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TMTHSI, a superior 7-membered ring alkyne containing reagent for strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition reactions

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Analytical methods

GC/MS methods:

Method A, Instrument: GC: Agilent 6890N, FID: Det. temp: 300 °C and MS: 5973 MSD, EI-positive, Det.temp.: 280 °C Mass range: 50-550; Column: Rxi-5MS 20m, ID 180µm, df 0.18µm; Average velocity: 50 cm/s; Injection vol: 1 µl; Injector temp: 250 °C; Split ratio: 20/1; Carrier gas: He; Initial temp: 100 °C; Initial time: 1.5 min; Solvent delay: 1.3 min; Rate 75 °C/min; Final temp 250 °C; Final time 2.5 min.

LC/MS methods:

SC_ACID, Apparatus: Agilent 1260 Bin. Pump: G1312B, degasser; autosampler, ColCom, DAD: Agilent G1315D, 220-320 nm, MSD: Agilent LC/MSD G6130B ESI, pos/neg 100-1000, ELSD Alltech 3300 gas flow 1.5 ml/min, gas temp: 40 °C; column: Waters XSelect™ C18, 30x2.1mm, 3.5µ, Temp: 35 °C, Flow: 1 mL/min, Gradient: $t_0 = 5\% \text{ A}$, $t_{1.6\text{min}} = 98\% \text{ A}$, $t_{3\text{min}} = 98\% \text{ A}$, Posttime: 1.3 min, Eluent A: 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, Eluent B: 0.1% formic acid in water).

SC_BASE, Apparatus: Agilent 1260 Bin. Pump: G1312B, degasser; autosampler, ColCom, DAD: Agilent G1315C, 220-320 nm, MSD: Agilent LC/MSD G6130B ESI, pos/neg 100-1000; column: Waters XSelect™ CSH C18, 30x2.1mm, 3.5µ, Temp: 25 °C, Flow: 1 mL/min, Gradient: $t_0 = 5\% \text{ A}$, $t_{1.6\text{min}} = 98\% \text{ A}$, $t_{3\text{min}} = 98\% \text{ A}$, Posttime: 1.3 min, Eluent A: acetonitrile, Eluent B: 10mM ammoniumbicarbonate in water (pH=9.5).

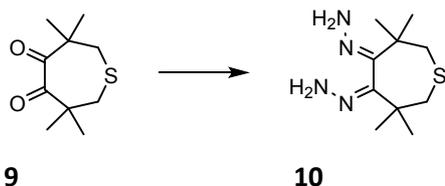
MS parameters

Source: ESI, Capillary voltage: 3000V, Drying gas flow: 12 L/min, Nebulizer Pressure 60 psig, Drying Gas Temp: 350 °C, Fragmentor 70, MS scan: MS range 100-1000 (positive and negative mode), scan speed: 0.84 sec/cycle.

¹H-NMR:

All ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-400 ultrashield NMR spectrometer, using CD₃OD, CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ as solvent and are reported in ppm referenced to TMS (0 ppm) as an internal standard.

Synthesis of (3,3,6,6-Tetramethylthiepane-4,5-diyldene)bis(hydrazine) **10**



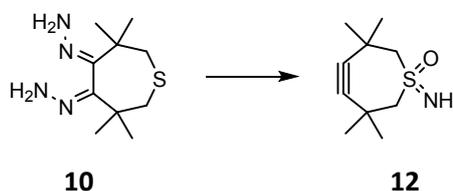
A 300 ml glass autoclave was charged with 3,3,6,6-tetramethylthiepane-4,5-dione (22.4 g, 112 mmol) **9** prepared according to the literature (refs 13, 14, 16 and 18 in the paper) and dissolved in 2-propanol (180 ml). Hydrazine monohydrate (33 ml, 678 mmol, 6 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min's, then pTsOH (42.5 g, 224 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added, the autoclave was closed and heated at 90 °C in an oil bath for 5 days in which time a maximum pressure of 2 bar was reached. The autoclave was allowed to cool, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between saturated aqueous. NaHCO₃ soln (400 ml) and ethyl acetate (200 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x200 ml). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 25 g of the crude product as a waxy solid. The residue was crystallised/triturated from hot heptane (180 ml, the product was not fully dissolved) and allowed to cool to room temperature. The solids were collected by filtration, washed with heptane and air dried to afford 19.05 g (74%) of the product as an off-white solid. The spectral data of **10** were in agreement with the literature (refs 13, 14, 15 and 18 in the paper).

GC/MS (Method_A) t_R 4.47 min, M⁺= 228.

LC/MS (SC_BASE)): t_R 1.79 min, purity 99%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 229.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.24 (s, 4H), 2.54 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 6H)

Synthesis of 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1λ⁶-thiepine 1-oxide (TMTHSI) **12**



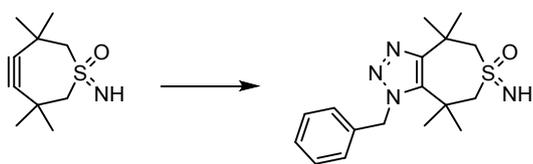
A three-necked roundbottom flask was charged with ammonium acetate (13.5 g, 175 mmol, 8 eq.), methanol (15 ml) and water (~1 ml). Then, (3,3,6,6-tetramethylthiepane-4,5-diyldene)bis(hydrazine) **10** (5.00 g, 21.9 mmol) was added and the mixture was cooled with ice-salt/water. A suspension/solution of iodobenzene diacetate (28.2 g, 88.0 mmol, 4 eq.) in dichloromethane (80 ml) was added at such a rate that a gentle flow of N₂ escapes from the reaction mixture. When the addition was complete, the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for another 90 minutes. The mixture was quenched in

water (100 ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane (2x 50 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford an orange oil. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica, 40 g; 50-100% EtOAc in heptane) to afford 1.3 g (30%, ptly 76 area%) as a waxy solid.

An amount of 217 mg was purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris-Prep, Xselect, 5-40% MeCN in water, 10mM NH₄HCO₃, pH=9.5) to afford 117 mg of an analytically pure sample **12**.

LCMS (SC_BASE): t_R 1.59 min, purity 100%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 200; mp: 90-93 °C; TLC (EtOAc): R_f = 0.18; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.23 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 101.60, 71.07, 34.73, 27.65, 26.61; HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₀H₁₇NOS, 200.11036; found, 200.11031; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₀H₁₇NOS): C (60.26, 57.58) H (8.60, 8.77) N (7.03, 6.64).

Click reaction: Synthesis of 1-benzyl-6-imino-4,4,8,8-tetramethyl-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-6 λ⁴-thiepine[4,5-d][1,2,3]triazole 6-oxide **13a,b**



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13a,b

An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1λ⁶-thiepine 1-oxide **12** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) and dissolved in dichloromethane (1 ml). A solution of benzyl azide (38 μl, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in dichloromethane (0.5 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica 4 g; 50-100% EtOAc in heptane) to afford 53.6 mg (64%) of the product **13a,b** as a white sticky foam which solidified upon standing.

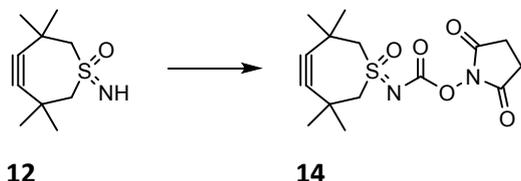
LCMS (SC_BASE): t_R 1.71 min, purity 99%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 333; mp: 149-151 °C; TLC (EtOAc): R_f = 0.19; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H)*, 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H). *overlapping singlets. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.97, 137.37, 135.84, 129.13, 128.30, 126.47, 68.42, 67.43, 54.75, 34.18, 33.87, 30.86, 30.76, 29.49, 28.92; HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄N₄OS, 333.17436; found, 333.17483; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₇H₂₄N₄OS): C (61.42, 61.43) H (7.28, 7.41) N (16.85, 16.64).

Comparison of reaction kinetics of a model click reaction between TMTSHI and BCNOH and benzyl azide

The alkyne (TMTSHI or BCN-OH) was reacted with 1.3 eq benzylazide and reaction kinetics were measured using NMR (CDCl₃). Conversion of TMTSHI with benzyl azide reached 79% after 225 seconds, the reaction with BCN-OH took about 40-fold longer (9312 seconds). The reaction conversion (%) is calculated based on triazole signals, taking the plateau of triazole

signal at the end of reaction as 100% level = when all TMTHSI or BCN-OH fully reacted with benzyl-azide. The results of the measurements are included in Figure 2 TMTHSI **12** (red curve) is significantly faster than BCN **3** (blue curve). For further details see pages S59 - S62

Synthesis of 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepan-1-ylidene)carbamate **14**

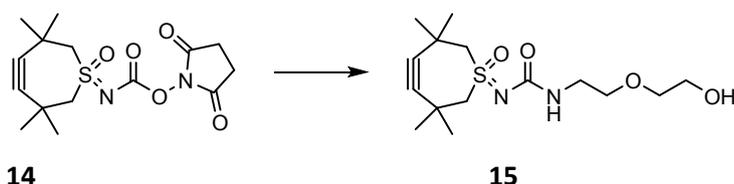


A 50 ml round bottom flask was charged with N,N'-disuccinimidyl carbonate (566 mg, 2.21 mmol, 1.08 eq.) was suspended in MeCN (10 ml). A solution of 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1 λ^6 -thiepine-1-oxide **12** (509 mg, 80% purity 2.04 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) was added via pipette. The suspension slowly dissolves and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 90 minutes in which time a light yellow suspension is formed.

The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified over a plug of alumina (25 g) eluting in succession with 20% MeCN in DCM (50 ml), 30% MeCN in DCM (25 ml) and 40% MeCN in DCM (25 ml) to afford 486 mg of the product as a white solid. The residue was triturated with diethyl ether, filtered and air dried to afford 423 mg (60%) of the product **14** as a white powder.

LCMS (SC_ACID): t_R 1.80 min, purity 100%, mass found $[M+Na]^+$ 363, $[2xM+Na]^+$ 703; mp: 223 - 225 °C (decomp.); TLC (Heptane:EtOAc, 1:3 v/v): $R_f = 0.33$; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 3.93 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (s, 4H), 1.52 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 169.87, 154.39, 101.43, 68.76, 34.23, 27.75, 26.71, 25.71; HRMS (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd. for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_5S$, 363.09851; found, 363.09823; analysis (calcd., found for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_5S$): C (52.93, 53.48) H (5.92, 6.12) N (8.23, 8.96).

Synthesis of 1-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)-3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)urea (15**)**

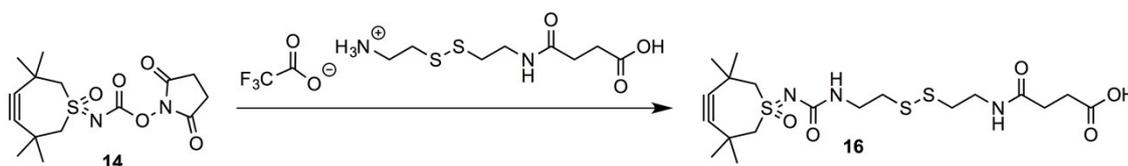


An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepan-1-ylidene)carbamate **14** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) and the material was suspended in acetonitrile (1 ml). A solution of 2-(2-amino-ethoxy)ethanol (74 μ l, 0.73 mmol, 5 eq.) in acetonitrile (0.5 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 90 minutes. The

reaction mixture was purified directly by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris-Prep, XSelect 10-50% MeCN in water, 10mM NH₄HCO₃, pH=9.5), the product fractions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure. The aqueous residue was lyophilised overnight to afford 38 mg (78%) of product **15**.

LCMS (SC_BASE): t_R 1.67 min, purity 98%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 331; TLC (EtOAc): R_f = 0.09; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.60 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 5H), 3.49 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.43 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.14, 101.74, 72.35, 70.39, 68.49, 61.68, 40.21, 34.20, 27.78, 26.86. HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₂₆N₂O₄S, 331.1686; found, 331.16844.

Synthesis of 4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)amino)butanoic acid (**16**)



Disulfide spacer:

A 100 ml roundbottom flask was charged with tert-butyl (2-((2-aminoethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)carbamate (1.28 g, 4.43 mmol) and the material was dissolved in dichloromethane (25 ml). TEA (0.68 ml, 4.87 mmol, 1.1 eq.) and DMAP (54 g, 0.44 mmol, 0.1 eq.) were added followed by succinic anhydride (0.46 g, 4.65 mmol, 1.05 eq.). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour. The mixture was quenched with aqueous 1N KHSO₄ solution (30 ml), the layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with aqueous 1N KHSO₄ solution (~30 ml). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with DCM (30 ml). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 1.47 g (94%) of the crude product as a solid.

LCMS (SC_ACID): t_R 1.67 min, purity 100%, mass found [M-H]⁻ 351; mp: 75-76 °C; TLC (EtOAc): R_f = 0.21; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.26, 173.01, 156.31, 80.07, 39.71, 38.51, 38.40, 37.74, 30.73, 29.94, 28.49; HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₂₄N₂O₅S₂, 353.11994; found, 353.11973.

Next, a 100 ml roundbottom flask was charged with 2,2-dimethyl-4,13-dioxo-3-oxa-8,9-dithia-5,12-diazahexadecan-16-oic acid (1.41 g, 4.00 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 ml) and treated with trifluoroacetic acid (3.5 ml, 45.7 mmol, 11.4 eq.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for approximately one hour. The mixture was quenched with water (10 ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane (2x 5 ml). The aqueous layer was lyophilised overnight. The residue still contained trifluoroacetic acid. The material was dissolved in water (20 ml) and

concentrated under reduced pressure, this was repeated two times. The resulting residue was redissolved in water and lyophilised overnight to afford 1.54 g in quantitative yield of the product as a glass.

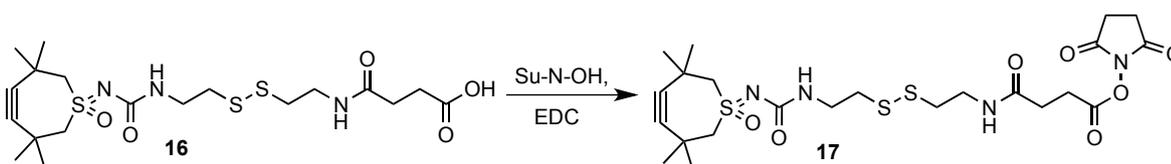
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD): δ 3.50 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, overlaps with CD_3OD residual peak), 2.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CD_3OD , TFA signal was not included): δ 176.32, 174.80, 39.48, 39.40, 38.23, 35.50, 31.41, 30.14; HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$, 253.06751; found, 253.06743.

Synthesis of **16**

2,5-Dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepan-1-ylidene)carbamate (210 mg, 0.62 mmol) **14** was suspended in acetonitrile (3 ml) and DIPEA (270 μl , 1.55 mmol, 2.51 eq.) was added. A solution of 4-((2-((2-aminoethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoic acid TFA-salt (249 mg, 0.68 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in water (1 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for six hours in which time the solids slowly dissolved. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of MeCN and water (<5 mL) and purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris-Prep, LUNA-C18, 10-50% MeCN in water, 0.1% (v/v) formic acid). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised overnight to afford 168 mg (57%) was obtained as a white fluffy solid. The residue was dissolved in MeCN and transferred to a 50 ml roundbottom flask and concentrated under reduced pressure, co-evaporated with diethylether to obtain white solid **16**.

LCMS (SC_ACID): t_{R} 1.72 min, purity 98%, mass found $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 477; mp: 137-139 $^\circ\text{C}$; TLC (EtOAc): R_{f} =0.03; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.07 (s, 1H), 8.05 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.40 – 3.27 (m, 2H, overlaps with H_2O peak), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.75 (q, J = 6.1, 5.7 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 173.84, 171.15, 159.66, 102.09, 66.53, 38.06, 37.66, 37.30, 33.74, 29.98, 29.10, 26.81, 26.21. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}_3$, 478.14986; found, 478.14924; analysis (calcd., found for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}_3$): C (47.78, 47.59) H (6.54, 6.51) N (8.80, 8.98).

Synthesis of 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)amino)butanoate (**17**)

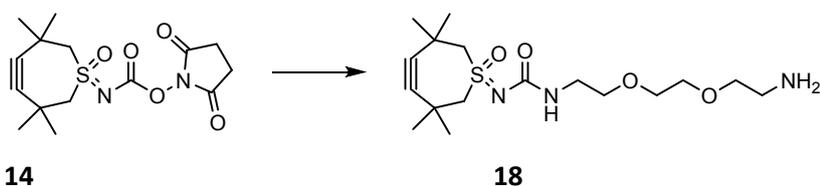


An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)amino)butanoic acid (40 mg, 0.084 mmol) and dichloromethane (1 ml). N-Hydroxysuccinimide (14 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added followed by the addition of EDC-HCl (23 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.4 eq.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for

approximately two hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting white foam was purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris-Prep, LUNA-C18, 20-60% MeCN in water, 0.1% (v/v) formic acid). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised overnight. The freeze-dried material was dissolved in dichloromethane and transferred to an 4 ml brown glass vial, the solvent was evaporated under a stream of N₂ and co-evaporated with diethyl ether to afford 43 mg (89%) of the product **17**.

LCMS (SC_ACID): t_R 1.85 min, purity 85%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 575; mp: 60-65 °C; TLC (EtOAc): R_f =0.22; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.76 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.53 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 – 2.76 (m, 8H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.55, 169.10, 168.26, 160.15, 101.59, 68.56, 39.43, 38.42, 38.26, 37.85, 34.14, 30.49, 27.56, 26.85, 26.80, 25.59; HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄N₄O₇S₃, 575.16624; found, 575.16607.

Synthesis of 1-(2-(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1λ⁶-thiepin-1-ylidene)urea. **18**

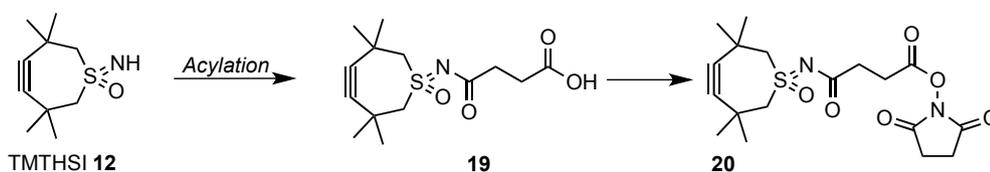


Under N₂-atmosphere, 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1λ⁶-thiepan-1-ylidene)carbamate (197 mg, 0.58 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (12.5 ml) and 2,2'-(ethane-1,2-diylbis(oxy))bis(ethan-1-amine) (0.42 ml, 2.89 mmol, 5 eq.) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in a 1:1 mixture of acetonitrile/water (4 ml) and purified (in two portions) by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, XSelect 10-50% MeCN in water, 10mM NH₄HCO₃, pH=9.5). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised to afford 156 mg (72%) of the product **18** as a white fluffy solid.

LC/MS (SC_BASE) t_R 1.67 min, purity 99%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 374.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ + D₂O) δ 3.86 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.54 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 3.40 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.15 – 3.04 (m, 3H), 2.67 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 6H). HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₃₂N₃O₄S, 374.2108; found, 374.21026; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₇H₃₁N₃O₄S): C (54.67, 51.35) H (8.37, 8.06) N (11.25, 10.68).

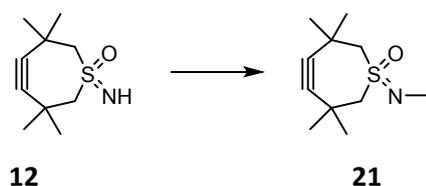
Synthesis of 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-oxo-4-((3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1λ⁶-thiepin-1-ylidene)amino)butanoate **20 via **19****



A 100 mL roundbottom flask was charged with 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide **12** (300 mg, 1.51 mmol), dichloromethane (10 ml) and DIPEA (525 μ l, 3.01 mmol, 2 eq.). Succinic anhydride (226 mg, 2.26 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours, providing in situ generation of **19**. N-Hydroxysuccinimide (433 mg, 3.76 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added, followed by a suspension of EDC-HCl (721 mg, 3.76 mmol, 2.5 eq.) in dichloromethane (~5 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours. The mixture was quenched with aqueous 2M KHSO₄ solution and the organic phase was passed through a phase separator. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica 12 g, 50-75% EtOAc in heptane), the product fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 181 mg (30%) of the product **20** as a white solid.

LCMS (SC_ACID): t_R 1.86 min, purity 89%, mass found $[M+H]^+$ 397; mp: 174-176 °C; TLC (Heptane:EtOAc, 1:3 v/v): R_f = 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.77 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.86 – 2.79 (m, 4H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.54, 169.26, 168.53, 101.61, 67.59, 34.15, 33.77, 27.88, 27.68, 26.91, 25.71; HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄N₂O₆S, 397.14278; found, 397.14262; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₈H₂₄N₂O₆S): C (54.53, 54.06) H (6.10, 6.14) N (7.07, 6.94).

Synthesis of 3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-(methylimino)-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide **21**

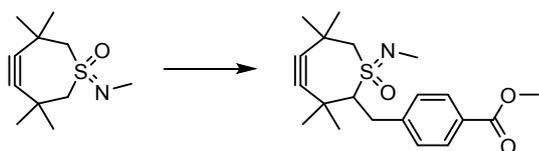


An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide **12** (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) and dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (2 ml). A solution of KOtBu in tetrahydrofuran (1M, 0.65 ml, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. Then iodomethane (60 μ l, 0.96 mmol, 1.92 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 ml) and diethylether (5 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether (3x 5 ml). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 84 mg of

the crude product as an oily residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica 4g; 50-100% EtOAc in heptane) to afford 66.1 mg (61%) of the product **21** as a white solid.

LCMS (SC_BASE): t_R 1.72 min, purity 98%, mass found $[M+H]^+$ 214; mp: 73-74 °C; TLC (EtOAc): R_f = 0.23; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 3.32 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 102.22, 67.59, 34.46, 29.04, 27.83, 26.75; HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{11}H_{19}NOS$, 214.12601; found, 214.12597; analysis (calcd., found for $C_{11}H_{19}NOS$): C (61.93, 61.59) H (8.98, 8.90) N (6.57, 6.45).

Synthesis of methyl 4-((3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-(methylimino)-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1 λ^6 -thiepin-2-yl)methyl)benzoate **22**



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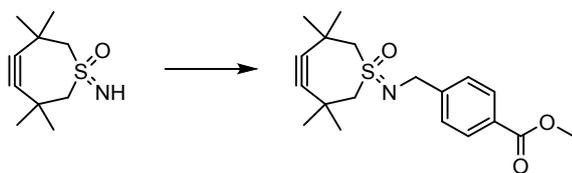
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An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-(methylimino)-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide (31 mg, 0.14 mmol) **21** and dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 ml). LiHMDS (1M in THF; 174 μ l, 0.17 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes, then methyl 4-(bromomethyl)benzoate (50 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. The mixture was quenched in water and extracted with diethylether (3x 10 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a semi-solid residue. The residue was purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, LUNA-C18, 30-70% MeCN in water, 0.1% (v/v) formic acid). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised to afford 9 mg (17%) of the product **22** as a white fluffly solid.

LC/MS (SC_BASE) t_R 2.20 min, purity 97%, mass found $[M+H]^+$ 362.

1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.76 (m, 4H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 6H).

Synthesis of methyl 4-(((3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)amino)methyl)benzoate (**23**)



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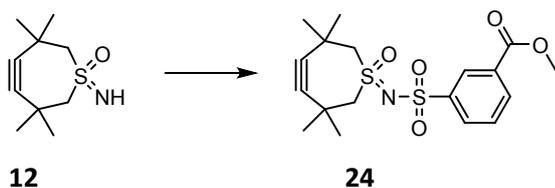
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An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide (75 mg, 0.37 mmol) **12** and dissolved in anhydrous THF (1.5 ml). KOtBu (1.7 M soln in THF; 280 μ l, 0.47 mmol, 1.26 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. Methyl-4(bromomethyl)benzoate (129 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added to the resulting suspension and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. The mixture was quenched in water and extracted with diethylether (3x 15 ml), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 128 mg of the crude product as a semi-solid residue. The residue was purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, LUNA C18, 30-70% MeCN in water, 0.1% (v/v) formic acid). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised to afford 28 mg (21%) of the product **23** as an oily residue.

LC/MS (SC_BASE) t_R 2.14 min, purity 86%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 348.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H).

Synthesis of methyl 3-(*N*-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)sulfamoyl)benzoate **24**

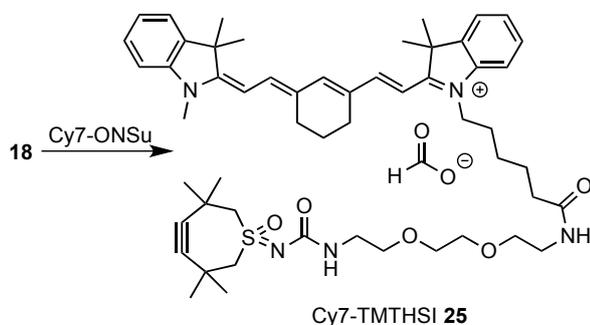


An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with 1-imino-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1 λ^6 -thiepine 1-oxide **12** (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) and dissolved in dichloromethane (2 ml). Pyridine (81 μ l, 1.00 mmol, 2 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. A solution of methyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)benzoate (152 mg, 0.65 mmol, 1.29 eq.) in dichloromethane (1 ml) was added slowly via pipette and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 90 minutes. The mixture was quenched with aqueous 1N HCl solution and the mixture was passed over a phase separator. The aqueous residue was washed with DCM (1 ml, 3x) and the combined organic filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 206 mg of the crude product as a yellow residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica 4g, 25-50% EtOAc in heptane) to afford 70 mg (35%) of product **24** as a white solid.

LCMS (SC_BASE): t_R 2.09 min, purity 99%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 398; mp: 164-165 °C, TLC (Heptane:EtOAc, 1:1 v/v); R_f = 0.36; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.90, 144.56, 133.14, 130.97, 130.83, 129.11, 127.89, 101.27, 71.22, 52.59, 34.17, 27.73,

26.57; HRMS (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₅S₂, 398.10904; found, 398.10883; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₈H₂₃NO₅S₂): C (54.39, 54.76) H (5.83, 5.98) N (3.52, 3.51).

Synthesis of 1-(2-(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ ⁶-thiepin-1-ylidene)urea-Cy7 adduct formate salt (25**)**



An 8 ml screw cap vial was charged with Cy7 NHS ester (30 mg, 0.041 mol) and acetonitrile (1 ml), a solution of 1-(2-(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ ⁶-thiepin-1-ylidene)urea **18** (20 mg, 0.053 mmol, 1.31 eq.) in acetonitrile (1 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours. The mixture was purified directly by preparative MPLC (Reveleris-Prep, LUNA-C18, 20-60% MeCN in water, 0.1% (v/v) formic acid), the product fractions were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with a little of MeCN and lyophilised overnight to afford 34 mg (87%) of product **25** as a dark green solid.

LC/MS (AN_ACID_DAY_UV800) t_R 3.46 min, purity 88%, mass found [M]⁺ 905, [M+H]²⁺ 453.

HRMS (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₅₄H₇₄N₅O₅S⁺, 904.54052; found, 904.53949.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.02 - 7.95 (m, 0.5H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.5 Hz, 1.5H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15 - 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.81 - 6.34 (m, 2H), 6.24 - 6.09 (m, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 - 3.55 (m, 8H), 3.55 - 3.45 (m, 5H), 3.39 - 3.32 (m, 3H), 3.29 - 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.57 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 2.50 - 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.27 - 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.00 - 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.89 - 1.74 (m, 3H), 1.75 - 1.61 (m, 10H), 1.59 - 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 - 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 7H), 1.33 - 1.20 (m, 8H), 1.03 (s, 1H).

Azide functionalised polymeric micelles (26**)**

Azide-functionalized polymeric micelles **26** were manufactured essentially following the reported protocol (Hu et al. Biomaterials. 2015, 53 370-378), except that a fraction of azide-functionalized block copolymer (7.5 kDa, derivatized with 10 mol% crosslinker L2 (Hu et al. Biomaterials. 2015, 53 370-378), 5 w% of total block copolymer) was added next to the (95 w%) non-functionalized block copolymer (7.5 kDa, derivatized with 10 mol% crosslinker L2 95 w% of total block copolymer). These two block copolymers were synthesized following the same procedures, except that for the former (azide-PEG₅₀₀₀)₂-ABCPA initiator synthesized from azide-PEG₅₀₀₀-OH was used

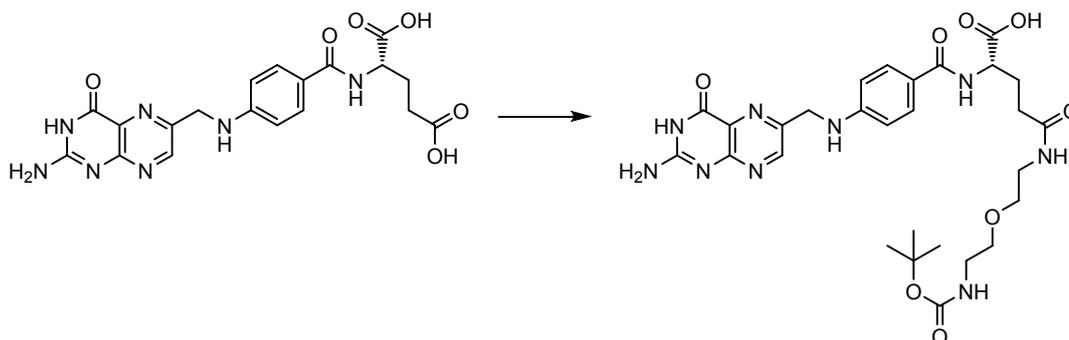
instead. The obtained azide-functionalized polymeric micelles were then purified in 20 mM ammonium acetate pH 5 buffer containing 130 mM NaCl, buffer swapped to 20 mM sodium phosphate pH 7.4 buffer containing 130 mM NaCl and concentrated to approx. 30 mg/mL polymer equiv. using Tangential Flow Filtration (TFF) equipped with a modified Polyethersulfone (mPES) 100 kDa module (Spectrumlabs).

Cy7 bearing polymeric micelles (27)

Polymeric micelles with 5 w% azide functionalization (**26**), concentrated to approx. 30 mg/mL polymer in 20 mM sodium phosphate pH 7.4 buffer and TMTHSI-functionalized Cy7 **25**, were dissolved in DMSO and mixed to a 66.7% aqueous reaction mixture. Depending on the desired surface coverage of Cy7, appropriate equivalents of **25** were added and 0.5 equivalents proved sufficient to yield a 1% Cy7 surface coverage. This reaction was monitored by measuring the decrease of the TMTHSI Cy7 concentration. After two hours, the reaction was complete and unreacted **25** was removed using centrifugation (Vivaspin) with a cut-off MW of 5 kDa. Residual TMTHSI Cy7 was measured using UPLC and determined to be <0.5%.

Synthesis of (S)-15-(4-(((2-amino-4-oxo-3,4-dihydropteridin-6-yl)methyl)amino) benzamido)-2,2-dimethyl-4,12-dioxo-3,8-dioxo-5,11-diazahexadecan-16-oic acid (28)

Preparation of Boc-protected 28



Folic acid (1.84 g, 4.17 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous dimethyl sulfoxide (15 ml) and the flask was placed in a sand bath of 100 °C until a clear solution was obtained. Then the solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and N-hydroxysuccinimide (503 mg, 4.37 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was added followed by a solution of N-Boc-2-(2-amino-ethoxy)-ethylamine (852 mg, 4.17 mmol) in anhydrous dimethyl sulfoxide (3 ml). The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, then EDC (840 mg, 4.38 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 hours.

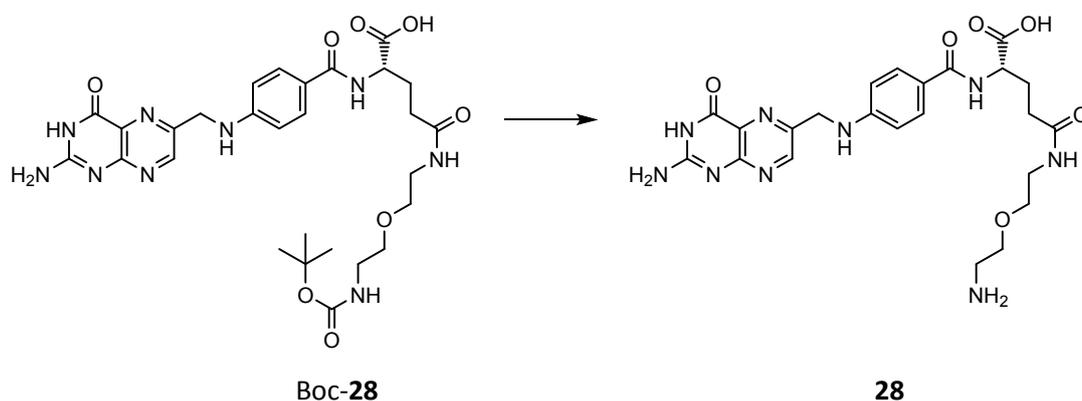
The reaction mixture was purified (in seven portions) by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, XSelect 5-30% MeCN in water, 10mM NH₄HCO₃, pH=9.5). The product fractions were combined and partly concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was lyophilised to afford 0.91 g (34%) of the product probably consisting of a mixture of α and γ (predominantly) regio isomers.

LC/MS (SC_BASE) t_R 1.37min, purity 100%, mass found [M-H]⁻ 626.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6 + \text{D}_2\text{O}$) δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.99 (q, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 11.6, 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 8.9, 4.8$ Hz, 0.4H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 8.1, 4.7$ Hz, 0.6H), 3.45 – 3.31 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.26 (t, $J = 7.1, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.35 and 1.33 (2x s, combined 9H).

Conversion of Boc-28 to 28

Synthesis of N^2 -(4-(((2-amino-4-oxo-3,4-dihydropteridin-6-yl)methyl)amino) benzoyl)- N^5 -(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethyl)-L-glutamine (28)

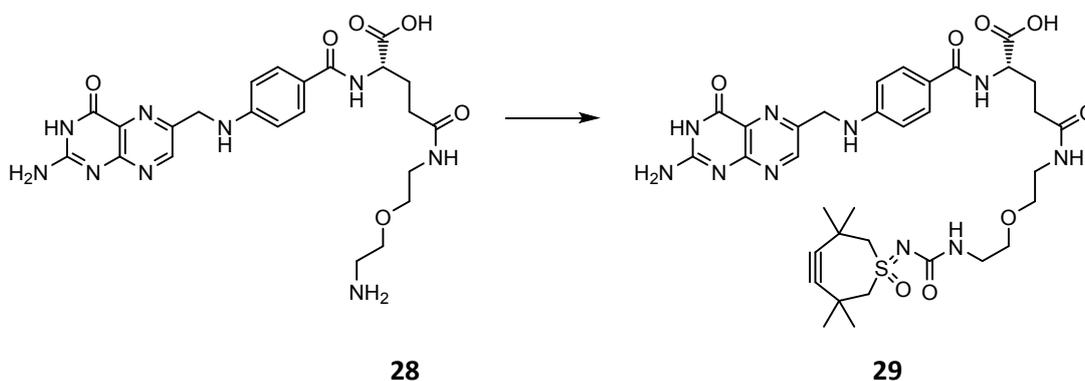


(S)-15-(4-(((2-amino-4-oxo-3,4-dihydropteridin-6-yl)methyl)amino)benzamido)-2,2-dimethyl-4,12-dioxo-3,8-dioxa-5,11-diazahexadecan-16-oic acid (403 mg, 0.64 mmol) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid (2 ml, 26.0 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 25 minutes. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was co-evaporated with dichloromethane (2x). The residue was taken up in N,N-dimethylformamide (1 ml) and warmed until fully dissolved, then allowed to cool to room temperature. The solution was treated with triethylamine (3x 200 μl) to give an orange precipitate. The mixture was diluted with acetone, the solids were collected by filtration. The residue was washed with acetone (3x) and air dried to afford 346 mg (97%) of the product as an orange solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 8.66 – 8.57 (m, 1H), 8.24 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 0.6H), 8.07 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 0.4H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.30 (bs, 2H), 6.91 (q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.52 – 4.38 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 0.4H), 4.10 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 0.6H), 3.55 (q, $J = 6.2, 5.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.43 (bs, 3H), 3.31 – 3.13 (m, 4H), 2.94 (q, $J = 6.2, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.79 (m, 3H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H).

NMR shows very broad HOD signal underneath signals between 4.5 and 2.5 ppm.

Synthesis of N^2 -(4-(((2-amino-4-oxo-3,4-dihydropteridin-6-yl)methyl)amino) benzoyl)- N^5 -(2-(2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 θ 6-thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethoxy)ethyl)-L-glutamine (29).



*N*²-(4-(((2-amino-4-oxo-3,4-dihydropteridin-6-yl)methyl)amino)benzoyl)-*N*⁵-(2-(2-amino ethoxy)ethyl)-*L*-glutamine (90.3 mg, 0.13 mmol) **28** was dissolved in hot dimethyl sulfoxide (1.5 ml) and allowed to cool to room temperature. Triethylamine (107 μ l, 0.77 mmol, 6 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was added to 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ ⁶-thiepan-1-ylidene)carbamate (52 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.2 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 days.

The reaction mixture was purified by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, XSelect 5-40% MeCN in water, 10mM NH₄HCO₃, pH=9.5). The product fractions were combined and lyophilised to afford 51 mg (53%) of product **29**.

LC/MS (SC_BASE) *t*_R 1.45 min, purity 99%, mass found [M+H]⁺ 753.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ + D₂O) δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.02 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.37 - 4.32 (m, 0.4H), 4.22 – 4.13 (m, 0.6H), 3.90 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.44 – 3.30 (m, 5H), 3.25 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

Coupling of TMTHSI-containing linker Folic acid **29** to an azide containing nanoparticle to afford **30**

Folic acid-labelled core-crosslinked polymeric micelles were generated by conjugating Folic acid to the surface of the polymeric micelles shell and used for targeting studies. To allow for Folic acid conjugation via click chemistry, azide-functionalized polymeric micelles were prepared as was described in the preparation of **27**. Next, Folic acid was conjugated to the concentrated azide-functionalized core-crosslinked polymeric micelles via copper-free click chemistry as follows: at RT, DMSO (93 μ L) was added to 200 μ L of an aqueous solution of azide-functionalized modified core-crosslinked polymeric micelles (0.13 μ mol azide equiv.) while stirring (300 rpm) in an amber UPLC vial. Upon dissipation of heat, Folic acid (1.0 eq., 0.13 μ mol, 5 μ L in DMSO) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The progress of the conjugation reaction was monitored by UPLC-UV for 4 hours after which the reaction was stopped. Based on UPLC, conversion of Folic Acid was determined to be 45%, which translates to 2.3% Folic acid labelled core-crosslinked polymeric micelles.

Coupling of TMTHSI-containing linker to HER2-peptide: Preparation of TMTHSI-succinyl-Fcycl[CGDGFYAC]YMDV (32)

An 8 ml screwcap vial was charged with **HER2** [Fcycl[CGDGFYAC]YMDV] peptide **31** (20 mg, 13 μ mol, prepared by Almc) and dissolved in DMSO (1 ml). 2,5-Dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-oxo-4-((3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ^6 -thiepin-1-ylidene)amino)butanoate **20** (6.5 mg, 14 μ mol, 1.04 eq.) was added followed by diisopropylethylamine (13 μ l, 75 μ mol, 5.6 eq.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was purified directly by preparative RP-MPLC (Reveleris, LUNA-C18, 20-60% MeCN in water, 0.1% Formic acid), the product fractions were pooled and lyophilised to afford 16.6 mg (69%) of product **32**.

LC/MS (AN_BASE_M1800) t_R 2.57 min, purity 96%, mass found [M-H]⁻ 1768, [M-2H]²⁻ 883.

Coupling of TMTHSI-containing linker HER2-peptide 32 to an azide containing nanoparticle under physiological conditions: 26 to 33

HER2 peptide-labelled core-crosslinked polymeric micelles **33** were generated by conjugating TMTHSI functionalised HER2 peptide **32** to the surface of the polymeric micelles shell and used for targeting studies. To allow for HER2 peptide conjugation via click chemistry, azide-functionalized polymeric micelles **26** were manufactured prepared as described above in the preparation of **27**). Next, HER2 peptide was conjugated to the concentrated azide-functionalized core-crosslinked polymeric micelles via copper-free click chemistry as follows:

At RT, MeCN (86 μ L) was added to 200 μ L of azide-functionalized modified core-crosslinked polymeric micelles (0.4 μ mol azide equiv.) while stirring (300 rpm) in an amber UPLC vial. HER2 peptide (1.0 eq., 0.4 μ mol, 86 μ L MeCN/H₂O 1/1) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The progress of the conjugation reaction was monitored by UPLC-UV for 24 hours after which the reaction was stopped. Based on UPLC, conversion of HER2 peptide was determined to be 43%, which translates to 2.2% HER2 peptide labelled core-crosslinked polymeric micelles. After conjugation reaction, HER2 peptide-labelled polymeric micelles were purified by TFF against 10 v% ethanol to remove unreacted HER2 peptide.

Coupling of TMTHSI-containing linker HER2-peptide 32 to an azide containing nanoparticle under acidic pH: 26 to 33

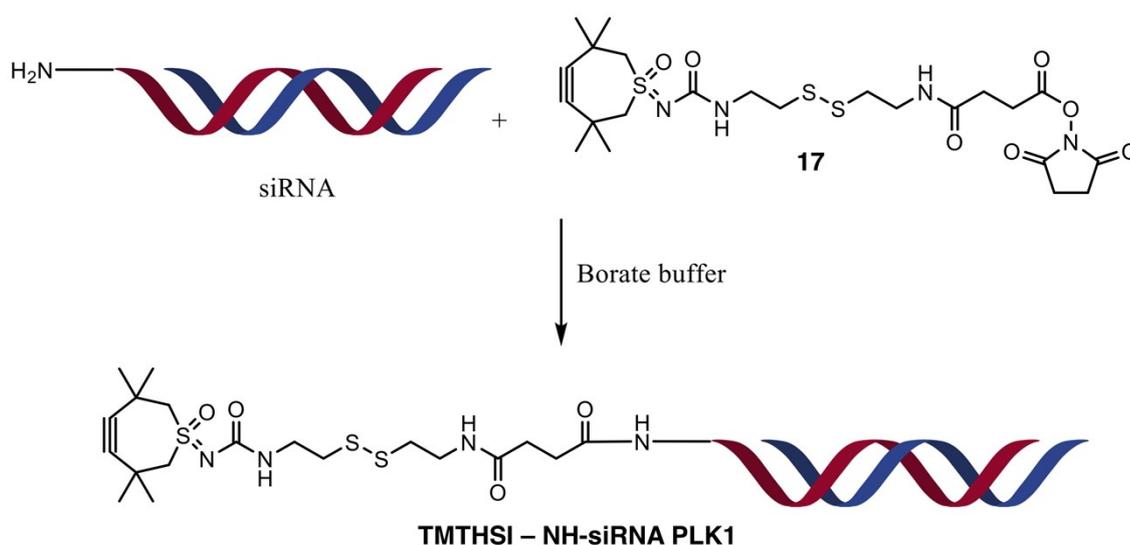
To allow for HER2 targeting peptide conjugation via click chemistry, azide-functionalized polymeric micelles were prepared above in the preparation of **27**. Next, at RT, 150 mM Ammonium Acetate pH 5 (130 μ L) was added to 1500 μ L of azide-functionalized modified core-crosslinked polymeric micelles (0.57 μ mol azide equiv.) while stirring (300 rpm) in an amber UPLC vial. HER2 peptide (5.0 eq., 2.85 μ mol, 842 μ L 2mg/ml HER2-TMTH stock solution) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The progress of the conjugation reaction was monitored by UPLC-UV for 24 hours after which the reaction was stopped. Based on UPLC, conversion of HER2 peptide was determined to be 23%, which translates to 5% HER2 peptide

labelled core-crosslinked polymeric micelles. After conjugation reaction, HER2 peptide-labelled polymeric micelles were purified by TFF against 10 v% ethanol to remove unreacted HER2 peptide.

Summary of the synthesis steps of a cell penetrating peptide - siRNA biomolecular construct employing TMTHSI

For obtaining this molecular construct a 5'-amino modified oligonucleotide (siRNA) was first conveniently attached to TMTHSI-linker compound **16** using its hydroxy succinimide ester derivative **17** (**Step 1**) Next, a cell-penetrating peptide sequence (CPP: Z. Qian, A. Martyna, R. L Hard, J. Wang, G. Appiah-Kubi, C. Coss, M. A. Phelps, J. S. Rossman, D. Pei, *Biochem.* **2016**, *55*, 2601-2612.) having an N-terminal azido lysine residue and equipped with a acid-labile linker containing a polymerizable moiety, could be rapidly introduced by our strain-promoted click reaction (**Step 2**) In this way highly-functionalized biopolymer derivatives can be joined of which the functional groups (phosphothioate) are incompatible with the application of the copper-catalyzed click reaction. In the last step (**3**) coupling of acid labile hydrazone linker to CPP-TMTHSI-siRNA Oligonucleotide is achieved.

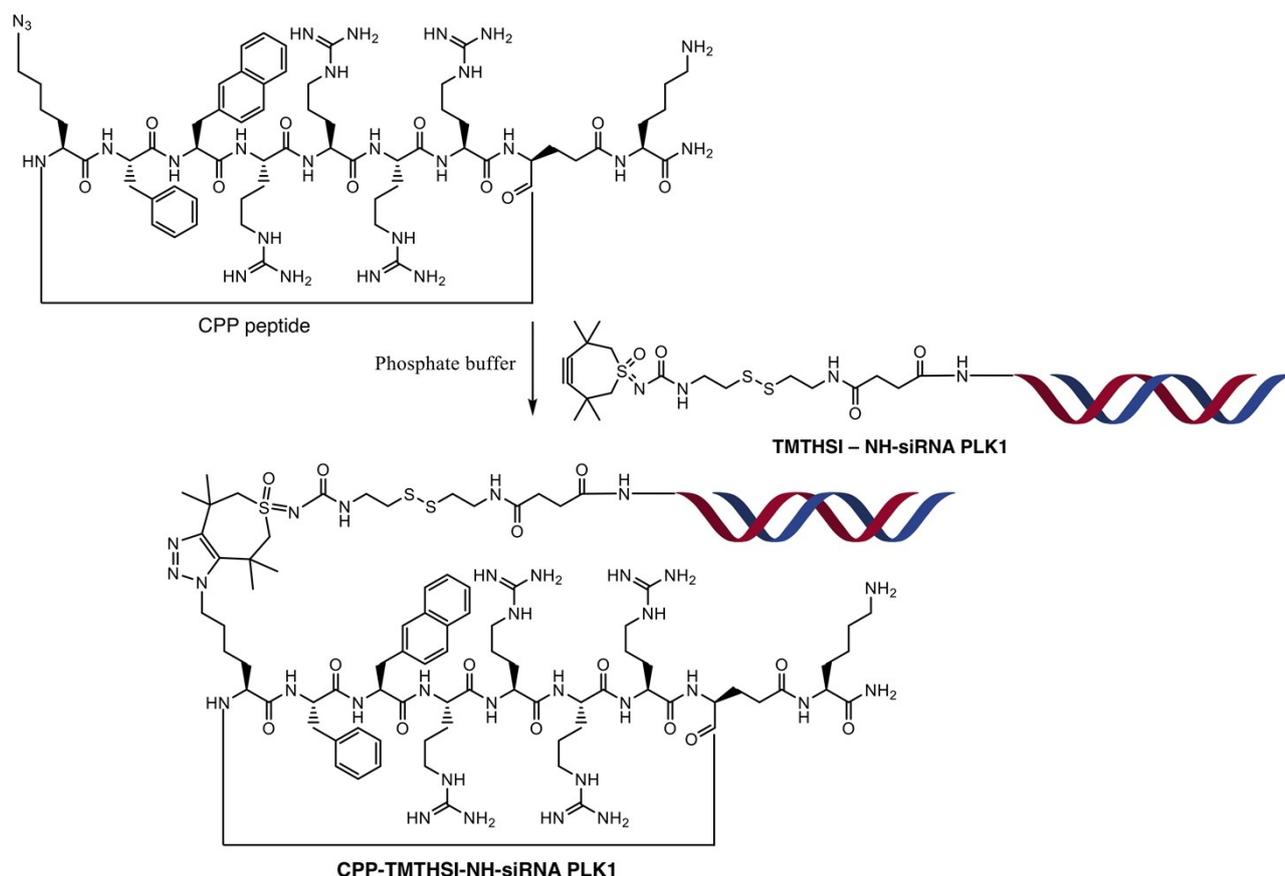
Step 1. Coupling of TMTHSI - disulfide NHS ester to siRNA Oligonucleotide. Preparation of TMTHSI – NH-siRNA PLK1



A 2 mL UPLC vial was charged with 5'-amino C6 modified siRNA PLK1 oligonucleotide (5 mg, 0.36 μmol) and borate buffer pH 8.4 (250 μl) was added. A 20 mM stock solution of 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl-4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ 6-thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl) ethyl)amino)butanoate in DMSO was prepared and 5 eq., (90 μl , 1.04 mg, 1.8 μmol) of the stock solution was added to the siRNA containing solution while stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by UPLC. After addition of an extra 5 eq., of 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1 λ 6-thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl) ethyl)amino)butanoate (90 μl , 1.04 mg, 1.8 μmol) and additional stirring, the reaction showed >90% conversion towards TMTHSI – NH-siRNA PLK1. The final crude product was purified by PD-10 (buffer swap to

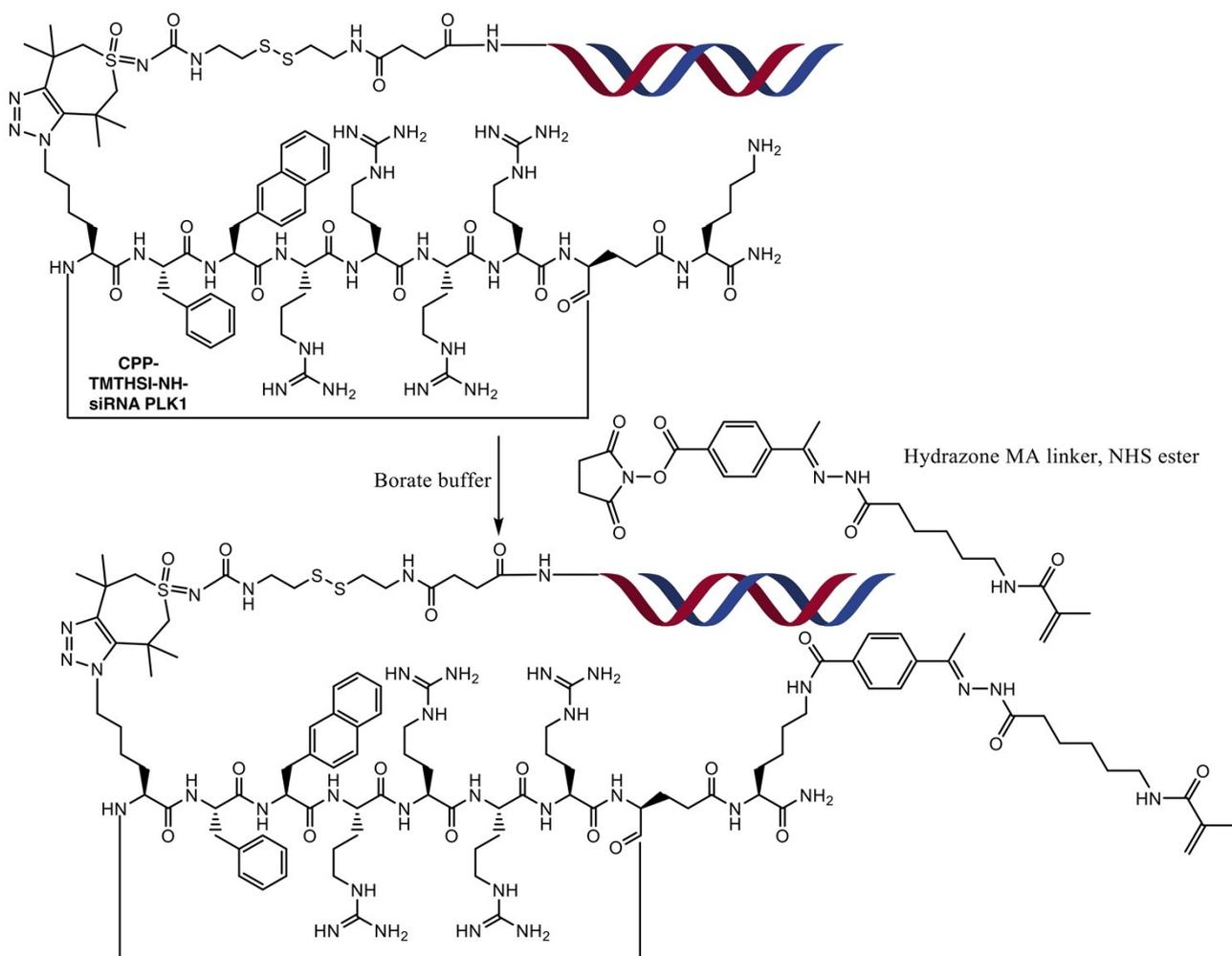
phosphate buffer pH 7.4) and Vivaspin (5000Da MWCO, 4000g, 3 times phosphate buffer pH 7.4, final concentration step) to remove excess of TMTHSI NHS 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-oxo-4-((2-((2-(3-(3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-1-oxido-4,5-didehydro-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1λ6-thiepin-1-ylidene)ureido)ethyl)disulfaneyl)ethyl)amino)butanoate. The final solution of TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 (1000μl) was transferred to a 2 mL UPLC vial and stored at 4 °C.

Step 2. Coupling of azide-CPP to TMTHSI-NH-siRNA Oligonucleotide by the Strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition click reaction. Preparation of CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 conjugate.



At first, a stock solution of azide-CPP was prepared (0.49 mg, 0.35 μmol) in acetonitrile/water (1:1, 100 μl volume). Initially 50 μl (0.5 eq., 0.25 mg, 0.18 μmol) of the stock solution was added to the 2 mL UPLC vial containing TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 (0.35 μmol in 1000 μl phosphate buffer pH 7.4). The mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by UPLC. After 30 minutes all azide-CPP peptide was converted and the second half of the azide-CPP stock solution was added (0.5 eq., 0.25 mg, 0.18 μmol). After an additional 30 minutes of stirring the reaction towards CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 reached full conversion. The final crude product was washed (5000Da MWCO, 4000g, 3 times phosphate buffer pH 7.4, final concentration step) and concentrated in a Vivaspin centrifugal tube. Final solution of CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 (750 μl) was transferred to a 2 mL UPLC vial.

Step 3. Coupling of acid labile hydrazone linker to CPP-TMTHSI-siRNA Oligonucleotide. Preparation of MA hydrazone Linker CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 conjugate

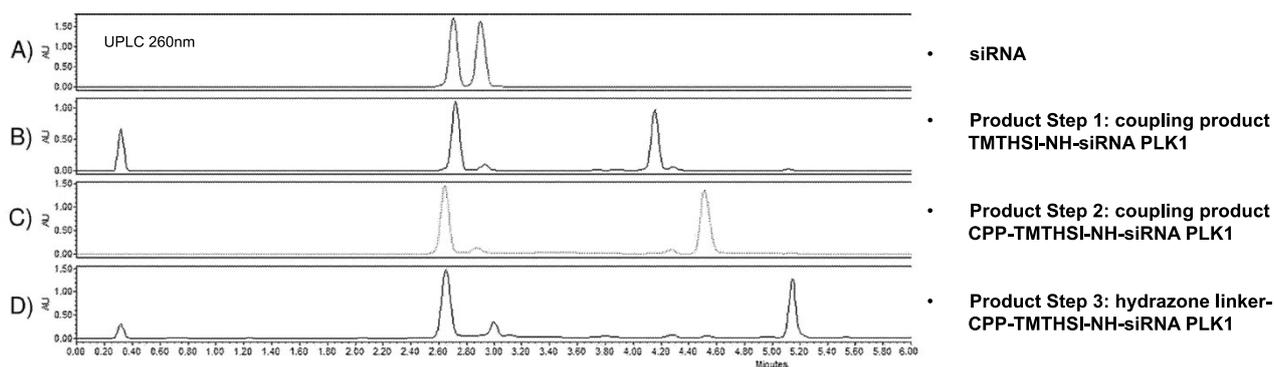


The solution of CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1 (750 μ l) was transferred to a vivaspin centrifugal tube and buffer swapped to borate buffer pH 8.4 (5000Da MWCO, 4000g, 3 times borate buffer pH 8.4, final concentration step). Final volume after Vivaspin treatment: 1200 μ l. A 20 mM stock solution of hydrazone MA linker NHS ester (see figure) was prepared in DMSO. While stirring, 5 μ l of hydrazone MA linker NHS ester stock solution in DMSO (66 μ l, 0.73 mg, 1.6 μ mol) was added to CPP-TMTHSI-siRNA (0.32 μ mol) in borate buffer (1000 μ l) at room temperature and monitored by UPLC. After 45 minutes the reaction showed full conversion to Linker 7 – CPP-TMTHSI - siRNA PLK1 conjugate. The final crude conjugate was purified by PD-10 (5000Da MWCO, 4000g, buffer swap to phosphate buffer pH 7.4) and Vivaspin (5000Da MWCO cut-off, 4000g, 3 times phosphate buffer pH 7.4, final concentration step) to remove excess of hydrazone MA linker NHS ester.

For monitoring the reaction steps leading to the final biomolecular construct a Waters Acquity H-class UPLC system was used with a Acquity OST C18 UPLC column (1.7 μ m, 2.1 x 50 mm). Eluent A (100 mMol TEAA / MeOH (93:7 % v/v)) and eluent B (MeOH) were used in the gradient indicated below. The sample tray temperature was 20°C and column temperature was 80°C and the flow 0.5 ml/min. Detection was by UV (258 nm) in a total run time of 10 min.

Gradient

Time (min)	Flow rate (ml/min)	%A	%B	Curve
Initial	0.500	100.0	0.0	-
0.10	0.500	100.0	0.0	6
5.00	0.500	55.0	45.0	6
5.50	0.500	10.0	90.0	6
7.00	0.500	10.0	90.0	6
7.10	0.500	100.0	0.0	6
10.00	0.500	100.0	0.0	6

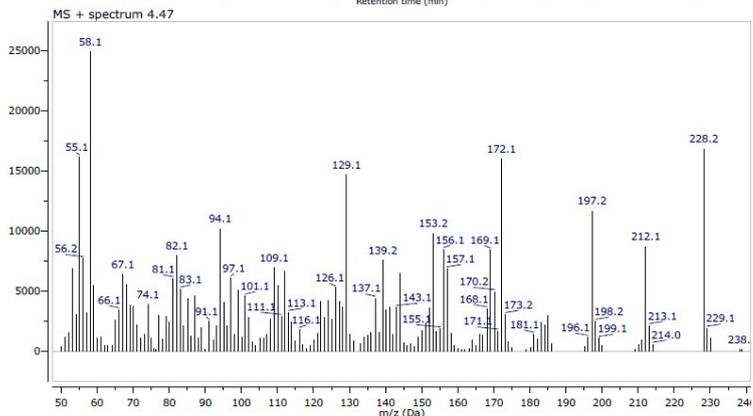
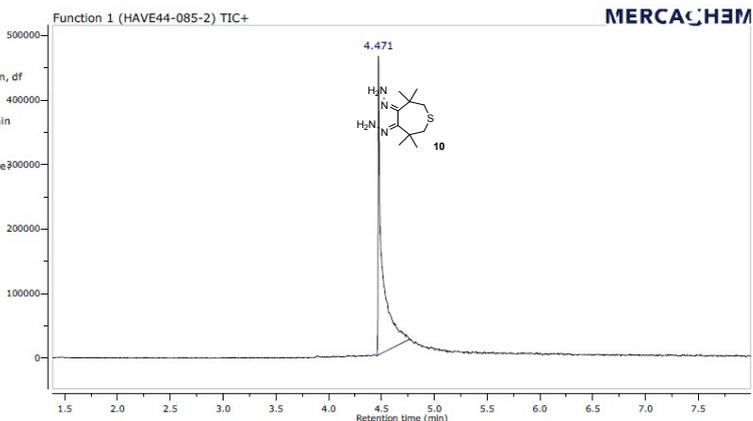


Legend: Monitoring the reaction steps leading toward **34**. Both sense and antisense strand of the starting siRNA (A) are visible on HPLC because separation was carried out at 80 °C, that is above the annealing temperature. The antisense strand equipped with an amine has reacted with the hydroxy succinic ester TMTHSI-construct **17** resulting in a shift in the retention time of the resulting **TMTHSI – NH-siRNA PLK1** construct (B). After this the construct was clicked by the strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition to azide-CPP leading to **CPP-TMTHSI-NH-siRNA PLK1** conjugate (C). In the last step the hydrazone linker was coupled to the CPP moiety leading to conjugate (D). Note that as expected the sense strand eluted at similar retention times in the UPLC traces of steps 1-3.

Analyses for compound 10

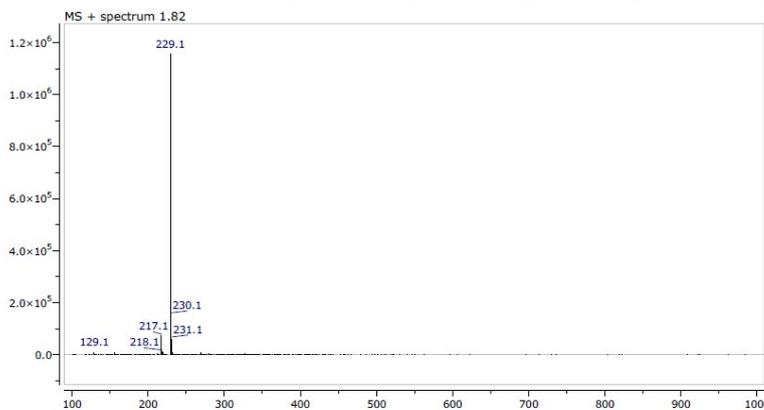
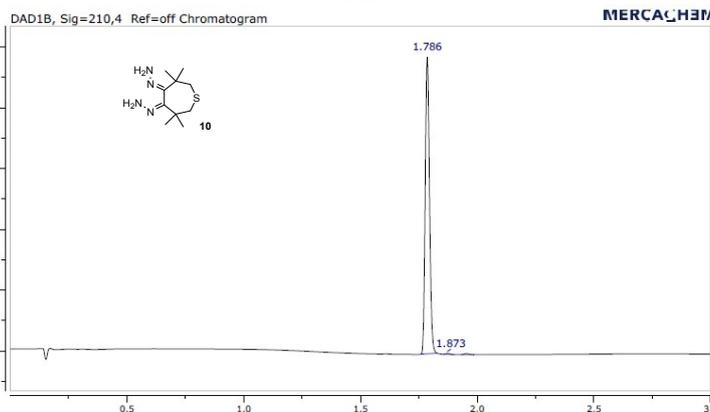
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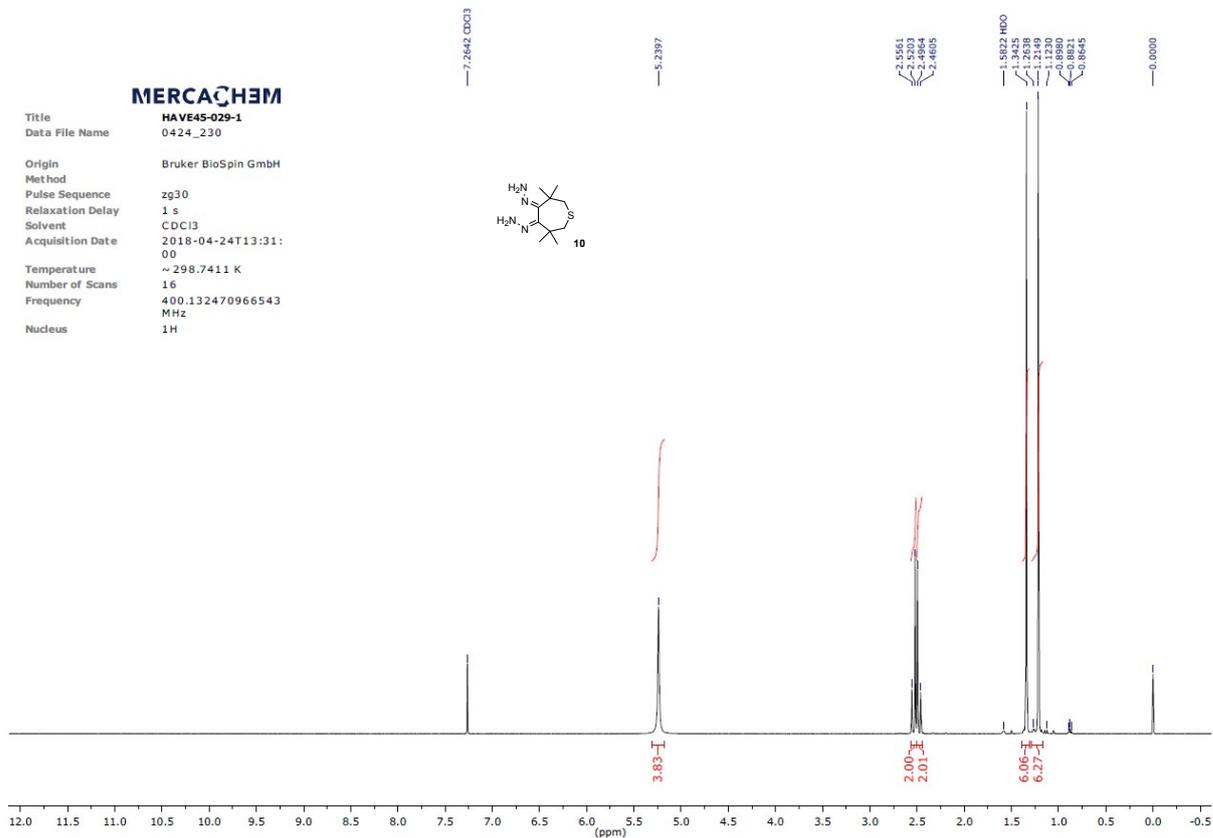
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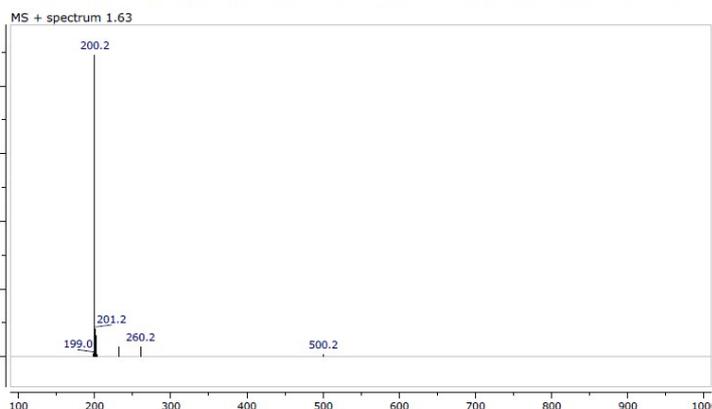
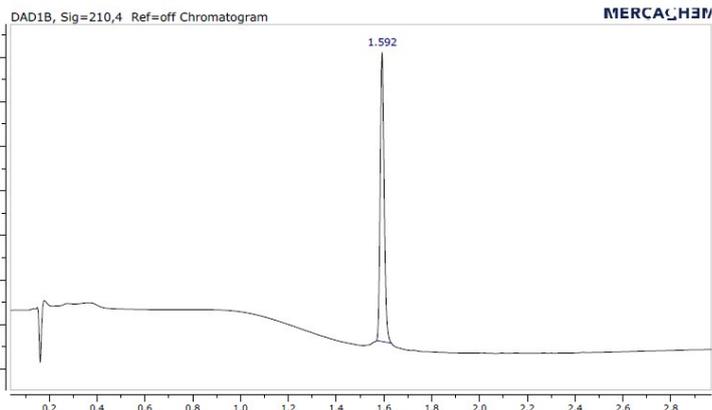
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Analyses for compound 12

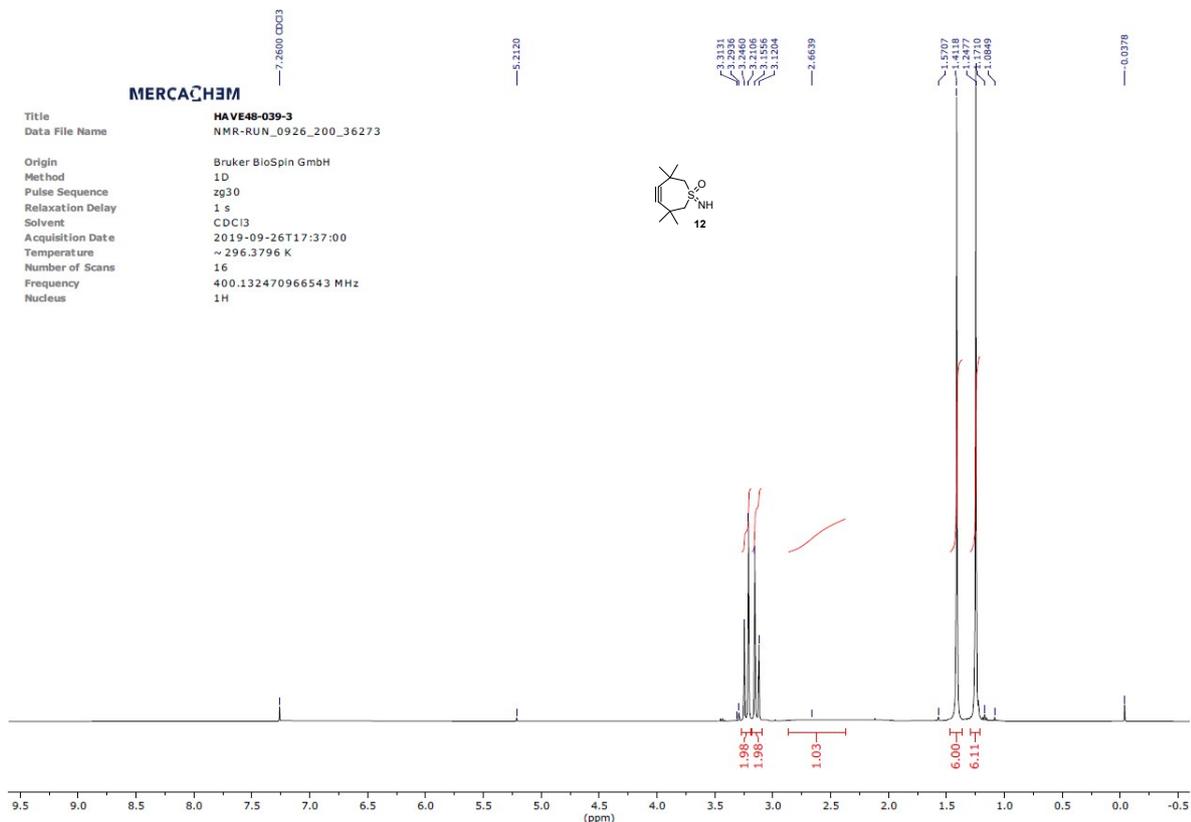
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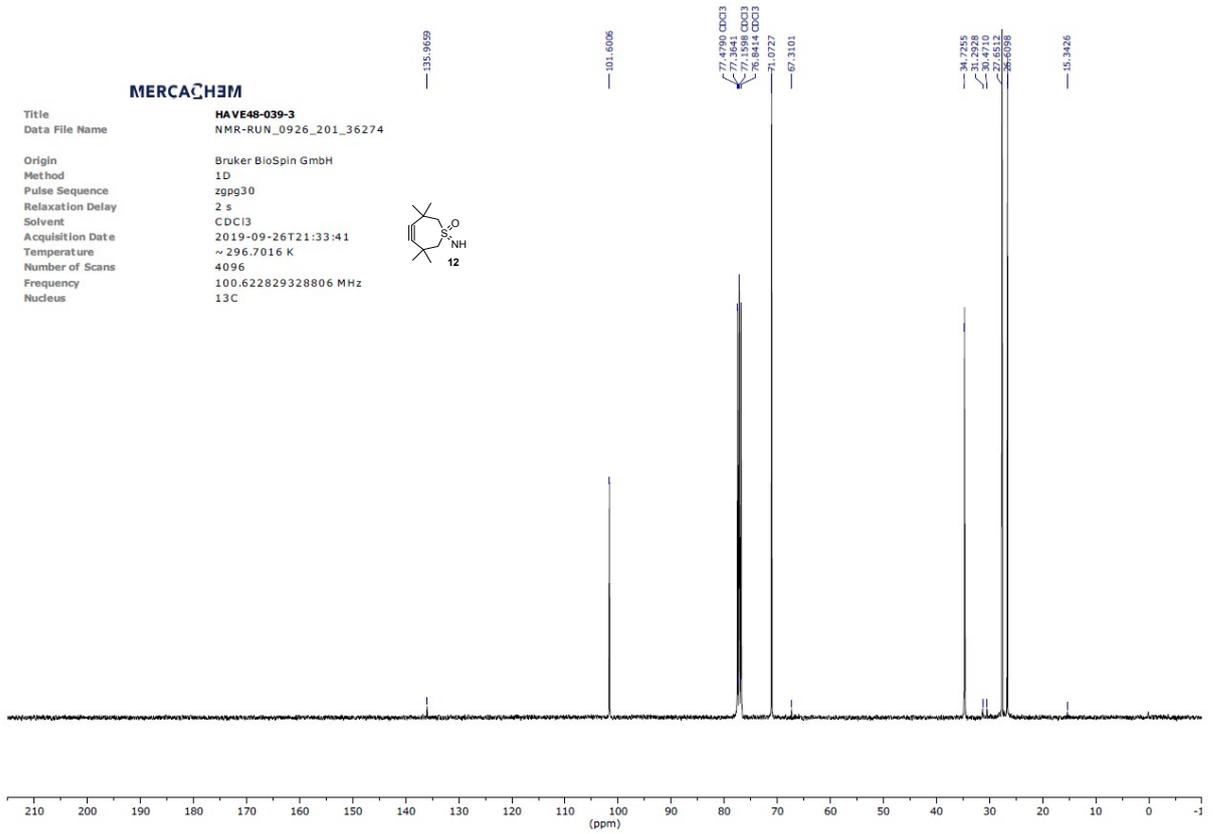
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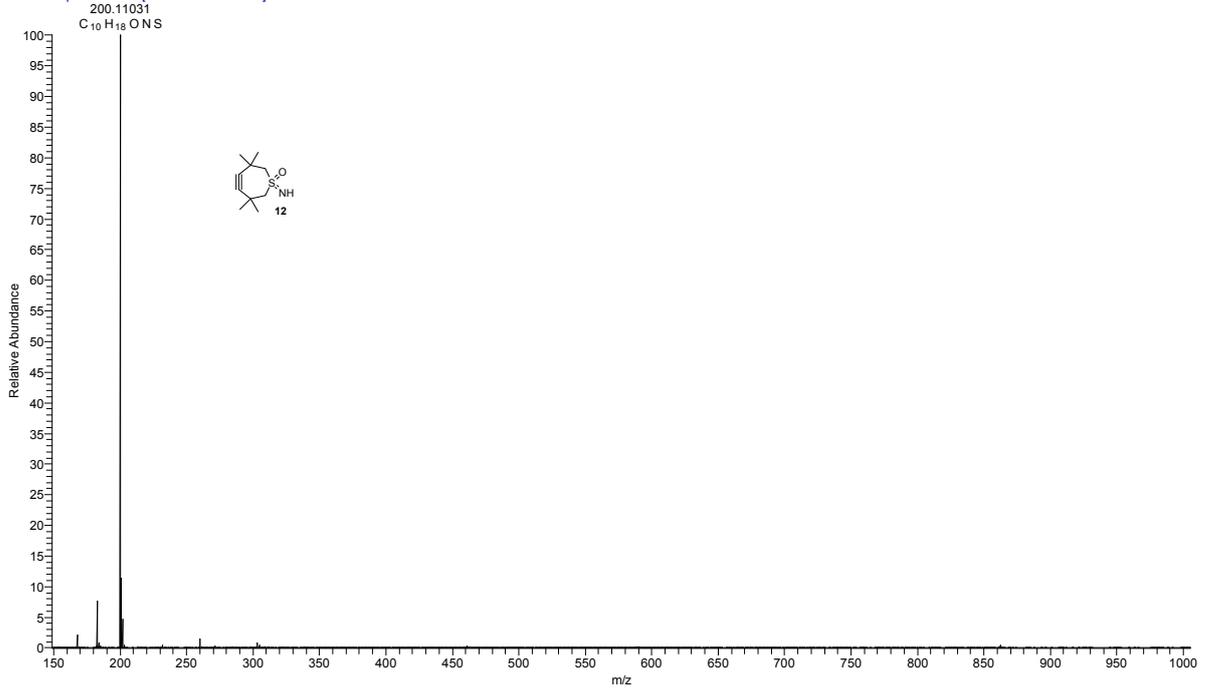


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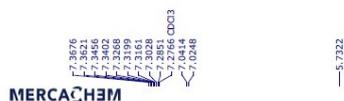
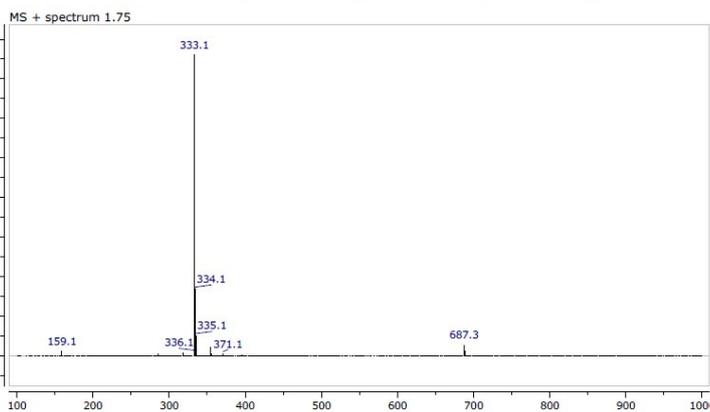
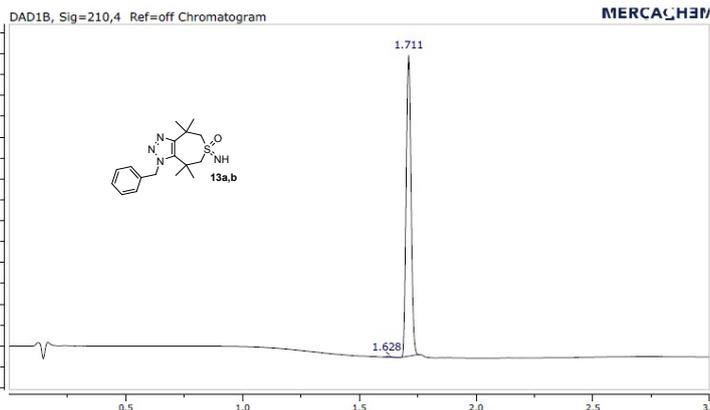


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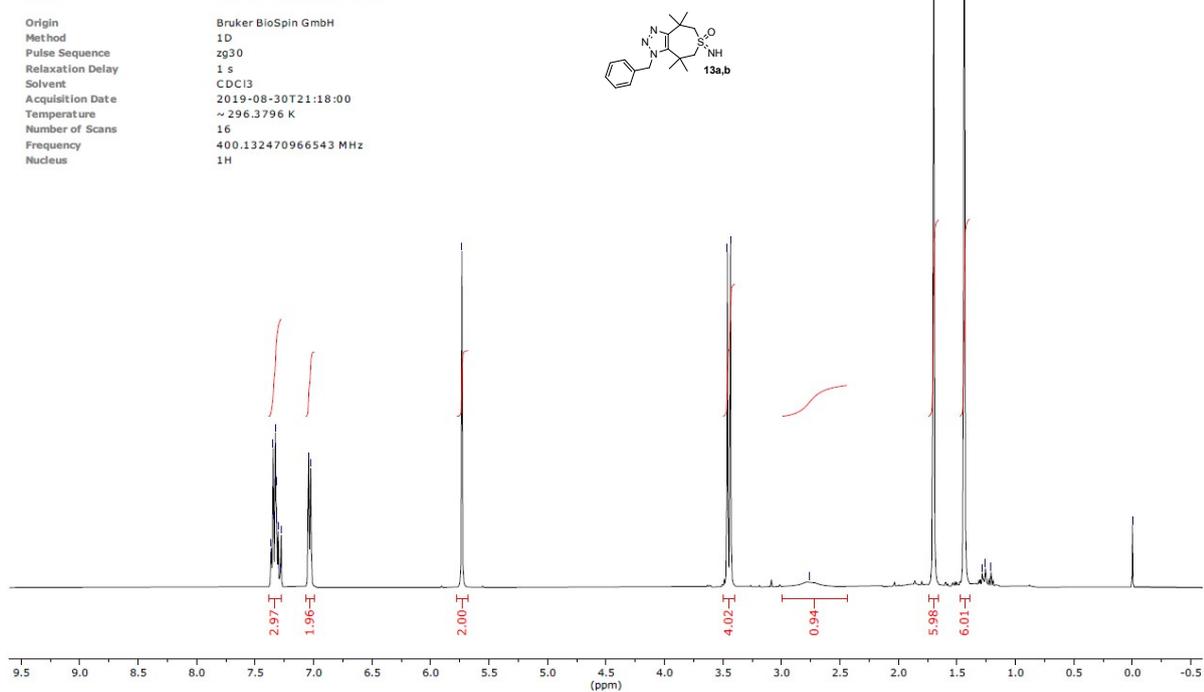
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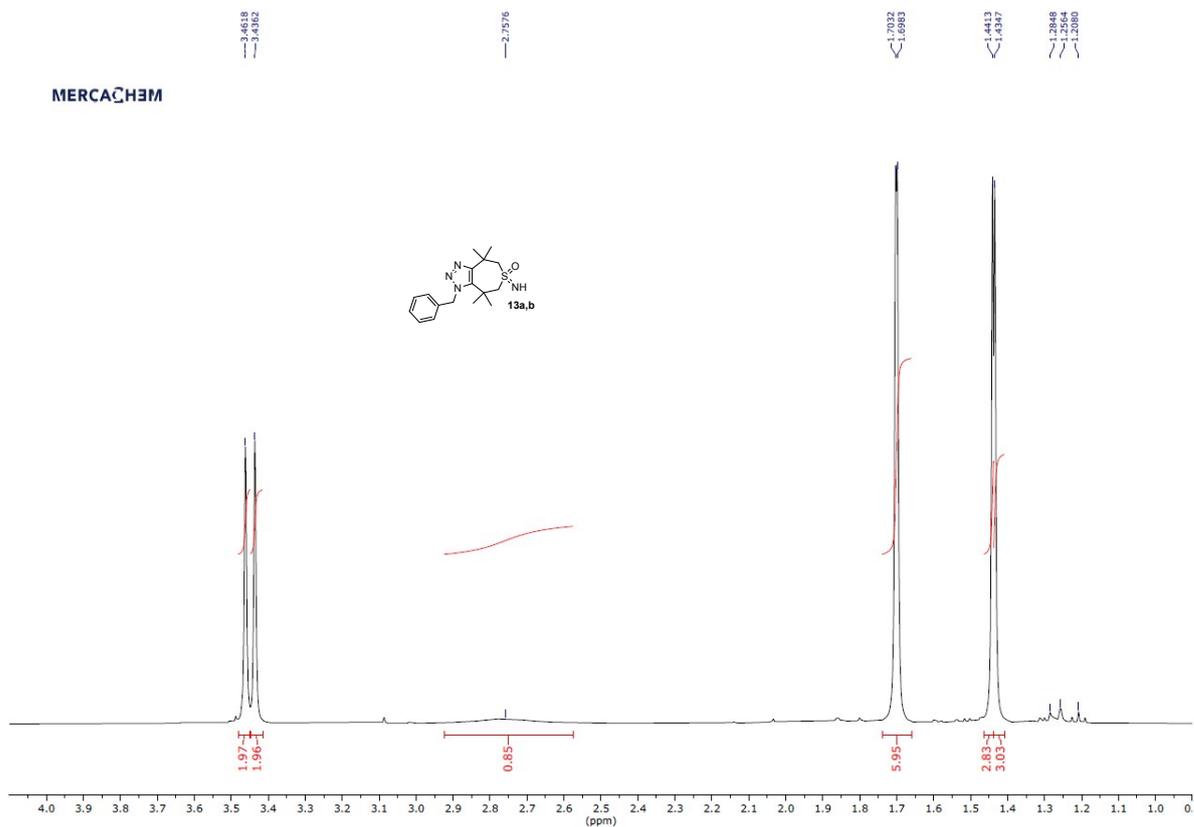
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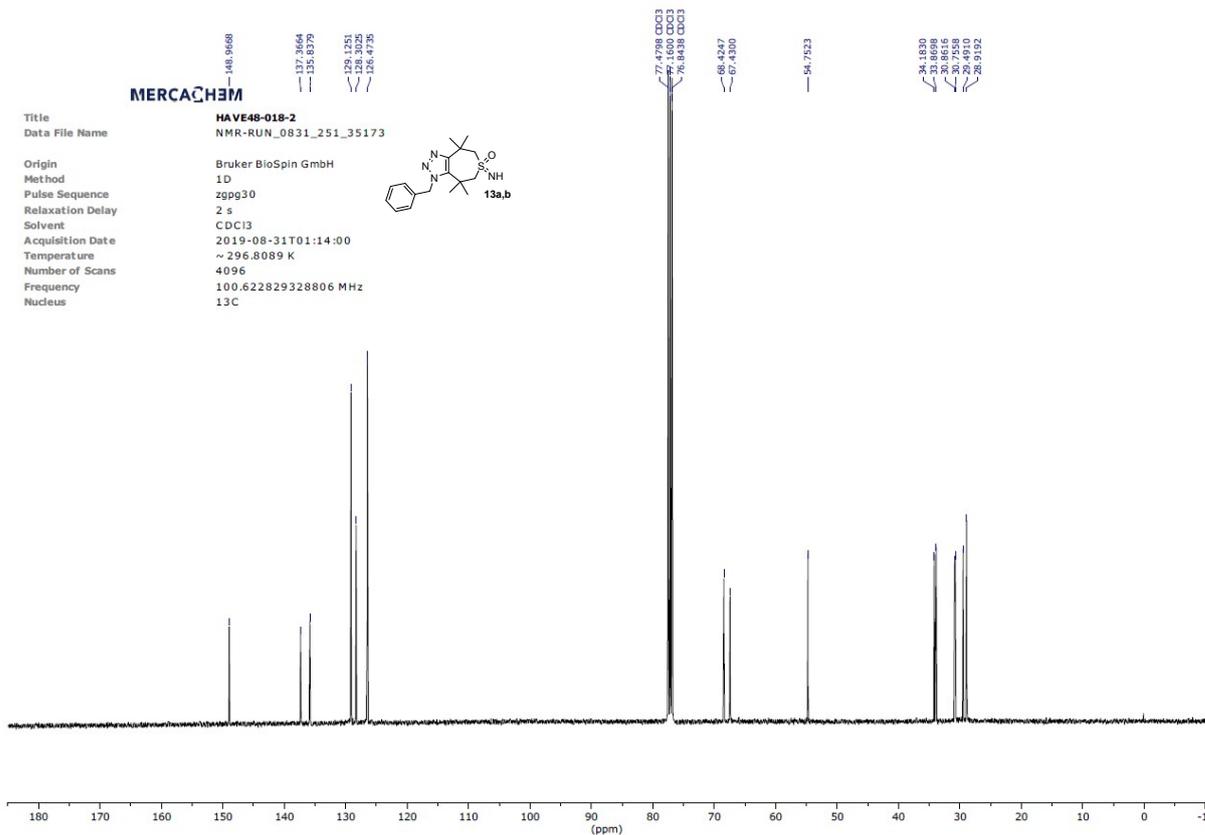


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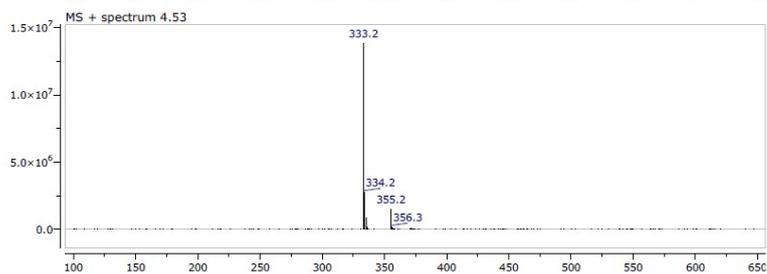
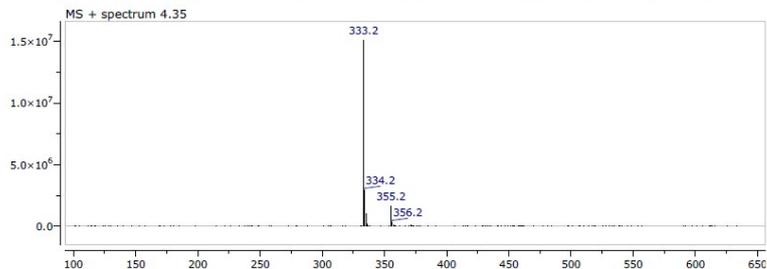
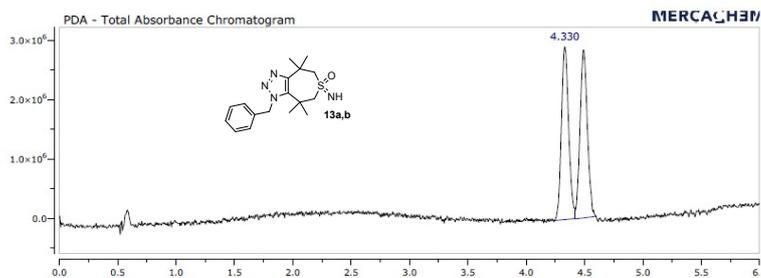
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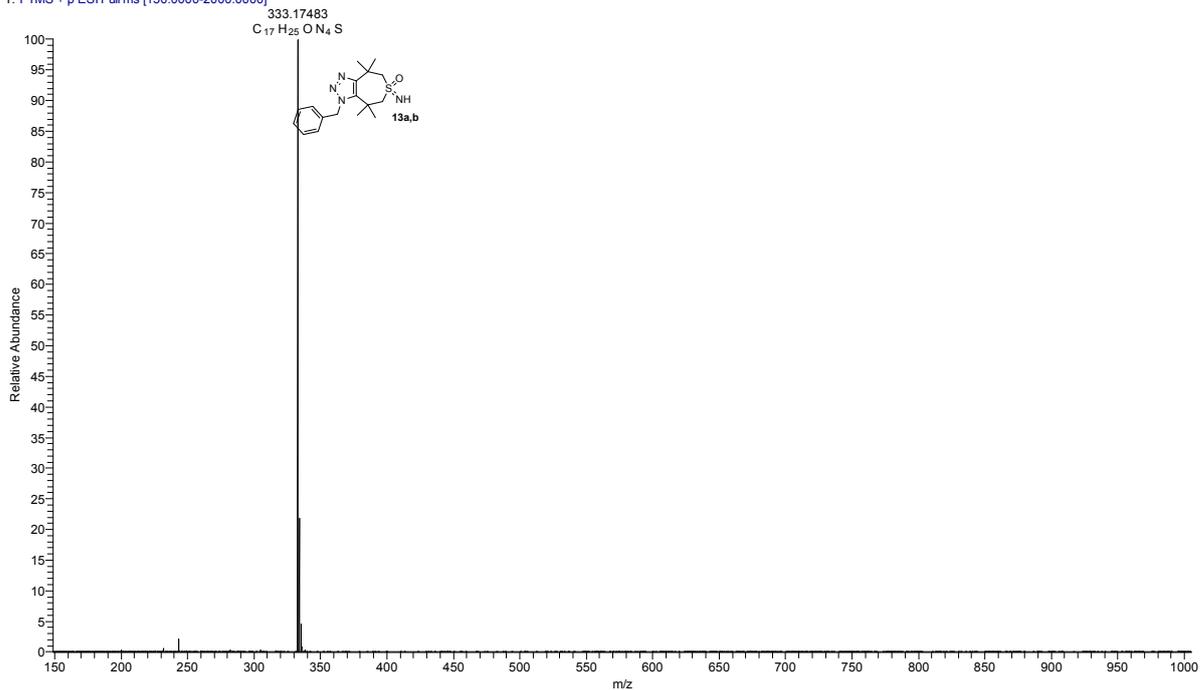
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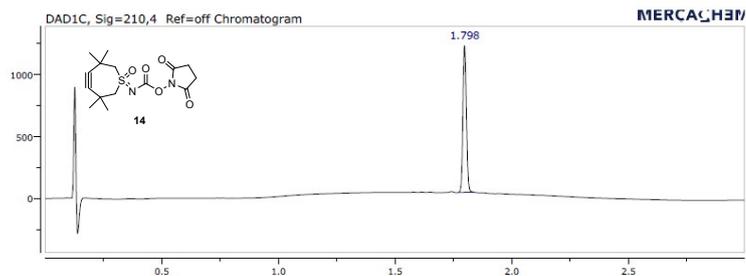


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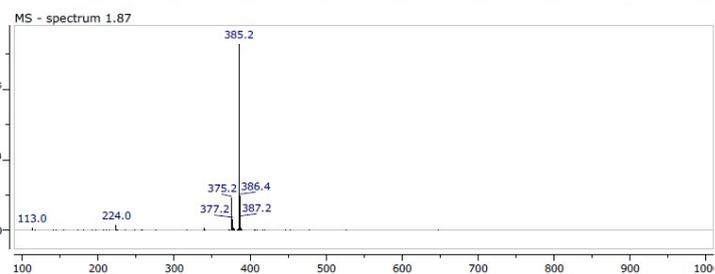
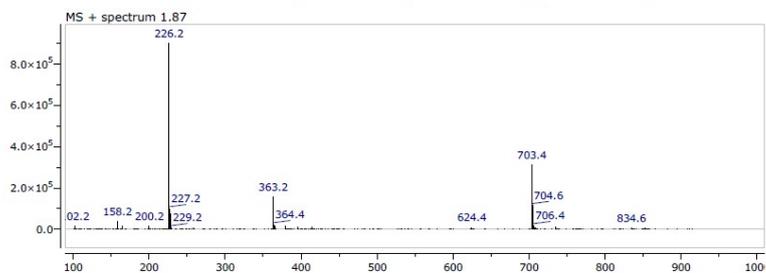
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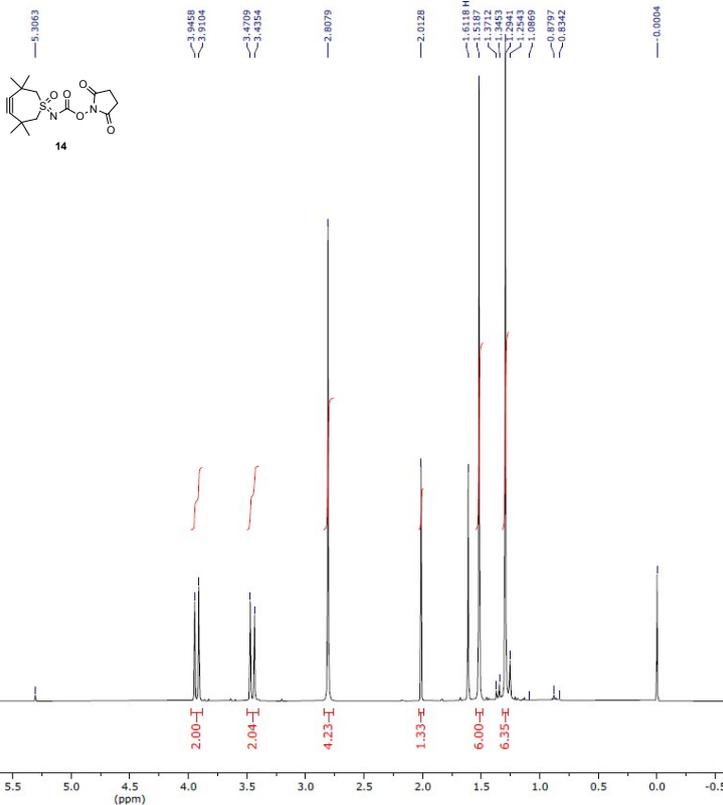
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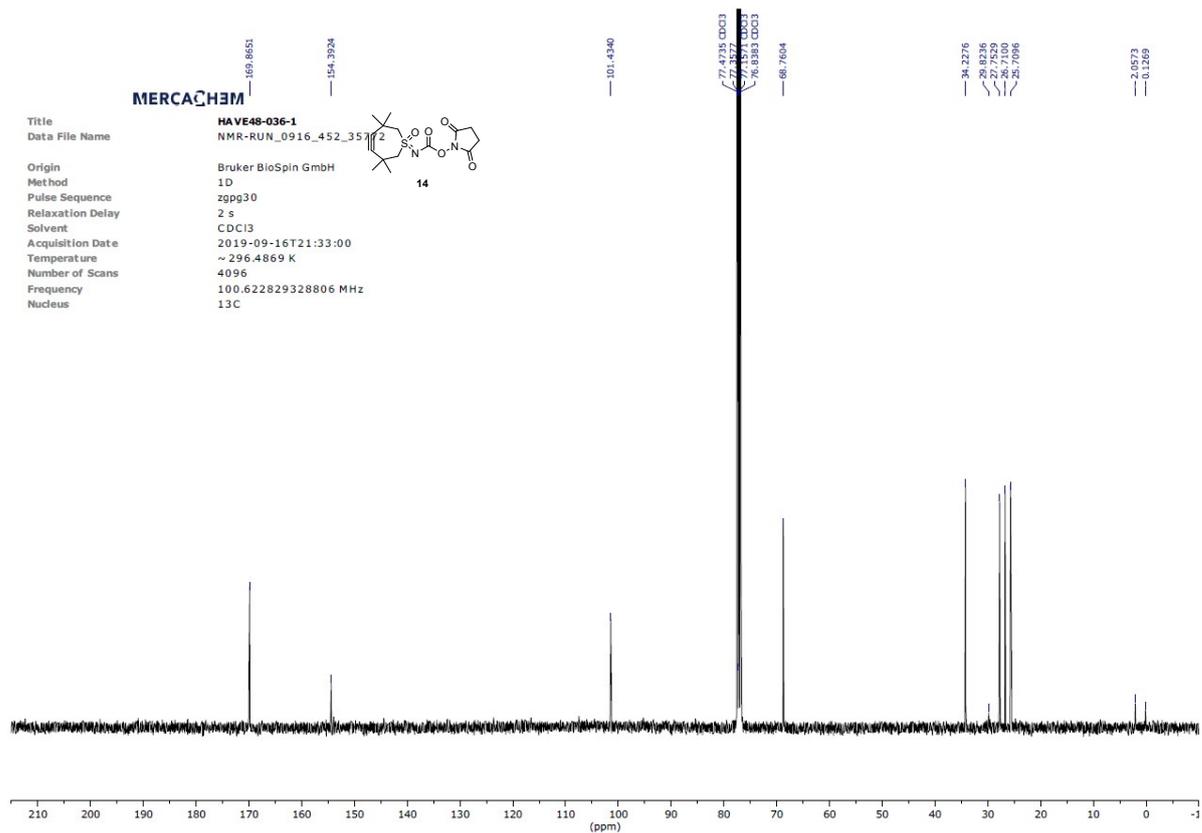
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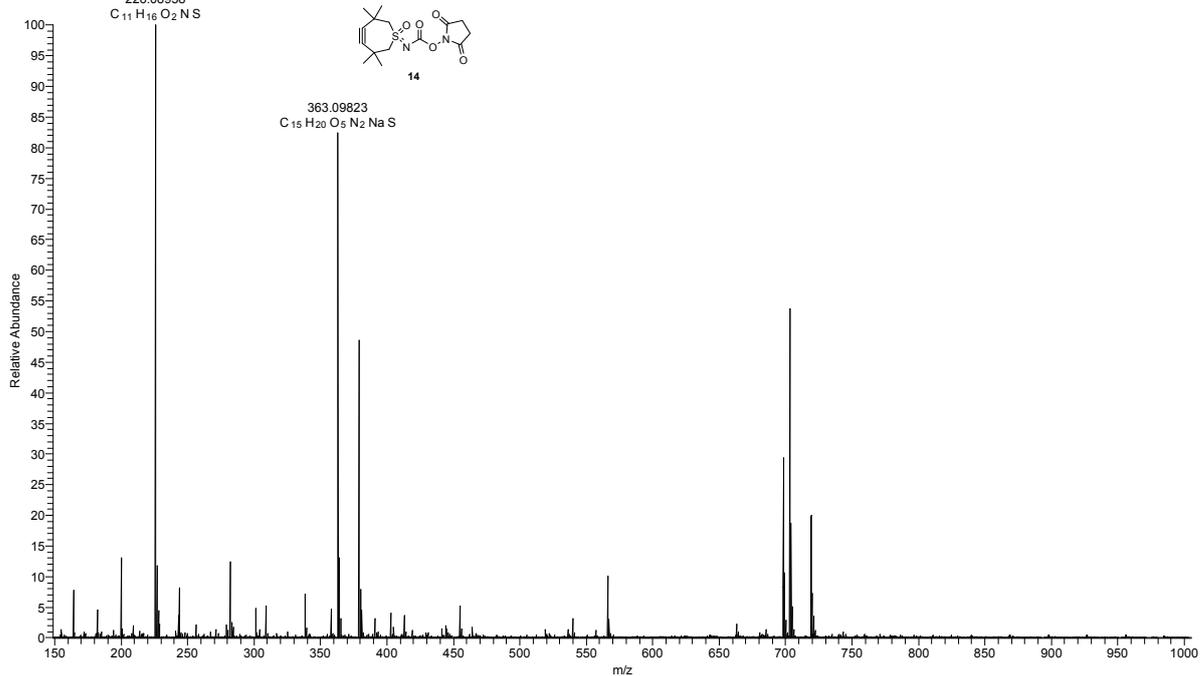
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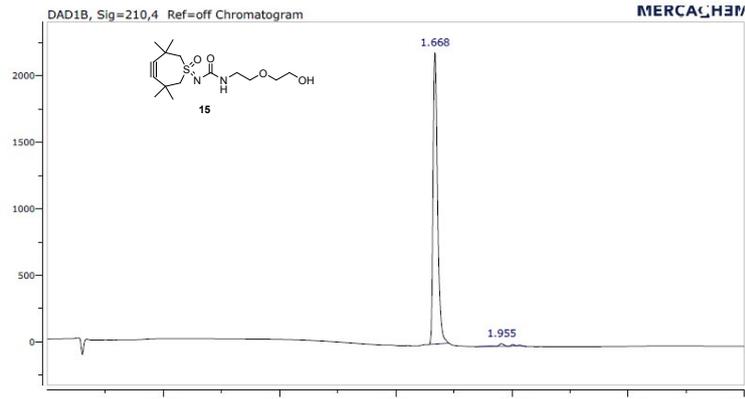


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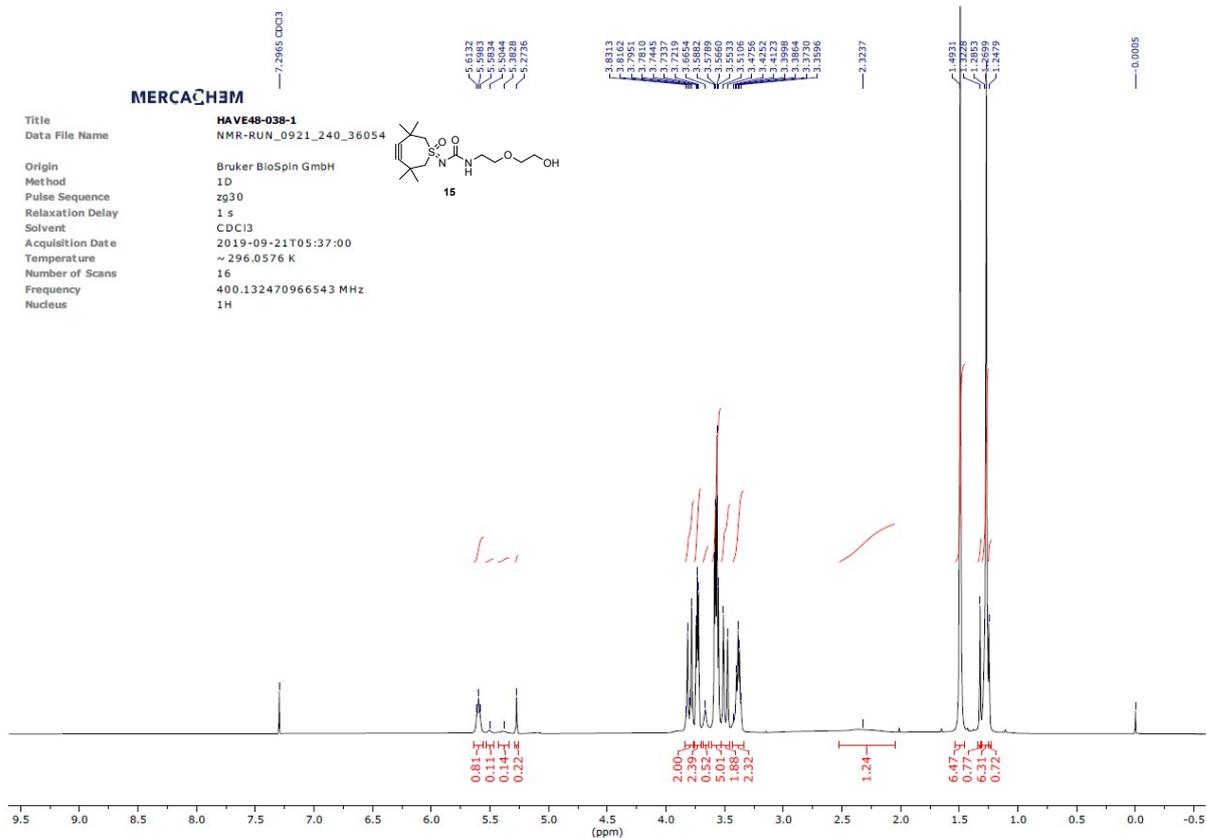
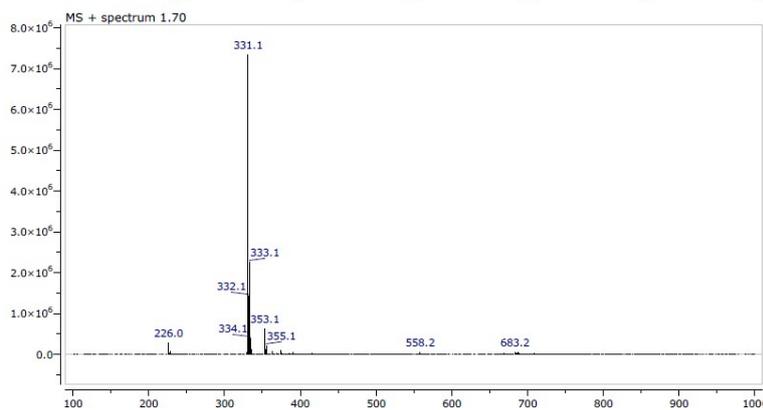
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Flow 1 ml/min; Column Temp: 25°C
Eluent A acetonitrile
Eluent B 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate in water
Lin. Gradient t=0 min 5% A, t=1.6 min 98% A, t=3 min 98% A
Posttime 1.3 min
Detection DAD (220-320 nm, 210 and 220nm)
Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
Detection MSD ESI pos/neg (mass range 100-1000)



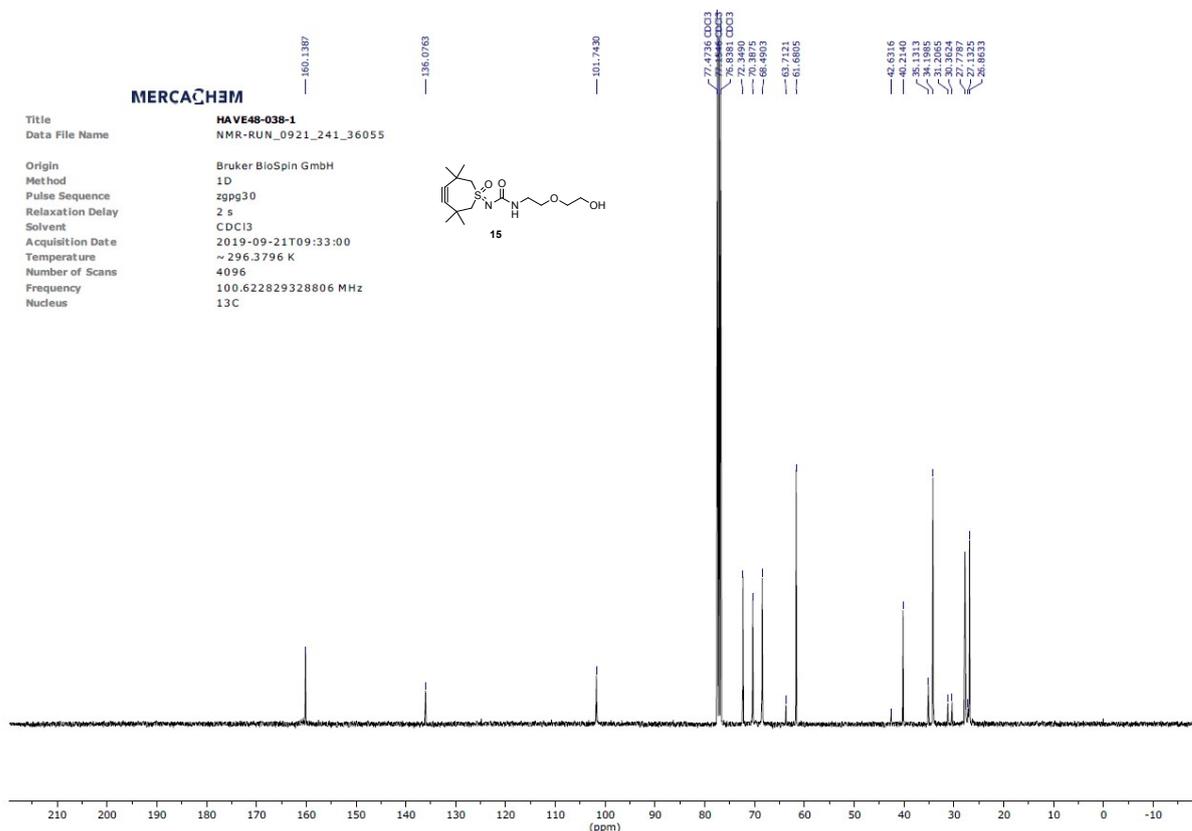
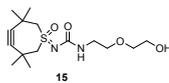
Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1B, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

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2.03	7.214	148.0	0.25

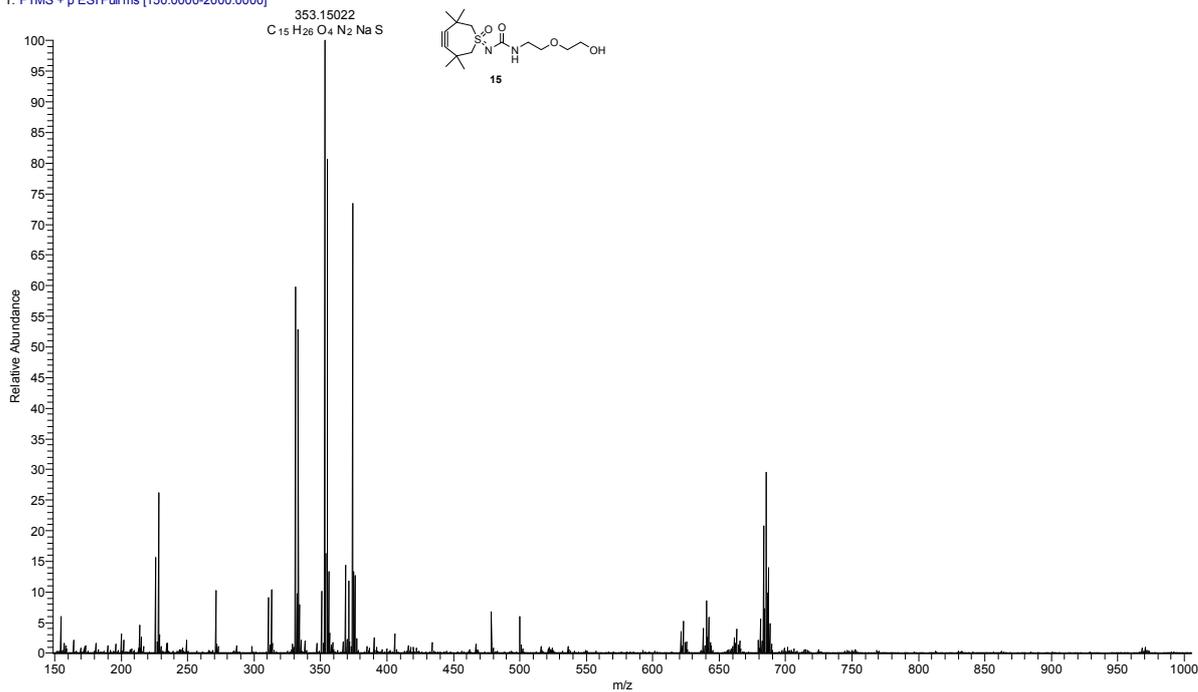


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 Method **1D**
 Pulse Sequence **zgpg30**
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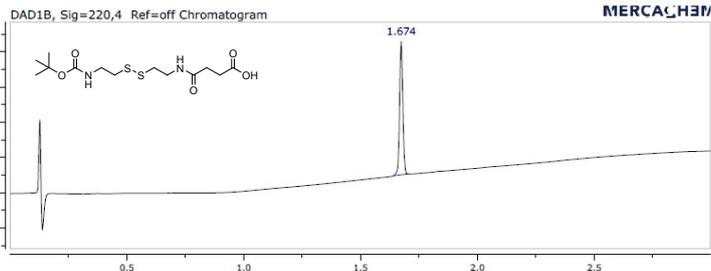


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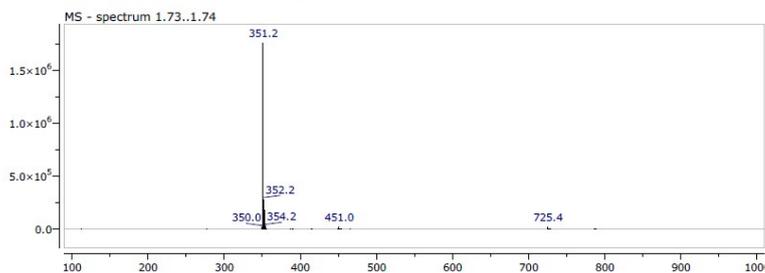
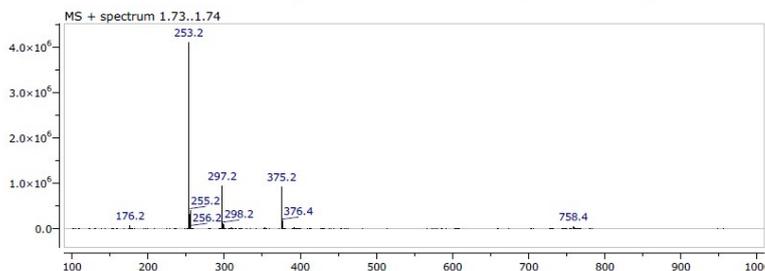
Analyses of compound 16 and its synthetic intermediates

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 Date acquired 08-Oct-19, 09:40:53
 FileName Analysis\LCMS22_1008_027.D
 Acq.method SC_ACID
 Column XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5µ)
 Flow 1 ml/min, Column temp.: 40°C
 Eluent A 0.1% Formic acid in Acetonitrile
 Eluent B 0.1% Formic acid in Water
 Lin. gradient t=0 min 5%A, t=1.6 min 98%A, t=3 min 98% A
 Postrun 1.3 min
 Detection DAD (210, 220 and 220-320 nm)
 Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
 Detection MSD (ESI pos/neg) mass range 100-1000
 Detection ELSD (Neb temp. 40°C, gasflow 1.5 ml/min)



Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1B, Sig=220,4 Ref=off

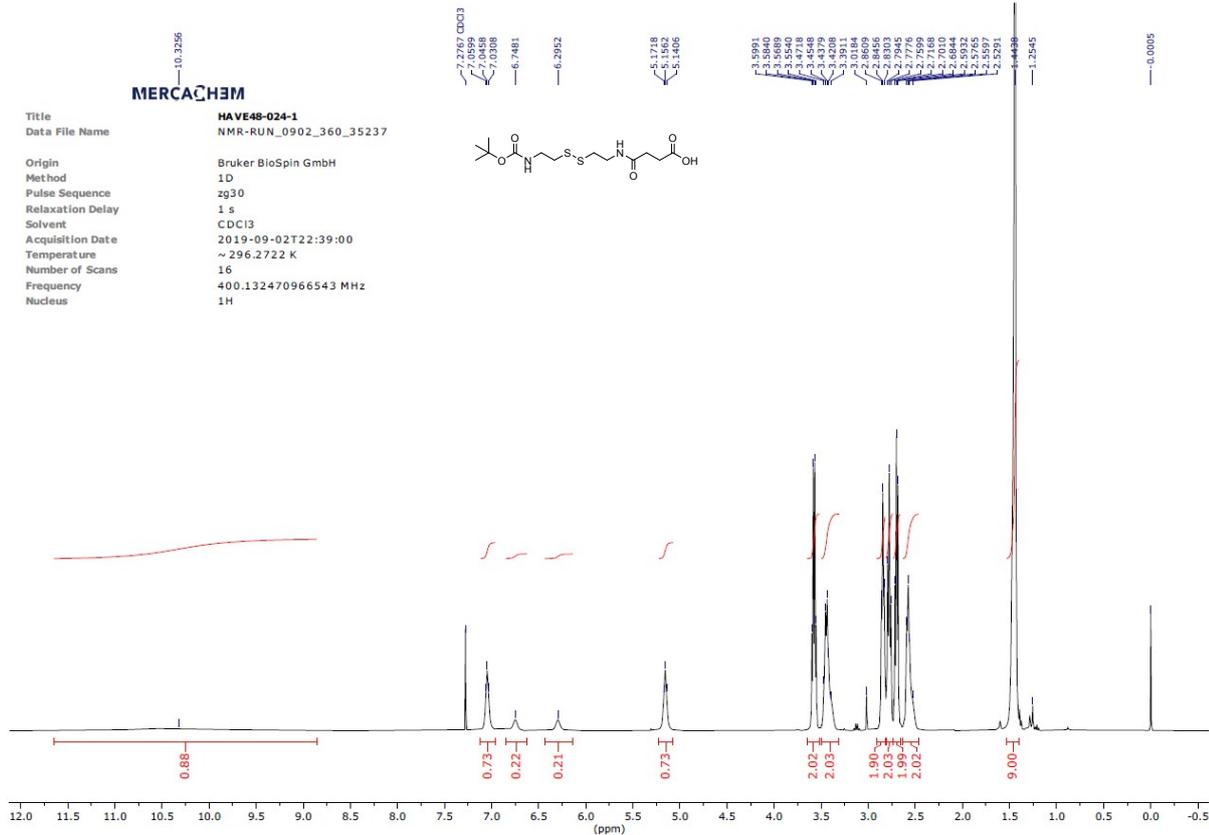
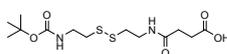
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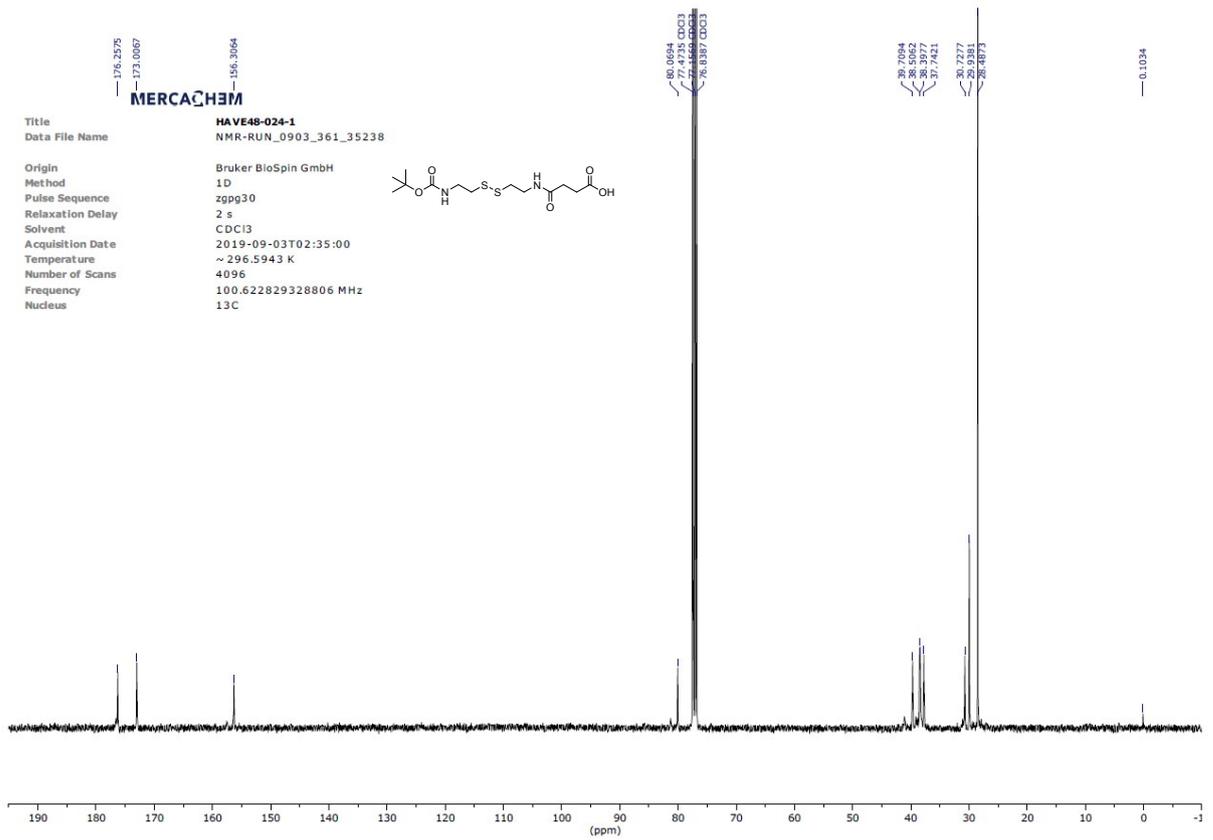


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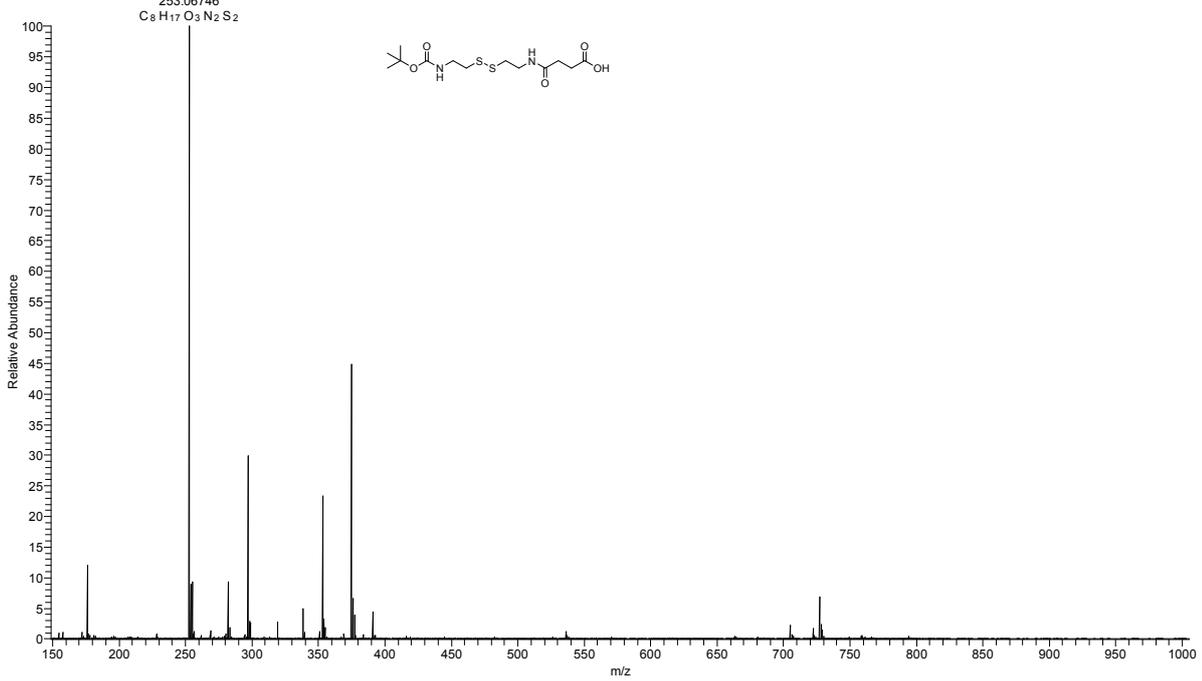
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 Pulse Sequence zg30
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 Number of Scans 16
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 Nucleus 1H

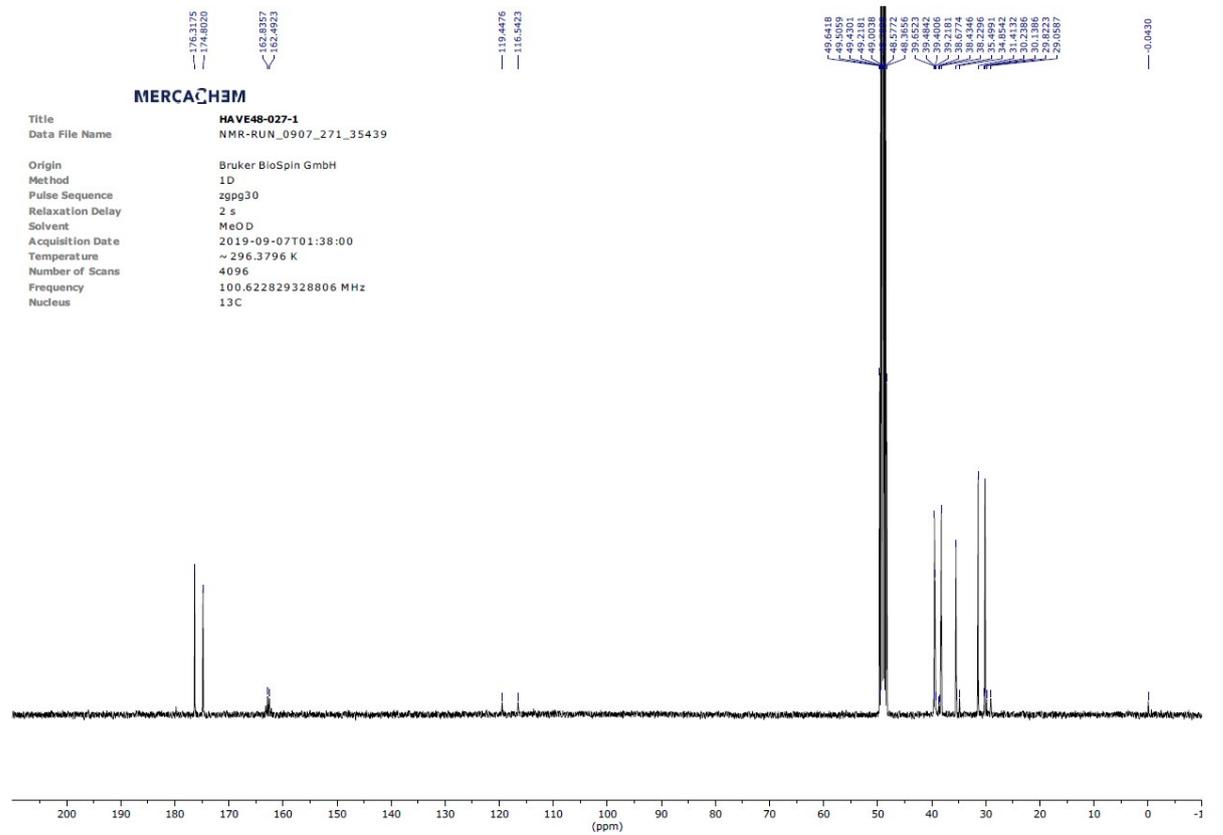
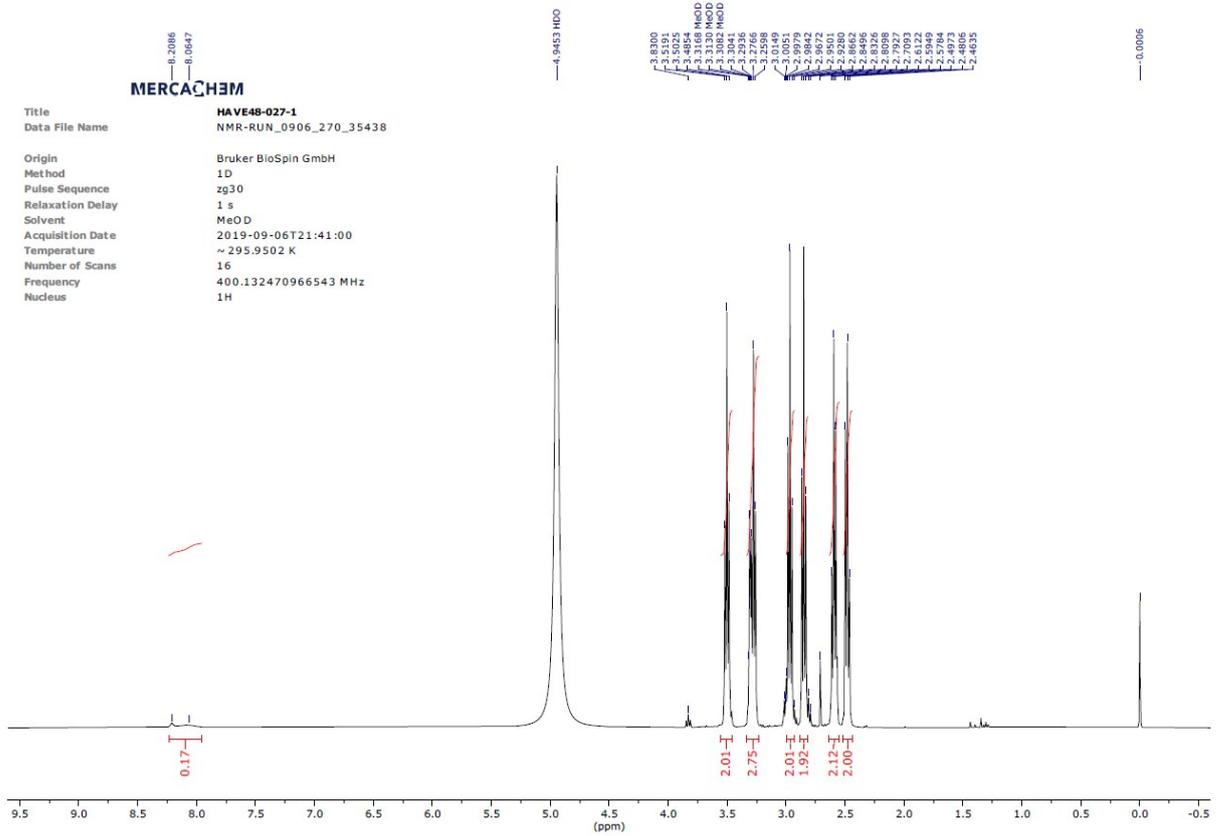
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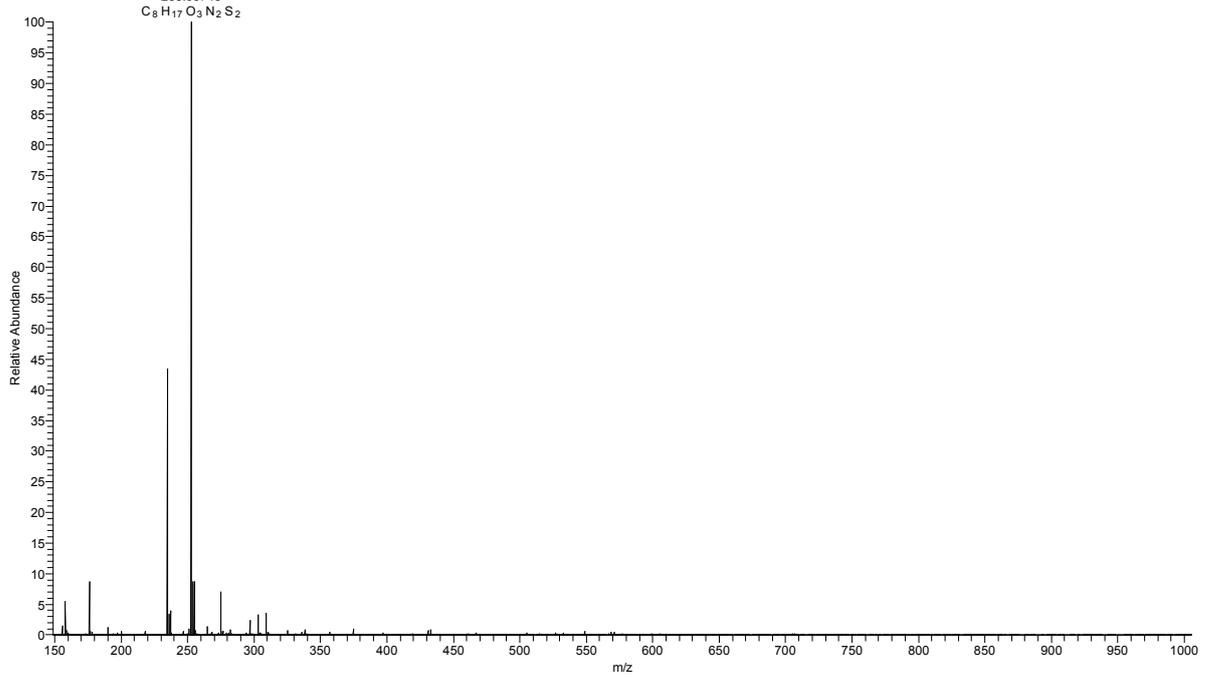


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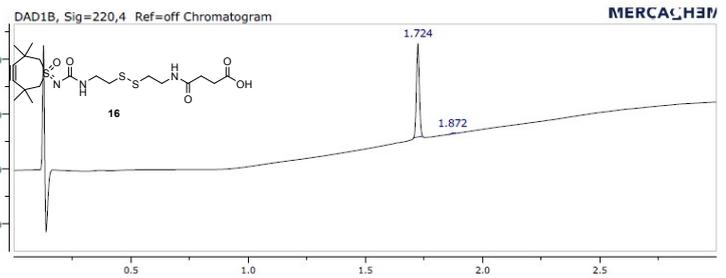


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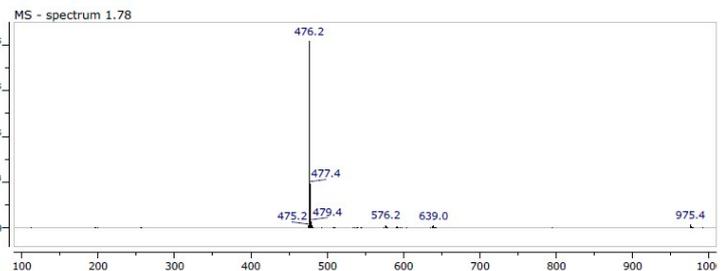
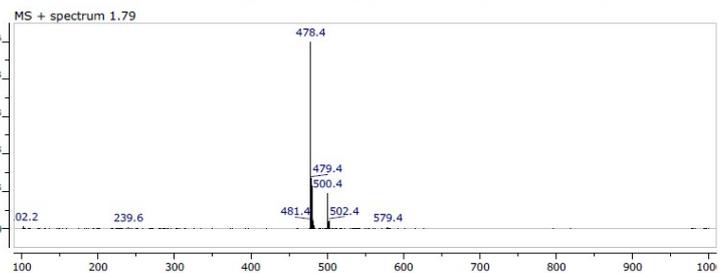
Analyses of compound 16

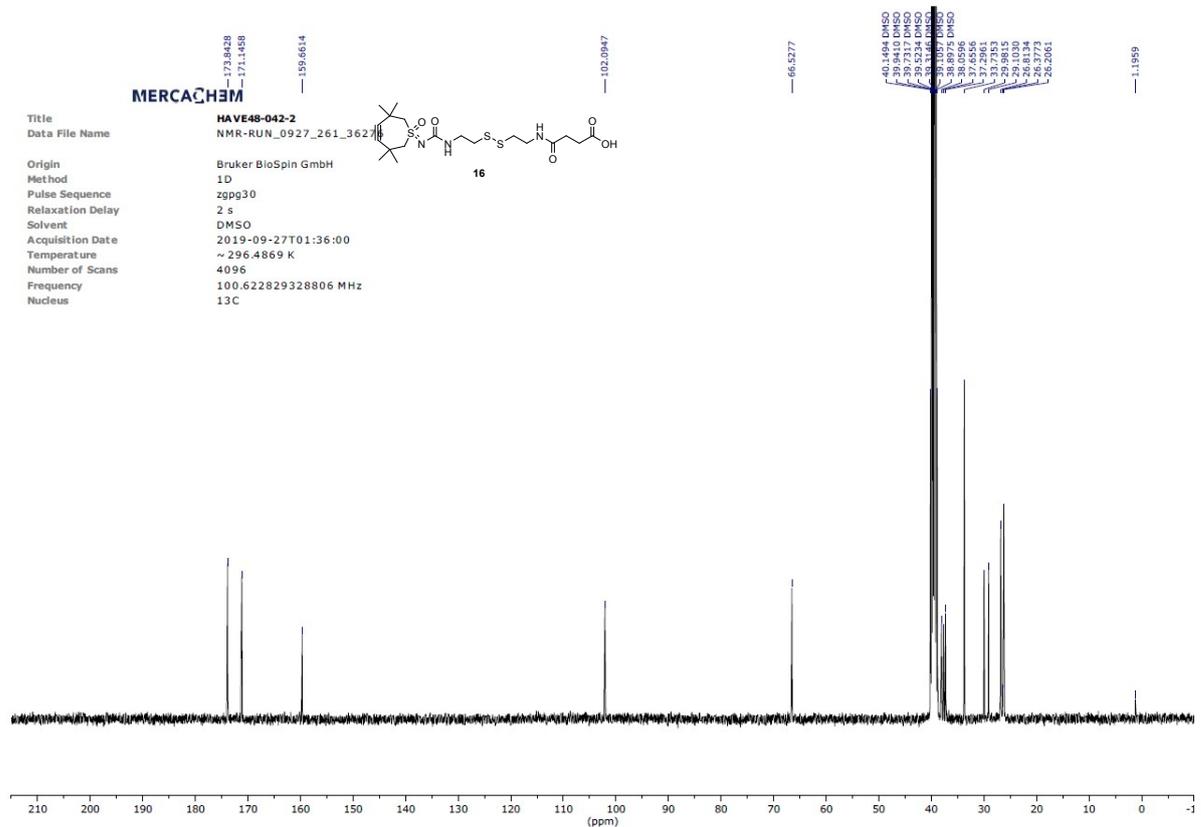
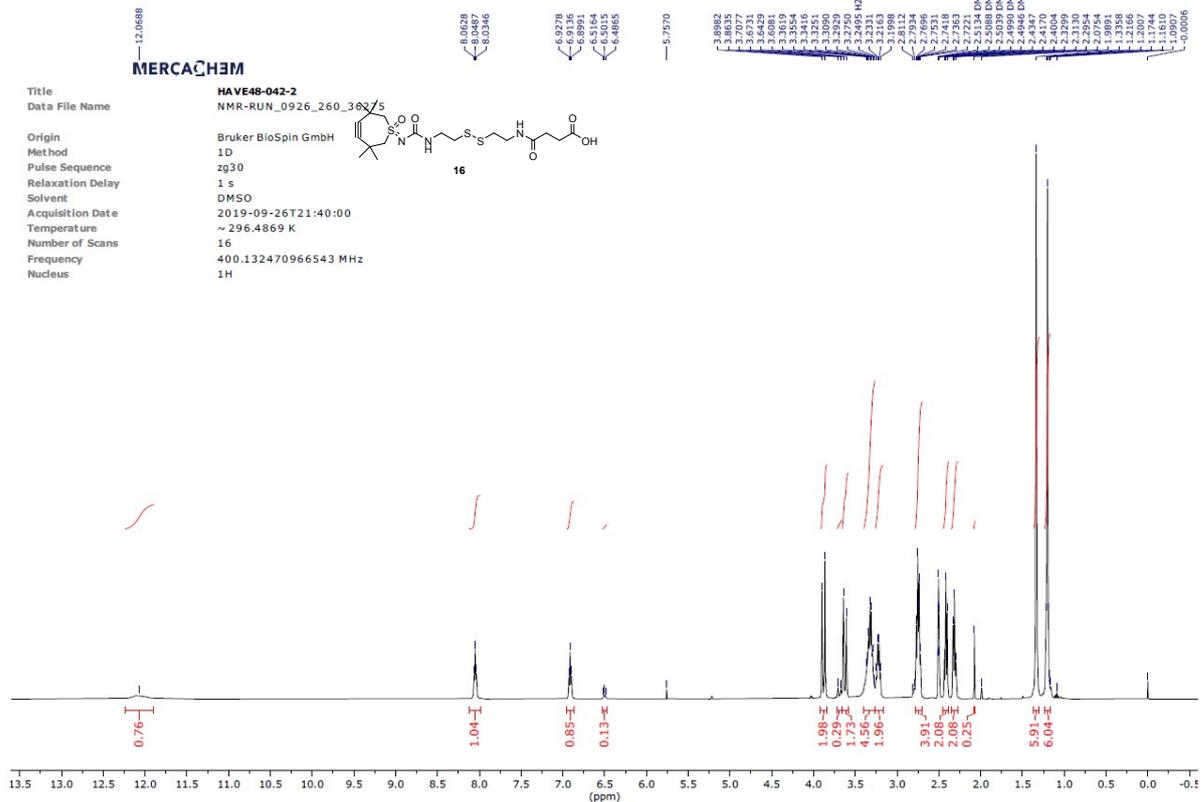
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Date acquired 25-Sep-19, 13:56:23
FileName Analysis\LCMS22_0925_089.D
Acqmethod SC_ACID
Column XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5μ)
Flow 1 ml/min, Column temp.: 40°C
Eluent A 0.1% Formic acid in Acetonitrile
Eluent B 0.1% Formic acid in Water
Lin. gradient t=0 min 5%A, t=1.6 min 98%A, t=3 min 98% A
Postrun 1.3 min
Detection DAD (210, 220 and 220-320 nm)
Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
Detection MSD (ESI pos/neg) mass range 100-1000
Detection ELSD (Neb temp. 40°C, gassflow 1.5 ml/min)



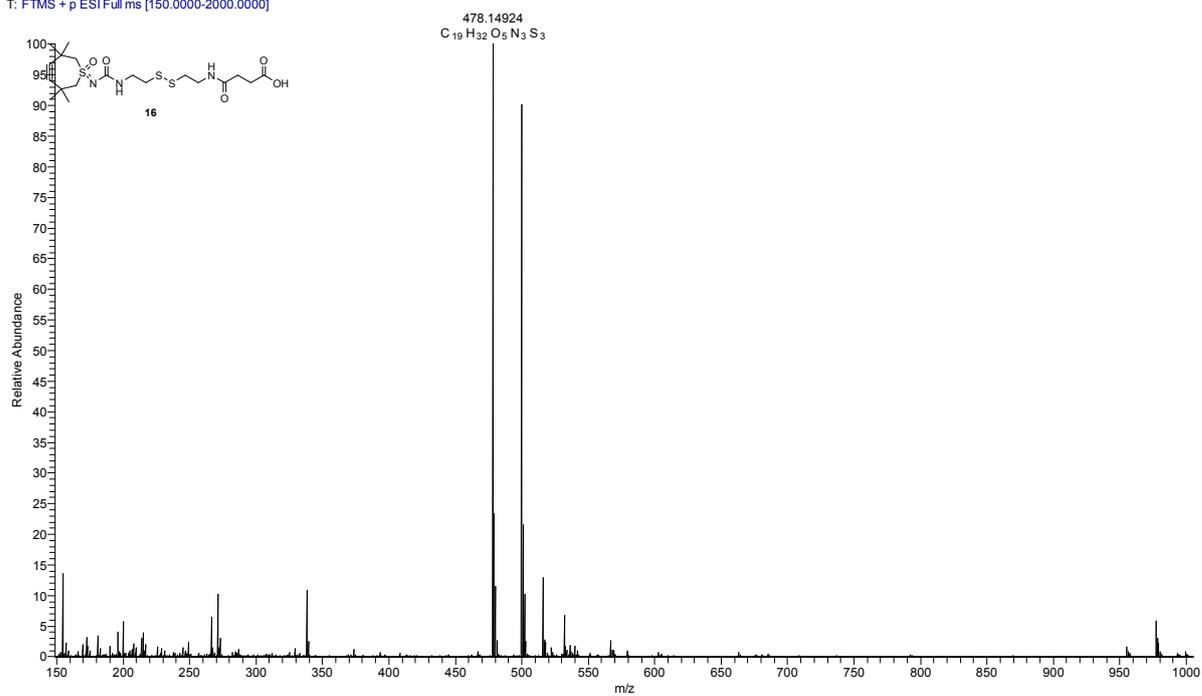
Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1B, Sig=220,4 Ref=off

rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
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1.87	2.970	45.52	0.77



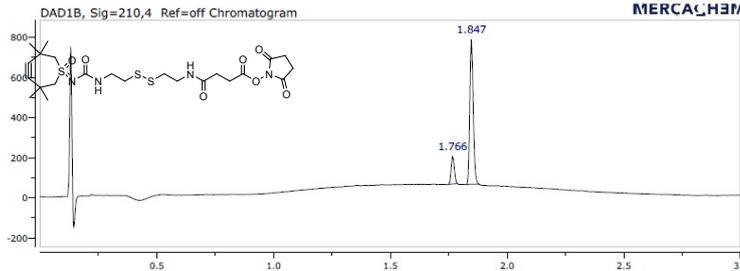


HAVE48-042-2 E2 #1-23 RT: 0.00-0.10 AV: 23 NL: 3.20E7
T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]



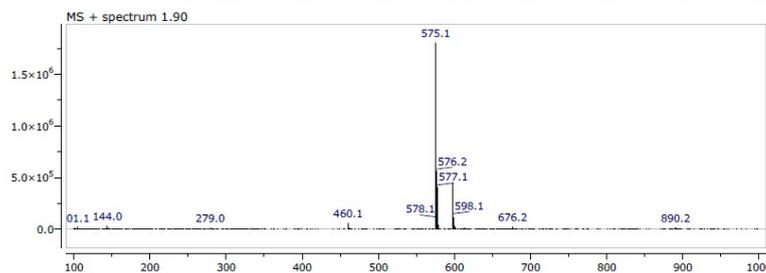
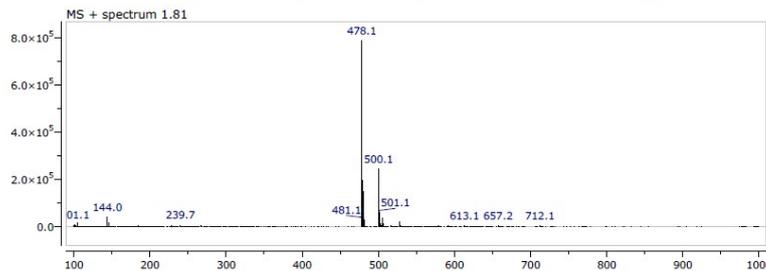
Analyses for OSu-ester 17

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 Date acquired 10-Oct-19, 11:36:16
 FileName Analysis\LCMS12_1010_042.D
 Column Waters XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm, 3.5 μ)
 Flow 1 ml/min Column temp: 40 °C
 Eluent A 0.1% Formic acid in acetonitrile
 Eluent B 0.1% Formic acid in water
 Lin. Gradient t=0min 5% A, t=1.6min 98% A, t=3min 98% A
 Posttime 1.3 min
 Detection DAD (220-320 nm, 210 and 220 nm)
 Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
 Detection MSD (ESI pos/neg) mass range: 100-1000
 Detection ELSO (Alitech 3300): gasflow 1.5 ml/min, gas temp: 40 °C



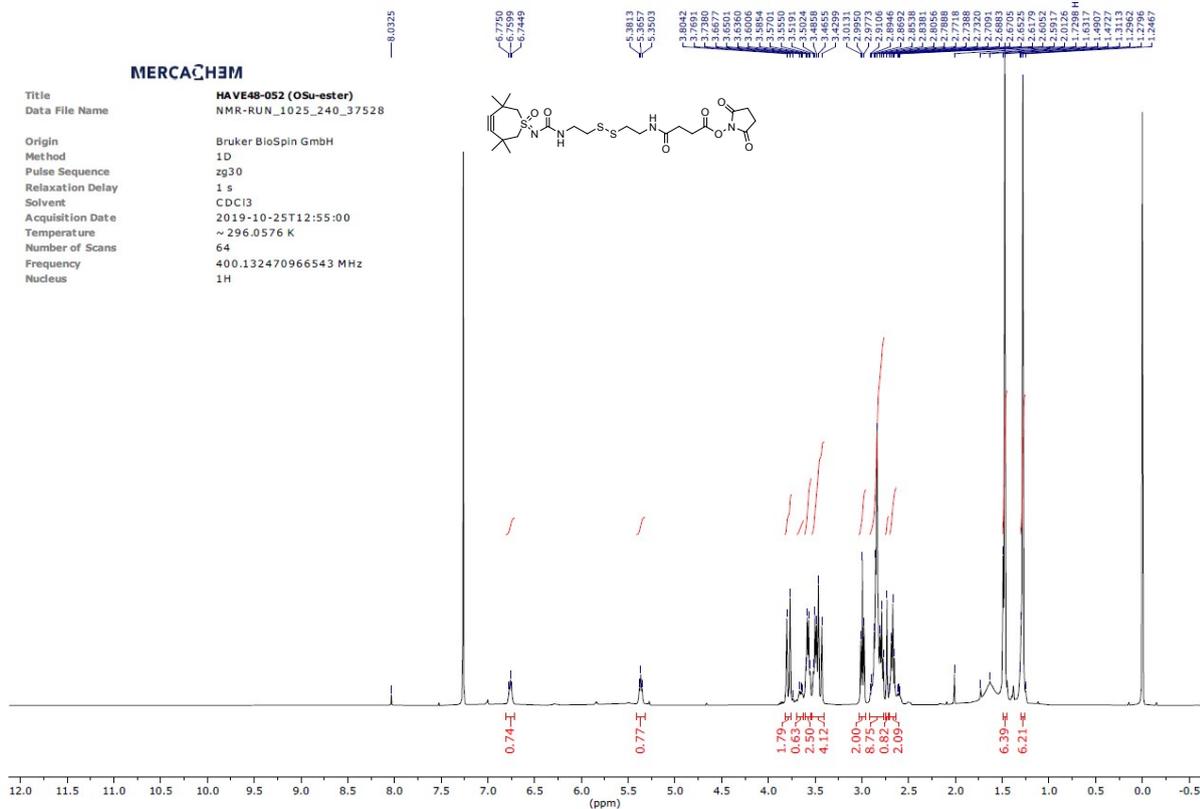
Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1B, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

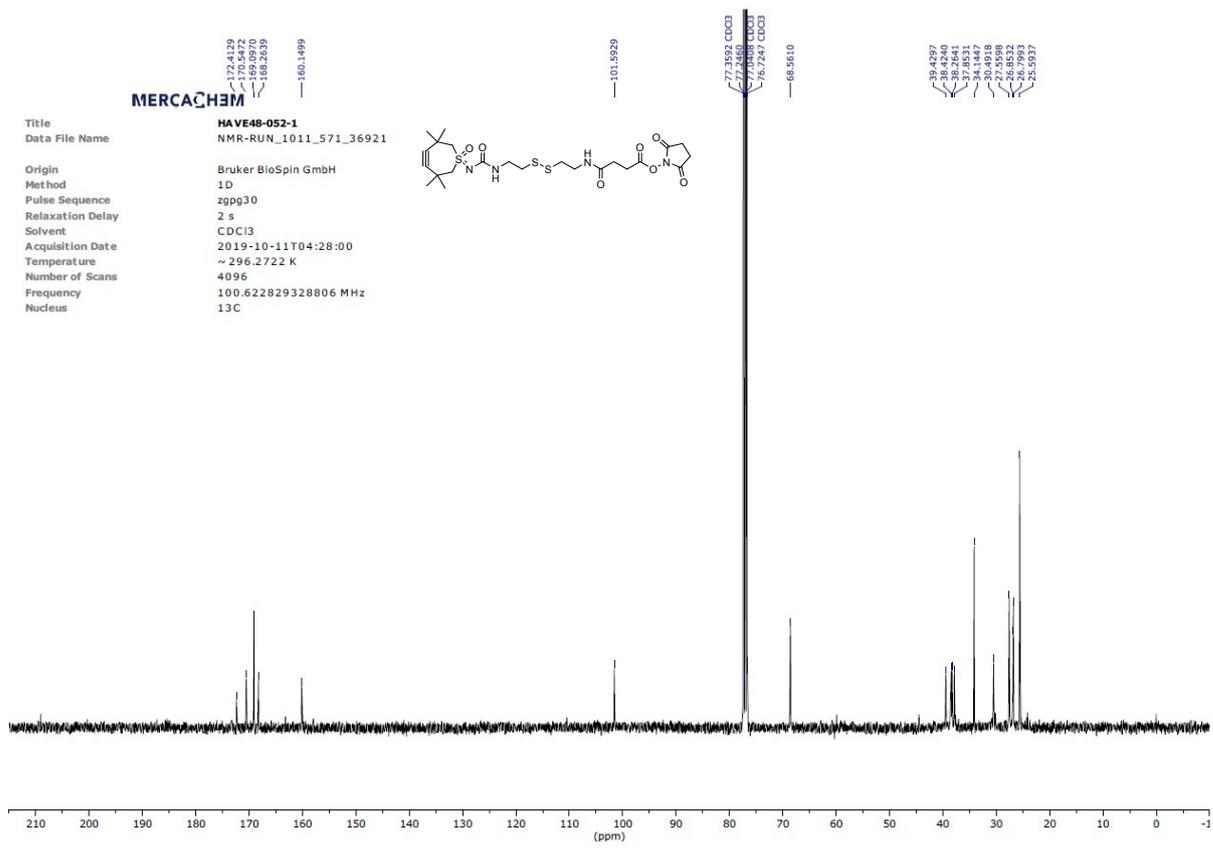
rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
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1.85	722.1	14747	85.10



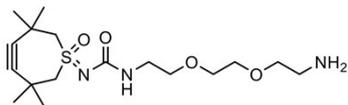
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 Method 1D
 Pulse Sequence zg30
 Relaxation Delay 1 s
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 Acquisition Date 2019-10-25T12:55:00
 Temperature ~296.0576 K
 Number of Scans 64
 Frequency 400.132470966543 MHz
 Nucleus 1H





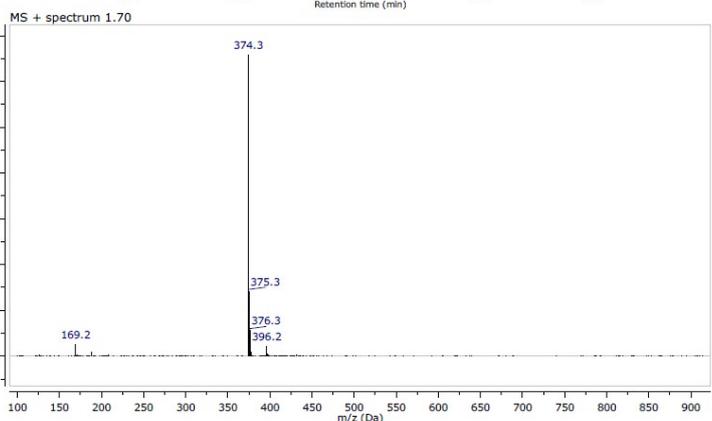
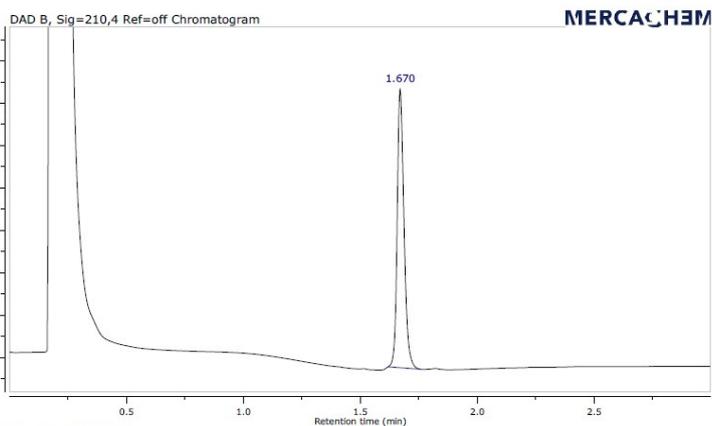
Analyses for compound 18



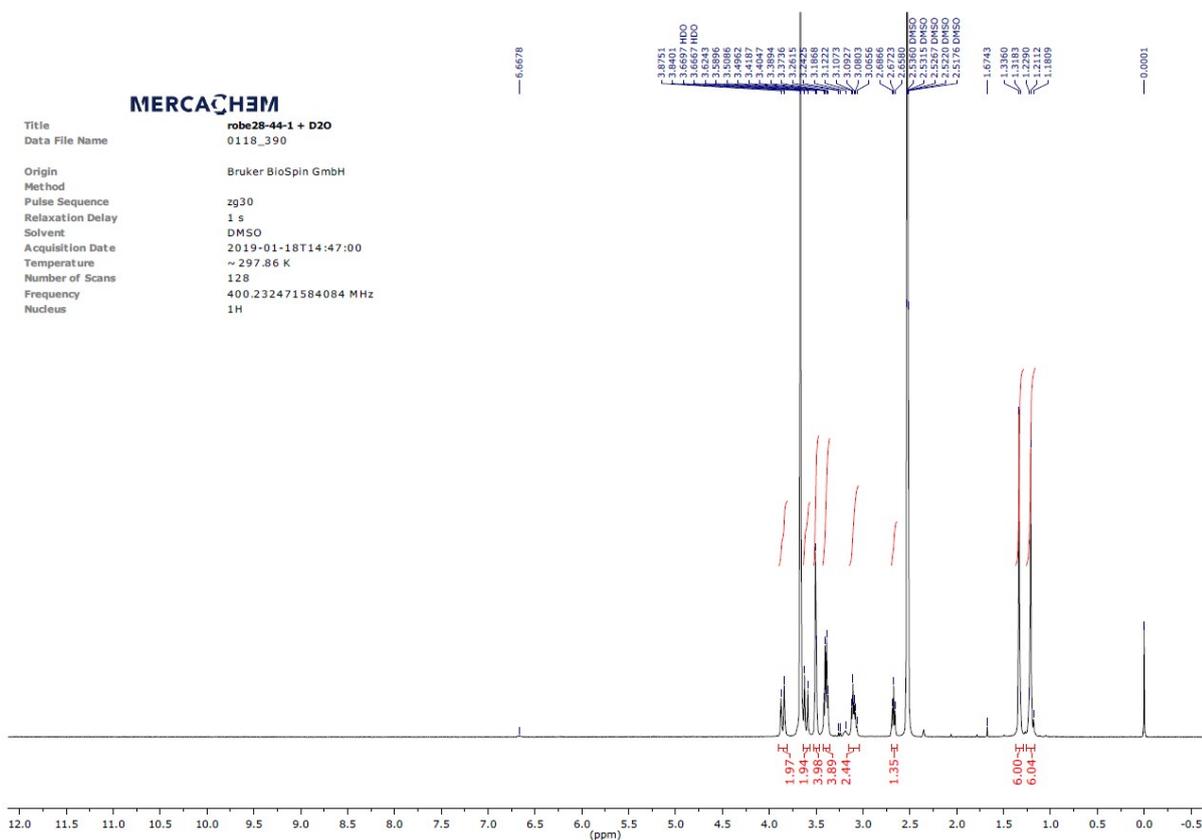
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Method SC_BASE.M
Date acquired 18-Jan-19, 13:59:14
FileName Analysis\LCMS5_0118_090.D
Acq. method SC_BASE valve: 6
Column Waters XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1 mm, 3.5µ)
Flow 1 ml/min; Column temp: 25°C
Eluent A 100% acetonitrile
Eluent B 10mM ammoniumbicarbonate in water
Lin. Gradient t=0 min 5% A, t=1.6 min 98% A, t=3 min 98% A
Posttime 1.3 min
Detection DAD (210, 220 and 220-320 nm)
Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
Detection MSD (ESI pos/neg) mass range: 100-1000

Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD B, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

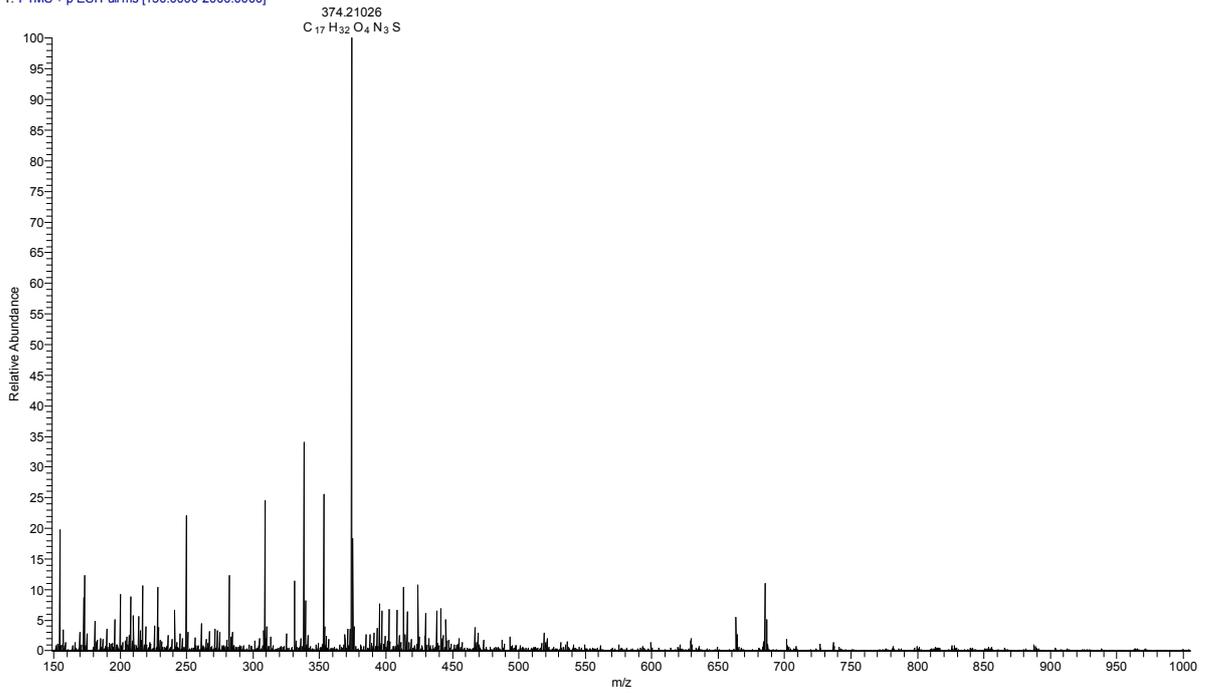
rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
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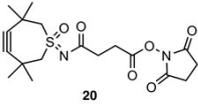
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Data File Name 0118_390
Origin Bruker BioSpin GmbH
Method
Pulse Sequence zg30
Relaxation Delay 1 s
Solvent DMSO
Acquisition Date 2019-01-18T14:47:00
Temperature ~ 297.86 K
Number of Scans 128
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Nucleus 1H



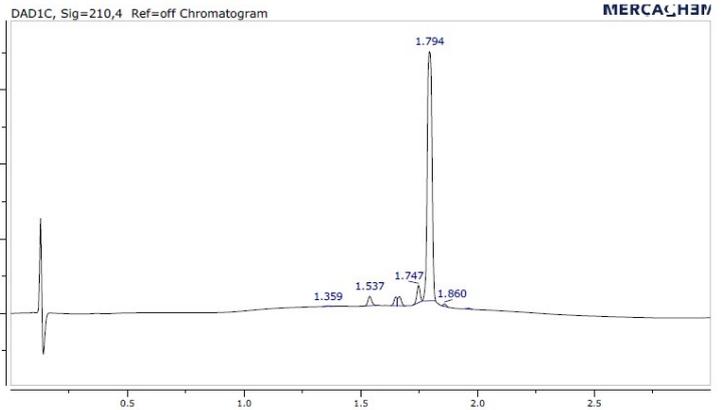
HAVE48-051-2 F2 #1-23 RT: 0.00-0.10 AV: 23 NL: 5.53E6
 T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]



Analyses for compound 20

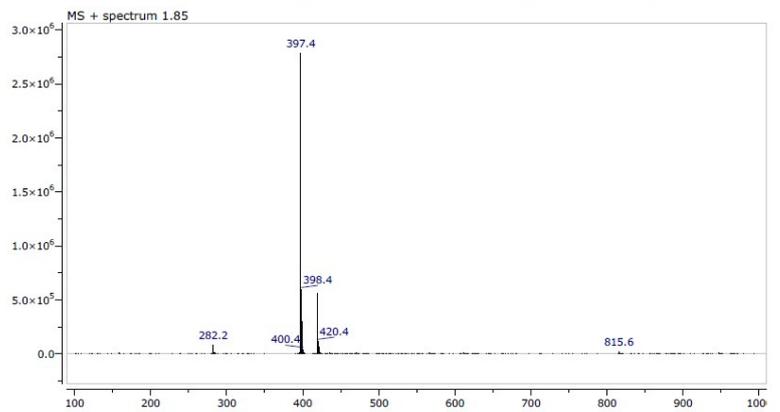


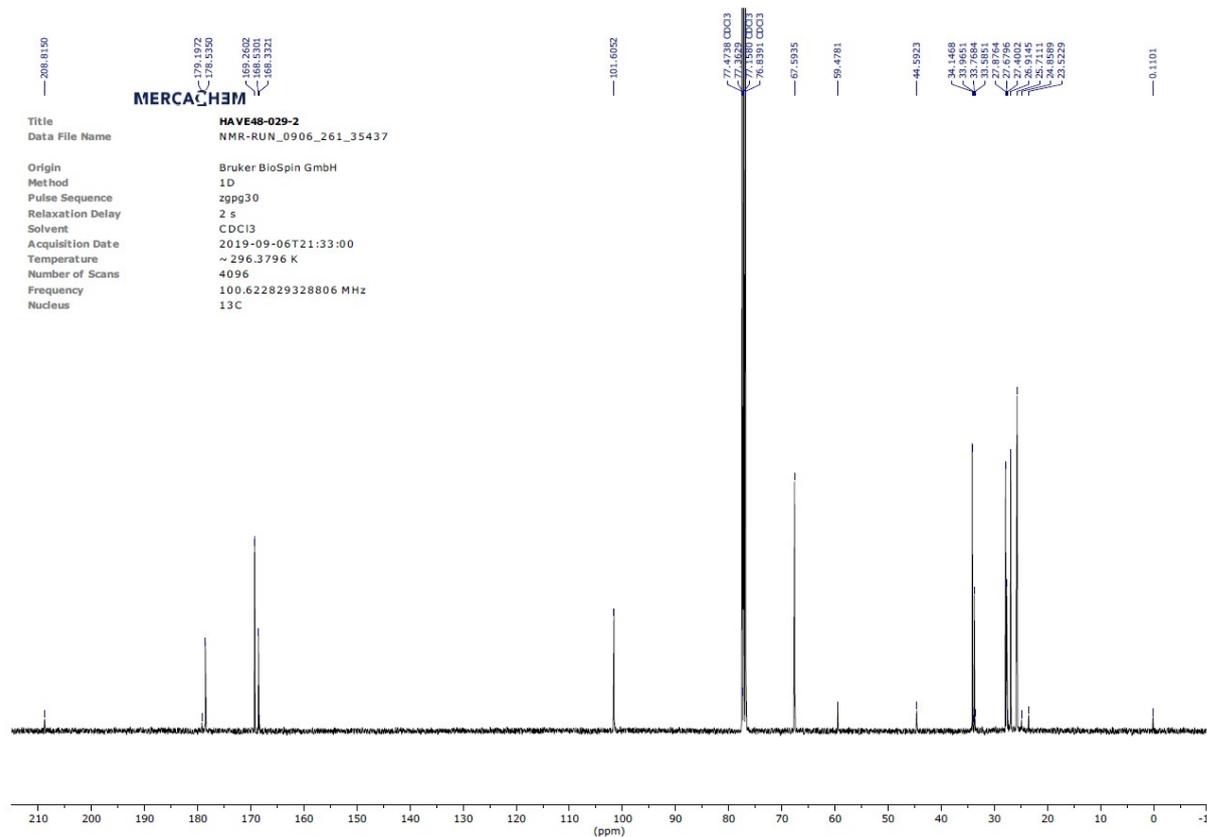
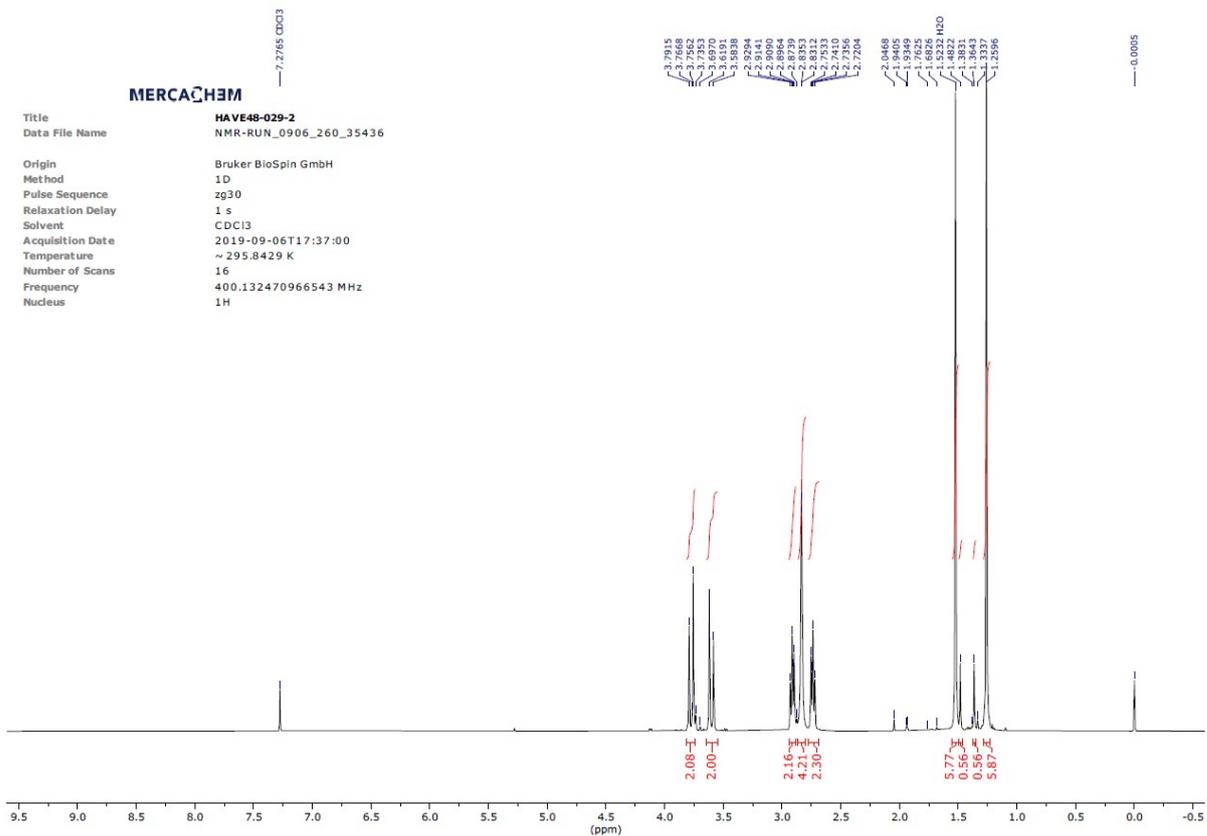
title **HAVE48-029-2**
 Method SC_ACID.M
 Date acquired 08-Oct-19, 09:45:50
 FileName Analysis\LCMS22_1008_028.D
 Acq.method SC_ACID
 Column XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5µ)
 Flow 1 ml/min, Column temp.: 40°C
 Eluent A 0.1% Formic acid in Acetonitrile
 Eluent B 0.1% Formic acid in Water
 Lin. gradient t=0 min 5%A, t=1.6 min 98%A, t=3 min 98% A
 Postrun 1.3 min
 Detection DAD (210, 220 and 220-320 nm)
 Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
 Detection MSD (ESI pos/neg) mass range 100-1000
 Detection ELSD (Neb temp. 40°C, gassflow 1.5 ml/min)



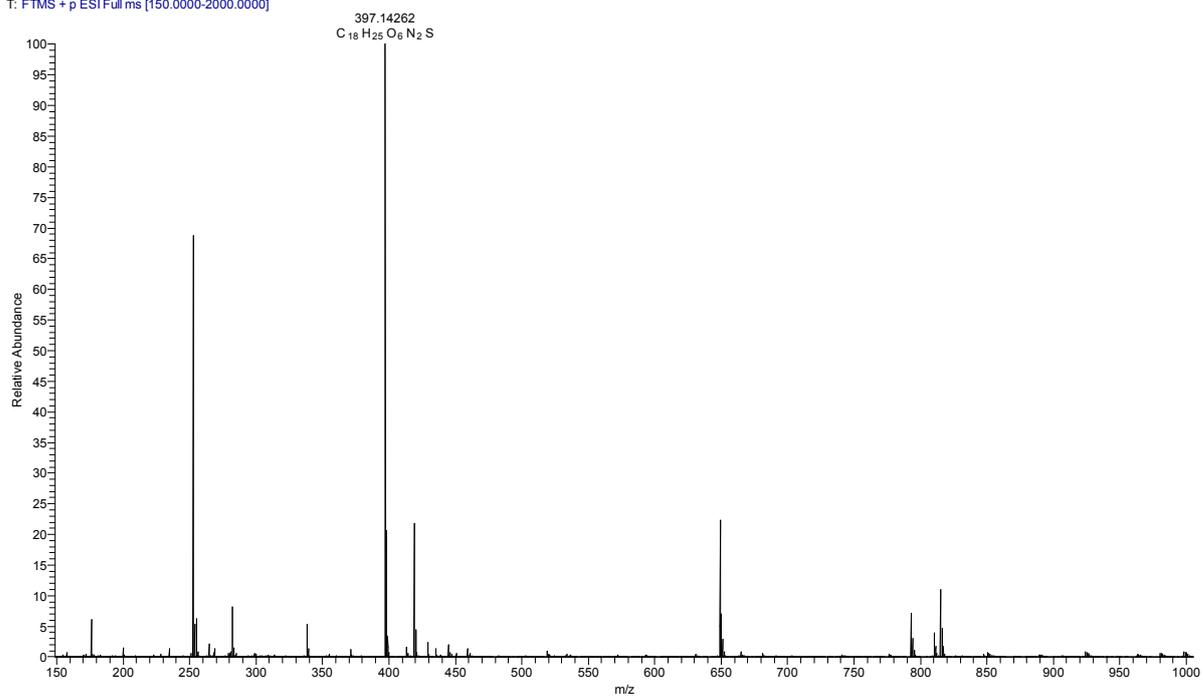
Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1C, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
1.36	3.747	86.65	0.16
1.54	63.99	1415	2.69
1.65	59.52	1071	2.04
1.67	62.26	1200	2.28
1.75	115.9	2130	4.05
1.79	1672	46286	88.07
1.86	17.03	278.9	0.53
1.96	5.513	90.52	0.17





B2 HAVE48-029-2 #1-23 RT: 0.00-0.10 AV: 23 NL: 1.47E8
T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]



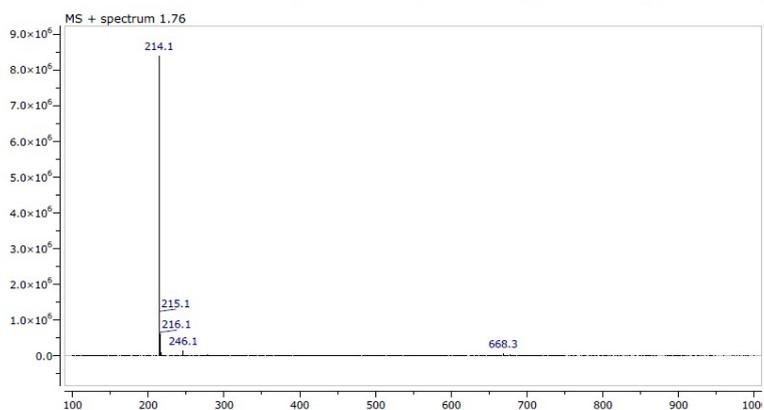
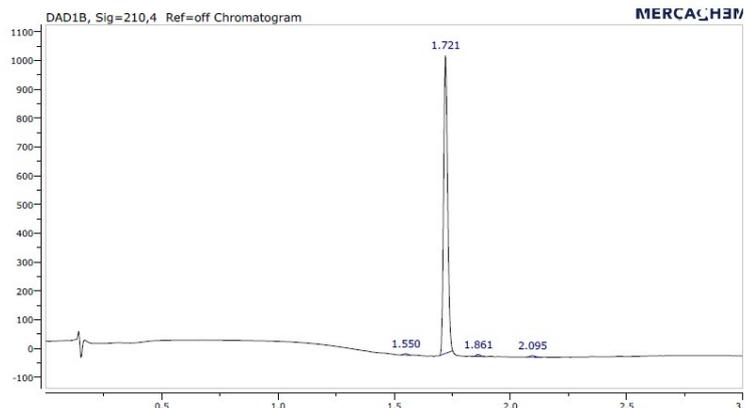
Analyses for compound 21



title HAVE48-021-2
Method SC_BASE.M
Date acquired 08-Oct-19, 10:14:09
FileName Analysis\LCMS19_1008_031.D
Column Waters XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5µ)
Flow 1 ml/min; Column Temp: 25°C
Eluent A acetonitrile
Eluent B 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate in water
Lin. Gradient t=0 min 5% A, t=1.6 min 98% A, t=3 min 98% A
Posttime 1.3 min
Detection DAD (220-320 nm, 210 and 220nm)
Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
Detection MSD ESI pos/neg (mass range 100-1000)

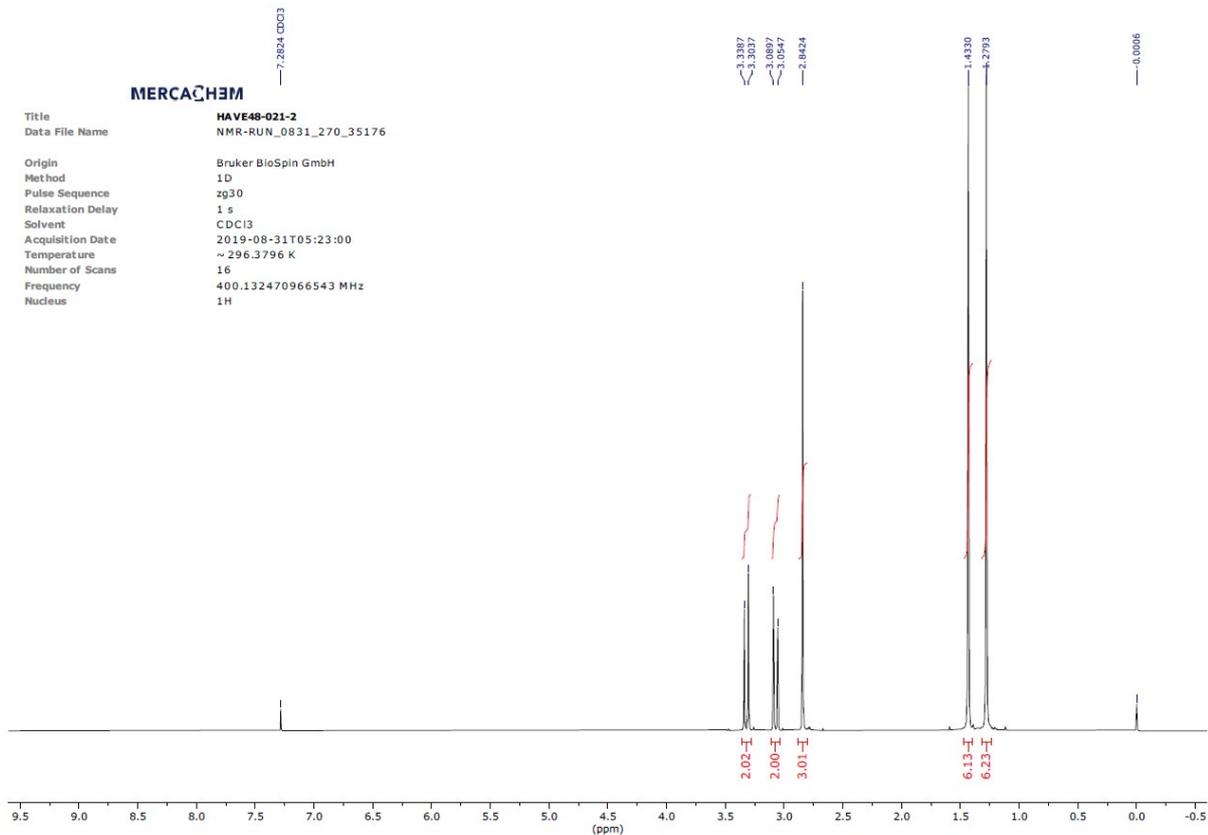
Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD18, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
1.55	4.822	114.9	0.45
1.72	1034	25053	98.24
1.86	7.117	177.9	0.70
2.09	5.411	156.6	0.61



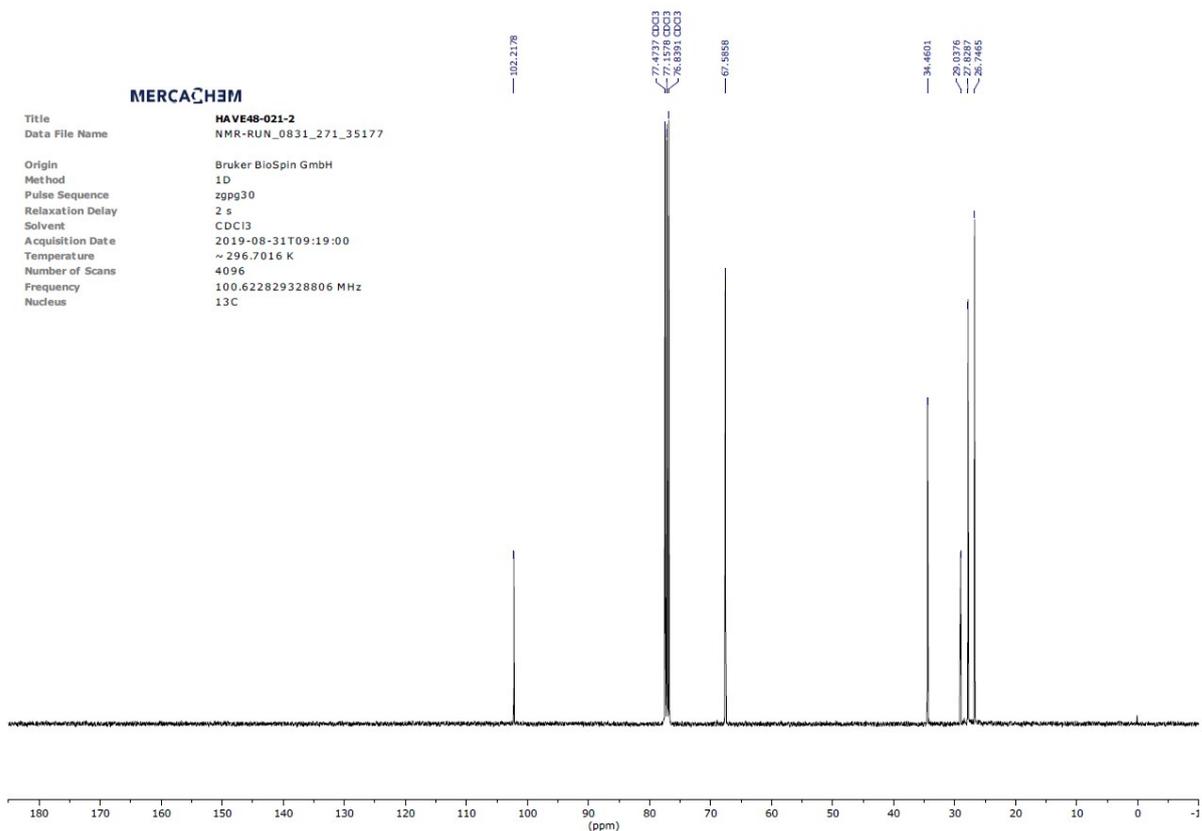
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Title HAVE48-021-2
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Origin Bruker BioSpin GmbH
Method 1D
Pulse Sequence zg30
Relaxation Delay 1 s
Solvent CDCl3
Acquisition Date 2019-08-31T05:23:00
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Number of Scans 16
Frequency 400.132470966543 MHz
Nucleus 1H

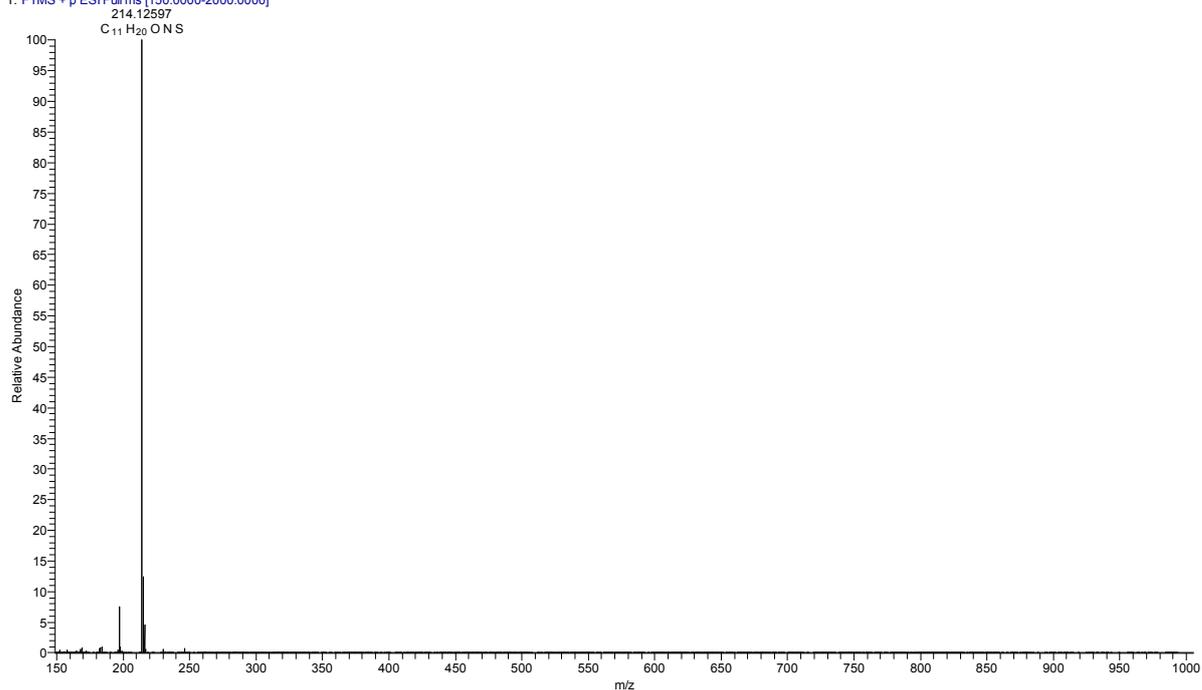


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Title: HAVE48-021-2
Data File Name: NMR-RUN_0831_271_35177
Origin: Bruker BioSpin GmbH
Method: 1D
Pulse Sequence: zgpg30
Relaxation Delay: 2 s
Solvent: CDCl₃
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Temperature: ~ 296.7016 K
Number of Scans: 4096
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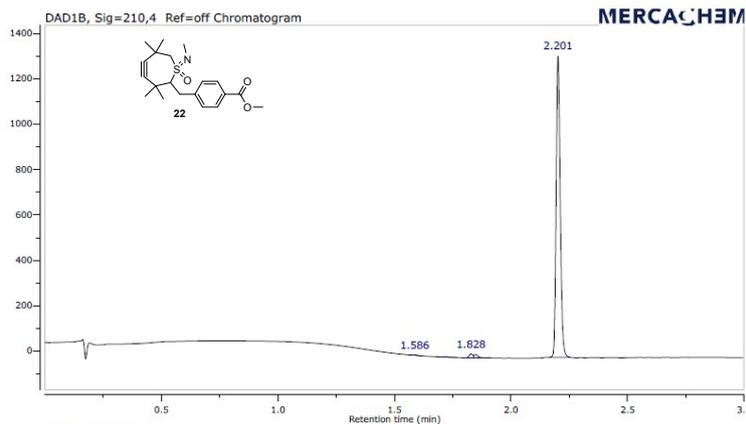


E1 HAVE48-021-2 #1-23 RT: 0.00-0.10 AV: 23 NL: 1.67E9
T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]



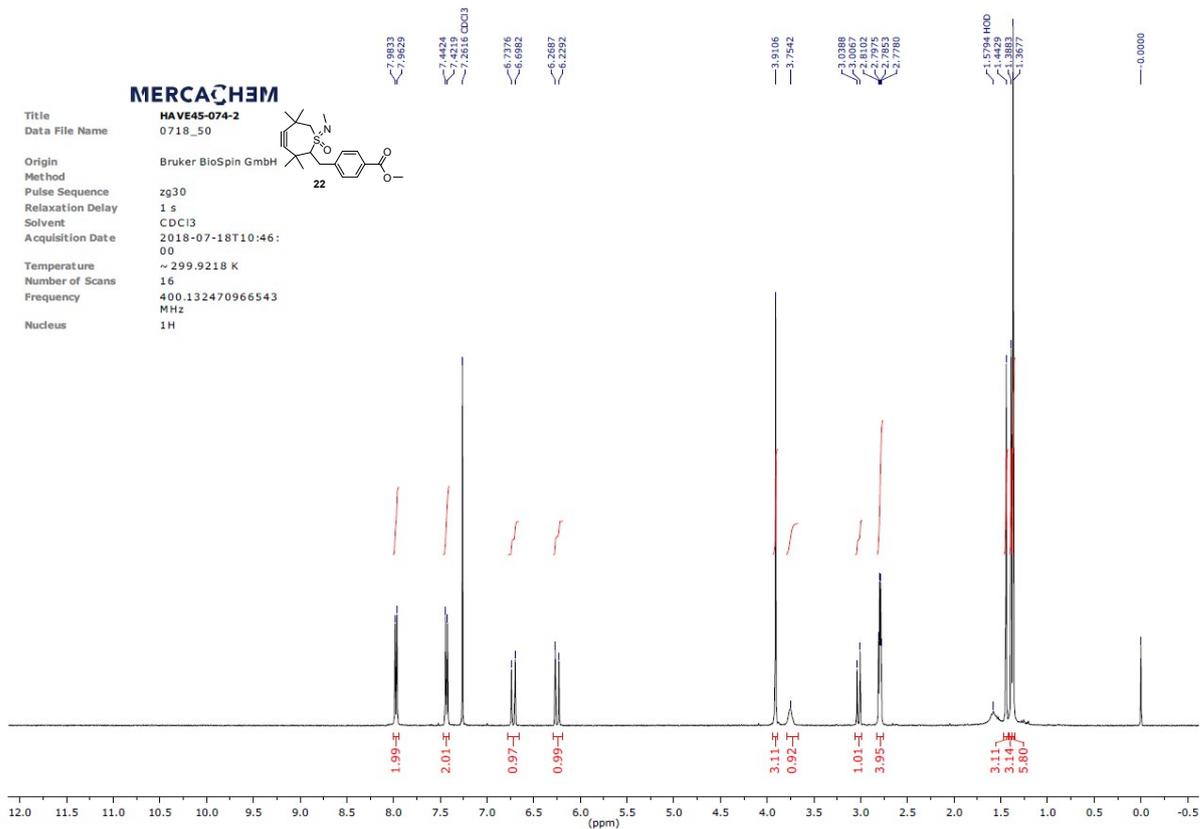
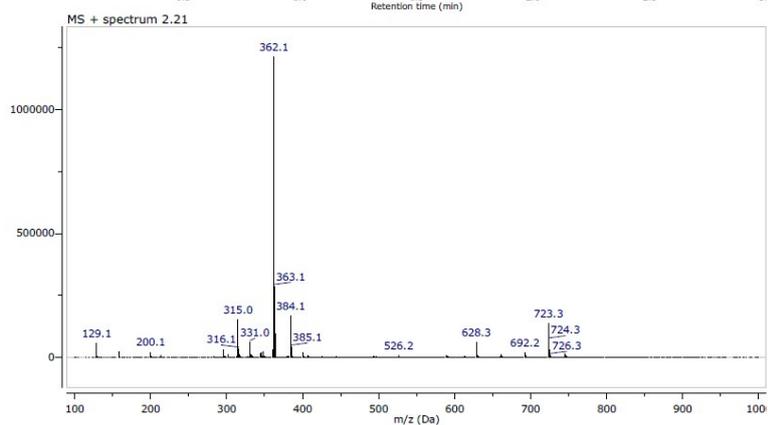
Analyses for compound 22

title **HAVE45-074-2**
 Method SC_BASE.M
 Date acquired 18-Jul-18, 09:51:55
 FileName Analysis\LCMS19_0718_027.D
 Column Waters XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5μ)
 Flow 1 ml/min; Column Temp: 25°C
 Eluent A acetonitrile
 Eluent B 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate in water
 Lin. Gradient t=0 min 5% A, t=1.6 min 98% A, t=3 min 98% A
 Posttime 1.3 min
 Detection DAD (220-320 nm, 210 and 220nm)
 Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
 Detection MSD ESI pos/neg (mass range 100-1000)

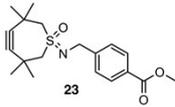


Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD1B, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

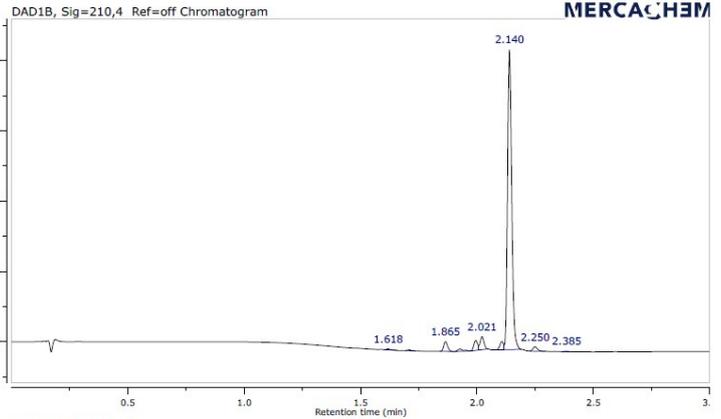
rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
1.59	2.328	0.05112	0.18
1.72	2.797	0.06835	0.25
1.83	17.10	0.2916	1.05
1.85	14.34	0.2716	0.98
2.20	1328	27.00	97.53



Analyses for compound 23

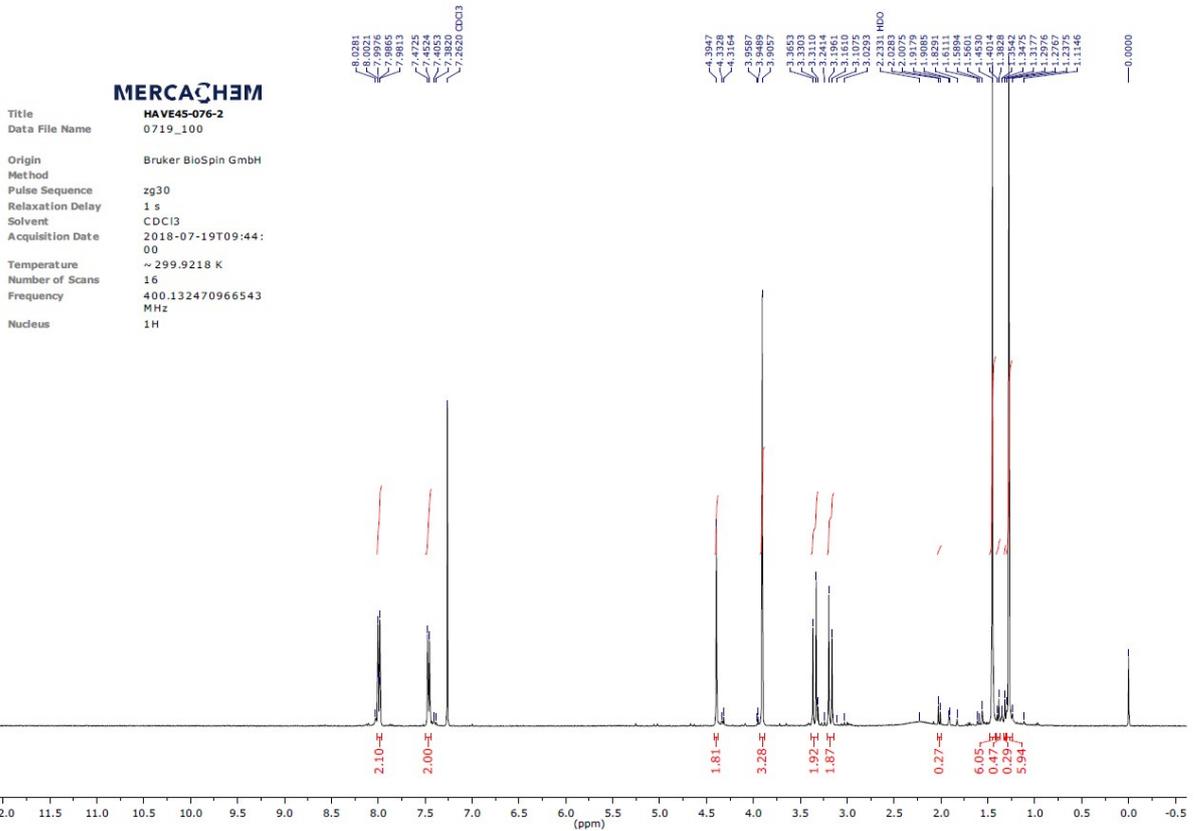
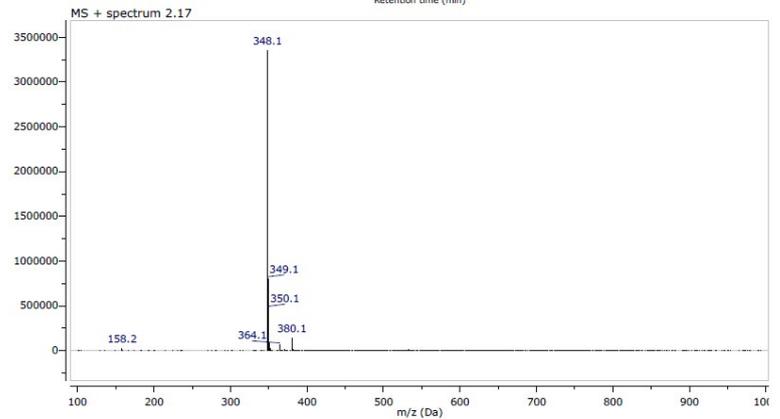


title HAVE45-076-2
Method SC_BASE.M
Date acquired 19-Jul-18, 09:27:59
FileName Analysis\LCMS19_0719_009.D
Column Waters XSelect CSH C18 (30x2.1mm 3.5µ)
Flow 1 ml/min; Column Temp: 25°C
Eluent A acetonitrile
Eluent B 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate in water
Lin. Gradient t=0 min 5% A, t=1.6 min 98% A, t=3 min 98% A
Posttime 1.3 min
Detection DAD (220-320 nm, 210 and 220nm)
Detection PDA (210-320 nm)
Detection MSD ESI pos/neg (mass range 100-1000)

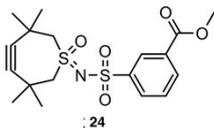


Integrals spectrum Chromatogram DAD18, Sig=210,4 Ref=off

rt (min)	height	area	area (%)
1.62	6.968	0.1380	0.27
1.71	5.519	0.1010	0.20
1.86	69.62	1.331	2.61
1.93	16.66	0.4714	0.93
1.99	70.85	1.332	2.62
2.02	92.75	1.767	3.47
2.11	59.48	1.088	2.14
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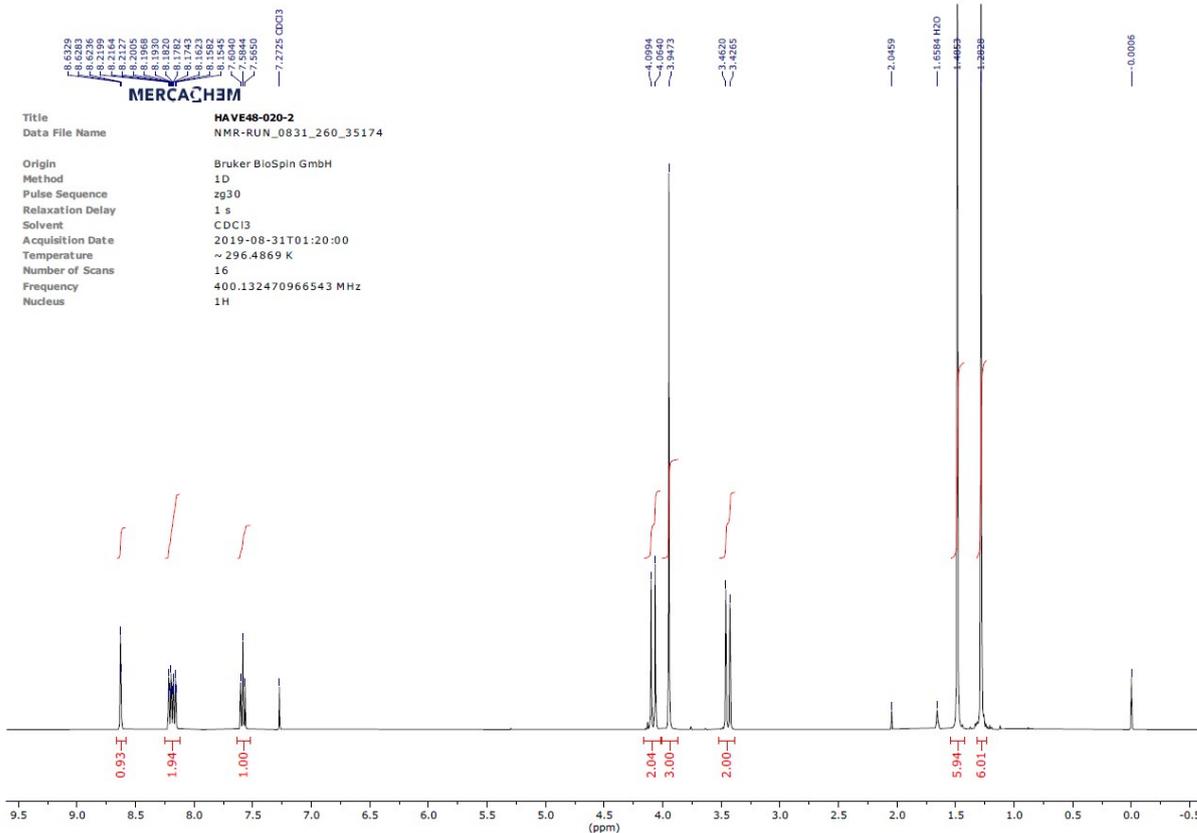
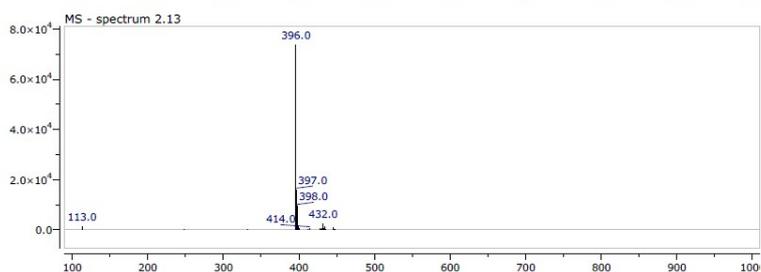
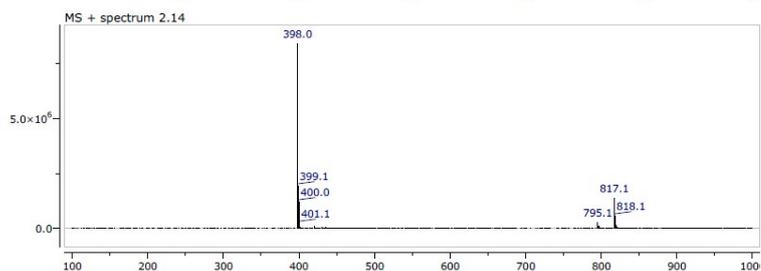
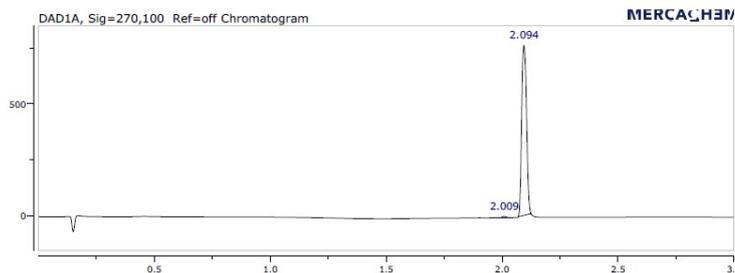
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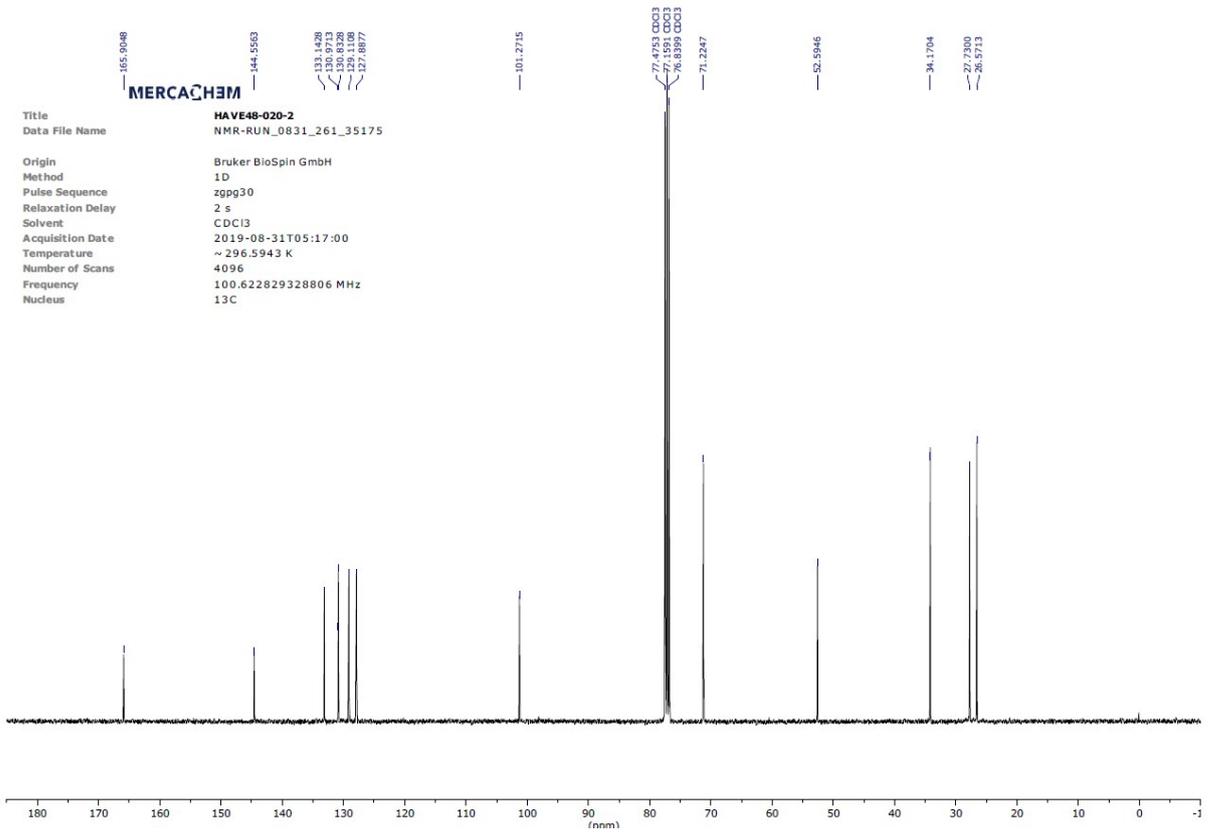


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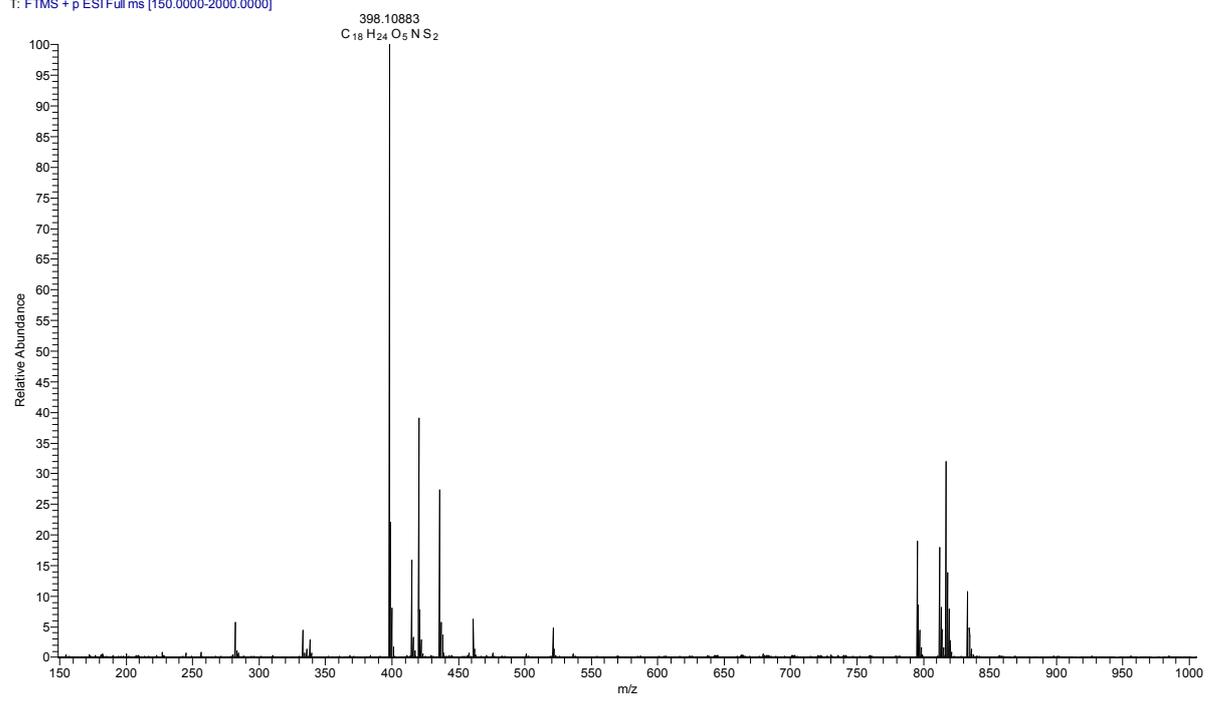
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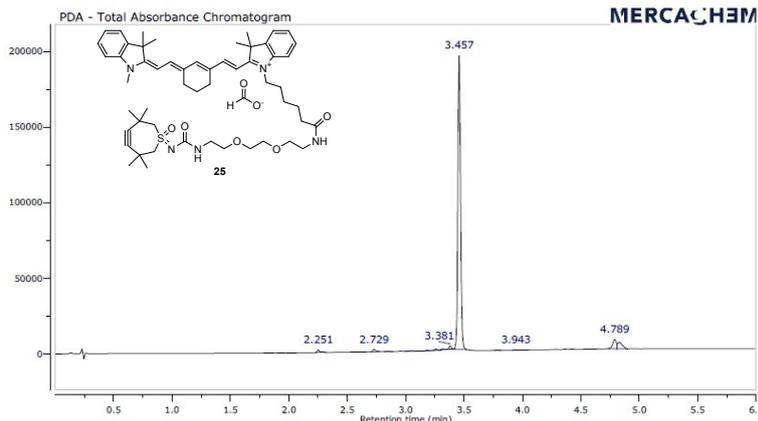


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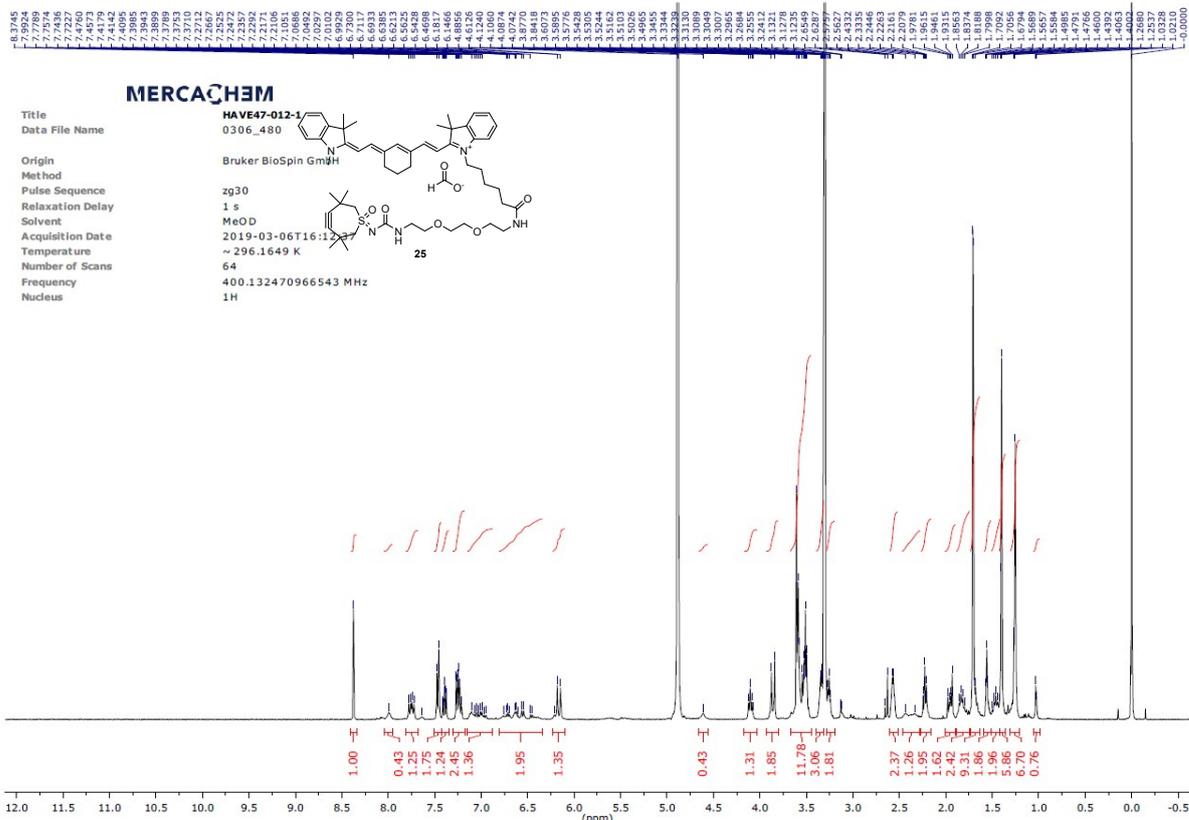
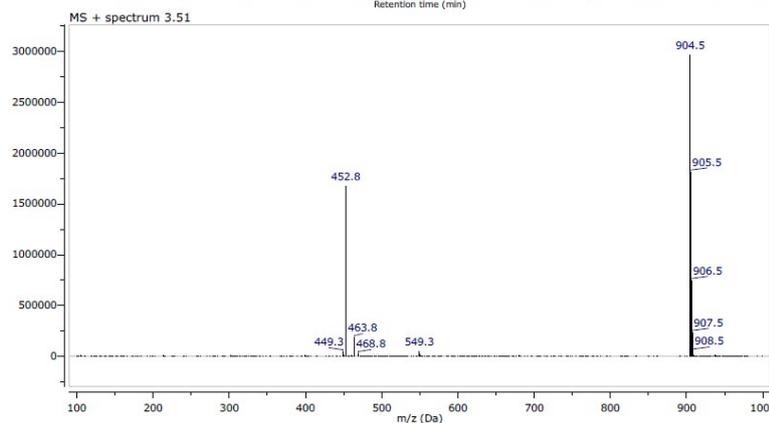
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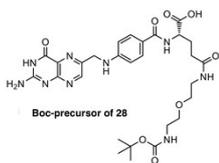


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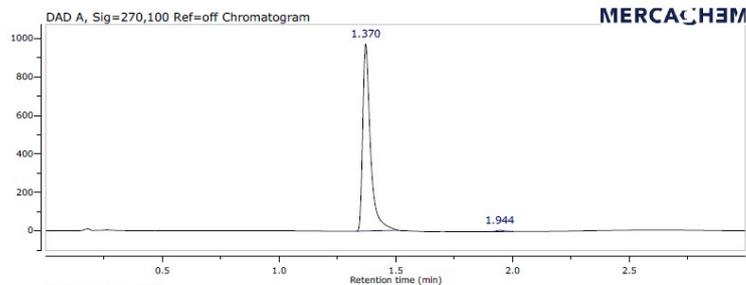
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3.32	740.2	22.61	0.38
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Analyses for compound 29 and its synthetic intermediates

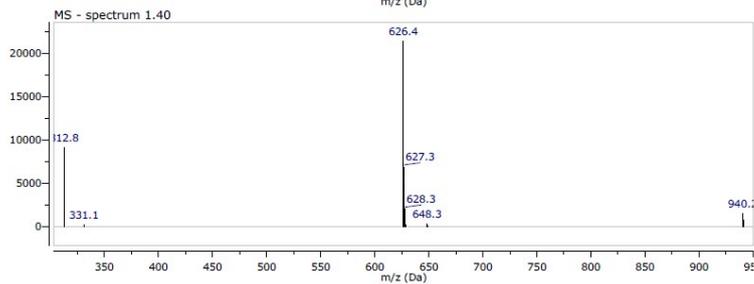
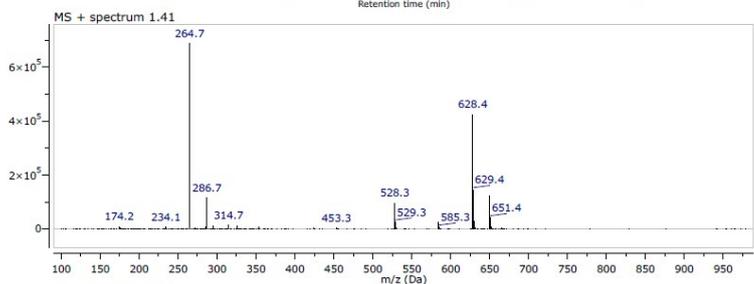


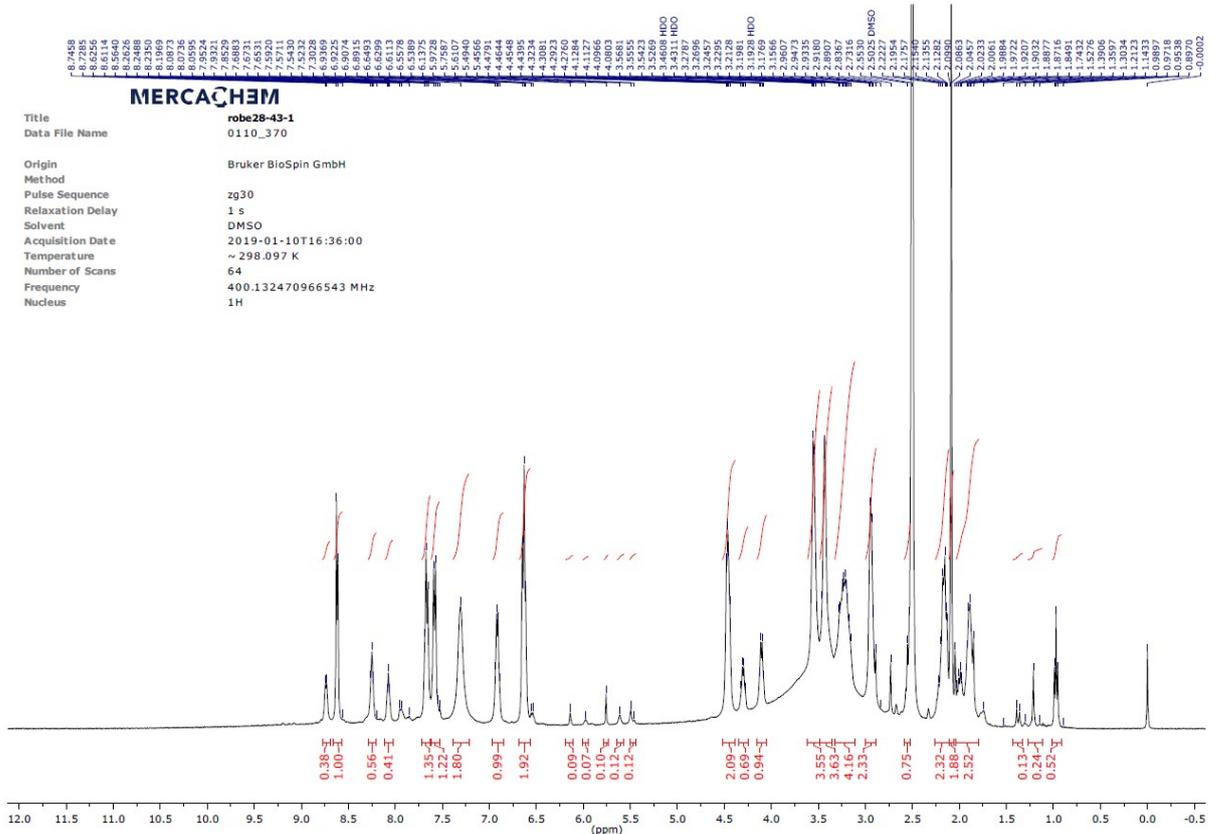
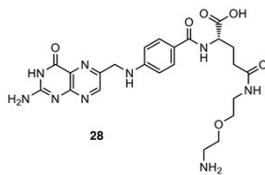
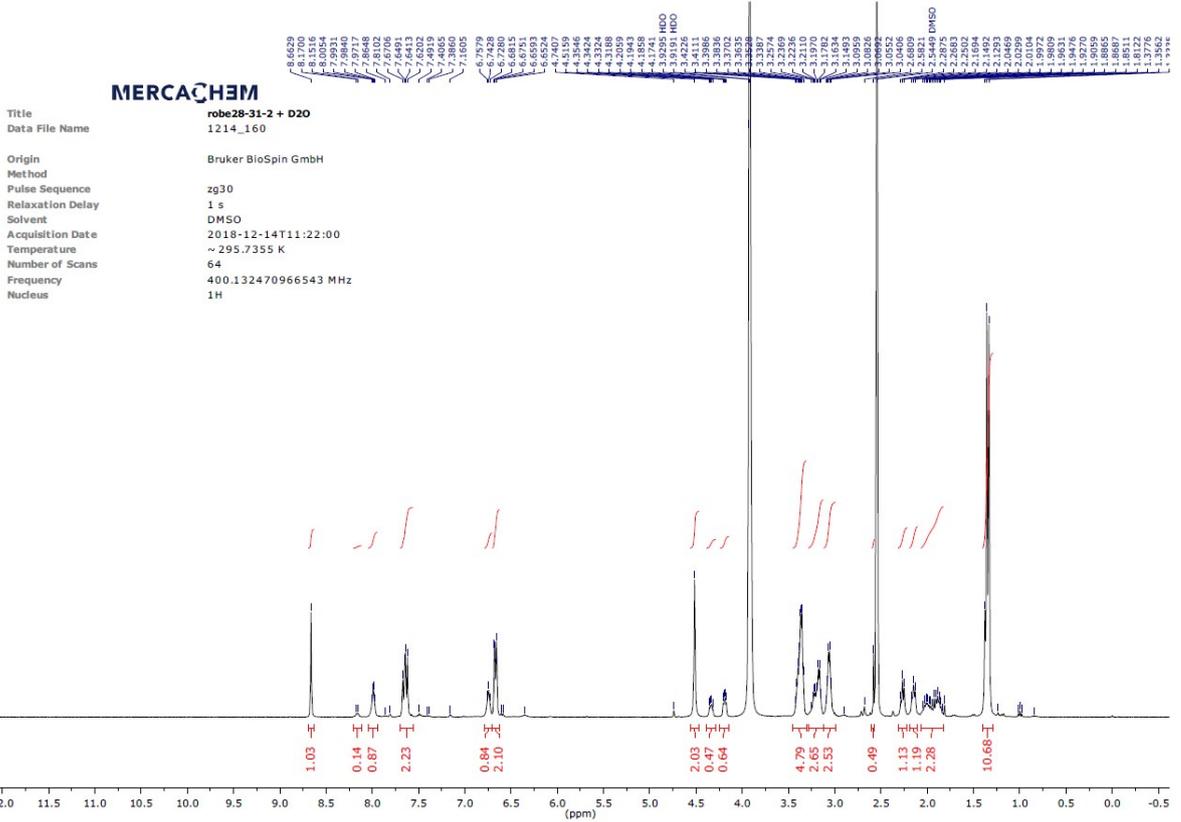
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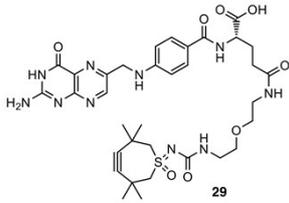


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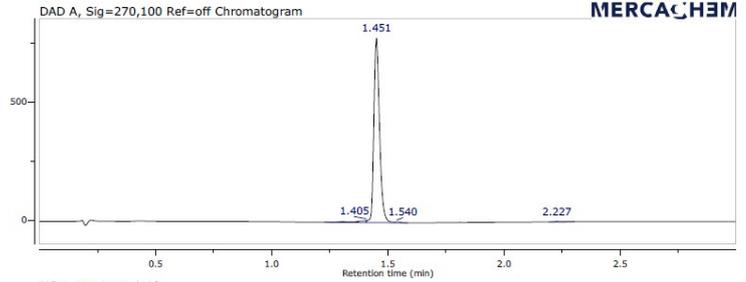
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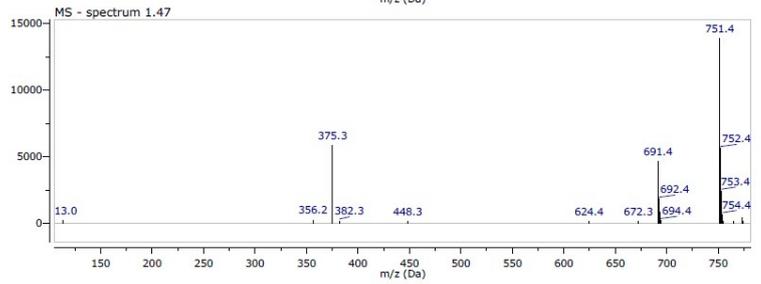
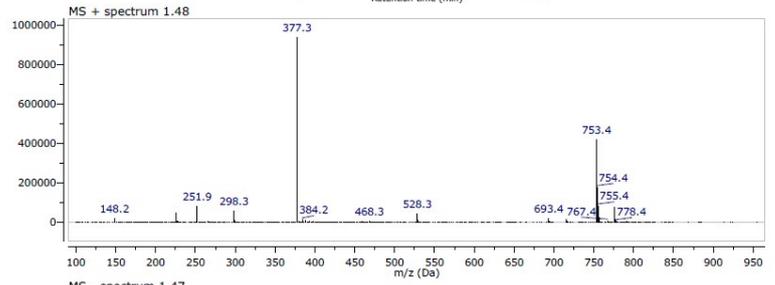


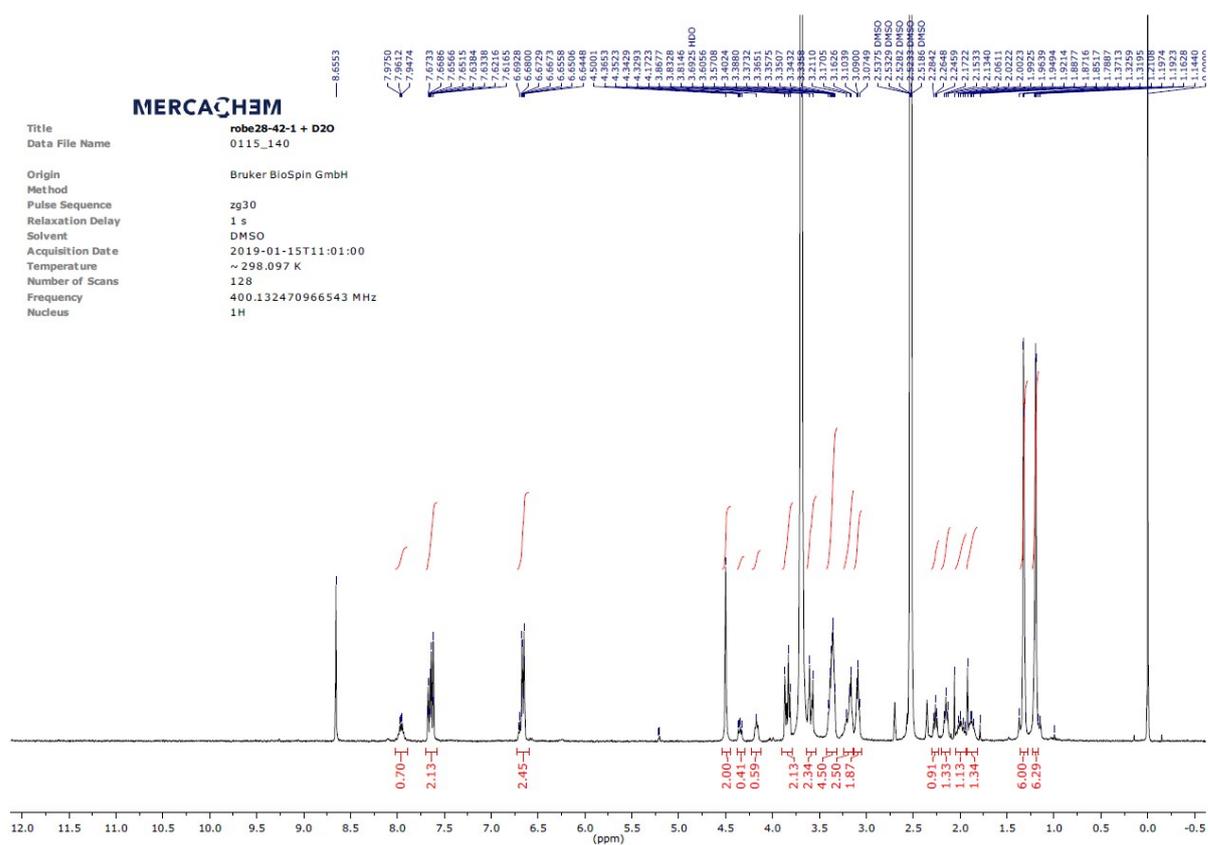
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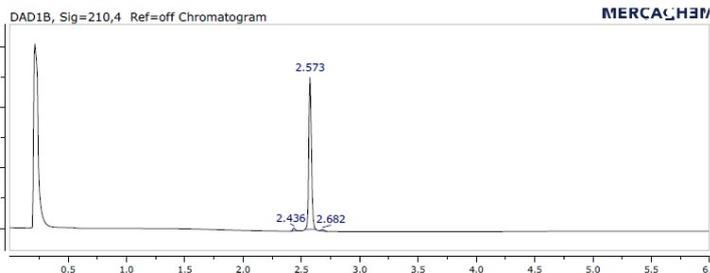
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2.23	1.502	0.04766	0.21





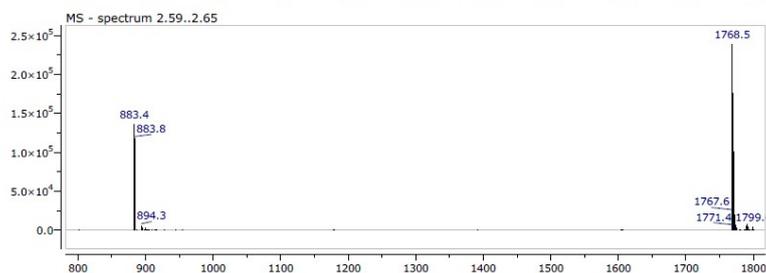
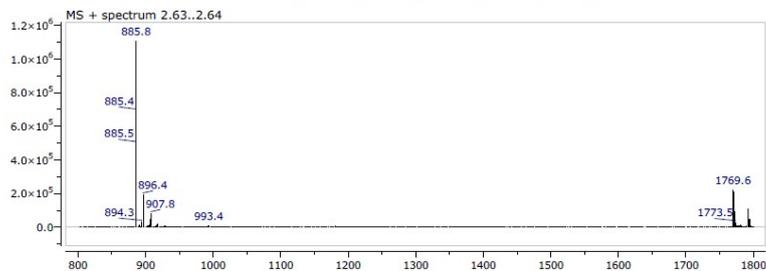
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2.57	2515	78220	97.25
2.68	26.77	853.3	1.06



Detailed NMR-analysis of reaction of TMTHSI-derivatives with nanoparticles

A plot was generated (Figure S1) with overlaid 2D HMBC ^{15}N - ^1H spectra of reference TMTHSI-PEG5000 click reacted TTz adduct in KPi 50 mM pH 7.1 D_2O , together with nanoparticle (NP749) azide reference at 7.6 mg/ml, and (NP739) TTz clicked NP 7.6 mg/ml after coupling to alkyne modified HER1 peptide.

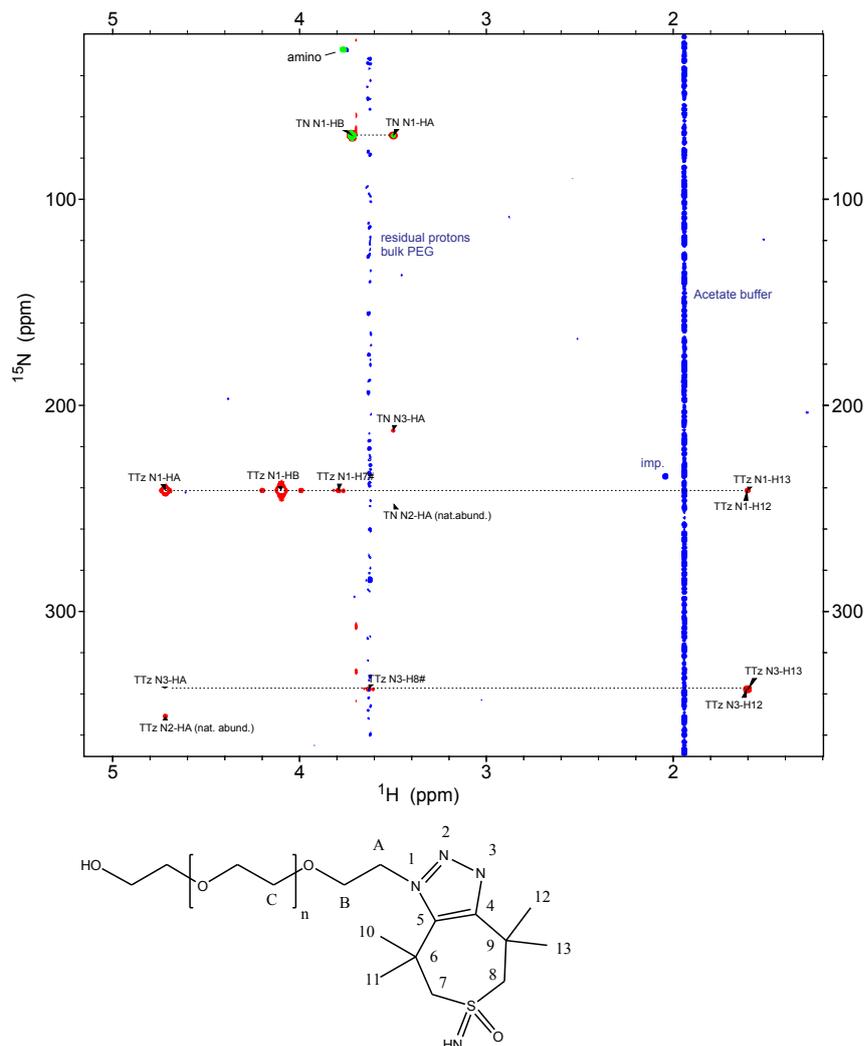
The sensitivity of the long-range ^{15}N HMBC experiment was greatly enhanced by making use of ^{15}N -N1 sodium azide as for preparation of the azide linker in PEG5000 and of the exterior PEG chains of NP particles. Effectively, this labelling strategy led to overall 50% ^{15}N -labelling on positions N1 and N3 in coupled azides and thus in formed triazole rings after the click reaction. The sensitivity of long-range ^2JNH and ^3JHN correlations to N1 and N3 was therefore $\sim 160\text{x}$ fold higher than would be case using standard - unlabelled- azide. Correlations from proton to nitrogen N2 had a decreased sensitivity, because the ^{15}N -N2 nitrogen atom remained present at the natural abundance with this method.

Connection of ^{15}N -labelled azide to protons of neighbouring PEG- CH_2 was well detectable (even at a low load factor) when attached to the large NP. We contributed this efficient magnetization transfer largely to the favourable dynamic properties of the freely rotatable PEG chains with its azide end group. The percentage of conversion from azide to the triazole moiety was conveniently monitored by the gradual disappearance and final absence of these azide correlations in the HMBC spectrum.

We noted that newly formed CH_2 - ^1H to ^{15}N correlations in the HMBC spectrum corresponding to formation of the triazole-ring were well detected in the TMTHSI-PEG5000 model system, but also for the NPs functionalized with PEG- N_3 . In contrast, the triazole-linked moiety becomes less mobile in the NP after the click reaction. Therefore, the peaks started to become broader and were less efficiently detected via their long-range ^1H - ^{15}N couplings. For that reason triazole peaks were often missing in the spectra of the clicked NP, but conversion efficiency of the click reaction could be still estimated from the intensity loss against those from the original HMBC azide cross peaks to the intensities in the corresponding NP reference sample with unreacted azide groups.

Figure S1. Overlay of HMBC spectra of azido nanoparticles NP739-NP749 after the click reaction and TMTHSI-PEG5000 click adduct.

Overlay HMBC ^{15}N - ^1H spectra NP739, NP 749 and THMTSI-PEG5000 reference



red = reference TMTHSI-PEG5000- N_3 [^{15}N - N' / N^3] click reacted triazole adduct (TTz) plus slight excess unreacted PEG5000- N_3 [^{15}N - N'] (TN)

green = NP749 azide reference at 7.6 mg/ml

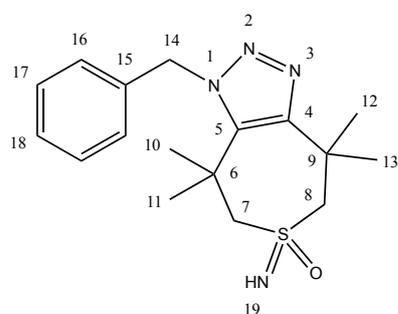
blue = NP739 triazole clicked NP with coupled HER1 peptide at 7.6 mg/ml

Determination of the reaction rates by real-time NMR spectroscopy: experimental details

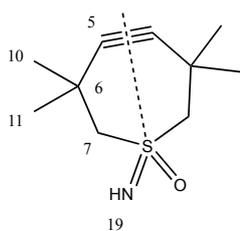
NMR spectra of TMTHSI, BCN-OH and its click reaction products were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 700 MHz, equipped with triple channel TCI cryoprobe. Full characterization of the compounds was carried out by a combination of 1D proton, 1D ^{13}C , and various 2D correlation spectra (DIPS1, NOESY, ROESY, ^{15}N - ^1H HSQC, ^{15}N - ^1H HMBC, ^{13}C - ^1H HSQC, ^{13}C - ^1H HMBC, for the assignments and chemical shifts, see the tables below). Monitoring in real-time of the reaction between TMTHSI at 5 mM and 6.6 mM Benzylazide (BA, slight molar excess) was carried out in CDCl_3 . Small aliquots of concentrated stock solution of BA were instantly added to a pre-made TMTHSI solution in CDCl_3 that yielded final concentrations of 5 mM TMTHSI and 6.38 mM BA. After vigorously vortexing the Eppendorf tube with reaction components the reaction solution was quickly transferred into a 5 mm NMR tube for immediate data collection by means continuously recording repeated 1D proton

spectra at 25 °C. The first stable 1H 1D spectrum was normally obtained after an initial reaction time of +2m 45s. However, according to the NMR results, the click reaction of TMTHSI was quite fast and nearly complete after already three minutes. This only allowed for data collection up to four to five useful points during integration of proton signals, before chemical conversion is complete after ca. 5-6 minutes.

The same type of setup was used to determine the reference reaction rate between 5.3 mM BCN-OH and 6.7 mM BA (slight excess) under the same experimental conditions. BCN-OH has a limited solubility in chloroform, but still reaches 5 mM concentration under saturated solute conditions. The click reaction between BCN-OH and BA proceed much slower than in the case of TMTHSI and BA. Typically, the BCN-OH reaction was monitored over ca. 12 hours (CDCl₃) necessary for completion at 25 °C, thereby collecting sufficient number of time points for integration and analysis. The proton peak intensities of both starting molecules and reaction product could be fitted exponentially in order to determine the overall reaction rate (Figure S3: identical to the left part of Figure 2 in the paper).



TMTHSI to benzylazide adduct



TMTHSI

Figure S2. NMR-atom numbering in click product and in TMTHSI

Chemical shifts TMTzSI and TMTzSI - benzylazide adduct (in ppm rel. to TMS)
 Concentration 17.5 mM in CDCl₃ at 25 °C
 Assignments based on 2D HSQC 13C-1H, HMBC 13C-1H, HMBC 15N-1H, DIPSI, NOESY
 Atom numbering scheme, see the corresponding Chemdraw file

	Group	Atom	Nuc	Shift	SDev	Assignment
TMTzSI (free)	alkyne	C5	13C	101.539	0.006	4
	Cq	C6	13C	34.679	0.007	4
	CH2	C7	13C	71.131	0.004	4
	MeBottom	C10	13C	27.588	0.015	4
	MeTop	C11	13C	26.575	0.003	4
	NdH	N19	15N	98.782	0.000	1

¹⁵N chemical shift are relative to the external reference neat nitromethane-d³ (CD₃NO₂)

	Hbottom	H7a	1H	3.169	0.001	7
	Htop	H7b	1H	3.248	0.002	8
	MeBottom	H10	1H	1.286	0.001	7
	MeTop	H11	1H	1.449	0.001	7
	t					
TMTz-BA adduct	TMT	C10	13C	28.845	0.009	4
	TMT	C11	13C	29.427	0.010	4
	TMT	C12	13C	30.653	0.011	4
	TMT	C13	13C	30.787	0.011	4
	TMT	C14	13C	54.679	0.002	3
	TMT	C15	13C	135.740	0.003	2
	TMT	C16	13C	126.385	0.003	5
	TMT	C17	13C	129.016	0.004	3
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	TMT	C4	13C	148.862	0.008	3
	TMT	C5	13C	137.243	0.007	4
	TMT	C6	13C	33.798	0.003	3
	TMT	C7	13C	68.415	0.003	5
	TMT	C8	13C	67.431	0.002	5
	TMT	C9	13C	34.104	0.002	3
	TMT	H10	1H	1.444	0.001	10
	TMT	H11	1H	1.438	0.001	10
	TMT	H12	1H	1.705	0.001	9
	TMT	H13	1H	1.701	0.002	8
	TMT	H14	1H	5.731	0.004	15
	TMT	H16#	1H	7.036	0.001	7
	TMT	H17#	1H	7.345	0.001	5
	TMT	H18	1H	7.310	0.003	2
	TMT	H7#	1H	3.455	0.001	13
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	TMT	HN19	1H	2.682	0.001	3
	TMT	N1	15N	242.487	0.028	2
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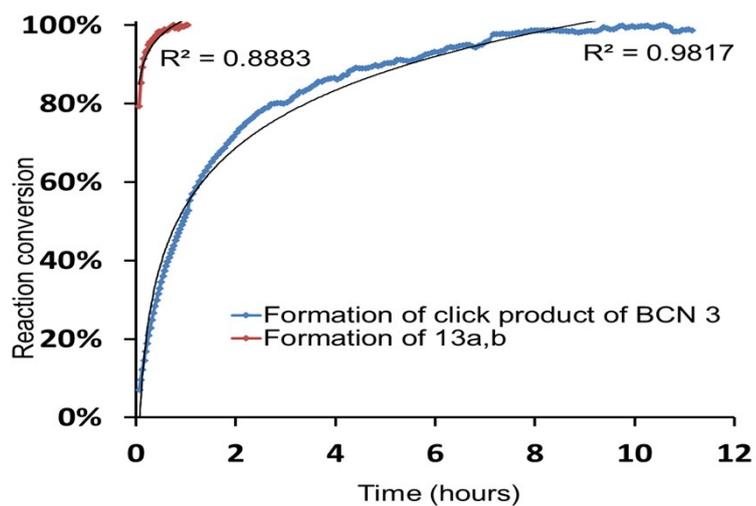


Figure S3. Determination of the reaction rate of the strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition reaction of TMTHSI **12** and benzyl azide by NMR. Reaction of 5 mM TMTHSI and 6.38 mM benzyl azide (1:1.3) in CDCl_3 at 25 °C as compared to the reaction of endo-BCN-OH **3** (4.75 mM) and benzyl azide (6.02 mM) determined by NMR in CDCl_3

Determination of the reaction rates by real-time mass spectrometric analysis: general considerations

Direct monitoring of the various species involved in a reaction may allow elucidating reaction mechanism and establishing its reaction kinetics. Typically, the reactivity of copper free click chemistry reagents (alkynes) was determined by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) to monitor the formation of the triazole product from the alkyne of choice and benzylazide (BA) over time. However, due to the relative long sample handling and inherent insensitivity of a standard ^1H NMR experiment, this method is limited to monitor relatively slow reaction rates in a time range above say 1-3 minutes without resorting to special equipment. Other fluorescence and absorption-based spectroscopy methods are more suitable in terms of fast detection, but are more or less limited to either emission of light or having different absorption spectrum per chemical species (Johnson KA. Transient-State Kinetic Analysis of Enzyme Reaction Pathways, In: Sigman DS, (Ed) Academic Press, Inc; 1992:1-61; Poloukhine AA, Mbua NE, Wolfert MA, Boons G-J, Popik VV. Selective Labeling of Living Cells by a Photo-Triggered Click Reaction. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2009, 131, 15769-15776; Lang K, Davis L, Wallace S, *et al.* Genetic Encoding of Bicyclononynes and trans-Cyclooctenes for Site-Specific Protein Labeling in Vitro and in Live Mammalian Cells via Rapid Fluorogenic Diels–Alder Reactions. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012, 134, 10317-10320.).

Considering these limitations, there was a great interest to use a technique capable of monitoring entire mass spectrum of a sample in millisecond scale and detecting transient intermediates. High sensitivity and selectivity of mass spectrometry as well as structural information that could be obtained from ion mobility spectrometry (IMS) are the reasons to opt for IMS-MS technique for real-time monitoring of our fast reaction (Figure 2b). Applying the well-established method (Kolakowski BM, Simmons DA, Konermann L. Stopped-flow electrospray ionization mass spectrometry: a new method for studying chemical reaction kinetics in solution. *Rapid Comm. Mass Spec* 2000, 14, 772-776), the consumption of TMTHSI and the formation of product were spontaneously monitored with MS (Figure 2b - Supplementary Figure S1). By plotting the second-order reaction rate graph, the k value of the reaction was determined to be $0.8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ (Figure 2b). The same method was applied to monitor the reaction of BCN-OH with BA. The obtained k value was in satisfactory agreement with $k=0.14 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ that has been previously determined by IR-based measurements (see above references). In addition, the ion mobility of the product explored to identify possible isomeric compounds, nevertheless there was only one mobility species identified for the product (Figure S1c).

Determination of the reaction rates by real-time mass spectrometric analysis: experimental details

In order to monitor the reaction, 5mM of TMTHSI **12** and benzyl azide (1:1) were prepared in water/acetonitrile (1:3) and 0.01% acetic acid at 25 °C. A calibrated QTOF tandem mass spectrometer equipped with traveling wave ion mobility spectrometry (Synapt HDMS G2Si, Waters, Milford, MA, USA), were optimized for the chemical species of the interest. In order to initiate the reaction, 100 μL of TMTHSI

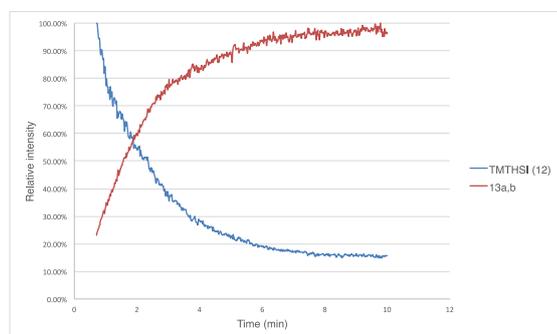
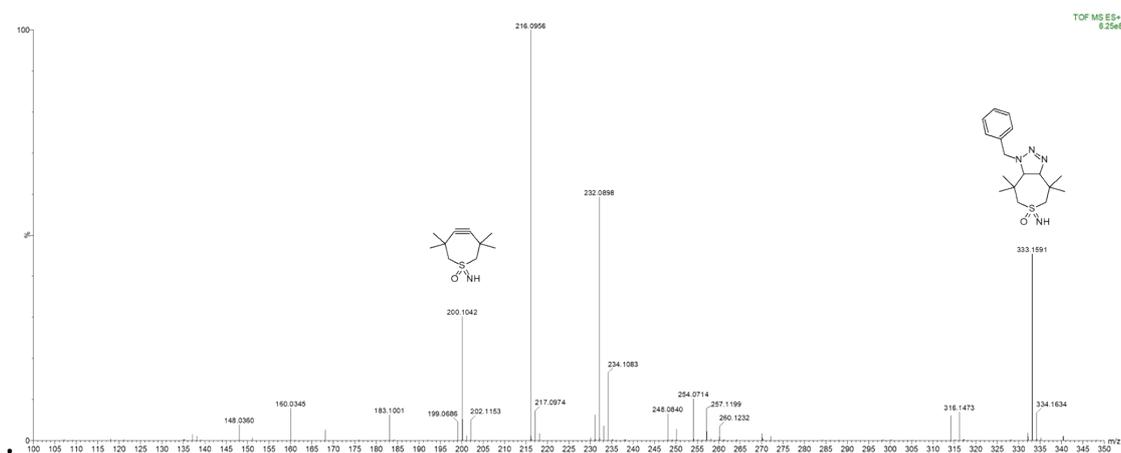
and BA rapidly mixed in an Eppendorf tube and immediately injected to mass spectrometer with electrospray ionization source to monitor the reaction in positive ion mode. The entire mass spectrum of the reaction monitored approximately 30 seconds after mixing of the reactants. The reaction carried out under second order condition according to the following equation:

$$kt = \frac{1}{[B]_0 - [A]_0} \times \frac{[A]_0([B]_0 - [P])}{\ln([A]_0 - [P])[B]_0}$$

k = second order rate constant ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$), t = reaction time (s), $[A]_0$ = the initial concentration of reagent 1 ($mmol.mL^{-1}$), $[B]_0$ = the initial concentration of reagent 2 ($mmol.mL^{-1}$) and $[P]$ = the concentration of product ($mol.L^{-1}$).

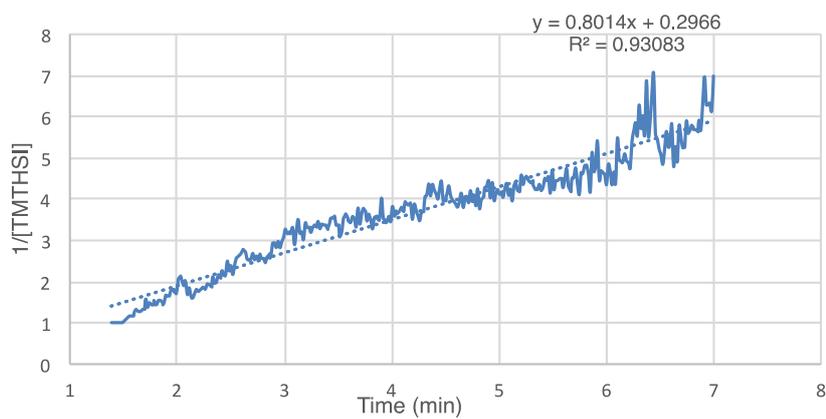
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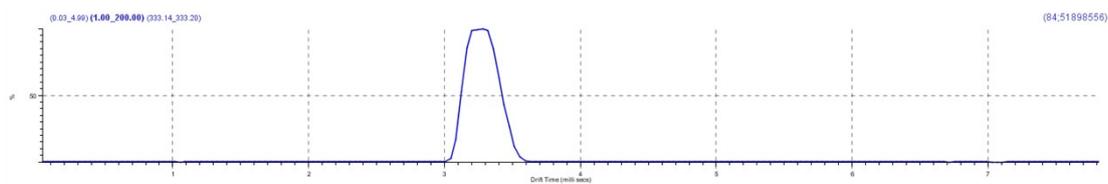


Figure S4. (a) Mass spectrum of the TMTHSI reaction with BA and the product; (b) The relative intensity of TMTSI **12** consumption and triazole product **13a,b** formation; (c) Determination of the reaction rate of TMTHSI consumption from the second order reaction graph; (d) Ion mobility spectrum of the product showing one mobility peak.

Cell culture and flow cytometric analysis of cellular uptake of Cy7 functionalized nanoparticles

A431 cells were cultured in 12-well plates (Cellstar; Greiner Bio-One, Alphen a/d Rijn, The Netherlands) at 37 °C 5% CO₂ in DMEM (BioWhittaker; Lonza, Breda, the Netherlands) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Sigma-Aldrich, Zwijndrecht, the Netherlands) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Sigma-Aldrich). Cy7 labelled (1.7% surface coverage) and unlabeled nanoparticles (0.1 mg/mL polymer content: a) Q. Hu, C. J. Rijcken, R. Bansal, W. E. Hennink, G. Storm, J. Prakash, *Biomaterials*, **2015**, *53*, 370-378; b) Q. Hu, m C. F. rijcken, E. van Gaal, P. Brundel, H. Kostkova, T. Etrych, B. weber, M. Barz, F. Kiessling, J. Prakash, G. Storm, W. E. Hennink, T. Lammers, *J. Contr. Rel.* **2016**, *244*, part B, 314-325.) were added to the cells at 60-80% cell confluency and incubated for 2h or 24h. All experiments were carried out in triplicate. Samples were washed with PBS and harvested using trypsin (Sigma-Aldrich) and collected in 5 ml Polystyrene Round-Bottom tubes (BD Biosciences, Breda, the Netherlands). Cells were re-suspended in PBS/5%FBS and cell-associated fluorescence (10,000 cells per sample) was detected using a FACSCanto II flow cytometer (BD Biosciences).

Visualisation of Cy7 functionalized nanoparticles uptake by cells

Cells were incubated with Cy7 functionalized nanoparticles **27**. After 2 hours and 24 hours of incubation, 69% and 93% of the cells, respectively, had taken up **27**. Also the level of uptake as indicated by the mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) increased in time from 576 after 2h to 1169 after 24h.

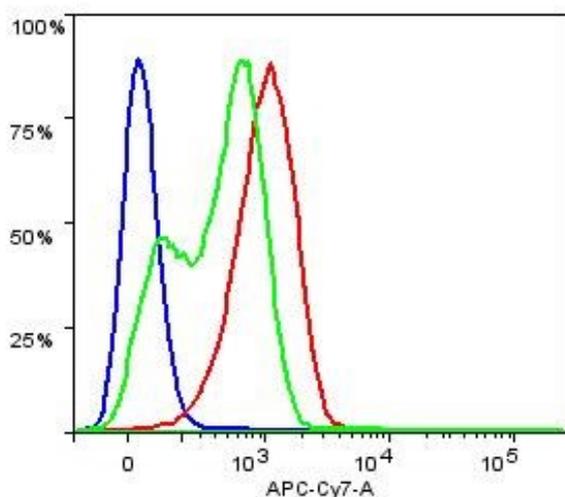


Figure S5. Cy7 functionalized nanoparticles (27) uptake by cells: Histogram plot showing cells treated for 24h with unlabelled CriPec (BLUE curve), and cells treated for 2h (GREEN curve) and 24h (RED curve) with **27**.