

New regio/chemoselective synthesis of hydrogenated imidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazines

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Results of quantum-chemical calculations

Another evidence for the preferred chemoselective heterocyclisation by the ester group was quantum chemical calculations of cyanoacetic ester derivatives using the AM1 and DFT methods¹ (Figures S1-S3). The positive charge on the carbon atom of the ester group significantly exceeded the same of nitrile carbon atom.

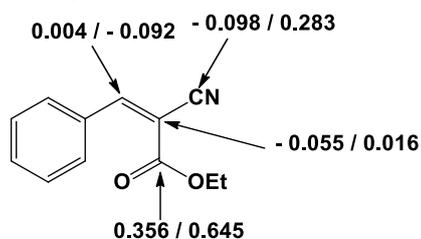


Figure S1. Values of charges in reaction centres (AM1/B3LYP)

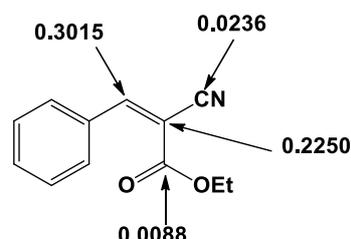
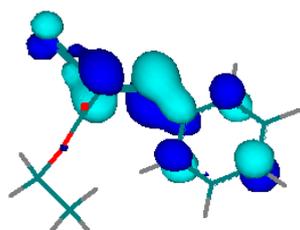
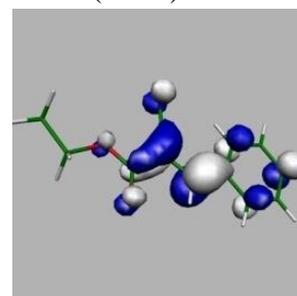


Figure S2. Atomic contributions to NBMO (AM1)



a



b

Figure S3. NBMO structure of ethyl 2-benzylidene-2-cyanoacetate, (*a*) AM1, (*b*) B3LYP

We also have performed quantum chemical calculations of the initial diaminoimidazole molecule geometry and electronic structure molecule to explain the reaction selectivity based on

density functional theory and the B3LYP exchange-correlation potential, with the 6-31G** basis.^{S1} It was shown that the nitrogen atom of the amino group in the second position is most negatively charged, although it is not much different from the hydrazine fragment (Figure S4). However, the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP), which most properly describes the electrostatic interactions between molecules, provided a different result. The MEP near the imidazole molecule showed that the most negative region of the molecule was localised at the endocyclic nitrogen atom. Apparently, this is due to the fact that the remaining nucleophilic centres are associated with positively charged carbon and/or nitrogen atoms, which weakens the electrostatic effect of these centres (Figure S5).

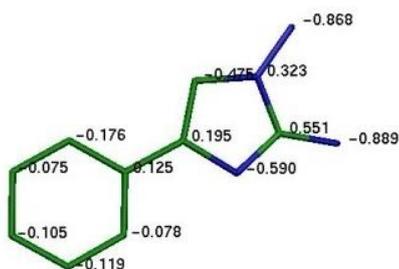


Figure S4. Values of charges in the reaction centres of the 1,2-diamino-4-phenylimidazole molecule **1**

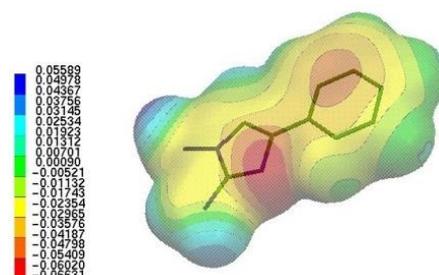


Figure S5. Molecular electrostatic potential in the molecule of the initial diamine **1**

However, the charge value is not the only factor that determines electrophilic-nucleophilic interactions. Reactions can also proceed under orbital control. Therefore, we calculated HOMO electron population (Figure S6). The region where the HOMO wave function is not zero and the electron density is high is concentrated on the imidazole cycle, the CH fragment in particular.

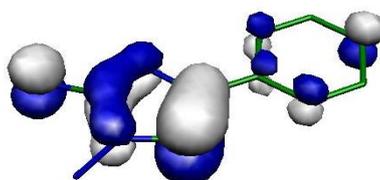


Figure S6. HOMO of the 1,2-diamino-4-phenylimidazole molecule

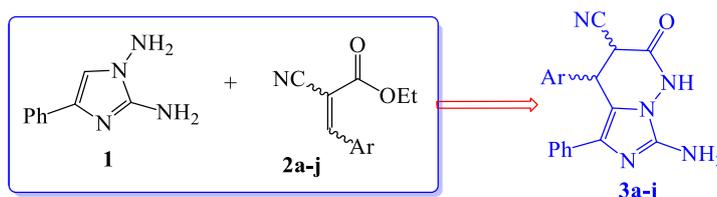
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General information (instrumentation)

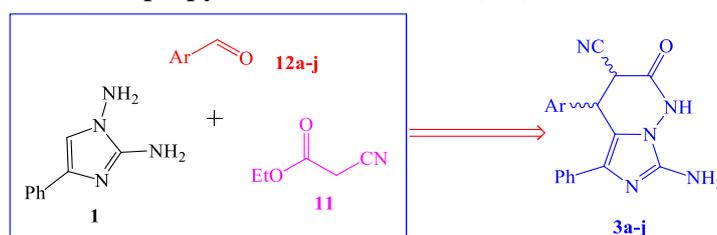
IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vertex 70 spectrometer with a Platinum ATR accessory. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, NOESY spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-500 and DRX-600 devices (500.13/600.13 and 125.75 MHz, respectively) in DMSO- d_6 and TFA- d with the internal TMS standard. Melting temperatures were taken on a StuartSMP30 device. HPLC/MS spectra were recorded on an Agilent Infinity 1260 chromatograph with MS interface Agilent 6230 TOFLC/MS. Conditions for the separation: mobile phase MeCN/H $_2$ O + 0.1% FA (formic acid), gradient elution, column - Poroshell 120 EC-C18 (4.6 x 50 mm, 2.7 μm), thermostat 23-28°C, flow rate of 0.3-0.4 ml min $^{-1}$. Electrospray ionization (capillary – 3.5 kV; fragmentor + 191V; OctRF + 66V – positive polarity). The reaction progress and purity of the obtained compounds were controlled by TLC on Merck TLC Silica gel 60 F254 plates in a 20:1 CHCl $_3$ -MeOH system (visualisation under UV light). The commercially available reagents were purchased from Lancaster.

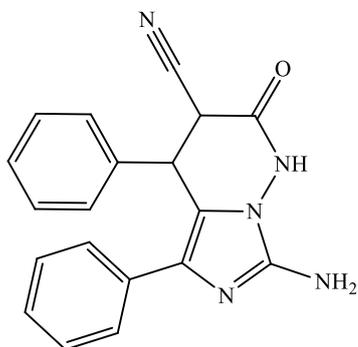
General procedure for the synthesis of 7-amino -4-aryl-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitriles **3a-j**

Method A. A mixture of 1,2-diamino-5-phenylimidazole **1** (5 mmol), ethyl 2-arylidene-2-cyanoacetate **2a-j** (5 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (5 ml) with the addition of acetic acid (5 mol.%) was refluxed. The precipitate formed after 6 hours of boiling was filtered off and recrystallized from a mixture of isopropyl alcohol and DMF (3:1).



Method B. A mixture of 1,2-diamino-5-phenylimidazole **1** (5 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate **11** (5 mmol), aldehyde **12a-j** (5 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (5 ml) with the addition of acetic acid (5 mol.%) was refluxed. The precipitate formed after 7-8 hours of boiling was filtered and recrystallised from a mixture of isopropyl alcohol and DMF (3:1).





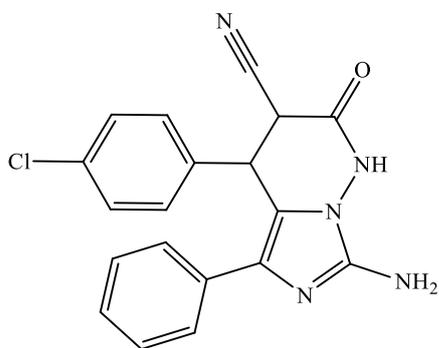
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3a

7-Amino-2-oxo-4,5-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3a (mixture of diastereomers 90:1).

Yield: A - 1155 mg (70%); B - 858 mg (52%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 3.77, 4.95 (d as br.s and d, *J*_{H,H} = 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.54, 4.89 (d as br.s and d, *J*_{H,H} = 5.1 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.86, 7.06 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 7.23-7.40 (m, 10H, H-Ph); 12.50 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.2 (CO), 161.7 (CO), 140.9 (C-7), 140.8 (C-7), 137.8 (C-Ar), 137.7 (C-Ar), 128.9 (C-Ar), 128.9 (C-Ar), 128.8 (C-Ar), 128.2 (C-Ar), 128.1 (C-Ar), 127.9 (C-Ar), 127.7 (C-Ar), 127.6 (C-Ar), 127.3 (C-Ar), 125.7 (C-Ar), 125.3 (C-Ar), 118.4 (CN), 117.3 (CN), 115.2 (C-4a), 39.1 (C-3), 39.0 (C-3), 38.9 (C-4), 38.1 (C-4) ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ⁻¹ = 3382 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3059, 2661 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 2224 (CN); 1672 (amid I); 1650 (NH); 1552 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1497 (Ph); 1213 (C-N amin); 766 (C-H Ph); 692 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₁₅N₅O: 330.1350 [M+H]⁺; found 330.1350 (RT 1.337) and 330.1349 (RT 1.767) [M+H]⁺.

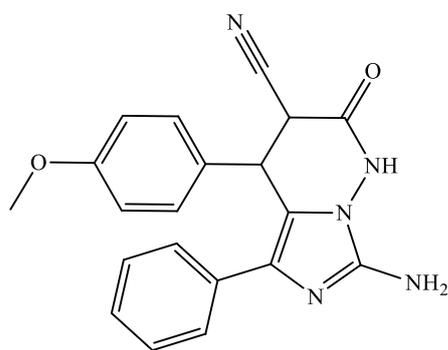
7-Amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3b (mixture of diastereomers 3:1).



Molecular formula : C₁₉H₁₄ClN₅O

3b

Yield: A - 1256 mg (69%); B - 874 mg (48%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 3.80, 4.96 (d as br.s and d, *J*_{H,H} = 4.2 Hz, CH-4); 4.54, 4.98 (d as br.s and d, *J*_{H,H} = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.84, 7.06 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 7.21-7.38 (m, 7H, H-Ar); 7.45 (d, *J*_{H,H} = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H-Ar); 12.60 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 161.7, 161.4, 140.7, 136.7, 136.5, 132.8, 132.6, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 125.8, 125.2, 118.2, 117.2, 116.6, 114.9, 38.5, 37.3 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ⁻¹ = 3378 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3035 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 1671 (amid I); 1651 (NH); 1599 (Ar); 1556 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1492 (Ar); 1209 (C-N amin); 1167 (C-N amin); 812 (p-C₆H₄); 766 (C-H Ph); 695 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₅O: 364.0960 [M+H]⁺; found 364.0960 (RT 1.093) and 364.0963 (RT 1.253) [M+H]⁺.



Molecular formula: $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$

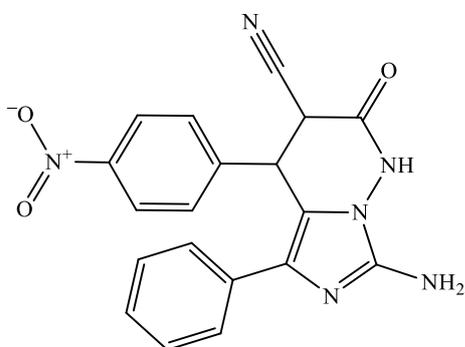
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7-Amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3c
(mixture of diastereomers 3:2).

Yield: A - 1224 mg (68%); B - 1008 mg (56%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.70, 4.86 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 4.49, 4.83 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.76, 7.01 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 6.86, 6.93 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H-Ar), 7.19, 7.24 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H-Ar), 7.25-7.37 (m, 5H, H-Ph); 12.48 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 162.3, 161.8, 158.9, 158.8, 140.9, 140.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 125.2, 118.4, 117.3, 115.5, 114.3, 114.2, 55.1, 40.2, 38.5, 37.4 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3371 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3037 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 2215 (CN); 1672 (amid I); 1648 (NH); 1554 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1510 (Ar); 1247 (Ar-O-Me); 1211 (C-N amin); 1180 (C-N amin); 821 (p-C₆H₄); 769 (C-H Ph); 696 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$: 360.1456 [M+H]⁺; found 360.1456 (RT 1.130) and 360.1451 (RT 1.317) [M+H]⁺.

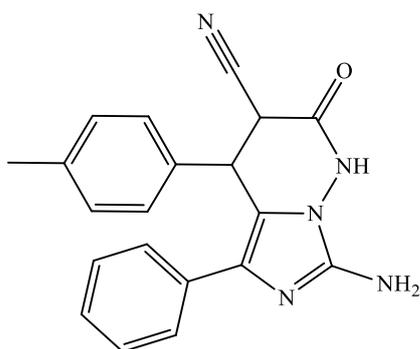
7-Amino-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3d
(mixture of diastereomers 15:1).

Yield: A - 1238 mg (66%); B - 956 mg (51%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.92, 5.18 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 3.7 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.62, 5.17 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.91, 7.08 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 7.18-7.38 (m, 5H, H-Ph); 7.58, 7.61 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H-Ar), 8.13, 8.26 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H-Ar), 12.58 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.4, 161.2, 147.2, 147.0, 145.1, 144.9, 140.9, 140.8, 131.6, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.0, 125.3, 124.1, 123.9, 123.8, 123.1, 118.0, 117.3, 115.8, 114.5, 38.8, 37.5 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3369 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3029 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 2228 (CN); 1673 (amid I); 1648 (NH); 1600 (Ar); 1556 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1516, 1349 (NO₂); 1211 (C-N amin); 857 (p-C₆H₄); 771 (C-H Ph); 699 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{19}H_{14}N_6O_3$: 375.1201 [M+H]⁺; found 375.1201 (RT 1.137) and 375.1204 (RT 1.303) [M+H]⁺.



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3d



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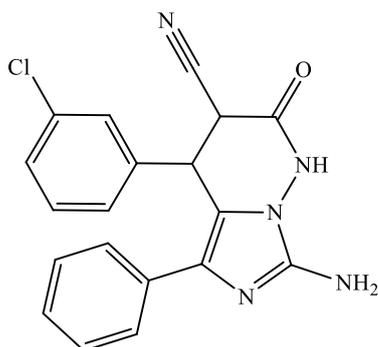
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7-Amino-4-(4-methylphenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3e
(mixture of diastereomers 5:1).

Yield: A - 1273 mg (74%); B - 791 mg (46%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 2.22, 2.23 (both s, 3H, CH_3); 3.81, 4.89 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 2.9 and 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.58, 4.96 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 2.9 and 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH-3) 7.10-7.35 (m, 11H, H-Ar + NH_2); 12.52 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 162.3, 161.7, 140.9, 137.3, 137.2, 134.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 125.5, 125.1, 118.4, 117.2, 115.2, 38.7, 37.7, 20.6 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3376 (N-H, NH_2 + lactam); 3051 (br, C-H + H-bond NH_2 , lactam); 2212 (CN); 1673 (amid I); 1649 (NH); 1593 (Ar); 1556 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1214 (C-N amin); 824 (p- C_6H_4); 767 (C-H Ph); 694 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O$: 344.1507 $[M+H]^+$; found 344.1507 (RT 1.037) and 344.1503 (RT 1.320) $[M+H]^+$.

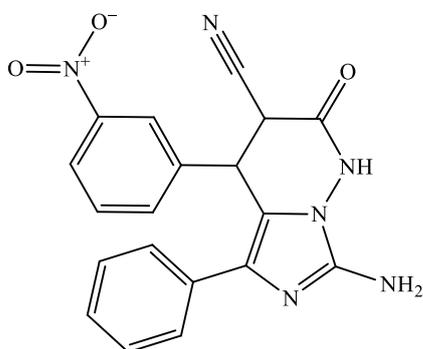
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(mixture of diastereomers 5:1).

Yield: A - 1309 mg (70%); B - 430 mg (23%); light yellow powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (600.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.91, 5.00 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.6 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.59, 5.03 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.98, 7.15 (both br.s, 2H, NH_2); 7.21-7.36 (m, 5H, H-Ar); 7.37 (s, 1H, H-Ar); 7.38-7.43 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 12.62 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.5, 161.2, 140.8, 140.1, 139.8, 133.3, 130.6, 130.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 125.8, 125.2, 118.1, 117.0, 39.1, 38.9, 38.7, 37.4 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3377 (N-H, NH_2 + lactam); 3058, 2666 (br, C-H + H-bond NH_2 , lactam); 2227 (CN); 1673 (amid I); 1654 (NH); 1612 (Ar); 1556 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1211 (C-N amin); 818 (m- C_6H_4); 766 (C-H Ph); 694 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{19}H_{14}ClN_5O$: 364.0960 $[M+H]^+$; found 364.0961 (RT 1.327) and 364.0960 (RT 1.553) $[M+H]^+$.



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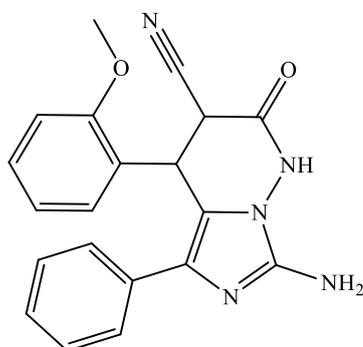
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(mixture of diastereomers 25:1).

Yield: A - 1490 mg (82%); B - 782 mg (43%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (600.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 4.05, 5.17 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 5.9 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.62, 5.26 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 7.02, 7.12 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 7.14-7.28 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 7.34 and 7.56 (both t, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-Ar); 7.69-7.75 (m, 2H, H-Ar); 7.82 and 8.06 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-Ar); 8.17-8.22 (m, 2H, H-Ar); 12.60 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.3, 161.2, 147.9, 147.8, 140.7, 139.9, 139.4, 135.1, 134.9, 130.5, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 126.4, 125.3, 123.1, 122.8, 118.0, 117.1, 39.2, 39.0, 38.9, 37.2 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3376 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3064, 2661 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 2231 (CN); 1672 (amid I); 1654 (NH); 1612 (Ar); 1555 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1531, 1352 (NO₂); 1213 (C-N amin); 805 (m- C₆H₄); 767 (C-H Ph); 695 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{19}H_{14}N_6O_3$: 375.1201 [M+H]⁺; found 375.1200 (RT 1.097) and 375.1202 (RT 1.323) [M+H]⁺.

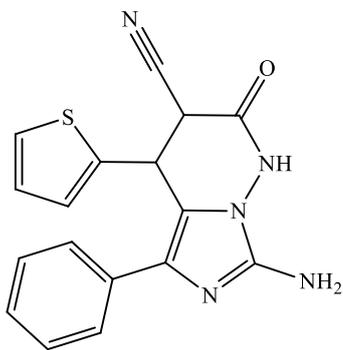
7-Amino-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3h
(mixture of diastereomers 7:3).

Yield: A - 1400 mg (78%); B - 305 mg (17%); white powdery; m.p. 240-242 °C. 1H NMR (600.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.88, 4.93 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 4.55, 5.28 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.85, 6.88 (both br.s, 2H, NH₂); 7.01-7.12 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 7.13-7.18 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 7.23-7.37 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 12.69 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 162.3, 161.9, 156.2, 156.1, 140.7, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1, 124.6, 121.0, 120.6, 118.4, 117.0, 111.6, 111.4, 55.8, 39.0, 38.9, 36.6, 34.4 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3371 (N-H, NH₂ + lactam); 3030, 2755 (br, C-H + H-bond NH₂, lactam); 1677 (amid I); 1656 (NH); 1599 (Ar); 1553 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1251 (Ar-O-Me); 1215 (C-N amin); 754 (o-C₆H₄); 696 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$: 360.1456 [M+H]⁺; found 360.1455 (RT 1.127) and 360.1456 (RT 1.330) [M+H]⁺.



Molecular formula: $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$

3h



Molecular formula: $C_{17}H_{13}N_5OS$

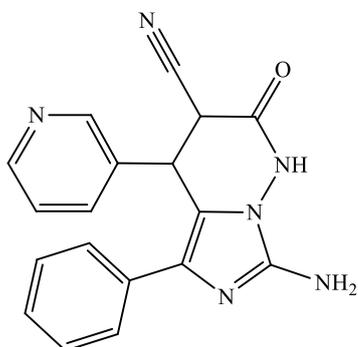
3i

7-Amino-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3i
(mixture of diastereomers 6:1).

Yield: A - 1173 mg (70%); B - 335 mg (20%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (600.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.92, 5.31(d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 2.2 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.59, 5.34 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 6.96 (t, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-thiophen); 7.02 (t, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-thiophen); 7.06 (both br.s, 2H, NH_2); 7.17 (d, $J_{H,H}$ = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H-thiophen); 7.27-7.32 (m, 2H, H-Ar); 7.37-7.47 (m, 3H, H-Ar); 12.75 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.7, 161.0, 140.3, 139.7, 128.7, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 125.3, 117.1, 38.9, 38.8, 34.8, 34.0 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3364 (N-H, NH_2 + lactam); 3057, 2722 (br, C-H + H-bond NH_2 , lactam); 2225 (CN); 1671 (amid I); 1652 (NH); 1551 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1210 (C-N amin); 767 (C-H Ph); 692 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{17}H_{13}N_5OS$: 336.0914 $[M+H]^+$; found 336.0913 (RT 1.233) and 336.0917 (RT 1.593) $[M+H]^+$.

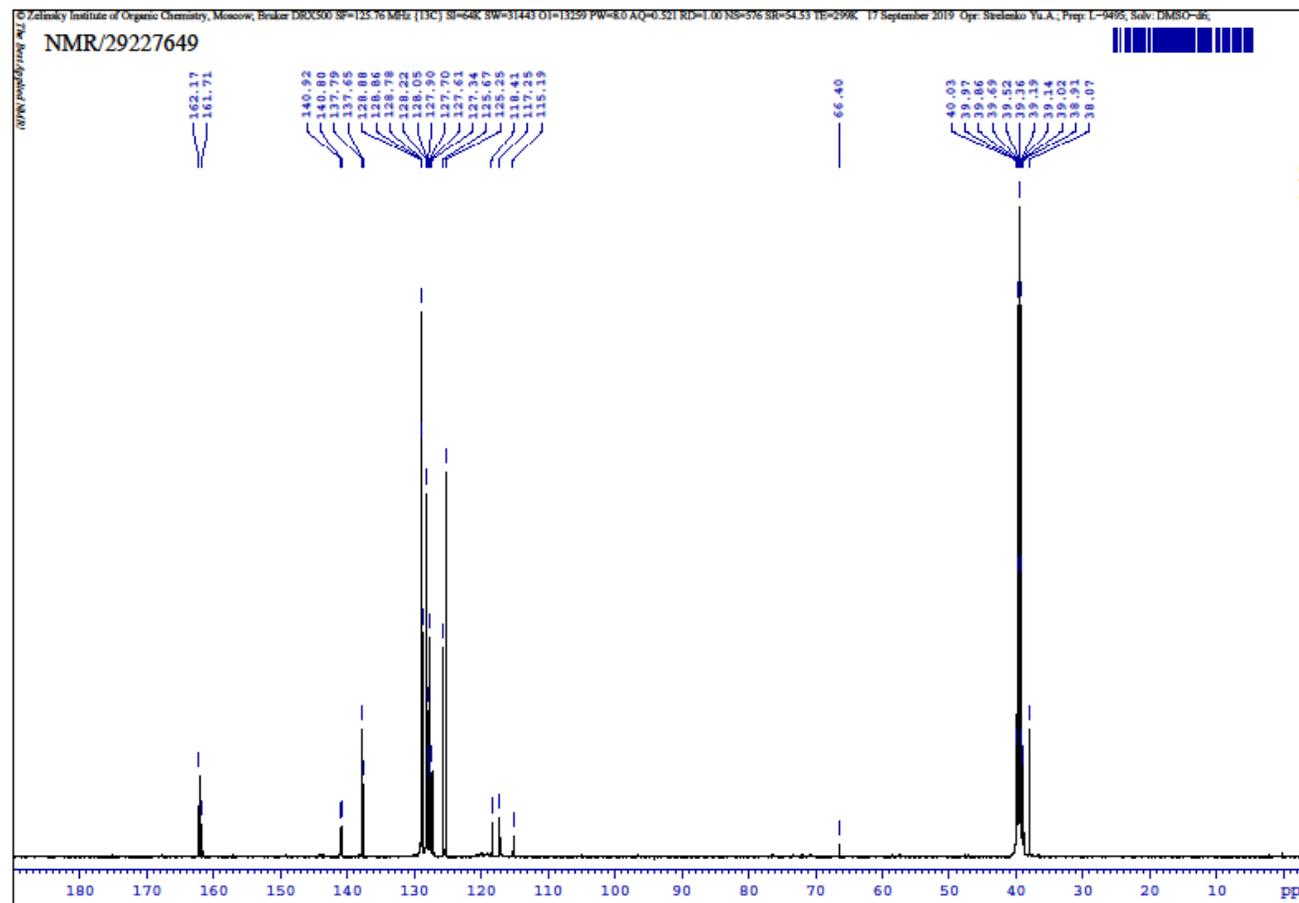
7-Amino-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroimidazo[1,5-*b*]pyridazine-3-carbonitrile 3j
(mixture of diastereomers 3:1).

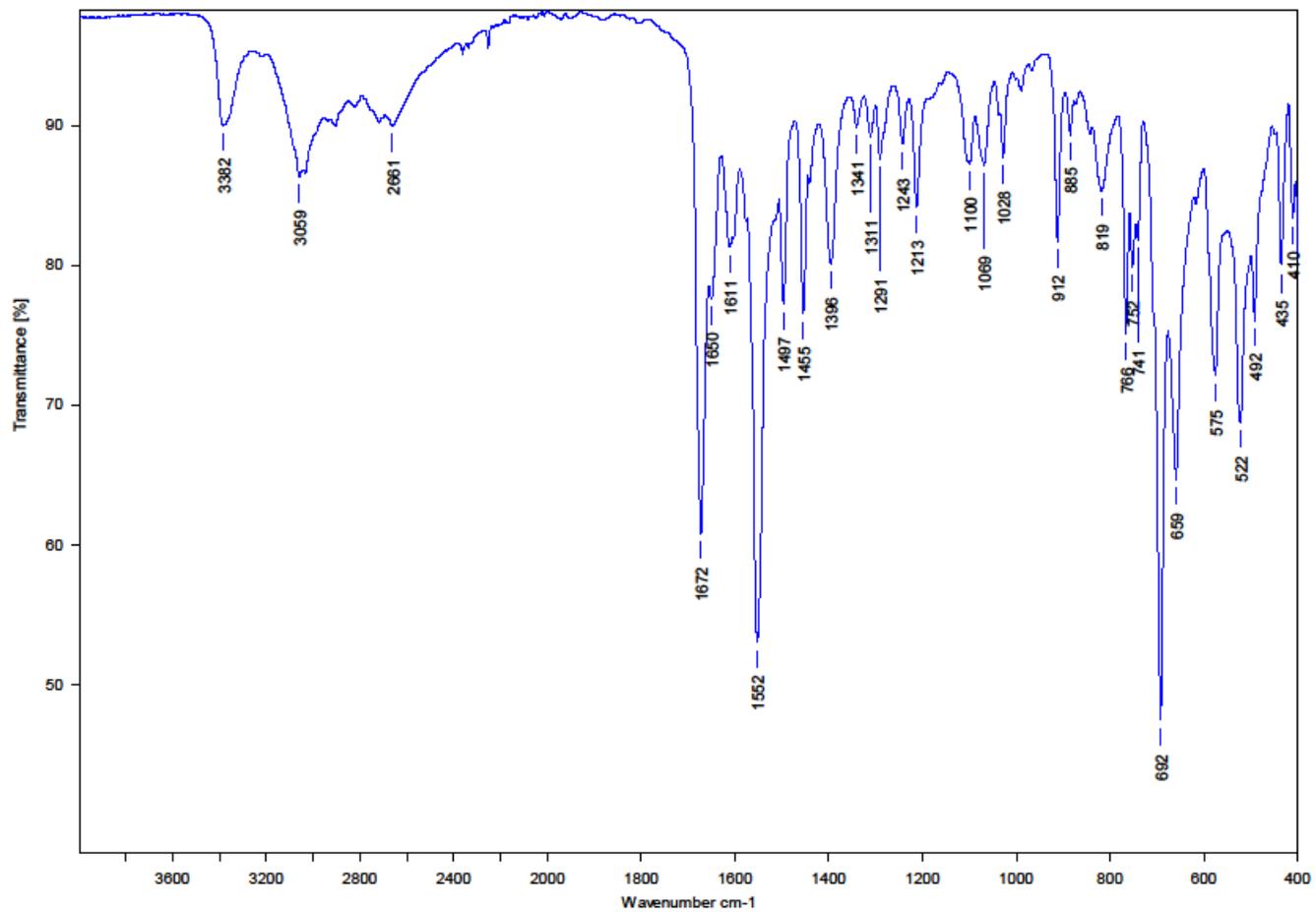
Yield: A - 1172 mg (71%); B - 479 mg (29%); white powdery; m.p. > 300 °C. 1H NMR (600.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.94, 5.06 (both d, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.8 and 5.4 Hz, 1H, CH-4); 4.62, 5.00 (d as br.s and d, $J_{H,H}$ = 5.4 Hz, 1H, CH-3); 7.05, 7.19 (both br.s, 2H, NH_2); 7.20-7.29 (m, 2H, H-Ar); 7.32-7.41 (m, 2H, H-Ar); 7.65 (d, $J_{H,H}$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H-pyridin); 7.70 (d, $J_{H,H}$ = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H-pyridin); 8.42 (d, $J_{H,H}$ = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-pyridine); 8.52-8.55 (m, 1H, H-Ar); 8.59 (s, 1H, H-pyridin); 12.75 (br.s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.5, 161.4, 149.2, 148.9, 140.9, 140.7, 135.7, 133.5, 133.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 125.2, 123.9, 123.6, 118.1, 117.2, 116.1, 114.7, 39.1, 39.0, 37.1, 35.6 ppm. IR (FTIR ATR): λ^{-1} = 3372 (N-H, NH_2 + lactam); 3056, 2663 (br, C-H + H-bond NH_2 , lactam); 2232 (CN); 1673 (amid I); 1555 (C=N imidazole + amid II); 1212 (C-N amin); 768 (C-H Ph); 697 (C-H Ph + N-H) cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{18}H_{14}N_6O$: 331.1302 $[M+H]^+$; found 331.1302 (RT 1.157) and 331.1300 (RT 1.303) $[M+H]^+$.



Molecular formula: $C_{18}H_{14}N_6O$

3j

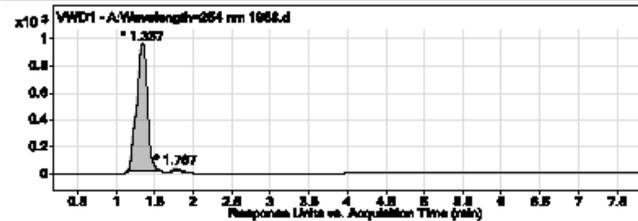




Qualitative Analysis Report

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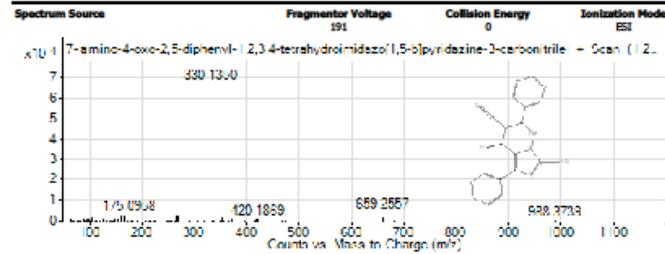
User Chromatograms



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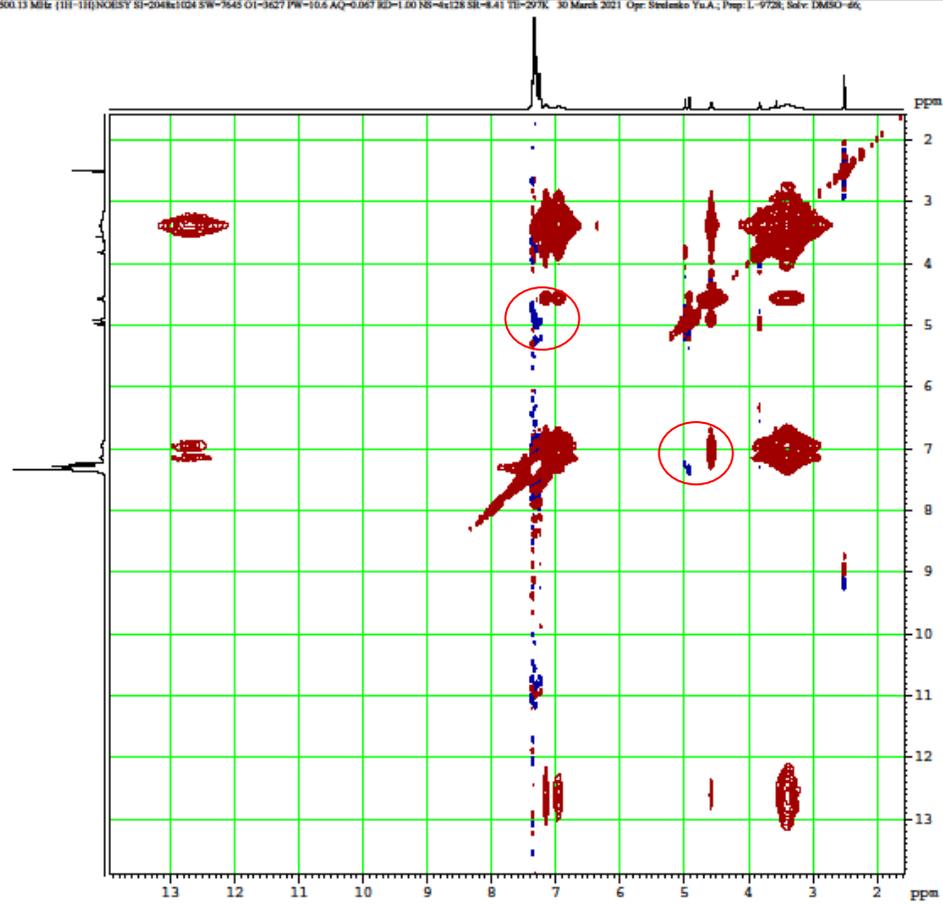
User Spectra

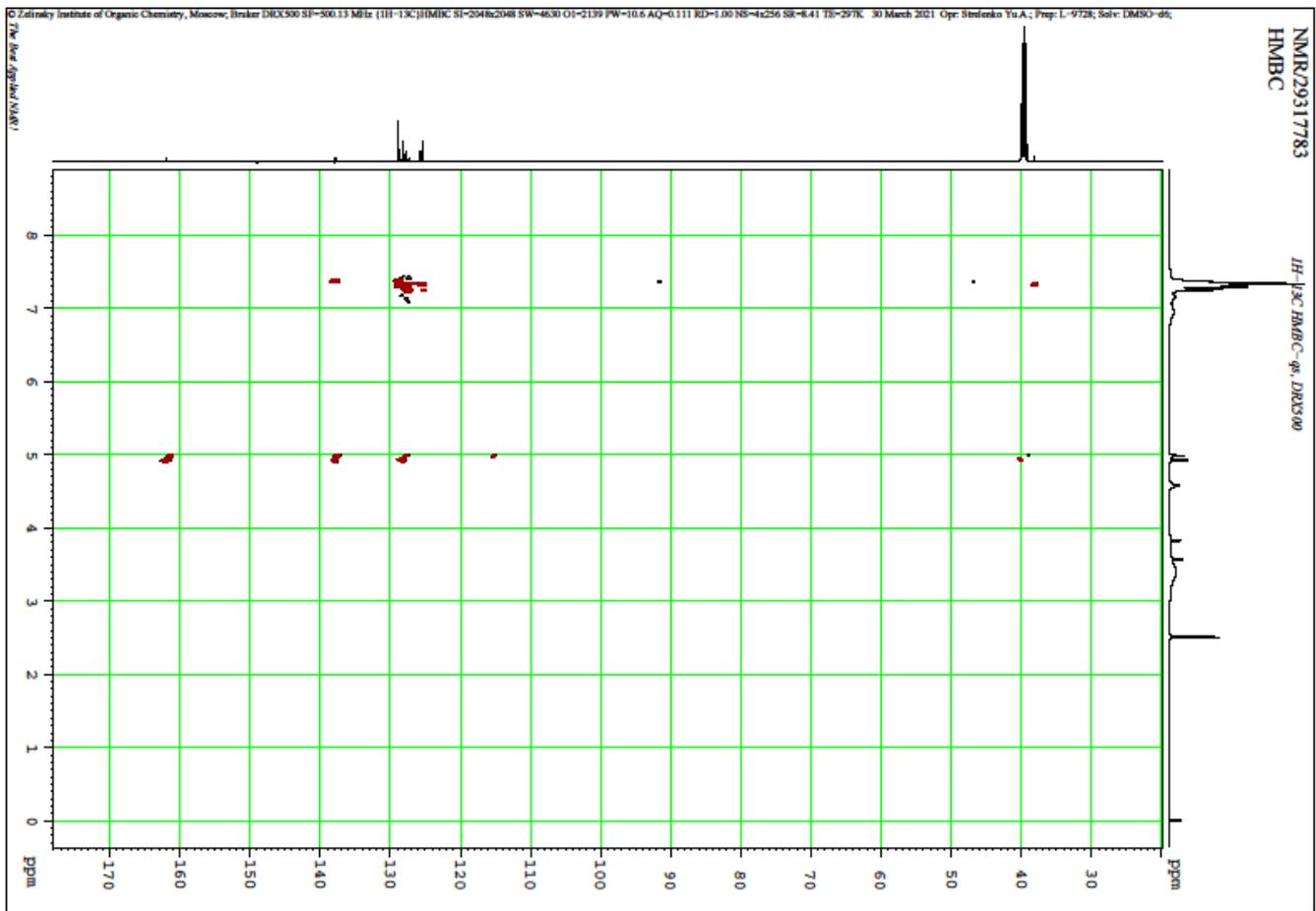


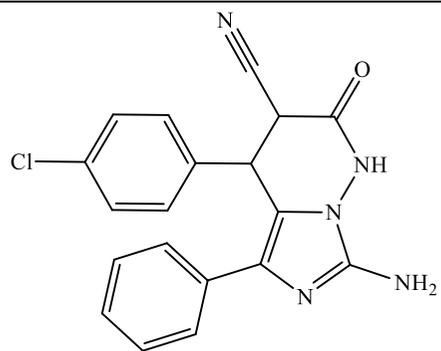
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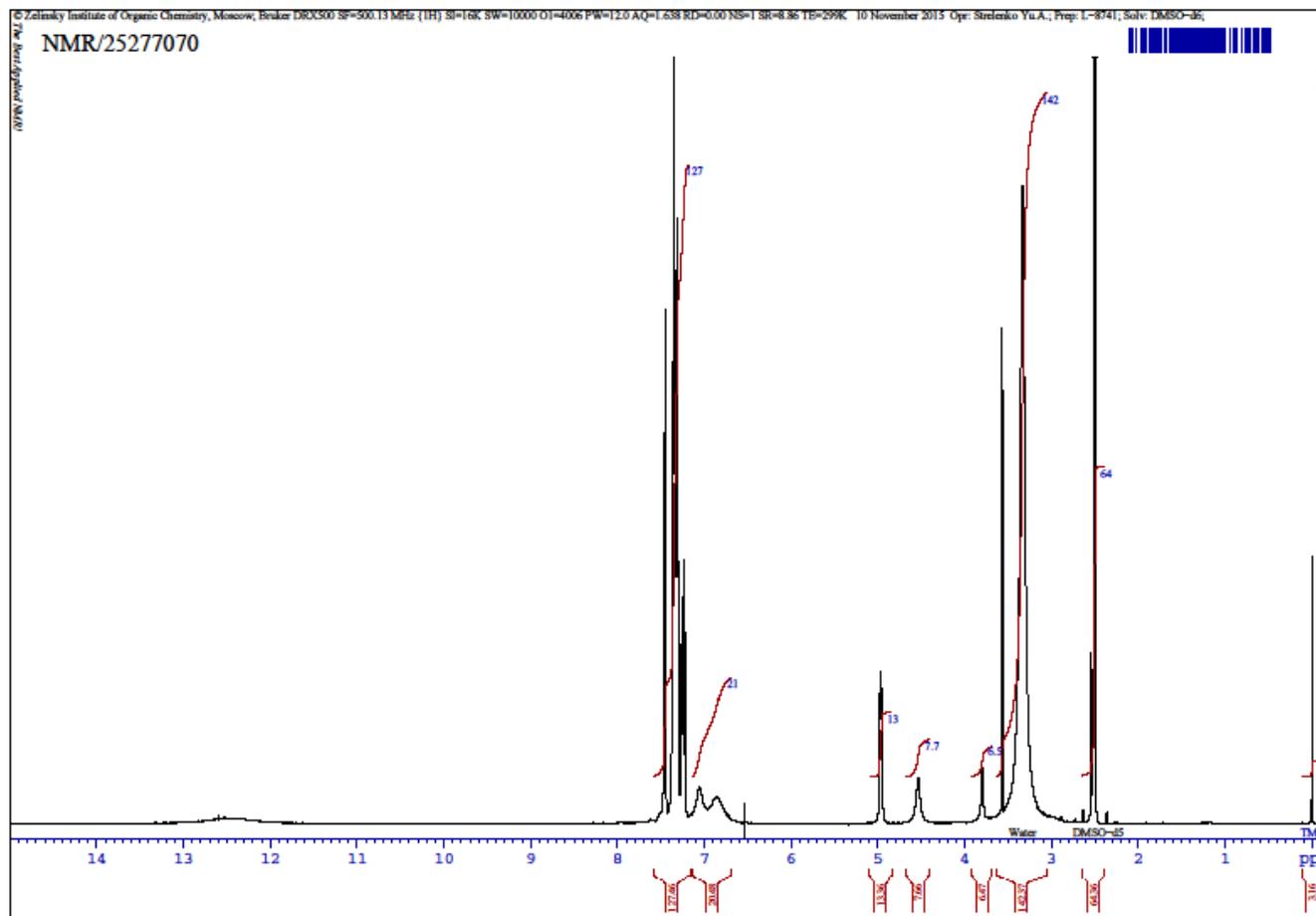


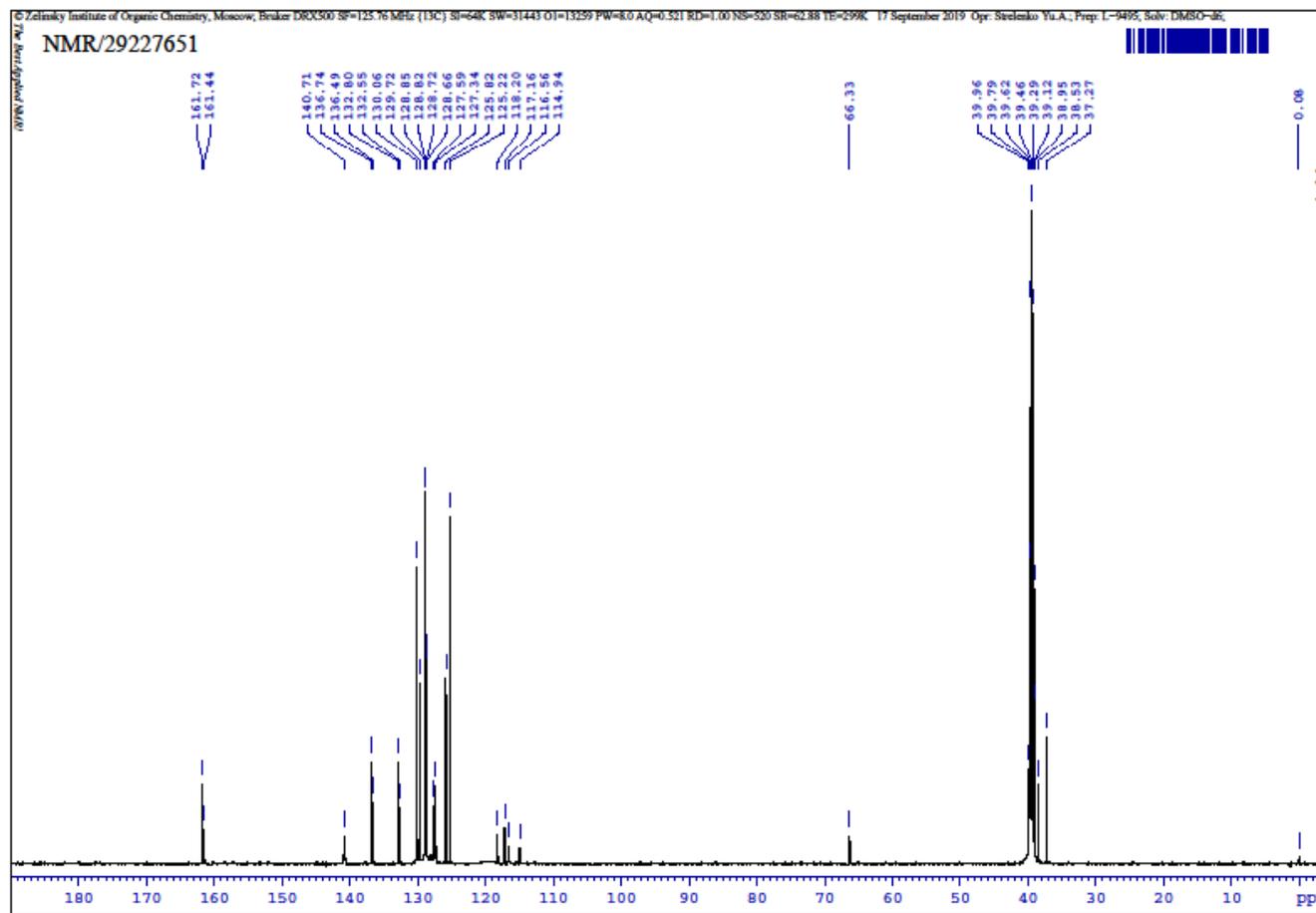


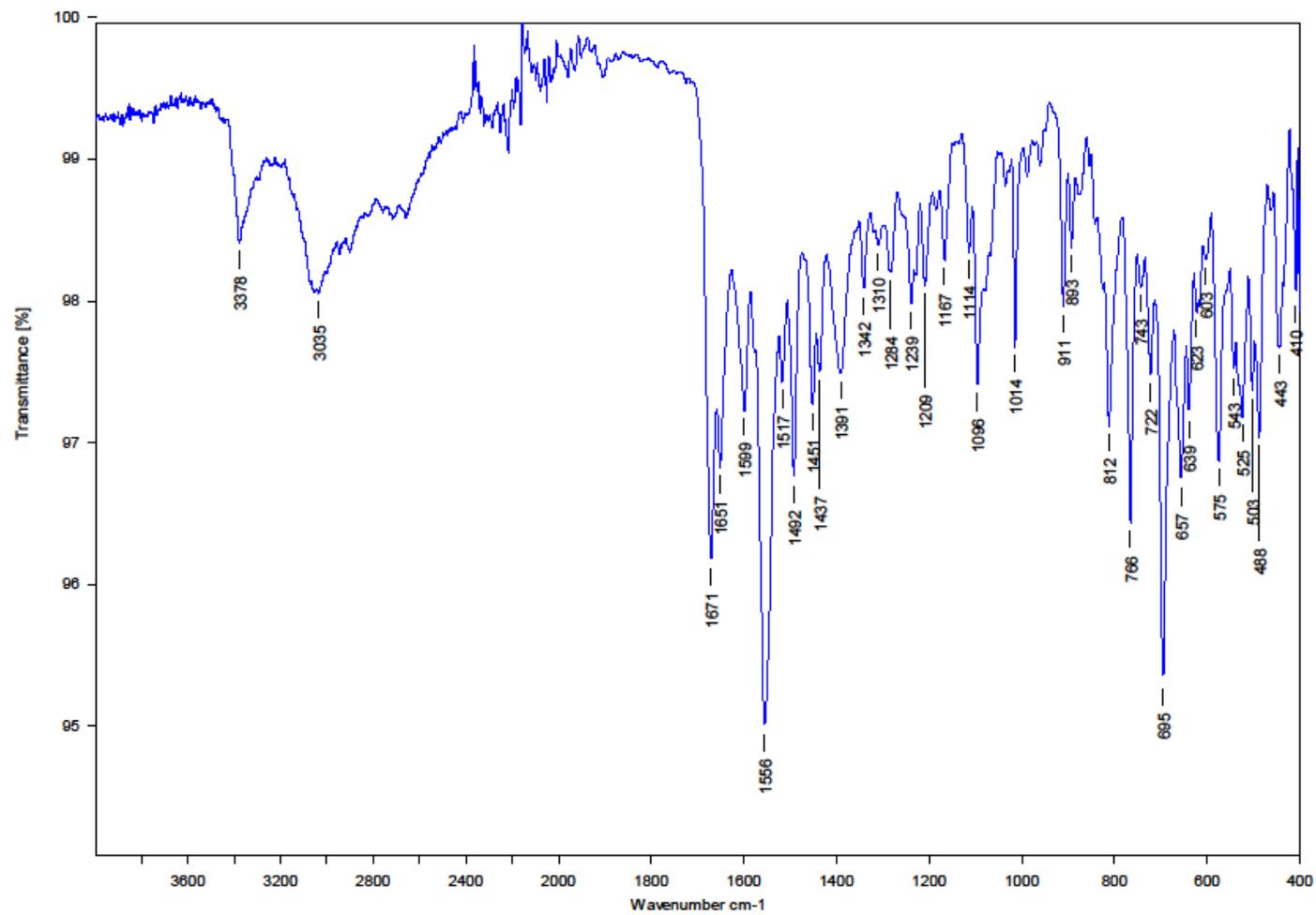


Molecular formula : $C_{19}H_{14}ClN_5O$

3b







Qualitative Analysis Report

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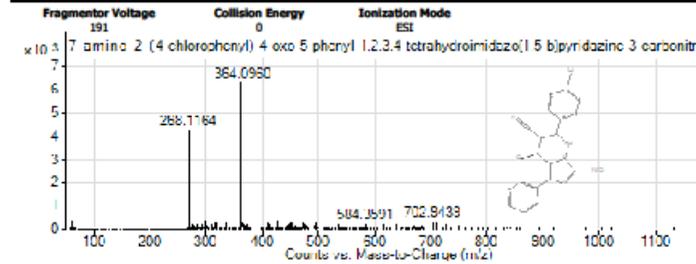
User Chromatograms



Integration Peak List

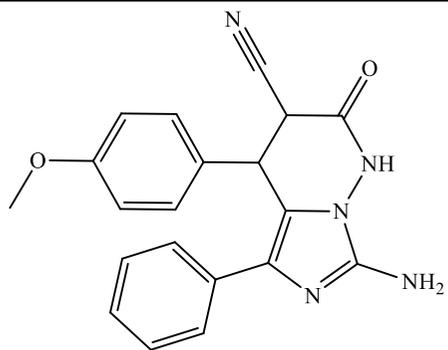
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User Spectra



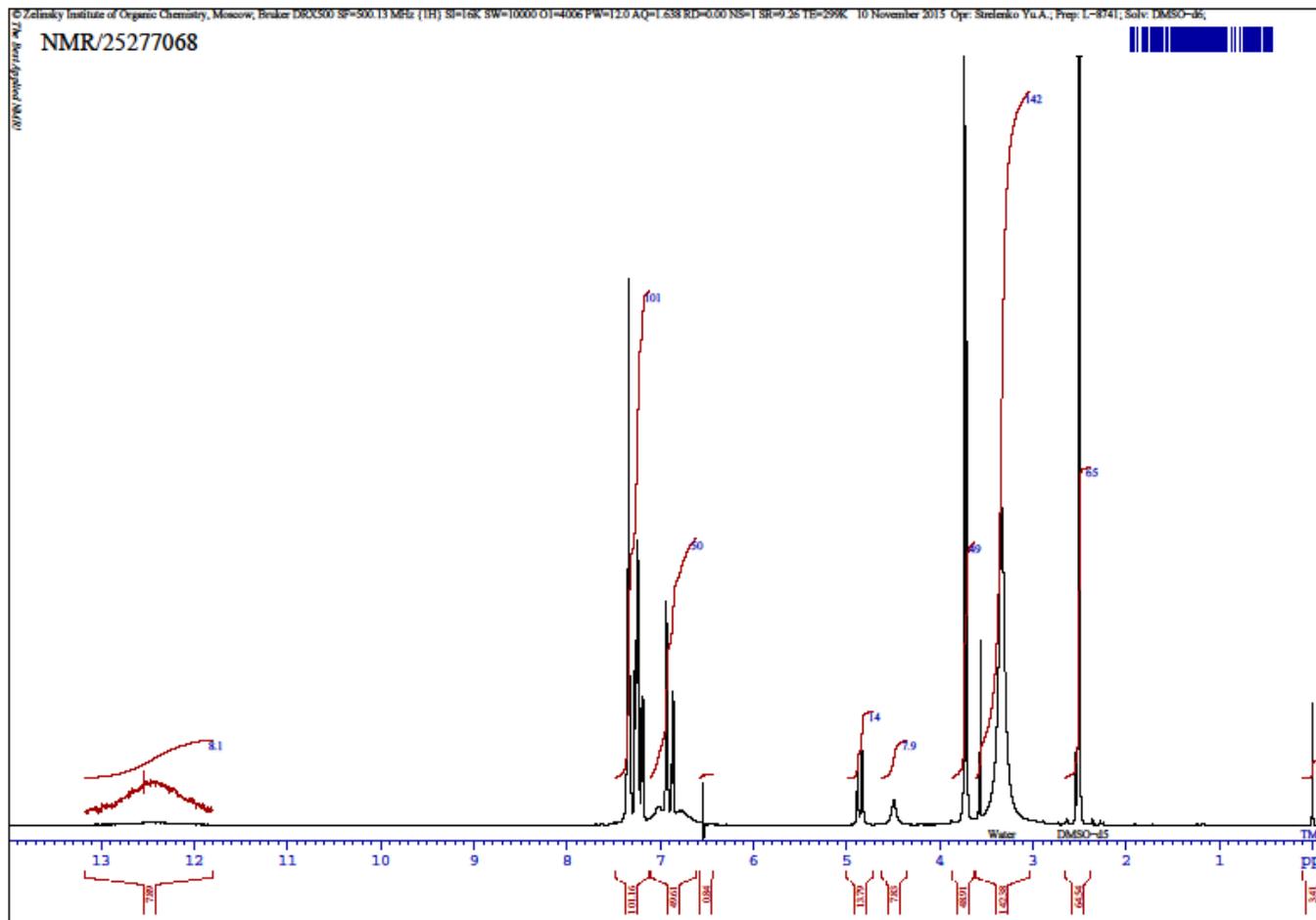
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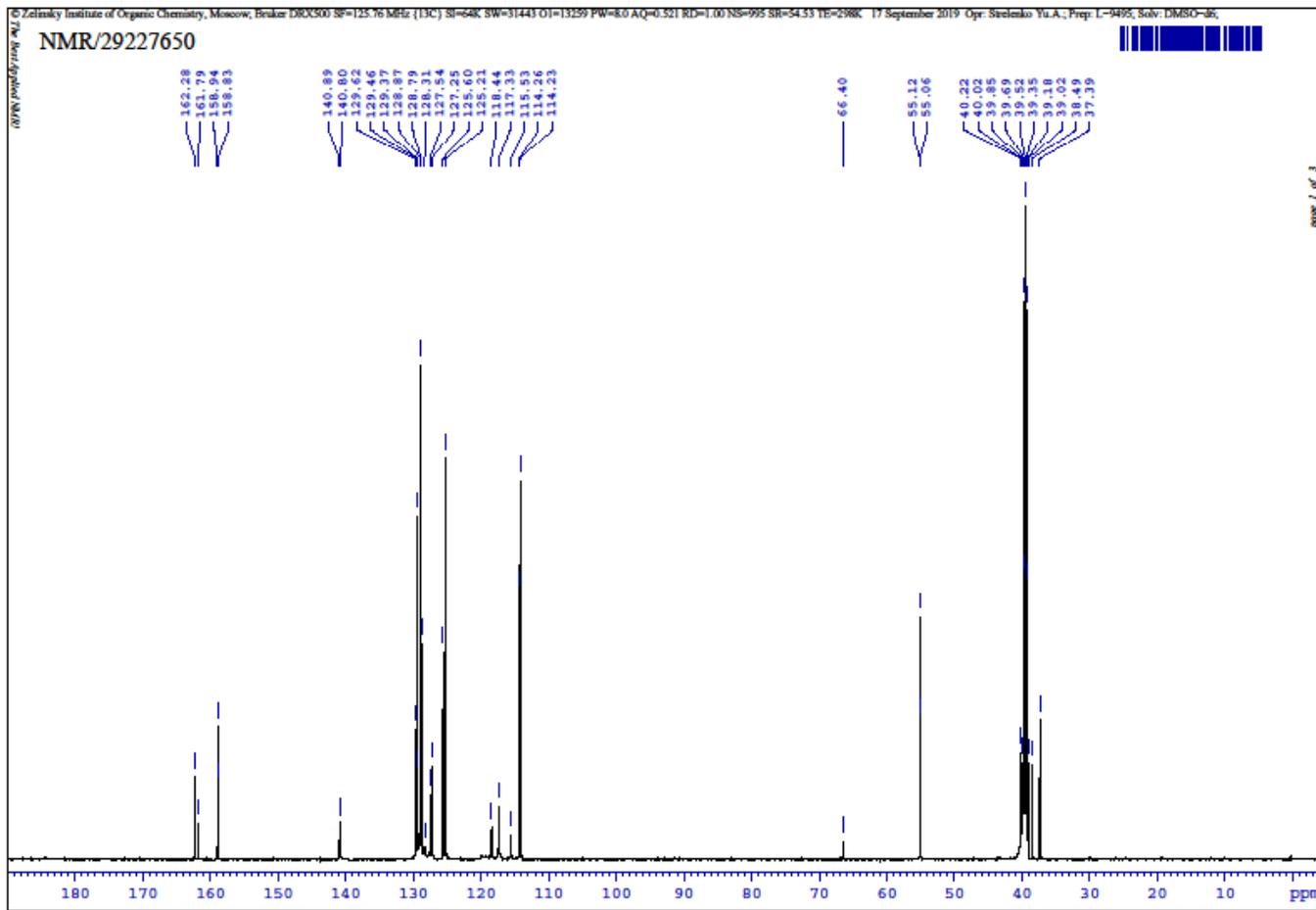
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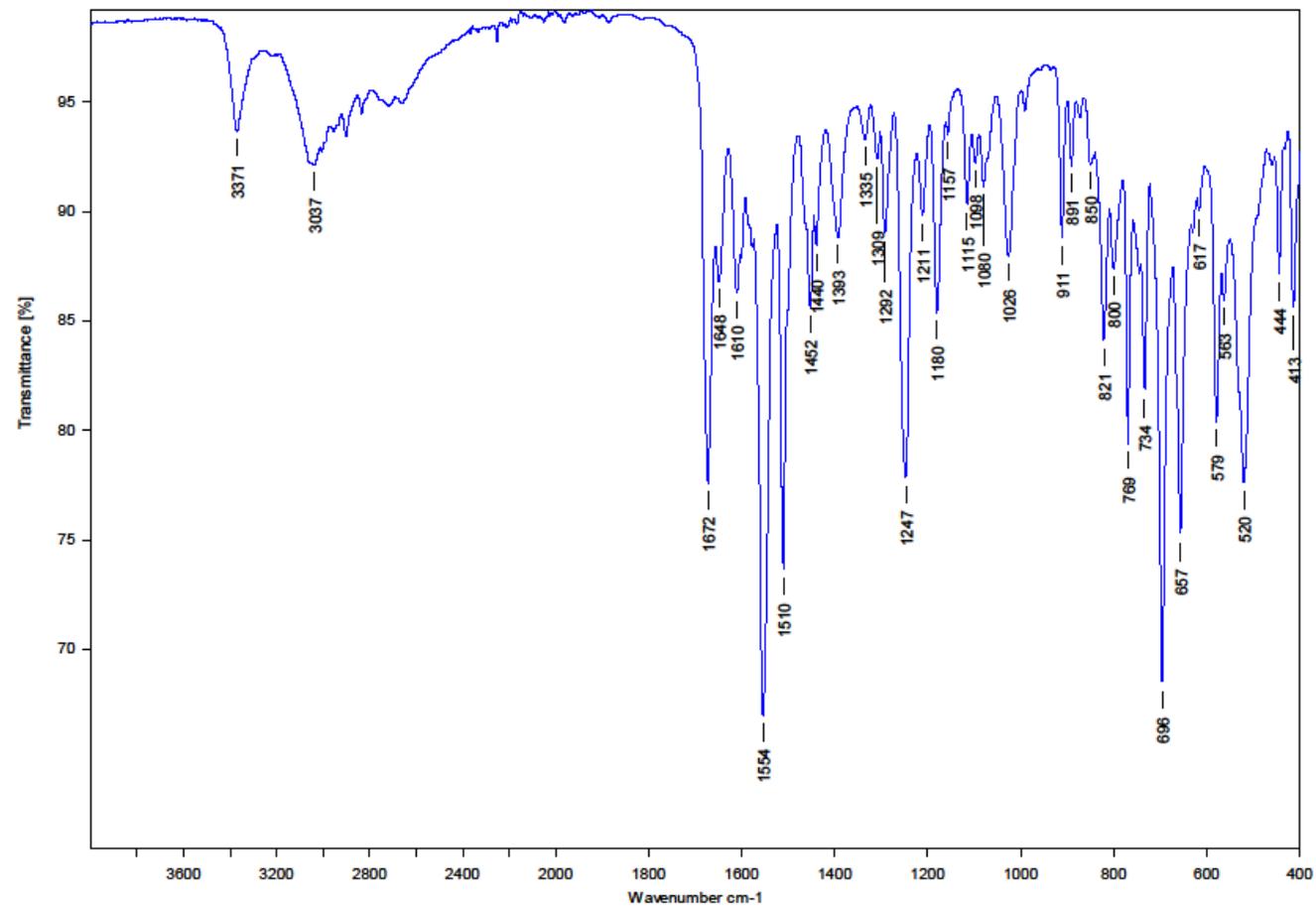


Molecular formula: C₂₀H₁₇N₅O₂

3c







Qualitative Analysis Report

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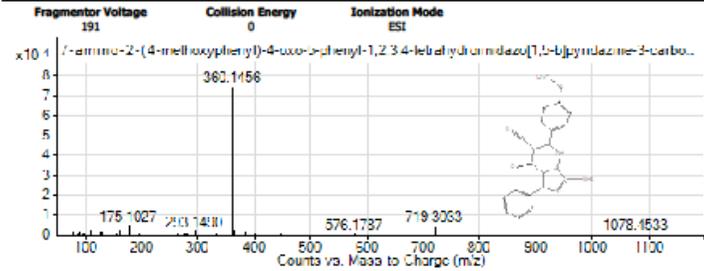
User Chromatograms



Integration Peak List

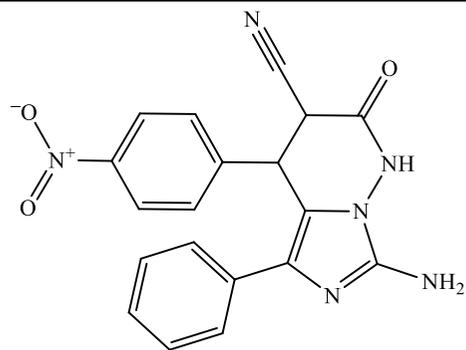
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User Spectra



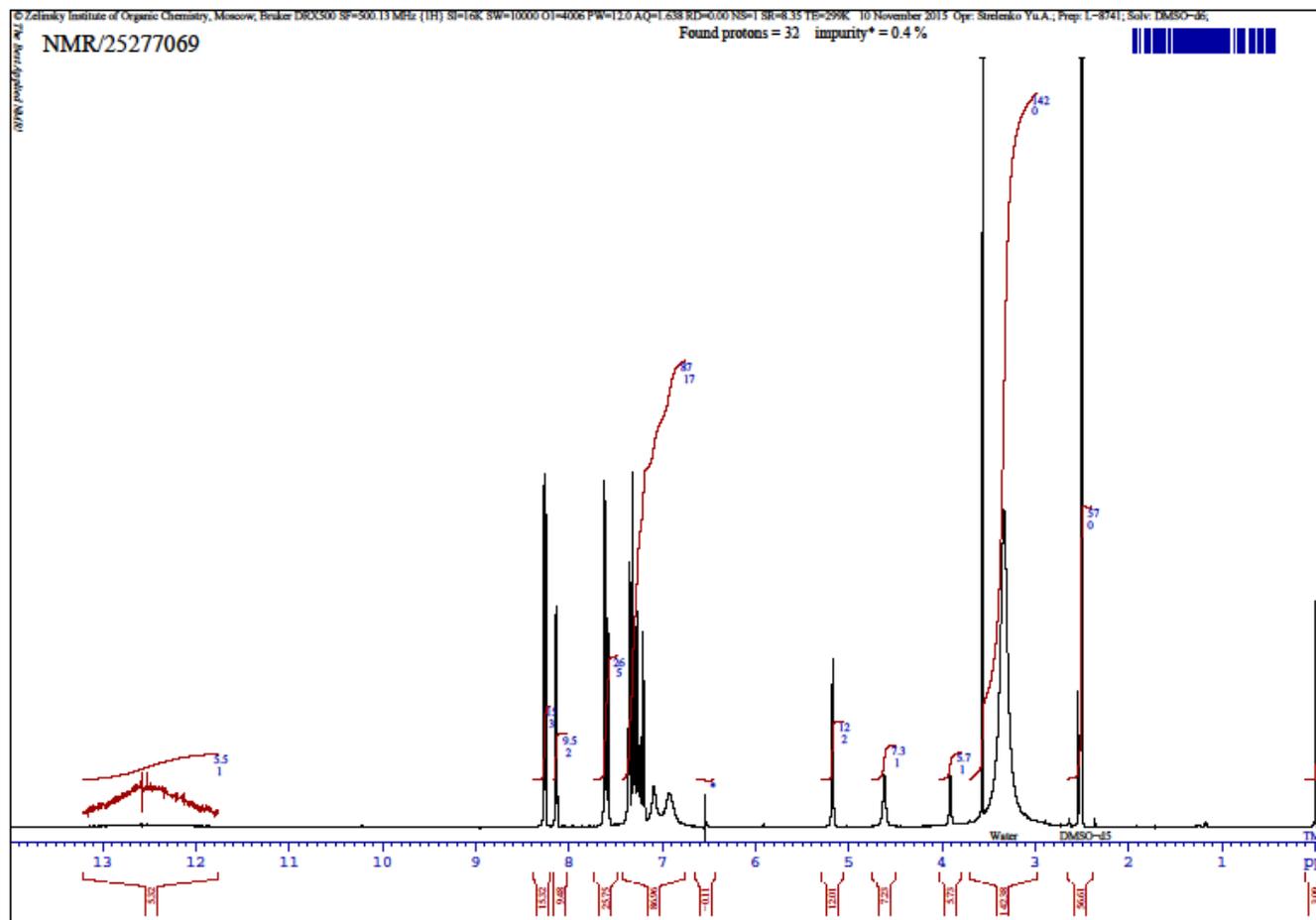
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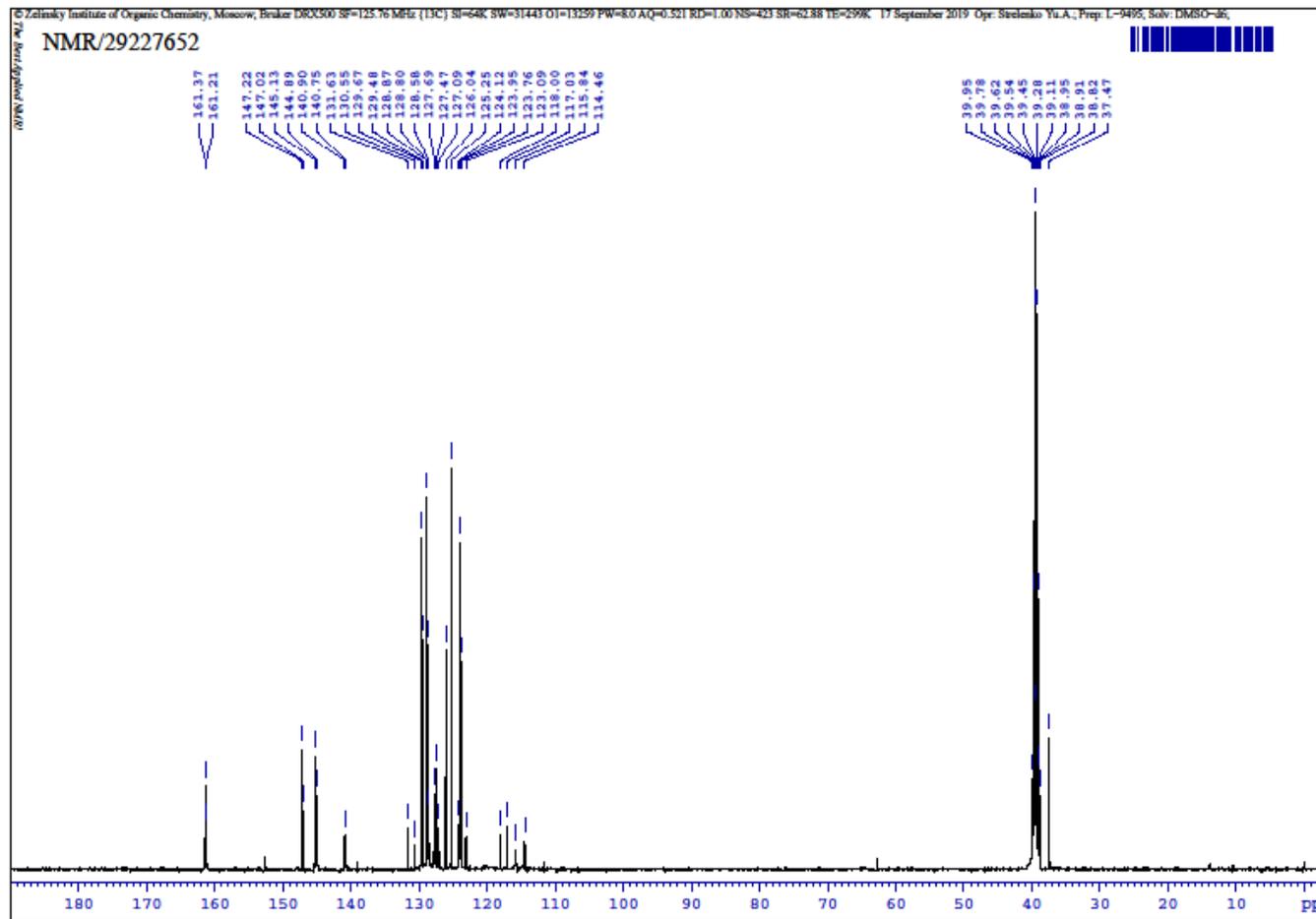
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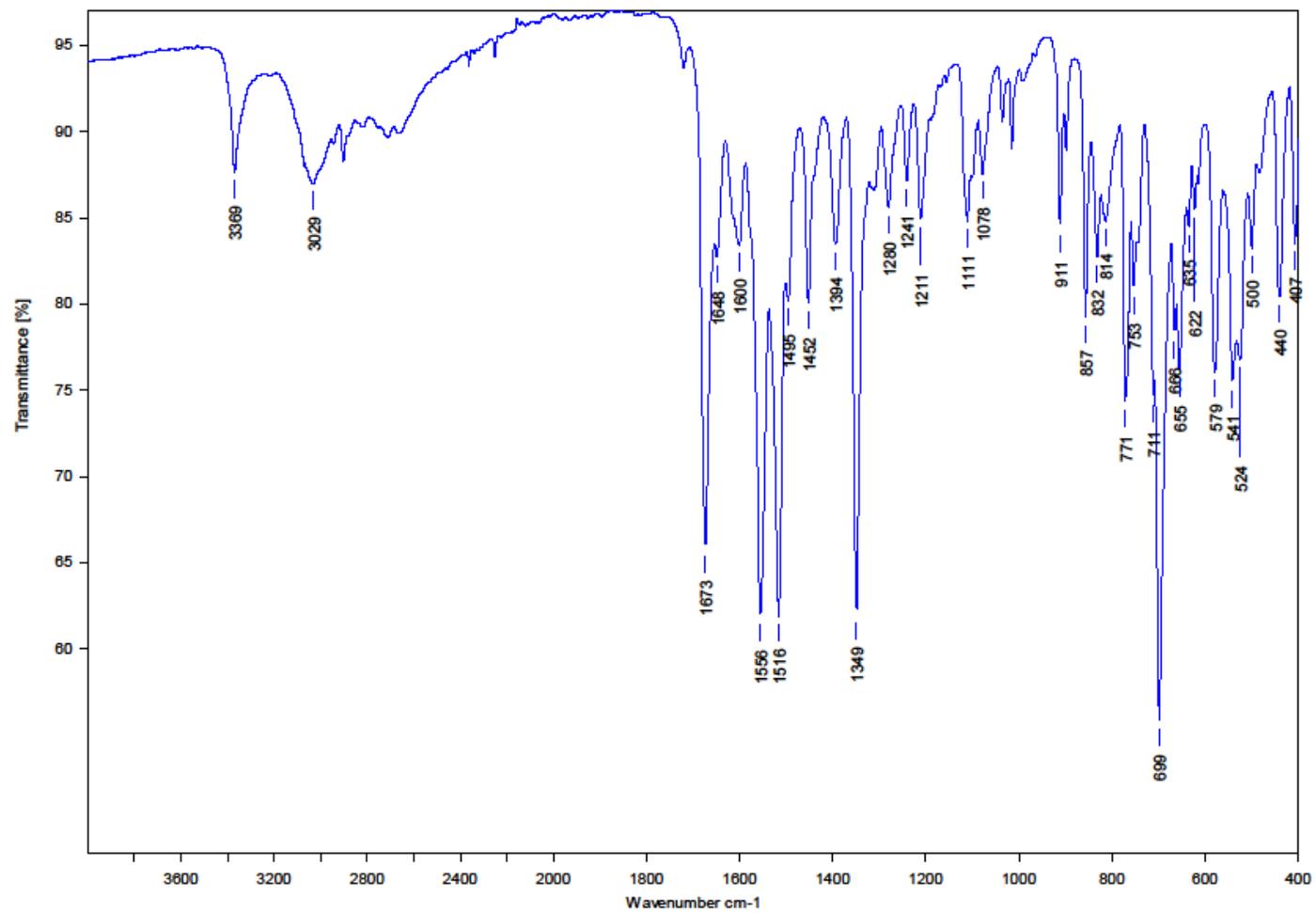


Molecular formula: $C_{19}H_{14}N_6O_3$

3d



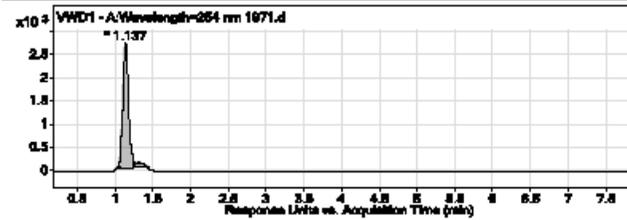




Qualitative Analysis Report

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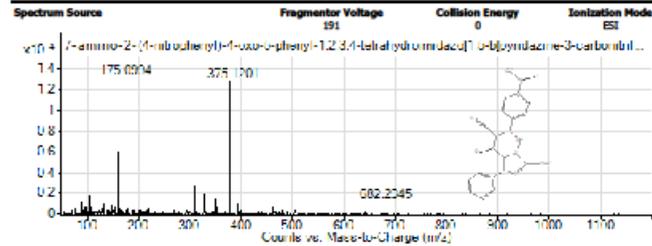
User Chromatograms



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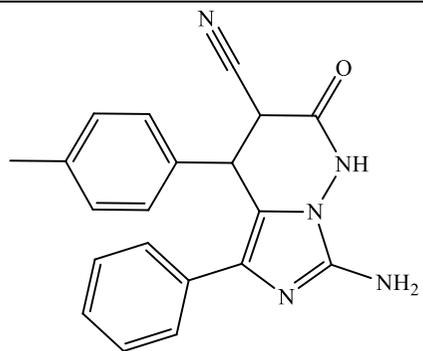
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User Spectra



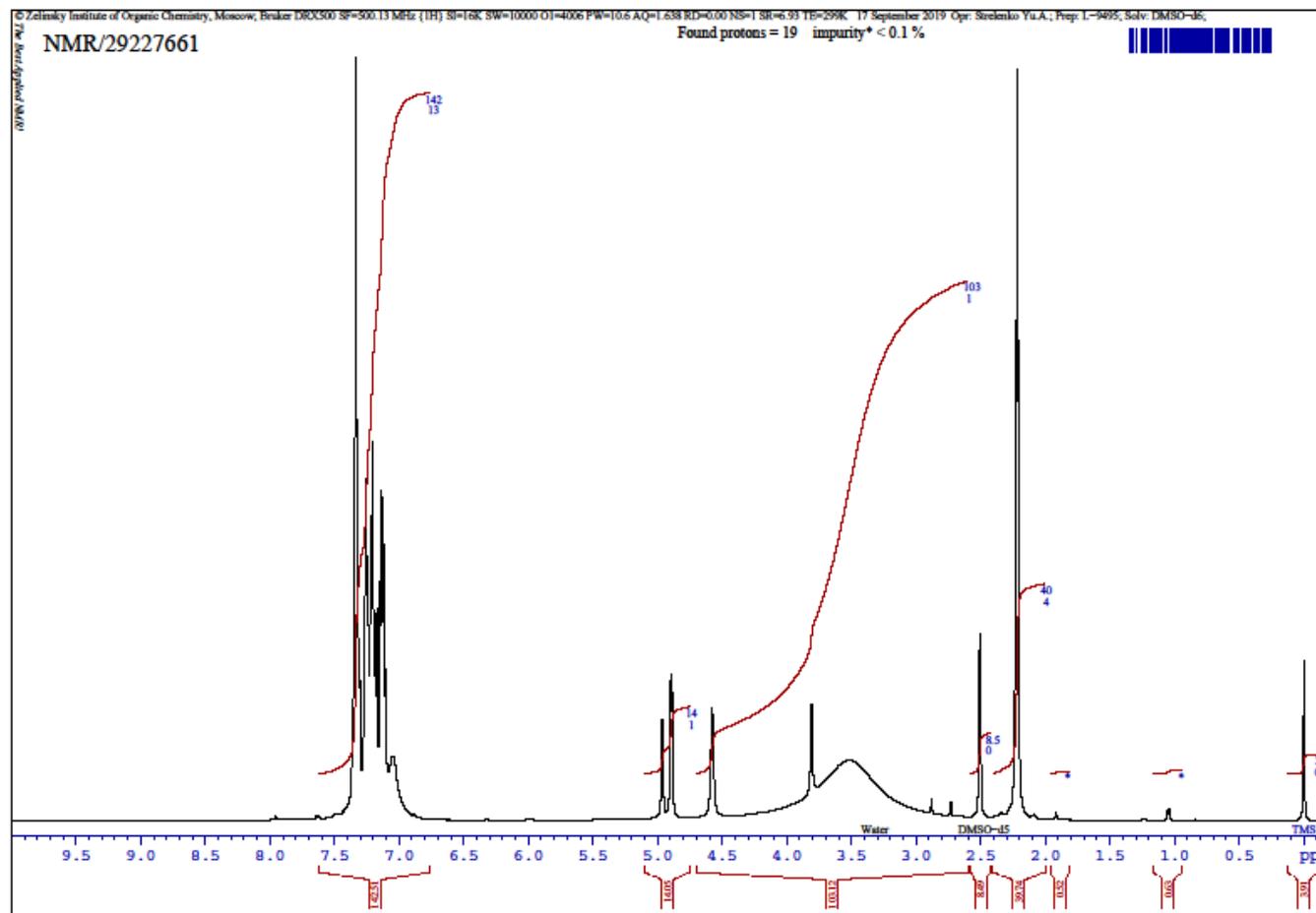
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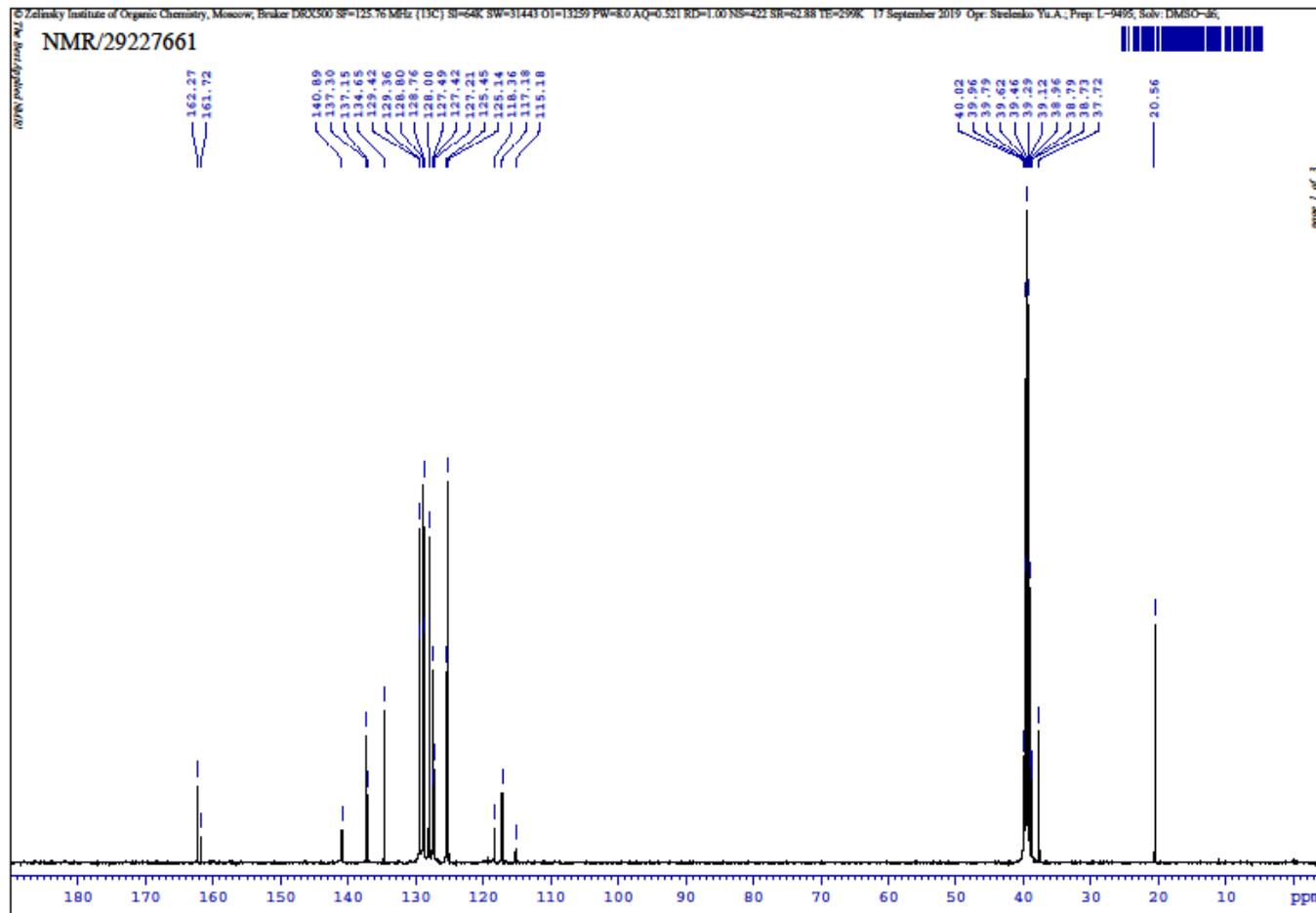
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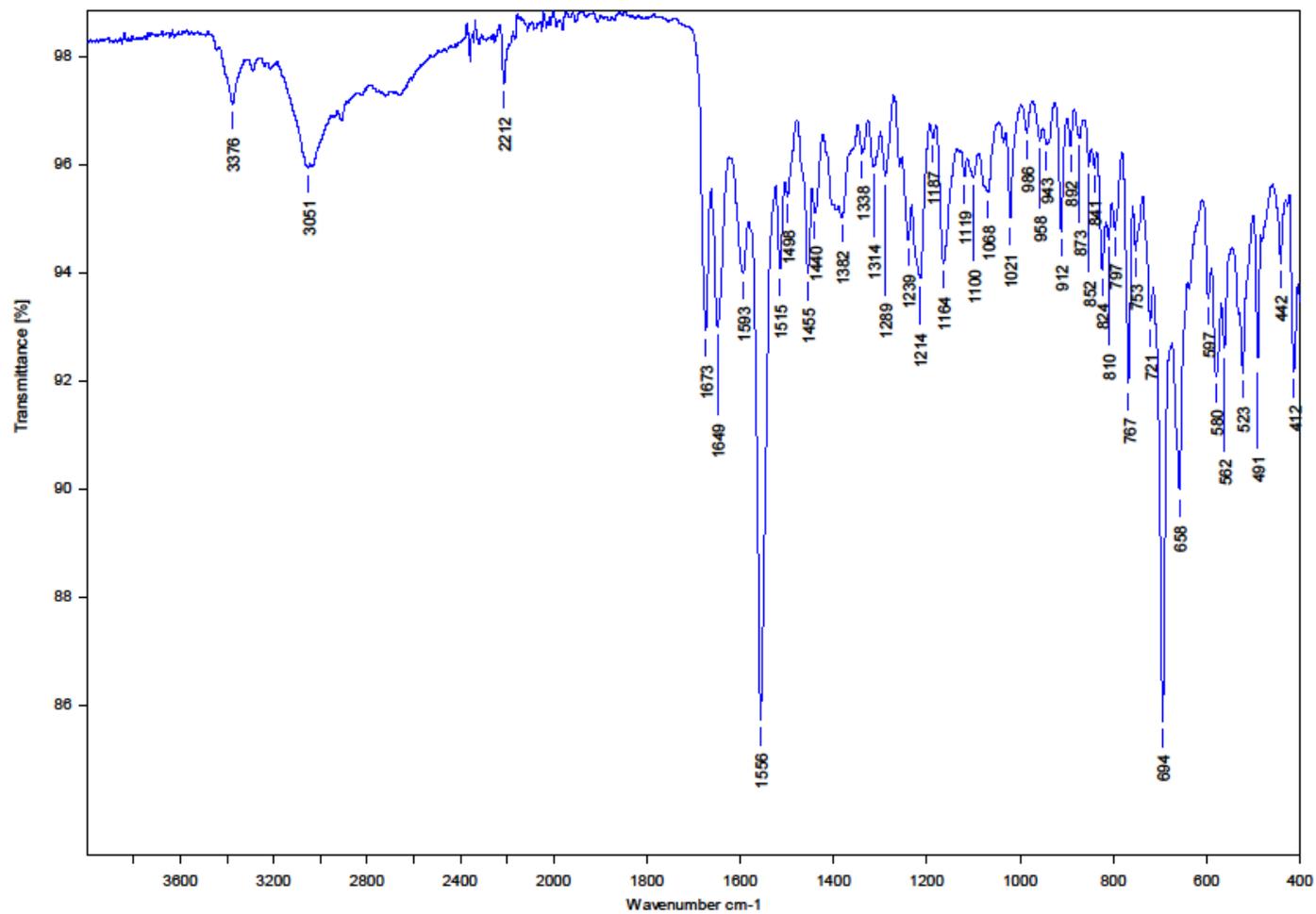


Molecular formula: $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O$

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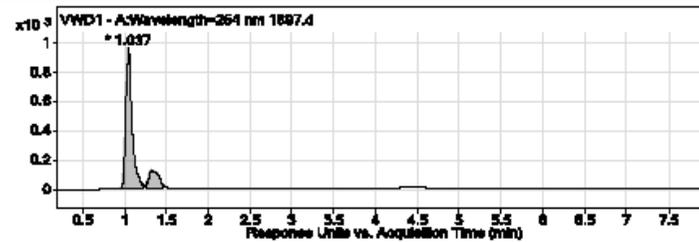




Qualitative Analysis Report

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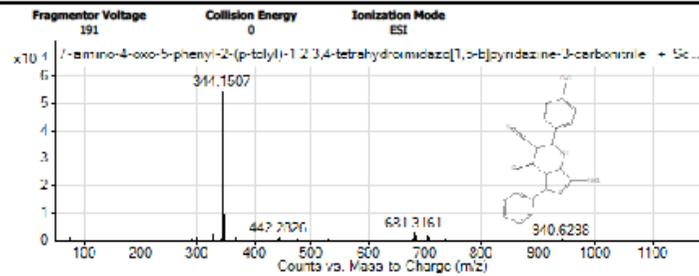
User Chromatograms



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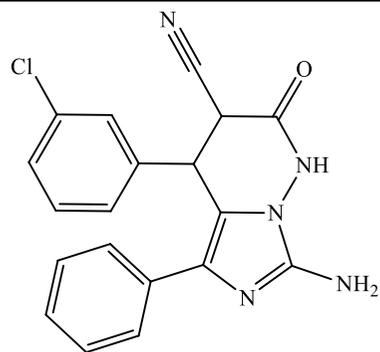
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User Spectra



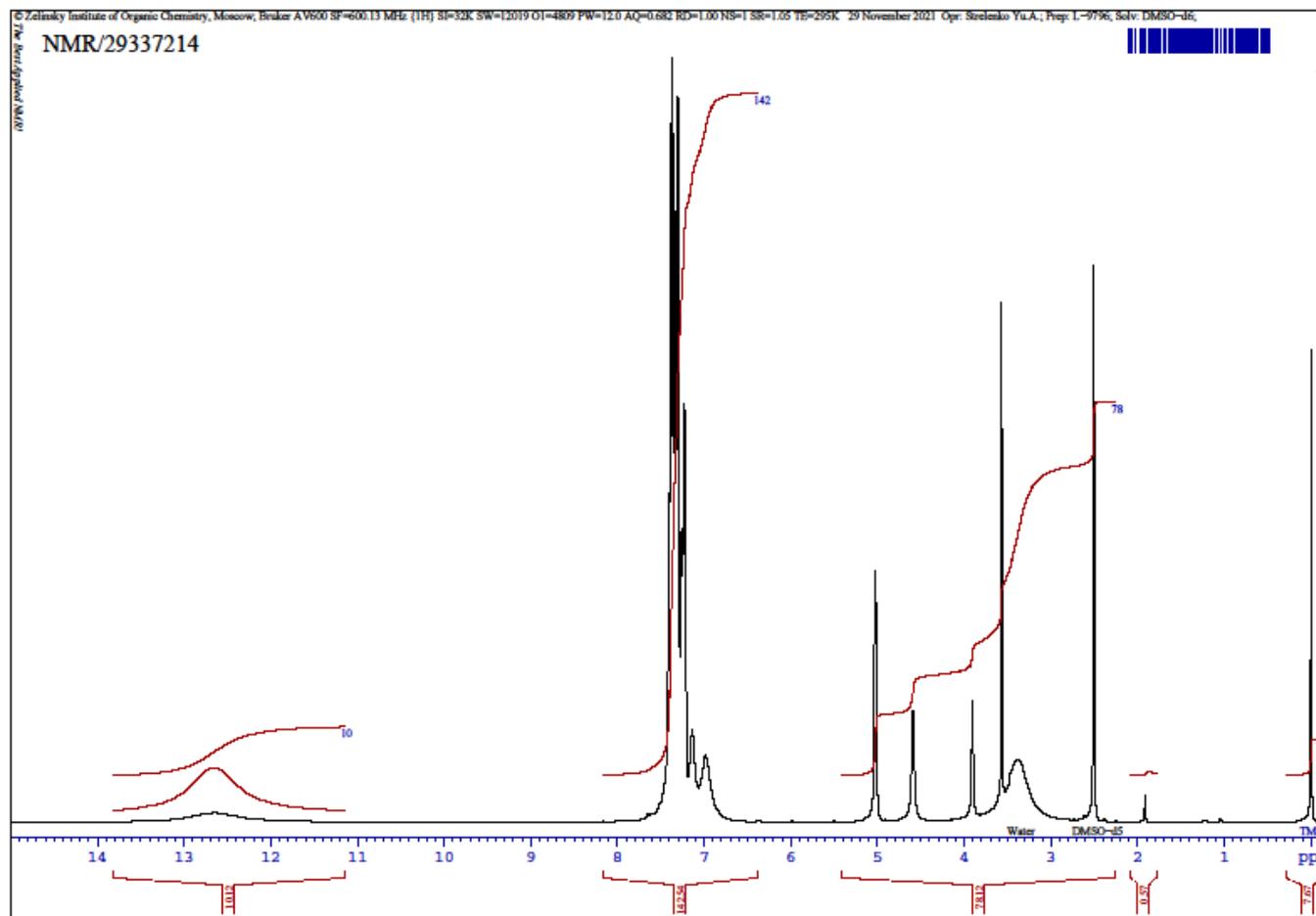
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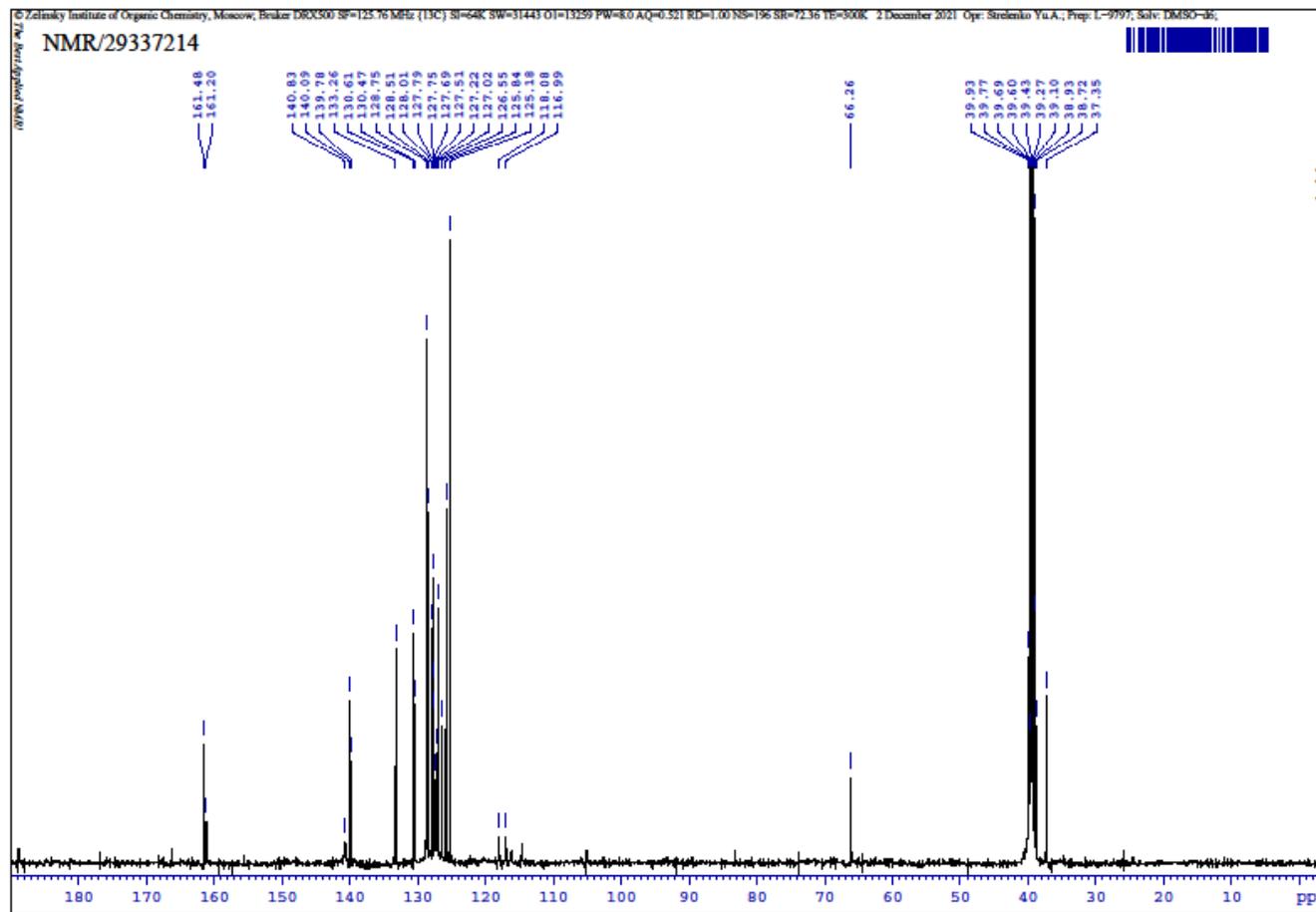
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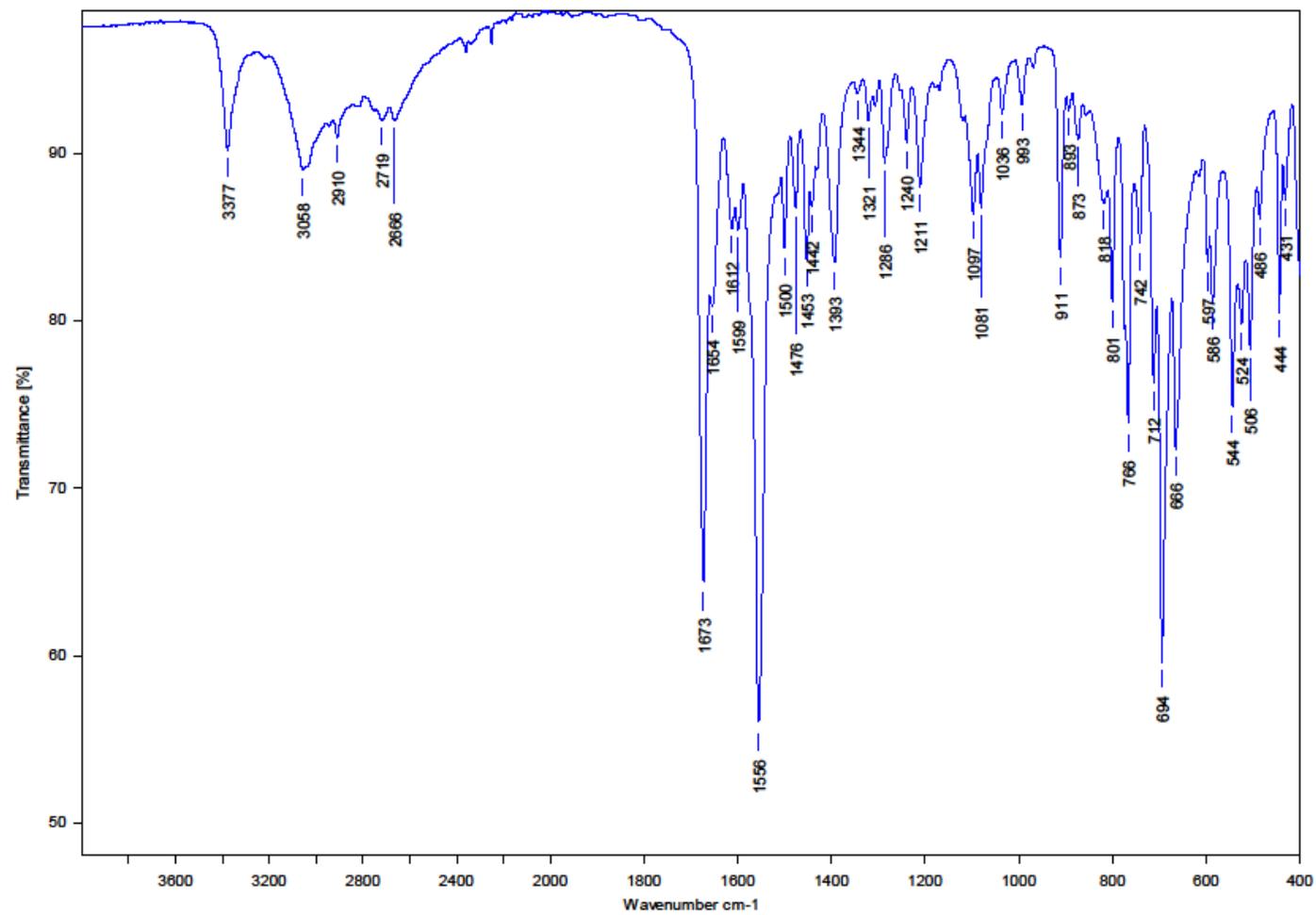


Molecular formula: $C_{19}H_{14}ClN_5O$

3f



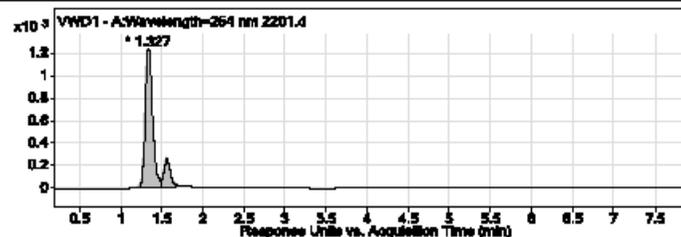




Qualitative Analysis Report

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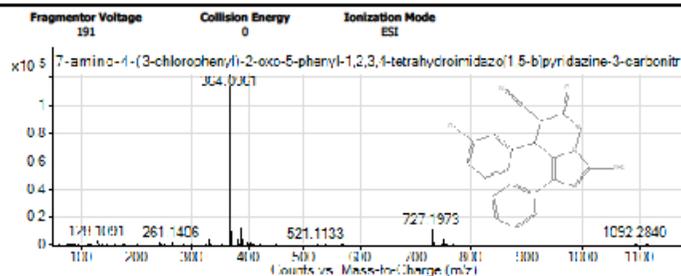
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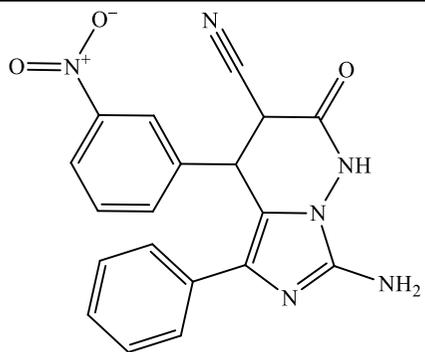
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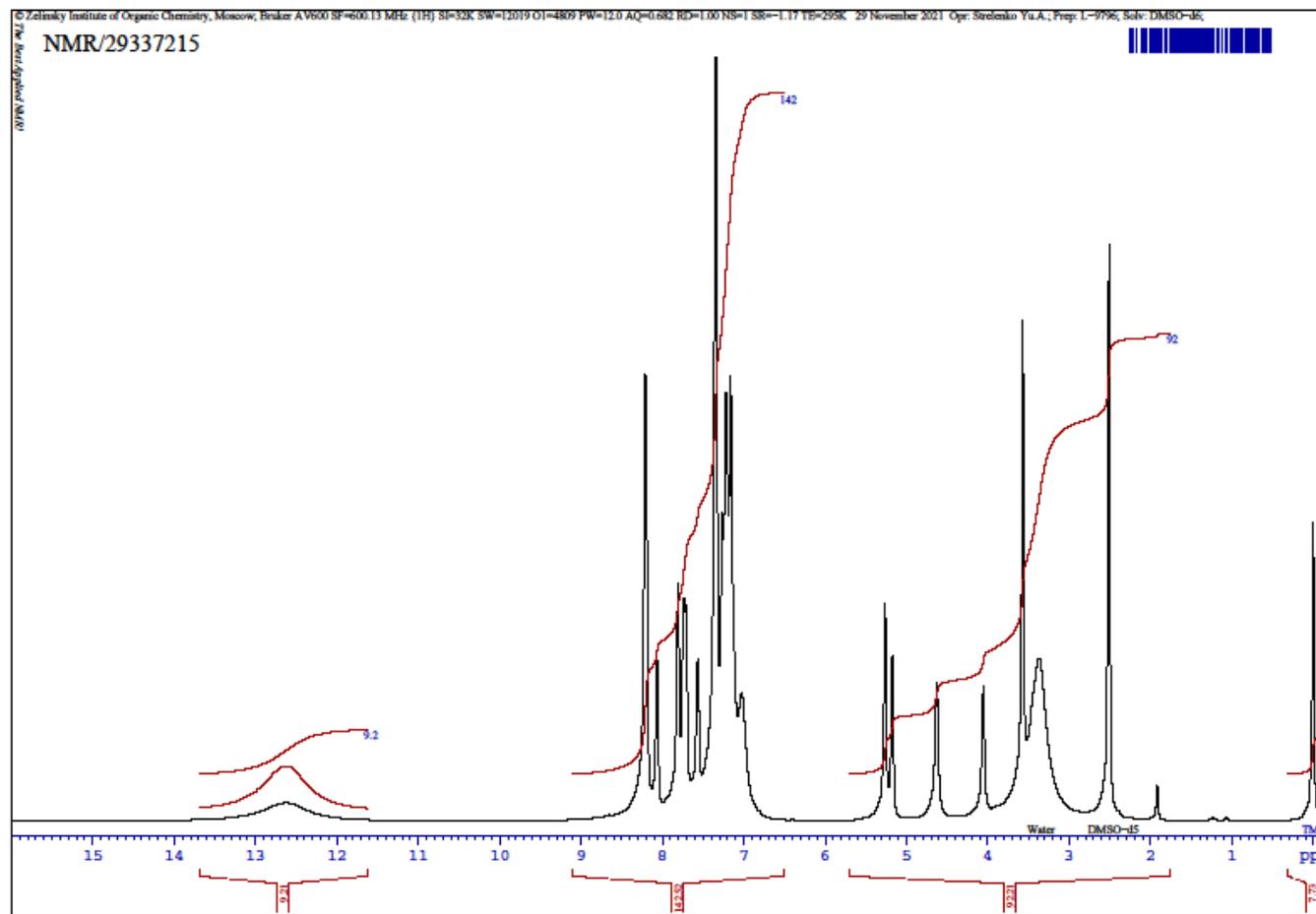


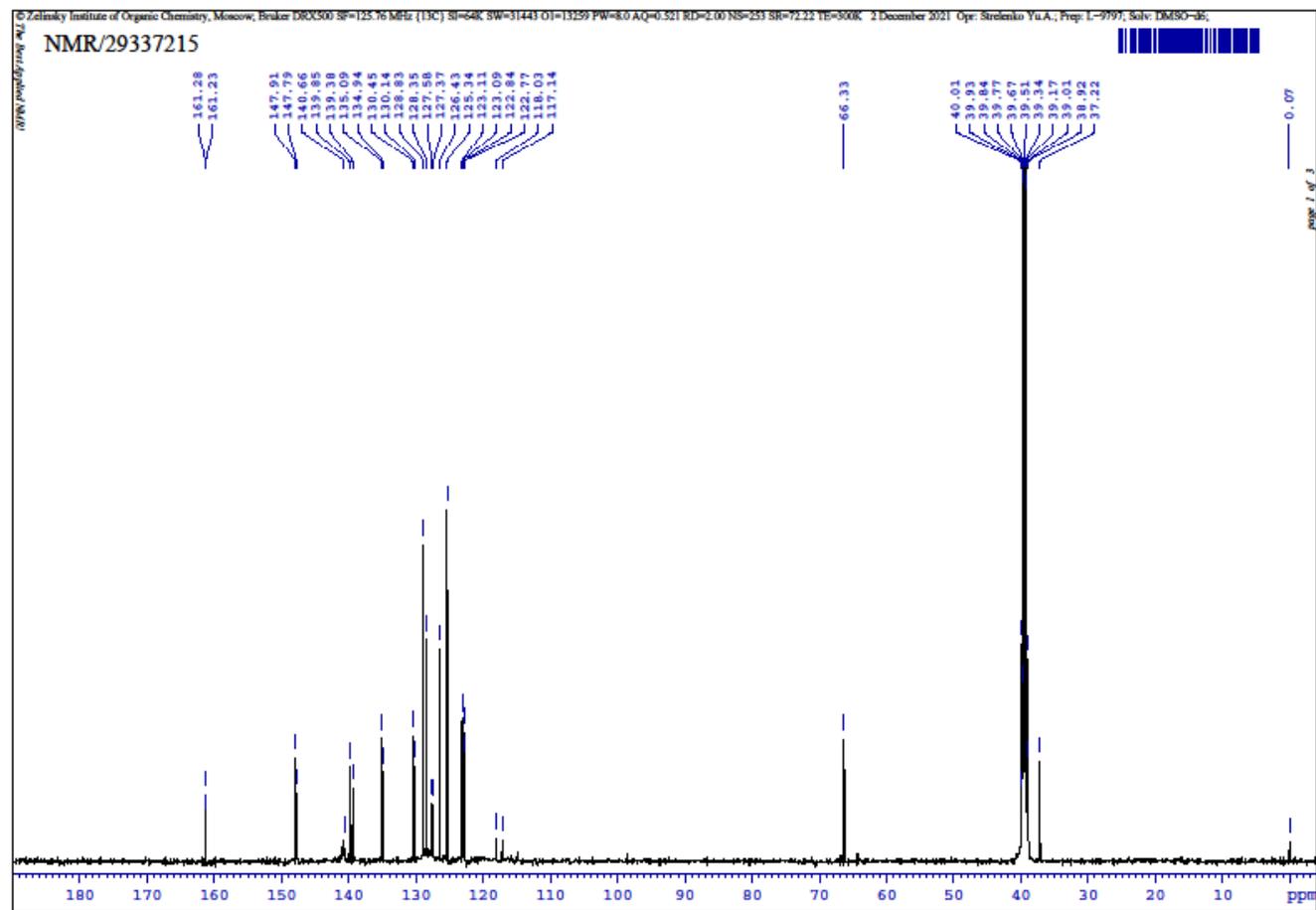
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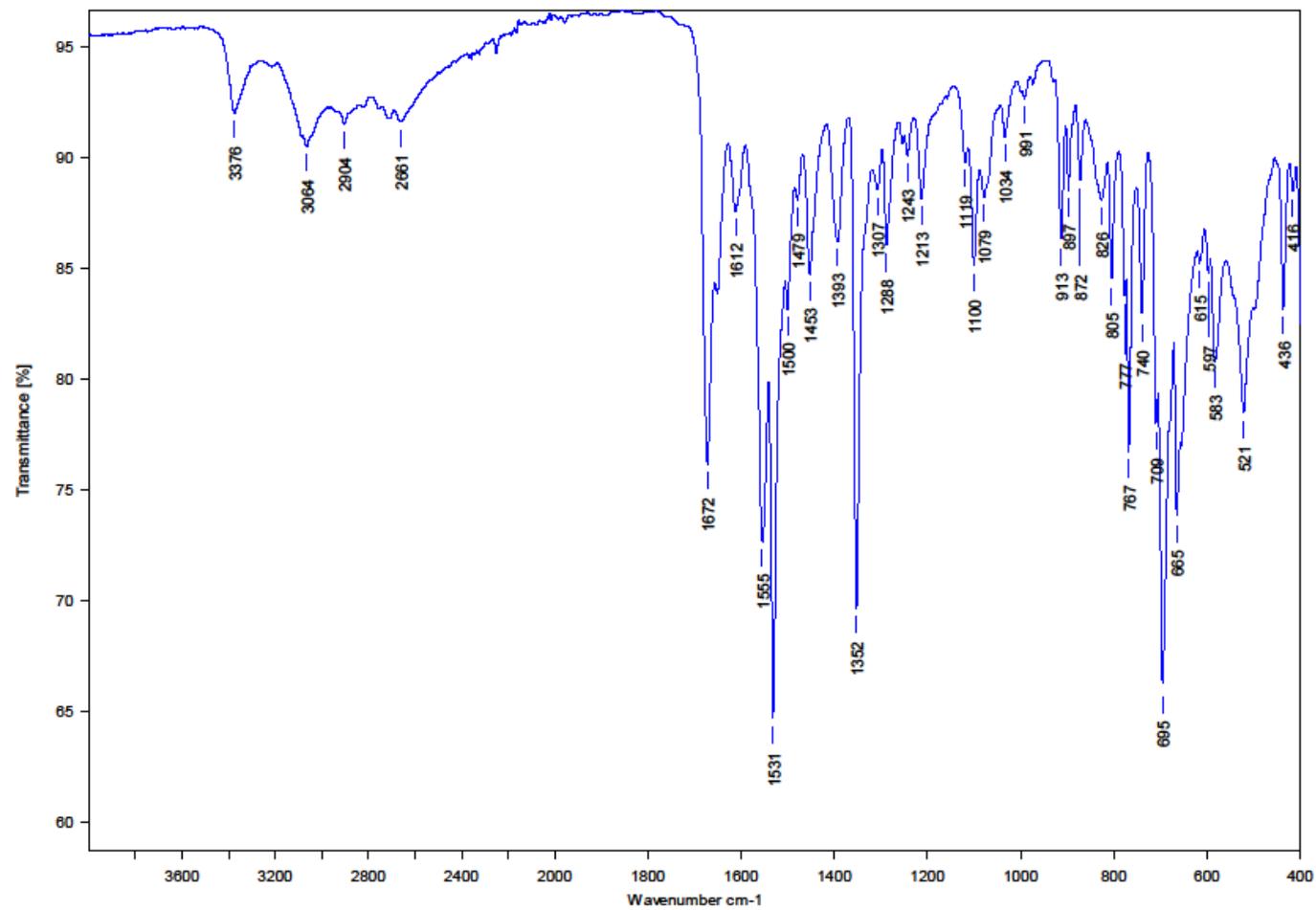
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Molecular formula: $C_{19}H_{14}N_6O_3$
3g



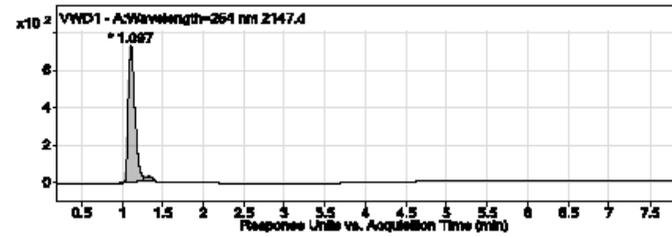




Qualitative Analysis Report

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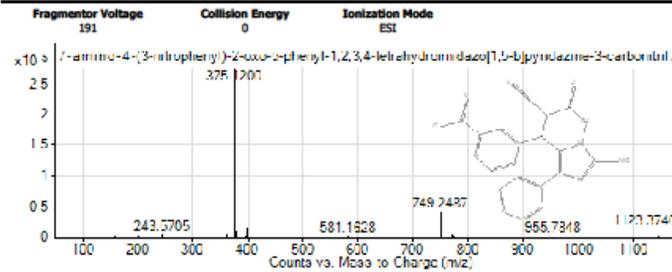
User Chromatograms



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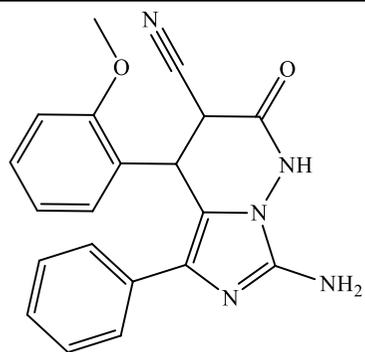
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User Spectra



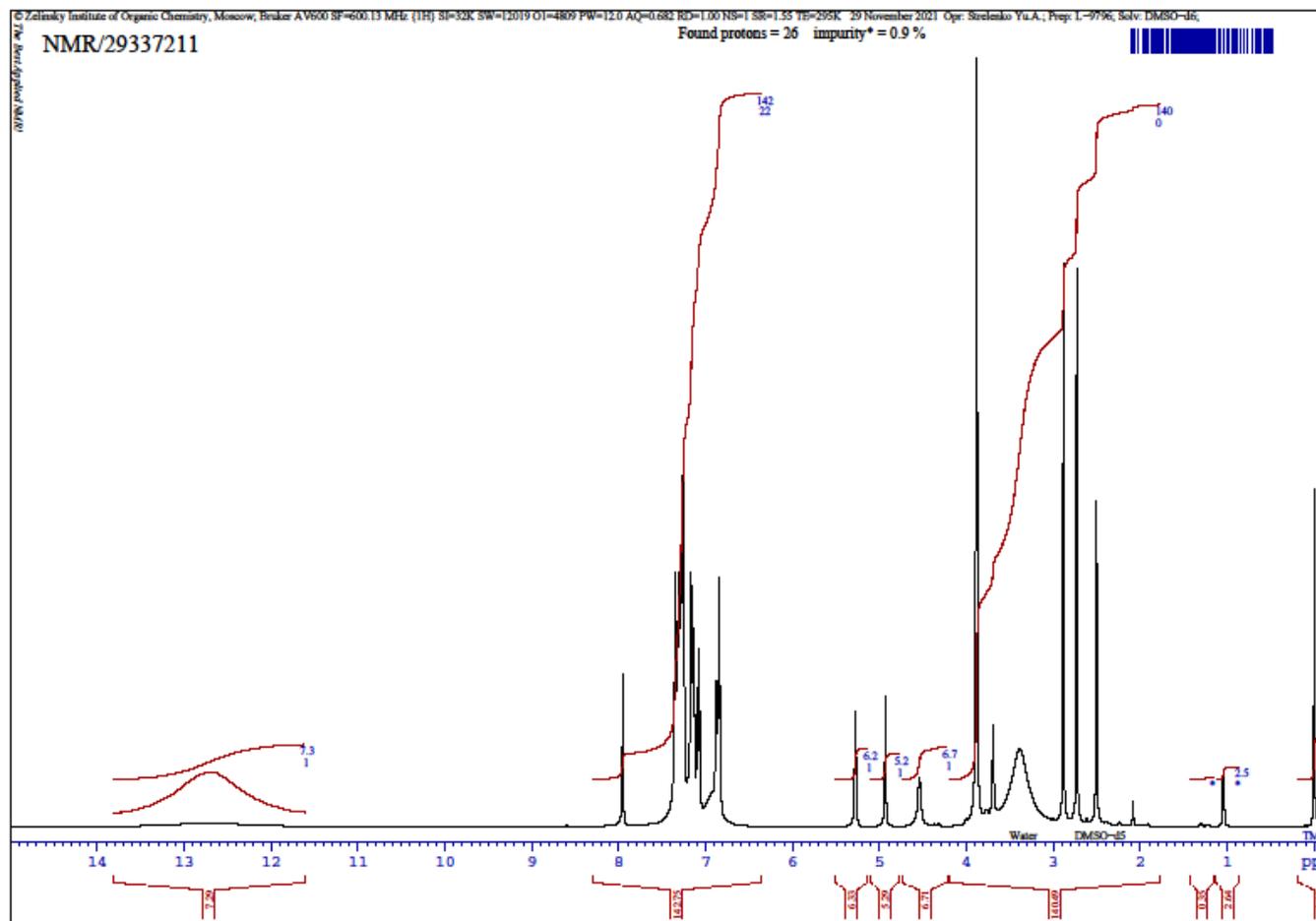
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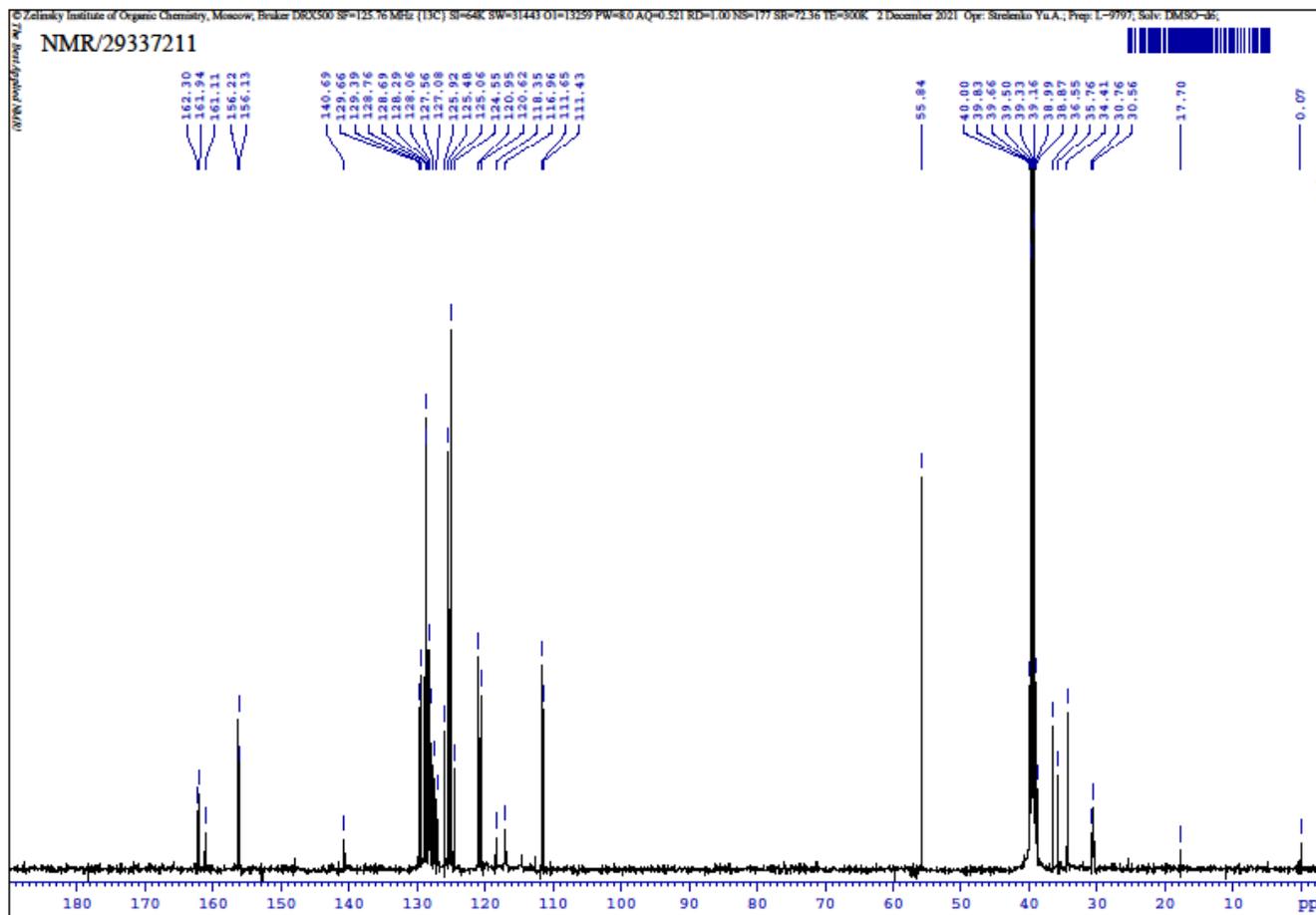
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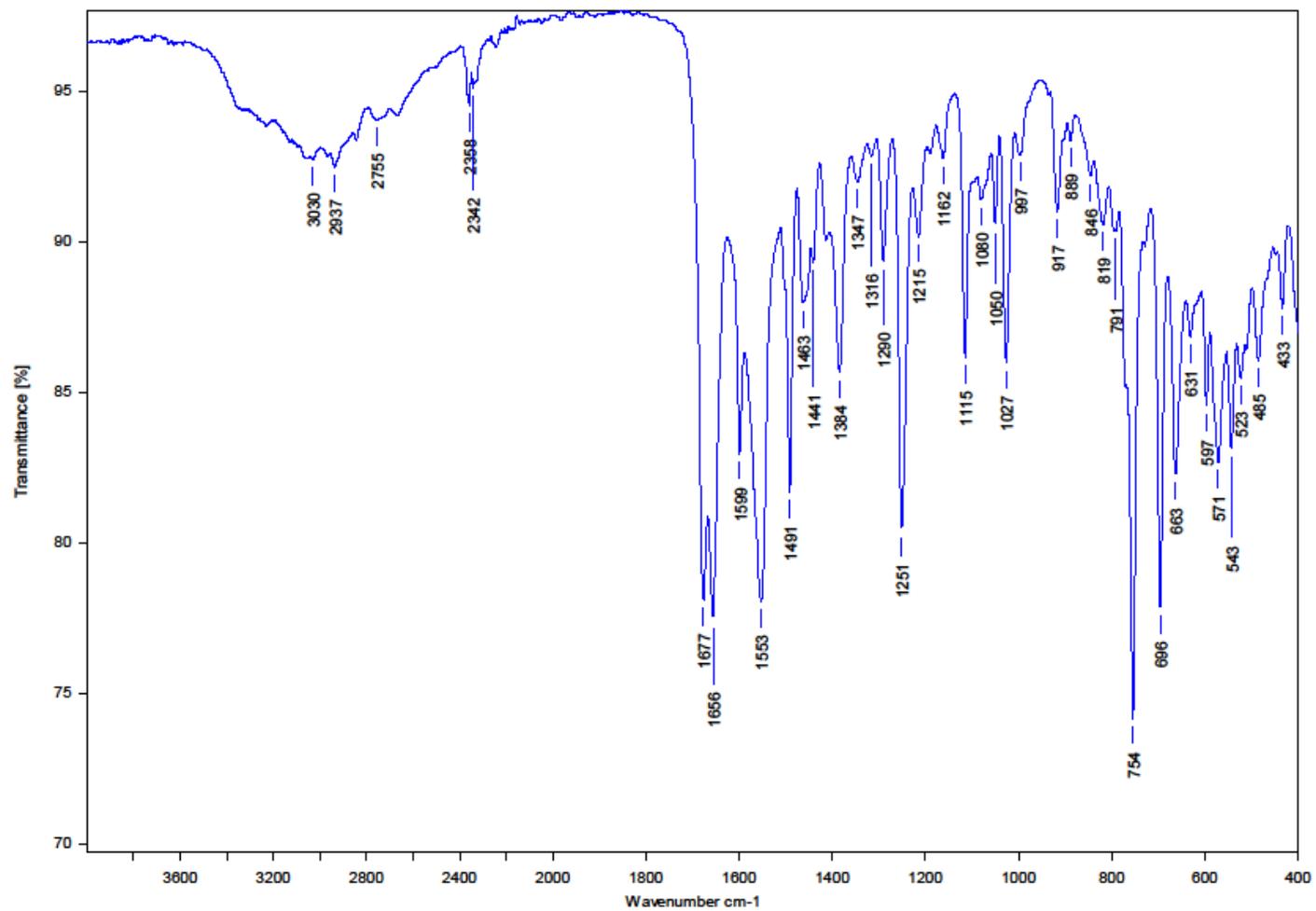


Molecular formula: $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$

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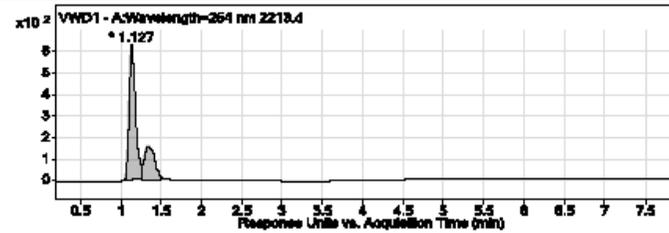




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Instrument Name	Instrument 1	User Name	
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IRM Calibration Status	Success	DA Method	111.m
Comment			
Sample Group		Info.	
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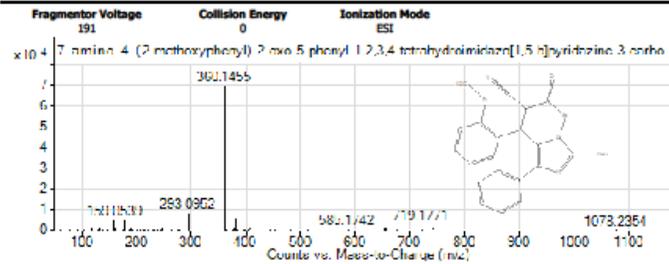
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Integration Peak List

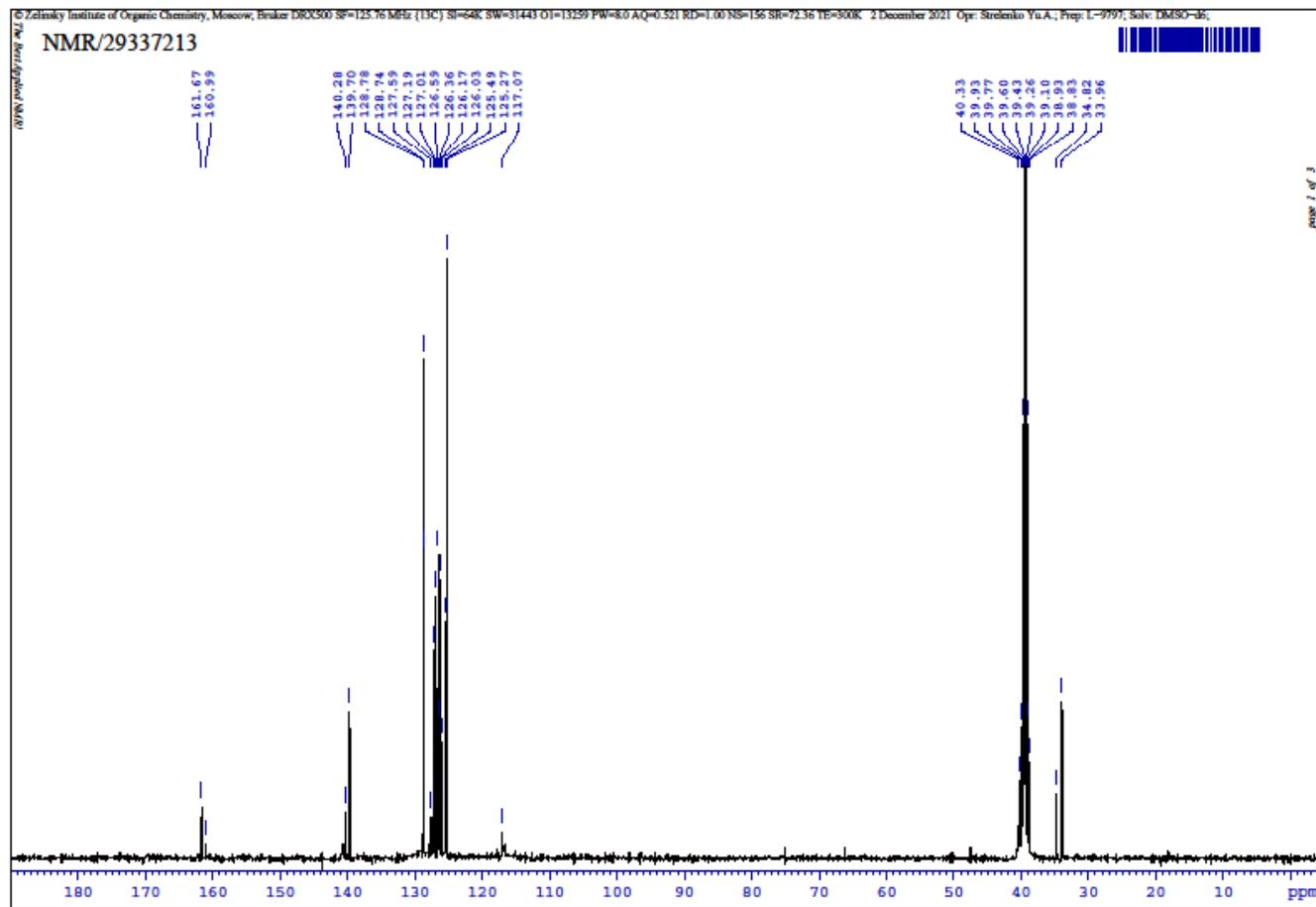
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User Spectra

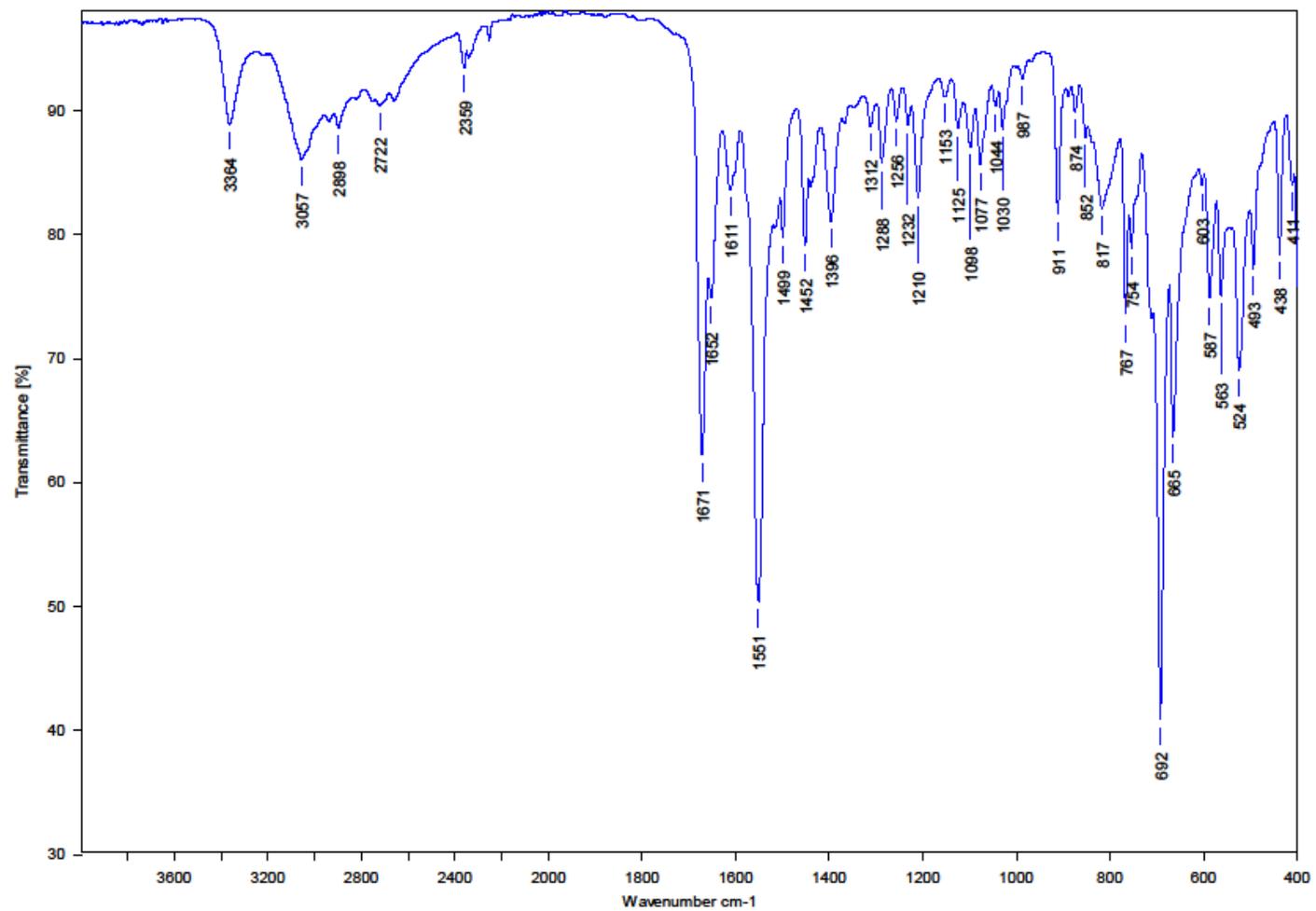


Peak List

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175.075	1	4484.75
293.0952	1	8429.21
294.0994	1	2867.3
360.1455	1	69495.94



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Qualitative Analysis Report

Data Filename	2214.d	Sample Name	
Sample Type	Sample	Position	Vial 79
Instrument Name	Instrument 1	User Name	
Acq Method	ACN-H2O_60-40.m	Acquired Time	12/13/2021 1:13:53 PM
IRM Calibration Status	Success	DA Method	111.m
Comment			
Sample Group		Info.	
Stream Name	LC 1	Acquisition SW	6200 series TOF/6500 series
		Version	Q-TOF B.06.01 (B6172 SP1)

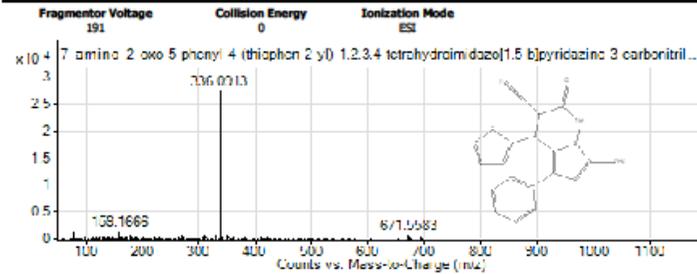
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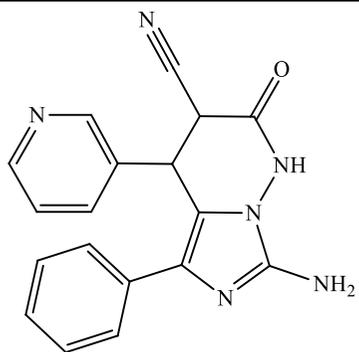
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User Spectra



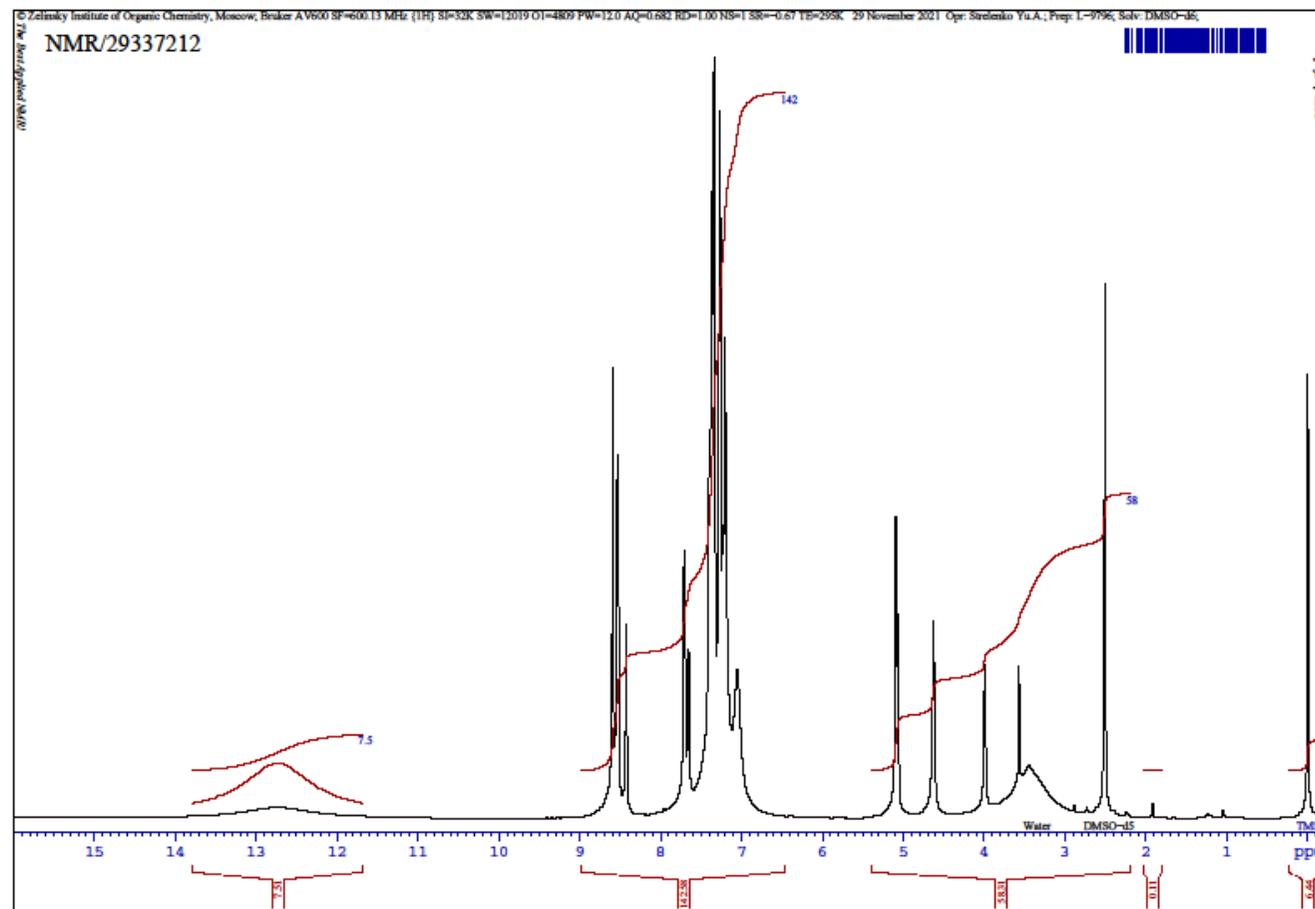
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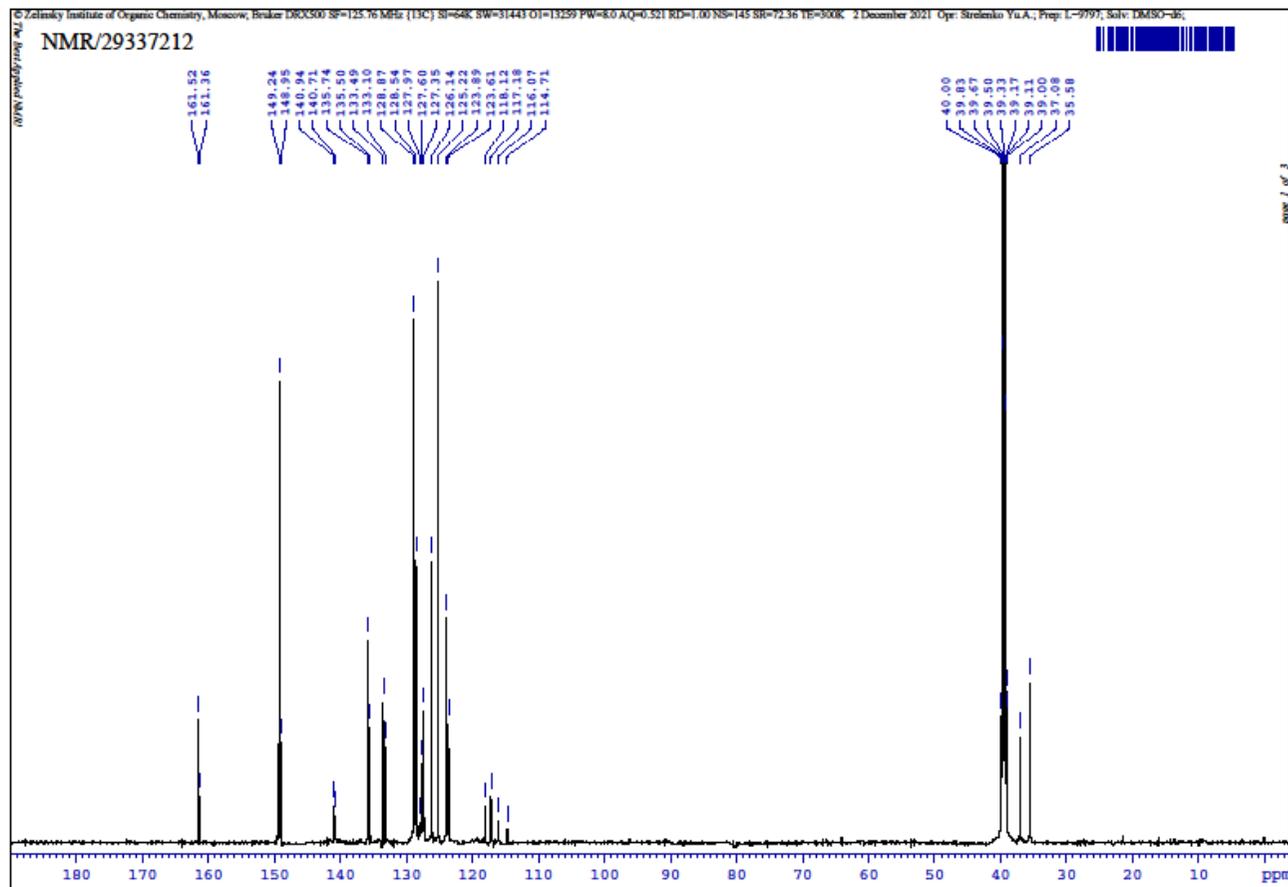
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336.0913	1	27542.92

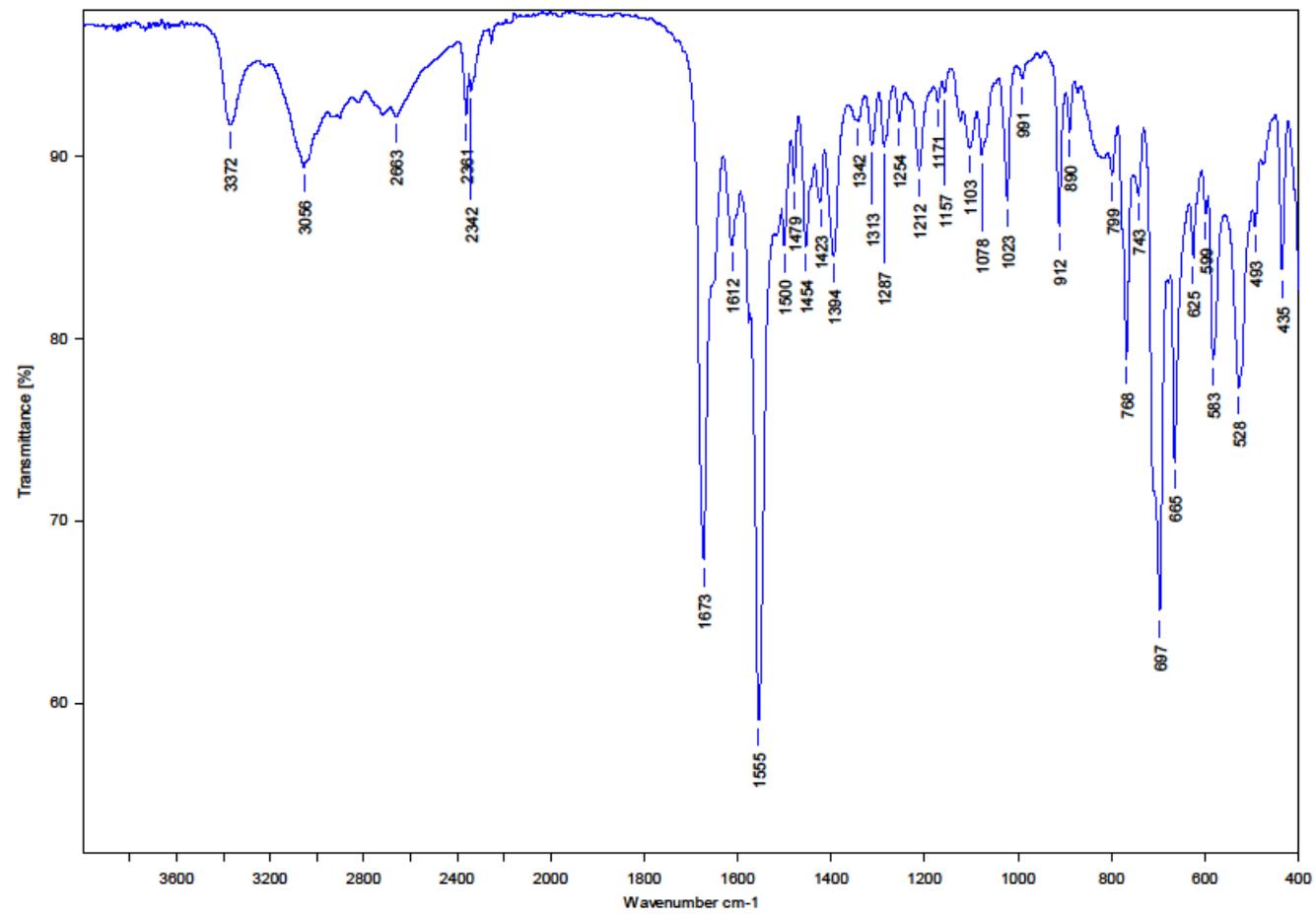


Molecular formula: $C_{18}H_{14}N_6O$

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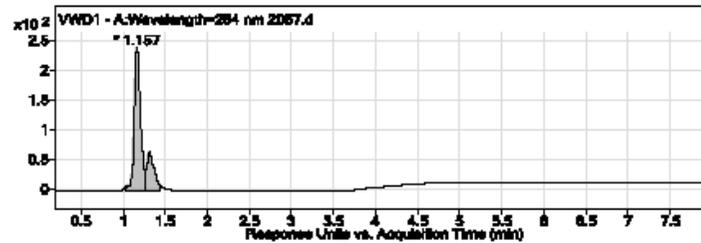




Qualitative Analysis Report

Data Filename	2057.d	Sample Name	
Sample Type	Sample	Position	Val 16
Instrument Name	Instrument 1	User Name	
Acq Method	ACN-H2O_60-40.m	Acquired Time	11/8/2021 12:34:01 PM
IRM Calibration Status	Success	DA Method	111.m
Comment			
Sample Group		Info.	
Stream Name	LC 1	Acquisition SW	6200 series TOF/6500 series
		Version	Q-TOF B.06.01 (86172 SP1)

User Chromatograms

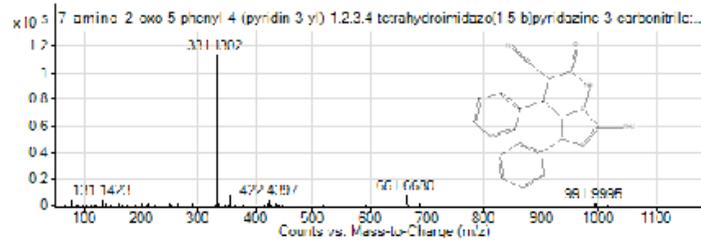


Integration Peak List

Peak	Start	RT	End	Height	Area	Area %
1	1.033	1.157	1.253	241.79	1267.33	100
2	1.253	1.303	1.443	65.34	426.79	33.68

User Spectra

Fragmentor Voltage 191	Collision Energy 0	Ionization Mode ESI
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Peak List

m/z	z	Abund
76.1235		3939.41
104.1145		2413.46
131.1423	1	4679.96
331.1302	1	113587.13
332.1403	1	23339.88

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates 2a for AM 1 and B3LYP/6-31.

AM 1				B3LYP/6-31			
C	-2.91675100	-1.11293700	0.99887900	C	-3.27537000	-1.67927400	-0.00016600
C	-3.84383200	-1.09663700	-0.04188200	C	-4.45412500	-0.92302900	0.00007600
C	-3.67501700	-0.21379800	-1.11008300	C	-4.38167400	0.47607000	0.00024000
C	-2.58518800	0.65132000	-1.13566600	C	-3.13856800	1.10288800	0.00015500
C	-1.63925100	0.62932600	-0.09651300	C	-1.93077900	0.35445400	-0.00004200
C	-1.81631200	-0.25668000	0.97432300	C	-2.02514300	-1.05872100	-0.00021500
C	-0.53162800	1.56801900	-0.15174700	C	-0.71056900	1.15304700	-0.00010000
C	0.76144400	1.33031900	0.14356200	C	0.64537800	0.92385800	-0.00009700
C	1.73510400	2.36199100	0.03027700	C	1.48215000	2.09150100	-0.00021200
C	1.30110400	0.02496100	0.59026100	C	1.35901400	-0.37297700	0.00002800
O	1.16628800	-0.52251600	1.68625500	O	0.85657200	-1.50925800	0.00009100
O	2.04942300	-0.59611900	-0.36623200	O	2.71519700	-0.18345800	-0.00006600
C	2.63742500	-1.86027700	0.00155500	C	3.57623400	-1.39065900	0.00000800
C	3.42279800	-2.32013900	-1.20188900	C	5.01036100	-0.89729700	0.00019200
N	2.53176200	3.20461100	-0.06197500	N	2.12693900	3.07319200	0.00001400
H	-3.04900600	-1.80354000	1.84532800	H	-3.32860500	-2.76307000	-0.00032600
H	-4.70877700	-1.77621600	-0.02146800	H	-5.42011900	-1.41787800	0.00015400
H	-4.40573300	-0.19864700	-1.93233000	H	-5.28859500	1.07137600	0.00038900
H	-2.45758000	1.35061400	-1.97589600	H	-3.08671900	2.18798100	0.00025100
H	-1.08675900	-0.27488500	1.80190800	H	-1.12088000	-1.64938700	-0.00042300
H	-0.81409100	2.58282400	-0.49957600	H	-0.94070500	2.21762700	-0.00015700
H	3.29193700	-1.70377500	0.89833300	H	3.32967900	-1.98315400	0.88609500
H	1.81371100	-2.57328900	0.26599500	H	3.32990000	-1.98308700	-0.88619200
H	3.90289700	-3.30020100	-0.96772400	H	5.69652500	-1.75167100	0.00015400
H	2.75196400	-2.44207900	-2.08563700	H	5.21274200	-0.28916000	-0.88617700
H	4.21402700	-1.57681900	-1.46175100	H	5.21260100	-0.28936500	0.88673500

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates 1 for AM 1 and B3LYP/6-31.

AM 1				B3LYP/6-31			
C	3.31538000	-1.18154500	-0.22656400	C	3.38548000	-1.17492700	0.00007000
C	4.01969800	0.00033700	0.00225400	C	4.03819000	0.06468700	0.00006900
C	3.32439900	1.18842400	0.22467500	C	3.27880300	1.24114800	0.00002500
C	1.93066900	1.20067200	0.22199500	C	1.88330600	1.18299900	-0.00001600
C	1.21654200	0.01452500	-0.00463800	C	1.21713500	-0.05795500	-0.00001900
C	1.92273000	-1.17710500	-0.23207500	C	1.99062400	-1.23581100	0.00002700
C	-0.23571000	0.00352300	-0.00165800	C	-0.24695700	-0.09490300	-0.00006700
N	-1.02267200	1.15283000	-0.18276700	N	-0.99230100	1.10635100	0.00003800
C	-2.32421700	0.74217200	-0.11109400	C	-2.26935000	0.74345100	-0.00011300
N	-2.38847200	-0.67641800	0.12365000	N	-2.39745600	-0.63665300	-0.00034500
C	-1.05053300	-1.12544600	0.17801600	C	-1.09430300	-1.17871900	-0.00020000
N	-3.53322200	-1.40048900	0.13746600	N	-3.62881500	-1.29272500	0.00028600
N	-3.46739400	1.56045900	-0.11902700	N	-3.36347200	1.55509900	-0.00002800
H	3.85970600	-2.12014700	-0.40568900	H	3.96395000	-2.09404800	0.00009500
H	5.11911200	-0.00507400	0.00561600	H	5.12279300	0.11156600	0.00009300
H	3.87673700	2.12271800	0.40357500	H	3.77534900	2.20701600	0.00002800
H	1.39142500	2.14411700	0.39814400	H	1.28460500	2.08611900	-0.00005500
H	1.37394800	-2.11113700	-0.42157500	H	1.49987600	-2.20475700	0.00004700
H	-0.79896300	-2.16995500	0.34415200	H	-0.93227700	-2.24276500	-0.00043200
H	-3.74043500	-1.66810600	1.09526300	H	-3.81003400	-1.81214100	0.85216300
H	-3.39385500	-2.25221000	-0.39527900	H	-3.81066800	-1.81262800	-0.85114300
H	-3.26944700	2.47556600	-0.47095900	H	-3.23459000	2.55016000	0.00035500
H	-4.24966000	1.13620800	-0.57396600	H	-4.28227300	1.14715100	0.00053800