

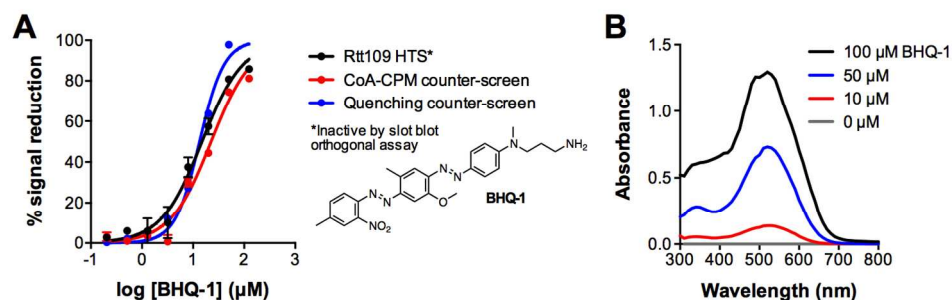
## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **PAINS in the assay: chemical mechanisms of assay interference and promiscuous enzymatic inhibition observed during a sulfhydryl-scavenging HTS**

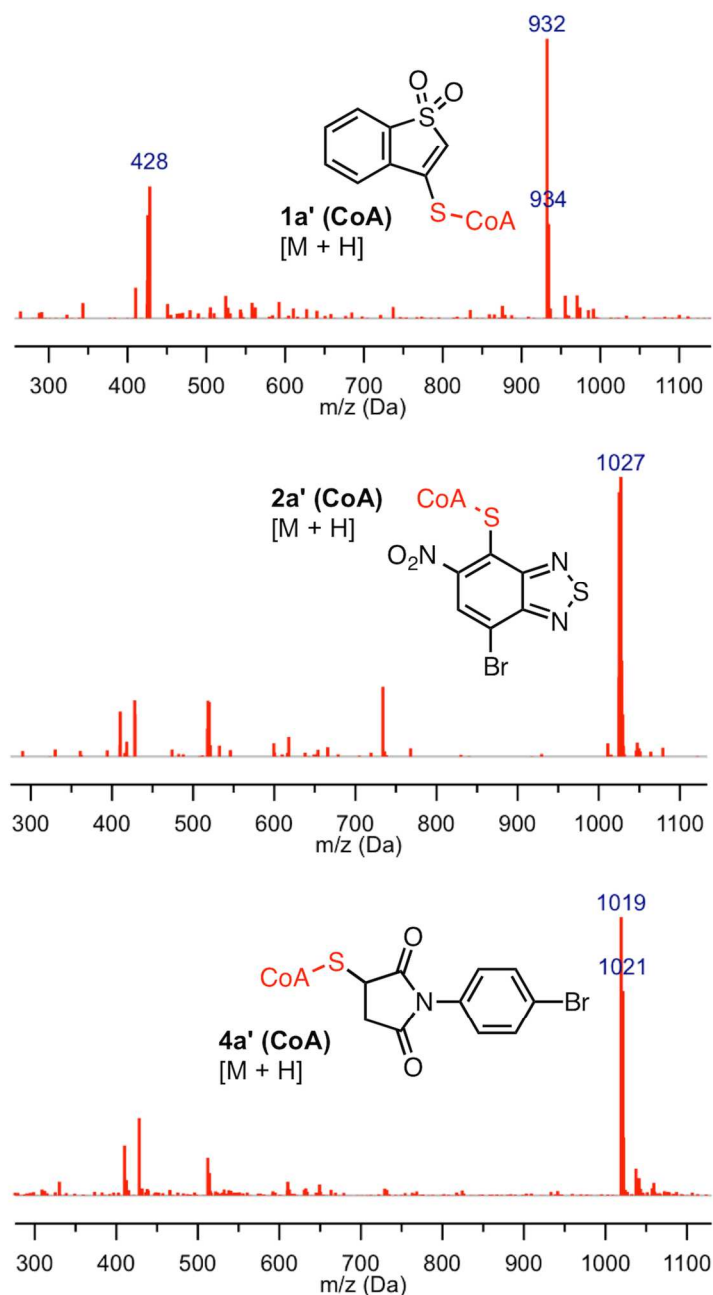
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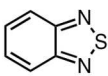
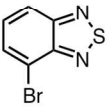
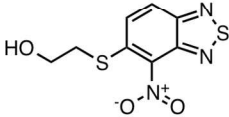
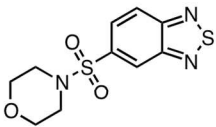
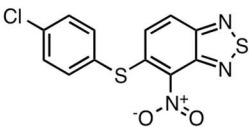
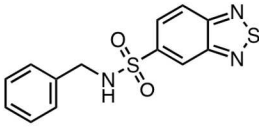
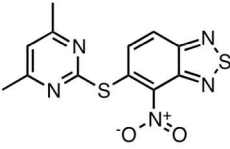
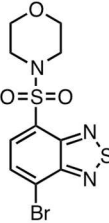
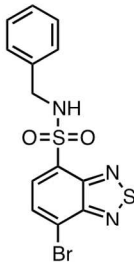
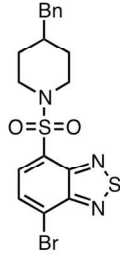
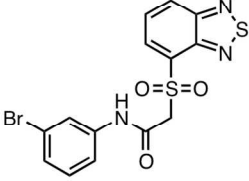
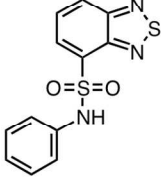
**Figure S1 | Characterization of BHQ-1 assay interference.** (A) Dose-responses for BHQ-1 using the CPM-based Rtt109 HTS and two counter-screens. The slot blot orthogonal assay demonstrated no inhibition of Rtt109 HAT activity (data not shown). The CoA-CPM counter-screen substitutes the CoA reaction by-product in place of the acetyl-CoA substrate. In the quenching counter-screen, compounds are mixed with pre-formed CoA-CPM adducts. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD for three replicates. (B) BHQ-1 absorbance spectra in HTS buffer at 30  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Note: the CPM-based assay readout wavelength is 530 nm.



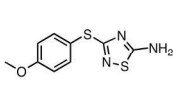
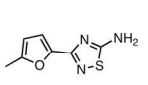
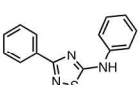
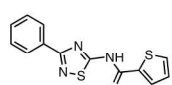
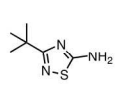
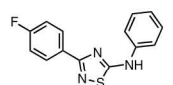
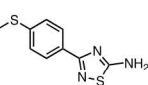
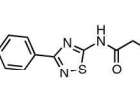
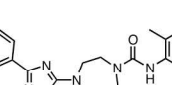
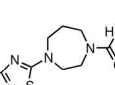
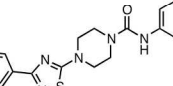
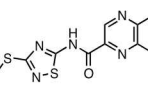
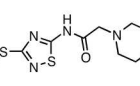
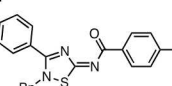
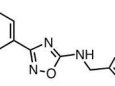
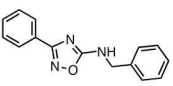
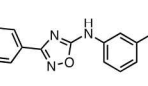
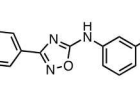
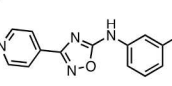
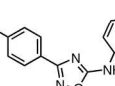
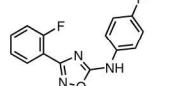
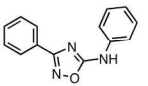
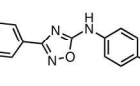
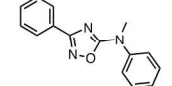
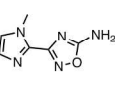
**Figure S2 | Examples of compound-CoA adducts detected by UPLC-MS.** Selected compounds were incubated with HTS buffer plus CoA and subjected to UPLC-MS analyses. Shown are selected mass spectra of the compound-CoA adducts (positive ion mode), which had similar chromatogram patterns as the corresponding compound-GSH adducts. Data are representative results from one of at least two independent experiments. The structures of the compound-CoA adducts are based on the data for the compound-GSH adducts and the proposed reaction mechanisms (Figure 3 and Supplemental Information).

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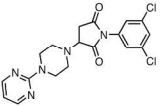
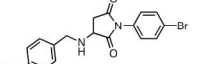
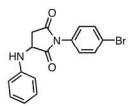
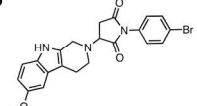
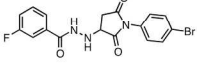
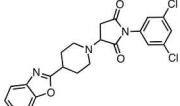
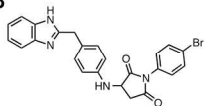
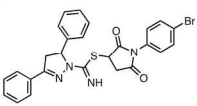
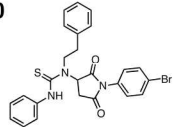
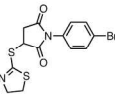
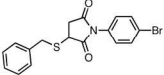
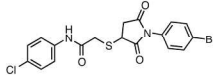
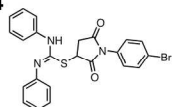
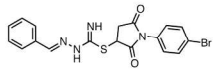
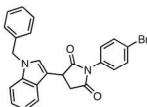
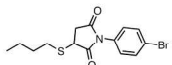
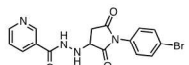
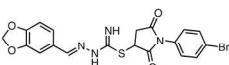
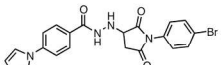
**Figure S3 | Inactive and non-interfering compounds related to chemotype 1 (benzothiophene 1,1-dioxides).** The compounds shown did not show evidence of Rtt109 inhibition in the CPM-based primary screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M) or the orthogonal slot blot assay. The compounds did not demonstrate assay interference in the CoA-CPM interference counter-screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M). Table cells are numbered for reference.

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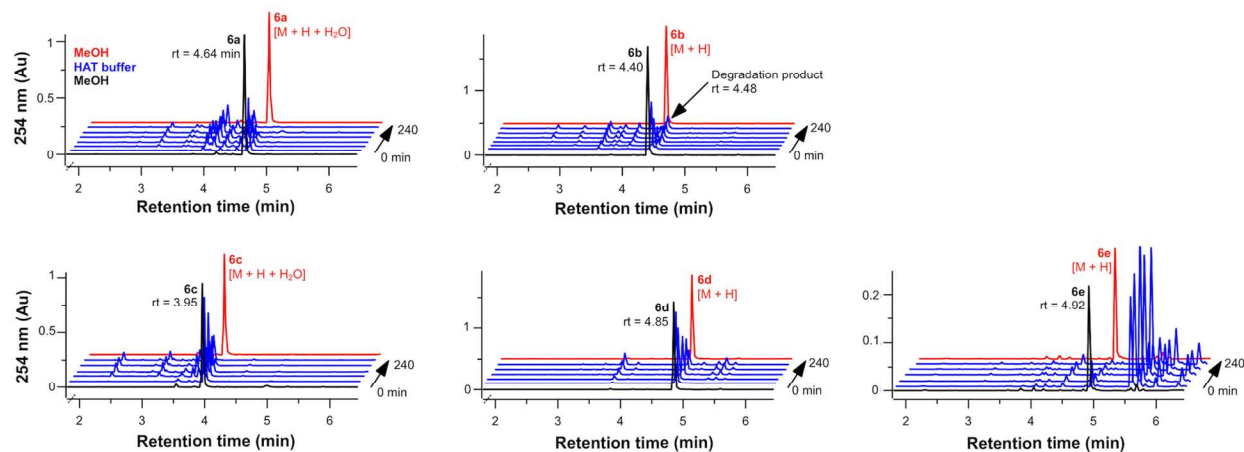
**Figure S4 | Inactive and non-interfering compounds related to chemotype 2 (benzothiadiazoles/benzofurazans).** The compounds shown did not show evidence of Rtt109 inhibition in the CPM-based primary screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M) or the orthogonal slot blot assay. The compounds did not demonstrate assay interference in the CoA-CPM interference counter-screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M). Table cells are numbered for reference.

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**Figure S5 | Inactive and non-interfering compounds related to chemotype 3 (1,2,4-thiadiazoles).** The compounds shown did not show evidence of Rtt109 inhibition in the CPM-based primary screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M) or the orthogonal slot blot assay. The compounds did not demonstrate assay interference in the CoA-CPM interference counter-screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M). Table cells are numbered for reference.

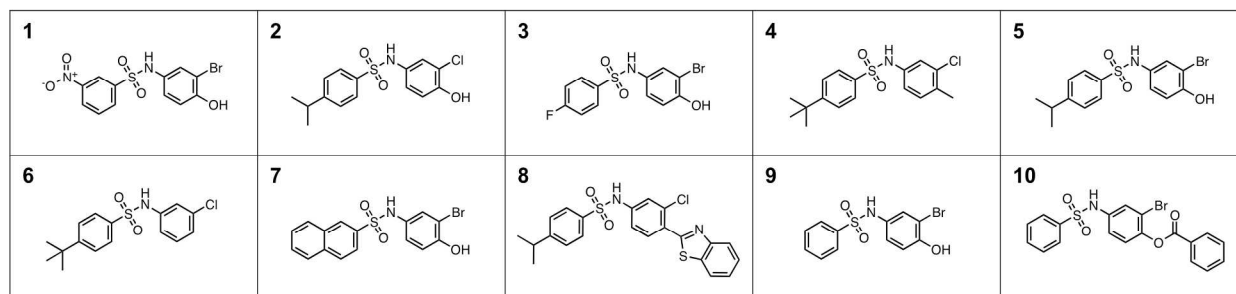
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**Figure S6 | Inactive and non-interfering compounds related to chemotype 4 (succinimides).** The compounds shown did not show evidence of Rtt109 inhibition in the CPM-based primary screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M) or the orthogonal slot blot assay. The compounds did not demonstrate assay interference in the CoA-CPM interference counter-screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values > 125  $\mu$ M). Table cells are numbered for reference.

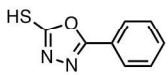
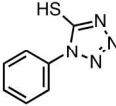
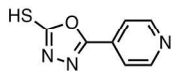
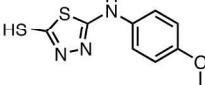
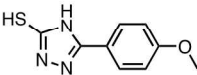
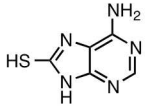
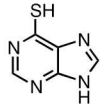
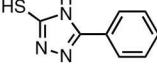
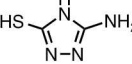
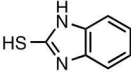
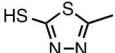
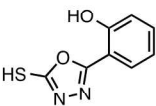


**Figure S7 | Qualitative assessments of buffer stability for select *p*-hydroxyarylsulfonamides (6) by UPLC-MS.** Sample aliquots were examined over time for evidence of compound instability via absorbance at 254 nm (blue traces). The parent compound peaks were used as retention time (rt) standards (typical variation < 0.01 s between runs). Most of the degradation products did not ionize well under the experimental conditions, hindering further initial characterization. The parent compounds dissolved in MeOH were stable for the entire experiment (0 and 240 min, black and red traces, respectively).

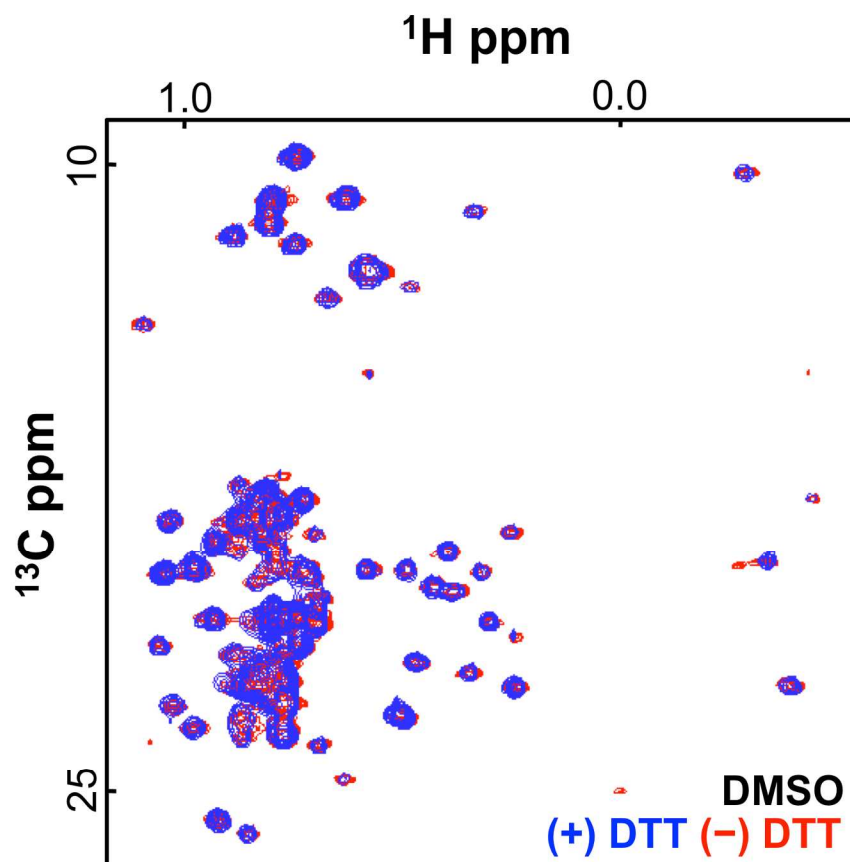




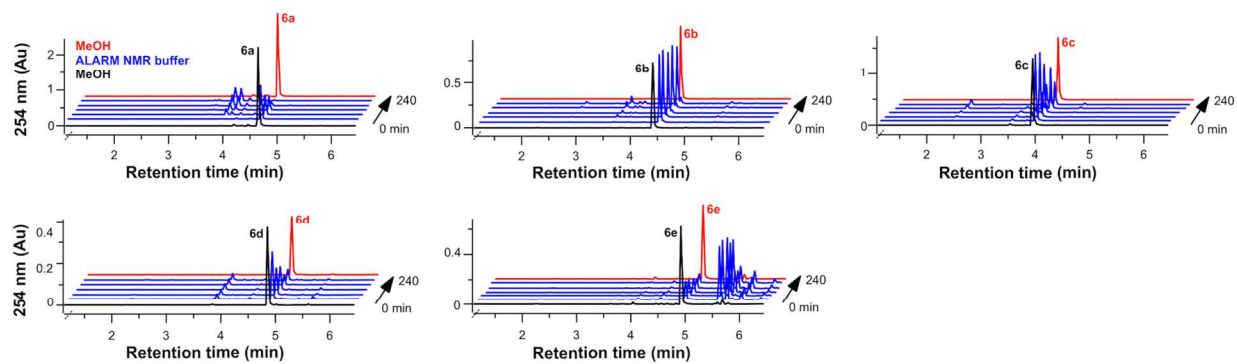
**Figure S8 | Inactive and non-interfering compounds (chemotype 7) related to chemotype 6 (*p*-hydroxyarylsulfonamides).** The compounds shown did not show evidence of Rtt109 inhibition in the CPM-based primary screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values  $> 125 \mu M$ ) or the orthogonal slot blot assay. The compounds did not demonstrate assay interference in the CoA-CPM interference counter-screen (i.e.  $IC_{50}$  values  $> 125 \mu M$ ). Table cells are numbered for reference.

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| <b>1</b><br><br><b>66 ± 4; 58 ± 2</b> | <b>2</b><br><br><b>NR; 86 ± 5</b>    | <b>3</b><br><br><b>NR; 250 ± 90</b> | <b>4</b><br><br><b>64 ± 9; 54 ± 2</b> | <b>5</b><br><br><b>55 ± 2; 84 ± 5</b> |
| <b>6</b><br><br><b>NR; 220 ± 90</b>   | <b>7</b><br><br><b>NR; NR</b>        | <b>8</b><br><br><b>NR; 280 ± 90</b> | <b>9</b><br><br><b>NR; NR</b>         | <b>10</b><br><br><b>NR; NR</b>        |
| <b>11</b><br><br><b>NR; NR</b>        | <b>12</b><br><br><b>NR; 160 ± 10</b> | <b>13</b><br><br><b>NR; NR</b>      | <b>HTS IC<sub>50</sub>; CoA-CPM counter-screen IC<sub>50</sub></b>                                                      |                                                                                                                          |

**Figure S9 | HTS activity and assay interference of proposed leaving groups in Rtt109 HTS and CoA-CPM counter-screen.** All compounds shown did not inhibit Rtt109-Vps75 activity in the orthogonal slot blot assay (data not shown). Additionally, all compounds shown did not produce fluorescent adducts with CPM at compound concentrations tested up to 125  $\mu$ M or show signs of fluorescent quenching at final compound concentrations of 10  $\mu$ M. NR; no response. Calculated IC<sub>50</sub> values shown are means  $\pm$  SD for three replicates. Table cells are numbered for reference.



**Figure S10 | 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC spectra for methyl groups of the ALARM NMR protein (La protein, 100-324).** Shown is an overlay of the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -enriched La protein in the presence (blue) and absence (red) of 20 mM DTT.



**Figure S11 | *p*-Hydroxyarylsulfonamide stabilities in ALARM NMR buffer.** Note: compare to Figure S7 for stability in the HTS buffer. Experimental procedures were identical to those used in Figure S7.

| Compound | Redox-activity |         | Compound           | Redox-activity |         |
|----------|----------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
|          | (+) DTT        | (-) DTT |                    | (+) DTT        | (-) DTT |
| 1a       | -              | -       | 6o                 | -              | -       |
| 2a       | -              | -       | 6p                 | -              | -       |
| 3a       | -              | -       | 6q                 | -              | -       |
| 4a       | -              | -       | 6r                 | -              | -       |
| 6a       | +              | +       | 6s                 | -              | +       |
| 6b       | +              | +       | 6t                 | -              | +       |
| 6c       | +              | +       | 6u                 | -              | -       |
| 6d       | -              | -       | 6w                 | -              | -       |
| 6e       | -              | +       | 6y                 | +              | +       |
| 6f       | +              | -       | 7a                 | -              | -       |
| 6h       | +              | +       | 7b                 | -              | -       |
| 6i       | -              | +       | 7c                 | -              | -       |
| 6j       | +              | +       | 7d                 | -              | -       |
| 6k       | +              | +       | NSC-663284         | +              | -       |
| 6l       | +              | +       | 4-amino-1-naphthol | +              | +       |
| 6m       | -              | +       | Fluconazole        | -              | -       |
| 6n       | +              | +       |                    |                |         |

**Table S1 | Redox-activity of select compounds in Rtt109 HTS-like conditions.** Selected compounds were tested for the ability to generate H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in HTS buffer in the presence and absence of DTT using a surrogate HRP-PR assay. Compounds were flagged as redox-positive if they showed greater than 2X background signal (DMSO) at final compound concentrations between 10-125 µM and evidence of dose-response. NSC-663284, 4-amino-1-naphthol and fluconazole were included as control compounds.

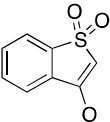
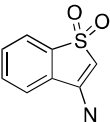
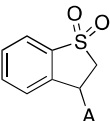
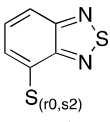
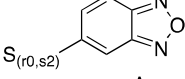
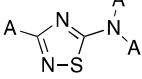
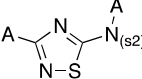
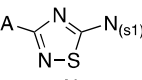
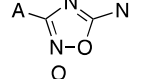
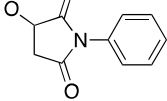
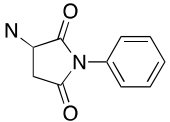
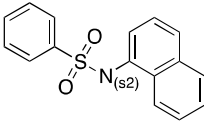
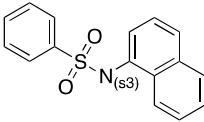
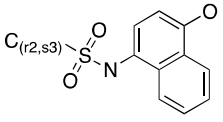
| HAT            | DTT | Percent inhibition                 |                                           |                                            |
|----------------|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                |     | 1 mM H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 250 $\mu$ M H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 62.5 $\mu$ M H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Rtt109-Vps75   | +   | 20 $\pm$ 10                        | 3 $\pm$ 3                                 | 0 $\pm$ 10                                 |
|                | –   | 20 $\pm$ 5                         | 15 $\pm$ 4                                | 3 $\pm$ 7                                  |
| p300-BHC       | +   | 12 $\pm$ 5                         | 2 $\pm$ 2                                 | -1 $\pm$ 3                                 |
|                | –   | 54 $\pm$ 10                        | 35 $\pm$ 10                               | 13 $\pm$ 8                                 |
| Gcn5-Ada2-Ada3 | +   | 22 $\pm$ 10                        | 12 $\pm$ 10                               | 17 $\pm$ 10                                |
|                | –   | 8 $\pm$ 8                          | 8 $\pm$ 9                                 | 10 $\pm$ 10                                |

**Table S2 | Sensitivities of *in vitro* HAT assays to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.** Rtt109-Vps75, p300-BHC and Gcn5-Ada2-Ada3 were incubated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> under HTS-like assay conditions in either the presence or absence of the reducing agent DTT (1 mM final concentration). Percent inhibition of enzymatic activity was calculated as a percentage of DMSO controls. Percent inhibition values shown are means  $\pm$  SD for three replicates.

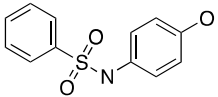
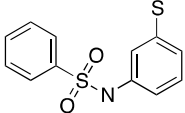
| Cpd        | Protein | Peptide adduct detected                 | Key fragment ions                                                              | PEAKS peptide score <sup>a</sup><br>(-10 logP) | Precursor mass error<br>(ppm) |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1a</b>  | Rtt109  | LIFVSKADTNGYC(+163.99)NTR               | y <sup>4</sup> through y <sup>12</sup>                                         | 58                                             | 0.5                           |
|            |         | FQQDLYLSFTC(+163.99)PR                  | y <sup>3</sup> through y <sup>9</sup>                                          | 45                                             | 2.9                           |
|            |         | IC(+163.99)LFTRPASQYLFPDSSK             | b <sup>2</sup> through b <sup>6</sup>                                          | 60                                             | 0.4                           |
|            | Vps75   | C(+163.99)EEEEVDAIER                    | b <sup>2</sup> through b <sup>4</sup>                                          | 65                                             | -1.3                          |
|            |         | EFPHGDSLASFSEEIYPFC(+163.99)VK          | y <sup>3</sup> through y <sup>6</sup>                                          | 66                                             | 2.4                           |
|            | Asf1    | SC(+163.99)SYDGR                        | b <sup>2</sup> through b <sup>3</sup>                                          | 36                                             | 1.7                           |
| <b>6a</b>  | Rtt109  | ADTNGYC(+172.02)NTR ADTNGYC(+156.02)NTR | y <sup>4</sup> through y <sup>8</sup><br>y <sup>4</sup> through y <sup>8</sup> | 54<br>54                                       | -1.4<br>0.8                   |
|            | Vps75   | AFLGLAKC(+172.02)EEEEVDAIER             | y <sup>10</sup> through y <sup>12</sup>                                        | 76                                             | -4.8                          |
|            | Asf1    | None                                    | –                                                                              | –                                              | –                             |
|            | Rtt109  | ADTNGYC(+172.02)NTR                     | y <sup>4</sup> through y <sup>7</sup>                                          | 43                                             | 0.4                           |
| <b>6b</b>  | Vps75   | AFLGLAKC(+172.02)EEEEVDAIER             | y <sup>10</sup> through y <sup>11</sup>                                        | 84                                             | -3.2                          |
|            |         | EFPHGDSLASFSEEIYPFC(+156.02)VK          | y <sup>3</sup> through y <sup>6</sup>                                          | 49                                             | 3.9                           |
|            | Asf1    | None                                    | –                                                                              | –                                              | –                             |
| <b>CPM</b> | Rtt109  | ADTNGYC(+402.16)NTR                     | y <sup>4</sup> through y <sup>6</sup>                                          | 47                                             | 4.8                           |
|            | Vps75   | C(+402.16)EEEEVDAIER                    | b <sup>2</sup> through b <sup>3</sup>                                          | 64                                             | 4.2                           |
|            | Asf1    | None                                    | –                                                                              | –                                              | –                             |

<sup>a</sup> Score derived from the *p*-value that indicates the statistical significance of the peptide-spectrum match. Good quality score > 25 – 45; high quality score > 45<sup>1</sup>.

**Table S3 | Compound-peptide adducts detected by protein mass spectrometry.** Compounds **1a**, **6a** and **6b** were incubated with yeast Rtt109, Vps75 or Asf1. CPM was included as a positive thiol-reactive control compound. Representative, high-confidence peptide adducts are provided. Support for detection of compound-peptide adducts from tandem MS data is based on: (1) very high confidence in the peptide sequence from fragment ions that support at least five consecutive b- or y-type fragment ions; (2) expected mass accuracy for precursor *m/z* (< 7 ppm); and (3) key peaks that support site localization of cysteine modification on amino acid fragments.

| Chemotype<br>-subtype | Query <sup>a</sup>                                                                  | N   | N <sub>data</sub> <sup>b</sup> | N (pBSF > 2) | Fraction (%) <sup>c</sup> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1-ii                  |    | 5   | 5                              | 0            | 0.0                       |
| 1-iii                 |    | 29  | 25                             | 1            | 4.0                       |
| 1-iv                  |    | 52  | 42                             | 2            | 4.7                       |
| 2-iii                 |    | 3   | 3                              | 2            | 66.7                      |
| 2-iv                  |    | 2   | 2                              | 1            | 50.0                      |
| 3-ii                  |    | 971 | 910                            | 12           | 1.3                       |
| 3-iii                 |   | 760 | 629                            | 61           | 9.7                       |
| 3-iv                  |  | 104 | 67                             | 5            | 7.5                       |
| 3-v                   |  | 243 | 168                            | 6            | 3.6                       |
| 4-ii                  |  | 13  | 12                             | 0            | 0.0                       |
| 4-iii                 |  | 804 | 753                            | 17           | 2.3                       |
| 6-ii                  |  | 230 | 209                            | 85           | 40.7                      |
| 6-iii                 |  | 32  | 24                             | 3            | 12.5                      |
| 6-iv                  |  | 118 | 112                            | 72           | 64.3                      |



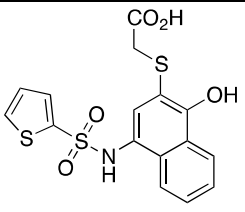
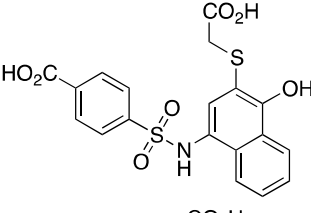
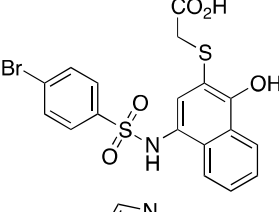
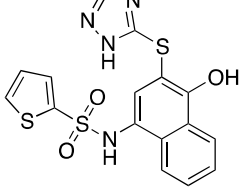
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| 7-iii |  | 3157 | 2,446 | 321 | 13.1 |
| 7-iv  |  | 166  | 134   | 18  | 13.4 |

<sup>a</sup> Structure annotations: A, any atom; *ns*, number of substituents (e.g. "2s"); *nr* number of connected ring bonds (e.g. "2r"); X, halogen.

<sup>b</sup>  $N_{\text{data}}$  designates the subset of compounds for which a pBSF score had been derived. This is dependent on the availability of HTS screening data.

<sup>c</sup> Expected incidence of anomalous binders is 6% (averaged over all compounds).

**Table S4 | Additional analysis of thiol-reactive chemotype bioassay promiscuity in an industrial HTS setting.** See also Table 7.

| Structure                                                                          | Reported biological target and mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|   | Chymotrypsin-like activity of proteasome inhibitor | 2         |
|   | Stat3 inhibitor                                    | 3         |
|   | Mcl-1 inhibitor                                    | 4         |
|  | BRAF <sup>V600E</sup> inhibitor                    | 5         |

**Table S5 | Published examples of compounds containing chemotype 6 that are unlikely to be selective chemical probes.**

## CHEMICAL SYNTHESSES AND CHARACTERIZATION

### General description

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (176 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 700-MHz spectrometer with a 1.7-mm TCI Cryoprobe. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using the solvent peak as an internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, brs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triple, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant, and integration.

Samples were analyzed for purity using a Waters Acquity UPLC system equipped with a BEH C18 2.1 x 50 mm column. The flow rate was 0.250 mL/min with a standard gradient starting at 95% Solution A (950 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 50 mL MeCN, 1 mL formic acid) and ending with 100% Solution B (1000 mL MeCN plus 1 mL formic acid) over 6.5 min. The samples were monitored simultaneously using an ELS detector, a diode array detector (214, 220, 244 and 254 nm) and a ZQ mass spectrometer (ESI positive and negative ion modes). Low-resolution mass spectra (LRMS) were recorded using this ZQ mass spectrometer.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded as previously described<sup>6</sup>. The instrumentation consisted of a Waters Acquity UPLC equipped with a Waters HSS T3 C18 2.1 mm x 100 mm column (1.7 mm diameter particles) coupled to a Waters Synapt G2 HDMS quadrupole orthogonal acceleration time of flight mass spectrometer. The solvents consisted of Solution A ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  containing 0.1% formic acid) and Solution B (MeCN containing 0.1% formic acid). The flow rate was 0.400 mL/min with a 26 min linear gradient separation at 35 °C as follows: 3% B, 0 min to 5 min; 3% B to 97% B, 5 min to 18 min; 97% B, 18 min to 21 min; 97% B to 3% B, 21 min to 23 min; 3% B 23 min to 26 min. Mass spectra were collected from  $m/z$  50-1200 every 100 ms during the chromatographic separation. On-the-fly mass calibration was performed using an infusion of a leucine-enkephalin solution.

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### Screening compound characterization

**4-(5-((1,1-Dioxidobenzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)thio)-1*H*-tetrazol-1-yl)benzoic acid (1a).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.43 (brs, 1H), 8.18–8.20 (m, 2H), 7.92–7.95 (m, 3H), 7.65–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.46 (1H, s).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.1, 147.8, 138.0, 136.3, 136.1, 134.3, 133.1, 132.0, 130.8, 129.0, 127.2, 125.4, 123.0, 121.3. UPLC: purity 99% (ELS),  $t_r$  = 4.14 min. LRMS (ESI+): 387 [M + H].

**4-((9*H*-Purin-6-yl)thio)-7-bromo-5-nitrobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazole (2a).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.69 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.0, 153.4, 153.0, 152.9, 151.3, 150.7, 144.5, 130.2, 127.1, 117.9, 116.3. UPLC: purity 97% (ELS),  $t_r$  = 4.09 min. LRMS (ESI+): 410, 412 [M + H +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ].

**5-(Methylamino)-2,3-diphenyl-1,2,4-thiadiazol-2-ium bromide (3a).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  7.49–7.62 (m, 9H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  178.4, 168.9, 136.0, 134.2, 132.3, 131.8, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 32.1. UPLC: purity 99% (ELS),  $t_r$  = 3.33 min. LRMS (ESI+): 268 [M + H].

**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-((5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)thio)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (4a).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03–7.15 (m, 2H), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (167 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.9, 173.7, 166.5, 162.3, 157.9, 134.8, 133.1, 132.9, 129.8, 127.8, 122.6, 121.1, 118.1, 108.9, 43.2, 36.8. UPLC: purity 95% (ELS), *rt* = 5.21 min. LRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): 446, 448 [M + H].

**3-((4-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonamido)-1-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)thio)propanoic acid (6a).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 8.21–8.23 (m, 1H), 7.89–7.91 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 175.4, 155.6, 140.4, 133.6, 133.3, 132.5, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 125.2, 124.3, 124.1, 112.0, 35.1, 32.0. UPLC: purity 96% (ELS), *rt* = 4.74 min. LRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): 499, 501 [M + H + H<sub>2</sub>O].

***N*-(3-((1*H*-1,2,4-Triazol-3-yl)thio)-4-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (6b).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 8.2–8.24 (m, 1H), 8.13–8.15 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.45 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 155.5, 138.1, 136.2, 134.1, 133.4, 131.5, 130.2, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 124.5, 124.0, 123.8. UPLC: purity 97% (ELS), *rt* = 4.39 min. LRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): 449 [M + H].

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## Compound-GSH adduct syntheses and characterization

***N*<sup>5</sup>-((*R*)-1-((Carboxymethyl)amino)-3-((1,1-dioxidobenzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)thio)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-*L*-glutamine (1a').** 4-(5-((1,1-Dioxidobenzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)thio)-1*H*-tetrazol-1-yl)benzoic acid **1a** (2 mg, 5.18 μmol) was dissolved in MeCN (0.8 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (2.2 mL) and HTS buffer (0.2 mL). This mixture was shaken at 30 °C for 5 min, then GSH (3.2 mg, 10.41 μmol) was added. The reaction was shaken at 30 °C and monitored by UPLC-MS until starting material was consumed. The crude reaction analyzed by LC-HRMS for the titled compound **1a'**: *rt* = 8.00 min. HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M + H], 472.0843; found, 472.0857 (error 3.0 ppm).

***N*<sup>5</sup>-((*R*)-3-((7-Bromo-5-nitrobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thio)-1-((carboxymethyl)amino)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-*L*-glutamine (2a').** 4-((9*H*-Purin-6-yl)thio)-7-bromo-5-nitrobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazole **2a** (2 mg, 4.88 μmol) was dissolved in MeCN (0.8 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and HTS buffer (0.195 mL). This mixture was shaken at 30 °C for 5 min, then GSH (3.0 mg, 9.75 μmol) was added. The reaction was shaken at 30 °C and monitored by UPLC-MS until starting material was consumed. The crude reaction analyzed by LC-HRMS for the titled compound **2a'**: *rt* = 9.24 min. HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M + H], 564.9805; found, 564.9828 (error 4.1 ppm).

**(*Z*)-*N*-Methyl-*N'*-((*E*)-phenyl(phenylimino)methyl)carbamidodithioic acid (3a'').** 5-(Methylamino)-2,3-diphenyl-1,2,4-thiadiazol-2-ium bromide **3a** (2 mg, 5.74 μmol) was dissolved in MeCN (0.68 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (2.4 mL), and HTS buffer (0.23 mL). This mixture was shaken at 30 °C for 5 min, then GSH (3.5 mg, 11 μmol) was added. The reaction was shaken at 30 °C and monitored by UPLC-MS until starting material was consumed. The crude reaction analyzed by LC-HRMS for the titled compound **3a''**: *rt* = 13.07 min. HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M + H], 270.1059; found, 270.1072 (error 4.8 ppm).

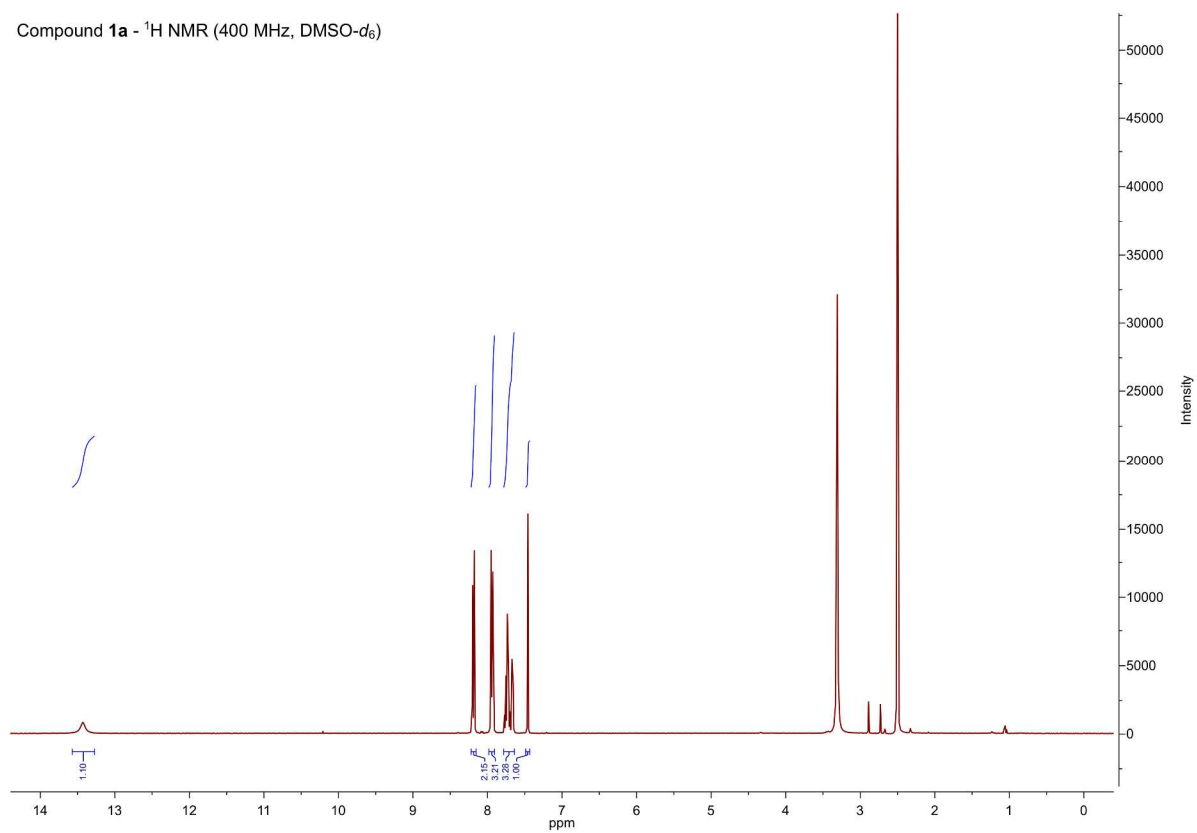
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***N*<sup>5</sup>-((*R*)-1-((Carboxymethyl)amino)-3-((1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)thio)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-L-glutamine (6')**. 3-((4-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonamido)-1-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)thio)propanoic acid **6a** (10.8 mg, 22 μmol) was dissolved in MeCN (5 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (9 mL), and HTS buffer (10 mL). This mixture was shaken at 30 °C for 5 min, then GSH (13.8 mg, 44.9 μmol) was added. The reaction was shaken at 30 °C and monitored by UPLC-MS until starting material was consumed. The crude reaction analyzed by LC-HRMS for the titled compound **6'**: rt = 8.62 min. HRMS (ES+) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M + H], 464.1122; found, 464.1139 (error 3.7 ppm).

***N*<sup>5</sup>-((*R*)-1-((Carboxymethyl)amino)-3-((1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)thio)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-L-glutamine (6'')**. *N*-(3-((1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)-4-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide **6b** (2.9 mg, 6.47 μmol) was dissolved in MeCN (2.3 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL), and HTS buffer (5 mL). This mixture was shaken at 30 °C for 5 min, then GSH (4 mg, 13 μmol) was added. The reaction was shaken at 30 °C and monitored by UPLC-MS until starting material was consumed. The crude reaction analyzed by LC-HRMS for the titled compound **6''**: rt = 8.63 min. HRMS (ES+) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M + H], 464.1122; found, 464.1135 (error 2.8 ppm).

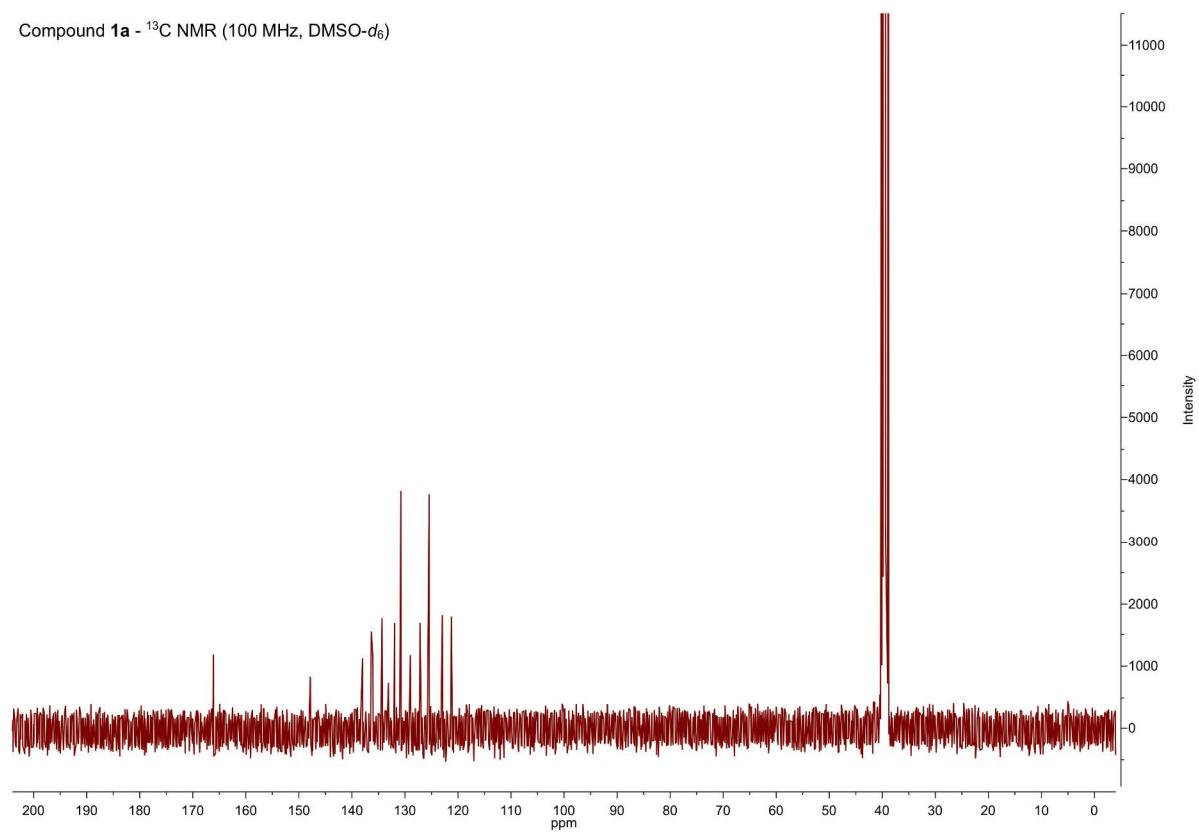
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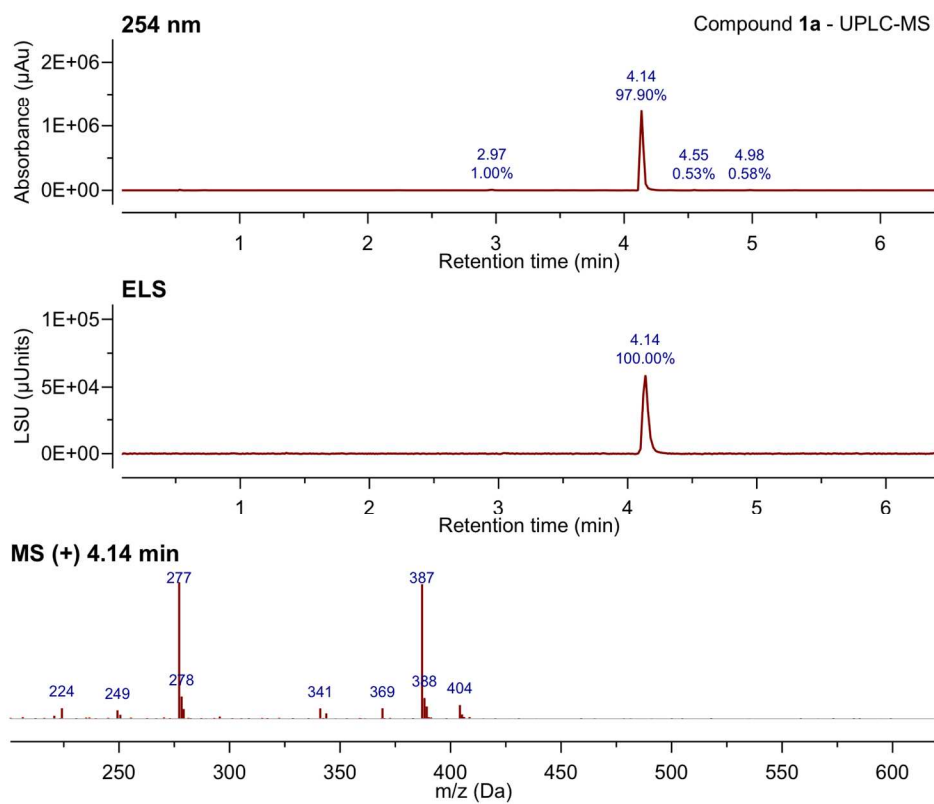


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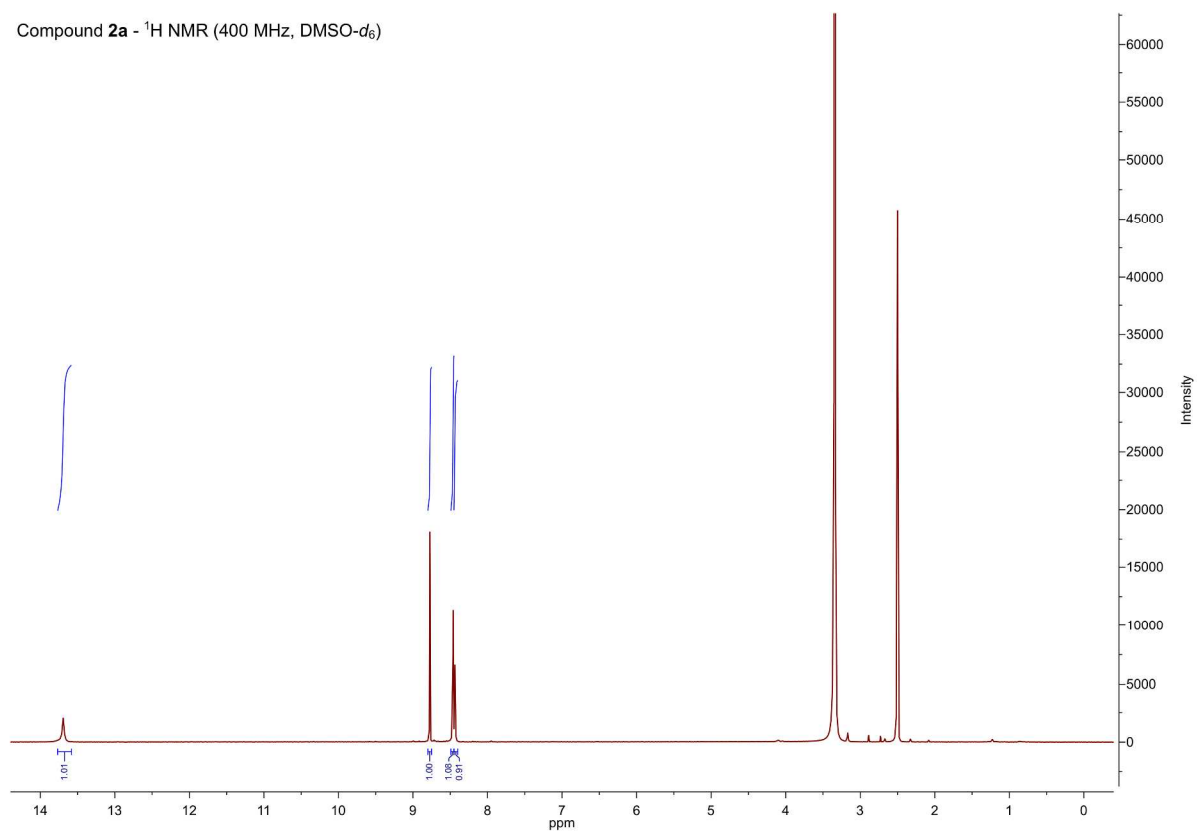
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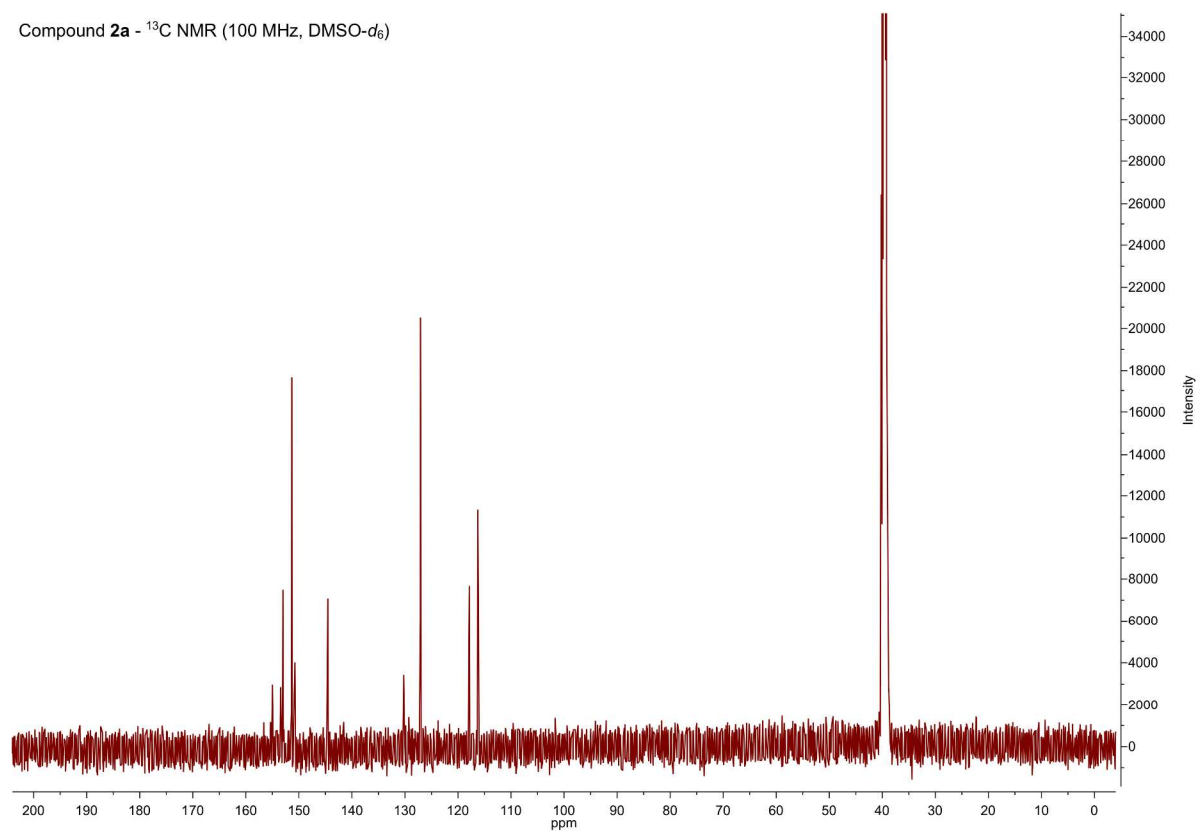
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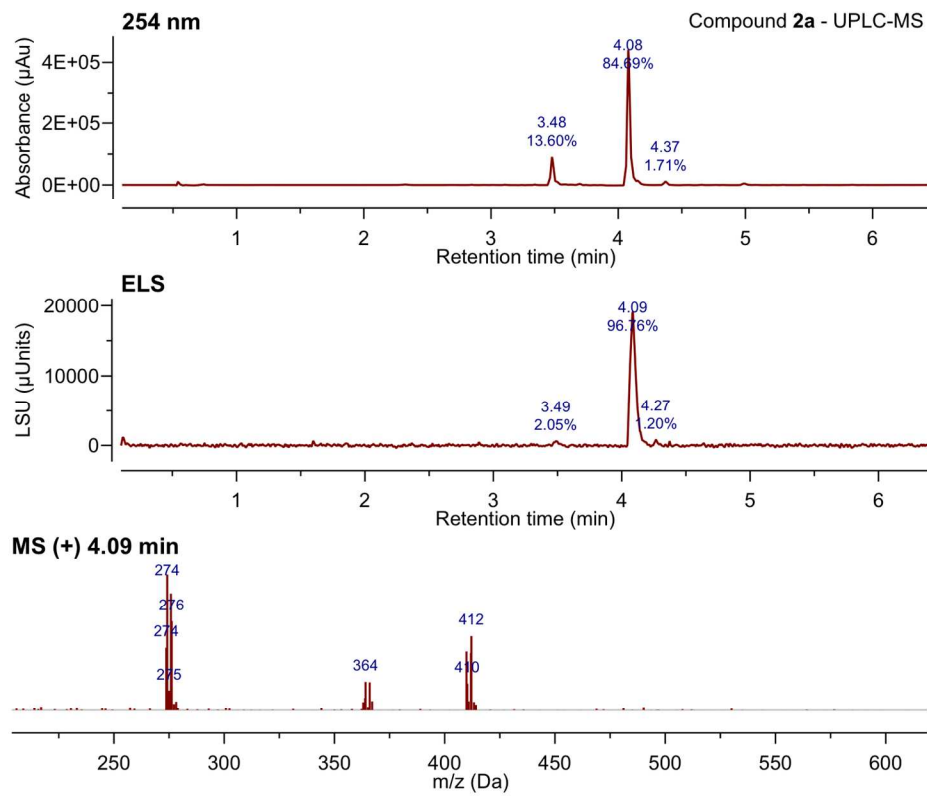


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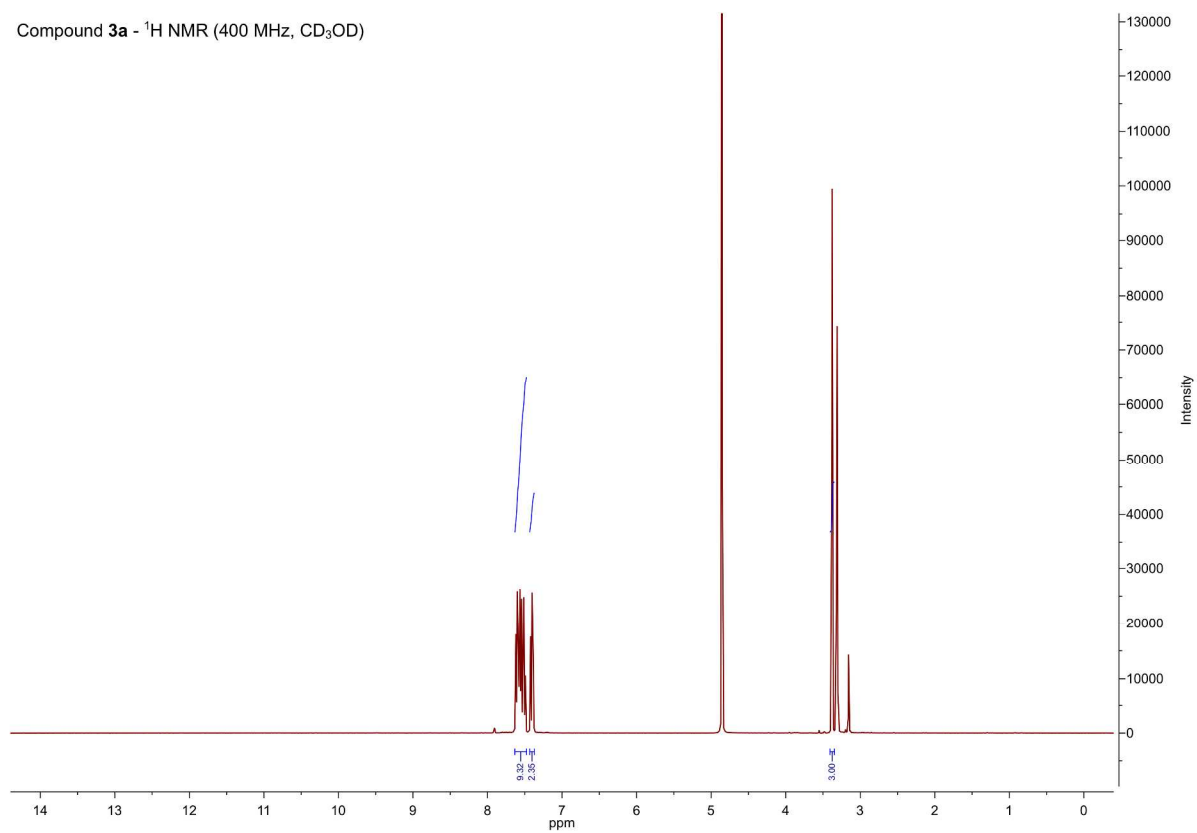


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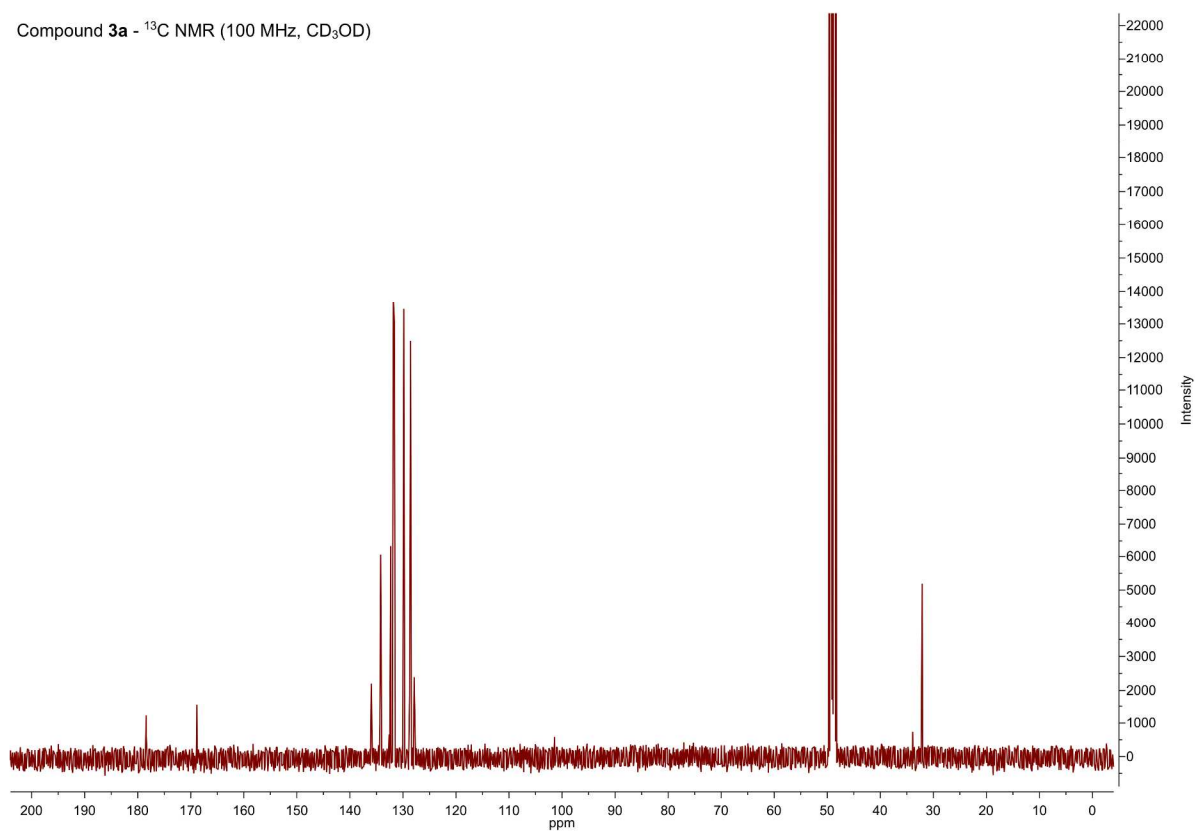
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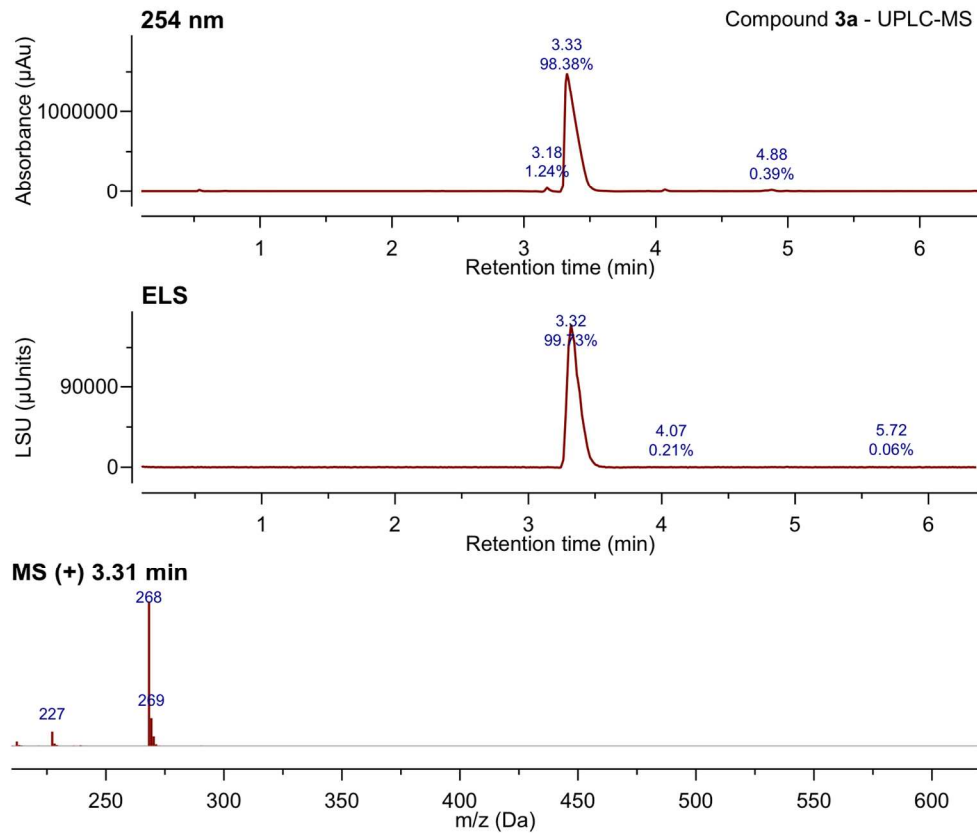


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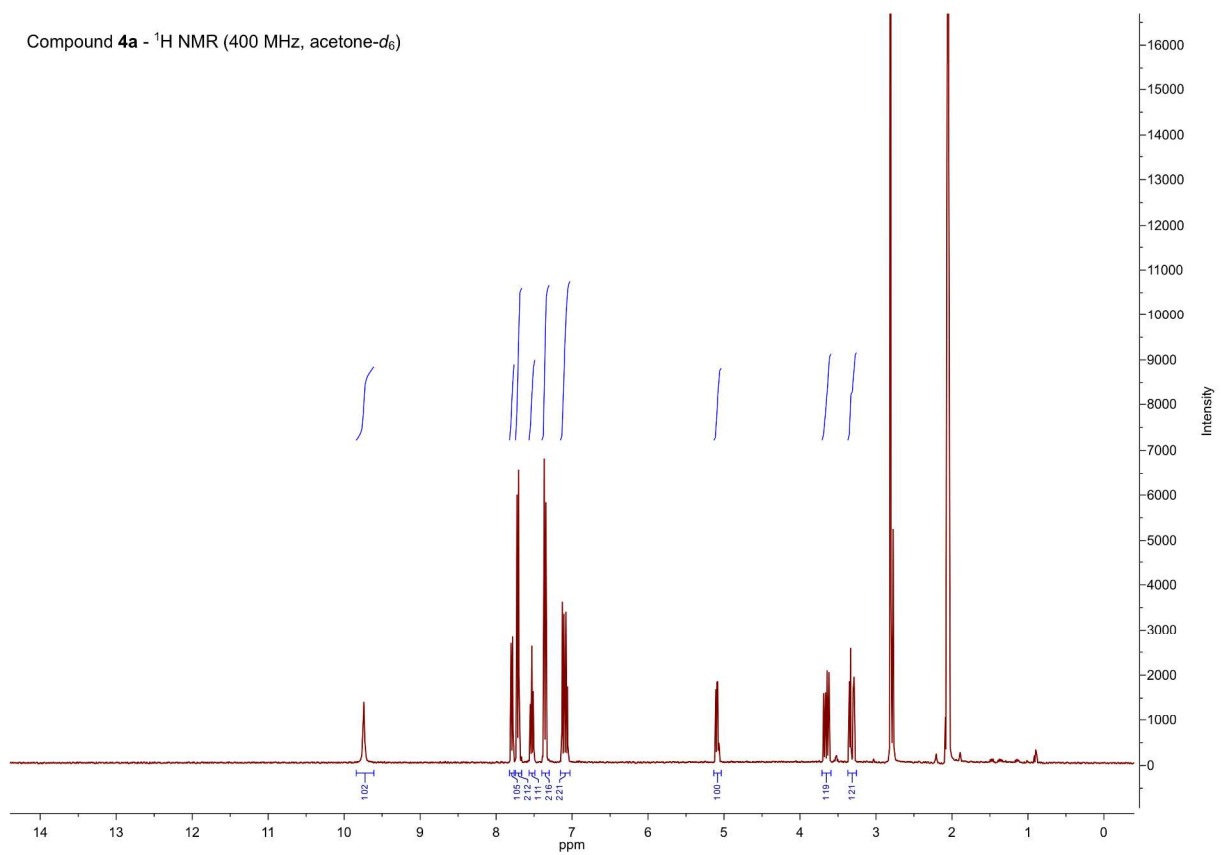


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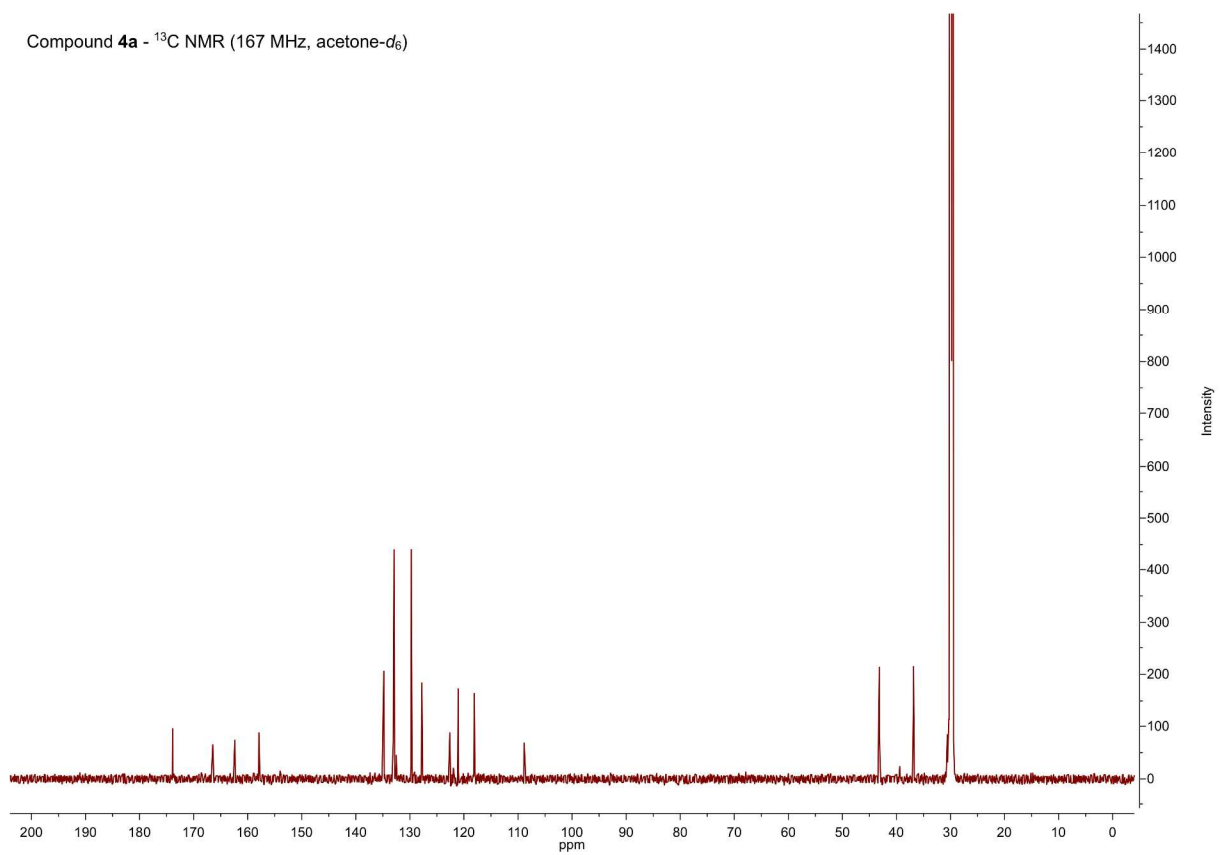
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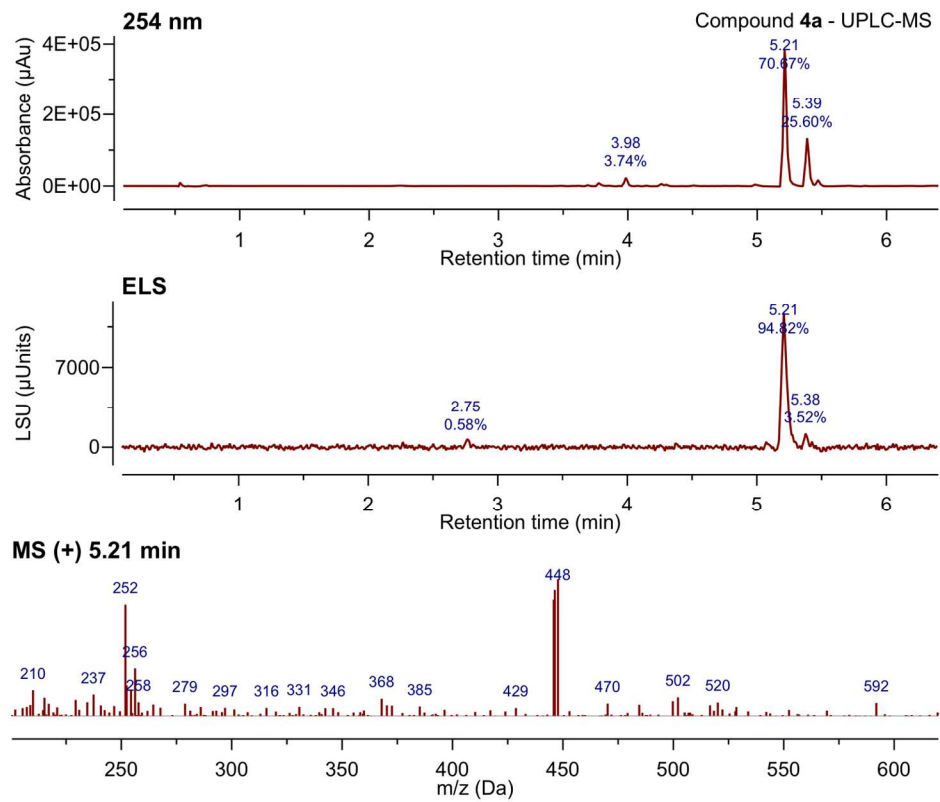
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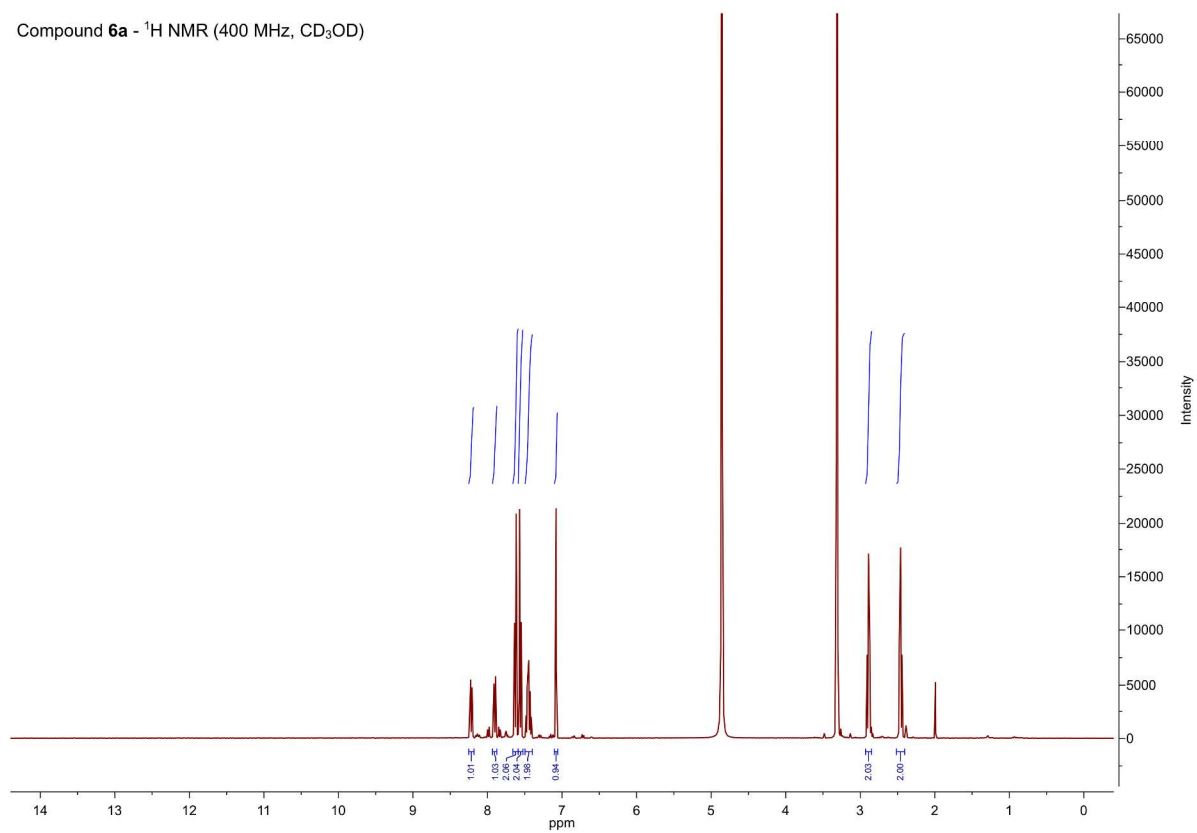


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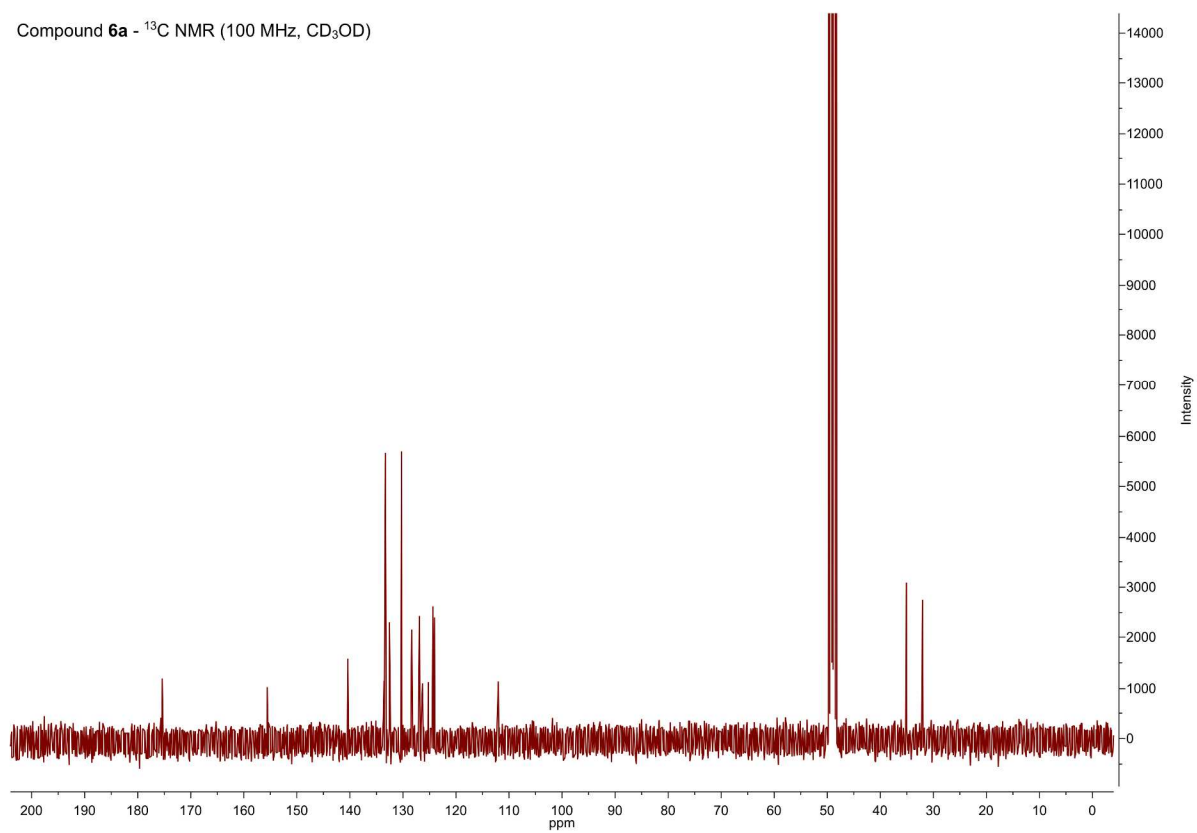
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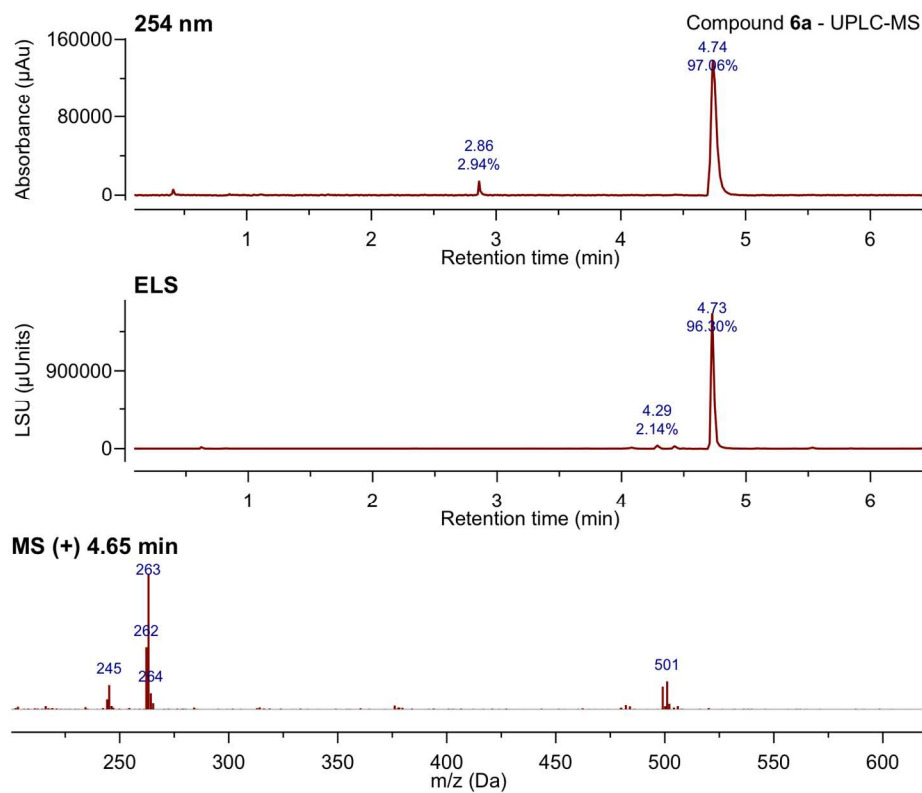


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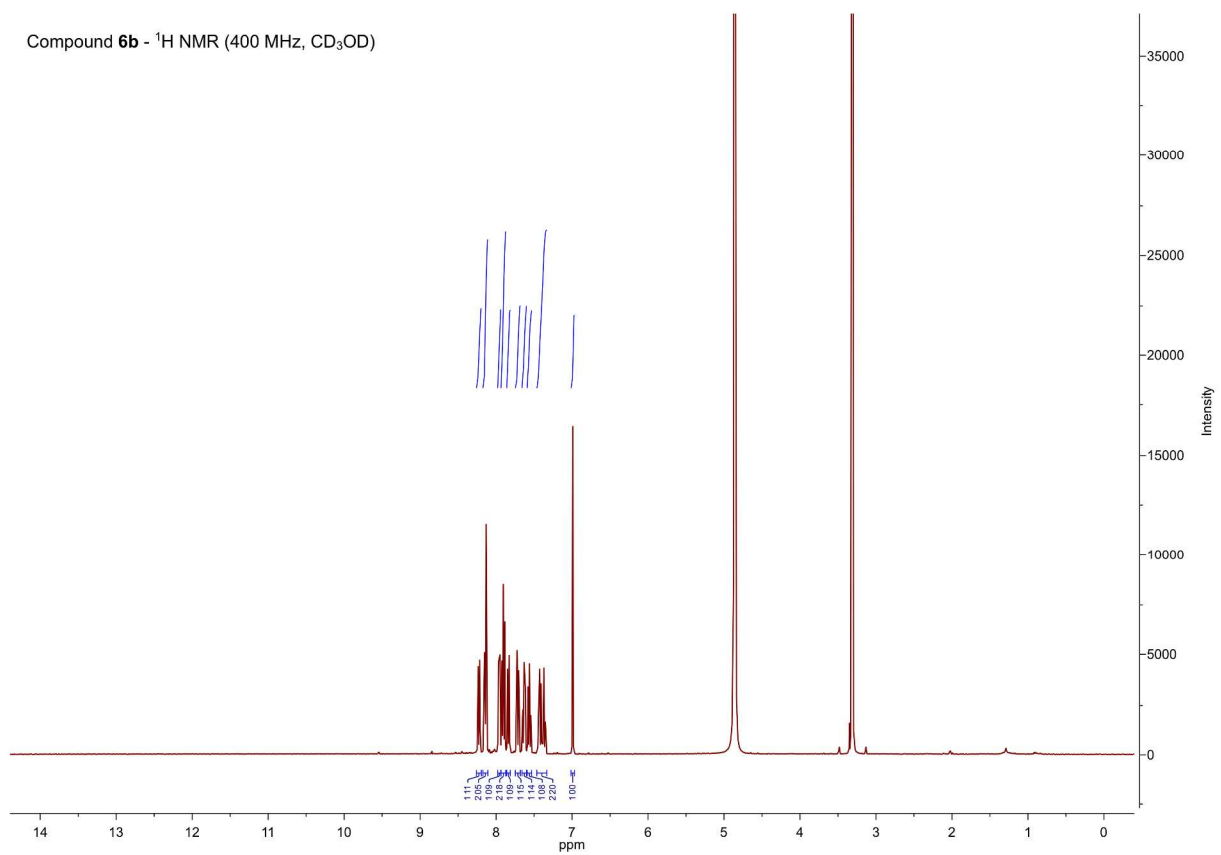


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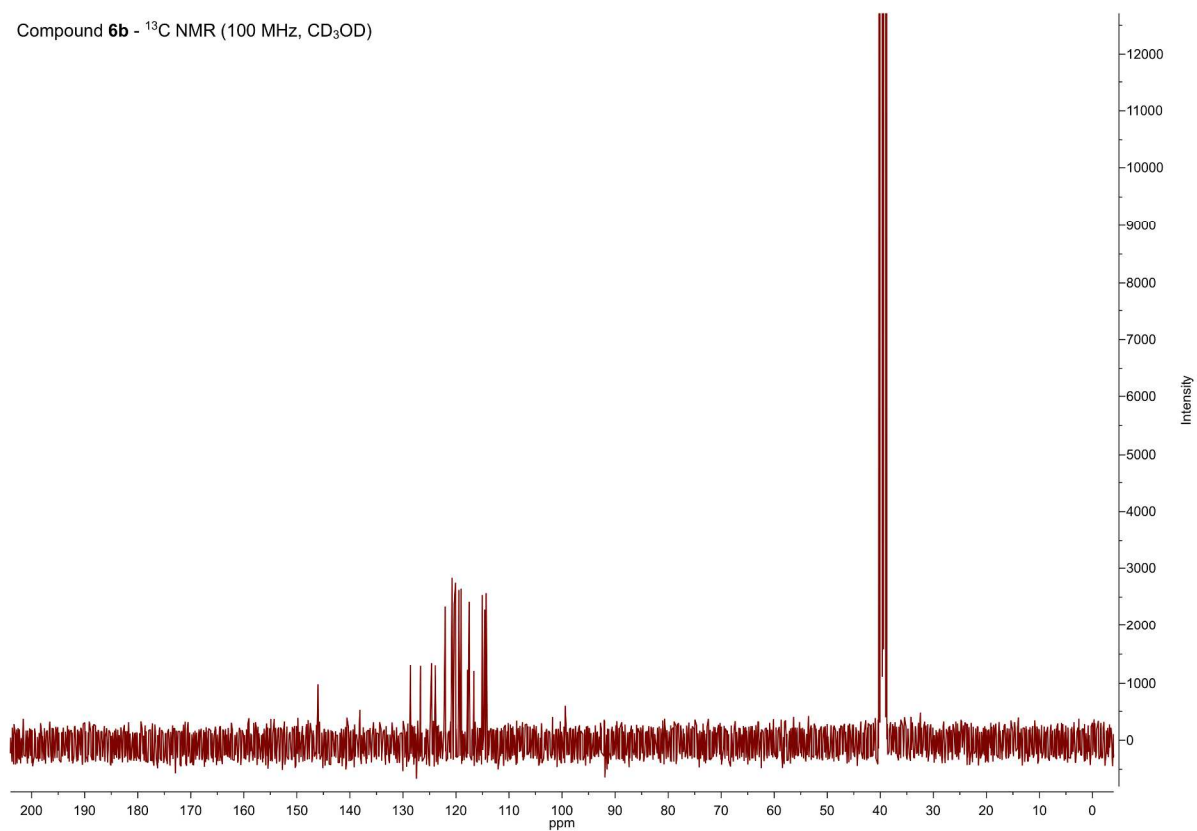
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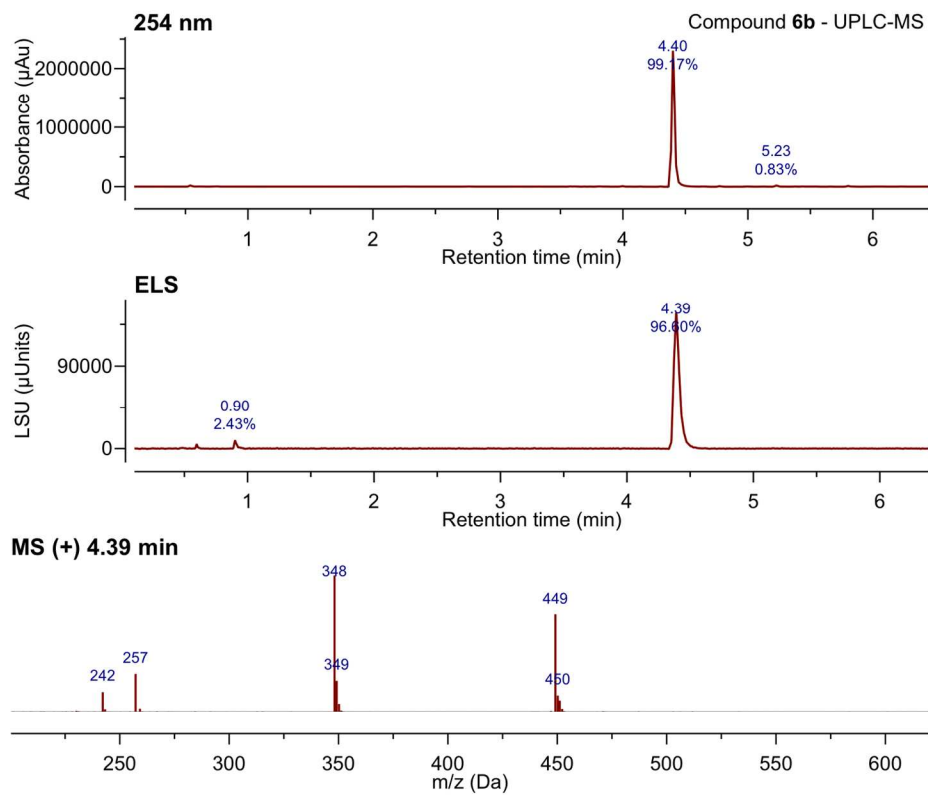


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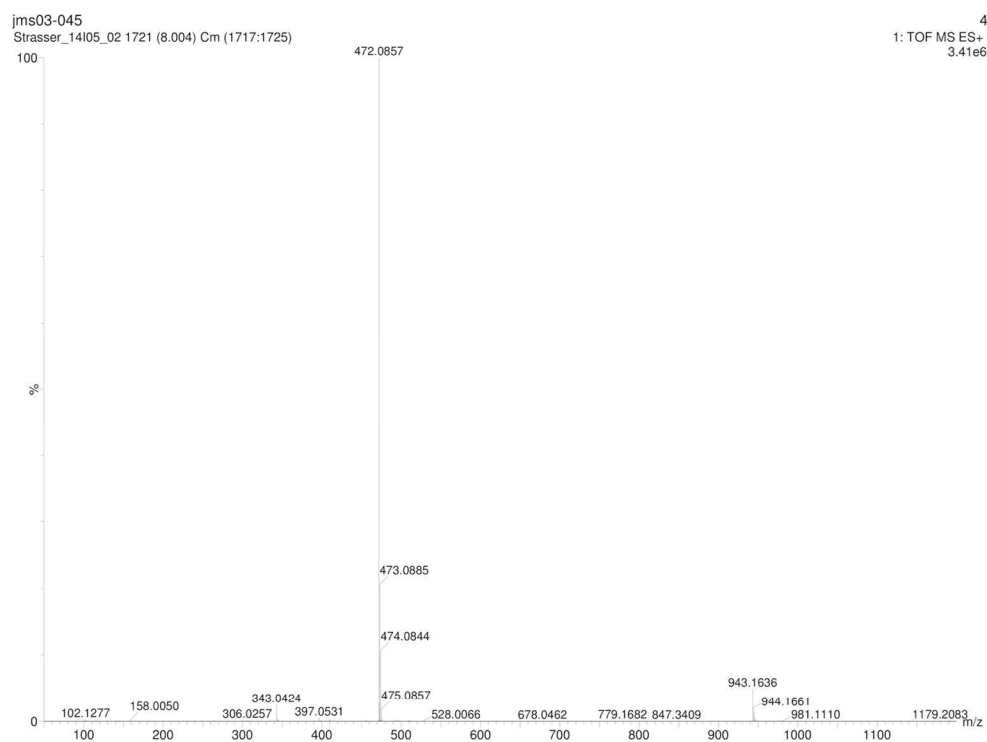
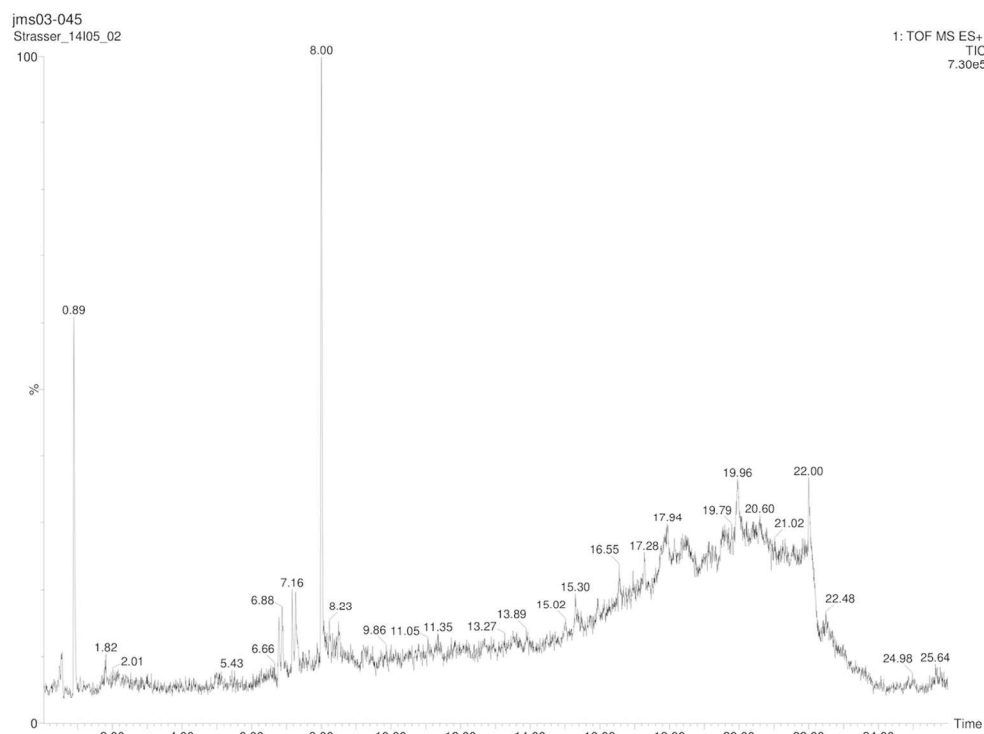
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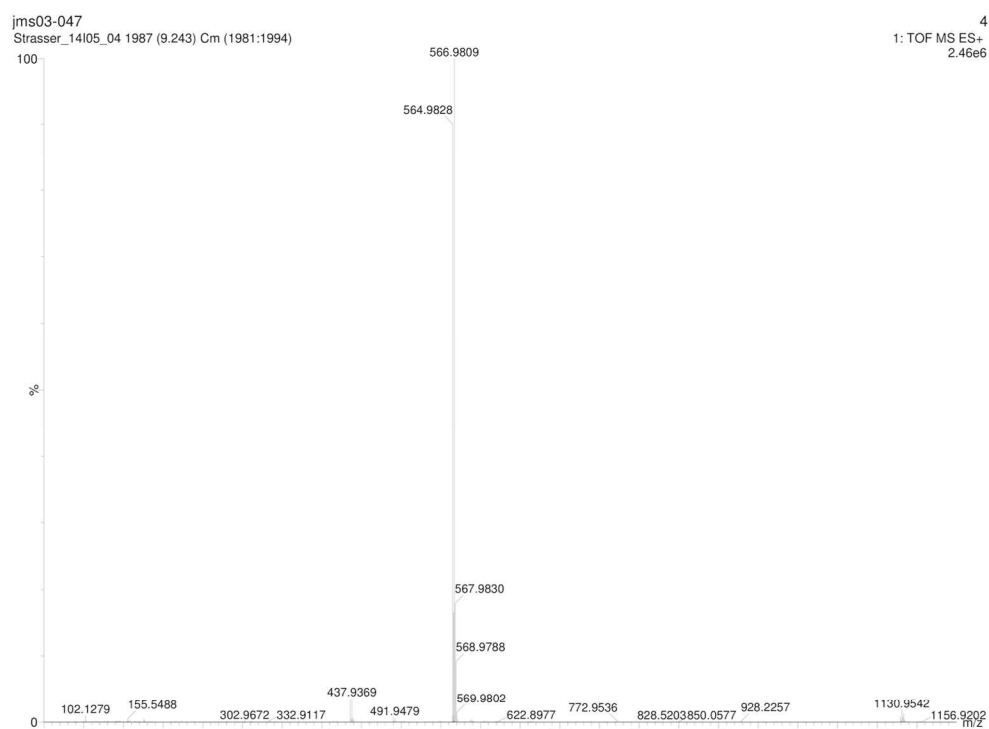
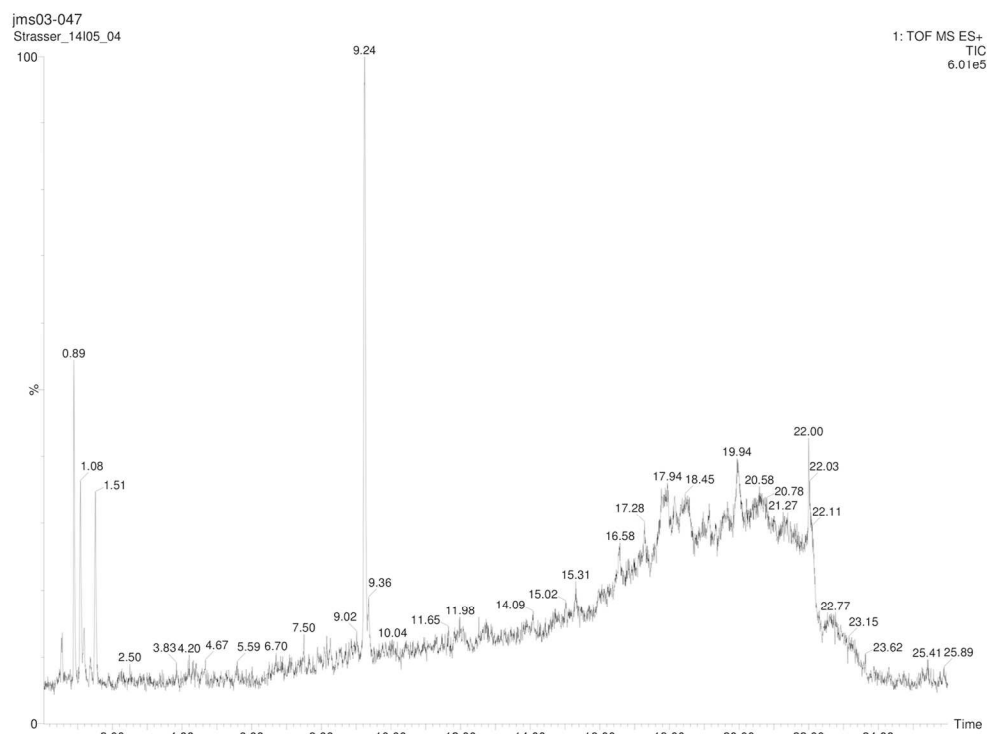


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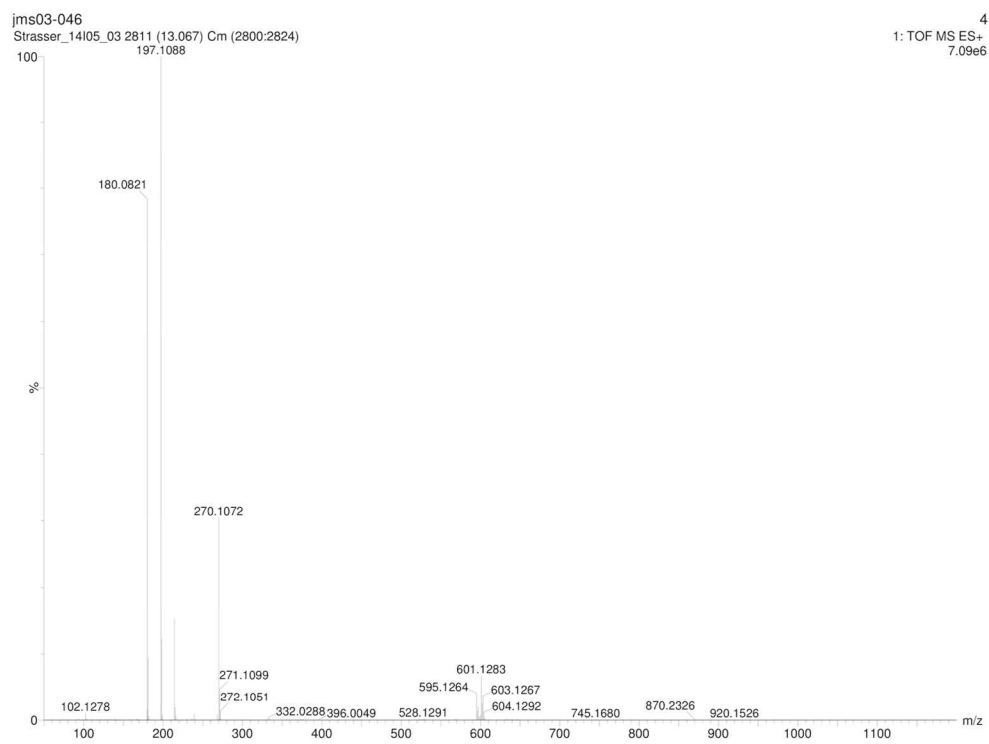
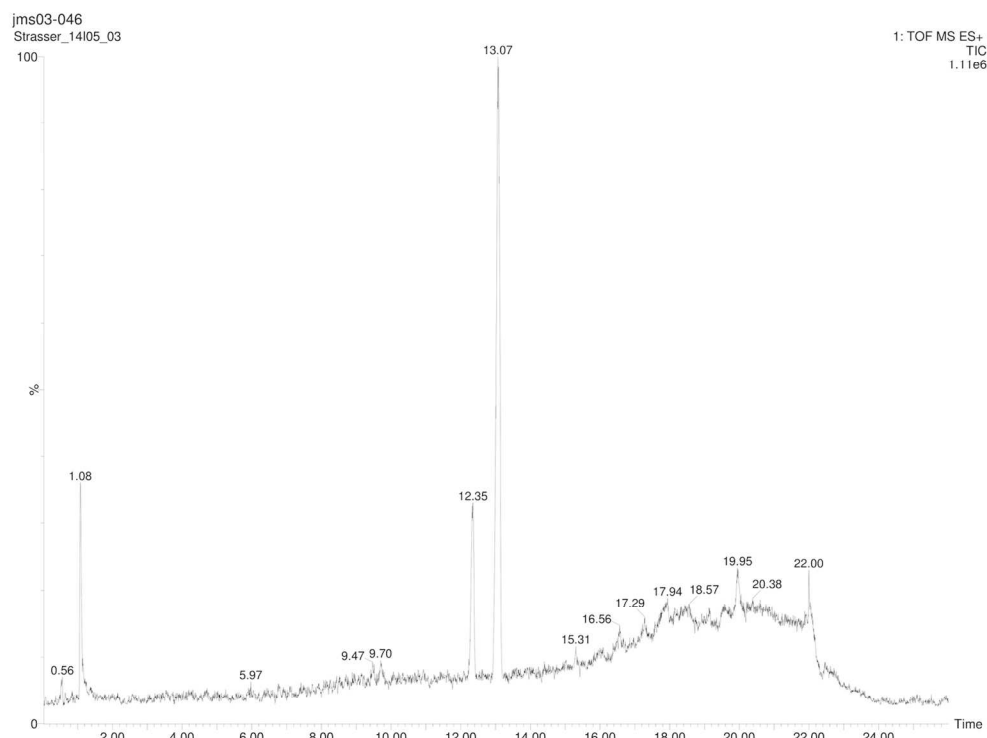




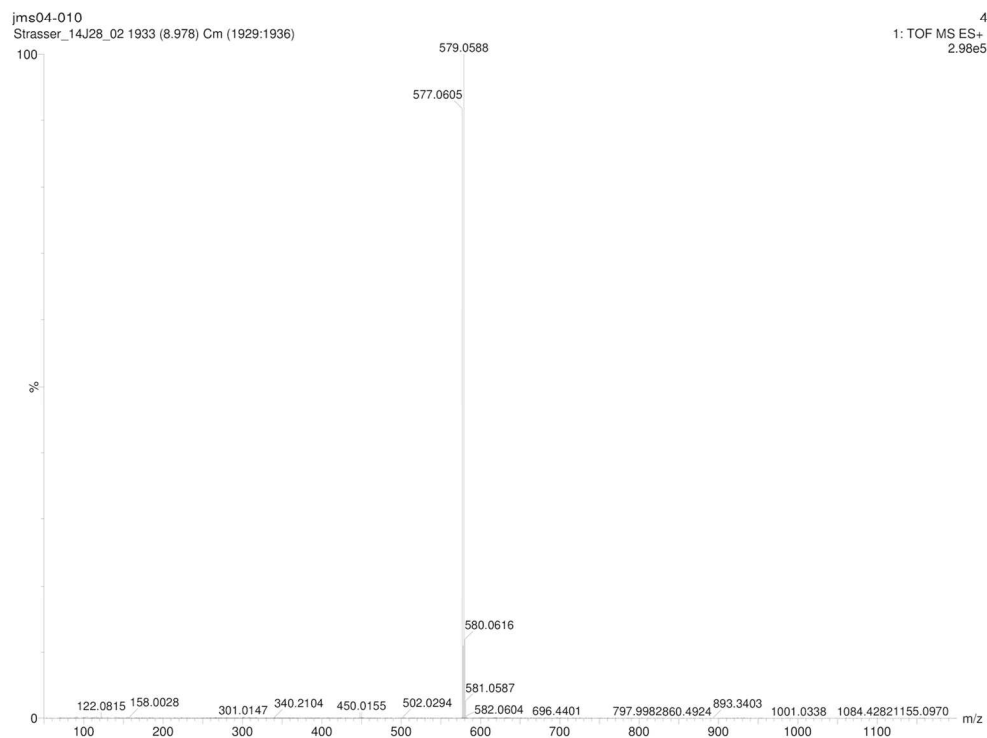
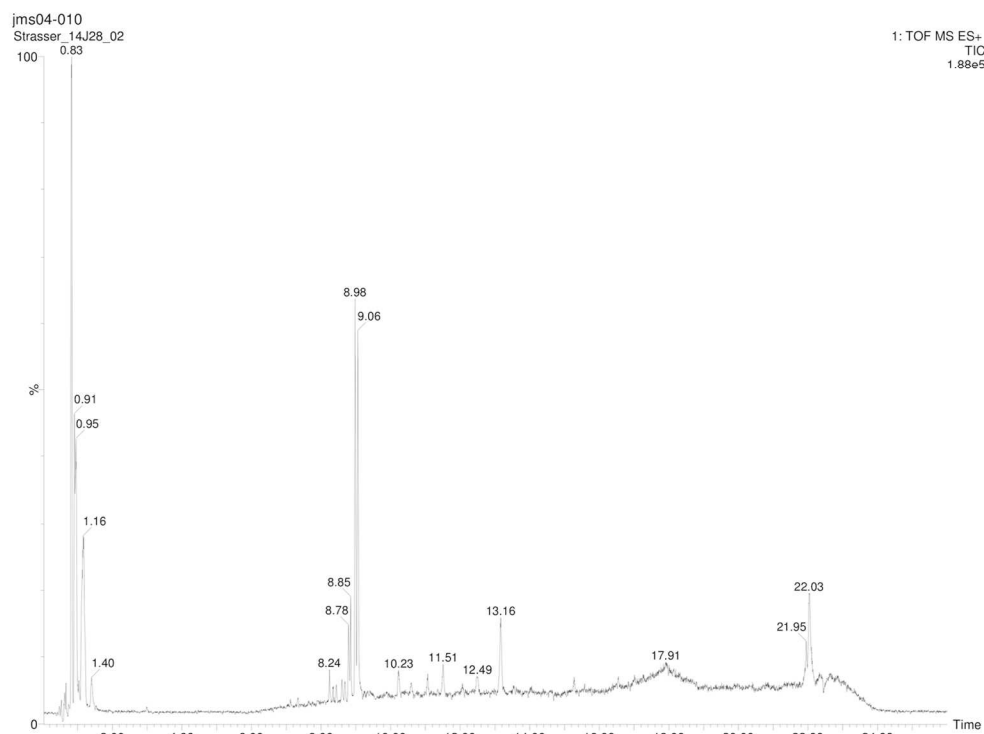
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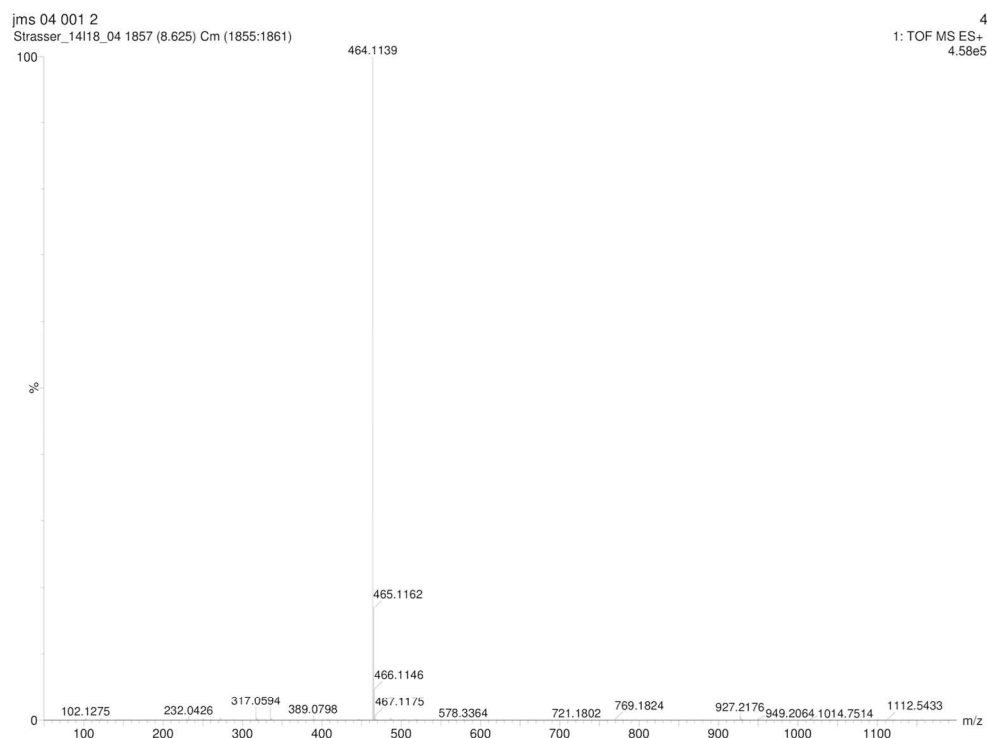
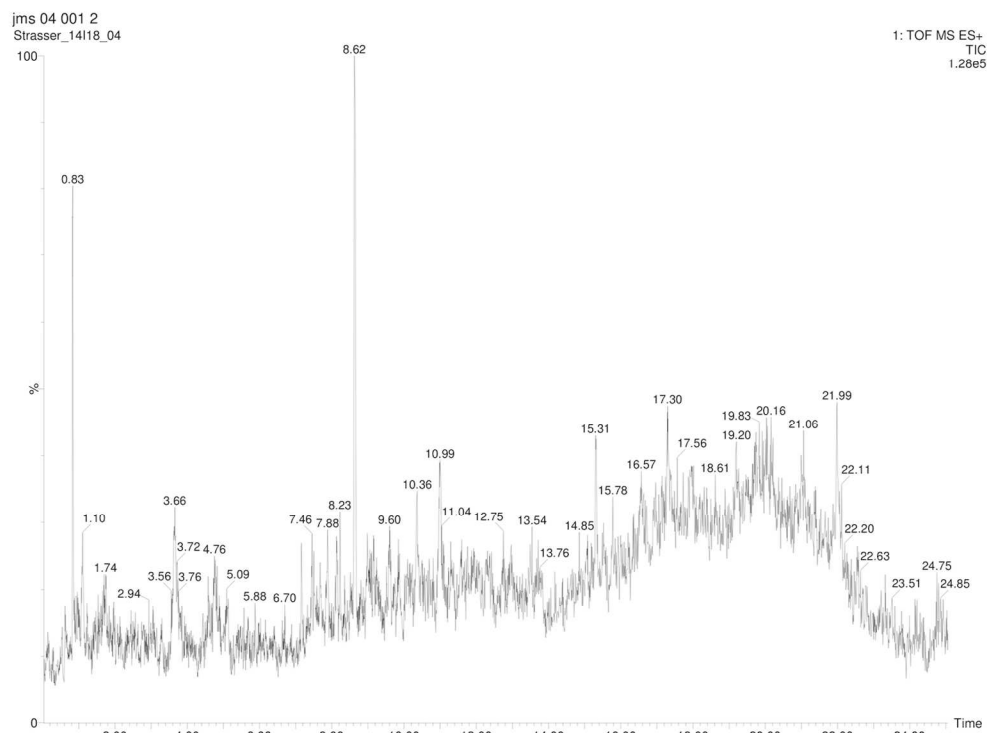
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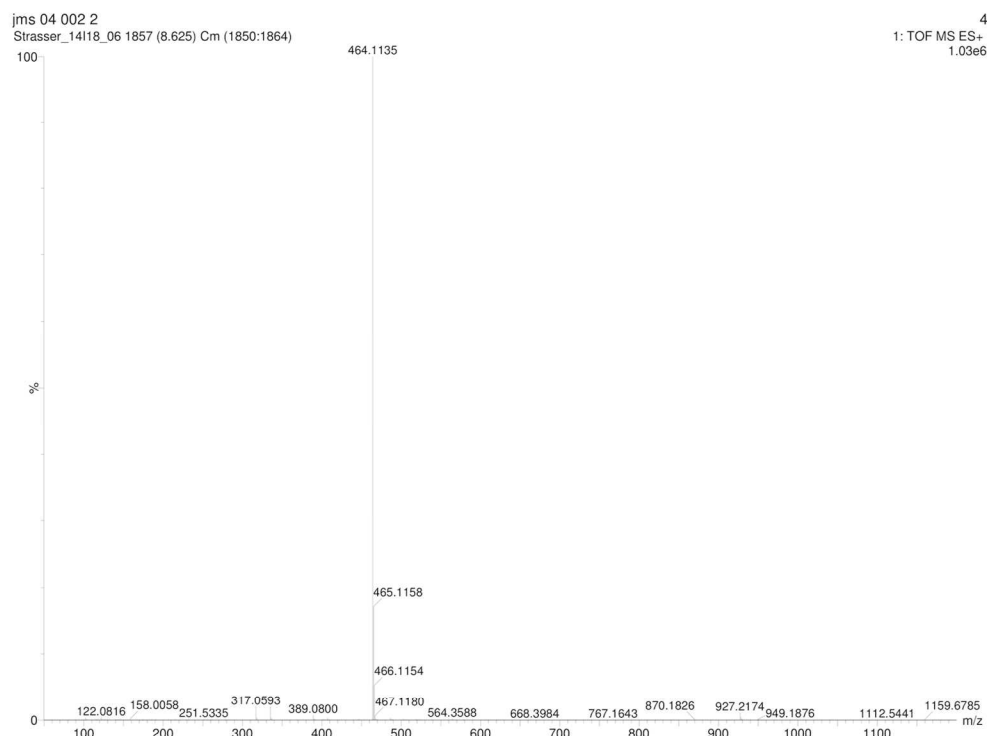
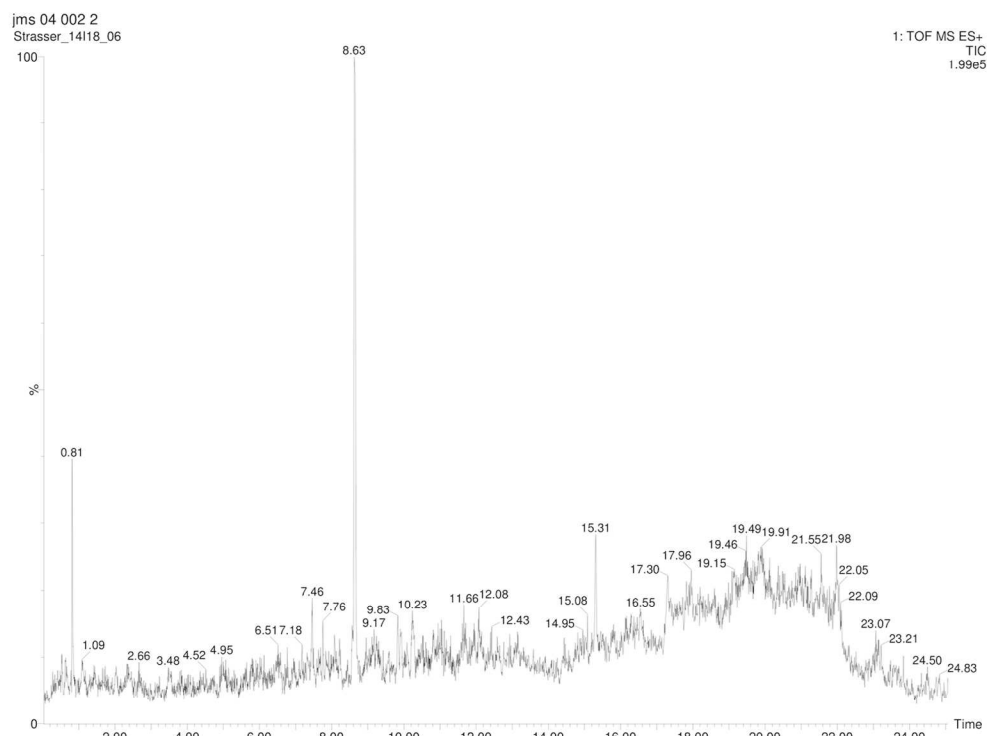
# LC-HRMS, adduct **4a'** (via **4a** + GSH in HTS buffer)



# LC-HRMS, adduct **6''** (via **6a** + GSH in HTS buffer)



# LC-HRMS, adduct **6''** (via **6b** + GSH in HTS buffer)



### Examples of interference compounds reported in the scientific literature

Based on straightforward SciFinder searches, there are many examples of the problematic chemotypes described in this study (**1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **6** and **7**) found in the scientific literature. Specifically, this includes benzothiophene 1,1-dioxides<sup>7-9</sup>, *p*-hydroxyarylsulfonamides<sup>2-5, 10-24</sup>, 1,2,4-thiadiazoles<sup>25-44</sup>, 3-arylsulfonyl-succinimides<sup>45, 46</sup> and benzothiadiazoles/benzofurazans<sup>47-59</sup>. Some of these manuscripts only report compounds containing these chemotypes as being active in an HTS setting and make no further claims. Others, unfortunately, make rather dubious claims about the biological utility and specificity for these frequent-hitting interference compounds.

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