

## Characterization of the different compounds

Figure S1.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $5\alpha$ -cholestan- $3\beta$ -ol **1**.

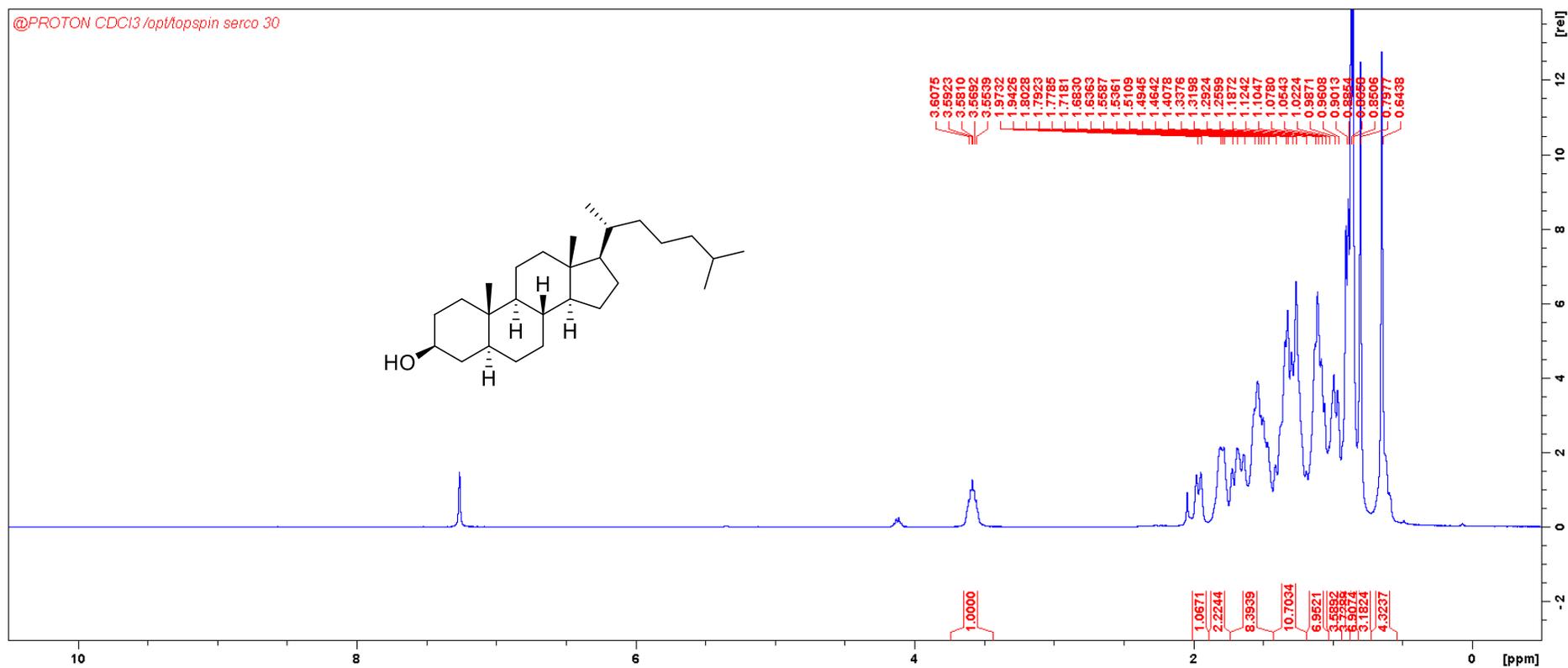
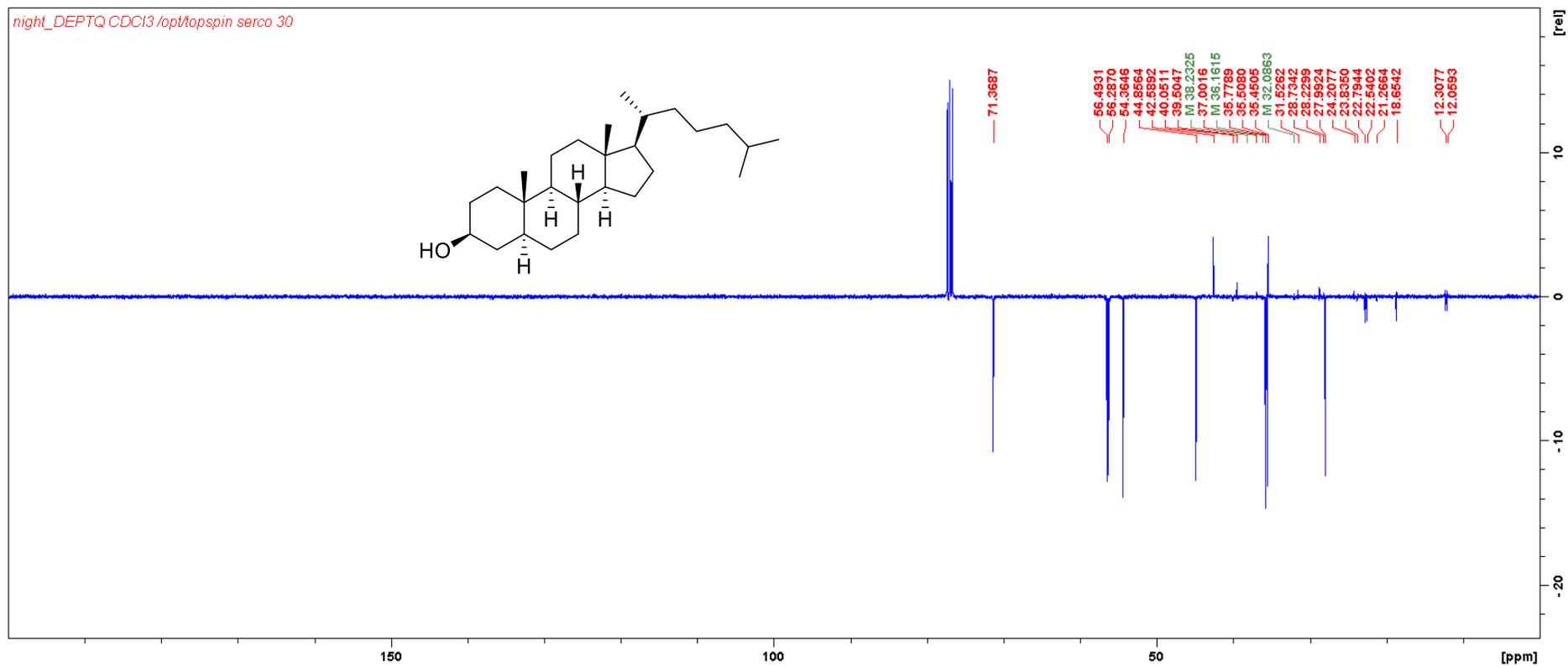


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol 1.

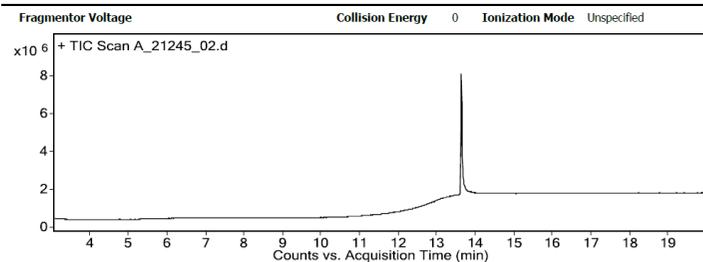


**Figure S3.** GC-MS analysis of 5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol **1**.

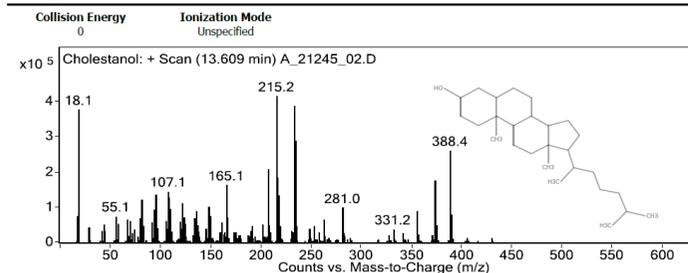
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### User Chromatograms

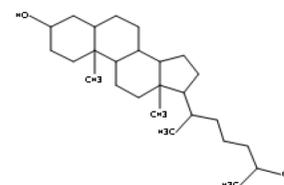


### User Spectra



**Spectrum Structure**  
Cholestanol

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Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3α,5α-chloroacetylamincholestane 5.

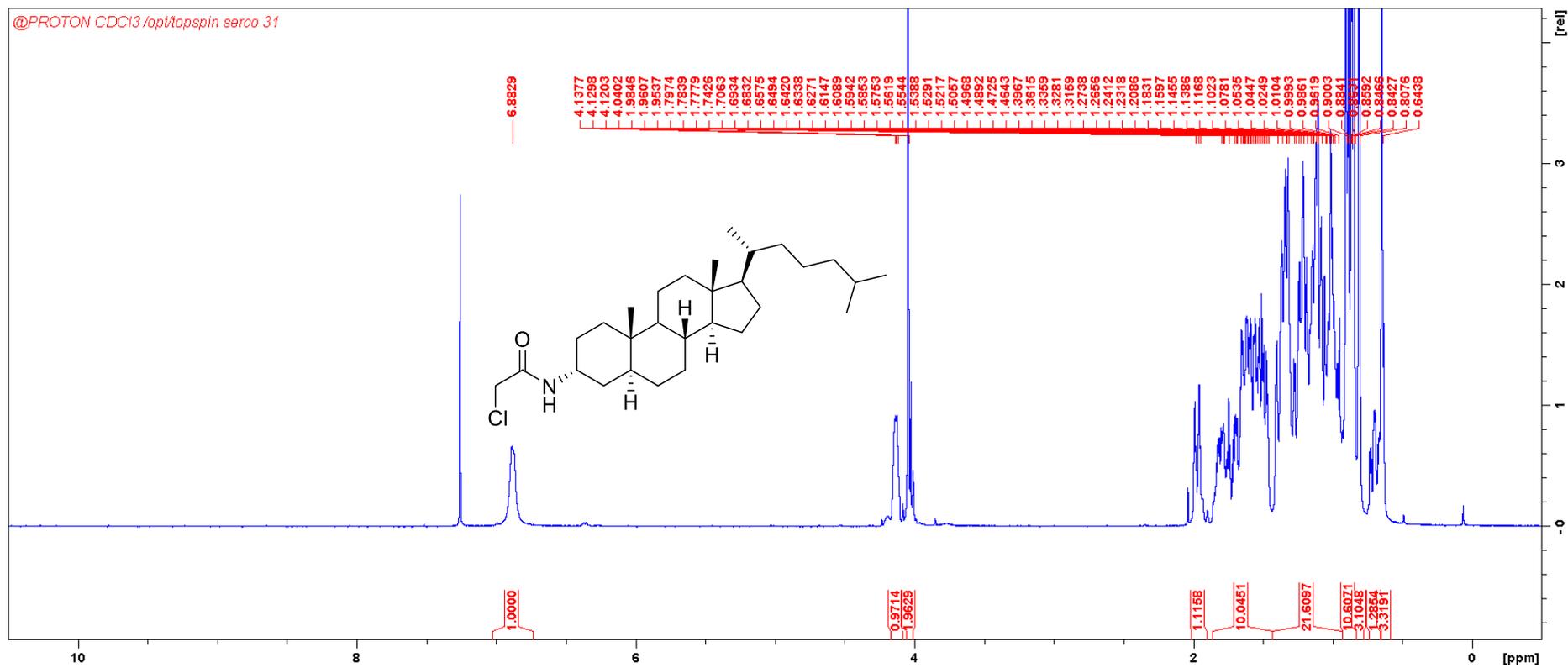
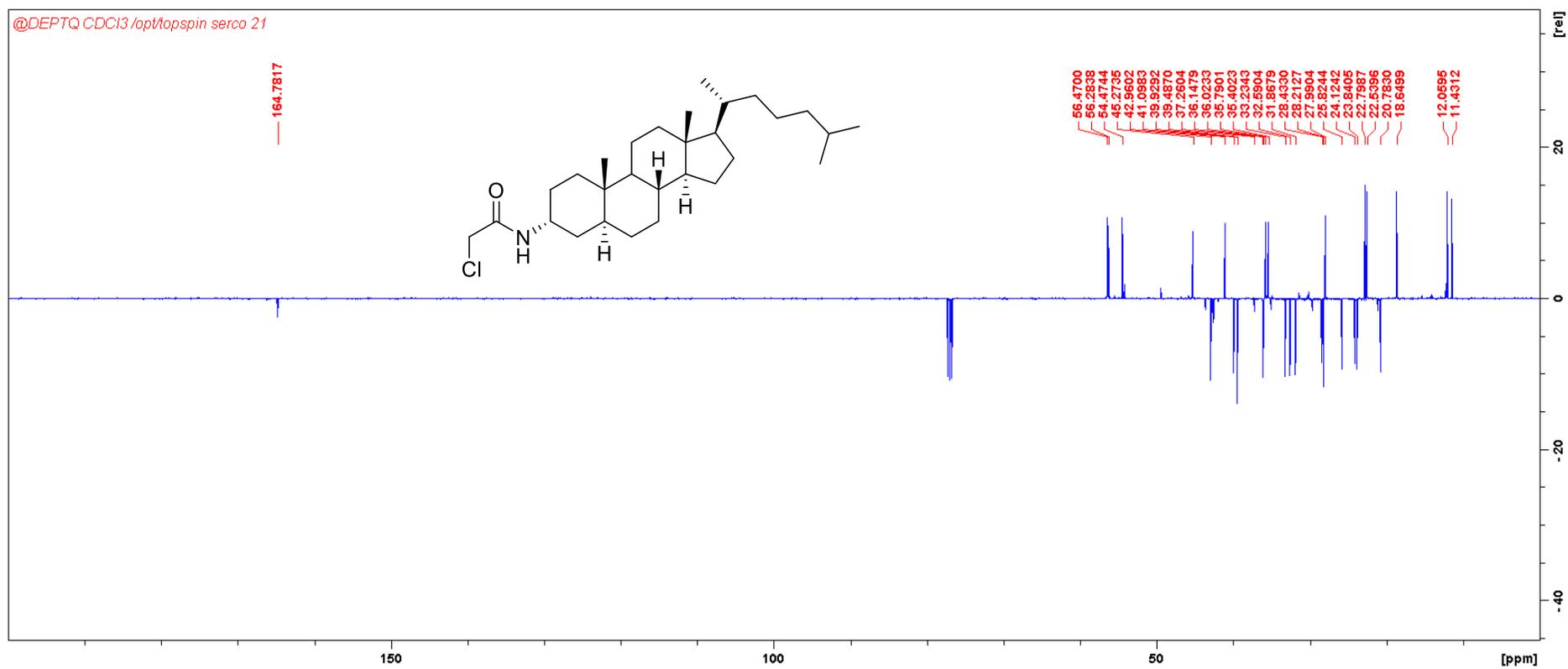


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 3 $\alpha$ ,5 $\alpha$ -chloroacetylamincholestane 5.



**Figure S6.** X-ray analysis of 3 $\alpha$ ,5 $\alpha$ -chloroacetylamincholestane 5

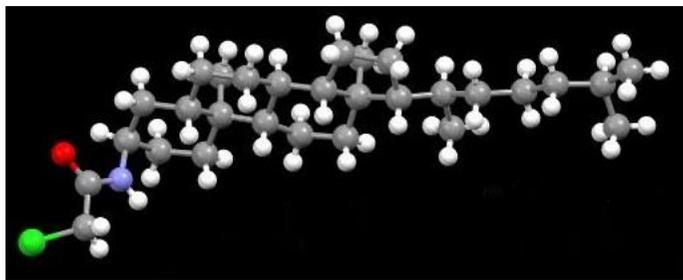


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3α,5α-piperidinoacetylamincholestane 6.

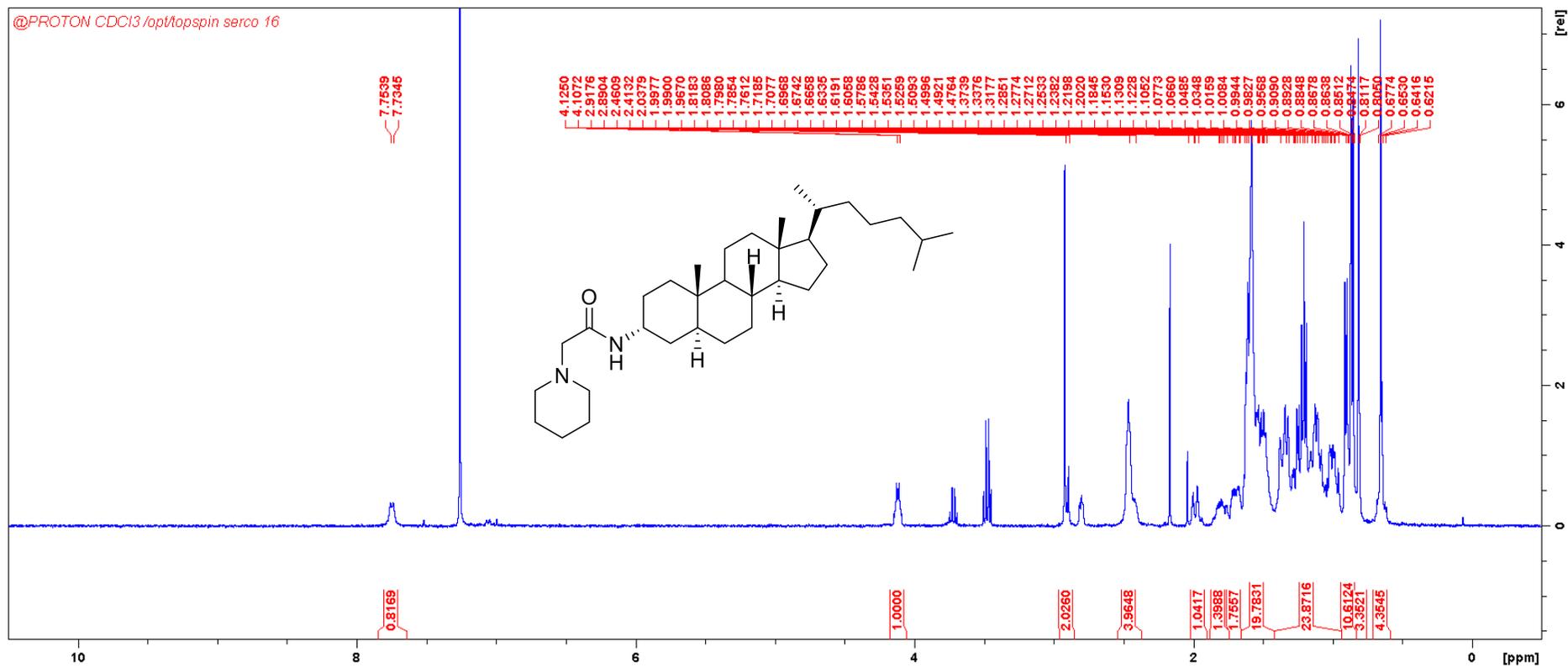


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of  $3\alpha,5\alpha$ -piperidinoacetylamincholestane 6.

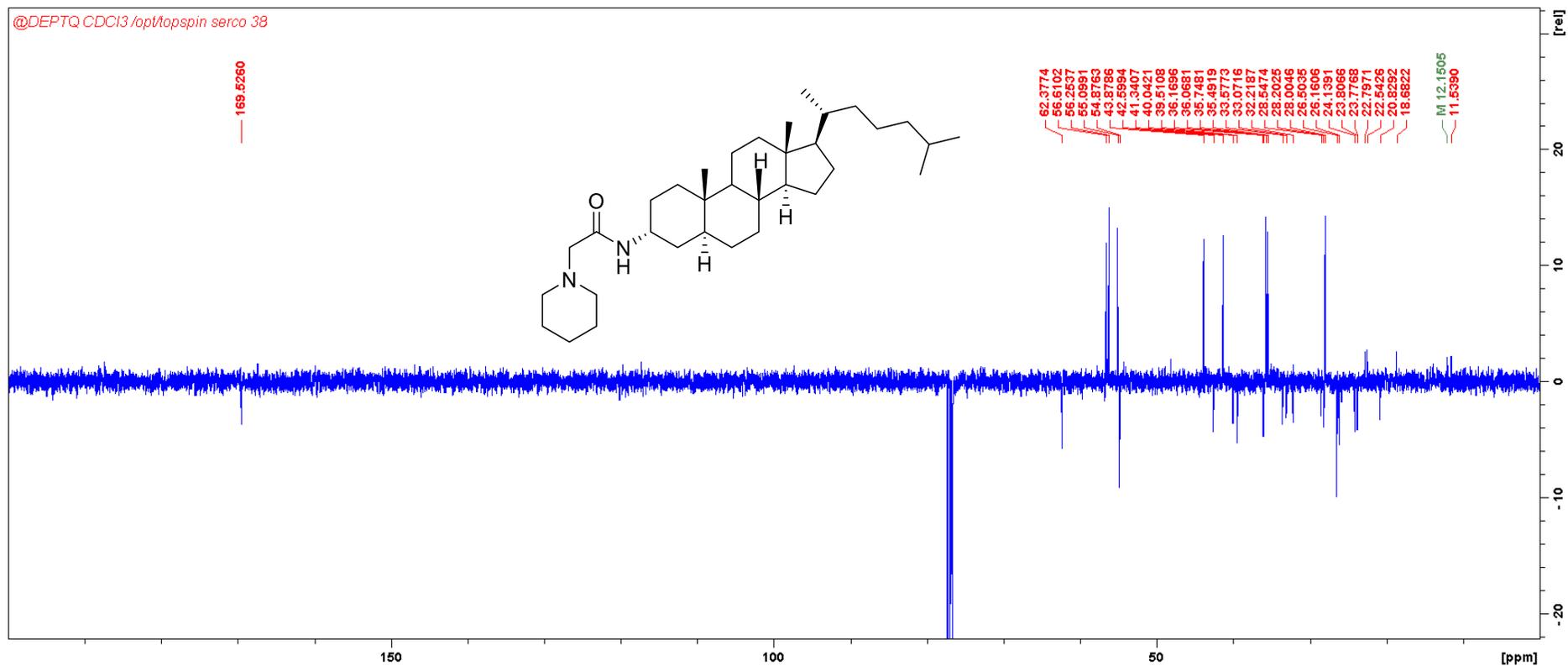


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of IMC-48.

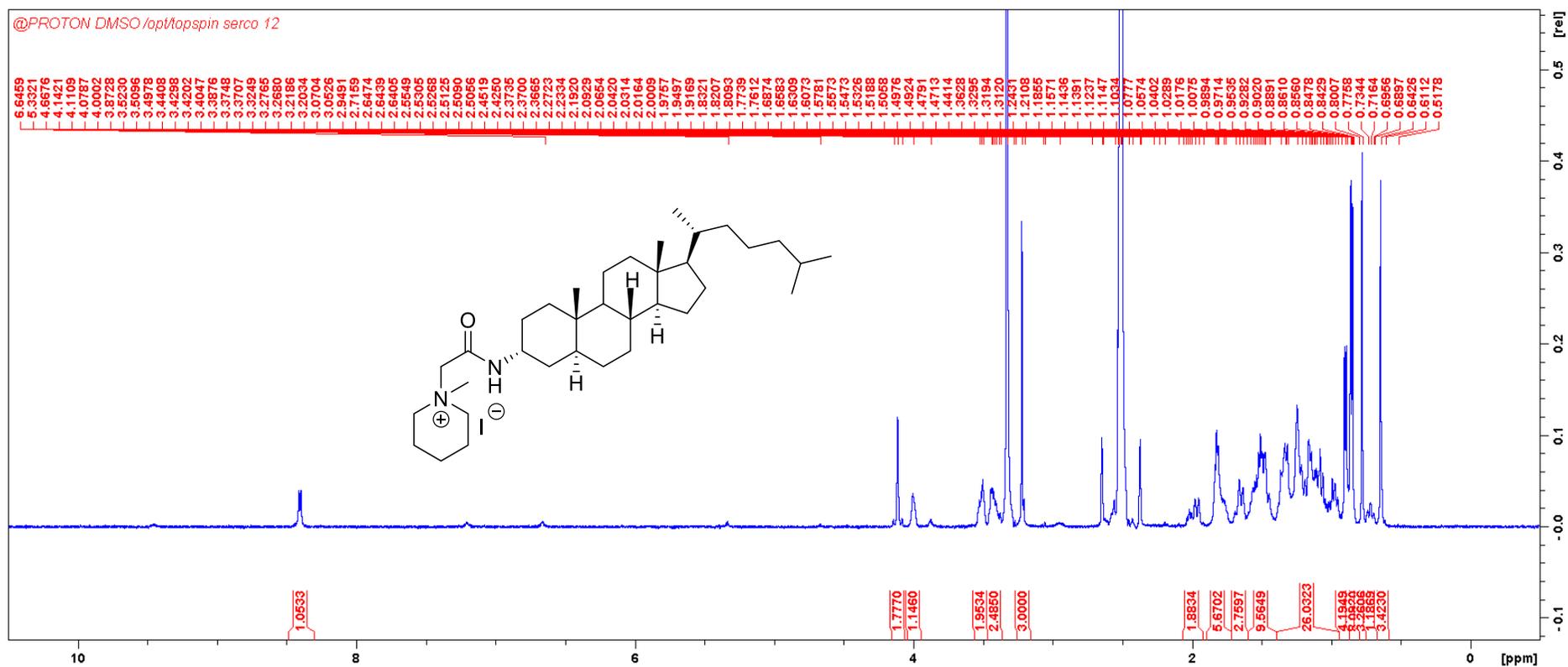
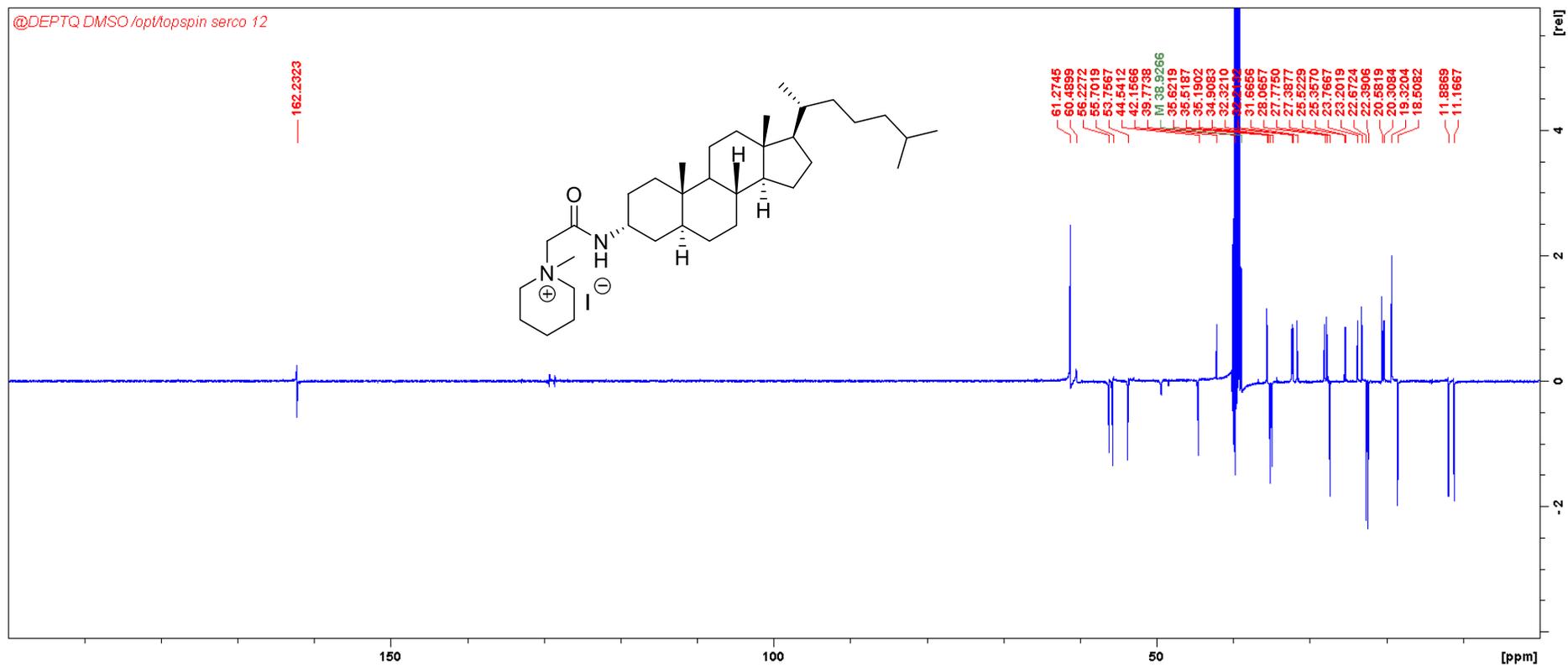


Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of IMC-48



**Figure S11.** HPLC-MS analysis of **IMC-48**

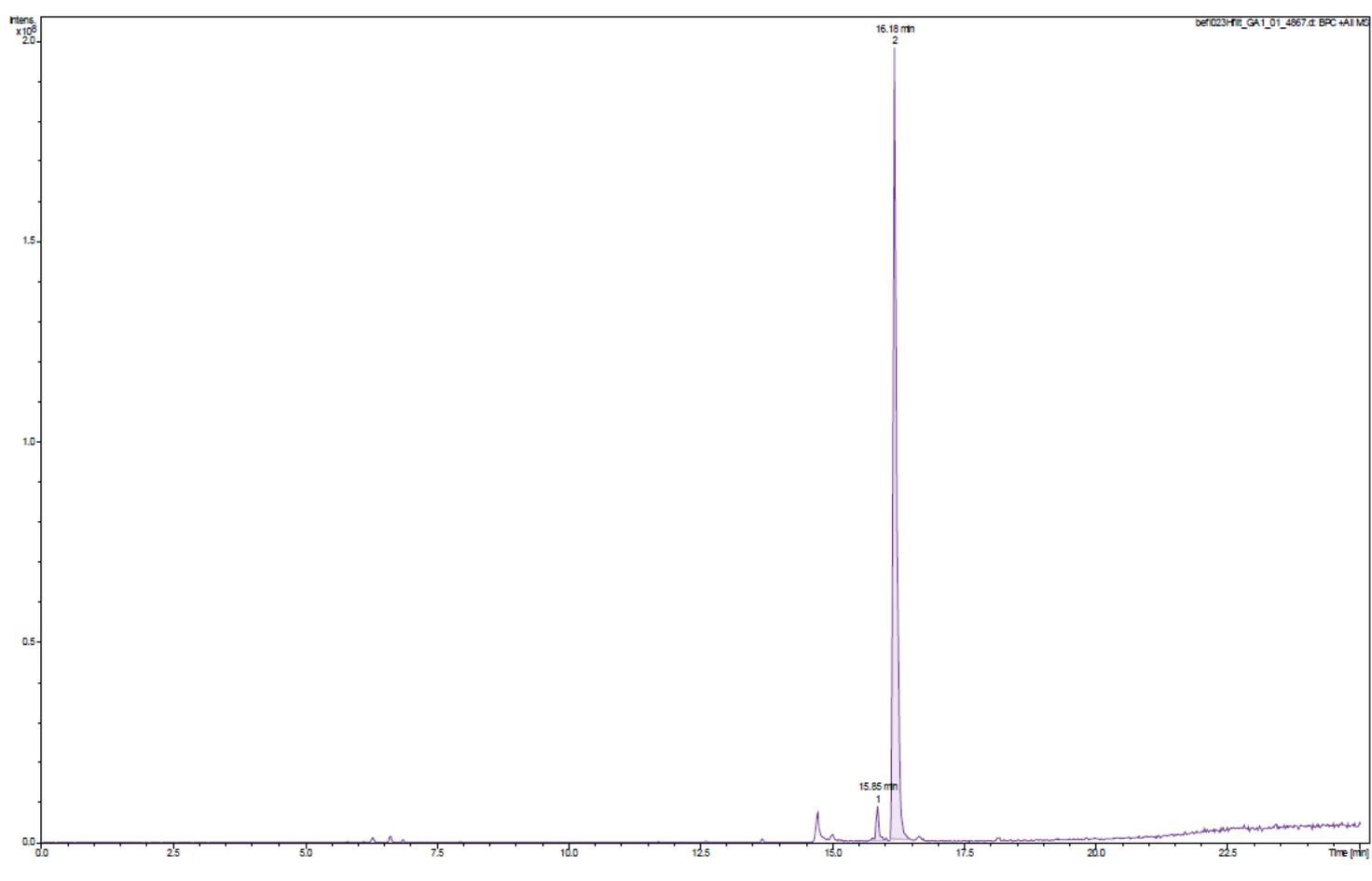
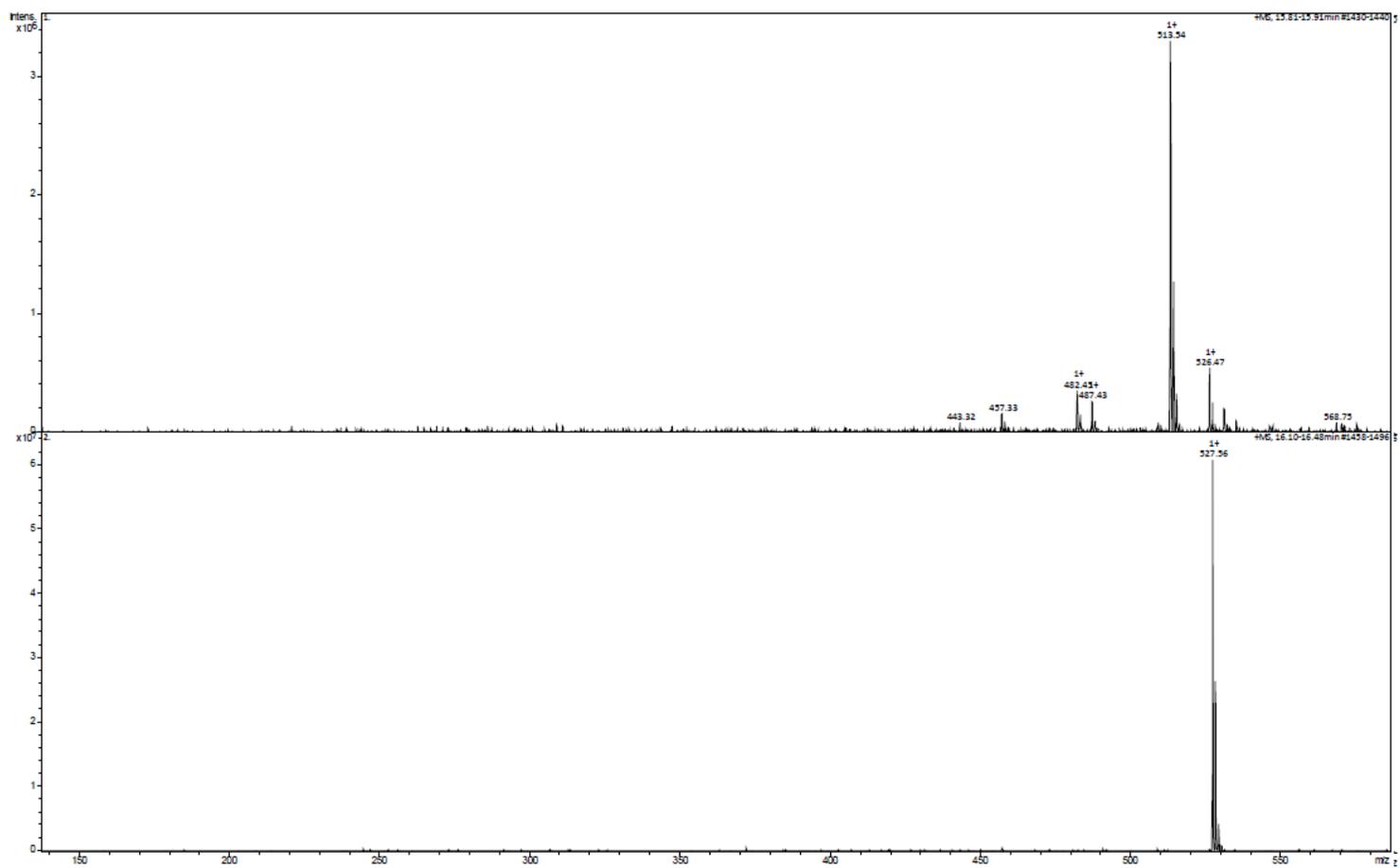
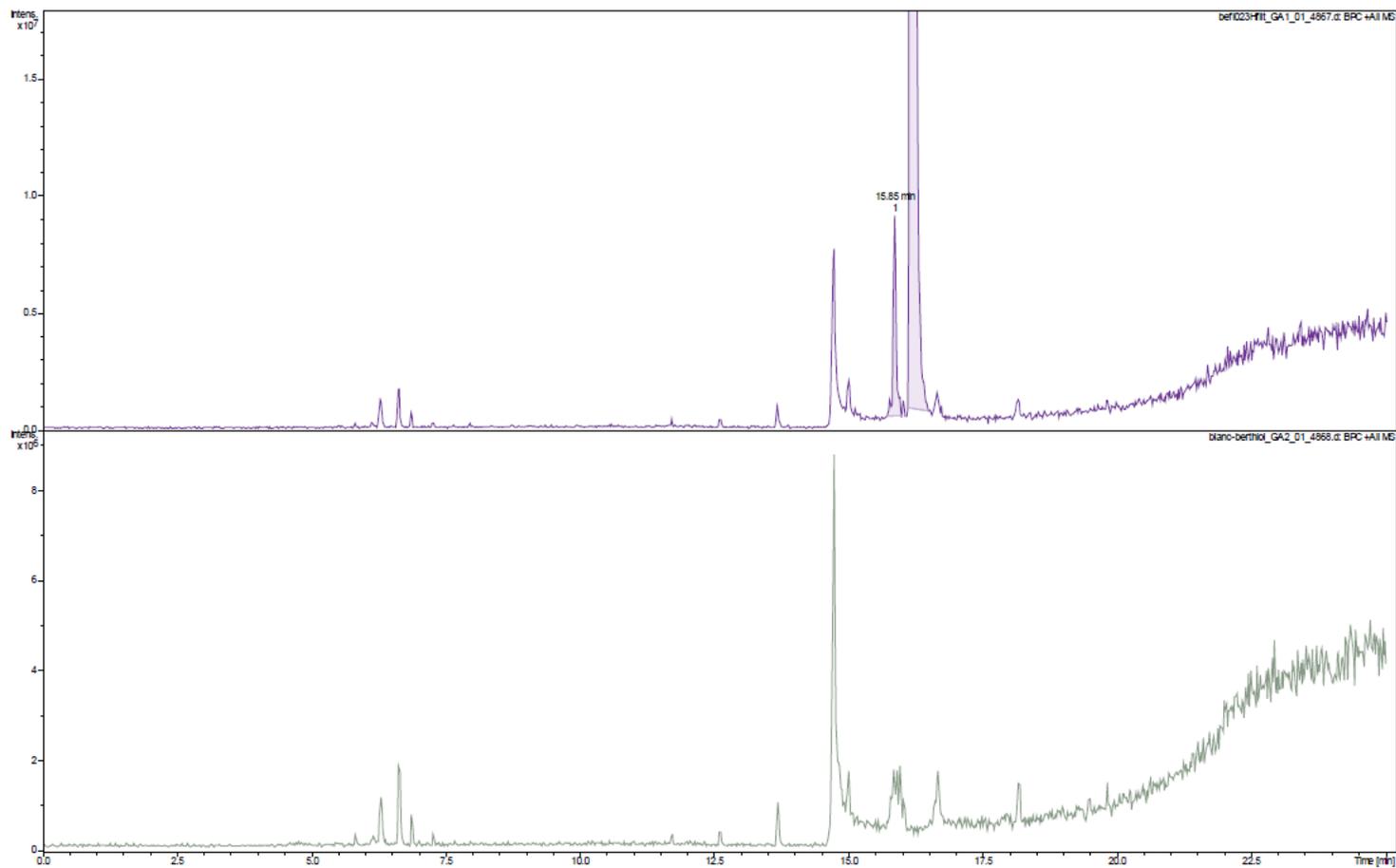


Figure S12. HPLC-MS analysis of IMC-48

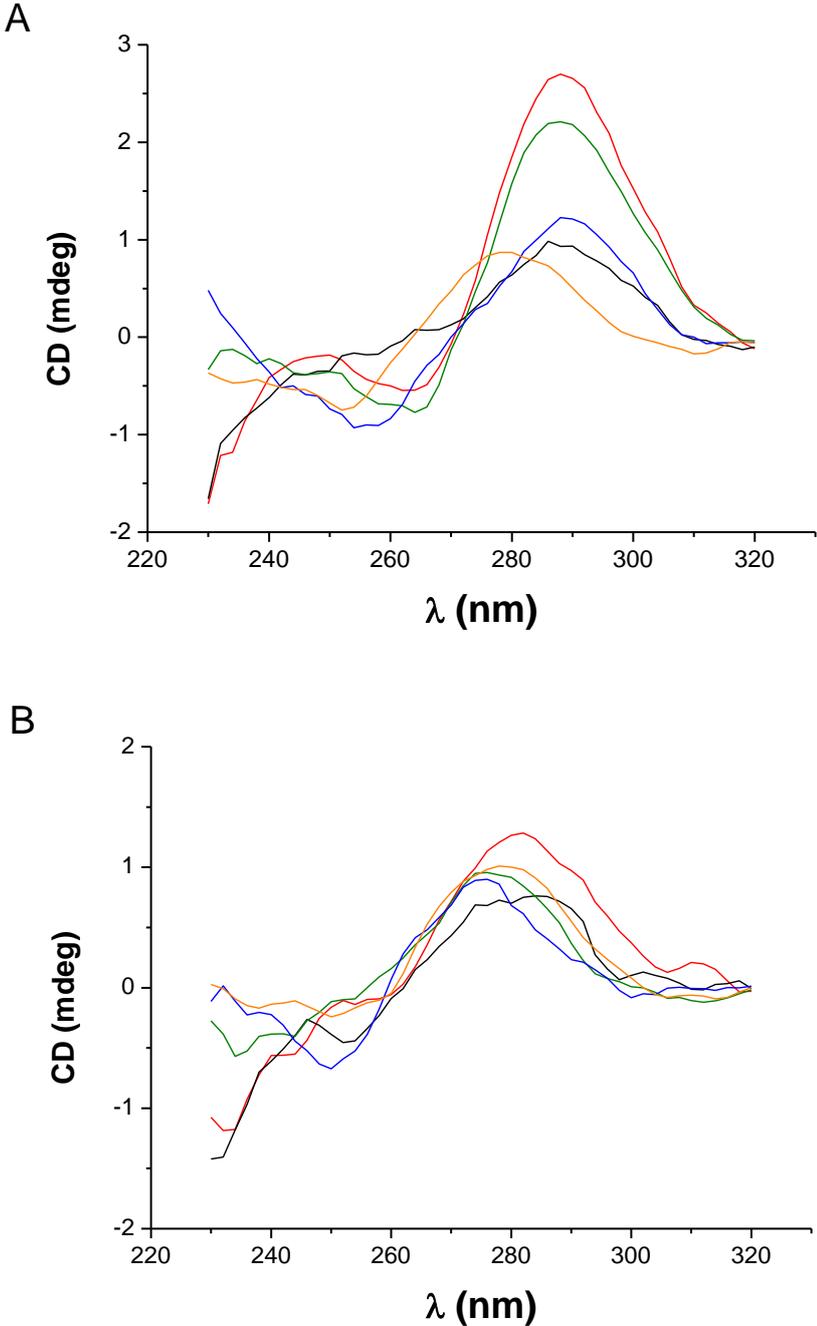


**Figure S13.** HPLC-MS of **IMC-48** (background down).



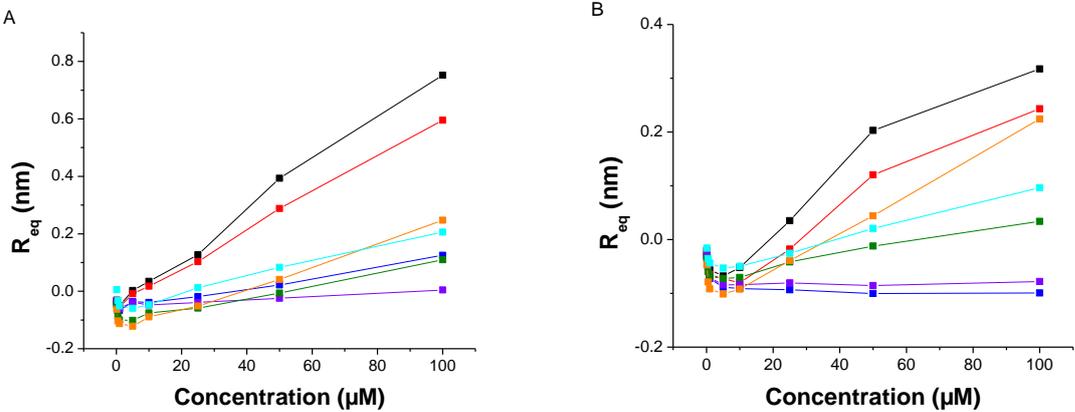
CD spectra.

**Figure S14.** CD analyses of the i-motif sequences at pH 5.5 (A) and 7.5 (B). *HRAS* (black), *bcl-2* (red), *HTelo-C* (blue), *C-myc* (green) and *DAP-Mut* (orange). Buffer: 50 mM TrisHCl, 50 mM KCl, 2 % DMSO at pH = 5.5 and 7.5

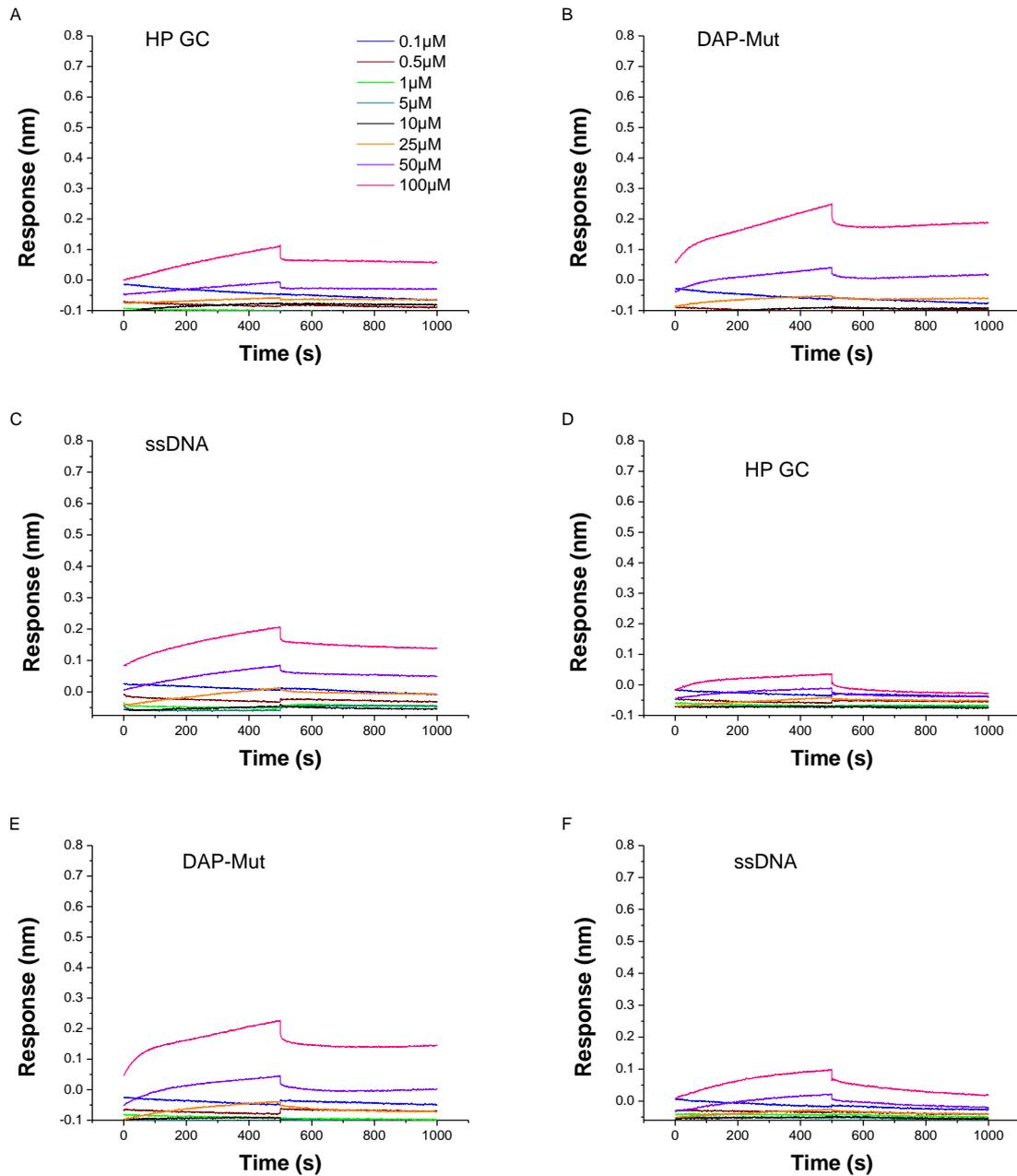


**BLI analysis**

**Figure S15.** Langmuir isotherm with the plateau value at the equilibrium at pH 5.5 (A) or pH 7.5 (B) for *HRAS* (black), *bcl-2* (red), *HTelo-C* (blue), *c-myc* (violet), HP GC (green), DAP-Mut (orange) and ssDNA (cyan). Concentration range: 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100  $\mu\text{M}$ .

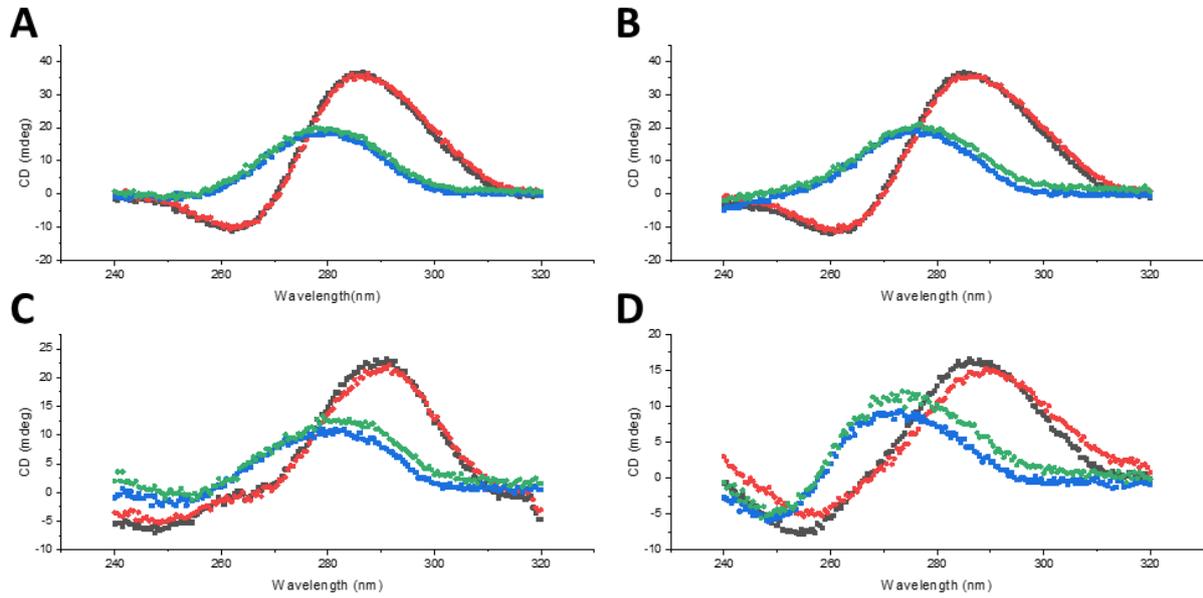


**Figure S16.** Sensorgrams recorded for the recognition of **IMC-48** with the control sequences: A) *HP GC* at pH 5.5, B) *DAP-Mut* at pH 5.5, C) *ssDNA* at pH 5.5, D) *HP GC* at pH 7.5, E) *DAP-Mut* at pH 7.5 and F) *ssDNA* at pH 7.5. Concentration range: 0.1 (blue), 0.5 (brown), 1 (green), 5 (dark cyan), 10 (black), 25 (orange), 50 (violet) and 100  $\mu\text{M}$  (pink).



## CD study

**Figure S17.** Circular dichroism spectra of A) *HRAS*, B) *bcl-2*, C) *HTelo-C* and D) *c-myc* at pH=7.2 in the absence (blue points) and in the presence of 20  $\mu$ M of **IMC-48** (green points) and at pH=5.5 in the absence (red points) and in the presence of 20  $\mu$ M of **IMC-48** (black points).



**Figure S18.** Representative thermal denaturation profiles of A) *HRAS*, B) *bcl-2*, C) *HTelo-C* and D) *c-myc* in the absence (black points) and in the presence of 20  $\mu$ M of **IMC-48** (red points). Left panels: heating (denaturing) ramps, right panels: cooling (renaturing) ramps. The arrows indicate the denaturing/renaturing processes.

