

Synthesis and biological evaluation of novel cyanuric acid-tethered tris-pyridinium derivatives

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1. Biological Experiments

1.1 Samples

Samples, quaternary ammonium salts based on pyridine (n = 25) were obtained from the N. D. Zelinsky Institute of Organic Chemistry Russian Academy of Sciences (ZIOC RAS).

1.2 Antibacterial Assay

1.2.1 Strains of microorganisms

Reference strains of microorganisms *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 43300, *Acinobacter Baumannii* ATCC 15308 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 were obtained from the State Collection of Pathogenic Microorganisms "SCPM-Obolensk".

1.2.2 Species identification of microorganisms

The species identification of microorganisms was carried out on a MALDI-TOF Biotyper mass spectrometer (Bruker, Germany).

1.2.3 Cultivation of microorganisms

For the cultivation of microorganisms, agar and GRM broth (SRCAMB) were used. Cultivation of microorganisms was carried out for 20-24 hours at a temperature of 37 °C.

1.2.4 Evaluation of the antibacterial activity of new tris-QACs

The MIC was determined by the micromethod of serial dilutions in broth in the presence of various stepwise concentrations of antibacterial drugs in sterile 96-well plates. Mueller-Hinton broth, Mueller-Hinton agar produced by SRCAMB were used as a nutrient medium.

In the course of the study, two-fold serial dilutions of the studied drugs were used. The mother liquor was prepared in 10% DMSO. Working solutions of the drug and its two-fold dilutions (500→1 mg ml⁻¹) were prepared from the stock solution with the addition of the GRM broth.

Nutrient broth with the appropriate concentration of the test drug was introduced into 10 holes in 10 holes in horizontal rows of 7 test bacterial strains. Broth was added to separate rows without a drug to control the growth of cultures.

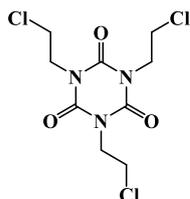
From single colonies grown on the GRM medium at 37 °C for 18 hours, a suspension was prepared with an optical density of 0.5 according to McFarland's standard in sterile saline, which corresponded to approximately $1-2 \times 10^8$ CFU*ml⁻¹. Then the suspension was diluted 1:100 by adding 0.2 ml of the suspension to a flask containing 19.8 ml of Mueller-Hinton broth. The concentration of microorganisms in this case was 10⁶ CFU*ml⁻¹. 0.1 ml of the original suspension was introduced into the wells with the test drug and control wells with broth. The final concentration of microorganism in each well was 5x10⁵ CFU*ml⁻¹. The plates were covered with lids and placed in a thermostat (37 °C) for 20 hours. The presence of bacterial growth was taken into account visually (by the presence of turbidity in the well). The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was taken as the minimum concentration of the preparation at which the growth of bacteria was absent after 20 h of incubation. The minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) was determined based on the results of seeding on solid nutrient media. For this, from all the wells in which there was no visible growth (by the presence of turbidity), 10 µl were seeded on Mueller-Hinton nutrient agar. The results were taken into account by the presence of culture growth at the site of application after 24 hours of incubation at 37 °C. If there was no growth in the well, but at the same time, the growth of the studied culture was observed when sowing from this well on a dense nutrient medium, then this concentration was taken as bacteriostatic. The MBC was taken as the lowest concentration at which cell growth was completely inhibited when plated on a solid nutrient medium.

2. Chemical Experimental Details

Reagents were purchased and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 aluminum sheets under UV light. All products were analyzed by NMR spectroscopy on Bruker AM300, Bruker XWIND or Bruker AV600 spectrometers at ambient temperature in CD₃OD or DMSO-d₆ or CDCl₃. All melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus in open capillaries and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker ALPHA-T FT-IR spectrometer in KBr pellets. The ESI contains detailed experimental protocols, summaries of spectral data, and spectra.

3. Synthesis and Characterization of Substrates and Products

Synthesis of 1,3,5-tris(2-chloroethyl)-1,3,5-triazinane-2,4,6-trione (2):

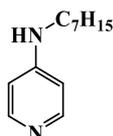


Thionyl chloride (7.85 g, 66 mmol) was slowly added to the solution of 1,3,5-tris(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,3,5-triazinane-2,4,6-trione (2.61 g, 20 mmol) in benzene (50 ml). The resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 10 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by recrystallization from hexane to afford a white solid product (2.26 g, 19.2 mmol, 99% yield). C₉H₁₂Cl₃N₃O₃; M. w. 316.56; White solid; M. p. 96-97°C [1]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.78 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H, 3CH₂), 4.31 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H, 3CH₂) ppm.

Synthesis of 4-alkylaminopyridines 4a-f:

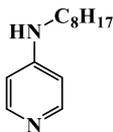
Thionyl chloride (4.72 ml, 65 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of alcanoic acid (50 mmol) and DMF (0.39 ml, 5 mmol) in toluene (70 ml). The resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 3 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained brown oil was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) and then slowly added to a mixture of 4-aminopyridine (0.8 equiv.), triethylamine (1.2 equiv.) and CH₂Cl₂ (30 ml). The resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 2 hours, then cooled and washed with water (3×100 ml). The solvent from organic layer was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was stripped to dryness. The obtained beige powder was dissolved in dry THF (60 ml) and slowly added to a suspension of lithium aluminium hydride (2 eq.) in dry THF (40 ml). The resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 8 hours. Water (3 ml), sodium hydroxide (25% water solution, 1 ml), then water (2 ml) were added successively while stirring. The precipitate was filtered, boiled in ethylacetate (50 ml) and filtered again. The solvent from combined organic filtrates was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by recrystallization from hexane to provide yellowish solid product. The total yield was 52-86%.

4-Heptylaminopyridine (4a):



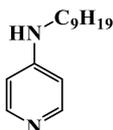
C₁₂H₂₀N₂; M. w. 192.31; Yellow solid (5.00 g, 26 mmol, 65% yield); M. p. 49-51°C [2]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.19-1.45 (m, 8H, 4CH₂), 1.54-1.74 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.11-3.21 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.53 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.47 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), ppm.

4-Octylaminopyridine (4b):



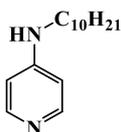
C₁₃H₂₂N₂; M. w. 206.33; Yellow solid (4.29 g, 20.8 mmol, 52% yield); M. p. 70-73°C [2]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.18-1.47 (m, 10H, 5CH₂), 1.54-1.74 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.14-3.20 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.52 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.47 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}) ppm.

4-Nonylaminopyridine (4c):



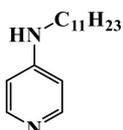
C₁₄H₂₄N₂; M. w. 220.36; Yellow solid (6.43 g, 29.2 mmol, 73% yield); M. p. 55-57°C [2]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.18-1.45 (m, 12H, 6CH₂), 1.53-1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.11-3.21 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.53 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.15 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}) ppm.

4-Decylaminopyridine (4d):



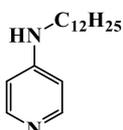
C₁₅H₂₆N₂; M. w. 234.39; Yellow solid (5.63 g, 24.0 mmol, 60% yield); M. p. 71-73°C [2]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.91 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.20-1.47 (m, 14H, 7CH₂), 1.54-1.74 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.13-3.19 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.53 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}) ppm.

4-Undecylaminopyridine (4e):



C₁₆H₂₈N₂; M. w. 248.41; Yellow solid (8.55 g, 34.4 mmol, 86% yield); M. p. 47-50°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.19-1.47 (m, 16H, 8CH₂), 1.57-1.75 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.11-3.20 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.53 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}) ppm.

4-Dodecylaminopyridine (4f):

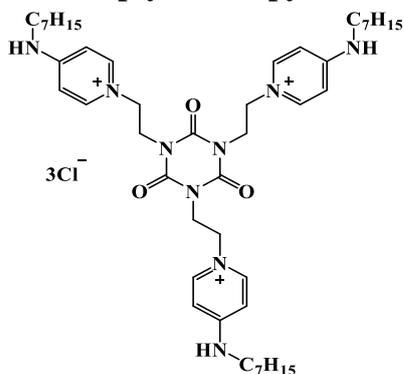


C₁₇H₂₉N₂; M. w. 262.44; Yellow solid (7.24 g, 27.6 mmol, 69% yield); M. p. 83-85°C [2]; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.19-1.47 (m, 18H, 9CH₂), 1.54-1.74 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.09-3.20 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 4.52 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H, 3NH), 6.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}), 8.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2CH_{py}) ppm.

Synthesis of 1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-alkylaminopyridin-1-ium) trichlorides 5a-f.

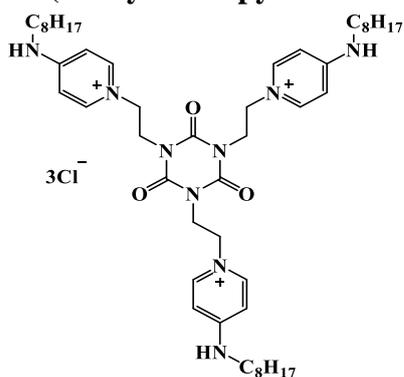
A mixture of 1,3,5-tris(2-chloroethyl)-1,3,5-triazinane-2,4,6-trione (0.32 g, 1 mmol), 4-alkylaminopyridine (3.3 mmol) and butan-1-ol (6 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 days. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was washed with acetone and dried to provide a white solid product. The yield was 80-93%.

1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-Trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-heptylamino-pyridin-1-ium) trichloride (5a):



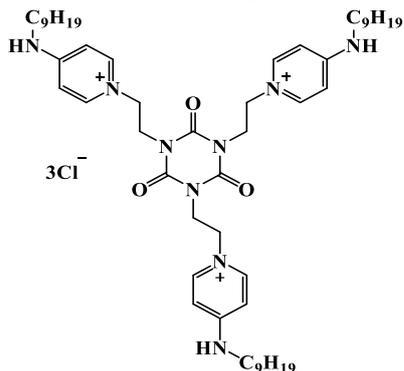
$C_{45}H_{72}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 893.48; White solid (0.79 g, 0.88 mmol, 88% yield); M. p. 116-119°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.16-1.39 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.50-1.62 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.21-3.33 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 4.01-4.15 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.28-4.39 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.03 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.26 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.43 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.20 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD): δ 14.4, 23.6, 27.9, 29.4, 30.0, 32.9, 44.0, 44.4, 56.6, 106.6, 111.9, 142.9, 145.3, 150.4, 158.8 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-Trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-octylaminopyridin-1-ium) trichloride (5b):



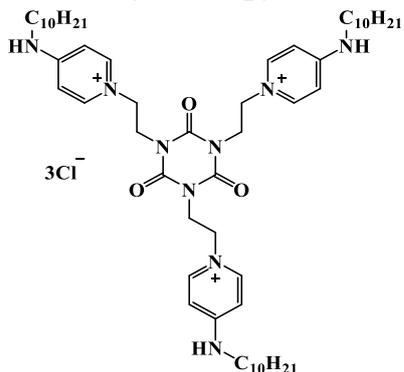
$C_{48}H_{78}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 935.56; White solid (0.87 g, 0.93 mmol, 93% yield); M. p. 130-133°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.18-1.37 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.50-1.62 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.19-3.30 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 4.01-4.11 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.29-4.36 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.03 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.26 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.43 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.18 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.8, 21.9, 26.2, 27.8, 28.5, 28.6, 31.1, 42.1, 43.1, 54.8, 104.9, 110.0, 141.6, 144.0, 148.7, 156.6 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-Trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-nonylaminopyridin-1-ium) trichloride (5c):



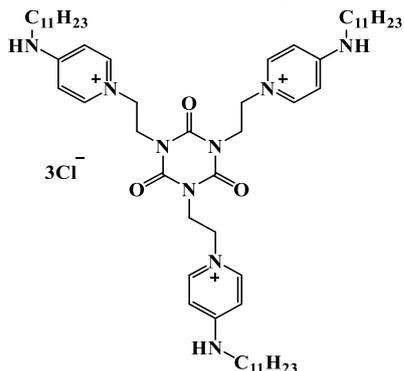
$C_{51}H_{84}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 977.64; White solid (0.82 g, 0.84 mmol, 84% yield); M. p. 172-175°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.16-1.39 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.50-1.60 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.15-3.33 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 4.00-4.18 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.25-4.41 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.07 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.30 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.47 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.31 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.8, 21.9, 26.2, 27.8, 28.5, 28.6, 28.8, 31.1, 42.1, 43.1, 54.8, 104.9, 110.0, 141.6, 144.0, 148.7, 156.6 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

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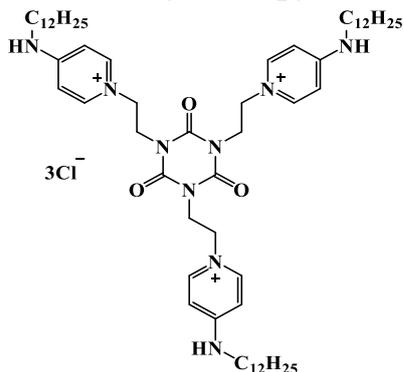
$C_{54}H_{90}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 1019.72; White solid (0.93 g, 0.91 mmol, 91% yield); M. p. 201-204°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.16-1.39 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.50-1.60 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.18-3.29 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 3.99-4.15 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.25-4.39 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.06 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.30 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.46 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.29 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.8, 21.9, 26.2, 27.8, 28.6, 28.6, 28.8, 28.9, 31.1, 42.1, 43.2, 54.8, 104.9, 110.0, 141.6, 144.0, 148.7, 156.6 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-Trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-undecylaminopyridin-1-ium) trichloride (5e):



$C_{57}H_{96}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 1061.81; White solid (0.85 g, 0.80 mmol, 80% yield); M. p. 239-242°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.19-1.37 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.49-1.62 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.18-3.29 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 4.01-4.15 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.28-4.39 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.02 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.24 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.42 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.13 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.8, 21.9, 25.0, 26.2, 27.8, 28.6, 28.6, 28.9, 29.0, 31.2, 42.1, 43.1, 54.8, 104.9, 110.0, 141.6, 144.0, 148.7, 156.6 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

1,1',1''-[(2,4,6-Trioxo-1,3,5-triazinane-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethane-2,1-diyl)]-tris(4-dodecylaminopyridin-1-ium) trichloride (5f):



$C_{60}H_{102}Cl_3N_9O_3$; M. w. 1103.89; White solid (0.94 g, 0.85 mmol, 85% yield); M. p. 277-280°C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.16-1.39 (m, 54H, 27CH₂), 1.50-1.60 (m, 6, 3CH₂), 3.24 (m, 6H, 3CH₂NH), 4.01-4.15 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N), 4.28-4.39 (m, 6H, 3CH₂N⁺), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 7.03 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.6$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.26 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 8.43 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 3CH_{py}), 9.16 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H, 3NH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.8, 21.9, 26.2, 27.8, 28.6, 28.6, 28.9, 29.0, 31.2, 42.2, 43.2, 54.8, 104.9, 110.0, 141.6, 144.0, 148.7, 156.6 ppm; ν_{max} , (KBr): 3434, 2957, 2926, 2855, 1691, 1656, 1464, 1200, 842, 762 cm^{-1}

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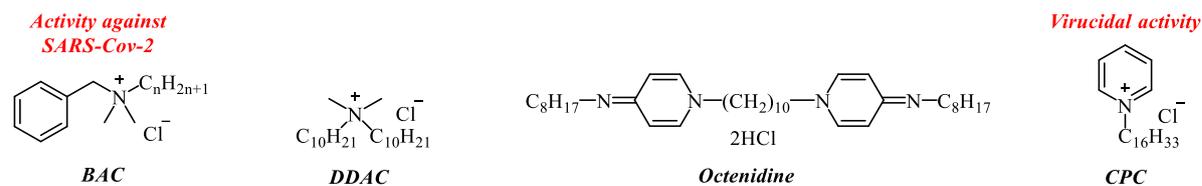


Figure S1. Main QACs on the market. *Note:* BAC – benzalkonium chloride, DDAC – didecyltrimethylammonium chloride, CPC – cetylpyridinium chloride.

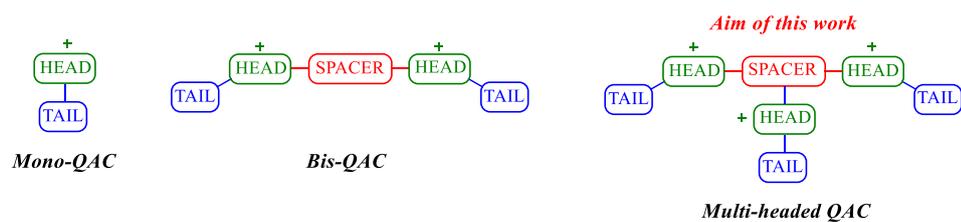


Figure S2. General structure of QACs.

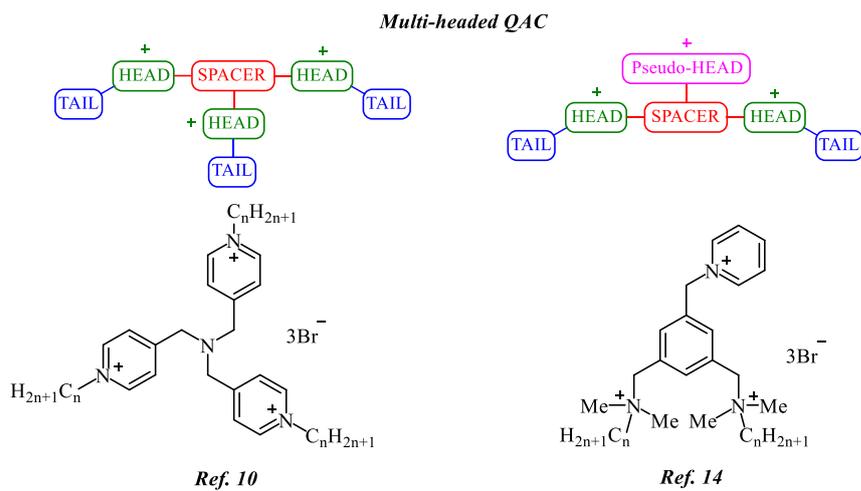
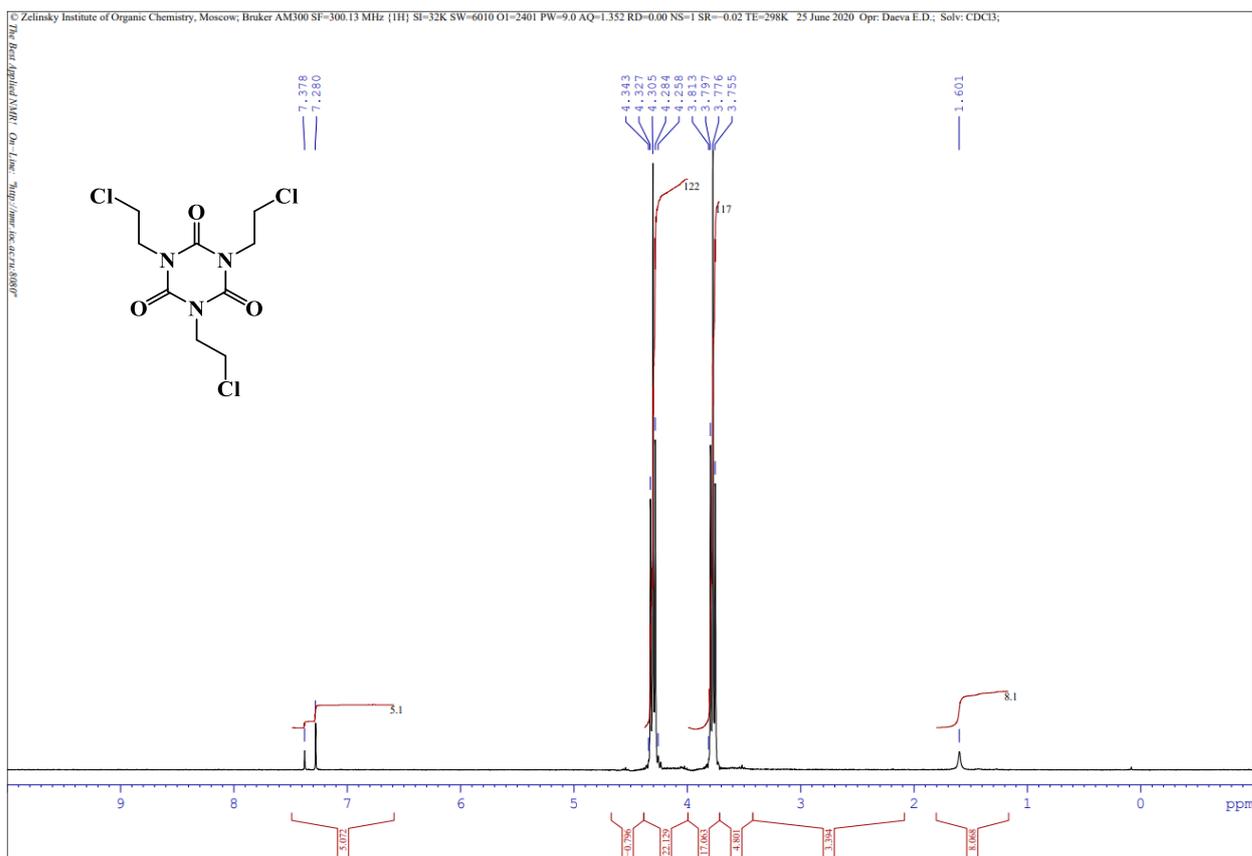


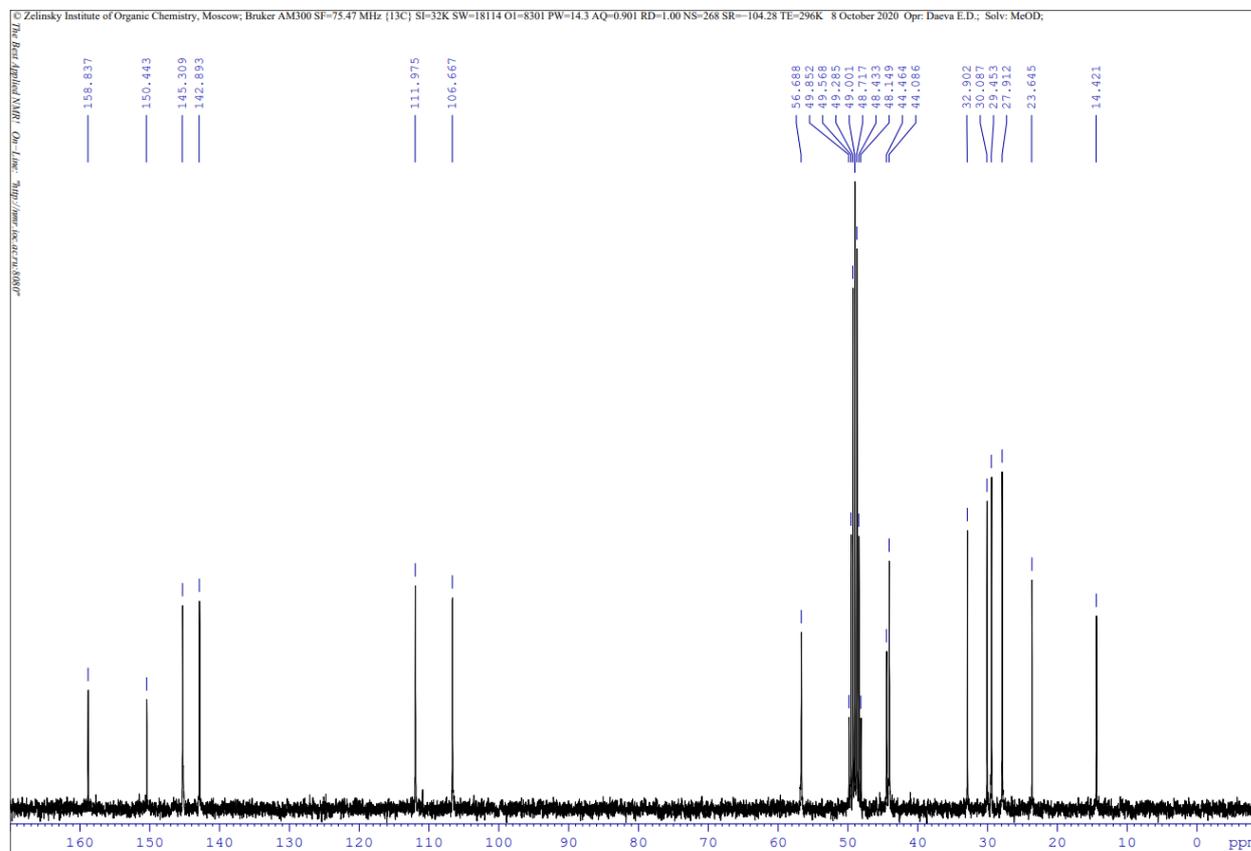
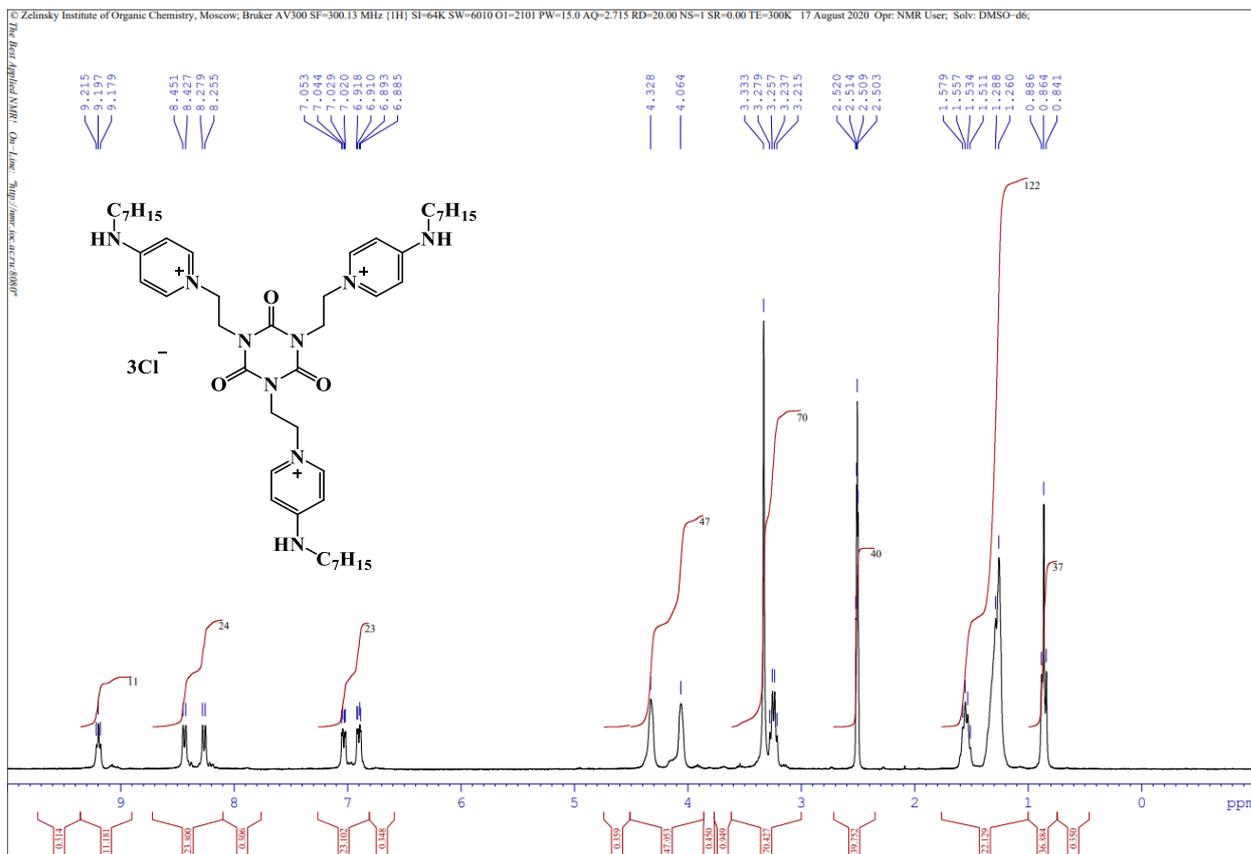
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6. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

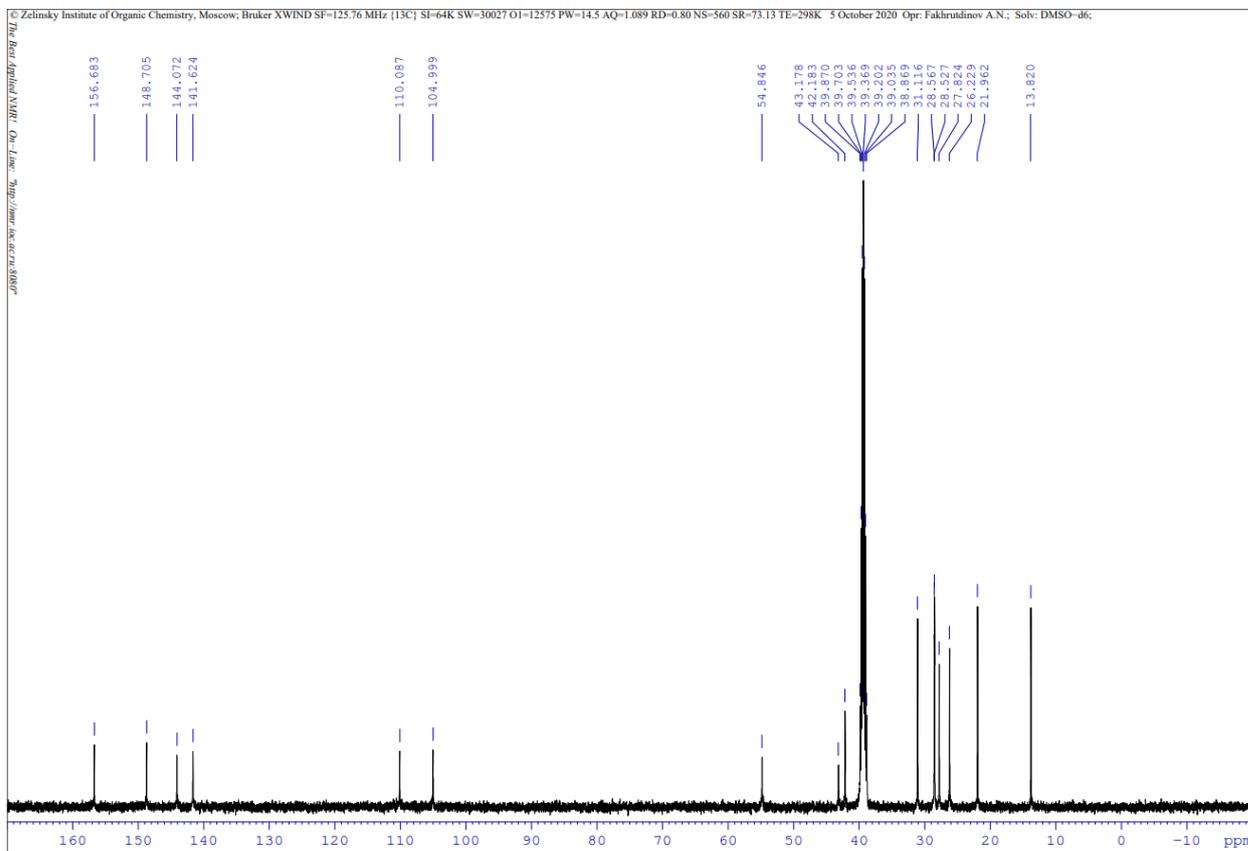
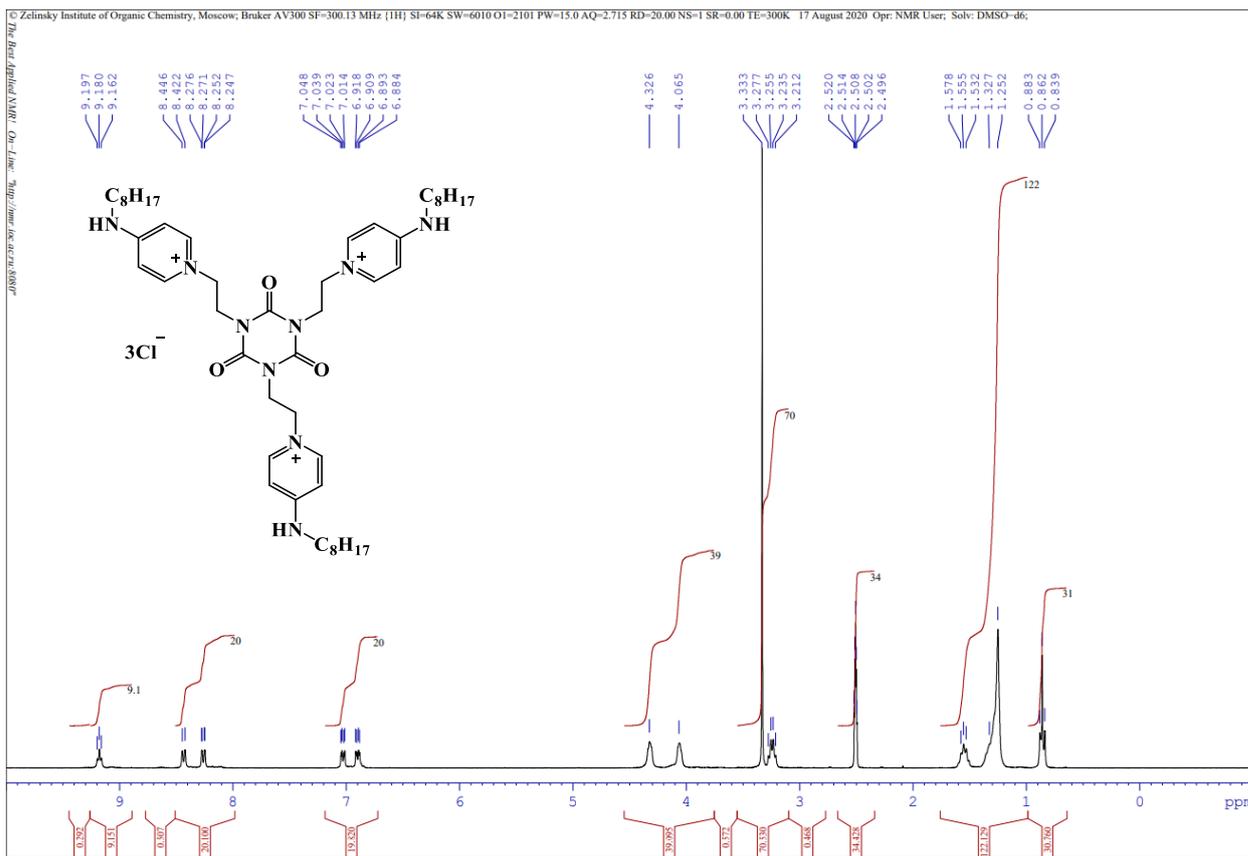
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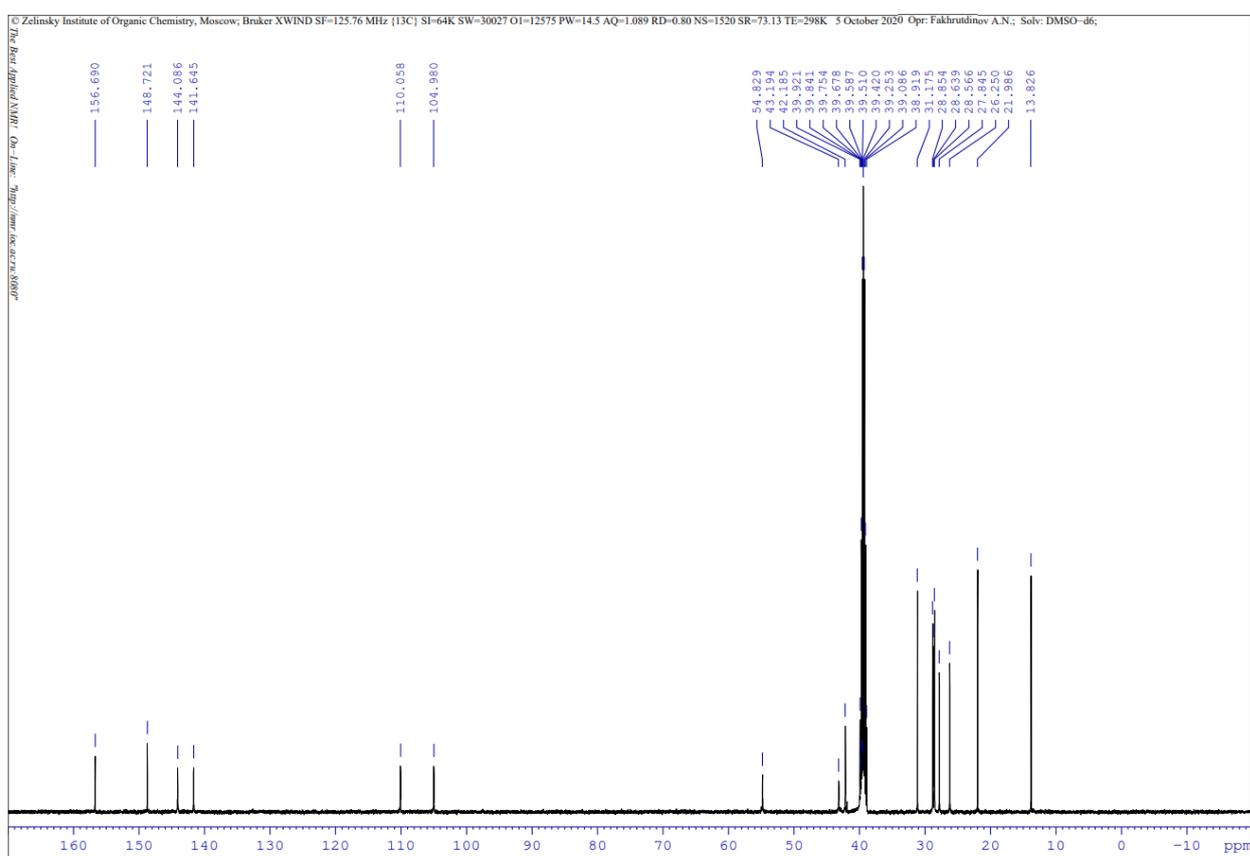
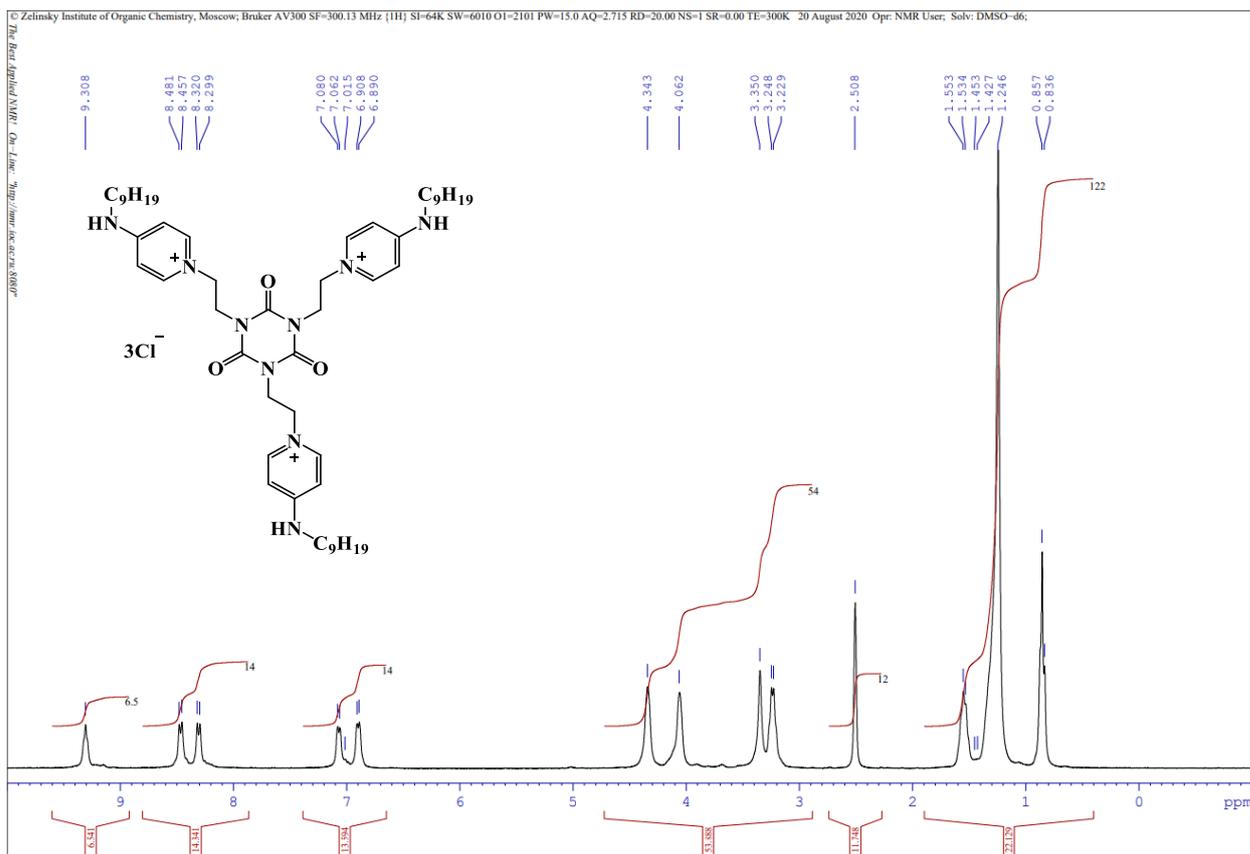
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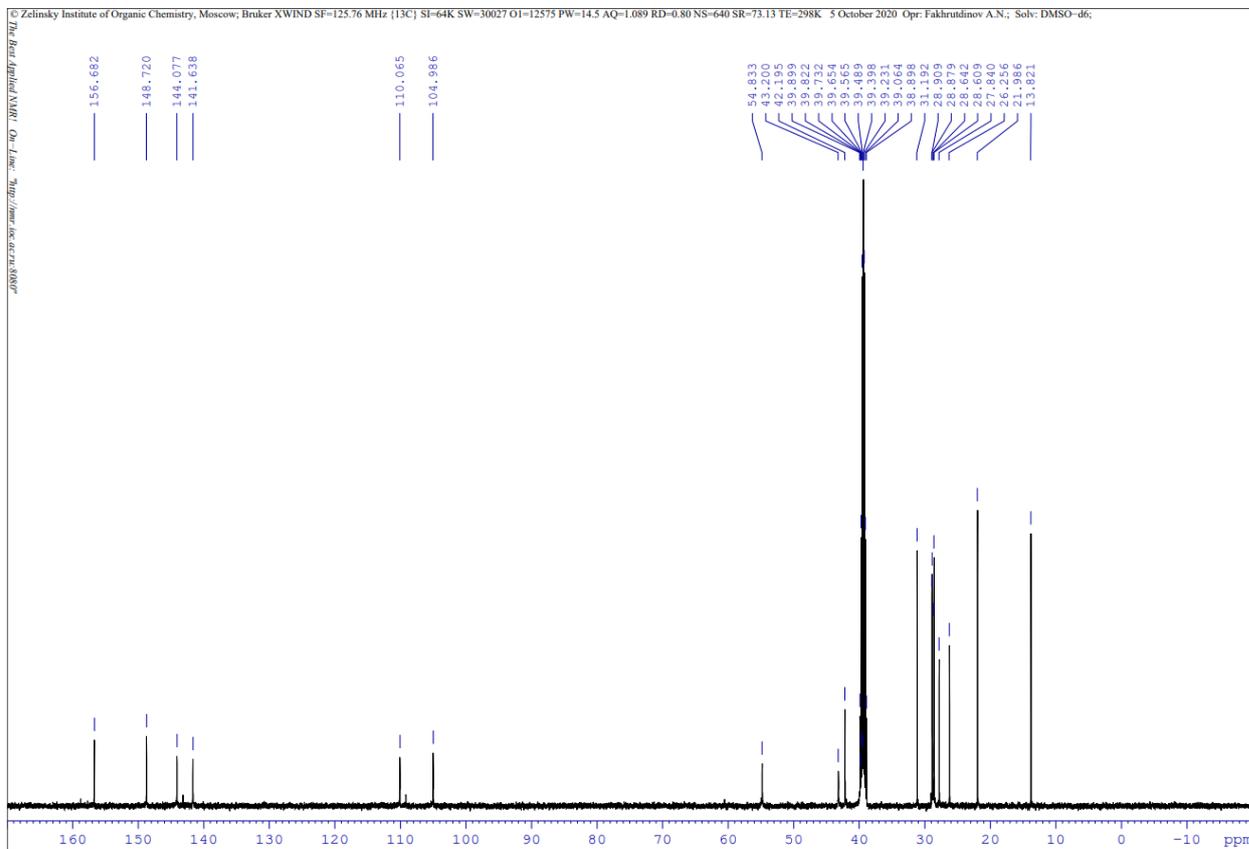
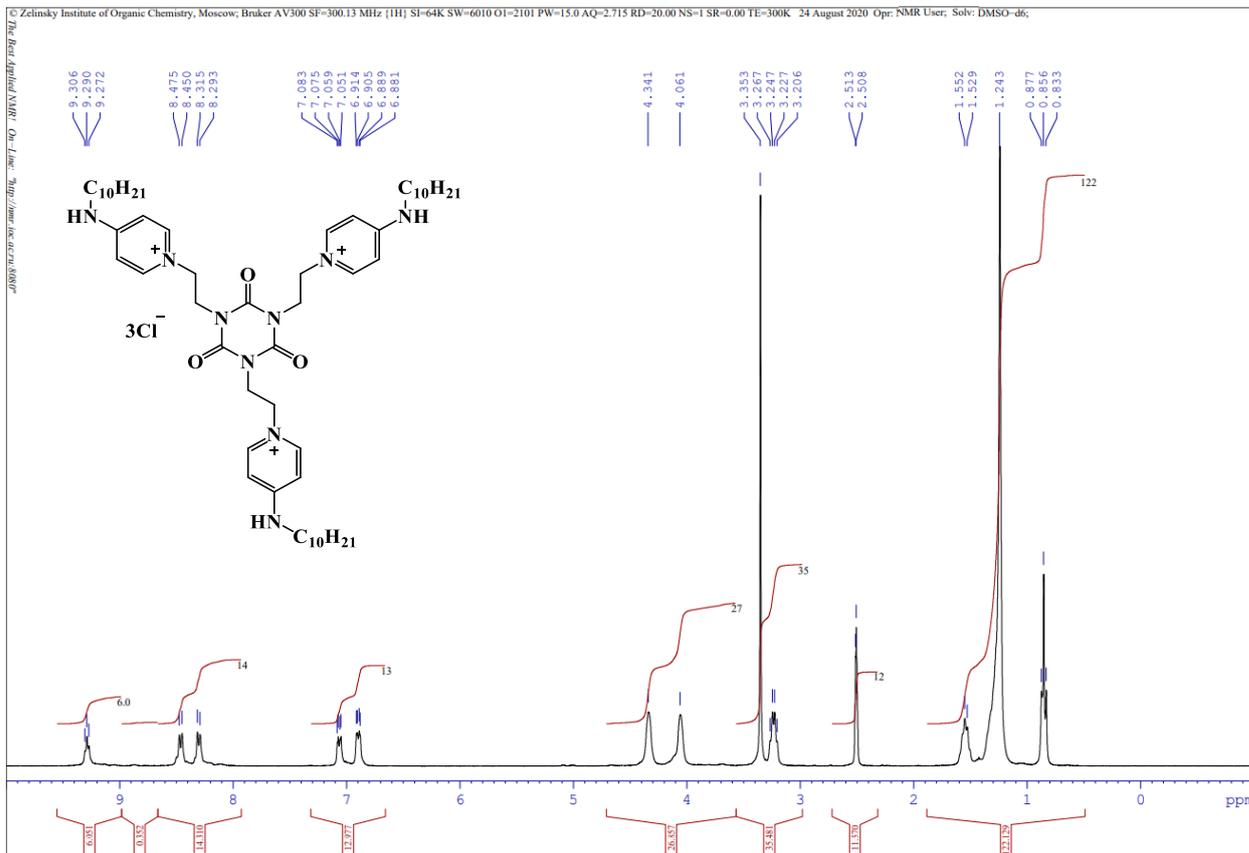
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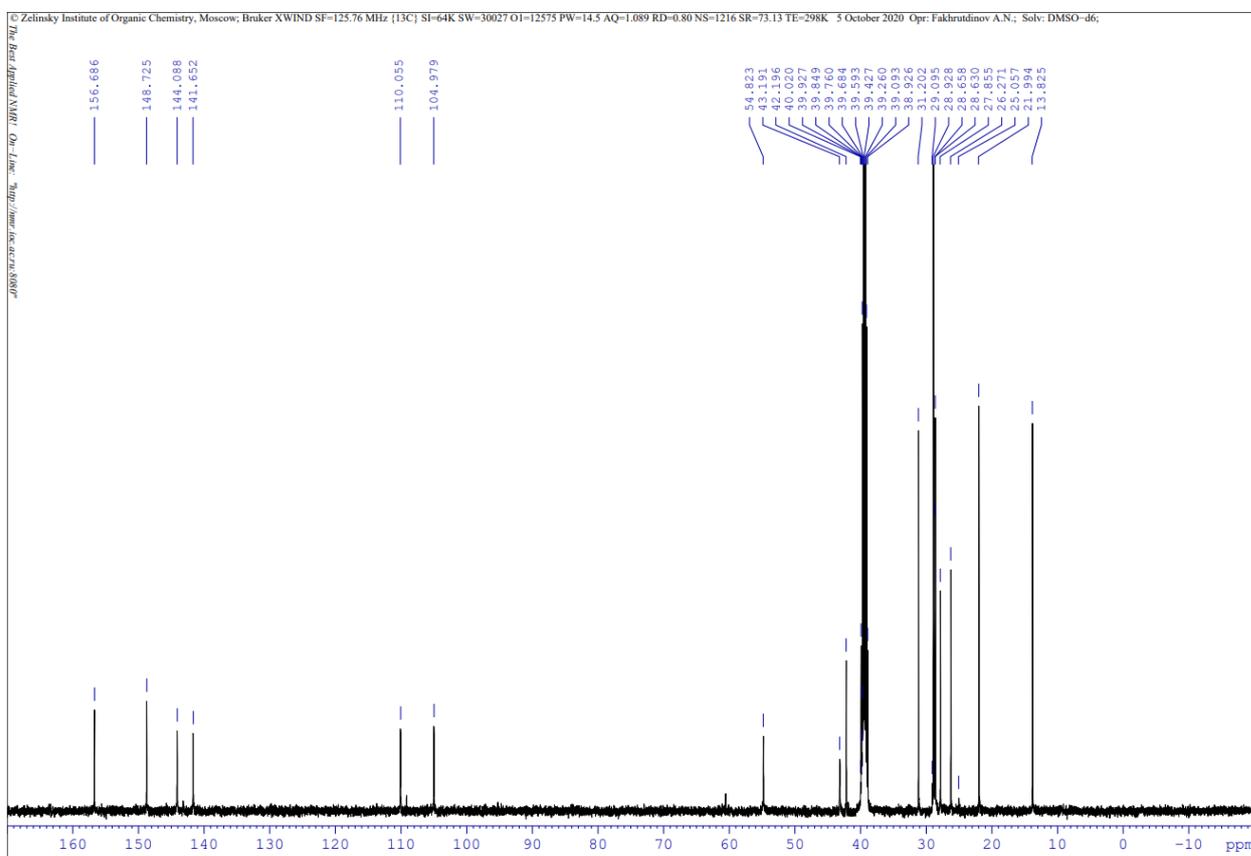
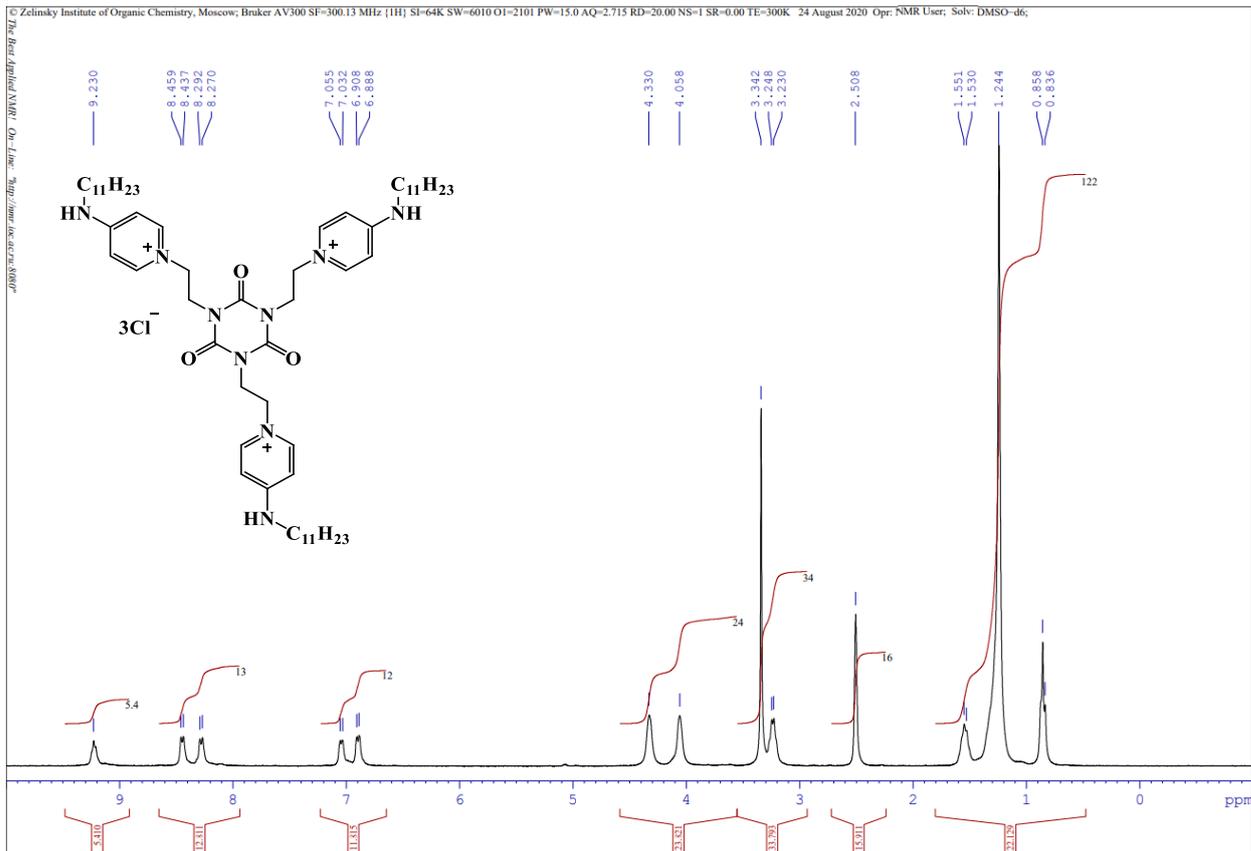
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