

# Imidazole and Imidazolium Bioactive Drugs Derived from Amino Acids

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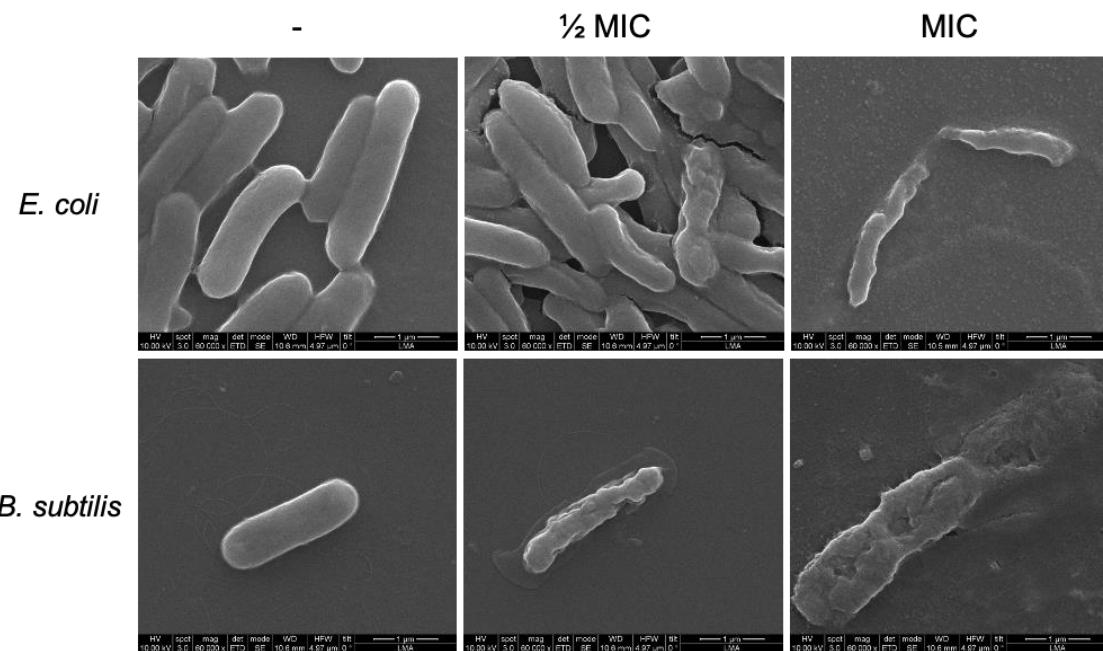
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**Compound 1c**

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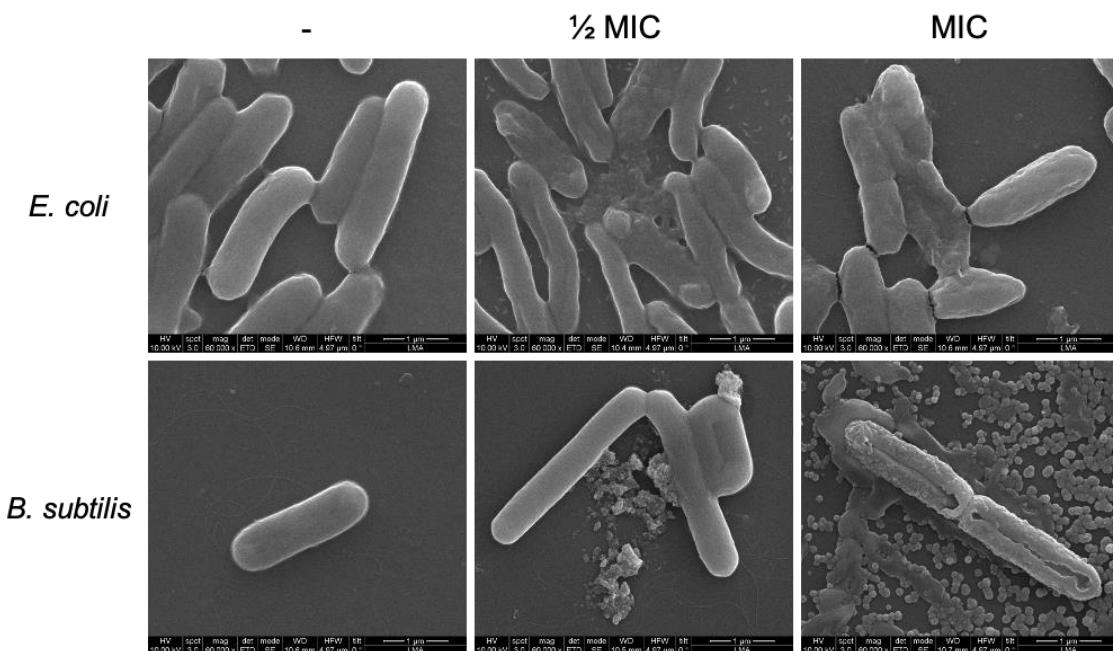


**Fig. S1.** Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) images of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* bacteria without treatment (-) and after incubation with compound **1c** at its ½ MIC and MIC (60000 x).

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**Compound 3b**

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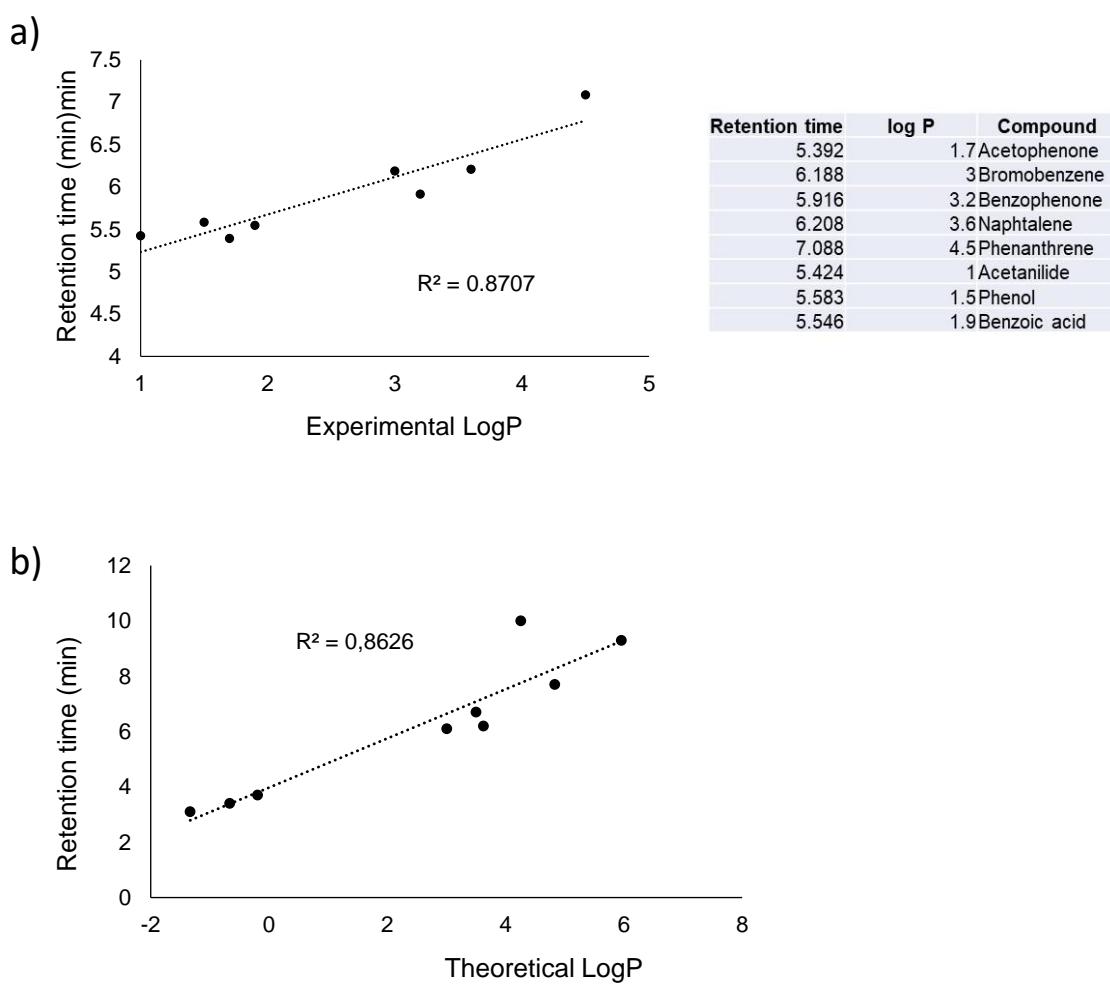


**Fig S2.** Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) images of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* bacteria without treatment (-) and after incubation with compound **3b** at its ½ MIC and MIC (60000 x).

**Table S1.** Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC,  $\mu\text{M}$ ), Minimal Bactericidal Concentration (MBC,  $\mu\text{M}$ ), the half maximal inhibitory concentration  $\text{IC}_{50}$  ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) values

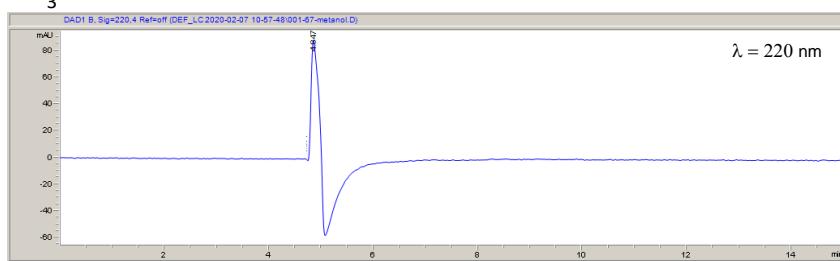
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		MIC <sup>a</sup> $\mu\text{M}$	MBC <sup>a</sup> $\mu\text{M}$	MIC <sup>a</sup> $\mu\text{M}$	MBC <sup>a</sup> $\mu\text{M}$	
<b>1</b>	<b>1a</b>	>6000	>6000	48	48	$9.6 \pm 1.6$
<b>2</b>	<b>1b</b>	288	581	9	18	$1.8 \pm 0.4$
<b>3</b>	<b>1c</b>	269	269	19	34	$19 \pm 4$
<b>4</b>	<b>2a</b>	>9000	>9000	>9000	>9000	>200
<b>5</b>	<b>2b</b>	>5000	>5000	2591	2591	>200
<b>6</b>	<b>2c</b>	1444	>2900	180	361	>200
<b>7</b>	<b>3a</b>	2662	>5000	42	42	$19 \pm 3$
<b>8</b>	<b>3b</b>	57	229	7	7	$109 \pm 10$
<b>9</b>	<b>3c</b>	1986	1986	62	62	$36 \pm 5$

<sup>a</sup> Mode – most frequent value - of MIC and MBC values from at least three experiments (when obtaining the same values) or at least five experiments (when the values obtained are different).

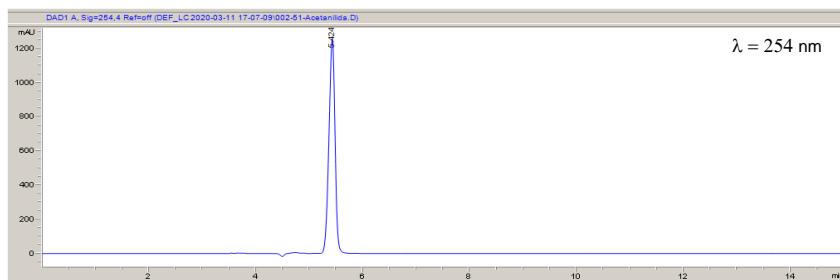


**Fig. S3.** a) Correlation between experimental LogP values and experimental retention time for different commercial compounds b) Correlation between LogP and the retention time for the different compounds **1a-c**, **2a-c**, **3a-c**.

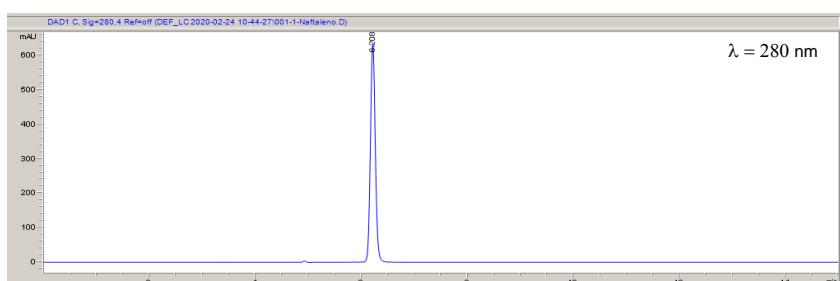
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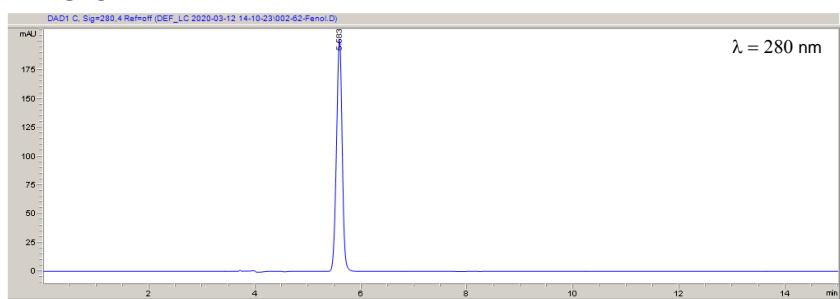
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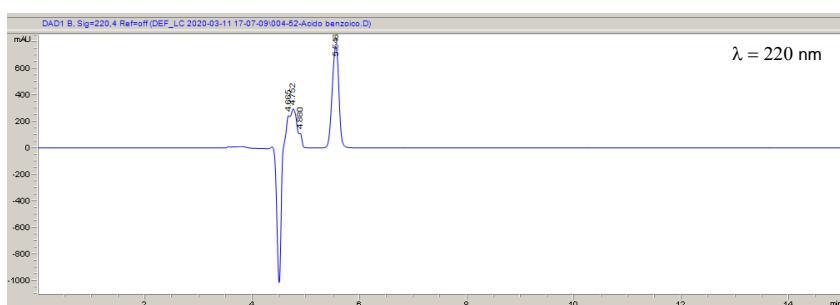
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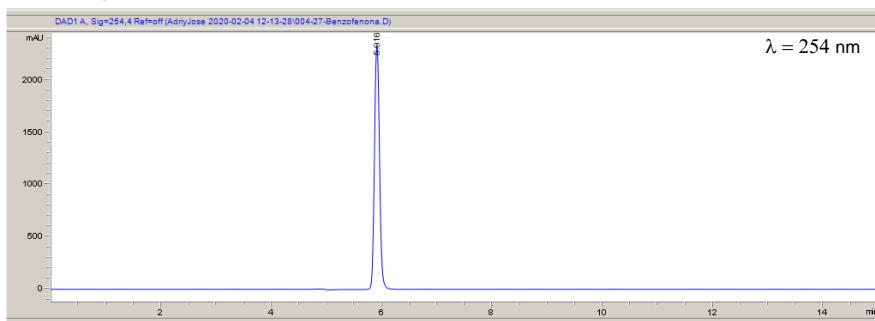


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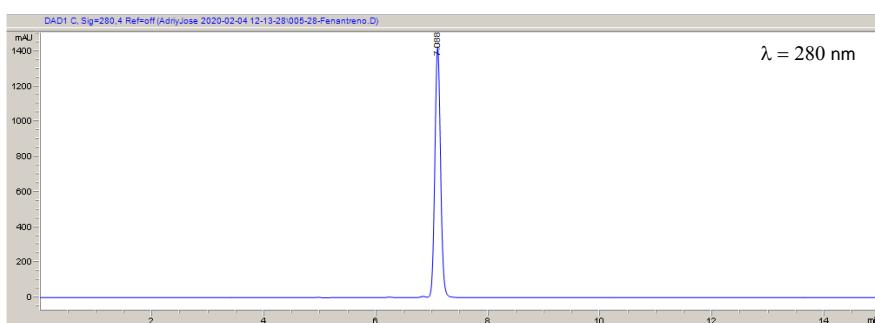


**Fig. S4.** HPLC chromatograms for methanol, acetanilide, naphthalene, phenol and benzoic acid. Mobile phase water/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  30/70 (0.1%  $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$ ),  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and flow 0.2 mL/min.

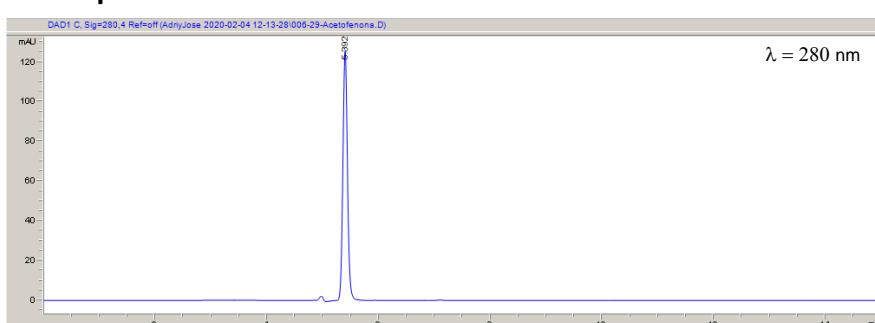
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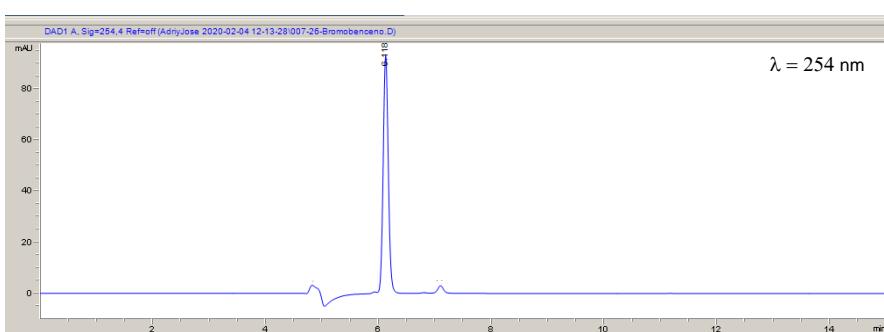
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### Acetophenone

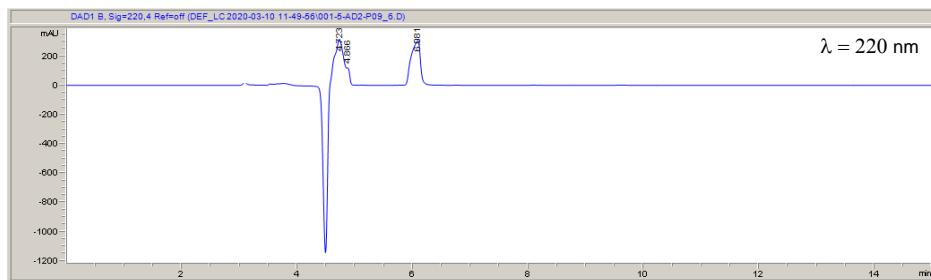


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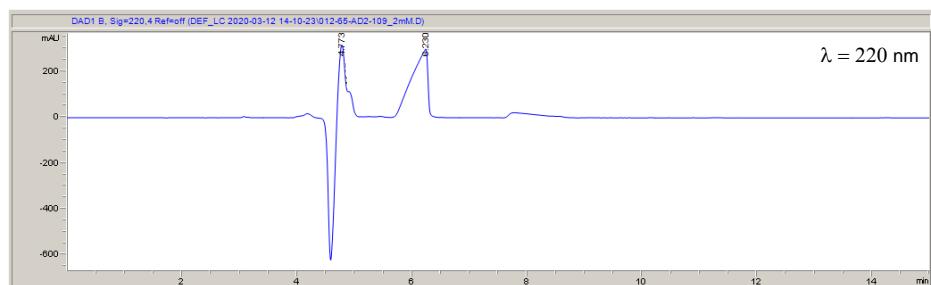


**Fig. S5.** HPLC chromatograms for benzophenone, phenanthrene, acetophenone and bromobenzene. Mobile phase water/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 30/70 (0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H), 25 °C and flow 0.2 mL/min.

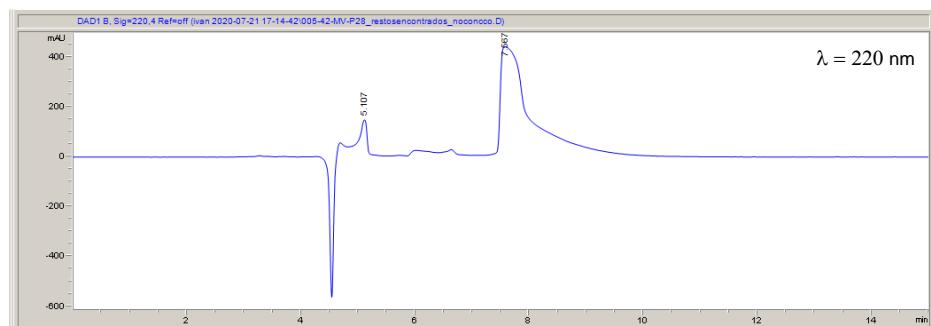
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**1b**

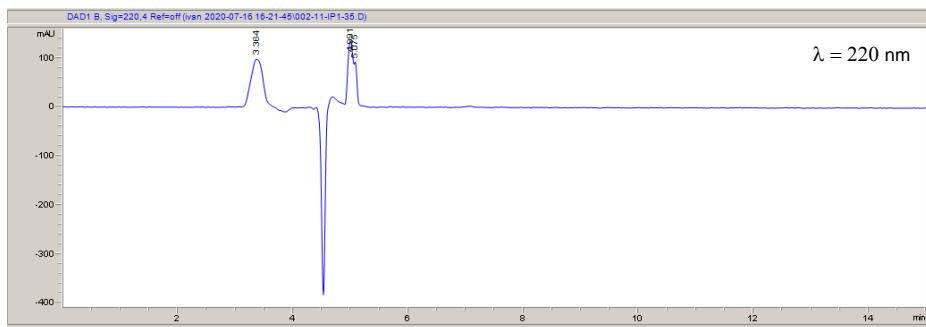


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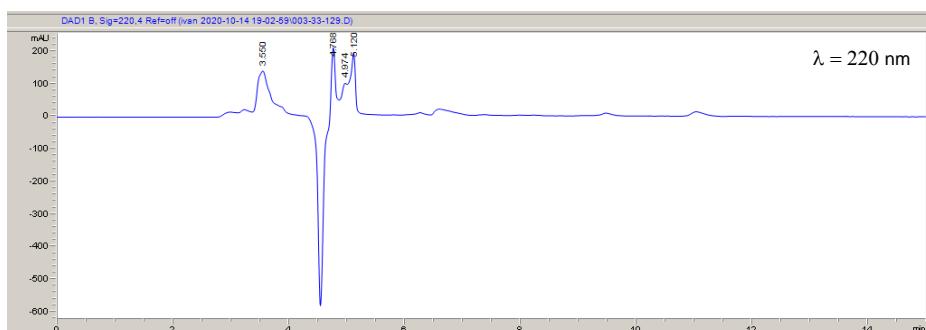


**Fig. S6.** HPLC chromatograms for compounds **1a-c**. Mobile phase water/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 30/70 (0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H), 25 °C and flow 0.2 mL/min.

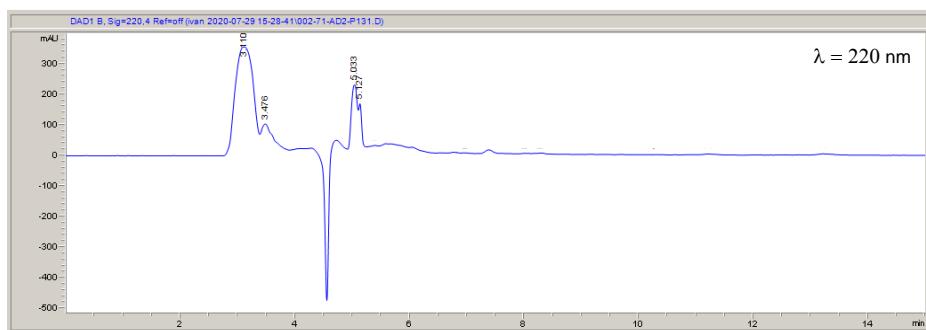
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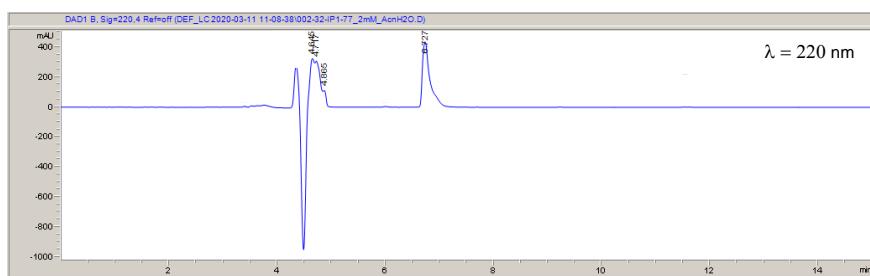


**2c**



**Fig. S7.** HPLC chromatograms for compounds **2a-c**. Mobile phase water/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 30/70 (0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H), 25 °C and flow 0.2 mL/min.

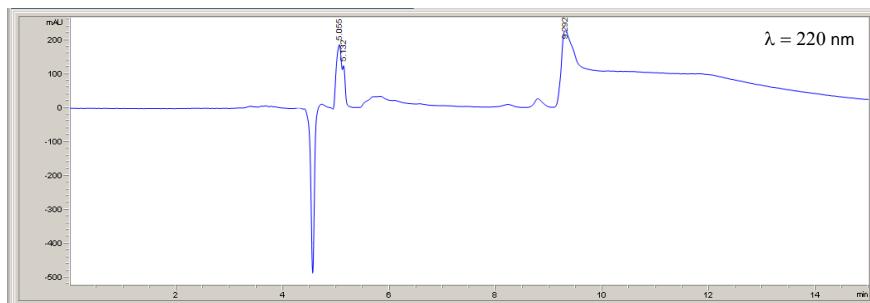
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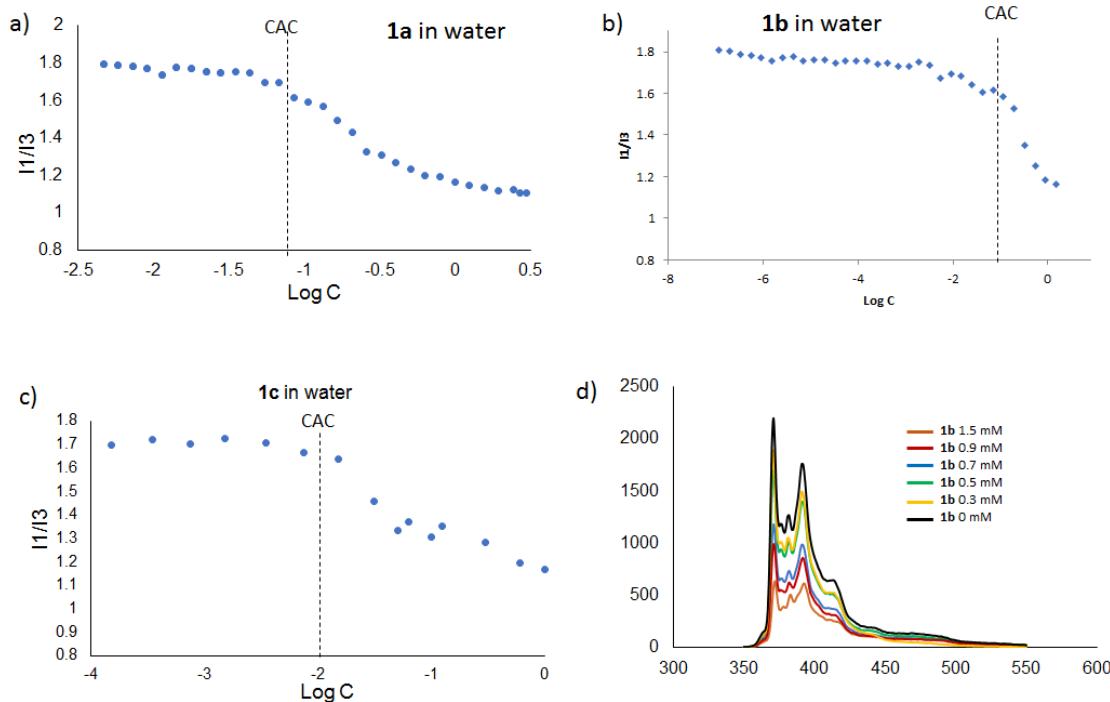
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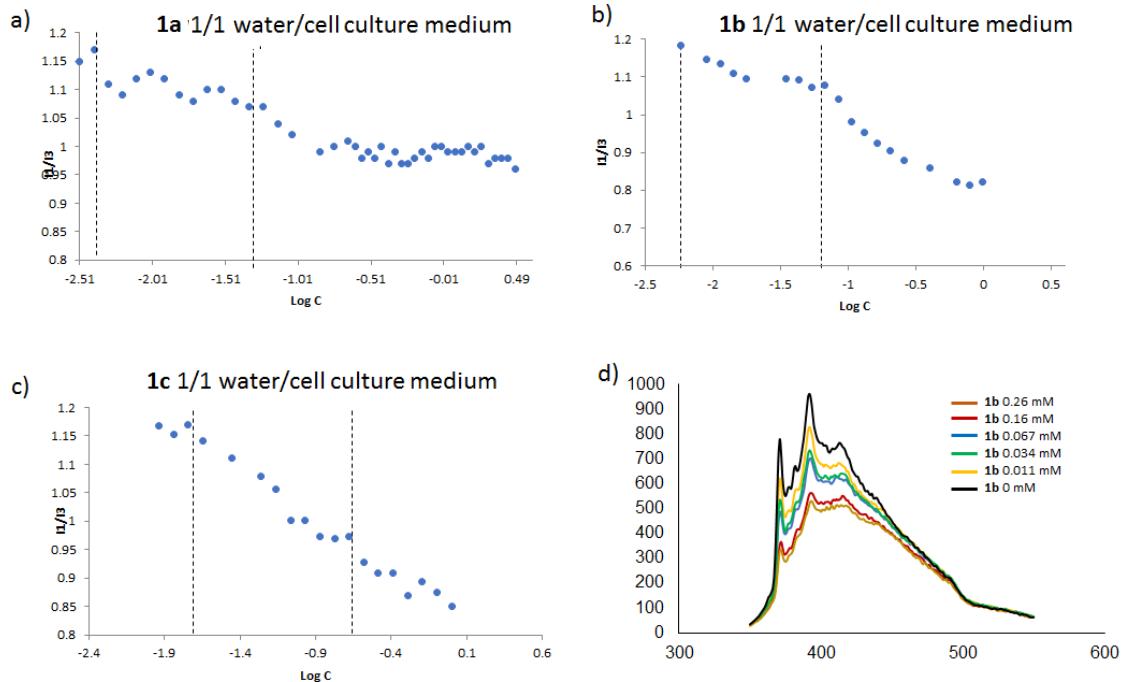
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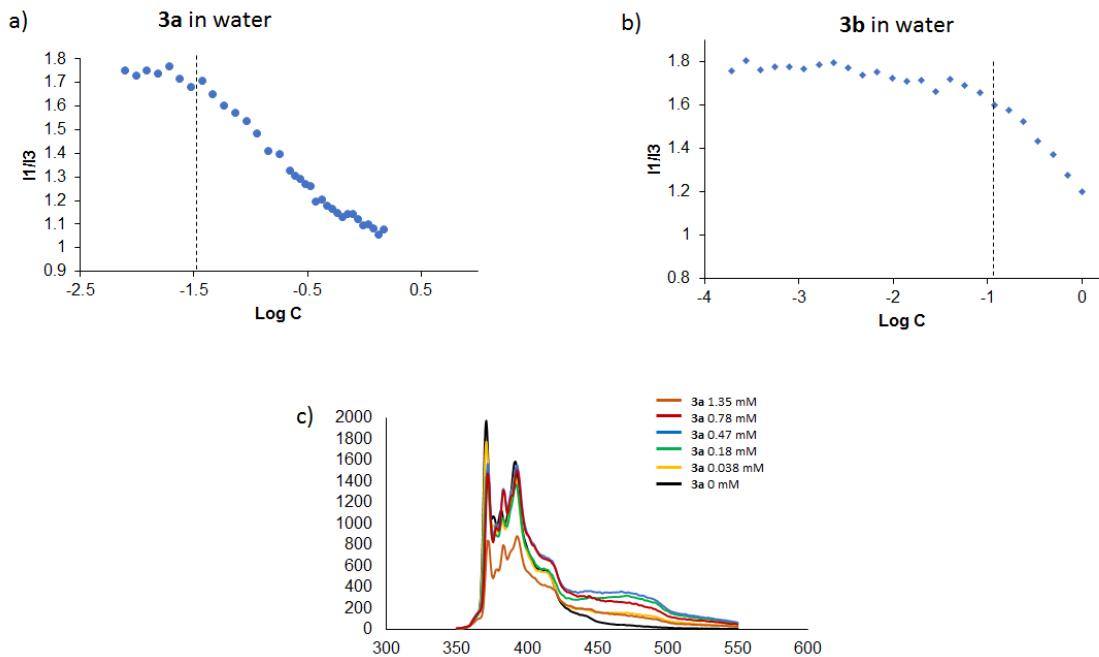
**Fig. S8.** HPLC chromatograms for compounds **3a-c**. Mobile phase water/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 30/70 (0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H), 25 °C and flow 0.2 mL/min.



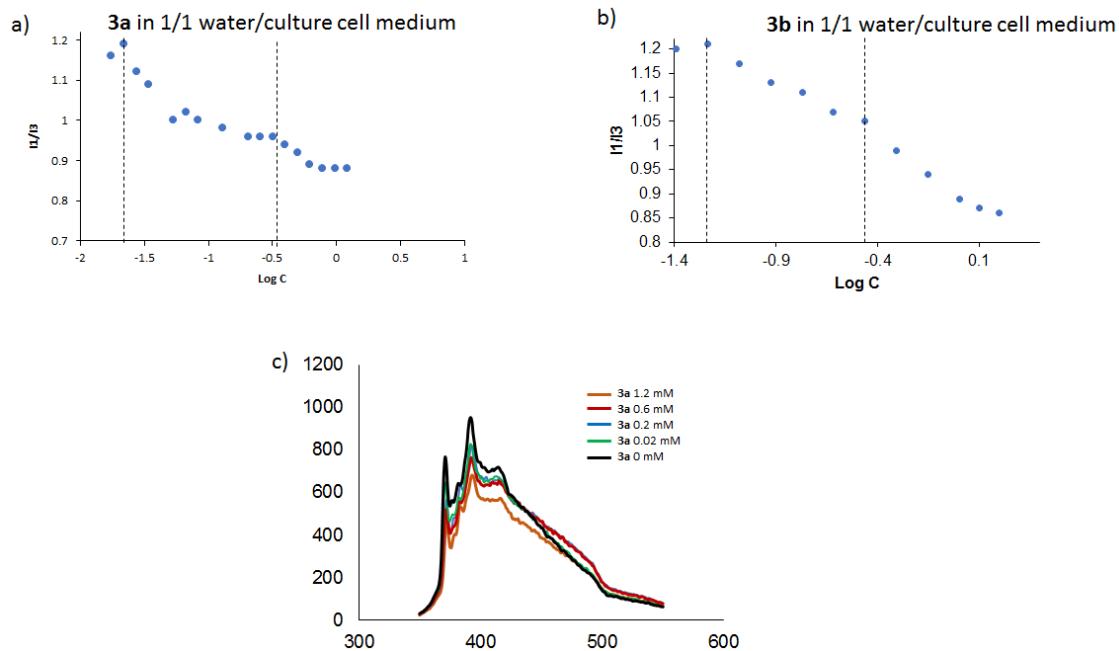
**Fig. S9.** a) - c) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **1a**-**1c** in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of different amounts of **1b**.



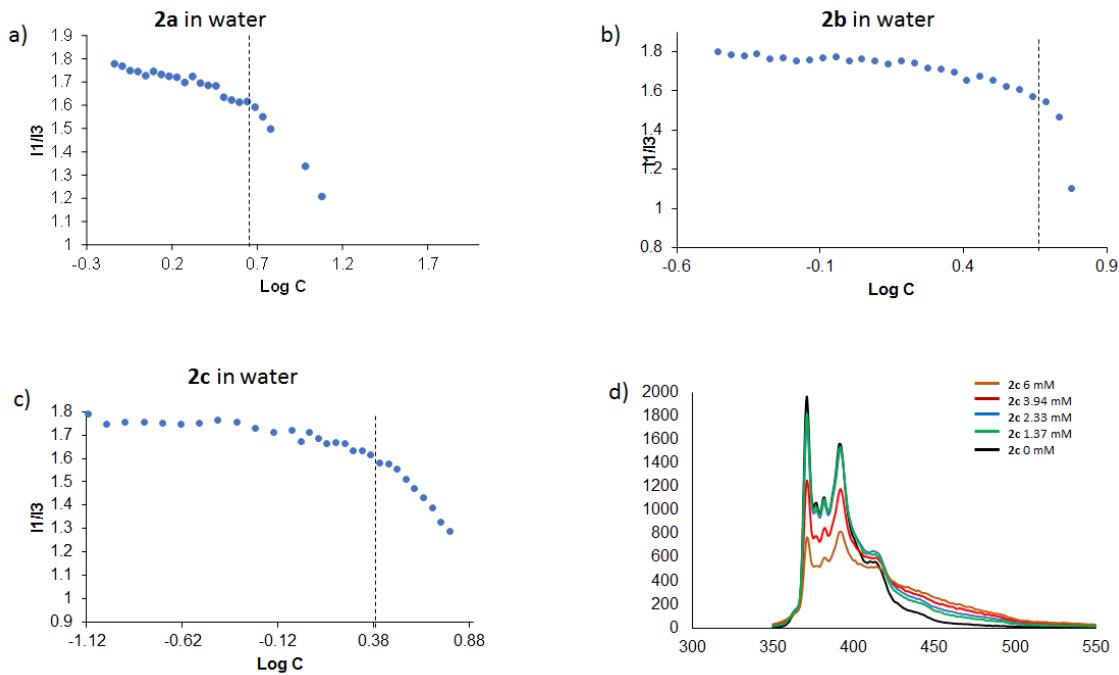
**Fig. S10.** a) - c) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **1a**-**1c** in 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of different amounts of **1b**.



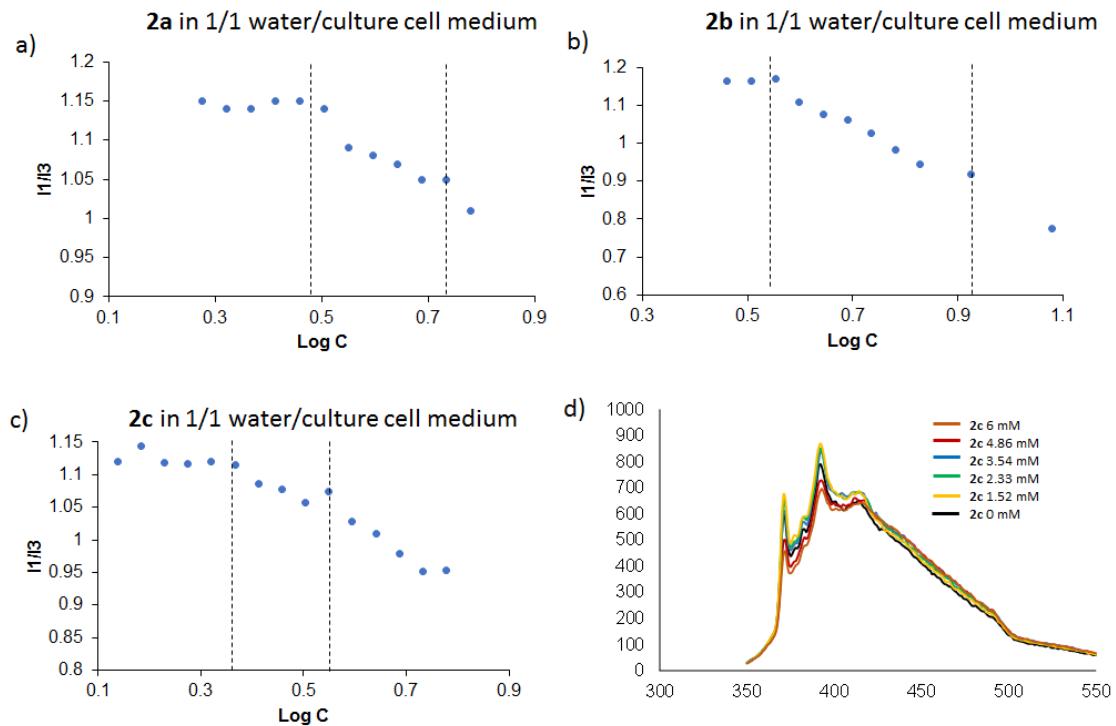
**Fig. S11.** a)-b) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **3a-3b** in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of different amounts of **3a**.



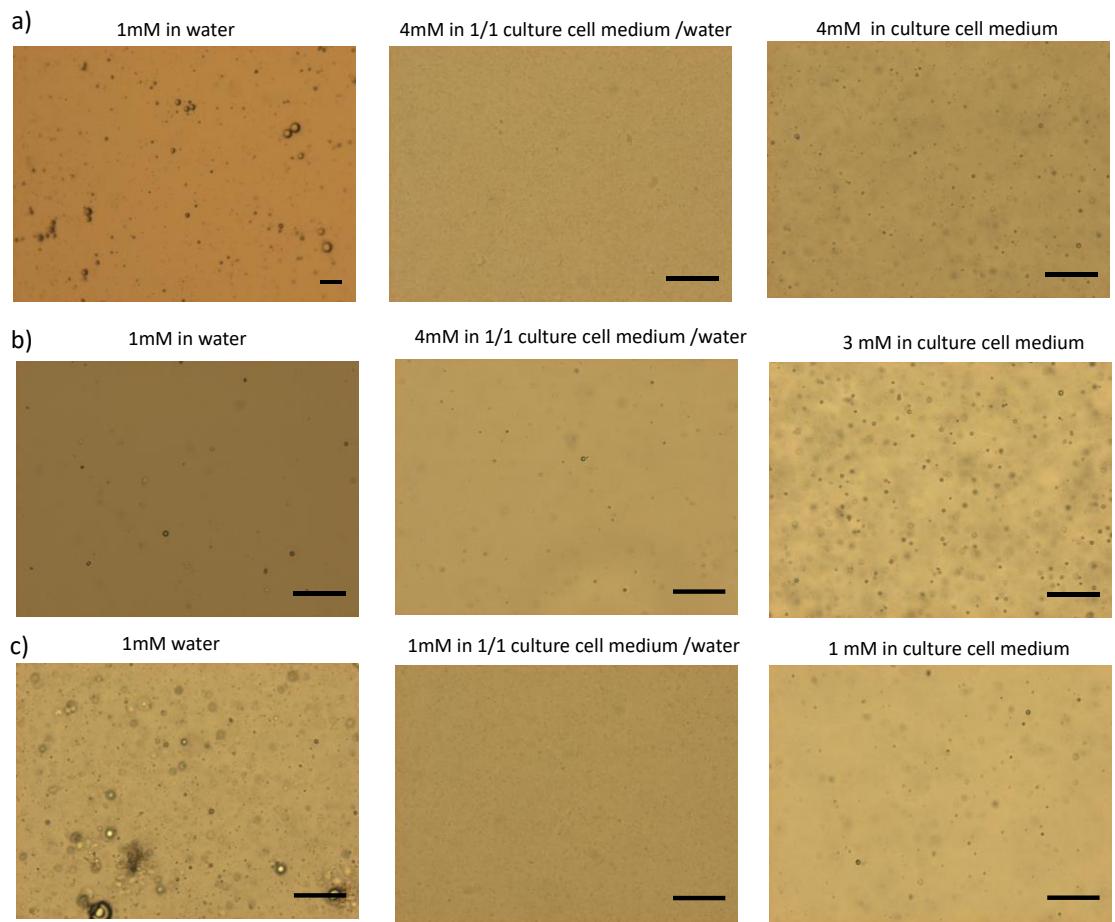
**Fig. S12.** a)-b) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **3a-3b** in 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of different amounts of **3a**.

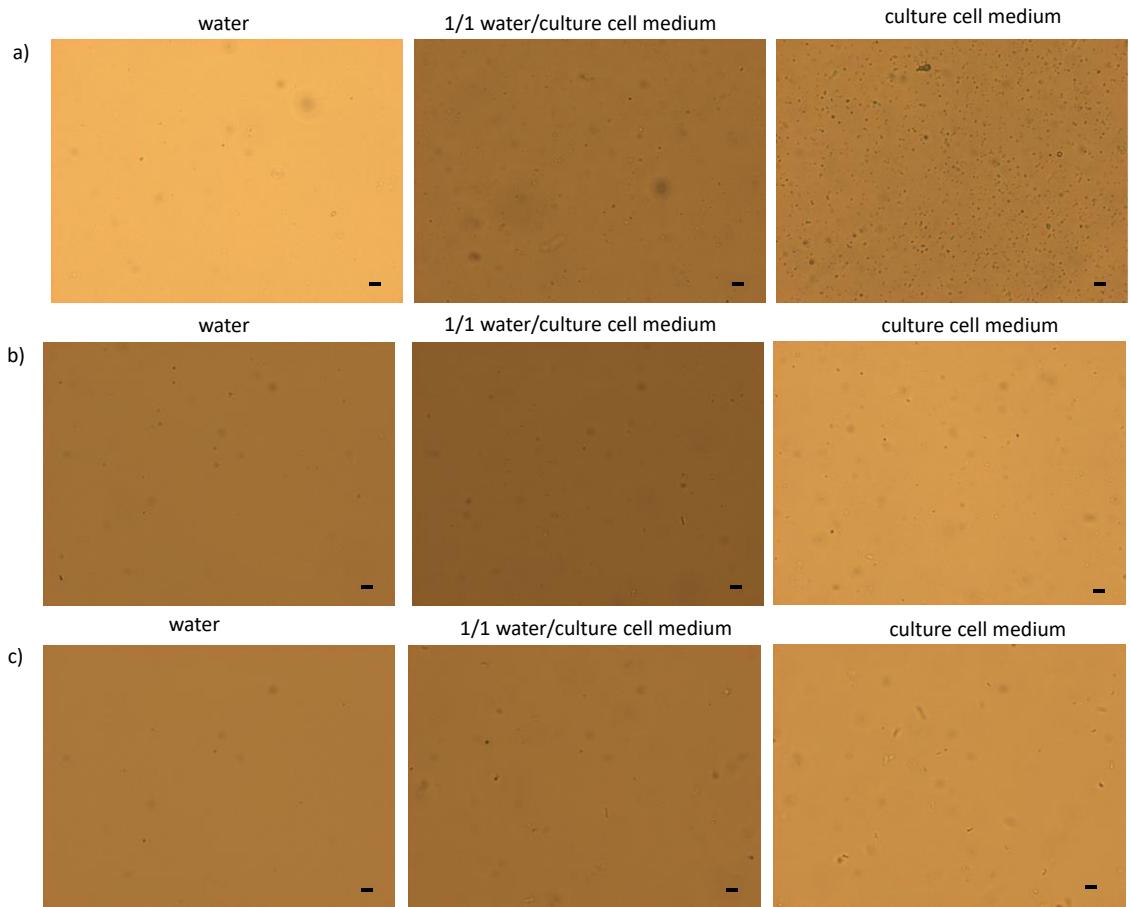


**Fig. S13.** a) - c) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **2a-2c** in  $H_2O$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ C$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in  $H_2O$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ C$  in the presence of different amounts of **2c**.

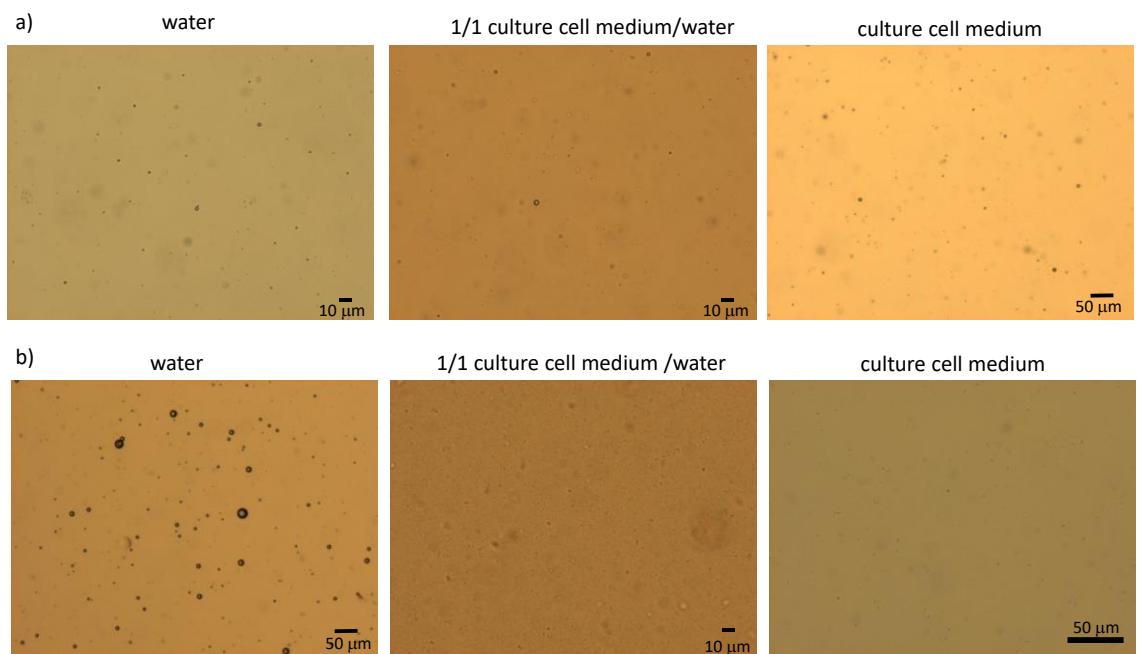


**Fig. S14.** a) - c) Plots of the  $I_1/I_3$  ratios  $v \log C$  for **2a-2c** in 1/1 water/ bacterial cell culture medium at  $25\text{ }^\circ C$ . d) Emission spectra of pyrene in 1/1 water/ bacterial cell culture medium at  $25\text{ }^\circ C$  in the presence of different amounts of **2c**.

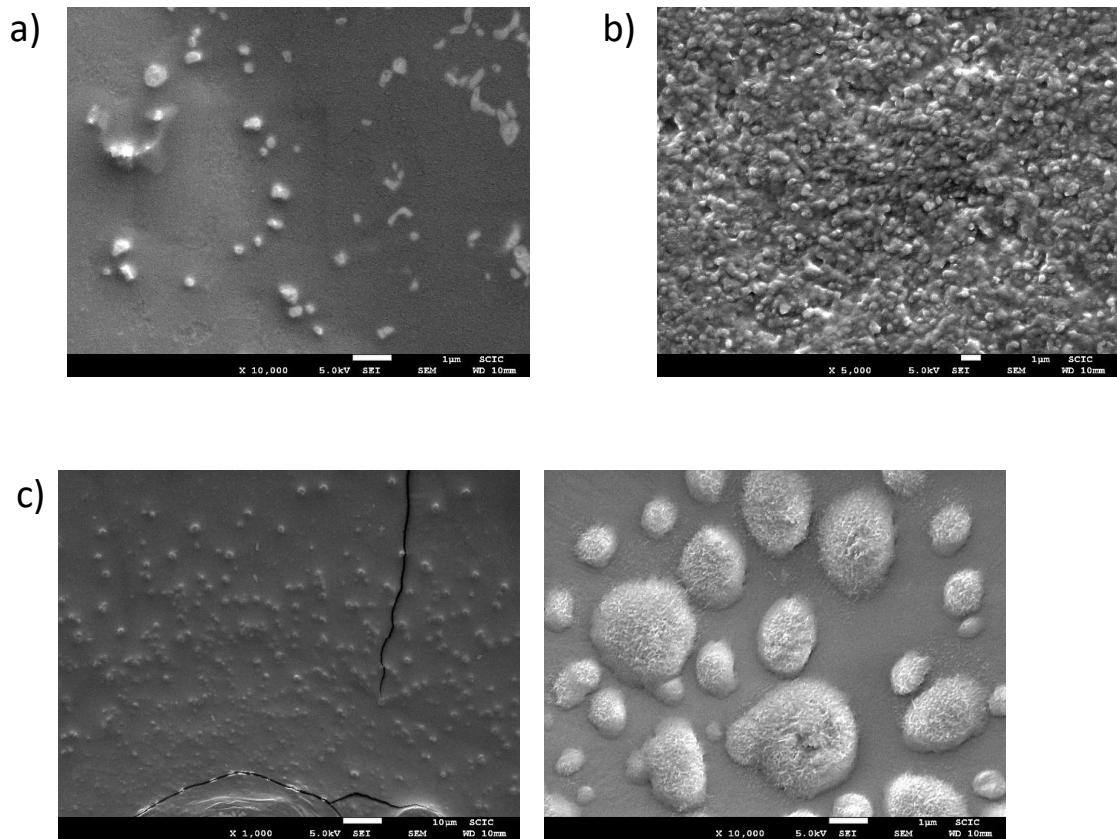




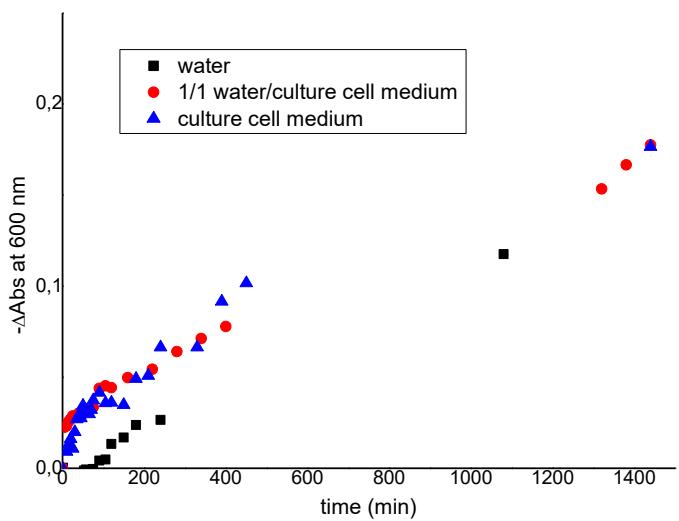
**Fig S16.** Optical microscopy images for a) 2a b) 2b and c) 2c 4 mM at 25 °C, in water, 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium and bacterial cell culture medium. Scale bar 10  $\mu$ M.



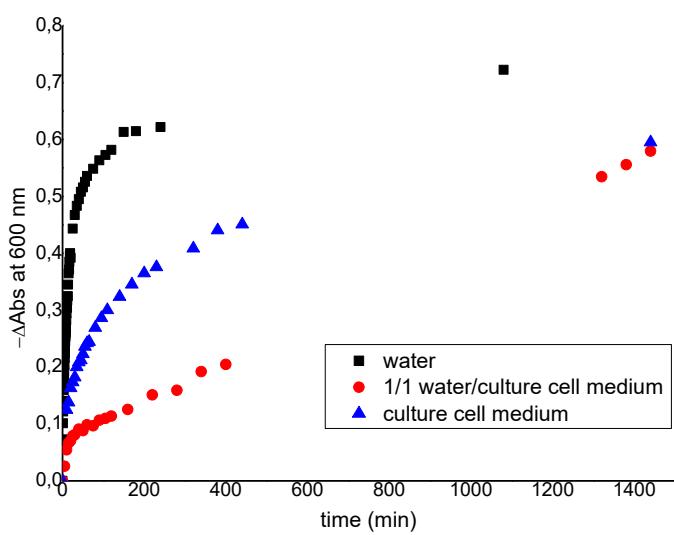
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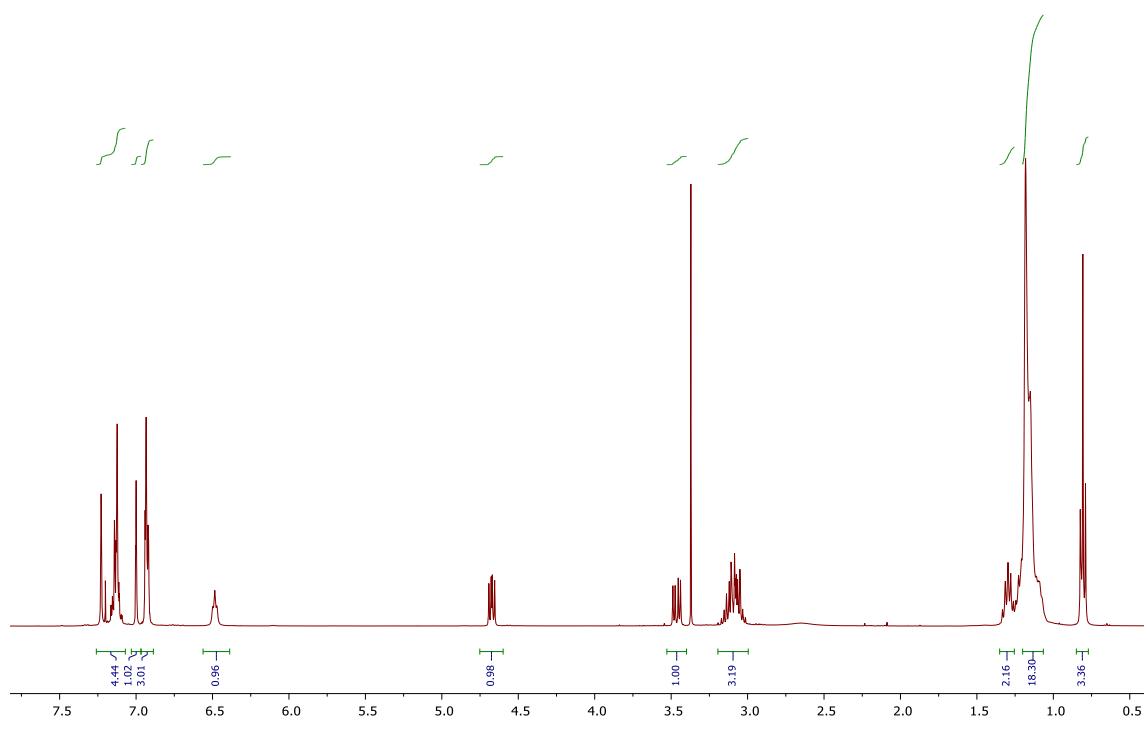
**Fig S18.** SEM images for **1c** a) 0.5 mM in water; b) 1 mM in 1/1 water/bacterial cell culture medium and c) 1 mM in bacterial cell culture medium.



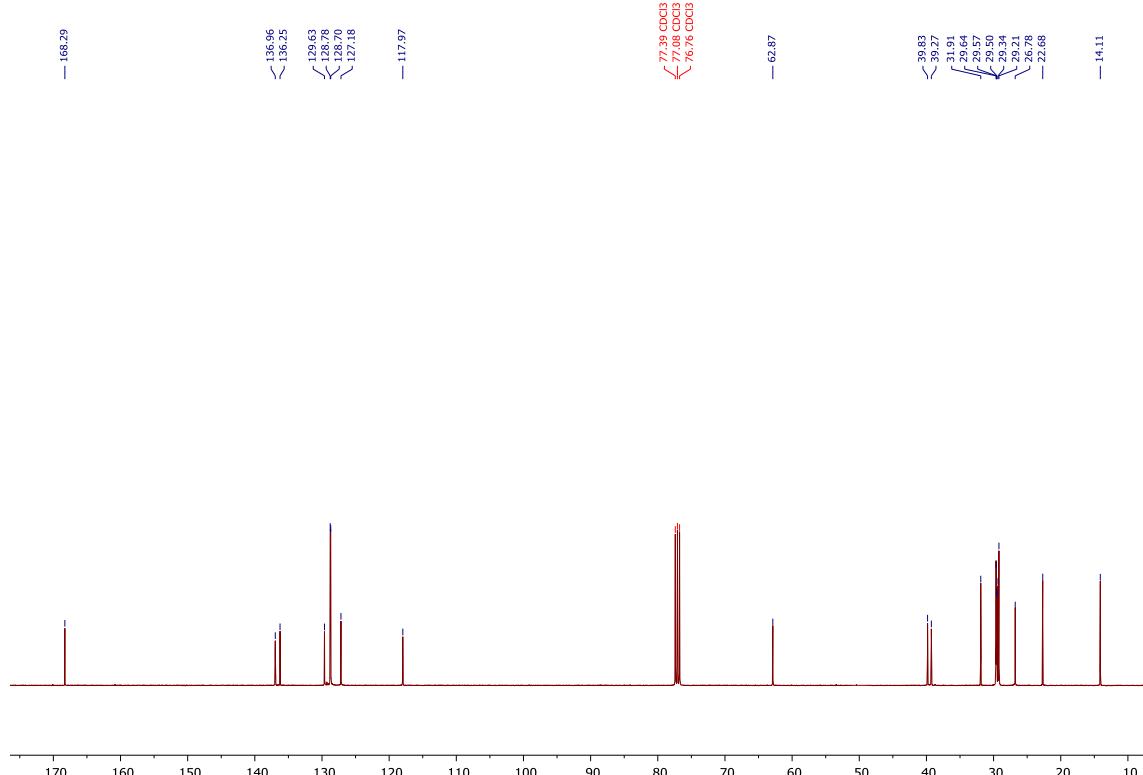
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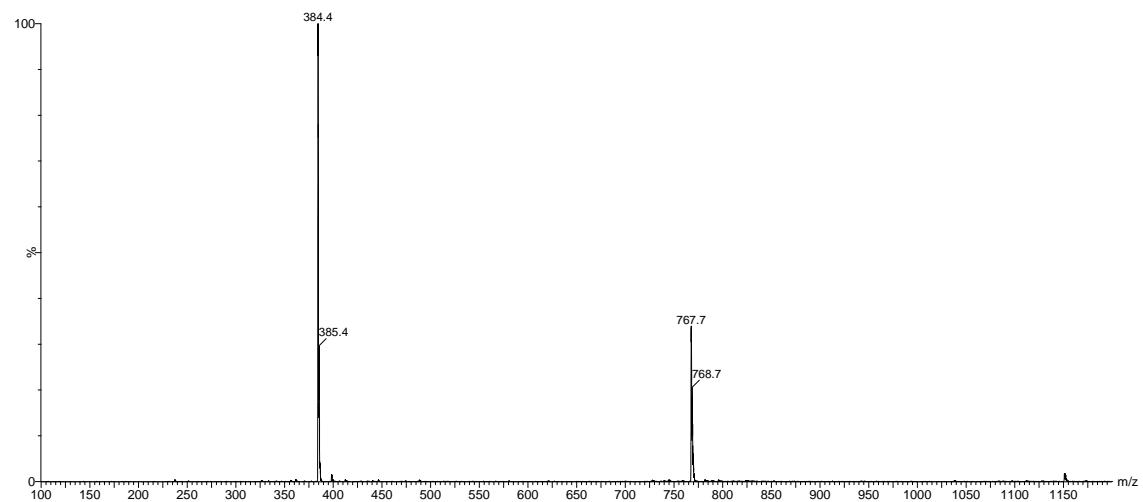


**Fig. S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) of **3a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

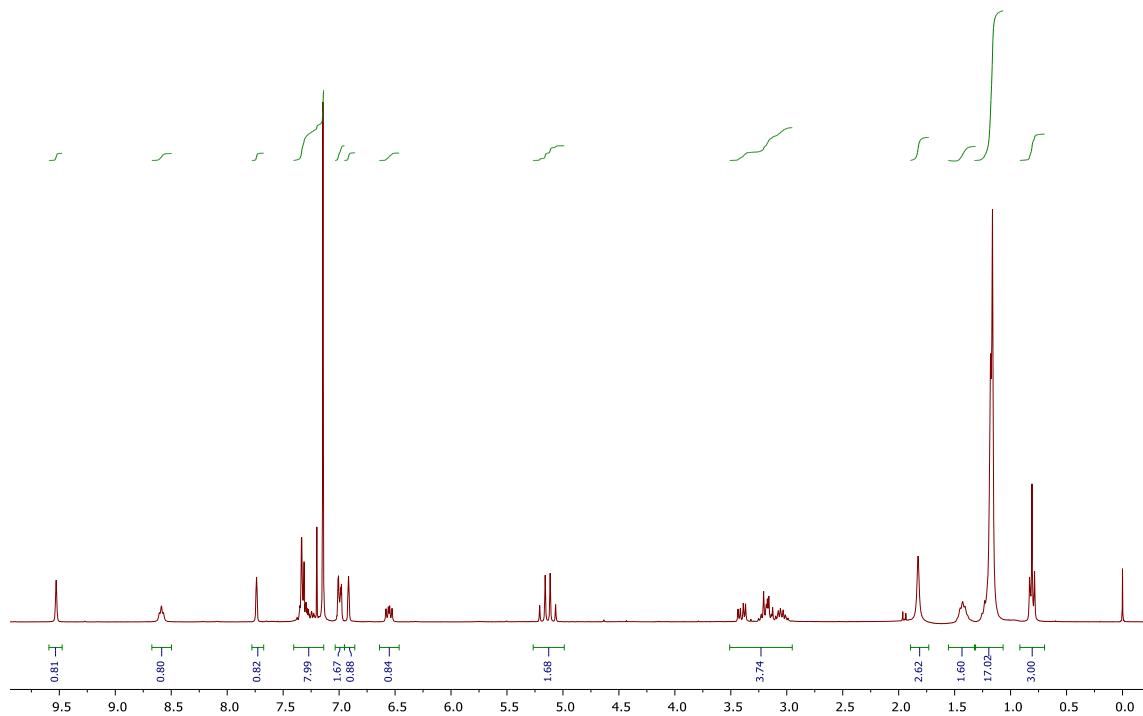


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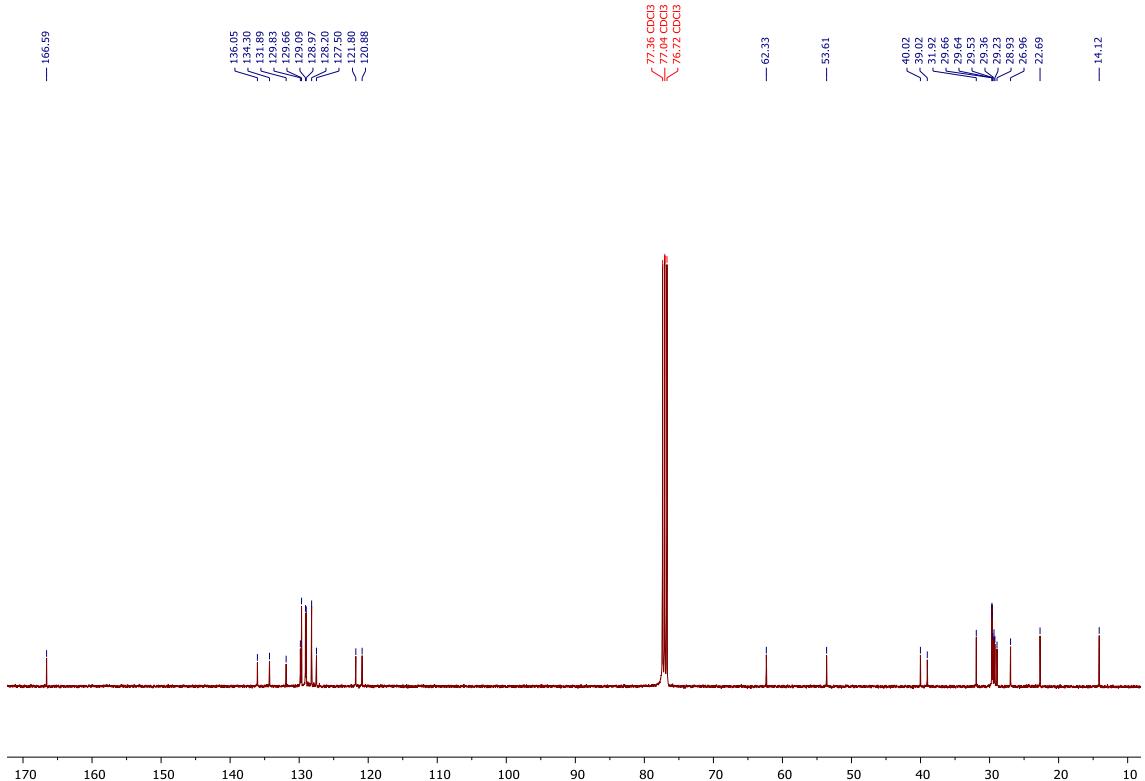
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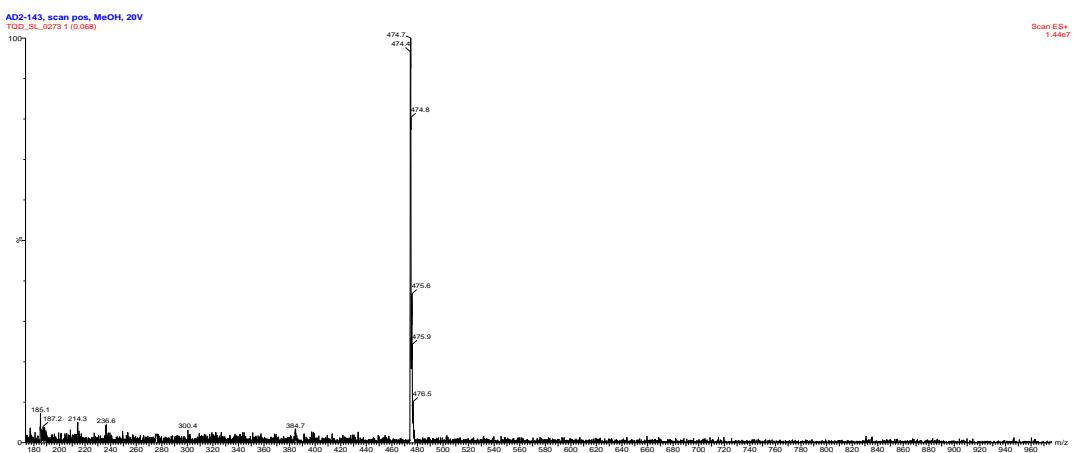
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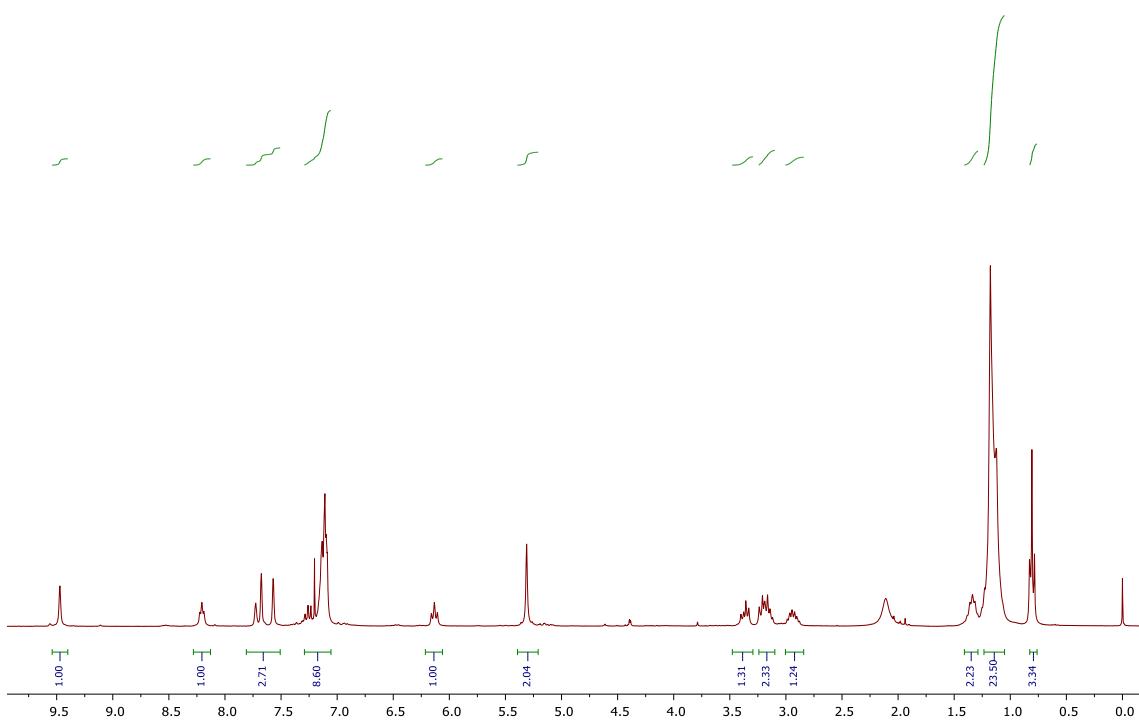
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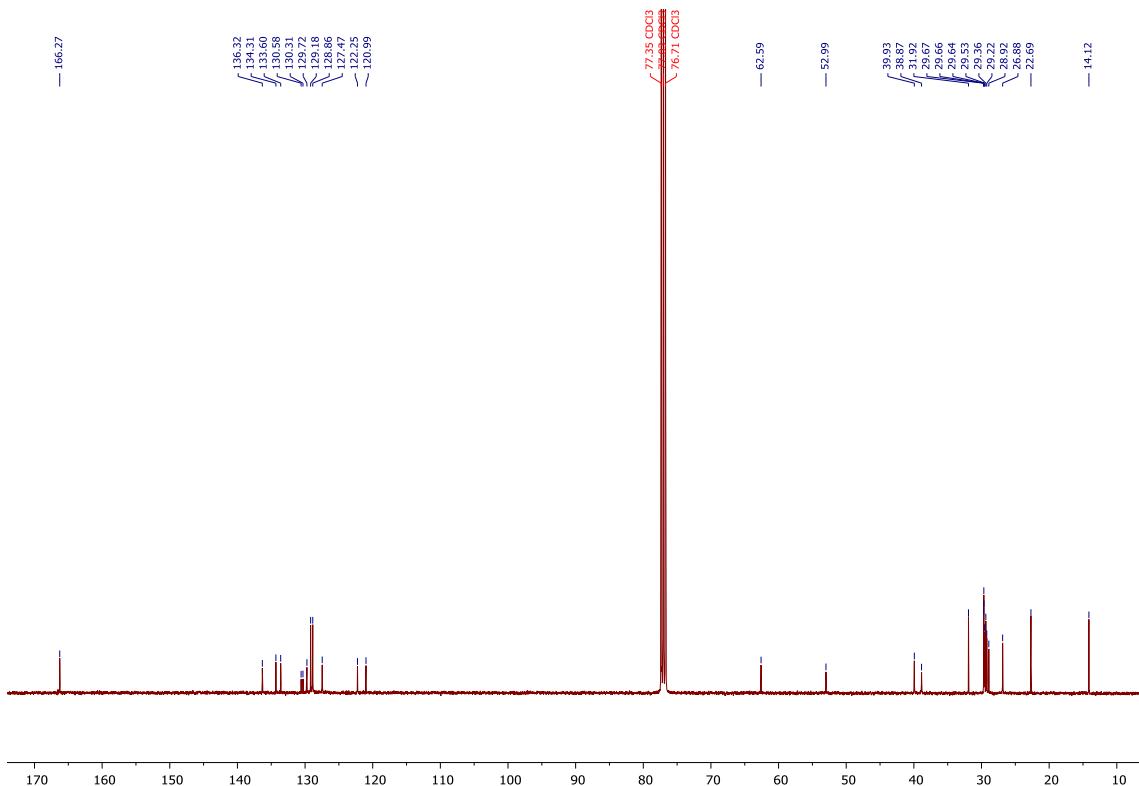
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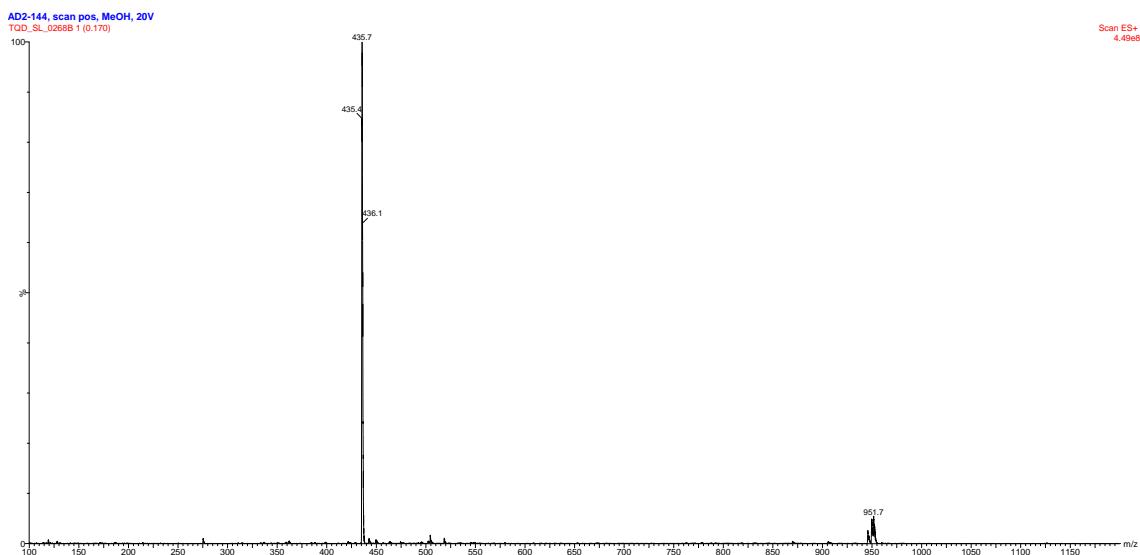
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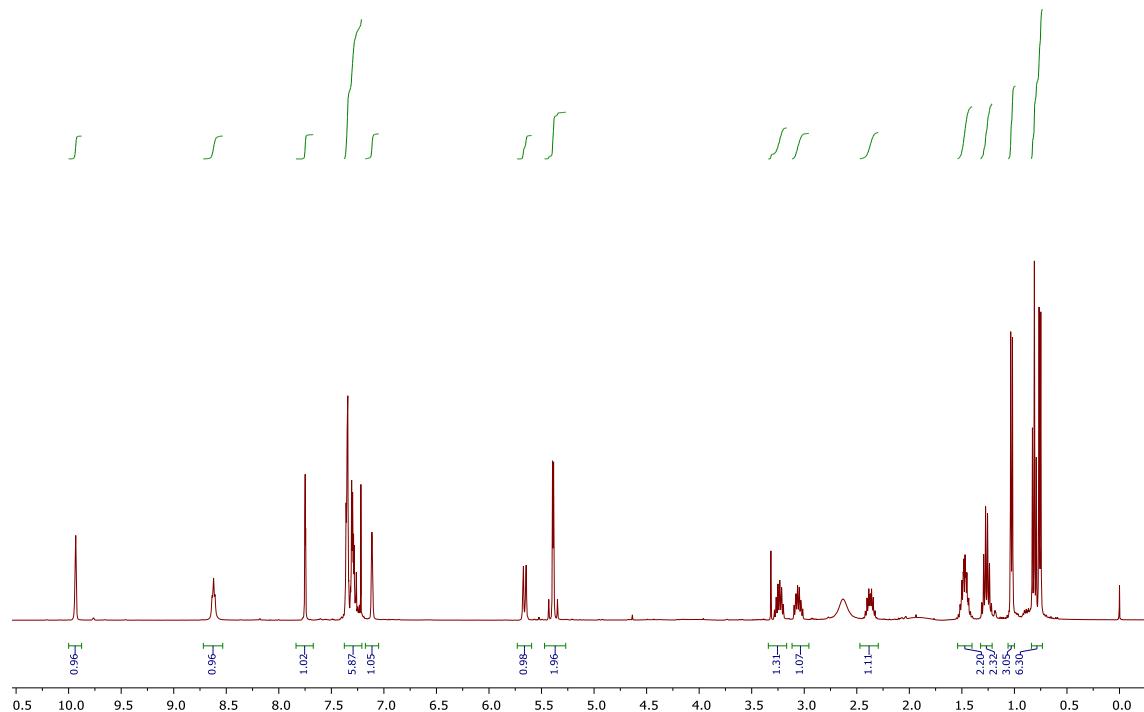
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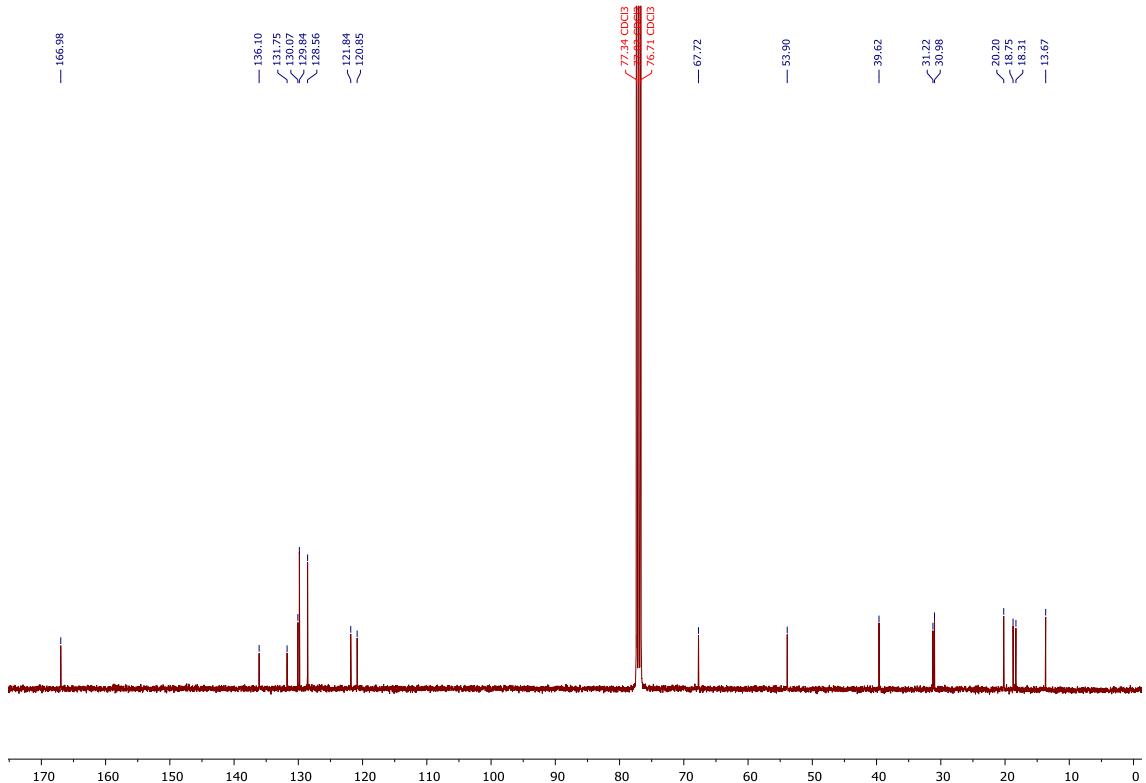
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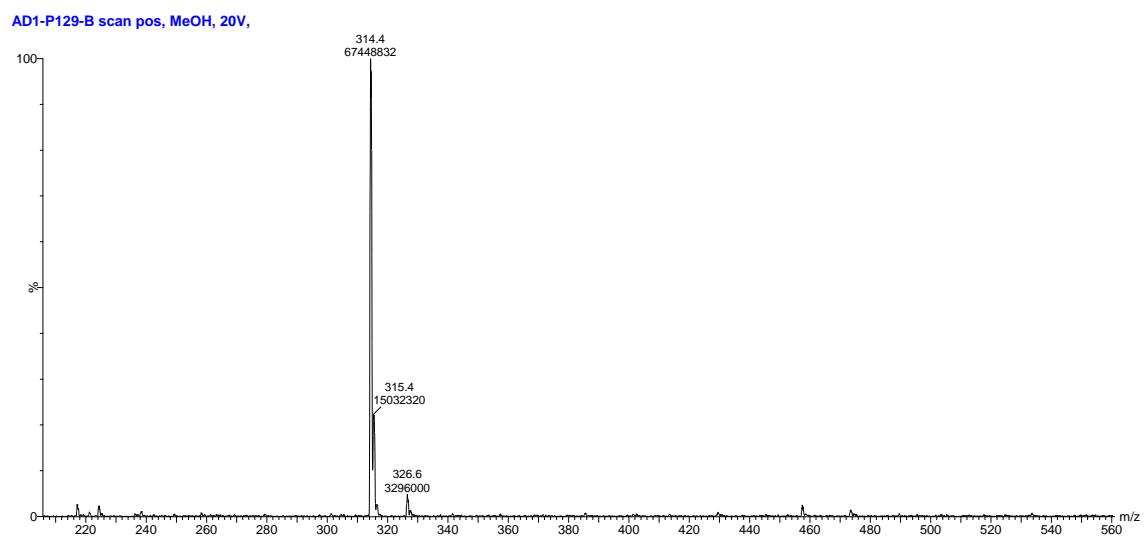
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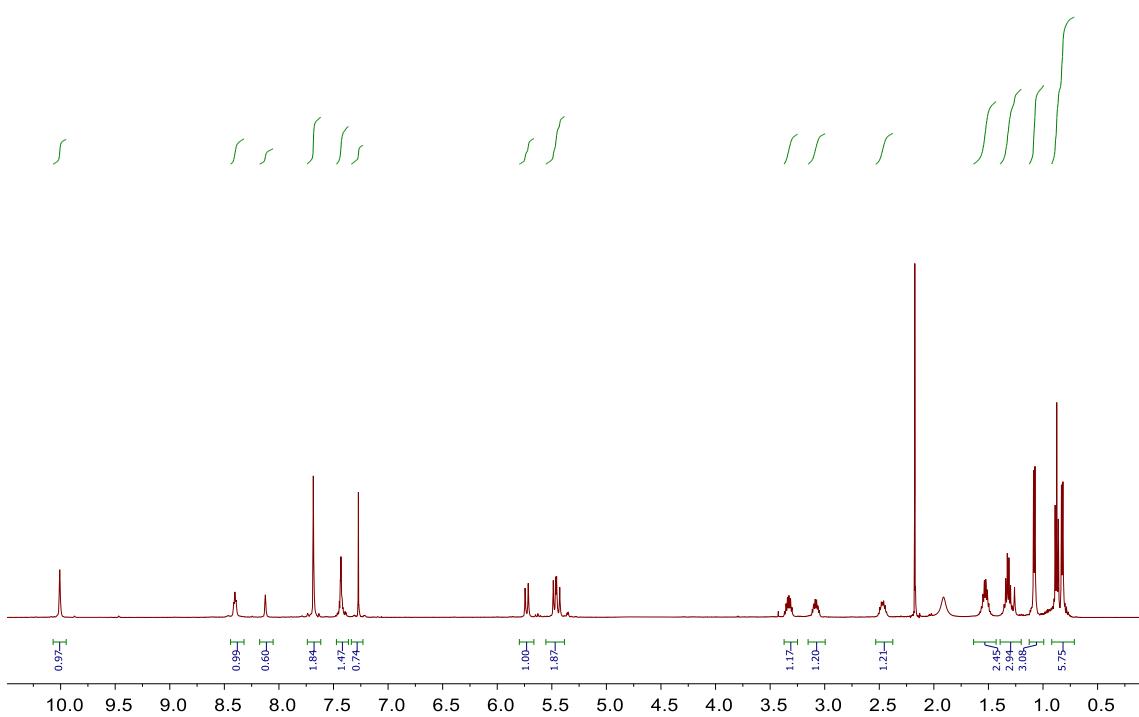
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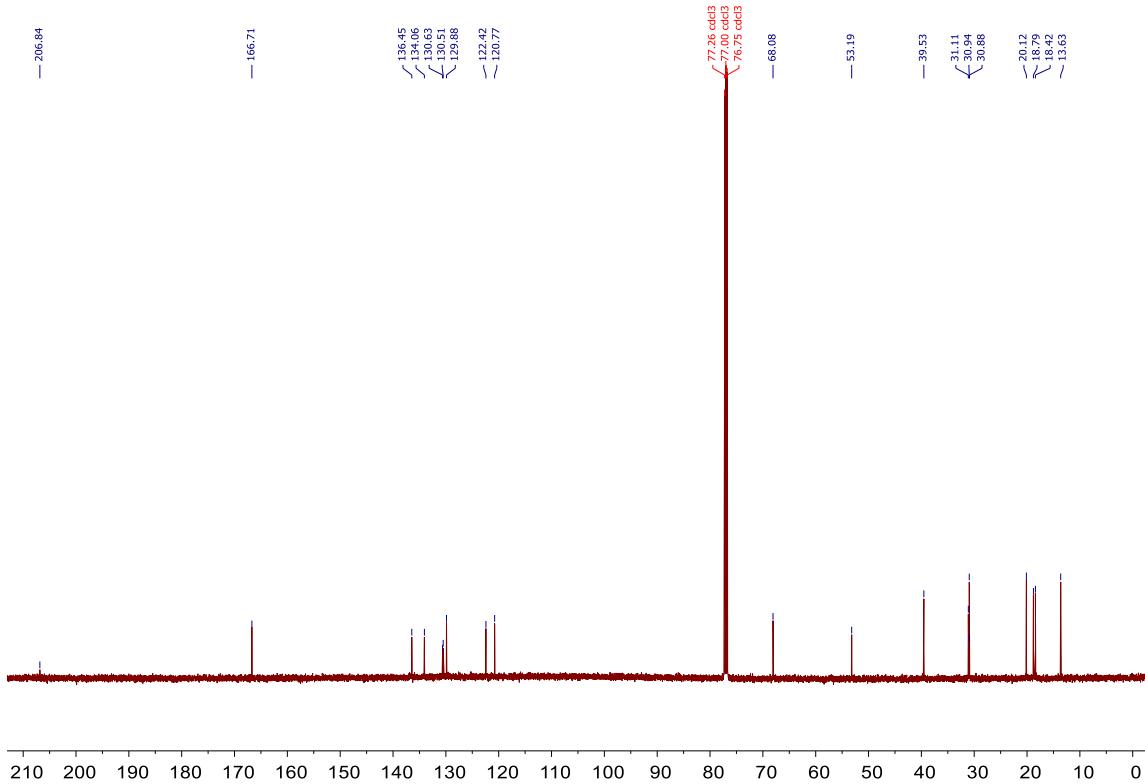
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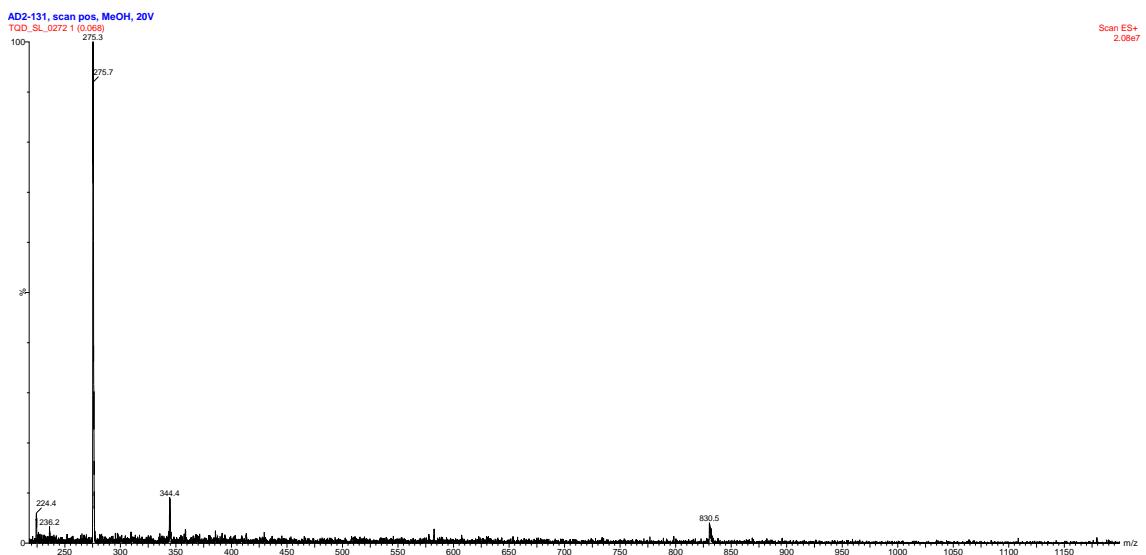
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**Fig. S33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) of **2c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



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**Fig. S35.** MS (ESI) of **2c**.