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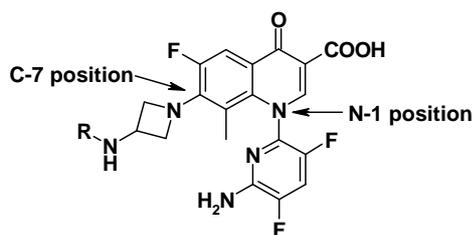
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- 10a: R = H  
10b: R = Me  
10c: R = Et  
10d: R = *n*-Pr  
10e: R = *i*-Pr (WQ-3810)  
10f: R = *t*-Bu

1 **Discovery of WQ-3810: Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of**  
2 **7-(3-alkylaminoazetidin-1-yl)fluoro-quinolones as Orally Active**  
3 **Antibacterial Agents**

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13 Alkylaminoazetidine.

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15 **Abstract**

16 Novel 7-(3-alkylaminoazetidin-1-yl)fluoroquinolones were designed, synthesized, and  
17 evaluated for their antibacterial activities and oral absorption rates. Against Gram-negative  
18 bacteria, **10a-e**, which have various alkyl groups containing different numbers of carbon  
19 atoms (C0-C3) at the C-7 alkylaminoazetidine position, showed potent and similar  
20 antibacterial activities, whereas the activity of **10f** (C4, *t*Bu) was significantly lower than

21 those of **10a-e**. Conversely, the oral absorption rates of **10a-e** in rats increased depending on  
22 the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl groups; **10d** (C3, *n*-Pr) and **10e** (C3, *i*-Pr) had high  
23 oral absorption rates (> 90 % at 10 mg/kg). These results demonstrated that the introduction  
24 of alkyl groups onto C-7 aminoazetidine is useful for the improvement of the oral absorption  
25 rates of these drugs while maintaining their antibacterial activities. As a conclusion, from  
26 this series of fluoroquinolones, WQ-3810 (**10e**), having 3-isopropylaminoazetidine as the C-7  
27 substituent, was identified as an orally active antibacterial agent with a potent *in vitro*  
28 activity.

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## 30 1. Introduction

31 Since the discovery of norfloxacin as the first fluoroquinolone (FQ) [1], FQs have become a  
32 significant class of useful antibacterial agents. In an effort to improve the profiles of FQs as  
33 antibacterial drugs, a number of structure-activity relationships (SARs) have been  
34 established and reviewed [2-7]. In those SARs, aminopyrrolidines and piperazines were  
35 identified as the most effective C-7 substituents to enhance the antibacterial activities of FQs  
36 [2, 5]. The introduction of alkyl groups onto those C-7 substituents has also enhanced their  
37 antibacterial activities against Gram-positive bacteria [8], improved their pharmacokinetic  
38 profiles [5], and reduced their cytotoxicities against mammalian cells [7]. Furthermore, a  
39 recent study reported that the introduction of a methyl group at the geminal position of the  
40 amino group of C-7 aminopyrrolidine was effective for avoiding the mechanism-based  
41 inhibition of cytochrome P450 3A4 [9].

42 In our effort to create a useful FQ with a potent *in vitro* activity against refractory  
43 drug-resistant pathogens, we discovered the highly active compound (**10a**), whose structure is  
44 characterized by its unique N-1 and C-7 substituents, 2,4-difluoro-5-aminopyridine and  
45 3-aminoazetidine, respectively. In the course of SAR studies of this series of FQs, we  
46 accumulated several important findings as follows: the introduction of an amino group in the  
47 N-1 substituent resulted in the reduction of the phototoxicity, even when groups (halogen  
48 atoms) that induce phototoxicity were introduced at the C-8 position [10]; a four-membered  
49 ring (aminoazetidine) substituent at the C-7 position gave a higher antibacterial activity than

50 a five-membered ring (aminopyrrolidine) substituent in combination with the N-1 substituent  
51 difluoro-aminopyridine; and the C-8 methyl group was effective for reducing the cytotoxicity  
52 without the loss of *in vitro* activity [11]. However, the proto-type compound **10a** has a defect in  
53 its pharmacokinetic properties, its poor oral absorption. Until now, there have been few  
54 studies evaluating the structure-pharmacokinetic relationships of FQs having a C-7  
55 aminoazetidine. Jordi et al. [12-14] demonstrated that introduction of a methyl or ethyl group  
56 to the C-7 aminoazetidine improved the pharmacokinetic properties; the area under the  
57 plasma concentration-time curve (orally in mice) increased, but the antibacterial activity  
58 against Gram-negative bacteria was reduced. It is unclear how longer alkyl groups (> C3)  
59 effect the antibacterial activities and pharmacokinetics of 7-(3-alkylaminoazetidin-1-yl)FQs.

60 The aim of this study was to improve the oral absorption of **10a** by introducing an alkyl  
61 group and to clarify the effect of this introduction. To achieve this goal, we prepared various  
62 compounds with different alkyl groups (C0-C4) on the C-7 alkylaminoazetidine (**10a-f**) and  
63 evaluated their antibacterial activities, especially against Gram-negative bacteria, as well as  
64 their oral absorption rates in rats. In addition, we investigated the effects of the alkyl groups  
65 on the inhibitory activities of the drugs against DNA gyrase, which is one of the molecules  
66 targeted by FQs, and the physiochemical properties (solubility and membrane permeability)  
67 of the FQs.

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69 **2. Chemistry**

70 WQ-3810 **10e** and its derivatives **10a-d** and **f** were synthesized according to previously  
71 reported methods [15, 16]. Scheme 1 shows the synthesis of  
72 2-amino-6-*tert*-butylamino-3,5-difluoropyridine (**4**) as a N-1 substituent of **10a-f**. Stepwise  
73 aminations of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoropyridine (**1**) with *tert*-butylamine and benzylamine gave  
74 di-protected diaminopyridine (**3**). The second amination with benzylamine required a high  
75 reaction temperature (160°C) due to the low activity for the amination at the C-6 position of **2**.  
76 The benzyl group of **3** was deprotected selectively by Pd/C-catalyzed hydrogenation to give the  
77 mono-protected diaminopyridine **4**. Scheme 2 shows the synthesis of  
78 1-(3,5-difluoro-6-aminopyridin-2-yl)-8-methylquinolone carboxylic acid (**8**). The reaction of  
79 benzoylacetate (**5**) with triethyl orthoformate under reflux conditions and the removal of  
80 excess reagents gave benzoylacrylate (**6**). The reaction of **6** with **4** and subsequent cyclization  
81 under basic conditions gave quinolone ester **7**. To obtain 8-methylquinolone carboxylic acid (**8**),  
82 the deprotection of the *tert*-butyl group and the hydrolysis of the ethyl ester of **7** were  
83 achieved under acidic conditions.

84 As shown in scheme 3, compounds **10a-f** were obtained by aromatic nucleophilic  
85 substitution at the C-7 position of 8-methylquinolone carboxylic acid (**8**) with various  
86 3-alkylaminoazetidines **9a-f**, which were synthesized according to a method similar to  
87 established procedures [17, 18]. The reactivity at the C-7 position of **8** is low due to the  
88 electron donating effect of the C-8 methyl group. We already reported that the C-7

89 substitution reaction of an 8-methylquinolone core with a 3-alkylaminoazetidine was  
90 accelerated by the presence of Li<sup>+</sup> ions [19]. Accordingly, the syntheses of **10a-f** were conducted  
91 in the presence of LiCl and/or LiOH

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### 93 3. Results

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#### 95 3.1 *In vitro* activity

96 The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>) and the minimum inhibitory  
97 concentration (MIC) values of **10a-f** and levofloxacin (LVFX) were determined for *Escherichia*  
98 *coli* DNA gyrase and Gram-negative bacteria (three strains of *E. coli* and 15 strains of 11 other  
99 Gram-negative bacteria), respectively (Table 1). **10a-f** have various alkyl groups of different  
100 lengths and sizes on the C-7 alkylaminoazetidine. These compounds similarly inhibited *E. coli*  
101 DNA gyrase potently with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.078 to 0.33 mg/L. Conversely, the  
102 antibacterial activities of **10a-e** were higher than that of **10f**; the MIC values for *E. coli* (3  
103 strains) and other Gram-negative bacteria (11 species, 15 strains) were from 0.004 to 0.012  
104 (**10a-e**) and 0.038 mg/L (**10f**) and from 0.061 to 0.21 (**10a-e**) and 0.57 mg/L (**10f**), respectively.

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#### 106 3.2 Oral absorption in rats

107 The urinary and biliary excretions (% of dose) of **10a-e** were measured following their oral  
108 (*p.o.*) or intravenous (*i.v.*) administration to rats (Table 2). The excretions of **10a-e** into bile  
109 were analyzed after the conversion of glucuronide metabolites of **10a-e** into their  
110 unmetabolized forms by alkaline hydrolysis. The total excretions of **10d** (C3, *n*-Pr) and **10e**  
111 (C3, *i*-Pr) in urine and bile after oral administration were 91 and 92 % of the dose, respectively,  
112 indicating their excellent oral absorption rates (> 90%). The high total recoveries (85-91%) of

113 **10a-c** following intravenous administration indicated that these compounds were primary  
114 excreted in their unmetabolized forms or as glucuronide metabolites. Therefore, the oral  
115 absorption rates (%) of **10a-c** were calculated by dividing their total recoveries (*p.o.*) by the  
116 total recoveries (*i.v.*). The calculated oral absorption rates of **10a** (C0, non-alkylated), **10b** (C1,  
117 Me), and **10c** (C2, Et) were 9.6, 31, and 76 %, respectively.

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### 119 **3.3 Solubility and membrane permeability**

120 The solubilities and membrane permeabilities of **10a-e** were measured (Table 3). The  
121 solubilities in Japanese Pharmacopoeia disintegration test solution 2 (JP2) were not very  
122 high and ranged from 3.1 to 45 mg/L. The permeability coefficients ( $P_{\text{effs}}$ ) of **10d** and **10e**  
123 in the parallel artificial membrane permeability assay (PAMPA) were  $1.1 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1.2 \times$   
124  $10^{-6}$  cm/s, respectively, which were four to 10 times higher than those of **10a-c** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-7}$  to  
125  $2.9 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/s).

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127 **4 Discussion**

128 In this study, we attempted to improve the oral absorption of our proto-type FQ **10a** by  
129 performing several SAR studies. We determined the MICs against clinically important  
130 Gram-negative pathogens (18 strains of 12 species) and the oral absorption rates (in rats) of  
131 **10a-f**, which have various C-7 alkylaminoazetidine substituents (C0-4). Additionally, we  
132 evaluated their inhibitory activities against DNA gyrase, solubilities in JP2, and membrane  
133 permeabilities in a PAMPA study. DNA gyrase is the primary drug target of FQs [20], and the  
134 solubility and membrane permeability in the gastrointestinal tract are two major determining  
135 factors for the oral absorption of a drug.

136 In the MIC assay, the antibacterial activities of **10a-e**, containing a C0-C3 alkyl group, were  
137 found to be similar against Gram-negative bacteria; however, **10f** (C4, *t*-Bu) was significantly  
138 less potent (Table 1). To address the reason for the differences between the antibacterial  
139 activities of **10a-e** and **10f**, we measured the IC<sub>50</sub> values of **10a-f** against *E. coli* DNA gyrase  
140 and examined the correlation between their IC<sub>50</sub>s and MICs for *E. coli* (three strains).  
141 Contrary to the higher MIC value of **10f** compared to those of **10a-e**, **10a-f** exhibited similar  
142 inhibition rates of *E. coli* DNA gyrase, although a good correlation between the IC<sub>50</sub> and MIC  
143 values of the FQs was reported [21]. This result suggested that the less potent antibacterial  
144 activity of **10f** was not due to its weaker inhibitory activity against the target enzyme.

145 To exert a potent antibacterial activity, a drug must have enough exposure to its target in  
146 addition to strong inhibition of the target molecules. The bacterial uptake of drugs is greatly

147 affected by components of the cell wall structure characteristic of bacteria. Especially,  
148 Gram-negative bacteria have a hydrophilic outer membrane in the cell wall, which serves as  
149 an effective permeability barrier against lipophilic antibiotics including FQs. The influence of  
150 the lipophilicities of FQs on their uptake by Gram-negative bacteria has been studied [22-24],  
151 and an inverse correlation between the lipophilicity of a FQ and its uptake by *E. coli* was  
152 reported [24]. The cLogD values and the retention times of **10a-f** (data not shown) for  
153 reverse-phase HPLC indicated that the lipophilicities of **10a-f** increased depending on the  
154 number of carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, and **10f** has the highest lipophilicity. Therefore,  
155 the impaired bacterial uptake of **10f** due to its higher lipophilicity might be a plausible reason  
156 for its less potent antibacterial activity, although this speculation should be confirmed by the  
157 future evaluation of the bacterial uptakes of **10a-f**.

158 The oral absorption rates of **10a-e** were evaluated in rats by measuring the total recoveries  
159 (% of dose) of their unmetabolized forms and glucuronide metabolites. The total recoveries of  
160 **10d** and **10e** (*p.o.*) were over 90%, indicating that both compounds were almost completely  
161 absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. The oral absorption rates (%) of **10a-e** increased with  
162 an increase in the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl group. These results indicated that  
163 introduction of alkyl groups at the C-7 aminoazetidine of **10a** enhanced the oral absorption by  
164 increasing the lipophilicities of the compounds. The oral absorption of drugs depends on their  
165 physicochemical properties. Considering the process of the intestinal absorption of drugs, the  
166 solubility of a drug in gastrointestinal tract fluid and its intestinal membrane permeability

167 are two major determinants for its oral absorption. The dissolution of drugs in  
168 gastrointestinal fluid is the first requirement; only drug molecules dissolved in the fluid can  
169 be available for absorption across the intestinal membrane and thereafter be delivered to  
170 their site of action by systemic circulation. Due to the lipid nature of the intestinal membrane,  
171 a drug's lipophilicity is considered to be an important factor for its penetration. To address the  
172 reason for the improvement of the oral absorption of **10a** by the introduction of the alkyl  
173 groups, we evaluated the solubilities and permeabilities of **10a-e** (Table 3). The solubility  
174 study used JP2, which is one of the most commonly used test mediums as a simulated  
175 gastrointestinal tract fluid. The solubilities of **10a-e** in JP2 were not extremely high, and their  
176 solubilities were all at a similar level. The membrane permeabilities were evaluated using a  
177 PAMPA model, which has been reported to be useful for predicting the oral absorption rates of  
178 drugs [25]. In this report, a sigmoidal relationship has been observed between the  $P_{\text{eff}}$  value in  
179 the PAMPA study and the oral absorption in humans; most of the drugs with  $P_{\text{eff}}$  values  
180 greater than  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/s had good oral absorption rates. The  $P_{\text{eff}}$  values of **10a-e** increased  
181 depending on the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, and the values of **10d** ( $1.1 \times 10^{-6}$   
182 cm/s) and **10e** ( $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/s) were greater than  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/s (Table 3). These results  
183 demonstrated that the oral absorption rates of **10a-e** in rats was in good correlation with the  
184  $P_{\text{eff}}$  values, suggesting that the introduction of alkyl groups to the C-7 aminoazetidine of **10a**  
185 improved the oral absorption through the enhancement of the membrane permeabilities of  
186 the drugs due to their increased lipophilicities.

187 **5 Conclusion**

188 This study evaluated the effects of various alkyl groups (C0-C4) of  
189 7-(3-alkylaminoazetidin-1-yl)FQs **10a-f** on the anti-Gram-negative activities and oral  
190 absorption rates of the drugs. The alkyl group had little influence on the inhibitory  
191 activity against *E. coli* DNA gyrase, but a *t*-Bu group (**10f**, C4) decreased the antibacterial  
192 activity against Gram-negative bacteria, including *E. coli*, which might be due to its  
193 reduced bacterial uptake due to an excessive increase in its lipophilicity. Conversely, the  
194 increased lipophilicity by the introduction of alkyl groups enhanced oral absorption by  
195 enhancing the membrane permeability. Consequently, WQ-3810 (**10e**, *i*-Pr) was identified  
196 as an orally active FQ with a potent *in vitro* activity. Our subsequent evaluations have  
197 demonstrated that WQ-3810 is highly active against quinolone-resistant pathogens and  
198 has a good pharmacokinetic profile as well as a low potential for side effects related to  
199 this class of antibiotics [26, 27].

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## 201 **6 Experimental**

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### 203 **6.1. Chemistry**

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#### 205 **6.1.1. General Methods**

206 All chemicals used were of reagent grade. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer  
207 chromatography on silica gel (Merck 60F 254) plates using UV light (254 nm) for detection.

208 NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-ECP 500 at 500 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) and Varian  
209 VNMRS 500 at 125 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to  
210 internal tetramethylsilane, and the coupling constants ( $J$  values) are given in hertz (Hz).

211 Mass spectra (MS) were obtained with a Finnigan LTQ mass spectrometer with ESI.

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#### 213 **6.1.2. 2-(*tert*-Butylamino)-3,5,6-trifluoropyridine (2)**

214 A mixture of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoropyridine (**1**, 11.0 g, 72.8 mmol), *tert*-butylamine (18.5 g, 253  
215 mmol) and MeCN (40 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 3 d. The reaction mixture was evaporated,  
216 and the residue was partitioned between  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (100 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic  
217 layer was separated, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated to give **2** as pale yellow oil. (9.7 g, 66%  
218 yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 9H), 4.40 (brs, 1H), 7.16 (ddd,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 8.0 Hz, 9.0 Hz,  
219 1H).

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**221 6.1.3. 2-Benzylamino-6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridine (3)**

222 A mixture of 2-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5,6-trifluoropyridine (**2**, 9.7 g, 47.5 mmol), benzylamine  
223 (15.5 g, 145 mmol) and *N*-methylpyrrolidone (20 mL) was stirred at 160 °C for 1 d. After  
224 cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The solution was  
225 washed with water (500 mL × 3), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to give crude **3** (16.5 g).  
226 The obtained crude **3** was used for next reaction without further purification.

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**228 6.1.4. 2-Amino-6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridine (4)**

229 A mixture of crude 2-benzylamino-6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridine (**3**, 10.7 g, 36.7  
230 mmol), 10% Pd/C (1.1 g), conc. HCl (3.8g) and MeOH (60 mL) was stirred at room temperature  
231 for 1 d under hydrogen atmosphere. After the catalyst was filtered off, the filtrate was  
232 evaporated, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:1  
233 CHCl<sub>3</sub>/hexane → CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to give **4** as pale brown oil. (3.3 g, 44% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ  
234 1.43 (s, 9H), 4.11 (brs, 2H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H).

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**236 6.1.5. Ethyl 1-[6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl]-6,7-difluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-**  
**237 1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (7)**

238 A mixture of ethyl 2,4,5-trifluoro-3-methylbenzoyl acetate (**5**, 3.4 g, 13 mmol), acetic  
239 anhydride (3.2 g, 31 mmol) and triethyl orthoformate (2.3 g, 16 mmol) was refluxed for 4 h.  
240 The reaction mixture was evaporated to give a crude **6**, which was dissolved in EtOH (5 mL).

241 To the solution was added dropwise a solution of  
242 2-amino-6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridine (**4**, 2.7 g, 13 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) at 0 °C,  
243 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The reaction mixture was  
244 evaporated, and the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (1:8 ethyl  
245 acetate/hexane). The fraction was evaporated, and the residue was dissolved in DMF (10 mL).  
246 To the solution was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.4 g, 9.8 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for  
247 50 min. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the  
248 organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was triturated  
249 with EtOH, and the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give **7** as a  
250 pale yellow solid. (2.6 g, 44% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.34-1.48 (m, 12H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz,  
251 3H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (brs, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H),  
252 8.50 (s, 1H).

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254 **6.1.6.**

255 **1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6,7-difluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-c**  
256 **arboxylic acid (8)**

257 A mixture of ethyl  
258 1-[6-(*tert*-butylamino)-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl]-6,7-difluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinol  
259 ine-3-carboxylate (**7**, 2.5 g, 5.5 mmol) and conc. HCl (10 mL) was refluxed overnight. After  
260 cooling to room temperature, the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed in turn

261 with EtOH and Et<sub>2</sub>O to give **8** as a pale yellow solid. (1.7 g, 84% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ  
262 1.84 (s, 3H), 6.91 (brs, 2H), 8.03 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H).

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264 **6.1.7.**

265 **7-(3-Aminoazetidin-1-yl)-1-(6-amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6-fluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-1,4**  
266 **-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (10a)**

267 To a suspension of 3-aminoazetidine hydrochloride (**9a**, 283 mg, 2.0 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL)  
268 were added LiOH monohydrate (165 mg, 3.9 mmol), tetramethylguanidine (300 mg, 2.6 mmol),

269 LiCl (165 mg, 3.9 mmol) and

270 1-(6-amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6,7-difluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carbo  
271 xylic acid (**8**, 477 mg, 1.3 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 30-35 °C for 40 h. The

272 reaction mixture was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL × 5) by decantation to remove DMSO. To the

273 residue was added water (3 mL), and the pH of the suspension was adjusted to pH 6 with

274 aqueous 10% citric acid. The precipitate was collected by filtration, which was suspended in

275 water (10 mL), and the pH of suspension was adjusted to pH 6 with AcOH. The suspension

276 was stirred at 80 °C for 20 h. The precipitate was collected by filtration, which was suspended

277 in EtOH (10 mL), and the suspension was refluxed for 2 h. The precipitate was collected by

278 filtration, and dried under reduced pressure to give **10a** as a white solid. (220 mg, 40% yield);

279 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 1.63 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.98 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.52 (m, 2H),

280 6.84 (brs, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C

281 NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  17.73 (s), 44.04 (d,  $J = 5$  Hz), 67.05 (s), 67.34 (s), 108.03 (s), 109.12 (d,  $J =$   
282 22 Hz), 113.03 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz), 114.54 (dd,  $J = 24, 21$  Hz), 117.45 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz), 134.74 (dd,  $J = 13,$   
283 4 Hz), 138.78 (s), 142.53 (dd, 250, 5 Hz), 145.40 (dd, 260, 5 Hz), 146.60 (d,  $J = 14$  Hz), 147.32 (d,  
284  $J = 10$  Hz), 150.14 (s), 151.35 (d,  $J = 247$  Hz), 165.86 (s), 177.13 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz); MS-ESI (+):  $m/z$   
285 420 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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287 **6.1.8.**

288 **1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6-fluoro-8-methyl-7-[3-(methylamino)azetidin-1-yl]-4-oxo**  
289 **-1,4-dihydro-quinoline-3-carboxylic acid (10b)**

290 The title compound **10b** was prepared from 3-(methylamino)azetidine hydrochloride (**9b**,  
291 310 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to the similar procedure for **10a**.

292 Pale yellow solid (380 mg, 67% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  1.64 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H),  
293 3.46-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.95-4.05 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.50 (m, 2H), 6.85 (brs, 2H), 7.75  
294 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$   
295 17.71 (s), 33.41 (s), 50.80 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz), 64.22 (s), 64.42 (s), 108.03 (s), 109.13 (d,  $J = 23$  Hz),  
296 112.81 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz), 114.57 (dd,  $J = 24, 21$  Hz), 117.41 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz), 134.77 (dd,  $J = 13, 4$  Hz),  
297 138.83 (s), 142.53 (dd,  $J = 250, 5$  Hz), 145.35 (dd,  $J = 259, 5$  Hz), 146.60 (d,  $J = 14$  Hz), 147.16  
298 (d,  $J = 10$  Hz), 150.15 (s), 151.26 (d,  $J = 247$  Hz), 165.86 (s), 177.12 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz); MS-ESI(+):  
299  $m/z$  434 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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301 **6.1.9.**

302 **1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-7-[3(ethyl-amino)azetid-1-yl]-6-fluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-**  
303 **1,4-dihydro-quinoline-3-carboxylic acid (10c)**

304 The title compound **10c** was prepared from 3-(ethylamino)azetidine hydrochloride (**9c**, 1.6 g,  
305 9.0 mmol) according to the similar procedure for **10a**.

306 Pale yellow solid (960 mg, 36% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (s,  
307 3H), 3.53-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.95-4.05 (m, 1H), 4.36-4.51 (m, 2H), 6.83 (brs, 2H),  
308 7.75 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ  
309 15.77 (s), 17.69 (s), 45.66 (s), 49.24 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 64.80 (s), 65.05 (s), 109.18 (d, *J* = 23 Hz),  
310 112.85 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 114.54 (dd, *J* = 24, 21 Hz), 117.83 (d, *J* = 6 Hz), 134.94 (dd, *J* = 13, 4 Hz),  
311 138.75 (s), 142.51 (dd, *J* = 249, 5 Hz), 145.32 (dd, *J* = 260, 5 Hz), 146.56 (d, *J* = 14 Hz), 146.93  
312 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 149.96 (s), 151.20 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 165.87 (s), 176.98 (d, *J* = 3 Hz); MS-ESI(+):  
313 *m/z* 448 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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315 **6.1.10.**

316 **1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6-fluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-7-[3-(*n*-propylamino)azetidi-**  
317 **ne-1-yl]-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (10d)**

318 To a suspension of 3-(*n*-propylamino)azetidine hydrochloride (**9d**, 2.7 g, 15 mmol) in DMSO  
319 (6.5 mL) were added LiOH monohydrate (1.2 g, 29 mmol), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene

320 (1.8 mL, 12 mmol) and

321 1-(6-amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6,7-difluoro-8-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carbo  
322 xylic acid (**8**, 1.1 g, 2.9 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h. The reaction  
323 mixture was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL × 5) by decantation to remove DMSO. To the residue  
324 was added water (2 mL), and the pH of the suspension was adjusted to pH 6 with aqueous  
325 10% citric acid. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with EtOH and dried  
326 under reduced pressure to give **10d** as a pale yellow solid. (500 mg, 36% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  
327 (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.32-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H),  
328 3.53-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.95-4.04 (m, 1H), 4.36-4.51 (m, 2H), 6.84 (brs, 2H), 7.76  
329 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ  
330 12.20 (s), 17.70 (s), 23.14 (s), 48.95 (s), 49.31 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 64.51 (s), 64.76 (s), 108.02 (s),  
331 109.14 (d, *J* = 23 Hz), 112.90 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 114.55 (dd, *J* = 24, 21 Hz), 117.46 (d, *J* = 7 Hz),  
332 134.75 (dd, *J* = 13, 4 Hz), 138.81 (s), 142.51 (dd, *J* = 250, 5 Hz), 145.44 (dd, *J* = 259, 5 Hz),  
333 146.60 (d, *J* = 14 Hz), 147.16 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 150.17 (s), 151.26 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 165.79 (s),  
334 177.13 (d, *J* = 3 Hz); MS-ESI(+): *m/z* 462 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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336 **6.1.11.**

337 1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-6-fluoro-7-[3-(isopropylamino)azetidin-1-yl]-8-methy  
338 1-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-quinoline-3-carboxylic acid (**10e**)

339 The title compound **10e** was prepared from 3-(isopropylamino)azetidine hydrochloride (**9e**,  
340 14.0 g, 75 mmol) according to the similar procedure for **10a**.

341 Pale yellow solid (12.0 g, 52% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.93 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 1.62 (s,  
342 3H), 2.66-2.75 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.92-4.02 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.54 (m,  
343 2H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$   
344 NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  17.73 (s), 23.57 (s), 47.19 (s), 47.51 (d,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 65.54 (s), 65.81 (s), 108.03  
345 (s), 109.13 (d,  $J$  = 23 Hz), 112.93 (d,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 114.55 (dd,  $J$  = 24, 21 Hz), 117.43 (d,  $J$  = 7 Hz),  
346 134.76 (dd,  $J$  = 13, 4 Hz), 138.80 (s), 142.49 (dd,  $J$  = 250, 5 Hz), 145.35 (dd,  $J$  = 259, 5 Hz),  
347 146.59 (d,  $J$  = 14 Hz), 147.23 (d,  $J$  = 10 Hz), 150.15 (s), 151.36 (d,  $J$  = 247 Hz), 165.80 (s),  
348 177.12 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz); MS-ESI(+):  $m/z$  462 [M+H] $^+$ .

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350 **6.1.12.**

351 **1-(6-Amino-3,5-difluoropyridin-2-yl)-7-[3-(*tert*-butyl-amino)azetidin-1-yl]-6-fluoro-8-meth**  
352 **yl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-quinoline-3-carboxylic acid (10f)**

353 The title compound **10f** was prepared from 3-(*tert*-butylamino)azetidine hydrochloride (**9f**,  
354 145 mg, 0.7 mmol) according to the similar procedure for **10d**.

355 Pale yellow solid (45 mg, 58% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  1.09 (s, 9H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 3.86-4.07  
356 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.18 (m, 1H), 4.47-4.65 (m, 2H), 6.85 (brs, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz), 7.96 (dd,  $J$  =  
357 9.5 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  17.75 (s), 29.86 (s), 44.54 (d,  $J$  = 4 Hz),  
358 50.59 (s), 66.84 (s), 67.11 (s), 109.19 (d,  $J$  = 23 Hz), 113.08 (d,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 114.50 (dd,  $J$  = 24, 21  
359 Hz), 118.10 (d,  $J$  = 7 Hz), 135.00 (dd,  $J$  = 13, 4 Hz), 135.59 (s), 138.66 (s), 142.49 (dd,  $J$  = 250, 5

360 Hz), 145.26 (dd,  $J = 259$ , 5 Hz), 146.56 (d,  $J = 14$  Hz), 146.92 (d,  $J = 10$  Hz), 149.91 (s), 151.20  
361 (d,  $J = 247$  Hz), 165.96 (s), 176.91 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz); MS-ESI(+):  $m/z$  476 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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## 363 **6.2 *in vitro* Activity**

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### 365 **6.2.1. Antibacterial activity**

366 The *in vitro* antibacterial activities of **10a-f** and LVFX were evaluated against the following  
367 representative organisms: *E. coli* NIHJ, *E. coli* KC-14, *E. coli* 177, *Citrobacter freundii*  
368 IFO1268, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* KC-1, *K. pneumoniae* DT-S, *Salmonella typhimurium*  
369 IFO13245, *Enterobacter cloacae* IFO13535, *Proteus vulgaris* IFO3167, *Proteus mirabilis* IFO  
370 3849, *Serratia marcescens* IFO3736, *S. marcescens* T-55, *Morganella morgani* W1026,  
371 *Providencia rettgeri* W1008, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* IFO3445, *P. aeruginosa* E-2, *P.*  
372 *aeruginosa* 15846, and *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus* Ac-54. MICs were determined by an agar  
373 dilution method with Muller Hinton Agar (MHA, Becton Dickinson, NJ, USA) according to  
374 the standard method described by the Japanese Society of Chemotherapy [28]. Approximately  
375  $10^4$  cfu of organisms were inoculated onto the MHA plates containing the two-fold dilution  
376 series of **10a-f** and LVFX in the concentration range of 128 to 0.002 mg/L, and the plates were  
377 incubated at 37°C for 18 h. The MIC values were determined to be the lowest concentrations  
378 of **10a-f** and LVFX that yielded no visible growth of organisms on the MHA plates.

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### 380 **6.2.2. Inhibitory activity against DNA gyrase**

381 The inhibitory activities of **10a-f** and LVFX against *E. coli* DNA gyrase were examined by  
382 the supercoiling assay [29]. After the preincubation of mixtures (20  $\mu$ L) containing 35 mM  
383 Tris-HCl, 24 mM KCl, 4 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM DTT, 1.8 mM spermidine, 1 mM ATP, 6.5% glycerol,  
384 0.1 mg/mL albumin, 0.2 units of *E. coli* gyrase (New England Biolab, MA, USA), and a series of  
385 diluted solutions of the test compounds at 37°C for 5 min, 250 ng of relaxed pBR322  
386 (Inspiralis, Norwich, UK) was added to initiate the supercoiling reaction. The reaction  
387 mixture was then further incubated at 37°C for 15 min. The reaction was terminated by the  
388 addition of loading buffer, which was followed by electrophoretic analysis in 1% agarose gels.  
389 The gels were viewed and photographed on an ImageQuant4000 instrument (GE Healthcare,  
390 Pollards Wood, UK). The intensities of the bands were calculated using ImageQuant TL (GE  
391 Healthcare). The IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined by nonlinear least-squares regression analysis  
392 using Kypplot (version 5.0, Keyence, Osaka, Japan).

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### 394 **6.3. Excretion and oral absorption in rats**

395 Six-week old male Sprague-Dawley rats (Japan SLC and Charles River Japan, Japan) were  
396 used. Before the study, the animals had been acclimated to the laboratory conditions for at  
397 least 1 week. **10a-e** were orally or intravenously administered at doses of 10 mg/kg and 5  
398 mg/kg, respectively, to rats fasted overnight. **10a-e** were suspended in 0.5% methylcellulose  
399 for oral administration or dissolved in 0.04 N NaOH for intravenous injection. Urine samples

400 were collected from intact rats individually housed in a metabolic cage for up to 24 h post-dose.  
401 Bile samples were collected from bile duct-cannulated rats individually kept in a Bollmann  
402 cage for 24 h post-dose. The volumes of the urine and bile samples were recorded, and the  
403 samples were stored at -30°C until analysis. The urine and bile samples were analyzed as  
404 follows: bile samples (100 µL) were alkaline-treated by the addition of 10 µL of 1 N NaOH  
405 with incubation at 37°C for 1 h. Intact and alkaline-treated samples were diluted with HPLC  
406 mobile phase and spiked with an internal standard. After centrifugation, portions of the  
407 supernatants were analyzed by HPLC [LC-10A System, Shimadzu; Kyoto, Japan; analytical  
408 column, ODS-80™, 5 µm, 4.6 × 150 mm, Tosoh, Tokyo, Japan; flow rate, 1 mL/min; column  
409 temperature, 40°C; mobile phase, A (MeCN), B (distilled water containing 20 mM sodium  
410 1-decansulfonate, 40 mM phosphoric acid, and 0.2% (v/v) triethylamine), isocratic A/B (40/60);  
411 detection wavelength, 290 nm]. The extent of excretion (% of dose) was calculated by dividing  
412 the amount of **10a-e** excreted in the urine and bile by the administered dose. The oral  
413 absorption rate (%) was calculated by dividing the total urinary and biliary excretions of **10a-e**  
414 (p.o.) by the total excretion (i.v.).

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#### 416 **6.4 Solubility in JP2**

417 Suspensions of **10a-e** were prepared by adding excess amounts of **10a-e** into 0.6 mL of JP2,  
418 which is a 50 mM potassium dihydrogenphosphate solution at a pH of 6.8. Each suspension  
419 was incubated at 25°C for 24 h with shaking to prepare a thermodynamically equilibrated

420 solution, which was followed by filtration through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  Millex HV membrane filter  
421 (Millipore, MA, USA). The concentrations of **10a-e** in the filtrate were measured with HPLC  
422 and defined as the solubilities. HPLC separation was achieved on a UPLC BEH C18 column  
423 (1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  2.1  $\times$  100 mm, Waters) using gradient elution at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min. The mobile  
424 phases consisted of 10% acetonitrile/90% water containing 0.1% formic acid (A) and  
425 acetonitrile containing 0.1% formic acid (B). The following HPLC gradient program was used:  
426 starting at 15% mobile phase B, a linear gradient was run beginning at 0.5 min to reach 40%  
427 B at 3 min, with the solvent composition being returned to 15% in 0.2 min and then  
428 re-equilibration for 1.8 min. The column temperature was set at 40°C, and UV detection was  
429 applied at 290 nm.

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### 431 **6.5 Membrane permeability in PAMPA**

432 The passive membrane permeabilities of **10a-e** were evaluated using a PAMPA plate system  
433 (BD Biosciences, CA, USA). Ten micromolar solutions of **10a-e** in 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of phosphate buffered  
434 saline (PBS) containing 5% MeOH were added into the donor plate. The acceptor plate filled  
435 with 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of PBS was placed on the donor plate, which was followed by incubation at 25°C  
436 for 5 h. The solutions of both plates were analyzed by HPLC as described above (section 6.4).  
437 The permeability coefficients ( $P_{\text{eff}}$ ) of **10a-e** were calculated by following formula [30]:

$$438 \quad P_{\text{eff}} = -\ln[1 - C_a(t)/C_{\text{equ}}] / [A \times (1/V_d + 1/V_a) \times t]$$

$$439 \quad C_{\text{equ}} = [C_d(t) \times V_d + C_a(t) + V_a] / [V_d + V_a]$$

440 where  $C_d(t)$  and  $C_a(t)$  are the concentrations of **10a-e** in the solutions of the donor and acceptor  
441 plates at time  $t$ , respectively.  $V_d$  and  $V_a$  are the volumes of the solutions in the donor and  
442 acceptor plates, respectively,  $A$  is the filter surface area ( $0.3 \text{ cm}^2$ ), and  $t$  is the incubation time  
443 (18,000 s).

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**Table 1**

IC<sub>50</sub> and GM-MIC values of **10a-f** for *E. coli* DNA gyrase and Gram-negative bacteria

Comp.	IC <sub>50</sub> (mg/L)	GM-MICs (mg/L) <sup>a</sup>	
	DNA gyrase <sup>b</sup>	<i>E.coli</i> <sup>c</sup>	Other bacteria <sup>d</sup>
<b>10a</b>	0.12	0.004	0.061
<b>10b</b>	0.24	0.006	0.077
<b>10c</b>	0.078	0.006	0.12
<b>10d</b>	0.19	0.012	0.21
<b>10e (WQ-3810)</b>	0.20	0.010	0.17
<b>10f</b>	0.33	0.038	0.57
<b>LVFX</b>	0.17	0.019	0.12

<sup>a</sup>geometric mean MICs

<sup>b</sup>one wild type strain

<sup>c</sup>three strains

<sup>d</sup>15 strains of 11 Gram-negative bacteria, which names are described in

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**Table 2**Oral absorption rates (%) of **10a-e** in rats

Comp.	Excretion of <b>10a-e</b> in urine and bile (% of dose)						Oral absorption rate <sup>d</sup> (%)
	p.o. (10 mg/kg)			i.v. (5 mg/kg)			
	Urine <sup>a</sup>	Bile <sup>a,b</sup>	Total <sup>c</sup>	Urine <sup>a</sup>	Bile <sup>a,b</sup>	Total <sup>c</sup>	
<b>10a</b>	4.0 ± 0.42	4.2 ± 1.3	8.2	44 ± 8.0	41 ± 7.1	85	9.6
<b>10b</b>	13 ± 2.1	16 ± 2.8	28	49 ± 7.2	41 ± 7.1	90	31
<b>10c</b>	20 ± 2.4	49 ± 5.9	69	41 ± 5.0	51 ± 5.4	91	76
<b>10d</b>	17 ± 5.4	74 ± 14	91	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	>90
<b>10e (WQ-3810)</b>	24 ± 1.6	68 ± 1.5	92	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	>90

<sup>a</sup>Each value represents mean ± S.D. for three rats.<sup>b</sup>Excreted amount of **10a-e** in bile was measured after the complete conversion of the glucuronide metabolites of **10a-e** to their unmetabolized forms by alkaline hydrolysis.<sup>c</sup>Total value was calculated by adding the mean values of **10a-e** in urine and bile.<sup>d</sup>Oral absorption rate was calculated by dividing the total excretions (% of dose) of **10a-e** (p.o.) by the total excretions (i.v.).

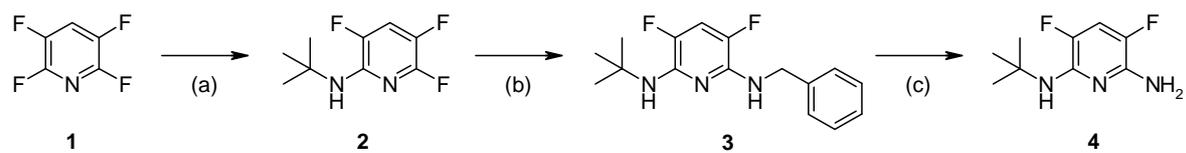
n.t., not tested.

**Table 3**Solubility in JP2<sup>a</sup> and Peff<sup>b</sup> in PAMPA<sup>c</sup> of **10a-e**

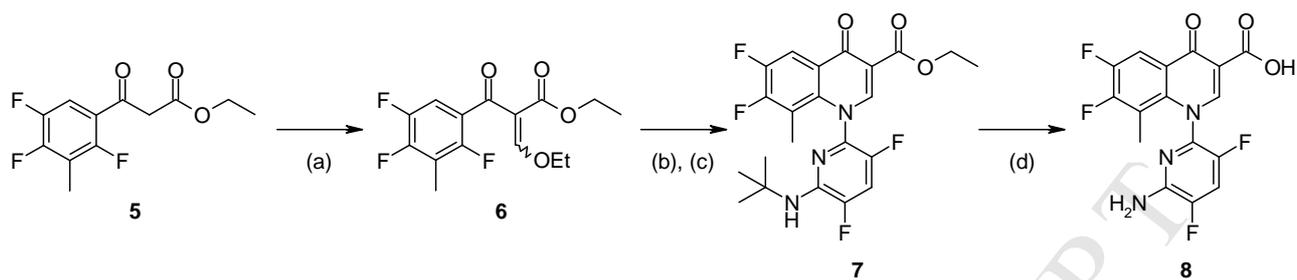
Comp.	Solubility in JP2 (mg/L)	Peff <sup>b</sup> (10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/s)
<b>10a</b>	27 ± 1.4	0.12 ± 0.028
<b>10b</b>	3.1 ± 0.089	0.19 ± 0.048
<b>10c</b>	45 ± 0.72	0.29 ± 0.086
<b>10d</b>	41 ± 3.6	1.1 ± 0.23
<b>10e (WQ-3810)</b>	41 ± 2.3	1.2 ± 0.10

Each value represents mean ± S.D (n=3)

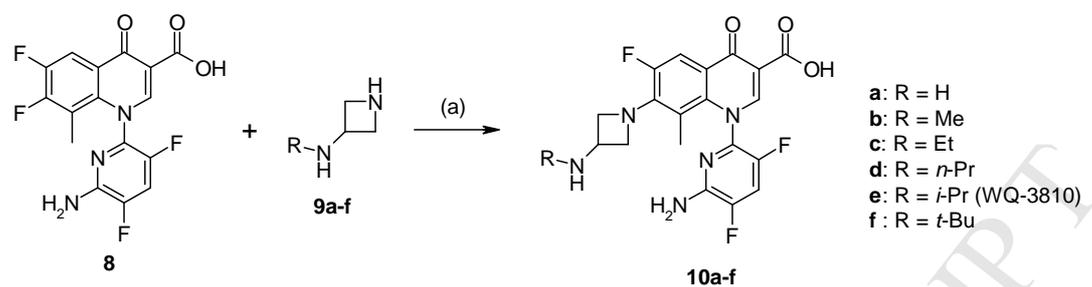
<sup>a</sup>Japanese Pharmacopoeia disintegration test solution 2 (pH 6.8)<sup>b</sup>Permeability coefficient<sup>c</sup>Parallel artificial membrane permeability assay



**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of compound **4**. Reagents and conditions: (a) *t*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> in MeCN; (b) BnNH<sub>2</sub> in NMP; (c) 10% Pd/C, conc. HCl in MeOH.



**Scheme 2.** Synthesis of compound **8**. Reagents and conditions: (a)  $\text{CH}(\text{OEt})_3$ ,  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ ; (b) **4** in EtOH; (c)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  in DMF; (d) conc. HCl.



**Scheme 3.** Synthesis of compounds **10a-f**. Reagents and conditions: (a) TMG, LiOH, LiCl in DMSO or DBU, LiOH in DMSO for **10d** and **10f**.

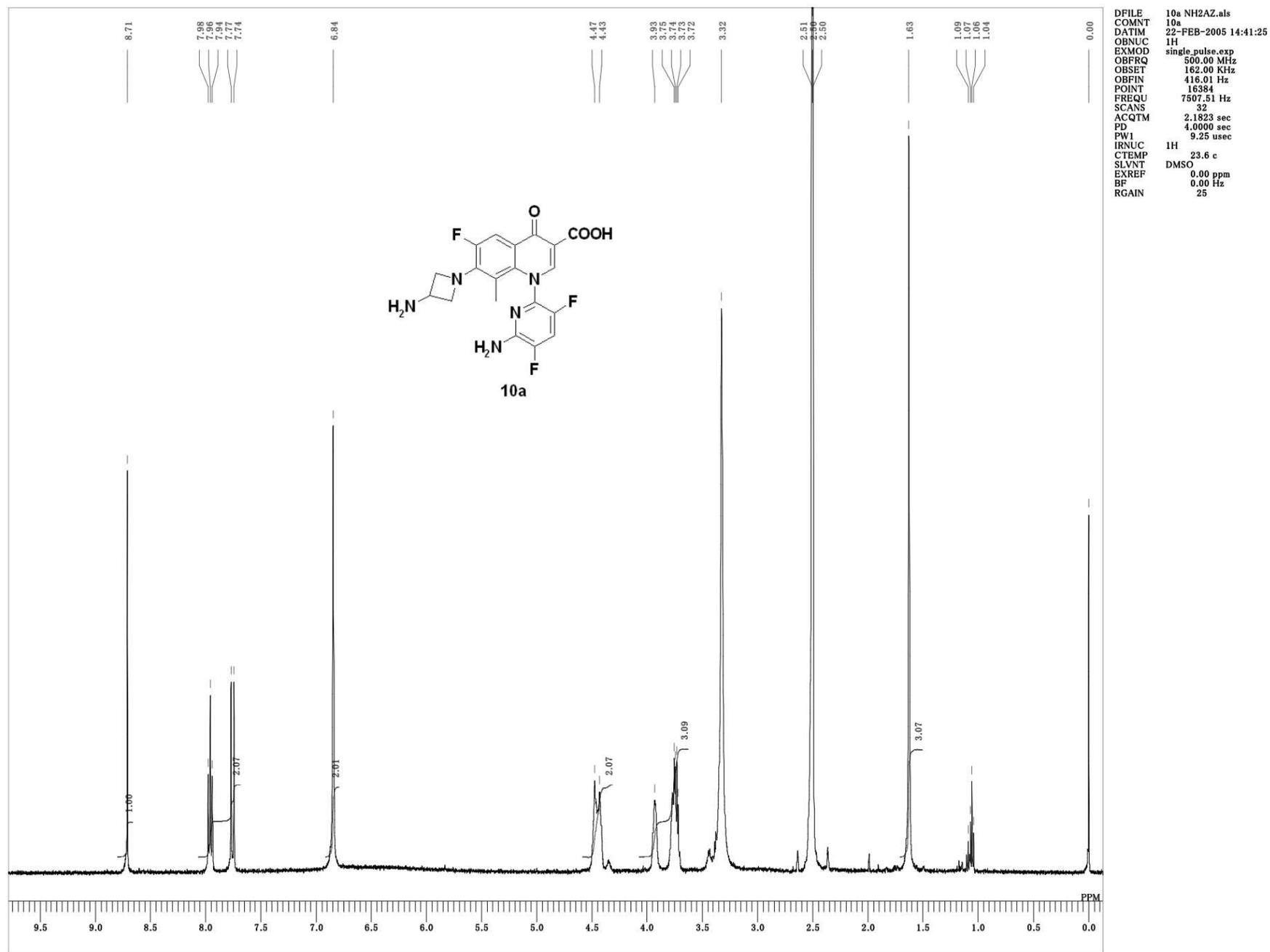
We synthesized and evaluated 7-(3-alkylaminoazetidin-1-yl)fluoroquinolones.

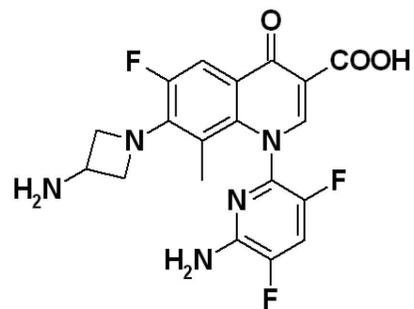
Introduction of alkyl groups at the C-7 aminoazetidine enhanced the oral absorption.

WQ-3810 was identified as an orally active fluoroquinolone.

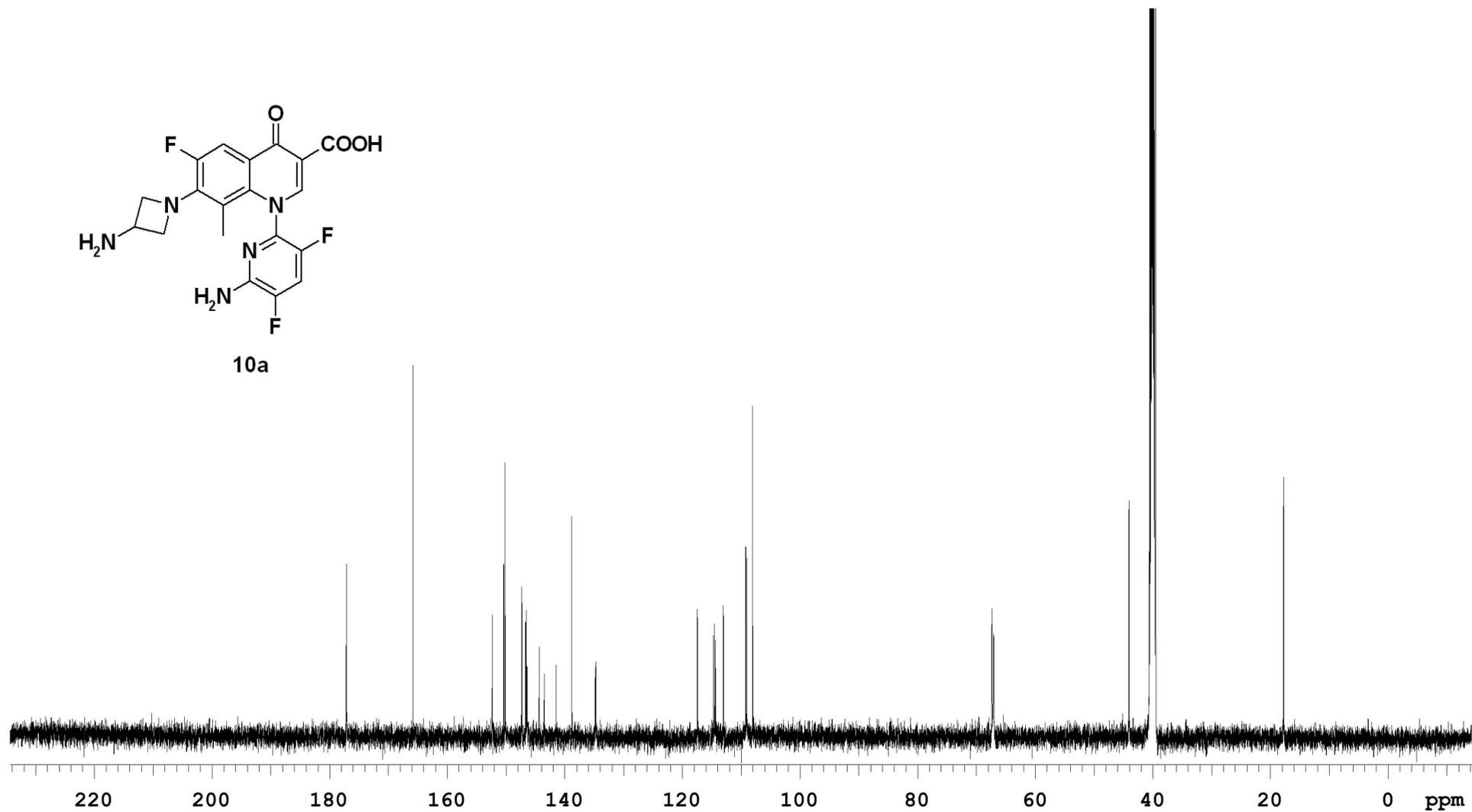
WQ-3810 showed a potent antibacterial activity against Gram-negative bacteria.

10a





10a



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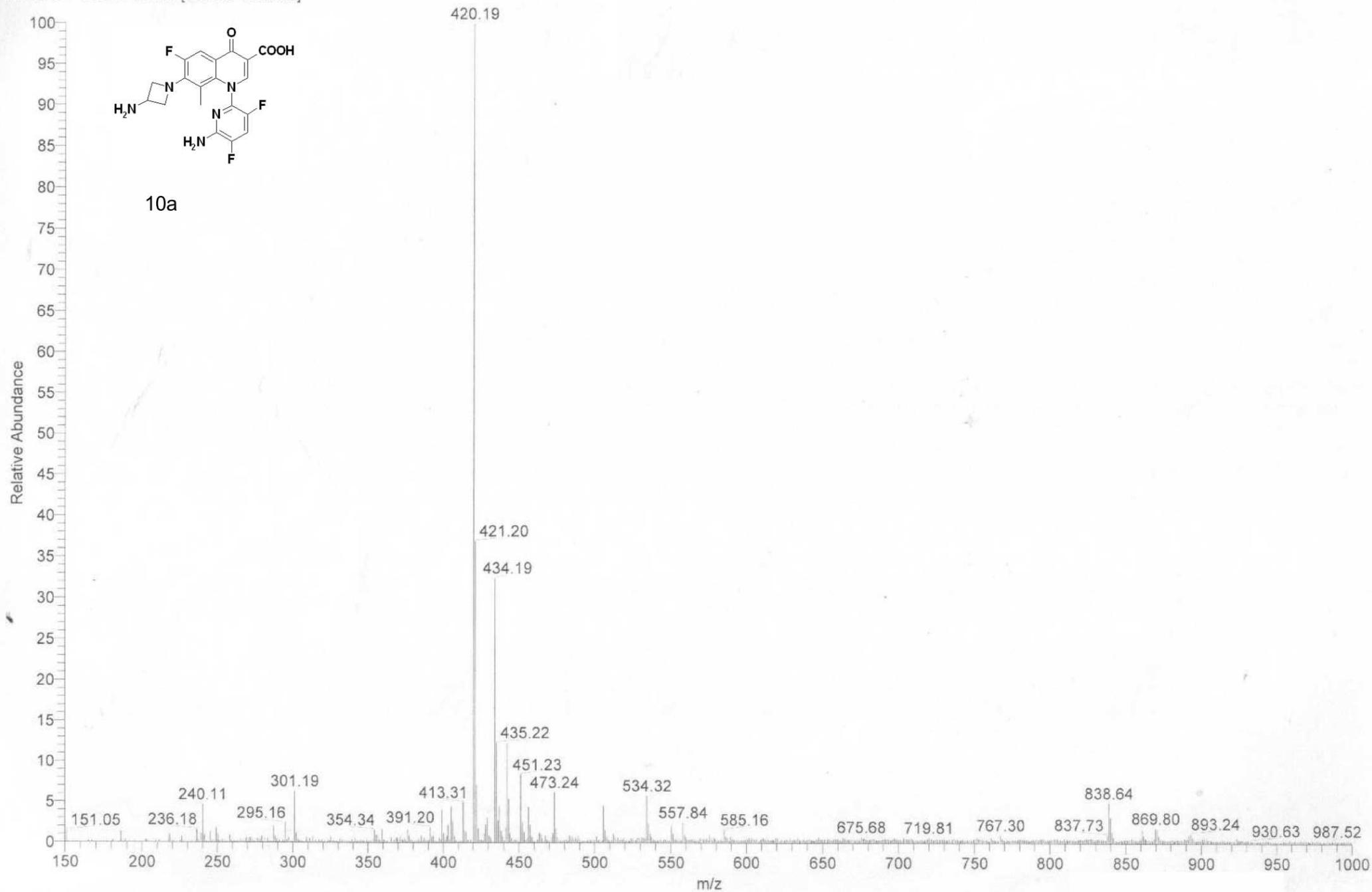
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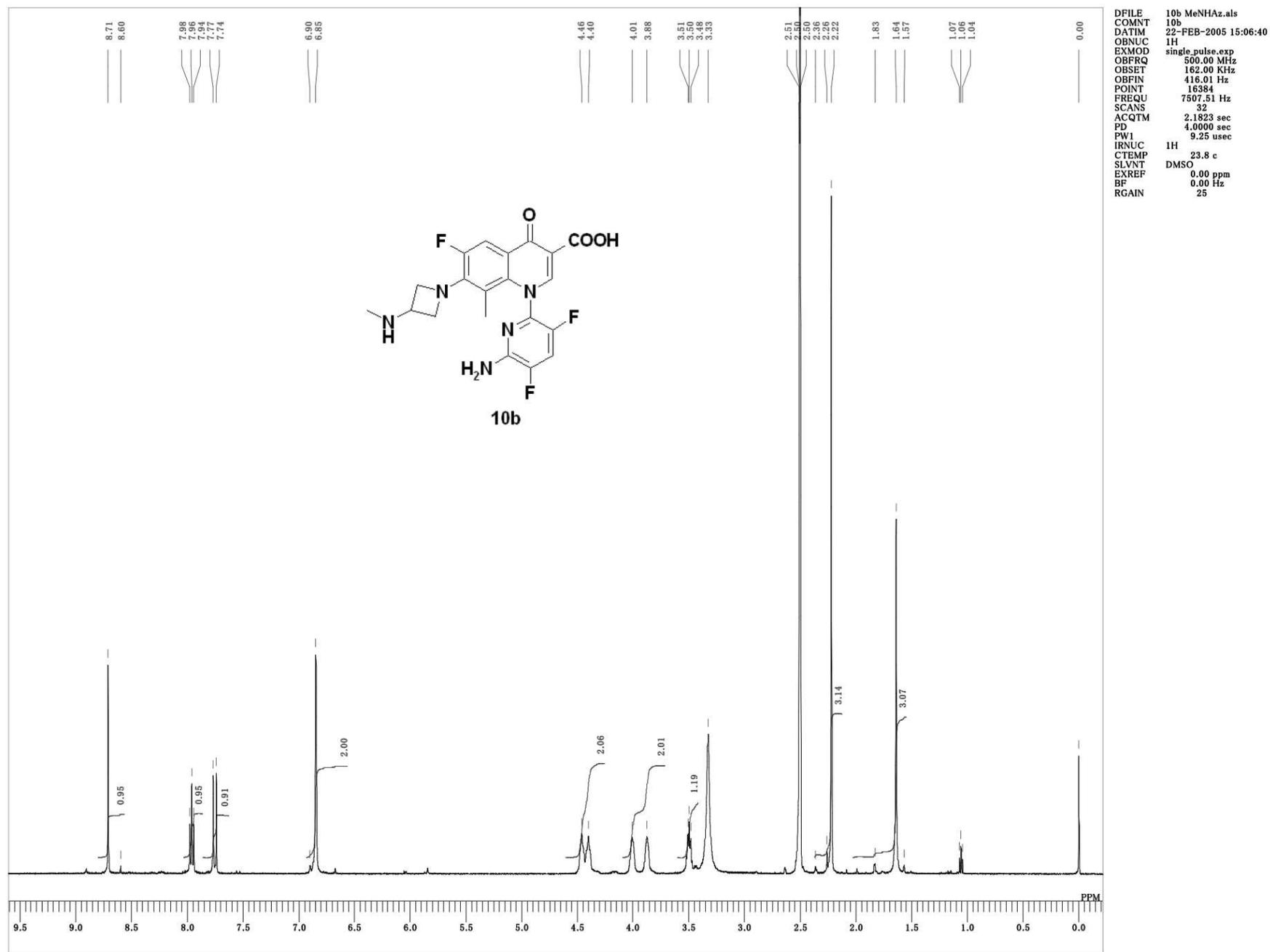
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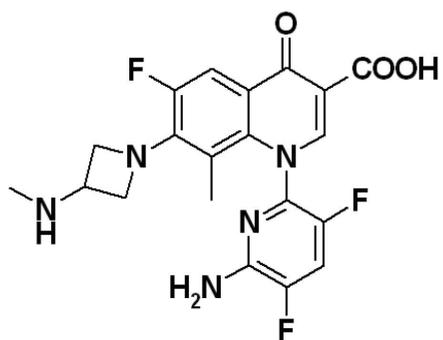
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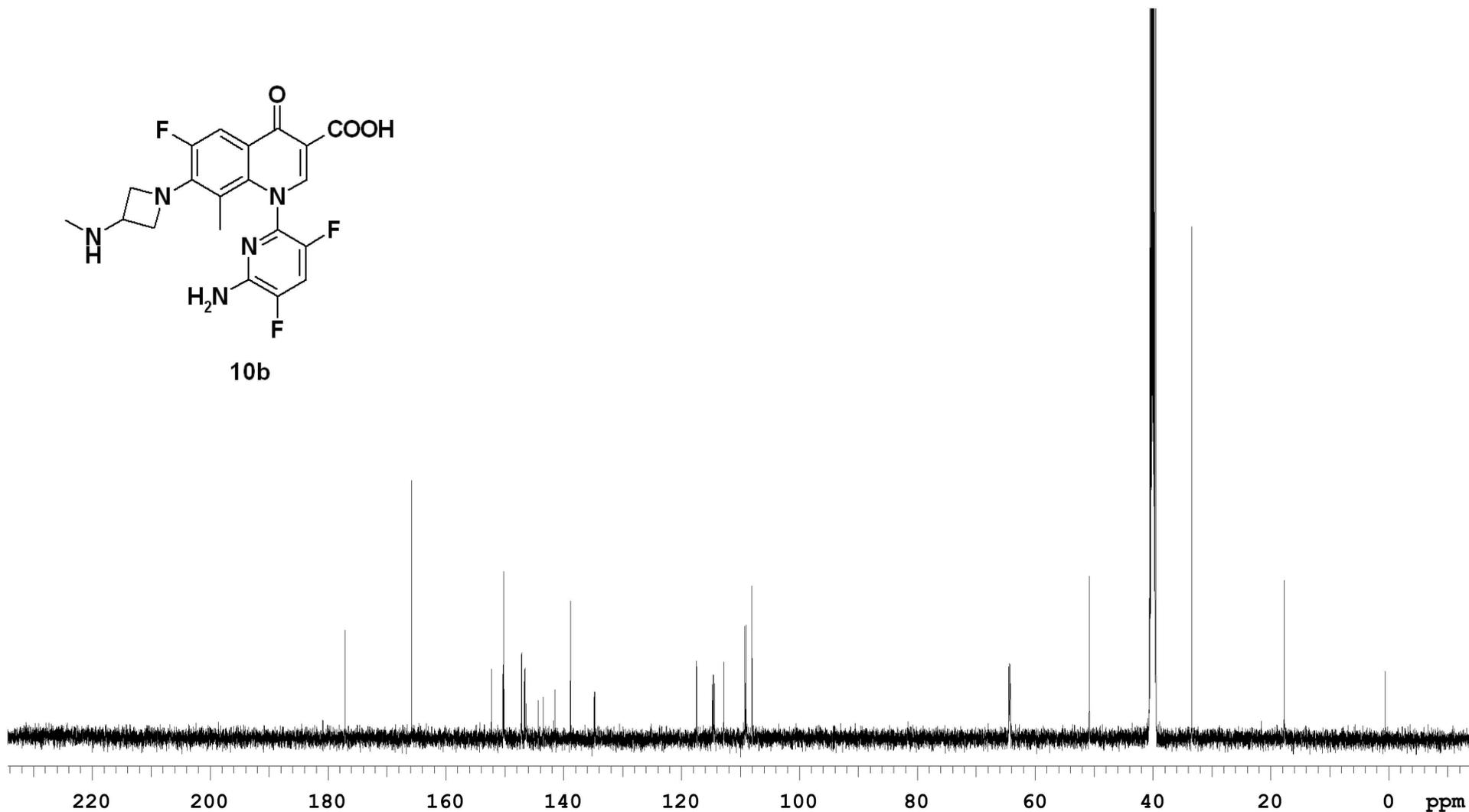
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10b





10b



## PULSE SEQUENCE

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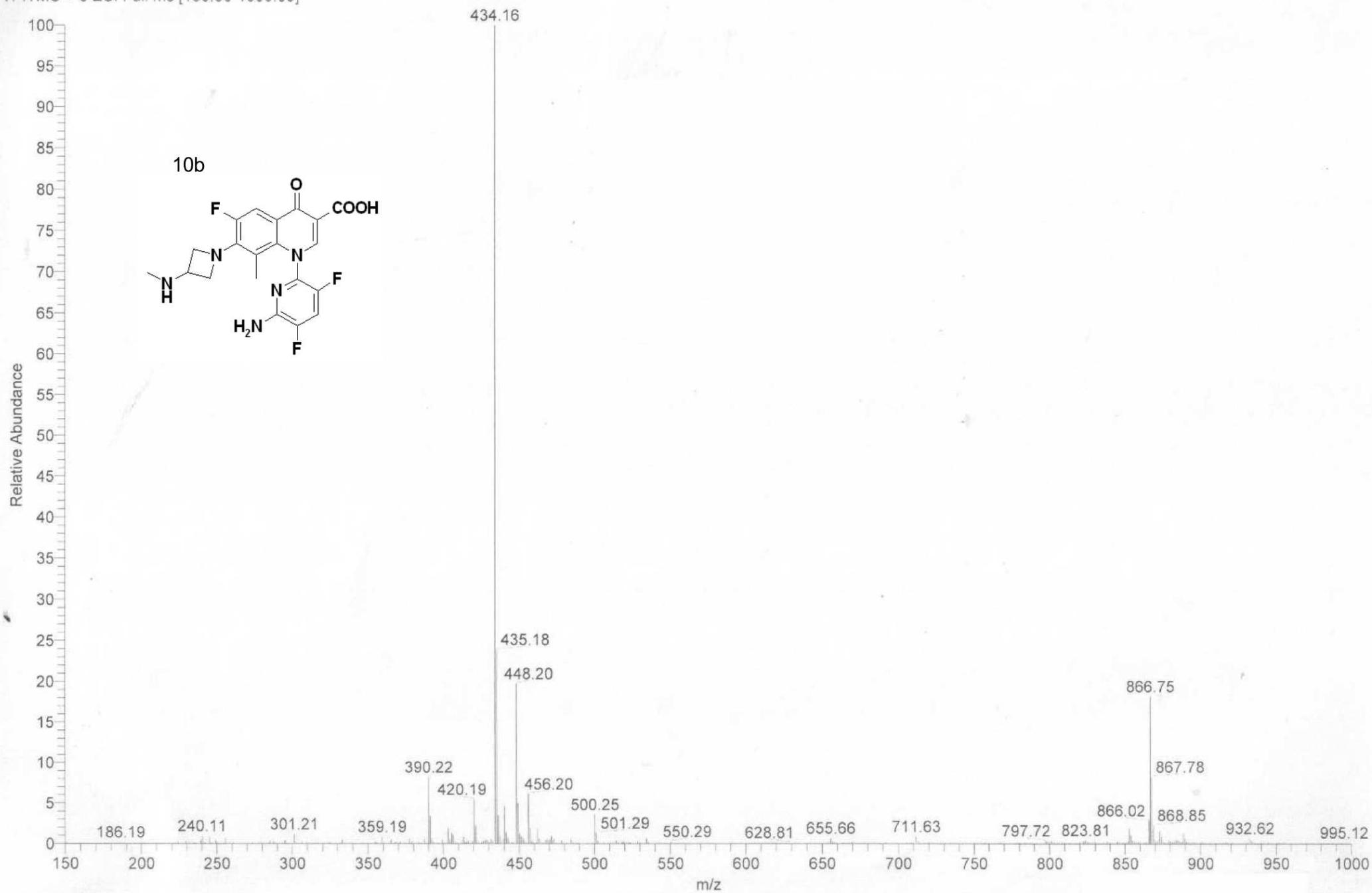
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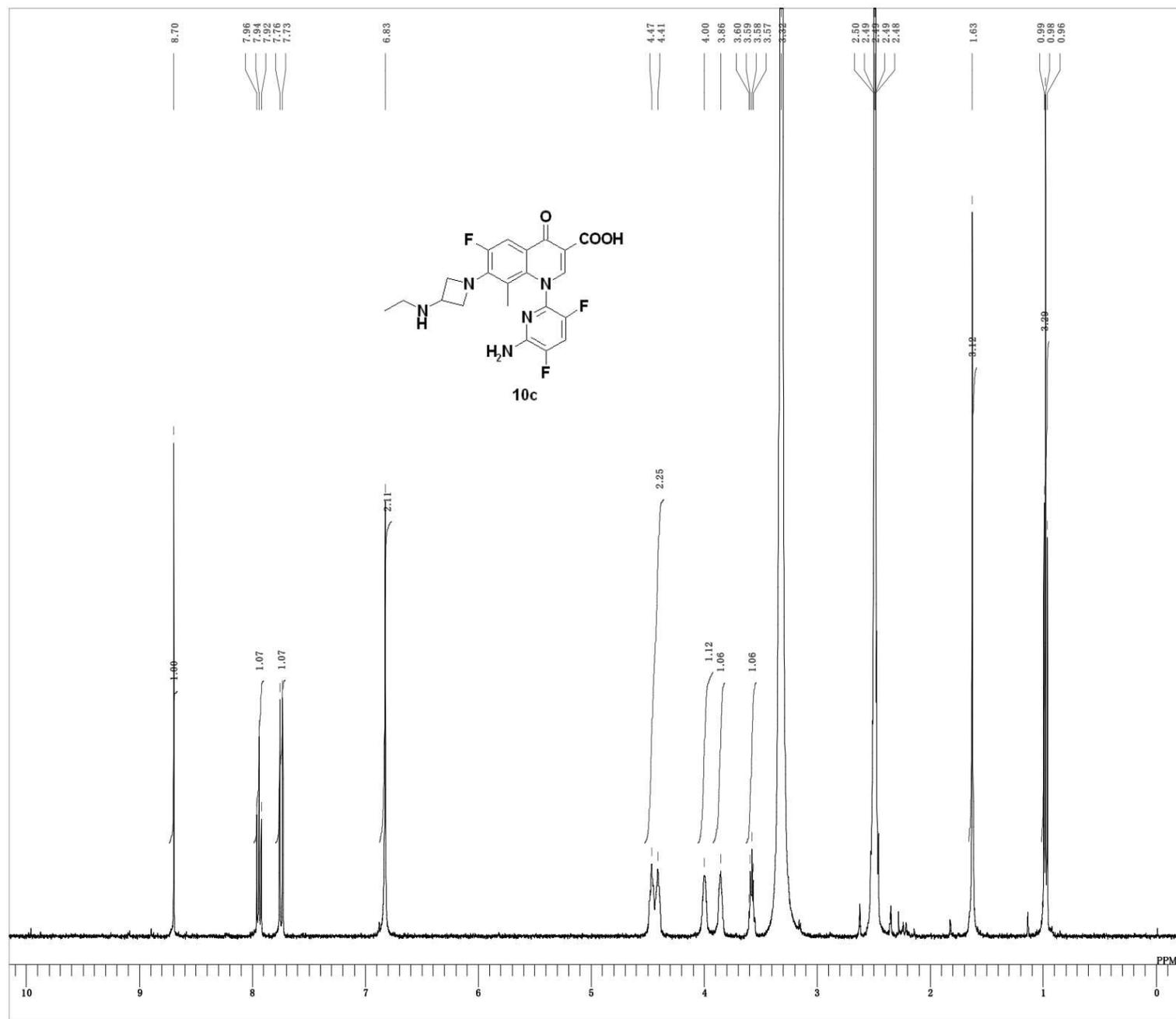
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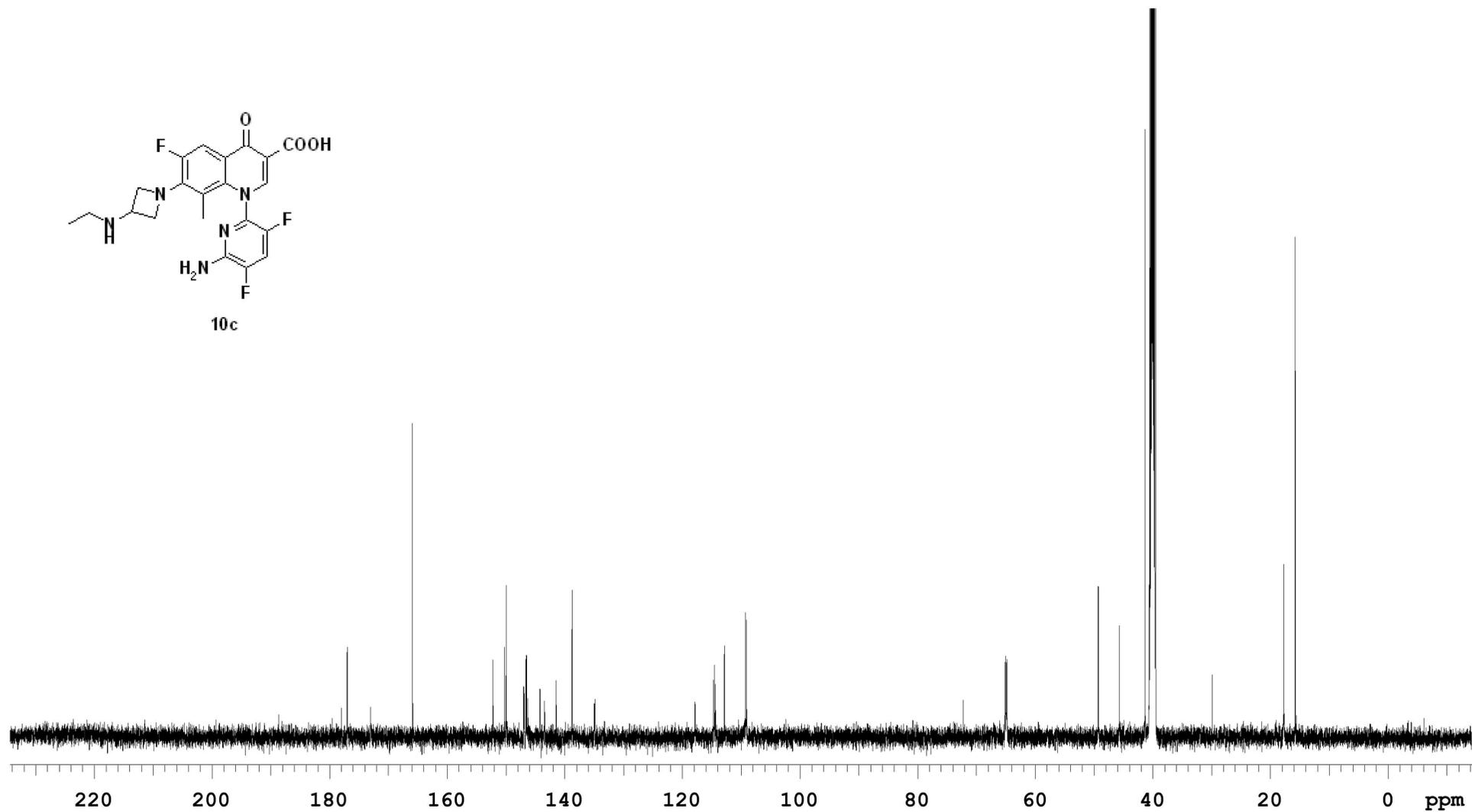
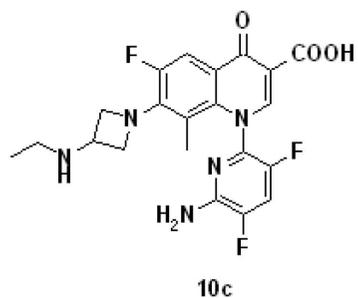
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 PD 4.0000 sec  
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 CTEMP 25.2 c  
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 BF 0.00 Hz  
 RGAIN 22



## PULSE SEQUENCE

Relax. delay 1.000 sec  
 Pulse 45.0 degrees  
 Acq. time 1.049 sec  
 Width 31250.0 Hz  
 20000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6686970

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7781880  
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## DATA PROCESSING

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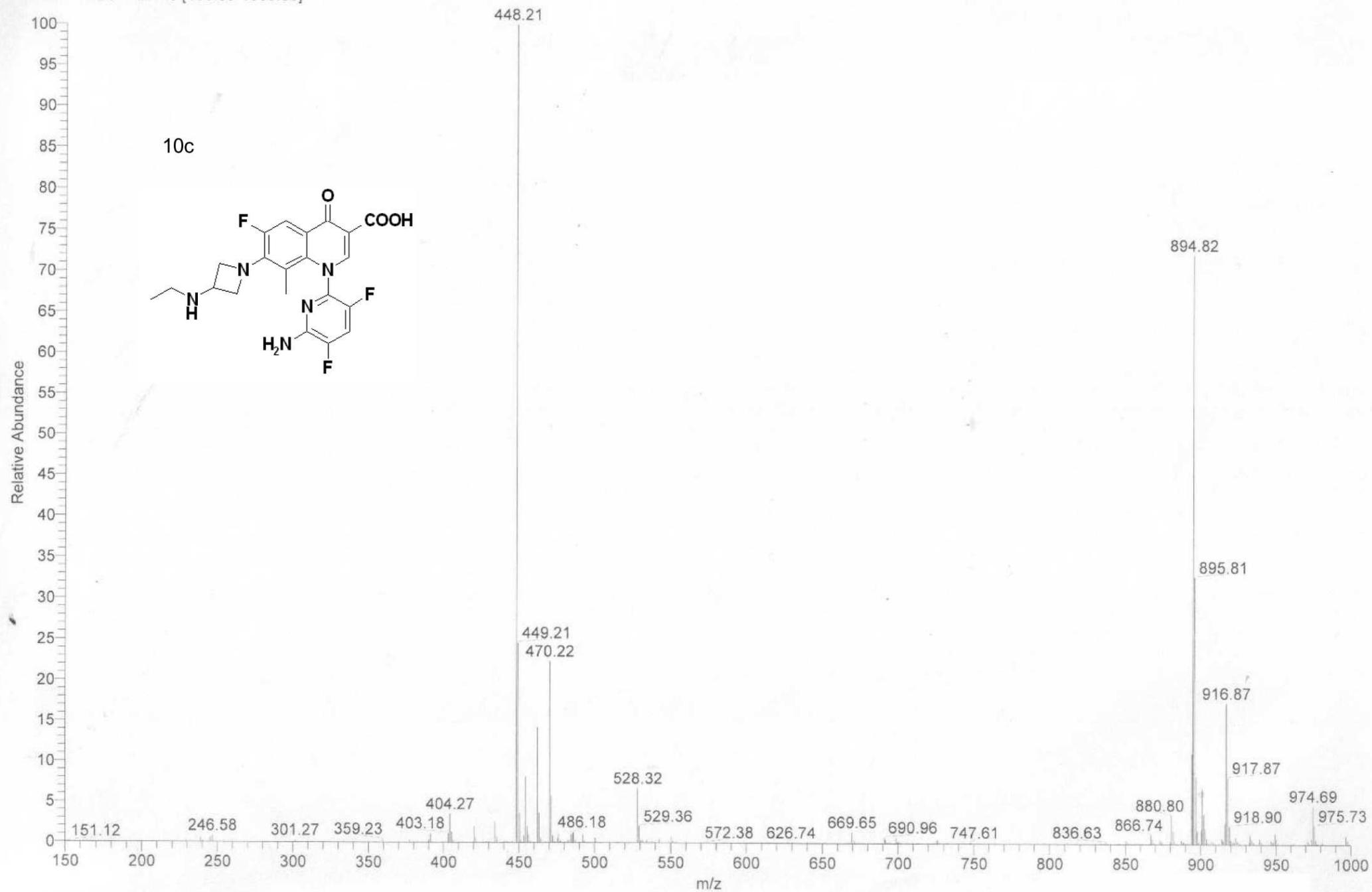
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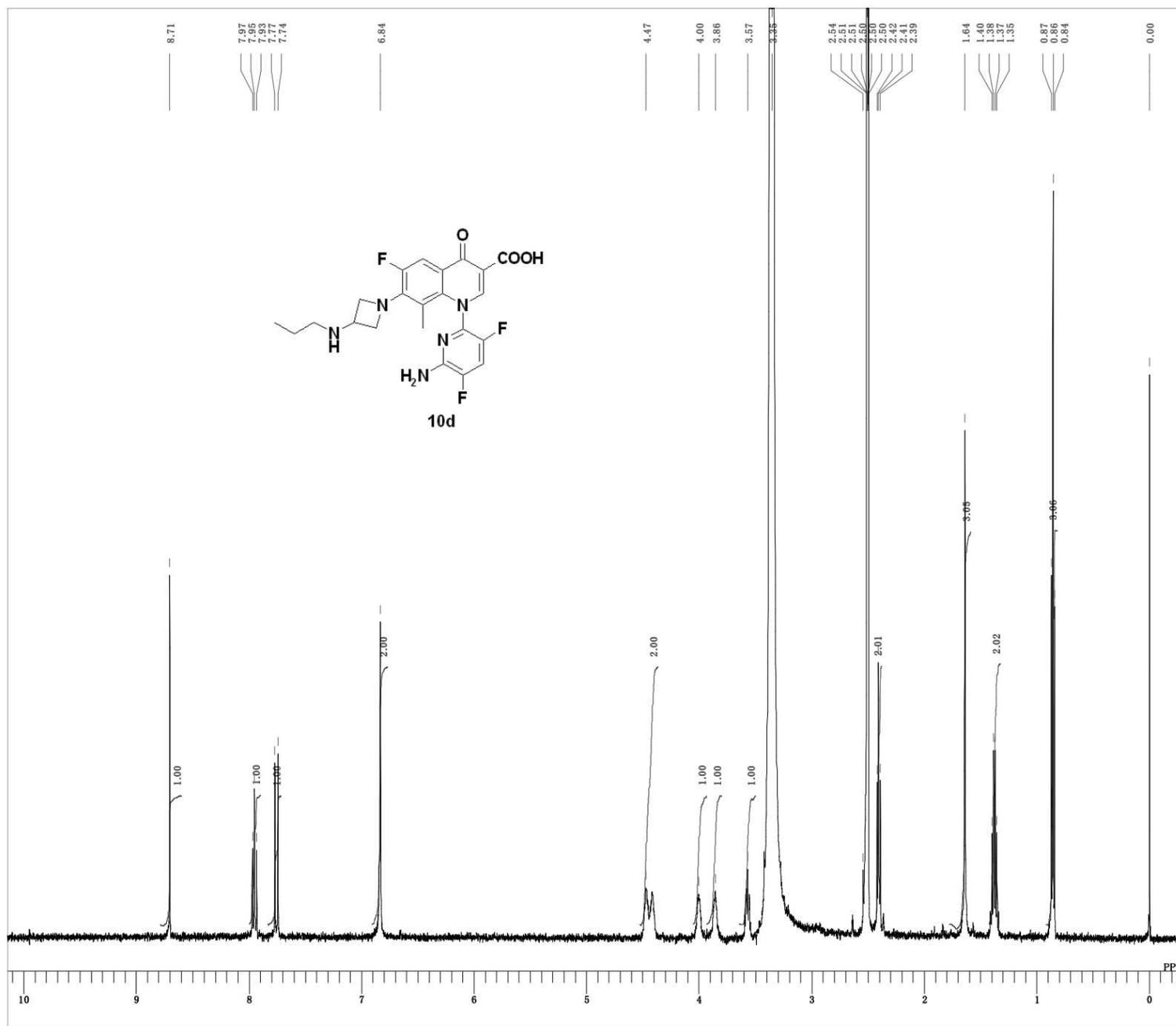
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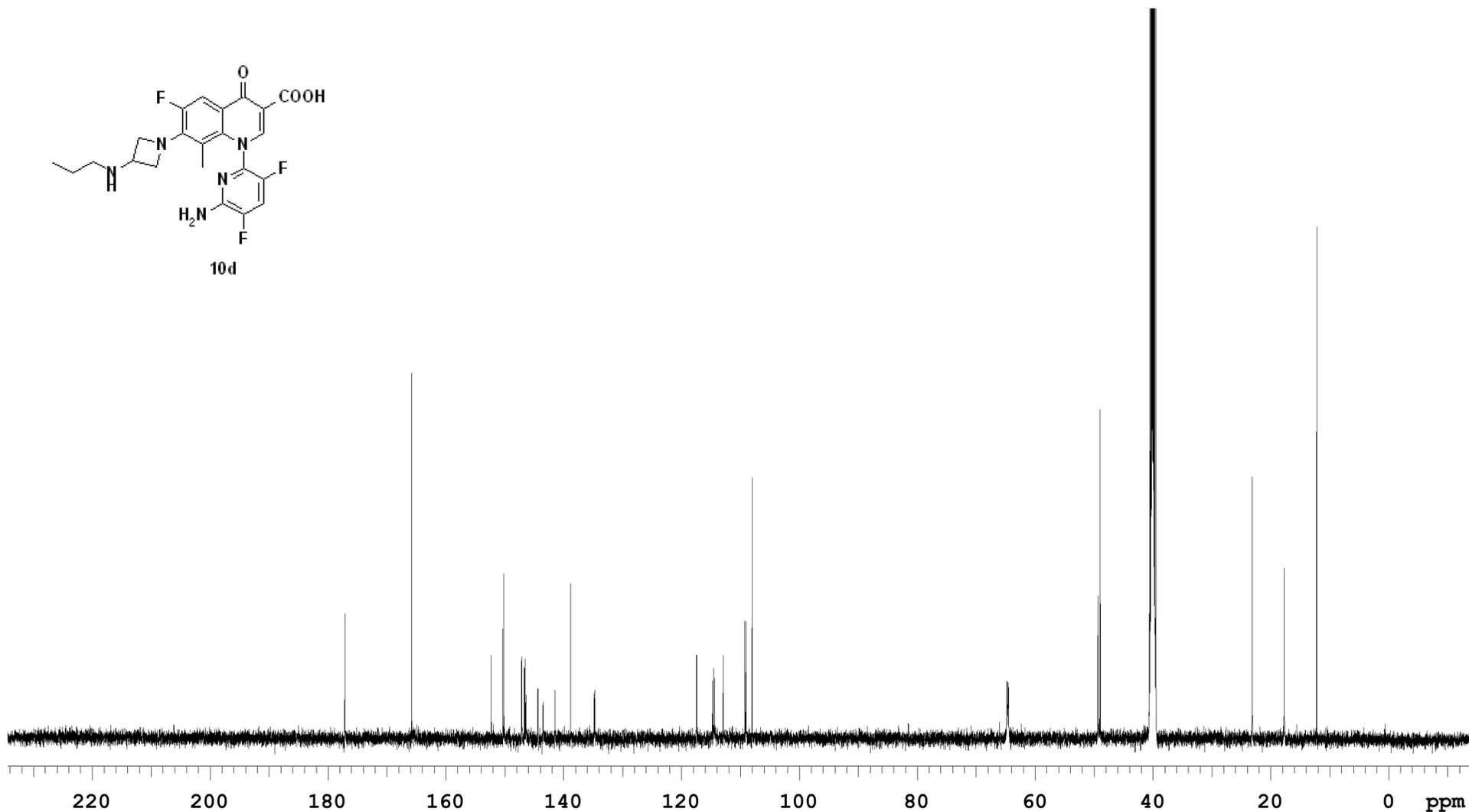
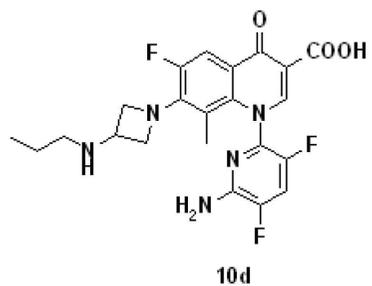
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 PD 4.0000 sec  
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## PULSE SEQUENCE

Relax. delay 1.000 sec  
 Pulse 45.0 degrees  
 Acq. time 1.049 sec  
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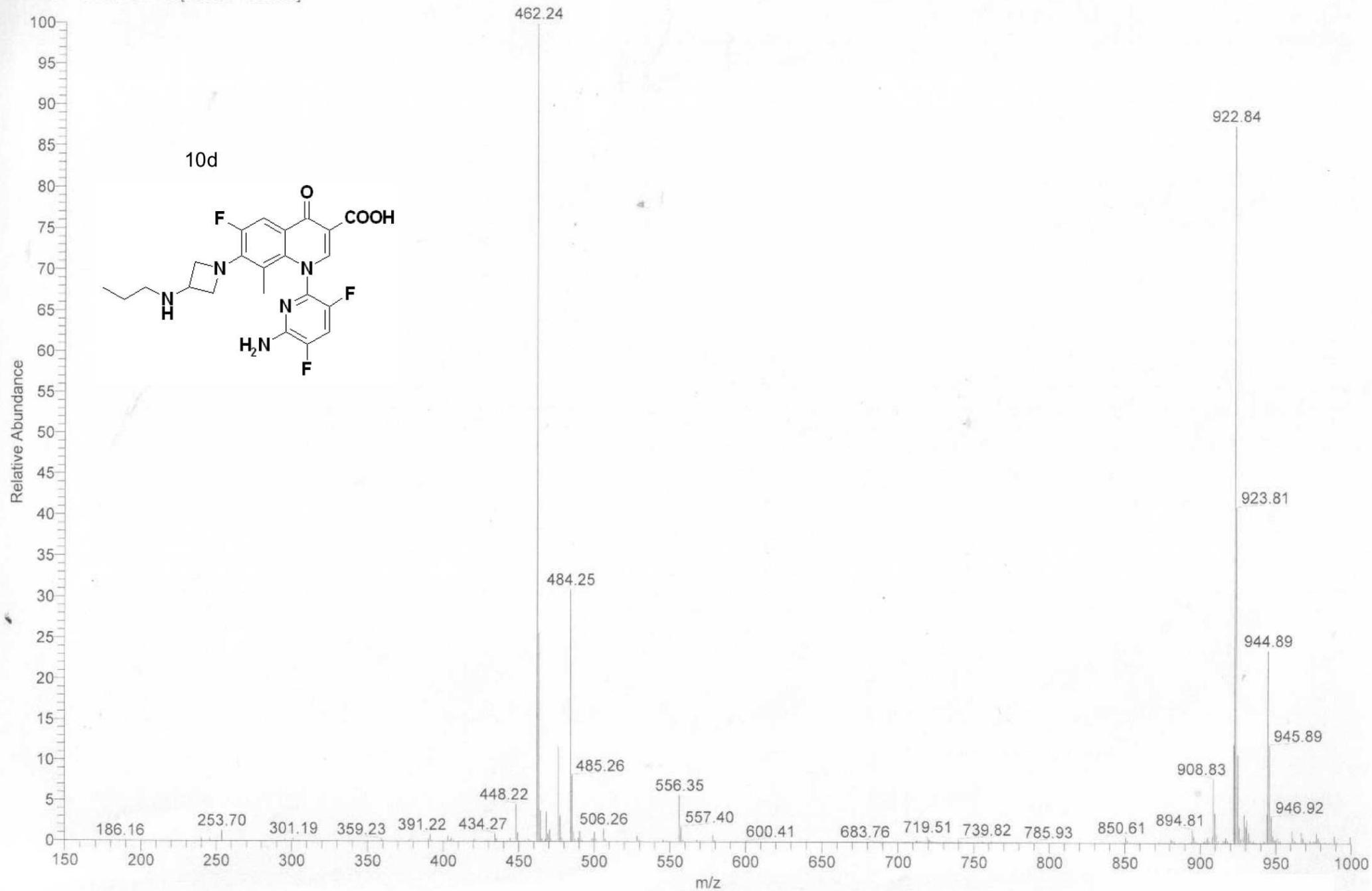
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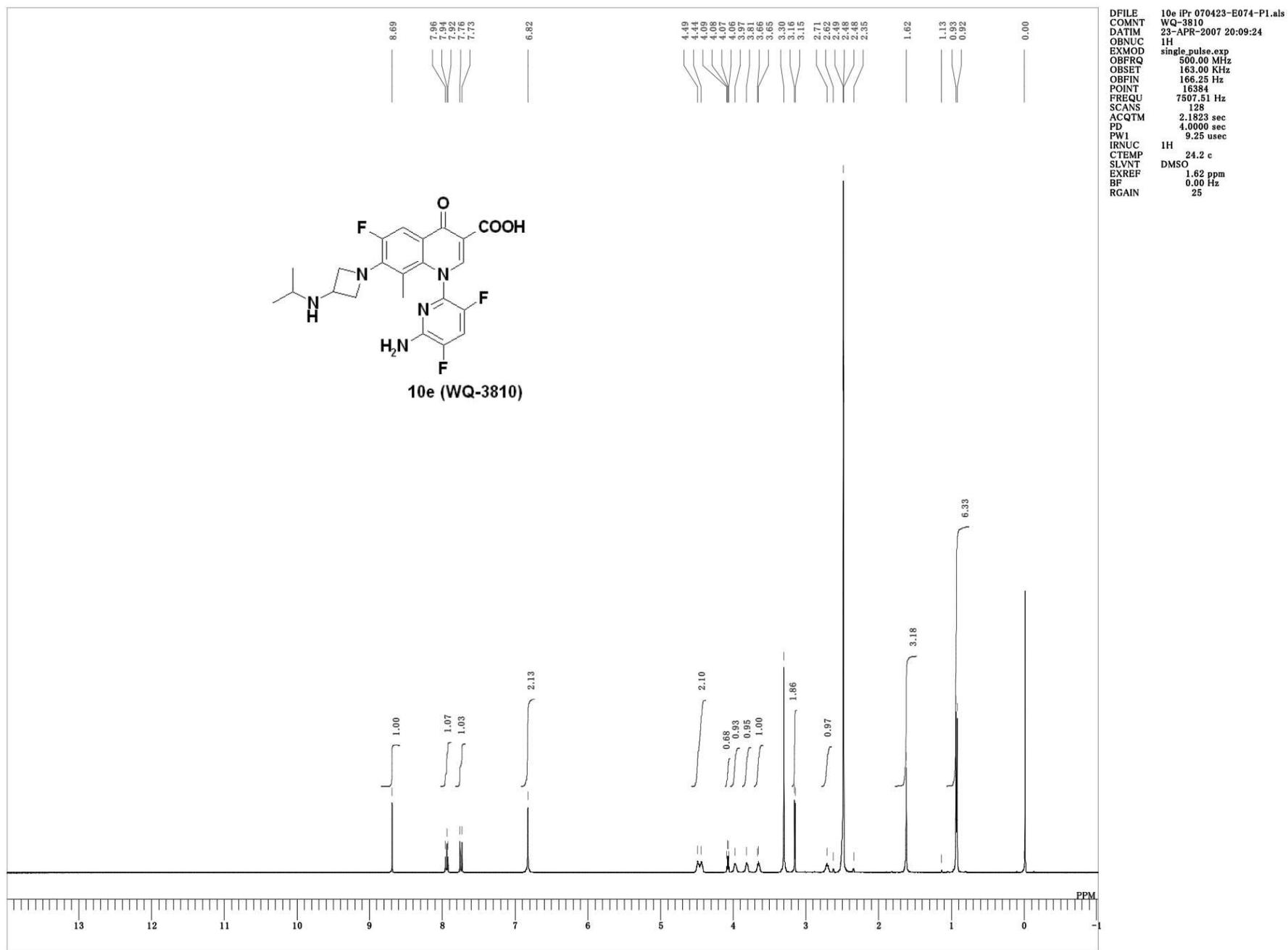
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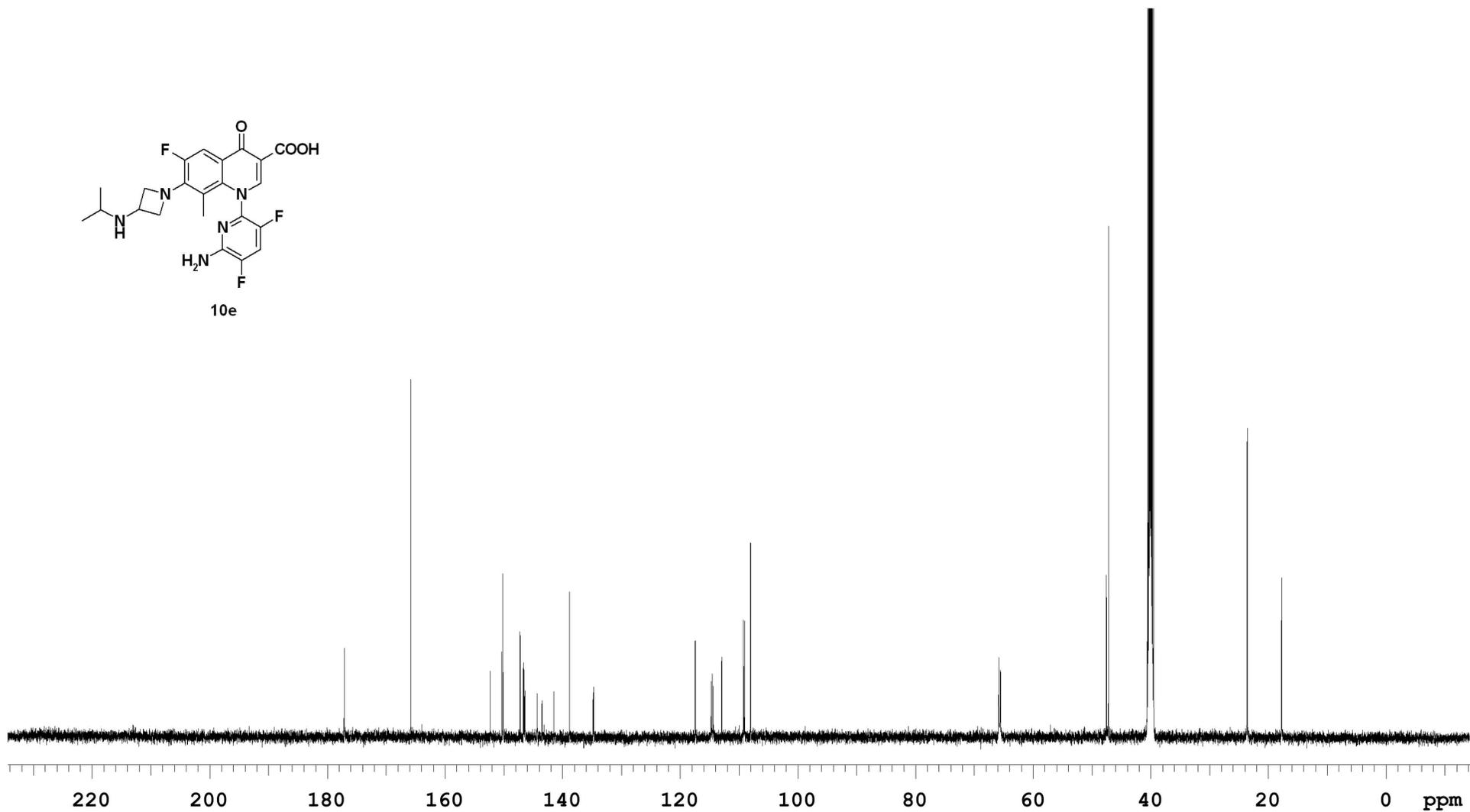
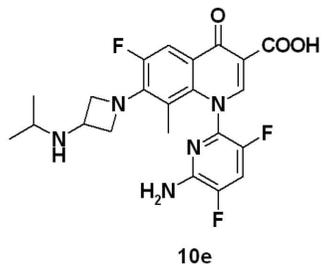
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WQ-3810





## PULSE SEQUENCE

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Acq. time 1.049 sec  
Width 31250.0 Hz  
20000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6686970

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7781880  
Power 39 dB  
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## DATA PROCESSING

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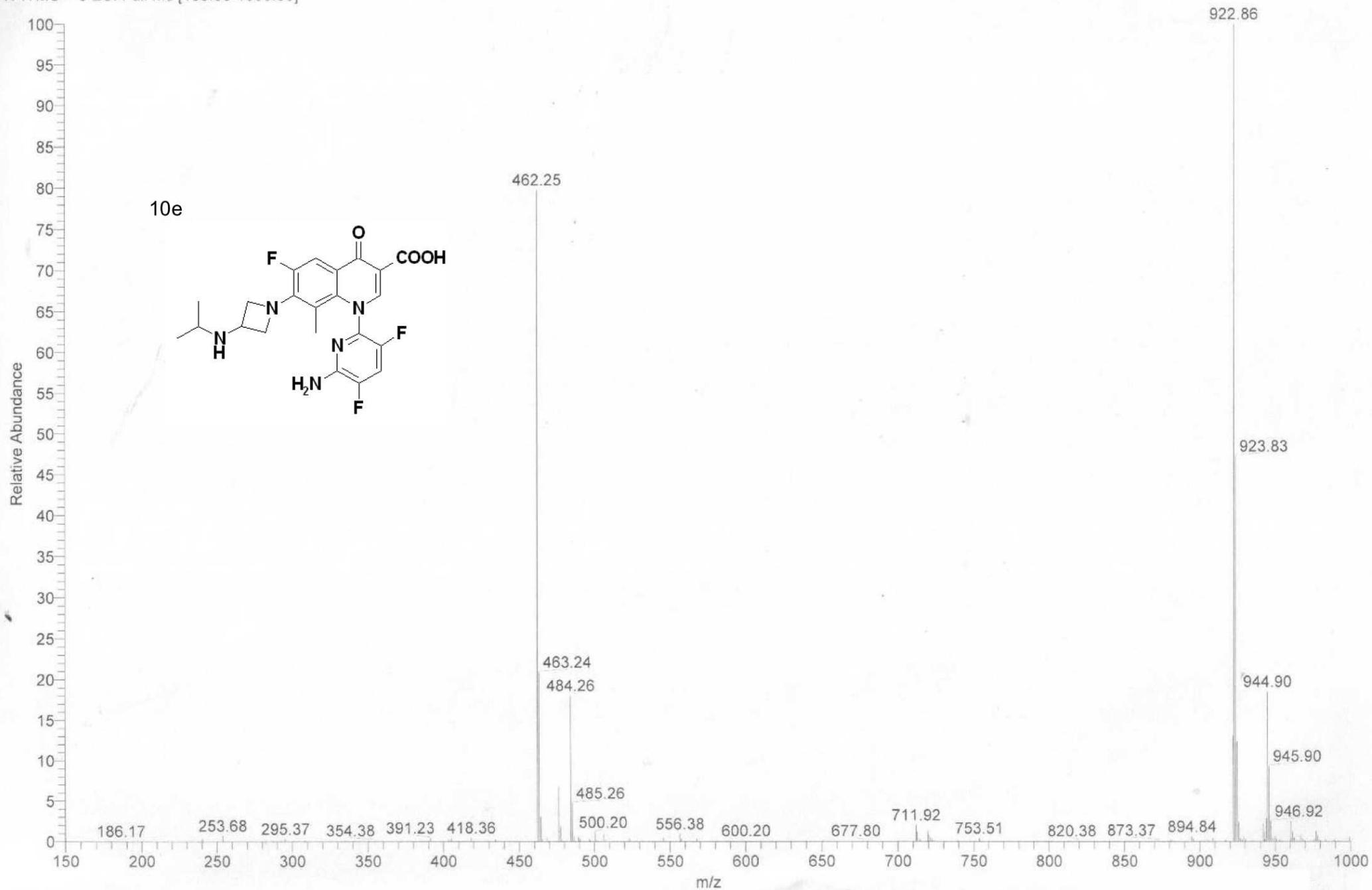
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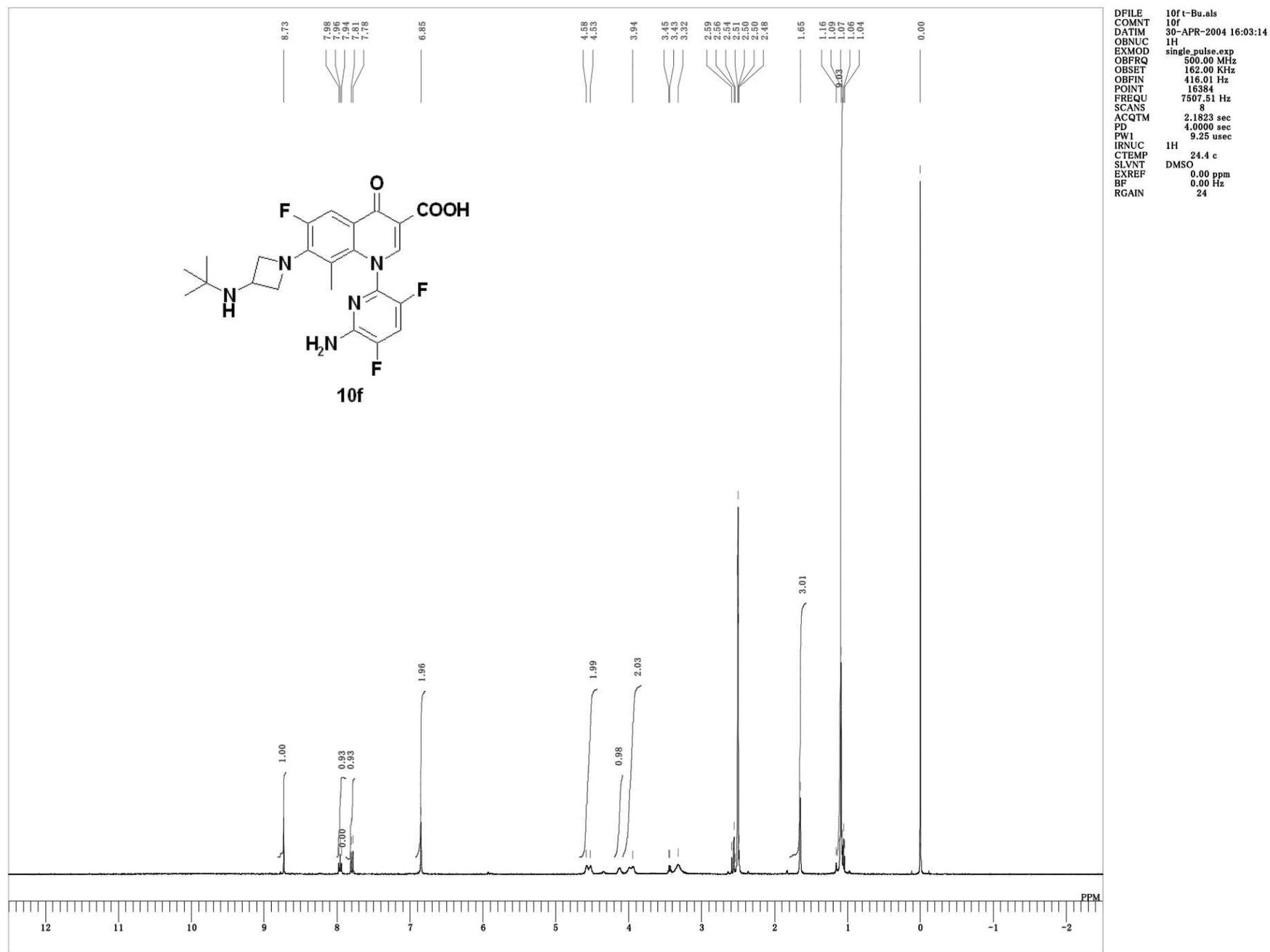
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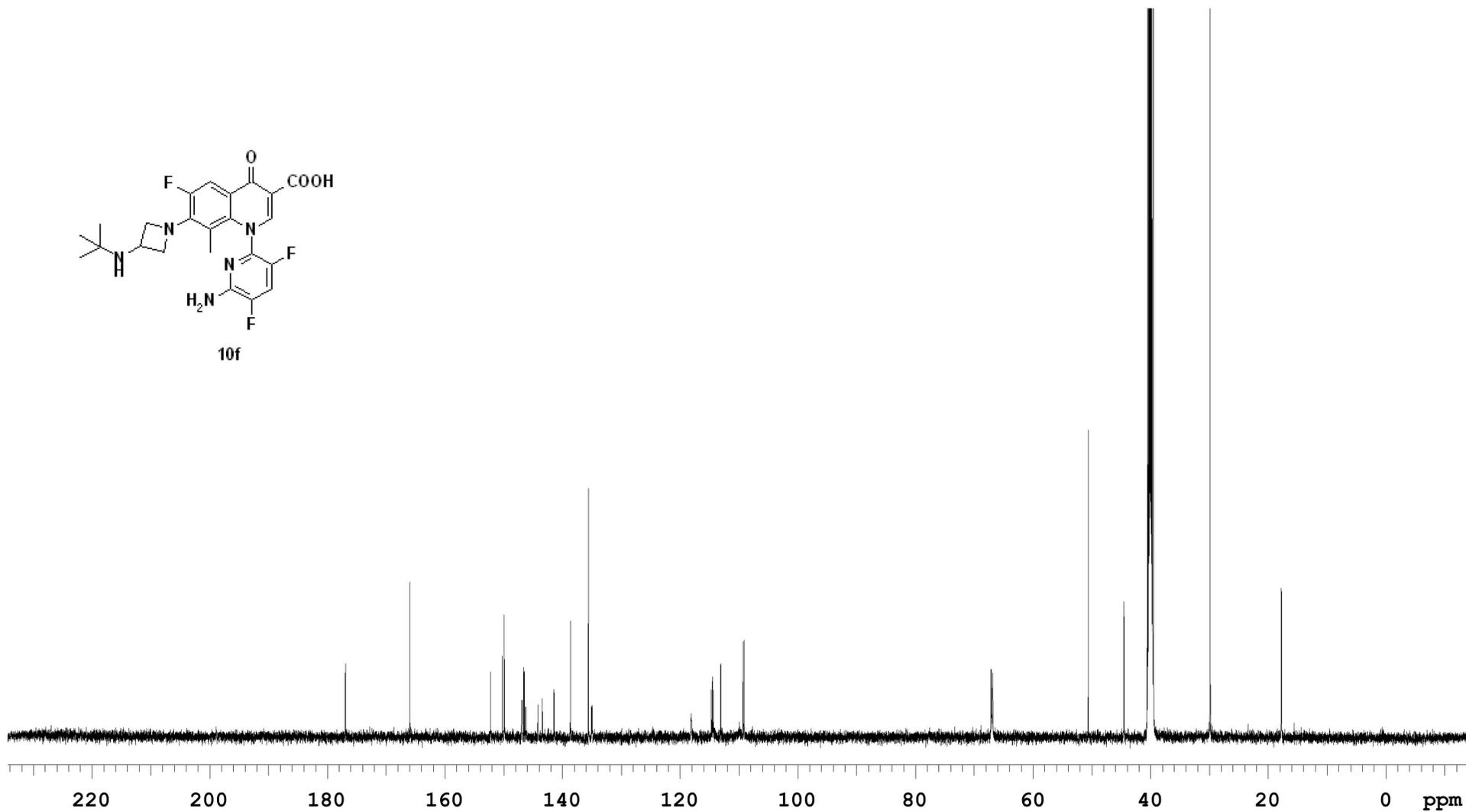
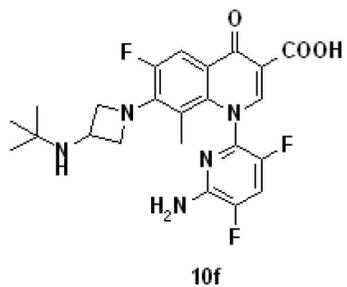
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## PULSE SEQUENCE

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Acq. time 1.049 sec  
Width 31250.0 Hz  
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OBSERVE C13, 125.6686970

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7781880  
Power 39 dB  
continuously on  
WALTZ-16 modulated

## DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz  
FT size 65536  
Total time 11.8 hours

Solvent: dmsd  
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VNMR5-500 "Varian-NMR"

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