

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Organophosphonic acids as viable linkers for the covalent
attachment of polyelectrolyte brushes on silica and mica surfaces**

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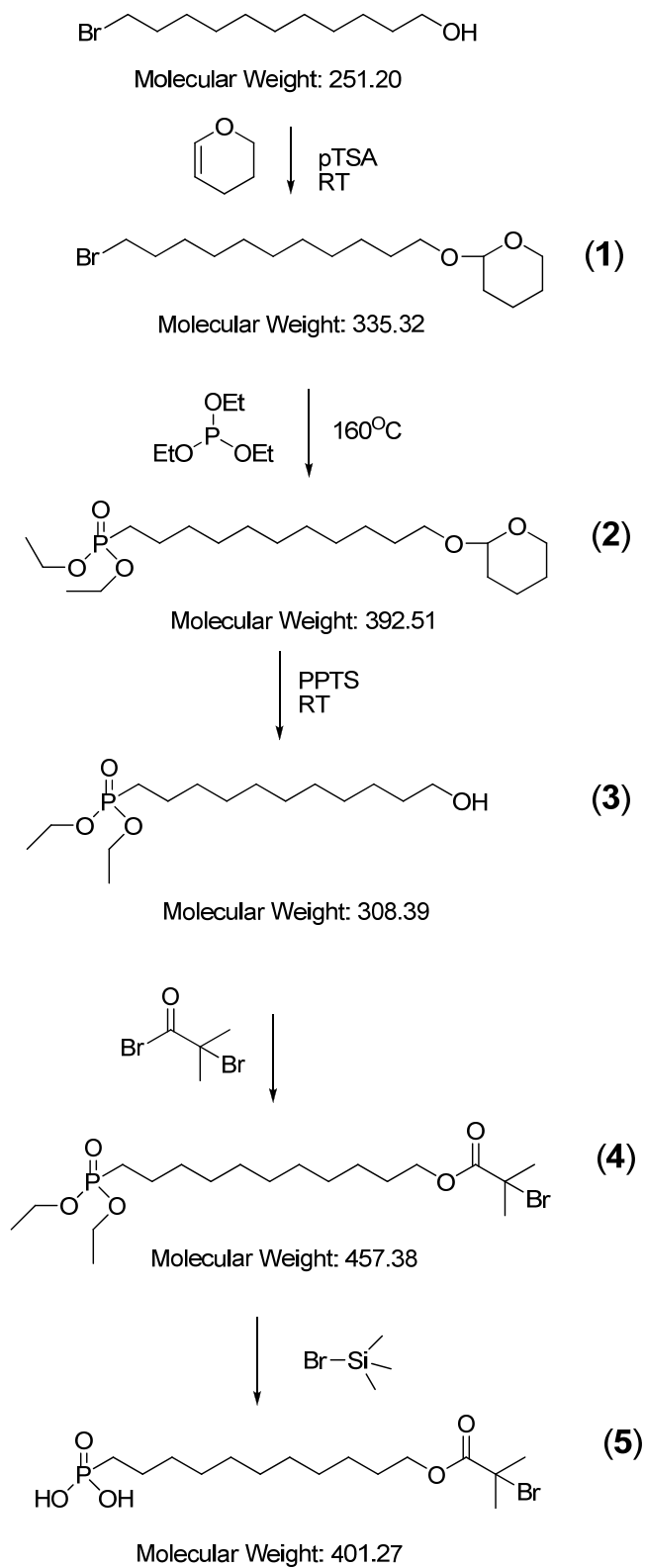


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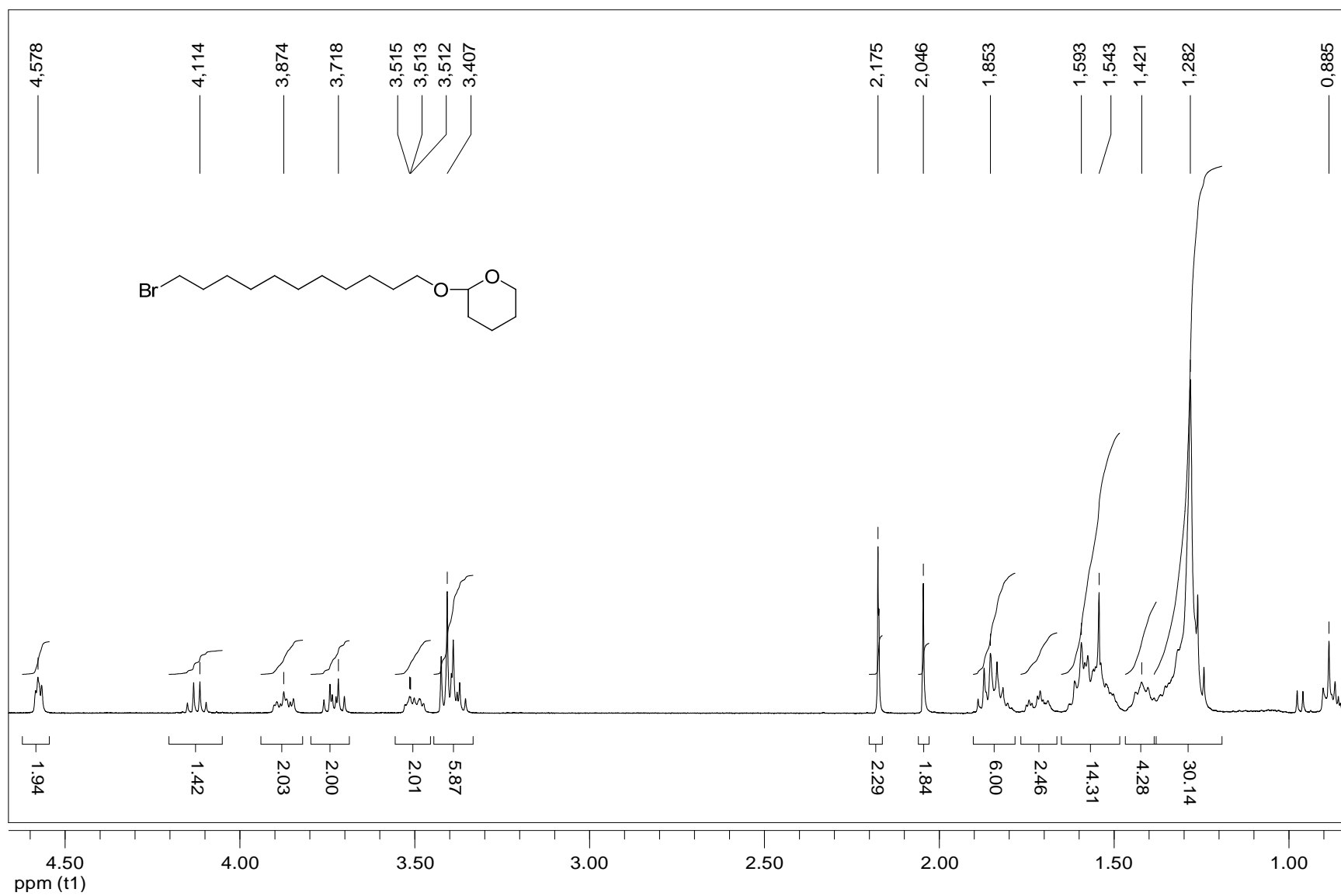


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** in chloroform.

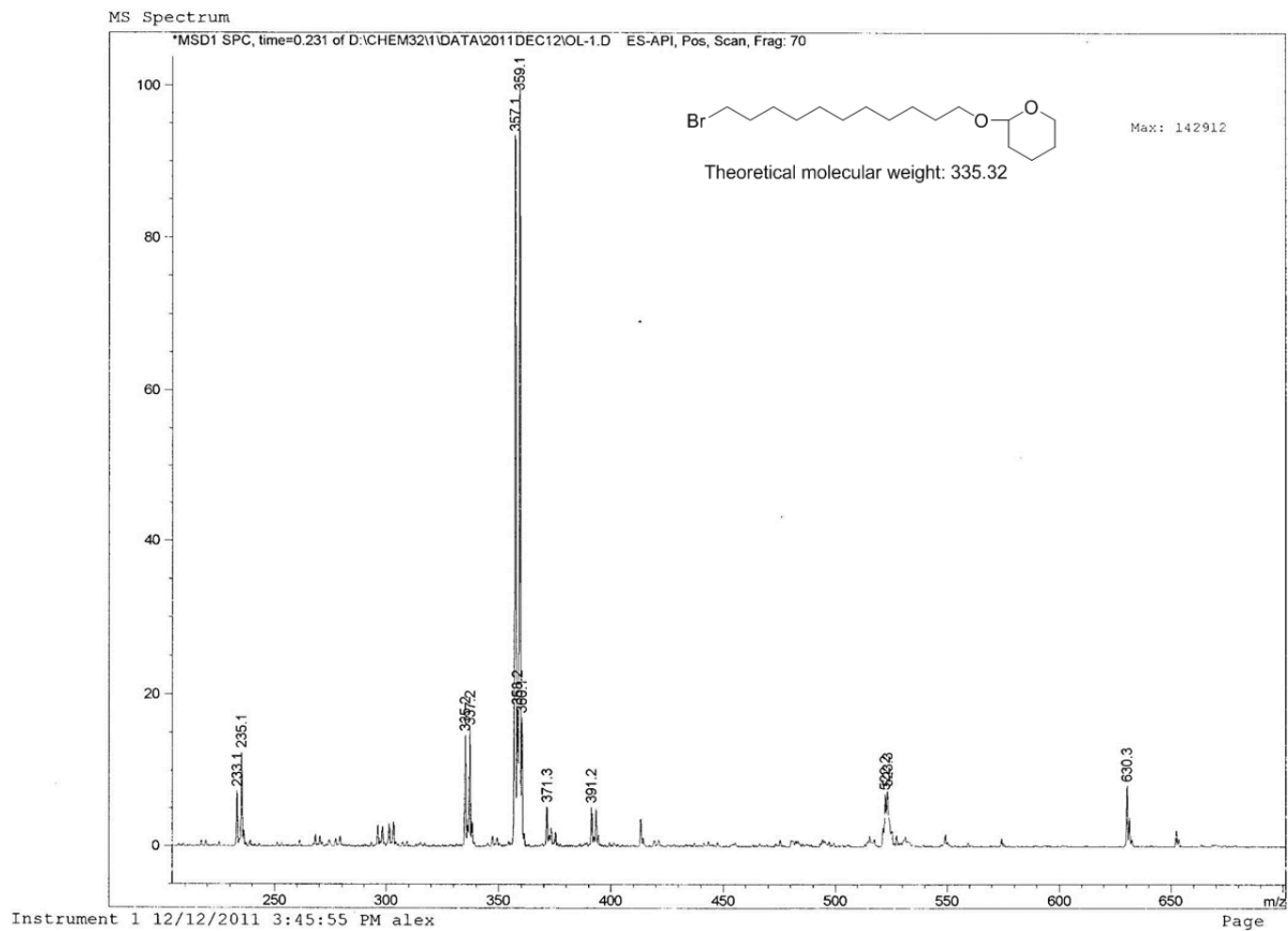


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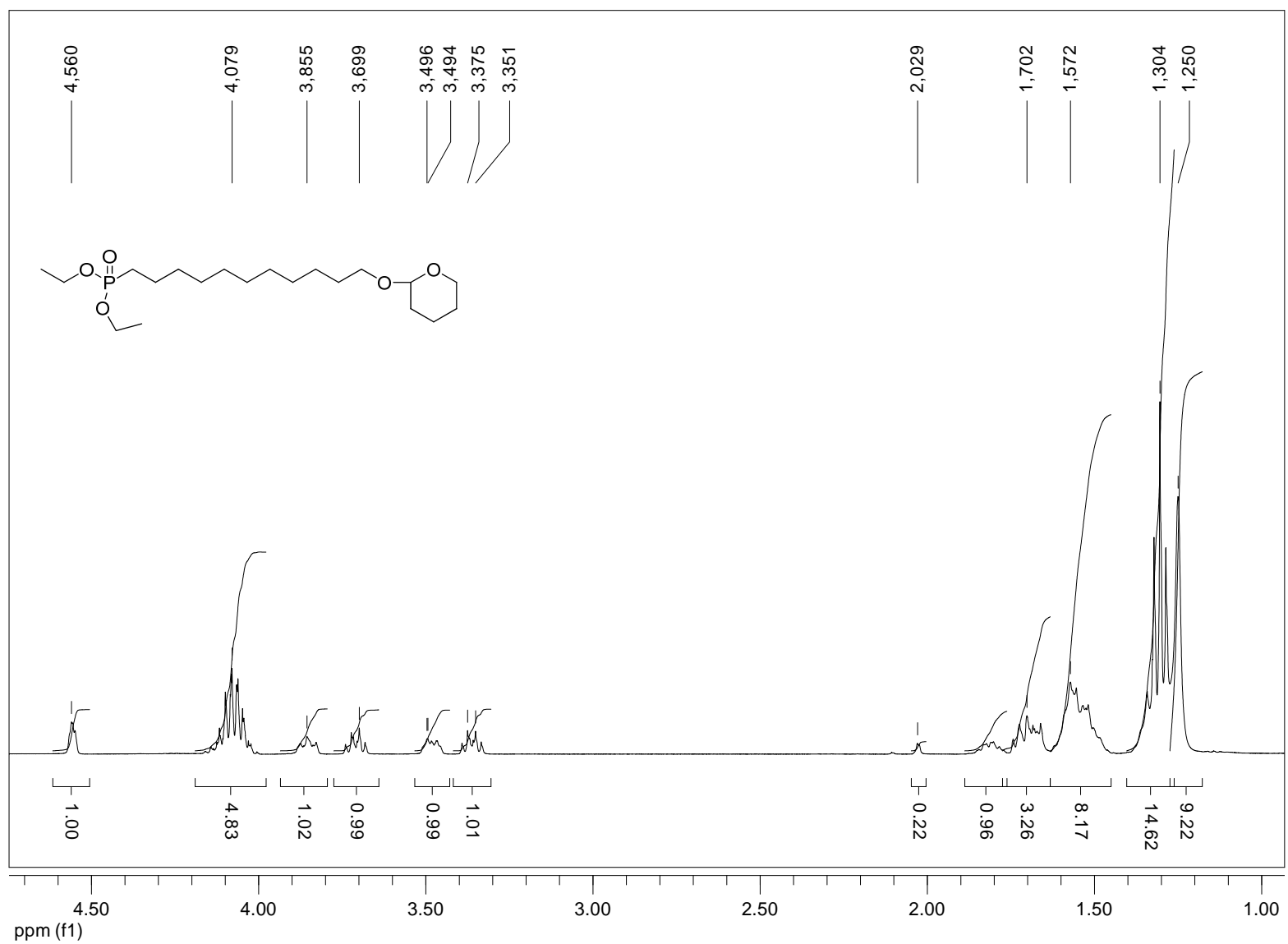


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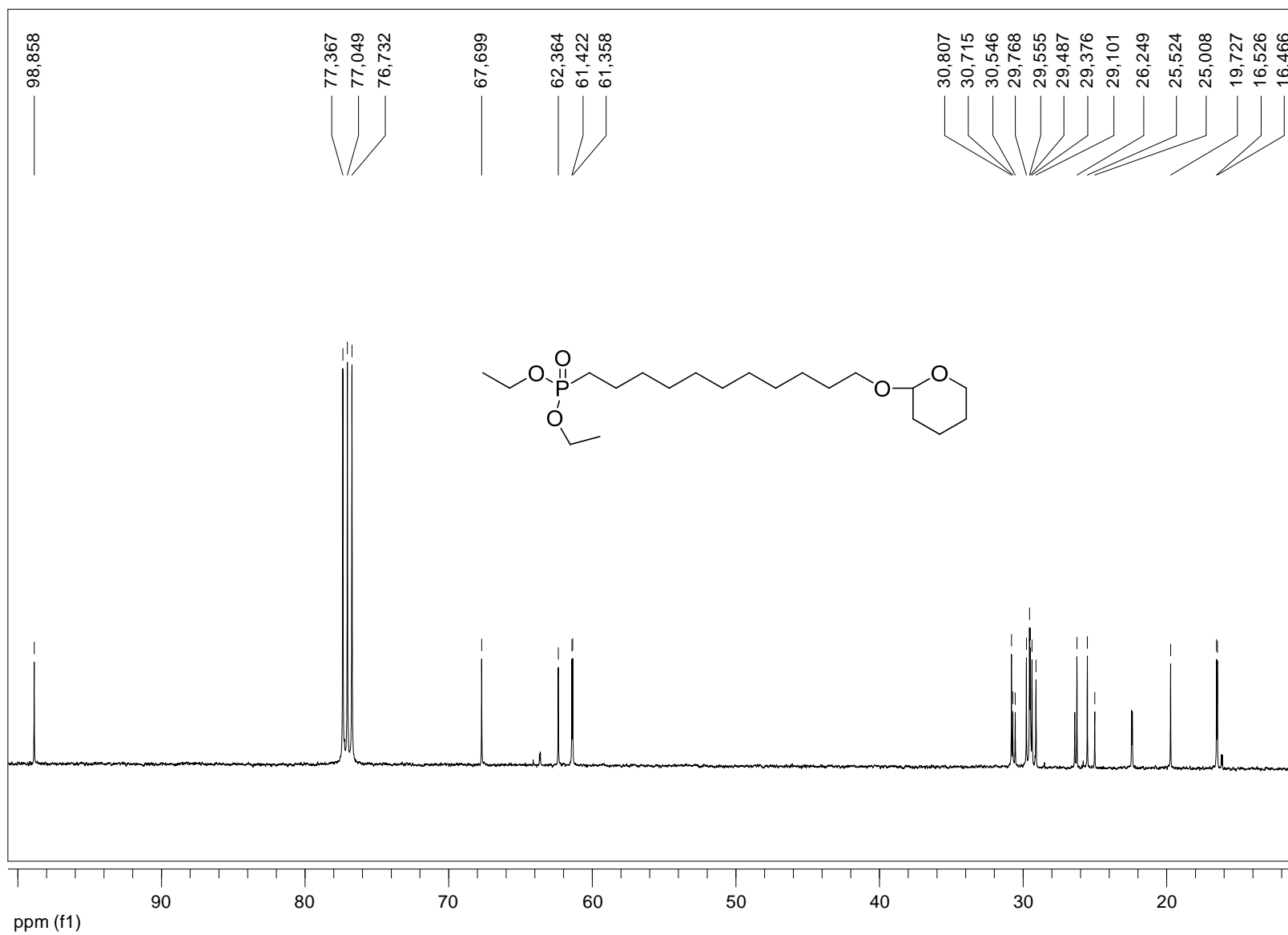


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **2** in chloroform.

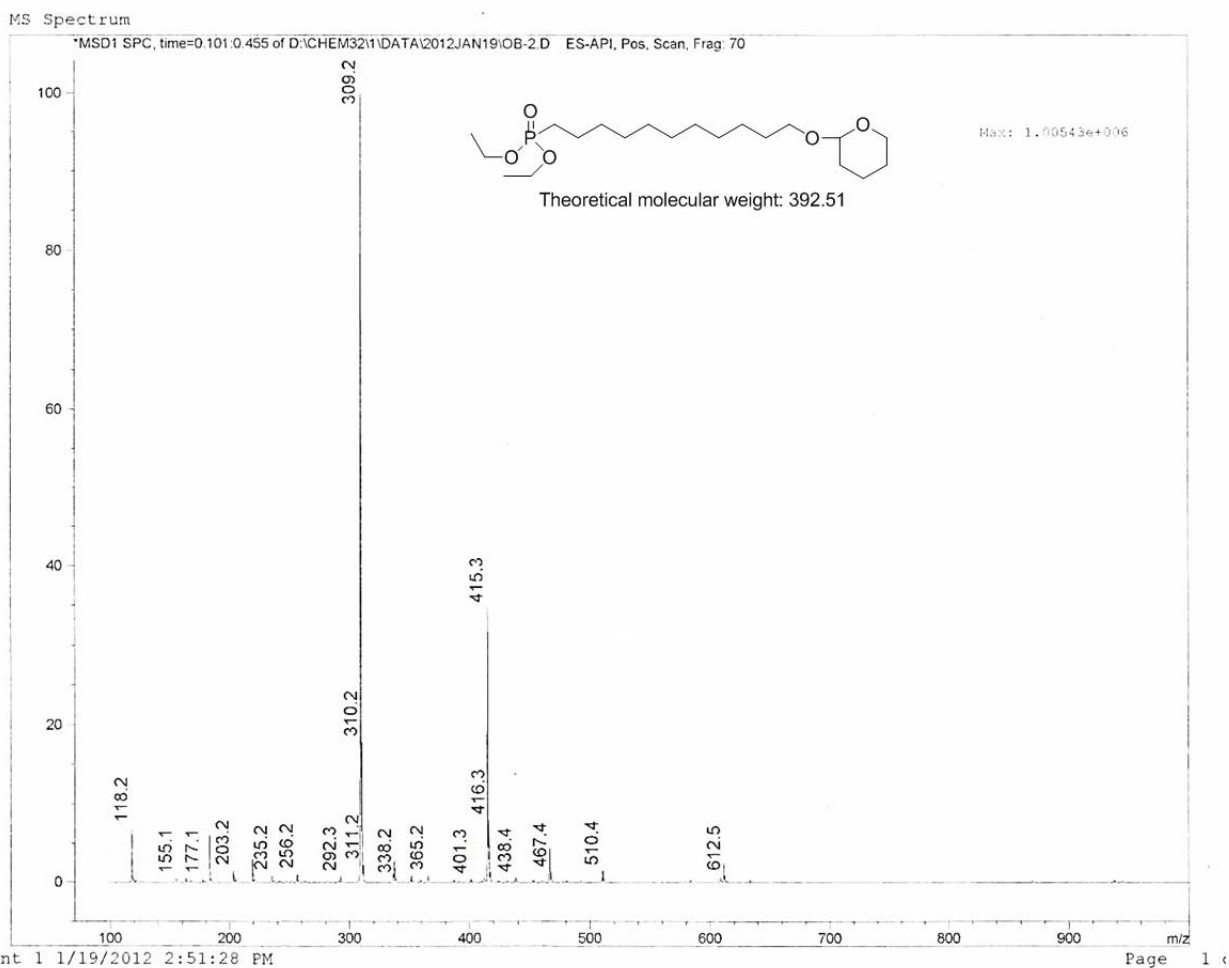


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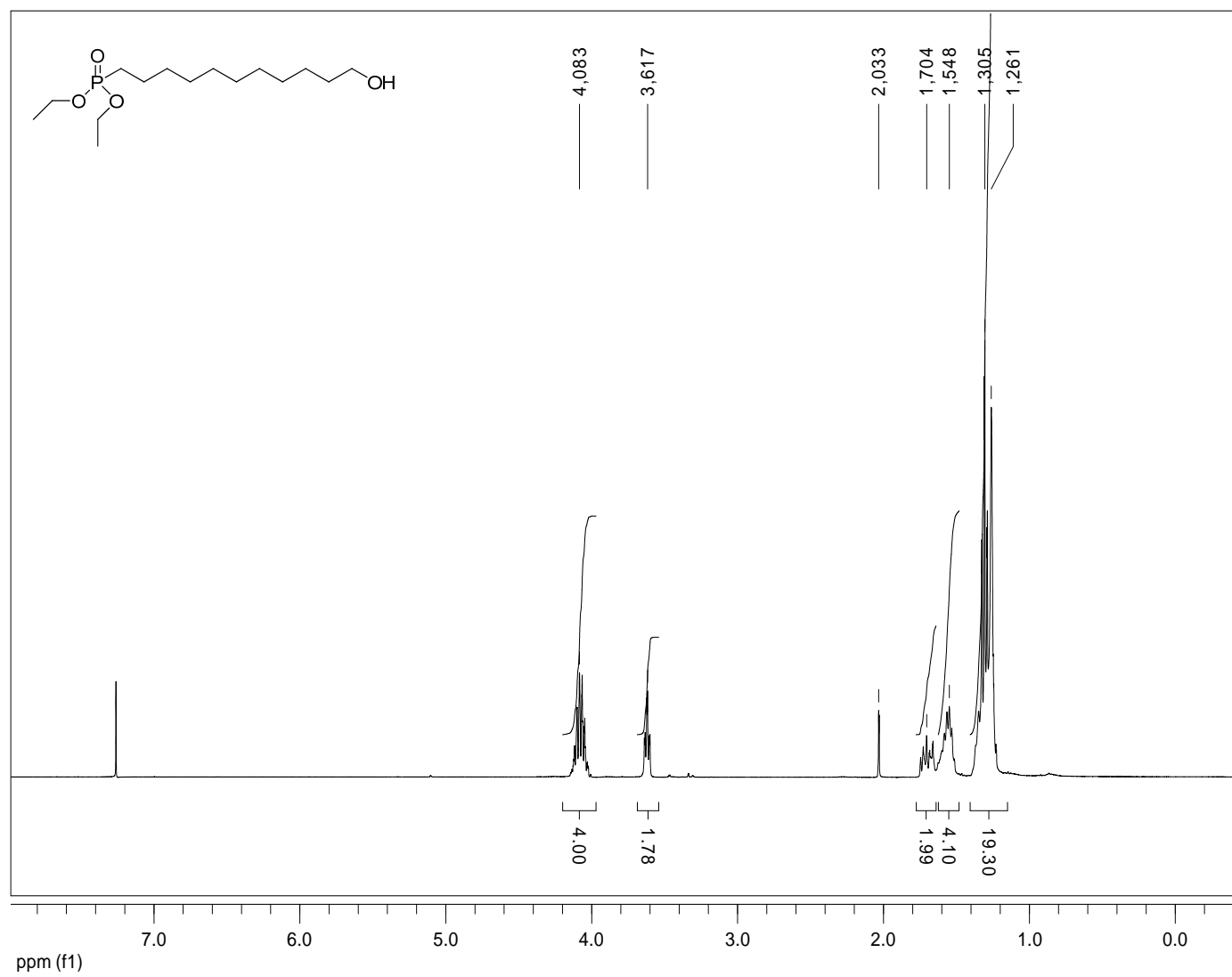


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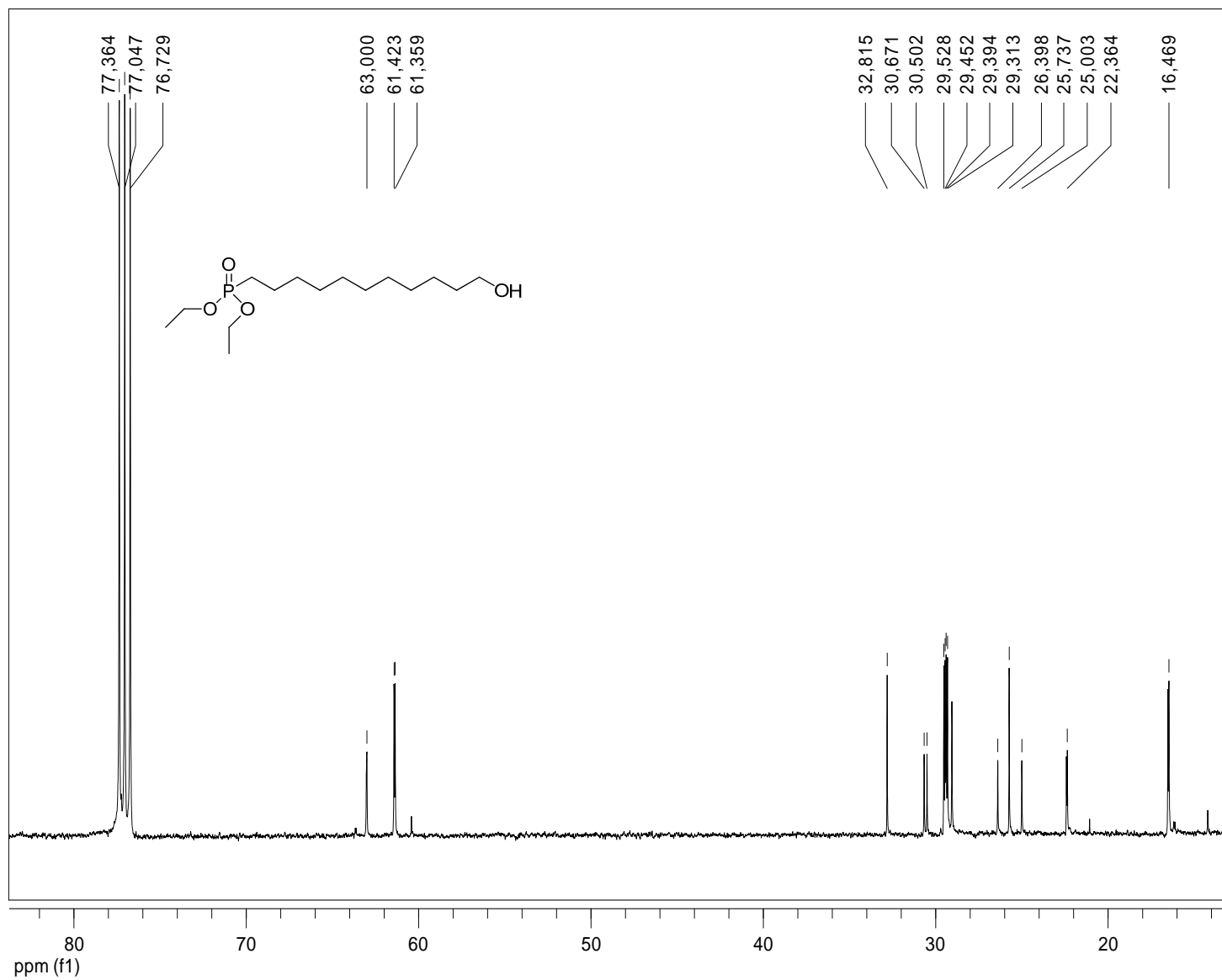


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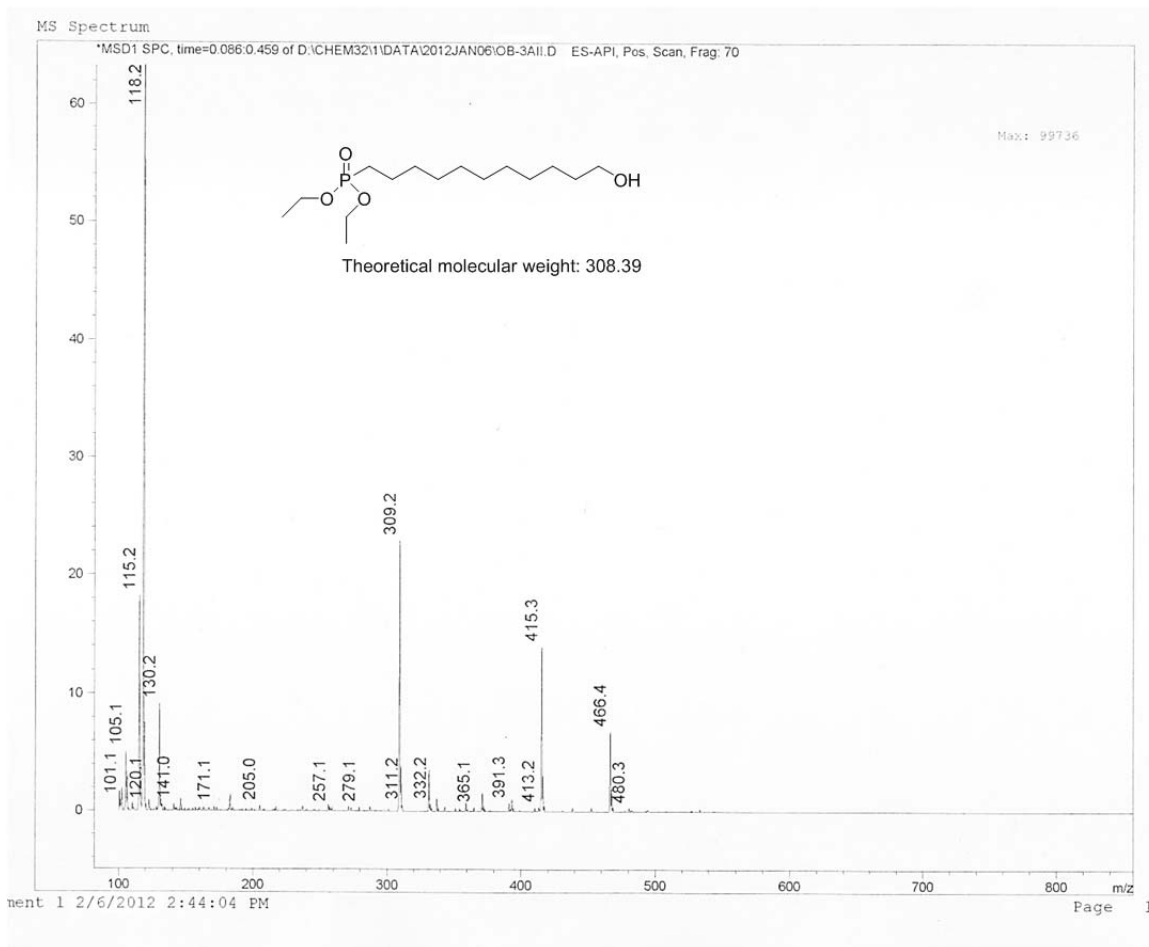


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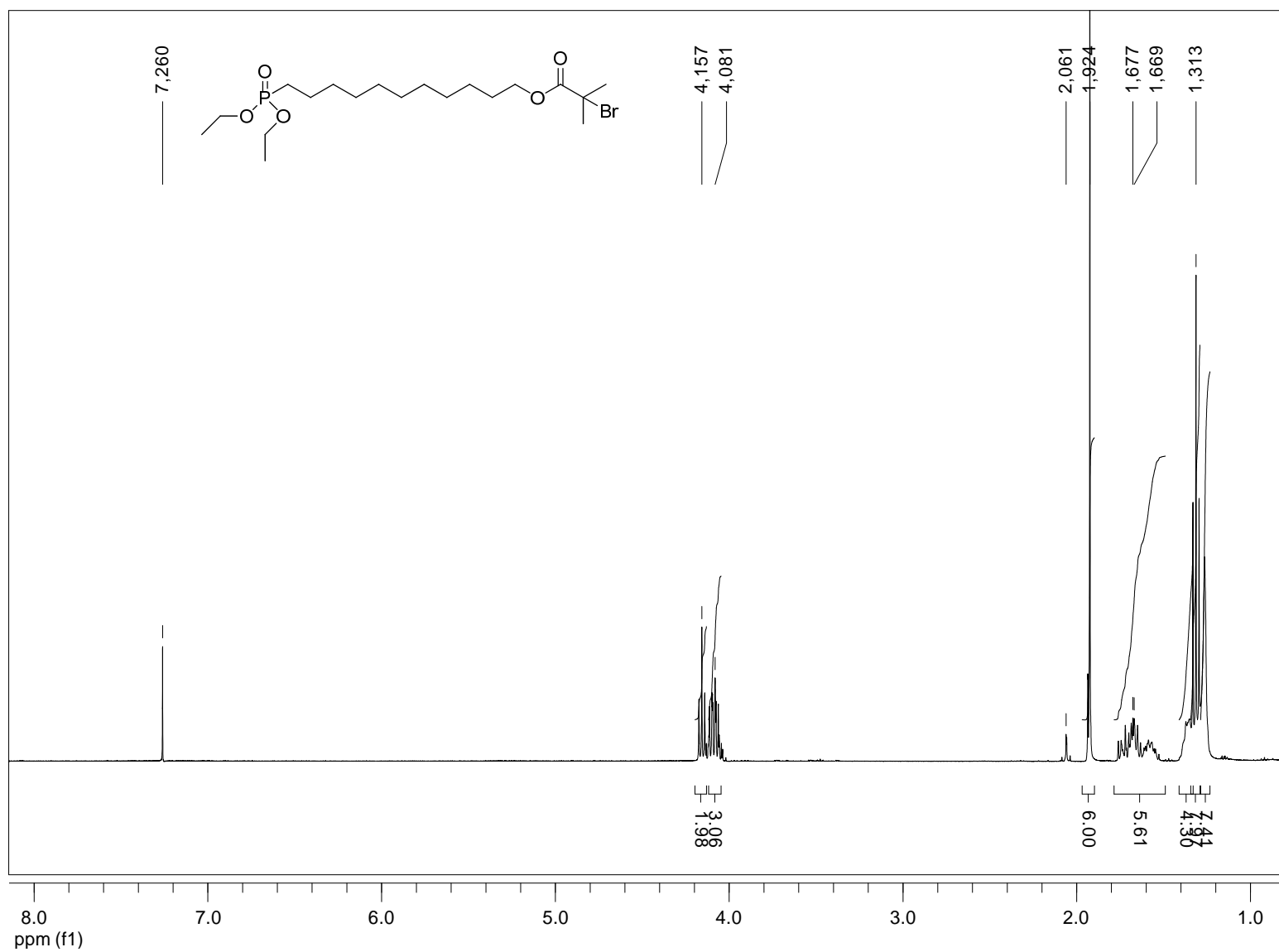


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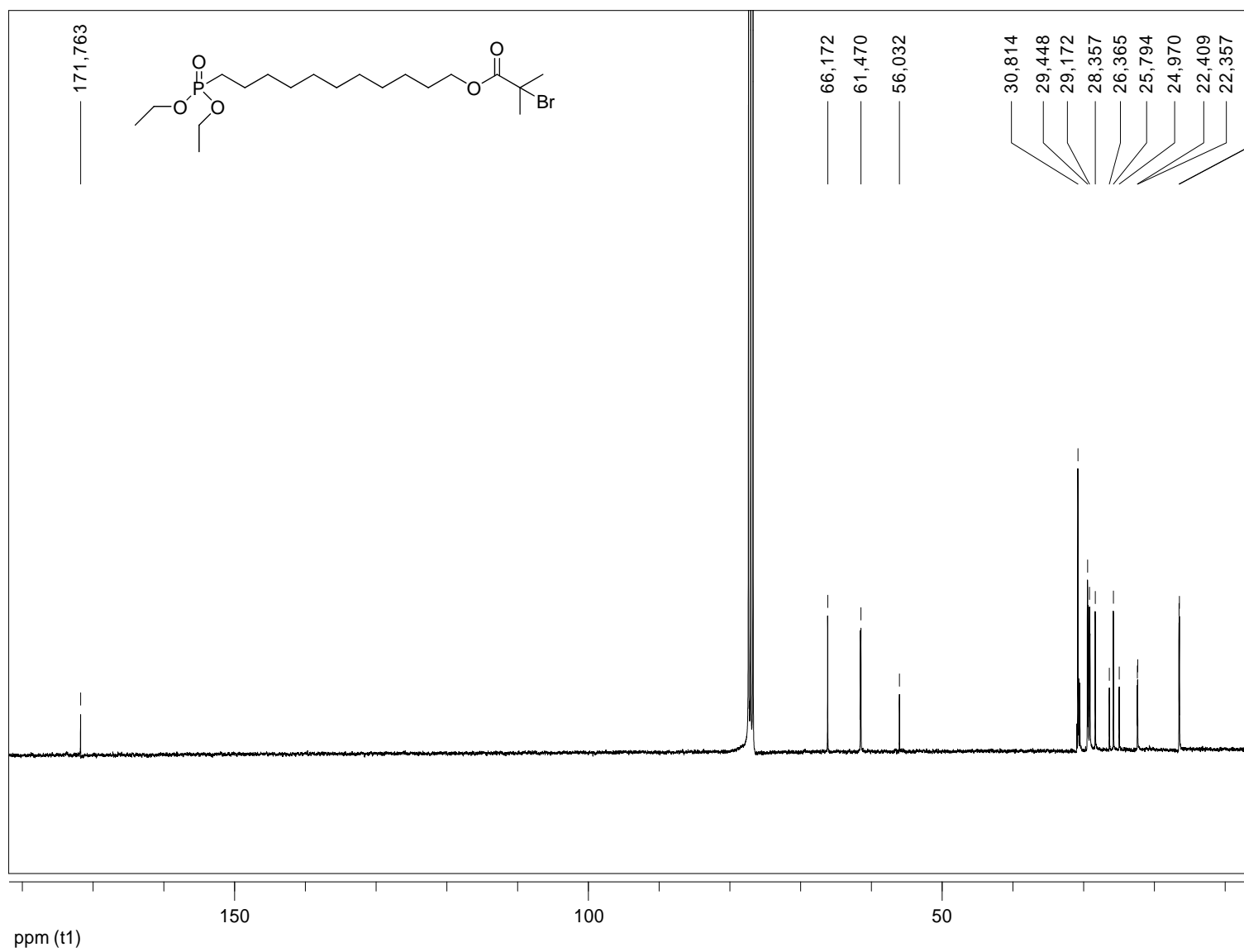


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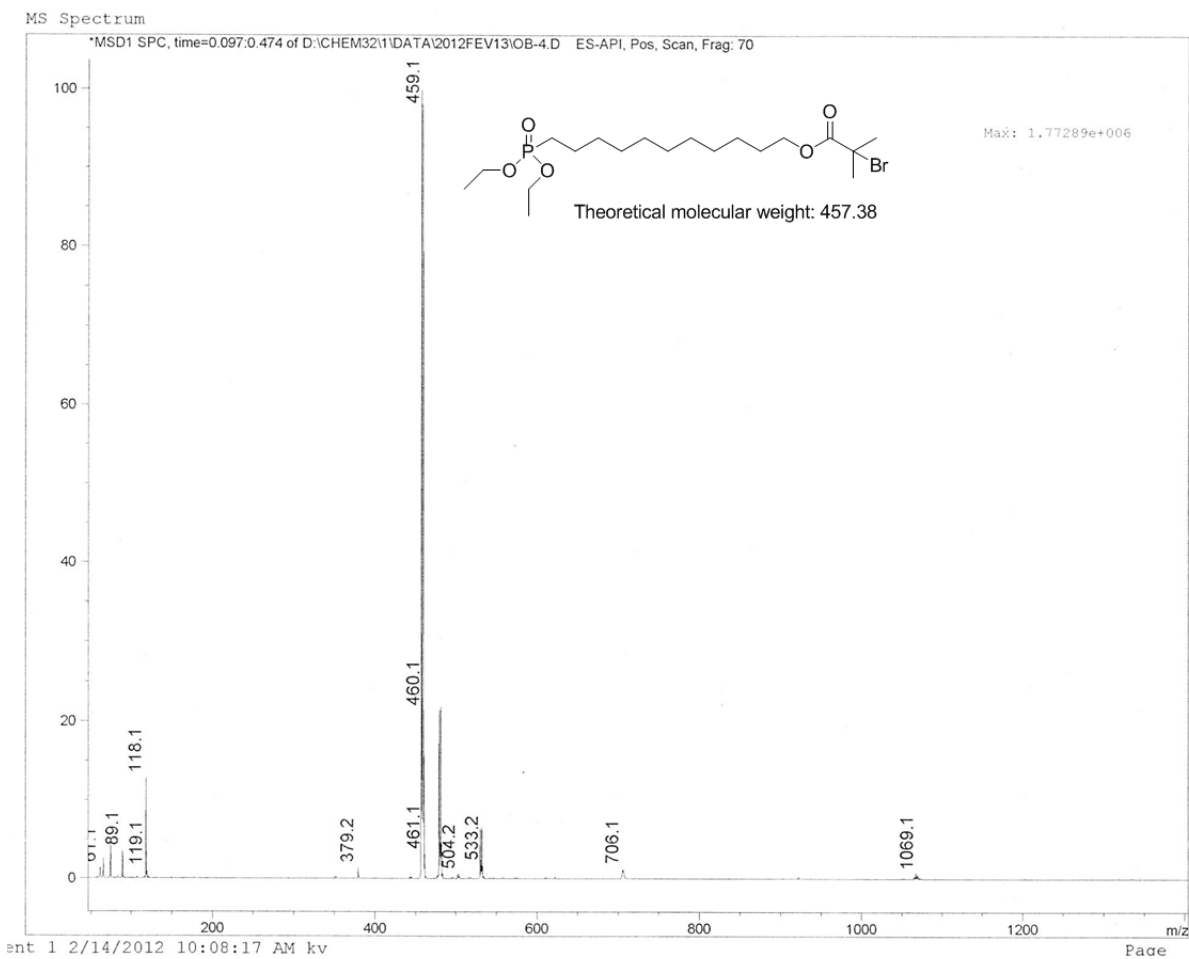


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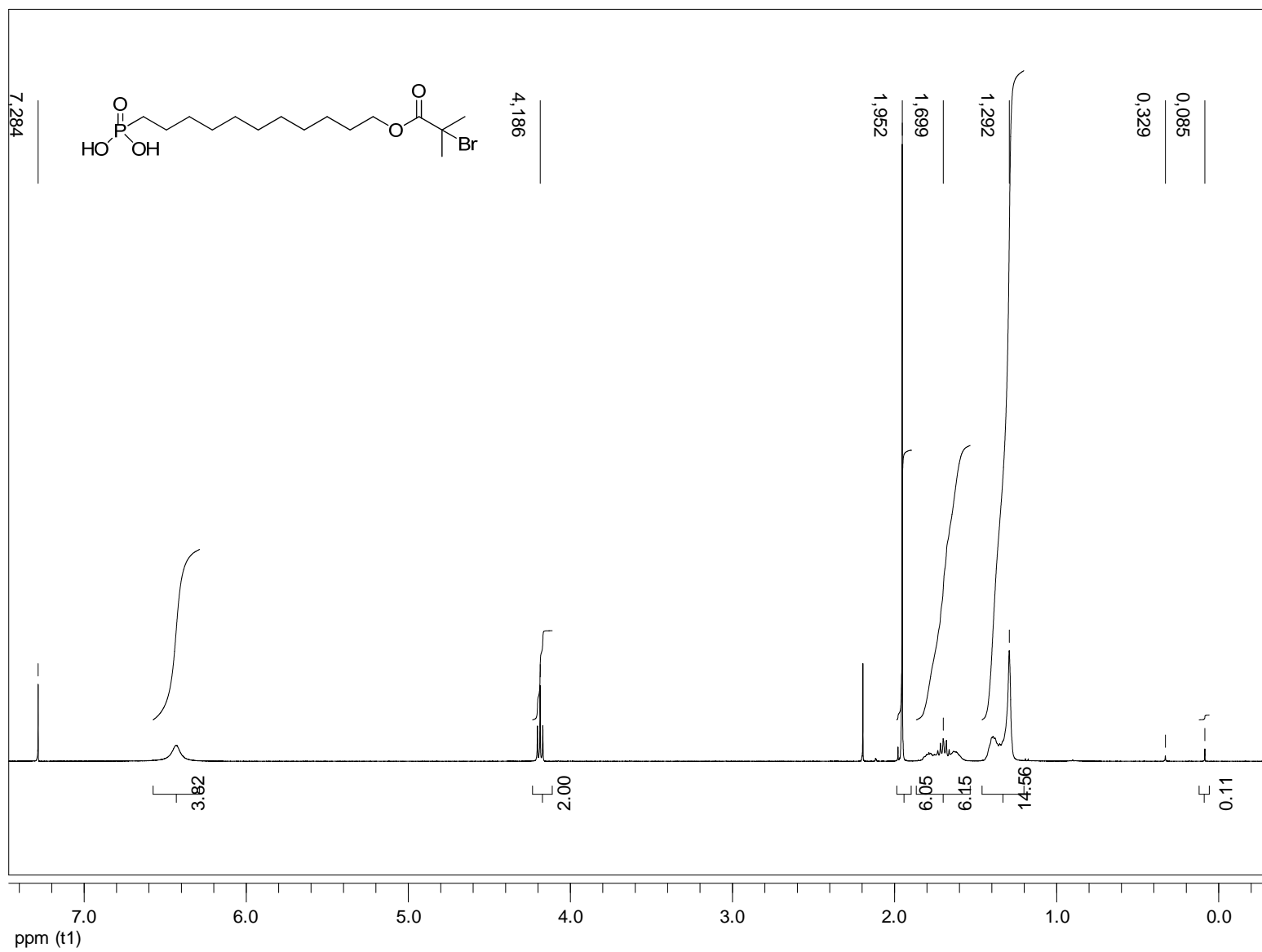


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5** in chloroform.

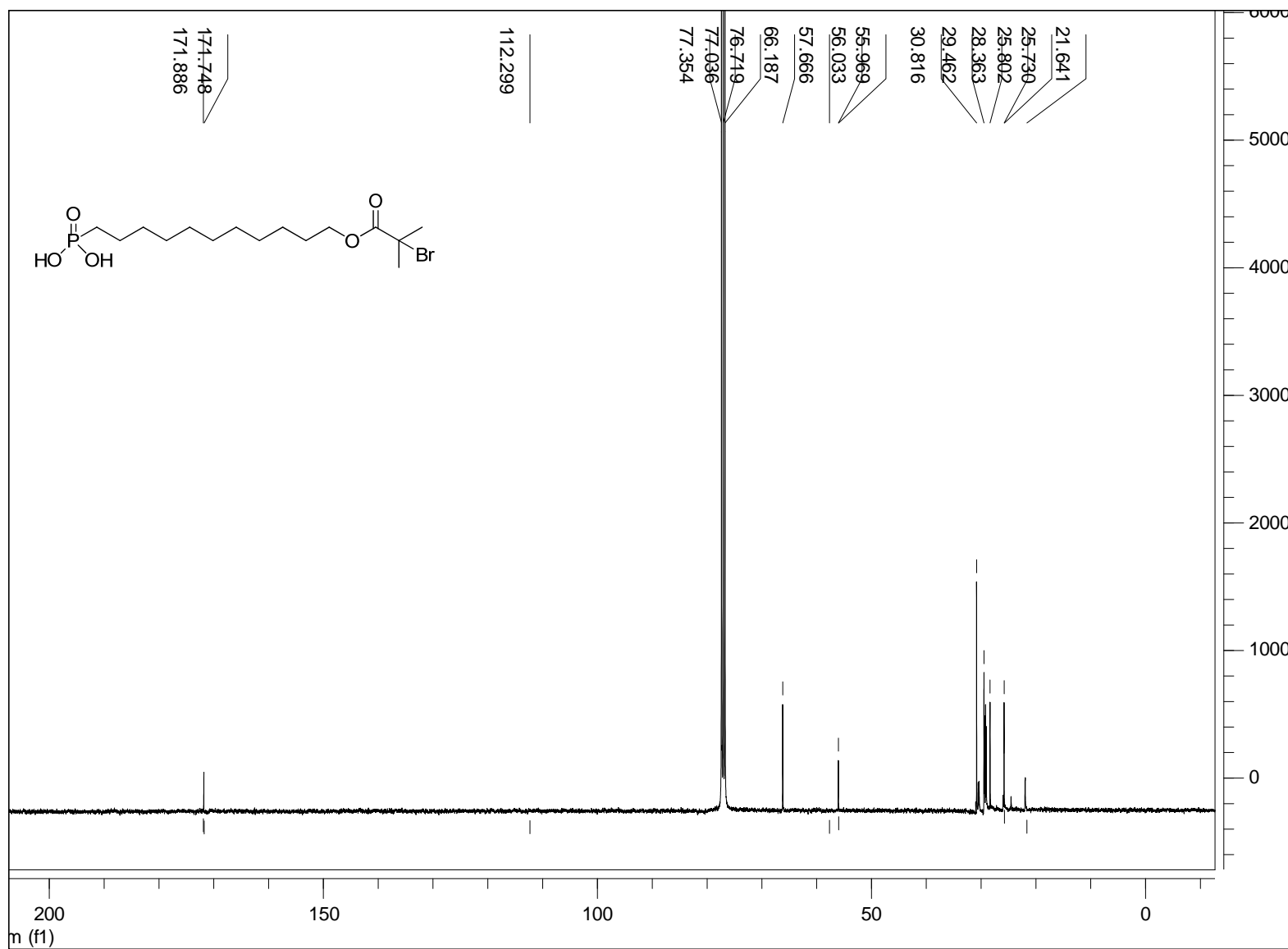


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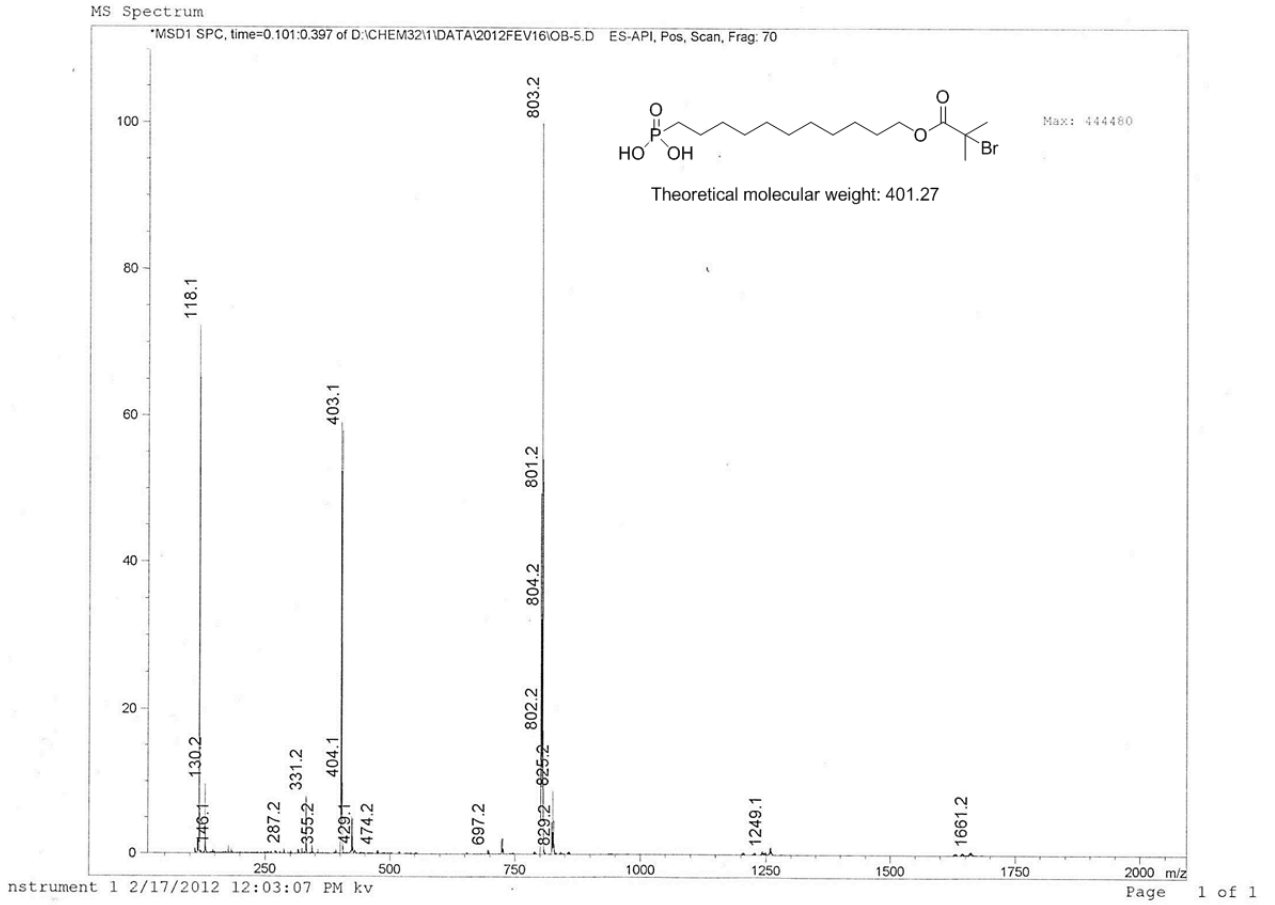
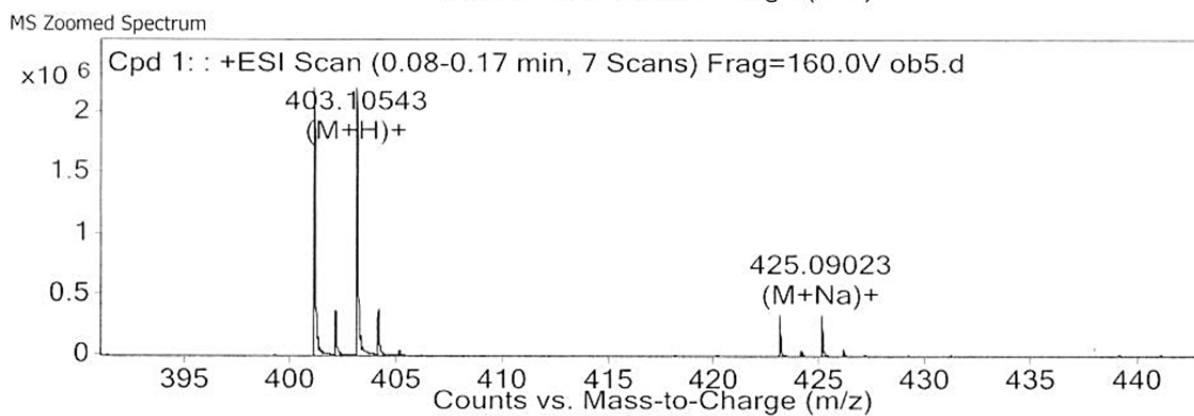
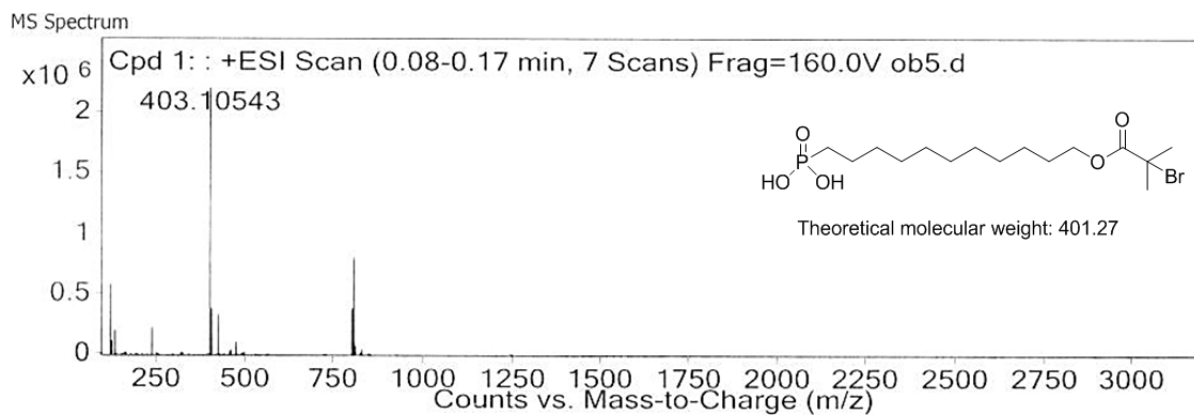


Figure S15. Mass spectrum of **5**.



MS Spectrum Peak List

Ion	Ion Formula	Abund	Expe. m/z	Calc. m/z	Diff(ppm)
(M+H) ⁺	C ₁₅ H ₃₁ BrOSP	2244287.5	401.10728	401.1087	-3.53
(M+Na) ⁺	C ₁₅ H ₃₀ BrNaOSP	349695.1	423.09209	423.09064	3.41

Figure S16. High resolution mass spectrum of **5**.

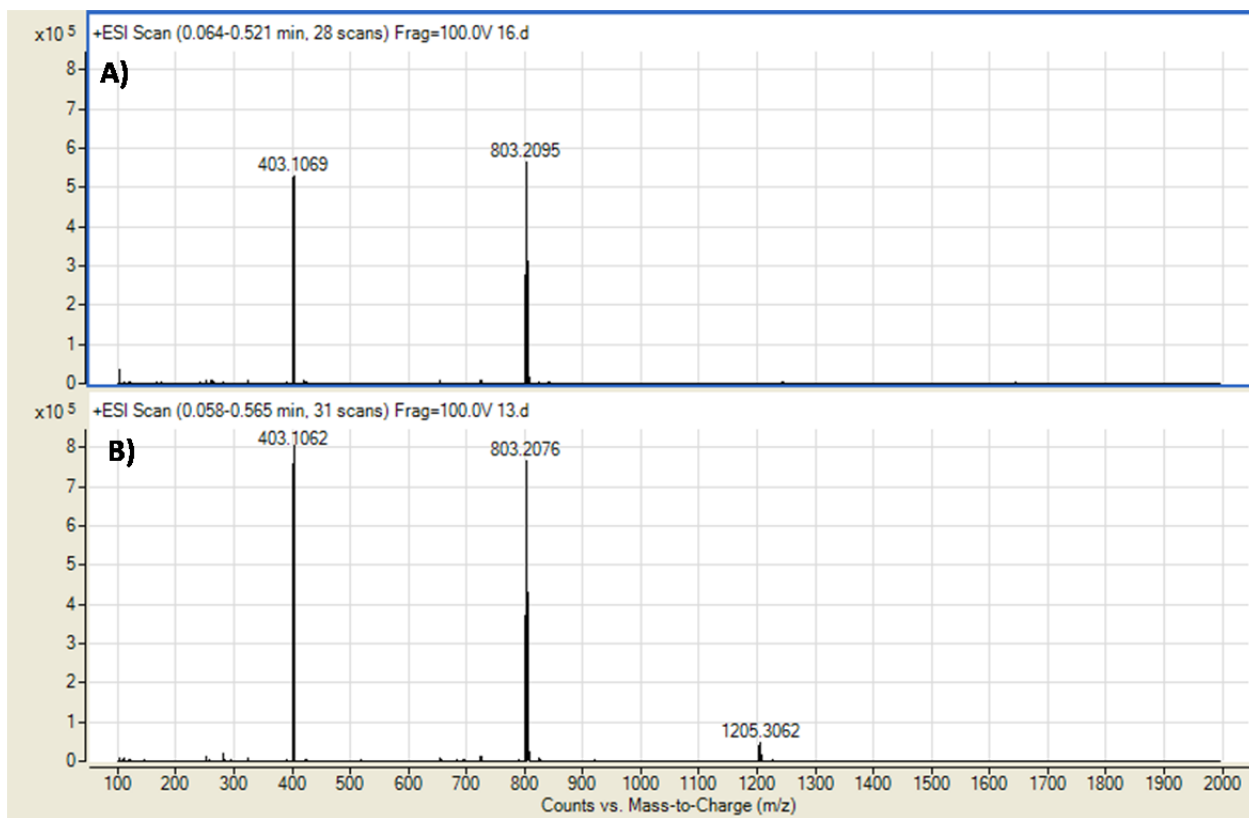


Figure S17. High resolution mass spectra of freshly synthesized **5** (B) after 5 recycling cycles.

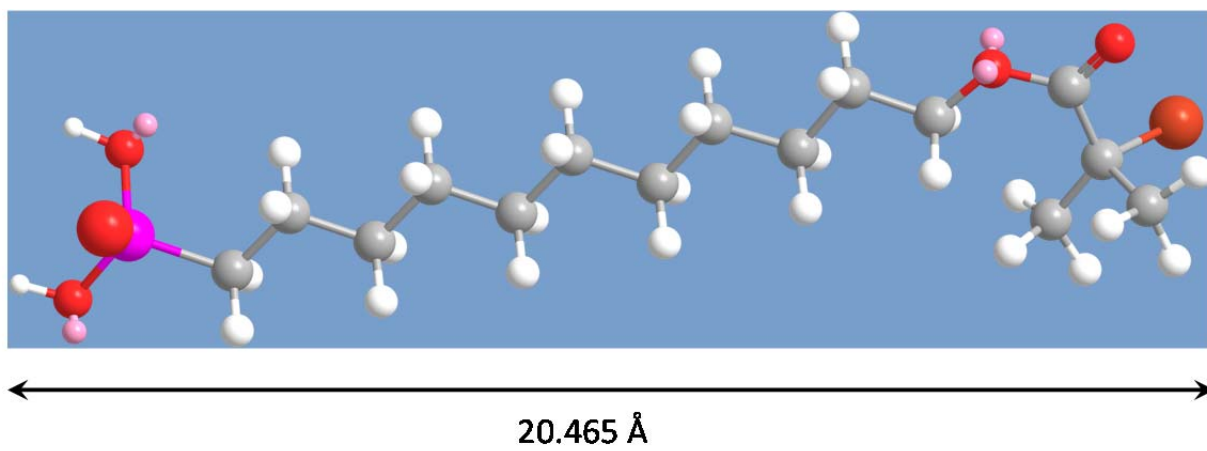


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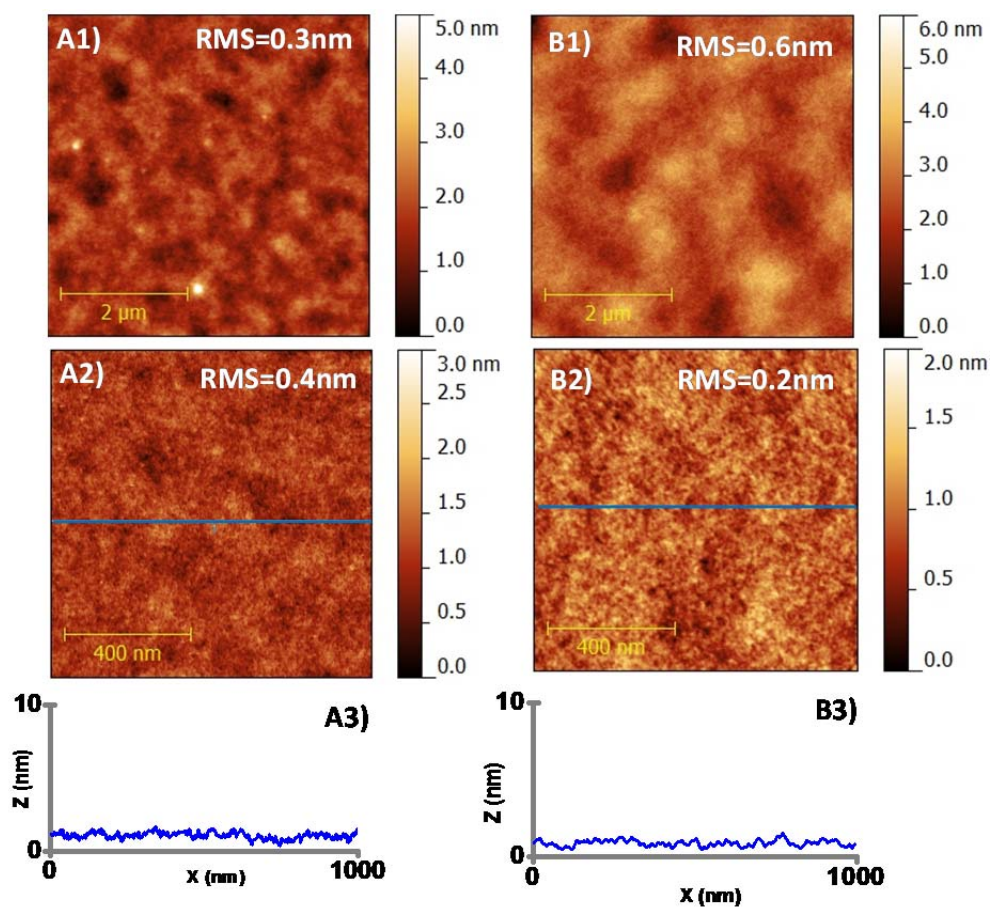


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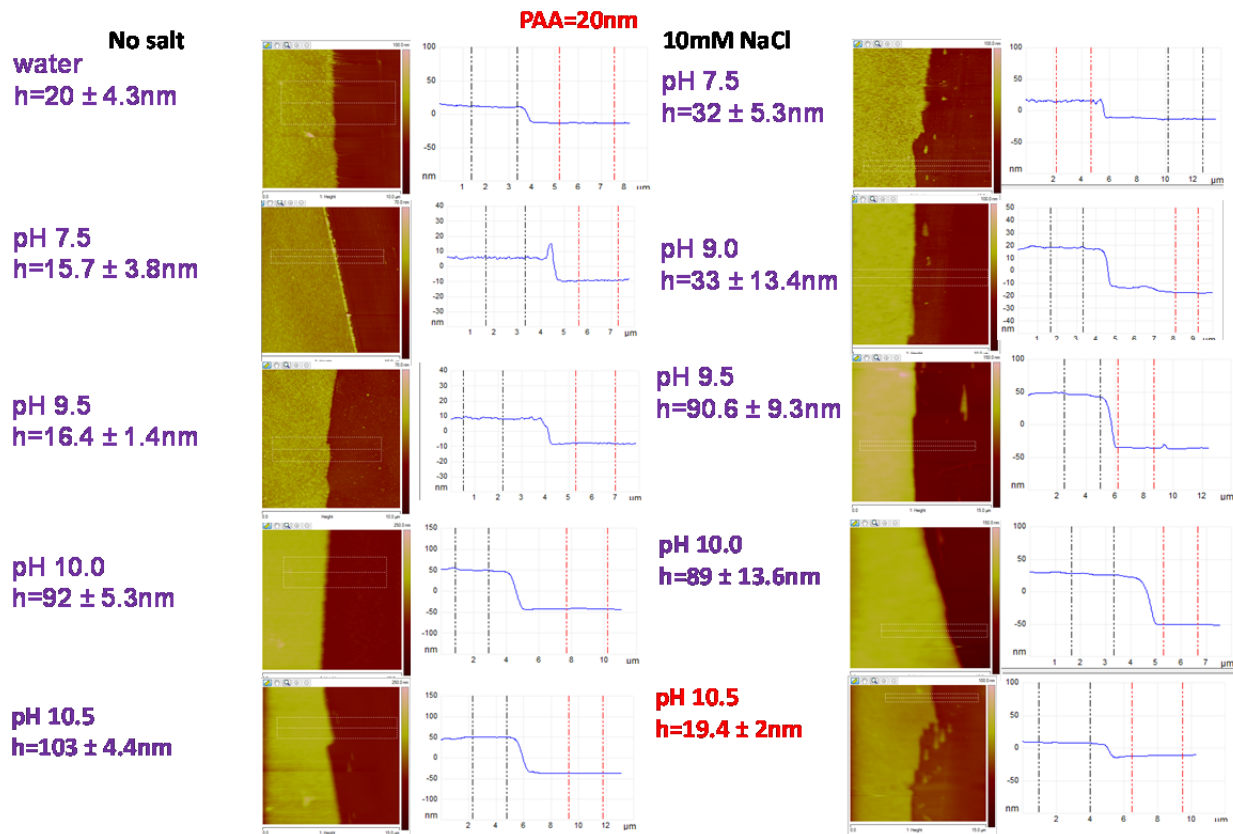


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