

## **1H-Imidazole-2,5-dicarboxamides as NS4A Peptidomimetics: Identification of a New Venue to Inhibit HCV-NS3 Protease**

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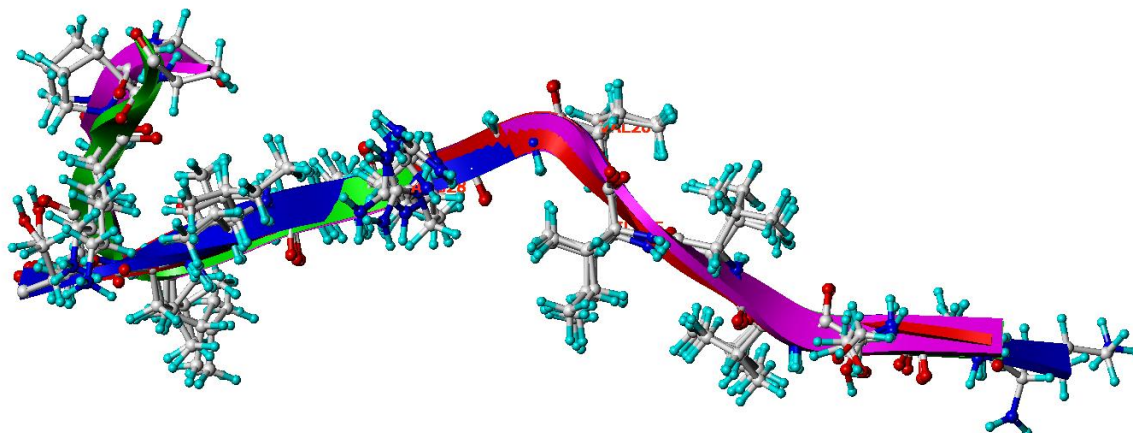
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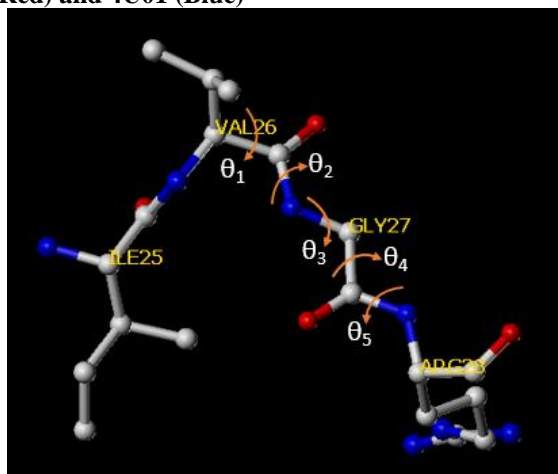
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## S1. Superposition of NS4A in four different crystal structures



**Figure S1-A: Conserved conformation of NS4A peptide in bound form with NS3 protease domain. Examples were downloaded from PDB website (rcsb.org) and illustrated as follows: 1A1R (Green), 2OC1 (magenta), 3OYP (Red) and 4U01 (Blue)**



**Figure S1-B. Dihedral angles  $\theta_n$  of the bound NS4A's planar region (PDB Code: 1NS3). Numerical values of  $\theta_1$  to  $\theta_5$  are listed in Table S1-A.**

| Torsion    | Actual | Deviation from Plane |
|------------|--------|----------------------|
| $\theta_1$ | 13.9   | +13.9 (eclipsed cis) |
| $\theta_2$ | 179.4  | -0.6                 |
| $\theta_3$ | 184.6  | +4.6                 |
| $\theta_4$ | 191.6  | +11.6                |
| $\theta_5$ | 184.3  | +4.3                 |

**Table S1-A. Dihedral angles of core part of bound NS4A (PDB Code: 1NS3).**

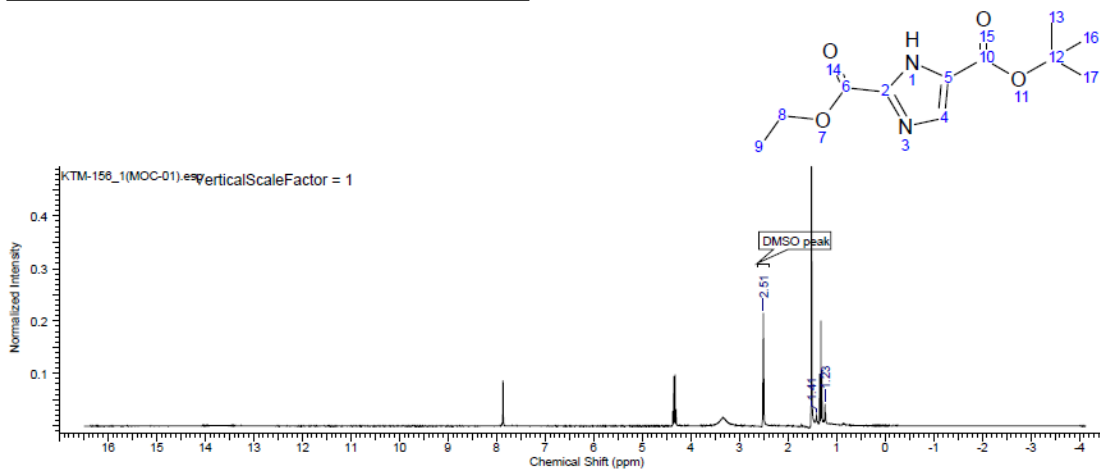
## S2. Spectra of Intermediates and Final Compounds

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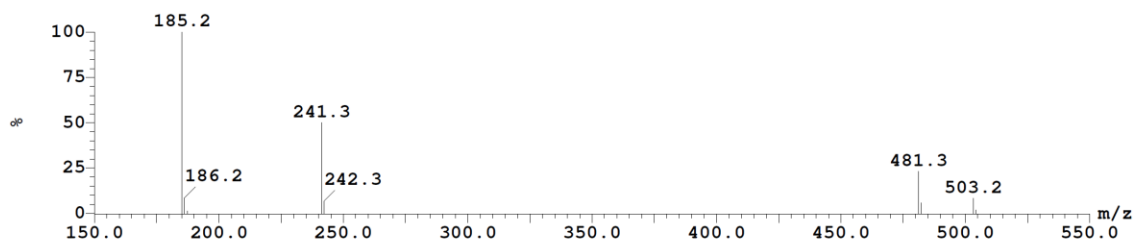
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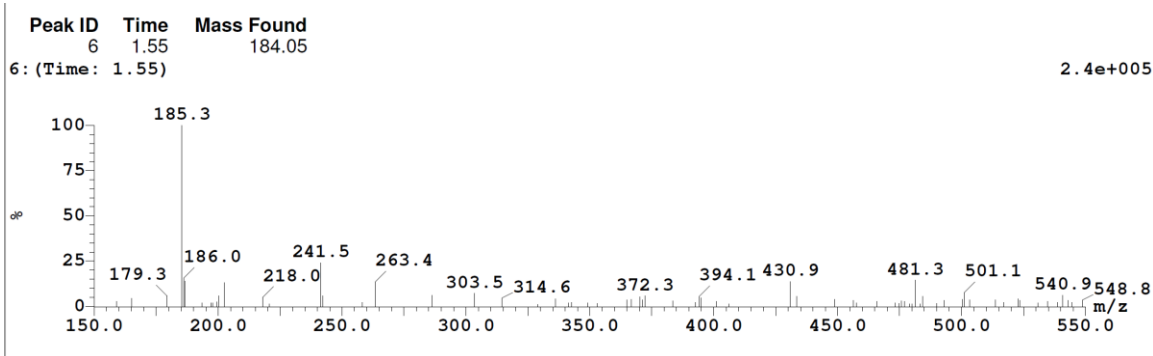
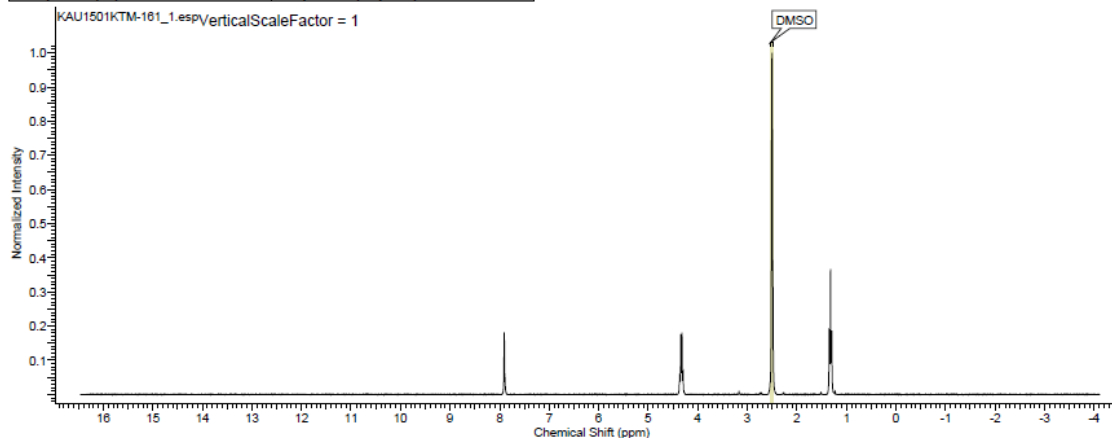
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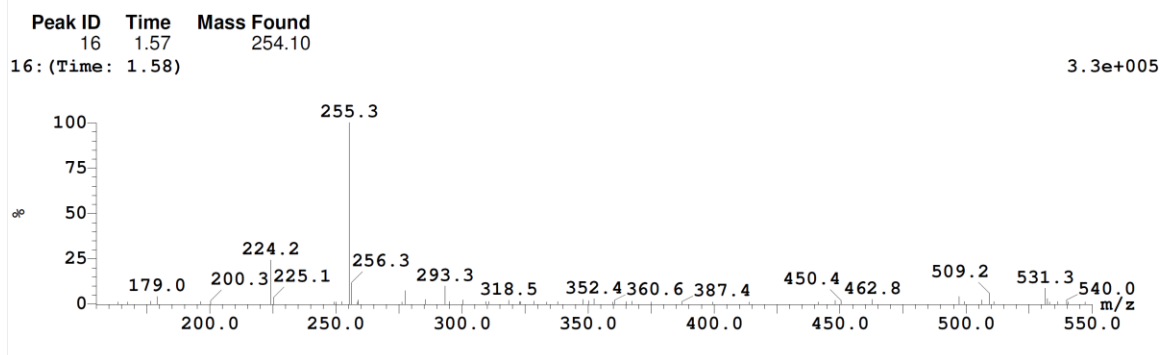
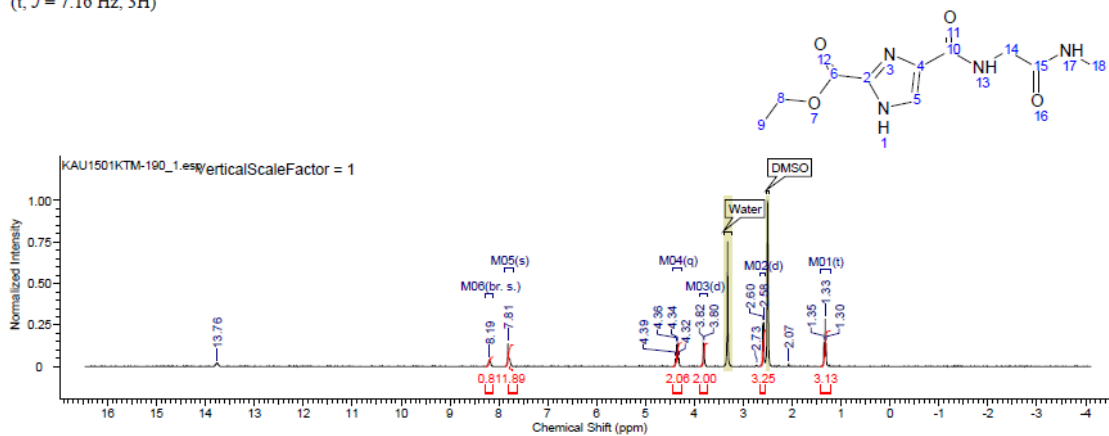
*Ethyl 4-((2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl)carbamoyl)-1H-imidazole-2-carboxylate (4a)*

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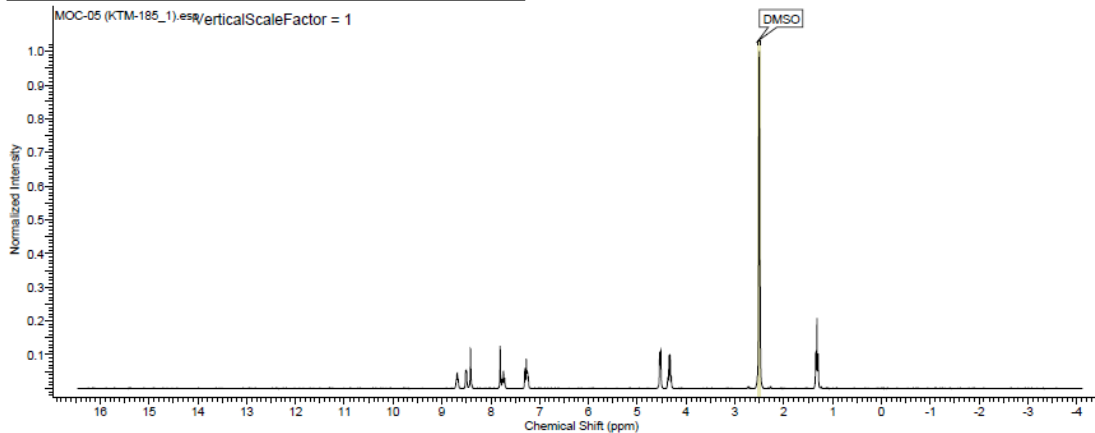


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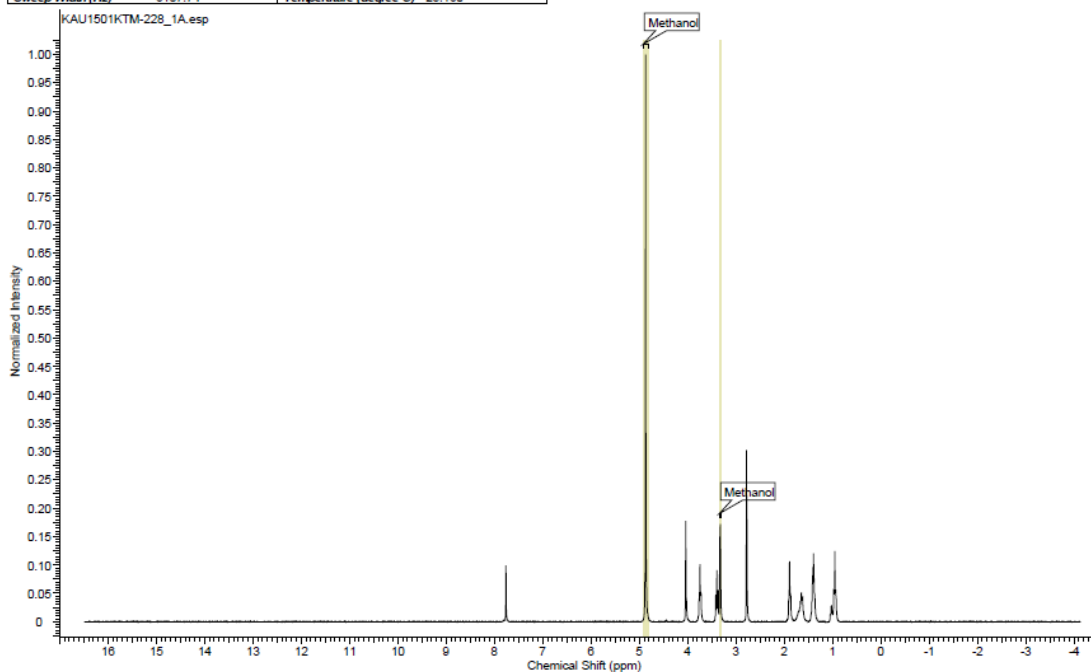


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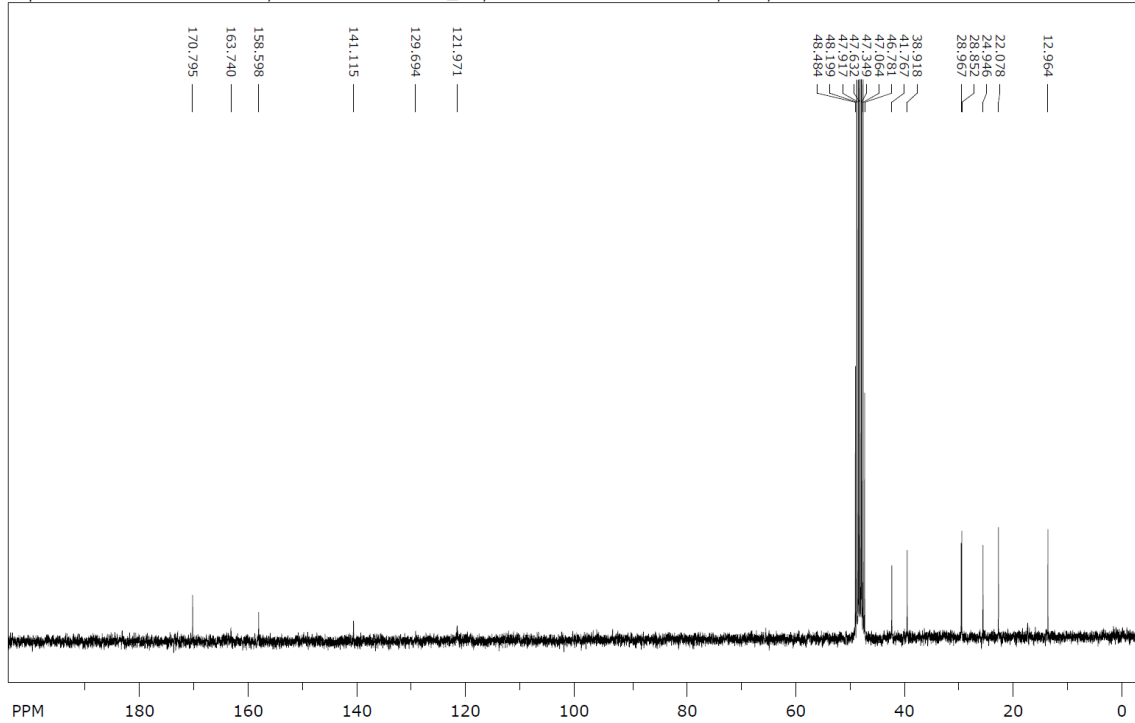
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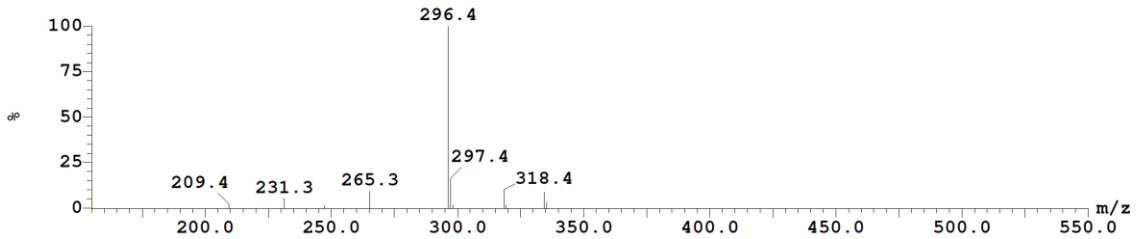


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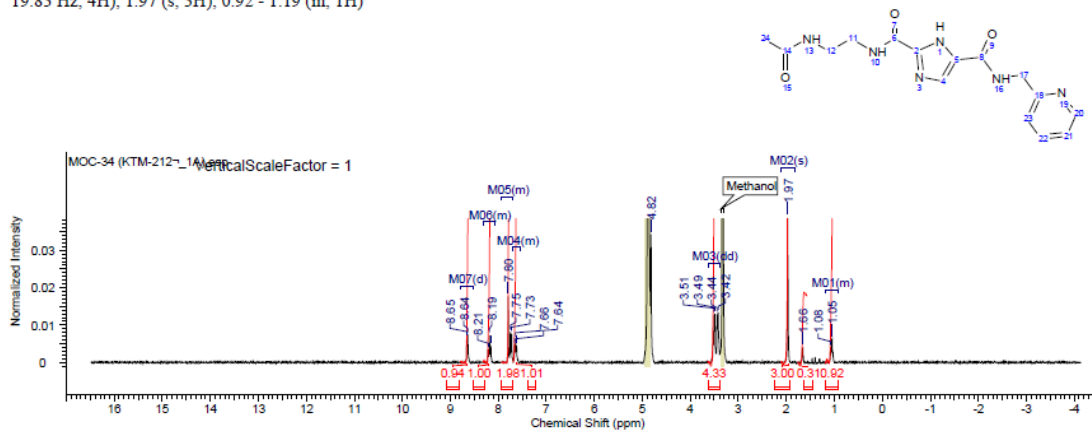
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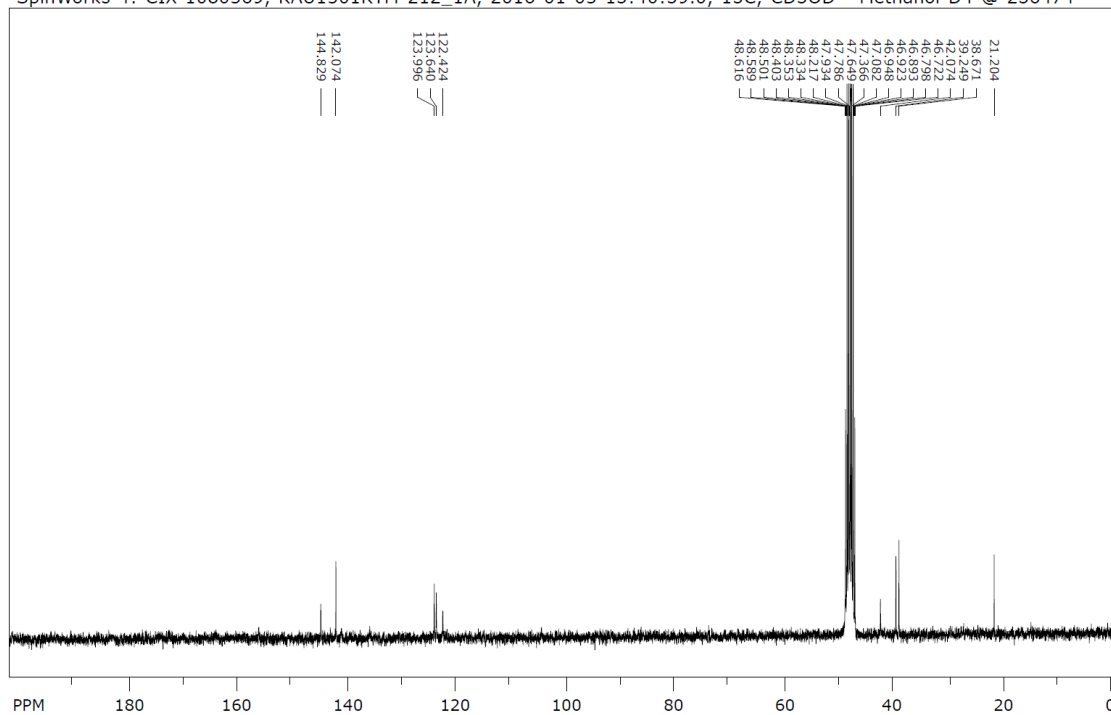
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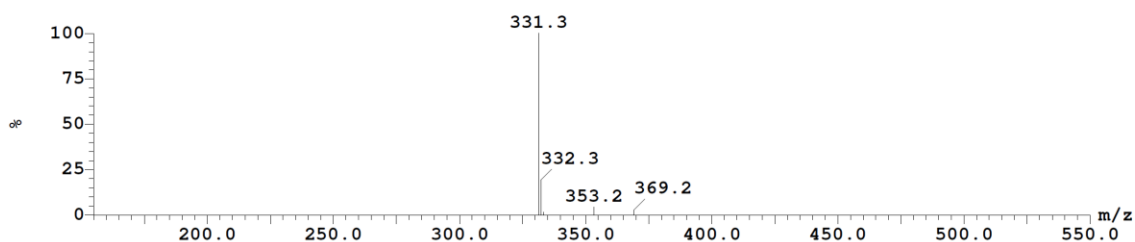
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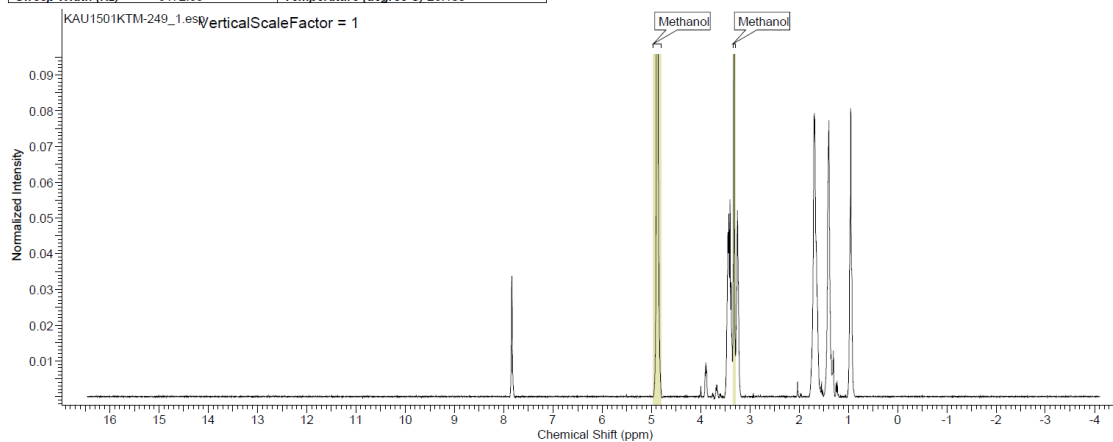


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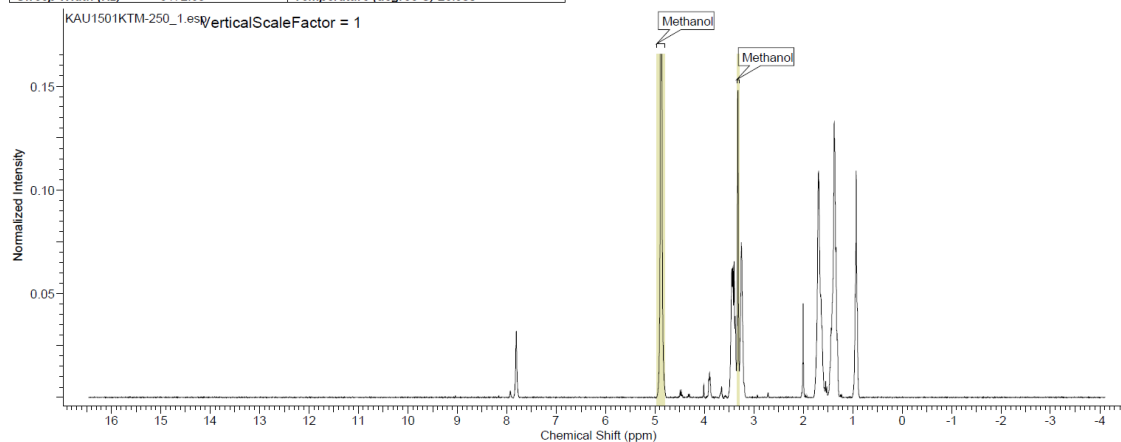


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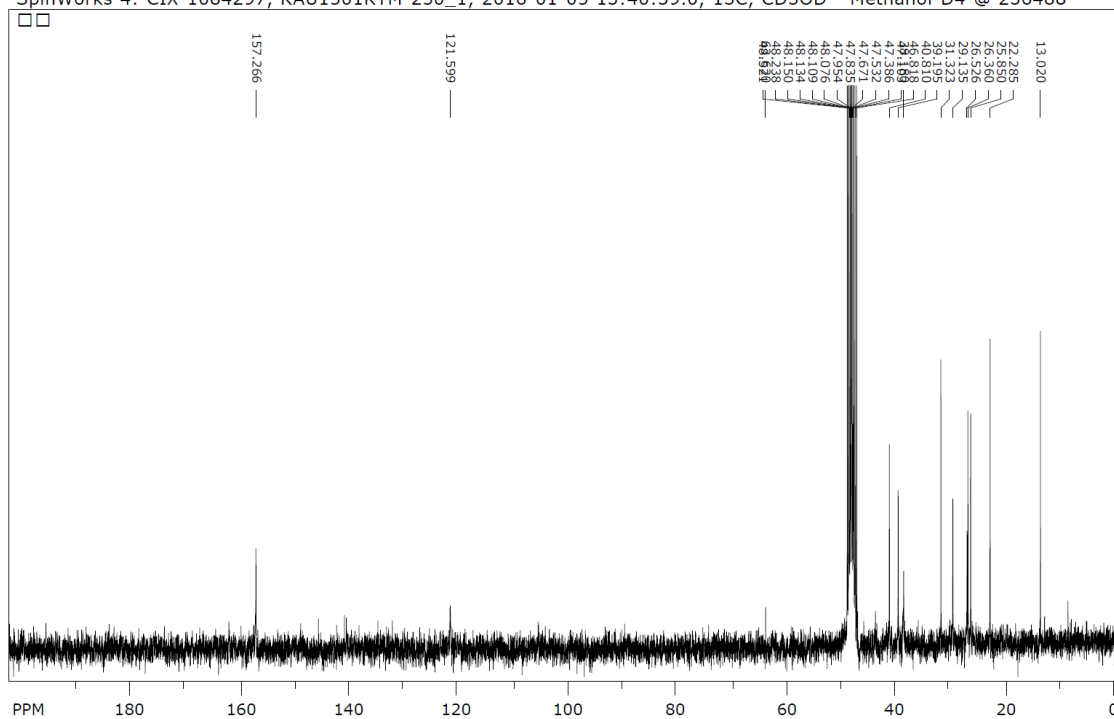
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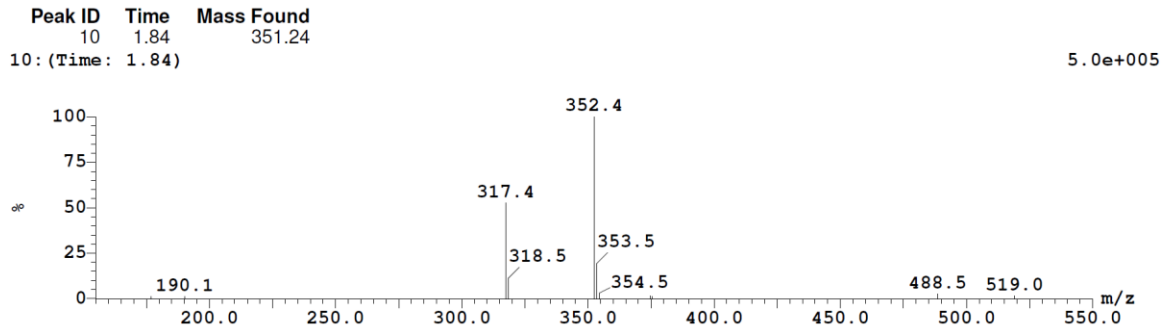


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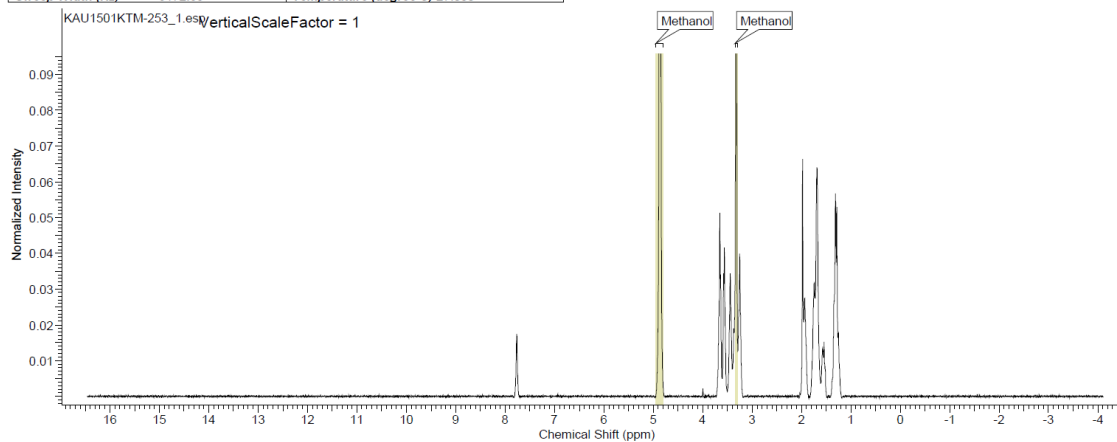


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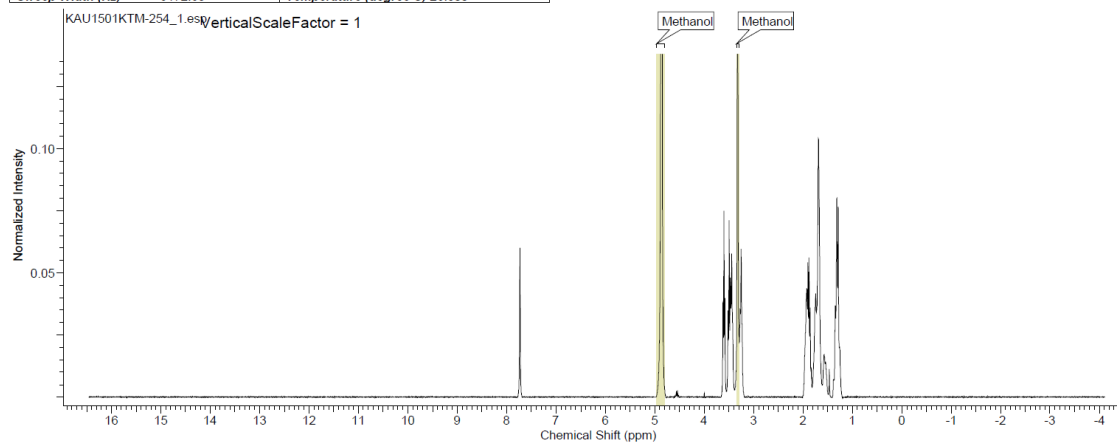


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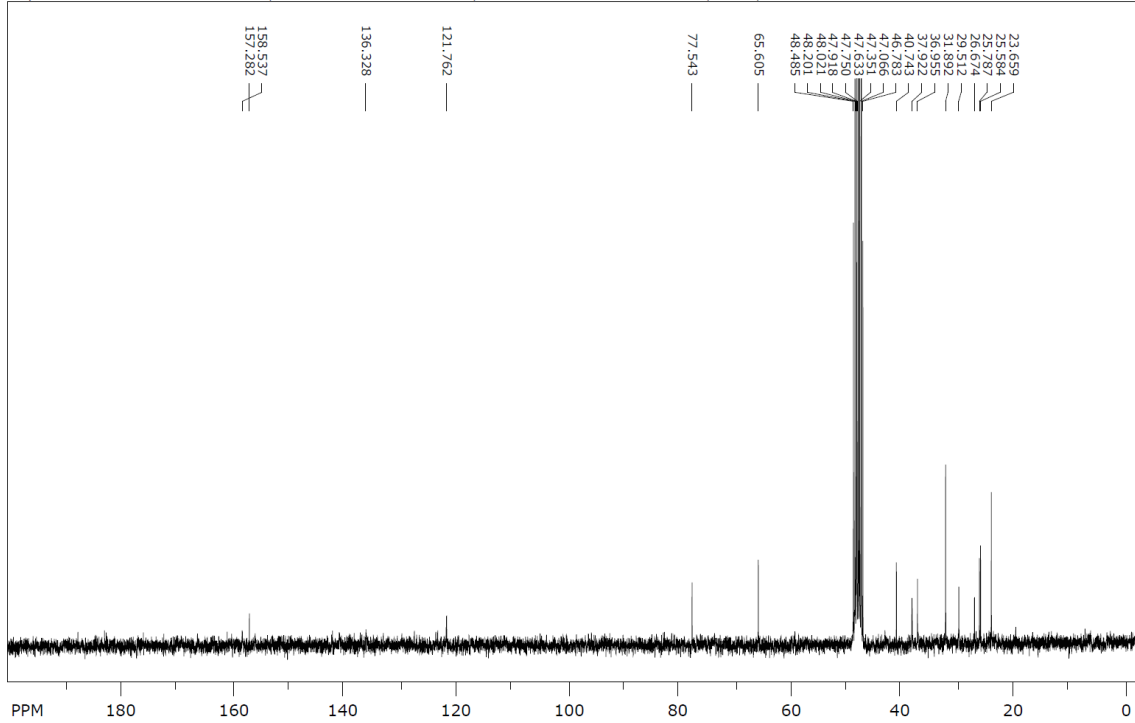
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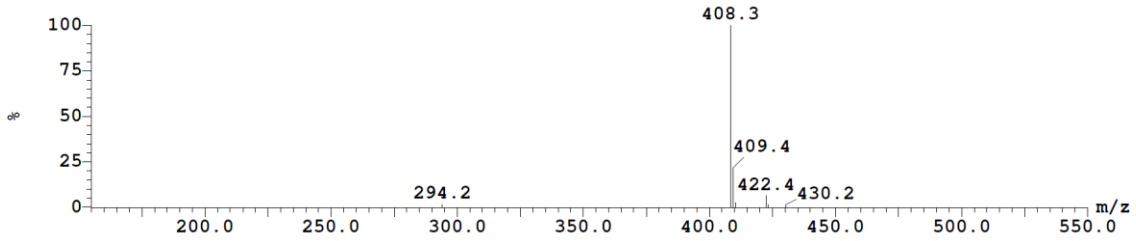


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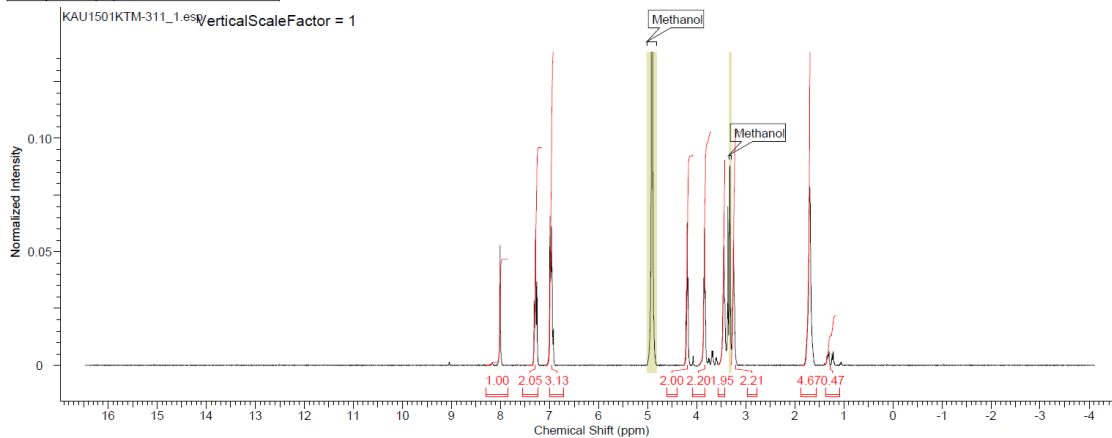


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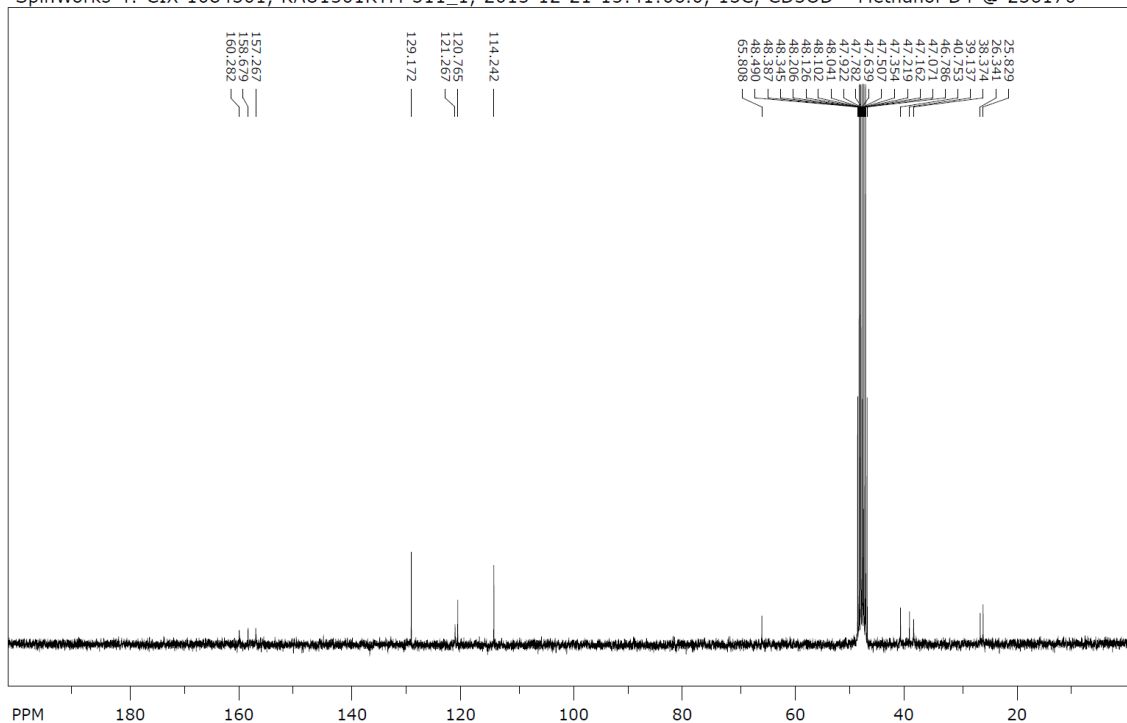
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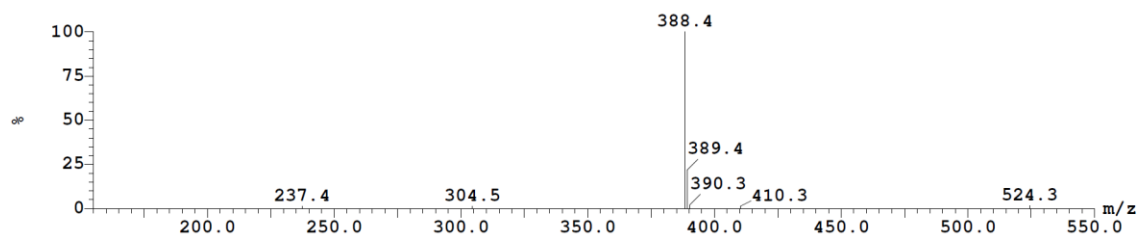


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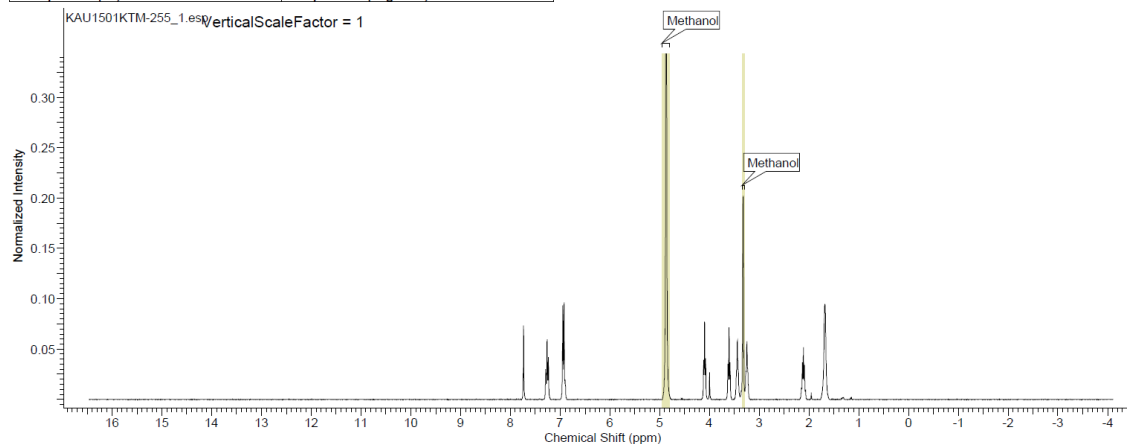


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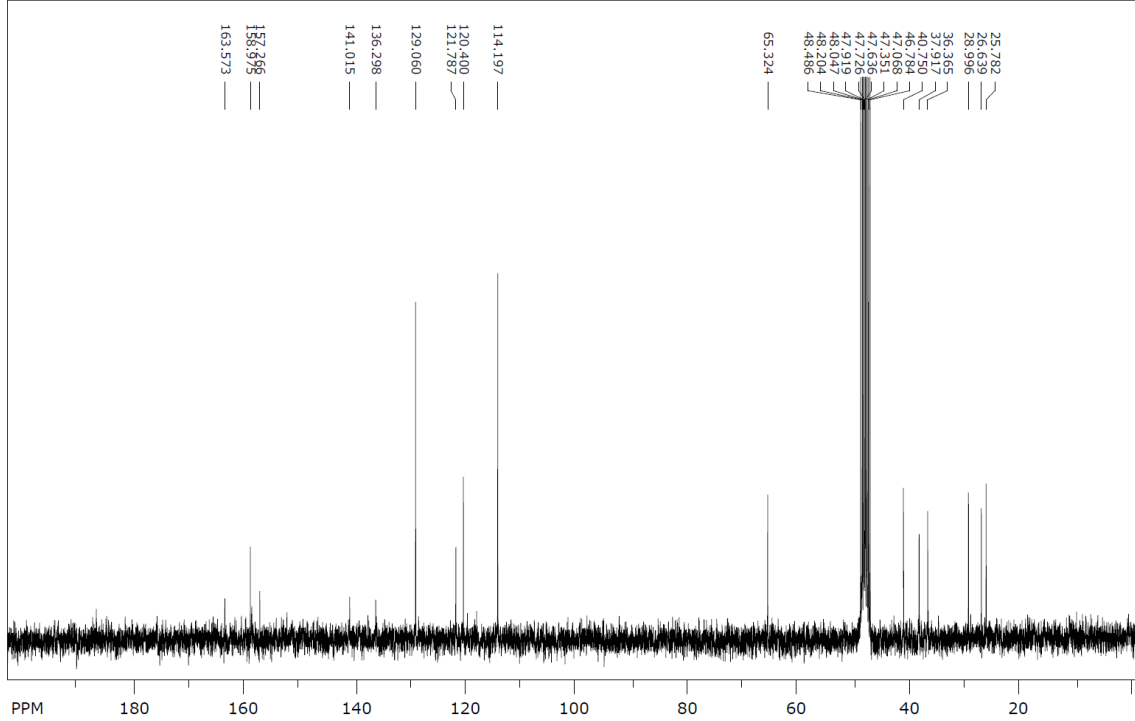
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| Sweep Width (Hz)       | 6172.65  | Temperature (degree C) | 26.600  |                      |           |                       |          |



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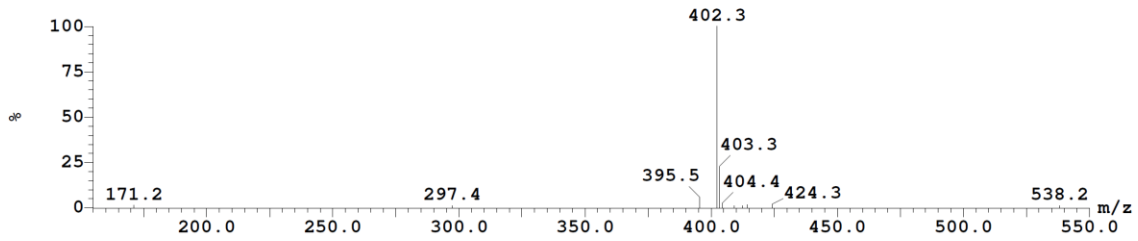


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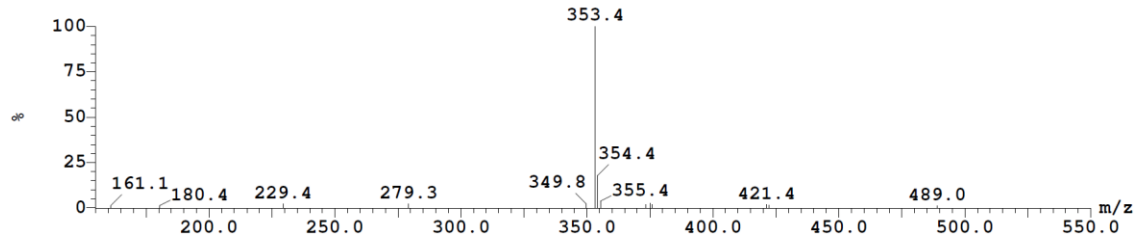
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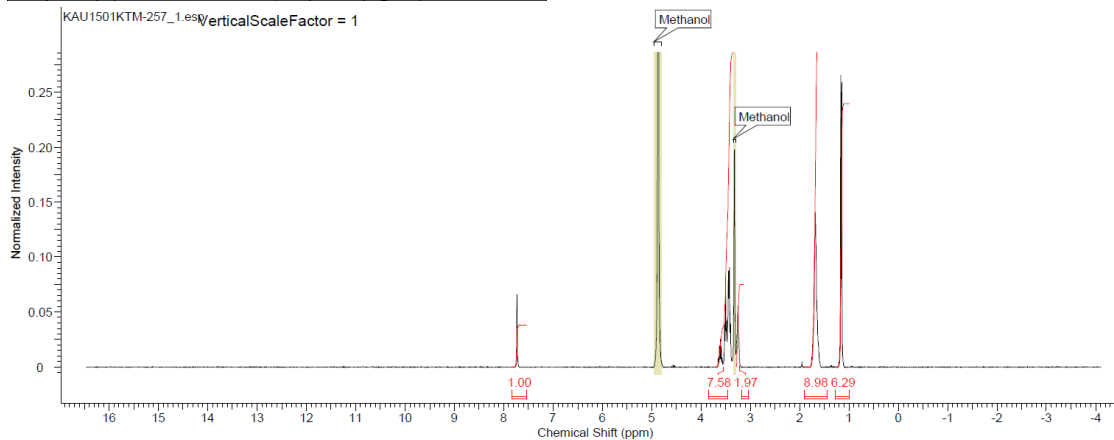


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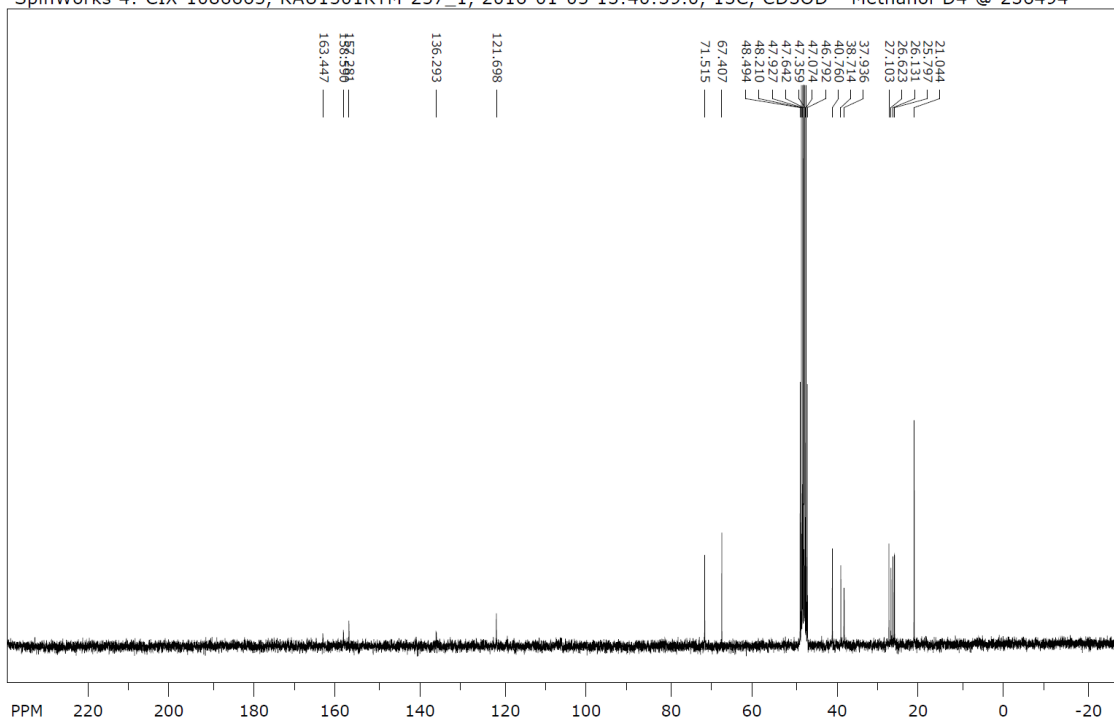
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| Sweep Width (Hz)       | 6172.65  | Temperature (degree C) | 26.600  | Receiver Gain        | 812.70    |
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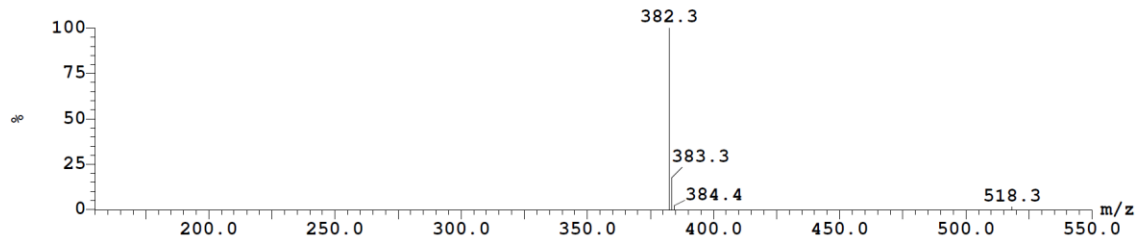
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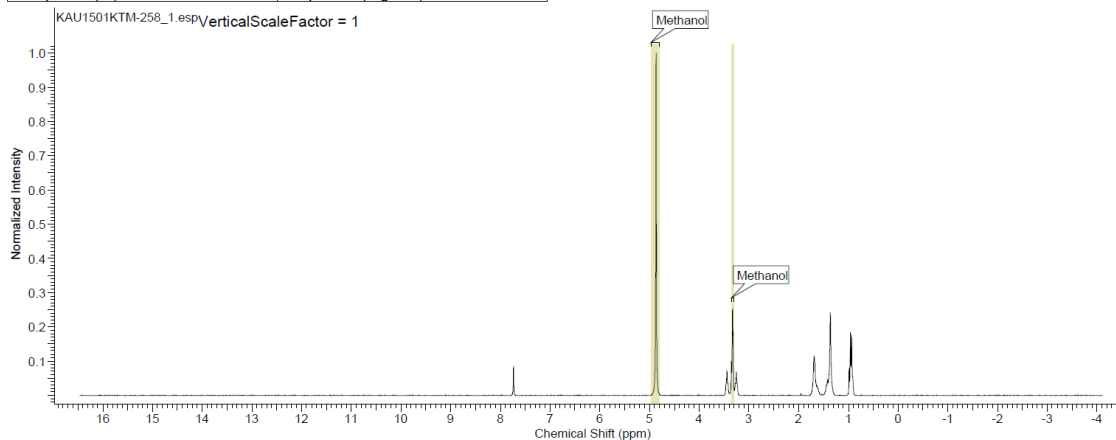


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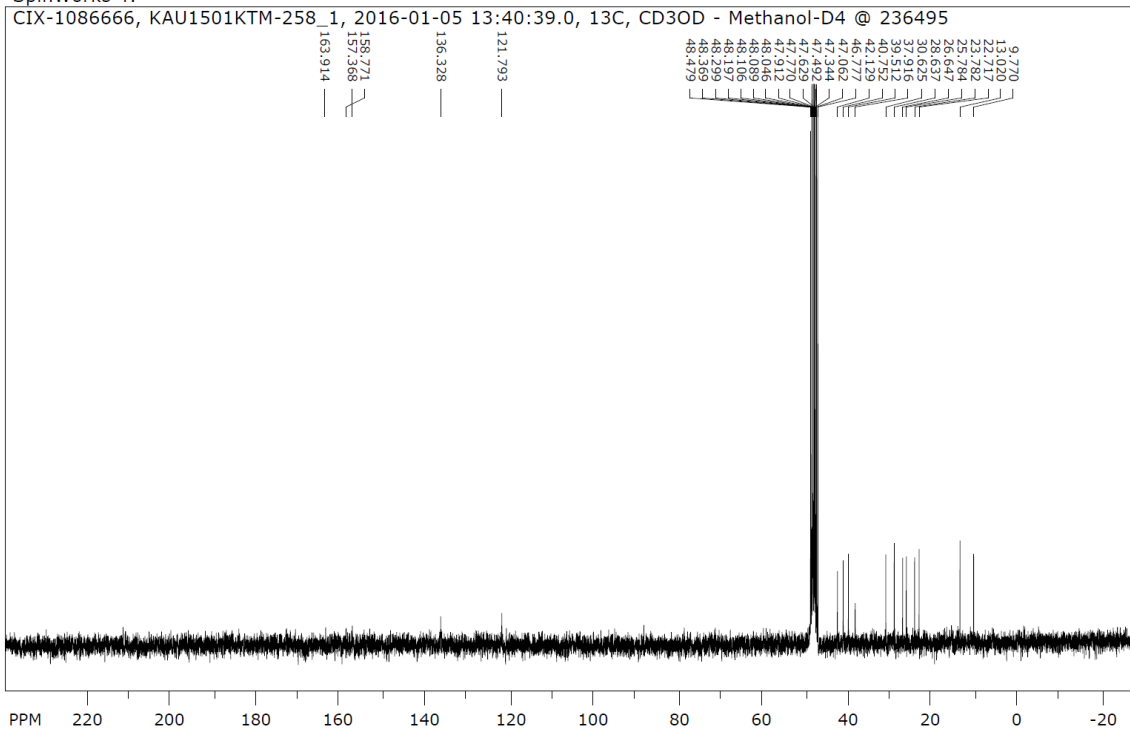
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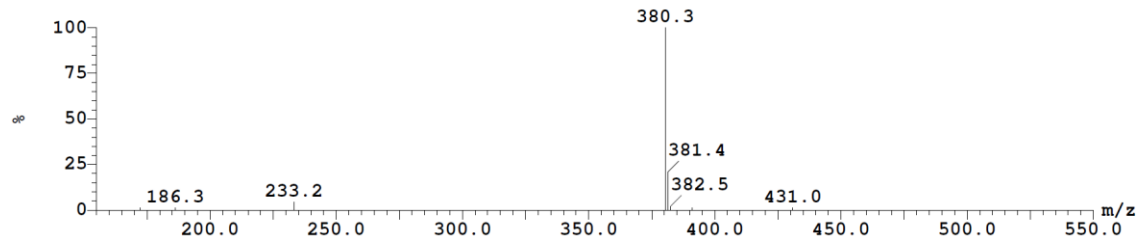
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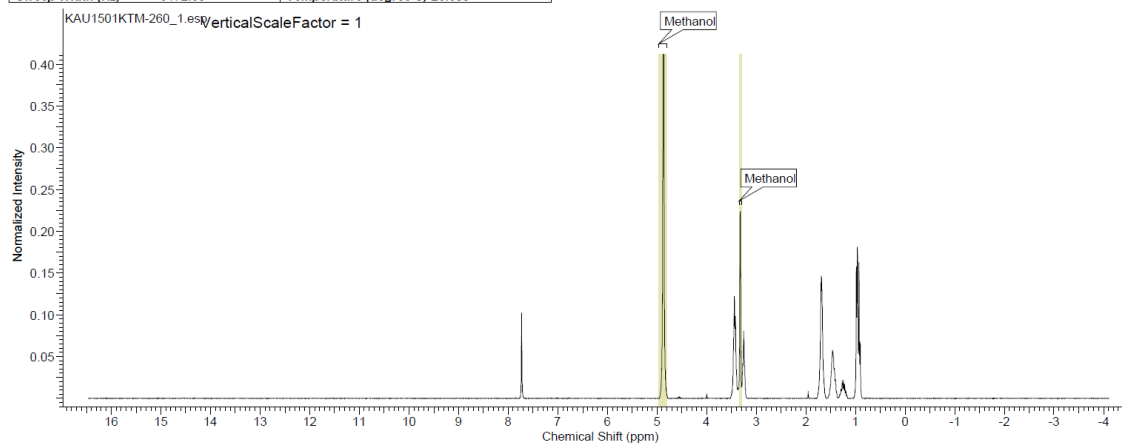


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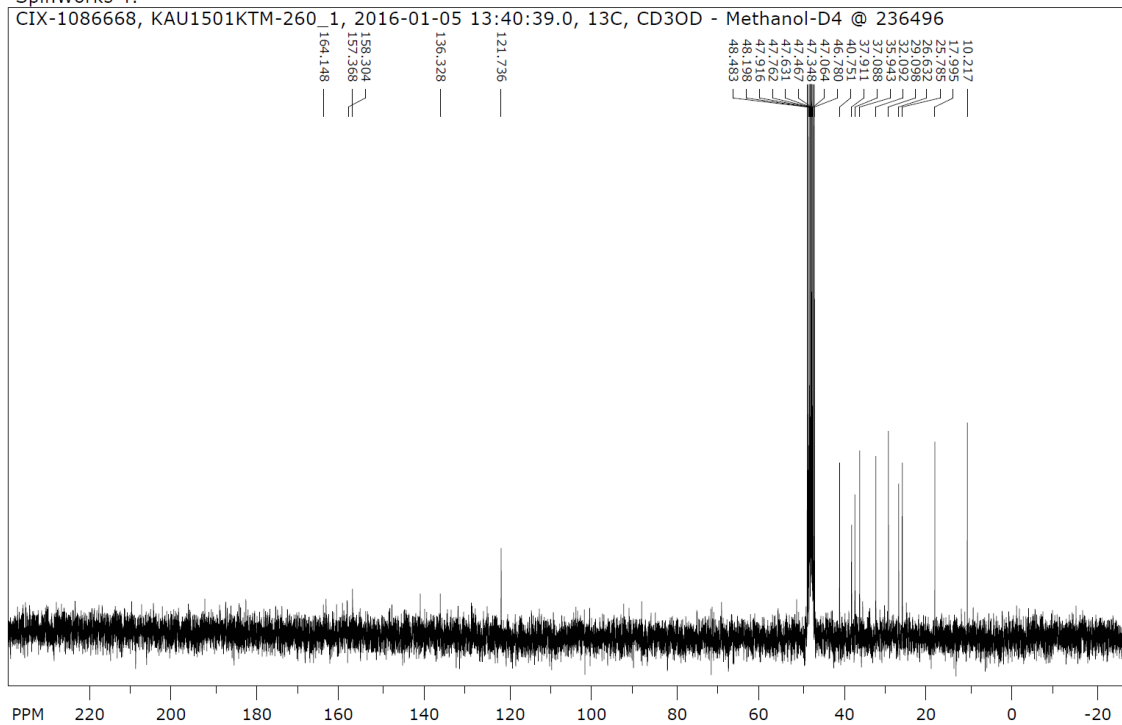
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| Owner                  | quest  | Points Count           | 32768  | Pulse Sequence        | zg30      |
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| Sweep Width (Hz)       | 6172.65  | Temperature (degree C) | 26.600   | Original Points Count | 32768     |
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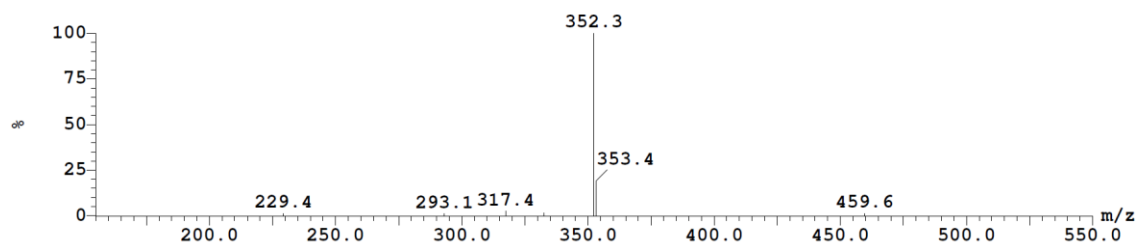


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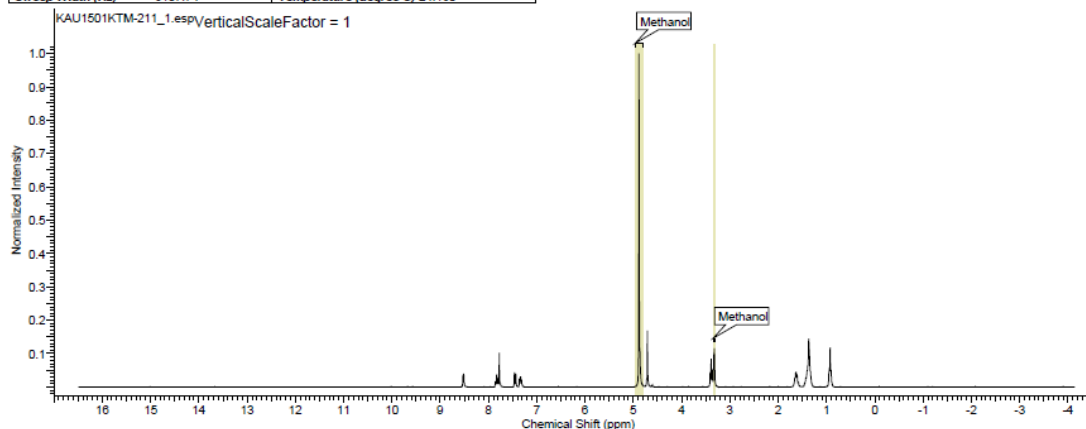


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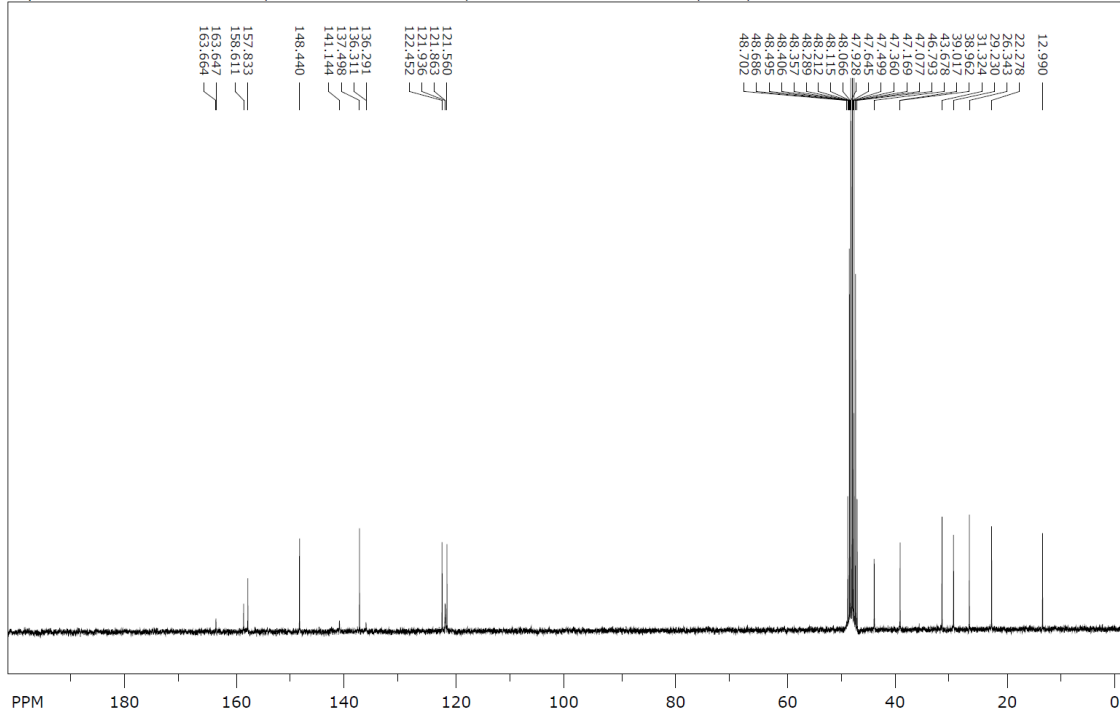
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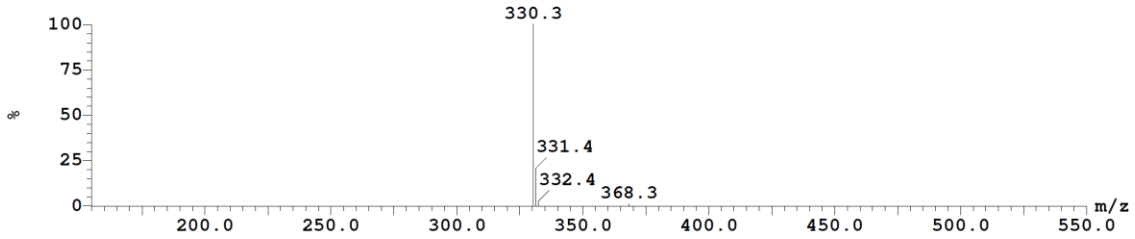


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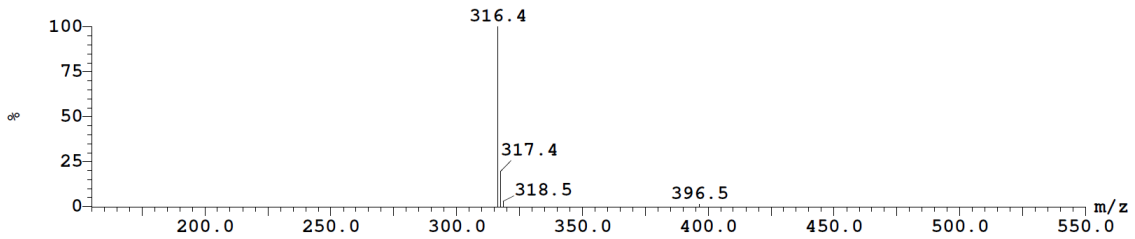
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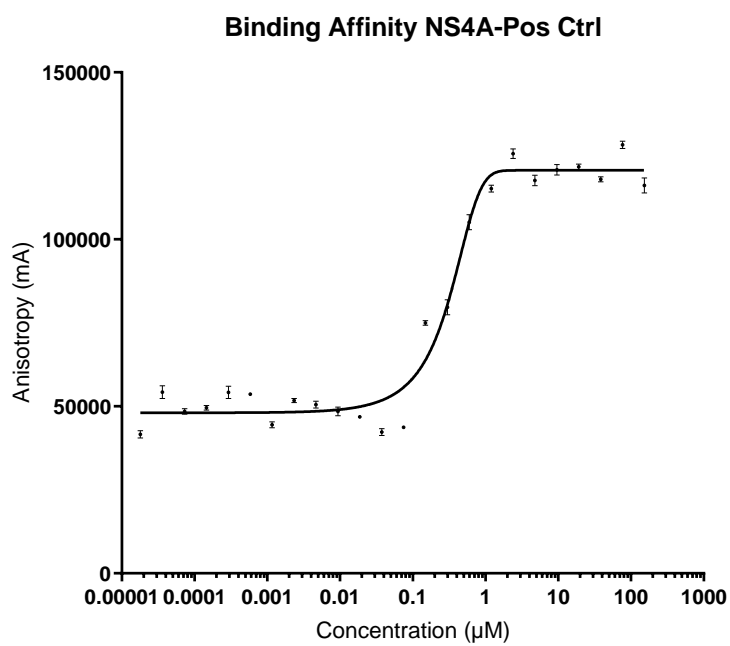
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### S3. Competition Assays of MOC Compounds with NS4A

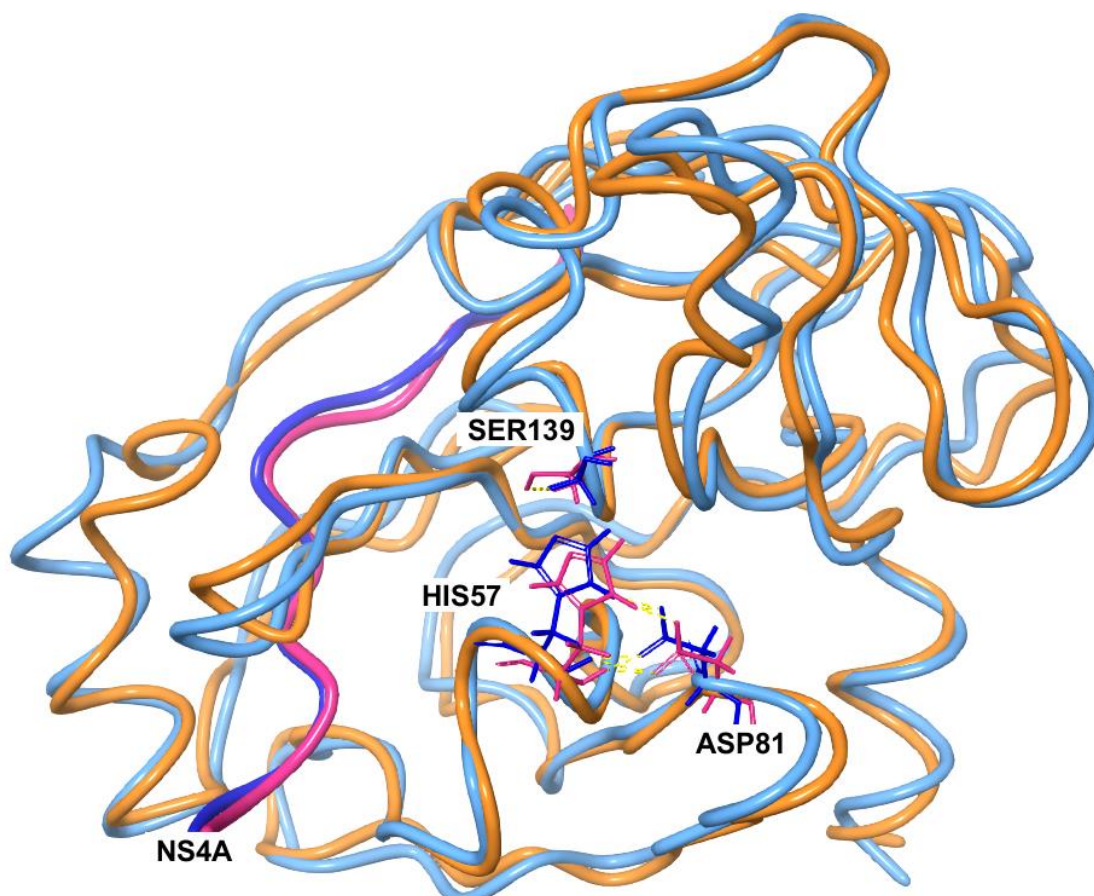
#### Determination of NS4A<sub>21-34</sub> binding affinity



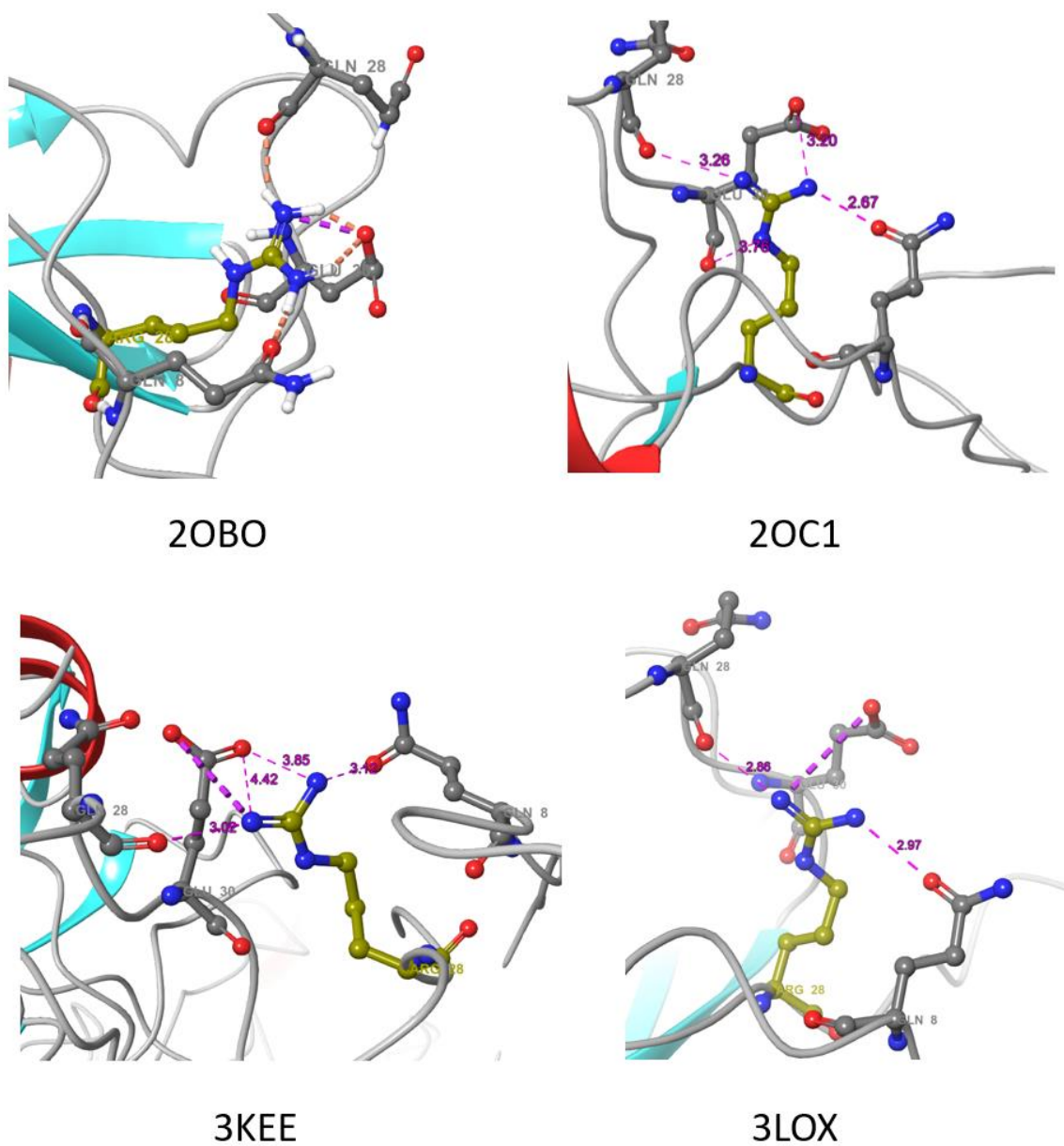
**Figure S4-A. Fluorescence assay for binding of NS4A<sub>21-34</sub> to NS3 (Genotype 4).**

### S4. Molecular Dynamics





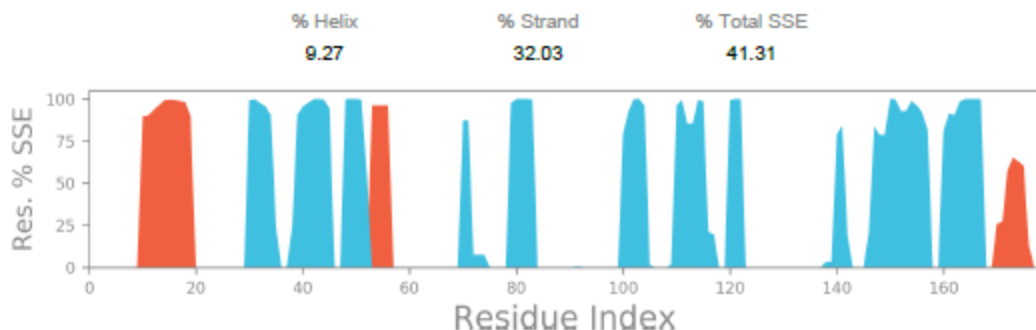
**Figure S4-A: MD simulation of NS3/4A complex. The crystal structure of Ns3 complexed with NS4A<sub>21-32</sub> was downloaded and prepared according to Protein Preparation protocol described in the Experimental Section 4.3.2. Note hydrogen bonding reserved in the catalytic triad His-57, Asp-81 and Ser-139.**



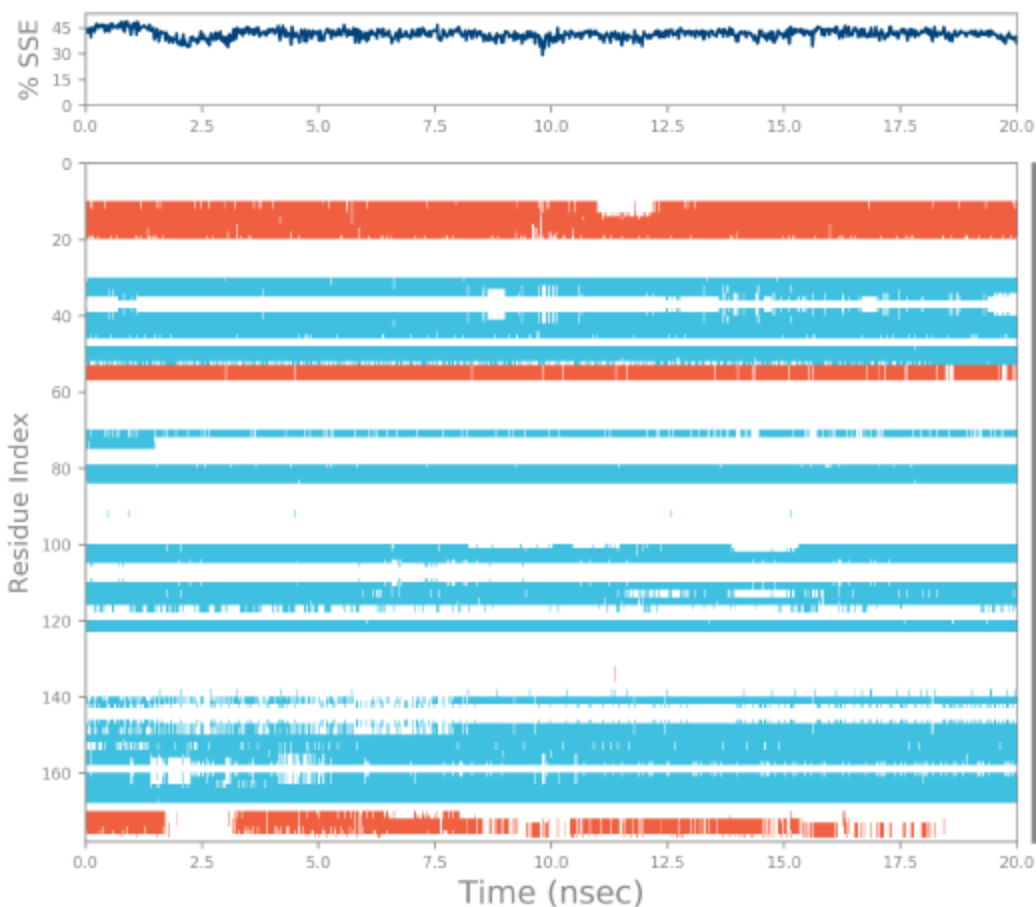
**Figure S4-B.** Interactions of Arg-28` terminal guanidinium at four different reported NS3/4A crystal structures (PDB code are printed under each corresponding image). Note that it commonly make ionic interactions with Glu-30 and hydrogen bonding with Gln-8 and Gln-28 but in different conformations.

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## Protein Secondary Structure



Protein secondary structure elements (SSE) like **alpha-helices** and **beta-strands** are monitored throughout the simulation. The plot above reports SSE distribution by residue index throughout the protein structure. The plot below summarizes the SSE composition for each trajectory frame over the course of the simulation, and the plot at the bottom monitors each residue and its SSE assignment over time.



**Figure S4-C. Report generated by Desmond on the secondary structure of the NS3 apoprotein during the MD simulation time. The preservation of secondary structure relates the quality of the model because a loss of secondary structure during conformational excitation would mean low quality of the binding model.**