

## Supplemental Information:

# Sulfur(VI) Fluoride Exchange (SuFEx)-Enabled High-Throughput Medicinal Chemistry

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## Detailed synthetic methods and compound characterization

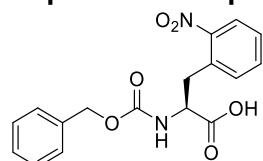
### General

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were collected using a Bruker 600, 500, or 400 MHz spectrometer with chemical shifts reported relative to residual deuterated solvent peaks or a tetramethylsilane internal standard.  $\text{CFCl}_3$  was used as an internal standard for  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR. Accurate masses were measured using an ESI-TOF (HRMS, Agilent MSD) or MSQ Plus mass spectrometer (LRMS, Thermo Scientific). Reactions were monitored on TLC plates (silica gel 60, F254 coating, EMD Millipore, 1057150001), and spots were either monitored under UV light (254 nm) or stained with phosphomolybdic acid. The same TLC system was used to test purity, and all final products showed a single spot on TLC with both  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and UV absorbance. The purity of the compounds that were tested in the assay was >95% based on  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and reverse phase HPLC-UV on monitoring absorption at 240 nm (detailed in the section ‘analytical LC method to determine the purity of synthetic compounds’). It should be noted that SpeB is susceptible to divalent cations such as  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ; thus, care was taken to ensure that the final products did not contain contaminations of these metals.

## METHODS

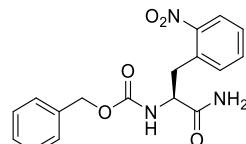
### Synthesis

#### Representative procedure for Cbz synthesis (Method A)



To an ACN/aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (1:1) of (S)-2-amino-3-(2-nitrophenyl)propanoic acid (1 g, 4.76 mmol) was added N-(Benzoyloxycarbonyloxy)succinimide (1.2 g, 4.82 mmol, 1.01 eq.) and stirred overnight. To this solution was added ethyl acetate and 1M HCl, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give a fairly pure target molecule an off-white solid (1.6 g, quant.). The compound was used into the next step without further purification. ((S)-2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)propanoic acid).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.03 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.36 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.7, 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd,  $J$  = 14.0, 10.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta$  172.8, 155.9, 149.2, 137.0, 133.1, 133.0, 132.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 124.6, 65.3, 53.9, 33.7. (+) calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  345.1. Found 345.2. ( $t\text{R}$ = 10.4 min).

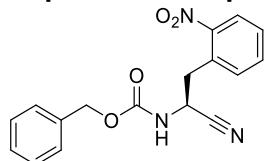
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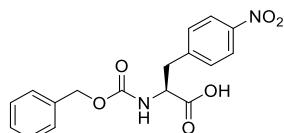
To a dioxane solution of (S)-2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)propanoic acid (2 g, 5.83 mmol) was added pyridine (484  $\mu\text{L}$ , 475 mg, 6 mmol, 1.02 eq.) followed by Di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (2.6 g, 11.9 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and ammonium bicarbonate (1.15 g, 14.6 mmol, 2.5 eq.), and stirred overnight at RT. To this solution was added water, and the precipitate was collected by filtration. Recrystallization from acetone gave fairly pure target molecule as an off-white solid (1.2 g, 3.5 mmol, 60 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 4.99 – 4.88 (m, 2H), 4.41 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.38 (dt,  $J$  = 14.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.9, 10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.7,

155.8, 149.3, 137.0, 133.0, 132.6, 132.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 124.5, 65.3, 54.3, 34.2. (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  344.1. Found 344.2. ( $t_R$ = 10.0 min).

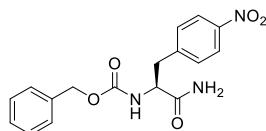
### Representative procedure for the conversion of amide into nitrile (Method C)



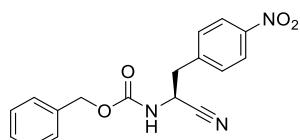
To a DMF solution of benzyl (S)-(1-amino-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)carbamate (1.2 g, 3.5 mmol) was added cyanuric chloride (1.2 g, 6.5 mmol, 1.86 eq.) at 0°C and stirred overnight at RT. To this solution was added ethyl acetate and water, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Recrystallization from acetone gave a pure target molecule as an off-white solid (1.6 g, quant.).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.94 (dd,  $J$  = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd,  $J$  = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (m (overlap with water signal), 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 149.1, 136.4, 133.7, 133.2, 130.0, 129.1, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 125.0, 118.8, 66.2, 42.7, 34.8. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  326.1. Found 326.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $t_R$ = 11.3 min).



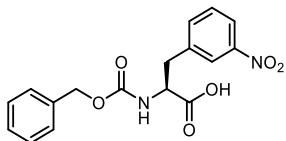
Method A (2 g, quant.).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 5.33 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.73 (dd,  $J$  = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd,  $J$  = 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  173.8, 155.6, 147.2, 143.4, 135.8, 130.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 123.8, 67.4, 54.2, 37.8. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  345.1. Found 345.3. ( $t_R$ = 10.6 min).



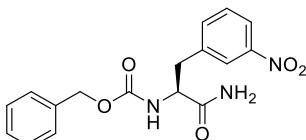
Method B (1.56 g, 4.55 mmol, 78%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.17 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.95 (d,  $J$  = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d,  $J$  = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.8, 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.8, 155.9, 146.8, 146.2, 137.0, 130.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 123.2, 65.2, 55.5, 37.4. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(M+NH_4)^+$  344.1. Found 344.2. ( $t_R$ = 10.0 min).



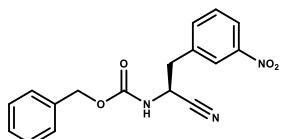
Method C, white solid (81 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.90 (dd,  $J$  = 15.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.18 (m, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 149.9, 146.7, 143.6, 136.4, 130.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 123.4, 119.1, 66.1, 43.1, 40.0. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(M+NH_4)^+$  343.1. Found 343.4. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $t_R$ = 11.3 min).



Method A (1.46 g, 4.24 mmol, 92%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.18–8.16 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.99 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 4.29 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.8, 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd,  $J$  = 13.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.9, 156.0, 147.6, 140.3, 137.0, 136.1, 129.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 124.0, 121.6, 65.3, 55.0, 35.9. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H) $^+$  345.1. Found 345.3. ( $t$ R= 10.6 min).

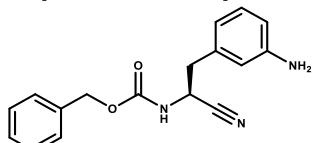


Method B (136 mg, 400  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 40%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 4.97 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.9, 155.9, 147.6, 140.7, 137.0, 136.2, 129.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 123.9, 121.4, 65.2, 55.7, 37.1. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H) $^+$  344.1. Found 344.2. ( $t$ R= 10.1 min).



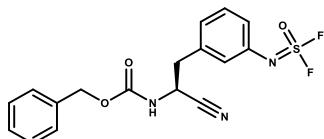
Method C (43 mg, 130 mmol, 40%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.96 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 3.34 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.25 – 3.11 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 147.7, 137.8, 136.4, 129.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 124.3, 122.2, 119.2, 66.0, 43.3, 36.7. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+NH4) $^+$  343.1. Found 343.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $t$ R= 11.4 min).

#### Representative procedure for reduction of nitro moiety to amine using SnCl<sub>2</sub> (Method D)

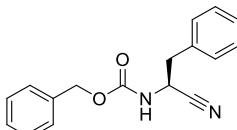


To an ethanol solution of benzyl (S)-(1-cyano-2-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl)carbamate (400 mg, 1.23 mmol) was added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (585 mg, 3.1 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and refluxed for 2 hours. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo and to the residue was added ethyl acetate and washed twice with 1N NaOH<sub>aq</sub>, dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Column chromatography (Hexane: ethyl acetate=2:1) gave a pure target molecule as an off-white solid (170 mg, 0.58 mmol, 47 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.40 (m, 3H), 5.10 – 4.99 (m, 4H), 4.64 (dd,  $J$  = 16.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 148.7, 136.5, 135.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 119.4, 116.5, 114.6, 112.8, 66.1, 44.0, 37.8. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H) $^+$  296.2. Found 296.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $t$ R= 9.4 min).

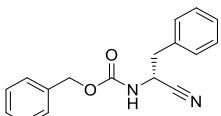
#### Representative procedure for the conversion of aniline into iminosulfur oxydifluorides (Method E)



The method for the preparation of iminosulfur oxydifluorides is adapted from Li et al.<sup>1</sup> In a 25-mL round bottom flask, benzyl (S)-(2-(3-aminophenyl)-1-cyanoethyl)carbamate trifluoroacetate salt (135.8 mg, 0.3317 mmol) and triethylamine (139  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.00 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were dissolved in anhydrous acetonitrile (3.3 mL). Sealed with a rubber septum, the flask was evacuated and backfilled with thionyl tetrafluoride gas (~25 mL). Mild exotherm was observed at the start of the reaction in company with fume generation. The reaction was monitored by TLC and found complete in 30 min. Volatiles were removed by a rotary evaporator. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the target iminosulfur oxydifluoride as a white crystalline (118.2 mg, 0.3116 mmol, 94% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 5.15 – 5.08 (m, 3H), 4.92 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.04 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.0, 136.9 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.0$  Hz), 135.8, 135.5, 130.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.3, 124.9 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.0$  Hz), 123.3 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.0$  Hz), 117.8, 68.0, 43.7, 38.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  47.0. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  380.1. Found 380.2. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 12.2 min).

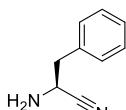


Method C (3.5 g, 12.5 mmol, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.78-4.74 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 136.5, 135.5, 129.4, 128.40, 128.39 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 119.4, 66.0, 43.8, 37.4. (+) calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{NH}_4)^+$  298.2. Found 298.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 11.5 min).



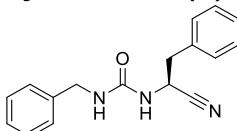
Method C (11 mg, 39  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 12 %).  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR was identical to the L-isomer. (+) calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{NH}_4)^+$  298.2. Found 298.4. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 11.5 min).

### Procedure for Cbz deprotection



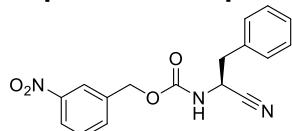
To a dioxane solution of benzyl (S)-(1-cyano-2-phenylethyl)carbamate (3.5 g, 12.5 mmol) was added 10% Pd/C (1 g) and the reaction flask was purged with hydrogen gas and stirred overnight at RT. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated in vacuo. Column chromatography (ethyl acetate 100%) gave a target molecule as a reddish oil and used for the next step without further purification (1.6 g, 11 mmol, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 3.95 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  136.7, 129.4, 128.3, 126.8, 122.7, 44.9, 41.0. (+) calcd for  $(\text{M}+\text{CH}_4\text{CN})^+$  188.1. Found 188.3.

### Synthesis of (S)-1-benzyl-3-(1-cyano-2-phenylethyl) urea

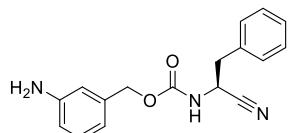


To a THF solution of (S)-2-amino-3-phenylpropanenitrile (146 mg, 1 mmol) was added DIPEA (200  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol) and benzyl isocyanate (146 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 eq.) and stirred overnight. Solvent was removed and ethyl acetate was added to the residue, then washed with 1N HCl<sub>aq</sub> and brine. Column chromatography gave a target molecule as a brown solid (94 mg, 337  $\mu$ mol, 34%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.7, 140.3, 135.8, 129.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 120.1, 42.9, 42.9, 37.8. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 280.1. Found 280.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% (*t*R= 10.6 min).

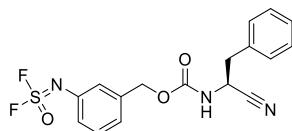
#### Representative procedure for the carbamate compound from benzyl alcohol (Method F)



To a dry ACN solution of (3-nitrophenyl)methanol (3.26 g, 21.3 mmol) was added dry DIPEA (5.7 mL, 32.8 mmol, 1.5 eq.) followed by N,N'-Disuccinimidyl carbonate (5.6 g, 21.8 mmol, 1.03 eq.) and stirred overnight at RT. To this solution was added ethyl acetate and water, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine, dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate=3:1->1:1) gave a fairly pure 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3-nitrobenzyl) carbonate (1.1 g, 3.7 mmol, 18%). The compound was used for the next step without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.40 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 147.7, 136.7, 135.7, 130.0, 123.7, 123.7, 76.5, 25.4. To a DMF solution of (S)-2-amino-3-phenylpropanenitrile (601 mg, 4.1 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added DIPEA (3 mL, 17.3 mmol, 4.6 eq.) followed by 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3-nitrobenzyl) carbonate (1.1 g, 3.7 mmol, 1 eq.) and stirred at RT overnight. To the reaction mixture was added ethyl acetate, then washed with 1N HCl<sub>aq</sub> and brine. Recrystallization from DCM gave a target molecule as a brown solid (1.15 g, 3.5 mmol, 96% from 2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl (3-nitrobenzyl) carbonate). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 3.09 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.1, 147.8, 138.9, 135.5, 134.2, 130.0, 129.4, 128.4, 127.1, 122.8, 122.1, 119.3, 64.8, 43.8, 37.4. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 343.1. Found 343.2. Purity (HPLC-UV): 98% (*t*R= 11.4 min).

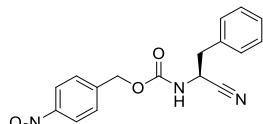


Method D (230 mg, 0.78 mmol, 22%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 2.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.4, 148.7, 136.9, 135.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 127.1, 119.4, 115.3, 113.6, 113.3, 66.5, 43.9, 37.4. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 296.1. Found 296.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): 96% (*t*R= 9.4 min).



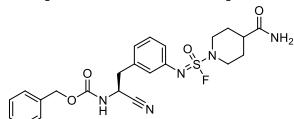
In a 25-mL round bottom flask, 3-aminobenzyl (S)-(1-cyano-2-phenylethyl)carbamate trifluoroacetate salt (180.0 mg, 0.4397 mmol) and triethylamine (183  $\mu$ L, 1.32 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were dissolved in anhydrous acetonitrile (4.4 mL). Sealed with a rubber septum, the flask was evacuated and backfilled with thionyl tetrafluoride gas (~25 mL). Mild exotherm was observed at the start of the reaction in company with fume

generation. The reaction was monitored by TLC and found complete in 30 min. Volatiles were removed by a rotary evaporator. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the target iminosulfur oxydifluoride as a white crystalline (136.7 mg, 0.3602 mmol, 82% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, Acetonitrile- $d_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.29 (td,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.83 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, Acetonitrile- $d_3$ )  $\delta$  156.3, 139.9, 137.0 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.0 Hz), 136.3, 131.1, 130.4, 129.6, 128.5, 126.6, 124.0 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.0 Hz), 123.7 (t,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 3.0 Hz), 119.7, 66.8, 45.1, 38.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  45.4. LRMS (+) calcd for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 380.1. Found 380.2. Purity (HPLC-UV): 99% ('R= 12.2 min).

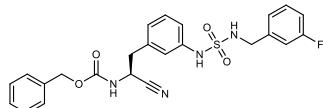


Method F (41 mg, 126  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 16 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (tt,  $J$  = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.82 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd,  $J$  = 11.7, 8.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.0, 146.9, 144.3, 135.4, 129.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.0, 123.5, 119.2, 64.7, 43.7, 37.3. (+) calcd for (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 343.1. Found 343.2. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 11.4 min).

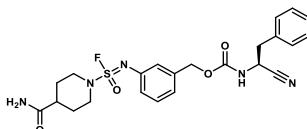
#### Representative procedure for the iminosulfur oxydifluoride and amine reactions (Method G)



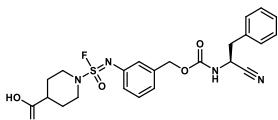
To an ACN solution of benzyl (S)-(1-cyano-2-(3-((difluoro(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfaneylidene)amino)phenyl)ethyl) carbamate (10 mg, 26  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was added 4-Piperidinecarboxamide (13 mg, 101  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 5 eq.) in PBS and stirred overnight at 37°C. This solution was filtered through 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  filter and purified on preparative HPLC to give a pure benzyl ((1S)-2-(3-((4-carbamoylpiperidin-1-yl)fluoro(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfaneylidene)amino)phenyl)-1-cyanoethyl)carbamate (compound 5, 6.5 mg, 13  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 50%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.97 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.9, 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.18 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 3.08 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.64 (ddt,  $J$  = 11.4, 3.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.2, 155.2, 139.8, 136.9, 136.4, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 124.6, 124.1, 121.5, 119.2, 65.9, 46.8, 46.1, 43.6, 37.0, 27.24, 27.19.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  52.75. (+) calcd for (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 510.1582. Found 510.1593. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 10.6 min).



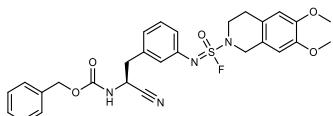
Method G (compound 6, 5.3 mg, 11  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 42%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.96 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (q,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  162.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = -243 Hz), 155.4, 141.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 7.2 Hz), 138.9, 136.4, 136.3, 130.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 8.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 123.44 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 2.7 Hz), 123.39, 119.3, 118.9, 117.1, 114.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 21.9 Hz), 113.7 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}}$  = 20.8 Hz), 66.1, 45.1, 45.0, 43.9, 37.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -113.38. (+) calcd for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 483.1. Found 483.2. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ('R= 11.4 min).



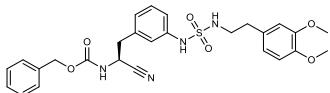
Method G (10 mg, 20  $\mu$ mol, 79%). (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  488.2. Found 488.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): 99% ( $tR$ = 10.7 min).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.05 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.74 (q,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 4.00 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.16 (q,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.3, 155.3, 140.0, 137.9, 135.5, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.1, 123.0, 122.5, 122.4, 119.3, 65.7, 46.9, 46.2, 43.9, 37.3, 27.3.  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  52.68. LRMS (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  488.2. Found 488.4. Purity (HPLC-UV): 99% ( $tR$ = 10.7 min).



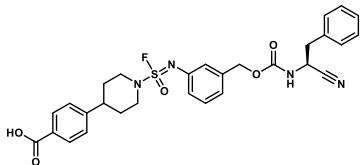
Method G (compound 7, 6.8 mg, 14  $\mu$ mol, 54%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.46 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 5.06 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.74 (q,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.89 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.50 (m, 1H, partially overlap with DMSO signal), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.9, 155.2, 139.9, 137.8, 135.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 127.0, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 119.2, 65.5, 46.6, 46.0, 43.8, 37.2, 26.8.  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  52.55. (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  489.1602. Found 489.1607. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $tR$ = 11.5 min).



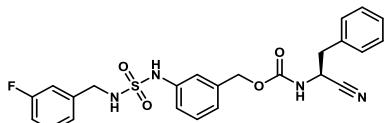
Method G (13.5 mg, 24  $\mu$ mol, 94%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 16.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.85 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 147.7, 147.4, 139.8, 136.3, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 124.7, 124.5, 124.2, 122.5, 121.6, 119.2, 111.8, 109.5, 65.9, 55.43, 55.39, 47.7, 44.8, 43.6, 37.0, 26.8. (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  553.2. Found 553.3. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $tR$ = 12.4 min).



Method G (12.5 mg, 23  $\mu$ mol, 88%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dt,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (q,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dd,  $J$  = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 6H), 3.07 – 2.93 (m, 4H), 2.58 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 6.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.3, 148.6, 147.2, 139.1, 136.4, 136.3, 131.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 123.2, 120.4, 119.3, 118.5, 116.8, 112.4, 111.8, 66.1, 55.5, 55.4, 43.84, 43.81, 37.5, 34.6. (+) calcd for  $(M+H)^+$  539.2. Found 539.4. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $tR$ = 11.1 min).



Method G (11.3 mg, 20  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 77%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.26 (ddd,  $J = 6.3, 5.3, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 5.07 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.74 (dd,  $J = 15.6, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.10 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.29 – 3.20 (overlap with HDO signal, m, 2H), 3.08 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 1H), 1.95 (dd,  $J = 11.3, 2.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.2, 155.3, 150.0, 140.0, 138.0, 135.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 123.0, 122.5, 122.4, 119.3, 65.7, 48.0, 47.0, 43.9, 37.4, 31.4, 31.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  52.31. (+) calcd for (M+H) $^+$  565.2. Found 565.4. Purity (HPLC-UV): 98% ( $t_R = 11.9$  min).



Method G (12 mg, 25  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 96%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.94 (dt,  $J = 7.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.07 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 4.3$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  162.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = -243$  Hz), 155.3, 141.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 7.6$  Hz), 138.8, 137.2, 135.5, 130.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 8.3$  Hz), 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.2, 123.5 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 2.7$  Hz), 121.9, 119.3, 117.8, 117.7, 114.1 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 21.3$  Hz), 113.7 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 21.0$  Hz), 66.0, 45.0, 43.9, 37.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -113.39. (+) calcd for (M+H) $^+$  483.1497. Found 483.1505. Purity (HPLC-UV): >99% ( $t_R = 11.4$  min).

### Methods for measurement of SpeB and papain inhibition

Recombinant SpeB was expressed in *E. coli* as described previously<sup>2,3</sup>. The inhibitory potency against SpeB and papain were measured as described previously using Ac-AIK-AMC as a substrate<sup>2,3</sup>.

### Methods for library construction

In 96 well plate, to a DMSO solution of the iminosulfur oxydifluoride derivative (20  $\mu\text{L}$ , 200  $\mu\text{M}$ , final conc. 50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) was added amine library in DMSO (20  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 mM, final conc. 250  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and PBS buffer (pH 7.4, 40  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and the reaction was shaken at 37 °C overnight. The library solution was diluted 50-fold into the buffer (1 %DMSO final concentration) and a 2-fold serial dilution was prepared for the measurement of IC<sub>50</sub>. For the 1536-well plate format, 1  $\mu\text{L}$  of PBS (pH 7.4) was added followed by difluoride solution in DMSO (1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 400  $\mu\text{M}$ , final concentration for the reaction: 200  $\mu\text{M}$ ). The amine library in DMSO was subsequently dispensed using Echo 555 Liquid Handler (100 nL, 20 mM, final concentration for the reaction: 1 mM). The plate was centrifuged, sealed, and incubated at 37 °C with a humidifier overnight. Inhibitory potency was measured in a similar manner as the 96-well format, with the total volume of 6  $\mu\text{L}$ . Both for 96 well format and 1536 well format, amine library alone in PBS+DMSO (without difluoride) was tested and showed that the amines did not interfere with the assay or SpeB activity at the condition used (Figure S1).

### Nano differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF)

Effects of molecules on thermal stability of protein was measured by differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) using the Prometheus NT.48 instrument (NanoTemper Technologies). Recombinant SpeB protein in assay buffer ([SpeB]<sub>final</sub> = 0.25 mg/mL ~16  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with different concentrations of molecule (DMSO 2% final conc.) was loaded onto nano-DSF grade standard capillaries. Thermal unfolding of the protein was analyzed in a thermal ramp from 20 to 95 °C with a heating rate of 1 °C/min. EC<sub>50</sub> values were determined by isothermal analysis as described previously<sup>4</sup>.

### Neutrophil killing assays

Group A Streptococcus (GAS)(*Streptococcus pyogenes*) strain GAS 5448 or a *SpeB* deletion mutant of the 5448 strain<sup>5</sup> was cultured in Todd-Hewitt broth (Neogen 7161D) medium for both a prior overnight and same day mid-logarithmic culture. The latter was used to inoculate 400  $\mu\text{L}$  of the incubation media which contained 198  $\mu\text{L}$  of Rosewell-Park Memorial Institute (Gibco 11835-030) medium amended with

10% Lauria-Broth (Criterion C6323), 20% (100  $\mu$ L) fresh human serum, 12.5% (50  $\mu$ L) bacterial cell culture supernatant from the mid-logarithmic cultures, and 2  $\mu$ L DMSO (vehicle control), 1  $\mu$ L DMSO with 1  $\mu$ L of 10mM compound **7** (20  $\mu$ M final conc.), or 2  $\mu$ L of 10 mM compound **7** (40  $\mu$ M final conc.) at 2 $\times$ 10 $^6$  colony forming units (CFU) ( $\sim$ OD<sub>600</sub>= 0.008) via the addition of 50  $\mu$ L of a working bacterial culture. The culture was then incubated for 30 min at 37 °C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. After the 30 min incubation 10  $\mu$ L of culture were removed for CFU enumeration. The remaining culture had 100  $\mu$ L of freshly isolated human neutrophils, prepared as previously described<sup>6</sup>, added at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 1 ( $\sim$ 2 $\times$ 10 $^6$ ), and were incubated an additional 30 min at 37 °C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Cultures were then serial diluted in molecular biology grade water (Corning 46-000-C1) to lyse the neutrophils and spot plated onto Lauria-Agar and incubated at 37°C overnight for enumeration of CFU.

### **Crystallization and x-ray data collection**

SpeB-inhibitor complex was crystallized as described previously<sup>2</sup>. Briefly, compound **5** was added in 2-fold molar excess to SpeB (10 mg/mL) and incubated for 30 min at 25 °C prior to crystallization experiments. Crystals were grown by sitting drop-vapor diffusion by mixing equal volumes (2  $\mu$ L) of the complex and reservoir solution consisting of 0.1-0.15 M Na Nitrate, 22-27% PEG 3350. X-ray data was collected on a single, flash-cooled crystal at 100 K to 2.02 Å on beamline 12.2 at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL) (Menlo Park, CA) in a cryoprotectant consisting of mother liquor and 20% glycerol. Data was processed with HKL2000<sup>7</sup> in monoclinic space group P2<sub>1</sub> (Table S6).

### **Structure solution and refinement**

All structure solutions were determined by MR with Phaser<sup>8</sup> using the previously published structure of SpeB (PDB ID: 4RKX) as the initial search model. All structures were manually built with Coot<sup>9</sup> and iteratively refined using Phenix<sup>10</sup> with cycles of conventional positional refinement with isotropic B-factor refinement. TLS B-factor refinement was carried out in the last round of refinement. Water molecules were automatically positioned by Phenix using a 2.5σ cutoff in  $f_o-f_c$  maps and manually inspected. The naïve electron density maps clearly identified that compound **5** was covalently attached to SpeB Cys192 (Figure S5). The final R<sub>cryst</sub> and R<sub>free</sub> values are 21.4% and 25.7%. The SpeB:**5** co-complex was analyzed and validated with the PDB Validation Server prior to PDB deposition. Analysis of backbone dihedral angles indicated that all residues are located in the most favorable and additionally allowed regions in the Ramachandran plot. Coordinates and structure factors have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank, [www.wwpdb.org](http://www.wwpdb.org) with accession entry 6UQD. Structure refinement statistics are shown in Table S6.

### **Analytical LC method to determine the purity of synthetic compounds**

Purity determination of synthetic compounds was performed on a Thermo Scientific Accela HPLC system using Accela 1250 pump as described previously<sup>11</sup>. The UV absorption between 190 nm and 400 nm was monitored, and the purity was determined by the peak area at 240 nm. The HPLC gradient method consisted of an aqueous phase (Milli-Q water with 0.1% formic acid) and an organic phase (acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid) with a 0.5 mL/min flow. The first step consisted of 90% aqueous and 10% organic phases for 1 min, followed by a 15-min gradient to 100% organic phase. A subsequent 3-min step of 100% organic phase was followed by a 3-min gradient to 90% aqueous and 10% organic phases.

### **Analytical method to monitor SuFEx reactions**

An UltiMate 3000 series HPLC system equipped with quaternary pumps, an online degasser, a corona charged aerosol detector (CAD, Thermo Fisher Scientific K.K., Yokohama, Japan), and an LTQ XL linear ion trap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., Waltham, MA, USA) was used for the RP-HPLC/CAD/MS to monitor reactions for library construction. Mobile phase A was Milli-Q water with 0.1% formic acid and B was acetonitrile: water =90:10 with 0.1% formic acid. The solvent gradient program was as follows: 0–10 min A/B (v/v %) 70/30 to 10/90; 10–12 min A/B (v/v %) 10/90. Flow rate was 1.2 mL/min. Molecules were separated with Accucore C18 RP HPLC column (150 mm, 4.6 mm, particle size 2.6  $\mu$ m, Thermo Scientific) at 45 °C. The CAD was used with an acquisition range of 500 pA, and an N<sub>2</sub> gas pressure of 241.3 kPa. ESI-MS was used to with positive ion mode; N<sub>2</sub> sheath gas flow rate: 30 units; Aux gas flow rate: 5 units; capillary temperature: 250 °C; source voltage: 5 kV; capillary voltage: 30 V;

tube lens voltage: 80 V. The data-dependent mode was set up with two scan events: one to collect the full mass spectrum of all the ions in the sample (MS range  $m/z$ : 50–2000), and the other to collect the tandem MS ( $MS^2$ ) spectra of the most intense ions at each time point from the MS spectrum in the scan event. The dynamic exclusion setting was as follows: the repeat count for each ion was set to three, with a report duration of 10 s, an exclusion list size of 30, and exclusion duration of 30 s. The collision-induced dissociation was conducted with a normalized collision energy of 35.

**Table S1.** Preliminary structure-activity relationships of compound 1.

Compound #	R	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μM)
Compound 1		14
Z-GLYCINE amide		>400
Sk061-47-A		>400
Wang 2	H	>400
Wang 6		>400
sk061-81 L (=S)		1.8
Sk061-85D (=R)		>100
sk099-3o		0.38
sk064-21-2 NO <sub>2</sub>		0.19
sk099-3p		4.0

<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using a fluorescence assay against SpeB. <sup>b</sup>[rSpeB] = 20 nM. Reported IC<sub>50</sub> values are the average of triplicates with at least two datum points above and at least two below the IC<sub>50</sub>. The fluorescent-based assay as performed here has a standard error between 10% and 20%, suggesting that differences of two-fold or greater are significant.

**Table S1.** Continued. Preliminary structure-activity relationships of compound 1.

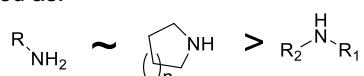
Compound #	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μM)
sk061-120-1	8.1
Sk064-91	2.7
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Sk064-88	0.91
Compound 4 Sk064-96-1875	2.7
Compound 3 Sk064-96-1866	1.6

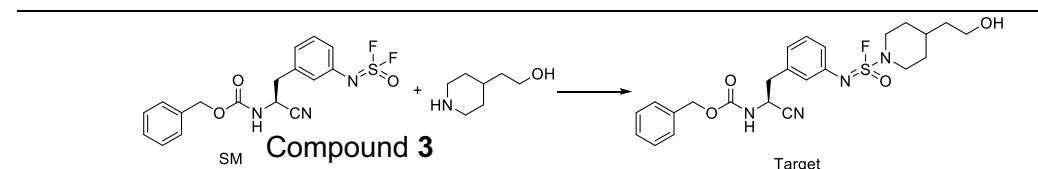
<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using a fluorescence assay against SpeB. Mean ± SD values from at least two independent experiments performed in duplicate are shown. <sup>b</sup>[rSpeB] = 20 nM. Reported IC<sub>50</sub> values are the average of triplicates with at least two datum points above and at least two below the IC<sub>50</sub>. The fluorescent-based assay as performed here has a standard error between 10% and 20%, suggesting that differences of two-fold or greater are significant.

**Table S2.** Scope of SuFEx reactions in the HT library synthesis. Reaction between compound **4** (100  $\mu$ M) and representative amines (500  $\mu$ M) was monitored using LC-CAD-MS<sup>n</sup>. The chromatograms are shown in supporting data.

amine	Product %	Aniline %	Target conc*	Aniline conc*
	71	24	76	26
	73	18	82	18
	77	12	108	15
	73	14	73	14
	64	28	57	28
	64	20	76	27
	79	18	99	21
	80	15	105	19
	40	39	37	48
	77	14	96	19
	73	19	71	18
	49	30	101	15
	67	12	95	18
	40	56	35	61
	37	31	45	49
	49	30	52	36
	58	6	134	8
	64	18	133	24
	63	25	98	28
	60	21	106	27
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	36	30	41	24
	4	85	3	83
	0	81	0	75

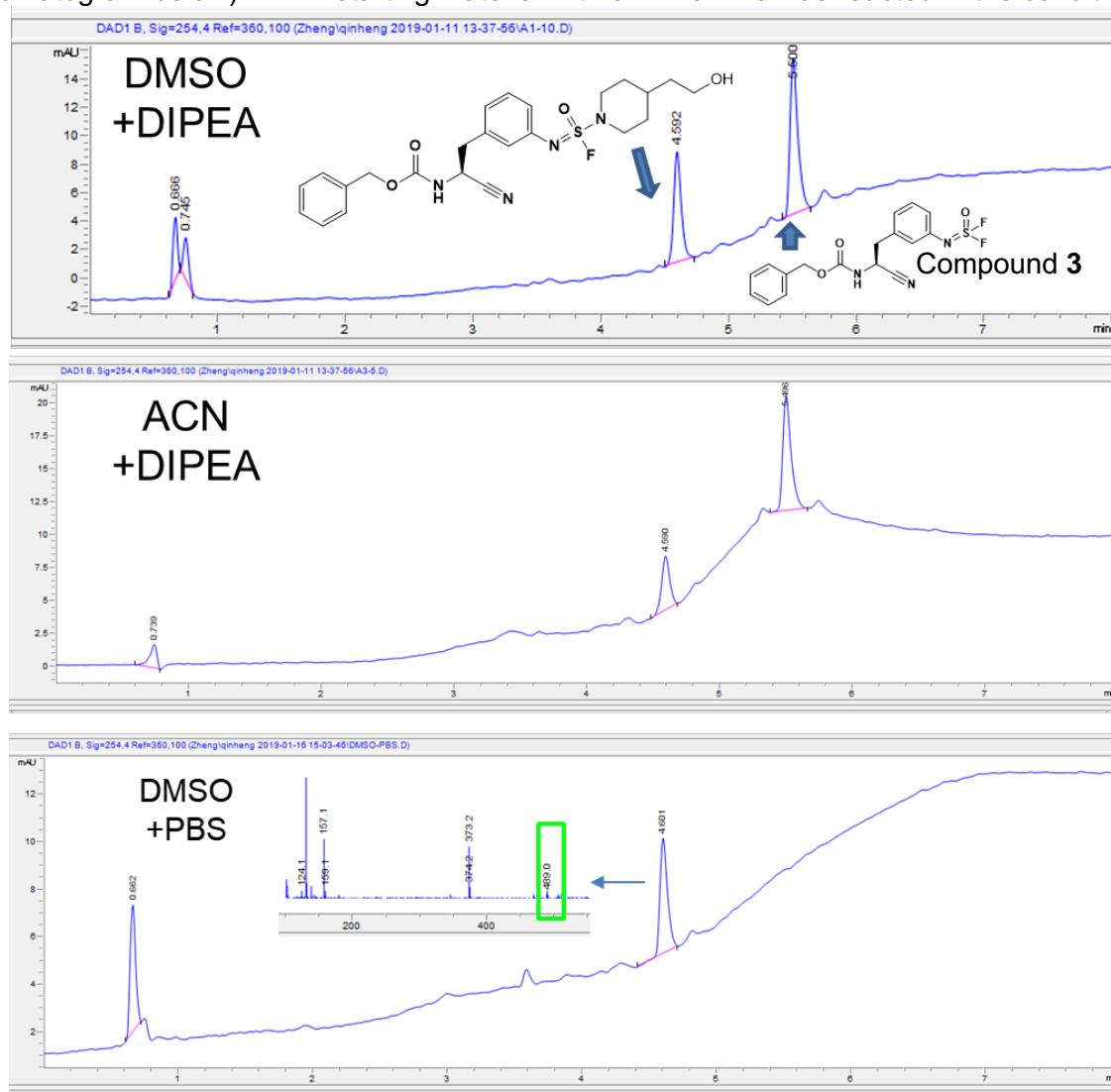
\*Concentration ( $\mu$ M) was estimated based on a standard curve of representative molecules shown in Supporting data LC-CAD. The hydrolyzed product 3-aminobenzyl (S)-(1-cyano-2-phenylethyl)carbamate is labeled “Aniline” in the table. The general trend of the reactivity of amines are summarized as:



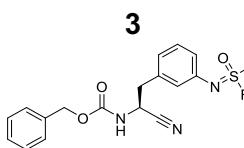
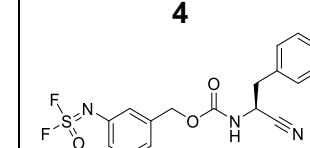
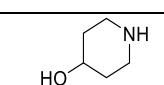
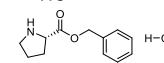
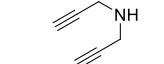
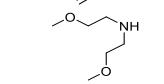
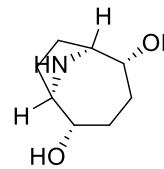
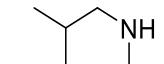
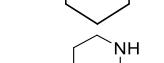
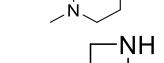
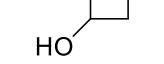
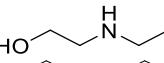
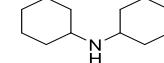
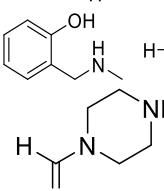
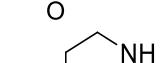
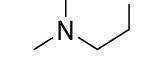
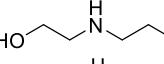
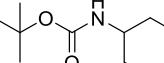
**Table S3.** PBS improves the yield of SuFEx reaction.

Entry#	Solvent	Base/buffer	Temp	Time	Target	SM
1	DMSO	DIPEA 5 eq.	RT	12 h	41%	59 %
2	ACN	DIPEA 5 eq.	RT	12 h	32 %	68 %
3	DMSO	PBS pH7.4	RT	12 h	100 %	0 %
4	DMSO	PBS pH7.4	37°C	12 h	100 %	0 %

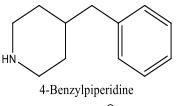
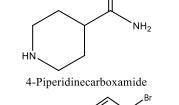
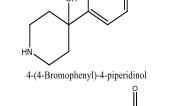
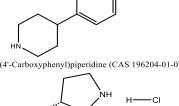
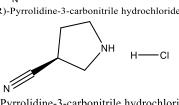
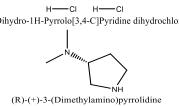
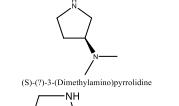
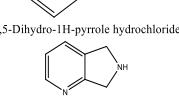
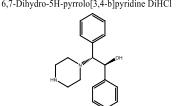
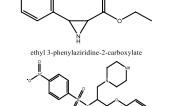
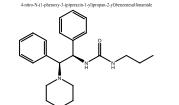
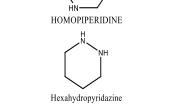
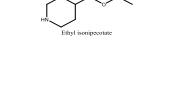
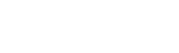
Conversion and starting material (SM) % were determined by LC-UV-MS detecting at wavelength at 254 nm (chromatogram below). 1 mM starting material with 5 mM amine was reacted in the condition.



**Table S4.** Secondary amine library information and their estimated potency in the screening based on a sparse 4-point dose-response curve.

CAS #	Structure	MW				
			% inhibition at 250 nM	Estimated IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> (nM)	% inhibition at 2 μM	Estimated IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> (nM)
5382-16-1		101	78	46	66	136
16652-71-4		241.7	69	152	49	318
36520-39-5		93.56	76	43	55	180
6921-28-4		93.13	48	185	29	724
111-95-5		133	48	284	28	857
2408608-99-9		157	71	154	43	451
626-56-2		99.18	51	243	31	600
109-01-3		100.16	54	160	40	346
18621-18-6		109.56	72	60	59	135
16369-21-4		103.17	45	441	15	1600
101-83-7		181	39	423	24	1050
60399-02-2		173.64	78	133	59	256
7755-92-2		114.15	68	217	56	296
109-01-3		100	58	218	41	341
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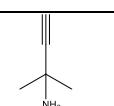
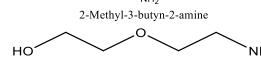
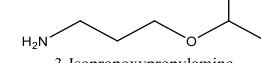
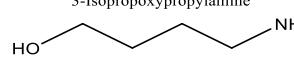
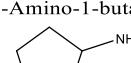
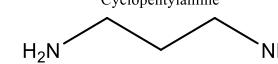
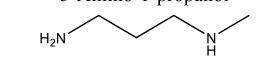
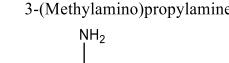
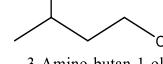
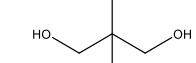
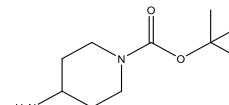
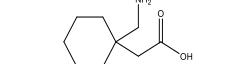
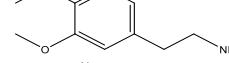
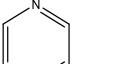
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344-25-2		115	50	410	38	565
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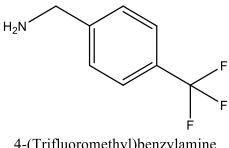
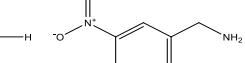
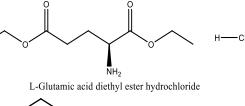
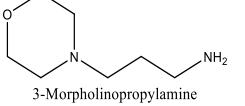
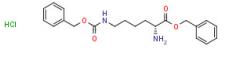
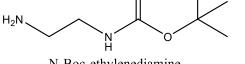
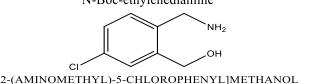
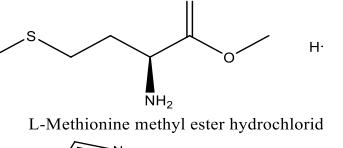
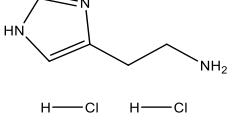
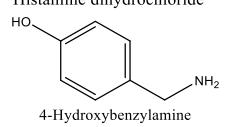
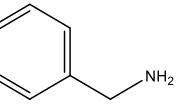
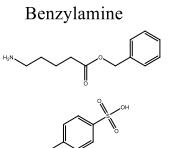
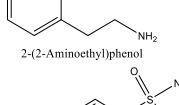
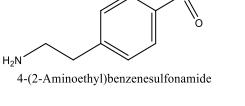
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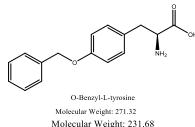
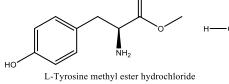
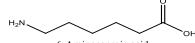
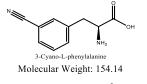
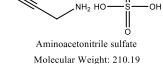
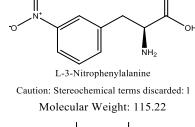
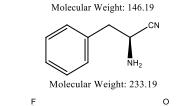
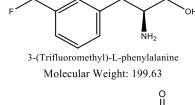
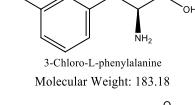
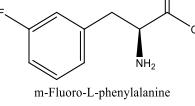
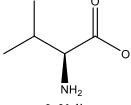
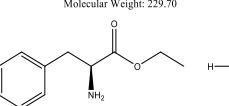
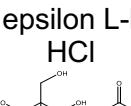
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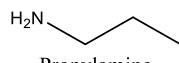
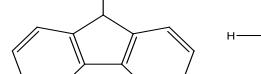
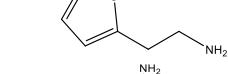
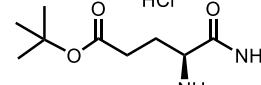
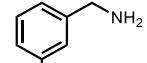
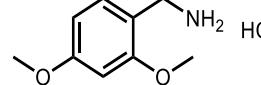
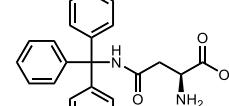
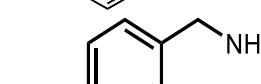
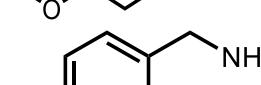
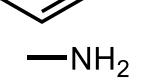
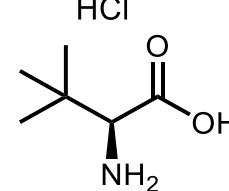
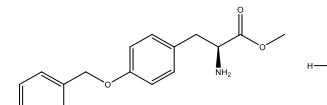
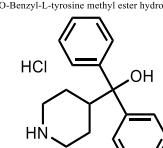
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**Table S5.** Primary amine library information and their estimated potency in the screening based on a sparse 4-point dose-response curve.

CAS	Structure	MW	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			Inhibition % at 250 nM	% inhibition at 2 μM
2978-58-7		83	23	41
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109-76-2		74.12	38	42
109-73-9		73	18	41
156-87-6		75	33	44
6291-84-5		88	29	60
2867-59-6		89	22	46
115-70-8		119	20	43
87120-72-7		200	24	47
60142-96-3		171	21	55
120-20-7		181	64	51
3731-52-0		108	35	53

3300-51-4		175	26	48
26177-43-5		189	40	81
1118-89-4		240	21	45
123-00-2		144	34	47
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57260-73-8		160	38	44
439117-39-2		172	44	74
2491-18-1		200	19	44
56-92-8		184	37	47
696-60-6		123	59	65
100-46-9		107	56	64
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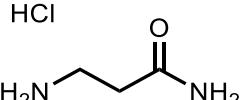
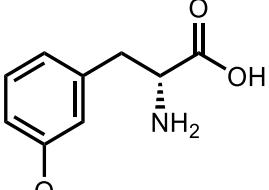
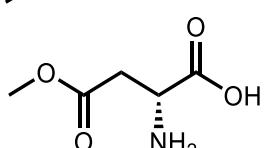
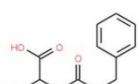
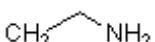
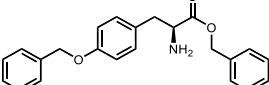
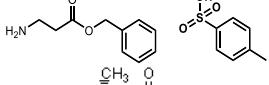
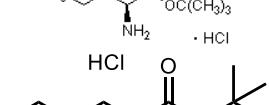
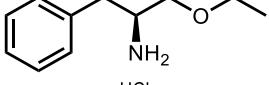
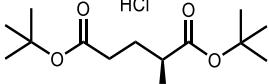
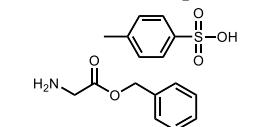
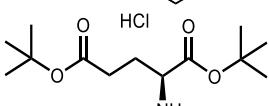
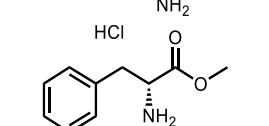
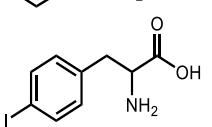
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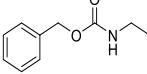
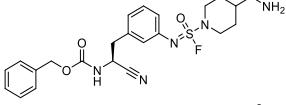
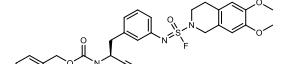
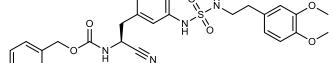
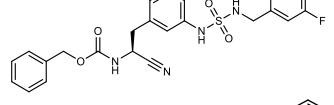
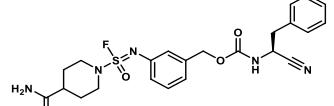
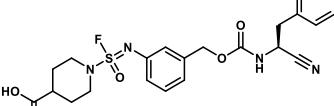
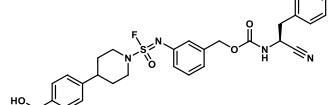
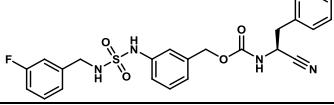
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14173-41-2		291	25	44

2791-84-6		500	25	47
63594-37-6		393	23	54
5854-78-4		231	23	44
23239-35-2		179	24	43
632-12-2		105	22	63
7389-87-9		242	22	50
04-12-5004		216	22	44
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687-69-4		146	22	44
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163061-73-2		149	21	46
107-95-9		89	21	55
5036-48-6		125	41	50
108-91-8		99	28	55
768-94-5		151	29	49

**Table S6.** Structure-activity relationships of selected purified analogs.

#	Structure	SpeB IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	cLogP <sup>b</sup>	LiPE <sup>c</sup>	MW	Solubility <sup>d</sup> (μM)
1		14,000 <sup>a</sup>	0.94	3.9	190	>100
Sk064-119-2		29	1.36	6.0	488	25-50
sk064-149-D		53	4.32	2.96	553	ND
sk064-150-G		71	3.61	3.54	539	25-50
sk064-150-H		71	3.77	3.15	483	25-50
sk064-142-1		93	1.36	5.67	488	12.5-25
sk064-142-2		93	2.28	4.77	489	>100
sk064-142-3		110	4.95	2.03	565	ND
sk064-143-3		380	3.77	2.50	483	6.25-12.5

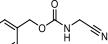
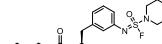
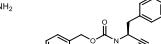
IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using a fluorescence assay against SpeB. [rSpeB] = 20 nM. Reported IC<sub>50</sub> values are the average of triplicates of an 11-point concentration curve with at least two datum points above and at least two below the IC<sub>50</sub>. The fluorescent-based assay as performed here has a standard error between 10% and 20%, suggesting that differences of two-fold or greater are significant. <sup>a</sup>From Wang et al. <sup>b</sup>Predicted value using Chembiodraw Ultra 17.1. <sup>c</sup>LiPE = pIC<sub>50</sub> – cLogP. <sup>d</sup>Solubility was measured using a method described previously<sup>12, 13</sup>. <sup>e</sup>Microsomal stability and cellular toxicity was measured using a method as described previously<sup>11</sup>.

**Table S7.** SpeB in complex with compound **5** x-ray data processing and structure refinement statistics.

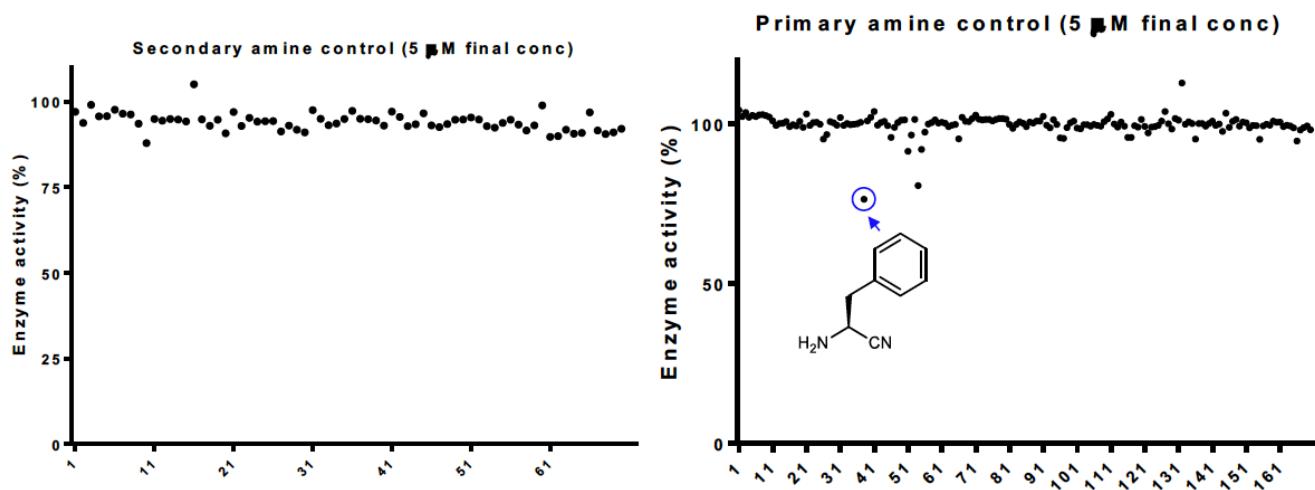
Compound 5	
PDB ID	6UQD
Wavelength (Å)	0.97946
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>
Unit Cell Parameters (a,b,c) (Å)	45.62,115.52,50.27
( $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ ) (°)	90.0,112.6,90.0
Data Processing	
Resolution range (Å) (outer shell)	43.07-2.02 (2.05-2.02)
Unique reflections	29,212 (1,464)
Completeness (%)	94.5 (93.1)
Redundancy	2.6 (2.5)
R <sub>meas</sub> (%) <sup>a</sup>	23.6 (78.6)
R <sub>merge</sub> (%) <sup>b</sup>	18.2 (54.4)
R <sub>p.i.m.</sub> (%) <sup>c</sup>	13.6 (45.6)
Average I/σ(I)	7.2 (2.1)
Wilson B (Å <sup>2</sup> )	10.6
Refinement	
Resolution range (Å)	43.07-2.02 (2.09-2.02)
No. reflections (test set) <sup>d</sup>	29,181 (1,384)
R <sub>cryst</sub> (%) <sup>e</sup>	21.4 (27.3)
R <sub>free</sub> (%)	25.7 (34.1)
Protein atoms / waters / ligands	3867 / 385 / 68
CV coordinate error (Å) <sup>f</sup>	0.25
Rmsd bonds (Å) / angles (°)	0.021 / 0.55
B-values protein/waters/ligands (Å <sup>2</sup> )	13.6 / 23.8 / 32.1
Ramachandran Statistics (%)	
Most favored	98.8
Additional allowed	1.2
Generously allowed	0.0

<sup>a</sup>R<sub>meas</sub> = { $\sum_{hkl} [N/(N-1)] 1/2 \sum_i |I_{i(hkl)} - \langle I_{(hkl)} \rangle| / \sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_{i(hkl)}$ }, where I<sub>i(hkl)</sub> are the observed intensities,  $\langle I_{(hkl)} \rangle$  are the average intensities and N is the multiplicity of reflection hkl. <sup>b</sup>R<sub>merge</sub> =  $\sum_{hkl} \sum_i |I_{i(hkl)} - \langle I_{(hkl)} \rangle| / \sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_{i(hkl)}$  where I<sub>i(hkl)</sub> is the i<sup>th</sup> measurement of reflection h and  $\langle I_{(hkl)} \rangle$  is the average measurement value. <sup>c</sup>R<sub>p.i.m.</sub> (precision-indicating R<sub>merge</sub>) =  $\sum_{hkl} [1/(N_{hkl}-1)]^{1/2} \sum_i |I_{i(hkl)} - \langle I_{(hkl)} \rangle| / \sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_{i(hkl)}$ . <sup>d</sup>Reflections with I > 0 were used for refinement (Weiss & Hilgenfeld, 1997; Weiss, 2001; Karplus & Diederichs, 2015). <sup>e</sup>R<sub>cryst</sub> =  $\sum_h |F_{obs} - F_{calc}| / \sum |F_{obs}|$ , where F<sub>obs</sub> and F<sub>calc</sub> are the calculated and observed structure factor amplitudes, respectively. R<sub>free</sub> is R<sub>cryst</sub> with 5.0% test set structure factors. <sup>f</sup>Cross-validated (CV) Luzzati coordinate errors.

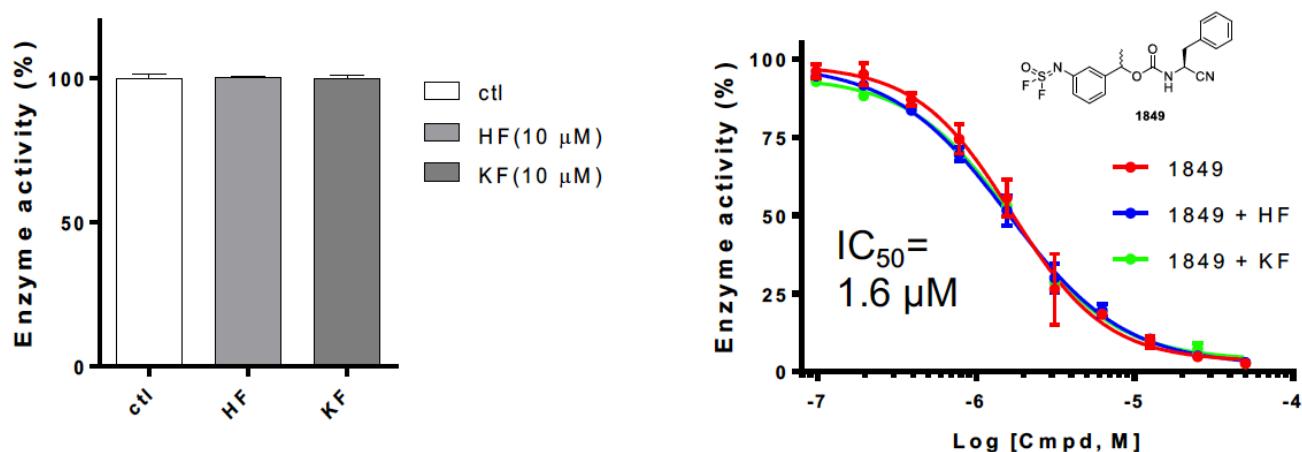
**Table S8.** Key parameters of selected inhibitors.

#	<b>1</b> (Hit)	<b>5</b> (119-2)	<b>6</b> (sk064-150H)	<b>7</b> (sk064-142-2)
				
MW	190	488	483	489
SpeB IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	14,000 <sup>a</sup>	29 ± 4 <i>K<sub>i</sub></i> =18 ± 1	71 ± 7	93 ± 10 <i>K<sub>i</sub></i> = 67 ± 3
cLogP	0.94	1.36	3.77	2.28
Papain IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>	77 <sup>a</sup>	31	-	10
Caspase 3 IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	-	>100	-	>100
Solubility (μM)	>100	25-50	25-50	>100
Human liver microsomal stability <i>t</i> <sub>1/2</sub> (min) <sup>e</sup>	-	13.1	8.9	118
% remaining after 40 min incubation	-	12%	2%	79%
% remaining after 40 min incubation without cofactor	-	94%	105%	79%
Cellular toxicity (Jurkat cells) <sup>e</sup>	-	40% growth inhibition at 20 μM	Not cytotoxic at 20 μM	Not cytotoxic at 20 μM

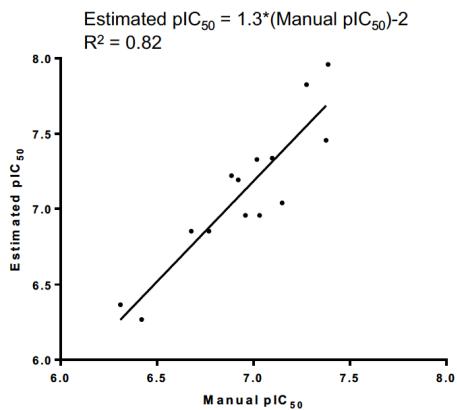
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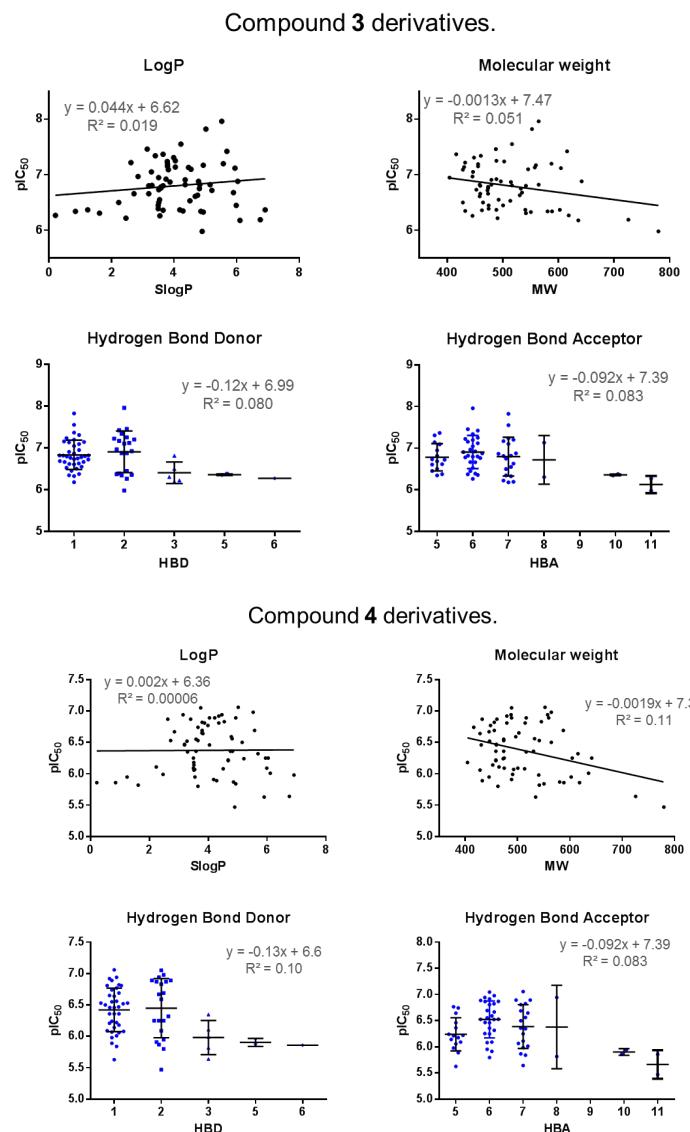
**Figure S1.** Inhibitory potency of amines on SpeB enzyme activity. Most amines did not show inhibition at final concentration at 5  $\mu$ M. The highest inhibition was observed with an amine which is a building block of compound **2** (structure shown in the figure).



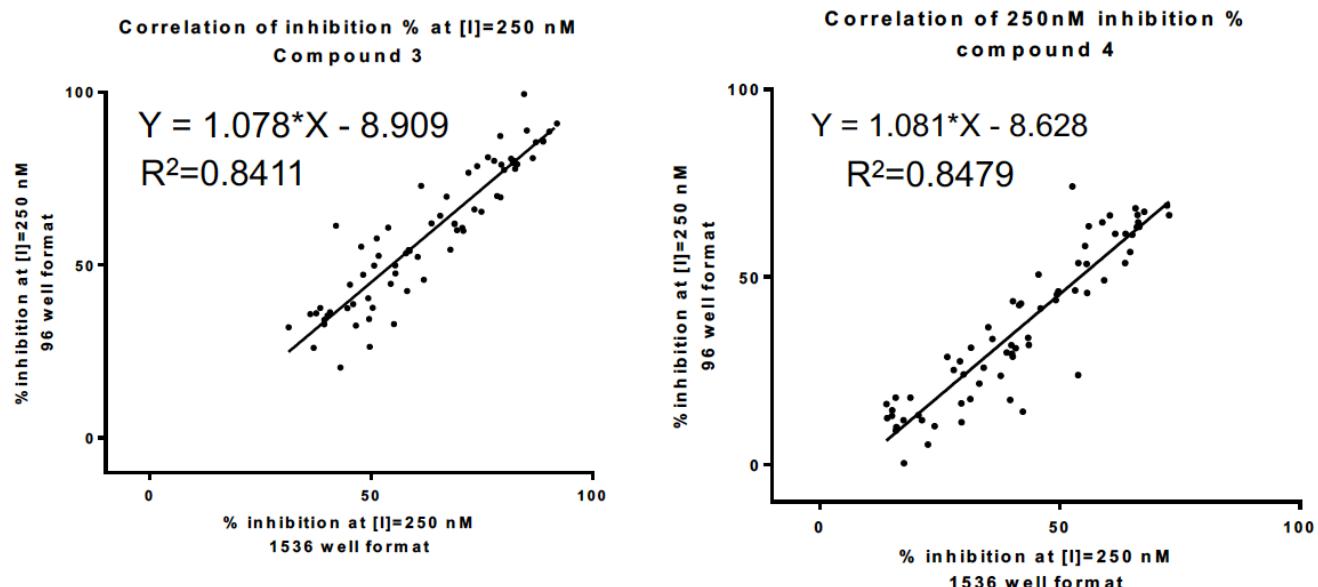
**Figure S2.** Effects of fluoride ion on SpeB enzyme activity and inhibitor potency. (a) Enzyme activity does not change in the presence of fluoride ion (10  $\mu$ M). (b) Inhibitor potency does not change in the presence of fluoride ion (10  $\mu$ M).



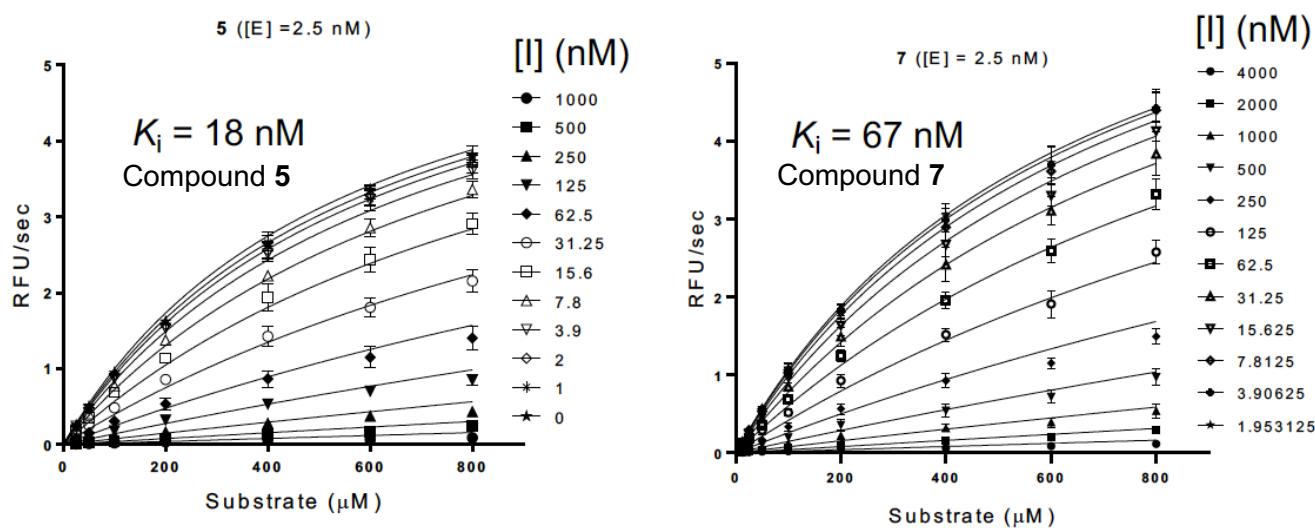
**Figure S3.** Correlation of  $pIC_{50}$  estimated by the measurement of inhibitory potency of reaction mixture vs. manual measurement of  $pIC_{50}$  of pure compounds.



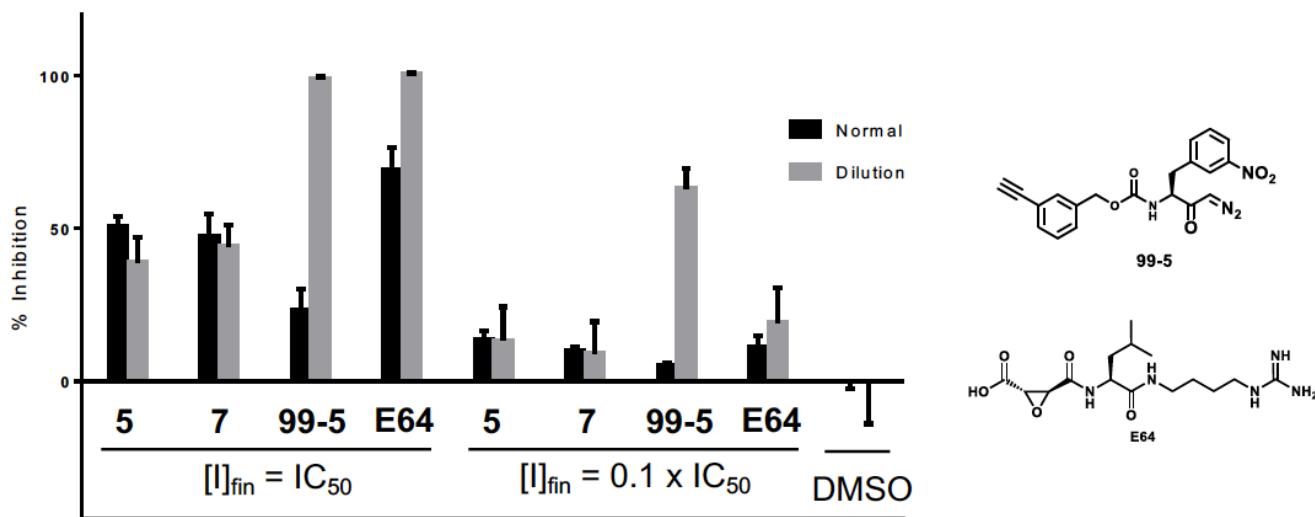
**Figure S4.** Correlation between inhibitory potency and physicochemical properties.



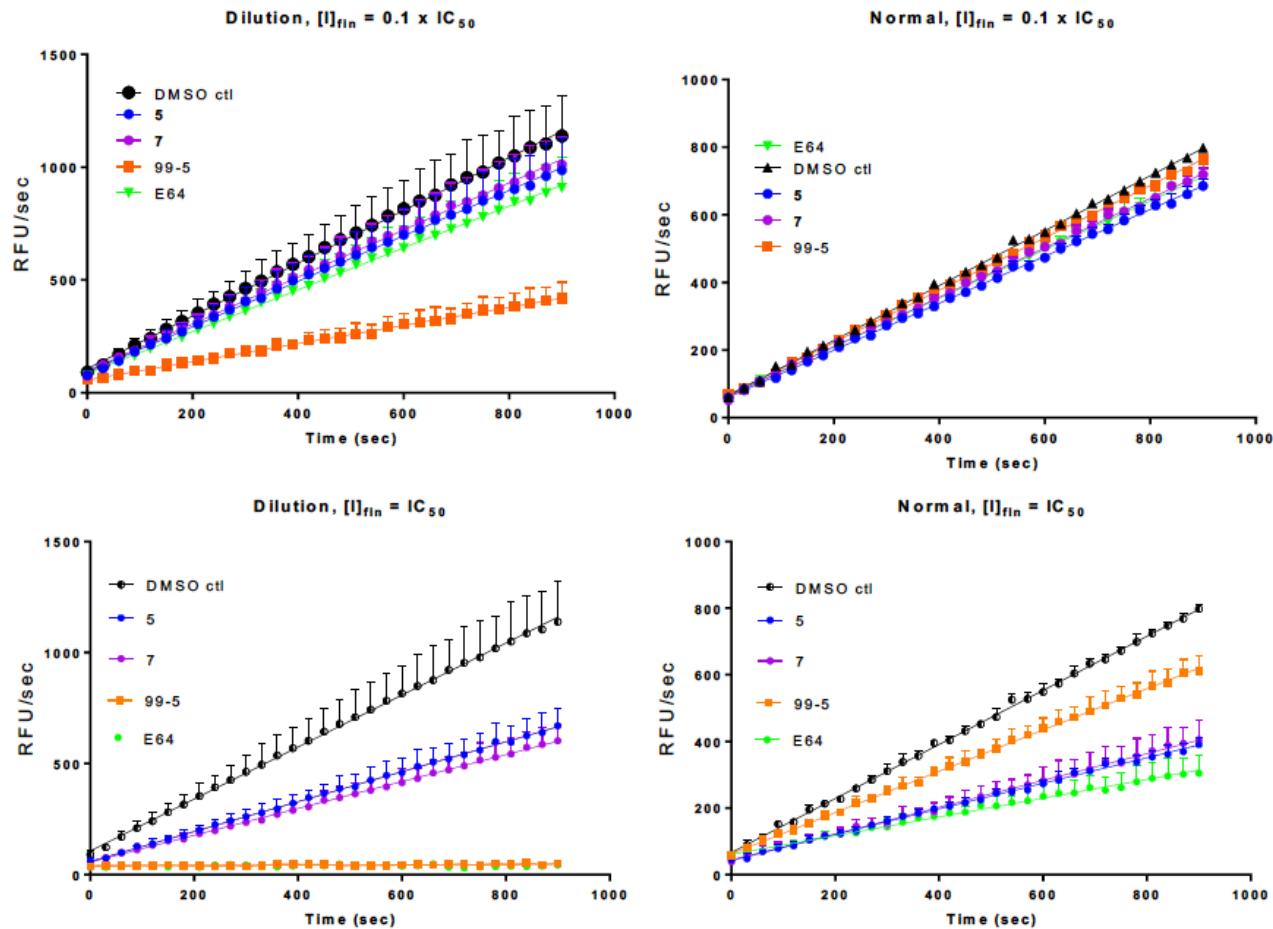
**Figure S5.** Additional correlation of pIC<sub>50</sub> between picomole scale synthesis vs. 96 well plate synthesis.



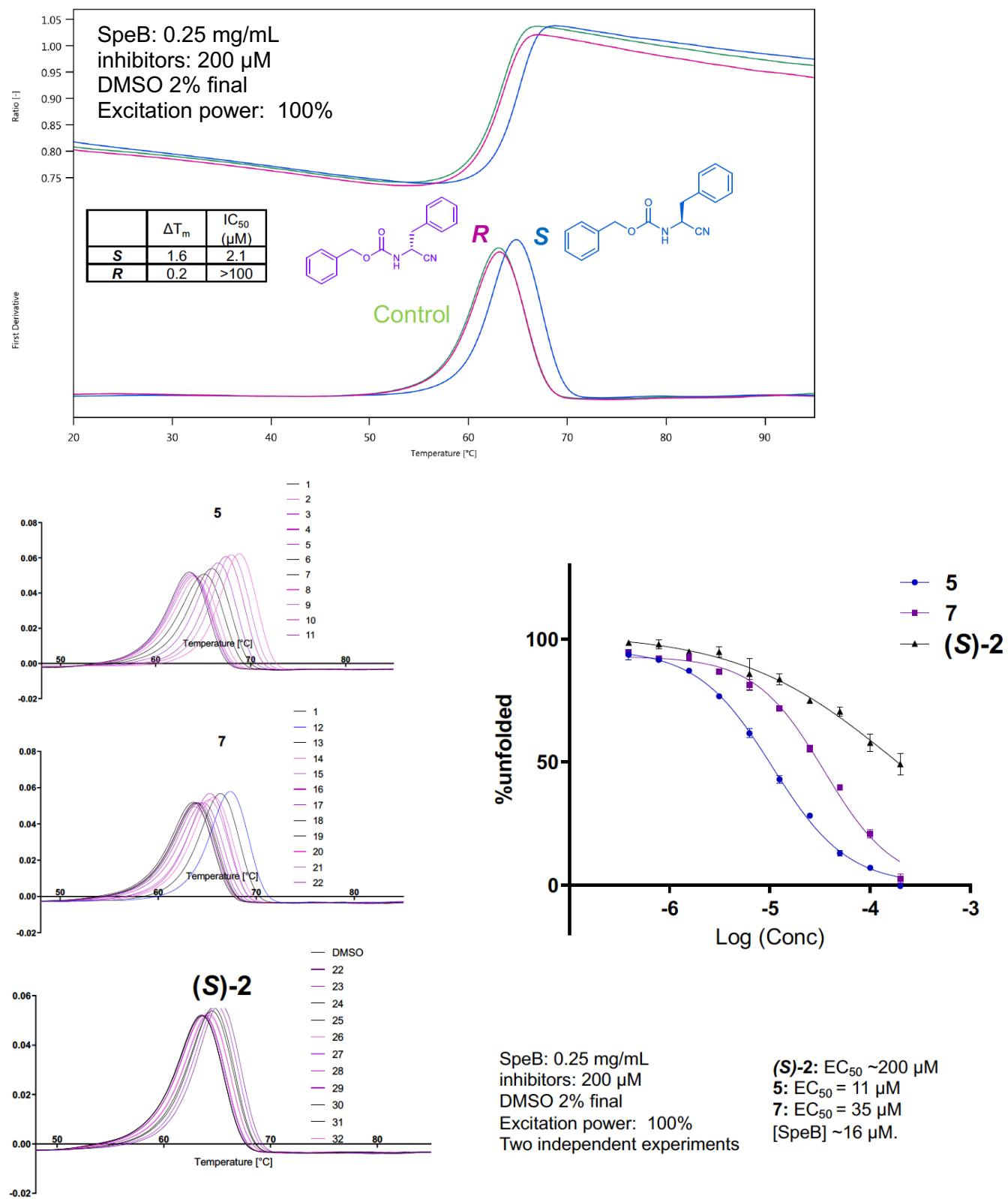
**Figure S6.**  $K_i$  determination of compounds 5 and 7 against SpeB. Enzyme activity was measured as described in the method section. Mean  $\pm$  SD values of three independent experiments are shown. [Recombinant SpeB] = 2.5 nM. Nonlinear fitting to competitive inhibition model gave  $K_i = 18 \pm 1 \text{ nM}$  with  $R^2 = 0.99$  (cmpd 5) or  $K_i = 67 \pm 3 \text{ nM}$  with  $R^2 = 0.99$  (cmpd 7).

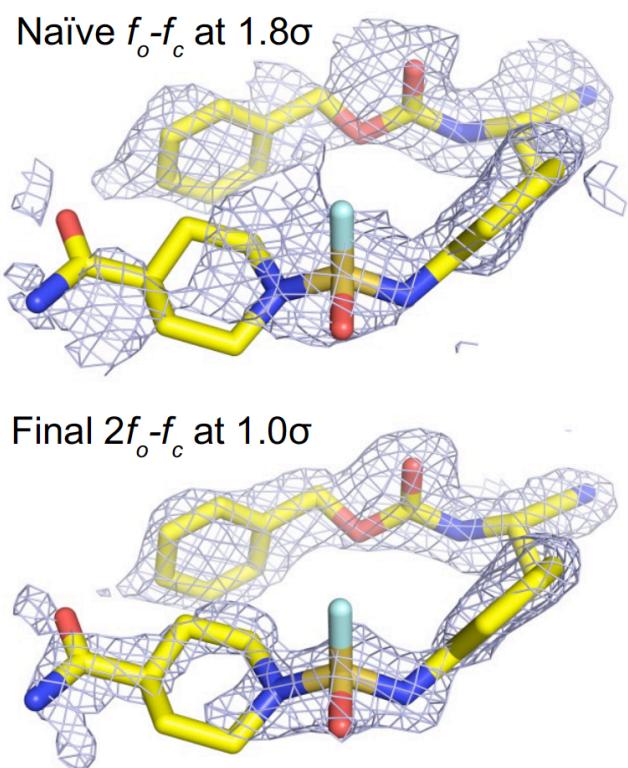


**Figure S7.** Compounds 5 & 7 are reversible inhibitors. Reversibility of the inhibitor binding was assessed using dilution assay as described previously (Copeland, Evaluation of Enzyme Inhibitors in Drug Discovery 2005). Cmpds 99-5 (SpeB-specific covalent inhibitor, publication in preparation) and E64 (general covalent cysteine protease inhibitor) were used as positive controls. Inhibitors ( $[I] = IC_{50} \times 200$  or  $\times 20$ ) and SpeB ( $[E] = 4 \mu\text{M}$ ) were incubated for 20 min, then diluted 100-fold into buffer. The enzyme activity of the diluted sample was measured ( $[I]_{fin} = IC_{50} \times 1$  or  $\times 0.1$ ) and the enzyme inhibition was compared between the dilution condition and normal enzyme assay condition. Mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n=4$ ) values are shown.  $[I]_{fin}$  for each compounds are: 40 or 4 nM (5), 90 or 9 nM (7), 1,000 or 100 nM (99-5), 100 or 10 nM (E64), respectively. Compound 99-5 has IC<sub>50</sub> at 1.6 μM against SpeB with 10 min incubation. Raw data are shown in the next figure.

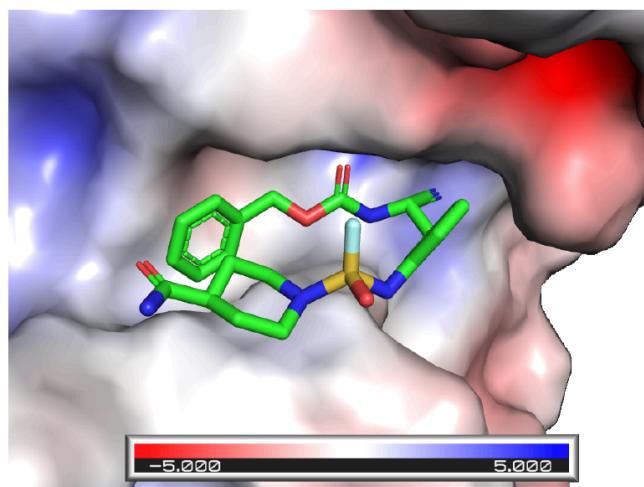


**Figure S7.** (continued) Compounds **5** & **7** are reversible inhibitors.

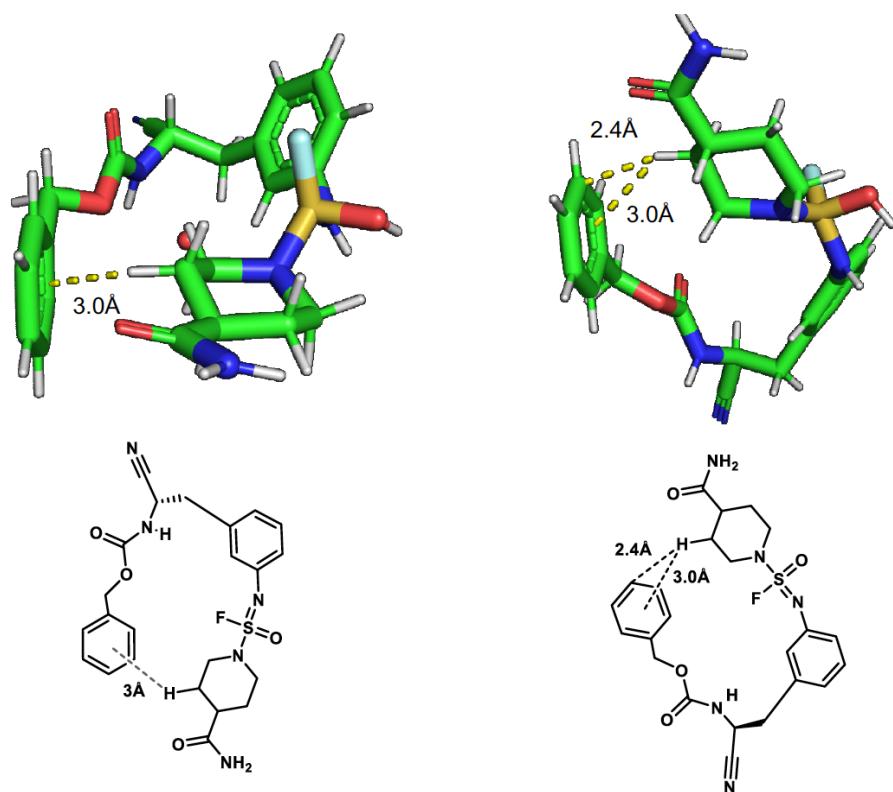
**Figure S8.** Differential scanning fluorimetry melting curves.



Electrostatic potential surface of compound 5 and SpeB complex



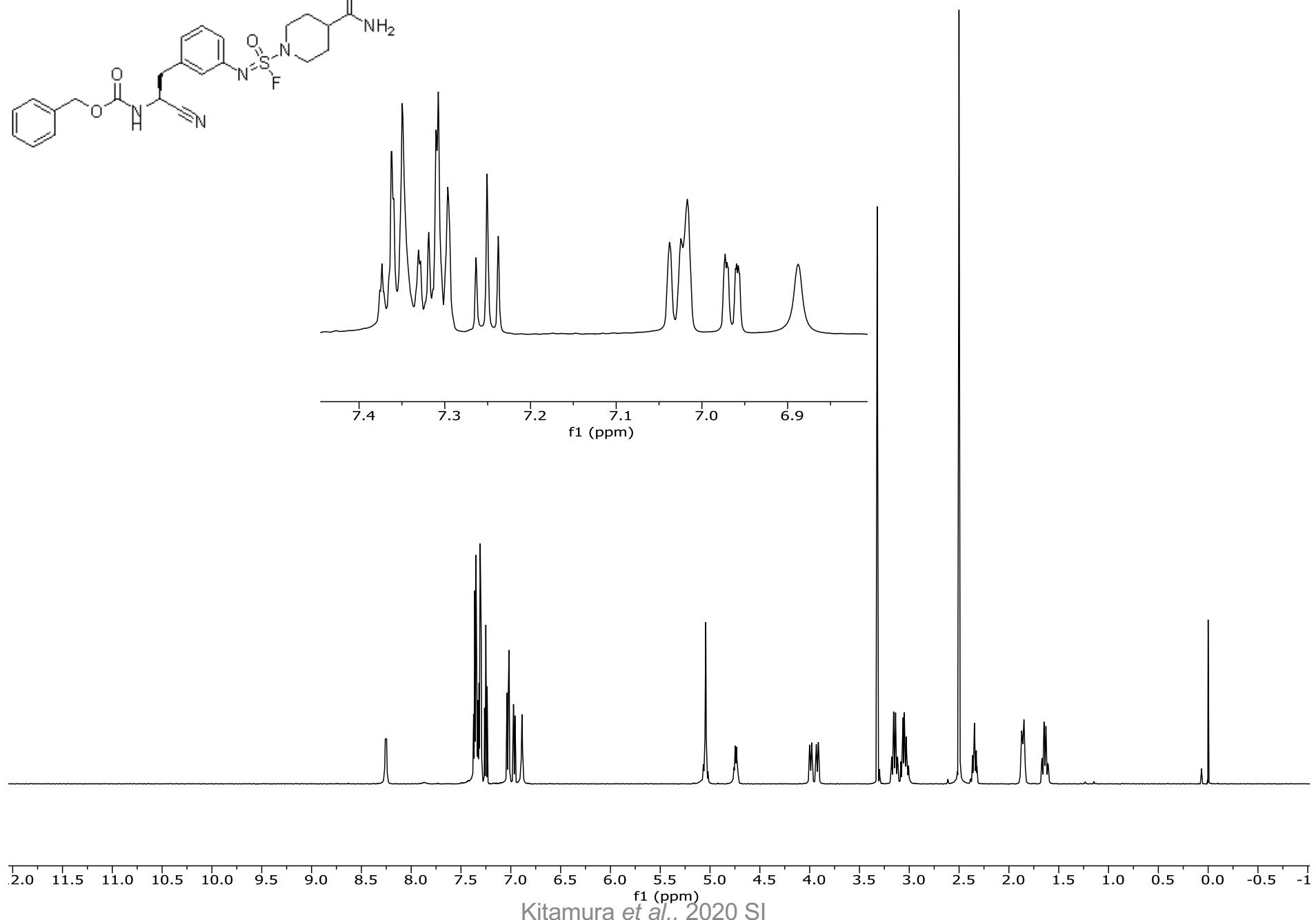
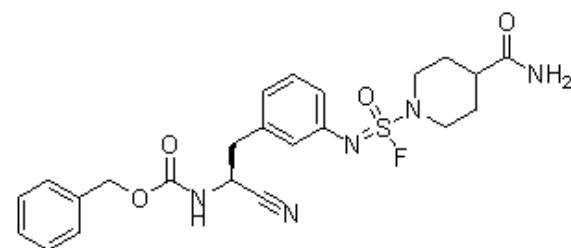
**Figure S9.** X-ray structure of compound 5-SpeB complex.

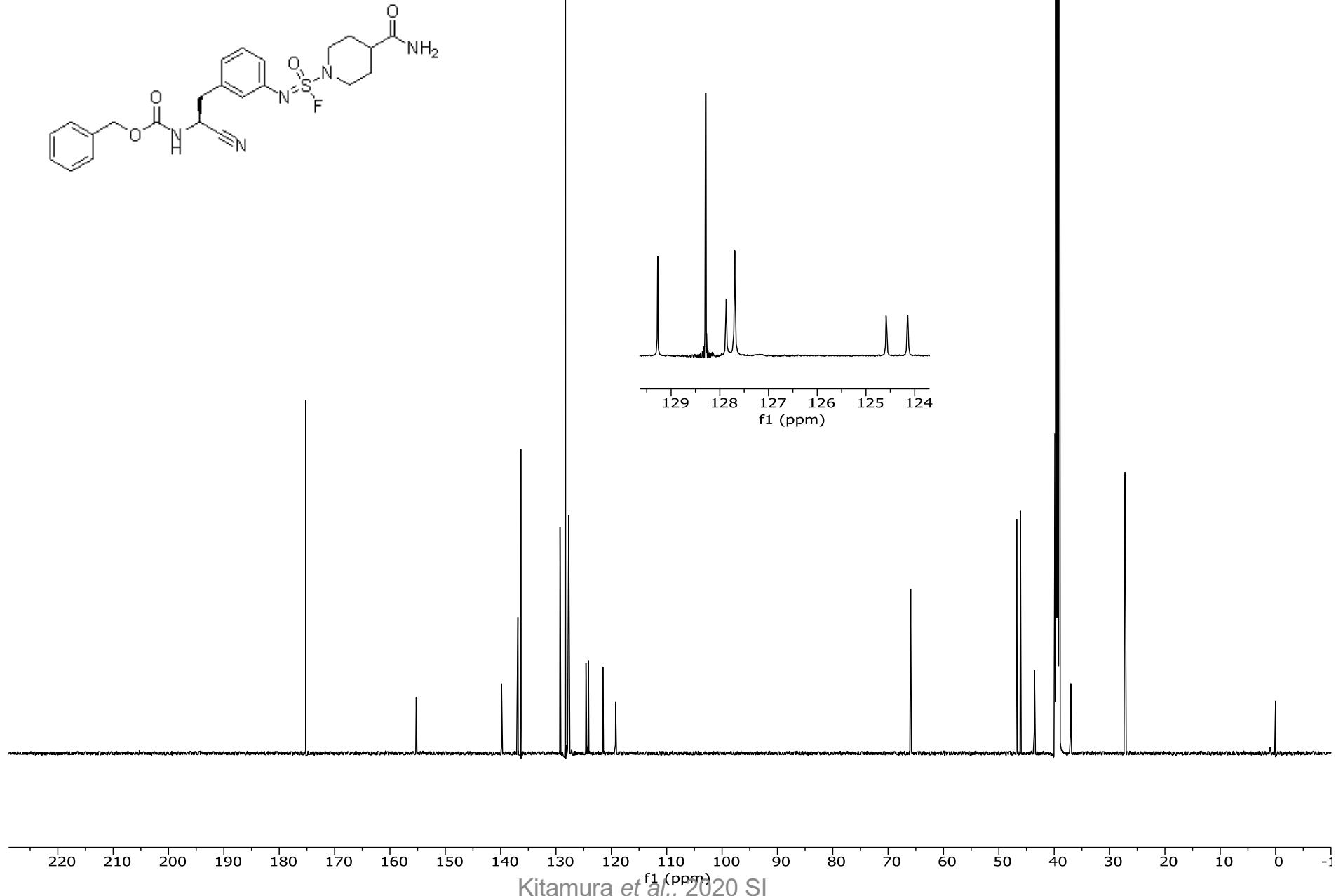


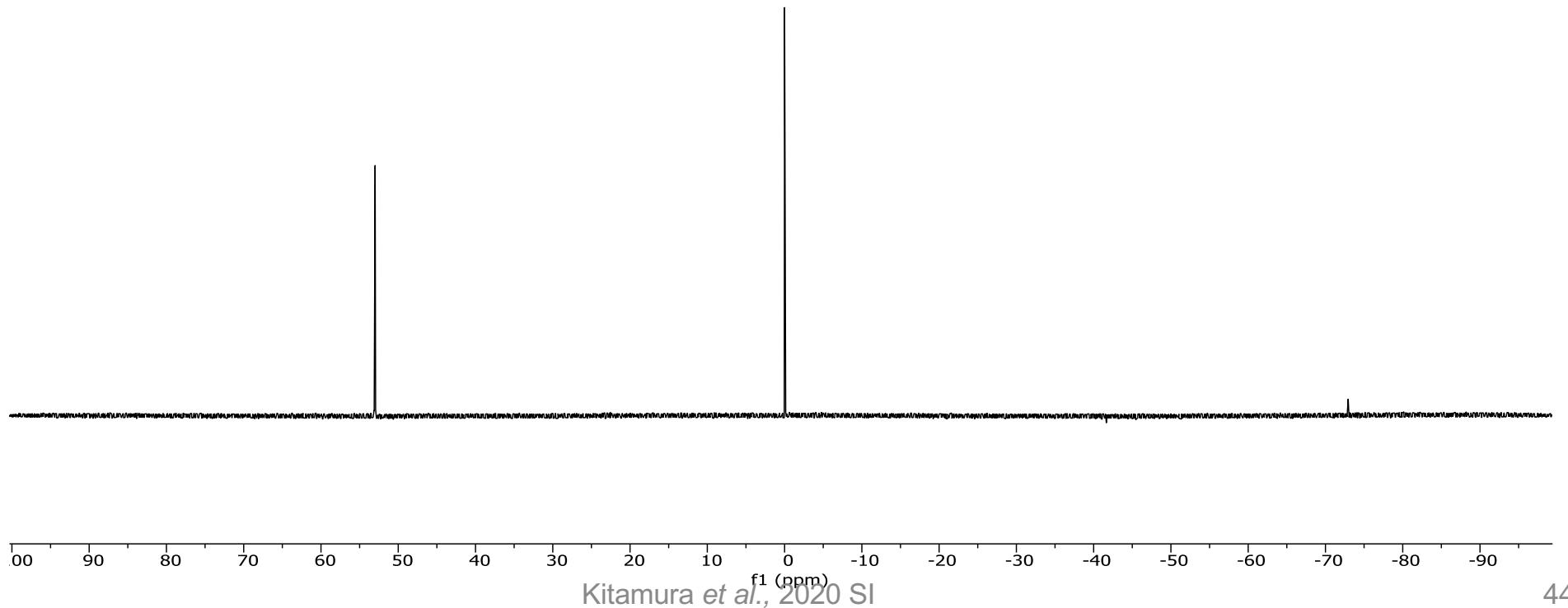
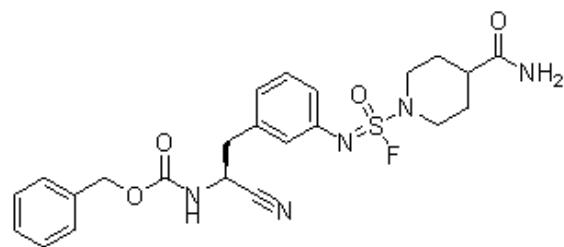
**Figure S10.** Intramolecular CH- $\pi$  interaction between piperidine and benzyl moiety of compound 5 bound to SpeB.

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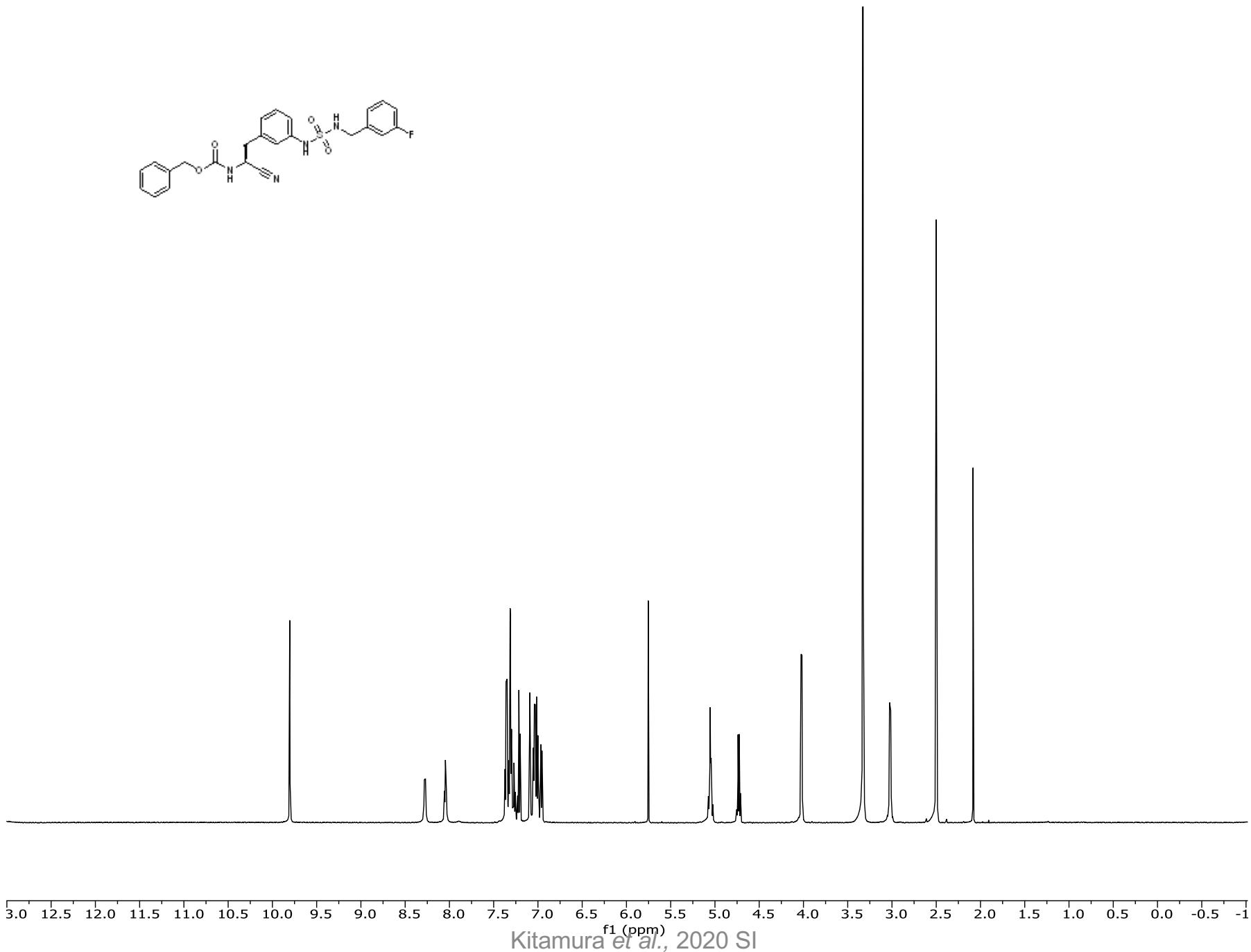
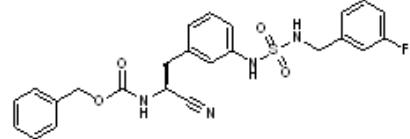
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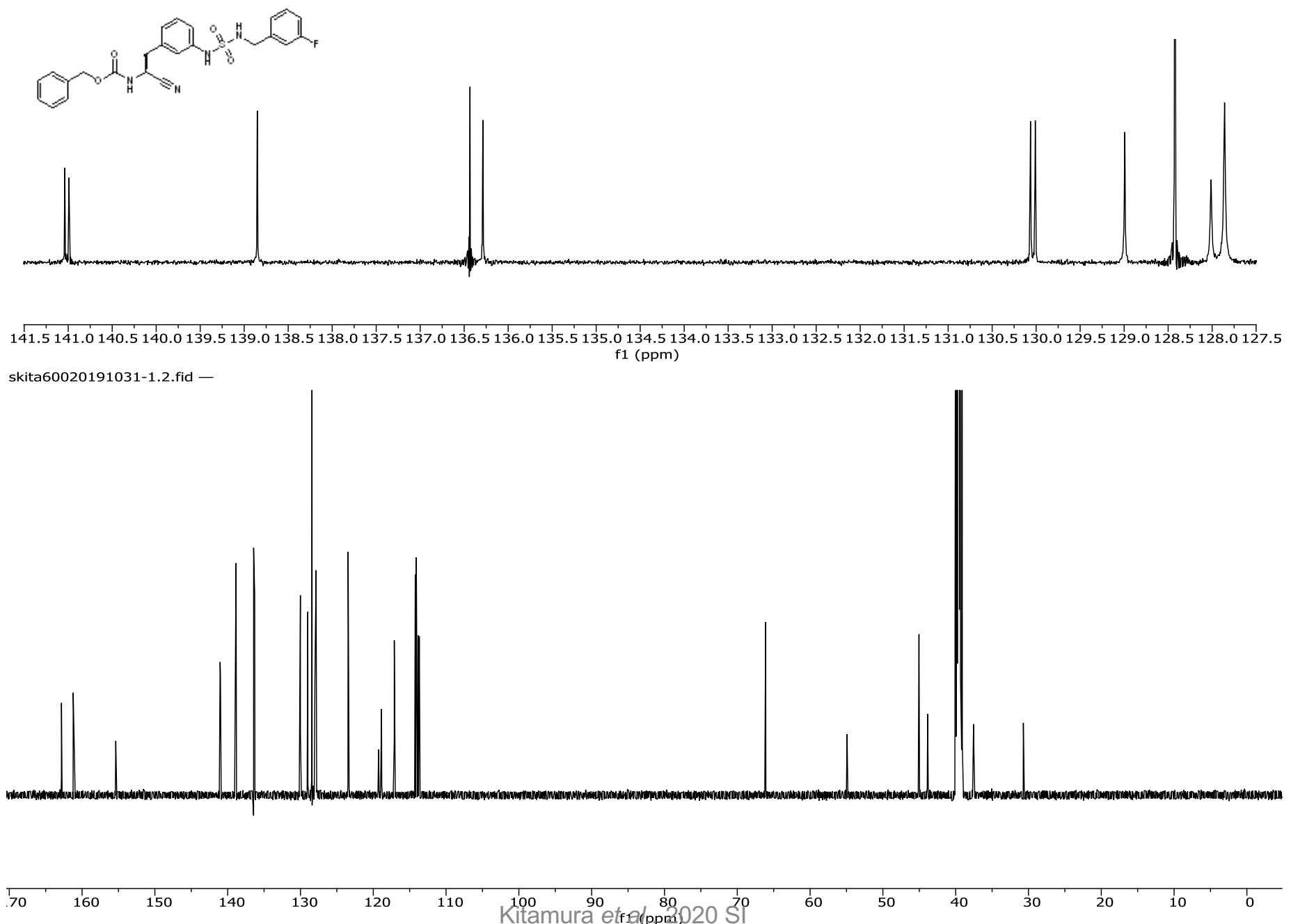
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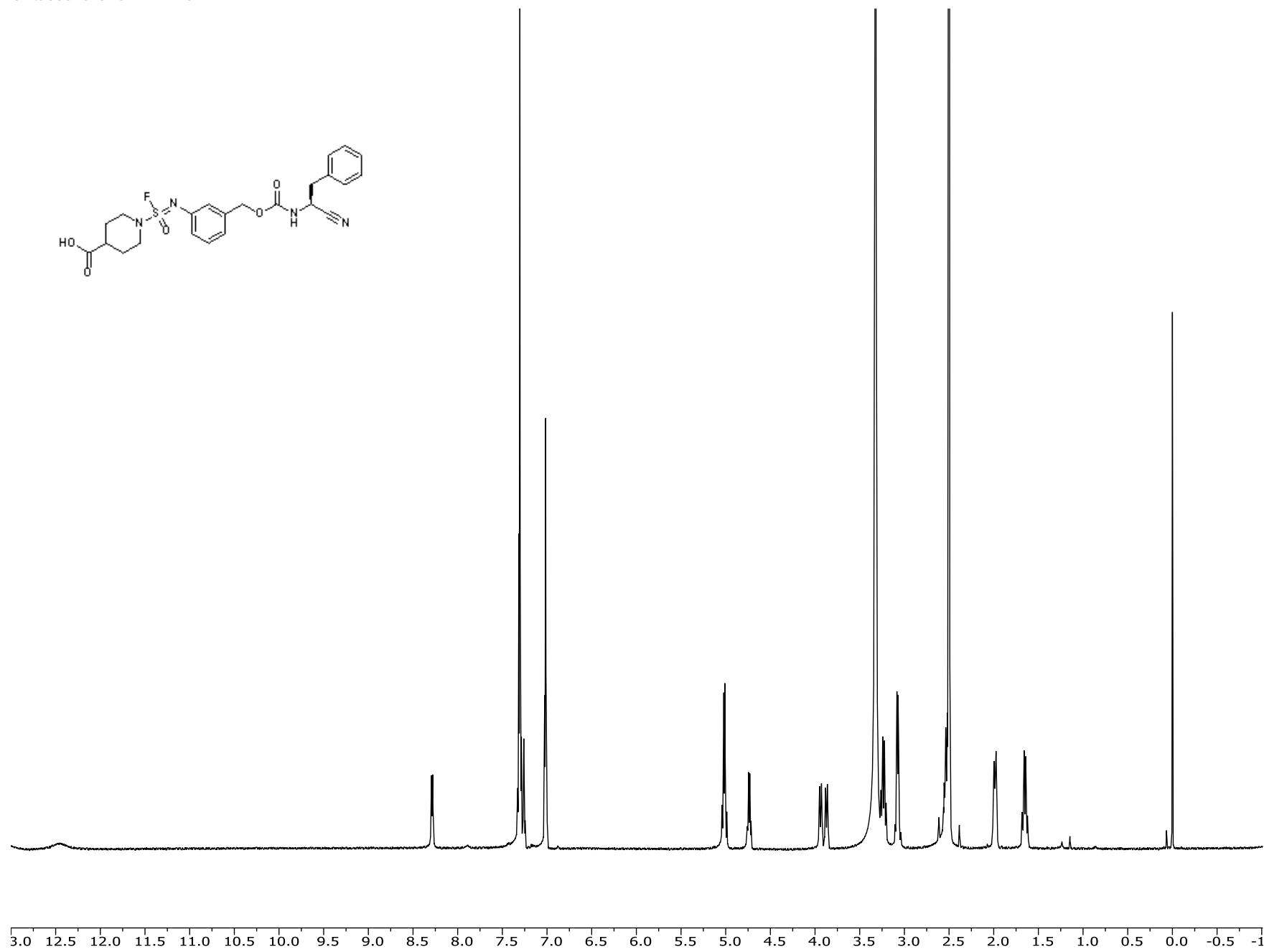
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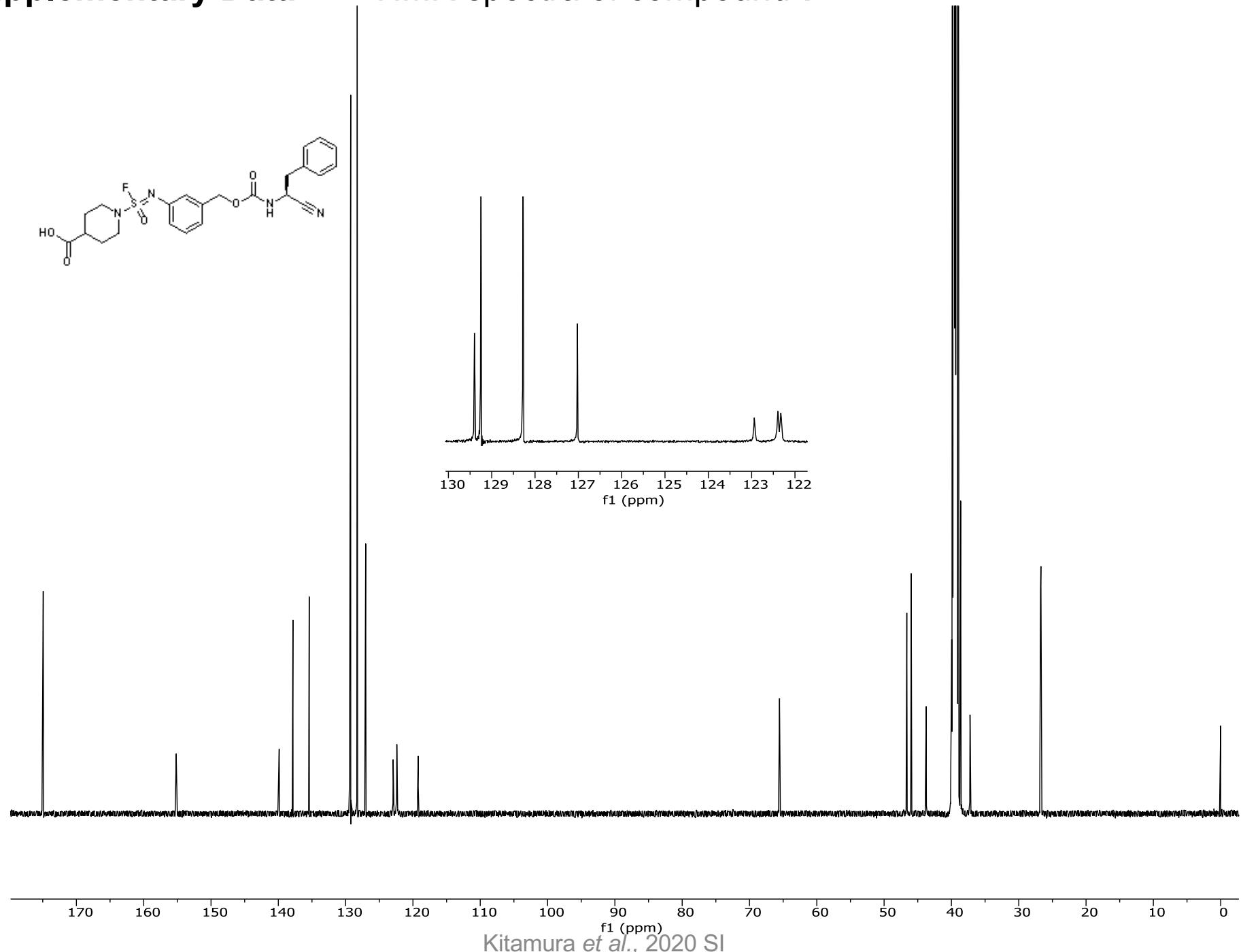
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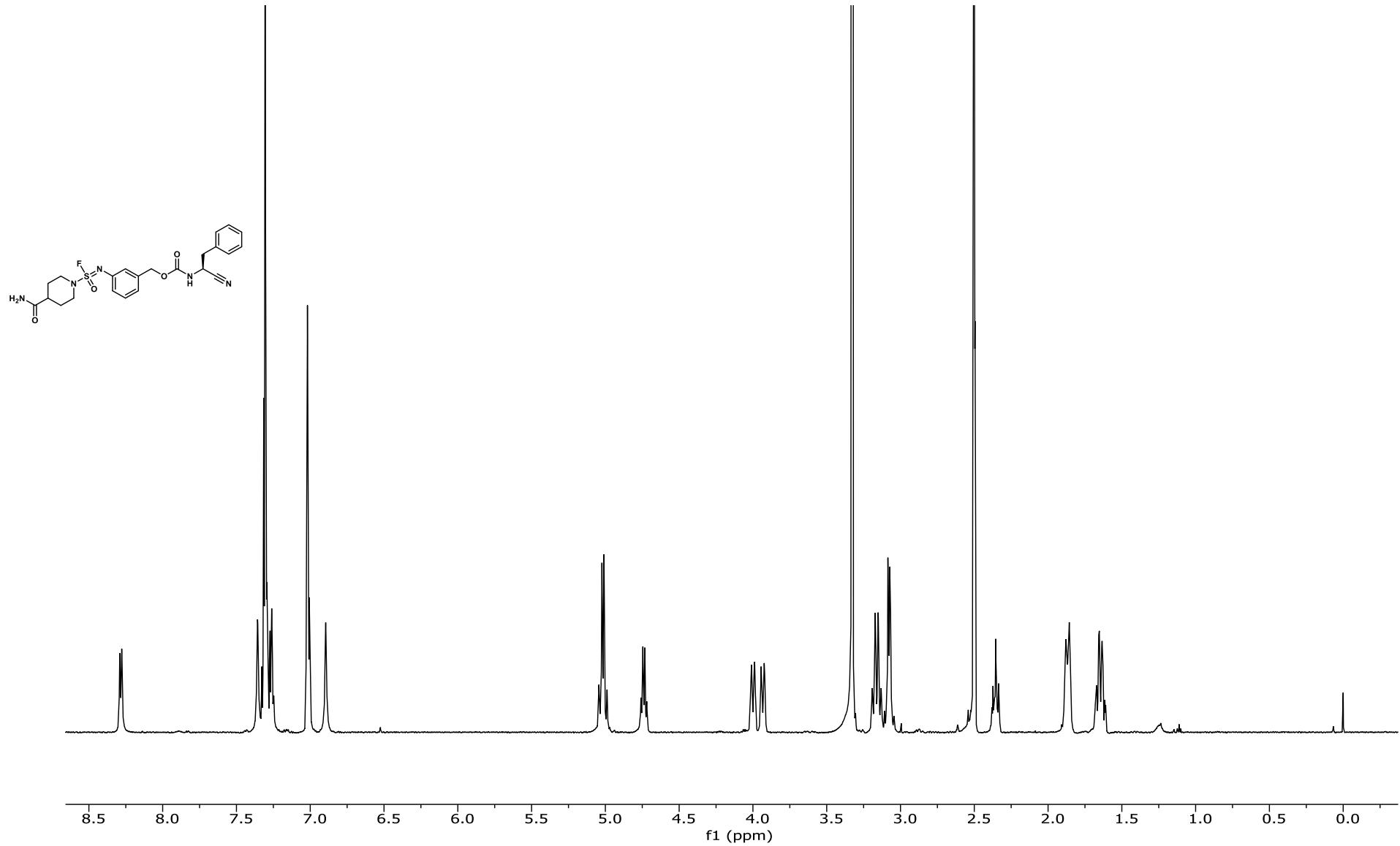


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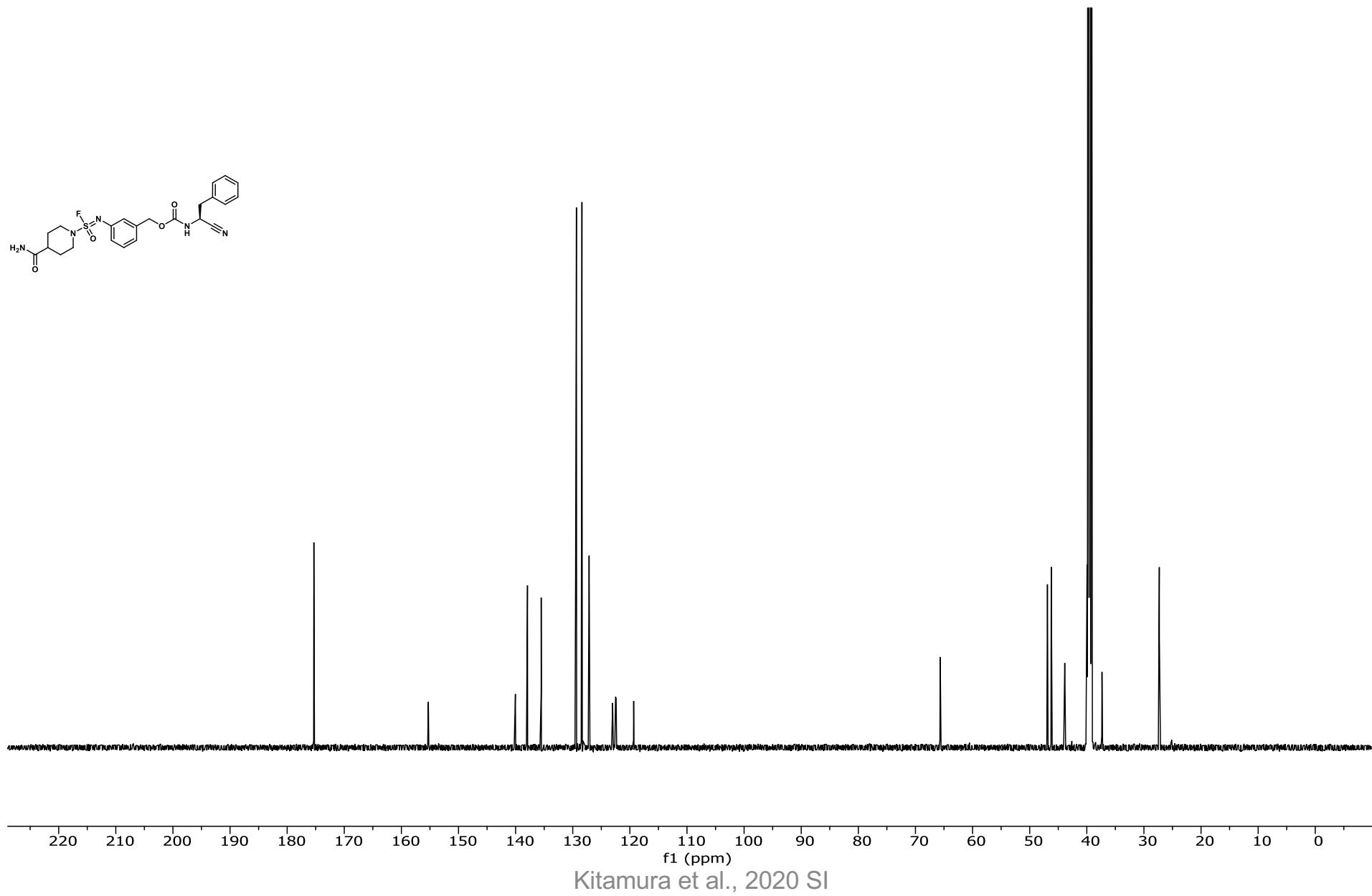
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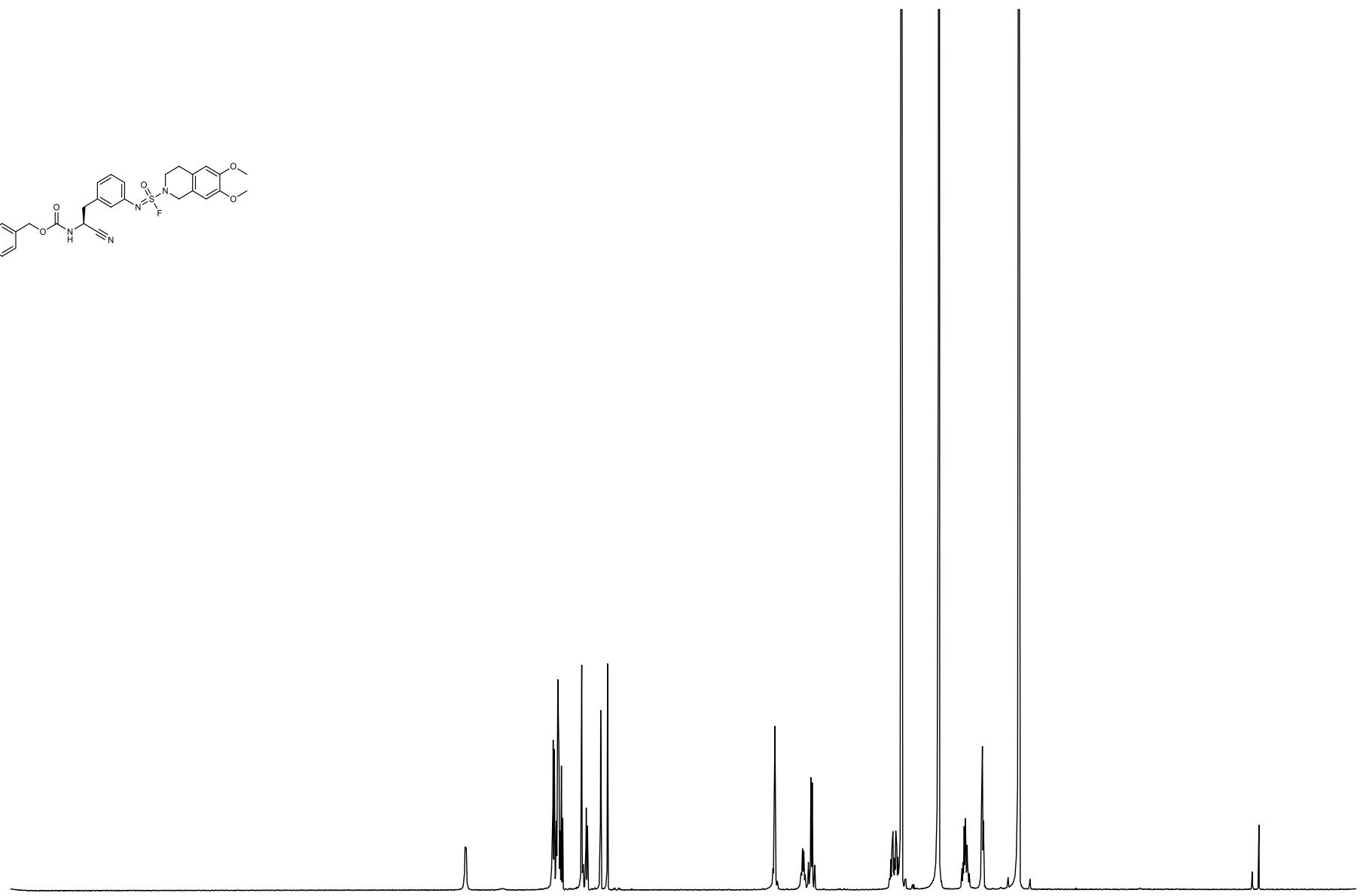
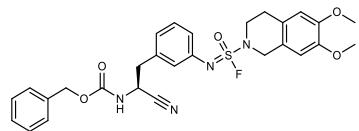


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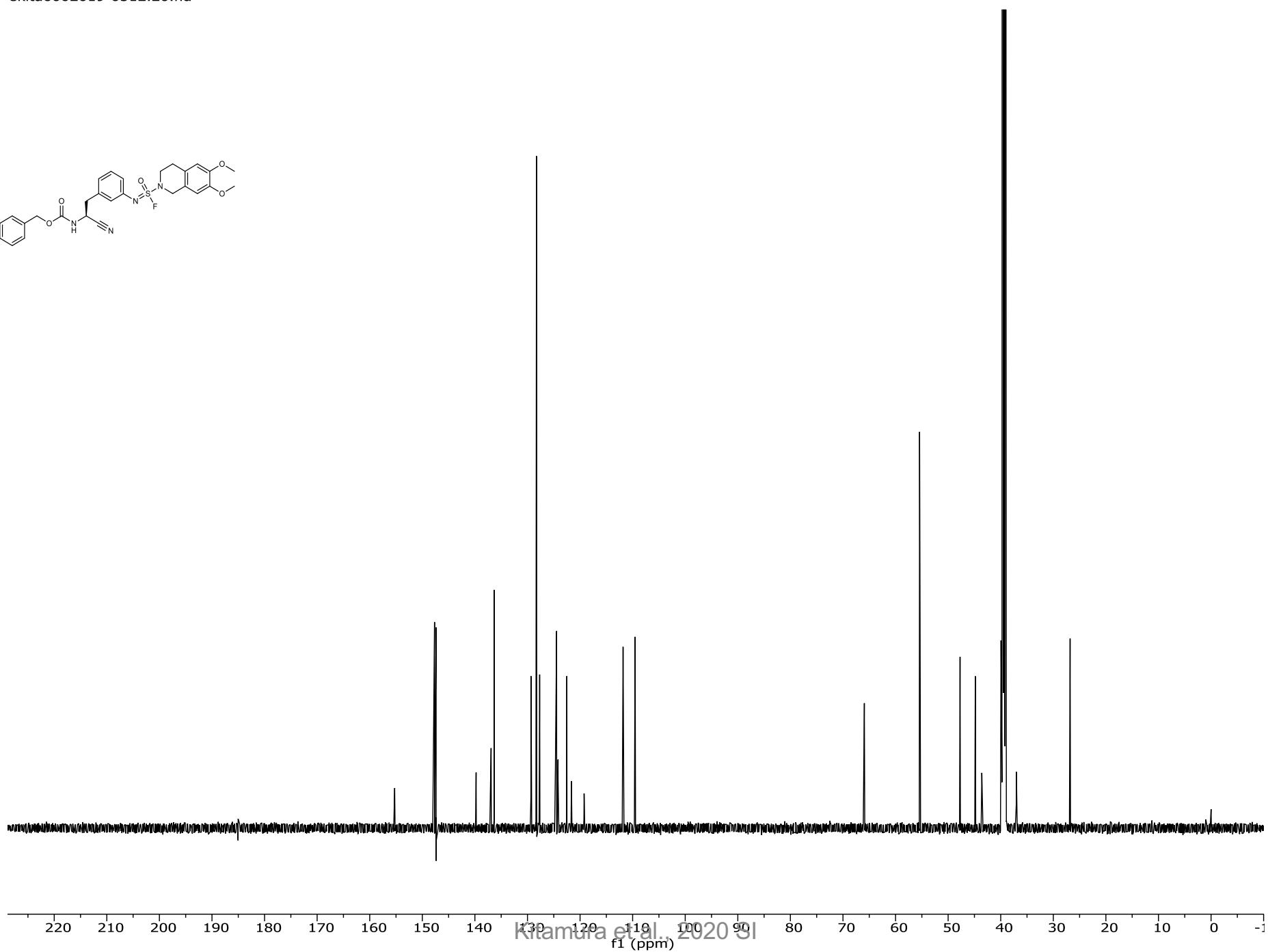
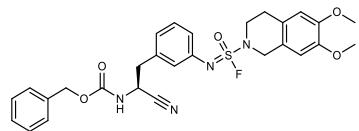
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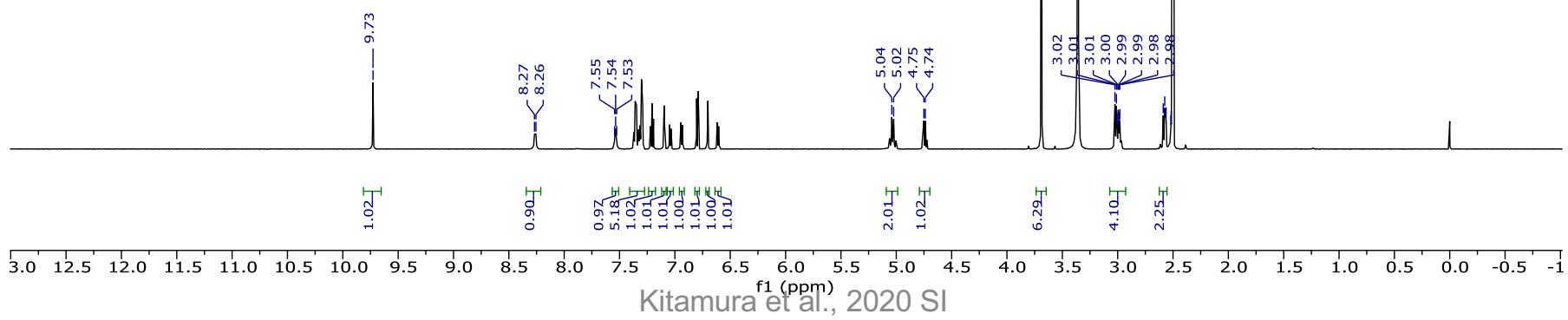




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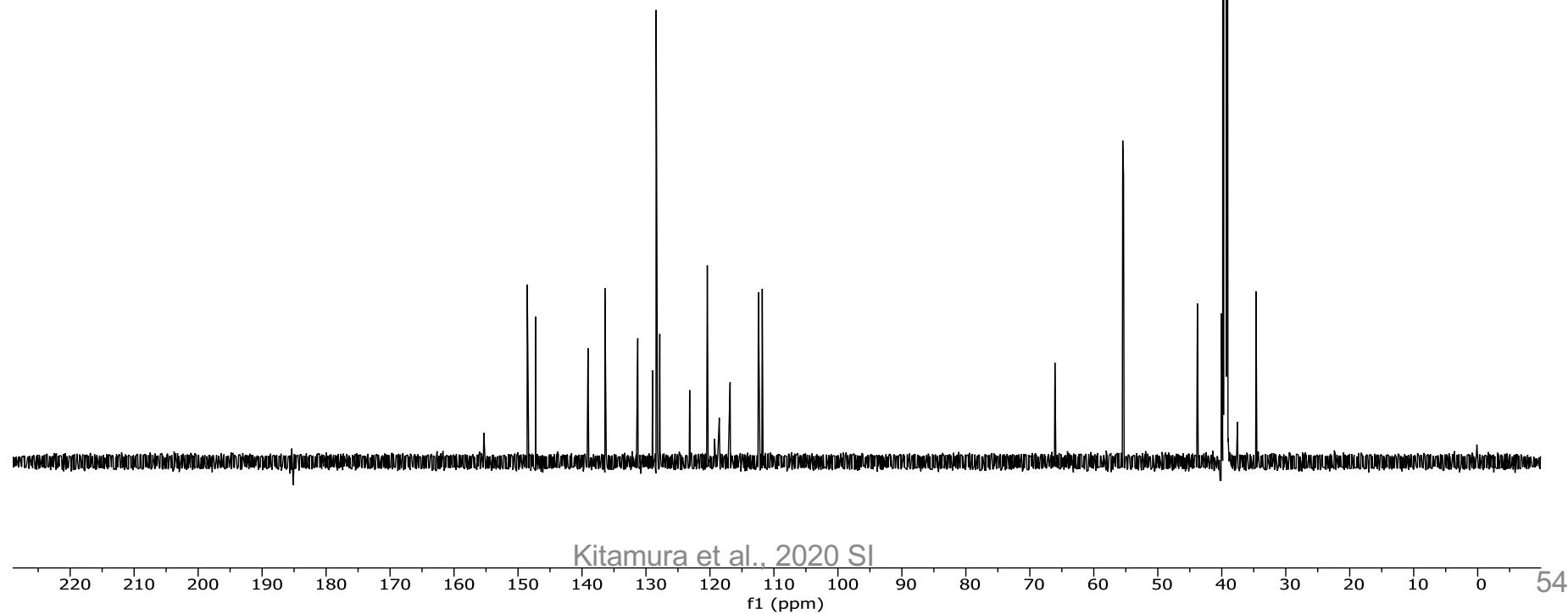
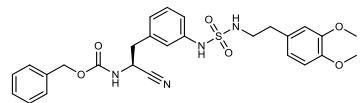
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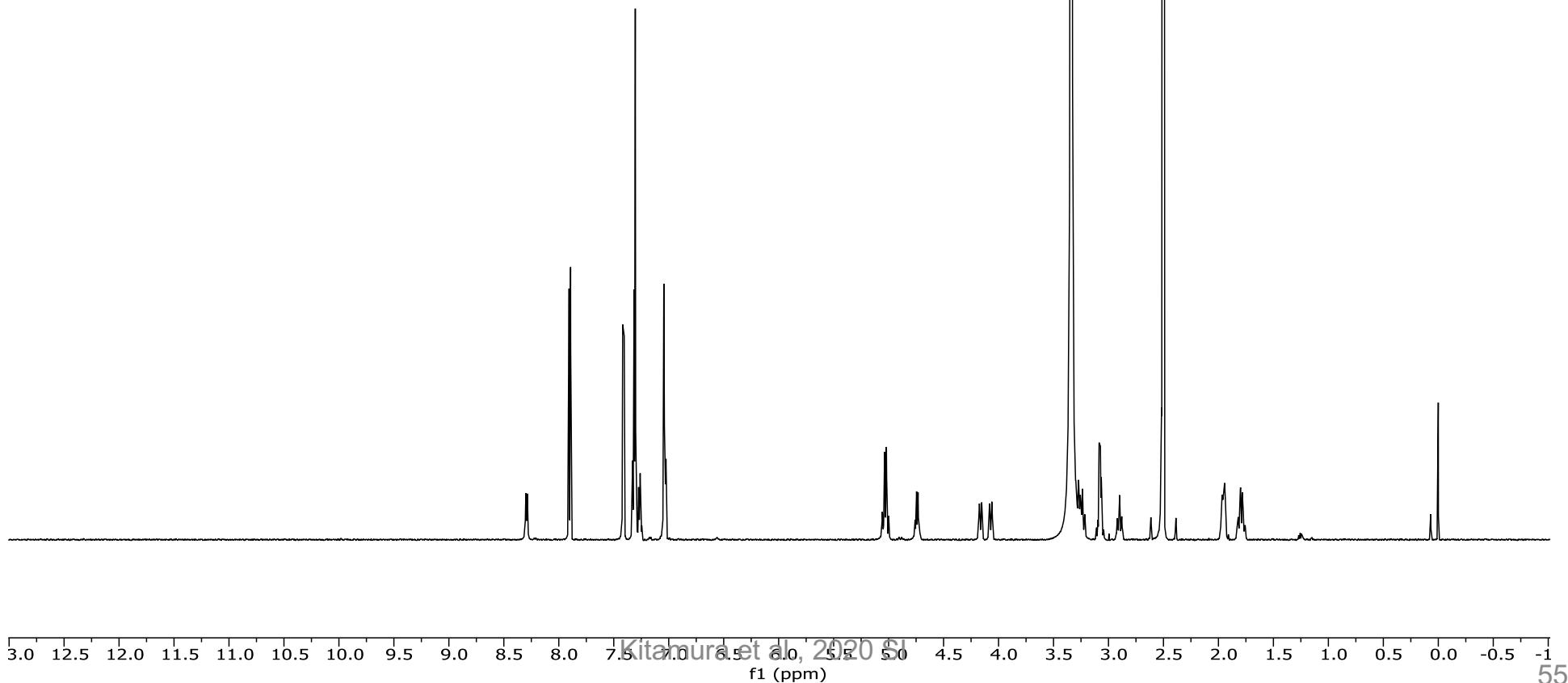
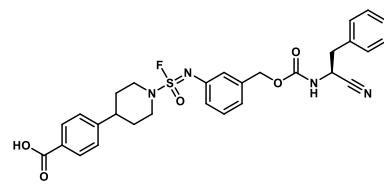




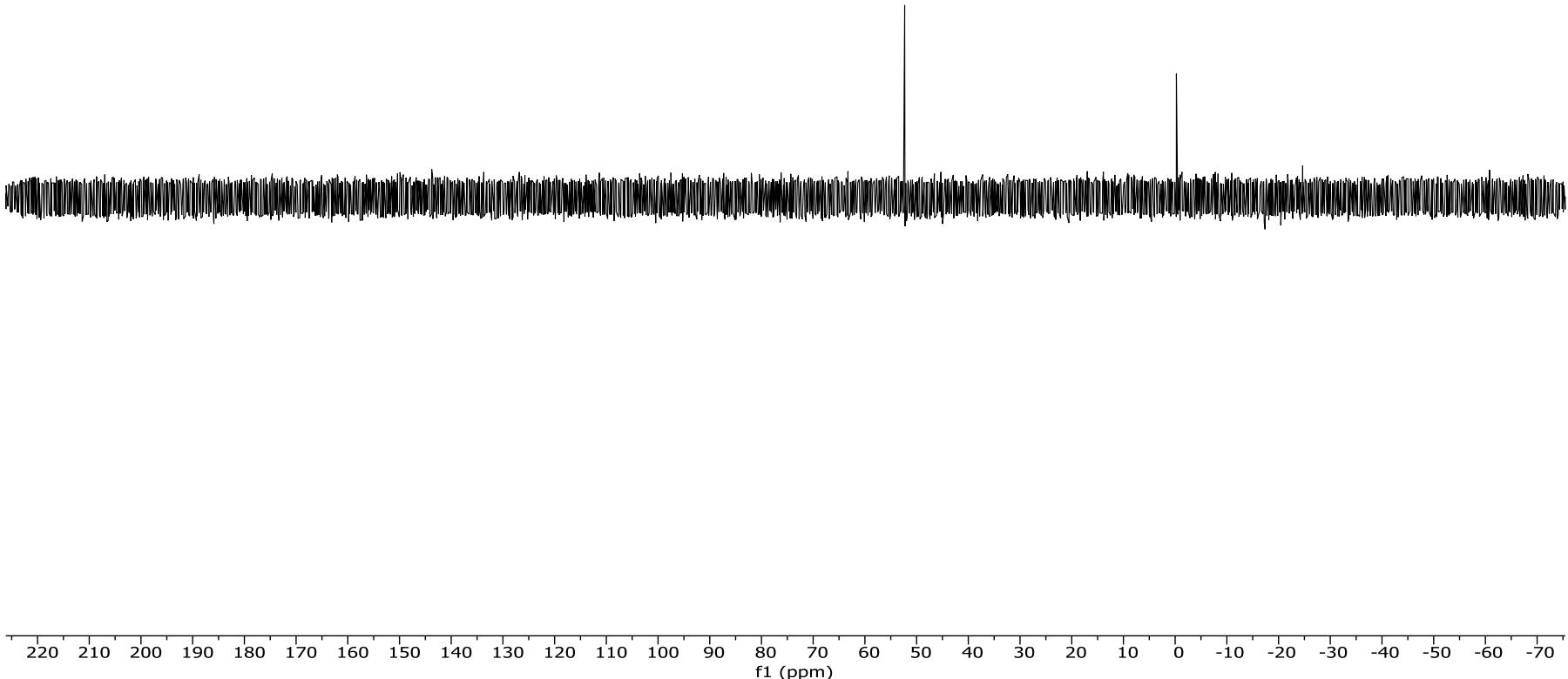
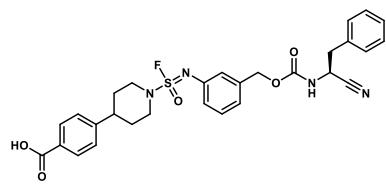
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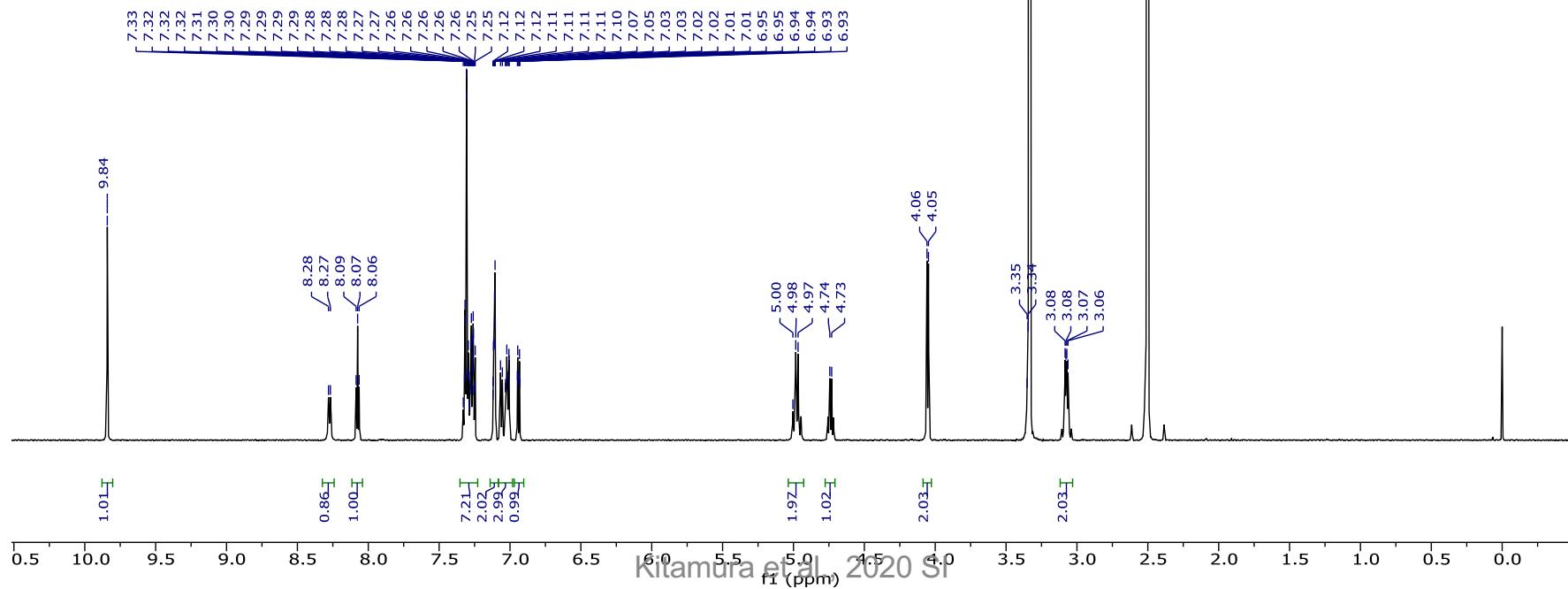
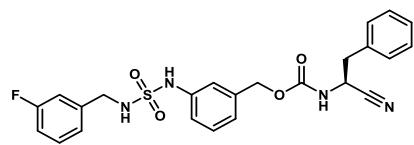


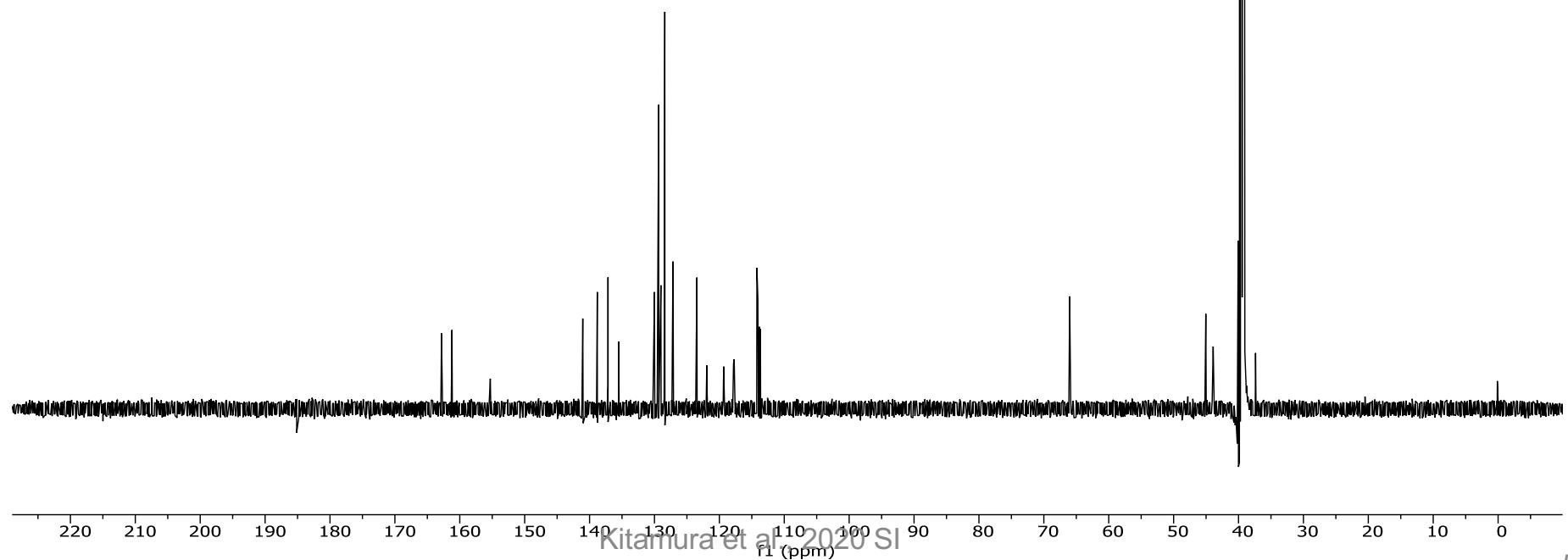
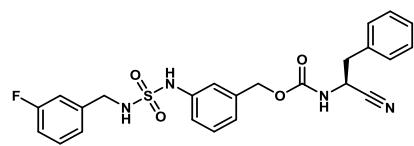


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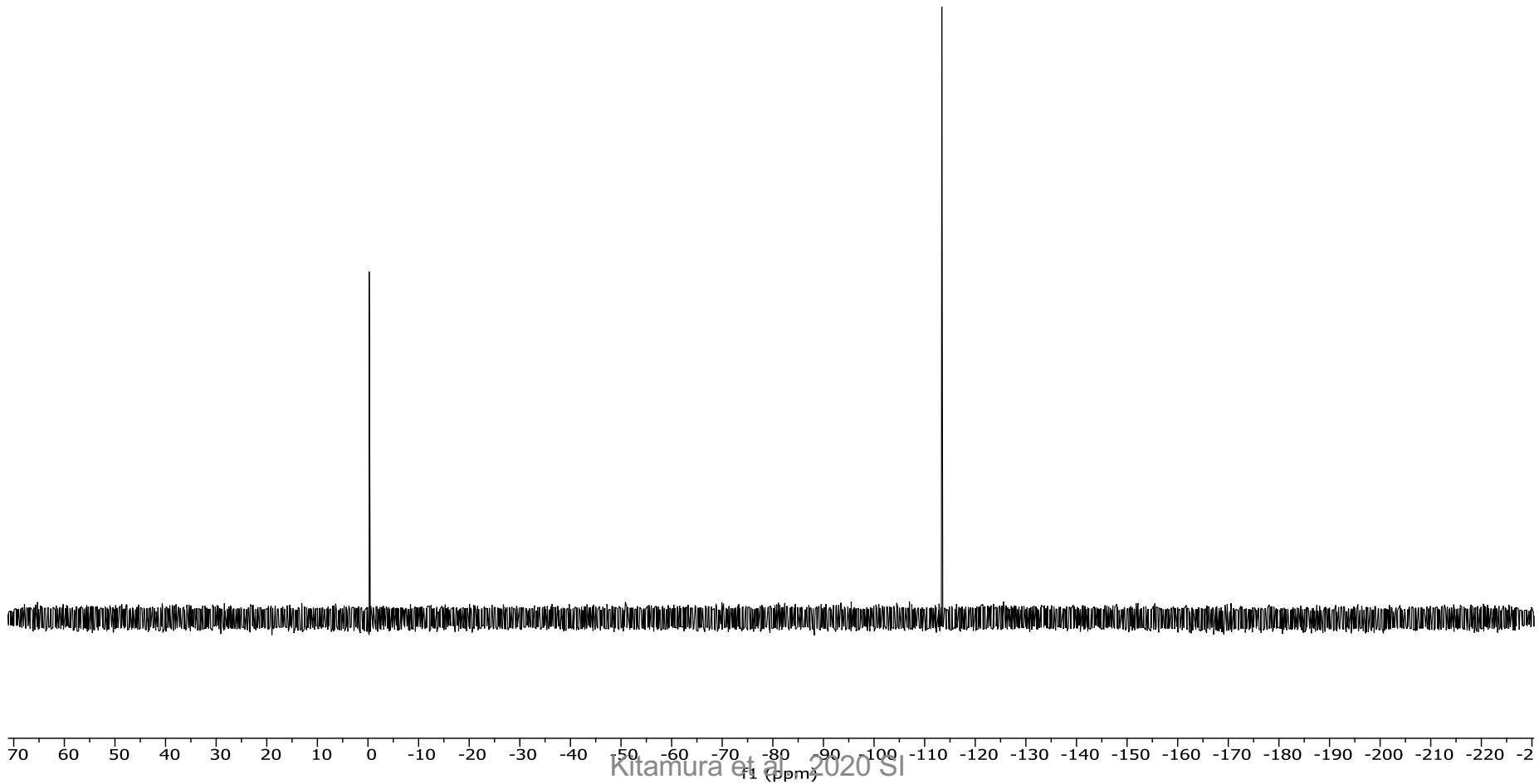
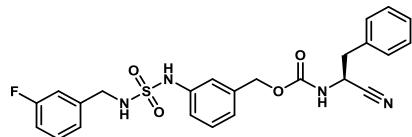


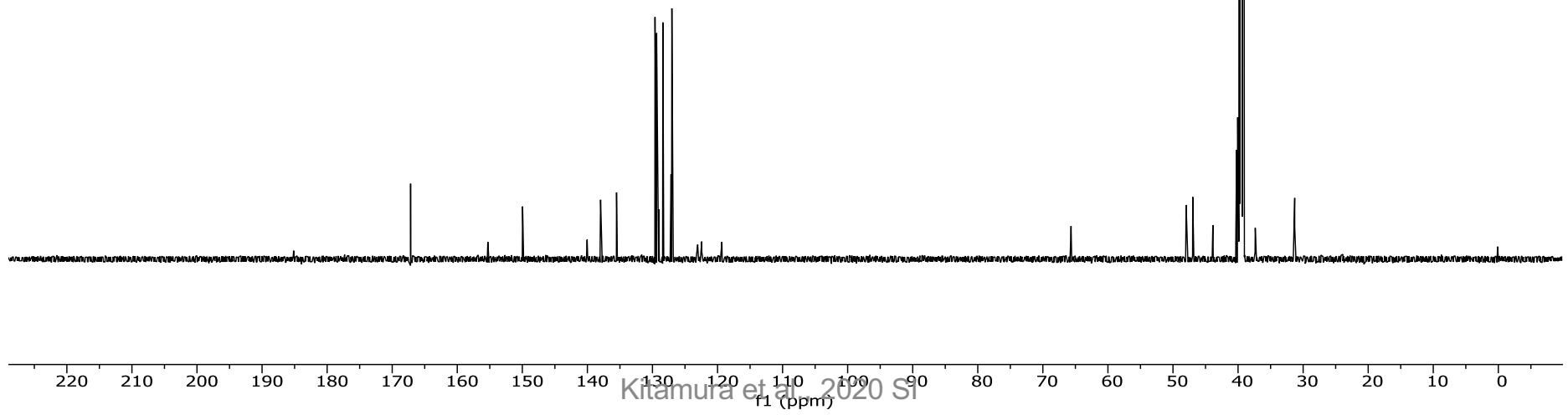
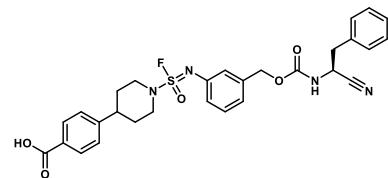
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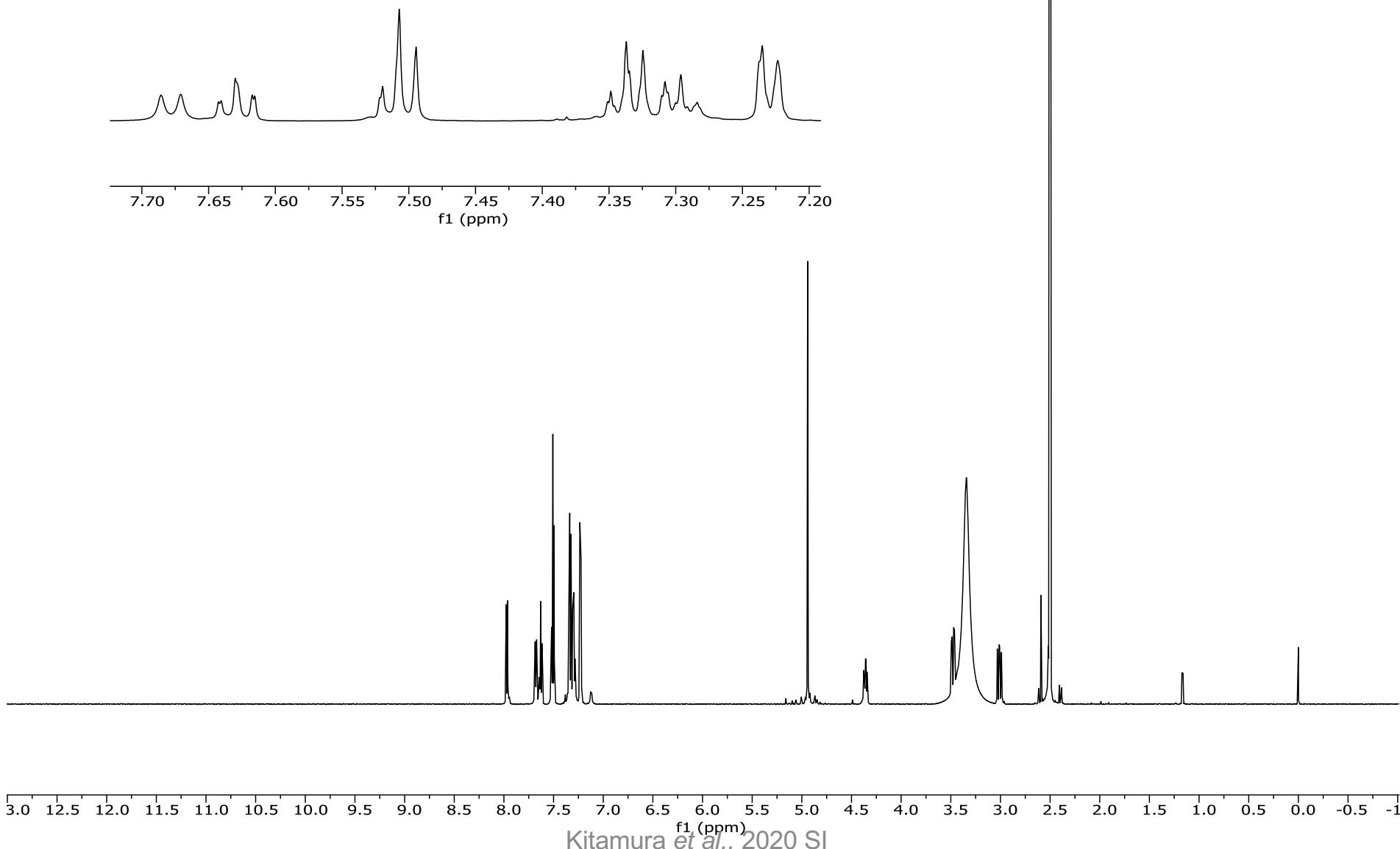
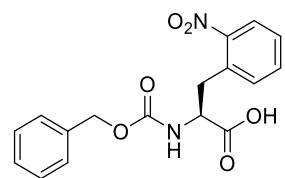




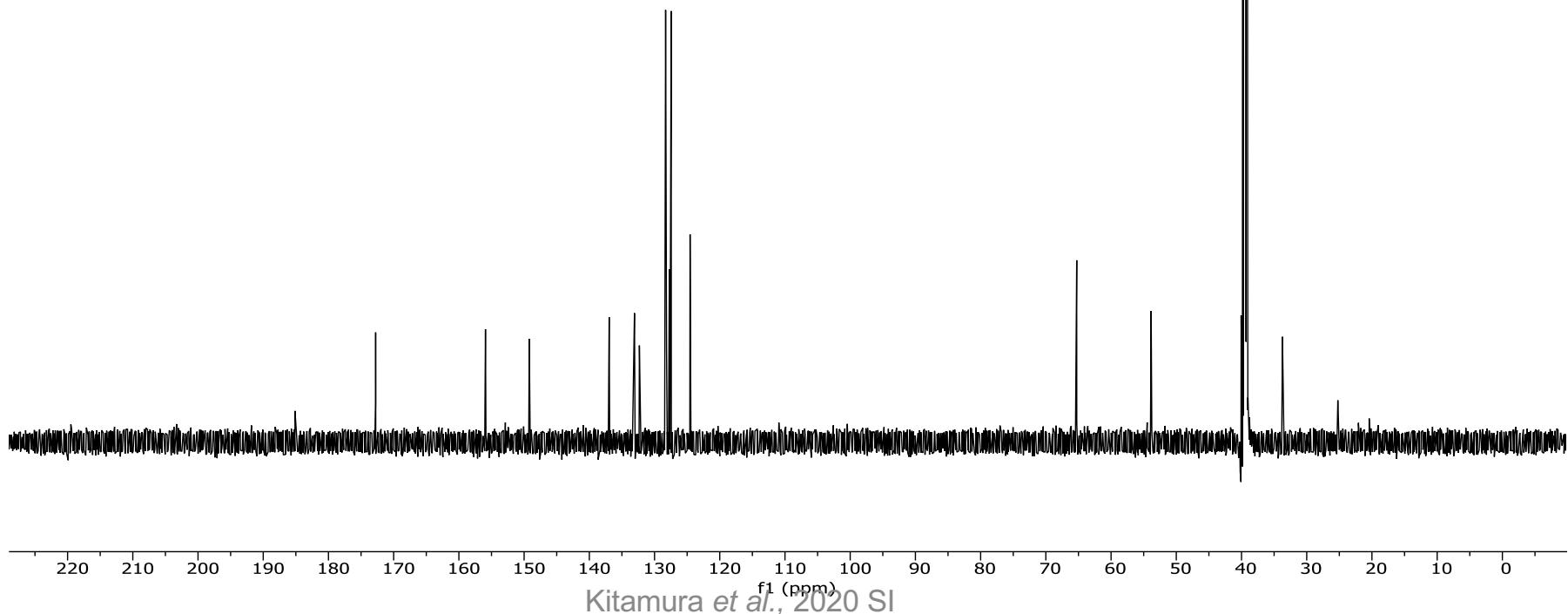
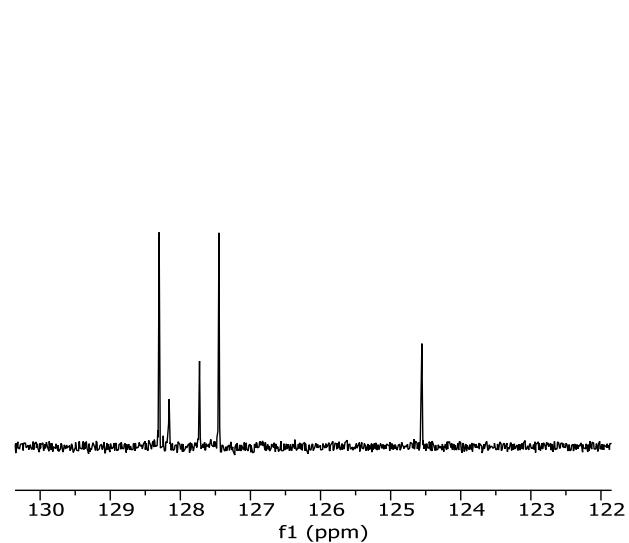
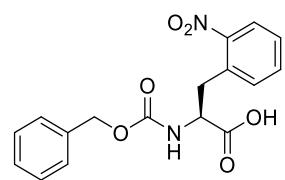
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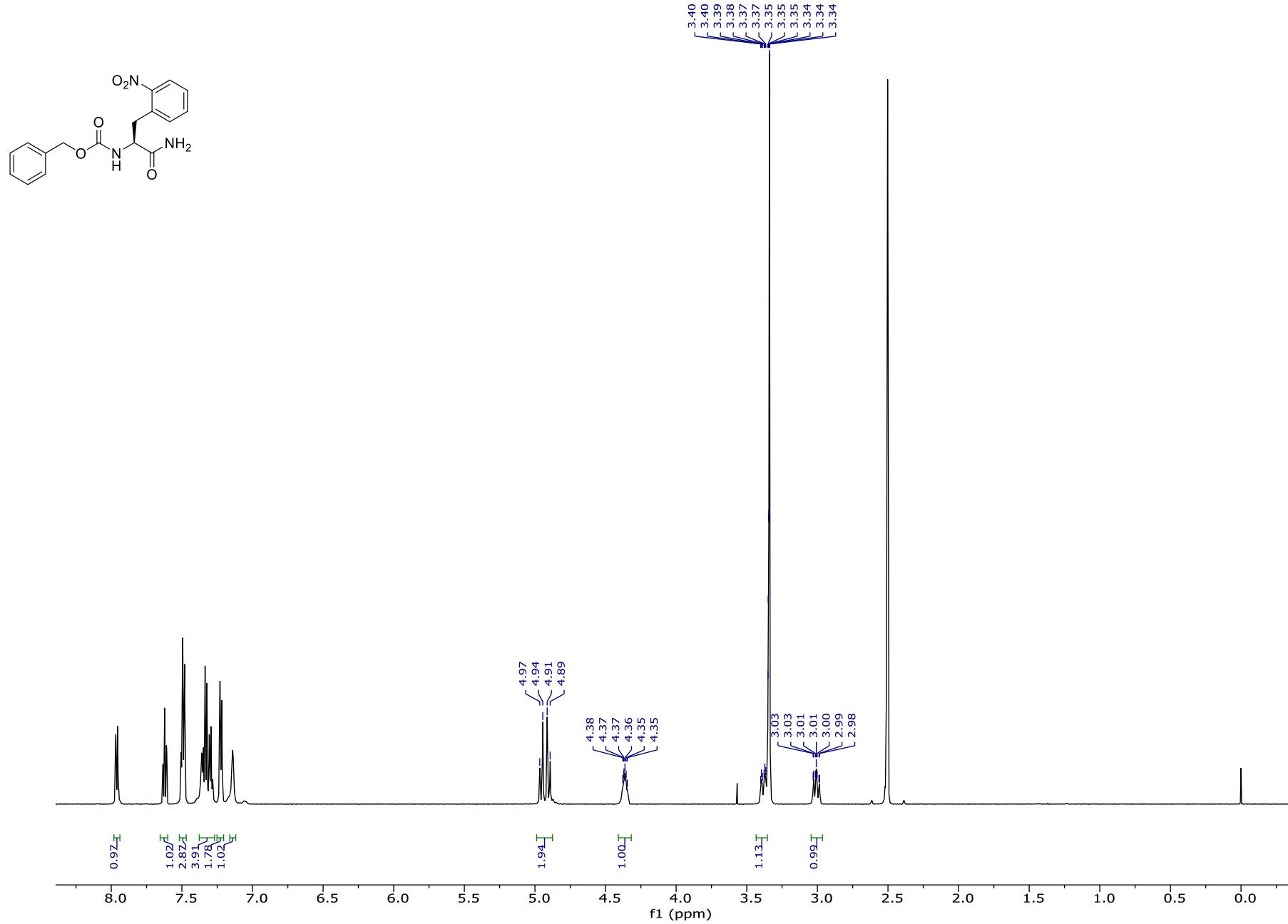




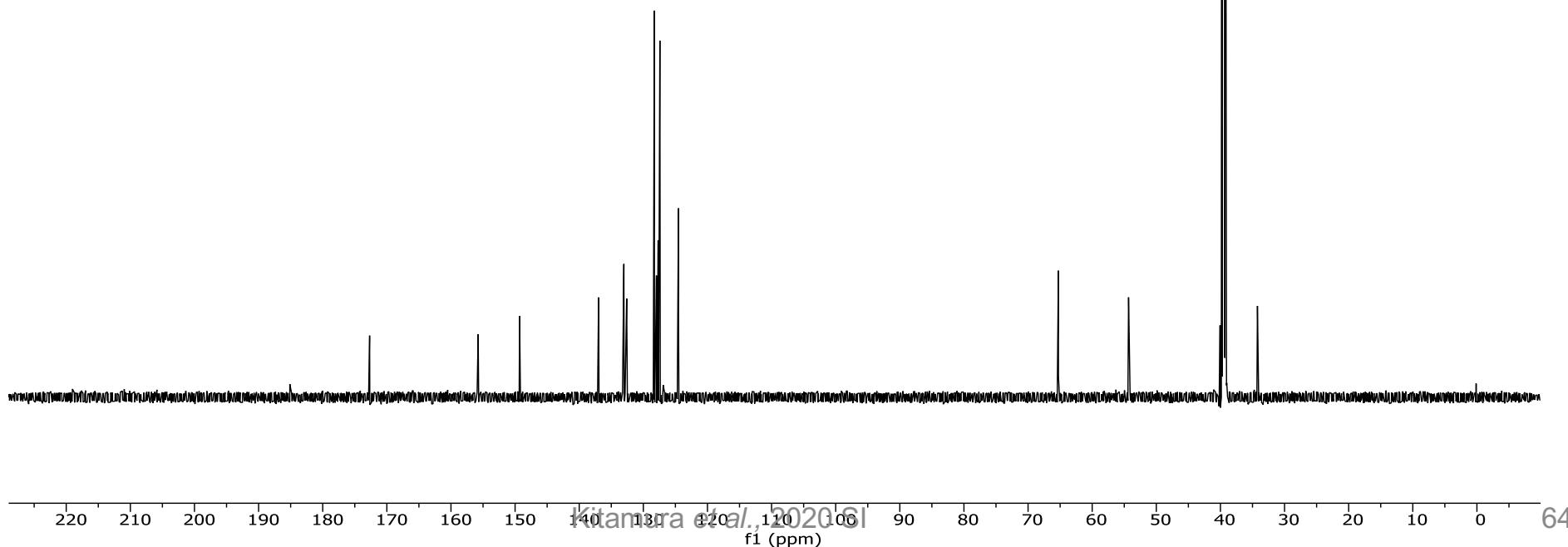
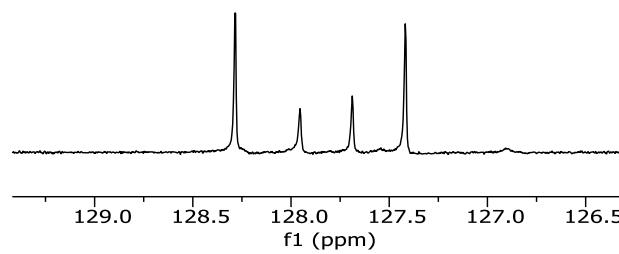
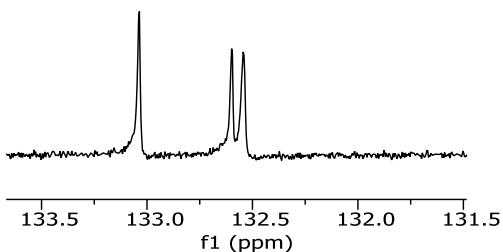
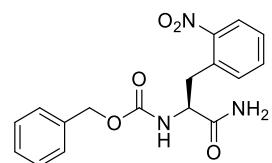


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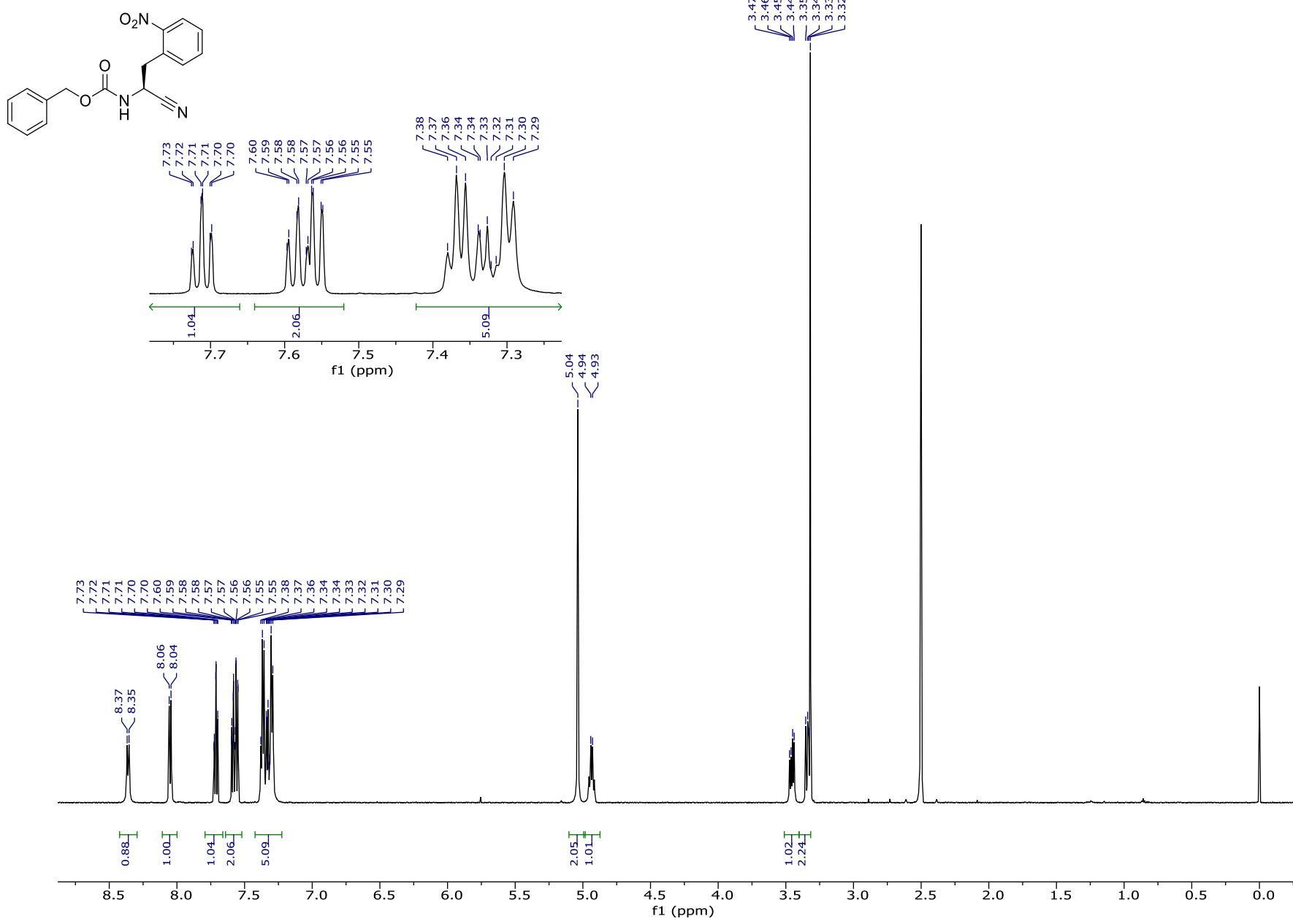


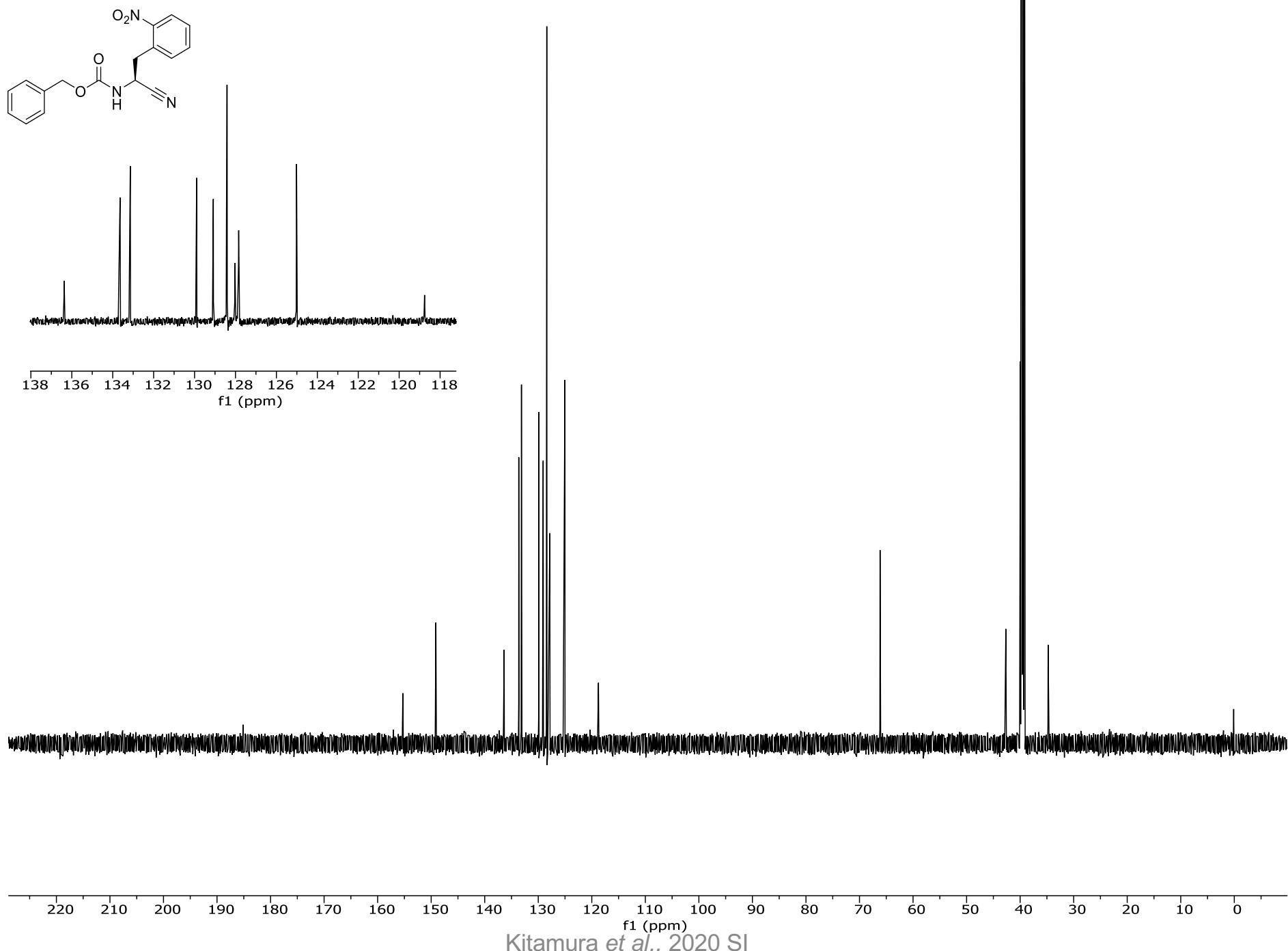


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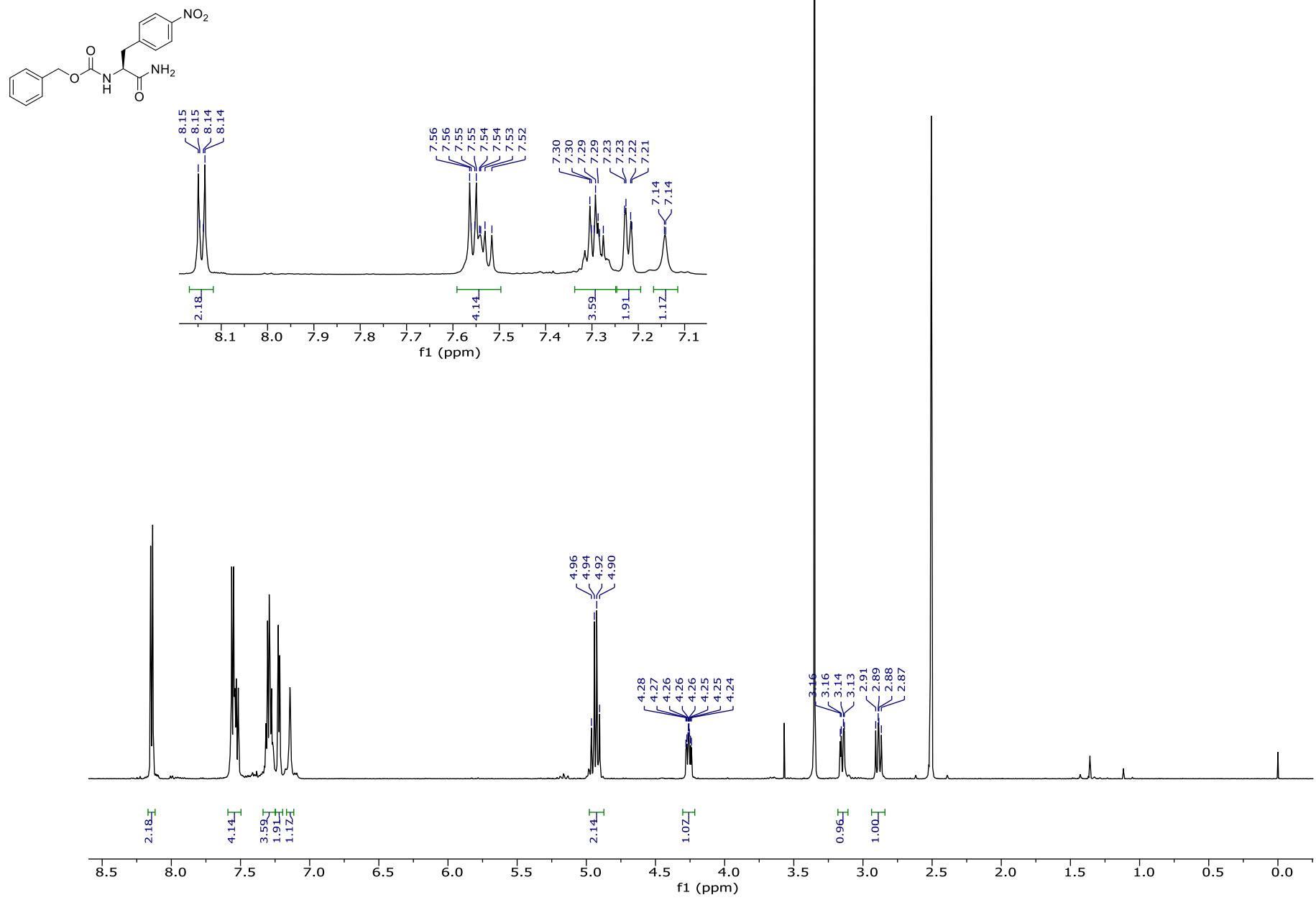


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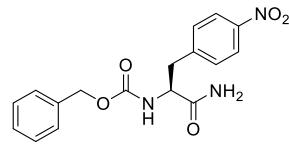


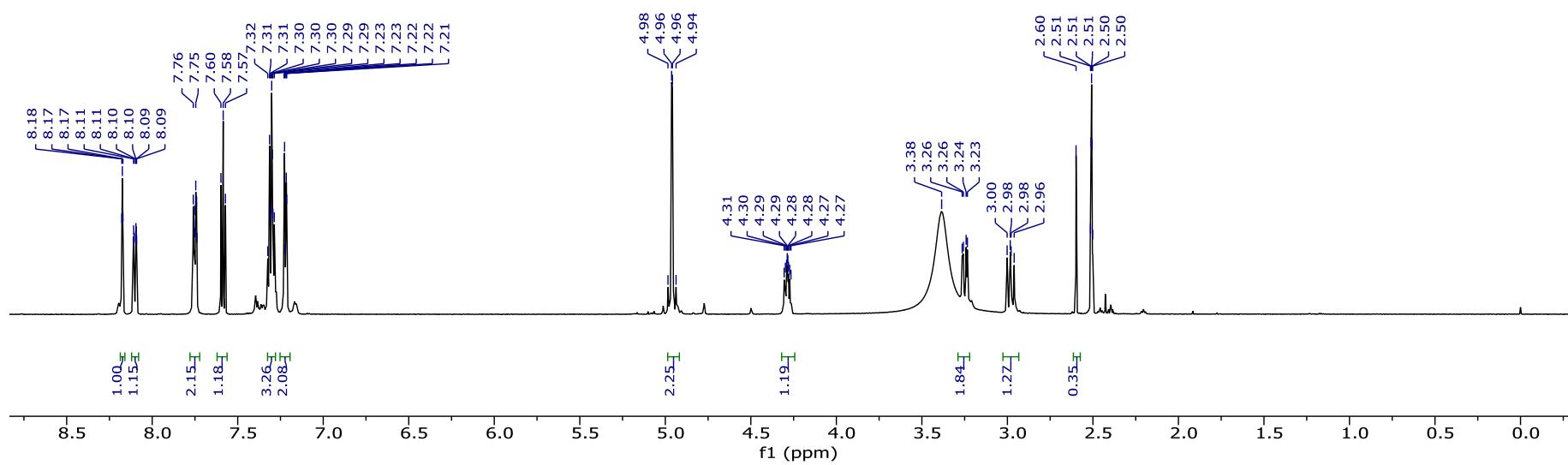
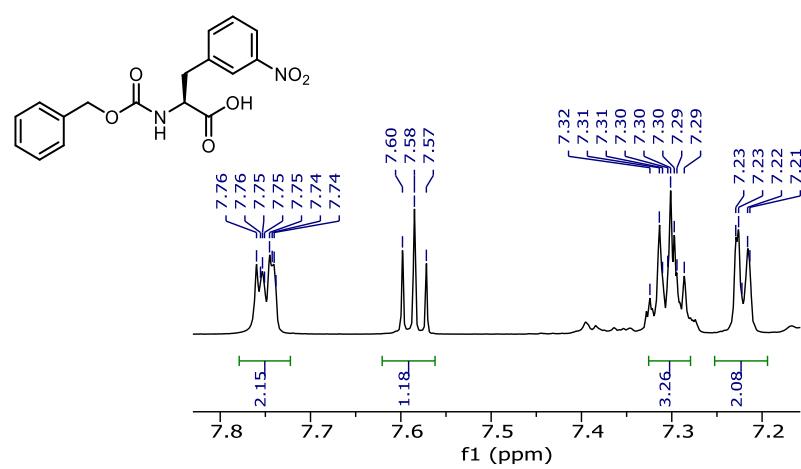
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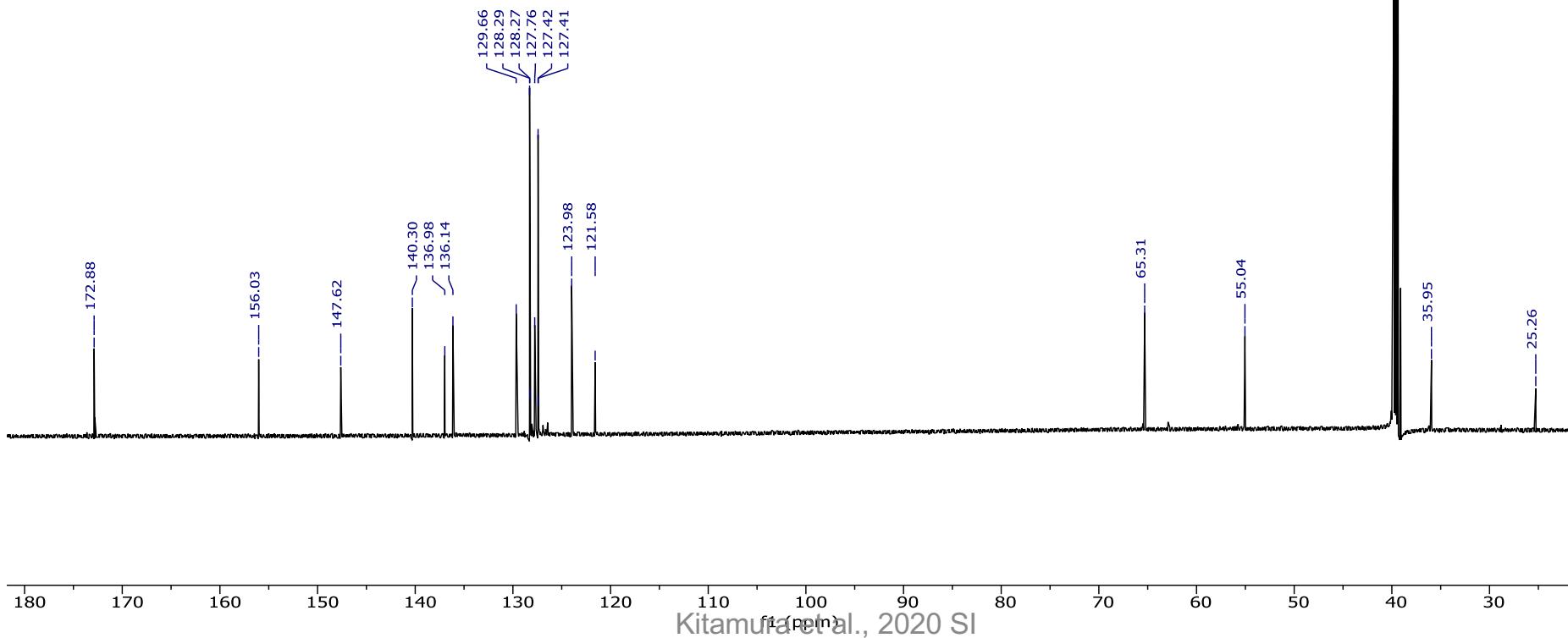
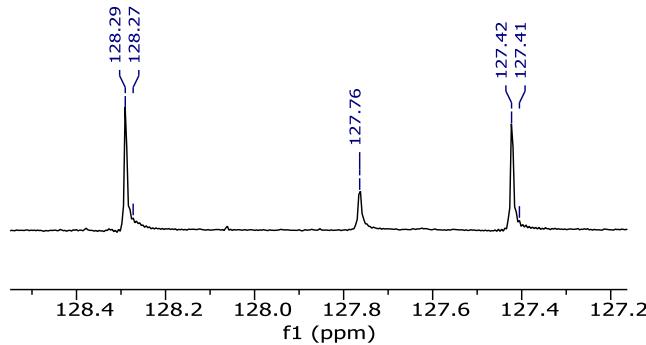
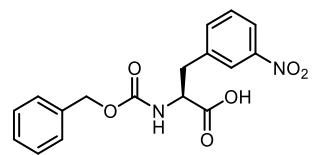


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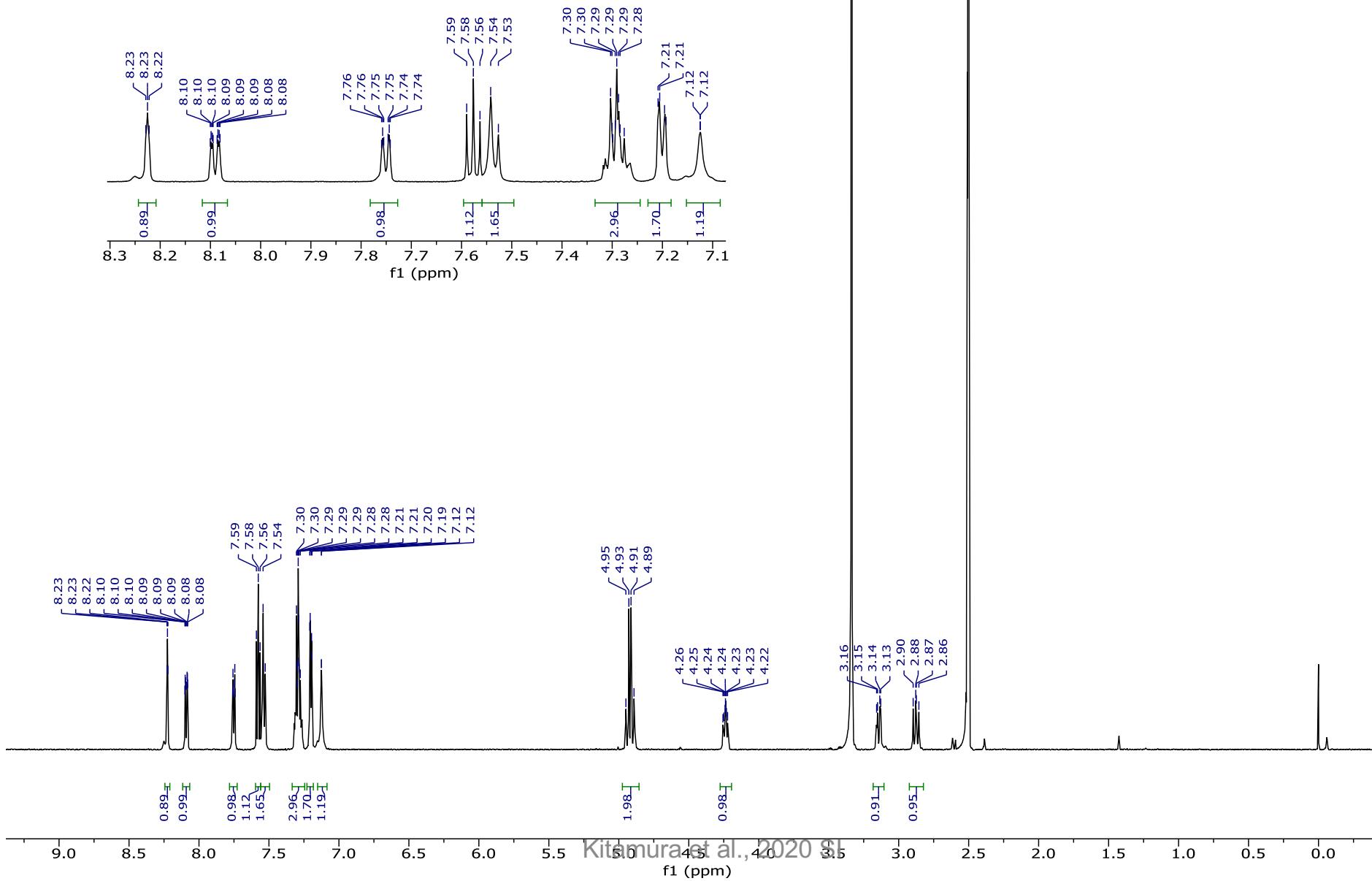
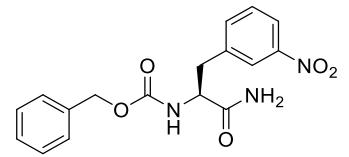
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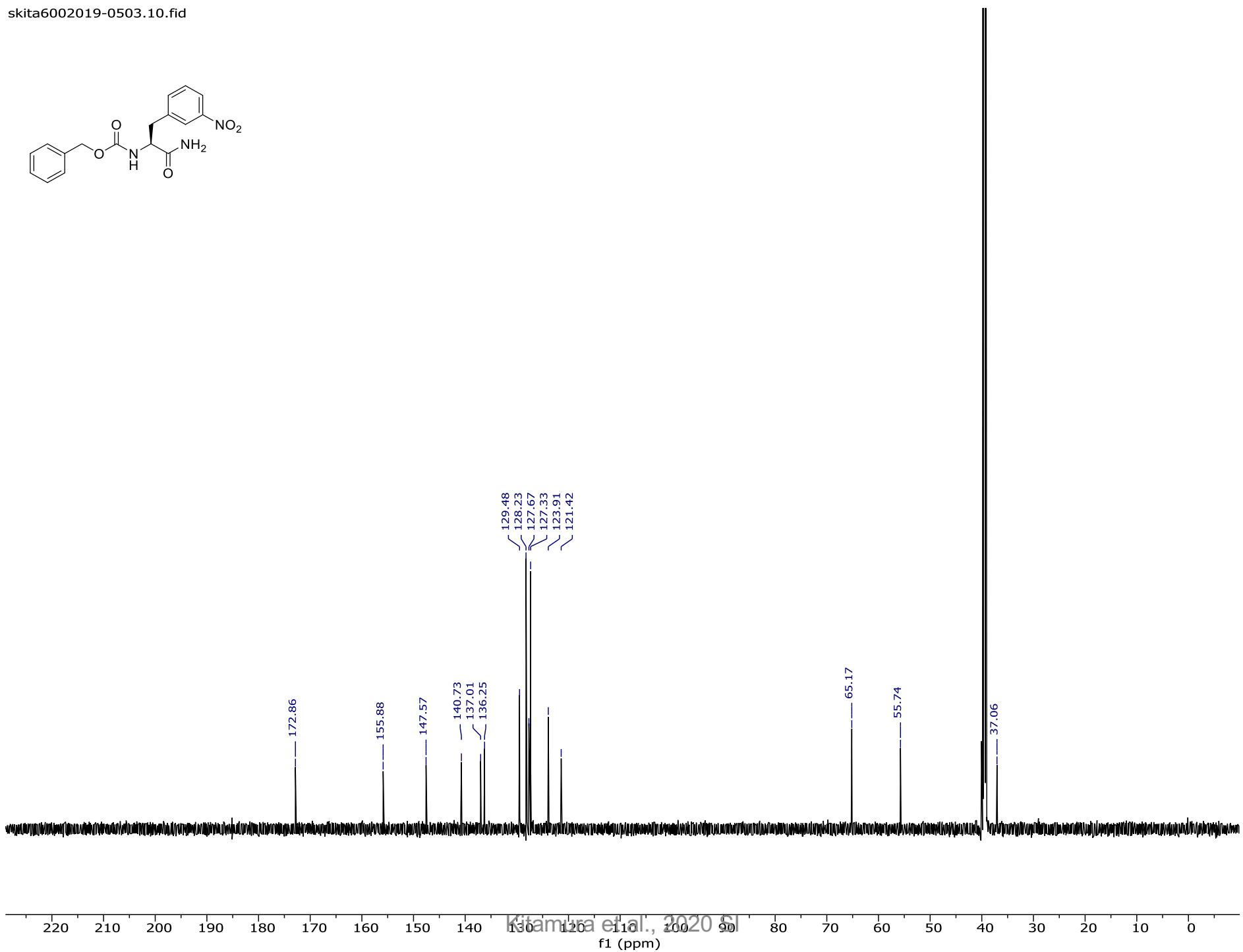


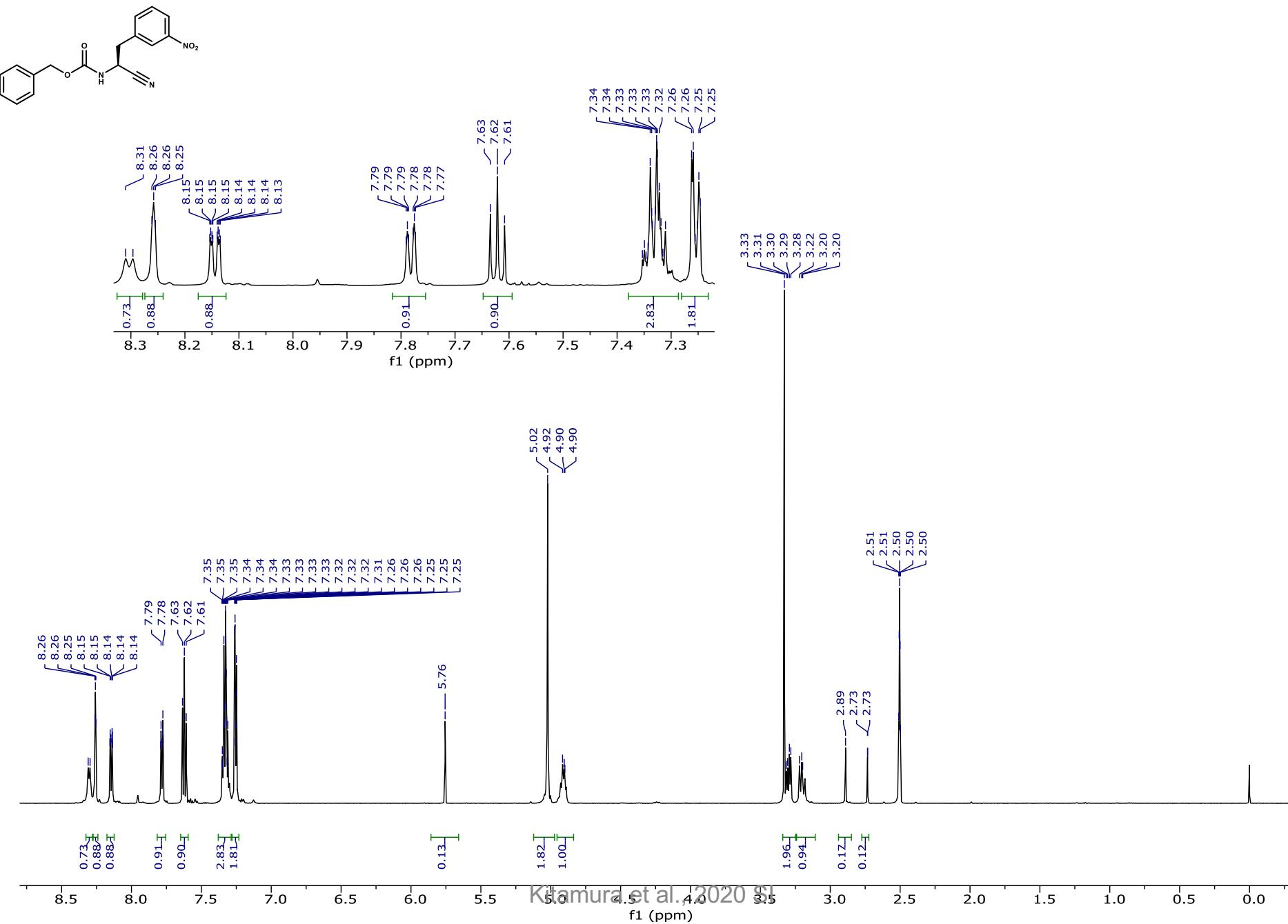


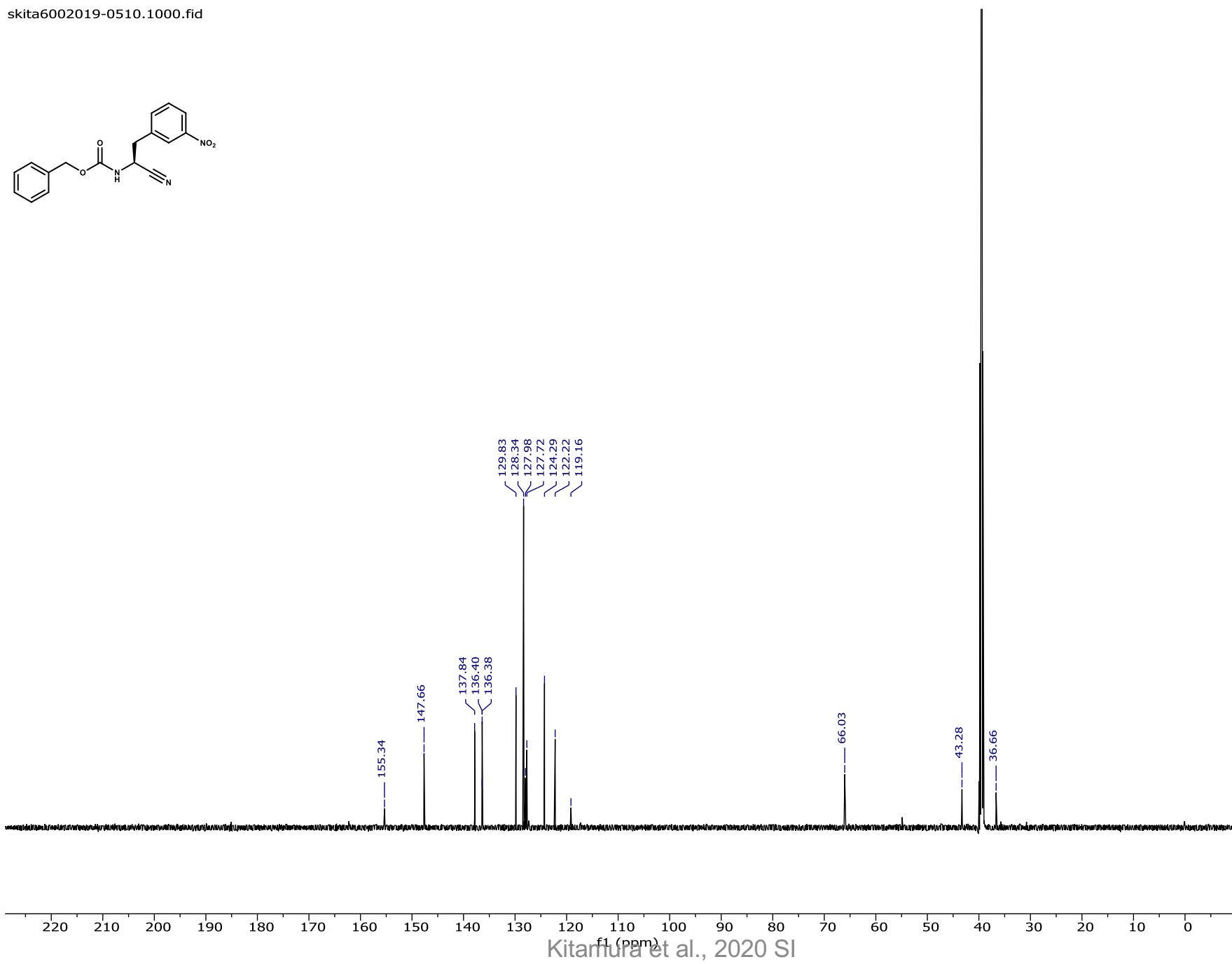


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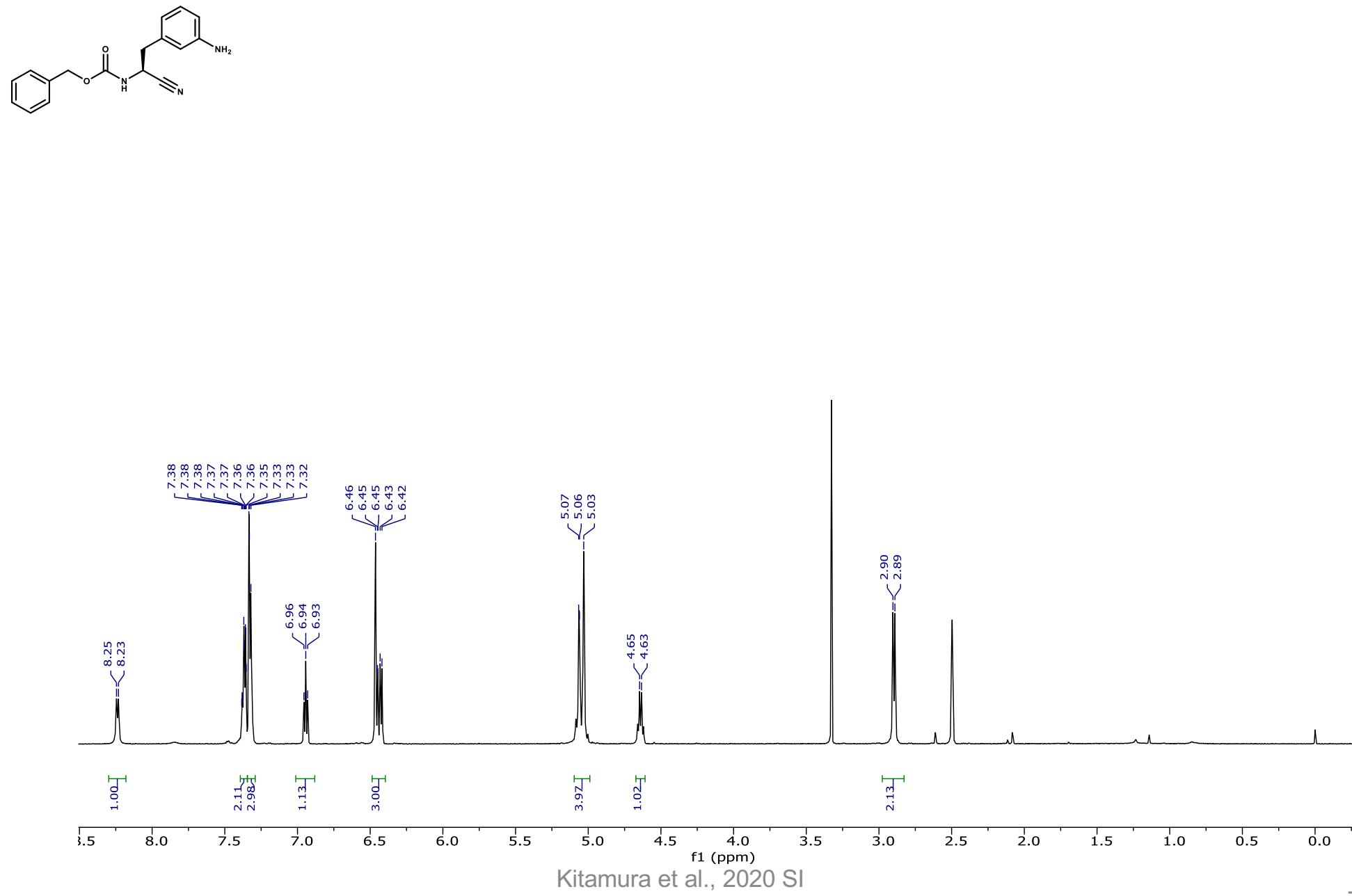


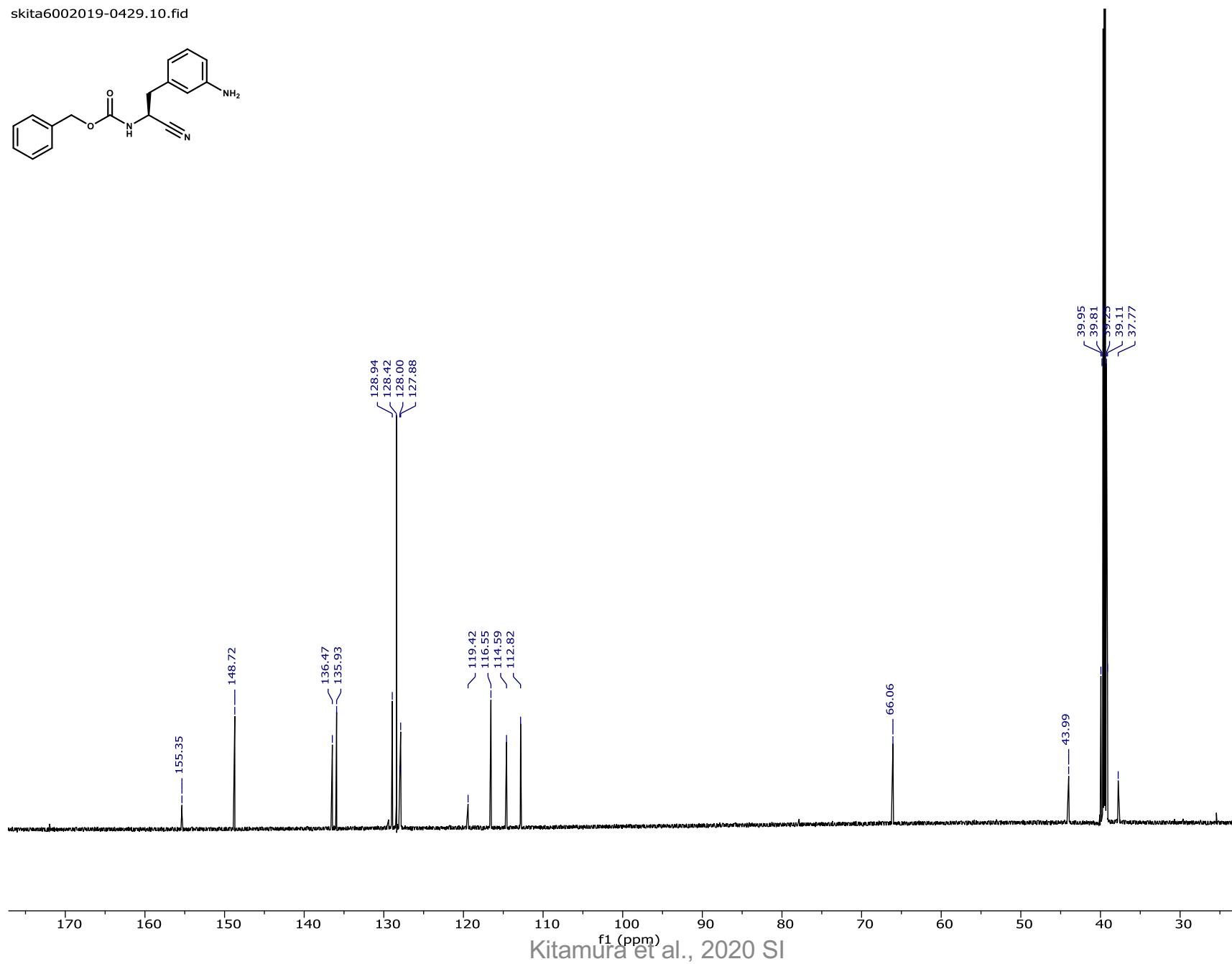


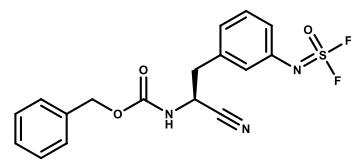




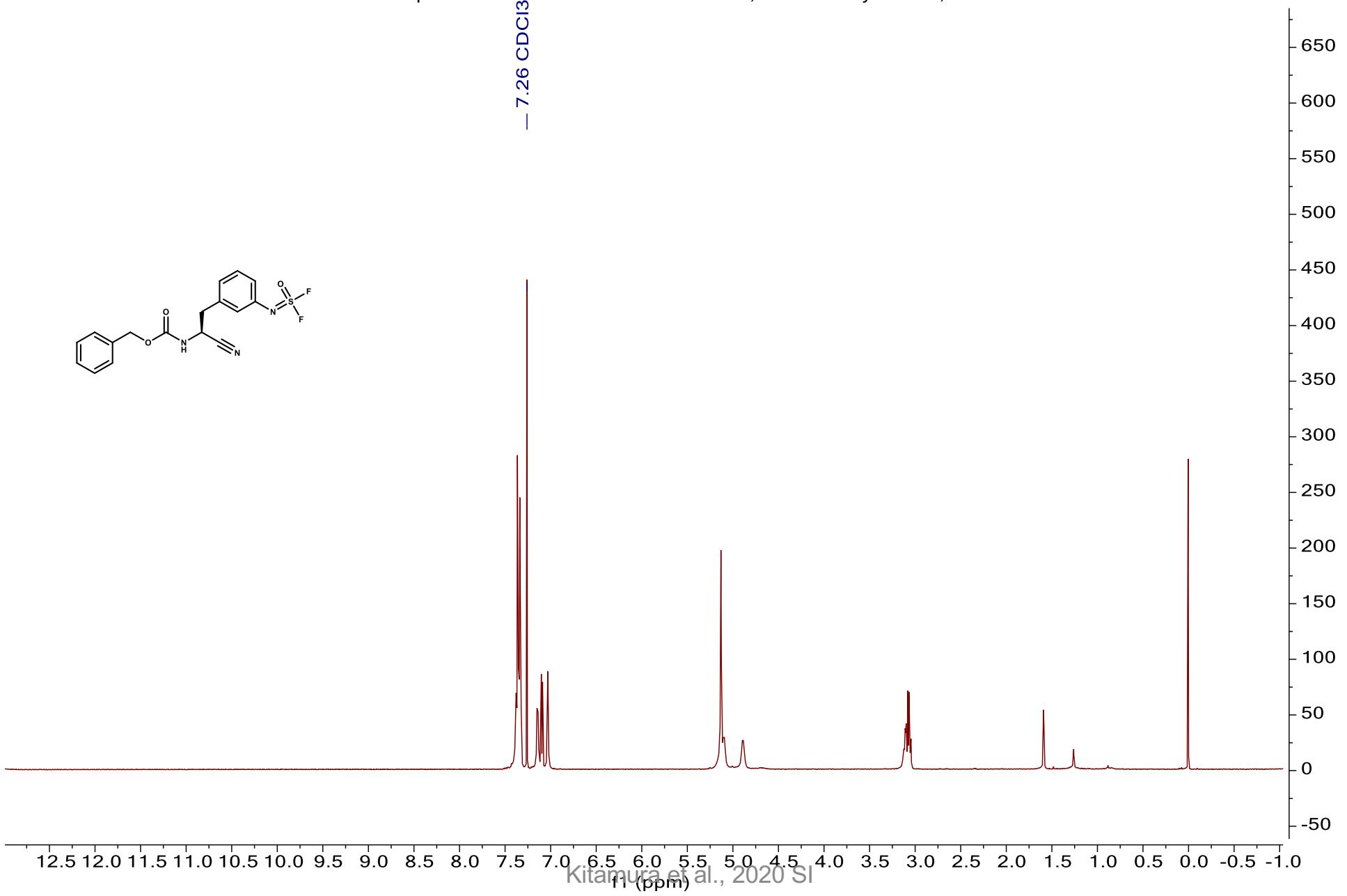
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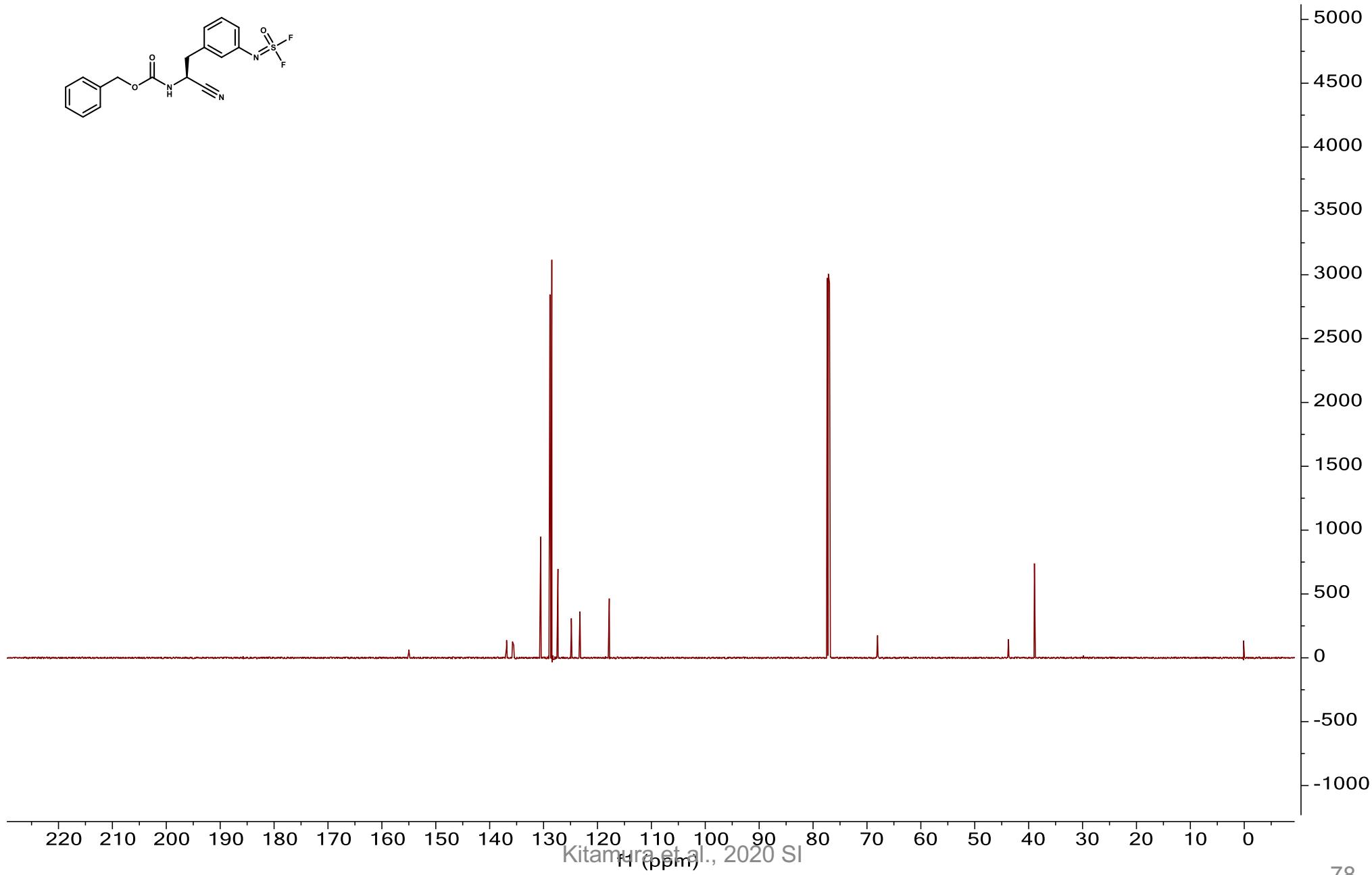
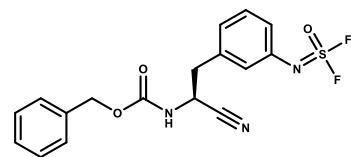


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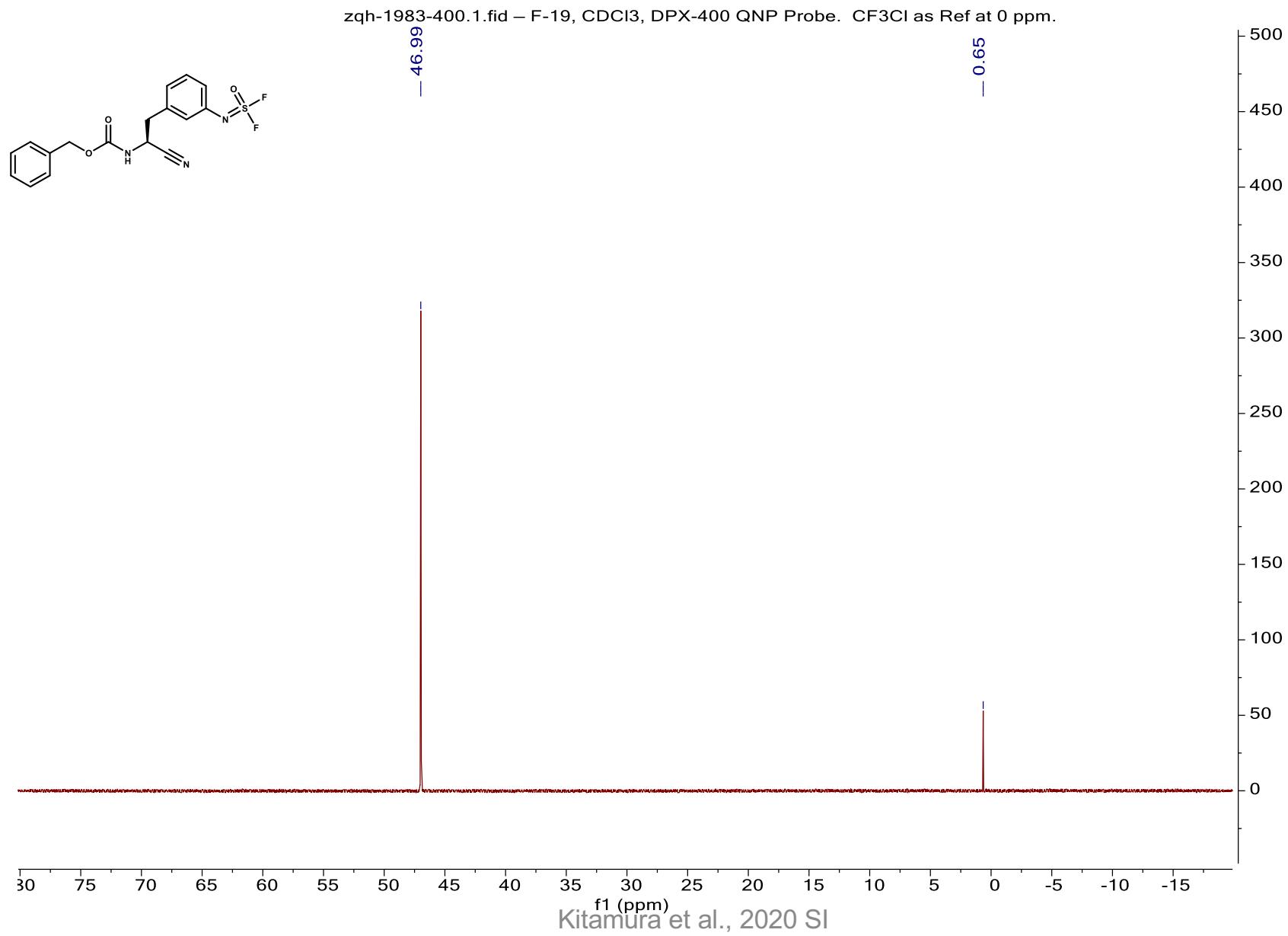


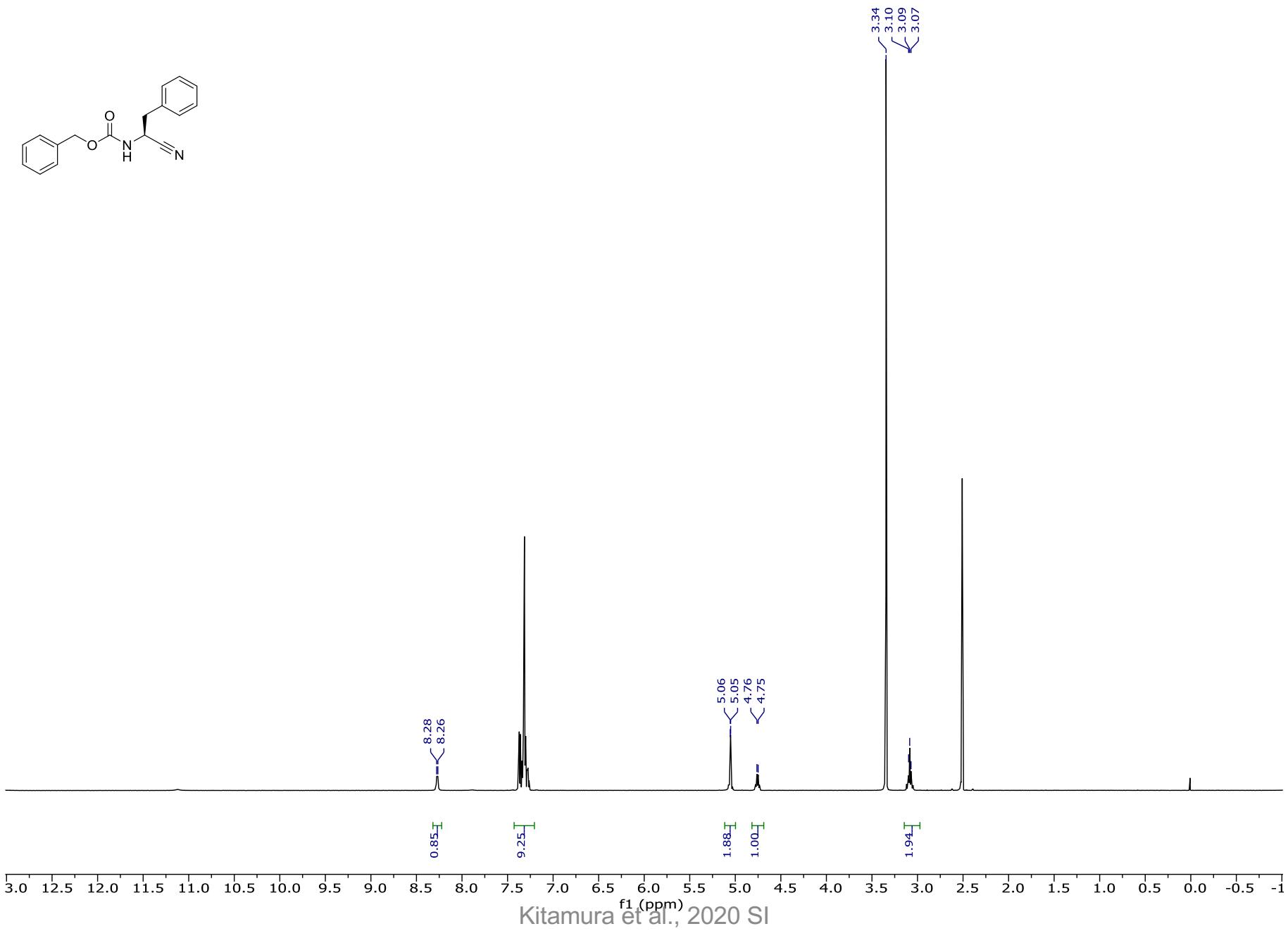
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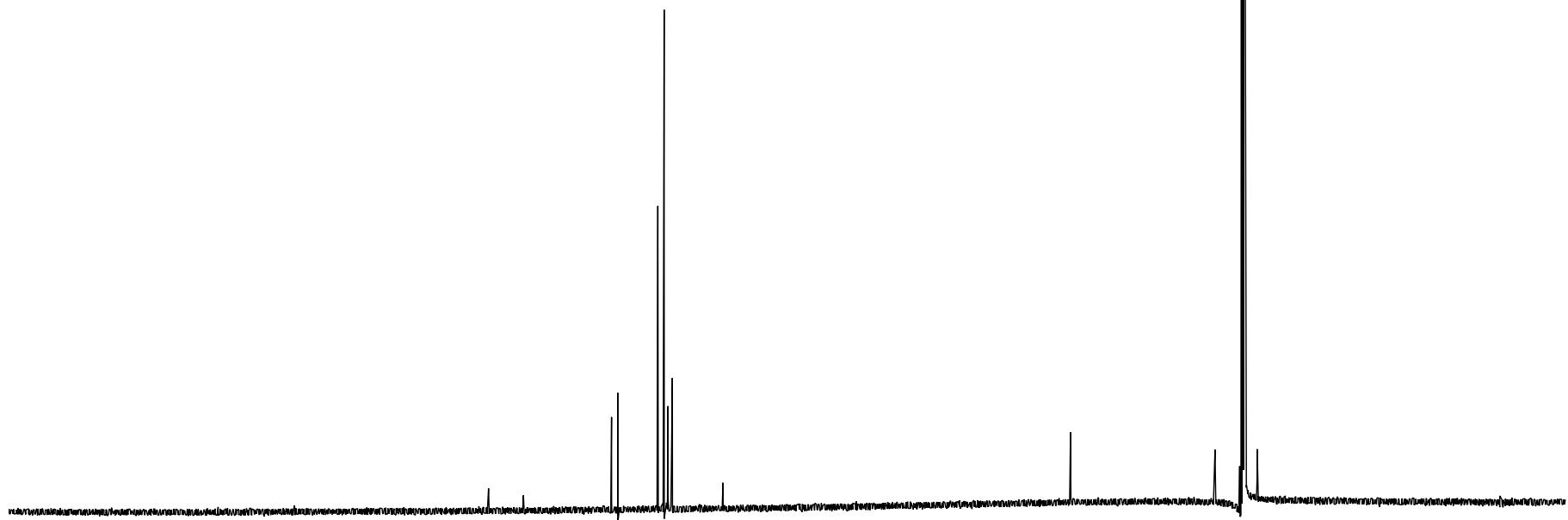
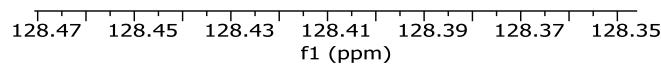
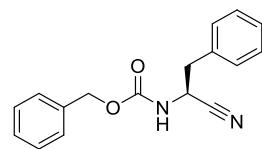


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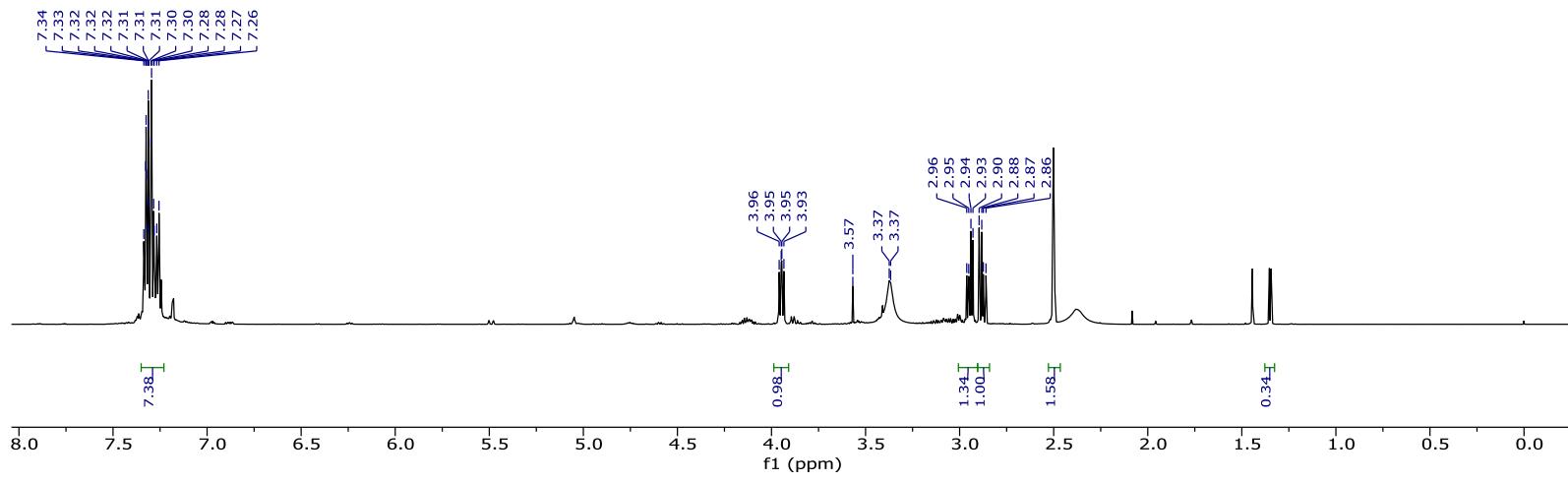
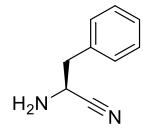




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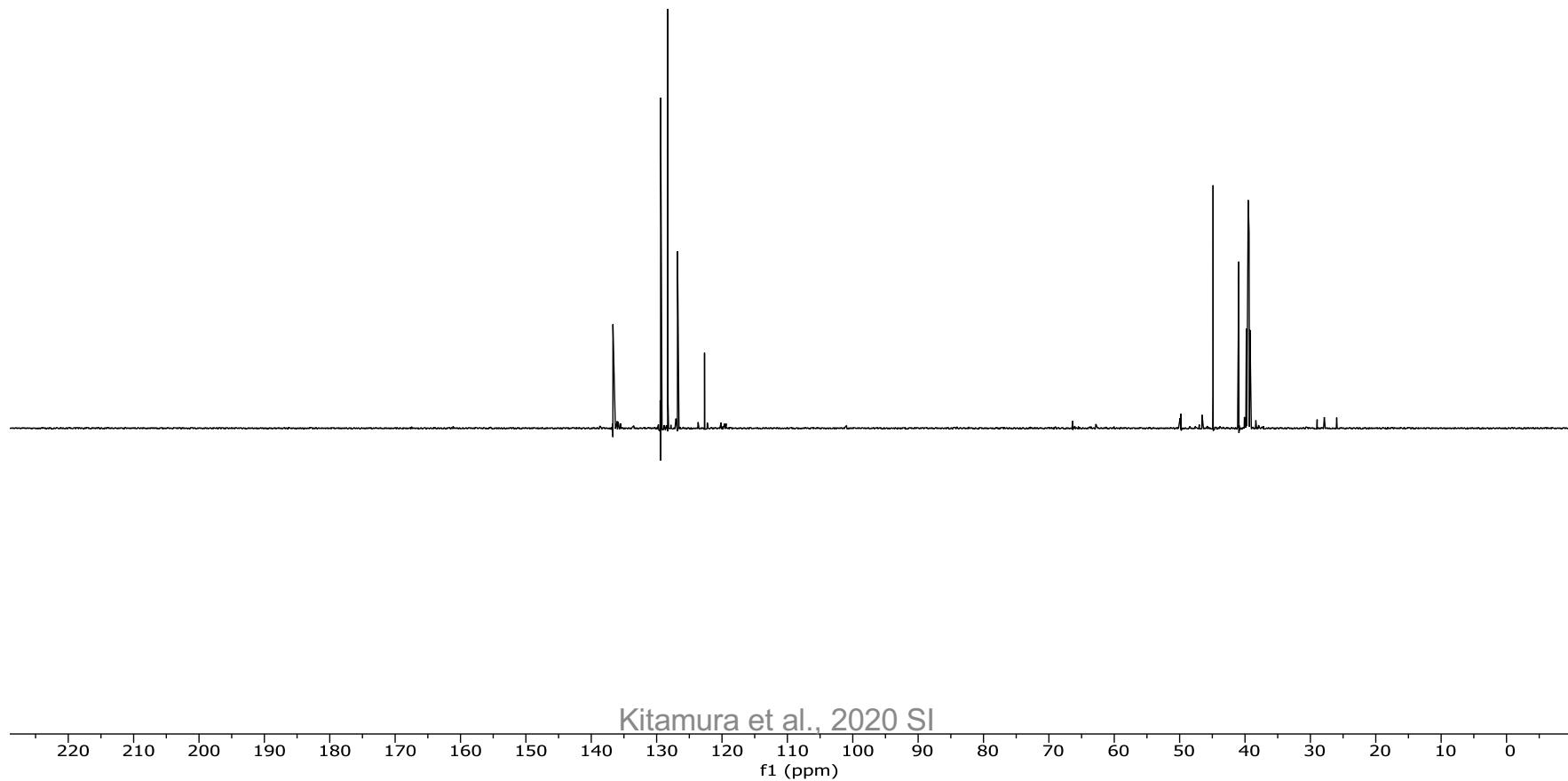
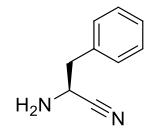


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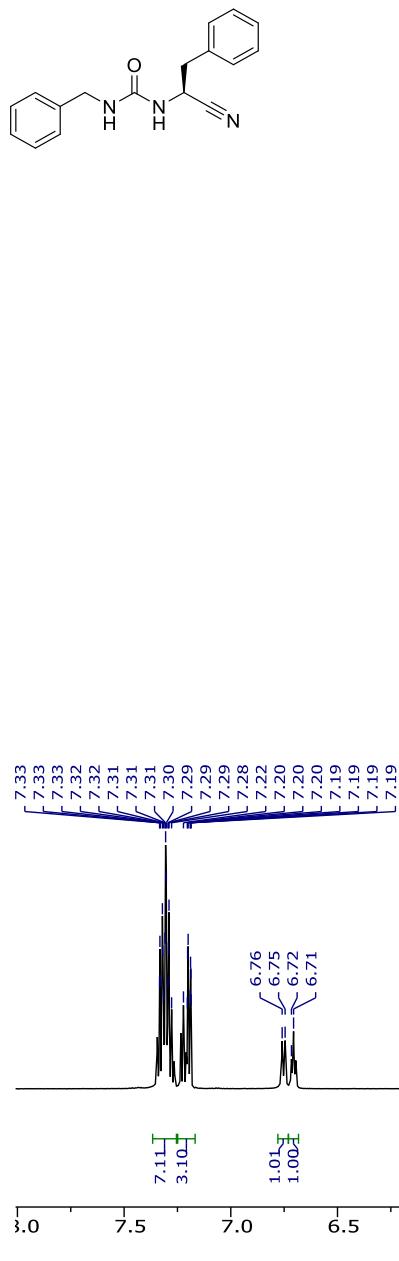


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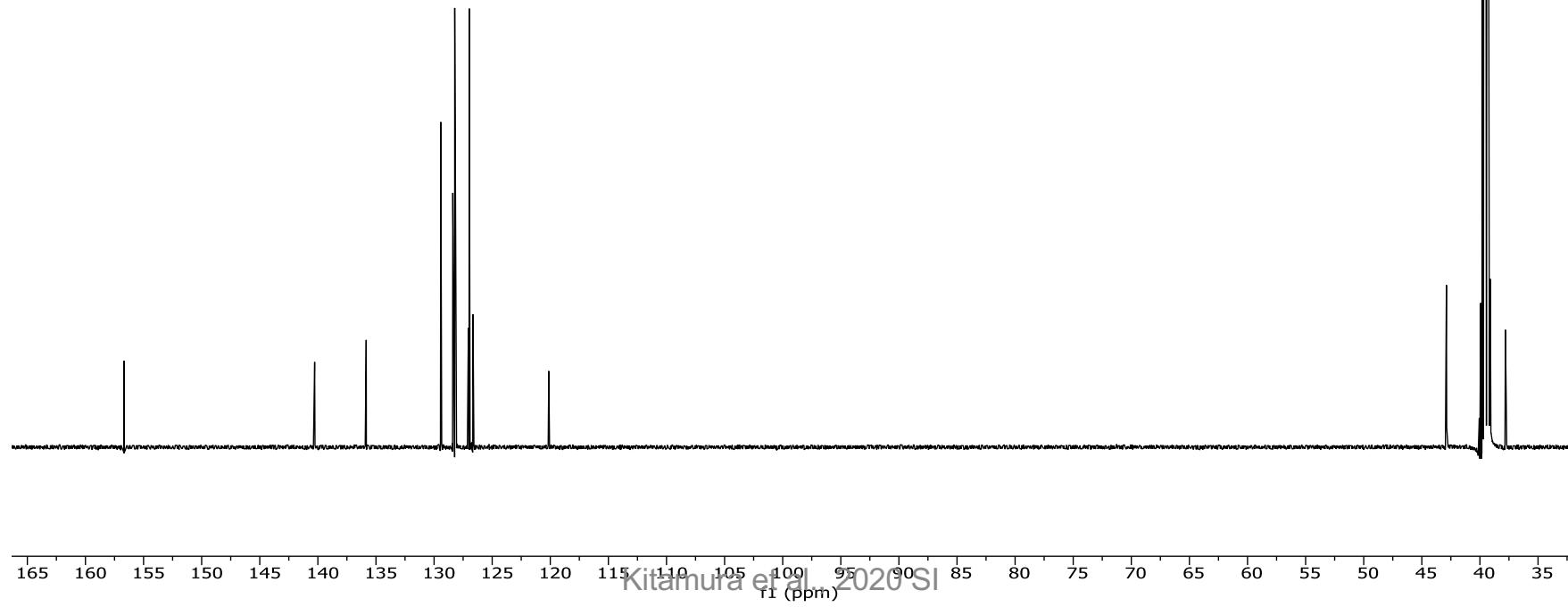
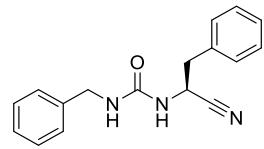
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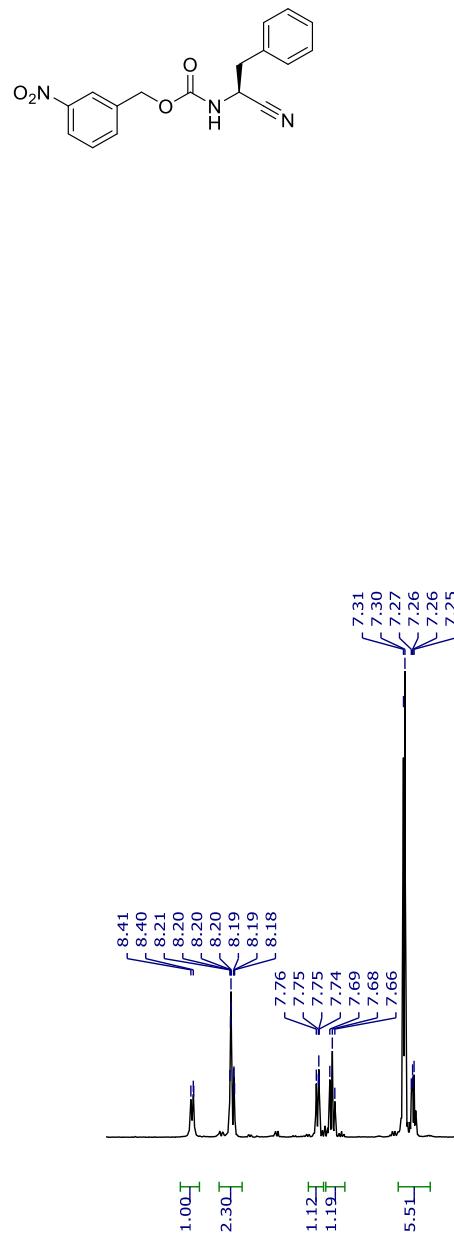


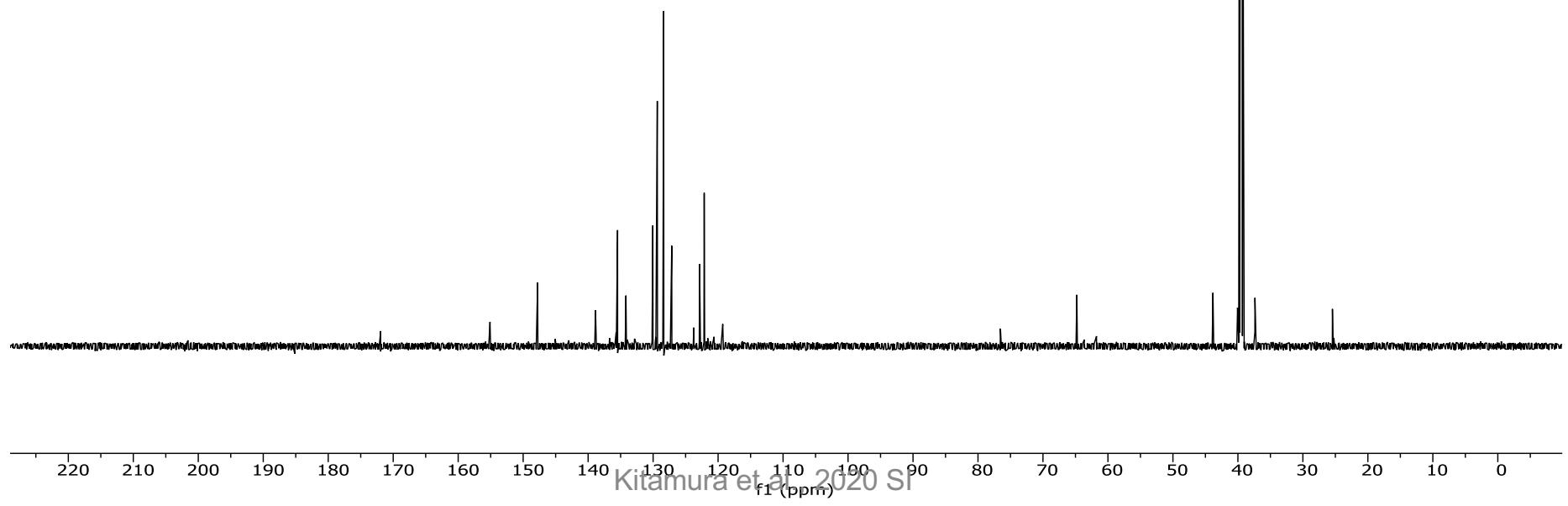
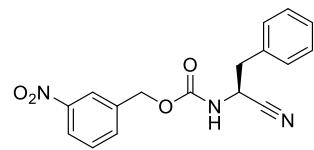
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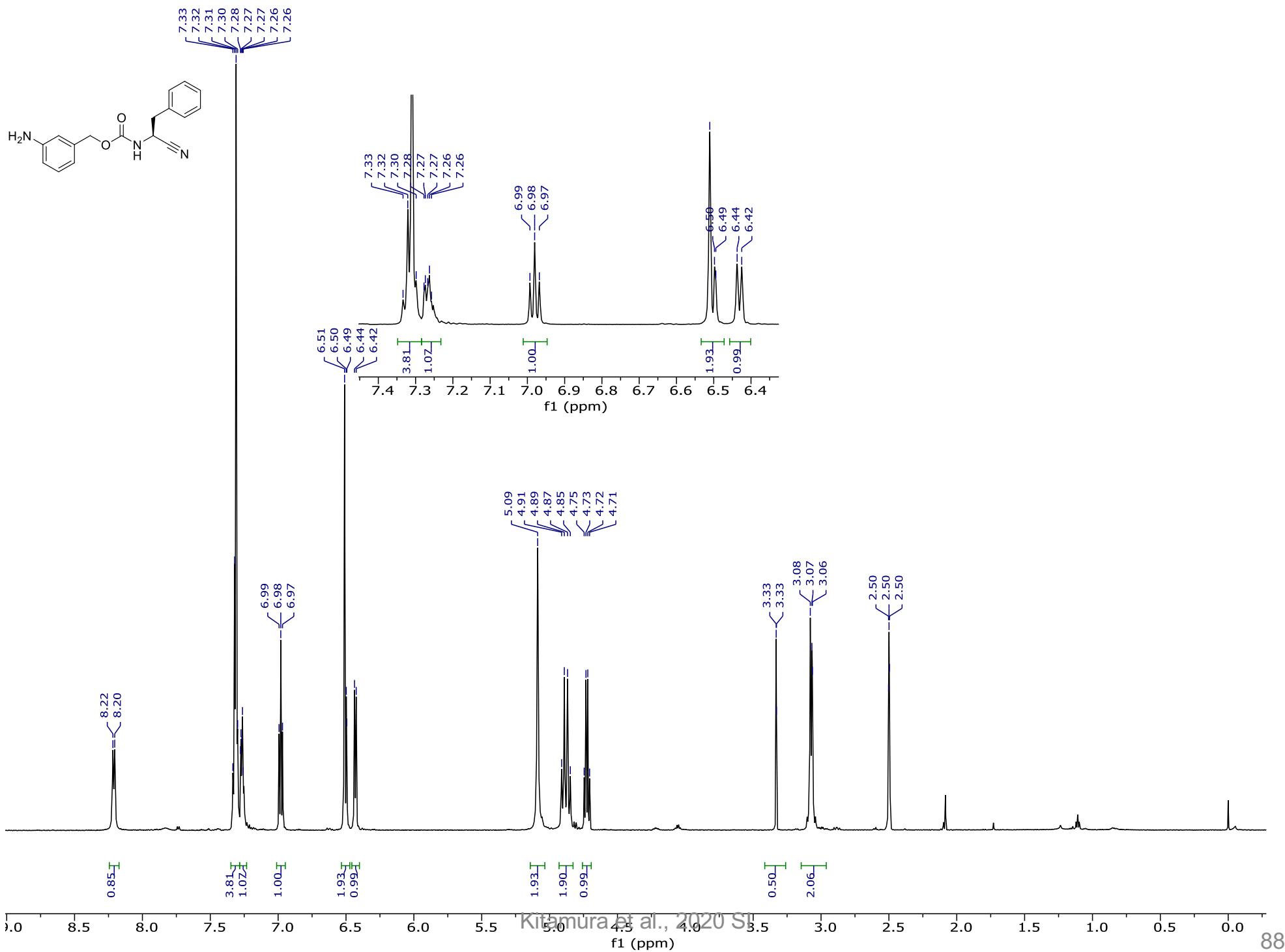


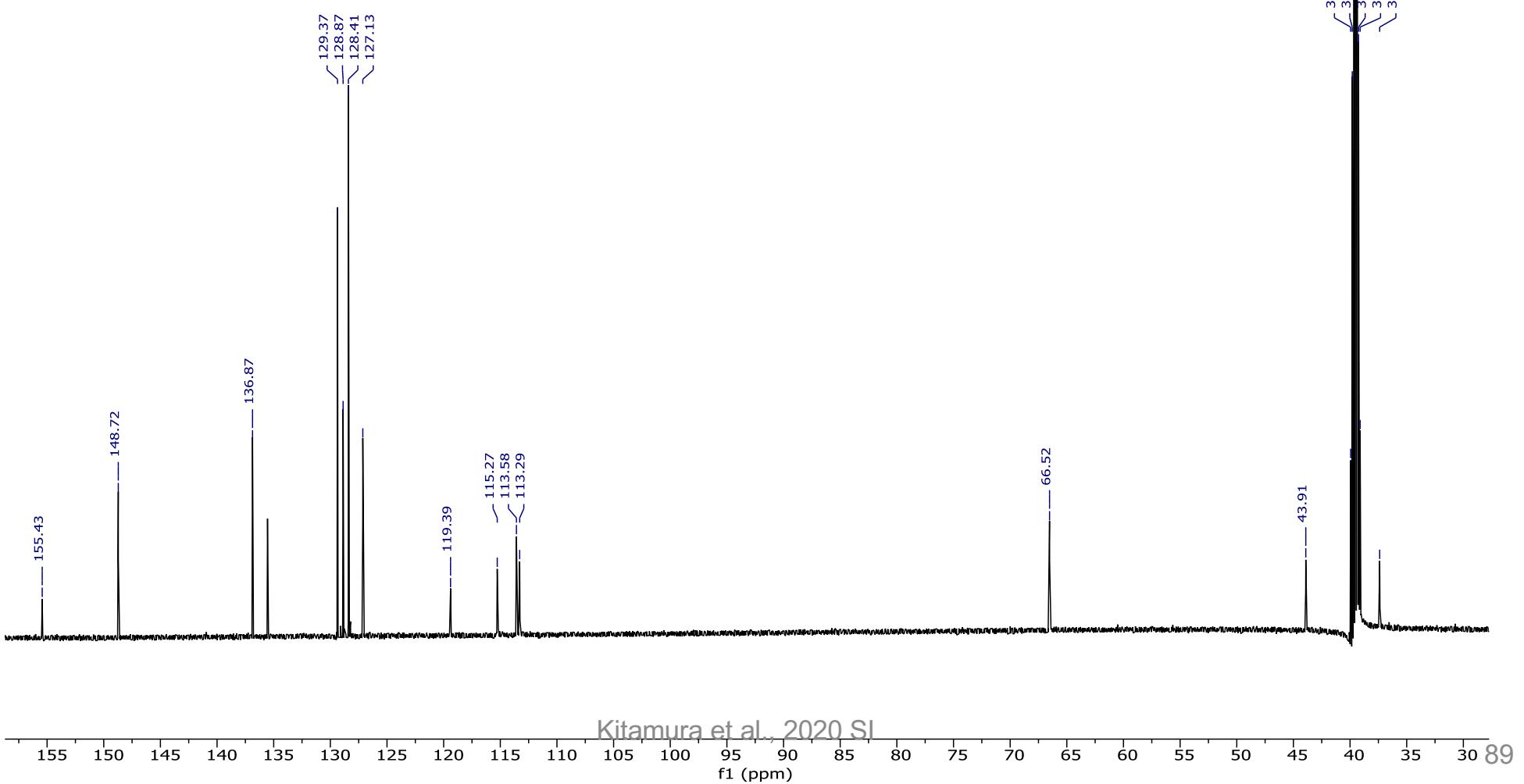
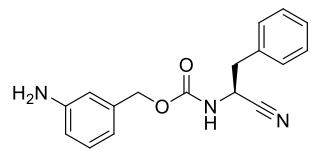
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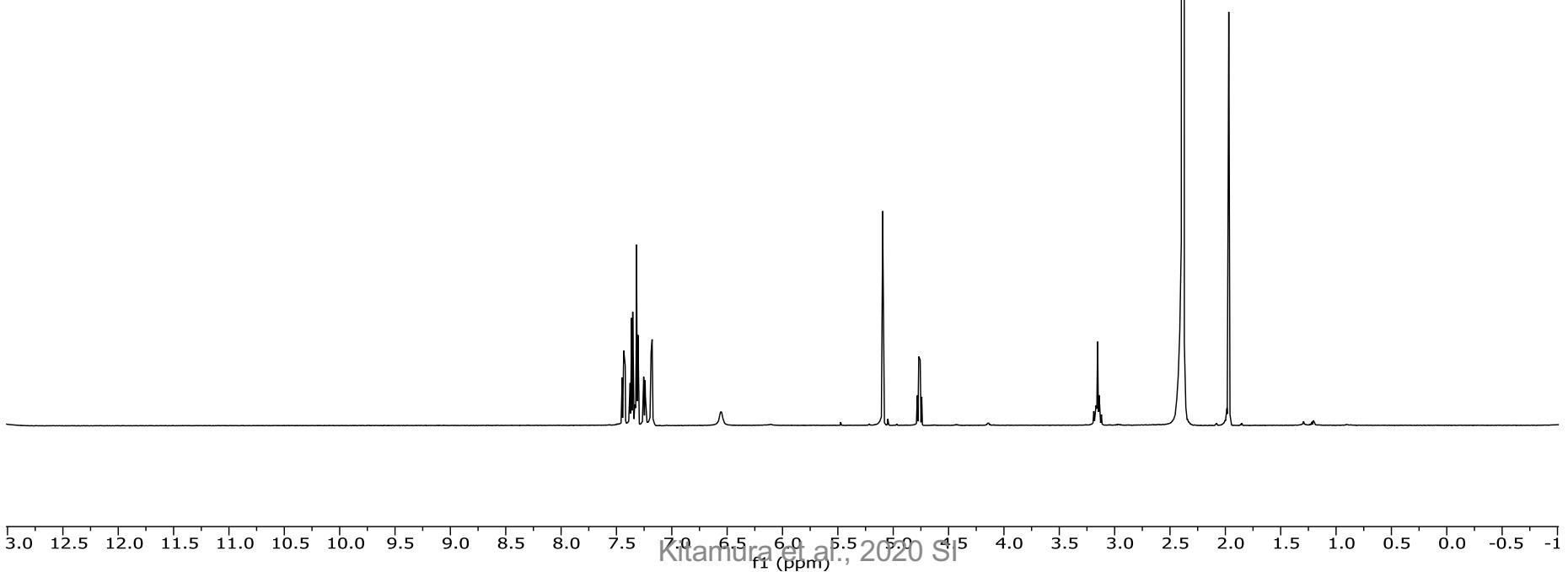
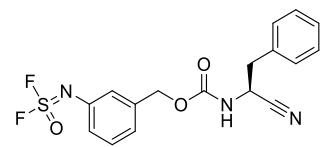


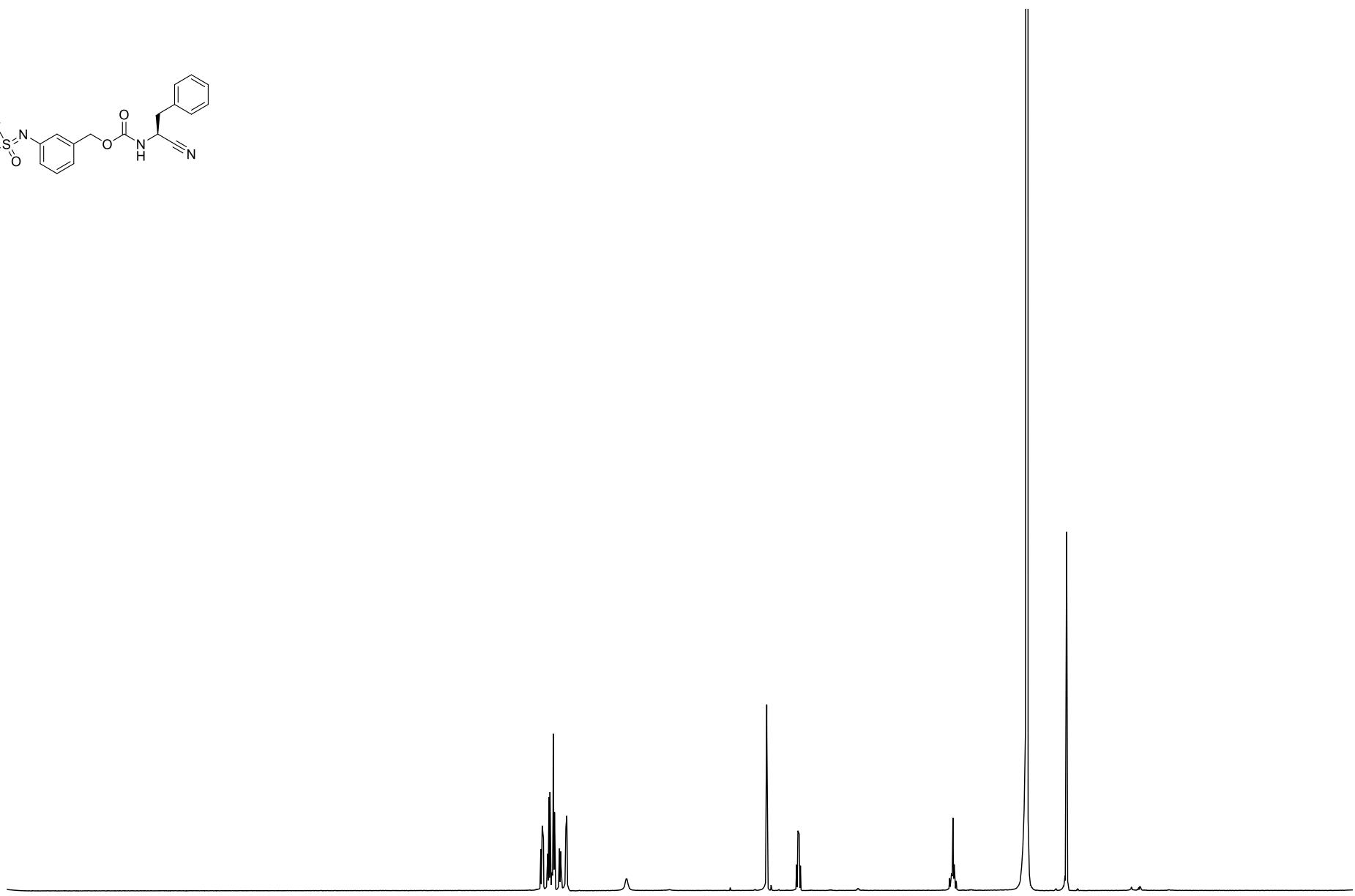
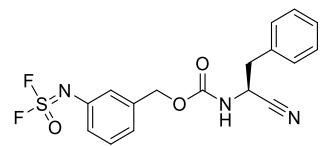


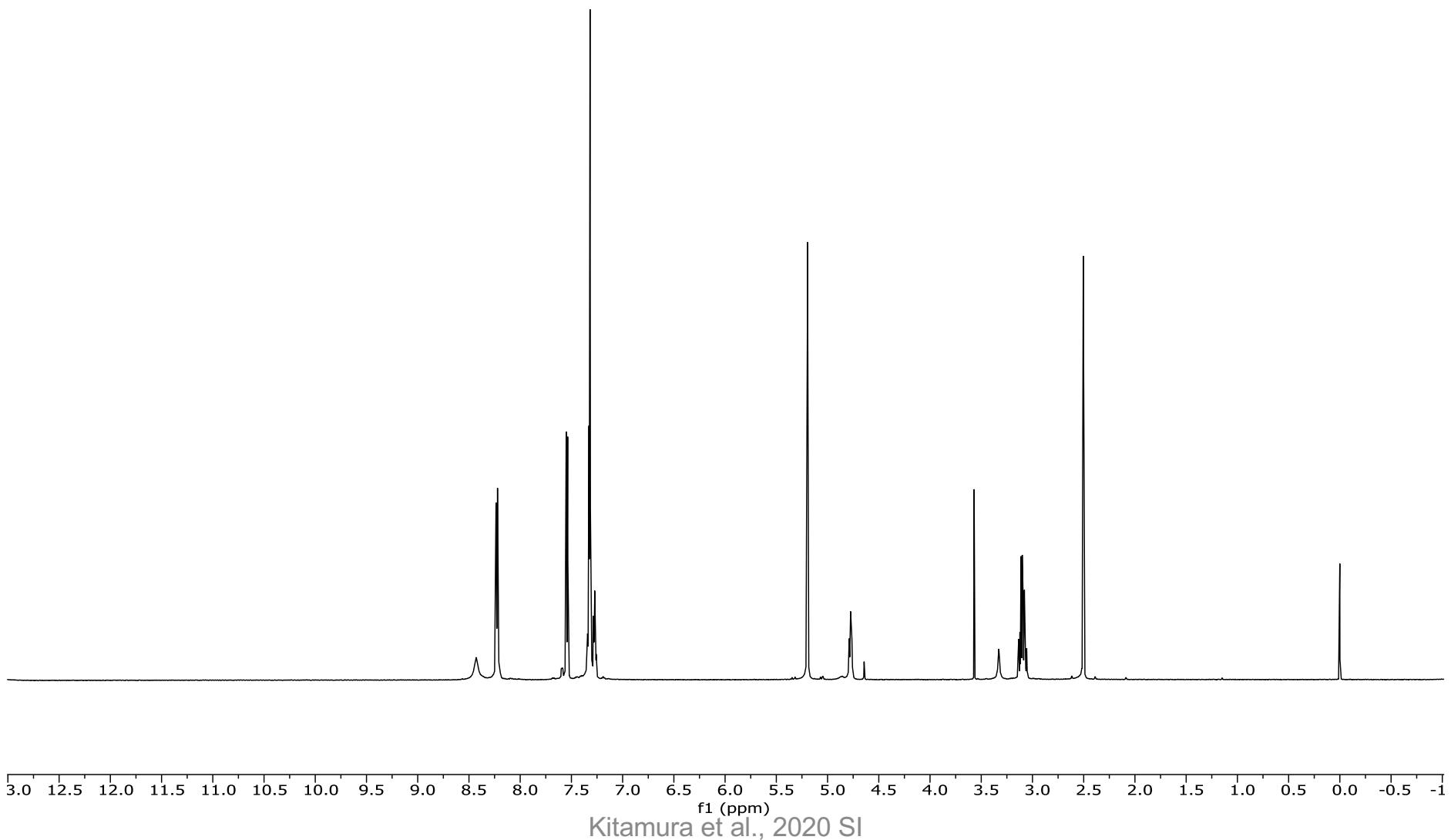
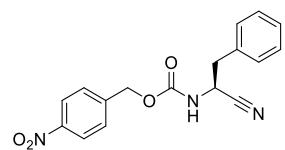




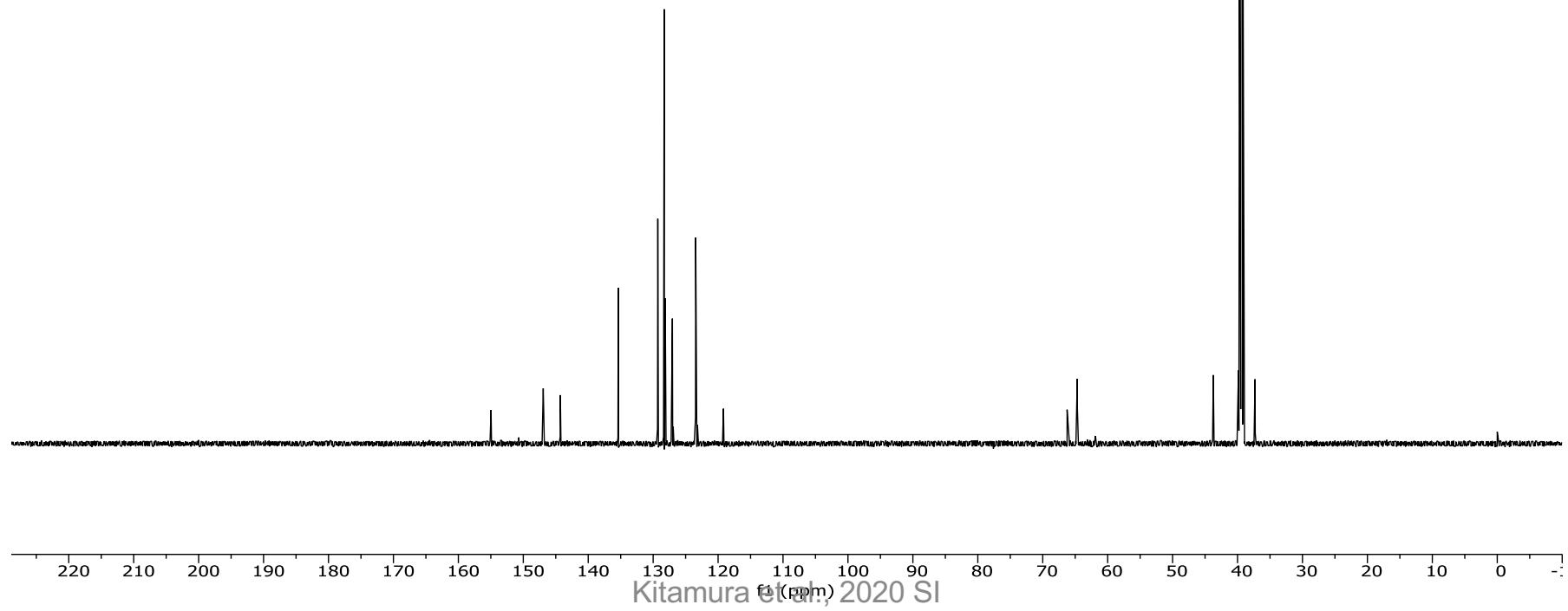
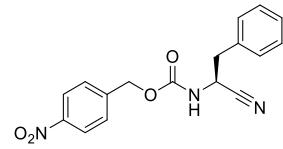




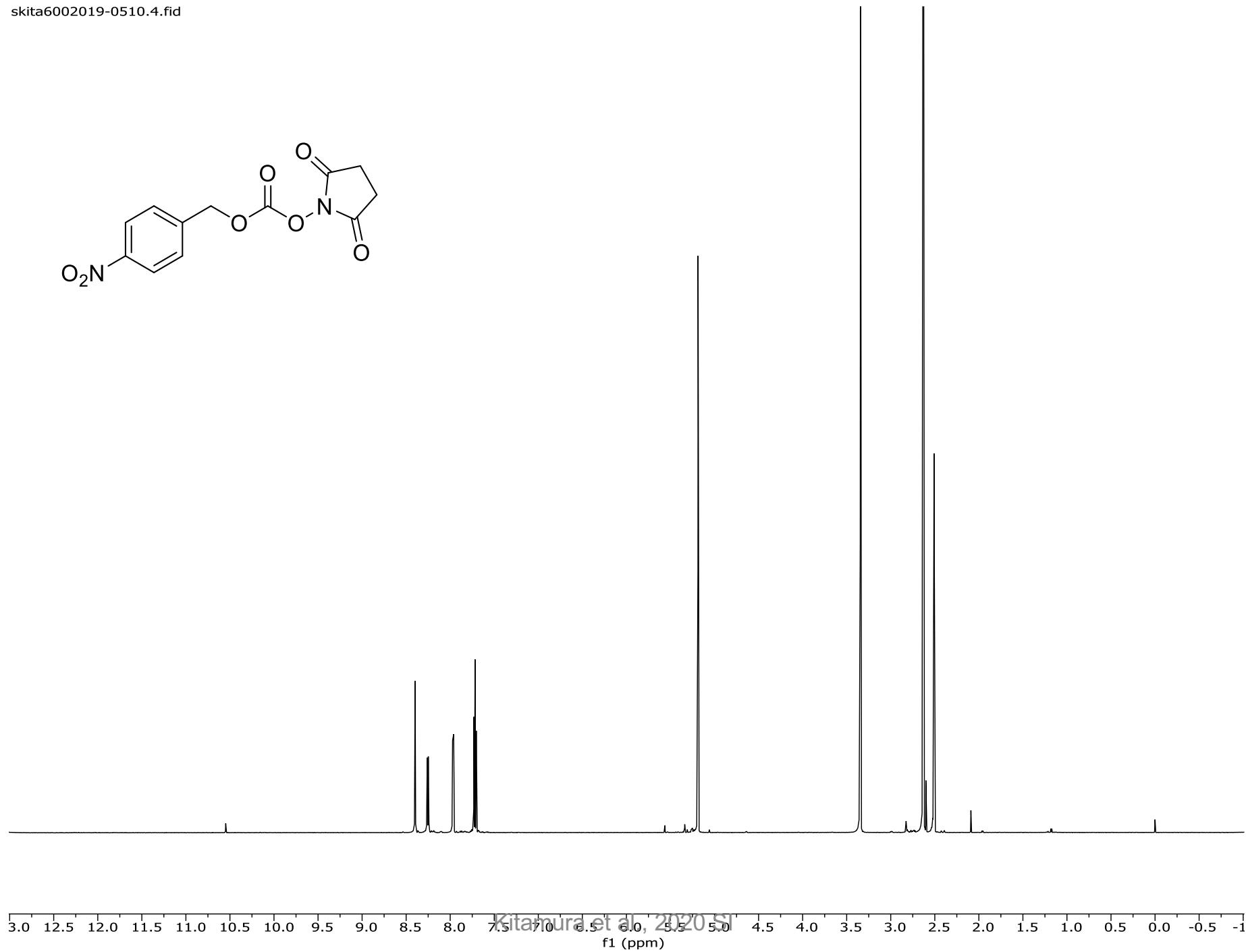
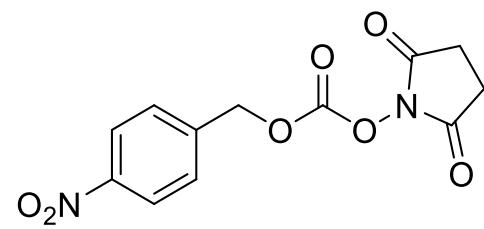


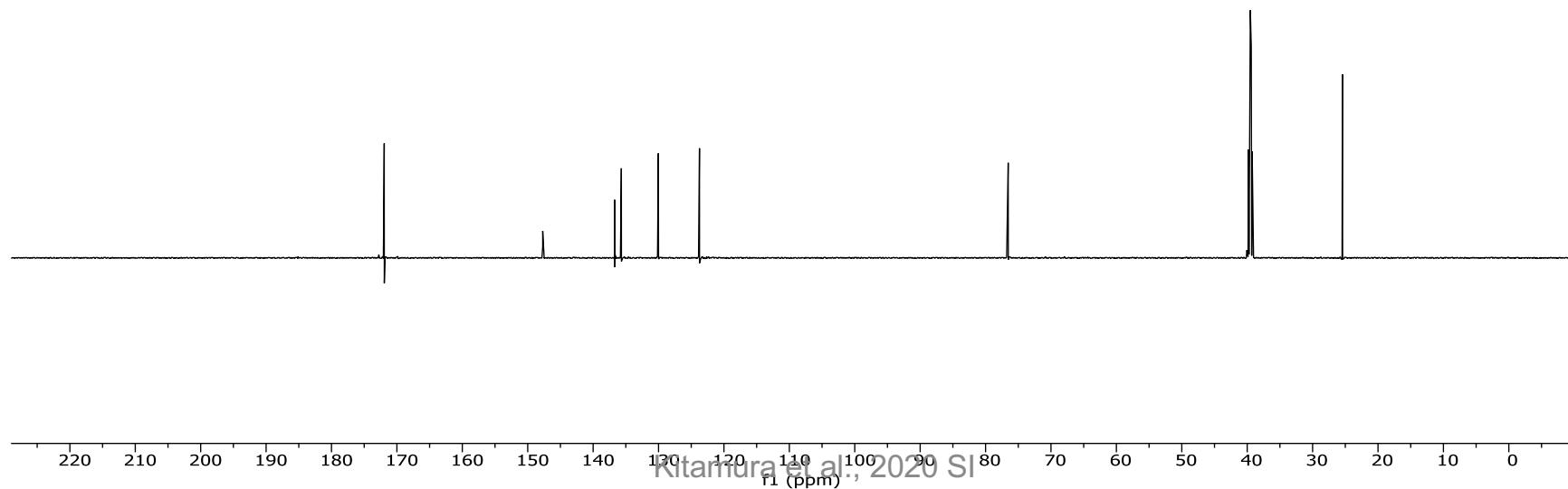
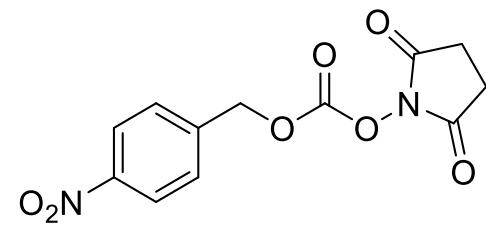


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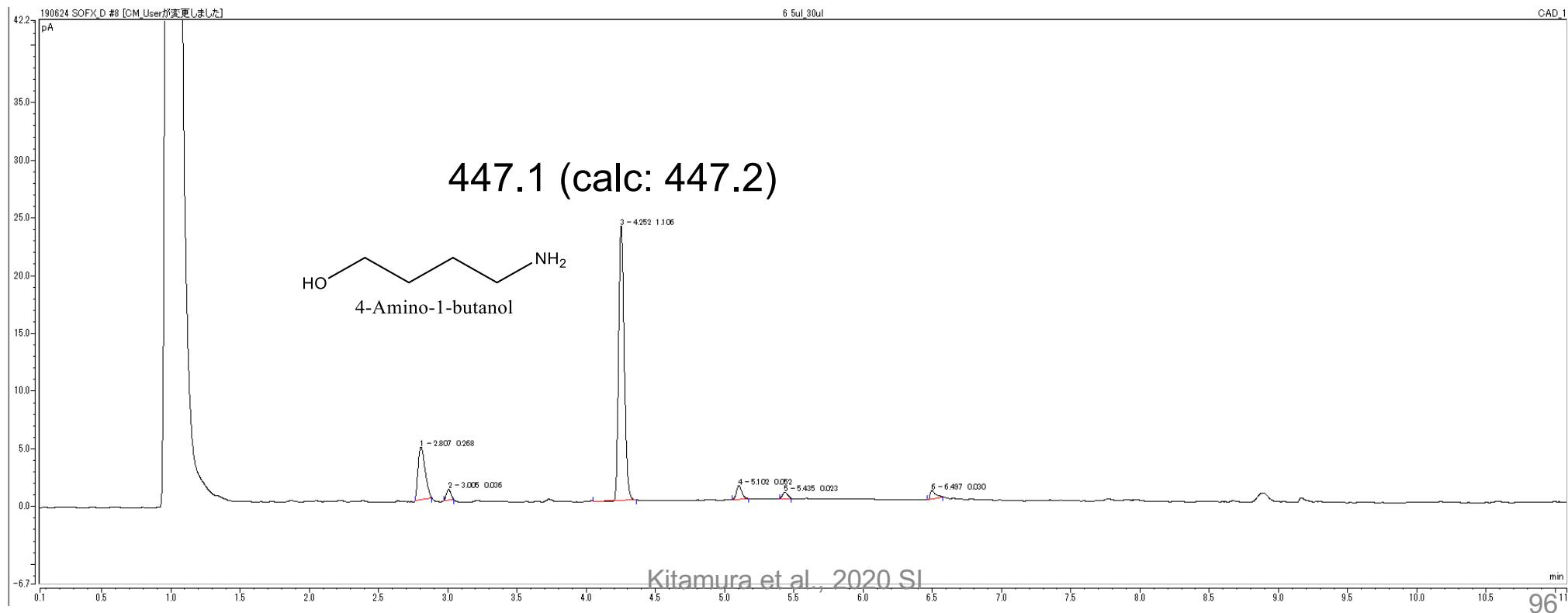
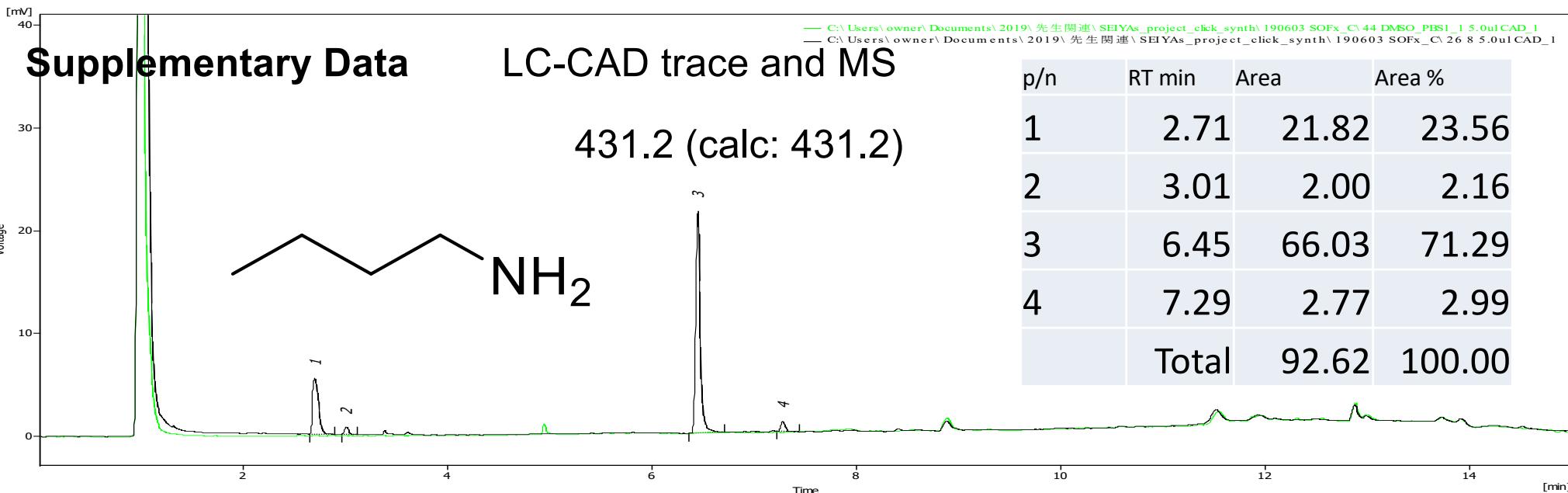


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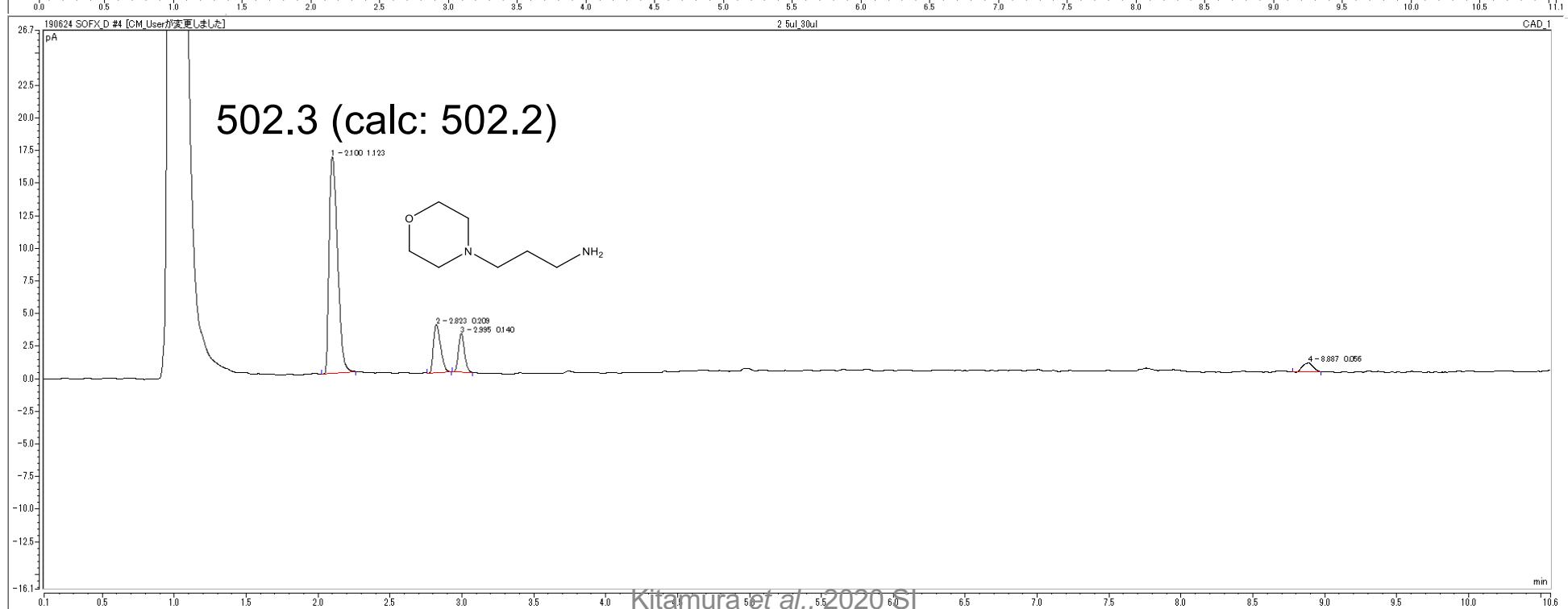
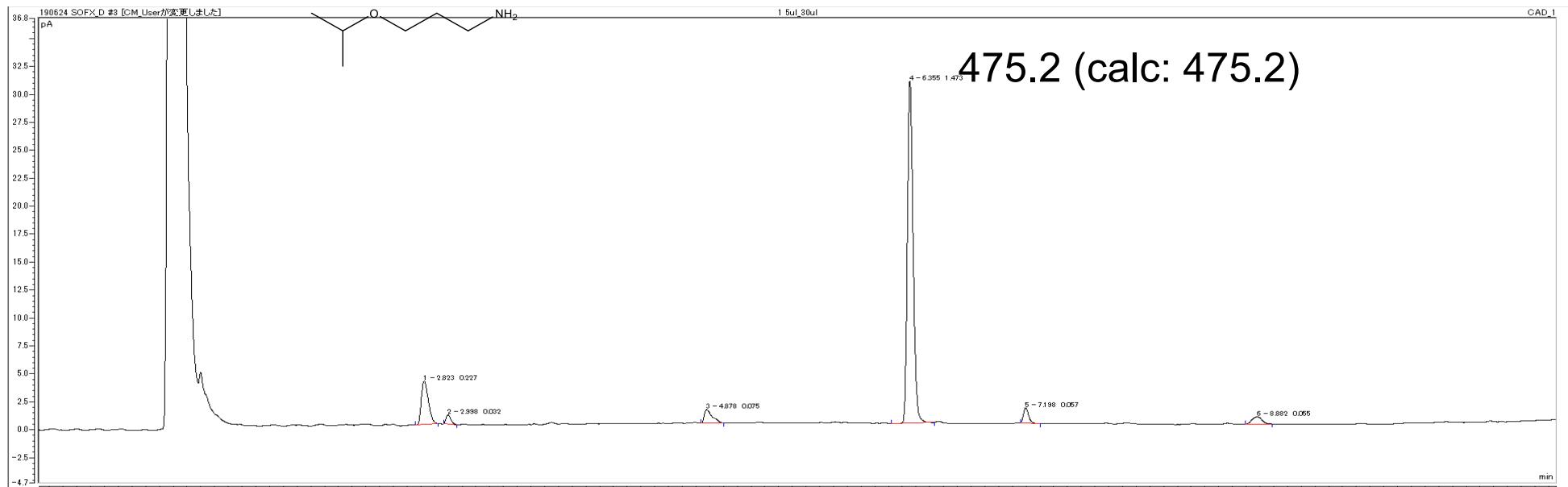


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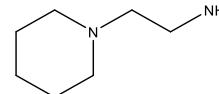
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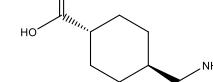
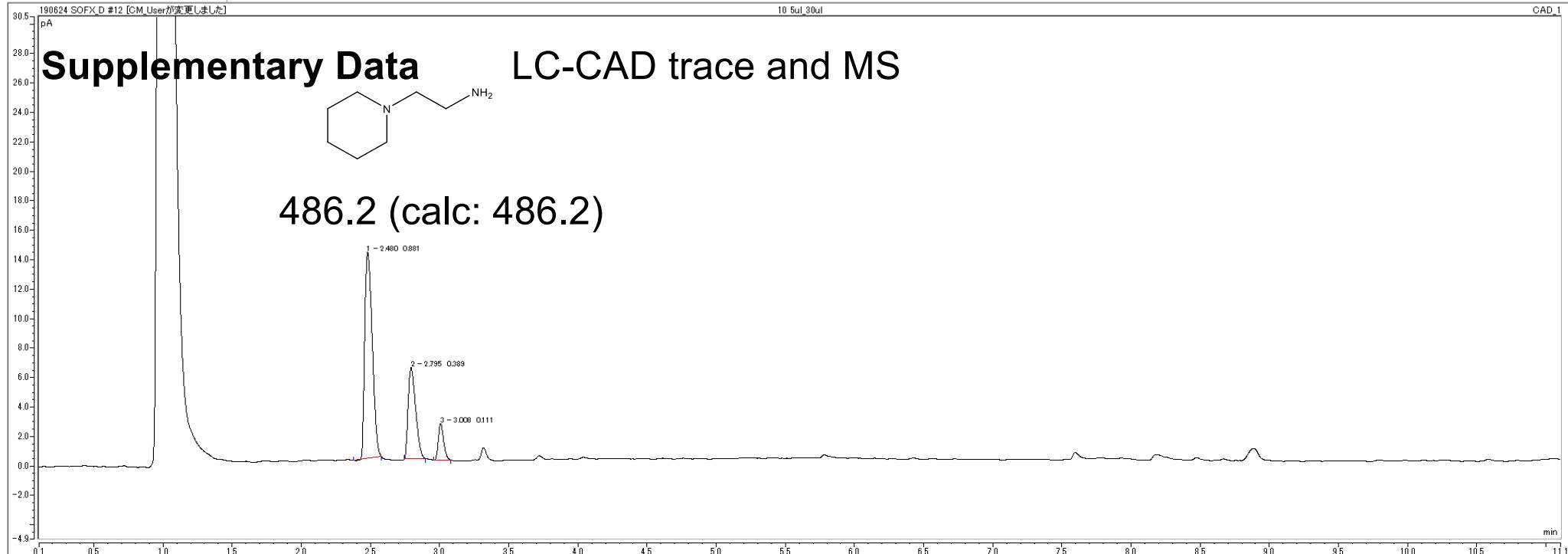


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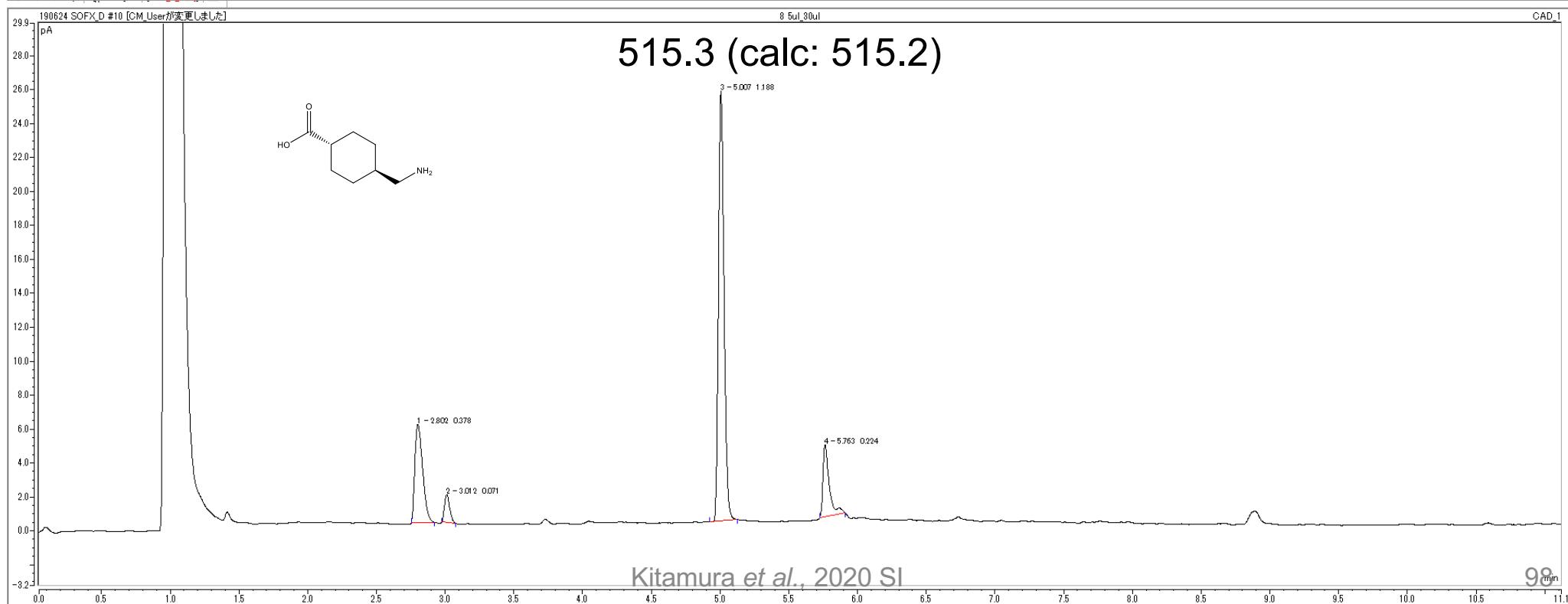
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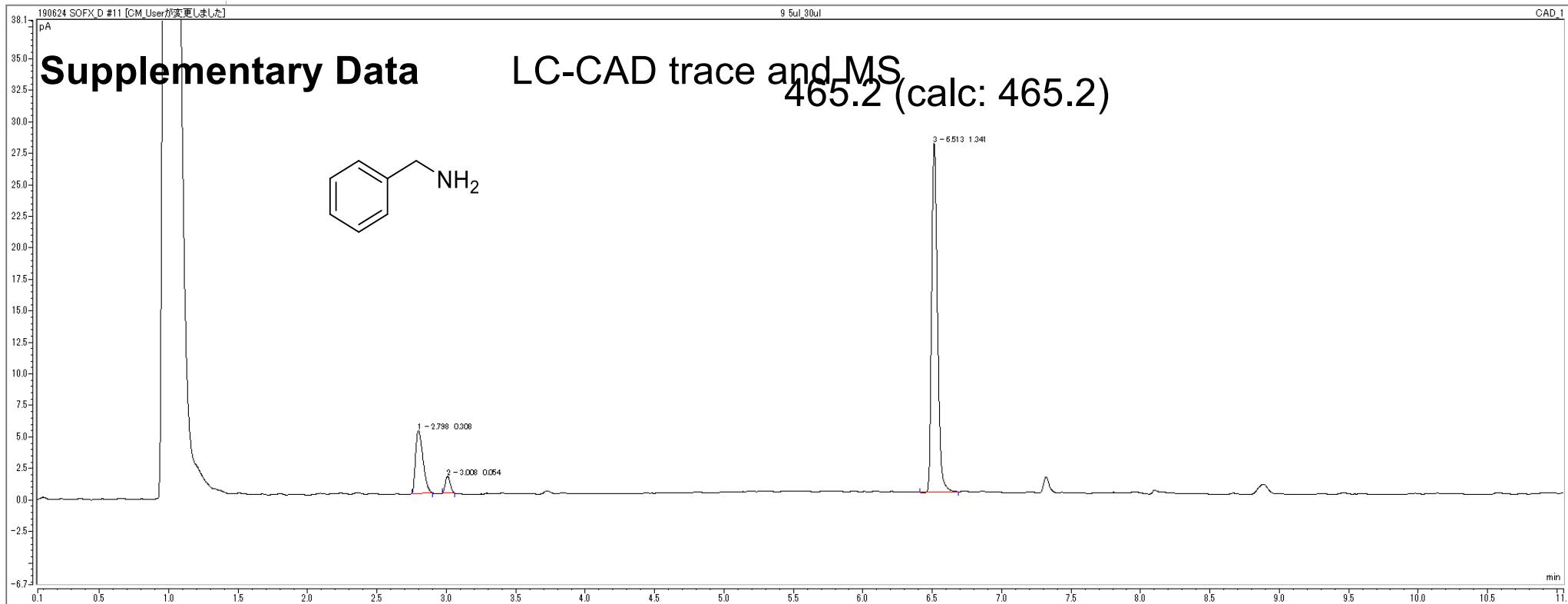
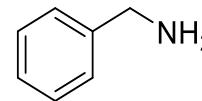


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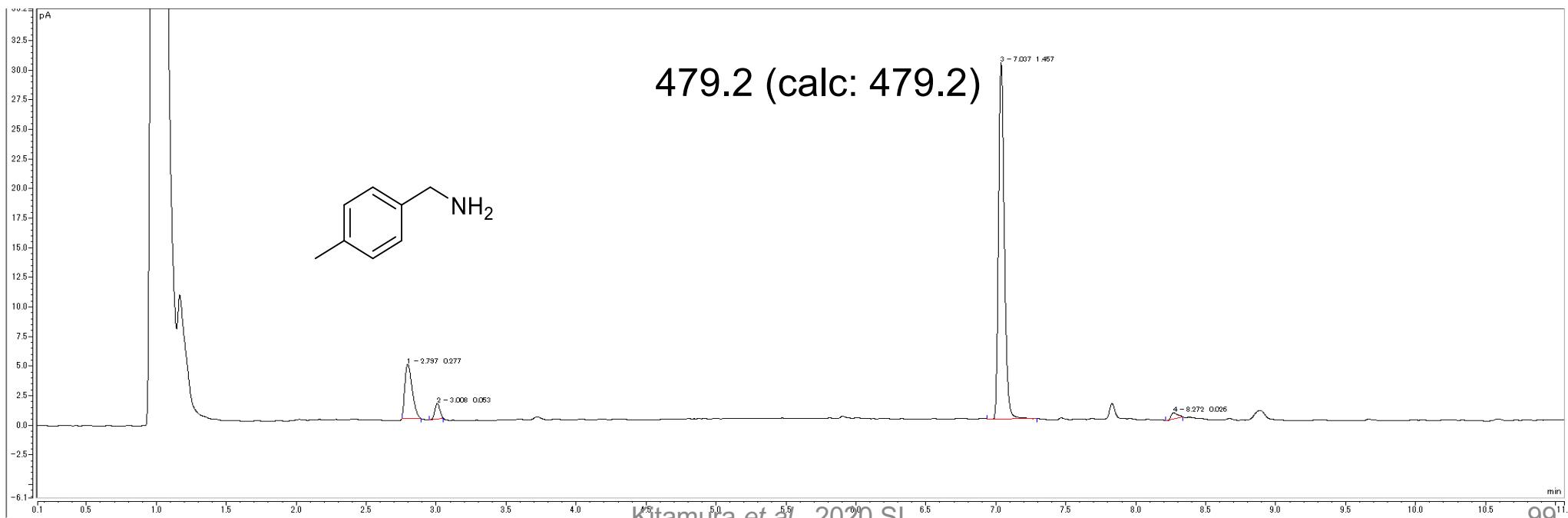
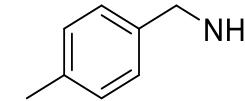


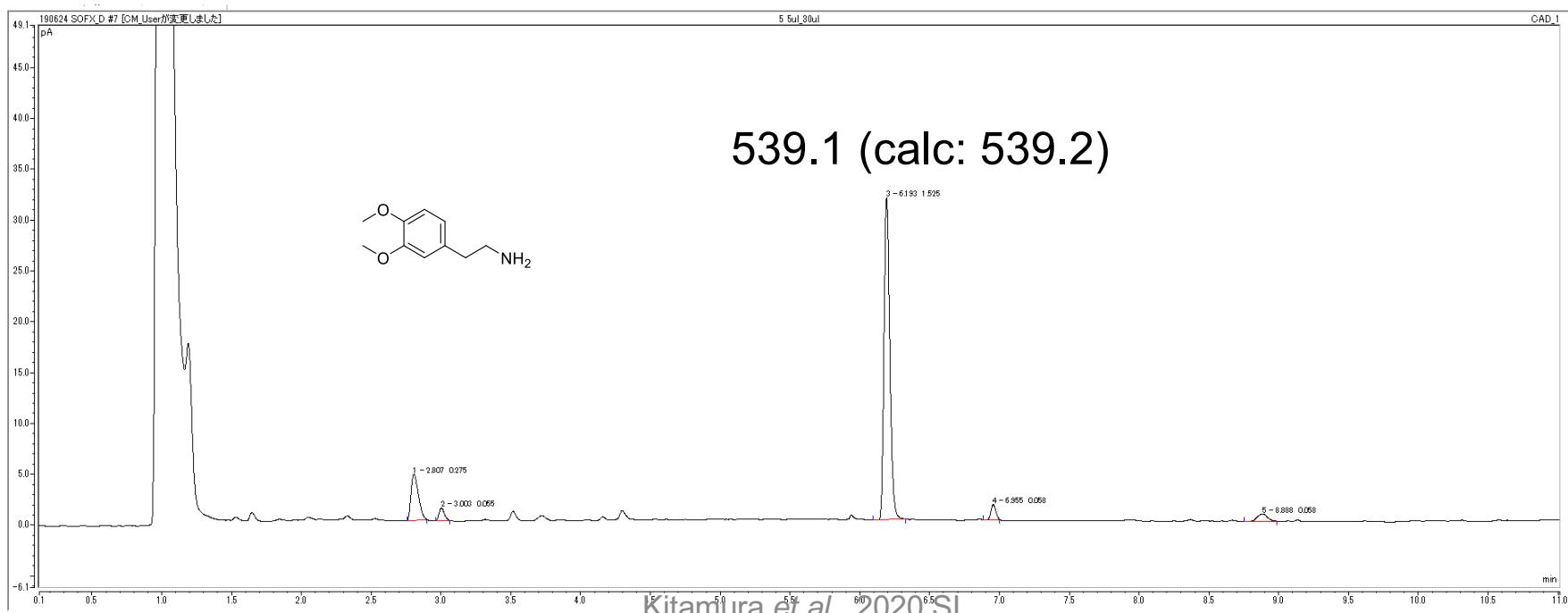
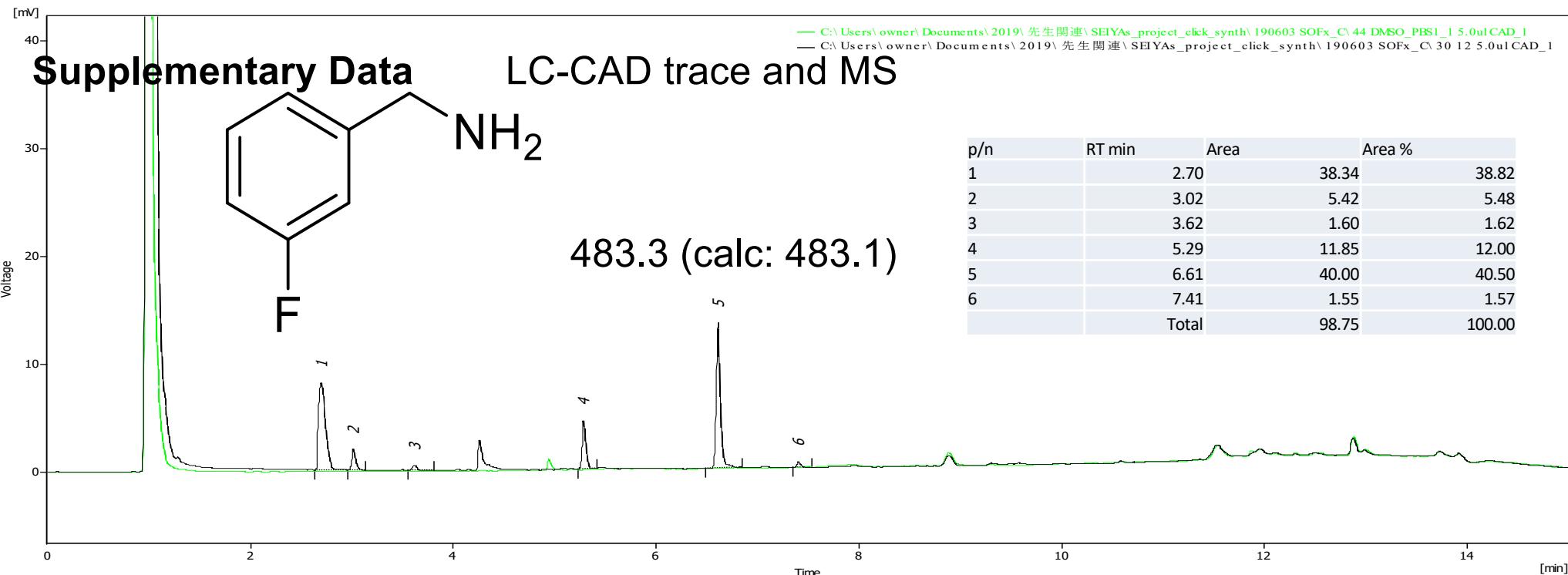
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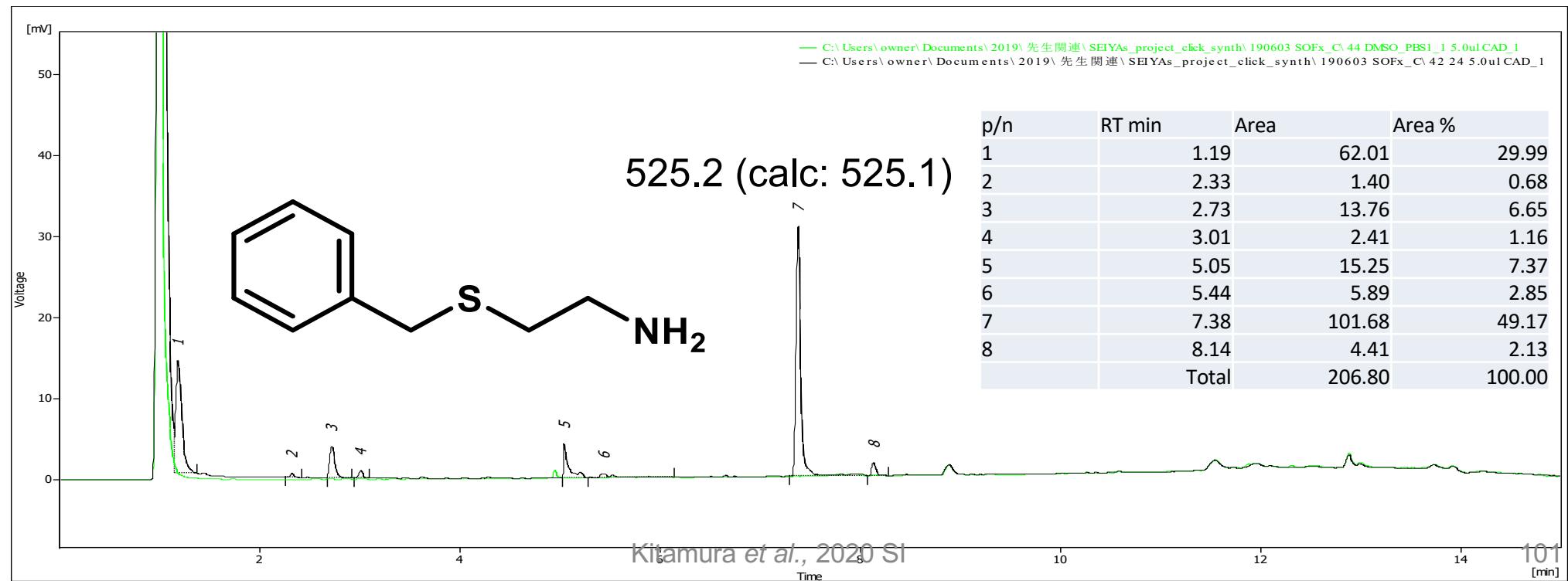
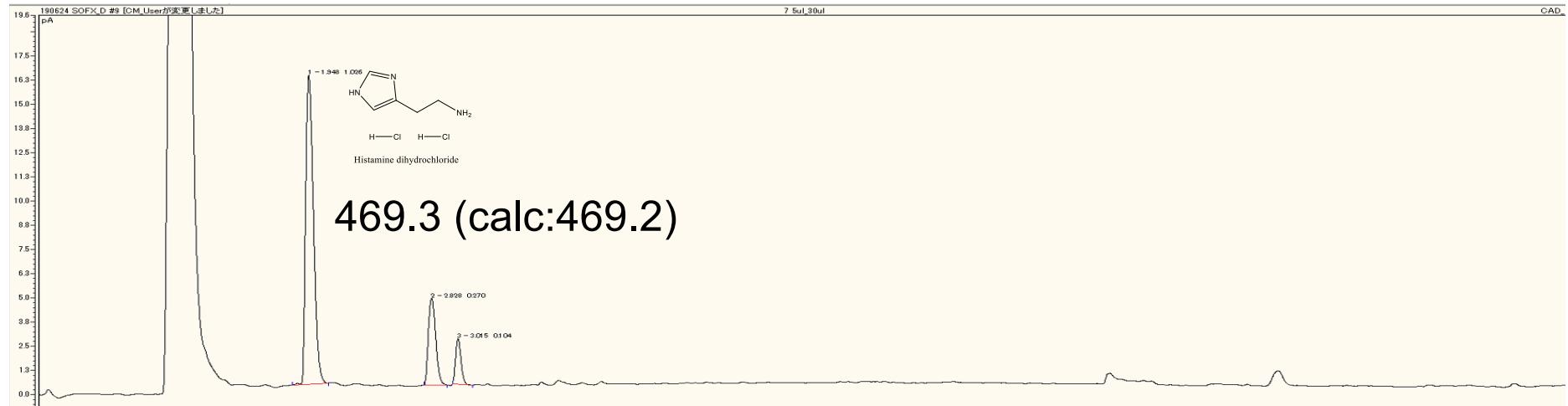
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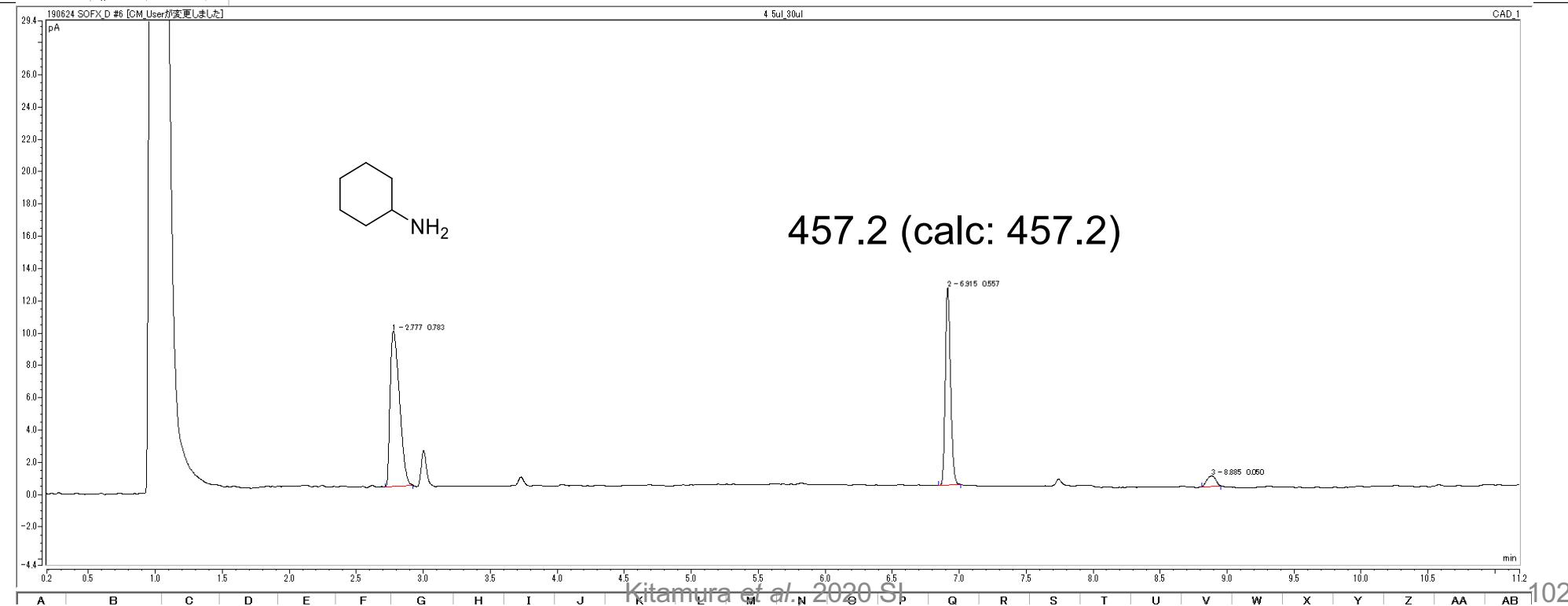
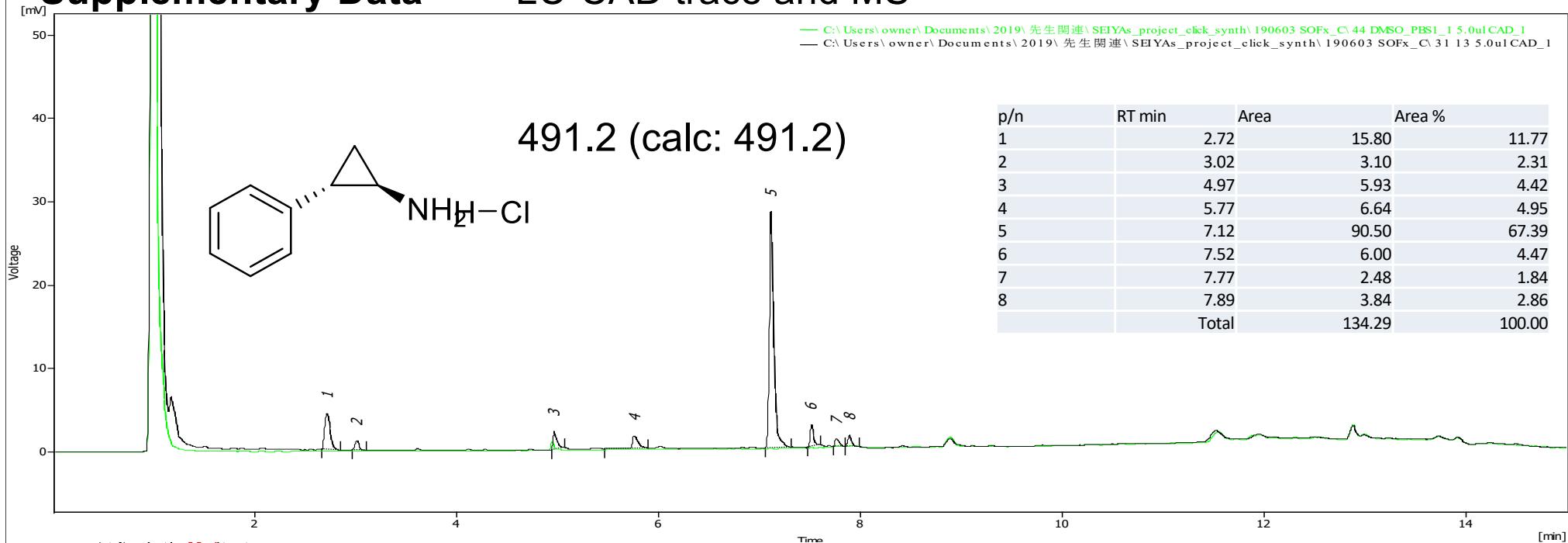
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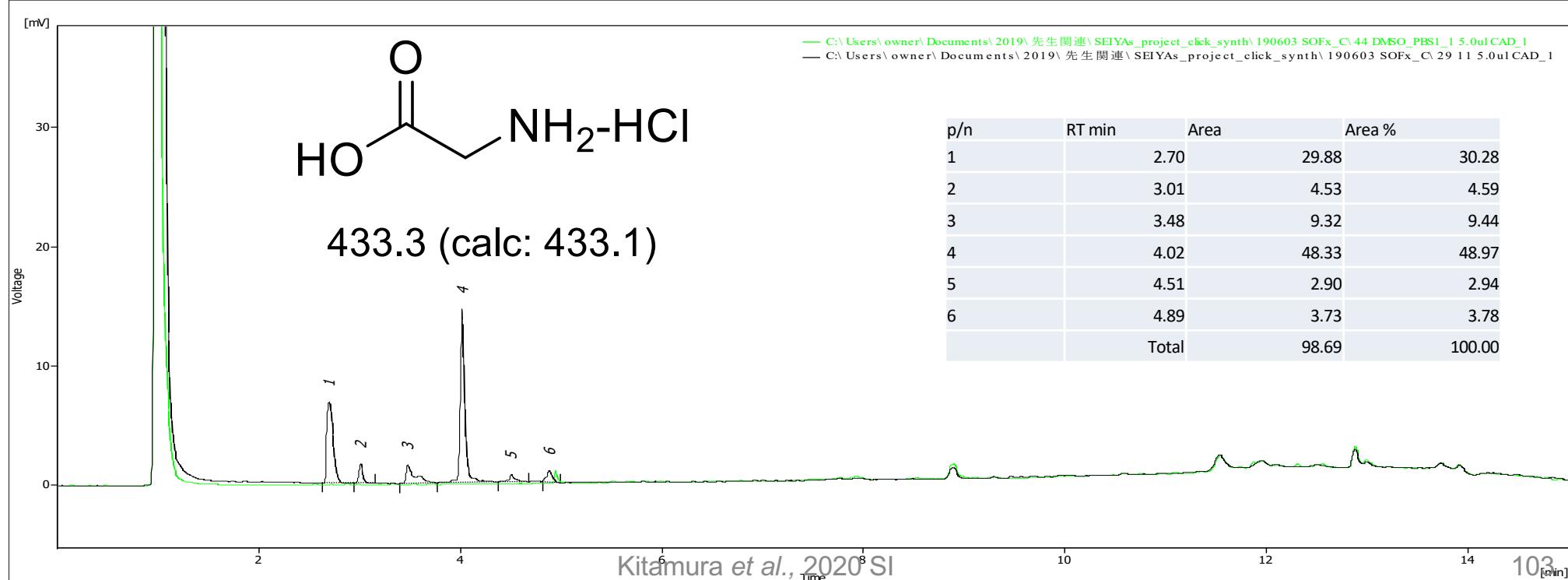
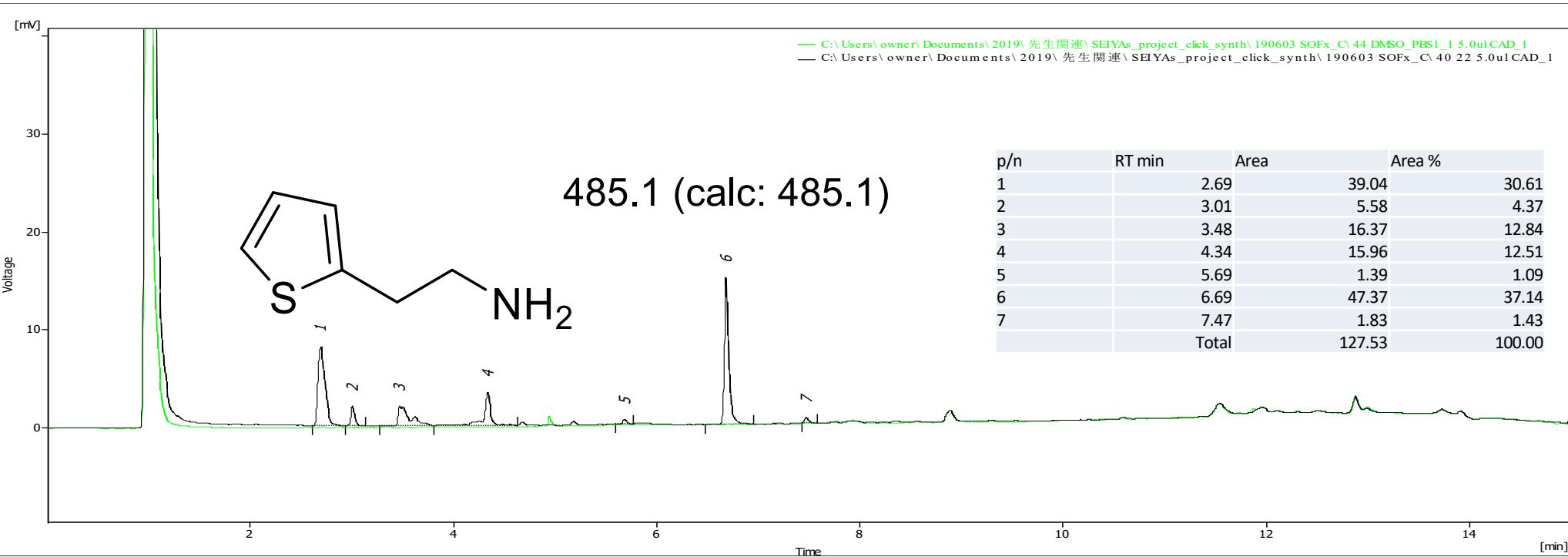
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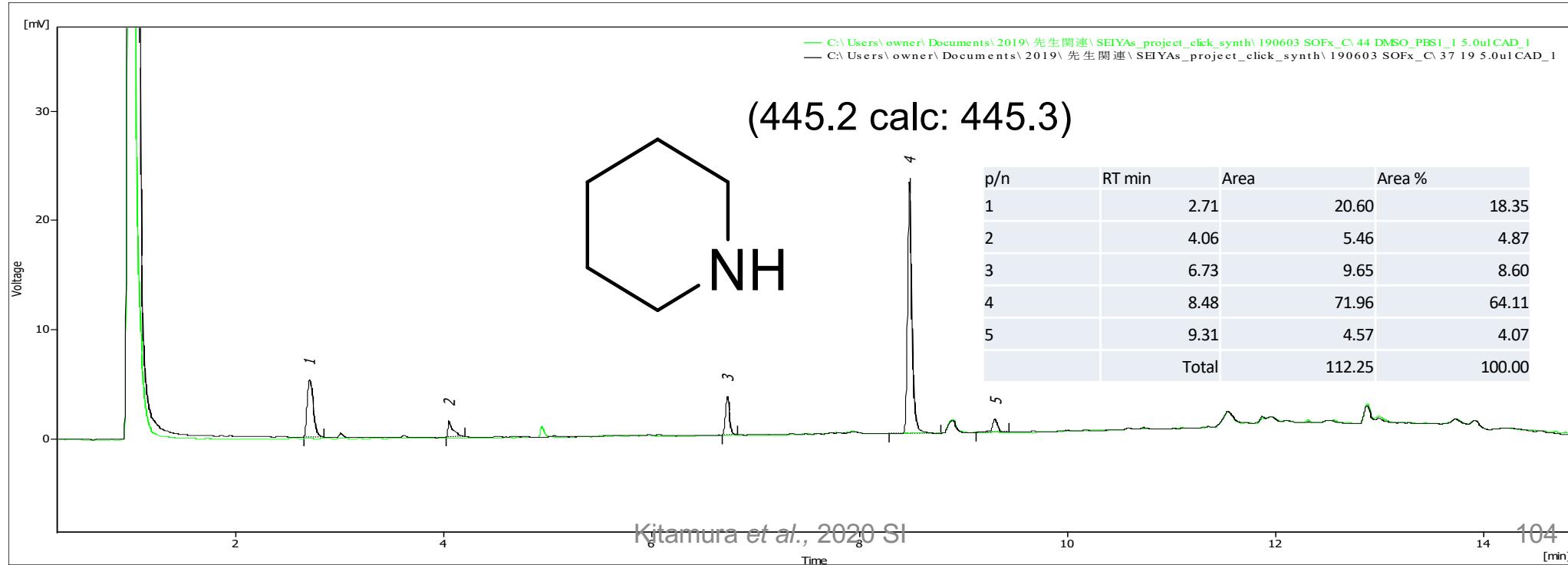
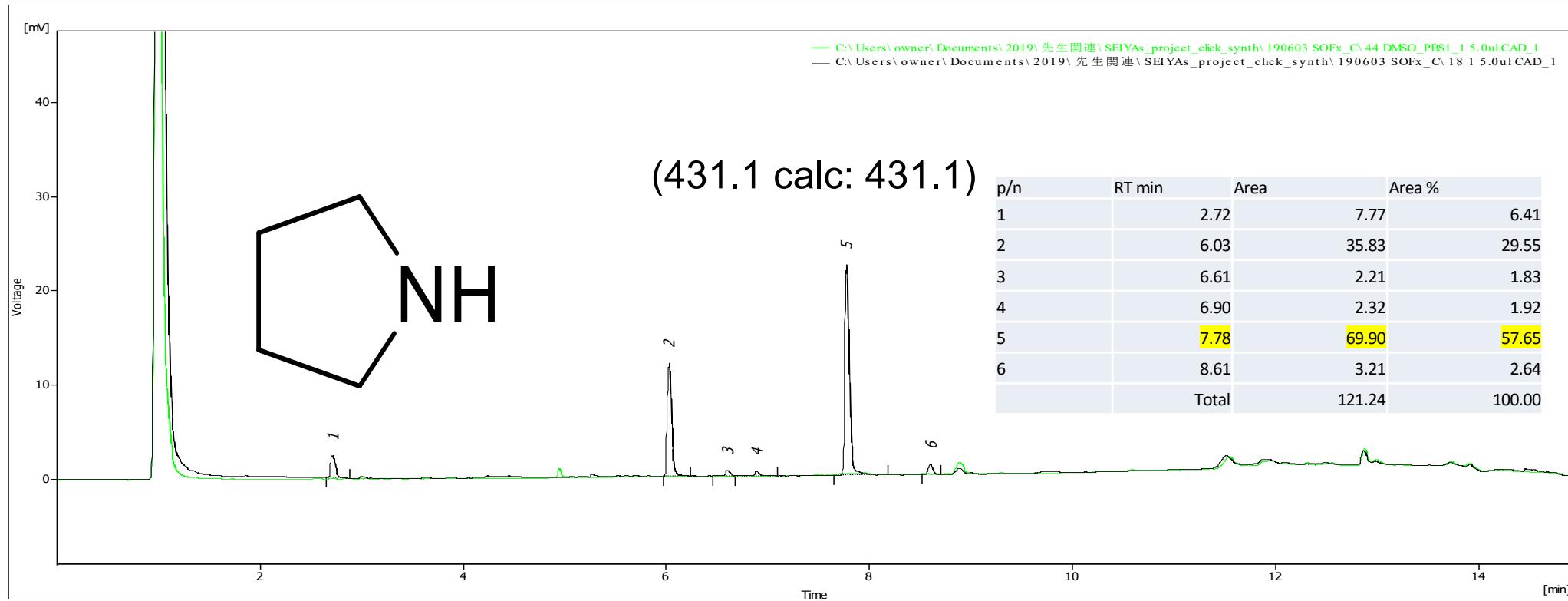


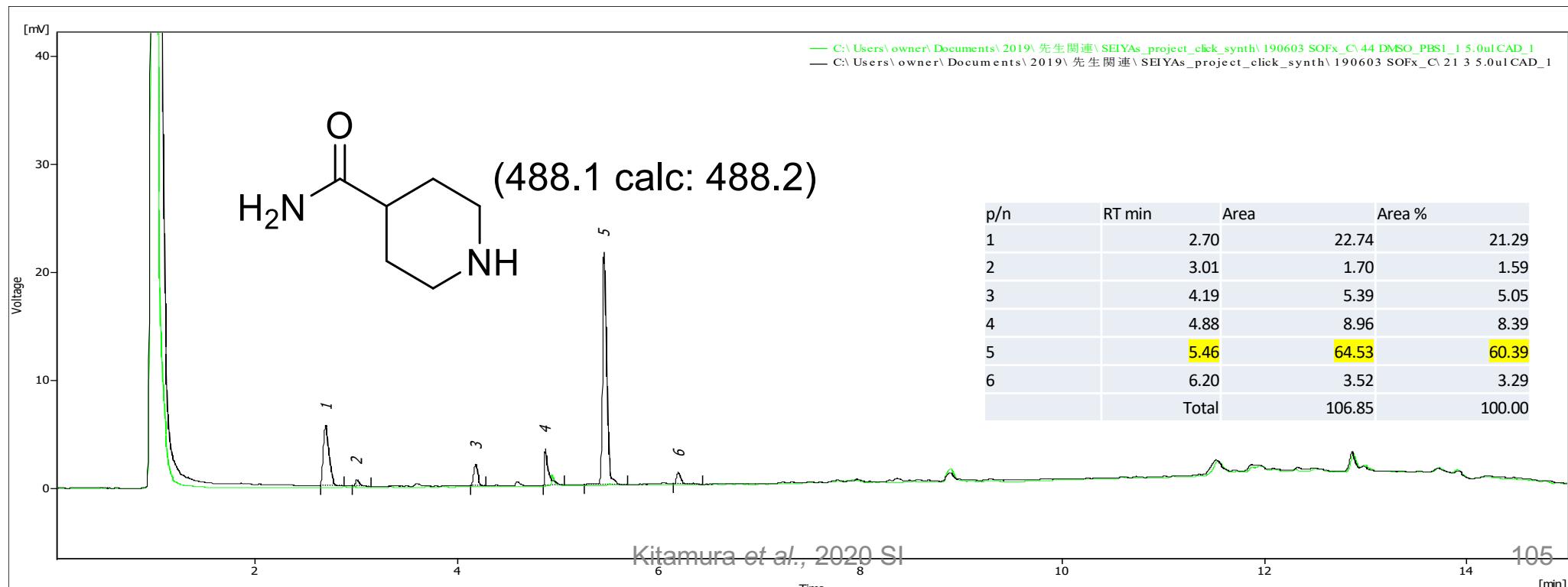
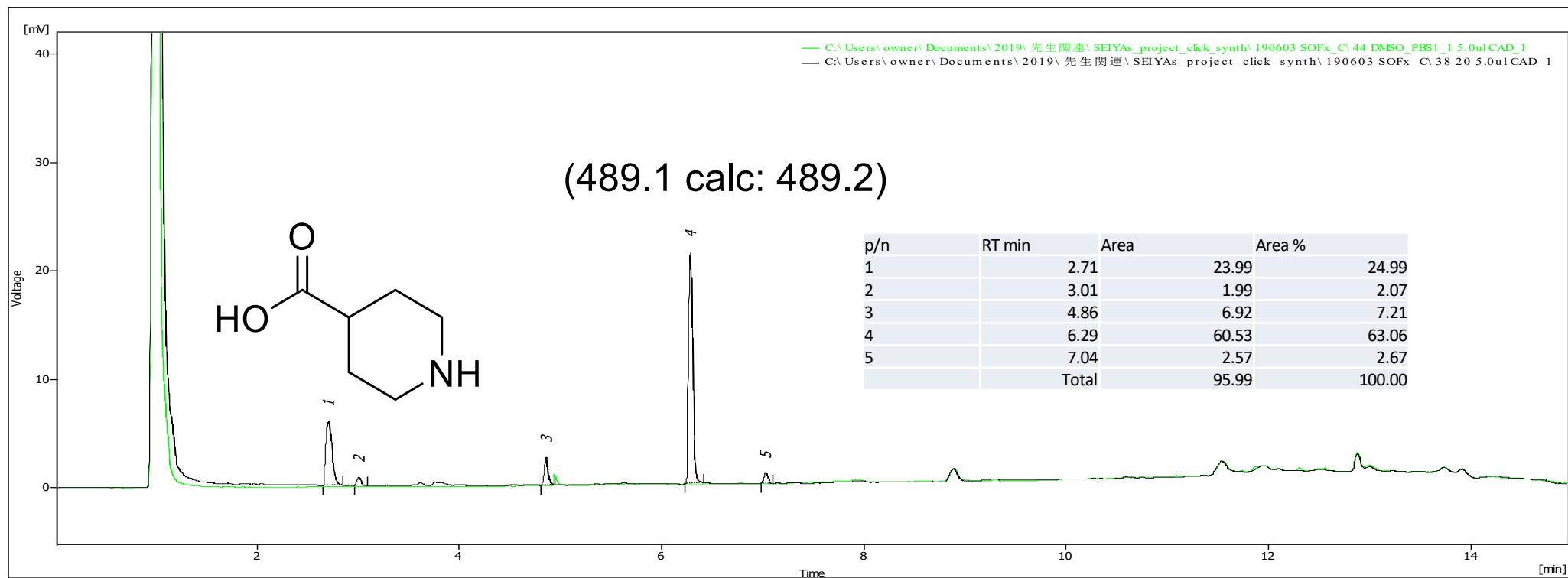
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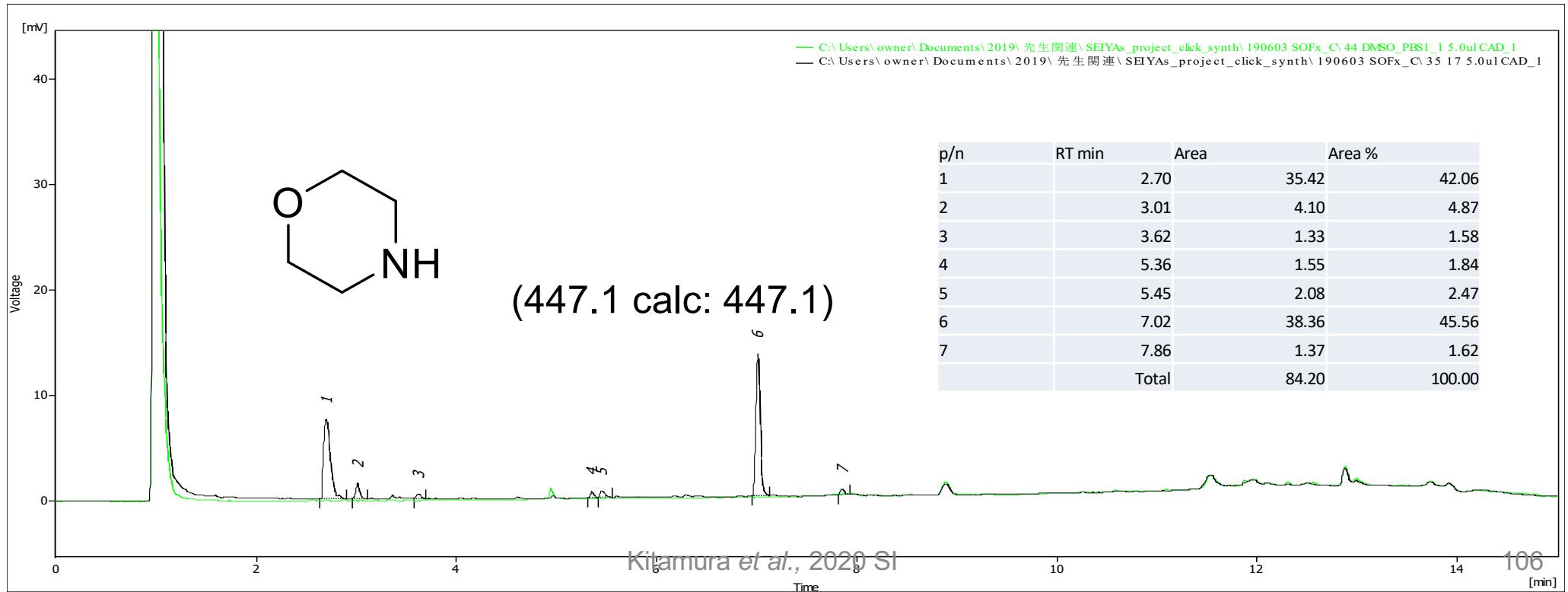
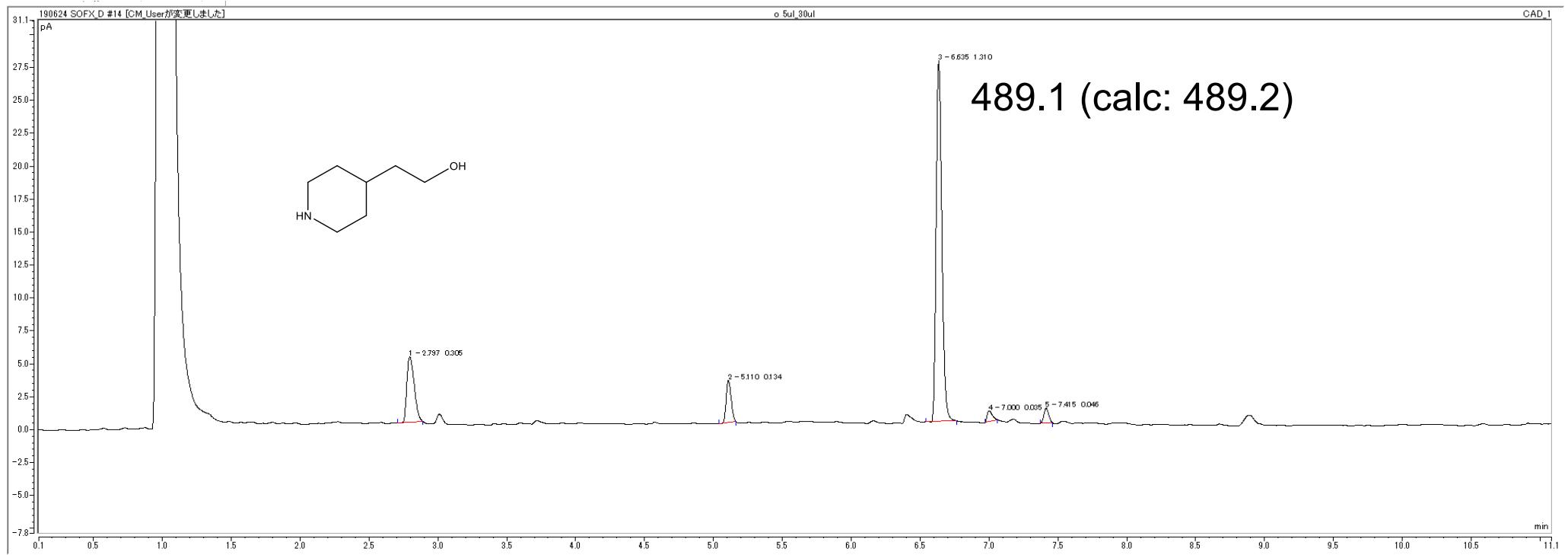
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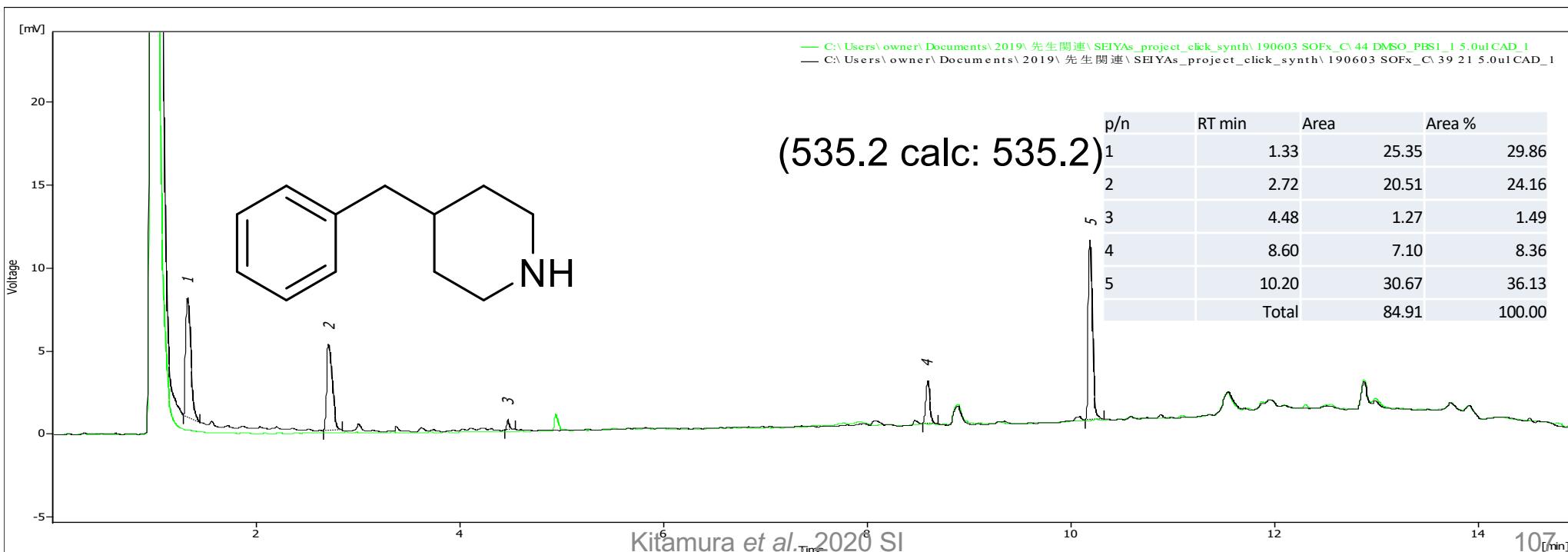
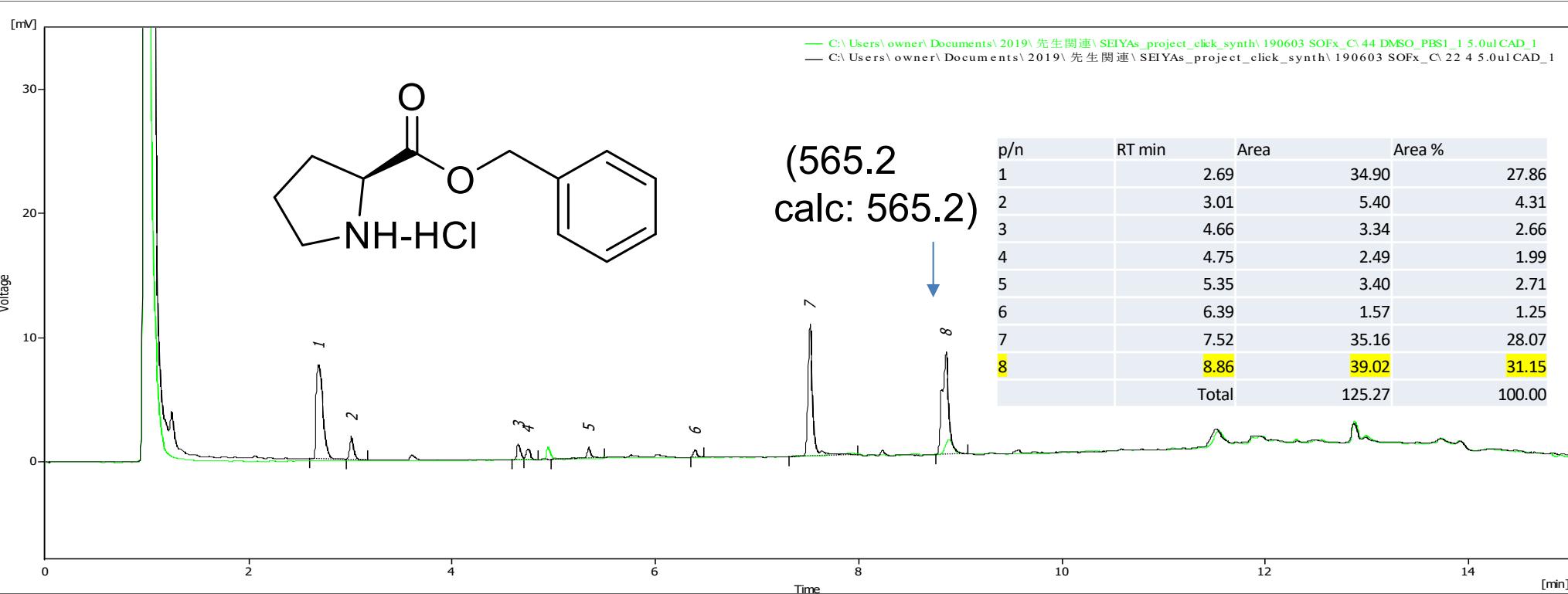


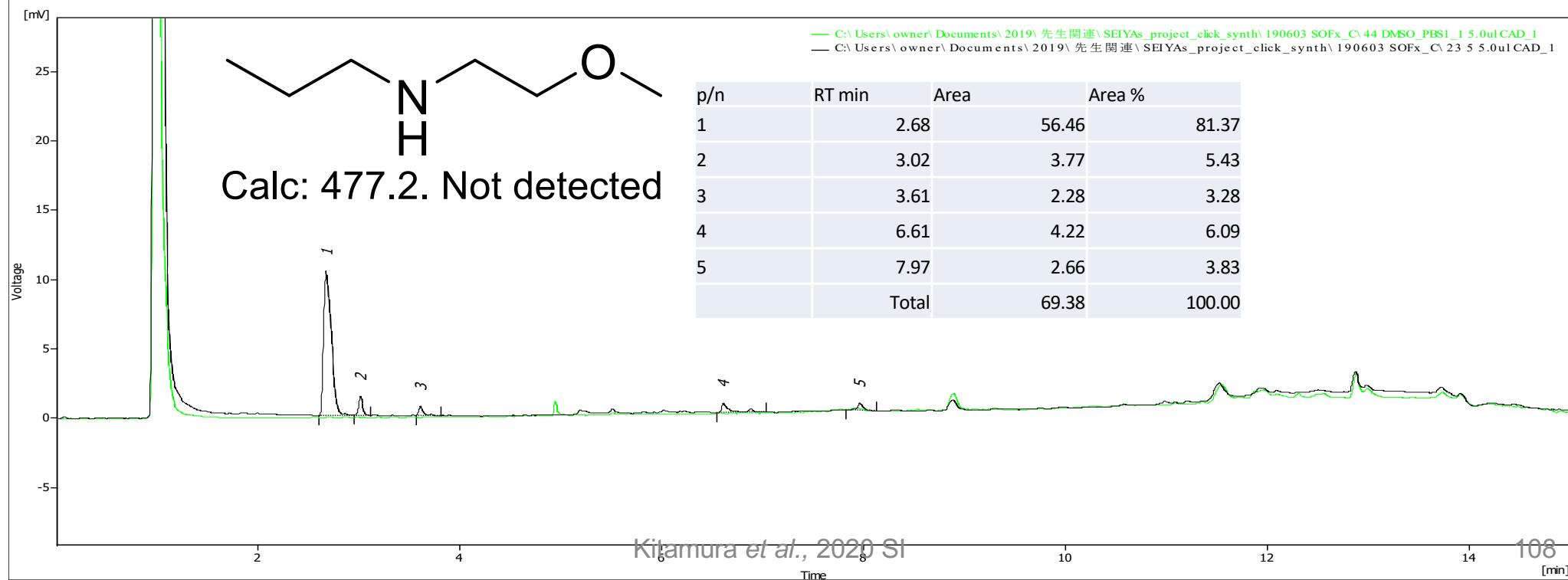
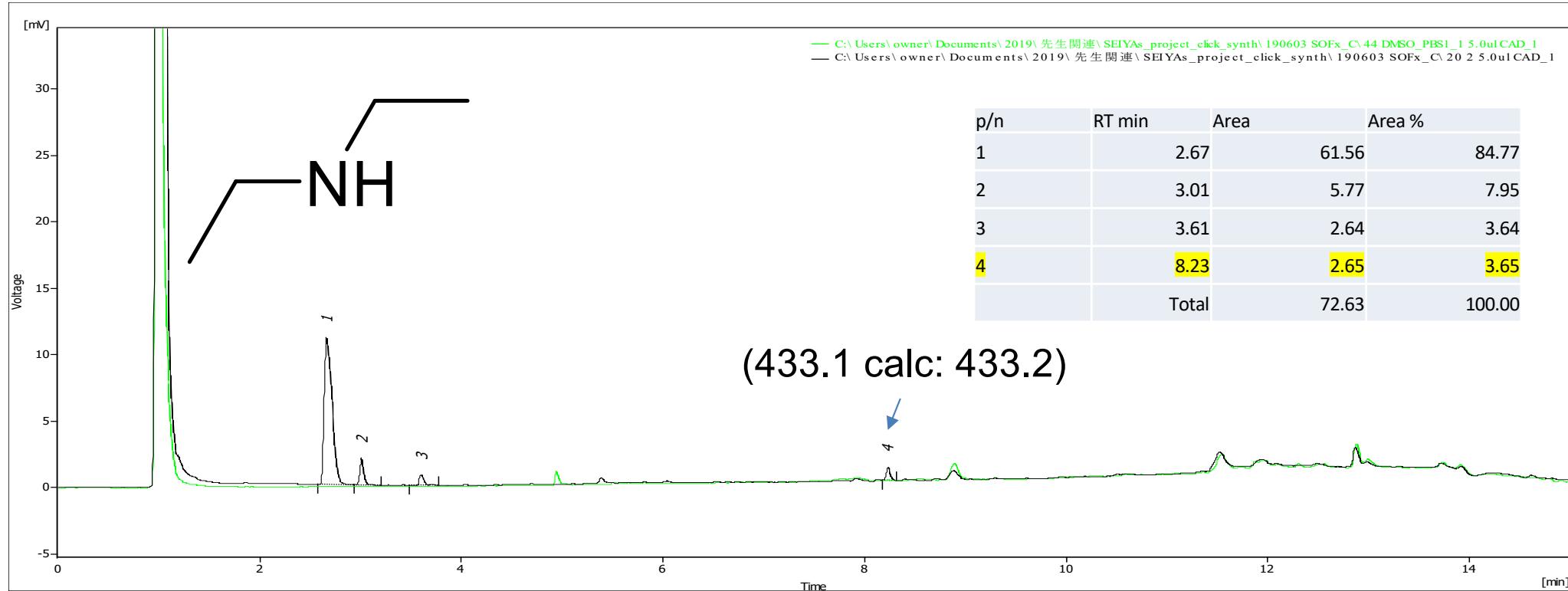


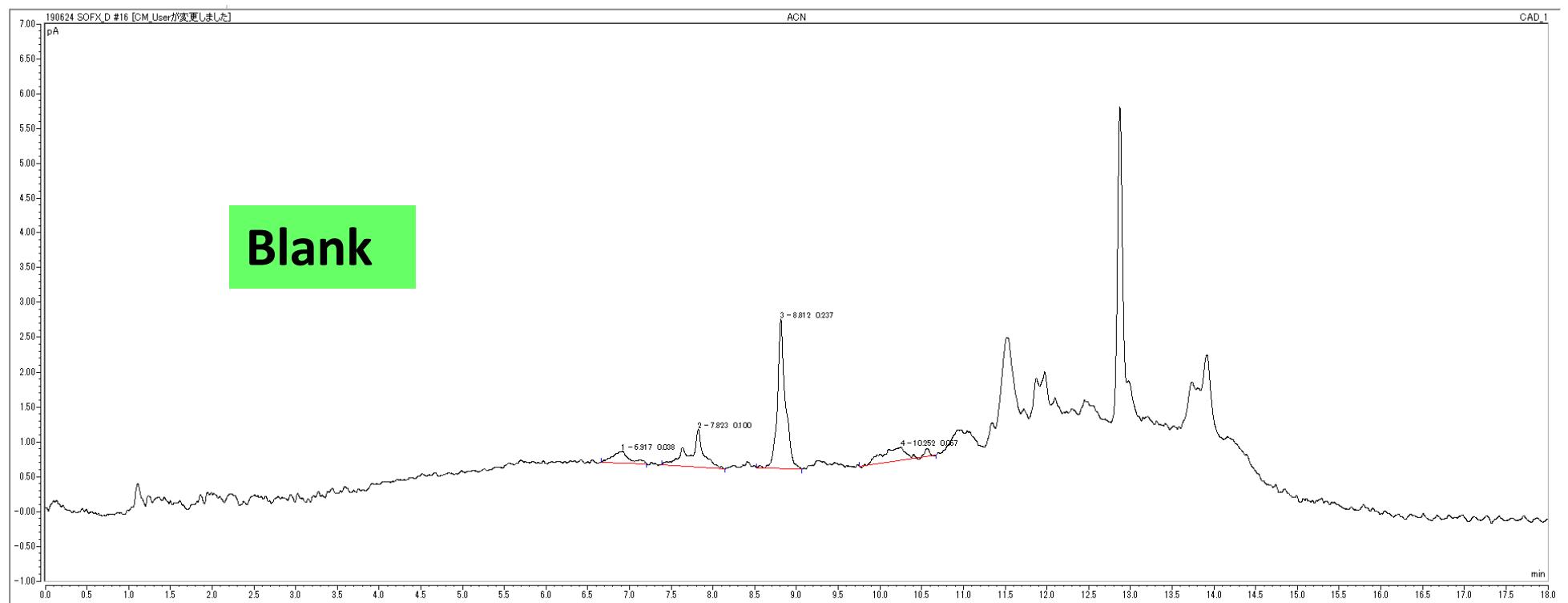












## Calibration curves of representative molecules

