

Structural characterization of folded and extended conformations in peptides containing γ amino acids with proteinogenic side chains: Crystal structures of γ_n , $\alpha\gamma_n$ and $\gamma\gamma\delta\gamma$ sequences.

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Synthetic Procedures

Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_2\text{-OMe}$ (1): Boc- $\gamma^4(R)\text{Val-OH}$ (2 g, 8.16 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of DCM (dichloromethane) and cooled in an ice salt bath while stirring. NMM (N-methylmorpholine, 0.99 mL, 8.97 mmol) and IBCF (isobutylchloroformate, 1.16 mL, 8.97 mmol) were added into the reaction mixture. After stirring the reaction mixture for about 10 min, a pre-cooled solution of HCl.H- $\gamma^4\text{Val-OMe}$ (1.6 g, 8.16 mmol) was added. After 10 min, the pH of the solution was adjusted to ~8 by adding NMM and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. 100 mL of DCM was added to the reaction mixture and washed

successively with 10% KHSO₄ (potassium hydrogen sulphate) (3 × 40 mL), 20% NaHCO₃ (sodium hydrogen carbonate) (3 × 40 mL), Water and brine (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated in vacuo. The yellow oil was triturated with hexane (2 × 10 mL) to yield **1** (2.6 g, 82%) as a white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: [M⁺]_{calcd}, 386.28; [M+H]⁺_{obsd}, 387.19; [M+Na]⁺_{obsd}, 409.18; [M+K]⁺_{obsd}, 425.13; MP (°C): 119–120.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 6.25 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1NH), 4.42 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1NH).

Boc-[γ⁴(*R*)Val]₃-NHMe (2): Boc-[γ⁴(*R*)Val]₂-OH (1g, 2.7mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of DCM (dichloromethane) and cooled in an ice salt bath while stirring. NMM (N-methylmorpholine, 0.4 mL, 3.4 mmol) and IBCF (isobutylchloroformate, 0.4 mL, 3.4 mmol) were added into the reaction mixture. After stirring the reaction mixture for about 10 min, a pre-cooled solution of HCl.H-γ⁴(*R*)Val-NHMe (0.5 g, 3.2 mmol) was added. After 10 min, the pH of the solution was adjusted to ~8 by adding NMM and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. 60 mL of DCM was added to the reaction mixture and washed successively with 10% KHSO₄ (potassium hydrogen sulphate) (3 × 40 mL), 20% NaHCO₃ (sodium hydrogen carbonate) (3 × 40 mL), Water and brine (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated in vacuo. The viscous oil was triturated with hexane (2 × 15 mL) to yield **2** (1.1g, 78%) as a white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: [M⁺]_{calcd}, 512.74; [M+H]⁺_{obsd}, 513.3; [M+Na]⁺_{obsd}, 535.4; MP (°C): 218.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.65 (s, 1NH), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1NH), 5.50 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1NH), 4.32 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1NH).

Boc-γ⁴(*S*)Val-γ⁴(*R*)Val-OMe (3): Boc-γ⁴(*S*)Val-OH (2 g, 8.16 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of DCM (dichloromethane) and cooled in an ice salt bath while stirring. NMM (N-methylmorpholine, 0.99 mL, 8.97 mmol) and IBCF (isobutylchloroformate, 1.16 mL, 8.97 mmol) were added into the reaction mixture. After stirring the reaction mixture for about 10 min, a pre-cooled solution of HCl.H-γ⁴(*R*)Val-OMe (1.6 g, 8.16 mmol) was added. After 10 min, the pH of the solution was adjusted to ~8 by adding NMM and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. 100 mL of DCM was added to the reaction mixture and washed successively 10% KHSO₄ (potassium hydrogen sulphate) (3 × 40 mL), 20% NaHCO₃ (sodium hydrogen carbonate) (3 × 40 mL), Water and brine (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layer was

dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated in vacuo. The pale yellow oil was triturated with hexane (2 x 10 mL) to yield **3** (2.4 g, 75.6%) as a white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: $[M^+]_{\text{calcd}}$, 386.28; $[M+H]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 387.1; $[M+Na]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 409.1; $[M+K]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 425.1; MP (°C): 117–122.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 6.20 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1NH), 4.40 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1NH).

Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_4\text{-OMe}$ (4): Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_2\text{-OH}$ (0.39 g, 1.05 mmol), obtained by alkaline hydrolysis of Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_2\text{-OMe}$ and a free base H- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_2\text{-OMe}$ (0.3 g, 1.05 mmol) were coupled using HATU (0.44 g, 1.15 mmol)/HOBT (0.16 g, 1.05 mmol) as coupling agents, DCM:DMF solvent mixture followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **4** (0.5 g, 74%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: $[M^+]_{\text{calcd}}$, 640.48; $[M+H]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 641.53; $[M+Na]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 663.54; $[M+K]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 679.49; MP (°C): 180–182.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.21 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1NH), 6.86 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1NH), 5.63 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1NH), 4.345 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1NH).

Boc- $[\text{Ala-}\gamma^4(R)\text{Leu}]_2\text{-OMe}$ (5): Boc- $[\text{Ala-}\gamma^4(R)\text{Leu}]\text{-OH}$ (0.068 g, 0.156 mmol), was coupled to a free base H- $[\text{Ala-}\gamma^4(R)\text{Leu}]\text{-OMe}$ (0.098 g, 0.156 mmol) in DCM:DMF solvent mixtures using HATU (0.6 g, 0.156 mmol)/HOBT (0.024 g, 0.156 mmol) as coupling agents followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **5** (0.11 g, 80%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: $[M^+]_{\text{calcd}}$, 556.38; $[M+H]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 557.29; $[M+Na]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 579.29; $[M+K]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 595.27; MP (°C): 171–173.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 6.75 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1NH), 6.56 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1NH), 6.17 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1NH), 4.89 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1NH).

Boc- $[\text{Aib-}\gamma^4(S)\text{Leu}]_2\text{-OMe}$ (6): Boc- $[\text{Aib-}\gamma^4(S)\text{Leu}]\text{-OH}$ (0.06 g, 0.161 mmol), was coupled to H- $[\text{Aib-}\gamma^4(S)\text{Leu}]\text{-OMe}$ (0.066 g, 0.161 mmol) using HATU (0.061 g, 0.161 mmol)/HOBT (0.0246 g, 0.161 mmol) as coupling agents in DCM:DMF solvent mixture followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **6** (0.1 g, 81%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: $[M^+]_{\text{calcd}}$, 584.51; $[M+H]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 585.45; $[M+Na]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 607.32; $[M+K]^+_{\text{obsd}}$, 623.32; MP (°C): 110–112.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.45 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1NH), 6.91 (s, 1NH), 5.80 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1NH), 4.90 (s, 1NH).

Boc-[Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]₂-OMe (7): Boc-[Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]-OH (0.058 g, 0.156 mmol), was coupled to a free base H-[Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]-OMe (0.084 g, 0.156 mmol) in DCM:DMF solvent mixtures using HATU (0.6 g, 0.156 mmol)/HOBT (0.024 g, 0.156 mmol) as coupling agents followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **7** (0.11 g, 79%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: [M⁺]_{calcd}, 640.48; [M+H]⁺_{obsd}, 641.25; [M+Na]⁺_{obsd}, 663.18; [M+K]⁺_{obsd}, 679.15; MP (°C): 153–155.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 6.76 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1NH), 6.33 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1NH).

Boc-Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val-^DPro-Gly-Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val-OMe (8): Boc-[Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val]-OH (0.10 g, 0.156 mmol), was coupled to a free base H-[^DPro-Gly-Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val]-OMe (0.214 g, 0.176 mmol) in DCM:DMF solvent mixtures using HATU (0.6 g, 0.156 mmol)/HOBT (0.024 g, 0.156 mmol) as coupling agents followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **8** (0.22 g, 83%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: [M⁺]_{calcd}, 964.66; [M+H]⁺_{obsd}, 964.13; [M+Na]⁺_{obsd}, 987.12, [M+K]⁺_{obsd}, 1003.08; MP (°C): 205–207.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.41 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1NH), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1NH), 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1NH), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1NH), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1NH), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1NH), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1NH), 6.77 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1NH).

Boc-[$\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]₂- $\delta^5(R)$ Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu-OMe (9): Boc-[$\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]₂-OH (0.073 g, 0.156 mmol), was coupled to a free base H-[$\delta^5(R)$ Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu]-OMe (0.114 g, 0.156 mmol) in DCM:DMF solvent mixtures using HATU (0.6 g, 0.156 mmol)/HOBT (0.024 g, 0.156 mmol) as coupling agents followed by reaction work up as in section (i). The peptide **9** (0.150 g, 85%) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS [Da]: [M⁺]_{calcd}, 710.56; [M+H]⁺_{obsd}, 711.6; [M+Na]⁺_{obsd}, 733.6; [M+K]⁺_{obsd}, 749.5; MP (°C): 162–165.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1NH), 6.33 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1NH), 6.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1NH), 4.26 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1NH).

Table S1. Hydrogen bond parameters in the crystal structures of peptides 1-9

Donor	Acceptor	D...A (Å)	H...A (Å)	D-H...A (°)
Boc-[$\gamma^A(R)$Val]₂-OMe 1				
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O0 (x-1, y, z)	3.02	2.21	157.5
N2	O1 (x+1, y, z)	3.07	2.25	150.7
Boc-[$\gamma^A(R)$Val]₃-NHMe 2				
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O0 (x-1, y, z)	2.85	2.05	154.3
N2	O1 (x+1, y, z)	2.98	2.13	172.5
N3	O2(x-1, y, z)	2.93	2.08	173.3
N4	O3(x+1, y, z)	2.90	2.05	170.9
Boc-$\gamma^A(S)$Val-$\gamma^A(R)$Val-OMe 3				
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O0 (x, y+1, z)	3.04	2.19	168.1
N2	O1 (x, y-1, z)	3.03	2.19	170.8
Boc-[$\gamma^A(R)$Val]₄-OMe 4				
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O0 (x-1, y, z)	3.02	2.22	153.2
N2	O1 (x+1, y, z)	3.01	2.17	166.2
N3	O2(x-1, y, z)	3.00	2.16	165.9
N4	O3(x+1, y, z)	3.07	2.23	164.7
Boc-[Ala-$\gamma^A(R)$Leu]₂-OMe 5				
<i>Intra-Asymmetric unit Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N3	O0'	3.00	2.16	168.4
N4	O1'	2.96	2.14	159.0
N3'	O0	3.12	2.28	165.4
N4'	O1	3.00	2.16	166.4
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O3' (x+1, y, z)	2.90	2.09	156.0
N2	O2' (x+1, y, z)	3.22	2.45	150.6
N1'	O3 (x-1, y, z)	2.89	2.07	156.5
N2'	O2 (x-1, y, z)	3.47	2.67	154.9
Boc-[Aib-$\gamma^A(S)$Leu]₂-OMe 6				
<i>Intramolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N3	O0	2.95	2.10	171.9
N4	O1	2.90	2.13	150.0
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O2 (x, y+1, z)	2.94	2.06	161.3
<i>Solvent mediated hydrogen bonds</i>				
N2	O10	2.88	2.09	153.5

Donor	Acceptor	D...A (Å)	H...A (Å)	D-H...A (°)
Boc-[Leu-$\gamma^4(R)$Leu]₂-OMe 7				
<i>Intramolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N3	O0	2.96	2.11	173.1
N4	O1	2.92	2.07	170.5
N1	O3 (x+1, y, z)	2.92	2.06	174.5
<i>Solvent mediated hydrogen bonds</i>				
N2	O1w	2.96	2.16	156.5
O2w	O2	2.79		
O1w	O2w (x+1, y, z)	2.73		
Boc-Leu-$\gamma^4(R)$Val-Val-^DPro-Gly-Leu-$\gamma^4(R)$Val-Val-OMe 8				
<i>Intramolecular hydrogen bonds</i>				
N3	O6	3.03	2.22	152.6
N6	O3	2.95	2.17	156.5
N8	O1	2.94	2.12	163.2
<i>Intermolecular hydrogen bonds</i>				
N2	O7 (x+1, y, z)	2.85	2.02	170.5
N5	O5 (-x-1, y-1/2, -z)	3.35	2.58	148.3
N7	O2 (x-1, y, z)	2.97	2.10	178.5
<i>Water mediated hydrogen bonds</i>				
O1W	O4	2.69		
O1W	O6	2.88		
Boc-[$\gamma^4(R)$Leu]₂-$\delta^5(R)$Leu-$\gamma^4(R)$Leu-OMe 9				
<i>Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds</i>				
N1	O0 (x+1, y, z)	2.94	2.13	158.5
N2	O1 (x-1, y, z)	2.97	2.13	160.5
N3	O2 (x+1, y, z)	2.96	2.13	161.4
N4	O3 (x+1, y, z)	2.92	2.08	165.5

X-ray structure analysis of peptides 1 to 9(Supplementary Tables S1-S4).

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for the peptides **1**, **2** and **3**.

Peptides	Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_2\text{-OMe 1}$	Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_3\text{-NHMe 2}$	Boc- $\gamma^4(S)\text{Val-}\gamma^4(R)\text{Val-OMe 3}$
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$	$\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$
Crystal habit (Crystal size (mm))	Rectangular block (0.12 × 0.07 × 0.05)	Rectangular block (0.20 × 0.15 × 0.07)	Rectangular block (0.35 × 0.20 × 0.15)
Crystallizing solvent			
Crystal system (Space group)	Monoclinic($P2_1$)	Monoclinic($P2_1$)	Monoclinic($C2$)
a (Å)	5.1643(2)	5.0056(14)	28.9383(8)
b (Å)	30.0027(11)	15.829(4)	5.14190(10)
c (Å)	7.5724(3)	20.317(5)	18.4128(5)
β (°)	94.261(2)	93.452(18)	120.3230(10)
Volume (Å ³)	1170.05(8)	1606.9(7)	2364.96(10)
Z / Z'	2 / 1	2 / 1	4 / 1
Co-crystallized solvent	None	None	None
Molecular weight, Calculated density (g/cm ³)	386.52, 1.097	512.73, 1.060	386.52, 1.086
F (000)	424	564	848
Radiation	Cu K_α (1.54178 Å)	Mo K_α (0.71073 Å)	Cu K_α (1.54178 Å)
Temperature (K)	296	296	296
2 θ max. (°)	140.04	60.12	140.22
Unique reflections (Measured reflections)	2030 (6082)	8798 (14463)	2405 (6864)
Observed reflection [$ F > 4\sigma(F)$]	1752	2846	2116
R_{int}	0.0049	0.0918	0.0030
Final R (%) / $wR2$ (%)	6.62 / 21.06	14.33 / 37.42	4.99 / 14.96
Goodness-of-fit on F^2 (S)	1.074	1.087	1.143
$\Delta\rho$ max (e.Å ⁻³) / $\Delta\rho$ min (e.Å ⁻³)	0.63 / -0.24	0.31 / -0.28	0.23 / -0.30
No. of restraints/parameters	2 / 253	1 / 325	15 / 300
Data($ F > 4\sigma(F)$)-to-parameter ratio	6.92 : 1	8.76 : 1	7.05 : 1

Table

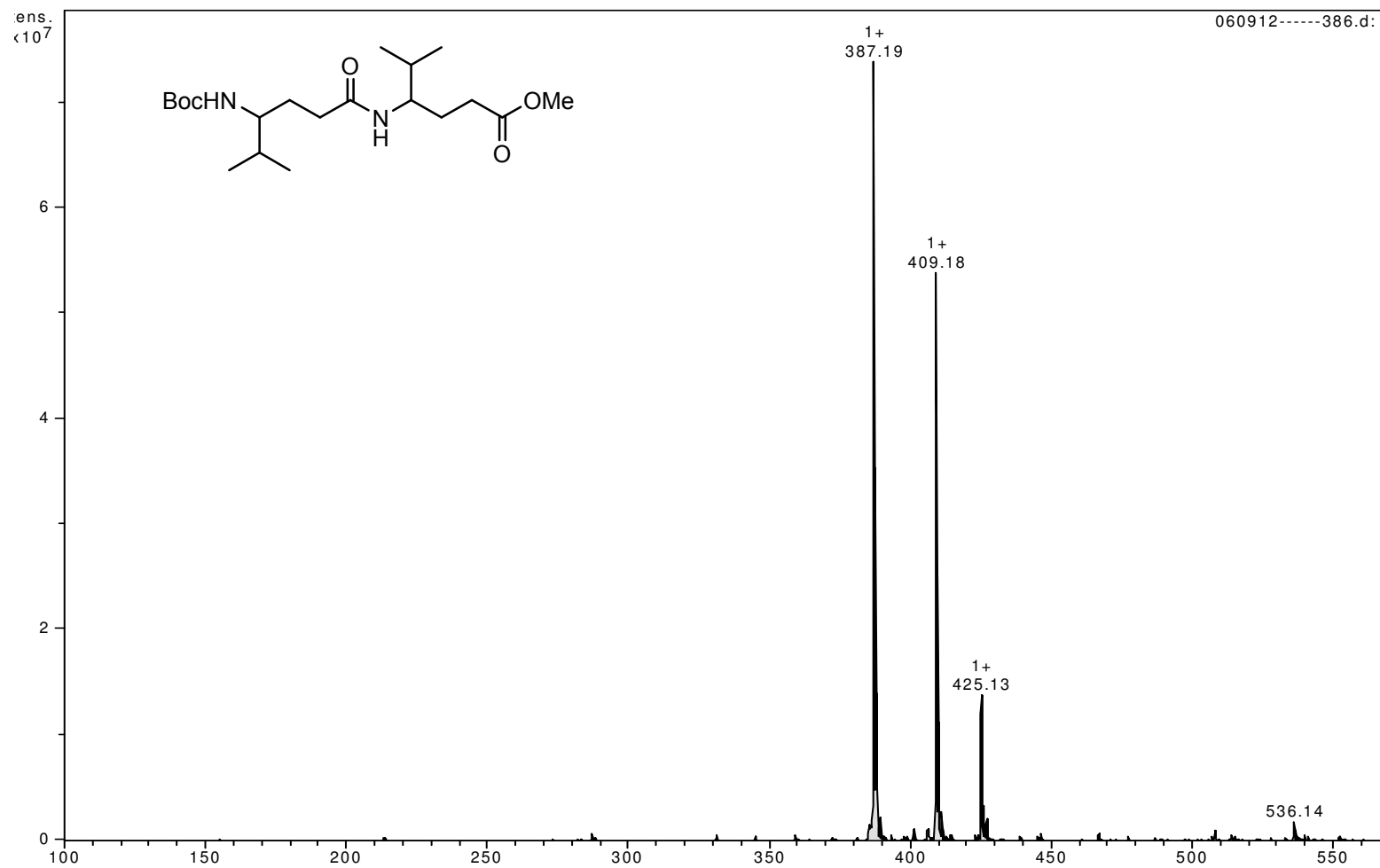
S3. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for the peptides **4**, **5** and **6**.

Peptides	Boc- $[\gamma^4(R)\text{Val}]_4\text{-OMe}$ 4	Boc- $[\text{Ala-}\gamma^4(R)\text{Leu}]_2\text{-OMe}$ 5	Boc- $[\text{Aib-}\gamma^4(S)\text{Leu}]_2\text{-OMe}$ 6
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{64}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7$	$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7$	$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$
Crystal habit (Crystal size (mm))	Thin plate (0.30 × 0.25 × 0.05)	Rectangular block (0.20 × 0.06 × 0.05)	Rectangular block (0.20 × 0.06 × 0.05)
Crystallizing solvent			
Crystal system (Space group)	Monoclinic($P2_1$)	Triclinic($P1$)	Triclinic($P1$)
a (Å)	5.1182(3)	8.999(4)	9.901(2)
b (Å)	50.153(3)	14.013(6)	10.527(3)
c (Å)	7.4046(4)	14.873(6)	10.553(2)
α (°)		66.19(2)	100.403(12)
β (°)	97.675(4)	75.21(3)	106.665(13)
γ (°)		73.60(2)	93.047(14)
Volume (Å ³)	1883.67(18)	1624.6(11)	1030.0(4)
Z / Z'	2 / 1	2 / 2	1 / 1
Co-crystallized solvent	None	None	Dimethylformamide (DMF)($\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$)
Molecular weight, Calculated density (g/cm ³)	640.89, 1.130	556.74, 1.138	657.88 , 1.061
F (000)	704	608	360
Radiation	Cu K $_{\alpha}$ (1.54178 Å)	Mo K $_{\alpha}$ (0.71073 Å)	Mo K $_{\alpha}$ (0.71073 Å)
Temperature (K)	296	296	296
2 θ max. (°)	138.02	61.34	60.20
Unique reflections (Measured reflections)	3271 (9533)	9095 (24067)	5851 (17289)
Observed reflection [$ F > 4\sigma(F)$]	2736	1954	1991
R_{int}	0.0208	0.1991	0.0611
Final R (%) / wR2 (%)	9.56 / 27.40	8.01 / 22.71	8.56 / 28.75
Goodness-of-fit on F^2 (S)	1.195	0.849	0.905
$\Delta\rho$ max (e.Å ⁻³) / $\Delta\rho$ min(e.Å ⁻³)	0.75 / -0.48	0.18 / -0.18	0.24 / -0.19
No. of restraints/parameters	118 / 406	6 / 767	6 / 427
Data($ F > 4\sigma(F)$)-to-parameter ratio	6.74 : 1	2.55 : 1	4.66 : 1

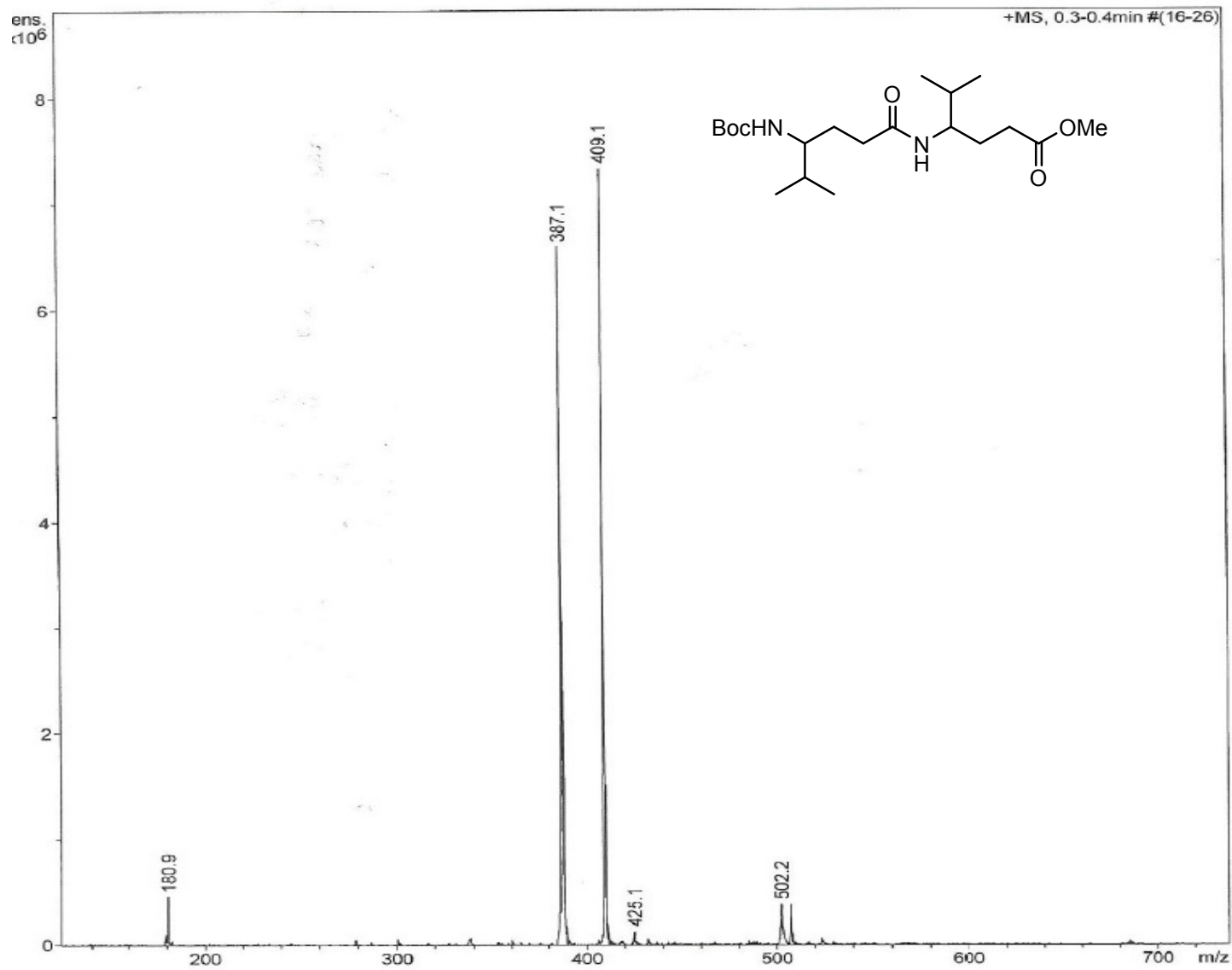
Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for the peptides **7**, **8** and **9**.

Peptides	Boc-[Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu] ₂ -OMe 7	Boc-Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val- ^D Pro-Gly-Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Val-Val-OMe 8	Boc-[$\gamma^4(R)$ Leu] ₂ - $\delta^5(R)$ Leu- $\gamma^4(R)$ Leu-OMe 9
Empirical formula	C ₃₄ H ₆₄ N ₄ O ₇ + 2(H ₂ O)	C ₄₉ H ₈₈ N ₈ O ₁₁ + H ₂ O	C ₃₉ H ₇₄ N ₄ O ₇
Crystal habit [Crystal size (mm)]	Rectangular block (0.47 × 0.34 × 0.09)	Rectangular block (0.30 × 0.10 × 0.09)	Rectangular block (0.30 × 0.10 × 0.05)
Crystallizing solvent			
Crystal system (Space group)	Monoclinic(<i>P</i> 2 ₁)	Monoclinic(<i>P</i> 2 ₁)	Triclinic(<i>P</i> 1)
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.6075(3)	9.5742(2)	5.0768(11)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.7350(3)	10.8563(3)	8.924(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.1418(6)	28.0245(7)	25.120(6)
α (°)			98.670(13)
β (°)	105.348(2)	93.811(2)	94.399(14)
γ (°)			99.374(14)
Volume (Å ³)	2101.97(11)	2906.44(12)	1104.0(4)
<i>Z</i> / <i>Z'</i>	2 / 1	2 / 1	1 / 1
Co-crystallized solvent	2O (H ₂ O)	O (H ₂ O)	None
Molecular weight, Calculated density (g/cm ³)	672.89, 1.063	981.27, 1.121	711.02, 1.069
<i>F</i> (000)	736	1068	392
Radiation	Mo K α (0.71073 Å)	Cu K α (1.54178 Å)	Mo K α (0.71073 Å)
Temperature (K)	296	296	296
2 θ max. (°)	60.10	142.90	60.28
Unique reflections (Measured reflections)	6354 (23550)	5461 (16874)	6488 (21539)
Observed reflection [<i>F</i> > 4 σ (<i>F</i>)]	4338	5082	2976
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0340	0.0121	0.0538
Final <i>R</i> (%) / <i>wR</i> ₂ (%)	6.00 / 18.12	5.77 / 17.62	7.01 / 23.08
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ² (<i>S</i>)	1.095	1.128	0.994
$\Delta\rho$ max (e.Å ⁻³) / $\Delta\rho$ min(e.Å ⁻³)	0.38 / -0.24	0.32 / 0.34	0.30 / -0.28
No. of restraints/parameters	5 / 520	74 / 777	12 / 535
Data(<i>F</i> > 4 σ (<i>F</i>))-to-parameter ratio	8.34 : 1	6.54 : 1	5.56 : 1

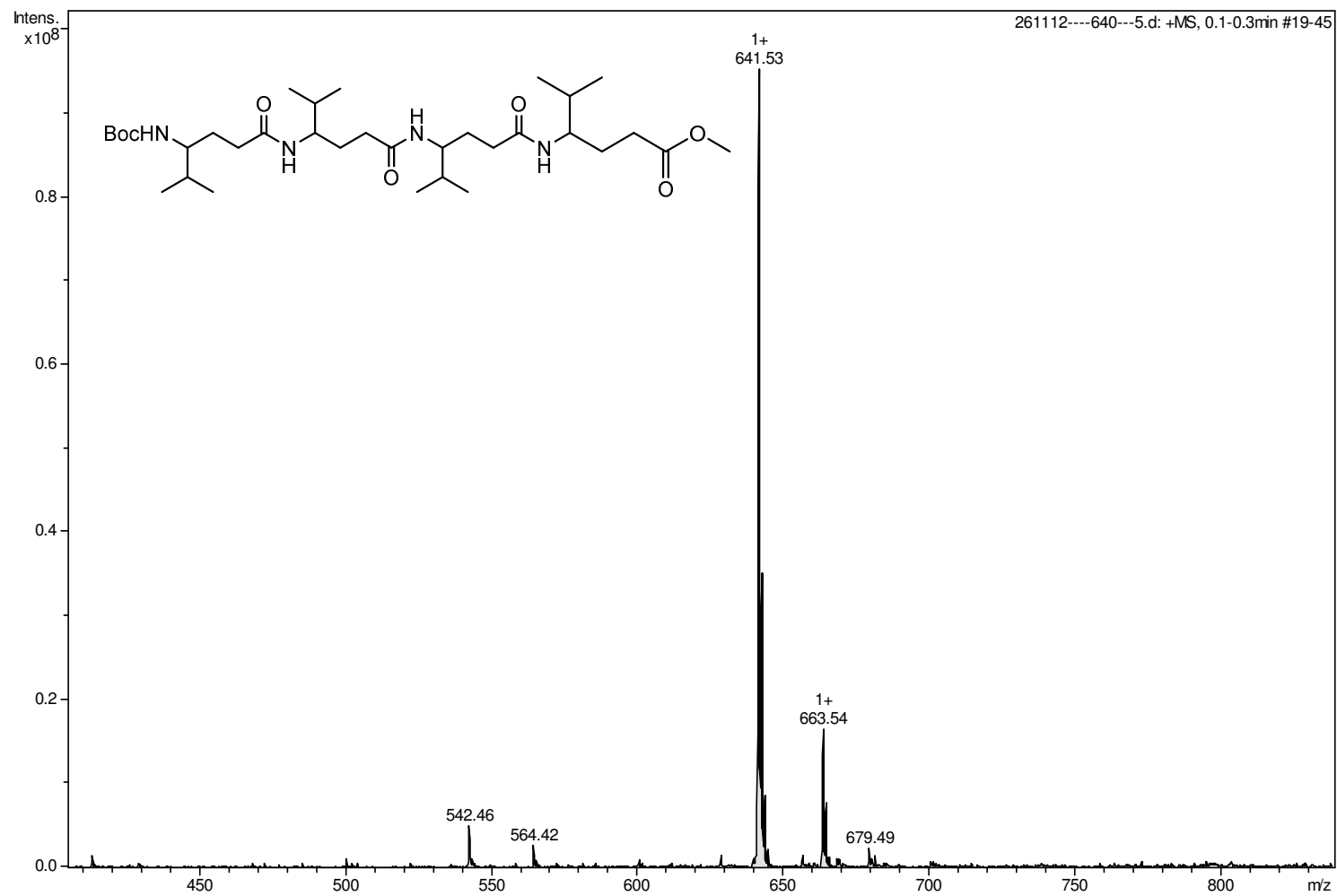
ESI-MS of peptides 1 to 9



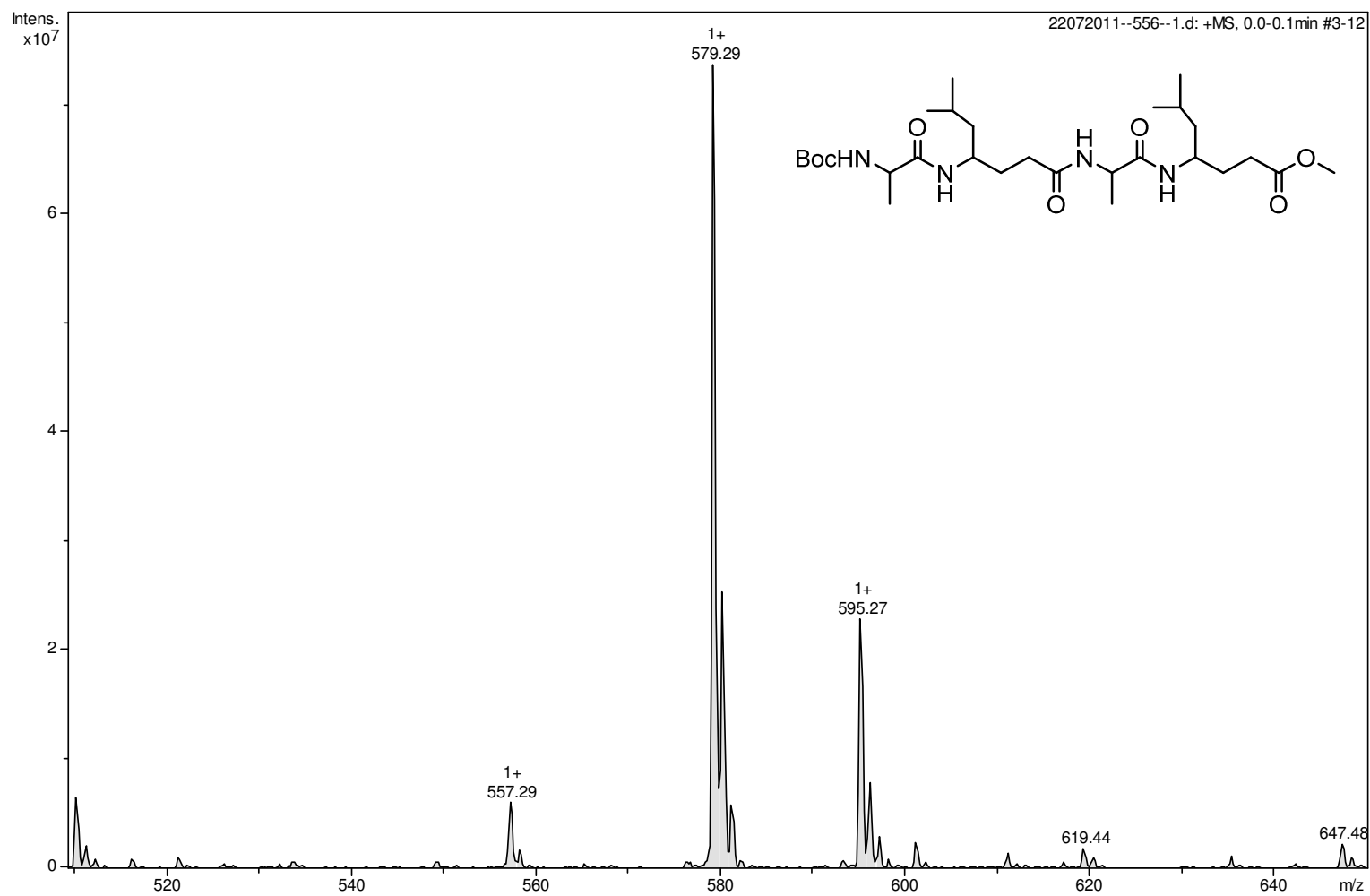
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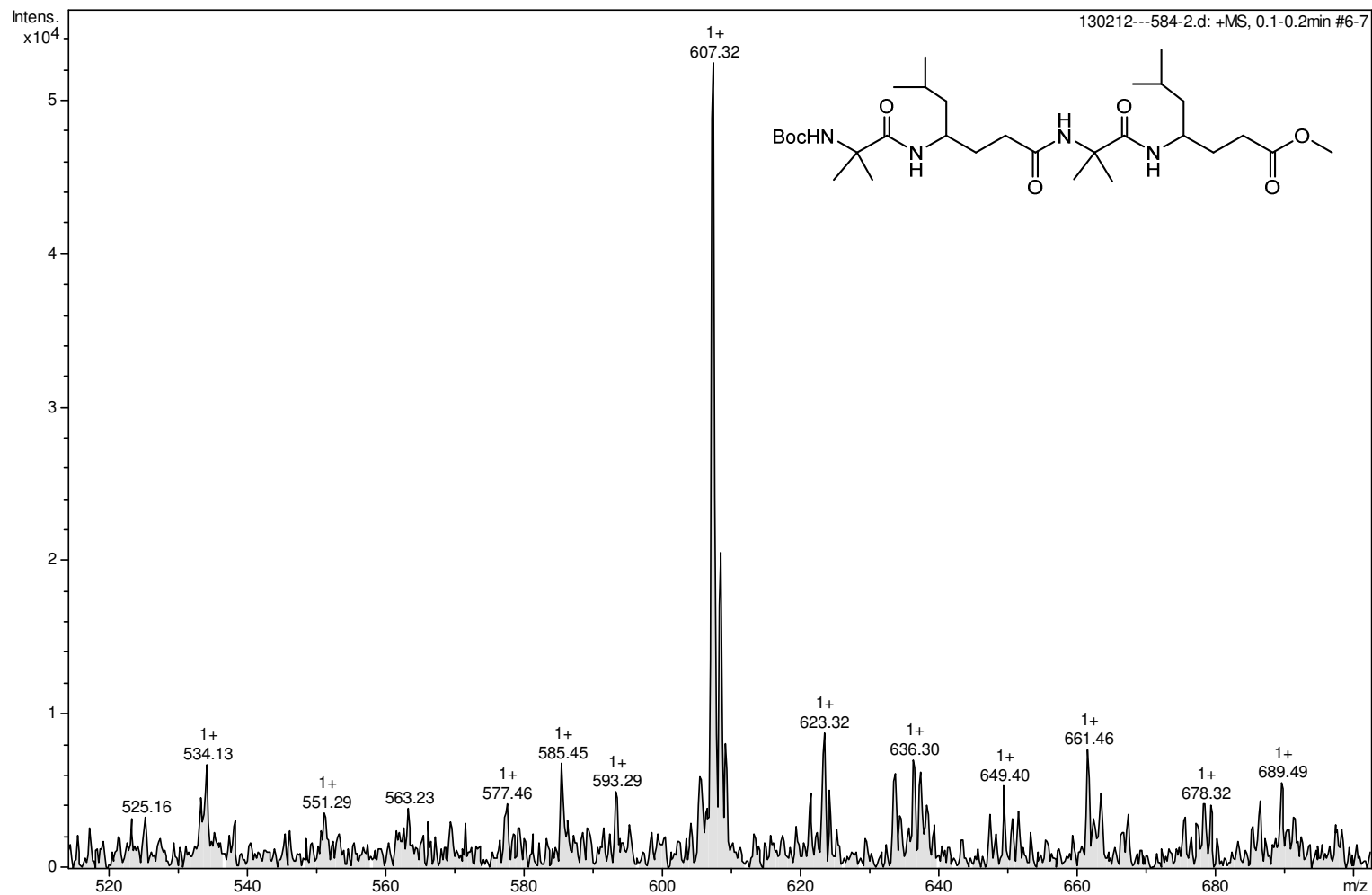
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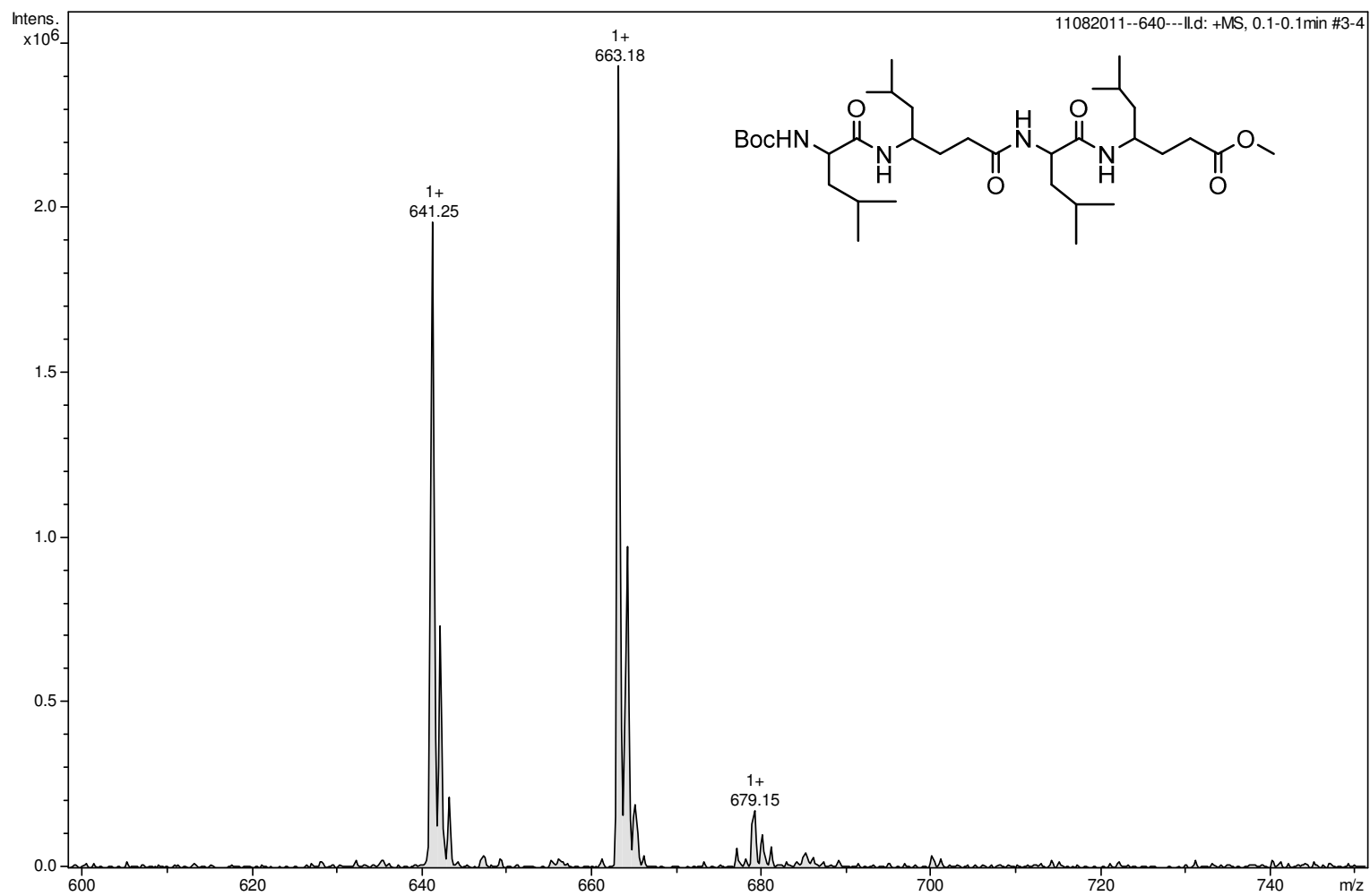
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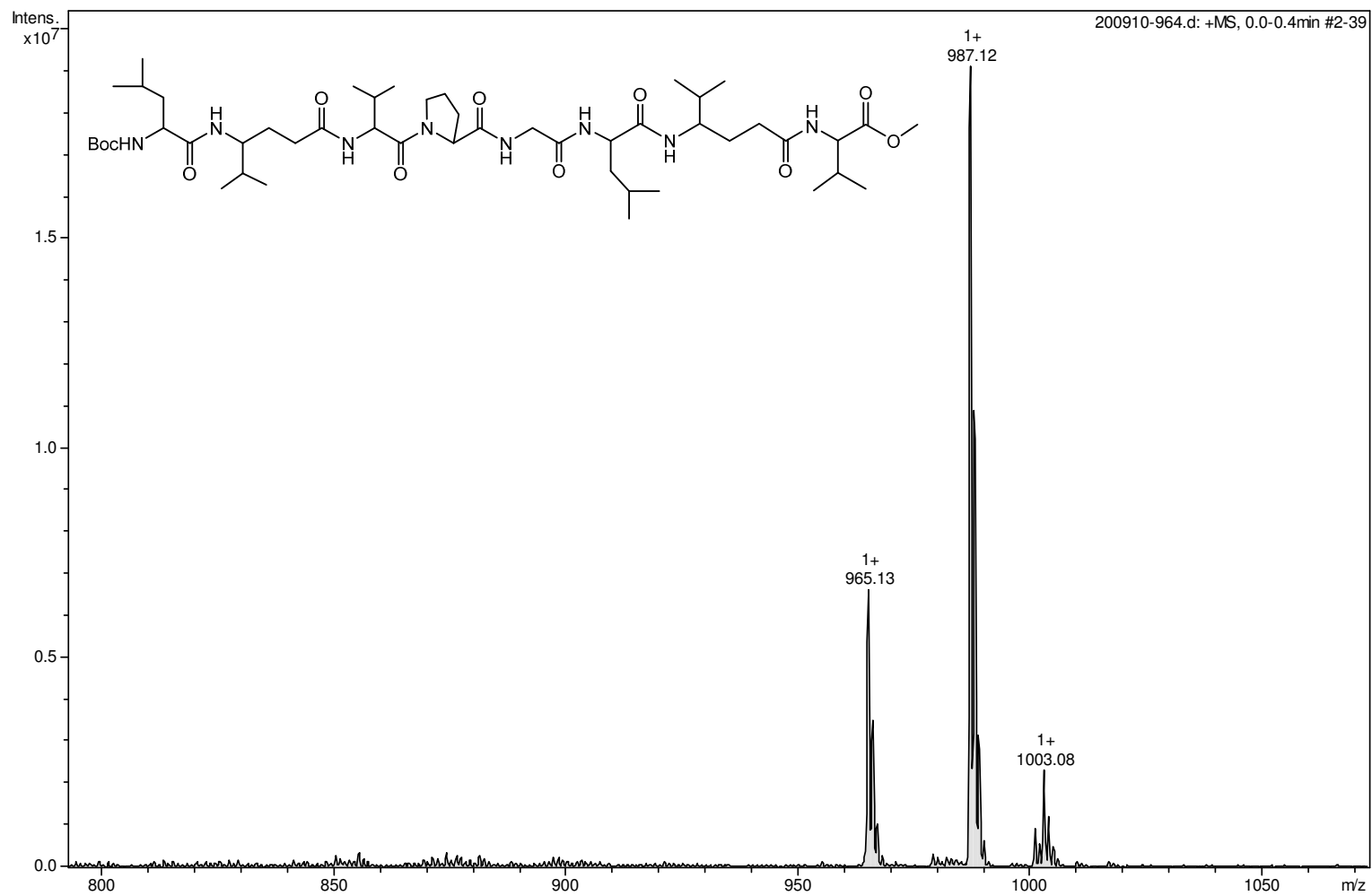
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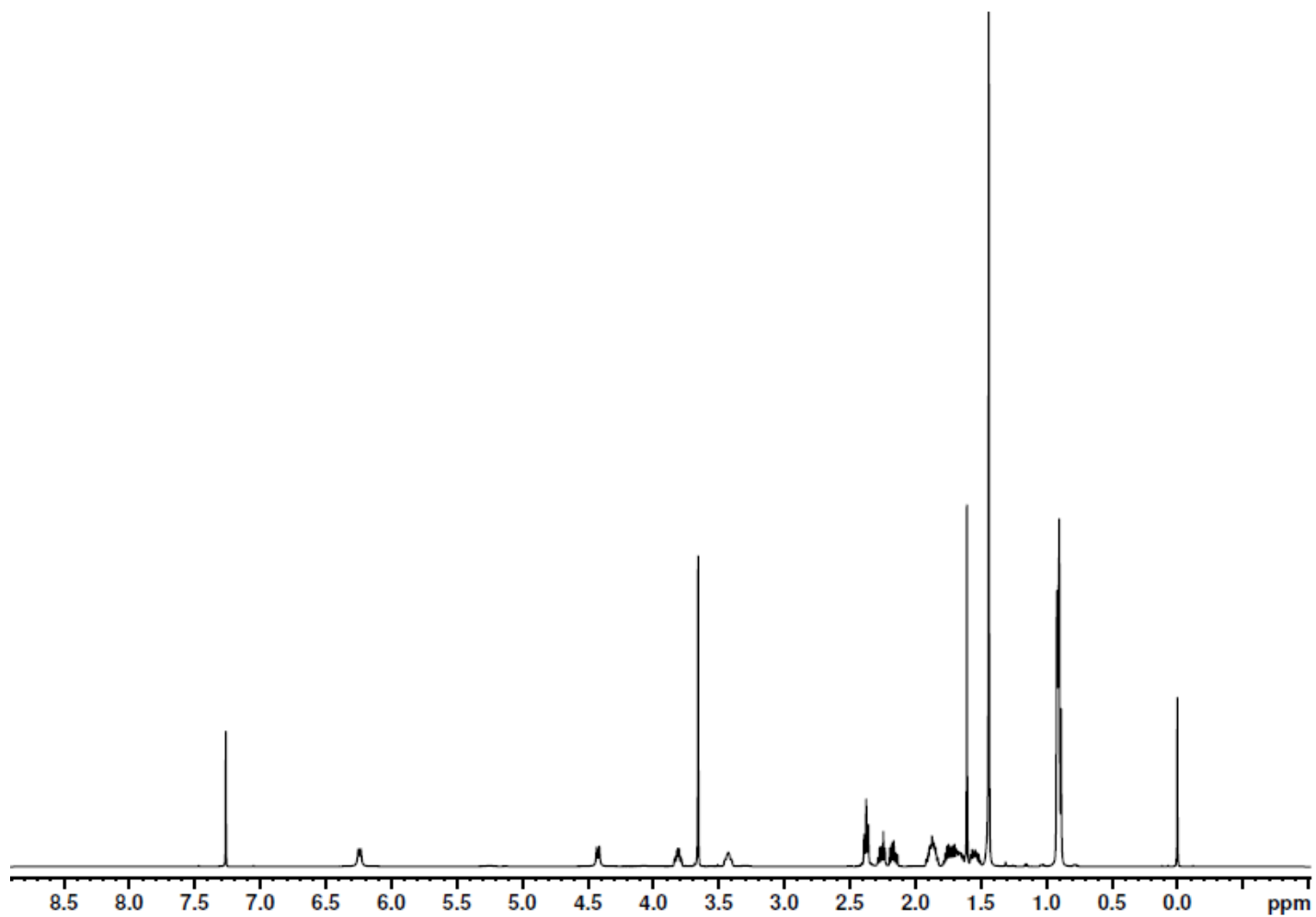


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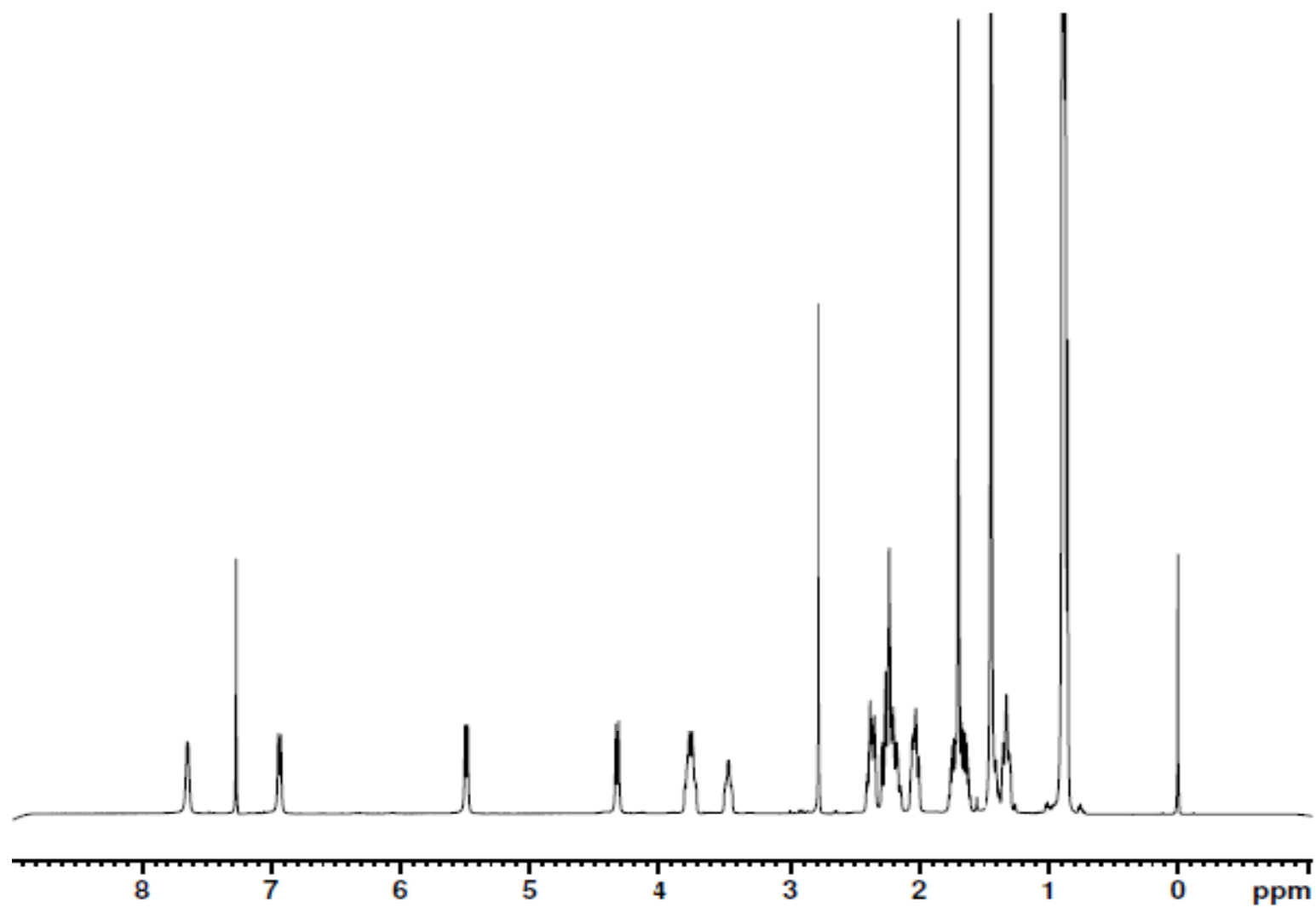


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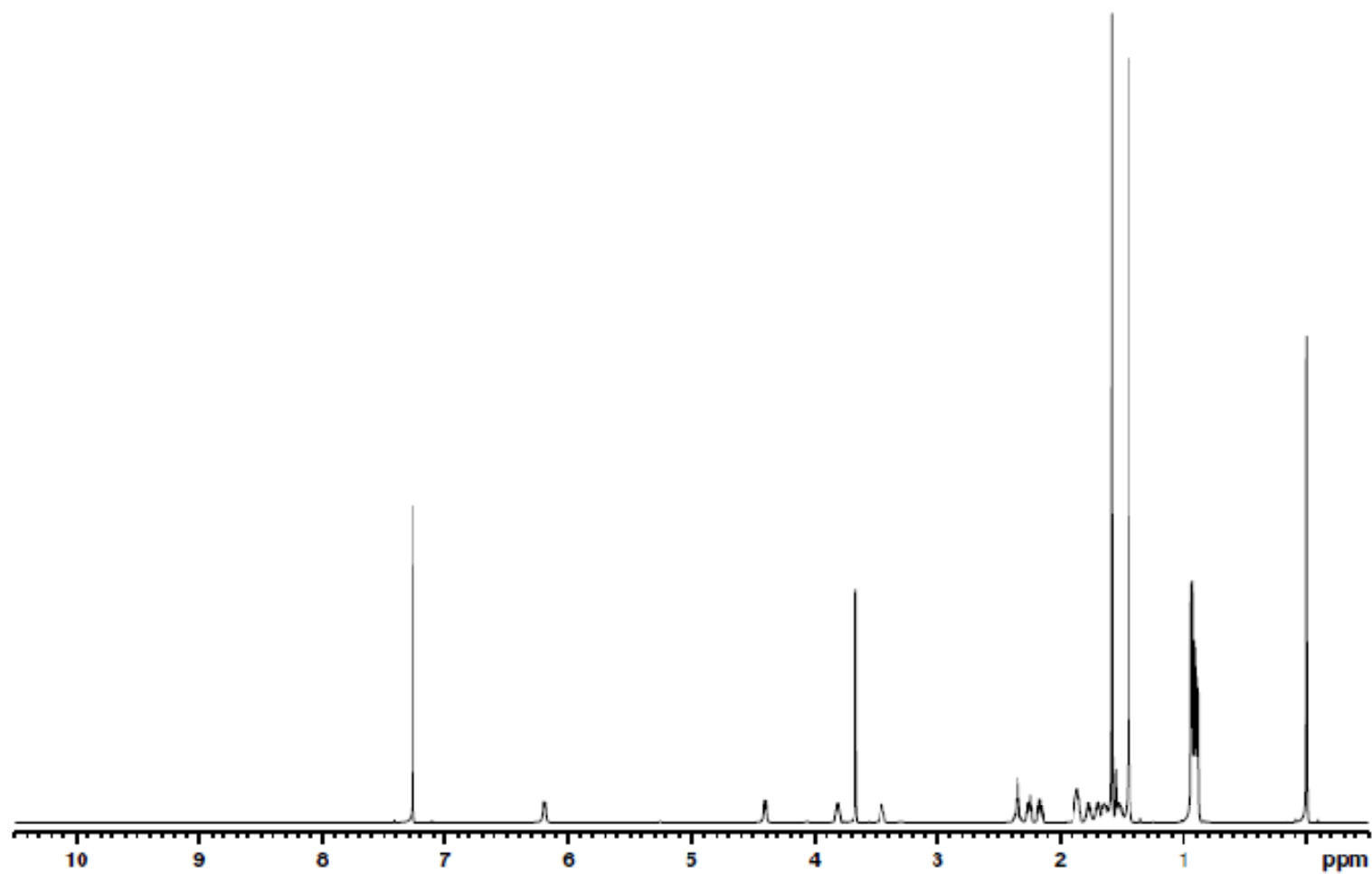
¹H NMR spectra of peptides 1 to 9



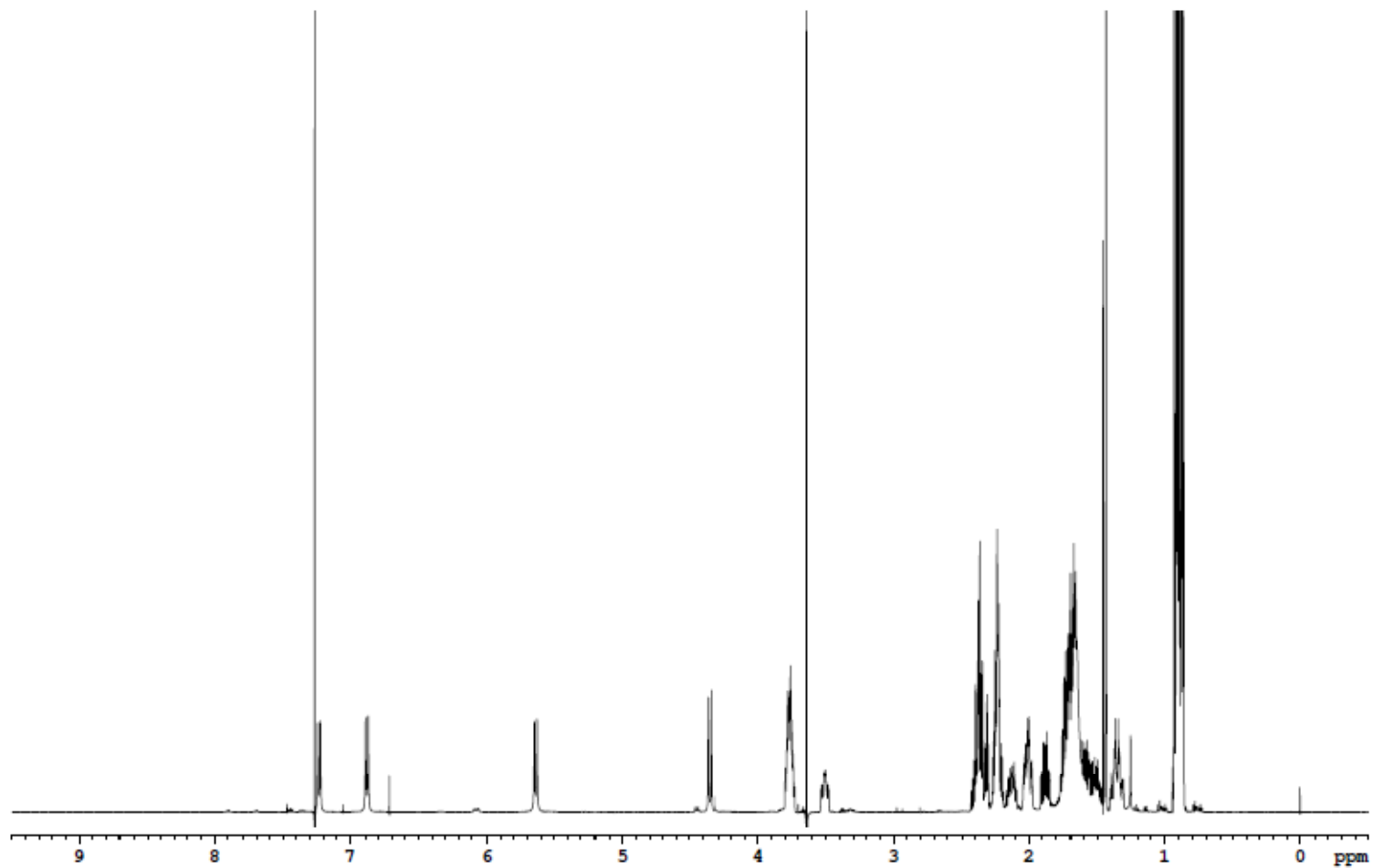
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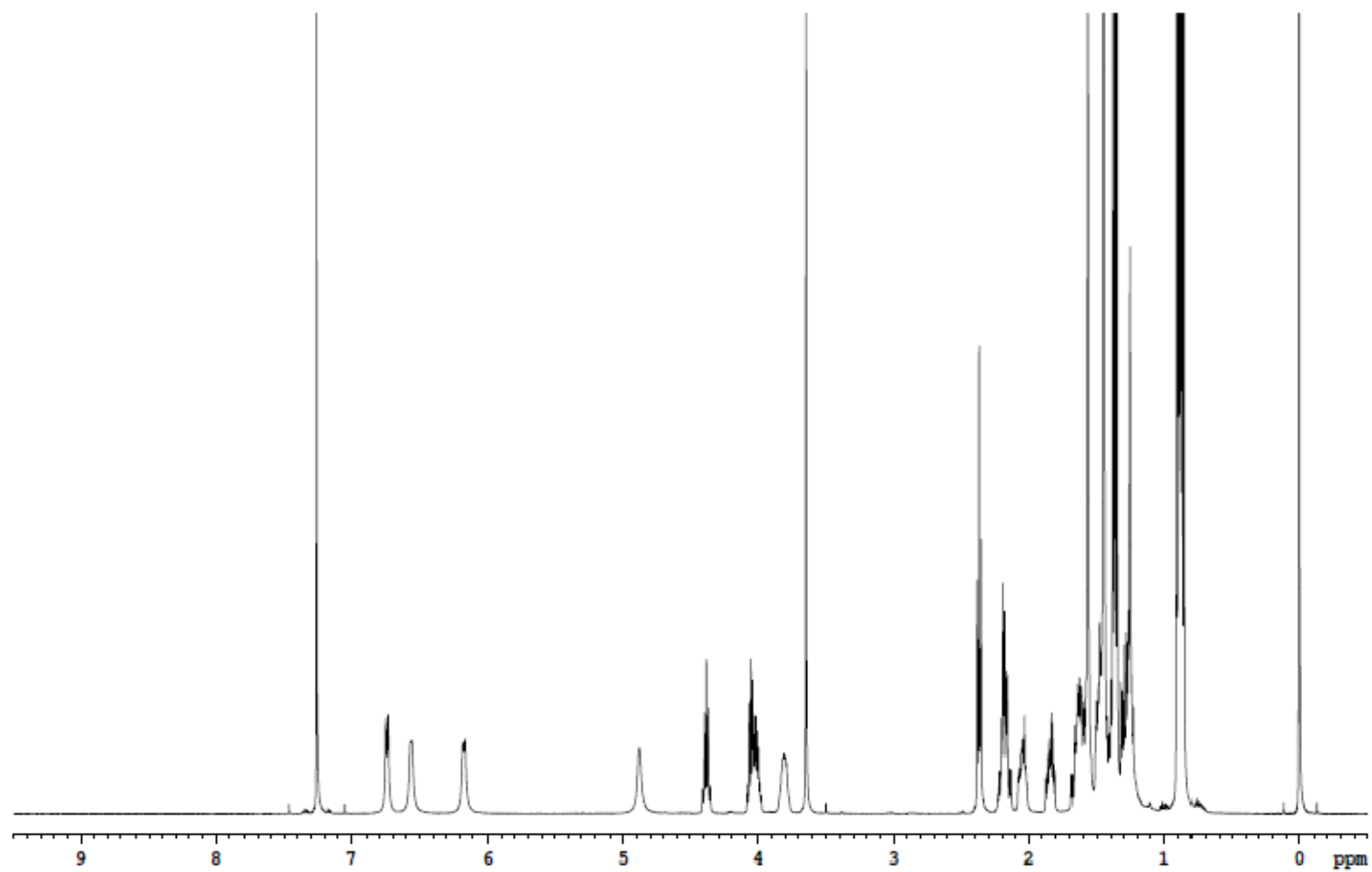
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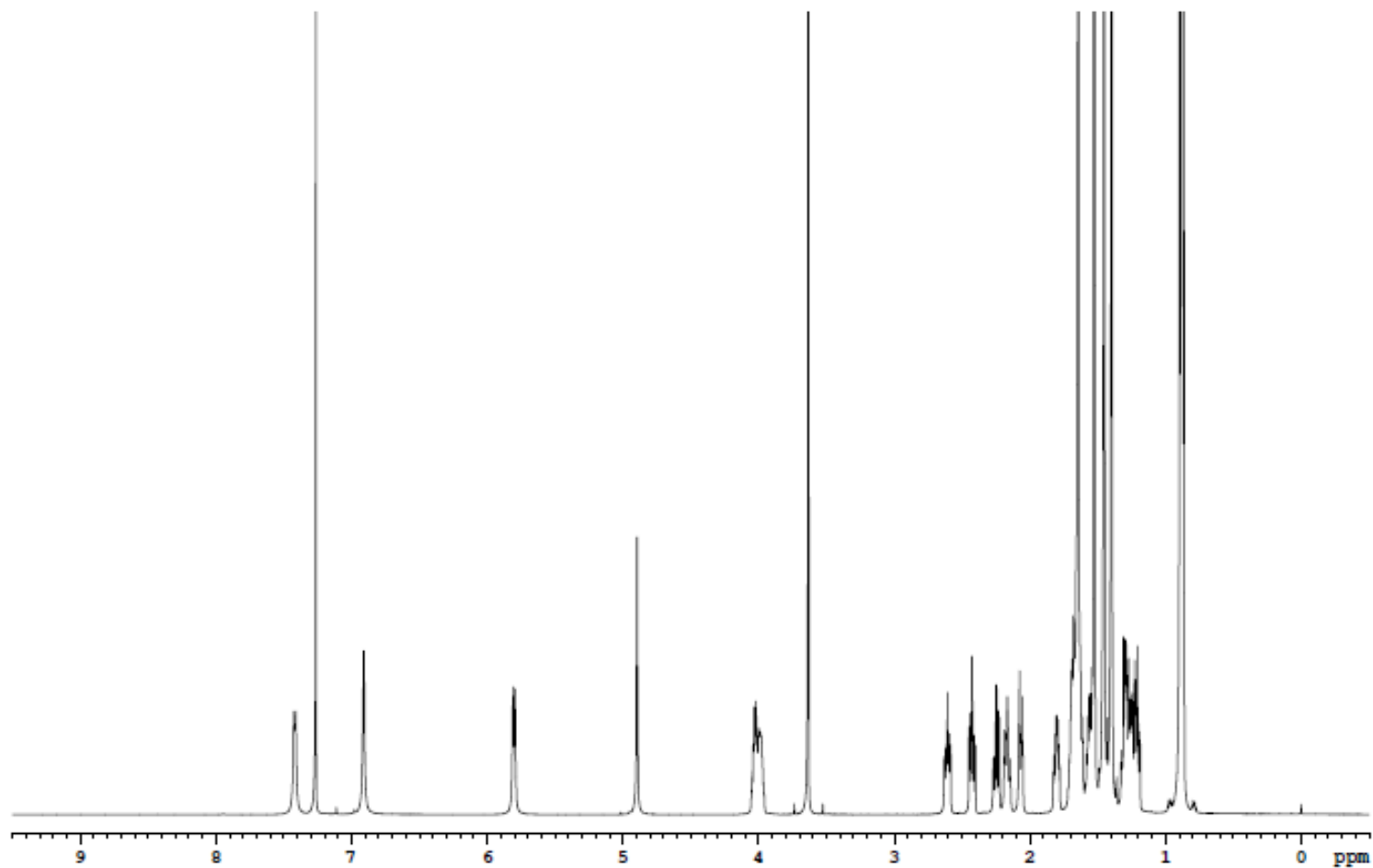
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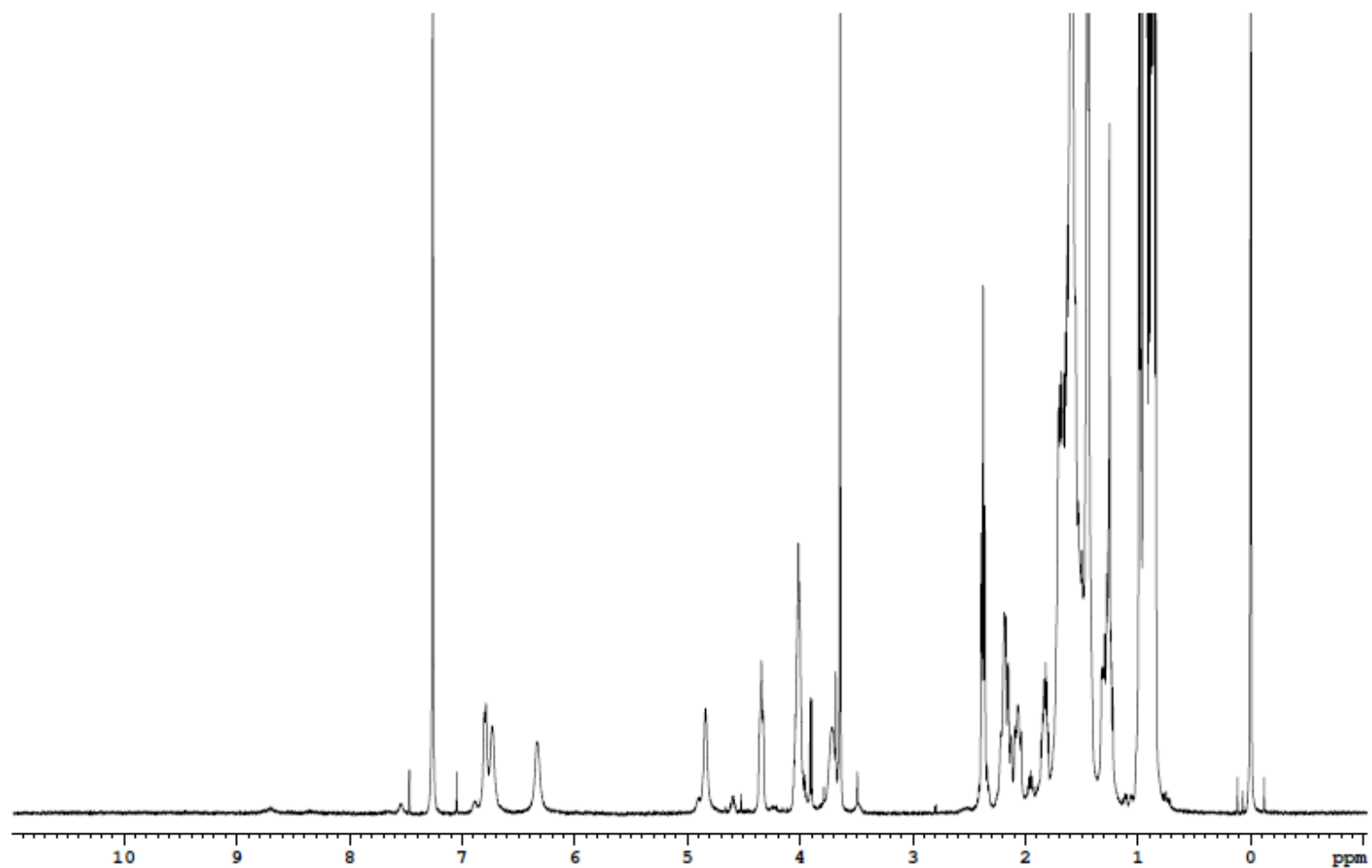
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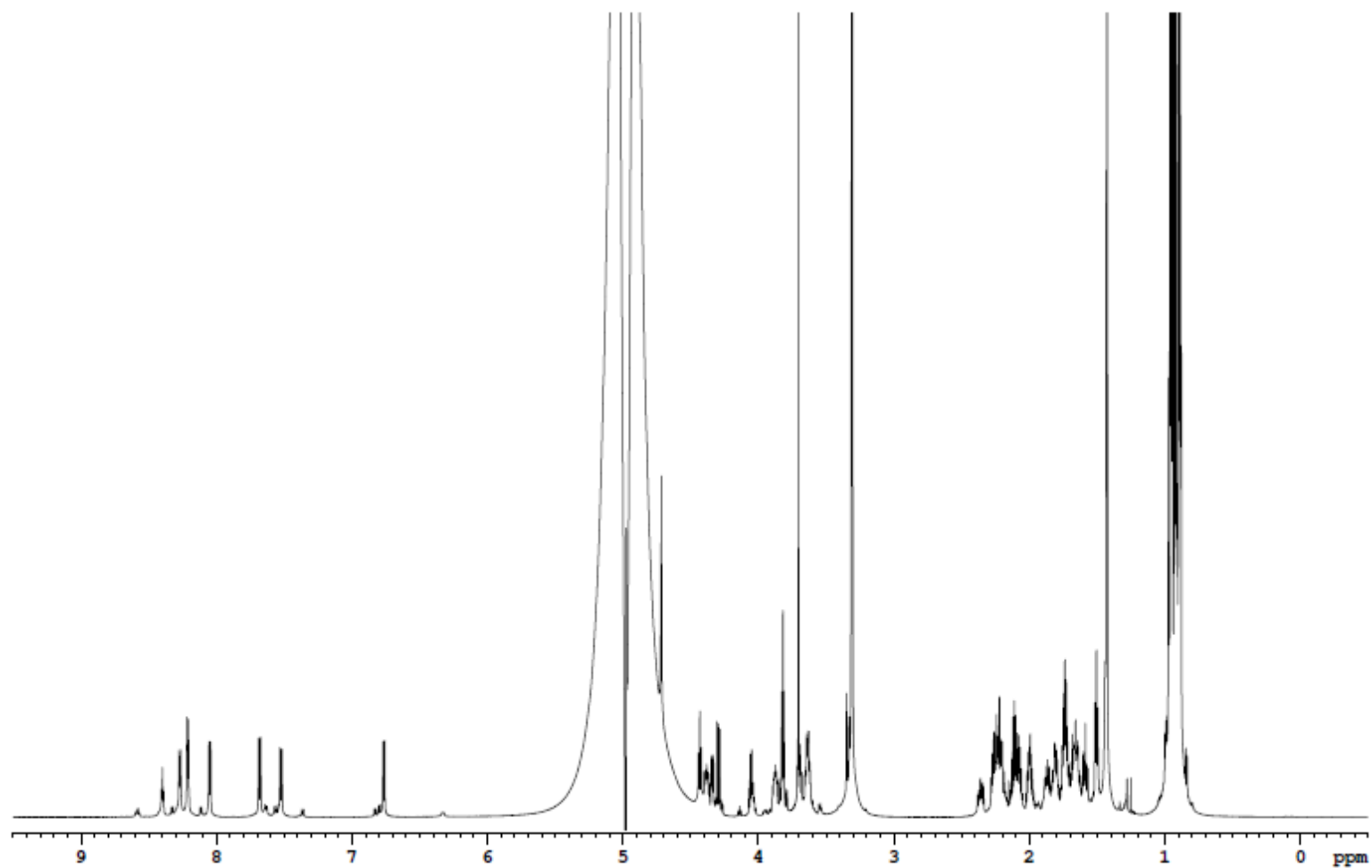
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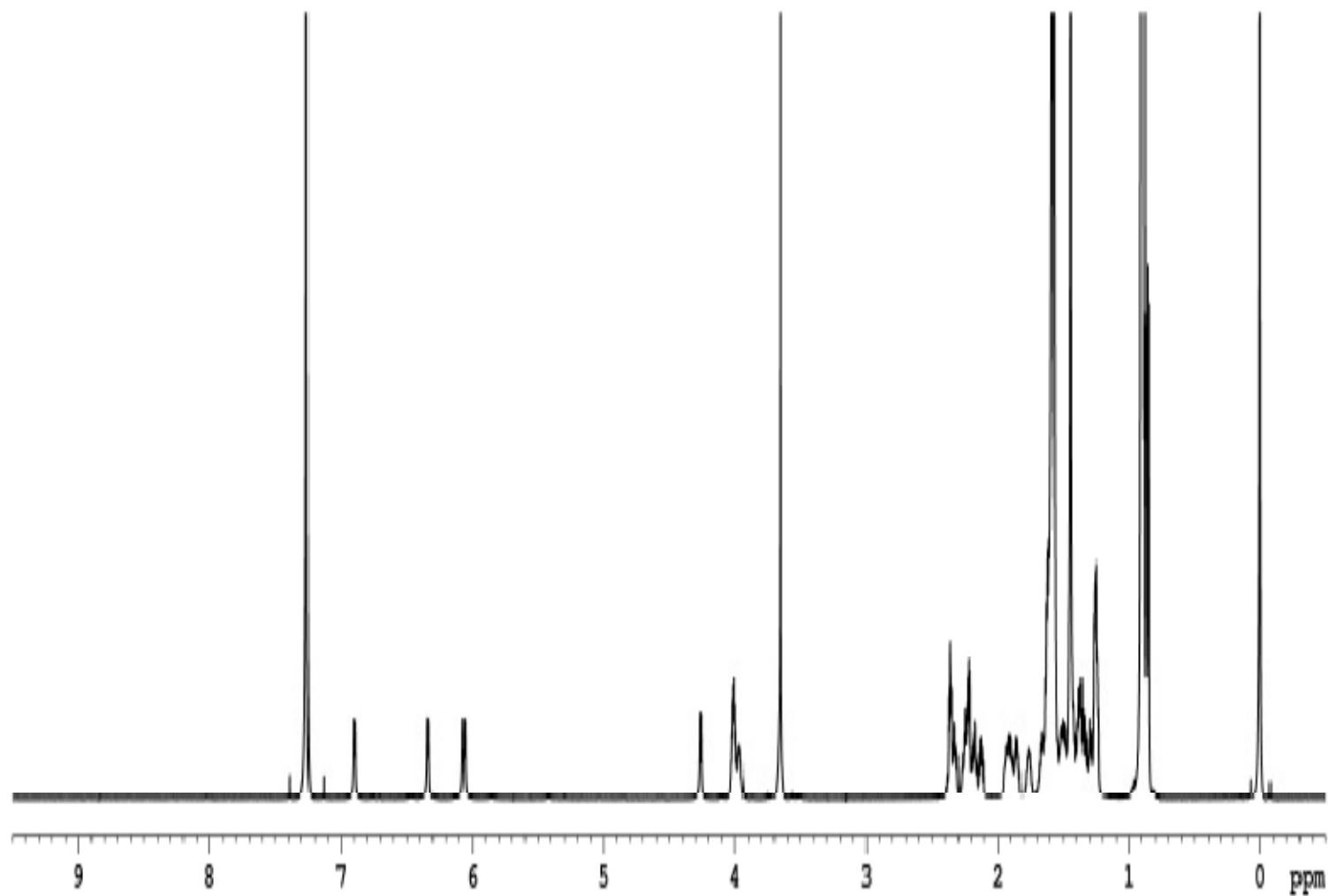
500 MHz 1D ^1H NMR spectrum of Boc-[Aib- $\gamma^4(\text{S})\text{Leu}$] $_2$ -OMe **6** in CDCl_3 at 298 K.



500 MHz 1D ¹H NMR spectrum of Boc-[Leu- γ^4 (*R*)Leu]₂-OMe7 in CDCl₃ at 298 K.



700 MHz 1D ¹H NMR spectrum of Boc-Leu-γ⁴(R)Val-Val-^DPro-Gly-Leu-γ⁴(R)Val-Val-OMe **8** in CD₃OH at 288 K.



500 MHz 1D ¹H NMR spectrum of Boc-[γ⁴(*R*)Leu]₂-δ⁵(*R*)Leu-γ⁴(*R*)Leu-OMe **9** in CDCl₃ at 298 K.