

## Controlling water exchange rates in potential $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ -based MRI agents derived from $\text{NO}_2\text{A}^{2-}$

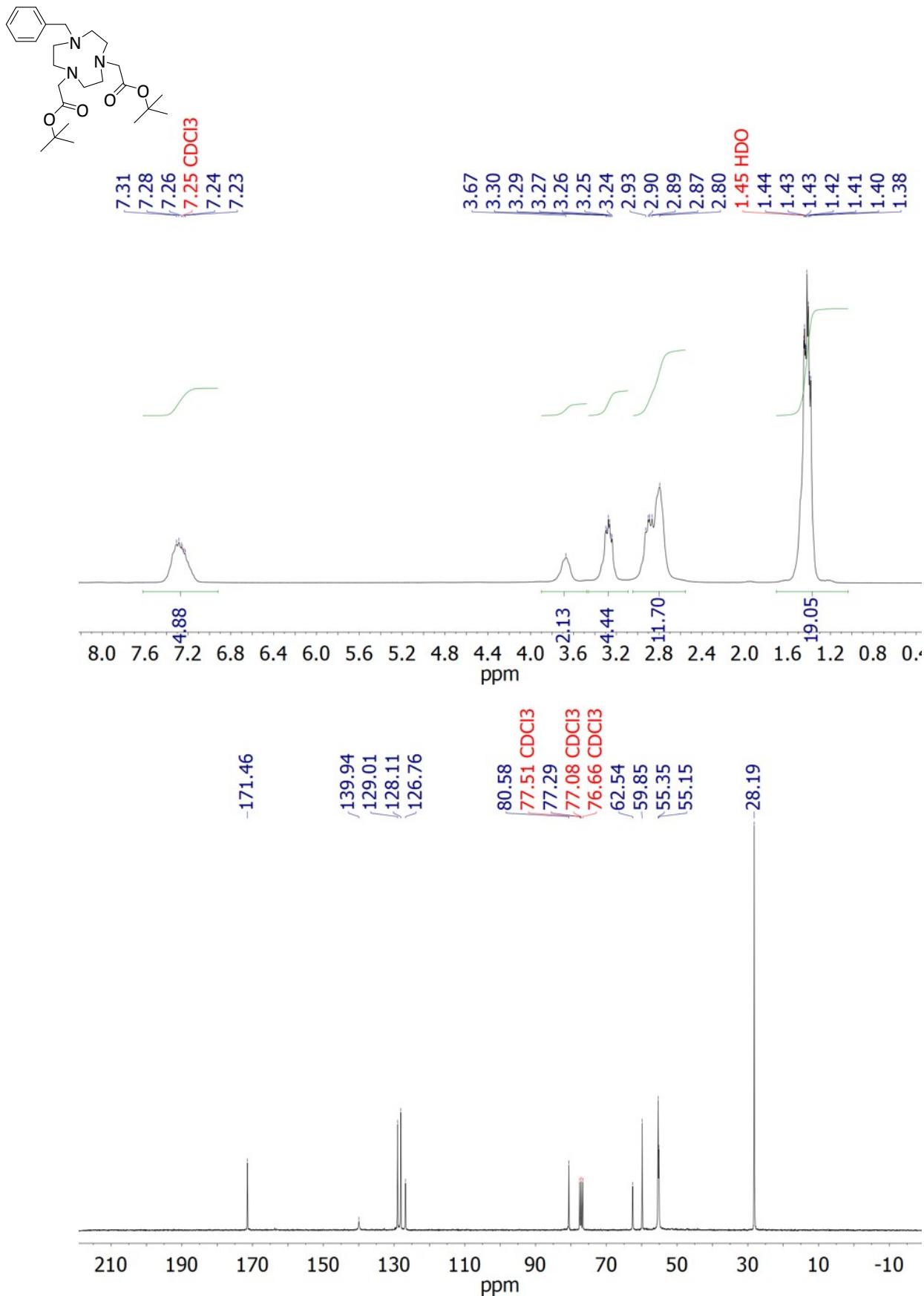
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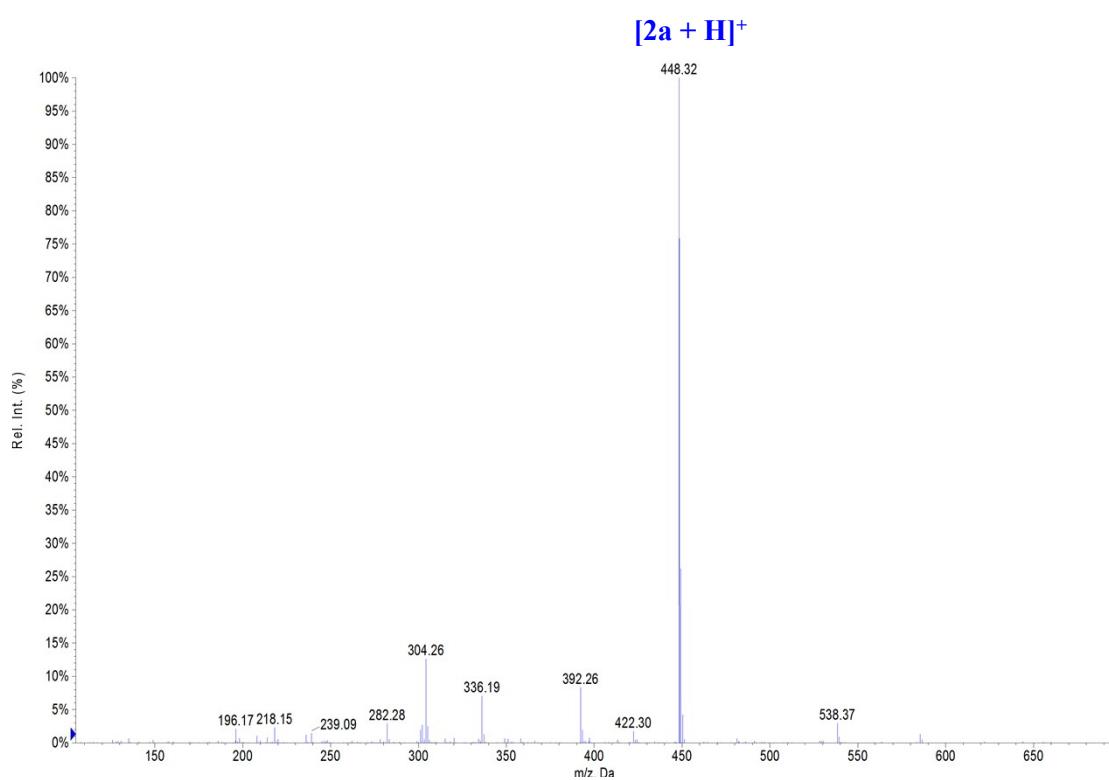
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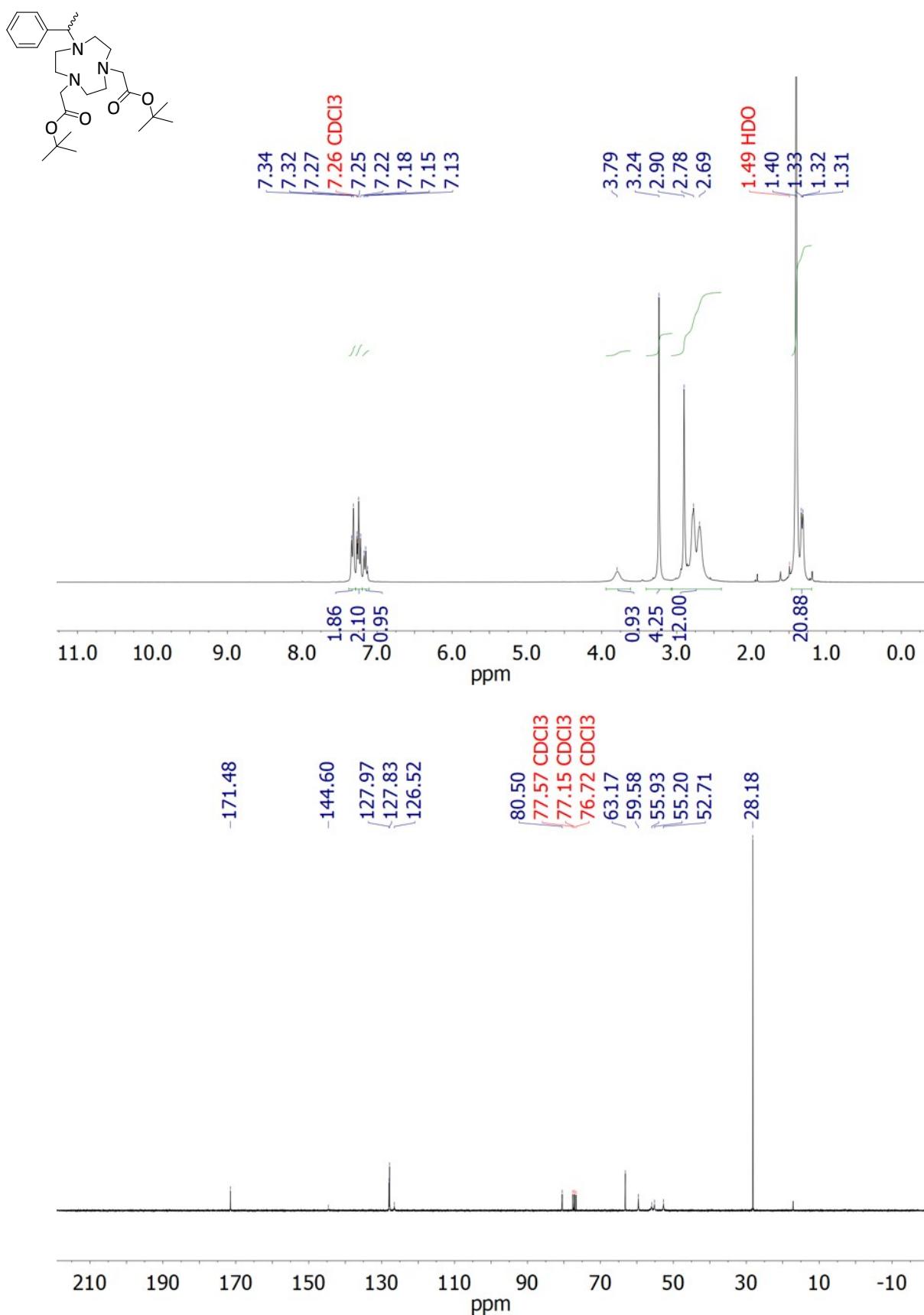
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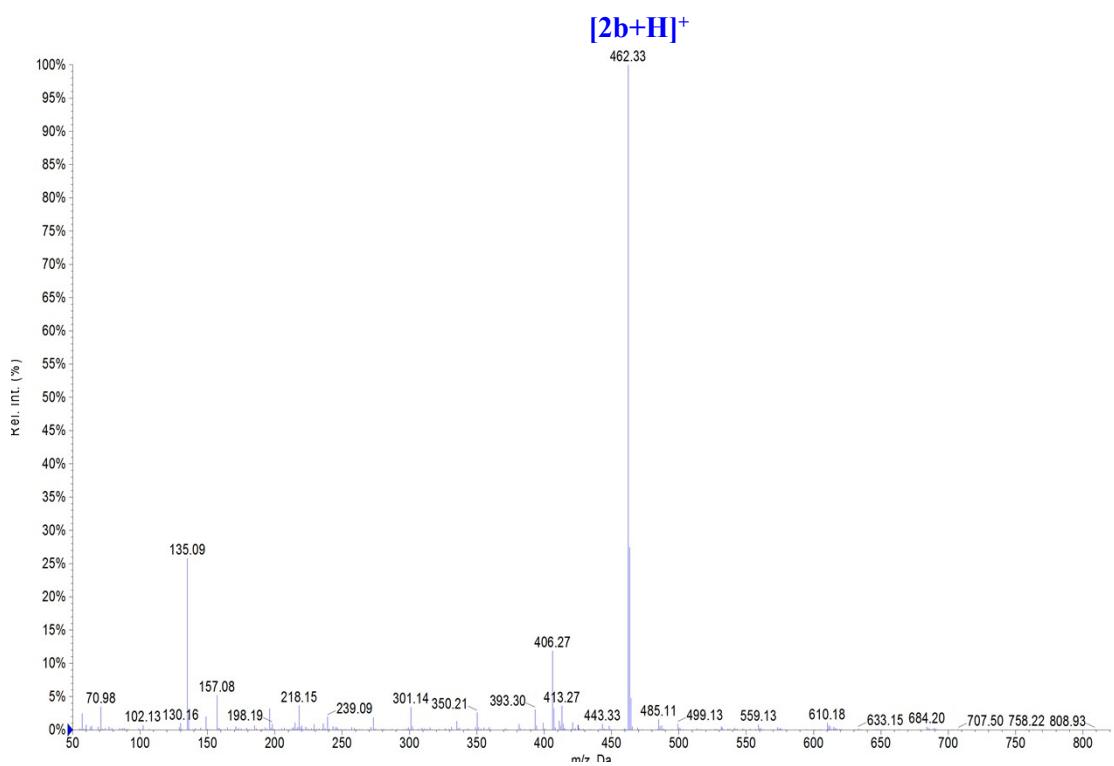
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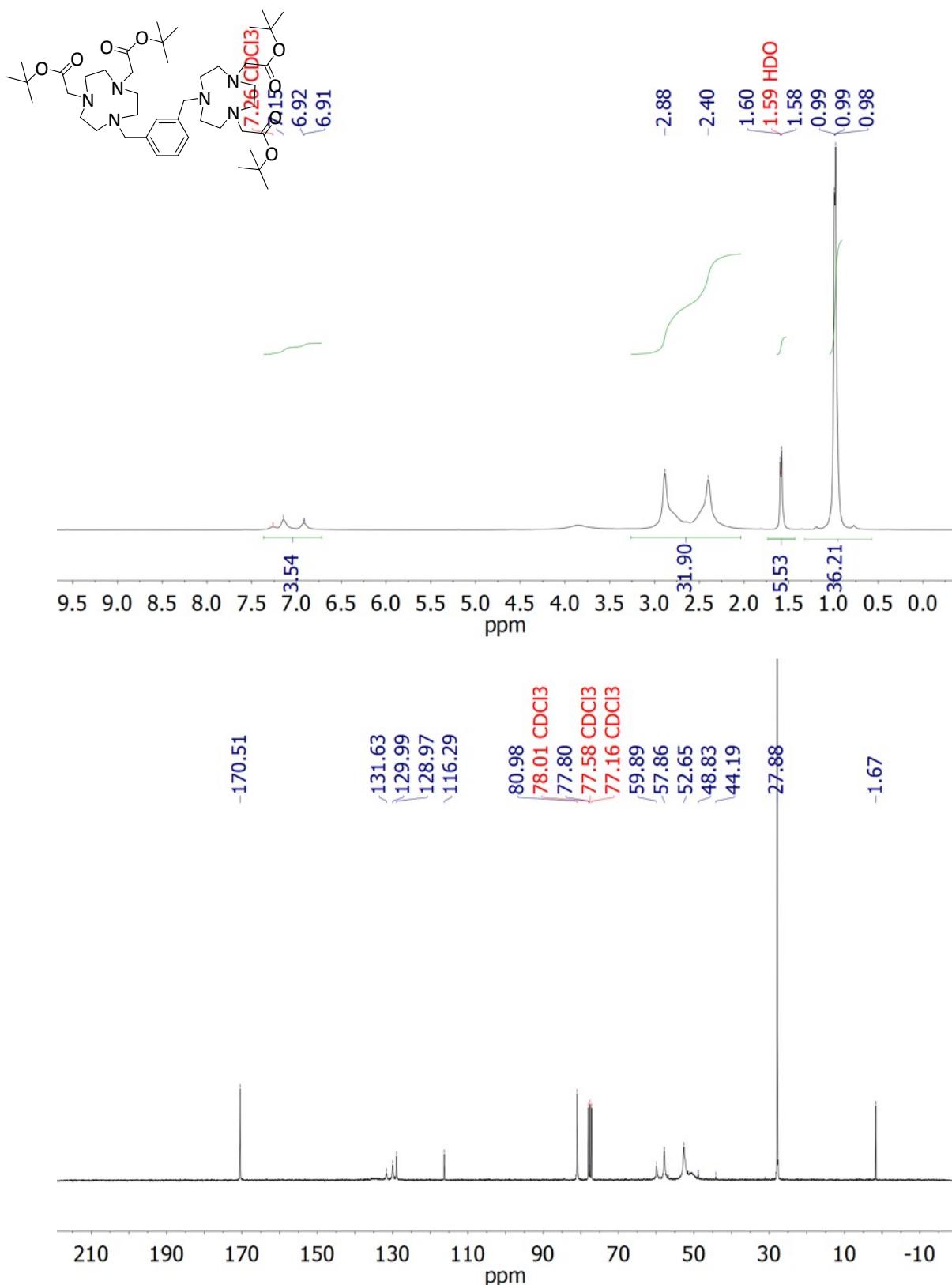
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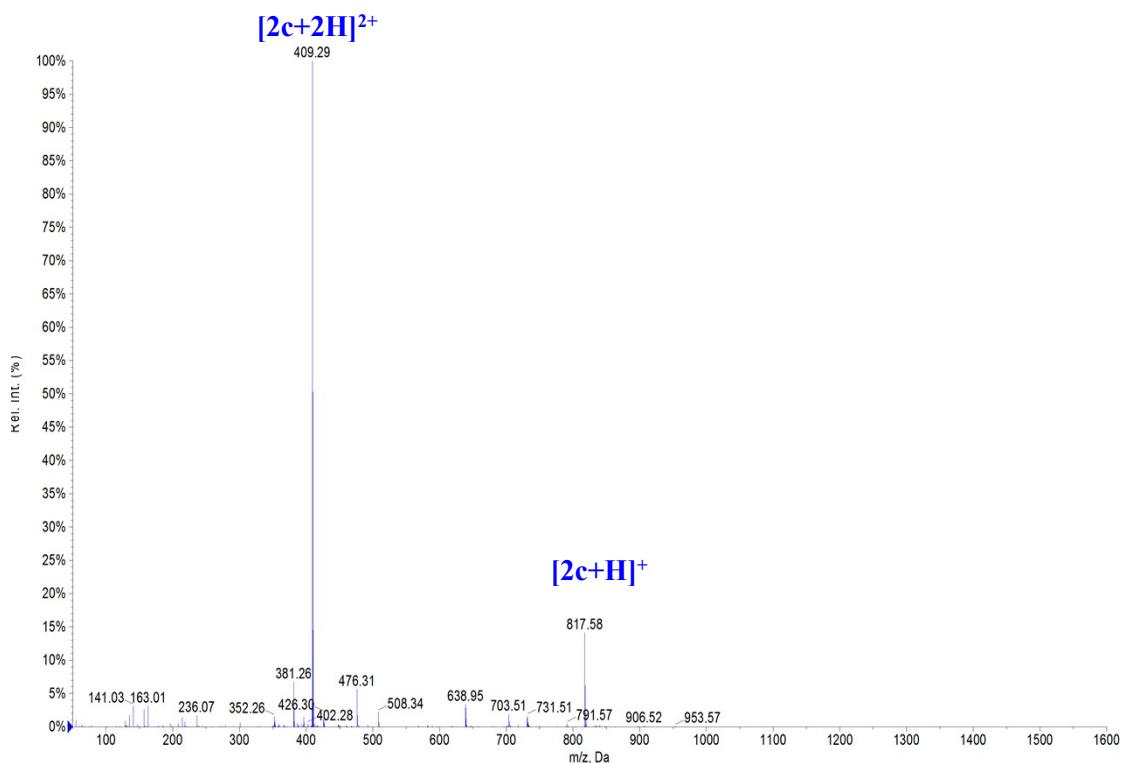
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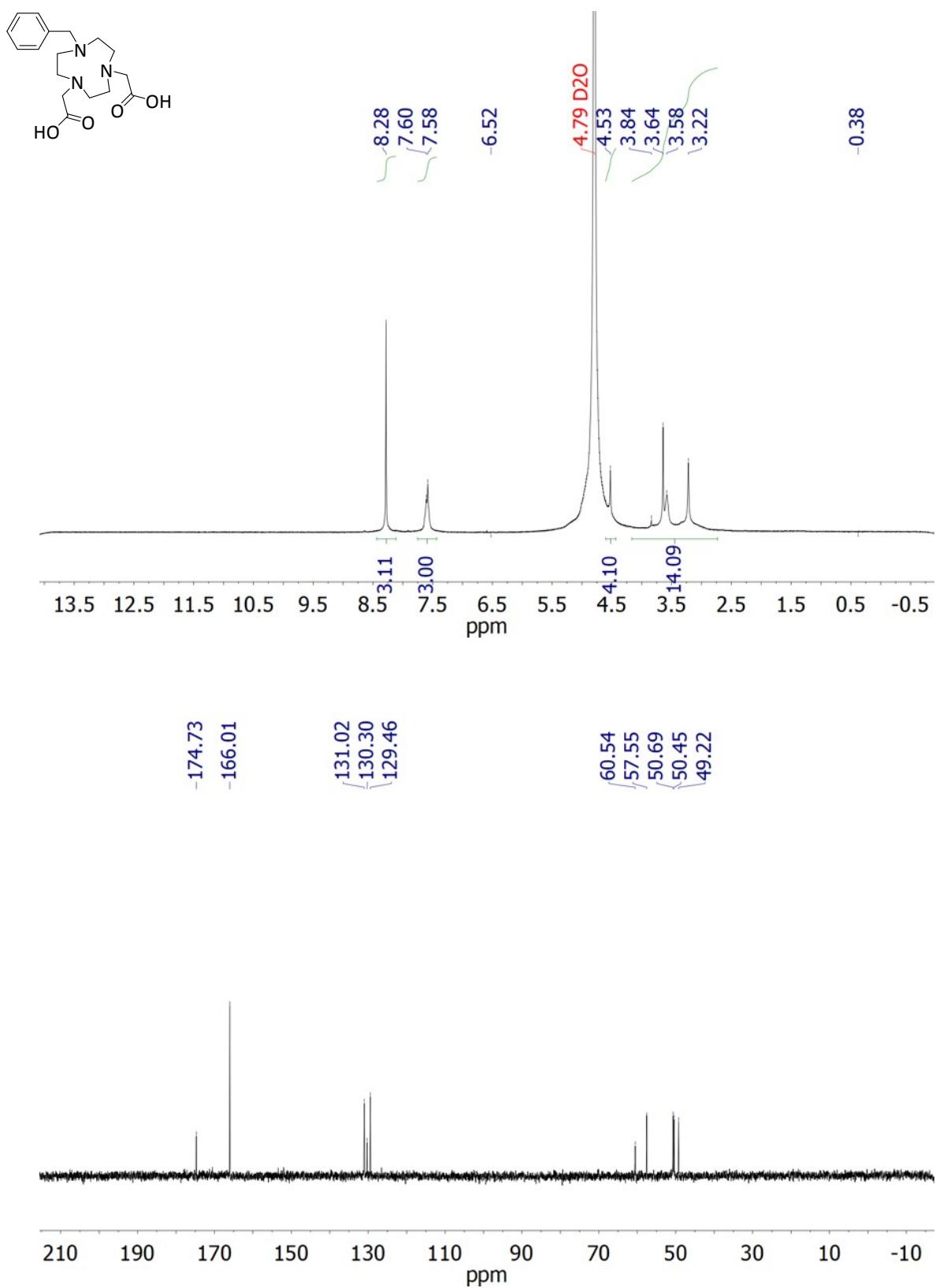
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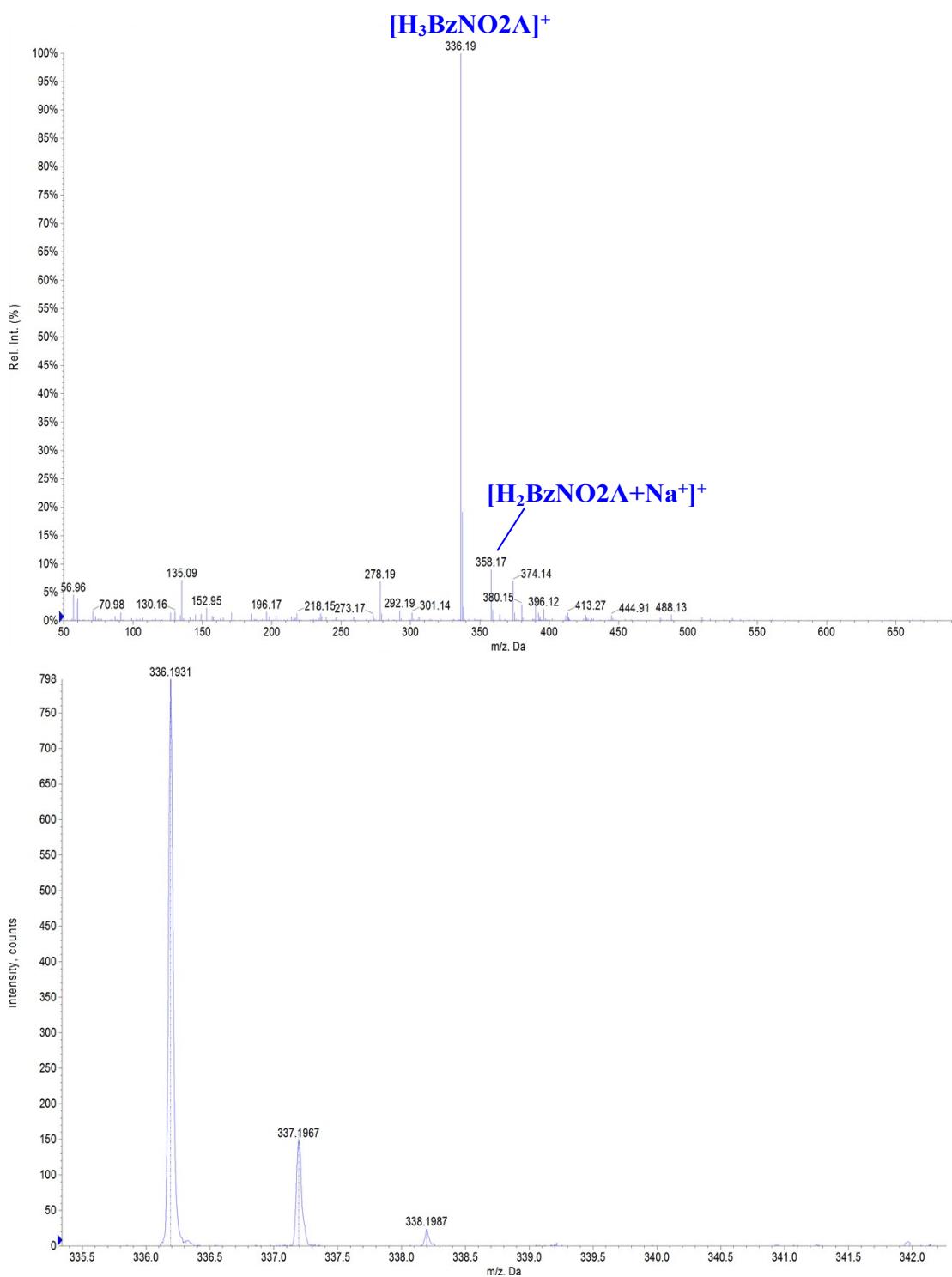
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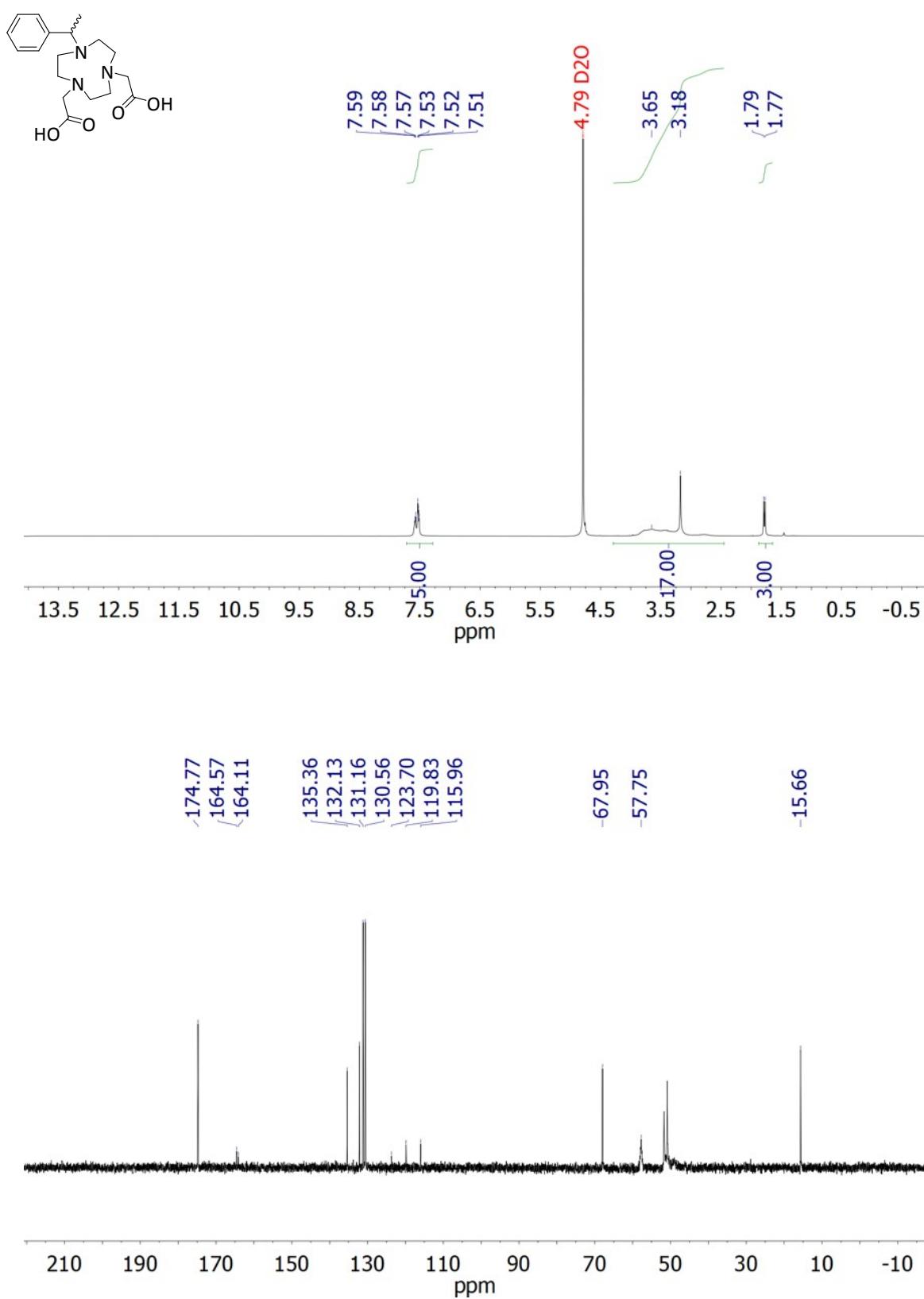
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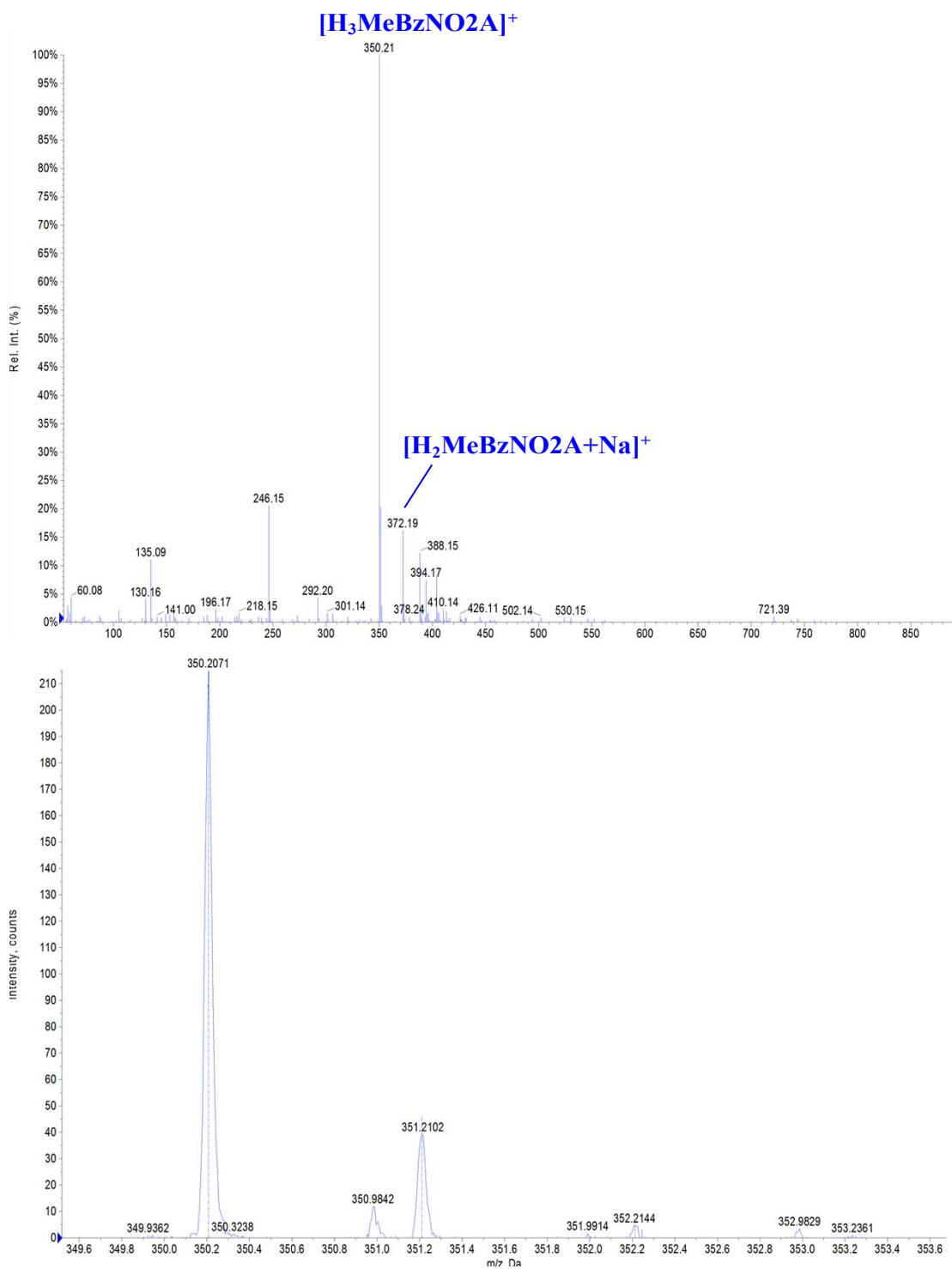
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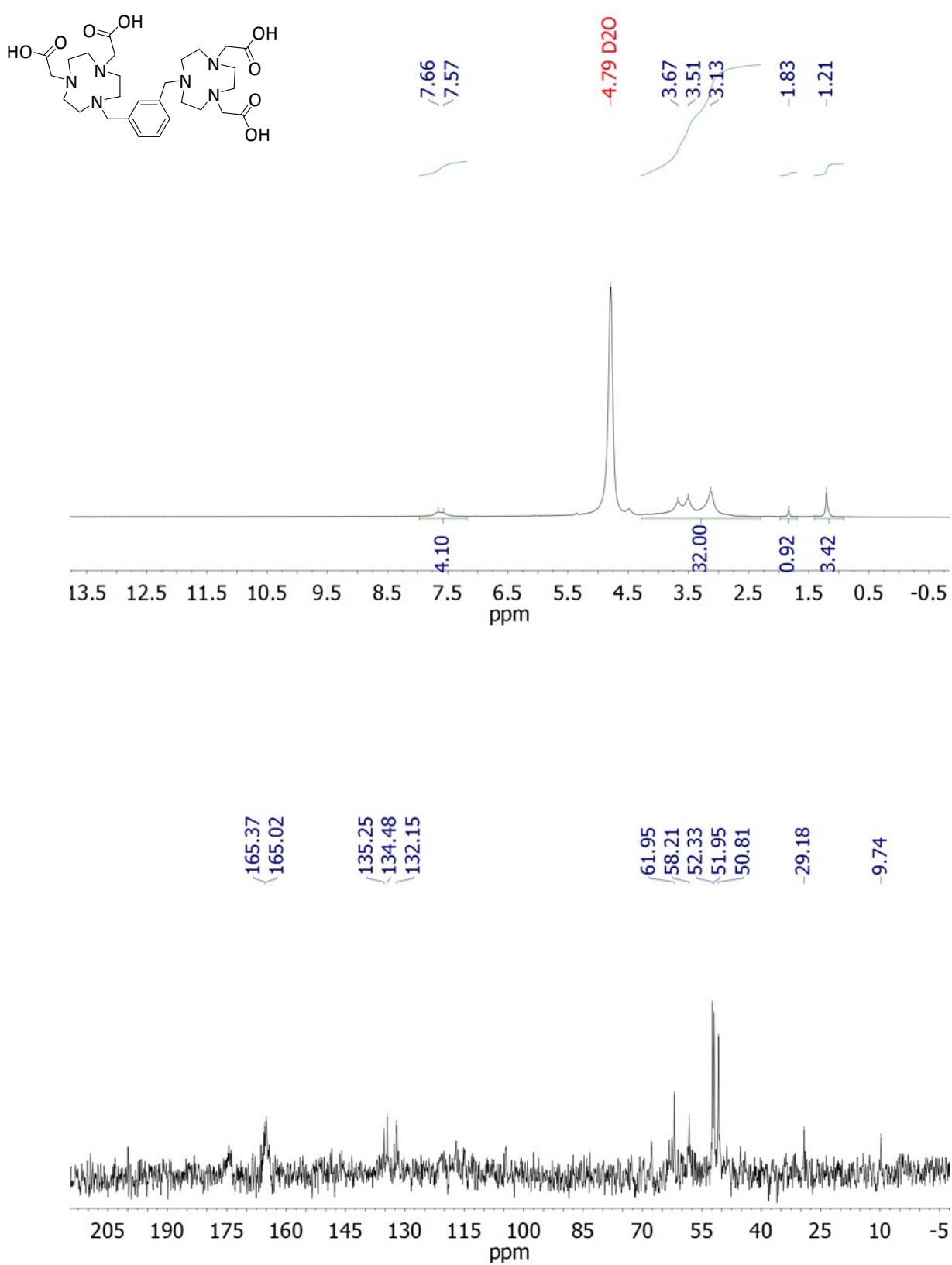
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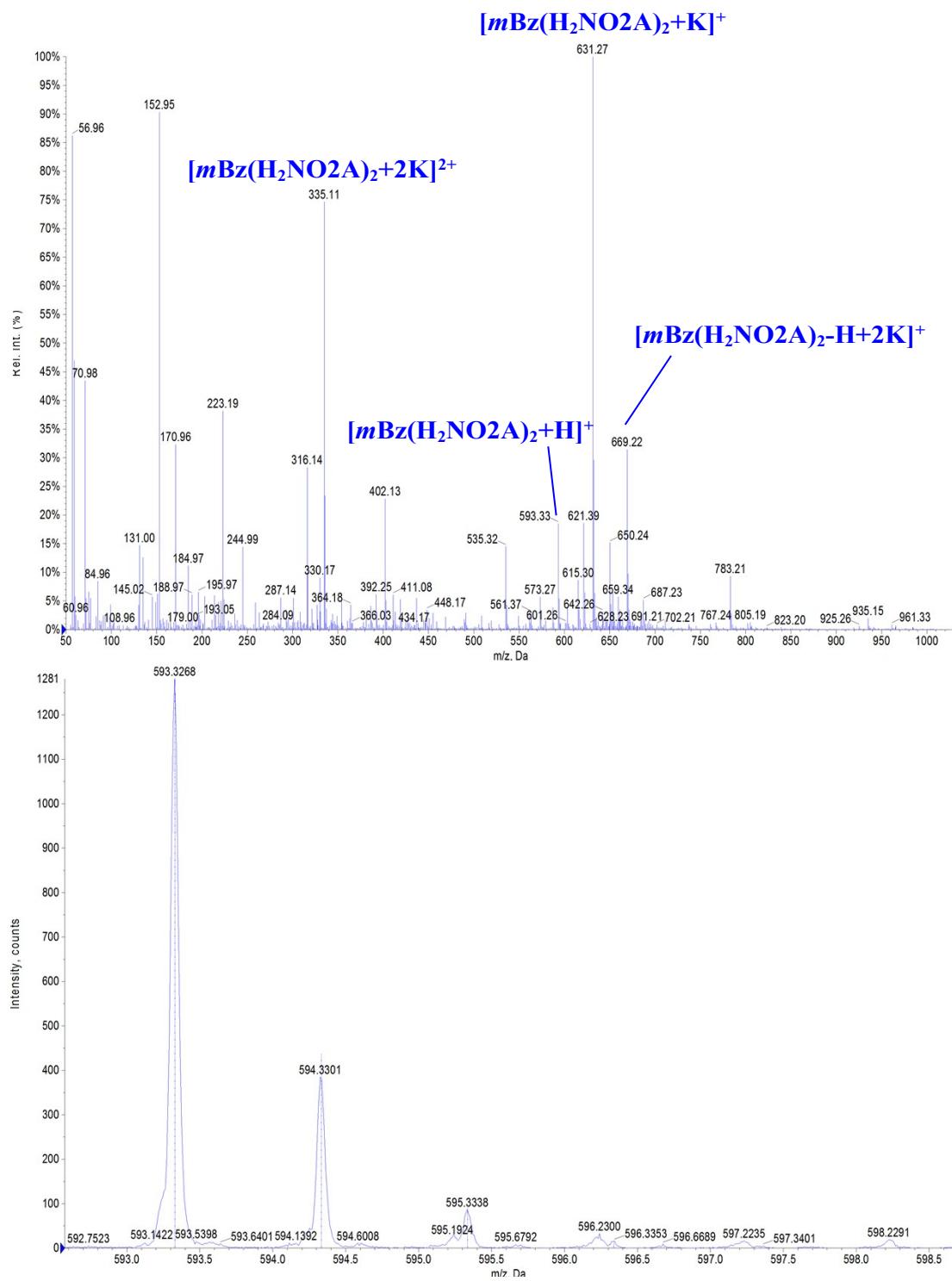
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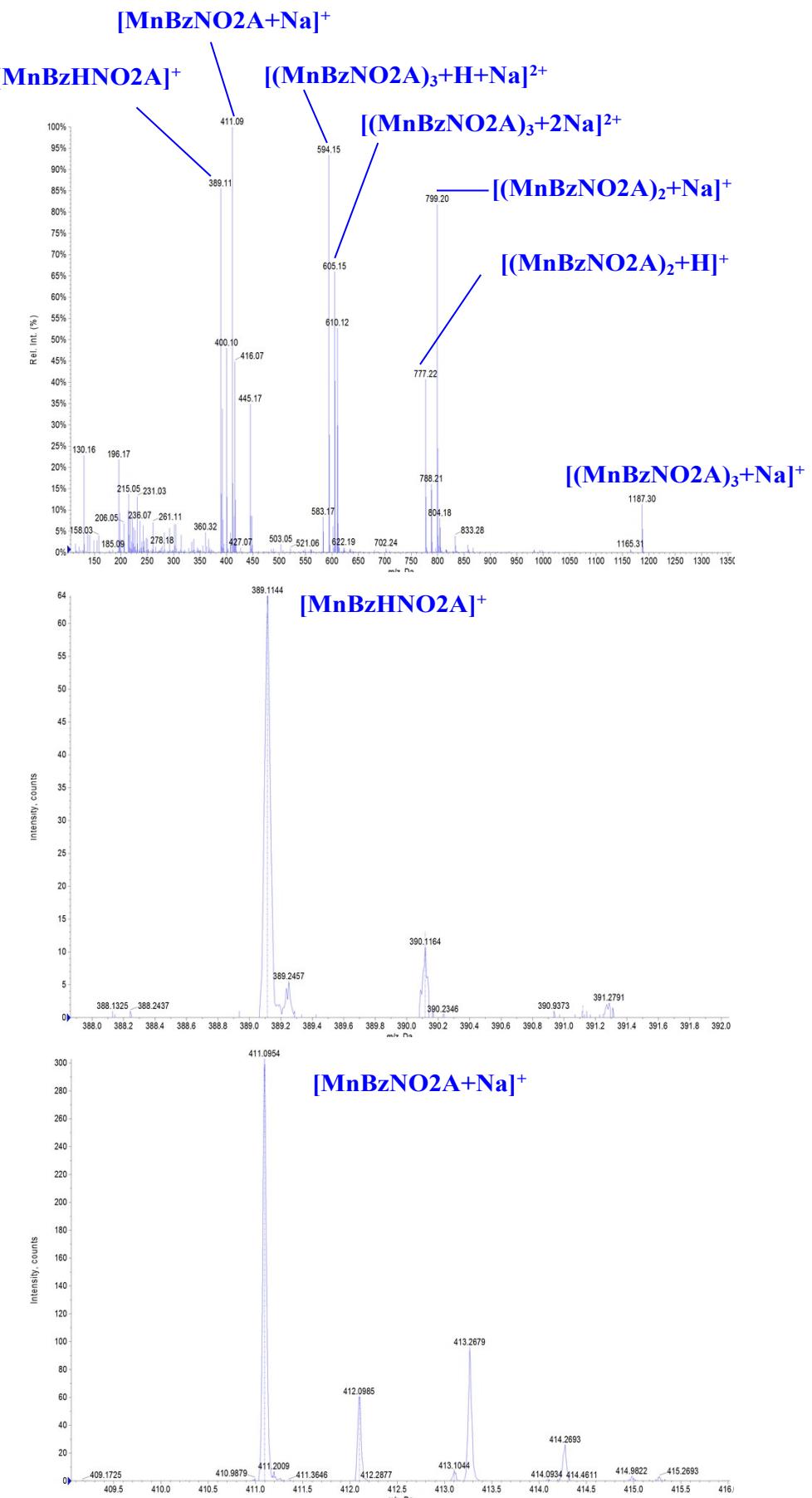
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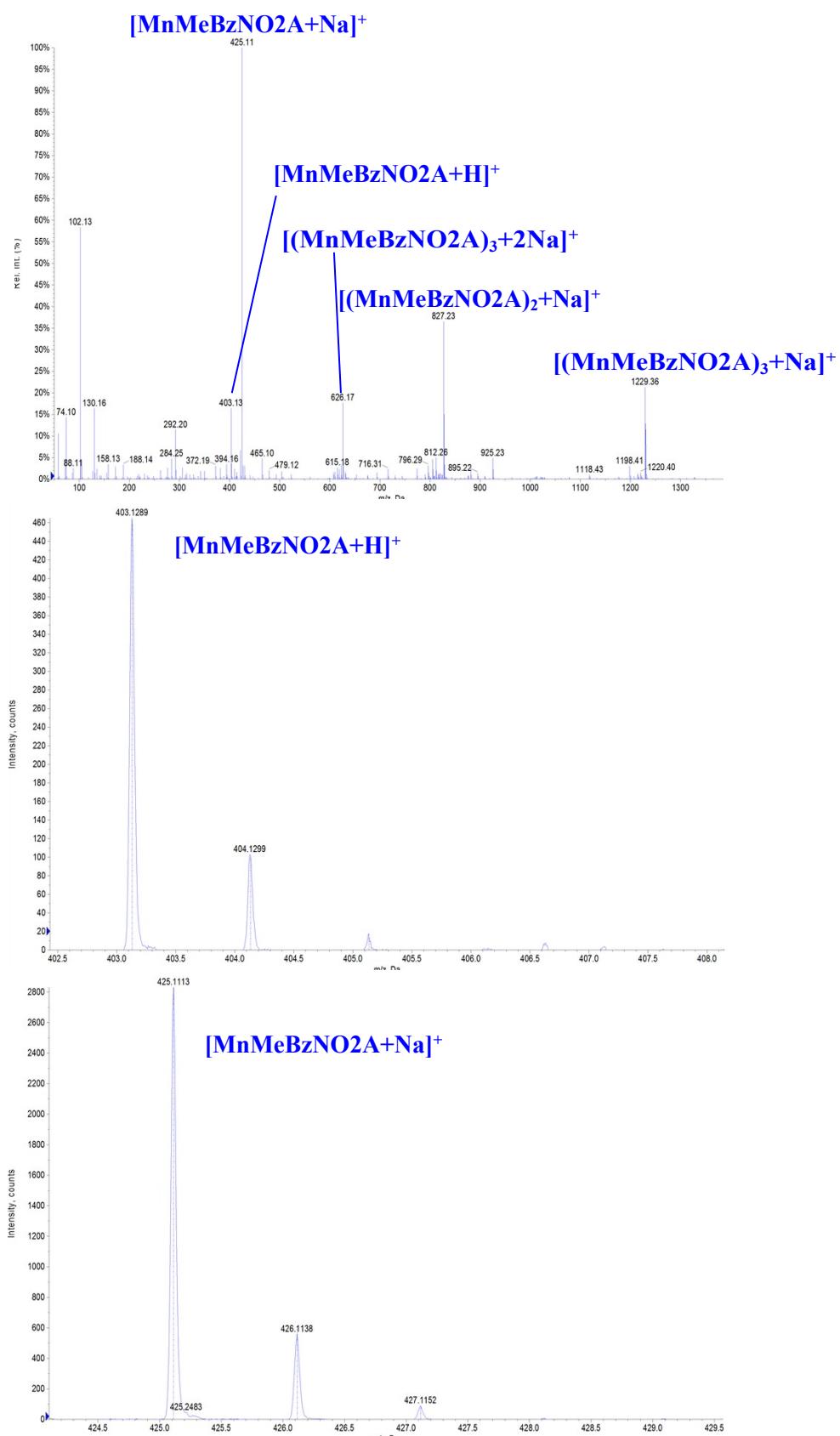
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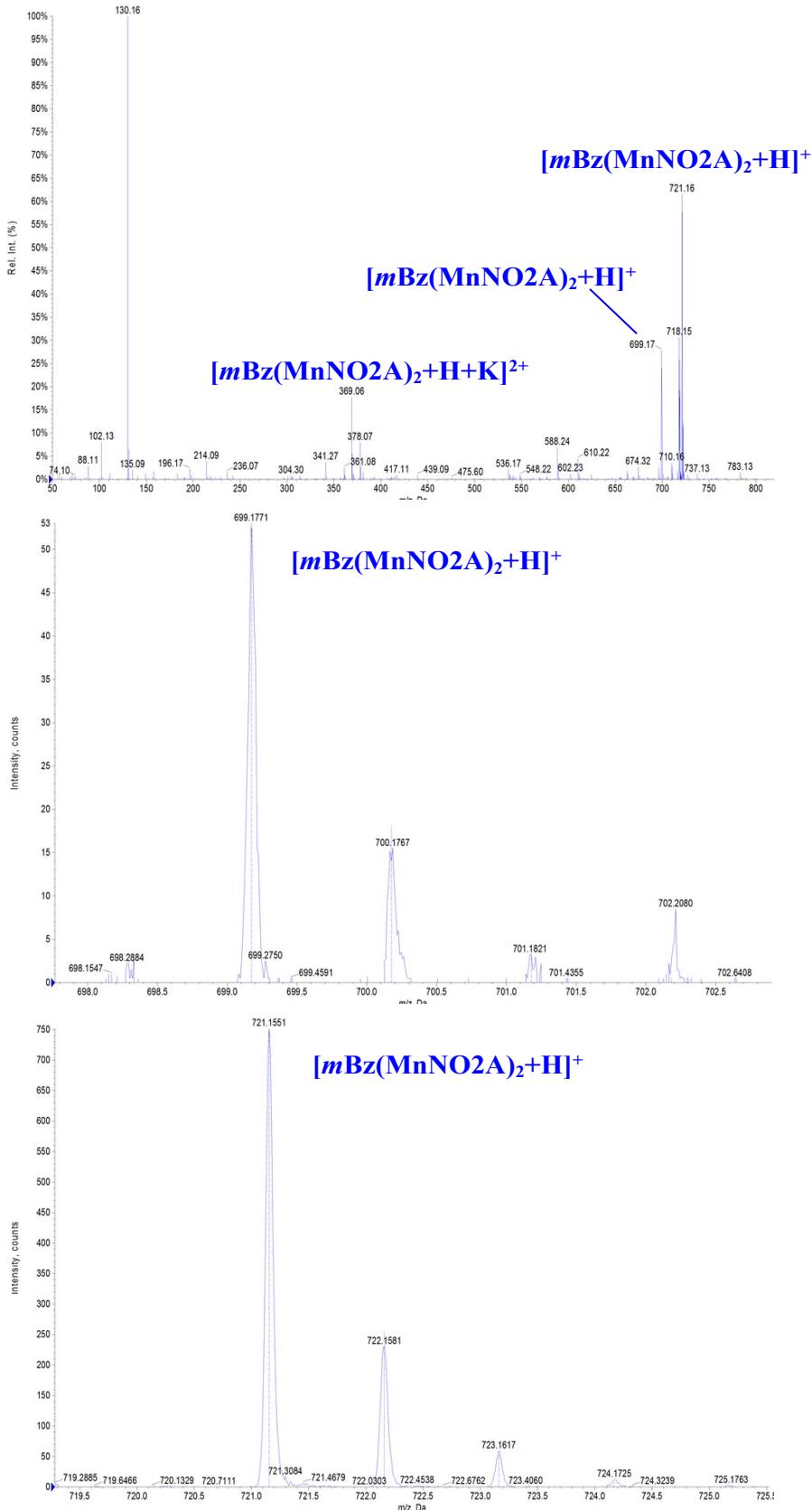
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**Figure S14.** ESI-MS (positive detection) and high resolution mass spectra of the  $\text{MnMeBzNO}_2\text{A}$  complex.



**Figure S15.** ESI-MS (positive detection) and high resolution mass spectra of the  $m\text{Bz}(\text{MnNO}_2\text{A})_2$  complex.

### Equations used for the analysis of $^{17}\text{O}$ NMR and NMRD data

The reduced relaxation rates,  $1/T_{1r}$ ,  $1/T_{2r}$  and reduced chemical shifts (Eqs. (1) – (2)) were obtained from the measured  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR transversal relaxation rates and angular frequencies of the paramagnetic solutions,  $1/T_1$ ,  $1/T_2$  and  $\omega$ , and of the acidified water reference,  $1/T_{1A}$ ,  $1/T_{2A}$  and  $\omega_A$ .

$$\frac{1}{T_{2r}} = \frac{1}{P_m} \left[ \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_{2A}} \right] = \frac{1}{\tau_m} \frac{T_{2m}^{-2} + \tau_m^{-1} T_{2m}^{-1} + \Delta\omega_m^2}{(\tau_m^{-1} + T_{2m}^{-1})^2 + \Delta\omega_m^2} + \frac{1}{T_{2os}} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta\omega_r = \frac{1}{P_m} (\omega - \omega_A) = \frac{\Delta\omega_m}{(1 + \tau_m T_{2m}^{-1})^2 + \tau_m^2 \Delta\omega_m^2} + \Delta\omega_{os} \quad (2)$$

where  $1/T_{2m}$  is the relaxation rate of the bound water and  $\Delta\omega_m$  is the chemical shift difference between bound and bulk water,  $\tau_m$  is the mean residence time of a water molecule in the inner coordination sphere ( $\tau_m = 1/k_{ex}$ ) and  $P_m$  is the mole fraction of the bound water.<sup>1,2</sup>

The outer sphere contributions to the  $^{17}\text{O}$  relaxation rates and chemical shifts were neglected in the present study.  $\Delta\omega_m$  is determined by the hyperfine or scalar coupling constant,  $A/\square$ , which is expressed as in Equation (3).

$$\Delta\omega_m = \frac{g_L \mu_B S(S+1) B}{3k_B T} \frac{A}{\hbar} \quad (3)$$

where  $B$  represents the magnetic field strength,  $S$  is the electron spin ( $S = 5/2$  for high-spin  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  complexes) and  $g_L$  is the isotropic Landé  $g$  factor.<sup>3</sup>

The exchange rate is assumed to obey the Eyring equation (Eq. (4)):

$$\frac{1}{\tau_m} = k_{ex} = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp \left\{ \frac{\Delta S^\ddagger}{R} - \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger}{RT} \right\} = \frac{k_{ex}^{298} T}{298.15} \exp \left\{ \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger}{R} \left( \frac{1}{298.15} - \frac{1}{T} \right) \right\} \quad (4)$$

where  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  and  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  are the entropy and enthalpy of activation for the water exchange process, and  $k_{ex}^{298}$  is the exchange rate at 298.15 K.

In the transverse relaxation the scalar contribution,  $1/T_{2\text{sc}}$ , is the most important, as given by Eq. (5), with  $1/\tau_{s1}$  being the sum of the exchange rate constant and the electron spin relaxation rate.

$$\frac{1}{T_{2m}} \cong \frac{1}{T_{2\text{sc}}} = \frac{S(S+1)}{3} \left( \frac{A}{\hbar} \right)^2 \tau_{s1} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{s1}} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} + \frac{1}{T_{1e}} \quad (6)$$

The measured longitudinal proton relaxation rate ( $R_1^{\text{obs}}$ ) is the sum of the paramagnetic and diamagnetic contributions as given in Eq. (7), where  $r_{1p}$  is the proton relaxivity:

$$R_1^{\text{obs}} = R_1^d + R_1^p = R_1^d + r_{1p}[\text{Mn}(II)] \quad (7)$$

The relaxivity is the result of both inner- and outer-sphere contributions:

$$r_1 = r_{1is} + r_{1os} \quad (8)$$

The inner sphere term is given in Eq. (9), where  $q$  is the number of inner sphere water molecules.<sup>4</sup>

$$r_{1is} = \frac{1}{1000} \times \frac{q}{55.55} \times \frac{1}{T_{1m}^H + \tau_m} \quad (9)$$

The longitudinal relaxation rate of proton nuclei of a coordinated water molecule,  $1/T_{1m}^H$ , is given by Eq. (10):

$$\frac{1}{T_{1m}^H} = \frac{2}{15} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\gamma_I^2 g^2 \mu_B^2}{r_{\text{MnH}}^6} S(S+1) \left[ \frac{3\tau_{d1}}{1 + \omega_I^2 \tau_{d1}^2} + \frac{7\tau_{d2}}{1 + \omega_S^2 \tau_{d2}^2} \right] \quad (10)$$

where  $r_{\text{MnH}}$  is the effective distance between the electron charge and the <sup>1</sup>H nucleus,  $\omega_I$  is the proton resonance frequency and  $\omega_S$  is the Larmor frequency of the Mn<sup>2+</sup> electron spin.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{di}} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} + \frac{1}{\tau_R} + \frac{1}{T_{ie}} \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (11)$$

The longitudinal and transverse electronic relaxation rates,  $1/T_{1e}$  and  $1/T_{2e}$  are approximated by Eqs. (12)-(14),<sup>5</sup> where  $\tau_V$  is the electronic correlation time for the modulation of the zero-field-splitting interaction,  $E_V$  the corresponding activation energy and  $\Delta^2$  is the mean square zero-field-splitting energy. We assumed a simple exponential dependence of  $\tau_V$  versus  $1/T$  as shown in Eq. (14).

$$\frac{1}{T_{1e}} = \frac{1}{25} \Delta^2 \tau_V \{4S(S+1) - 3\} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} + \frac{4}{1 + 4\omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{1}{T_{2e}} = \left( \left( 0.02 \times (4S^2 + 4S - 3) \right) \times \tau_V \times \Delta^2 \times \left( \left( \frac{5}{1 + \omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} \right) \right) \right) + \left( \frac{2}{1 + 4\omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} \right) + 3 \quad (13)$$

$$\tau_v = \tau_v^{298} \exp \left\{ \frac{E_v}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15} \right) \right\} \quad (14)$$

The outer-sphere contribution can be described by Eq. (15) where  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant, and  $J_{os}$  is the associated spectral density function.<sup>6,7</sup>

$$r_{los} = \frac{32N_A\pi}{405} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\hbar^2 \gamma_S^2 \gamma_I^2}{a_{MnH} D_{MnH}} S(S+1) [3J_{os}(\omega_I; T_{1e}) + 7J_{os}(\omega_I; T_{2e})] \quad (15)$$

$$J^{OS}(\omega, T_{je}) = \text{Re} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( i\omega \tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 + \left( i\omega \tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{4}{9} \left( i\omega \tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}} \right) + \frac{1}{9} \left( i\omega \tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] \quad (16)$$

$$\text{where } j = 1, 2, \tau_{MnH} = \frac{a_{MnH}}{D_{MnH}}.$$

The diffusion coefficient for the relative diffusion of the complex and water protons away from the Mn<sup>2+</sup> complex,  $D_{MnH}$ , is assumed to obey an exponential law versus the inverse of the temperature, with an activation energy  $E_{MnH}$ , as shown in Eq. (17).  $D_{MnH}^{298}$  is the diffusion coefficient at 298.15 K.

$$D_{MnH} = D_{MnH}^{298} \exp\left\{ \frac{E_{MnH}}{R} \left( \frac{1}{298.15} - \frac{1}{T} \right) \right\} \quad (17)$$

**Table S1.** [Mn(MeNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·2H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

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| 3             | 6             | -2.269957               | 1.757395  | 0.200775  |
| 4             | 6             | -0.228880               | 2.306797  | 1.450582  |
| 5             | 6             | 1.005695                | 1.471258  | 1.779444  |
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**Table S2.** [Mn(BzNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·2H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

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| 8             | 6             | -1.995018               | 1.689754  | 1.928111  |
| 9             | 1             | 0.372821                | 2.112905  | 2.316829  |
| 10            | 1             | 0.459143                | 3.447153  | 1.199341  |
| 11            | 1             | 1.400382                | 2.079795  | -0.557455 |
| 12            | 1             | 2.326300                | 1.848058  | 0.929672  |
| 13            | 1             | 1.214241                | 0.221894  | 2.407951  |
| 14            | 1             | 2.050199                | -1.109115 | 1.673950  |
| 15            | 1             | -0.012893               | -2.225563 | 1.067742  |
| 16            | 1             | -0.004840               | -1.866936 | 2.800342  |
| 17            | 1             | -0.690057               | 0.500888  | 3.176326  |
| 18            | 1             | -2.373413               | 0.061094  | 3.264981  |
| 19            | 1             | -2.995599               | 1.591380  | 1.508640  |
| 20            | 1             | -2.025693               | 2.463826  | 2.705468  |
| 21            | 7             | 1.101402                | 0.214024  | 0.304928  |
| 22            | 6             | -1.649420               | 3.105875  | -0.041499 |
| 23            | 1             | -2.729239               | 2.954367  | -0.123984 |
| 24            | 1             | -1.477228               | 4.110807  | 0.354914  |
| 25            | 6             | -2.476542               | -1.606703 | 1.422511  |
| 26            | 1             | -2.992457               | -1.804440 | 2.367060  |
| 27            | 1             | -2.124143               | -2.567726 | 1.041343  |
| 28            | 6             | -1.103183               | 3.015487  | -1.478043 |
| 29            | 8             | -0.848678               | 1.837577  | -1.904195 |
| 30            | 8             | -0.992493               | 4.051713  | -2.130313 |
| 31            | 8             | -0.997899               | -1.824902 | -1.421592 |
| 32            | 6             | -3.501111               | -1.120019 | 0.385265  |
| 33            | 8             | -3.176420               | -0.146395 | -0.356786 |
| 34            | 8             | -4.551934               | -1.773844 | 0.287813  |
| 35            | 25            | -1.059946               | 0.192444  | -0.583891 |
| 36            | 1             | -1.849293               | -2.213946 | -1.724354 |
| 37            | 1             | -0.344314               | -2.544177 | -1.318940 |
| 38            | 6             | 1.973077                | -0.414226 | -0.722235 |
| 39            | 1             | 1.648373                | -1.451594 | -0.818341 |
| 40            | 1             | 1.764301                | 0.093012  | -1.668189 |
| 41            | 8             | -3.472439               | -2.751444 | -2.122980 |
| 42            | 8             | 0.906155                | -3.734852 | -0.914365 |
| 43            | 1             | 1.492855                | -4.053664 | -1.609338 |
| 44            | 1             | 0.650093                | -4.515157 | -0.410062 |
| 45            | 1             | -4.075254               | -2.489218 | -1.401845 |
| 46            | 1             | -3.631269               | -3.687532 | -2.280024 |

|    |   |          |           |           |
|----|---|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 47 | 6 | 3.456745 | -0.383927 | -0.434153 |
| 48 | 6 | 4.086114 | -1.495071 | 0.126373  |
| 49 | 6 | 4.224843 | 0.743150  | -0.727902 |
| 50 | 6 | 5.445508 | -1.472412 | 0.415773  |
| 51 | 1 | 3.507061 | -2.390829 | 0.326297  |
| 52 | 6 | 5.583272 | 0.770377  | -0.439722 |
| 53 | 1 | 3.758579 | 1.602432  | -1.196531 |
| 54 | 6 | 6.195267 | -0.336123 | 0.138961  |
| 55 | 1 | 5.918577 | -2.343033 | 0.852444  |
| 56 | 1 | 7.254454 | -0.316283 | 0.362772  |
| 57 | 1 | 6.165880 | 1.652454  | -0.674247 |

E(UM062X) = -2507.2648342 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.476732

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.507283

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.508227

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.414728

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -2506.788103

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2506.757551

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2506.756607

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2506.850106

**Table S3.** [Mn(MeBzNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·2H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 7             | -1.164424               | 2.056352  | 0.870603  |
| 2             | 6             | 0.215400                | 2.359812  | 1.299343  |
| 3             | 6             | 1.299930                | 1.652899  | 0.478918  |
| 4             | 6             | 1.084852                | -0.496602 | 1.637158  |
| 5             | 6             | -0.116717               | -1.413890 | 1.841250  |
| 6             | 7             | -1.391632               | -0.709120 | 1.632737  |
| 7             | 6             | -1.639833               | 0.358823  | 2.622422  |
| 8             | 6             | -2.051193               | 1.687851  | 1.984462  |
| 9             | 1             | 0.319065                | 2.103137  | 2.352499  |
| 10            | 1             | 0.401473                | 3.436096  | 1.234622  |
| 11            | 1             | 1.336824                | 2.089763  | -0.519169 |
| 12            | 1             | 2.261672                | 1.845645  | 0.967318  |
| 13            | 1             | 1.146780                | 0.237269  | 2.438048  |
| 14            | 1             | 1.990935                | -1.098417 | 1.728107  |
| 15            | 1             | -0.067854               | -2.221118 | 1.106487  |
| 16            | 1             | -0.053987               | -1.864931 | 2.839549  |
| 17            | 1             | -0.744334               | 0.495063  | 3.227447  |
| 18            | 1             | -2.427603               | 0.055904  | 3.317802  |
| 19            | 1             | -3.055640               | 1.593018  | 1.573377  |
| 20            | 1             | -2.072076               | 2.462293  | 2.761661  |
| 21            | 7             | 1.055811                | 0.203558  | 0.328524  |
| 22            | 6             | -1.719855               | 3.106598  | 0.016003  |
| 23            | 1             | -2.802281               | 2.965274  | -0.047095 |
| 24            | 1             | -1.532010               | 4.109550  | 0.410156  |
| 25            | 6             | -2.532415               | -1.611109 | 1.477888  |
| 26            | 1             | -3.036835               | -1.817381 | 2.426753  |
| 27            | 1             | -2.179677               | -2.568101 | 1.086417  |
| 28            | 6             | -1.202004               | 3.013139  | -1.430478 |

|    |    |           |           |           |
|----|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 29 | 8  | -0.949999 | 1.835019  | -1.856604 |
| 30 | 8  | -1.110017 | 4.047690  | -2.088522 |
| 31 | 8  | -1.060802 | -1.805064 | -1.398972 |
| 32 | 6  | -3.569397 | -1.121696 | 0.454581  |
| 33 | 8  | -3.249226 | -0.150711 | -0.293004 |
| 34 | 8  | -4.623624 | -1.771600 | 0.371358  |
| 35 | 25 | -1.134924 | 0.197238  | -0.531643 |
| 36 | 1  | -1.915874 | -2.210479 | -1.669365 |
| 37 | 1  | -0.398160 | -2.517366 | -1.298910 |
| 38 | 6  | 1.969500  | -0.472650 | -0.649102 |
| 39 | 1  | 1.684879  | -1.525827 | -0.589633 |
| 40 | 8  | -3.536174 | -2.782518 | -2.025503 |
| 41 | 8  | 0.835517  | -3.729179 | -0.920217 |
| 42 | 1  | 1.416779  | -4.037922 | -1.624302 |
| 43 | 1  | 0.560370  | -4.519943 | -0.442992 |
| 44 | 1  | -4.140822 | -2.515557 | -1.307997 |
| 45 | 1  | -3.683227 | -3.723202 | -2.165743 |
| 46 | 6  | 1.731205  | -0.015329 | -2.084815 |
| 47 | 1  | 0.700017  | -0.183107 | -2.394798 |
| 48 | 1  | 1.963412  | 1.037654  | -2.238206 |
| 49 | 1  | 2.376364  | -0.597744 | -2.743553 |
| 50 | 6  | 3.442768  | -0.391814 | -0.279712 |
| 51 | 6  | 4.080472  | -1.506066 | 0.264309  |
| 52 | 6  | 4.195754  | 0.763258  | -0.498032 |
| 53 | 6  | 5.427887  | -1.465735 | 0.605184  |
| 54 | 1  | 3.516162  | -2.421255 | 0.412487  |
| 55 | 6  | 5.540962  | 0.809393  | -0.155718 |
| 56 | 1  | 3.737443  | 1.635855  | -0.947457 |
| 57 | 6  | 6.160418  | -0.304230 | 0.400692  |
| 58 | 1  | 5.903404  | -2.342599 | 1.026504  |
| 59 | 1  | 6.107848  | 1.715240  | -0.330990 |
| 60 | 1  | 7.209961  | -0.268303 | 0.664594  |

E (UM062X) = -2546.5716587 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.505080

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.536918

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.537862

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.442106

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -2546.066578

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2546.034741

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2546.033796

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2546.129553

**Table S4.** [Mn(MeNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·5H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 7             | 0.344273                | -2.016545 | -0.812447 |
| 2             | 6             | -0.036050               | -2.910209 | 0.302440  |
| 3             | 6             | -0.649143               | -2.162381 | 1.488557  |
| 4             | 6             | 1.485839                | -1.389825 | 2.423599  |
| 5             | 6             | 2.618309                | -0.566705 | 1.813758  |
| 6             | 7             | 2.550935                | -0.550482 | 0.342323  |
| 7             | 6             | 2.767128                | -1.876351 | -0.272618 |
| 8             | 6             | 1.707494                | -2.250764 | -1.313788 |
| 9             | 1             | 0.843586                | -3.465906 | 0.624607  |
| 10            | 1             | -0.755826               | -3.658597 | -0.042233 |
| 11            | 1             | -1.640895               | -1.788391 | 1.223850  |
| 12            | 1             | -0.775018               | -2.864585 | 2.322545  |
| 13            | 1             | 1.647943                | -2.451867 | 2.247612  |
| 14            | 1             | 1.509142                | -1.260158 | 3.508737  |
| 15            | 1             | 2.518897                | 0.467906  | 2.147125  |
| 16            | 1             | 3.578605                | -0.952311 | 2.177080  |
| 17            | 1             | 2.796203                | -2.628082 | 0.515113  |
| 18            | 1             | 3.746623                | -1.914394 | -0.757741 |
| 19            | 1             | 1.834161                | -1.627360 | -2.198330 |
| 20            | 1             | 1.858101                | -3.296639 | -1.608320 |
| 21            | 7             | 0.158022                | -0.998407 | 1.894589  |
| 22            | 6             | -0.671760               | -2.006694 | -1.865721 |
| 23            | 1             | -0.263977               | -1.493409 | -2.740552 |
| 24            | 1             | -0.982954               | -3.012053 | -2.162255 |
| 25            | 6             | 3.377068                | 0.495174  | -0.260301 |
| 26            | 1             | 4.392270                | 0.155156  | -0.485767 |
| 27            | 1             | 3.463634                | 1.327290  | 0.444139  |
| 28            | 6             | -1.891695               | -1.198064 | -1.412348 |
| 29            | 8             | -1.627099               | -0.102800 | -0.807845 |
| 30            | 8             | -3.026837               | -1.617138 | -1.650063 |
| 31            | 8             | 0.775745                | 2.086150  | 0.939520  |
| 32            | 6             | 2.758041                | 1.112730  | -1.524334 |
| 33            | 8             | 1.535221                | 0.870069  | -1.756381 |
| 34            | 8             | 3.473333                | 1.883183  | -2.180988 |
| 35            | 25            | 0.373131                | 0.213491  | -0.074854 |
| 36            | 1             | 1.202071                | 2.777725  | 0.386624  |
| 37            | 1             | 0.009958                | 2.496003  | 1.409194  |
| 38            | 6             | -0.574389               | -0.181417 | 2.872414  |
| 39            | 1             | 0.033287                | 0.679540  | 3.150446  |
| 40            | 8             | 2.058479                | 3.873792  | -0.709329 |
| 41            | 8             | -1.463626               | 2.952259  | 2.155055  |
| 42            | 1             | -2.188845               | 2.460472  | 1.711638  |
| 43            | 1             | -1.701370               | 3.883614  | 2.108906  |
| 44            | 1             | 2.606457                | 3.420153  | -1.374162 |
| 45            | 1             | 2.613783                | 4.561796  | -0.328982 |
| 46            | 8             | -5.220308               | 1.984494  | -1.397978 |
| 47            | 1             | -4.484863               | 2.264533  | -0.837640 |
| 48            | 1             | -5.384215               | 1.082843  | -1.078820 |
| 49            | 8             | -3.218079               | 1.480144  | 0.694970  |
| 50            | 1             | -2.669167               | 0.937154  | 0.085313  |
| 51            | 1             | -3.954077               | 0.885490  | 0.907333  |
| 52            | 8             | -4.993447               | -0.534626 | -0.115612 |
| 53            | 1             | -5.611370               | -1.219650 | 0.156008  |

|    |   |           |           |           |
|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 54 | 1 | -4.318753 | -0.969047 | -0.687665 |
| 55 | 1 | -0.816369 | -0.756492 | 3.773607  |
| 56 | 1 | -1.500000 | 0.182847  | 2.421938  |

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E (UM062X) = -2505.5769148 Hartree  
Zero-point correction = 0.471142  
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.504600  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.505544  
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.406021  
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -2505.105773  
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2505.072315  
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2505.071371  
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2505.170893

**Table S5.** [Mn(MeNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·4H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 7             | 0.030978                | -2.057941 | -0.871424 |
| 2             | 6             | -0.260606               | -3.018282 | 0.215692  |
| 3             | 6             | -0.751541               | -2.375663 | 1.517307  |
| 4             | 6             | 1.419087                | -1.609806 | 2.314674  |
| 5             | 6             | 2.498138                | -0.746094 | 1.673436  |
| 6             | 7             | 2.307549                | -0.640937 | 0.218916  |
| 7             | 6             | 2.482216                | -1.928742 | -0.481497 |
| 8             | 6             | 1.359504                | -2.253119 | -1.469031 |
| 9             | 1             | 0.637221                | -3.604554 | 0.411469  |
| 10            | 1             | -1.017955               | -3.736233 | -0.113362 |
| 11            | 1             | -1.778970               | -2.038478 | 1.403747  |
| 12            | 1             | -0.733709               | -3.139086 | 2.307248  |
| 13            | 1             | 1.572287                | -2.657543 | 2.059263  |
| 14            | 1             | 1.522024                | -1.549153 | 3.401986  |
| 15            | 1             | 2.428374                | 0.263087  | 2.078338  |
| 16            | 1             | 3.484072                | -1.156076 | 1.929176  |
| 17            | 1             | 2.563465                | -2.723208 | 0.259295  |
| 18            | 1             | 3.428104                | -1.936955 | -1.031545 |
| 19            | 1             | 1.427997                | -1.583432 | -2.325012 |
| 20            | 1             | 1.496025                | -3.281351 | -1.828768 |
| 21            | 7             | 0.053475                | -1.207284 | 1.909002  |
| 22            | 6             | -1.036742               | -2.018319 | -1.867438 |
| 23            | 1             | -0.677142               | -1.486380 | -2.752544 |
| 24            | 1             | -1.362197               | -3.013486 | -2.189382 |
| 25            | 6             | 3.101036                | 0.429562  | -0.377002 |
| 26            | 1             | 4.096428                | 0.095944  | -0.689039 |
| 27            | 1             | 3.246792                | 1.220722  | 0.363030  |
| 28            | 6             | -2.244689               | -1.225946 | -1.362231 |
| 29            | 8             | -2.040366               | -0.494363 | -0.342868 |
| 30            | 8             | -3.309489               | -1.280797 | -1.990275 |
| 31            | 8             | 0.797579                | 1.854975  | 1.280606  |
| 32            | 6             | 2.406944                | 1.104962  | -1.567341 |
| 33            | 8             | 1.189693                | 0.829976  | -1.766080 |
| 34            | 8             | 3.073366                | 1.939553  | -2.204008 |
| 35            | 25            | 0.043240                | 0.183948  | -0.034843 |
| 36            | 1             | 1.234665                | 2.573247  | 0.772573  |
| 37            | 1             | 0.027860                | 2.257788  | 1.729164  |
| 38            | 6             | -0.614057               | -0.470056 | 2.989563  |
| 39            | 1             | 0.009616                | 0.372320  | 3.288679  |
| 40            | 8             | 2.085343                | 3.754948  | -0.261122 |
| 41            | 8             | -1.672707               | 2.780515  | 2.069569  |
| 42            | 1             | -2.436002               | 2.172043  | 1.928386  |
| 43            | 1             | -1.940772               | 3.446511  | 2.709510  |
| 44            | 1             | 2.517107                | 3.363132  | -1.041970 |
| 45            | 1             | 2.747180                | 4.313183  | 0.159316  |
| 46            | 8             | -1.265881               | 2.111748  | -0.649432 |
| 47            | 1             | -1.440228               | 2.676262  | 0.118676  |
| 48            | 1             | -2.143859               | 1.868131  | -1.000053 |
| 49            | 8             | -3.592569               | 1.058516  | 1.254044  |
| 50            | 1             | -3.091237               | 0.408072  | 0.713870  |
| 51            | 1             | -4.120464               | 1.504758  | 0.576324  |
| 52            | 8             | -3.903909               | 1.406776  | -1.534322 |
| 53            | 1             | -4.340943               | 1.831068  | -2.279137 |

|    |   |           |           |           |
|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 54 | 1 | -3.861213 | 0.448777  | -1.741499 |
| 55 | 1 | -0.794996 | -1.109225 | 3.862423  |
| 56 | 1 | -1.568757 | -0.081199 | 2.629755  |

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E (UM062X) = -2505.5809106 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.473123

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.505544

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.506488

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.412760

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -2505.107788

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2505.075366

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2505.074422

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2505.168151

**Table S6.** [Mn(MeNO<sub>2</sub>A)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·4H<sub>2</sub>O, M06-2X/TZVP, aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 7             | 0.391628                | -1.997165 | -0.981805 |
| 2             | 6             | 0.232976                | -3.048568 | 0.045623  |
| 3             | 6             | -0.368739               | -2.545804 | 1.360860  |
| 4             | 6             | 1.690952                | -1.549693 | 2.240943  |
| 5             | 6             | 2.629496                | -0.493569 | 1.666996  |
| 6             | 7             | 2.438133                | -0.332876 | 0.216159  |
| 7             | 6             | 2.800770                | -1.537635 | -0.558114 |
| 8             | 6             | 1.737376                | -1.961453 | -1.575140 |
| 9             | 1             | 1.205012                | -3.504923 | 0.231700  |
| 10            | 1             | -0.406014               | -3.851569 | -0.333220 |
| 11            | 1             | -1.425344               | -2.315611 | 1.221825  |
| 12            | 1             | -0.297738               | -3.348771 | 2.106257  |
| 13            | 1             | 1.996717                | -2.544997 | 1.922126  |
| 14            | 1             | 1.784257                | -1.543394 | 3.330271  |
| 15            | 1             | 2.399201                | 0.469117  | 2.126505  |
| 16            | 1             | 3.665024                | -0.755261 | 1.917493  |
| 17            | 1             | 2.997044                | -2.354226 | 0.135080  |
| 18            | 1             | 3.737886                | -1.372715 | -1.097862 |
| 19            | 1             | 1.709344                | -1.237067 | -2.388270 |
| 20            | 1             | 2.023317                | -2.934349 | -1.994294 |
| 21            | 7             | 0.281905                | -1.317480 | 1.849733  |
| 22            | 6             | -0.676583               | -2.030783 | -1.979263 |
| 23            | 1             | -0.371527               | -1.439447 | -2.846730 |
| 24            | 1             | -0.902459               | -3.042308 | -2.330742 |
| 25            | 6             | 3.057784                | 0.881116  | -0.309949 |
| 26            | 1             | 4.093217                | 0.724289  | -0.627862 |
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| 28            | 6             | -1.960606               | -1.375286 | -1.464438 |
| 29            | 8             | -1.822245               | -0.550526 | -0.499634 |
| 30            | 8             | -3.033123               | -1.617155 | -2.024102 |
| 31            | 8             | 0.371670                | 1.895996  | 1.297413  |
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| 33            | 8             | 1.081265                | 1.111466  | -1.651569 |
| 34            | 8             | 2.810335                | 2.453644  | -2.068104 |
| 35            | 25            | 0.129874                | 0.137776  | 0.011474  |
| 36            | 1             | 0.677612                | 2.691551  | 0.807987  |
| 37            | 1             | -0.471824               | 2.130973  | 1.741154  |
| 38            | 6             | -0.476100               | -0.747197 | 2.971336  |
| 39            | 1             | 0.012991                | 0.167493  | 3.306199  |
| 40            | 8             | 1.353168                | 4.014610  | -0.165631 |
| 41            | 8             | -2.142144               | 2.347023  | 2.219664  |
| 42            | 1             | -2.767666               | 1.603974  | 2.040821  |
| 43            | 1             | -2.432393               | 2.794522  | 3.020007  |
| 44            | 1             | 1.869218                | 3.737516  | -0.943194 |
| 45            | 1             | 1.884537                | 4.680135  | 0.282884  |
| 46            | 8             | -2.046983               | 2.413489  | -0.680513 |
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| 51            | 1             | -4.339677               | 0.640807  | 0.713949  |
| 52            | 8             | -4.352141               | 0.740223  | -1.367319 |
| 53            | 1             | -4.982756               | 1.021192  | -2.036997 |

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|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 54 | 1 | -4.007729 | -0.133434 | -1.652328 |
| 55 | 1 | -0.537959 | -1.449516 | 3.810887  |
| 56 | 1 | -1.487375 | -0.497878 | 2.644245  |

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E (UM062X) = -2505.5785633 Hartree  
Zero-point correction = 0.471389  
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.503779  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.504724  
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.410549  
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -2505.107175  
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2505.074784  
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2505.073840  
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2505.168015

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