

# Supporting Information

## Discovery of an H3K36me3-derived peptidomimetic ligand with enhanced affinity for plant homeodomain finger protein 1 (PHF1)

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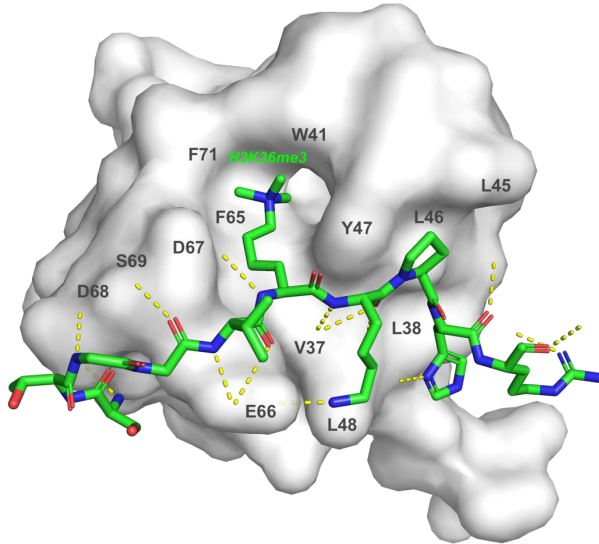
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**Figure S1. Structure of H3K36me3 bound to PHF1 Tudor.**

H3K36me3 binds PHF1 Tudor in a surface-groove binding mode. Residues T32-R40 shown make polar contacts with the surface of the protein (PDB ID: 4HCZ), contributing to the micromolar binding affinity.

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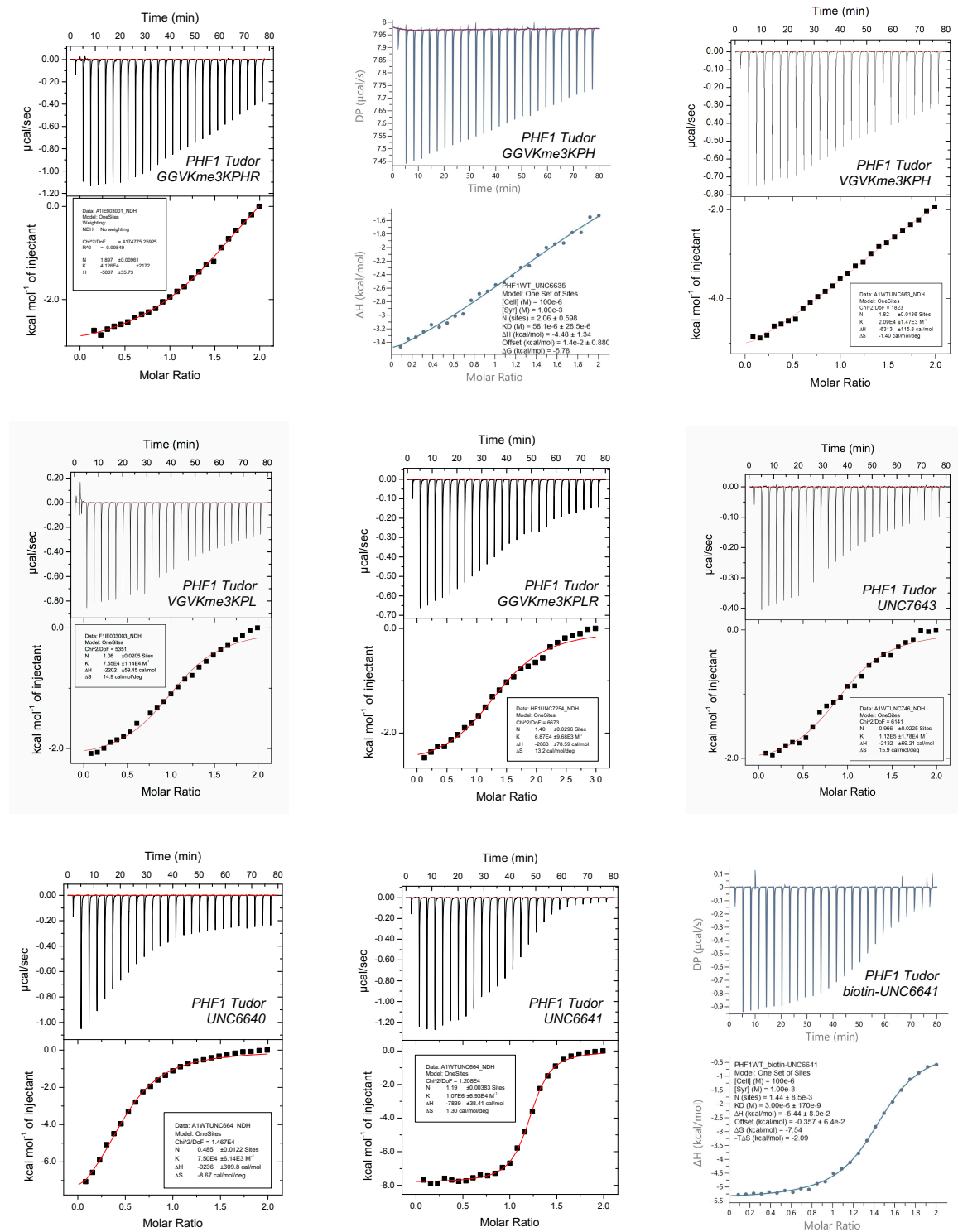


Figure S2. Representative ITC curves for PHF1 and PHF19 Tudor domain binding to H3K36me3 variants and select peptidomimetic ligands.

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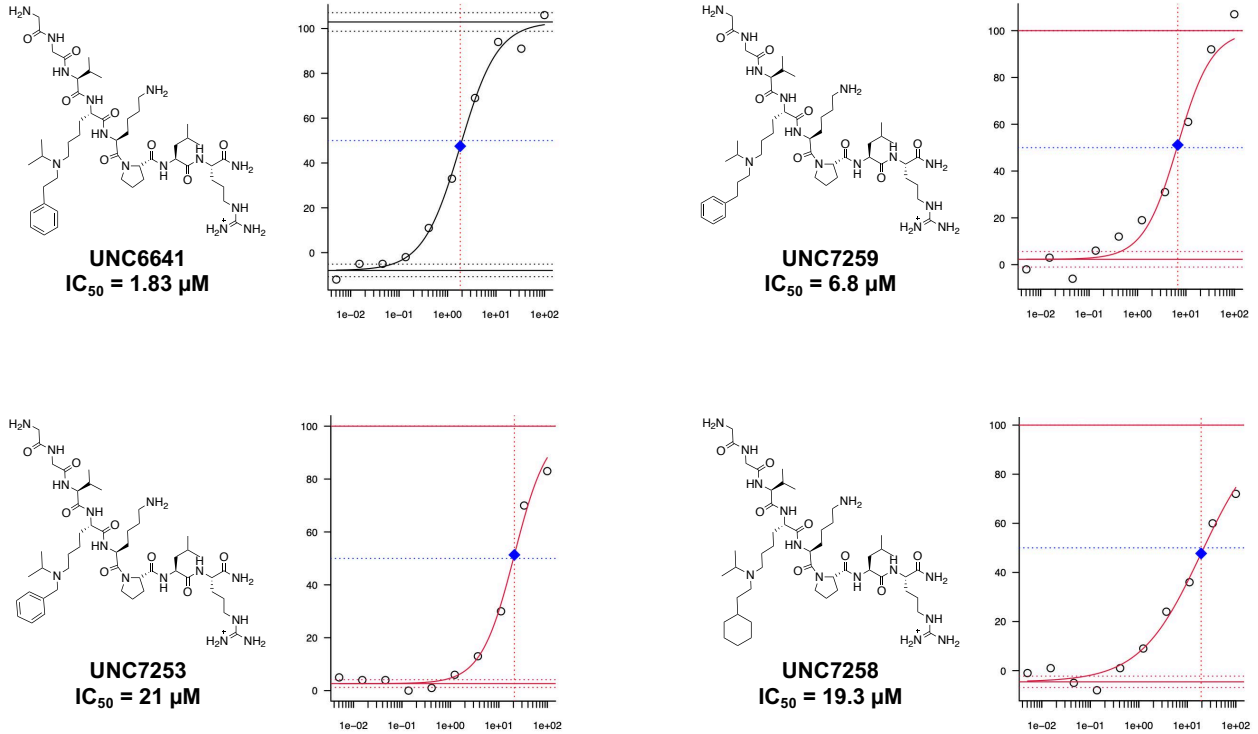
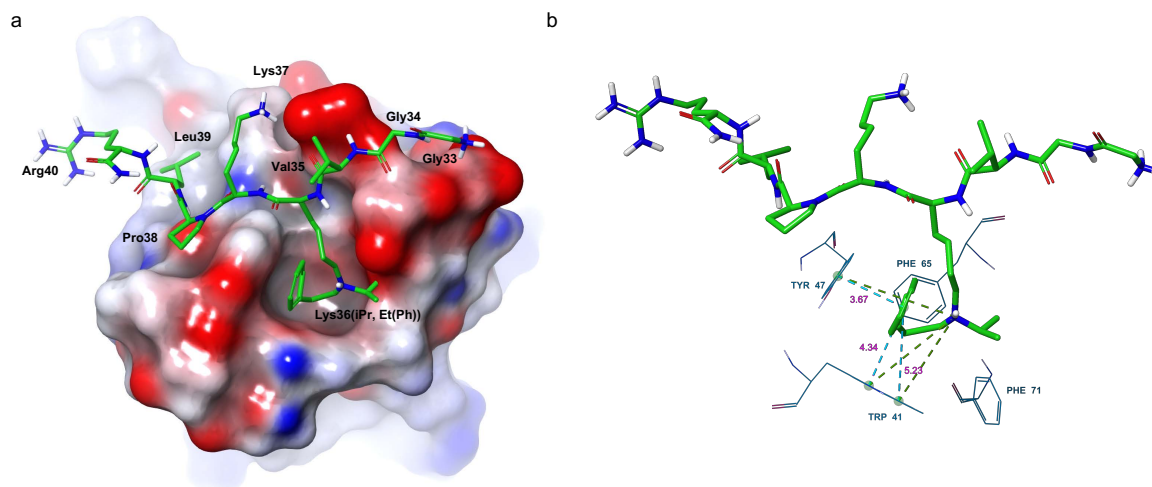


Figure S3. Representative TR-FRET curves for PHF1 Tudor domain binding to UNC6641 and closely related derivatives.

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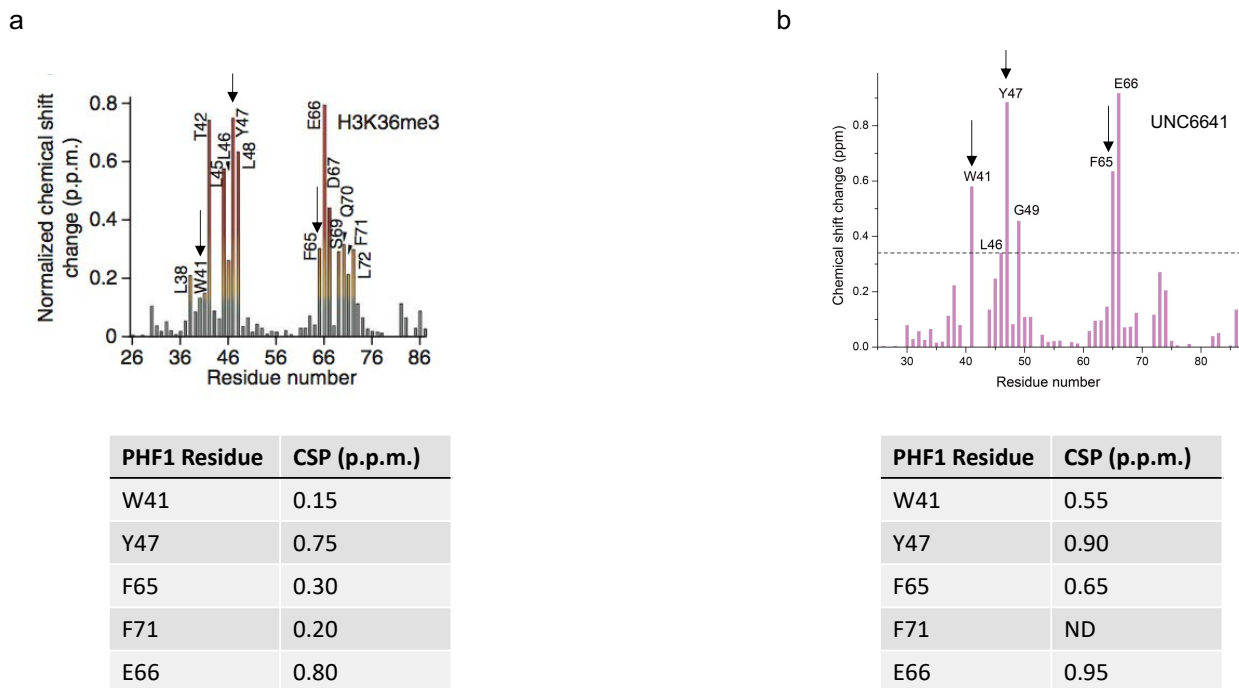


**Figure S4. Molecular docking analysis of UNC6641 binding to PHF1 Tudor.**

(A) Molecular docking of UNC6641 into PHF1 Tudor (PDB ID: 4HCZ) using H3K36me3 bound to PHF1 Tudor as backbone constraints.

(B) Using centroid-to-centroid distance and angle parameters defined by Maestro, PHF1 Y47 and W41 were predicted to engage the phenyl group of UNC6641 via  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking (dashed blue lines). Our docking model suggests strong face-to-face  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking with Y47 (< 4.4 Å centroid-to-centroid distance) and edge-to-face  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking with W41 (< 5.5 Å centroid-to-centroid distance). All cation- $\pi$  interactions with the  $\epsilon$ -amino group (dashed green lines) remained within the suggested distance of 6.6 Å. As previously noted, the increased distance of F71 from the amino group may indicate a weaker role of cation- $\pi$  interactions and a stronger contribution of hydrophobic interactions from this residue.

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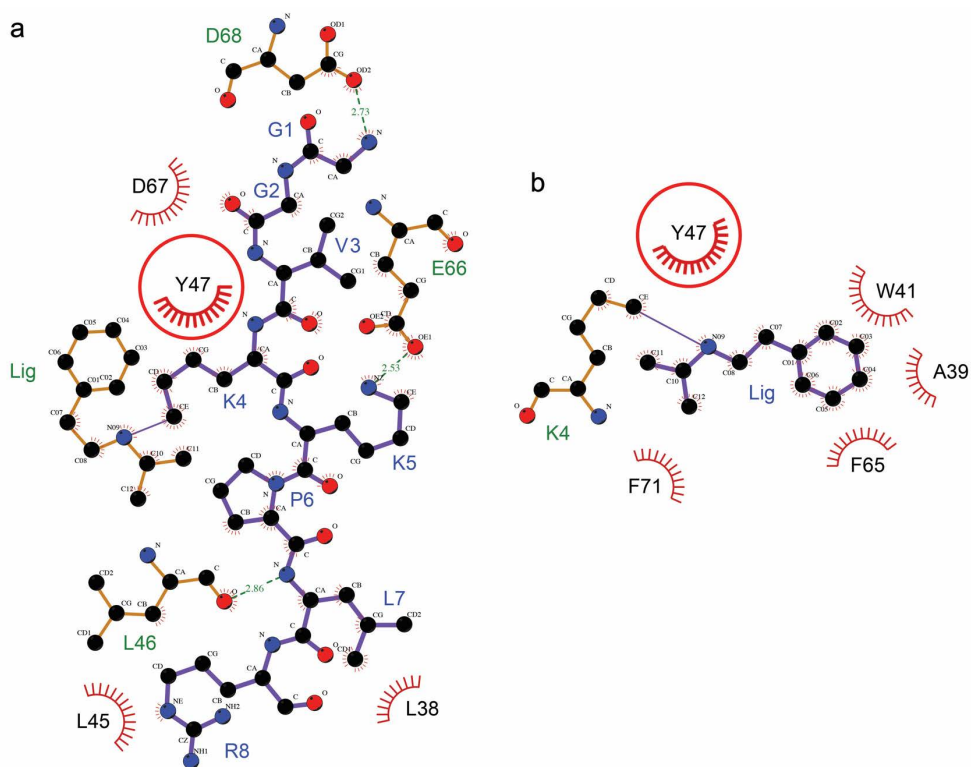


**Figure S5. Comparison of chemical shift perturbations (CSPs) for H3K36me3 and UNC6641 upon binding to PHF1 Tudor.**

(A) Histogram and quantification of CSPs for the H3K36me3 peptide upon binding to PHF1 Tudor. Histogram from: Musselman, C. A.; Avvakumov, N.; Watanabe, R.; Abraham, C. G.; Lalonde, M.-E.; Hong, Z.; Allen, C.; Roy, S.; Nuñez, J. K.; Nickoloff, J.; Kulesza, C. A.; Yasui, A.; Côté, J.; Kutateladze, T. G. Molecular Basis for H3K36me3 Recognition by the Tudor Domain of PHF1. *Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol.* **2012**, *19* (12), 1266–1272. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nsmb.2435>.

B) Histogram and quantification of CSPs for UNC6641 upon binding to PHF1 Tudor.

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**Figure S6. LigPlot interaction analysis of UNC6641 bound to PHF1 Tudor.**

A) Analysis of interactions formed between UNC6641 (ball and stick) and residues of PHF1 (red circles) generated by LigPlot analysis software.

B) Closer view of the (isopropyl)phenethyl lysine substituent bound in the aromatic cage of PHF1.

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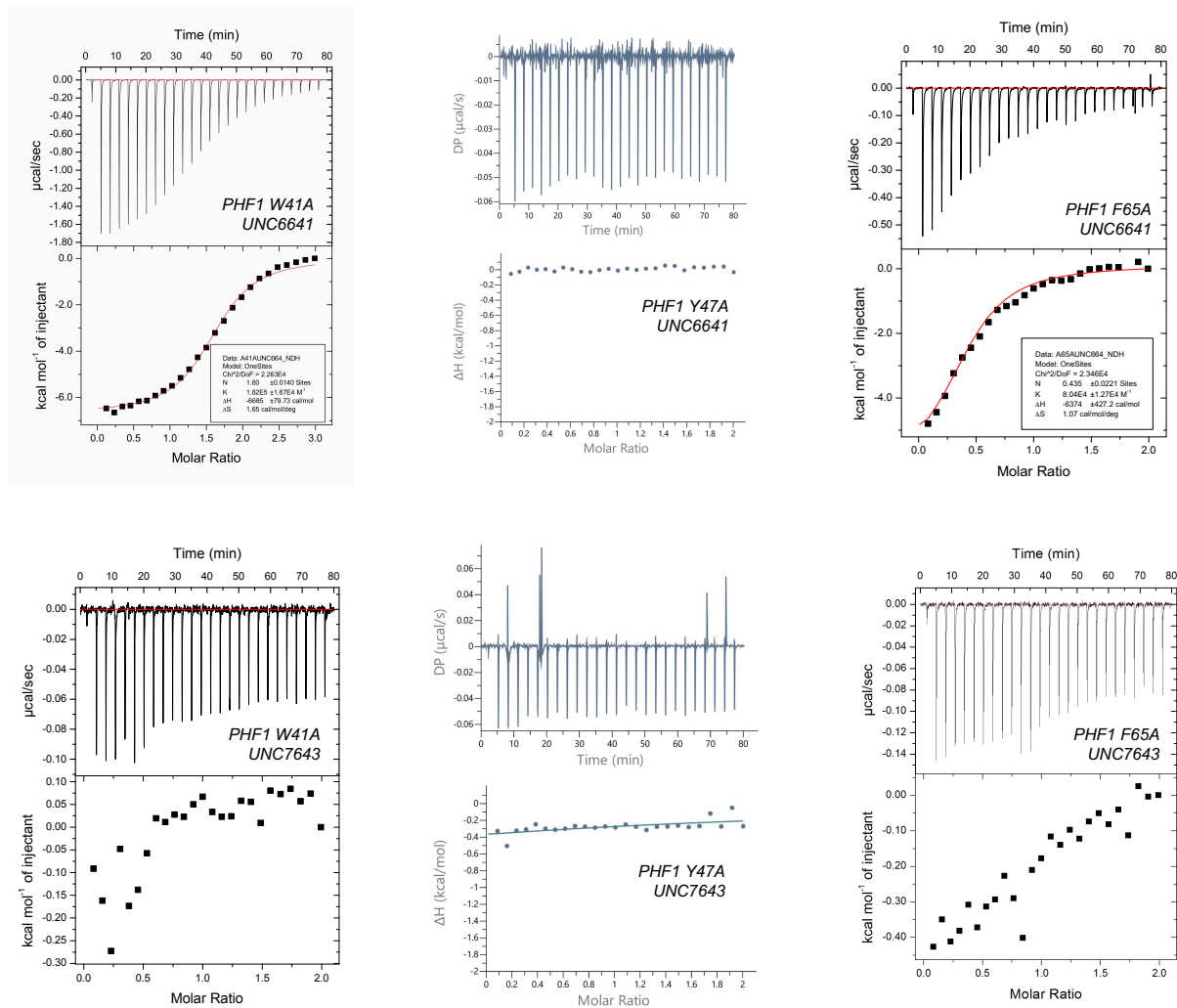


Figure S7. Representative ITC curves for binding of PHF1 aromatic cage mutants to UNC6641.



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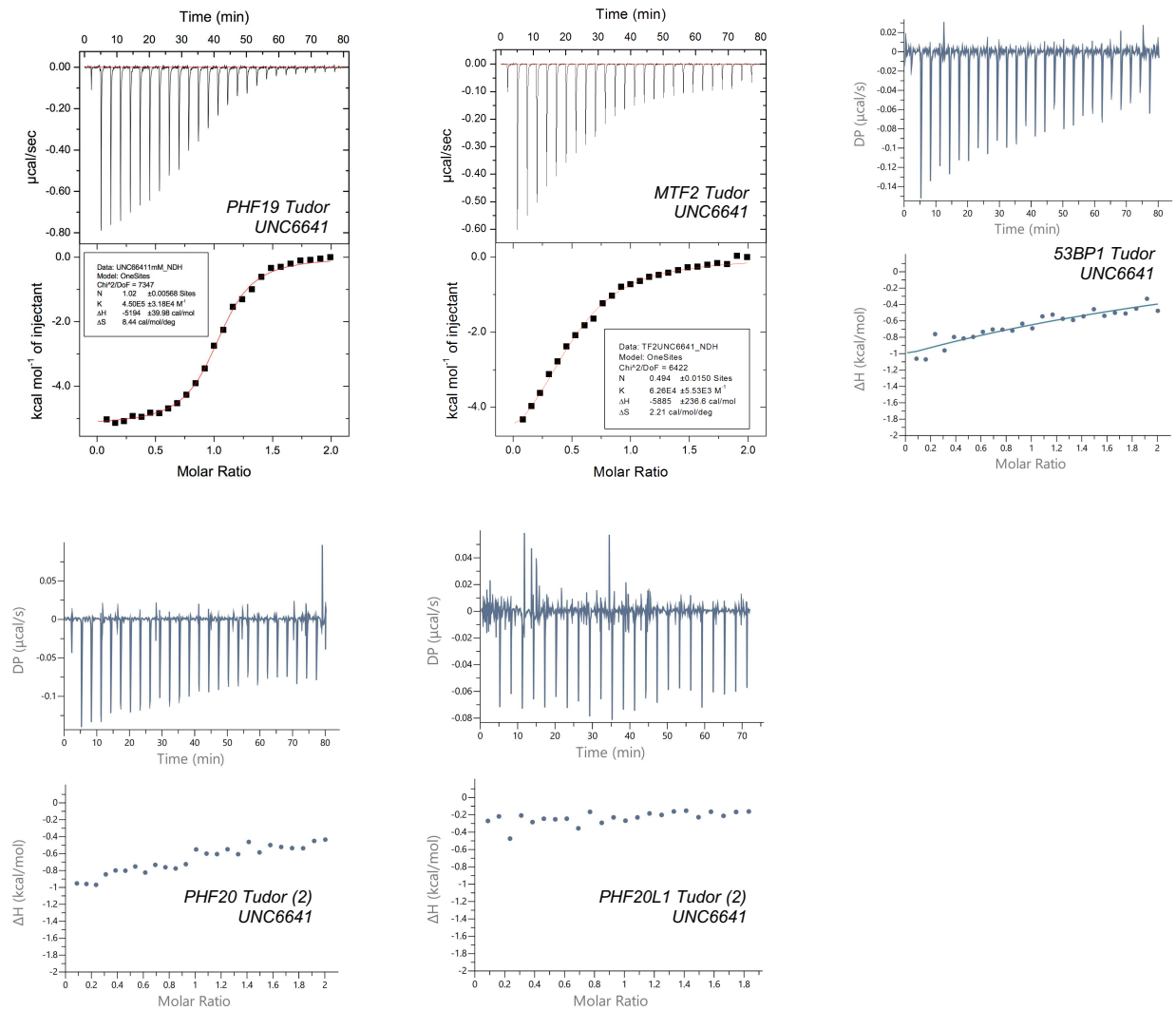
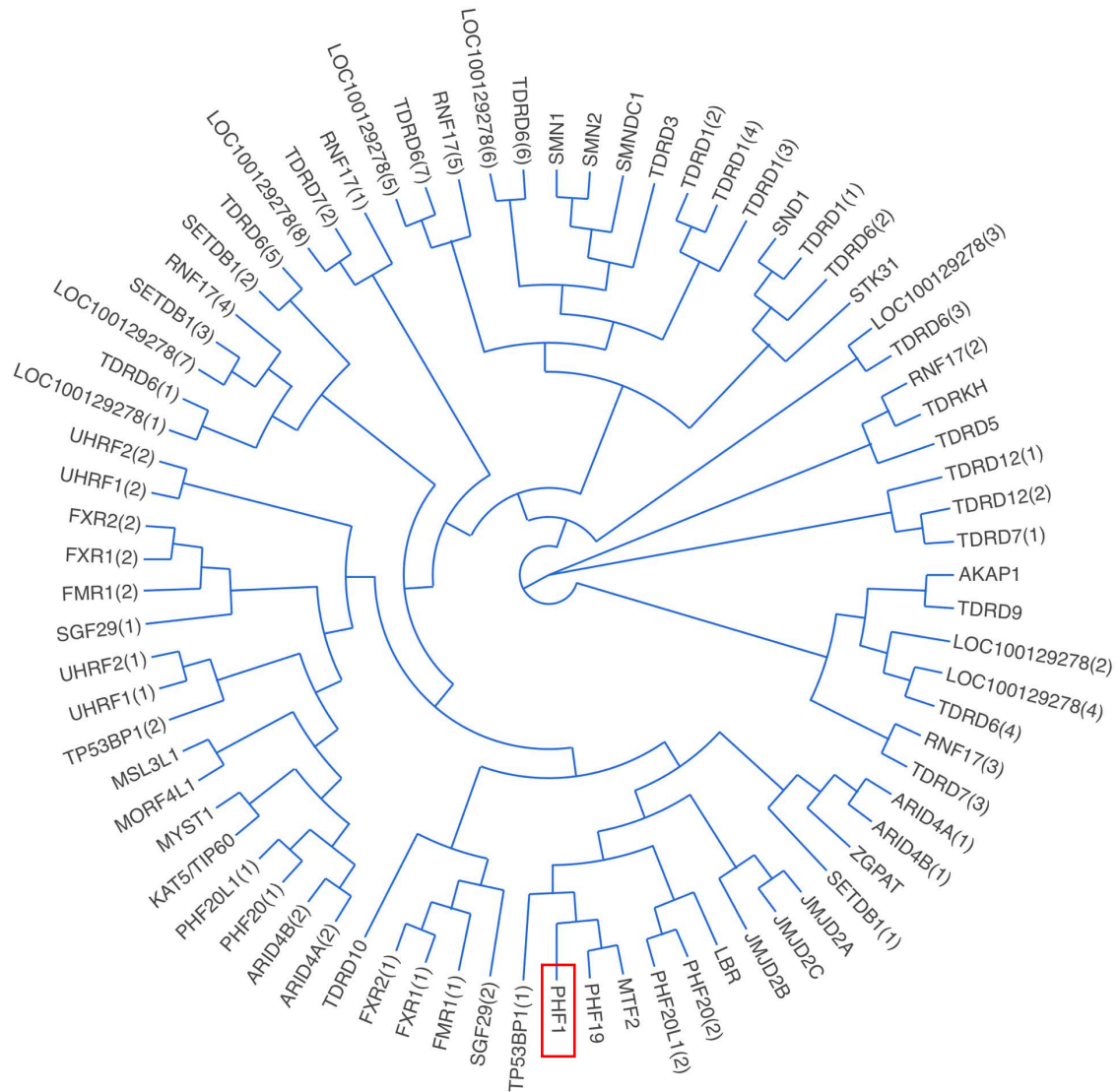


Figure S8. Representative ITC curves for binding of related Tudor domains to UNC6641.

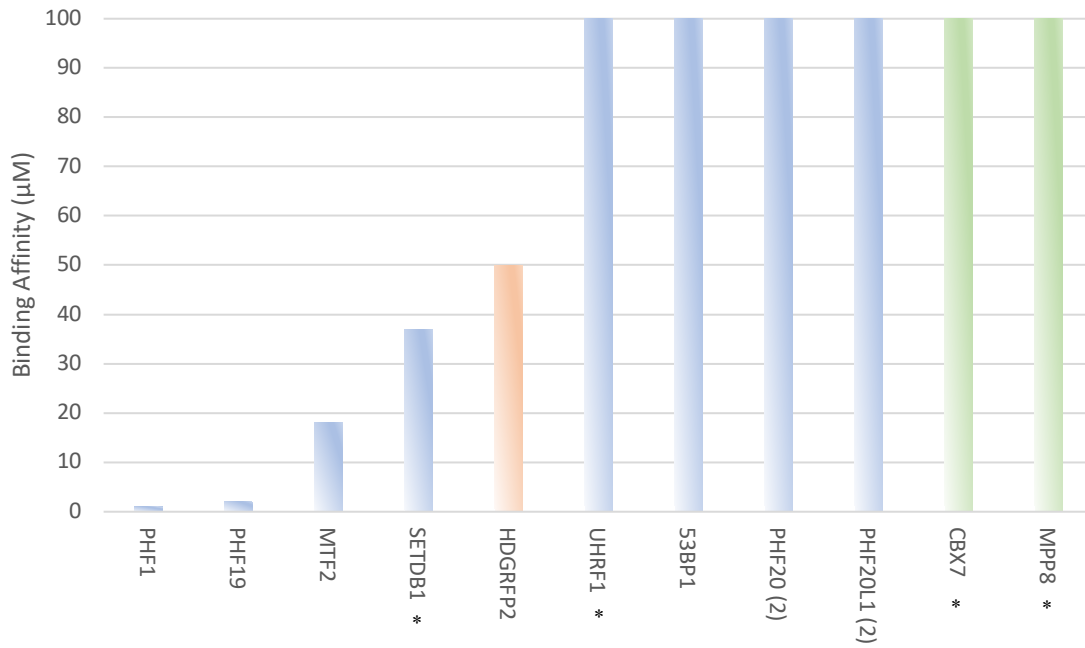
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**Figure S9. Phylogenetic tree of human Tudor domains.**

Complete phylogenetic tree of Tudor domains from Liu L, Zhen XT, Denton E, Marsden BD, Schapira M., Bioinformatics (2012): **ChromoHub: a data hub for navigators of chromatin-mediated signaling**. PHF1 is outlined in red.

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**Figure S10. UNC6641 selectively binds PHF1 and PHF19 within the panel of Kme readers tested.**

Binding affinities measured by ITC ( $K_d$ ) or TR-FRET ( $IC_{50}$ , denoted by \*) were calculated as an average of at least two independent experiments. Blue = Tudor domain. Orange = PWWP domain. Green = Chromodomain.

**Supplementary Table 1. Data collection and refinement statistics.**

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Tudor of PHF1 in complex with UNC6641

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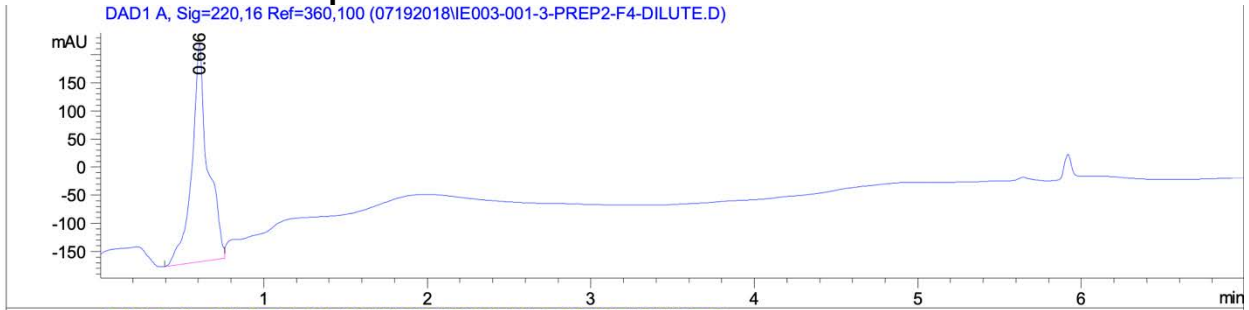
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$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	90.02, 95.19, 90.07
Wavelength(Å)	1.28
Resolution* (Å )	43.22-1.85 (1.916 -1.85)
Completeness (%)	90.87 (63.60)
Multiplicity	1.9 (1.9)
CC <sub>1/2</sub>	0.997 (0.839)
CC*	0.999 (0.955)
$R_{\text{sym}}$ or $R_{\text{merge}}$ (%)	5.8 (33.4)
$I/\sigma I$	8.85 (1.85)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å )	43.22-1.85
Unique reflections	37960
$R_{\text{work}}/R_{\text{free}}$	23.3/28.1
Root-mean-square deviation	
Bond lengths (Å )	0.003
Bond angles (°)	0.667
$B$ -factors (Å <sup>2</sup> )	
Protein	19.48
Ligand	24.56
Water	17.56
No. atoms	
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Ligand	483
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Ramachandran plot	
Favored/ allowed/ outlier(%)	95.95/4.05/0.00

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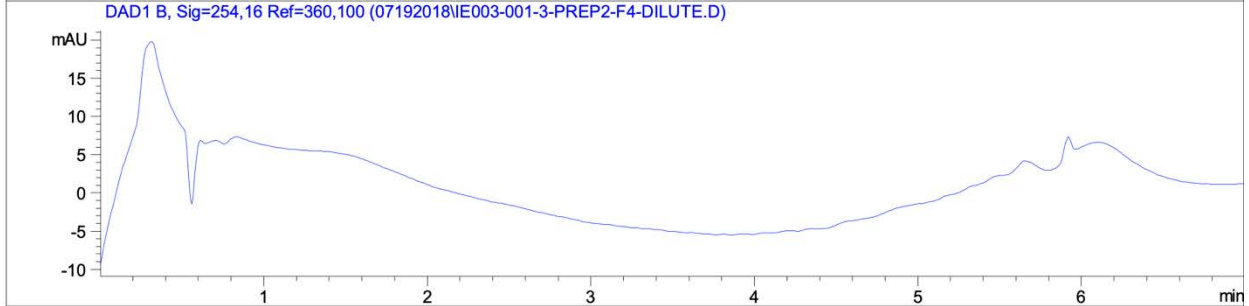
\* Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

# LC-MS Trace of H3 Peptide: GGVKme3KPHR at 220 nm and 254 nm

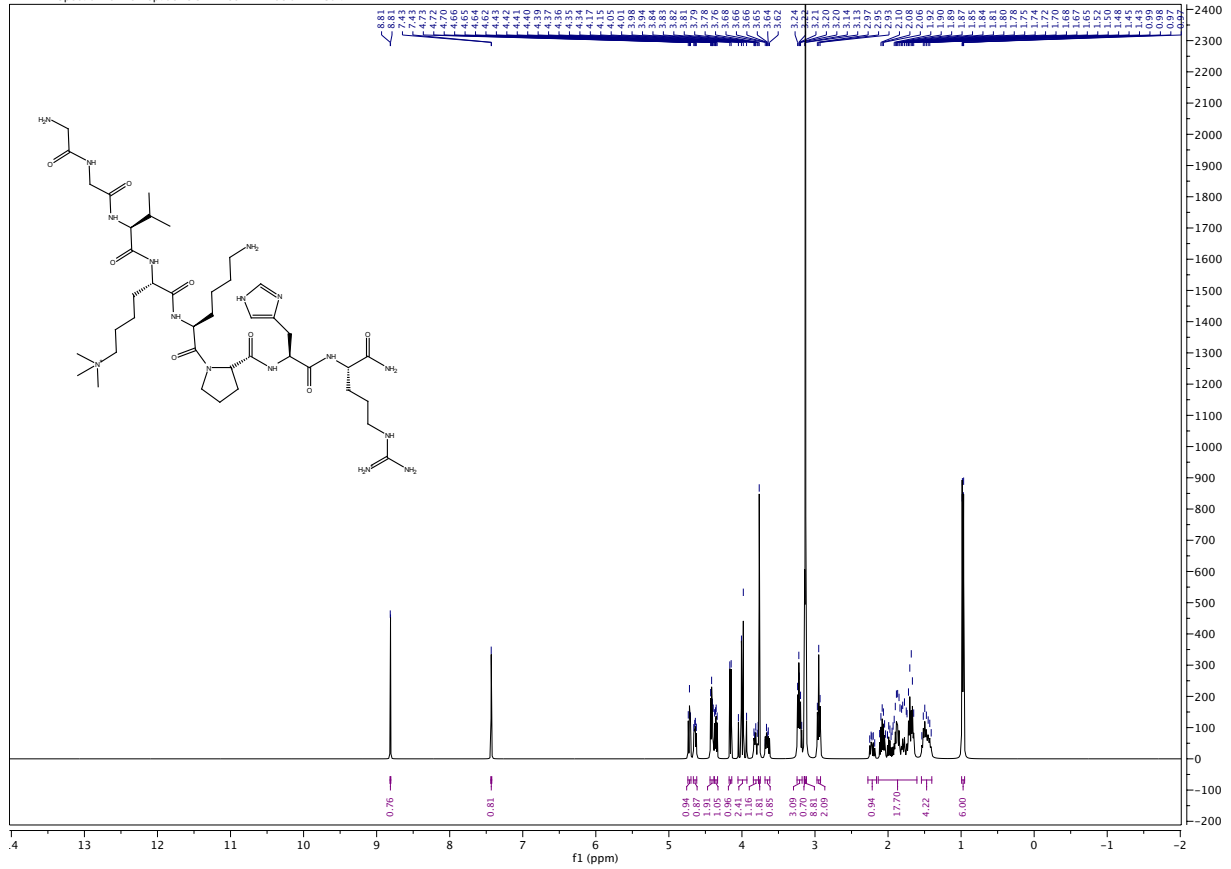
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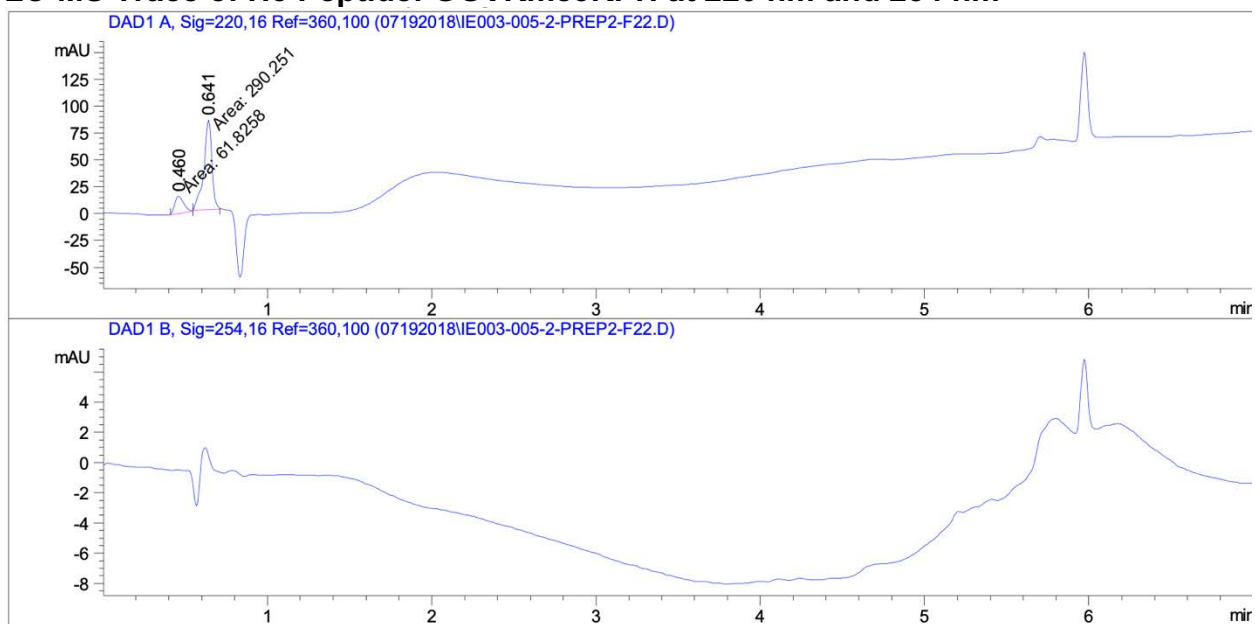
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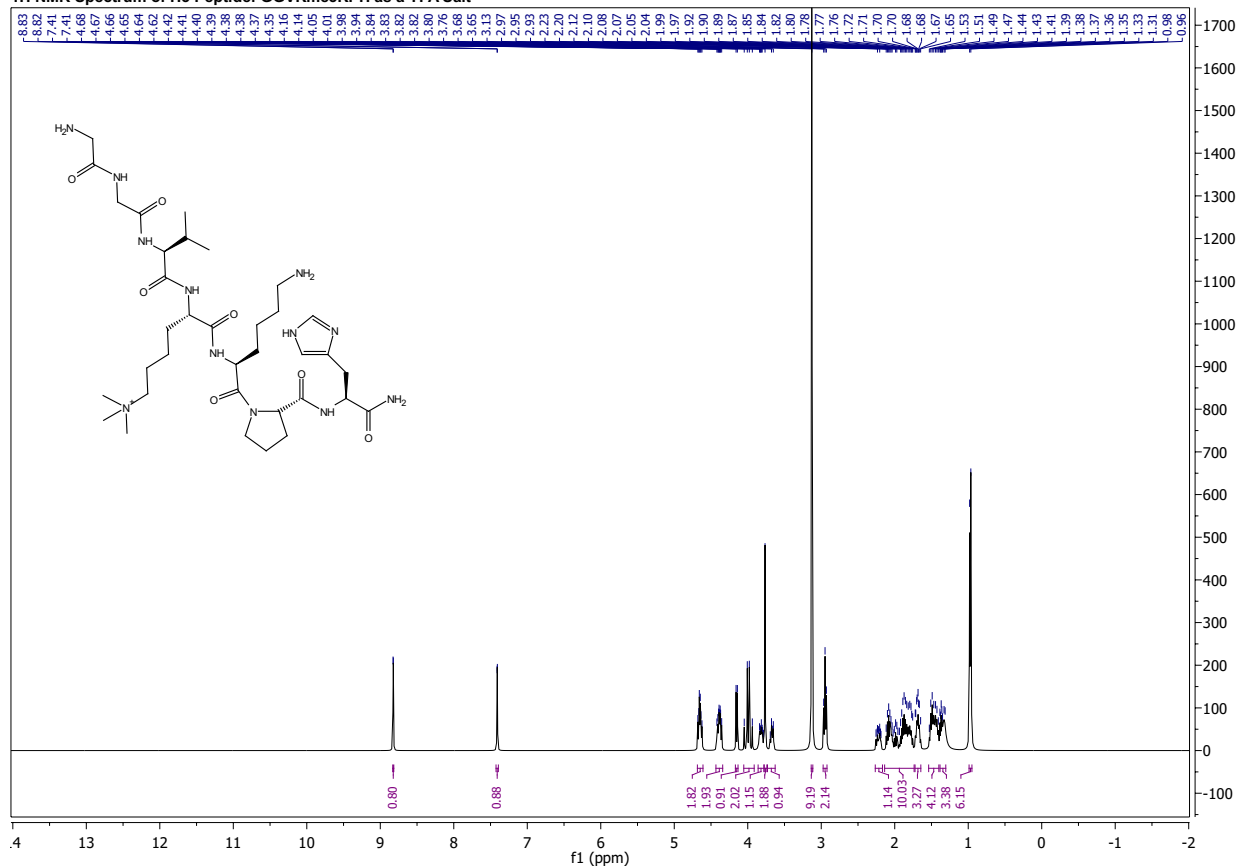
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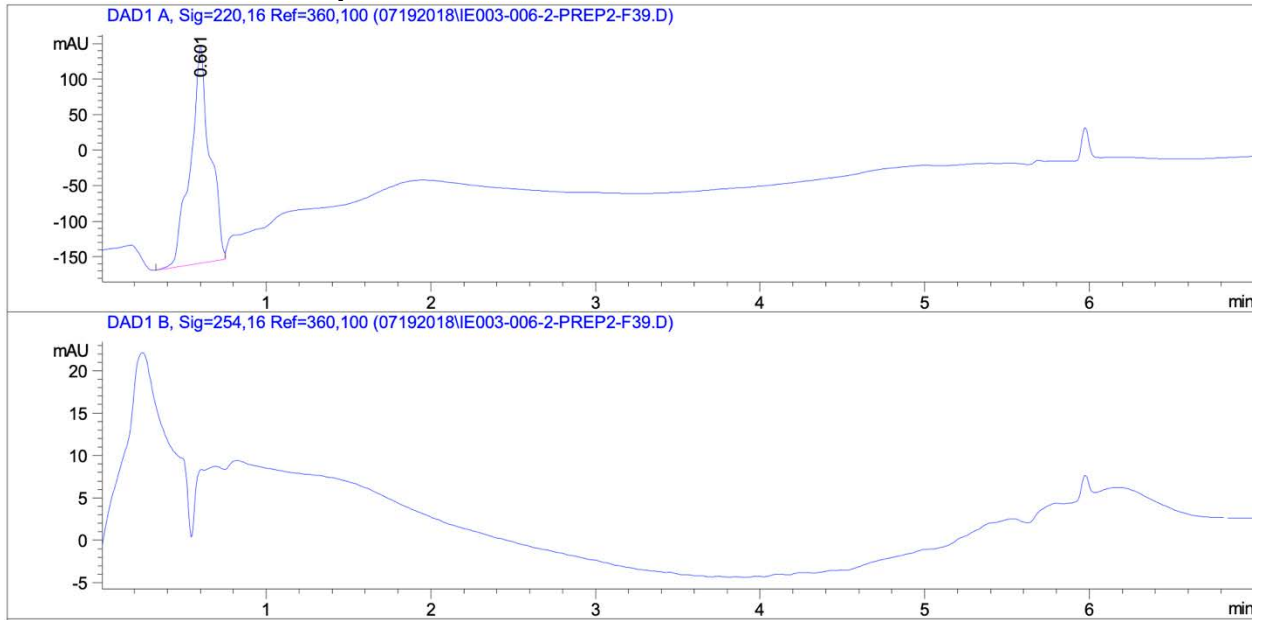
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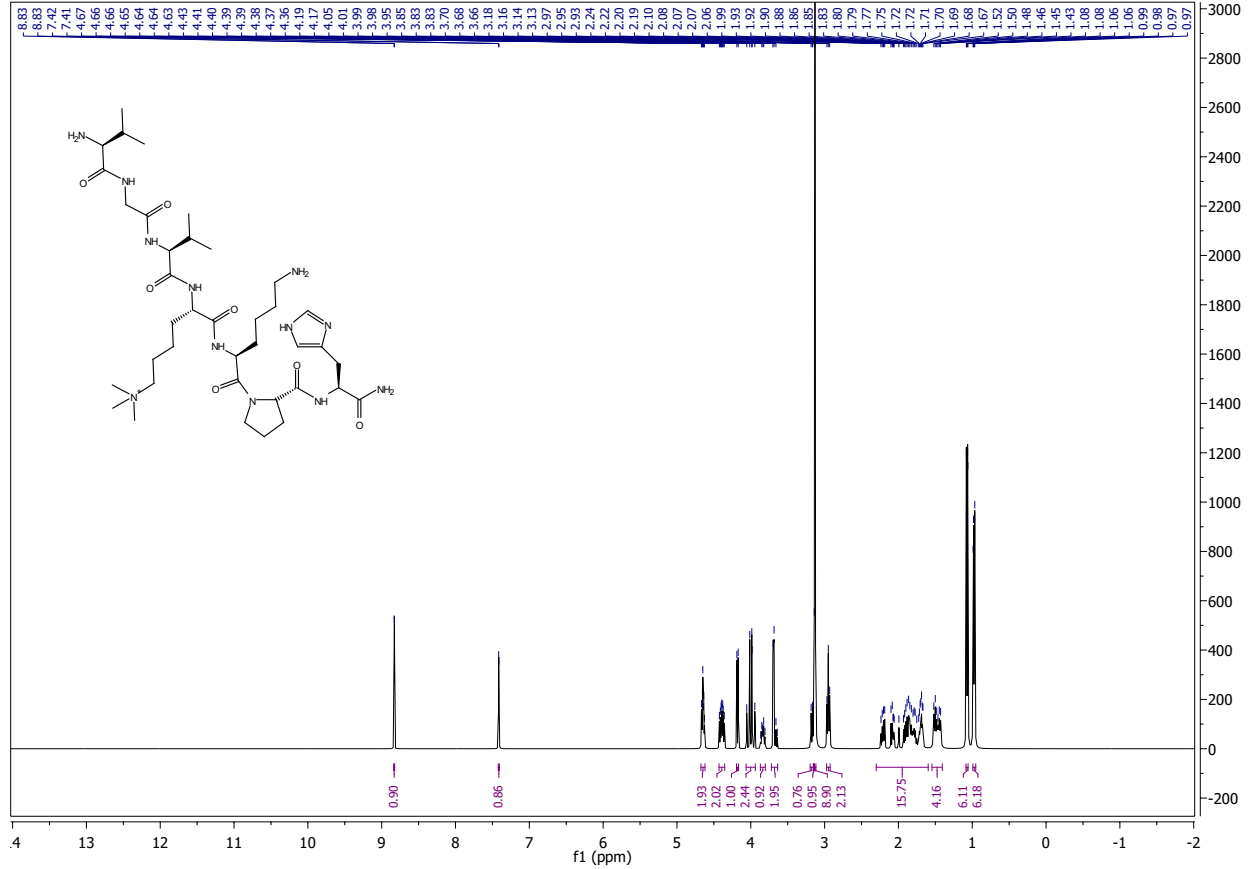
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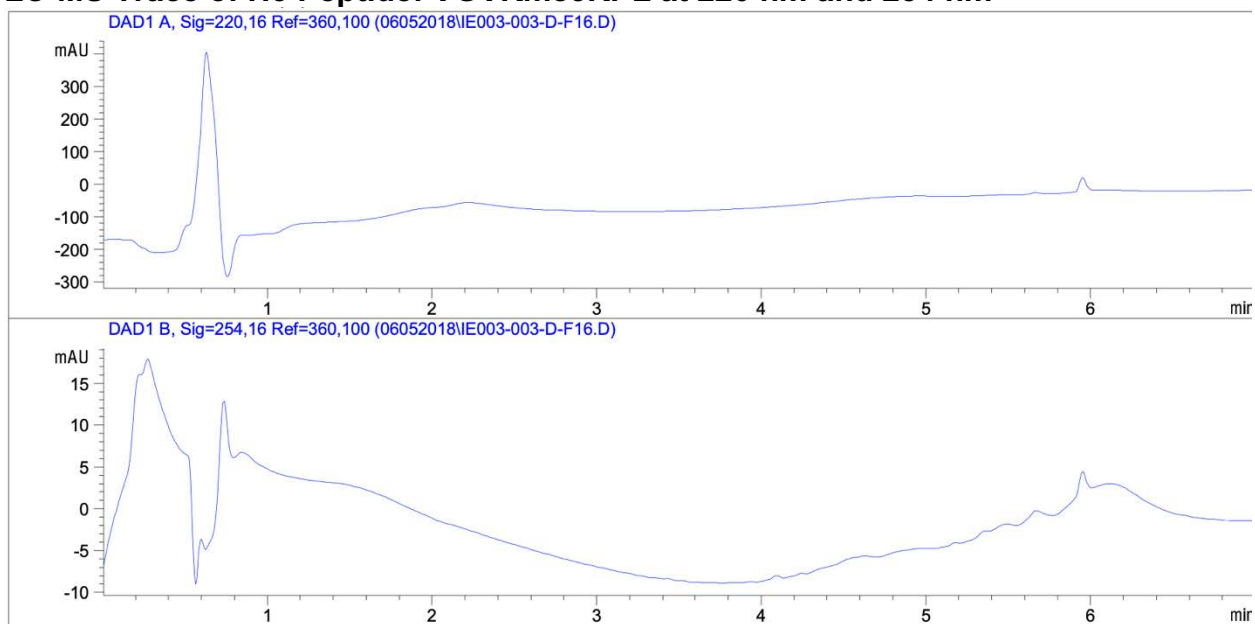
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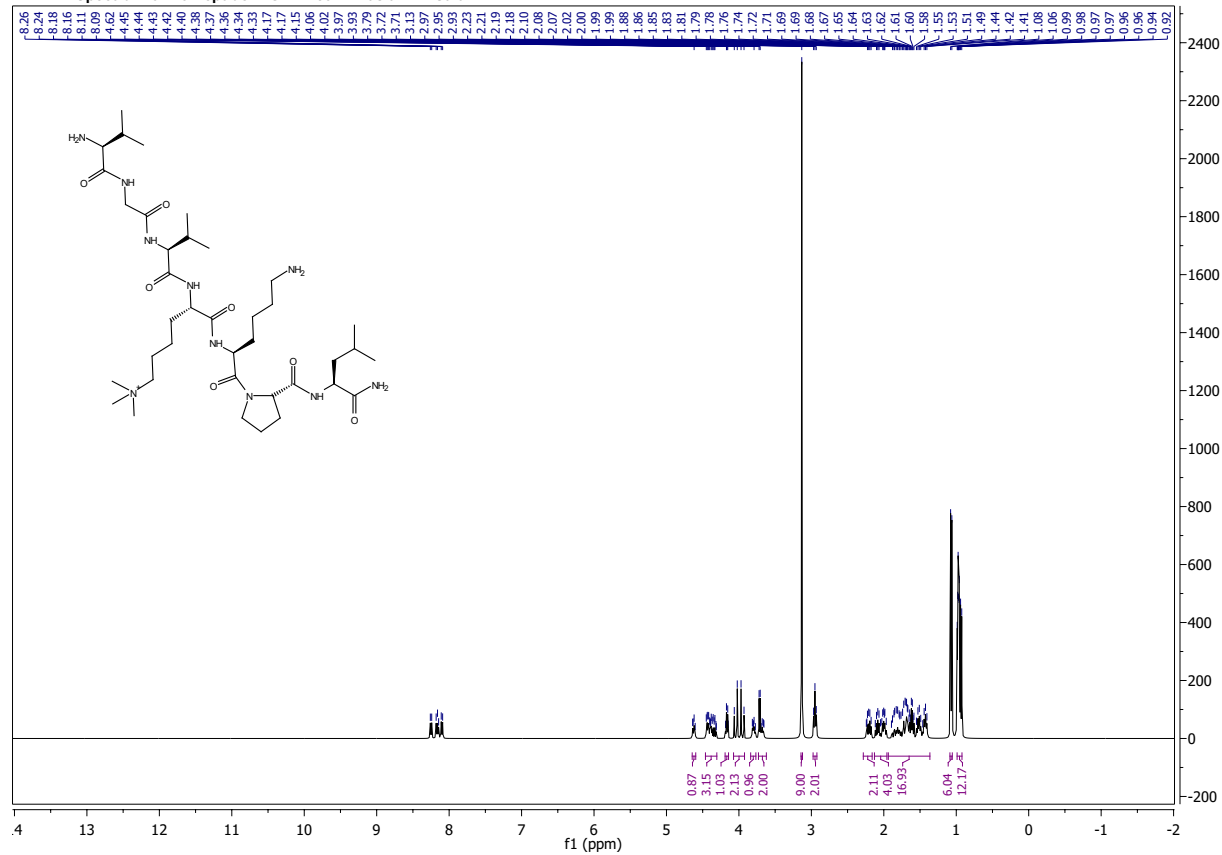
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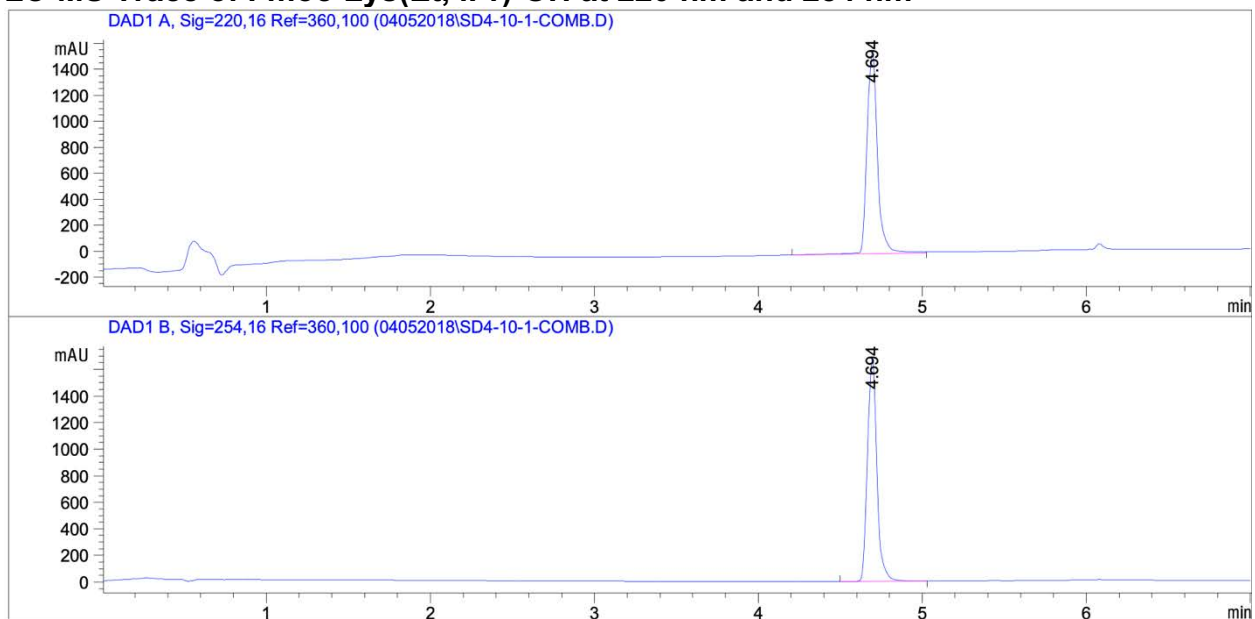
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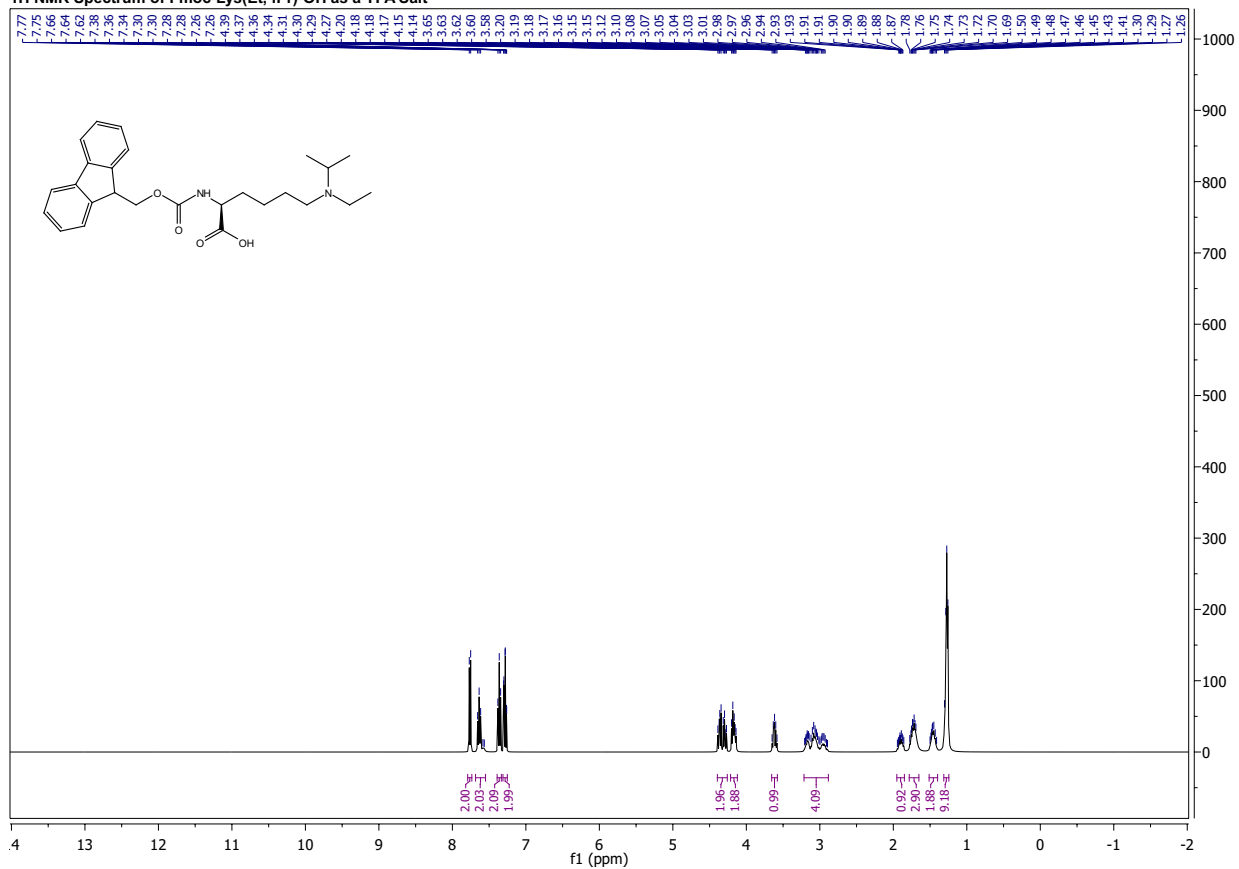




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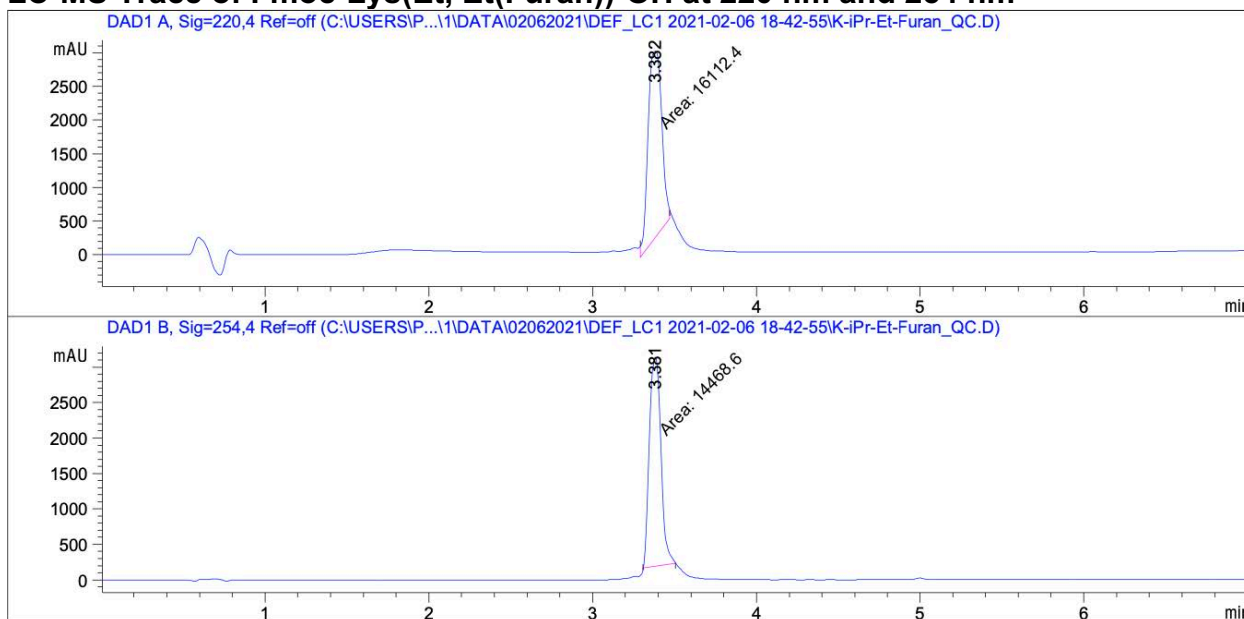


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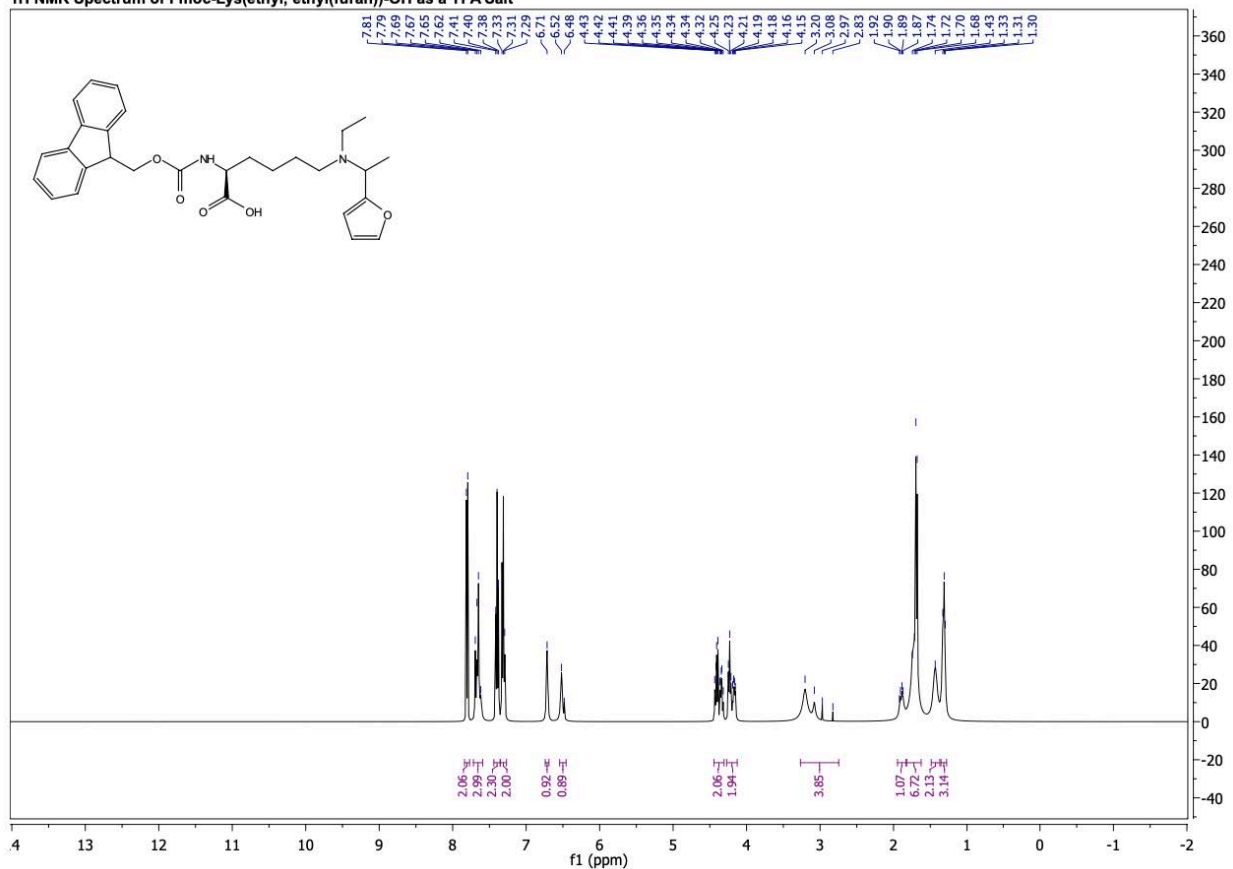




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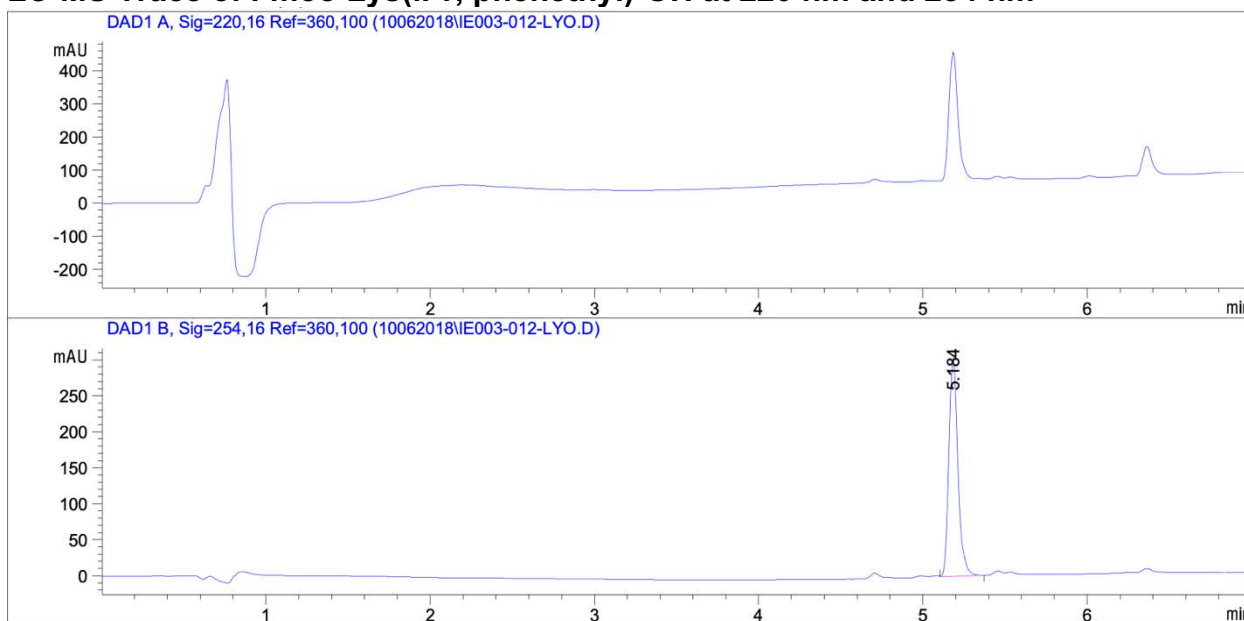


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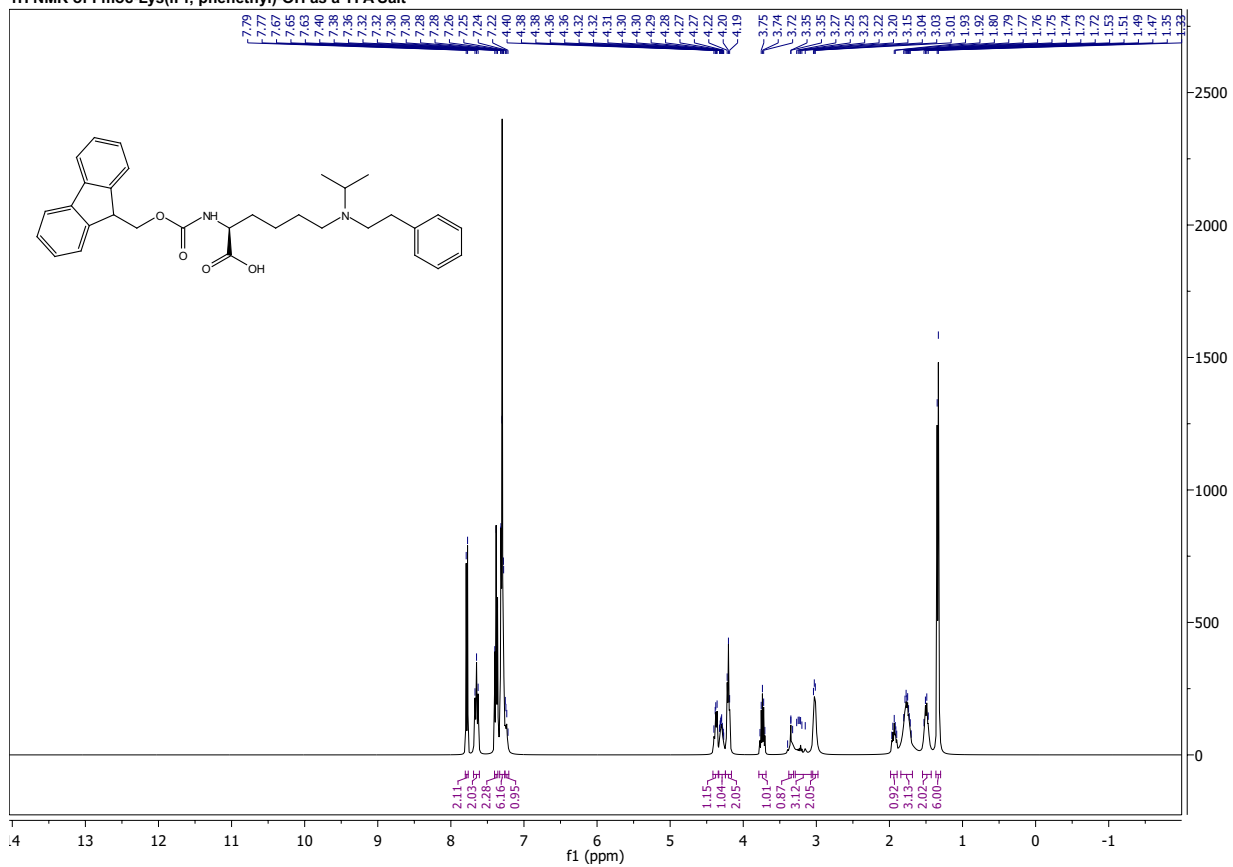




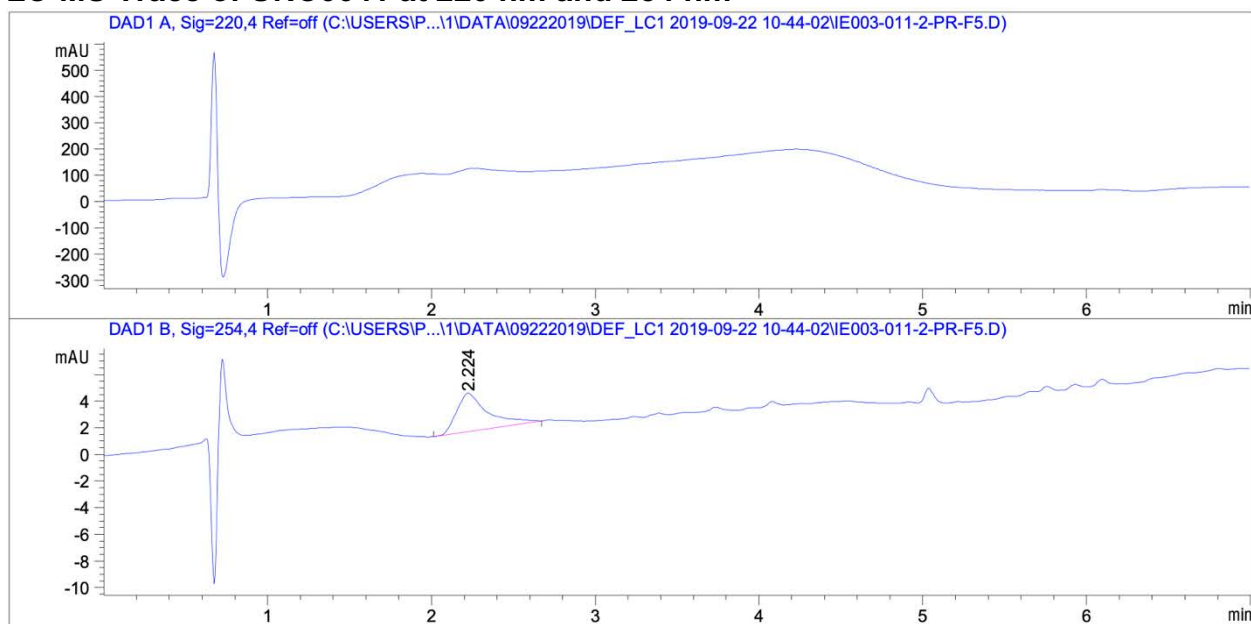
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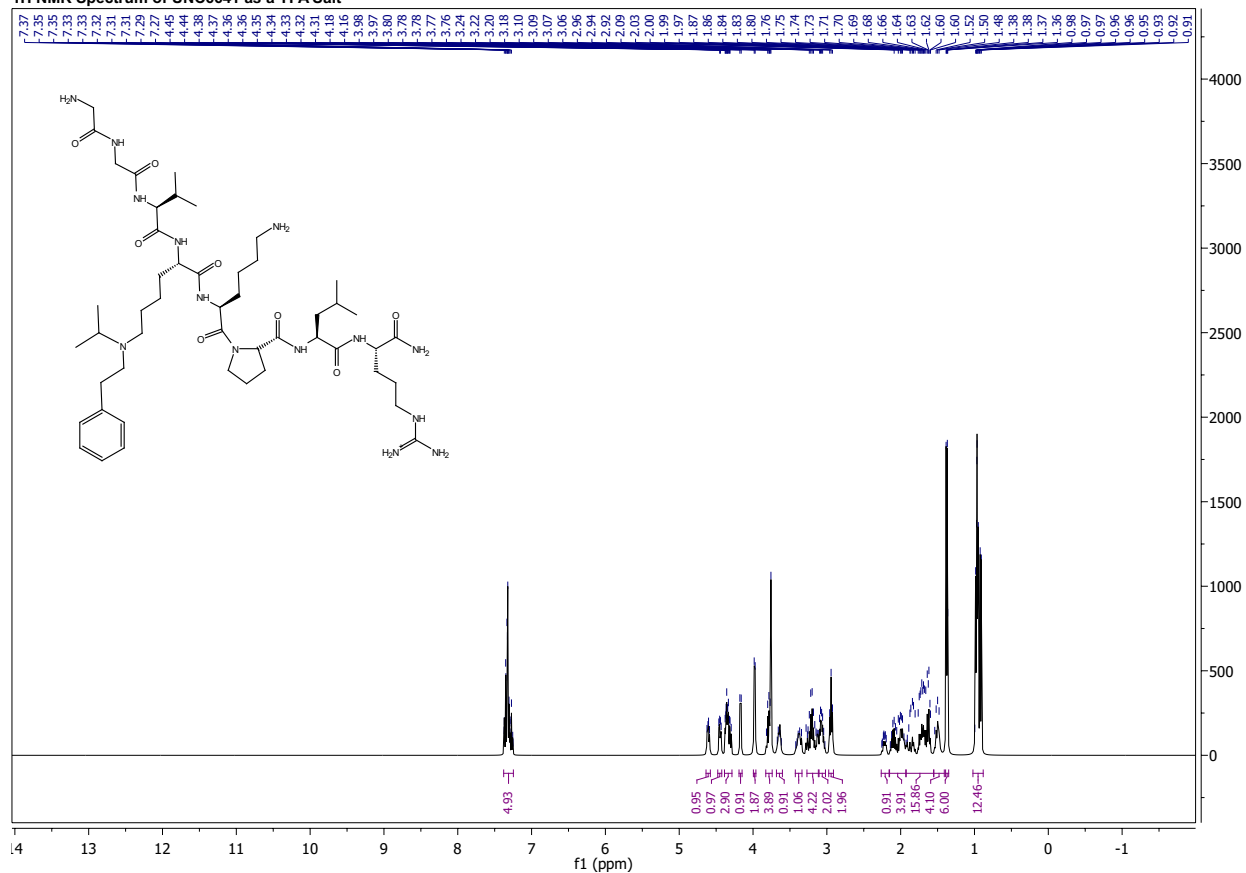
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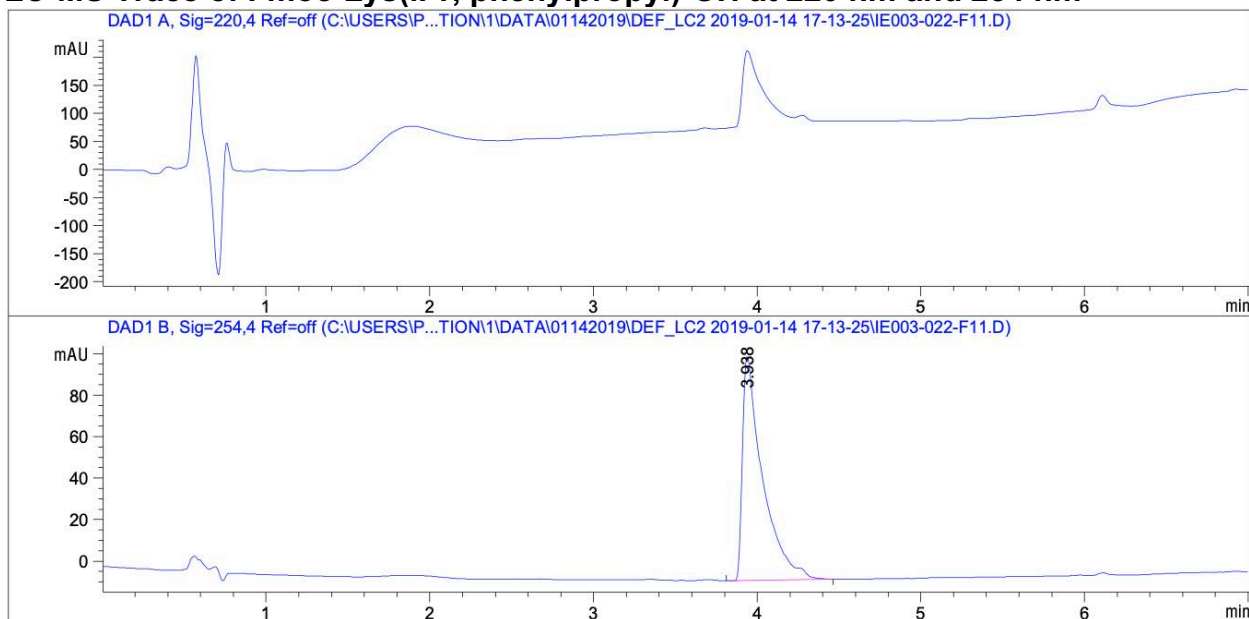
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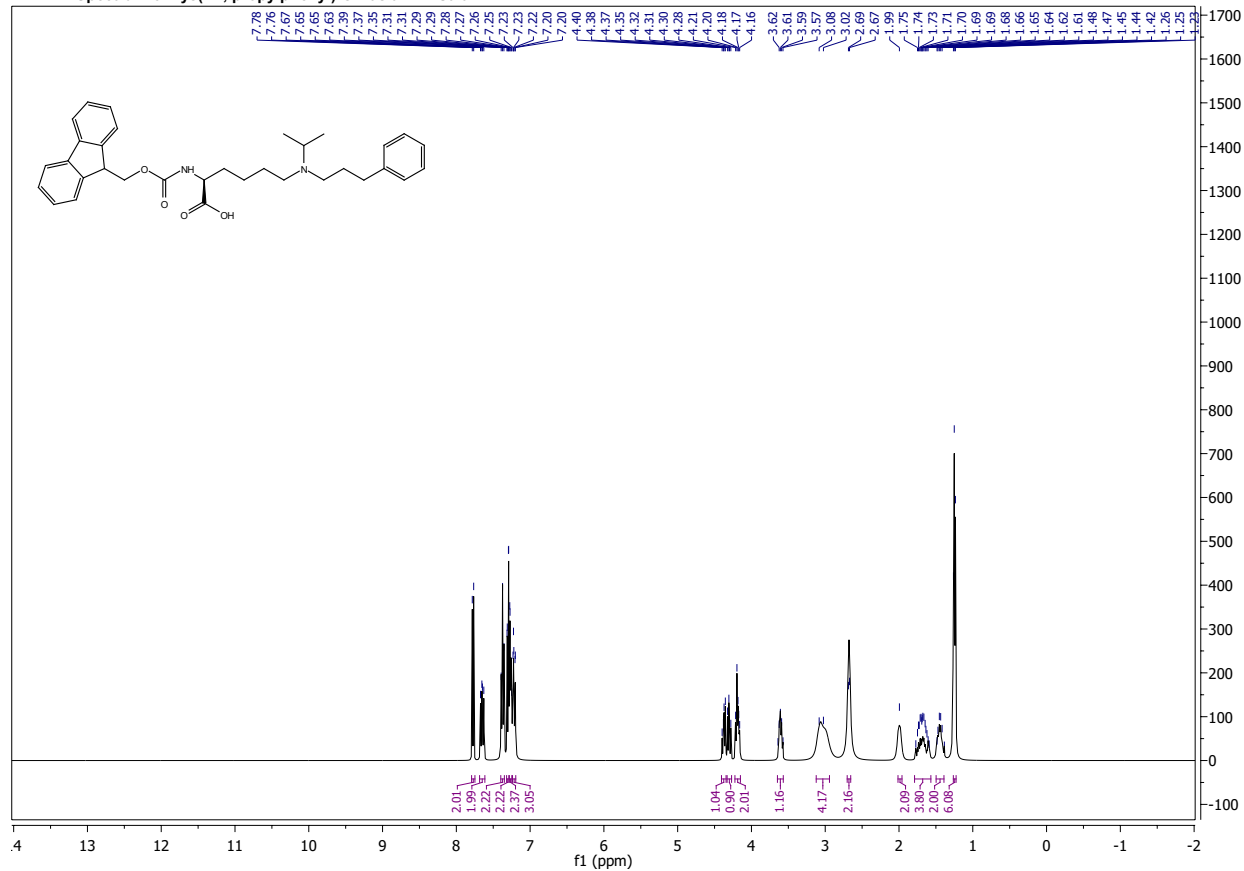
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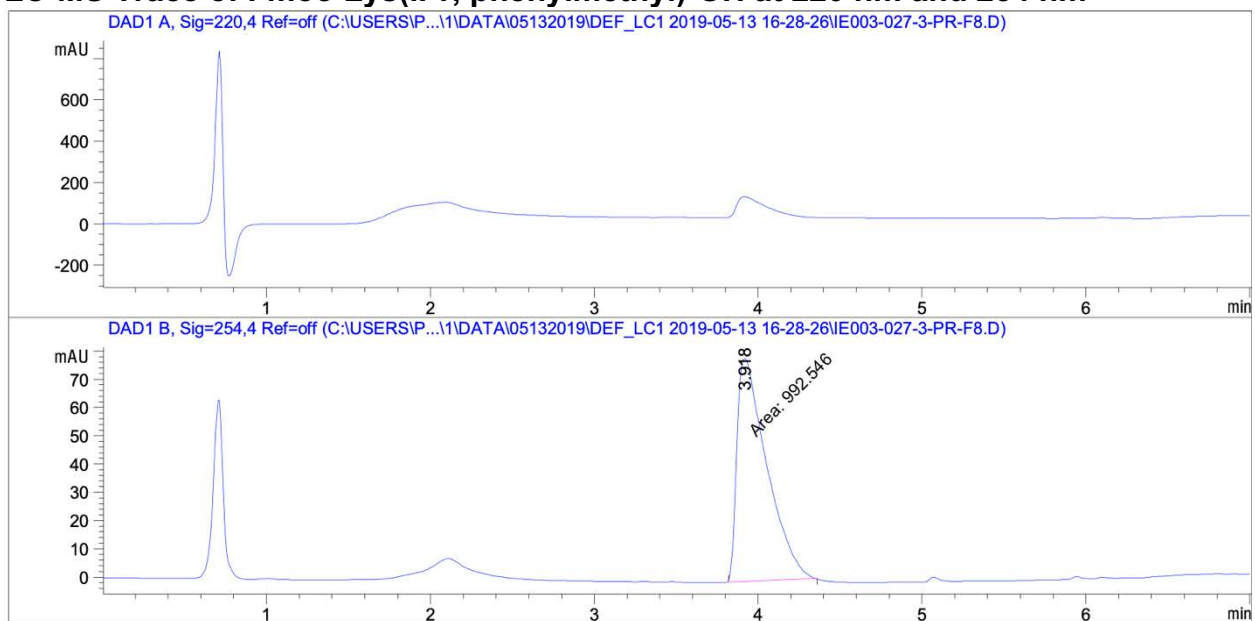
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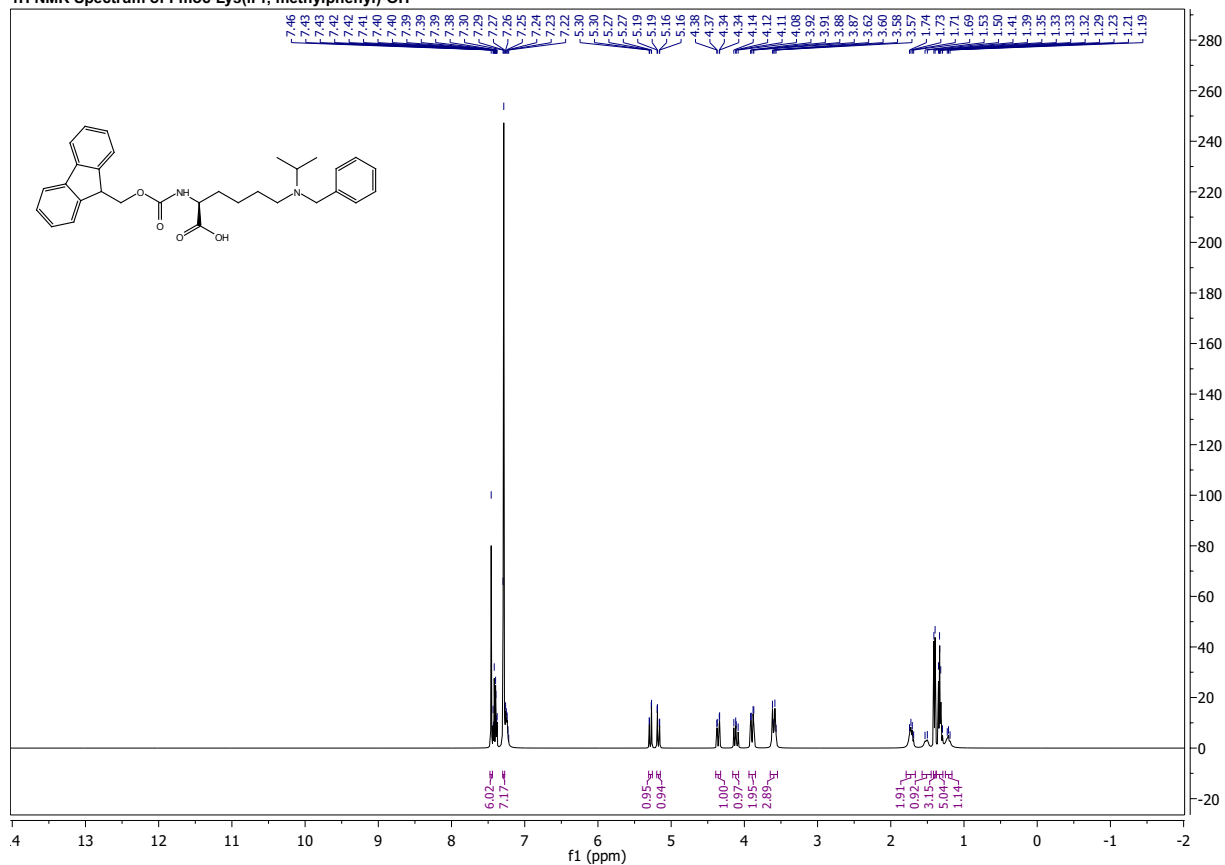




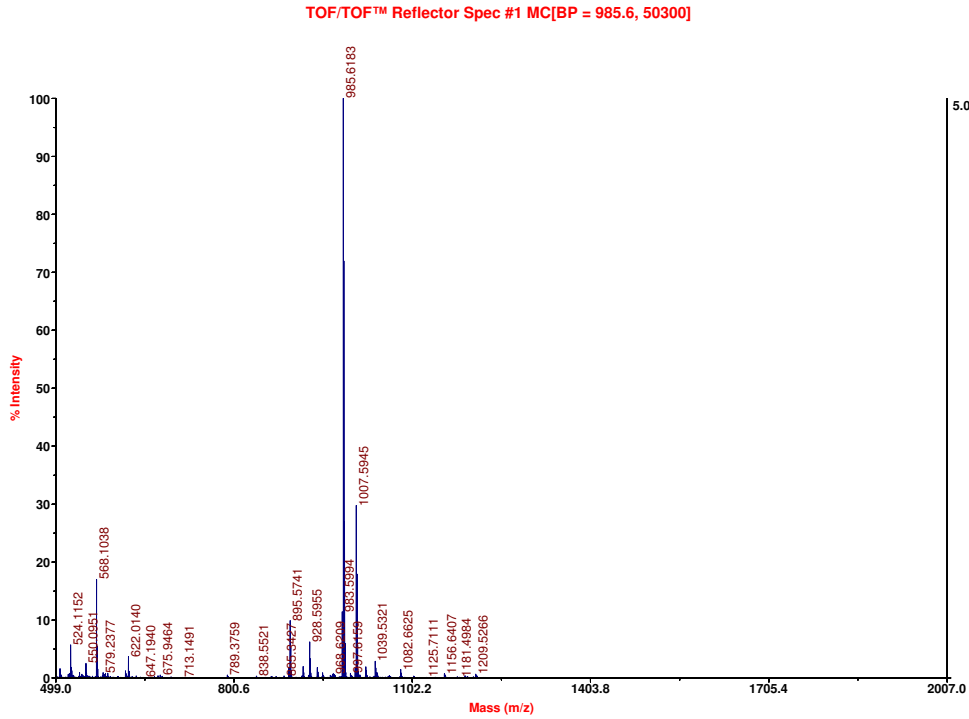
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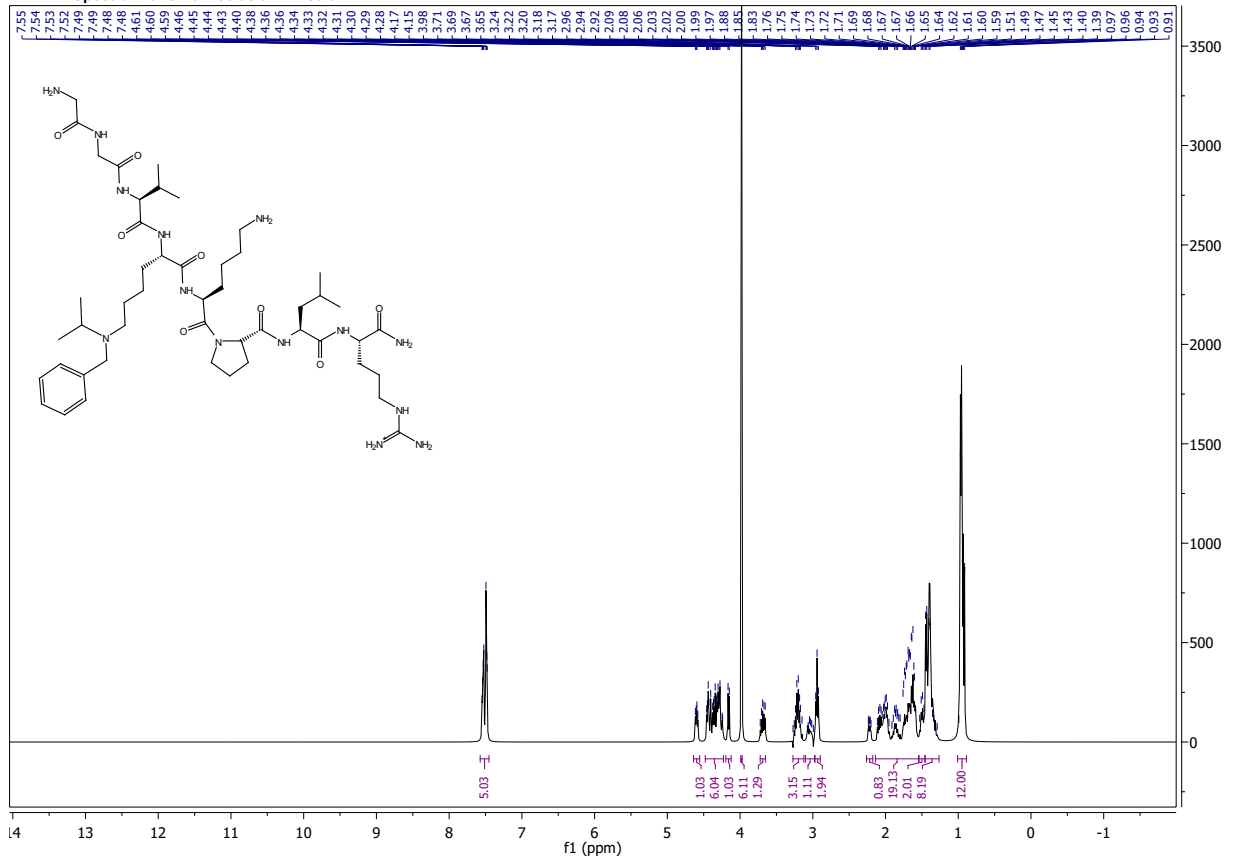
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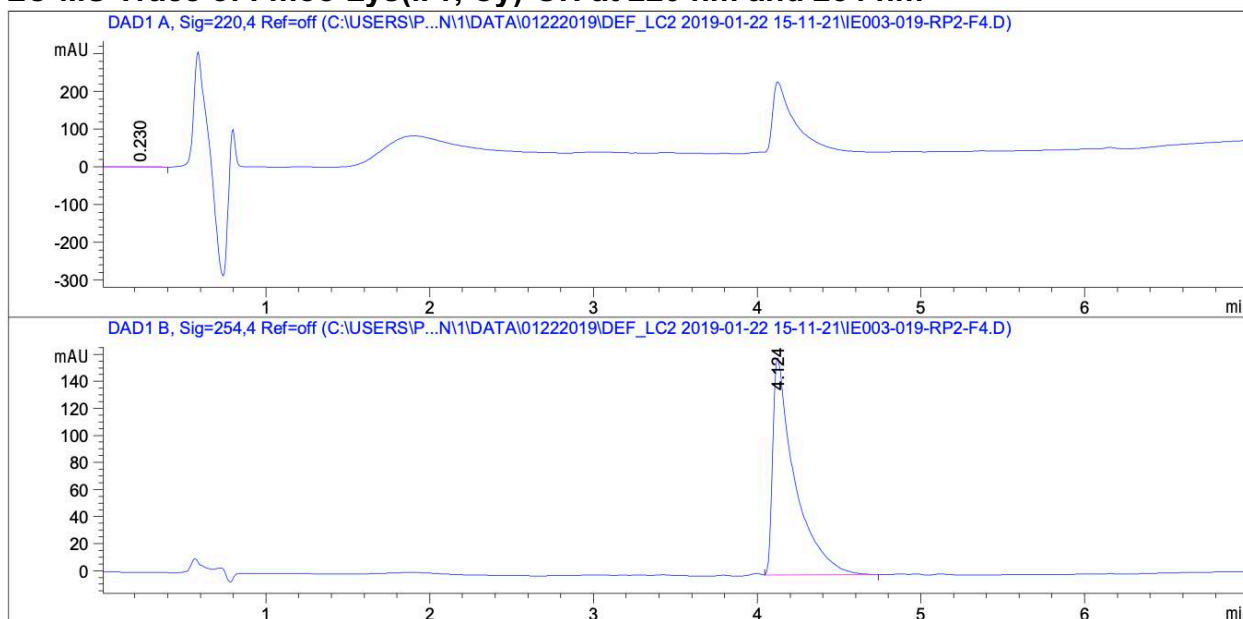
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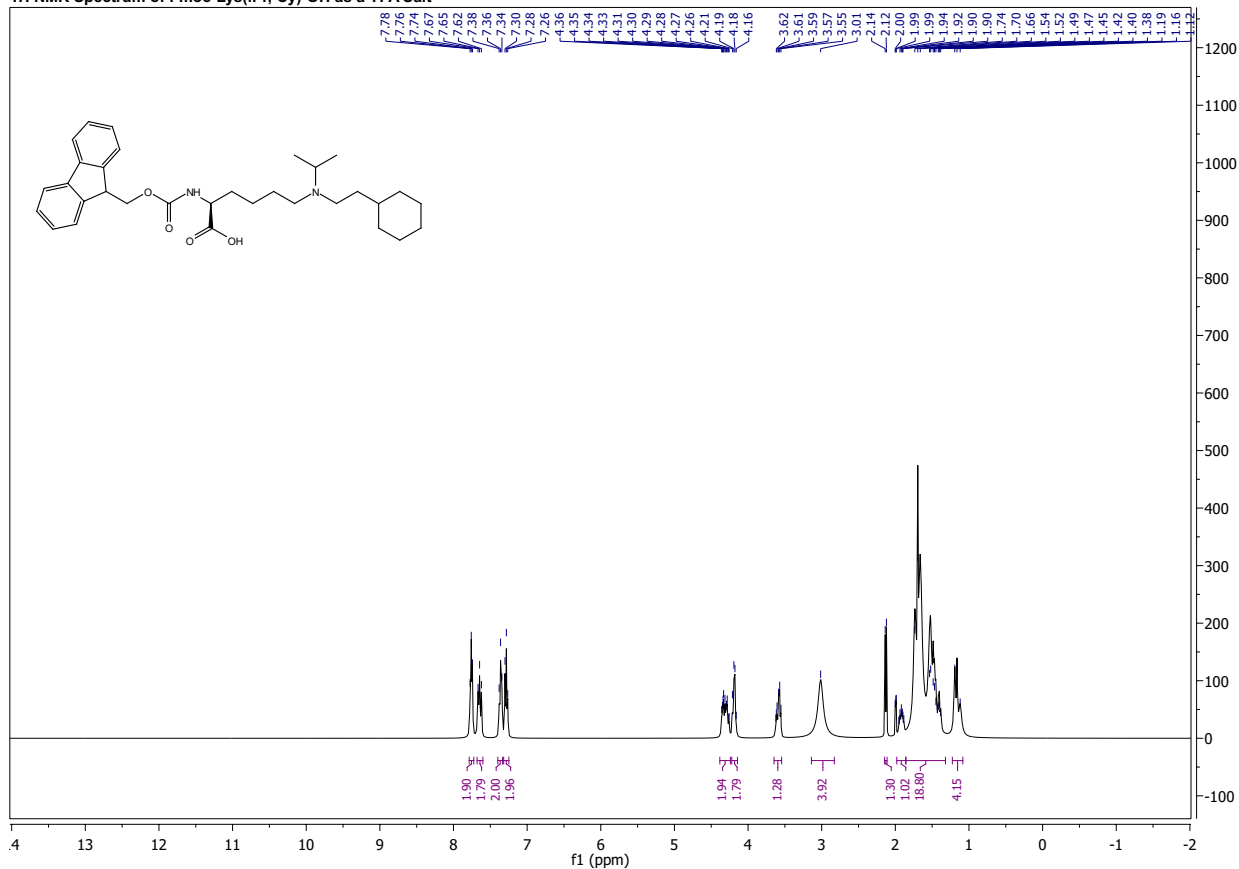
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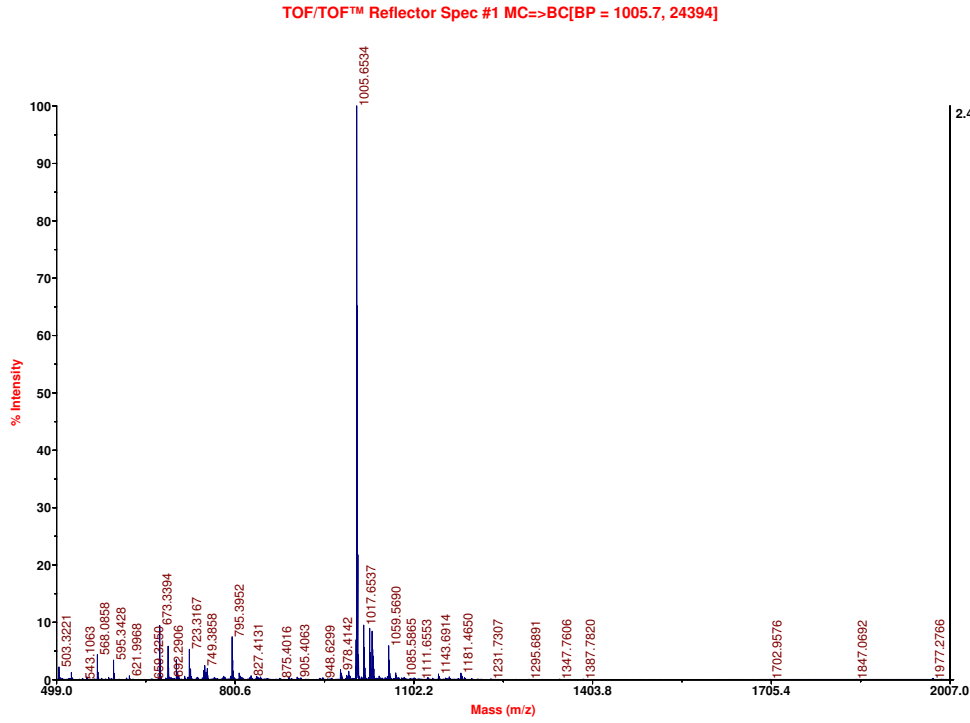
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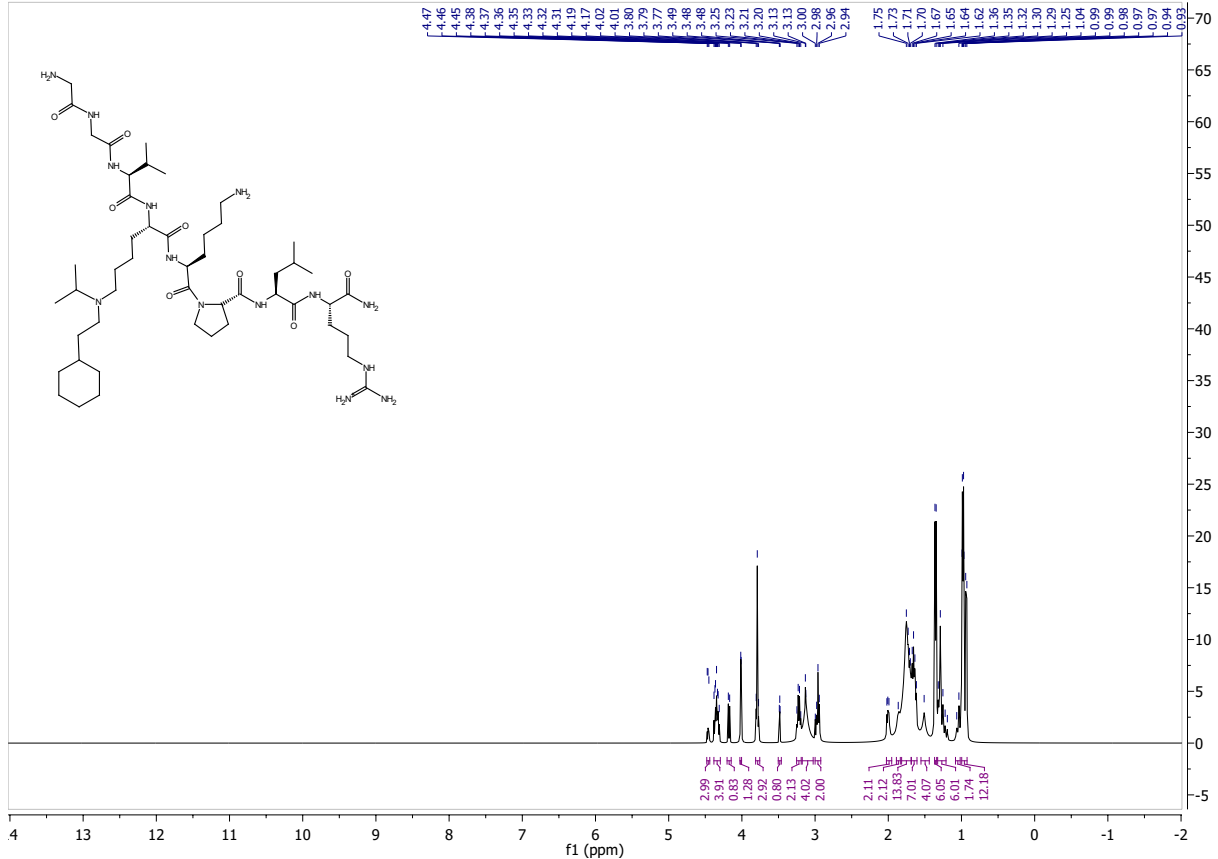
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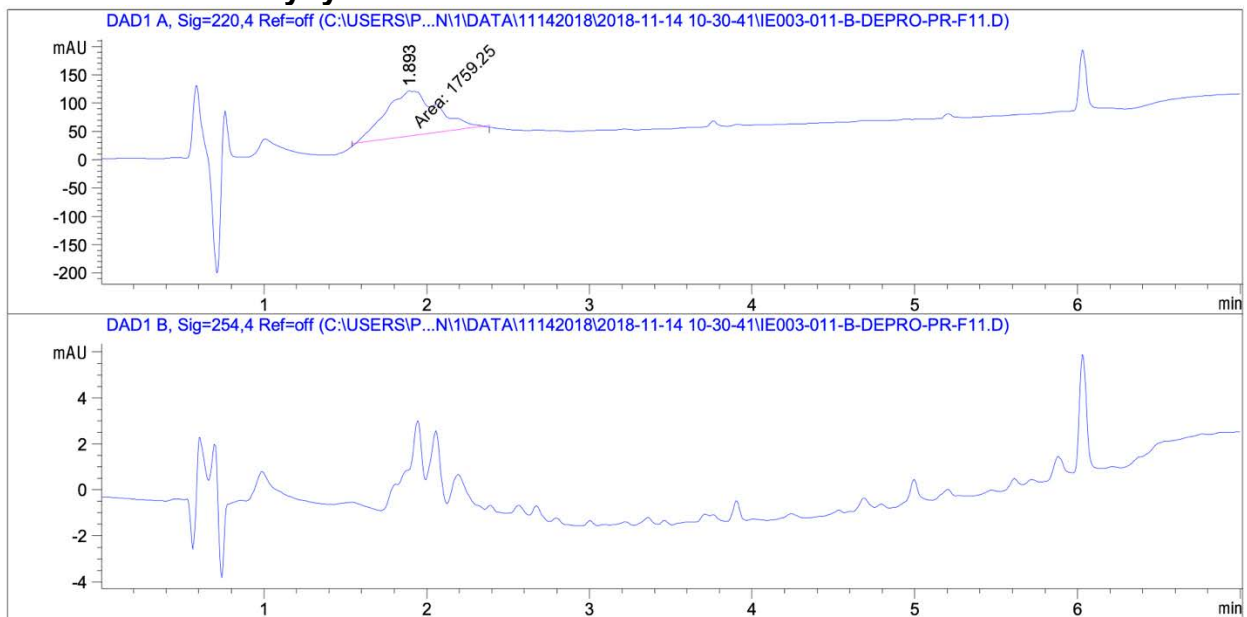
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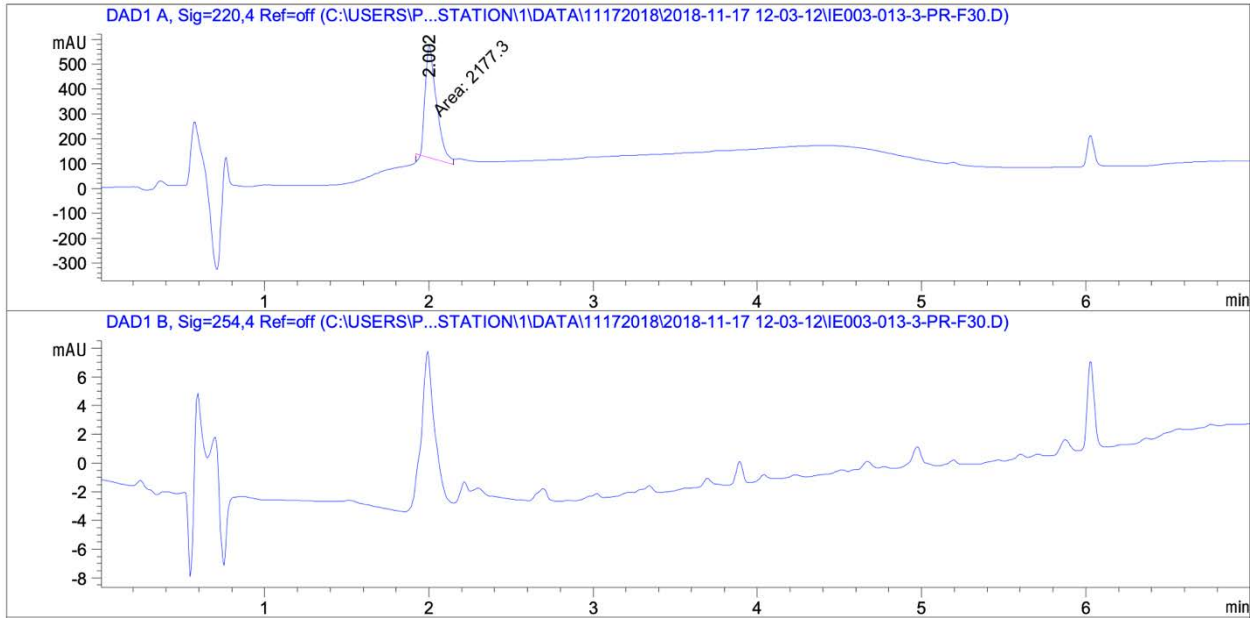
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# LC-MS Trace of alkynyl-UNC6641 at 220 nm and 254 nm



# LC-MS Trace of biotin-UNC6641 at 220 nm and 254 nm



## 1H NMR Spectrum of biotin-UNC6641 as a TFA Salt

