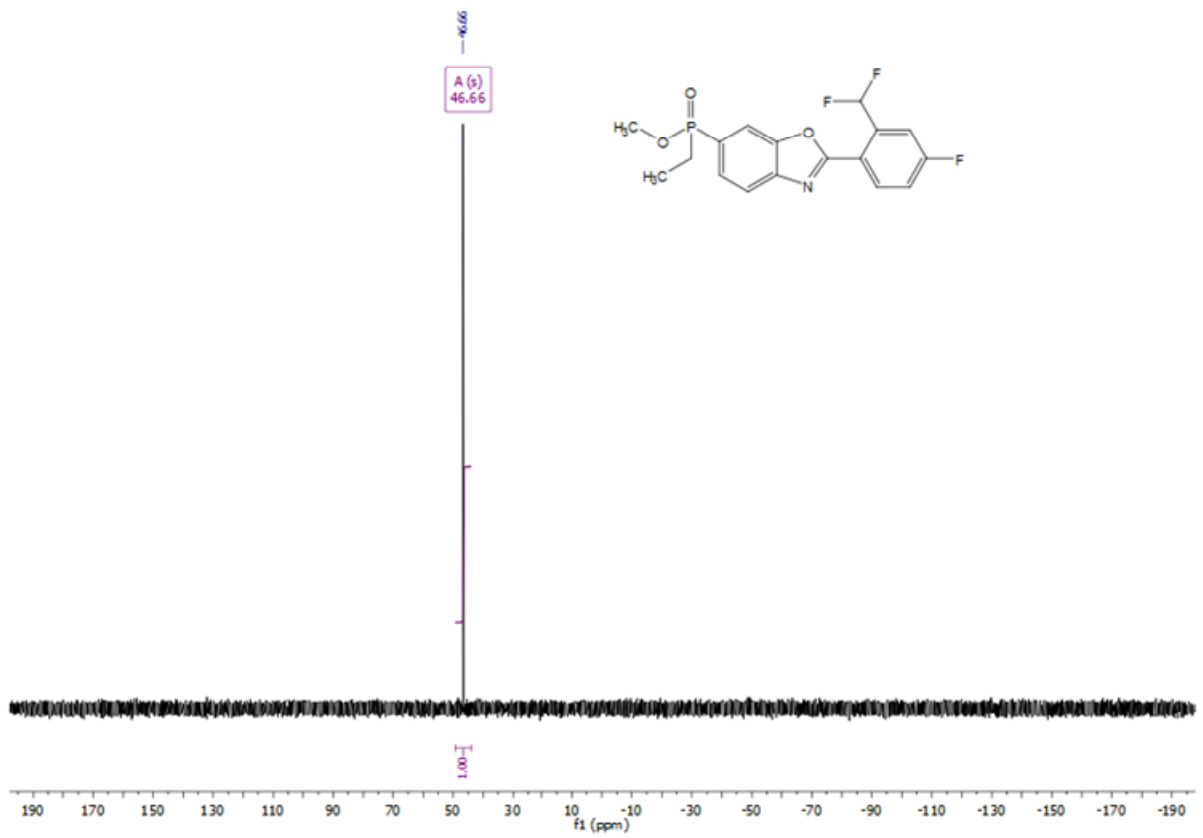
Measured Spectrum



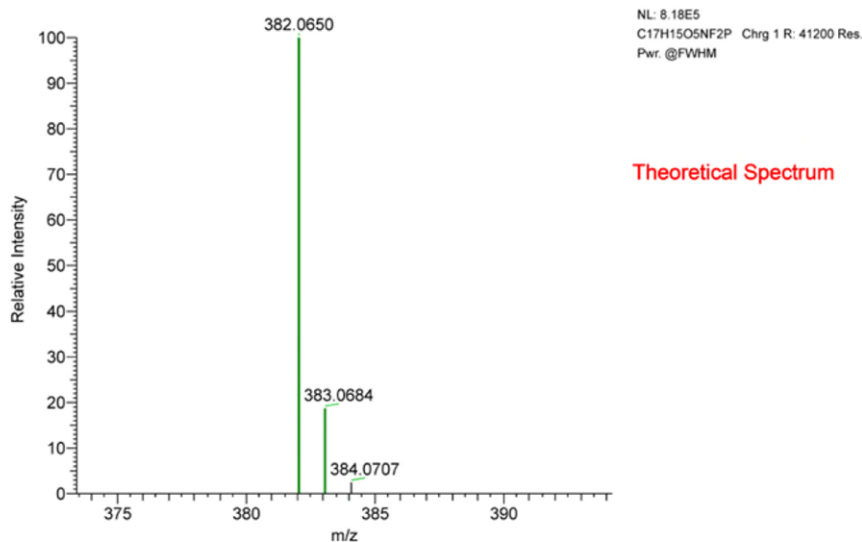
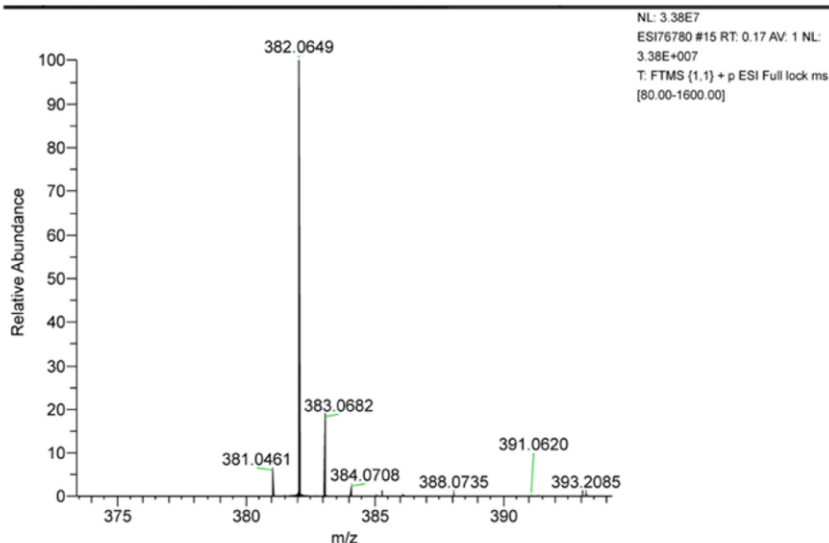
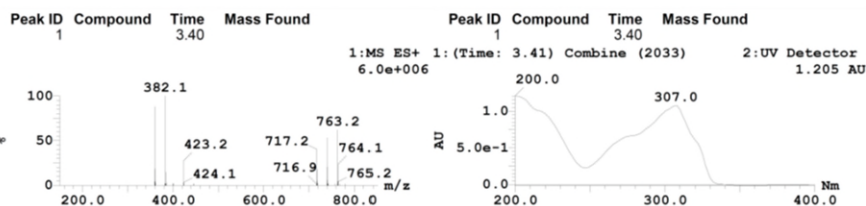
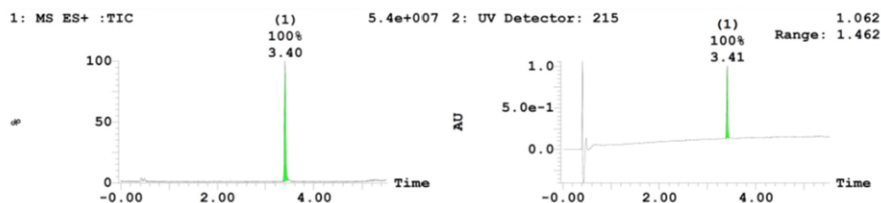
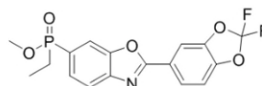
Theoretical Spectrum

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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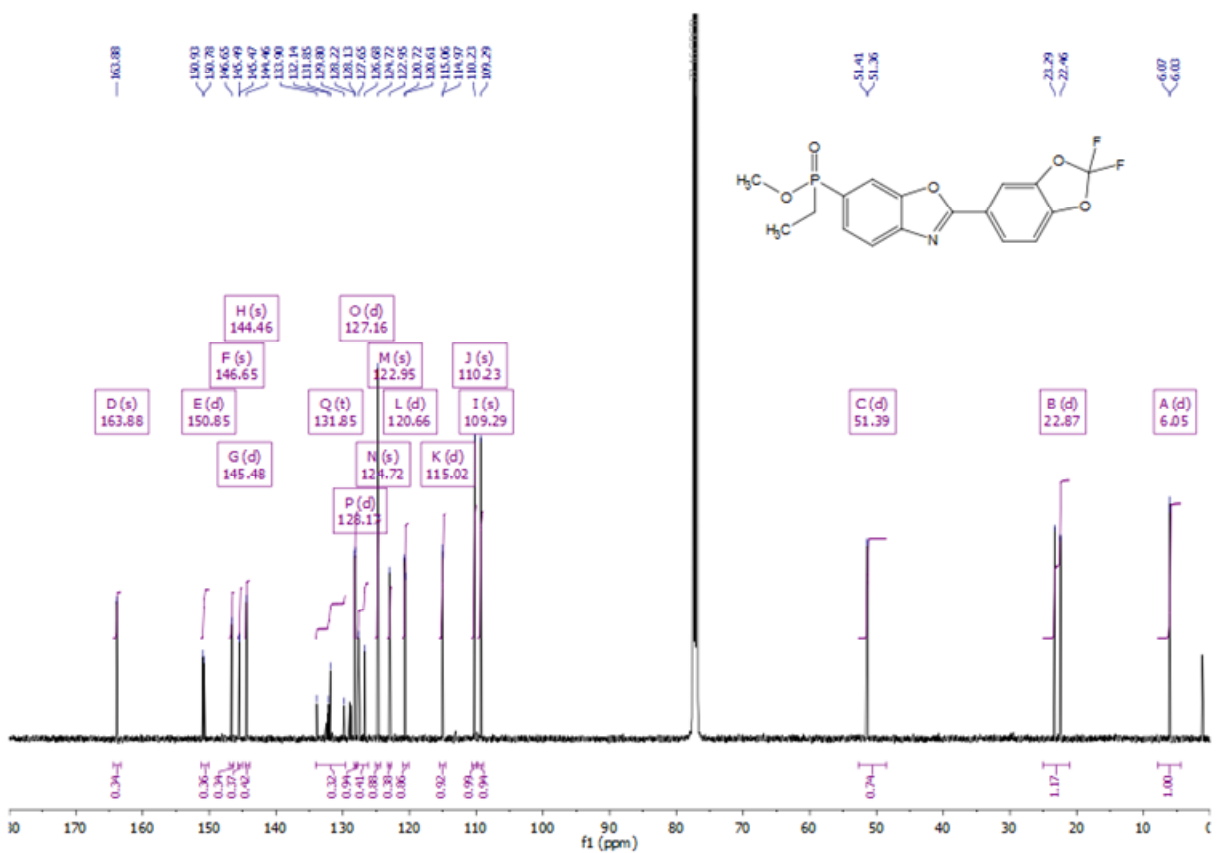
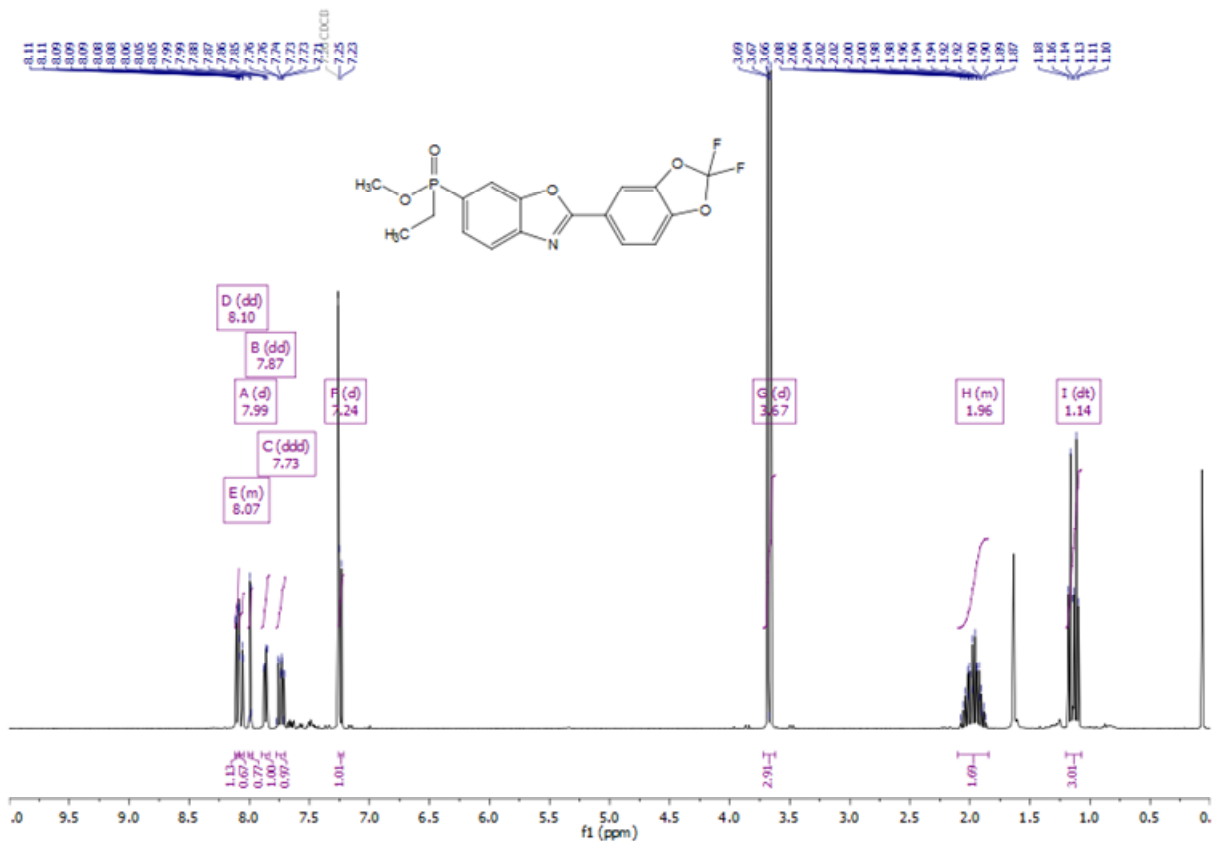


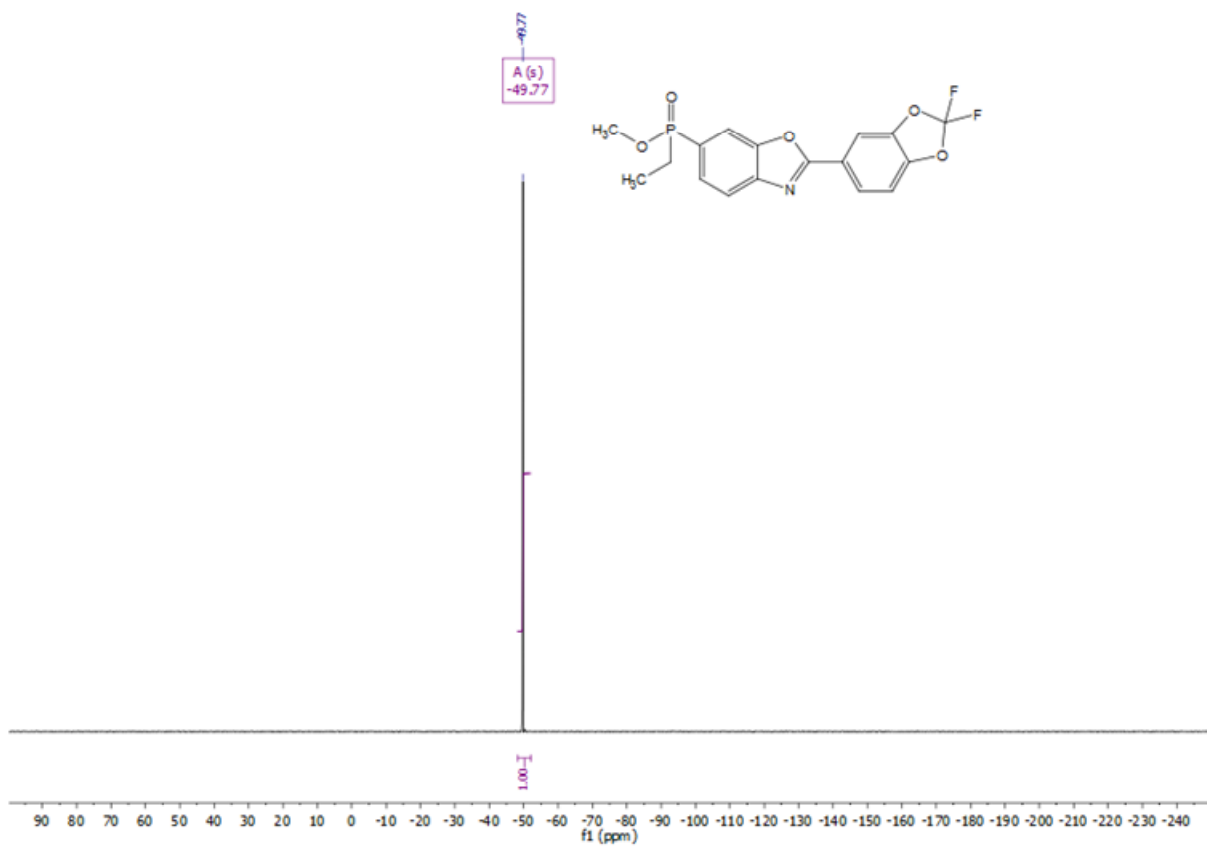
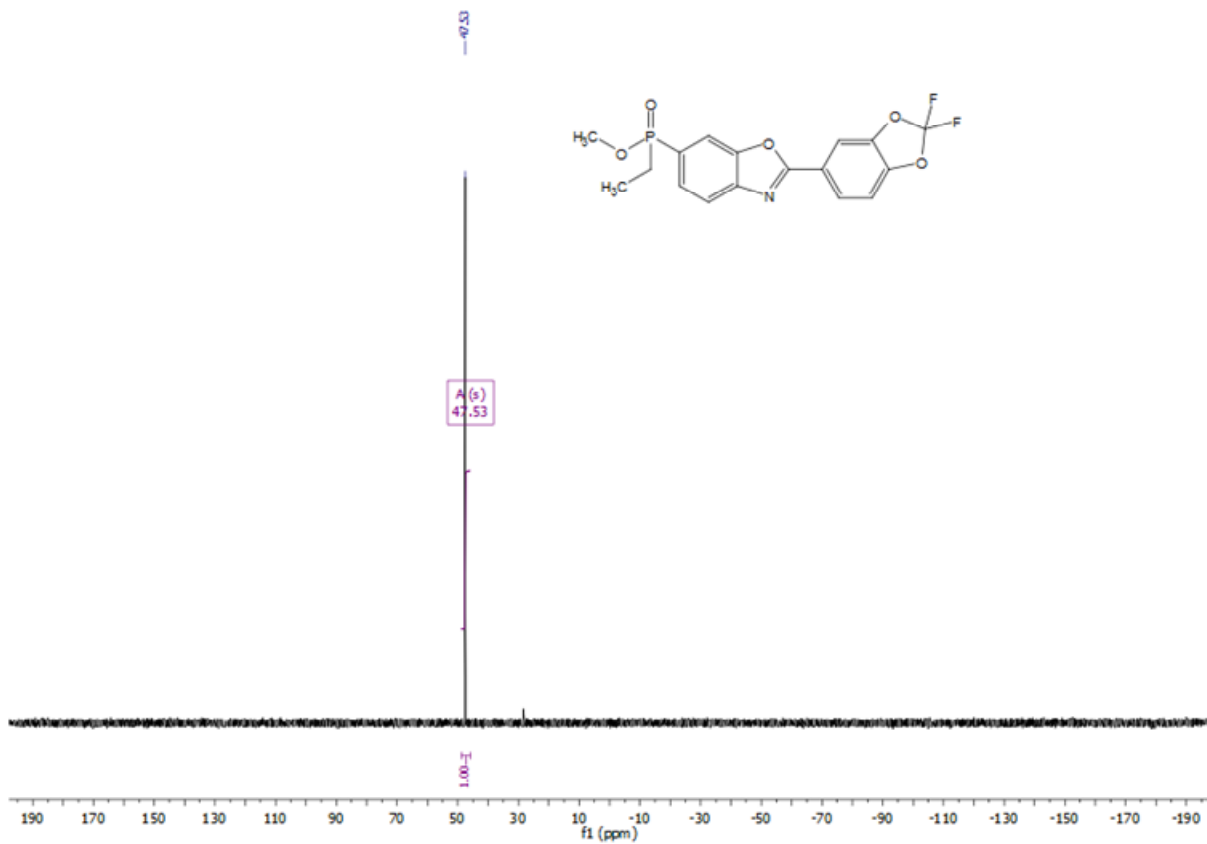


methyl (2-(2,2-difluorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (24)

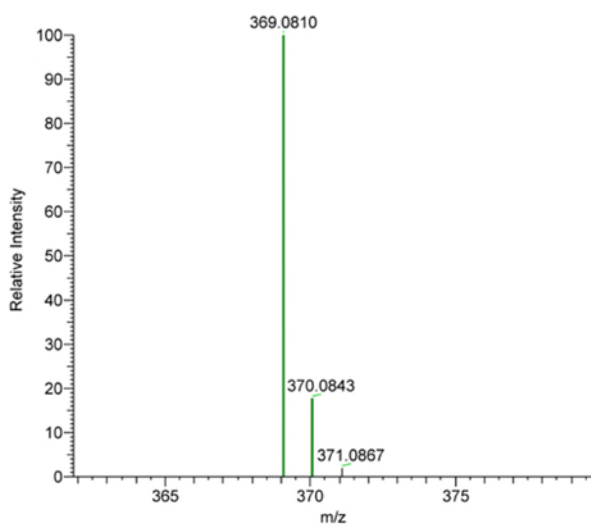
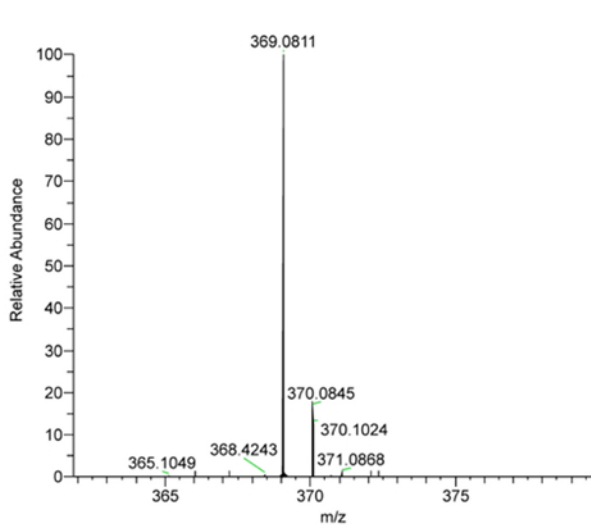
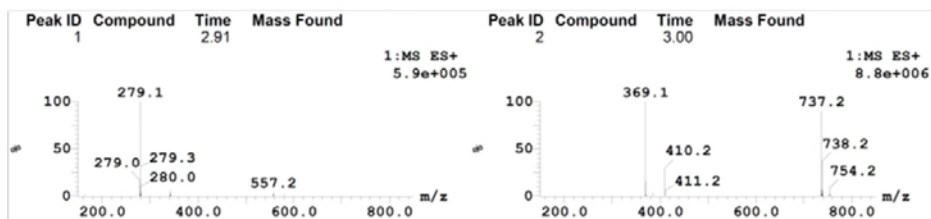
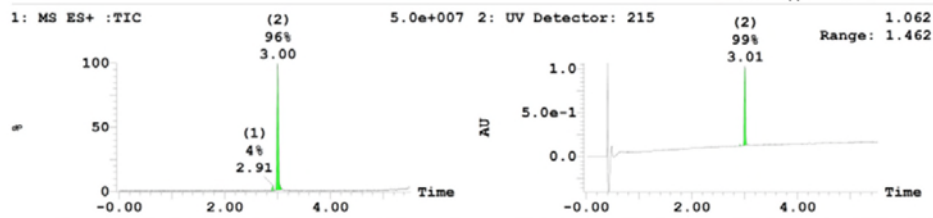
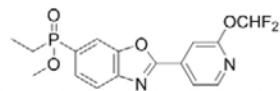


Peak Mass	Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
382.0649	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ ...	28.888...	10.50	-0.42	382.06...	1	94.771...	4	0	98.432...	97.662...	(Collec...



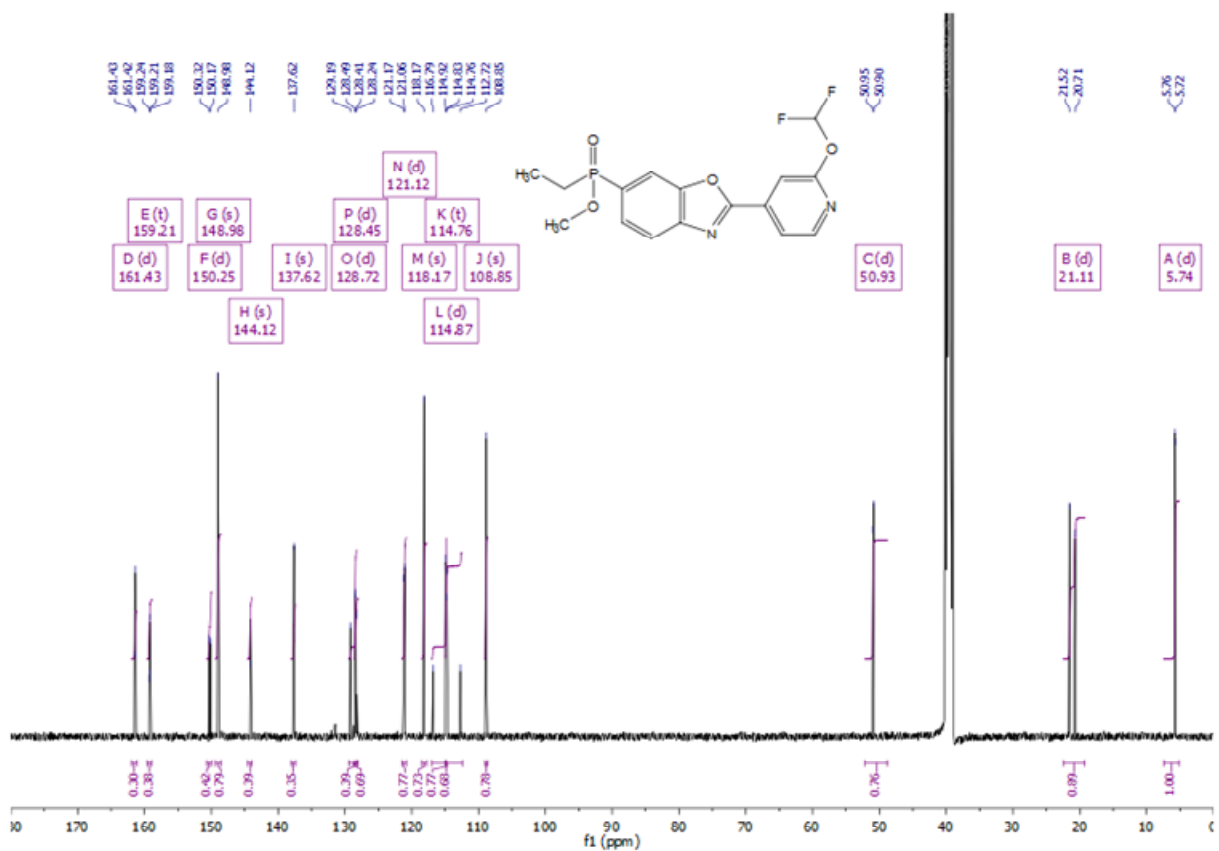
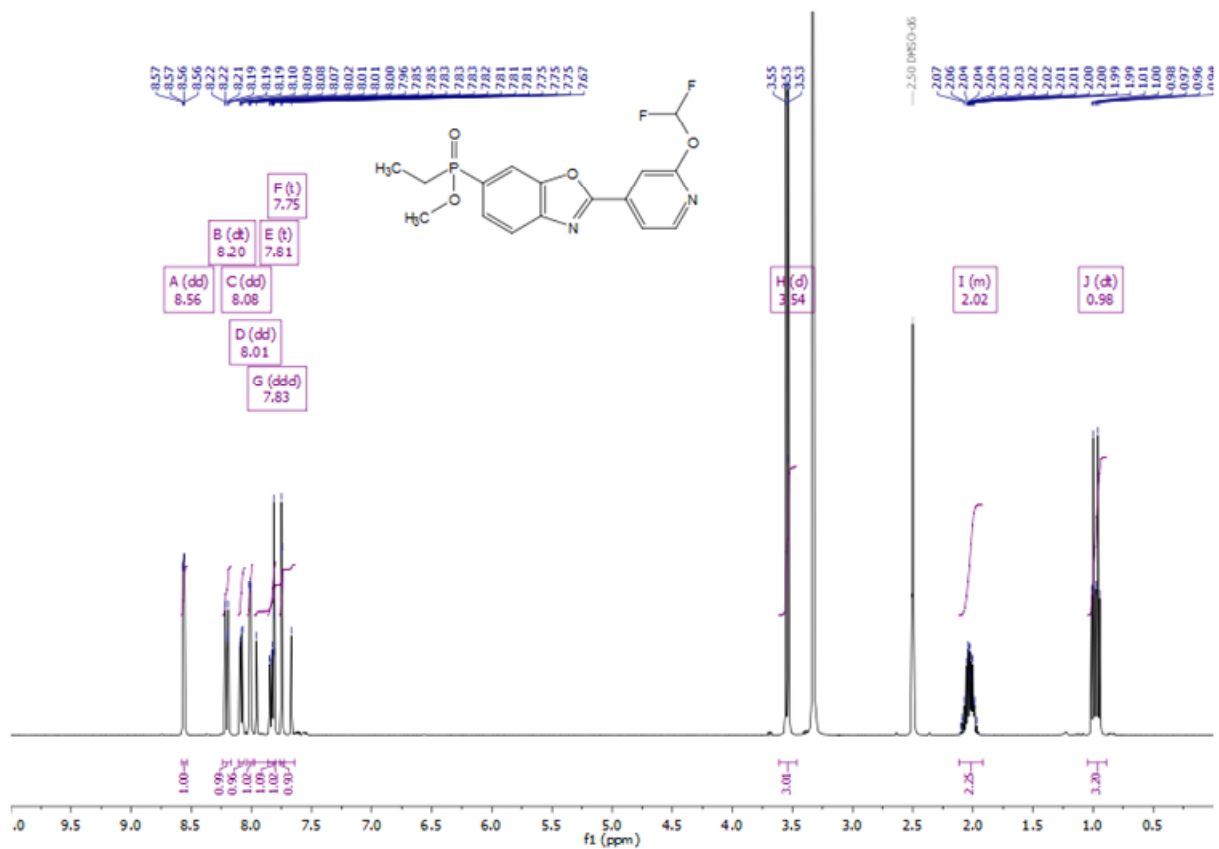


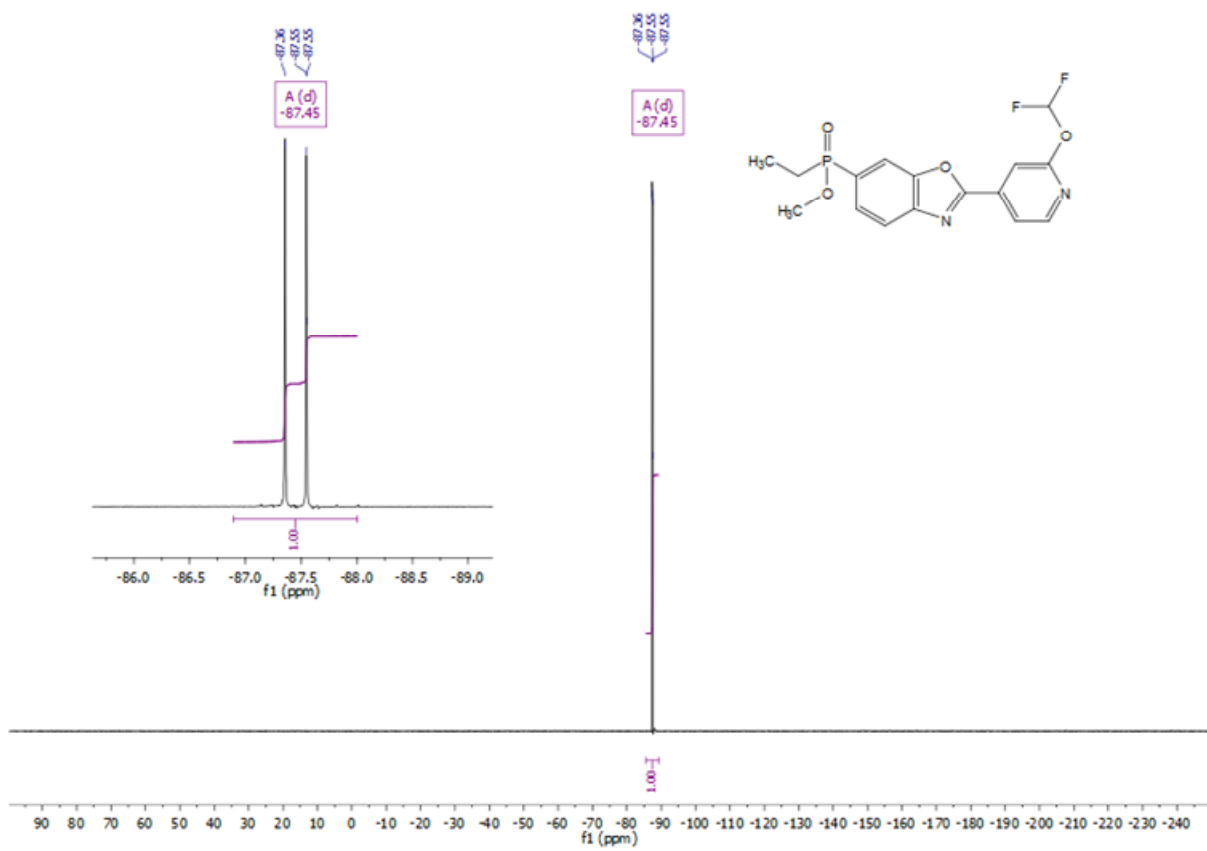
methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (25)



Theoretical Spectrum

Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...]	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
369.0811	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ ...	38.696...	9.50	0.32	369.08...	1	95.632...	4	0	98.795...	98.168... (Collec...

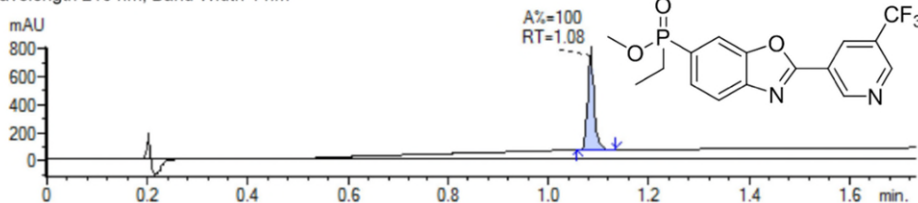




methyl ethyl(2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinate (26)

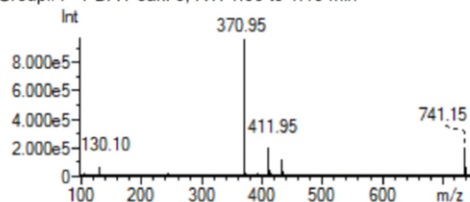
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



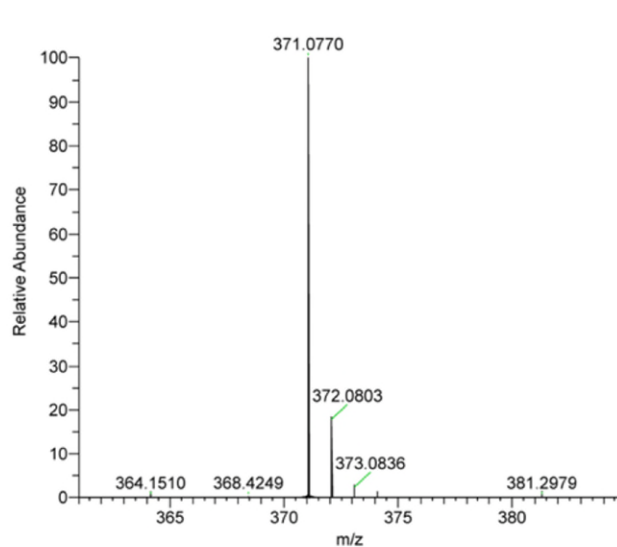
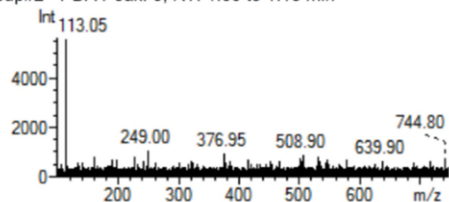
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.06 to 1.13 min

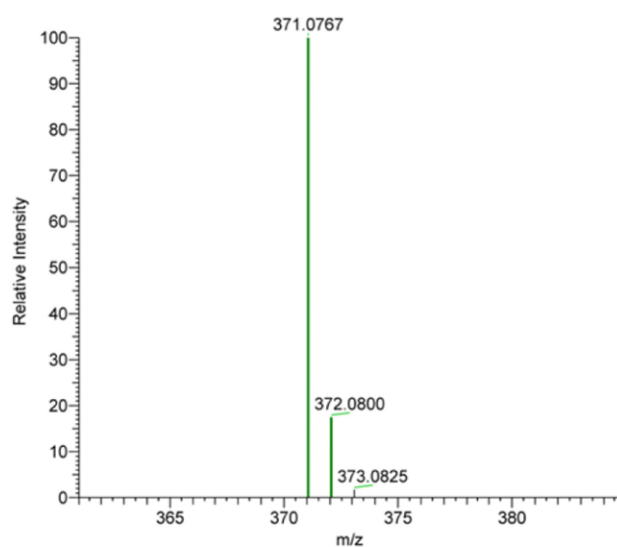


MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.06 to 1.13 min



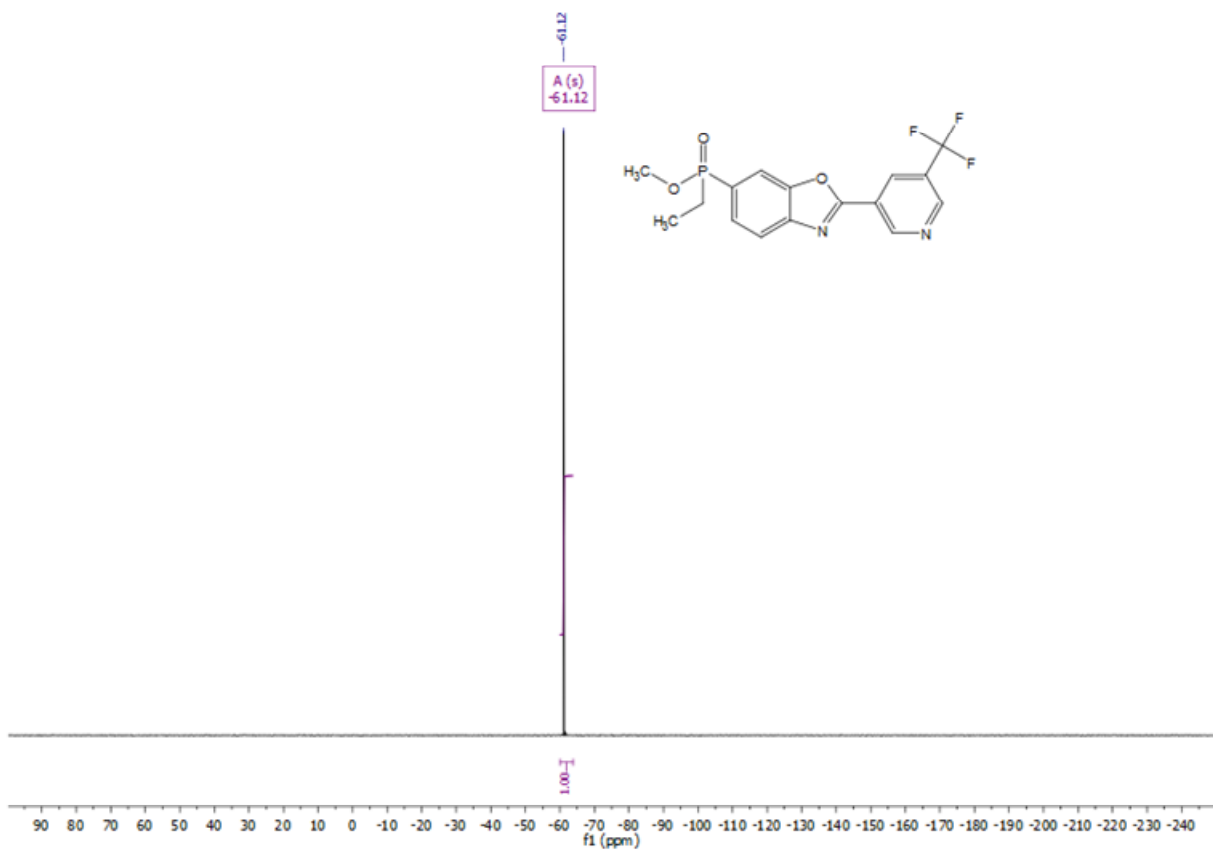
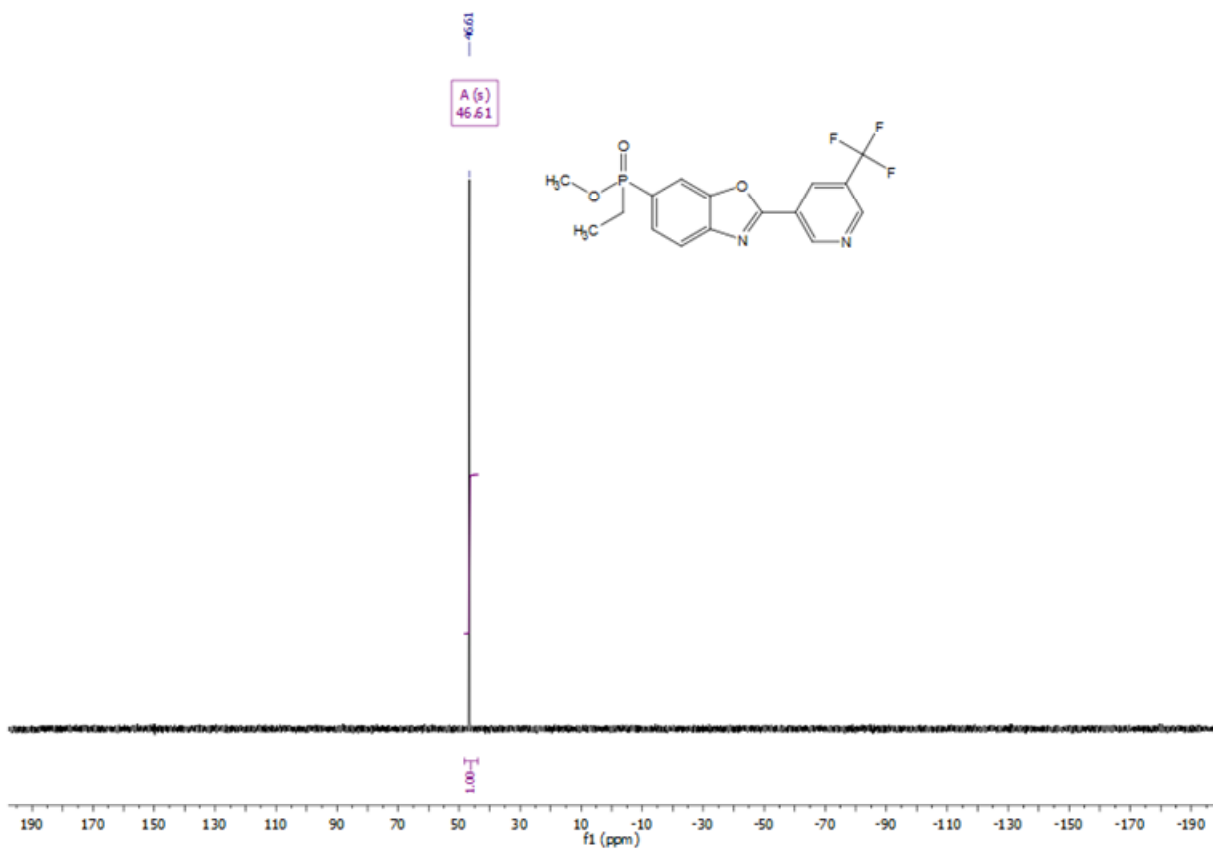
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[80.00-1600.00]



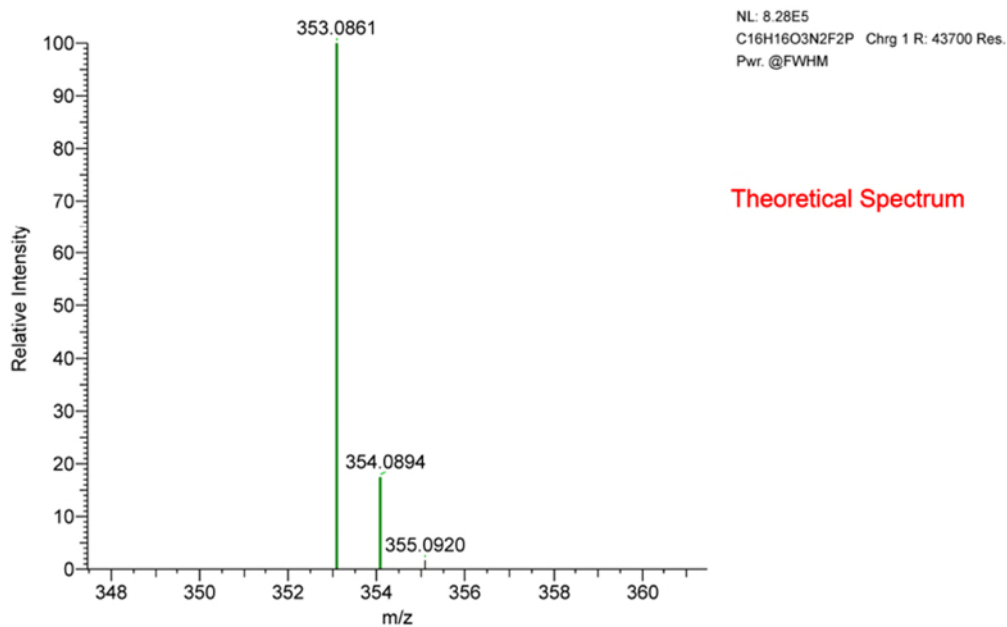
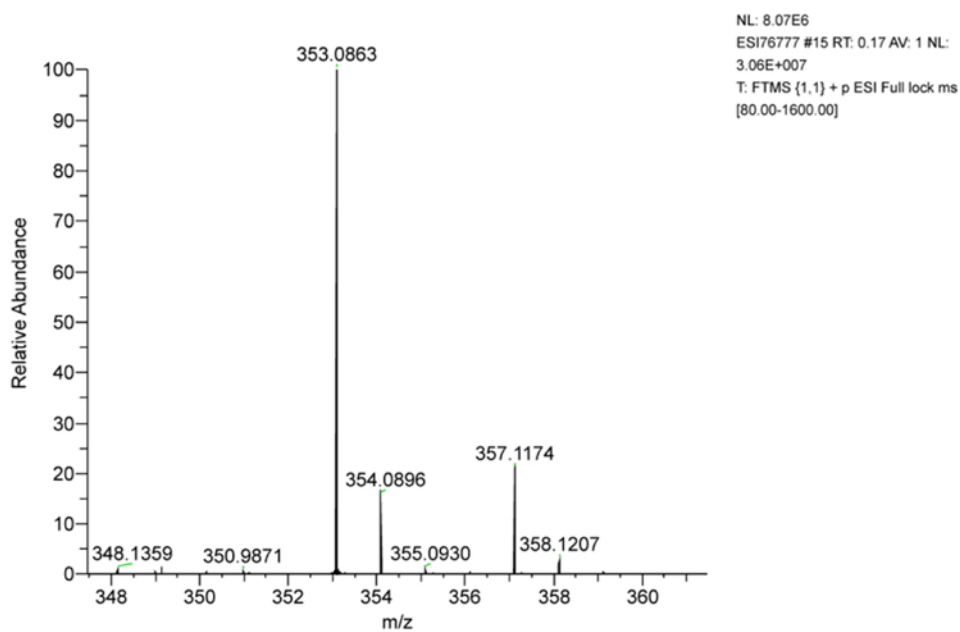
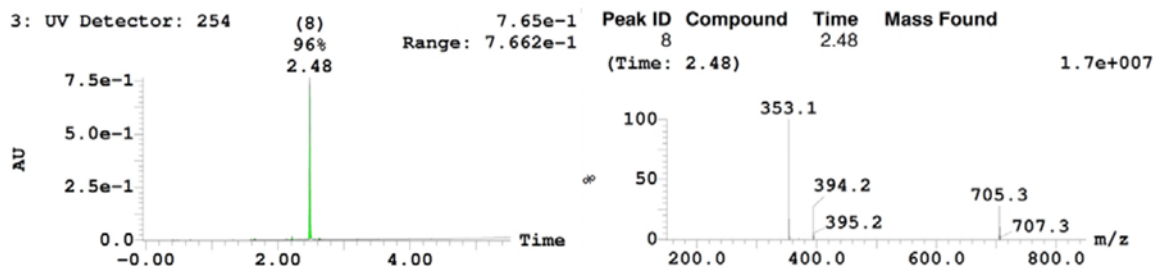
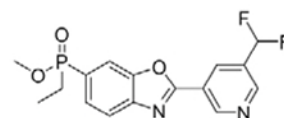
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Pwr. @FWHM

Theoretical Spectrum

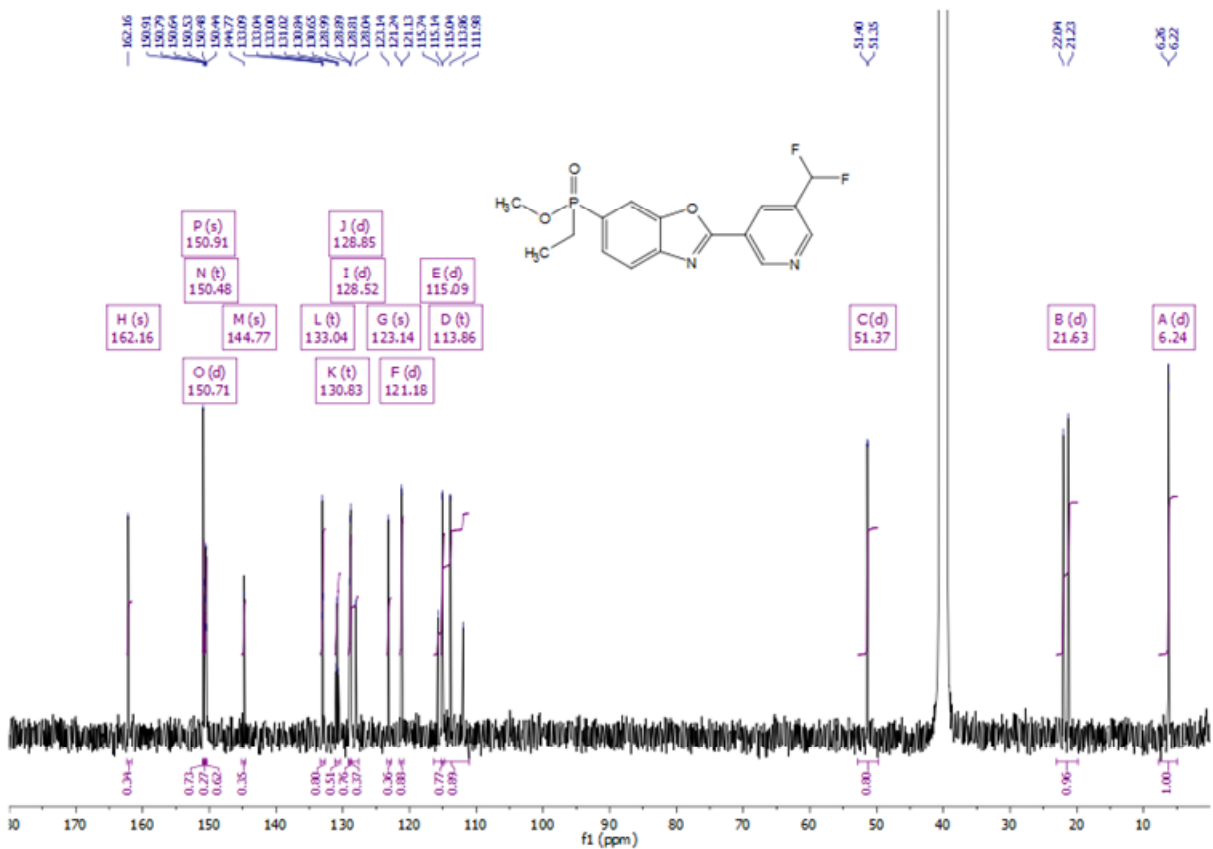
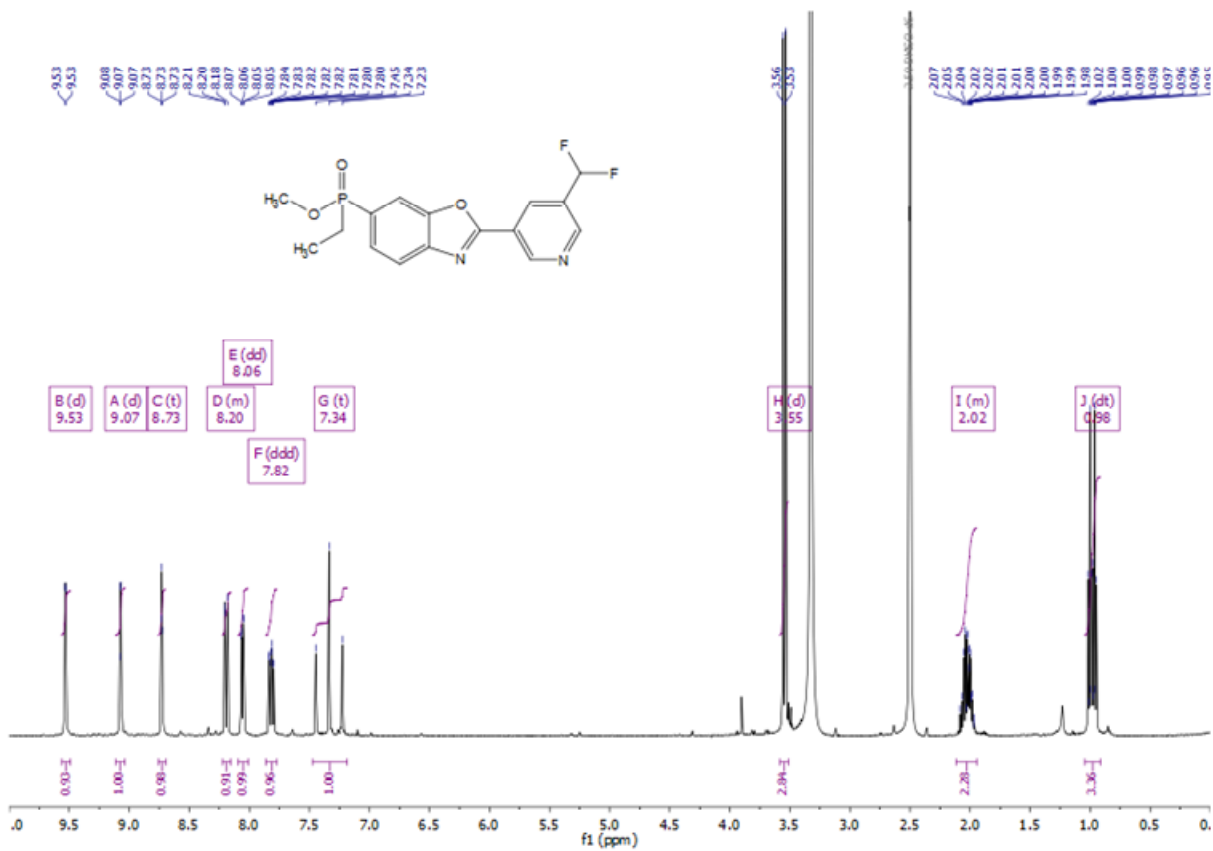
Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS
371.0770	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ ...	40.435...	9.50	0.82	371.07...	1	96.457...	3	1	99.569...	99.855... (Collec

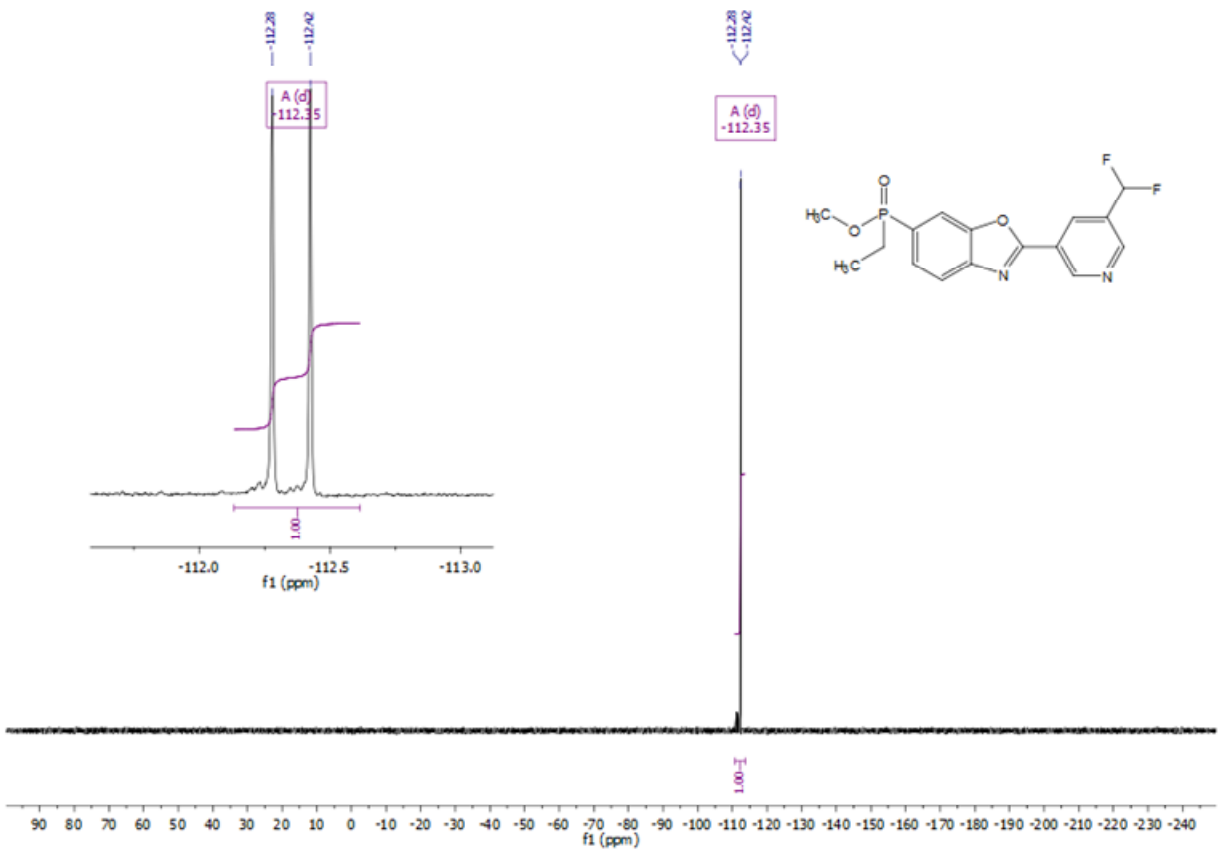
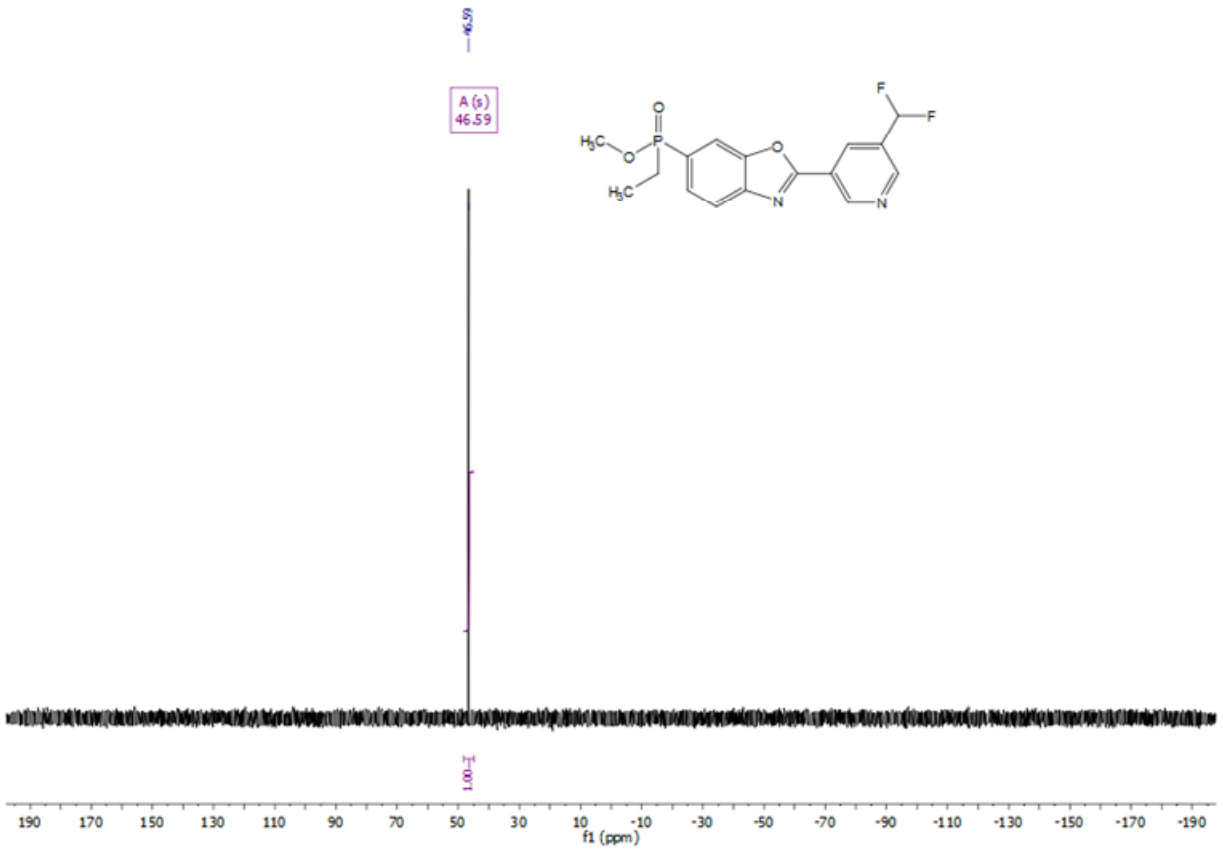


methyl (2-(5-(difluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (27)



Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
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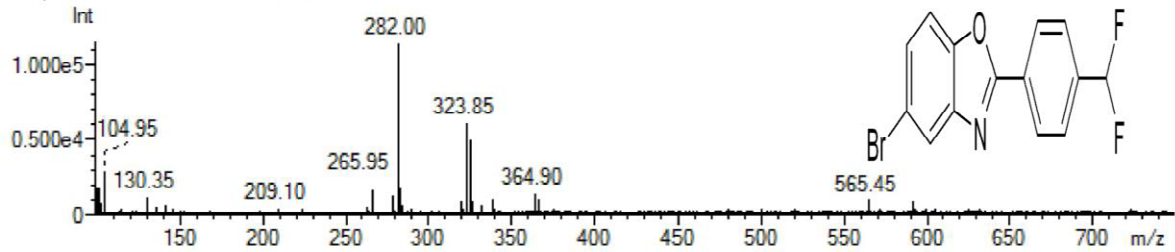




5-bromo-2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (28)

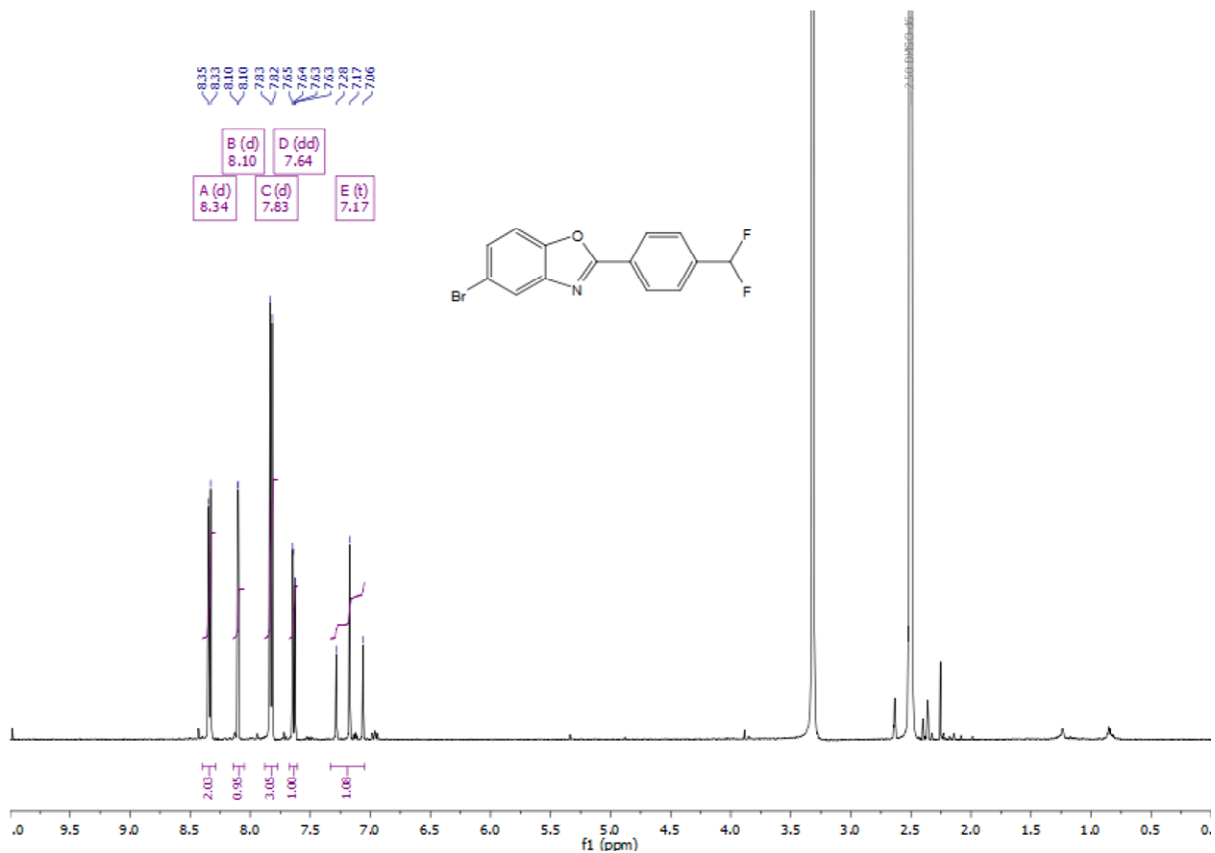
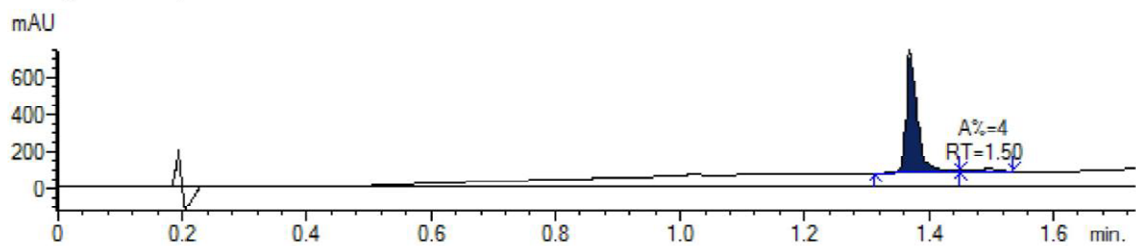
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - LC Peak: 6, RT: 1.29 to 1.43 min



PDA Chromatogram

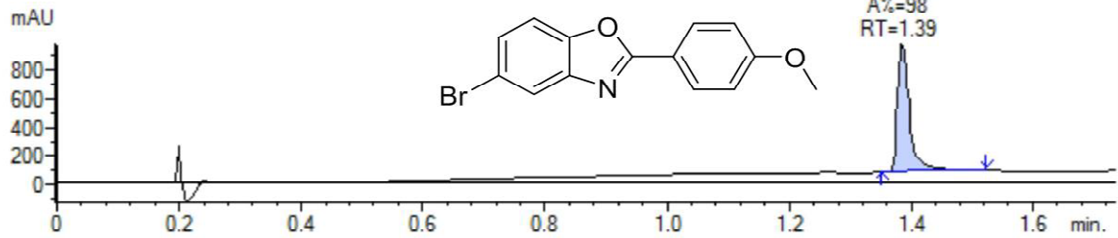
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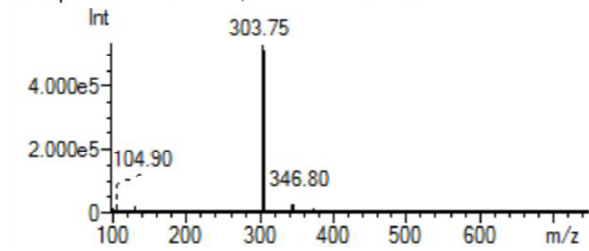
PDA Chromatogram

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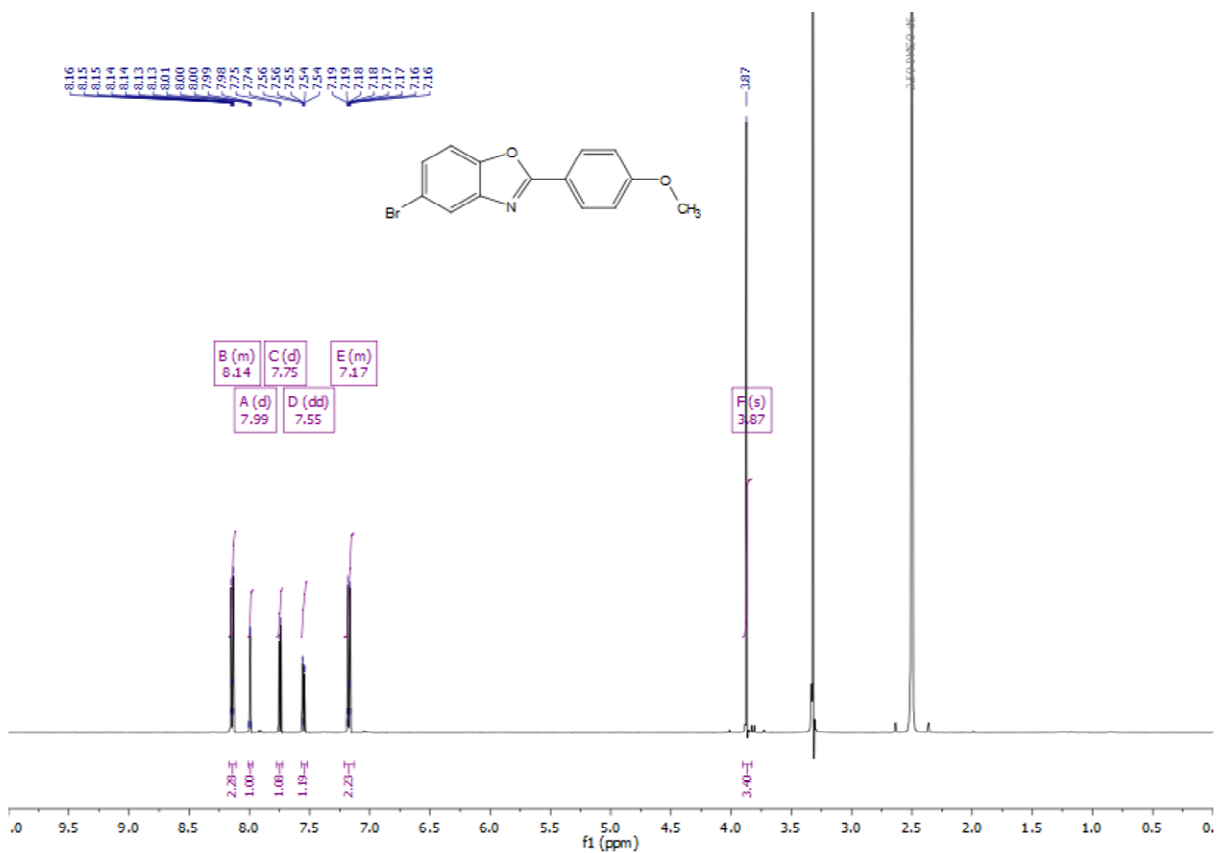
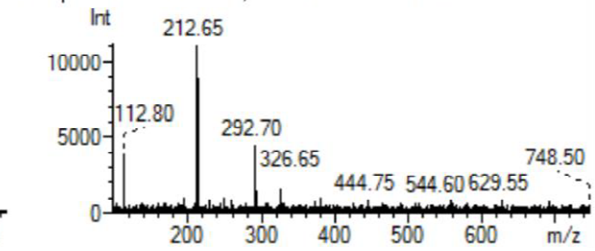
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 8, RT: 1.35 to 1.52 min



MS Spectrum

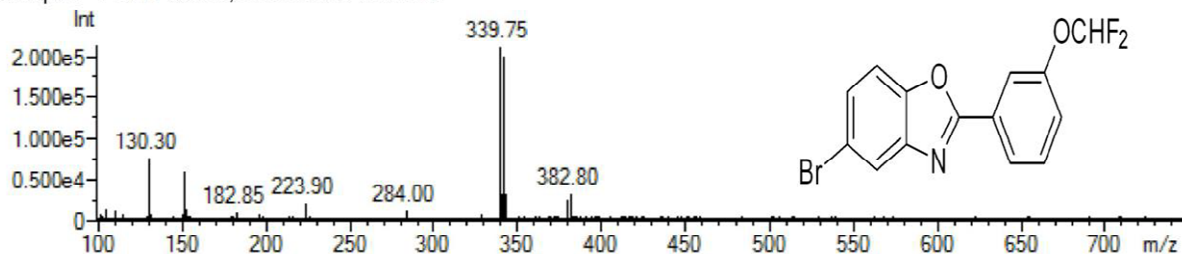
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 8, RT: 1.35 to 1.52 min



5-bromo-2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (30)

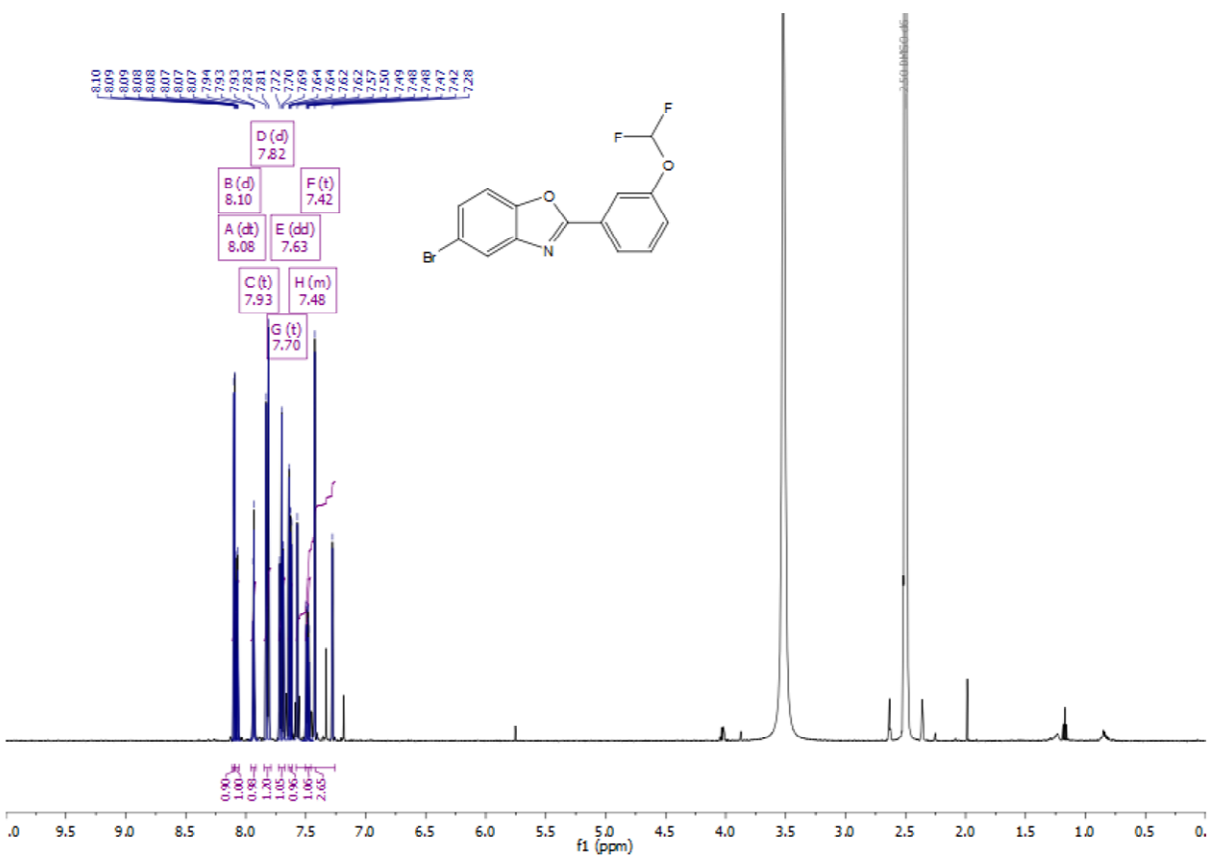
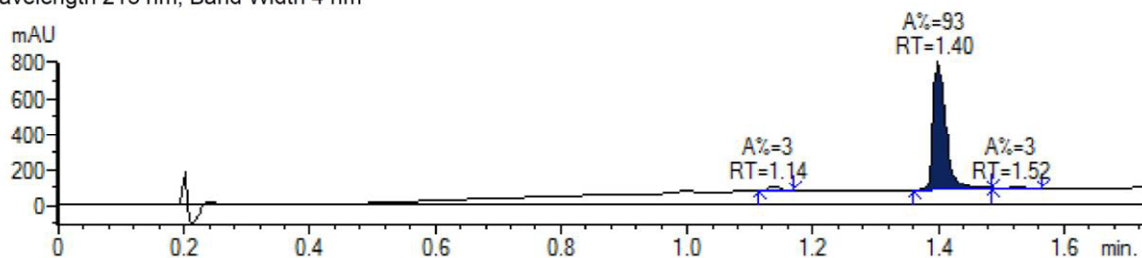
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.36 to 1.49 min



PDA Chromatogram

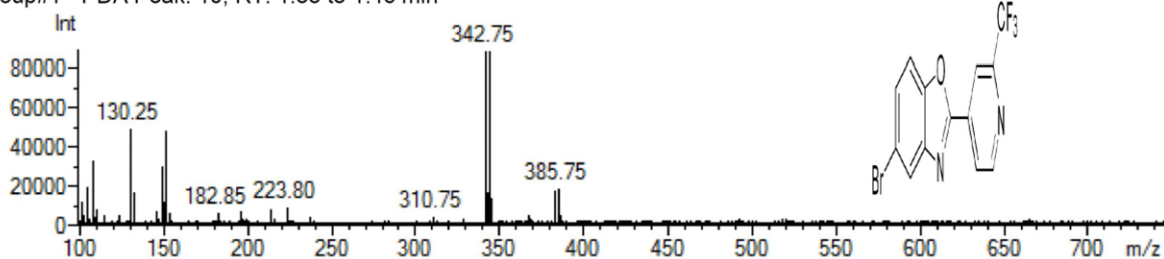
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5-bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (31)

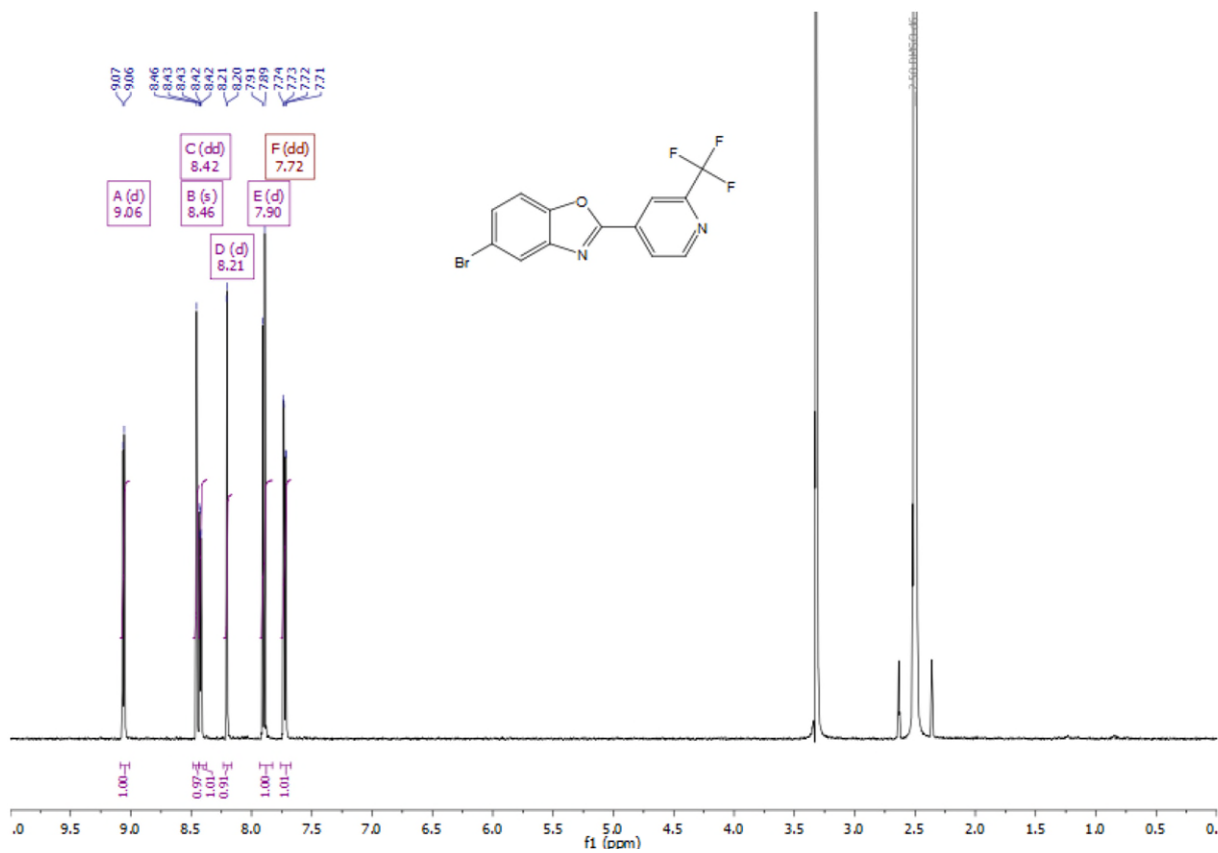
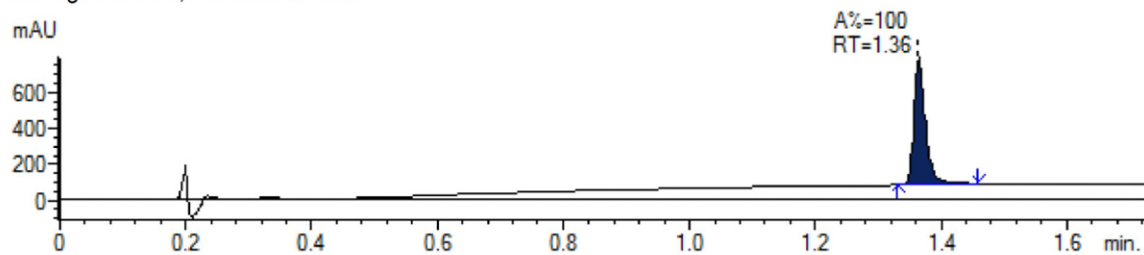
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 10, RT: 1.33 to 1.46 min



PDA Chromatogram

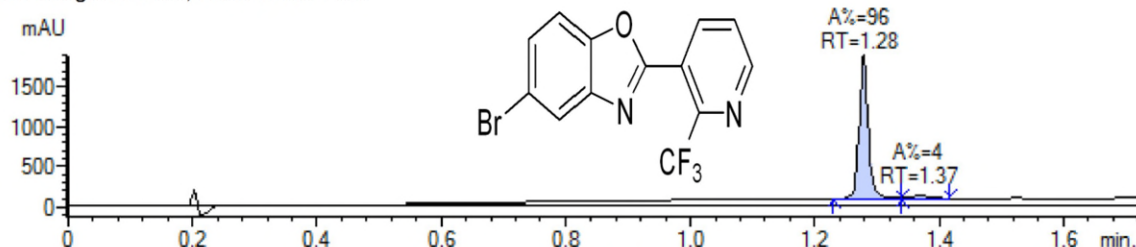
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5-bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (32)

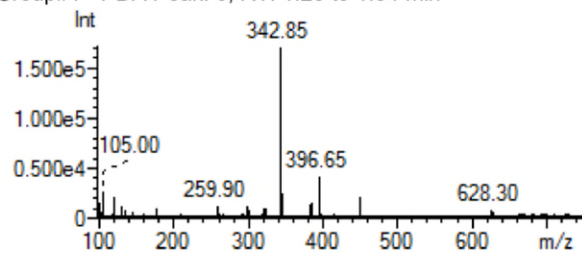
PDA Chromatogram

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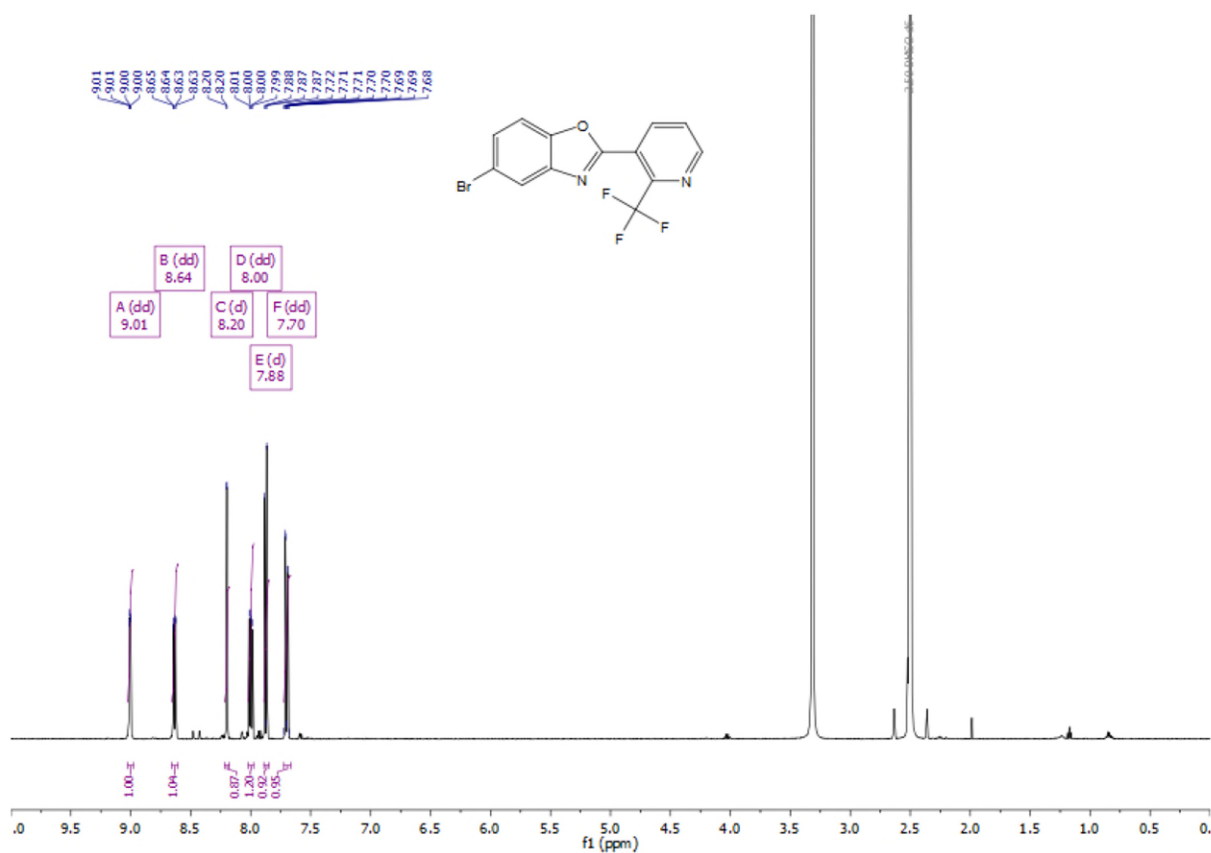
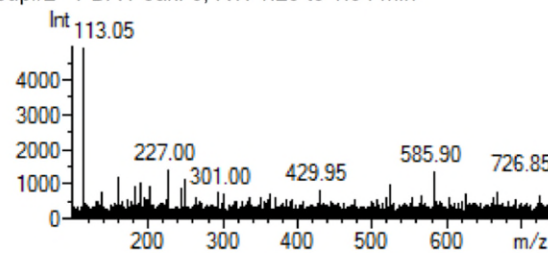
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.23 to 1.34 min



MS Spectrum

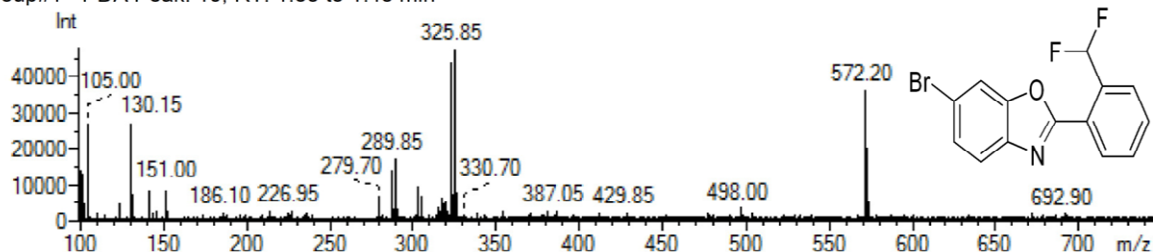
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.23 to 1.34 min



6-bromo-2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (33)

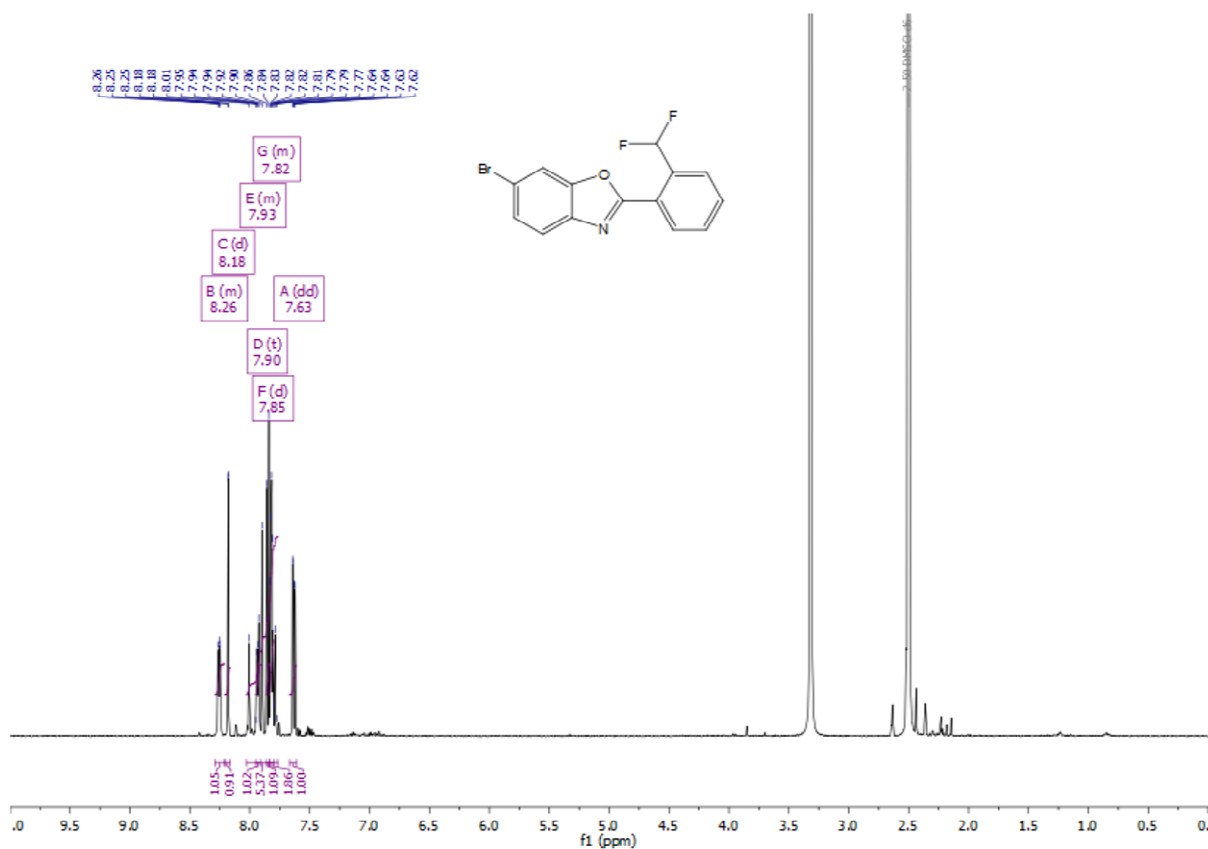
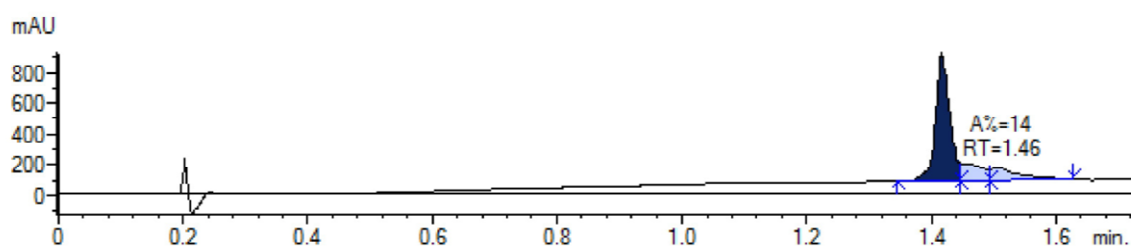
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 10, RT: 1.35 to 1.45 min



PDA Chromatogram

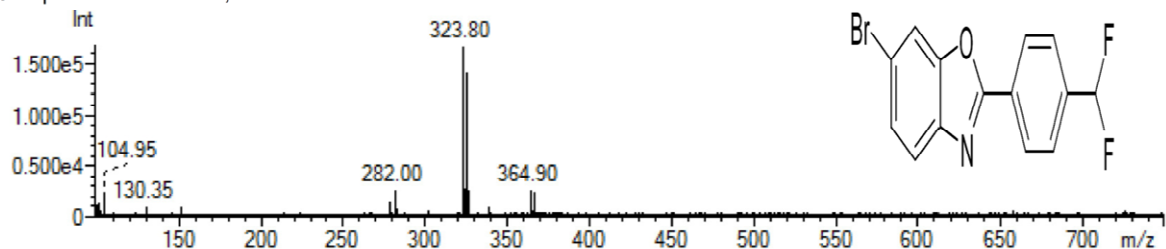
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6-bromo-2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (34)

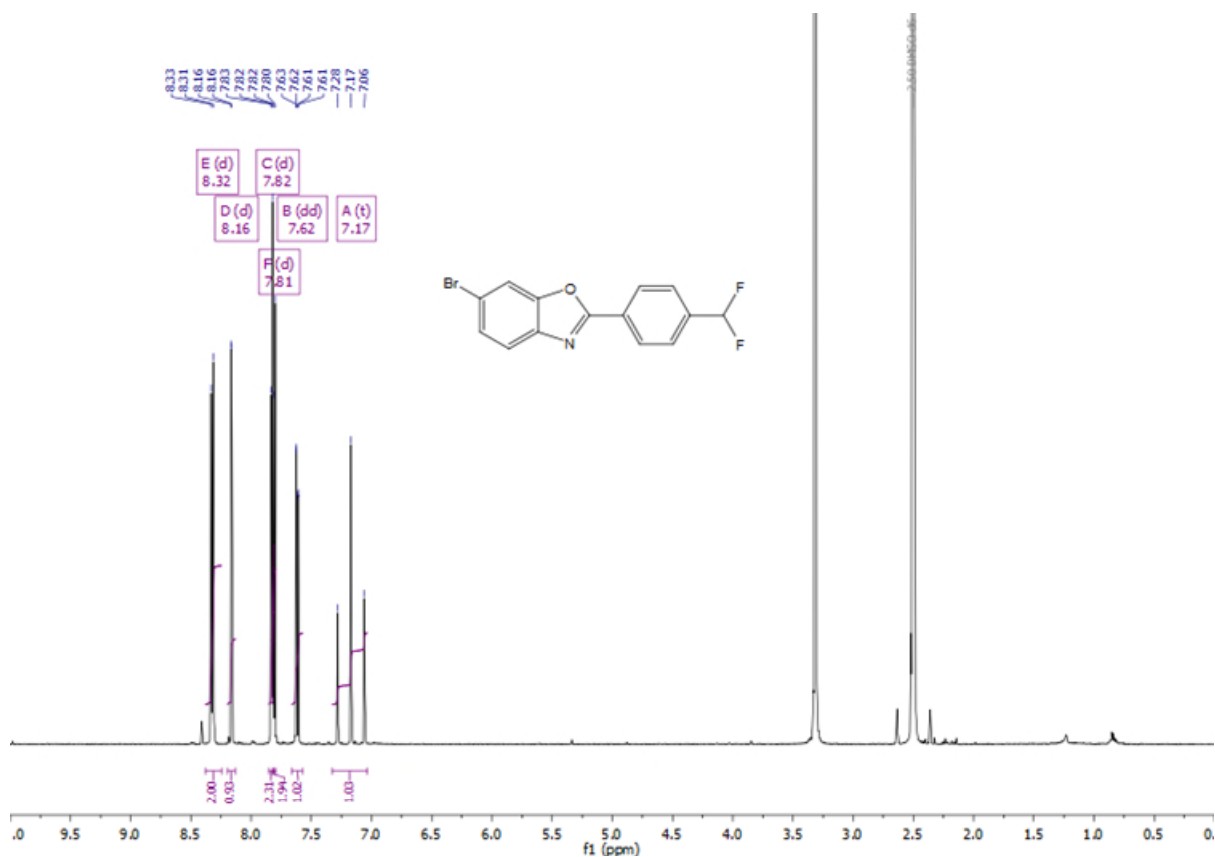
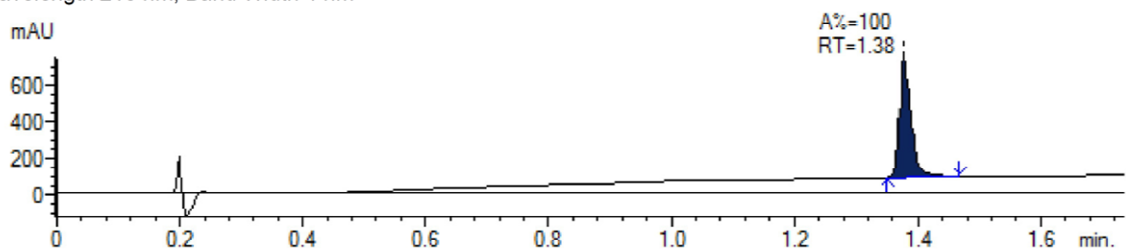
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 9, RT: 1.35 to 1.47 min



PDA Chromatogram

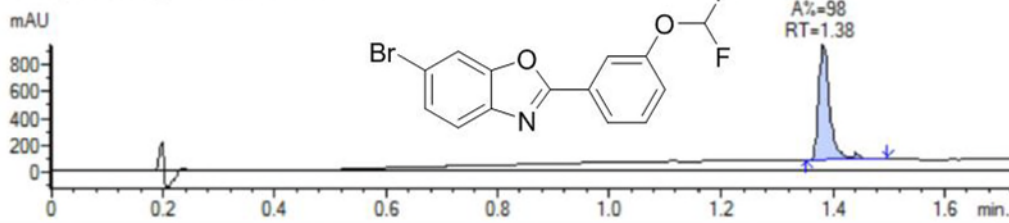
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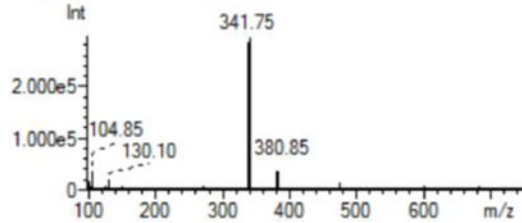
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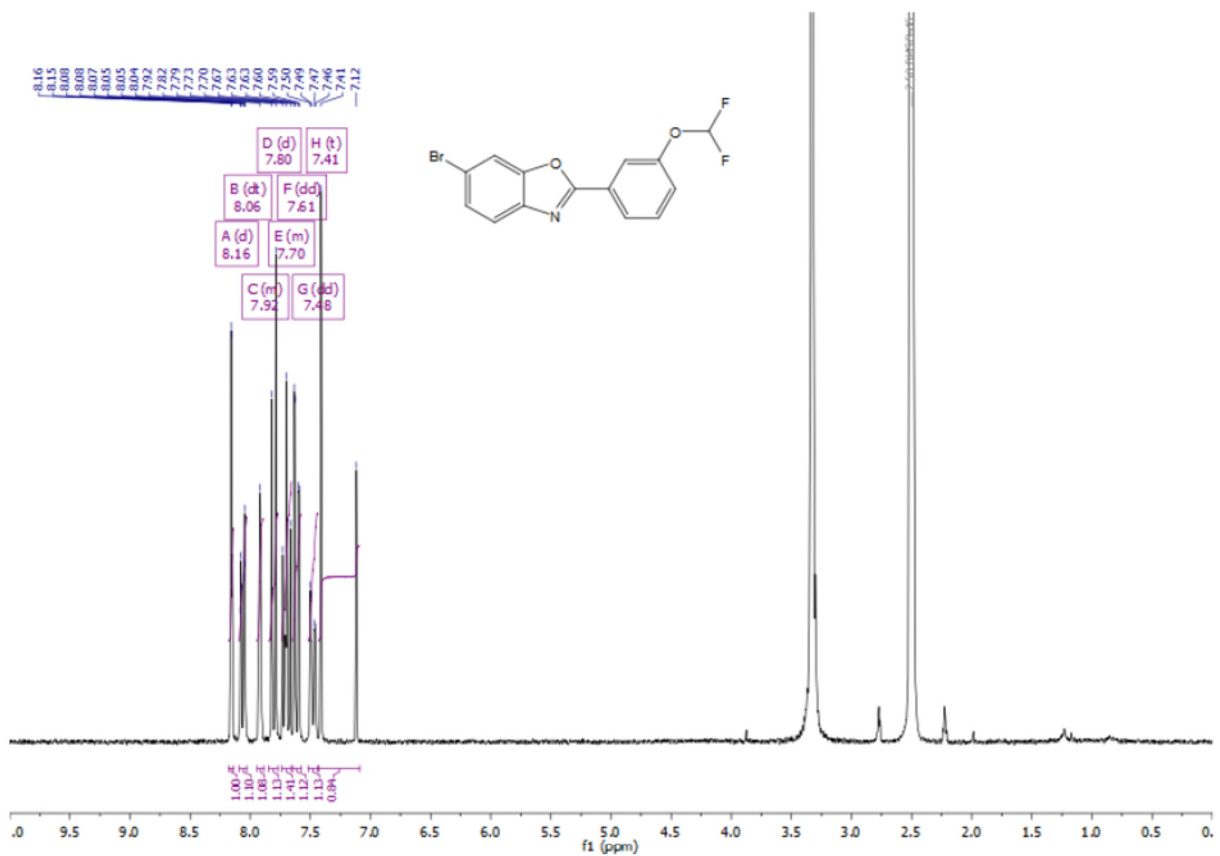
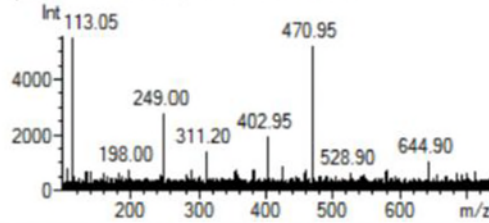
MS Spectrum

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MS Spectrum

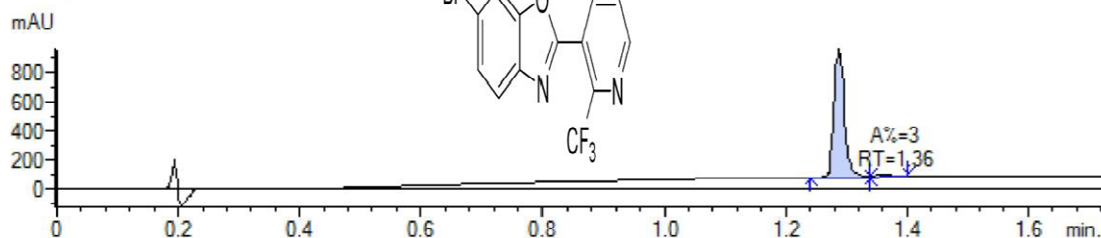
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6-bromo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (36)

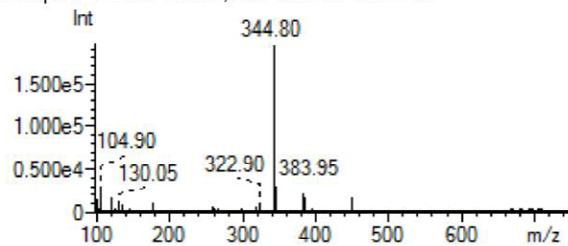
PDA Chromatogram

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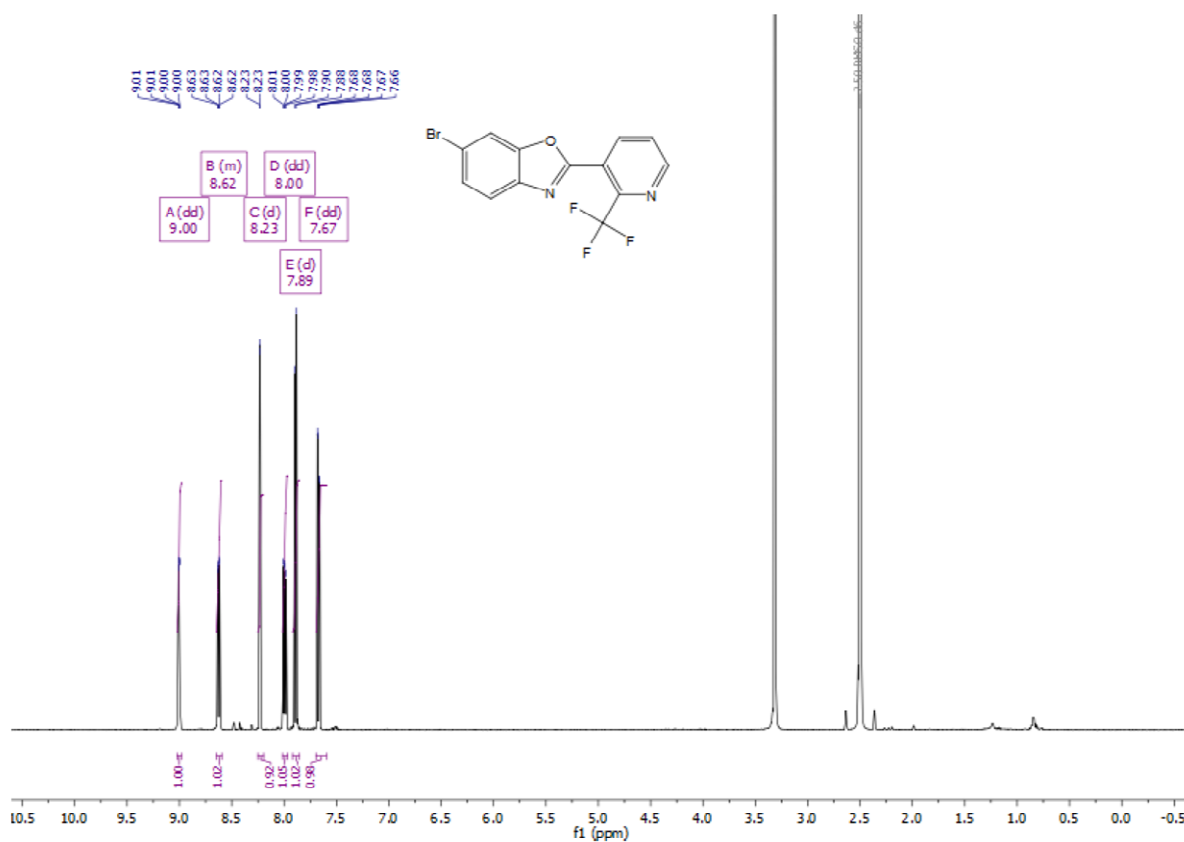
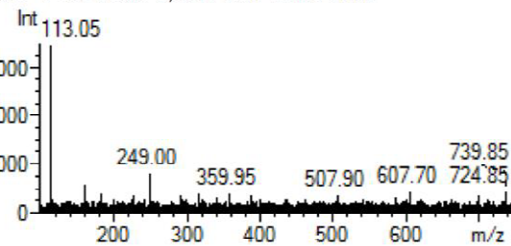
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Group#1 - PDA Peak: 9, RT: 1.24 to 1.34 min



MS Spectrum

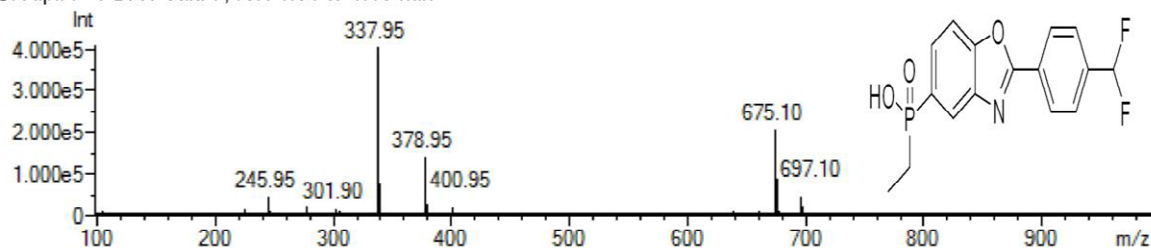
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(2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (37)

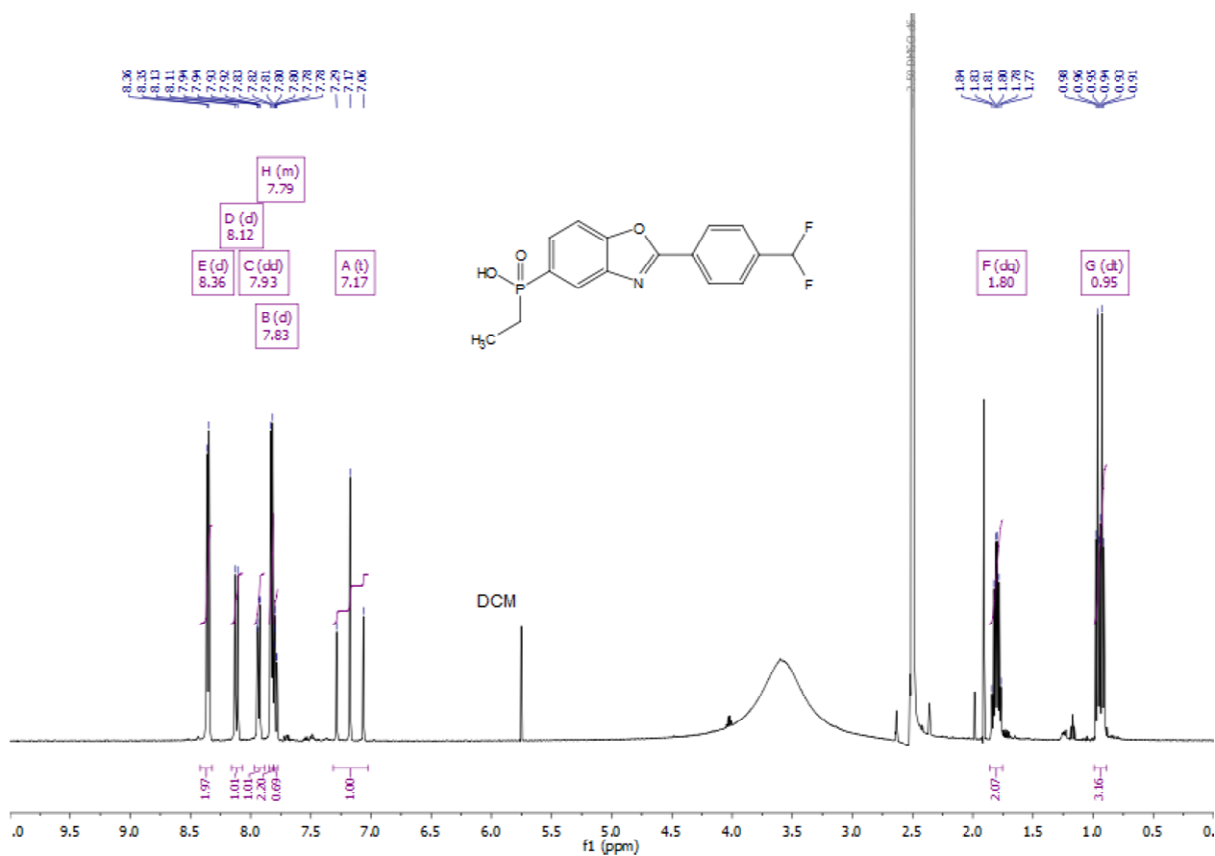
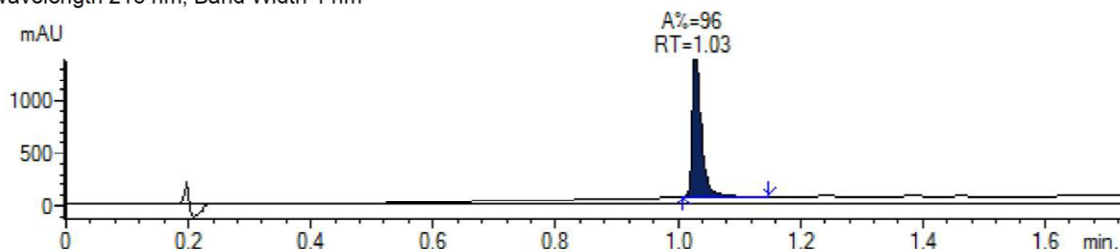
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Group#1 - PDA Peak: 7, RT: 1.01 to 1.15 min



PDA Chromatogram

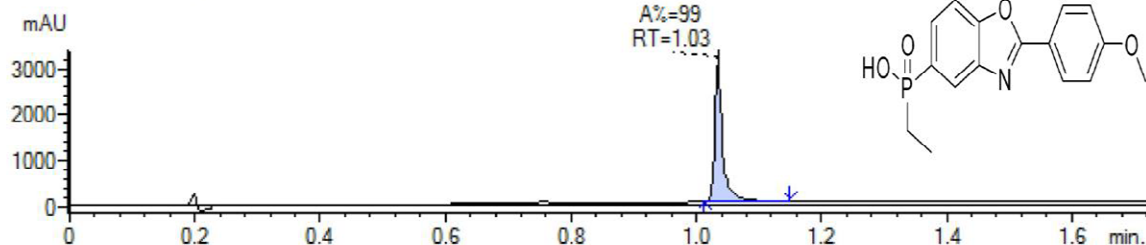
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ethyl(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (38)

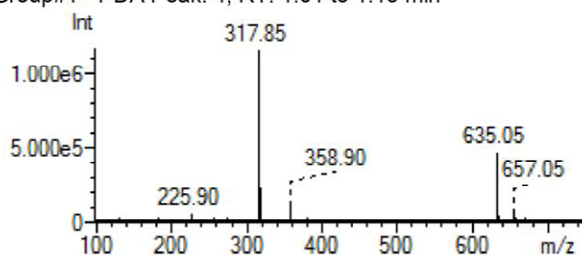
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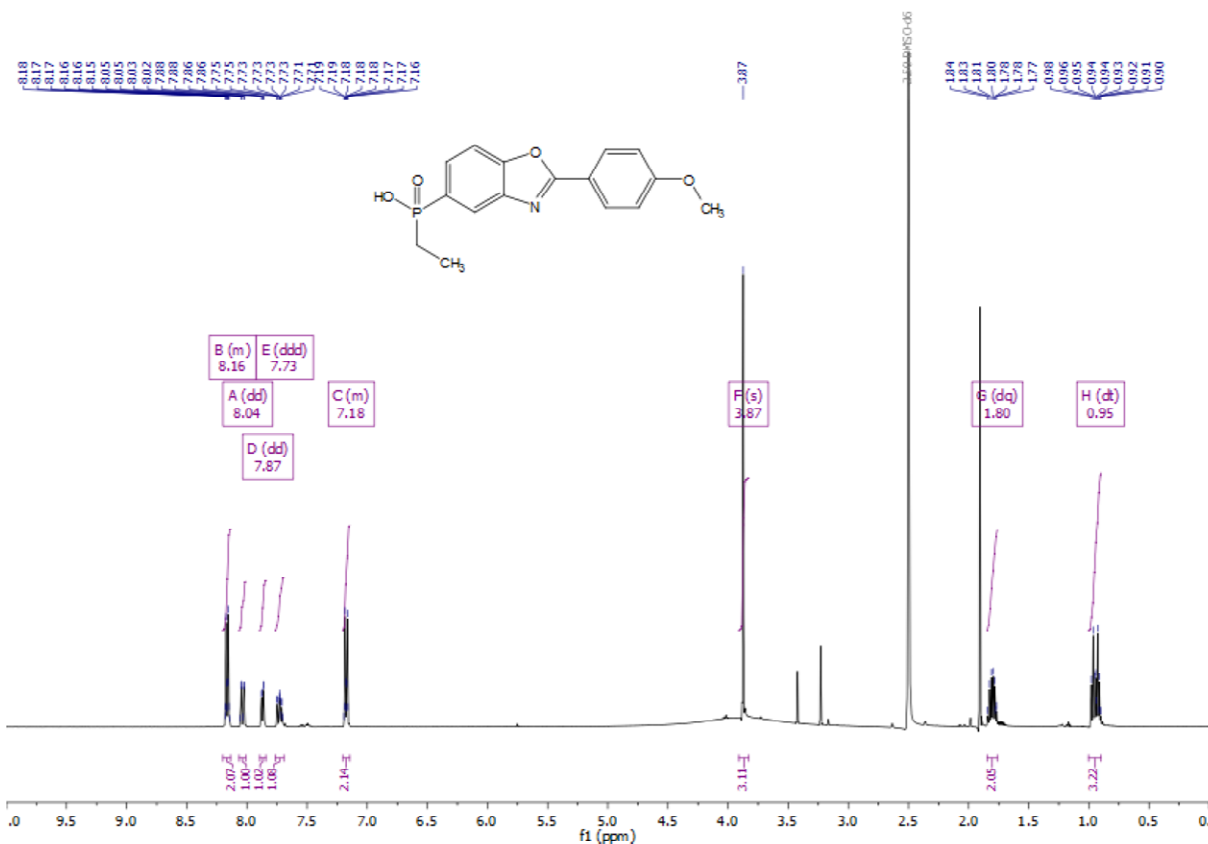
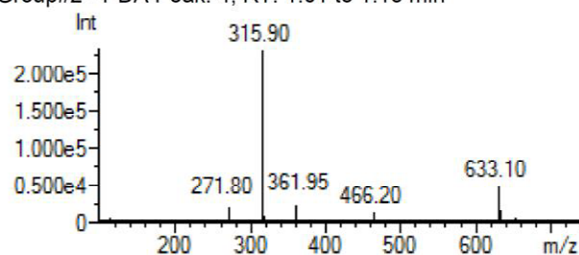
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 4, RT: 1.01 to 1.15 min



MS Spectrum

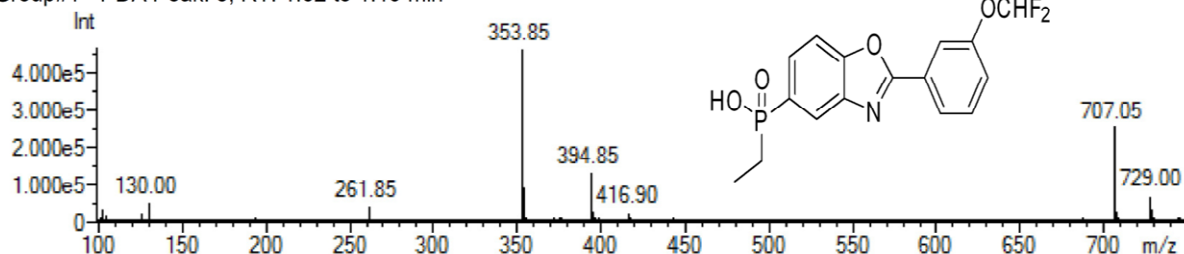
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(2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (39)

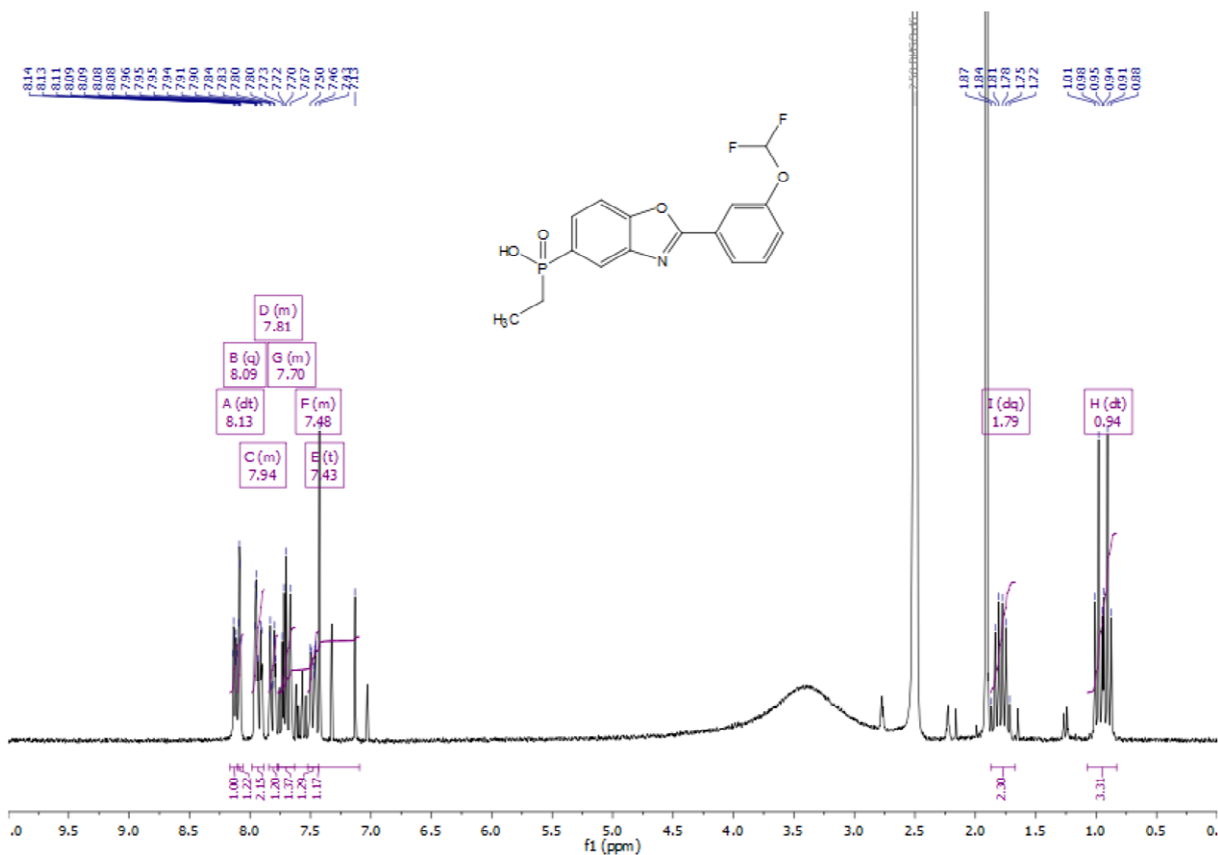
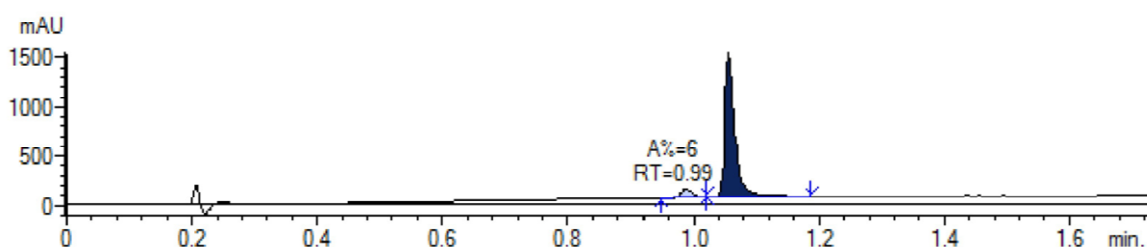
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.02 to 1.19 min



PDA Chromatogram

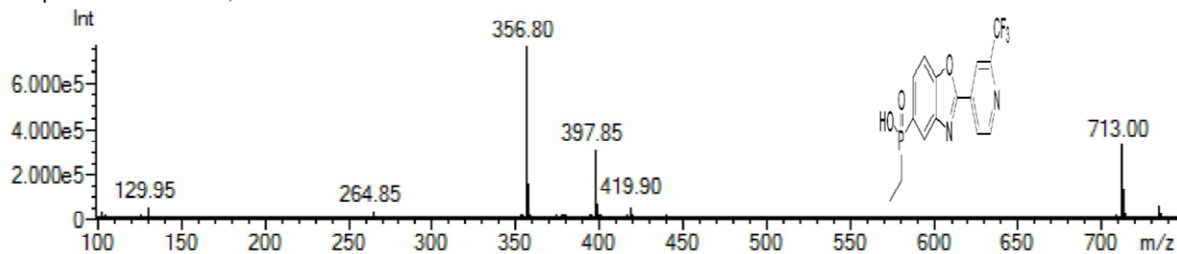
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ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (40)

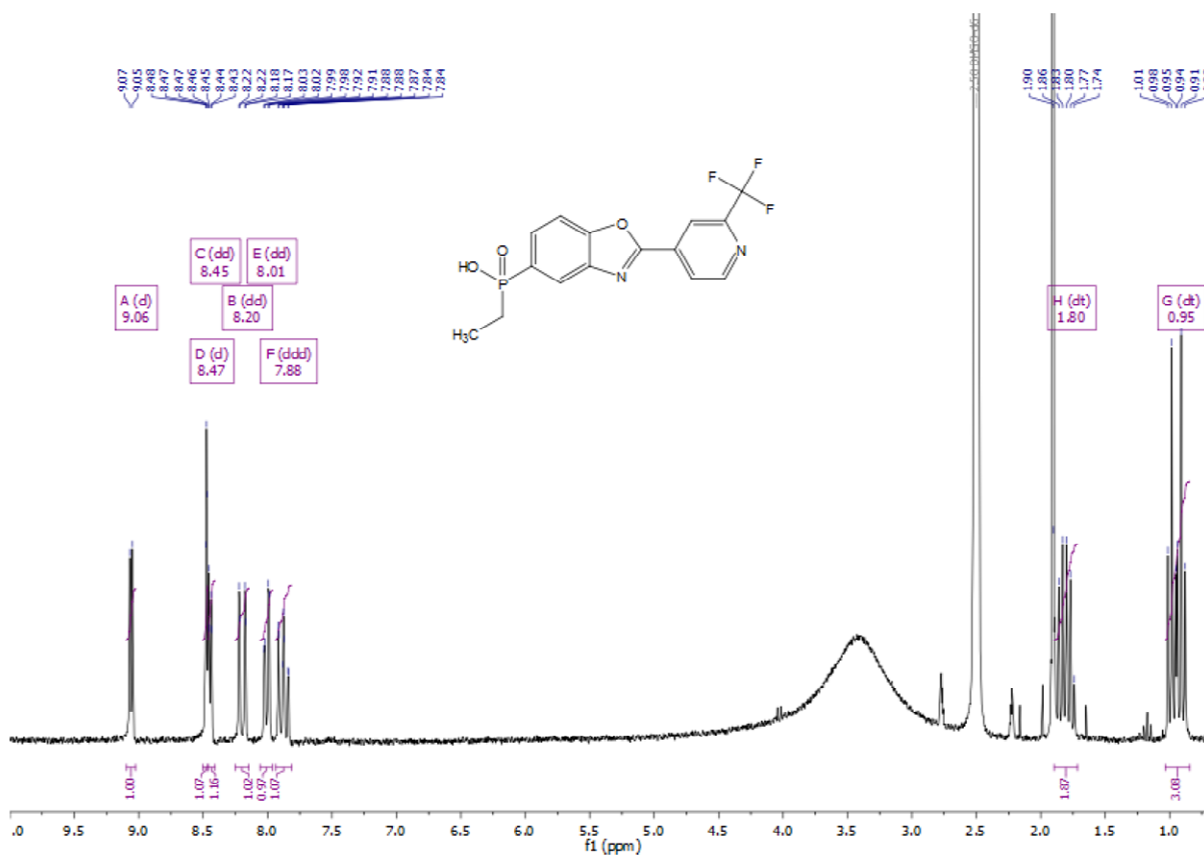
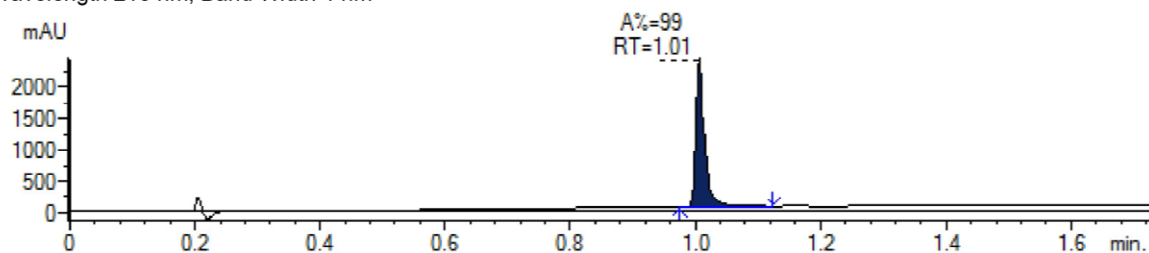
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 3, RT: 0.98 to 1.12 min



PDA Chromatogram

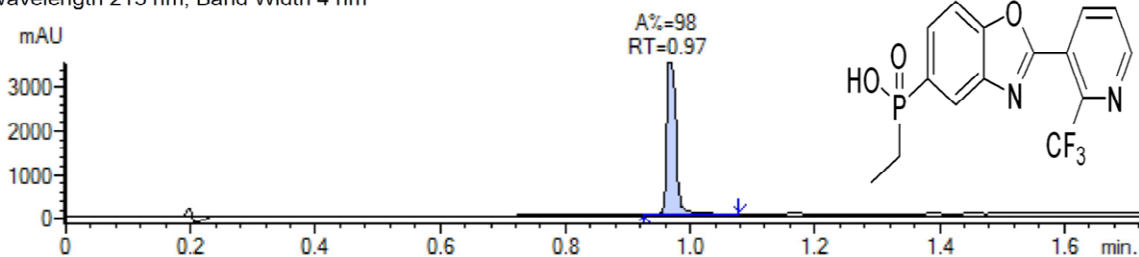
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ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinic acid (41)

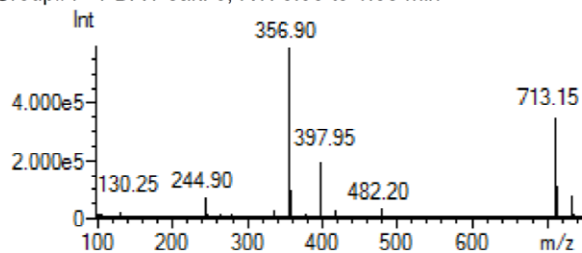
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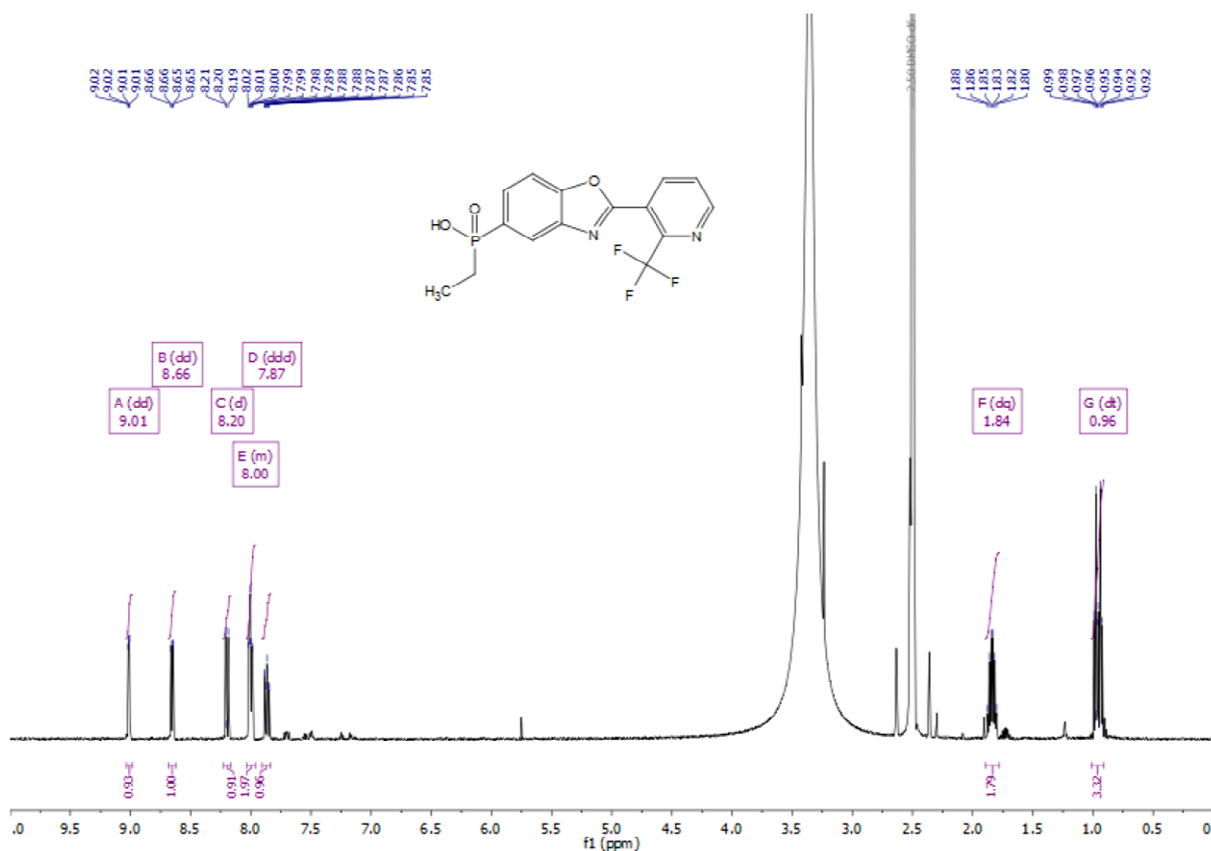
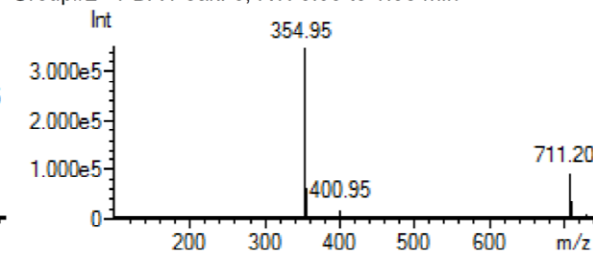
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 0.93 to 1.08 min



MS Spectrum

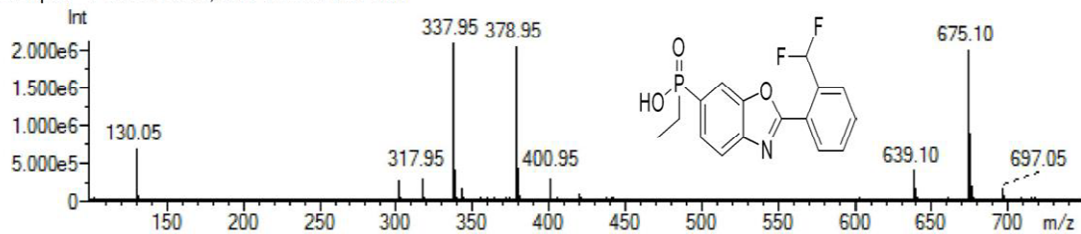
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 0.93 to 1.08 min



(2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (42)

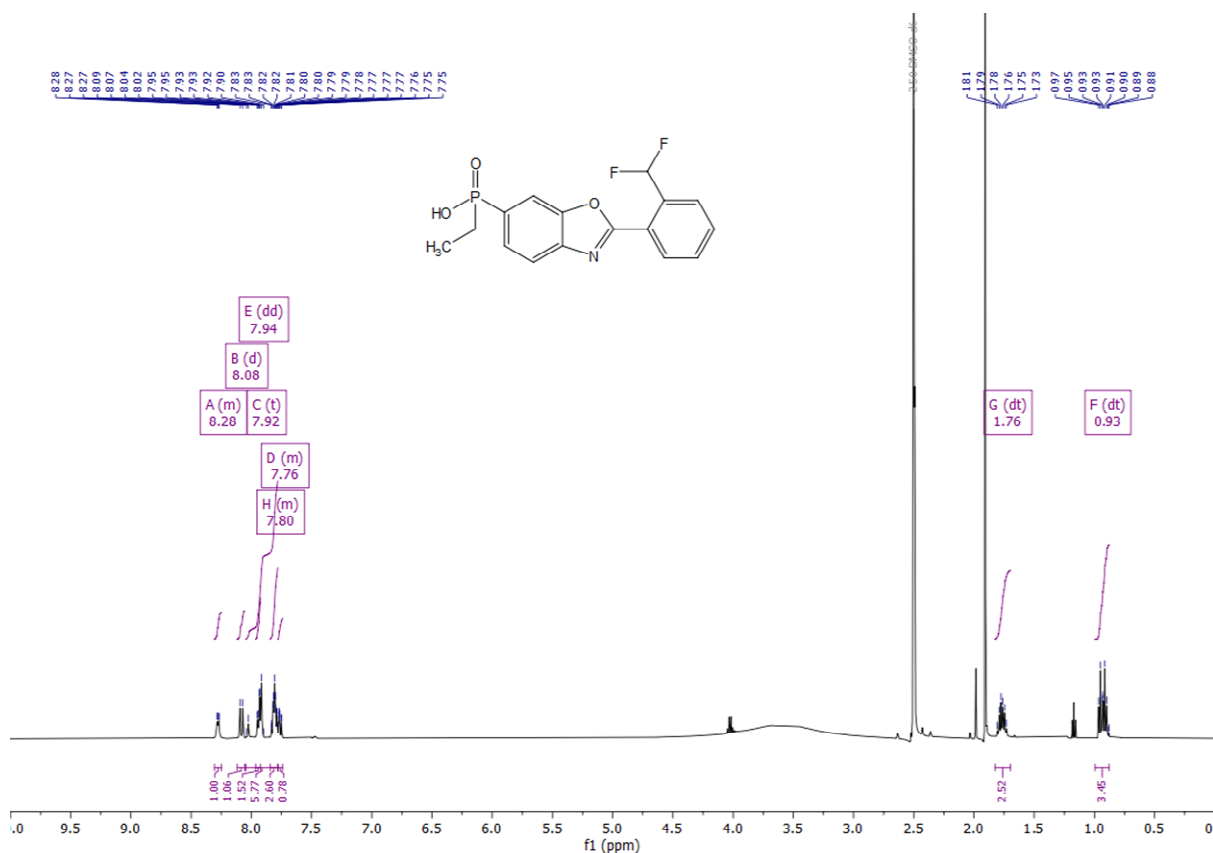
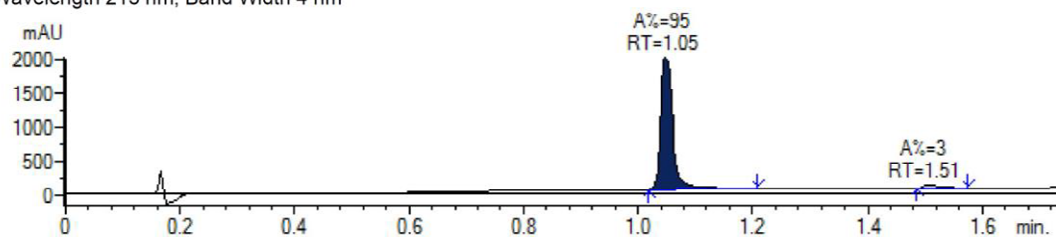
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.02 to 1.21 min



PDA Chromatogram

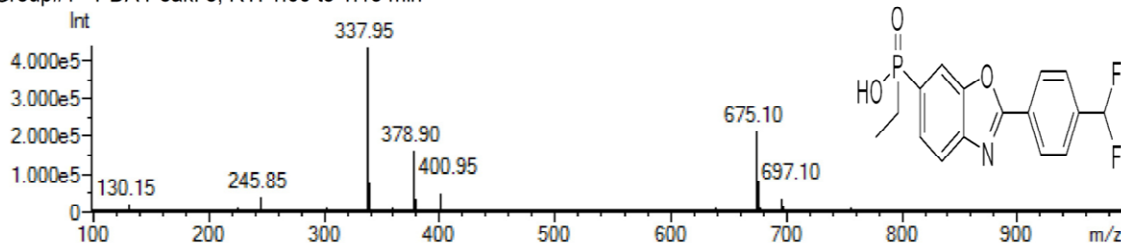
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(2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinic acid (43)

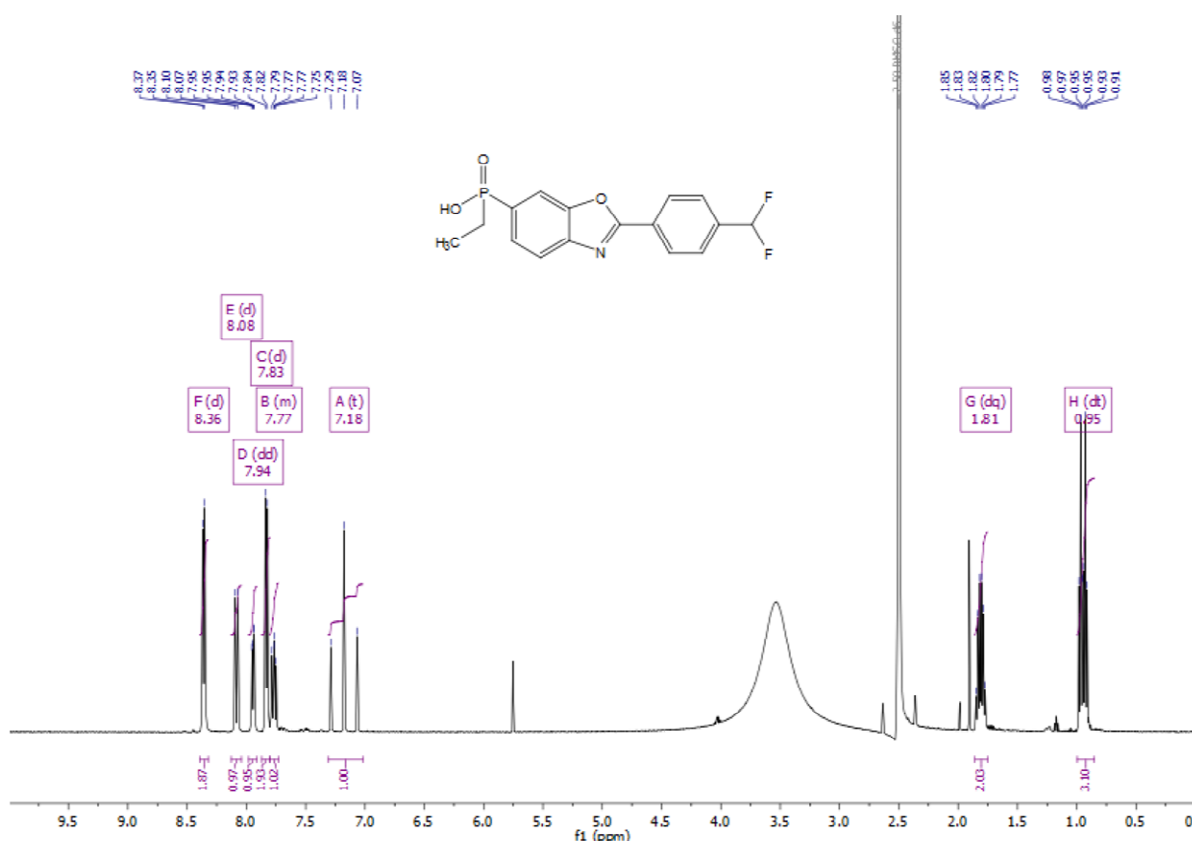
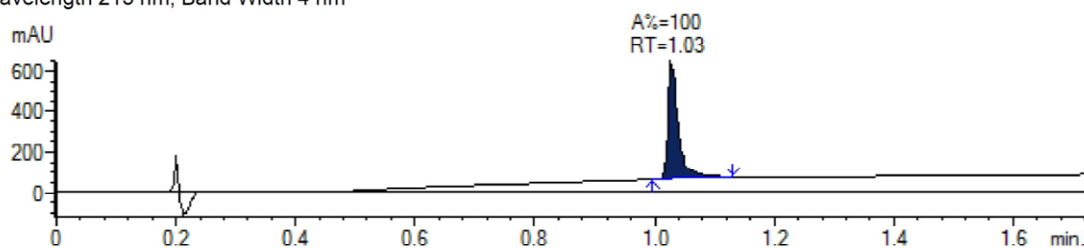
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 8, RT: 1.00 to 1.13 min



PDA Chromatogram

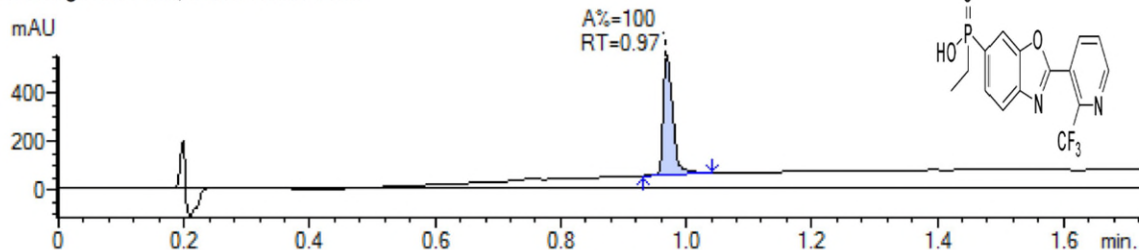
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ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinic acid (45)

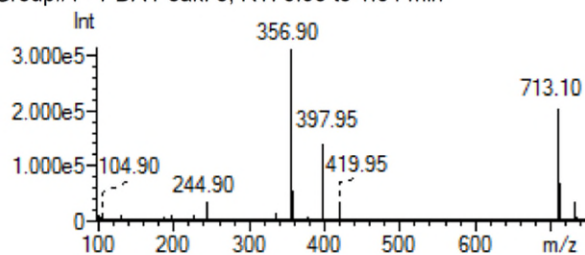
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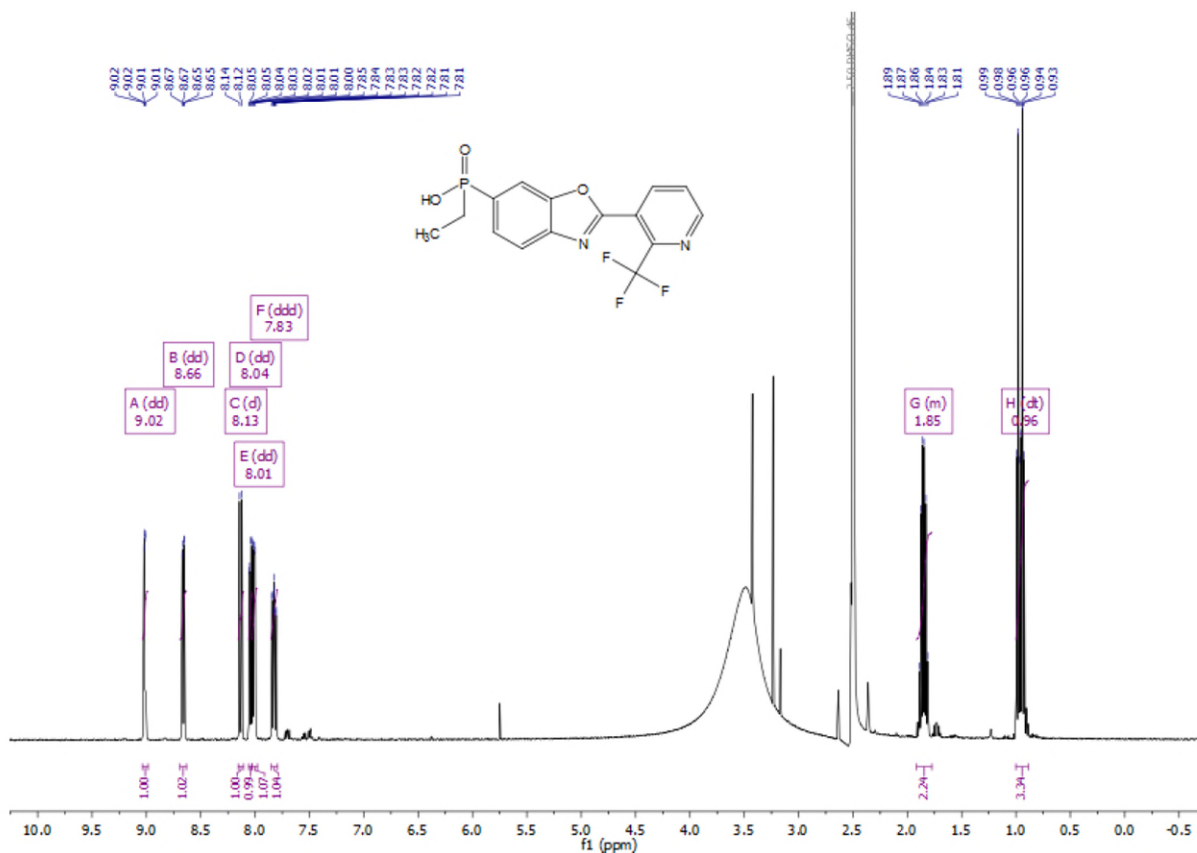
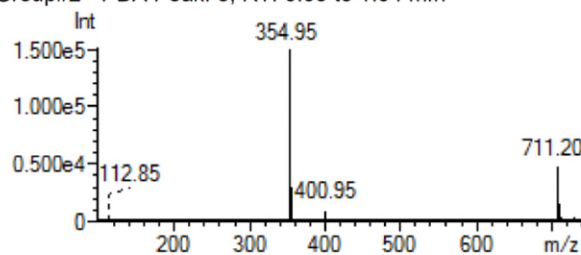
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 0.93 to 1.04 min

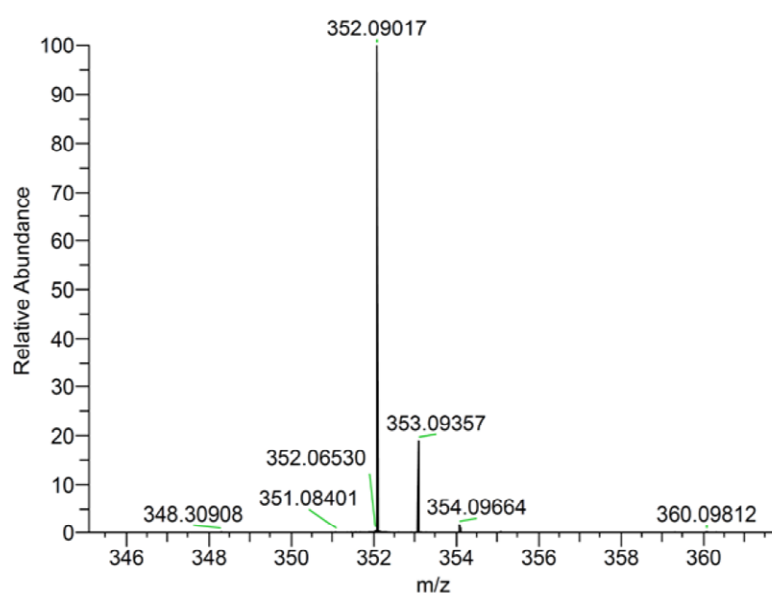
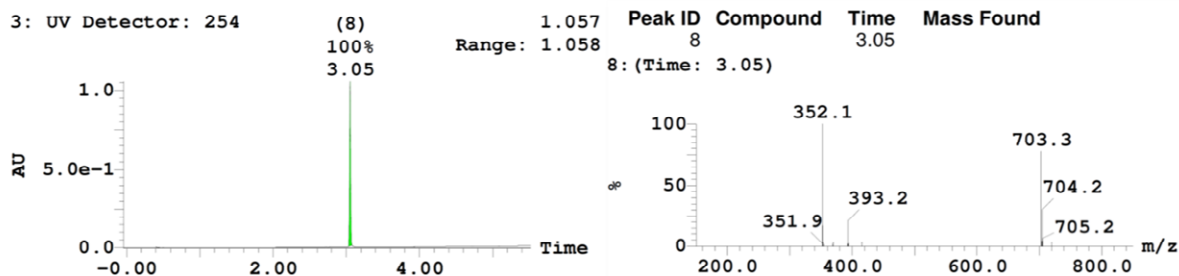
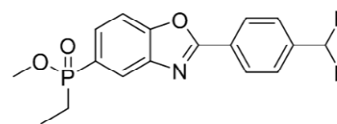


MS Spectrum

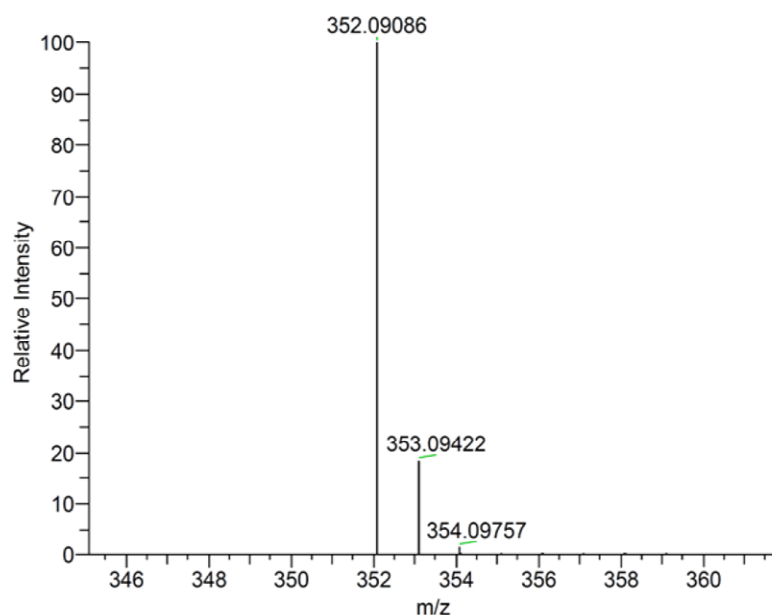
Group#2 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 0.93 to 1.04 min



methyl (2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (46)

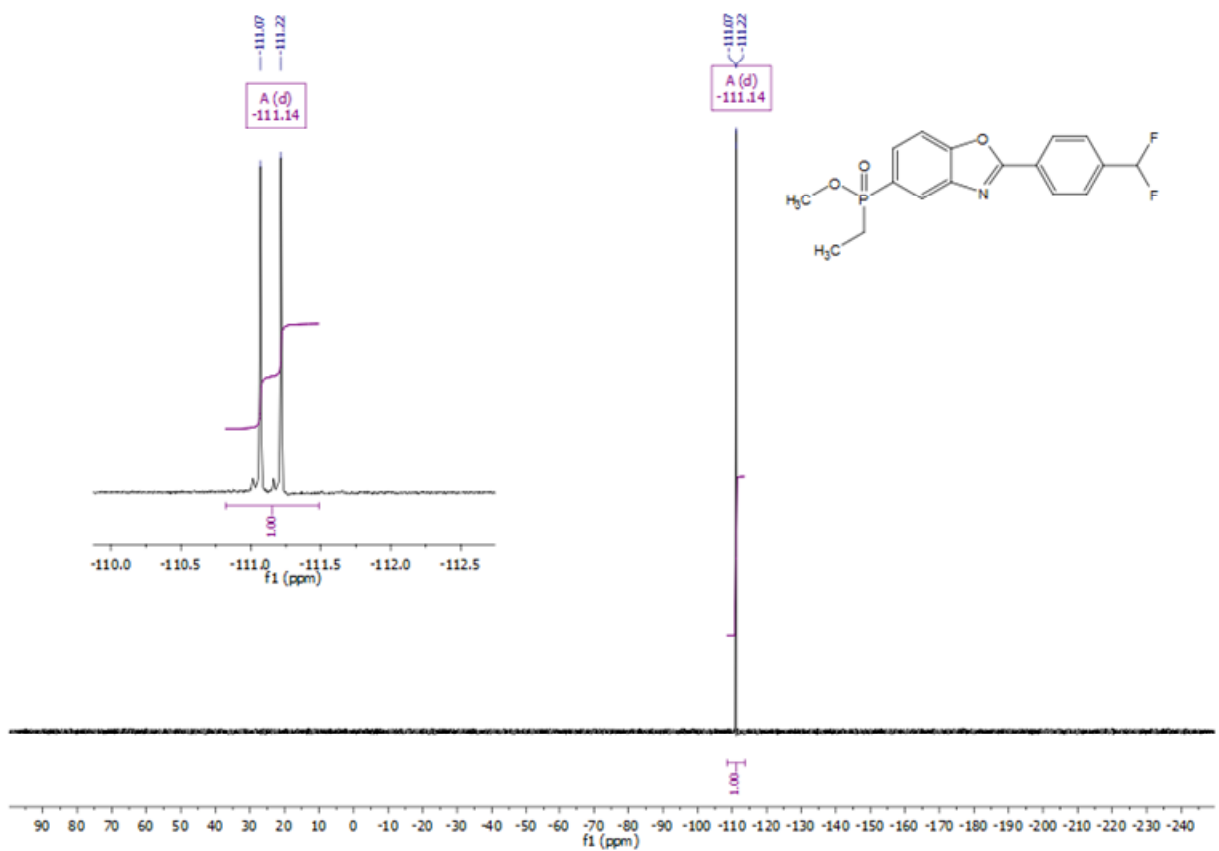
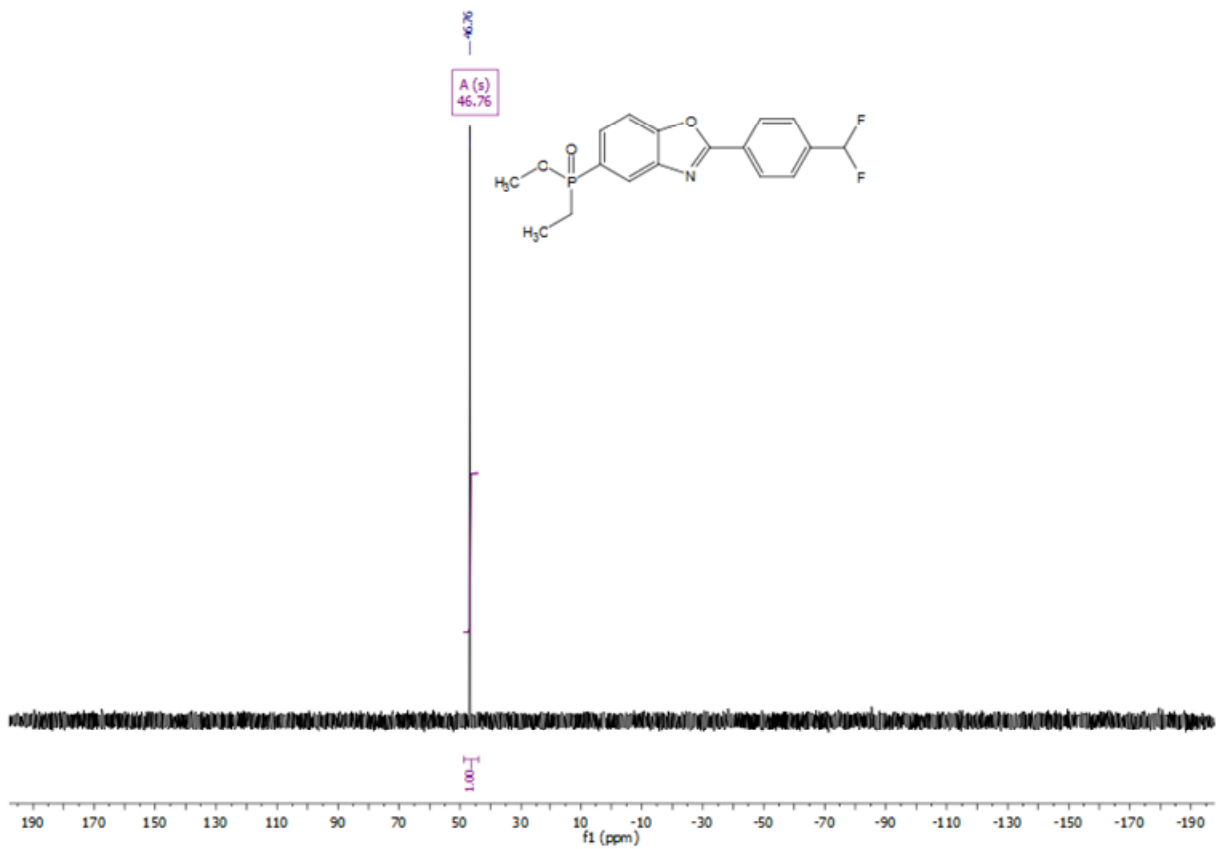


Measured
Spectrum



Theoretical
Spectrum

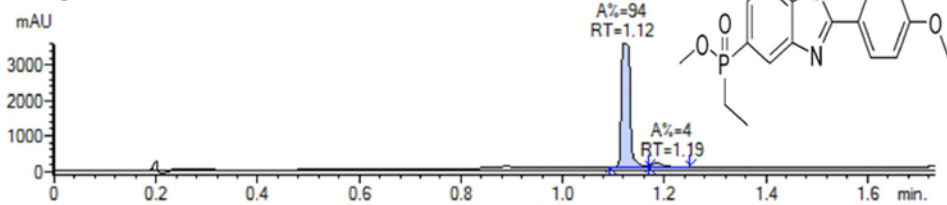
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methyl ethyl(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (47)

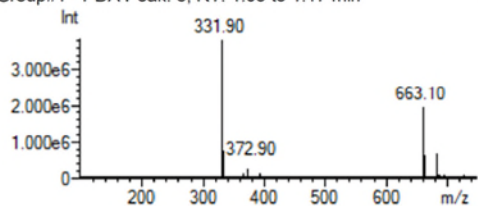
PDA Chromatogram

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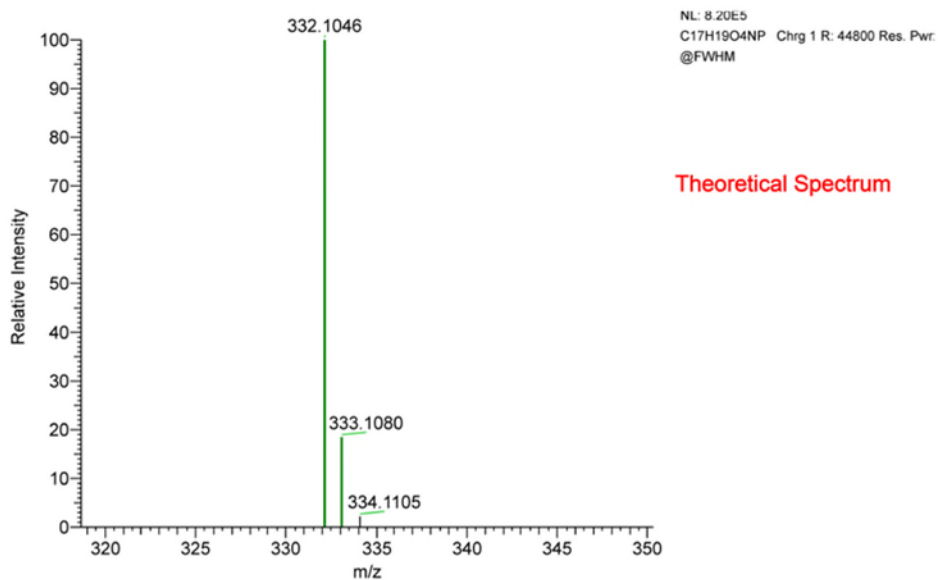
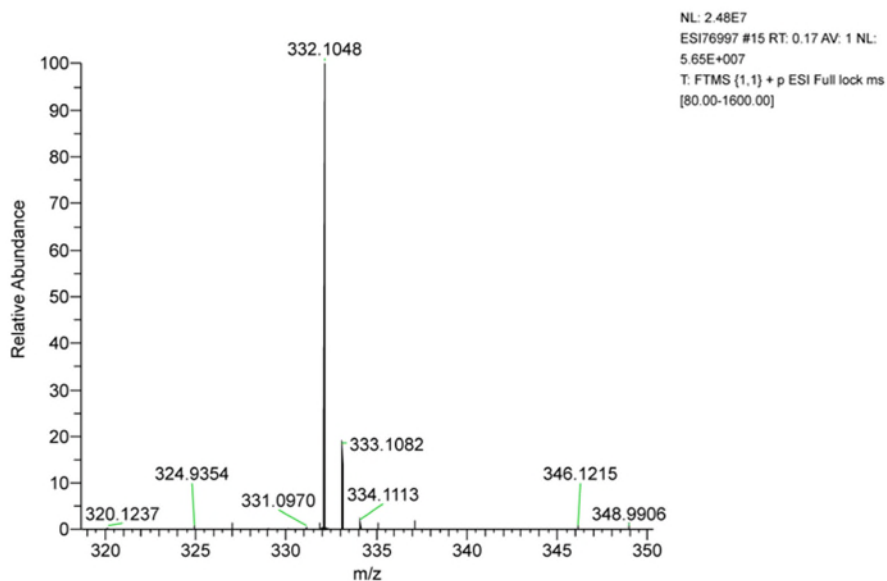
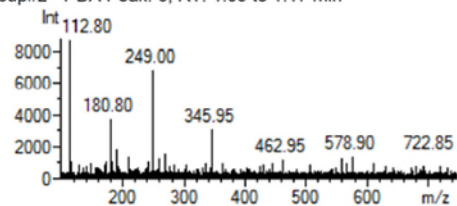
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.09 to 1.17 min

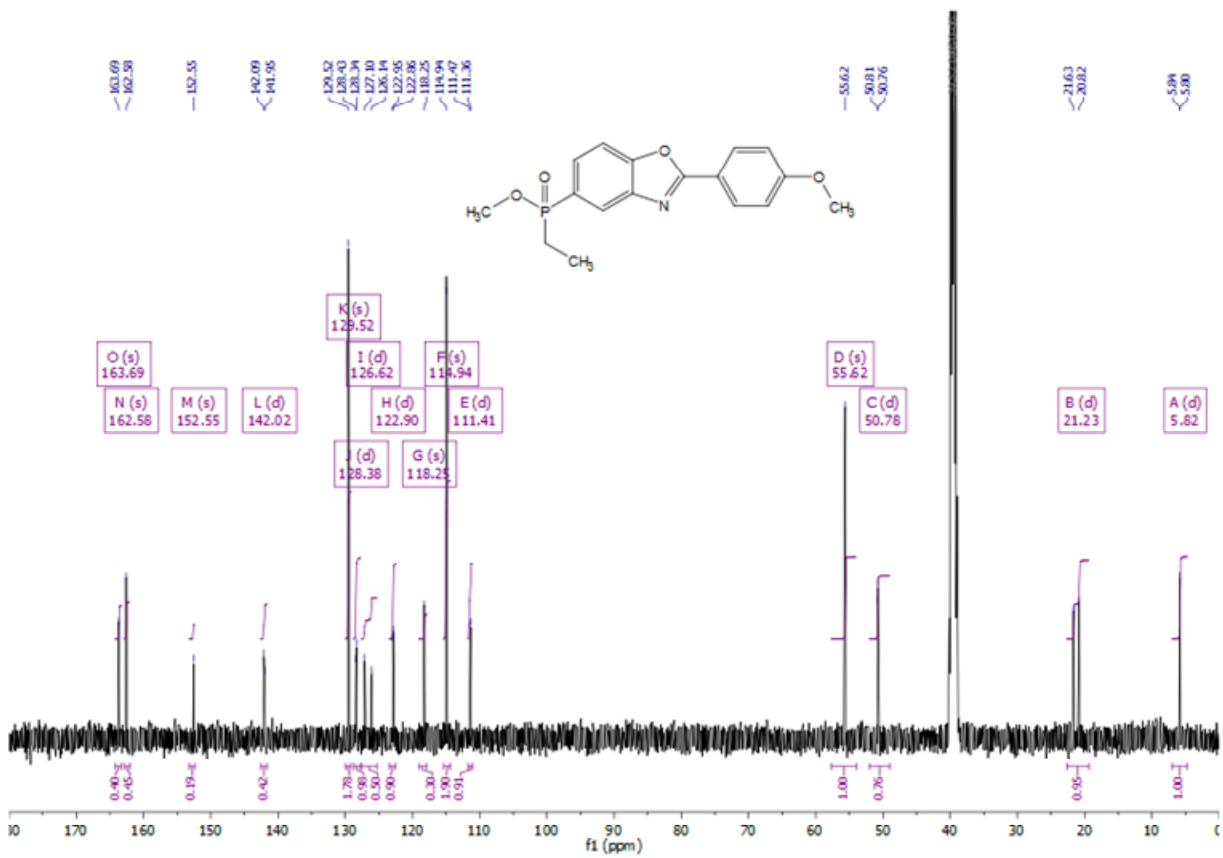
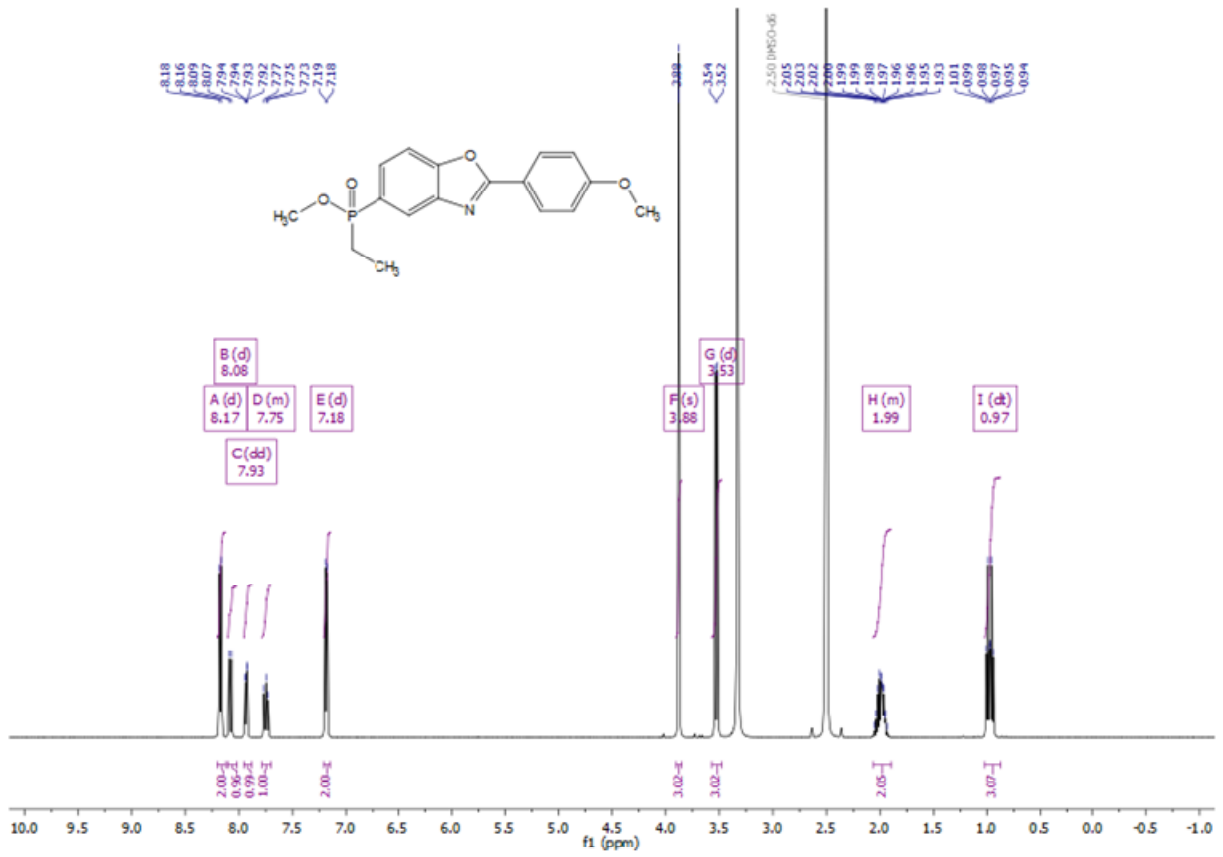


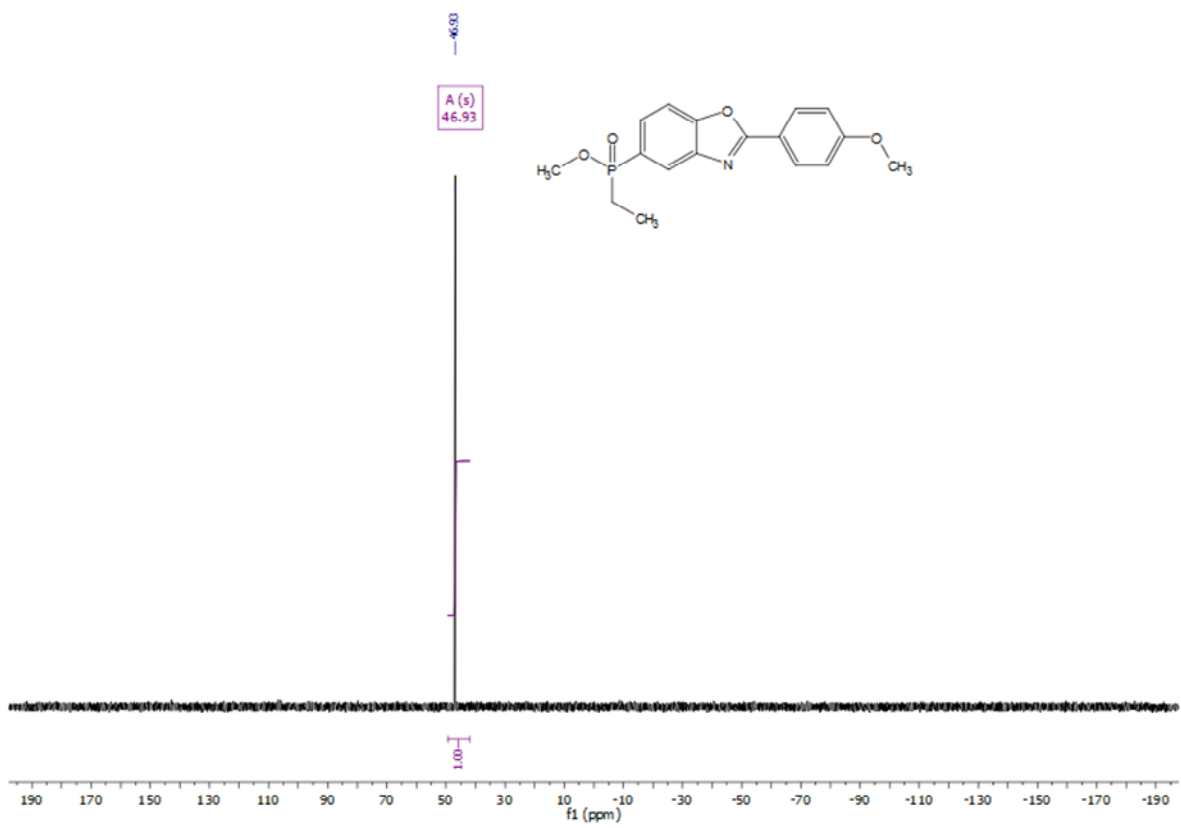
MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 6, RT: 1.09 to 1.17 min



Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...	
332.1048	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ ...	28.787...	9.50	0.62	332.10...	1	95.042...	4	0	98.723...	97.907...	(Collec.

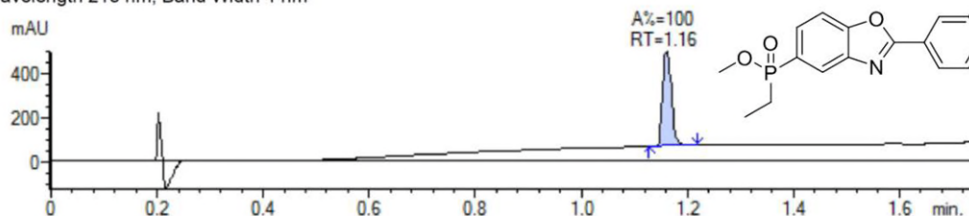




methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (48)

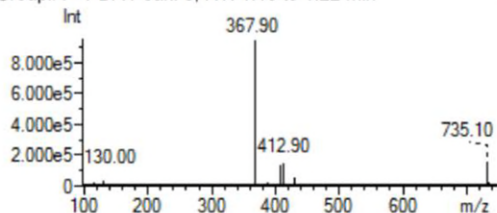
PDA Chromatogram

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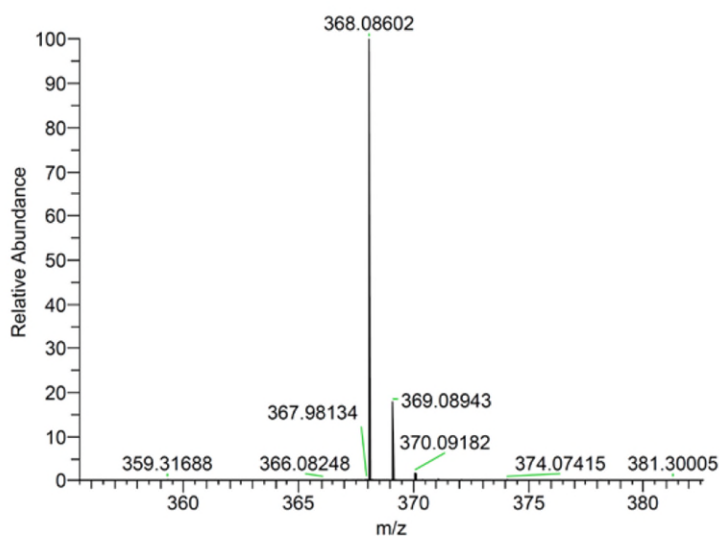
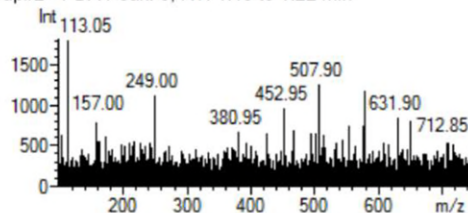
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 8, RT: 1.13 to 1.22 min



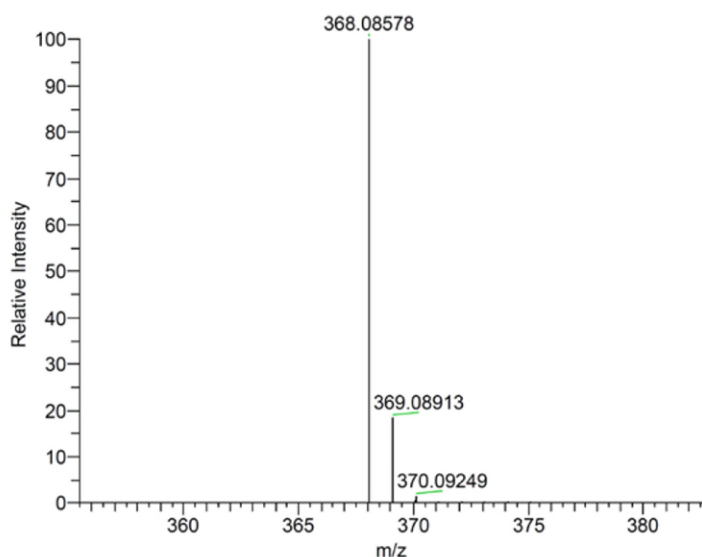
MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 8, RT: 1.13 to 1.22 min



NL: 3.63E7
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3.63E+007
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[80.00-1600.00]

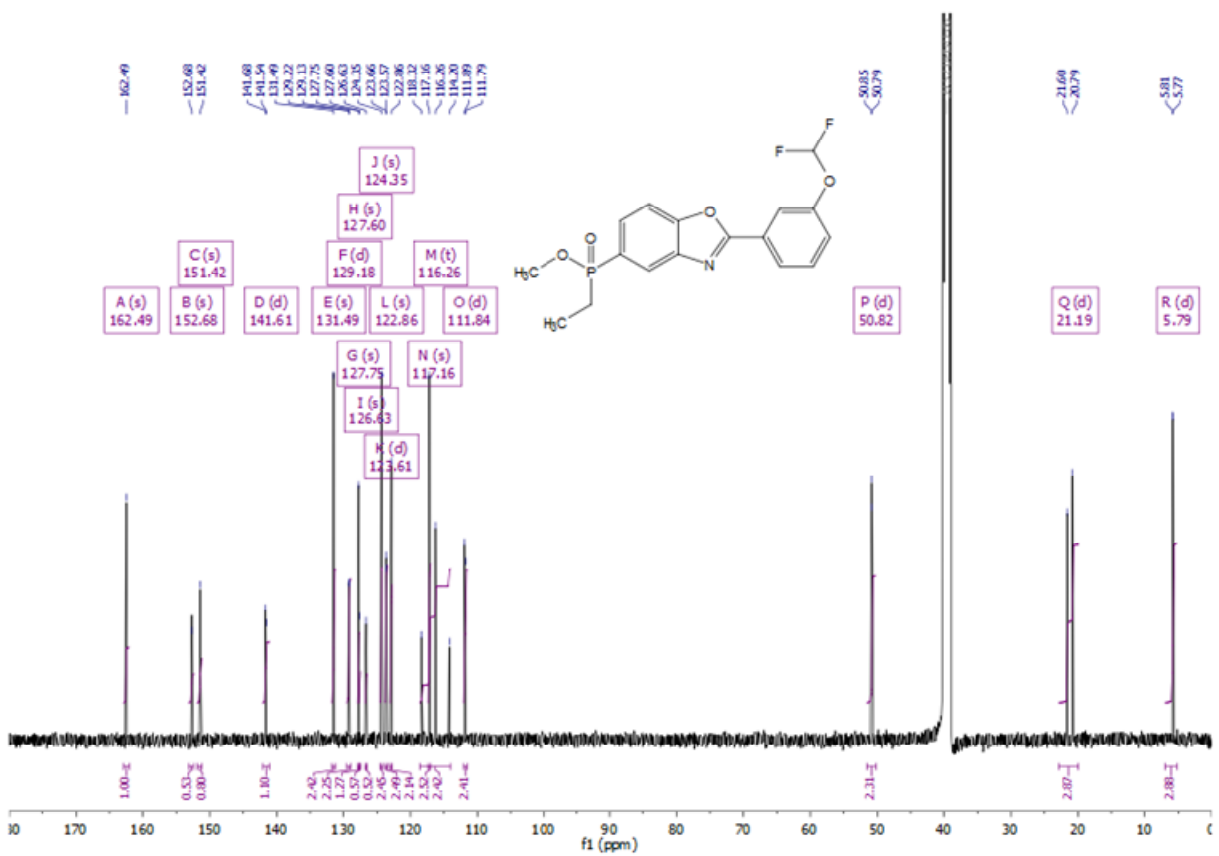
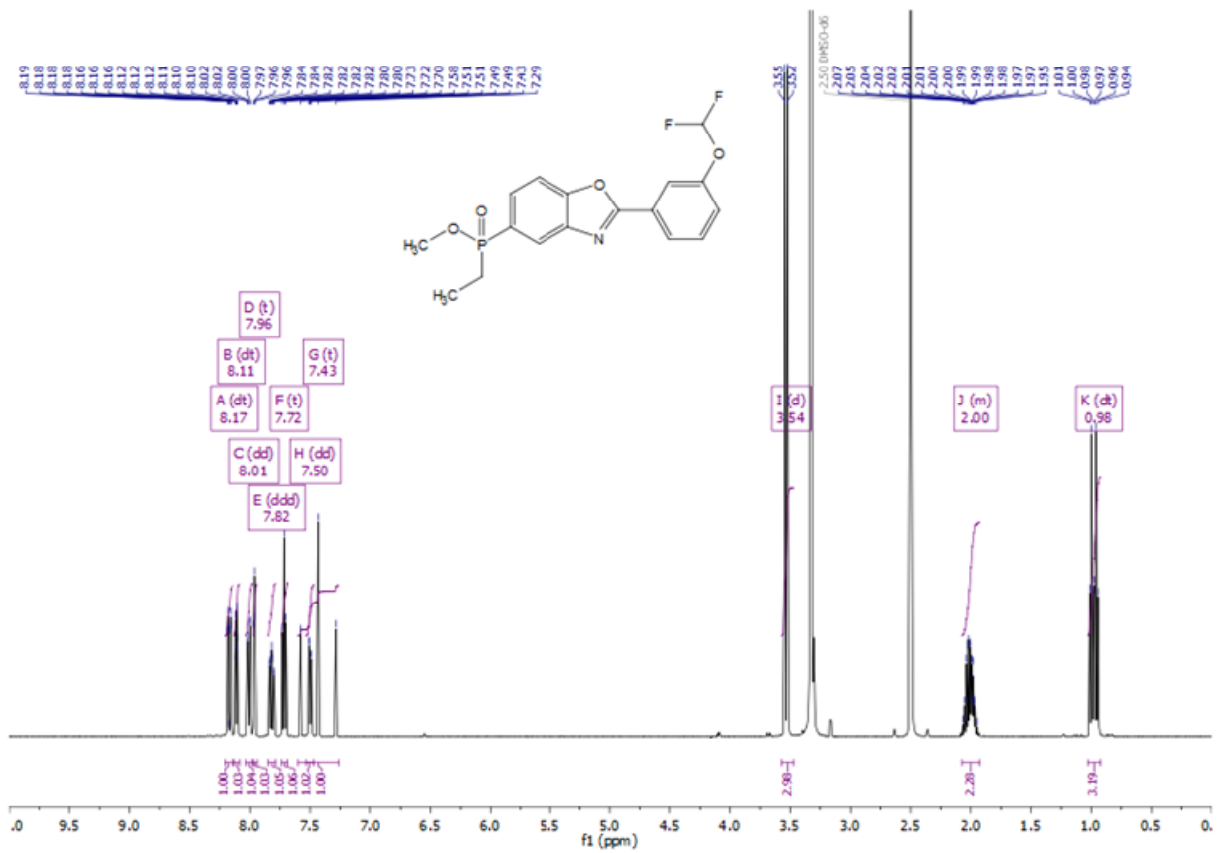
Measured
Spectrum

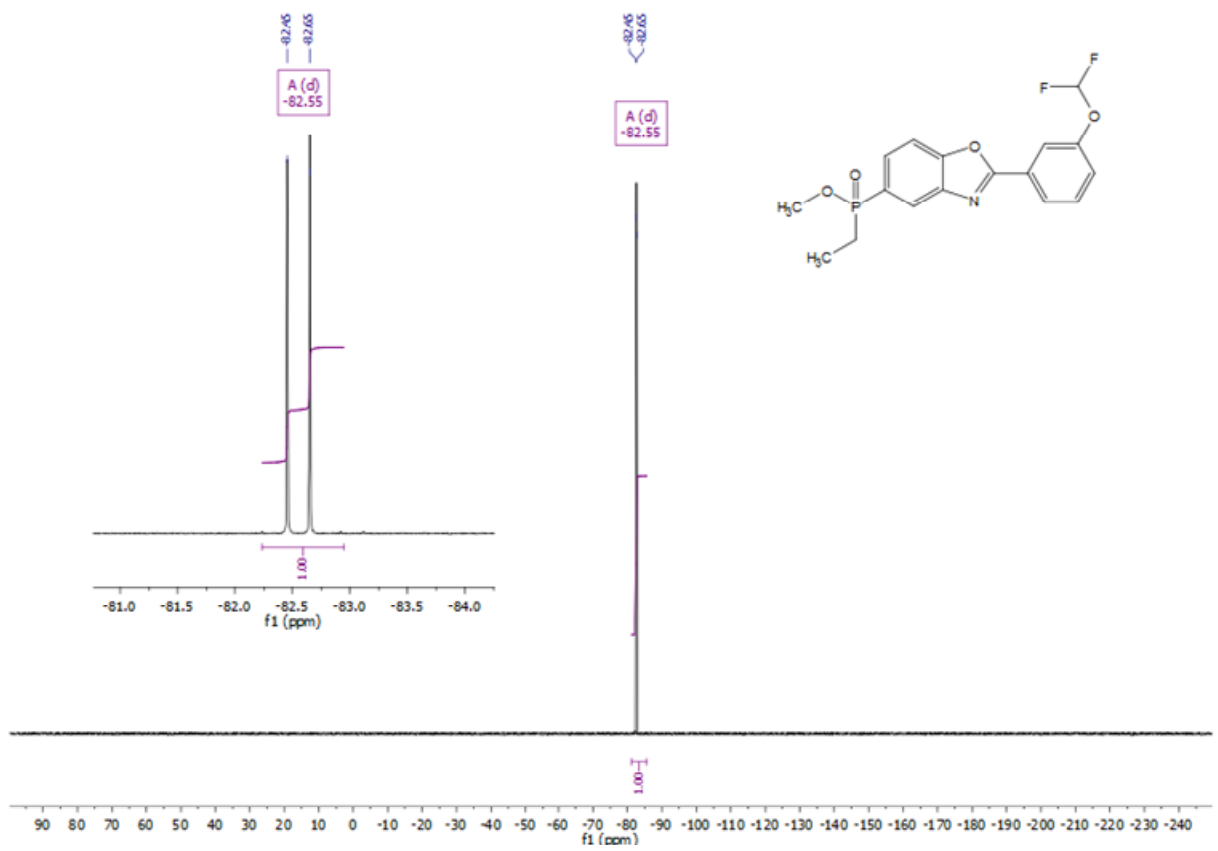


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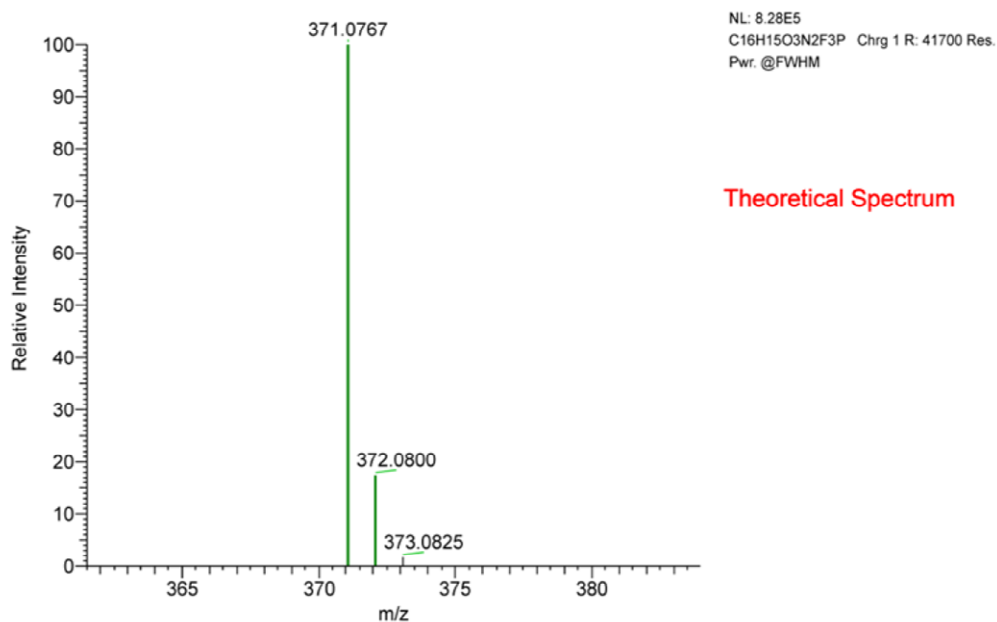
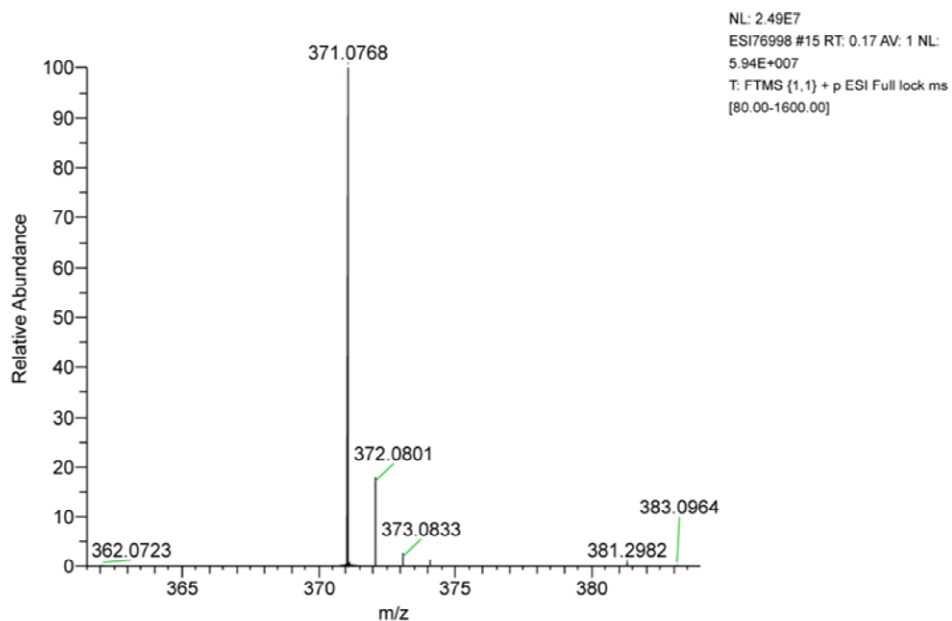
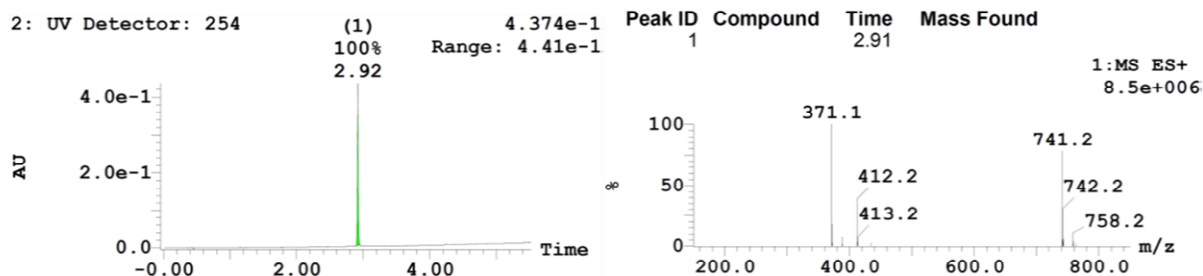
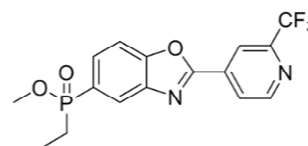
Theoretical
Spectrum

m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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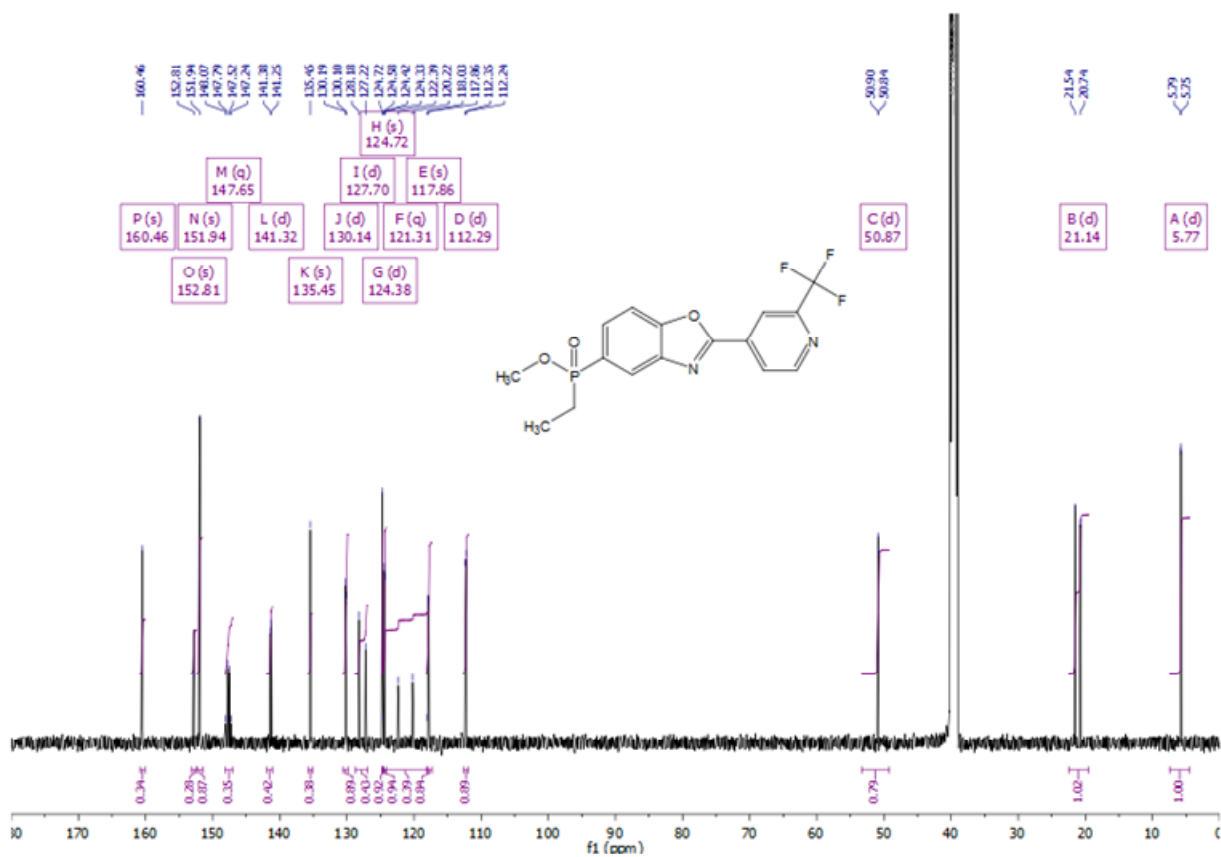
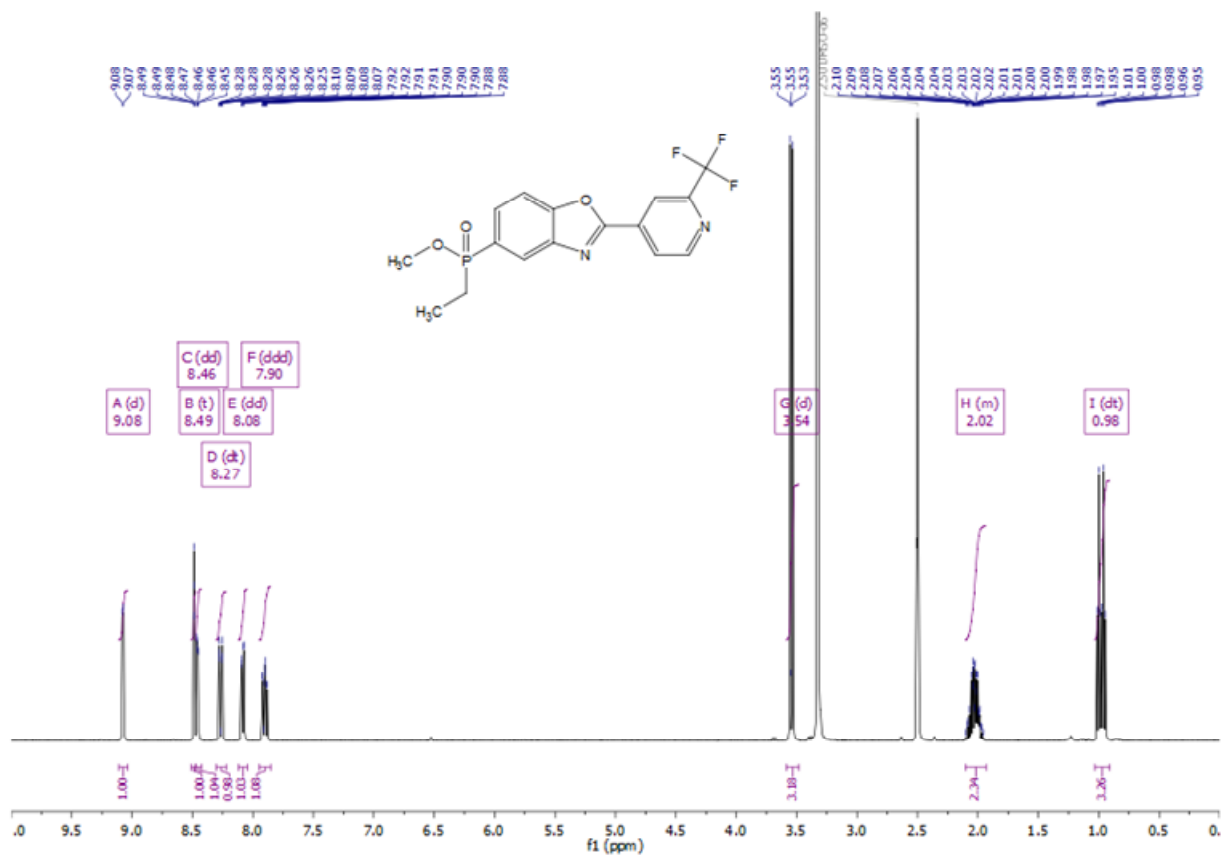


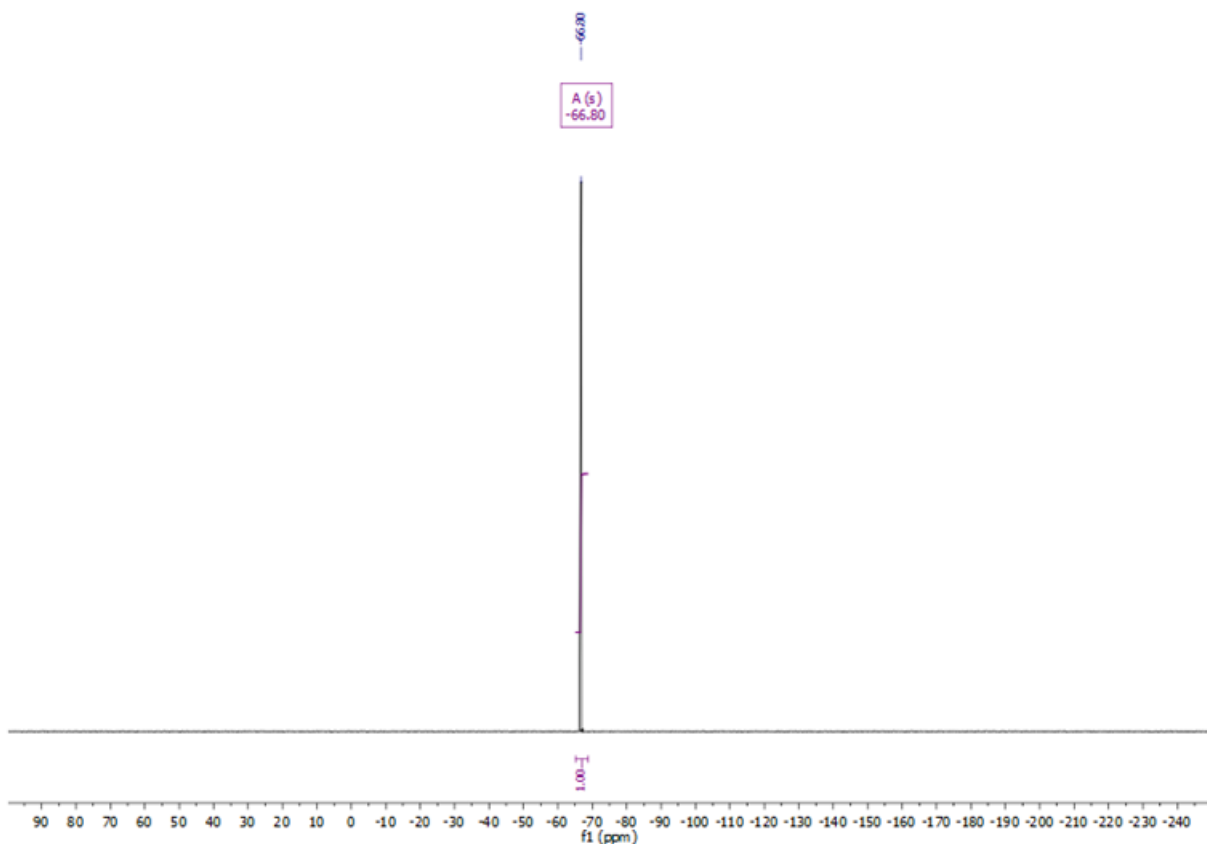
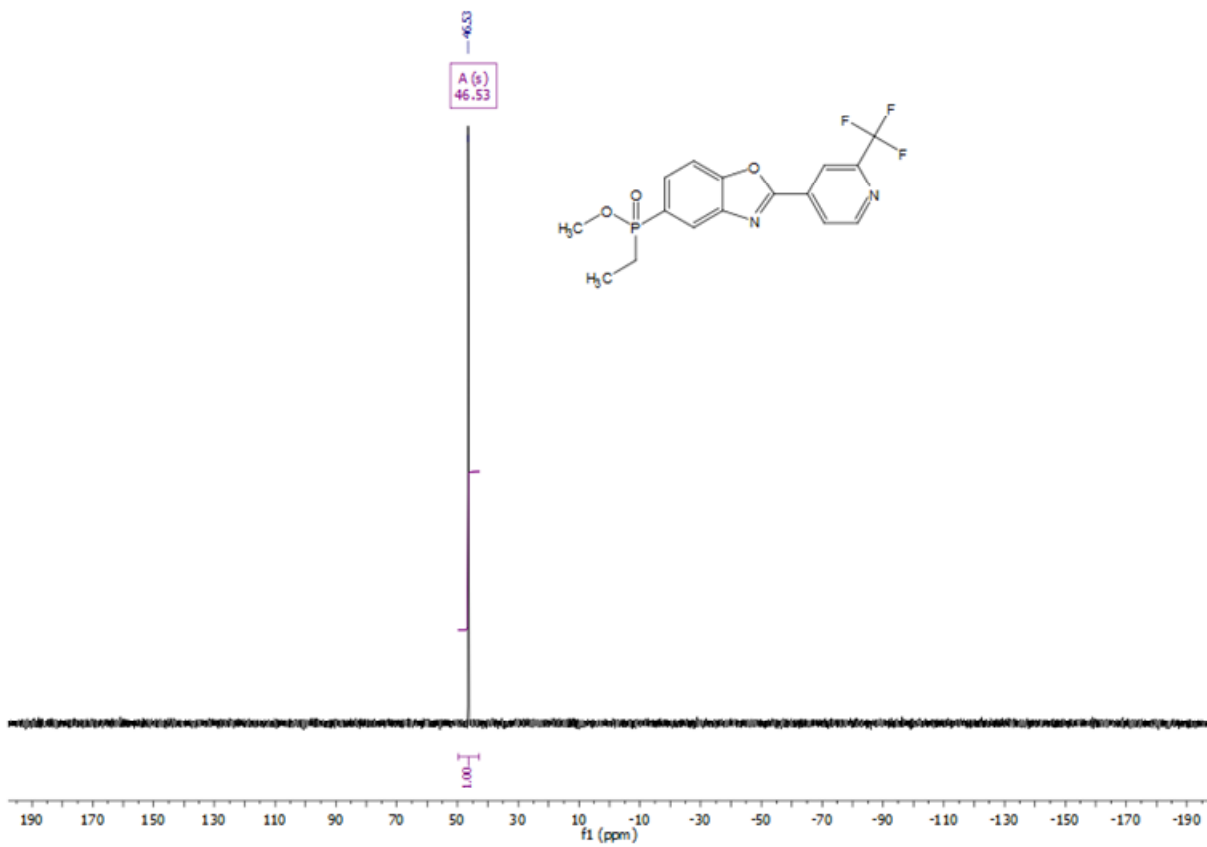


methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (49)



Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
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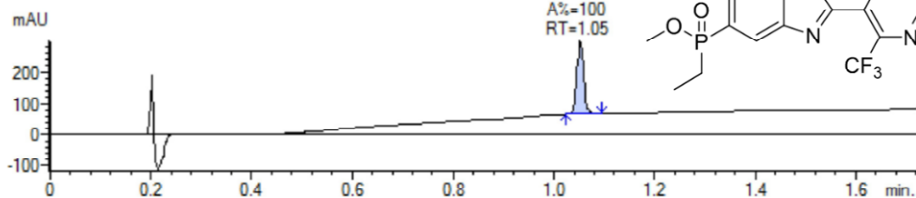




methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)phosphinate (50)

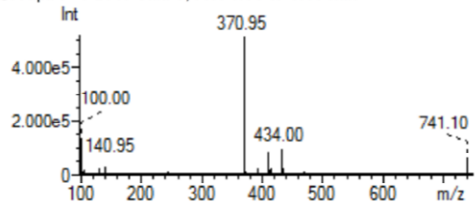
PDA Chromatogram

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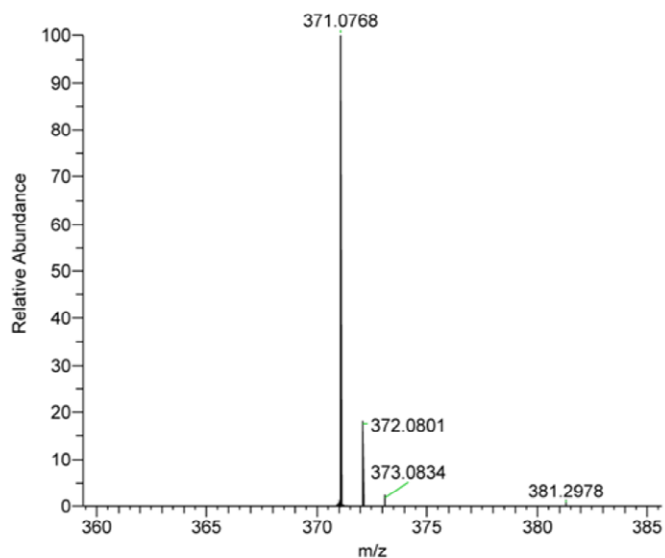
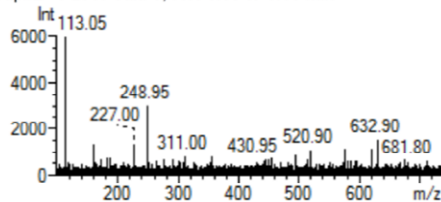
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.03 to 1.10 min

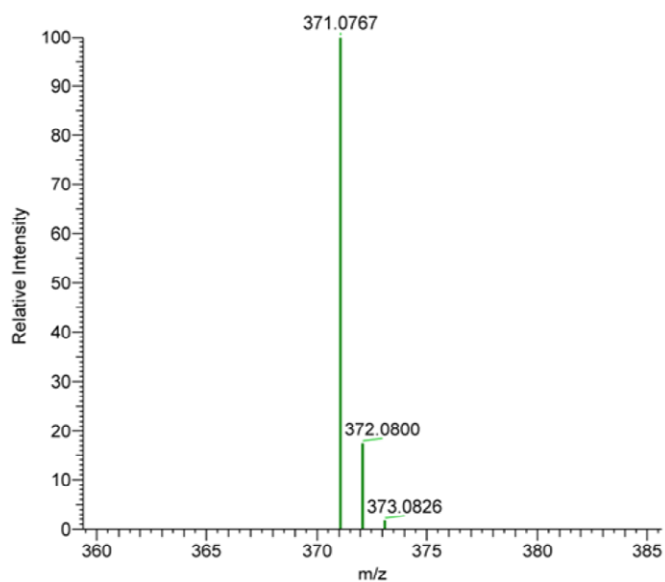


MS Spectrum

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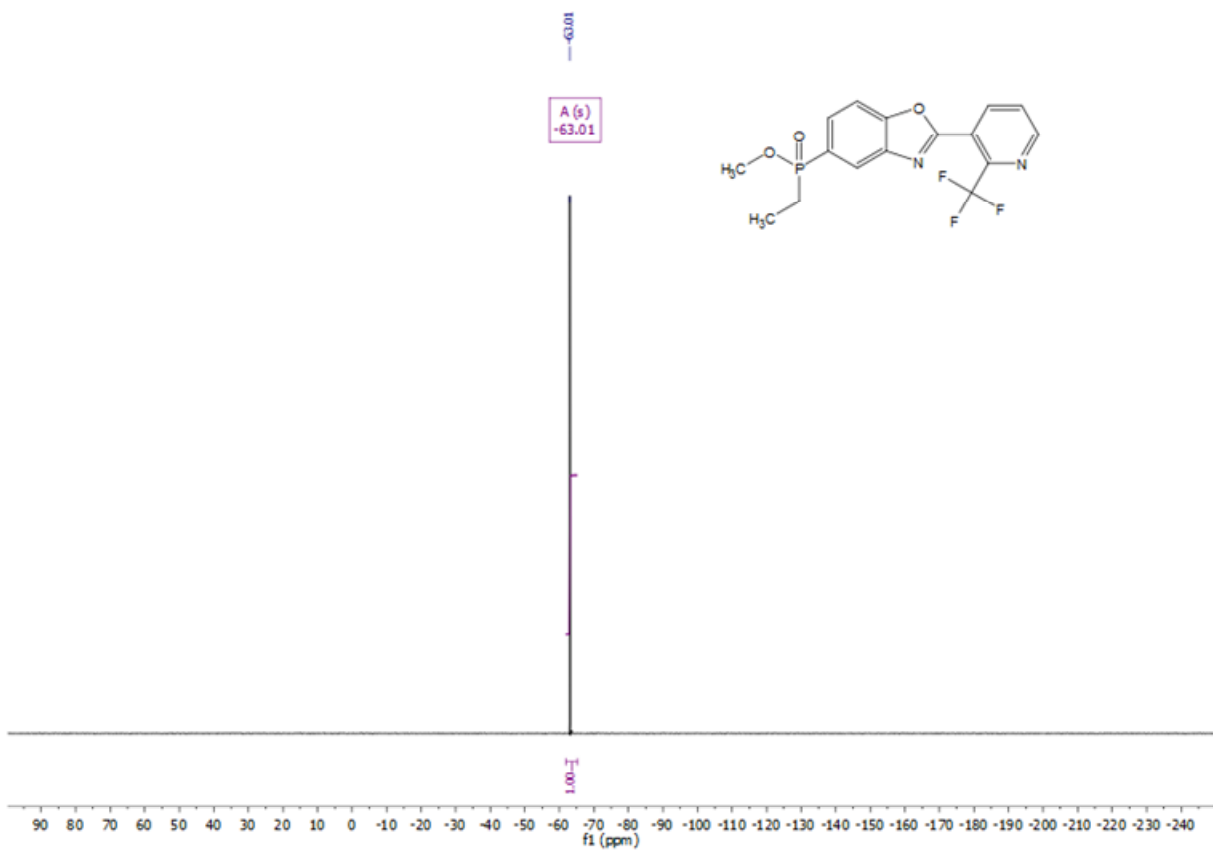
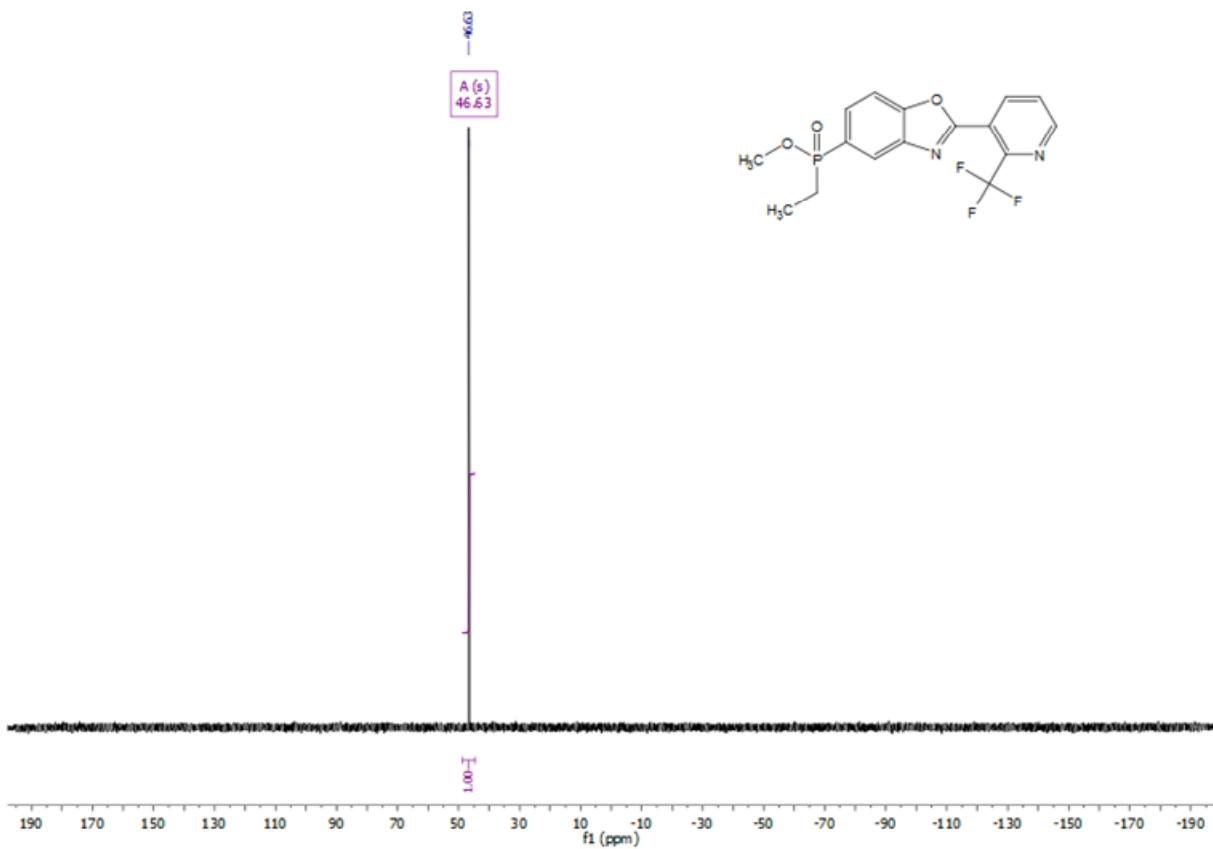
NL: 1.76E7
ESI77002 #15 RT: 0.17 AV: 1 NL:
6.31E+007
T: FTMS (1,1) + p ESI Full lock ms
[80.00-1600.00]



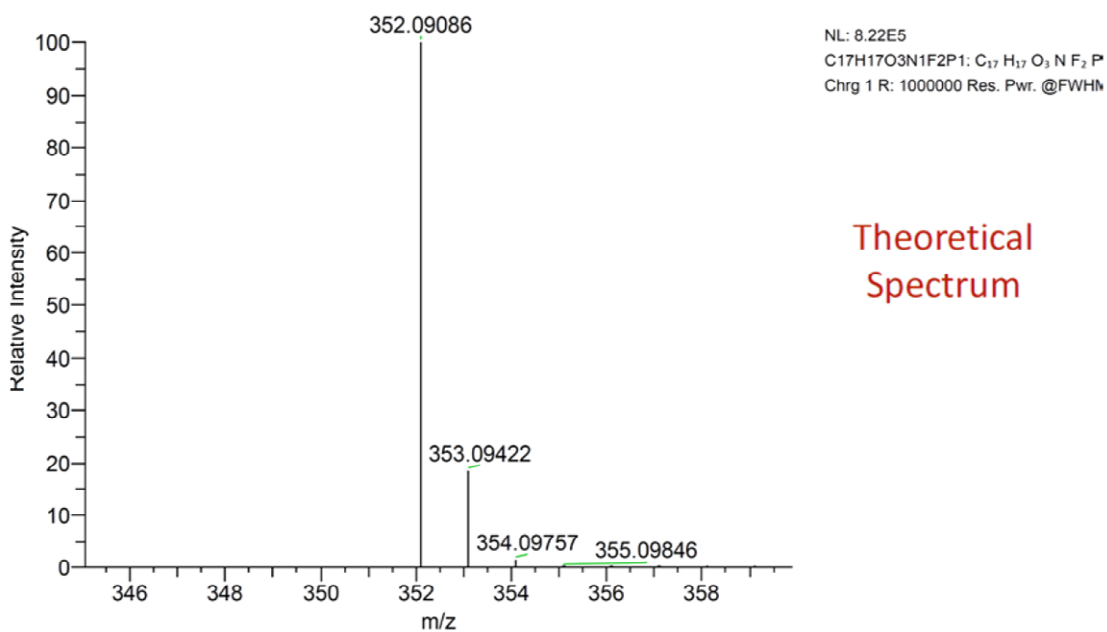
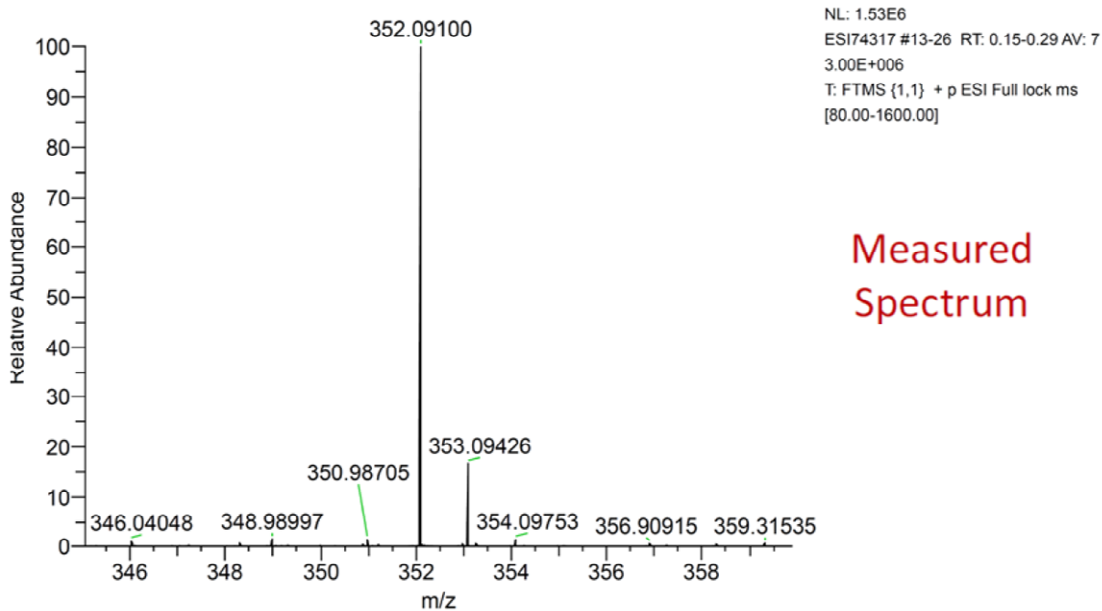
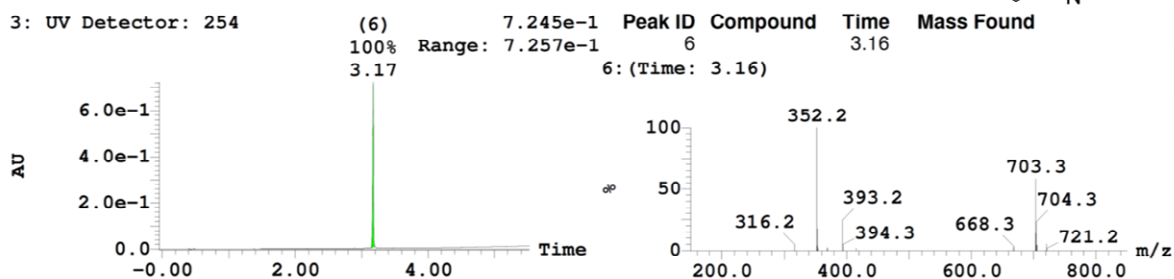
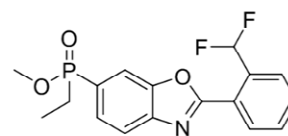
NL: 8.28E5
C16H15O3N2F3P Chrg 1 R: 42300 Res.
Pwr. @FWHM

Theoretical Spectrum

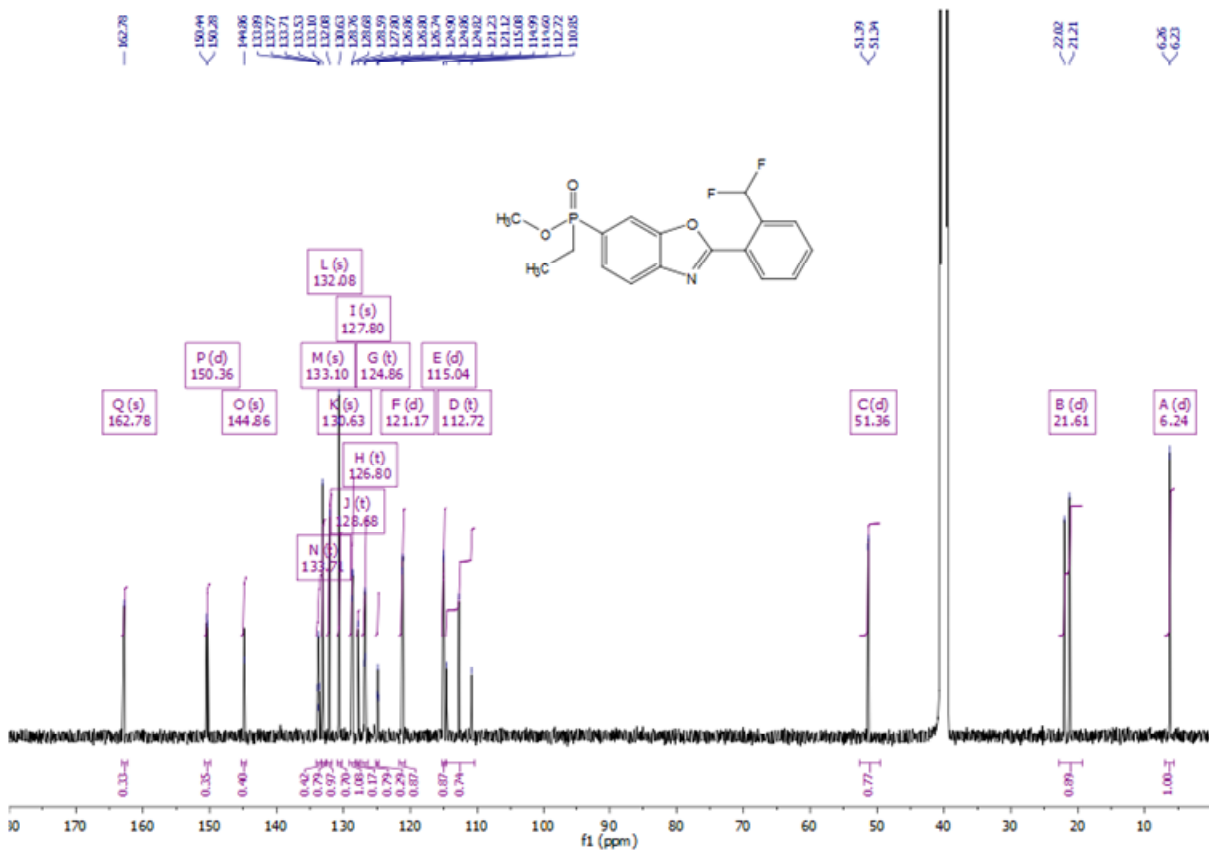
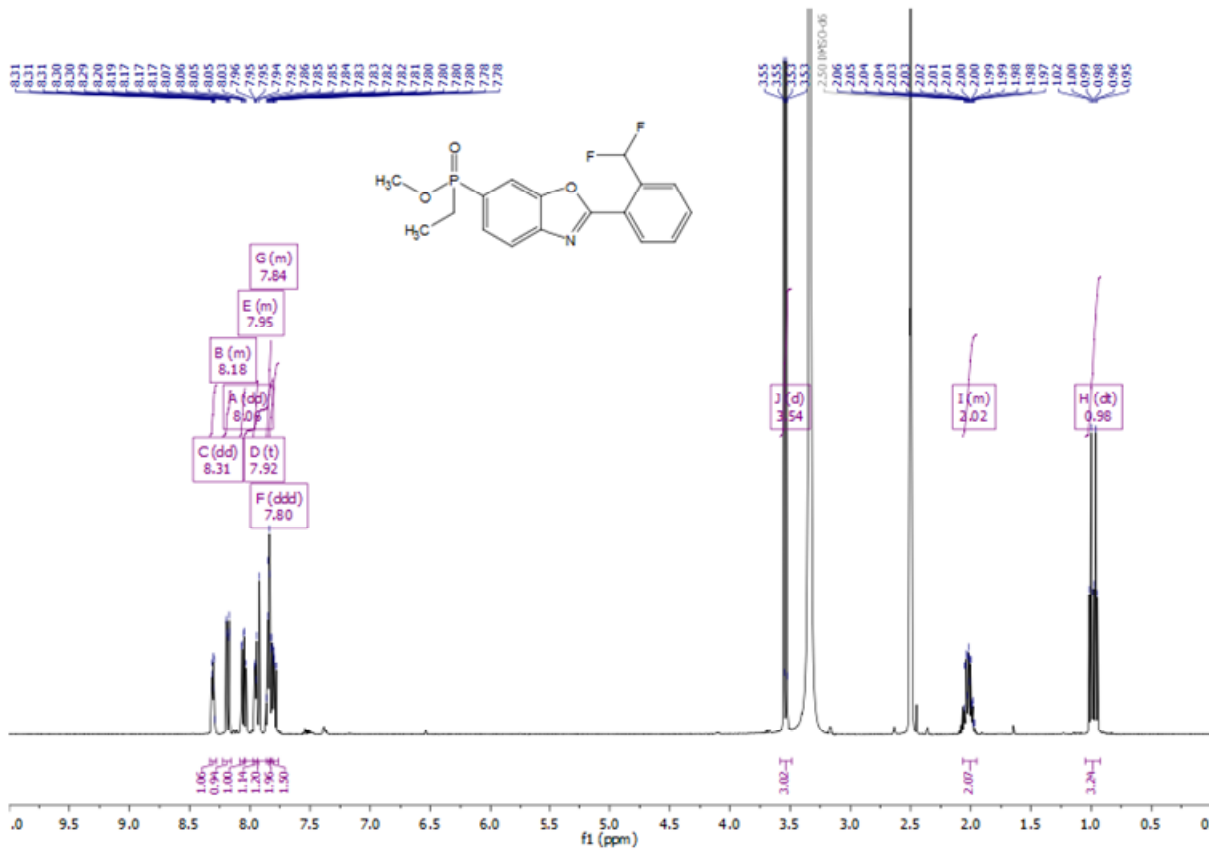
Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...	
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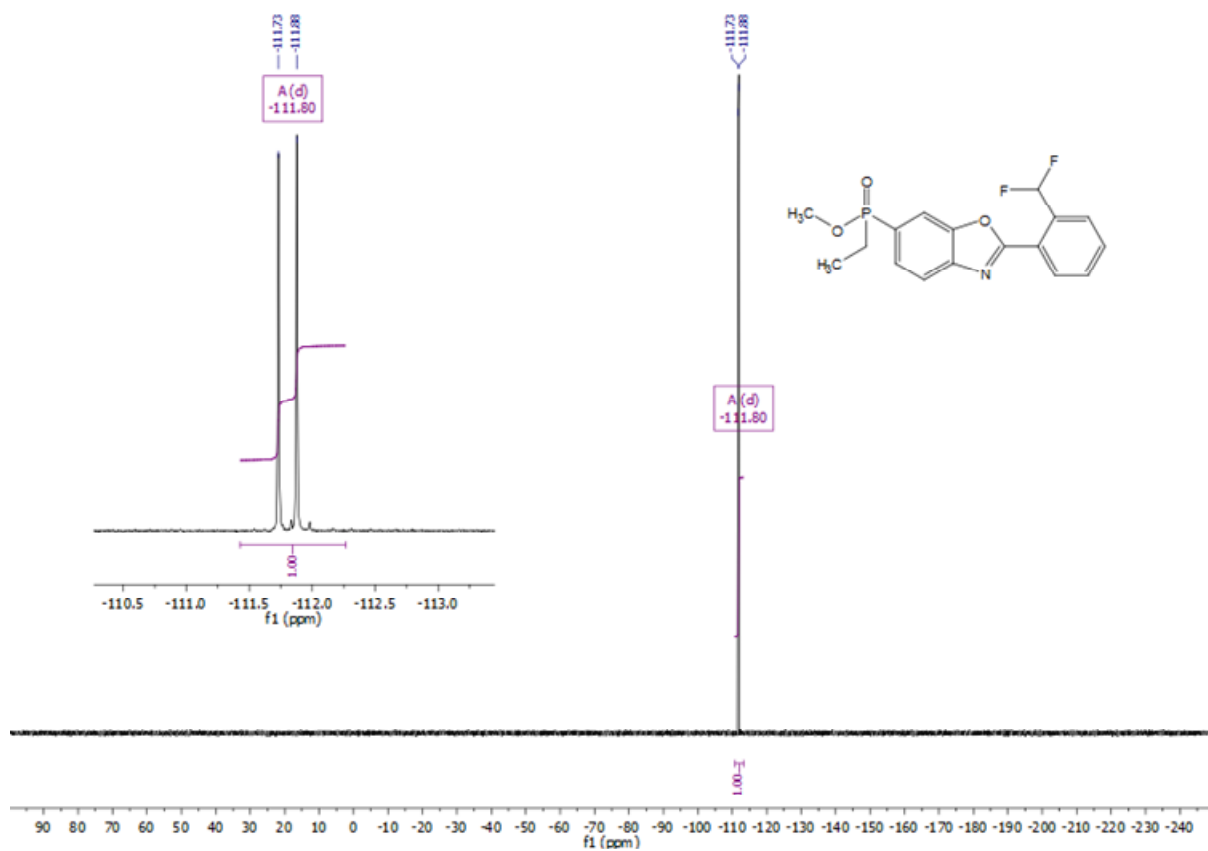


methyl (2-(2-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (51)

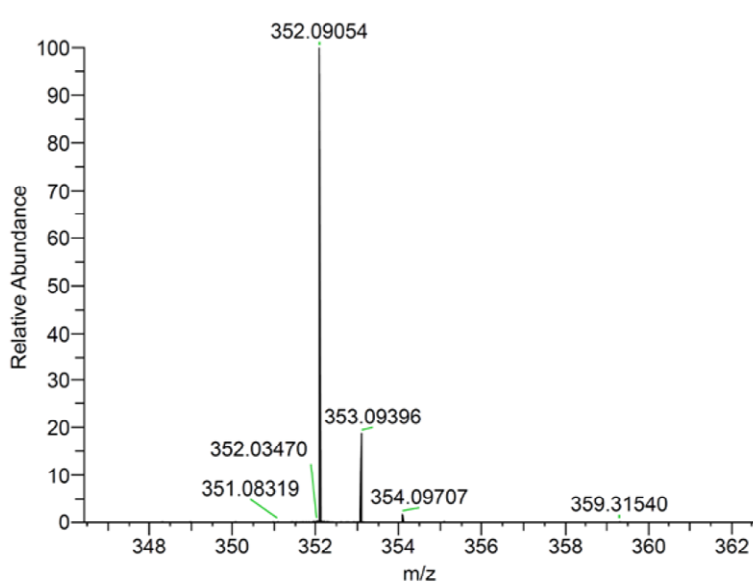
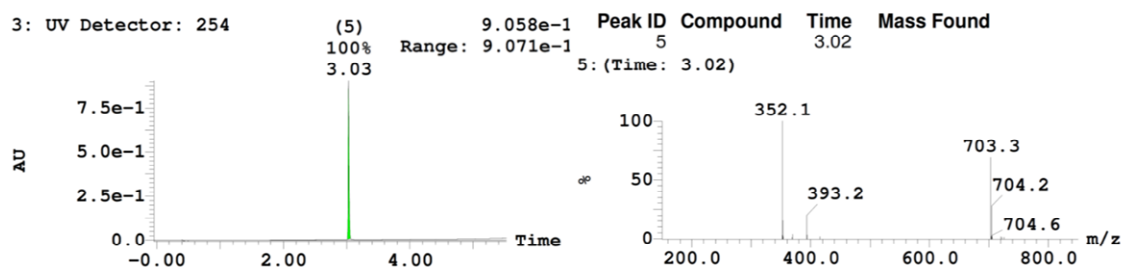
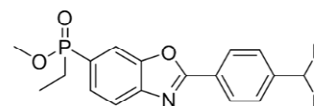


n/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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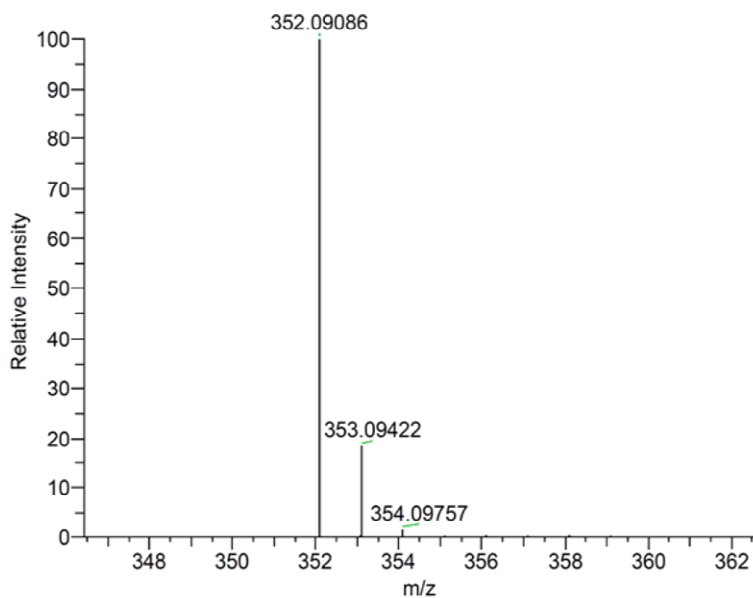




methyl (2-(4-(difluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (52)

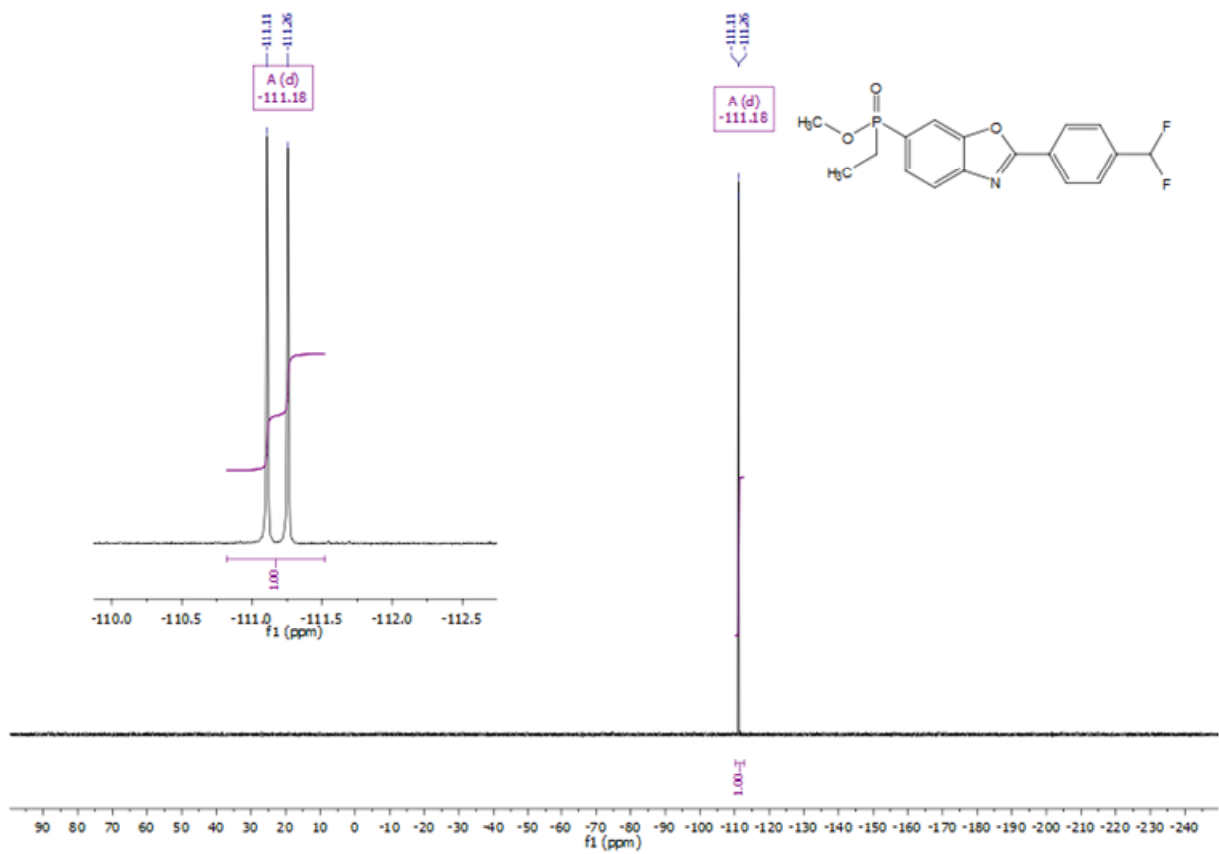
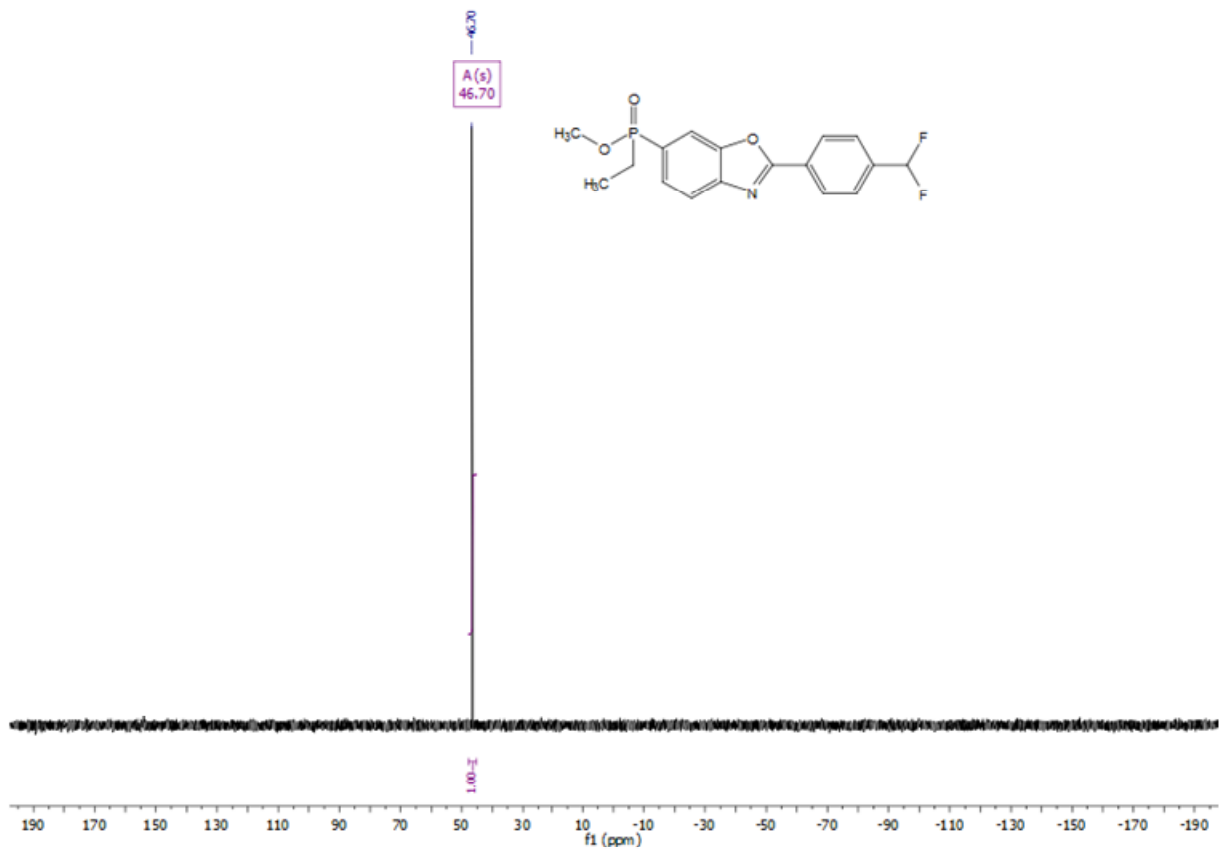


Measured
Spectrum



Theoretical
Spectrum

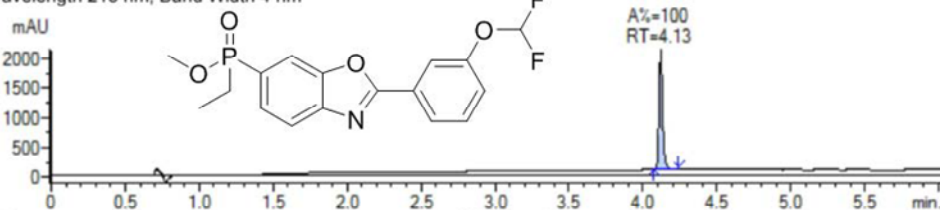
m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
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methyl (2-(3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)(ethyl)phosphinate (53)

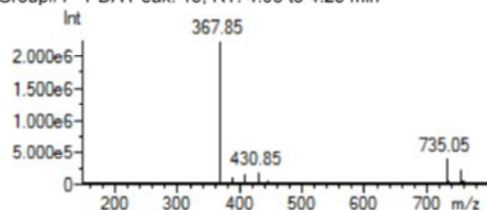
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



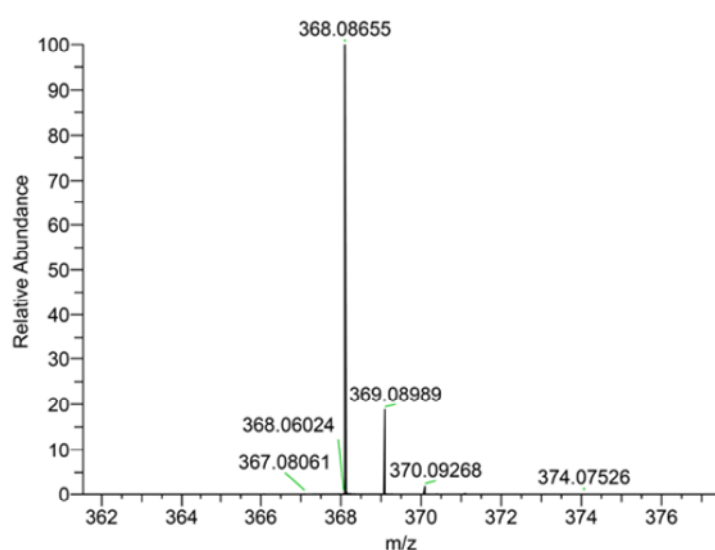
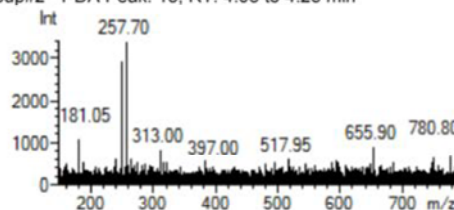
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 15, RT: 4.08 to 4.25 min



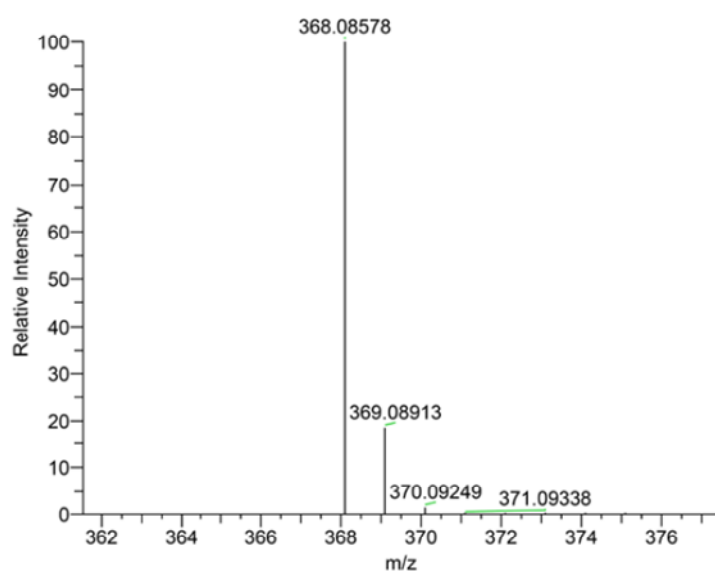
MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 15, RT: 4.08 to 4.25 min



NL: 5.27E7
ESI74335 #13-27 RT: 0.15-0.31 AV: 8 NL:
5.27E+007
T: FTMS (1,1) + p ESI Full ms
[80.00-1600.00]

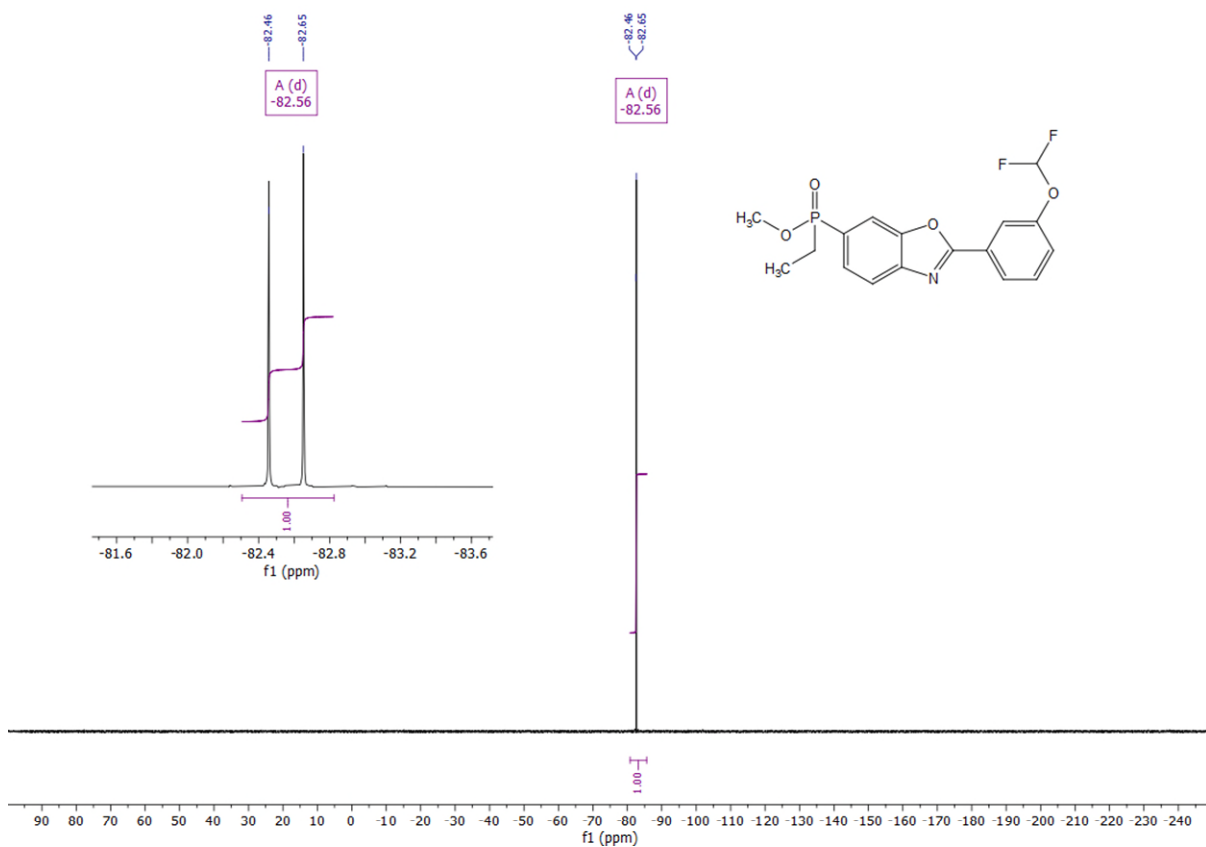
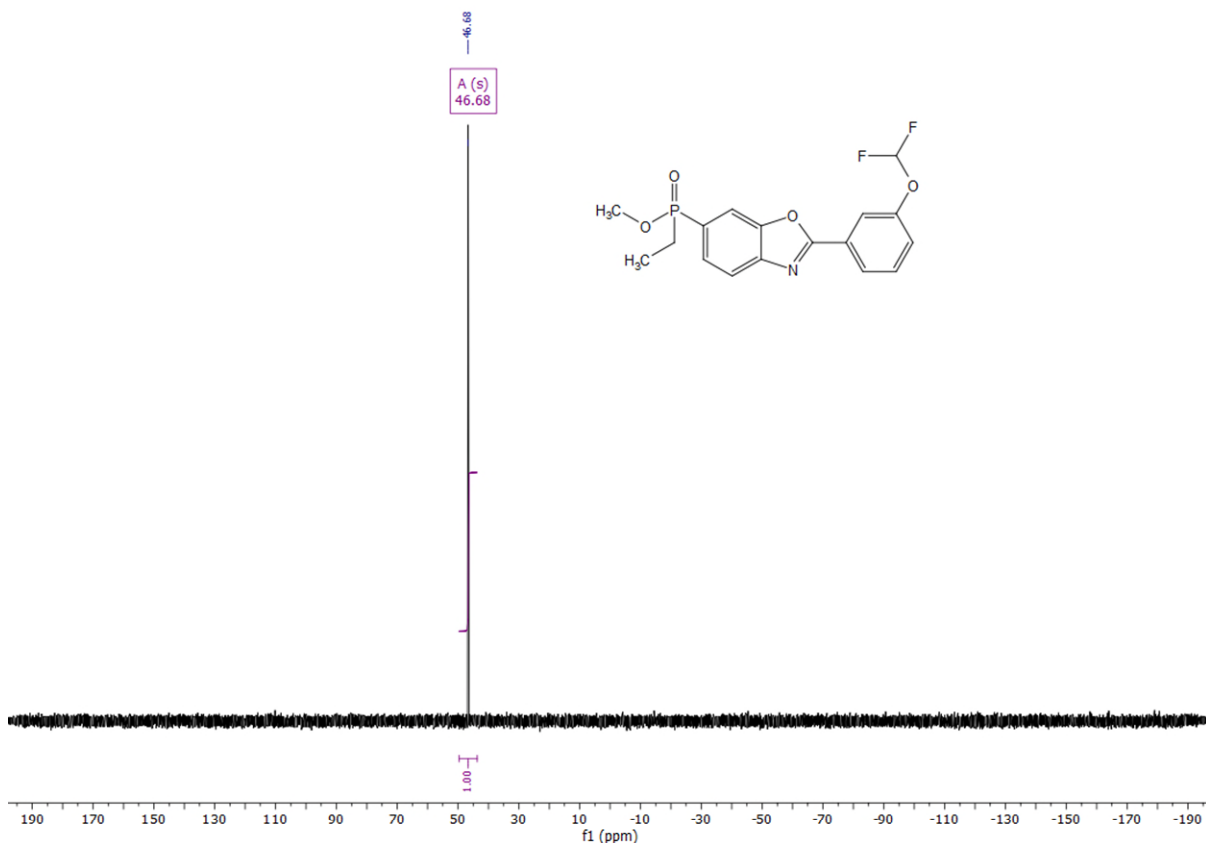
Measured
Spectrum



NL: 8.20E5
C17H17O4N1F2P1: C₁₇H₁₇O₄N F₂ P
Chrg 1 R: 1000000 Res. Pwr. @FWHM

Theoretical
Spectrum

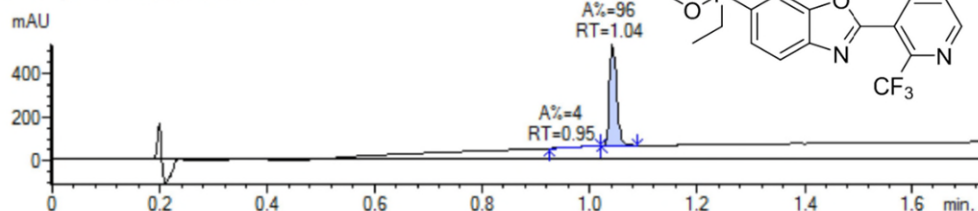
m/z	Formula	RDB	Delta ppm	Theo. Mass
368.08655	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ O ₄ NF ₂ P	9.5	2.09	368.08578



methyl ethyl(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)phosphinate (54)

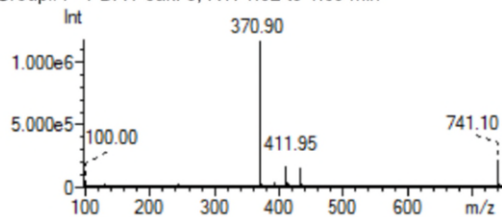
PDA Chromatogram

1: Wavelength 215 nm, Band Width 4 nm



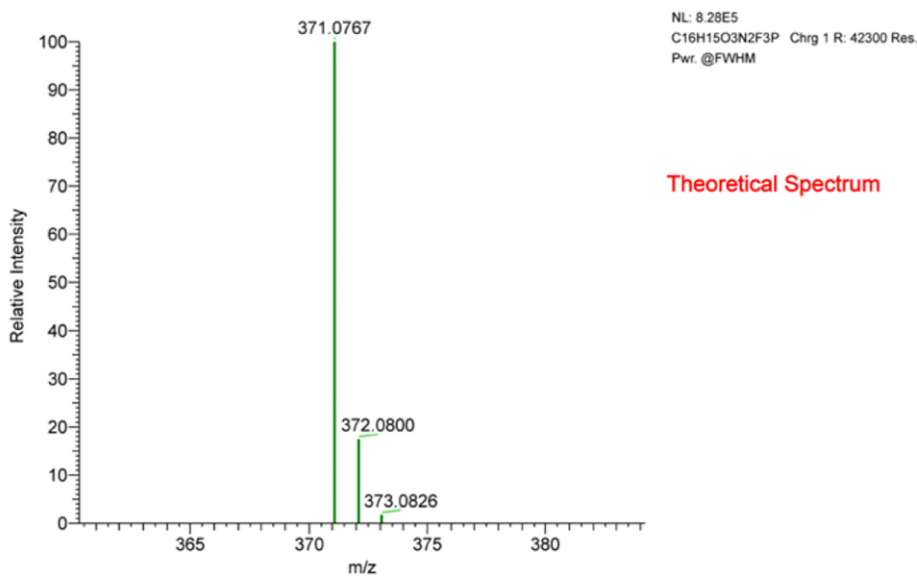
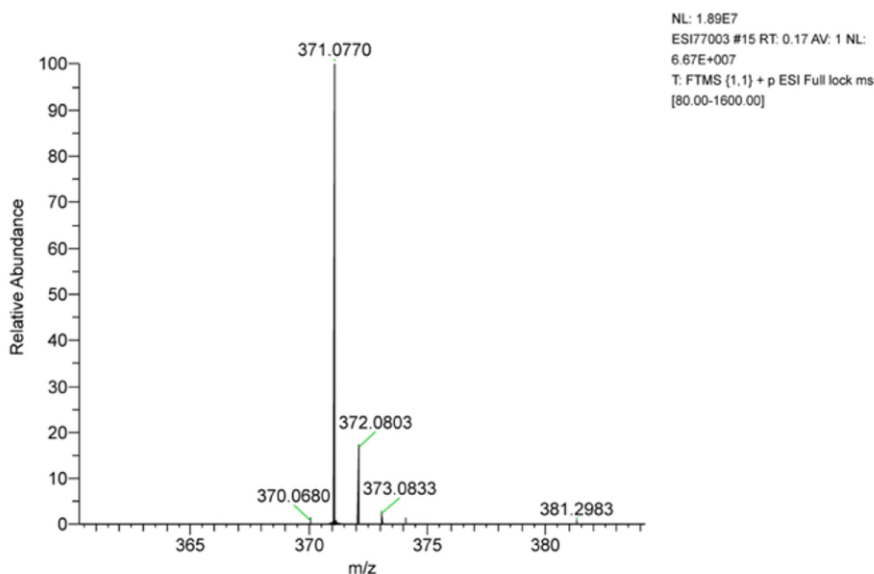
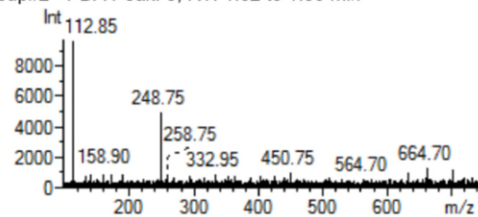
MS Spectrum

Group#1 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.02 to 1.09 min

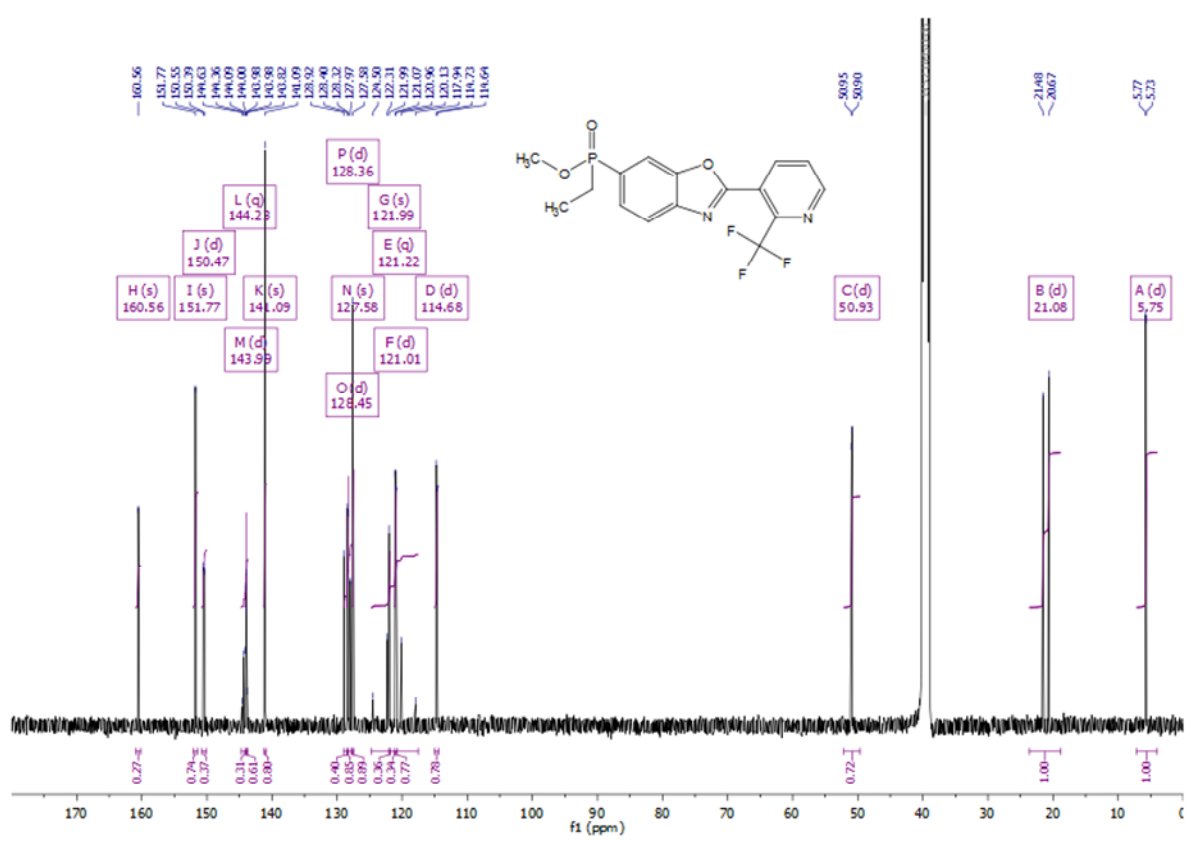
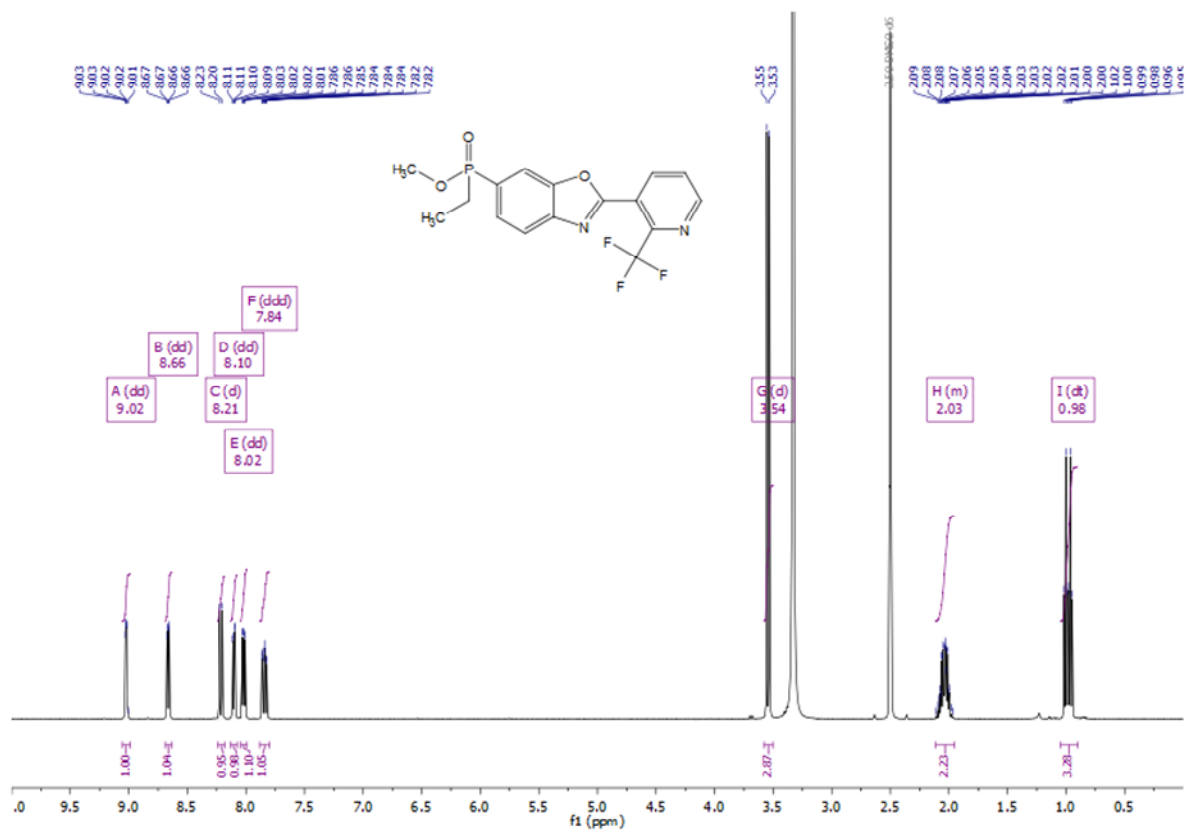


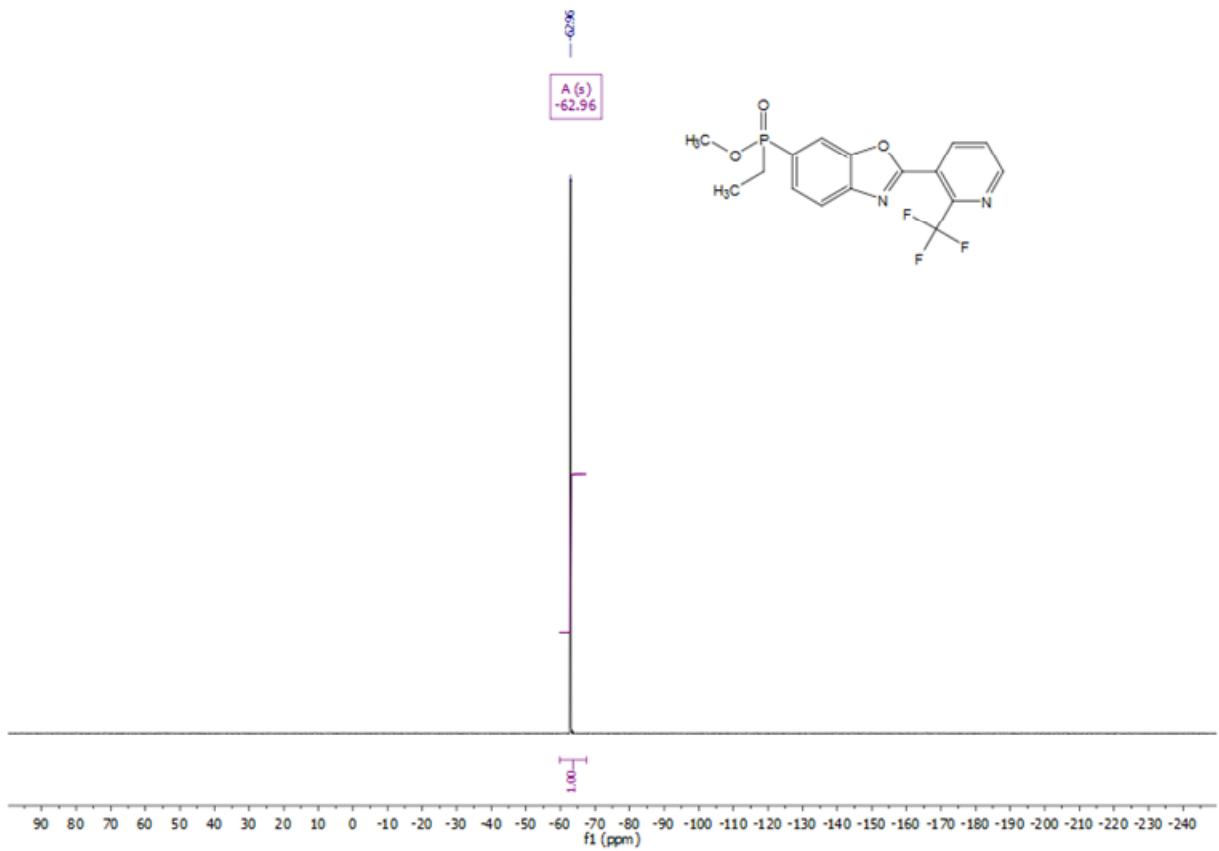
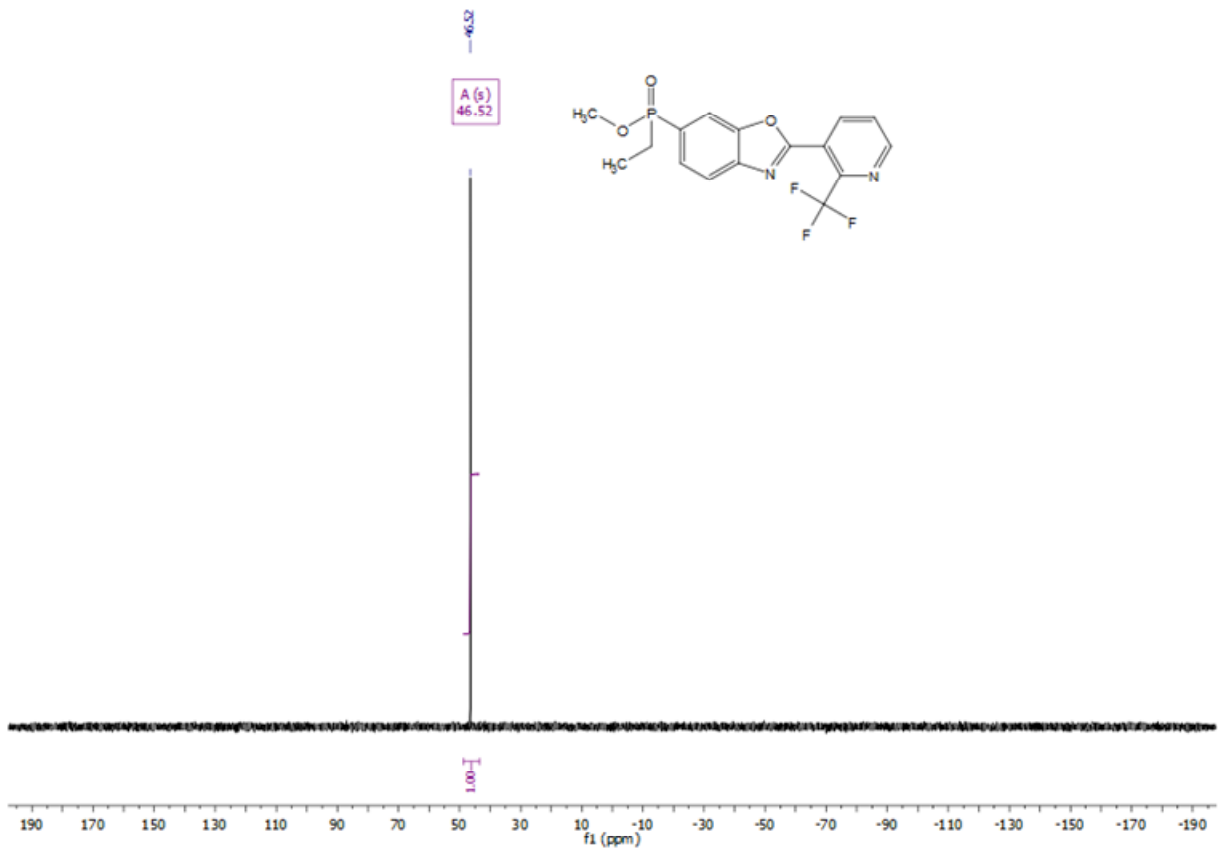
MS Spectrum

Group#2 - PDA Peak: 5, RT: 1.02 to 1.09 min



Peak Mass Display...	Combin...	RDB	Delta [p...	Theo. m...	Rank	Combin...	# Match...	# Misse...	MS Cov...	Pattern...	MSMS...
371.0770	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ ...	43.114...	9.50	0.74	371.07...	1	96.931...	4	0	99.921...	99.855... (Collec...





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