

Isolation and LC-QToF Characterization of Secondary Metabolites from an Endemic Plant *Artemisia heptapotamica* Poljak

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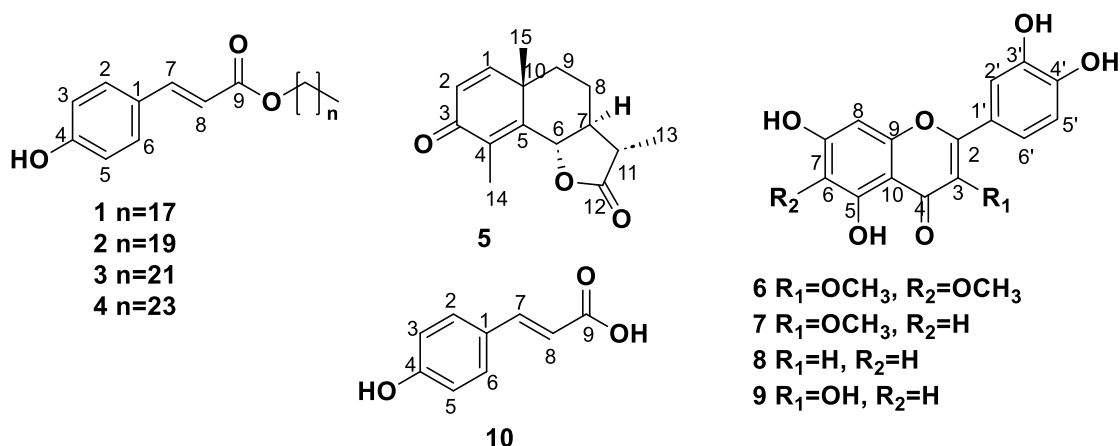
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Abstract: Phytochemical investigation of the aerial parts of *Artemisia heptapotamica* Poljak. led to isolation of ten known compounds, including four alkyl *p*-coumarates: octadecyl *trans-p*-coumarate (1), icosyl *trans-p*-coumarate (2), docosyl *trans-p*-coumarate (3), and tetracosyl *trans-p*-coumarate (4), one sesquiterpene lactone: santonin (5), four flavonoids; axillarin (6), quercetin 3-*O*-methyl ether (7), luteolin (8), and quercetin (9), and one phenolic acid derivative: *p*-coumaric acid (10). The structures of the isolated compounds were identified by various spectroscopic analyses. Additionally, the antimicrobial activity of the total extract and different fractions was screened, and they exhibited no inhibition of the growth of *Candida albicans*, *C. neoformans*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRS), *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, and Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococci* (VRE) at the tested concentration ranging from 8 to 200 µg/mL. The identification and tentative characterization of the secondary metabolites were investigated using LC-QToF analysis. This method helps in putative characterization of sesquiterpene lactones, flavonoids, coumarate derivatives and aliphatic compounds. The developed method was able to identify 43 compounds of which majority were sesquiterpene lactones such as eudesmanolides, germacranolides and guaianolide derivatives, followed by flavonoids. The proposed LC-QToF method helps in dereplication strategies and understand the major class of chemistry before proceeding for isolation of compounds.

Keywords: Asteraceae; *Artemisia heptapotamica*; LC-QToF; sesquiterpene lactones; flavonoids; coumarate derivatives; aliphatic compounds



Scheme S1. Structures of the isolated compounds from *A. heptapotamica*.

Octadecyl *trans*-*p*-coumarate (1): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 0.87 (3H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, Me-18'), 1.27–1.41 (30H, m, H₂-3'–H₂-17'), 1.73 (2H, m, H₂-2'), 4.30 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, H₂-1'), 6.62 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-8), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-3,5), 7.57 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-2,6), 7.96 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-7). ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 14.1 (C-18'), 22.7 (C-17'), 26.1 (C-16'), 29.0, 29.4–29.8 (C-3'–C-15'), 31.9 (C-2'), 64.3 (C-1'), 115.0 (C-8), 116.6 (C-3,6), 125.9 (C-1), 130.5 (C-2,6), 144.9 (C-7), 161.3 (C-4), 167.2 (C-9). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) *m/z*: 415.3600 [M-H][–] (Calcd for C₃₃H₅₅O₃: 415.3212).

Icosyl *trans*-*p*-coumarate (2): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 0.89 (3H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, Me-20'), 1.27–1.41 (34H, m, H₂-3'–H₂-19'), 1.73 (2H, m, H₂-2'), 4.31 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, H₂-1'), 6.60 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-8), 7.14 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-3,5), 7.59 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-2,6), 7.95 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-7). ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 14.1 (C-20'), 22.7 (C-19'), 26.1 (C-18'), 29.0, 29.4–29.8 (C-3'–C-17'), 31.9 (C-2'), 64.3 (C-1'), 115.0 (C-8), 116.0 (C-3,6), 125.8 (C-1), 130.4 (C-2,6), 144.9 (C-7), 161.3 (C-4), 167.2 (C-9). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) *m/z*: 443.3929 [M-H][–] (Calcd for C₂₉H₄₇O₃: 444.3525).

Docosyl *trans*-*p*-coumarate (3): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 0.89 (3H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, Me-22'), 1.27–1.41 (38H, m, H₂-3'–H₂-21'), 1.73 (2H, m, H₂-2'), 4.31 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, H₂-1'), 6.60 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-8), 7.14 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-3,5), 7.59 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-2,6), 7.95 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-7). ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 14.1 (C-22'), 22.7 (C-21'), 26.1 (C-20'), 29.0, 29.4–29.8 (C-3'–C-19'), 31.9 (C-2'), 64.3 (C-1'), 115.0 (C-8), 116.0 (C-3,6), 125.8 (C-1), 130.4 (C-2,6), 144.9 (C-7), 161.3 (C-4), 167.2 (C-9). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) *m/z*: 471.4265 [M-H][–] (Calcd for C₃₁H₅₁O₃: 471.3838).

Tetracosyl *trans*-*p*-coumarate (4): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 0.87 (3H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, Me-24'), 1.27–1.41 (42H, m, H₂-3'–H₂-19'), 1.73 (2H, m, H₂-2'), 4.30 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, H₂-1'), 6.62 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-8), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-3,5), 7.57 (2H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-2,6), 7.96 (1H, d, *J*=15.9 Hz, H-7). ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 14.1 (C-24'), 22.7 (C-23'), 26.1 (C-22'), 29.0, 29.4–29.8 (C-3'–C-21'), 31.9 (C-2'), 64.3 (C-1'), 115.0 (C-8), 116.6 (C-3,6), 125.9 (C-1), 130.5 (C-2,6), 144.9 (C-7), 161.3 (C-4), 167.2 (C-9). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) *m/z*: 499.4589 [M-H][–] (Calcd for C₃₃H₅₅O₃: 499.4151).

Santonin (5): ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 1.02 (3H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz, Me-13); 1.13 (3H, s, Me-14); 1.86 (3H, s, Me-15); 1.63 (2H, m, H-9); 1.82 (2H, m, H-8); 2.29 (1H, m, H-11); 4.66 (1H, d, *J*=11.0 Hz, H-6); 5.98 (1H, d, *J*=9.8 Hz, H-2); 6.55 (1H, d, *J*=9.8 Hz, H-1); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 10.5 (C-15), 12.1 (C-13), 22.4 (C-8), 24.6 (C-14), 37.4 (C-9), 40.3 (C-11), 41.1 (C-10), 53.1 (C-7), 80.9 (C-6), 125.1 (C-2), 127.6 (C-4), 151.3 (C-5), 155.1 (C-1), 177.4 (C-12), 185.8 (C-3); HR-ESI-MS (positive-ion mode) *m/z*: 247.1351 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₅H₁₉O₃: 246.1256), 269.1175 [M+Na]⁺ (calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃Na: 269.1154), 515.2451 [2M+Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₀H₃₆O₆Na: 515.2410).

Axillarin (6): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 3.92 (3H, s, OMe-3), 3.99 (3H, s, OMe-6), 6.79 (1H, s, H-8), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-5'), 7.81 (1H, dd, *J*=8.4, 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 8.18 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz, H-2'); ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 59.7 (C-6), 60.2 (C-3), 94.6 (C-8), 105.6 (C-10), 116.4 (C-2'), 116.5 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-5'), 122.0 (C-1'), 132.0 (C-6), 138.2 (C-3), 147.0 (C-3'), 150.5 (C-4'), 152.6 (C-9), 153.5 (C-5), 156.4 (C-2), 158.6 (C-7), 179.0 (C-4). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) *m/z*: 345.0918 [M-H][–] (Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₈: 345.0610).

Quercetin 3-*O*-methyl ether (7): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 400 MHz) δ_{H} : 3.91 (3H, s, OMe-3), 6.72 (1H, d, *J*=1.9 Hz, H-8), 6.74 (1H, d, *J*=1.9 Hz, H-6), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H-5'), 7.81 (1H, dd, *J*=8.4, 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 8.18 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz, H-2'); ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 100 MHz) δ_{C} : 59.7 (C-3), 94.3 (C-8), 99.4 (C-6), 105.2 (C-10), 116.4 (C-2'), 116.5 (C-6'), 121.4

(C-5'), 121.9 (C-1'), 138.5 (C-3), 146.9 (C-3'), 150.5 (C-4'), 156.4 (C-2), 157.3 (C-9), 162.6 (C-5), 165.6 (C-7), 178.8 (C-4). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) m/z: 315.0593 [M-H]⁻ (Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁O₇: 315.0505).

Luteolin (8): ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ_H: 6.18 (1H, d, J= 1.8 Hz, H-8), 6.37 (1H, d, J= 1.8 Hz, H-6), 6.44 (1H, s, H-3), 6.89 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz, H-5'), 7.50 (1H, dd, J=8.2, 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 7.82 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-2'); ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz) δ_C: 94.7 (C-8), 99.8 (C-6), 103.4 (C-3), 105.8 (C-10), 114.1 (C-2'), 116.4 (C-6'), 120.8 (C-5'), 122.9 (C-1'), 146.4 (C-3'), 149.9 (C-4'), 157.9 (C-9), 163.0 (C-7), 165.9 (C-2), 165.9 (C-5), 179.9 (C-4). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) m/z: 285.0487 [M-H]⁻ (Calcd for C₁₅H₉O₆: 285.0399).

Quercetin (9): ¹H-NMR (pyridine-d₅, 400 MHz) δ_H: 6.74 (1H, d, J= 2.1 Hz, H-8), 6.78 (1H, d, J= 2.1 Hz, H-6), 7.40 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz, H-5'), 8.10 (1H, dd, J=8.5, 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 8.81 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-2'); ¹³C-NMR (pyridine-d₅, 100 MHz) δ_C: 94.1 (C-8), 99.0 (C-6), 104.2 (C-10), 116.3 (C-2'), 116.4 (C-6'), 120.8 (C-5'), 125.2 (C-1'), 137.7 (C-3), 146.9 (C-3'), 147.5 (C-4'), 157.1 (C-2), 157.2 (C-9), 162.2 (C-5), 165.3 (C-7), 177.0 (C-4). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) m/z: 301.0712 [M-H]⁻ (Calcd for C₁₅H₉O₇: 301.0348).

***p*-Coumaric acid (10):** ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ_H: 6.33 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, H-8), 6.78 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz, H-3,5), 7.37 (2H, d, J= 8.6 Hz, H-2,6), 7.85 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, H-7); ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz) δ_C: 115.3 (C-8), 116.6 (C-3,6), 125.8 (C-1), 130.2 (C-2,6), 141.7 (C-7), 161.3 (C-4), 167.2 (C-9). HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode) m/z: 163.0601 [M-H]⁻ (Calcd for C₉H₇O₃: 163.0395).

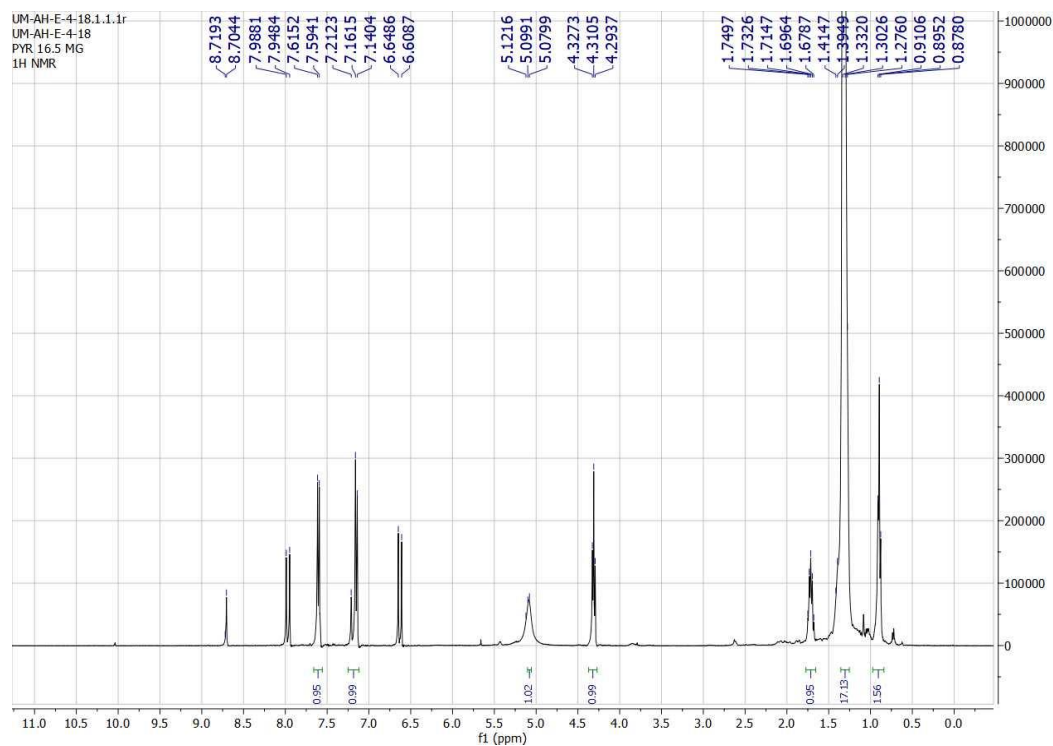


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 2-4 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 400 MHz).

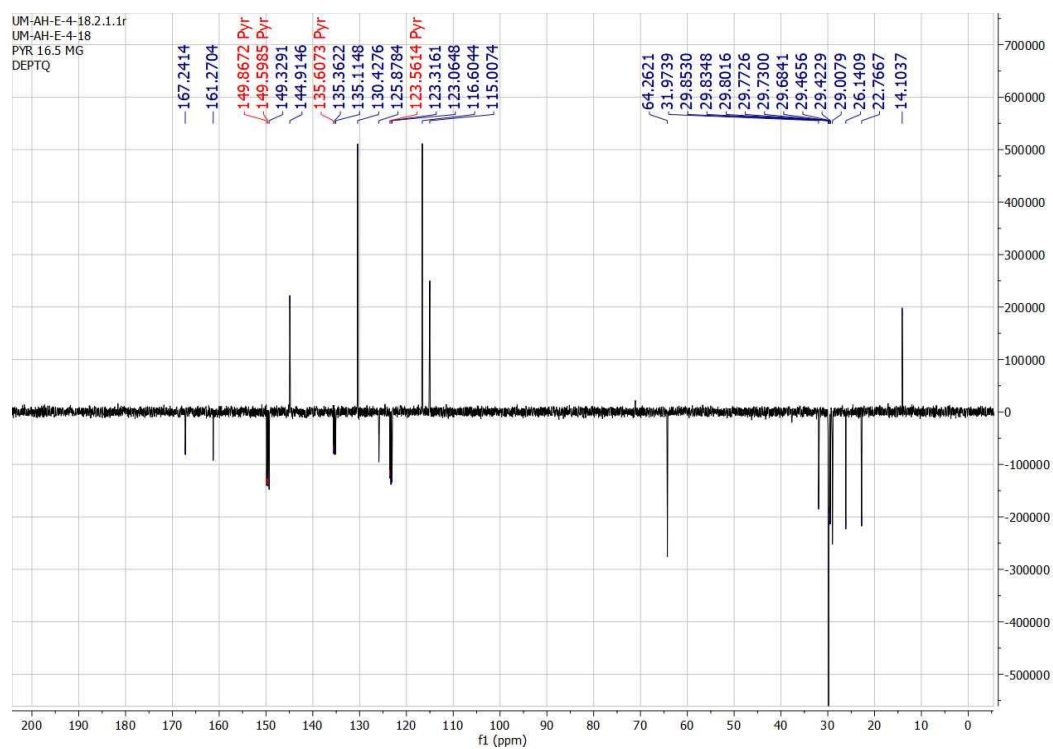


Figure S2. DEPTQ ^{135}C NMR spectrum of compound 2-4 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 100 MHz).

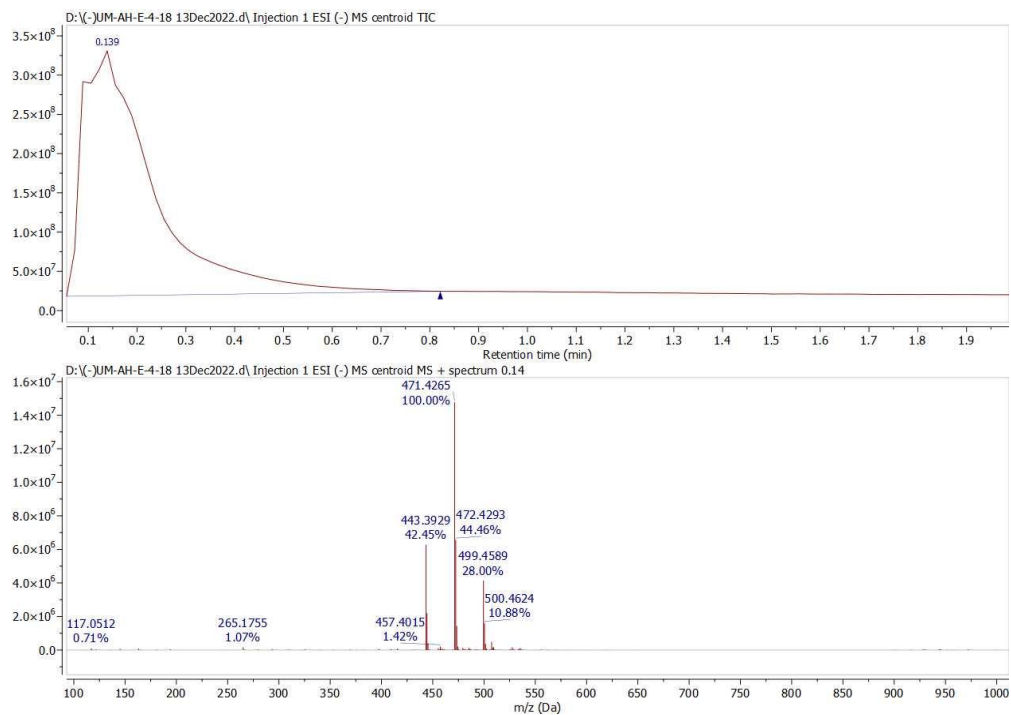


Figure S3. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of compounds 2-4.

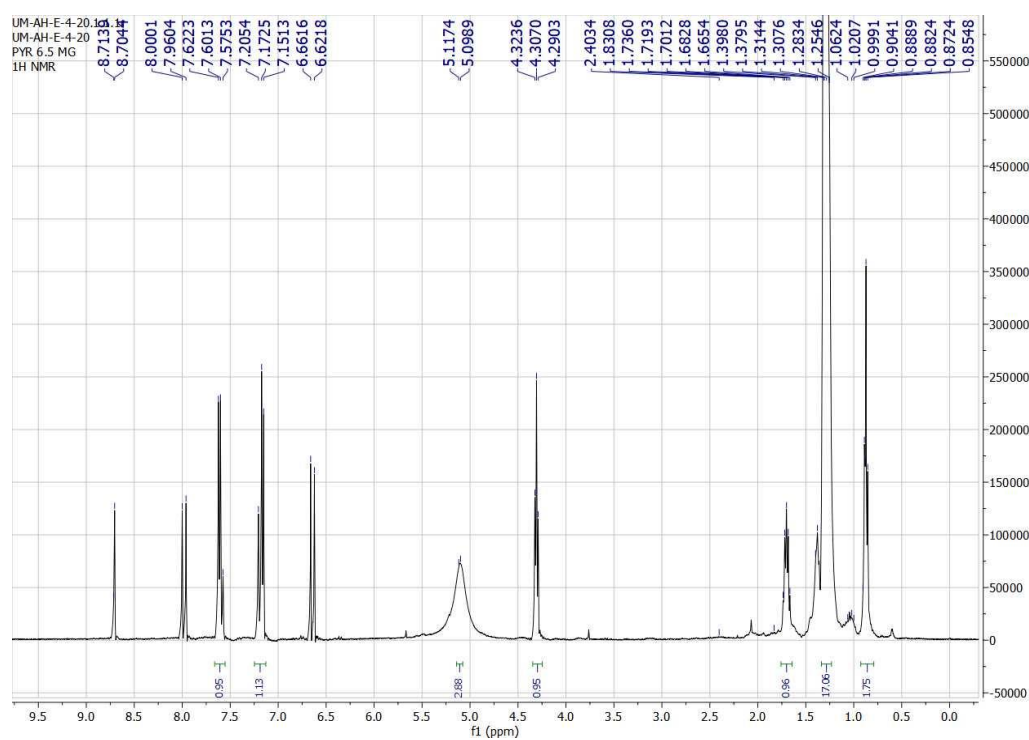


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of compounds 1 - 4 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 400 MHz).

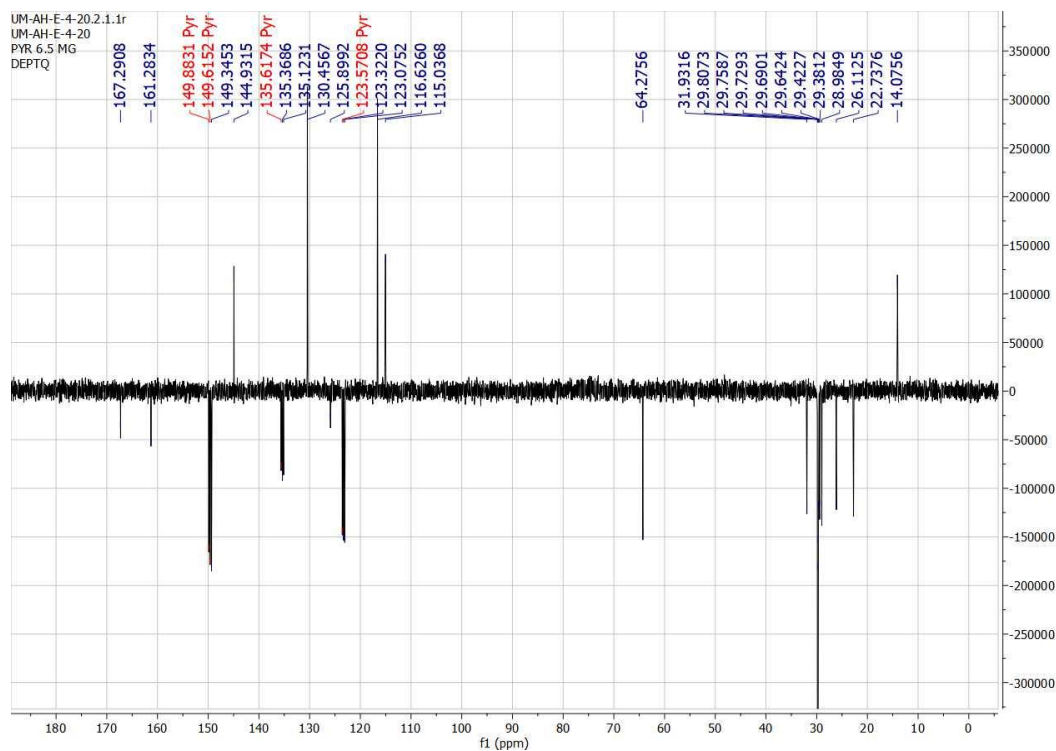


Figure S5. DEPTQ 135 NMR spectrum of compounds **1** - **4** ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 100 MHz).

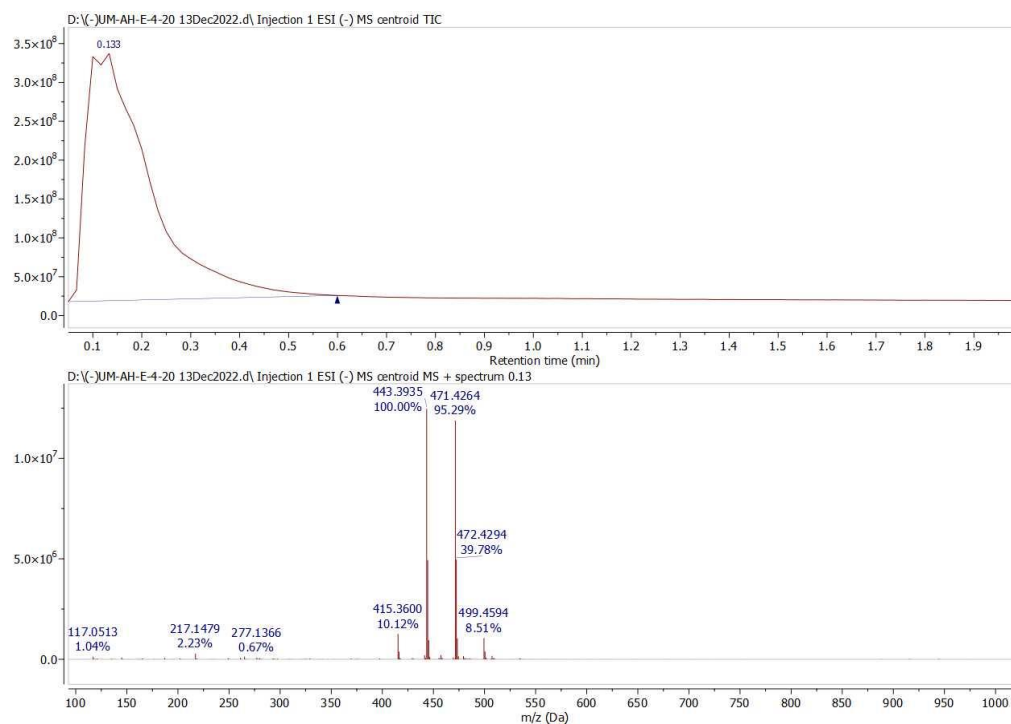


Figure S6. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of compounds **1** - **4**.

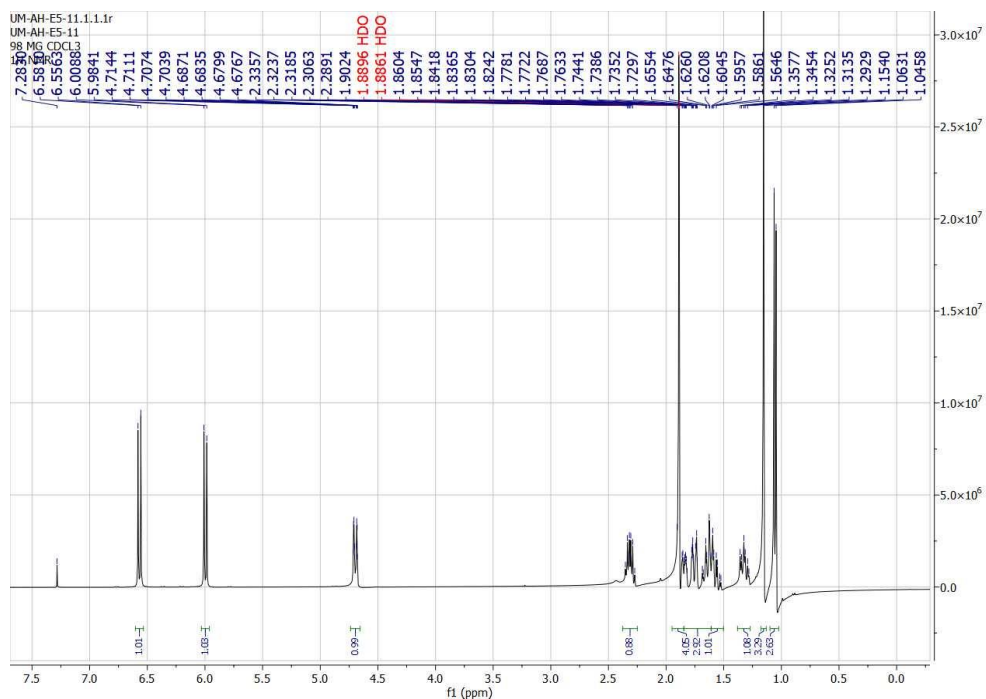


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **5** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz).

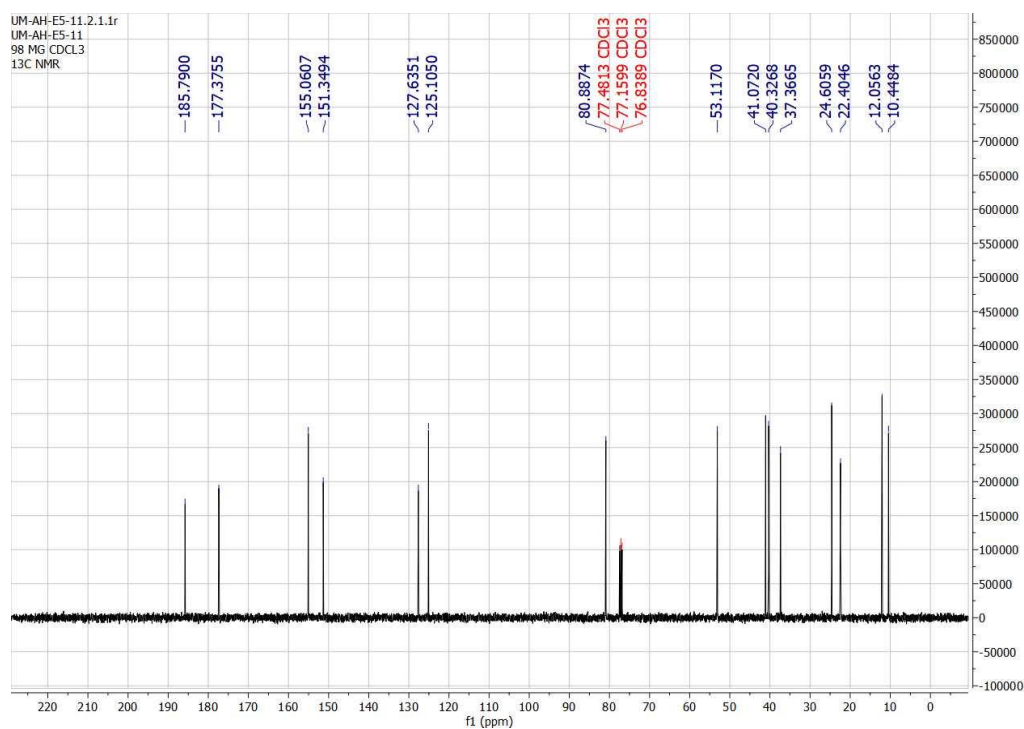


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **5** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz).

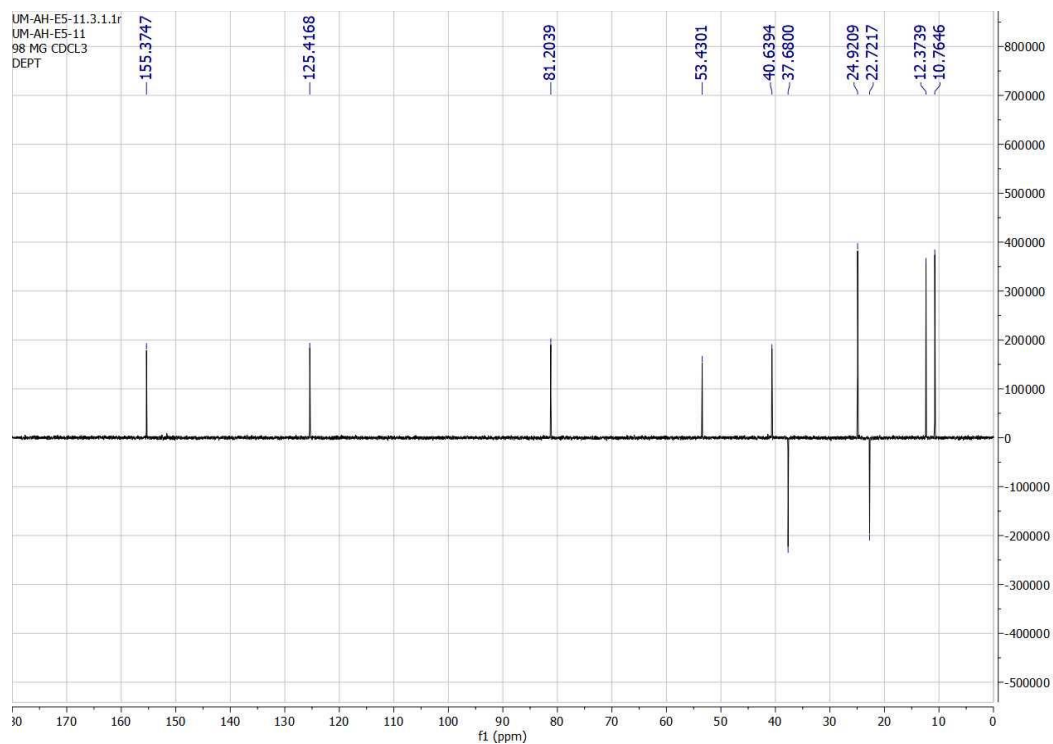


Figure S9. DEPT 135 NMR spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃, 100 MHz).

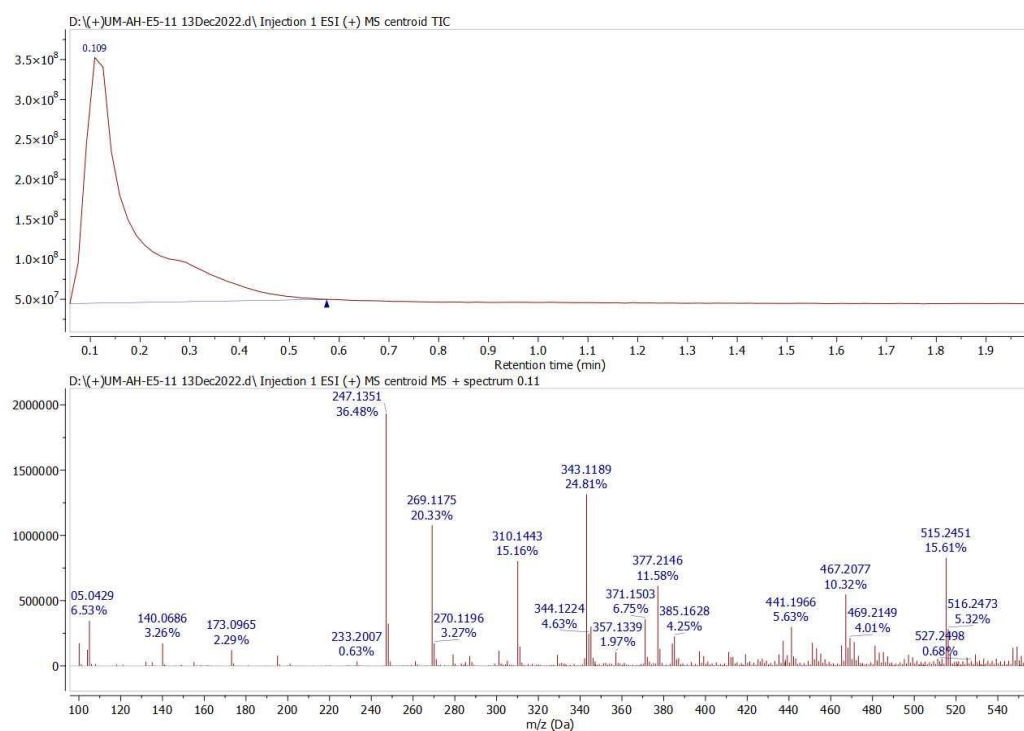


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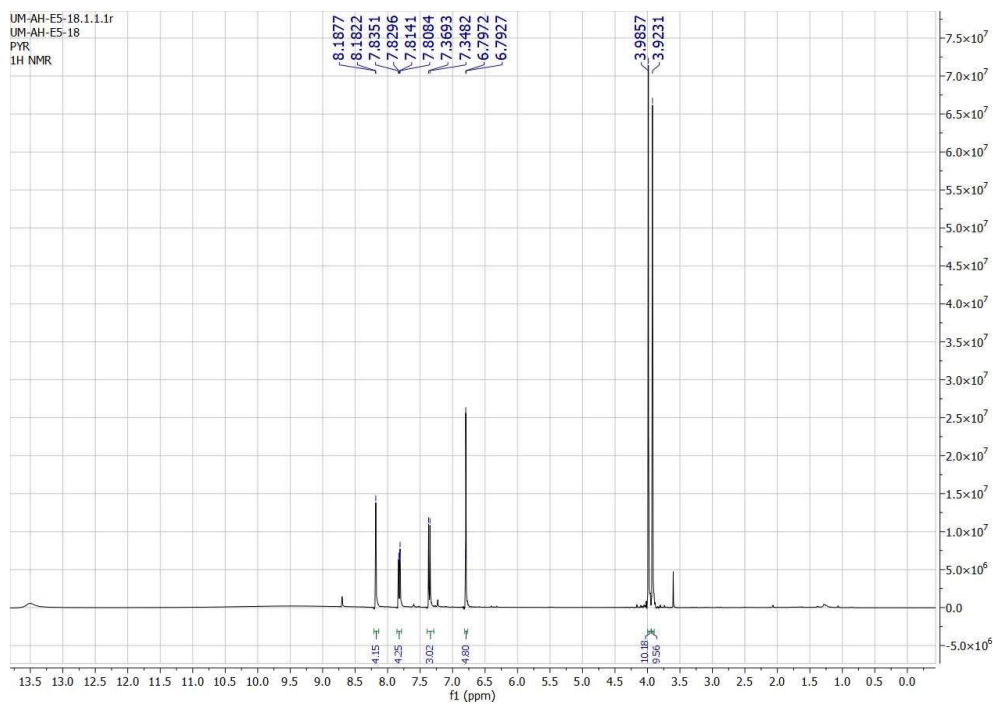


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6** ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 400 MHz).

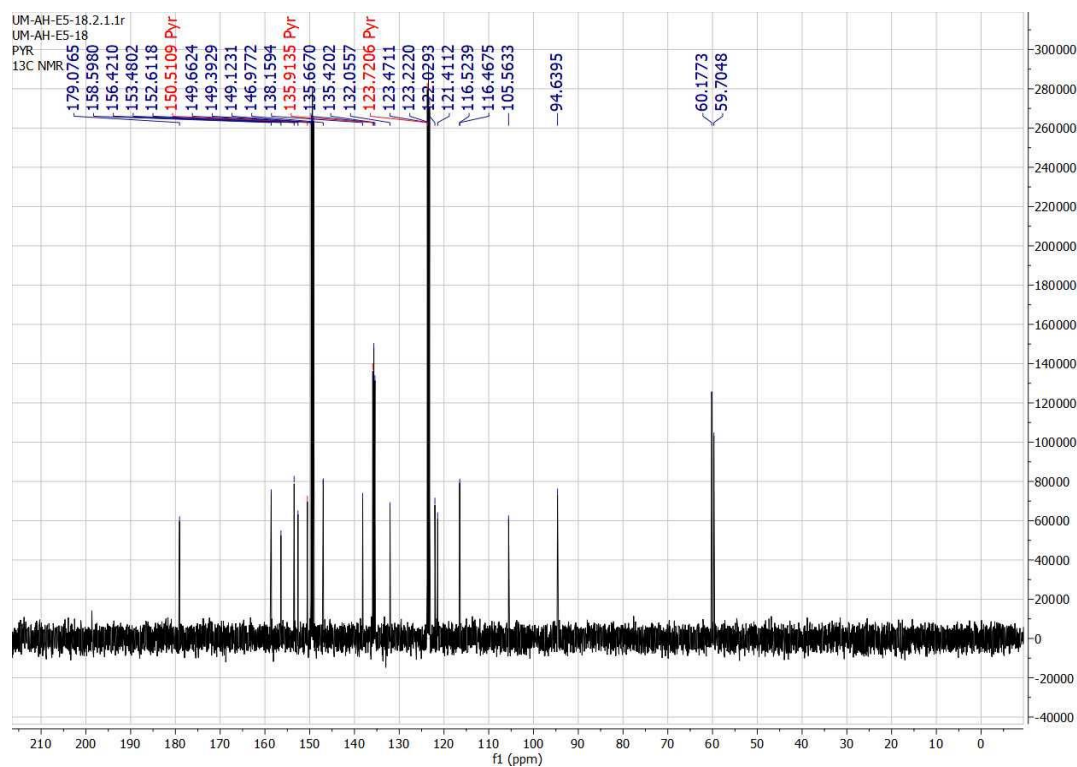


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **6** ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 100 MHz).

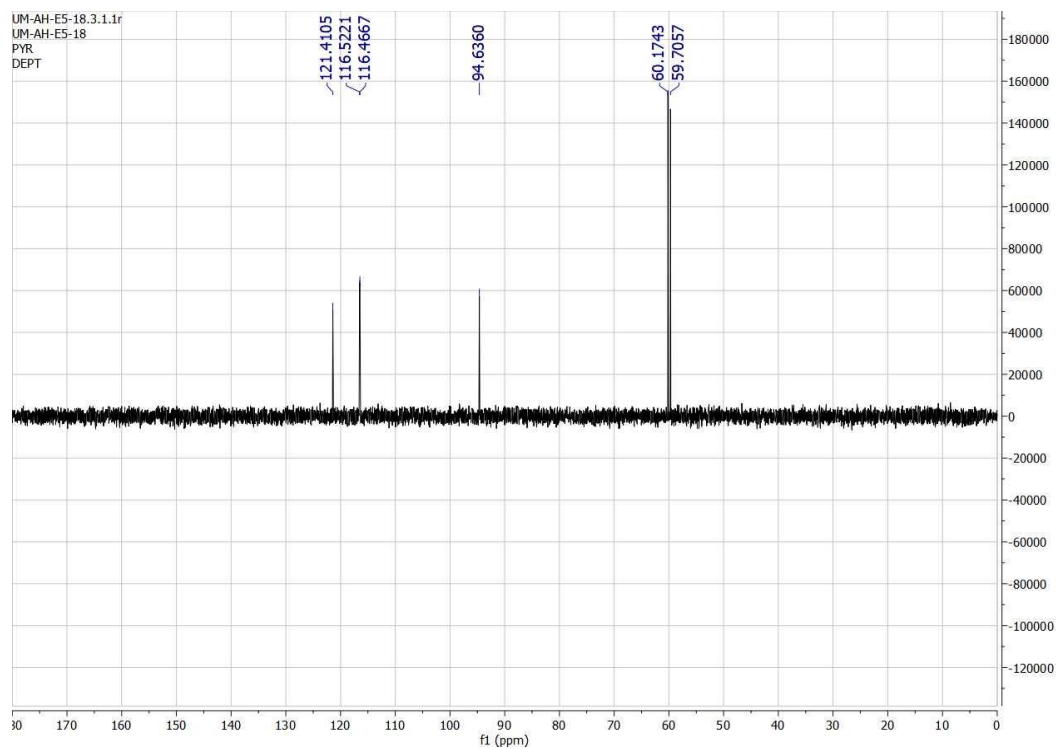


Figure S13. DEPT 135 NMR spectrum of compound **6** (C_5D_5N , 100 MHz).

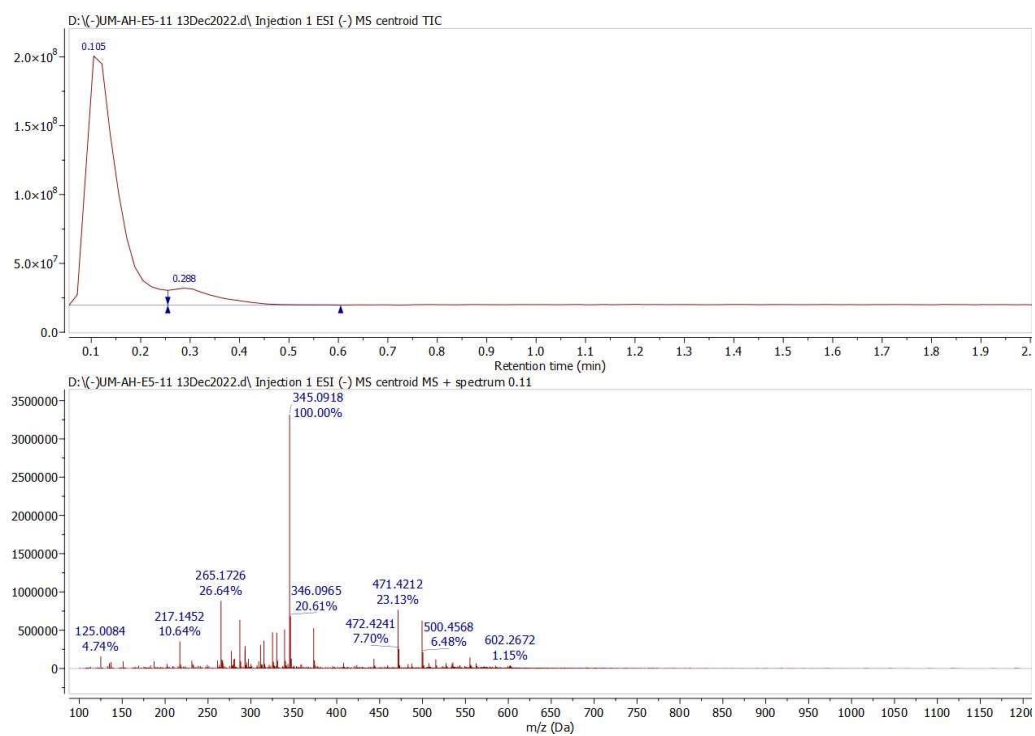


Figure S14. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of compound **6**.

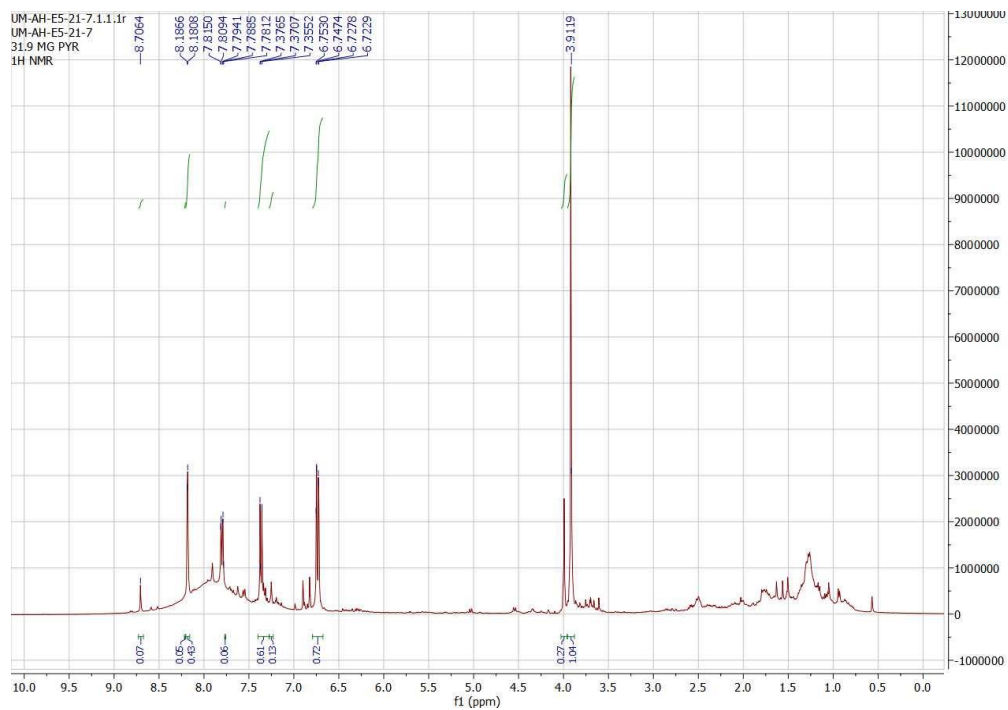


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 7 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 400 MHz).

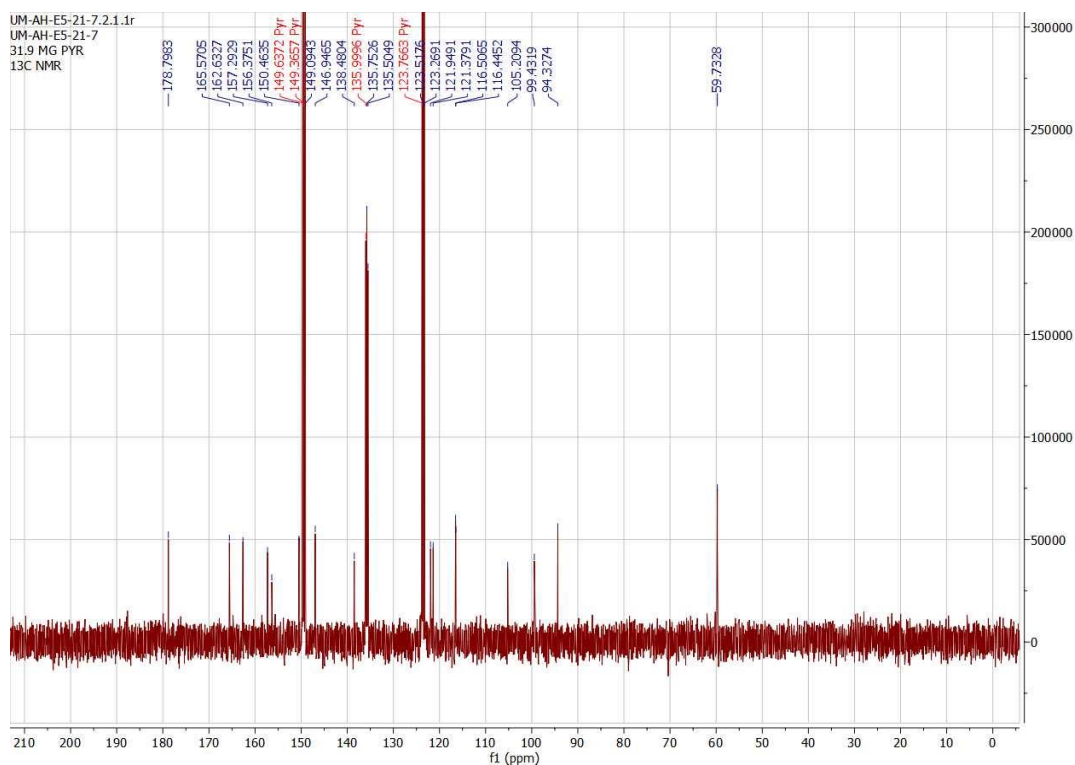


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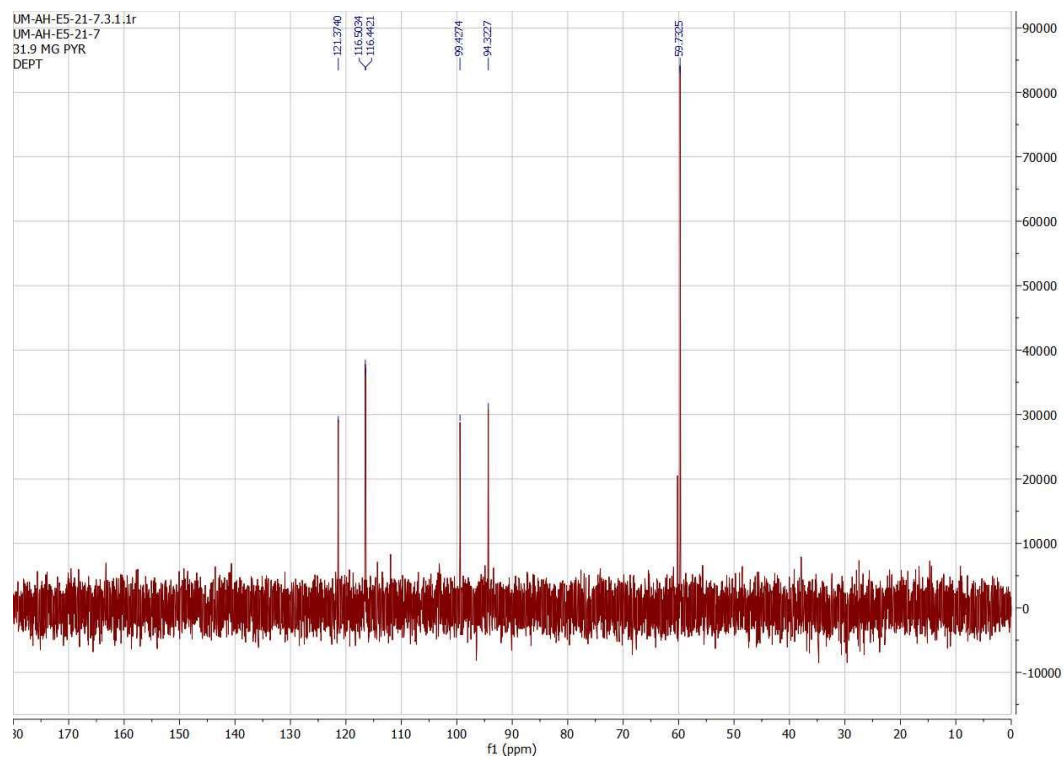


Figure S17. DEPT 135 NMR spectrum of compound 7 (C_5D_5N , 100 MHz).

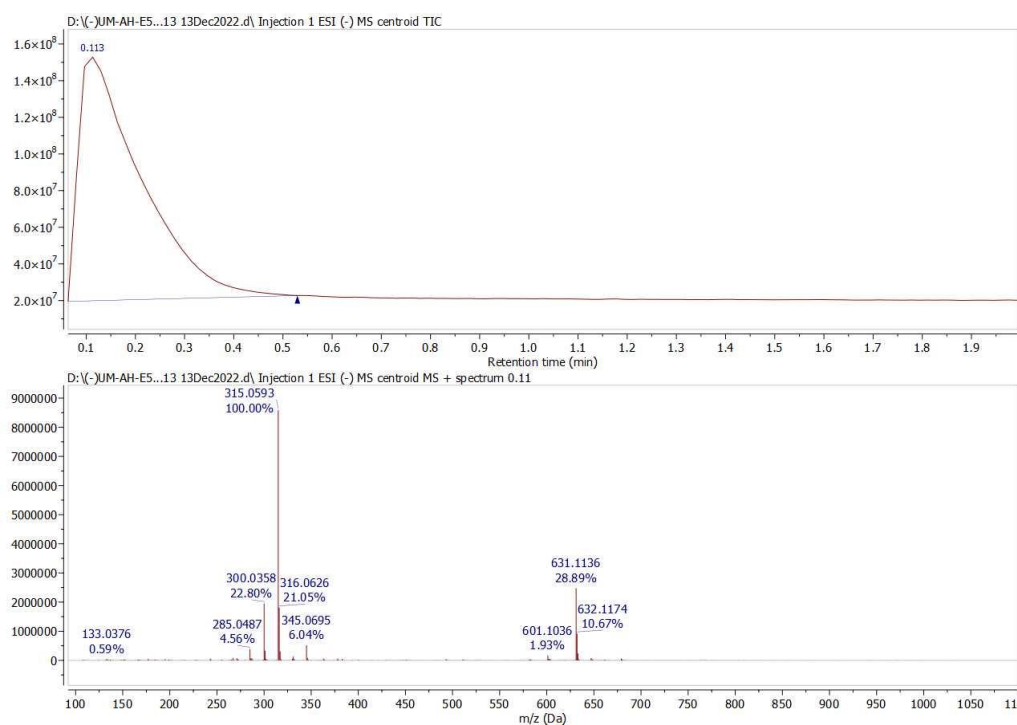


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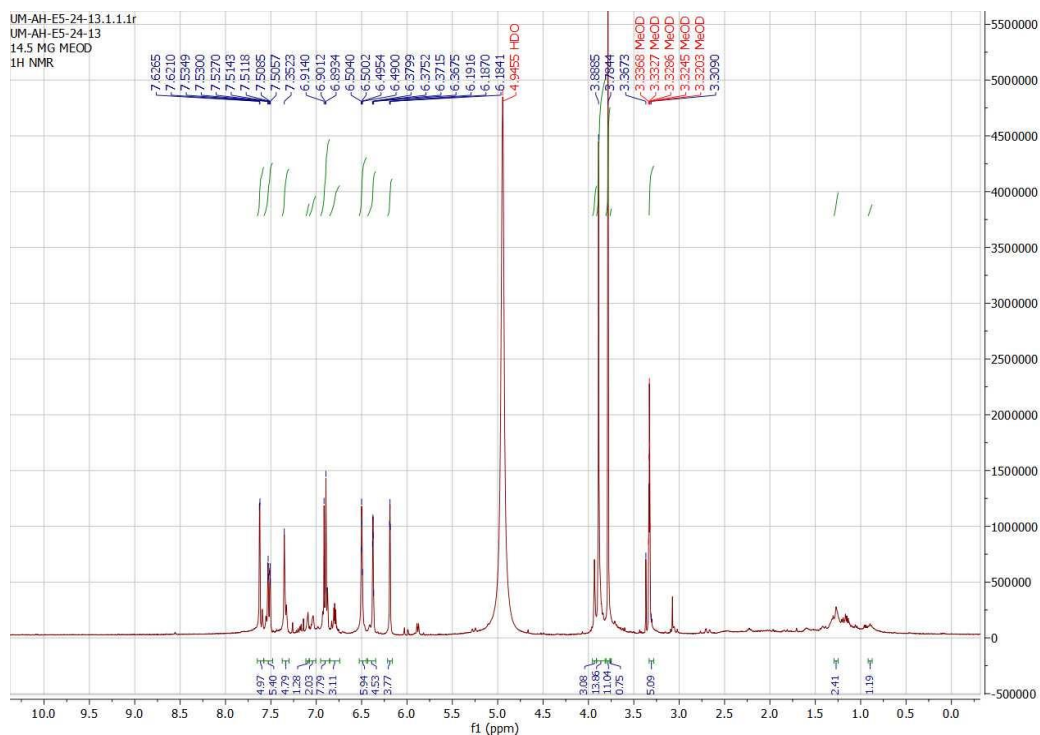


Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **8** (CD₃OD, 400 MHz).

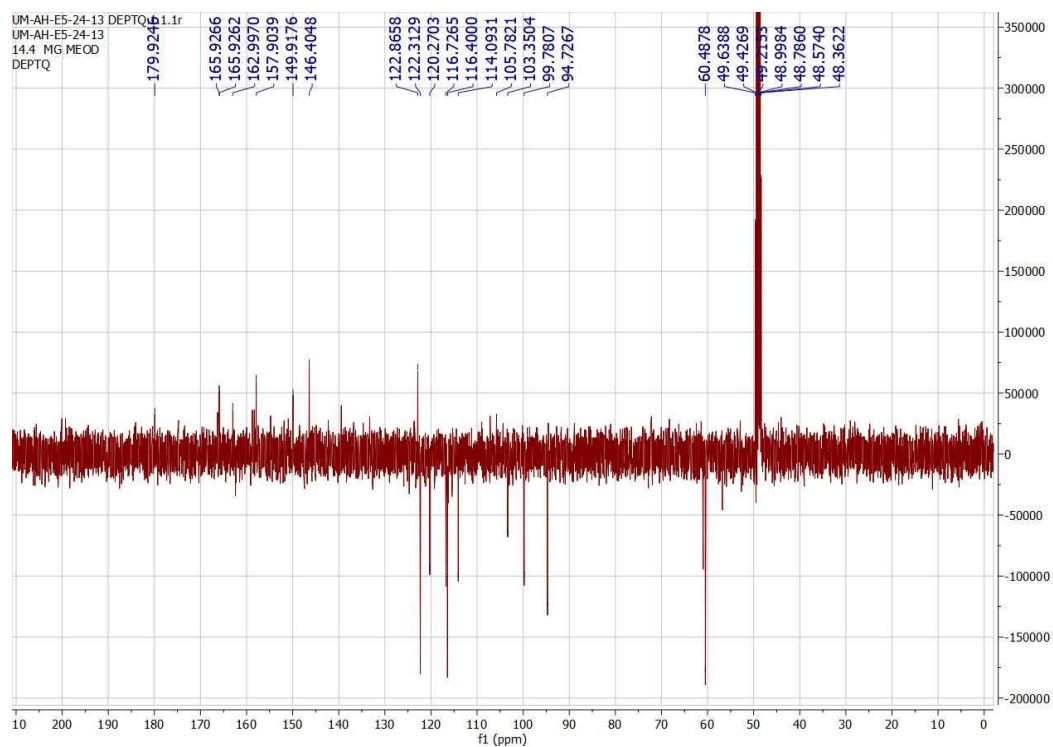


Figure S20. DEPTQ 135 NMR spectrum of compound **8** (CD₃OD, 100 MHz).

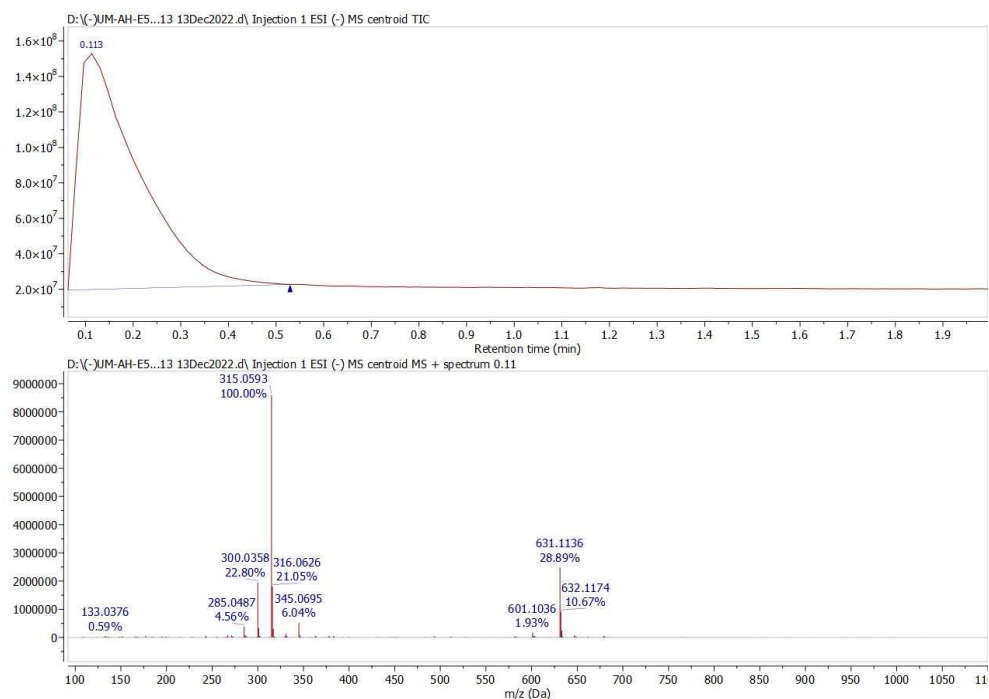


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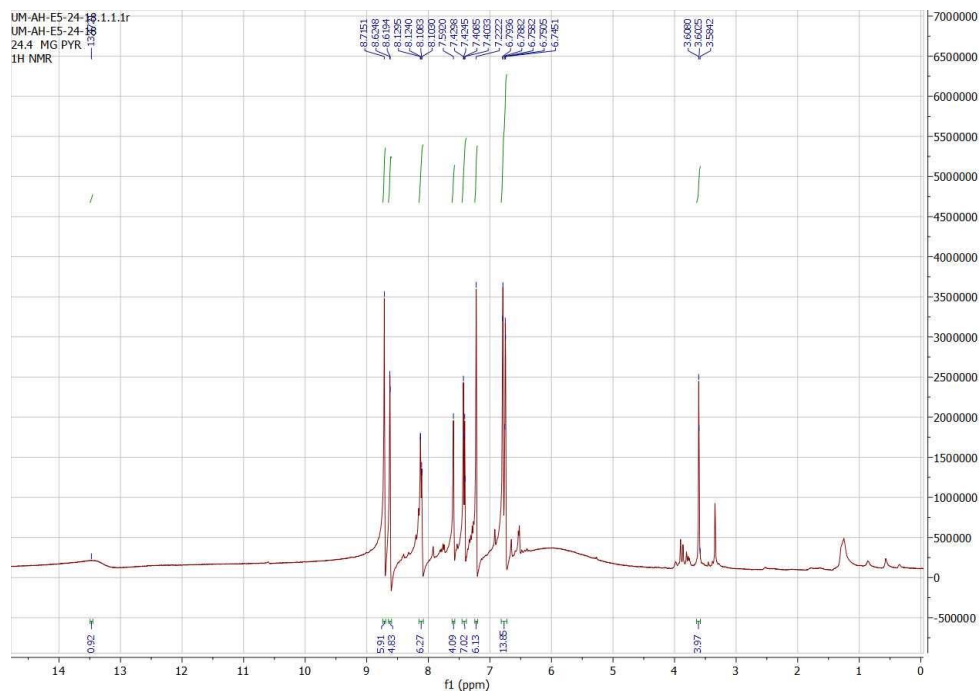


Figure S22. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 9 ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 400 MHz).

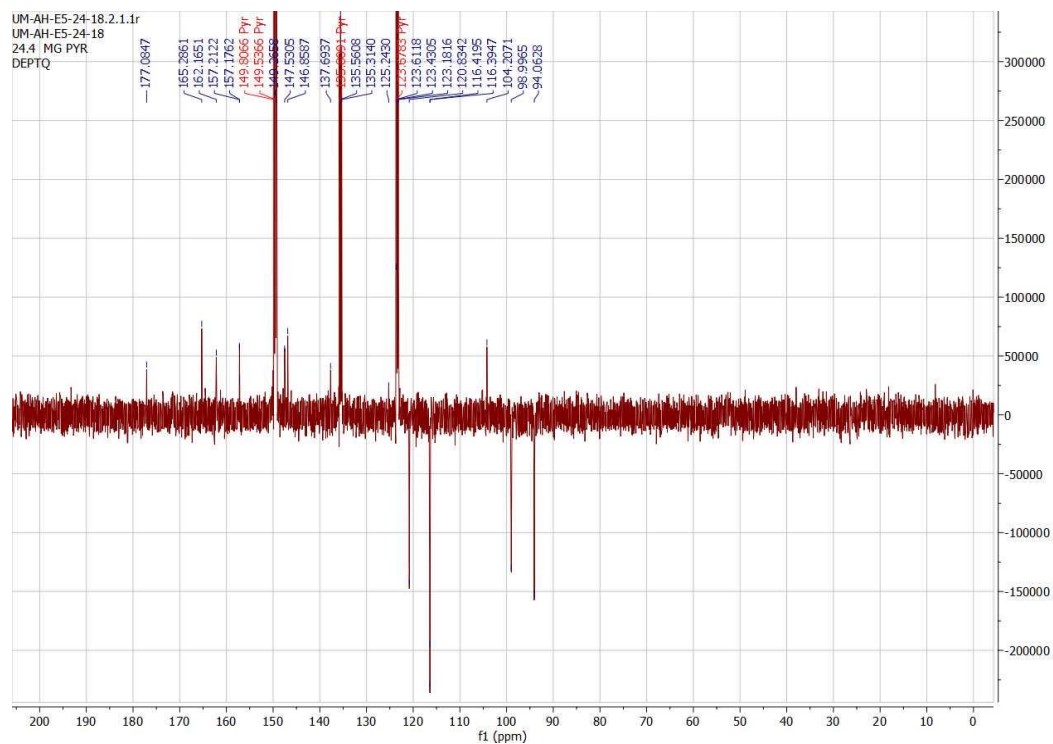


Figure S23. DEPTQ 135 NMR spectrum of compound **9** ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, 100 MHz).

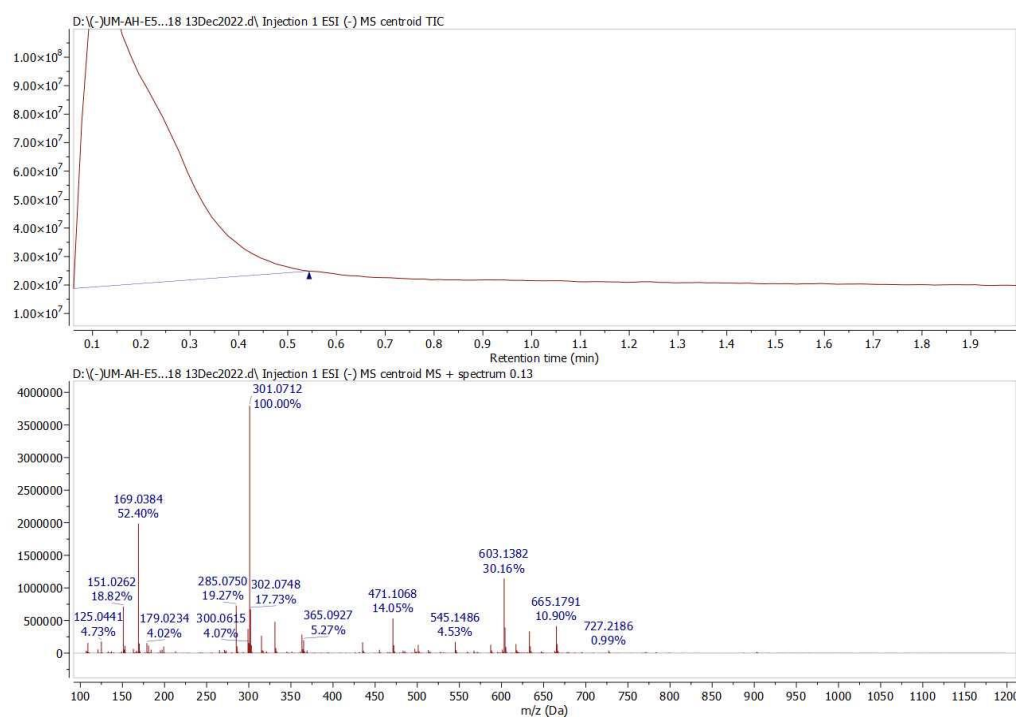


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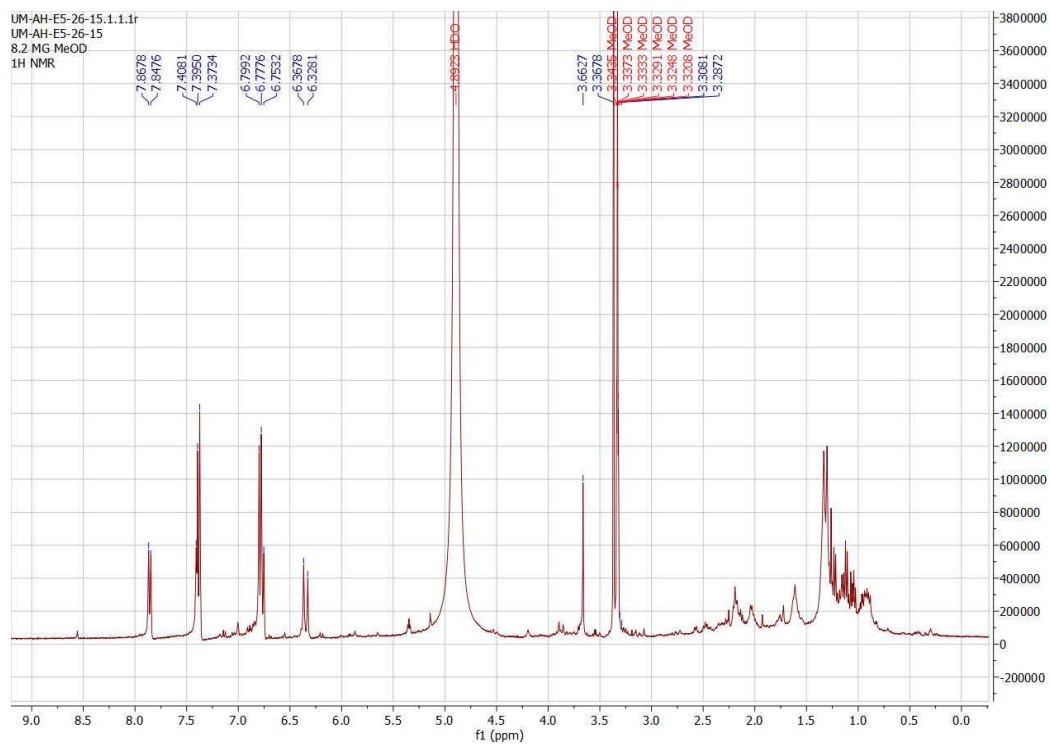


Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **10** (CD₃OD, 400 MHz).

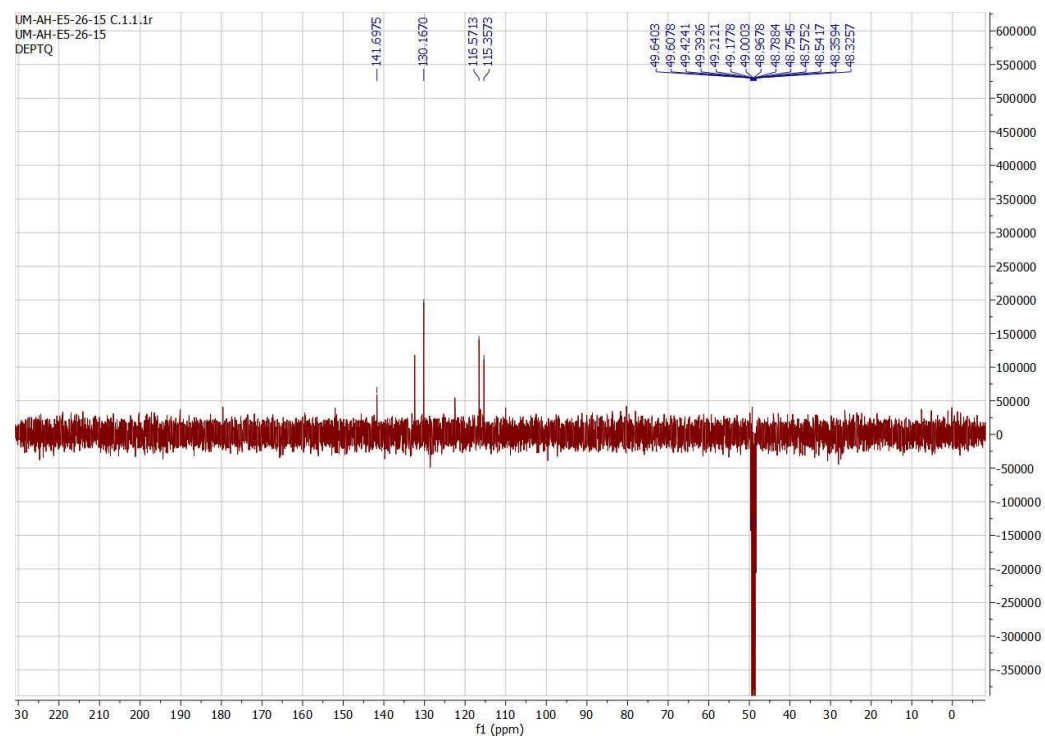


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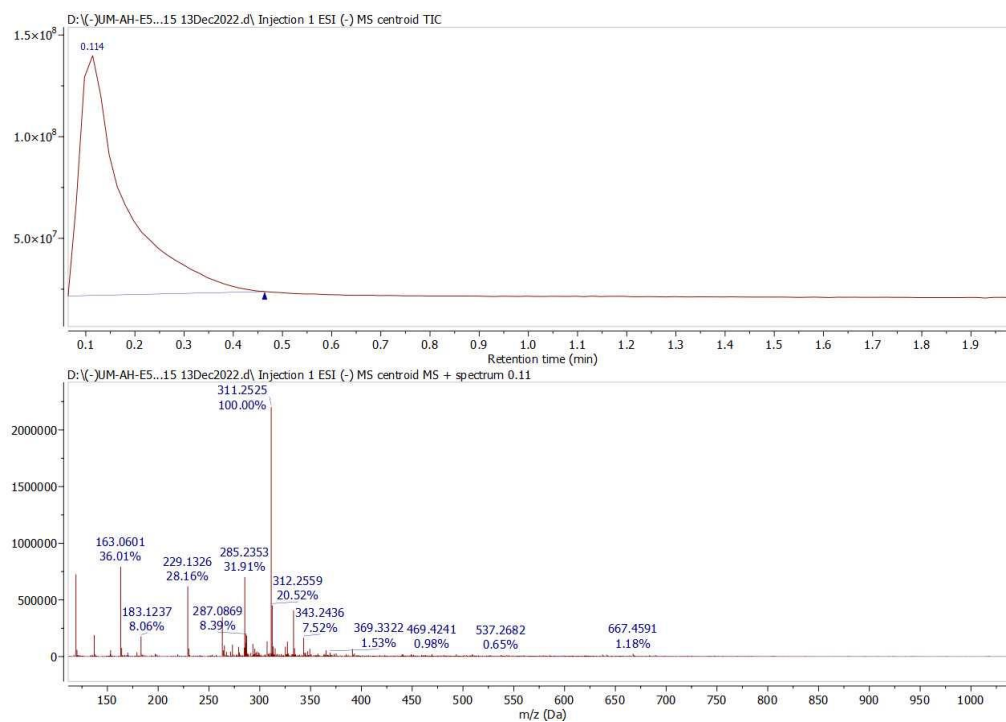


Figure S27. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of compound **10**.