

**Synthesis, Characterization, and Catalytic Activity of Sodium Ketminiate  
Complexes toward the Ring-Opening Polymerization of *L*-Lactide**

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**Electronic Supplementary Information Available:** X-ray crystallography data and

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Na complexes

**Table S1.** Summary of X-ray Crystallography Data of L<sup>Py</sup>-

Na.....2

**Figure S1-S10.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Na complexes.....3-12

**Figure S11-S33.** All the GPC results of the PLA.....13-24

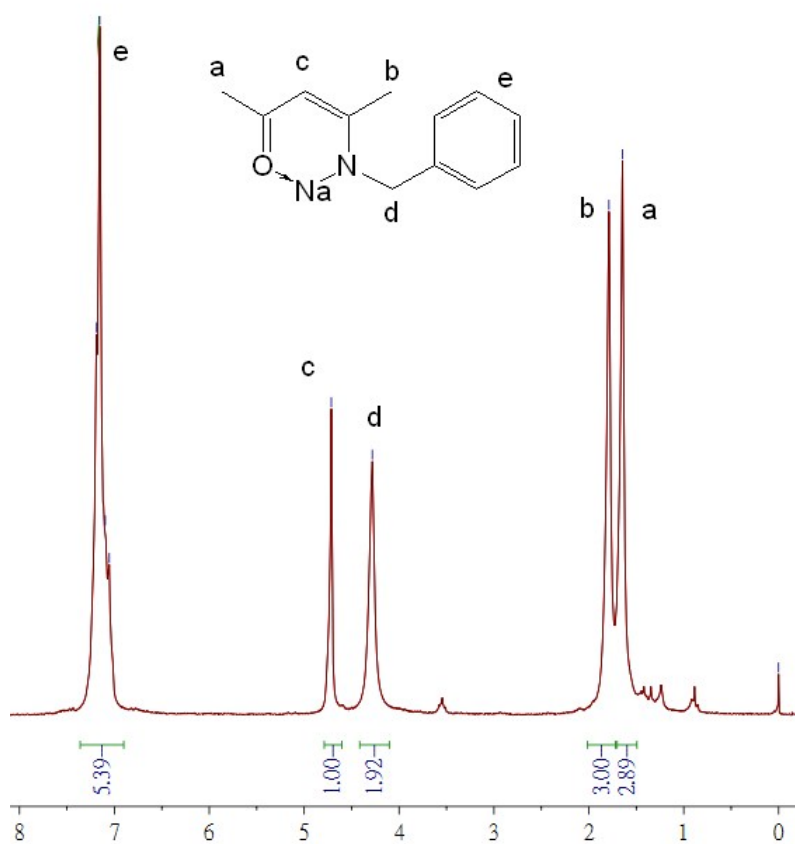
**Table S1.** Summary of X-ray Crystallography Data of L<sup>Pv</sup>-Na

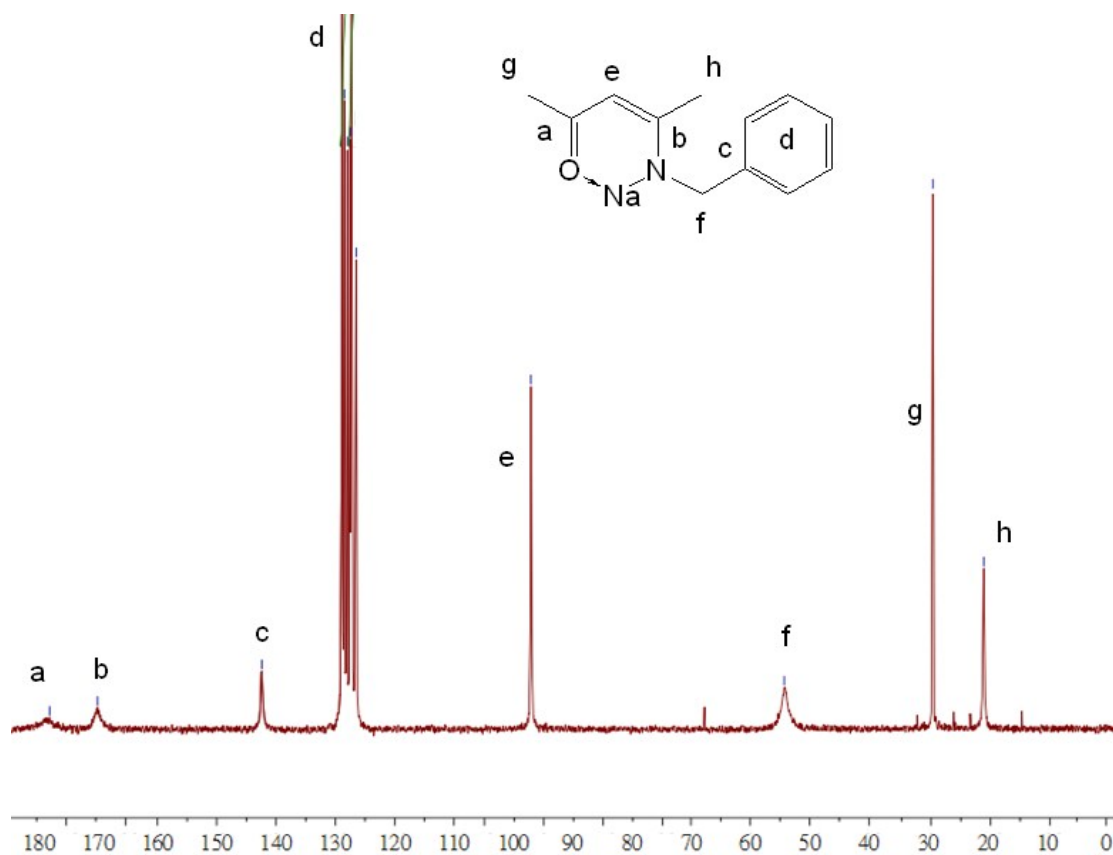
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Form. Weight	212.22
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C 1 2/c 1
a (Å)	37.8452(19)
b (Å)	15.6845(5)
c (Å)	17.0802(10)
α(°)	90°
β(°)	116.801(7)°
γ(°)	90°
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	9049.4(8)
Z	32
Density	1.246 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
F(000)	3584
Crystal size(mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.3 x 0.3 x 0.2
θ range	2.78 to 26.00°
Index ranges	-43<=h<=46 -19<=k<=19 -20<=l<=21
Ref. collected	28279
Ind. Reflections	8697 [R(int) = 0.0384]
Complete to θ	97.7 %
Max. and min transmission	1.000000 and 0.97136
Data / Restraints/ parameters	8697 / 0 / 541
GOF	1.038
Final R indices	R1 = 0.0639
[I > 2 sigma (I)]	wR2 = 0.1781
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0954 wR2 = 0.2021
Largest diff. Peak and hole	0.562 and -0.447 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
Temperature	110(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Abs. correction	SADABS
Refine. Method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>

$$^aR1=|(F_o|-|F_c|)/|F_o|.$$

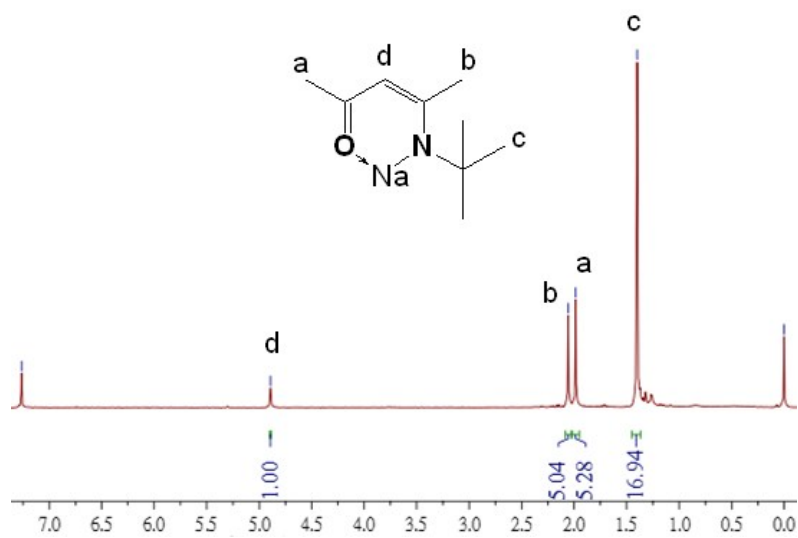
$${}^bR2 = \{[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / [w](F_o^2)^2\}^{1/2}, w = 0.10.$$

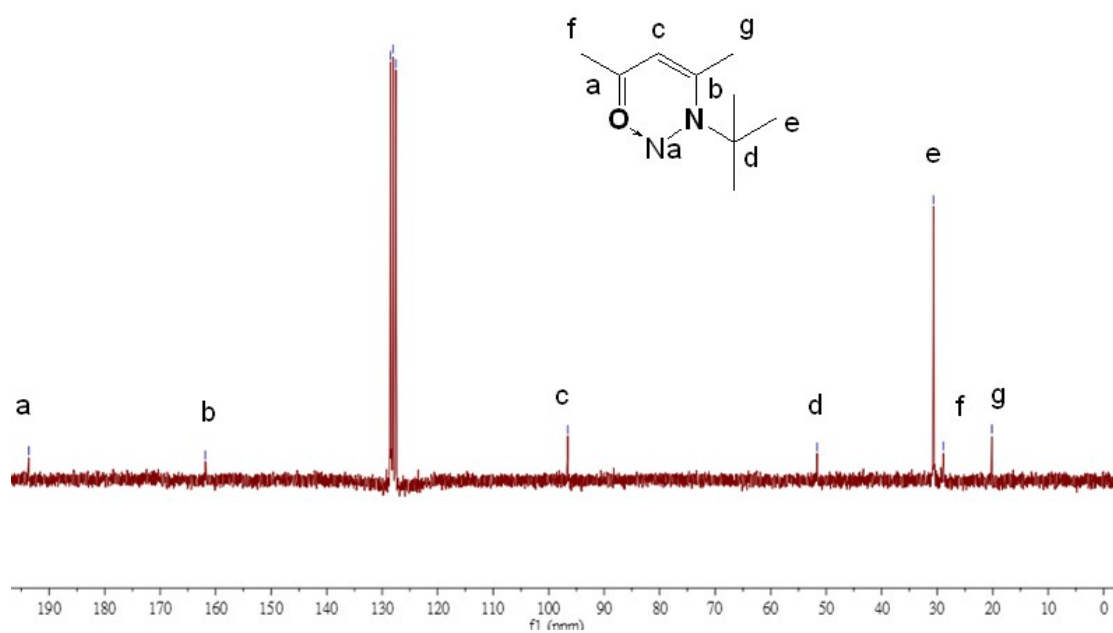
$${}^cGoF = [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{\text{reflms}} - N_{\text{params}})^{1/2}.$$





**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{L}^{\text{Bn}}\text{-Na}$





**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{L}^{\text{Bu}}\text{-Na}$

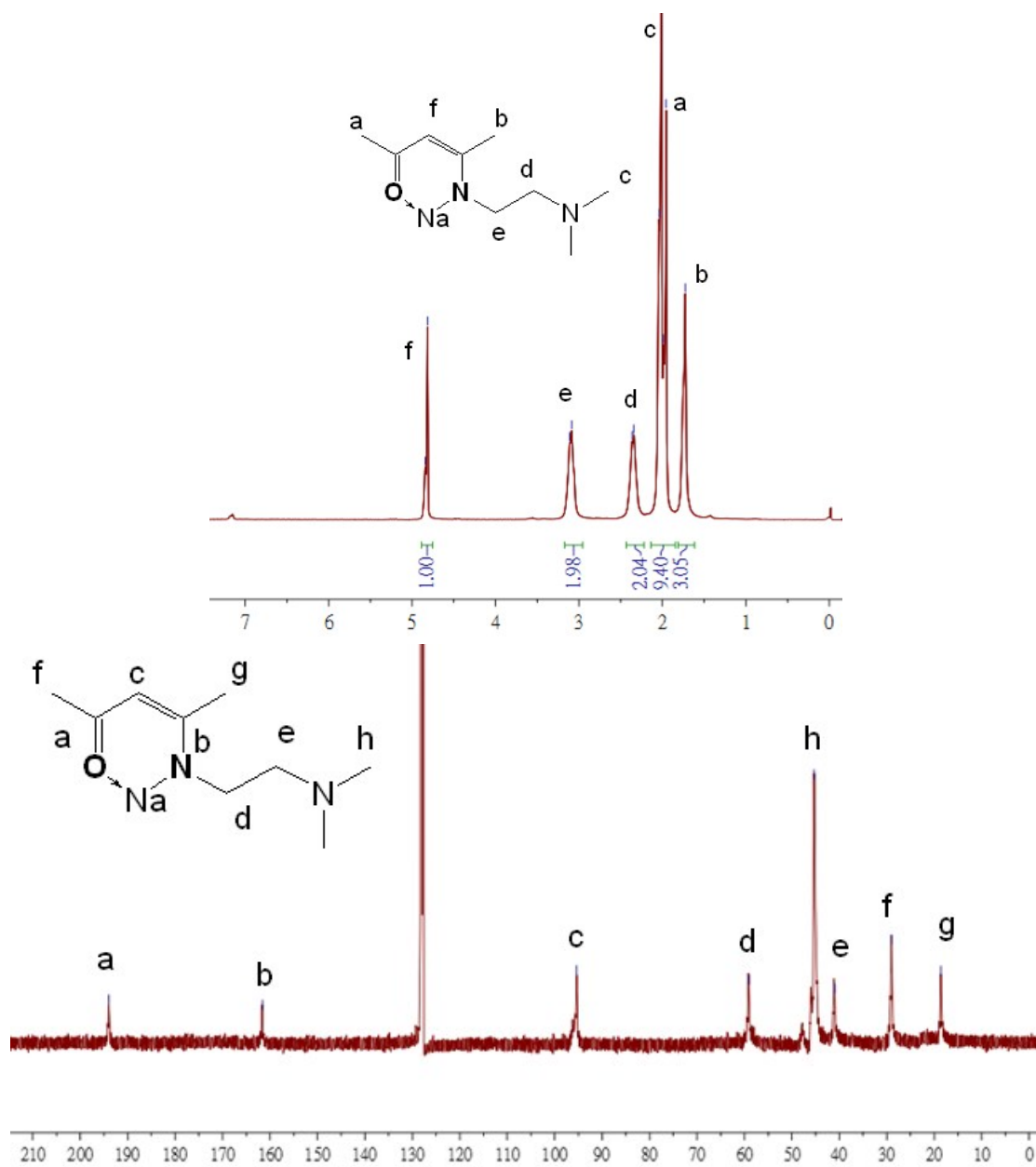
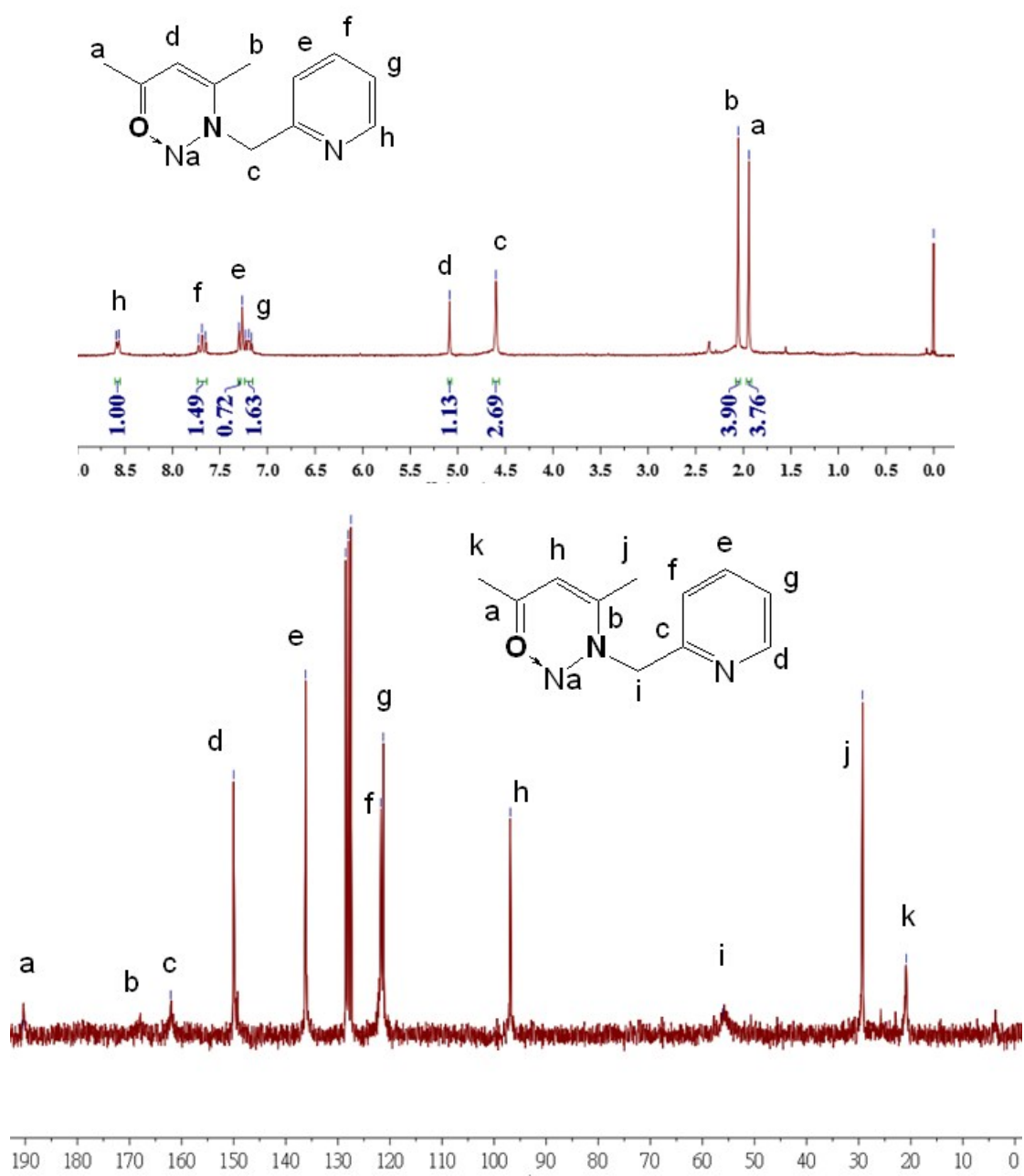


Figure S3.  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{C2N-Na}$



**Figure S4.**  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{Py-Na}$

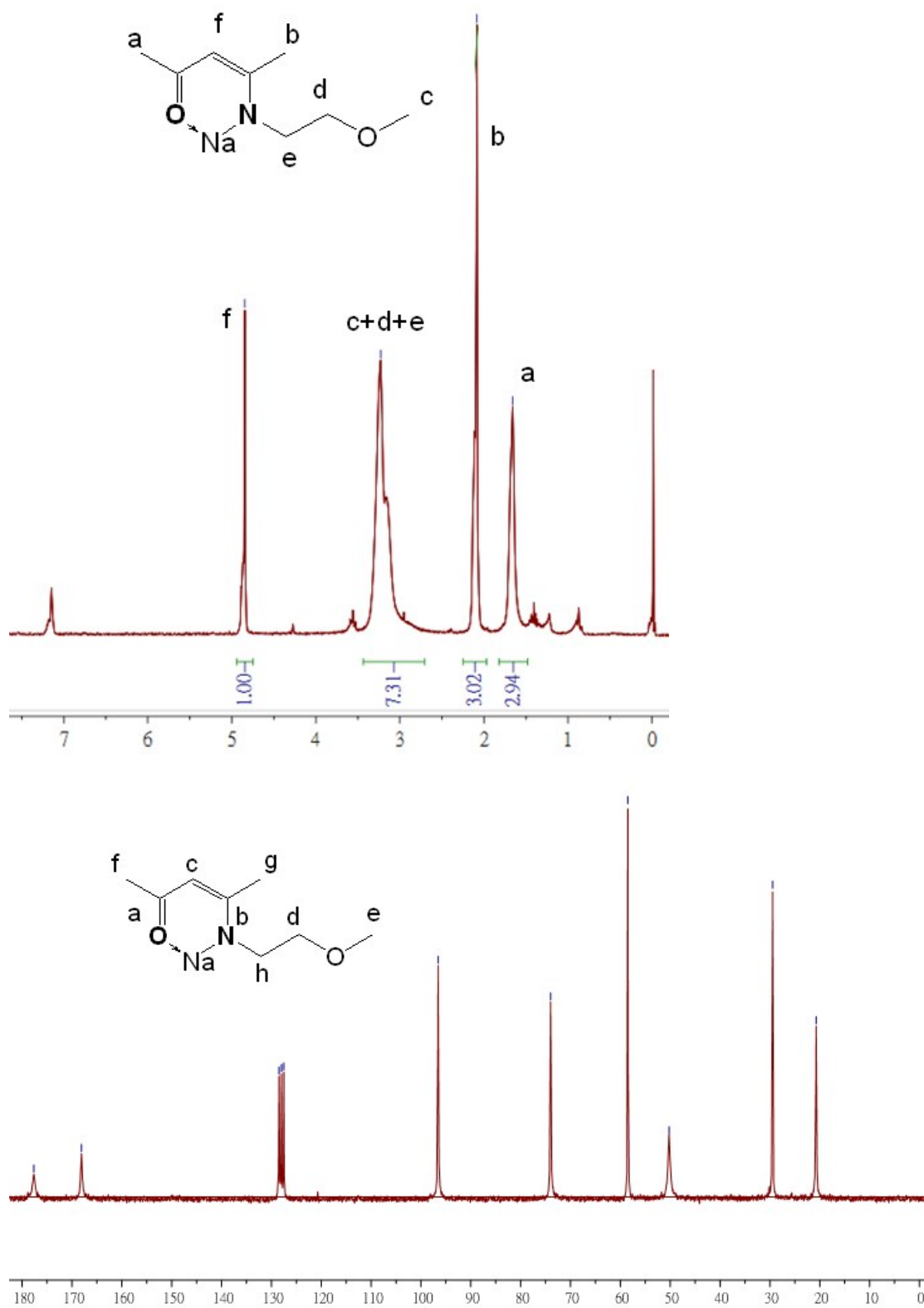


Figure S5.  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{C20-Na}$



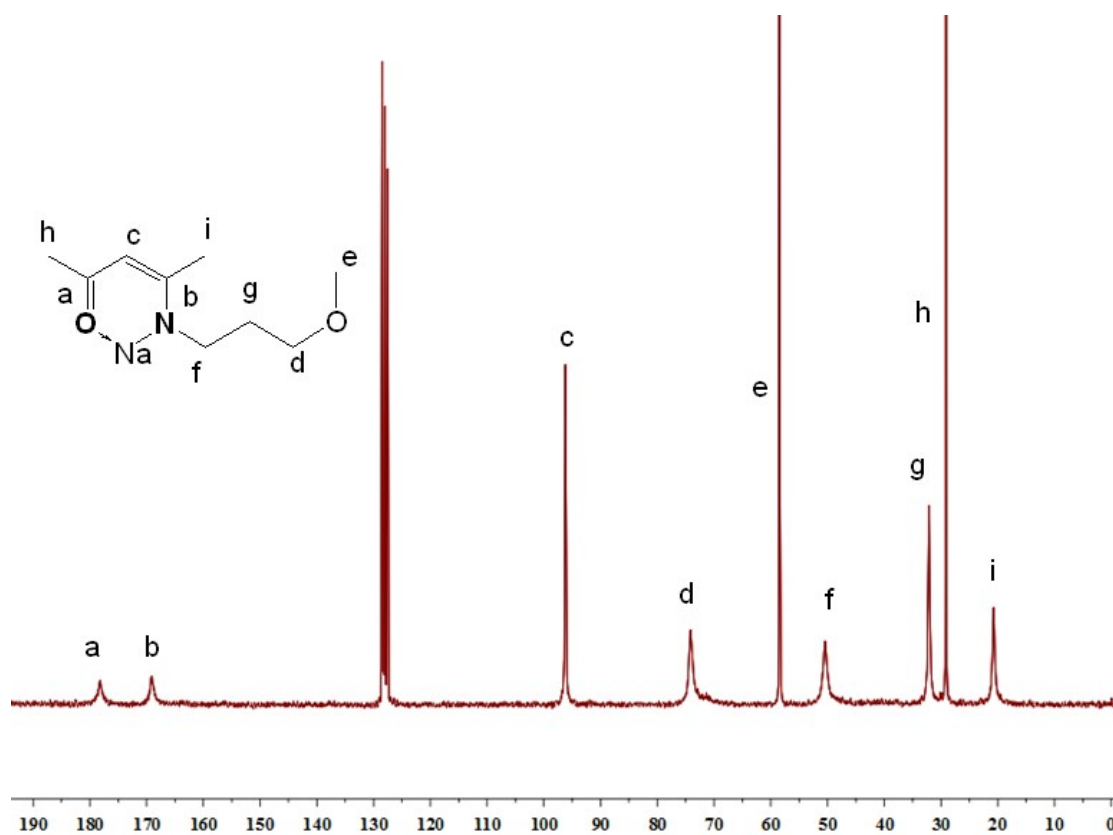
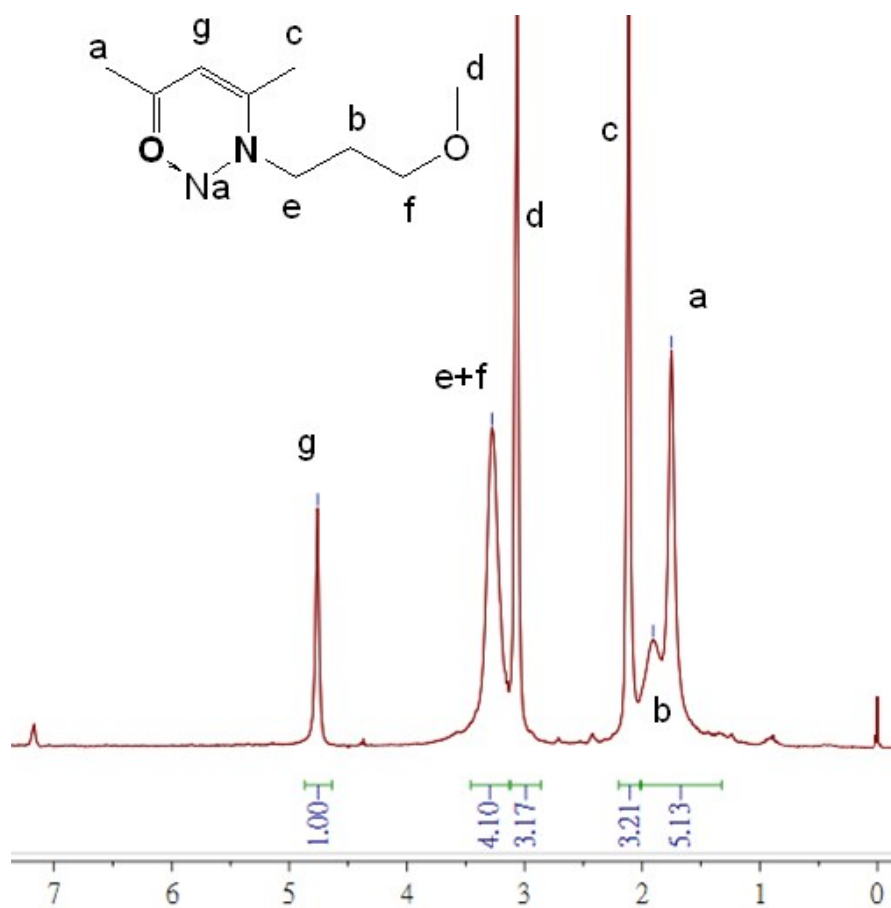


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{LC}^{30}\text{-Na}$

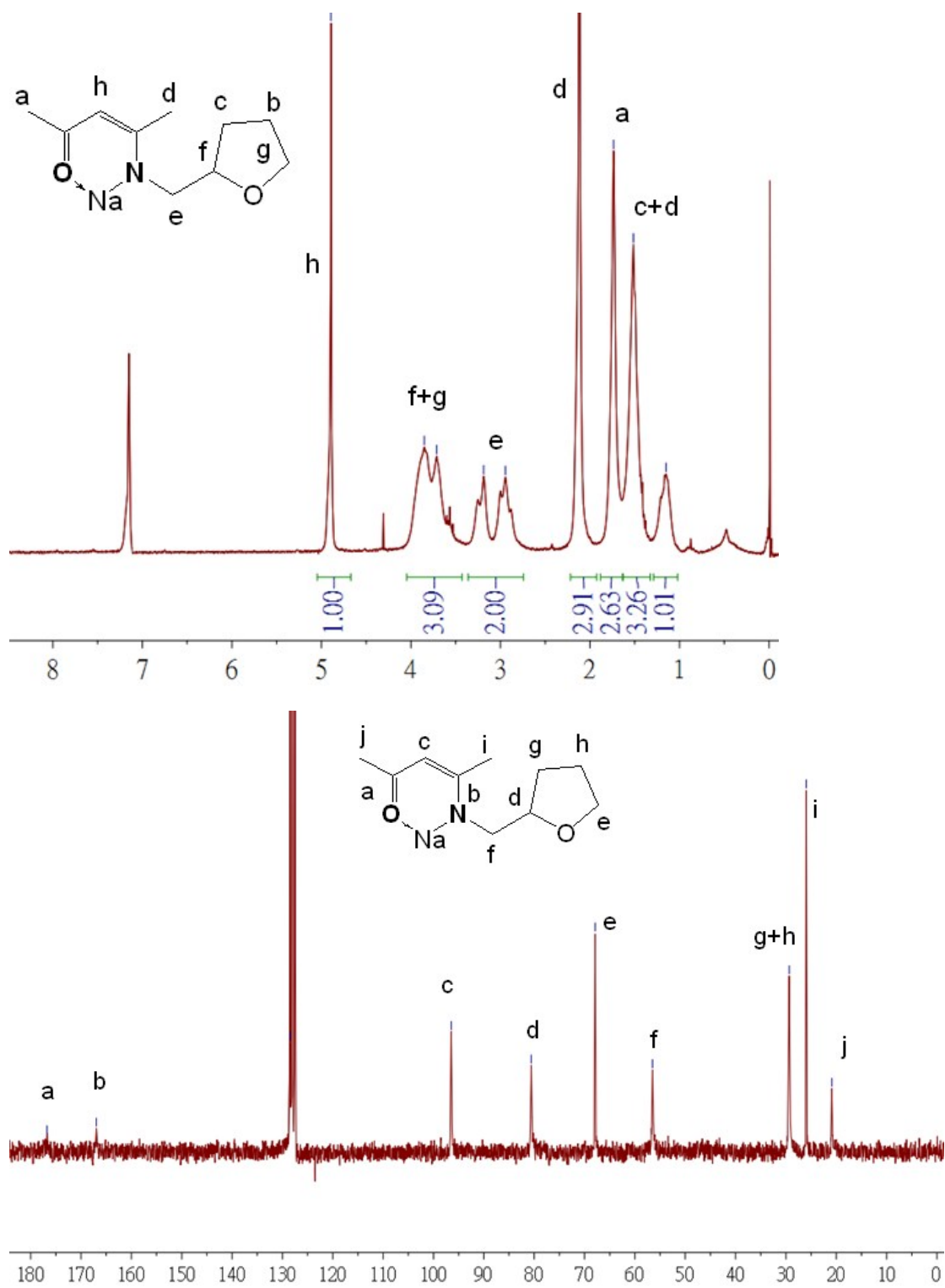
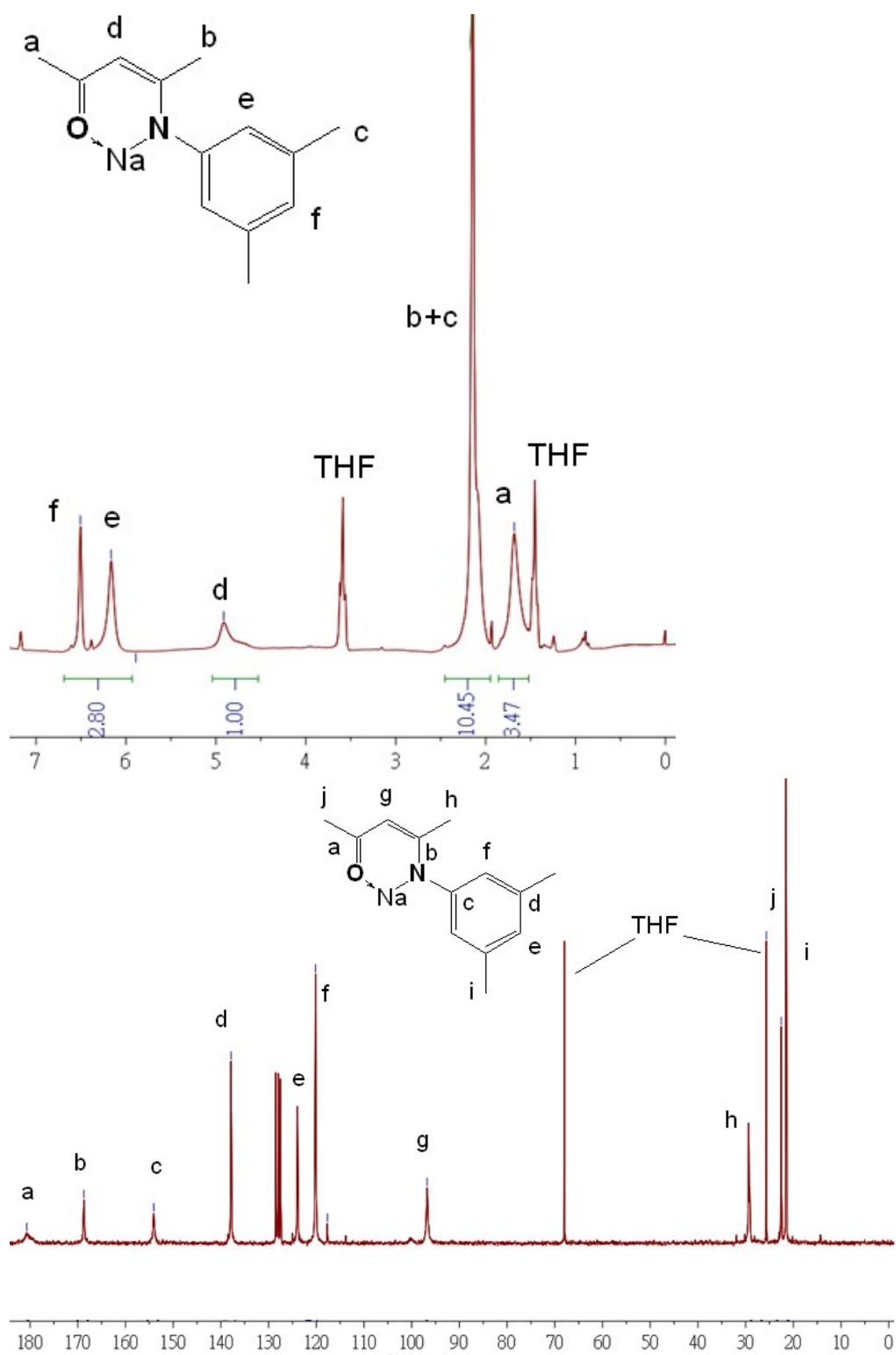
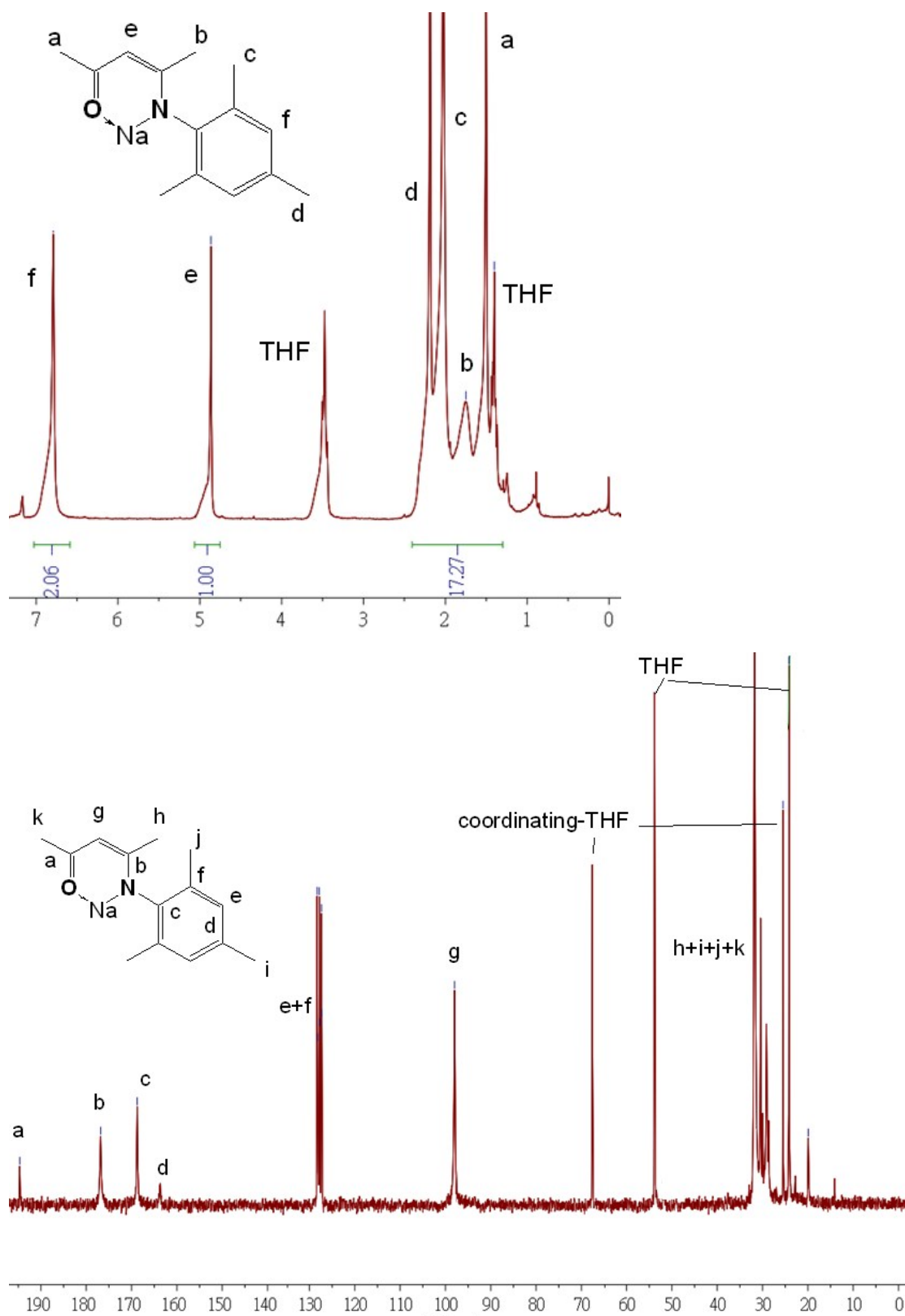


Figure S7.  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{THF-Na}$



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{PhC2}\text{-Na}$



**Figure S9.**  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{PhC3-Na}$

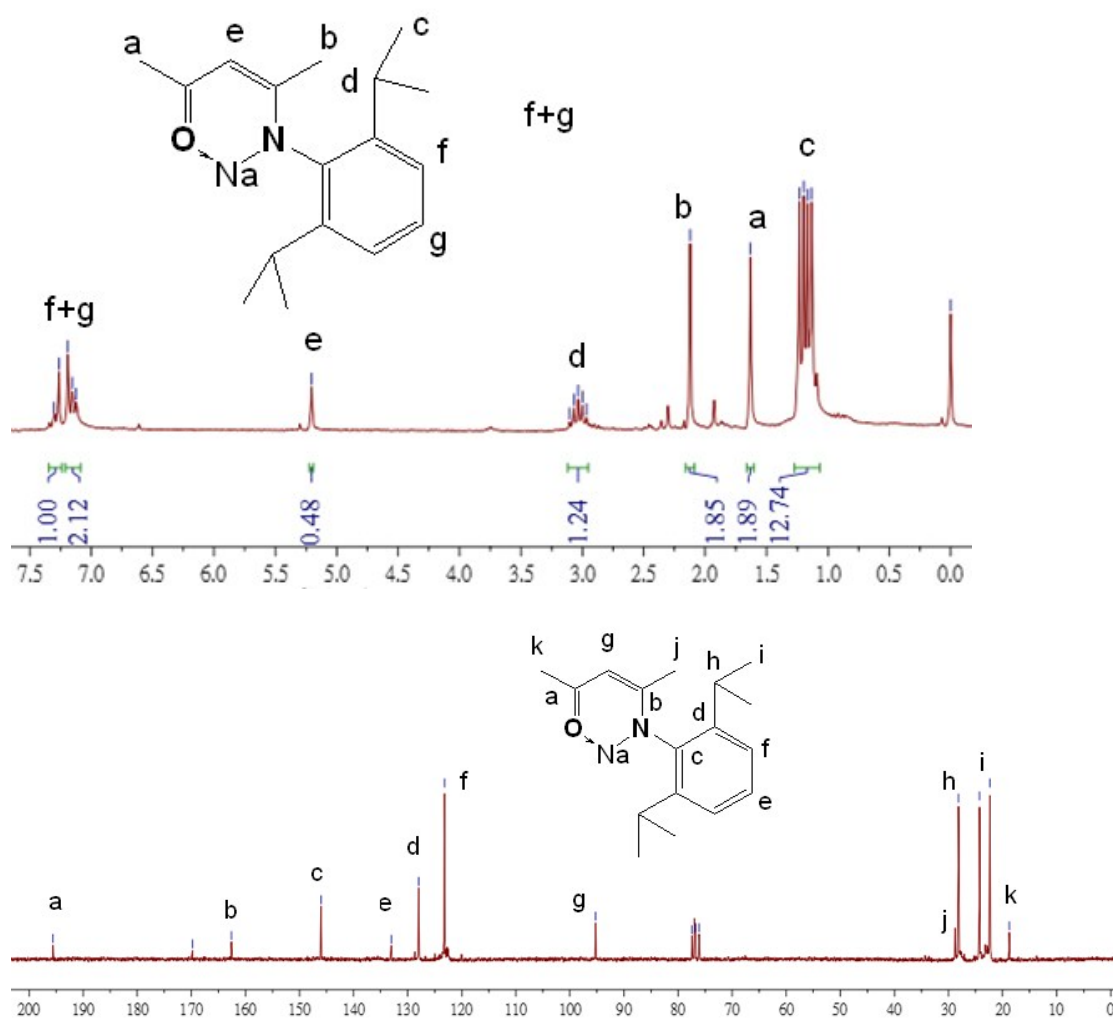


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $L^{\text{PhiPr-Na}}$

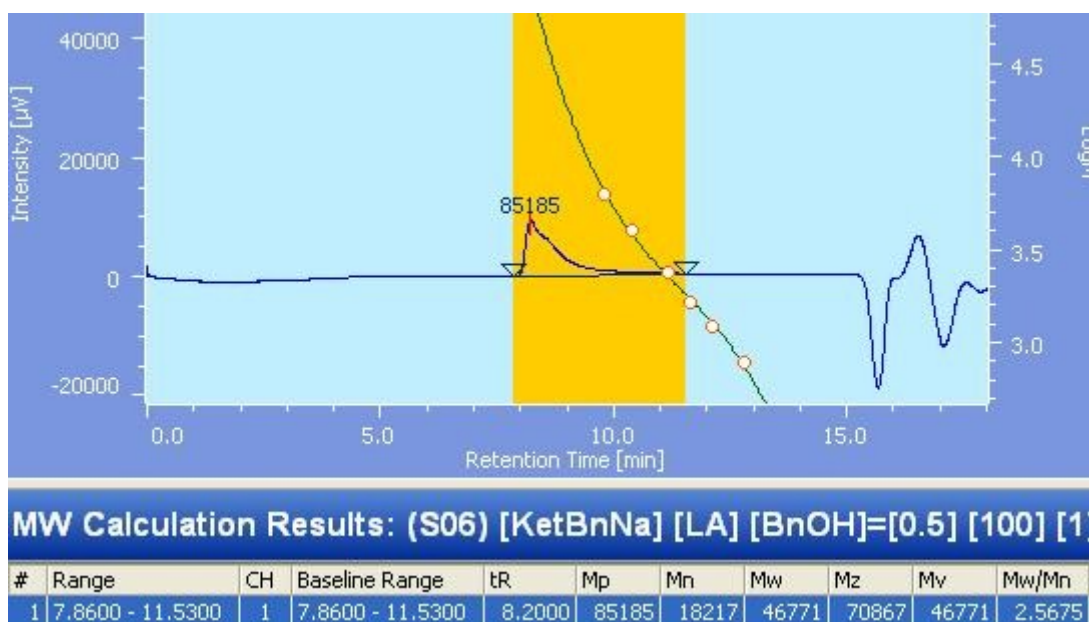


Figure S11. GPC result of PLA of entry 1

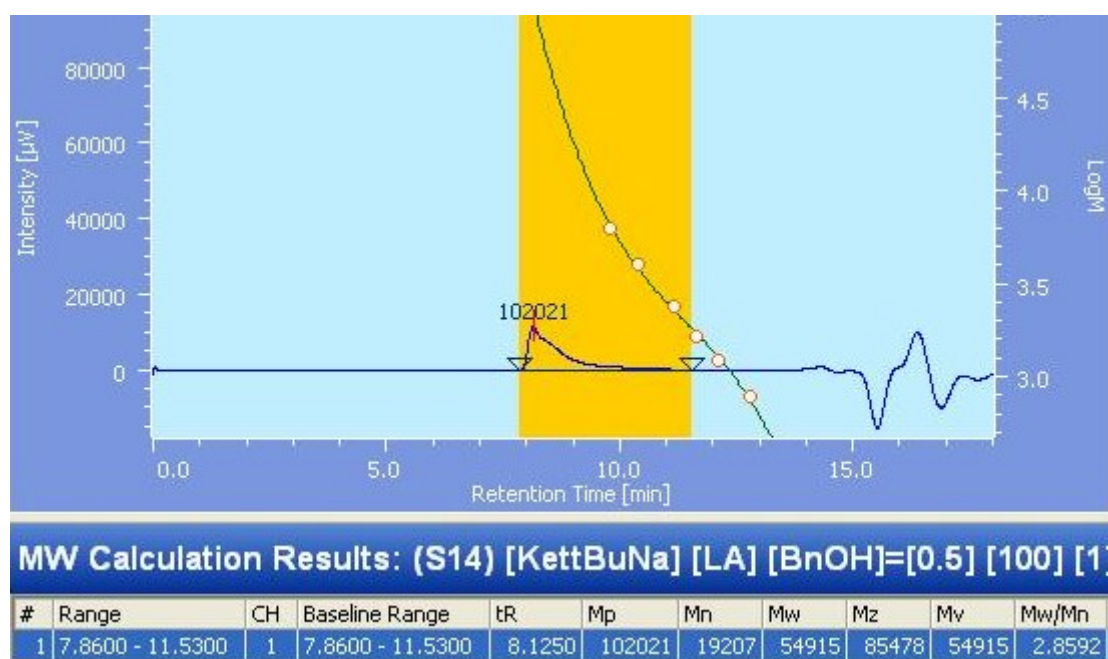


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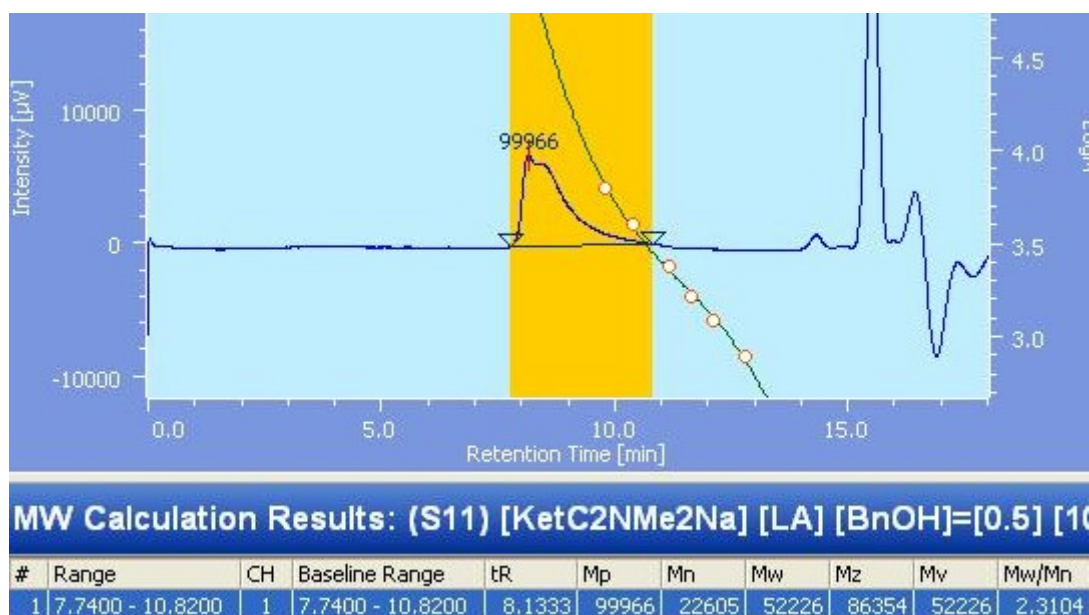


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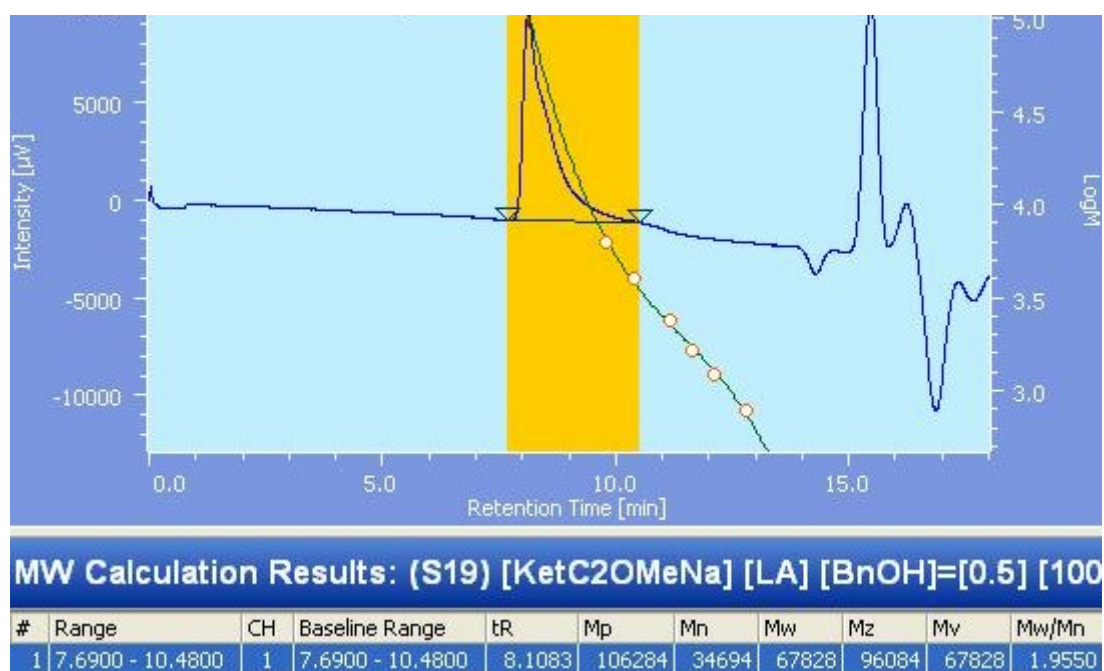
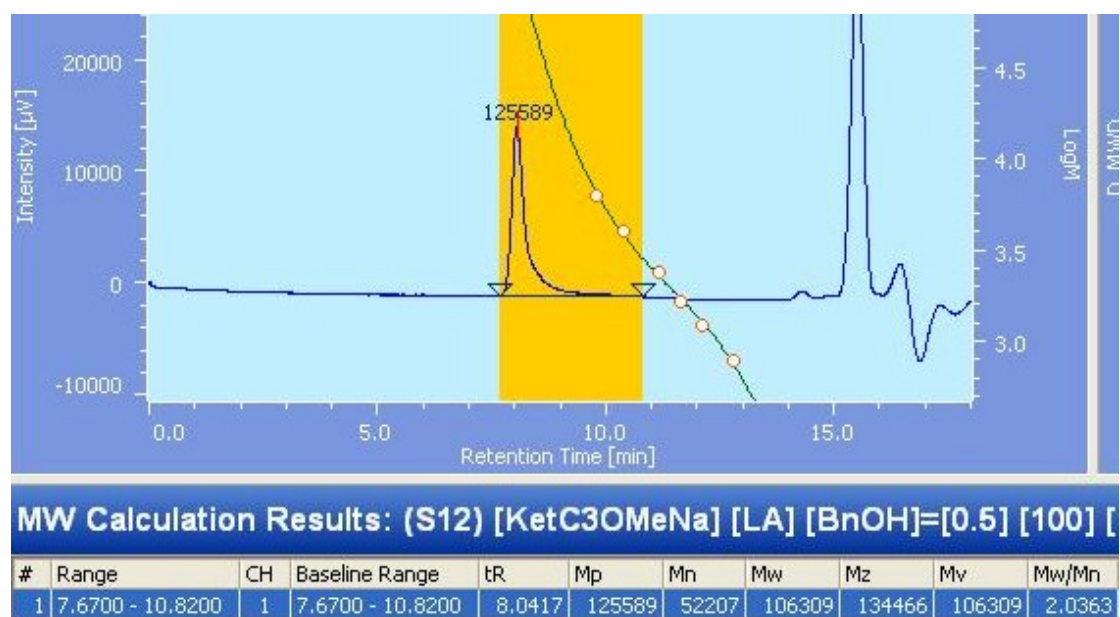
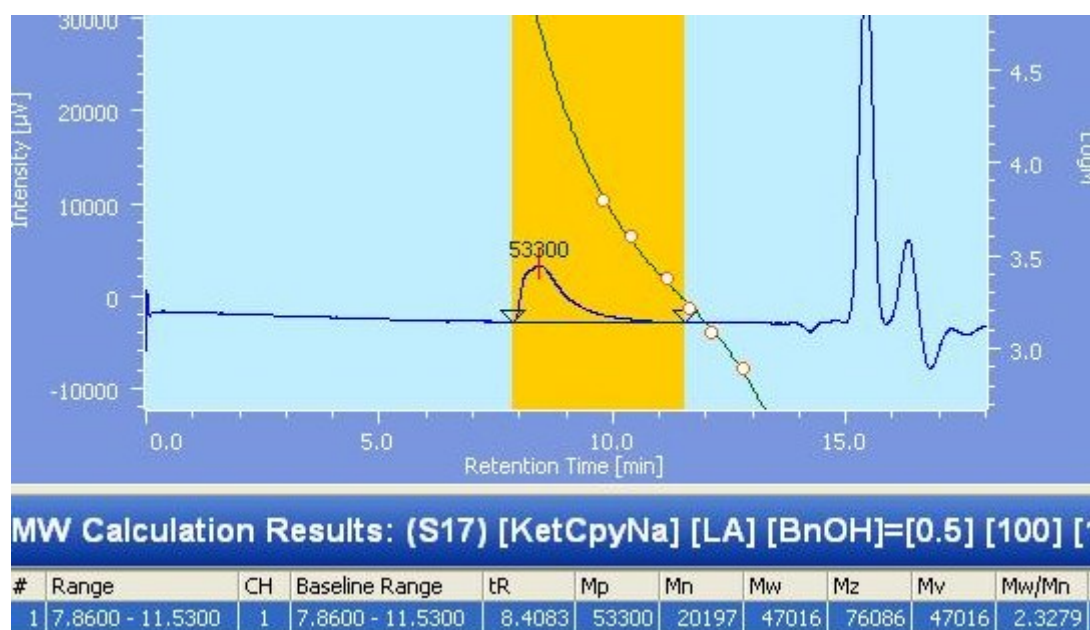


Figure S14. GPC result of PLA of entry 4

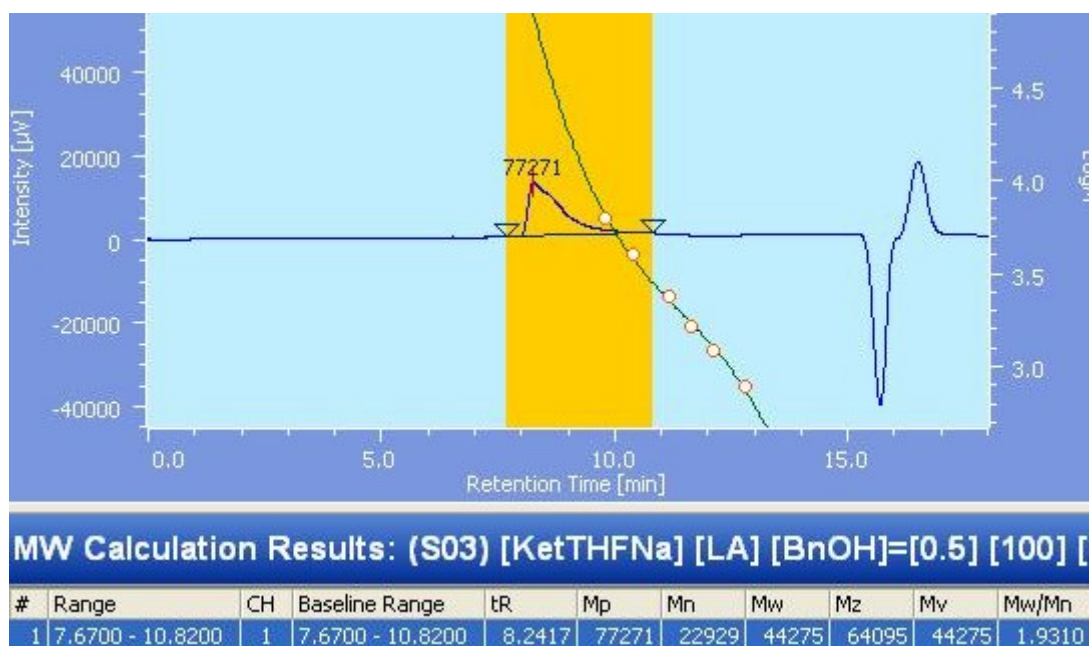


**Figure S15.** GPC result of PLA of entry 5

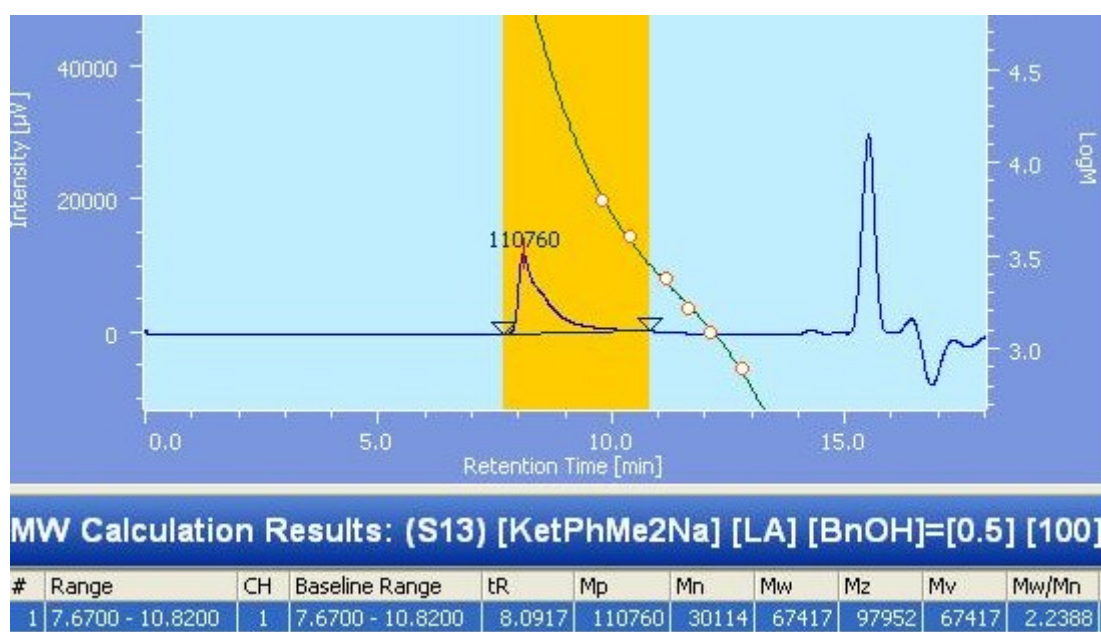


**Figure S16.** GPC result of PLA of entry 6

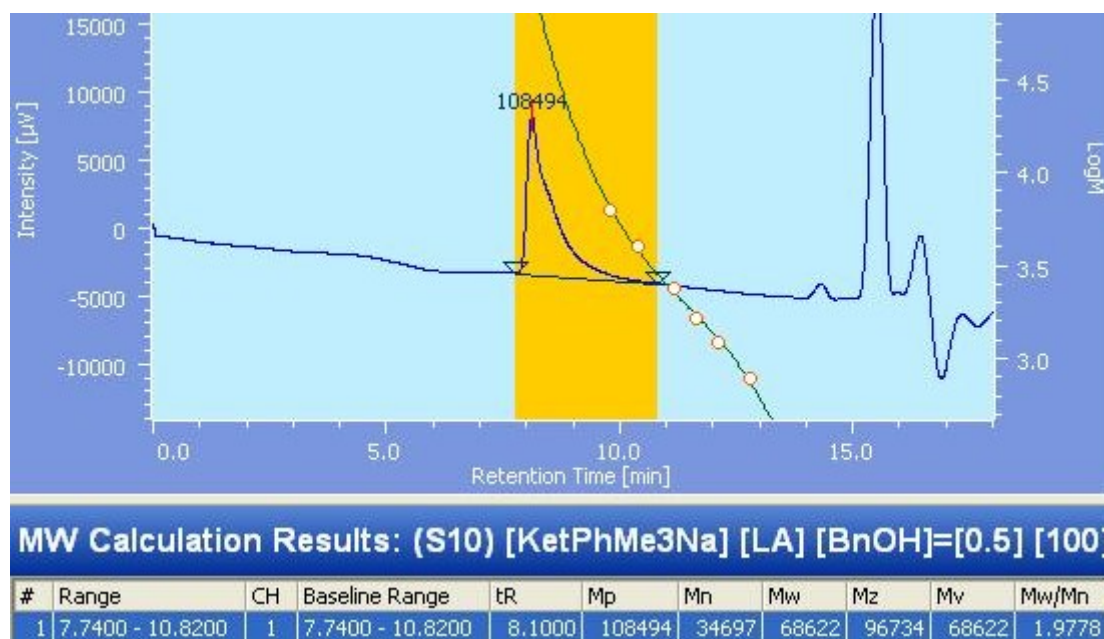




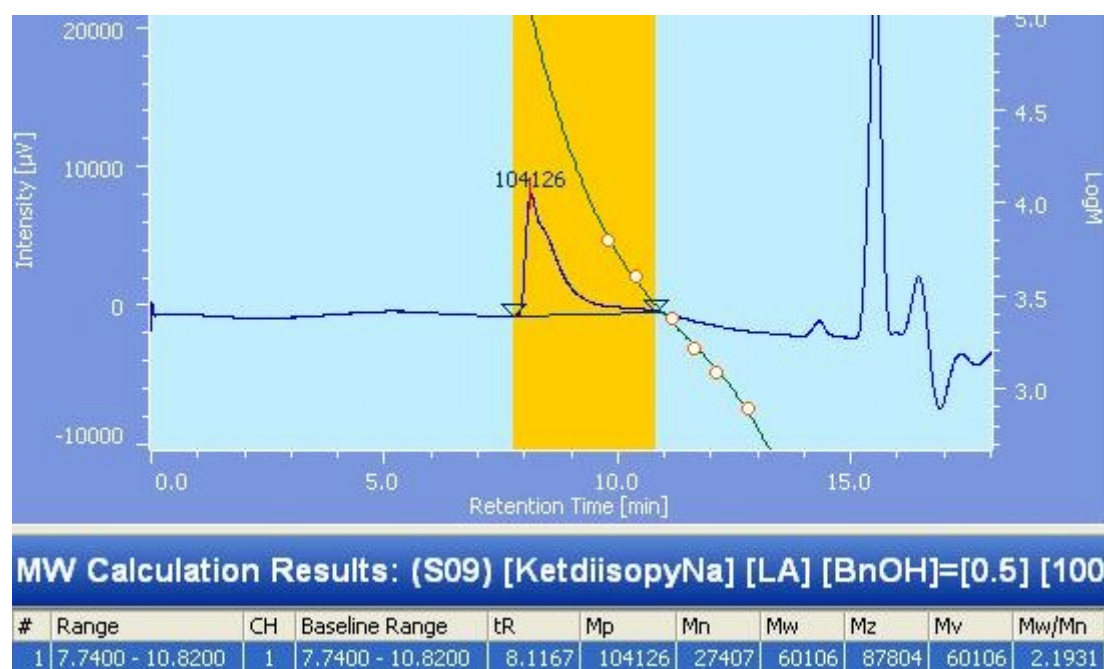
**Figure S17.** GPC result of PLA of entry 7



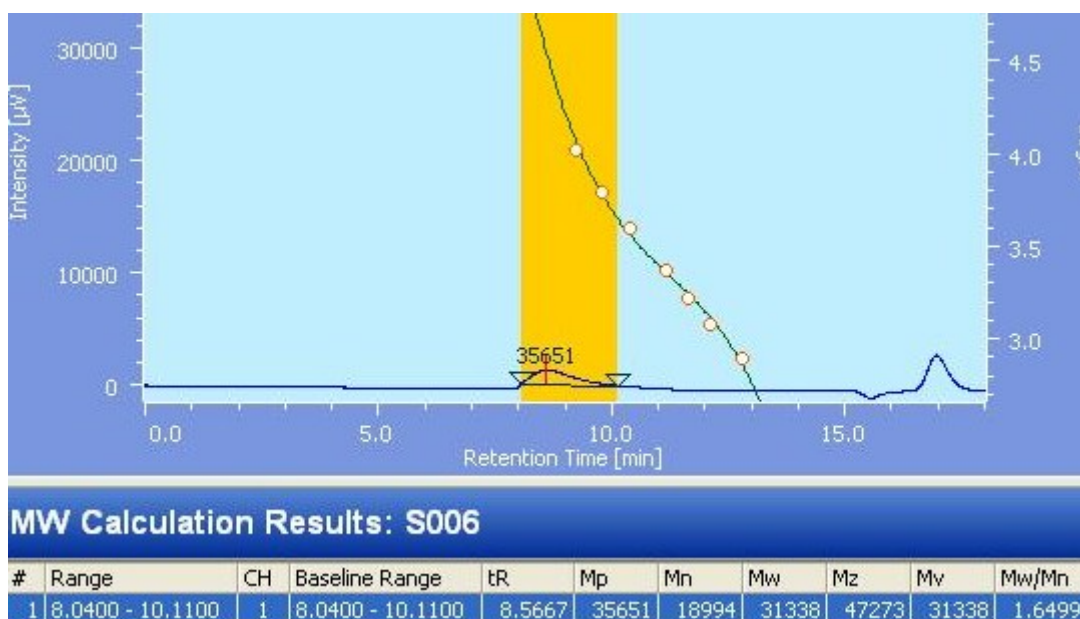
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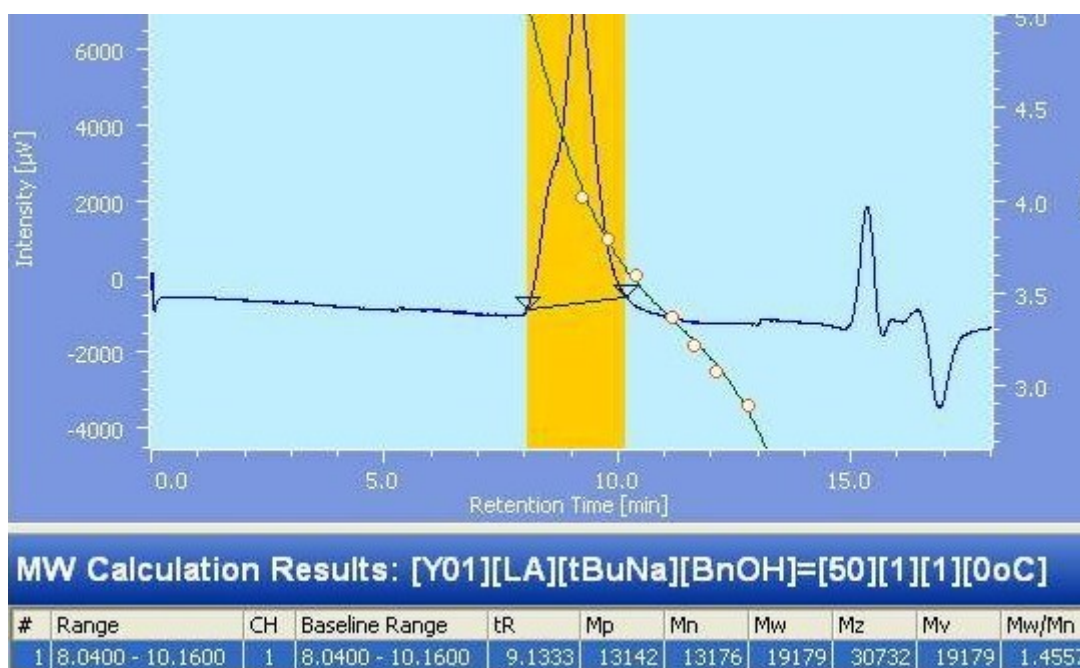
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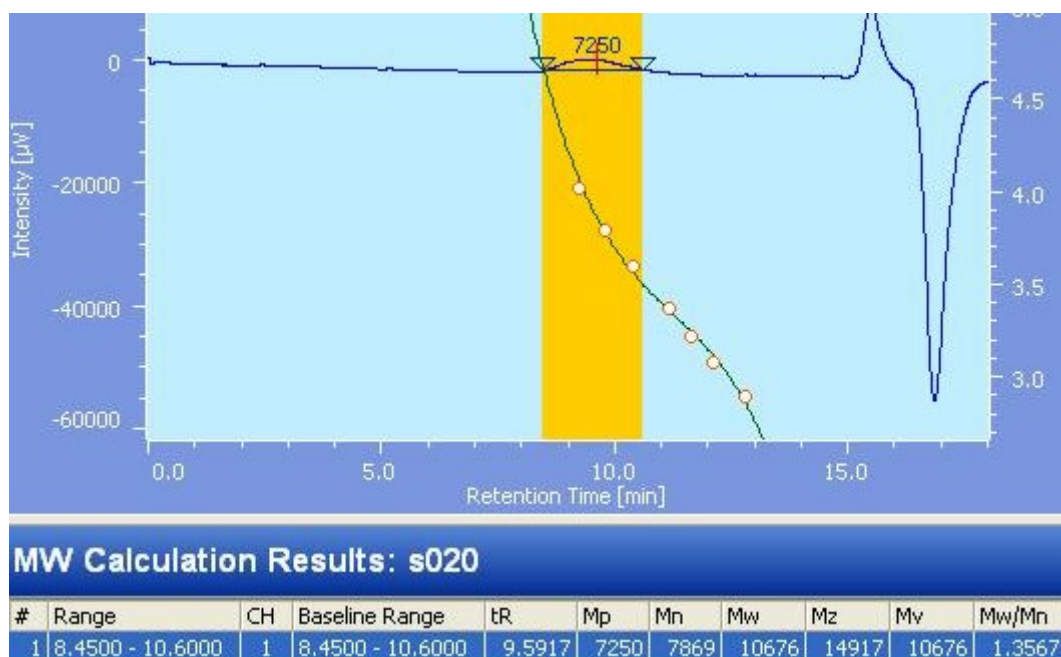
**Figure S20.** GPC result of PLA of entry 10



**Figure S21.** GPC result of PLA of entry 11



**Figure S22.** GPC result of PLA of entry 12



**Figure S23.** GPC result of PLA of entry 14



**Figure S24.** GPC result of PLA of entry 15

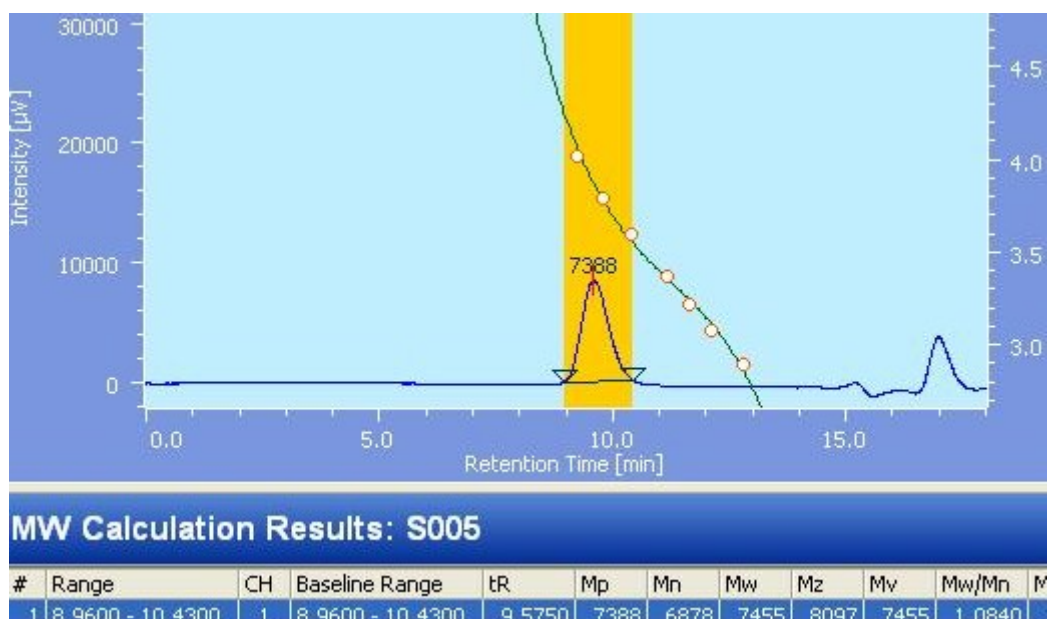
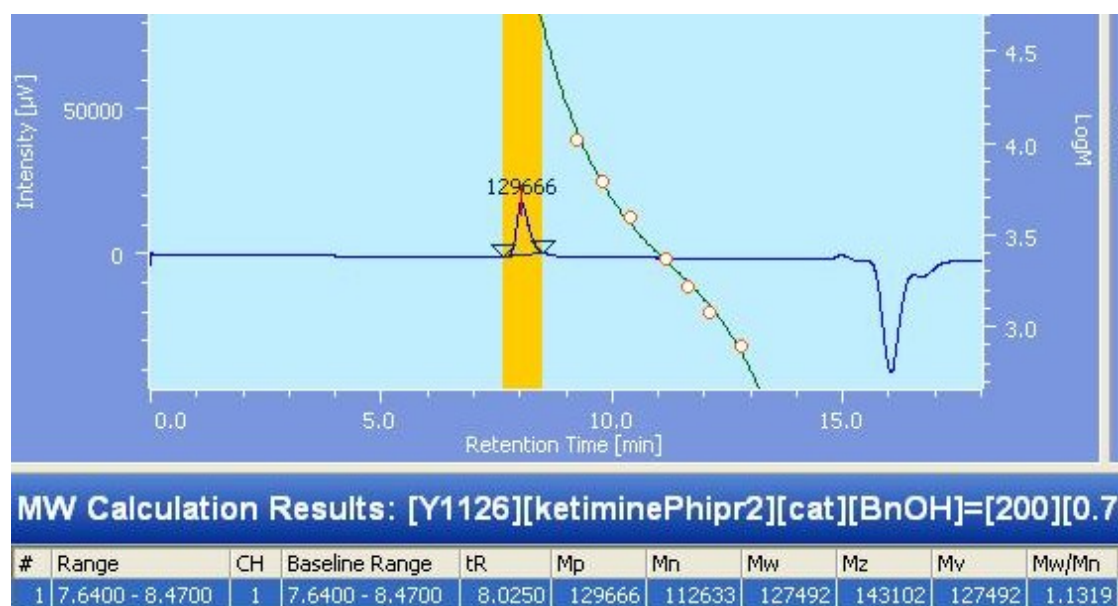


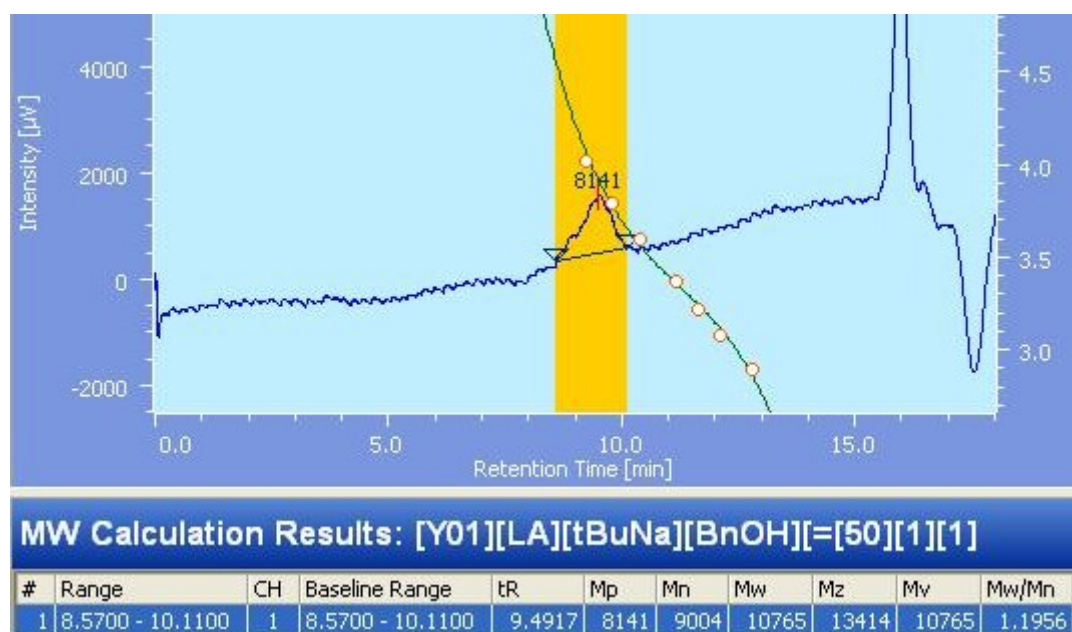
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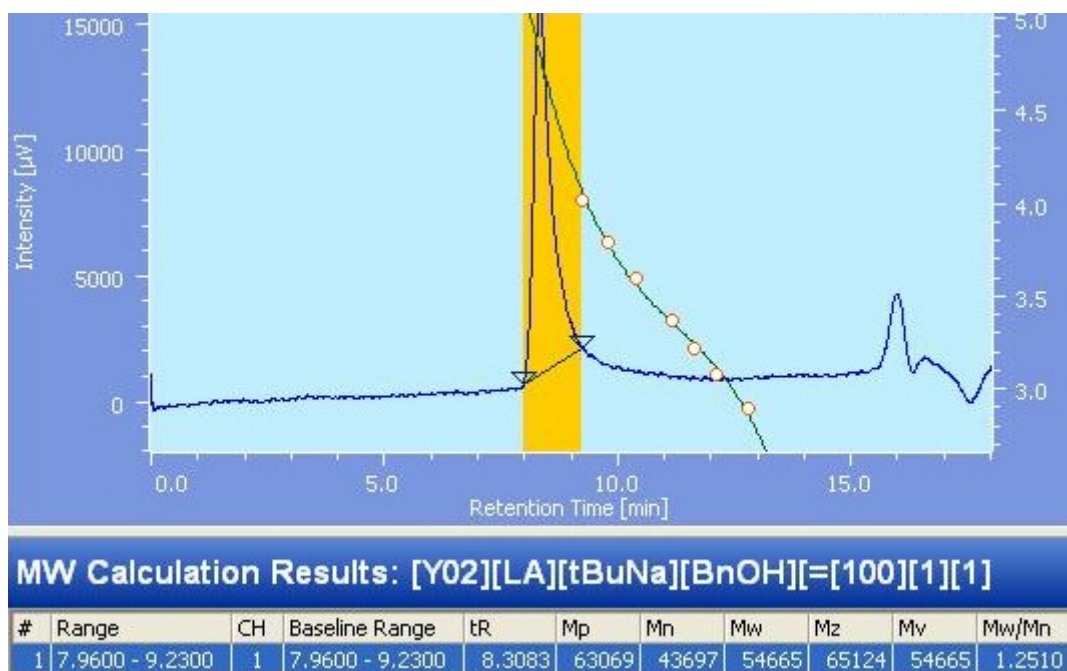
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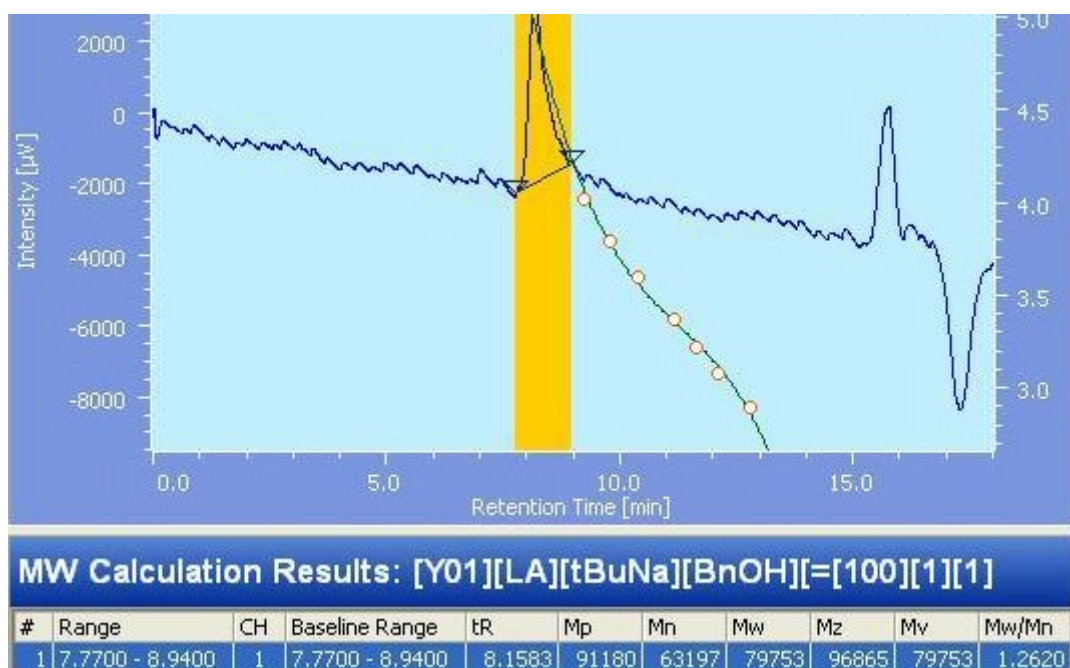
**Figure S27.** GPC result of PLA of entry 20



**Figure S28.** GPC result of PLA of entry 21



**Figure S29.** GPC result of PLA of entry 22



**Figure S30.** GPC result of PLA of entry 23



Figure S31. GPC result of PLA of entry 24

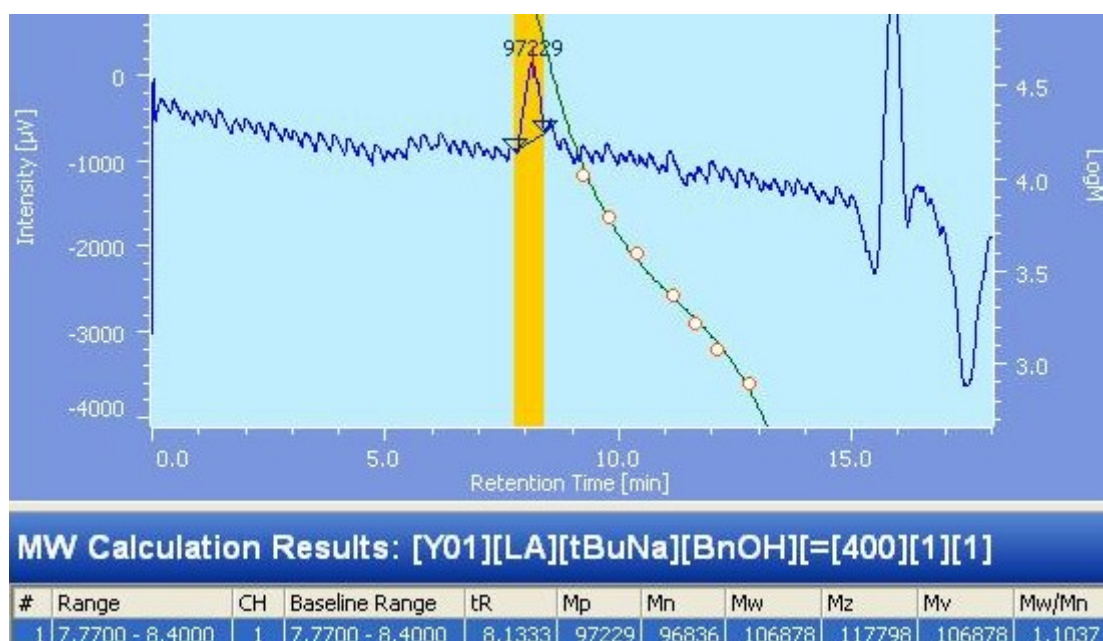
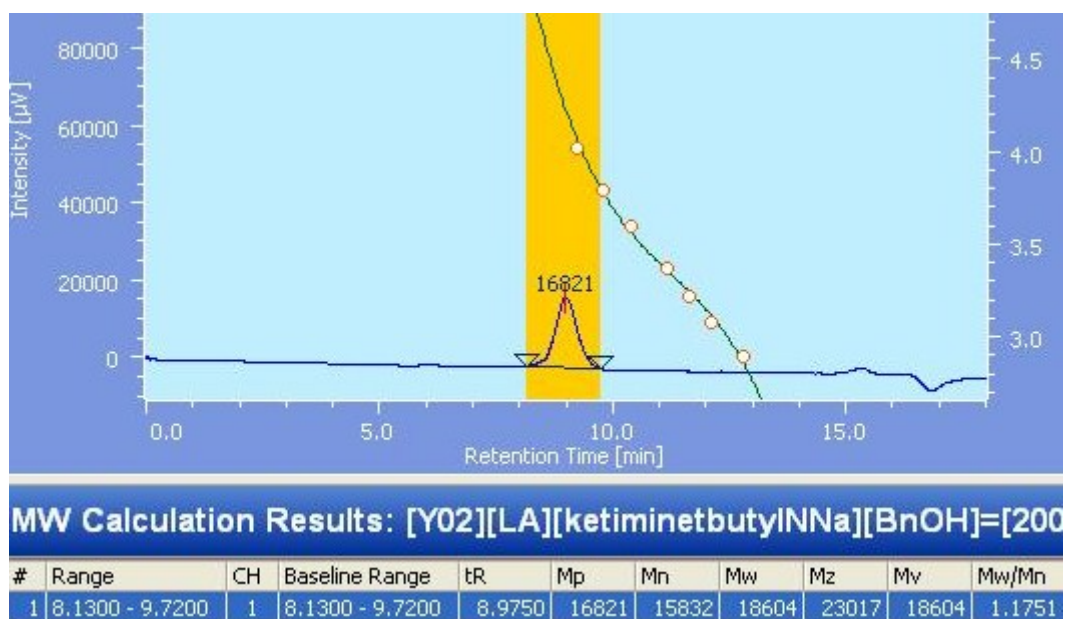


Figure S32. GPC result of PLA of entry 25





**Figure S33.** GPC result of PLA of entry 26