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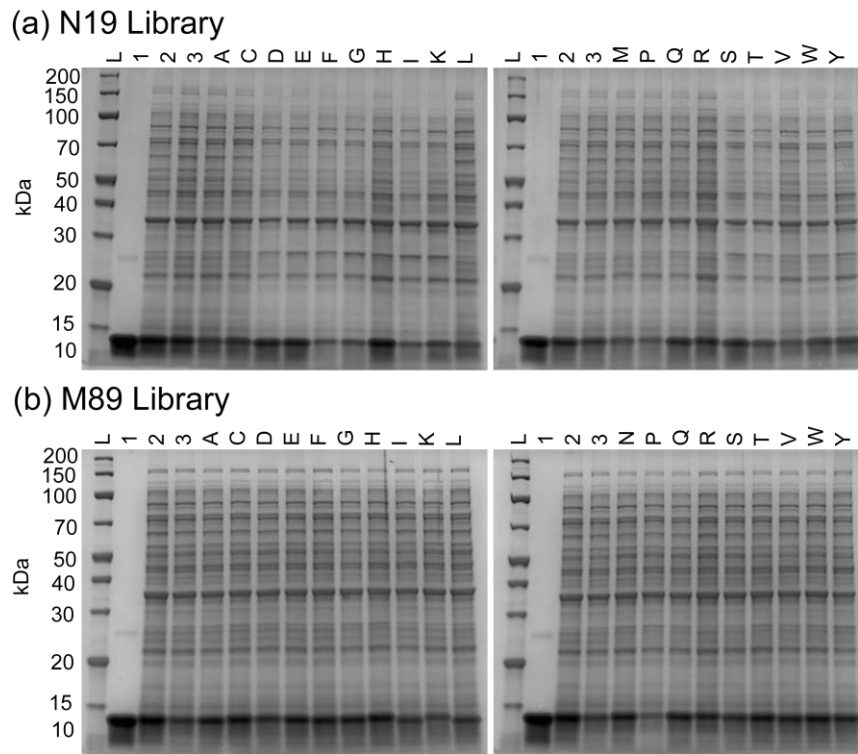
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# 1. Supporting Figures



Supporting Figure 1: SDS-PAGE (ExpressPlus™ 12%, GenScript) analysis of soluble fraction of libraries expressing (a) LmrR\_pAF\_N19X mutants and (b) LmrR\_pAF\_M89X mutants. L = Thermo-Fisher broad-range unstained protein ladder; 1 = LmrR\_pAF (purified) 5  $\mu$ M; 2 = LmrR; 3 = LmrR\_pAF.

## 2. Supporting Tables

**Supporting Table 1.** Optimisation of enzyme loading and substrates concentration for LmrR\_pAF catalysed production of **3a**.<sup>[a]</sup>

[LmrR_pAF] $\mu\text{M}^{[b]}$	[1a] mM	[2a] mM	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>[c]</sup>	ee (%) <sup>[d]</sup>	TON <sup>[e]</sup>
10	6	1	6	71 $\pm$ 3	88 $\pm$ 0	71 $\pm$ 3
5	6	1	16	69 $\pm$ 4	84 $\pm$ 0	138 $\pm$ 8
2	6	1	40	70 $\pm$ 14	76 $\pm$ 3	275 $\pm$ 70 <sup>[f]</sup>
1	6	1	40	28 $\pm$ 9	40 $\pm$ 21	130 $\pm$ 90 <sup>[f]</sup>
0	6	1	40	15 $\pm$ 0	-	-
10	1	6	16	97 $\pm$ 2	82 $\pm$ 2	97 $\pm$ 2
10	2	12	16	87 $\pm$ 8	78 $\pm$ 3	171 $\pm$ 15
10	3.5	21	16	61 $\pm$ 4	63 $\pm$ 2	214 $\pm$ 15
10	5	30	16	61 $\pm$ 11	54 $\pm$ 12	304 $\pm$ 57

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction conditions: 300  $\mu\text{L}$  volume reaction in phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5) containing NaCl (150 mM) and DMF (8 vol %). Reactions conducted at 4  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for specified time. <sup>[b]</sup>LmrR\_pAF concentration refers to that of the dimer. <sup>[c]</sup>Analytical yield calculated using normal-phase HPLC with a calibration curve. <sup>[d]</sup>Enantiomeric excess determined with chiral normal-phase HPLC. <sup>[e]</sup>TON =  $[\mathbf{3a}]/[\text{LmrR\_pAF}]$ . <sup>[f]</sup>40 hours background reaction subtracted from these entries. Experiments were conducted with two batches of protein, and in duplicate, of the four values obtained the results presented are the mean, whilst the errors given are the standard deviation.

**Supporting Table 2.** Background reactions for FC and FC-EP reactions<sup>[a]</sup>

pH	Yield <b>3a</b> (%)	Yield <b>4</b> (%)
6	3 $\pm$ 0	<1
6.5	3 $\pm$ 0	<1
7	3 $\pm$ 0	<1

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction conditions: 300  $\mu\text{L}$  volume reaction in phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5) containing NaCl (150 mM) and DMF (8 vol %) [2-methyl-indole] = 1 mM and [methacrolein] = 6 mM or [crotonaldehyde] = 5 mM. Reactions conducted at 4  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 6 hours, followed by reduction with  $\text{NaBH}_4$ . Analytical yield calculated using normal-phase HPLC with a calibration curve. Experiments were conducted in triplicate, the results are the mean of the values obtained and the errors are the standard deviation.

### 3. Materials and Equipment

Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma (UK), Acros (Germany), TCI (Belgium/Japan) and Fluorochem (UK)) and used without further purification unless specified. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Silica-P flash silica gel from Silicycle, 0.040-0.063 mm, 230-400 mesh). The unnatural amino acid pAzF was purchased as racemic mixture from Bachem (Switzerland) or as the enantiopure hydrochloride salt from Iris-Biotech (Germany). NMR  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ . Chemical shifts values ( $\delta$ ) are denoted in ppm using residual solvent peaks as the internal standard ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ :  $\delta$  7.26 for  $^1\text{H}$ ; 77.16 for  $^{13}\text{C}$ .  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ :  $\delta$  2.50 for  $^1\text{H}$ ; 39.52 for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). HPLC analysis was conducted using a Shimadzu LC-10ADVP HPLC equipped with a Shimadzu SPD-M10AVP diode array detector. Plasmid pEVOL-pAzF was obtained from Addgene (pEvol-pAzF was a gift from Prof. Peter Schultz (The Scripps Research Institute))<sup>1</sup>. Plasmid pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 was obtained from Addgene (pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 was a gift from Prof. Farren Isaacs, Yale University)<sup>2</sup>. *E. coli* strains, NEB5-alpha, NEB10-beta and BL21(DE3) (New England Biolabs) were used for cloning and expression. Primers were synthesized by Eurofins MWG Operon (Germany) and Sigma-Aldrich (UK). Plasmid Purification Kits were obtained from QIAGEN (Germany) and DNA sequencing carried out by GATC-Biotech (Germany). Phusion polymerase and DpnI were purchased from New England Biolabs. Strep-tactin columns (Strep-Tactin® Superflow® high capacity) and Desthiobiotin were purchased from IBA-Lifesciences (Germany). Concentrations of DNA and protein solutions were determined based on the absorption at 260 nm or 280 nm on a Thermo Scientific Nanodrop 2000 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Molar extinction coefficients were approximated using the ProtParam ExPasy web server <https://web.expasy.org/protparam/>. UPLC/MS analysis was performed on Waters Acquity Ultra Performance LC with Acquity TQD detector. Water (solvent A) and acetonitrile (solvent B) containing 0.1% formic acid by volume, were used as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min. Gradient: 90% A for 2 min, linear gradient to 50% A in 2 min, linear gradient to 20% A in 5 min, followed by 2 min at 5% A. Re-equilibration of the column with 2 min at 90% A. SFC analysis was performed using a Water Acquity UPC<sup>2</sup> system. High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) measurements were performed using a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL. Low-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (LRMS) measurements were performed using a Waters Acquity H-class UPLC with Waters Xevo G2 QTOF with the column set to bypass (direct-injection).

## Methods

### 3.1 Protein Production and Purification

LmrR\_pAF variants were produced and purified as previously described<sup>3</sup>. The identity and purity of proteins and the successful reduction of pAzF were determined by mass spectrometry. Protein concentration was determined by correcting the calculated extinction coefficients for LmrR variants for the absorbance of pAF ( $\epsilon_{280} = 1333 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

### 3.2 Construction of Mutants

LmrR\_V15TAG\_L18A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_N19A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_K22A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_M89A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_F93A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_W96A, LmrR\_V15TAG\_D100A and LmrR\_V15TAG\_RGN were prepared and characterised previously<sup>4,5</sup>. The 18 remaining possible mutants at positions N19 and M89 were constructed by site-directed mutagenesis (QuikChange, Agilent Technologies). Primers are described in supporting information section 5. 25  $\mu\text{L}$  reactions were set-up using Phusion polymerase (New England Biolabs) according to the manufacturer protocol with pET17b+\_LmrR\_V15TAG as template. The following PCR protocol was used: (1) initial denaturation at 98 °C for 1 min, (2) 20 cycles of denaturation at 98 °C for 30 s, annealing at 56-68 °C for 30 s, and extension at 72 °C for 2 min, (3) a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min. The crude reaction mixture was transformed into chemically competent *E. coli* cells of either NEB5 $\alpha$  or NEB10 $\beta$  strains and spread onto LB agar plates containing ampicillin (100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ). Single colonies were sent for sequencing (GATC Biotech.). The isolated plasmid was then co-transformed with pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 or pEVOL\_pAzF into chemically-competent *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells or transformed into chemically-competent *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells containing pEVOL\_pAzF\_RS2.t1 or pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 which were spread onto LB agar plates containing ampicillin (100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) and chloramphenicol (34  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ). Single colonies from these plates were grown overnight in 5 mL LB containing ampicillin (100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) and chloramphenicol (34  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) and these culture were used to prepare glycerol stocks which were stored at -70 °C until further use. pEVOL\_pAzF or pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 were used in the preparation of purified LmrR\_pAF mutants, whilst only pEVOL\_pAzFRS.2.t1 was used for the preparation of cell-free extracts in deep-well format, owing to the higher activity of cell-free extracts prepared using this OTS plasmid. These glycerol stocks were used for protein production.

### 3.3 Preparation of Cell-Free Extracts in Deep Well Format

Conducted in a similar manner to our previous works<sup>4,6</sup>. Glycerol stocks of the relevant mutants (along with LmrR\_WT and LmrR\_pAF as controls) were used to inoculate 1.5 mL deep well plates containing 500  $\mu\text{L}$  LB media and appropriate antibiotics in triplicate. The resulting deep well plates were incubated overnight at 37 °C while shaking at 950 rpm (Titramax 1000 & Incubator 1000, Heidolph). The next morning, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of the densely grown overnight cultures were transformed into fresh 96-deep well plates containing 1150  $\mu\text{L}$  LB media and appropriate antibiotics. Glycerol (500  $\mu\text{L}$ , 50 % with miliQ water) was added to the remaining overnight culture, mixed thoroughly and stored at -70 °C. Bacteria were cultured at 37 °C for 5 - 6 hours while shaking at 950 rpm. Subsequently, protein production was induced by addition of 50  $\mu\text{L}$  LB media, containing IPTG (1.2  $\mu\text{L}$  of a 1 M stock solution), arabinose (1.2  $\mu\text{L}$  of a 20% arabinose stock solution) and p-azidophenylalanine at a concentration of 30 mM (final concentrations: IPTG = 1 mM, arabinose = 0.02%, pAzF = 1.2 mM). To avoid precipitation of the unnatural amino acid, pAzF was dissolved by addition of base (1 M NaOH) prior to addition to the LB media. Plates were then incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours while shaking (950 rpm) and then 50  $\mu\text{L}$  was removed from each triplicate and combined to give 150  $\mu\text{L}$  for each distinct mutant. This was used for SDS-PAGE analysis using the BugBuster® (primary amine-free) Extraction Reagent (Millipore). The remaining culture was harvested by centrifugation (3,500 rpm at 4 °C for 15 minutes). After removing the supernatant, cells were washed by addition of 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer A (50 mM sodium phosphate, 150 mM NaCl, pH = 6), and the supernatant was again discarded after centrifugations (3,500 rpm for 10 minutes). For the preparation of cell-free extracts, bacteria were resuspended in 300  $\mu\text{L}$  buffer A, containing protease inhibitor (Roche cOmplete), lysozyme (1 mg/mL), DNase I (0.1 mg/mL) and MgSO<sub>4</sub> (10 mM) to assist in cell lysis and prevent protein degradation. Resuspended cells were incubated for 2 hours at 30 °C at 800 rpm and then stored until further use at -20 °C. The lysates were defrosted and 30  $\mu\text{L}$  of a TCEP stock solution (100 mM in buffer A, adjusted to pH 6 by addition of 6 M NaOH) was added to individual wells. The reduction was initially performed for 2 hours at 30 °C, after which incubation was continued overnight at 4 °C. Subsequently, cell debris was removed by centrifugation (4,000 rpm, 1 hour, 4 °C) and 276  $\mu\text{L}$  of cell-free lysate was transferred into 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes for catalysis, stored at 4 °C and used within 8 hours.

### 3.4 Catalysis with Cell-Free Extracts and Purified Protein

Reactions were conducted in 300  $\mu\text{L}$  total volume in a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube. Stock solutions of protein in PBS buffer (50 mM NaCl, 150 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH as specified) to give the specified final concentration and the same buffer was added to make up 276  $\mu\text{L}$  volume. For screening of N19 and M89 mutant libraries, 276  $\mu\text{L}$  of cell-free lysate was used instead. Stock solutions of indole (25 mM in DMF, 12  $\mu\text{L}$  added, final concentration 1 mM) and enal (150 mM or 750 mM when using cell-free lysate, 12  $\mu\text{L}$  added to give final concentrations of 6 mM or 18 mM with cell free lysate) substrates were added. The microcentrifuge tubes were then mixed by continuous inversion in a cold room at 4 °C for the specified reaction time. After the reaction time had elapsed, NaBH<sub>4</sub> solution (60  $\mu\text{L}$ , 20 mg/mL in 0.5 w/v % NaOH) and 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)indole internal standard solution (12  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5 mM in DMF) were added. The micro-centrifuge tubes were mixed by continuous inversion for a further 30 minutes.

For HPLC analysis (Products **3a**, **3b** and **3d-i**): the reaction products and internal standard were then extracted by vortex mixing with EtOAc (1 mL) and the organic extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated to dryness. The residue thus obtained was redissolved by vortex mixing with HPLC grade solvent (heptane:isopropanol 4:1, 90 µL) and analysed by normal phase HPLC to determine yield and enantioselectivity with a 20 µL injection volume (injection volumes were reduced proportionately when indole concentrations above 1 mM were used).

For SFC analysis (cell free extract libraries with product **3a**, purified protein with product **3c** and **3l**) 400 µL n-butanol was added to the reactions and vortexed for one minute. The layers were separated with the aid of centrifugation (14,500 rpm, 5 minutes) and 150 µL of the organic layer was taken for SFC analysis, using a 10 µL injection volume. For product **3k**, the extraction and sample preparation procedure described for HPLC analysis was used, but the samples were analysed by SFC.



## 4. Primer List

Primer	Sequence
M89C_fw	TGAAAACACTGTCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89C_rv	CCAGGCGACAGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89D_fw	TGAAAACGATCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89D_rv	CCAGGCGATCGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89E_fw	ATCGGCCATGAAAACGAGCGCCTG
M89E_rv	TCGAACGCCAGGCGCTCGTTTTCA
M89F_fw	TGAAAACACTTCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89F_rv	CCAGGCGAAAAGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89G_fw	TGAAAACGGTCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89G_rv	CCAGGCGACCGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89H_fw	TGAAAACACCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89H_rv	CCAGGCGGTGGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
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M89I_rv	CCAGGCGAATGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89K_fw	TGAAAACAAGCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89K_rv	CCAGGCGCTTGTTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89L_fw	TGAAAACCTGCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
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M89V_fw	TGAAAACGTGCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89V_rv	CCAGGCGCACGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89W_fw	TGAAAACGGCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89W_rv	CCAGGCGCCAGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
M89Y_fw	TGAAAACATCGCCTGGCGTTTCAAT
M89Y_rv	CCAGGCGATAGTTTTTCATGGCCGATT
N19C_fw	CTGCTGTGCGTCCTGAAACAAGGC
N19C_rv	TCAGGACGCACAGCAGGATCTAATTGGT
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N19D_rv	TCAGGACATCCAGCAGGATCTAATTGGT
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N19P_rv	TCAGGACCGGCAGCAGGATCTAATTGGT
N19Q_fw	CTGCTGCAGGTCCTGAAACAAGGC

N19Q_rv	TCAGGACCTGCAGCAGGATCTAATTGGT
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N19W_fw	CTGCTGTGGGTCCTGAAACAAGGC
N19W_rv	TCAGGACCCACAGCAGGATCTAATTGGT
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## 5. Preparation and Characterisation of Reference Products

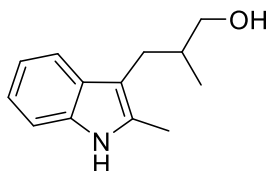
### 5.1 General Procedure for Preparation of Reference Products

The relevant indole (0.5 or 1 mmol) and enal (approximately 3 equivalents) were dissolved in hexafluoroisopropanol (2 or 4 mL) and benzylamine (12  $\mu$ L, 0.11 mmol or 24  $\mu$ L, 0.22 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature until consumption of the indole as evidenced by TLC. Methanol (2 or 4 mL) was added, followed by portionwise additions of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (113 mg, 3 mmol or 227 mg, 3 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 30 mins at ambient temperature and then partitioned between EtOAc (~20 mL) and brine:water 1:1 (~10 mL) and shaken. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* and then purified by silica-gel flash chromatography (pentane:EtOAc 4:1). Fractions containing the product were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compounds.

Note on mass spectrometric analysis: attempts to obtain a HRMS of the molecular ion or its adducts failed despite the use of several ionisation techniques, instead we observed the loss of hydroxide for all reference compounds when using positive electrospray ionisation. This is likely because loss of hydroxide results in a stabilised tertiary carbocation after 1,2-H migration. The molecular proton adduct could be observed without fragmentation when we used a lower resolution technique with a different instrument, for all reference products. The abundance of this ion was very low in all cases, supporting the propensity of these compounds to lose hydroxide under mass spectrometry conditions.

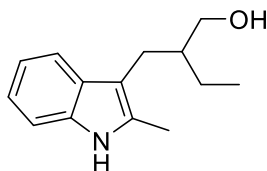
### 5.2 Characterisation of Reference Products

#### 2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3a)



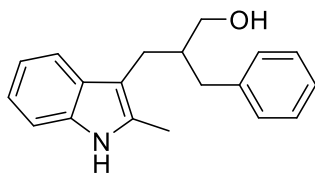
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 2-methyl-indole (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu$ L, 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a yellow oil (36 mg, 35 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature<sup>7</sup>. LRMS calc'd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 204.1; measured 204.2. HRMS: calc'd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>) 186.1277; measured 186.1274. HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-H heptane:isopropanol 80:20 1 mL/min retention times 9.8 min and 10.8 min. SFC analysis: super-critical CO<sub>2</sub> (A) and methanol (B) were used for the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.8 mL/min and a Trefoil AMY1 column was used for chiral separation. Program: 97% A with a linear gradient to 59% A in 3 min, 40% A for 1 min, 97% A for 1 min. Retention times of the enantiomers – 2.37 min and 2.48 min. The configuration of the major product from the enzyme catalysed reaction was tentatively assigned as (S) based on comparison of the order of elution of the enantiomer peaks with that reported in the literature using the same stationary phase. In that report, the configuration was assigned based on analogy to another product whose structure was determined with single-crystal X-ray diffraction<sup>7</sup>. Chiralpak AS-H heptane:isopropanol 90:10 0.5 mL/min retention times 12.9 min (major) and 13.9 min (minor). Literature: Chiralpak AS-H hexane:isopropanol 80:20 0.5 mL/min 13.09 (major – (S)) and 15.41 (minor – (R)).

#### 2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)butan-1-ol (3b)



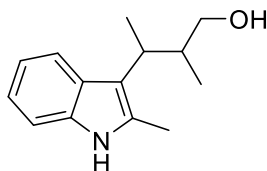
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 2-methyl-indole (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-ethyl-acrolein (150  $\mu$ L, 1.53 mmol). Product obtained as a yellow oil (41 mg, 38 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 1H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.5, 131.6, 129.2, 121.2, 119.4, 118.4, 110.8, 110.3, 65.4, 43.8, 26.1, 24.2, 12.0, 11.8. LRMS calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 218.2; measured 218.3. HRMS calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>) 200.1434; measured 200.1433. HPLC analysis Chiralcel AS-H heptane:isopropanol 90:10 0.5 mL/min retention times of the enantiomers 11.8 and 12.7 min.

### 2-benzyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3c)



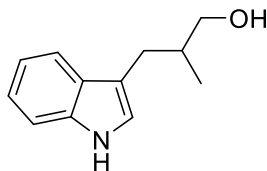
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 2-methyl-indole (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-benzyl-acrolein (220 mg, 1.5 mmol). Product obtained as a yellow oil (20 mg, 14 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.11 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.67 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.14 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.1, 135.4, 131.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 126.1, 121.1, 119.3, 118.2, 110.4, 110.3, 64.9, 44.2, 38.3, 26.0, 11.9. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 280.2; measured 280.3. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 262.1590; measured 262.1591. SFC analysis: super-critical  $\text{CO}_2$  (A) and methanol (B) were used for the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.8 mL/min and a Chiralcel OJ-3 column was used for chiral separation. Program: 99% A with a linear gradient to 90% A in 8.5 min, linear gradient to 50% A in 0.5 min, 50% A for 1 min, 99% A for 1 min. Retention times of the enantiomers – 9.43 min and 9.61 min.

### 2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-1-ol (3d)



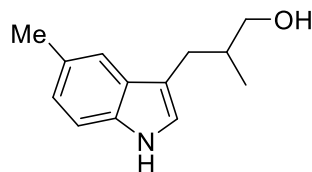
Tiglic aldehyde (568  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5.87 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-Me-indole (250 mg, 1.81 mmol) in 8 mL DCM thereafter catalysts tosylic acid (31 mg) and benzylamine (19  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 30  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 70 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* after which the intermediate was dissolved in 8 mL MeOH.  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (400 mg, 6 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 60 minutes. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was dissolved in 20 mL EtOAc thereafter it was washed with brine (3x 10 mL) in a separation funnel. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The crude was purified by silica column (6:1, pentane:EtOAc). The product was obtained as a yellow oil in a mixture of diastereomers (44.8 mg, 10.7 %). First diastereomer:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 3.82 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H). Second diastereomer:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.6, 130.7, 121.0, 120.7, 119.8, 119.6, 119.1, 118.9, 115.6, 110.5, 110.4, 67.7, 66.8, 41.3, 40.9, 34.0, 33.3, 18.8, 18.8, 16.0, 15.9, 12.5, 12.4. (Peaks for both diastereomers). LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 218.2; measured 218.3; HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 200.1432; measured 200.1429. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OD-H heptane:isopropanol 90:10 0.5 mL/min retention times 25.9 and 27.2 min (enantiomers of first diastereomer) and 32.6 and 33.9 min (enantiomers of second diastereomer)

### 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3e)



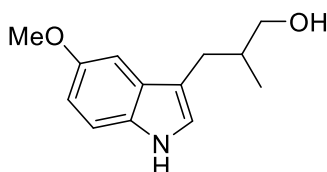
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from indole (118 mg, 1 mmol) and methacrolein (228  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.76 mmol). Product obtained as a slightly turbid colourless oil (108 mg, 53 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 3.60 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.5, 128.0, 122.2, 122.1, 119.4, 119.3, 114.9, 111.3, 68.3, 36.9, 29.1, 17.2. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 190.1; measured 190.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 172.1121; measured 172.1121. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OD-H heptane:isopropanol 85:15 1 mL/min retention times of the enantiomers 14.4 and 15.5 min.

### **2-methyl-3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3f)**



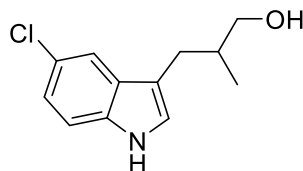
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 5-methyl-indole (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu$ L, 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a colourless oil (31 mg, 31 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.60 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  $J$  = 14.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J$  = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  134.9, 128.7, 128.2, 123.8, 122.4, 118.9, 114.4, 110.9, 68.4, 36.8, 29.2, 21.7, 17.3. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 204.1; measured 204.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 186.1277; measured 186.1278. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OJ-H heptane:isopropanol 80:20 retention time of the enantiomers 8.6 and 10.9 min.

### **3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3g)**



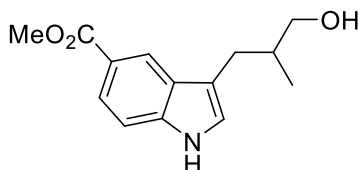
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 5-methoxy-indole (74 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu$ L, 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a yellow oil (40 mg, 37 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.1, 131.7, 128.5, 123.1, 114.6, 112.2, 112.0, 101.3, 68.3, 56.2, 36.8, 29.2, 17.3. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 220.1; measured 220.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 202.1226; measured 202.1225. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OJ-H heptane:isopropanol 80:20 1 mL/min retention time of the enantiomers 11.0 and 12.1 min.

### **3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3h)**



Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 5-chloro-indole (76 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu$ L, 1.38 mmol). 1 mL methanol was added to the reaction mixture to ensure complete dissolution of the indole starting material. Product obtained as a slightly turbid colourless oil (21 mg, 19 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.31 (s, 1H), 0.97 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  134.8, 129.2, 125.3, 123.7, 122.4, 118.8, 114.8, 112.3, 68.1, 36.8, 28.9, 17.1. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}^{35}\text{ClNO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 224.1; measured 224.2; calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}^{37}\text{ClNO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 226.1; measured 226.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}^{35}\text{ClN}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 206.0731; measured 206.0729; calc'd  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}^{37}\text{ClN}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 208.0702; measured 208.0702. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OJ-H heptane:isopropanol 76:24 1 mL/min retention time of the enantiomers 6.0 and 6.6 min.

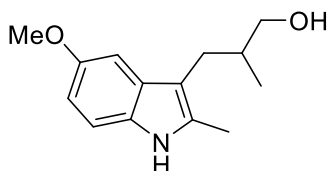
### **methyl 3-(3-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3i)**



Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from methyl indole-5-carboxylate (88 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu$ L, 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a white solid (43 mg, 35 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

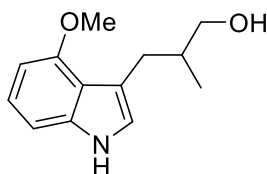
8.38 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.91 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.4, 139.1, 127.7, 123.6, 123.5, 122.3, 121.6, 116.5, 110.9, 68.1, 52.1, 36.9, 28.9, 17.1. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 248.1; measured 248.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 230.1176; measured 230.1176. HPLC analysis Chiralcel AS-H heptane:isopropanol 90:10 0.5 mL/min retention time of the enantiomers 18.9 and 20.2 min.

### **3-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3i)**



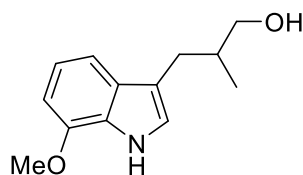
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 5-methoxy-2-methyl-indole (81 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a yellow oil (48 mg, 41 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd,  $J = 14.3, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 14.3, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.1, 132.7, 130.6, 129.7, 110.9, 110.5, 110.5, 101.2, 68.4, 56.3, 37.4, 28.2, 17.3, 12.1. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 234.1; measured 234.2. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 216.1383; measured 216.1382. HPLC analysis Chiralcel OD-H heptane:isopropanol 85:15 1 mL/min retention time of the enantiomers 14.2 and 15.3 min.

### **3-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3k)**



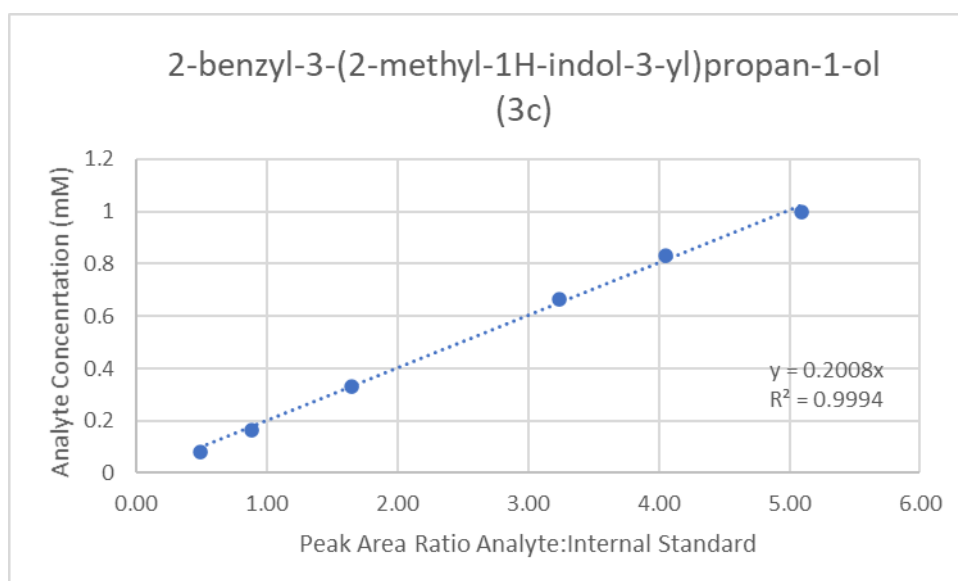
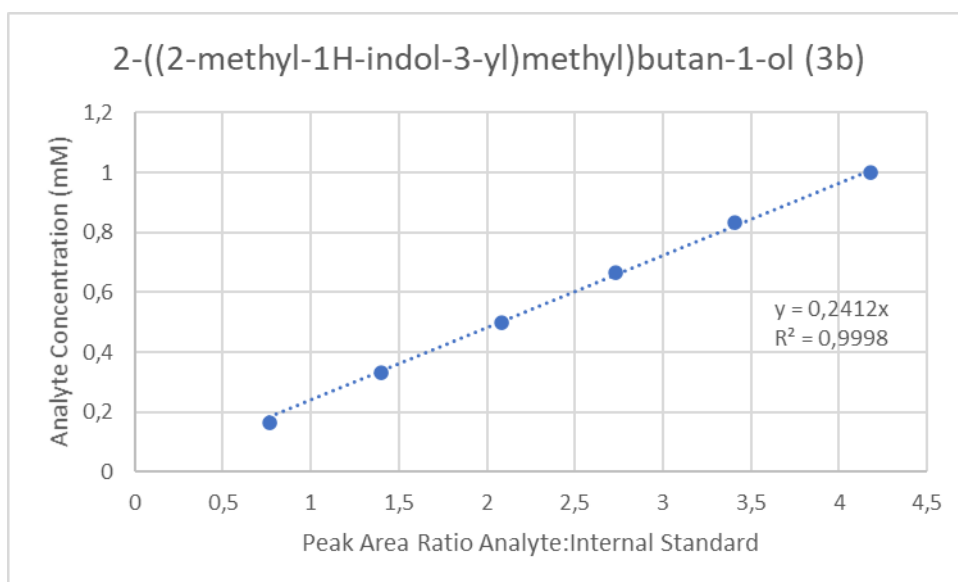
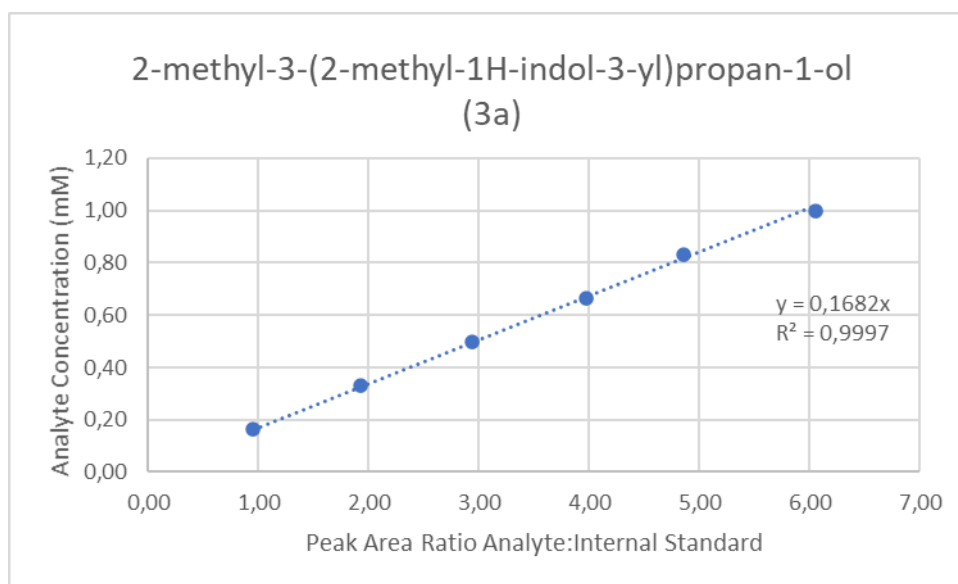
Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 4-methoxy-indole (74 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a colourless oil (33 mg, 30 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.97 (dd,  $J = 14.1, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd,  $J = 14.0, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.7, 138.2, 122.8, 121.4, 117.7, 114.9, 104.9, 99.8, 67.5, 55.3, 38.0, 30.0, 16.9. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 220.1; measured 220.1. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 202.1226; measured 202.1223. SFC analysis: super-critical  $\text{CO}_2$  (A) and methanol (B) were used for the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.8 mL/min and a Trefoil CEL1 column was used for chiral separation. Program: 97% A for 3 min, linear gradient to 50% A in 13 min, 50% A for 1 min, 97% A for 1 min. Retention times of the enantiomers – 5.62 min and 5.78 min.

### **3-(7-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3l)**

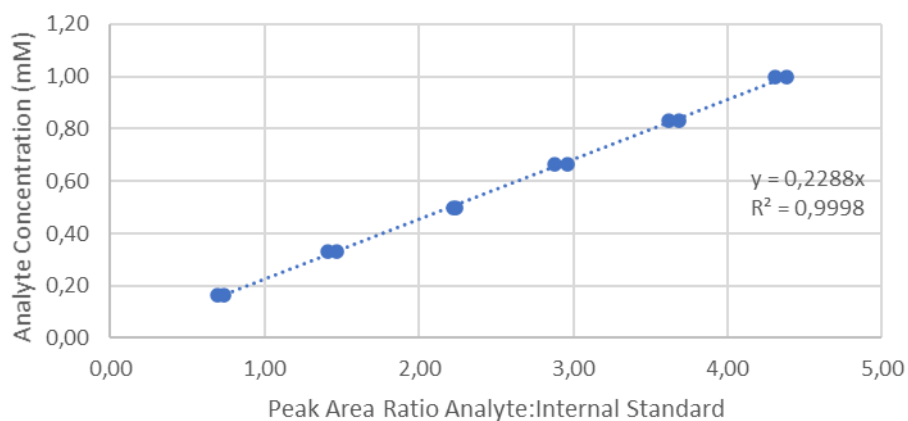


Prepared via the general procedure outlined above from 7-methoxy-indole (74 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methacrolein (114  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.38 mmol). Product obtained as a colourless oil (66 mg, 60 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd,  $J = 14.3, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dq,  $J = 13.2, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 1H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.3, 129.3, 126.9, 121.8, 119.7, 115.2, 112.0, 101.9, 68.2, 55.4, 36.9, 29.2, 17.1. LRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 220.1; measured 220.1. HRMS calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ ) 202.1226; measured 202.1222. SFC analysis: super-critical  $\text{CO}_2$  (A) and methanol (B) were used for the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.8 mL/min and a Trefoil CEL1 column was used for chiral separation. Program: 97% A with a linear gradient to 50% A in 3 min, 50% A for 1 min, 97% A for 1 min. Retention times of the enantiomers – 2.58 min and 2.69 min.

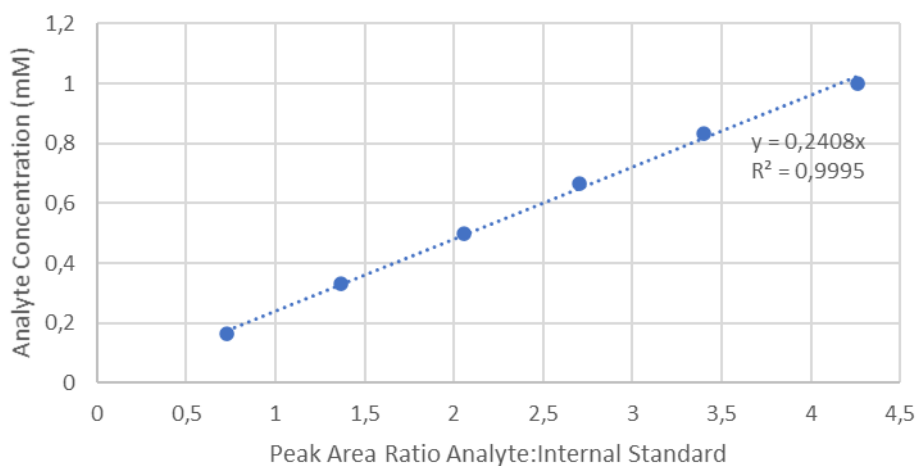
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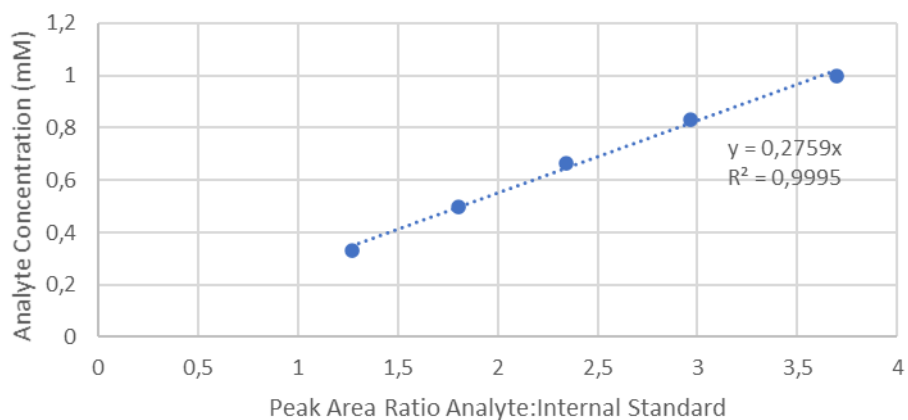
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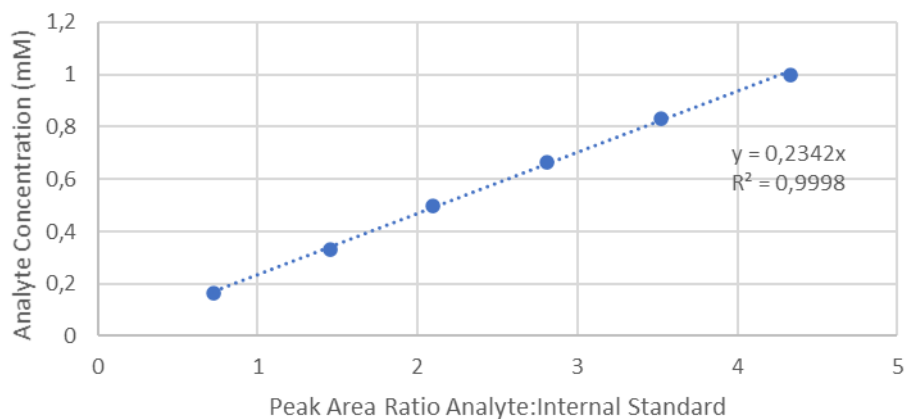


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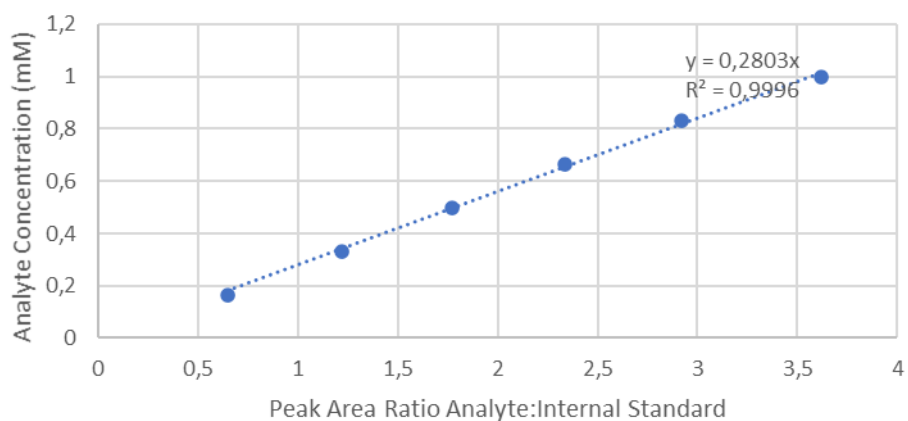




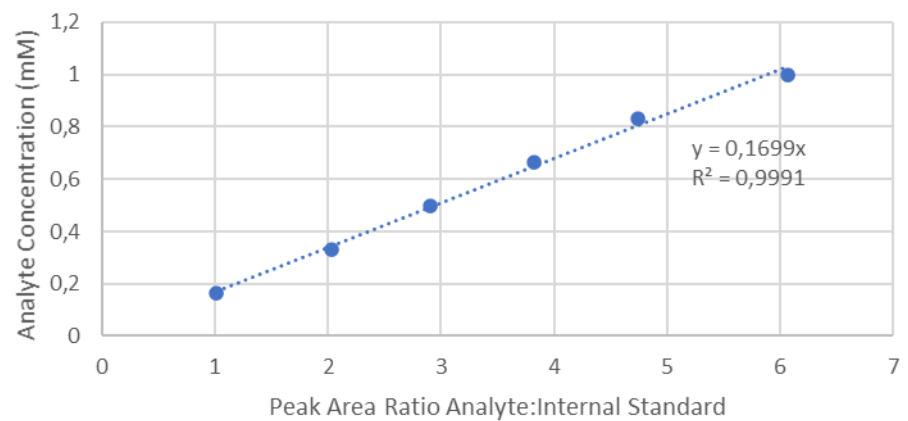
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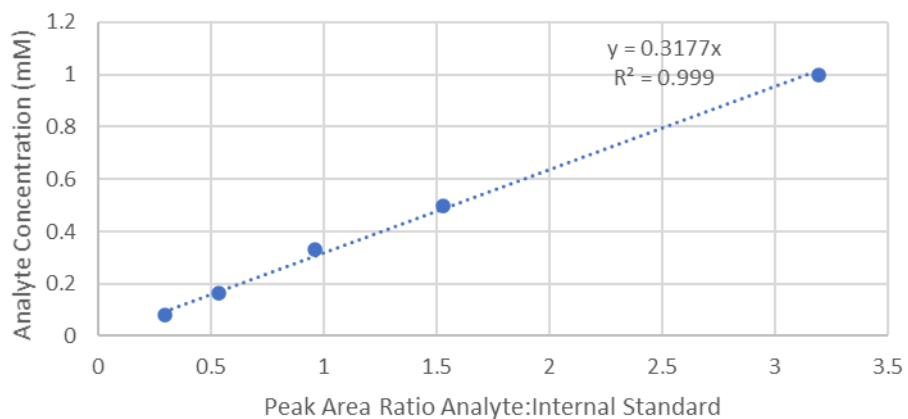
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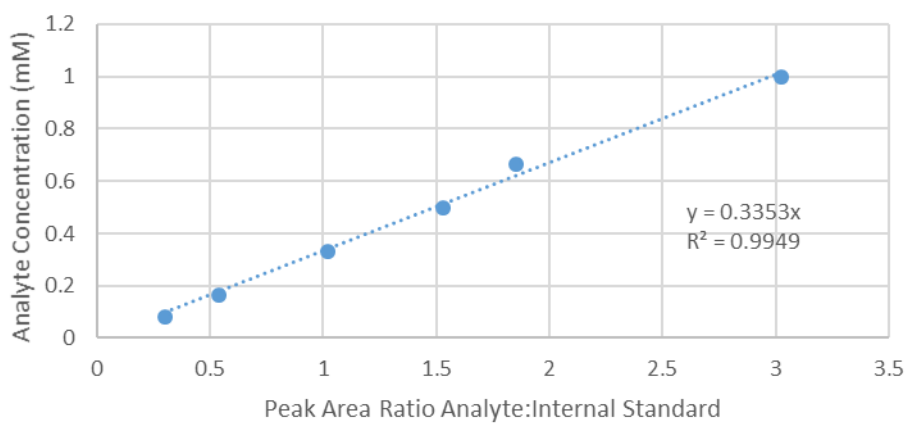
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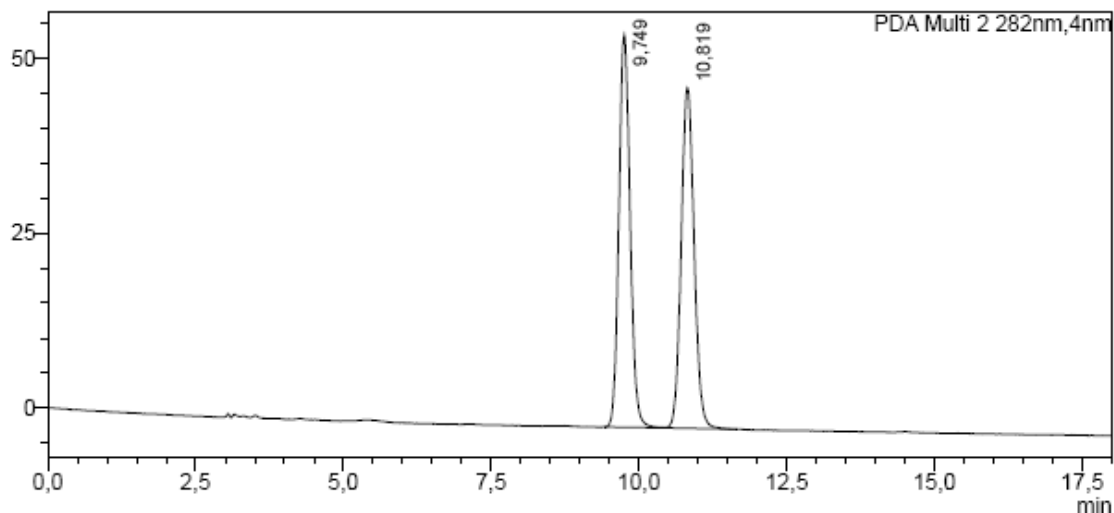


## 7. HPLC Chromatograms

### 2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3a)

Reference product:

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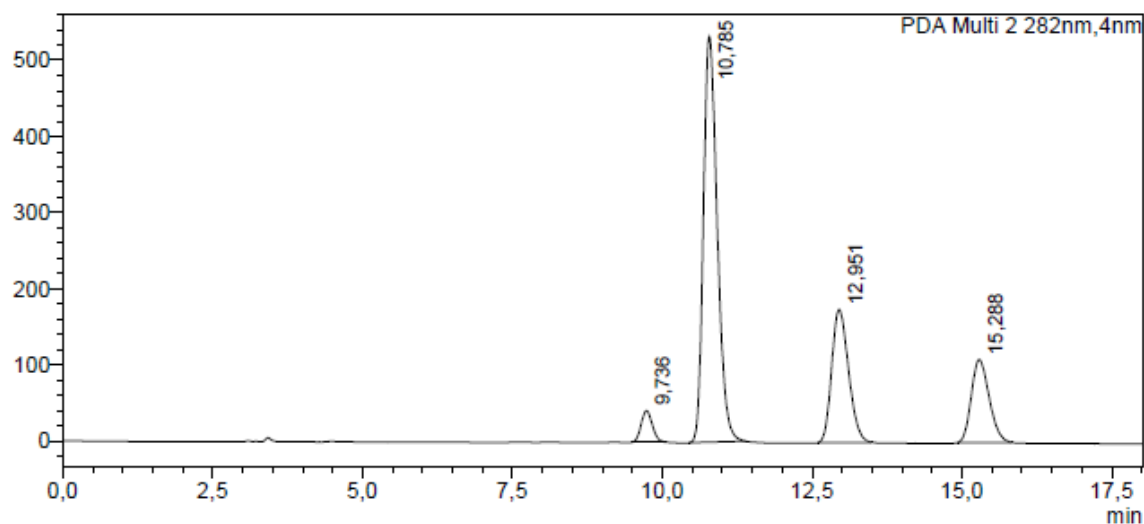
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1	9,749	739769	56018	49,970			
2	10,819	740666	48623	50,030			
Total		1480435	104641				

Catalysis sample: 10  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 6 hours reaction time at 4°. 13.0 min = 2-methyl-indole. 15.3 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).

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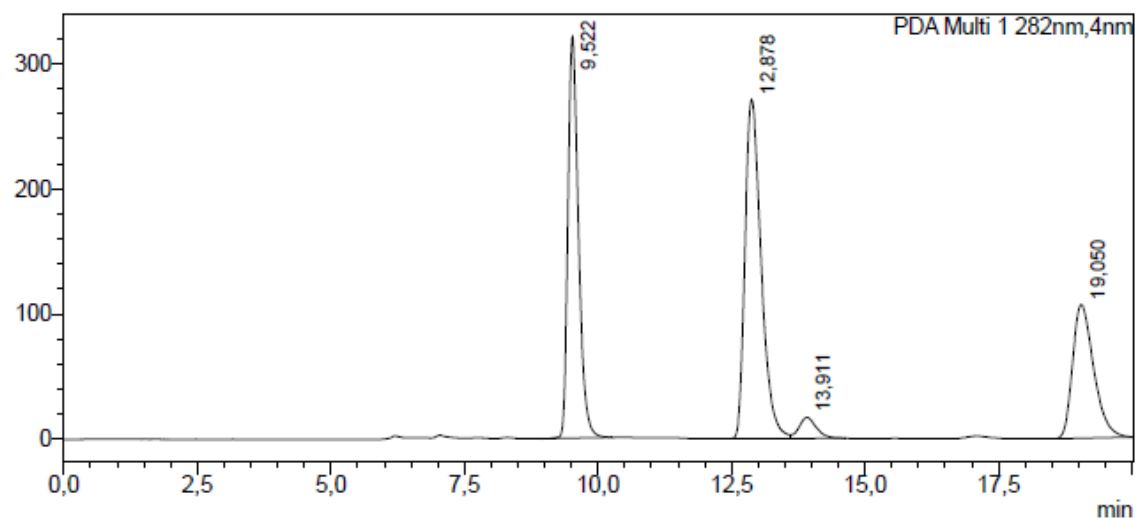


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2	10,785	8547512	532680	0,000			
3	12,951	3412447	174615	0,000			
4	15,288	2250590	108690	0,000			
Total		14747407	857382				

Catalysis sample: 10  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 2 hours reaction time at 4°. 9.5 min = 2-methyl-indole. 12.9 min and 13.9 product enantiomers. 19.5 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard). Using Chiralpak AS-H, heptane:isopropanol 90:10 0.5 mL/min.



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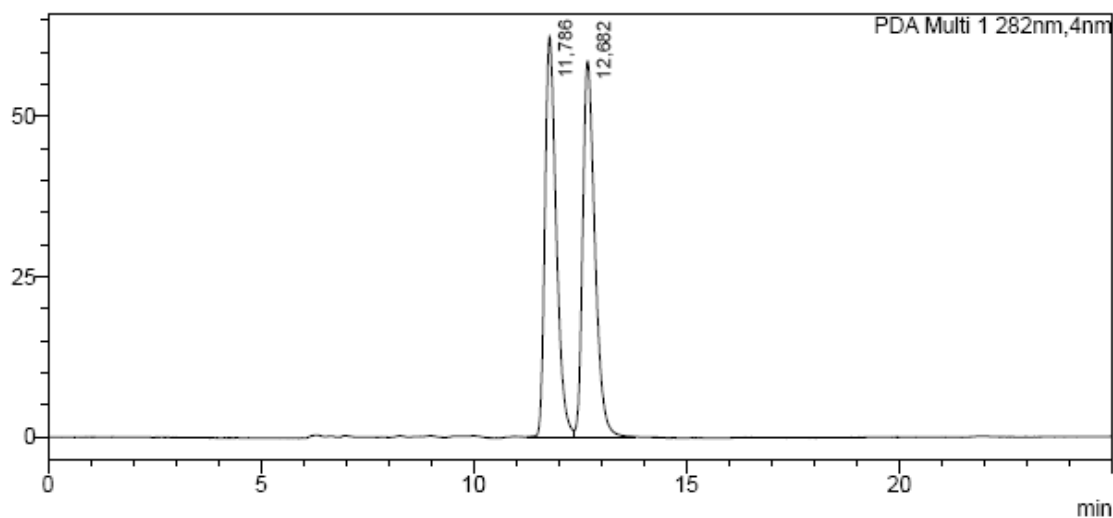
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1	9,522	4408506	320162	32,861			
2	12,878	5691292	270269	42,423			
3	13,911	376102	16678	2,803		V	
4	19,050	2939663	106700	21,912			
Total		13415562	713809				

**2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)butan-1-ol (3b)**

Reference product:

mAU



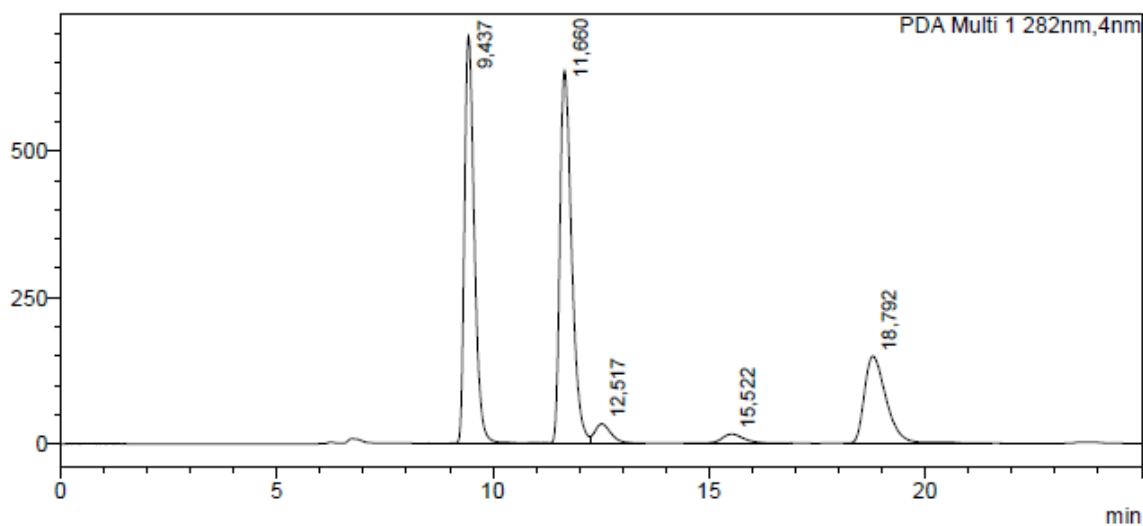
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1	11.786	1156851	62322	0,000			
2	12.682	1163857	58529	0,000		SV	
Total		2320708	120850				

Catalysis sample: 10 µM LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 6 hours reaction time at 4°. 9.4 min = 2-methyl-indole. 18.8 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard). 15.5 min = unidentified impurity.

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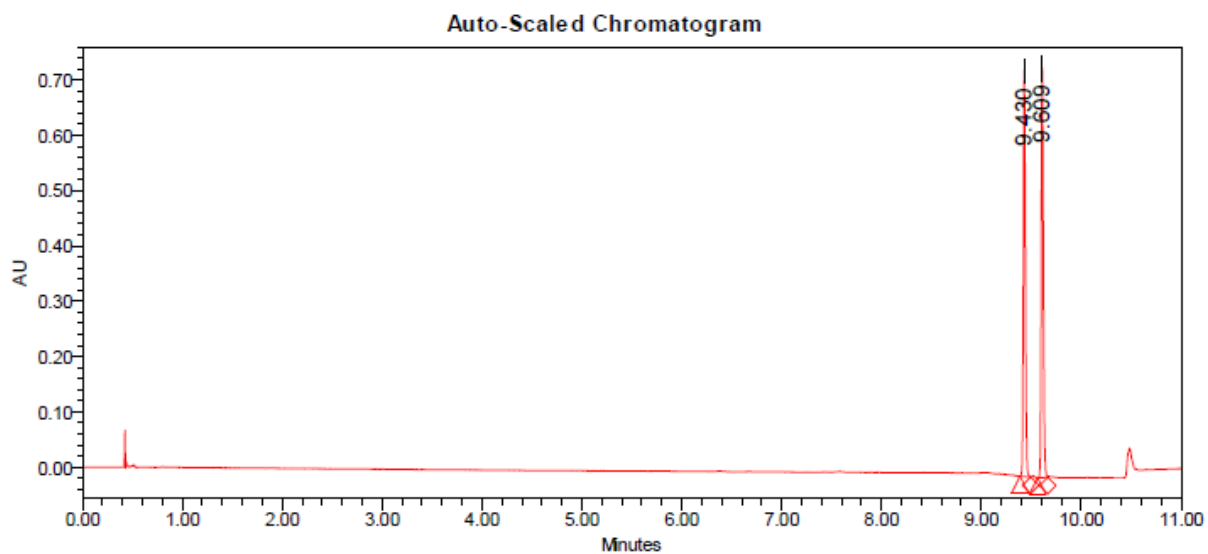
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3	12,517	909755	33637	3,042		V	
4	15,522	599441	16129	2,005		V	
5	18,792	5263220	149035	17,602		S	
Total		29901865	1532714				

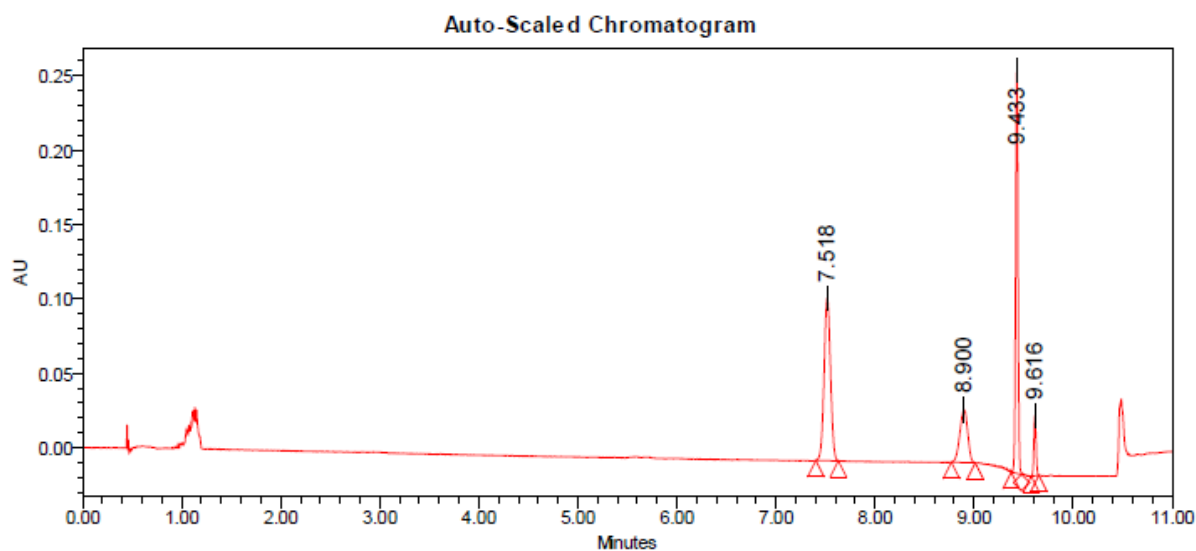
### 2-benzyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3c)

Reference product:



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2	9.609	1060366	741880	50.17

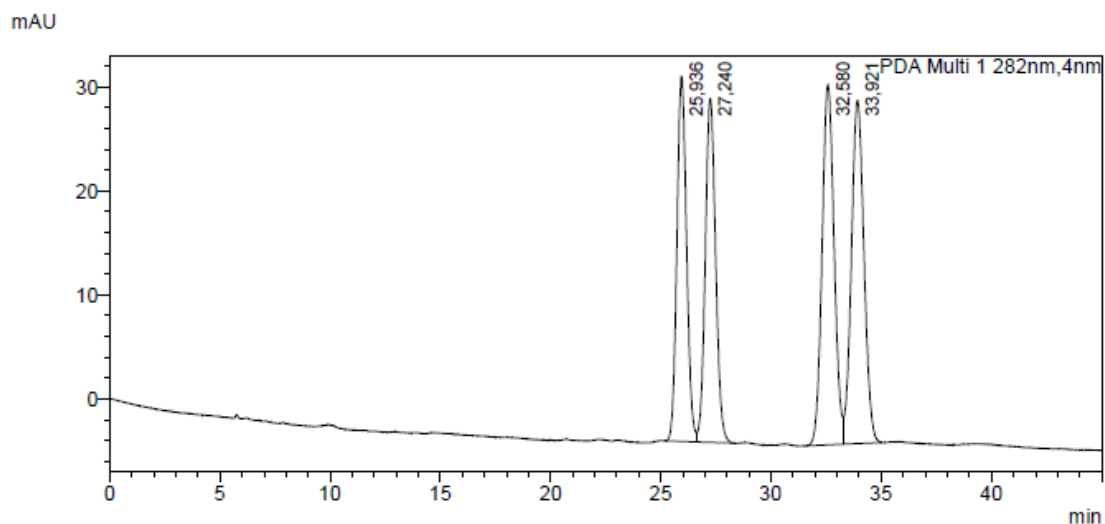
Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 7.5 min = 2-methyl-indole. 8.9 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard). Peak around 1 min = unidentified. Apparent peaks around 10.5 min are the result of baseline shift during rapid solvent gradient.



Peak Results				
Name	RT	Area	Height	% Area
1	7.518	490516	109294	40.69
2	8.900	196370	35396	16.29
3	9.433	457094	272588	37.92
4	9.616	61381	40605	5.09

**2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-1-ol (3d)**

Reference product:

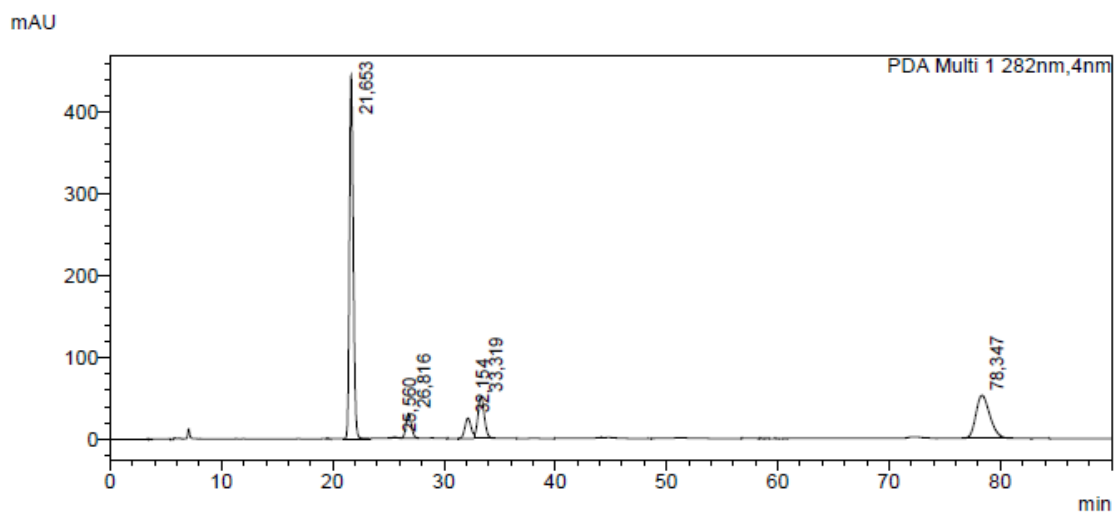


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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	25,936	1064487	35056	22,342			
2	27,240	1078263	33040	22,631		V	
3	32,580	1312015	34614	27,538			
4	33,921	1309699	32971	27,489		V	
Total		4764463	135681				

Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 21.7 min = 2-methyl-indole. 78.3 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).



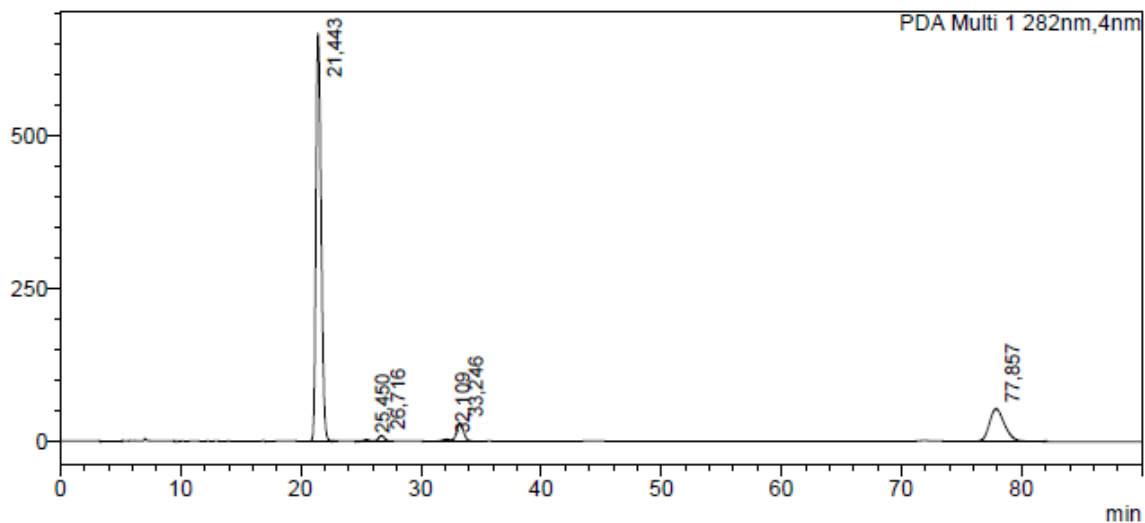
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1	21,653	10659024	443565	55,058			
2	25,560	46761	1493	0,242			
3	26,816	1029775	30523	5,319		V	
4	32,154	958332	24775	4,950			
5	33,319	2054049	51266	10,610		V	
6	78,347	4611513	52665	23,820			
Total		19359454	604288				

Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF\_RGN pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 21.4 min = 2-methyl-indole. 77.9 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).

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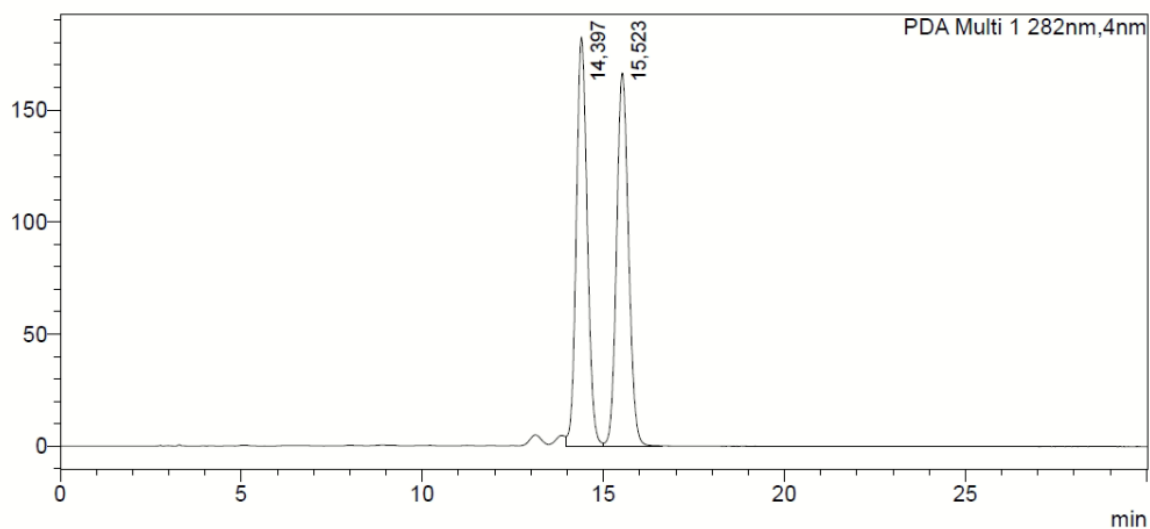
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1	21,443	20051618	667605	75,783			
2	25,450	84052	2597	0,318			
3	26,716	322964	9377	1,221		V	
4	32,109	135608	3536	0,513			
5	33,246	1206446	30227	4,560		V	
6	77,857	4658434	53273	17,606		S	
Total		26459123	766615				



### 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3e)

Reference product:

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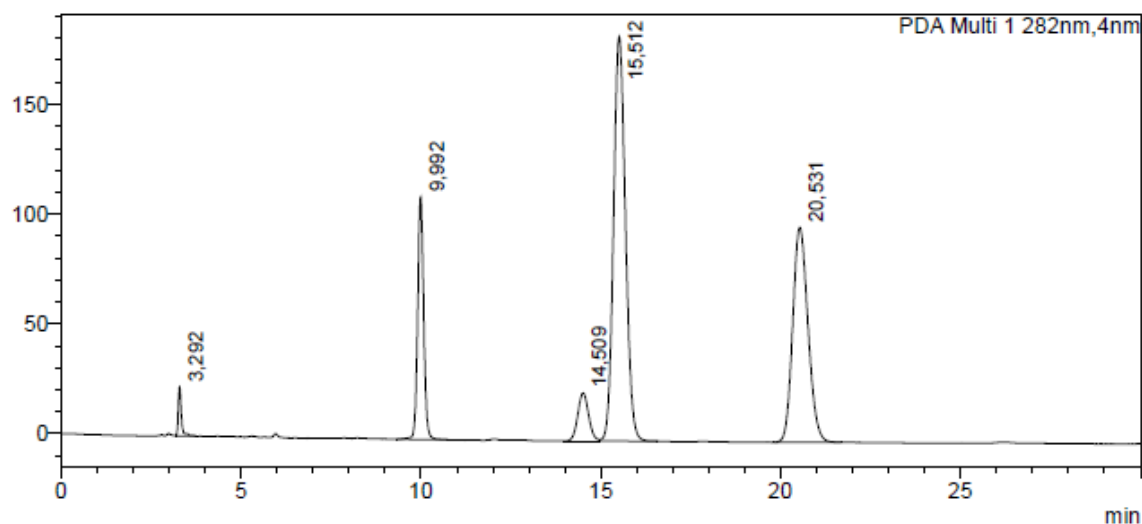
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1	14,397	3841134	182233	50,091		V	
2	15,523	3827240	166374	49,909		V	
Total		7668374	348607				

Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 9.9 min = indole. 20.5 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard). 3.3 min = unidentified impurity

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#### <Peak Table>

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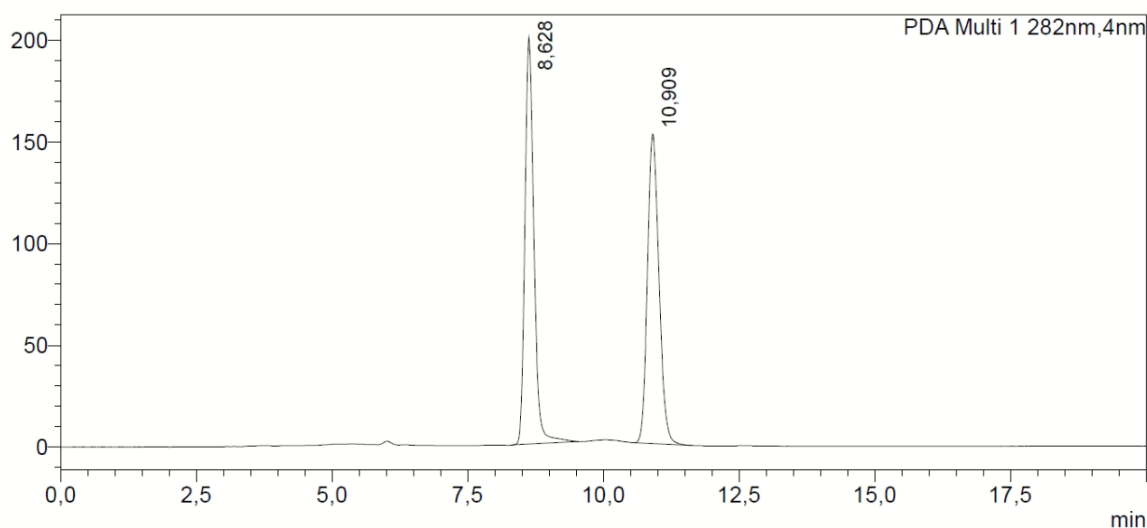
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2	9,992	1287082	110493	0,000			
3	14,509	457834	21866	0,000			
4	15,512	4240937	184187	0,000		V	
5	20,531	2895440	97955	0,000			
Total		9015953	436914				

**2-methyl-3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3f)**

Reference product:

**<Chromatogram>**

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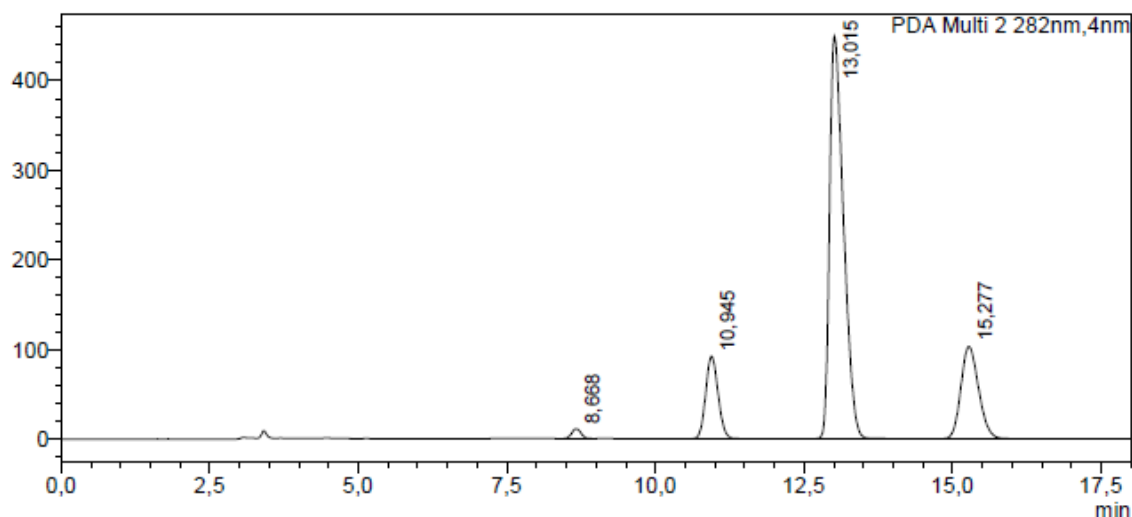
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1	8,628	2313819	199883	50,658			
2	10,909	2253692	152113	49,342			
Total		4567511	351996				

Catalysis sample: 10  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 6 hours reaction time at 4°. 13.0 min = 5-methyl-indole. 15.3 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).

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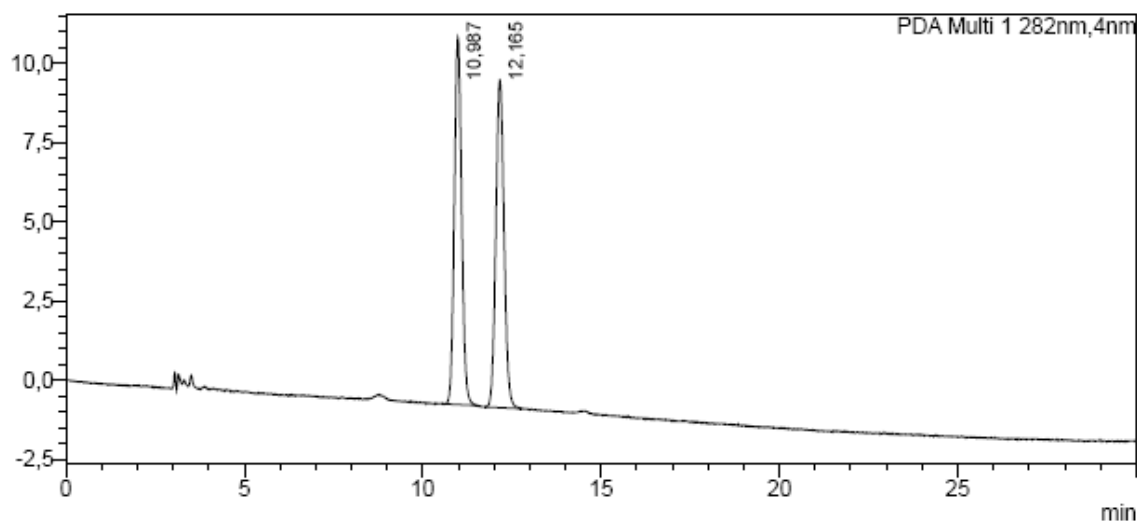
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1	8,668	124316	11260	0,000			
2	10,945	1345720	92429	0,000			
3	13,015	7346666	449543	0,000			
4	15,277	2145366	103057	0,000			
Total		10962068	656289				

### 3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3g)

Reference product:

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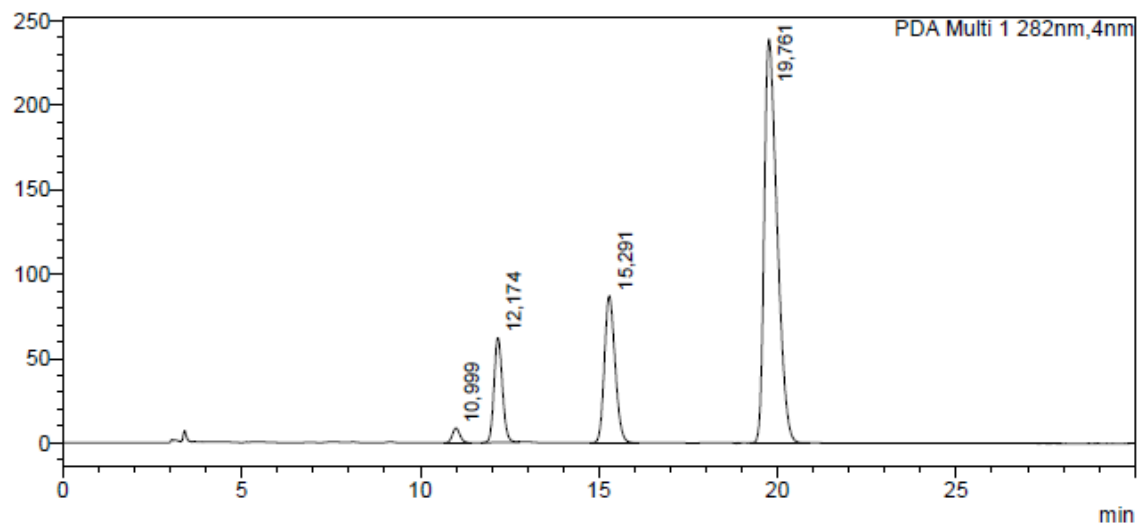
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2	12,165	166202	10334	0,000			
Total		331889	21915				

Catalysis sample: 10  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 6 hours reaction time at 4°. 15.3 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard). 19.8 = 5-methoxy-indole.

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#### <Peak Table>

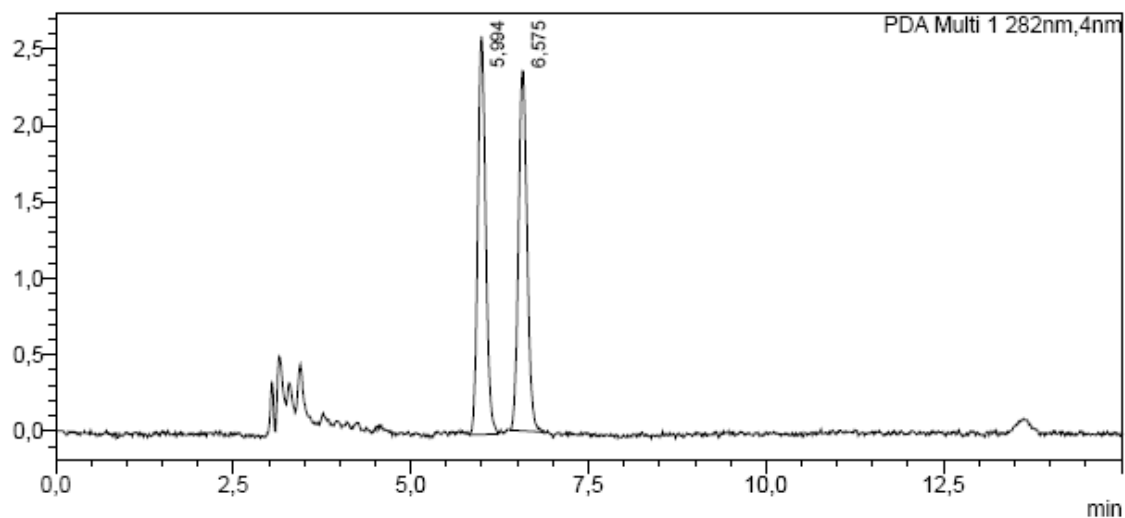
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2	12,174	1007665	62018	0,000			
3	15,291	1812097	87076	0,000			
4	19,761	5996364	239017	0,000			
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### 3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3h)

Reference product:

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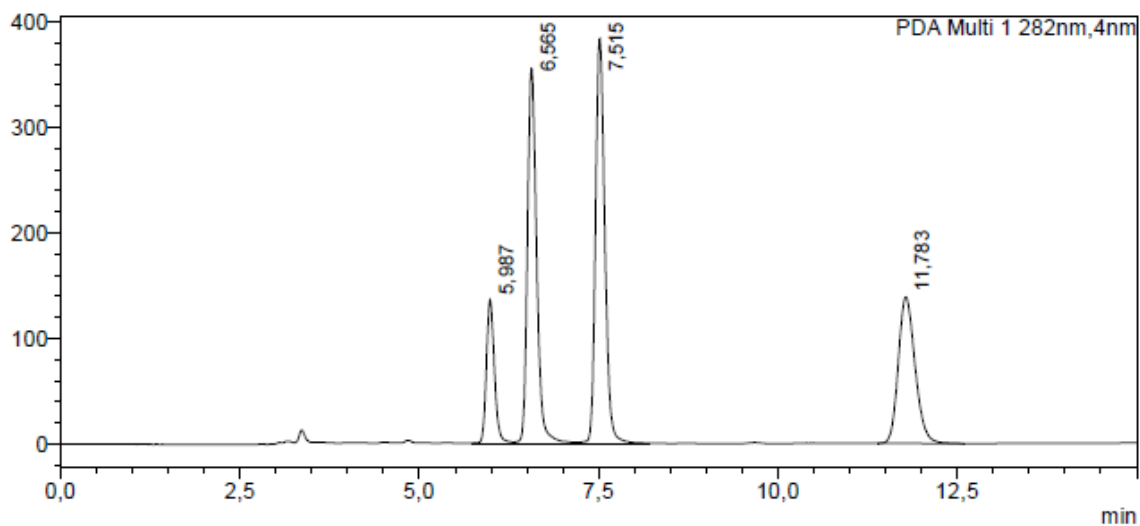
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1	5,994	20099	2607	50,272			
2	6,575	19881	2357	49,728			
Total		39980	4964				

Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 7.5 min = 5-chloro-indole. 11.8 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).

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#### <Peak Table>

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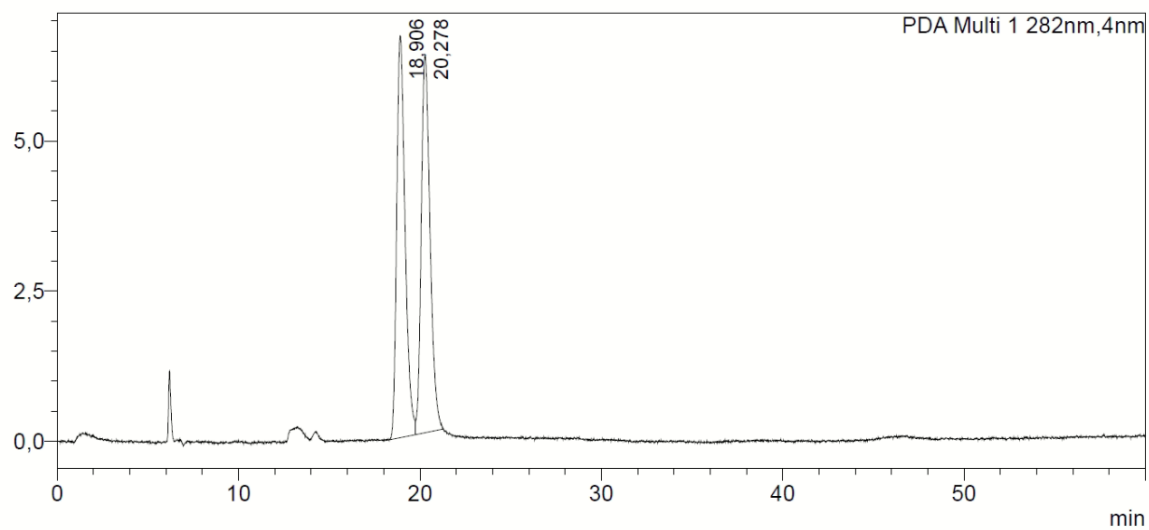
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1	5,987	1056534	135794	10,662			
2	6,565	3161184	355043	31,901		V	
3	7,515	3438740	383302	34,702		V	
4	11,783	2252776	138563	22,734			
Total		9909233	1012702				

**methyl 3-(3-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3i)**

Reference product:

**<Chromatogram>**

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**<Peak Table>**

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2	20,278	212956	6292	49,743		V	
Total		428108	12986				

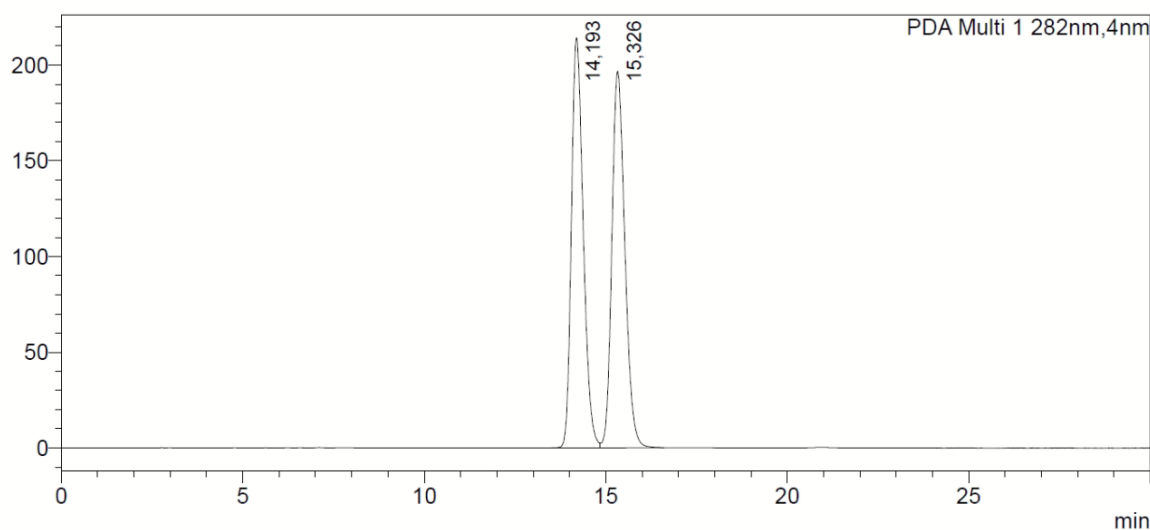
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Reference product:

#### <Chromatogram>

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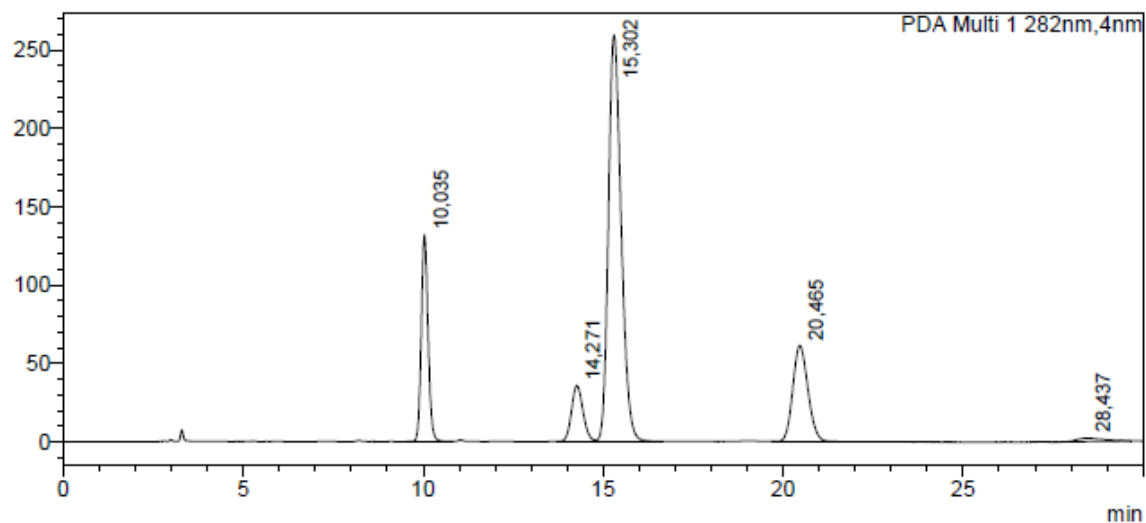
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2	15,326	4886432	196494	50,106		V	
Total		9752267	410677				

Catalysis sample: 10  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 6 hours reaction time at 4°. 10.0 min = 5-methoxy-2-methyl-indole. 20.5 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).

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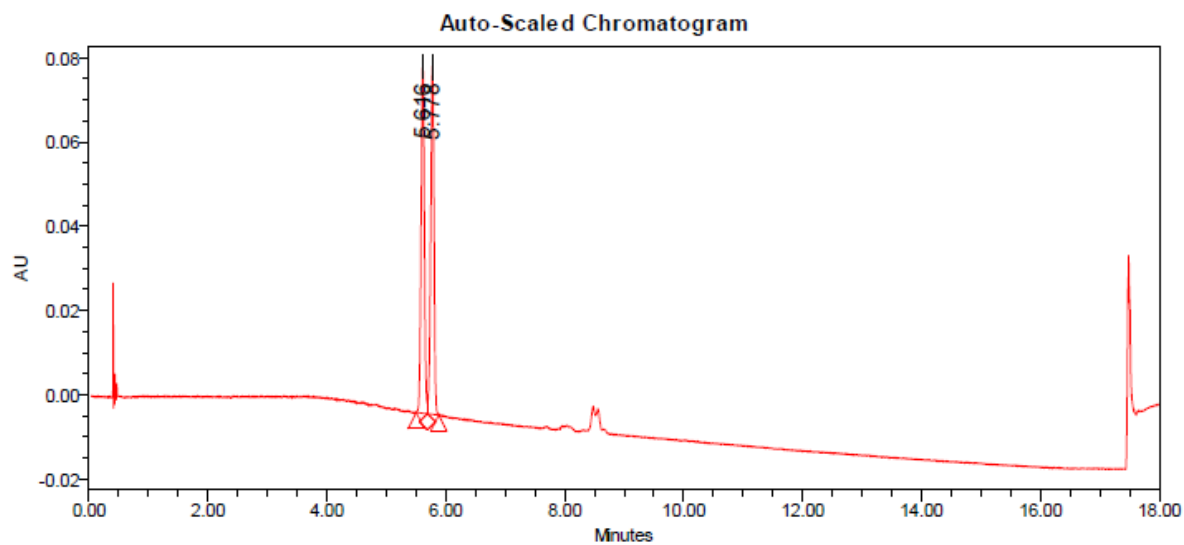
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2	14,271	796343	35656	0,000			
3	15,302	6394485	259084	0,000		V	
4	20,465	1796785	61284	0,000		V	
5	28,437	114997	2208	0,000			
Total		10839813	489786				

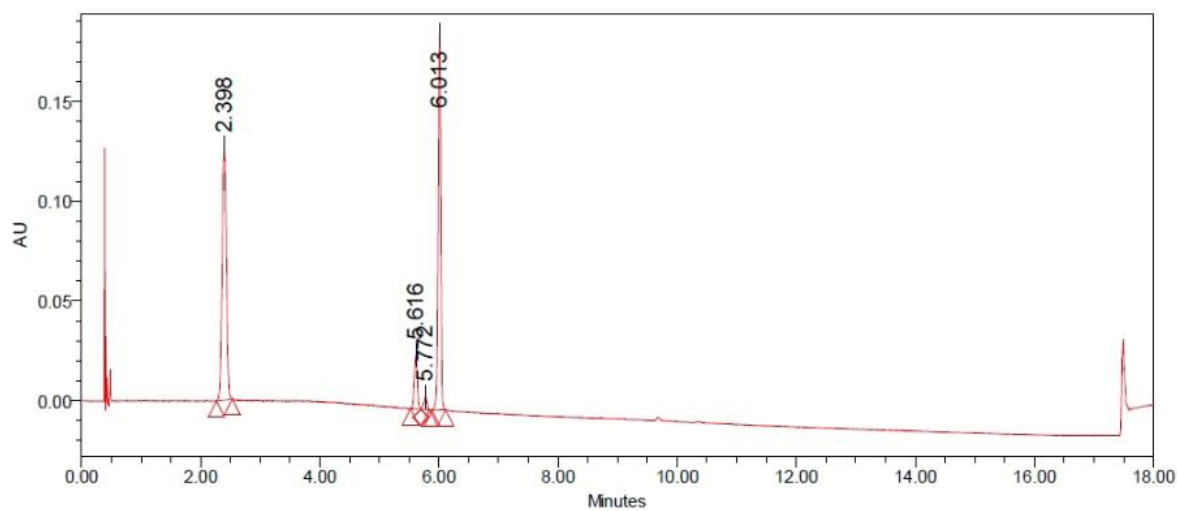
### 3-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3k)

Reference product:



Peak Results				
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2	5.778	320363	82609	50.25

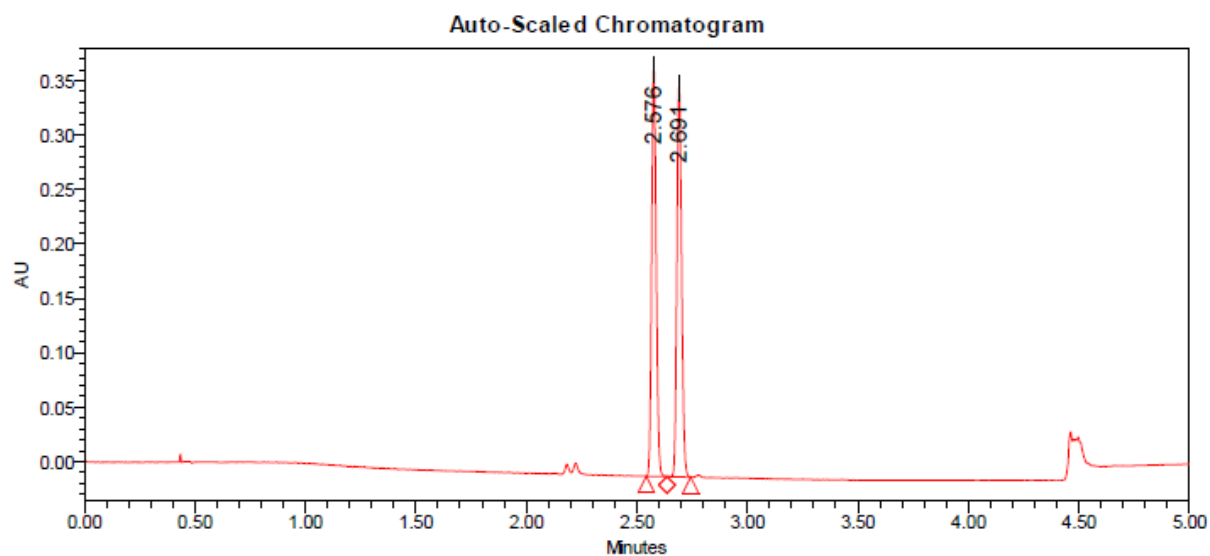
Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 2.4 min = 4-methoxy-indole. 6.0 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).



Peak Results				
Name	RT	Area	Height	% Area
1	2.398	637957	125951	48.10
2	5.616	96044	27070	7.24
3	5.772	24347	6341	1.84
4	6.013	567984	188122	42.82

**3-(7-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3I)**

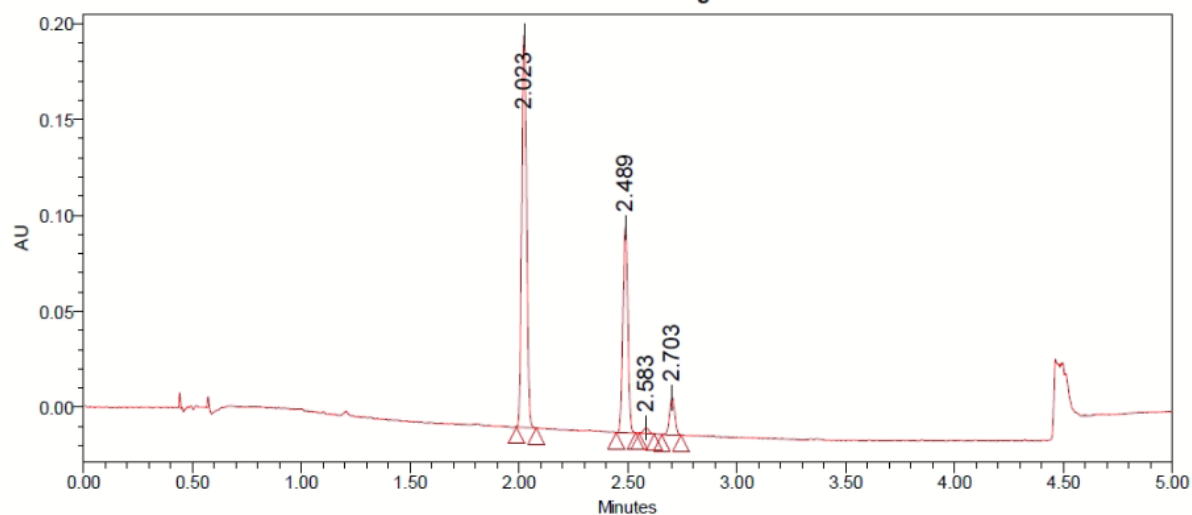
Reference product:



Peak Results

Name	RT	Area	Height	% Area
1	2.576	535318	374828	49.98
2	2.691	535794	357830	50.02

Catalysis sample: 25  $\mu$ M LmrR\_pAF pH 6. 16 hours reaction time at 4°. 2.0 min = 7-methoxy-indole. 2.5 min = 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-indole (internal standard).



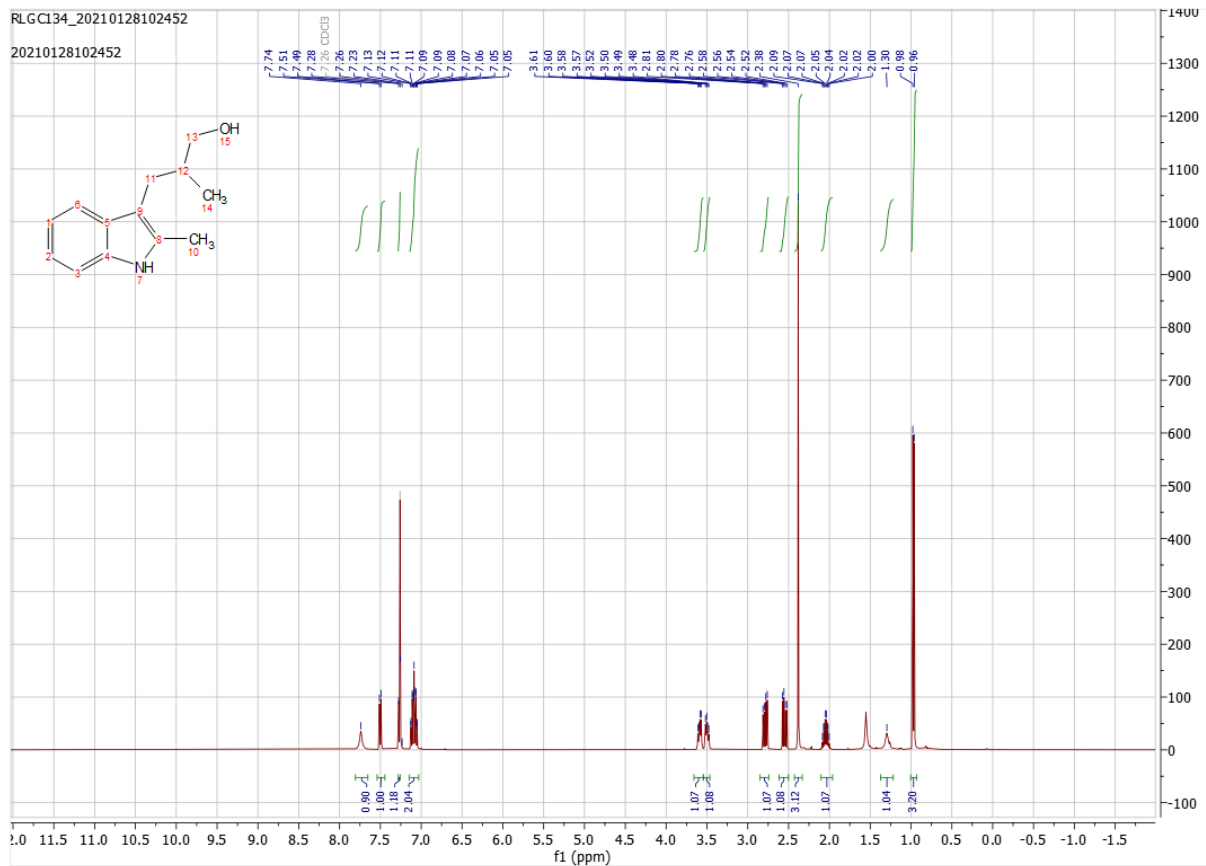
Peak Results

Name	RT	Area	Height	% Area
1	2.023	315719	204522	60.22
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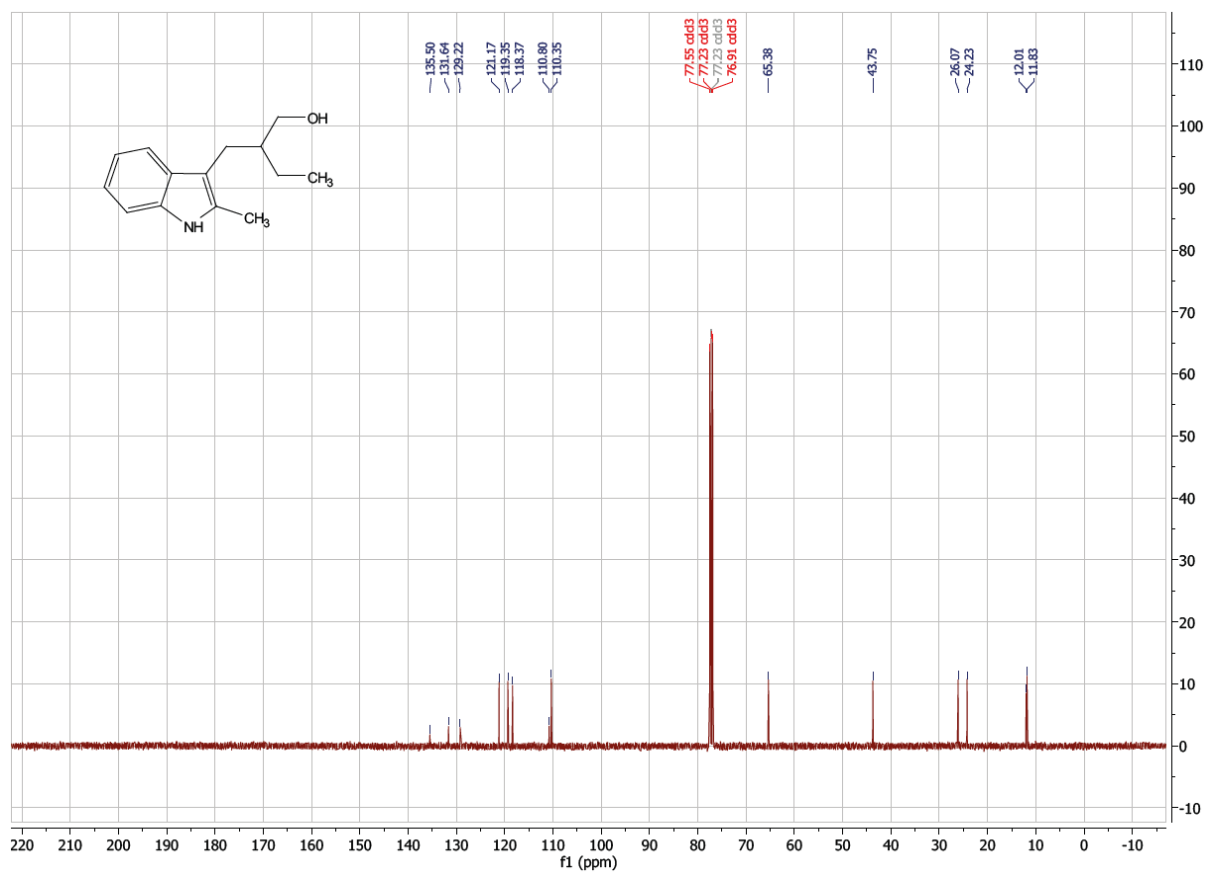
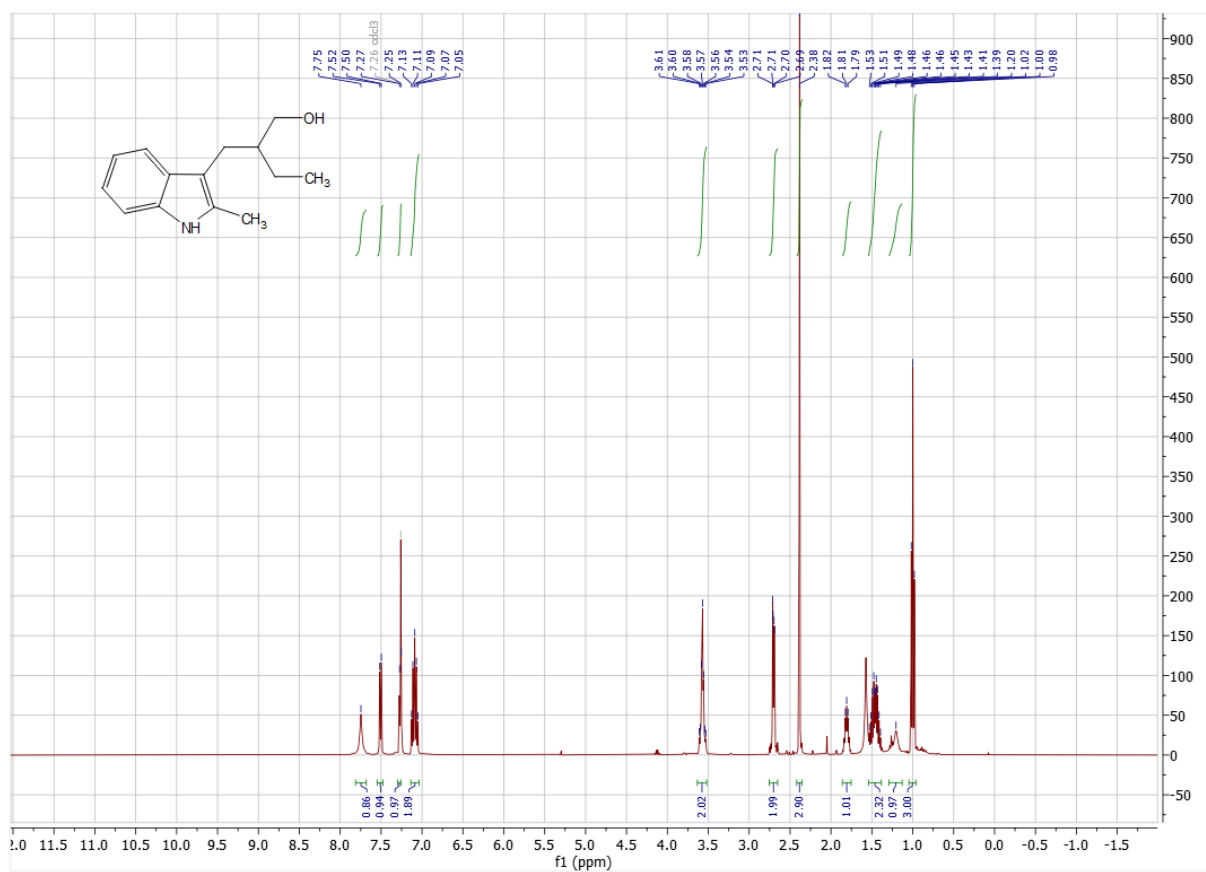


# 8. NMR Spectra

## 2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3a)

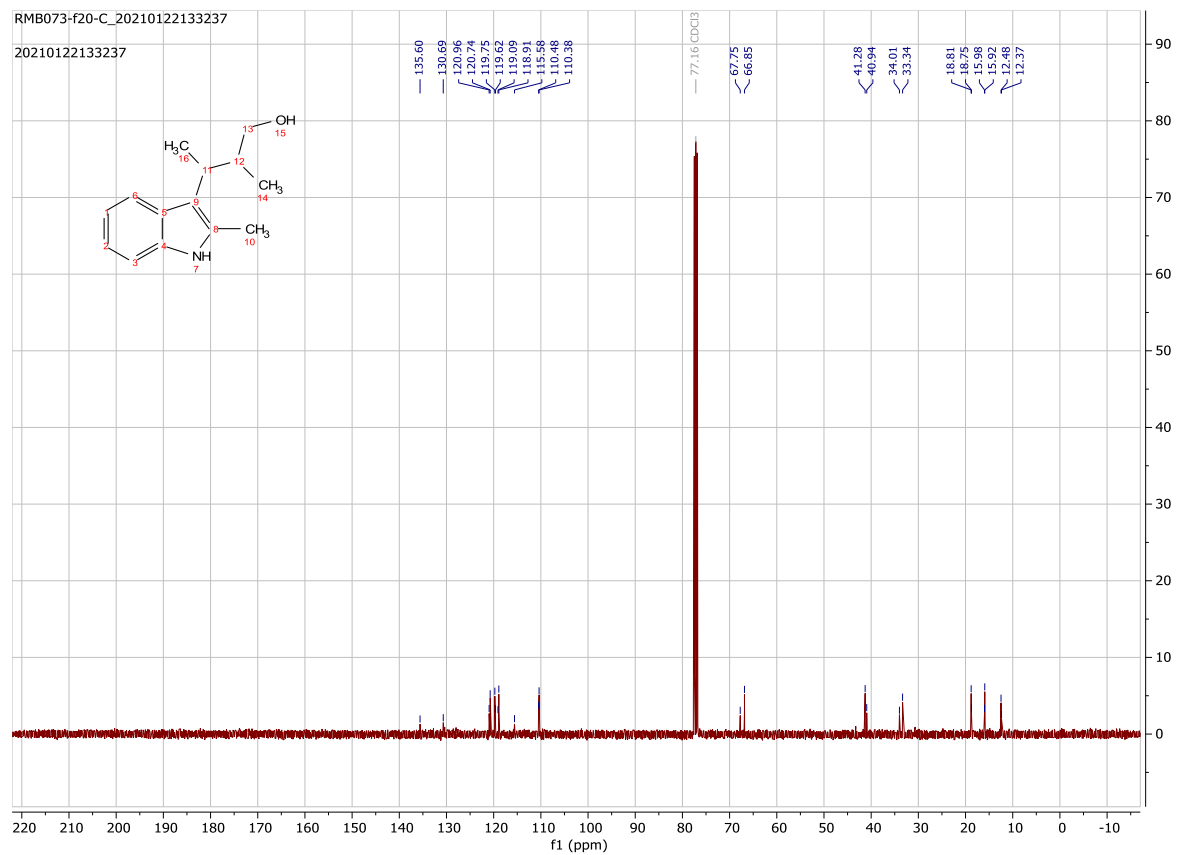
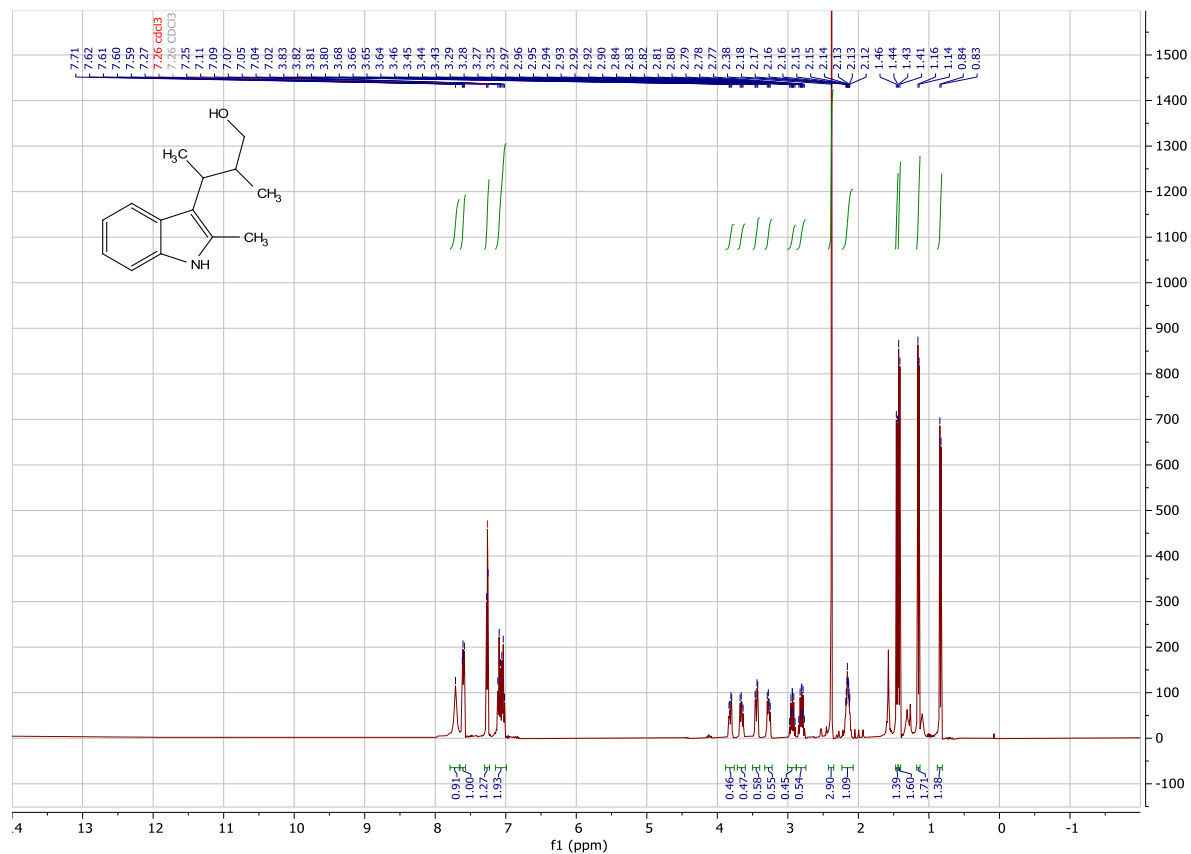


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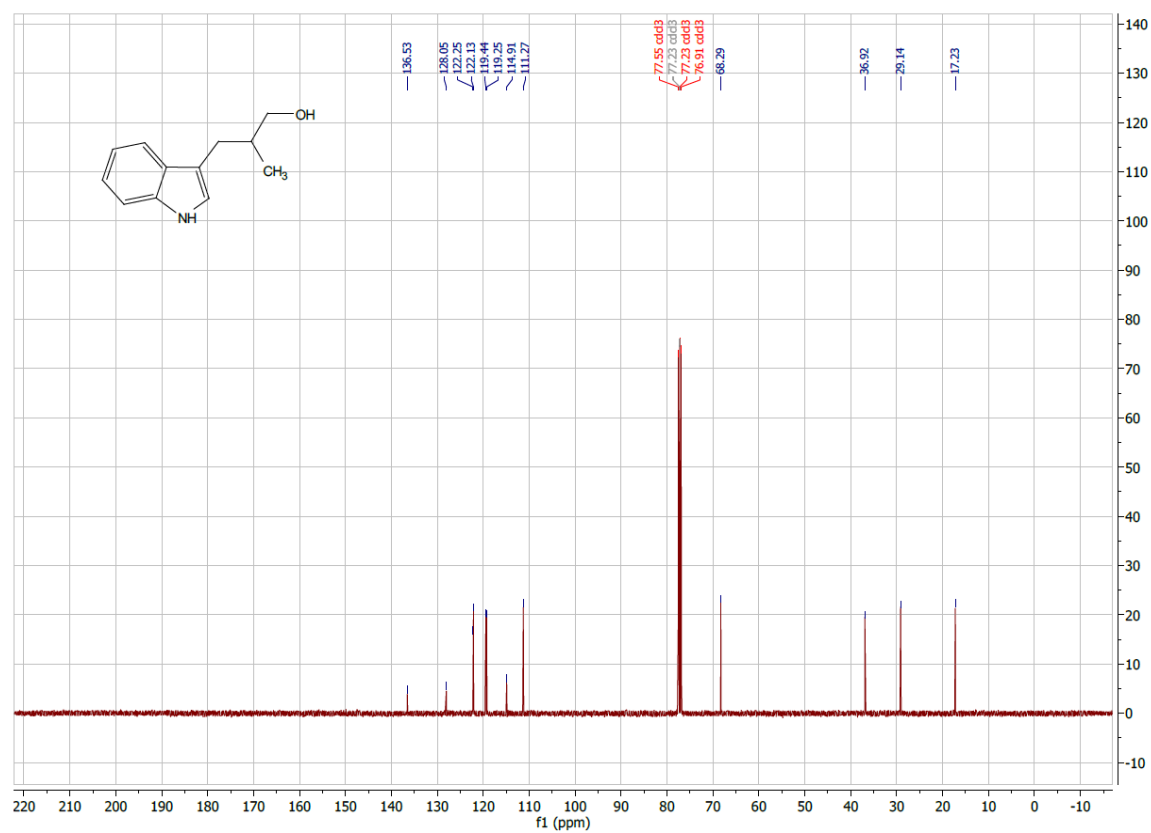
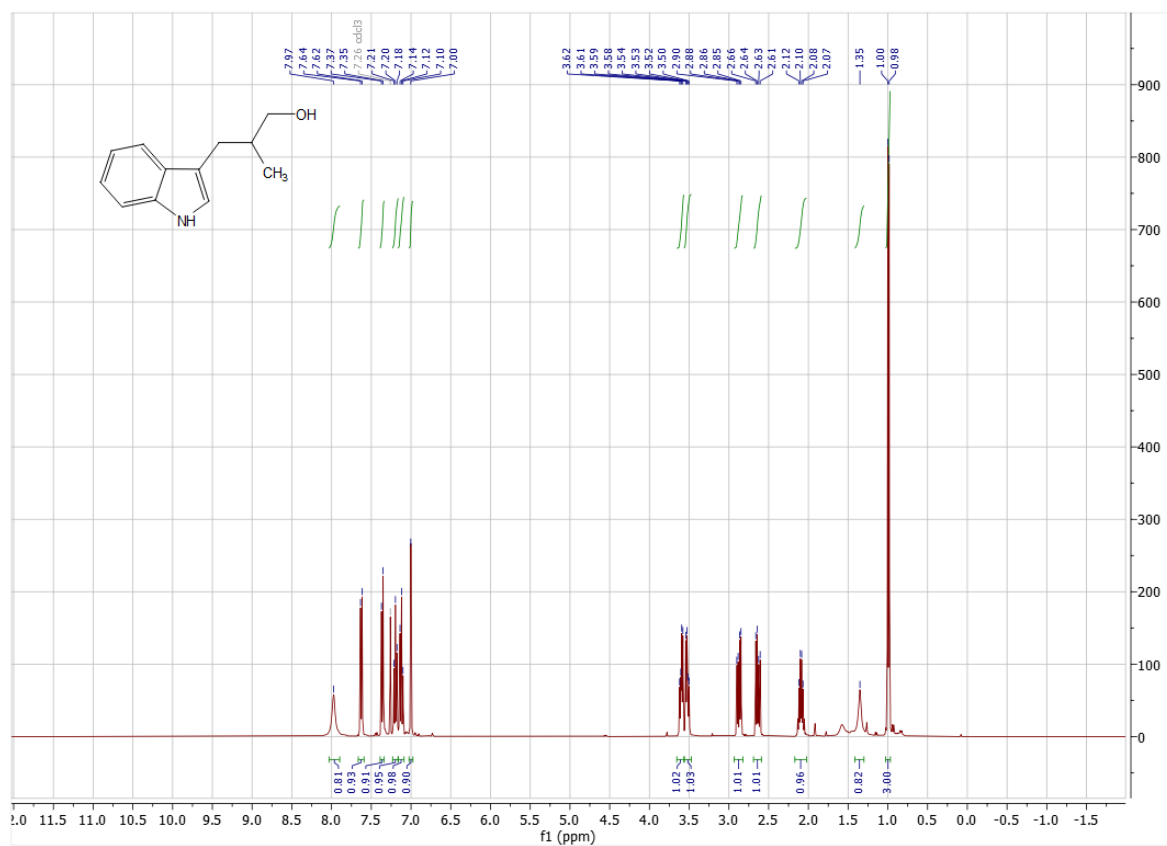




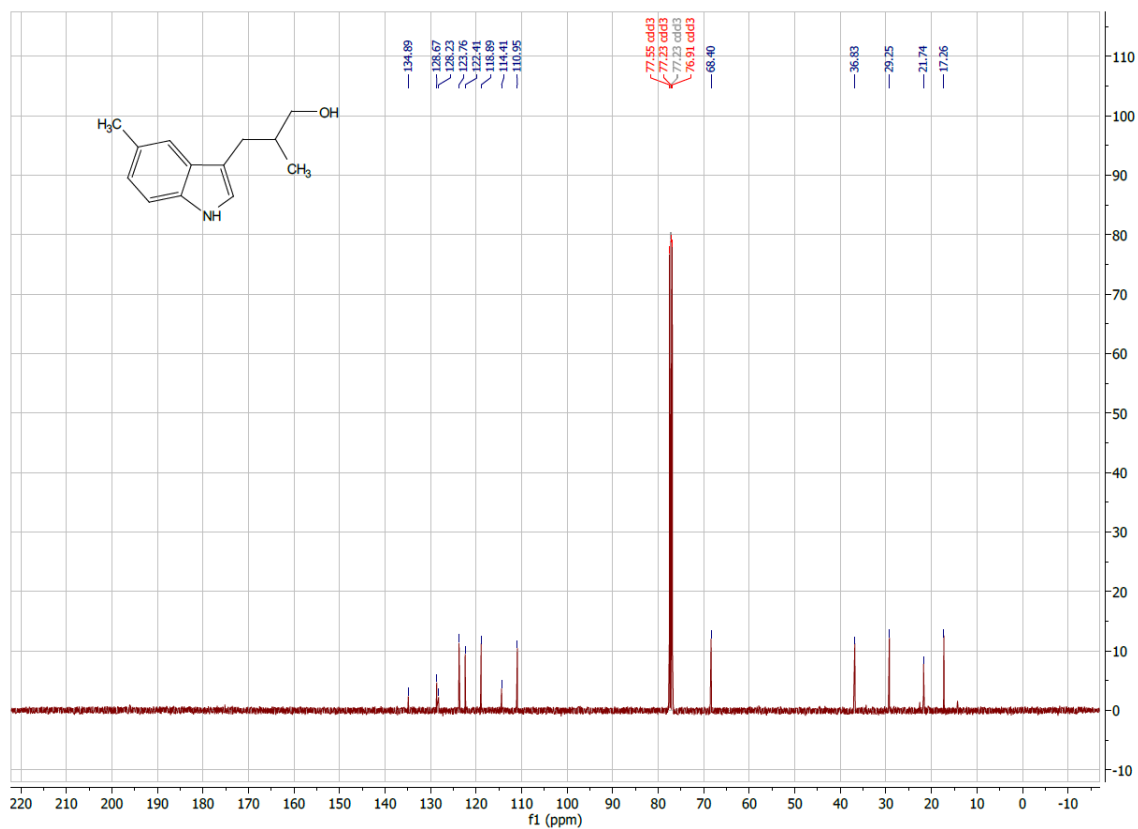
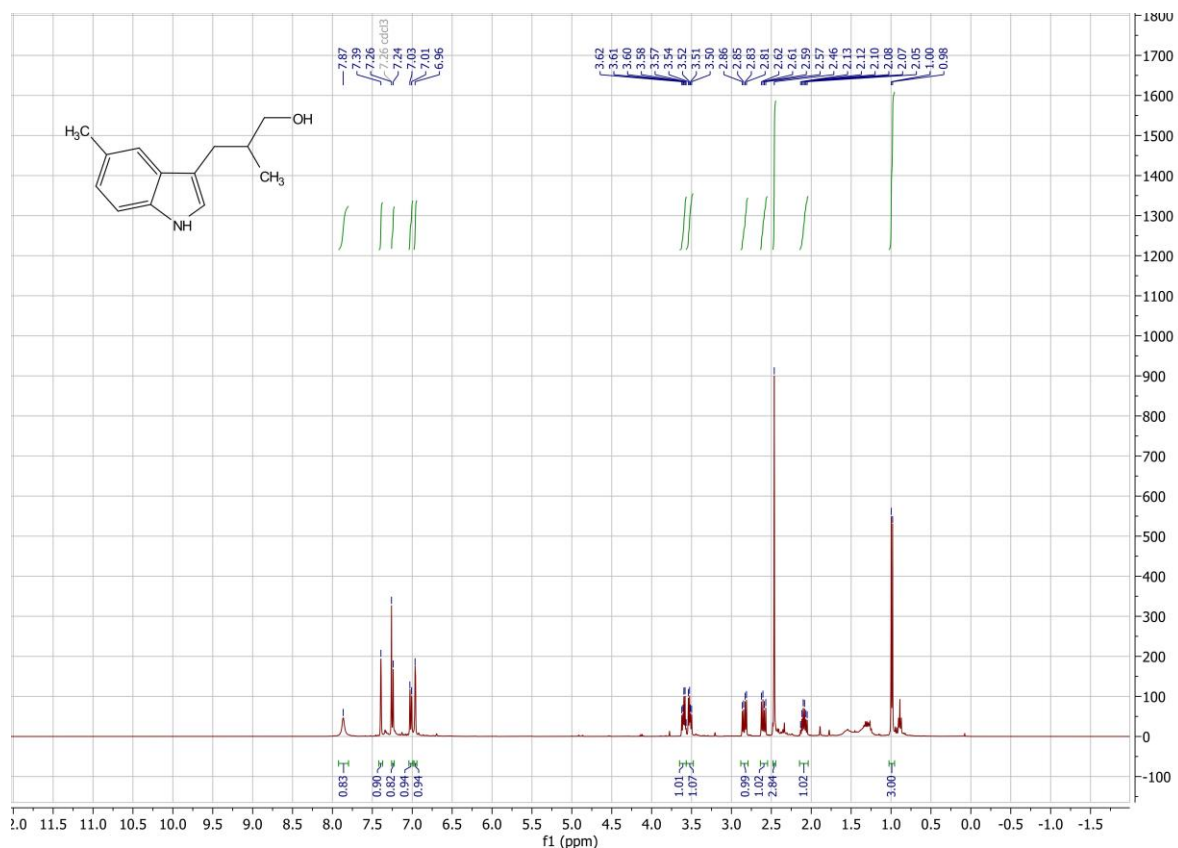
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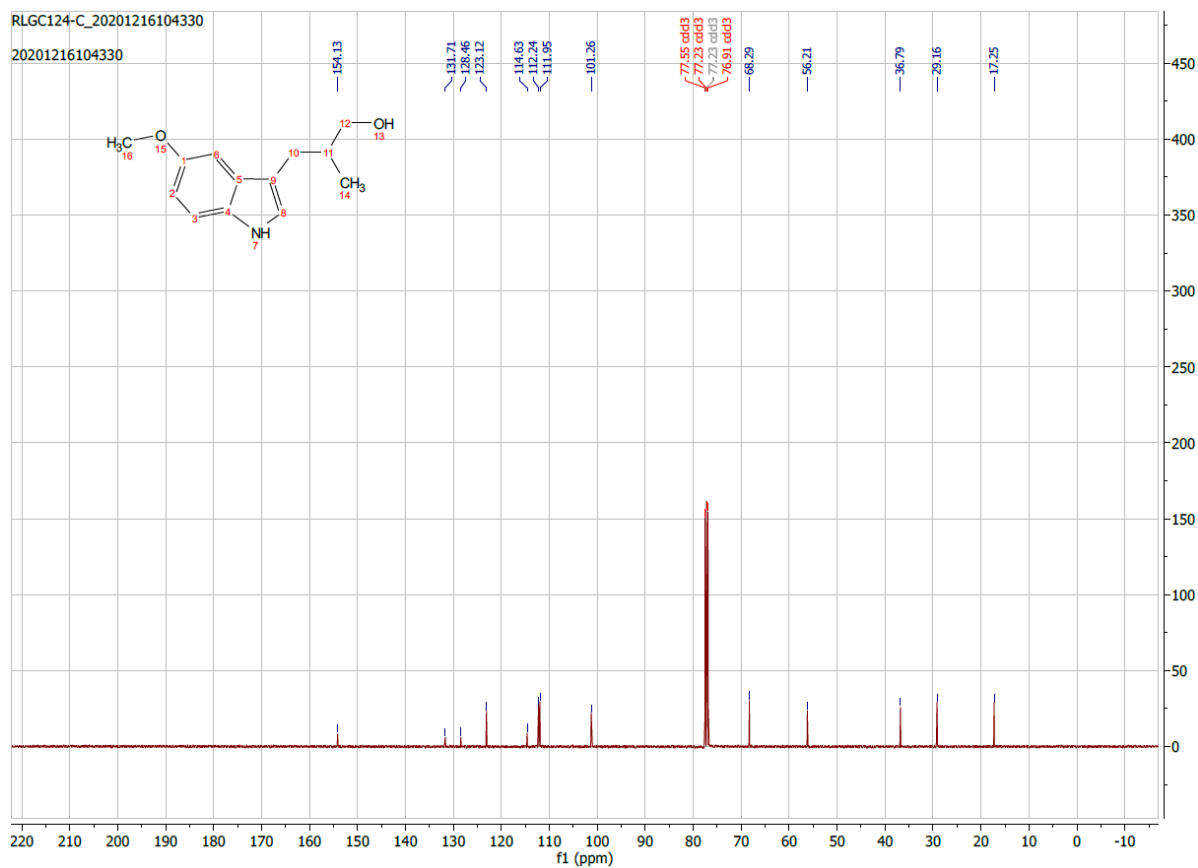
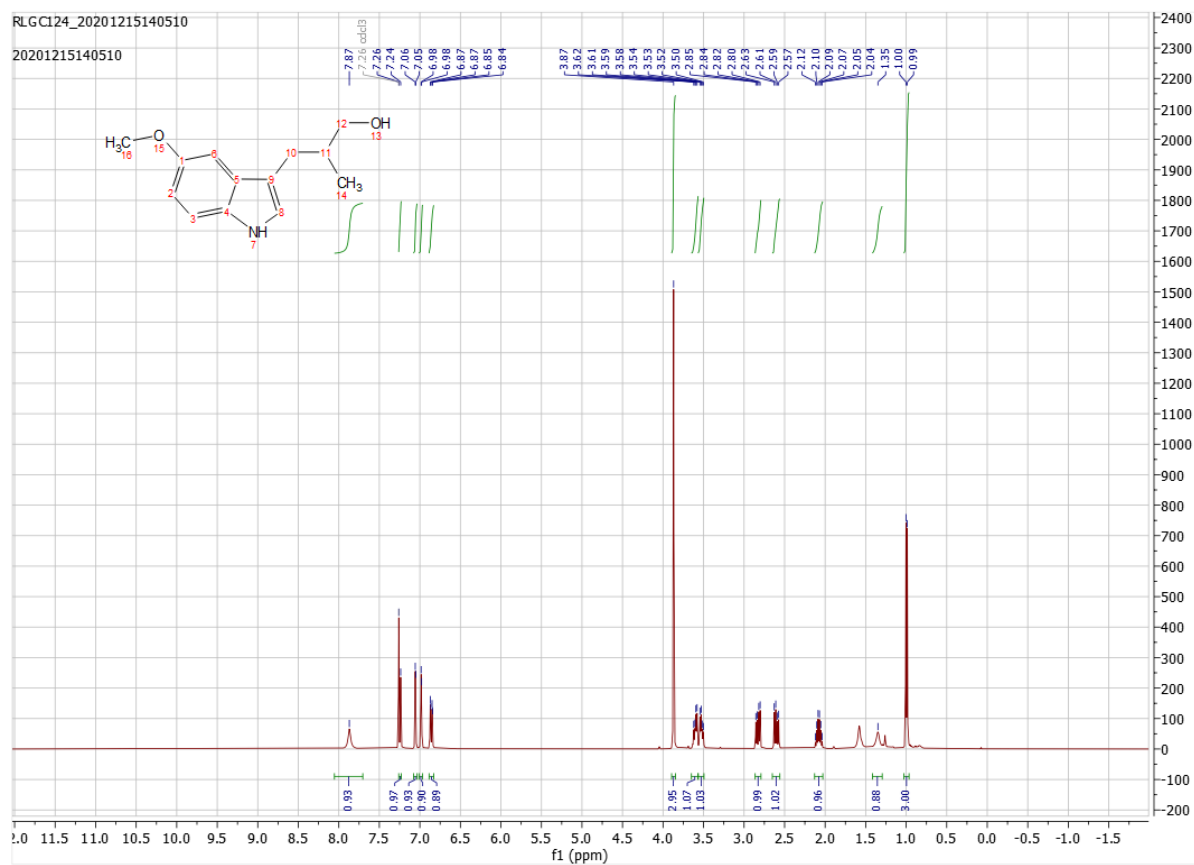
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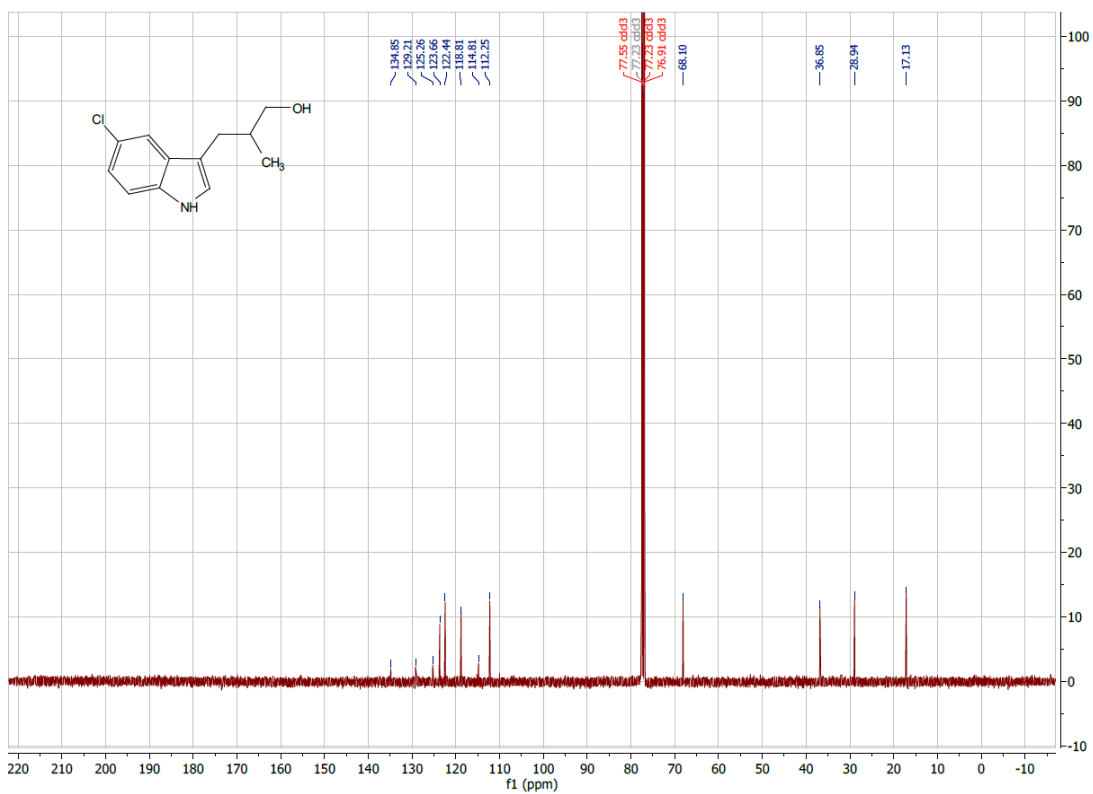
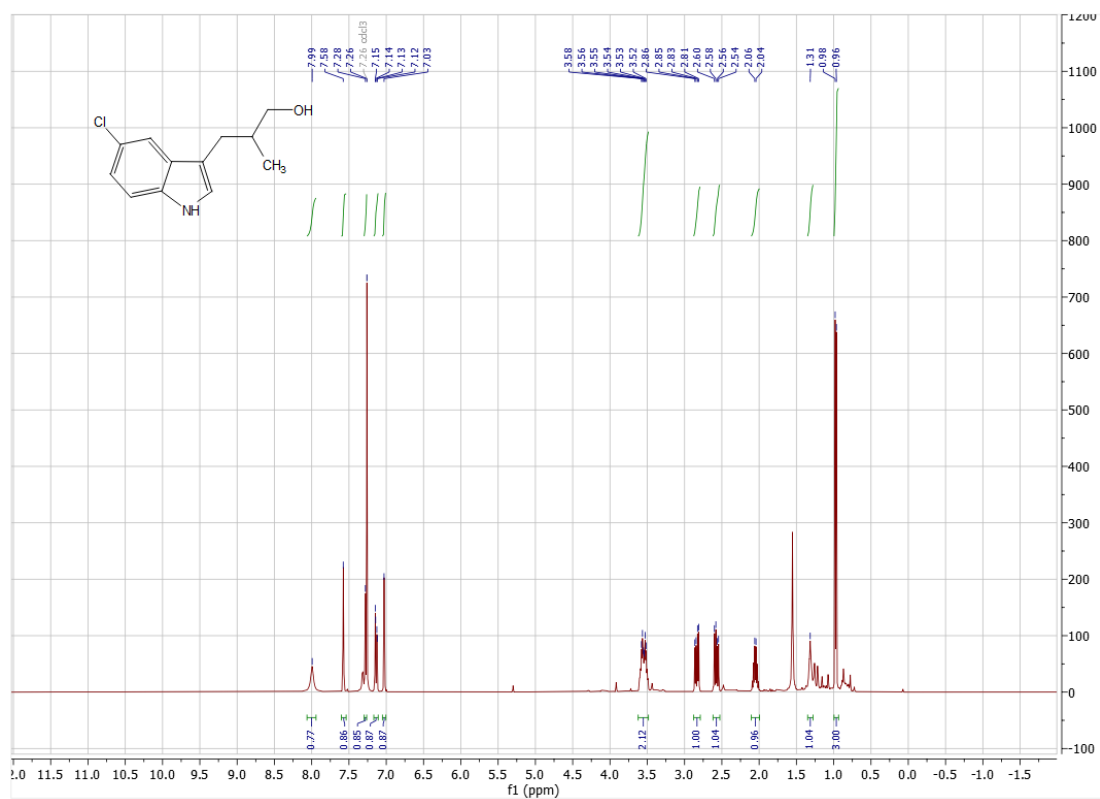
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**3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3g)**

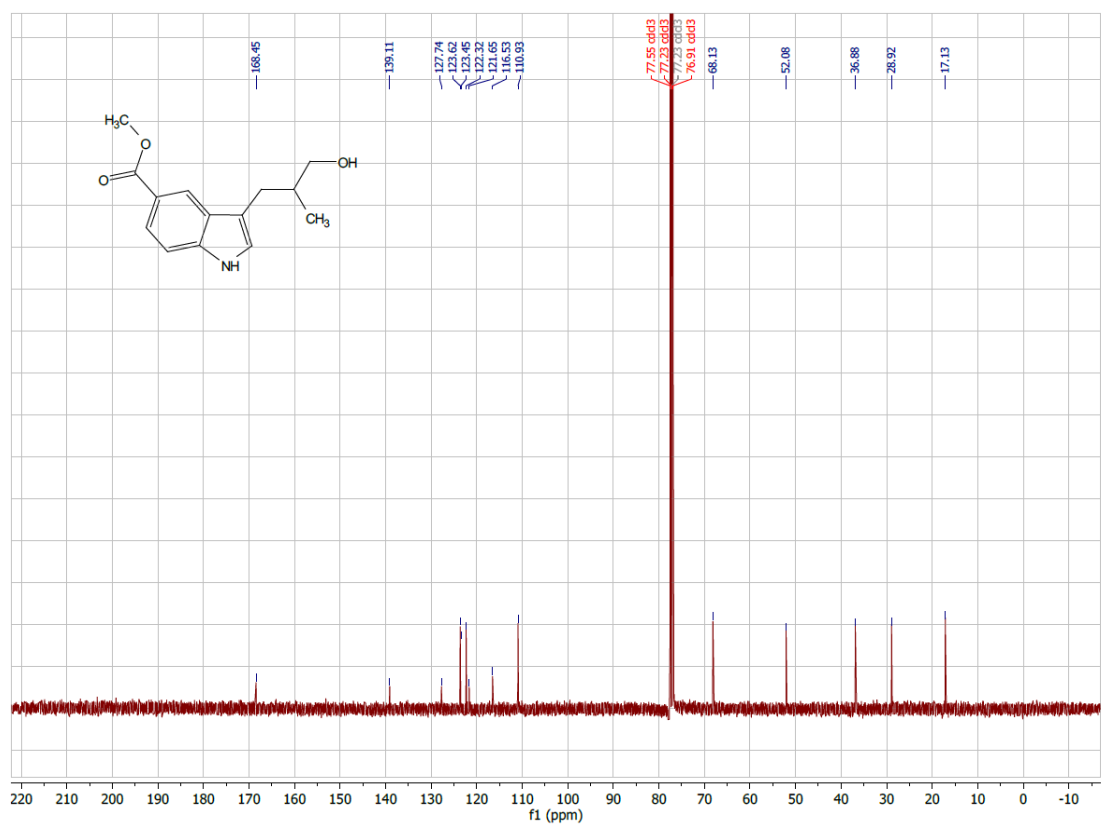
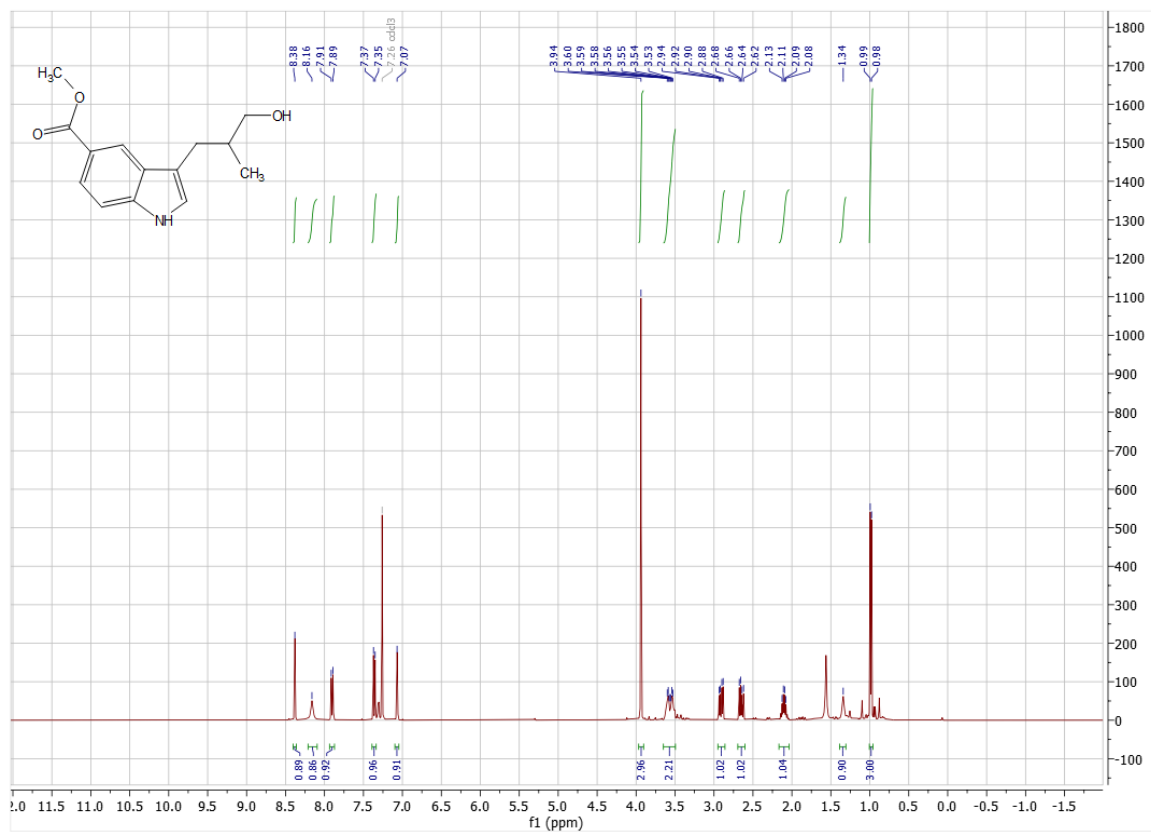


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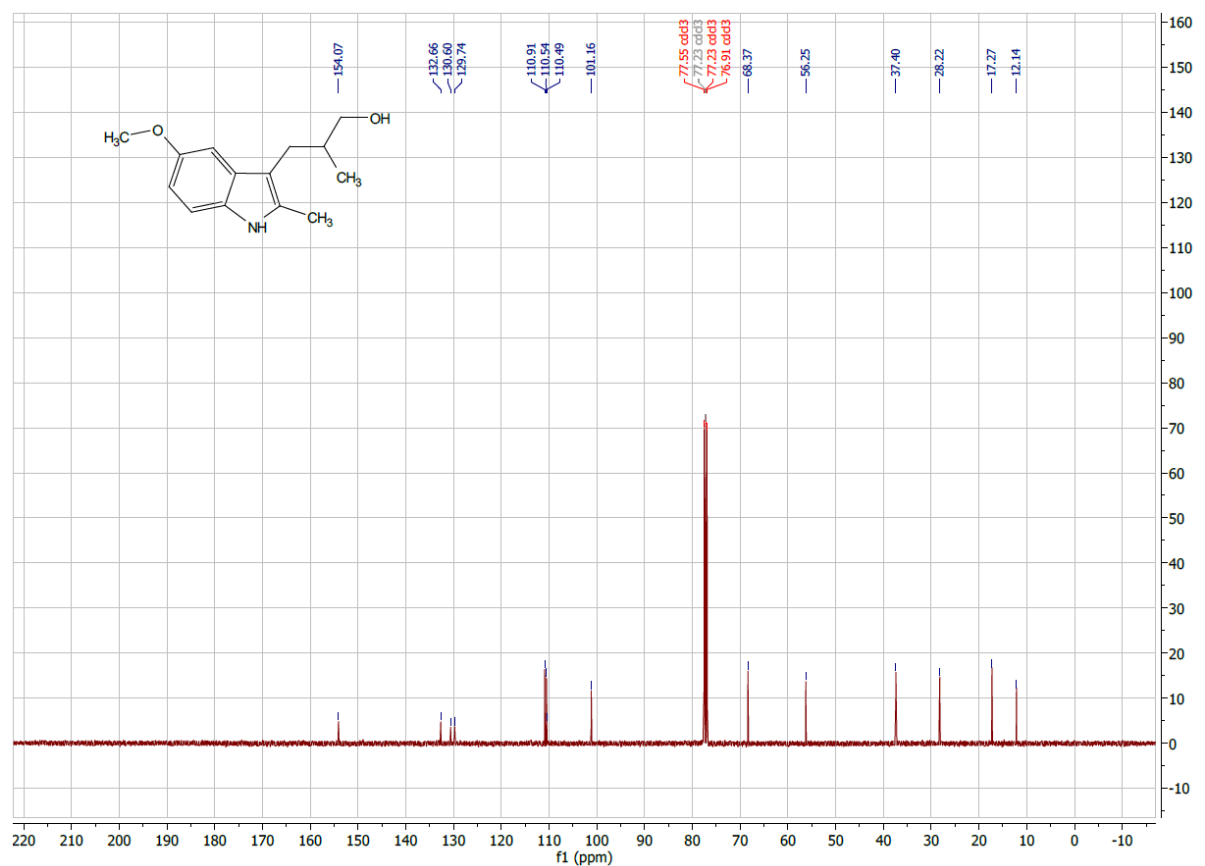
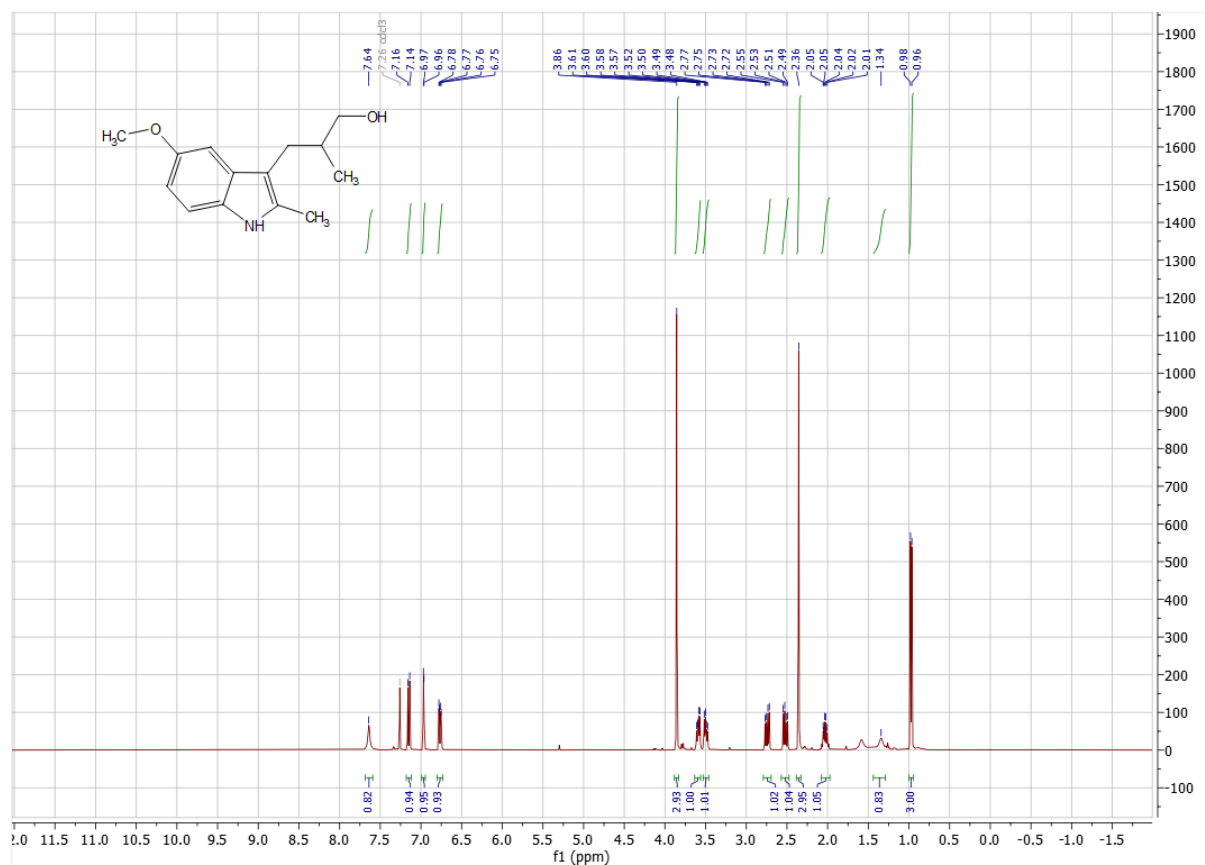




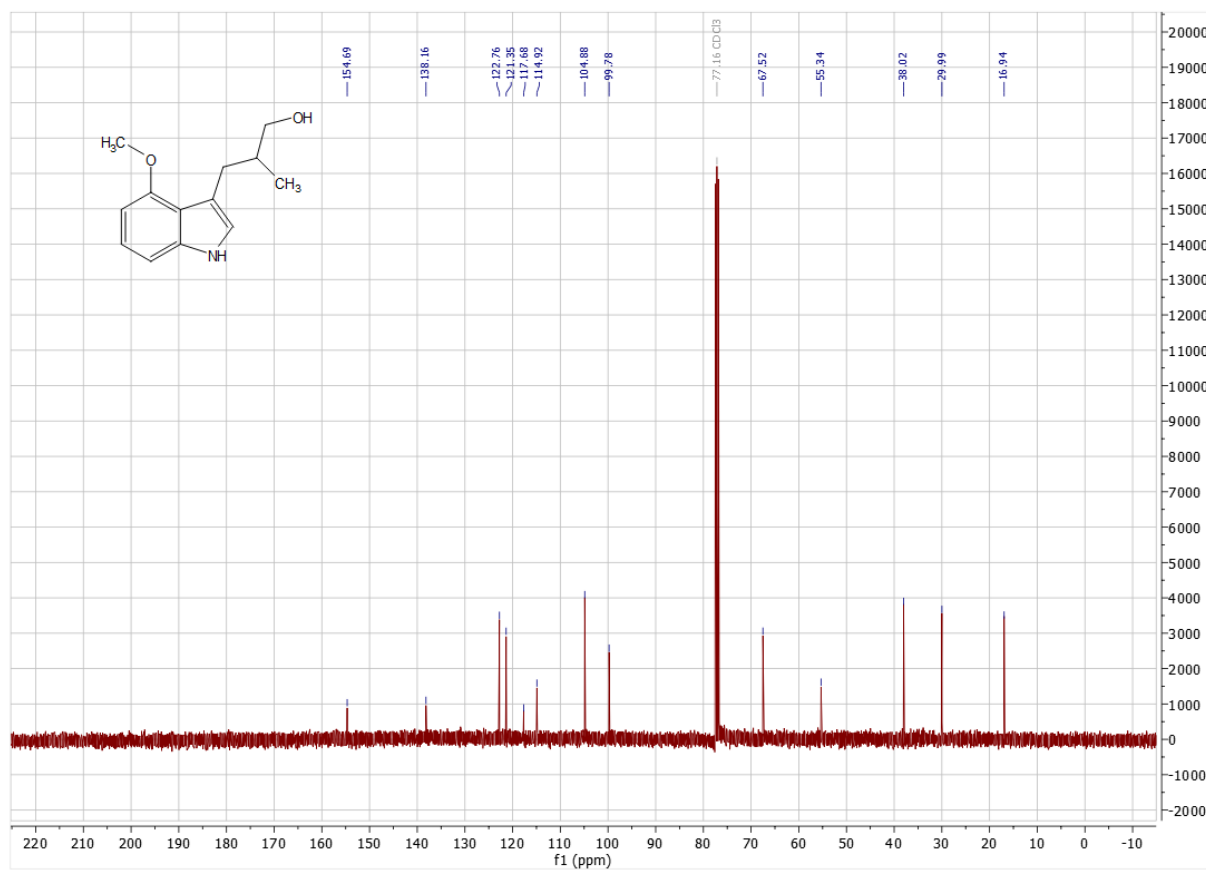
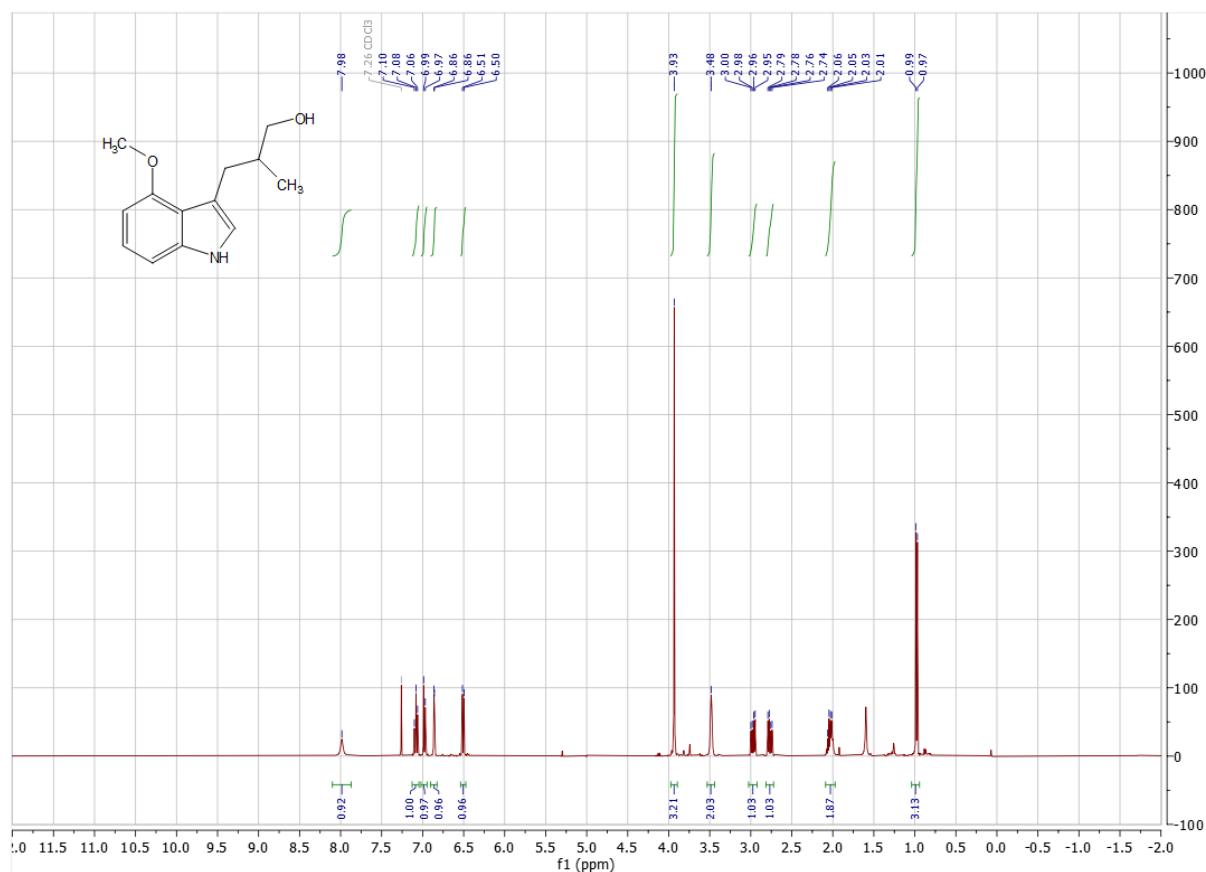
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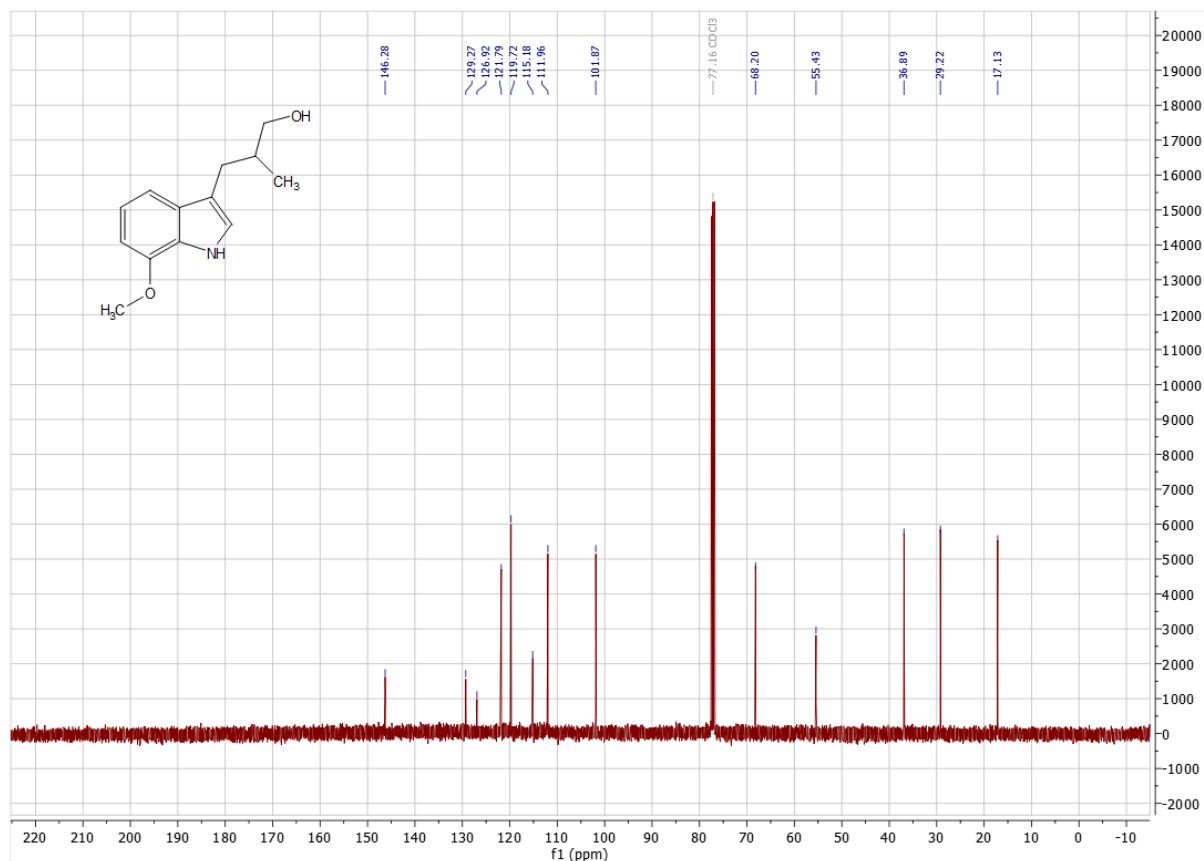
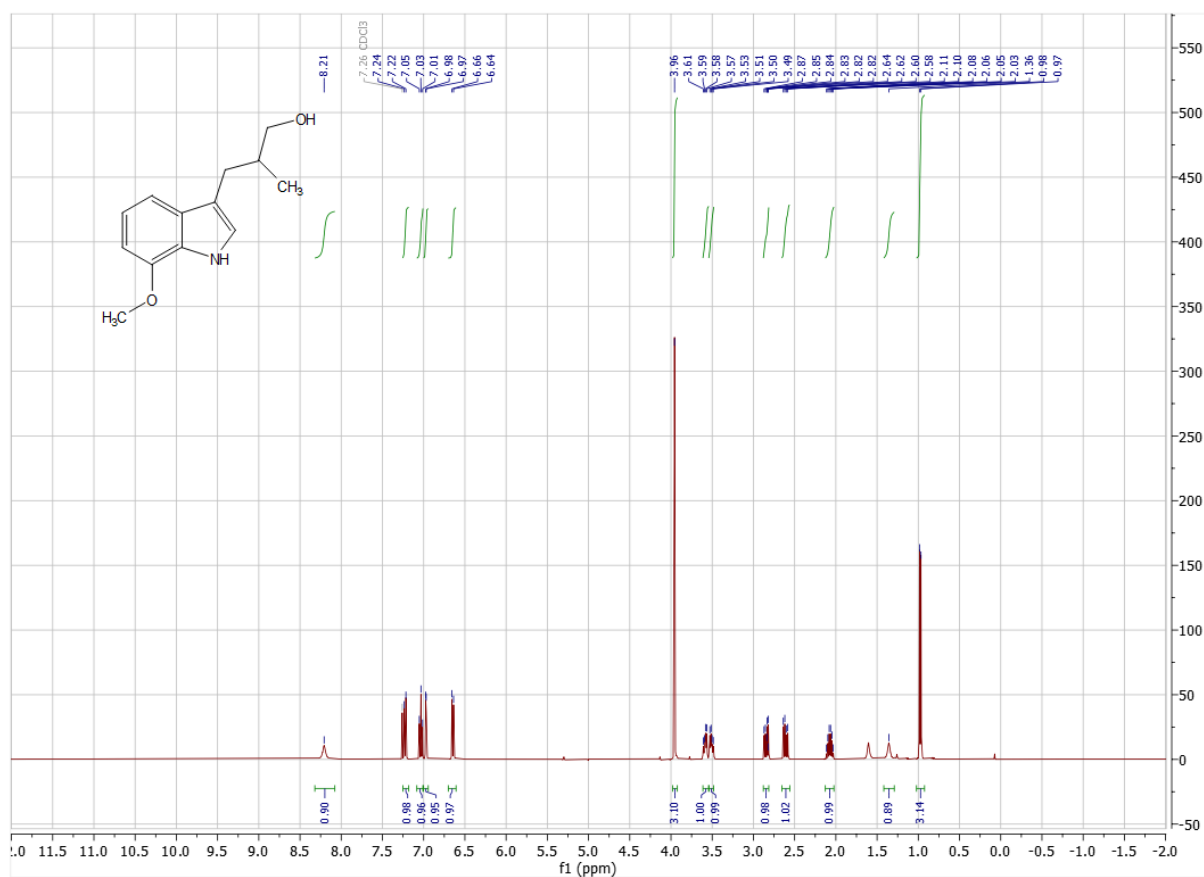
**3-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3)**



**3-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3k)**



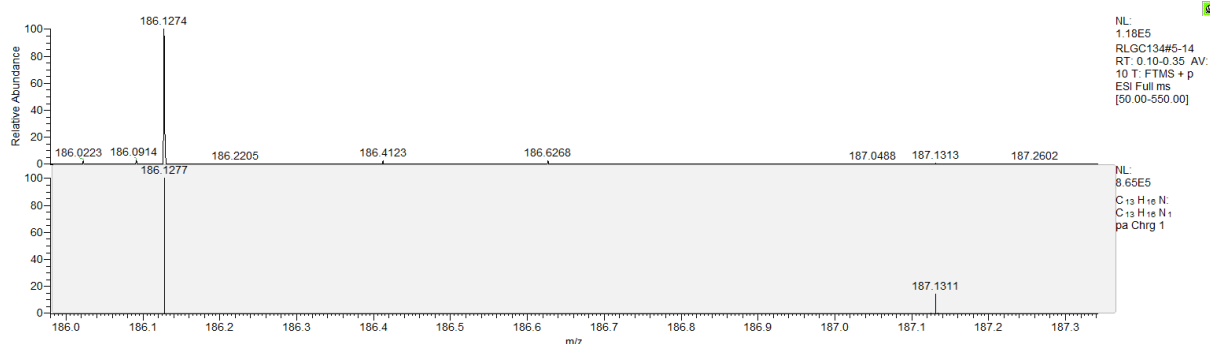
**3-(7-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3I)**



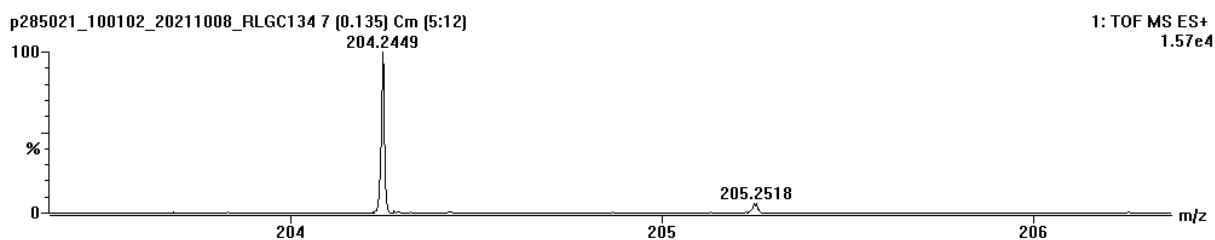
## 9. Mass Spectra of Reference Compounds

### 2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3a)

HRMS ( $[M-OH]^+$ )

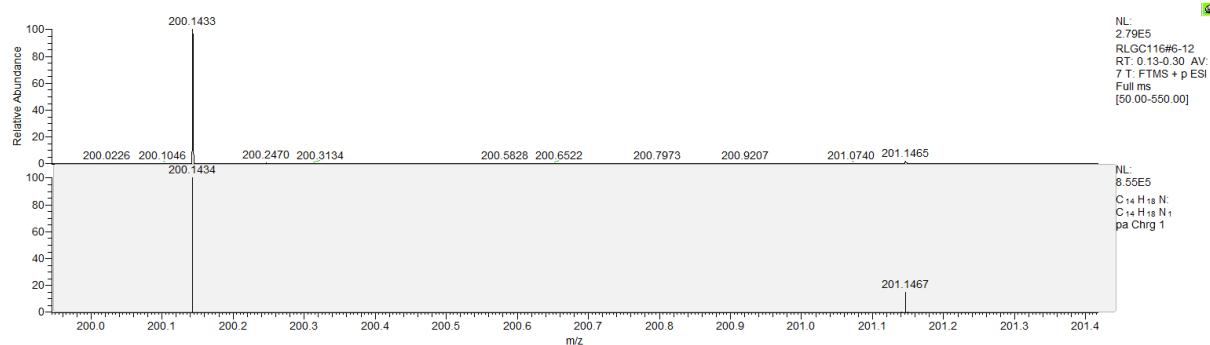


LRMS ( $[M+H]^+$ )



### 2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)butan-1-ol (3b)

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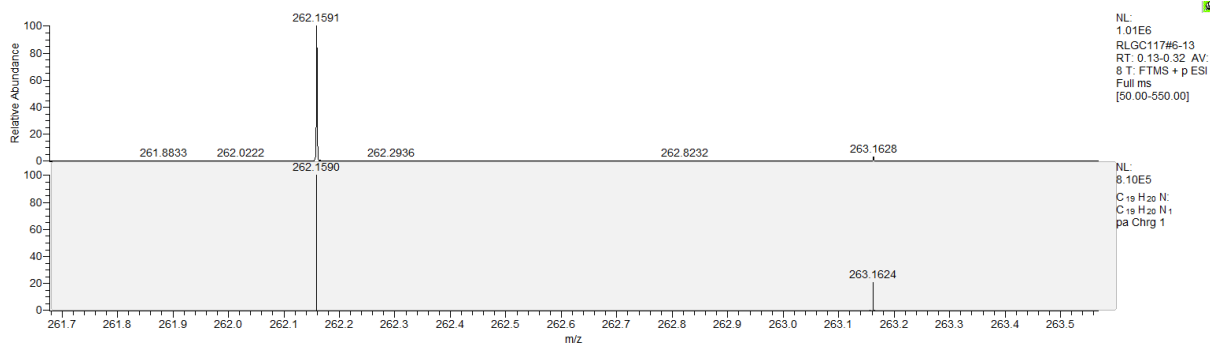


LRMS ( $[M+H]^+$ )

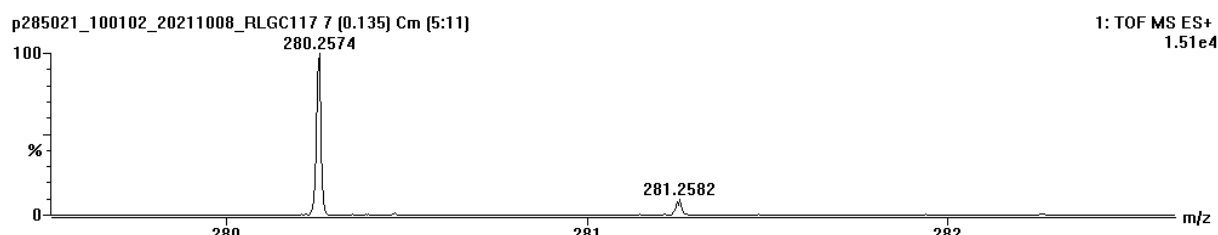


**2-benzyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3c)**

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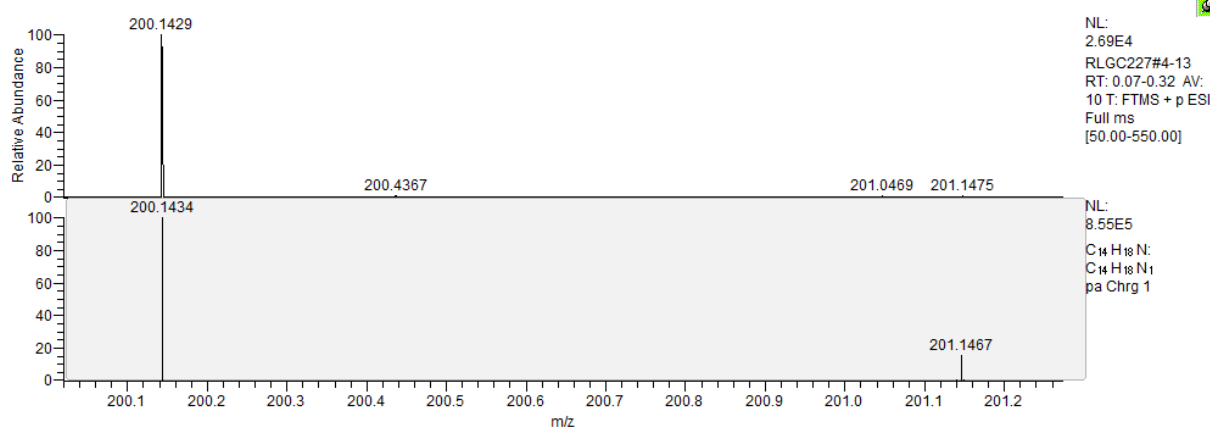


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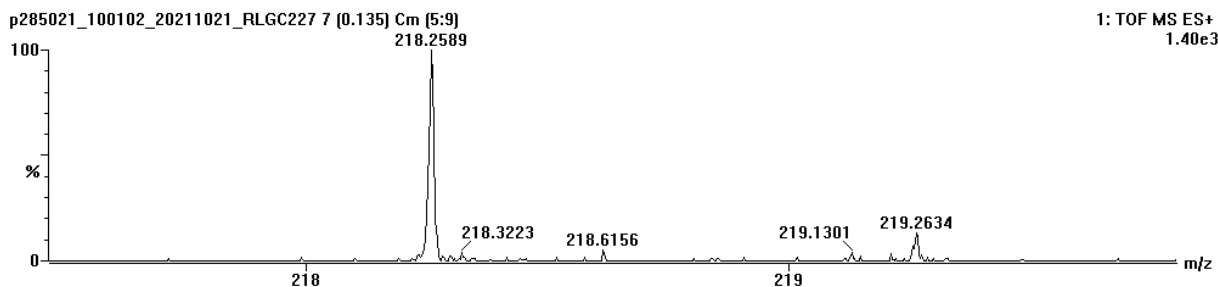


**2-methyl-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-1-ol (3d)**

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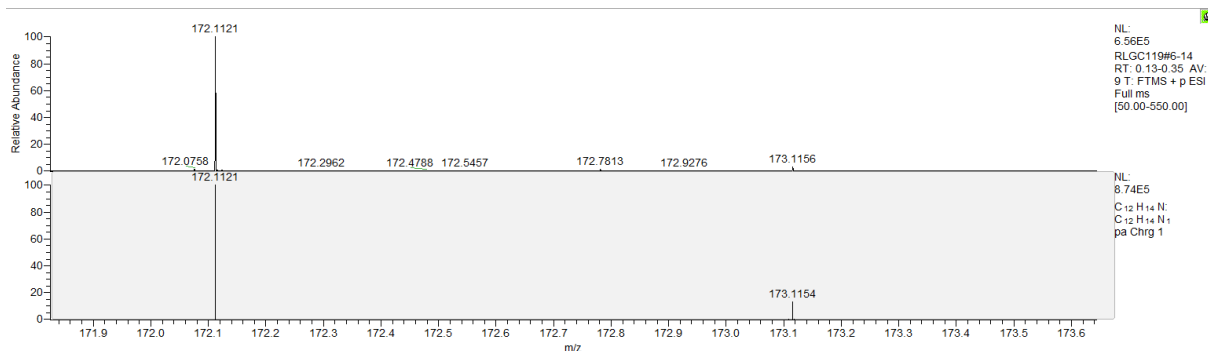


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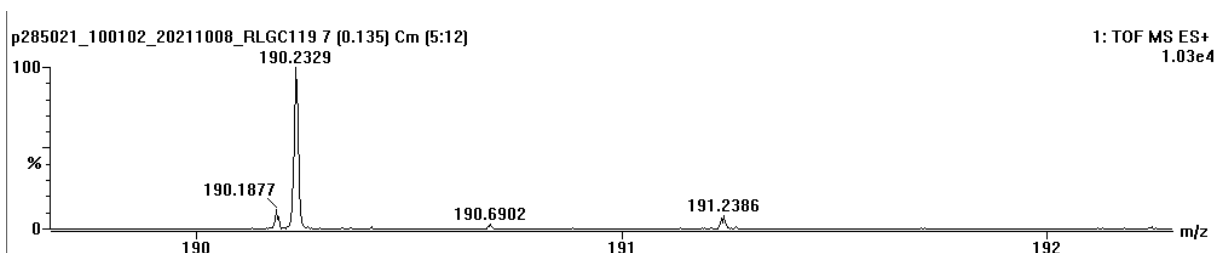


**3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3e)**

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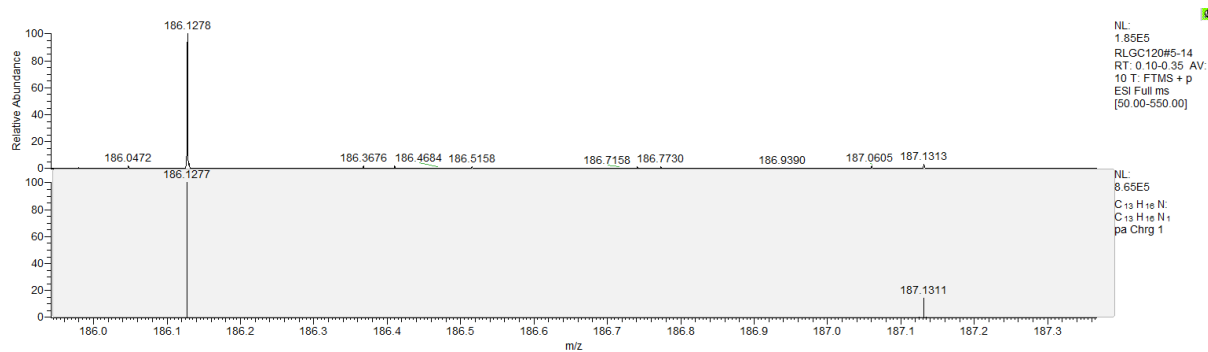


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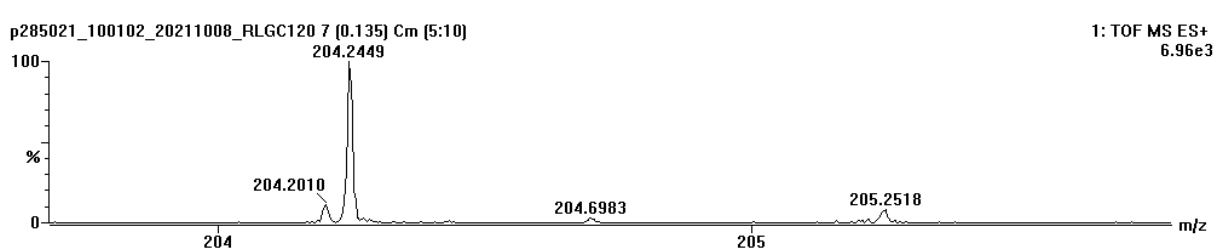


**2-methyl-3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-ol (3f)**

HRMS ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>)

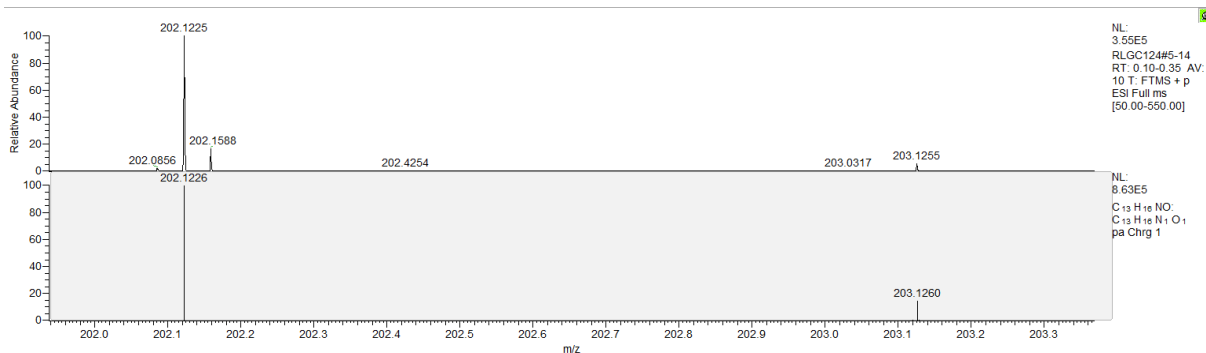


LRMS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



**3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3g)**

HRMS ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>)

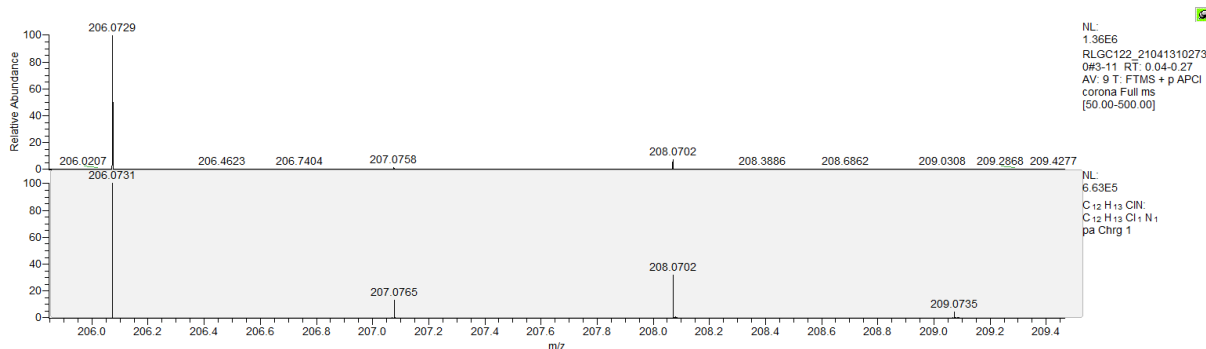


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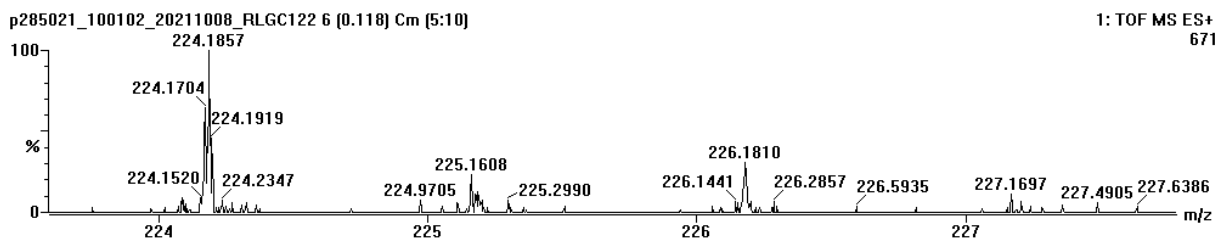


**3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3h)**

HRMS ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>)



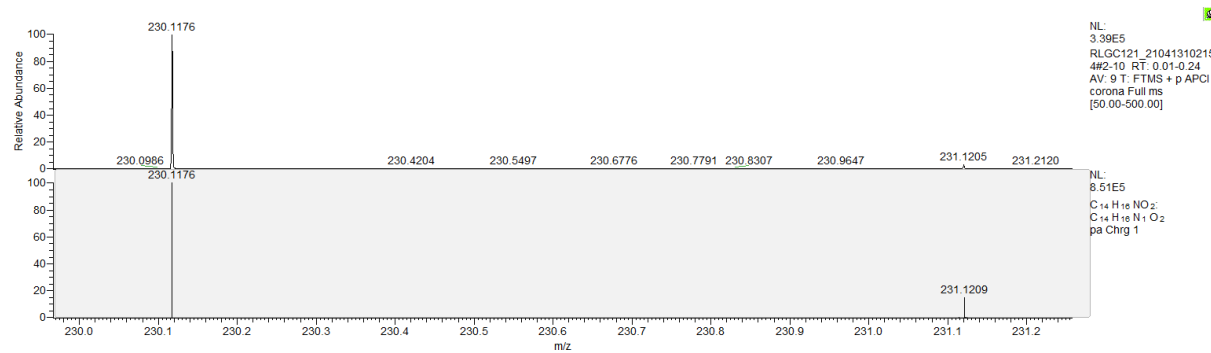
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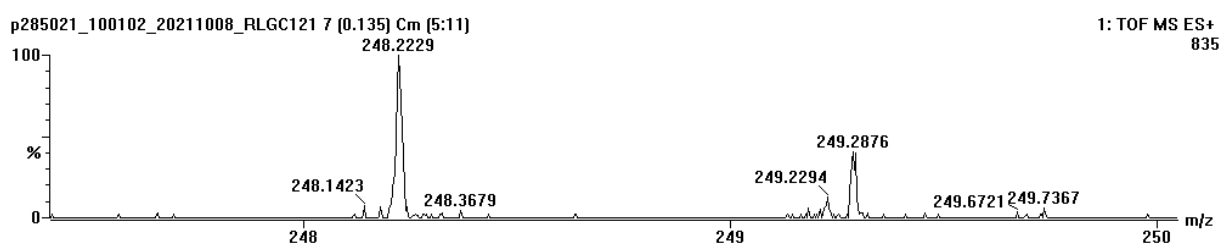


**methyl 3-(3-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3i)**

HRMS ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>)

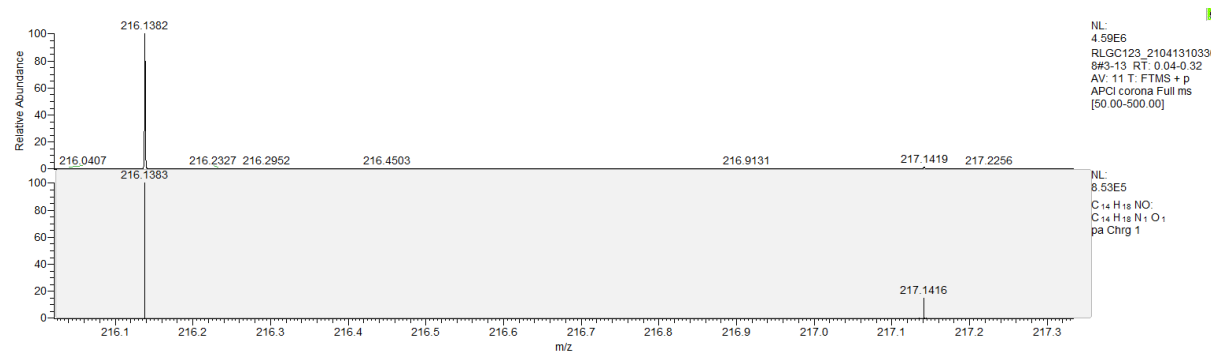


LRMS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



**3-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3j)**

HRMS ([M-OH]<sup>+</sup>)

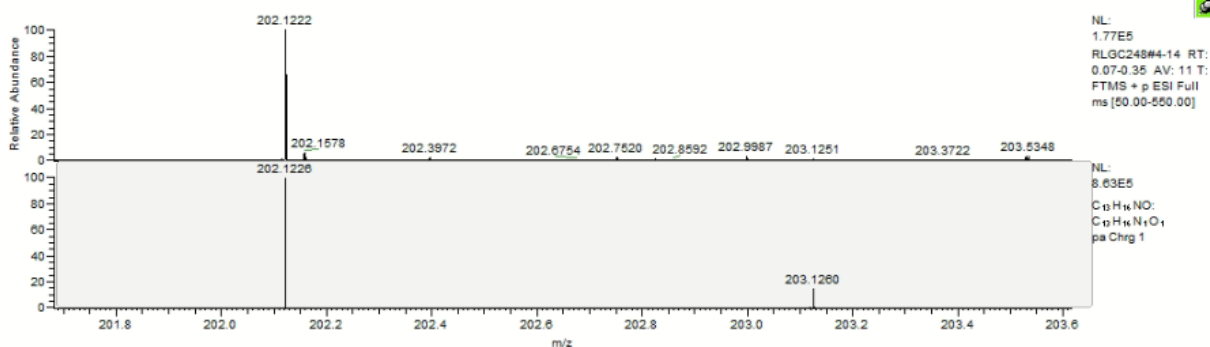


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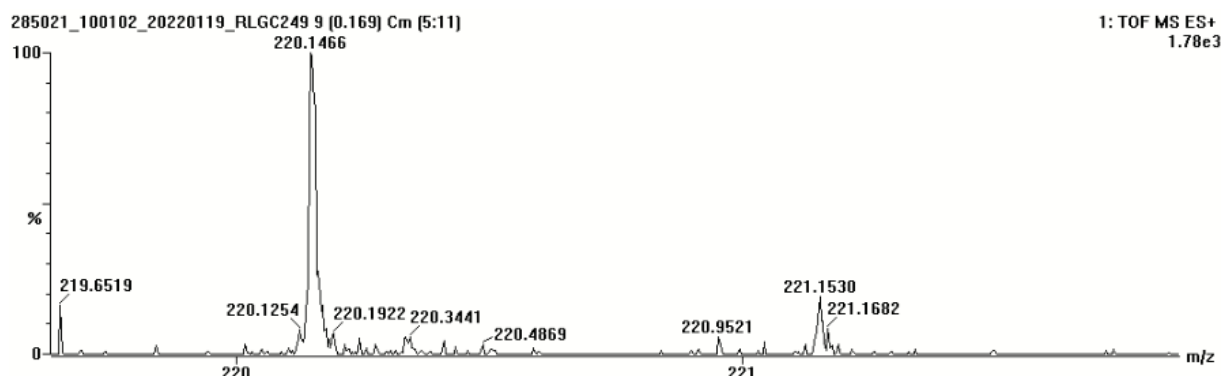


**3-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (3k)**

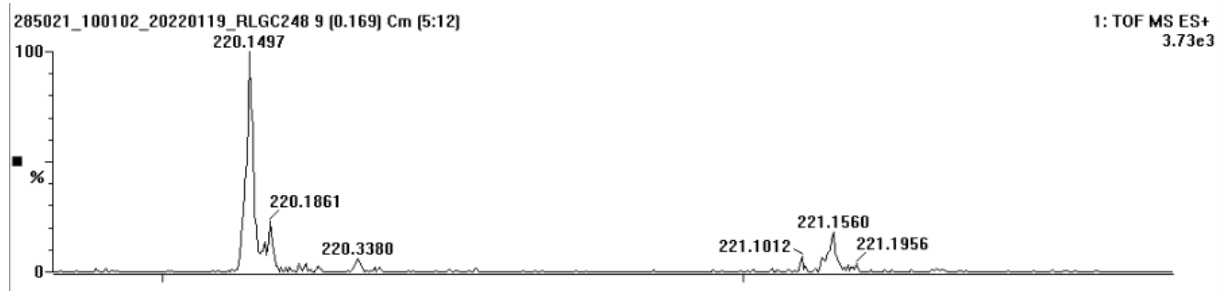
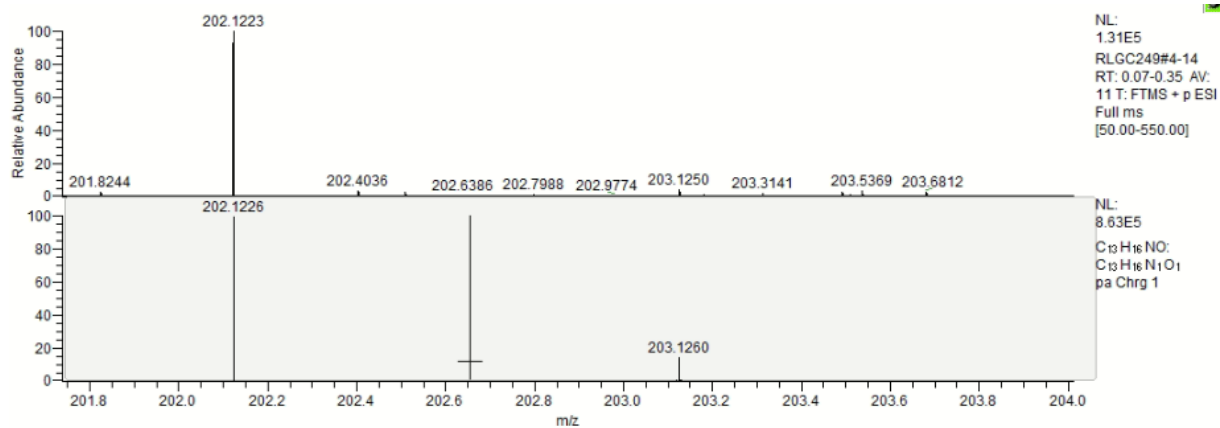
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LRMS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



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