

## Supporting Information

# Development of HDAC Inhibitors Exhibiting Therapeutic Potential in T-cell Prolymphocytic Leukemia

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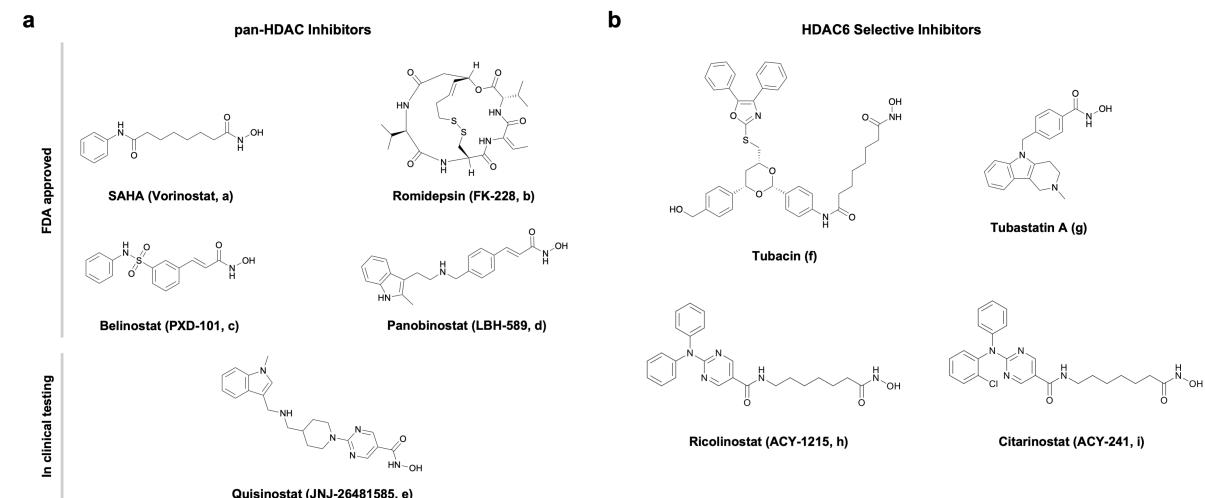
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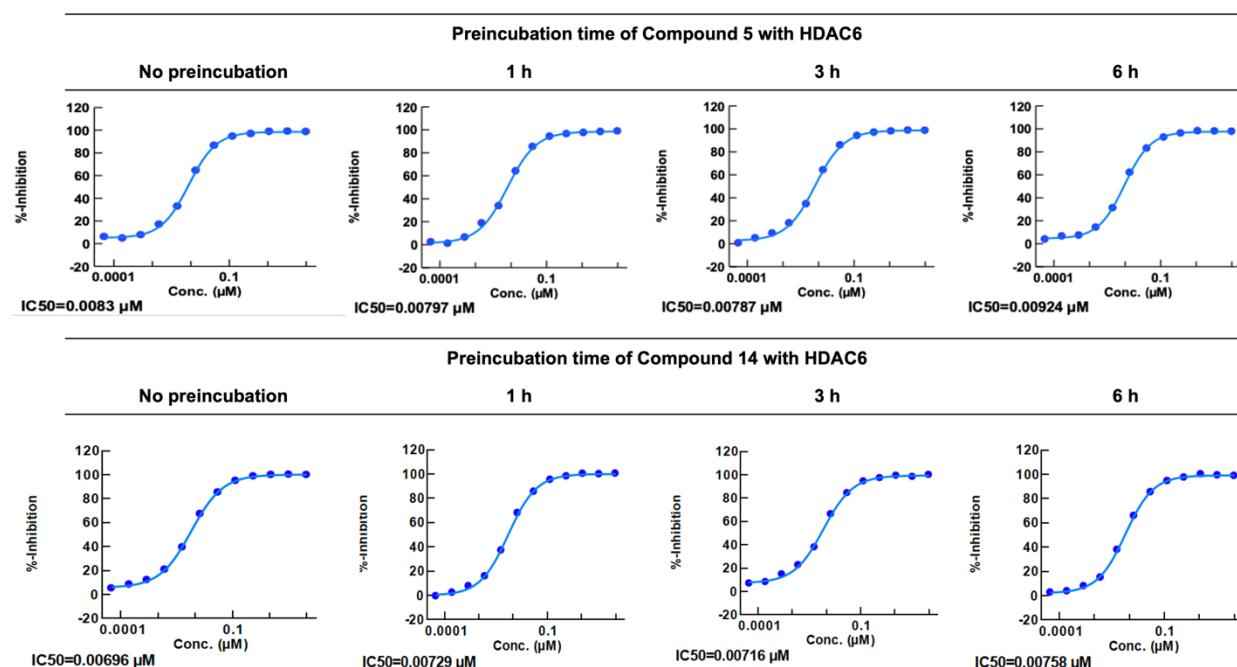
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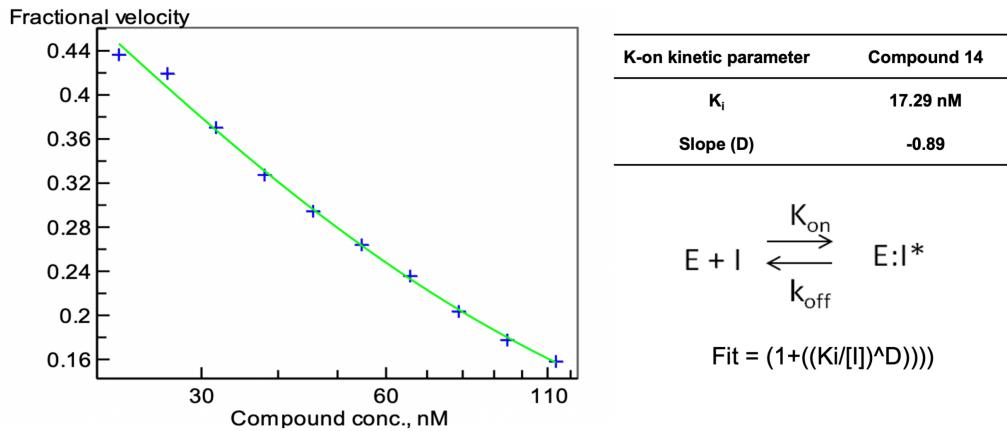
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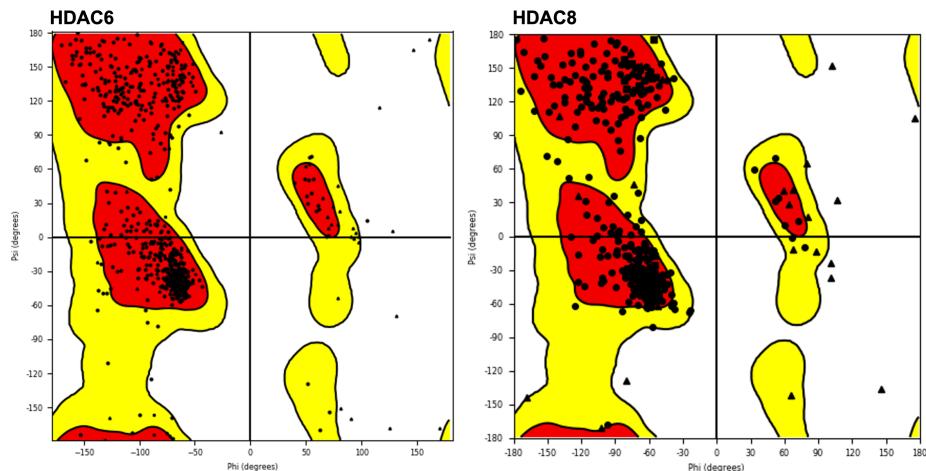
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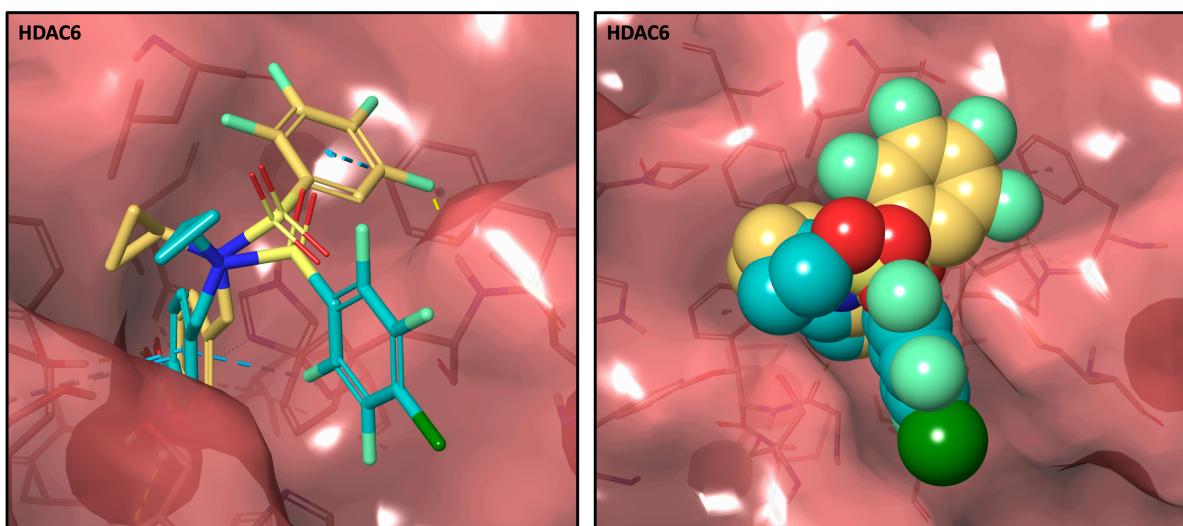
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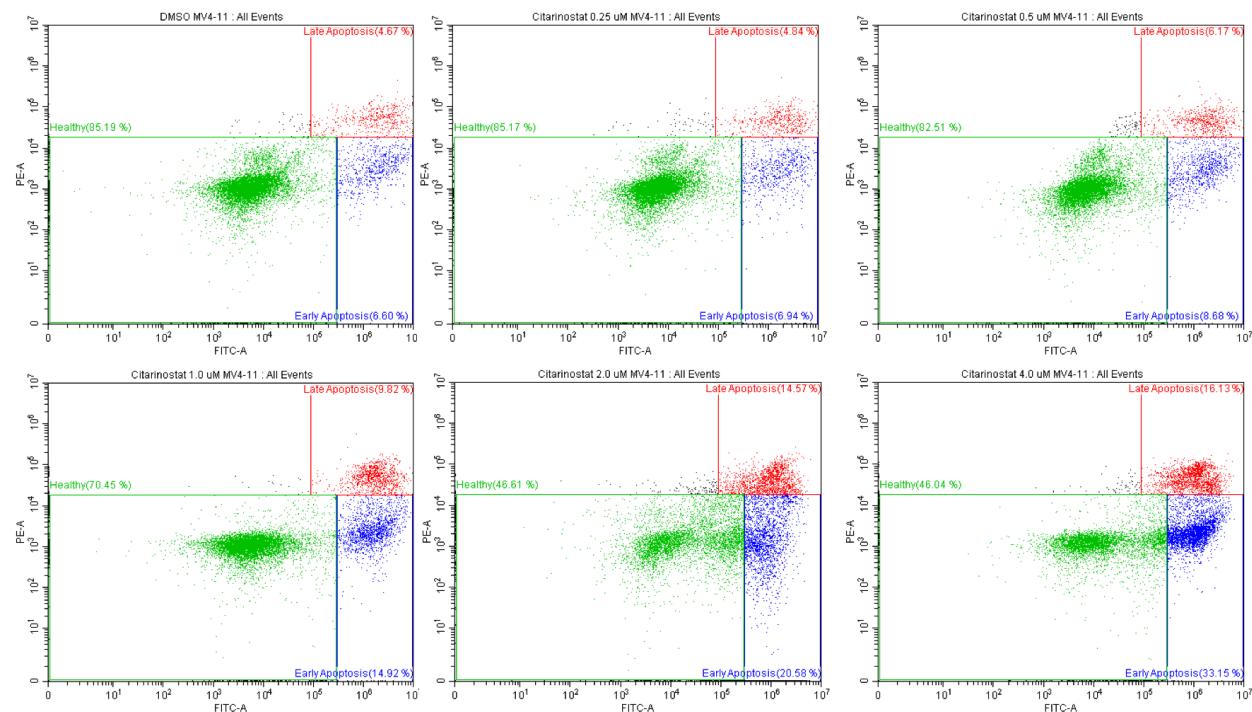
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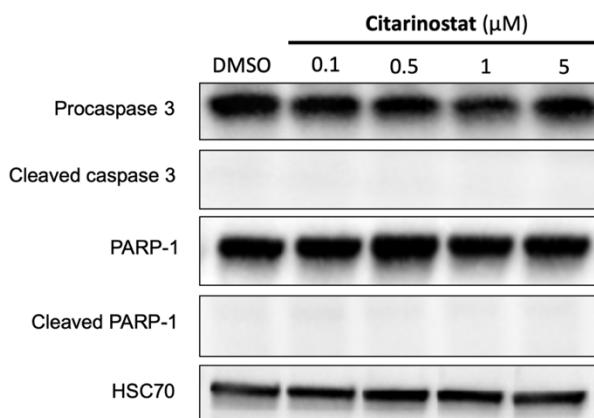
**Fig. S4.** Ramachandran plot outputs of human HDAC6, HDAC8 (PDB 5EDU, 1T64 respectively) post protein-preparation. As expected, due to their structural flexibility, only Gly and Ala residues were found to occupy the disfavoured region (quadrant IV, bottom right). No other sterically forbidden angles were observed.



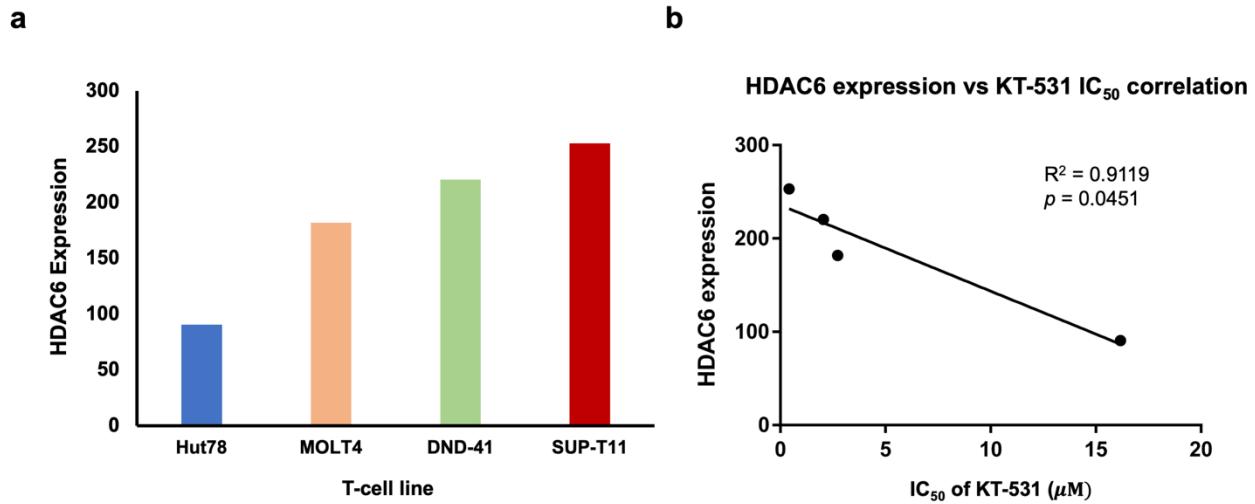
**Fig. S5.** *In silico* docking binding pose of **14 (KT-531)** and **13** in human HDAC6 (PDB 5EDU), hydrogen-bonds (yellow-dashed line),  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking (blue-dashed line) **KT-531** (C, yellow); **13** (C, blue-green) (N, blue; O, red; C, green; F, blue-green). The binding poses of each represent the difference in their conformation and interacting residues.



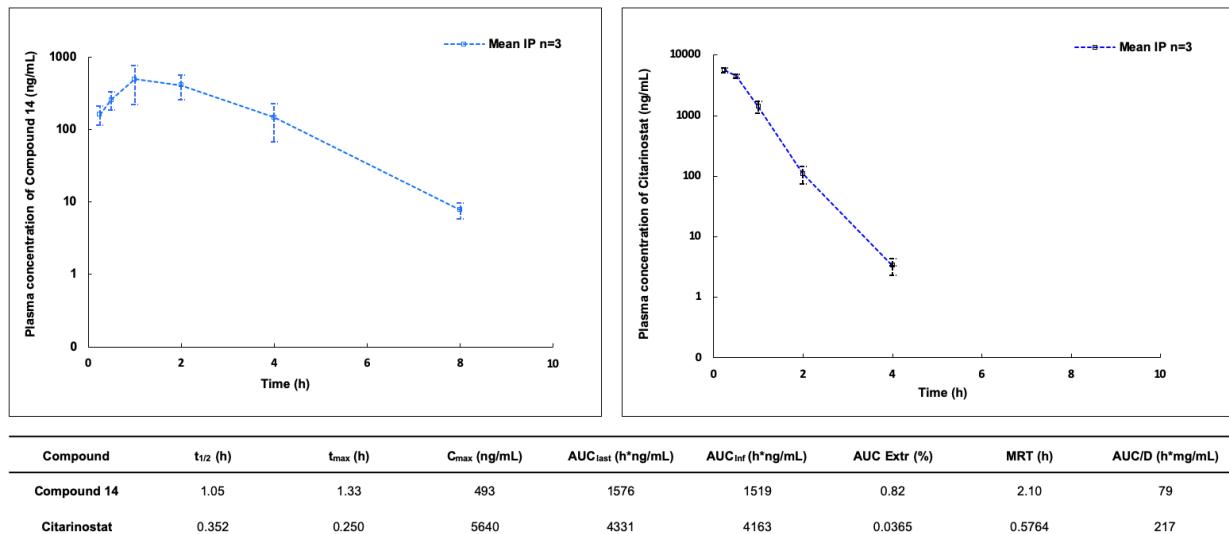
**Fig. S6.** Flow cytometry data of MV4-11 cells treated with increasing concentrations of catarinostat for 18 h and analyzed for apoptosis via Annexin V/PI staining. Representative dot blots from three independent experiments are presented.



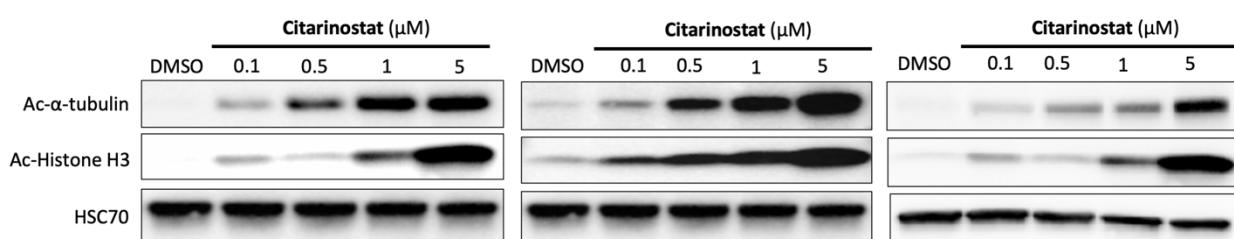
**Fig. S7.** Cleavage of Caspase 3 and PARP-1 upon dose-escalation of catarinostat for 6 h in MV4-11 cells. Protein extracts were prepared and subjected to SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting with Procaspsase 3, cleaved Caspase-3, PARP-1, cleaved PARP-1, and HSC70 antibodies. A representative Western blot of three independent experiments is shown.



**Fig. S8.** **a.** Publicly available HDAC6 mRNA expression levels of available PTCL and T-ALL model cell lines (data from the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia, obtained via the Betastasis web portal). SUP-T11, a quasi-model of T-PLL showed the highest HDAC6 level. **b.** Correlation (linear regression model) of HDAC6 expression levels in cells with their sensitivity to KT-531 (IC<sub>50</sub> values).



**Fig S9.** *In vivo* PK parameters of **14** (KT-531) and citarinostat in male CD-1 mice (n=3) via IP (20mg/kg).



**Fig. S10.** Western blot illustrating  $\alpha$ -tubulin acetylation and histone H3 acetylation levels in MV4-11 AML cells following 6 h treatment with varying concentrations of clinical candidate citarinostat. Protein extracts were prepared, resolved by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotted with acetylated  $\alpha$ -tubulin, acetylated histone H3, and HSC70 antibodies.

**Table S1a.** Stability of selected compounds towards glutathione (GSH).

In vitro Stability (GSH)	
Compound	t <sub>1/2</sub> (min)
3	106.33
4	222.52
6	∞
12	∞
14 (KT-531)	∞

**Table S1b.** Stability of **5** and **12** in hepatocytes.

In vitro Stability in hepatocytes			
Compound	Species	T <sub>1/2</sub> (min)	CL <sub>int</sub> (μL/min/10 <sup>6</sup> cells)
<b>5</b>	Mouse	<2.26	>614.02
	Human	3.84 ± 0.01	361.41 ± 1.85
<b>12</b>	Mouse	5.08 ± 0.03	272.65 ± 1.92

**Table S2a.** Stability of **6** and **14 (KT-531)** in mouse plasma.

Compound	Species	Remaining Percentages (%)						Half-life (min)
		0 min	15 min	30 min	45 min	60 min	120 min	
<b>6</b>	Mouse	100	67.8	32.7	44.5	19.7	3.4	25
<b>14</b>	Mouse	100	38.5	15.7	9.1	9.3	9.8	41

**Table S2b.** *In vitro* and *in cellulo* activity of Nexturastat.

Compound	<i>In vitro</i> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)				HDAC6 fold-selectivity	<i>In cellulo</i> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)
	HDAC3	HDAC6	HDAC8	HDAC11		
<b>14 (KT-531)</b>	>1	0.00850	0.334	>1	39.29	0.42
<b>Nexturastat</b>	0.238	0.0124	>1	>1	19.19	1.68

**Table S3.** K<sub>off</sub> kinetic parameters of **1**, **5** and **14 (KT-531)** with HDAC6.

K-off kinetic parameter	Compound 1	Compound 5	Compound 14
V <sub>0</sub> (10 <sup>-6</sup> ,% conversion/s)	3.66	0	5.75
Observed rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	0.00156	0.015163	0.000718
Recovery (%)	89.3	85.7	112.8
Residence time (min)	10.716	1.0991	23.184

**Table S4.** Cytotoxicity of SAHA and belinostat in healthy non-cancerous cell lines (Normal Human Fibroblasts (NHF) and Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells (HUVEC)).

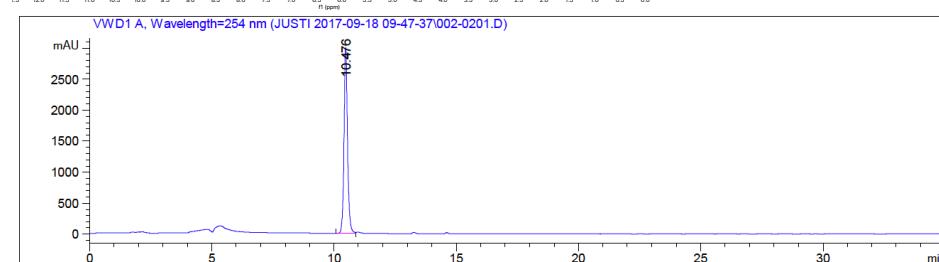
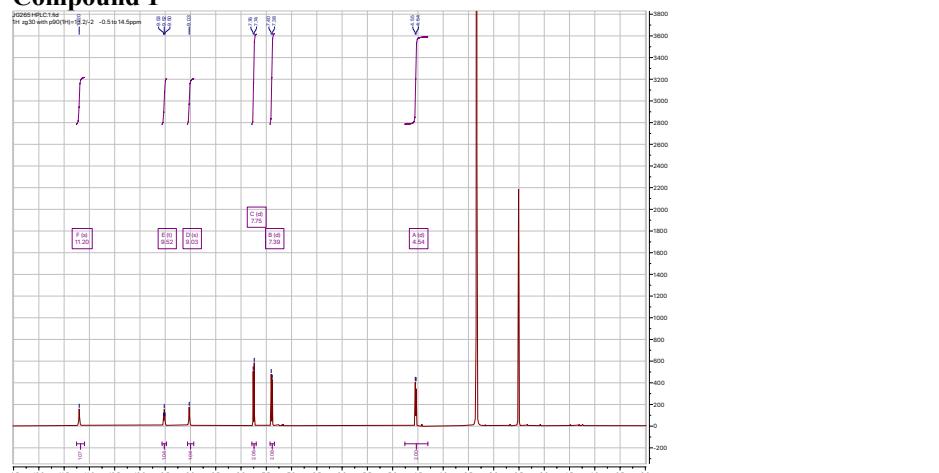
Compound	Cellular IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	
	NHF	HUVEC
<b>SAHA</b>	4.54	3.55
<b>Belinostat</b>	1.13	0.60

**Table S5** Comparison of HDAC8 selective inhibitors (PCI-34051 and MMH-410) with **KT-531**.

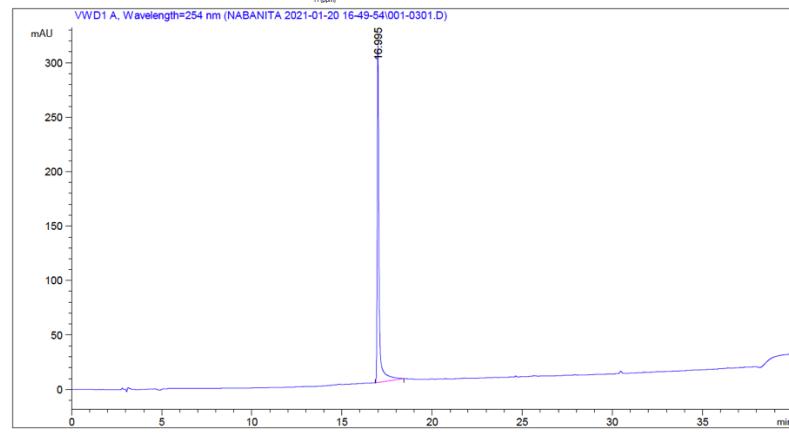
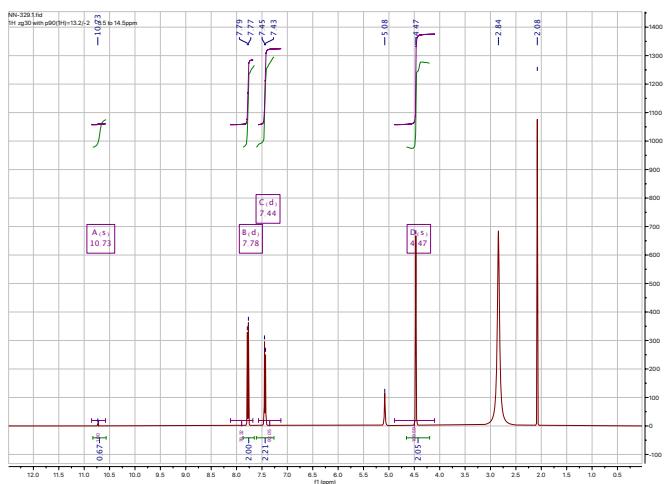
Compound	In vitro IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)			In cellulo IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)		
	HDAC3	HDAC6	HDAC8	HDAC11	MV4-11	MRC-9
<b>14 (KT-531)</b>	>1	0.00850	0.334	>1	0.42	>20
<b>PCI-34051</b>	>1	>1	0.00403	0.482	>50	>50
<b>MMH-410</b>	>1	>1	0.0655	>1	>50	>50

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and Analytical HPLC traces

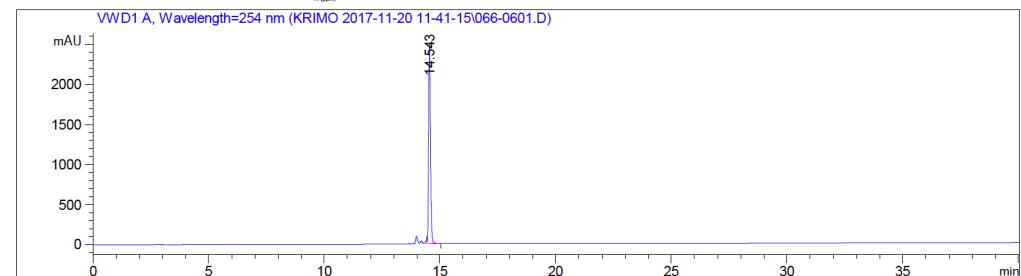
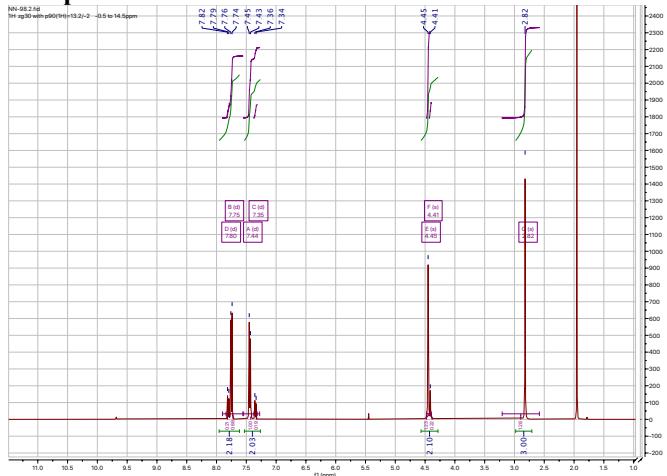
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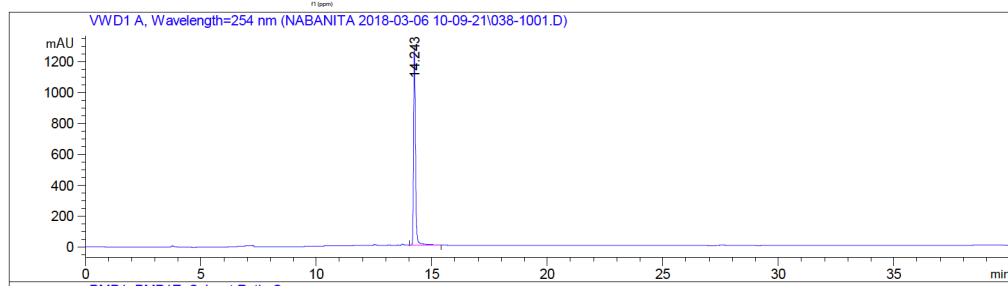
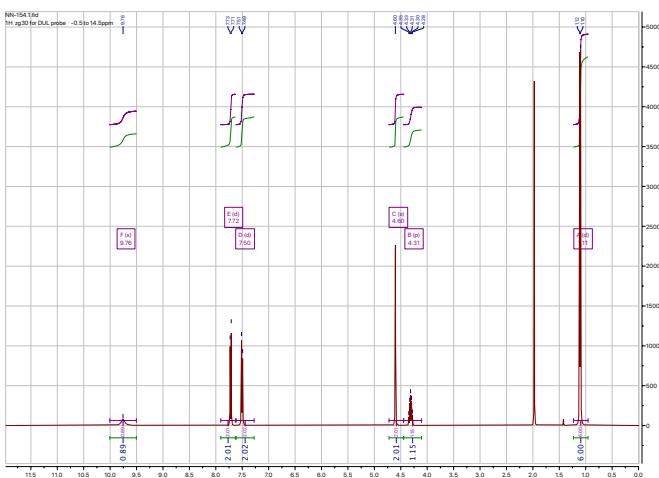
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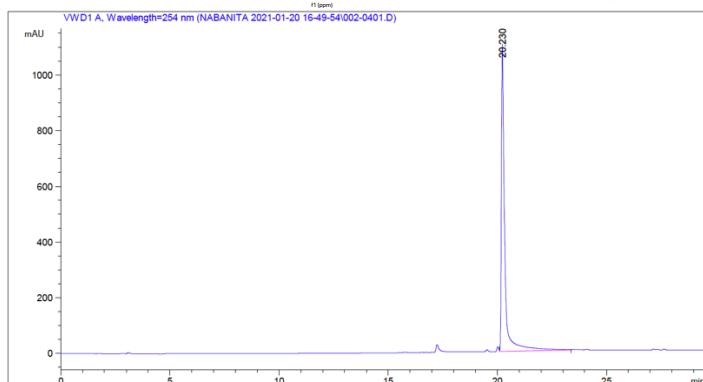
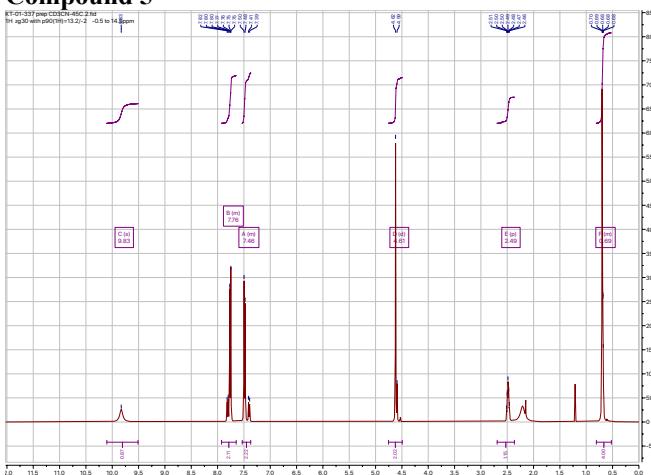
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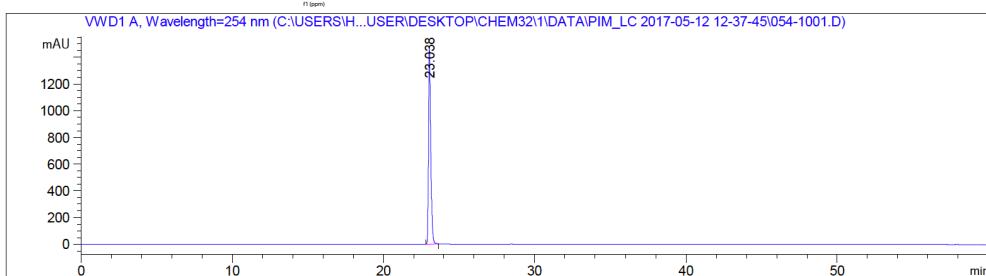
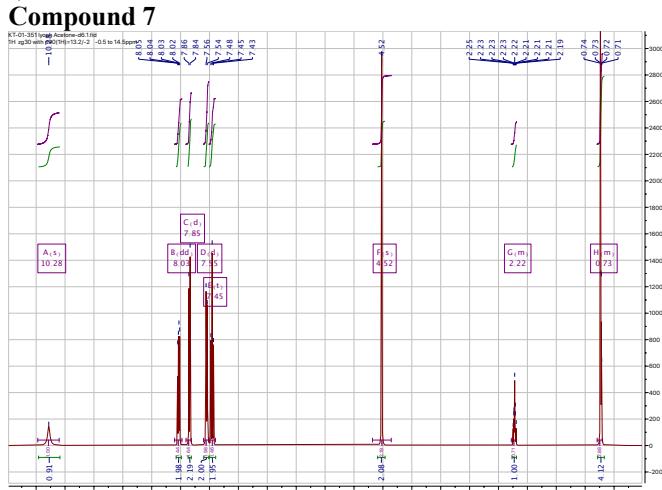
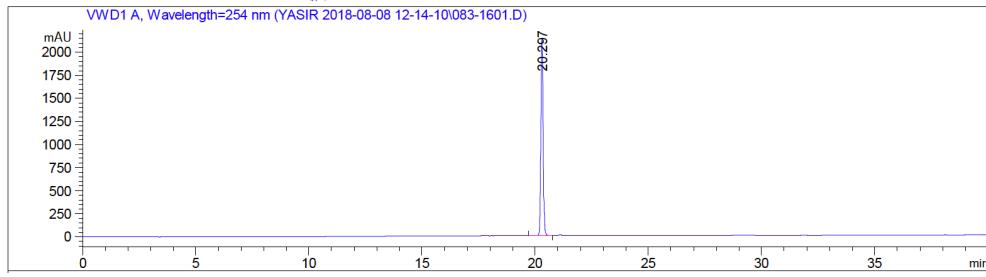
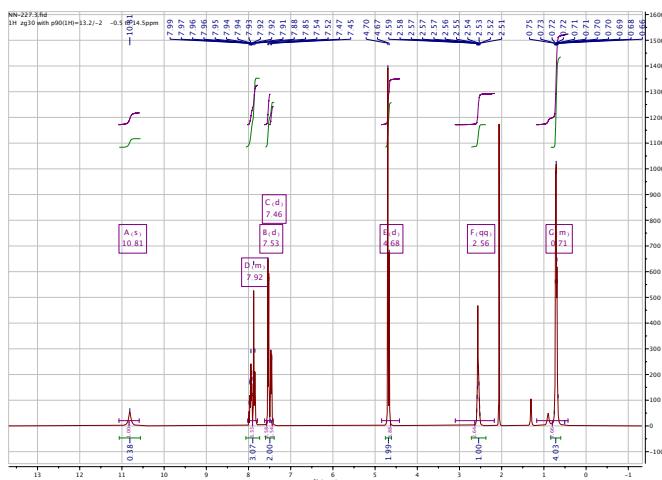
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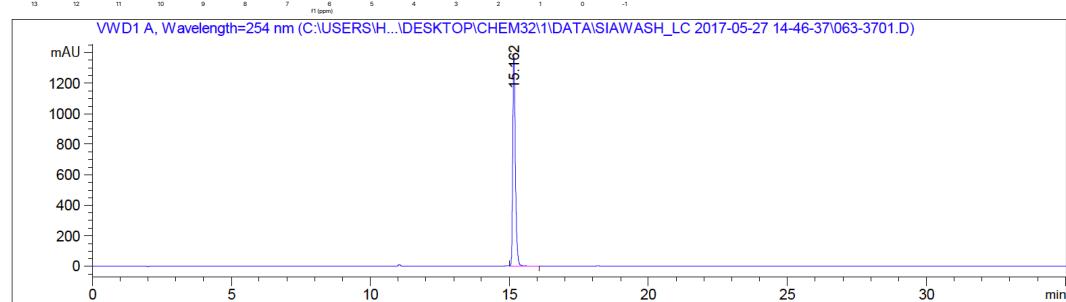
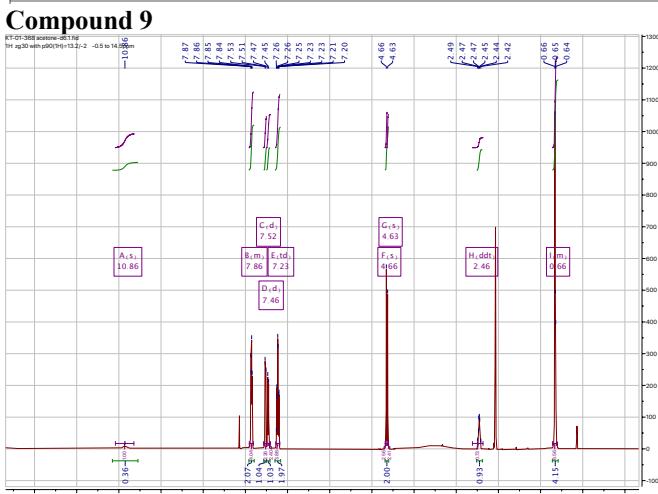
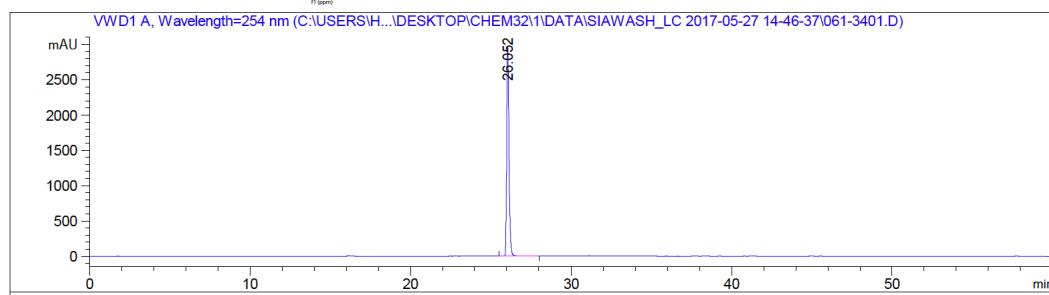
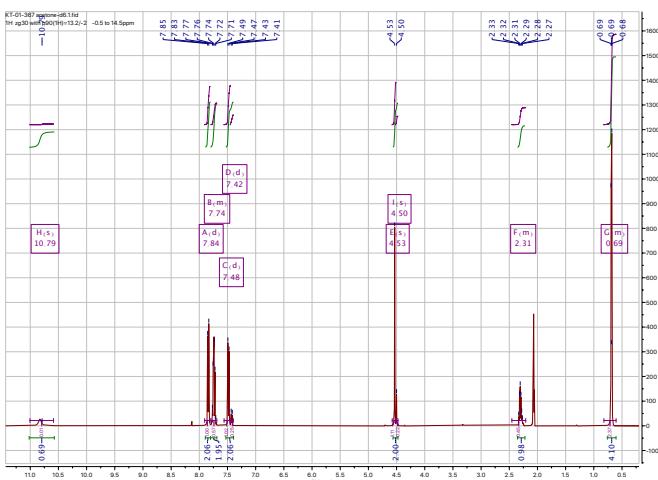
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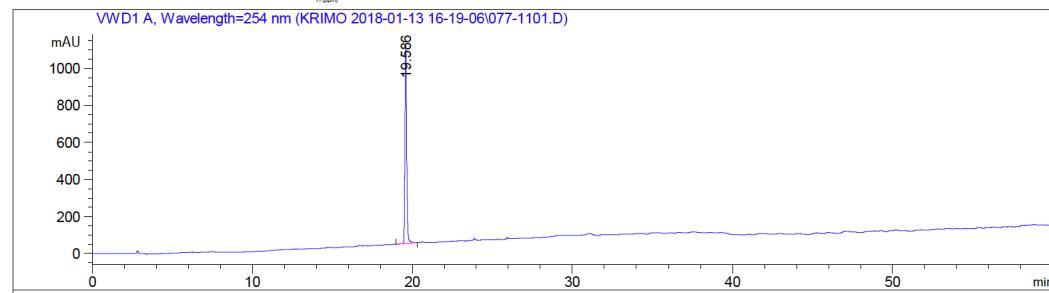
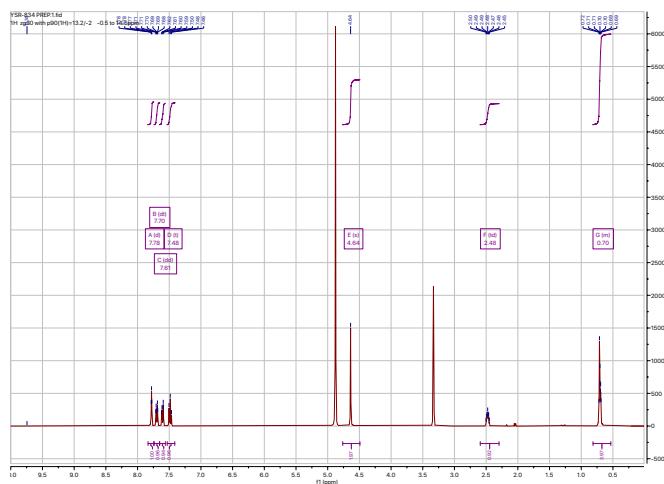
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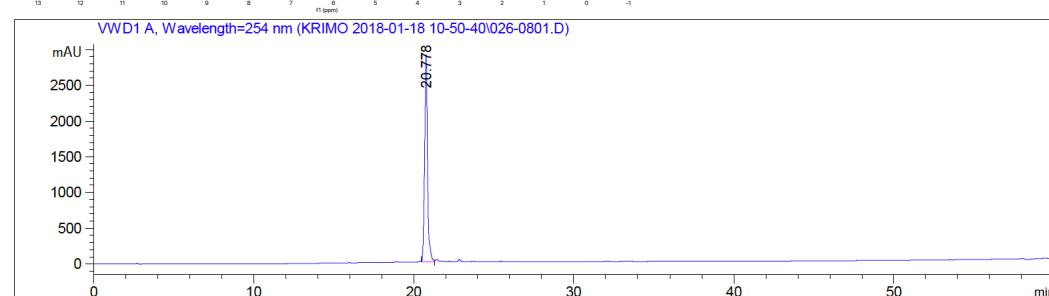
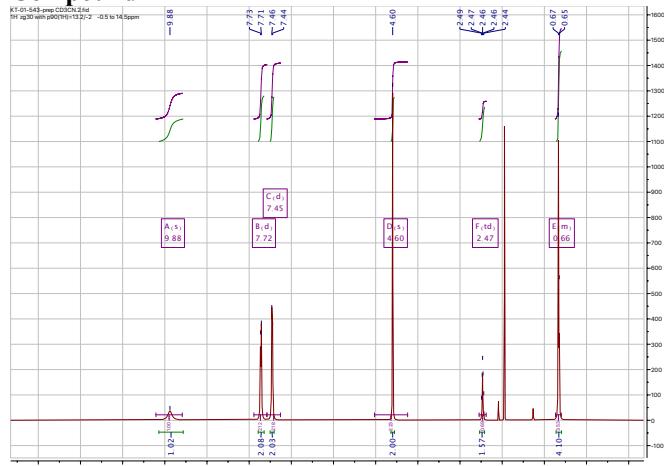
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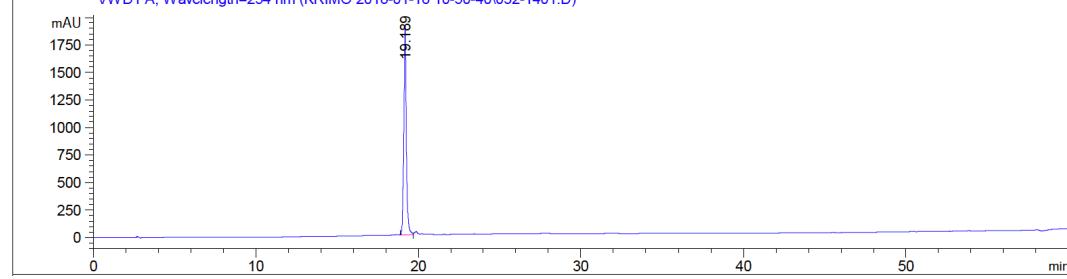
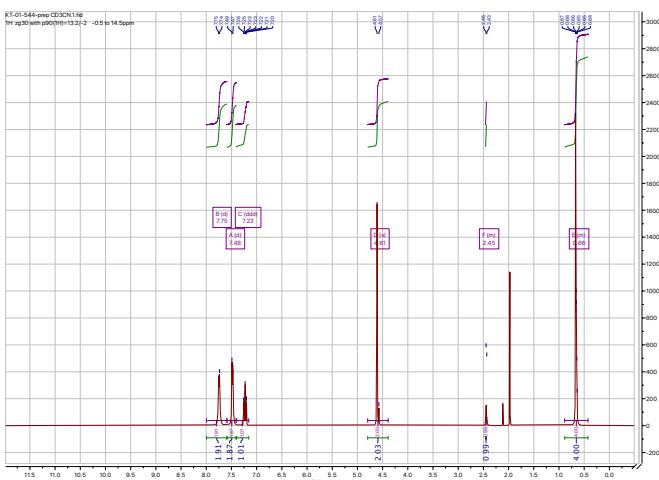
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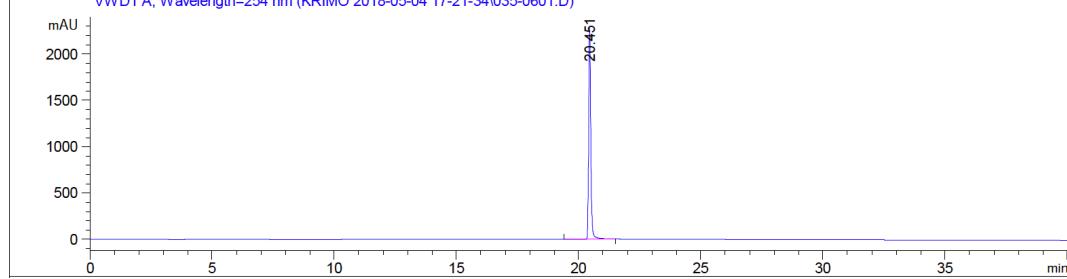
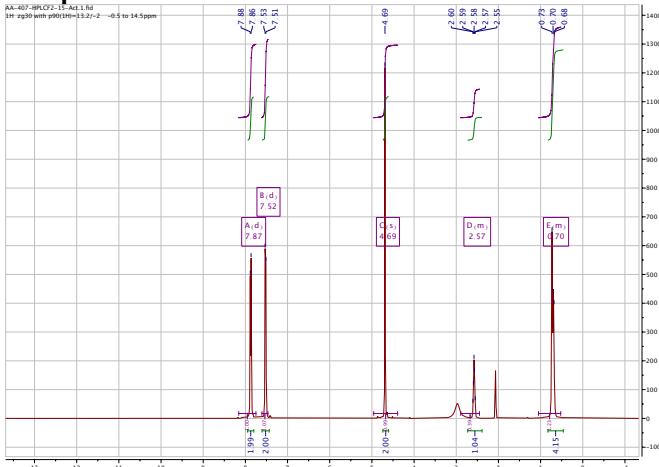
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### Compound 13



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