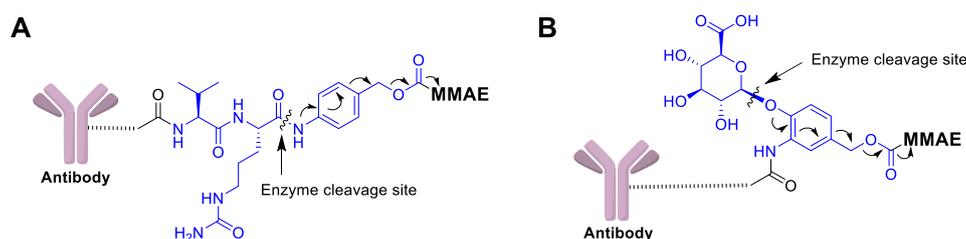


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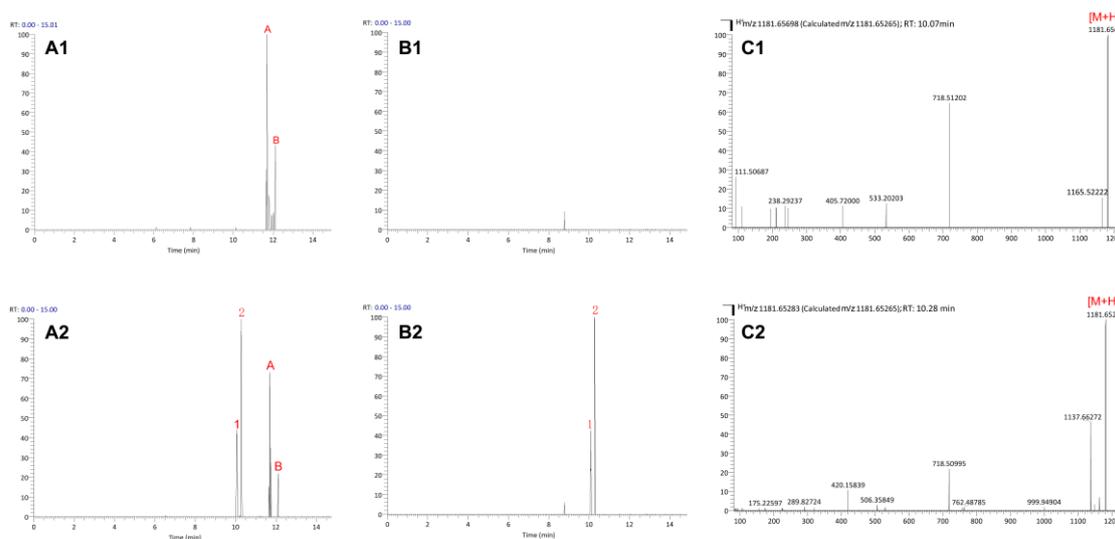
# Antibody-Drug Conjugate Using Ionized Cys-Linker-MMAE as the Potent Payload Shows Optimal Therapeutic Safety

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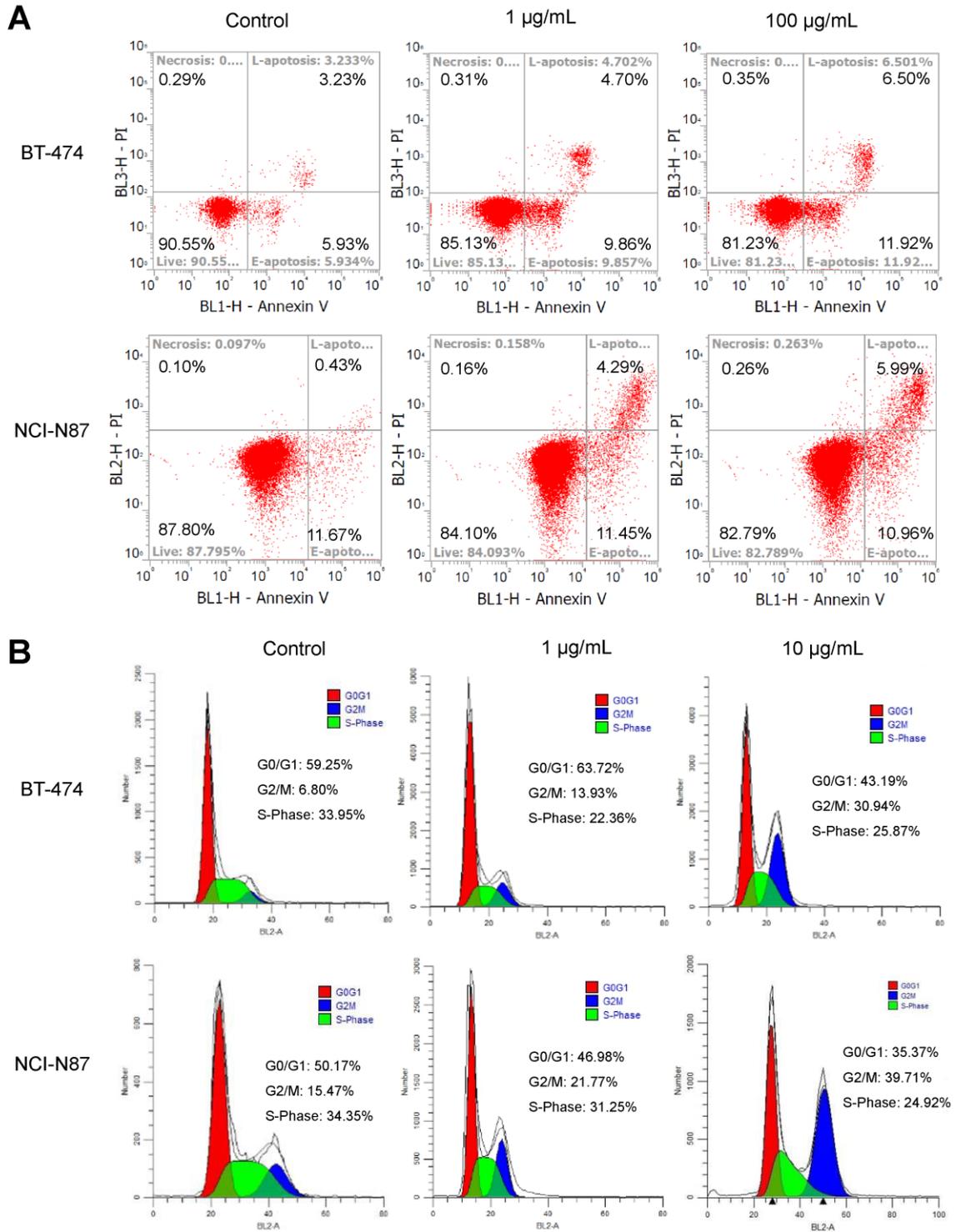
Supplementary Materials



**Figure S1.** Structures of cleavable linker systems for current MMAE-based ADCs. **(A)** Structure of the cathepsin B-cleavable ADCs and its drug release pattern. **(B)** Structure of the  $\beta$ -glucuronidase-cleavable ADCs and its drug release pattern.



**Figure S2.** Drug release study of the Cys-linker-MMAE-based ADC at the cellular level. **(A1)** The XIC of full MS/ddMS2 scan of the vehicle in BT-474 cells; **(A2)** The XIC of full MS/ddMS2 scan of the metabolites in BT-474 cells; **(B1)** The XIC of full MS/ddMS2 scan of the vehicle in NCI-N87 cells; **(B2)** The XIC of full MS/ddMS2 scan of the metabolites in NCI-N87 cells; **(C1)** The MS2 fragmentation of M1 (R.T. = 10.07 min); **(C2)** The MS2 fragmentation of M2 (R.T. = 10.28 min). The compound A ( $m/z$  591.32976, R.T.=11.69 min) and B ( $m/z$  591.32976, R.T = 12.11 min) could also be detected in the control group of BT-474 cells (Figure A1 and A2), meaning that they are not related to the ADC being administered. Each dosing group included two replicates. R.T.: retention time.



**Figure S3.** Flow cytometry for apoptosis and cell cycle arrest analysis. (A) The induction of apoptosis in BT-474 and NCI-N87 cells was detected by flow cytometry; the cells were treated with mil40-15 for 24 h. (B) Cell cycle arrest analysis in the BT-474 and NCI-N87 cells was detected by flow cytometry; the cells were treated with mil40-15 for 24 h.

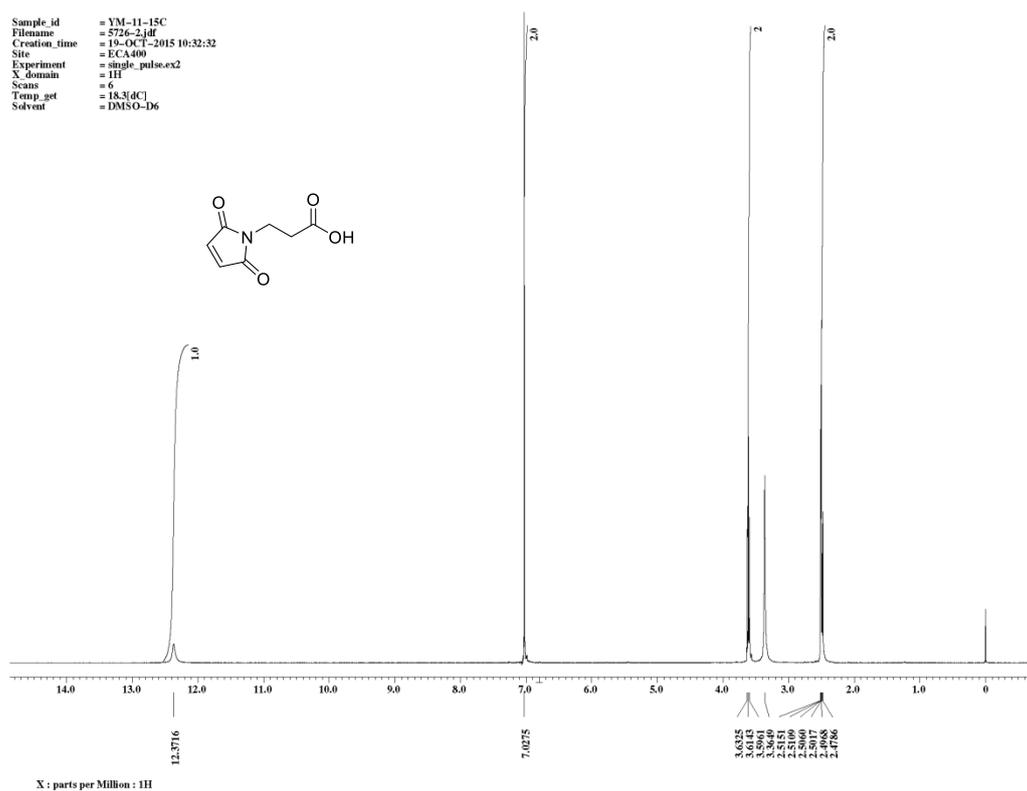
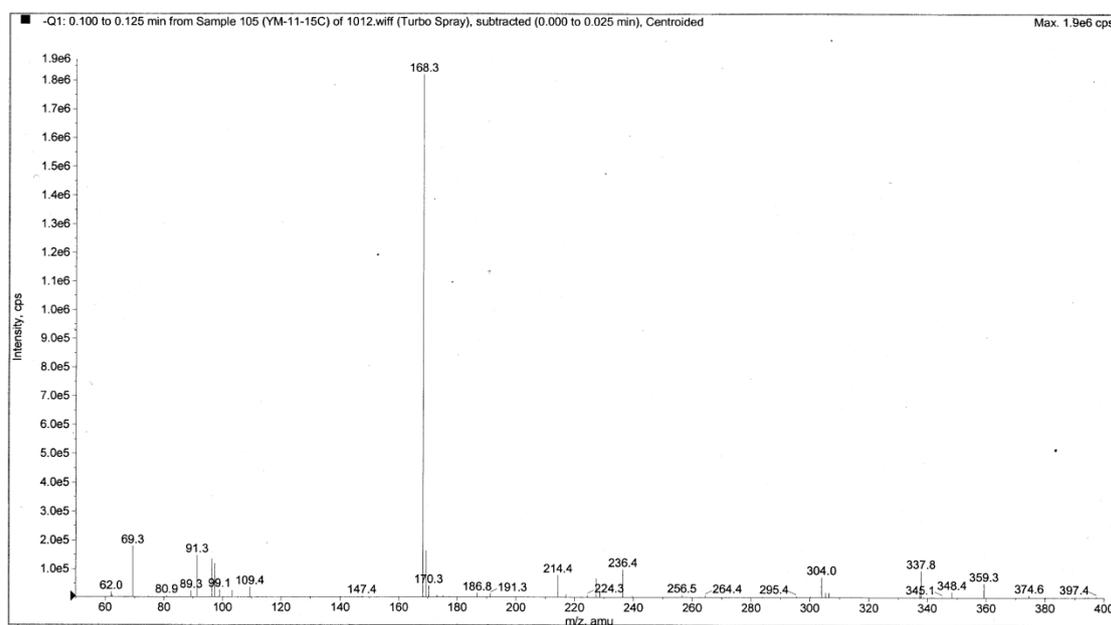
Figure S4. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 4.

Figure S5. The ESI-MS spectrum of compound 4.

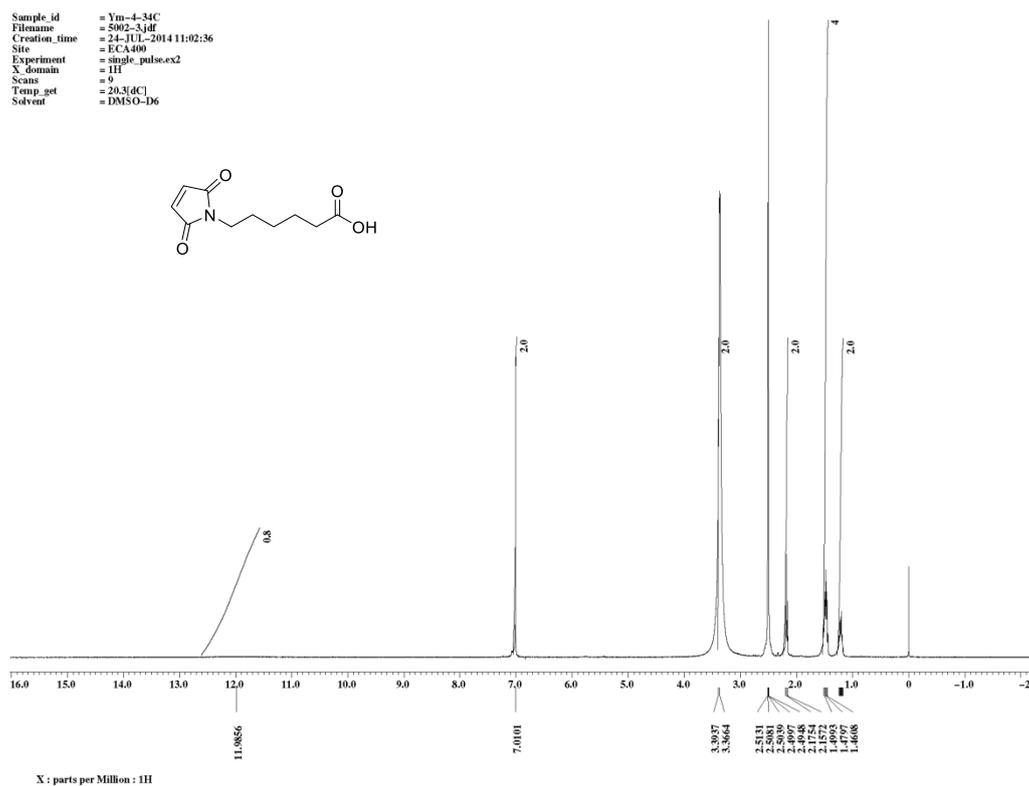
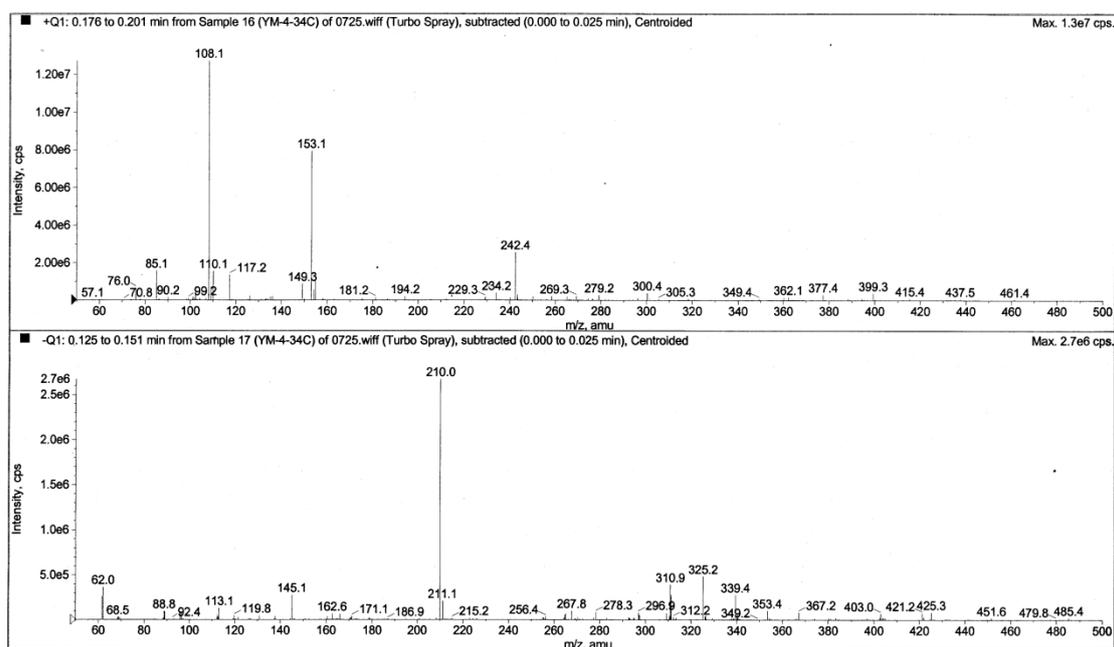
Figure S6. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 5.

Figure S7. The ESI-MS spectrum of compound 5.

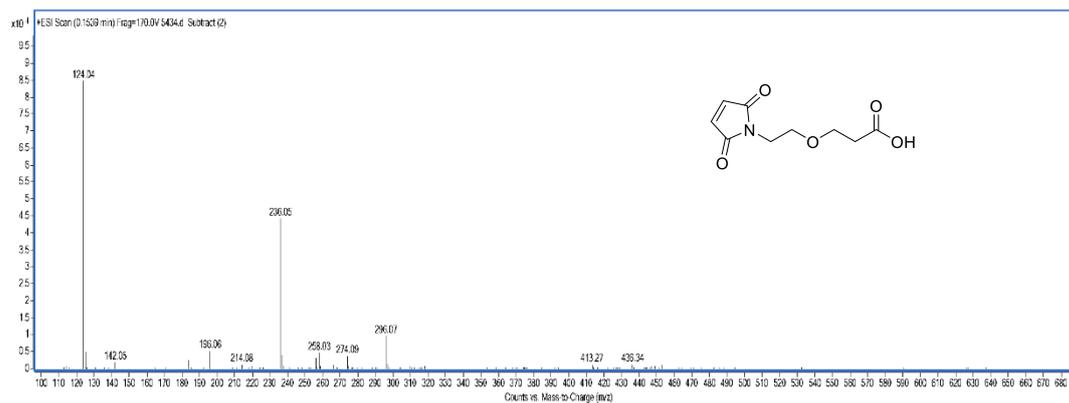
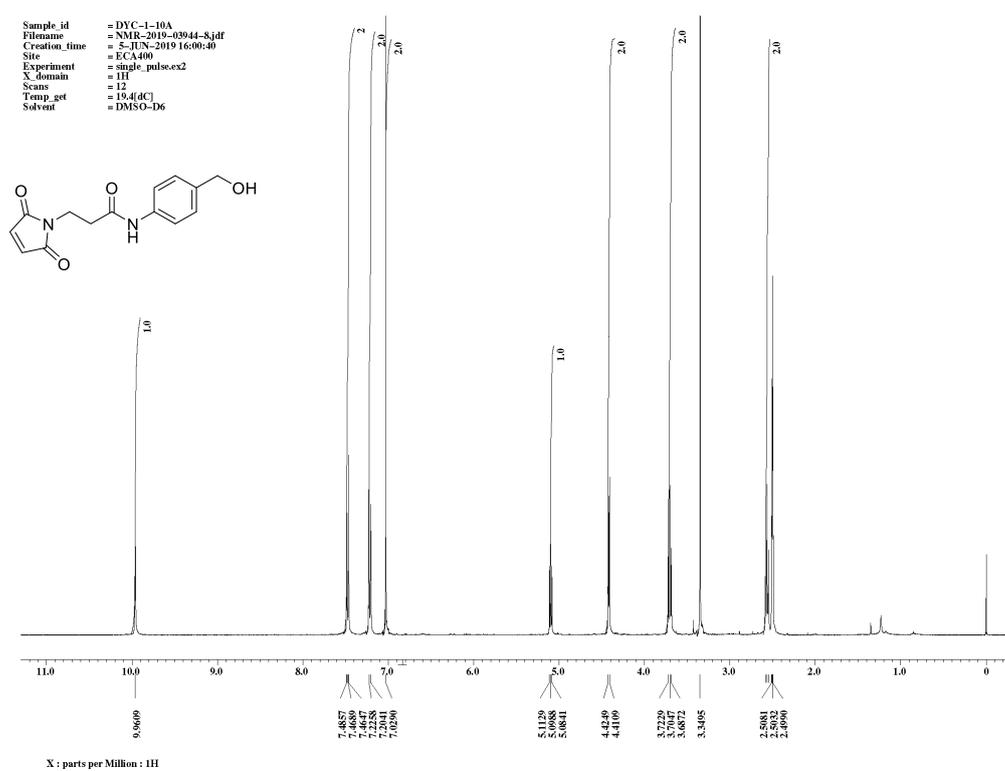


Figure S8. The ESI-MS spectrum of compound 6.

Figure S9. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 7.

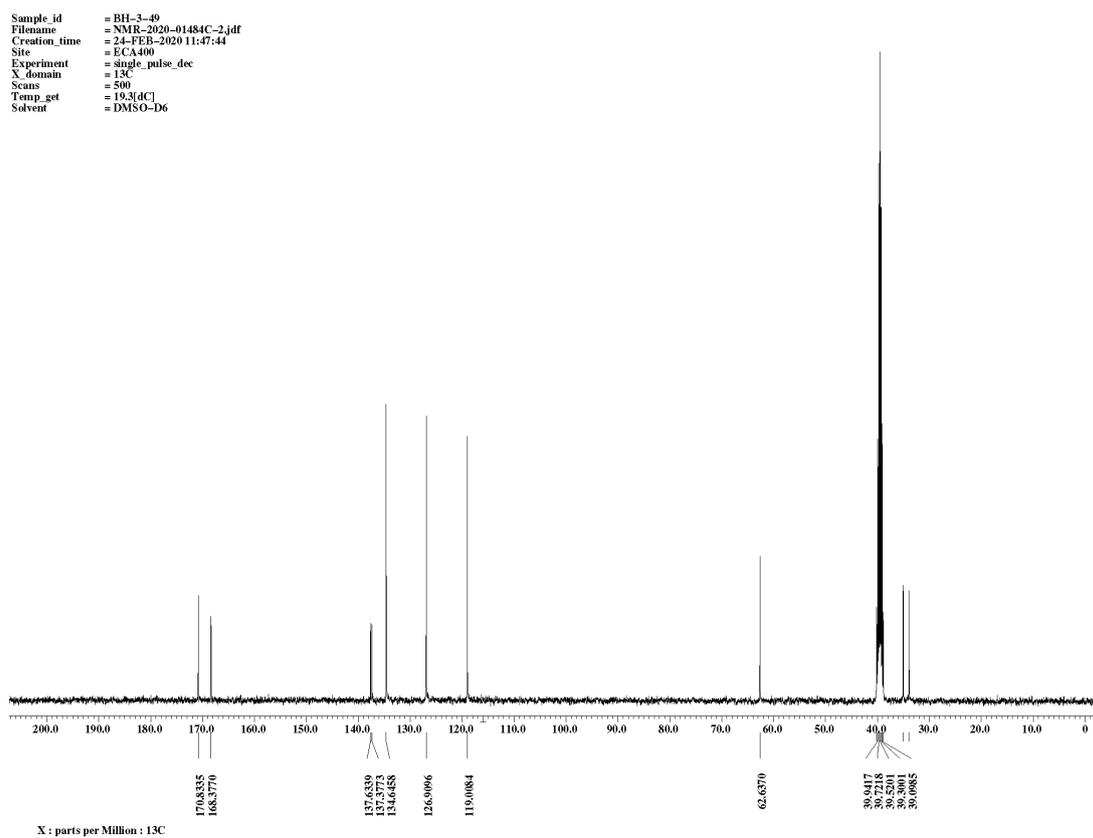


Figure S10. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 7.

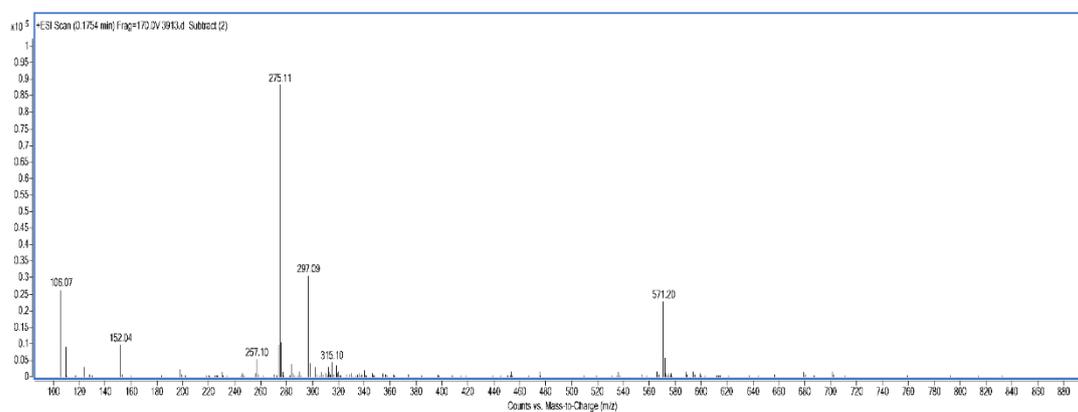


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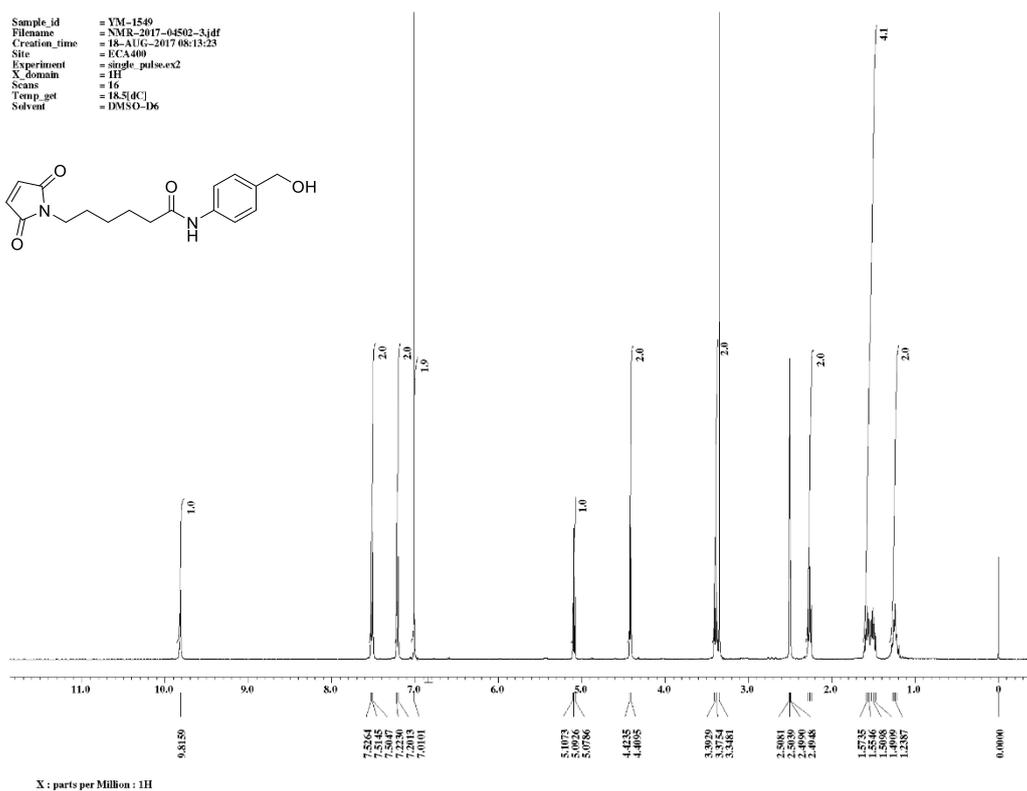


Figure S12. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 8.

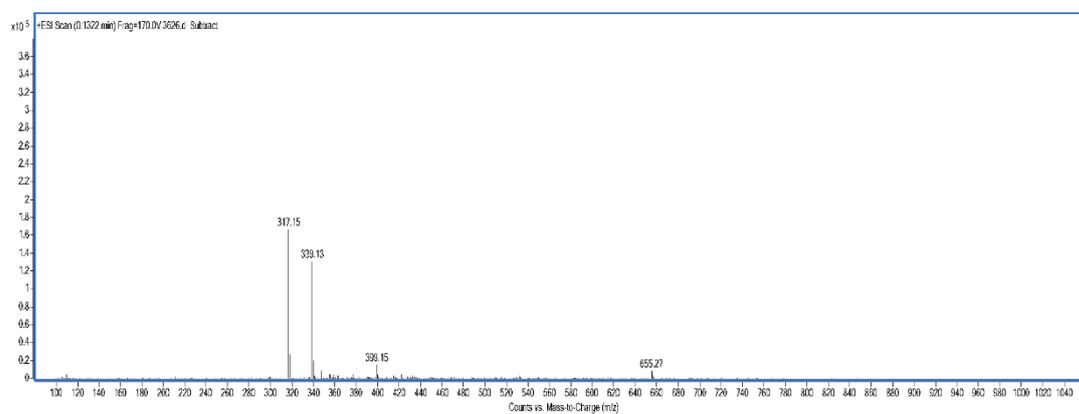
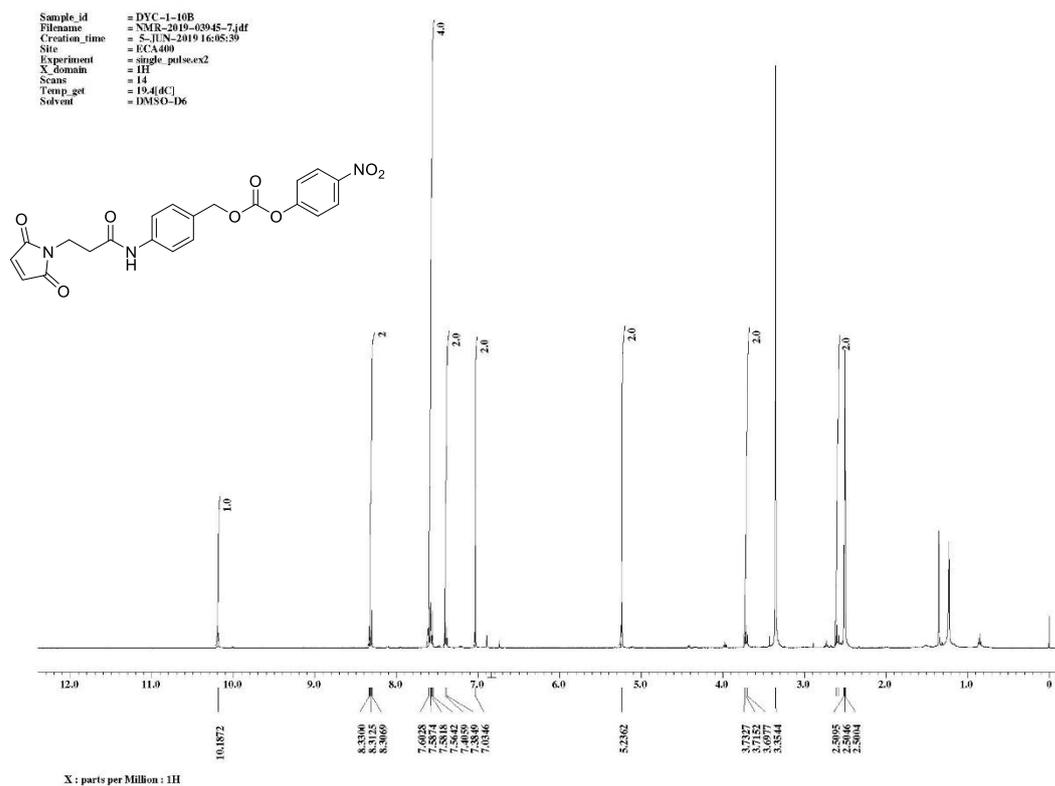
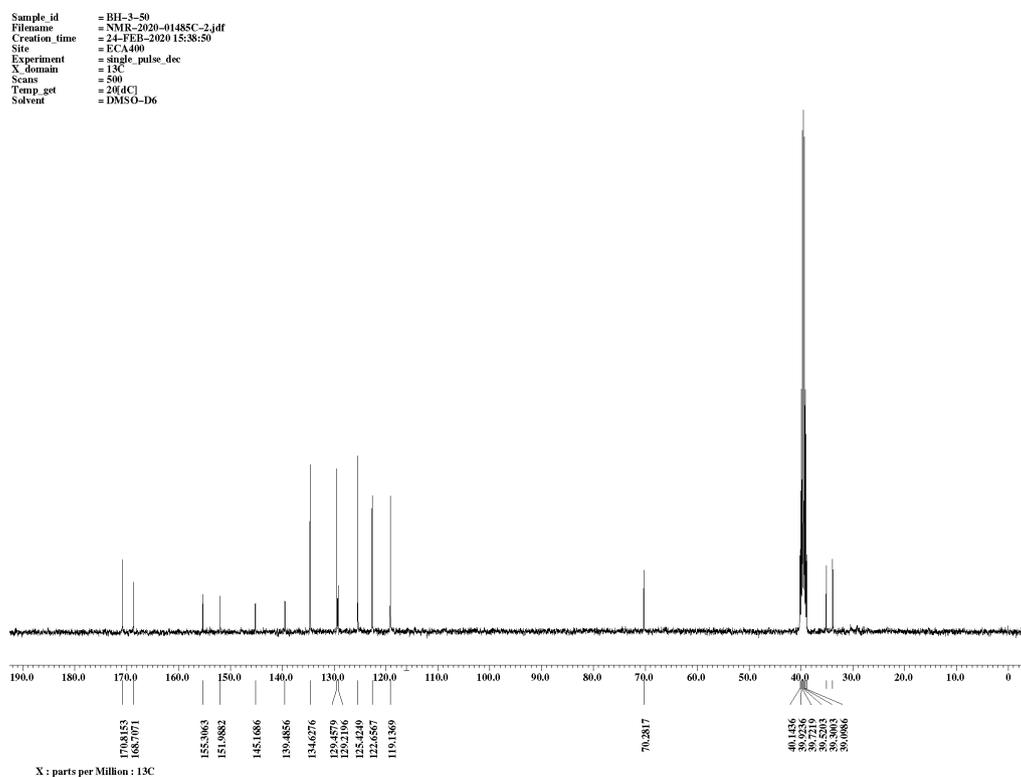


Figure S13. The ESI-MS spectrum of compound 8.

Figure S14. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 9.Figure S15. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 9.

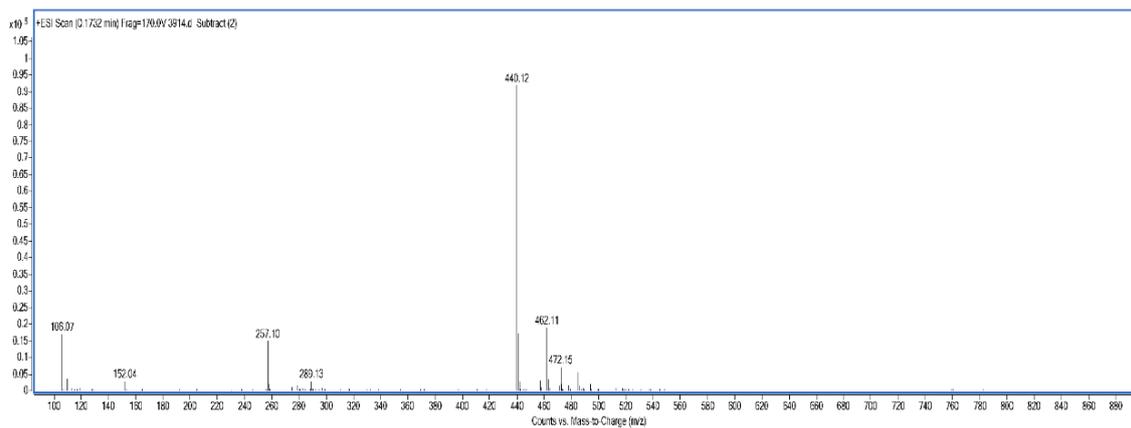


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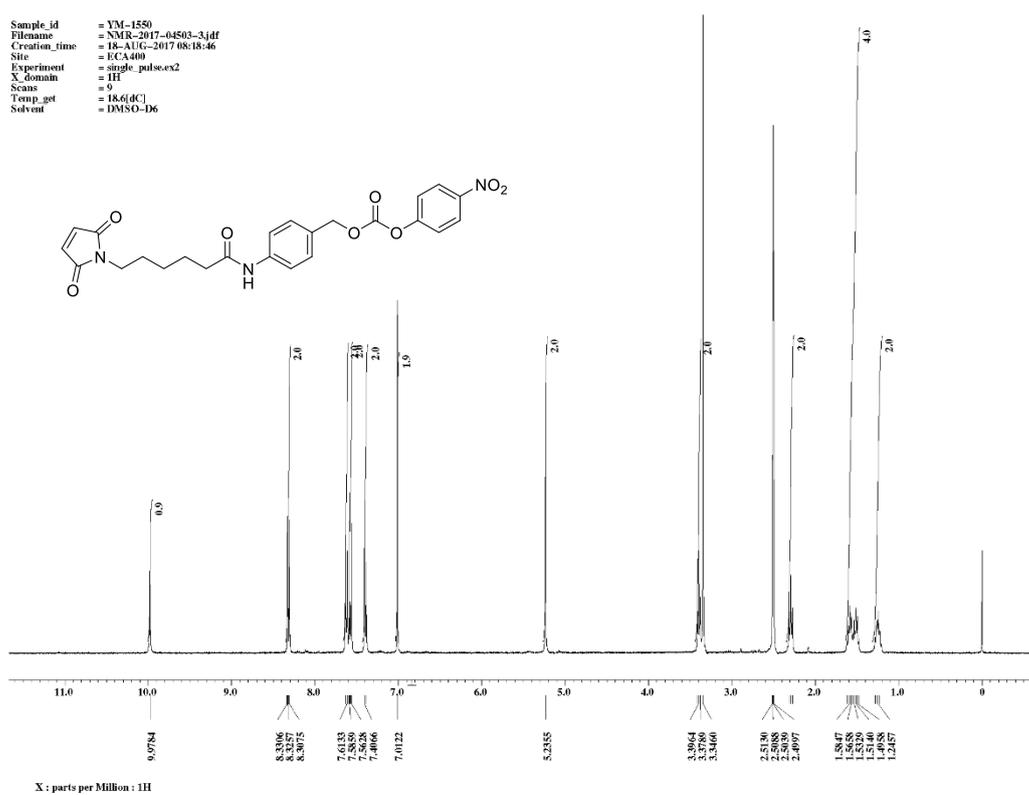
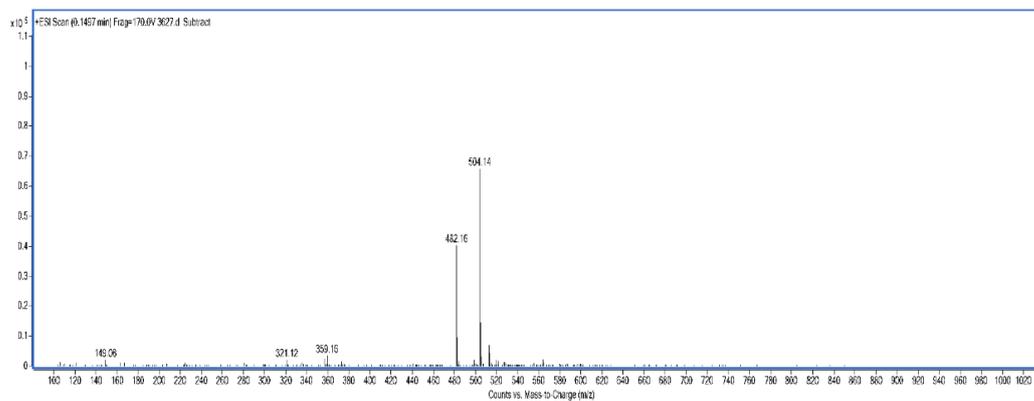
Figure S17. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 10.

Figure S18. The ESI-MS spectrum of compound 10.

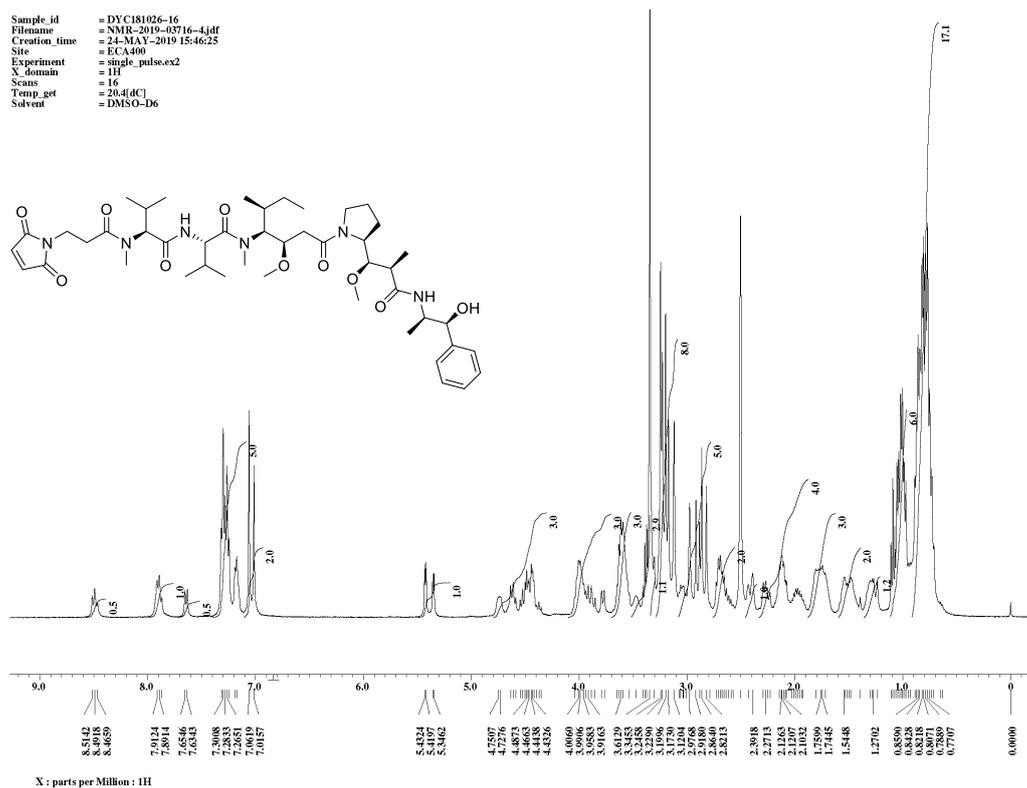


Figure S19. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 11.

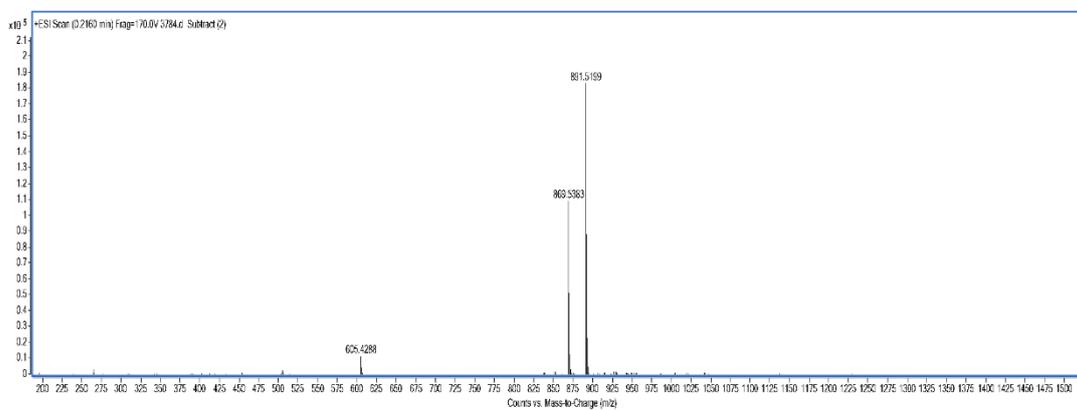


Figure S20. The HRMS spectrum of compound 11.

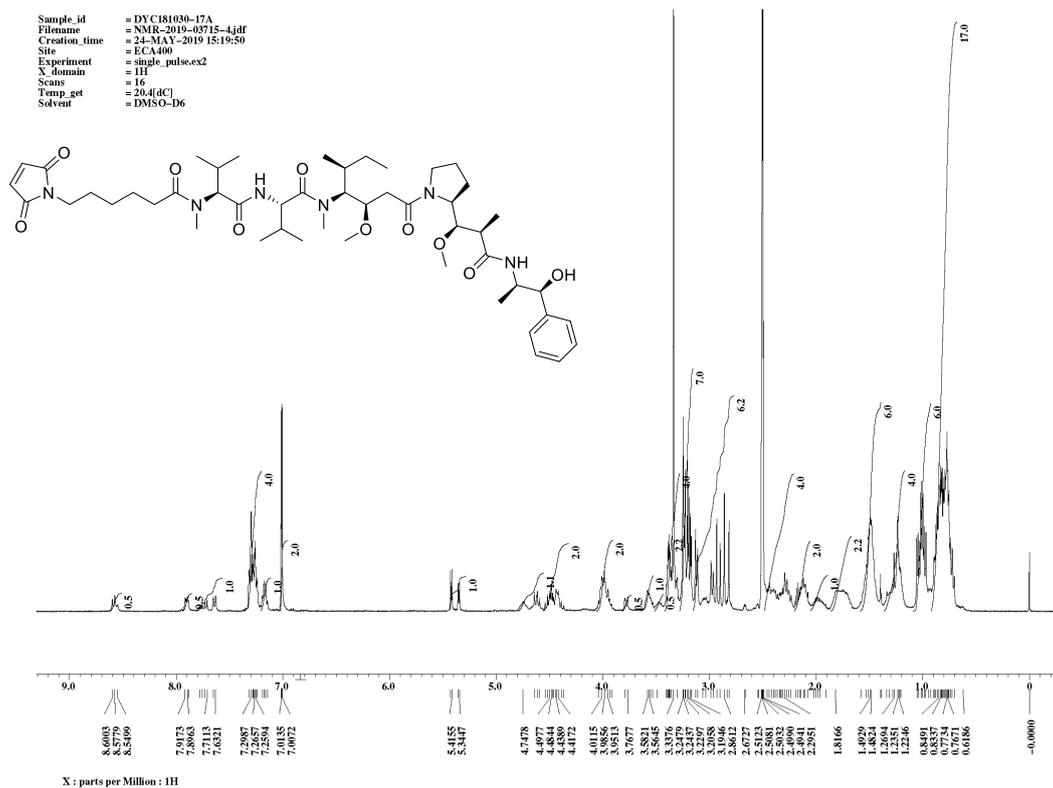
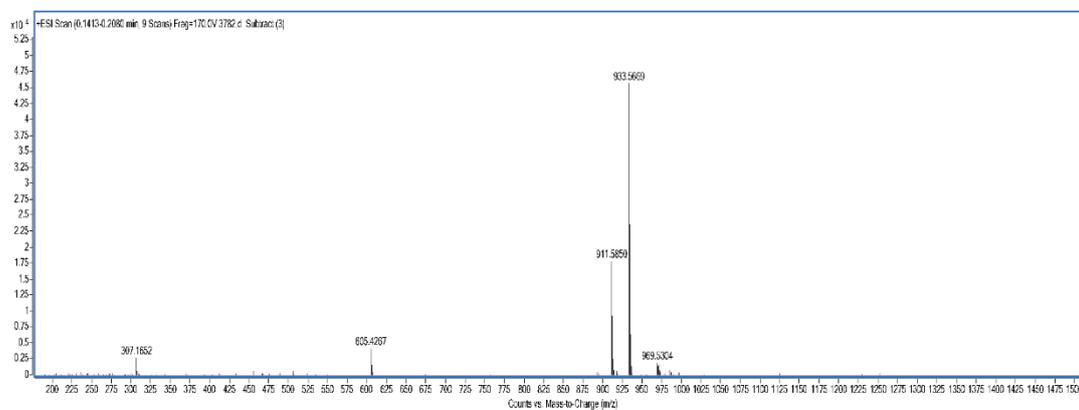
Figure S21. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 12.

Figure S22. The HRMS spectrum of compound 12.

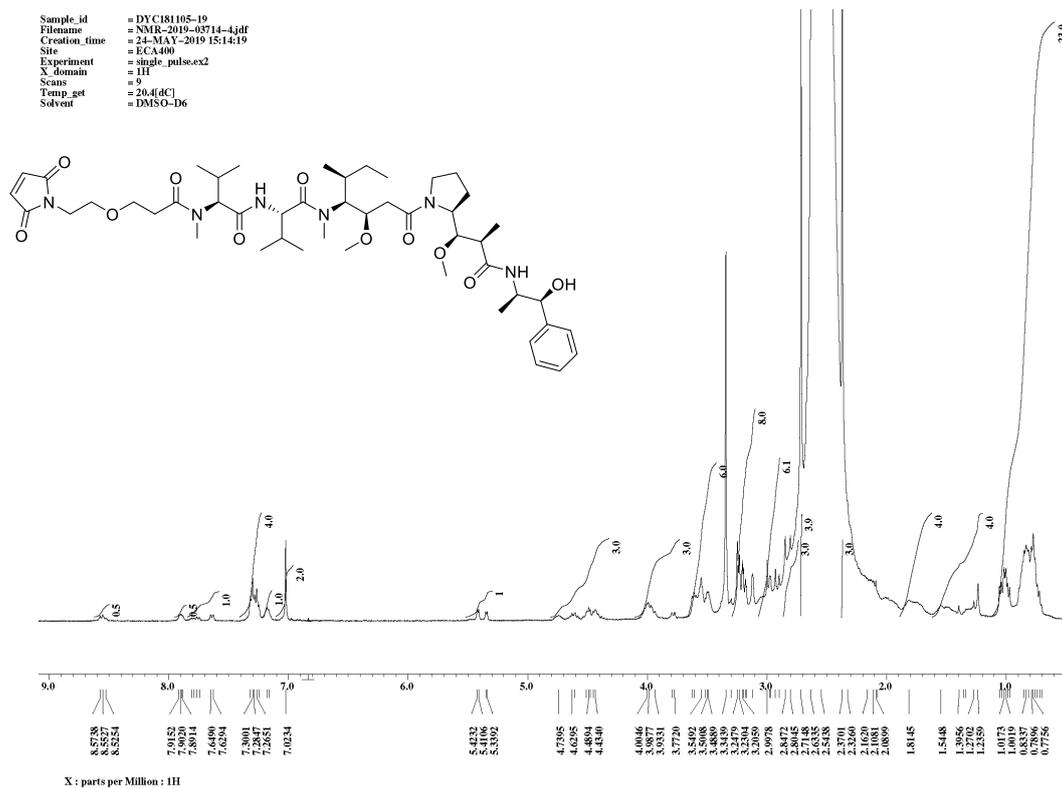
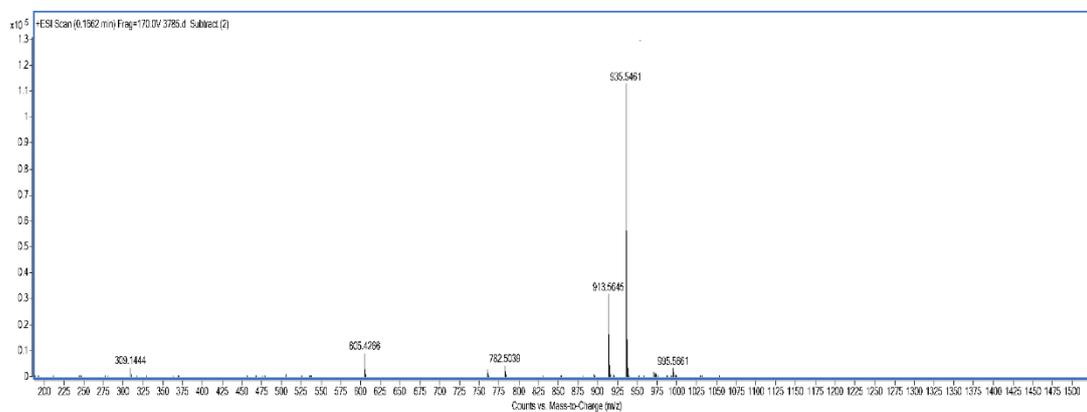
Figure S23. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 13.

Figure S24. The HRMS spectrum of compound 13.

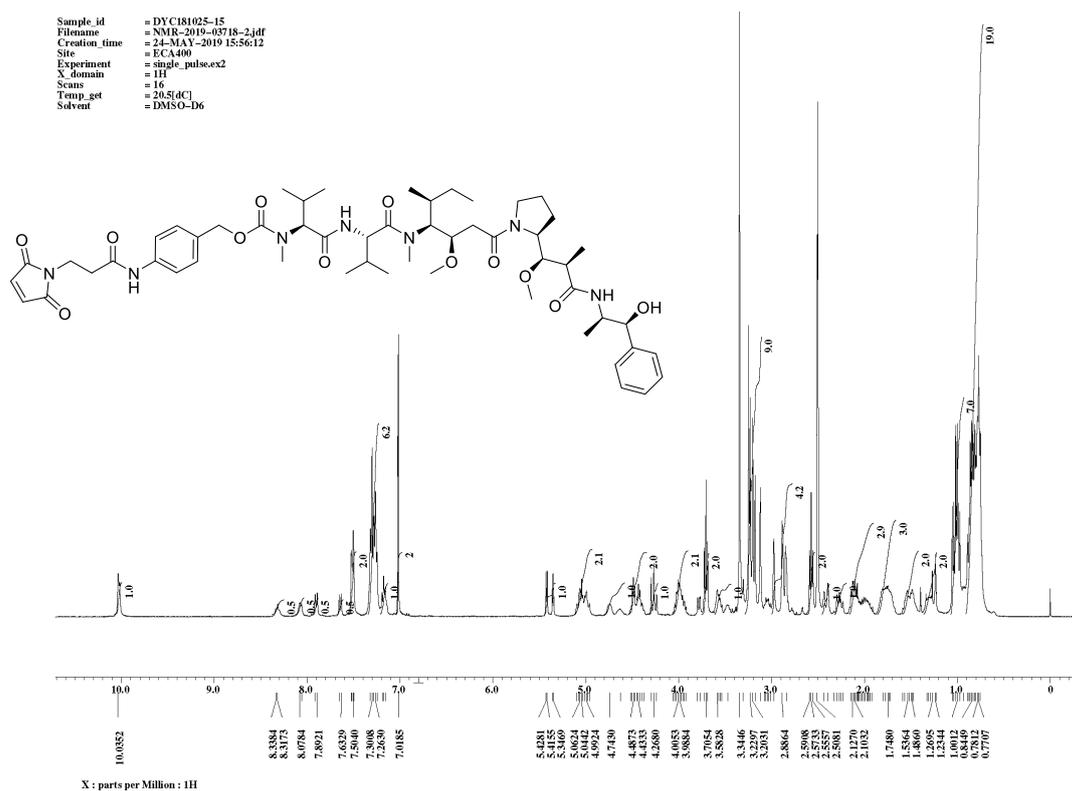
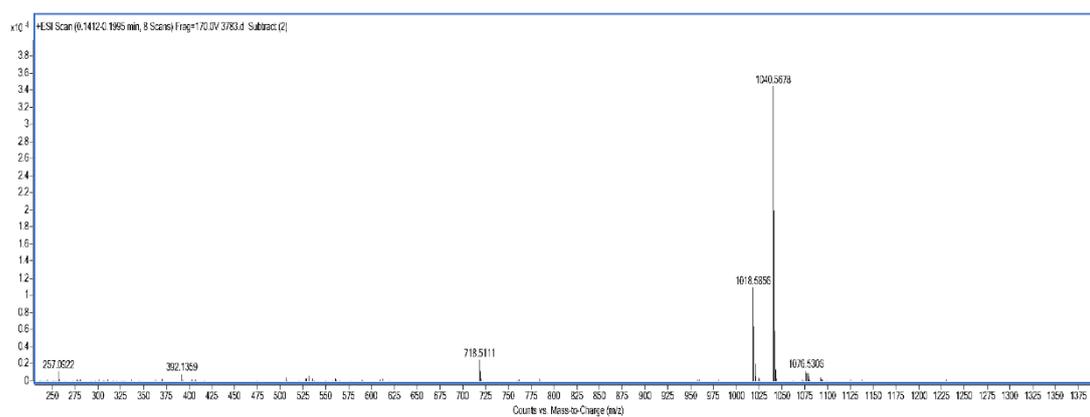
Figure S25. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 14.

Figure S26. The HRMS spectrum of compound 14.

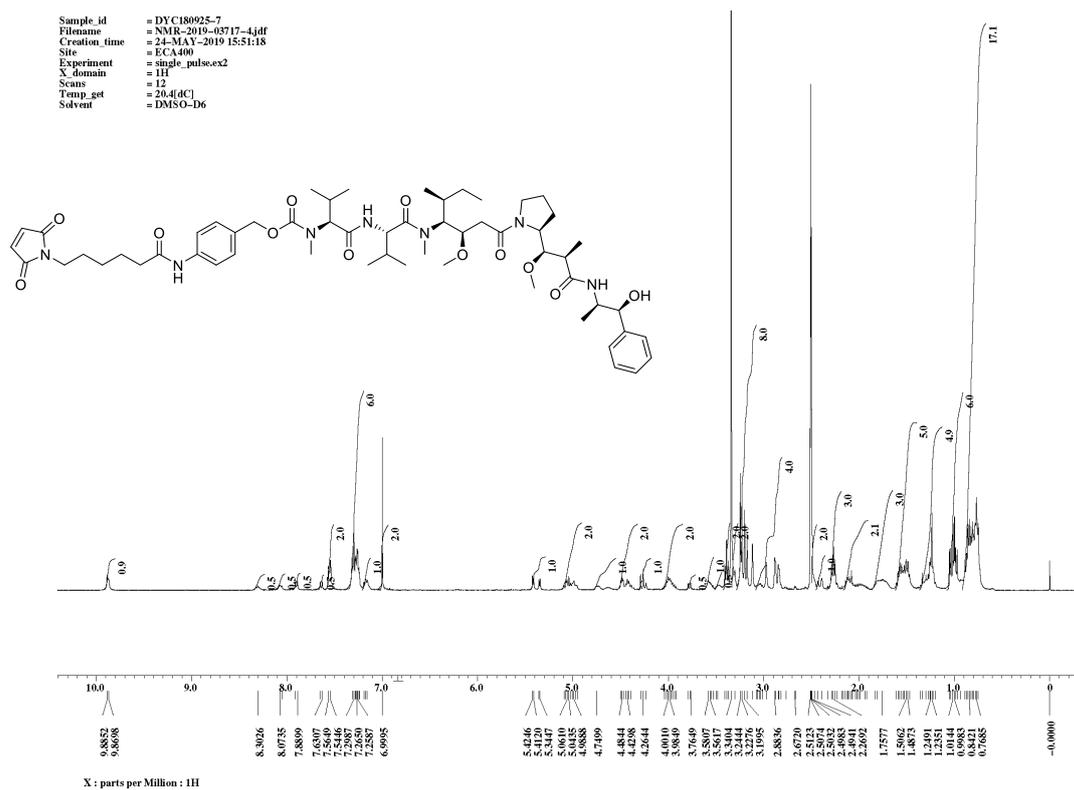
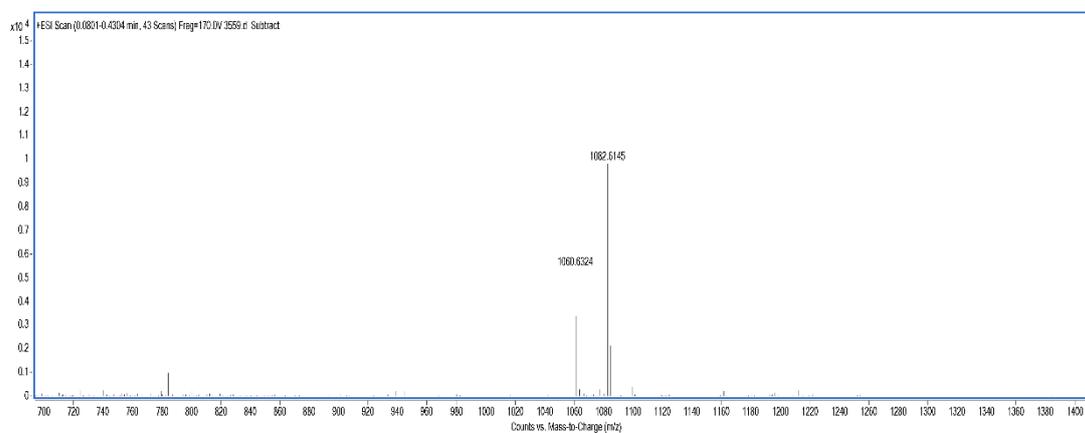
Figure S27. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 15.

Figure S28. The HRMS spectrum of compound 15.

**Table S1.** Permeability prediction of MMAE and Cys-linker-MMAE conjugates.

Compound	MlogP	S + Peff (cm/s × 10 <sup>4</sup> )	S + MDCK (cm/s × 10 <sup>7</sup> )	Perm Cornea (cm/s × 10 <sup>7</sup> )
Cys-11	-2.931	0.176	5.747	10.399
Cys-12	-2.464	0.190	4.902	11.843
Cys-13	-3.299	0.168	4.906	10.573
Cys-14	-2.533	0.162	5.019	12.262
Cys-15	-2.093	0.181	4.795	13.842
MMAE	1.191	0.353	21.818	63.090

MlogP: moriguchi model of octanol-water partition coefficient, larger logP values indicate higher lipophilicity; S + Peff: human effective jejunal permeability, larger S + Peff values indicate greater permeability and the predicted value for membrane permeable molecules is usually >0.25; S + MDCK: apparent MDCK COS permeability, larger S + MDCK values also indicate greater permeability and the predicted value for membrane permeable molecules is usually >20; Perm\_Cornea: permeability through rabbit cornea, larger Perm\_Cornea values indicate greater membrane permeability.



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