

Supplementary Information

1. General Experimental

All ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol JNM-EX 270 MHz or Jeol JNM-EX 400 MHz as indicated. Samples were dissolved in deuterated chloroform (CDCl_3) with the residual solvent peak used as an internal reference (CDCl_3 - δH 7.26 ppm). Proton spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift δ (ppm), (integral, multiplicity (s = singlet, br s = broad singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant J (Hz), assignment).

Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using aluminium-backed Merck TLC Silica gel 60 F254 plates, and samples were visualised using 254 nm ultraviolet (UV) light, and potassium permanganate/potassium carbonate oxidising dip (1:1:100 KMnO_4 : K_2CO_3 : H_2O w/w).

Column Chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (70–230 mesh). All solvents used were AR grade. Specialist reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company and used without further purification. Petroleum spirits refers to the fraction boiling between 40–60 °C.

Chiral HPLC was performed with a 1200 series Agilent. Separation of stereoisomers was carried out with a DiacelChiralpak AD-H chiral column (0.46 cm \times 25 cm). Retention times were reported at ambient temp (24 °C) with an injection volume of 20 μL at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. A mobile phase of 10% isopropanol/90% hexane was used.

HRMS was found via a 6210 MSD TOF mass spectrometer under the conditions: gas temperature (350 °C), vaporizer (28 °C), capillary voltage (3.0 kV), cone voltage (40 V), nitrogen flow rate (7.0L/min), nebuliser (15 psi). Samples were dissolved in MeOH.

Specific rotation $[\alpha_D]$ was obtained using a JASCO DIPP Digital Polarimeter. Compounds were dissolved in CHCl_3 where indicated. Rotation was measured at $\lambda = 584$ nm and reported with the units $10^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$.

Melting points were found on a Stuart Scientific Melting Point Apparatus SMP3, v.5 and are uncorrected.

The Annual Drinking water quality report for the region where this work was undertaken can be found at: http://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/image_get.cfm?id=A3102268

2. Synthesis of Bis-diprolinamide

2.1. *trans*-4-Hydroxy-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline 1

Trans-4-hydroxy-*L*-proline (3 g, 22.9 mmol) was solvated in 45 mL of THF/ H_2O in a 2:1 ratio. NaOH (1.83 g, 45.8 mmol) was added to the solution and allowed to stir for 4 min. BocAnhydride (6.5 g, 2.977 mmol) was added to the mixture and the solution was stirred for 24 h under a N_2 atmosphere. The resulting mixture was acidified with 2M HCl (50 mL) and the protected compound was extracted into Et_2O (3 \times 60 mL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the protected species as a hygroscopic white foam (3.728 g, 70%). ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 4.43 (br. m, 2H, NH-CH-CH₂-CH), 3.51 (br. m, 2H, NH-CH₂), 2.26 (br. m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CH), 2.09 (br. m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CH), 1.41 (d, 9H, $J = 13$ Hz, *t*-butyl). The compound was identified by ^1H NMR and used without further purification.

2.2. *trans*-4-Hydroxy-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline Benzyl Ester

Benzyl bromide (1.43 mL, 11.8 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-OH-Boc-Proline **1** (2.483 g, 10.7 mmol) in THF and cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (1.65 mL, 11.8 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 18 h, gradually reaching room temperature. The solvent was subsequently removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was redissolved in DCM. The solution was washed with 1M HCl (2 × 30 mL), brine (2 × 30 mL), Na₂CO₃ (2 × 30 mL) and an additional wash of brine (1 × 30 mL). The washed organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ which was filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the crude product as a viscous, pale yellow oil. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using gradient elution (2:1 pet. spirits: EtOAc → 100% EtOAc) to give the benzyl protected species as a pale yellow oil (2.17 g, 67%), R_f: 0.21 (2 pet. spirits:1 EtOAc); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.72 (br s, 5H, aryl), 5.04–5.17 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph), 4.42–4.30 (m, 2H, αH), 3.68–3.49 (m, 2H, CH-CH₂-CH), 2.20–1.97 (m, 2H, N-CH₂-CH), 1.39–1.27 (m, 9H, -*t*-butyl); [α]_D^{20.7} = -61.1° (c = 0.118, CHCl₃). The spectra was consistent with data previously reported.[1].

2.3. *trans*-4-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsiloxy-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline Benzyl Ester (Analysis of Analytically Pure Sample Obtained for Characterisation)

Benzyl protected proline (0.6726 g, 2.1 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (15 mL). Imidazole (0.57 g, 8.38 mmol), DMAP (0.102 g, 0.838 mmol) and *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (0.928 mL, 2.31 mmol) were added to the solution and the mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with cold H₂O (100 mL) and acidified with 2 M HCl (50 mL). The final product was extracted into EtOAc (3 × 30 mL), the combined organic phase was washed with 2 M HCl (3 × 30 mL) and saturated NaHCO₃ (3 × 30 mL). The washed organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the silylated species as a thick resin which was used without further purification. An analytically pure sample was obtained for characterisation purposes via flash chromatography (1:5 EtOAc, Pet Spirits) to give **3** as a colourless oil (0.673 g, 57%). R_f = 0.52; ¹H NMR (Figure S1, 270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.61 (m, 4H, aryl), 7.37 (m, 10H, aryl), 5.11 (m, 2H, Bn), 4.423 (m, 2H, N-CH-CH₂-CH), 3.48 (m, 2H, N-CH₂), 2.26 (m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CH), 1.88 (m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CH), 1.42 (d, *J* = 23 Hz, 9H, Si-C(CH₃)₃), 1.05 (s, 9H, Si-C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (Figure S2, 100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) = 172.86, 154.59, 135.57, 133.89, 129.87, 128.55, 128.43, 127.76, 80.03, 71.41, 70.65, 66.64, 58.27, 57.83, 54.70, 54.37, 39.51, 38.67, 28.37, 28.18, 26.77, 19.02; [α]_D^{20.7} = -37.2° (c = 0.123, CHCl₃); λ_{max} = 1747 (s), 1427 (s), 1175 (s), 1105 (s); HRMS calculated for [C₃₃H₄₁NO₅SiNa]⁺ M = 582.26462 found *m/z* = 582.26402.

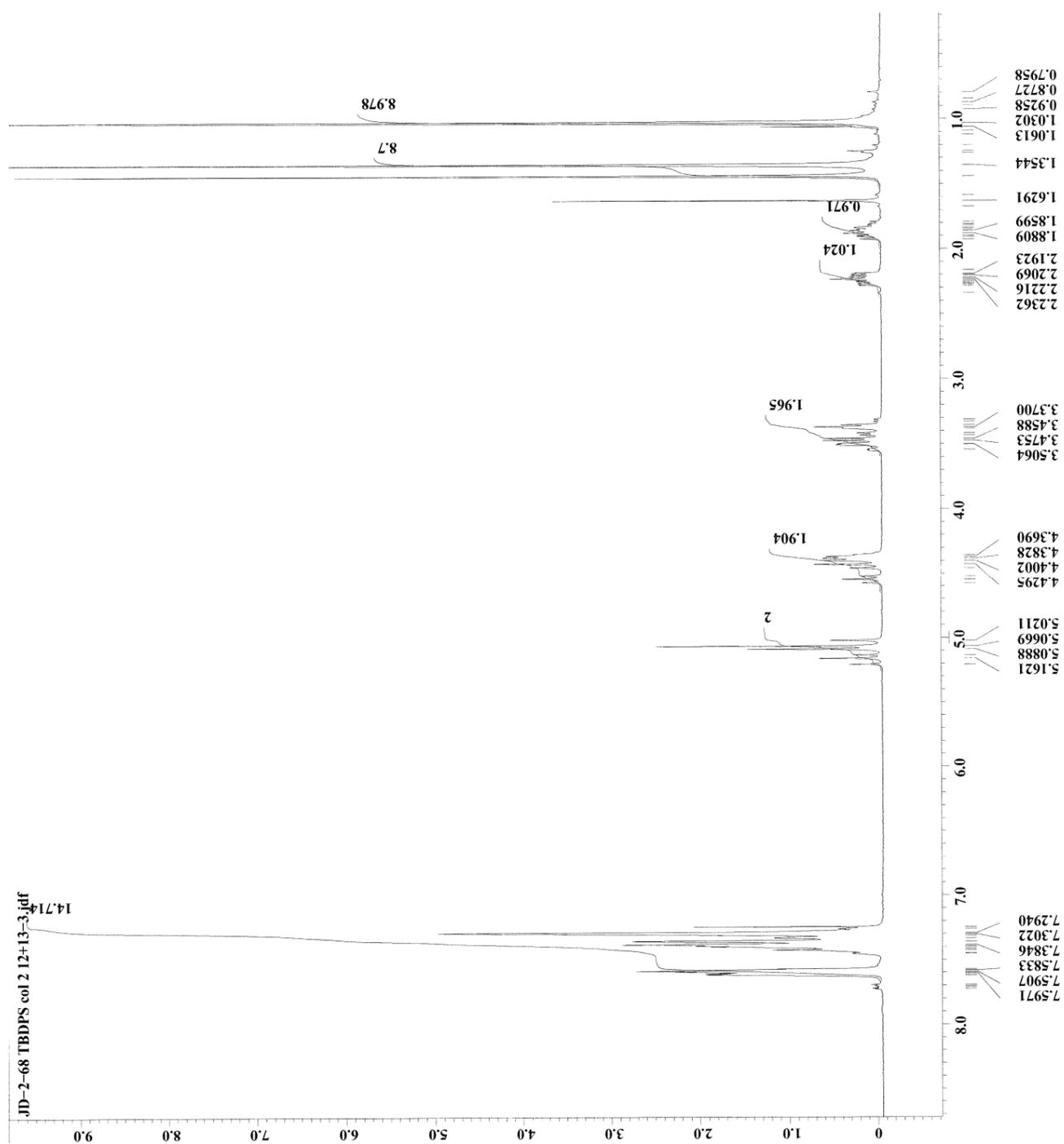
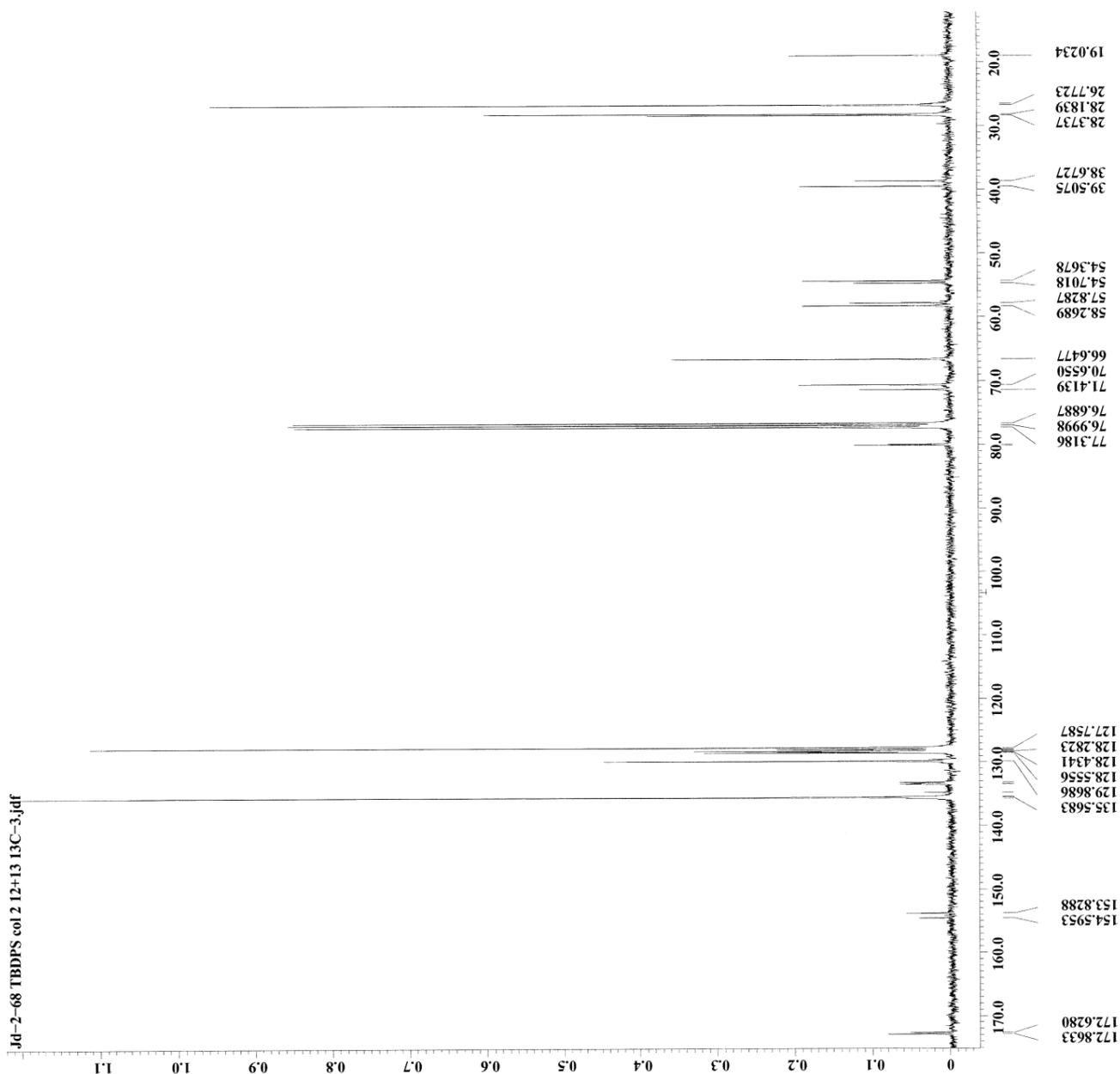
Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum for *Trans-4-tert-butyl*diphenylsiloxyl-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline benzyl ester.

Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR for *Trans-4-tert-butyl*diphenylsiloxyl-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline benzyl ester.

2.4. *trans-4-tert*Butyl diphenylsiloxyl-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline Carboxylate **2**

Silylated proline (8.9 g) was dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and Pd/C (0.89 g, 10% w/w) was added. The mixture was stirred under H_2 (balloon) for 18 h and the resulting solution was vacuum filtered through celite and the filtrate evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/pet. Spirits) to give the deprotected acid **2** as a viscous, pale brown oil (1.217 g, 72% over two steps). R_f : 0.22 (1/3; EtOAc/Pet. Spirits); ^1H NMR (Figure S3, 270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.6 (m, 4H, aryl), 7.39 (m, 6H aryl), 4.52 (t, 1H, $J = 5.18$ Hz, CH-CO), 4.4 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH-CH}_2$), 3.52 (m, 1H, N-CH_2), 3.44 (m, 1H, N-CH_2), 2.25 (m, 1H, $\text{CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 2.06 (br m, 1H, $\text{CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 1.42 (d, 9H, $J = 12.6$ Hz, $\text{Si-C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.05 (s, 9H, $\text{Si-C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (Figure S4, 100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 157.5, 135.6, 133.8, 130, 127.8, 82.1, 70.8, 55.0, 54.5, 39.5,

37.3, 28.3, 26.8, 19.0; $[\alpha]_D^{20.3} = -41.9^\circ$ (0.126, CHCl_3). $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 1748$ (s), 1472 (s), 1105 (s); HRMS calculated for $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_5\text{SiNa}]^+$ $M = 492.21767$ found $m/z = 492.21804$.

Figure S3. ^1H NMR for *trans-4-tertbutyldiphenylsiloxy-N-Boc-L-proline carboxylate 2*.

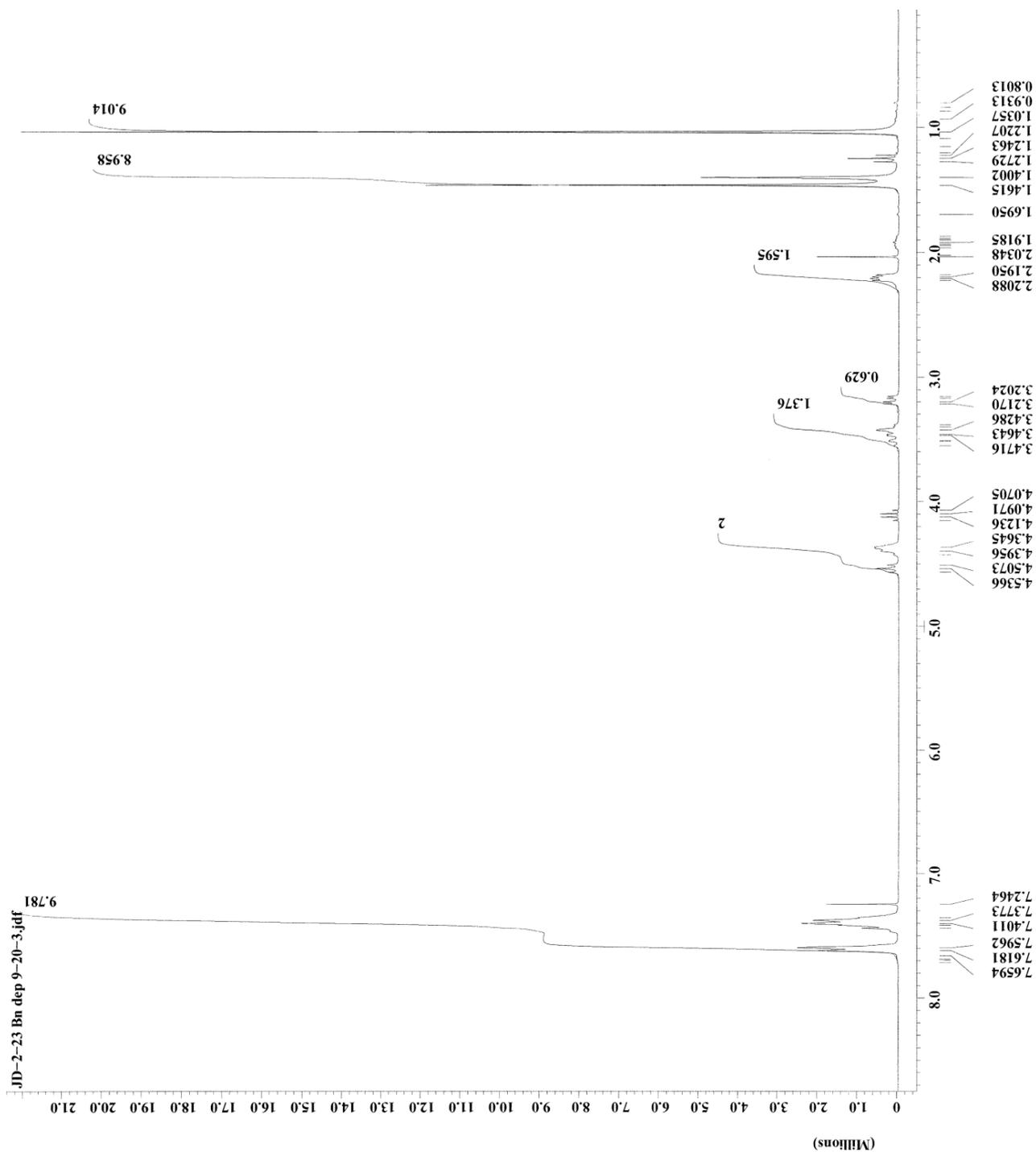
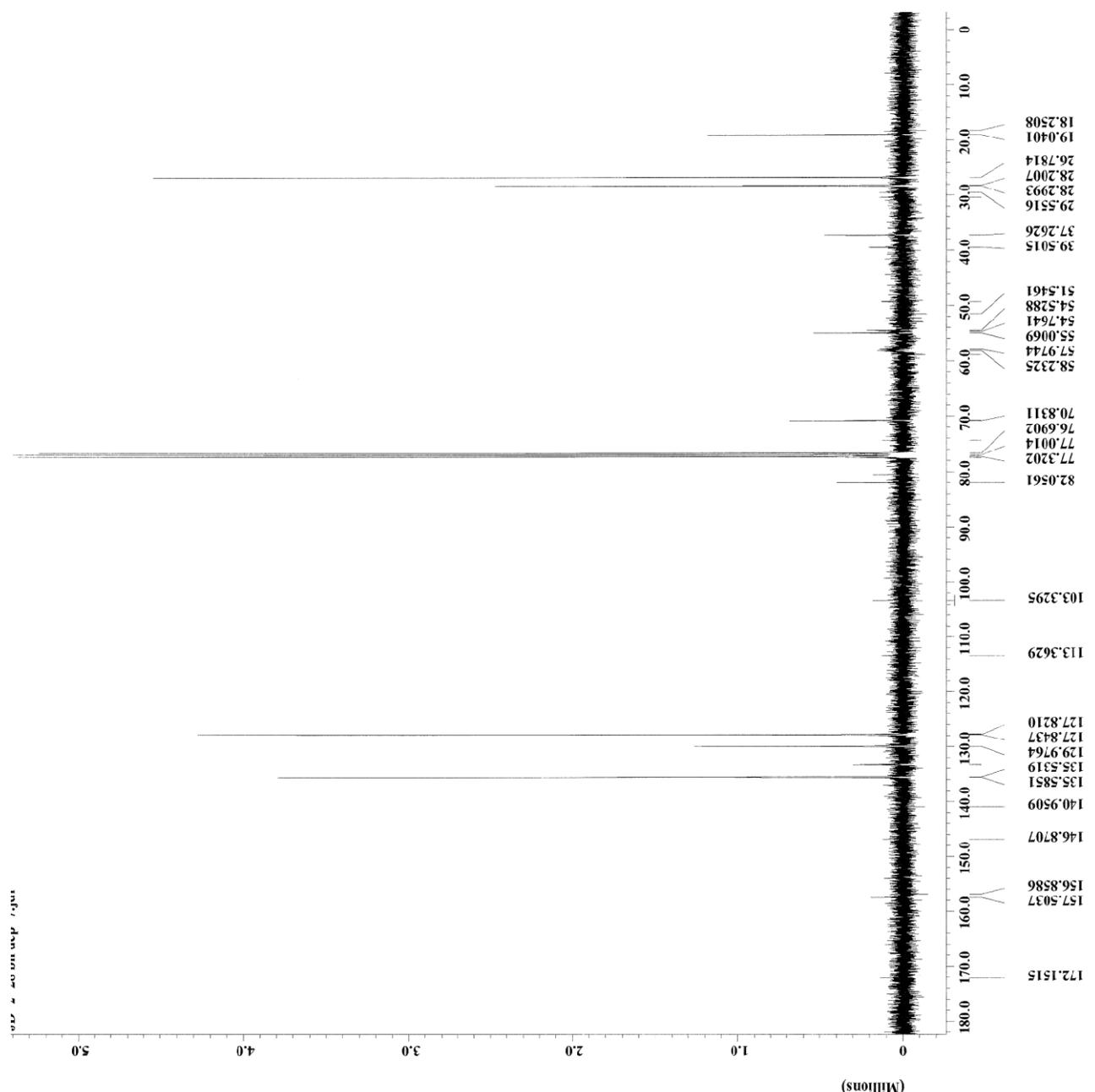


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR for *trans-4-tertbutyldiphenylsiloxy-N-Boc-L-proline carboxylate 2*.

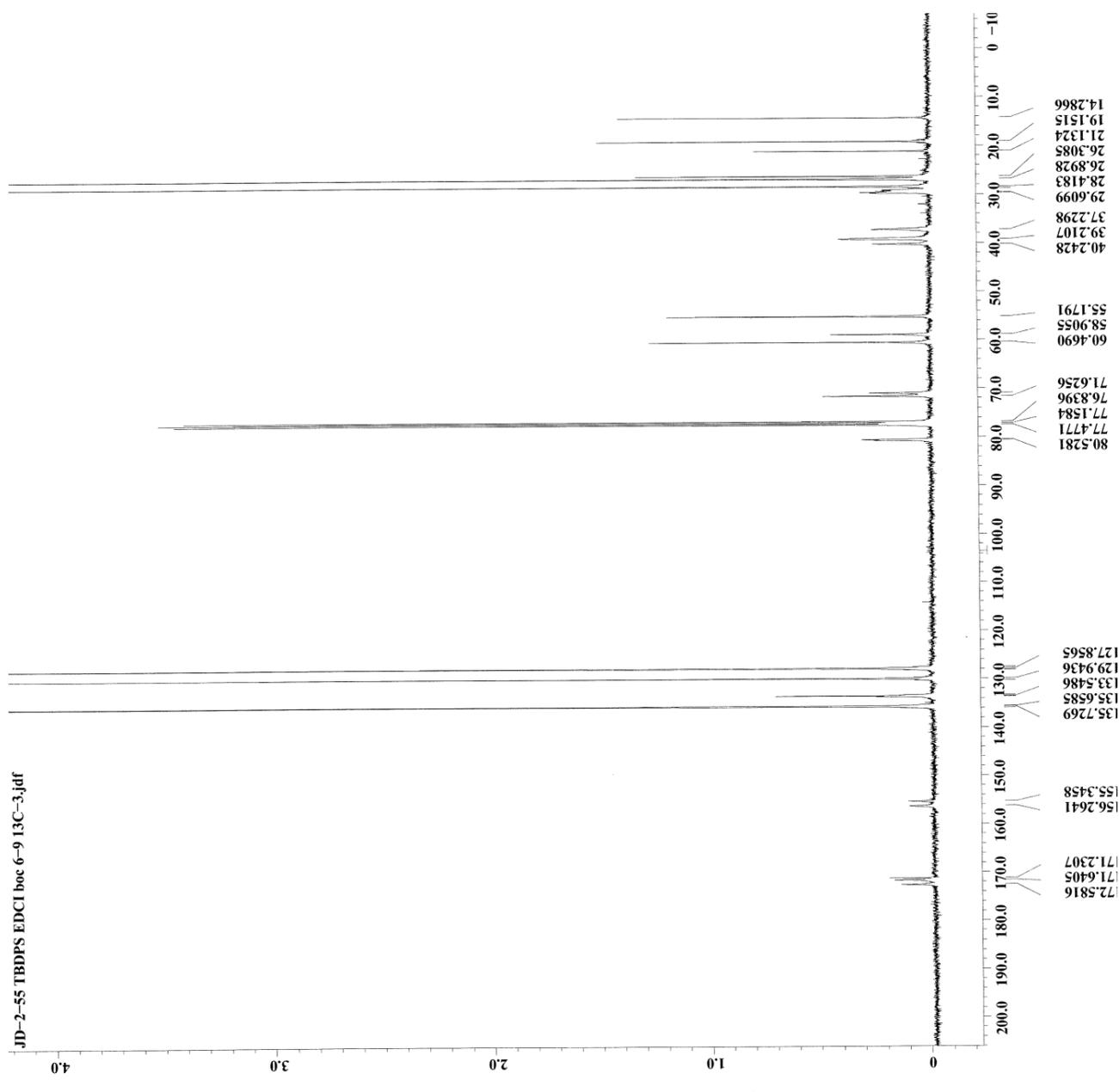
2.5. 1,6-di(*trans-N-Boc-4-tertbutyldiphenylsiloxy-L-prolinamide*) Hexane 3

TBDPSO proline **2** (0.714 g, 2.34 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL DCM and cooled to 0 °C. HOBt (0.072 g, 0.533 mmol) was added to the mixture and stirred for 4 min before the addition of EDCI (0.269, 1.41 mmol). To this mixture 1,6-diaminohexane (0.139 g, 1.16 mmol) was added and the resulting solution was allowed stirred for 16 h, allowing to reach room temperature. The final mixture was diluted with addition DCM (50 mL) and washed with 2M HCl (2 × 30 mL), Na_2CO_3 (2 × 30 mL) and brine (2 × 30 mL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (2:1 Pet. Spirits: EtOAc) to afford the *N*-boc diprolinamide as a white amorphous solid (0.484 g, 80%). m.p. = 67–68 °C. R_f : 0.14; ^1H NMR (Figure S5, 270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 7.59–7.25 (m, 20H aryl), 4.39 (m, 4H, chiral H), 3.69–3.42 (m, 4H, CH-CH₂-CH), 3.17 (br s, 4 H, CH₂-HN), 2.39–1.97 (br m, 4H, N-CH₂), 1.43 (s, 18H, *Boc*), 1.40 (br, 4H, alkyl), 1.24

(br, 4H, alkyl), 1.02 (s, 18H, Si-C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (Figure S6, 100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) = 172.58, 156.26, 135.72, 135.66, 129.94, 127.86, 80.52, 71.62, 71.12, 58.9, 55.18, 40.24, 39.21, 27.23, 28.42, 26.89, 26.31, 19.15. [α]_D^{20.7} = -49° (c = 0.051, CHCl₃); λ_{max} = 1662 (s), 1472 (s); HRMS calculated for [C₅₂H₈₂N₄O₈Si₂Na]⁺ M = 1041.55634 found m/z = 1041.55572.

Figure S5. ¹H NMR for 1,6-di(trans-N-Boc-4-tertbutyldiphenylsiloxy-L-prolinamide) hexane 3.



Figure S6. ^{13}C for 1,6-di(*trans*-*N*-Boc-4-*tert*butyldiphenylsiloxy-*L*-prolinamide) hexane 3.

2.6. 1,6-di(*trans*-4-*tert*Butyldiphenylsiloxy-*L*-prolinamide) Hexane

Boc protected dimer **3** (0.318 g, 0.312 mmol) was stirred in a solution of 10% trifluoroacetic acid (0.5 mL) in DCM (4.5 mL) for 4 hours under a N_2 atmosphere. The resulting solution was dissolved in additional DCM (20 mL) and basified with saturated NaHCO_3 (30 mL). The deprotected compound was extracted into DCM (3×30 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with NaHCO_3 (3×30 mL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give **4** as a pale brown solid. (0.252 g, 99%). R_f : 0.25 (100%, EtOAc); M.p. = 60–61 °C; ^1H NMR (Figure S7, 270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 7.608 (br m, 8H, aryl), 7.38 (br m, 12H, aryl), 4.35 (br, 2H, $\text{CH}_1\text{-O}$), 3.99 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $\text{CH}_1\text{-N}$), 3.14 (sept, 4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$), 2.89 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 2H, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 2.56 (dd, $J = 4.45, 7.7$ Hz, 2H, $\text{N-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 2.24 (m, 2H, $\text{CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 1.7 (m, 2H, $\text{CH-CH}_2\text{-CH}$), 1.41 (m, 4H, alkyl), 1.27 (m, 4H, alkyl), 1.03 (br s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (Figure S8, 100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 174.6, 135.7, 134.1, 129.9, 127.8, 75.1,

56.9, 55.7, 40.1, 38.7, 29.6, 27, 26.53, 19.2; $[\alpha]_D^{20.7} = -137.5^\circ$ (c = 0.024, CHCl₃); $\lambda_{\max} = 1654$ (s), 1205 (s), 699 (s); HRMS calculated for [C₄₈H₆₇N₄O₄Si₂H]⁺ M = 819.46954 found $m/z = 819.46880$.

Figure S7. ¹H NMR for 1,6-di(trans-4-tertbutyldiphenylsiloxy-L-prolinamide) hexane.

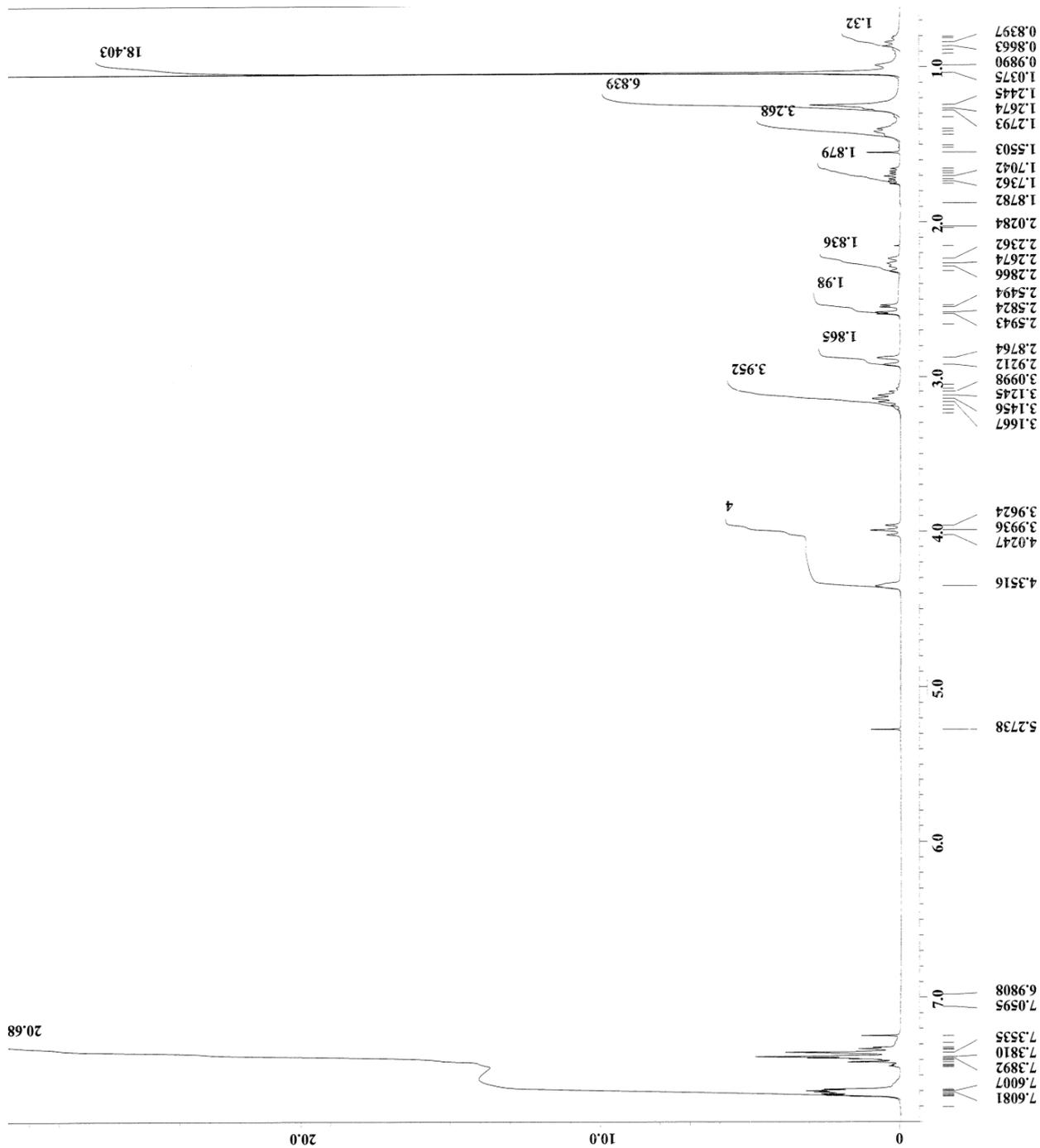
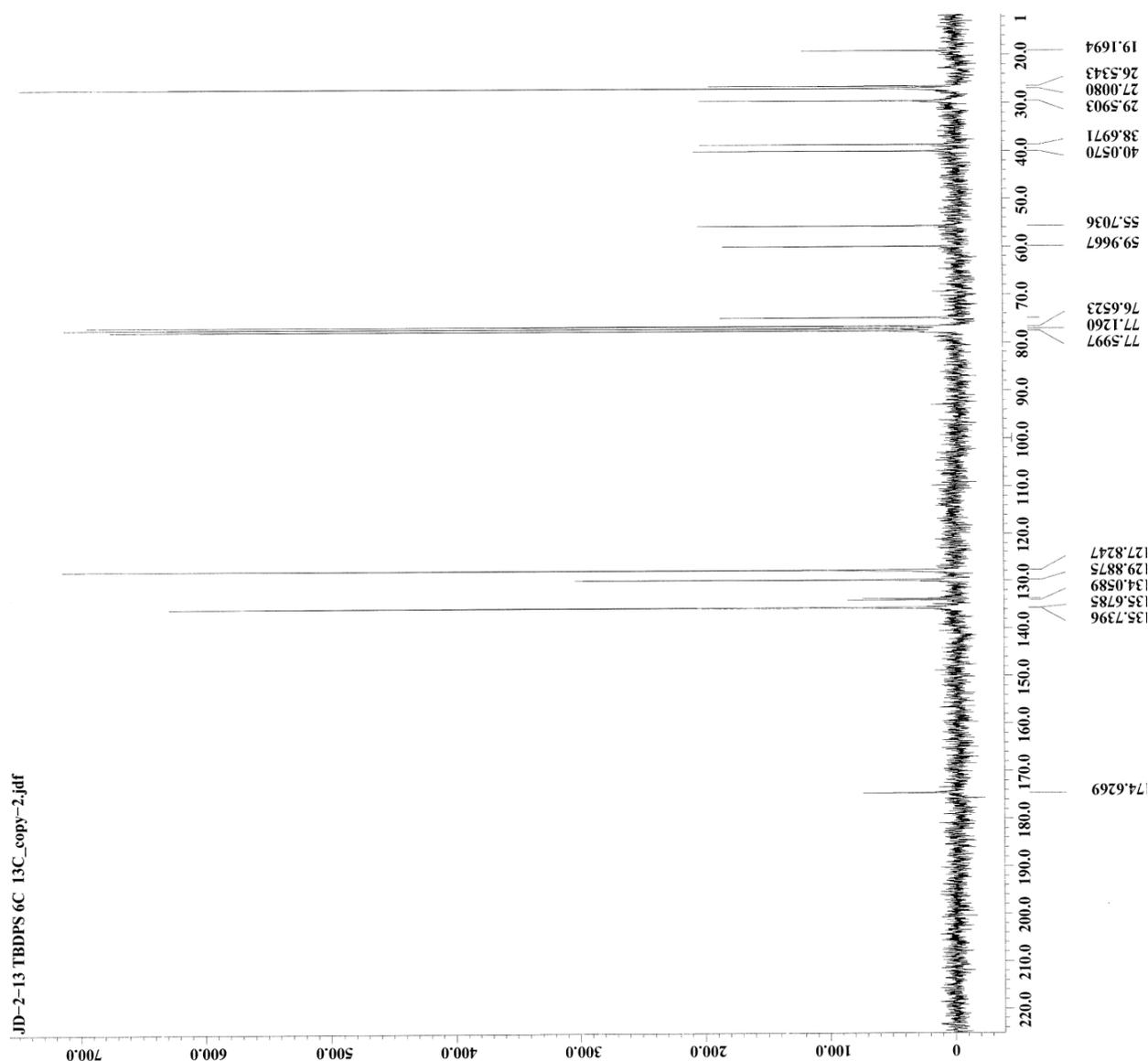


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR for 1,6-di(*trans*-4-*tert*butyldiphenylsiloxy-*L*-prolinamide) hexane.

3. Determination of Conversion and Diastereomeric Ratio via ^1H NMR

The conversion of the initial aldehyde into the target compound was determined by the integration of key peaks within the ^1H NMR spectra (Figure S9). The diastereomeric ratio was determined by integration of the chiral proton peaks for both the *syn* and the *anti* diastereomer.

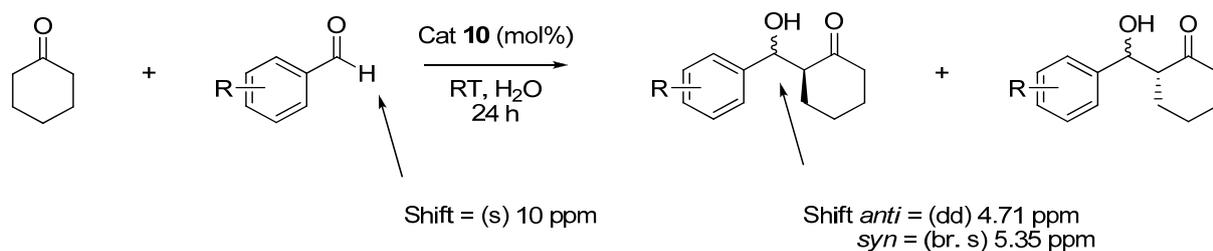
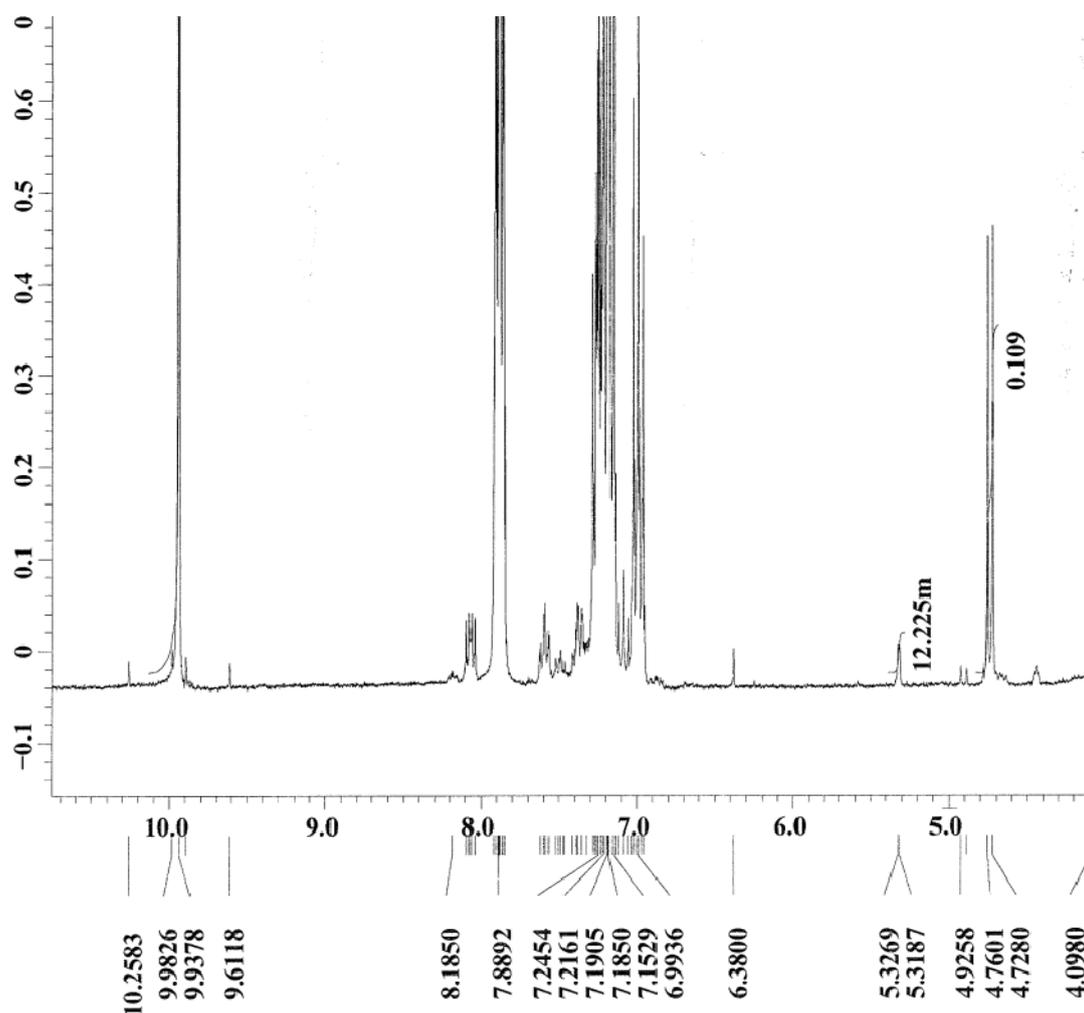
Figure S9. Worked example of determining conversion and dr.

Figure S9. Cont.



4. Determination of Enantiomeric Excess via Chiral HPLC

The enantiomeric excess was determined through the integration of each enantiomer investigating ionic effects applied to water based organocatalysed aldol reactions.

The chiral HPLC traces for each of the reactions carried out within the manuscript and their corresponding racemate standards are given here:

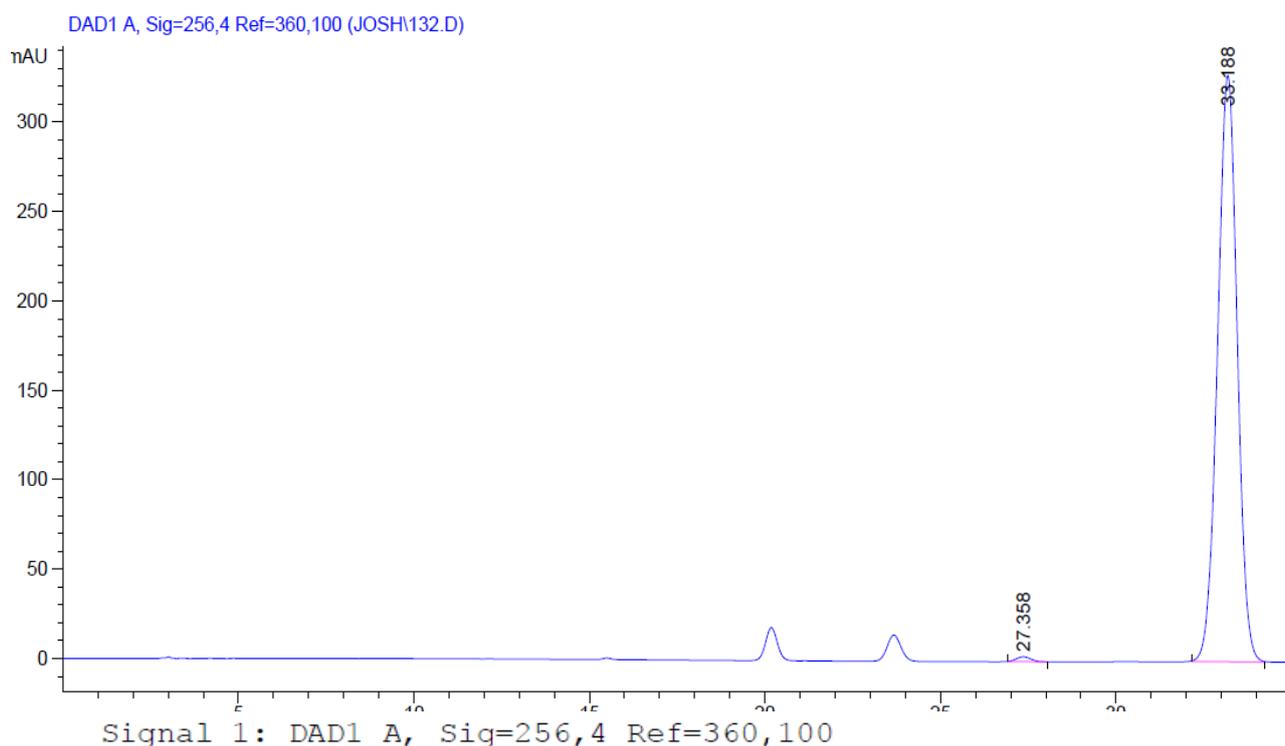
Table 1, entries 3–13 please refer to Figures S10–S23.

Table 2, entries 3–5 please refer to Figures S24–S26.

Table 3, entry 3 please refer to Figure S27.

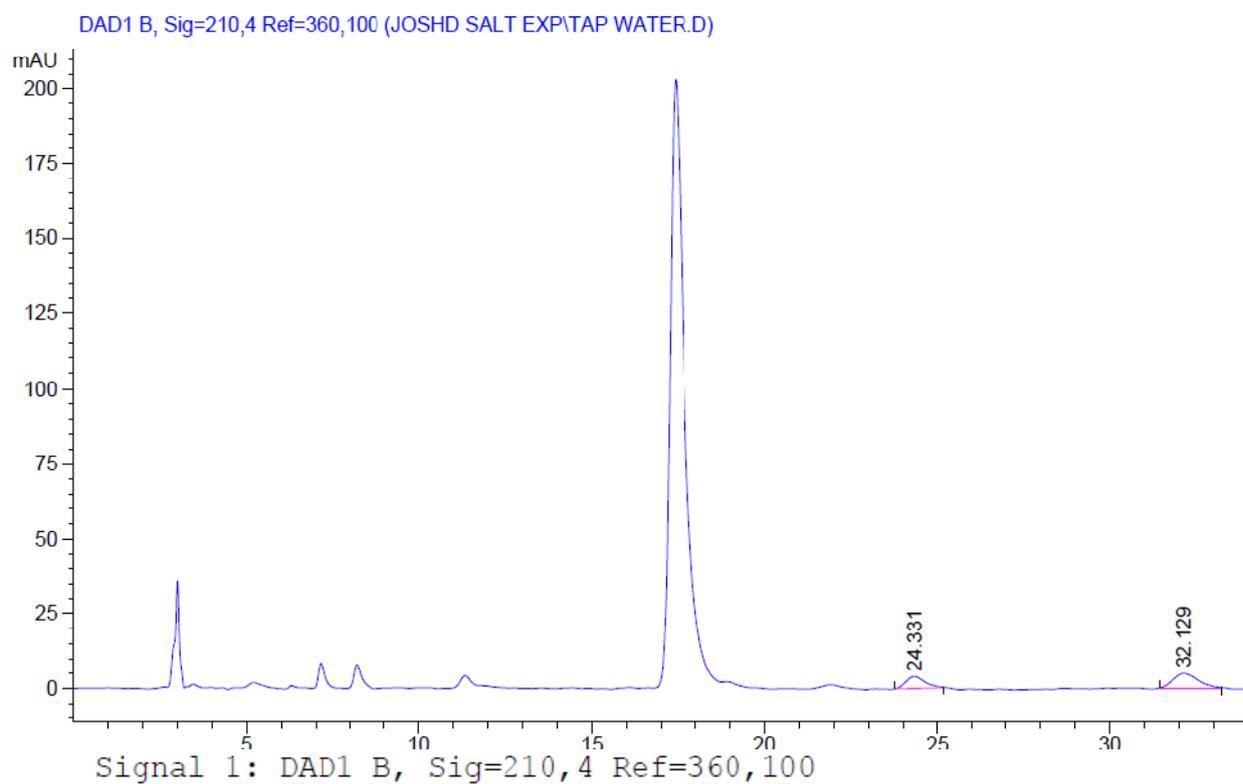
Table 4, entries 1–12 please refer to Figures S28–S42.

Figure S11. Deionized water (Table 1. Entry 1).



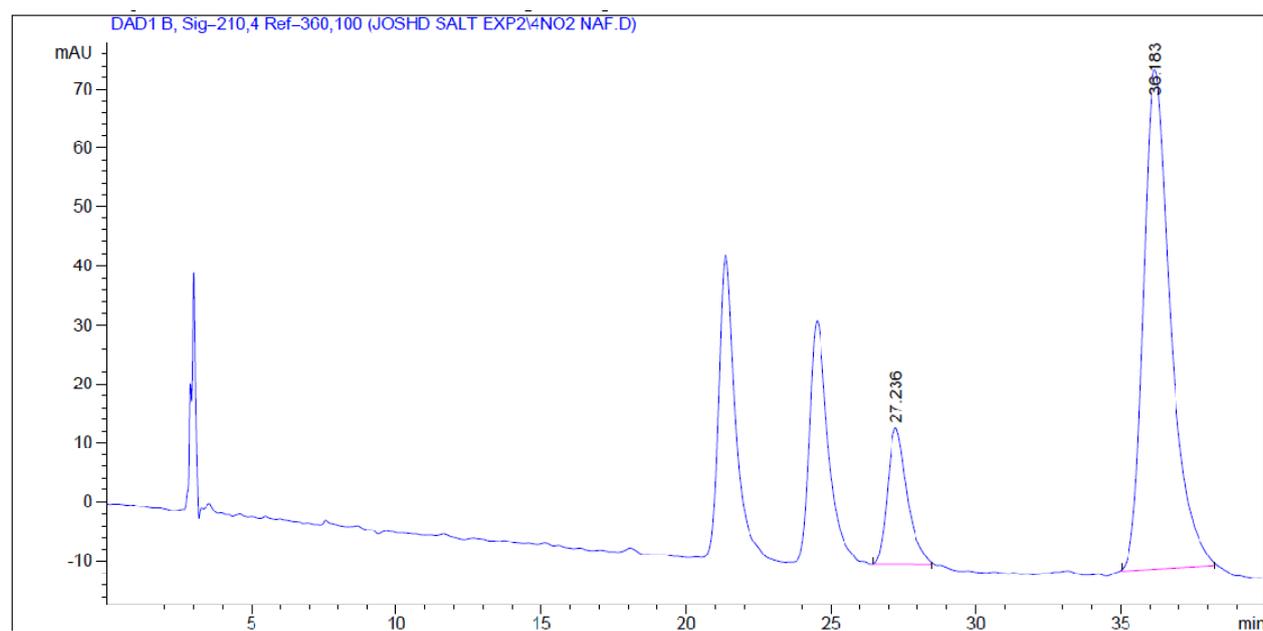
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| 1 | 27.358 | BB | 0.4265 | 77.65517 | 2.72491 | 0.6048 |
| 2 | 33.188 | BB | 0.6060 | 1.27614e4 | 327.92426 | 99.3952 |
| Totals : | | | | 1.28390e4 | 330.64916 | |

Figure S12. Tap water (Table 1. Entry 2).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
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| 1 | 24.331 | BB | 0.5401 | 155.29146 | 4.00709 | 39.2519 |
| 2 | 32.129 | BB | 0.6301 | 240.33600 | 4.86722 | 60.7481 |
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Figure S13. NaF (Table 1. Entry 3).

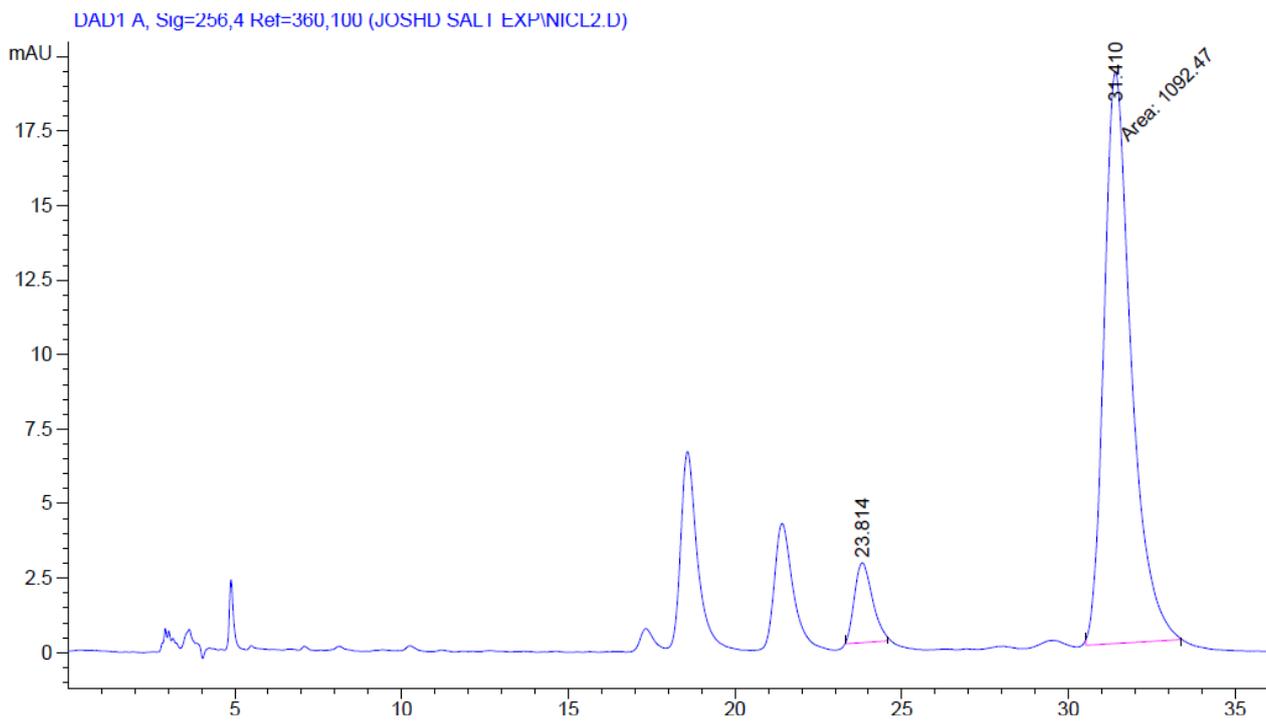


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| 1 | 27.236 | BB | 0.6895 | 1077.04529 | 23.12055 | 16.2939 |
| 2 | 36.183 | BB | 0.9799 | 5533.05908 | 84.72364 | 83.7061 |

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Figure S14. NaCl (Table 1. Entry 4).

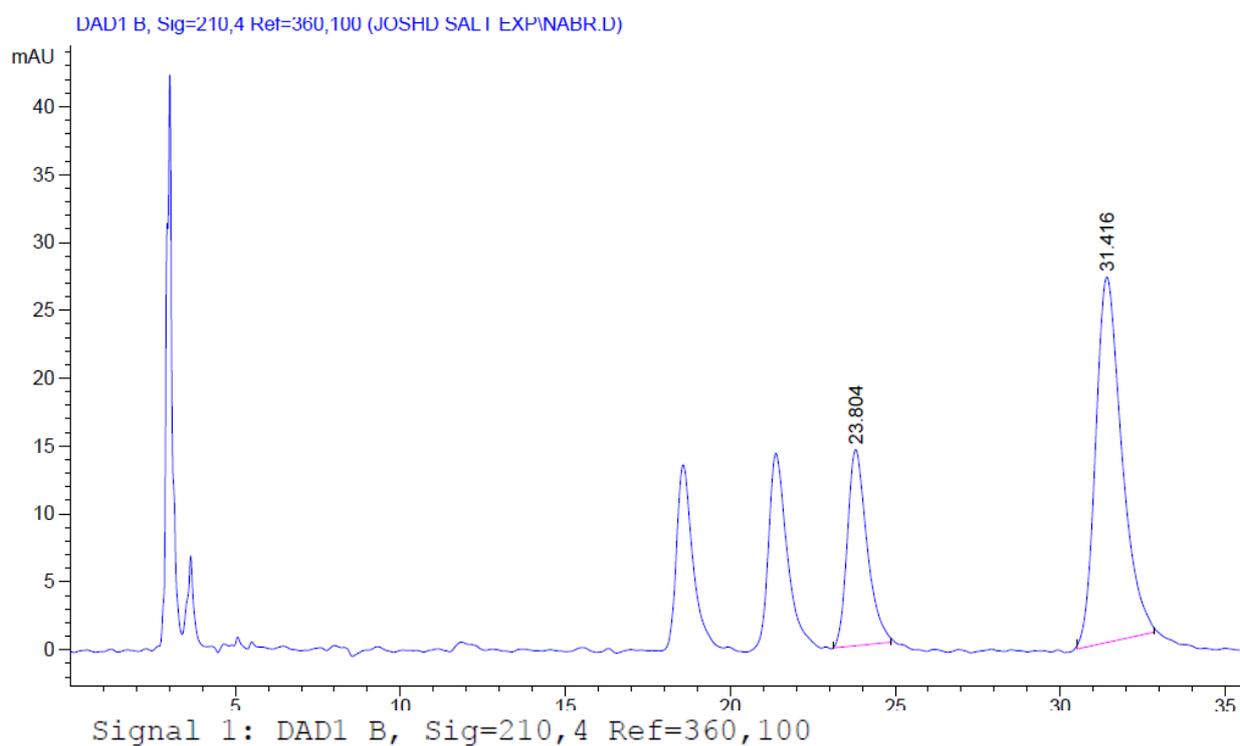


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| 1 | 23.814 | BB | 0.5484 | 100.19231 | 2.67867 | 8.4007 |
| 2 | 31.410 | MM | 0.9487 | 1092.46948 | 19.19181 | 91.5993 |

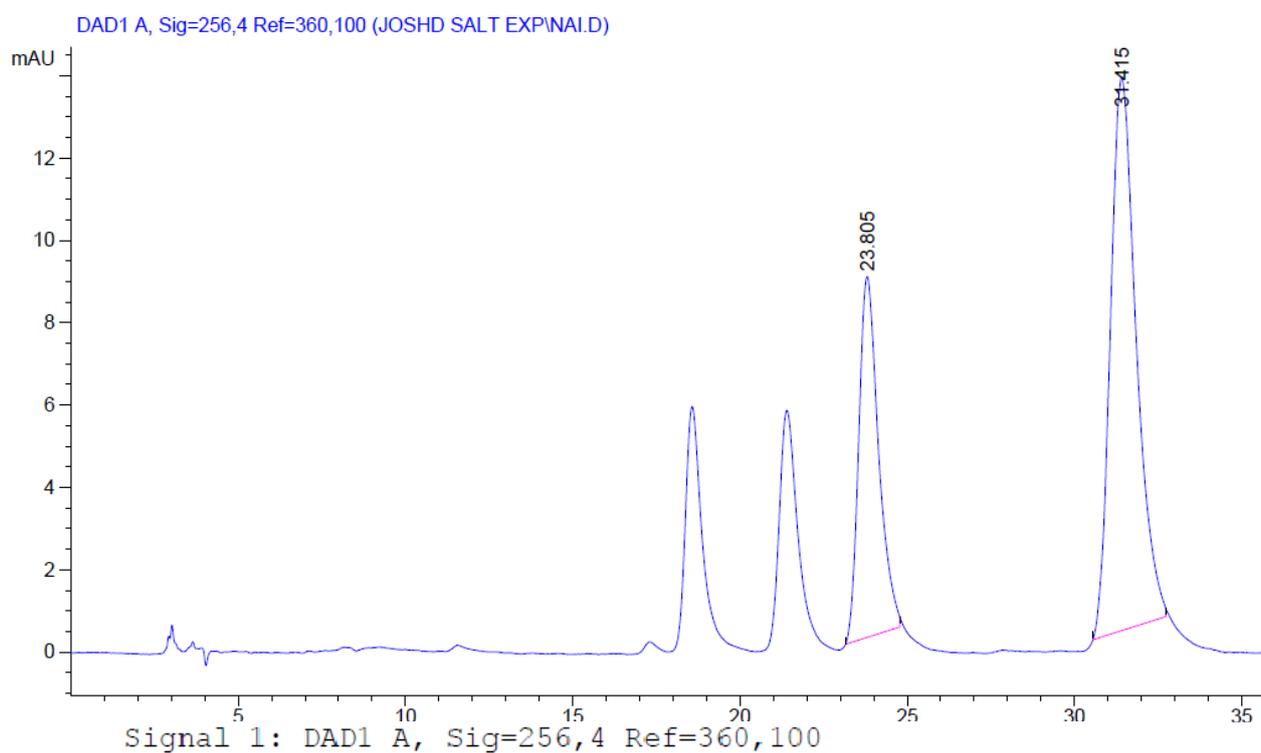
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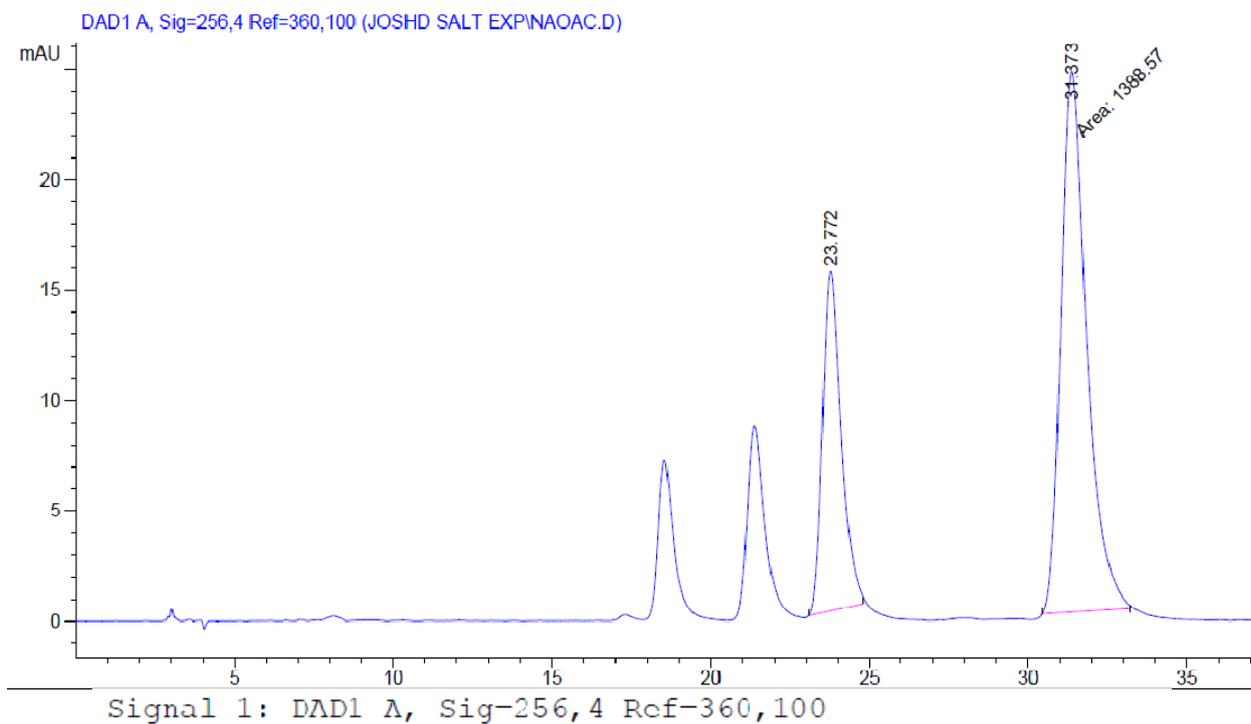
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| 1 | 23.804 | BB | 0.6119 | 599.31458 | 14.44799 | 28.7730 |
| 2 | 31.416 | BB | 0.8010 | 1483.59204 | 26.91704 | 71.2270 |
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Figure S16. NaI (Table 1. Entry 6).



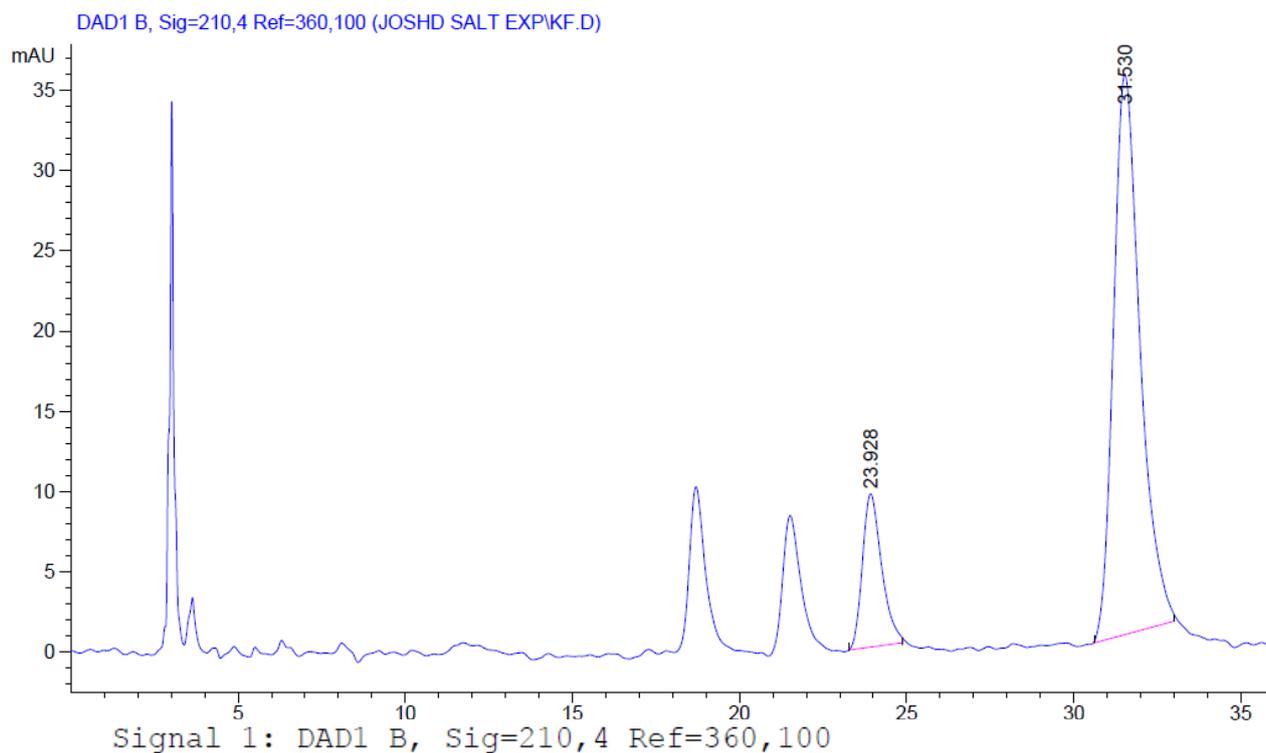
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| 1 | 23.805 | BB | 0.6099 | 359.02625 | 8.76449 | 33.2814 |
| 2 | 31.415 | BB | 0.7865 | 719.73309 | 13.44572 | 66.7186 |
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Figure S17. NaOAc (Table 1. Entry 7).



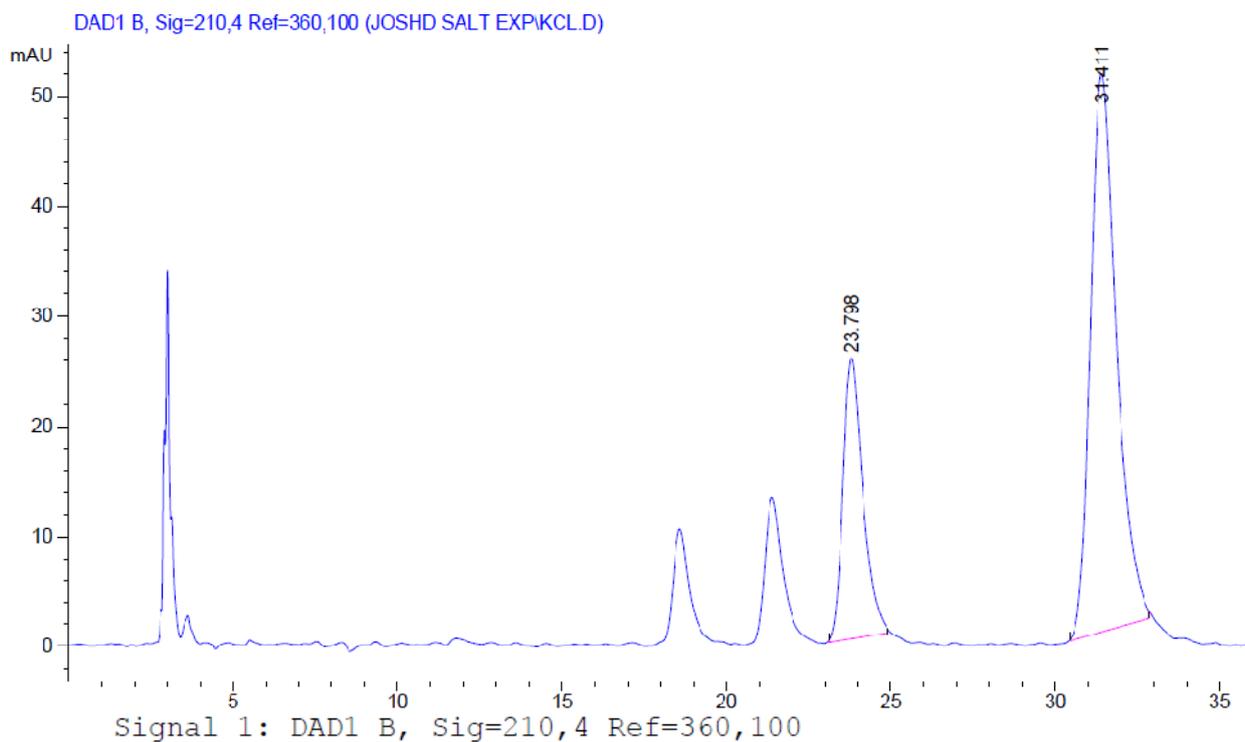
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| 1 | 23.772 | BB | 0.6176 | 629.53204 | 15.37830 | 31.1943 |
| 2 | 31.373 | MM | 0.9454 | 1388.56677 | 24.47832 | 68.8057 |
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Figure S18. KF (Table 1. Entry 8).



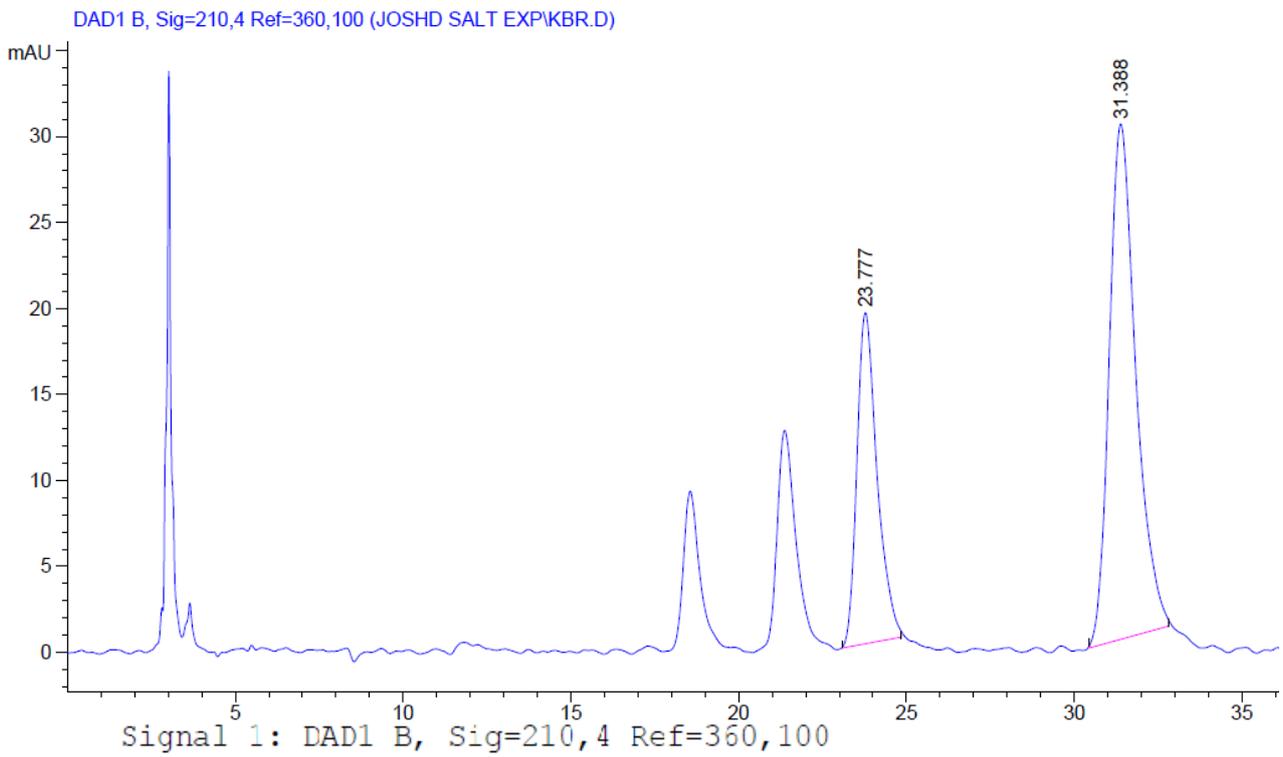
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| 1 | 23.928 | BB | 0.5732 | 382.14053 | 9.54243 | 16.4998 |
| 2 | 31.530 | BB | 0.8187 | 1933.88562 | 34.88565 | 83.5002 |
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Figure S19. KCl (Table 1 Entry 9).



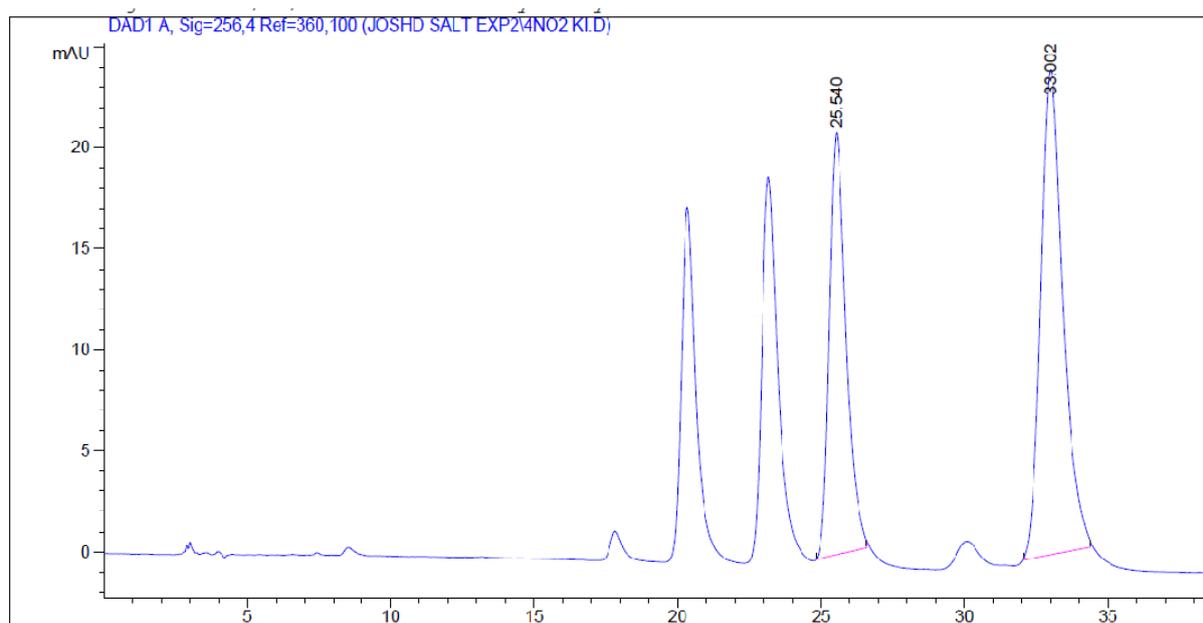
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| 2 | 31.411 | BB | 0.8233 | 2798.31812 | 50.74677 | 72.3390 |
| Totals : | | | | 3868.33752 | 76.25839 | |

Figure S20. KBr (Table 1. Entry 10).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
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| 1 | 23.777 | BB | 0.6168 | 803.50037 | 19.25532 | 32.7264 |
| 2 | 31.388 | BB | 0.8150 | 1651.70789 | 29.97088 | 67.2736 |
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Figure S21. KI (Table 1. Entry 11).

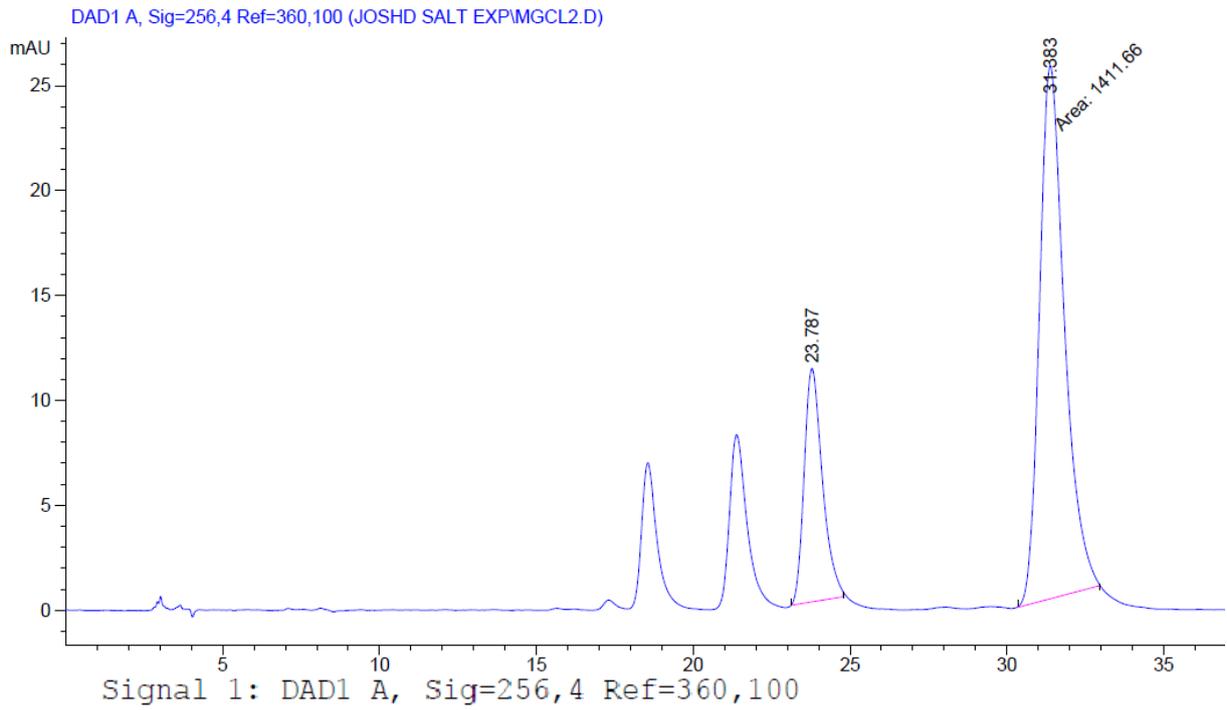


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| 1 | 25.540 | BB | 0.6069 | 849.36493 | 20.86427 | 39.5998 |
| 2 | 33.002 | BB | 0.8153 | 1295.50867 | 24.01902 | 60.4002 |

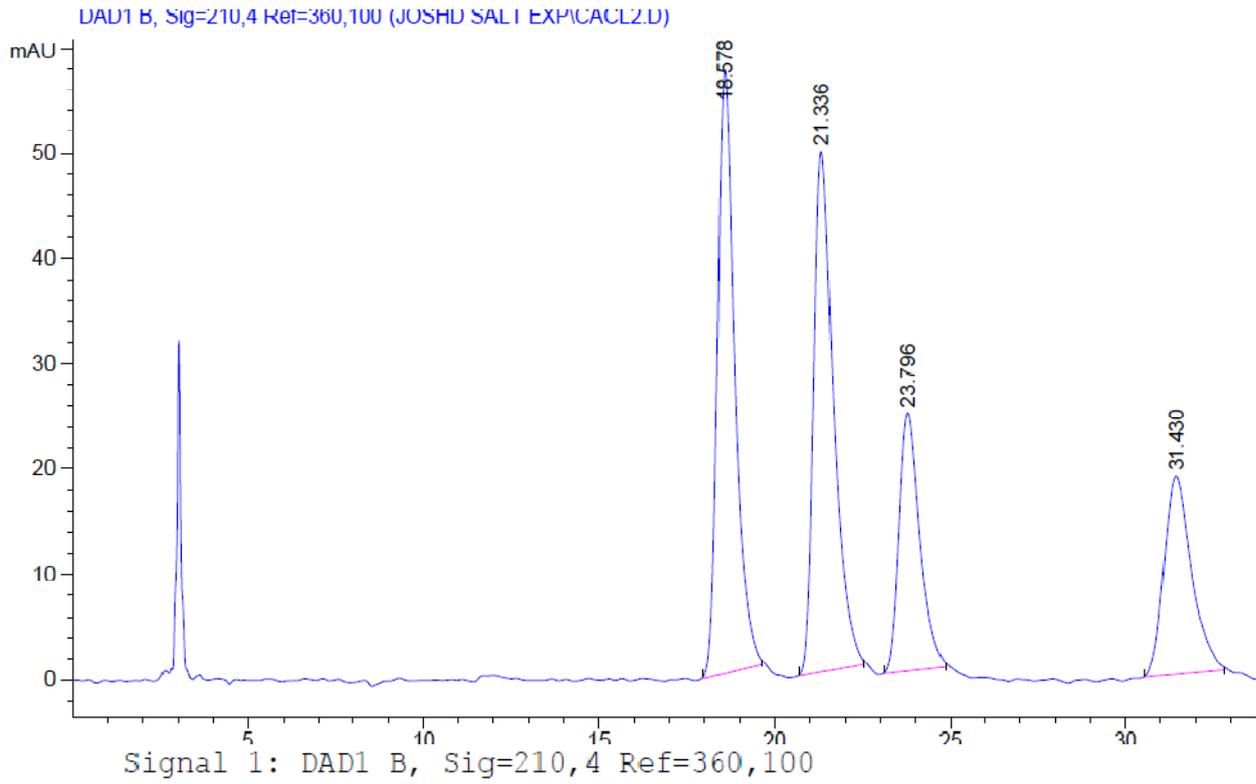
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Figure S22. MgCl₂ (Table 1. Entry 12).



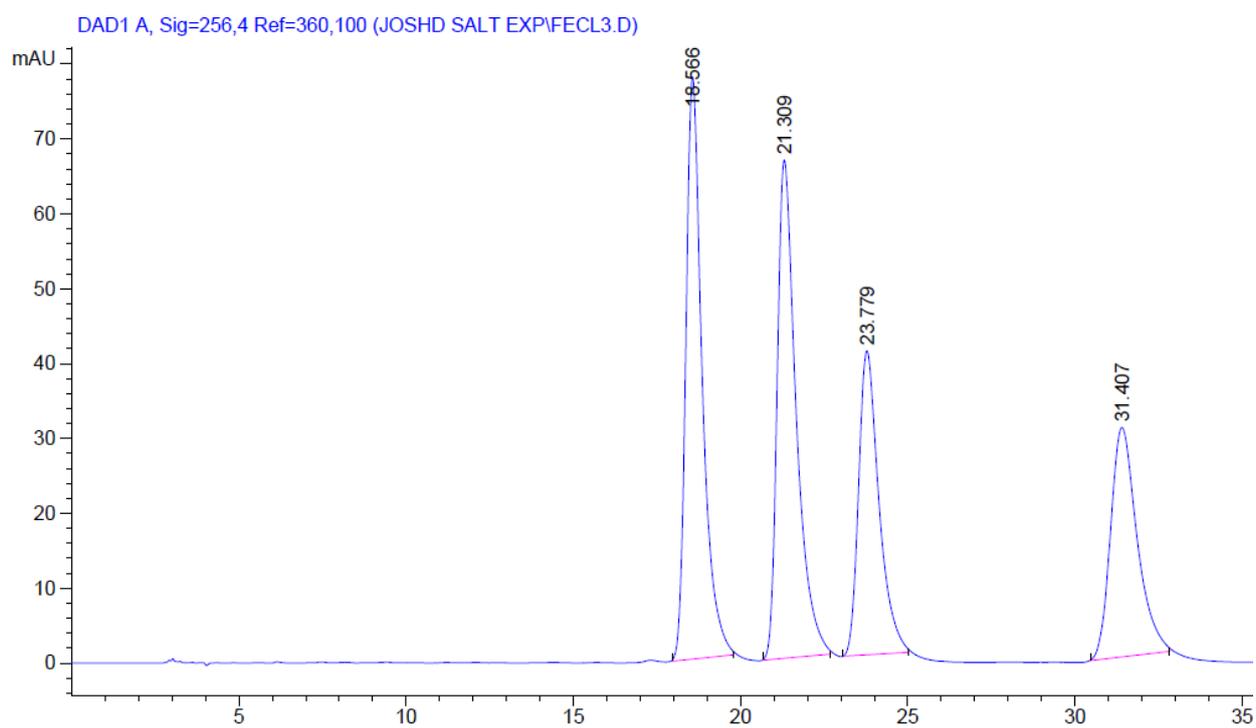
| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 23.787 | BB | 0.6070 | 451.06885 | 11.12597 | 24.2155 |
| 2 | 31.383 | MM | 0.9254 | 1411.65613 | 25.42332 | 75.7845 |
| Totals : | | | | 1862.72498 | 36.54929 | |

Figure S23. CaCl₂ (Table 1. Entry 13).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 18.578 | BB | 0.5044 | 1929.41626 | 57.35960 | 32.9100 |
| 2 | 21.336 | BB | 0.5725 | 1900.60657 | 49.43597 | 32.4186 |
| 3 | 23.796 | BB | 0.6216 | 1013.38007 | 24.54660 | 17.2852 |
| 4 | 31.430 | BB | 0.7955 | 1019.29962 | 18.77133 | 17.3862 |
| Totals : | | | | 5862.70251 | 150.11350 | |

Figure S24. FeCl₃ (Table 2. Entry 3).

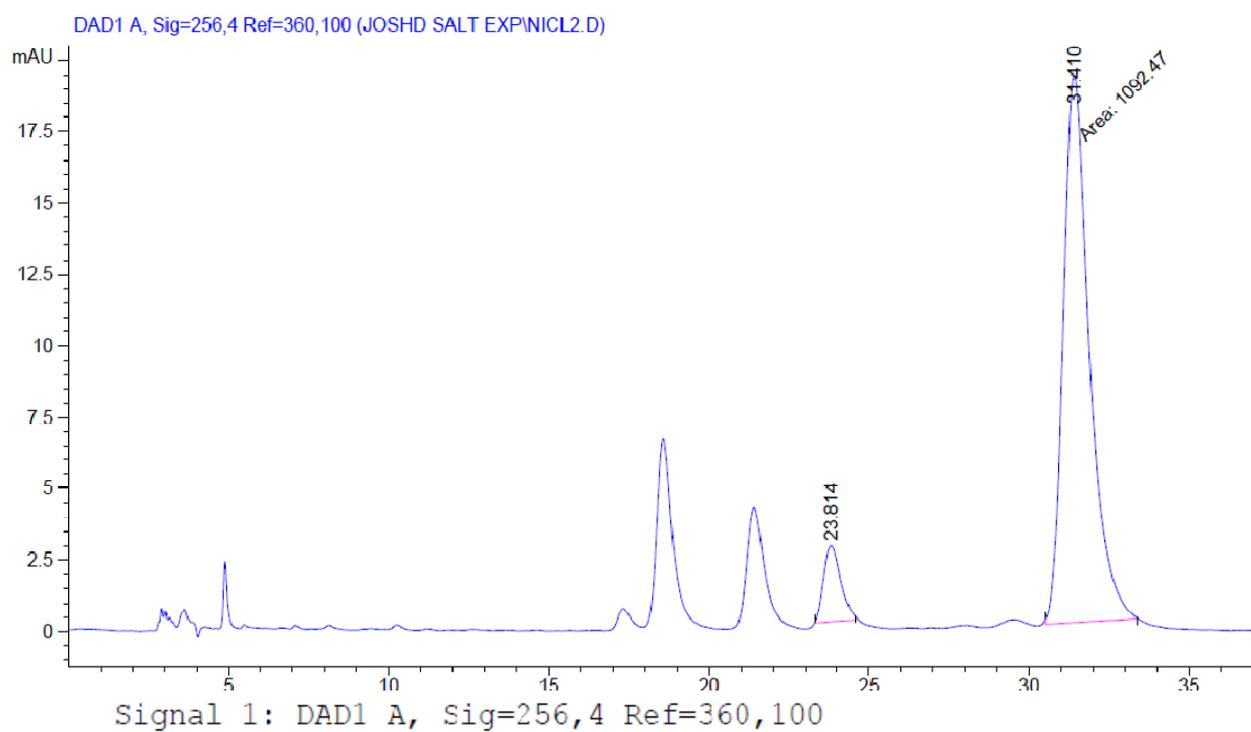


Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=256,4 Ref=360,100

| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 18.566 | BB | 0.5051 | 2646.53809 | 77.74623 | 30.5194 |
| 2 | 21.309 | BB | 0.5880 | 2624.30933 | 66.55499 | 30.2631 |
| 3 | 23.779 | BB | 0.6322 | 1712.61536 | 40.59334 | 19.7496 |
| 4 | 31.407 | BB | 0.8247 | 1688.18457 | 30.64598 | 19.4679 |

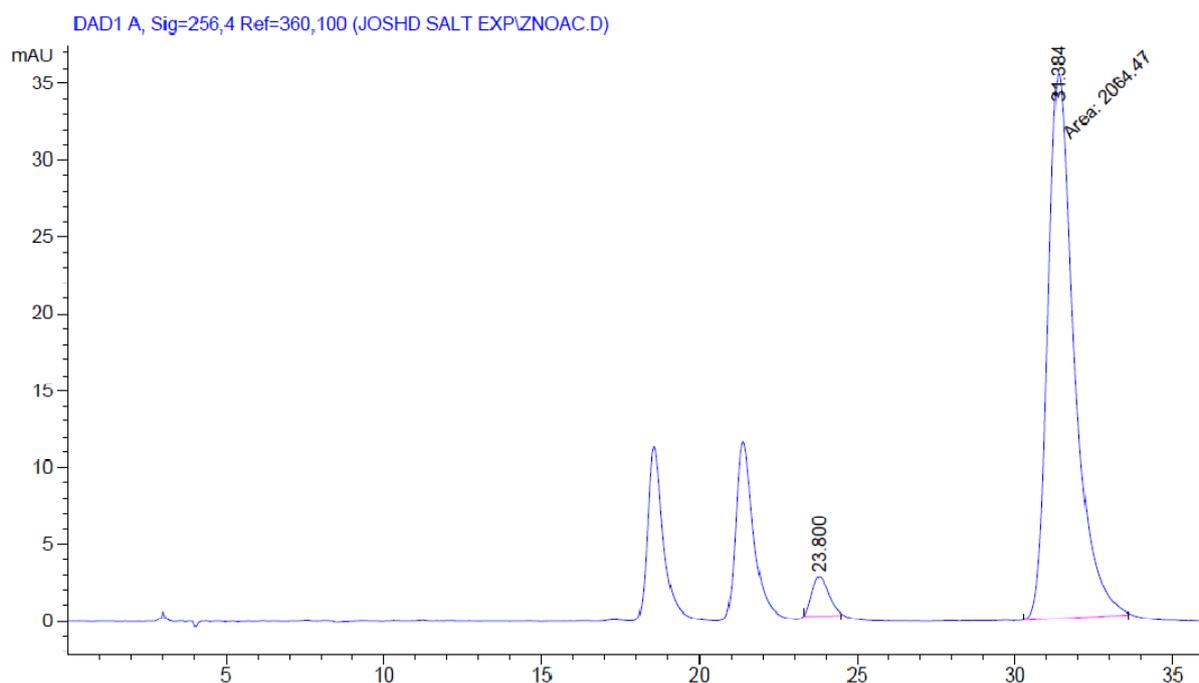
Totals : 8671.64734 215.54055

Figure S25. NiCl₂ (Table 2. Entry 4).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 23.814 | BB | 0.5484 | 100.19231 | 2.67867 | 8.4007 |
| 2 | 31.410 | MM | 0.9487 | 1092.46948 | 19.19181 | 91.5993 |
| Totals : | | | | 1192.66179 | 21.87049 | |

Figure S26. ZnOAc (Table 2. Entry 5).

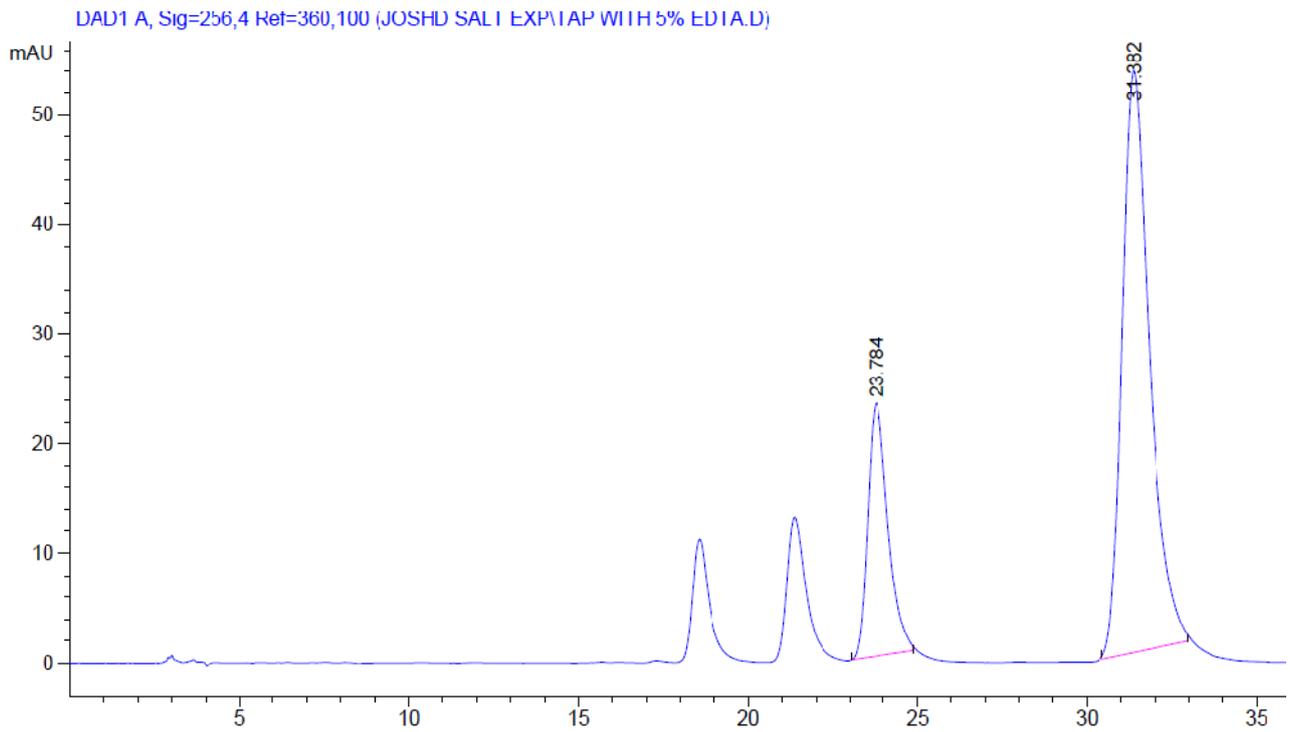


Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=256,4 Ref=360,100

| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 23.800 | BB | 0.5215 | 90.98940 | 2.50675 | 4.2213 |
| 2 | 31.384 | MM | 0.9698 | 2064.47485 | 35.47806 | 95.7787 |

Totals : 2155.46425 37.98481

Figure S27. EDTA in tap water (5% w/w) (Table 3. Entry 3).

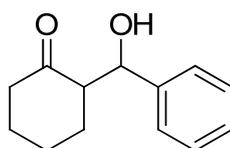


Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=256,4 Ref=360,100

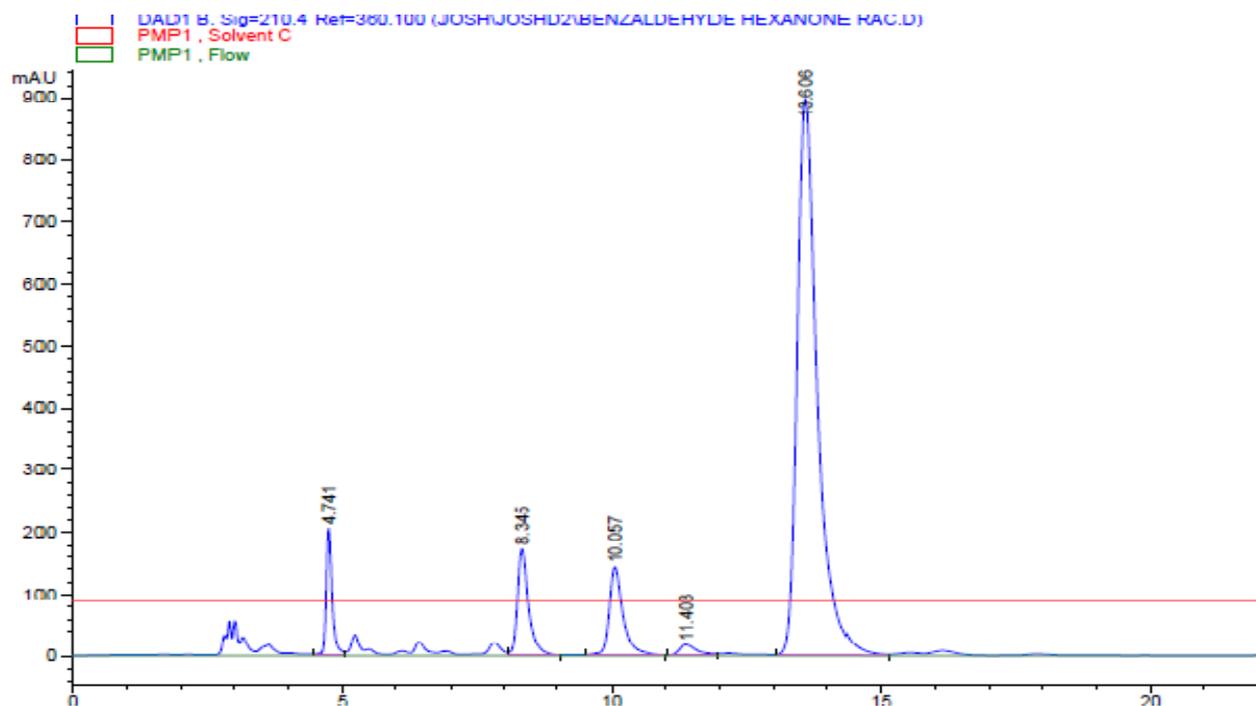
| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 23.784 | BB | 0.6181 | 954.94098 | 23.10849 | 24.3120 |
| 2 | 31.382 | BB | 0.8352 | 2972.91479 | 53.09694 | 75.6880 |

Totals : 3927.85577 76.20543

Figure S28. 2-[Hydroxy-(phenyl)-methyl]-cyclohexanone.



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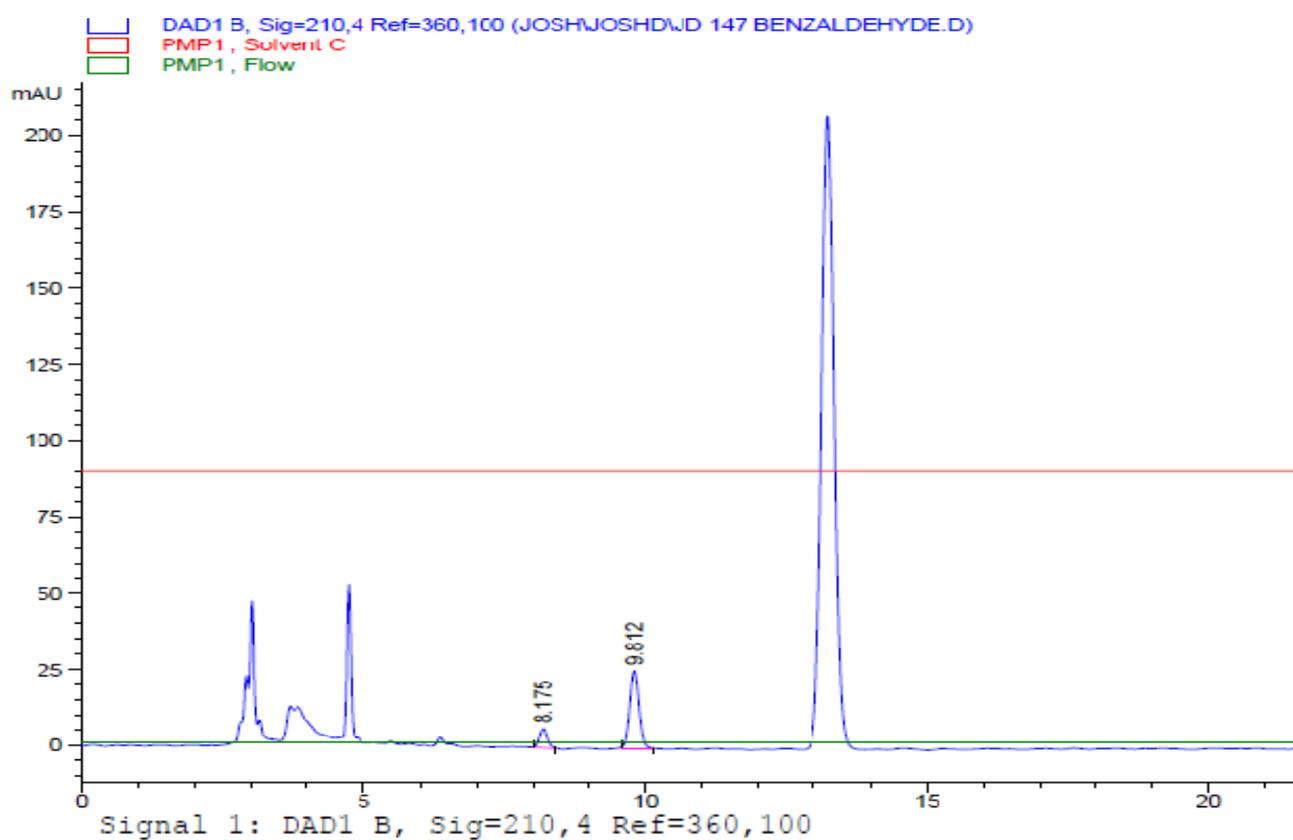


Signal 1: DAD1 B, Sig=210,4 Ref=360,100

| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 4.741 | VV | 0.1172 | 1598.28735 | 204.39705 | 4.7671 |
| 2 | 8.345 | VB | 0.2121 | 2479.68359 | 172.13239 | 7.3960 |
| 3 | 10.057 | BB | 0.2677 | 2567.86621 | 141.48685 | 7.6590 |
| 4 | 11.403 | BB | 0.3225 | 373.11096 | 16.97196 | 1.1128 |
| 5 | 13.606 | BB | 0.3943 | 2.37050e4 | 896.97095 | 70.7031 |
| 6 | 30.788 | BB | 0.8742 | 2803.60693 | 43.22908 | 8.3621 |

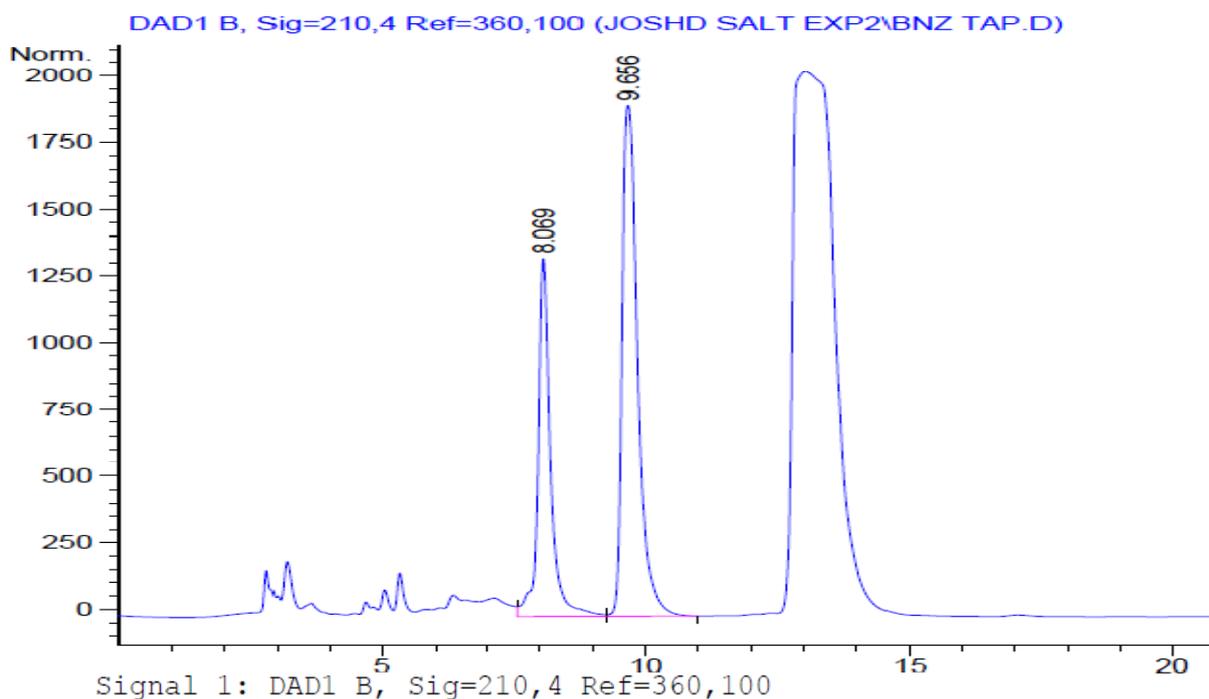
Totals : 3.35276e4 1480.18826

Figure S29. DI water (Table 4. Entry 1).



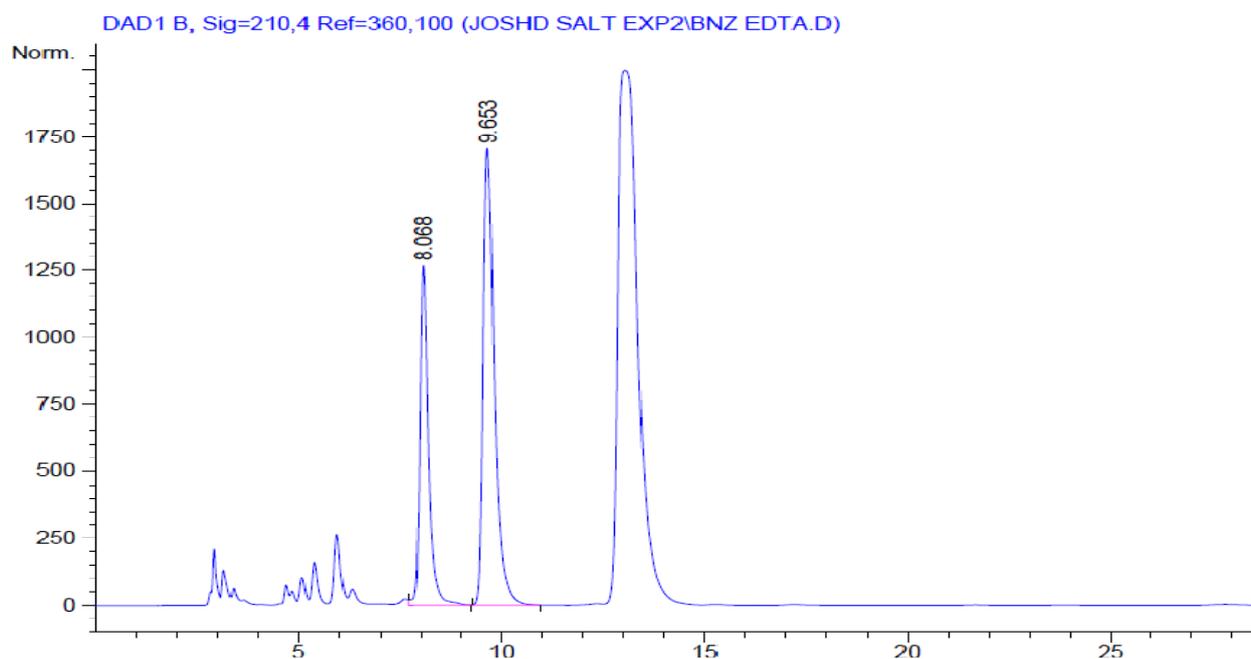
| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 8.175 | BB | 0.1476 | 59.21001 | 6.18892 | 17.0732 |
| 2 | 9.812 | BB | 0.1730 | 287.59024 | 25.61430 | 82.9268 |
| Totals : | | | | 346.80025 | 31.80321 | |

Figure S30. Tap water (Table 4. Entry 2).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 8.069 | VV | 0.2416 | 2.22690e4 | 1342.13904 | 35.8775 |
| 2 | 9.656 | VB | 0.3162 | 3.98006e4 | 1917.19153 | 64.1225 |
| Totals : | | | | 6.20696e4 | 3259.33057 | |

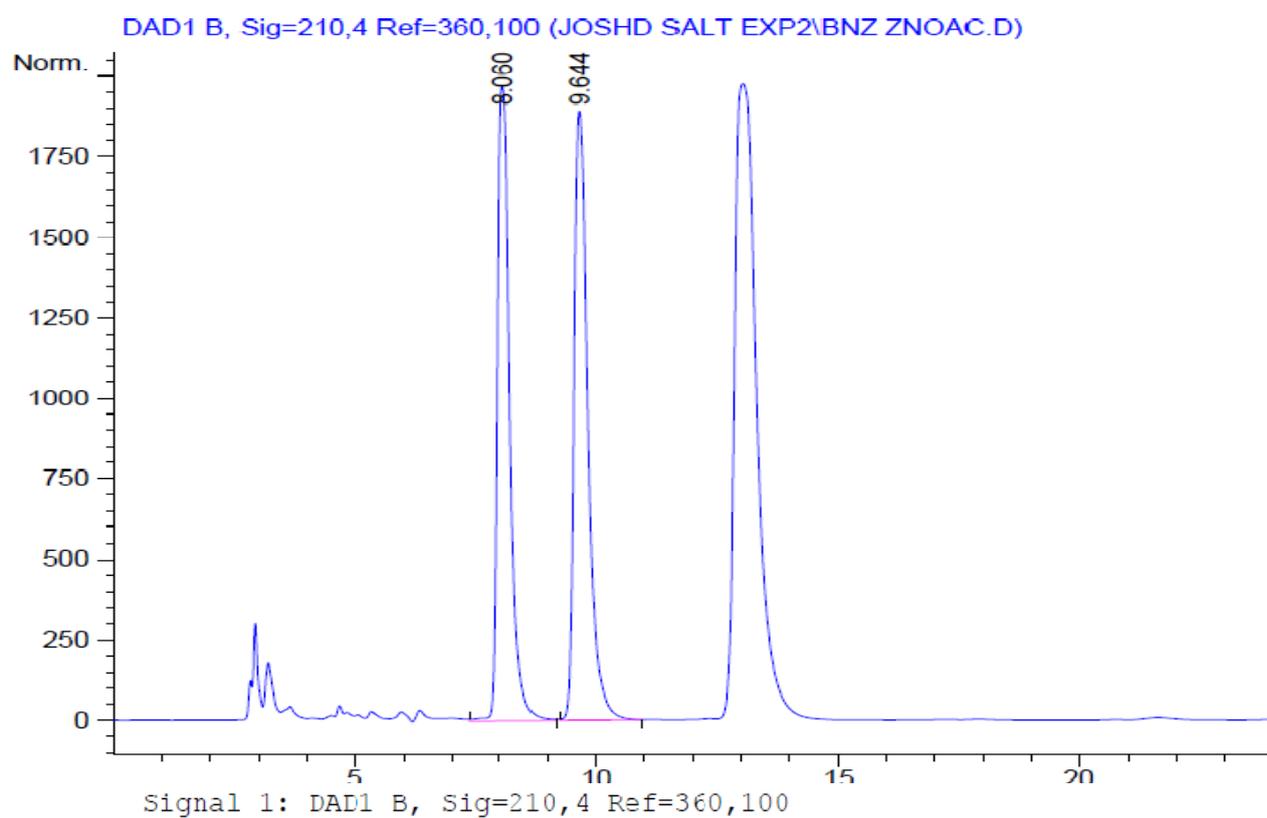
Figure S31. EDTA in tap water (5% w/w) (Table 4. Entry 3)



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 8.069 | VV | 0.2416 | 2.22690e4 | 1342.13904 | 35.8775 |
| 2 | 9.656 | VB | 0.3162 | 3.98006e4 | 1917.19153 | 64.1225 |

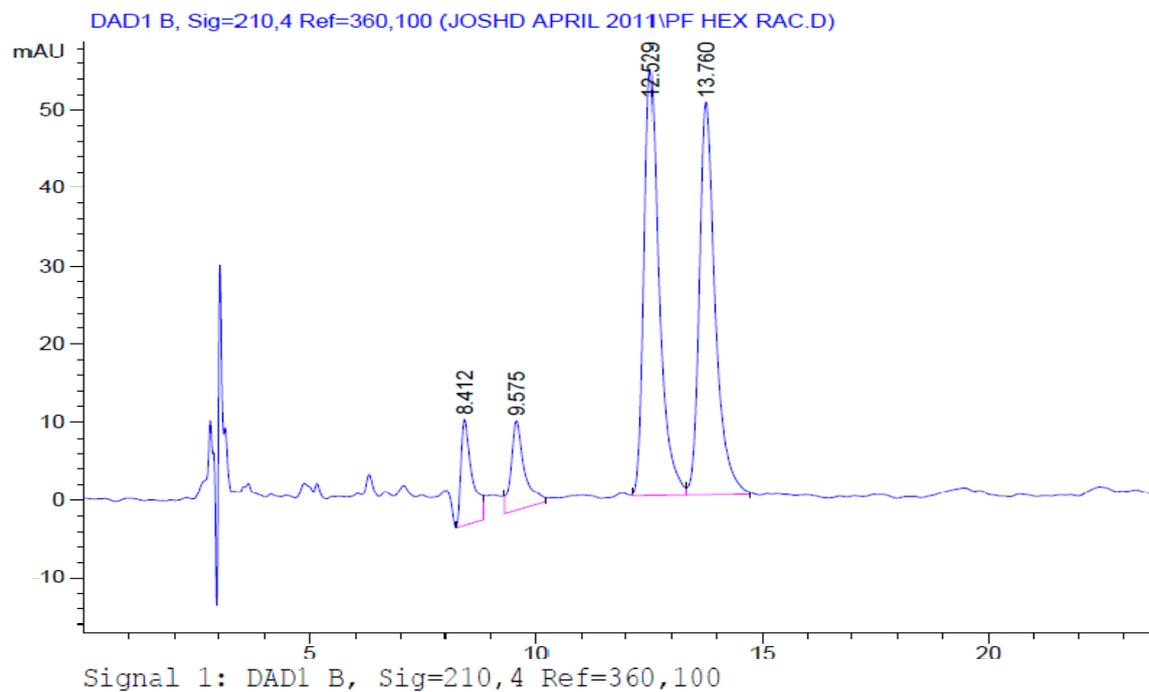
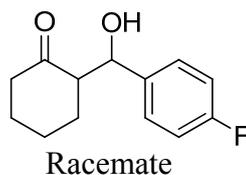
Totals : 6.20696e4 3259.33057

Figure S32. ZnOAc₂ (Table 4, Entry 4).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 8.060 | VB | 0.2742 | 3.51967e4 | 1972.23157 | 48.0128 |
| 2 | 9.644 | BB | 0.3069 | 3.81103e4 | 1892.85742 | 51.9872 |
| Totals : | | | | 7.33070e4 | 3865.08899 | |

Figure S33. 2-[Hydroxy-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methyl]-cyclohexanone.



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 8.412 | VB | 0.2505 | 233.07262 | 13.42521 | 7.9207 |
| 2 | 9.575 | BB | 0.3017 | 239.56458 | 11.37315 | 8.1413 |
| 3 | 12.529 | BV | 0.3286 | 1220.61682 | 54.63713 | 41.4810 |
| 4 | 13.760 | VB | 0.3695 | 1249.33500 | 50.33954 | 42.4570 |

Figure S34. DI water (Table 4, Entry 5).

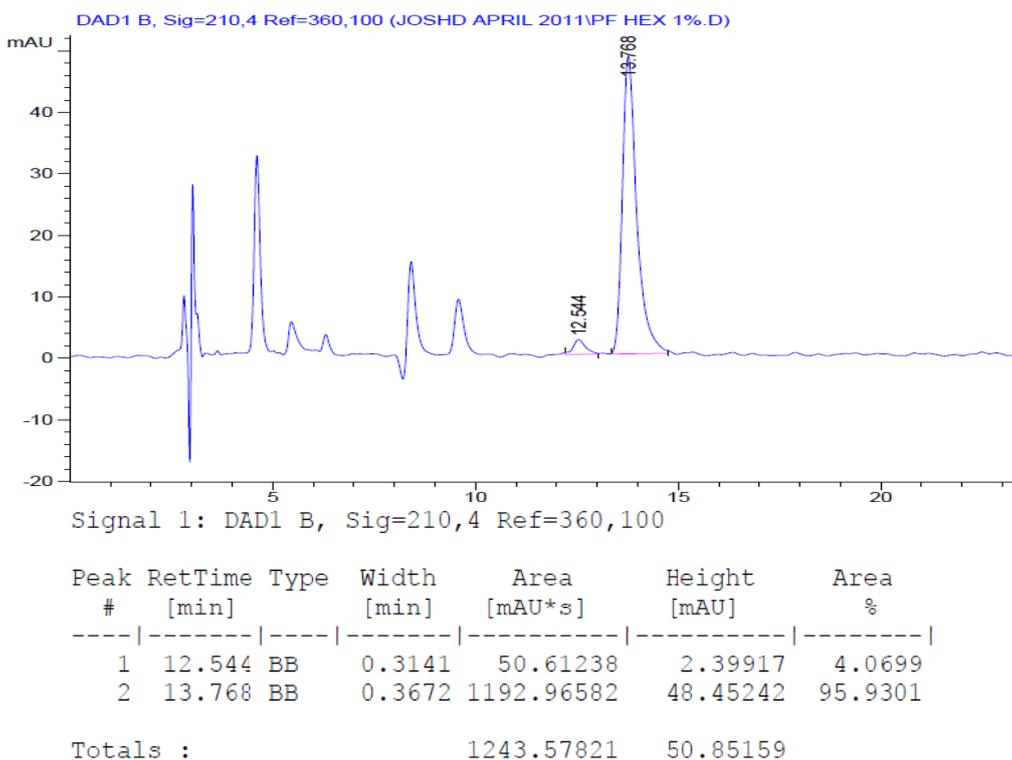


Figure S35. Tap water (Table 4, Entry 6).

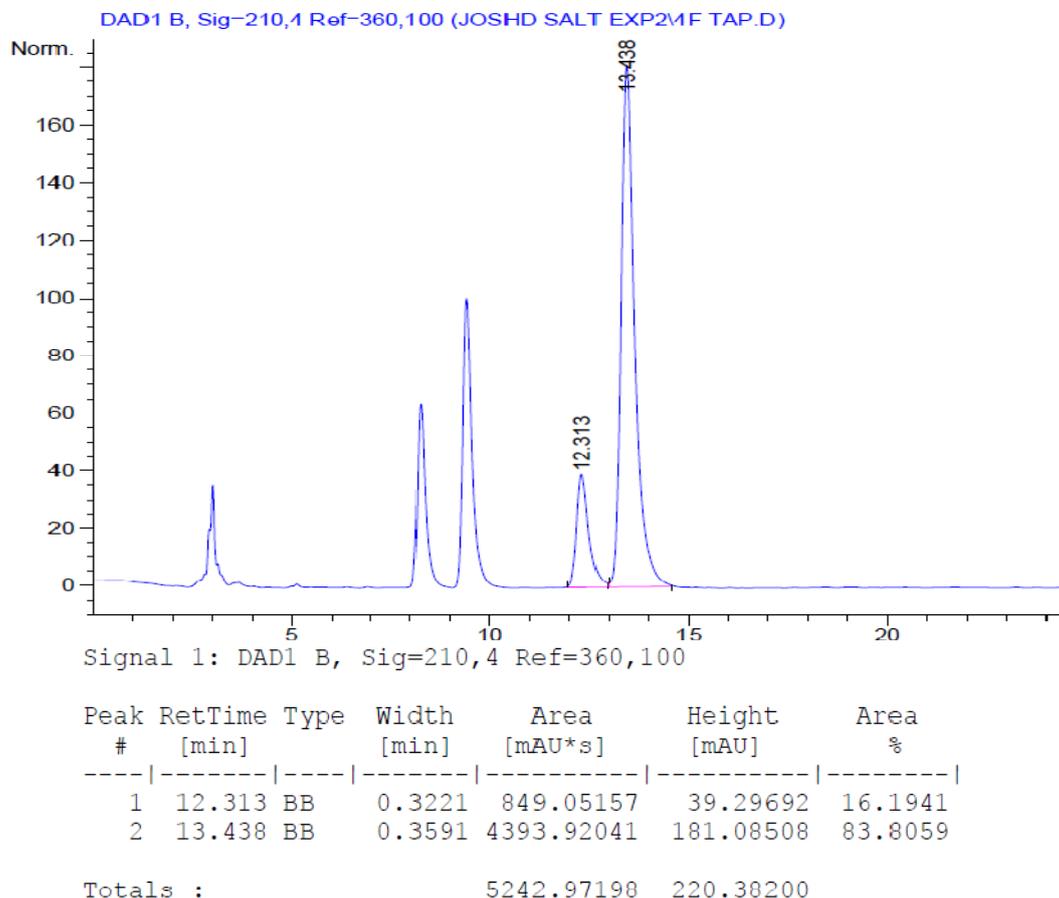


Figure S36. EDTA in tap water (5% w/w) (Table 4. Entry 7).

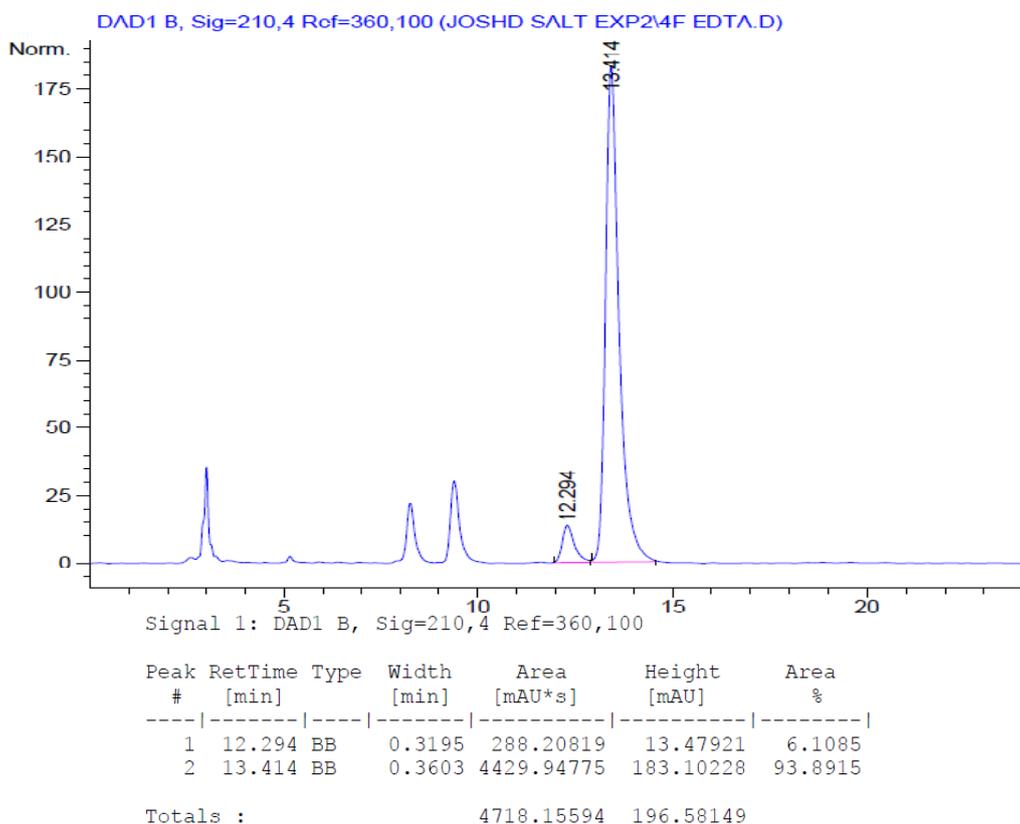


Figure S37. ZnOAc₂ (Table 4, Entry 8).

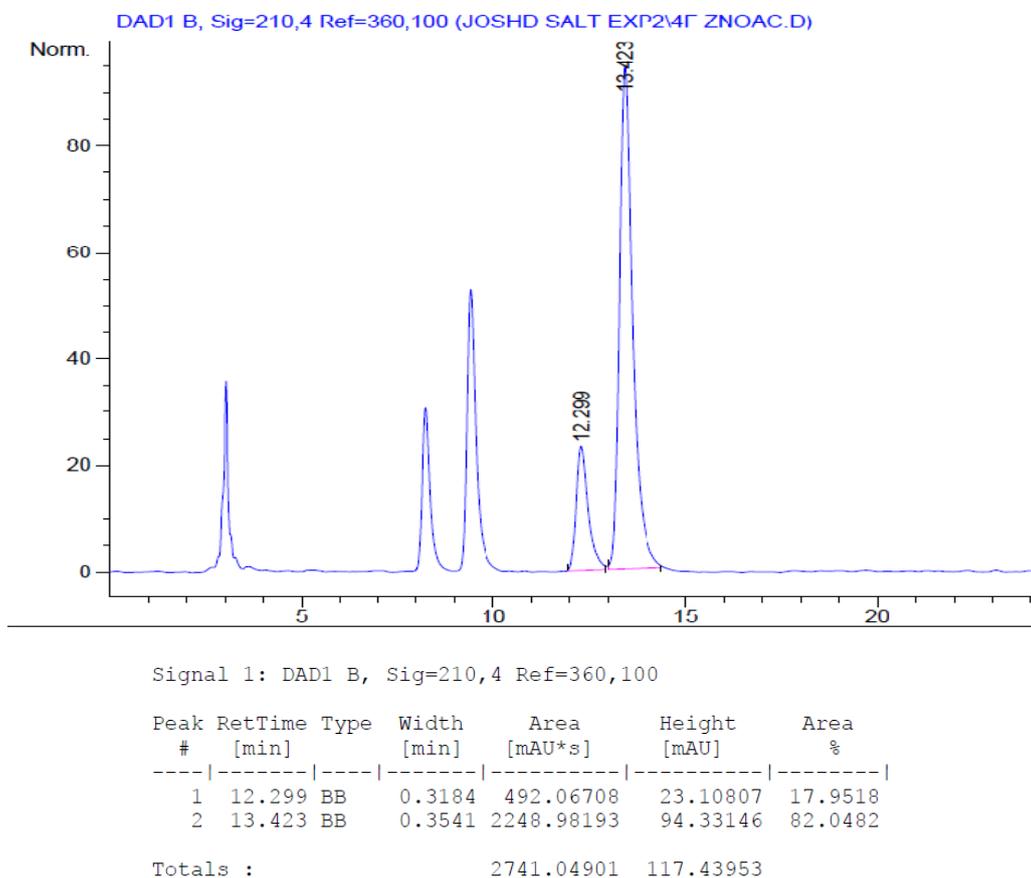
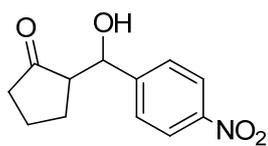
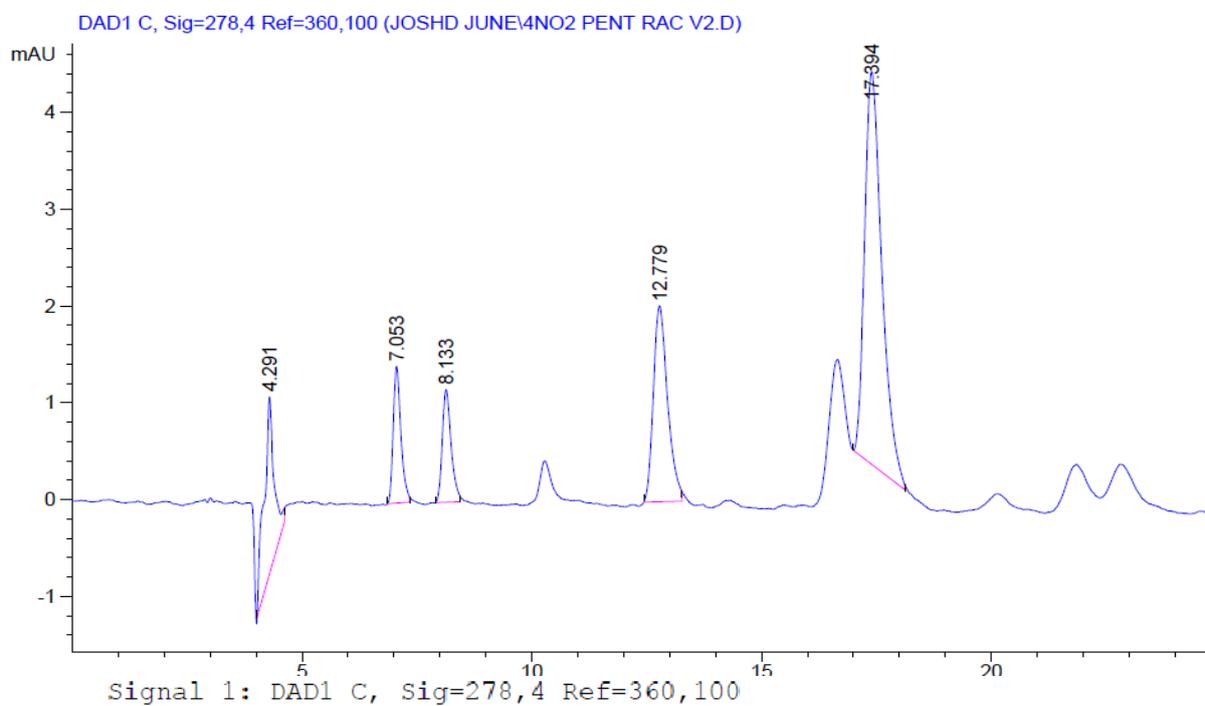


Figure S38. 2-[Hydroxy-(4-nitro-phenyl)-methyl]-cyclopentanone.

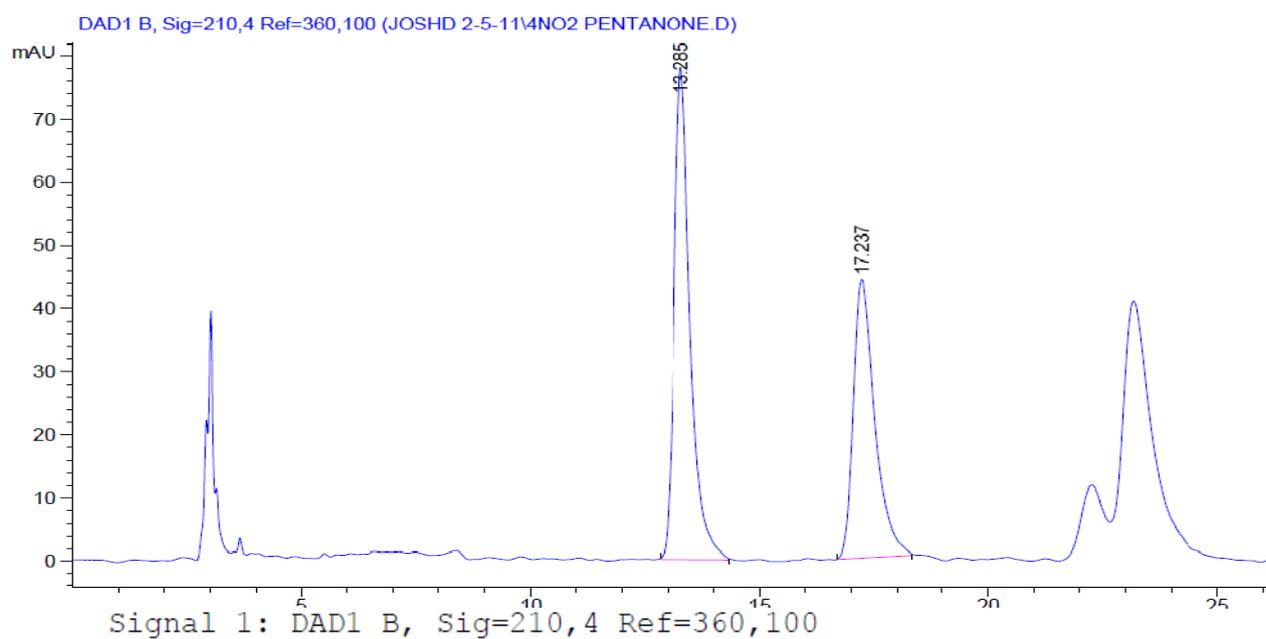


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| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|--------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 4.291 | BB | 0.2023 | 27.93900 | 1.82841 | 13.3428 |
| 2 | 7.053 | BB | 0.1733 | 16.38140 | 1.41283 | 7.8232 |
| 3 | 8.133 | BB | 0.2005 | 15.59259 | 1.16262 | 7.4465 |
| 4 | 12.779 | BB | 0.3093 | 43.58838 | 2.02334 | 20.8164 |
| 5 | 17.394 | BB | 0.3886 | 105.89257 | 4.05558 | 50.5710 |

Figure S39. DI water (Table 4. Entry 9).



| Peak # | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | Area [mAU*s] | Height [mAU] | Area % |
|----------|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | 13.285 | BB | 0.3633 | 1905.12170 | 77.91515 | 57.2065 |
| 2 | 17.237 | BB | 0.4848 | 1425.13110 | 44.13097 | 42.7935 |
| Totals : | | | | 3330.25281 | 122.04612 | |

Figure S40. Tap water (Table 4. Entry 10).

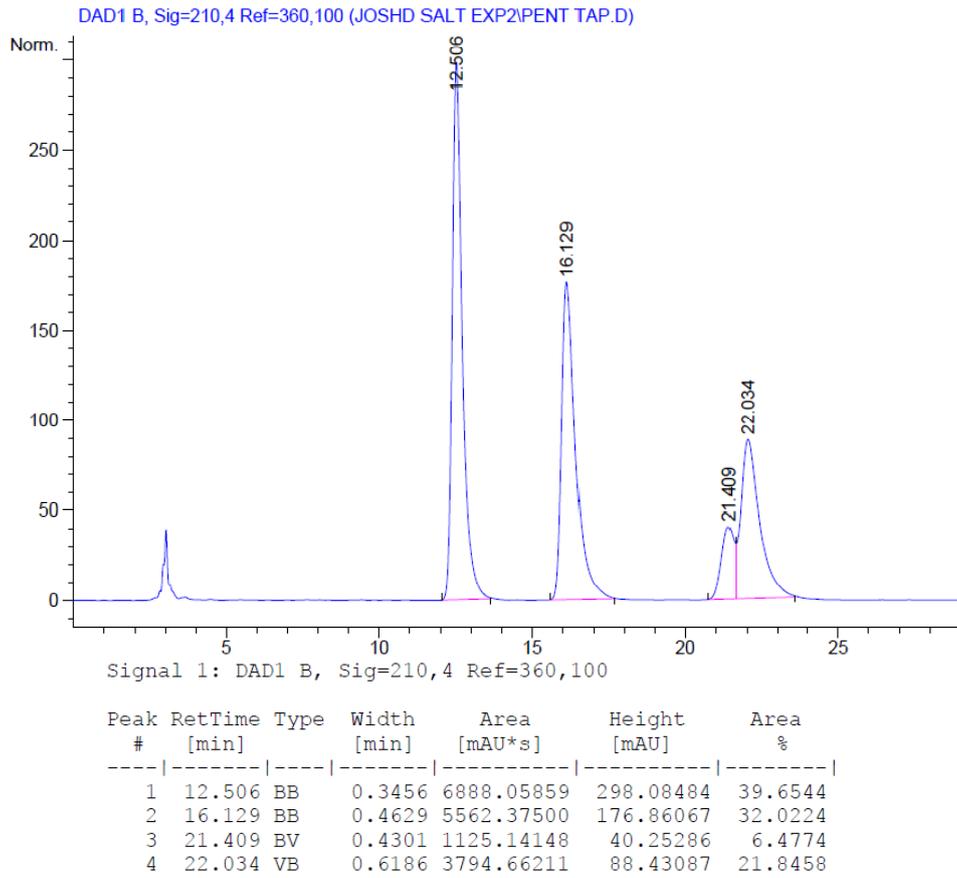


Figure S41. EDTA in tap water (5% w/w) (Table 4. Entry 11).

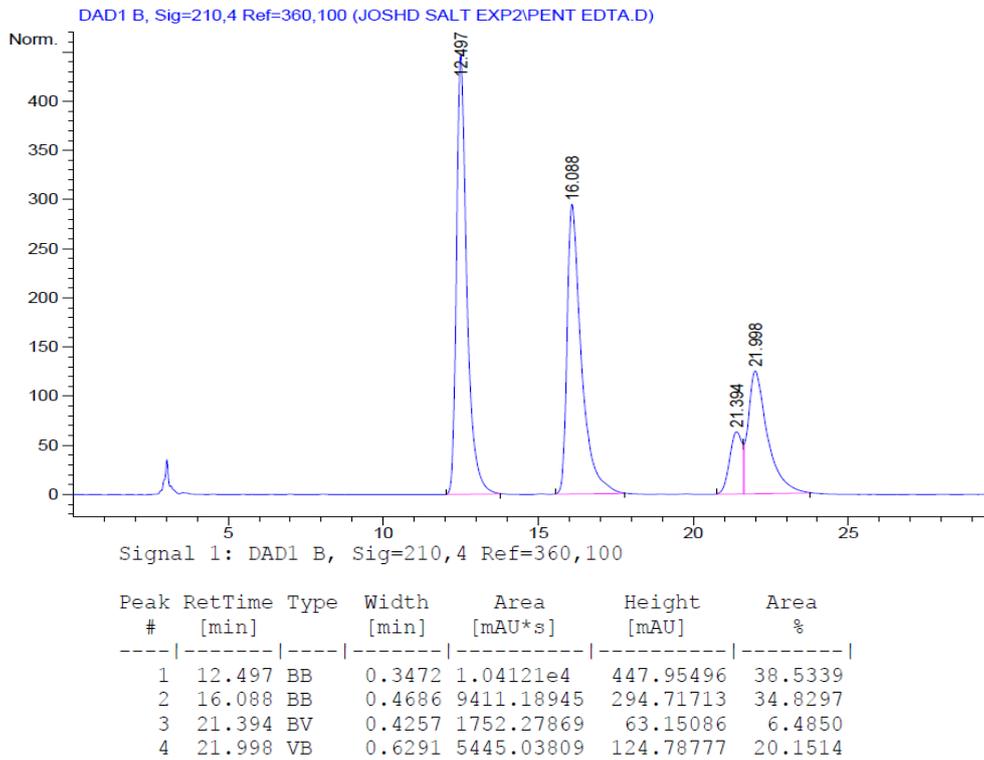
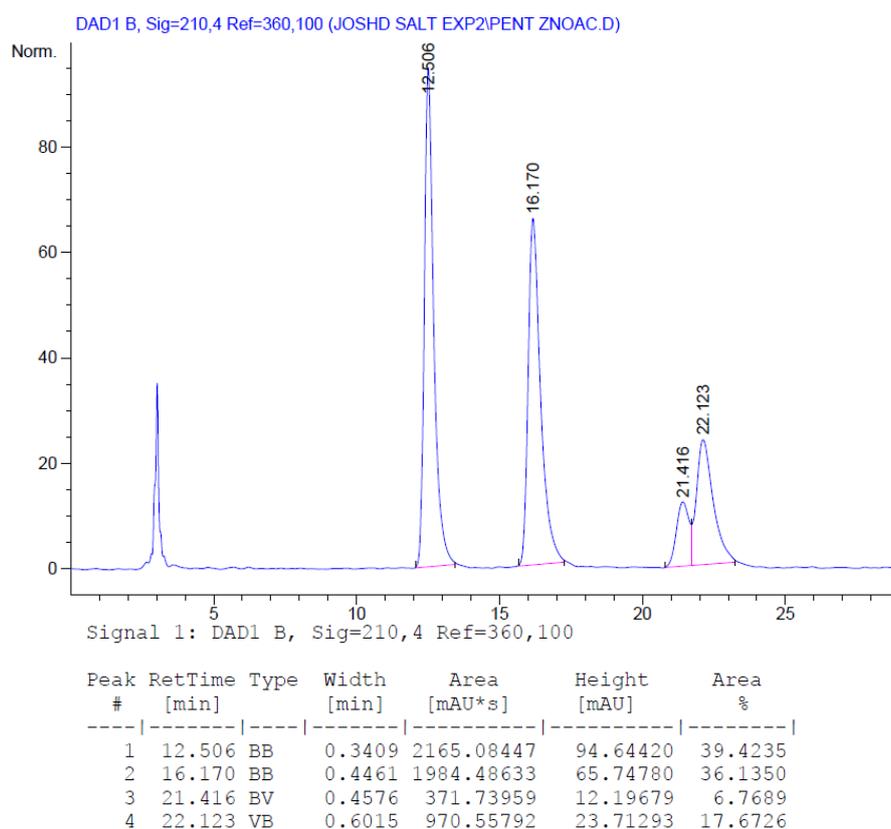


Figure S42. ZnOAc (Table 4. Entry 12).



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