

**Table S1.** Summary of crystallographic analysis for crystals of PPAR $\gamma$ -LBD in complex with **1** and **3**. Values in parentheses refer to the highest resolution shell.

	PPAR $\gamma$ -LBD/ <b>1</b>	PPAR $\gamma$ -LBD/ <b>3</b>
<b>Data collection</b>		
space group	<i>C2</i>	<i>C2</i>
cell dimension <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> [Å]	92.87, 59.95, 117.37	93.12, 61.32, 118.77
wavelength [Å]	0.9677	0.9677
resolution range [Å]	57.15 - 2.13	40.81 - 2.20
last shell [Å]	2.19 - 2.13	2.26 - 2.20
<i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub> [%]	0.051 (1.317)	0.052 (1.279)
unique reflections	33410	40546
mean ( <i>I</i> )/ $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )	11.2 (0.6)	14.5 (0.5)
completeness	94.5 (83.2)	95.6 (85.1)
No. of molecules in asymmetric unit	2	2
<b>Refinement</b>		
resolution range [Å]	57.15 - 2.13	40.81 - 2.20
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> [%]	21.6	22.4
<i>R</i> <sub>free</sub> [%]	25.6	27.1
Bond lengths r.m.s.d. [Å]	0.007	0.012
Bond angles r.m.s.d. [deg]	0.997	1.293
<b>PDB ID</b>	8ADF	8C0C

## Chemistry—Experimental data

2-Acetamidoacetic acid (**4**).

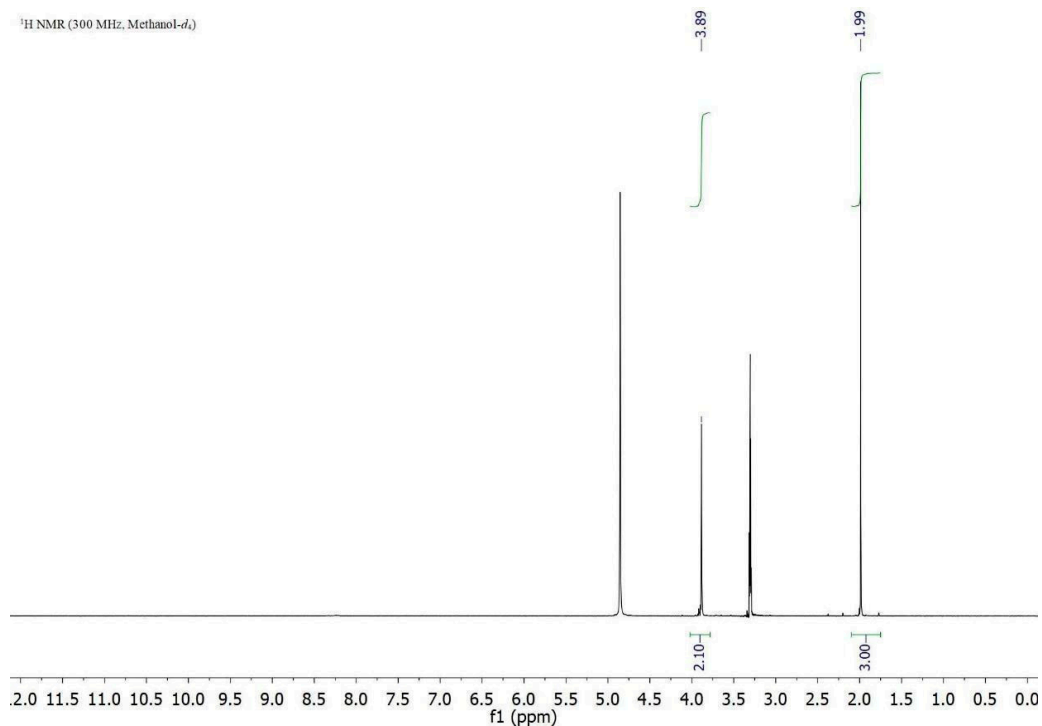


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4**.

(*Z*)-4-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-2-methyloxazol-5(4*H*)-one (**5**).

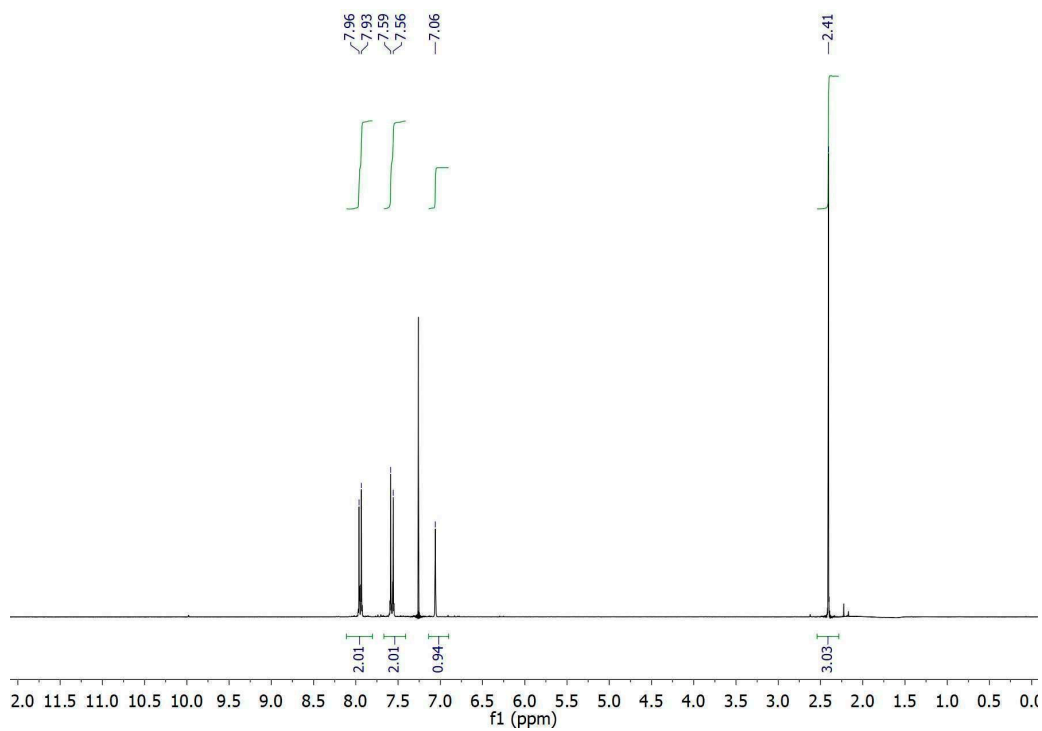
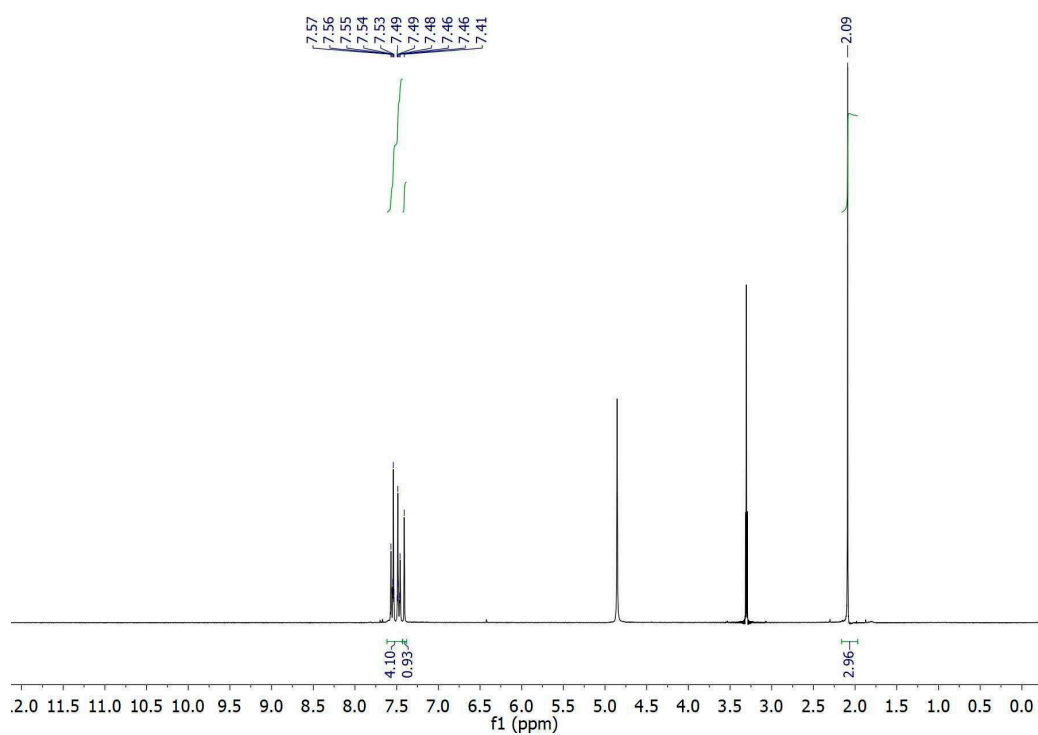


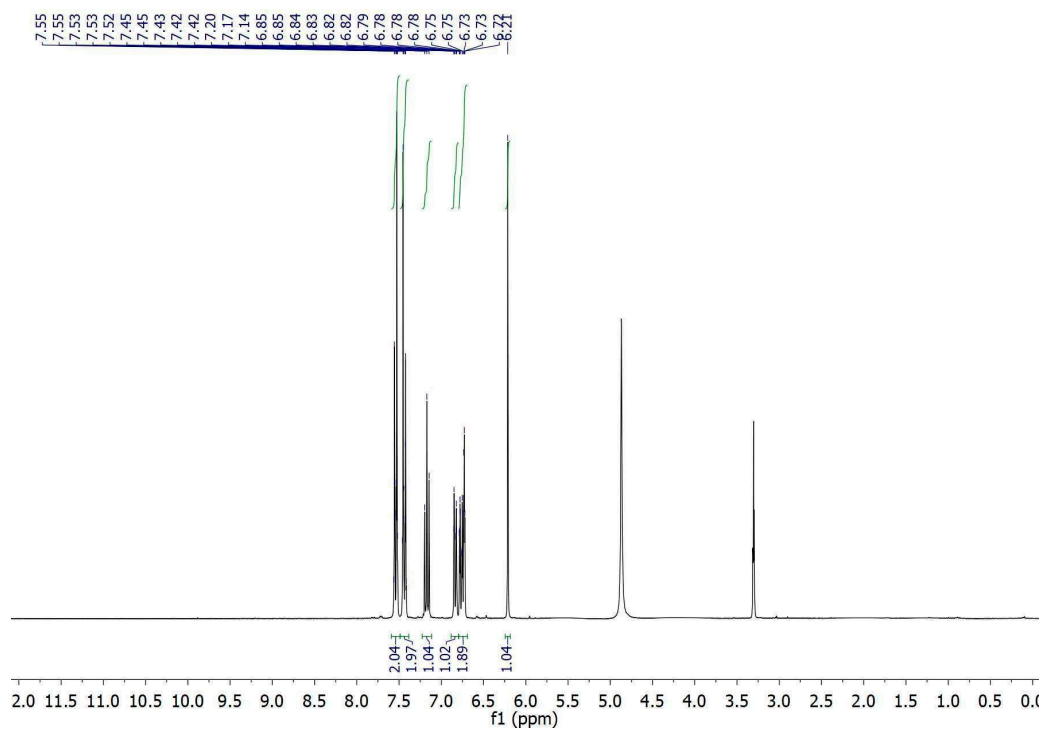
Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5**.

2-Acetamido-3-(4-bromophenyl)propanoic acid (**6**).

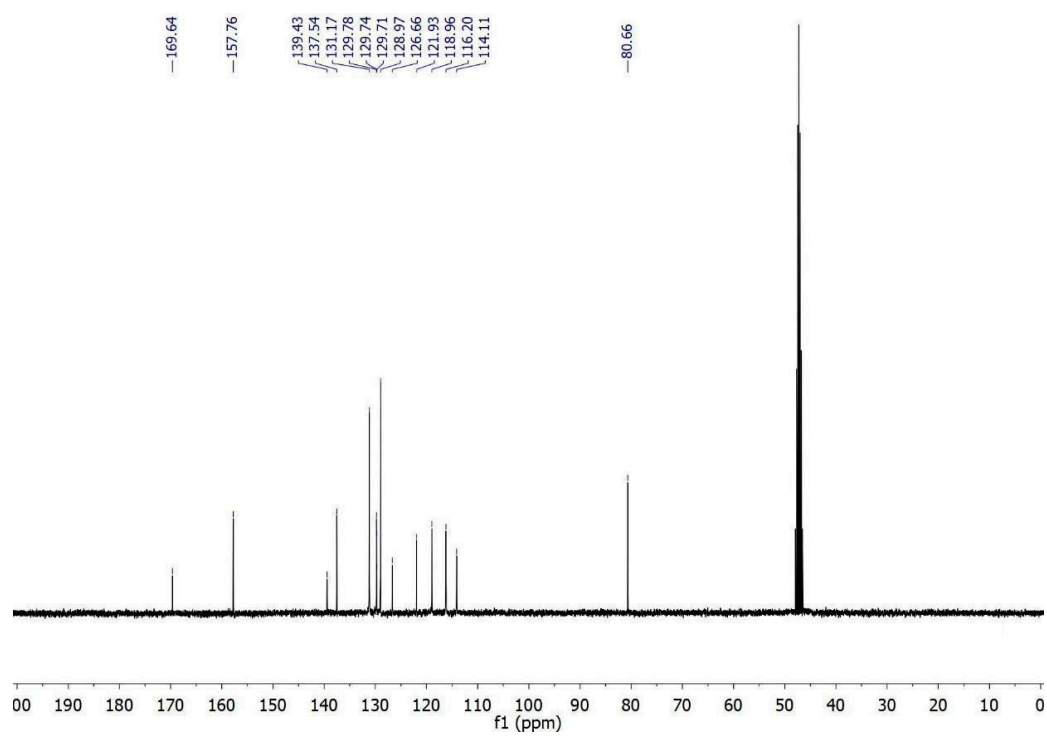


**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6**.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)furan-2(5H)-one (**1**).



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1**.



**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1.

### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 5

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

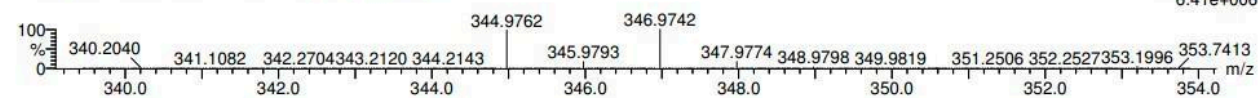
15 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)

Elements Used:

C: 16-16 H: 10-11 O: 4-4 Na: 0-4 K: 0-2 Br: 1-1

CZ39 2 (0.070) AM2 (Ar,40000.0,0.00,0.00); Cm (1:50)

1: TOF MS ES-  
6.41e+006



Minimum: -5.0  
Maximum: 300.0

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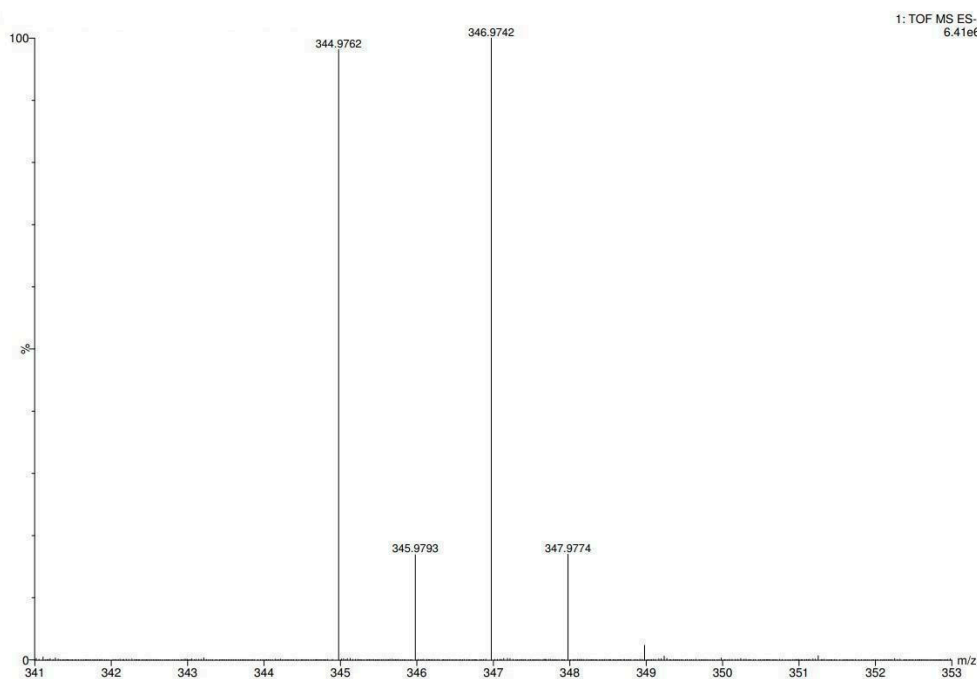


Figure S6. MS spectrum of 1.

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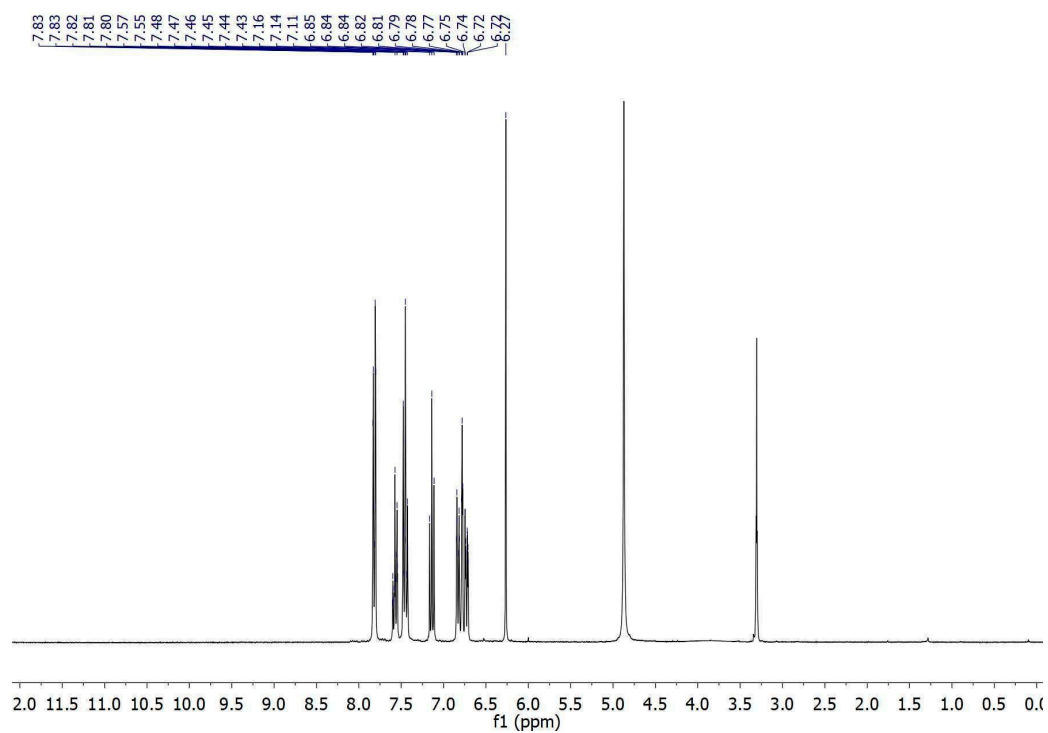


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2.

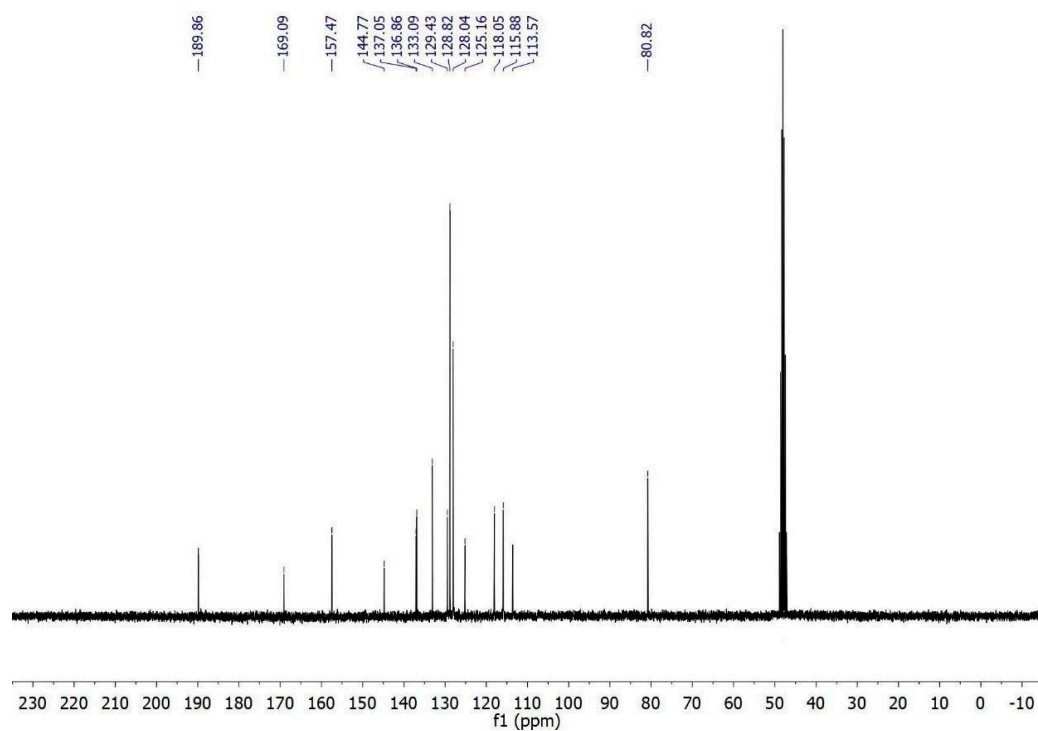


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2.

### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

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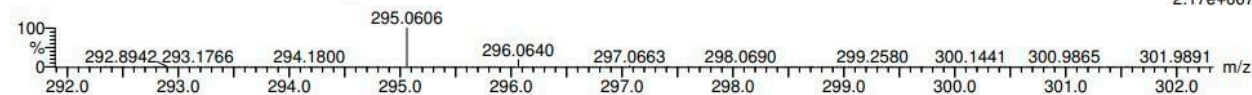
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Elements Used:

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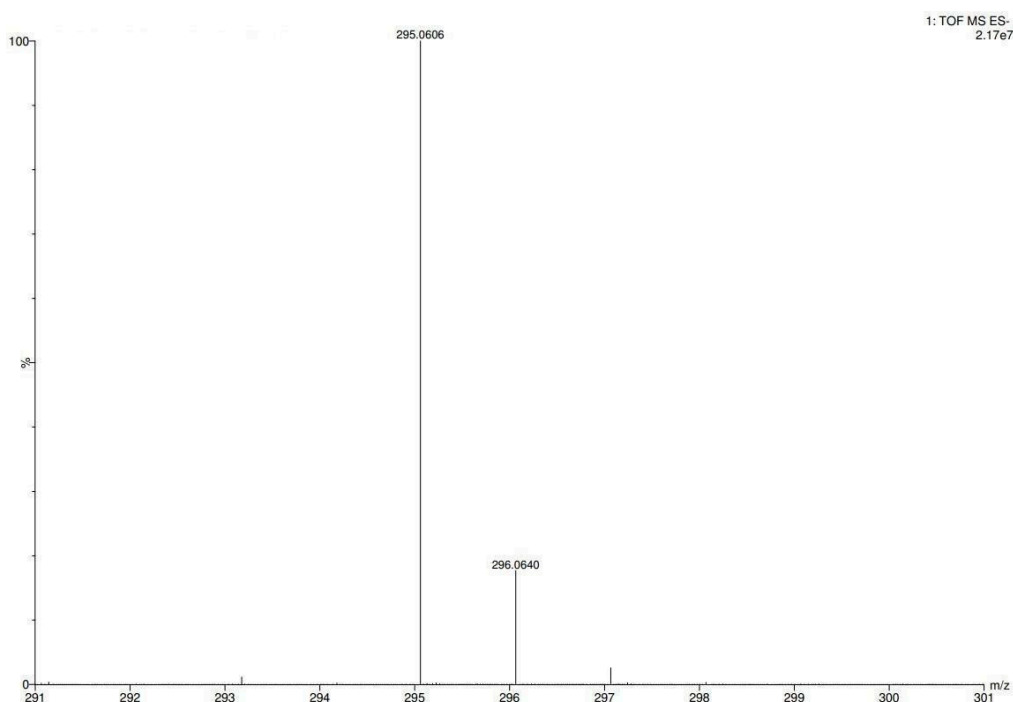
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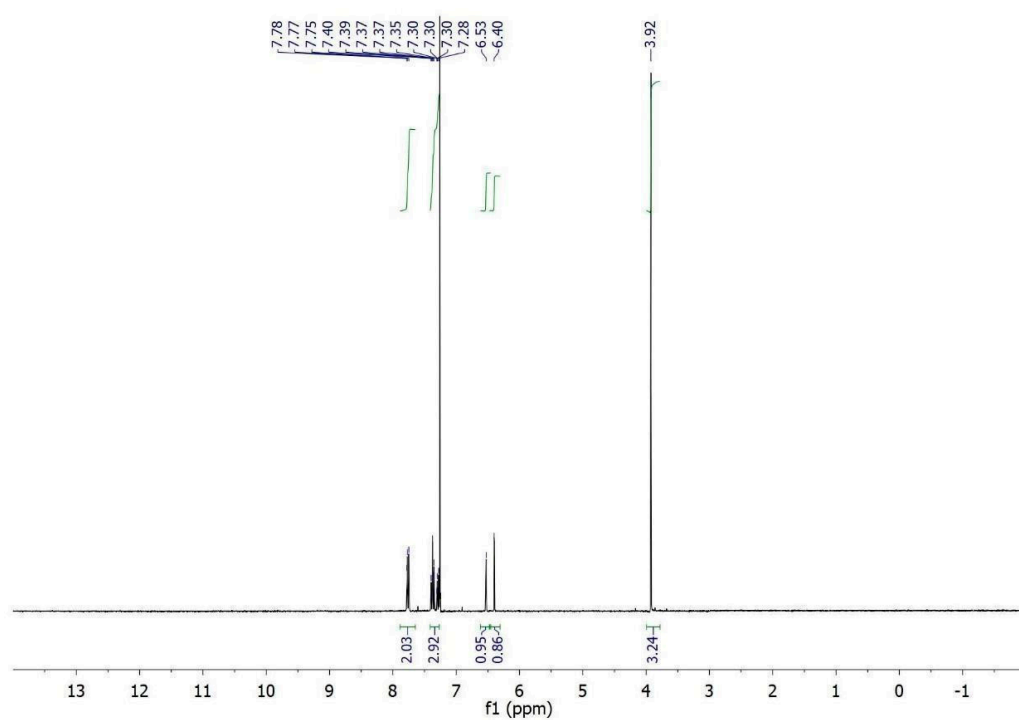
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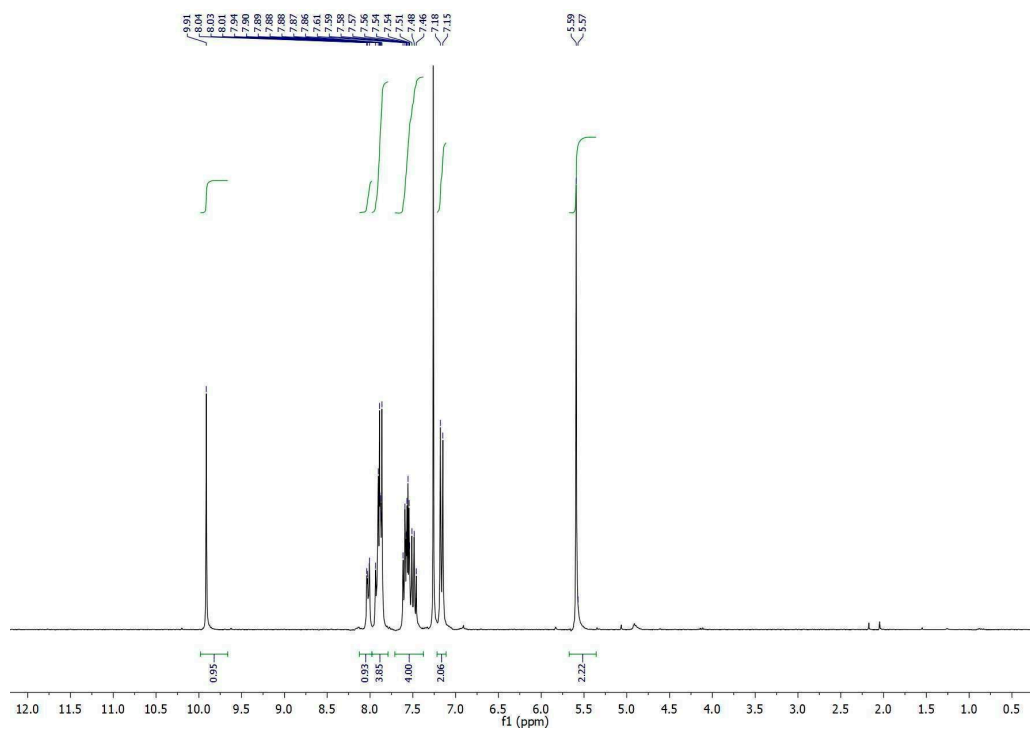
Figure S9. MS spectrum of 2.

(Z)-methyl 2-hydroxy-3-phenylacrylate (**9**).



**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9**.

4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethoxy)benzaldehyde (**10**).



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10**.



3-hydroxy-5-(4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethoxy)phenyl)-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3).

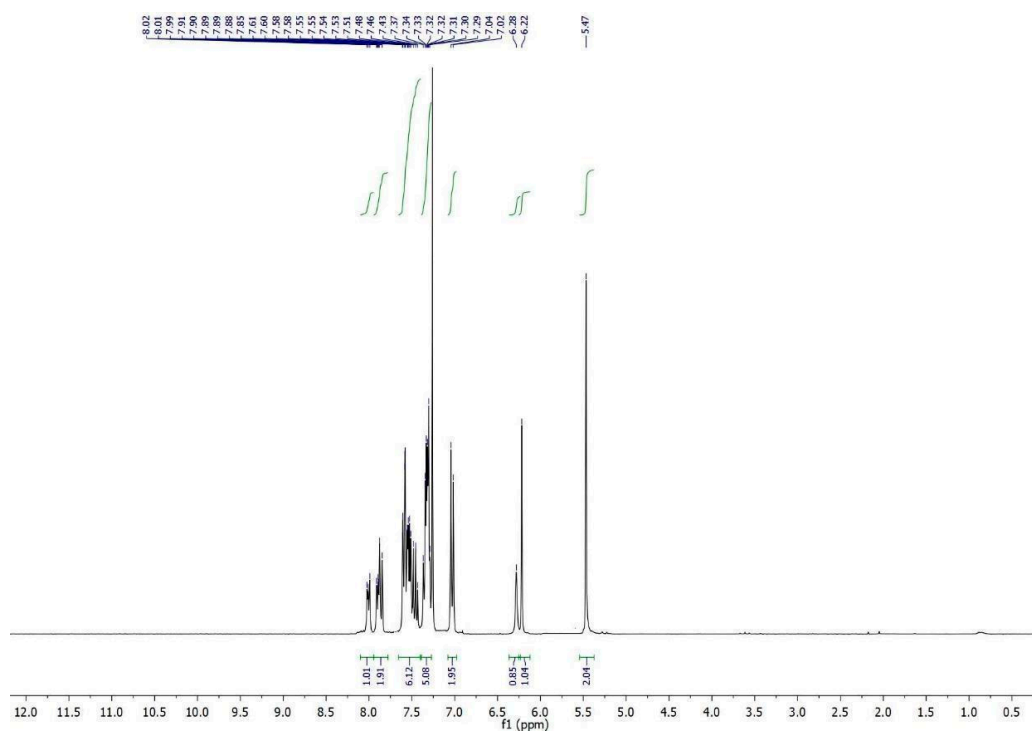


Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3.

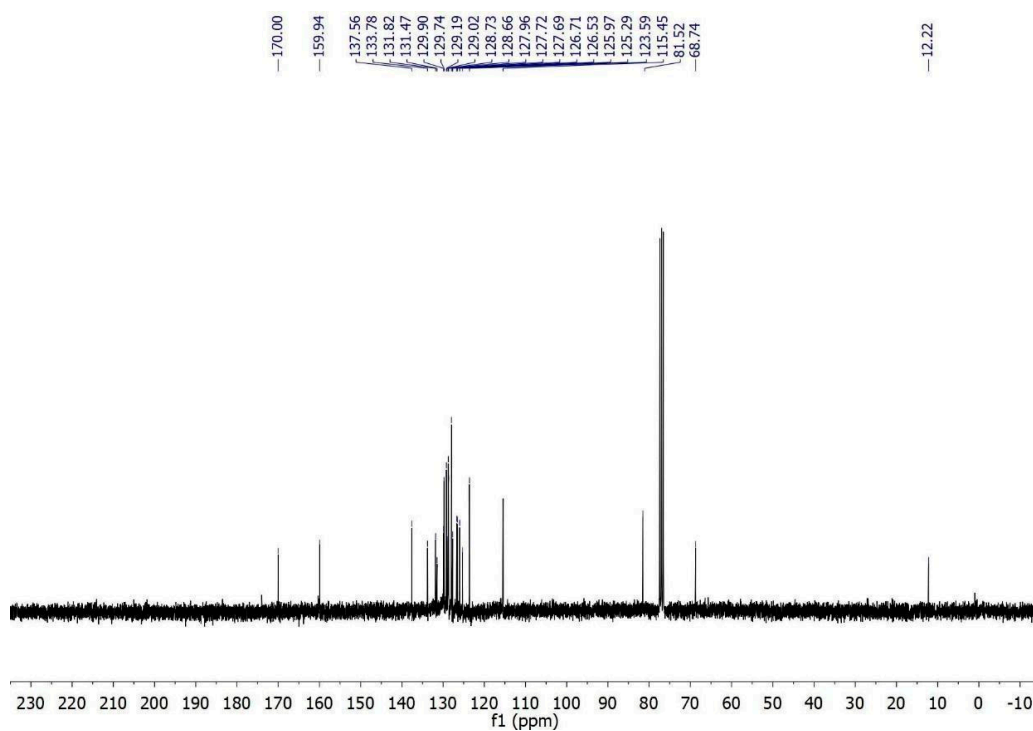


Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3.

### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 5

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

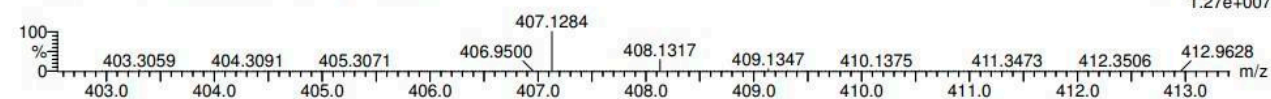
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Elements Used:

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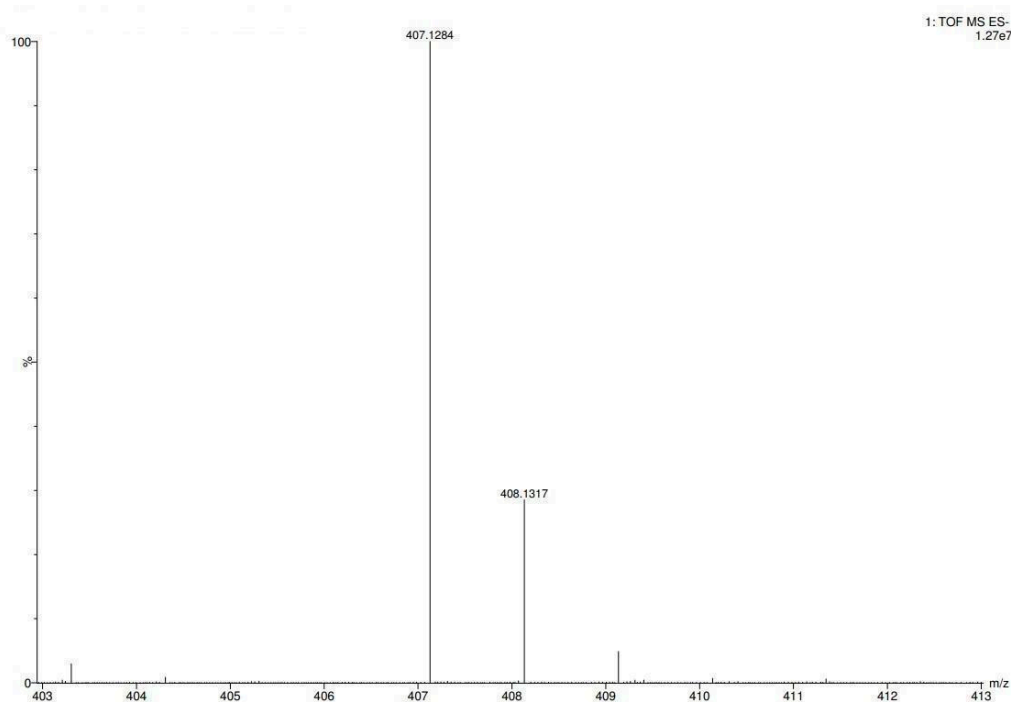
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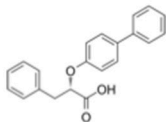
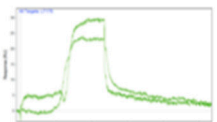
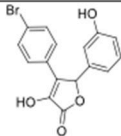
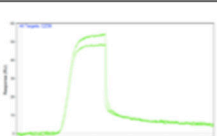
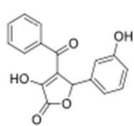
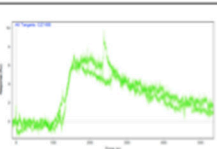
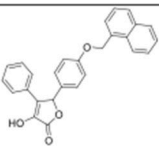
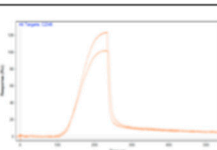
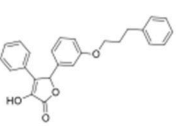
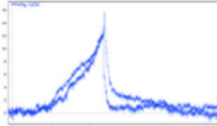
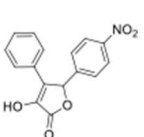
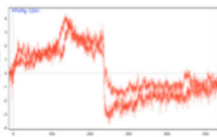
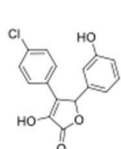
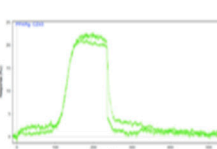
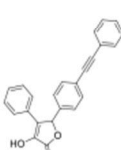
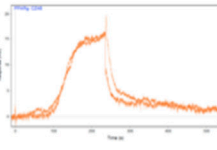
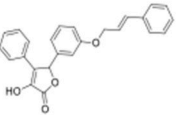
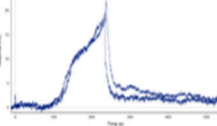
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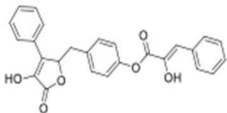
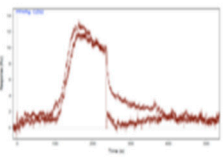
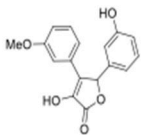
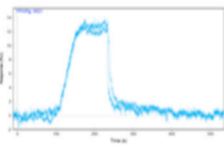
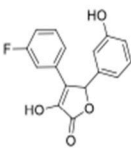
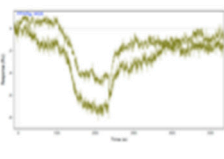
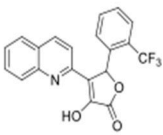
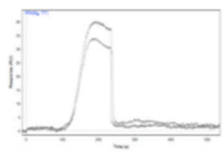
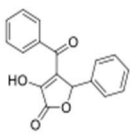
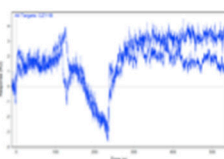
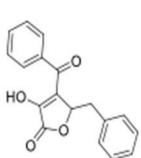
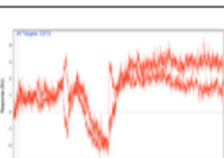
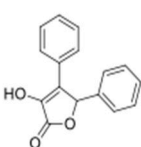
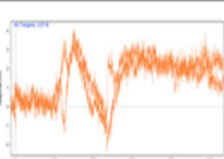
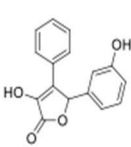
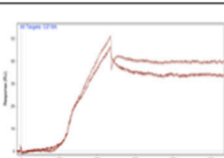
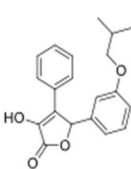
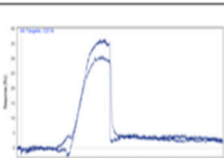


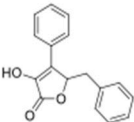
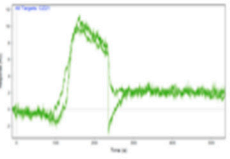
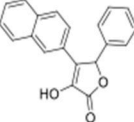
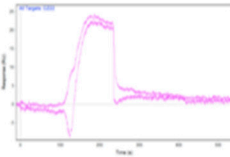
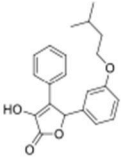
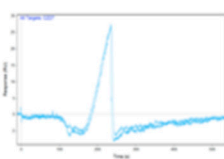
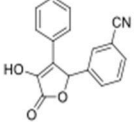
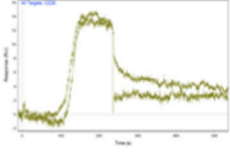
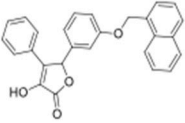
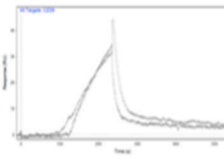
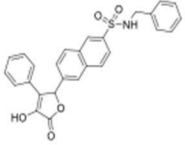
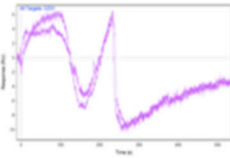
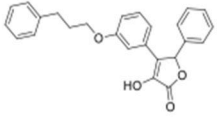
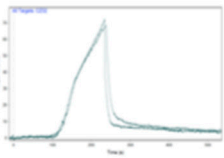
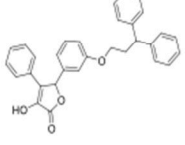
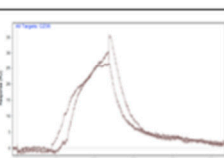
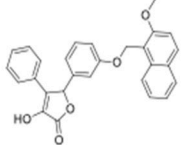
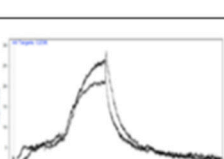
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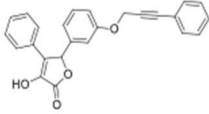
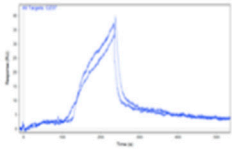
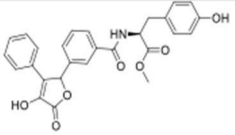
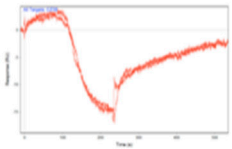
Figure S14. MS spectrum of 3.

**Table S2.** OneStep assay (duplicate) performed on the compounds—single gradient injection up to 10  $\mu\text{M}$  Flux 50  $\mu\text{l/min}$ . Dissociation 600''. No regeneration. LT175 as the positive control.

Ligand	$K_D(\mu\text{M})$	Structure	Sensorgram (OneStep®)
LT175 ( <i>ref</i> )	$2.55 \pm 0.02$		
CZ39 ( <b>1</b> )	$2.23 \pm 0.04$		
CZ16B ( <b>2</b> )	$1.46 \pm 0.01$		
CZ46 ( <b>3</b> )	$3.58 \pm 0.01$		
CZ30	uncertain		
CZ41	no binding		
CZ43	$>10 \mu\text{M}$		
CZ48	$>10 \mu\text{M}$		
CZ49	uncertain		

CZ52	>10 $\mu$ M		
MQ1	>10 $\mu$ M		
MQ5	no binding		
TT1	>10 $\mu$ M		
CZ11B	no binding		
CZ13	no binding		
CZ18	no binding		
CZ19A	uncertain		
CZ19	>10 $\mu$ M		

CZ21	>10 $\mu$ M		
CZ22	>10 $\mu$ M		
CZ27	uncertain		
CZ28	>10 $\mu$ M		
CZ29	uncertain		
CZ31	no binding		
CZ32	uncertain		
CZ35	uncertain		
CZ36	uncertain		

CZ37	uncertain		
CZ38	no binding		
CZ47	>10 $\mu$ M	