

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis and evaluation of novel 12-aryl berberine analogues with hypoxia-inducible factor-1 inhibitory activity

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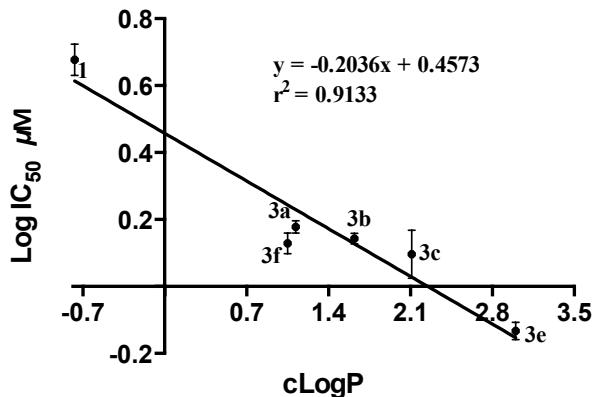
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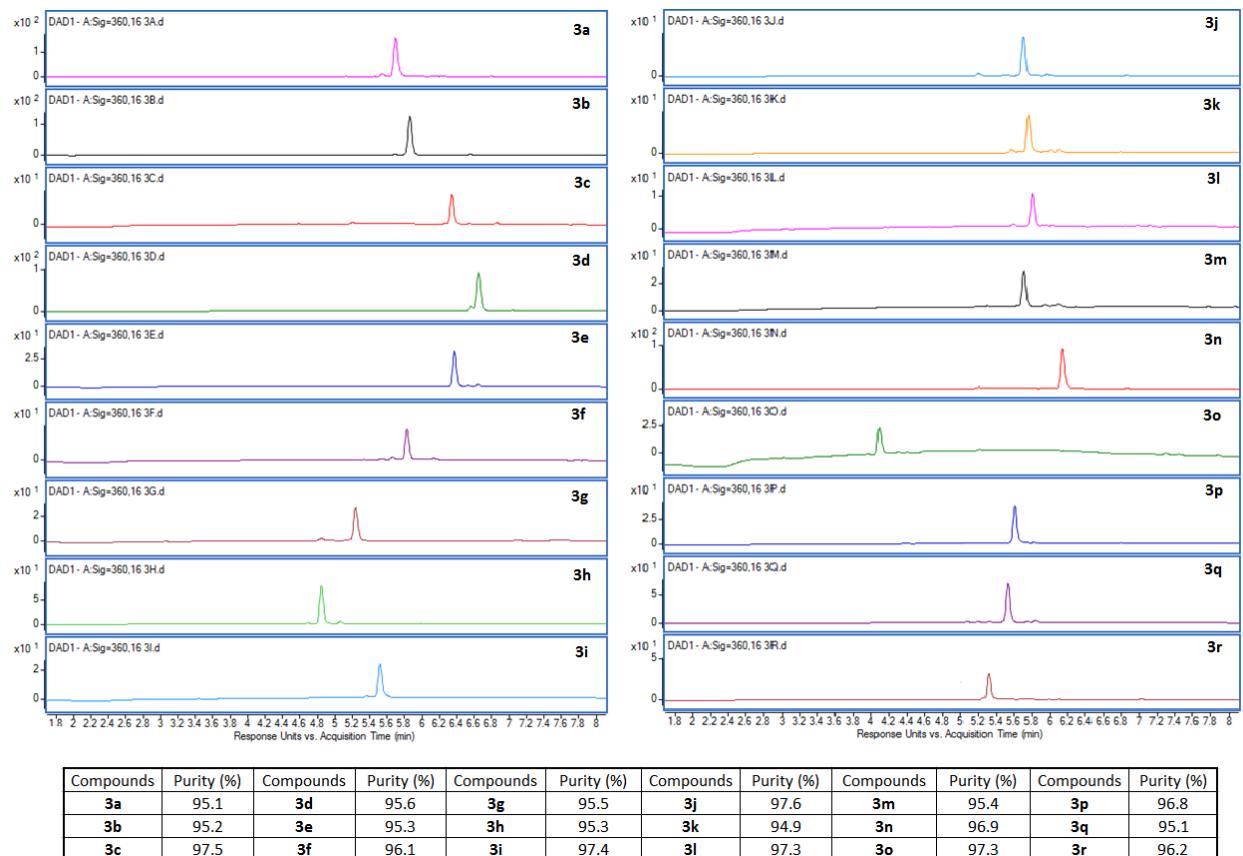
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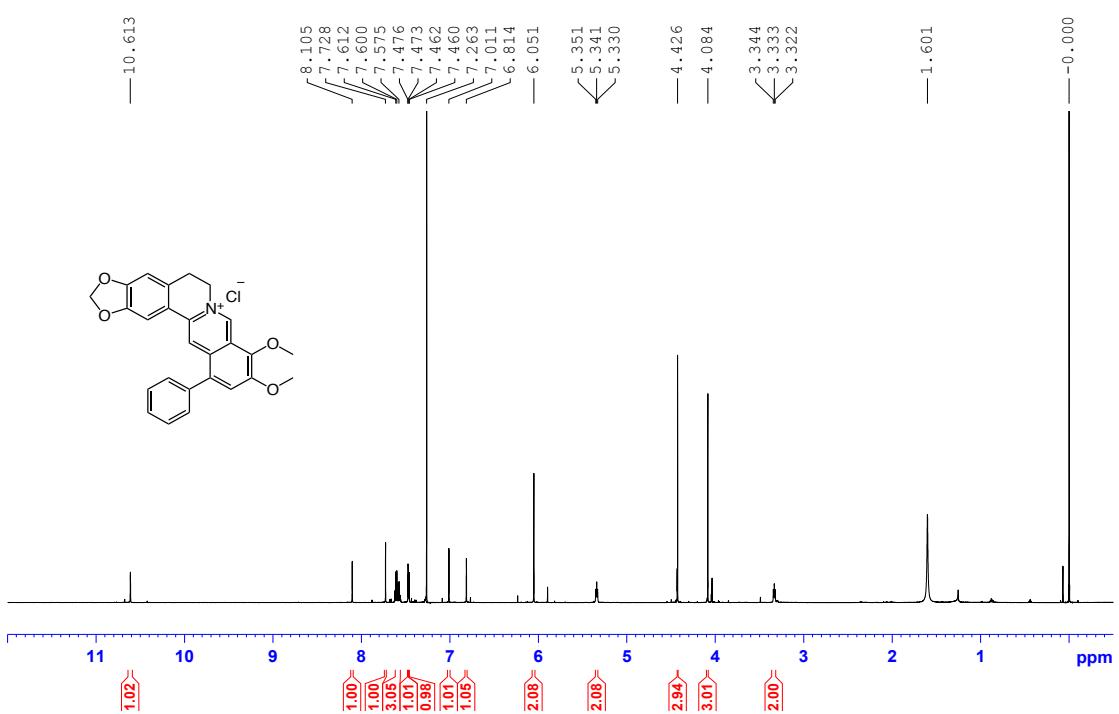


Compd.	HIF-1 inhibitory activity (IC <sub>50</sub> , μM)	cLogP
<b>1</b>	4.78 ± 0.73	-0.77
<b>3a</b>	1.51 ± 0.09	1.12
<b>3b</b>	1.39 ± 0.07	1.62
<b>3c</b>	1.26 ± 0.29	2.11
<b>3e</b>	0.74 ± 0.06	3.00
<b>3f</b>	1.35 ± 0.14	1.05

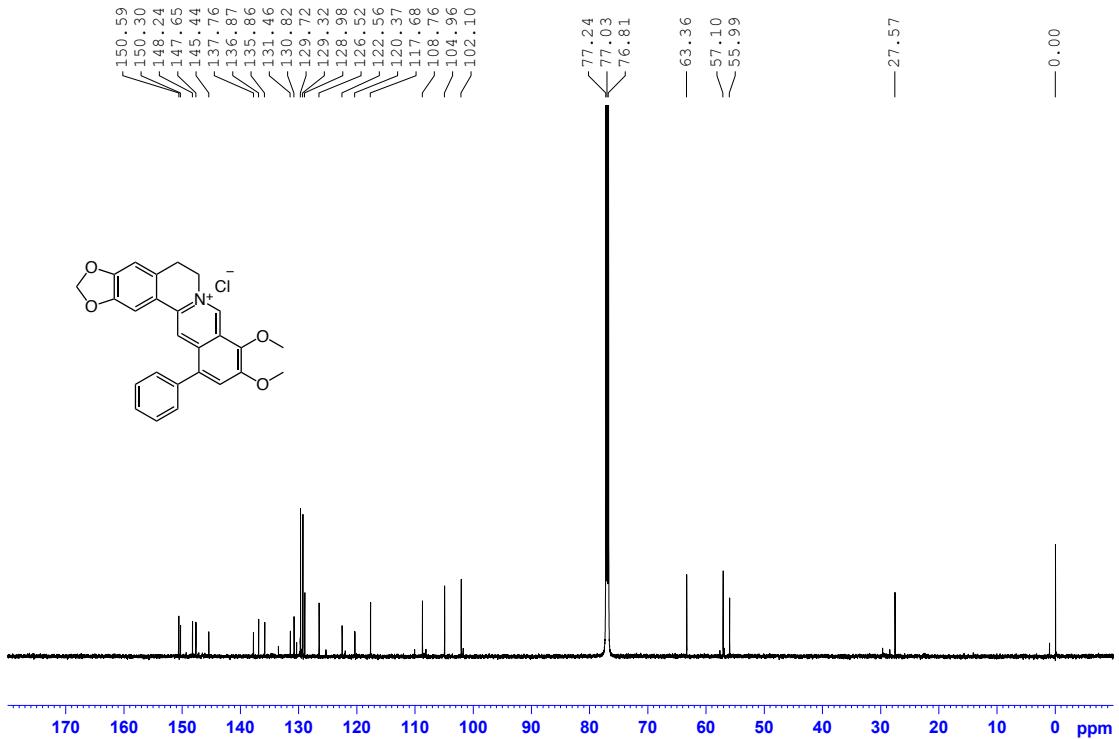
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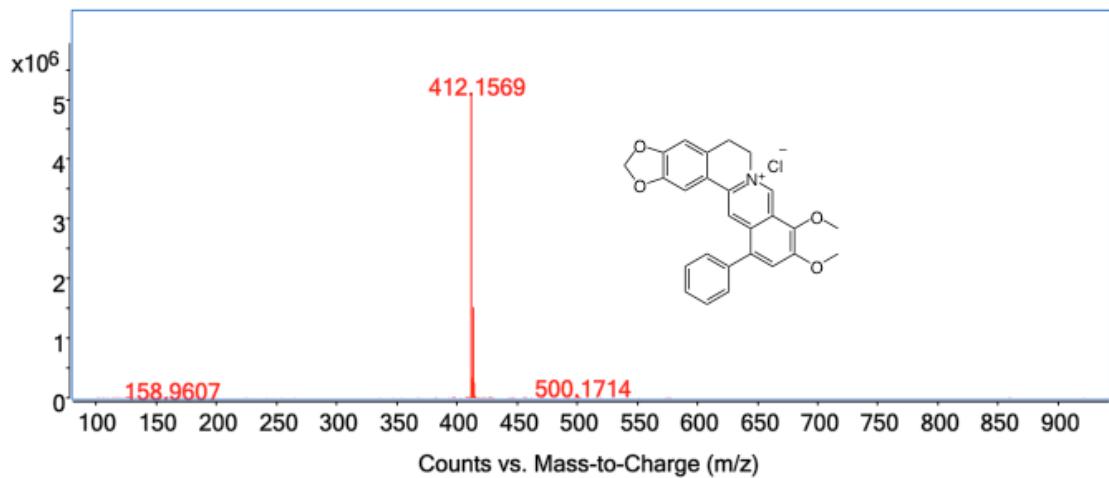
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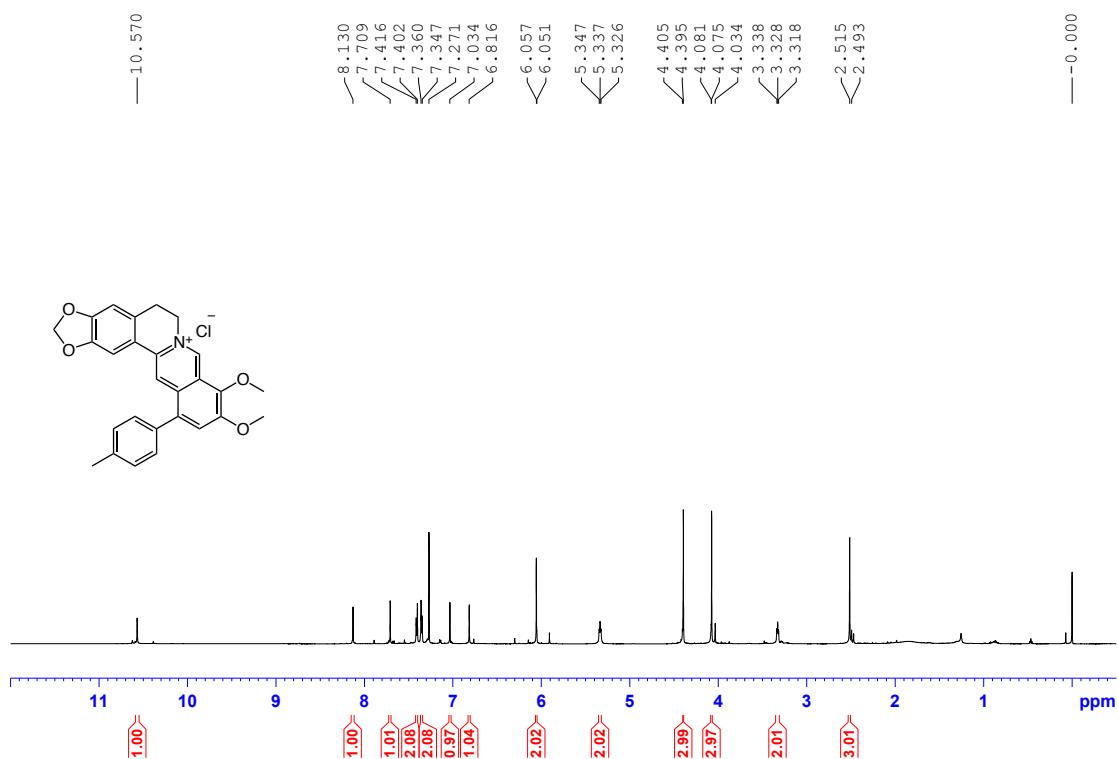
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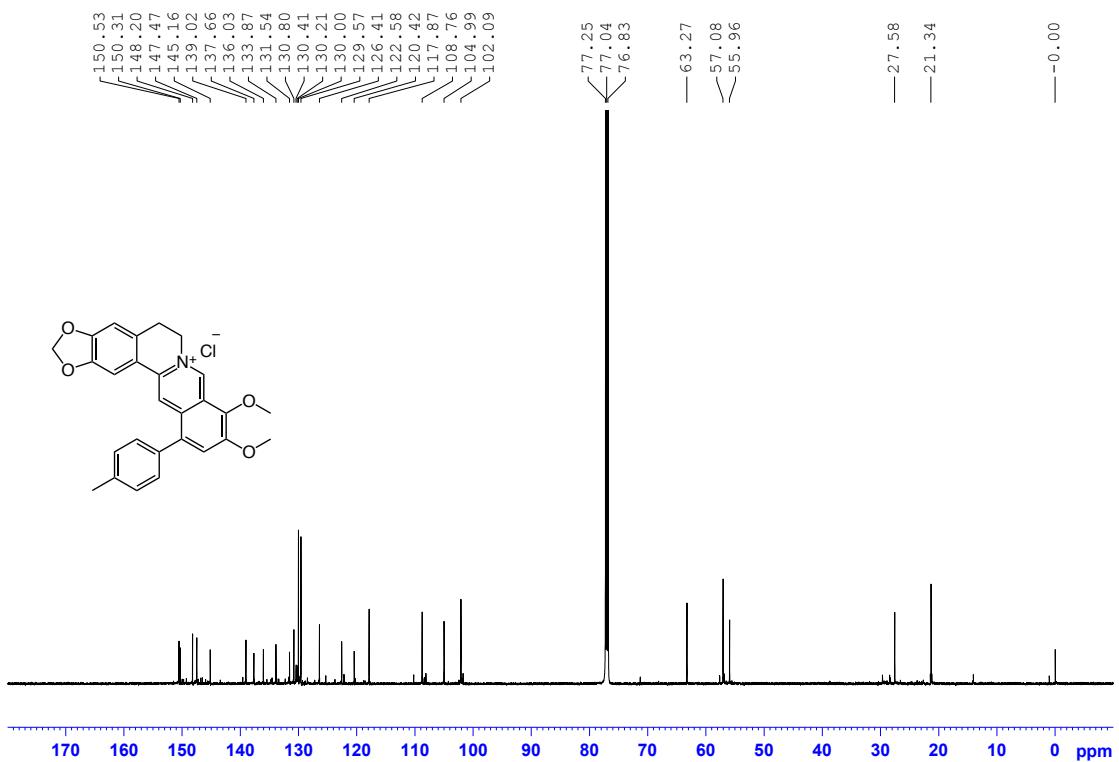
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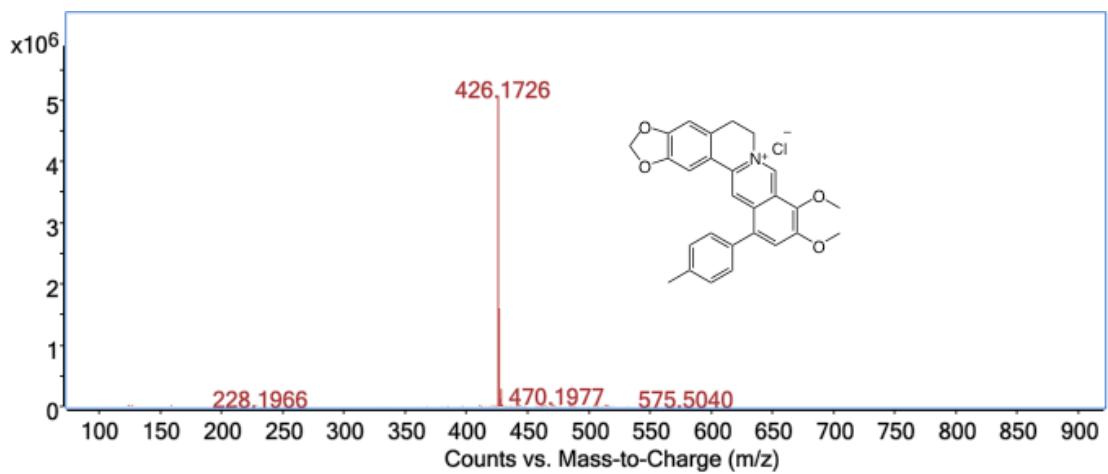
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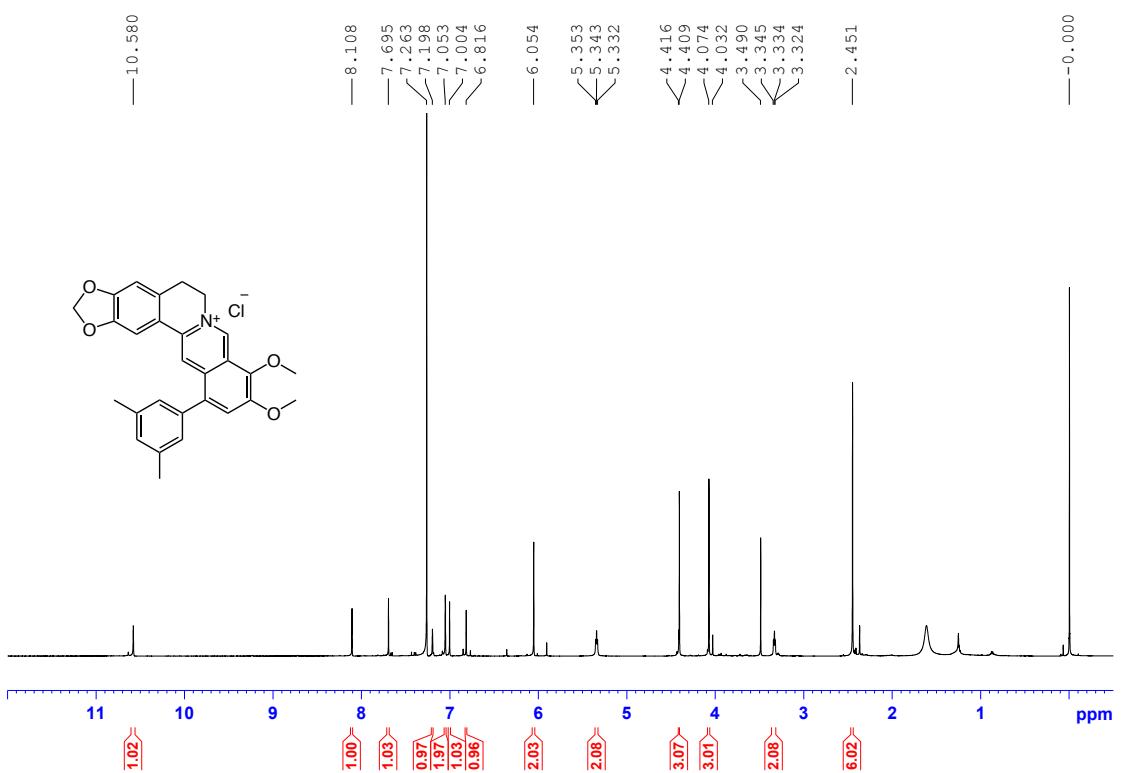
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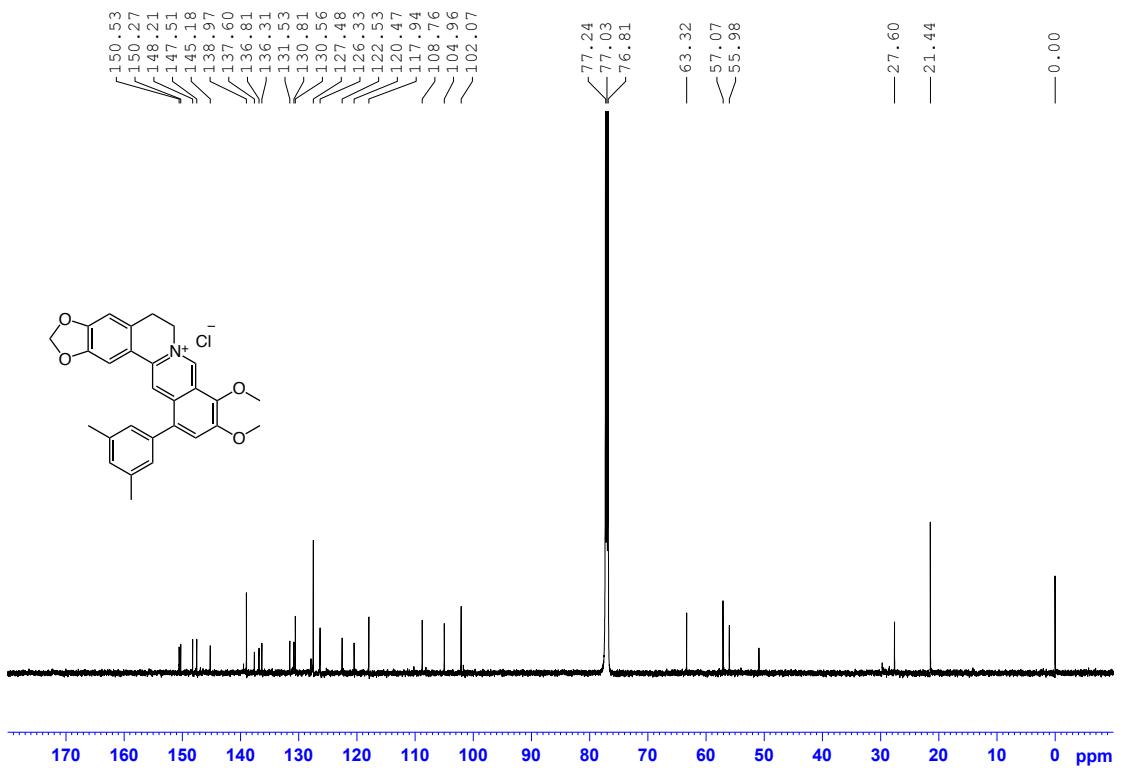
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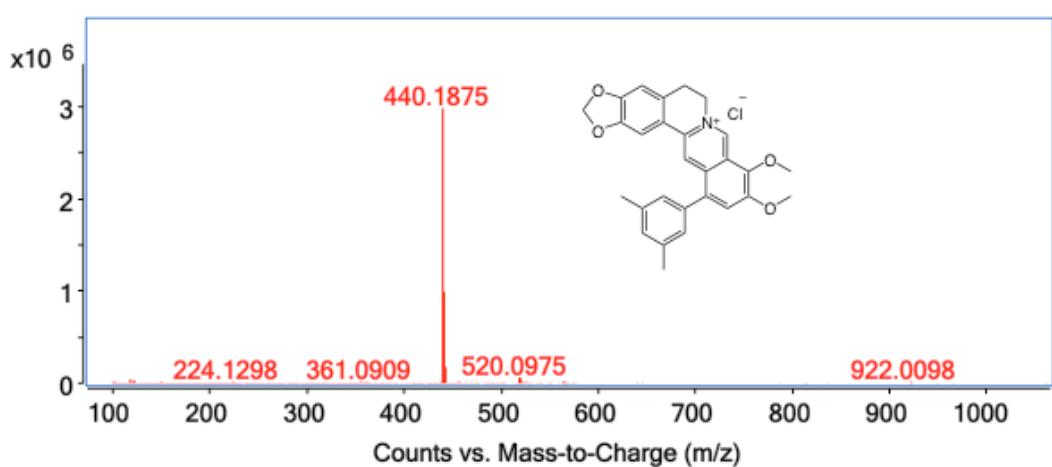
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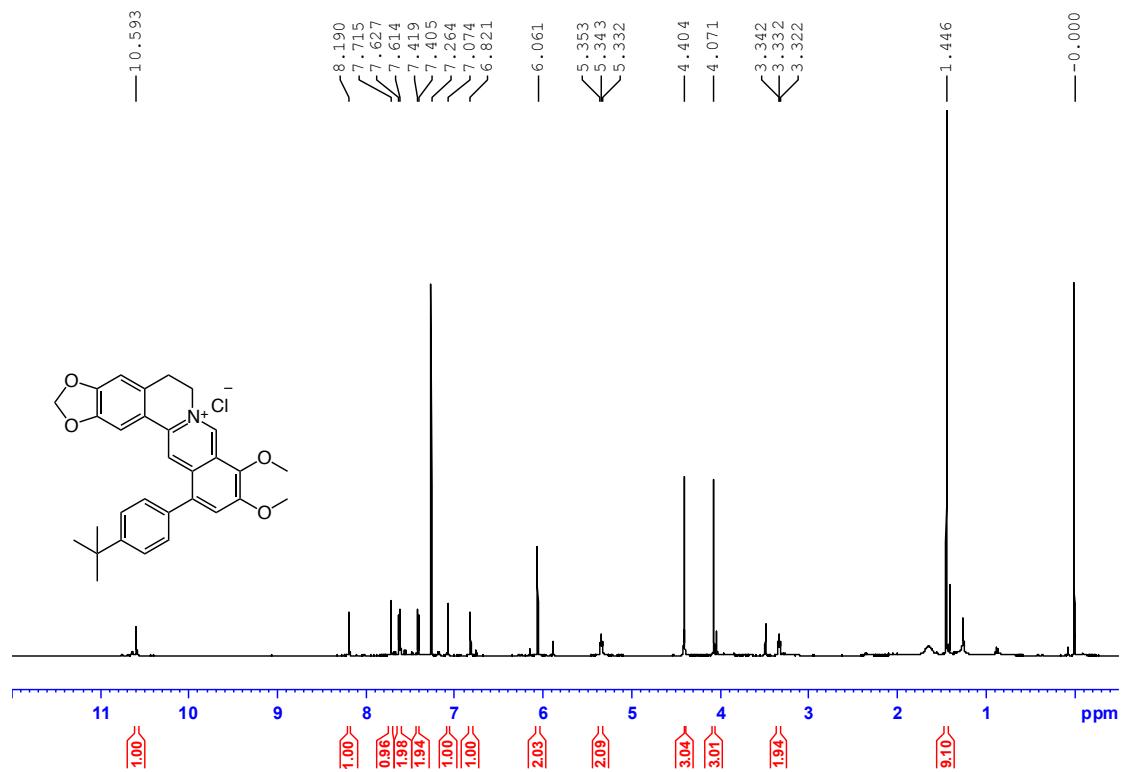
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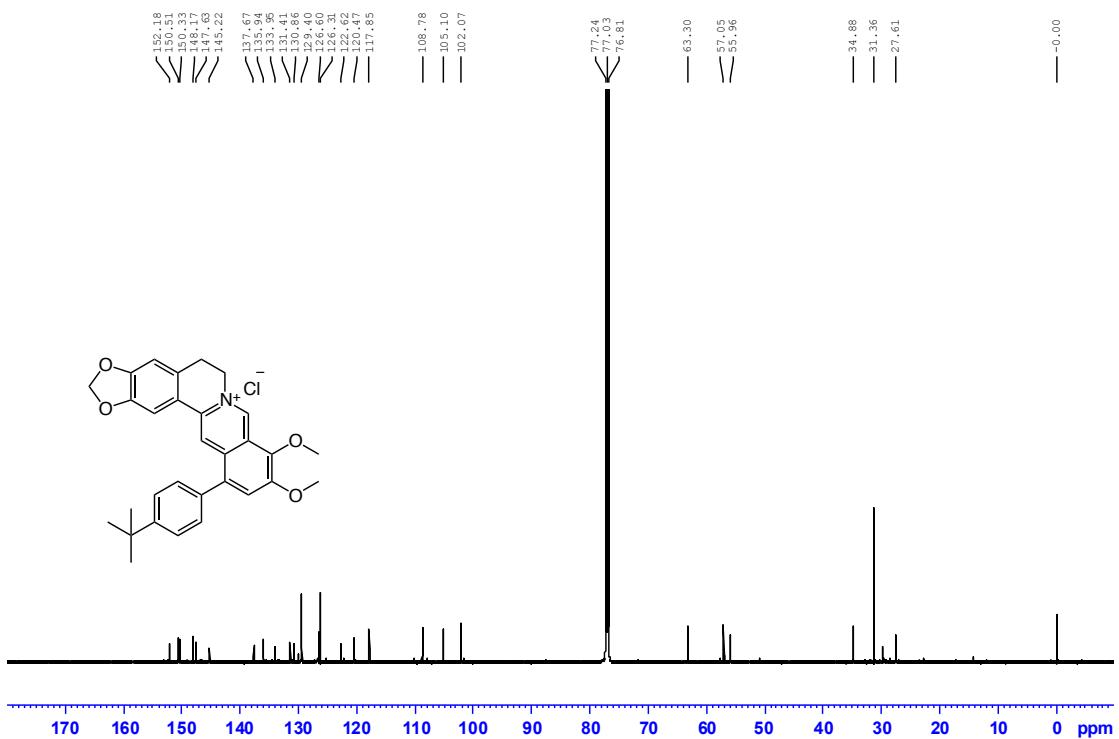
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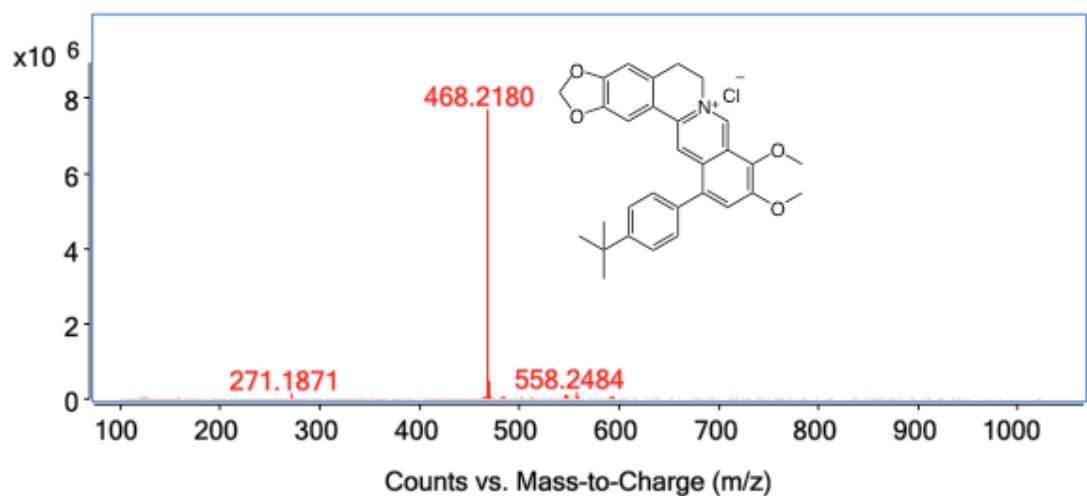
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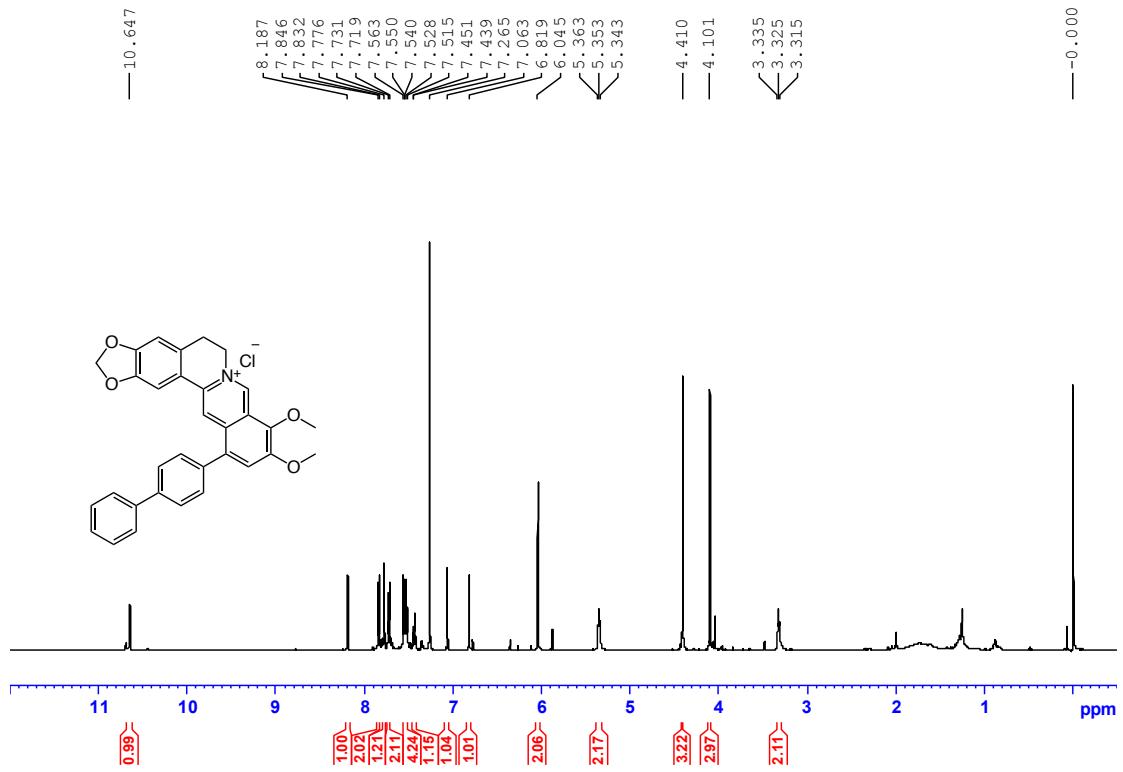
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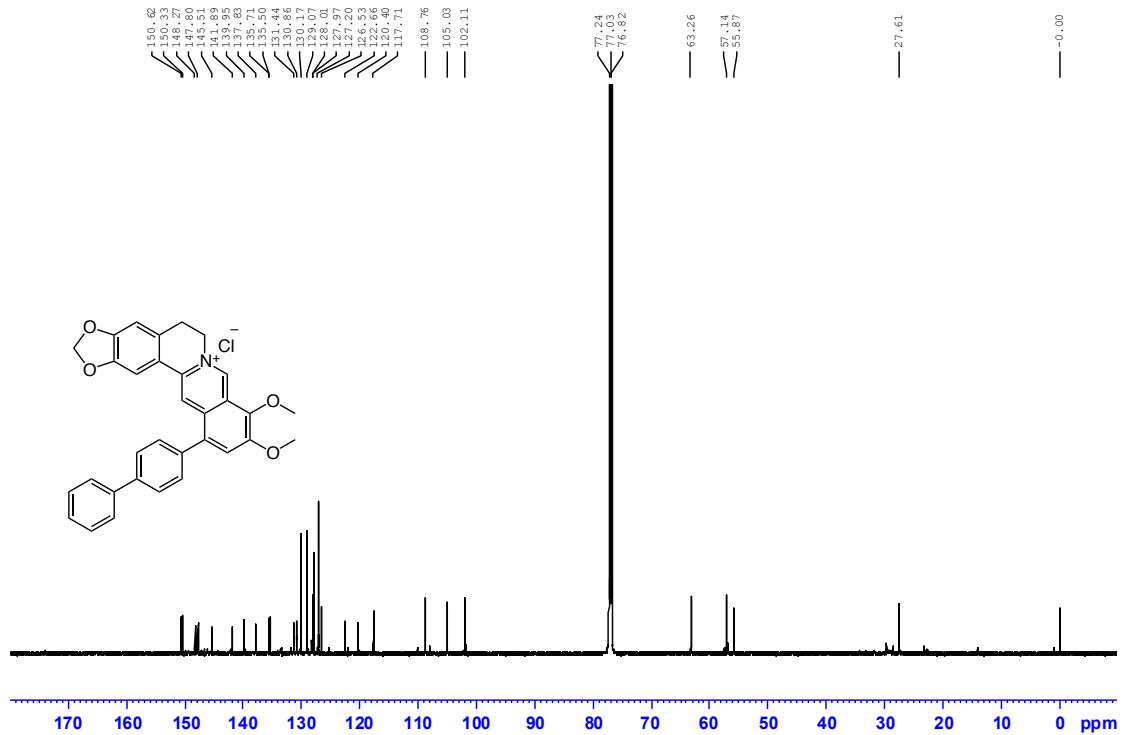
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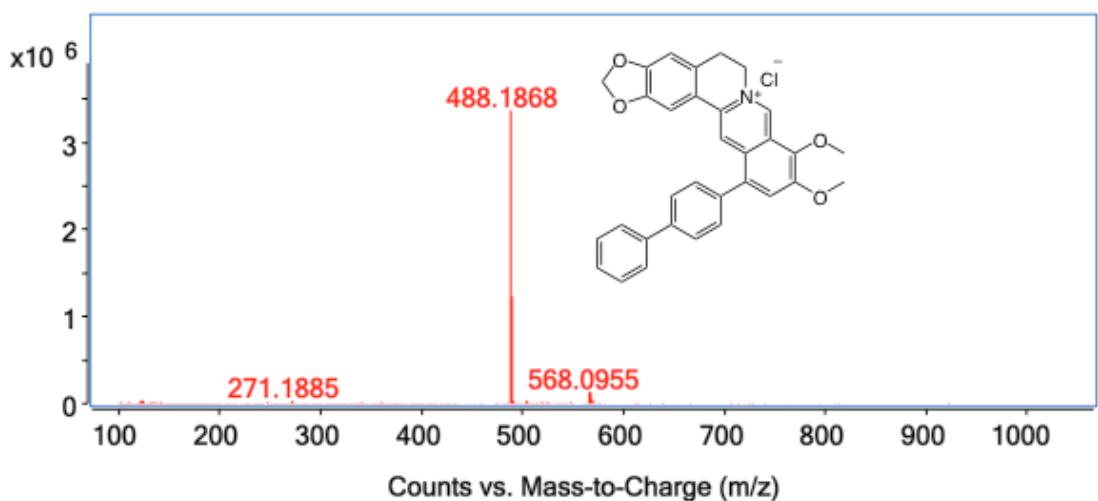
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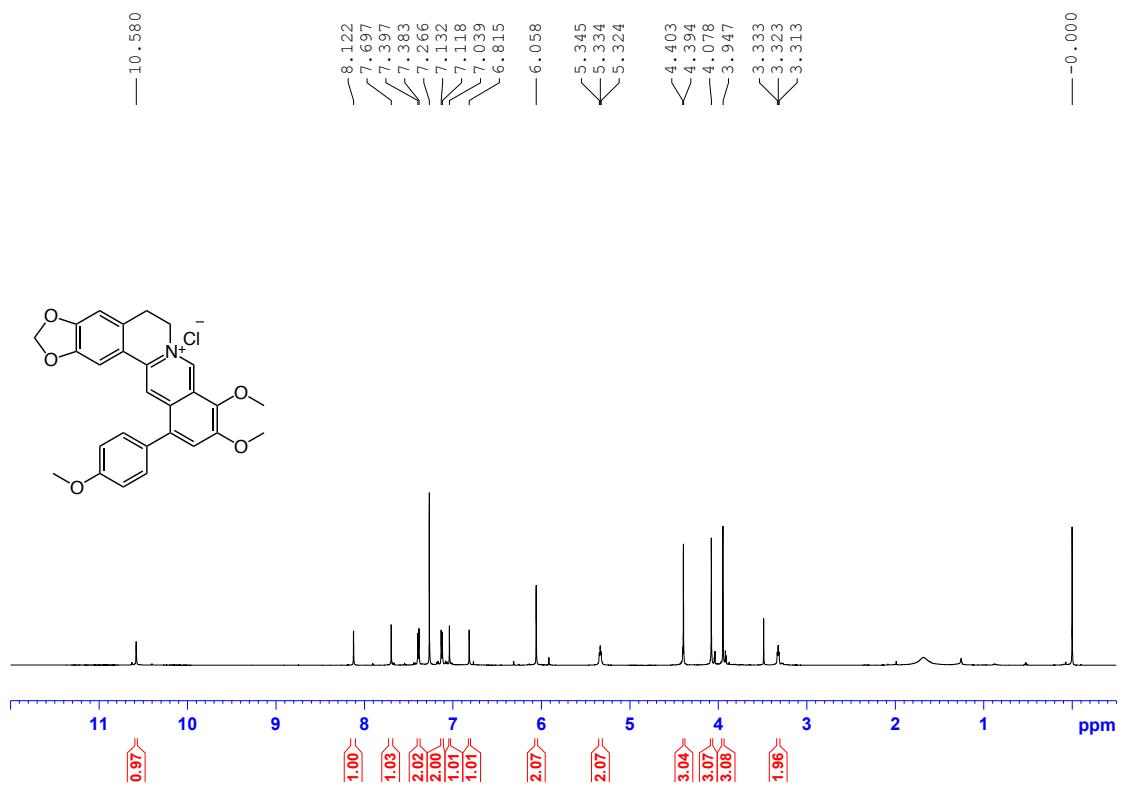
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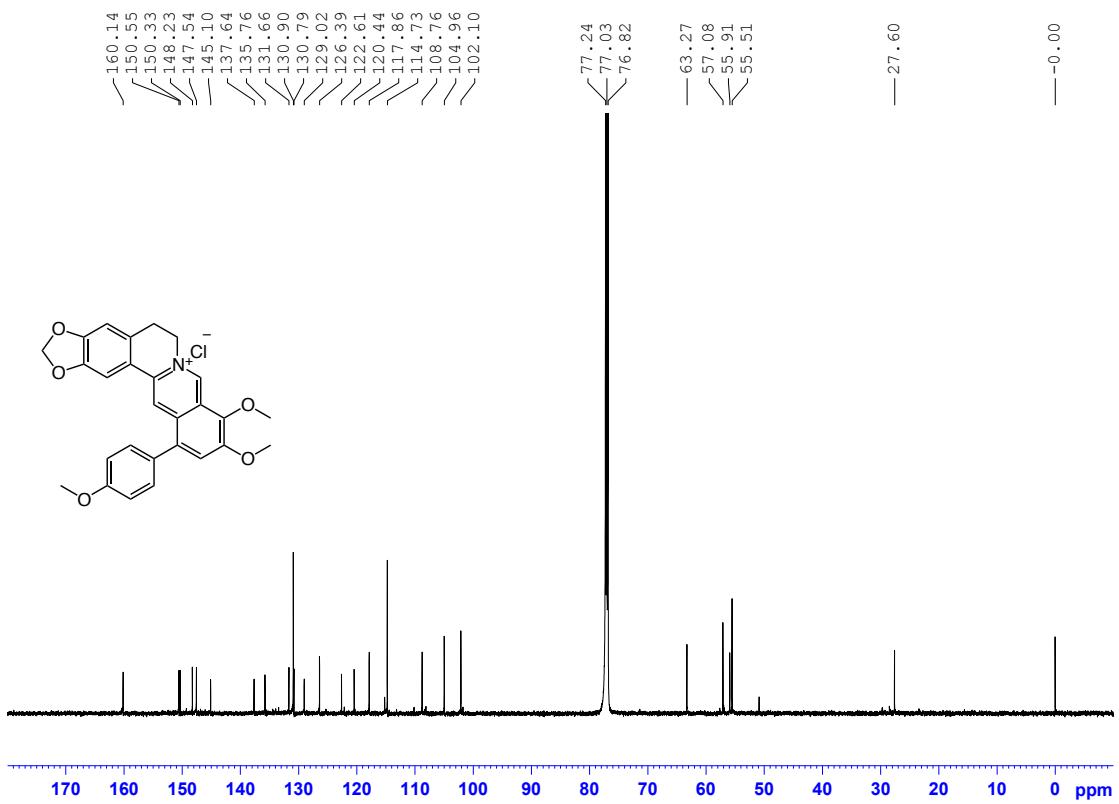
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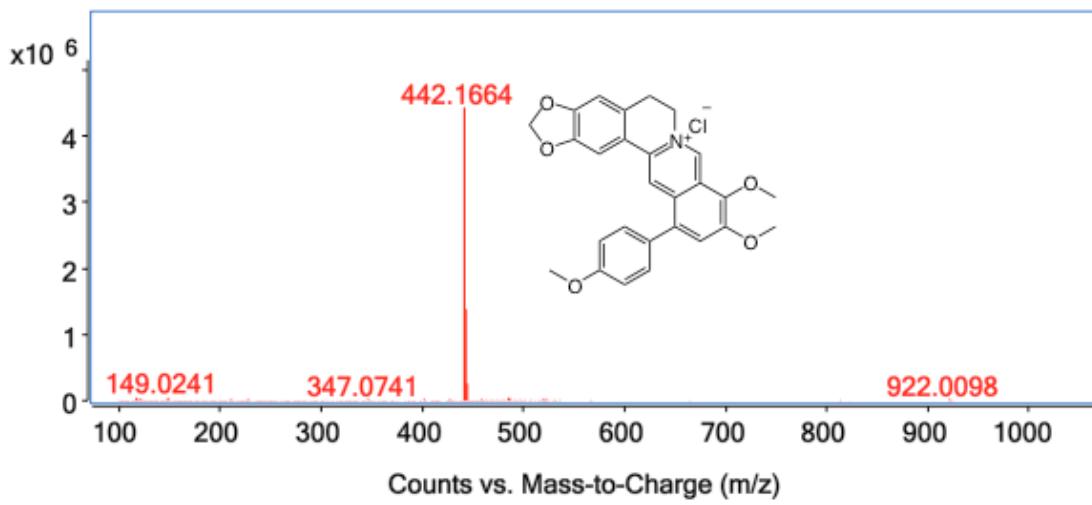
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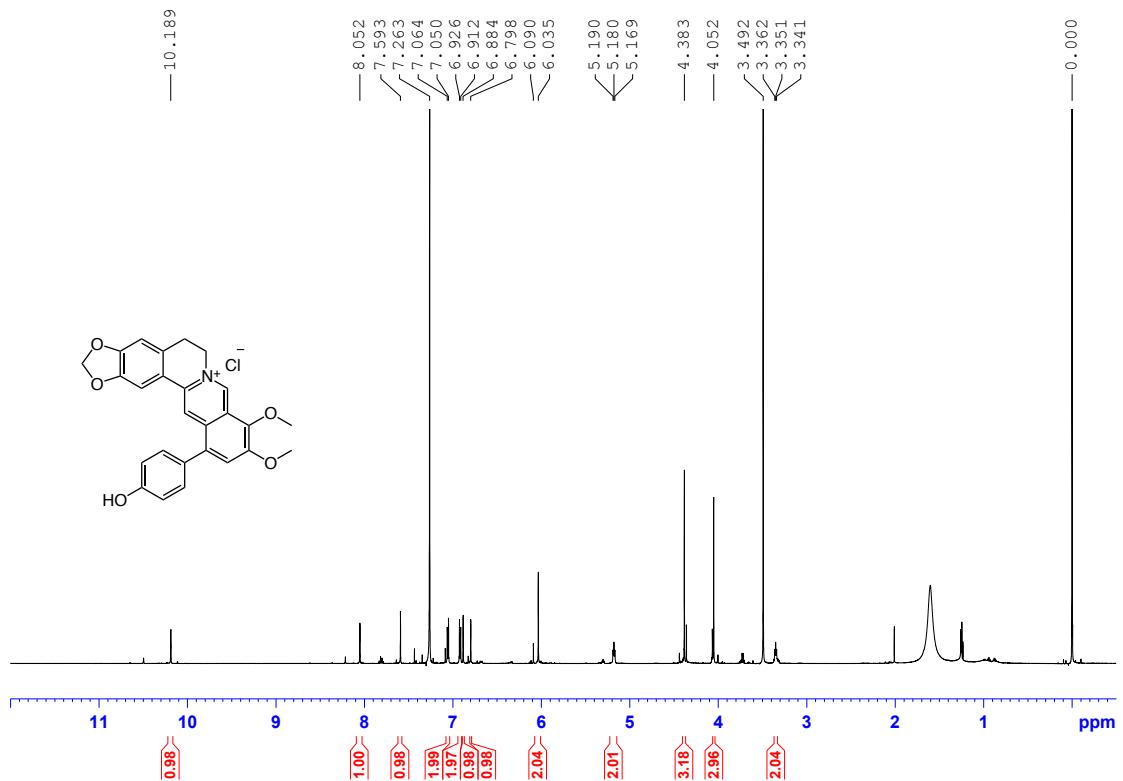
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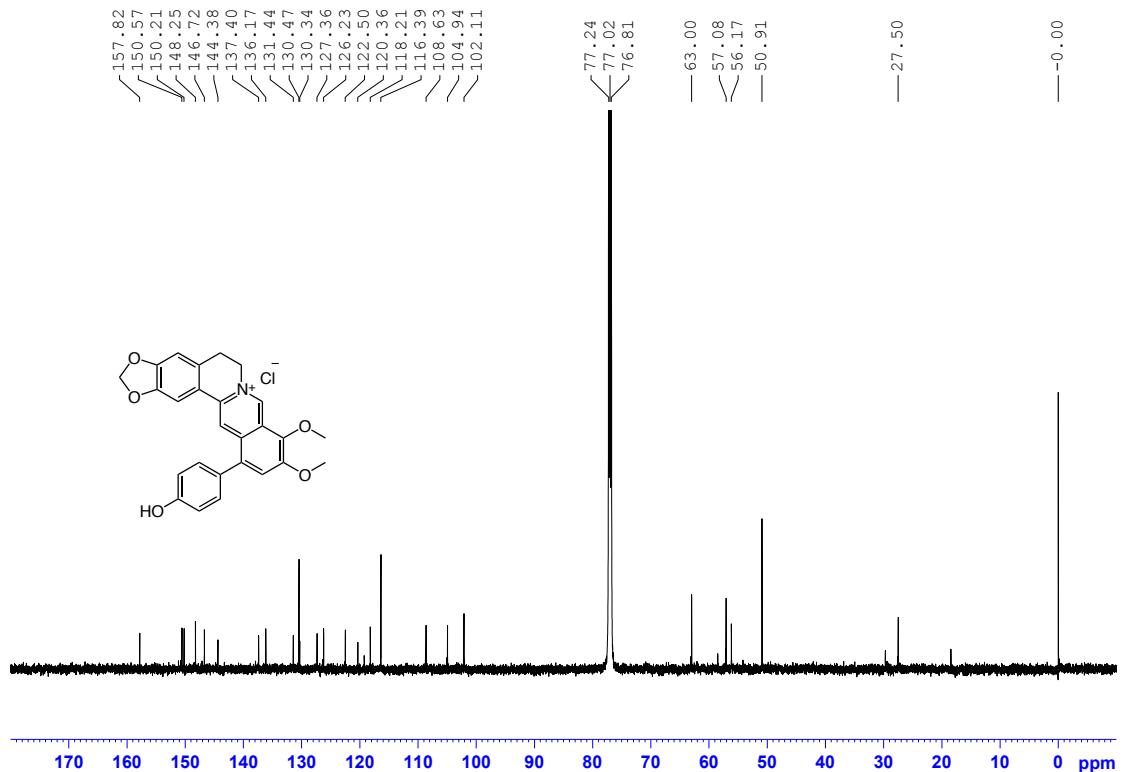
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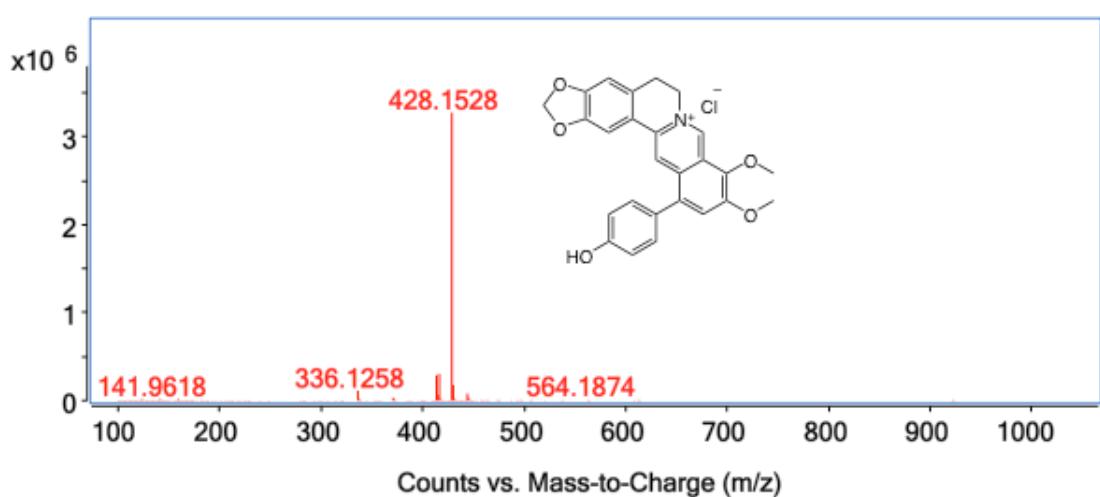
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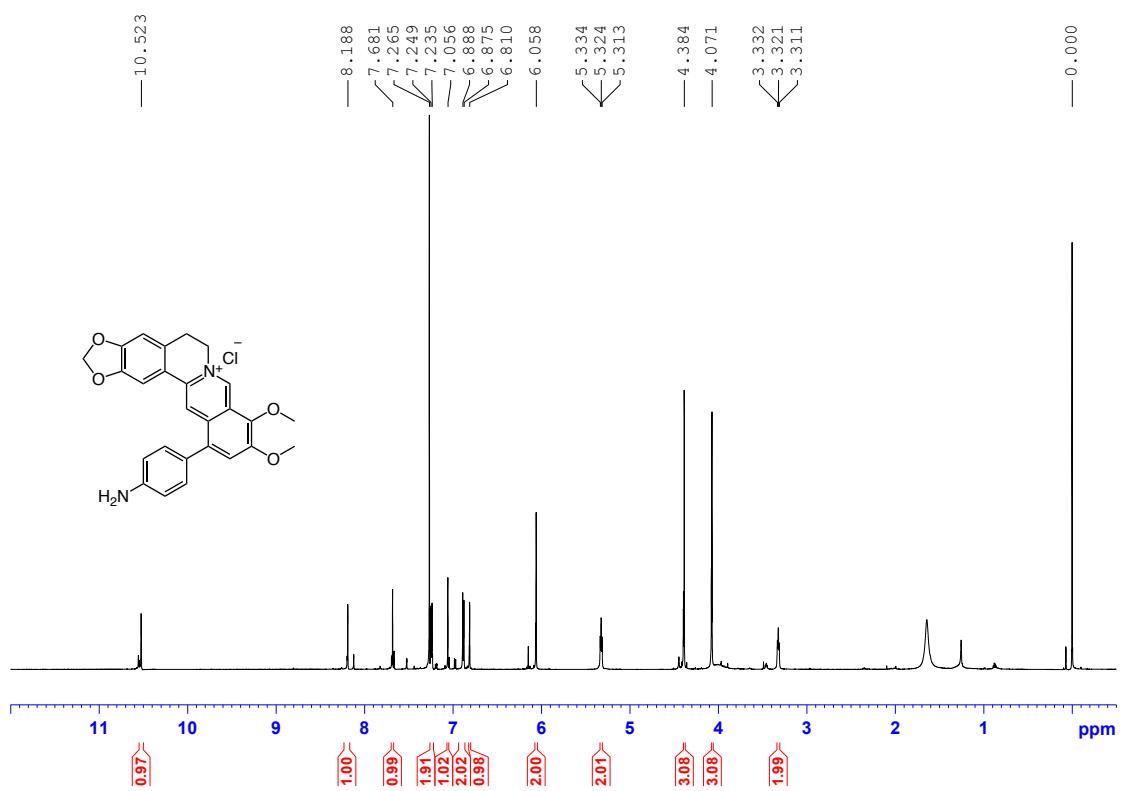
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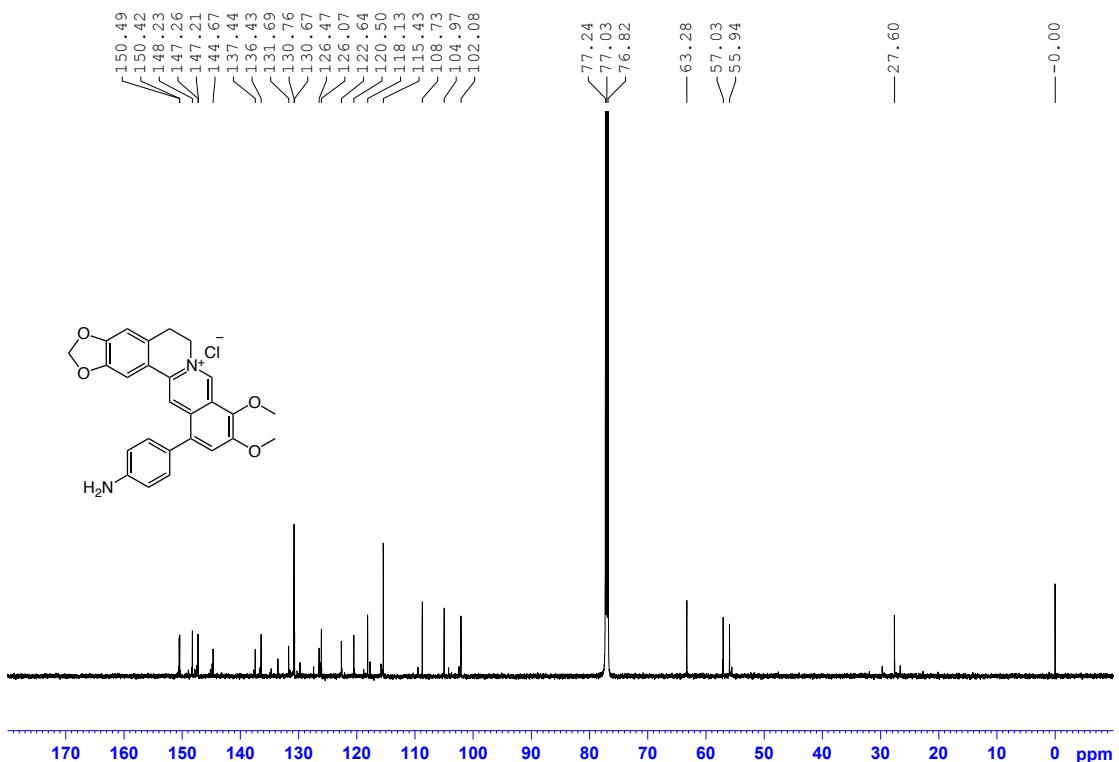
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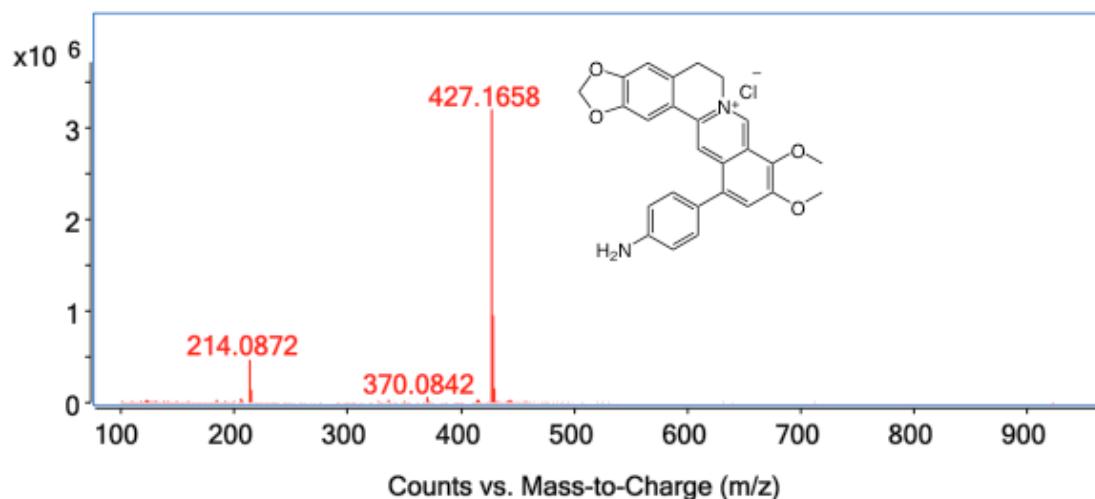
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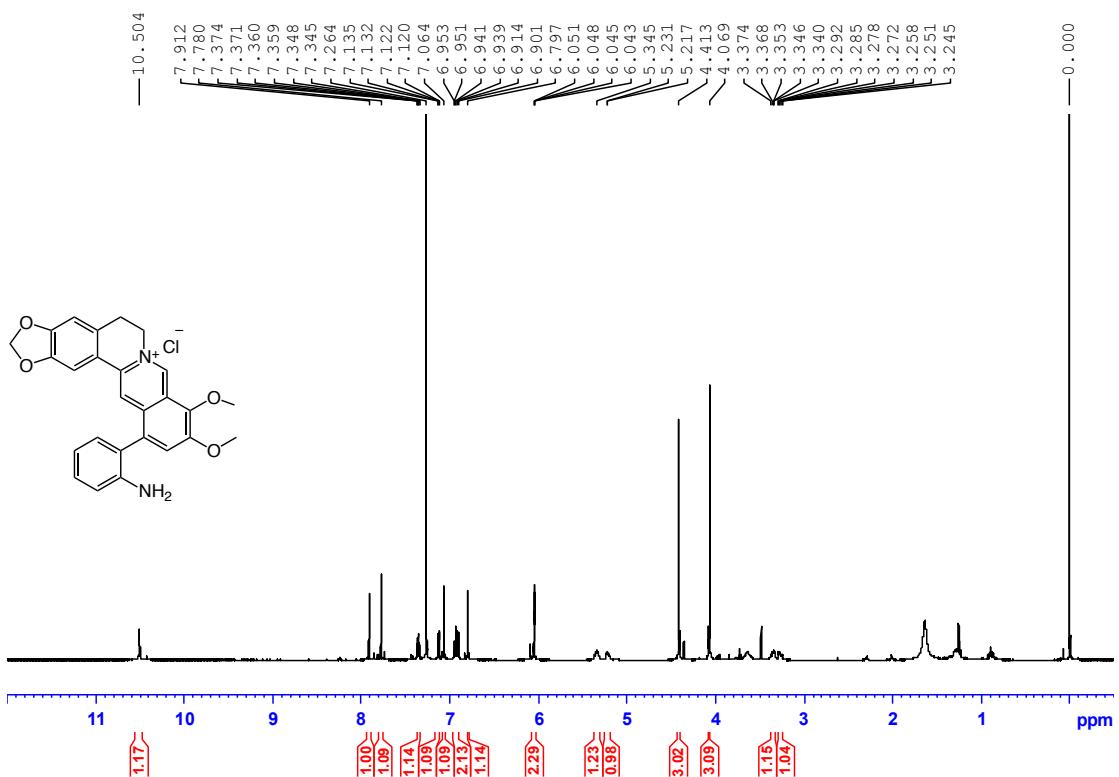
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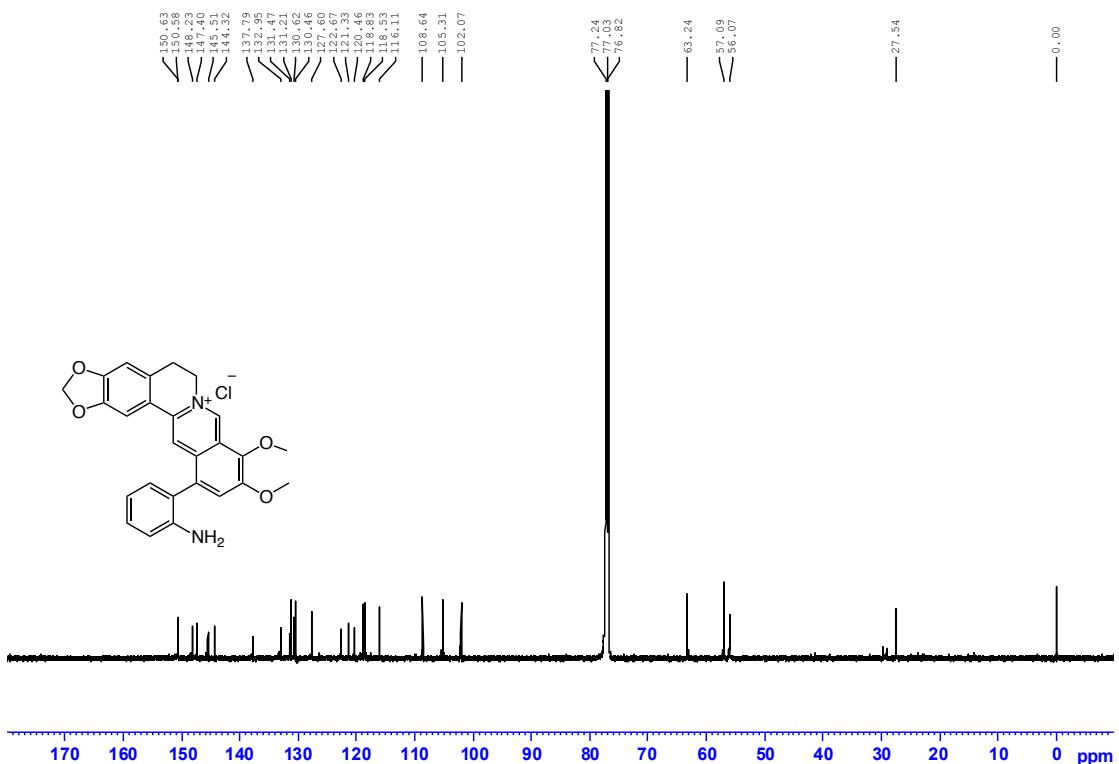
**Fig. S25**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3h**.



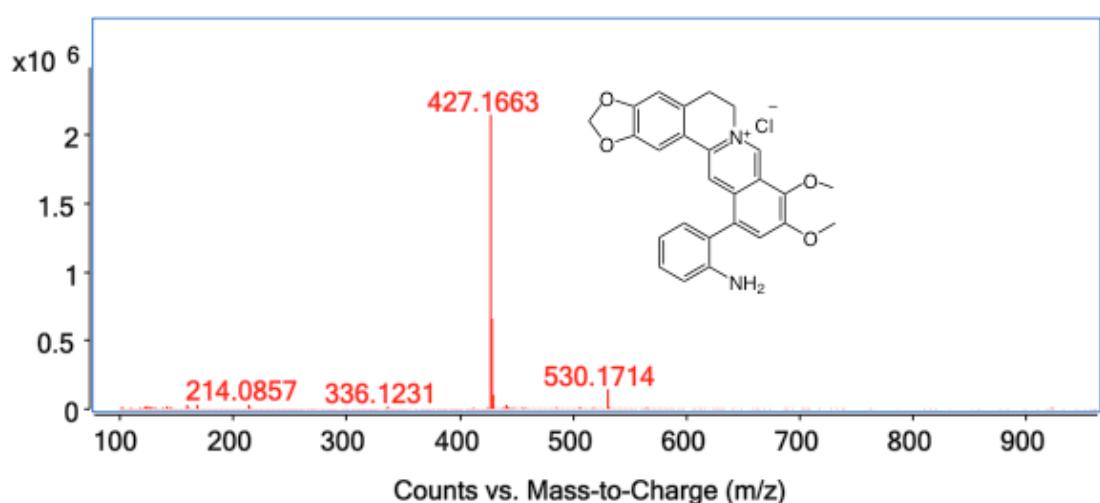
**Fig. S26** HR-ESI/TOF-MS spectrum of compound **3h**.



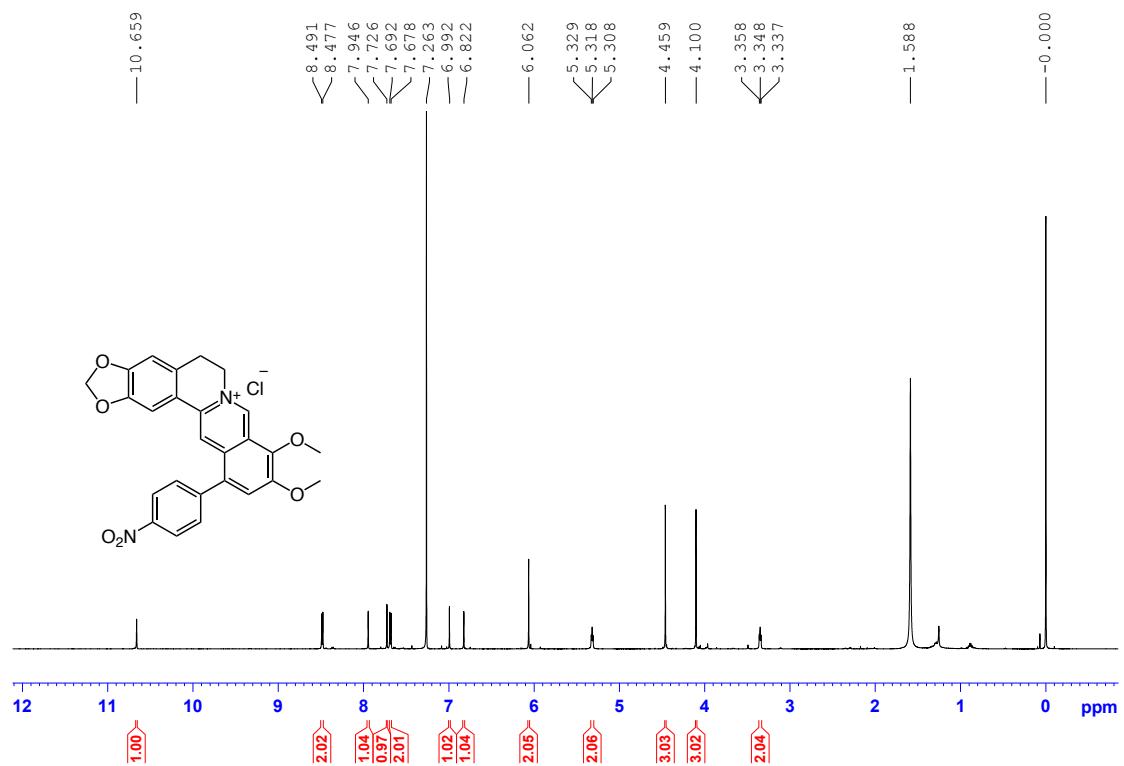
**Fig. S27** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3i.



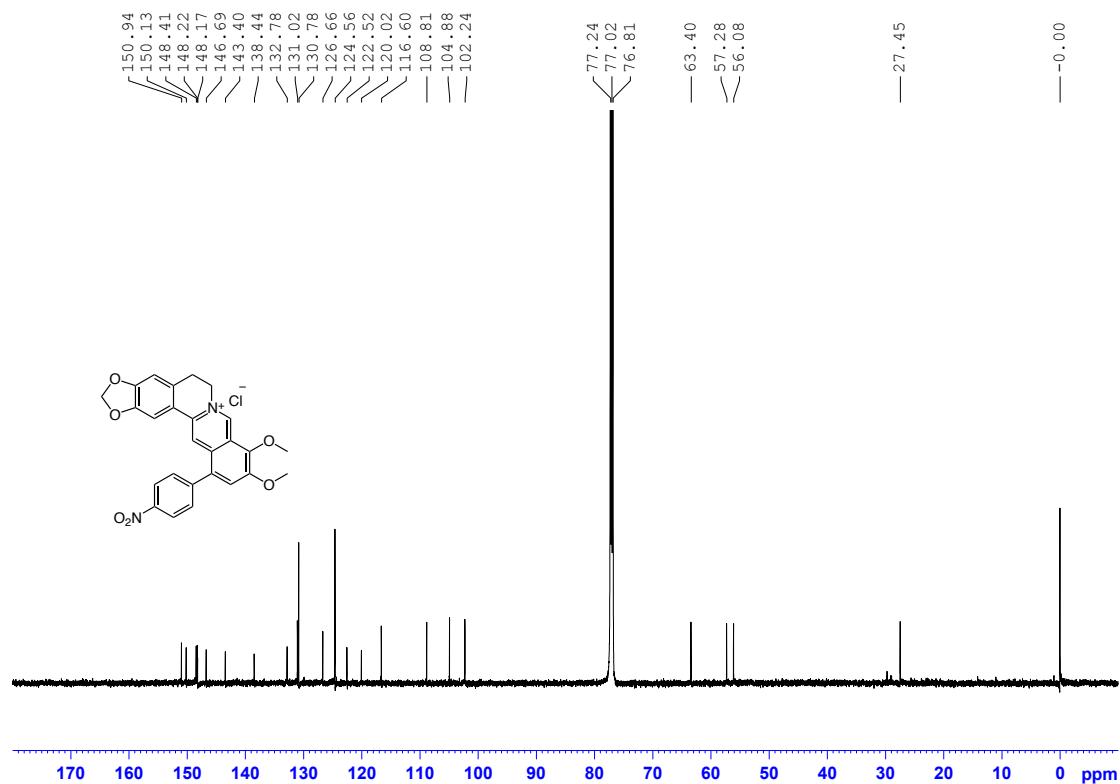
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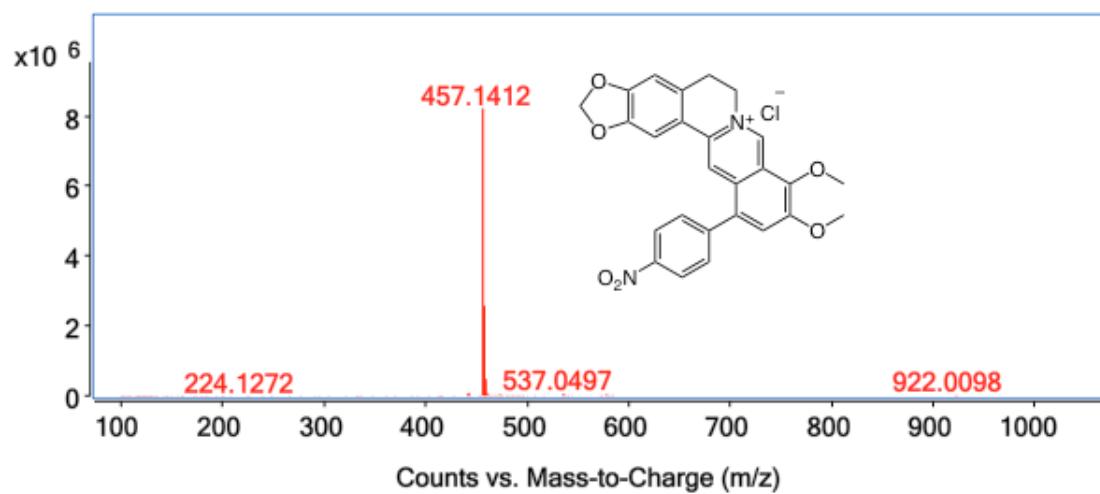
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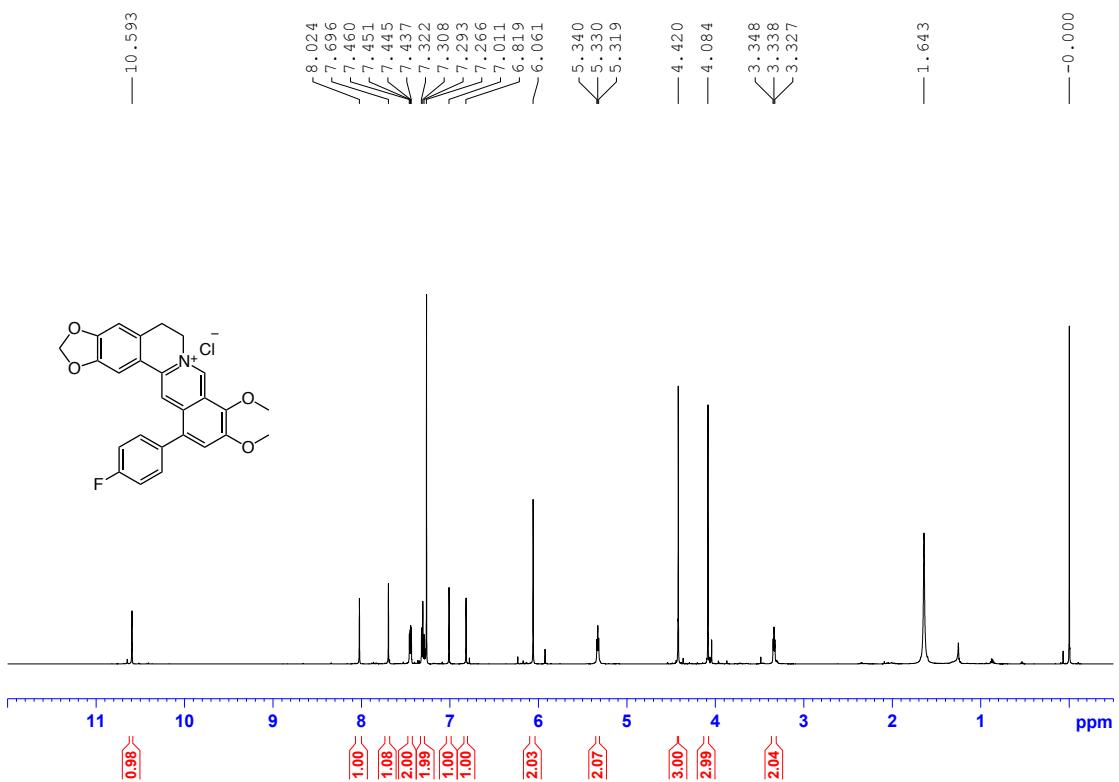
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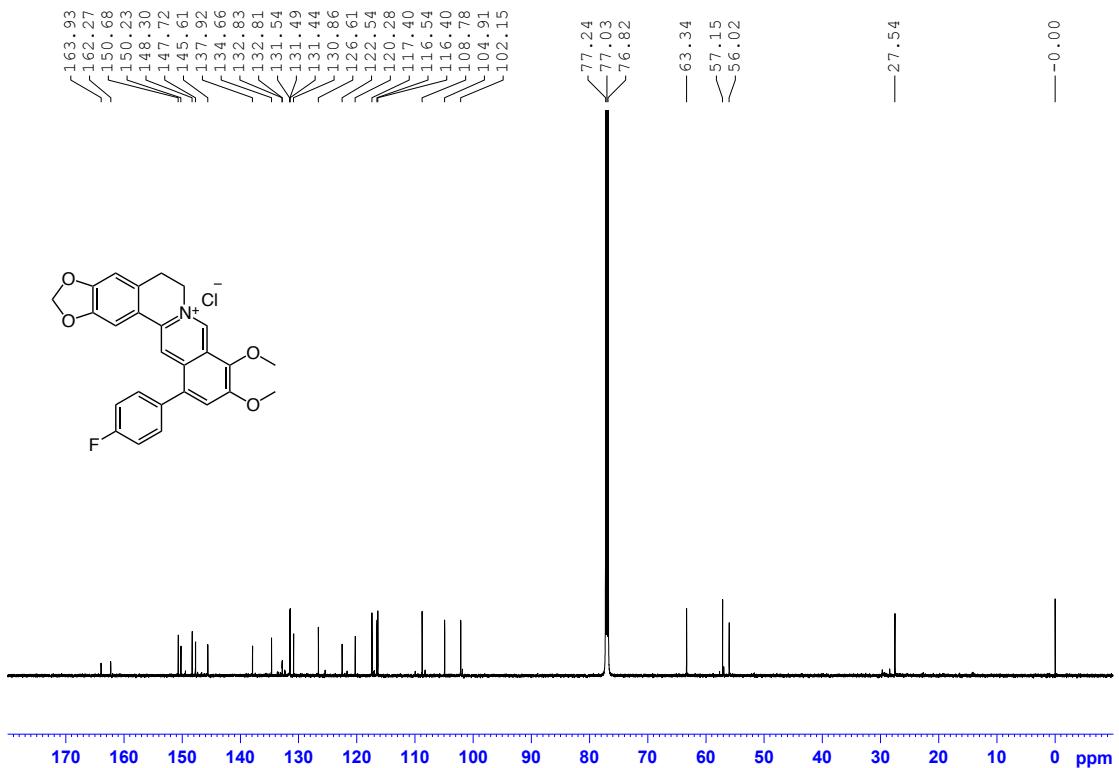
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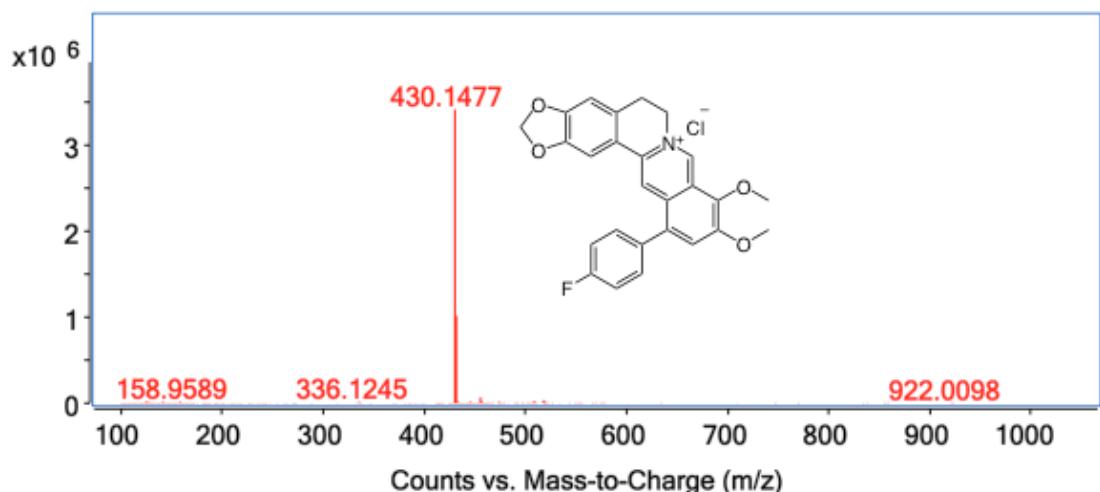
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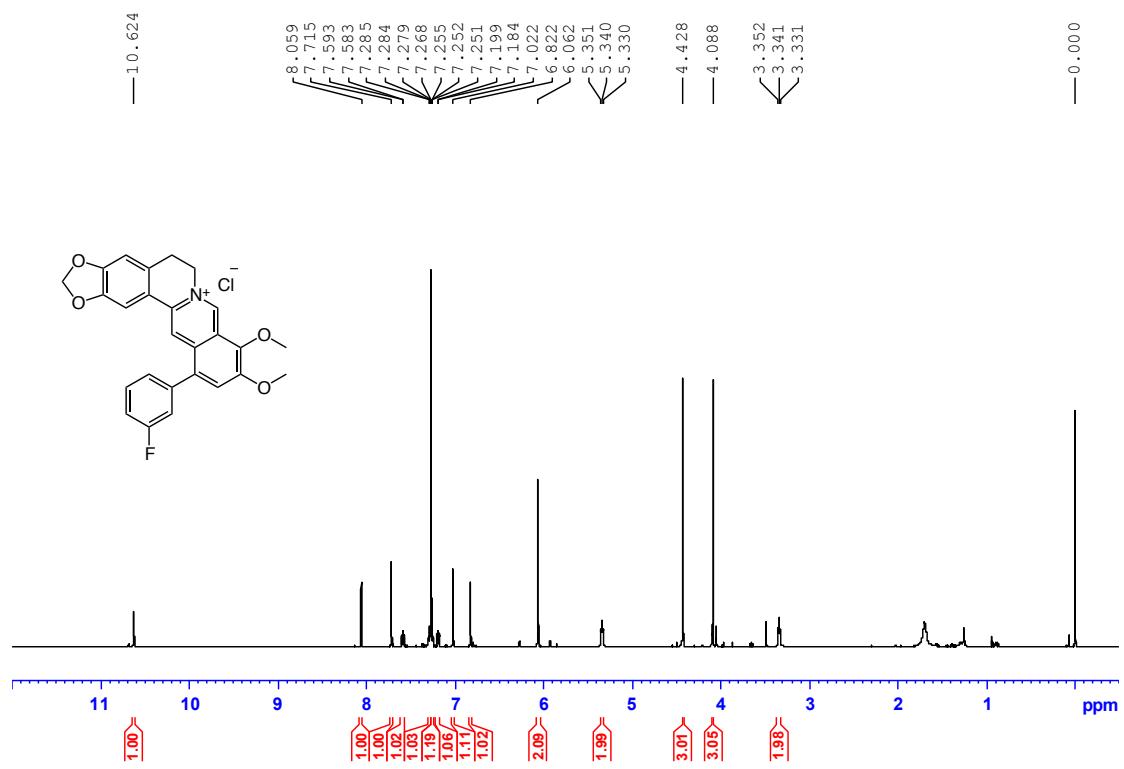
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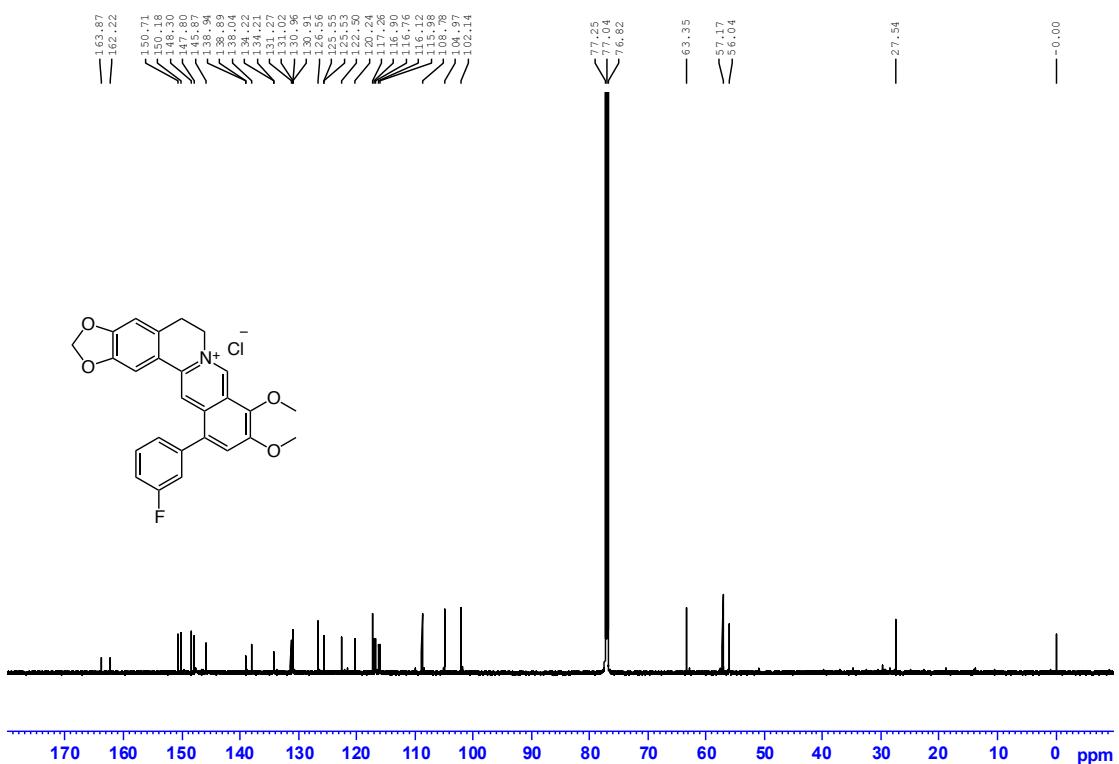
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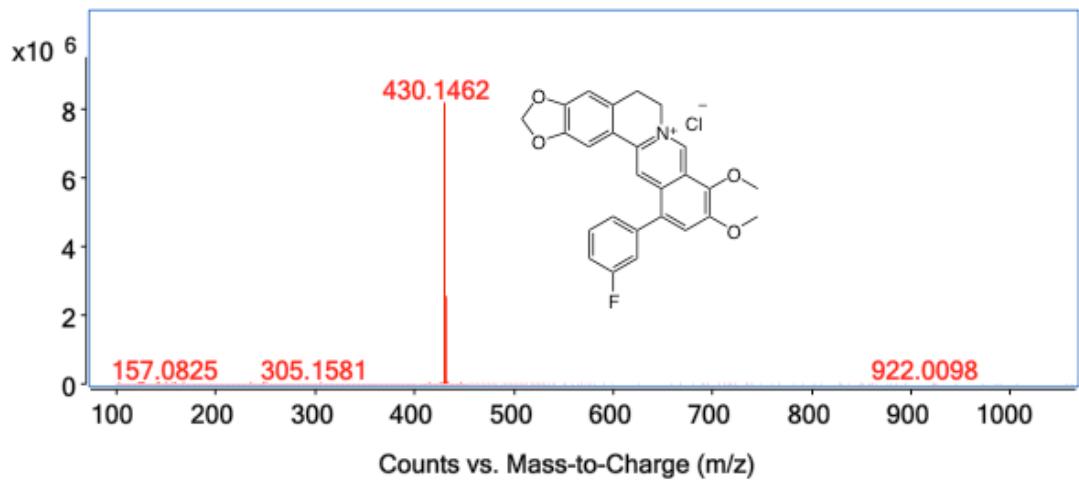
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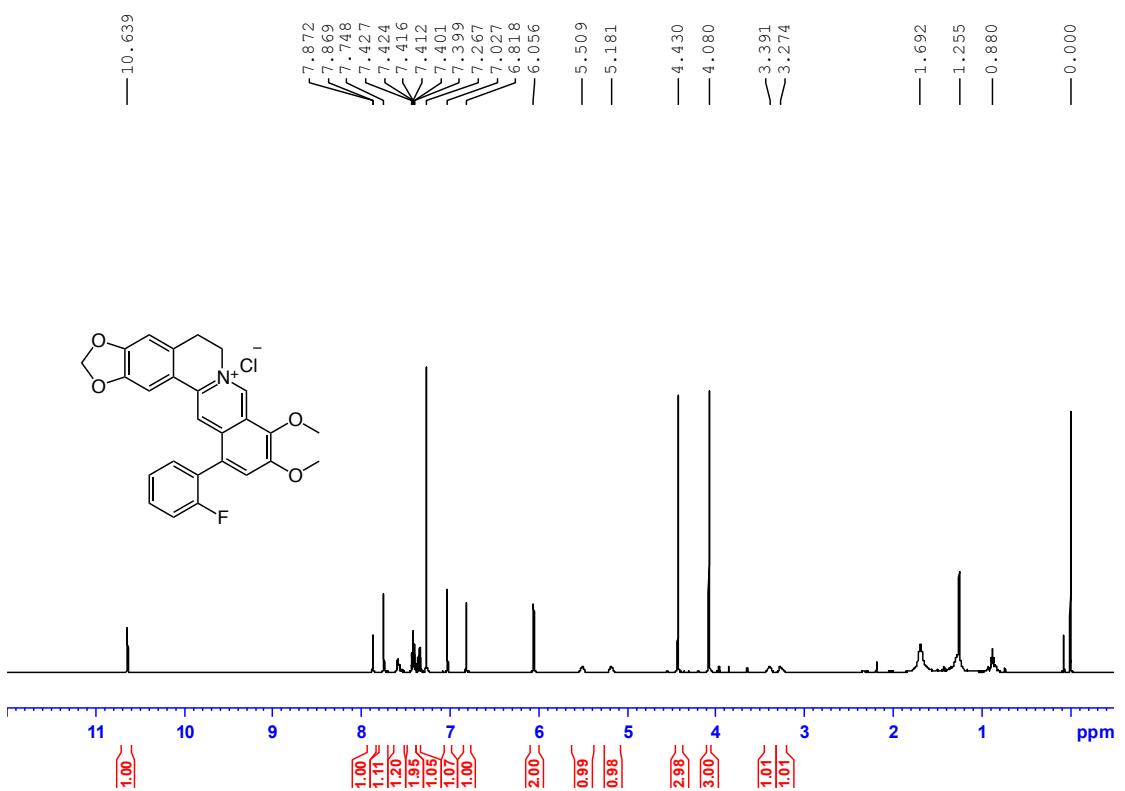
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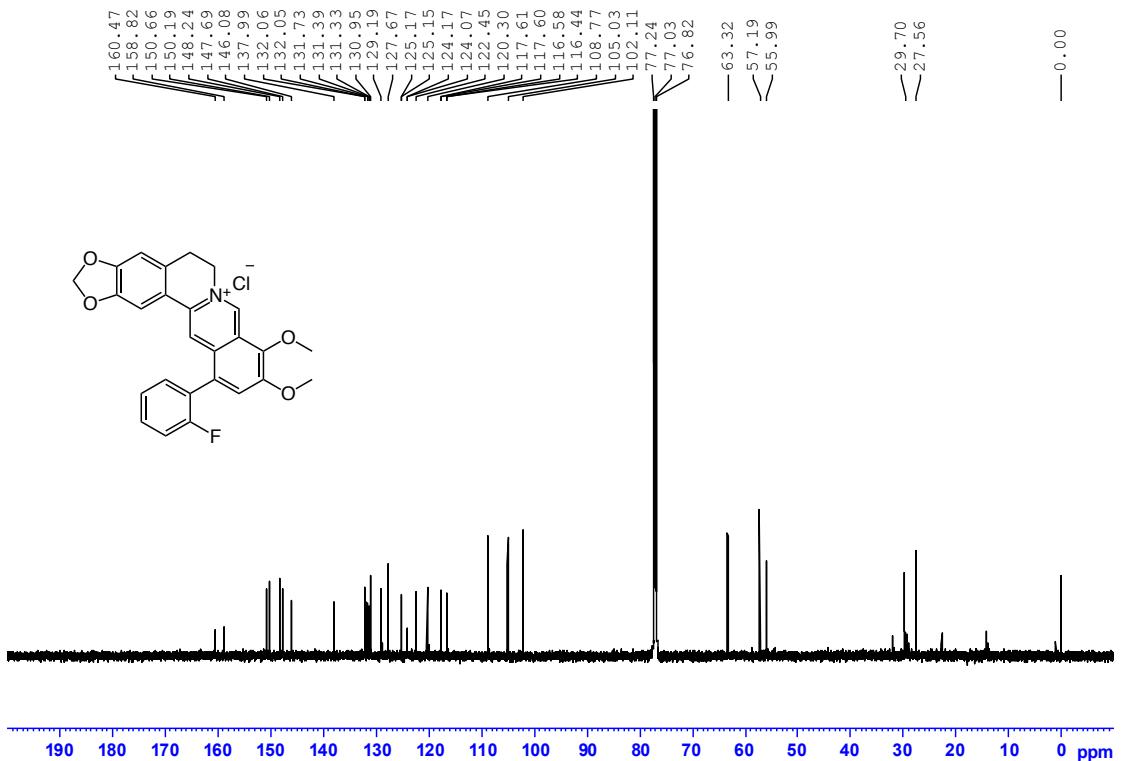
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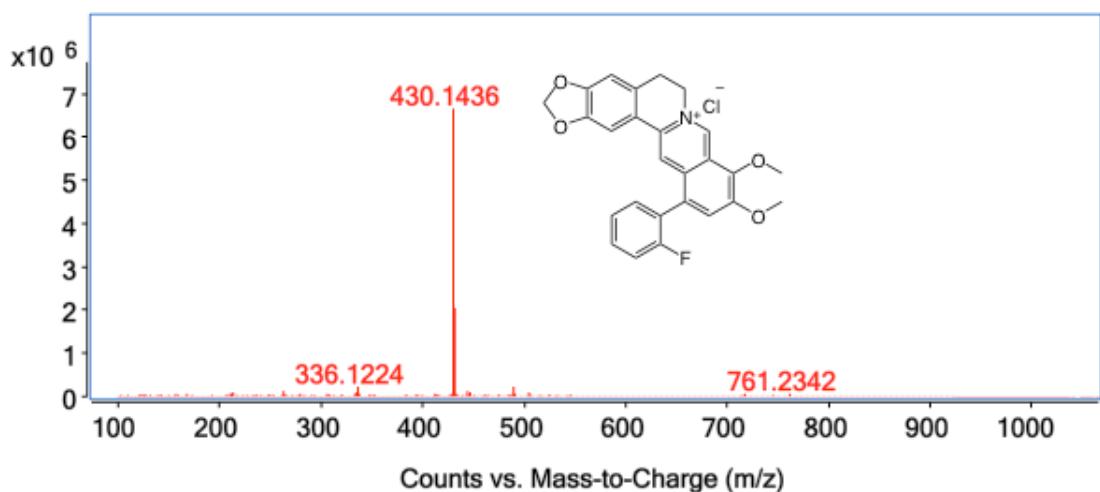
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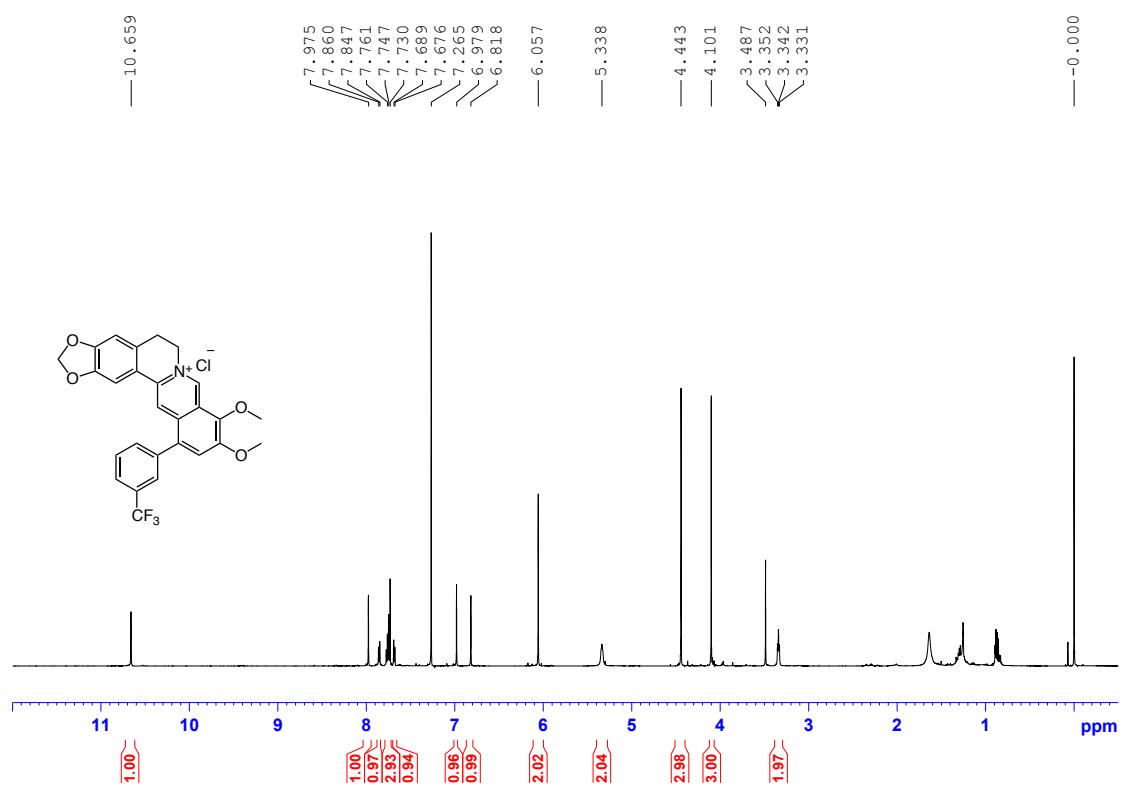
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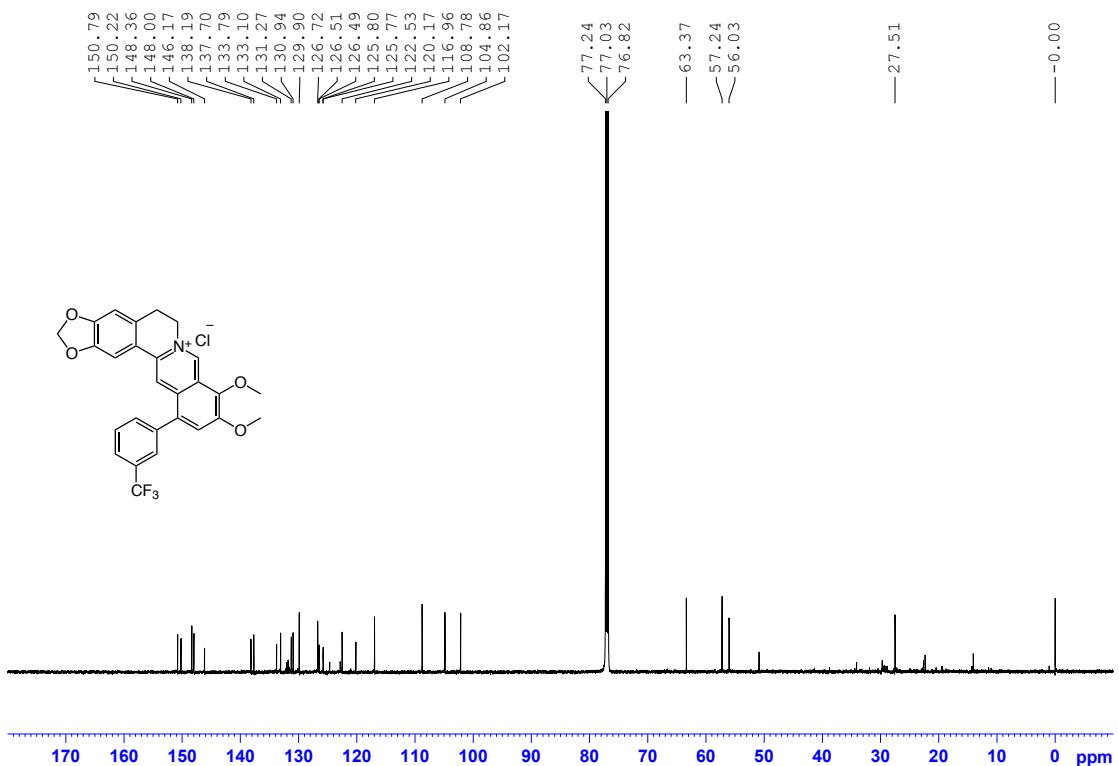
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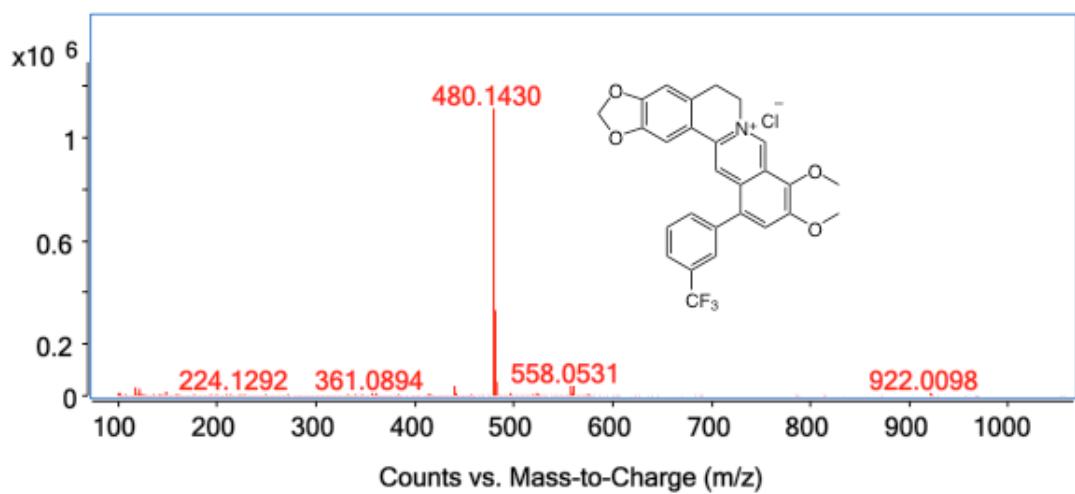
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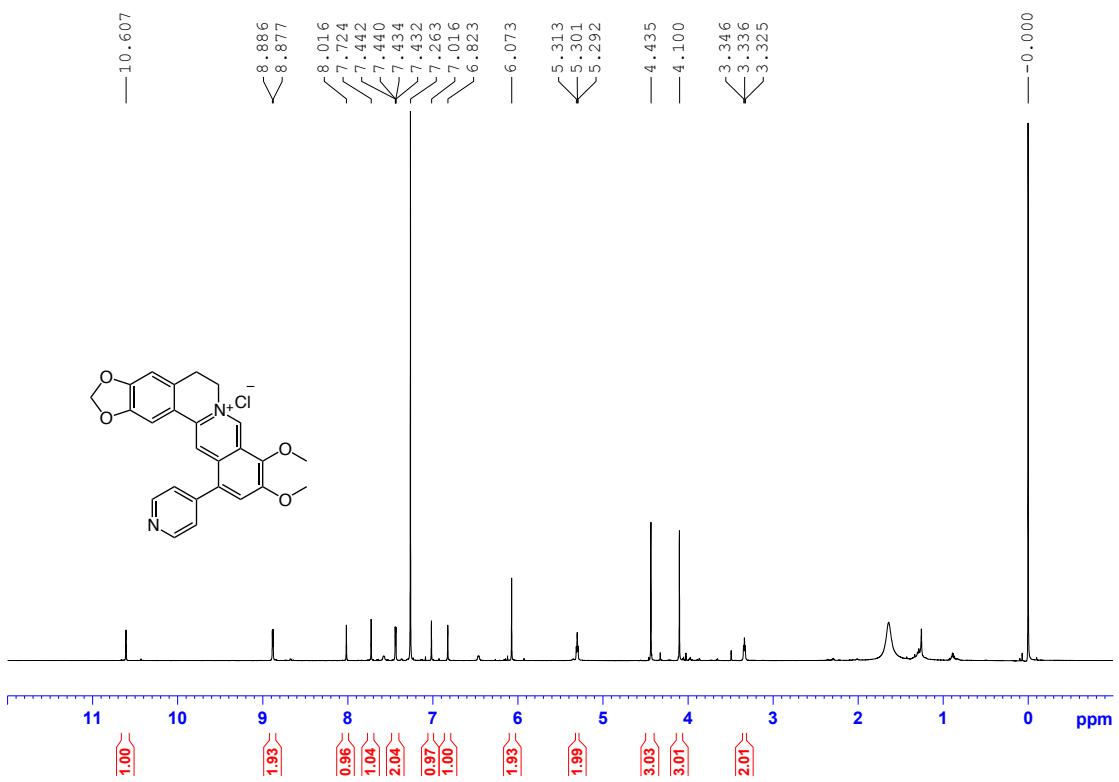
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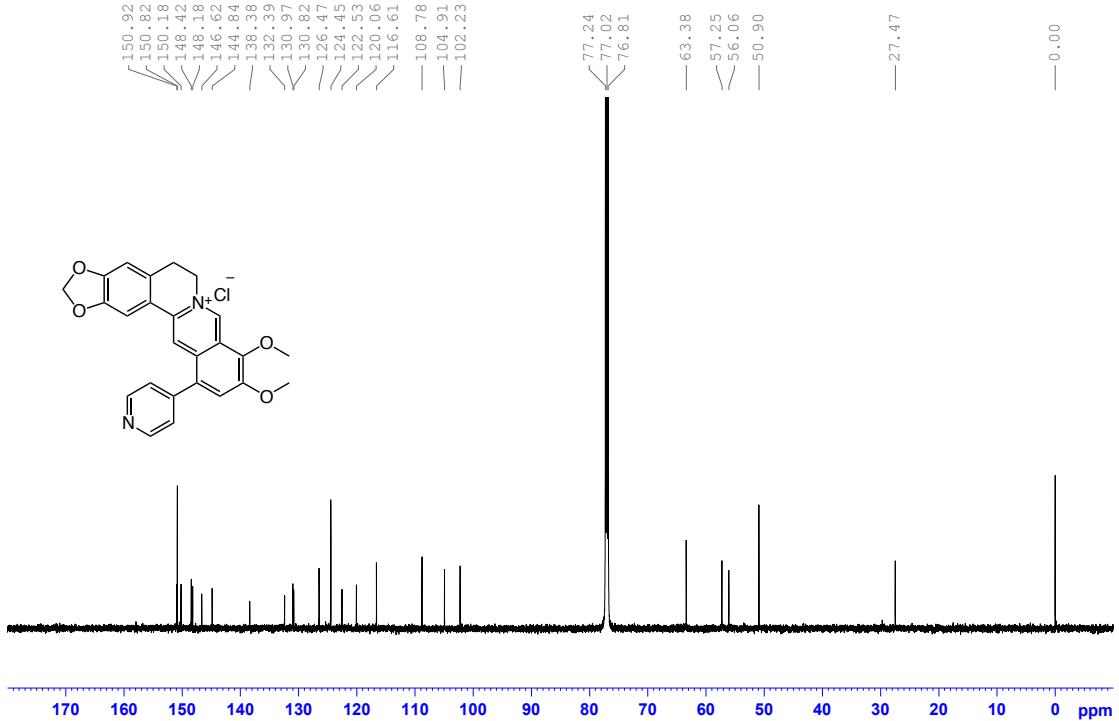
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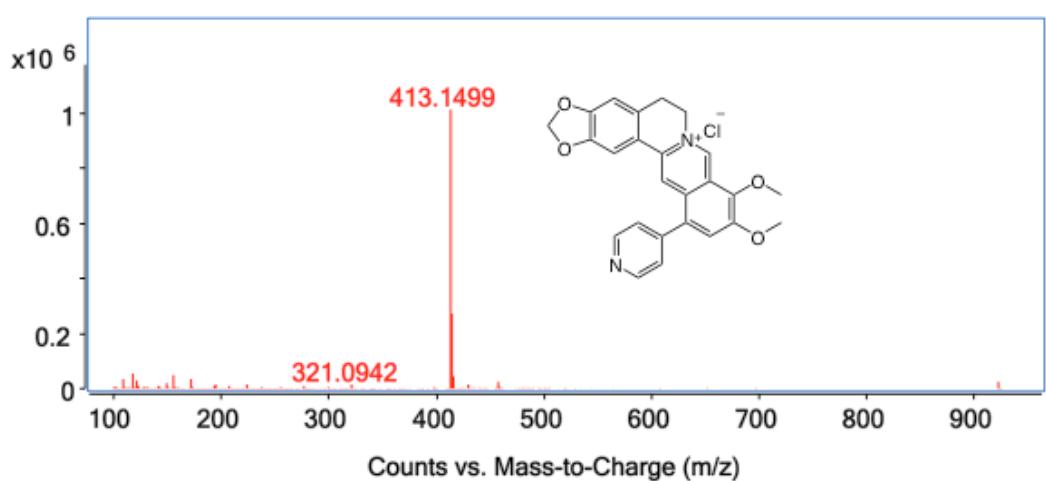
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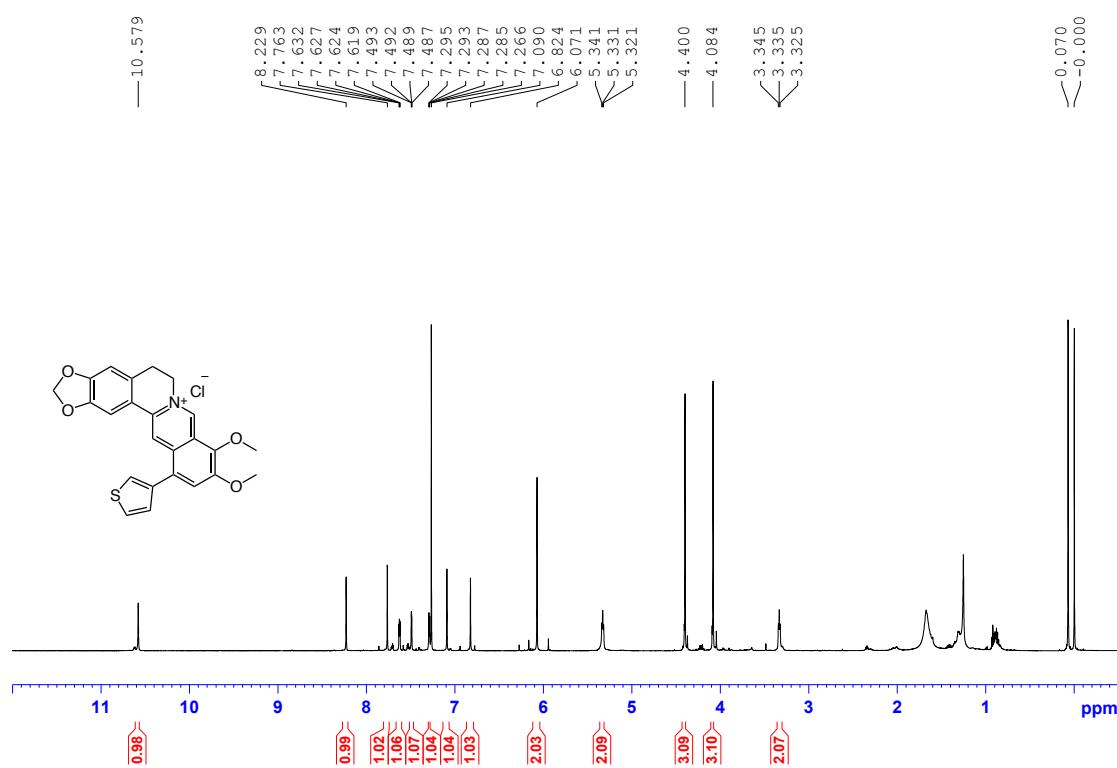
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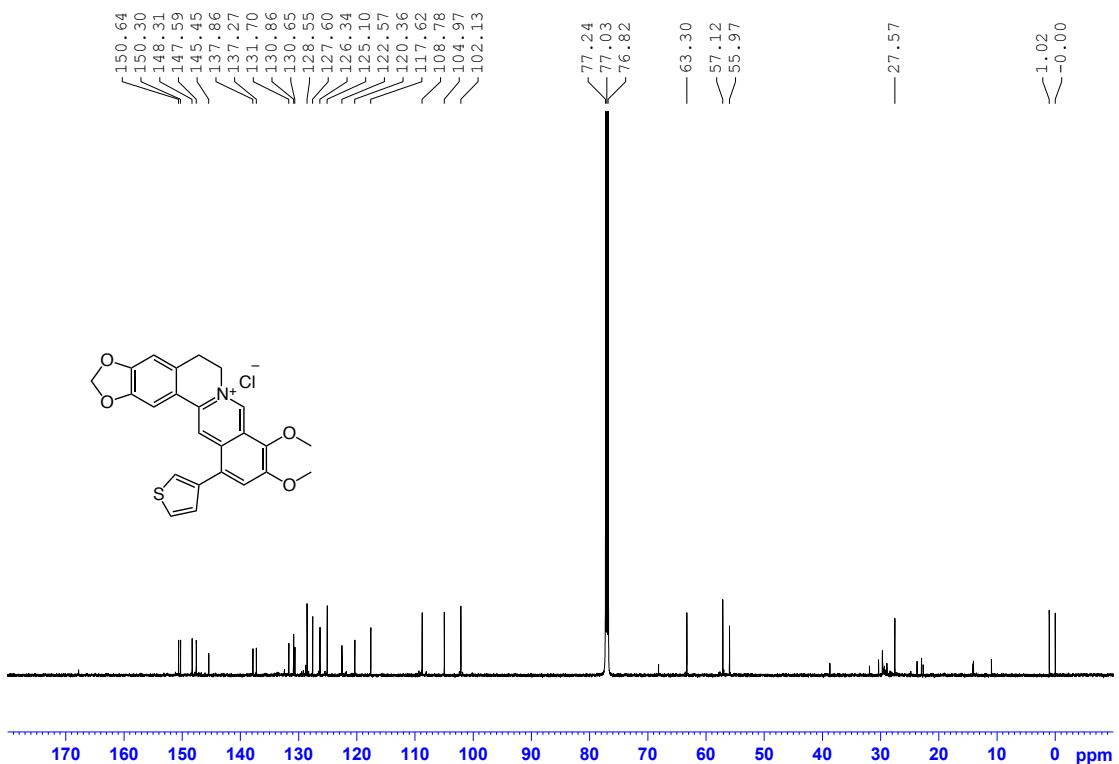


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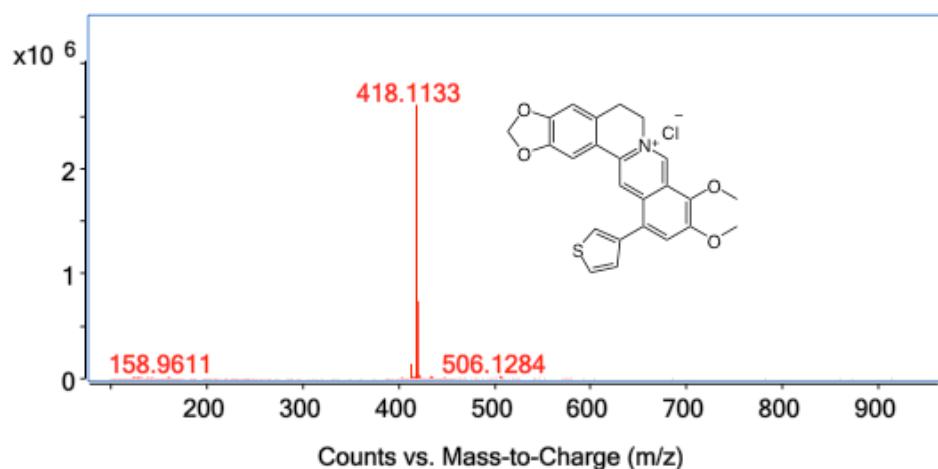


**Fig. S47** HR-ESI/TOF-MS spectrum of compound 3o.

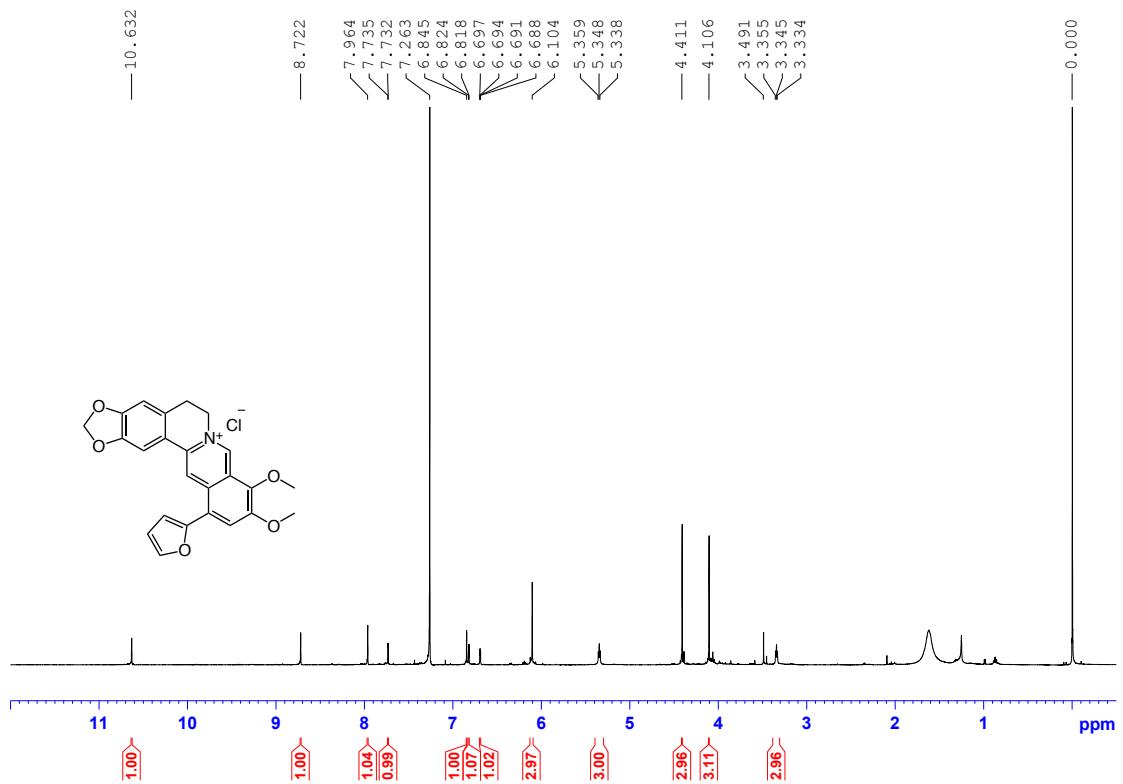




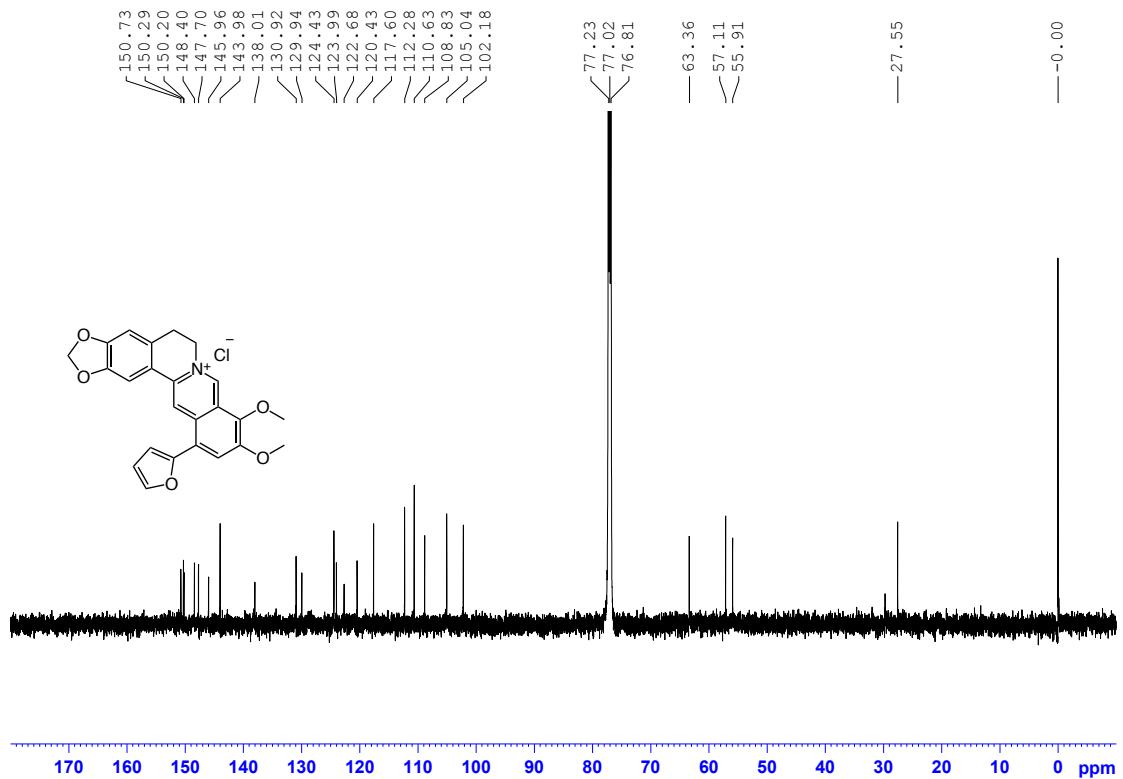
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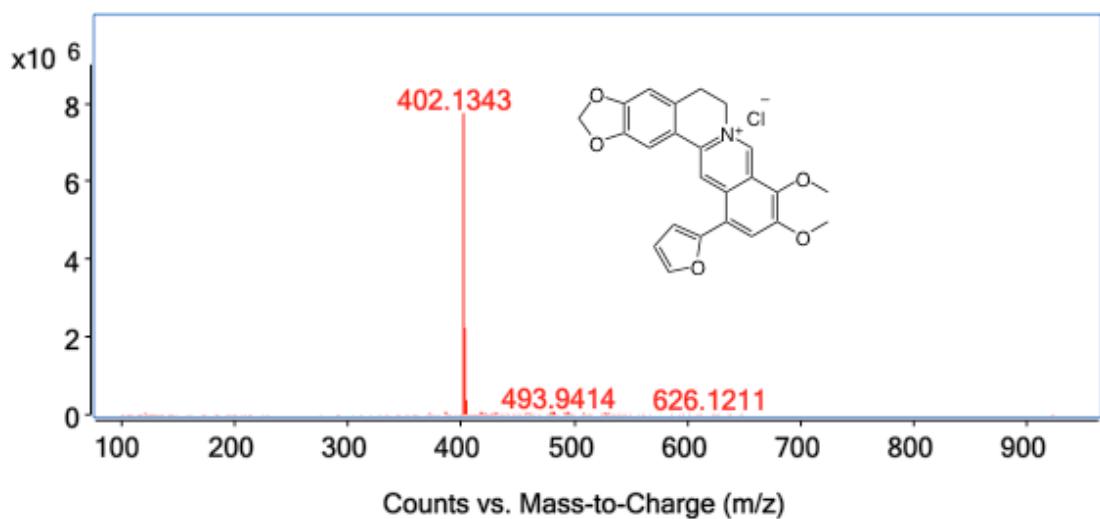
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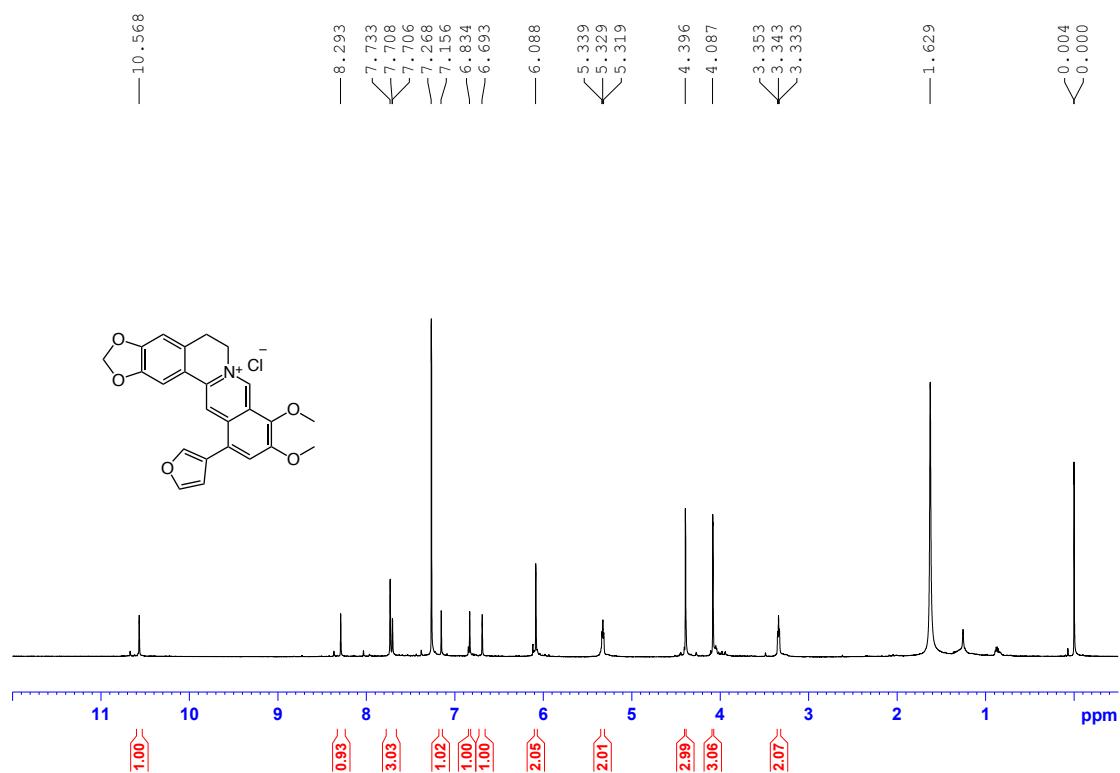
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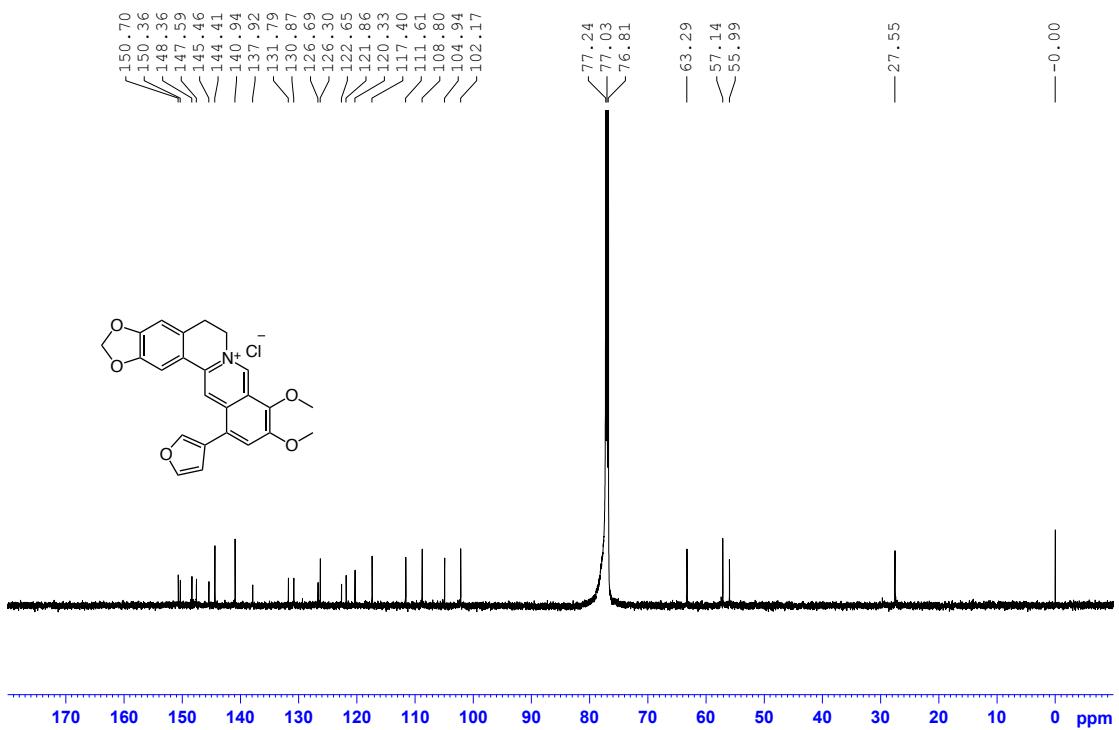
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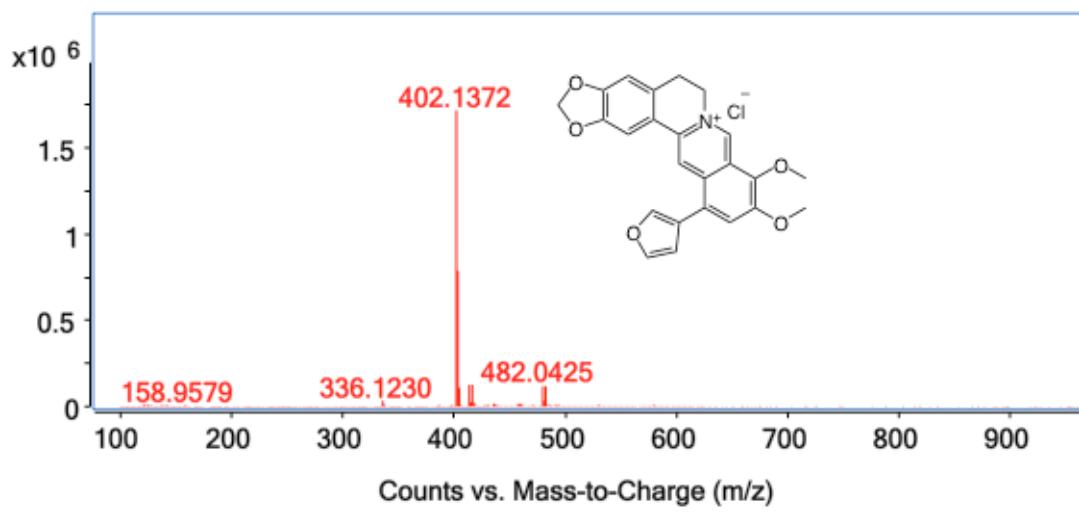
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**Fig. S54**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3r**.



**Fig. S55**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3r**.



**Fig. S56** HR-ESI/TOF-MS spectrum of compound **3r**.

**Table S1** Viability (%) of T47D cell treated by berberine and its active derivatives with several concentrations

Compounds/ concentration	Cell viability (% blank control), Mean (SD)			HIF-1 inhibitory activity $IC_{50} (\mu M)$ , Mean (SD)
	10 $\mu M$	5 $\mu M$	2.5 $\mu M$	
<b>berberine</b>	92.5 (9.3)	<b>98.5 (4.8)</b>	108.3 (13.6)	4.78 (0.73)
<b>3a</b>	65.6 (5.4)	77.4 (1.0)	<b>86.5 (2.8)</b>	1.51 (0.09)
<b>3b</b>	68.8 (3.7)	80.8 (1.5)	<b>98.1 (2.0)</b>	1.39 (0.07)
<b>3c</b>	65.9 (6.4)	67.6 (6.6)	<b>84.7 (8.2)</b>	1.26 (0.29)
<b>3d</b>	64.3(7.2)	91.9(6.3)	<b>102.9 (3.0)</b>	2.12 (0.36)
<b>3e</b>	84.5 (10.3)	96.8 (8.8)	<b>116.9 (11.4)</b>	0.74 (0.06)
<b>3f</b>	71.1 (1.4)	70.1 (9.3)	<b>92.0 (6.4)</b>	1.35 (0.14)
<b>3k</b>	91.4 (4.9)	94.7 (14.3)	<b>105.0 (10.9)</b>	2.07 (0.17)
<b>3l</b>	<b>88.5 (10.1)</b>	98.5 (9.6)	98.9 (12.2.2)	11.82 (1.65)
<b>3m</b>	92.9 (5.0)	<b>96.8 (6.5)</b>	106.3 (8.6)	5.40 (1.36)

The cell viability was reflected by the control *Renilla* luciferase activity. The data in bold mean the viability of T47D cell treated by berberine derivatives at the concentration around their  $IC_{50}$  values.