

Supporting Information

Chimeric fungal – firefly luciferins exhibit red shifted fungal bioluminescence

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General Experimental

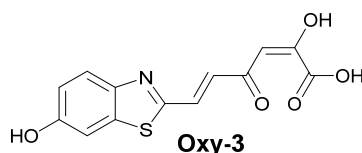
Anhydrous reactions were performed in flame dried glassware under a positive flow of nitrogen gas. Reaction temperatures of 0 °C was achieved by the use of an ice-water bath and of -78 °C by using a dry ice in acetone bath. All commercially available solvents and chemicals were used without further purification. The anhydrous solvents tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM) and toluene were obtained from the in-house drying solvent system. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck aluminum backed DC 60 F254 0.2 mm pre-coated plates. Visualization of the TLC was under ultraviolet light (254 nm or 364 nm). Flash column chromatography was prepared on Gedran silica gel 60, 40-63 µm.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on the following machines: Bruker Avance III 400, Bruker Avance III 600, and Bruker Avance Neo 700 spectrometer. All the NMR spectra were manipulated using MestReNova (Version 11.0). The chemical shift (δ) was reported in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants are quoted in Hertz (Hz). Two-dimensional NMR (COSY, HSQC, and HMBC) were used to assist full assignment where required. A Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FT/IR with 100 µATR machine was used to collect IR spectra under thin film conditions or as a fine solid. Mass spectra were obtained on a ThermoMAT900 and an Accela LC-Finnigan LTQ instruments.

Kinetic analysis of chimera 3 and 6.

Bioluminescence activity and kinetic measurements for **3** and **6** chimeras were performed according to standardised luciferase assay protocols.¹ Each reaction mixture contained 2.5 μL substrate solution, 2.5 μL wild-type luciferase (membrane fraction in extraction buffer: 50 mM HEPES, 0.5 M NaCl, 20% glycerol, pH 8.0, 25 mM DDM) and 120 μL assay buffer (0.2 M NaH_2PO_4 , 0.5 M Na_2SO_4 , 0.05% DDM, pH 8.0). Reactions were conducted at room temperature (20–25 $^\circ\text{C}$). Substrates (**3** and **6**) were dissolved in DMSO and their purity confirmed by LCMS. Substrate concentrations were determined spectrophotometrically using extinction coefficients: **6**, $\epsilon = 10,474 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$; **3**, $\epsilon = 2,666 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$. Luminescence was measured using a Promega GloMax luminometer with 1 min light integration. All assays were performed in duplicate or triplicate, and Michaelis–Menten kinetics were analysed using Prism 9.

Computational data files



Oxychimera **3** (**Oxy-3**) was calculated by density functional calculations (DFT) at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level

Geometry optimisation

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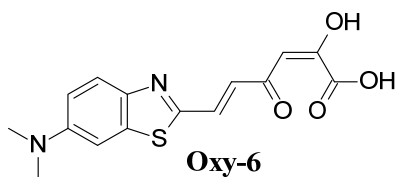
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Oxychimera **6 (Oxy-6)** was calculated by density functional calculations (DFT) at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level

Geomtry optimisation

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Energy calculation for Oxy-6

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Molecular Orbital calculation from the optimised geometry of Chimera 6

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN): (*E*)-3,4-Dimethoxy-6-(2-((2-methoxy)methoxy)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)vinyl)-2H-pyran-2-one (10)

Chemical structure of compound **10** is shown as an inset. The structure is a benzothiazole derivative with a methoxy group at the 6-position, connected at the 2-position to a trans-vinyl group, which is further connected to a 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl ring.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **10** is displayed below the structure. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm (f1), ranging from 0.0 to 9.5. The spectrum shows several peaks, with integration values indicated below the baseline and chemical shift values (δ) labeled above the peaks.

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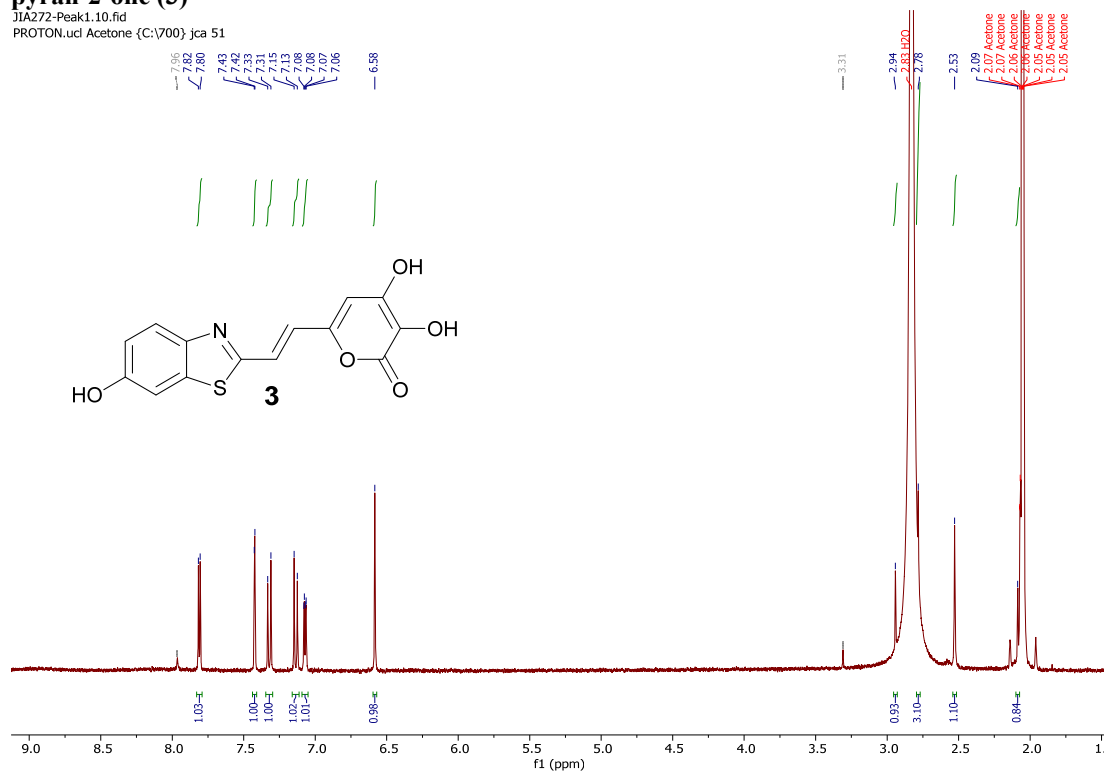
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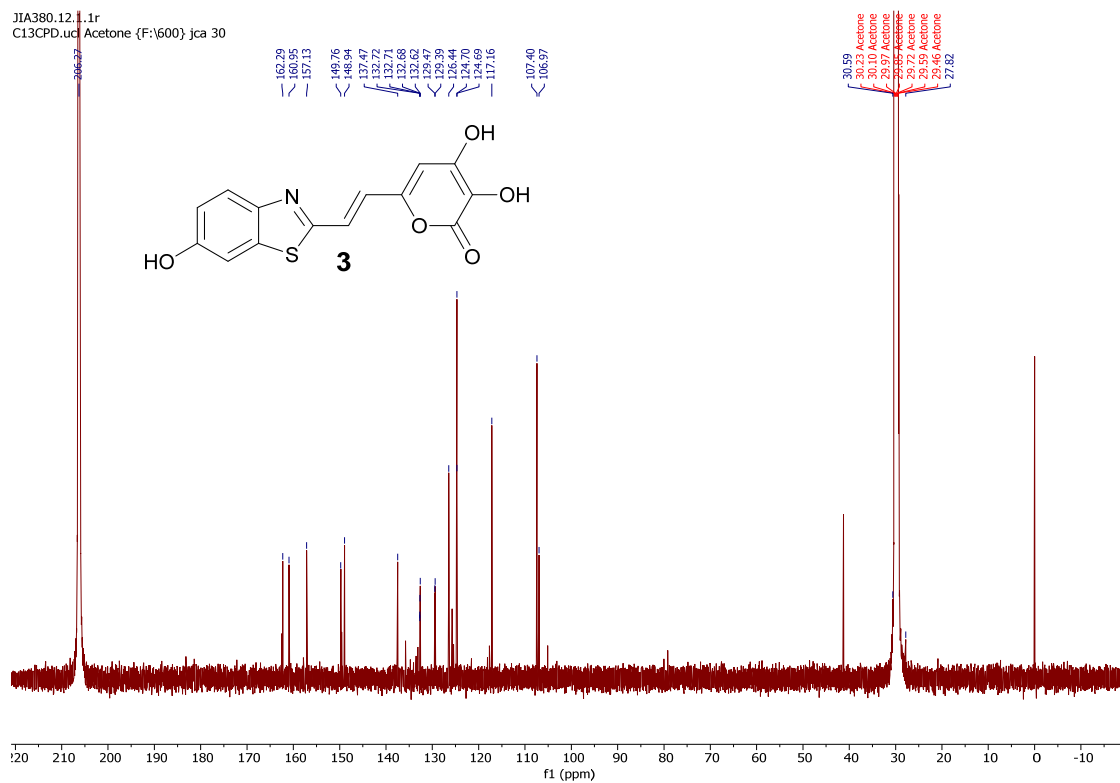
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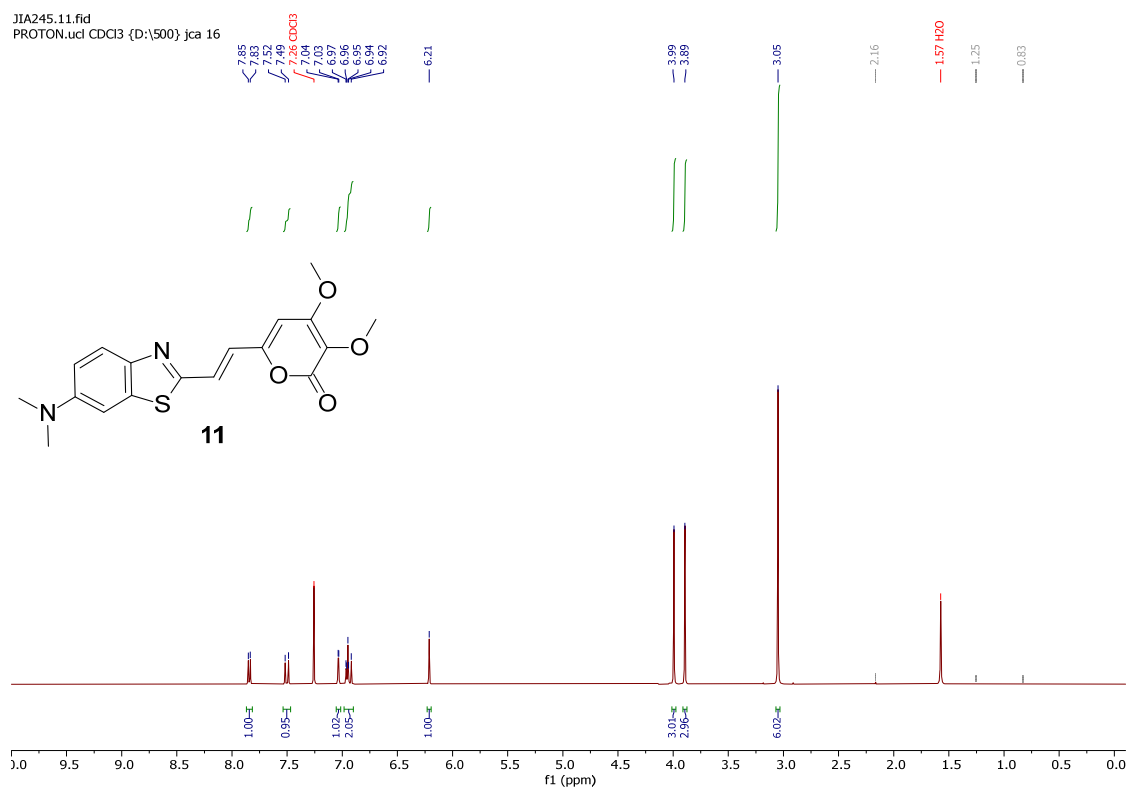
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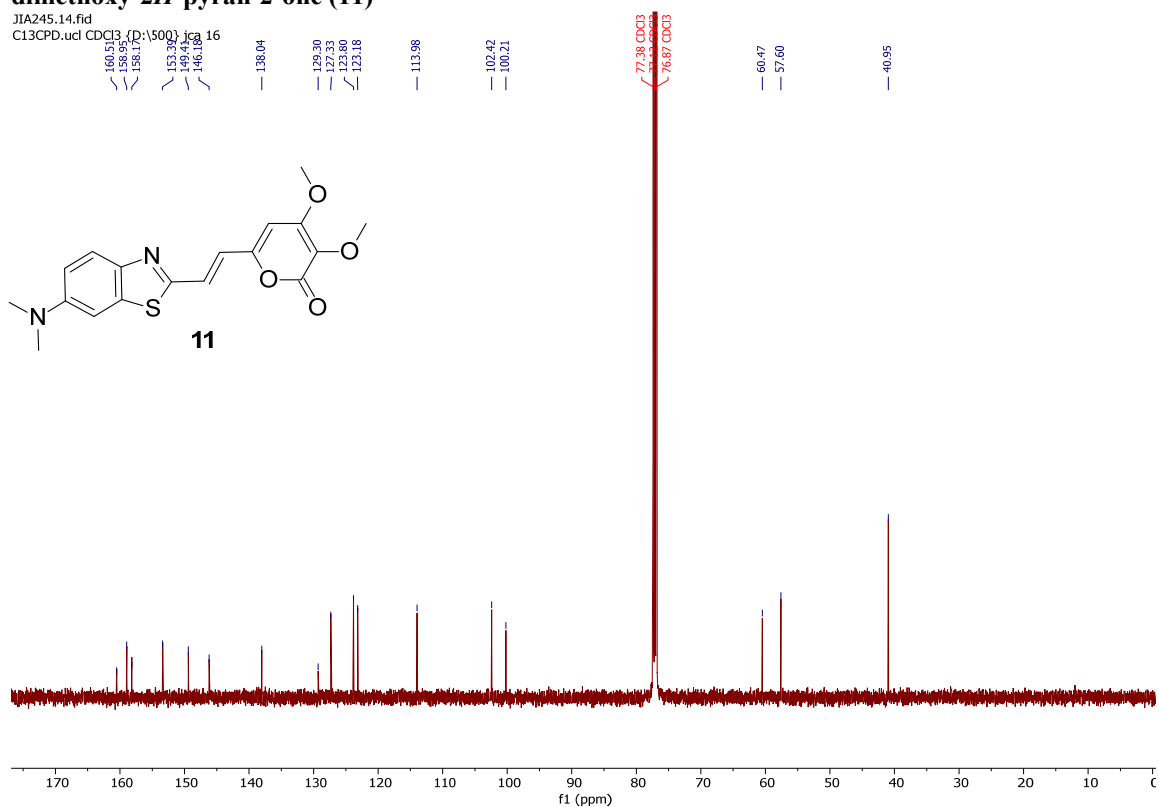
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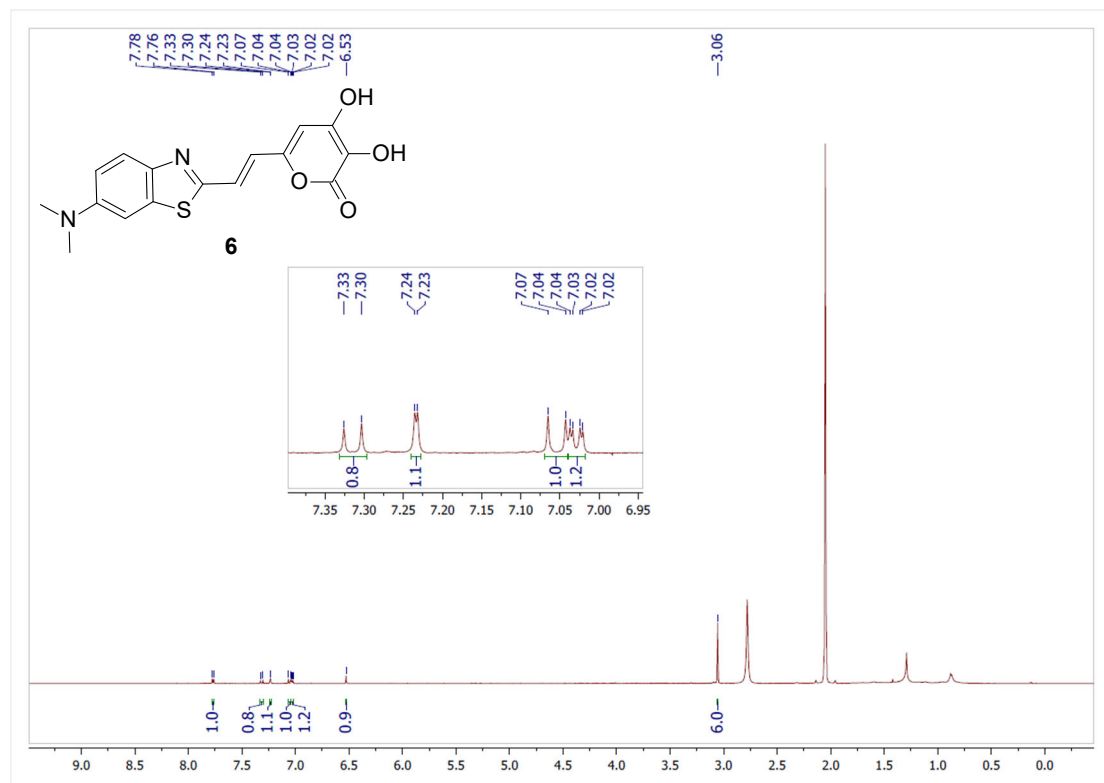


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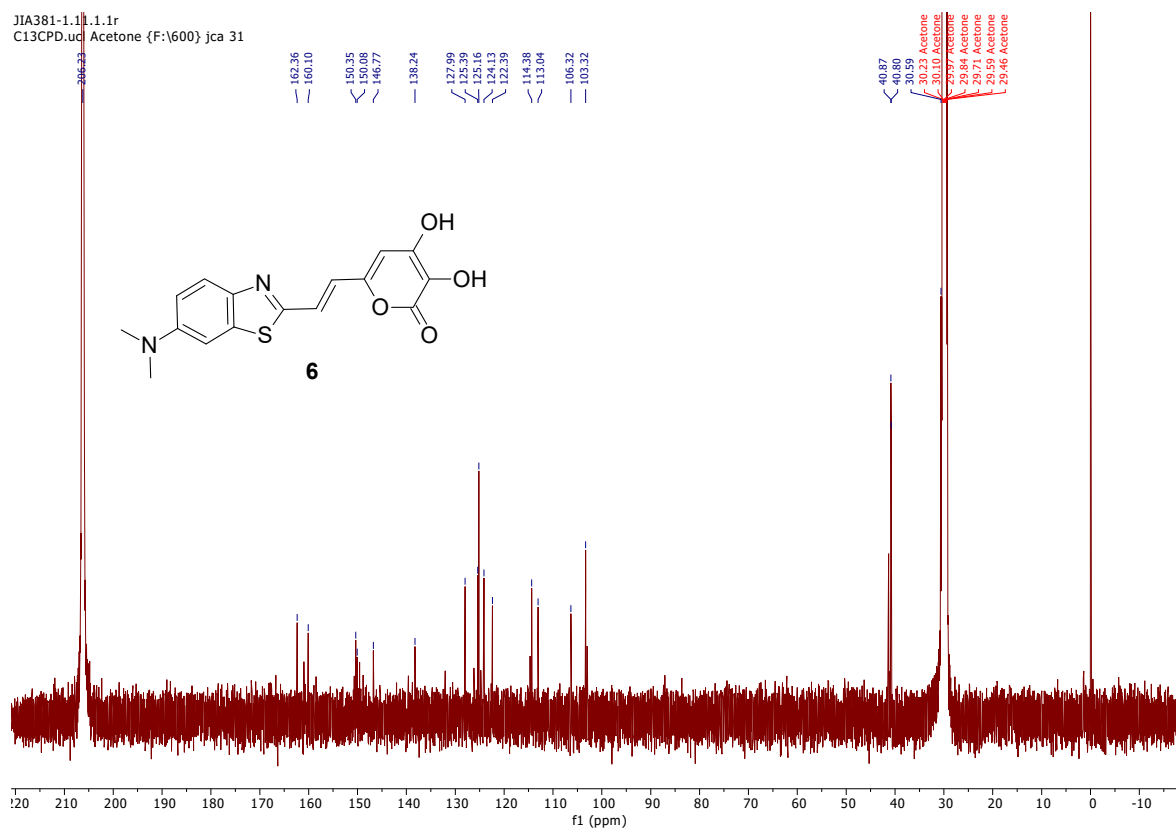
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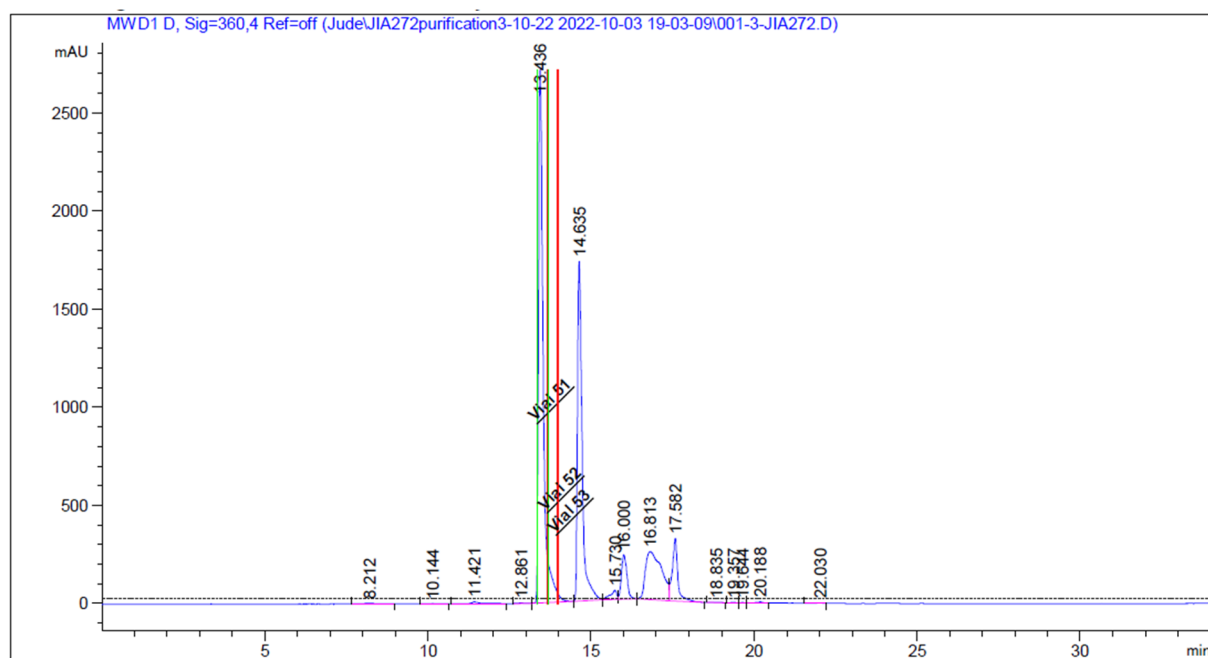
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^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, acetone- d_6): (*E*)-6-(2-(6-(dimethylamino)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)vinyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-2*H*-pyran-2-one (**6**)



HPLC trace of compound **3** with fraction collection



HPLC trace of compound **6** with fraction collection

