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Highly Selective, Red Emitting BODIPY-Based Fluorescent Indicators for Intracellular Mg^{2+} Imaging

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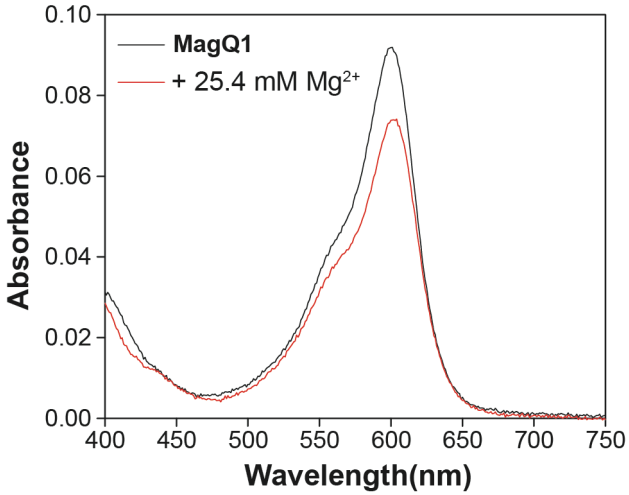

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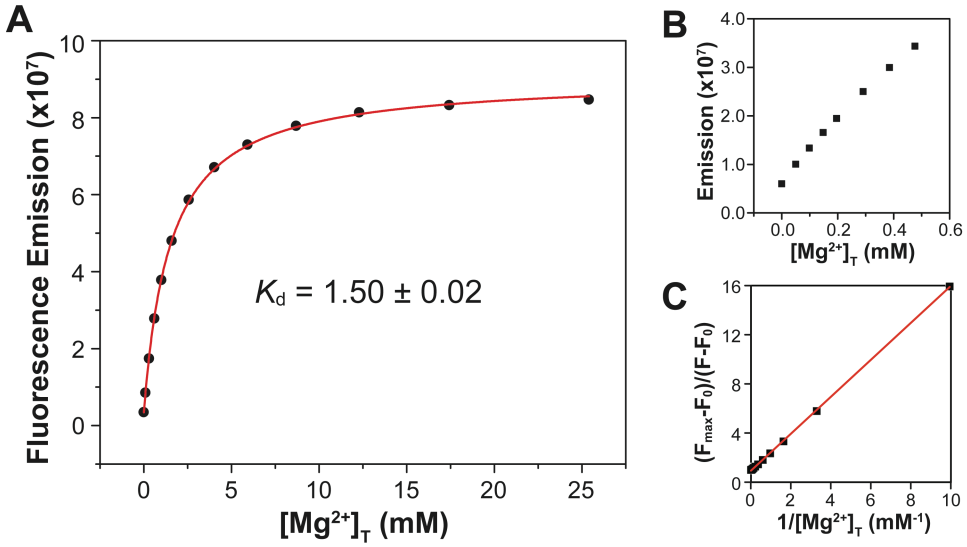

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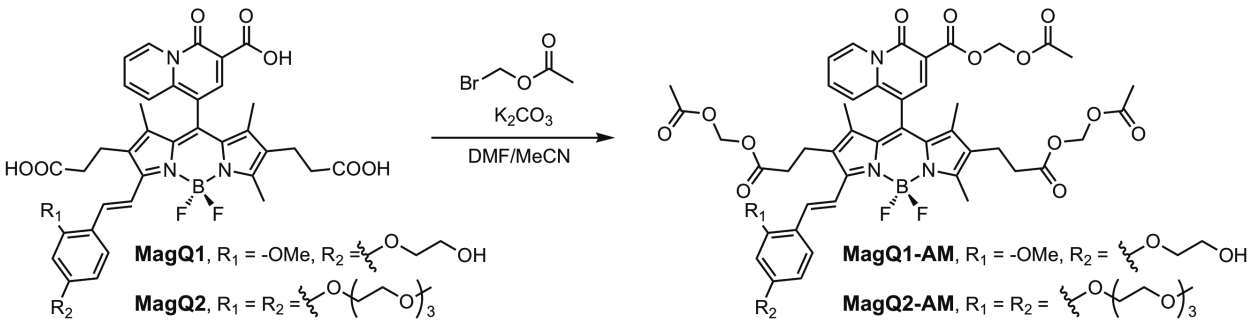


Scheme S1. Synthesis of **MagQ1-AM** and **MagQ2-AM**.

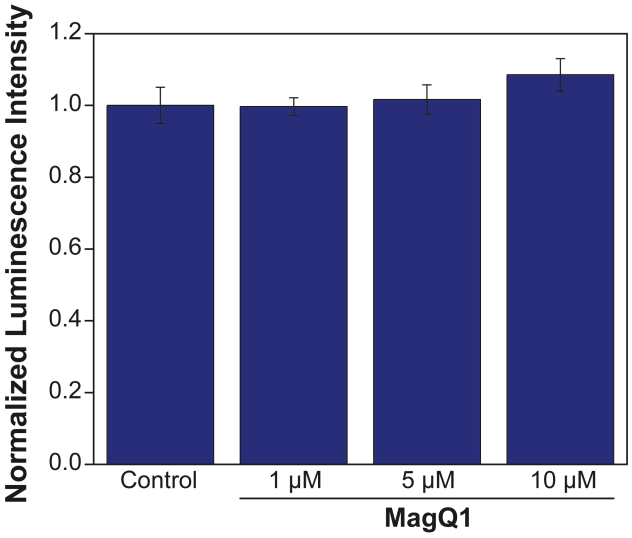


Figure S3. Viability of HeLa cells treated with **MagQ1** (in the membrane permeable acetoxymethyl ester form, **MagQ1-AM**) under typical sensor loading and imaging conditions, as determined by CellTiter-Glo® Luminescent Cell Viability Assay. Error bars correspond to standard deviations on eight replicas.

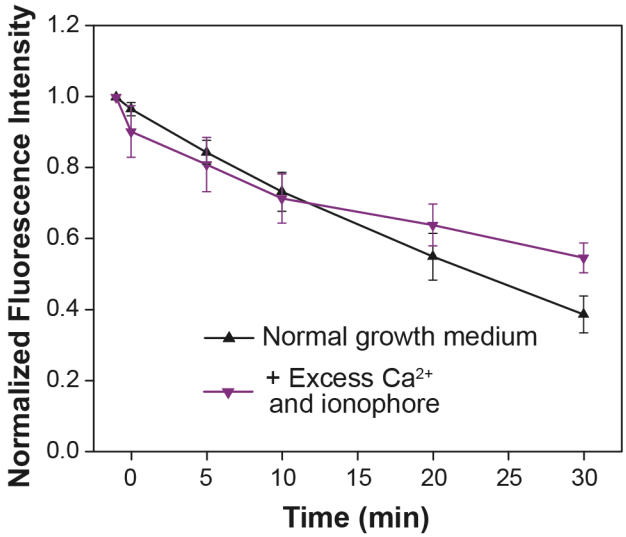


Figure S4. Normalized average fluorescence of **MagQ1** per cell in samples imaged in normal growth medium (black triangles) or under supplementation with exogenous Ca^{2+} and ionophore (violet triangles). Error bars represent the SD, $N = 20$ cells.

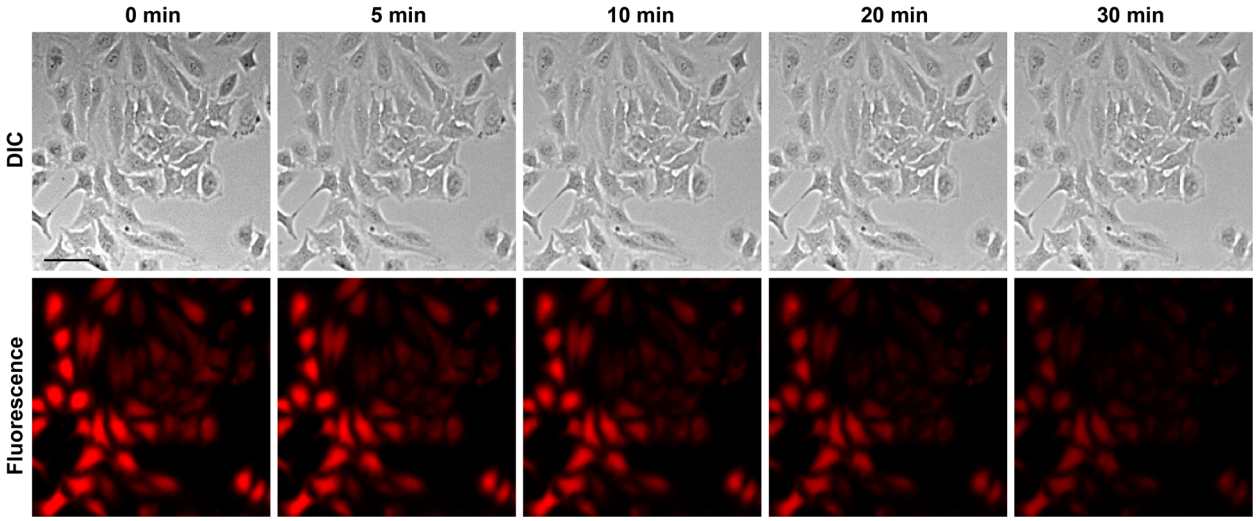


Figure S5. Fluorescence imaging of Mg^{2+} in live HeLa cells loaded with **MagQ1-AM** over a period of 30 min. Cells incubated in HHBSS, containing 0.8 mM Mg^{2+}, and 1.8 mM Ca^{2+}. Scale bar: 50 μm.

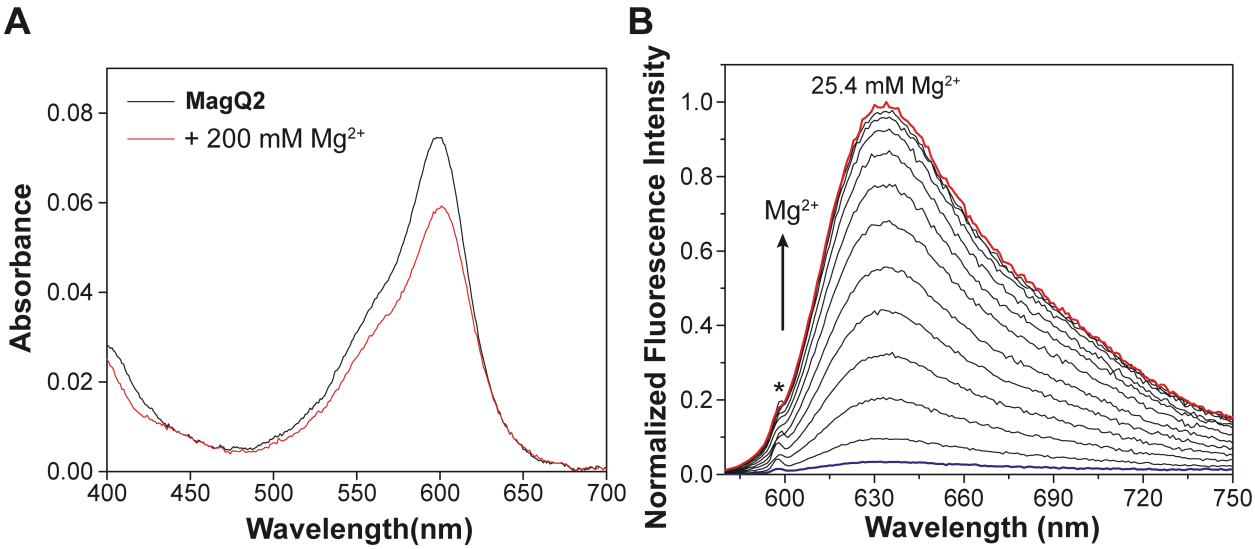
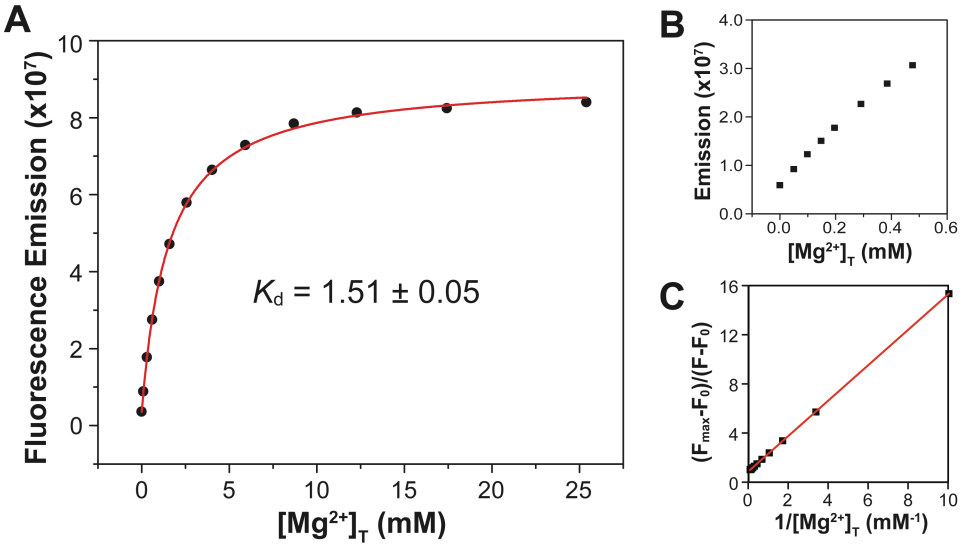


Figure S6. (A) Absorption and (B) fluorescence emission spectra of a 1.0 μM solution of **MagQ2** treated with increasing concentrations of Mg^{2+}. Titration conducted in 50 mM aqueous PIPES buffer, 100 mM KCl, pH 7.0, 25 °C. Excitation wavelength λ_{ex} = 600 nm. * = scattered light from excitation beam.



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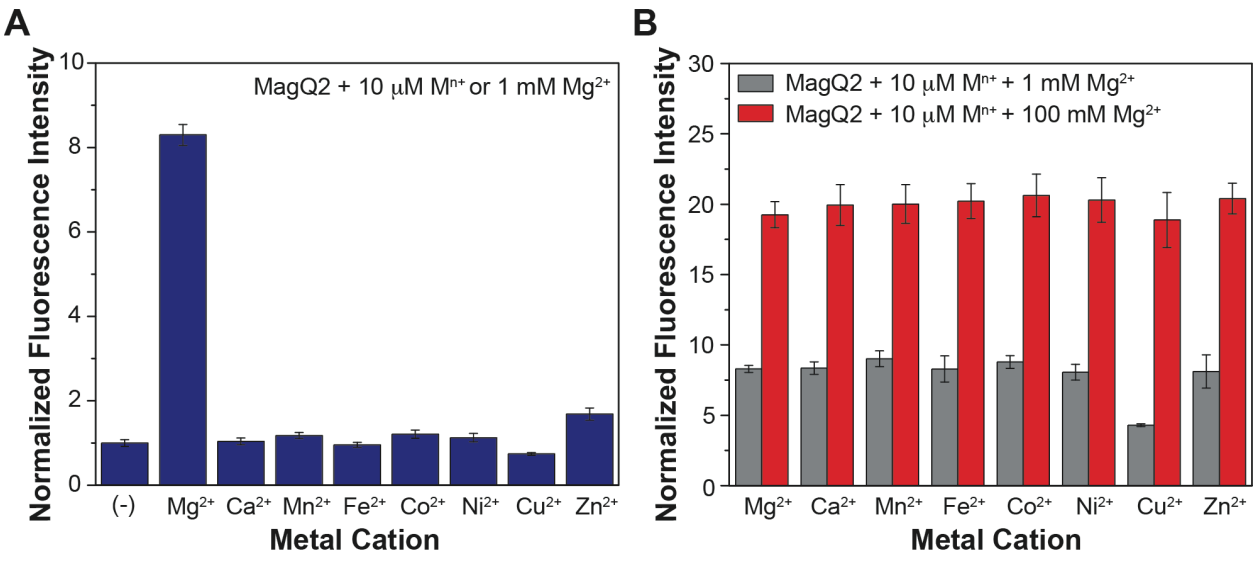

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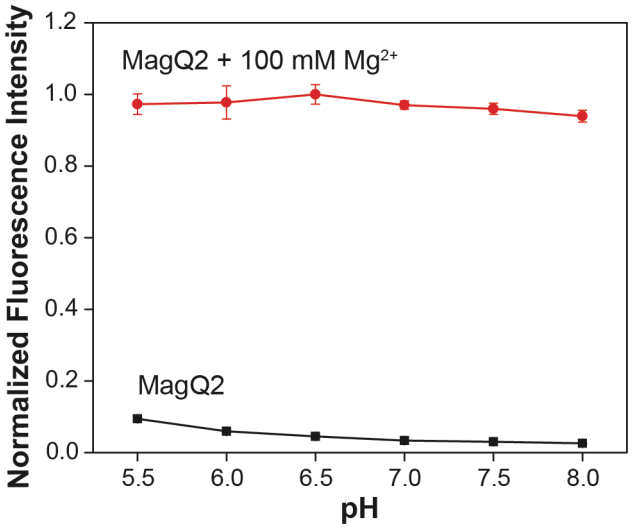


Figure S9. Fluorescence emission of a 1 μM solution of **MagQ2** in aqueous buffer at pH ranging from 5.5 to 8.0, 25 °C, in the absence (black squares) or presence (red circles) of 100 mM Mg^{2+}. Error bars correspond to standard deviations on measurements conducted in triplicate.

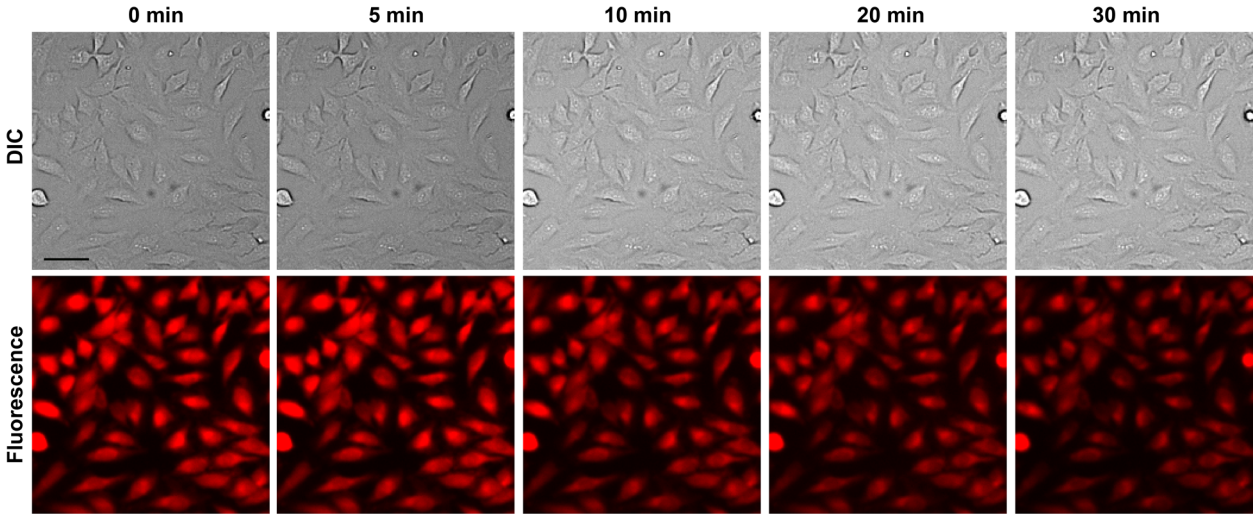
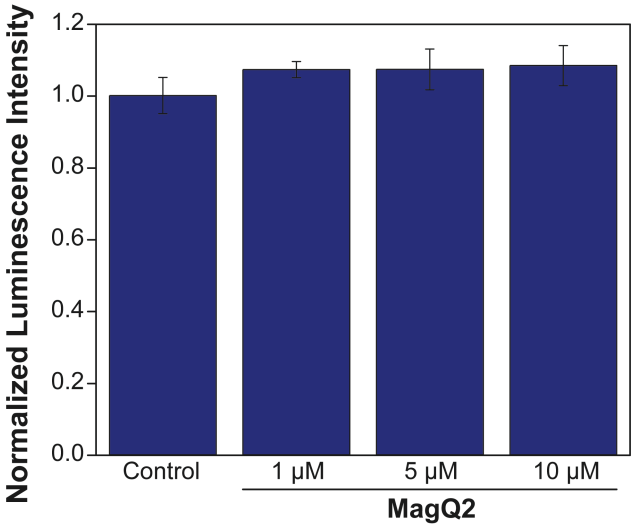


Figure S10. Fluorescence imaging of Mg^{2+} in live HeLa cells loaded with **MagQ2-AM** over a period of 30 min. Cells incubated in HHBSS, containing 0.8 mM Mg^{2+} and 1.8 mM Ca^{2+}. Scale bar: 50 µm.



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2. Additional experimental details

2.1. General procedure for the preparation of quantitative solutions of MagQ1 and MagQ2

A quantitative sample of **MagQ1** was weighed and dissolved in DMSO to prepare a 1.0 mM stock solution in a volumetric flask. The solution was divided into small aliquots, flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -20 °C until use.

An aliquot of the stock solution was diluted in aqueous buffer (50 mM PIPES, 100 mM KCl, pH 7.0) to obtain a series of solutions with concentrations ranging from 0.2 to 1.0 μM that were used to determine the molar absorptivity at 600 nm, 25 °C (ε = 84000 ± 1000 $M^{-1} \cdot cm^{-1}$). This molar absorptivity was used in subsequent experiments to quantify the concentrations of **MagQ1** and **MagQ2** in various samples and stock solutions.

3. NMR spectroscopy and chromatographic data for new compounds

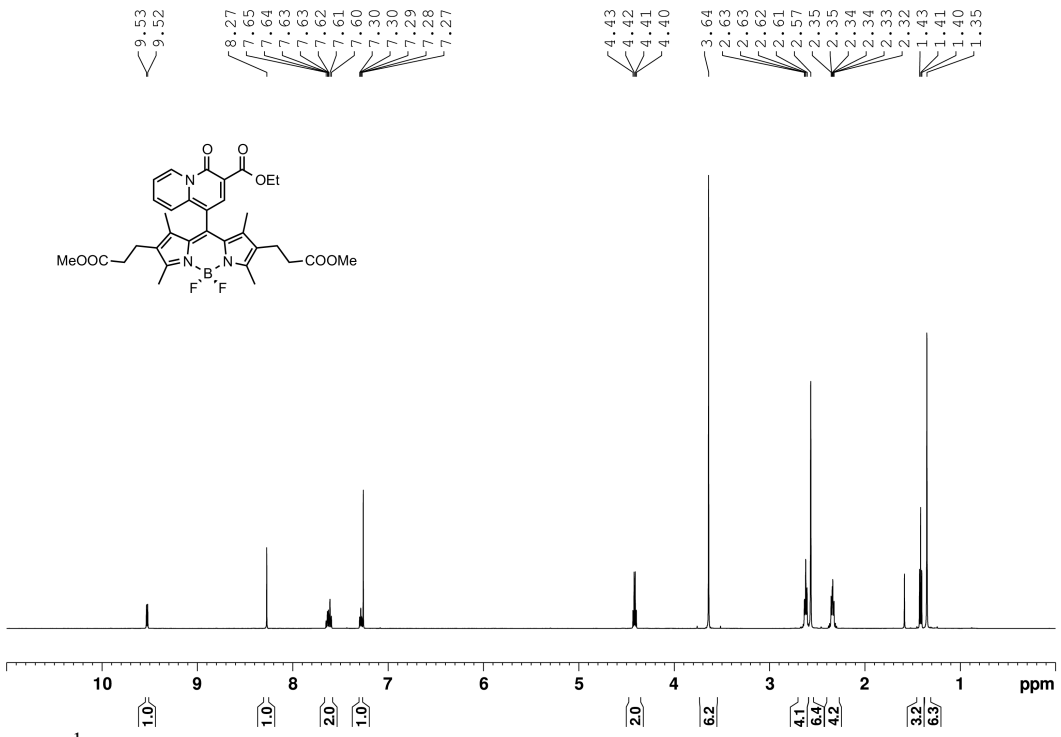


Figure S12. ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **3** in $CDCl_3$

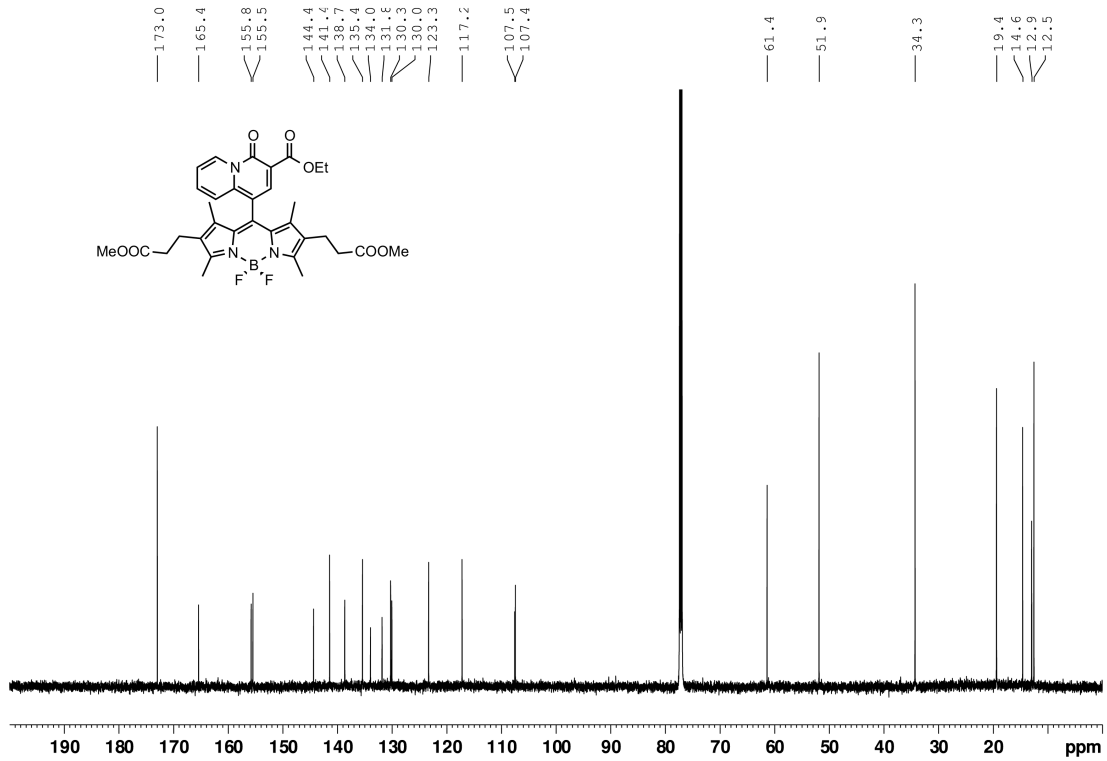


Figure S13. ^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR spectrum of **3** in $CDCl_3$

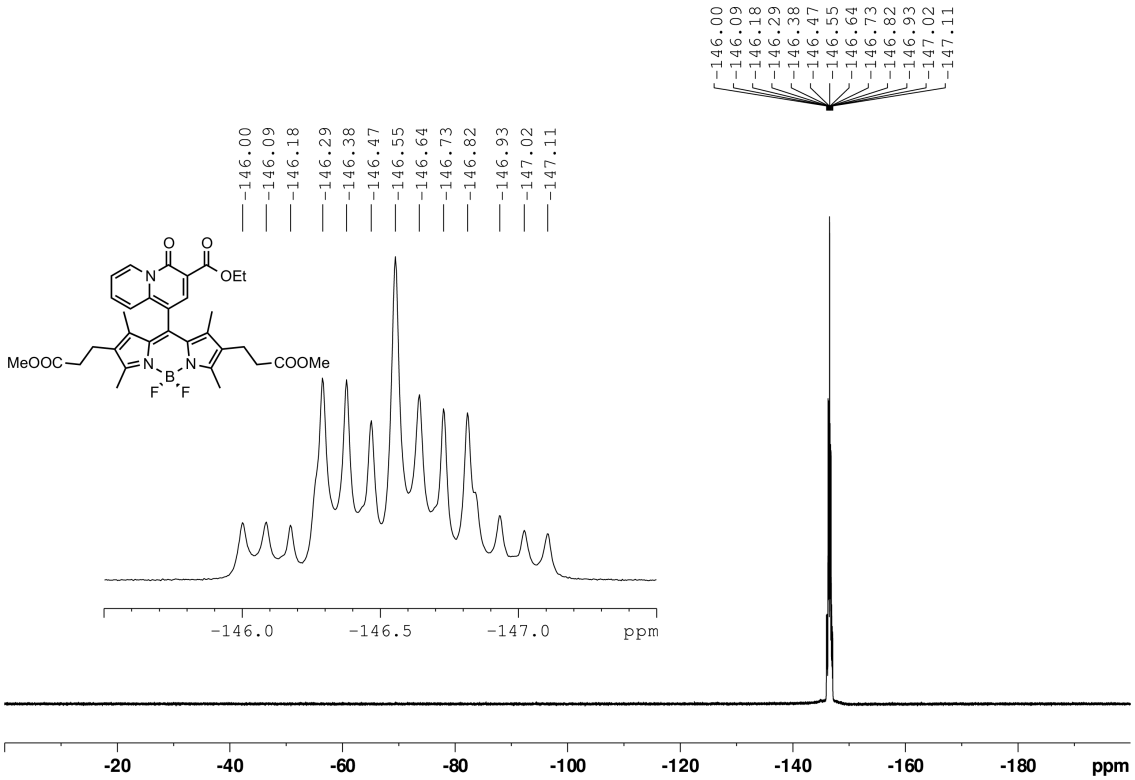
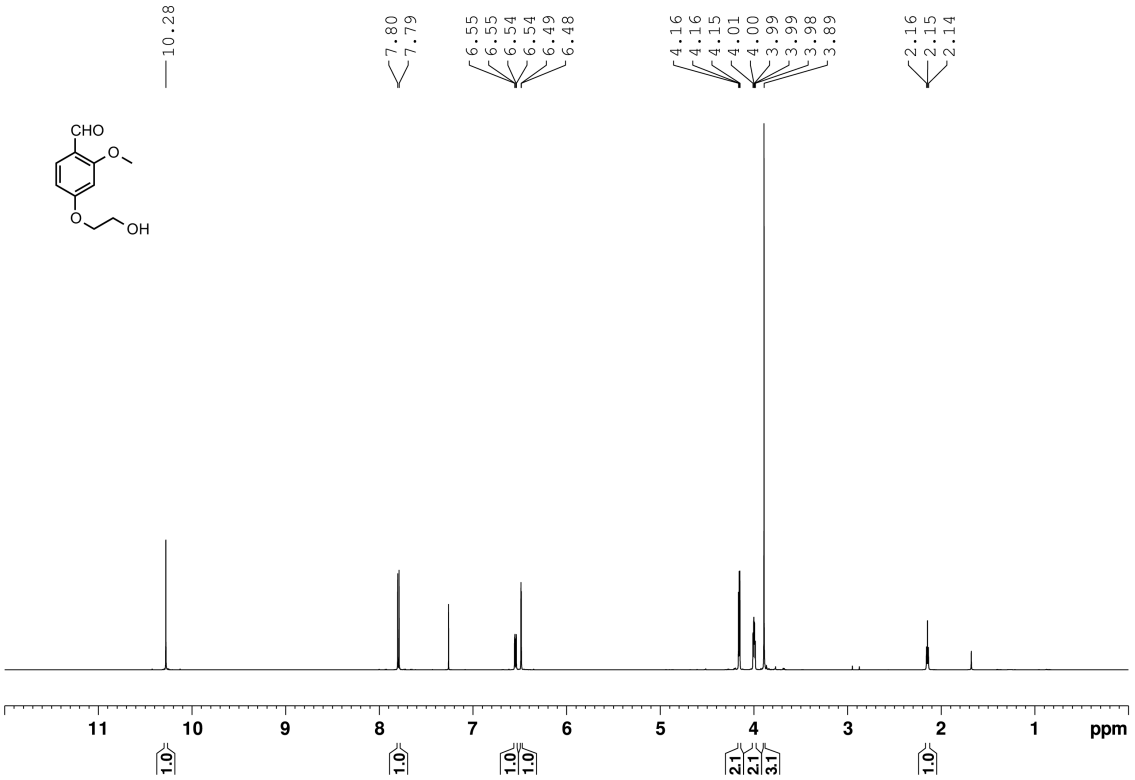


Figure S14. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of **3** in $CDCl_3$



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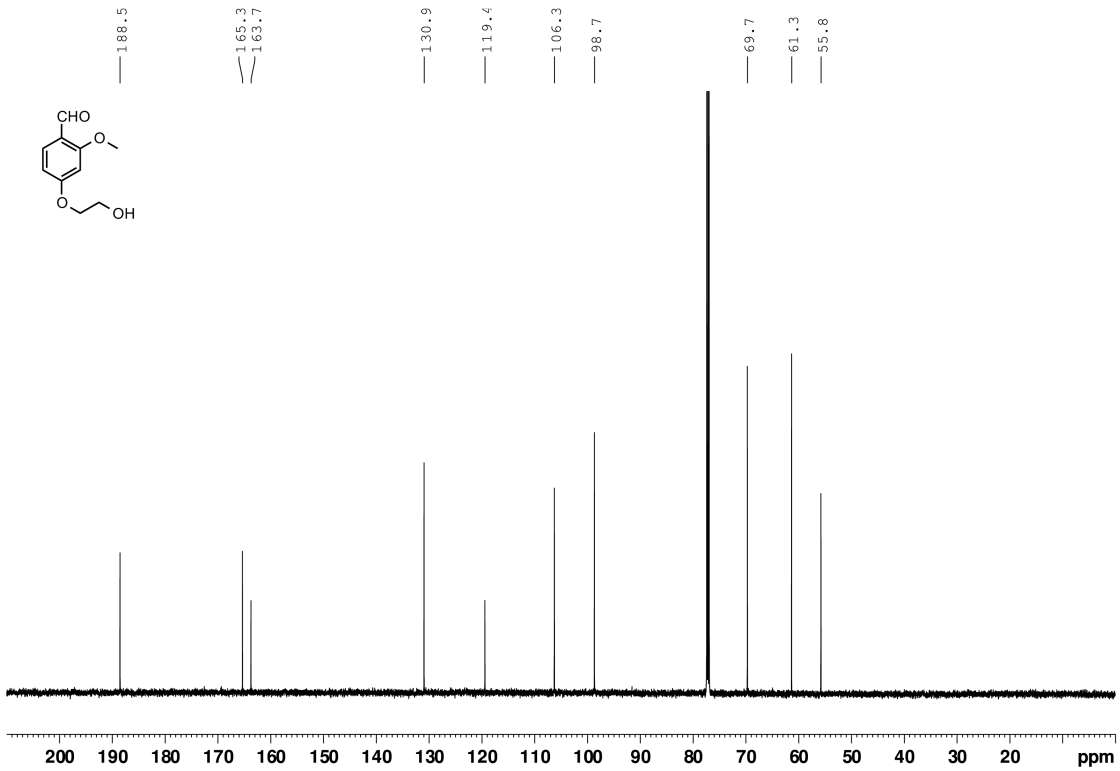

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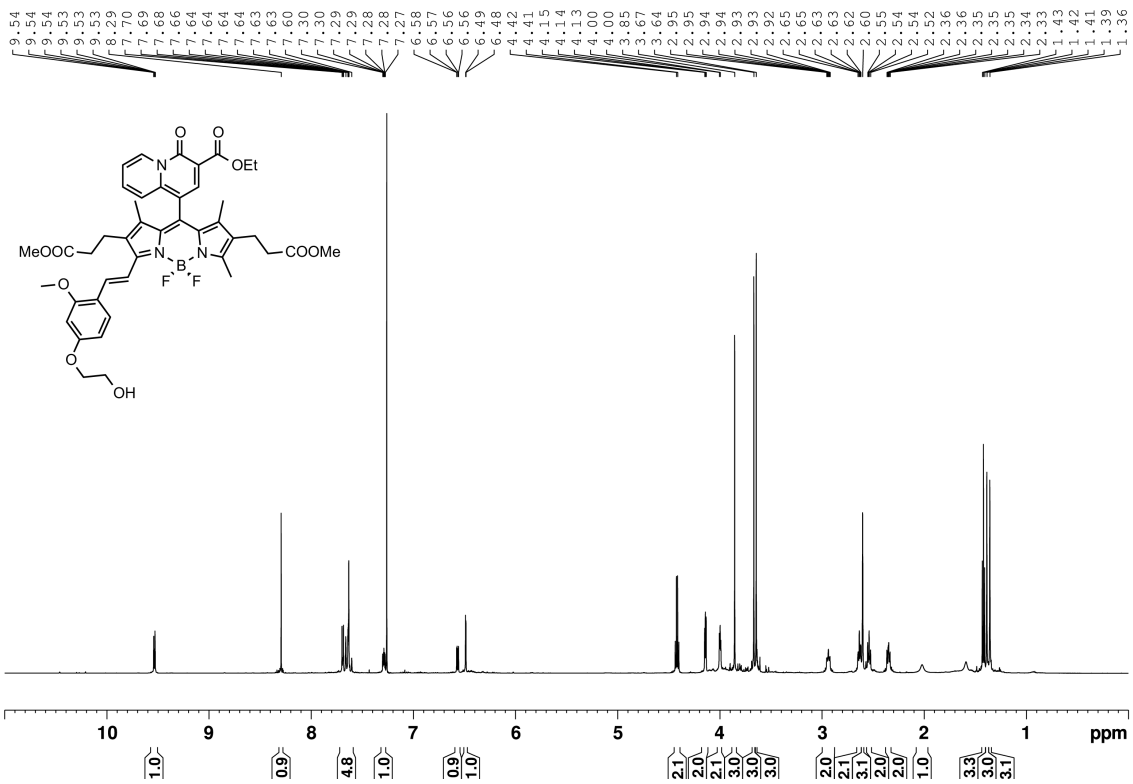

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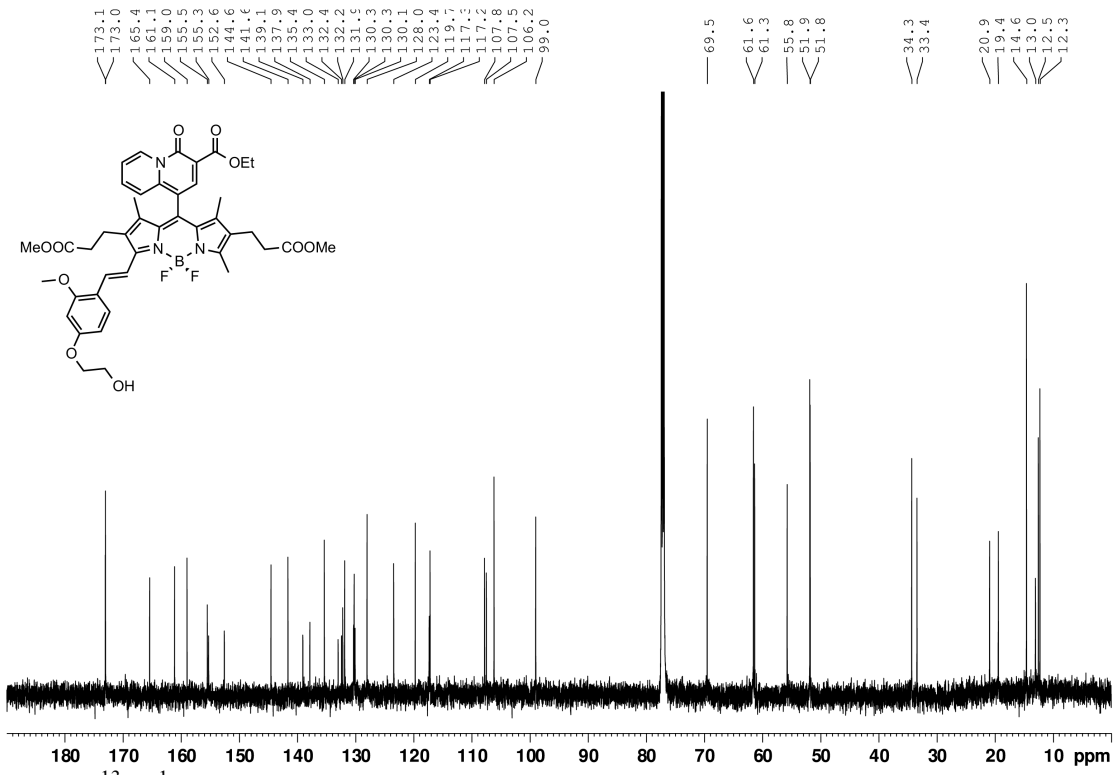

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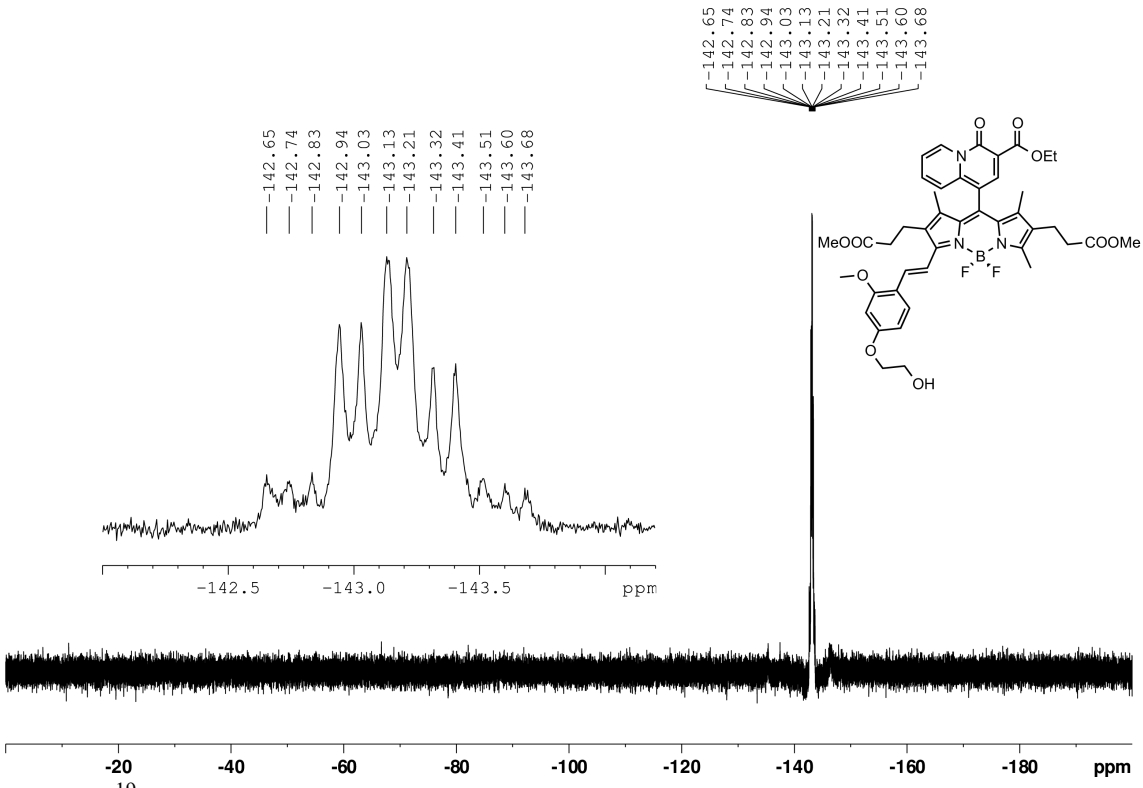

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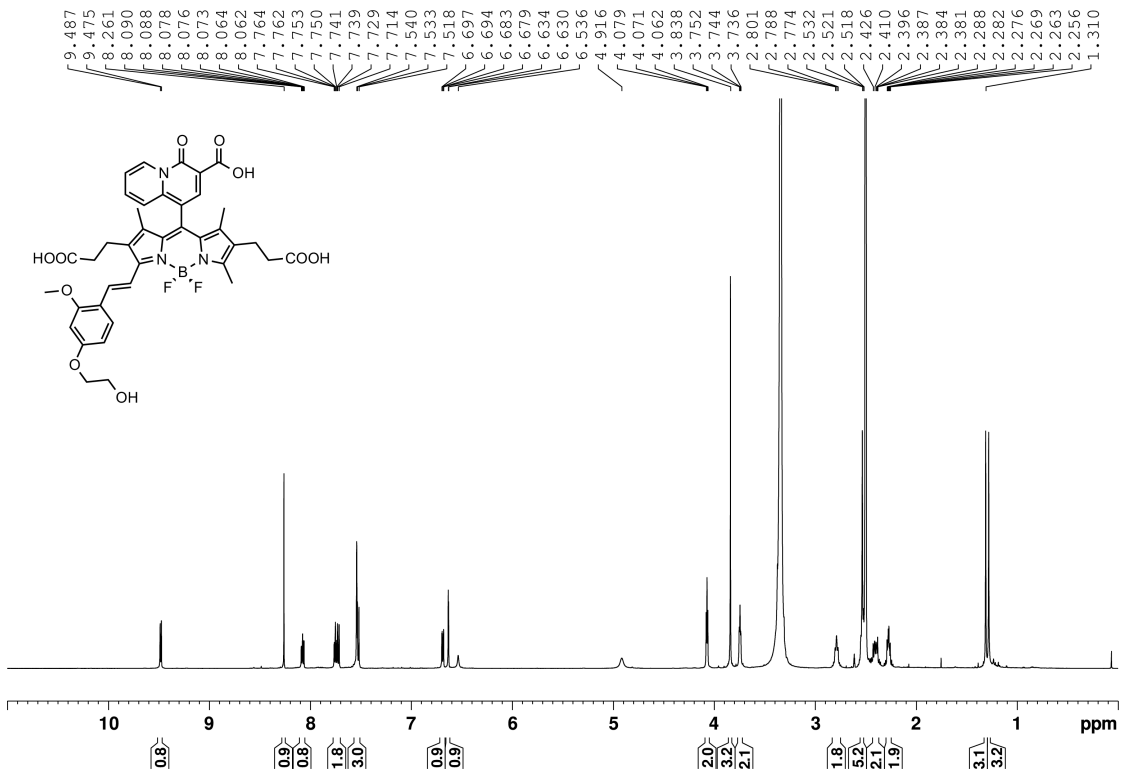

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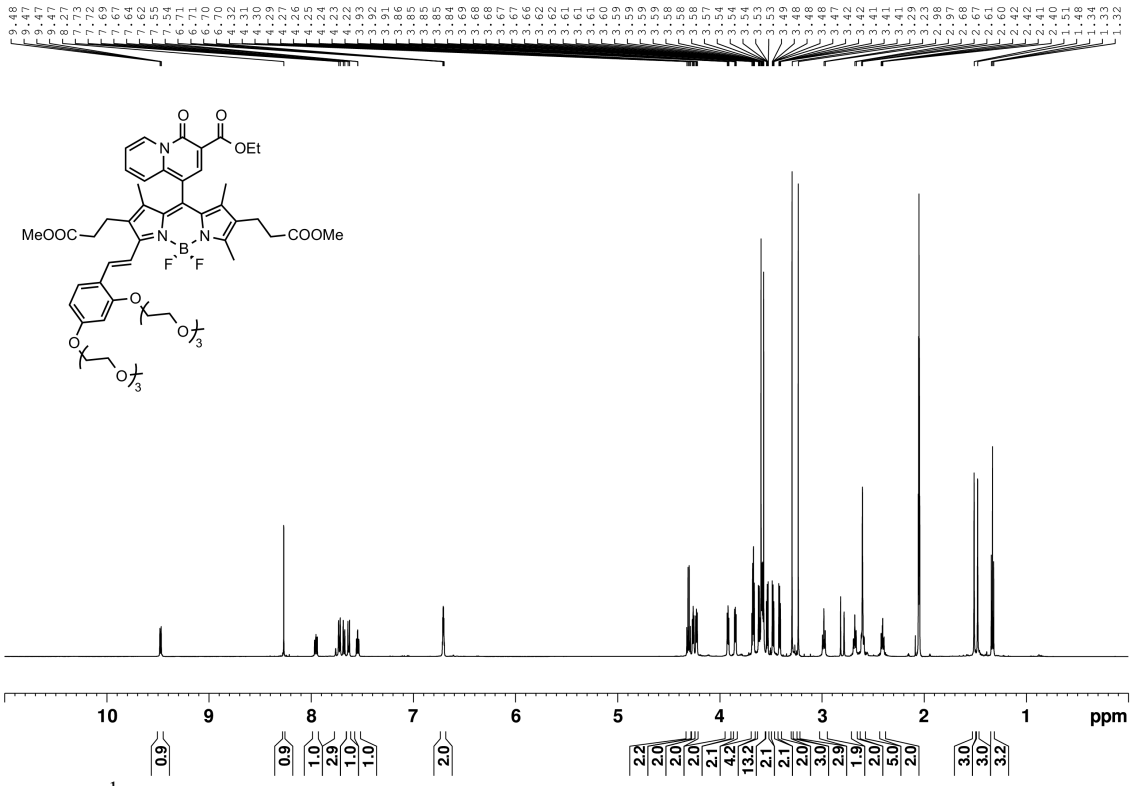

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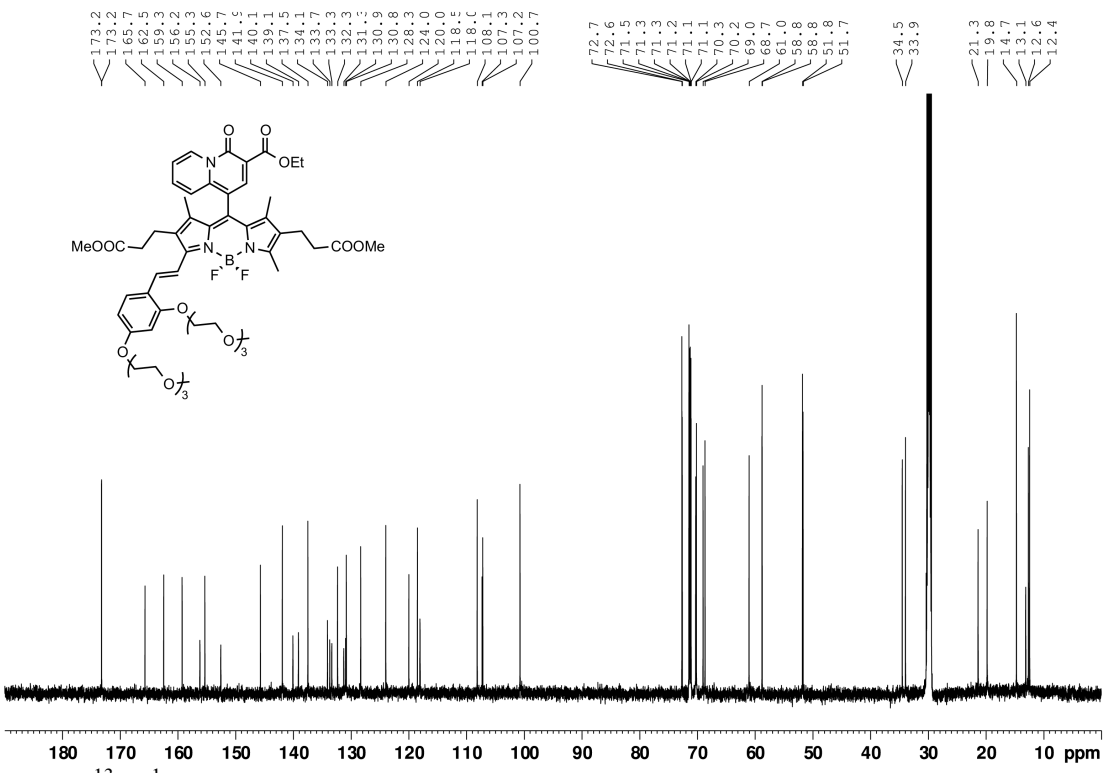

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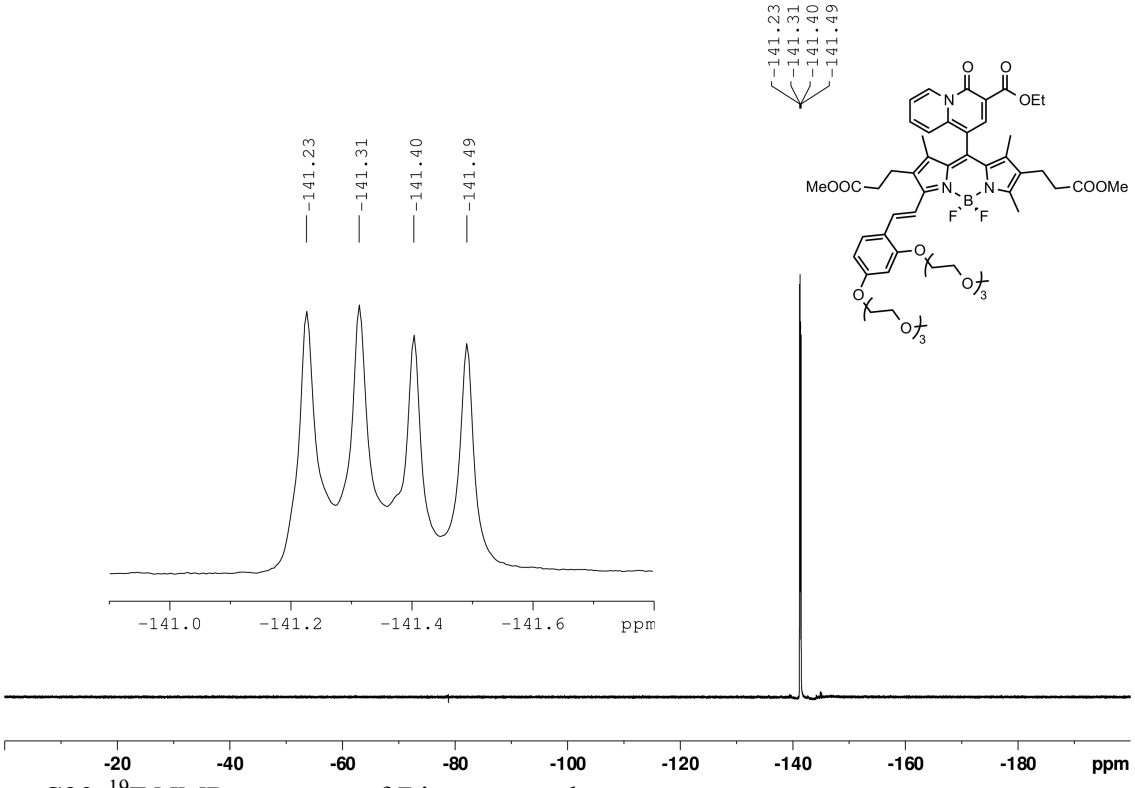

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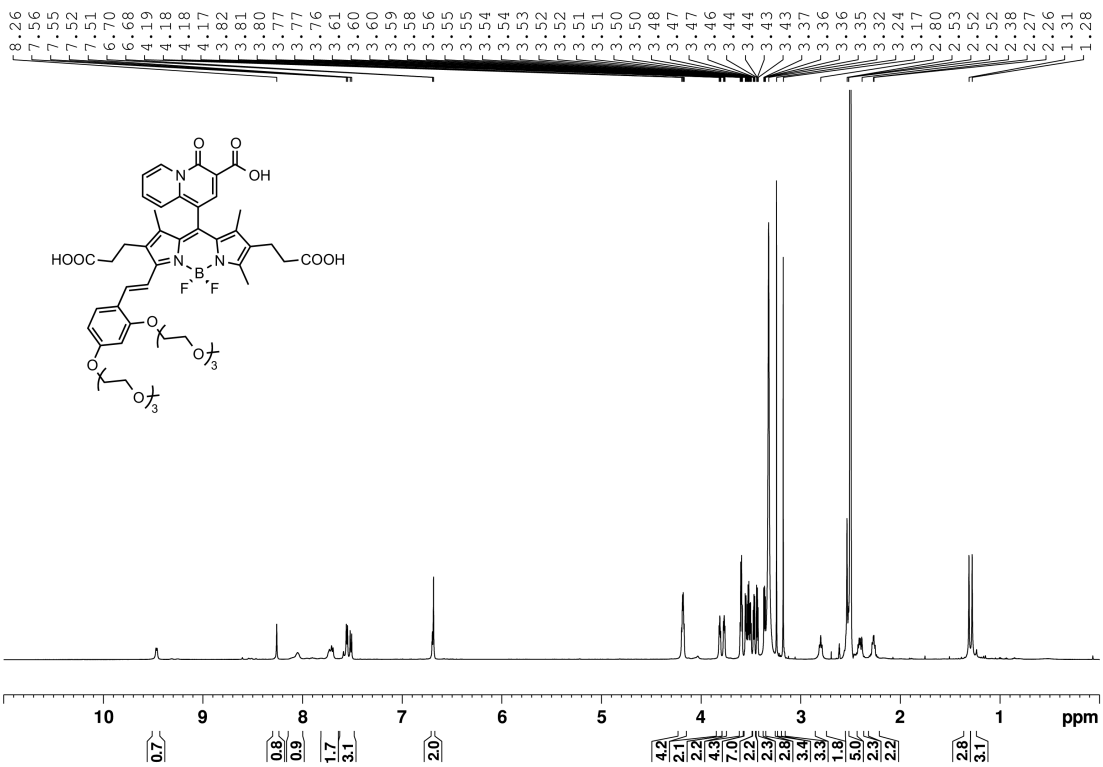

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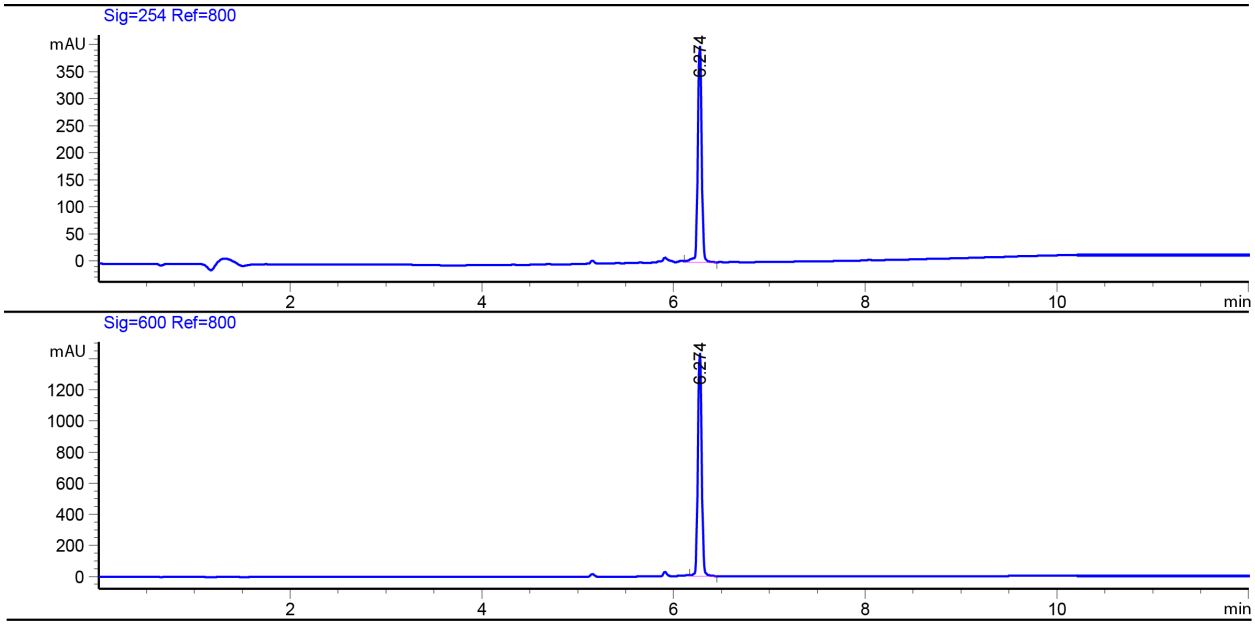

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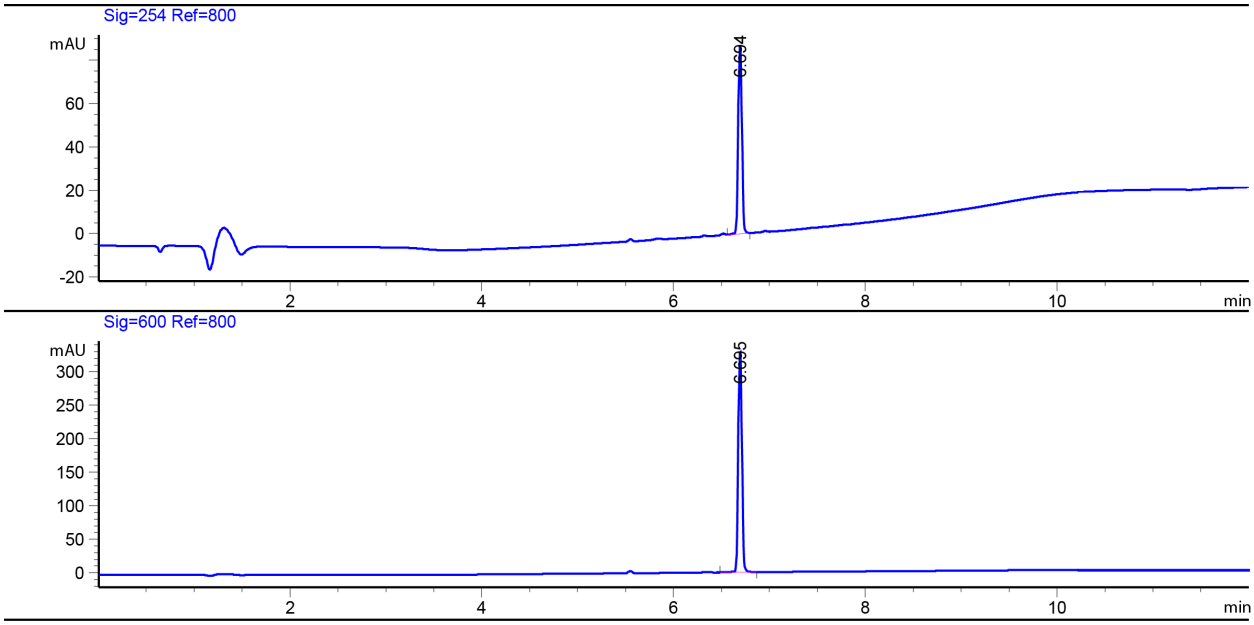

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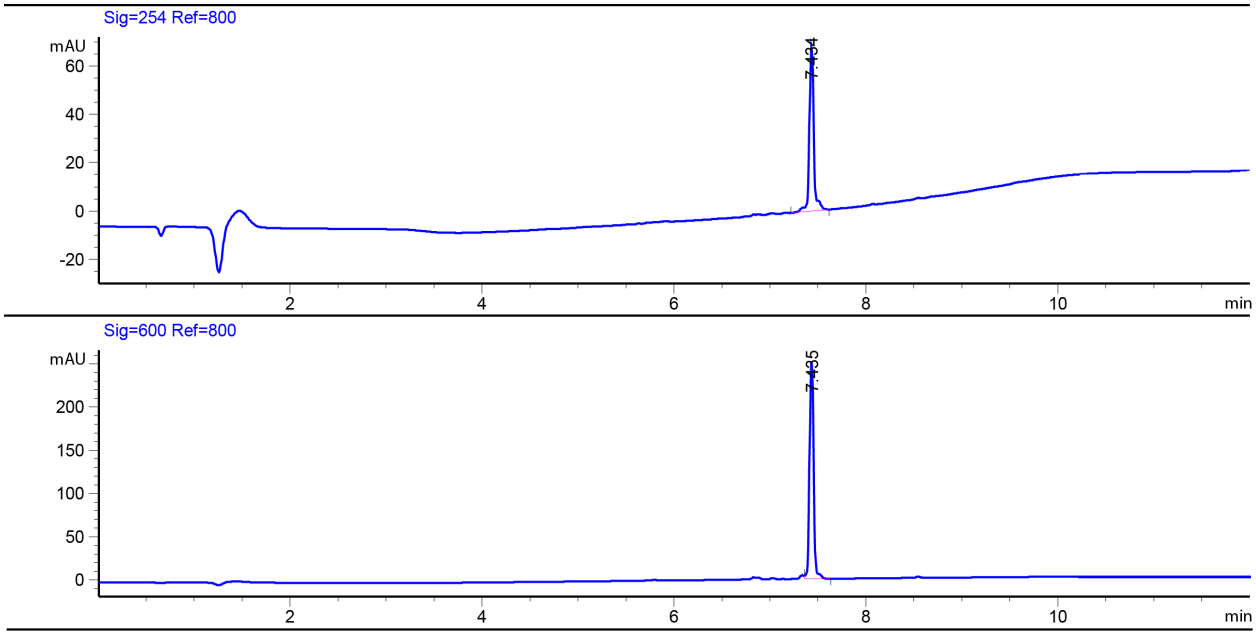

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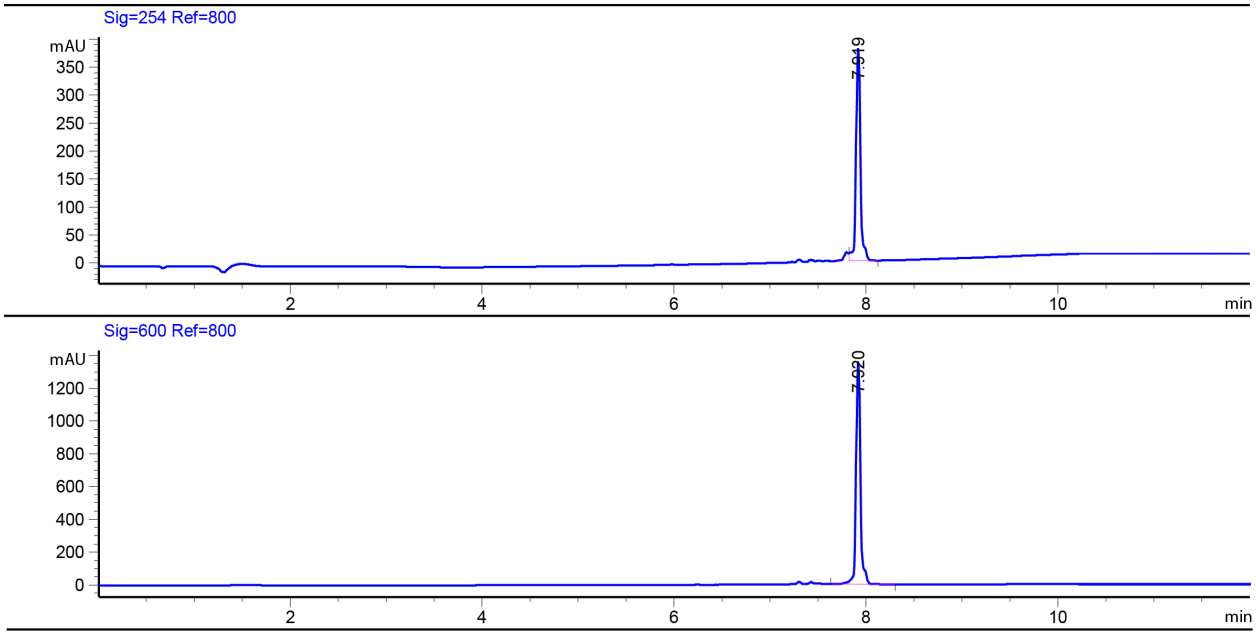

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