Supplementary materials for

A new approach to synthesis of 4-phenacylideneflavene derivatives and

their potential cytotoxic effects on HepG2 cell line

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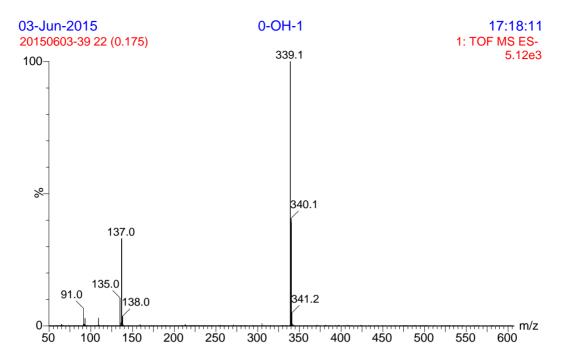


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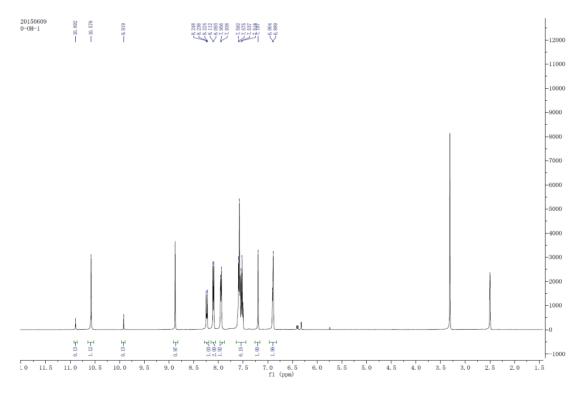


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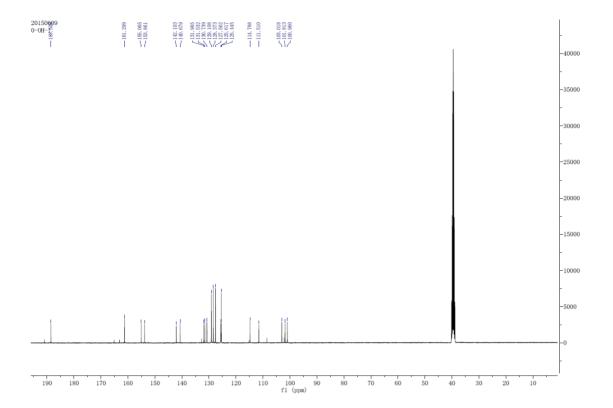


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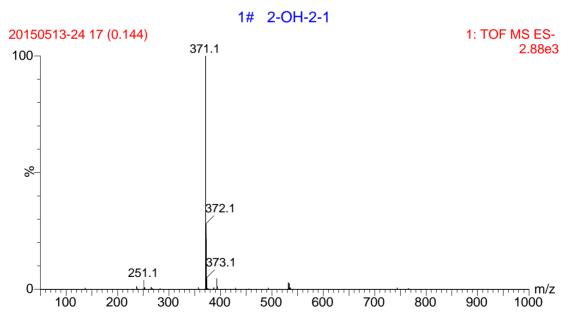


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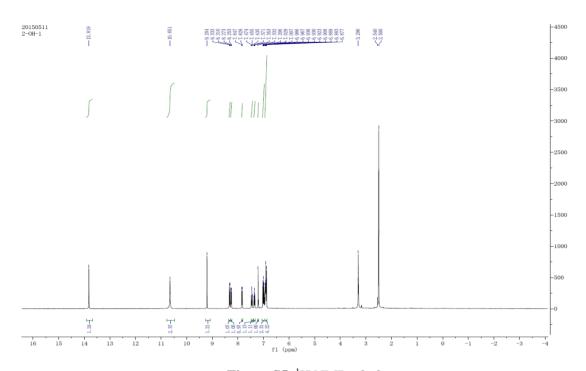


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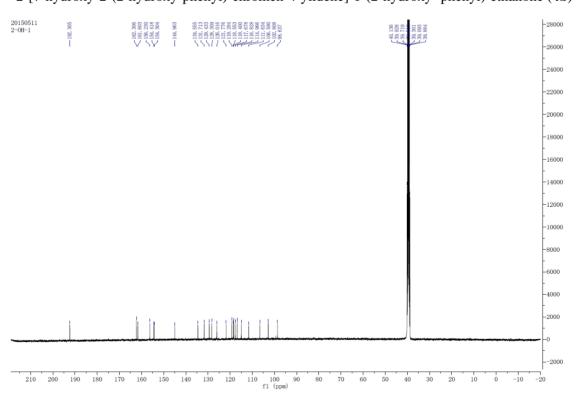


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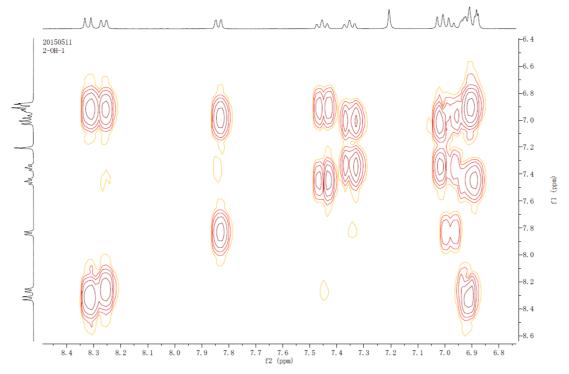


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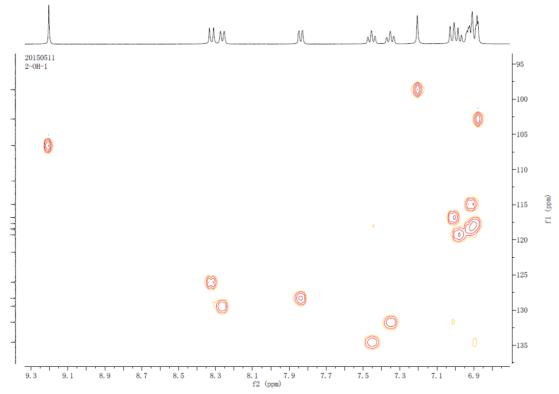


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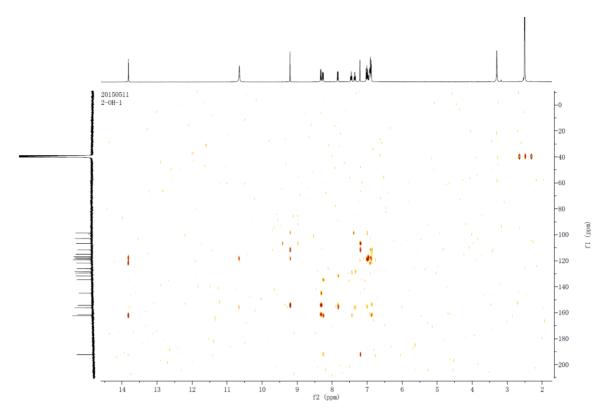


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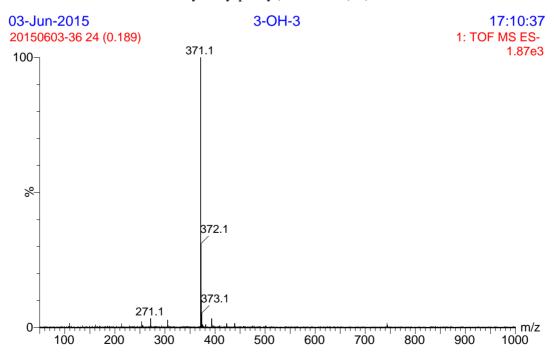


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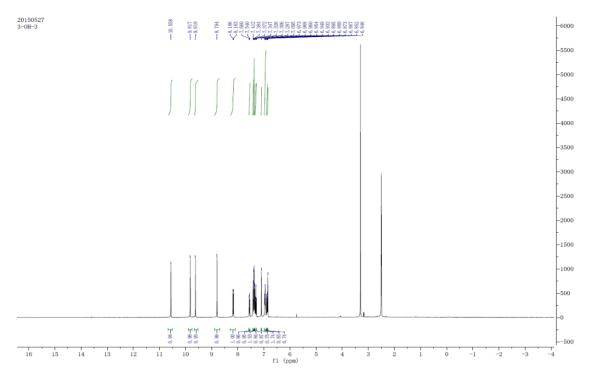


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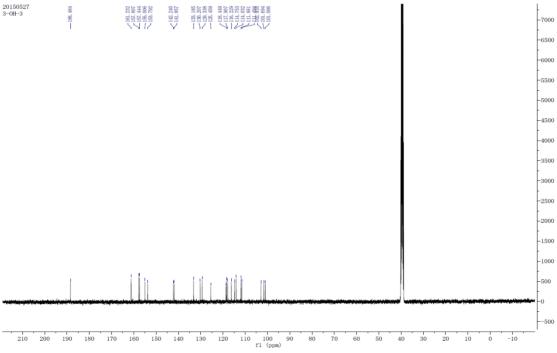


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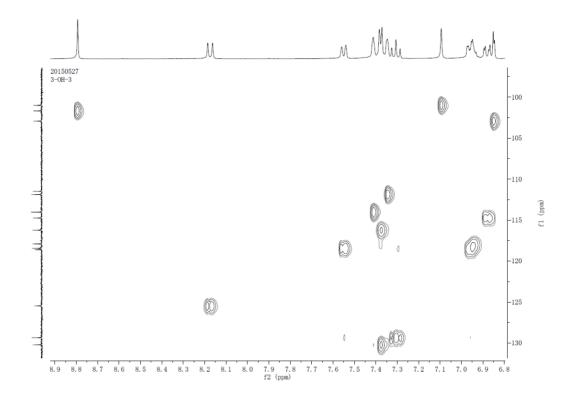


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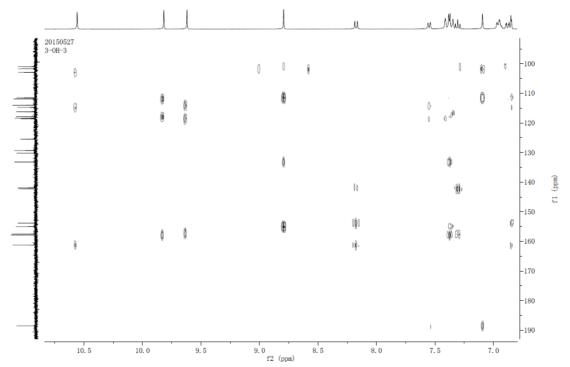


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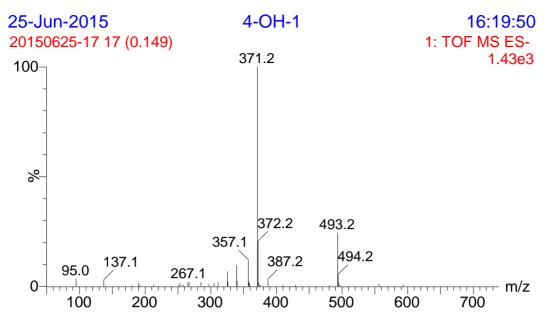


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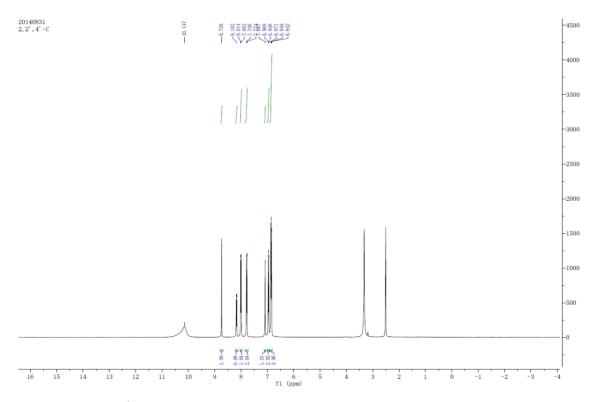


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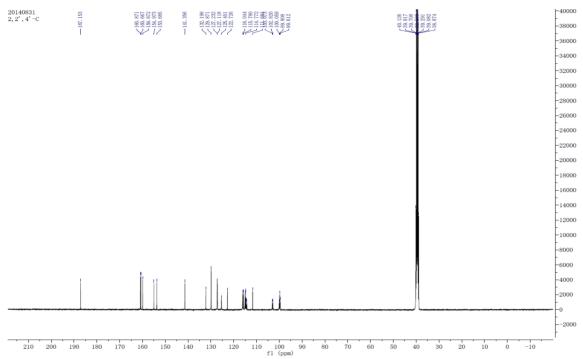


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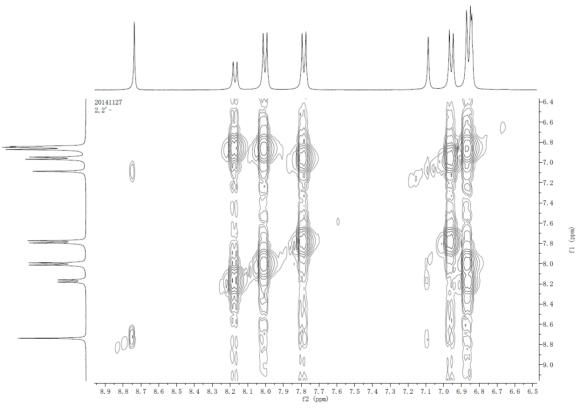


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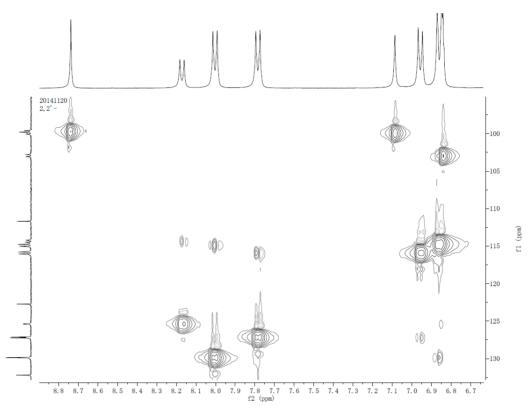


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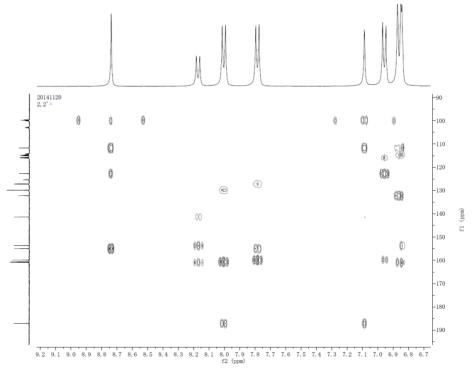


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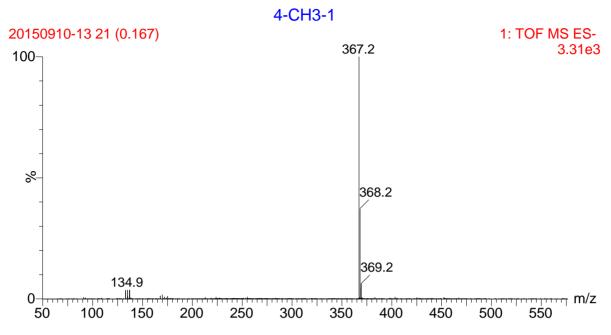


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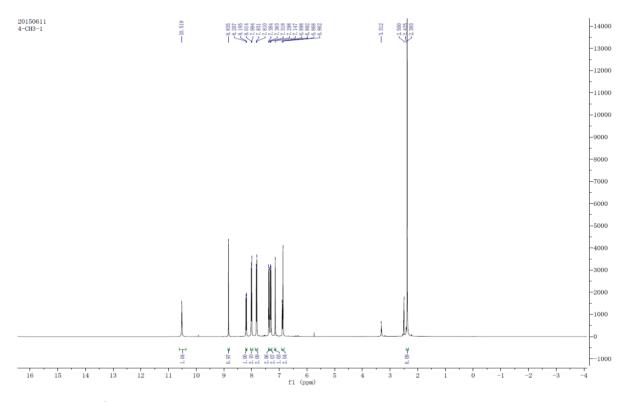


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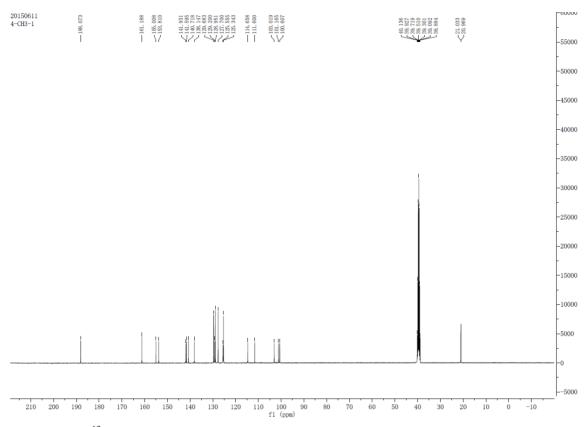


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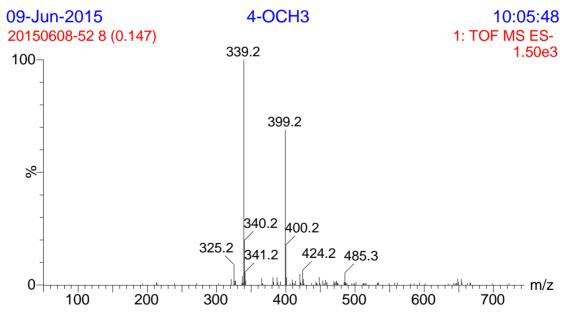


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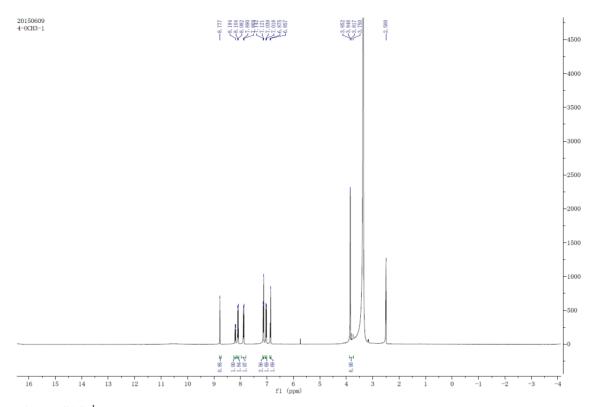
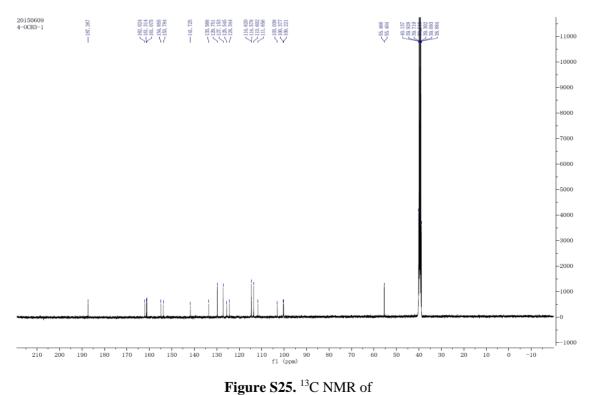


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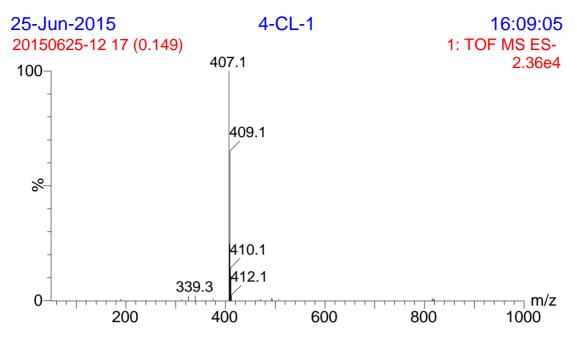


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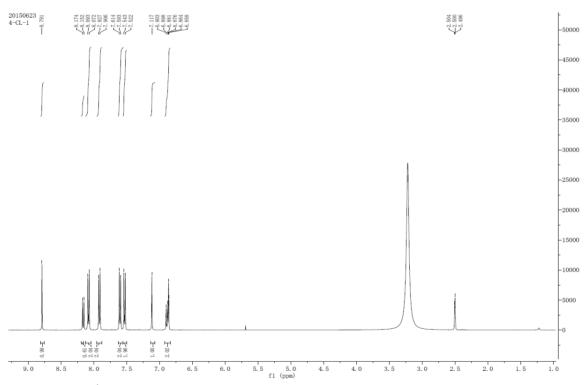


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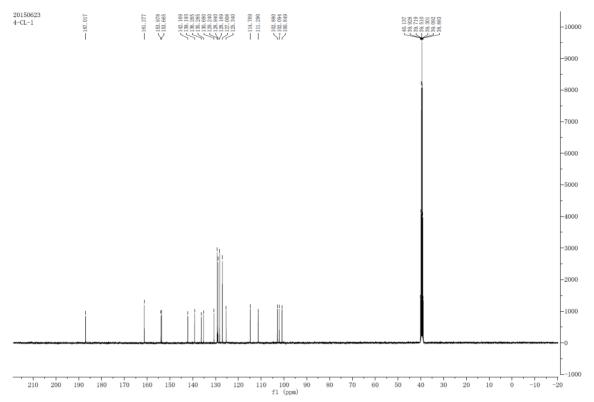


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