

## Supporting Information

### PEG 400-Catalyzed C3 & O-Alkylation Reactions of 4-Hydroxycoumarin-A Study

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#### Characterization data for the synthesized compounds:

**4-Hydroxy-3-(1-phenylethyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (3a):**<sup>18-19</sup> White amorphous solid. mp: 204-205 °C.  $R_f$  (*n*-Hexane: EtOAc, 1:1) = 0.4; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 3427 (s), 1672 (vs), 1626 (vs), 1393 (s), 1214 (s), 753 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 4.66 (q,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.60 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 17.2, 35.1, 111.1 (C-3), 117.1, 117.2, 123.8, 124.5, 126.7, 128.2, 128.8, 132.5, 144.9, 153.6, 160.0, 162.1; GC (HP 5-60/3-12-260/10):  $t_R$  = 25.72 min; MS (EI)  $m/z$  (%) = 266 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>], 251 (67), 237 (4), 223 (33), 207 (10), 188 (7), 175 (51), 161 (6), 145 (20), 121 (35), 105 (39), 92 (10), 77 (11) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>].

**4-Hydroxy-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (3b):**<sup>18-19</sup> White solid; mp: 169-171 °C. IR (KBr): 3398, 2968, 1672, 1626, 1511, 1246  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (br s, 1H), 4.66 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.5, 159.8, 159.0, 152.4, 133.0, 131.7, 128.4, 123.8, 122.8, 116.3, 116.1, 114.9, 110.0, 55.3, 33.7, 16.7 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  295 ([M-1]<sup>-</sup>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 72.96; H, 5.44. Found: C, 72.95; H, 5.41.

**3-(1(4-Bromophenyl)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3c):**<sup>18-19</sup> White amorphous solid. IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 3436 (br), 1716, 1660, 1605, 1203, 754  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.77-7.70 (m, 1 H), 7.63-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.72 (q,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 163.3, 159.6, 152.6, 140.7, 132.7, 132.1, 129.1, 124.0, 122.8, 116.5, 115.9, 109.7, 34.1, 16.6. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) = 344.0 (100) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 345.0 (22) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 346.0 (97) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 347.0 (18) [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.15; H, 3.80. Found: C, 58.91; H, 3.90.

**4-Hydroxy-3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-2H-chromen-2-one (Coumatetralyl, B, 3d):**<sup>18-19</sup> White solid; mp: 188-190 °C;  $R_f$  (30% EtOAc/hexanes) 0.3; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3271, 2941, 1671, 1625, 1391, 1211, 1143, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (dd,  $J$  = 1.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td,  $J$  =

1.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.12 (m, 6H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.59 (t,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t,  $J=5.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.33-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.79 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.8, 160.1, 152.7, 138.3, 134.8, 132.0, 130.8, 129.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.0, 123.1, 116.5, 116.3, 109.6, 36.6, 30.0, 29.5, 21.9.

**(E)-3-(1,3-Diphenylallyl)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3e):**<sup>18-19</sup> White solid; mp: 155-157 °C. IR (KBr): 3327, 1671, 1624, 1610, 1494, 1392, 1201, 754  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81 (dd,  $J=6.8, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.24 (m, 13H), 6.79 (dd,  $J=6.0, 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J=16.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.2, 160.9, 152.6, 139.6, 136.1, 133.8, 132.1, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 126.5, 124.0, 123.1, 116.5, 115.8, 106.4, 43.9 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  353 ( $[\text{M}-1]^-$ ).

**3-((E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-phenylallyl)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3f):**<sup>18-19</sup> Pale yellow solid, mp: 168-171°C. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3327, 1674, 1626, 1611, 1494, 1393, 1200, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.28 (m, 11H), 6.78-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J=16.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d,  $J=6$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.9, 160.9, 152.5, 140.1, 136.2, 133.7, 132.2, 1130.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 124.1, 123.2, 116.5, 115.8, 106.5, 44.0 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 389 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 391 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 30) ( $[\text{M}+1]^+$ ).

**3-Benzhydryl-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3g):**<sup>18-19</sup> White solid; mp: 180-181 °C. IR (KBr): 3293, 1671, 1624, 1608, 1567, 1494, 1450, 1388, 1211, 1085, 896, 756, 715  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 (dd,  $J=6.8, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.23 (m, 12H), 6.37 (br s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.2, 160.1, 152.3, 139.9, 132.1, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7, 123.9, 123.1, 116.4, 115.9, 107.7, 47.2 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  327 ( $[\text{M}-1]^-$ ).

**4-Hydroxy-3-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (5a):**<sup>43</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J=8$  Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.72-4.66 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  163.7, 159.9, 152.6, 138.5, 137.7, 131.8, 130.5, 127.3, 123.9, 123.0, 116.4, 116.3, 110.2, 34.3, 21.1, 16.7.

**3-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (5b):**<sup>43</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 4.71-4.66 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  163.5, 159.9, 152.6, 140.4, 133.7, 132.2, 129.7, 128.8, 124.1, 123.0, 116.6, 116.0, 109.8, 34.0, 16.7.

**4-(1-Phenylethoxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (7a):**<sup>18</sup> Off white solid; mp: 214-218 °C. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  1669, 1621, 1492, 1401, 1218, 1168, 741  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.64-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd,  $J=10.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.74 (q,  $J=9.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d,  $J=9.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.8, 160.0, 152.6, 141.8,

132.1, 129.8, 127.7, 127.5, 123.9, 123.0, 116.3, 116.2, 110.3, 34.8, 16.8 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 267.3 ( $[M+1]^+$ , 100).

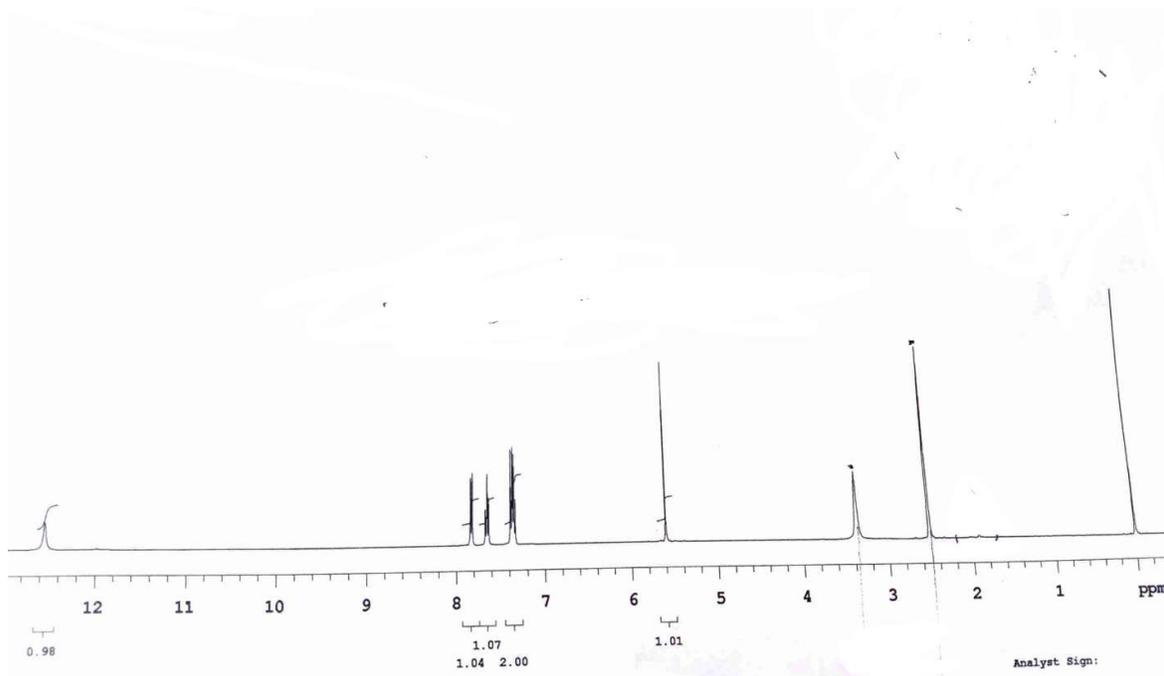
**4-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethoxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (7b):**<sup>18</sup> Off white solid. mp: 180-184 °C. IR (KBr): 1673, 1628, 1514, 1249  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.70 (dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 4.65 (q,  $J = 10$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.6, 159.8, 159.1, 152.3, 133.1, 131.7, 128.5, 123.8, 122.6, 116.2, 116.1, 114.9, 110.0, 55.3, 33.6, 16.8 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 297.2 ( $[M+1]^+$ , 100).

**4-((E)-1,3-Diphenylallyloxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (7c):**<sup>18</sup> Pale yellow solid, mp: 132-136 °C. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  1678, 1626, 1613, 1501, 1394, 1203, 757  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.64 (m, 12H), 6.94 (br, s 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J = 6.4, 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.3, 161.5, 152.4, 139.7, 136.3, 133.9, 132.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.7, 127.7, 126.4, 124.4, 123.1, 116.5, 115.7, 106.4, 43.5 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 355.0 ( $[M+1]^+$ , 100).

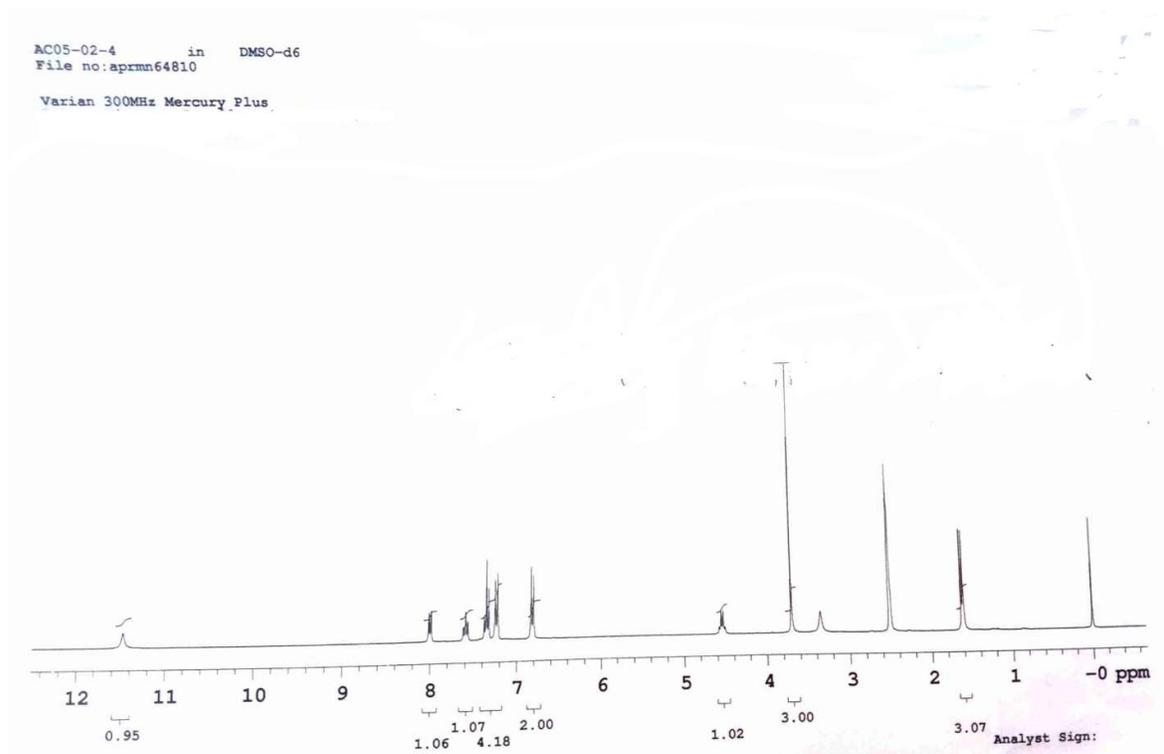
**4-((E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-phenylallyloxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (7d):**<sup>18</sup> Pale yellow solid, mp: 154-156 °C. IR (KBr): 1676, 1629, 1616, 1502, 1398, 1210, 758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 (dd,  $J = 8, 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.14 (m, 12H), 6.78-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.41-6.35 (m, 1H), 5.44 (dd,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.4, 161.1, 152.8, 139.7, 136.2, 133.7, 132.4, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.5, 124.1, 123.3, 116.7, 115.6, 106.5, 43.9 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 387 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 389 (M<sup>+</sup>, 30) ( $[M-1]^-$ ).

**4-(1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-4-yloxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (7e):**<sup>18</sup> Off white solid, mp: 178-180 °C. IR (KBr): 2938, 1674, 1628, 1389, 1214, 1148, 751  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 (dd,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, 1H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 6H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.60 (t,  $J = 10$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.80 (m, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.0, 160.3, 152.6, 138.1, 134.7, 132.0, 130.7, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 124.1, 123.3, 116.4, 116.1, 109.4, 36.5, 30.3, 29.8, 22.1 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 293 ( $[M+1]^+$ , 100).

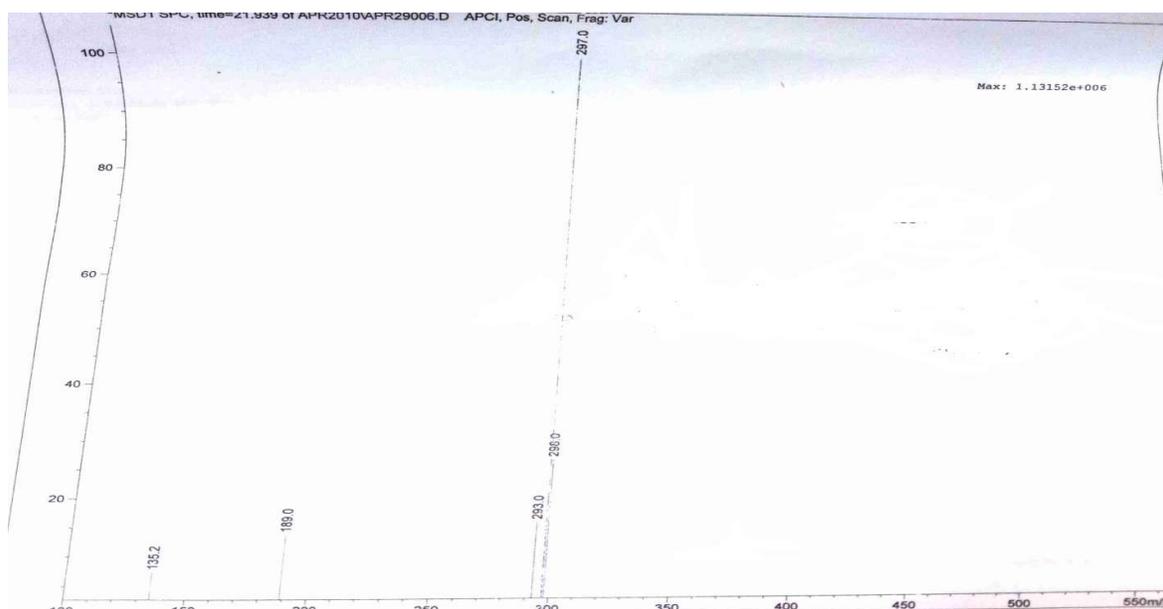
**3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethylpyrano [3,2-c]chromen-5(2H)-one (8):**<sup>18</sup> Semi solid. IR (KBr): 1721, 1636, 1614, 1497, 1451, 1383, 1276, 1203, 1171, 1118, 1016, 764, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.18 (dd,  $J = 10$  Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H) 1.47 (s, 6H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.03, 60.1, 150.3, 128.4, 125.5, 121.6, 117.4, 100, 78.2, 35.5, 27.7, 15.8 ppm. MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (rel. abund.%) 231.3 ( $[M+1]^+$ , 100).



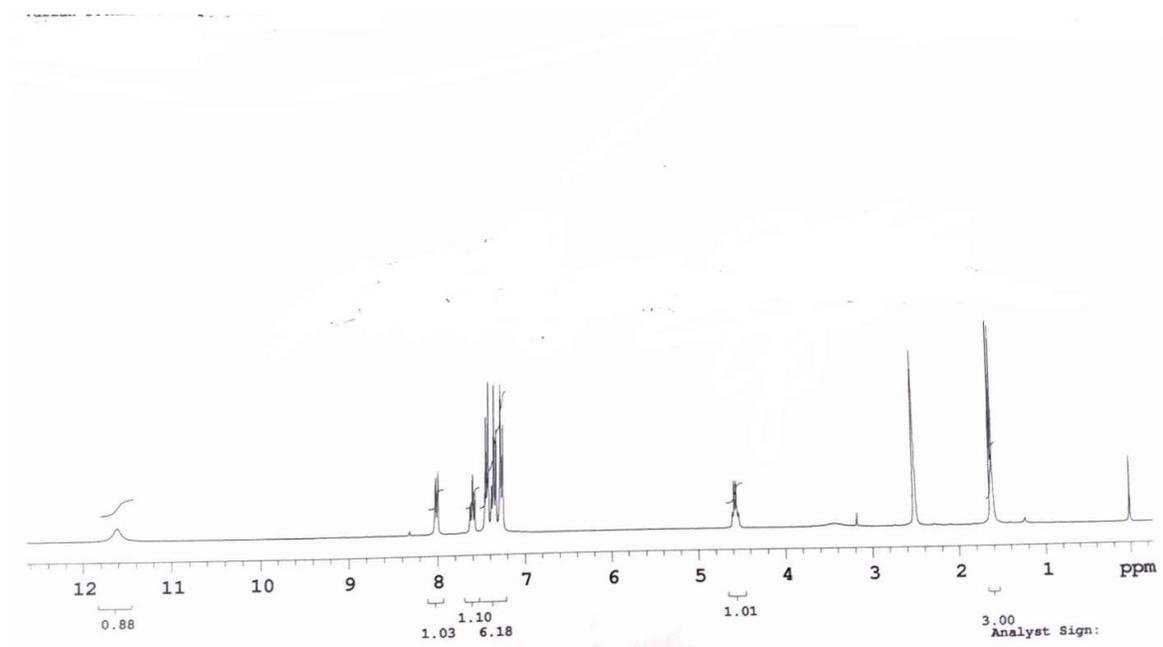
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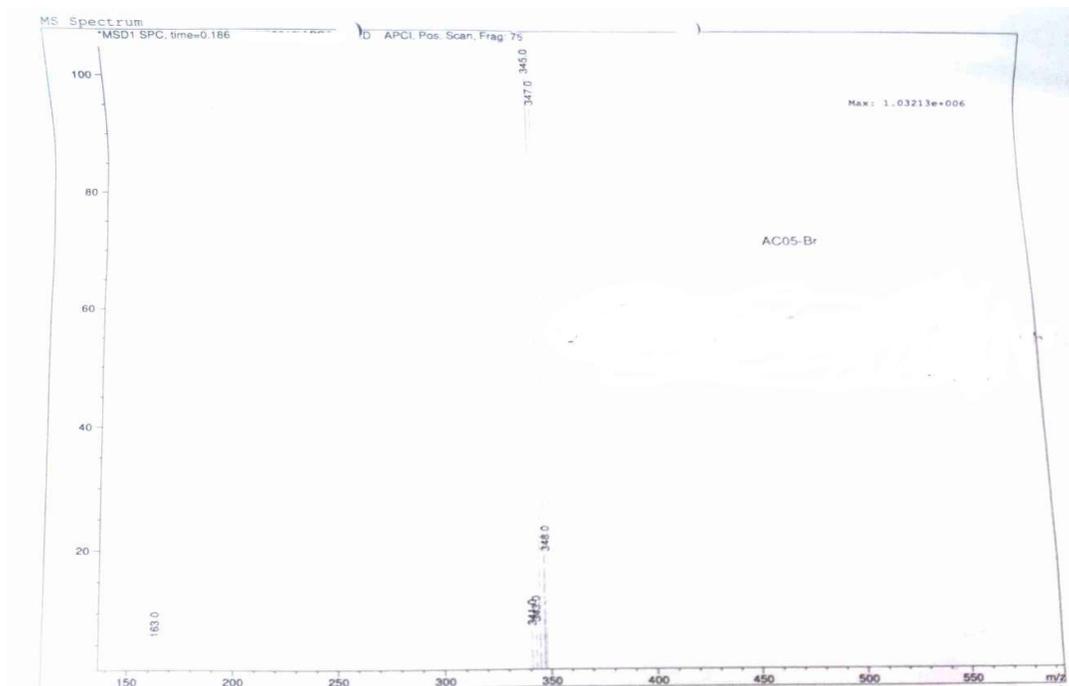
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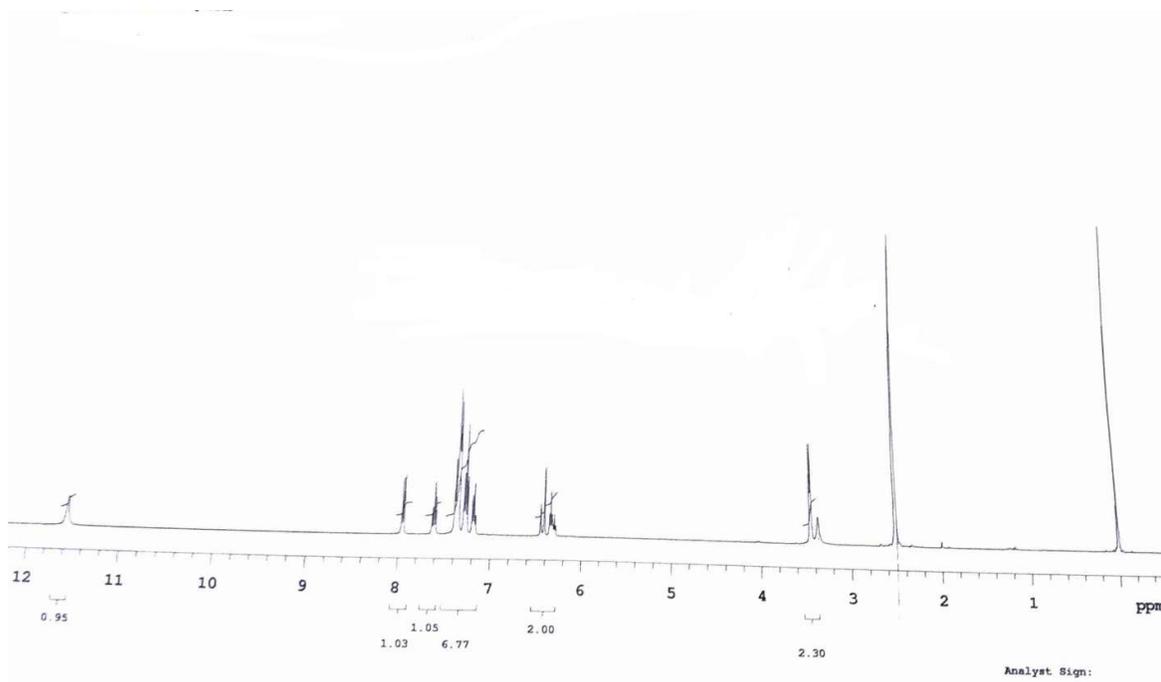
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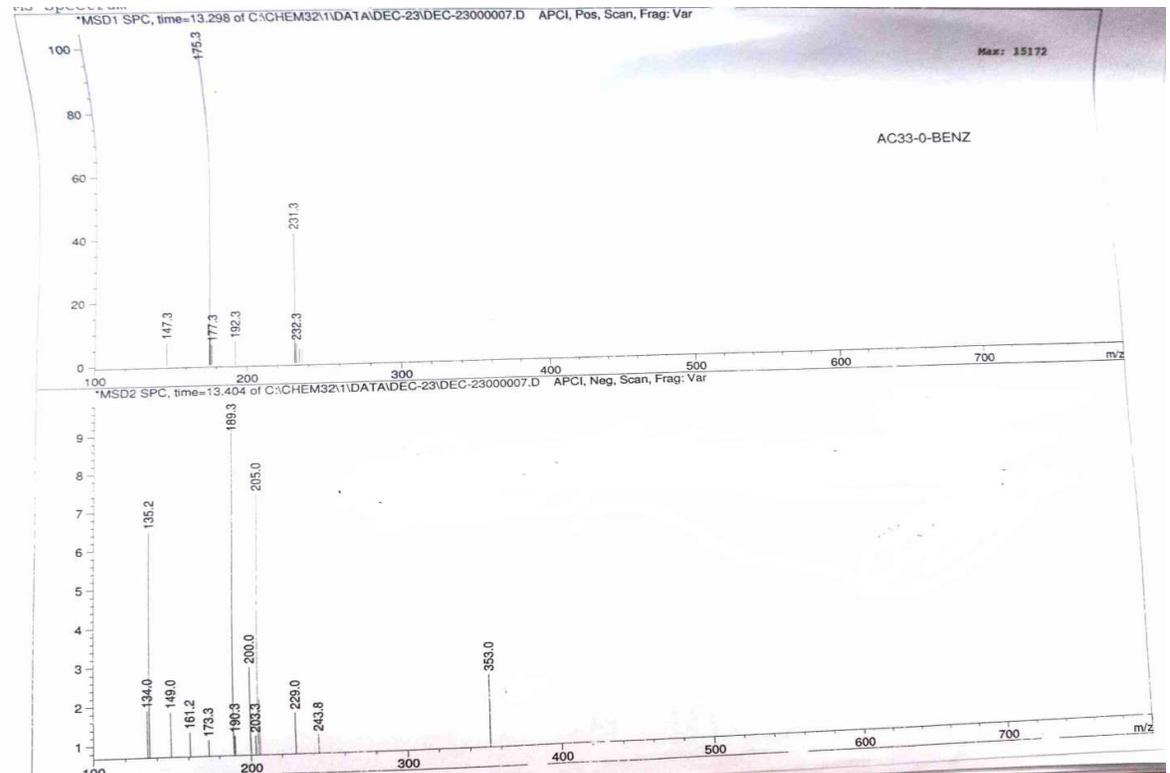
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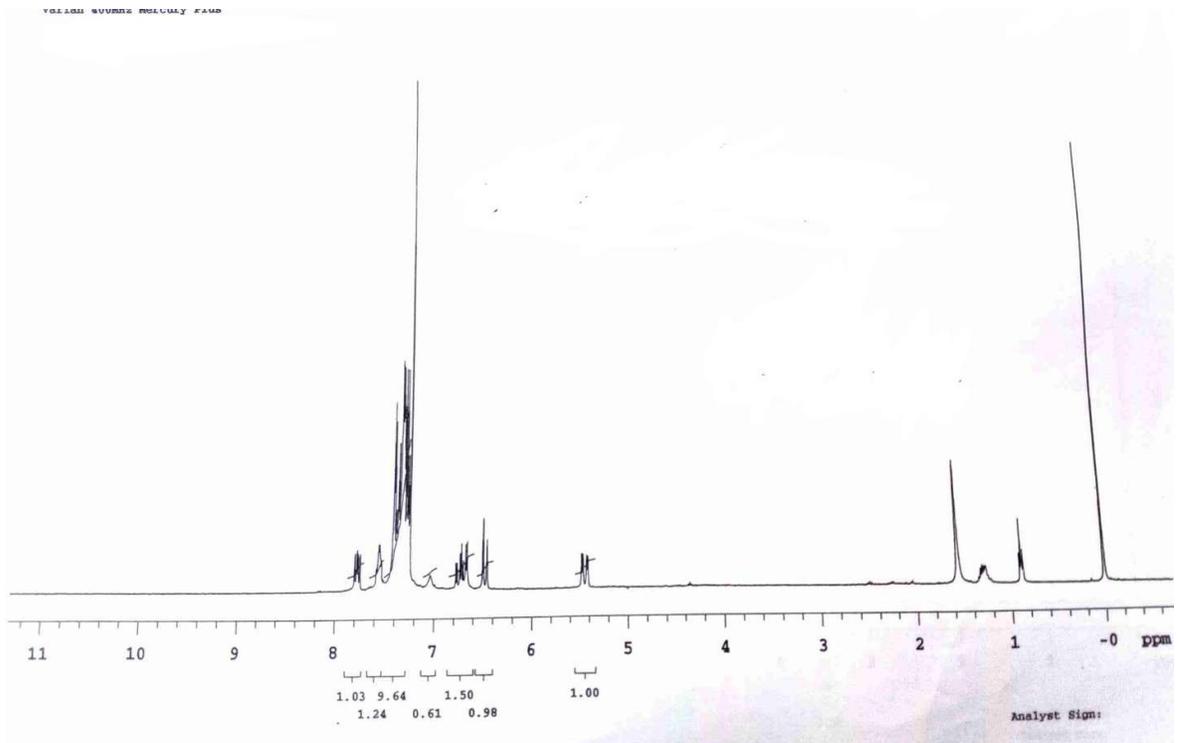
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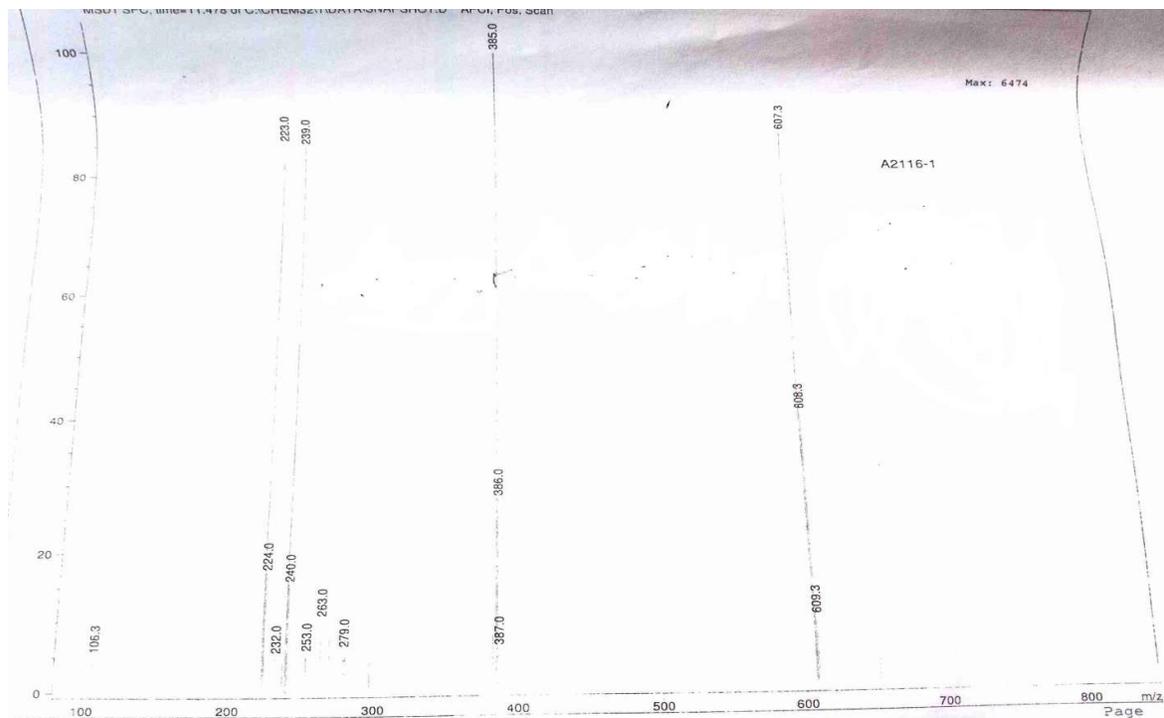
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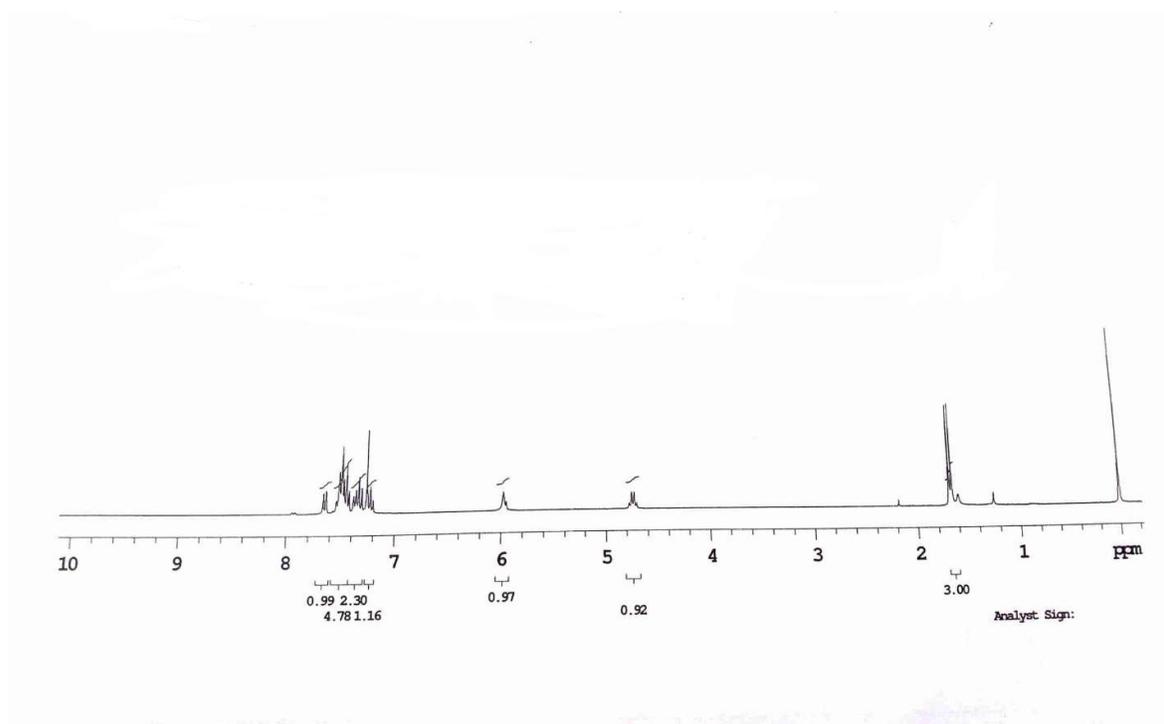
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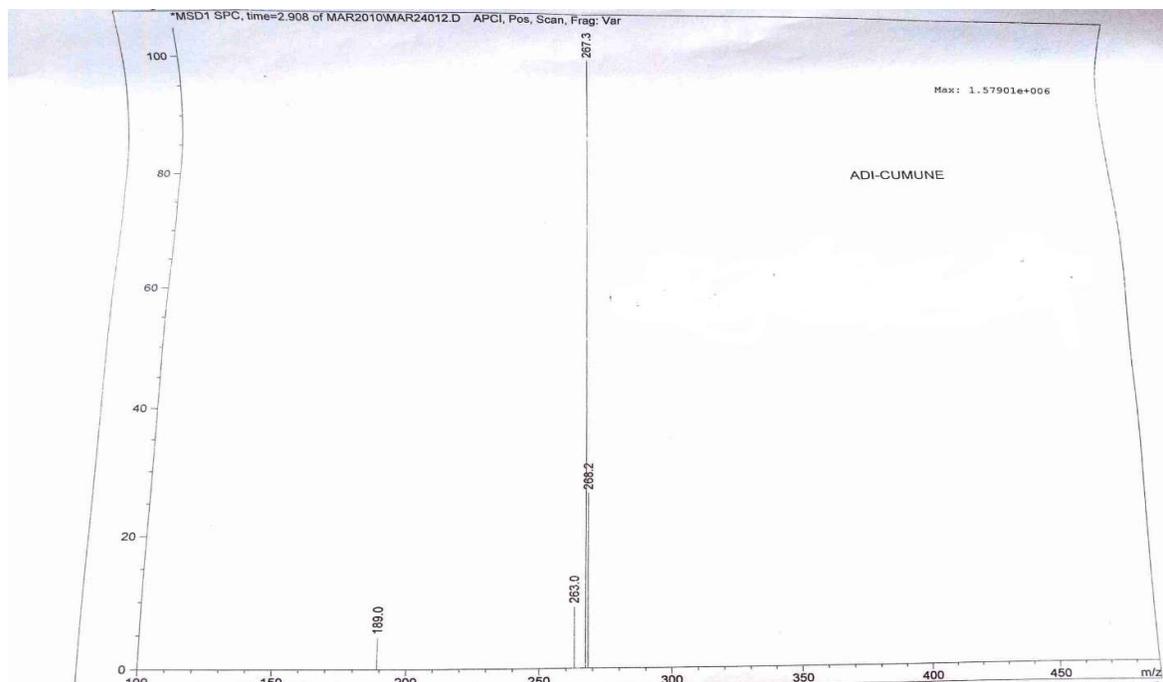
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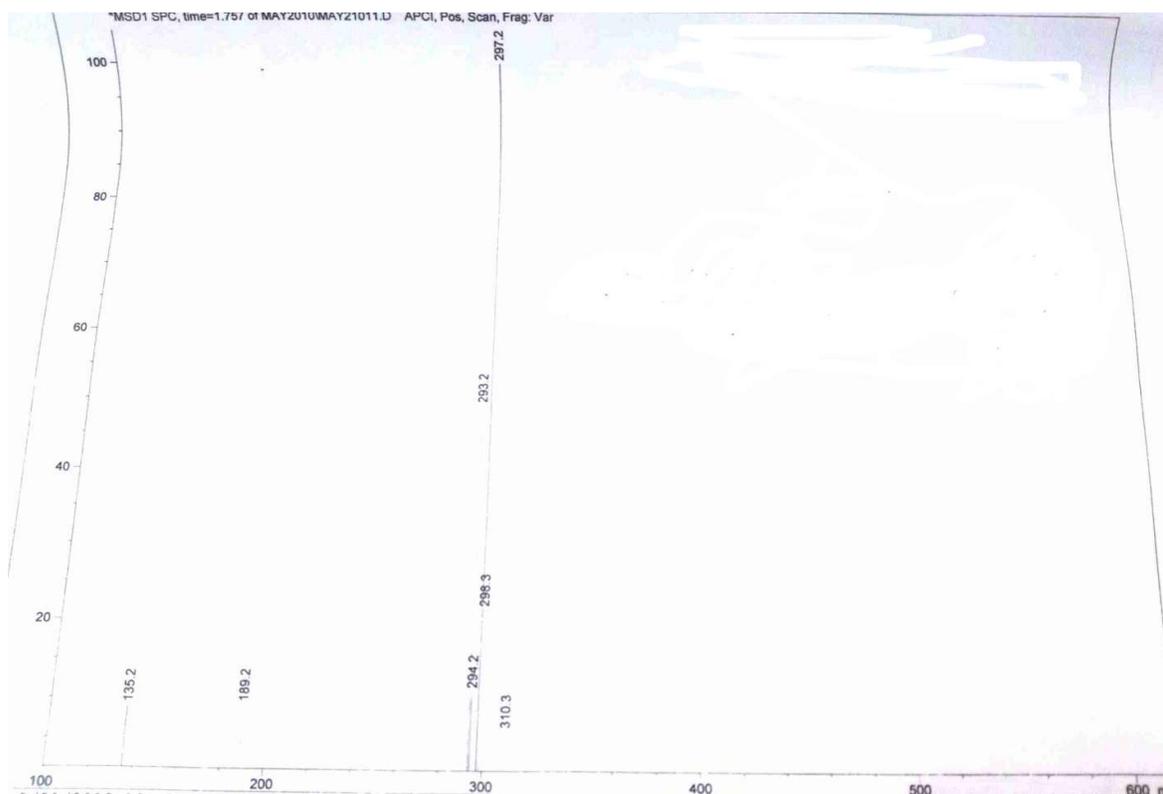
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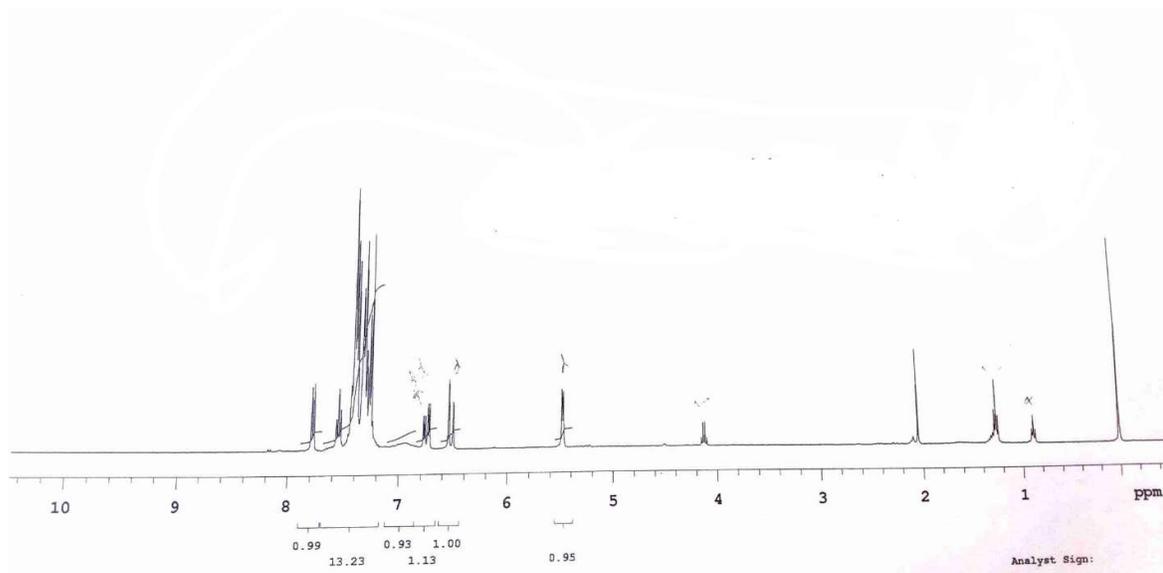
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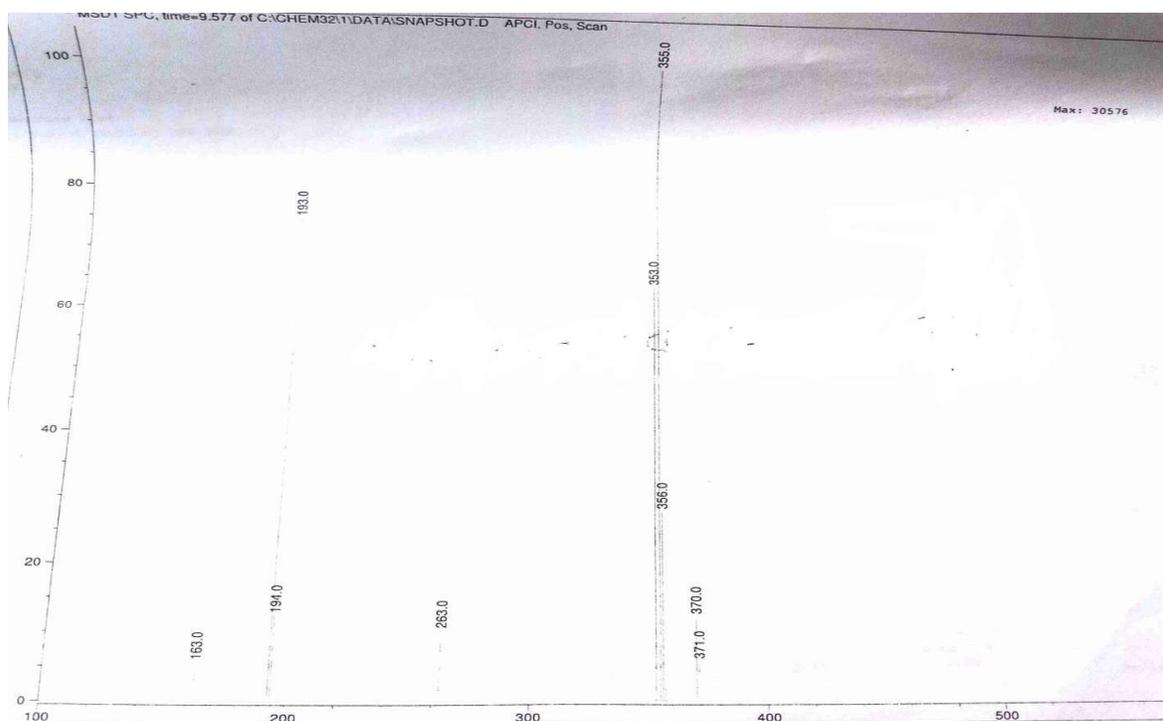
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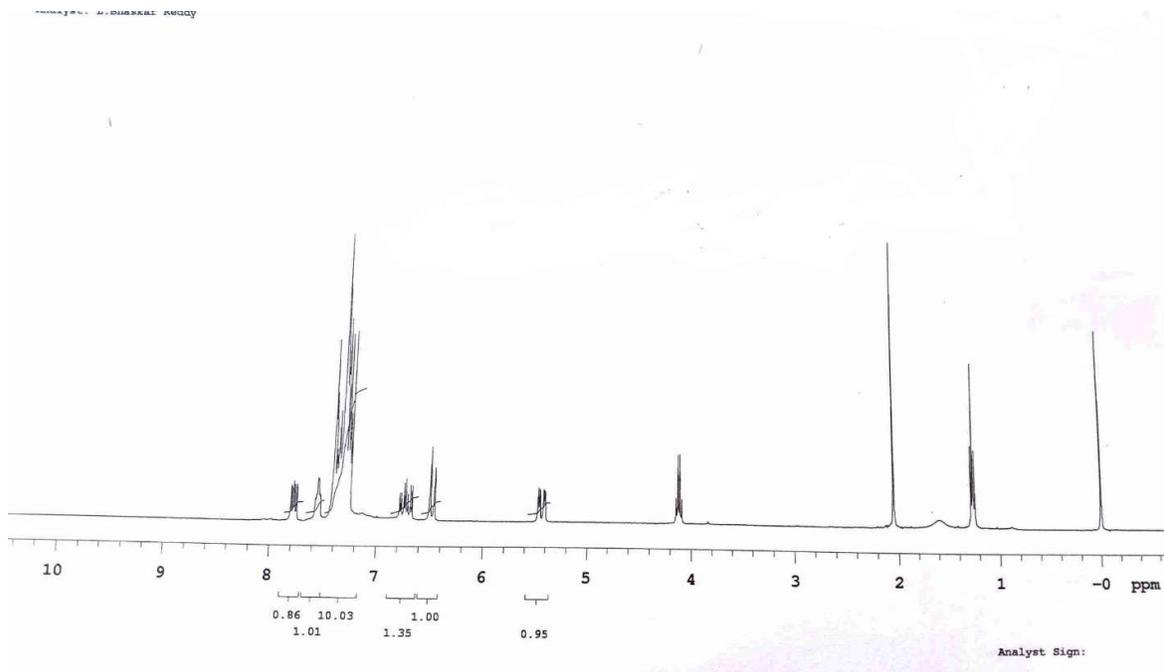
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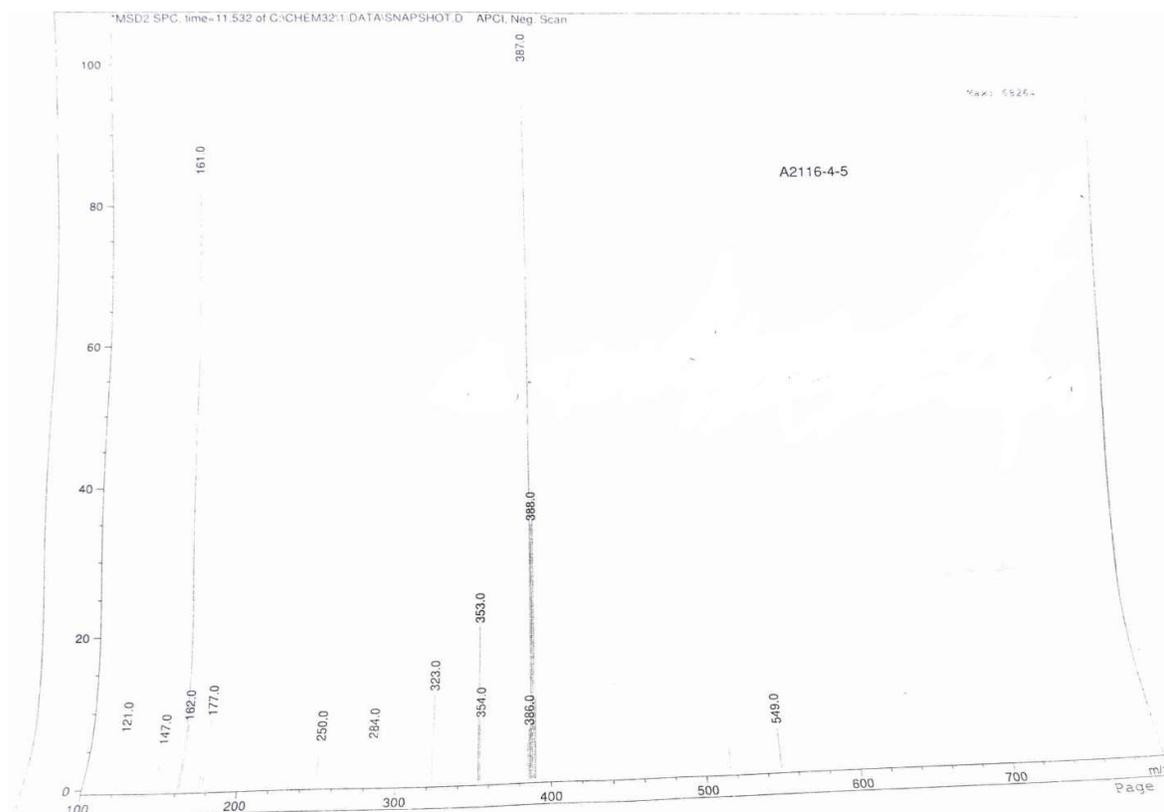
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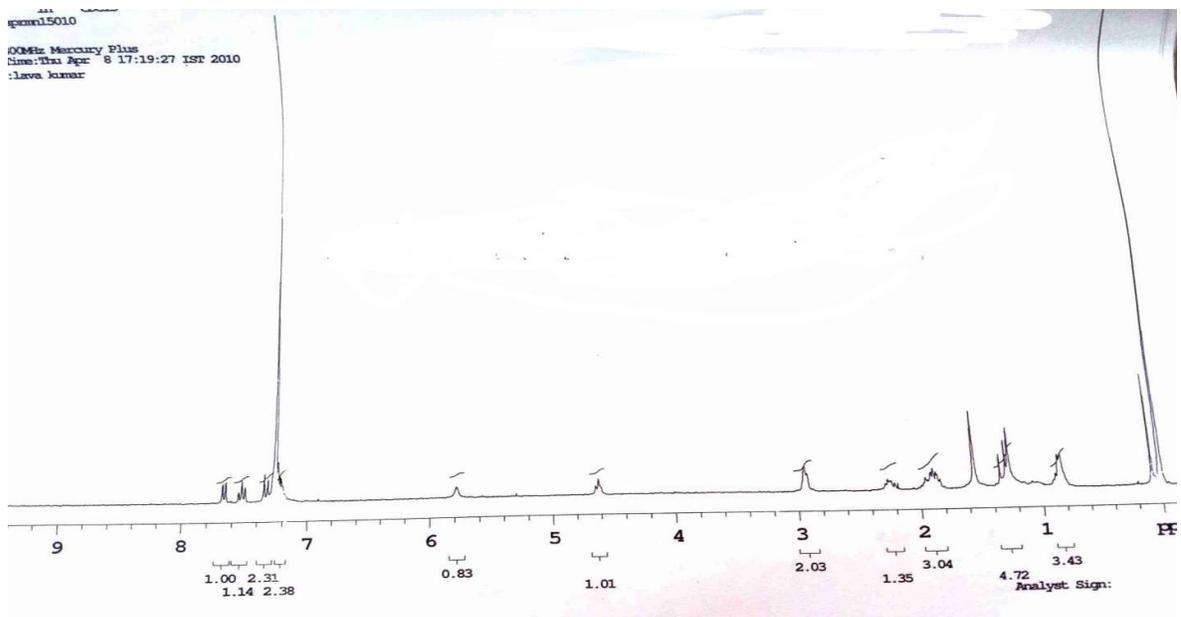
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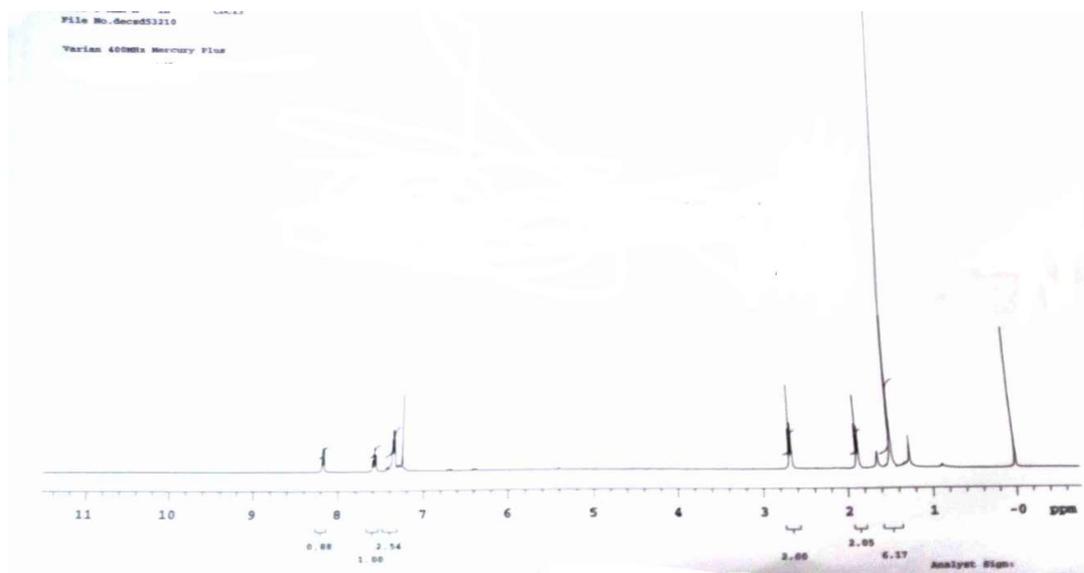
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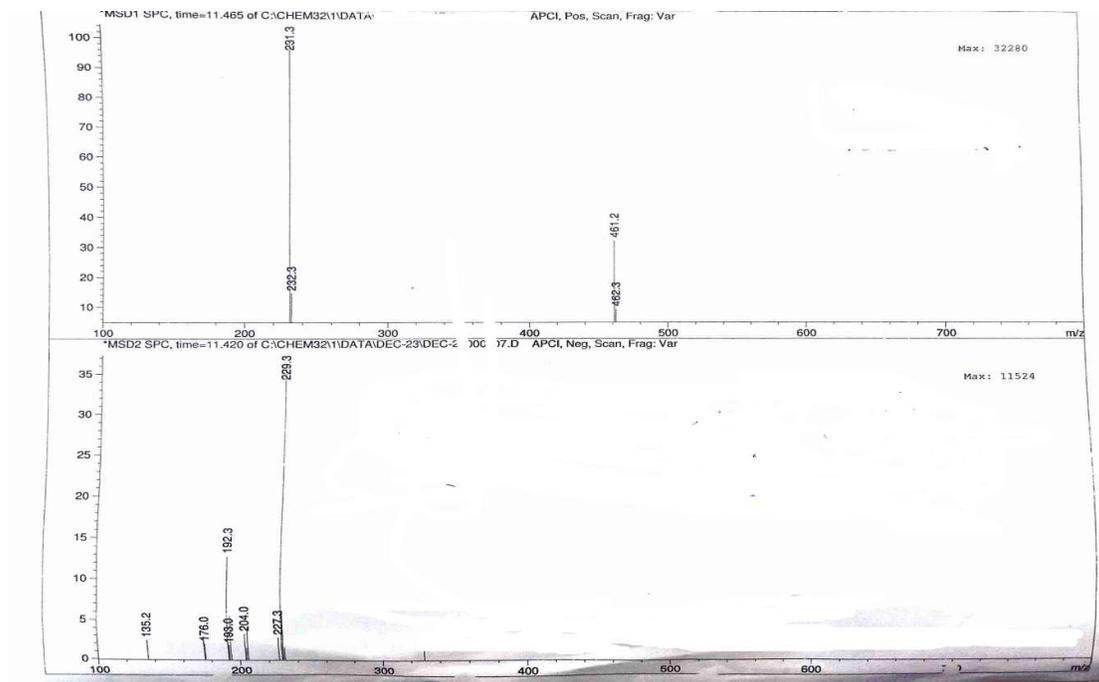
**Mass spectrum of compound 7d**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 7e**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 8**



Mass spectrum of compound 8