#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

# Biological properties of new chiral 2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine based compounds

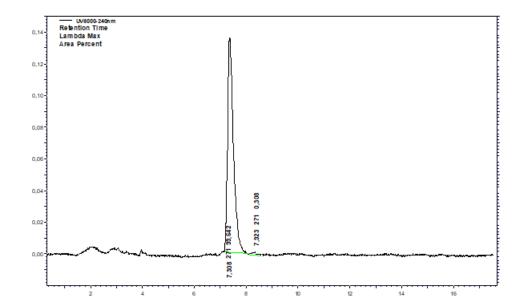
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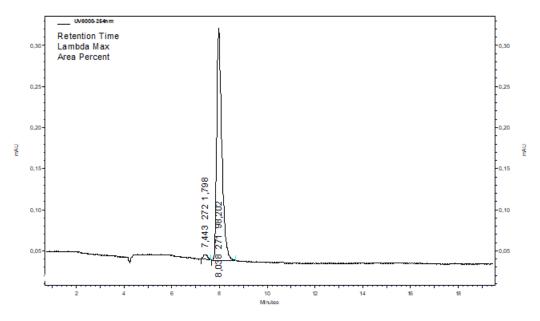
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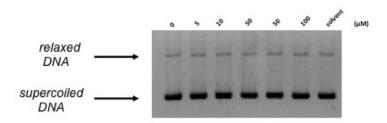
**Figure 1SI:** Source of chirality: 2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine. The enantiomeric eccess by HPLC was evaluated after Boc protection step. Chiral column: Phonomenex Lux Cellulose-4; eluent hexane/isopropanol=90/10;  $\lambda$ =254 nm; flow=1.0 mL/min.



Retention time *R*-enantiomer: 7.3 min; 99.3 % e.e.



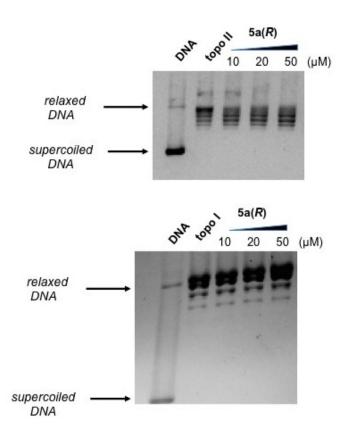
Retention time S-enantiomer: 8.0 min; 96.4 % e.e.



**Figure 2SI.** Effect of compound **(***R***)-5a** on the electrophoretic mobility of supercoiled DNA. Supercoiled plasmid pBR322 DNA was incubated in the absence or in the presence of **(***R***)-5a** at indicated concentrations. The effect of solvent alone on DNA was also assayed (solvent).

#### **Unwinding assay**

Supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA (0.15  $\mu$ g, Fermentas Life Sciences) was incubated in TAE buffer (0.04 M Tris, 0.02 M Acetic Acid, EDTA 1 mM, pH=8) with test compound at indicated concentrations for 3 h at 37 °C in 10  $\mu$ L final volume. 3  $\mu$ L of loading buffer (0.125% bromophenol blue, 0.125% xylene cyanol and 50% glycerol) was added to each sample and DNA was separated by electrophoresis on a 0.8% agarose gel at room temperature. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide (1  $\mu$ g/mL) in TAE buffer, transilluminated by UV light, and the fluorescence emission was visualized by a CCD camera coupled to a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR apparatus.

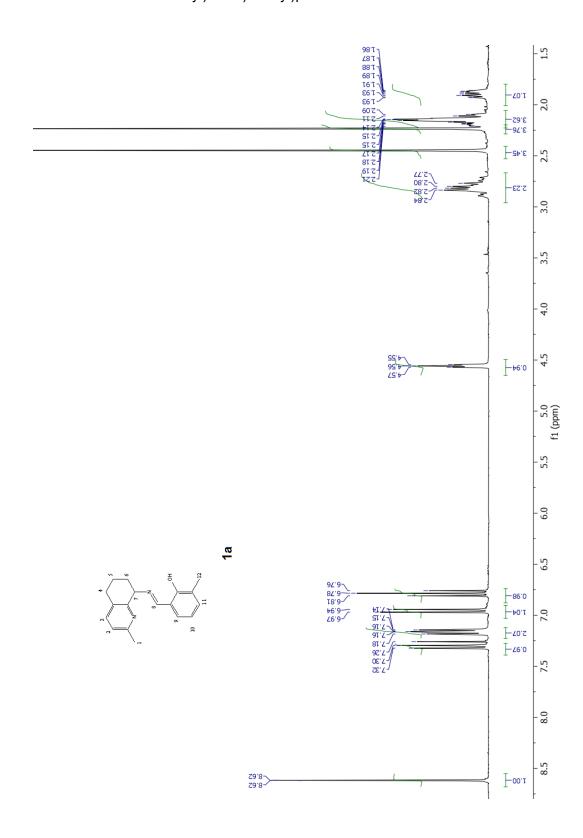


**Figure 3SI.** Effect of compound **(R)-5a** on the relaxation of supercoiled pBR322 DNA by human recombinant topoisomerase I or II. Supercoiled plasmid pBR322 DNA (DNA) was incubated with topo I (topo I) or II in the absence (topo II) and in the presence of **(R)-5a** at indicated concentrations.

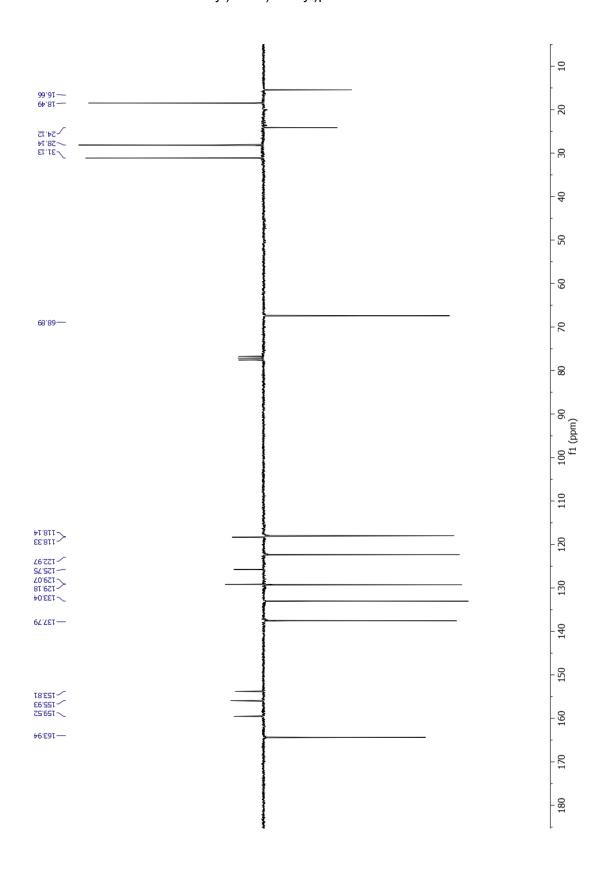
#### Topoisomerase I and II relaxation assay

Supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA (20 ng, Fermentas Life Sciences) and 5U topoisomerase I (human topoisomerase I, TopoGEN) or alternatively, supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA (0.25  $\mu$ g) and 1U topoisomerase II (human topoisomerase II alpha, Inspiralis) were incubated in the presence of test compound as indicated for 60 min at 37 °C in 20  $\mu$ L reaction buffer.Reactions were stopped by adding 4  $\mu$ L stop buffer (5% sodium dodecyl sulfate, 0.125% bromophenol blue, and 30% glycerol), 50  $\mu$ g/mL proteinase K (Sigma) and incubating for a further 30 min at 37 °C. The samples were separated by electrophoresis on a 1% agarose gel at room temperature. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide 1  $\mu$ g/mL in TAE buffer (0.04 M Tris-acetate and 0.001 M EDTA), transilluminated by UV light, and fluorescence emission was visualized by a CCD camera coupled to a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR apparatus.

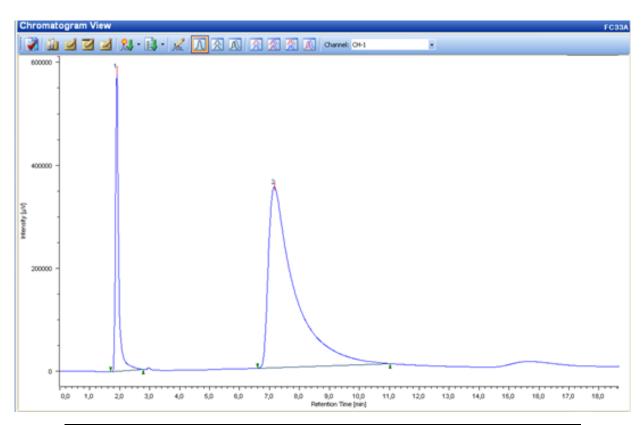
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<sup>13</sup>C- NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (75 MHz) of (E)-2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)phenol **1a** 



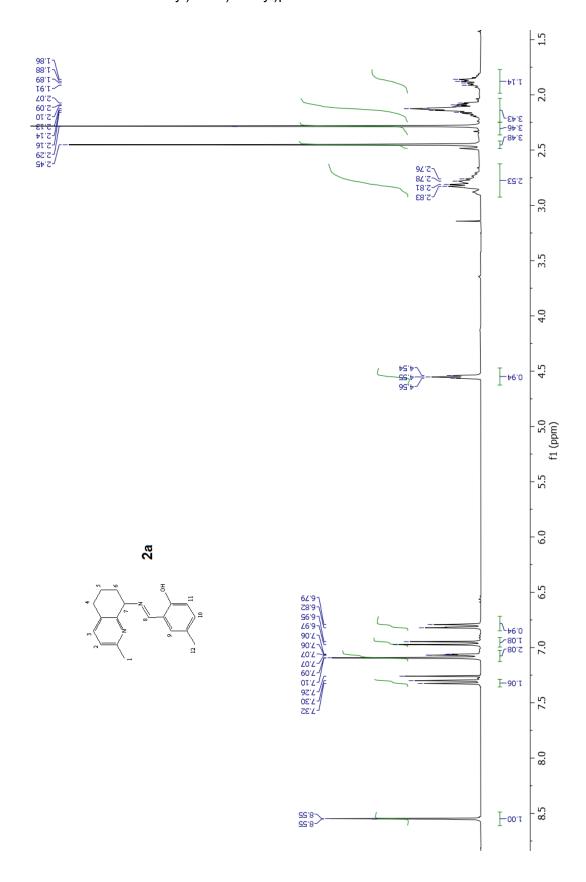
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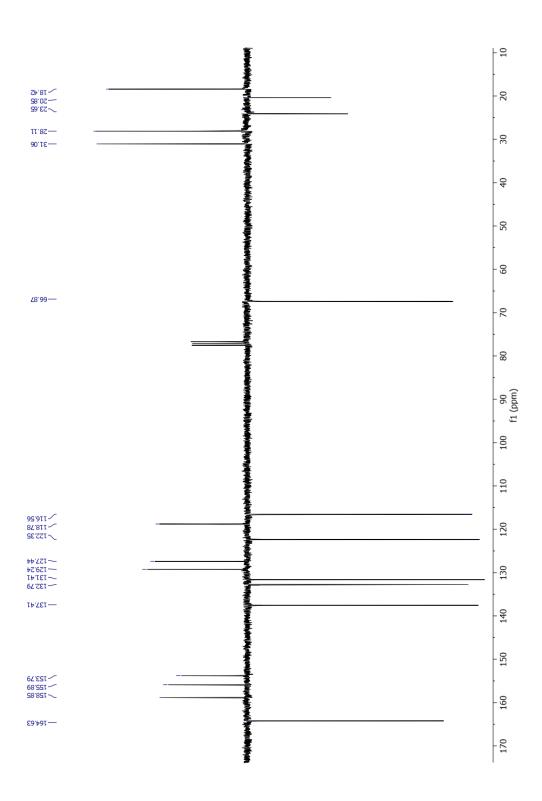
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 3.73$ 

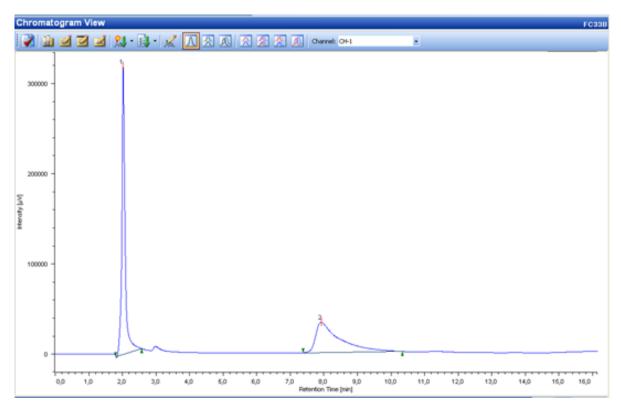
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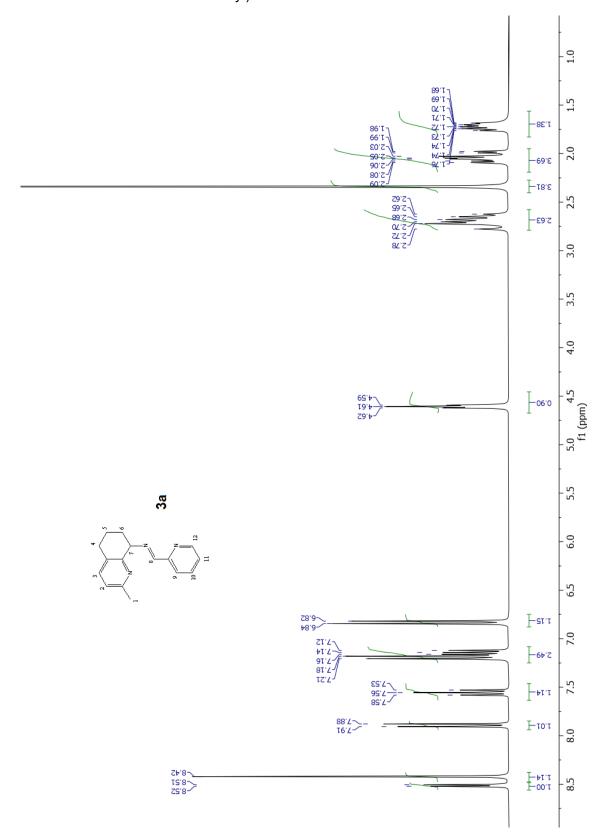
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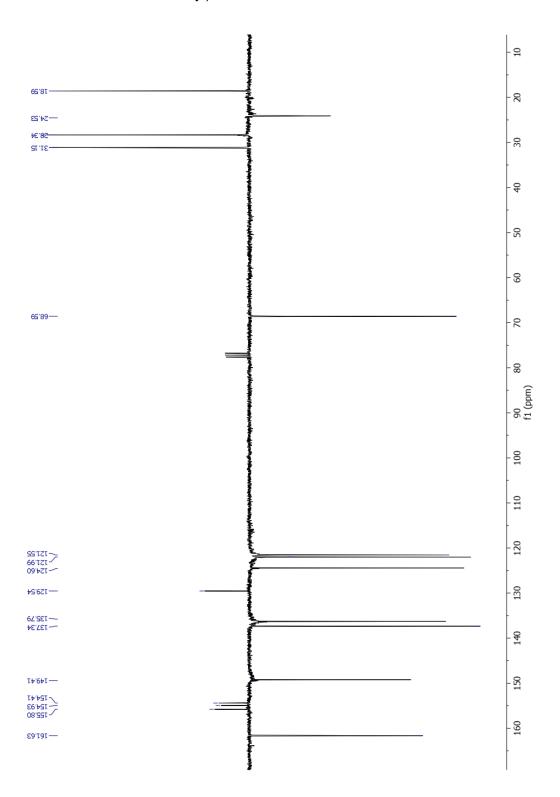
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 3.81$ 

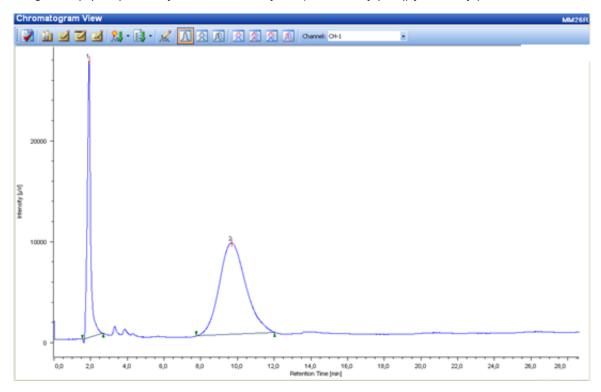
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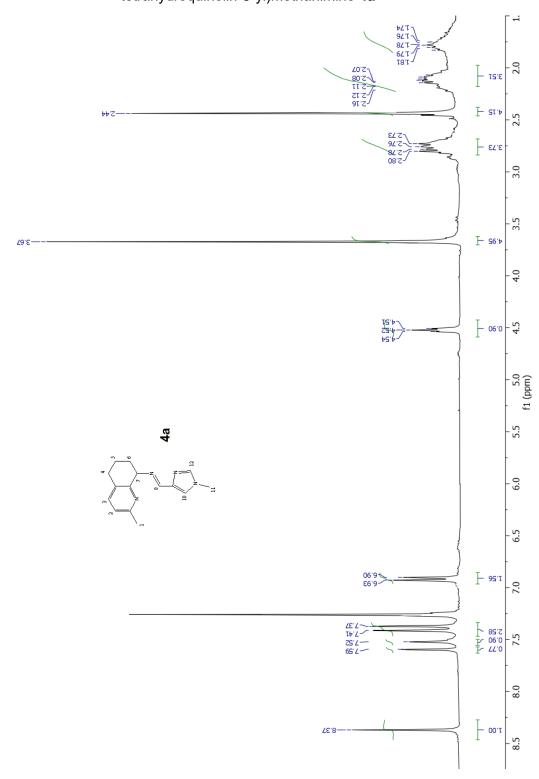
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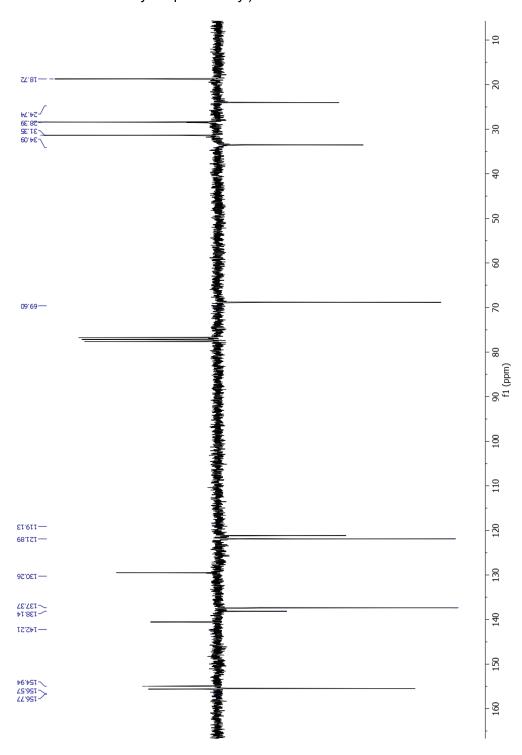
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.07$ 

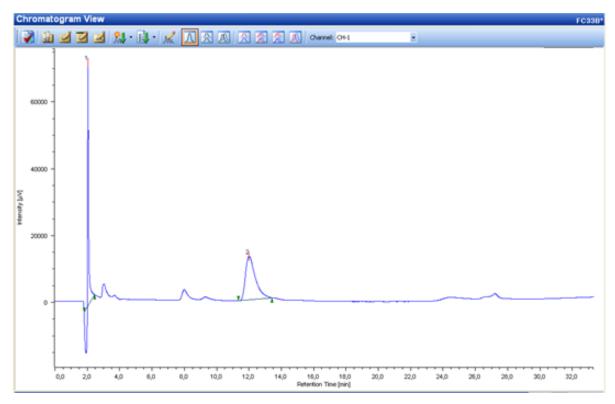
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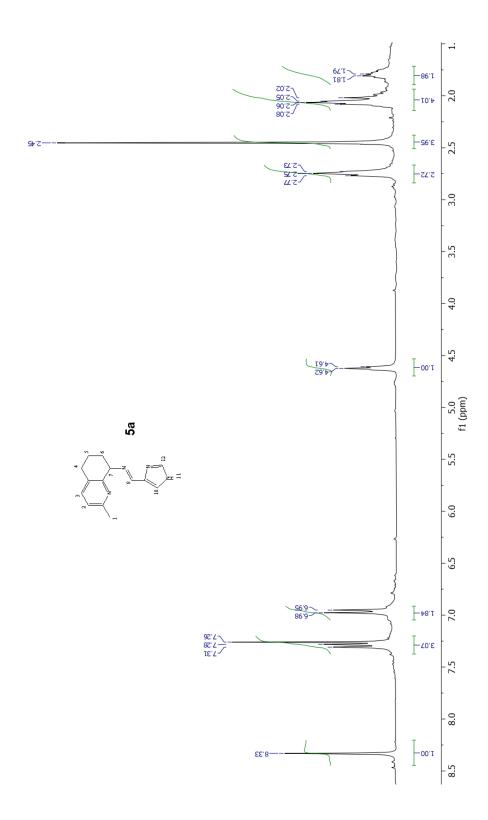
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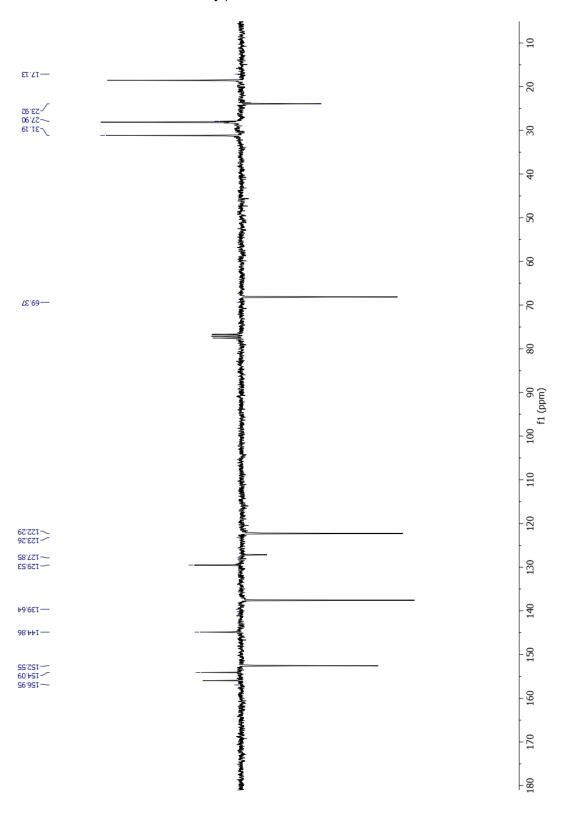
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 3.94$ 

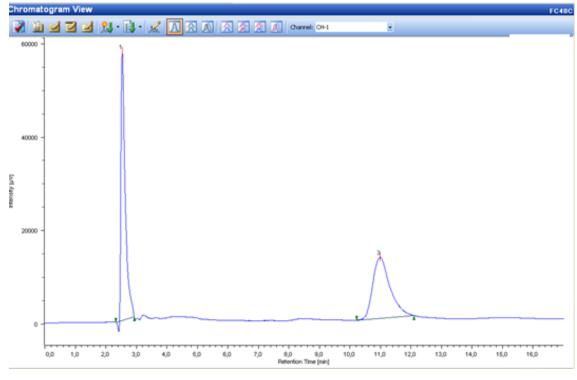
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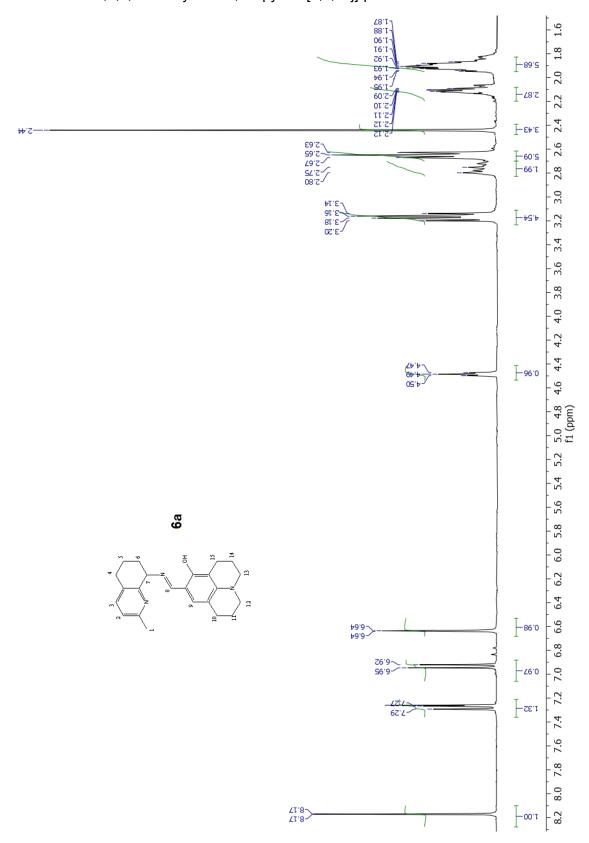
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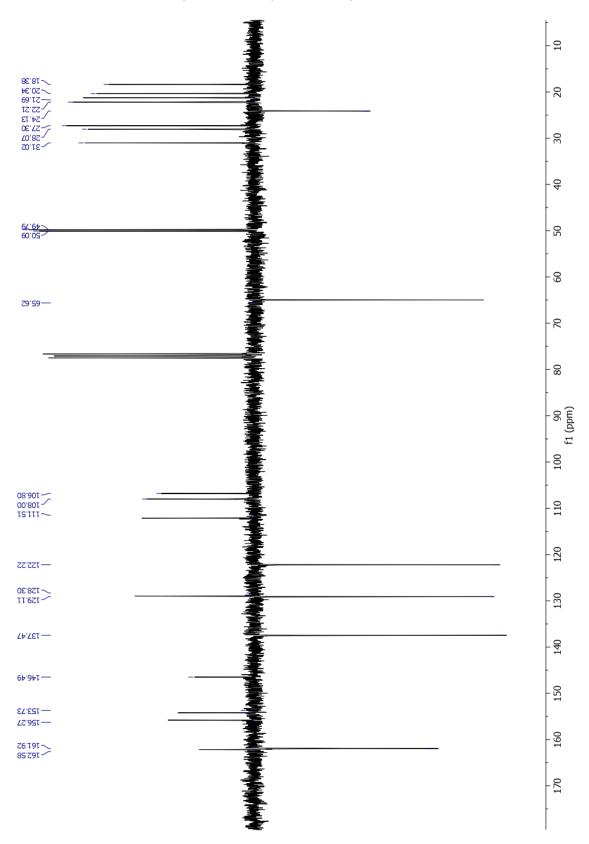
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Unknown	1	2,542	512946	67412	49,967	63,154	N/A	1906	6,515	2,268
Unknown	1	10,975	550006	13044	50,033	14,349	N/A	1968	N/A	1,419

 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.30$ 

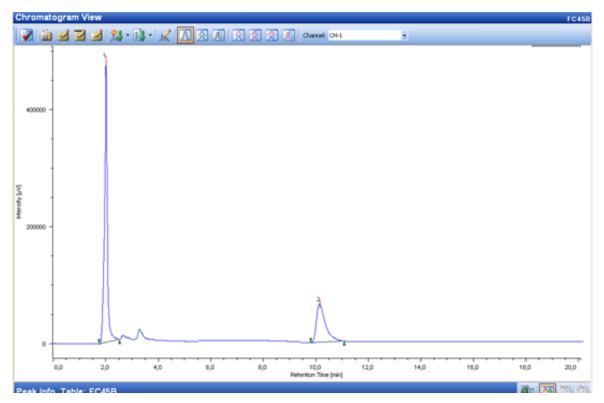
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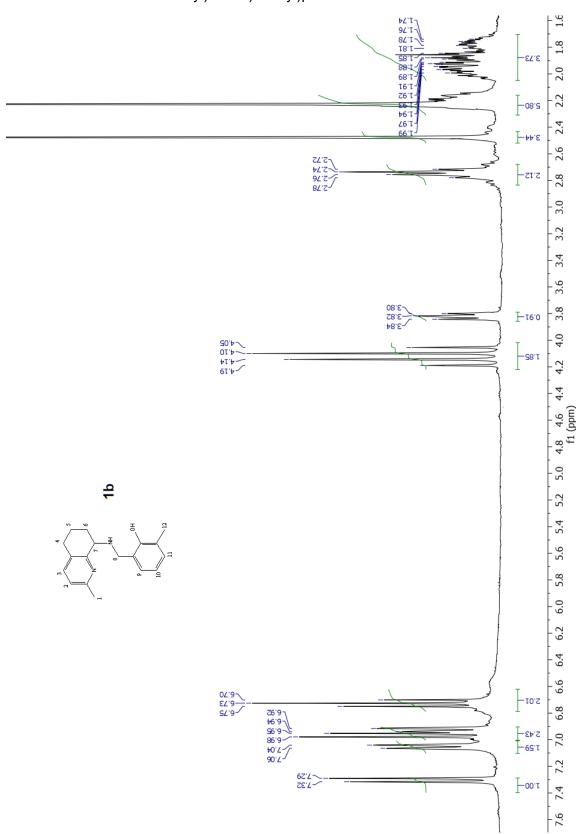
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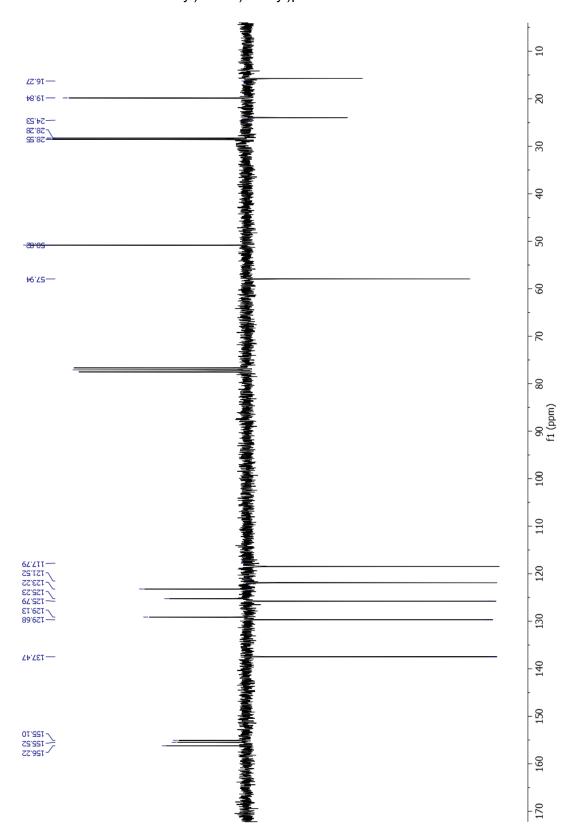
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.09$ 

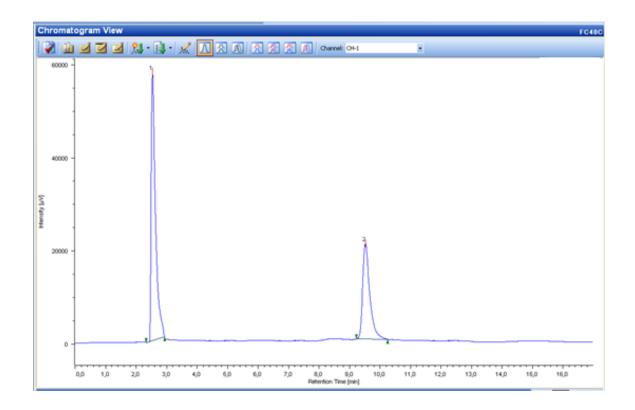
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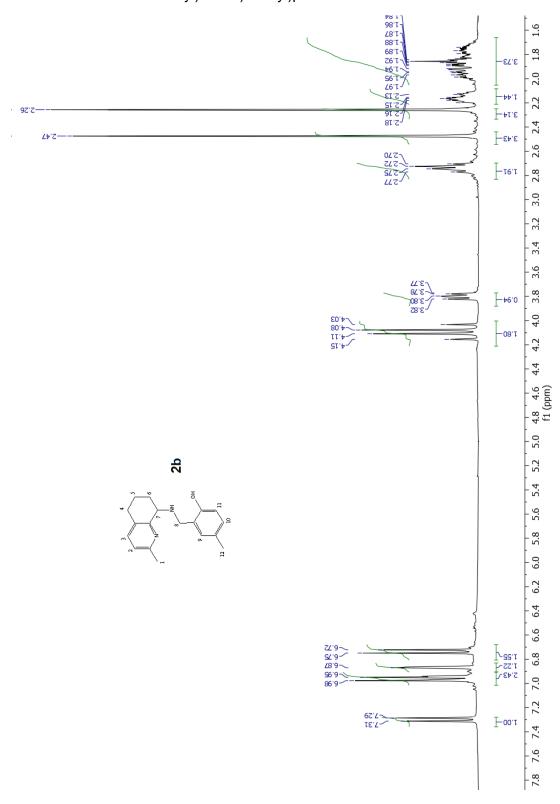
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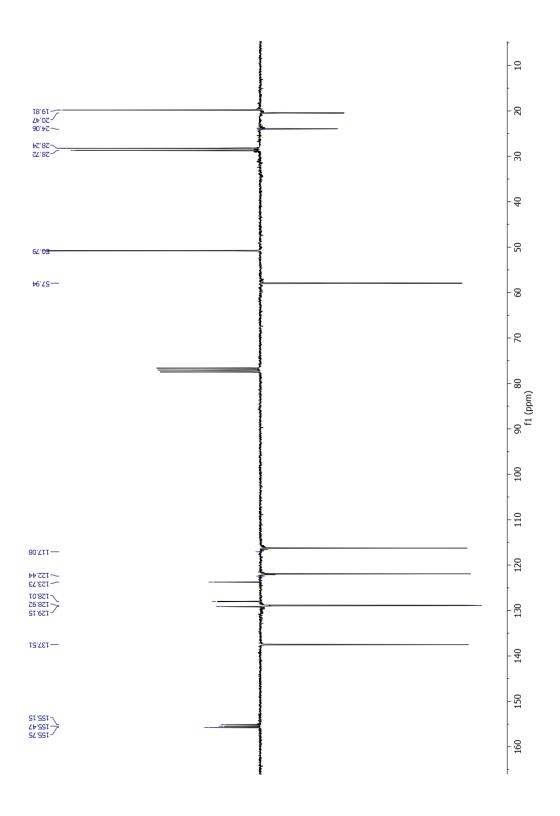
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Unknown	1	9,603	882436	10563	53,464	23,220	N/A	2156	N/A	1,985

 $Log P_{o/w} = 3.96$ 

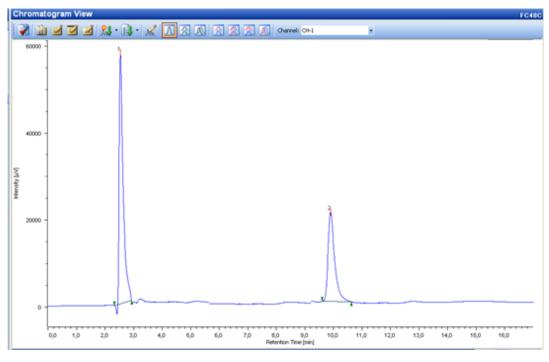
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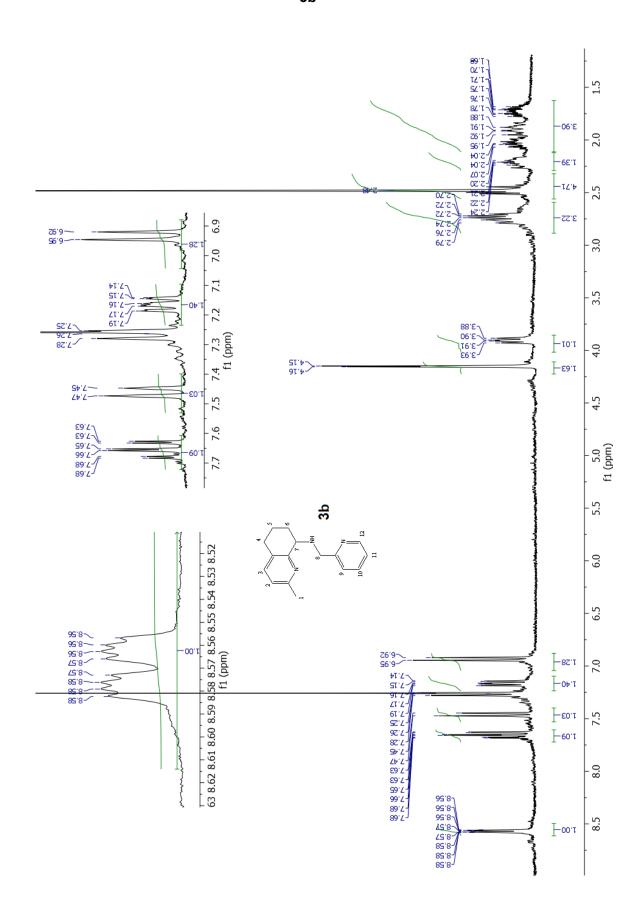


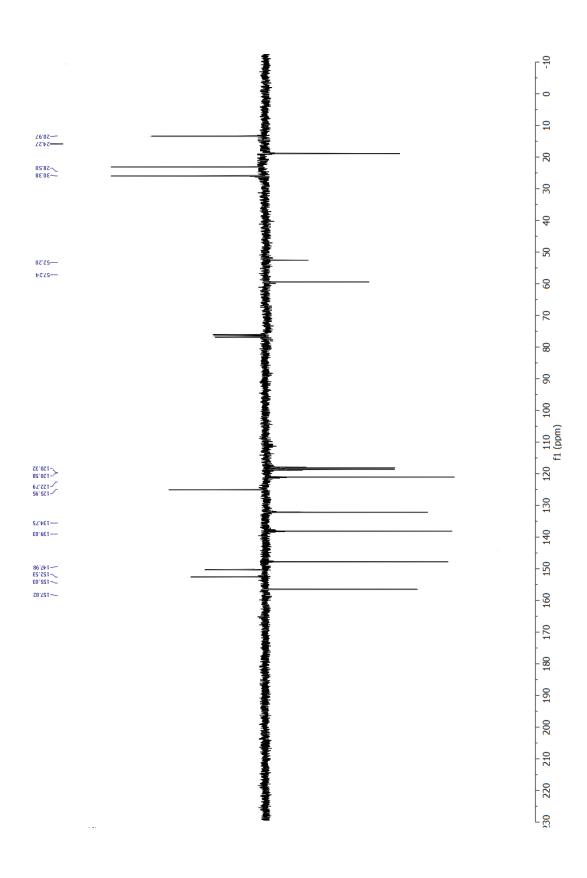
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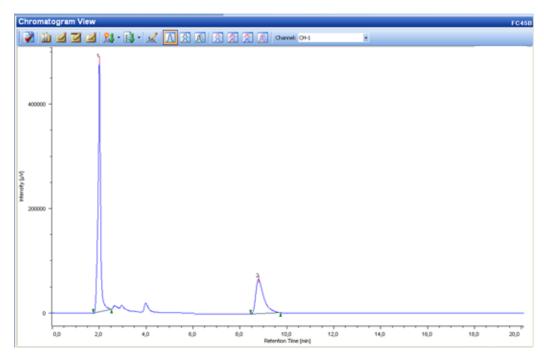
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 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.03$ 





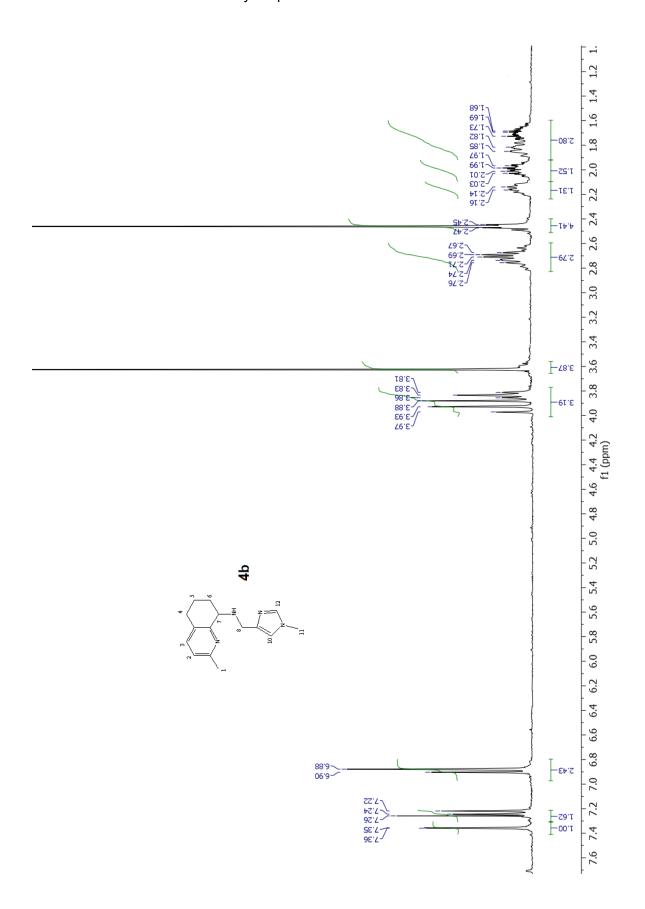
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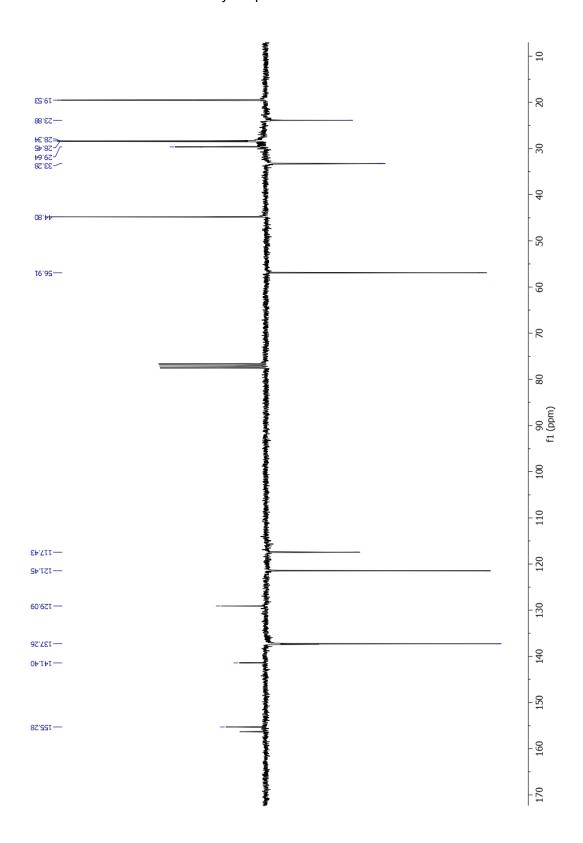
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Unknown	1	8,967	1540967	66016	30,115	11,892	N/A	2291	N/A	1,004

 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.12$ 

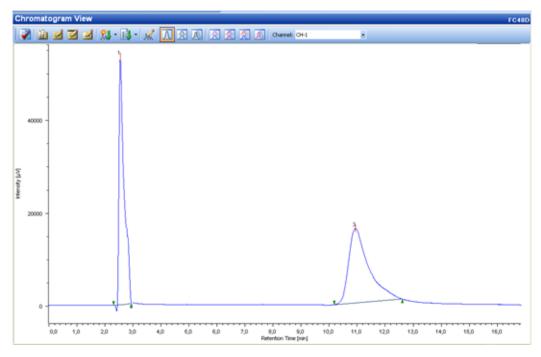
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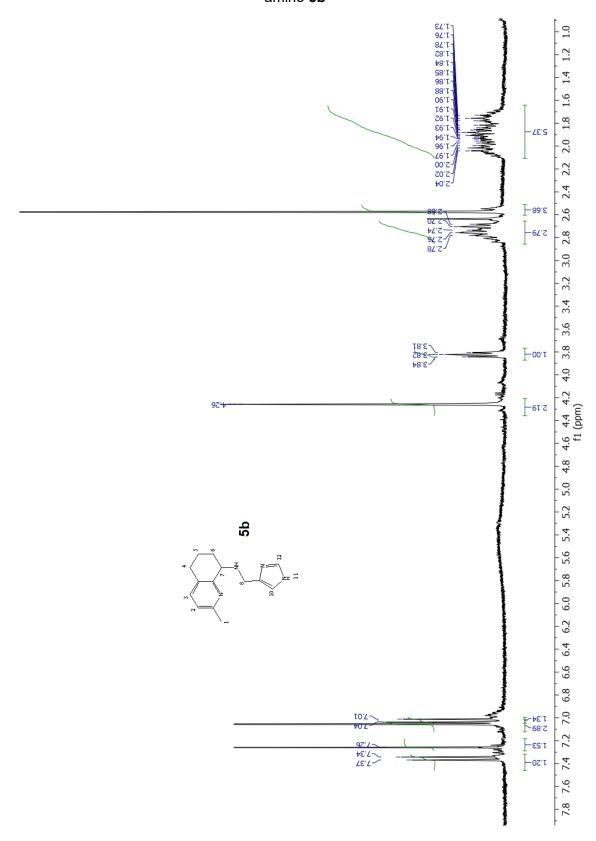
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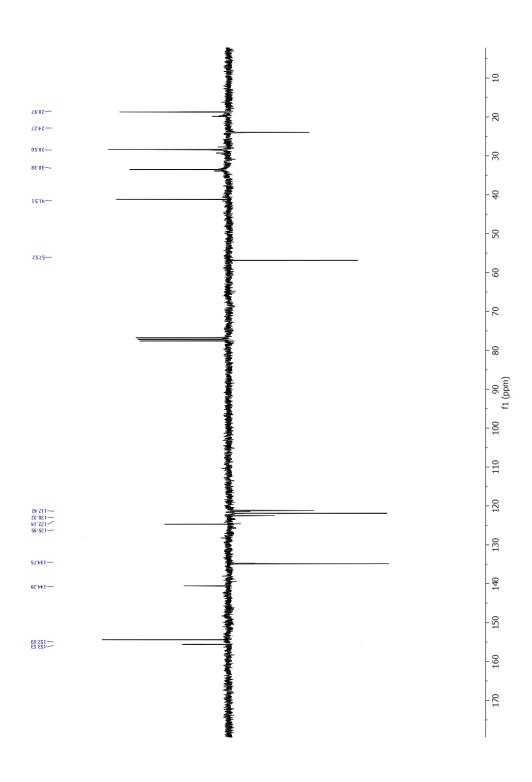
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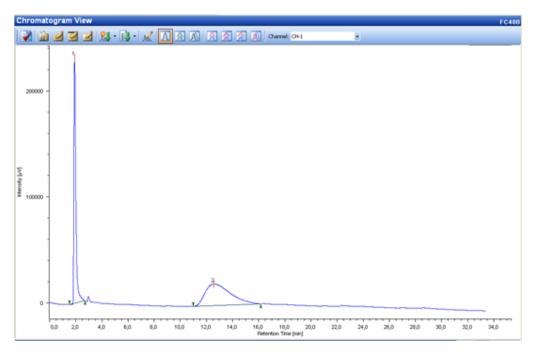
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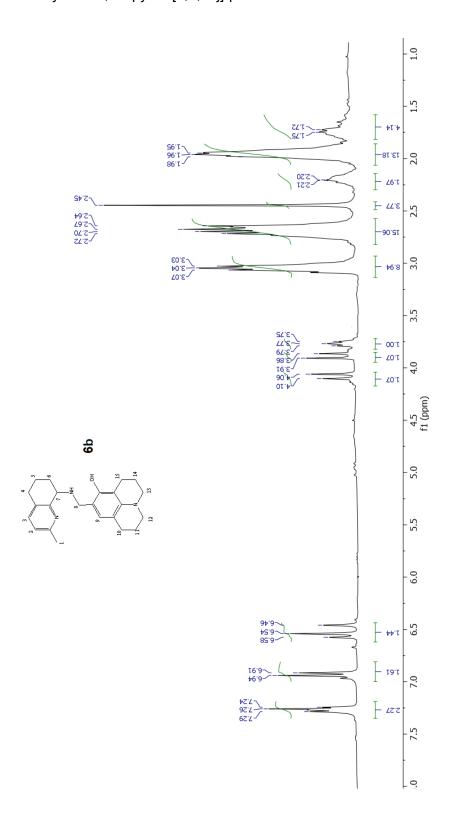
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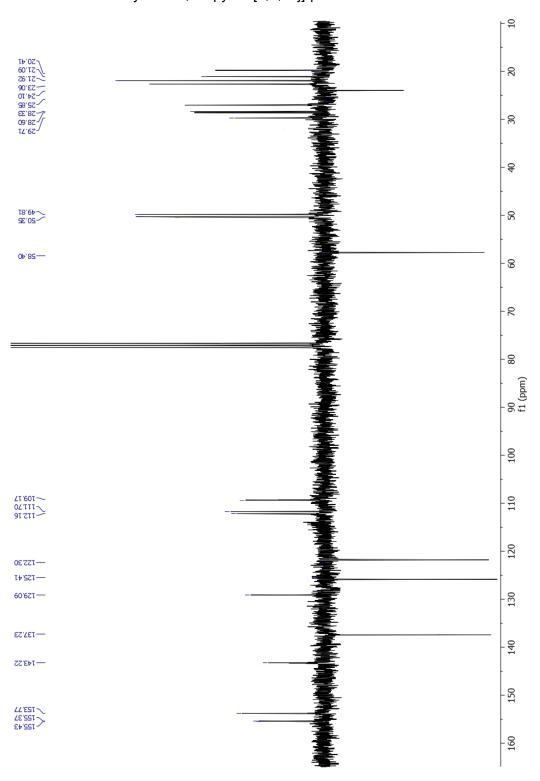
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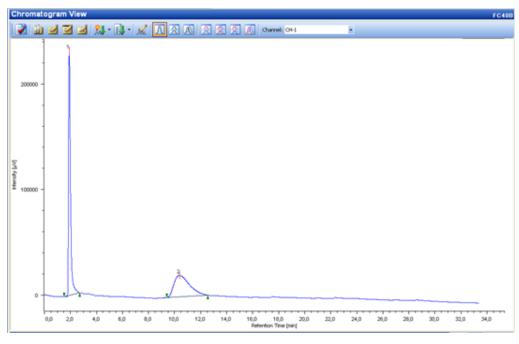
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Ī	Unknown	1	10,467	573762	20266	62,514	27,692	N/A	423	1,130	1,601

 $Log P_{o/w} = 4.13$