

Supporting Information

Synthetic anion transporters that bear a terminal ethynyl group

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General and Synthetic details

Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Yields of synthesized compounds were measured after chromatographic purification. ^1H , ^{19}F , and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were measured at 25 °C using 400-MHz spectrometers. HRMS were recorded by EI methods using a magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing analyzer. Log P values were obtained by pH-metric methods.

Ethyl 2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetate (2). Ethyl 2-azidoacetate (0.77 g, 6.0 mmol), sodium-L-ascorbate (0.24 g, 0.12 mmol), and 1,6-heptadiyne (1.36 mL, 12.0 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of water and DMSO (17 mL, water:DMSO = 3:1). $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.15 g, 0.6 mmol) was added to the solution at room temperature and stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. The final mixture was diluted with water and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on a short plug of silica gel (ethyl acetate:hexane 2:1). This yielded **2** as a liquid (0.57 g, 43%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (td, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.96 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (tt, $J = 7.5, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 147.7, 122.5, 83.9, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 69.1, 62.5, 50.9, 28.0, 24.5, 17.9, 14.2; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: 221.1164; found: 221.1164.

2-(4-(Pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetic acid (3). Compound **2** (171 mg, 0.77 mmol in 5 mL of MeOH) was dissolved in a solution (1.55 mL of 1 N NaOH). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 1 N aqueous HCl. The organic layer was dried with Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residues were purified on a short silica gel column, using MC/MeOH (10%) to afford the products (0.108 g, 72%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 2.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 3H), 1.87 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 170.0, 148.4, 125.0, 84.4, 70.3, 51.7, 29.5, 25.3, 18.6; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: 193.0851; found: 193.0851.

***N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4b).** DIEA (15.9 μL , 0.091 mmol) and PyBop (79.1 mg, 0.152 mmol) were added to a stirred solution of compound **3** (14.5 mg, 0.076 mmol) in anhydrous solvents (0.5 mL of DMF and 0.5 mL of CH_2Cl_2) under N_2 . After 30 min, a solution of 2-aminophenol (12.4 mg, 0.114 mmol in 0.5 mL of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture under N_2 . The solution was stirred for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with water. The organic phases were dried with Na_2SO_4 and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by a silica gel column, using MC:MeOH (94:6) to afford the products (12 mg, 56%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.1$, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 8.0, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.1, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 2.81 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (td, $J = 7.1, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.5, 147.7, 145.8, 125.6, 124.8, 123.7, 121.9, 118.9, 115.2, 84.1, 71.5, 52.1, 27.9, 24.0, 17.2; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 284.1273; found: 284.1274.

***N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-pentyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4a).** Pd/C (10 wt% loading, 10 mg) was added to a stirred solution of **4b** (20 mg, 0.070 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) at room temperature. The resultant mixture was degassed and saturated with H_2 before stirring under an atmosphere of H_2 (1 atm) overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite® (eluent MeOH) and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on a short plug of a silica gel (MC:MeOH = 94:6). This yielded **4a** as a white solid (19 mg, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.82 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 7.9, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.1, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.60 (m,

2H), 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.5, 147.7, 146.7, 125.6, 124.8, 123.4, 121.9, 118.9, 115.2, 52.0, 30.8, 28.6, 24.9, 21.8, 13.9; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 288.1586; found: 288.1584.

***N*-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4c)**. By following the general procedure of **4b**, the reaction of 3-aminophenol yielded **4c** (20 mg, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.79 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.1, 157.7, 145.7, 139.4, 129.5, 123.6, 110.9, 109.9, 106.3, 84.1, 71.5, 52.1, 27.9, 24.0, 17.2; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 284.1273; found: 284.1275.

***N*-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4d)**. By following the general procedure of **4b**, the reaction of 2-amino-4-chlorophenol yielded **4d** (22 mg, 62% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.77 (h, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.0, 146.3, 145.8, 126.9, 124.0, 123.7, 122.1, 120.8, 116.1, 84.0, 71.5, 52.1, 27.9, 23.9, 17.2; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2$: 318.0884; found: 318.0883.

***N*-(3-fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4e)**. By following the general procedure of **4b**, the reaction of 2-amino-6-fluorophenol yielded **4d** (19 mg, 59% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 8.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 14.8, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 2.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.9, 152.8, 150.4, 145.8, 136.0, 135.9, 128.3, 123.7, 118.8, 118.7, 117.9, 111.7, 111.5, 84.1, 71.6, 52.0, 27.9, 24.0, 17.3; HRMS–EI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{CFN}_4\text{O}_2$: 302.1179; found: 302.1180.

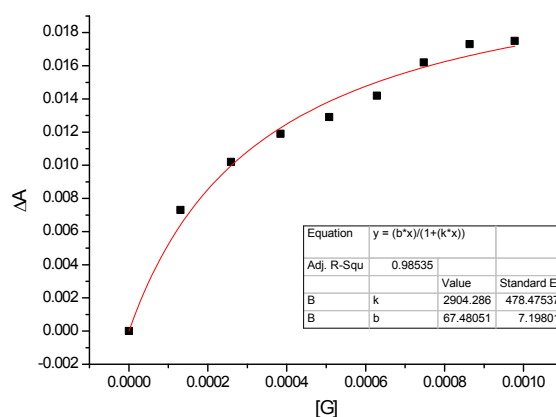
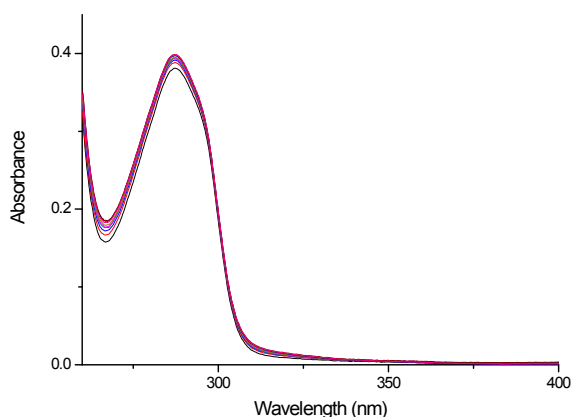
***N*-(5-fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4f)**. By following the general procedure of **4b**, the reaction of 2-amino-4-fluorophenol yielded **4f** (23 mg, 64 % yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.01 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.9, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddd, $J = 8.9, 2.9, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 2.80 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.22 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.79 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.9, 155.9, 153.6, 145.8, 143.5, 126.6, 126.4, 123.7, 115.2, 115.1, 110.2, 110.0, 108.1, 107.8, 84.1, 71.5, 52.1, 27.9, 24.0, 17.2; HRMS–CI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$: 302.1179; found: 302.1178.

***N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetamide (4g)** Lindlar catalyst (5% palladium on calcium carbonate poisoned with lead, 2.5 mg) was added to a stirred solution of **4b** (50 mg, 0.176 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) at room temperature. The resultant mixture was degassed and saturated with H_2 before stirring under an atmosphere of H_2 (1 atm) for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite® (eluent DMF) and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on a short plug of a silica gel (MC:MeOH = 94:6). This yielded **4a** as a white solid (17 mg, 34%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.1, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.04 (ddt, $J = 17.2, 1.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (ddt, $J = 10.3, 1.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (tt, $J = 7.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.5, 147.8, 146.4, 138.3, 125.6, 124.8, 123.5, 121.9, 118.9, 115.2, 115.1, 52.1, 32.6, 28.2, 24.4; HRMS–CI: m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 286.1430; found: 286.1429.

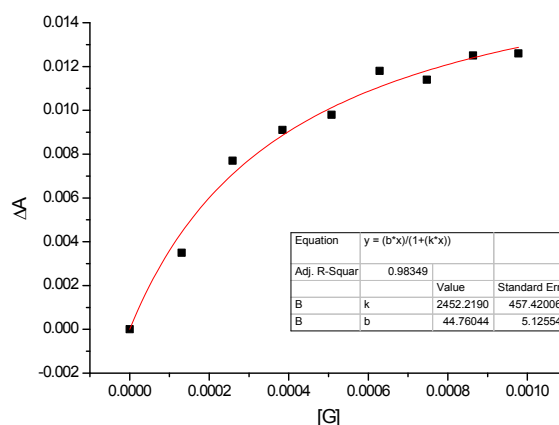
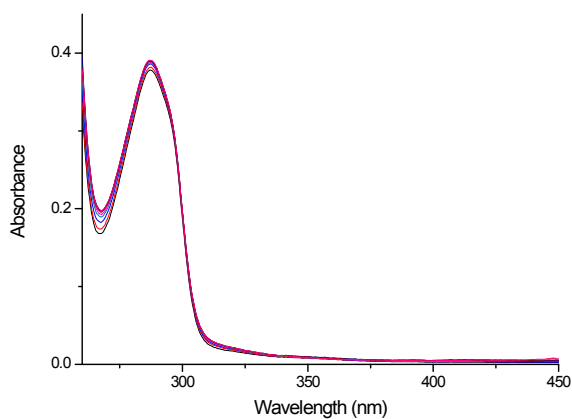
Chloride Binding Constants by UV-vis titrations

Upon addition of incremental amounts of anions to the solution of each chemosensor (from 2 equiv. to 16 equiv of each anion), absorbance change of each transporter (6.6×10^{-5} M of each transporter was used, unless otherwise stated) were recorded in DMSO at λ_{max} . Equilibrium constants of complexes were calculated using the equation, $y = (1 + b \times x \times K)/(1 + x \times K)$, where $x = [\text{Cl}^-]$, $y = A - A_0$ (A is the absorbance of the solution of each transporter at a certain concentration of anions and A_0 is the absorbance of the solution of each transporter without anions).

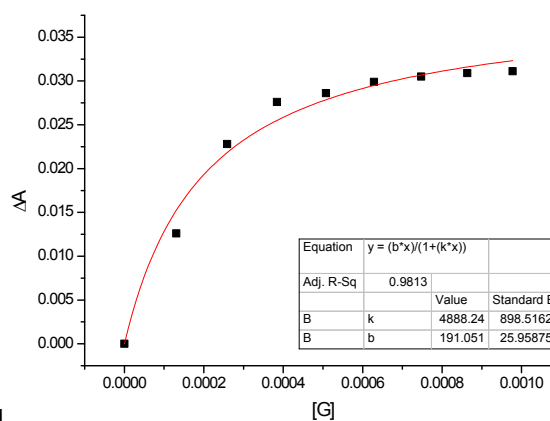
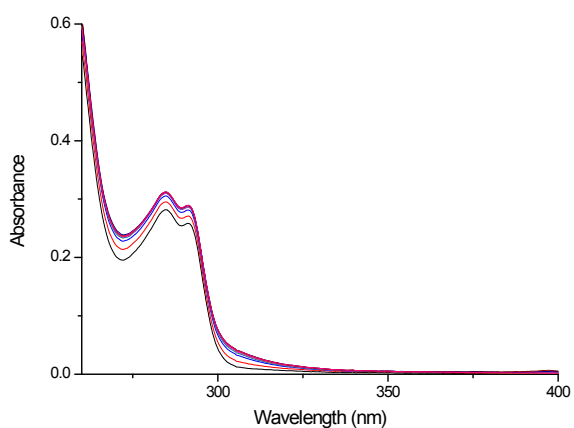
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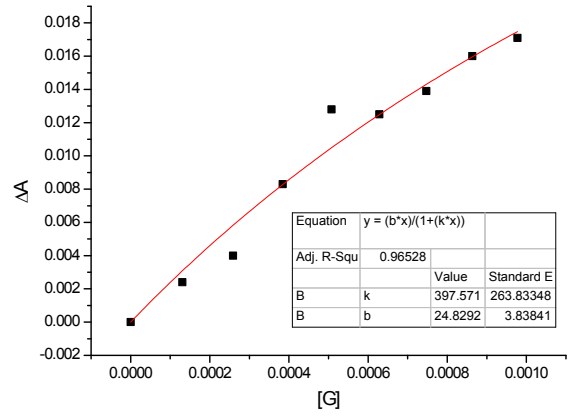
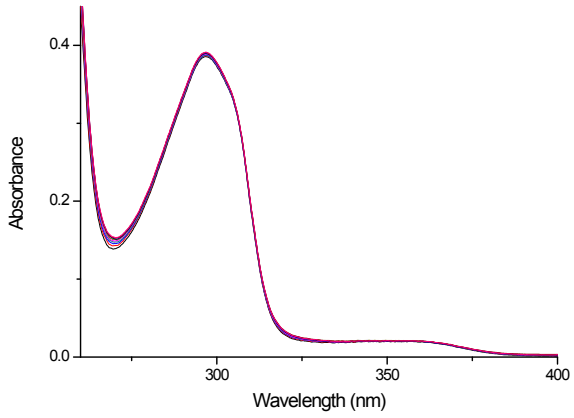
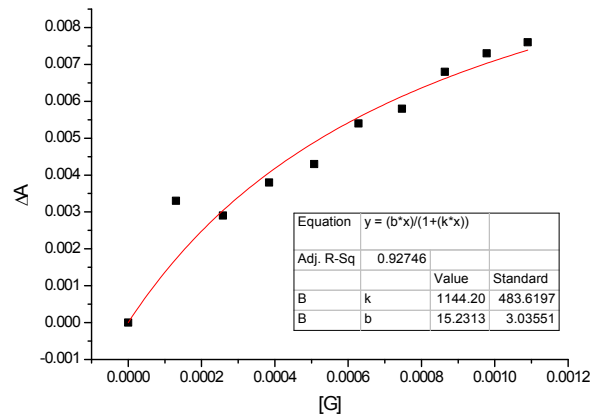
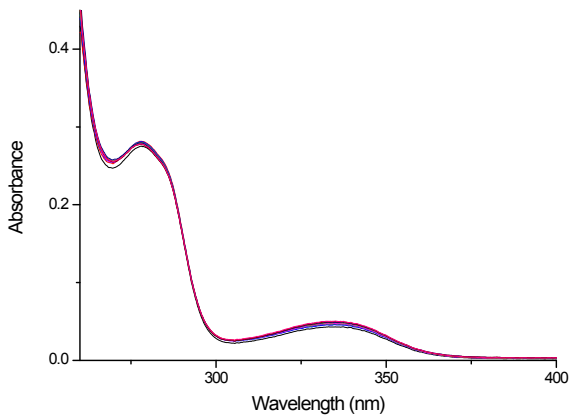
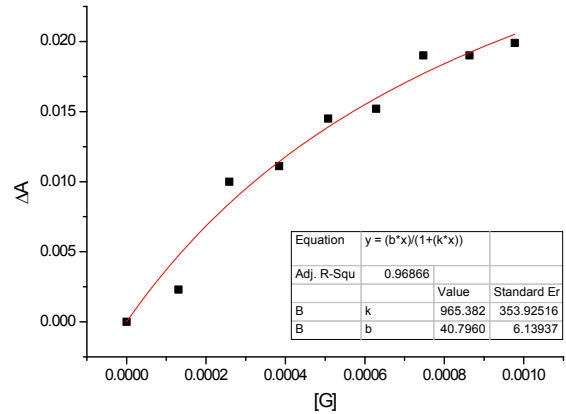
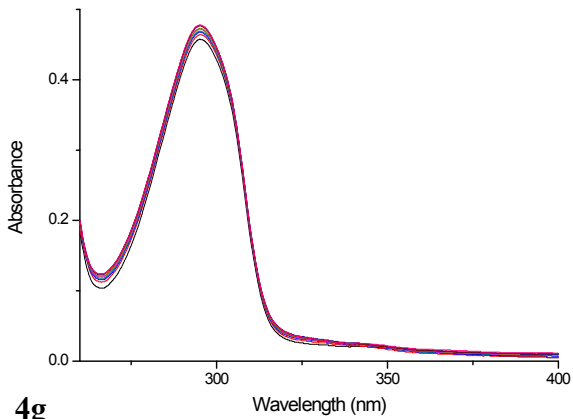
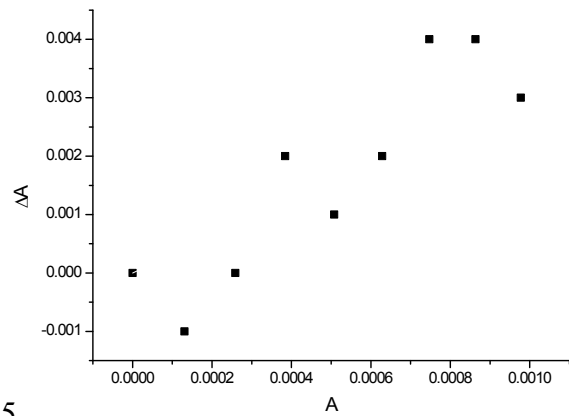
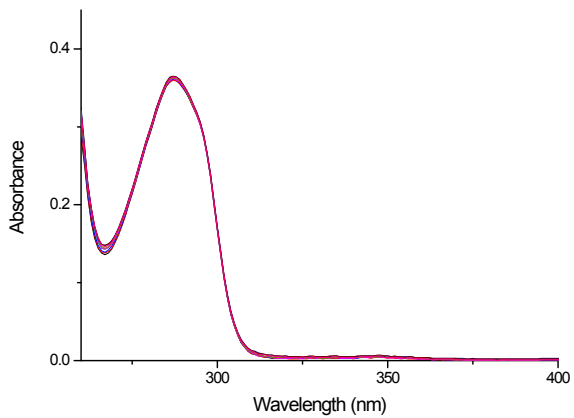


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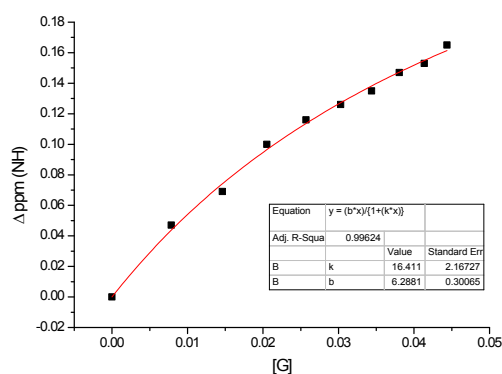
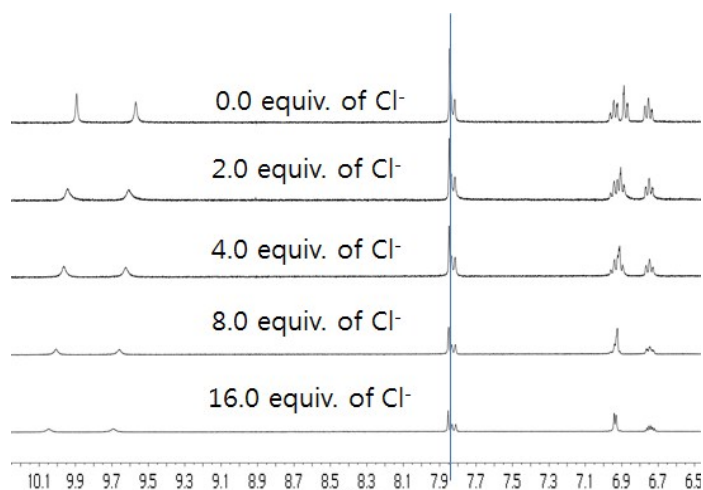


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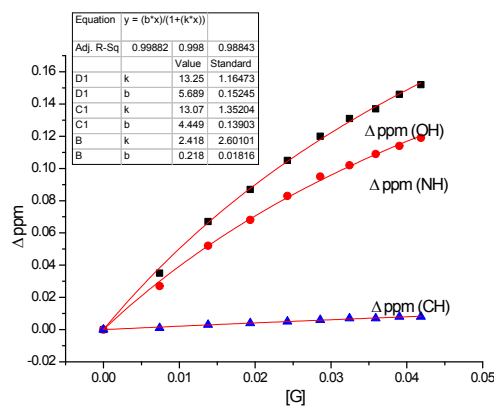
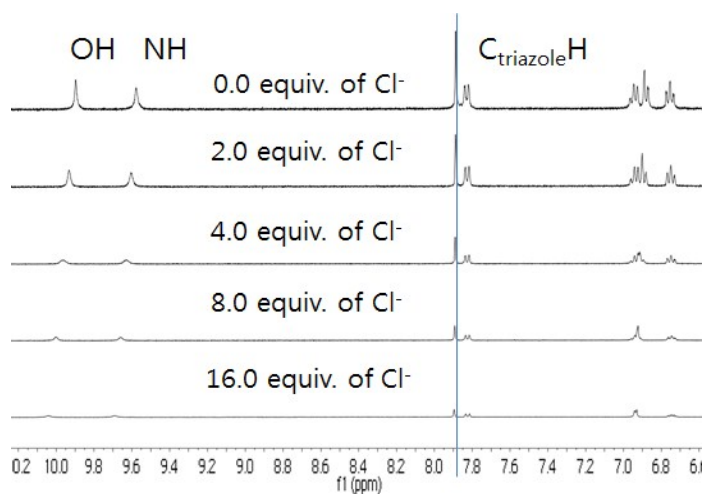
Chloride Binding Constants by ^1H NMR titrations

Upon addition of incremental amounts of anions to the solution of each chemosensor (from 2 equiv. to 16 equiv. of each anion), ^1H NMR chemical shift change of each transporter (4.0×10^{-3} M of each transporter was used, unless otherwise stated) were recorded in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$. Equilibrium constants of complexes were calculated using the equation, $y = (1 + b \times x \times K)/(1 + x \times K)$, where $x = [\text{Cl}^-]$, $y = \delta - \delta_0$ (δ is the NH chemical shift of each transporter at a certain concentration of anions and δ_0 is the NH chemical shift of each transporter without anions).

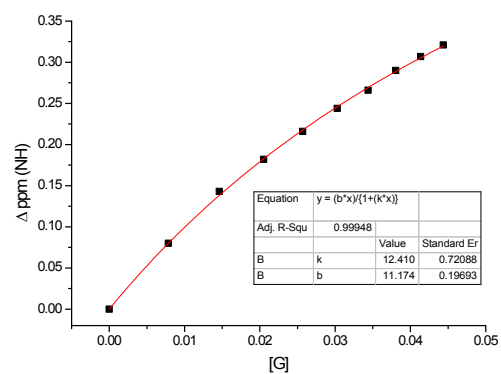
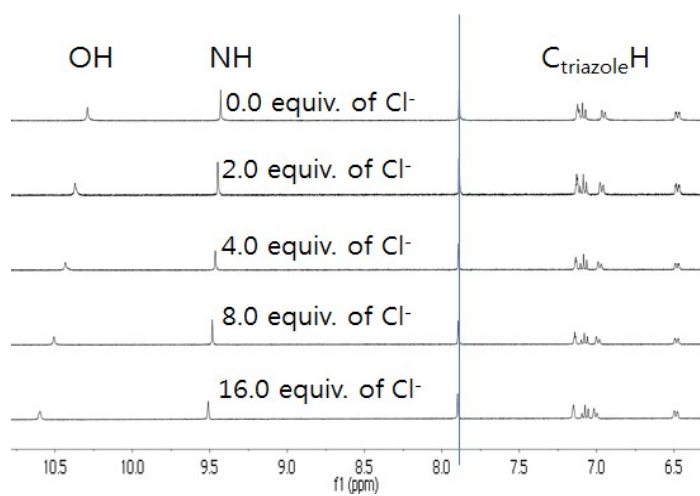
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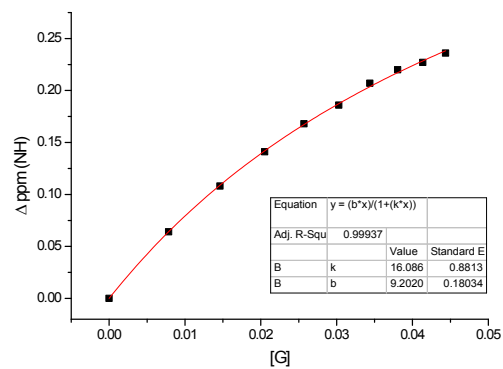
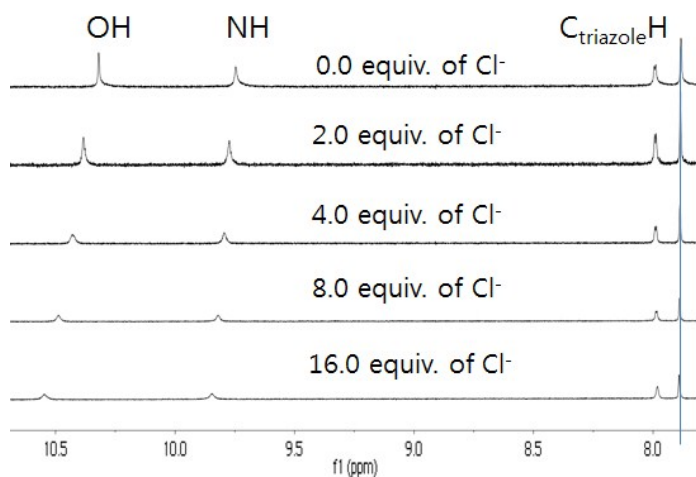
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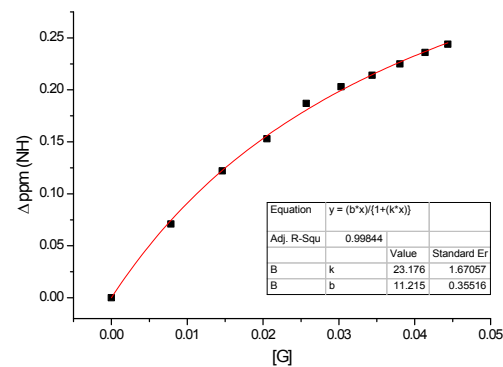
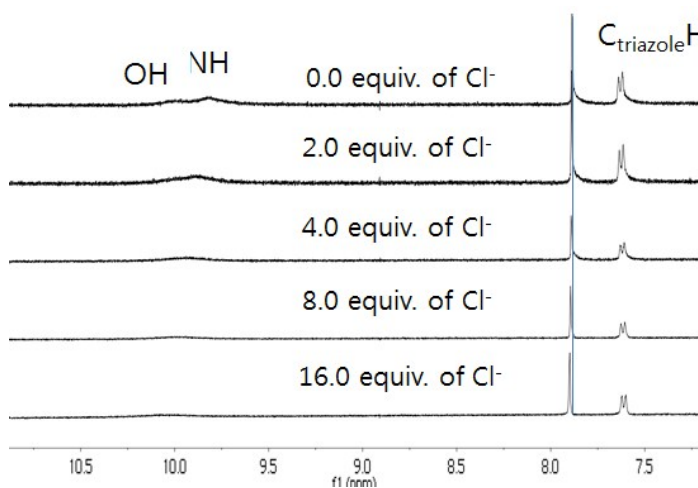
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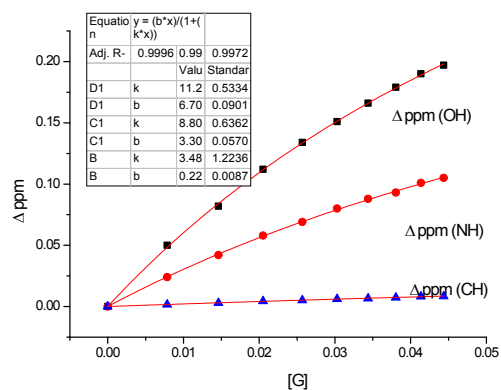
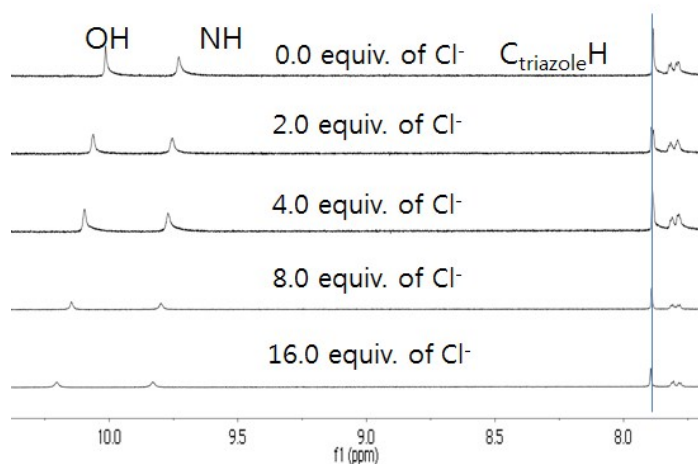
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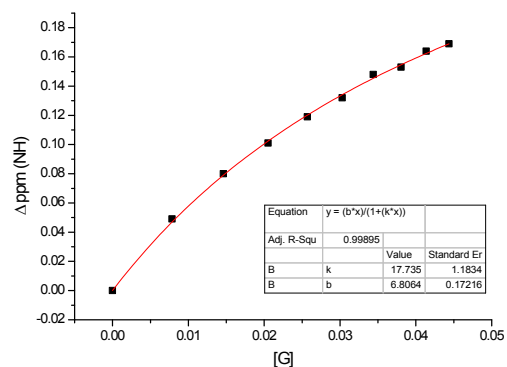
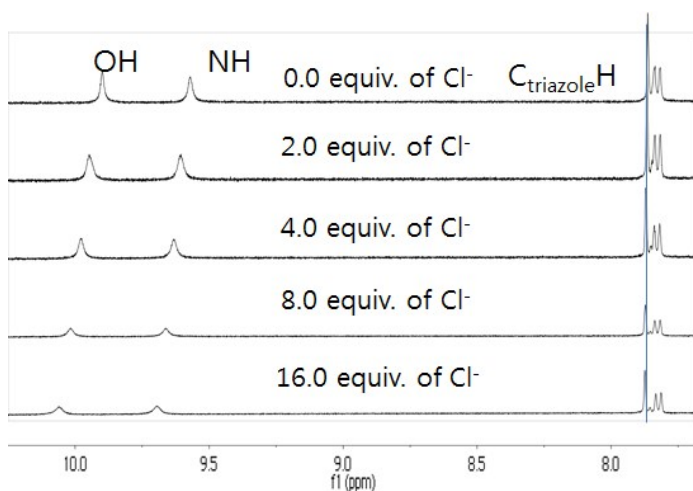
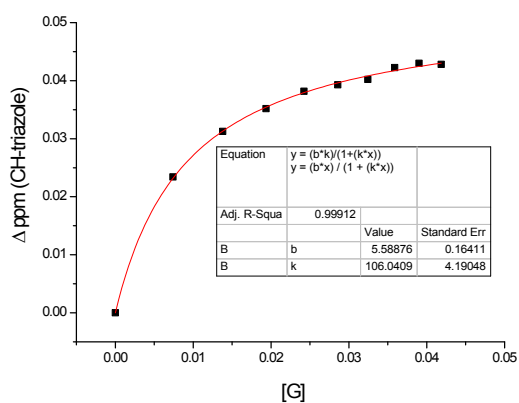
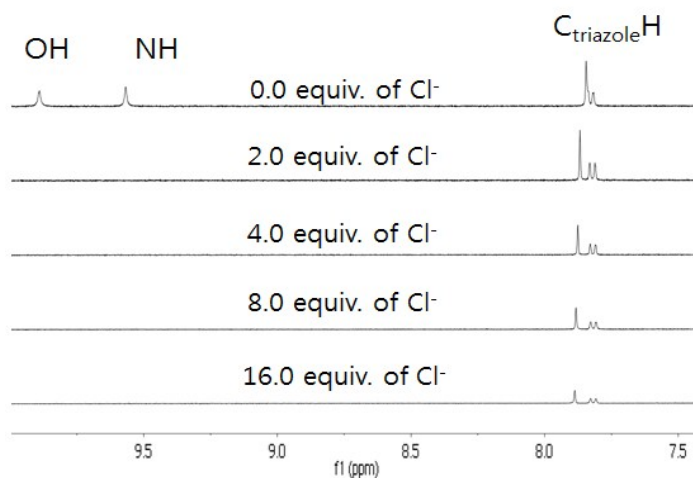


Table S1. Chloride binding constants (K_a ; M^{-1})^a of **4a–4g** summarized from the above titrations in DMSO at 25 °C.

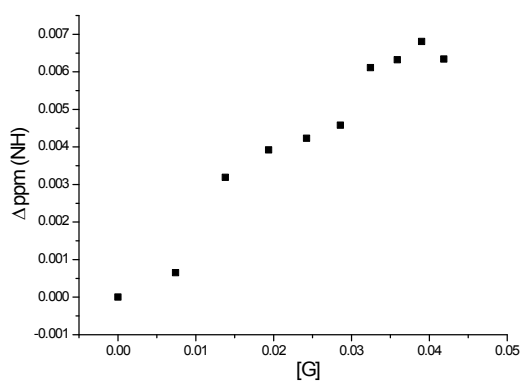
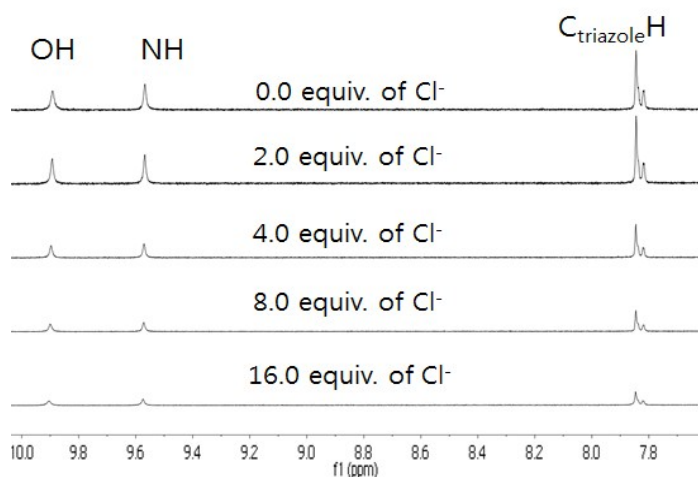
	4a	4b	4c	4d	4e	4f	4g
¹ H NMR ^a	16	13	12	16	23	11	18
UV-Vis ^a	2900	2500	4900	b	b	b	b

^aThe observed errors for ¹H NMR titrations were less than 13%, while those obtained from UV-Vis titrations were less than 20%. ^bReliable binding constants could not be obtained due to the relatively large errors.

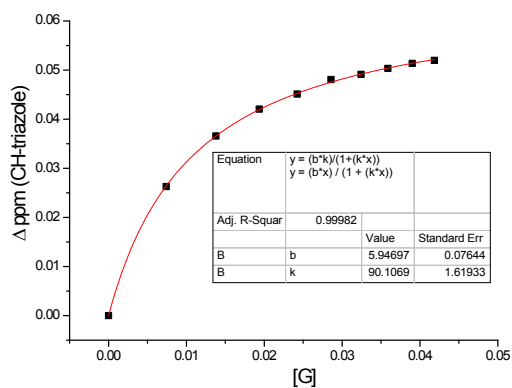
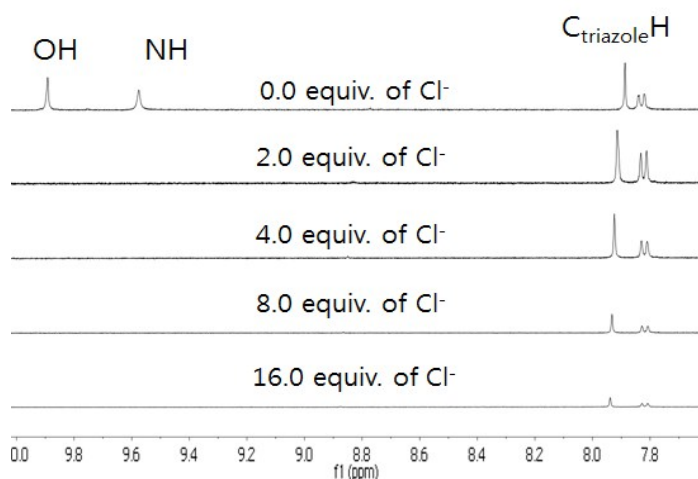
4a H₂PO₄⁻



4a NO₃⁻



4b H₂PO₄⁻



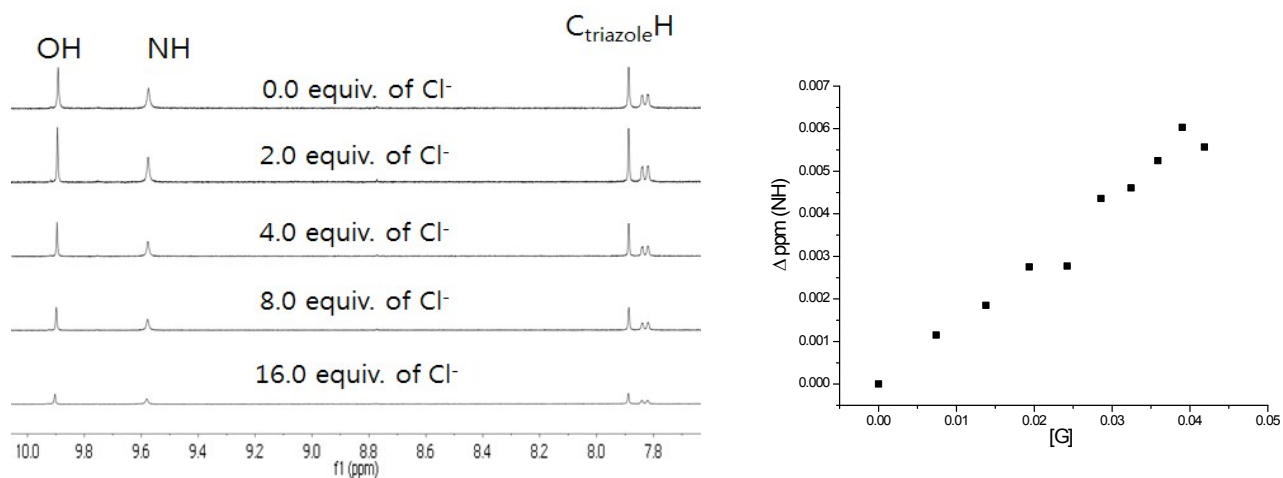
4b NO₃⁻

Table S2. binding constants (K_a ; M⁻¹)^a of **4a** and **4b** summarized from the above titrations in DMSO at 25 °C.

	^c H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	NO ₃ ⁻
4a	110 ± 4	b
4b	90 ± 2	b

^aThe above binding constants were obtained ¹H NMR titrations. ^bReliable binding constants could not be obtained due to the relatively large errors. ^cThe chemical shifts of NH and OH were disappeared upon the addition of H₂PO₄⁻. These titrations don't provide enough information to support that there is less significant interactions are found for **4b** and the possible anions (H₂PO₄⁻ and NO₃⁻) during the Cl⁻ efflux assay than the interactions for **4a** and the anions in the organic solvent.

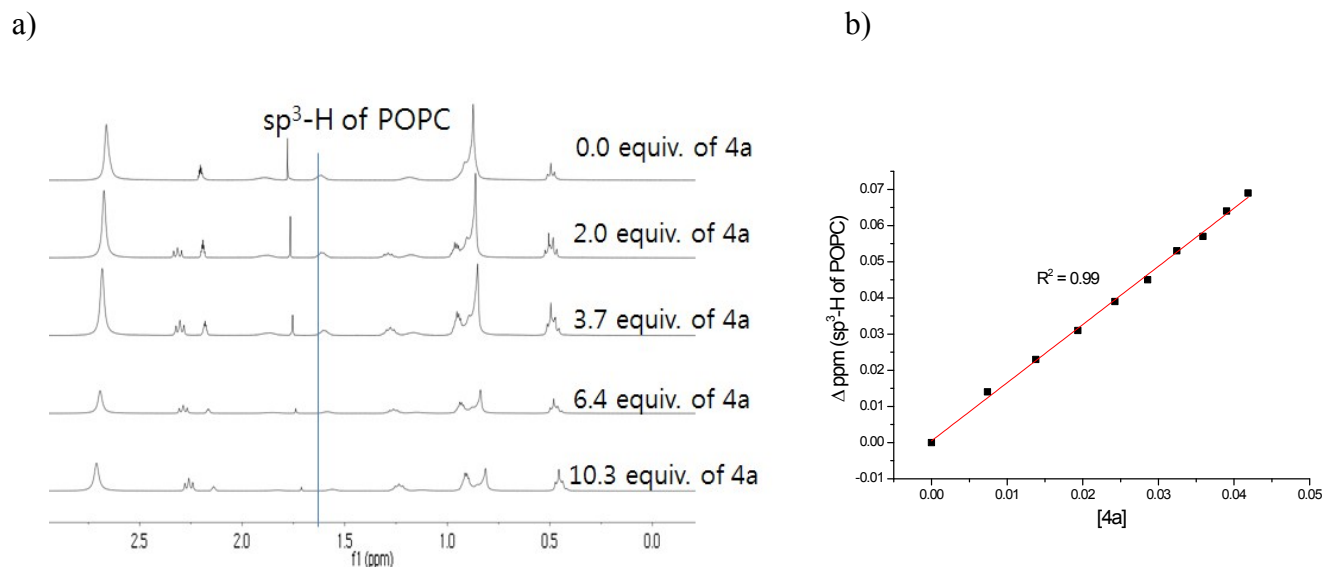


Figure S1. (a) Partial ^1H -NMR spectra recorded during the titration of POPC ($[\text{H}] = 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$ M in $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO}$ (4/1, v/v) with **4a**. (b) The linear-trace data were obtained by following the chemical shift changes of $\text{sp}^3\text{-H}$ of POPC.

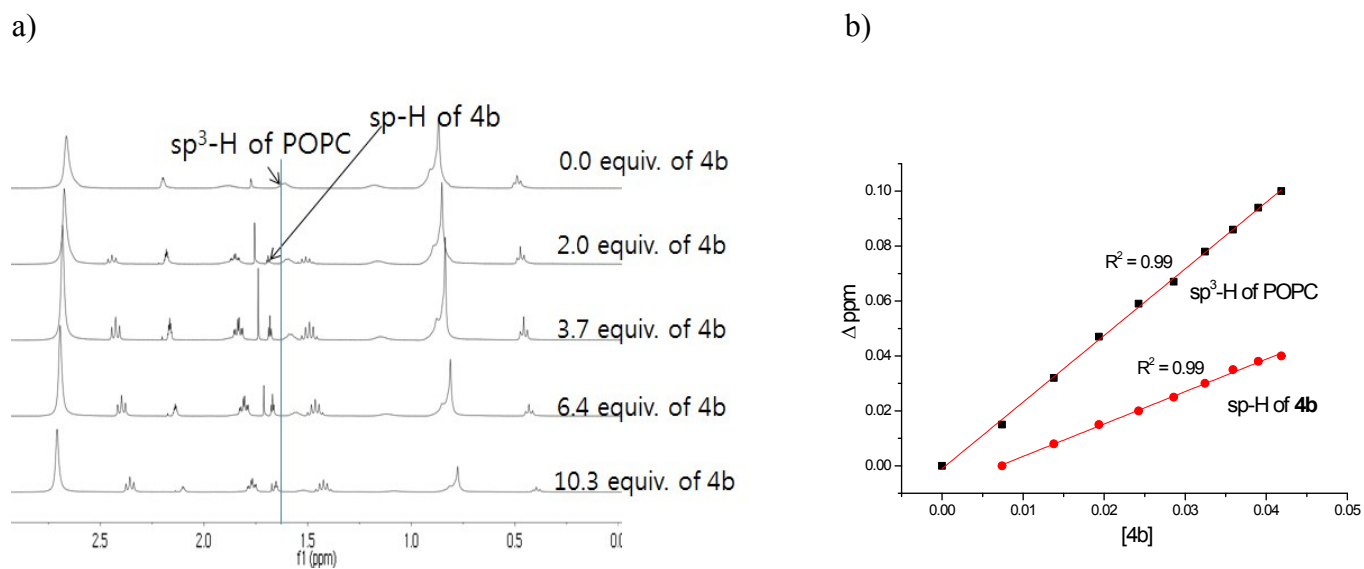


Figure S2. (a) Partial ^1H -NMR spectra recorded during the titration of POPC ($[\text{H}] = 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$ M in $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO}$ (4/1, v/v) with **4b**. (b) The linear-trace data were obtained by following the chemical shift changes of $\text{sp}^3\text{-H}$ of POPC and sp-H of **4b**.

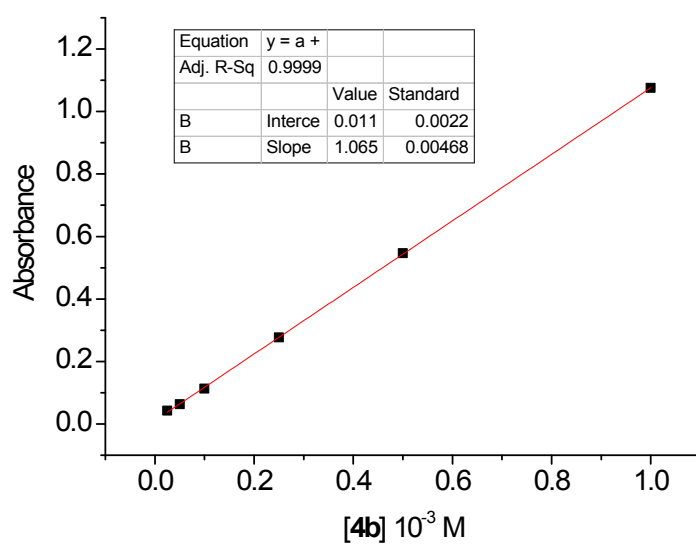


Figure S3. The absorbance changes at a various concentrations of **4b** (from 1 mM to 25 μ M) in DMSO at 303.5 nm.

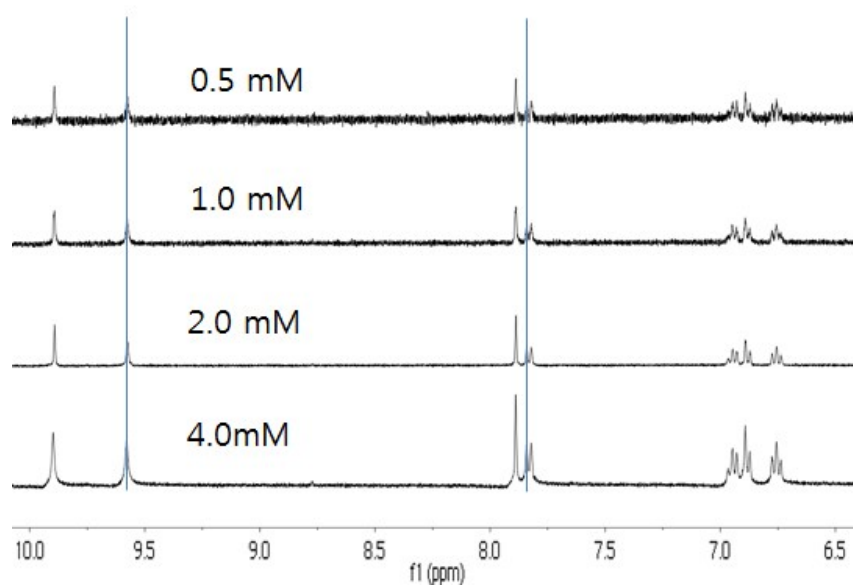


Figure S4. Partial ^1H -NMR spectra recorded at a various concentrations of **4b**.

Preparation of liposomes containing fluorophore

1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine(POPC, Avanti Polar Lipids, Alabaster, AL) was obtained as in 20 mg/mL solution in CHCl_3 from). The lipid solution was dried under argon and further dried in a dessicator under vacuum overnight to fully remove chloroform. The dried lipid film was rehydrated in solution containing 475 mM NaCl and 25 mM fluorophore 8-aminonaphthalene-1,3,6-trisulfonic acid(ANTS) buffered at pH 7.2 at room temperature overnight. The suspension was sequentially sonicated for 1–2 min in a bath sonicator (G112SPIT, Laboratory Supplies Co., Hicksville, NY), frozen-thawed for 4-5 times, and extruded 21 times at room temperature using an Avanti mini-extruder with a 0.2 μm polycarbonate membrane filter(Alabaster, AL), resulting in large unilamellar vesicles(LUVs) containing ANTS. The extuded suspension was dispersed in 500 mM NaNO_3 buffered at pH 7.2 (Na buffer) to 1:20 ratio and stored at 12°C in the dark. All the LUV-ANTS stocks were not stored over 24 hours.

Fluorescence spectroscopy

The ANTS fluorescence emission was measured at 25°C using a fluorometer. The emmision was scanned from 350 nm to 700 nm (excitation: 352 nm). LUV-ANTS stock was diluted to measure fluorescence. Each LUV-ANTS stock was mixed with Na buffer, T1 buffer (475 mM NaNO_3 , 25mM TINO_3 , pH 7.2), T1 buffer with 2 mol% of triton X, respectively to the ratio of 5:5, and a DMSO solution of **4d–4f** (4 mol% relative to POPC) was added. Emmision scan was conducted for each mixture after 3 min reaction.

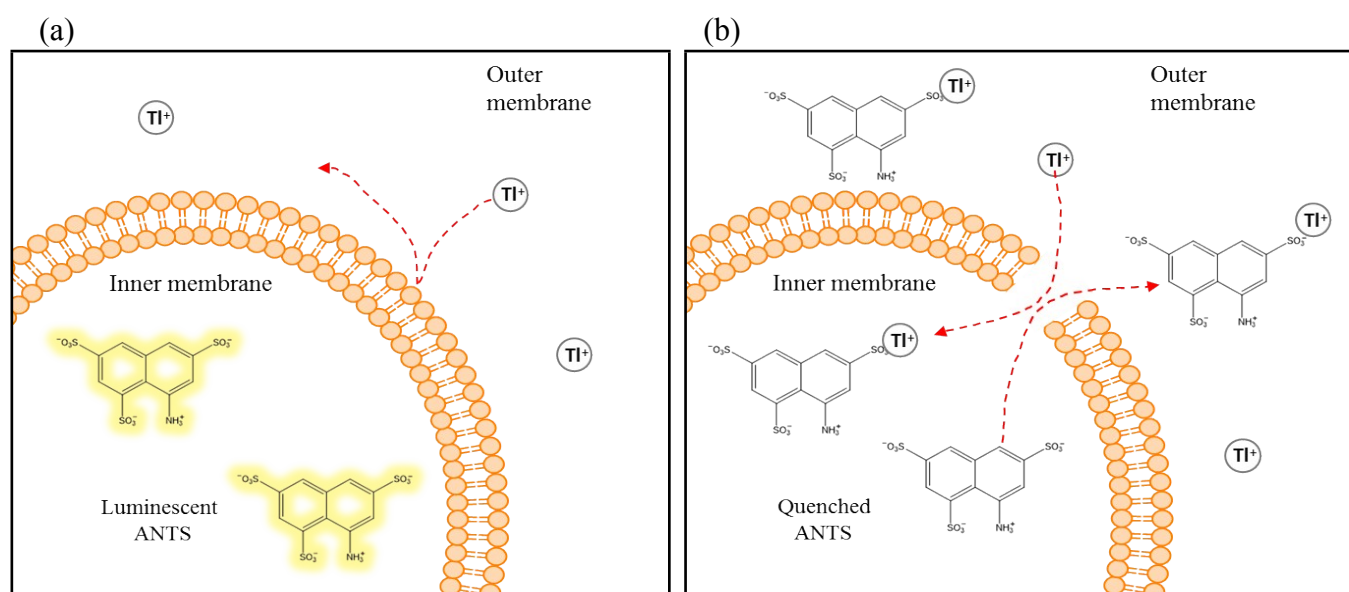


Figure S5. Schematic image of LUV-ANTS experiment. (a) If the compounds (**4d–4f**) don't rupture (or damage) the LUV, (2) If the compounds (**4d–4f**) are involved in the rupture (or damage) of the LUV.

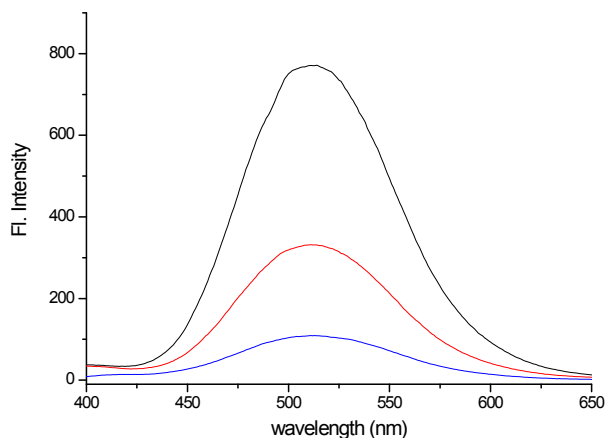


Figure S6. Fluorescence changes of ANTS-LUV solutions which are mixed with Na buffer (Black line), Tl buffer (Red line), Tl buffer and 2 mol% of triton X (Blue line) in the presence of 4 mol% **4d**.

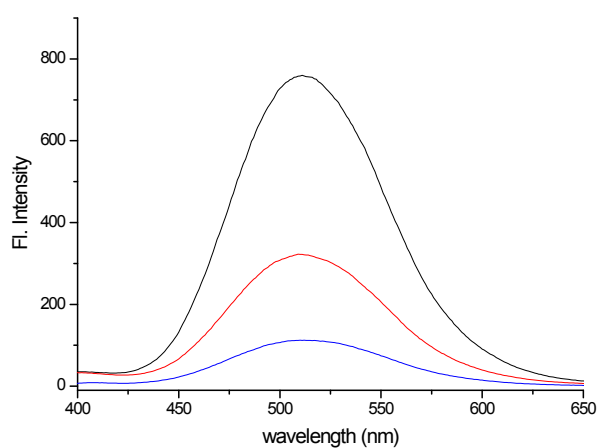


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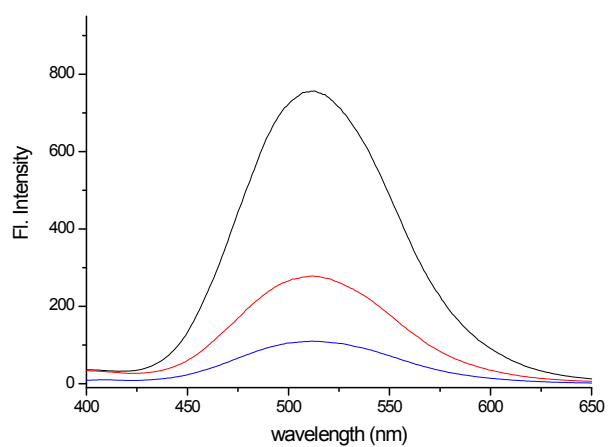


Figure S8. Fluorescence changes of ANTS-LUV solutions which are mixed with Na buffer (Black line), Tl buffer (Red line), Tl buffer and 2 mol% of triton X (Blue line) in the presence of 4 mol% **4f**.

Preparation of POPC Vesicles

A lipid film of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (POPC) was formed from chloroform solution (20mg/ml) under the gentle stream of nitrogen gas and dried under vacuum for at least 2 hours. The lipid film was then rehydrated in buffer solution (488 mM NaCl and 5 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.2) and the solution was vortexed. The lipid suspension was then subjected to seven freeze–thaw cycles and left at room temperature for 30 minutes, followed by extrusion through a 200 nm polycarbonate membrane 31 times. The resulting unilamellar vesicles were dialyzed to remove unencapsulated NaCl salts.

Chloride Transport Assays

Unilamellar POPC vesicles, prepared as described above, were suspended in 488 mM NaNO₃ solution buffered at pH 7.2 with 5 mM sodium phosphate salts. The lipid concentration of each sample was 1 mM. The carrier molecules dissolved in DMSO (4 mol%) were added to monitor chloride efflux using a chloride selective electrode. At 10 min.

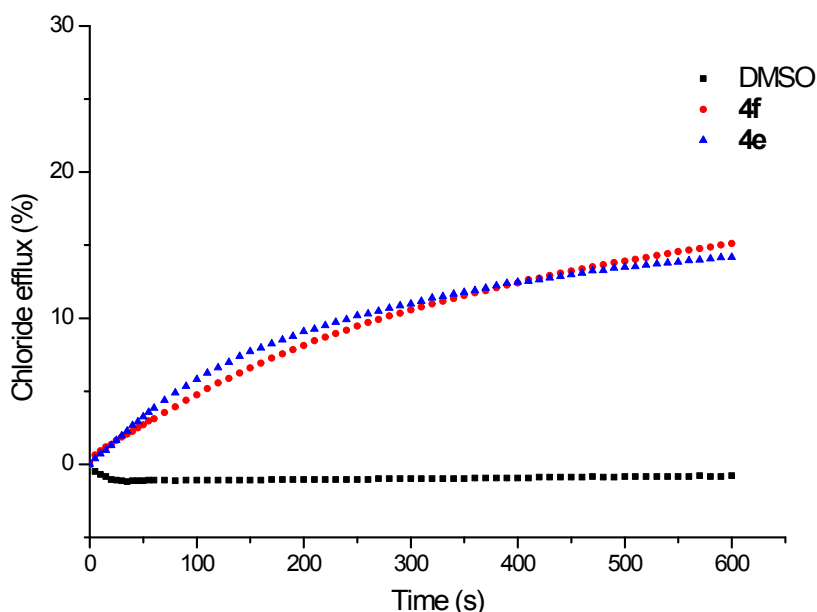


Figure S9. Chloride efflux upon addition of **4f** and **4e** (4 mol% relative to POPC) to vesicles composed of POPC. The vesicles contained NaCl (488 mM) and were immersed in NaSO₄ (488 mM), pH 7.0 solution; at 600 s, they were lysed to obtain 100% chloride efflux. □

Chloride Transport Assays at variable pH

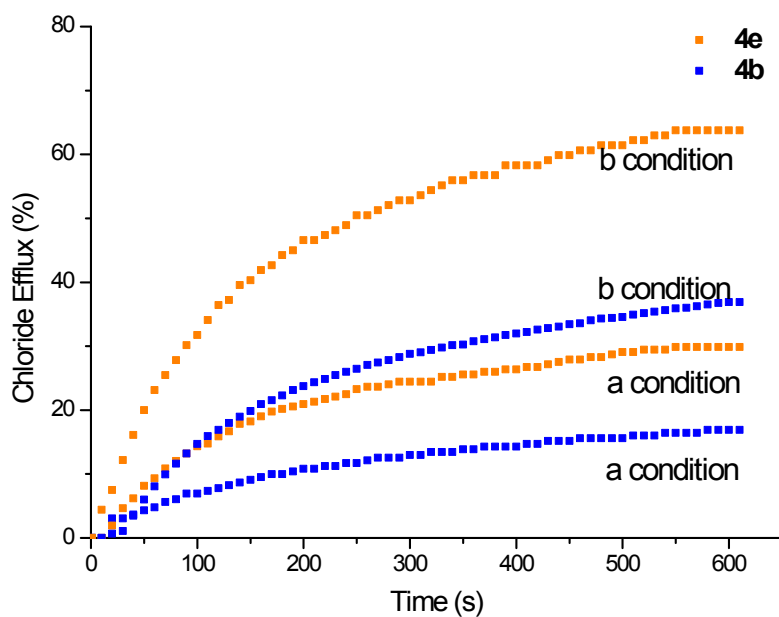


Figure S10. Chloride efflux induced upon addition of **4b** and **4e** (4 mol% relative to POPC) to vesicles containing 488 mM NaCl (X1 solution) immersed in 488 mM NaNO₃ (X2 solution) at two different pH conditions, (a) inside vesicle, pH 4.0: outside vesicle, pH 6.7, X1 = citric acid (pH 4.0) and X2 = sodium phosphate (pH 6.7) (b) inside and outside vesicle, pH 7.0, X1 and X2 = sodium phosphate (pH 7.0). X1 and X2 are mixed to obtain 1 mM solution of POPC. At 600 s, vesicles were ruptured using detergent (Triton X-100) to obtain 100% chloride efflux.

Cell culture

HT-29 and DLD-1, both human colon epithelial cancer cell lines, were cultured in DMEM(Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium, Gibco®) with 10%(v/v) FBS(Fetal Bovine Serum, Gibco®) and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin(Gibco®) at 37 °C incubator under 5% CO₂ and 95% air.

Cell viability assay

Both carcinoma cell lines were seeded on the 96 well plates (Corning®), approximately 2,500 cells per each well, and subsequently incubated for 48 hours at 37 °C incubator under 5% CO₂ and 95% air. DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide, biotech. grade, 99.8%, Sigma-Aldrich Co.) was used as solvent for compounds, **4d** and **4e**. The compounds were diluted to 100, 250, and 500 μM concentrations in DMEM (1% DMSO), respectively. 48 hours after addition of each compound to each well, cell viability assay was conducted. LIVE/DEAD Viability/Cytotoxicity Kit (Molecular Probes®) was used with 2 μM calcein AM and 4 μM EthD-1 solution. Using inverted fluorescence microscope (Ti-U, Nikon), we confirmed green and red fluorescence shown in live and dead cells, respectively.

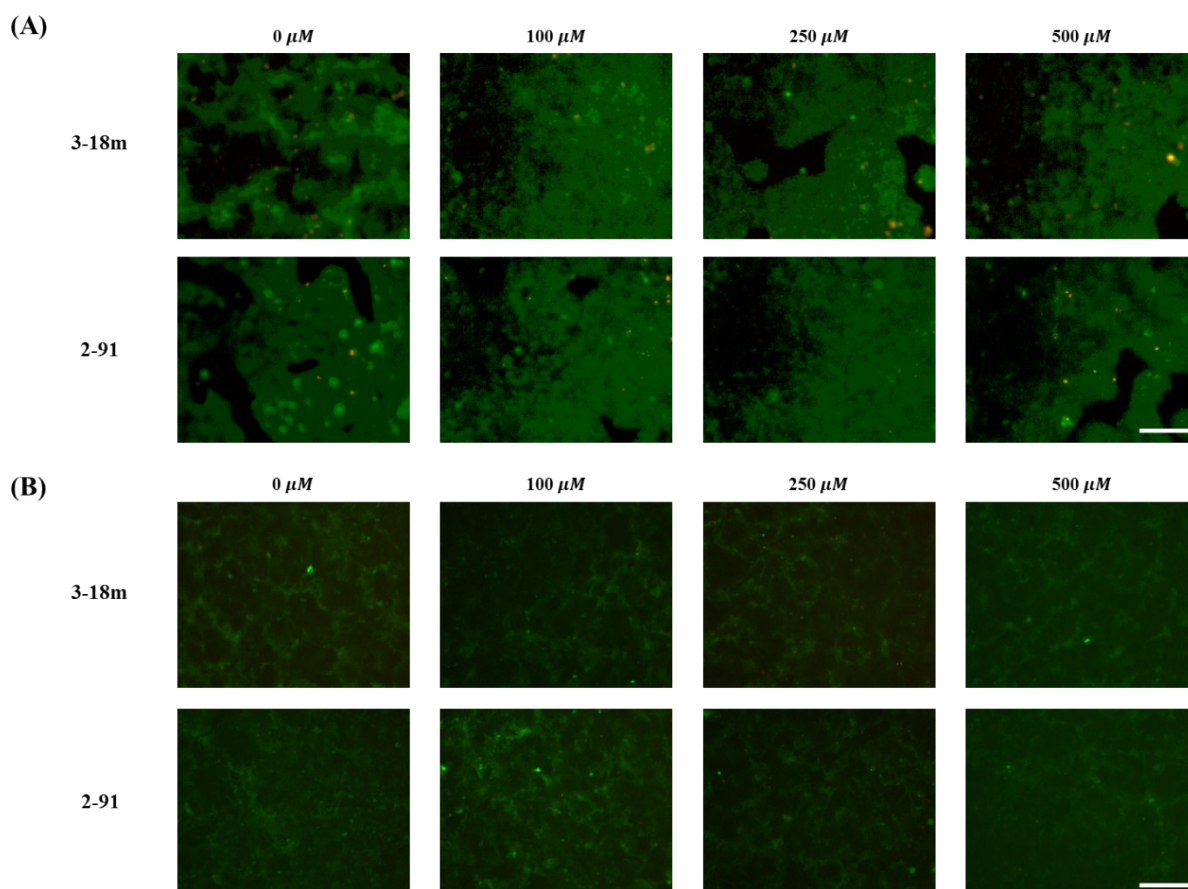


Figure S11. Live/dead assay for (A) HT-29 and (B) DLD-1 human colon carcinoma cell line to validate cell toxicity of compounds **4d** and **4e**. Concentrations of compounds are 0, 100, 250, and 500 μM, respectively. (scale bar is 100 μM)

Electrical measurement across lipid bilayer membranes

A lipid bilayer membrane was reconstructed using a conventional method in ~ 100 μm aperture that was made using a spark generator (DAEDALON) on a 10 μm thick PTFE film (Good Fellow). DPhPC (1,2-diphytanoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, Avanti Polar Lipid, Inc.) dissolved in n-decane (MP biomedical) at concentration of 30 mg/ml was used as lipid solution. The lipid solution was pre-painted around the aperture in the PTFE film and was dried for 30 minutes. The film was placed horizontally in the chamber filled with buffer solution (1 M NaCl, 10 mM HEPES, and 1 mM EDTA pH 7.2). The **4d-4f** was added to both chambers (cis and trans) from 20 μM to 2 mM . Electrical measurement across lipid bilayer membrane was done using Axopatch 200b patch clamp (Molecular device). The data was acquired via 250 kHz sampling rate with lowpass Bessel filter 1 kHz using Clampfit 10.3 (Molecular Devices) and was analyzed using Clampex 10.3 program.

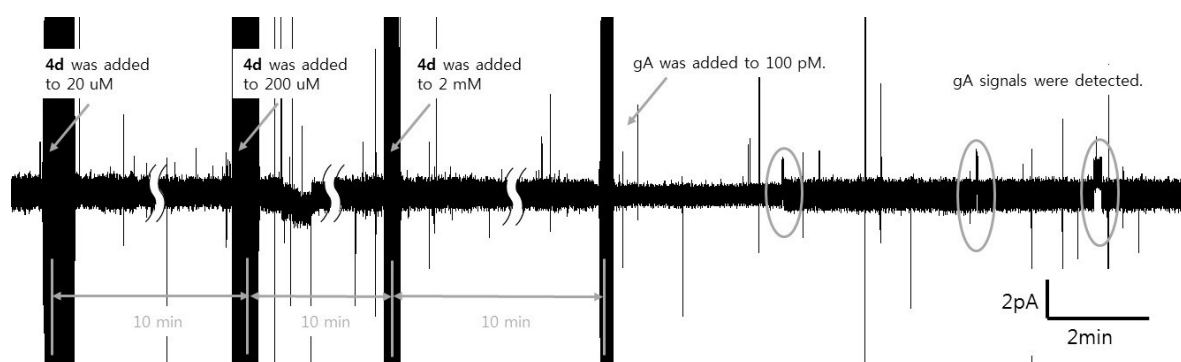


Figure S12. Electrical measurements across lipid bilayer membrane in the presence of **4d** (20 μM - 2 mM). **4d** did not show any effect to the conductance of the lipid bilayers. 200 pM of gA that creates ion channels was added to verify existence of bilayer for control experiment. The data was digitally filtered by 300 Hz Bessel filter. The result of **4e** and **4f** is omitted as no noticeable change was observed, also.

Computational calculations and detailed ^1H NMR titrations

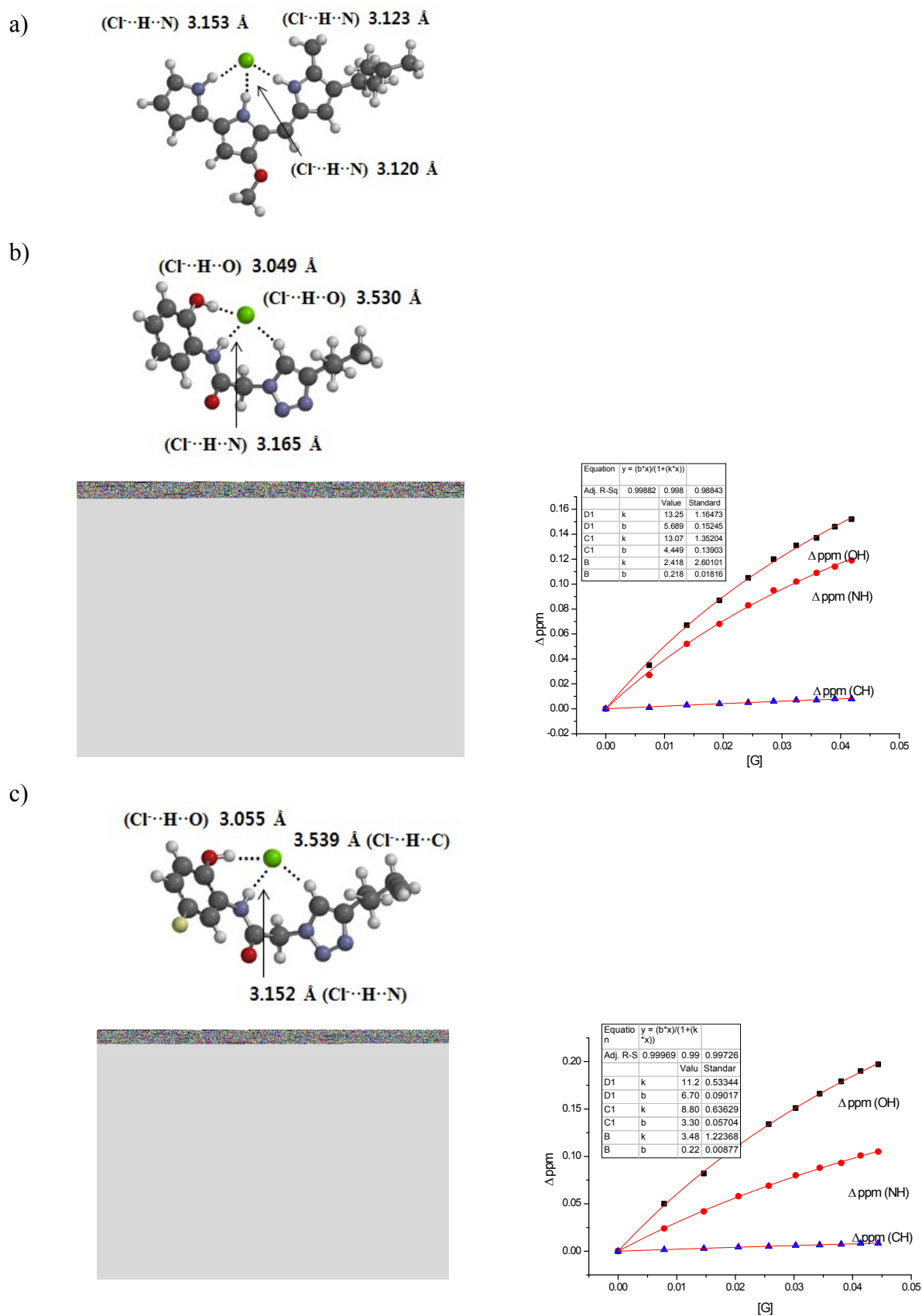


Figure S13. DFT optimized structures of a) prodigiosin·Cl⁻, b) **4b** · Cl⁻ and ^1H NMR titrations of **4b**, and c) **4f** · Cl⁻ and ^1H NMR titrations of **4f**. The structures were optimized based on the density functional theory (DFT) using the EDF2/6–31G* theoretical level. The alkyl substitutes of prodigiosin are omitted for clarity.

Table S4. EDF2/6-31G* optimized structure of **4b** · Cl⁻.

Energy = -1410.276309 hartrees

This structure has no imaginary frequency.

Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms)

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Table S4. EDF2/6-31G* optimized structure of **4f** · Cl⁻.

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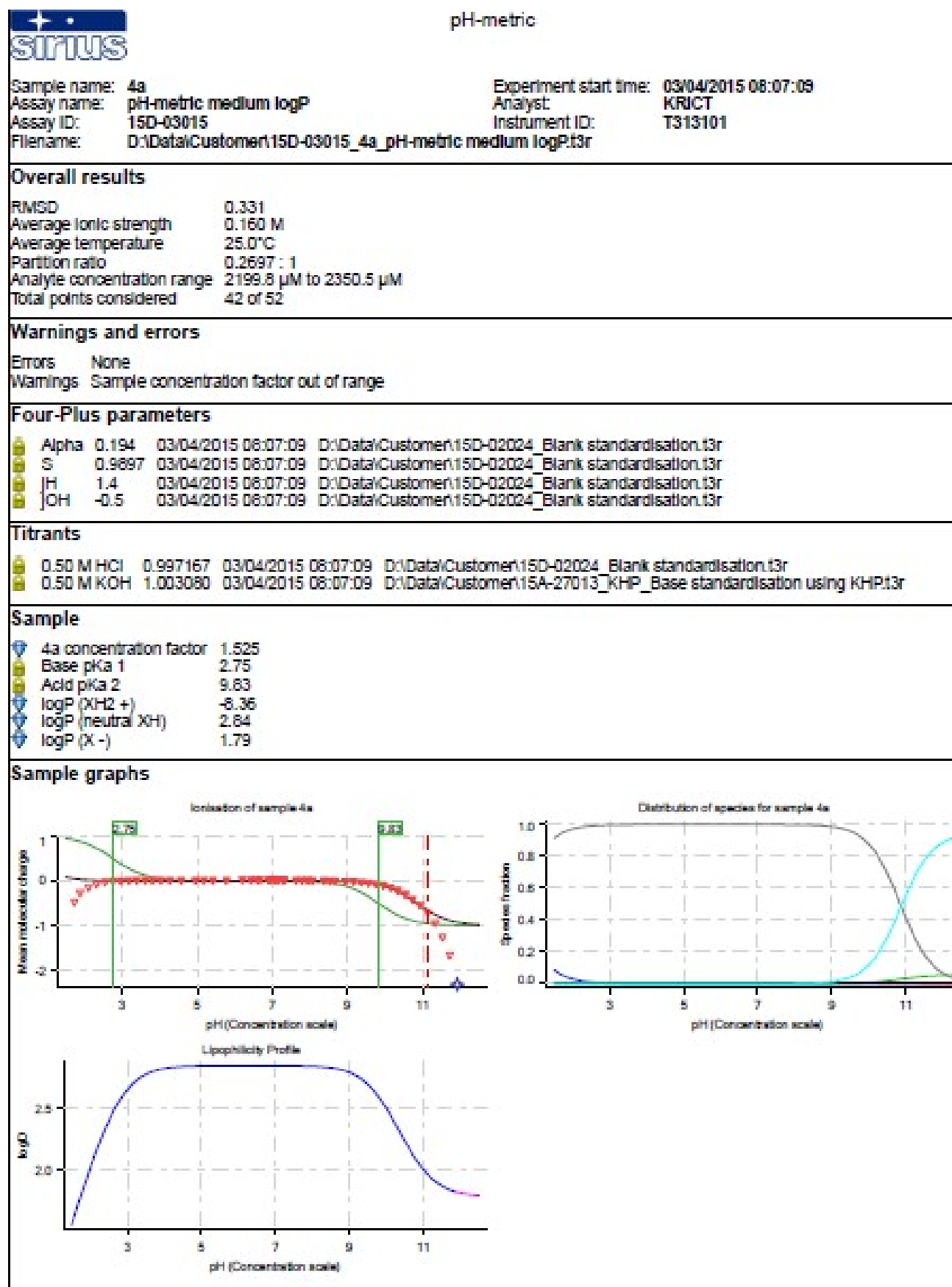
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pH-metric method

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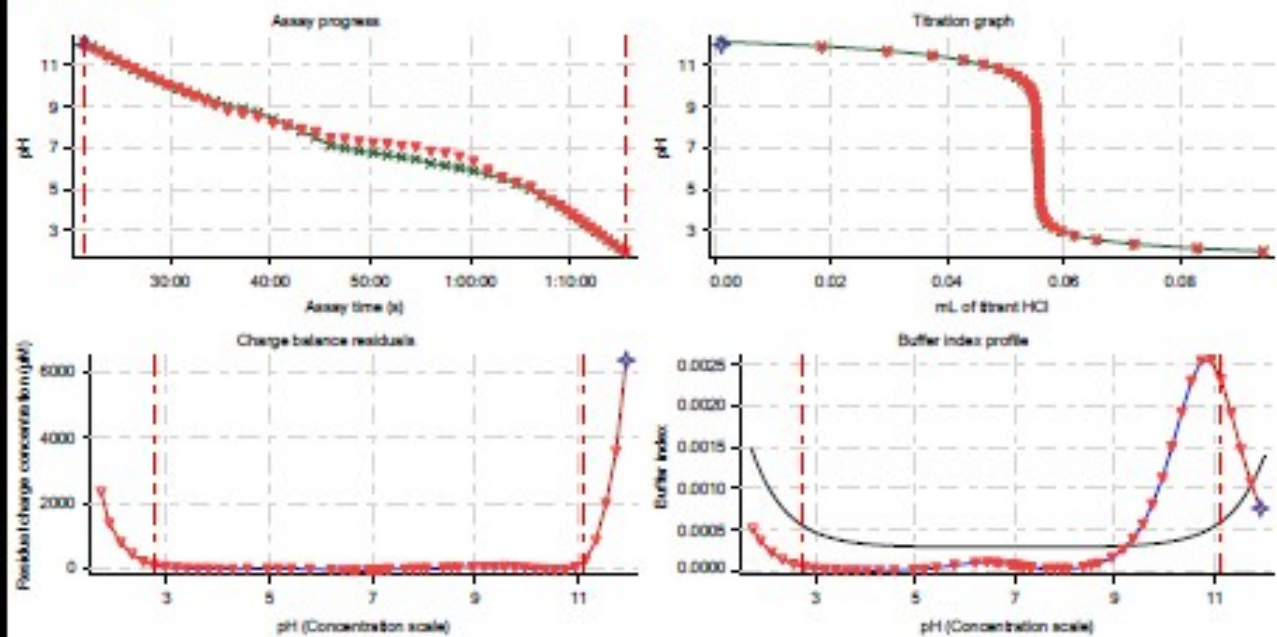
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Carbonate and acidity

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Other graphs



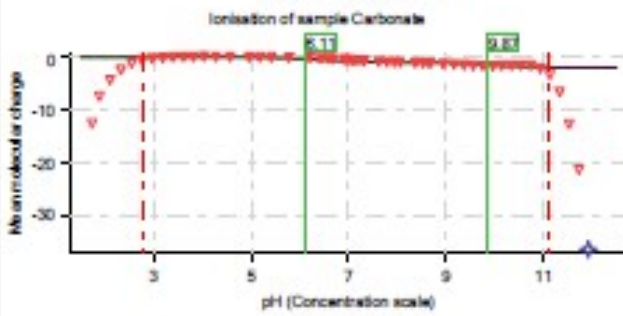
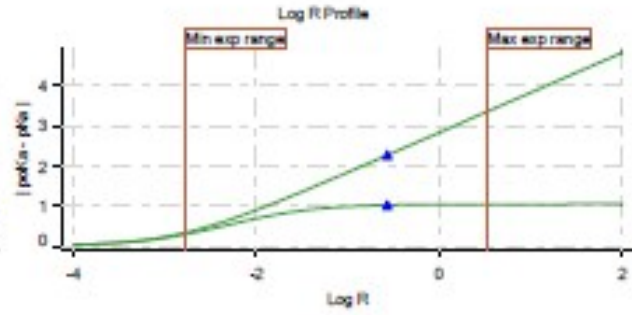
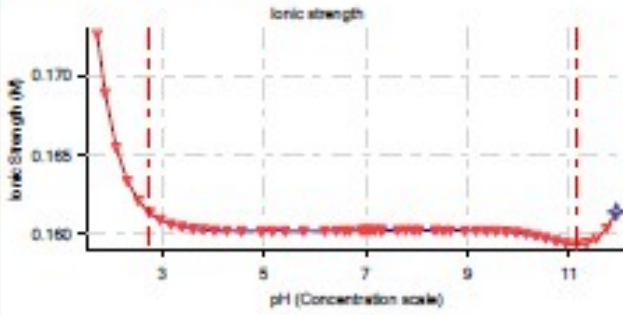


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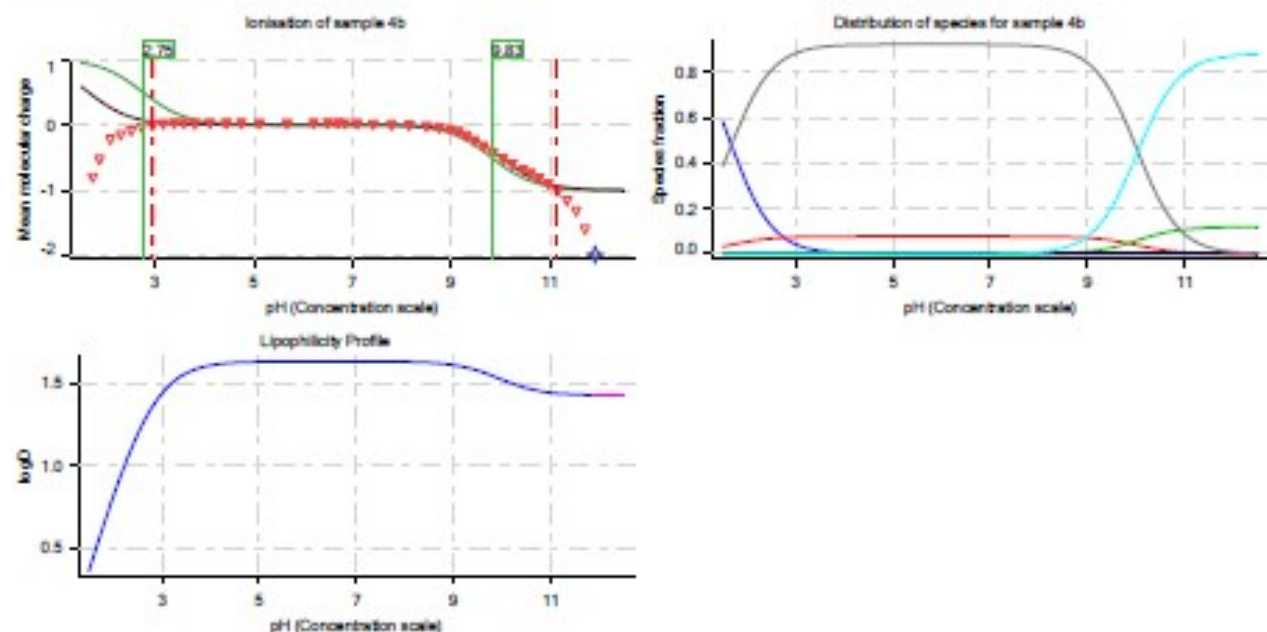
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Sample graphs

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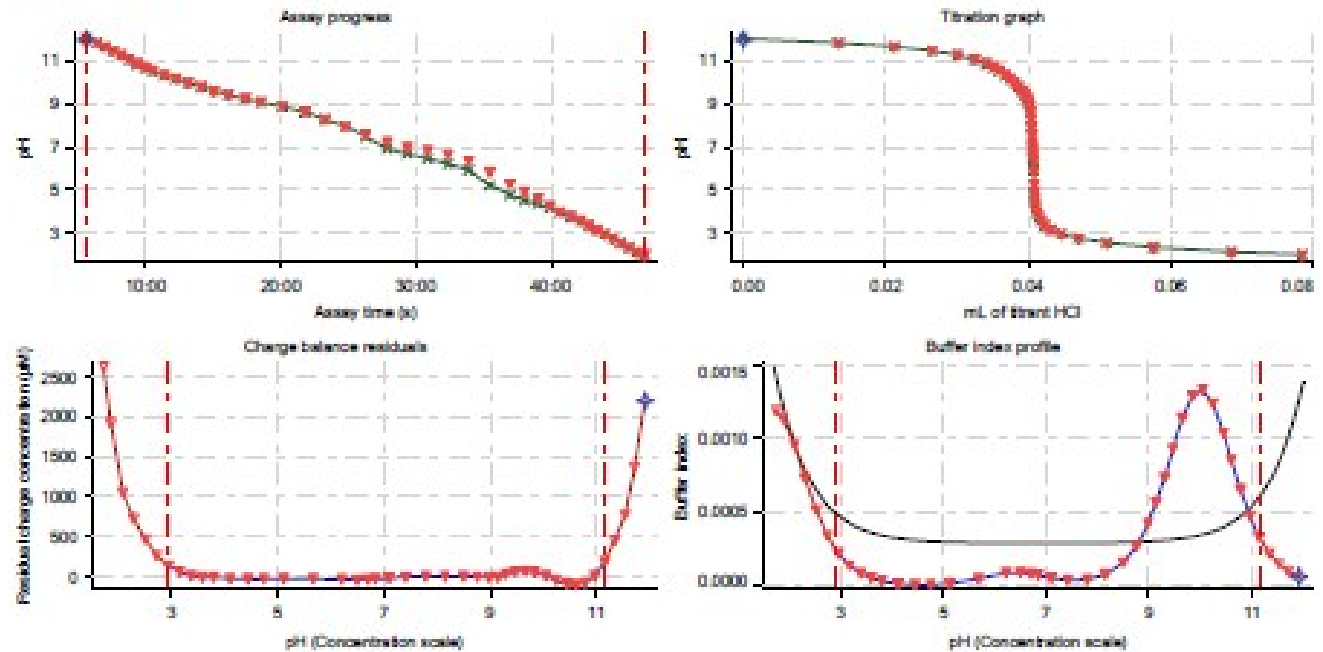
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4.000	1.61	0.44 %	7.76 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	91.81 %	0.00 %	
5.000	1.63	0.04 %	7.79 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	92.17 %	0.00 %	
6.000	1.63	0.00 %	7.79 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	92.20 %	0.01 %	
6.500	1.63	0.00 %	7.79 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	92.18 %	0.03 %	
7.000	1.63	0.00 %	7.78 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	92.12 %	0.08 %	
7.400	1.63	0.00 %	7.77 %	0.03 %	0.00 %	91.99 %	0.21 %	Blood pH
8.000	1.63	0.00 %	7.72 %	0.11 %	0.00 %	91.33 %	0.84 %	
9.000	1.61	0.00 %	7.11 %	1.05 %	0.00 %	84.10 %	7.74 %	
10.000	1.52	0.00 %	3.97 %	5.87 %	0.00 %	46.95 %	43.22 %	
11.000	1.44	0.00 %	0.73 %	10.83 %	0.00 %	8.67 %	79.77 %	
12.000	1.43	0.00 %	0.08 %	11.83 %	0.00 %	0.95 %	87.14 %	

Carbonate and acidity

Carbonate 0.160 mM
 Acidity error 0.080 mM

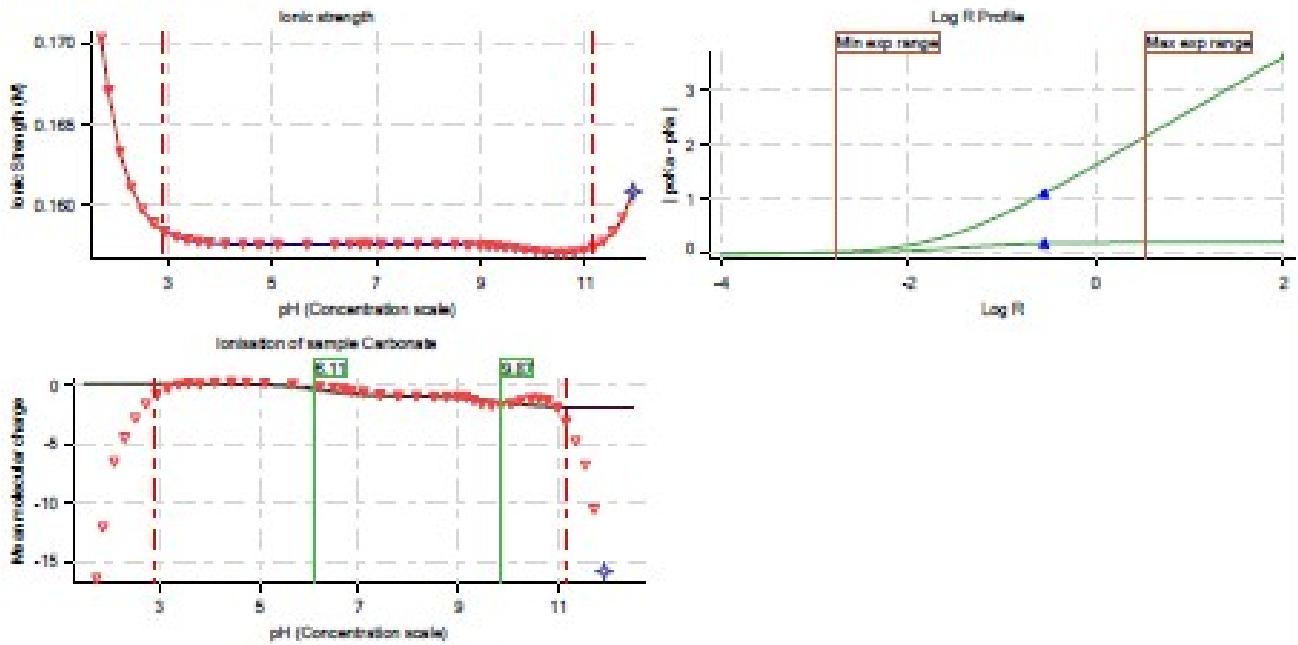
Other graphs



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Experiment start time: 03/04/2015 11:12:00
 Analyst: KR/CT
 Instrument ID: T313101

Other graphs (continued)





pH-metric

sample name: 4e Experiment start time: 03/04/2015 13:48:06
assay name: pH-metric medium logP Analyst: KR/CT
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Overall results

IMSD 0.103
average ionic strength 0.158 M
average temperature 25.0°C
partition ratio 0.2765 : 1
analyte concentration range 1696.1 µM to 1796.6 µM
total points considered 36 of 49

Warnings and errors

Errors None
Warnings None

Four-Plus parameters

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S 0.9897 03/04/2015 13:48:06 D:\Data\Customer\15D-02024_Blank standardisation.t3r
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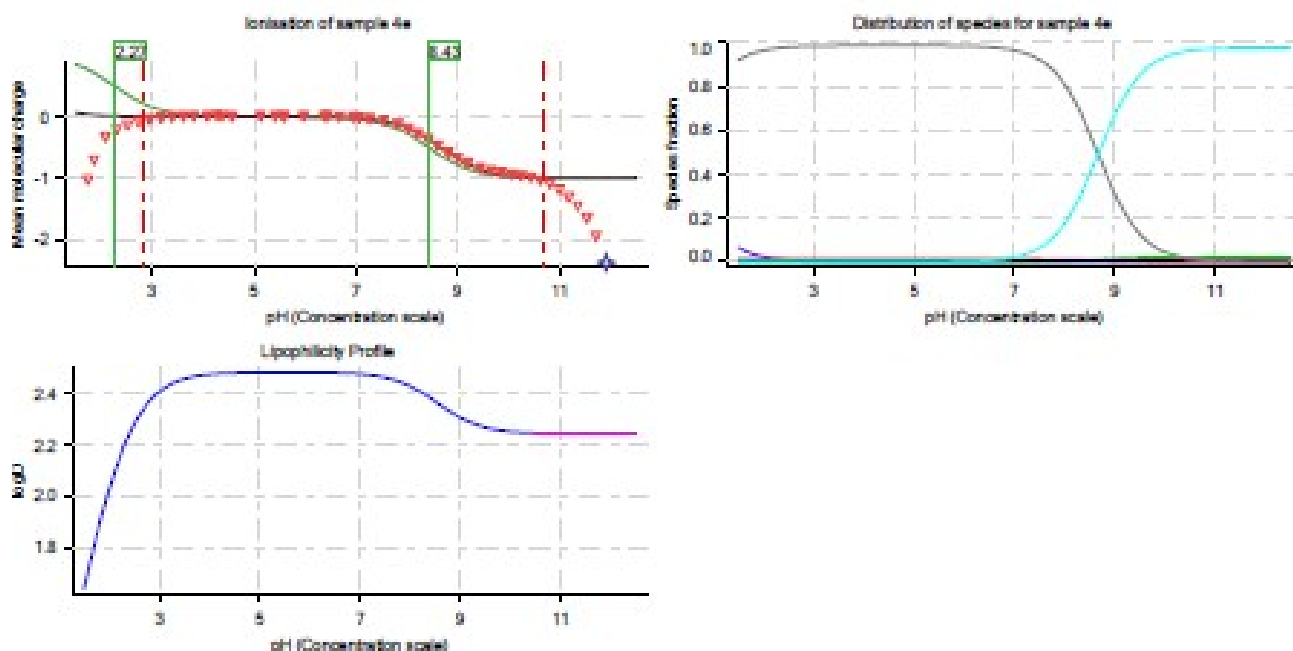
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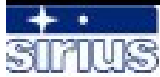
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Sample

4e concentration factor 0.971
Base pKa 1 2.27
Acid pKa 2 8.43
logP (XH₂⁺) -3.24
logP (neutral XH) 2.48
logP (X⁻) 2.24

Sample graphs





Sample name: 4a Experiment start time: 03/04/2015 13:48:06
 Assay name: pH-metric medium logP Analyst: KRJCT
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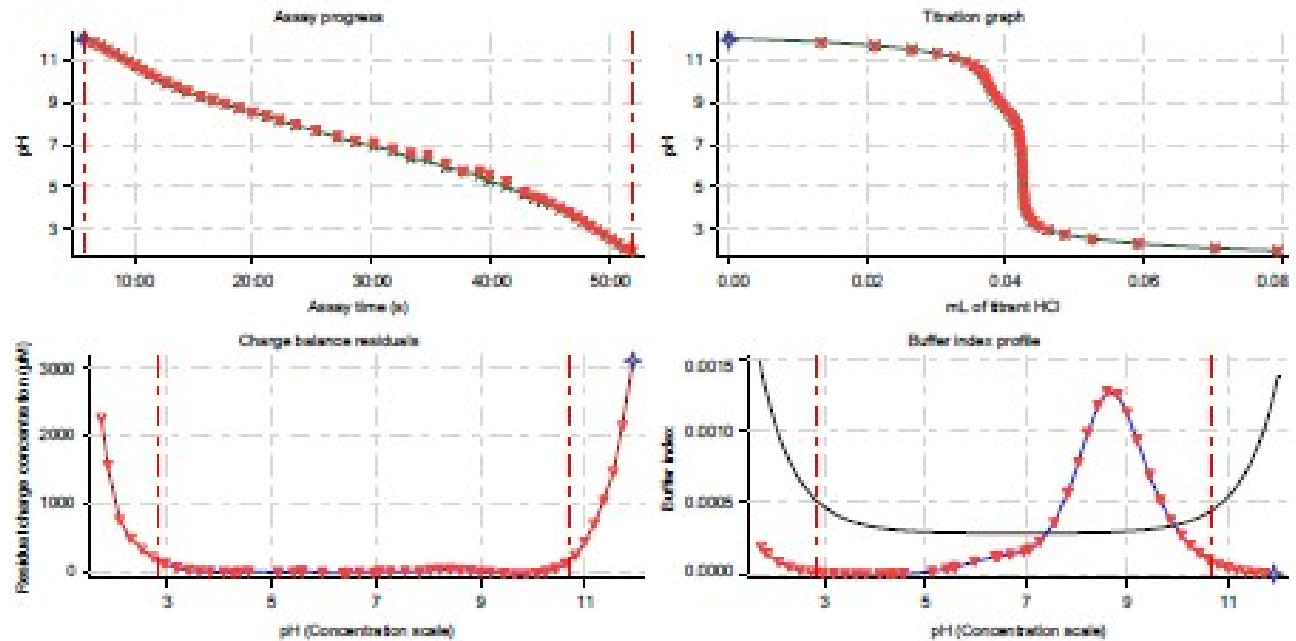
Sample logD and percent species

pH	4a logD	4a 4aH2	4a 4aH	4a 4a	4a 4aH2*	4a 4aH*	4a 4a*	Comment
1.000	1.19	18.06 %	0.97 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	80.97 %	0.00 %	
1.200	1.37	12.21 %	1.04 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	86.75 %	0.00 %	Stomach pH
2.000	2.02	2.16 %	1.16 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	96.69 %	0.00 %	
3.000	2.41	0.22 %	1.18 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	98.60 %	0.00 %	
4.000	2.47	0.02 %	1.18 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	98.79 %	0.00 %	
5.000	2.48	0.00 %	1.18 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	98.79 %	0.02 %	
5.000	2.48	0.00 %	1.18 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	98.60 %	0.21 %	
5.500	2.48	0.00 %	1.18 %	0.01 %	0.00 %	98.14 %	0.67 %	
7.000	2.47	0.00 %	1.16 %	0.04 %	0.00 %	96.71 %	2.08 %	
7.400	2.46	0.00 %	1.12 %	0.10 %	0.00 %	93.70 %	5.07 %	Blood pH
8.000	2.43	0.00 %	0.97 %	0.36 %	0.00 %	81.17 %	17.49 %	
9.000	2.31	0.00 %	0.37 %	1.39 %	0.00 %	31.14 %	67.10 %	
10.000	2.25	0.00 %	0.05 %	1.93 %	0.00 %	4.35 %	93.67 %	
11.000	2.24	0.00 %	0.01 %	2.01 %	0.00 %	0.45 %	97.53 %	
12.000	2.24	0.00 %	0.00 %	2.02 %	0.00 %	0.05 %	97.93 %	

Carbonate and acidity

Carbonate 0.173 mM
 Acidity error 0.156 mM

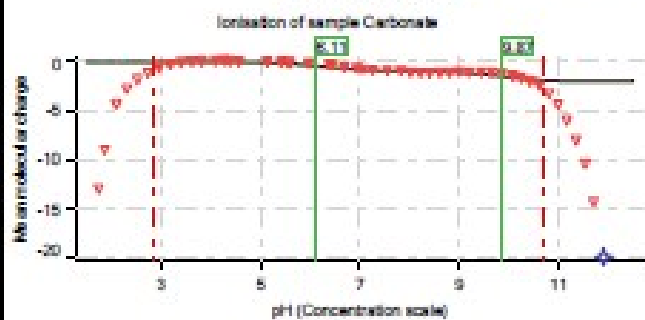
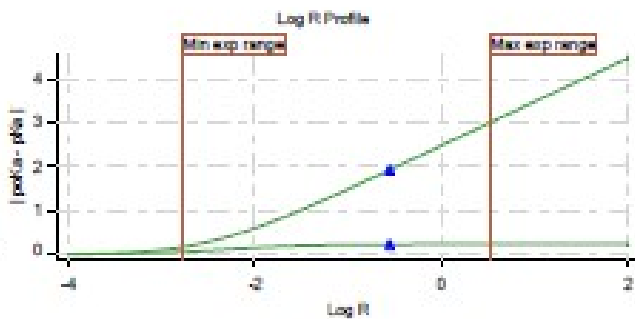
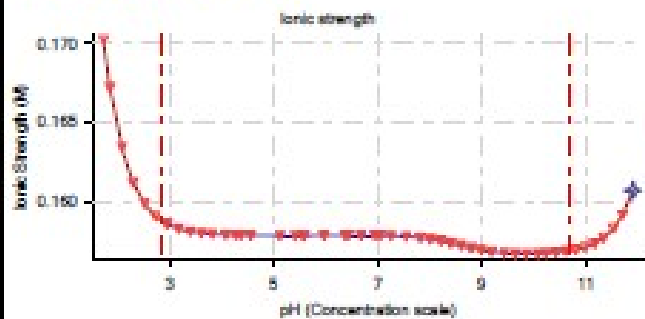
Other graphs



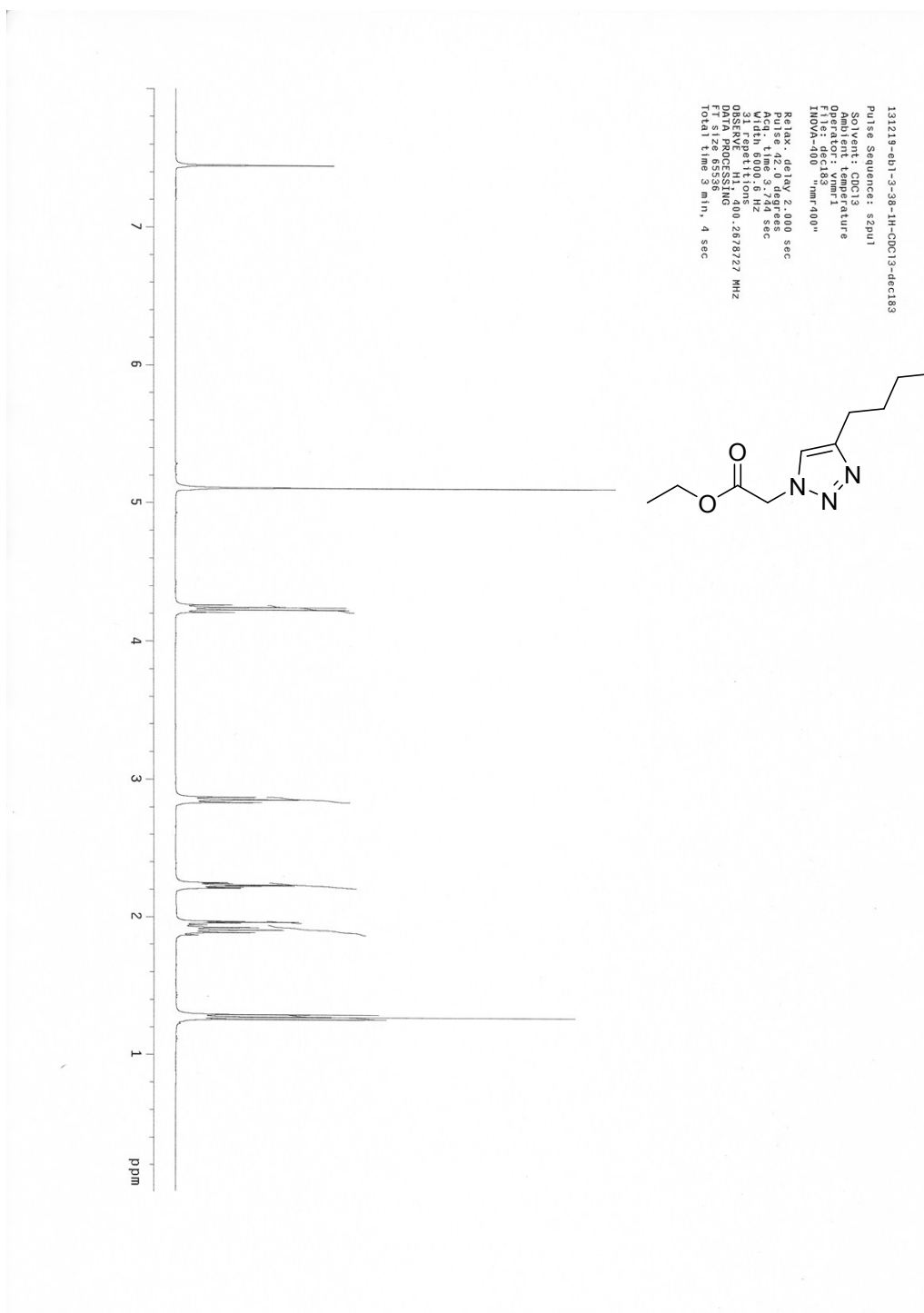
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 Instrument ID: T313101

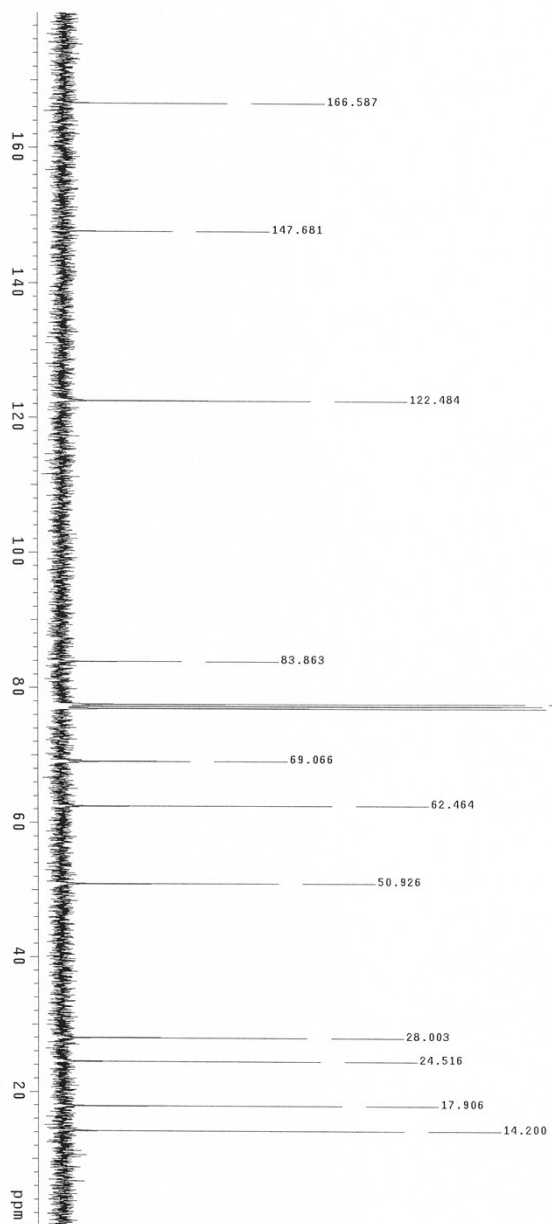
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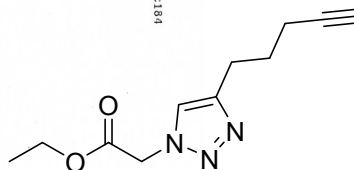
NMR Spectra



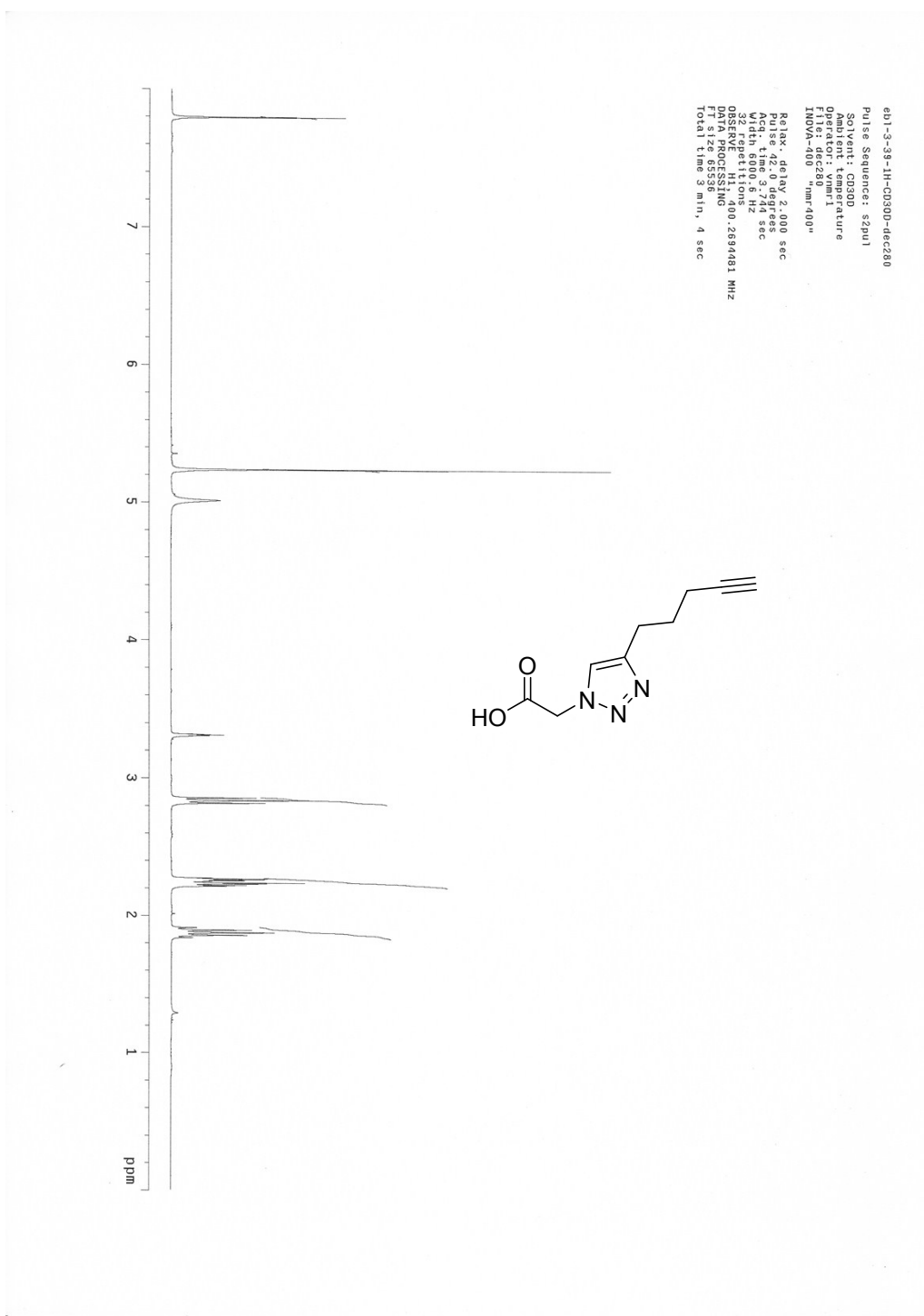
^1H NMR spectrum of **2** recorded in CDCl_3



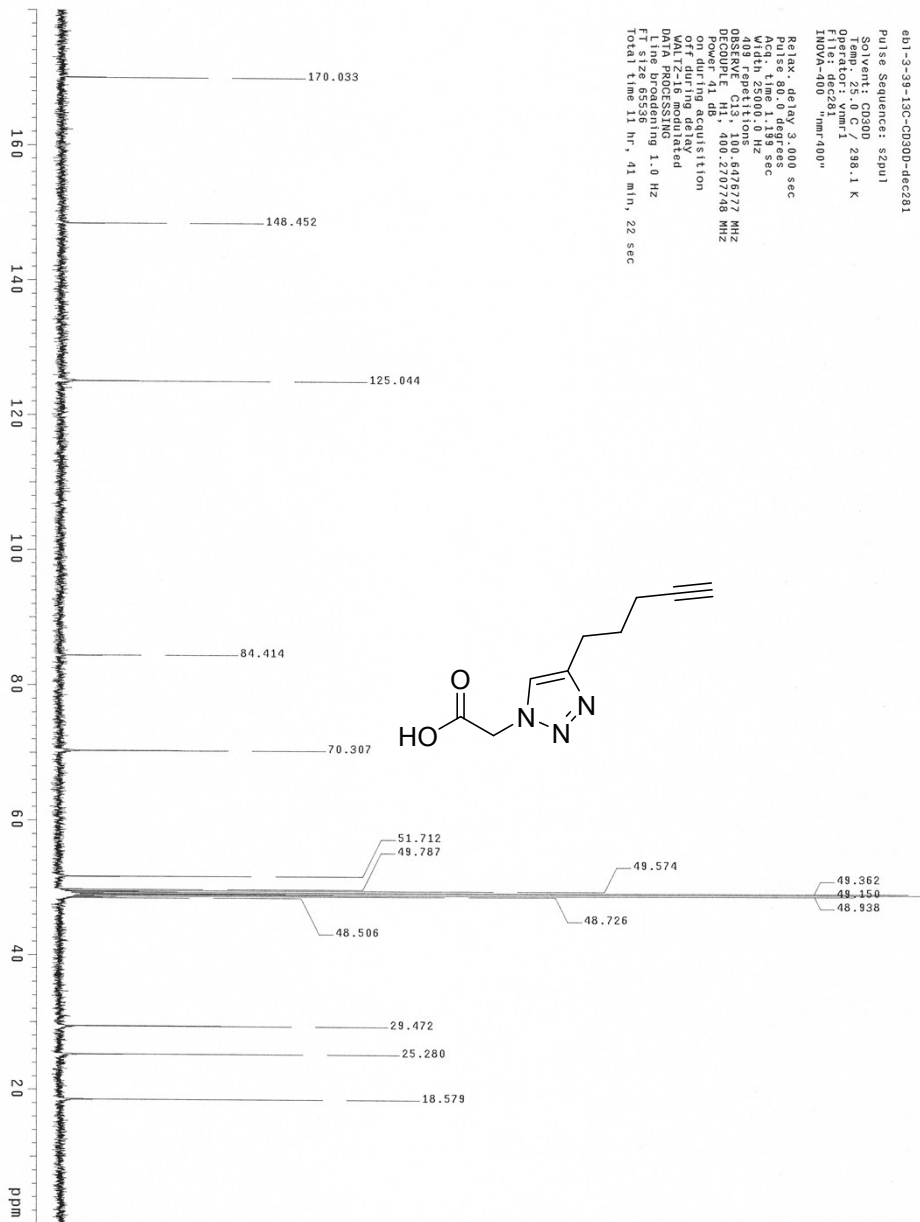
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 Solvent: CDCl3
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 Observed: 129.9 MHz
 File: decl84
 INOVA-400 "nmr-400"
 Relax: delay 3.000 sec
 Pulse: 8.00
 Acq. time 1.189 sec
 Width 25000.0 Hz
 OBSERVE C13: 100.627138 MHz
 DECOUPLE H1: 400.2691977 MHz
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 off during delay
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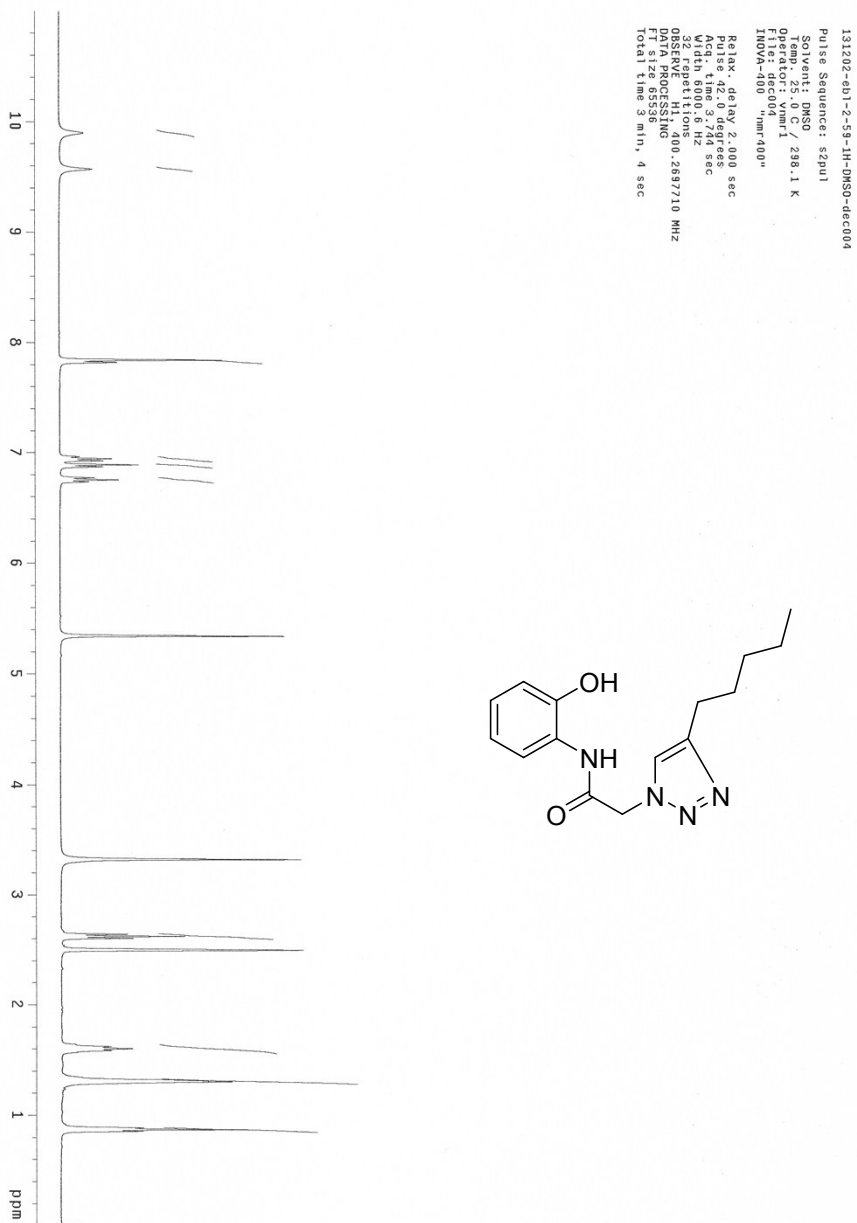
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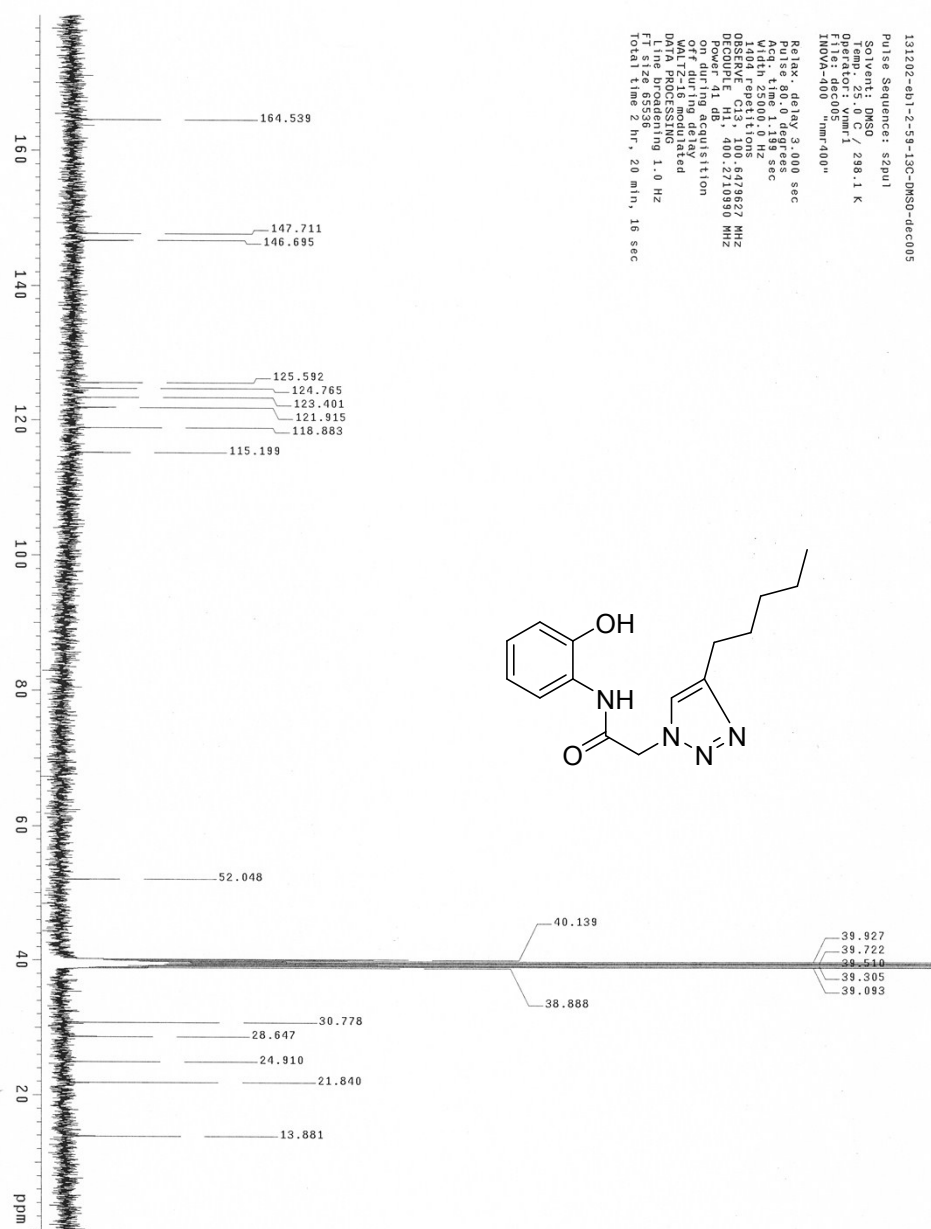
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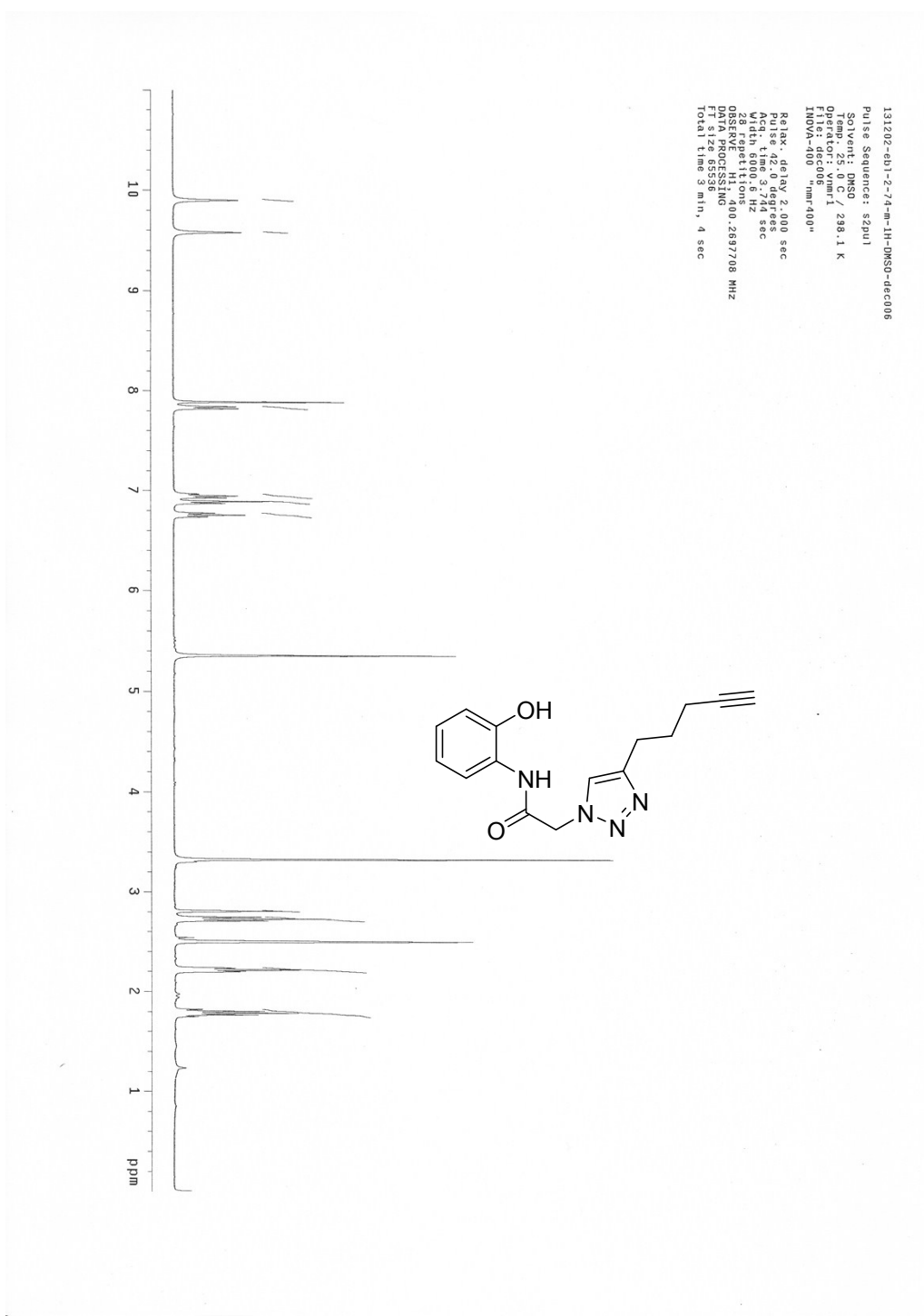
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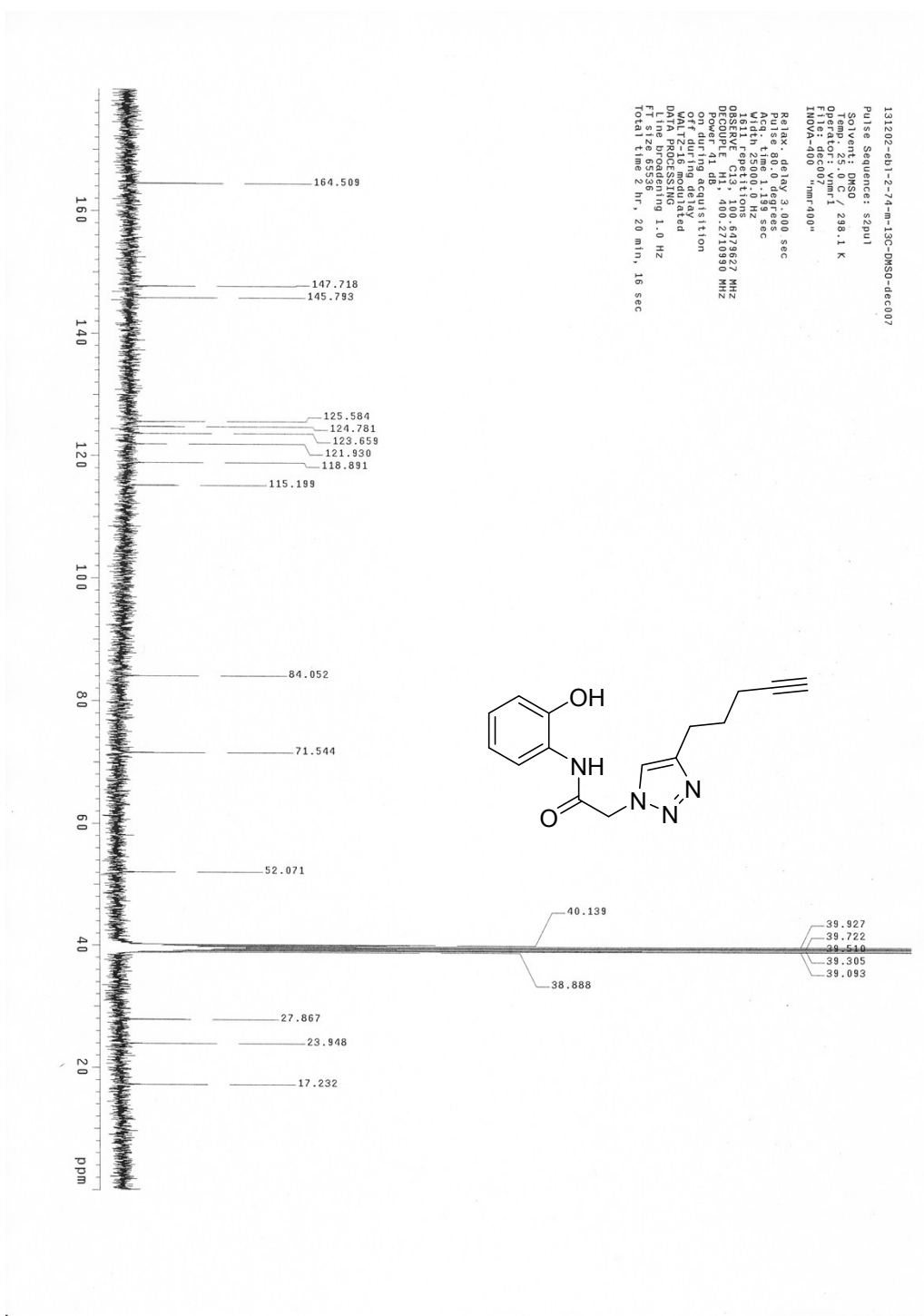
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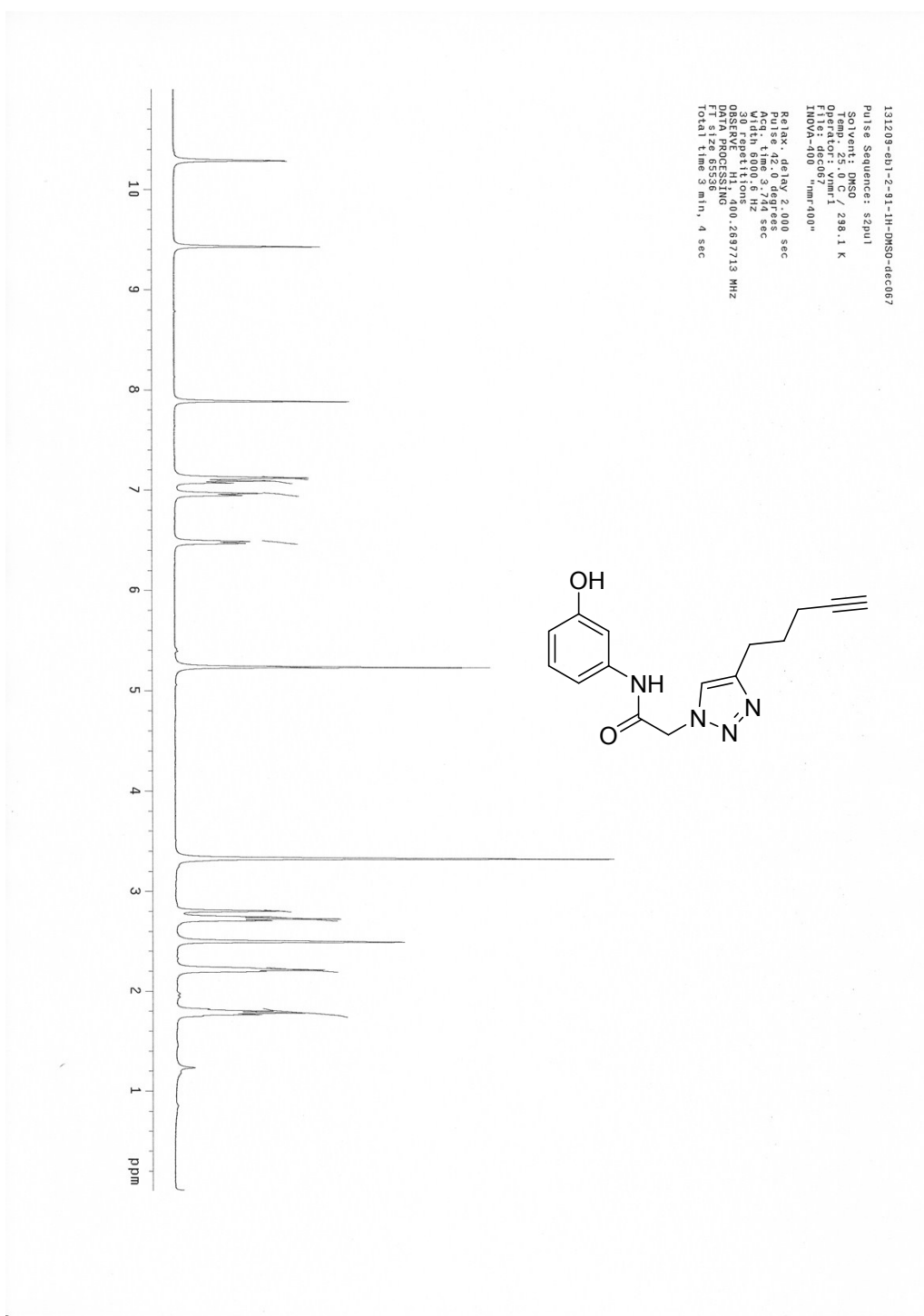
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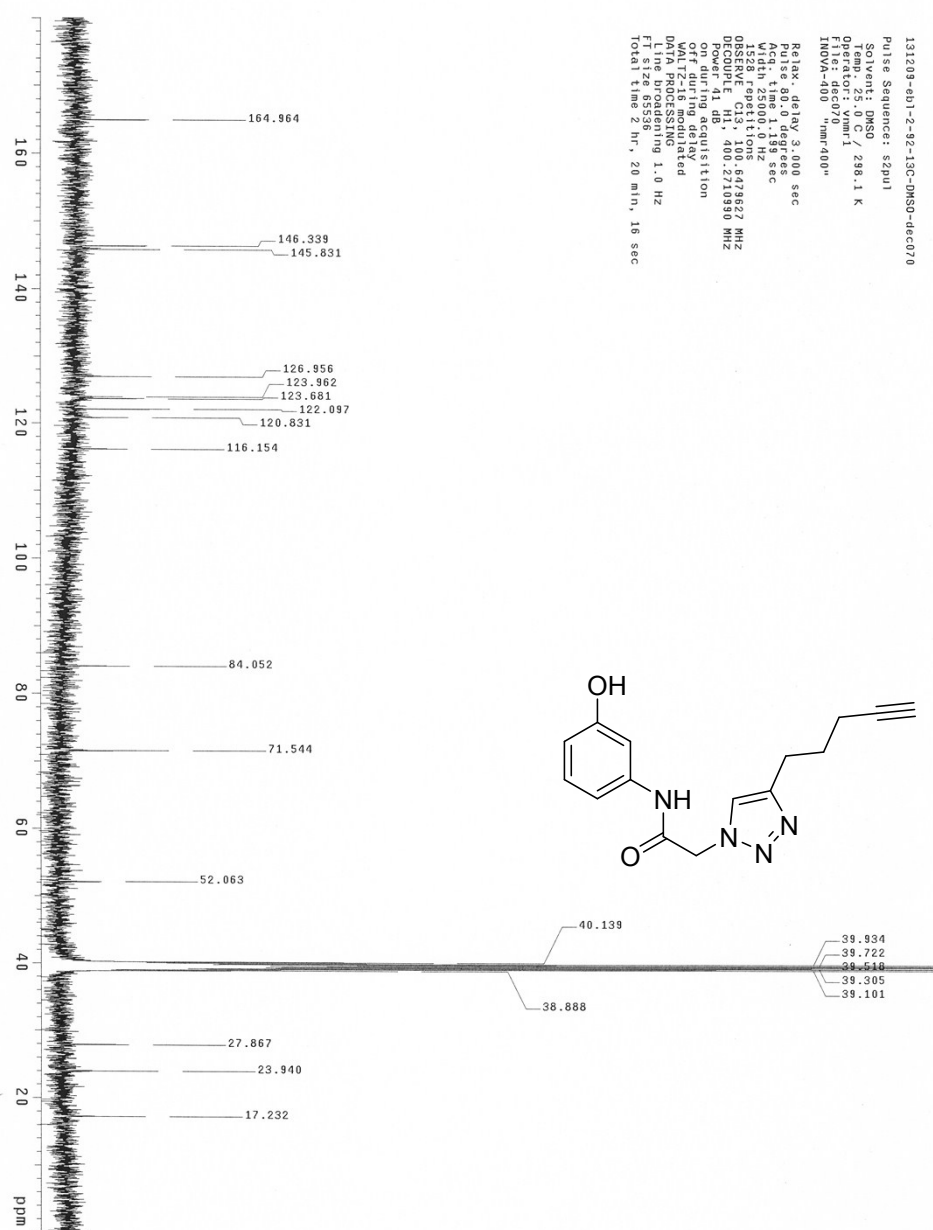
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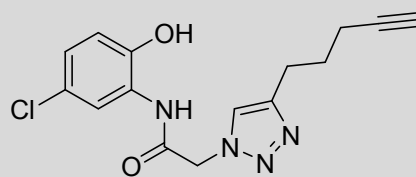
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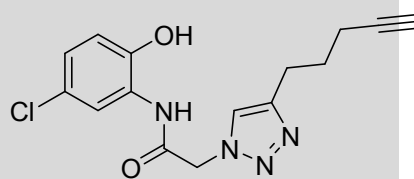
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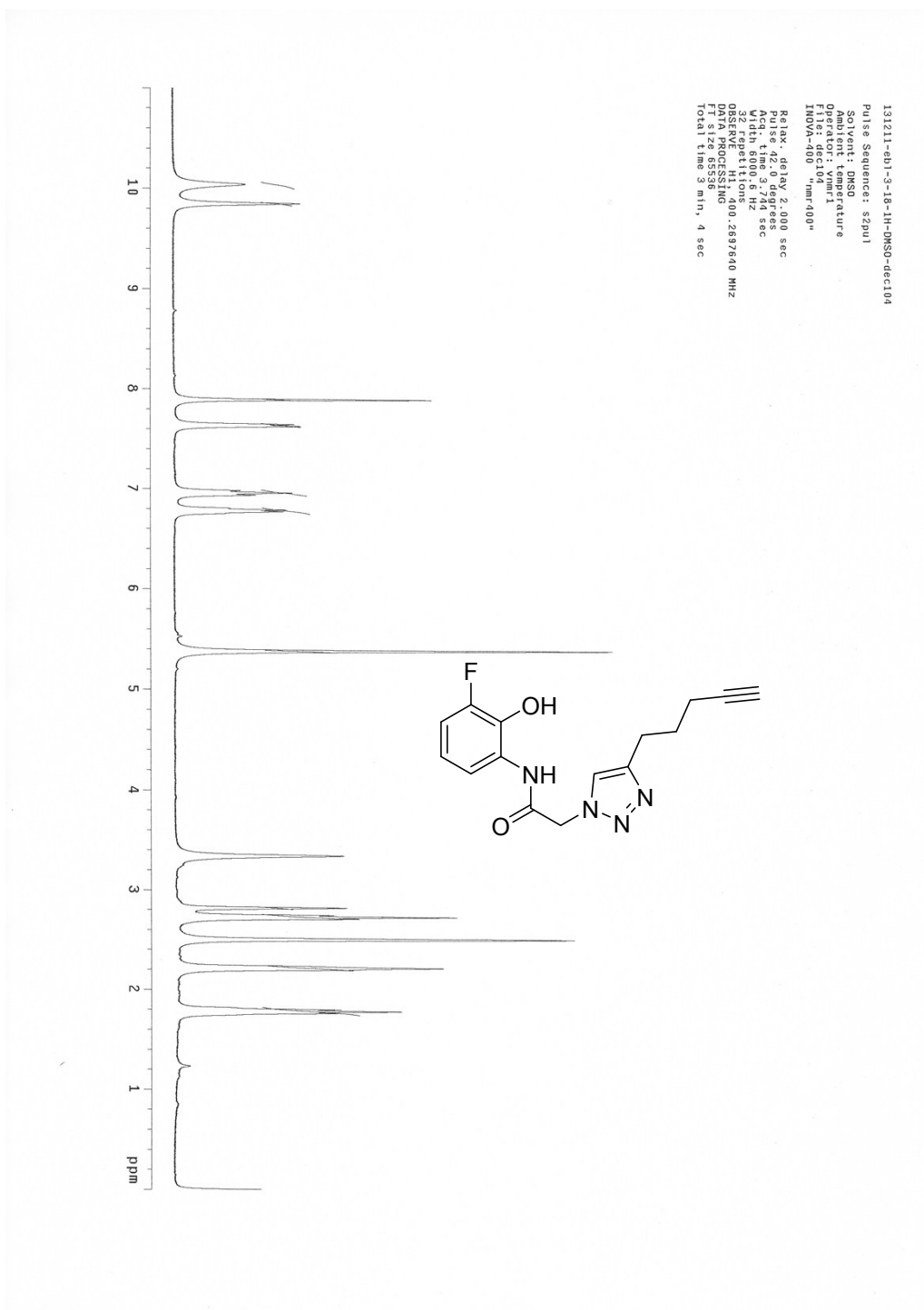
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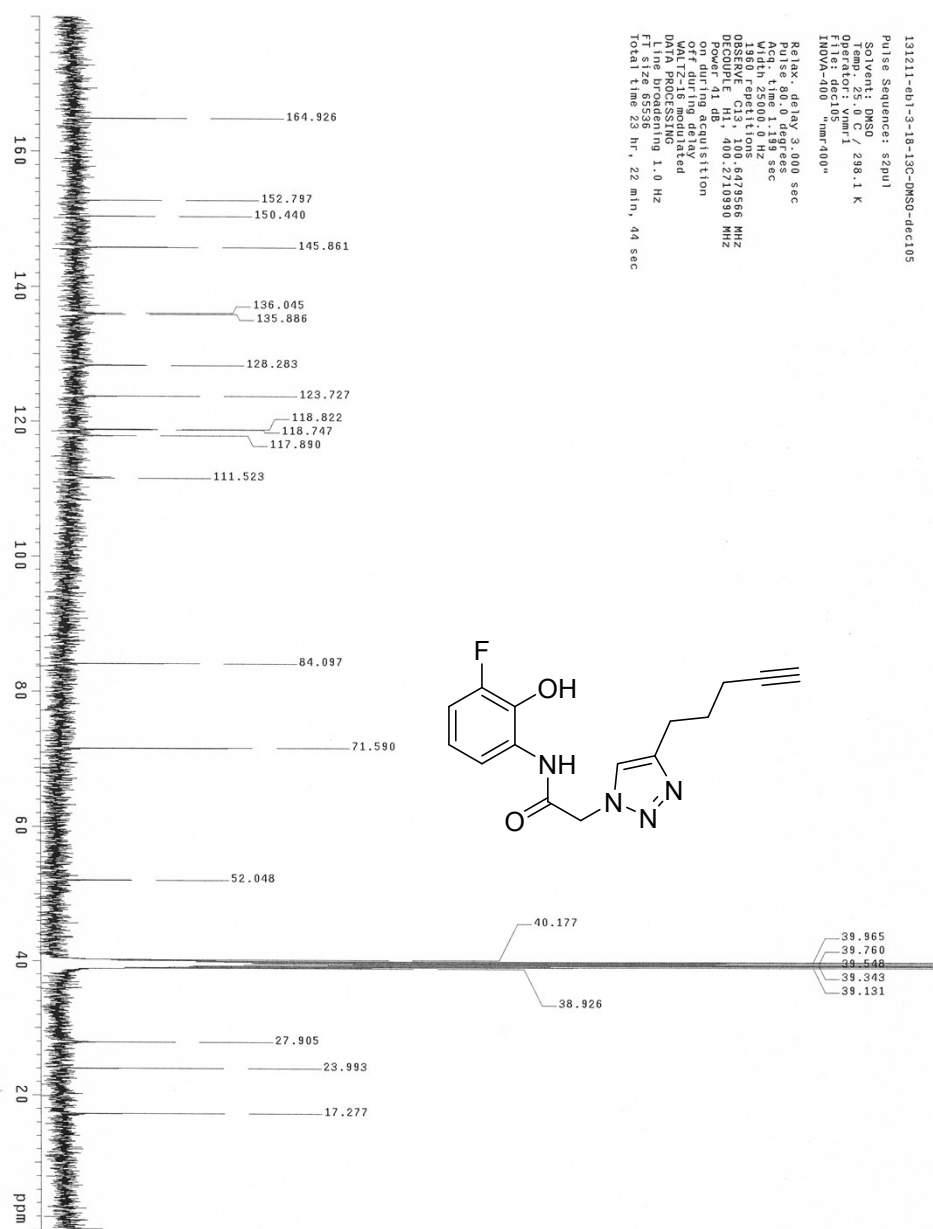
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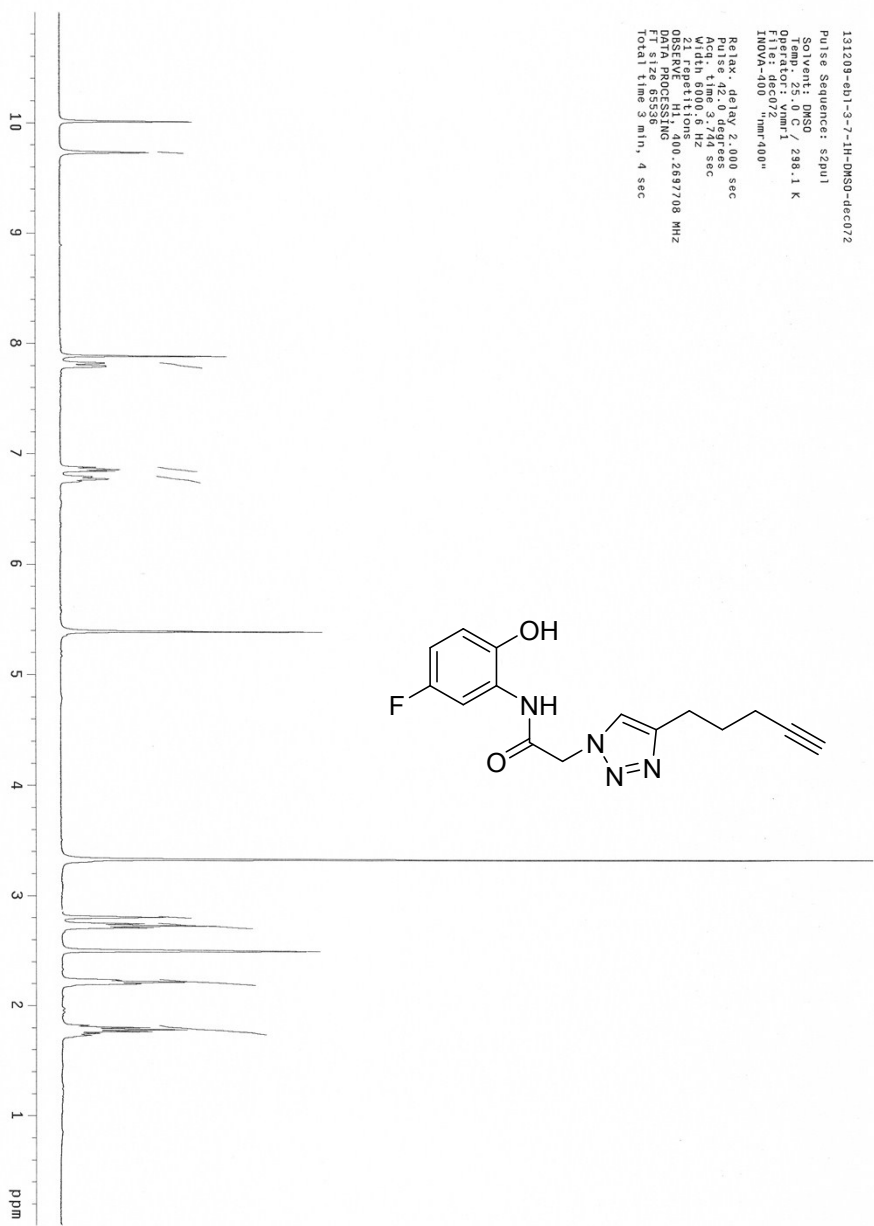
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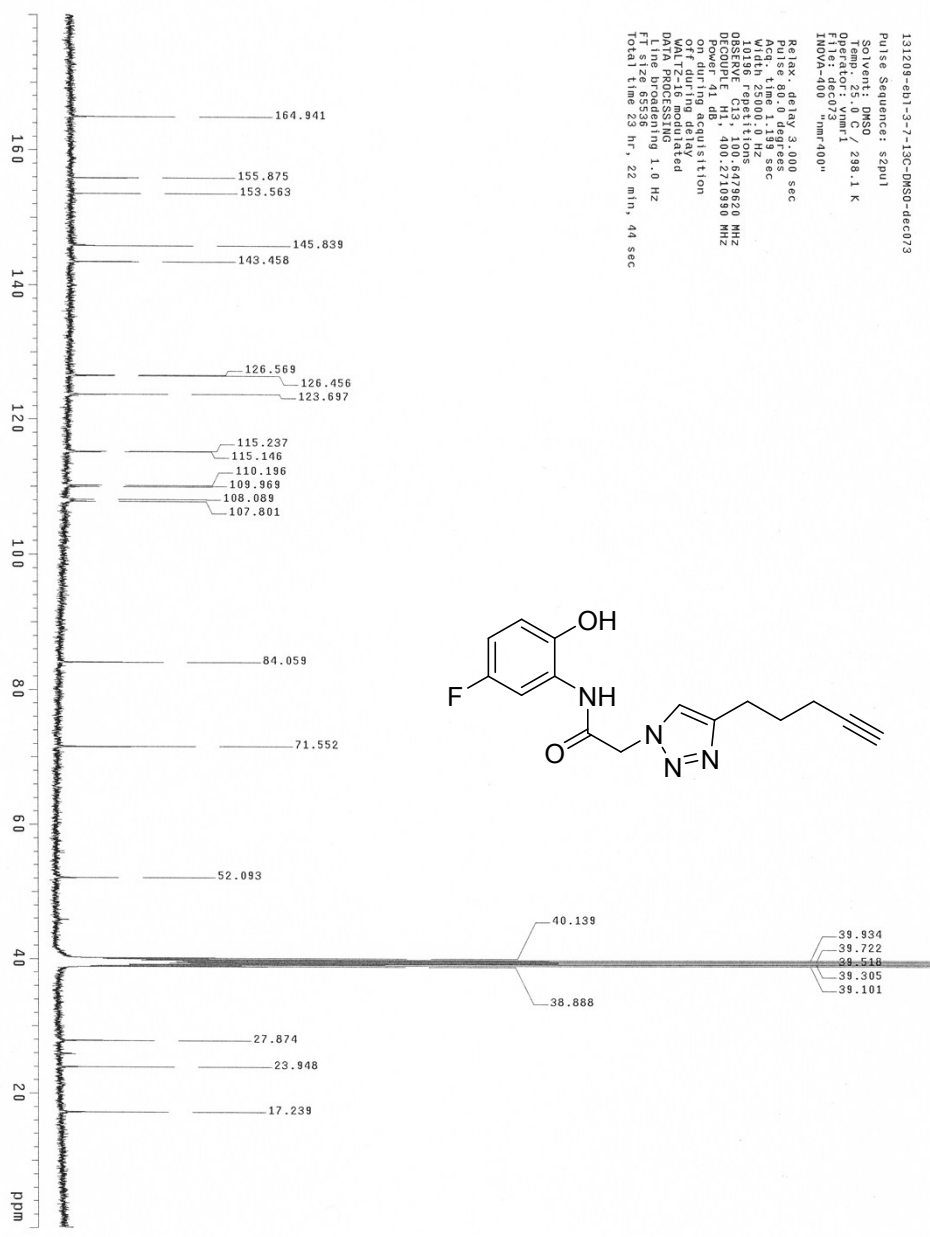
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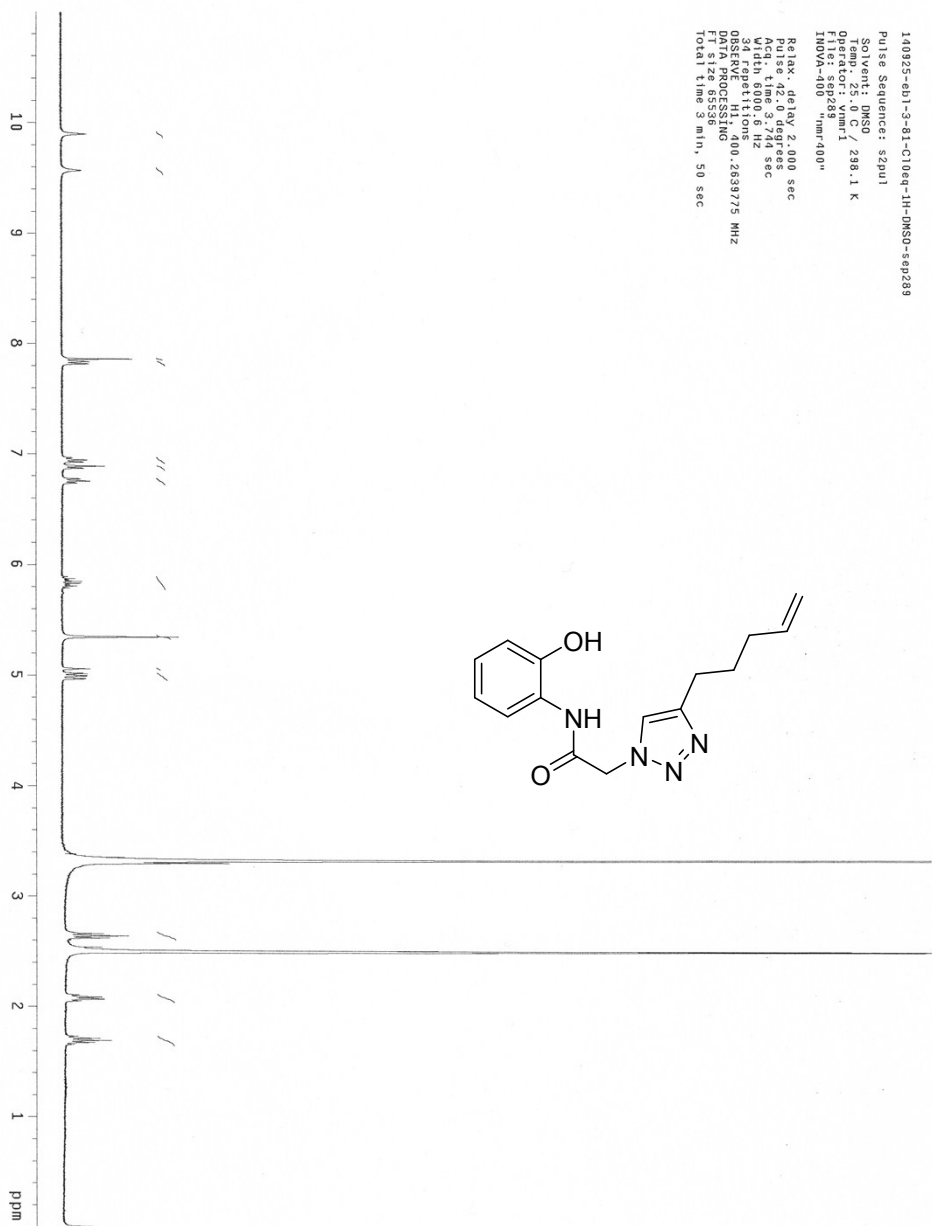
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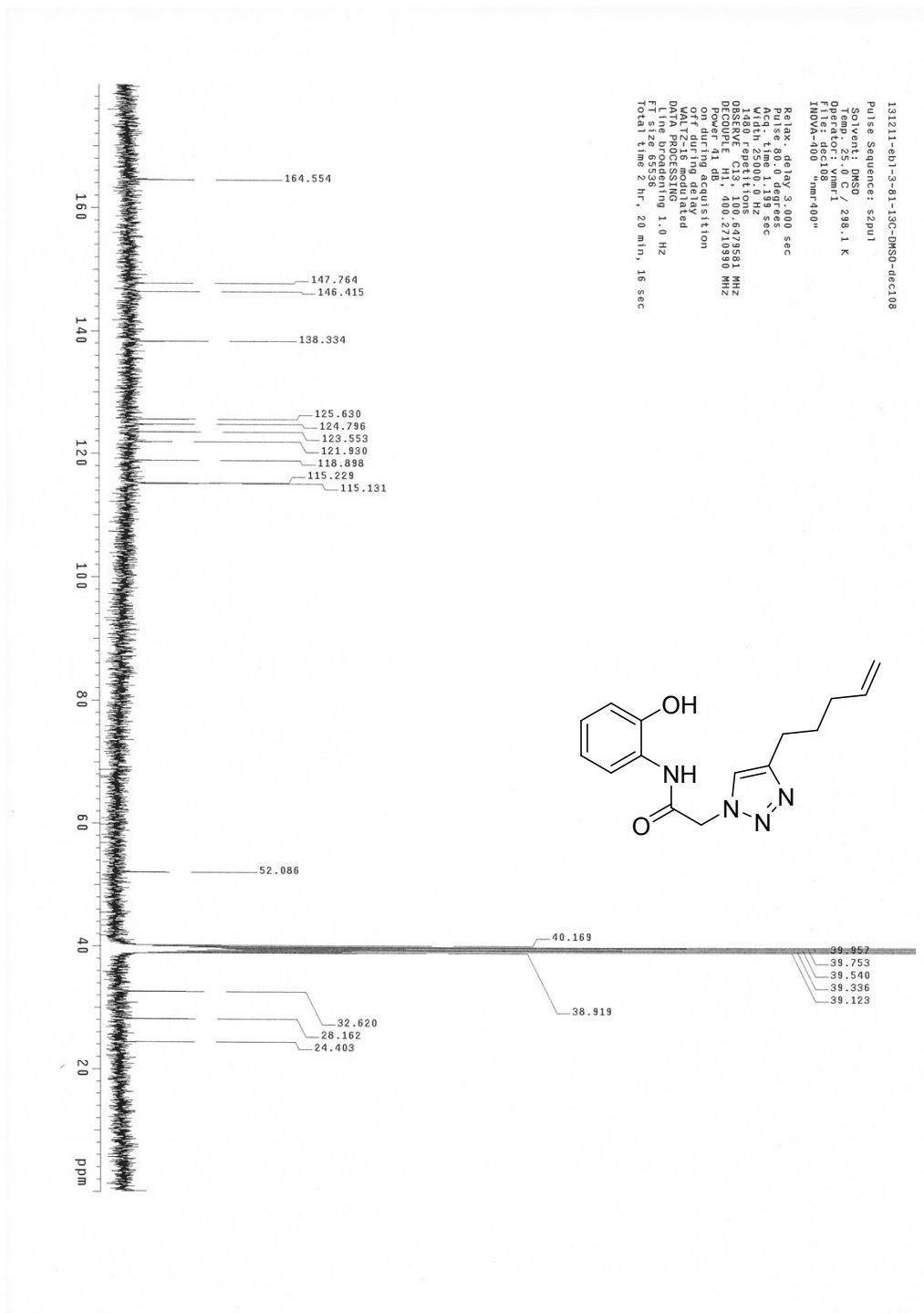
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¹³C NMR spectrum of **4f** recorded in DMSO-*d*₆



¹H NMR spectrum of **4g** recorded in DMSO-*d*₆



^{13}C NMR spectrum of **4g** recorded in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$