

Supporting Information

Hypoxia efficient and glutathione resistant cytoselective Ruthenium(II)-*p*-cymene-arylimidazophenanthroline complexes: biomolecular interaction and live cell imaging†

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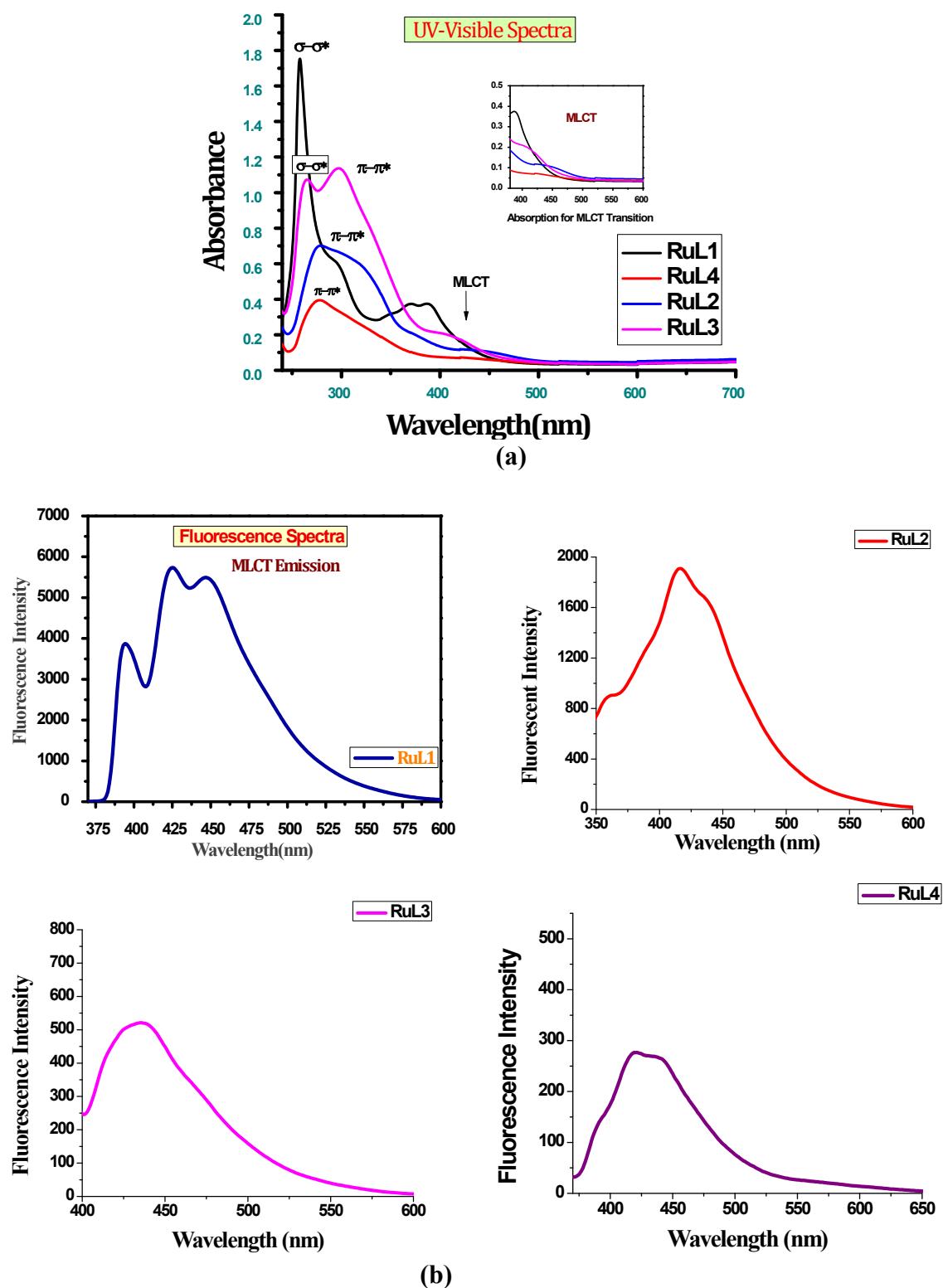


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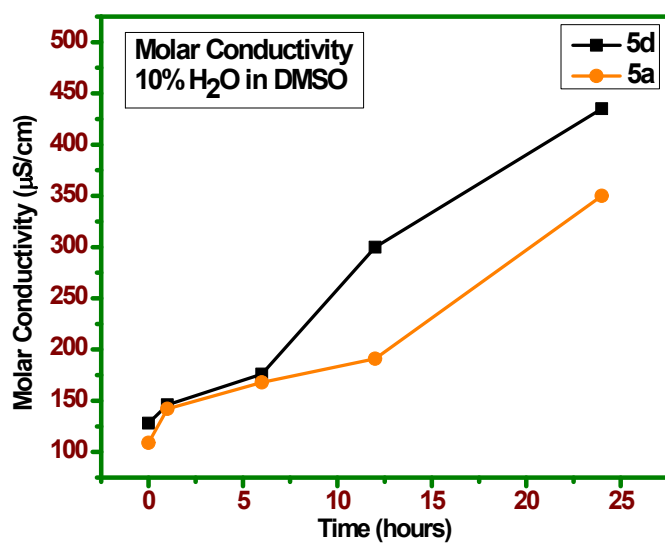


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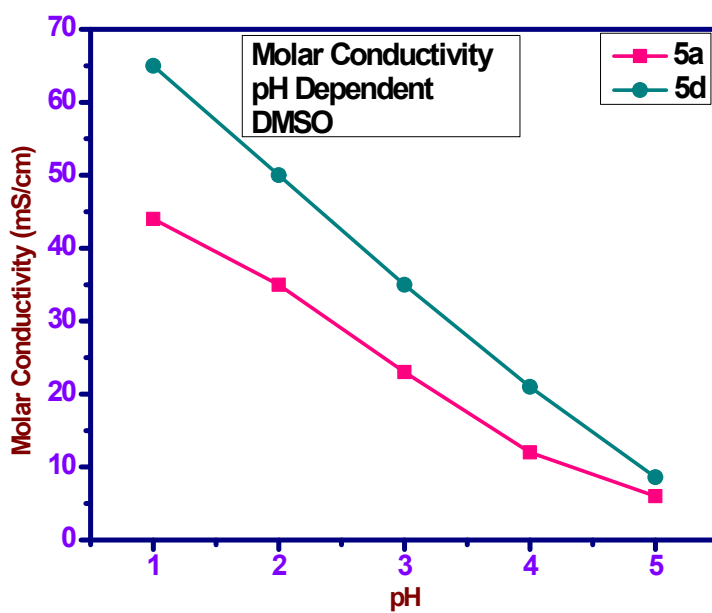


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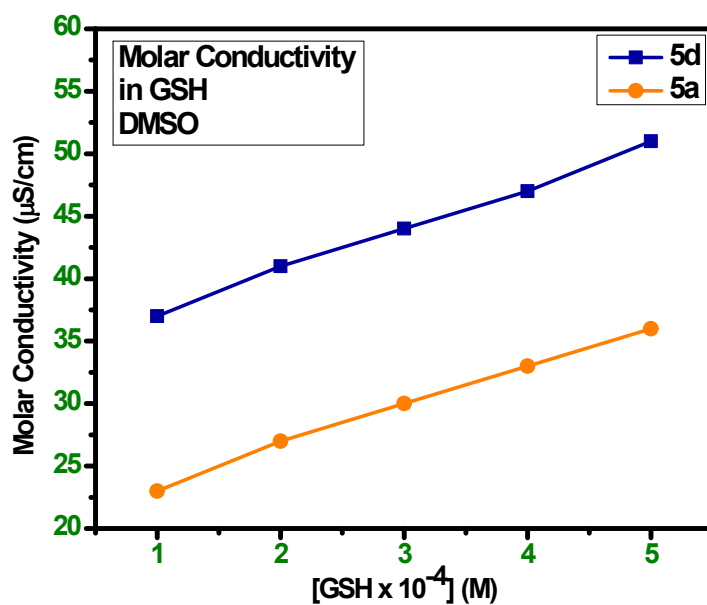


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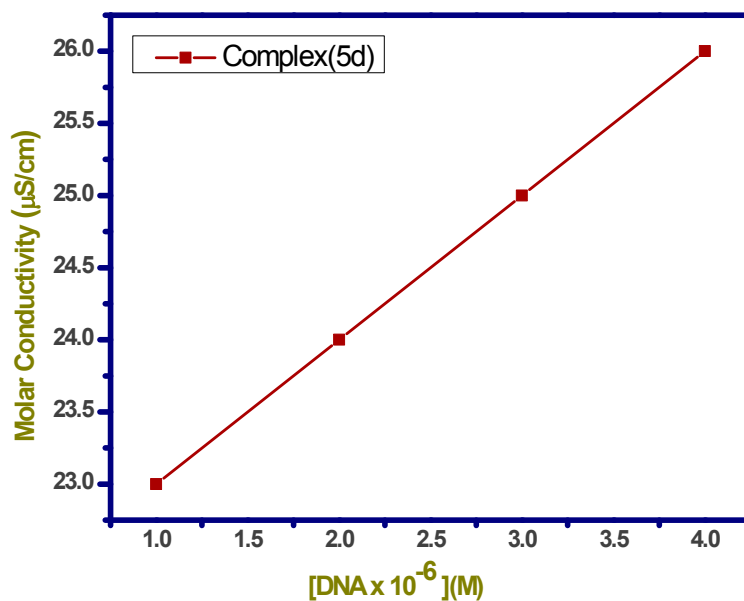
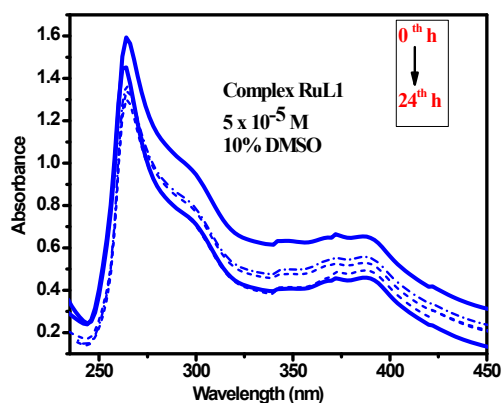
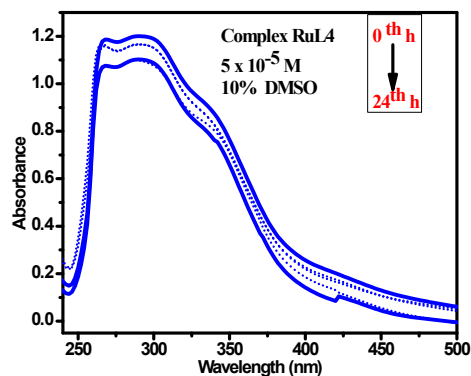


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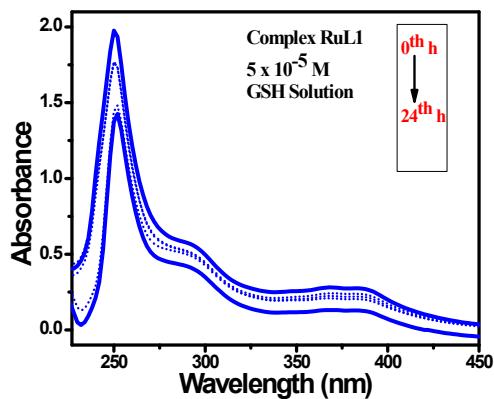


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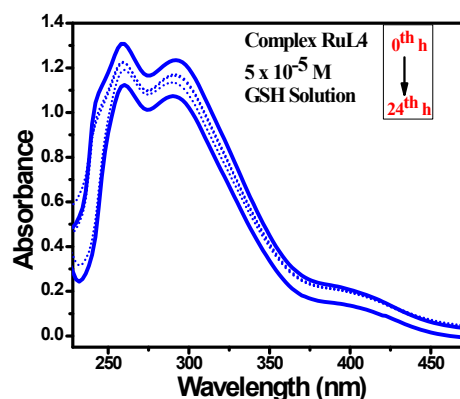


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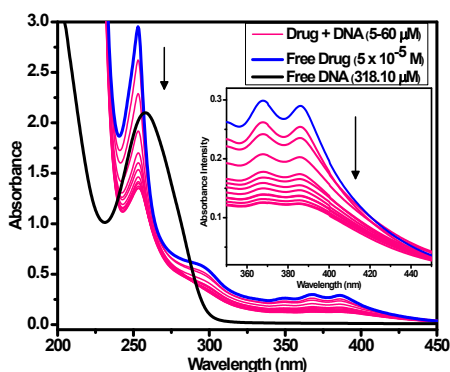


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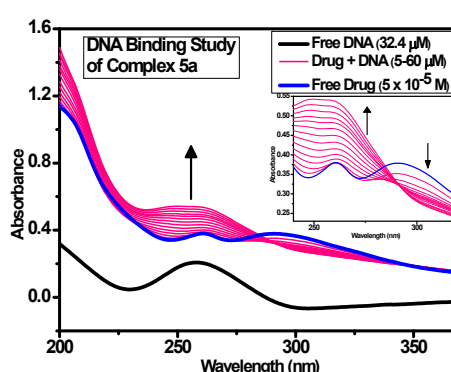


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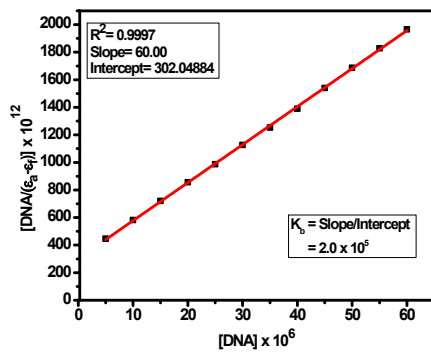


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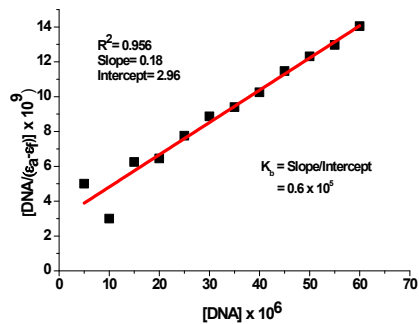


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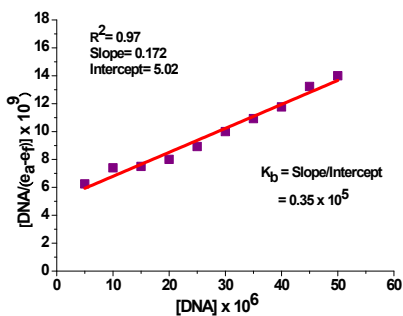
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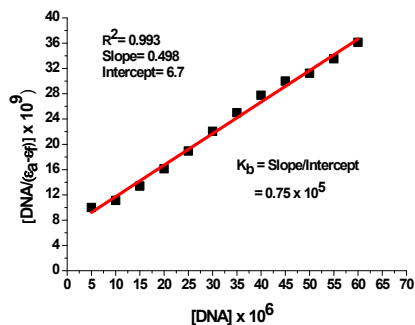
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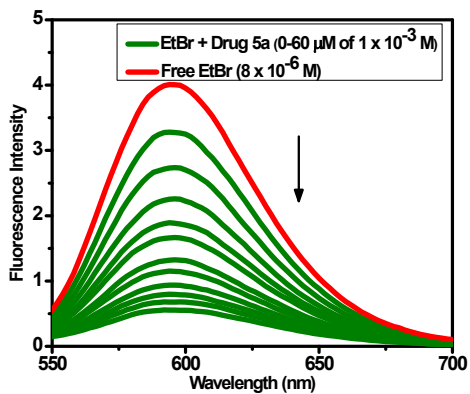


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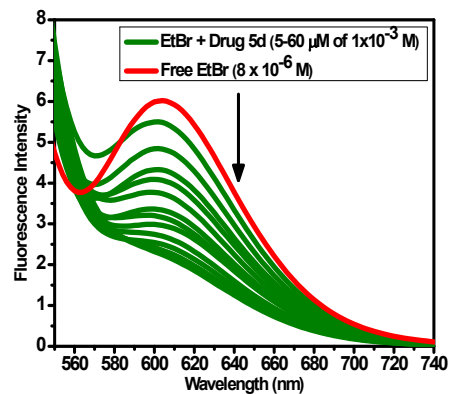


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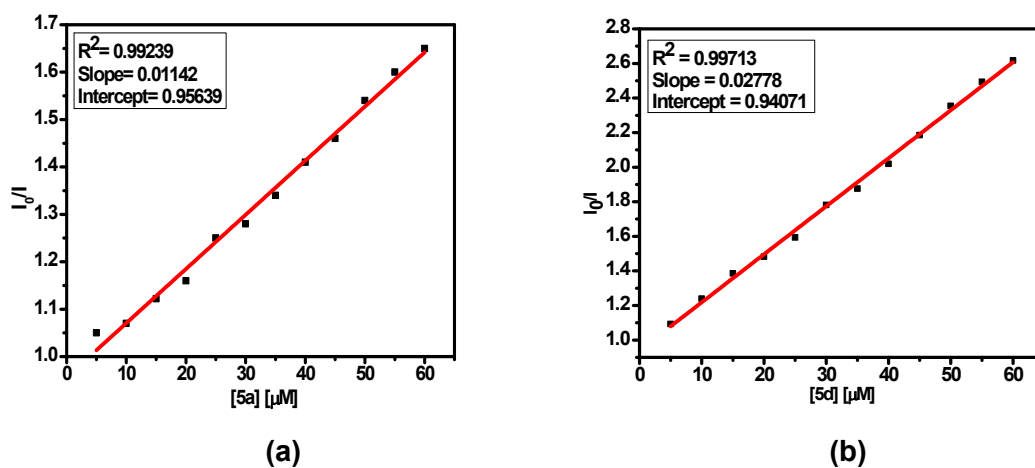


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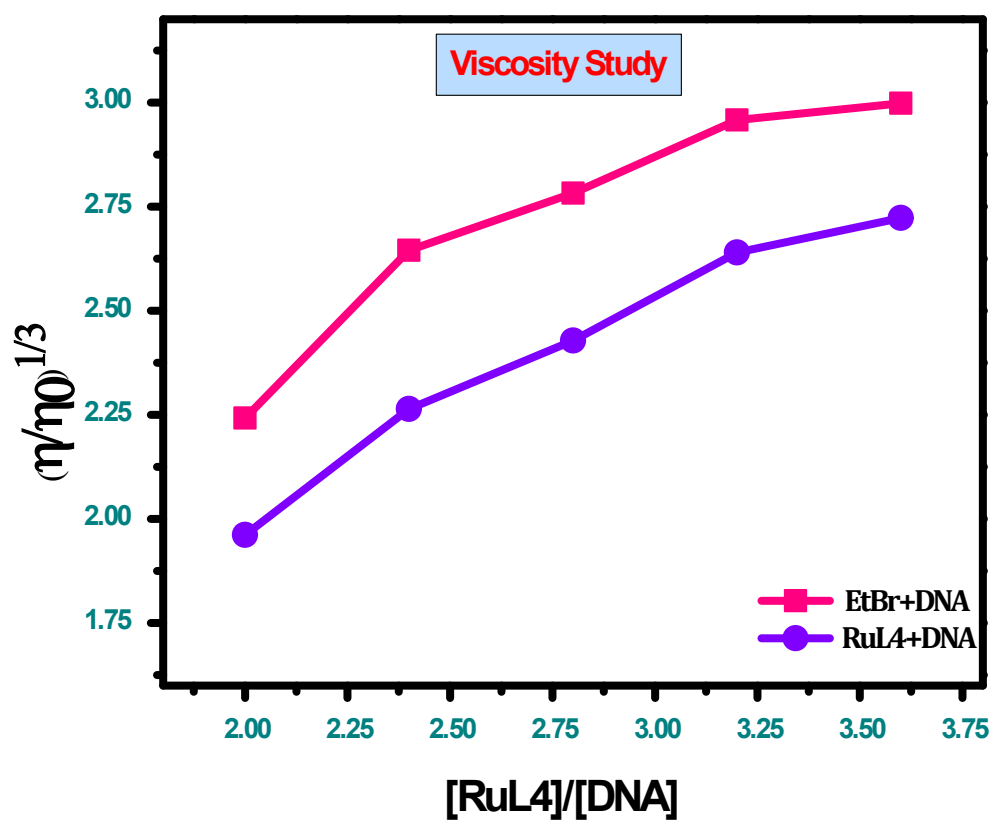
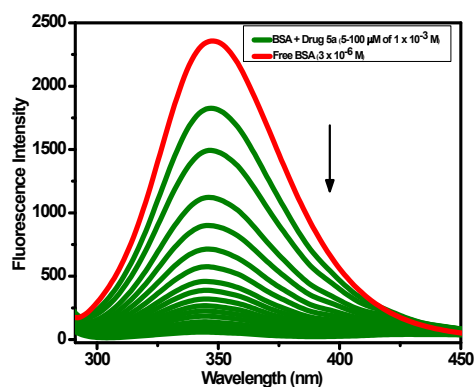
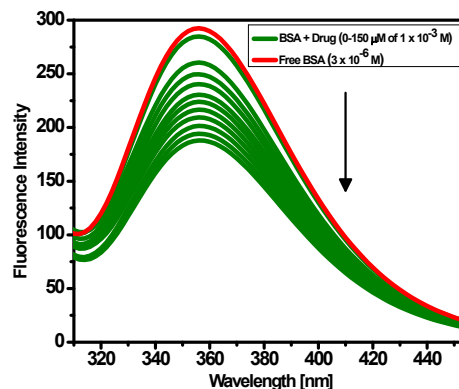


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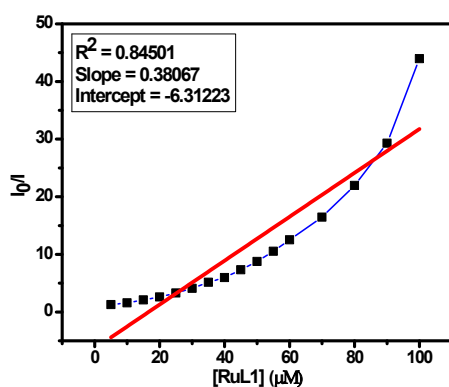


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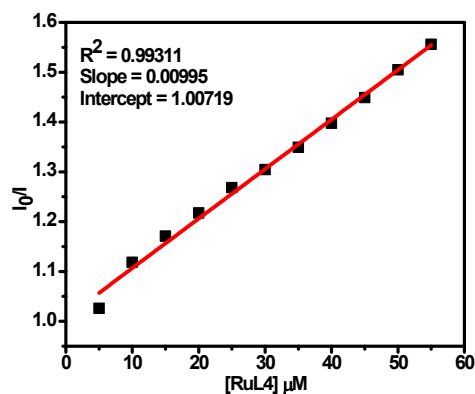


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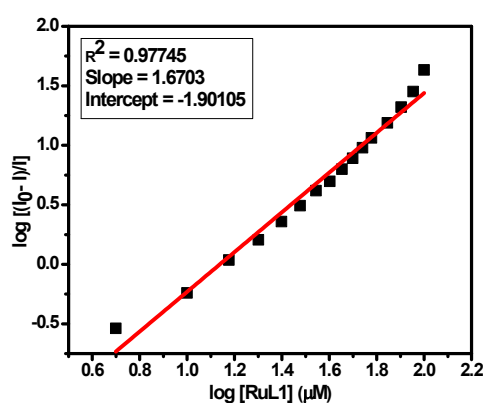


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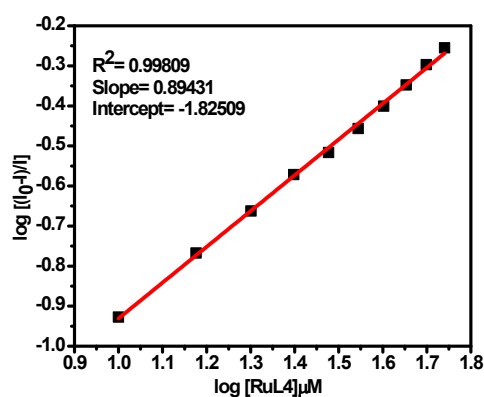


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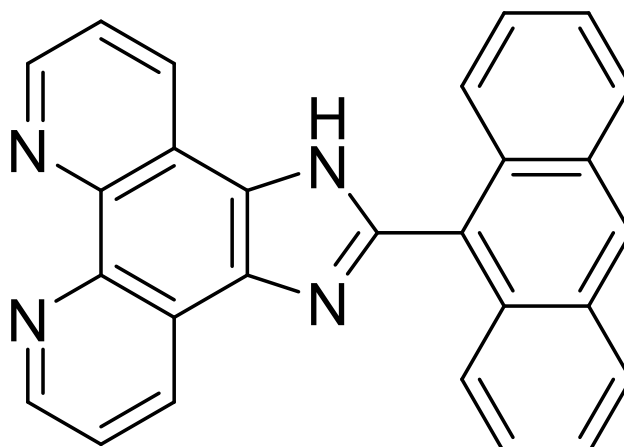
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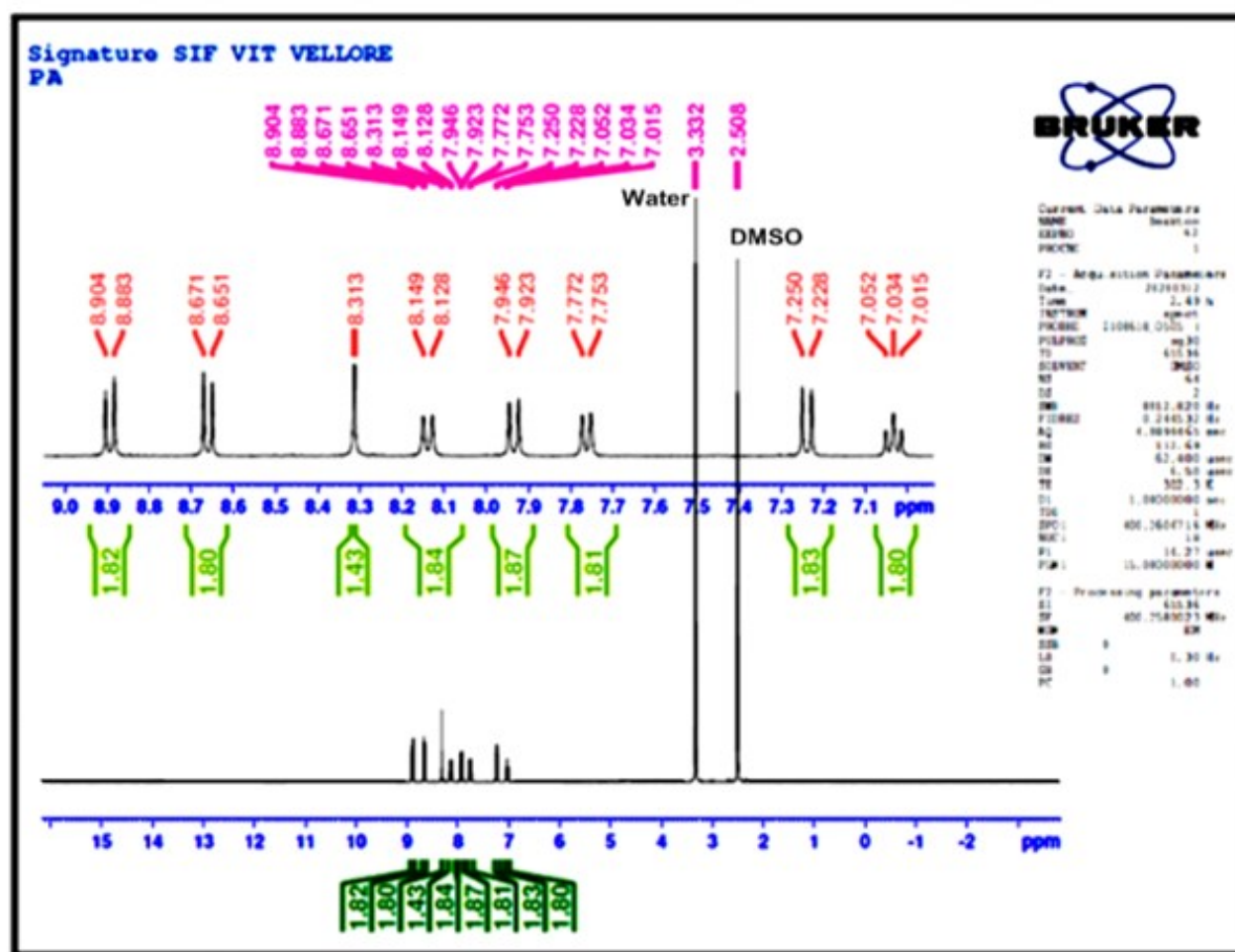
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Characterization of the ligands

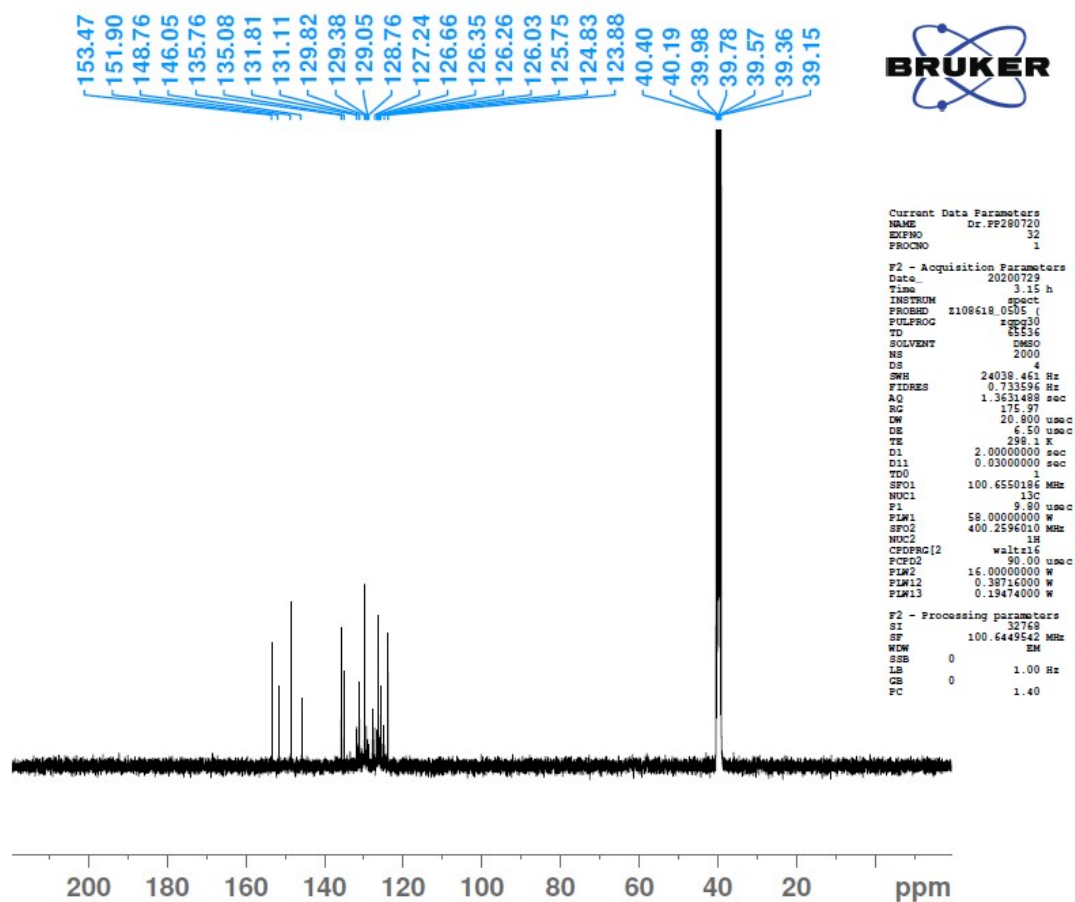


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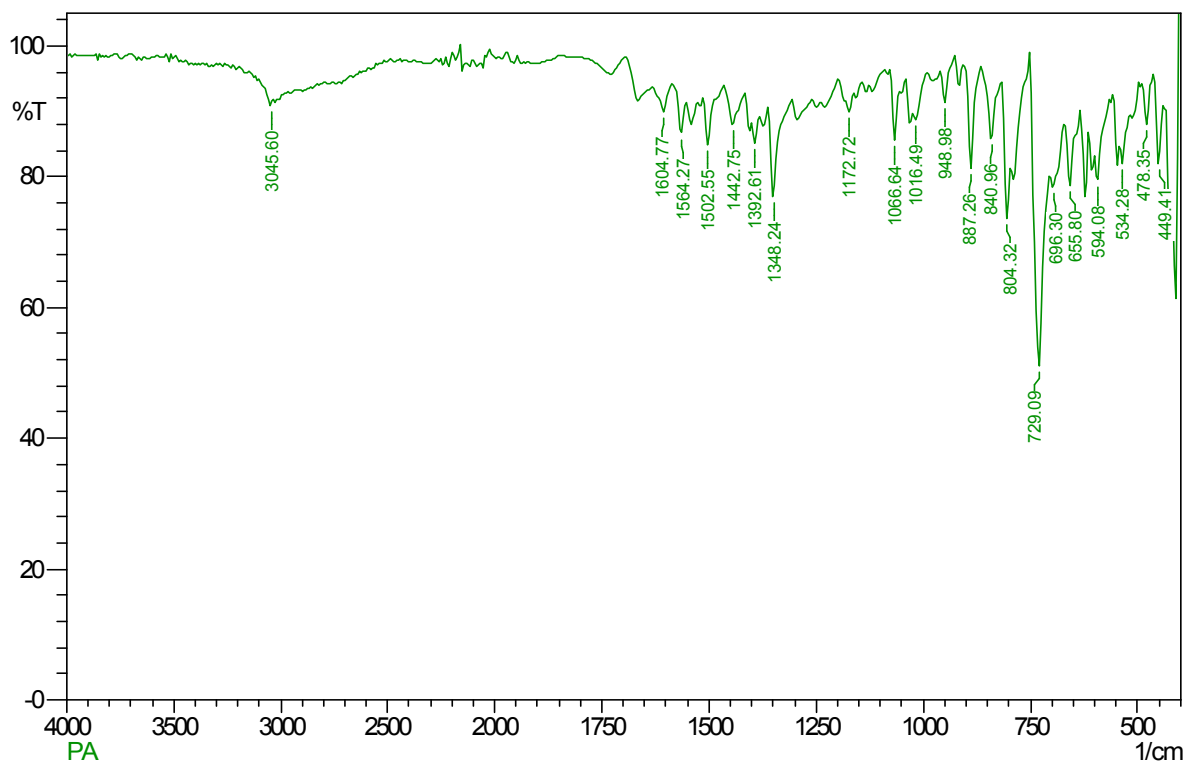


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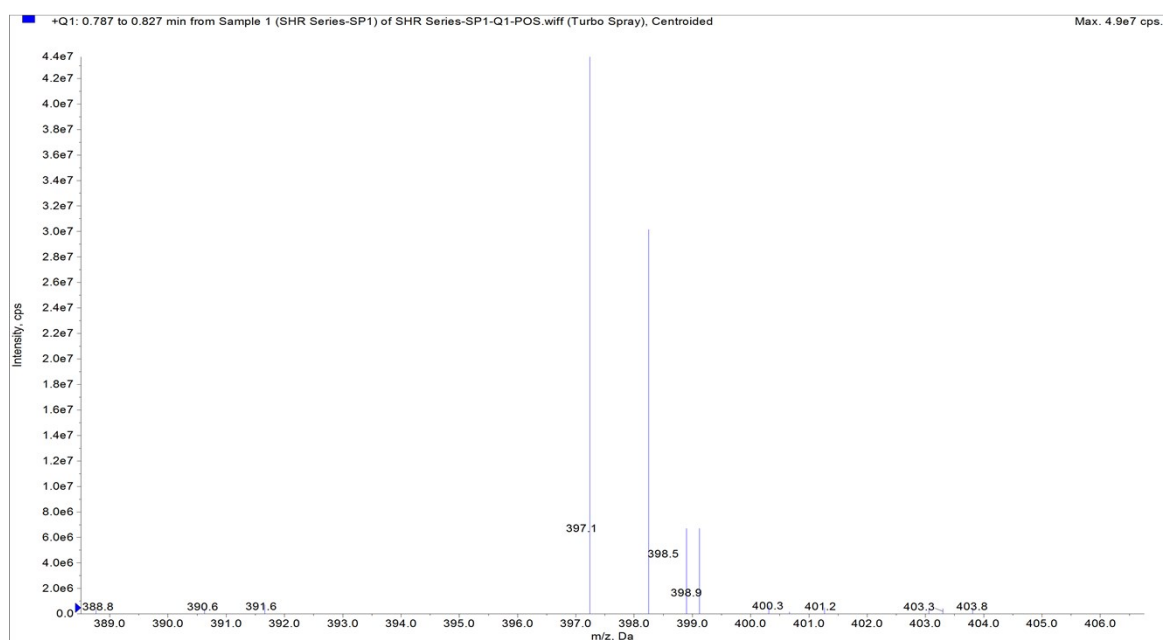
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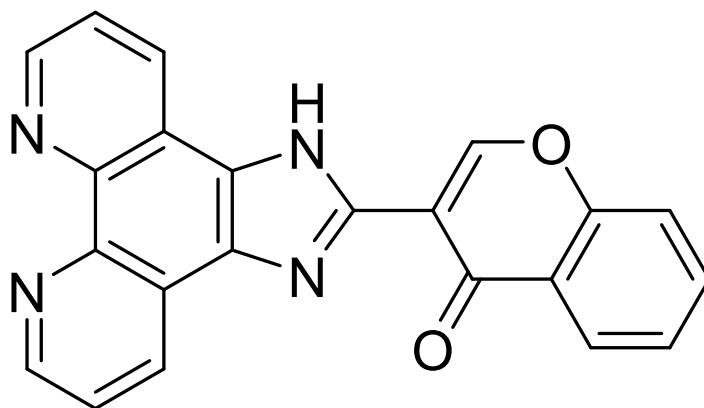


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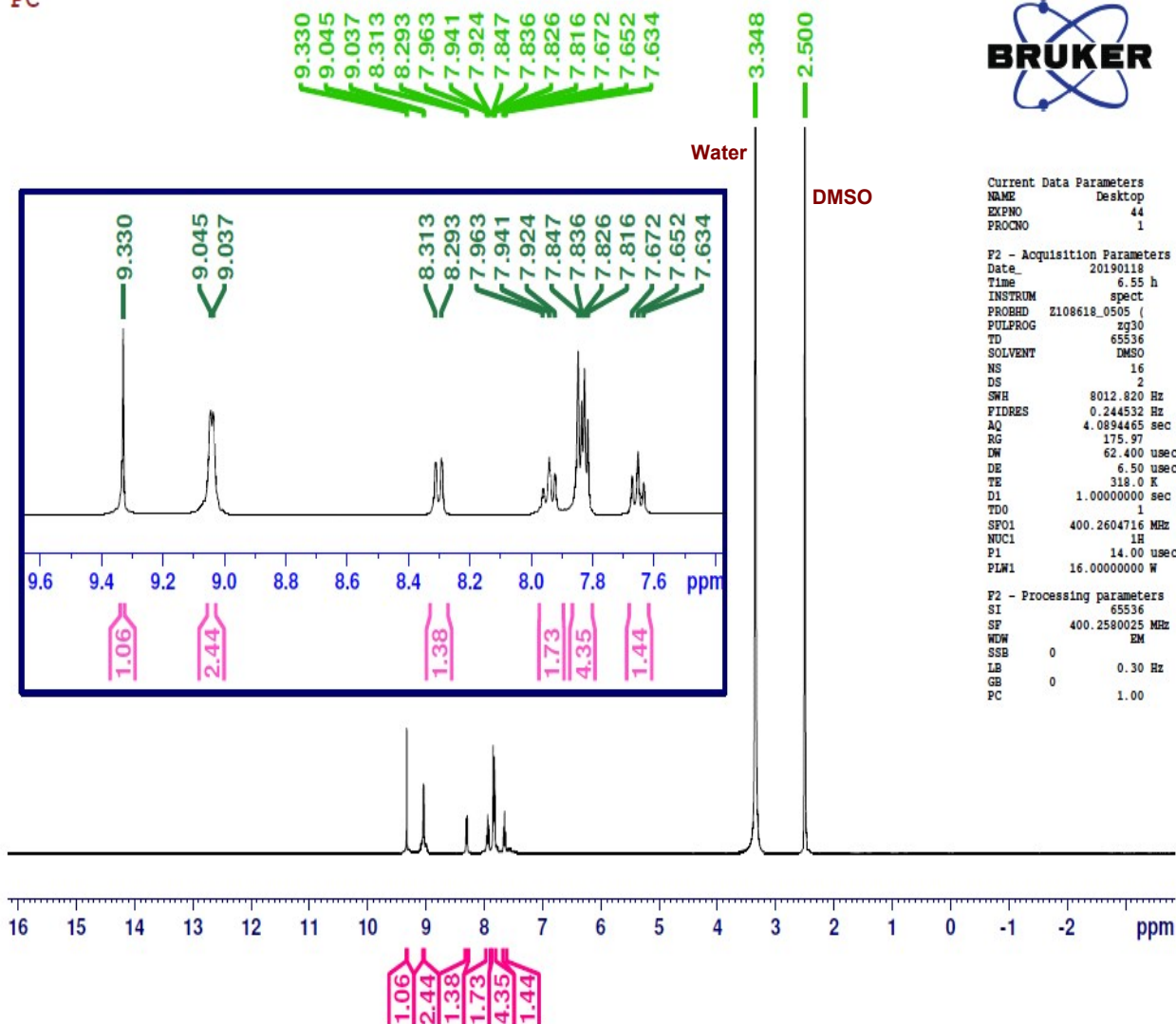
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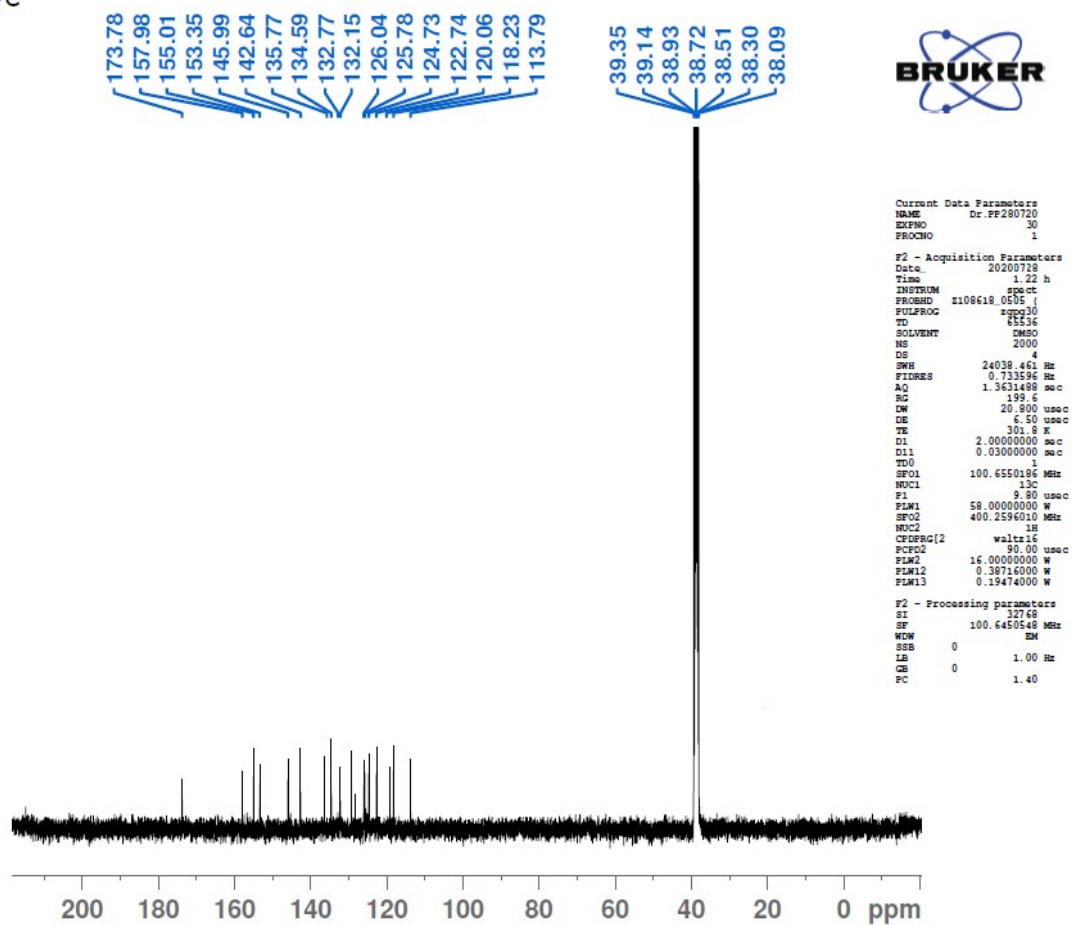
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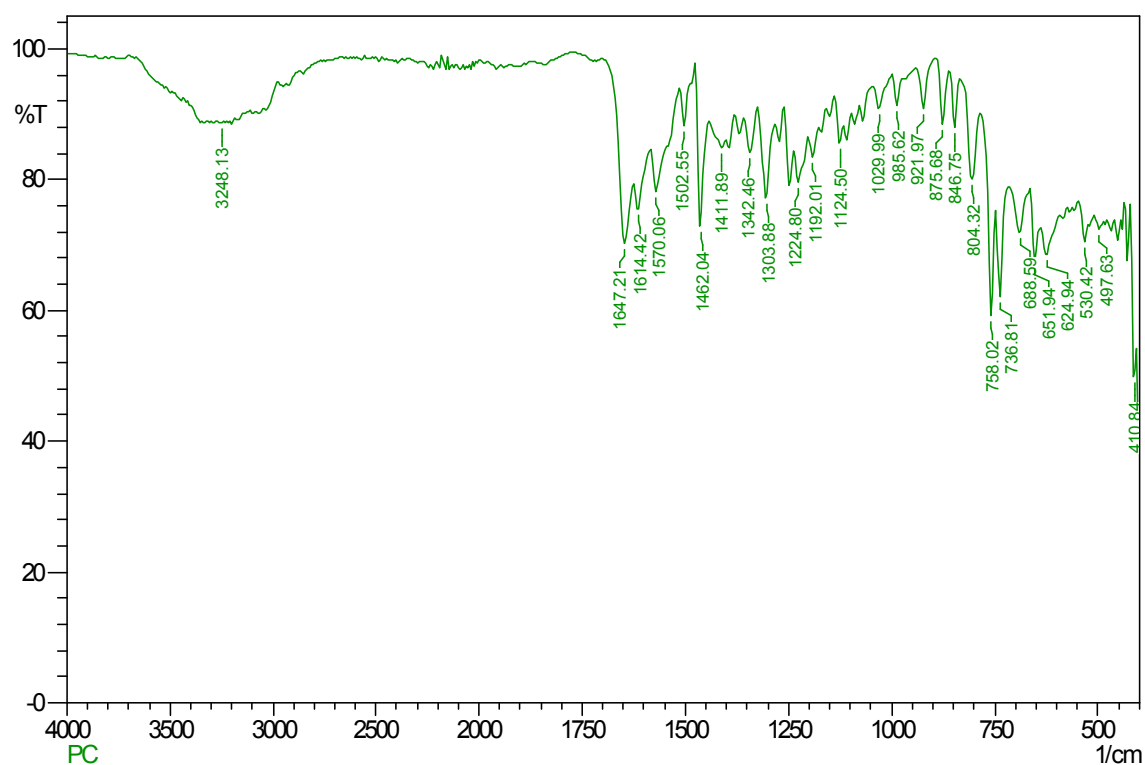


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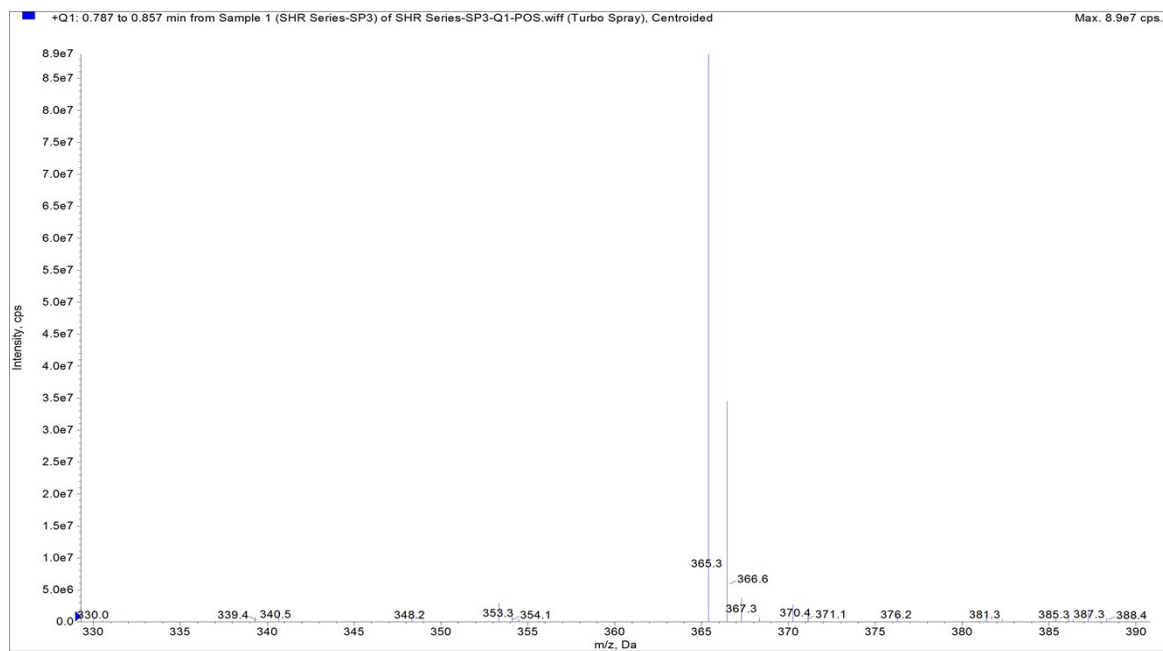
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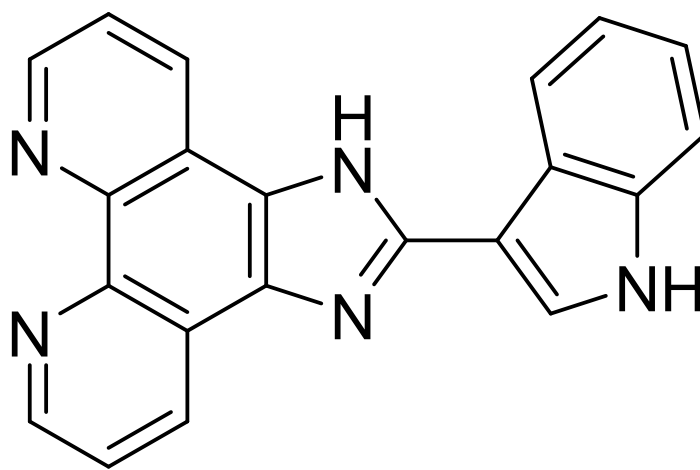


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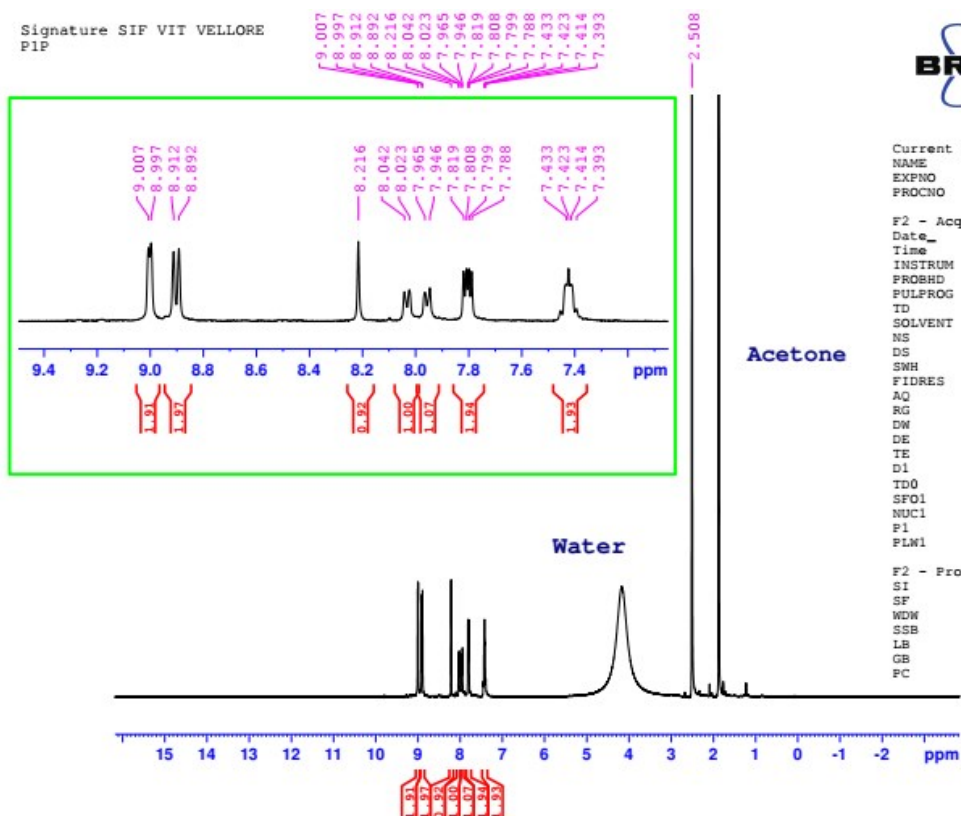
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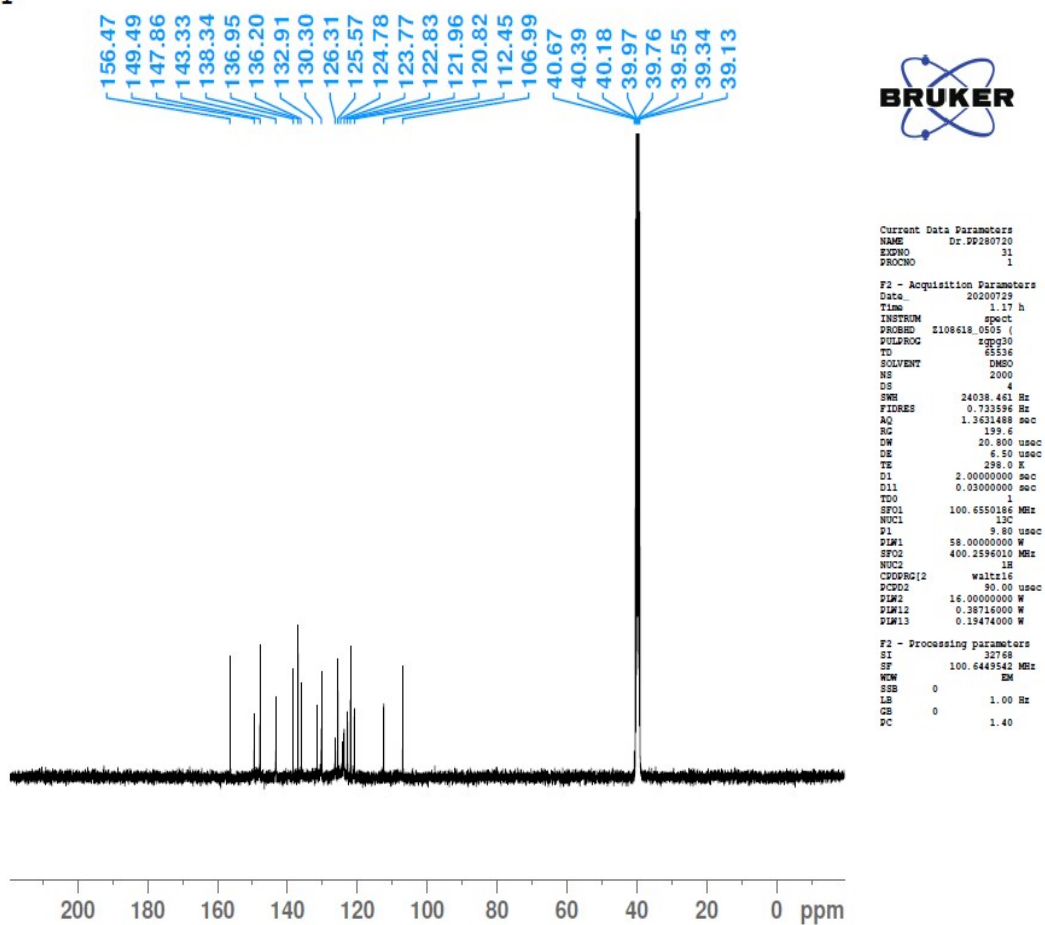
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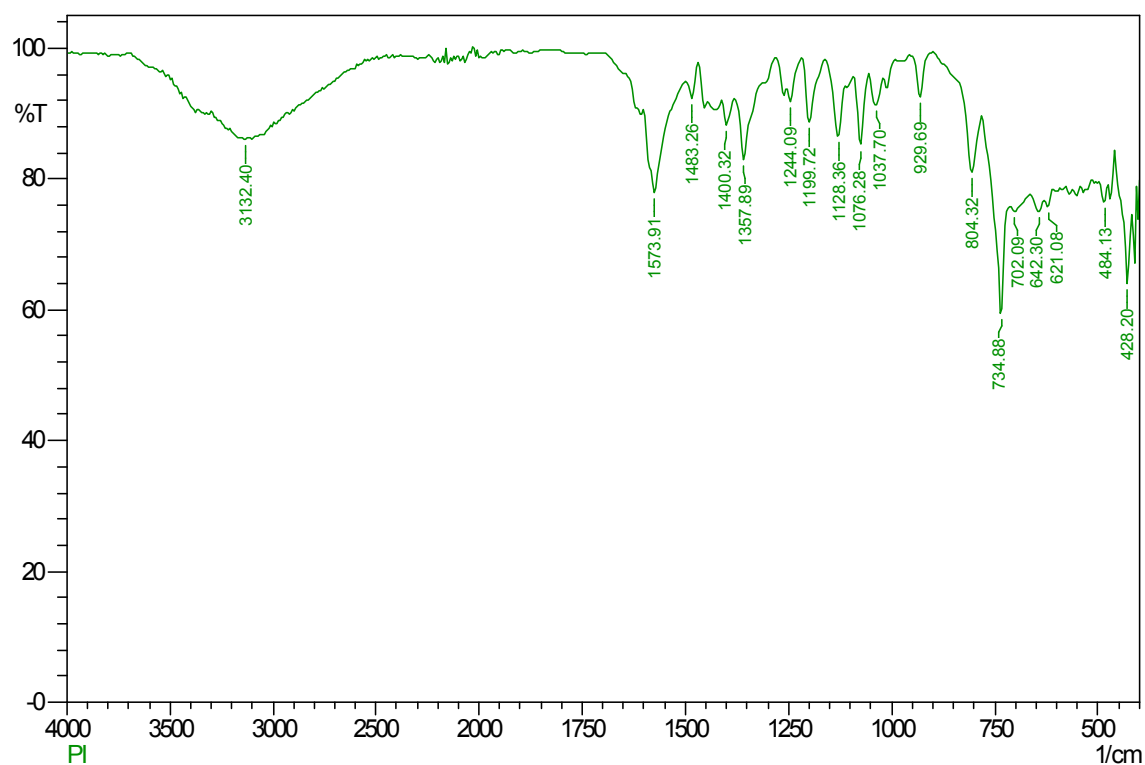
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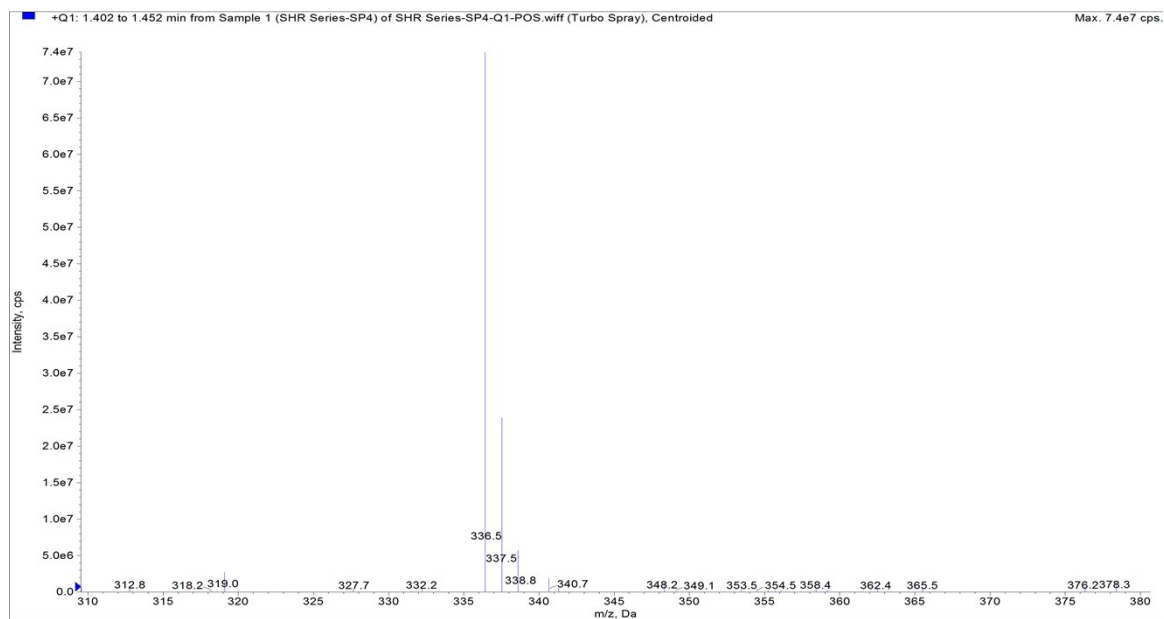
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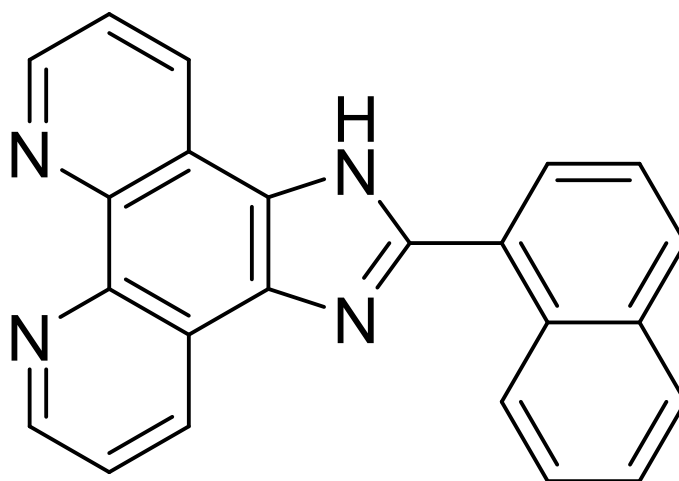


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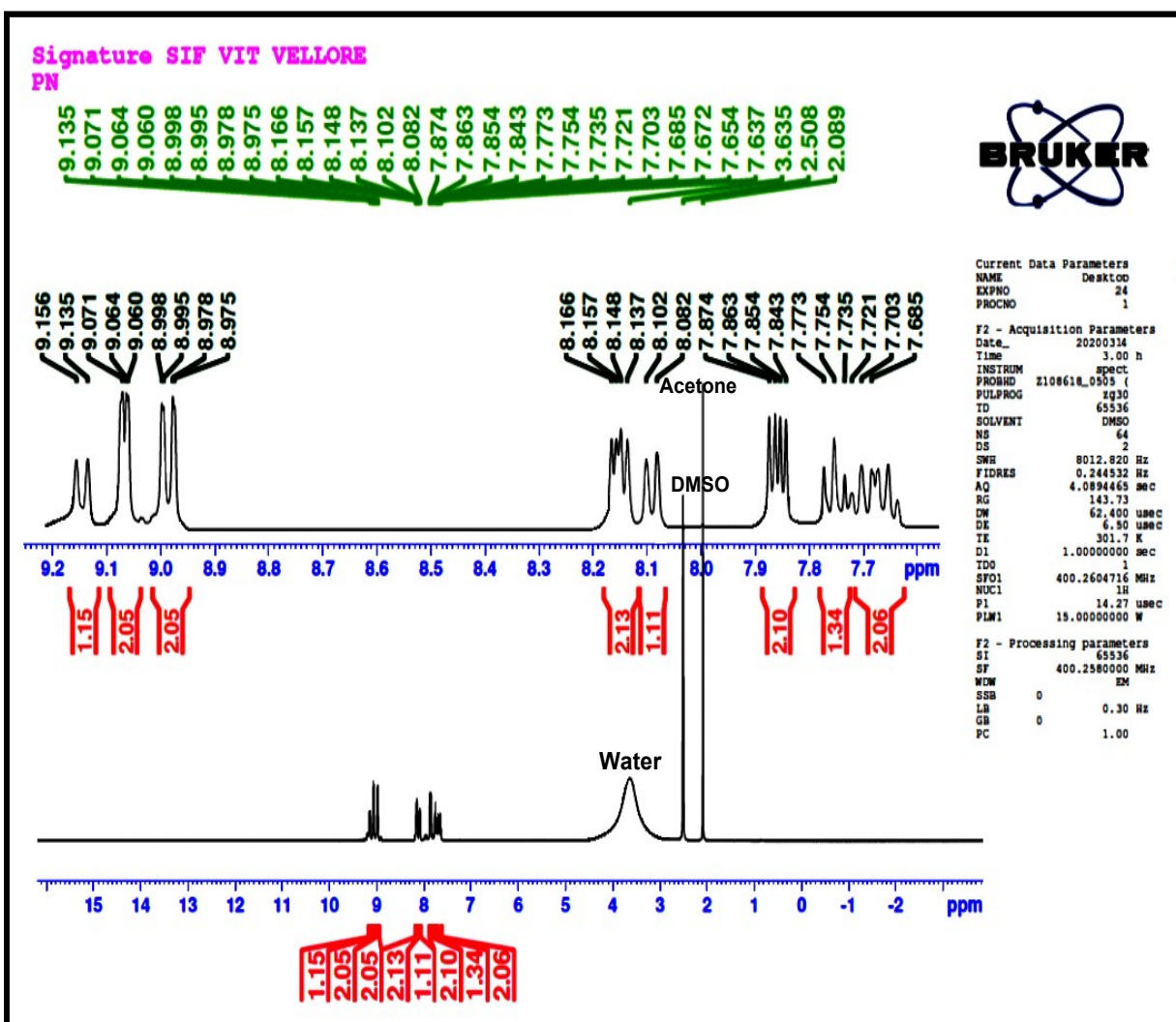


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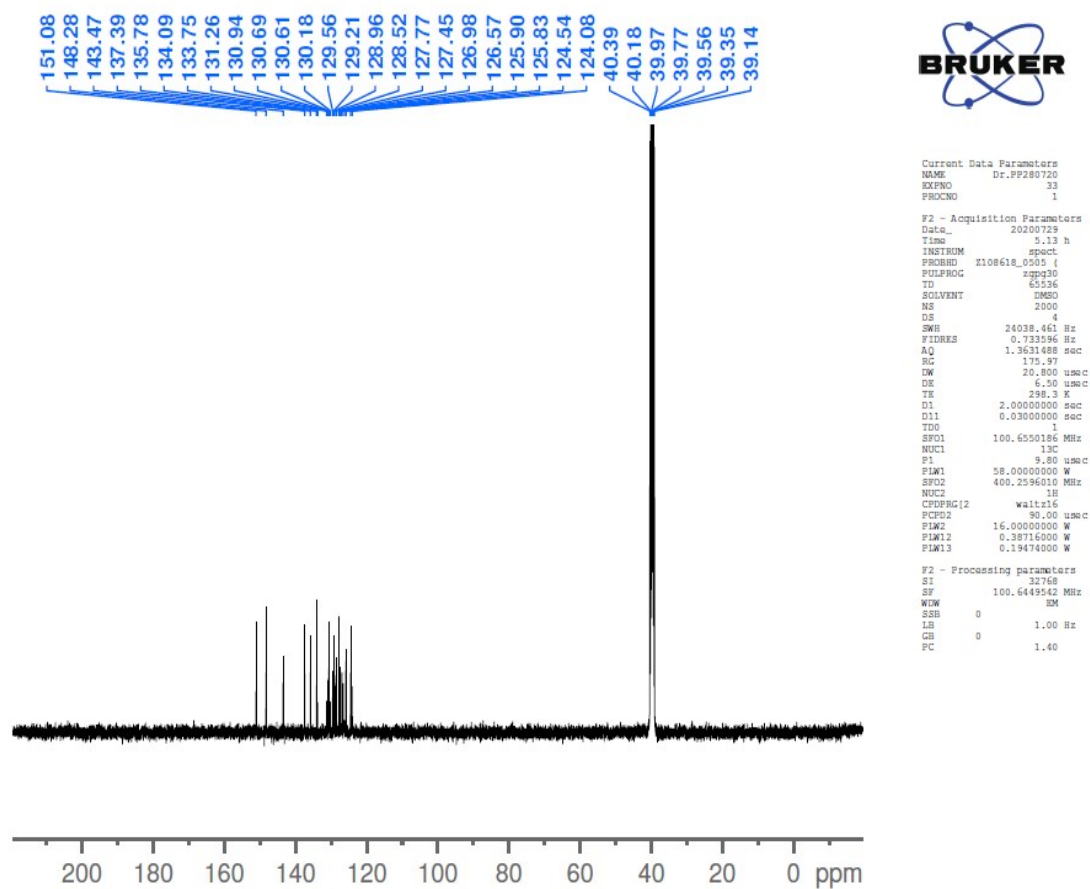


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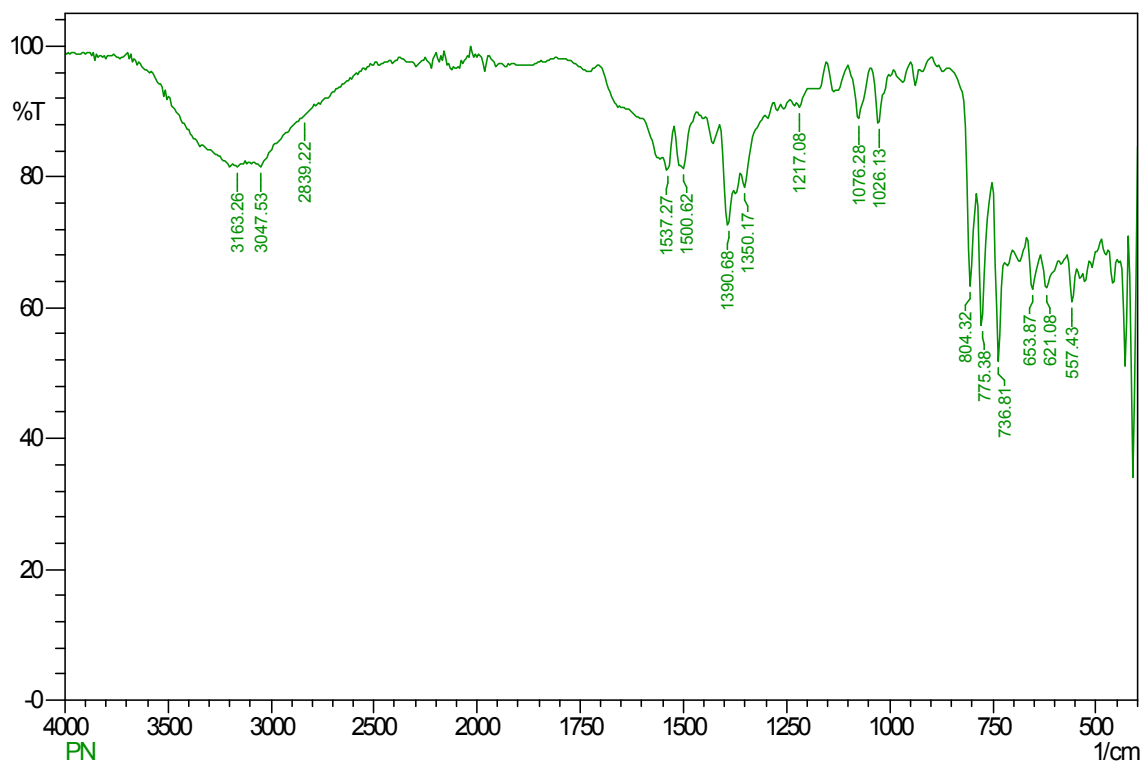


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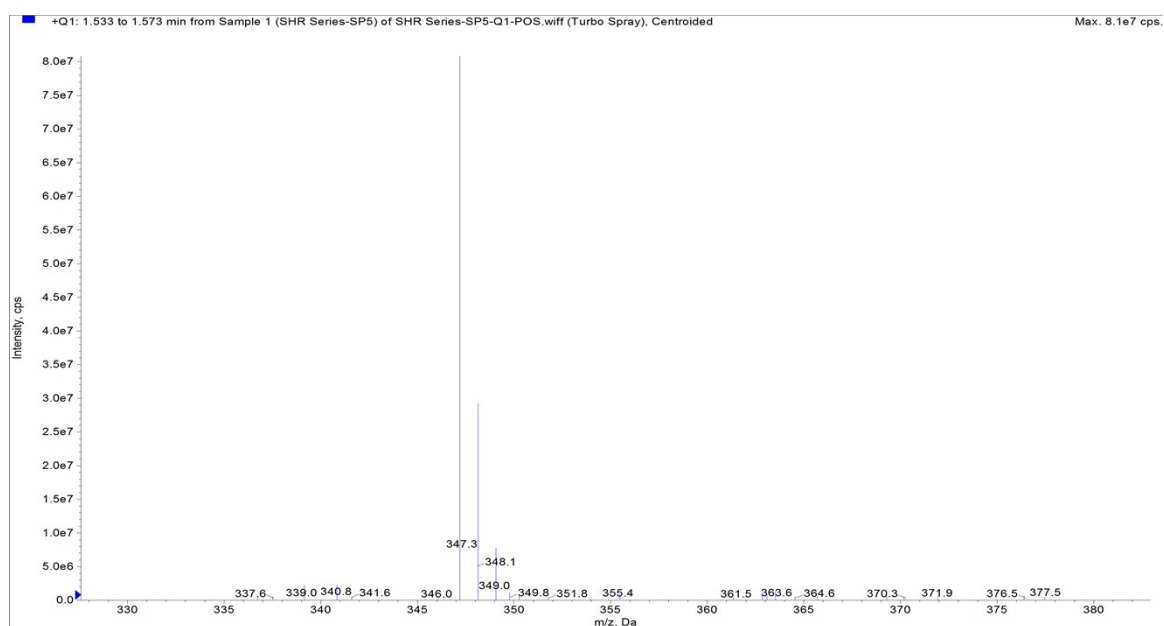
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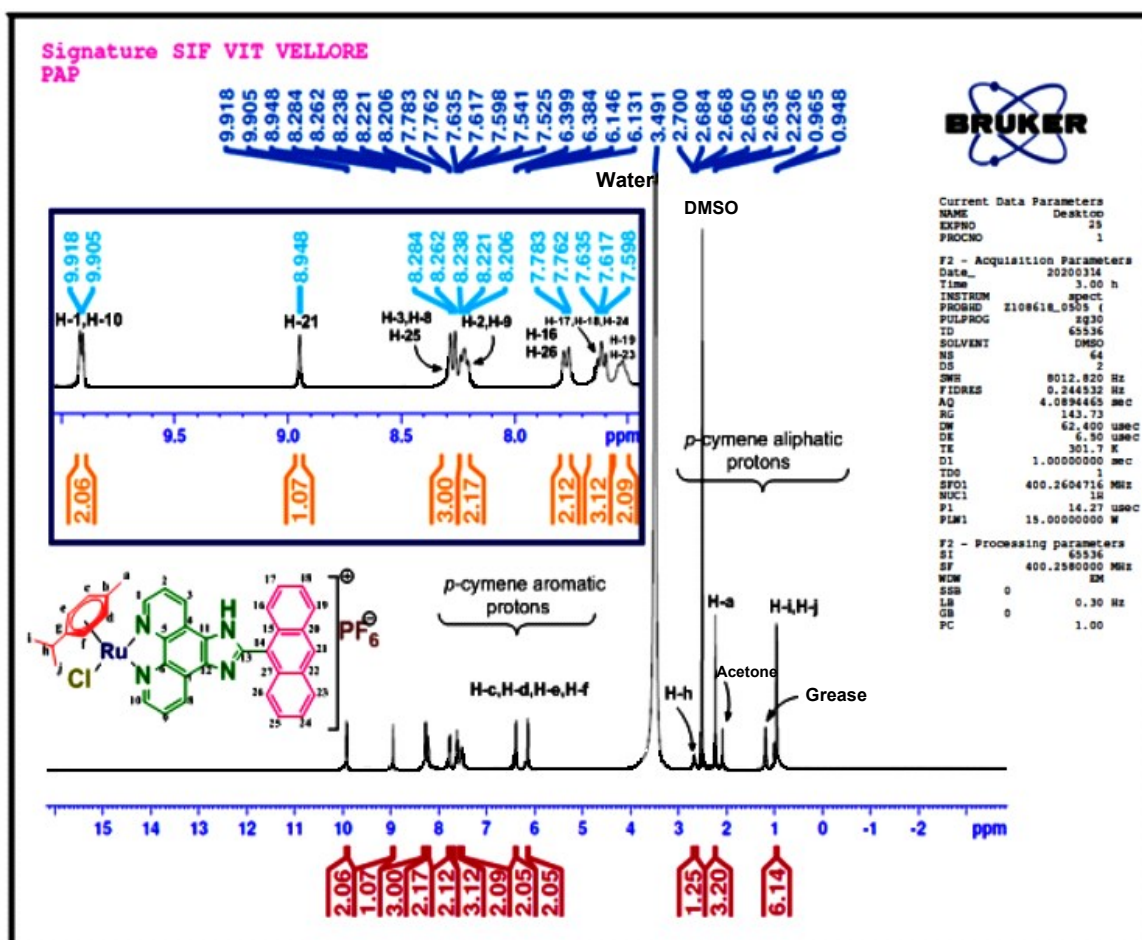


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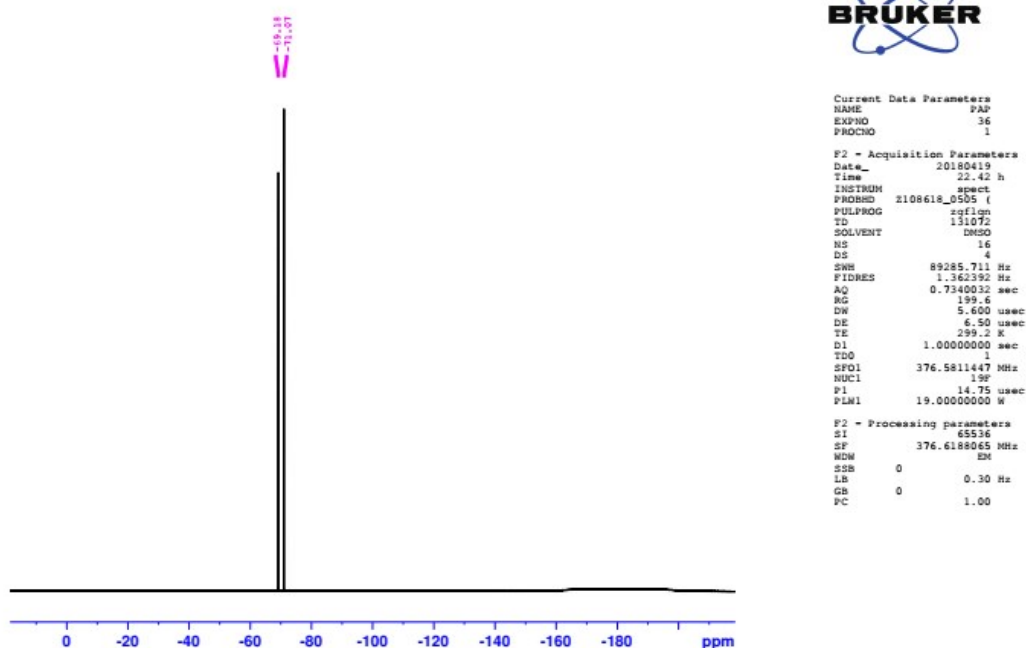
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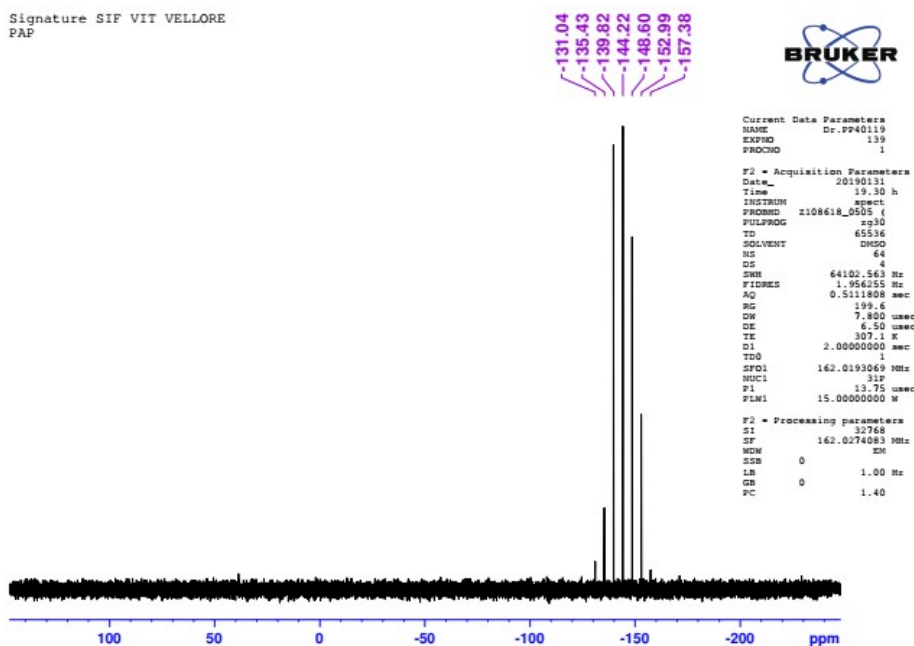
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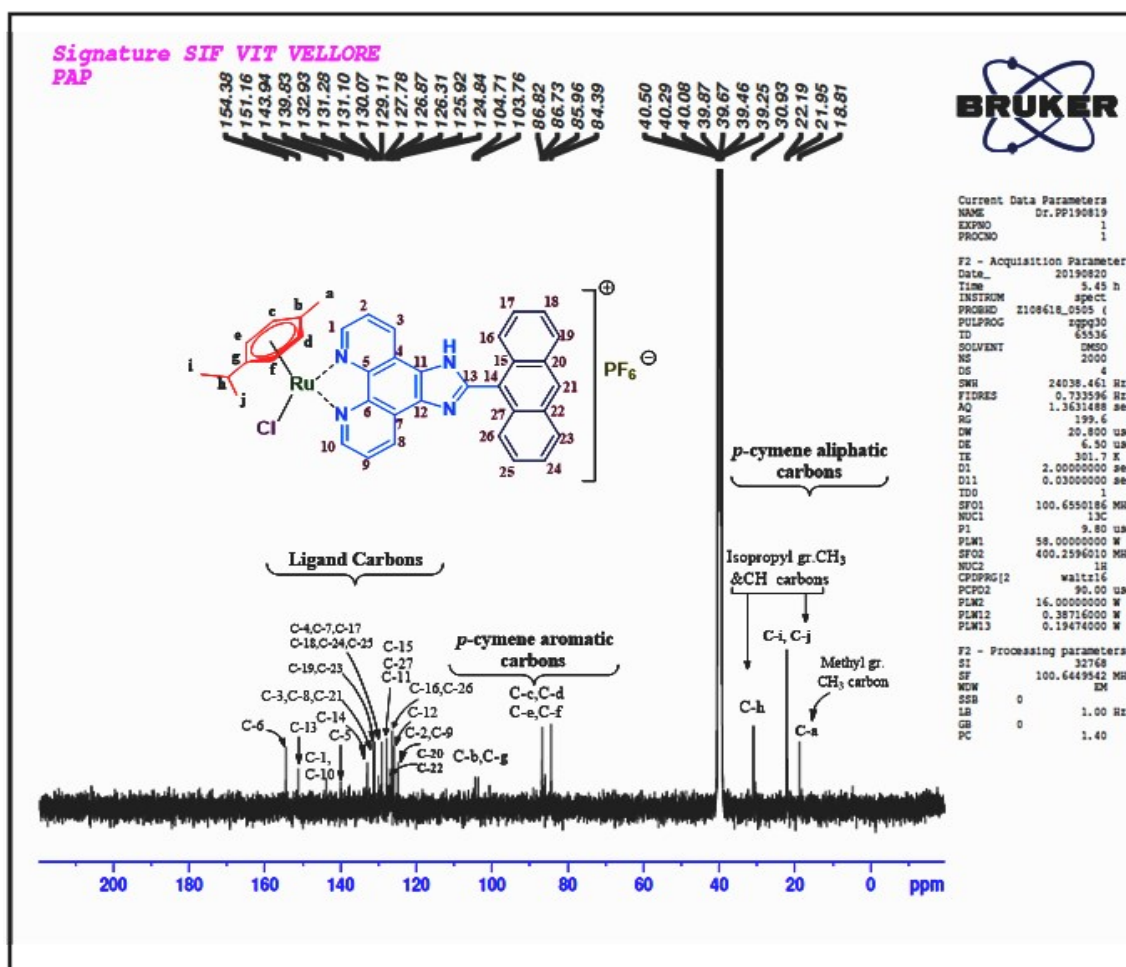


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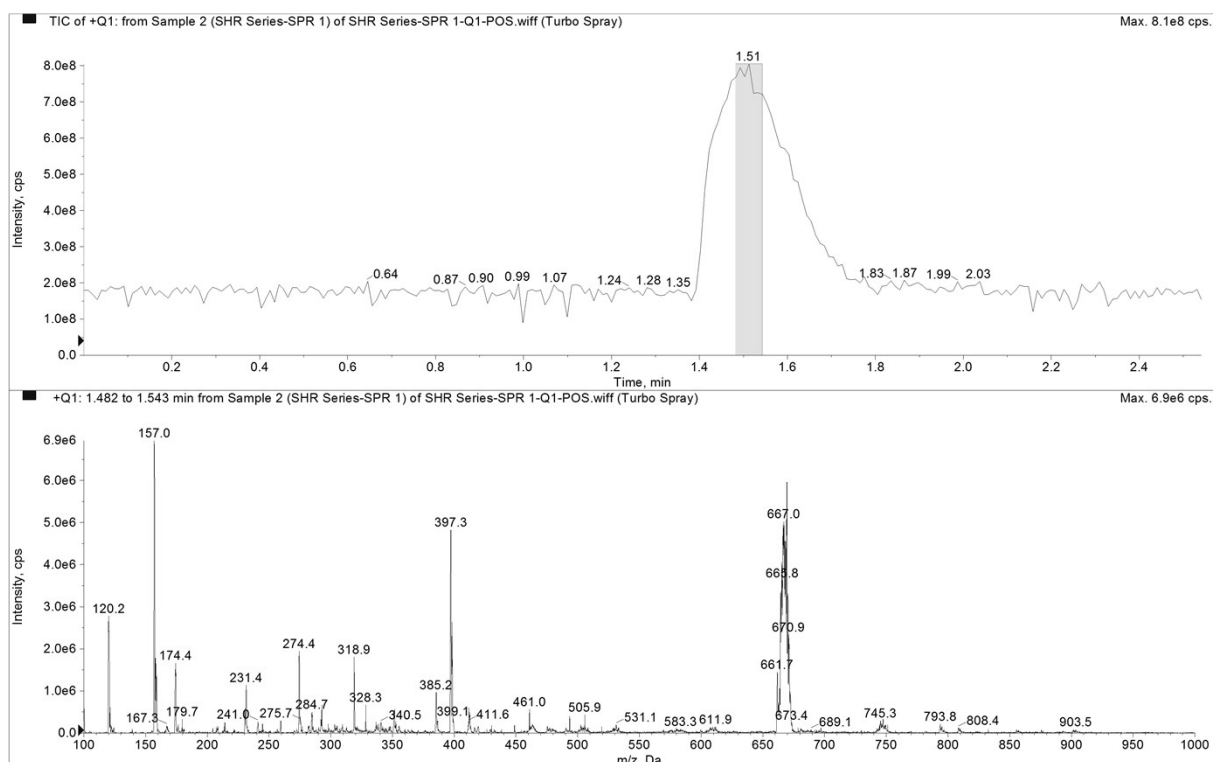
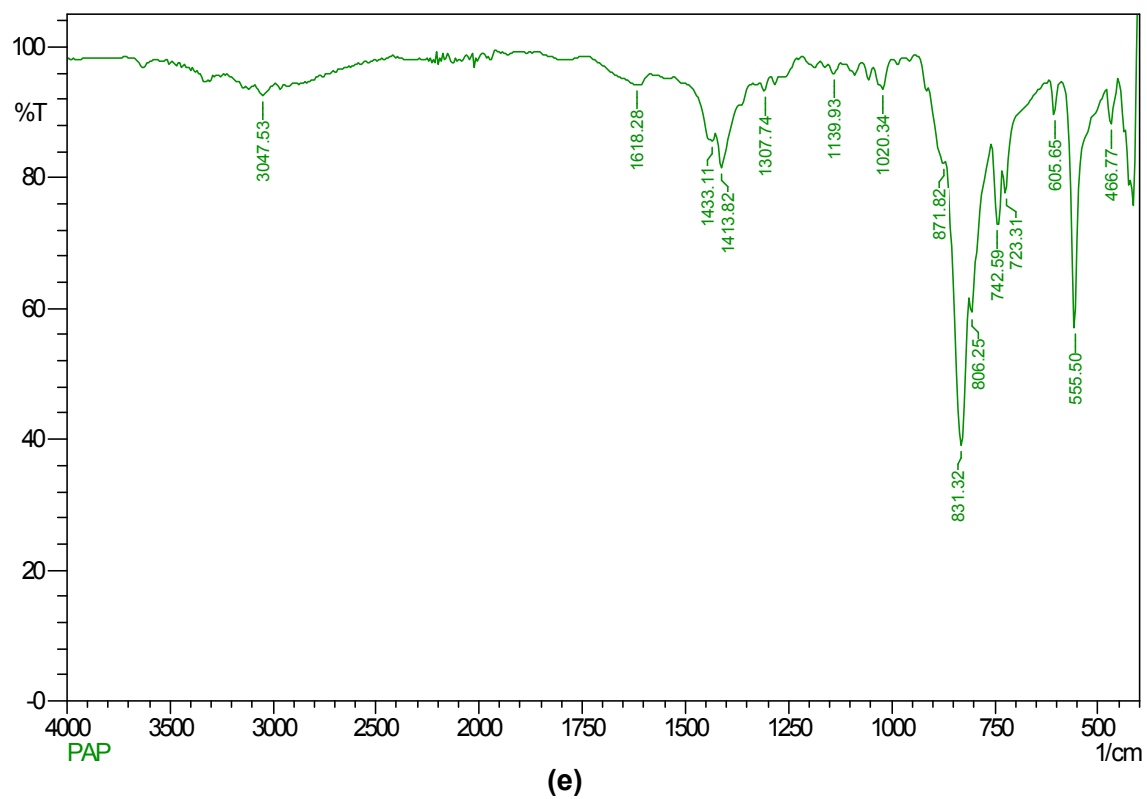
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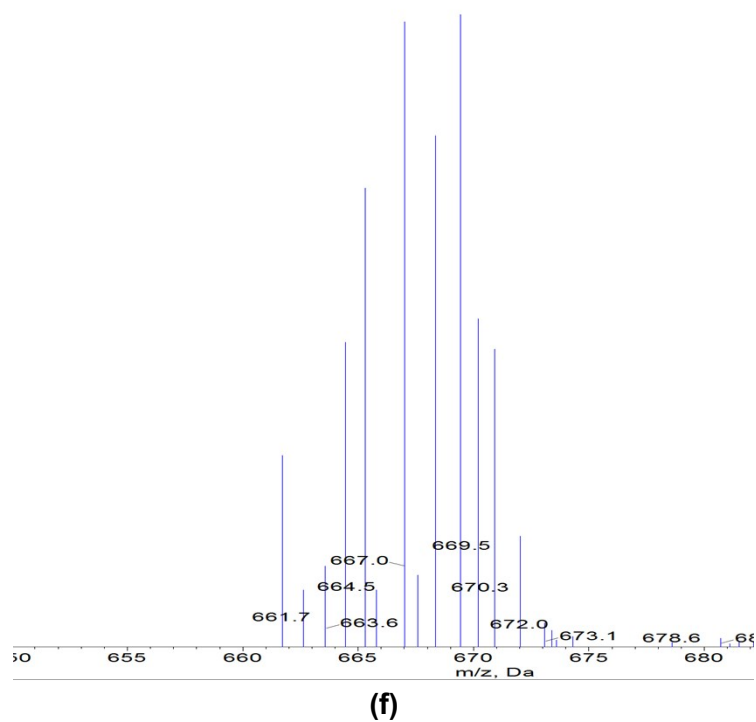
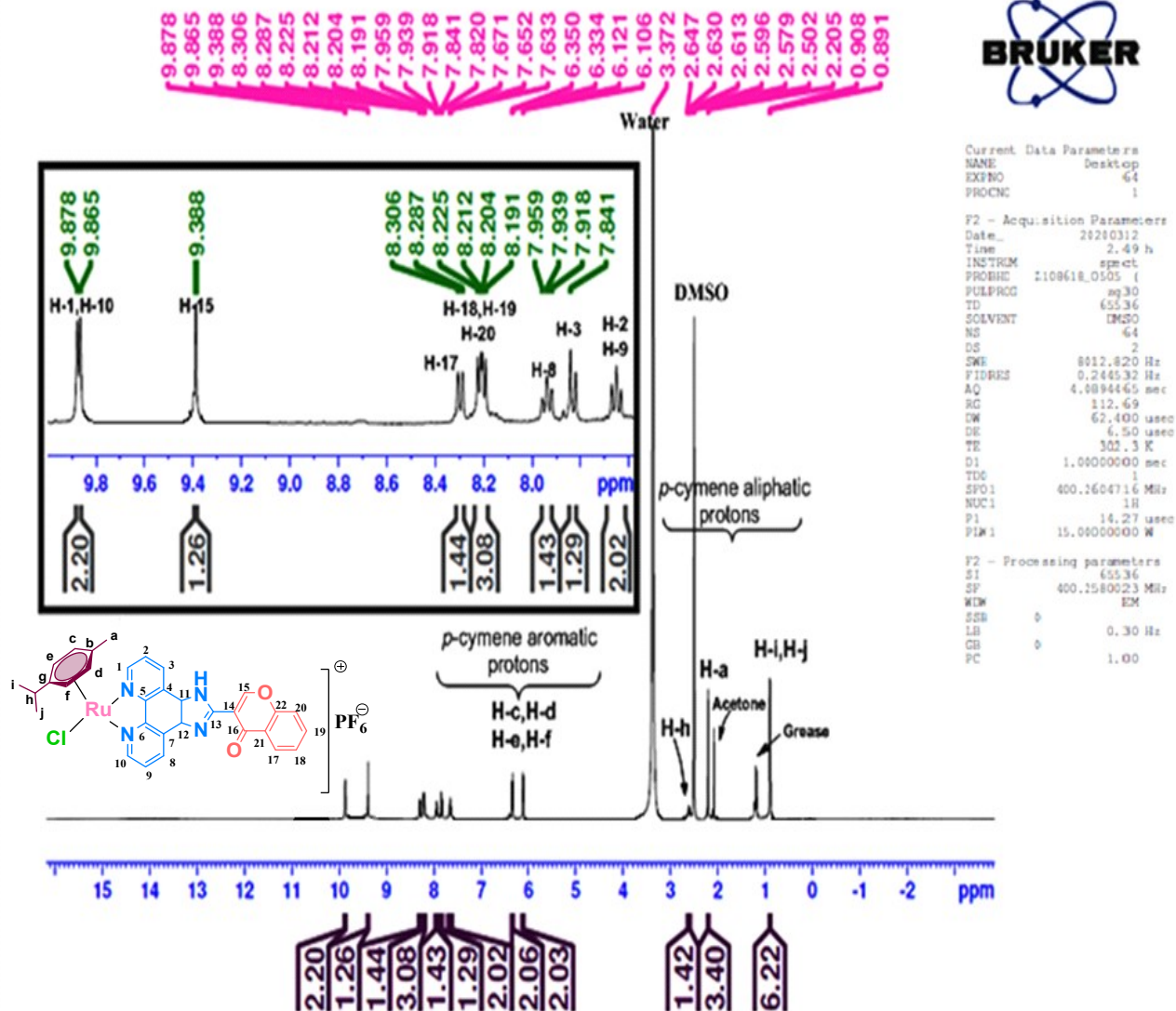
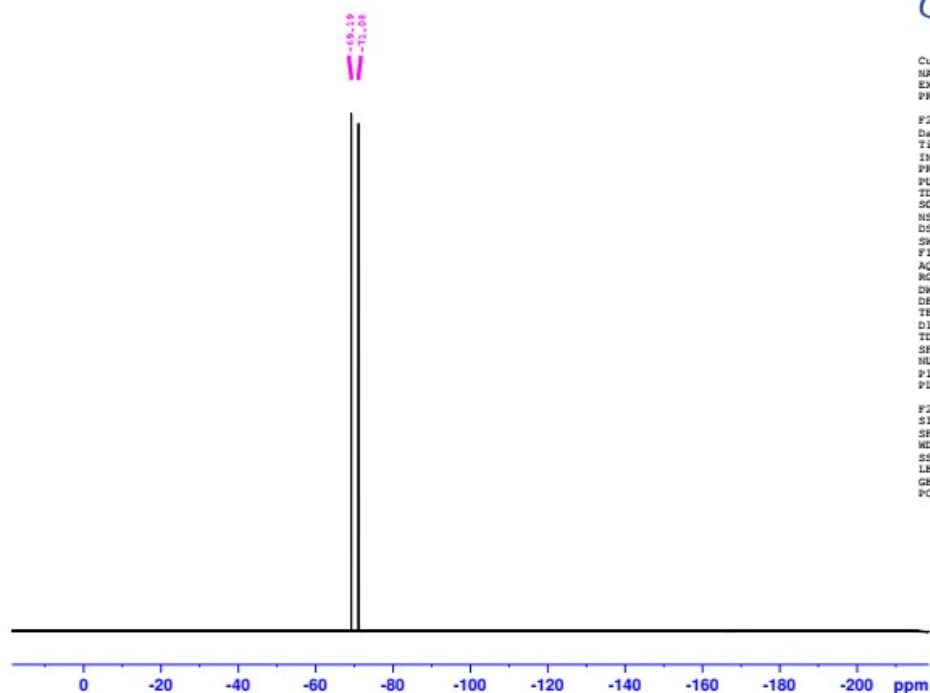


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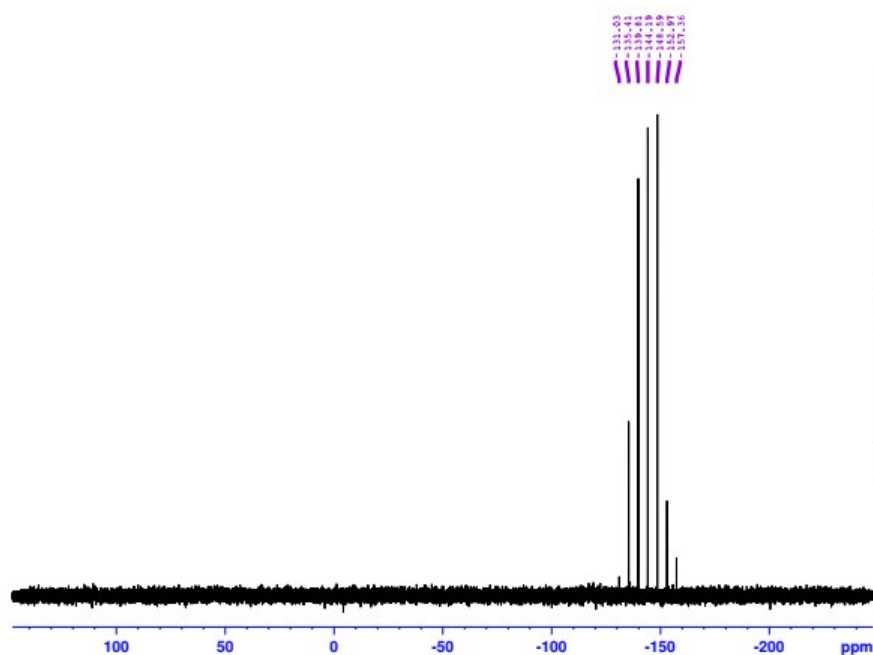
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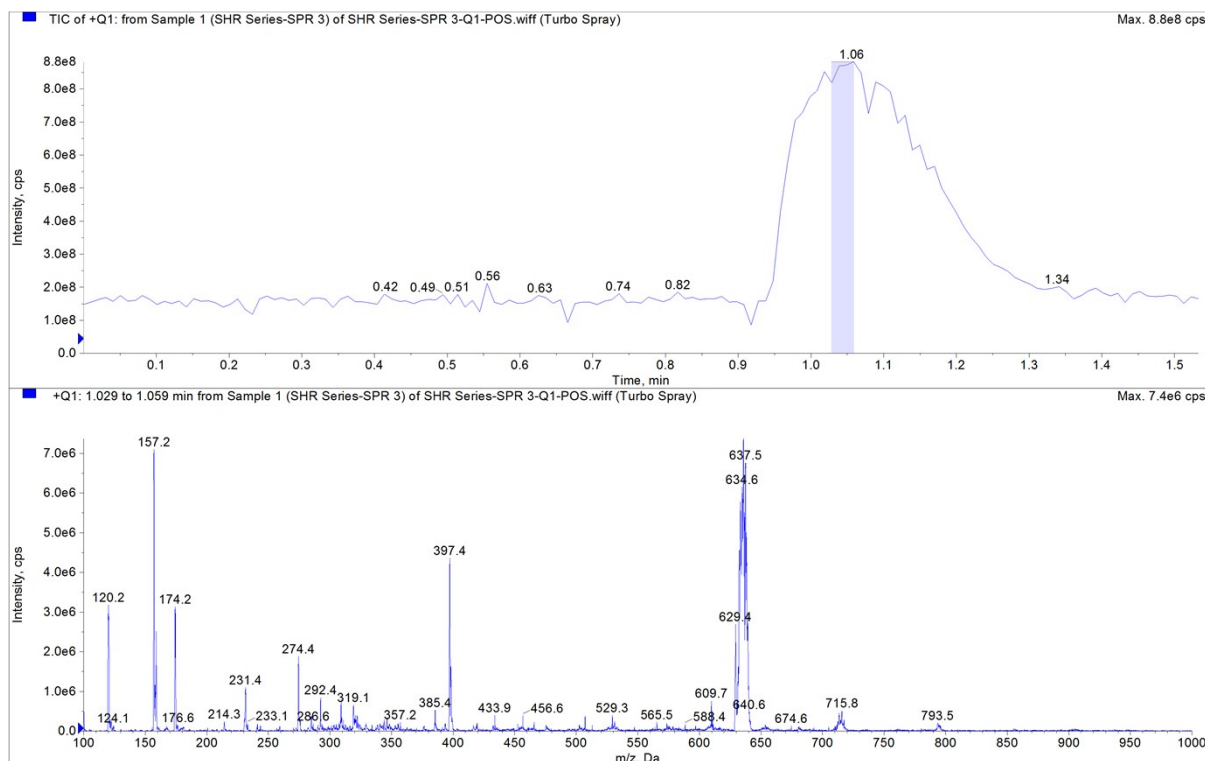
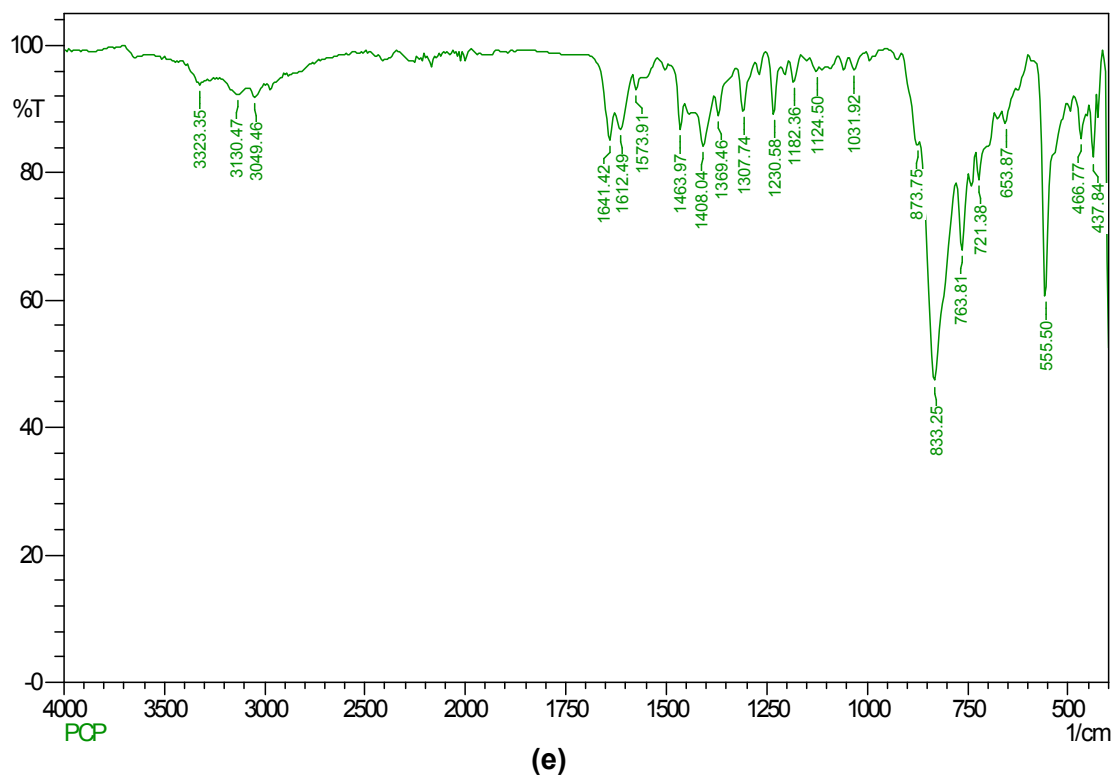
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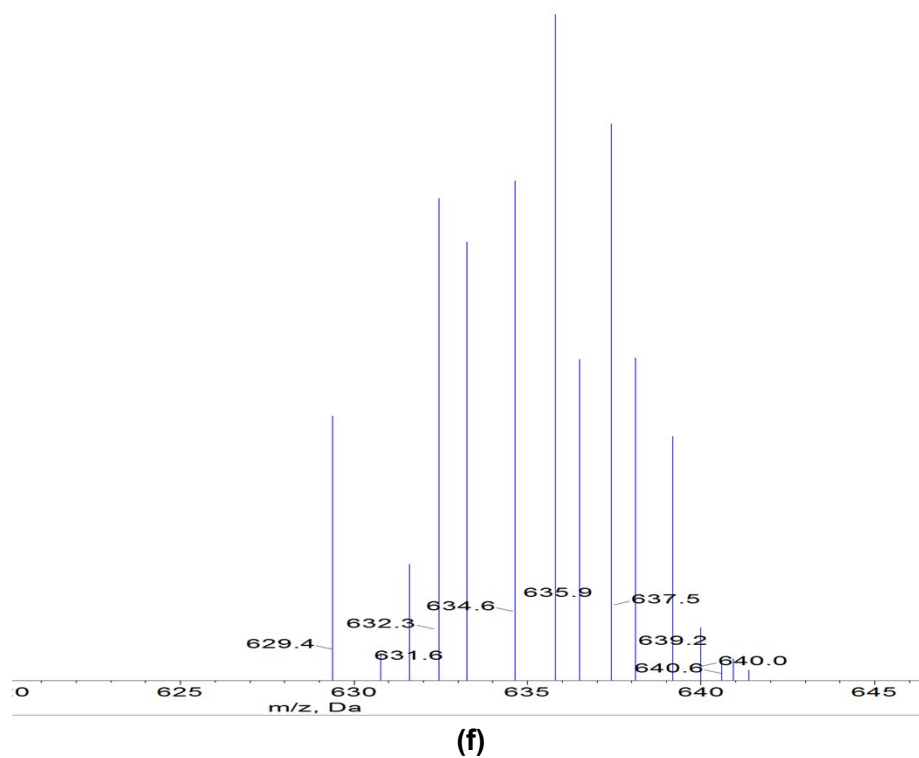
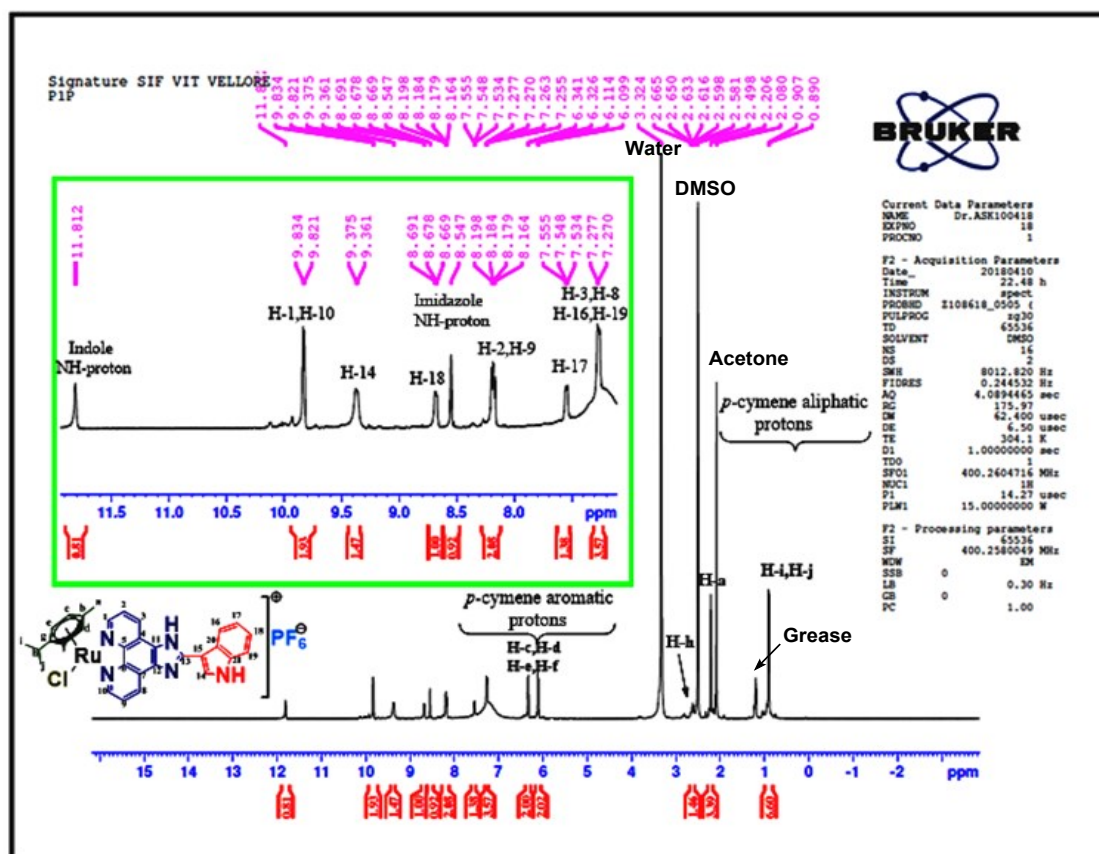
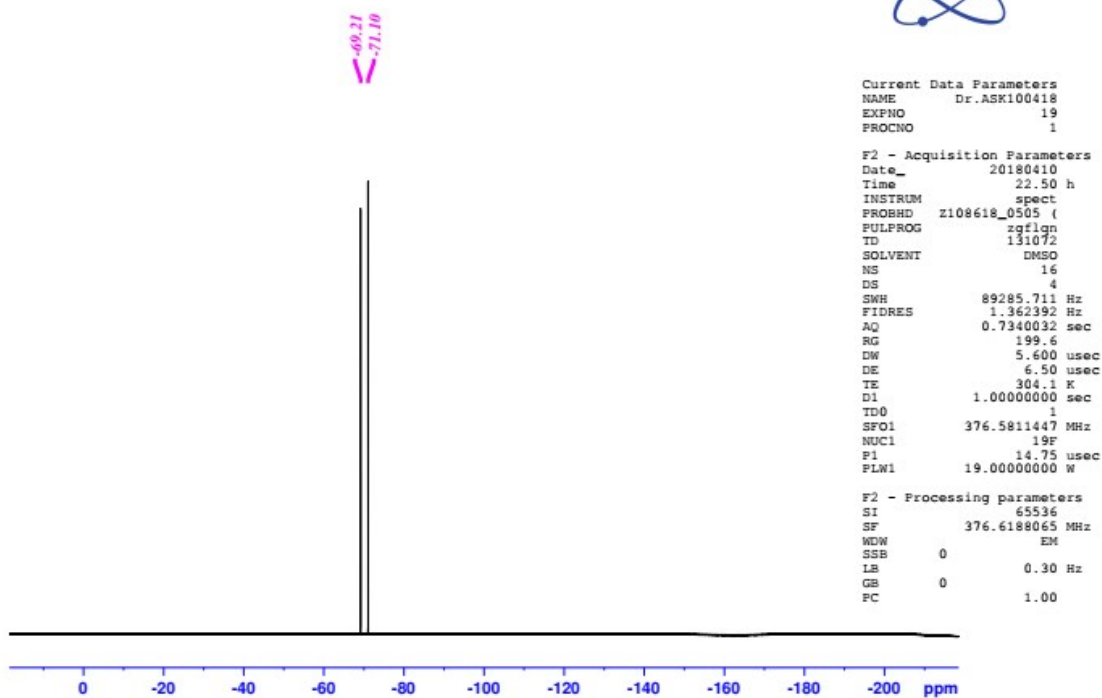


Fig. S21: Complex RuL2(a) ^1H NMR (b) ^{19}F NMR (c) ^{31}P NMR (d) ^{13}C NMR (e) IR spectra, and (f) ESI-MS (Chromatogram, full spectra & Zoom scan)



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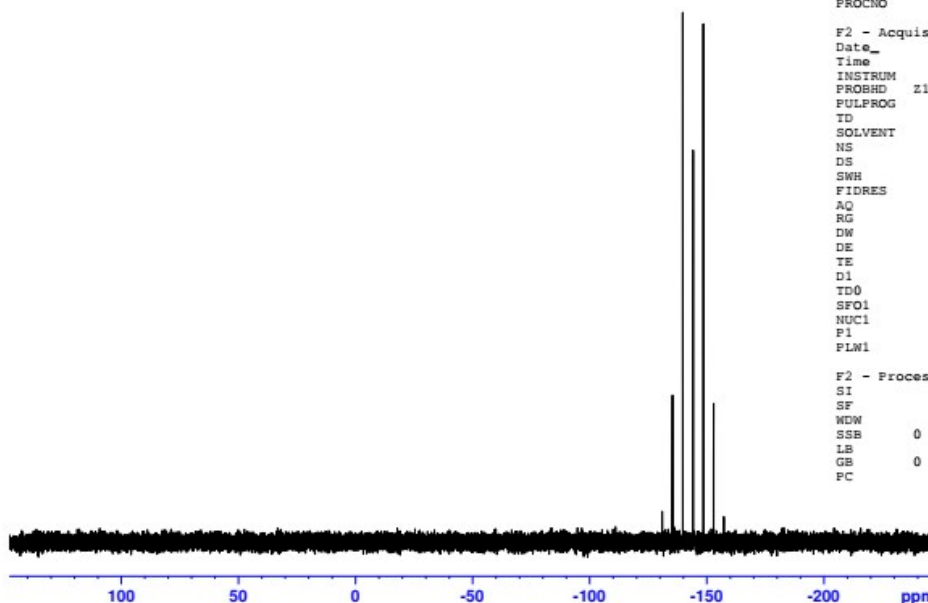


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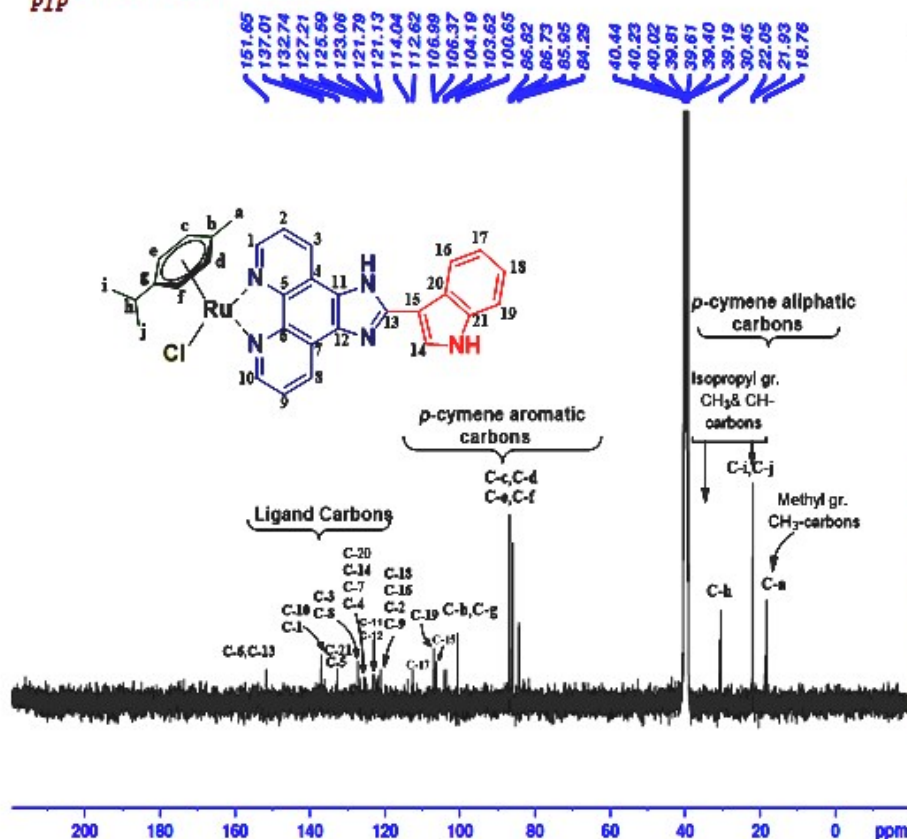
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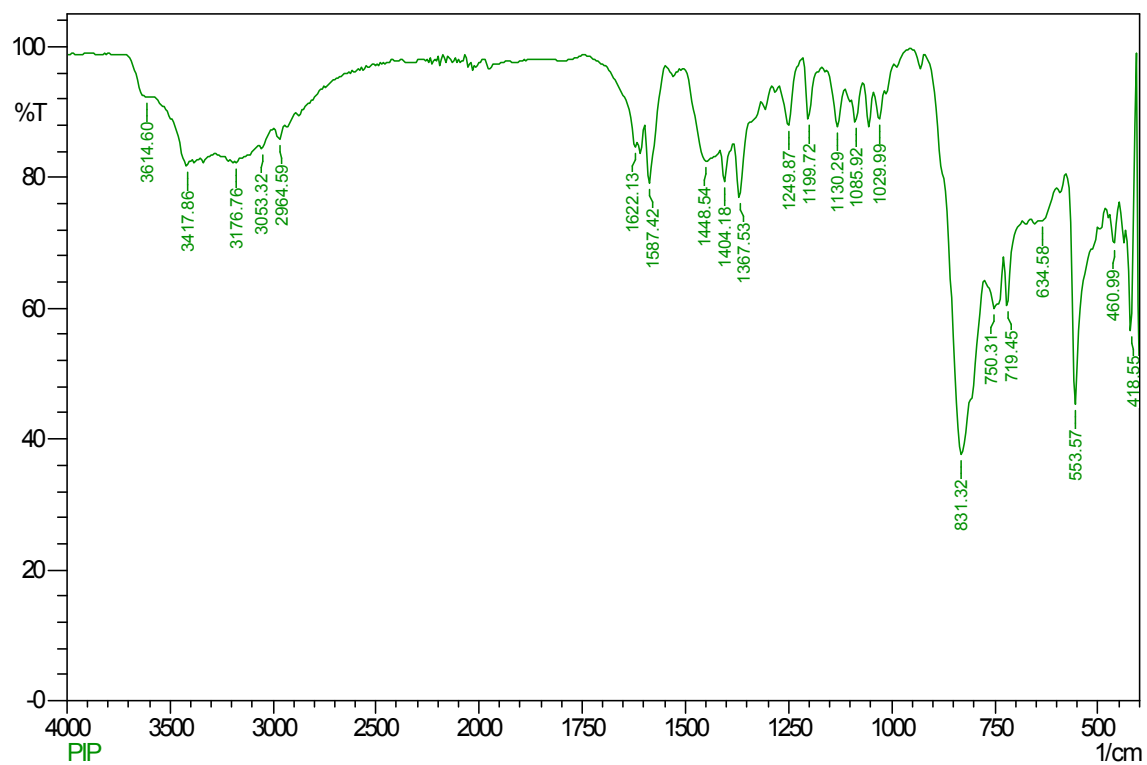


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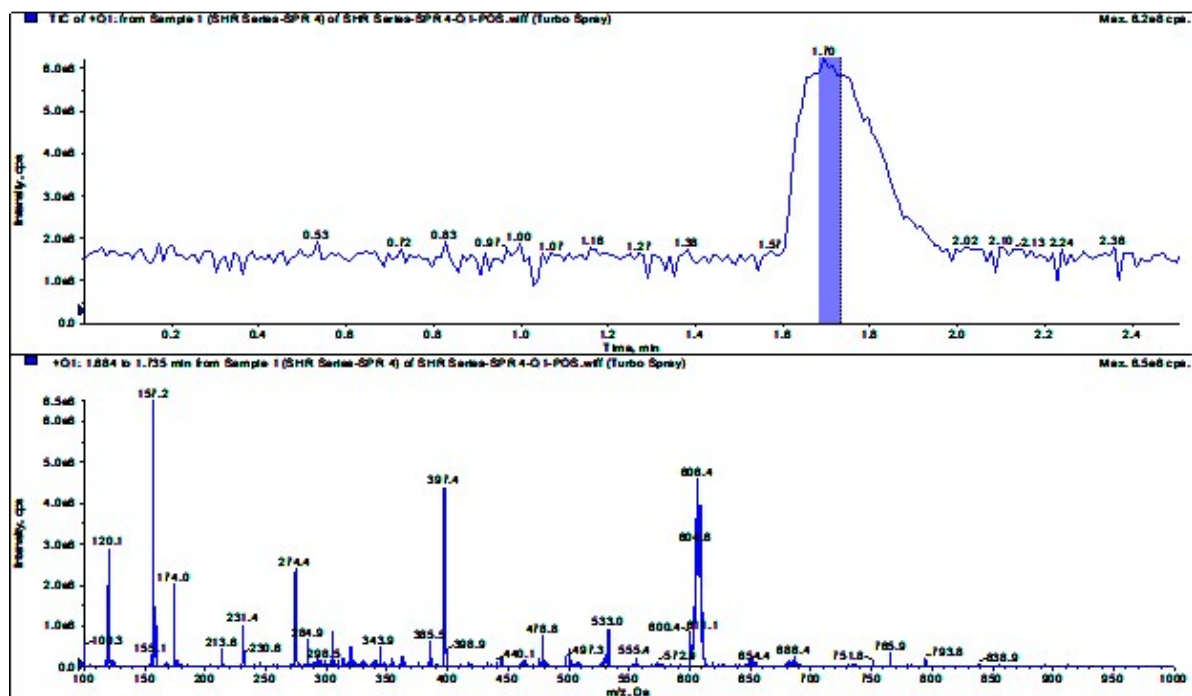
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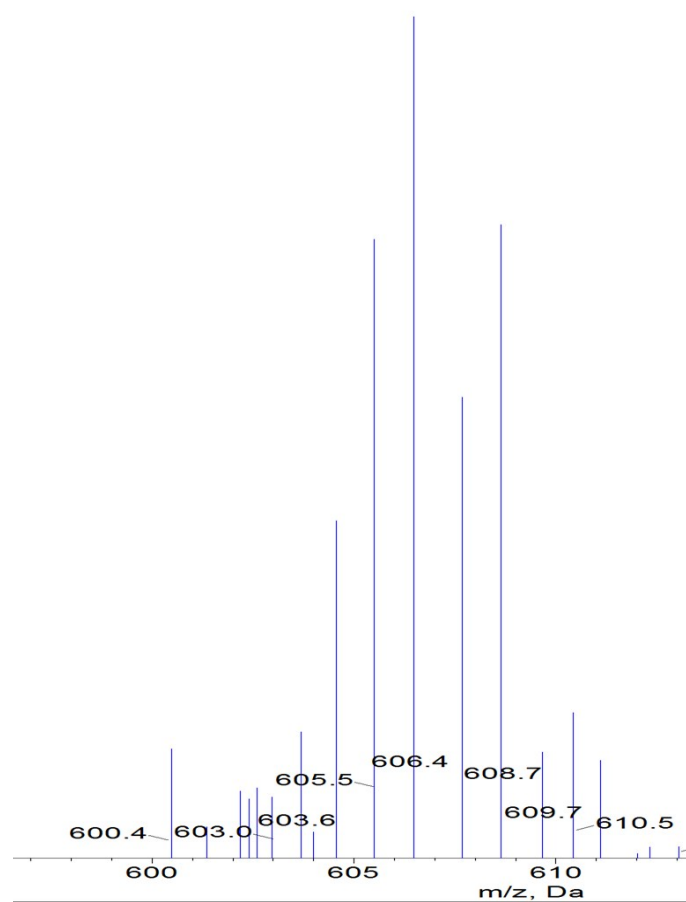
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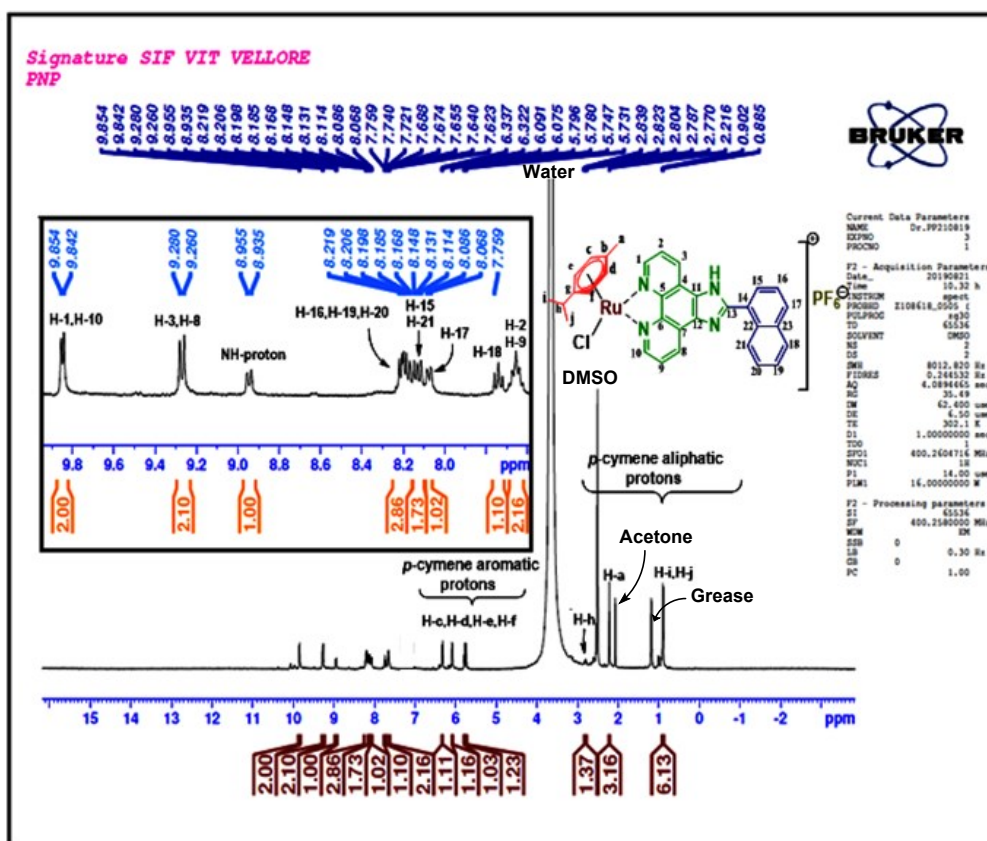


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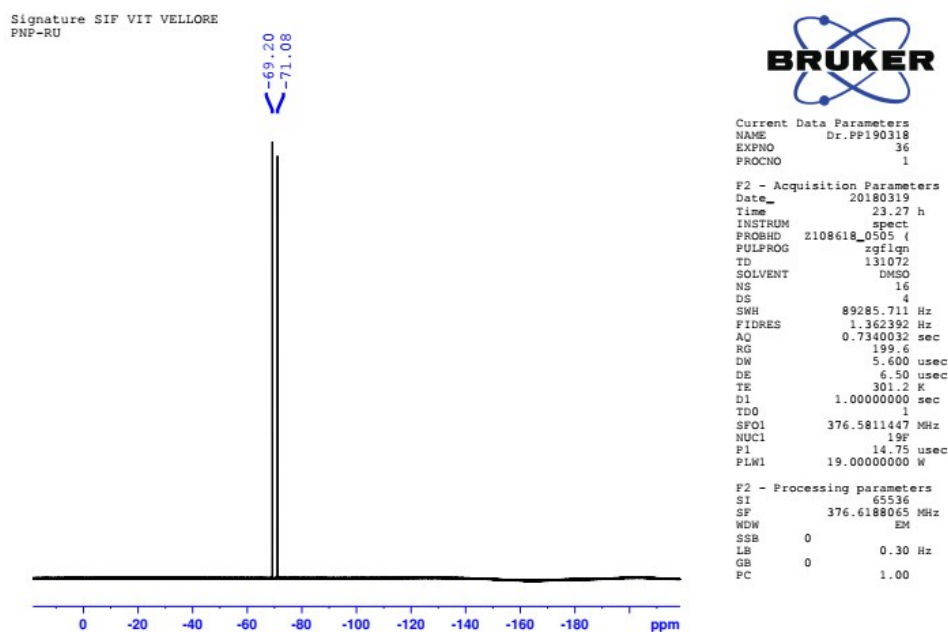


(f)

Fig. S22: Complex RuL3(a) ^1H NMR (b) ^{19}F NMR (c) ^{31}P NMR (d) ^{13}C NMR (e) IR spectra, and (f) ESI-MS (Chromatogram, full spectra & Zoom scan)

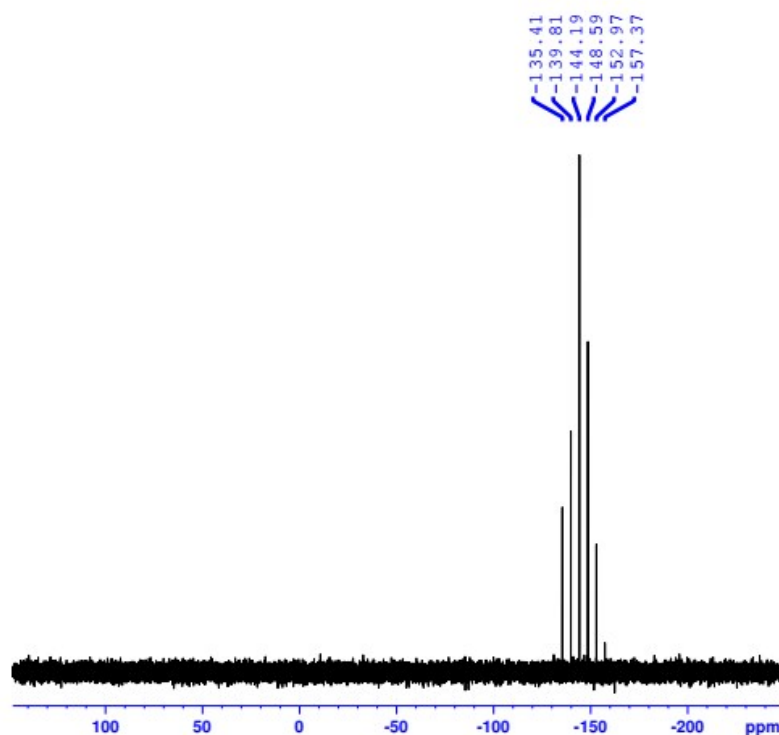


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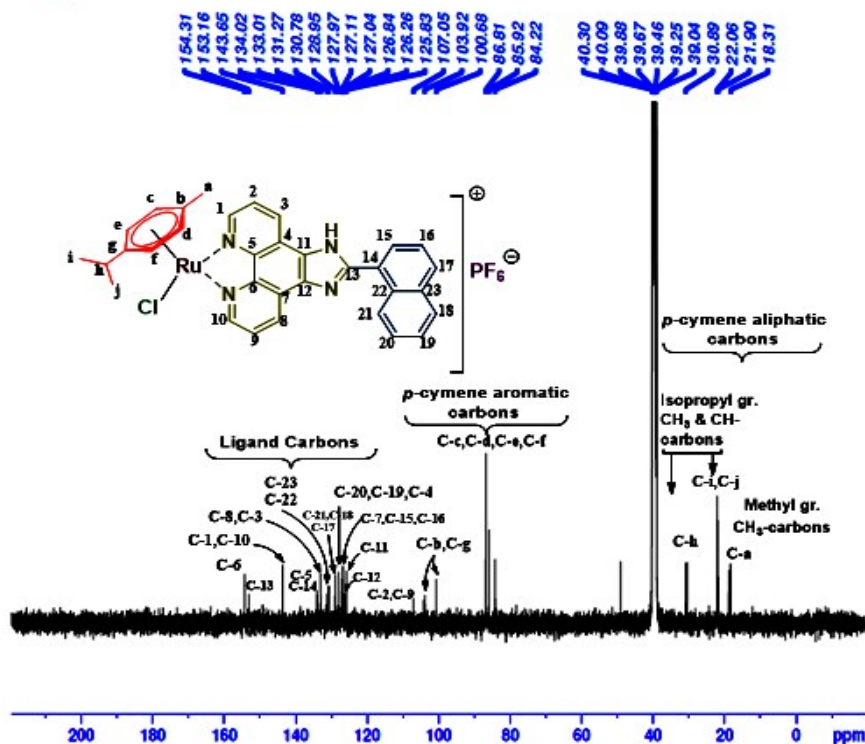
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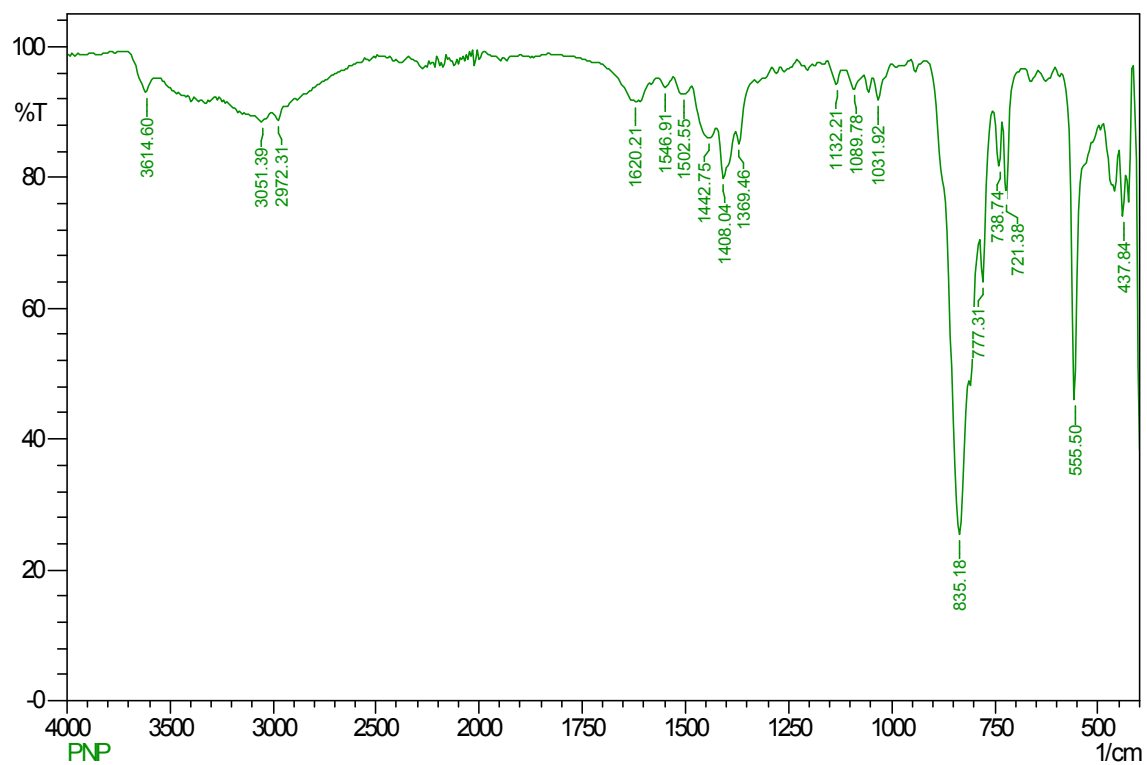


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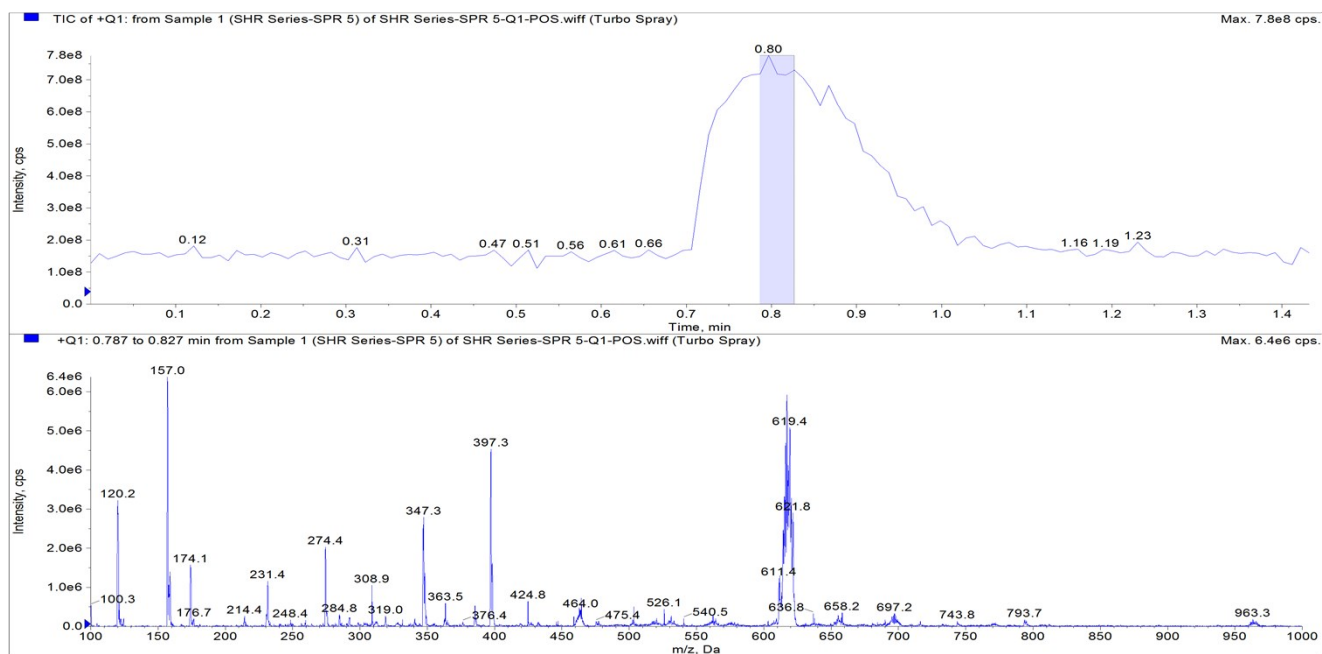
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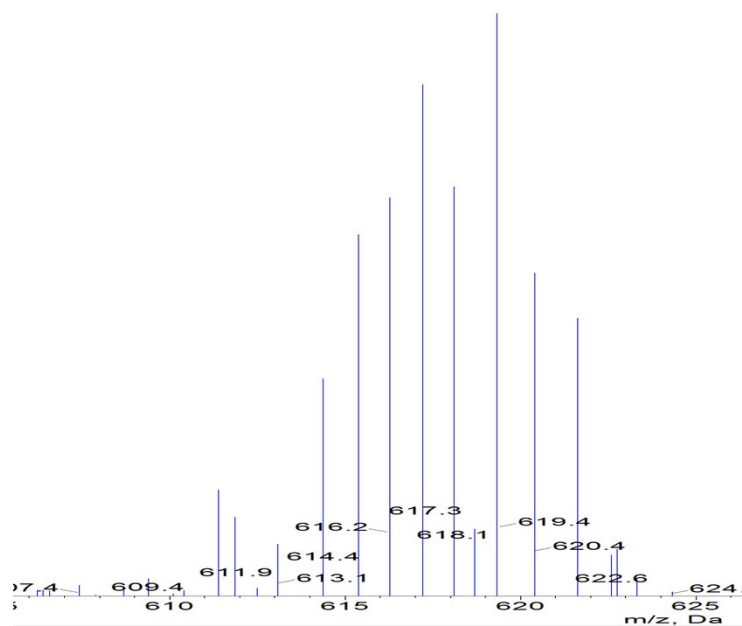
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(e)



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(f)

Fig. S23: Complex RuL4 (a) ^1H NMR (b) ^{19}F NMR (c) ^{31}P NMR (d) ^{13}C NMR (e) IR spectra, and (f) ESI-MS (Chromatogram, full spectra & Zoom scan)

CHN analysis

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AVERAGE RESULTS			
KC	16.177		
KH	44.698		
KN	5.740		

Fig. S24 CHN analysis: (a) PAP = RuL1 (b) PCP = RuL2 (c) PIP = RuL3 (d) PNP = RuL4