

Supplementary Information

Enzyme-Responsive Reporter Molecules for Selective Localization and Fluorescent Imaging of Pathogenic Biofilms

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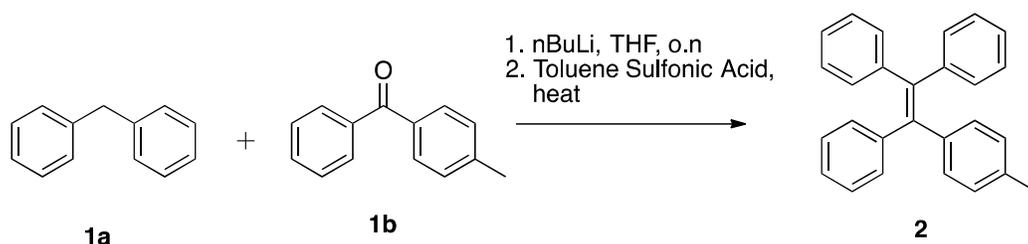
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Experimental Section

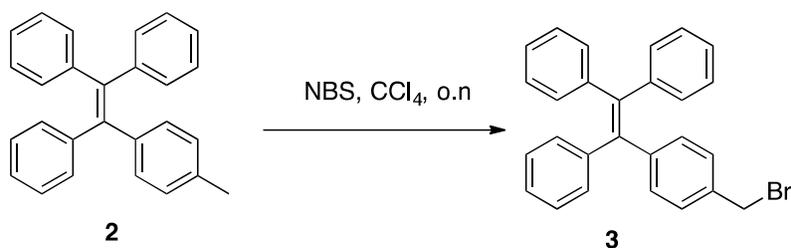
General Information: All the chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Three bacterial strains *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) DH5 α (ATCC 53868), *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) B1-21 (ATCC 13032) and *Enterobacter cloacae* (*E. cloacae*) (ATCC 13047) were purchased from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), USA. Respective biofilms were constructed on glass slides surface in 50 mL centrifuge tube under constant shaking in laboratory shaker overnight. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer or Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer. Mass spectra (MS) were measured with Thermo LCQ Deca XP Max or Thermo Finnigan MAT 95 XP mass spectrometer for electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESI). Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with distilled solvents. Reverse-phase HPLC analysis was performed on a Shimadzu HPLC system using an Alltima C-18 (250 \times 10 mm) column at a flow rate of 3.0 mL/min for preparation and a C-18 (250 \times 4.6 mm) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min for analysis. Fluorescence emission spectra were performed on a Varian Cary eclipse Fluorescence Spectrophotometer. UV absorption spectra were recorded in a 10 mm path quartz cell on a Beckman coulter DU800 spectrometer. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurements were performed using Brookhaven 90 Plus Nanoparticle Size Analyzer. Fluorescence microscopic imaging and confocal laser scanning microscopic imaging were conducted with Zeiss LSM 800 Confocal Microscope.

Synthesis of ERM-1 and ERM-2



Synthesis of 2:

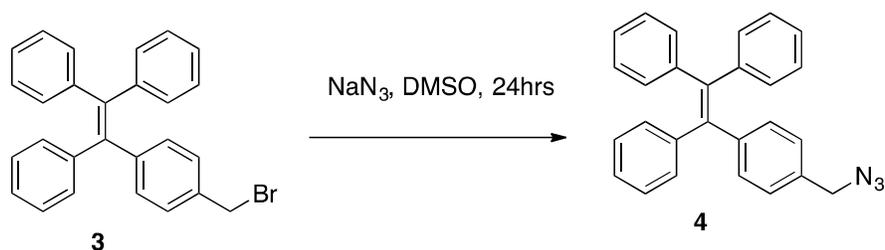
Diphenylmethane (2.03 g, 15 mmol) was dissolved into anhydrous THF (50 mL) and was subsequently cooled to 0°C. Next, n-butyllithium (7.50 mL, 2.5 M) was added drop wise into the reaction mixture. After stirring for 1 hr, 4-methylbenzophenone (2.45 g, 12.50 mmol) was added and allowed to slowly warm to room temperature while being stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and quenched with aqueous ammonium chloride. The organic materials were extracted thrice with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO₄. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 99:1) and is followed by purification with flash chromatography to afford **2** as a white solid (1.69 g, 4.88 mmol, yield 79%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.08-7.21 (m, 15H), 7.04 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 144.08, 141.07, 140.90, 140.62, 136.15, 131.48, 131.44, 131.36, 128.51, 127.81, 127.75, 126.46, 126.41, 21.33. MS (ESI) m/z: 347.24, calculated for [M+H]⁺: 347.47.



Synthesis of 3:

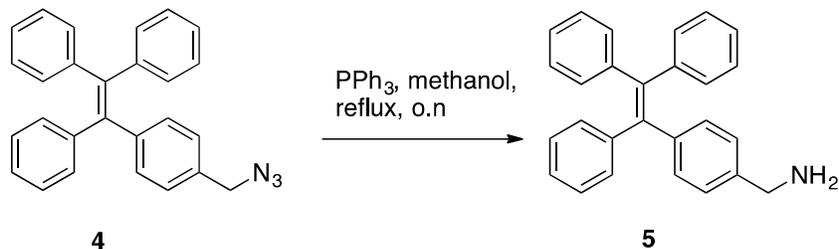
Compound **2** (1.04 g, 3 mmol) was dissolved in CCl₄ (20 mL), followed by addition of *N*-bromosuccinimide (0.55 g, 3.2 mmol) and a catalytic amount of benzoyl peroxide. Reaction mixture was stirred under reflux condition for 12 h. The organic materials were extracted thrice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed thrice with

water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 99:1) to afford **3** as a white solid (0.71 g, 1.67 mmol, yield 61%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.16–7.00 (m, 19H), 4.43 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 145.01, 144.11, 143.74, 143.44, 141.49, 140.14, 139.09, 135.79, 131.66, 131.28, 128.51, 127.68, 126.56, 33.64. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 425.54, calculated for $[\text{M}]^+$: 425.37



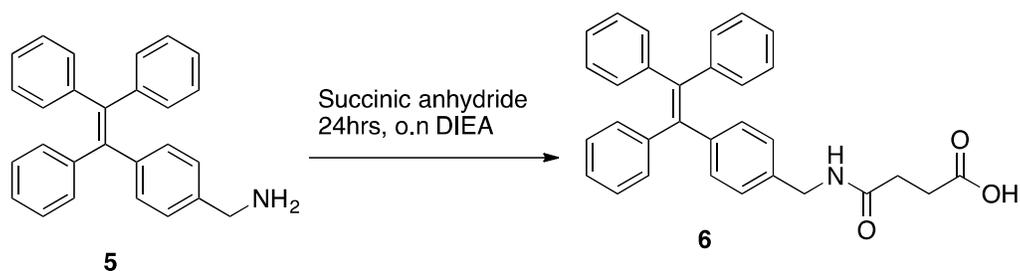
Synthesis of **4**:

Compound **3** (0.85 g, 1.67 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (10 mL), followed by addition of sodium azide (0.20 g, 3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature overnight. Subsequently, mixture was quenched with water (50 mL). The organic materials were extracted thrice with diethyl ether. The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/Chloroform = 80:20) to afford **4** as a white solid (0.73 g, 1.88 mmol, yield 95%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.08–7.17 (m, 21H), 4.30 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 144.01, 143.61, 141.59, 140.39, 133.40, 131.84, 131.41, 127.87, 127.76, 127.67, 126.63, 54.59. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 409.64, calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 409.49.



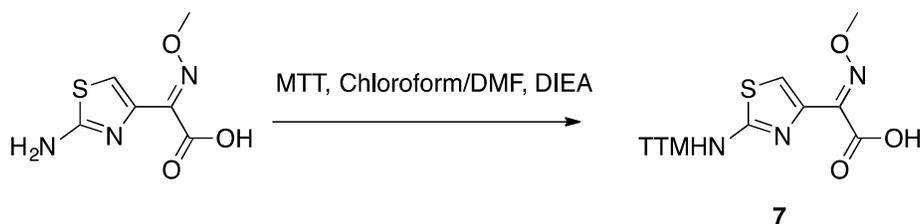
Synthesis of 5:

Compound **4** (0.73 g, 1.88 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous methanol (10 mL), followed by addition of triphenylphosphine (1.00 g). The reaction mixture was stirred under reflux condition overnight. After confirmation with TLC, crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:80) to afford **5** as a white solid (0.55 g, 1.52 mmol, yield 81%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.12–7.01 (m, 19H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.70, 143.54, 143.51, 141.40, 140.23, 134.61, 131.76, 131.26, 127.78, 127.72, 127.66, 127.45, 126.57, 126.53, 43.88, 23.22. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 361.18, calculated for [M]⁺: 361.49



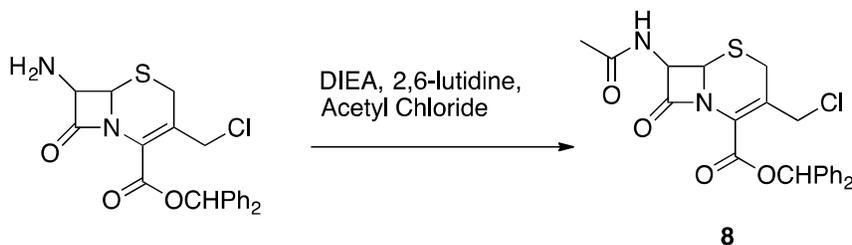
Synthesis of 6:

Compound **5** (0.55 g, 1.52 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), followed by addition of succinic anhydride (0.15 g, 15 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (261 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After confirmation with TLC, crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 50:50), to afford **6** as a white solid (0.31 g, 0.67 mmol, yield 45%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.02–7.14 (m, 20H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.60, 143.26, 141.28, 140.32, 135.54, 131.70, 131.28, 127.75, 127.70, 127.65, 127.03, 126.50, 43.61, 30.73, 29.69. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 462.09, calculated for [M+H]⁺: 462.56



Synthesis of 7:

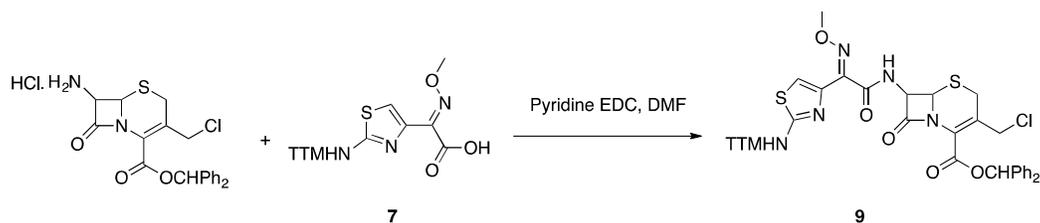
2-(2-amino-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-2-(methoxyimino) acetic acid (500 mg, 4.97 mmol) was dissolved in CHCl_3/DMF 2:1 (20 mL) and TEA (1.5 mL, 11 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C . Subsequently, 4-methyl trityl chloride (800 mg, 5.47 mmol) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. After confirmation with TLC, chemical mixture was quenched with aqueous hydrogen chloride (1M). The organic materials were extracted thrice with CHCl_3 . The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 80:20) to afford **7** as a white solid (413 mg, 1.00 mmol, yield 45%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.12-7.31 (m, 15H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 169.38, 141.91, 136.83, 129.38, 128.39, 127.92, 108.25, 72.94, 63.08, 29.71, 14.14. MS (ESI) m/z : 479.99, calculated for $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 480.55



Synthesis of 8:

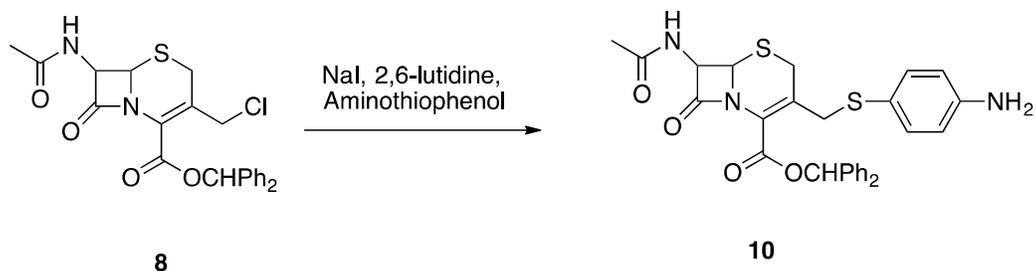
7-Amino-3-chloromethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid diphenylmethyl ester hydrochloride (451 mg, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), followed by addition of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (174 μL), acetyl chloride (71 μL) and 2,6-lutidine (116 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred under room temperature overnight. After confirmation with TLC, organic materials were extracted thrice with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 50:50) to afford **8** as a white solid (390 mg, 0.78 mmol, yield 85%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.25-7.44 (m, 10H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.91$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, $J = 4.92$ Hz, 8.91 Hz,

1H), 4.99 (d, $J = 4.98$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.53 (q, $J = 17.97$ Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H).
 ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 170.64, 165.44, 160.54, 139.11, 138.96, 128.66, 128.54, 128.34, 128.22, 127.71, 127.39, 126.95, 125.57, 79.89, 77.53, 77.11, 76.69, 59.20, 57.75, 43.18, 27.24, 22.74. MS (ESI) m/z : 456.87, calculated for $[\text{M}]^+$: 456.94



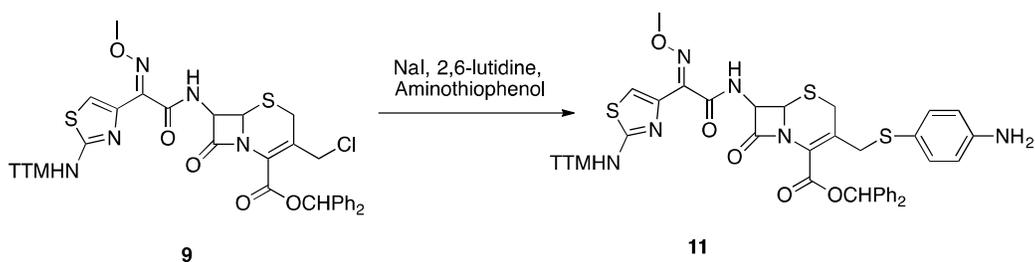
Synthesis of 9:

7-Amino-3-chloromethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid diphenylmethyl ester hydrochloride (451 mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL), followed by addition of pyridine (79.1mg, 1 mmol), EDC hydrochloride (191.7 mg, 1 mmol) and compound **7** (447 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture was stirred under room temperature overnight. After confirmation with TLC, organic materials were extracted thrice with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 50:50) to afford a yellow solid **9** (469.70 mg, 0.87 mmol, 55%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.26-7.37 (m, 19H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 7H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.94$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 5.96 (dd, $J = 4.92$ Hz, 8.91Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 4.95$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 2.97$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.56 (q, $J = 18.00$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 168.62, 163.97, 162.31, 160.42, 147.19, 143.40, 143.24, 140.80, 140.05, 139.05, 138.92, 137.43, 129.27, 129.21, 129.17, 128.97, 128.65, 128.57, 128.36, 128.24, 127.75, 127.55, 126.99, 125.75, 113.03, 71.58, 63.32, 58.94, 57.70, 43.10, 27.36, 21.04MS (ESI) m/z : 854.65, calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 854.44



Synthesis of 10:

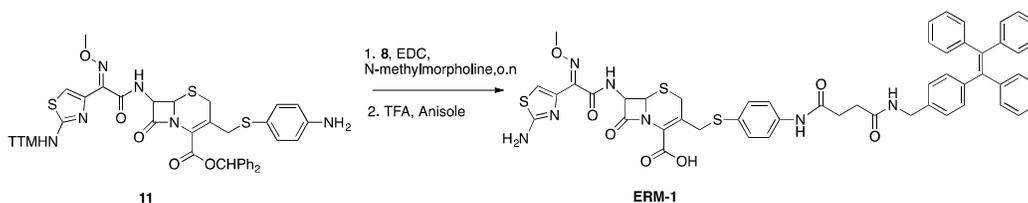
Compound **8** (250 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (2 mL), followed by addition of 4-aminothiophenol (63 mg, 0.50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred under room temperature for 10 minutes. Subsequently, sodium iodide (150 mg, 1.00 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (58 μ L) was added. The chemical mixture was stirred overnight. After confirmation with TLC, organic materials were extracted twice with ethyl acetate, water and brine. The combined extracts were then dried over reduced pressure and purified using flash chromatography to afford **10** (201 mg, 0.37 mmol, 74%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.27-7.34 (m, 11H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.76 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (dd, J = 4.71 Hz, 8.85 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 4.71 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 8.79 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 13.08 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (q, J = 17.76 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 170.55, 165.32, 160.66, 147.11, 139.64, 139.42, 135.70, 133.71, 128.75, 128.12, 127.97, 127.18, 123.97, 120.57, 79.26, 59.08, 58.01, 38.91, 28.75, 22.80. MS (ESI) m/z : 545.98, calculated for $[\text{M}]^+$: 545.67



Synthesis of 11:

Compound **9** (427 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (2 mL), followed by addition of 4-aminothiophenol (63 mg, 0.50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred under room temperature for 10 minutes. Subsequently, sodium iodide (150 mg, 1.00 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (58 μ L) was added. The chemical mixture was stirred overnight. After confirmation with TLC, organic materials were extracted

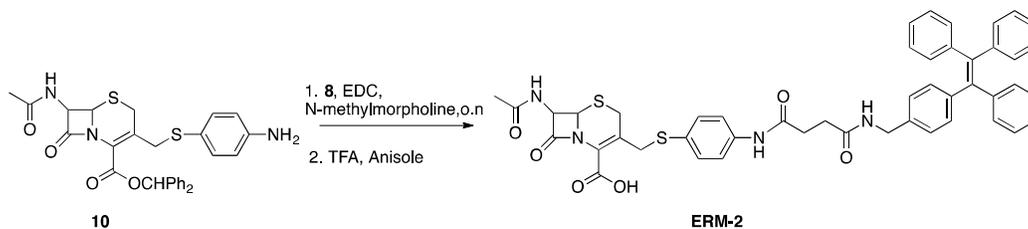
twice with ethyl acetate, water and brine. The combined extracts were then dried over reduced pressure and purified using flash chromatography to afford **11** (349 mg, 0.37 mmol, 74%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.02-7.40 (m, 27H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (dd, *J* = 4.68 Hz, 8.76 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 4.74 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 13.29 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 17.80 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.62, 163.68, 162.24, 160.54, 147.22, 147.03, 143.33, 143.27, 140.03, 139.58, 139.38, 137.45, 135.66, 132.82, 129.20, 128.96, 128.54, 128.44, 128.23, 128.10, 127.96, 127.62, 127.57, 127.02, 124.16, 120.66, 115.47, 113.22, 79.22, 71.58, 63.32, 58.76, 57.80, 38.91, 28.86, 21.02. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 944.77, calculated for [M]⁺: 944.17



Synthesis of ERM-1:

Compound **11** (170 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (10 mL), followed by addition of compound **8** (81.80 mg, 0.18 mmol), ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (70.30 mg, 0.37 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (20 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight under room temperature. After confirmation by TLC, organic materials were extracted thrice with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO₄. The crude mixture was subsequently added with CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), trifluoroacetic acid (300 μL), and anisole (20 μL) was added into the reaction mixture, which was stirred under room temperature for 1 h. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and subsequently crude mixture was purified by reverse phase HPLC to afford white solid **ERM-1** (38.3 mg, 22%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-D₆) δ (ppm): 6.91-7.31 (m, 21H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.28 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.49 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (t, *J* = 4.92 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 4.74, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 17.76 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, 18.69 H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 18.21 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 6.30 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 5.61 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-D₆) δ (ppm): 174.45, 171.38, 148.16, 144.07, 141.0, 131.01, 130.98, 127.98, 127.72, 127.64, 127.44, 126.69, 126.65, 118.46, 115.05, 60.09,

58.38, 54.28, 42.33, 35.85, 20.14, 16.72. MS (ESI) m/z: 964.08, calculated for [M]⁺: 964.14



Synthesis of ERM-2:

Compound **10** (100 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (10 mL), followed by addition of compound **8** (81.80 mg, 0.18 mmol), ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (70.30 mg, 0.37 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (20 μ L). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight under room temperature. After confirmation by TLC, organic materials were extracted thrice with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed thrice with water and once with brine, and dried over MgSO₄. The crude mixture was then added with 1 ml of dichloromethane, 300 μ L trifluoroacetic acid (300 μ L), and anisole (20 μ L) was added into the reaction mixture, which was stirred under room temperature for 1 h. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and subsequently crude mixture was purified by reverse phase HPLC to afford white solid **ERM-2** (21.10 mg, 14%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-D₆) δ (ppm): 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.00 Hz, 2H), 6.96-7.11 (m, 20H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.37, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (t, *J* = 4.83 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 3.00 Hz, 6.00 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 7.95, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 13.38 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 13.38 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 9.33 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.63 (q, *J* = 16.38, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-D₆) δ (ppm): 173.22, 171.04, 169.58, 143.86, 142.32, 140.78, 137.71, 135.47, 133.94, 130.99, 127.72, 127.64, 127.62, 126.58, 126.44, 126.40, 126.37, 114.87, 59.52, 57.87, 53.98, 42.21, 38.81, 37.64, 34.23, 21.25. MS (ESI) m/z: 823.02, calculated for [M]⁺: 823.00

Enzyme Hydrolysis Assay:

Reaction mixtures (100 μ L each) containing ERM-1 and ERM-2 (10 μ M) were incubated separately with 50 nM of AmpC and TEM-1 respectively in 0.1 M PBS buffer (pH 7.4) at 37 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 hr and subjected to fluorescent measurement. In control experiments, ERM-1 and ERM-2 was incubated with PBS buffer at 37 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 hr. To study the enzyme specificity, the enzyme, TEM-1 and AmpC is pretreated with inhibitors CA and AZT (100 μ M) respectively and with ERM-1 and ERM-2 for fluorescent studies.

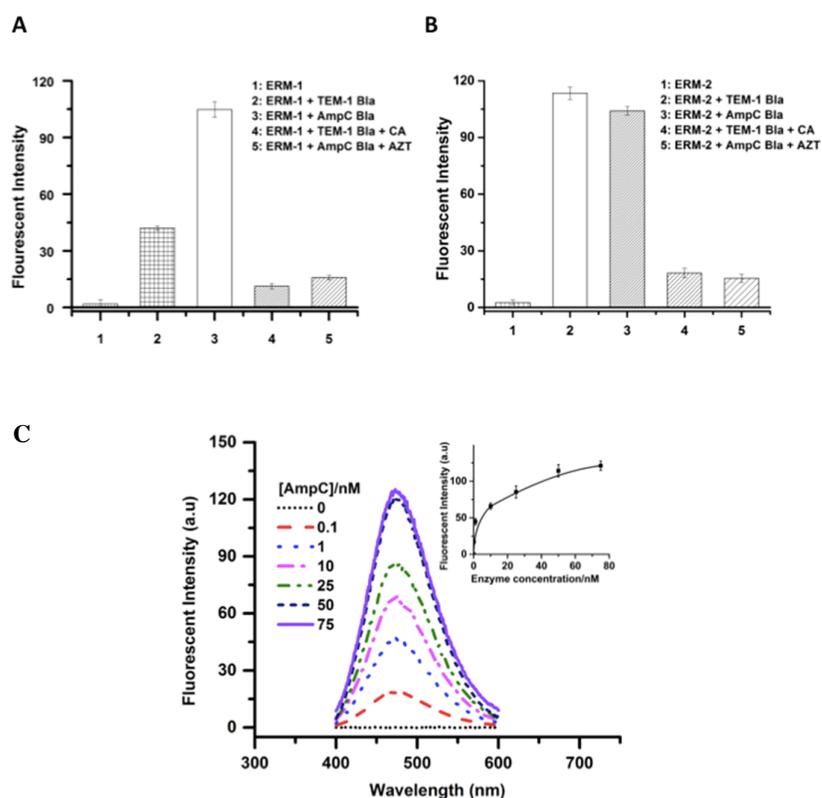


Fig. S1. Fluorescence enhancement of (A) ERM-1 and (B) ERM-2 (10 μ M) in 0.1 M of PBS buffer, pH 7.4 incubated with TEM-1, AmpC (50 nM) and inhibitors Calvanic Acid (CA) and Aztreonam AZT (100 mM). (C) ERM-1 (10 μ M) reaction in a range of different concentration of AmpC.

Enzyme Kinetics

The kinetic experiment were carried out at 37 $^{\circ}$ C in 0.1 M PBS buffer with pH 7.4. The fluorescence was measured using a fluorescence spectrometer. To a series of difference concentration of ERM-1 and ERM-2 (10 μ M to 50 μ M) were incubated separately with

TEM-1 and AmpC (50 nM) and the fluorescence was monitored over a period of 60 minutes with excitation wavelength at 312 nm and emission wavelength at 478 nm. The values of the kinetic parameters (K_M and K_{cat}) were determined by least-squares fit of a double-reciprocal plot of the hydrolysis rate versus probe concentrations.

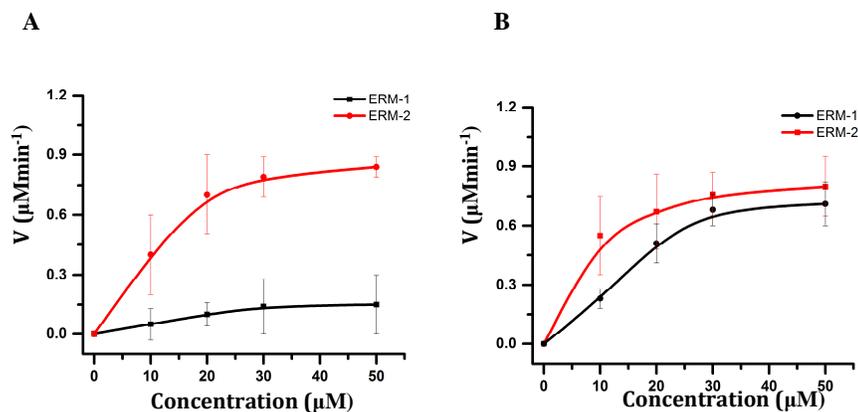


Fig. S2. Enzyme kinetics of ERM-1 and ERM-2 with TEM-1 and AmpC (50 nM). (A) ERM-1 and ERM-2 with TEM-1 enzyme. (B) ERM-1 and ERM-2 with AmpC enzyme.

HPLC Analysis

ERM-1 and ERM-2 were incubated separately with TEM-1 and AmpC in PBS (pH 7.4, 0.1 M) at 37 °C for 1 hr and subjected to HPLC analysis. The Bla (TEM-1 and AmpC 50 nM) hydrolysis of BSLP and NSPC were confirmed with analytical reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography. RP-HPLC was performed on Alltima C-18 column (250 × 3.0 mm) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. An eluting system consisting of A (water with 0.1% TFA) and B (acetonitrile with 0.1% TFA) was used under a linear gradient to elute the products, which was monitored by UV-Visible absorbance at 312 nm. The linear gradient started from 80% solution A and 40 % solution B, changed to 20 % solution A and 80 % solution B in 40 minute and to 0 % solution A and 100% solution B in the following 5 minutes, and then back to 80 % solution A and 40 % solution B in the next 5 minutes.

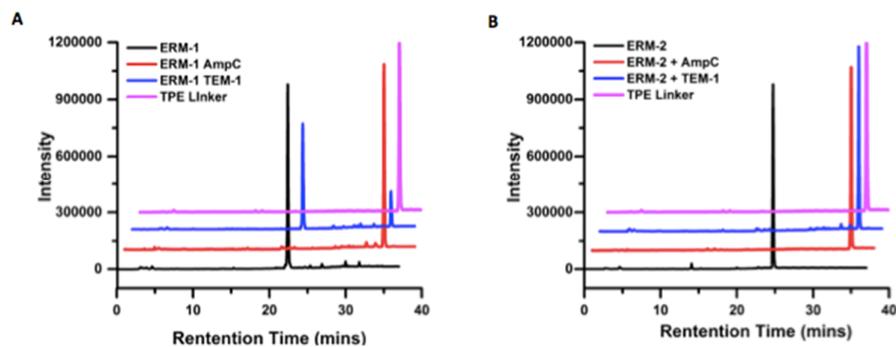


Fig. S3. HPLC analysis of ERM-1 and ERM-2 (100 μ M in 0.1M PBS) with AmpC and TEM-1 (50 nM) at absorbance 312 nm.

Dynamic Light Scattering for size Distribution

The sizes and size population distributions of ERM-1 and ERM-2 after treatment with TEM-1 and AmpC (50 nM) respectively were determined on a Brookhaven 90 Plus Nanoparticle Size Analyzer. Dust-free solution vials were used for the aqueous solutions, and measurements were performed at an angle of 90° in room temperature.

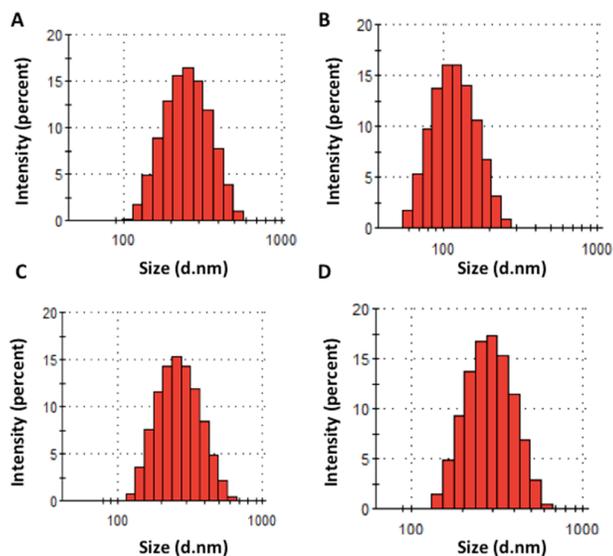


Fig. S4. Hydrodynamic diameter of the residue of ERM-1 and ERM-2 (10 μ M in 0.1 M PBS) after interaction with AmpC and TEM-1 (50 nM) in DMSO/PBS (v/v=1/199).

(A) ERM-1 with AmpC. (B) ERM-1 with TEM-1. (C) ERM-2 with AmpC. (D) ERM-2 with TEM-1.

Confocal Microscopic Bacteria Imaging

The overnight culture of bacteria suspension were diluted to 10^8 cells/ml and incubated with ERM-1 and ERM-2 (20 μ M). After washing the PBS, the bacteria cells were spotted on poly-L-lysine pretreated glass slides and immobilized with coverslips. Bacteria imaging tests were conducted with Zeiss LSM 800 confocal microscope. To study the enzyme specificity, the bacteria were pretreated with enzyme inhibitor CA and AZT and labeled with ERM-1 and ERM-2 for imaging studies.¹

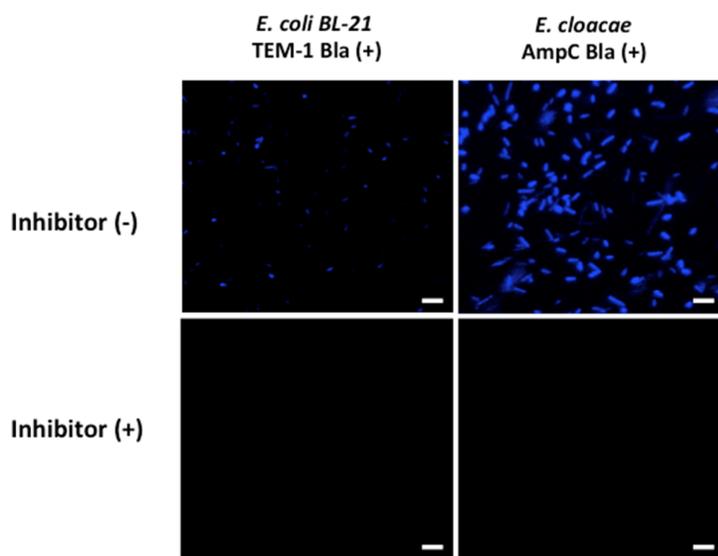


Fig. S5. Confocal imaging of penicillin resistant bacteria *E. cloacae* and *E. coli* BL21 pretreated with inhibitors (100 μ M) with 20 μ M of ERM-1 in 0.1 M PBS, pH 7.4. Ex = 350/50 nm; Em = 450/50 nm. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

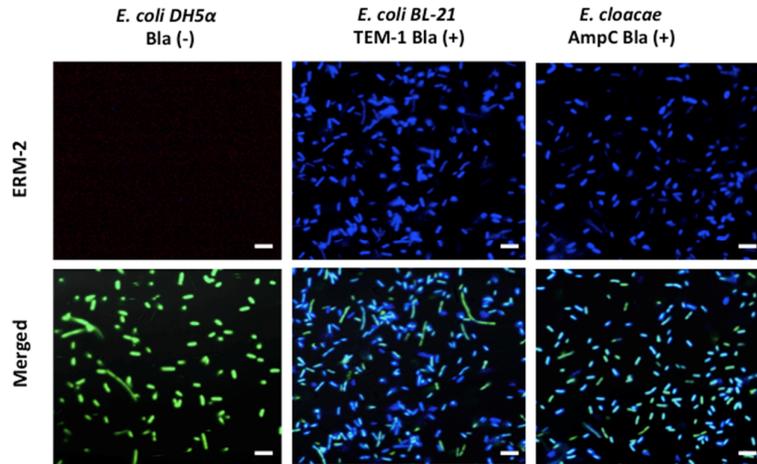


Fig. S6. Confocal imaging of penicillin resistant bacteria *E. cloacae* and *E. coli* BL21, and antibiotic susceptible *E. coli* DH5 α bacteria with 20 μ M of ERM-2 in 0.1 M PBS, pH 7.4. Ex = 350/50 nm; Em = 450/50 nm. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

Biofilm Confocal Microscopic Imaging

The bacteria cells were grown overnight in LB medium at 37 °C and subsequently diluted with LB in 1:100. Sterile glass cover slides were covered with 10 ml of bacteria suspension and incubated in 37 °C 24h. Bacteria suspension was discarded and slides were washed gently with 1 ml LB. ERM-1 and ERM-2 probes (10 μ M) were dissolved in LB medium and added to the slides for incubation for 1 hr 37°C. Slides were washed gently with sterile PBS (pH = 7.4, 0.1M) two times and observed by LSM 800 Zeiss Confocal Laser Microscope.²⁻³

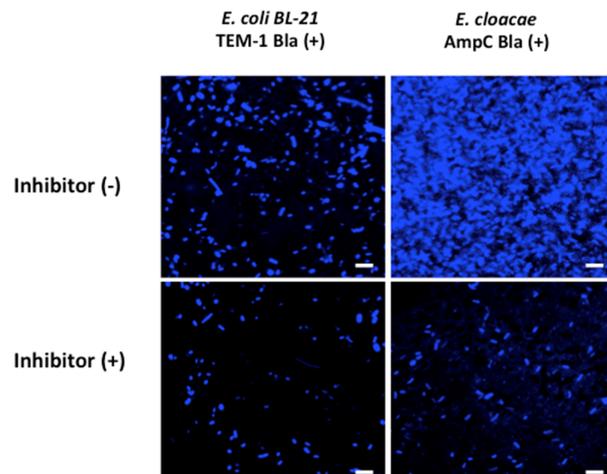


Fig. S7. Confocal imaging of penicillin resistant bacteria *E. cloacae* and *E. coli* BL21 biofilms pretreated with inhibitors (100 μ M) and with 20 μ M of ERM-1 in 0.1 M PBS, pH 7.4. Ex = 350/50 nm; Em = 450/50 nm. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

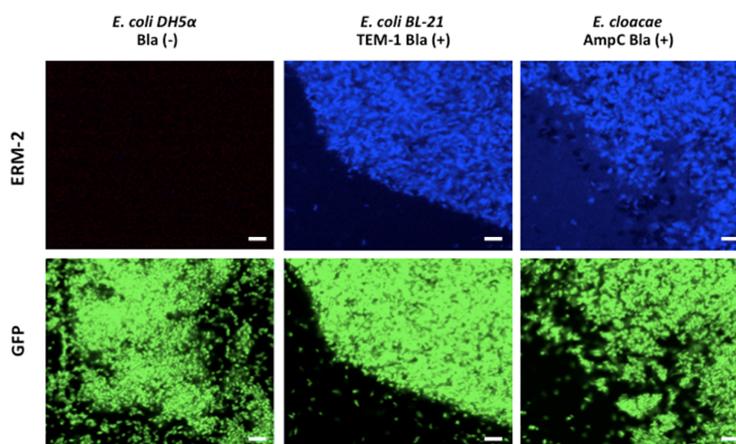


Fig. S8. Confocal imaging of penicillin resistant bacteria *E. cloacae* and *E. coli* BL21, and antibiotic susceptible *E. coli* DH5 α bacteria biofilms with 20 μ M of ERM-2 in 0.1 M PBS, pH 7.4. Ex = 350/50 nm; Em = 450/50 nm. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

Flow-Cytometric Analysis

The overnight cultures of *E. coli* DH5 α , BL-21 and *E. cloacae* cells (10^8 CFU/ml) were first treated with 10 μ M of ERM-1 and ERM-2 for 1 hr and washed with PBS. The fluorescence of the cells was detected by a high sensitivity flow cytometer with a solid-state 355 nm continuous wave laser as excitation source. The emitted light was collected and split into two light paths for side scatter and blue fluorescence detection respectively.

Stability Test

Typically, the prepared enzyme responsive molecule, e.g. ERM-1 (100 μM), was incubated in several biological samples: 0.10 mL of PBS buffer (pH = 6.0, 7.4 and 8.0), LB (Lysogeny Broth) and human serum (10%) for different time intervals at room temperature. At different time point, the mixture was re-suspended in MeOH (0.3 mL) and then centrifuged at 16,000 g for 5 min. The supernatant was analyzed by HPLC to evaluate the stability. There was no obvious ERM-1 degradation observed in PBS (in different pH), LB and human serum (10%) (for 24 hours) indicated the sufficient stability of ERM-1 *in vitro* and living bacteria experiments.

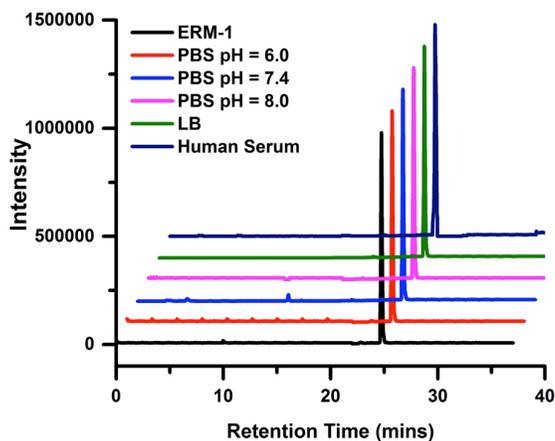
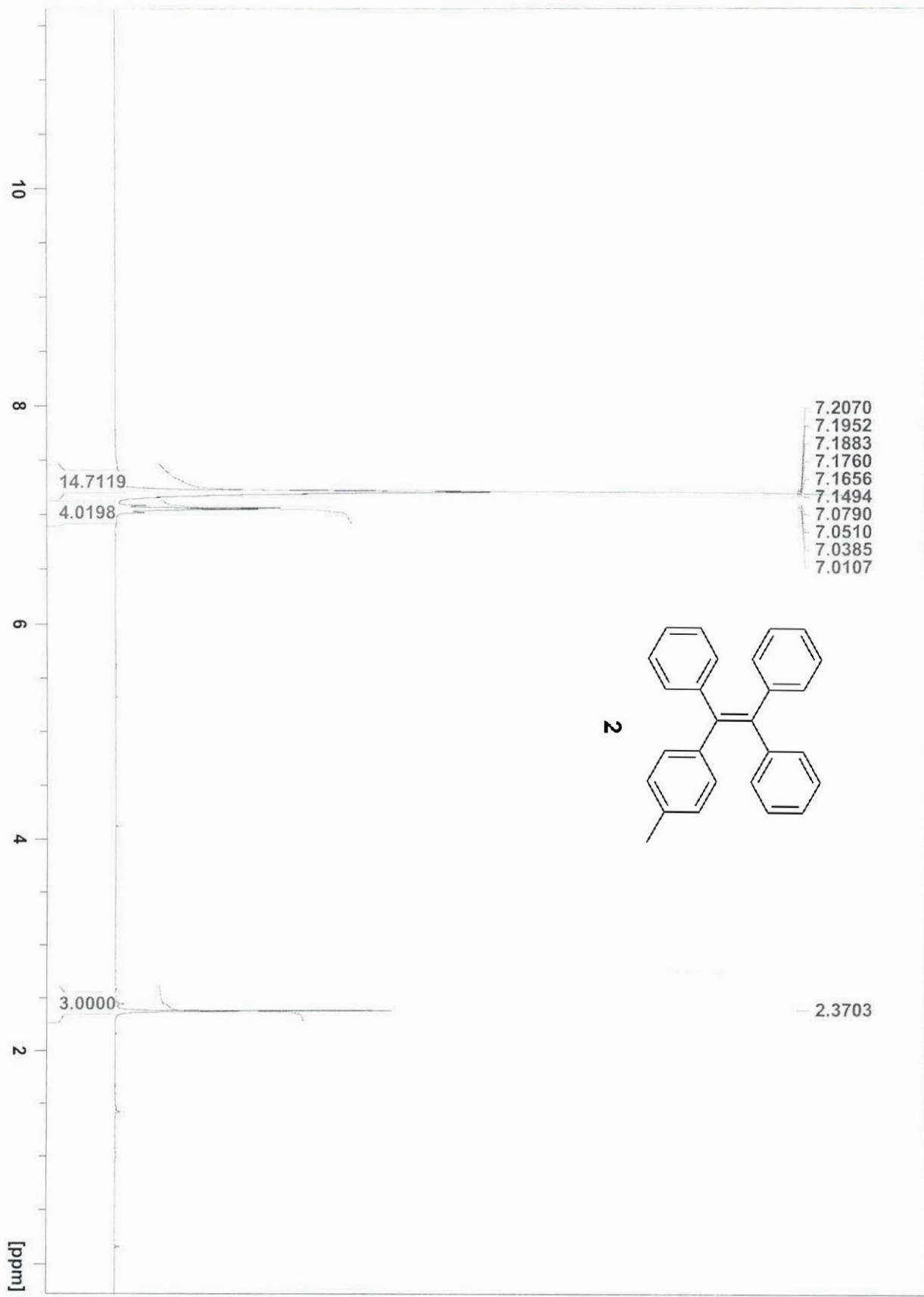


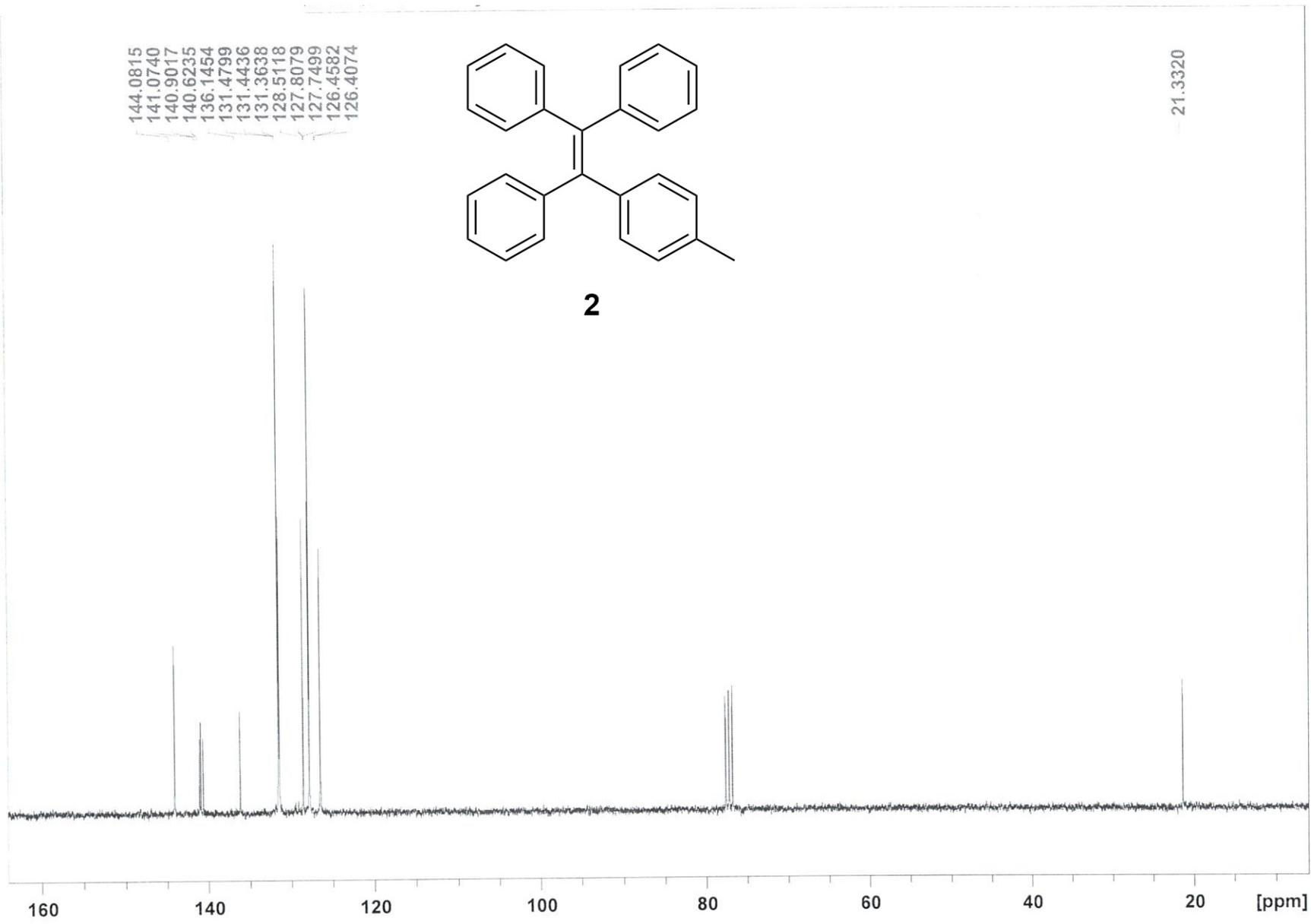
Figure S9. HPLC analysis of ERM-1 (100 μM) with PBS (pH = 6.0, 7.4 and 8.0), LB and human serum (10%) at absorbance 312 nm for 24 hrs.

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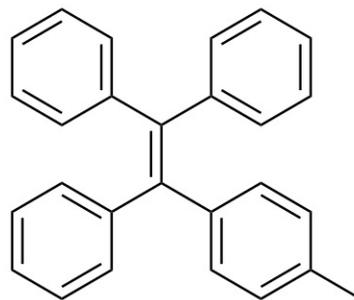
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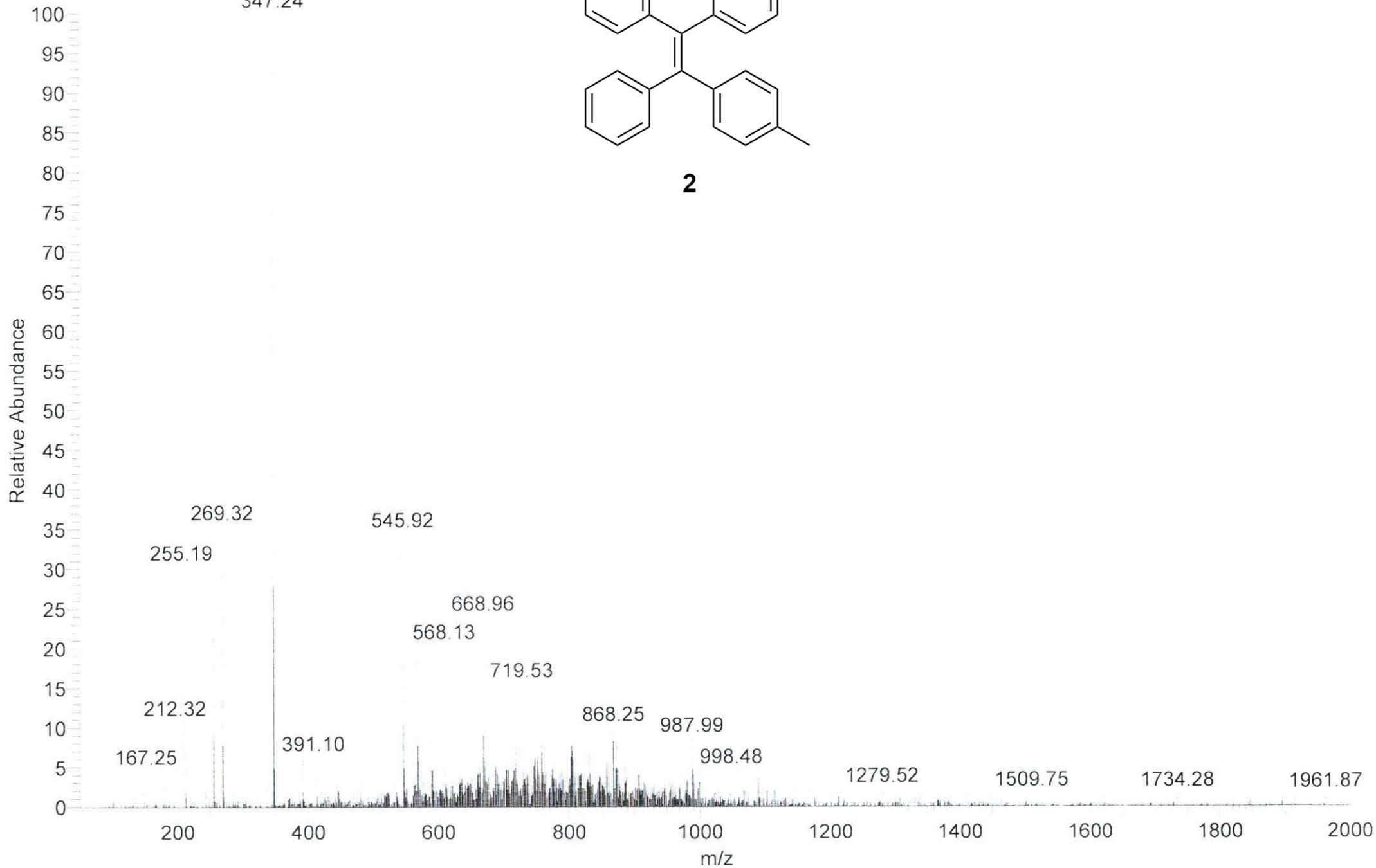
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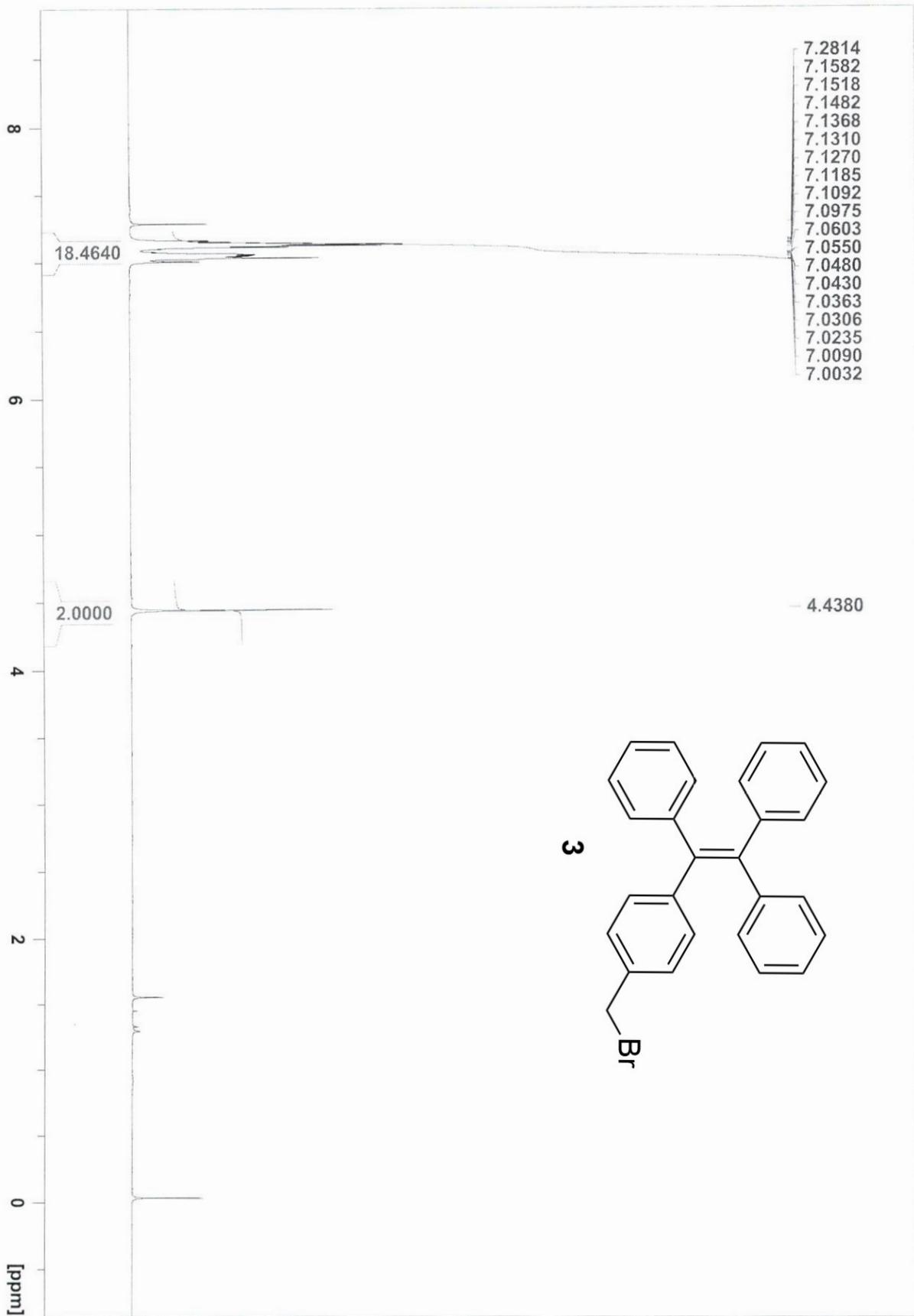
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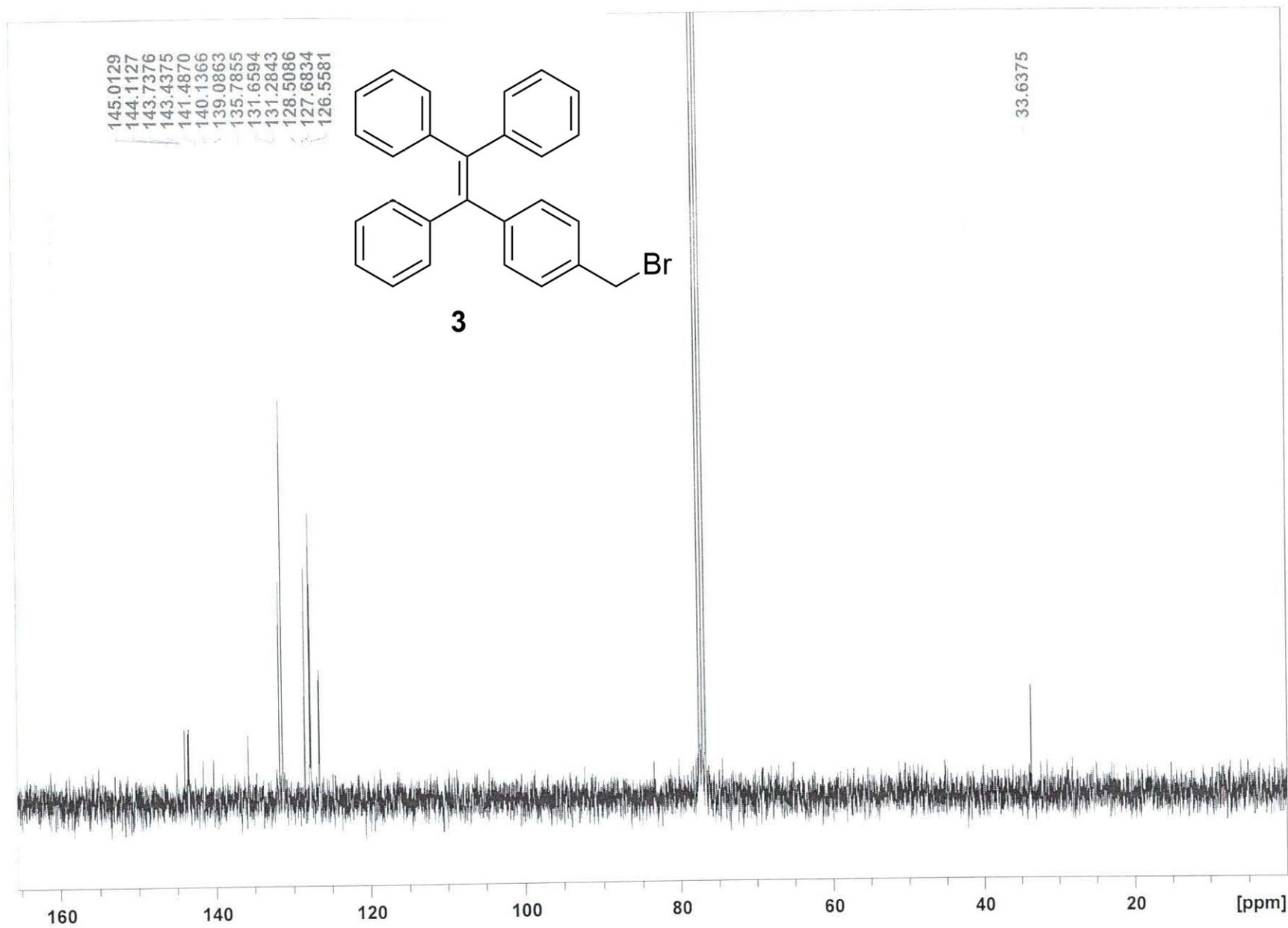
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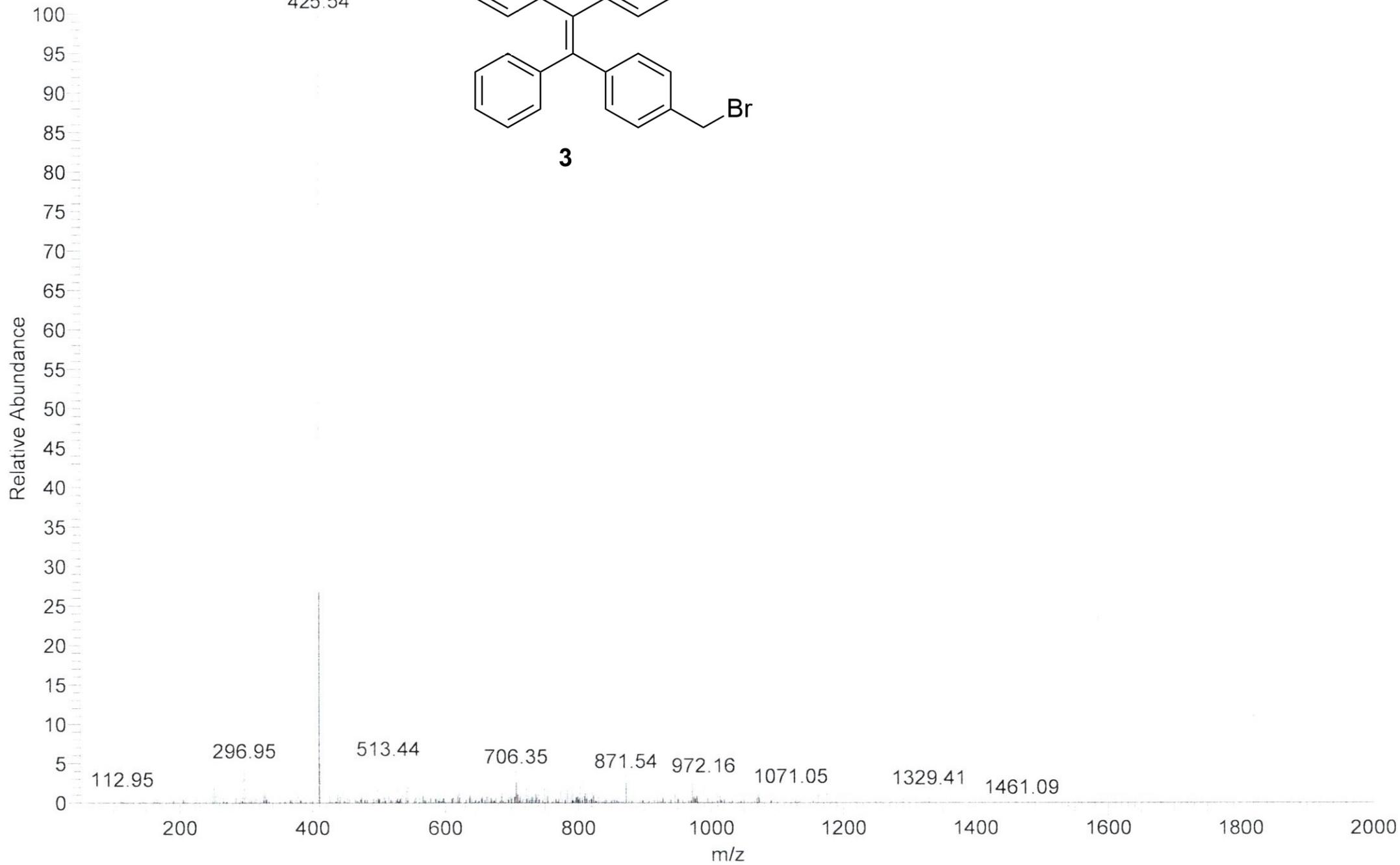
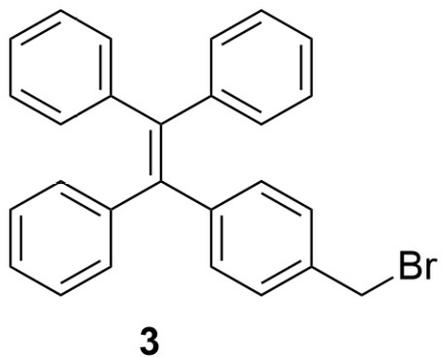
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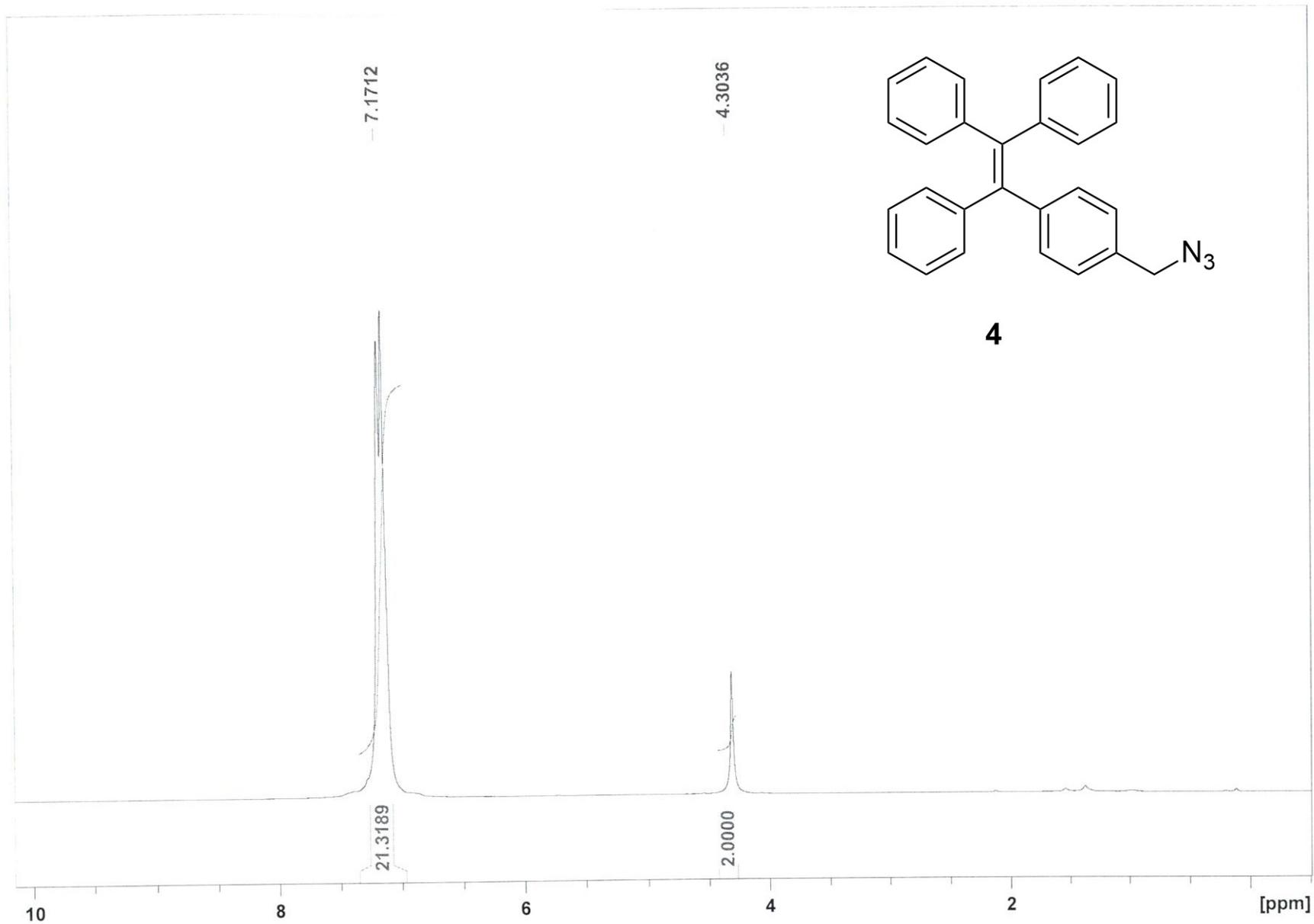
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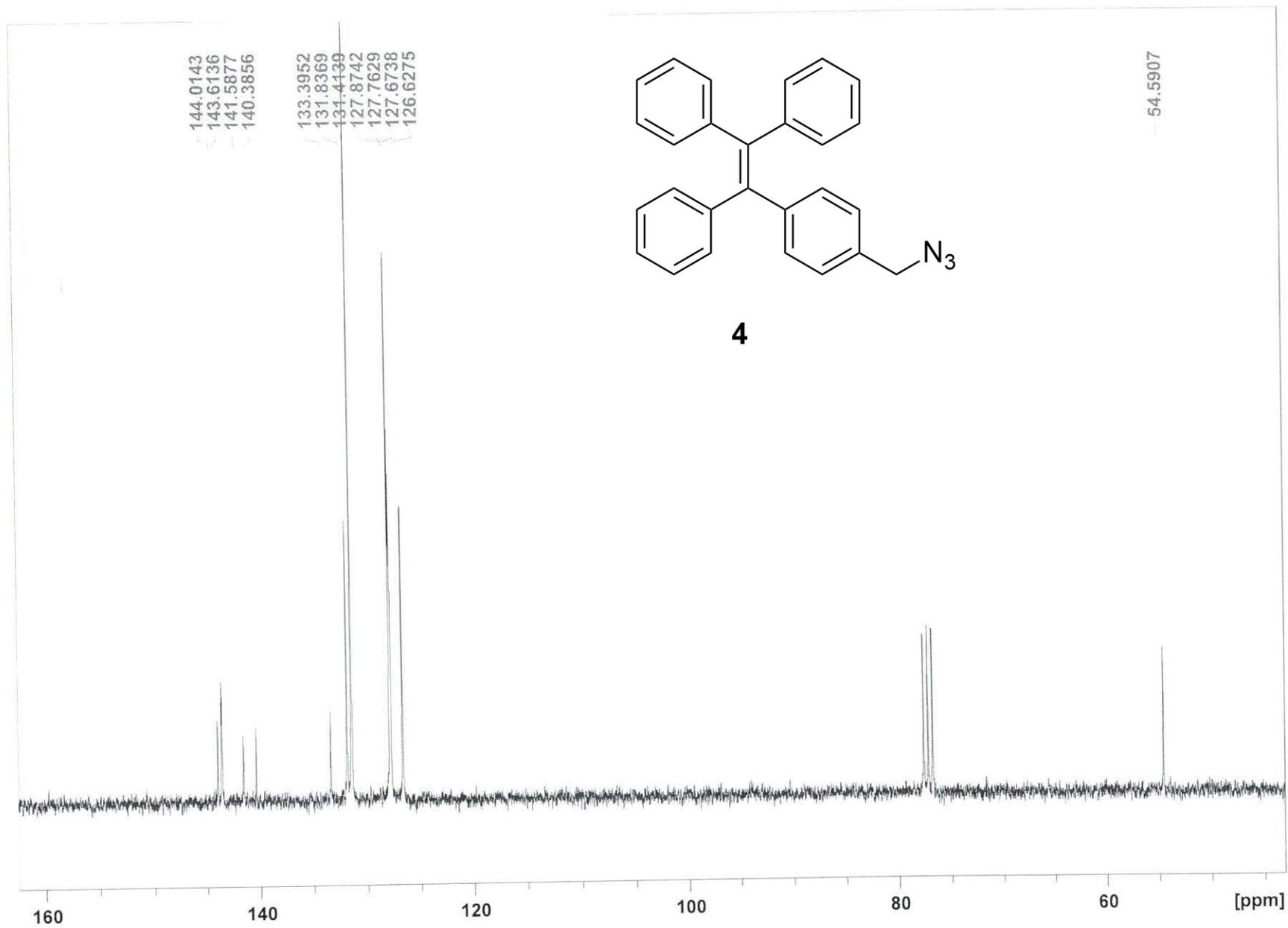
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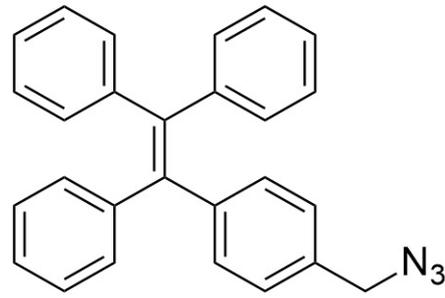
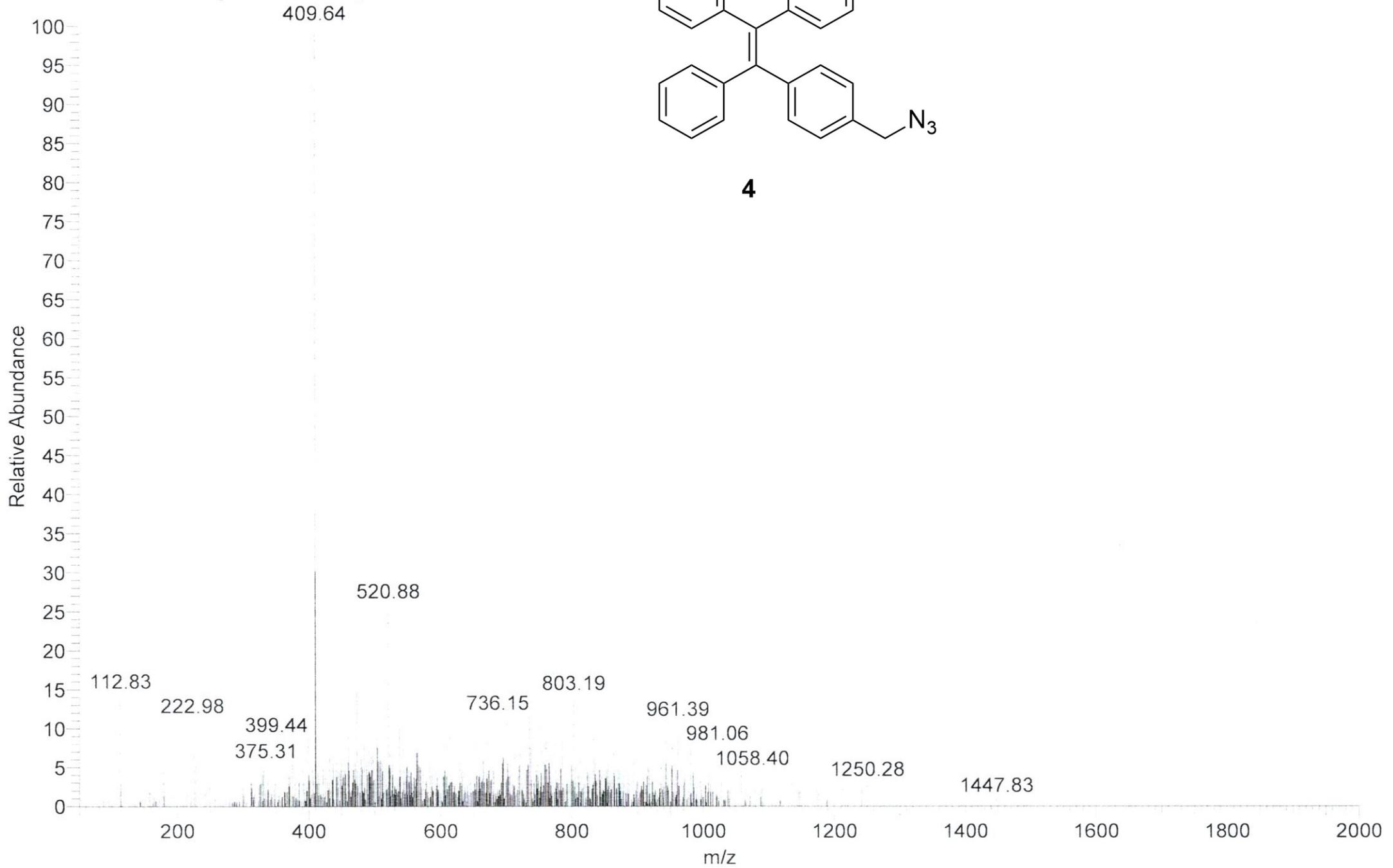


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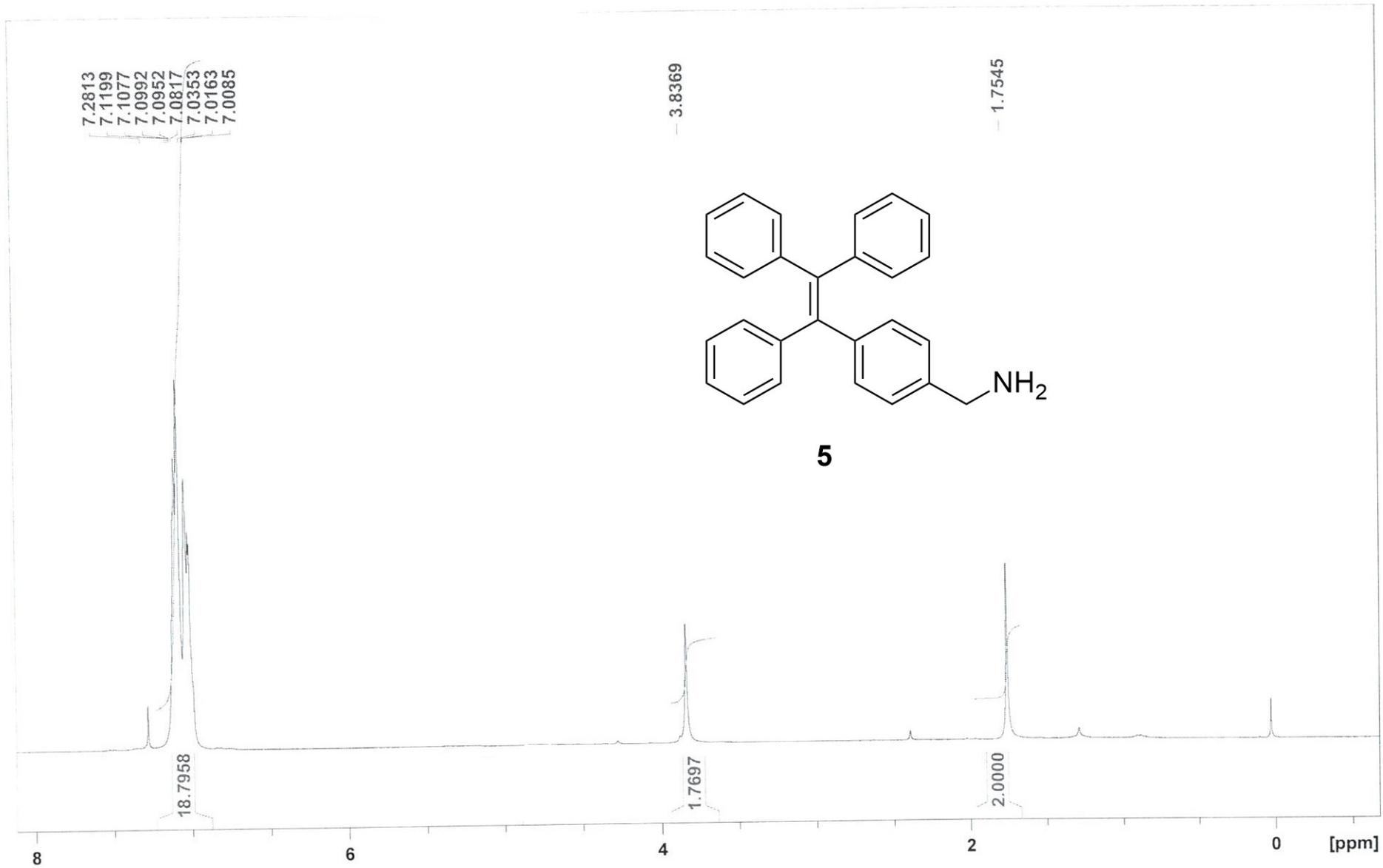
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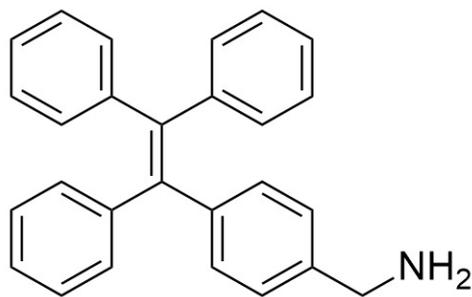
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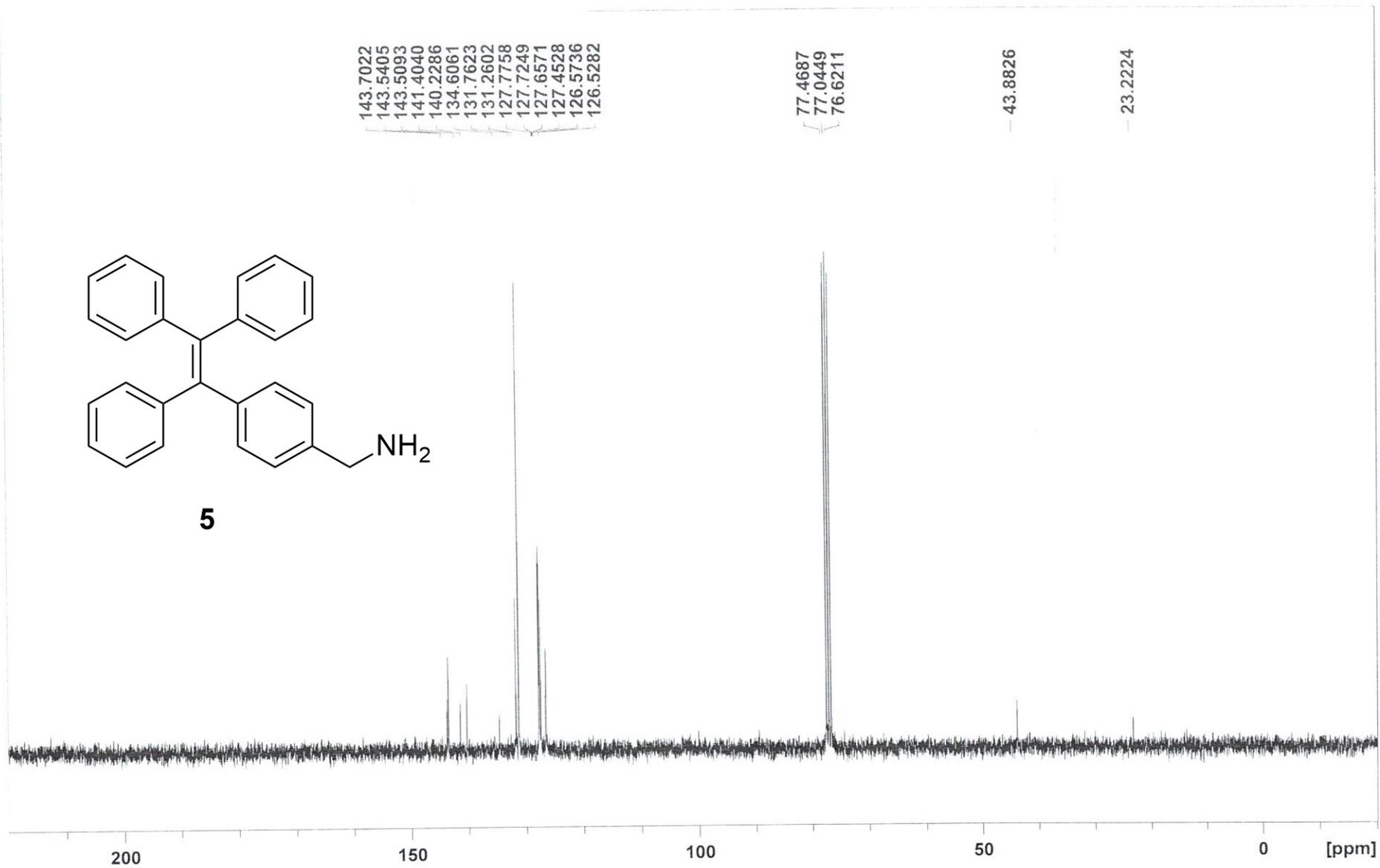


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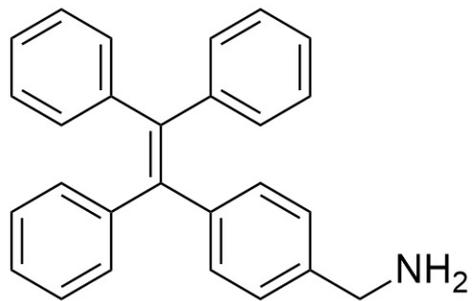
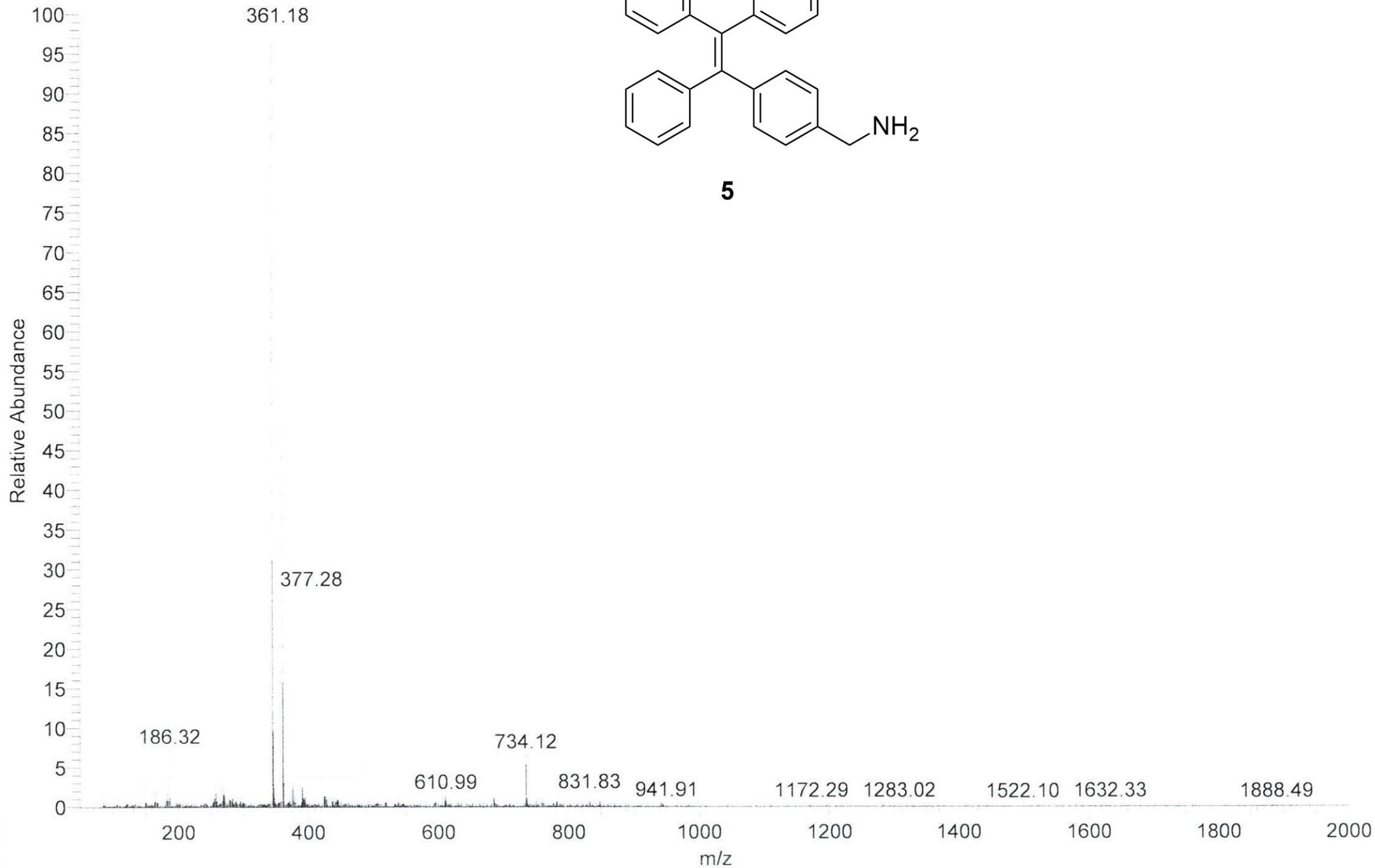


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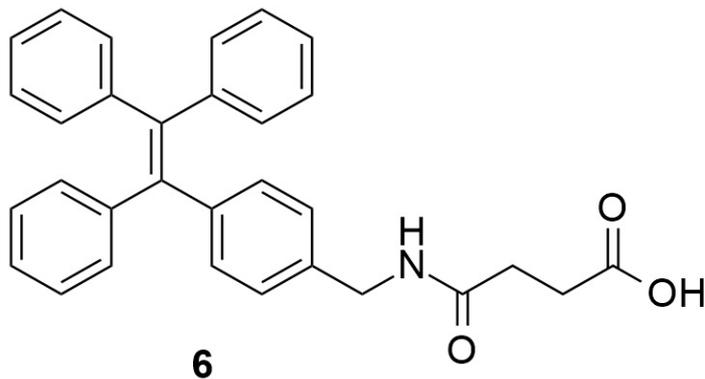
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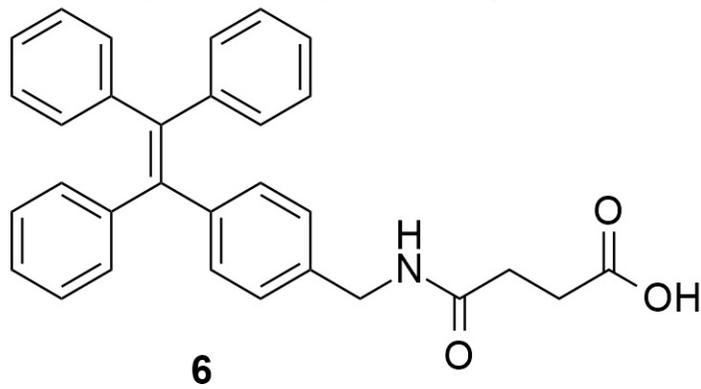
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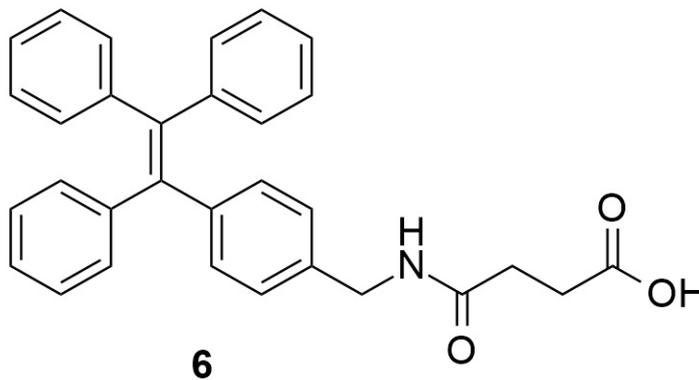
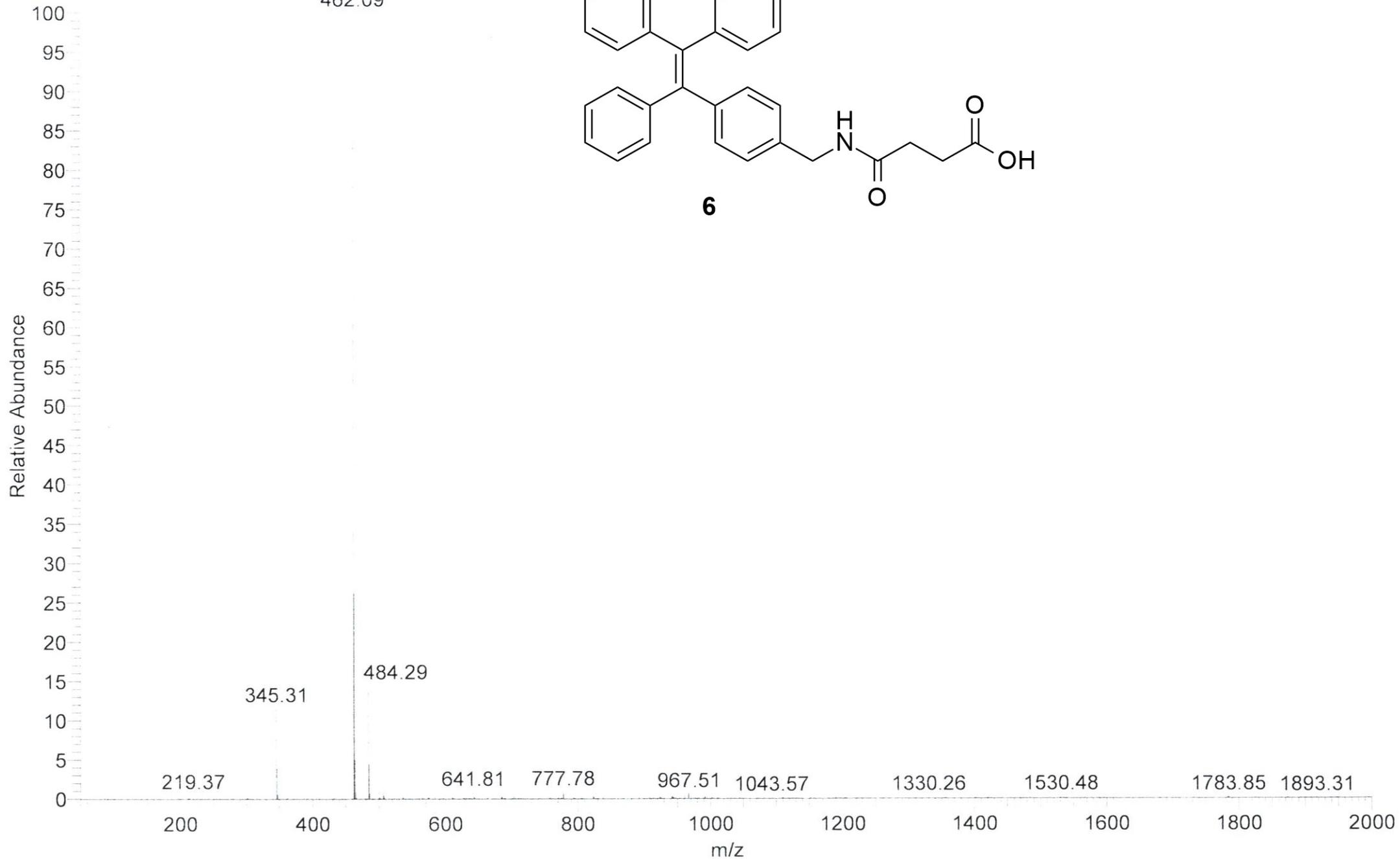
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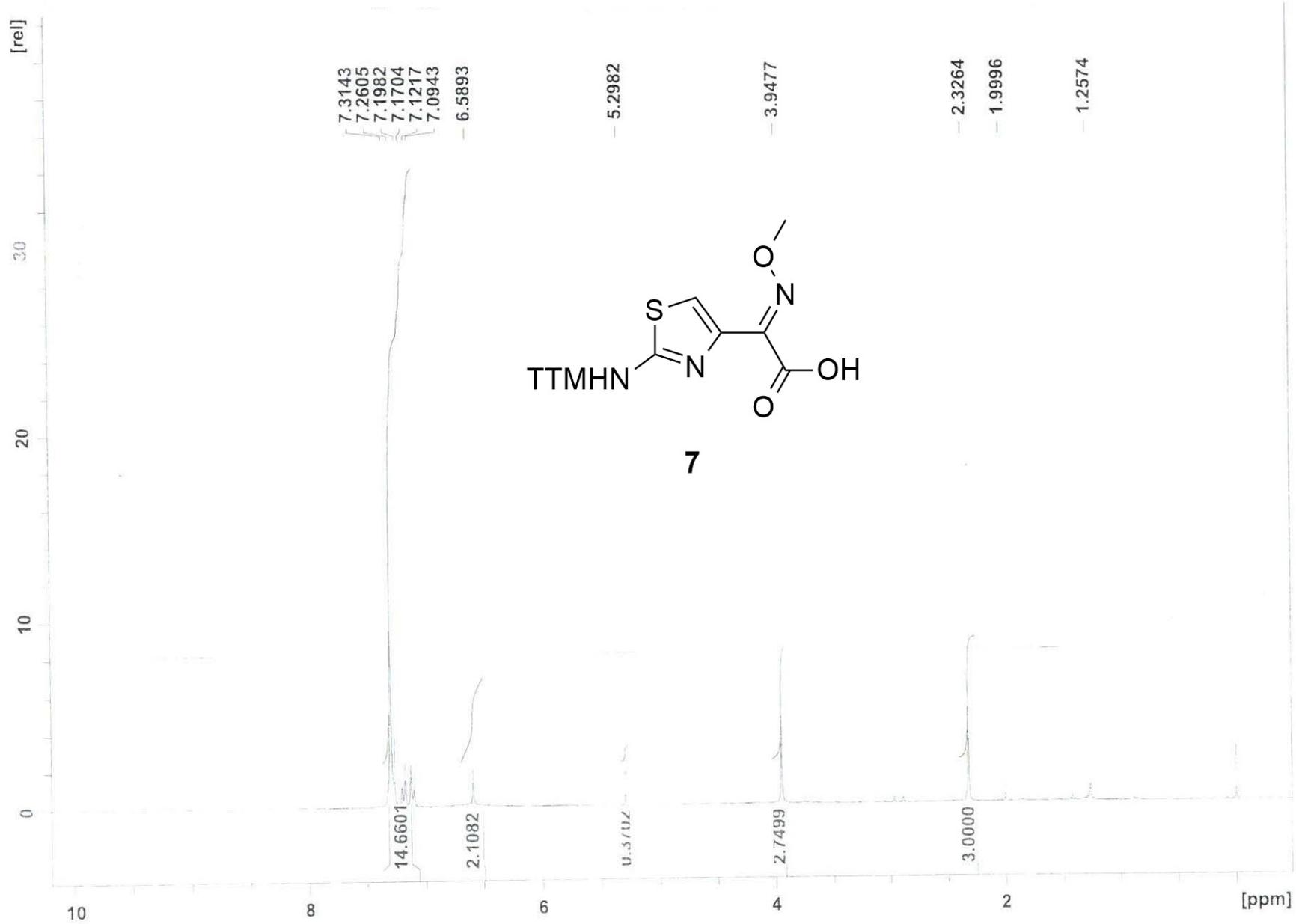
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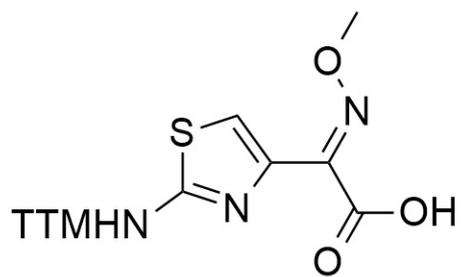
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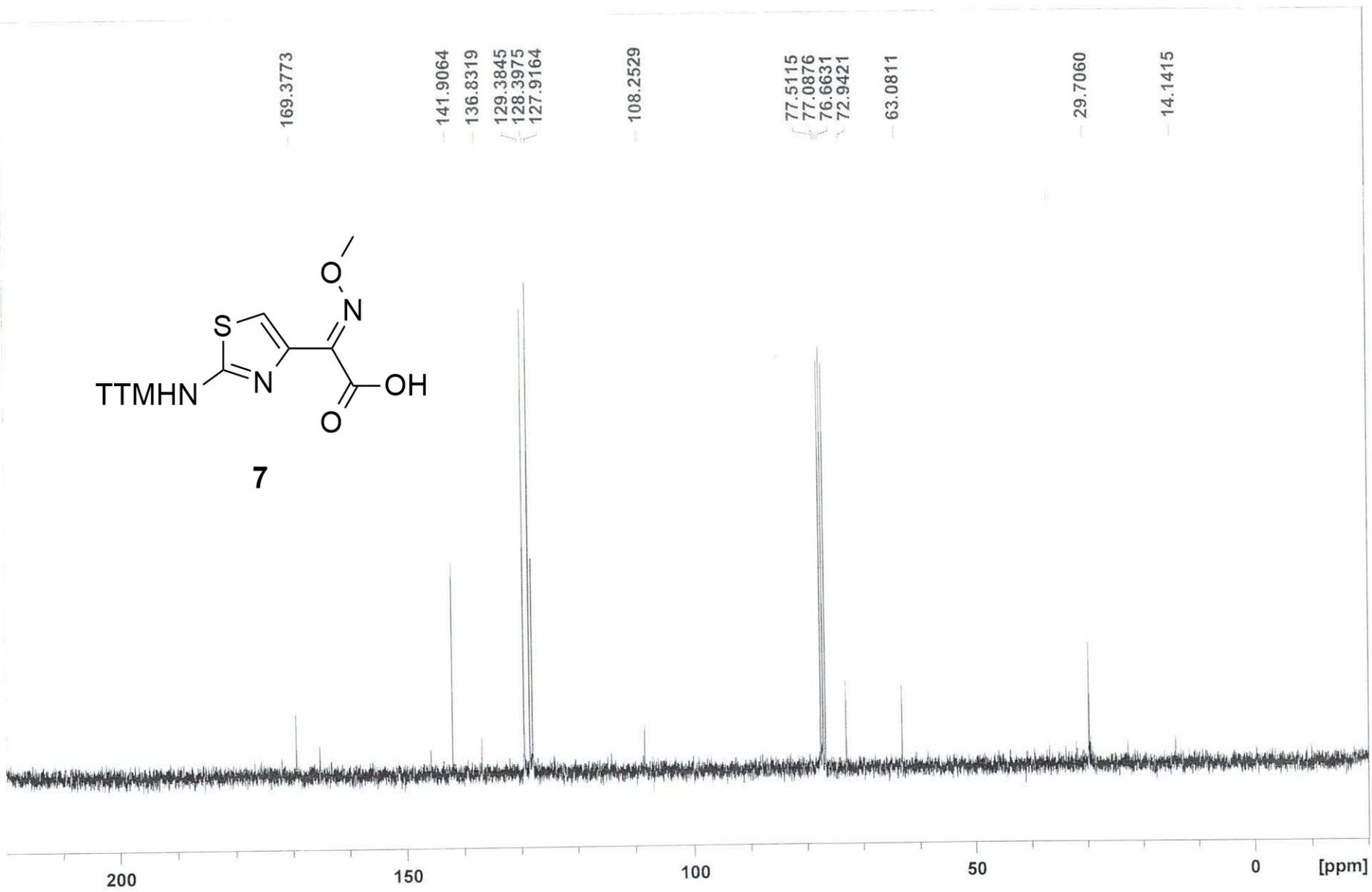
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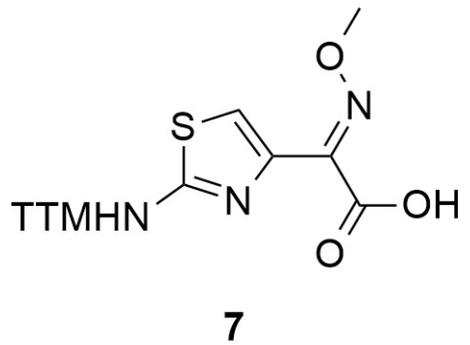
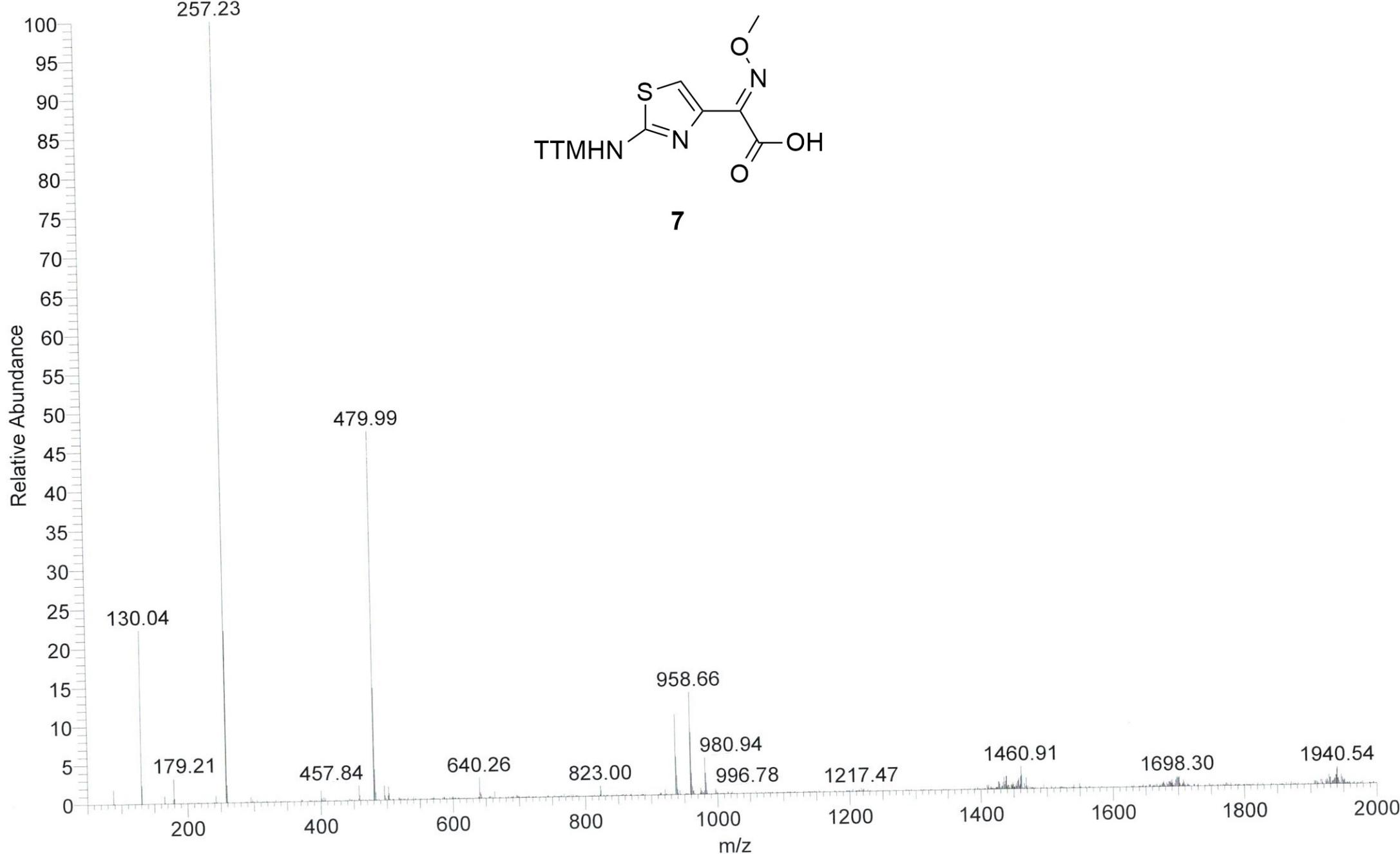


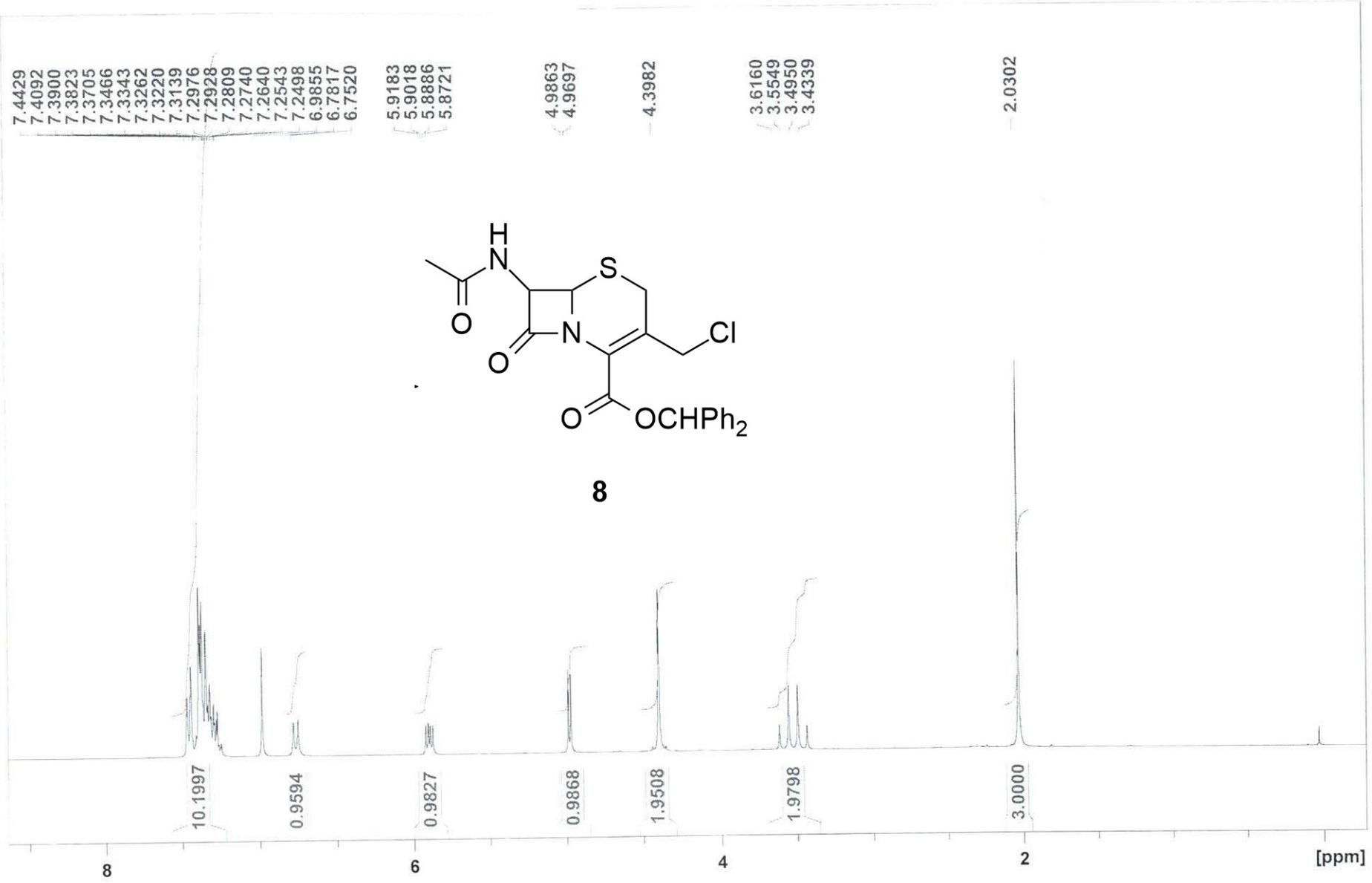
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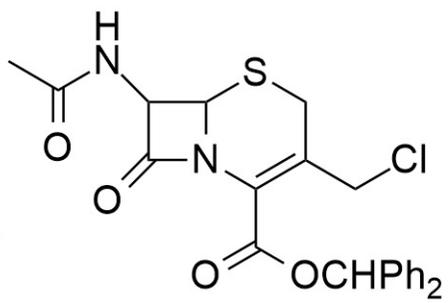
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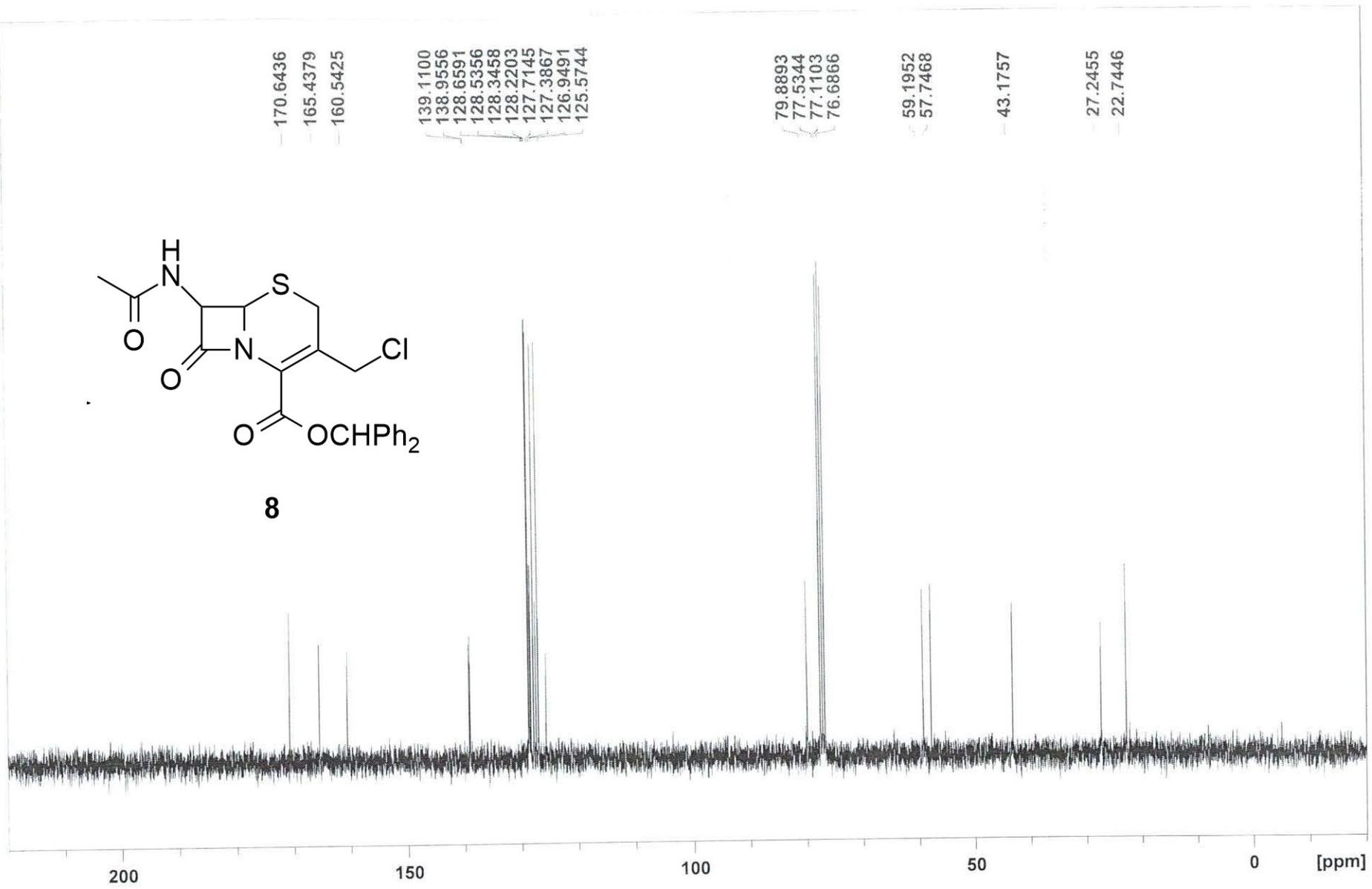
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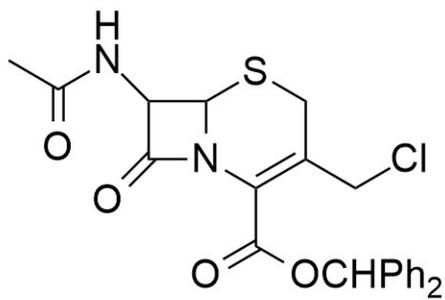


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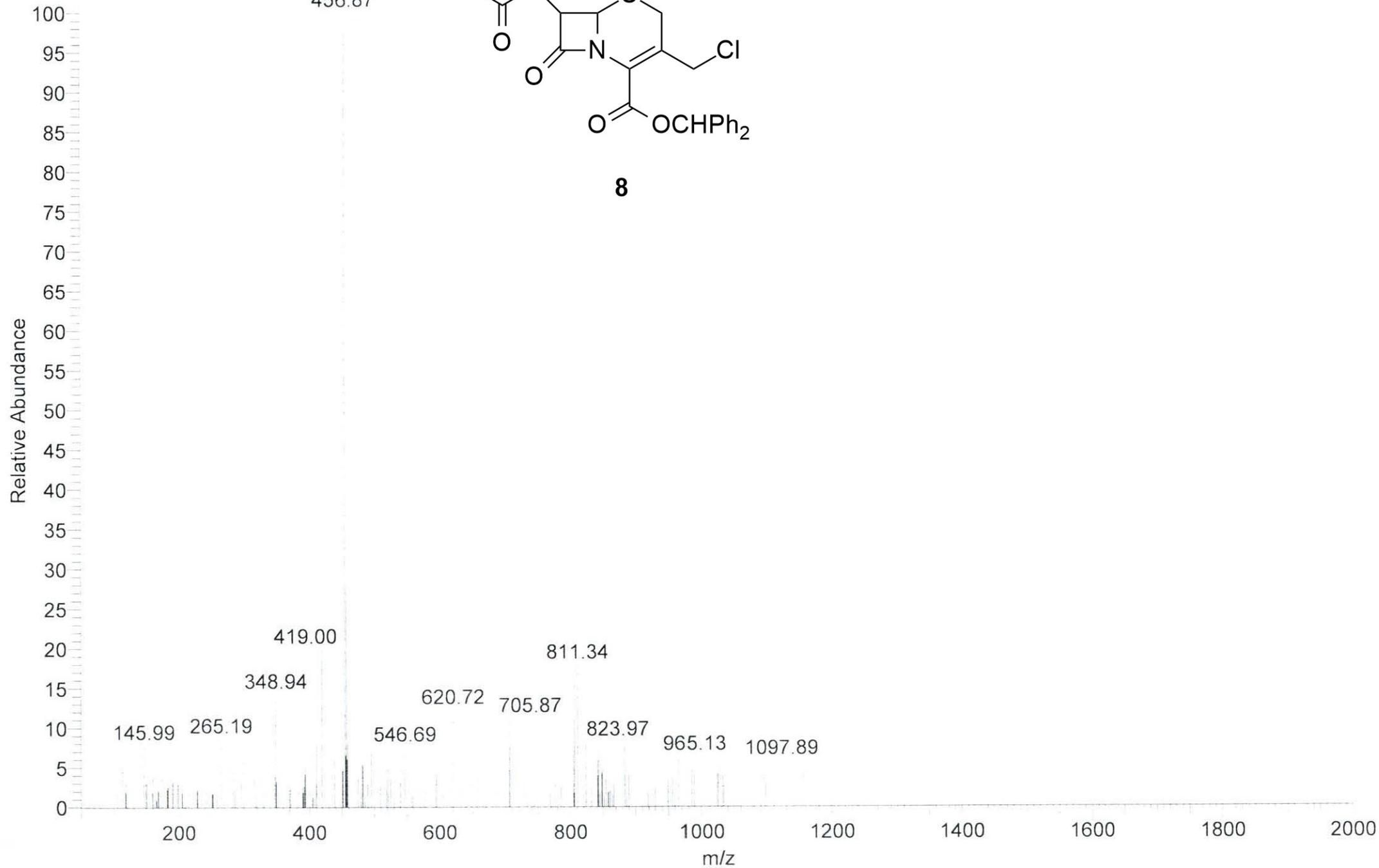
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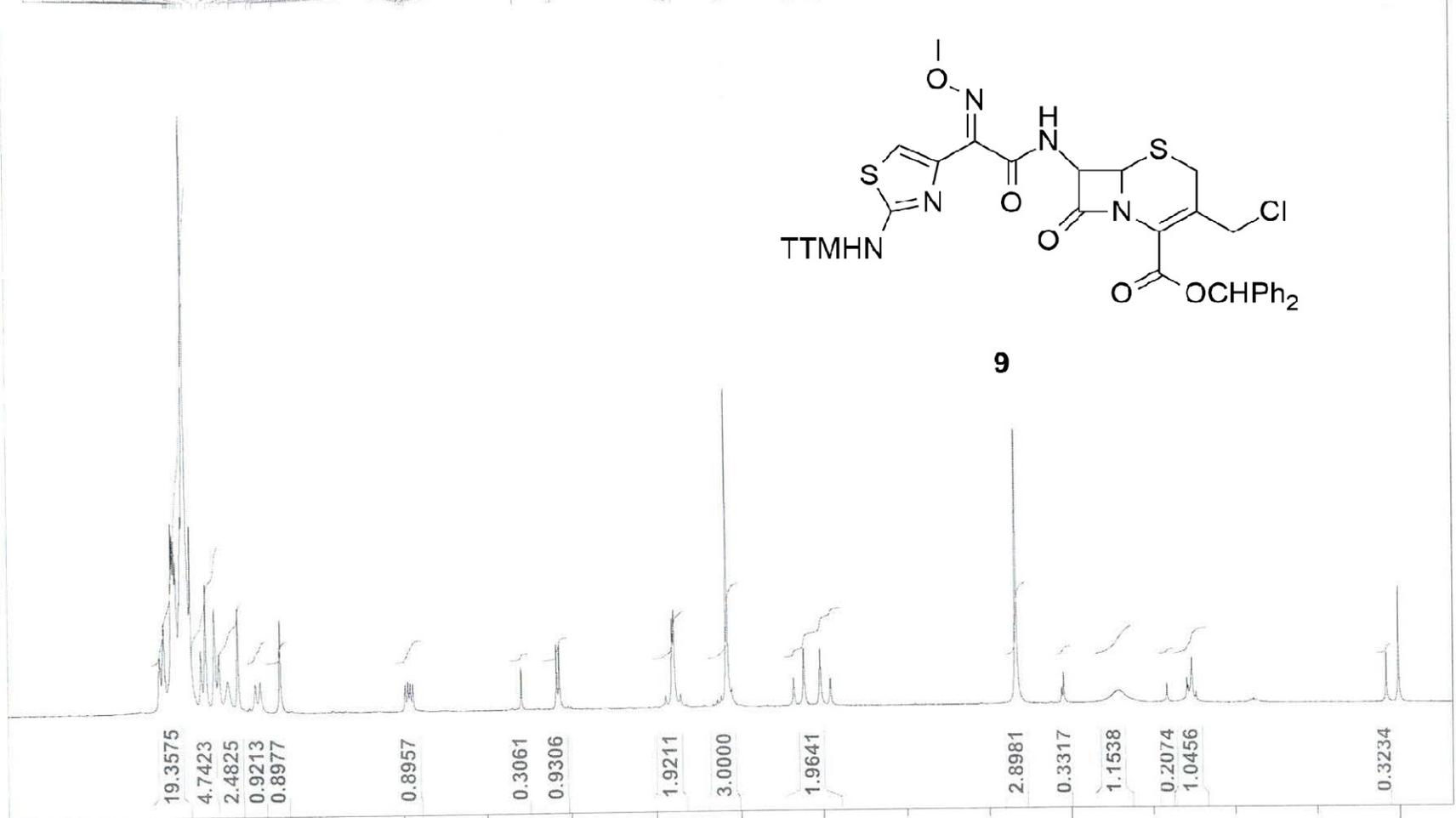
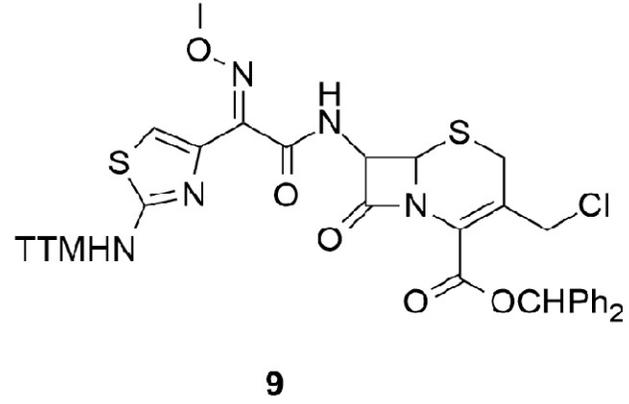
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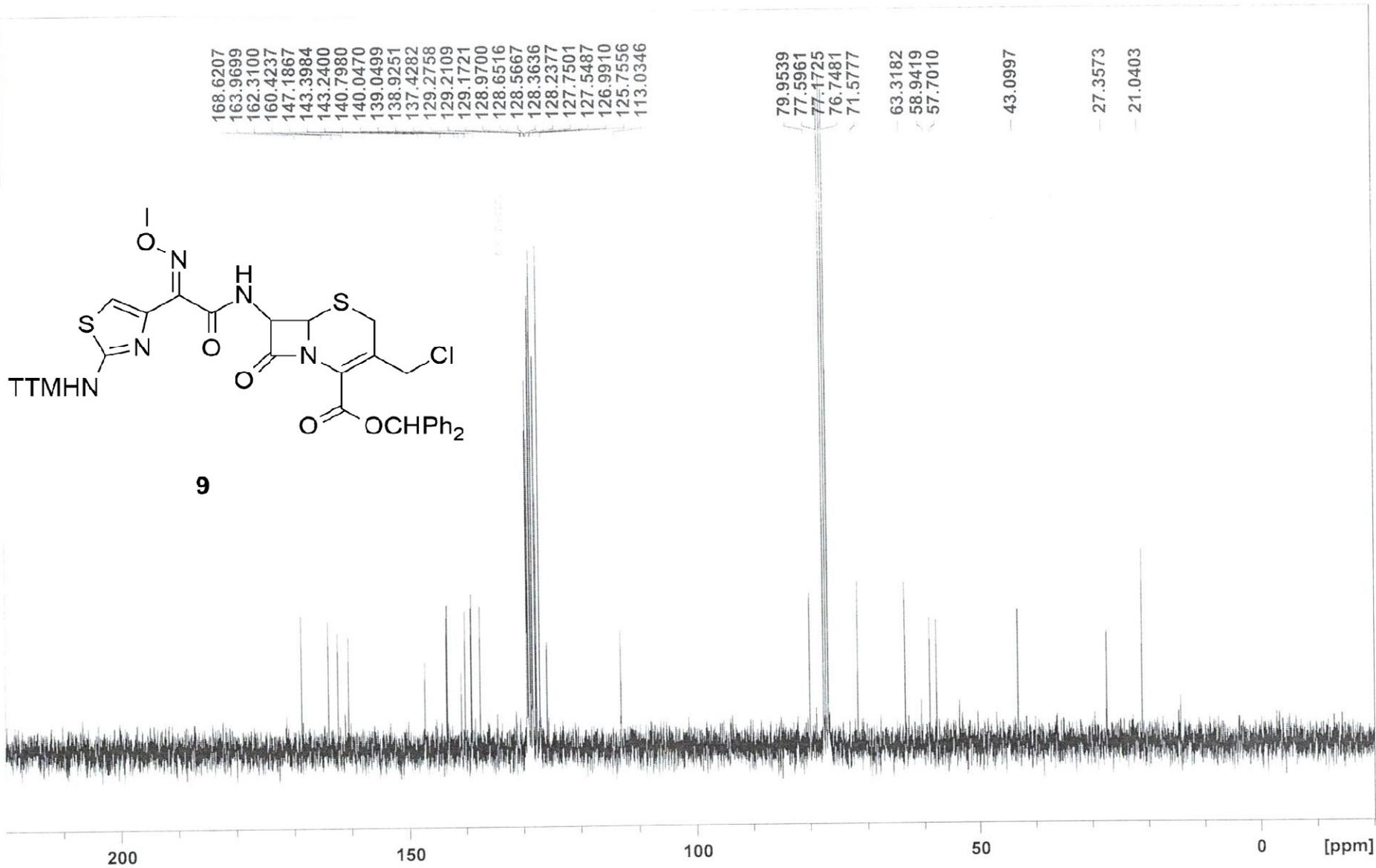
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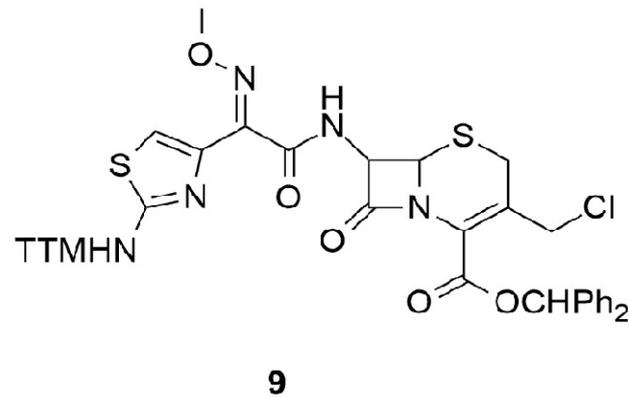
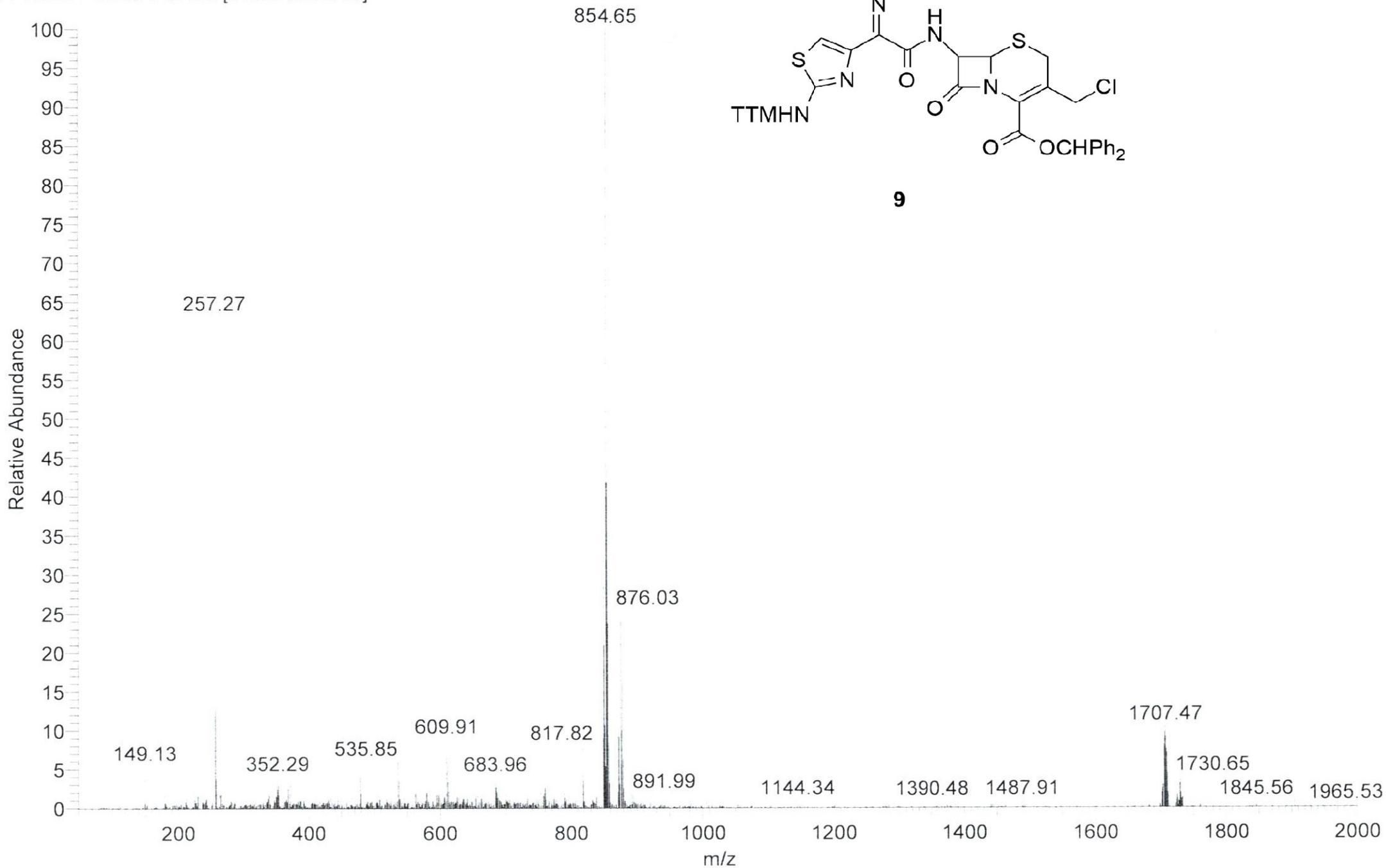
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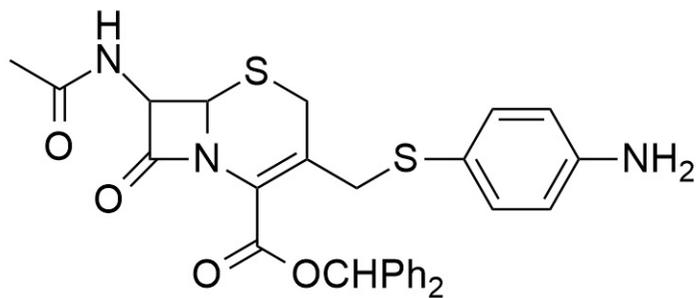
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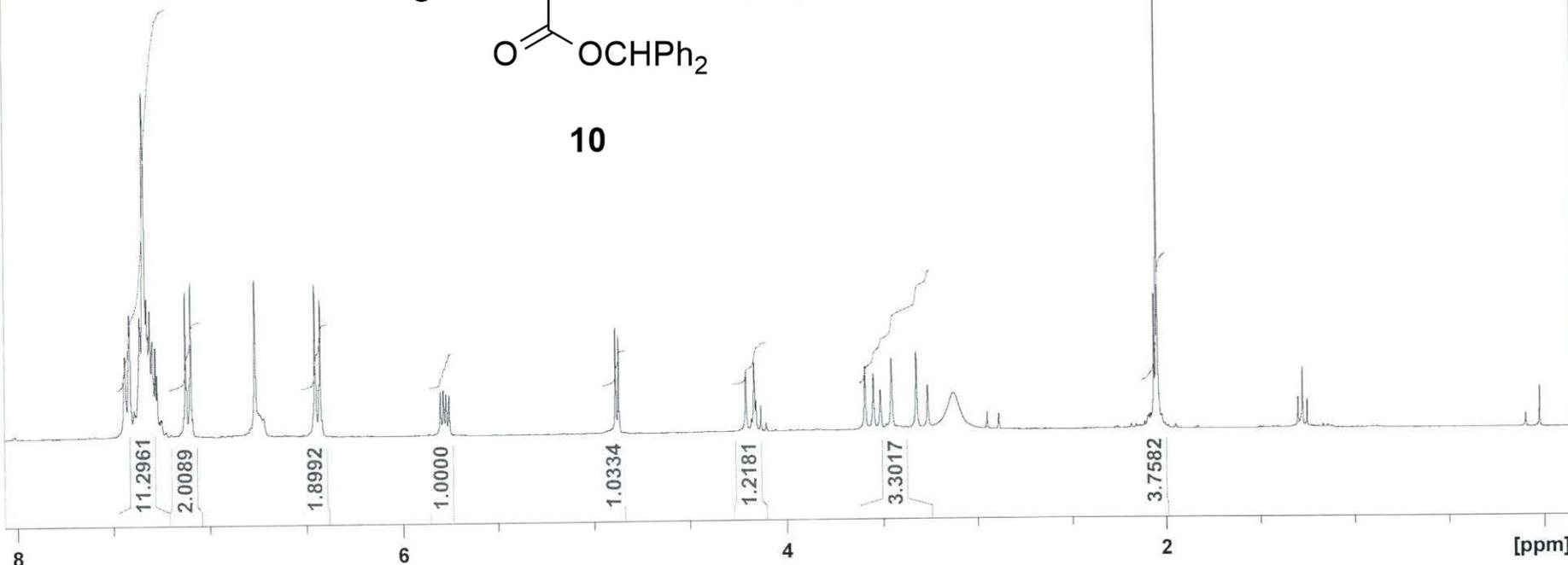
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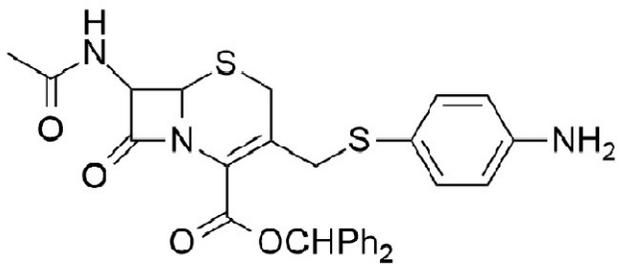
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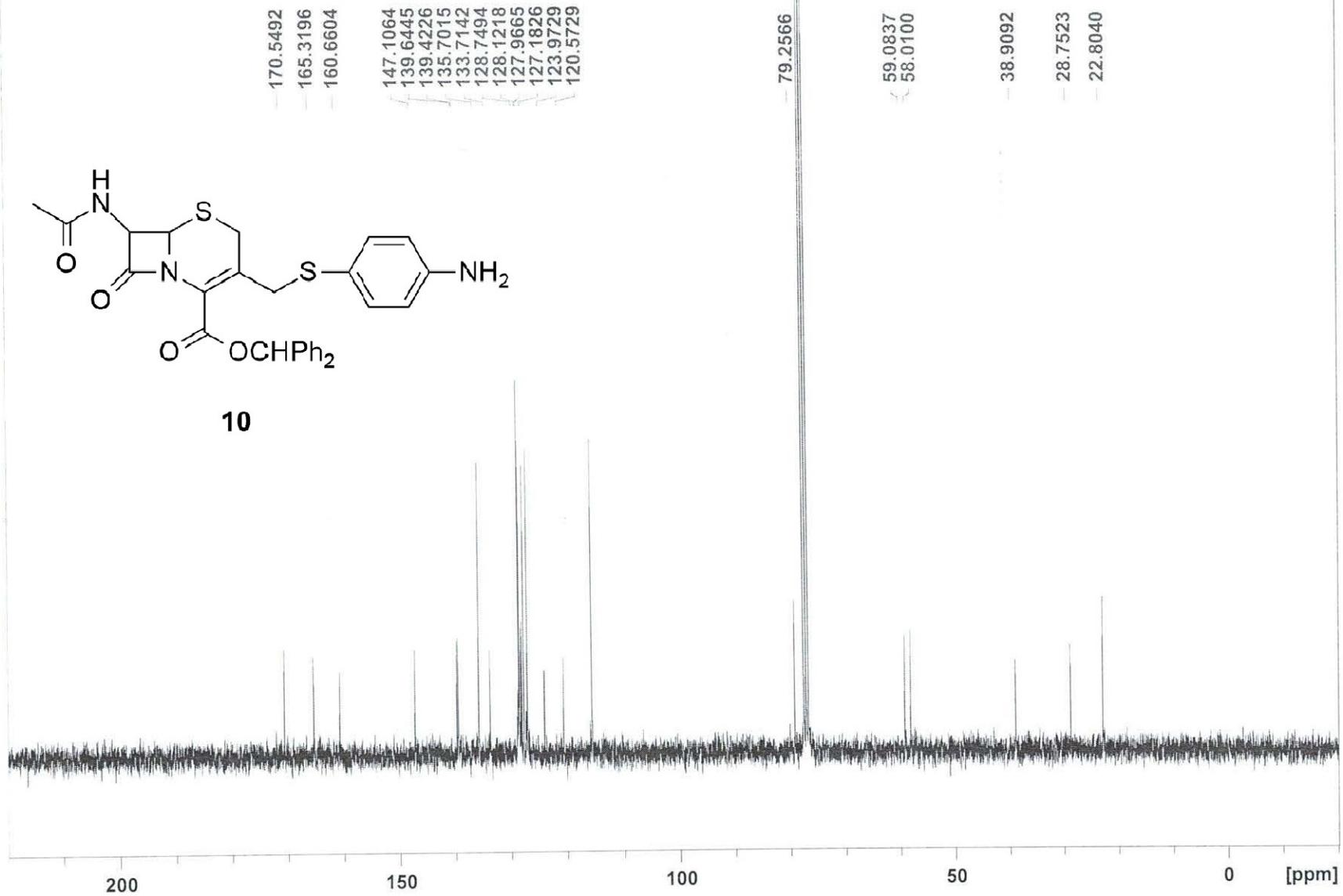
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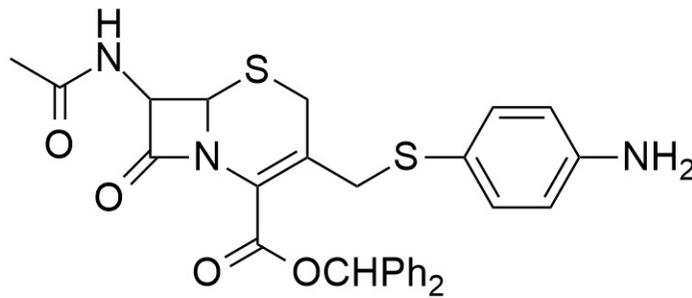
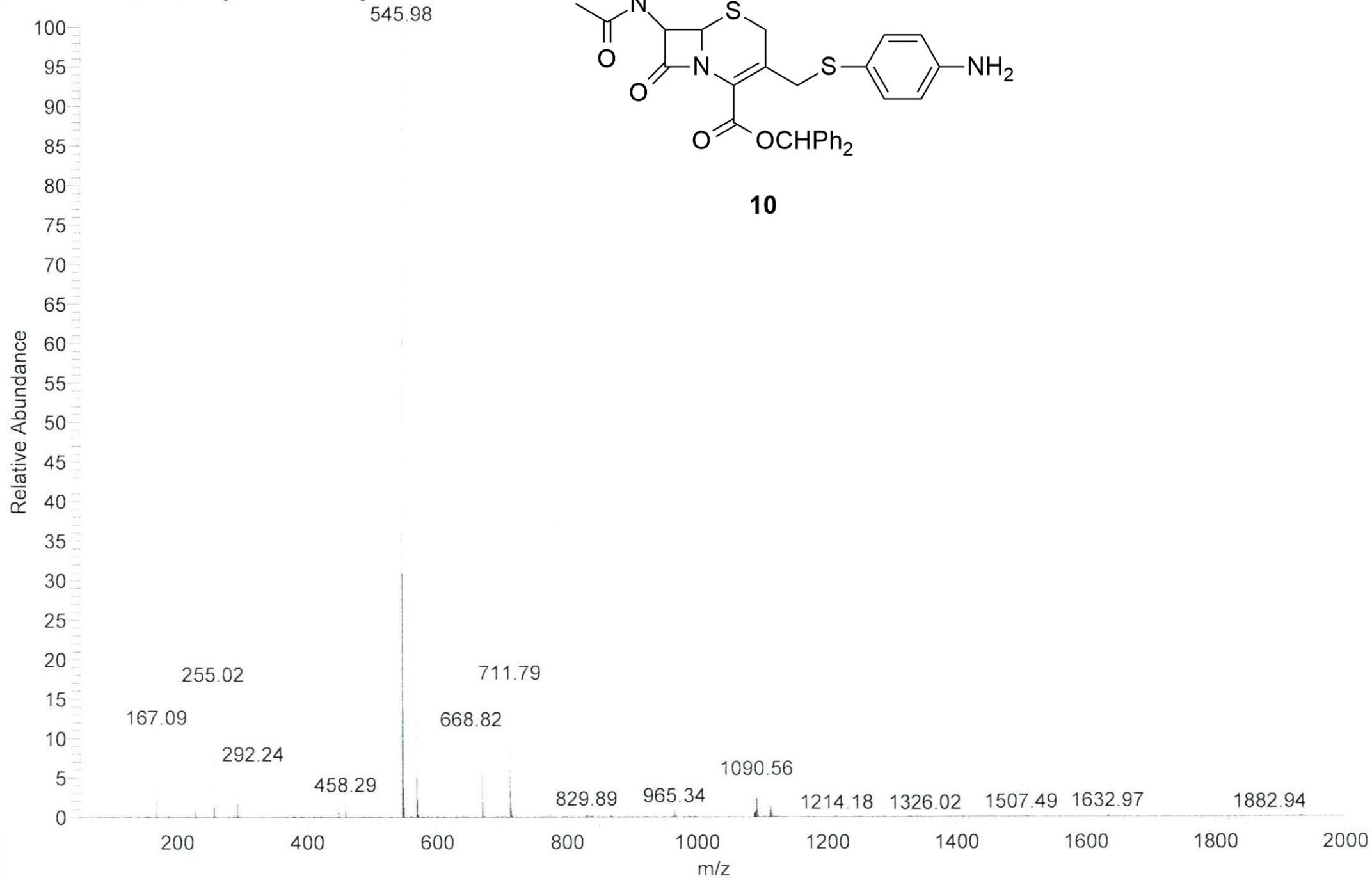


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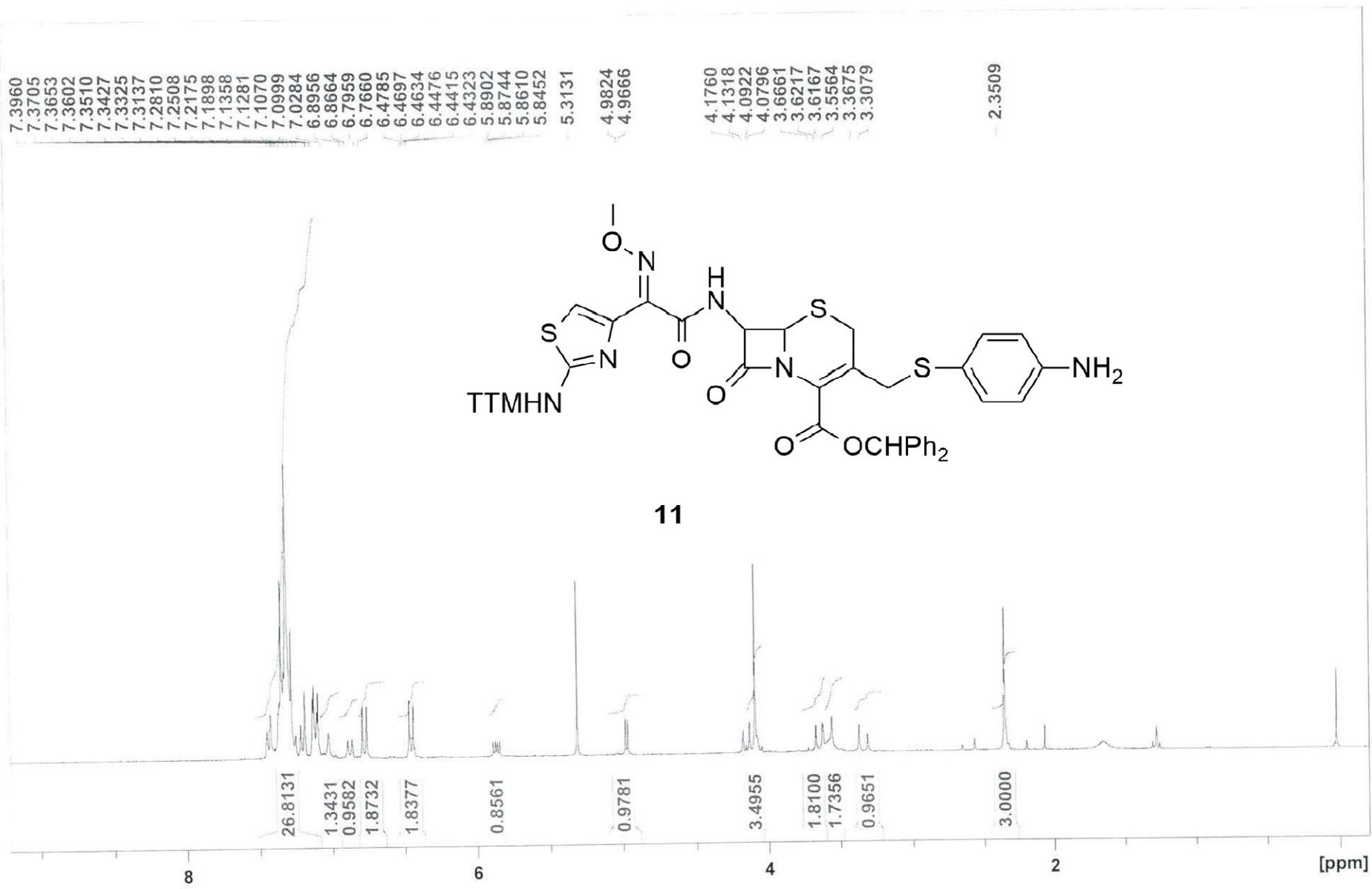
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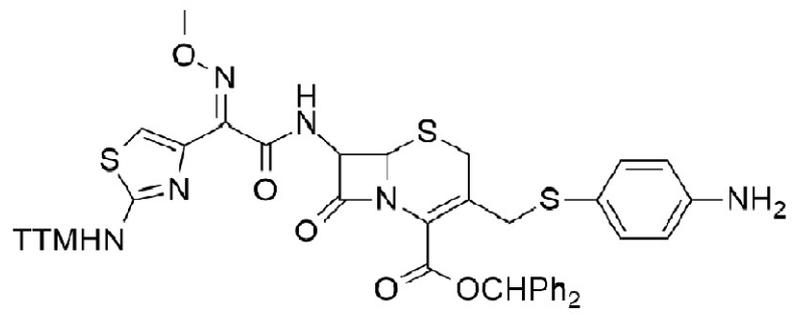
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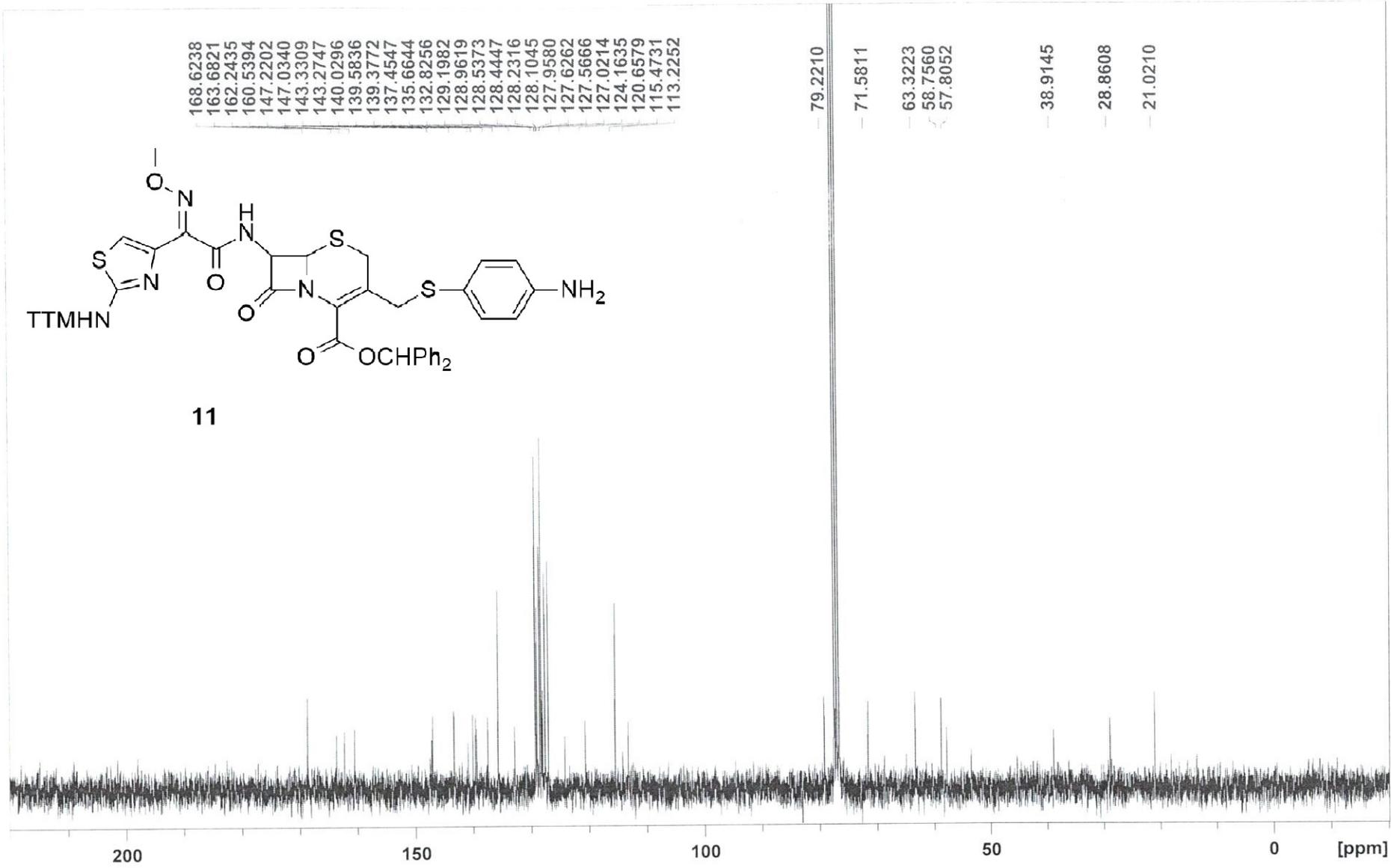


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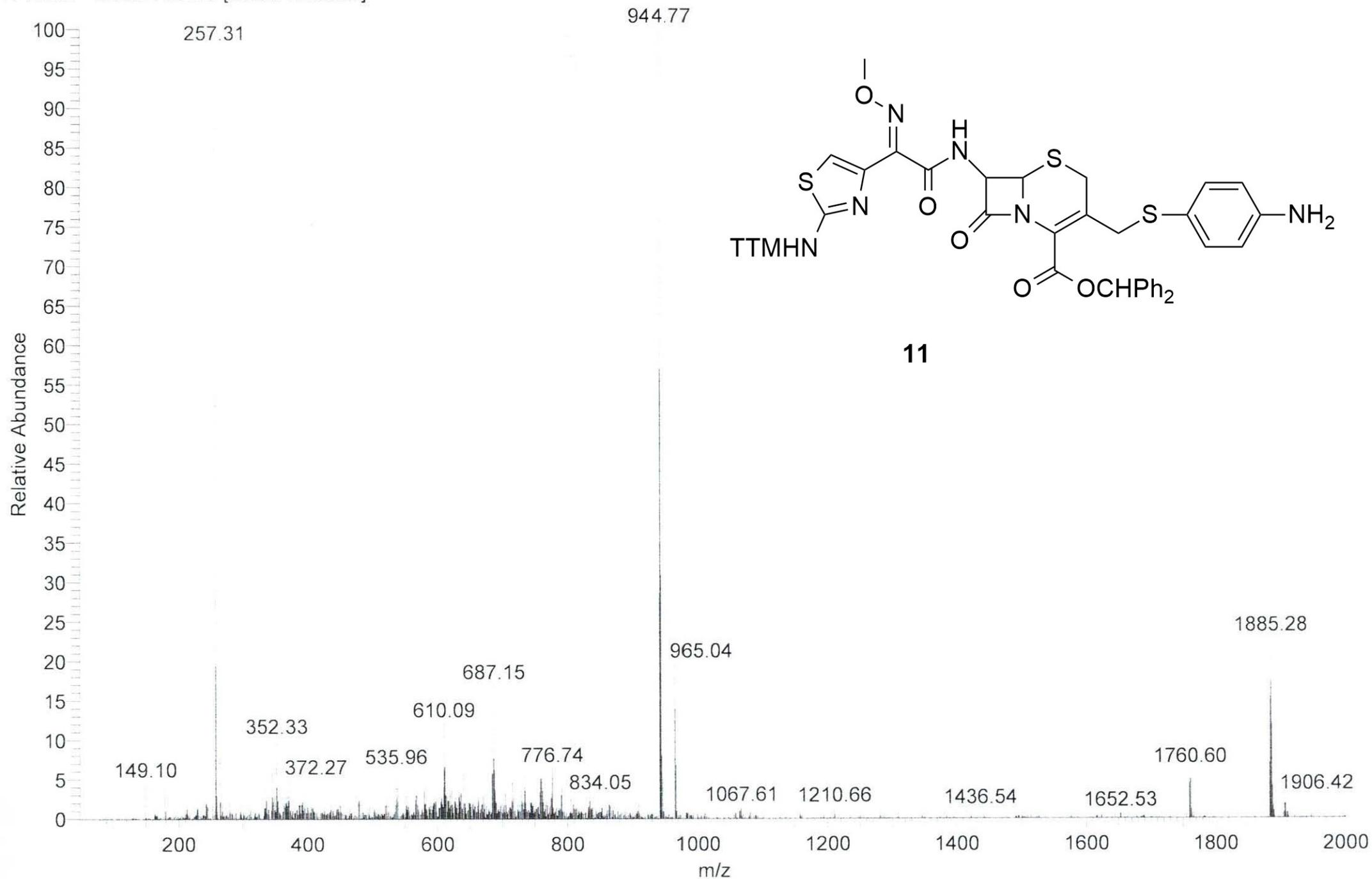
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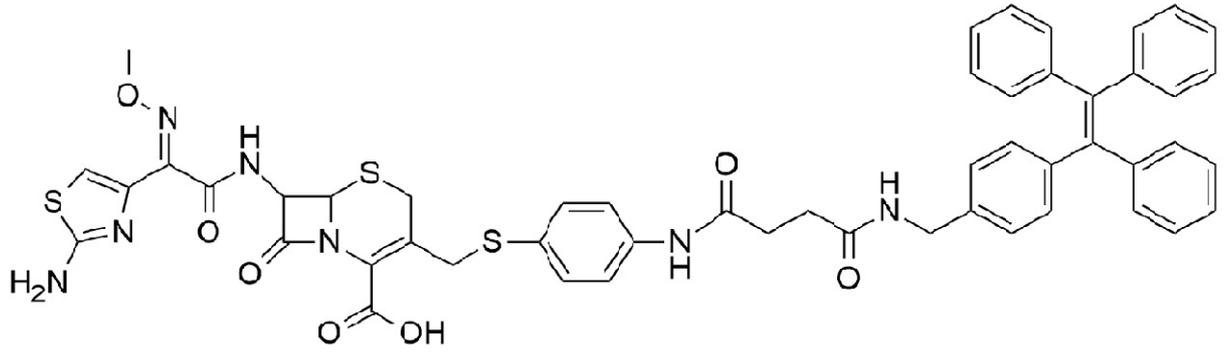
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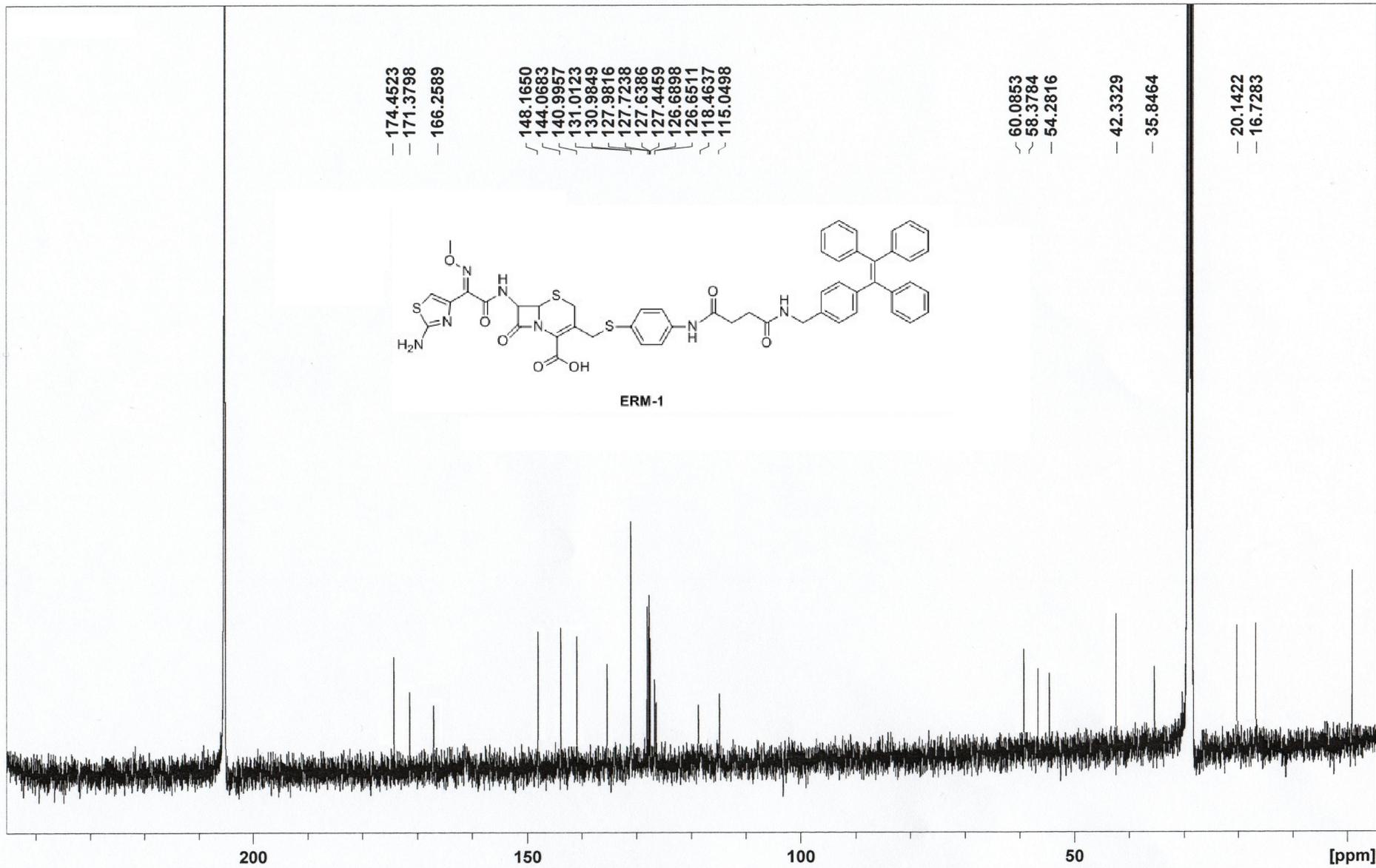
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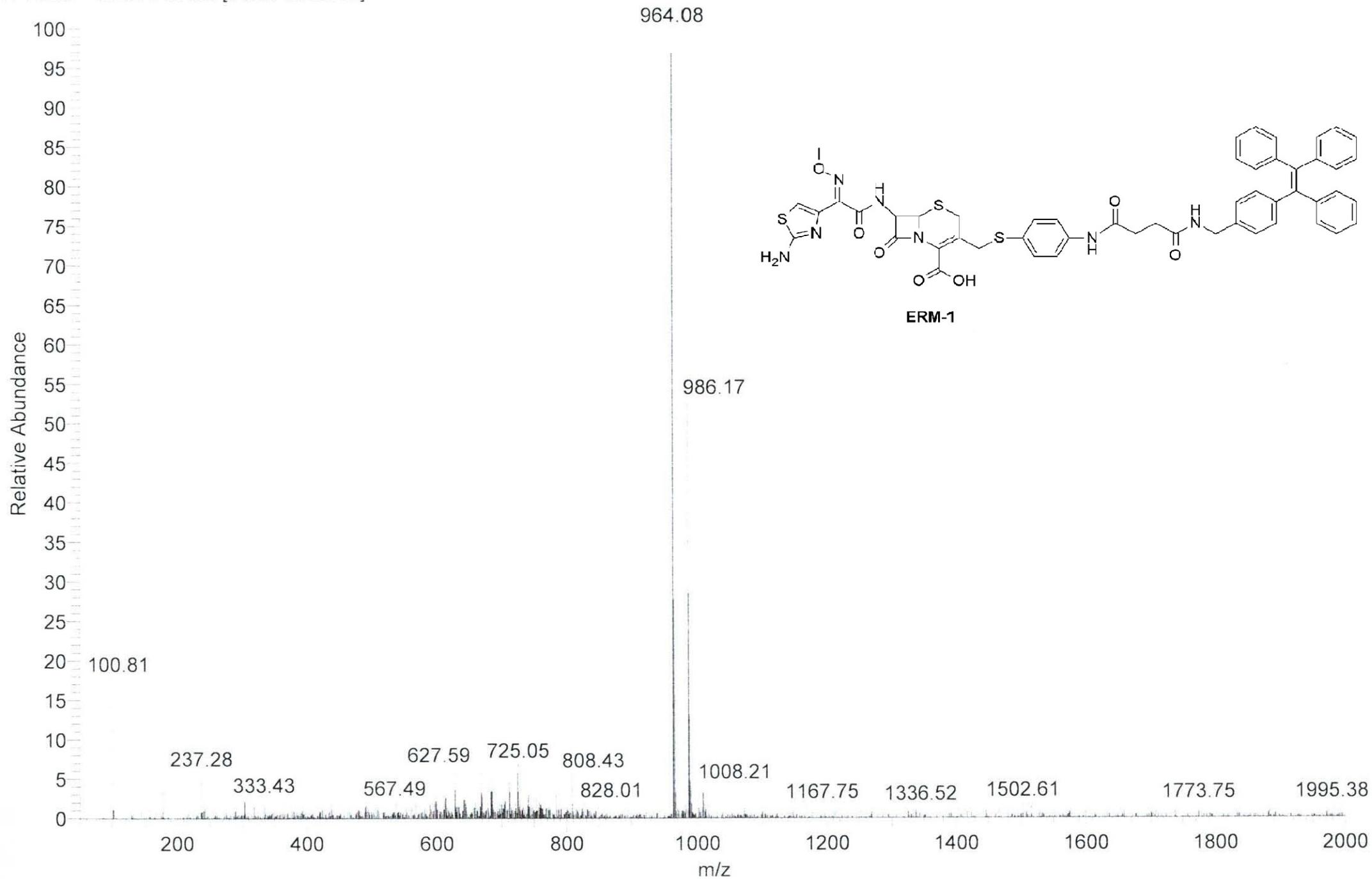


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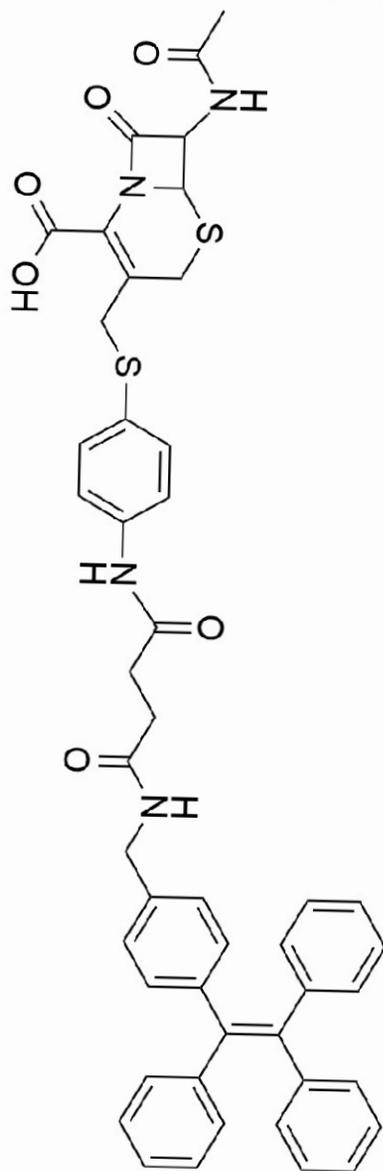
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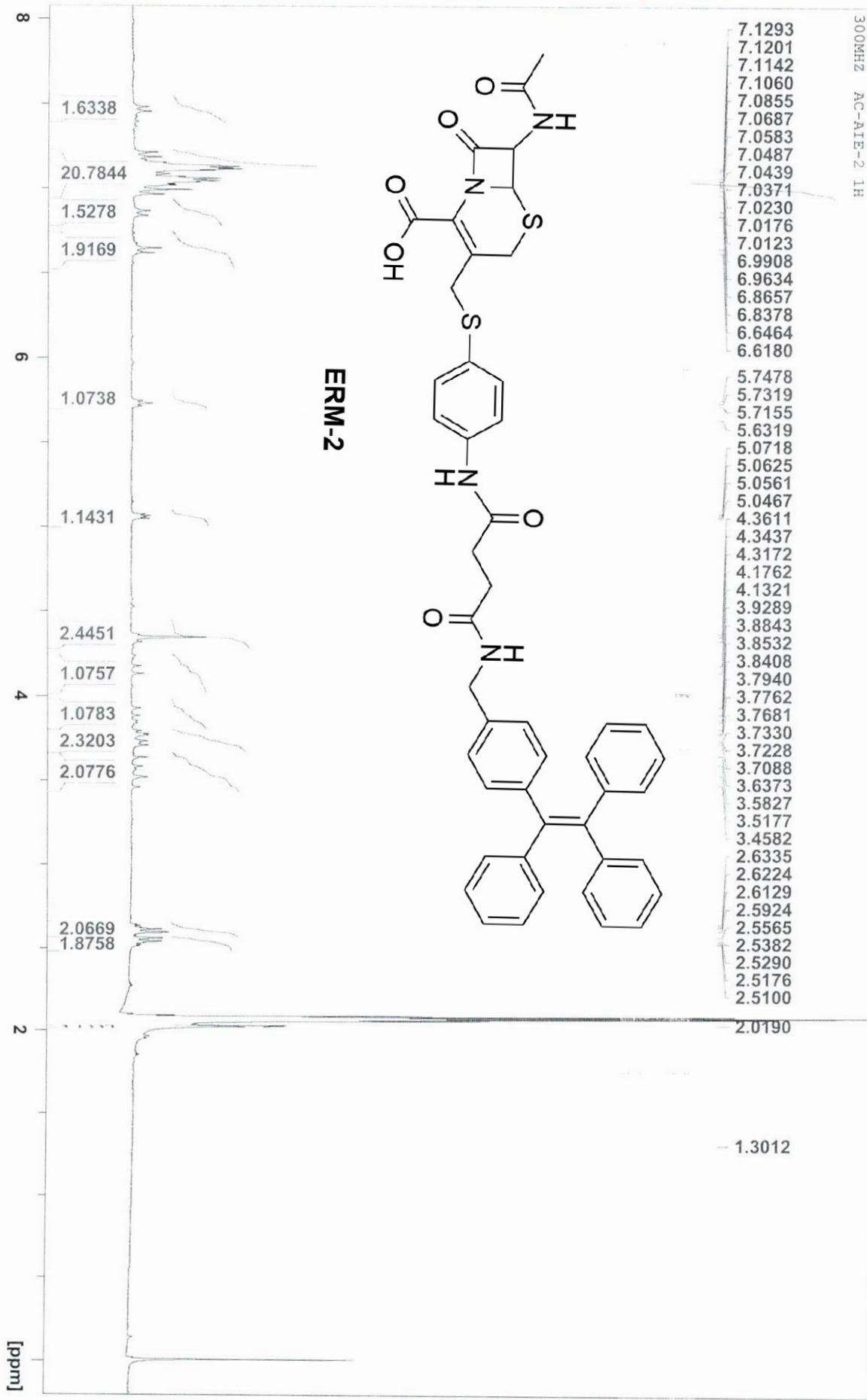
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300MHz AC-AIE-2 1H



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300MHZ AC-AIE- 1H

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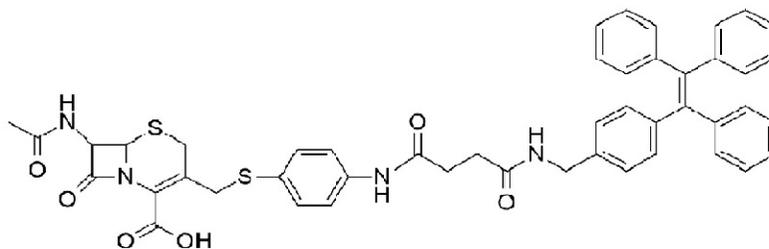
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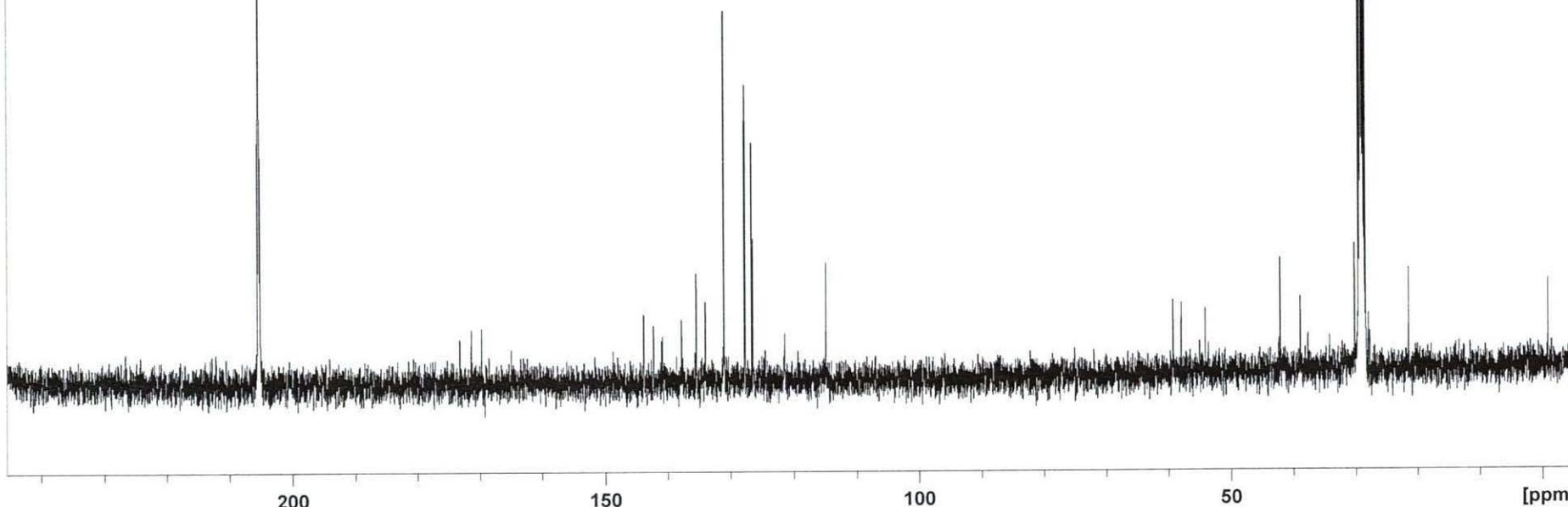
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200

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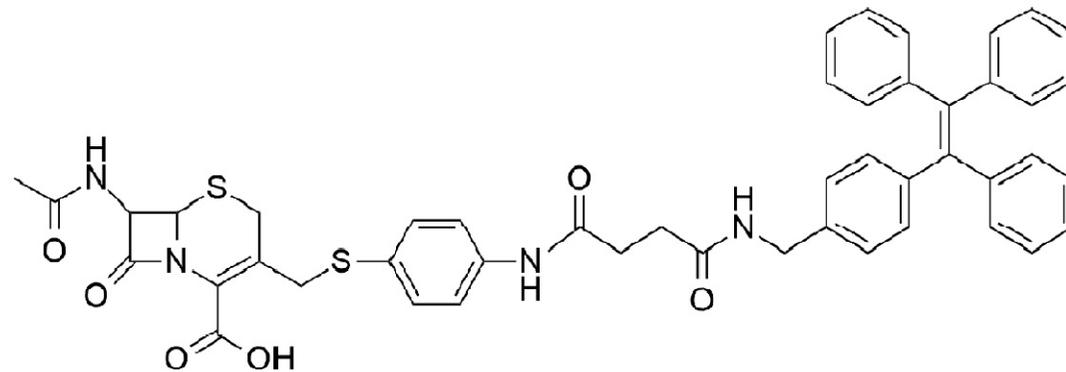
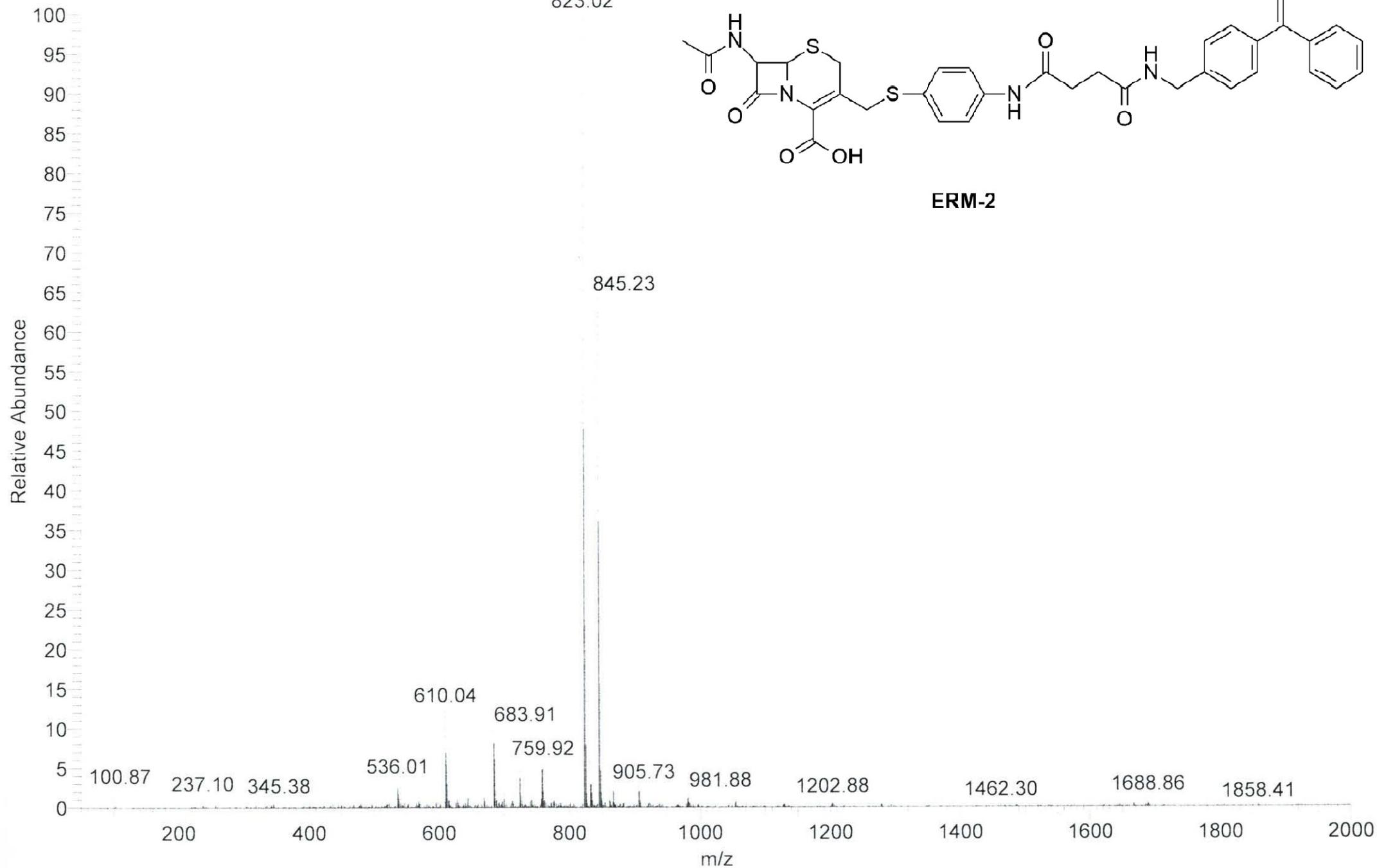
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MEOH

acetyl-ai #4 RT: 0.04 AV: 1 NL: 1.94E5

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