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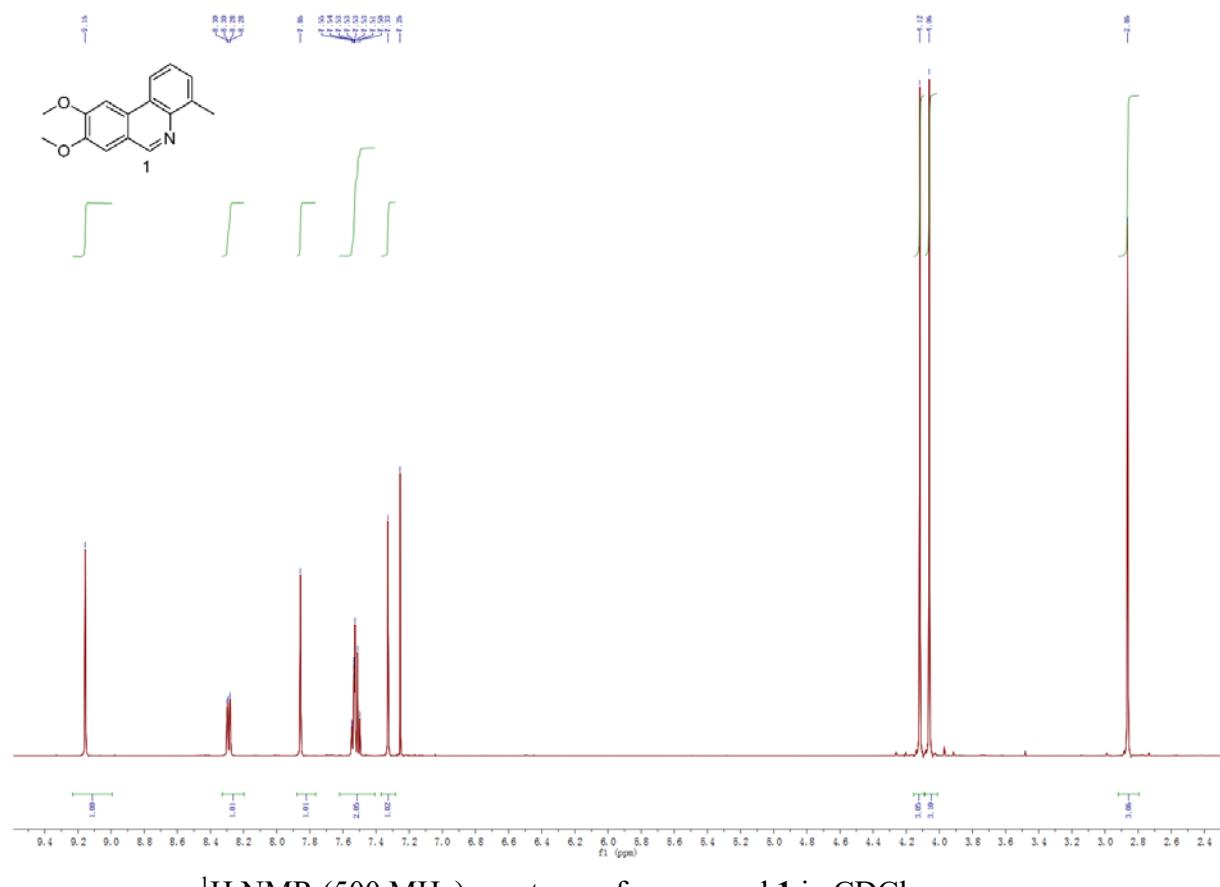
Novel Nucleocapsid Protein-Targeting Phenanthridine inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2

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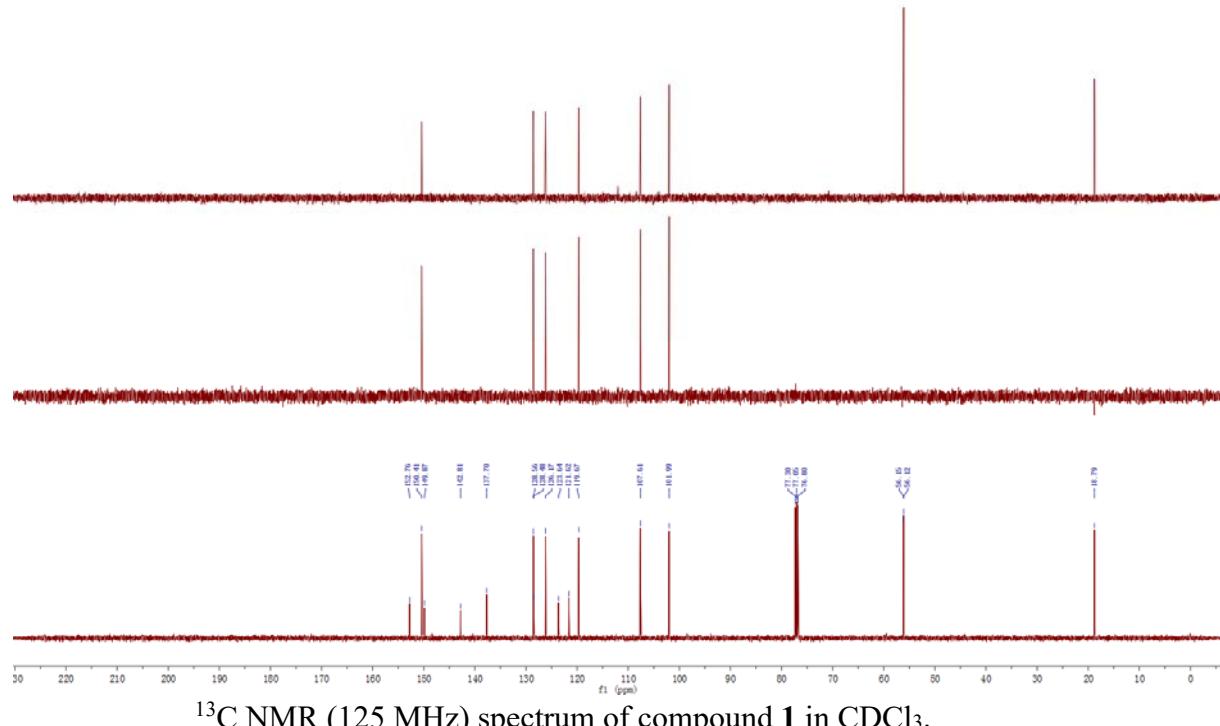
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^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and HRESIMS spectrums of compound 1-17

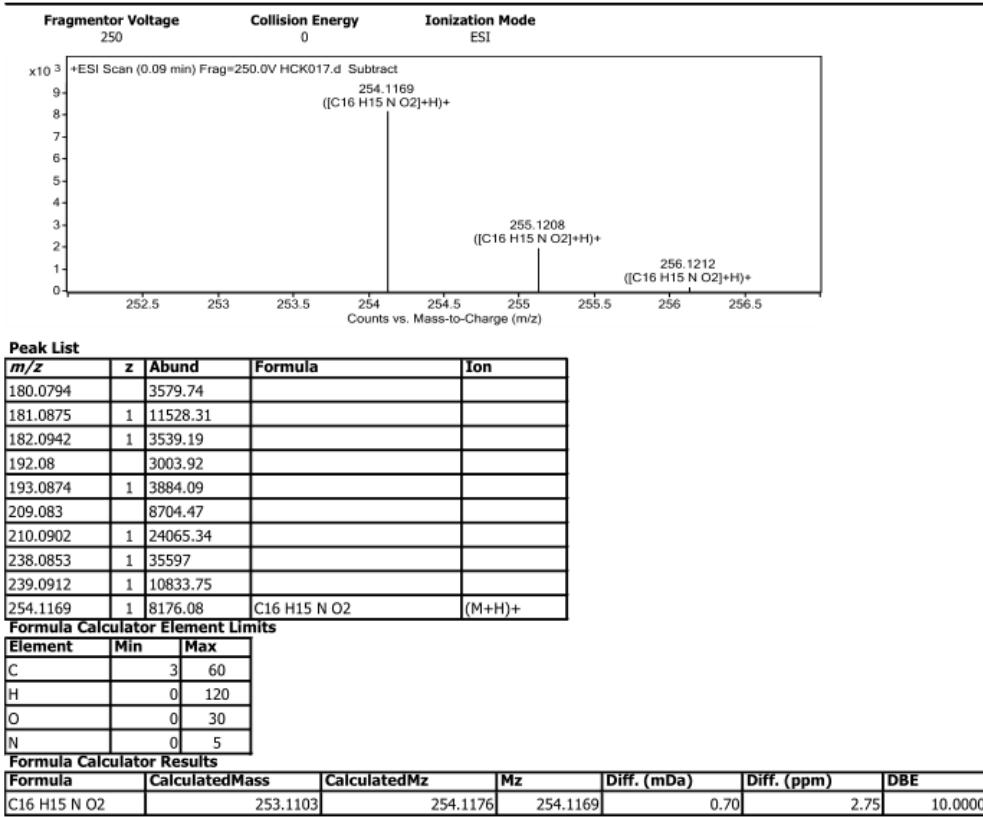


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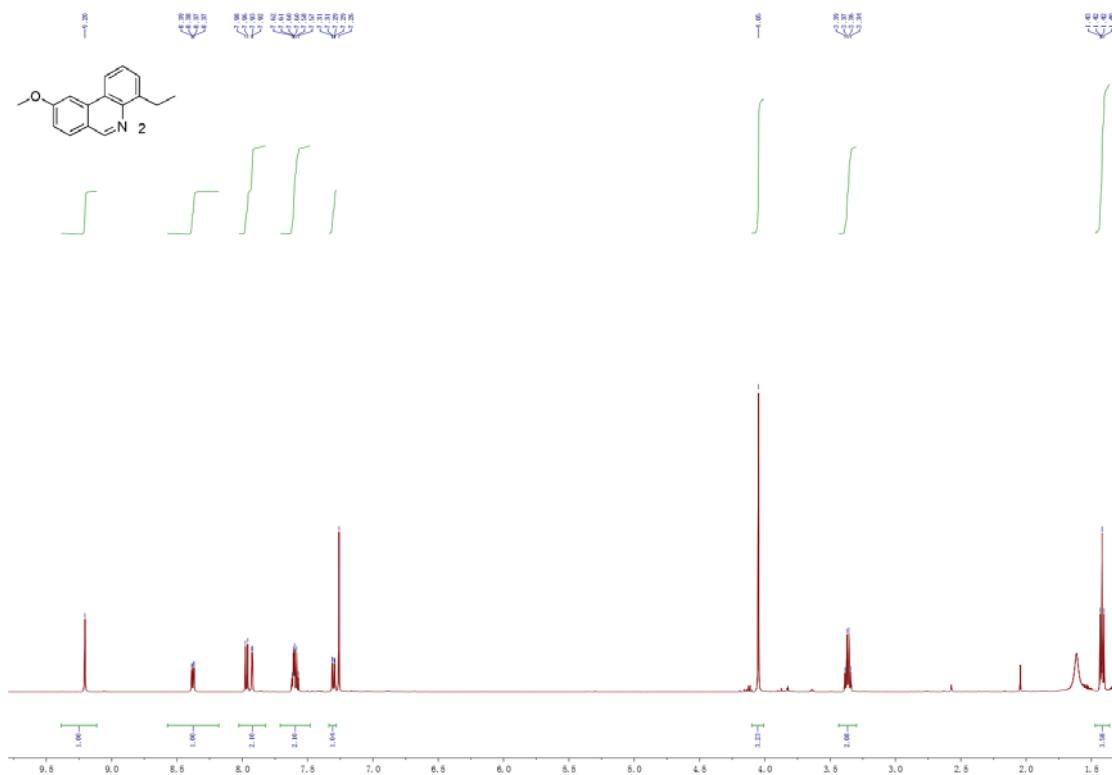


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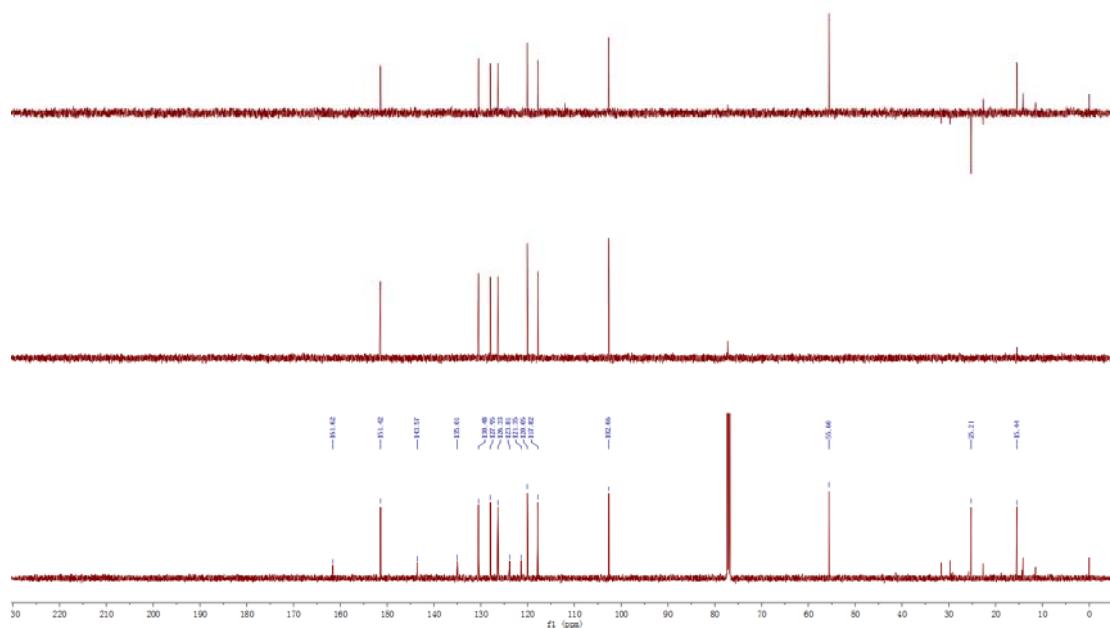
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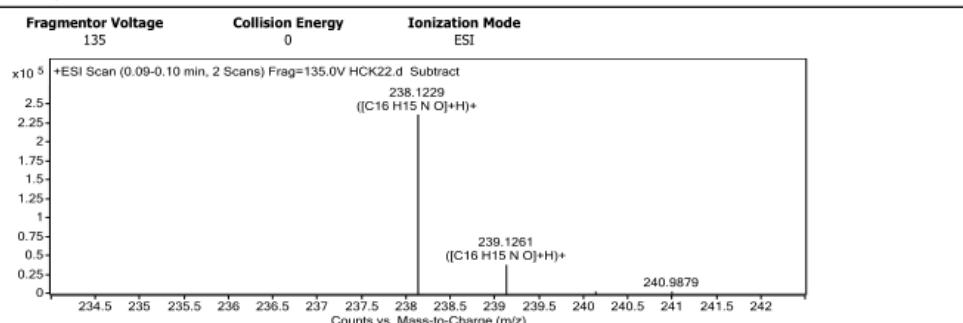


¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃.



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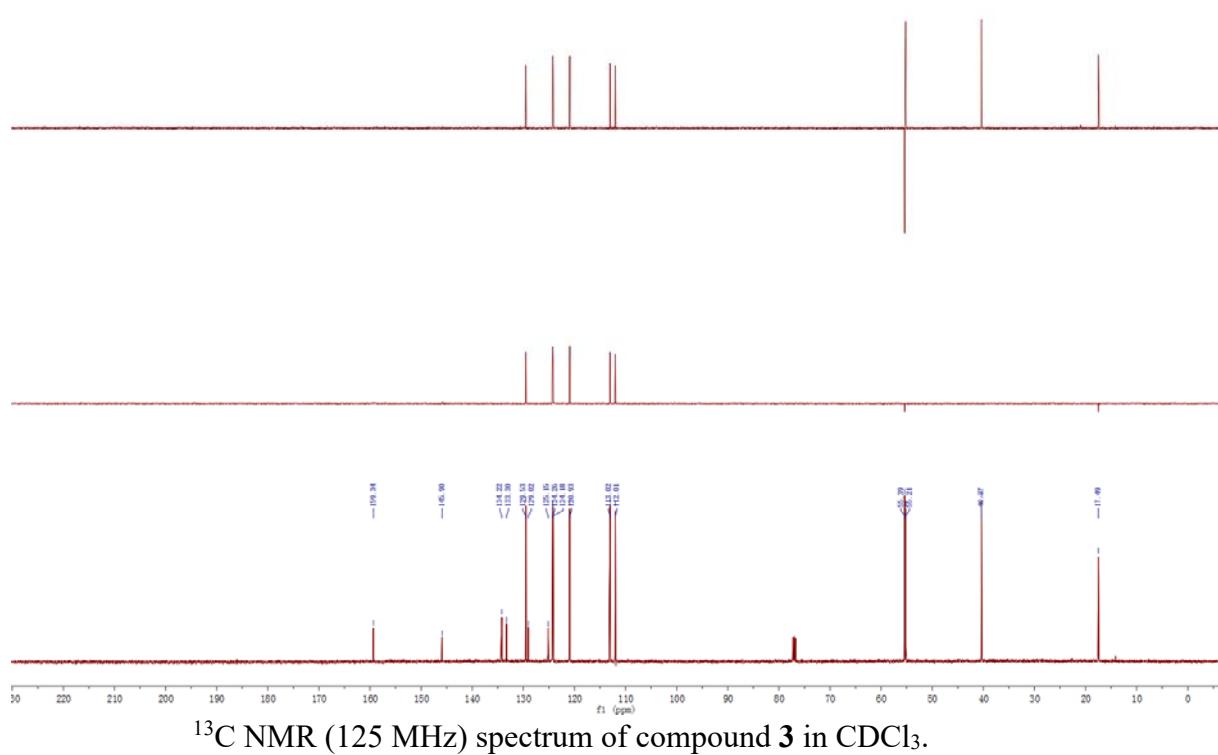
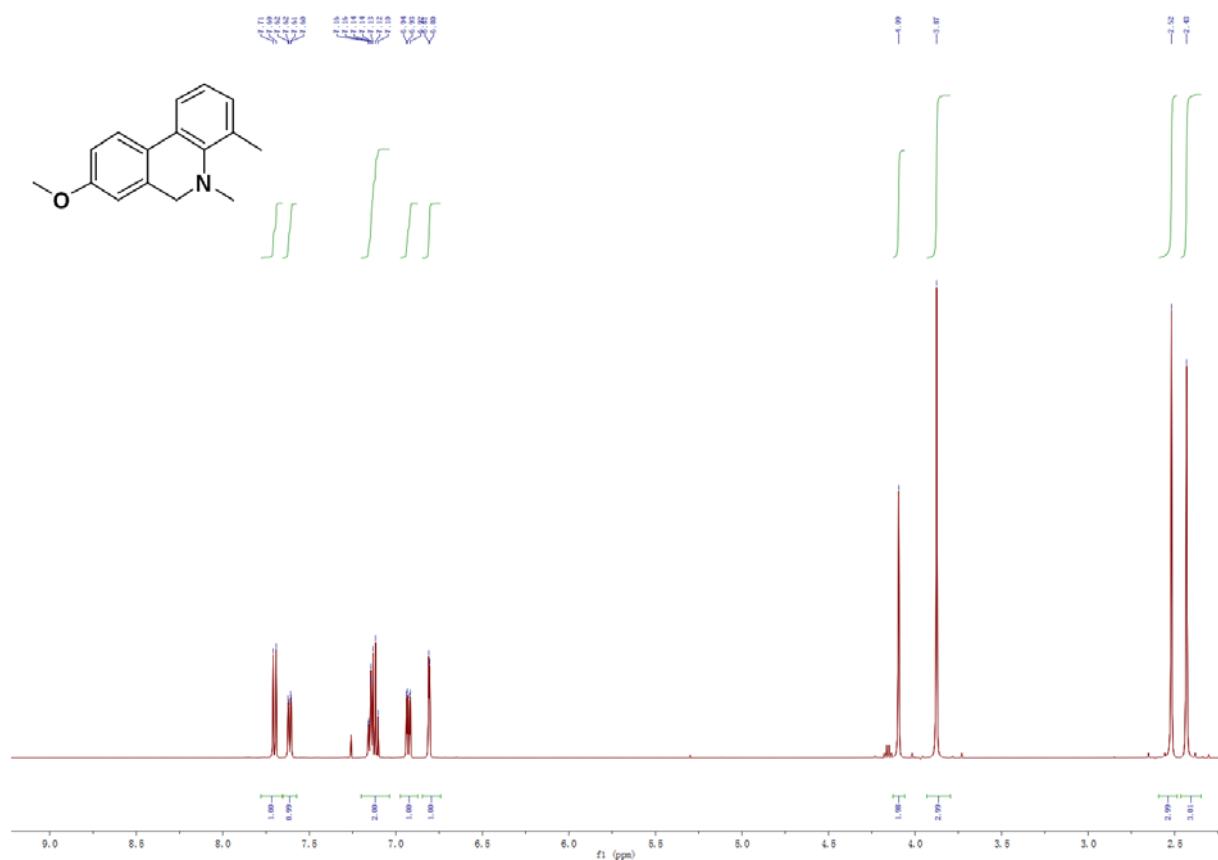
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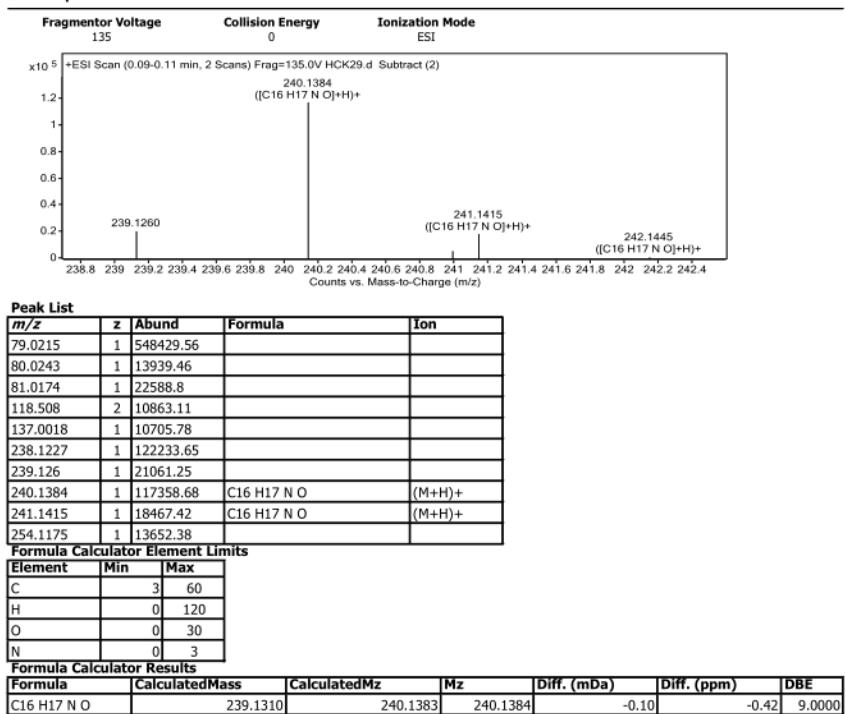
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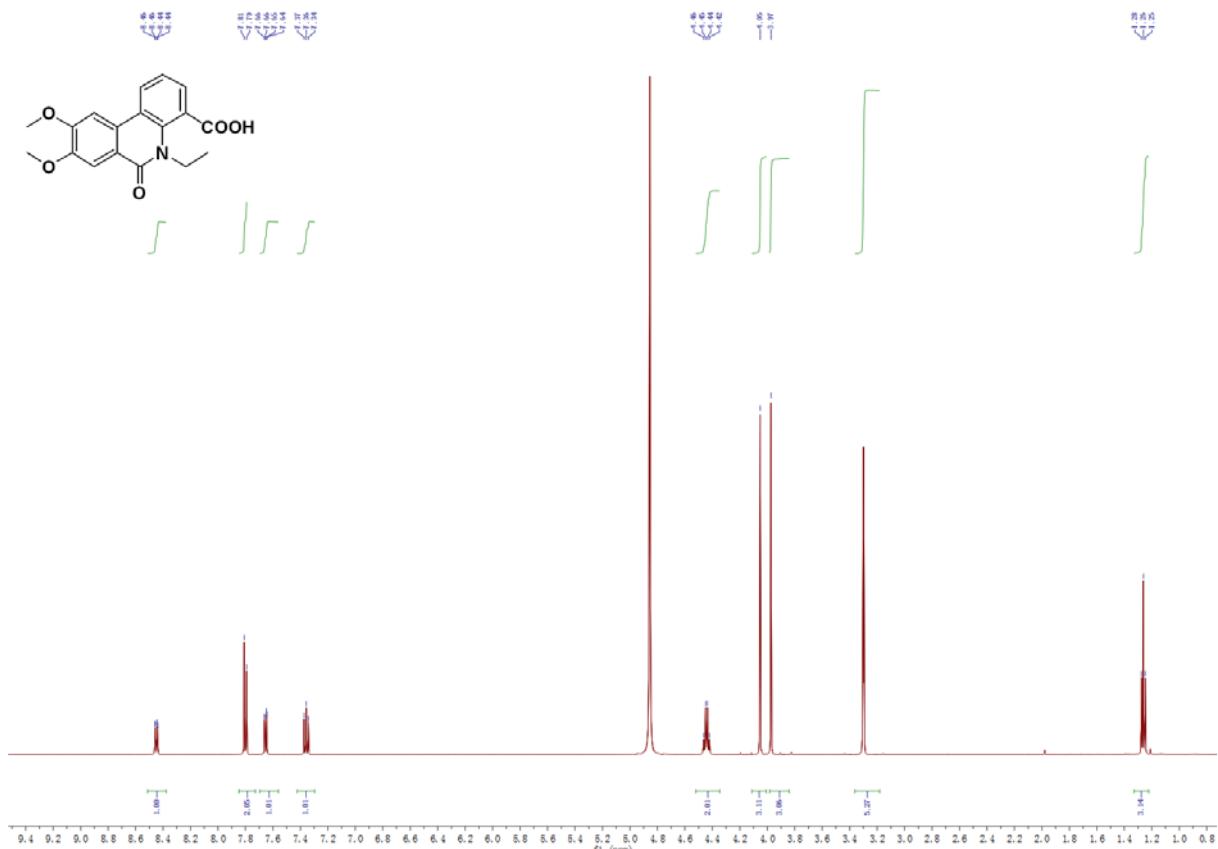
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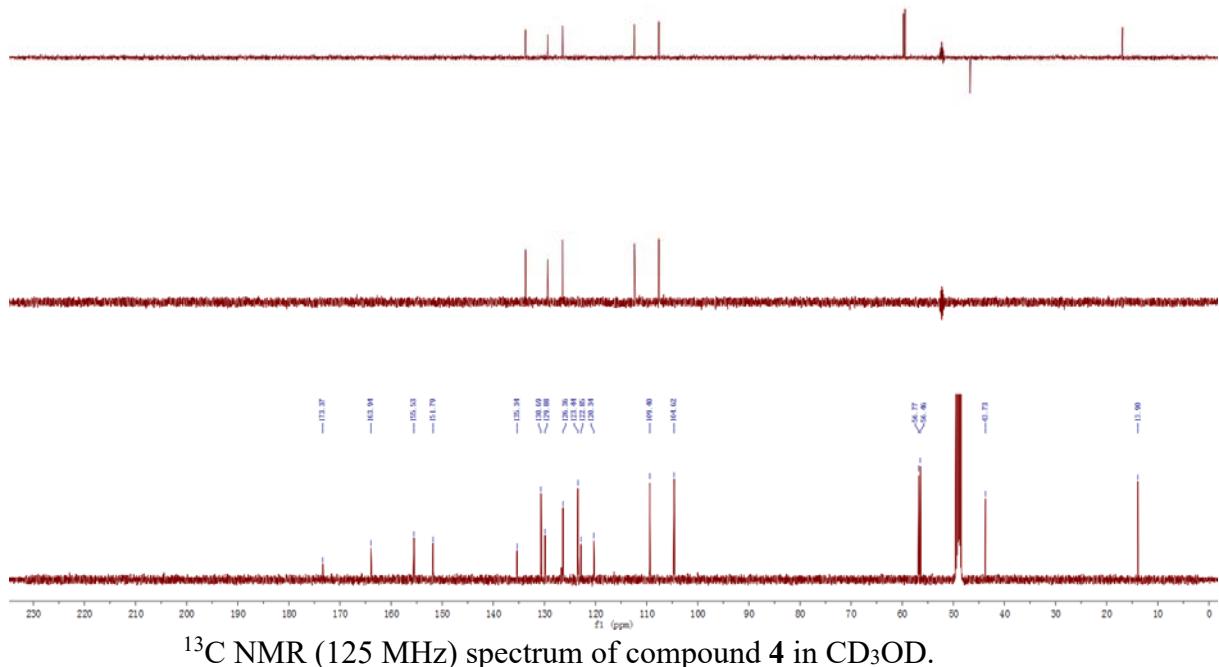
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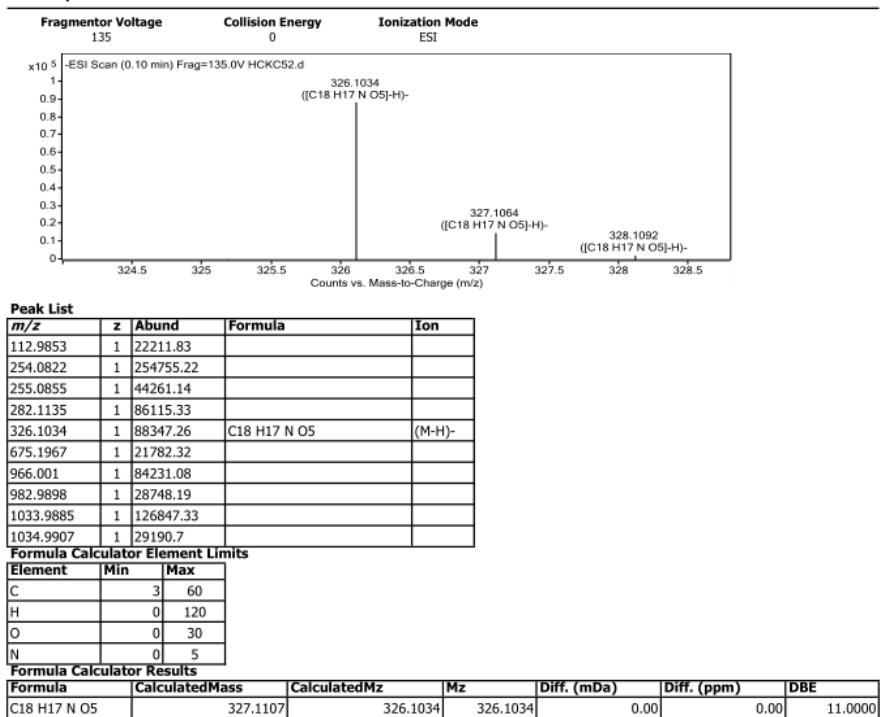
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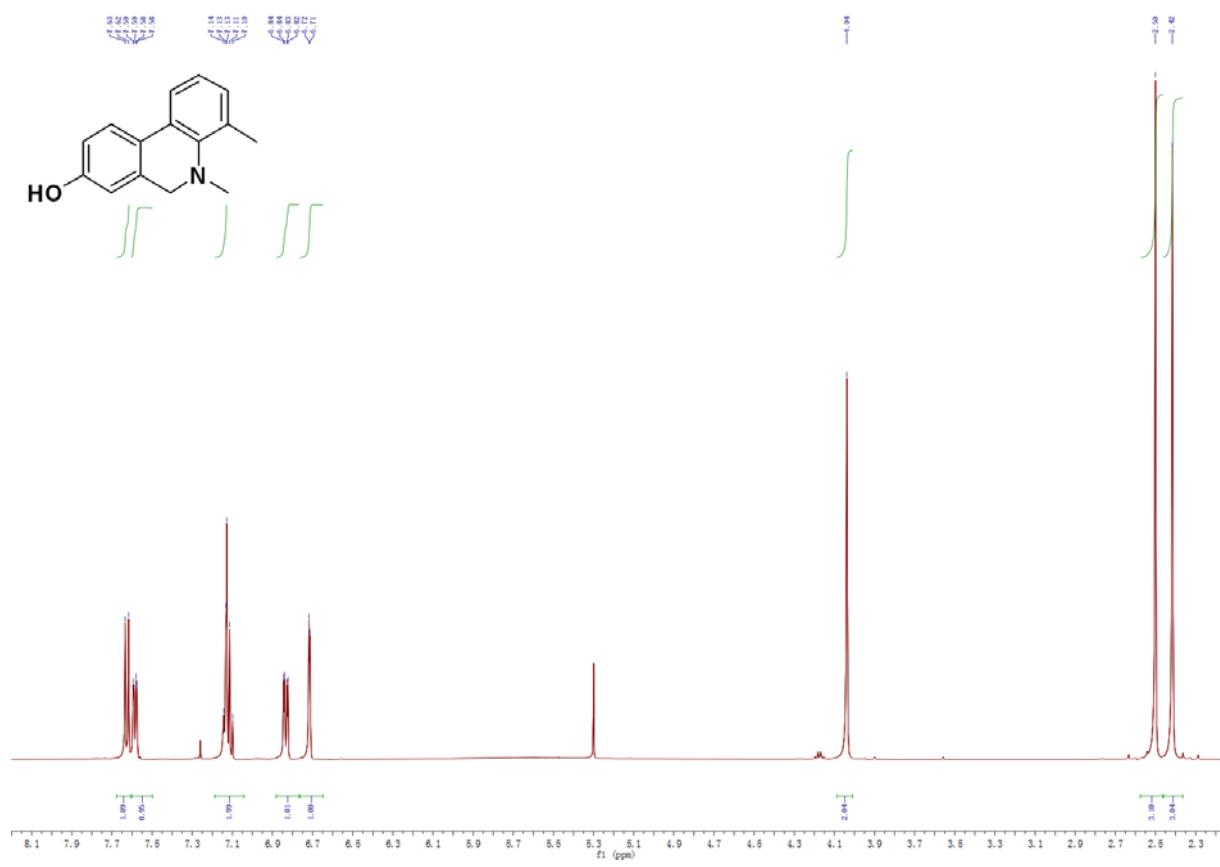
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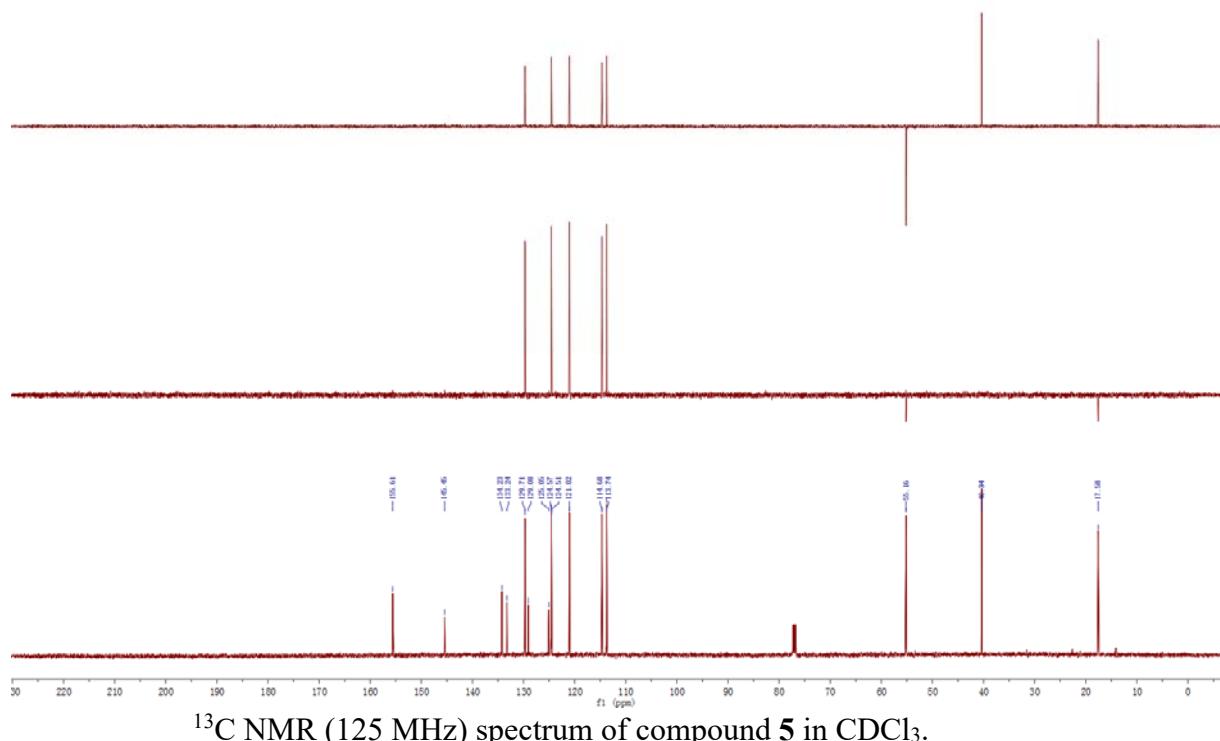
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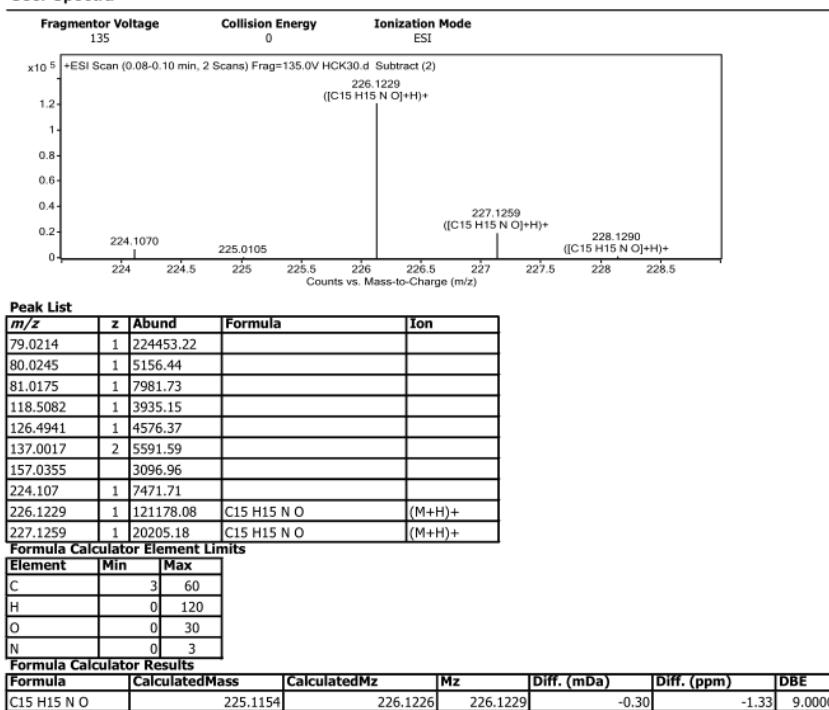


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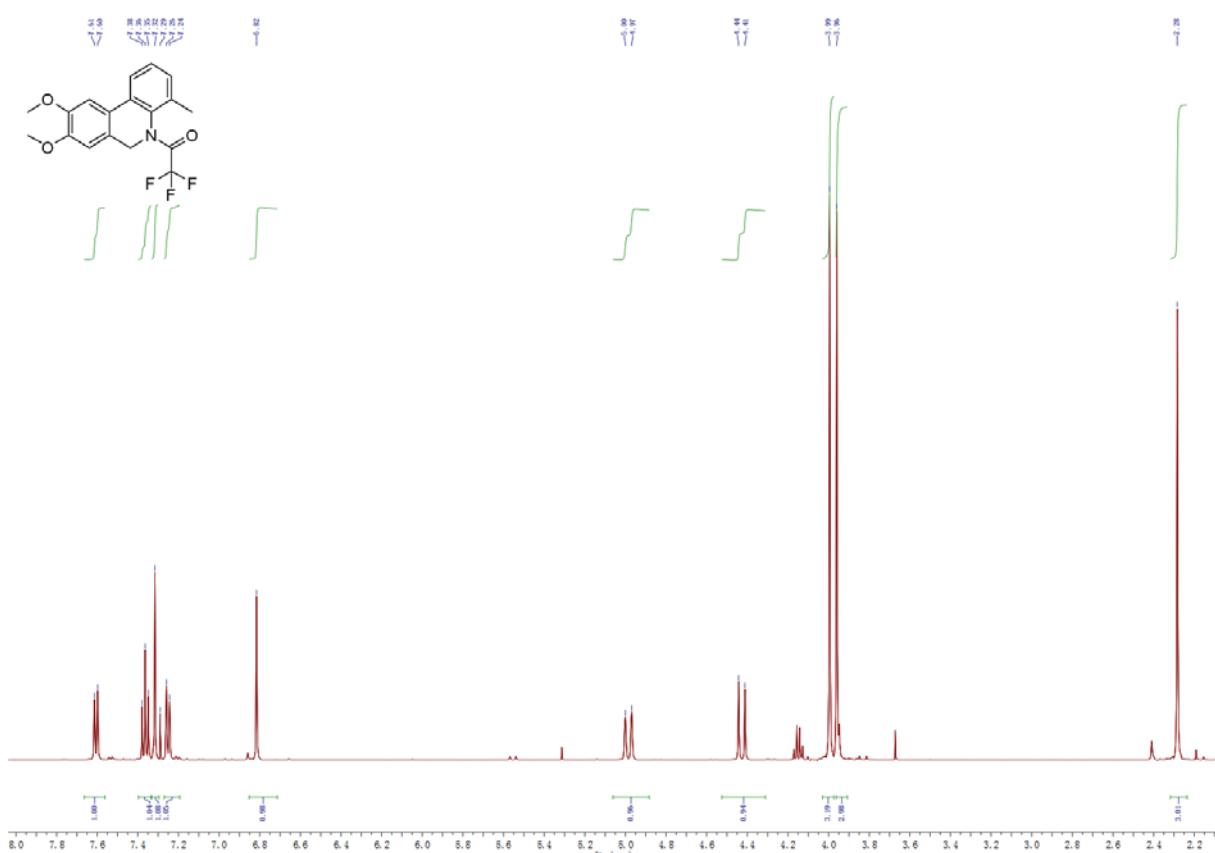


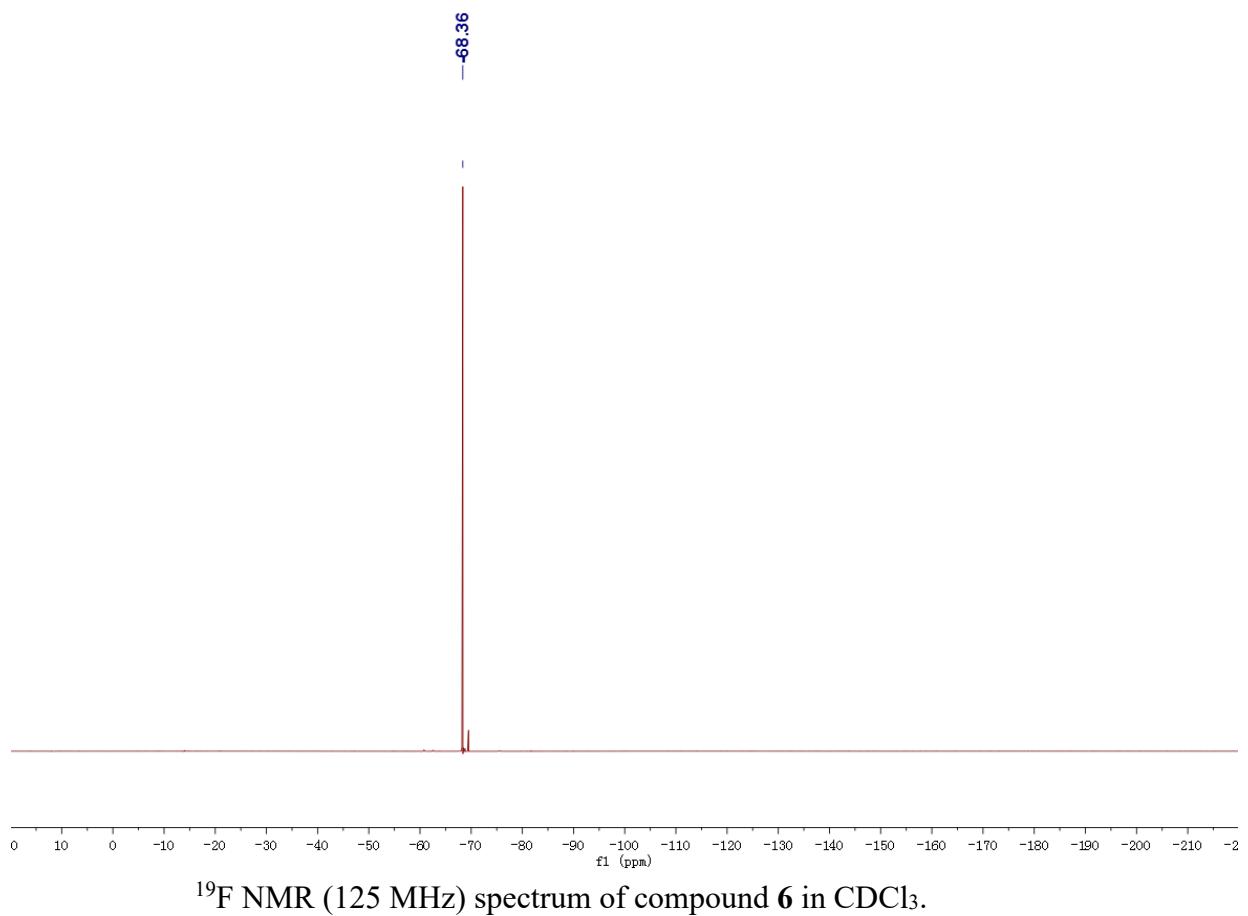
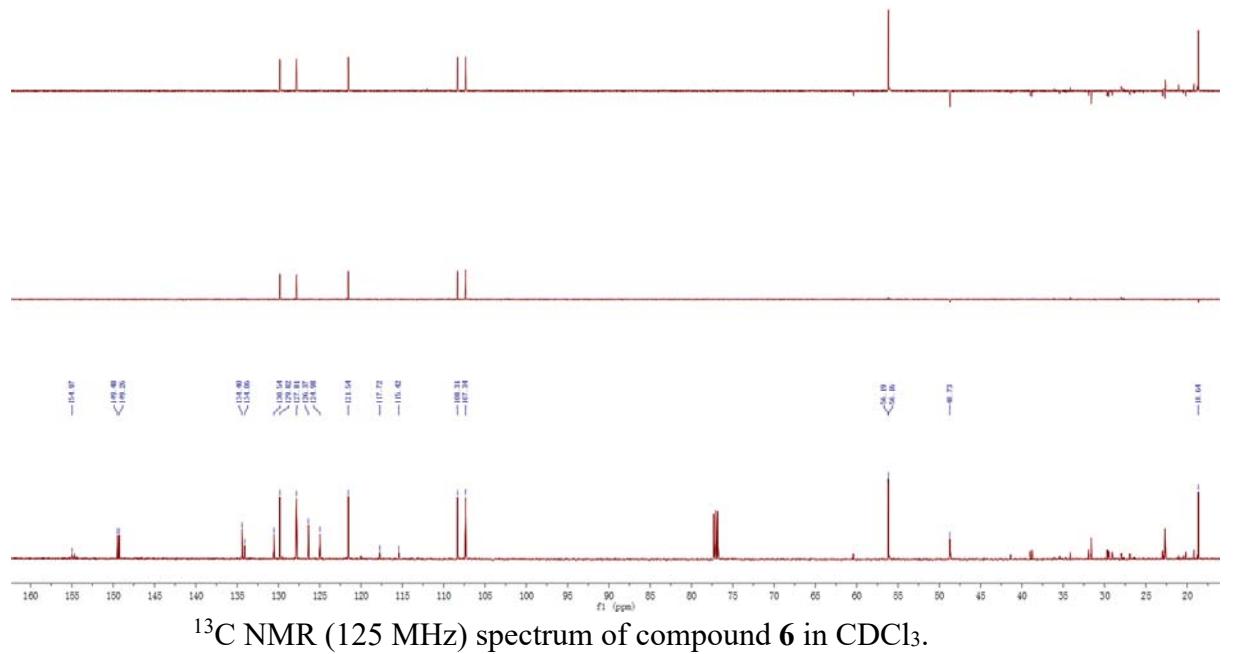
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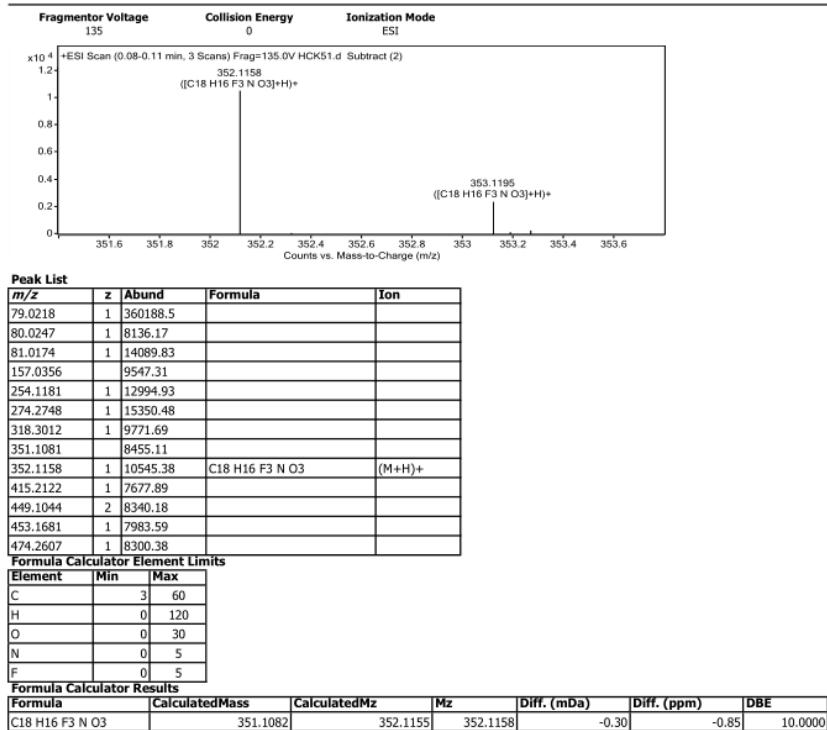


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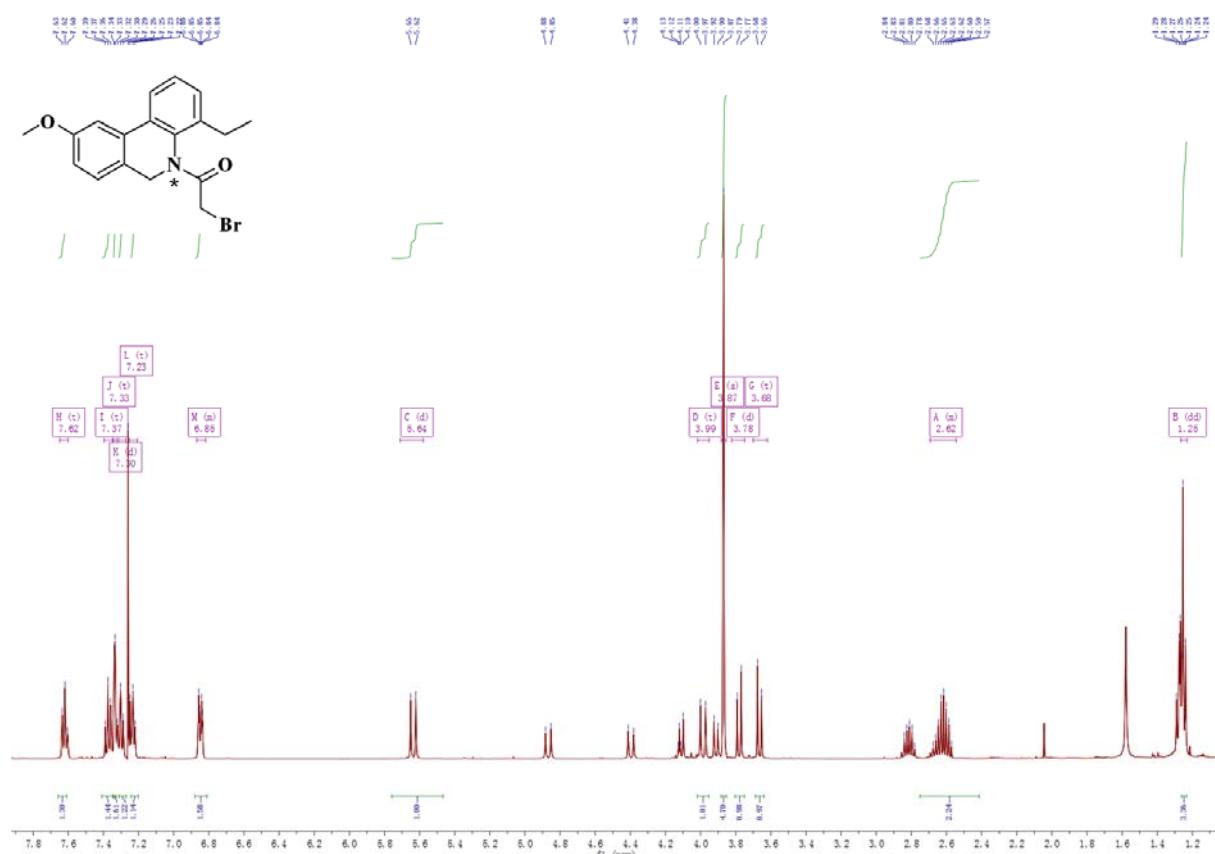




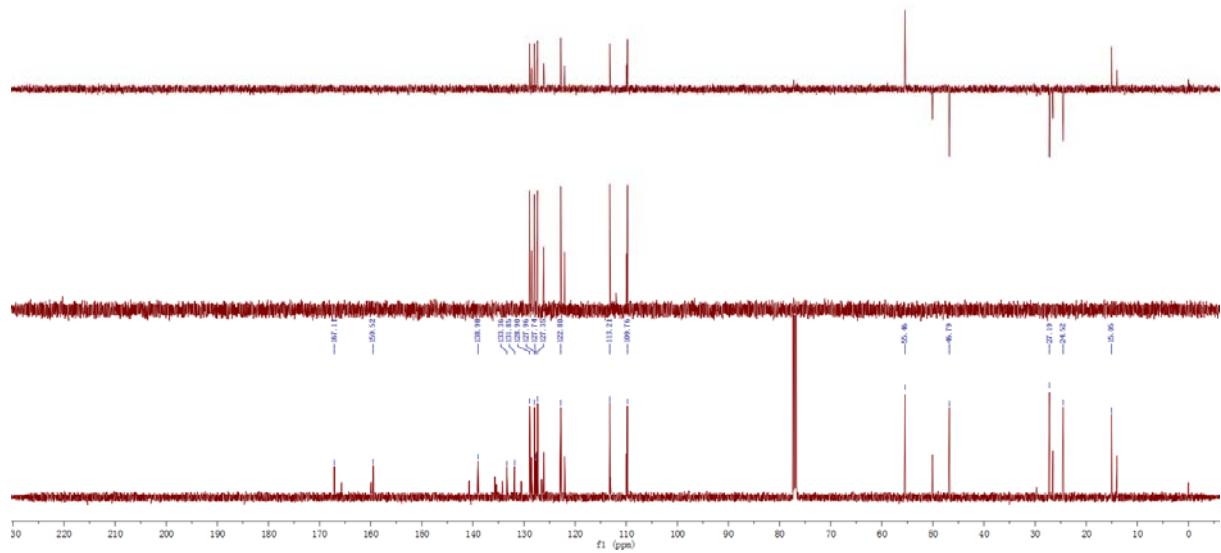
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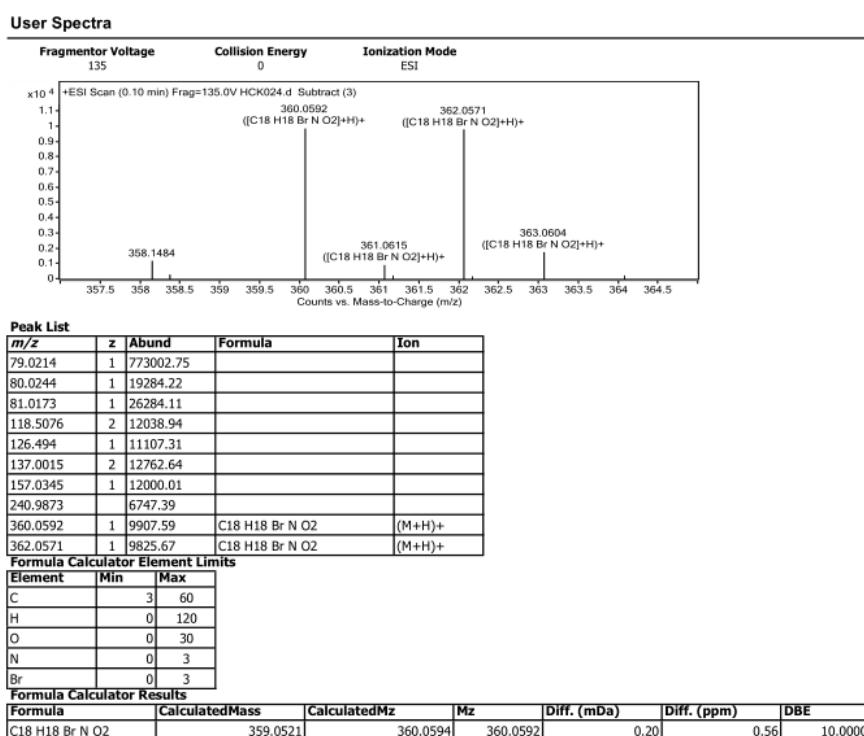
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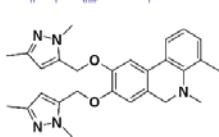
1H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of compound 7 in $CDCl_3$



^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound **7** in CDCl_3 .



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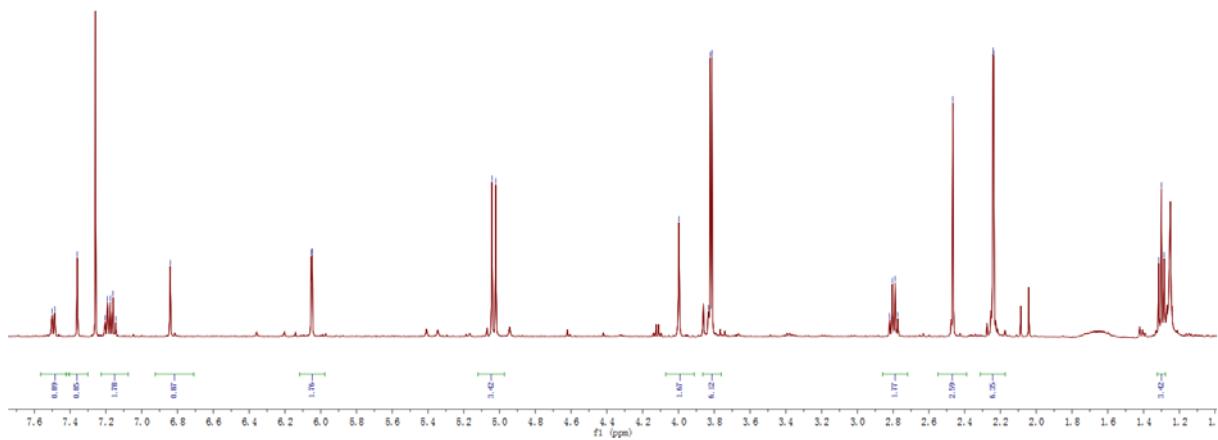


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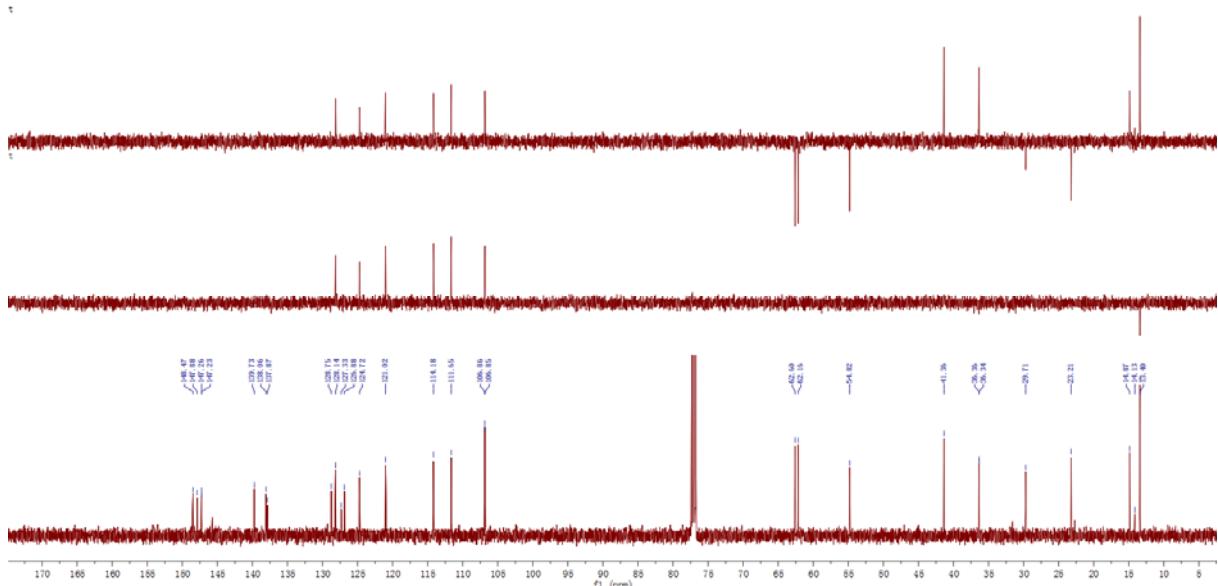
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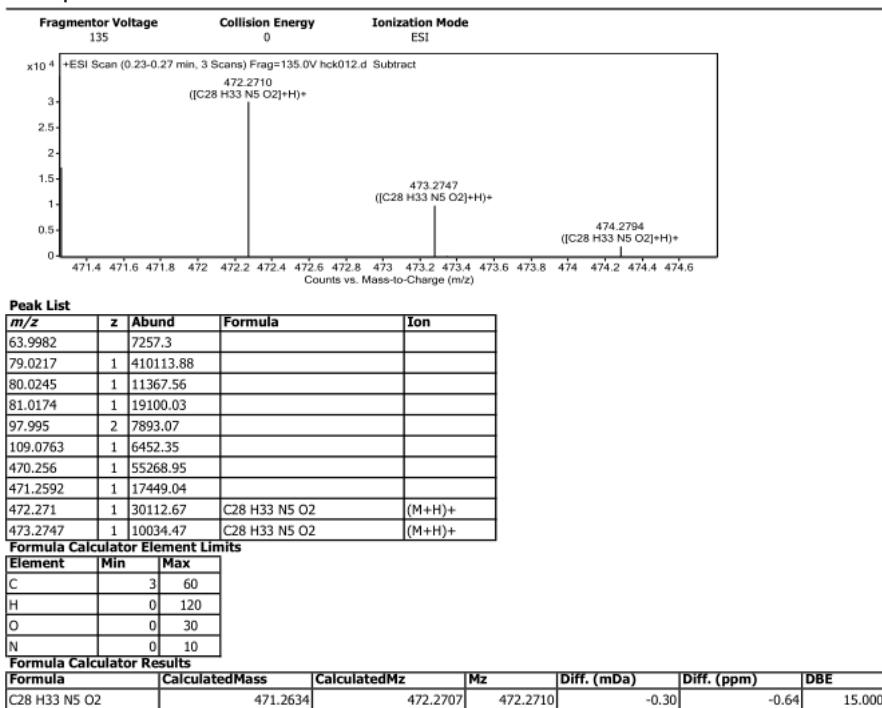
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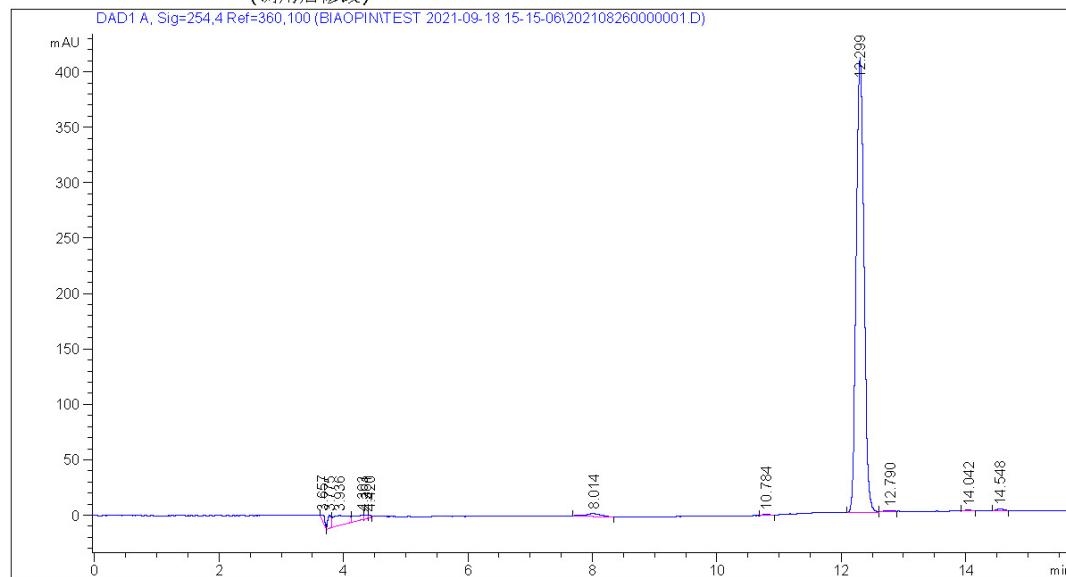
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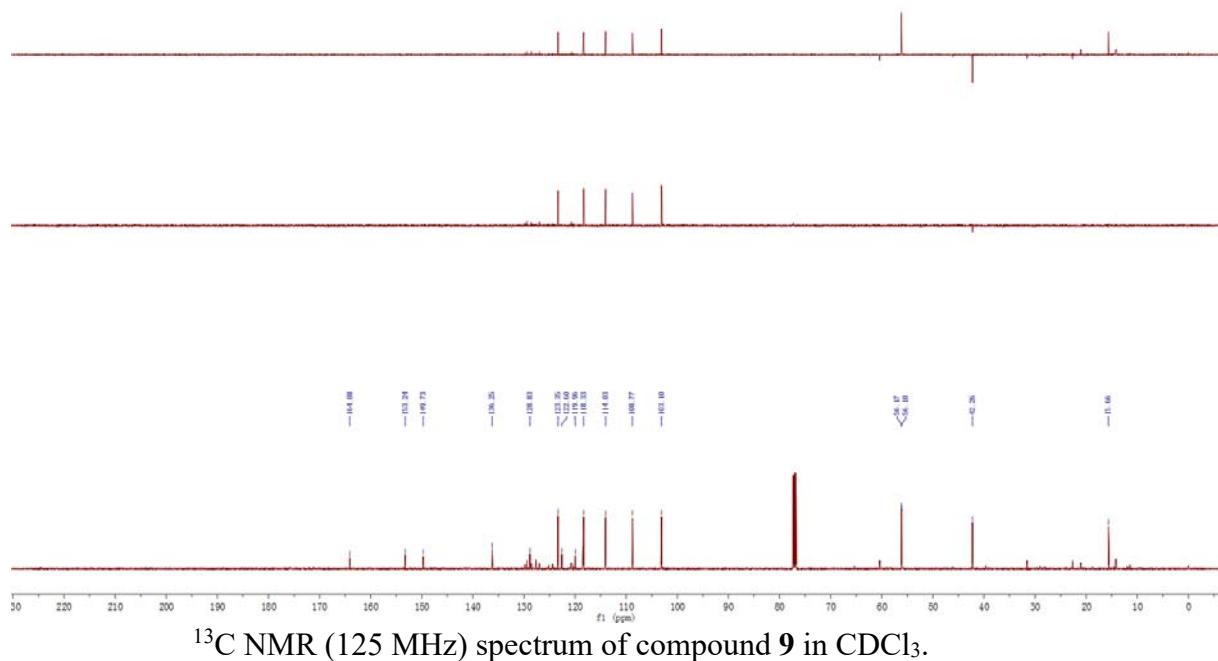
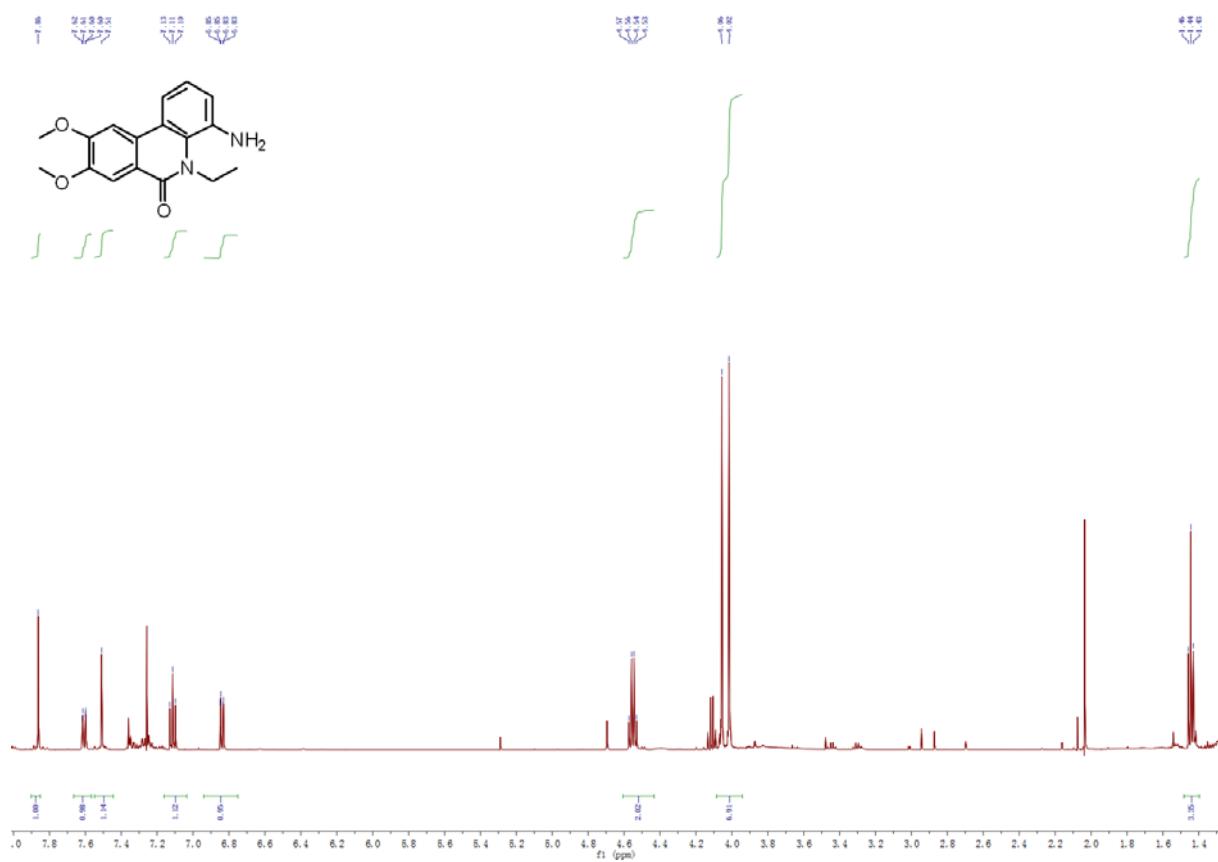
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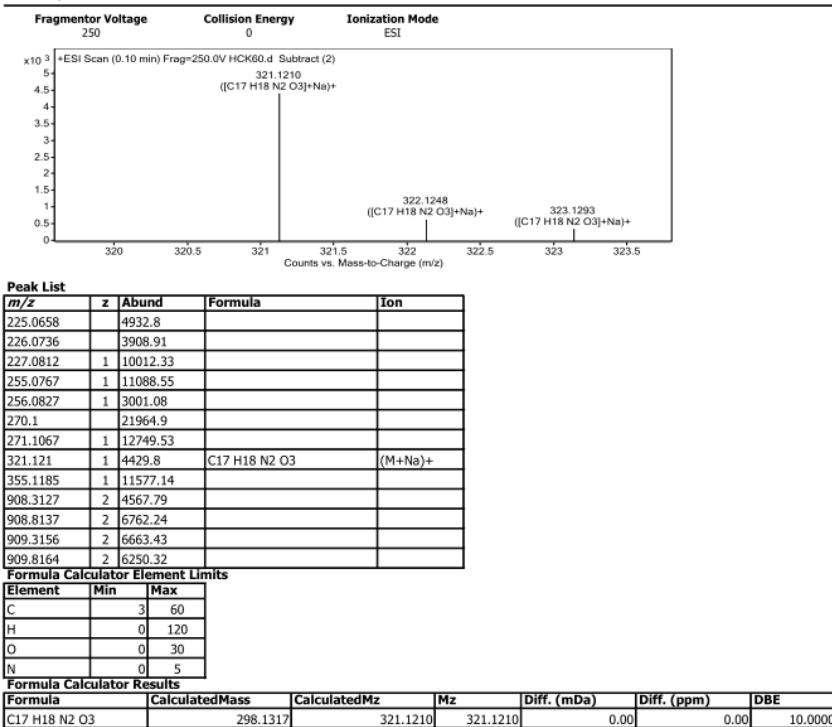
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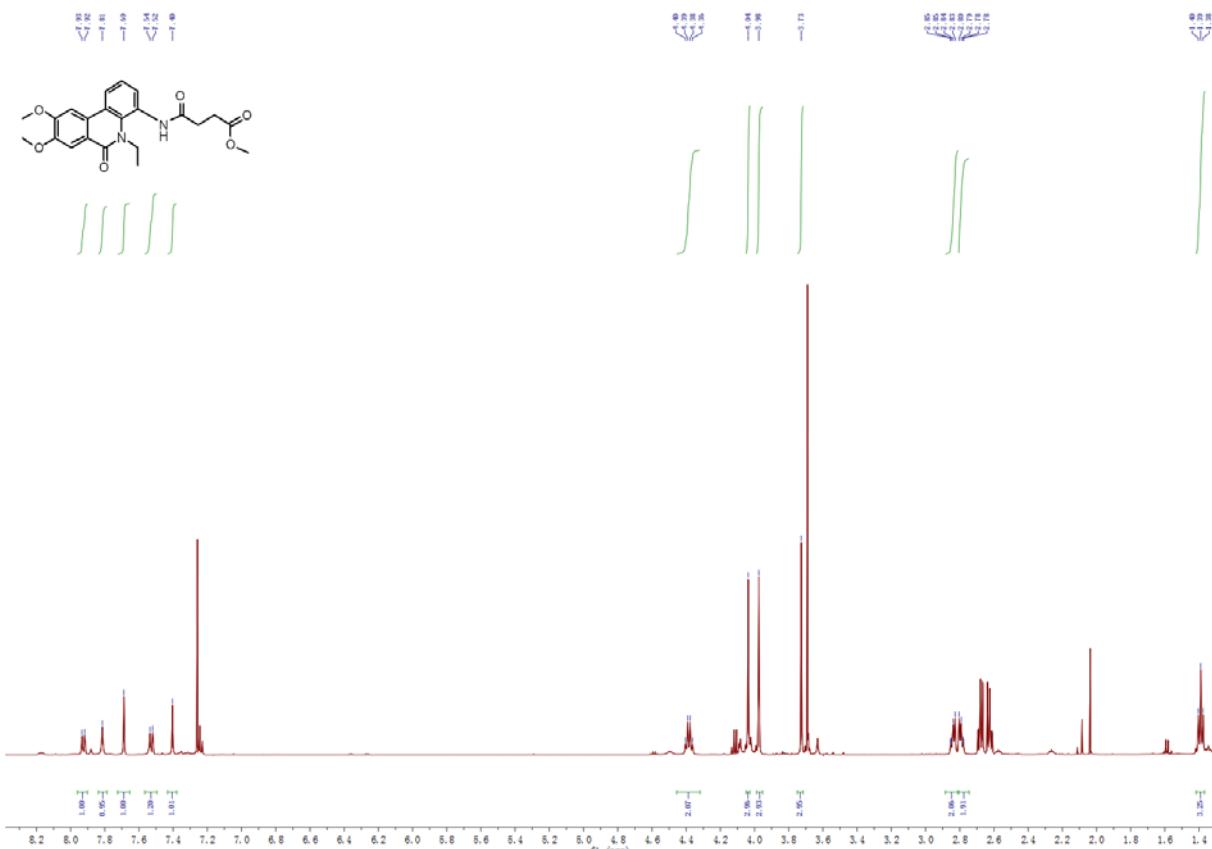
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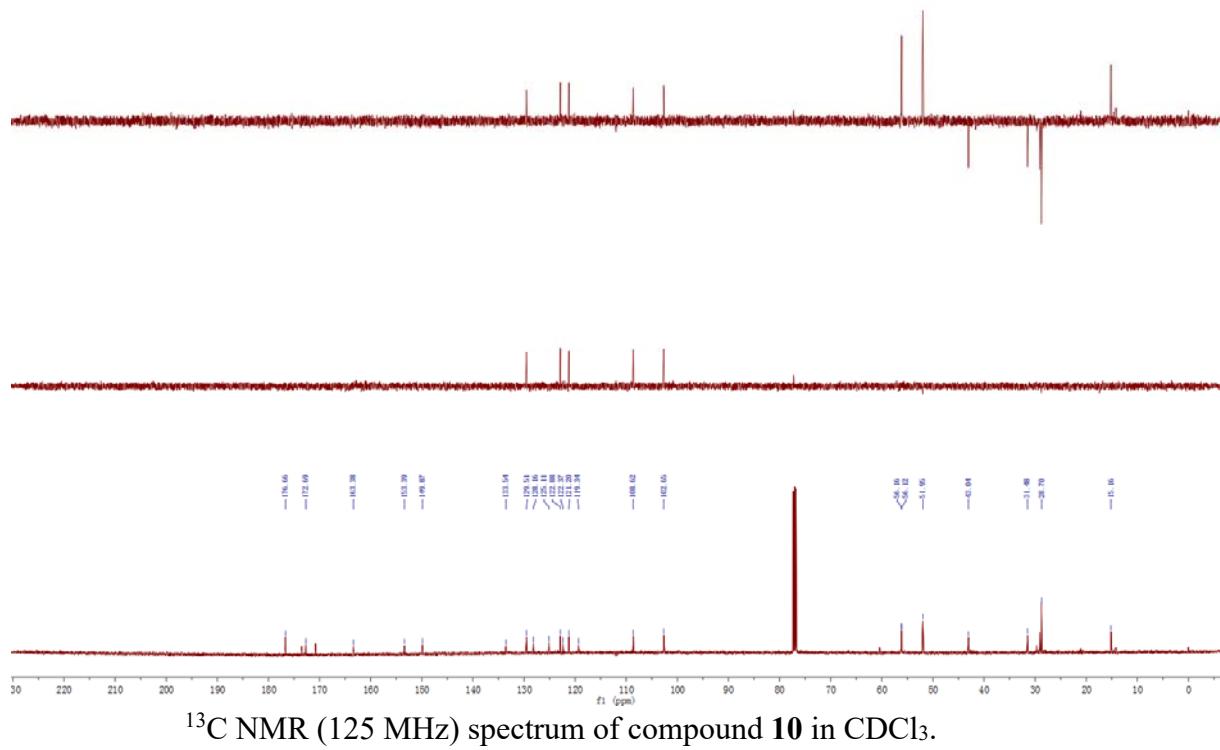
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HRESI (+) MS spectrum of compound 9.



¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of compound 10 in CDCl₃.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound **10** in CDCl₃.

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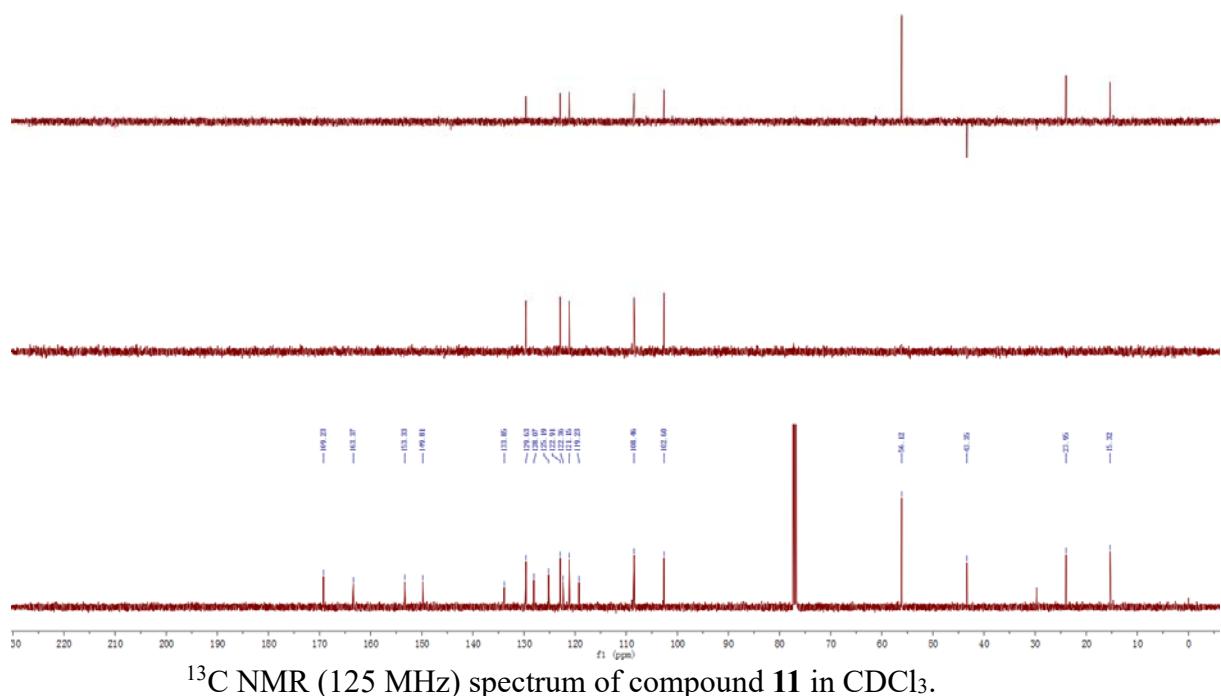
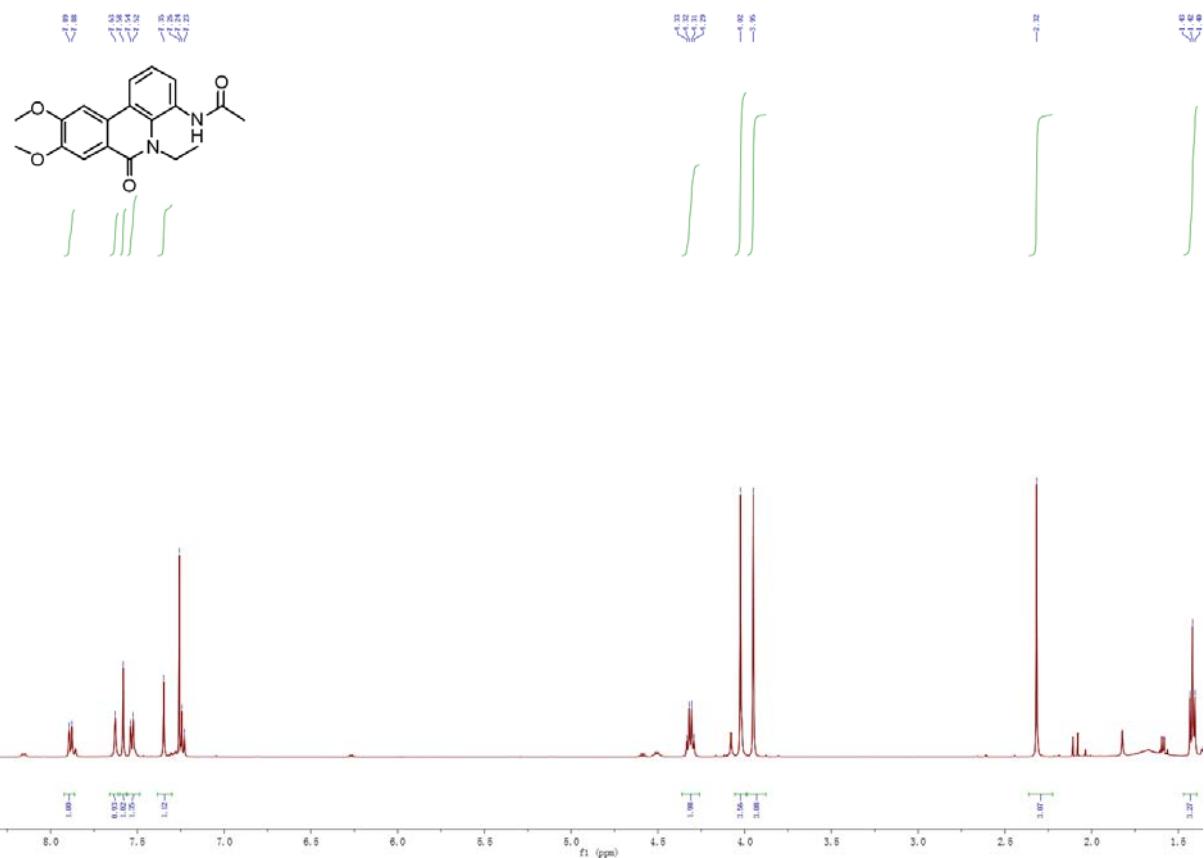
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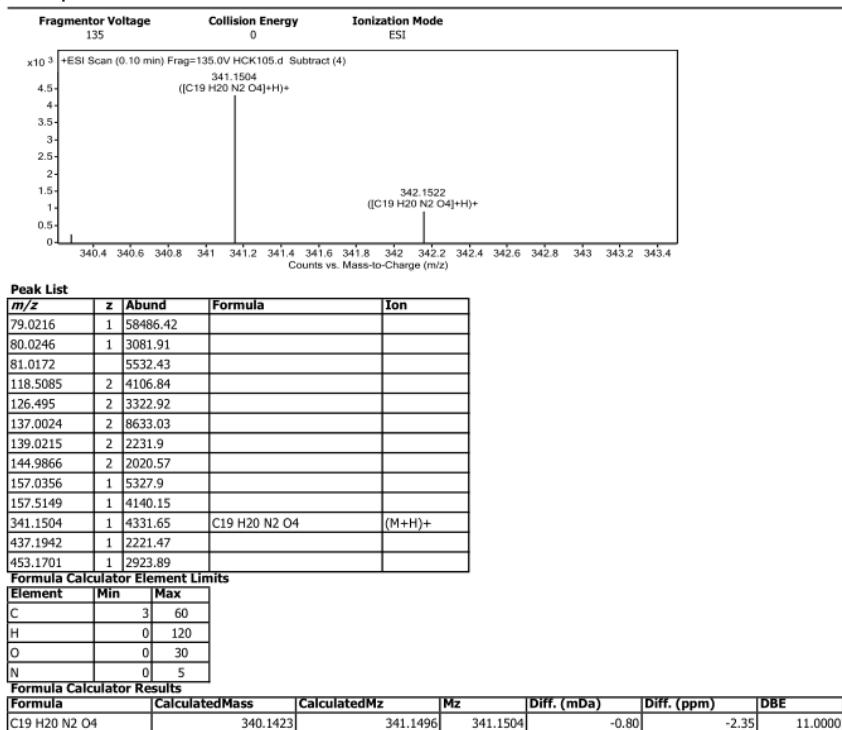
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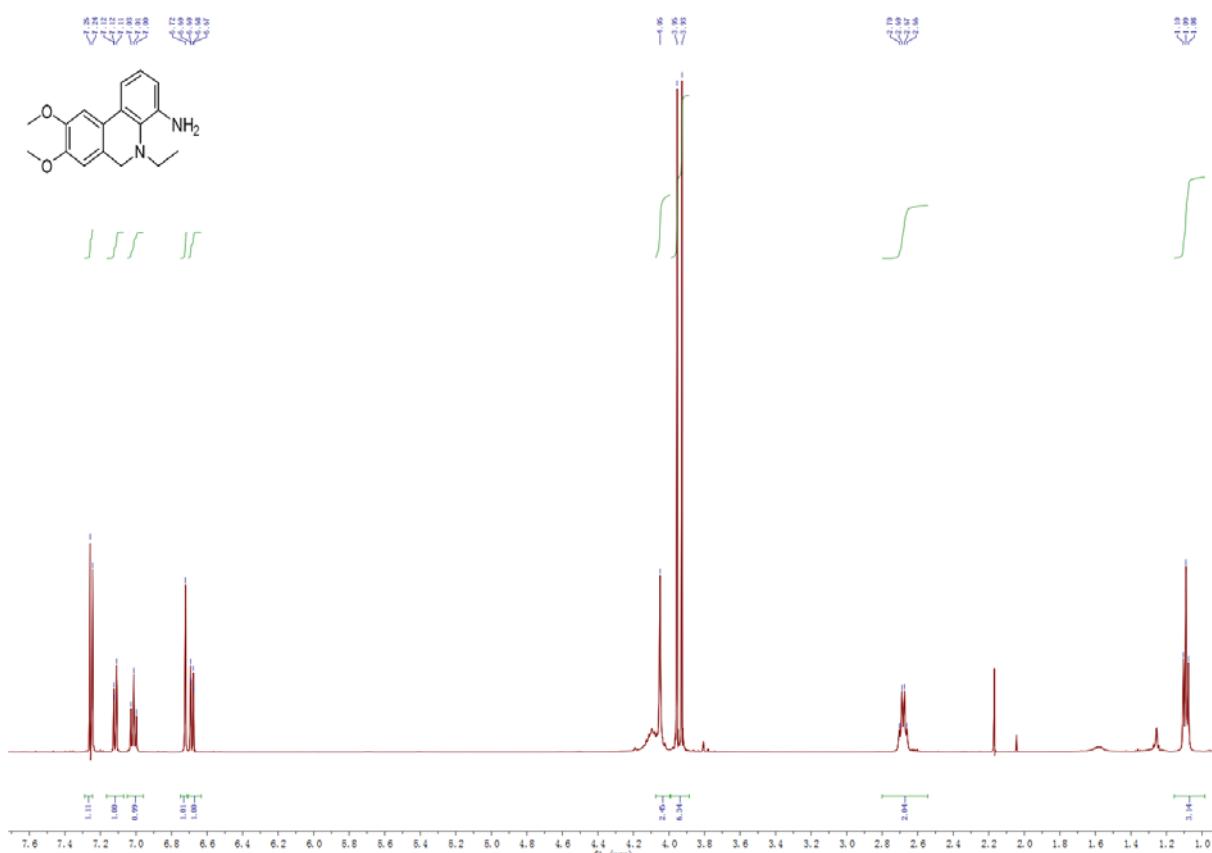
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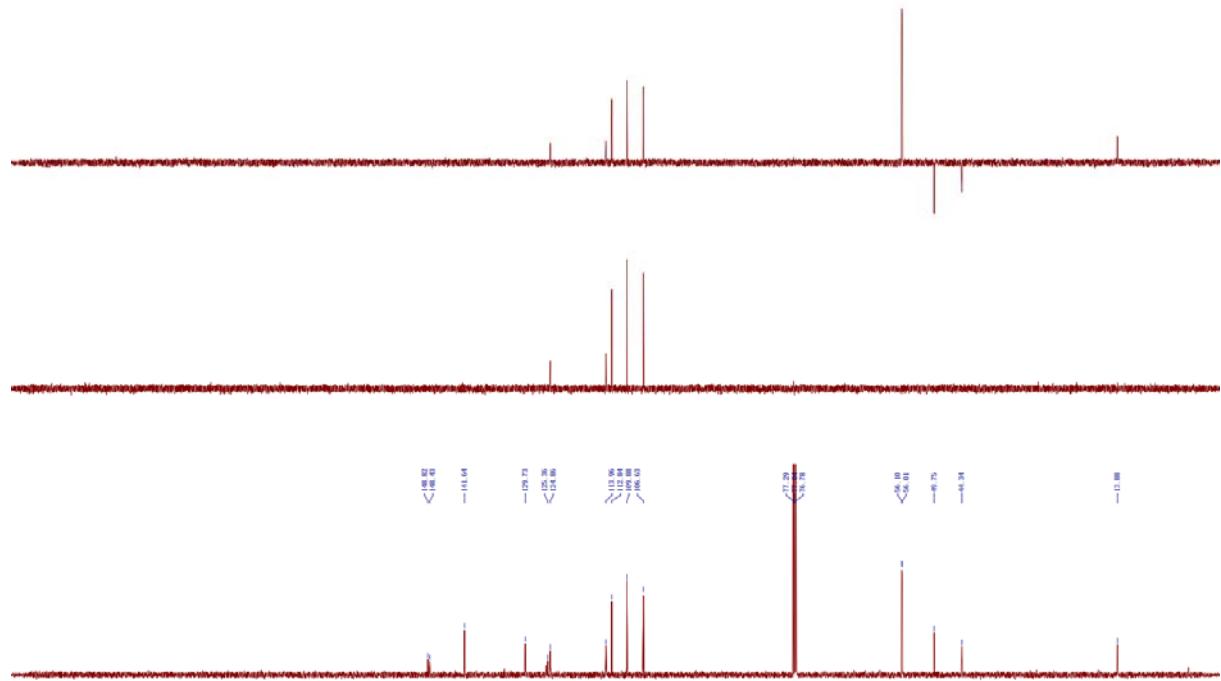
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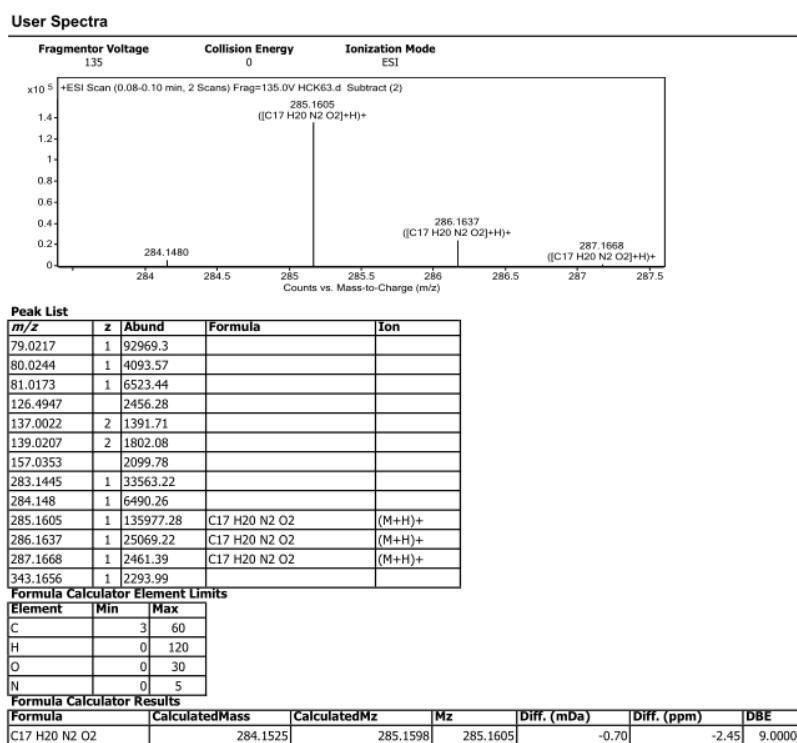
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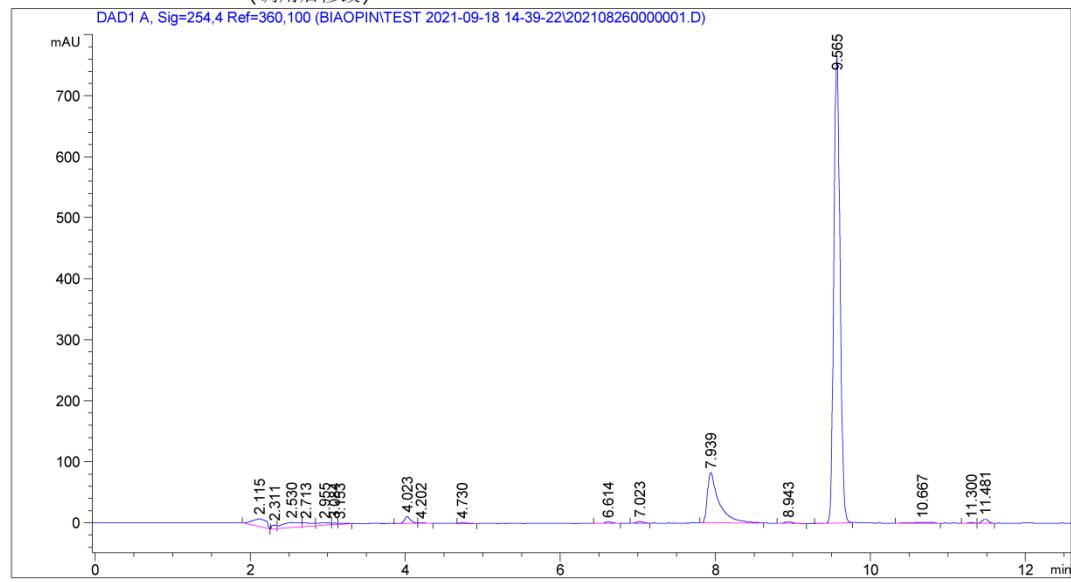


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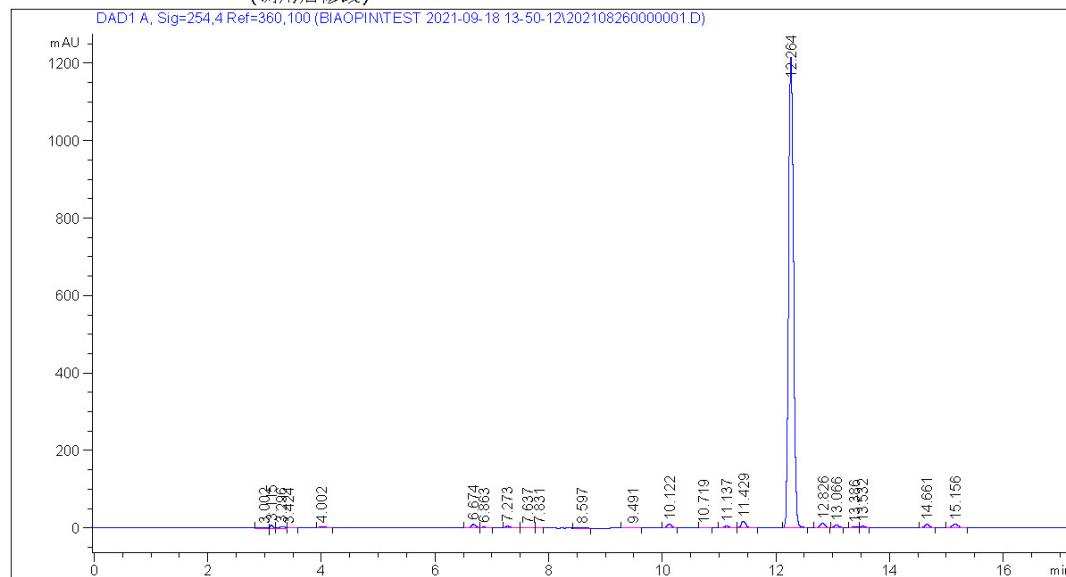
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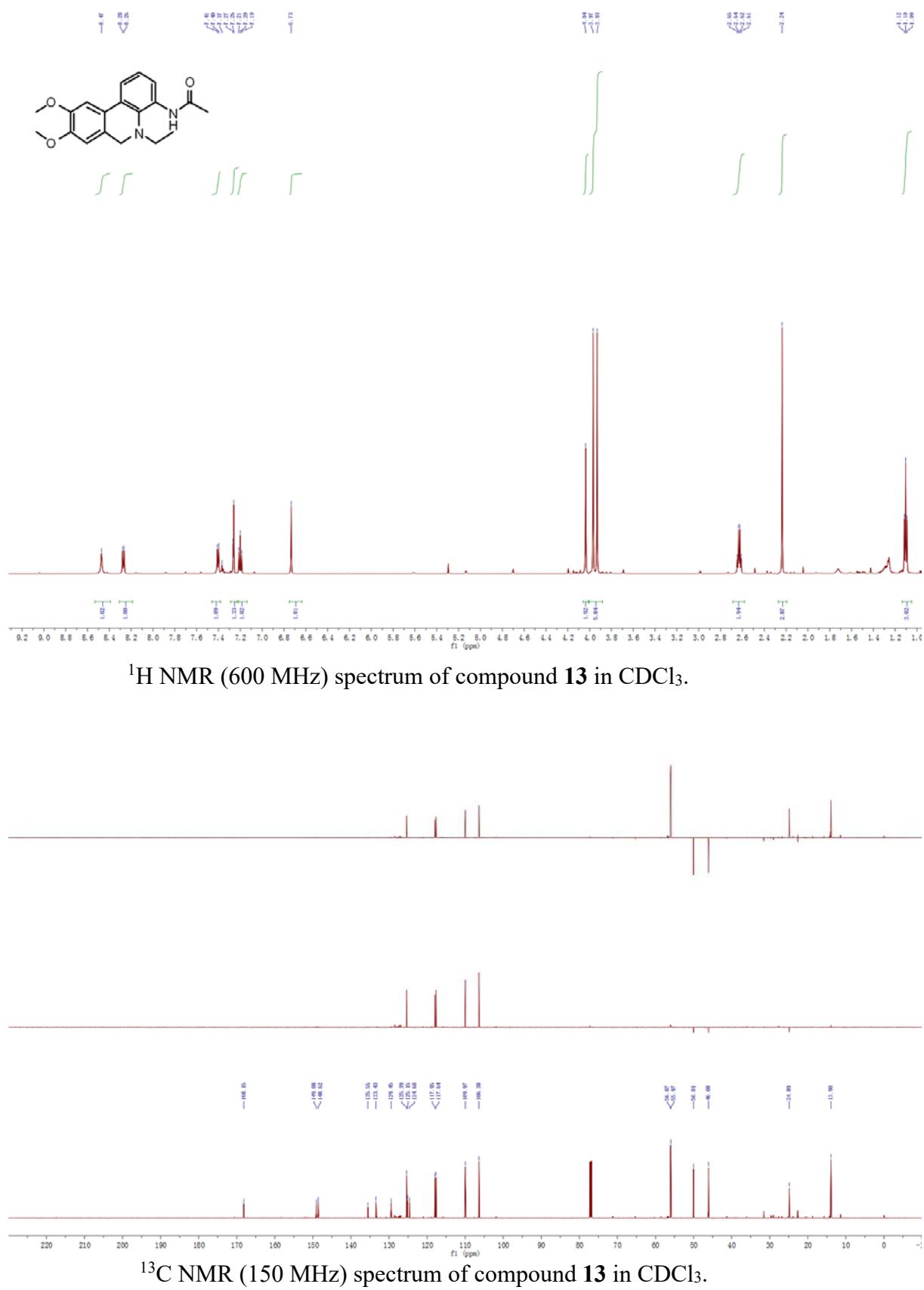
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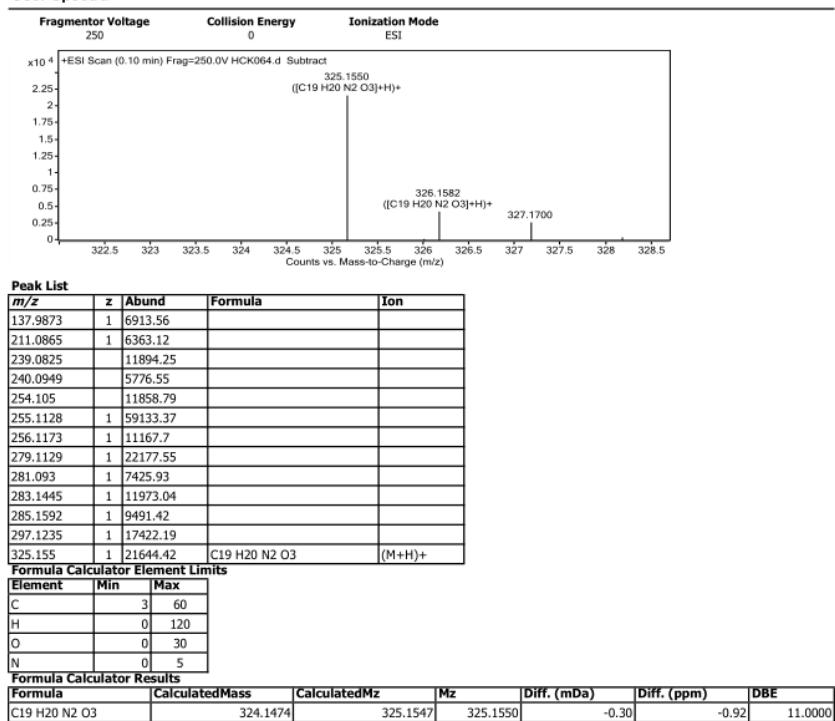
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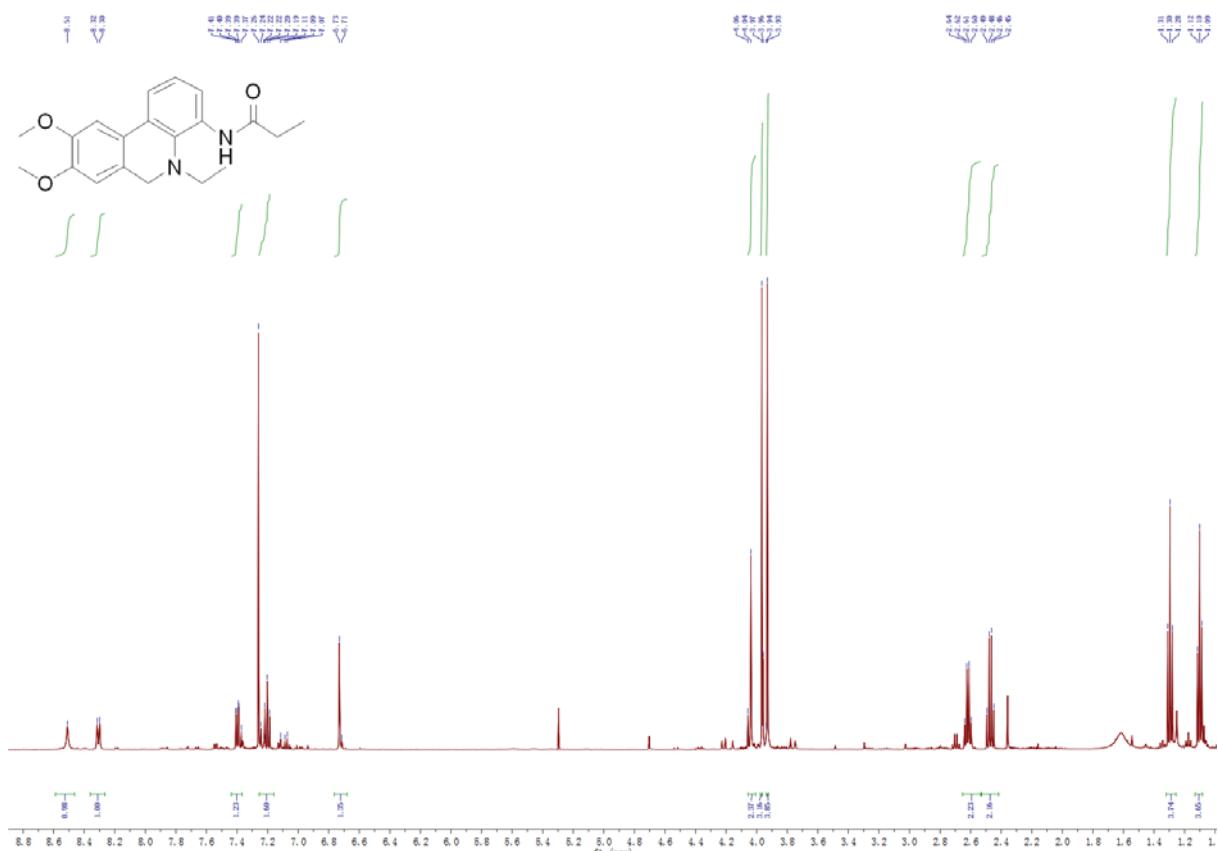
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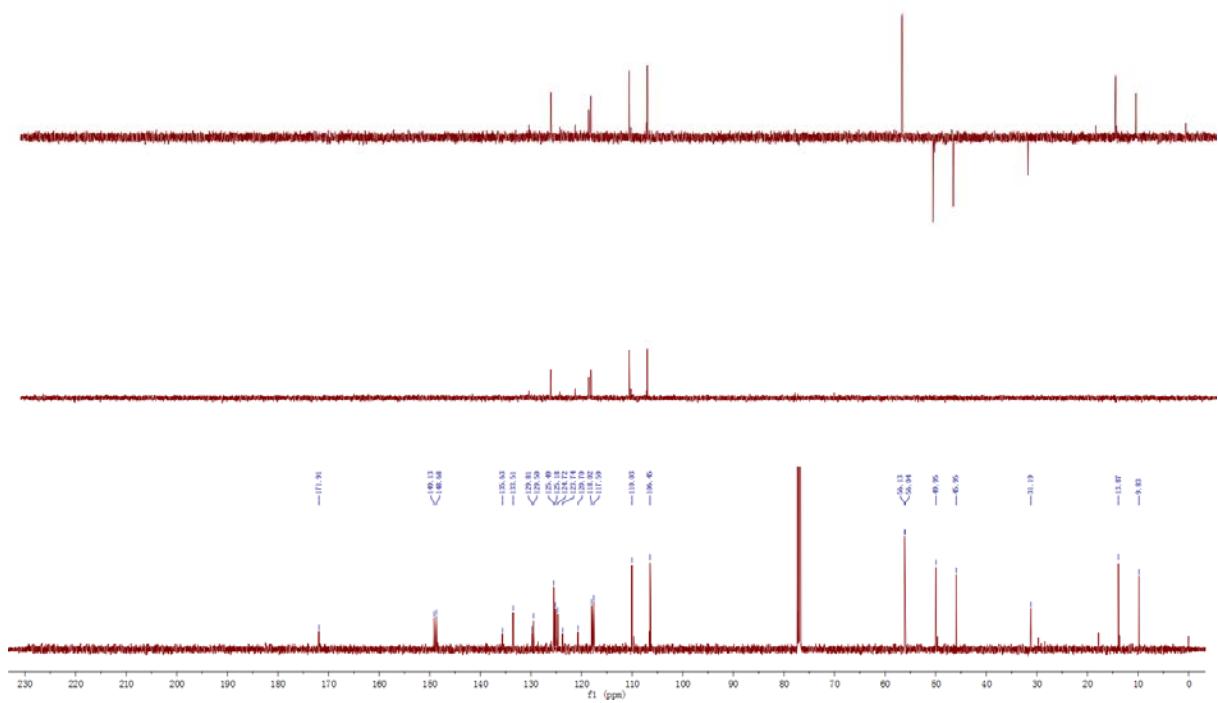


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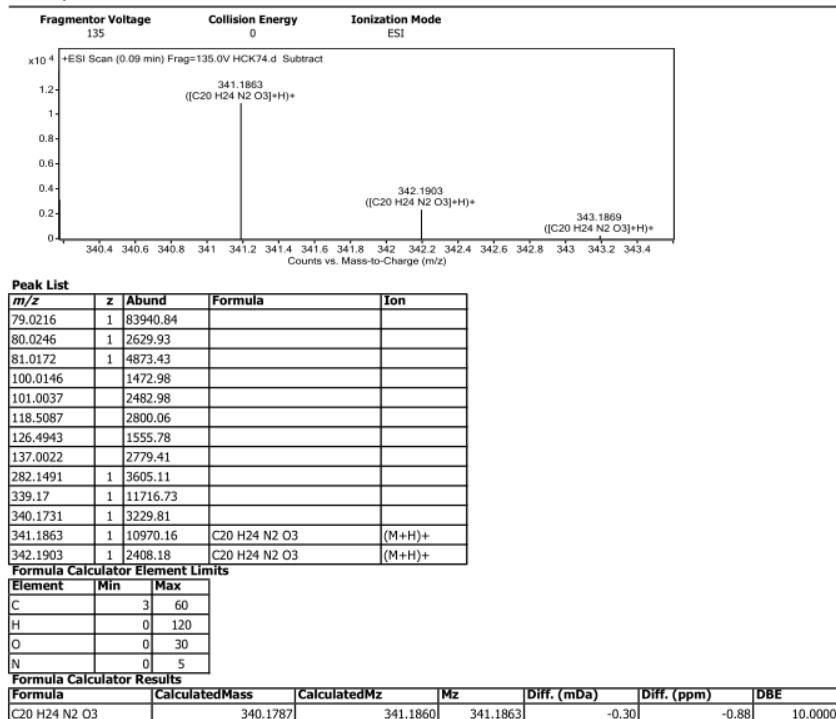
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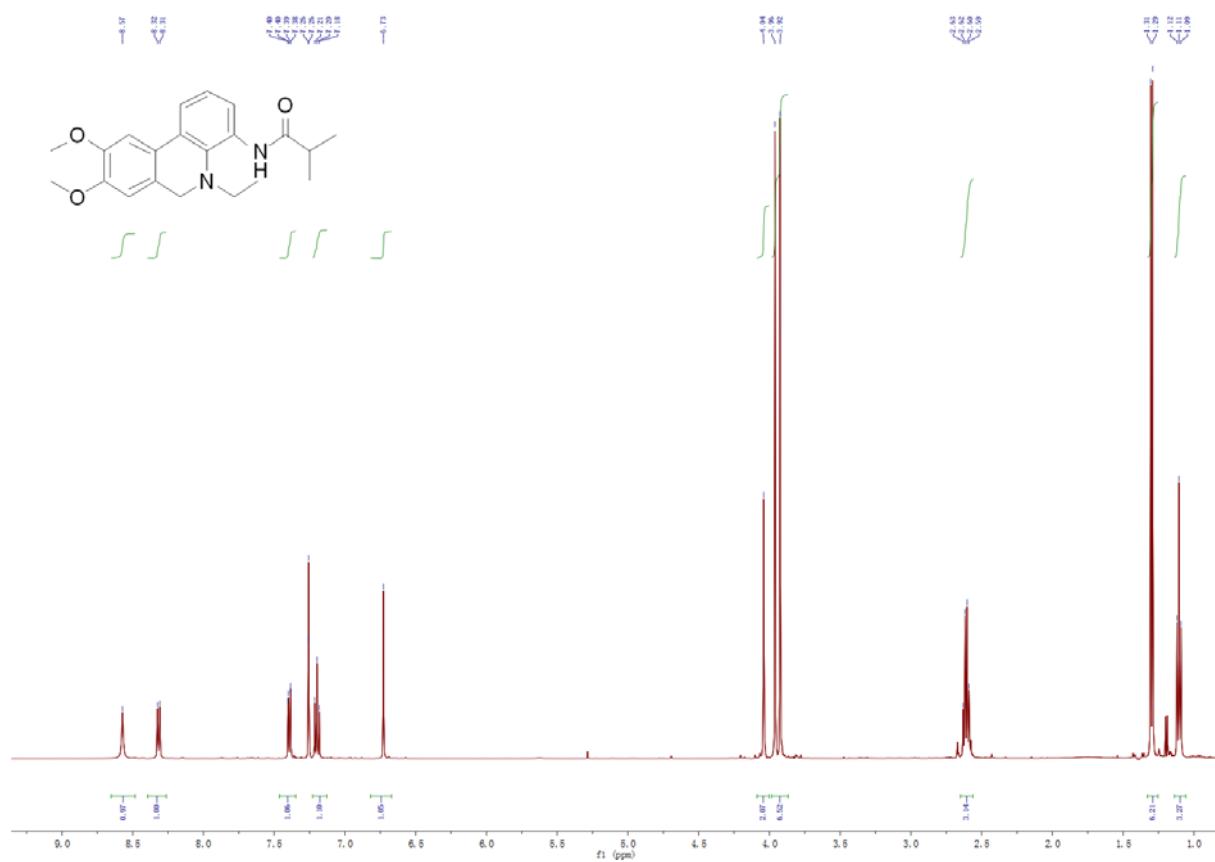


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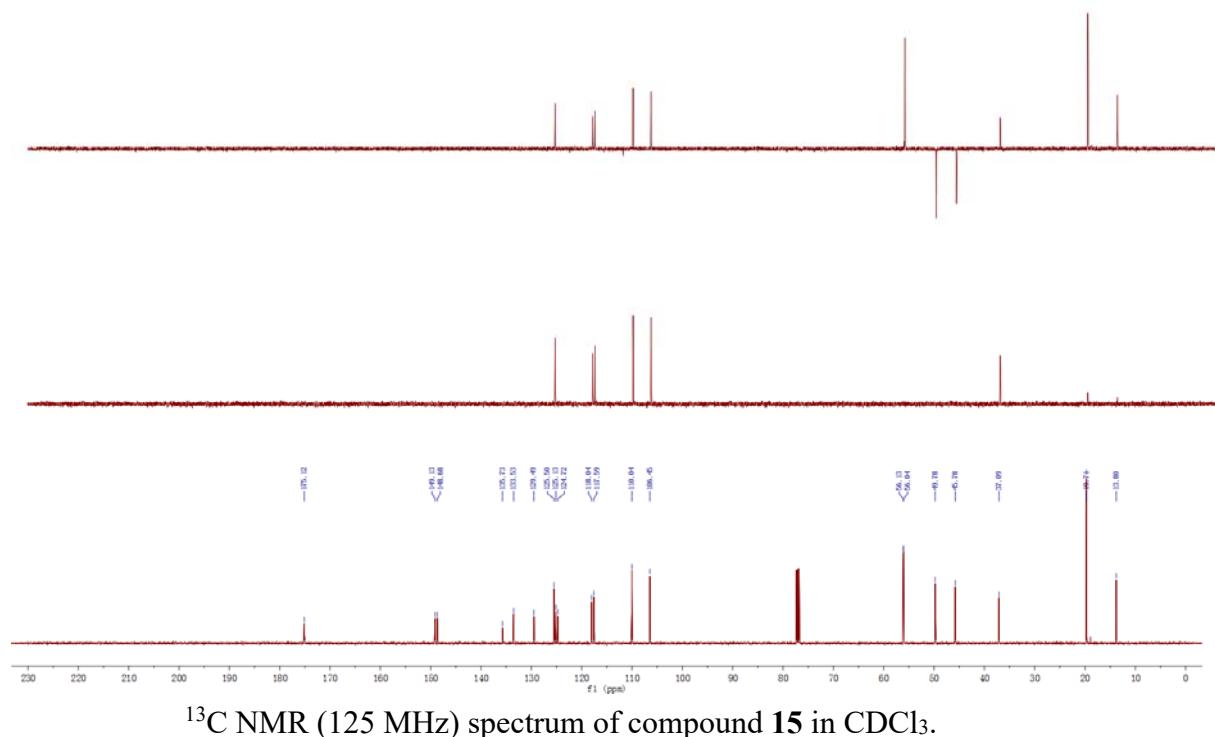
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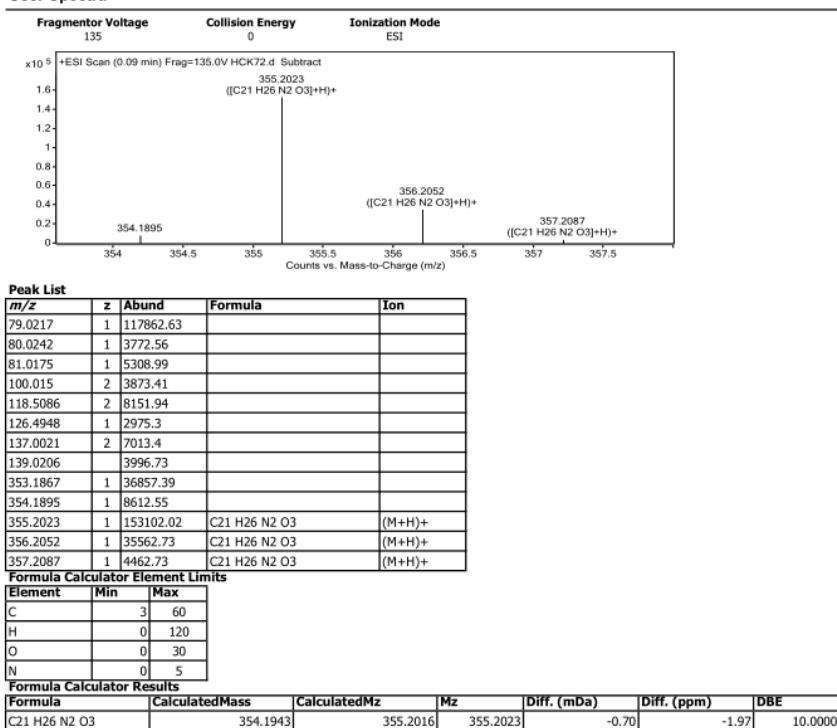


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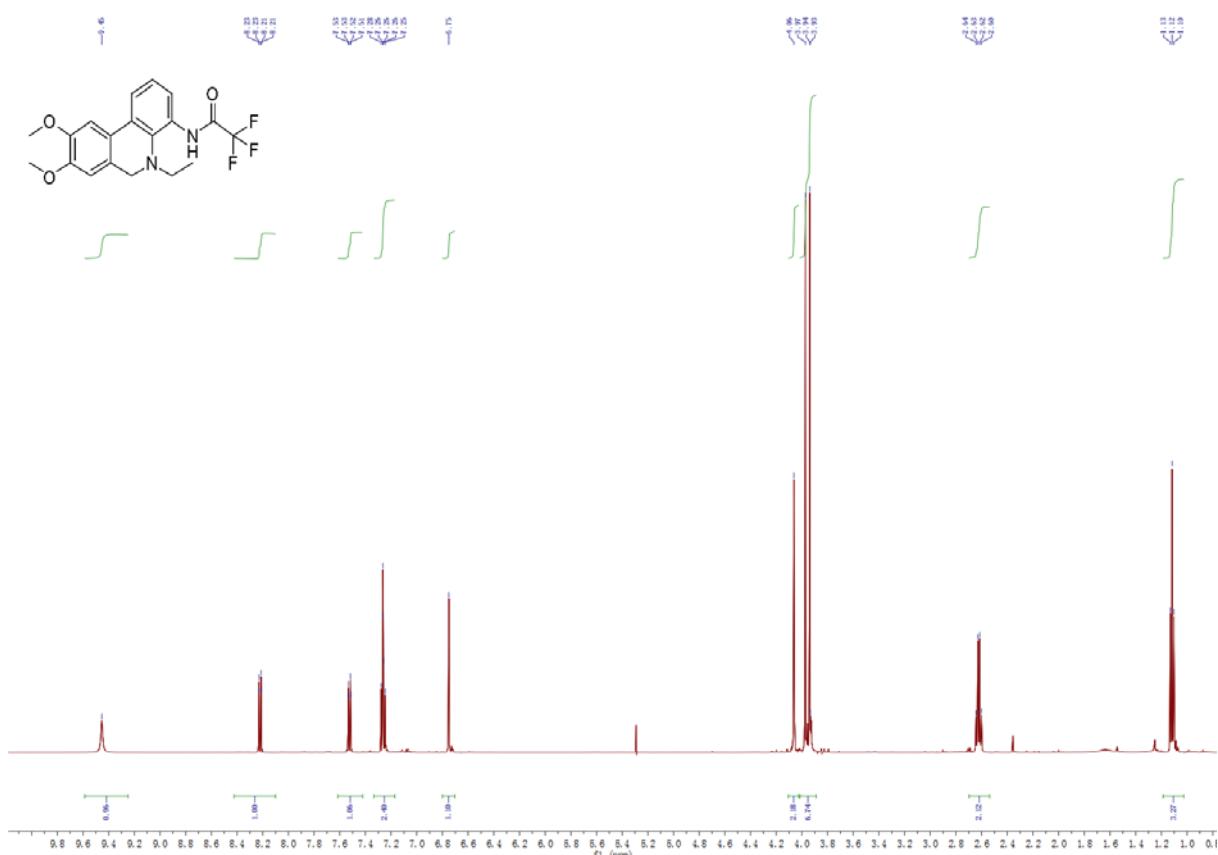


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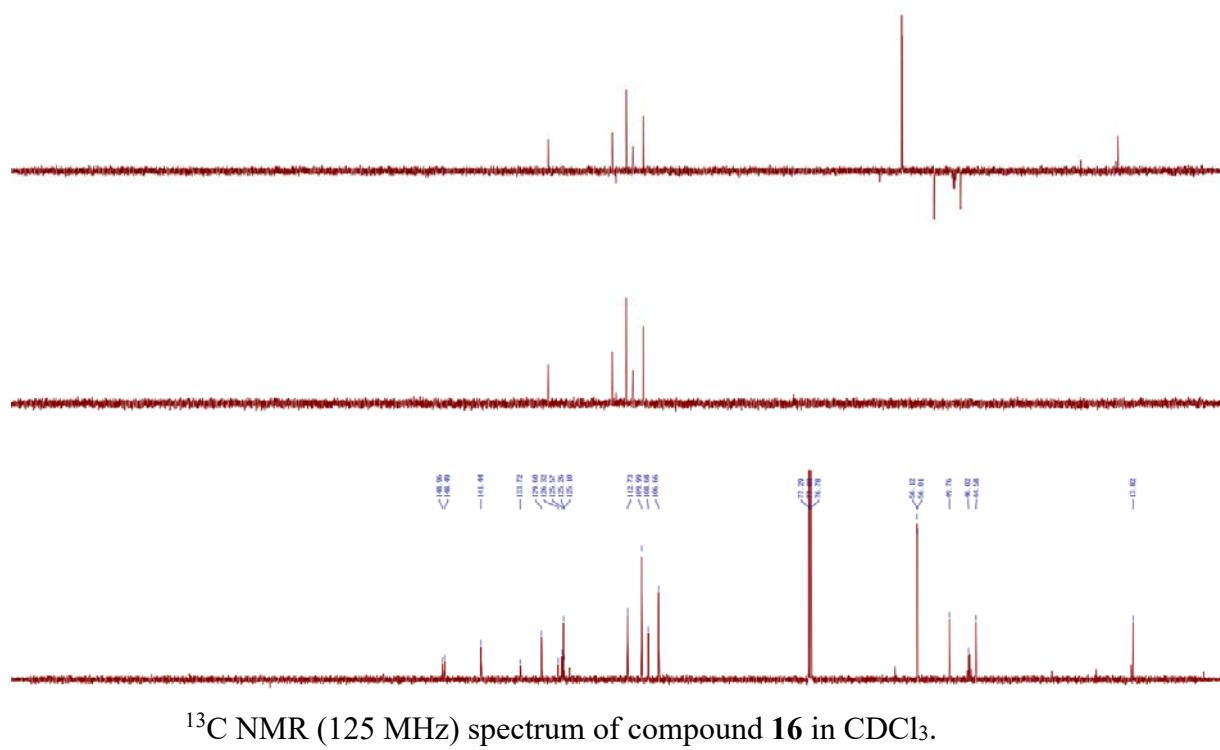
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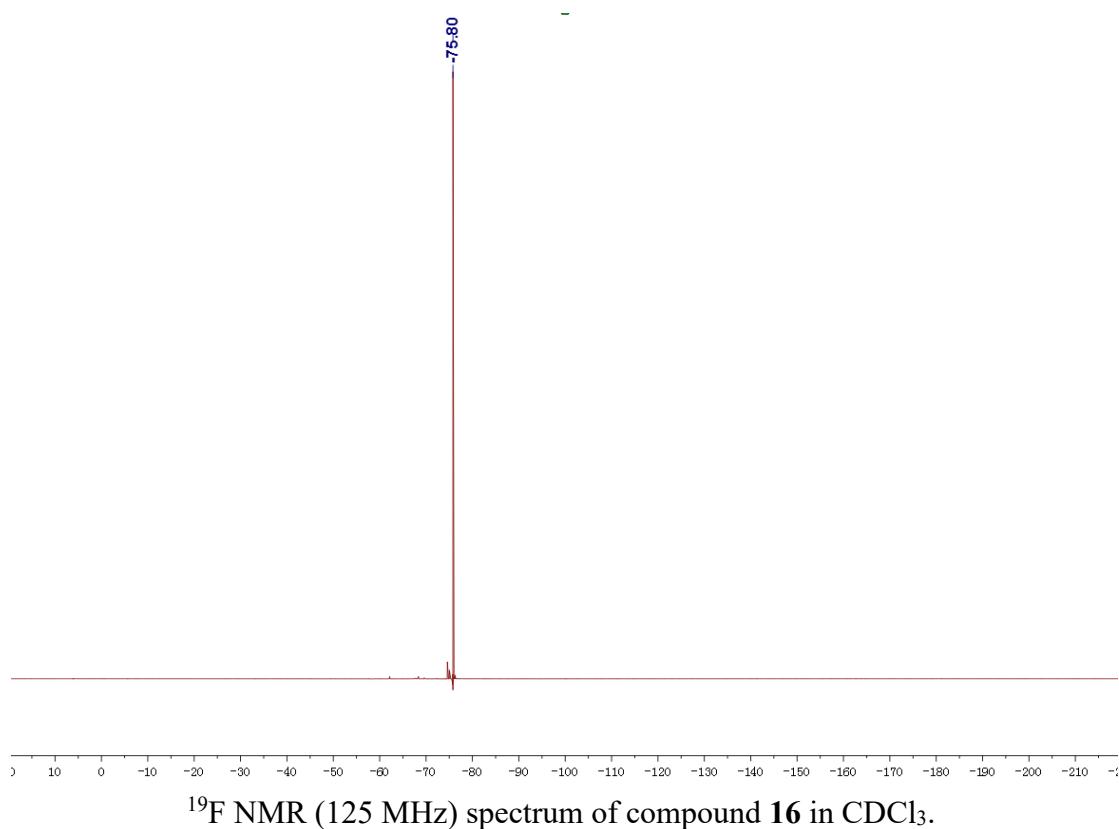
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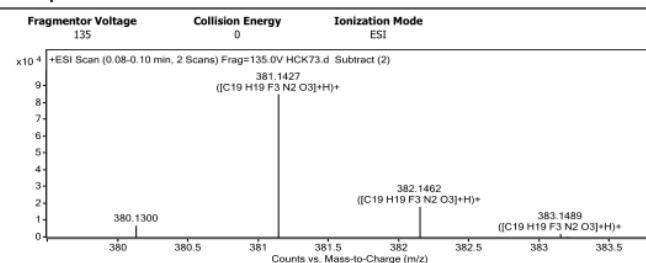
¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of compound **16** in CDCl₃.



¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound **16** in CDCl₃.



¹⁹F NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound **16** in CDCl₃.

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380.13	1	7319.82		
381.1427	1	85089.79	$C_{19}H_{19}F_3N_2O_3$	$(M+H)^+$
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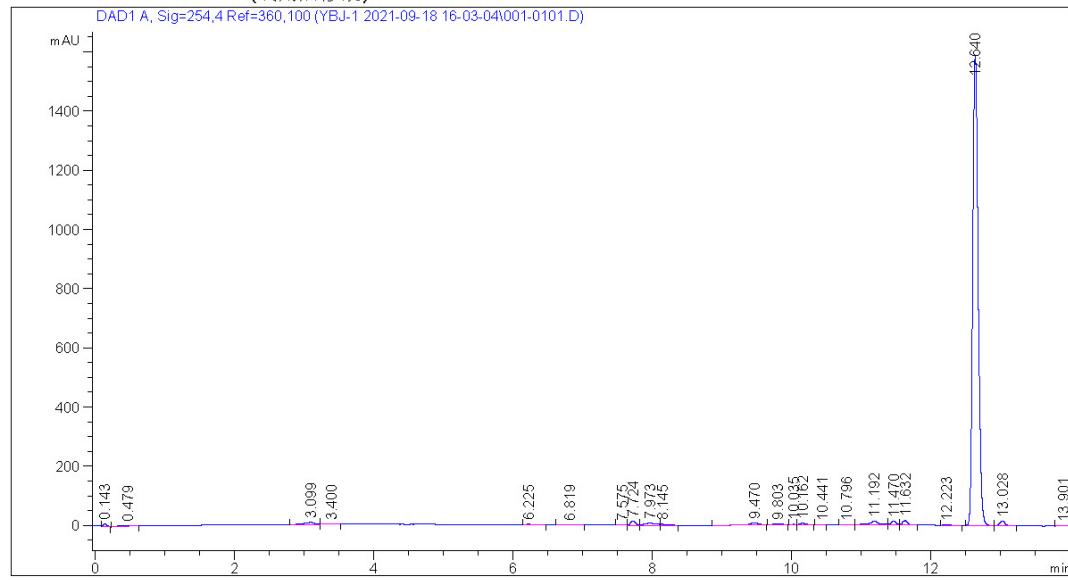
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HRESI (+) MS spectrum of compound **16**.

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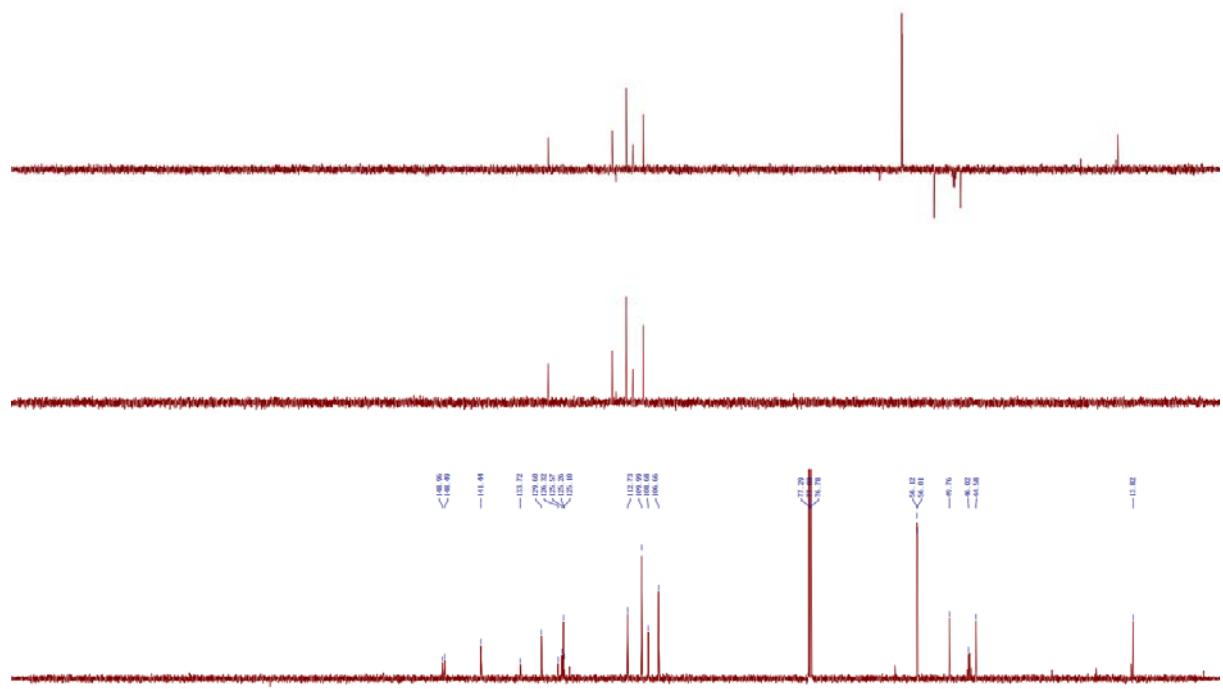
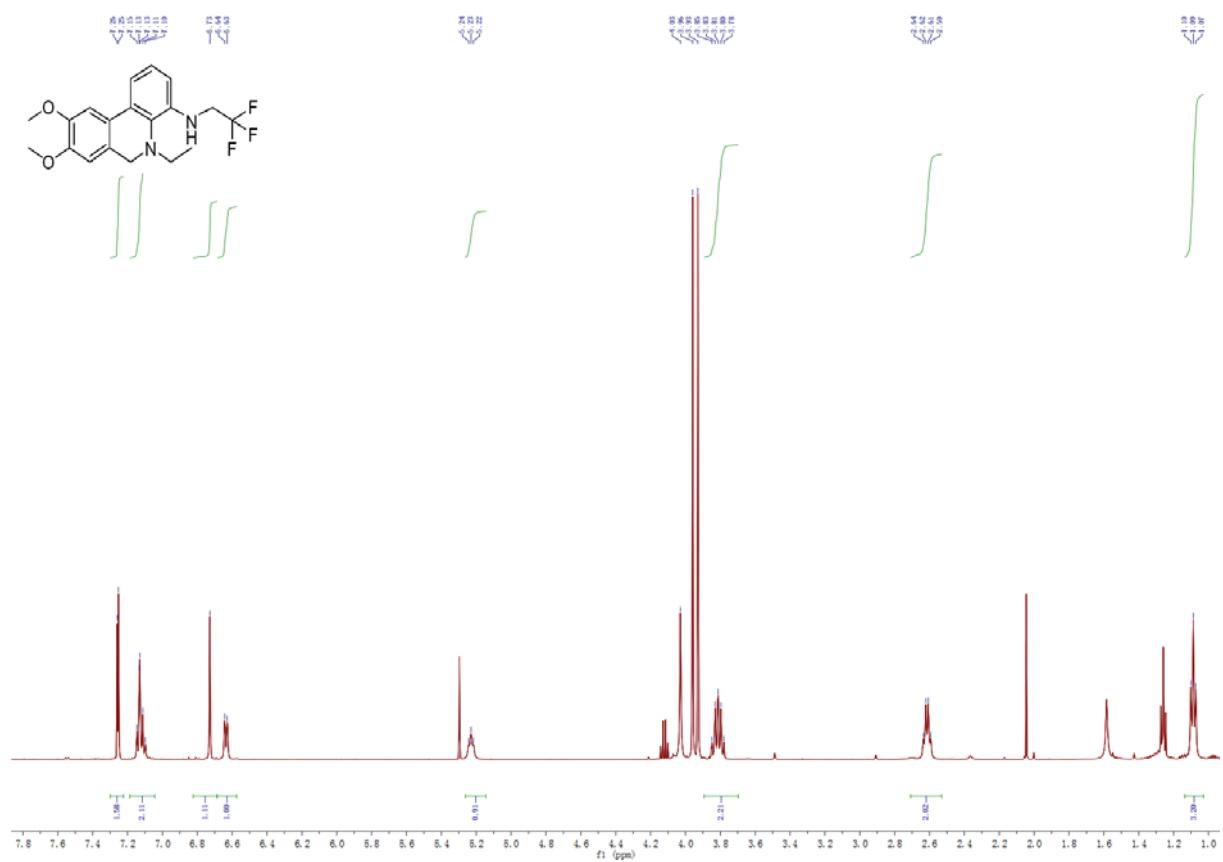
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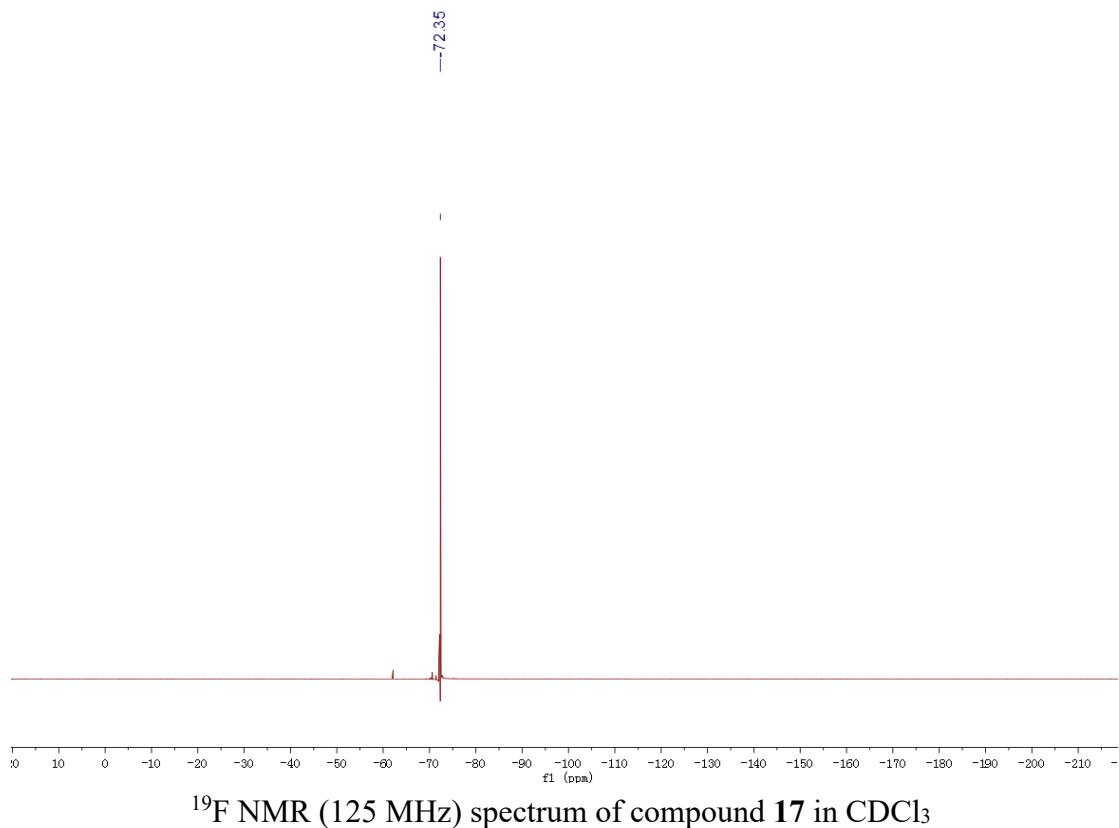
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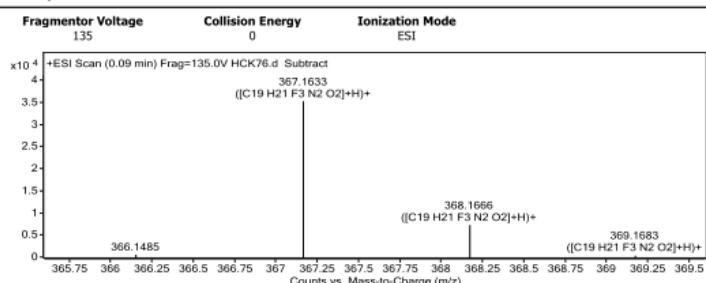
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HPLC spectrum of compound 16.





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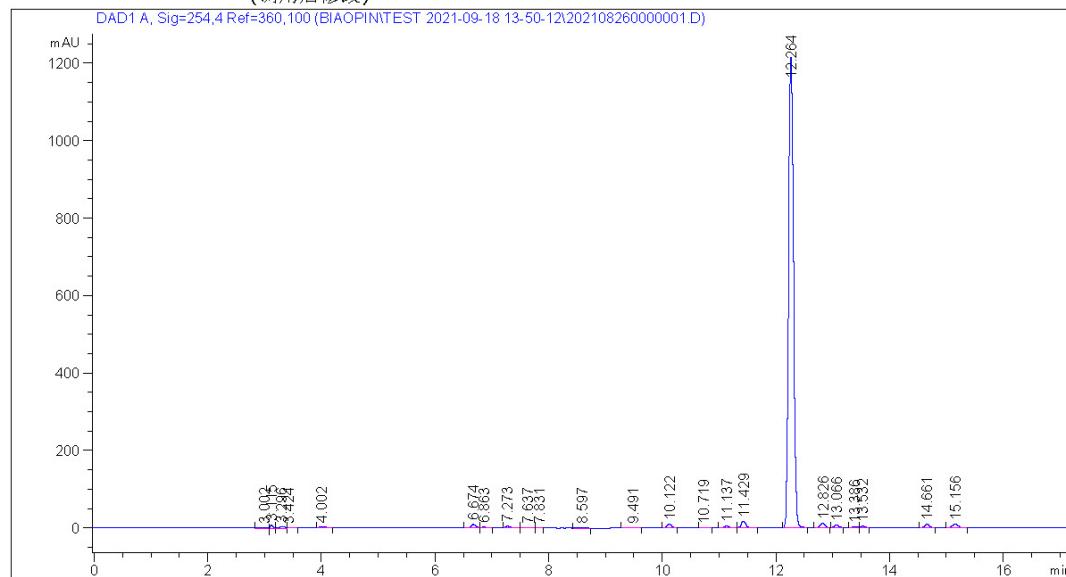
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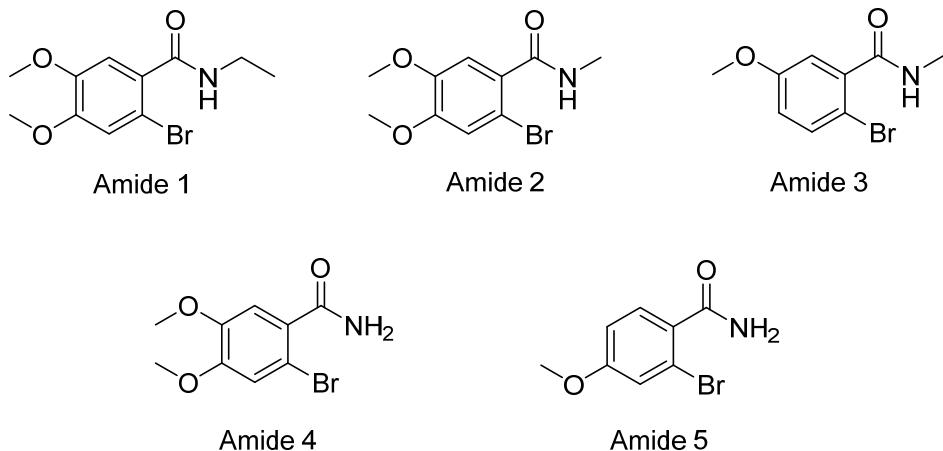
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HPLC spectrum of compound 17.

Preparation of intermediates

Synthesis of amide substrates



Synthetic procedures for these amides were already reported in the previous reports¹.

2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid, 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid,
2-bromo-5-methoxybenzoic acid, 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid or
2-bromo-4-methoxybenzoic acid (10 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (20 mL)
respectively, to which SOCl_2 (10 mL) was added. The reaction solution was stirred for
6 h at 50°C, and then concentrated to remove DCM. The residue was then added to a
solution of methylamine or ethylamine in water at 0°C and filtered. The cake was
purified by column chromatography to give Amide 1-5 as a pale yellow solid (yield
80-90%).

Synthesis of intermediates 1a-1e

By referencing the synthesis method of 6-Phenanthridinones², amide substrates were coupled to 1-iodo-2-ethylbenzene or 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene to afford compound **1a-1e**. A flask was charged under nitrogen with $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5 mmol), tri(2-furyl) phosphine (1.1 mmol), K_2CO_3 (20 mmol), the amides 1-5 (10 mmol), a solution of norbornene (12 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (20 mL), and 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene or 1-iodo-2-ethylbenzene (11 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 105 °C for 8 h and then cooled to r.t. After the addition of saturated NH_4Cl (50 mL) and extraction with EtOAc (3×50 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed

with brine (30 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to furnish **1a-1e** as a colorless solid. (yield 75-85%).

Synthesis of intermediates **3a-3c**

By referencing the synthesis method of dihydrophenanthridines³, compounds **3a-3c** were synthesized through the reduction of compounds **1a-1c** in the presence of BH₃-THF. To a stirred solution of **1a-1c** (1 mmol) in THF (2 ml) was added 1M BH₃-THF (2 mL, 2 mmol) dropwise. After an 6 h stirring in an 60 °C oil bath and then quenched using H₂O (5 mL), phases were separated and aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give **3a-3c** as colorless oil.(yield 10-80%).

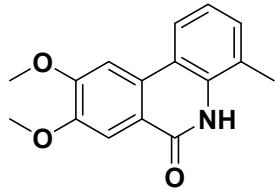
Compounds **3b** and **3c** could also be prepared through the reduction of compounds **1** and **2**. To a stirred solution of **1** or **2** (1 mmol) in MeOH (2 ml) was added NaBH₄ (5 mmol). After an 2 h stirring at r.t. and then quenched using H₂O (5 mL), the solvent was removed by evaporation. The residue was added H₂O and extracted with (2×20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give **3b** or **3c** as colorless oil. (yield 55-60%).

Synthesis of intermediates **5a**

Compound **3a** (1 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml). The reaction solution was then cooled to -78 °C and BBr₃ (0.4 mL, 4 mmol) was added dropwise. After an 6 h stirring at room temperature and then quenched using saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL), phases were separated and aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give **5a** as a yellow solid.(yield 65%).

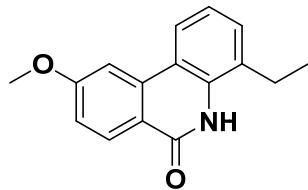
Characterization data of intermediates

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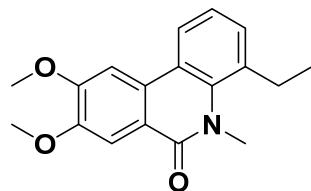
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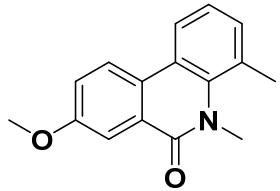
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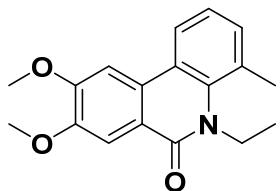
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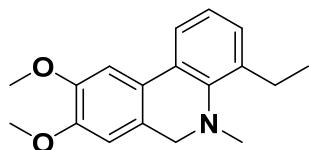
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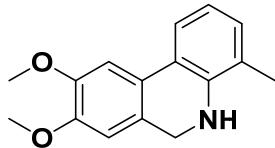
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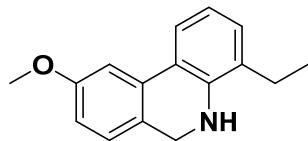
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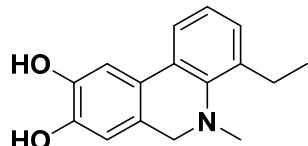
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4-ethyl-9-methoxy-5,6-dihydrophenanthridine (3c)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.54 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C 159.3 (C), 143.5 (C), 143.3 (C), 133.7 (C), 128.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.3 (C), 121.7 (C), 121.7 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 108.3 (CH), 55.4 (CH₃), 45.8 (CH₂), 23.9 (CH₂), 13.2 (CH₃). ESI⁺ *m/z*: 240 [M+H]⁺.

4-ethyl-5-methyl-5,6-dihydrophenanthridine-8,9-diol (5a)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.82-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.28 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C 143.8 (C), 143.0 (C), 141.2(C), 139.4 (C), 128.8 (C), 127.6 (CH), 126.3(C), 125.1 (C), 124.6 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 113.8 (CH), 110.4 (CH), 53.6 (CH₂), 40.2 (CH₃), 23.3 (CH₂), 14.9 (CH₃).

Amino acid and nucleotide sequences in this study

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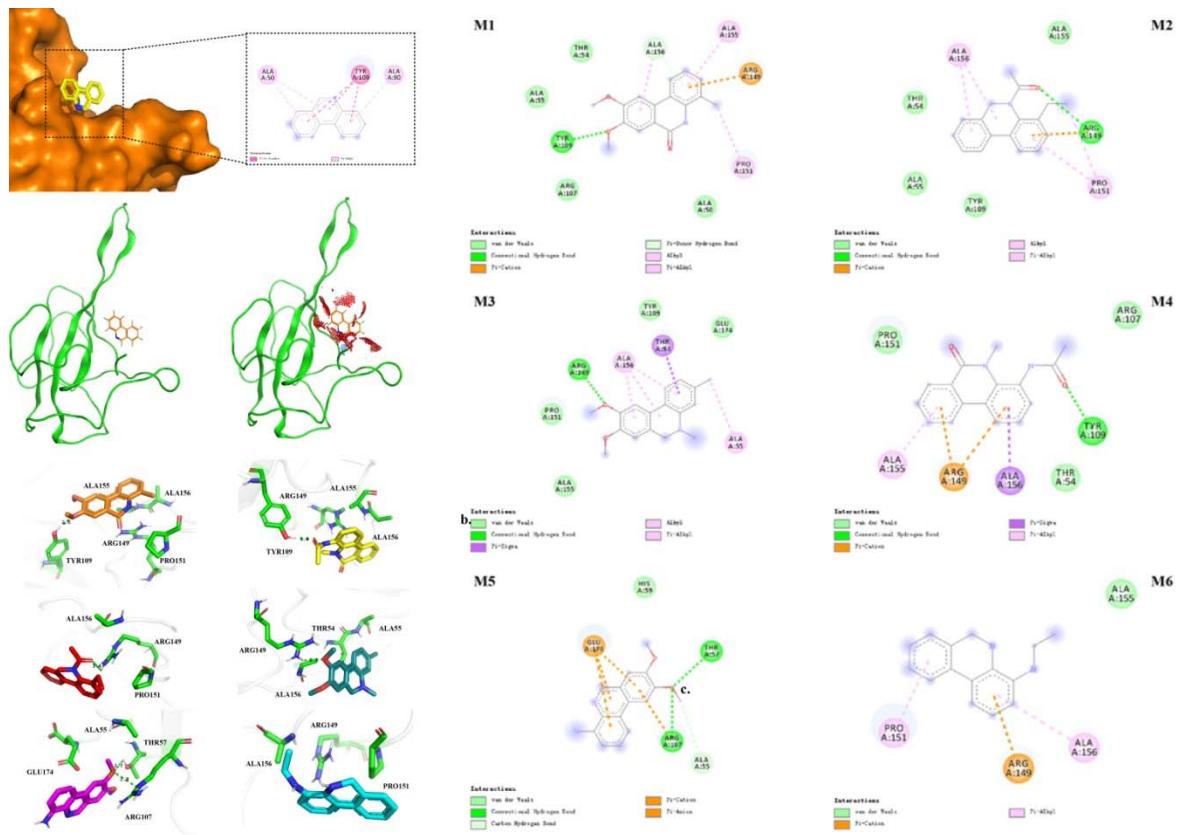


Figure S1: Two dimensional (2D) of binding modes of the six model molecular (**M1-6**) with SARS-CoV-2 N-NTD. The estimated binding free energies are: -6.2 kcal/mol (**M1**), -5.6 kcal/mol (**M2**), -5.7 kcal/mol (**M3**), -5.8 kcal/mol (**M4**), -5.9 kcal/mol (**M5**), -5.2 kcal/mol (**M6**).

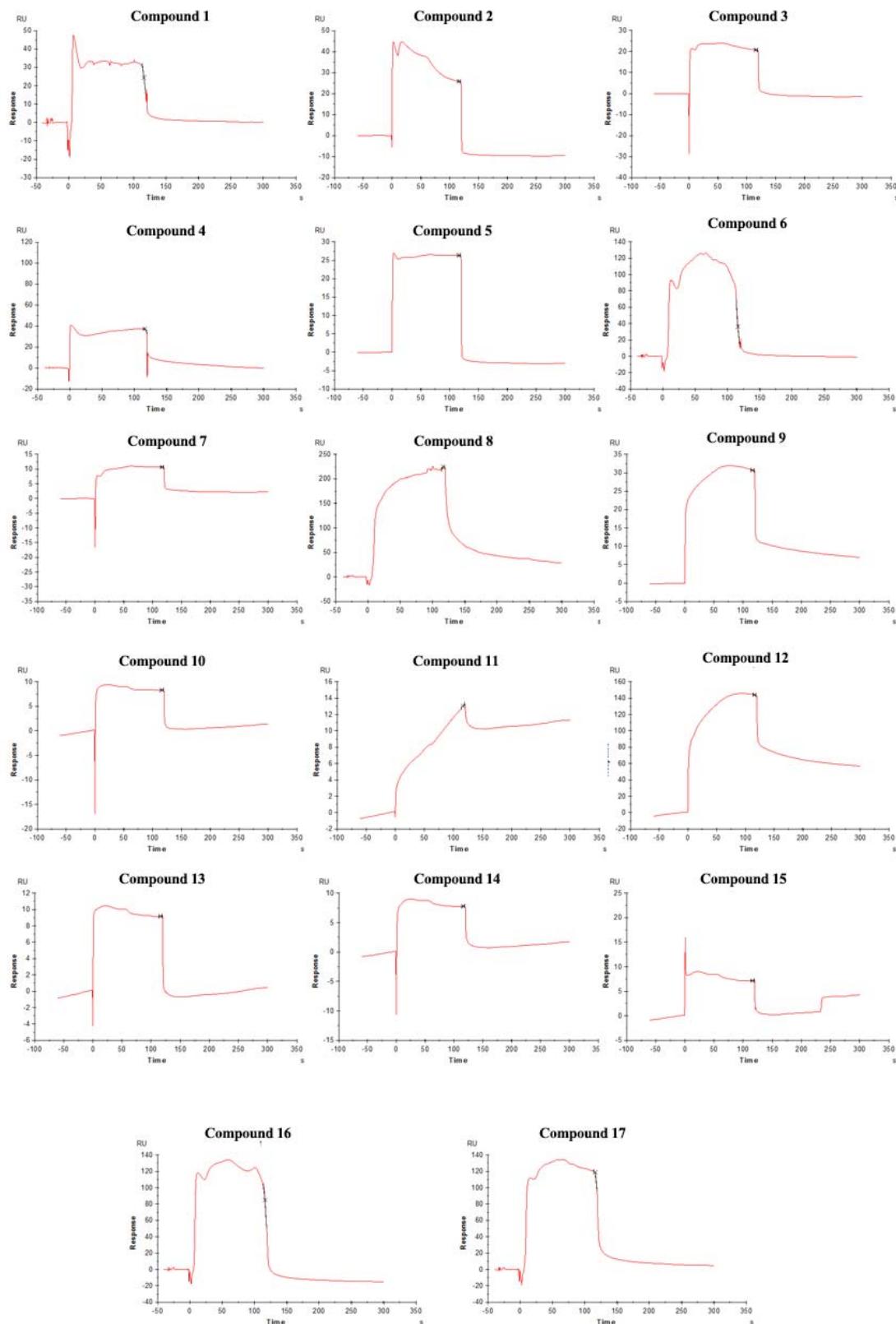
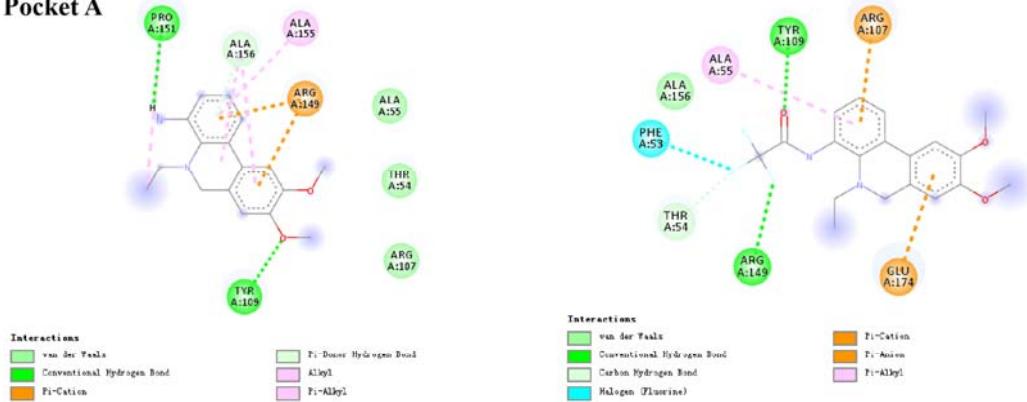
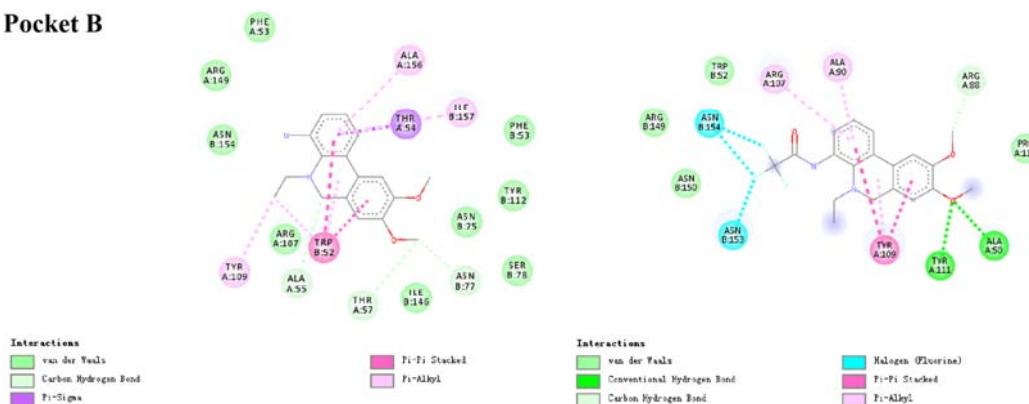


Figure S2: SARS-CoV-2 Npro binding level screening of compounds **1-17**. Binding curves of immobilized SARS-CoV-2 Npro. Data are shown as red lines. Top four compounds were chosen as the hits.

Pocket A



Pocket B



Pocket C

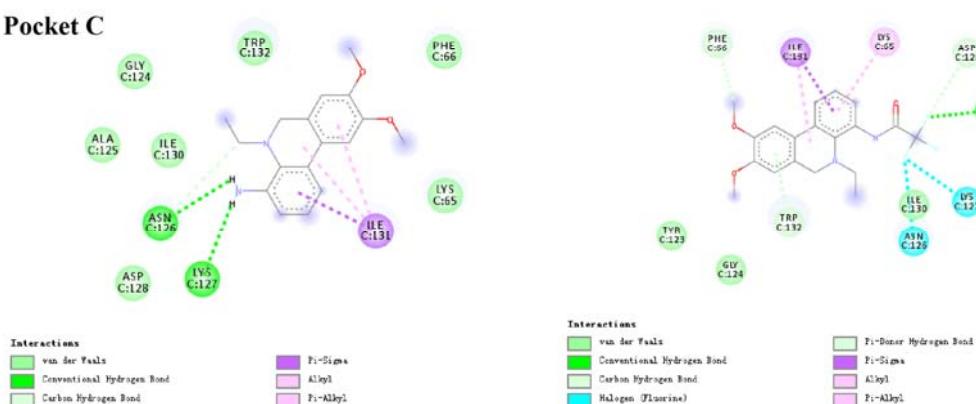


Figure S3: Docking modes of compound **12** (left) and **16** (right) with three potential pockets of SARS-CoV-2 Npro.

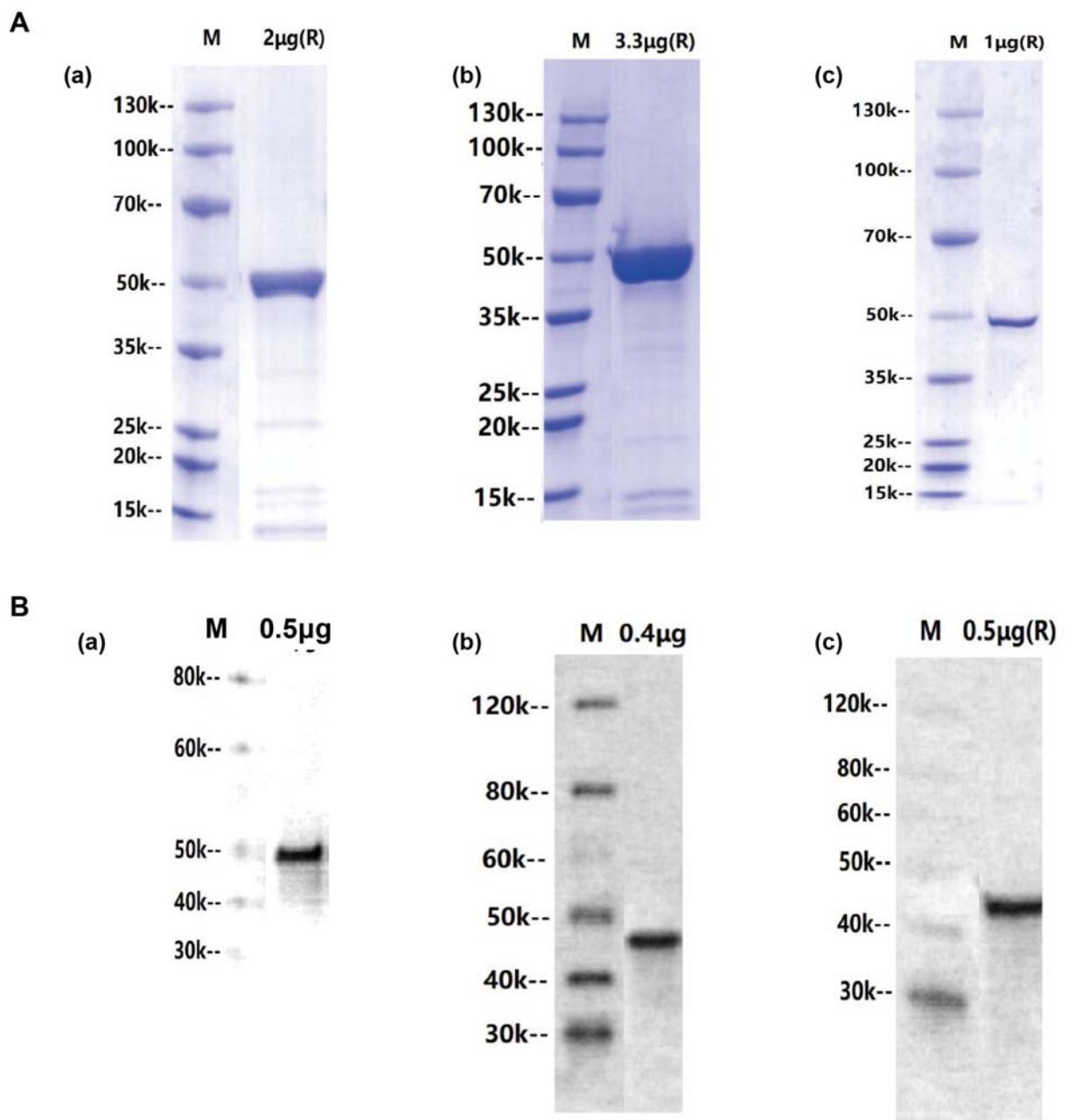


Figure S4: The analysis data of mutant A-C after purification. A: SDS-PAGE results. Lane M: Marker. Lane 1: purified protein. B: Western Blot results. Lane M: Marker (M00521, Genscript). Primary antibody: His-Tag Mouse Monoclonal Antibody (abs137964, absin). Second antibody: Goat Anti-Mouse (115-035-146, Jackson). (a): mutant A. (b): mutant B. (c): mutant C.

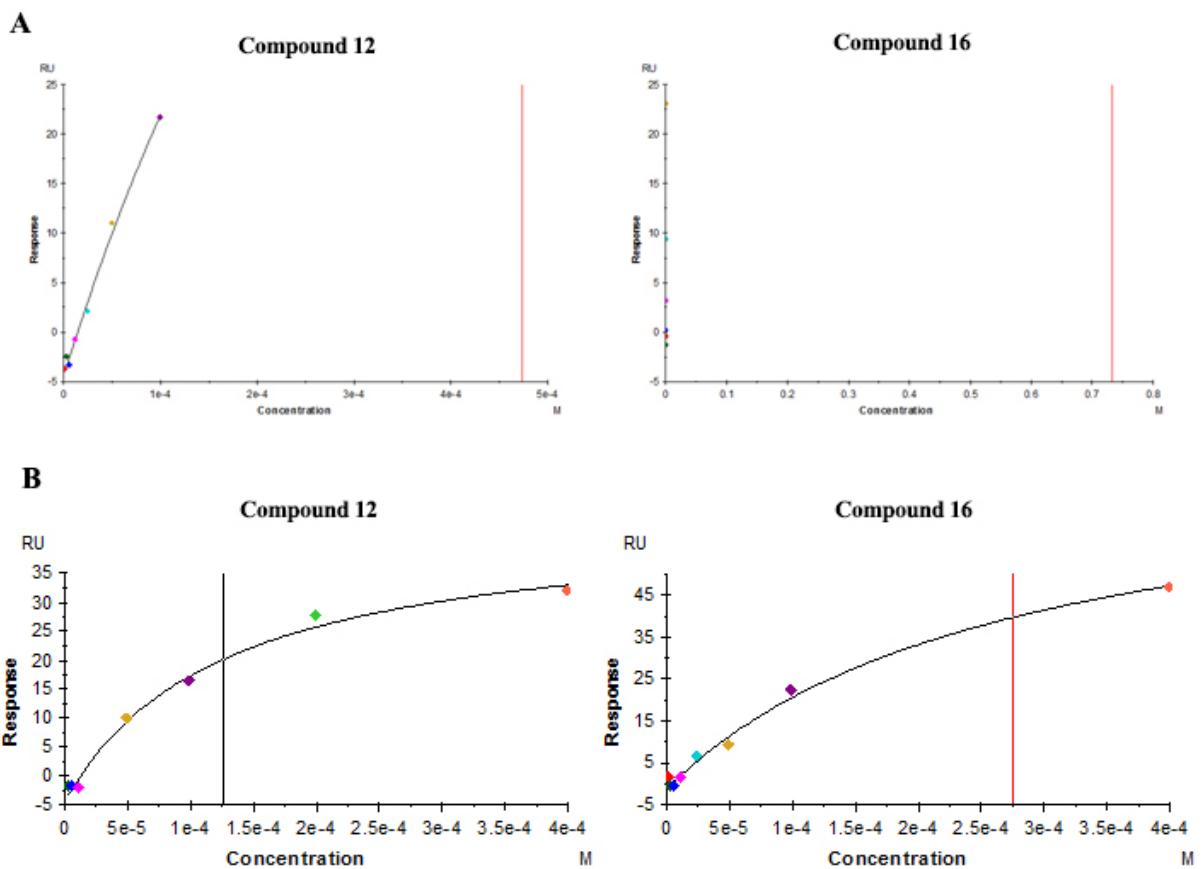


Figure S5: The affinity fitting curves of mutant A-B with compound **12** or **16**. A: Fitting curves of immobilized mutant A. B: Fitting curves of immobilized mutant B. When the affinity of the small molecule is weak, there is no kinetic curve, and the affinity model is used to fit. When the small molecule with strong affinity, the kinetics model is used to fit. (according to the GE Healthcare Laboratory Guideline).

Table S1. The SPR RU values of Phenanthridine Compounds.

	Mean	SD		Mean	SD
Compound 1	29.45	2.05	Compound 10	13.14	1.14
Compound 2	30.7	4	Compound 11	17.71	1.11
Compound 3	34.9	5.3	Compound 12	144.9	11.35
Compound 4	33.45	3.85	Compound 13	14.3	1.5
Compound 5	34.95	0.25	Compound 14	10.6	0.9
Compound 6	57.5	4.8	Compound 15	11.85	1.05
Compound 7	22	2.5	Compound 16	101	7.5
Compound 8	210.7	10.58	Compound 17	125.1	6.4
Compound 9	23.14	0.96			

Table S2. The Viability of SARS-CoV-2 Infected Cell After Treatment of Phenanthridine Compounds

Concentration (μ M)	Compound 12		Compound 16		Remdesivir	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
0.064	42.07	0.5515	49.07	2.164	16.557	7.279
0.32	44.04	3.567	66.95	28.14	22.283	4.497
1.6	69.61	23.35	84.14	36.77	56.674	20.297
8	73.32	22.93	82.36	20.35	103.720	2.962
40	87.56	1.682	87.41	6.437	97.265	0.155
200	97.85	2.289	99.6	6.335	81.893	8.897

Table S3 The Inhibition of Phenanthridine Compounds on SARS-CoV-2

Concentration (μ M)	Compound 12		Compound 16	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
3.125	45.99	17.76	56.23	24.35
6.25	53.79	23.2	54.85	18.31
12.5	61.27	32.45	68.79	13.71
50	76.41	15.07	68.9	1.378
100	72.33	12.93	97.83	2.39

Table S4. The EC₅₀ Value of Compound **12** and **16**.

	EC ₅₀ (μ M)	CC ₅₀ (μ M)	^a SI
Compound 12	3.69	>200	>50
Compound 16	2.18	>200	>90
Remdesivir	1.21	>200	>150

^a SI= CC₅₀ / EC₅₀

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