

# Supporting Information

## AN EFFICIENT TON SCALE PROCESS OF CHLORFLUAZURON

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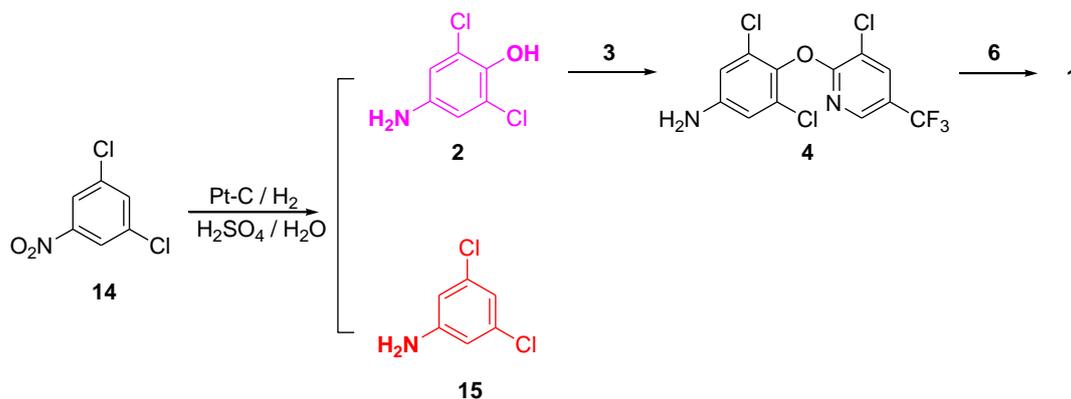
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## 1. General Information

All solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Melting points were recorded on an RY-1 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA-400 spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained from a Finnigan MAT-95/711 spectrometer. HPLC area percent was established on an Agilent 1260 liquid chromatography system with a Zorbax Eclipse Plus C18 column, 250 mm  $\times$  4.6 mm (5  $\mu\text{m}$ );  $\lambda = 254$  nm; mobile phase: A ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) and B ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 80:20 v/v. The HPLC analysis data is reported in area % and is not adjusted to weight %.

## 2. Synthesis of compounds



### 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**) and 3,5-dichloroaniline (**15**)

Add 3,5-dichloronitrobenzene (**14**) (500 kg, 2.604 kmol), 30% sulfuric acid (150 kg), deionized water (1500 kg), TBAB (2.5 kg), platinum/carbon catalyst with 5% platinum loading (0.5 kg), and 4-aminopyridine (2.5 kg) to the 3000 L autoclave. The autoclave was replaced with N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> three times respectively, and then the reaction was carried out at a temperature of 80°C and hydrogen pressure of 0.1 MPa for 10 h. Filtering the reaction solution at 60-80°C to obtain the filtrate and the platinum/carbon catalyst, which is recycled back into the autoclave. The filtrate obtained above was cooled down to 0°C and kept for 4 h, crystals were precipitated and filtered to obtain the crystalline liquor and the product of 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**) and 3,5-dichloroaniline (**15**). The obtained crystalline liquor was returned to the autoclave for recycling. Water and sodium hydroxide solution was added to the filter cake to adjust pH=9 and stir for 30 minutes, and then filter to obtain 3,5-dichloroaniline (**15**). Finally, add 10% sulfuric acid to the filtrate to adjust pH=4 and filter to obtain 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**). The yields of 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**) and 3,5-dichloroaniline (**15**) were 78.1% and 20.9%, respectively.

4-Amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**): white solid (362.0 kg, 78.1%), HPLC 99.5%, mp 167-170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 5.20 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.58 (s, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>), 8.87 (s, 1H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 113.8, 123.5, 139.1, 142.6; LC-MS m/z: 177.92.

3,5-Dichloroaniline (**15**): white solid (88.2 kg, 20.9%), HPLC 99.2%, mp 48-49 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.79 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.52 (s, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.71 (s, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 77.2, 113.3, 118.4, 135.5, 148.3.

#### ***3,5-dichloro-4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridyloxy) aniline (4)***

In a 3000 L glass lined reactor, 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**) (362 kg, 2.034 kmol), potassium hydroxide (120 kg, 1.928 kmol), DMF (600 L) and 2,3-dichloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (**3**) (440 kg, 2.037 kmol) were reacted at 125 °C for 2 h. Samples were taken and tested, and the residue was qualified when 2,3-dichloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (**3**) was  $\leq 0.5\%$ . Remove DMF by evaporation under reduced pressure to 120 °C, lower the temperature to below 20 °C, remove inorganic salt by filtration, recover DMF by concentration under reduced pressure, add 1500 L of toluene and 1000 L of tap water to the residue in turn, stir for 30 min, and let stand and stratify. The upper layer of toluene solution was partitioned by reflux to obtain 3,5-dichloro-4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridoxyl)aniline (**4**) in toluene solution, which was directly used in the next reaction with a calibrated yield of 96.7%.

#### ***2,6-difluorobenzoyl isocyanate (6)***

2,6-Difluorobenzamide (**5**) (318 kg, 2.027 kmol) and toluene (800 L) were put into the 2000 L reaction kettle and stirred, oxalyl chloride (270 kg, 2.126 kmol) was slowly added dropwise at room temperature. After dropping, the temperature was slowly raised to reflux for 4 h, and the tail gas was absorbed by water. After refluxing, the temperature is lowered, the excess oxalyl chloride is recovered by rotary evaporation, and the distillation product is a toluene solution of 2,6-difluorobenzoyl isocyanate (**6**), which was directly used in the next reaction with a calibrated yield of 97.2%.

#### ***Chlorfluazuron (1)***

In a 3000 L glass lined reactor, 3,5-dichloro-4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridoxyl)aniline (**4**) (1.967 kmol) and toluene (1500 L) were put into and stirred, the toluene solution of 2,6-difluorobenzoyl isocyanate (**6**) (1.970 kmol) was slowly added dropwise at room temperature. After dropping, the temperature was slowly raised to reflux for 2 h, then the mixture was cooled, filtered with suction, and dried to afford a white solid.

Chlorfluazuron (**1**): white solid, 1010 kg, yield 95.0%, HPLC 99.2%, m.p.231-233°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>), 7.47-7.57 (m, 3H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 8.02-8.03 (m, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>),

8.23-8.24 (m, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>), 9.94 (s, 1H, NH), 10.70 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -61.37~-62.10 (m, 3F), -110.62~-110.66 (m, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 112.2 (t, *J* = 18.3 Hz), 112.9-112.3 (m), 119.0, 120.3, 122.9 (q, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 129.5, 134.2 (t, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 135.7, 136.3 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 142.2, 142.7 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 151.5, 159.5, 160.1 (dd, *J* = 255.6, 5.8 Hz), 162.9; LC-MS *m/z*: 537.91.

### 3. The HPLC analysis

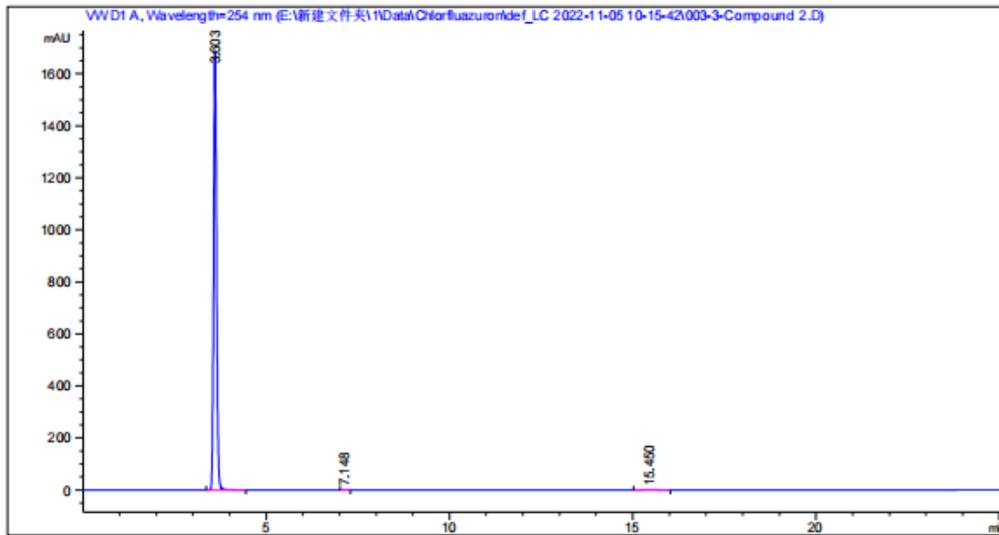
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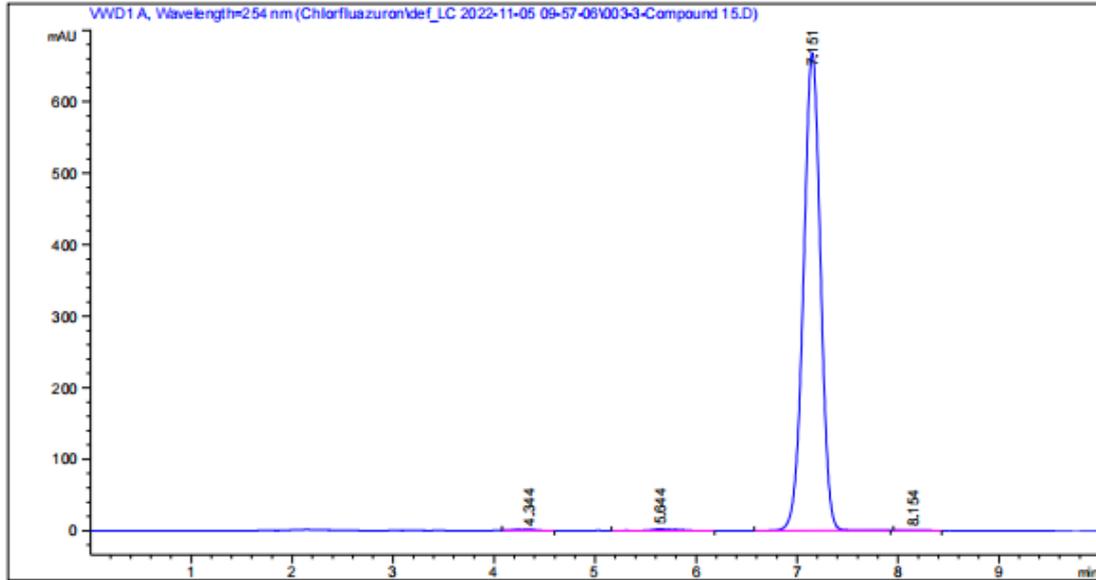
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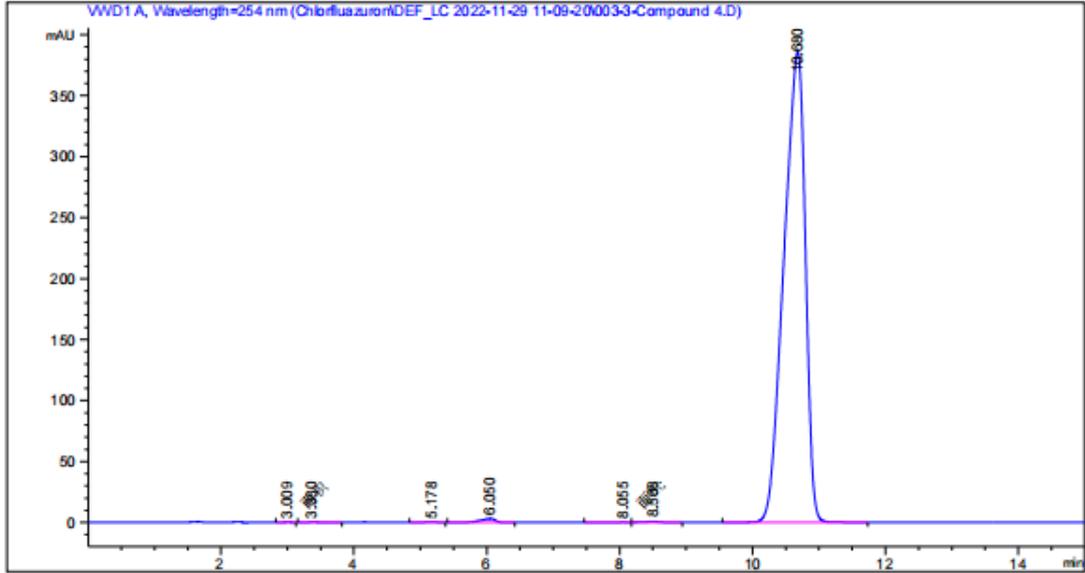
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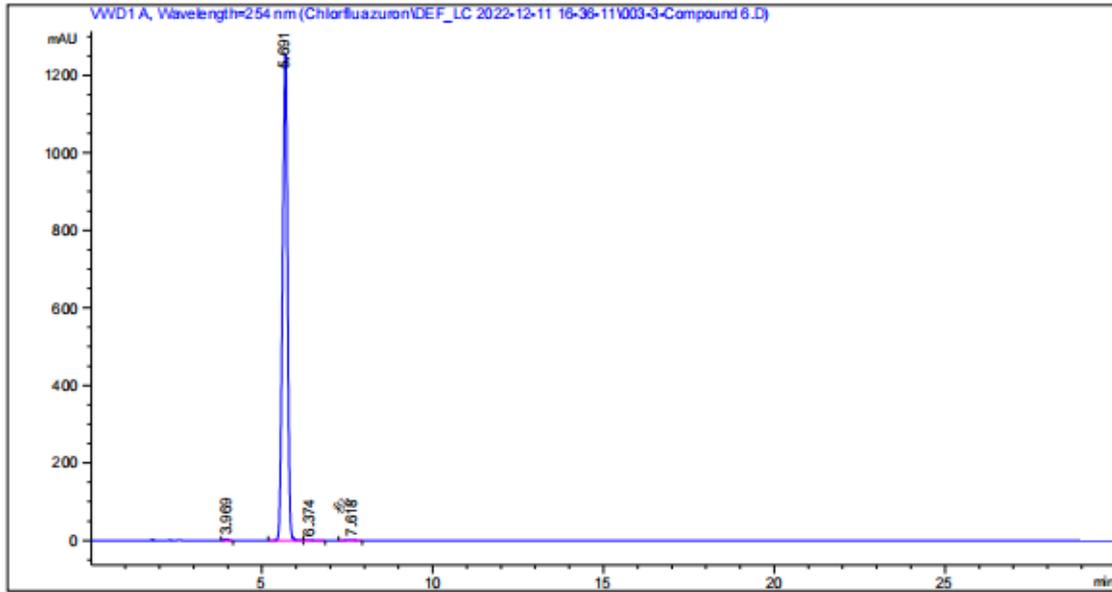
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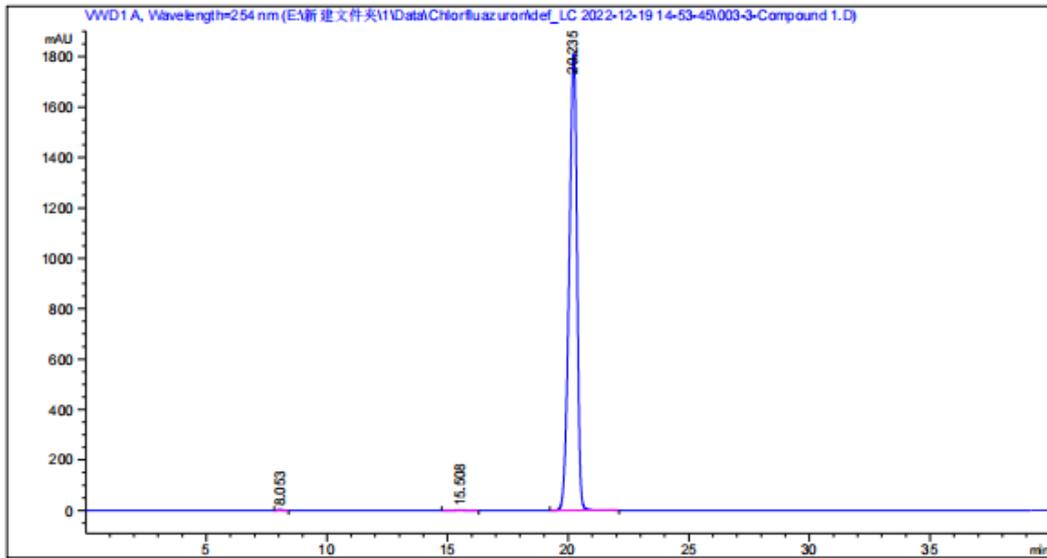
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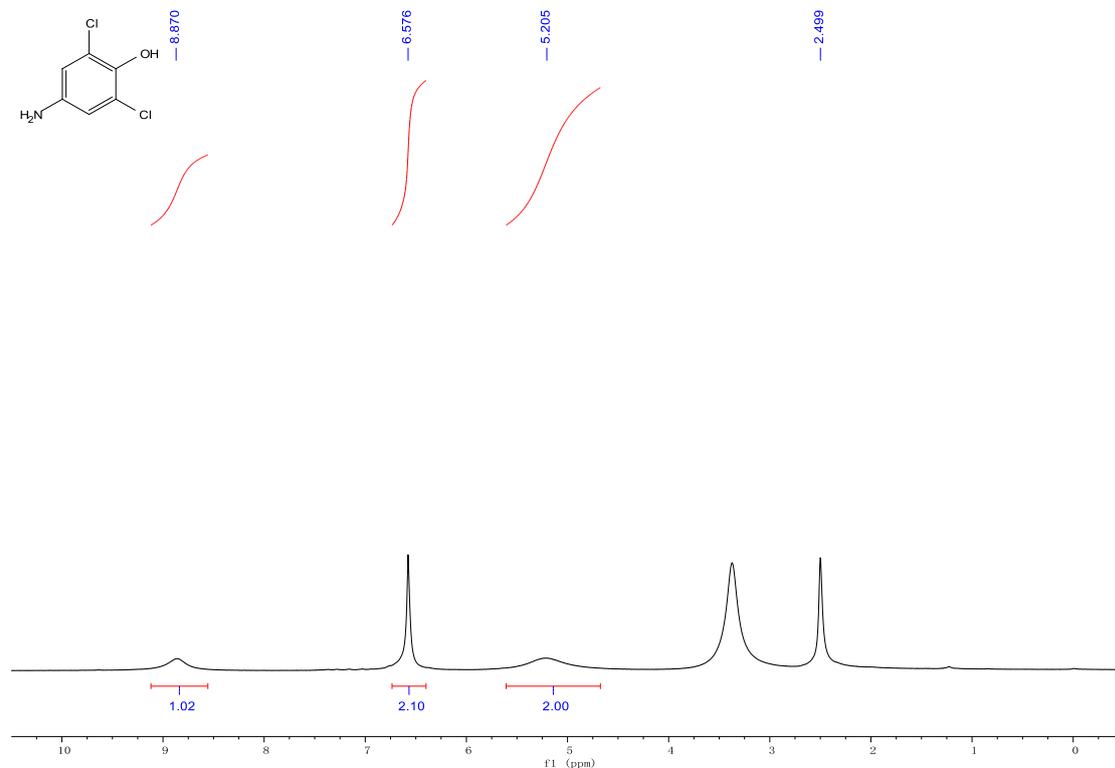
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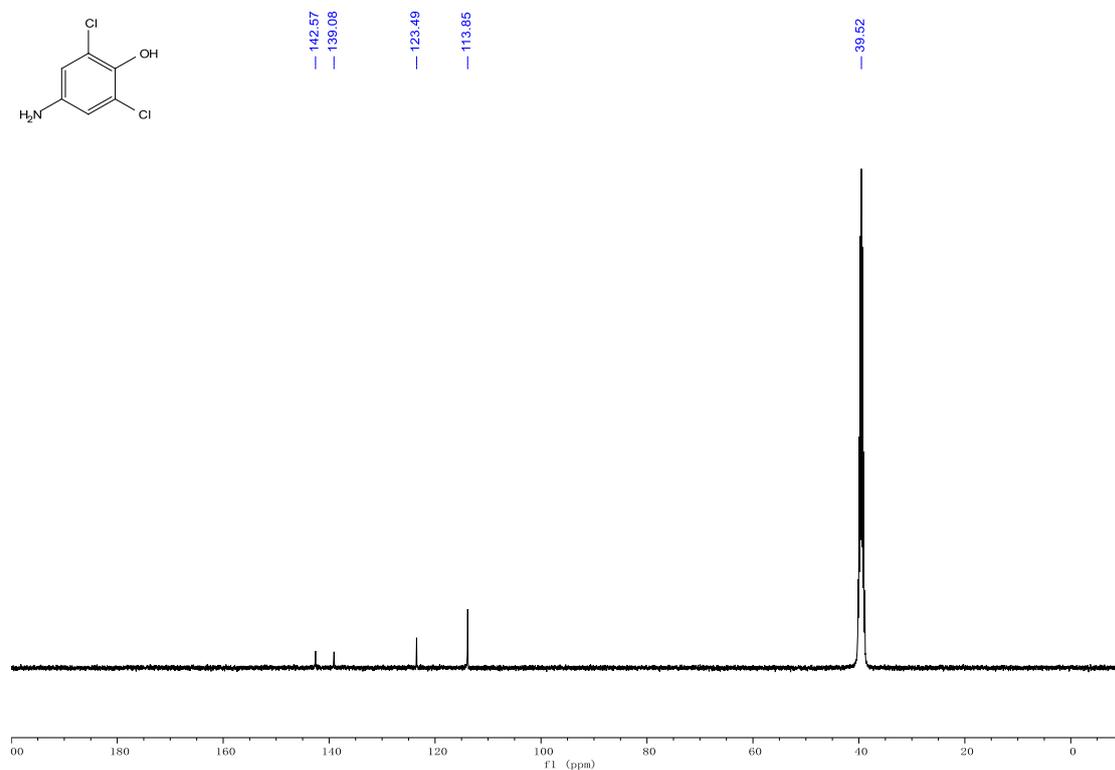
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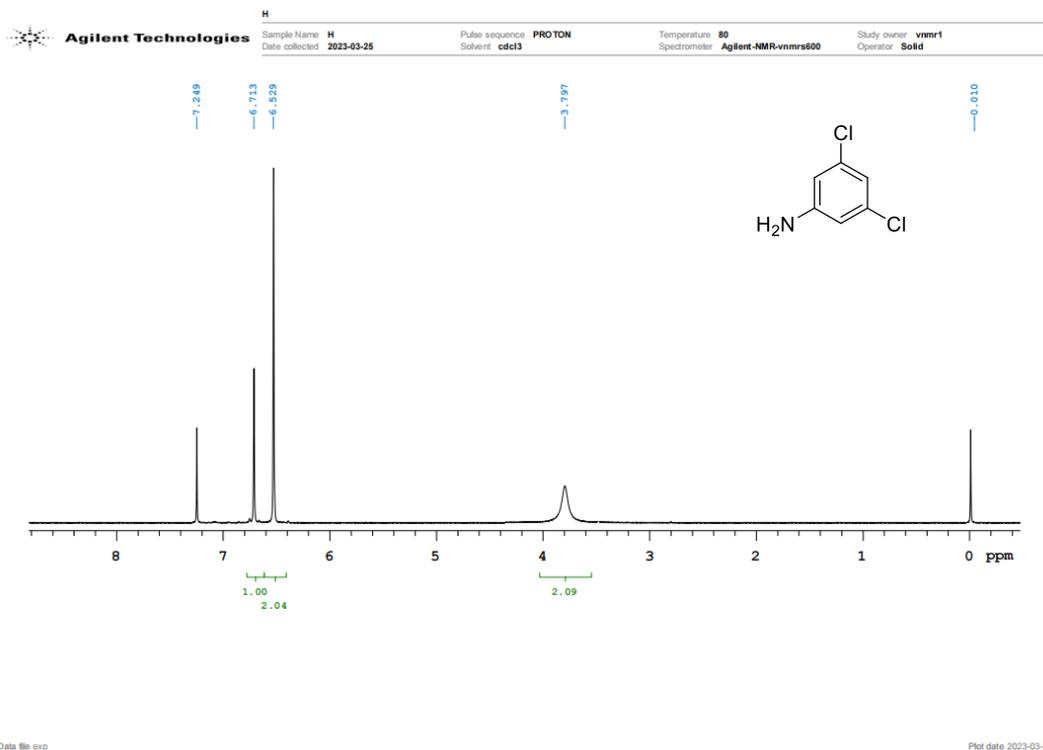
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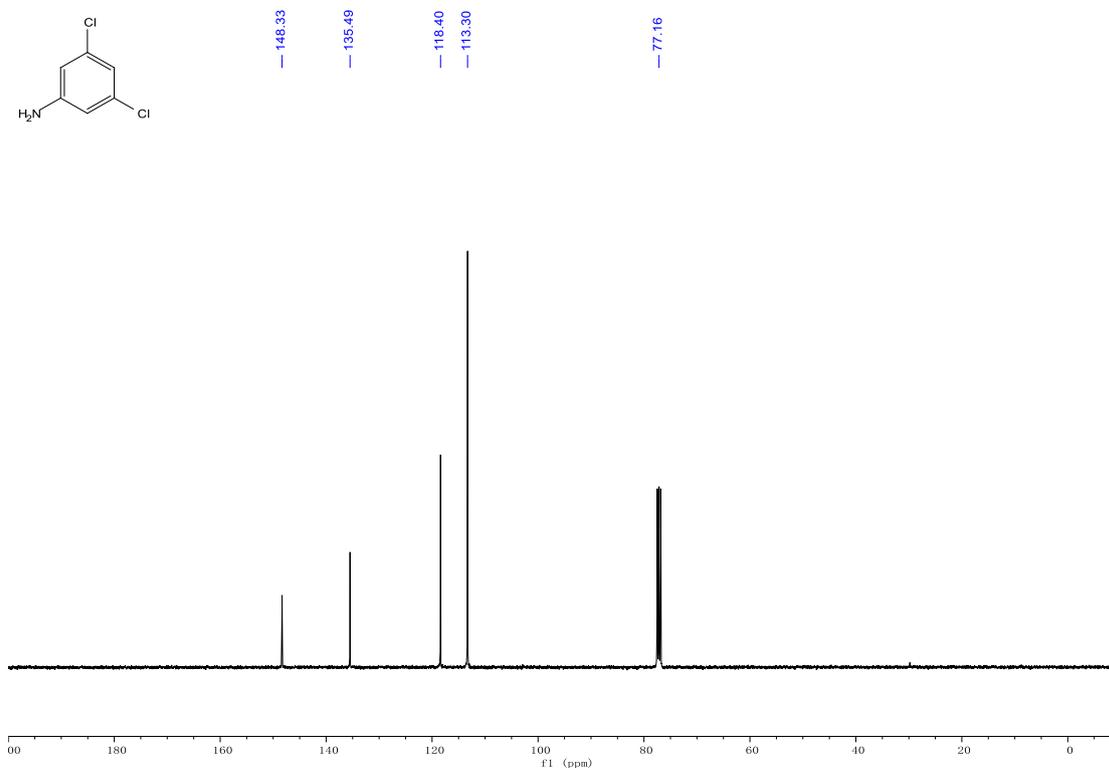
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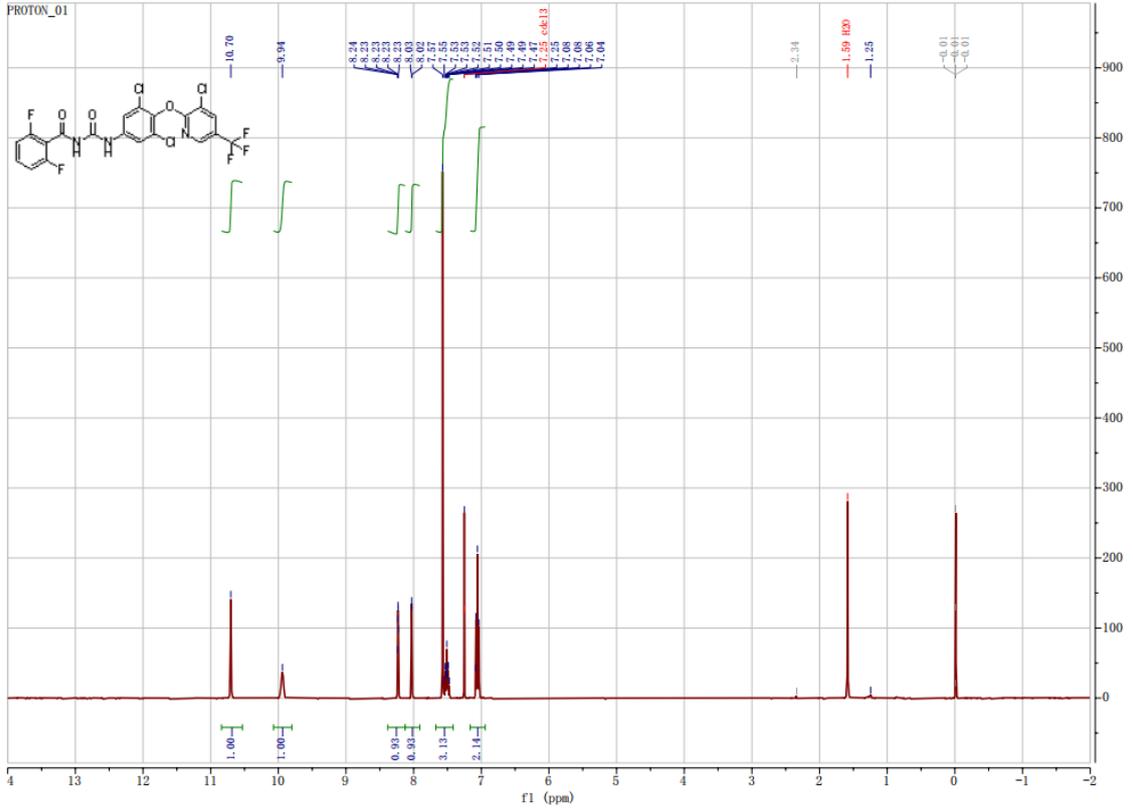
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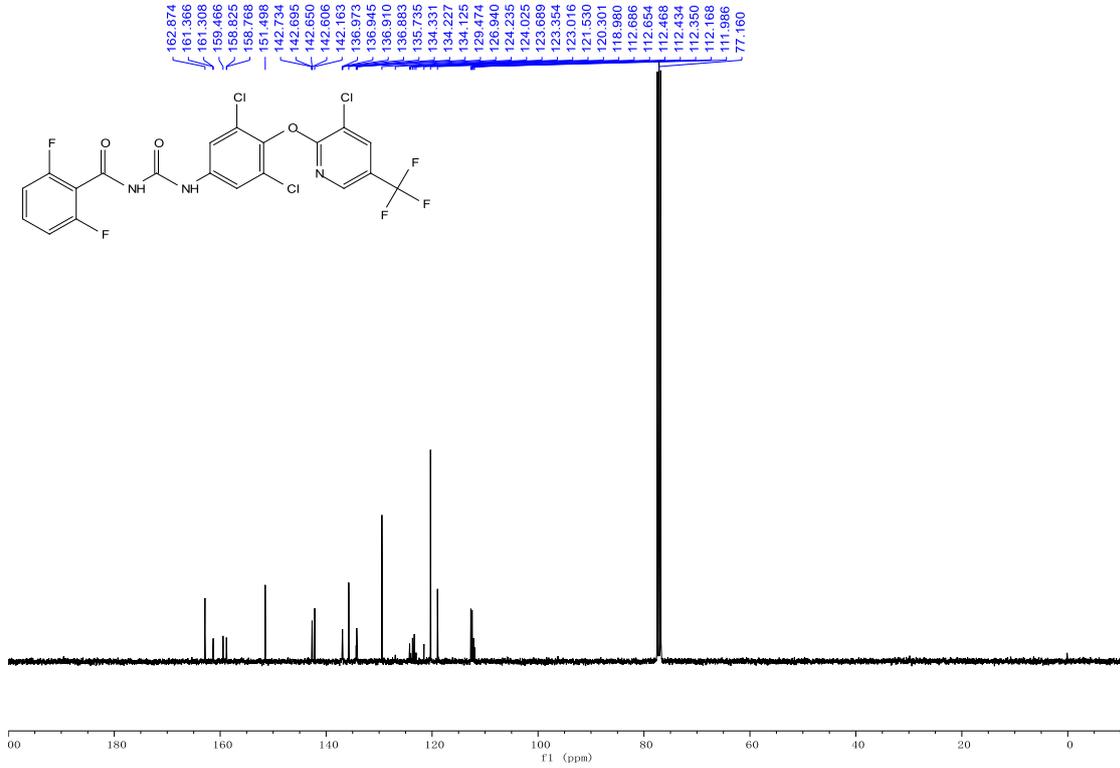
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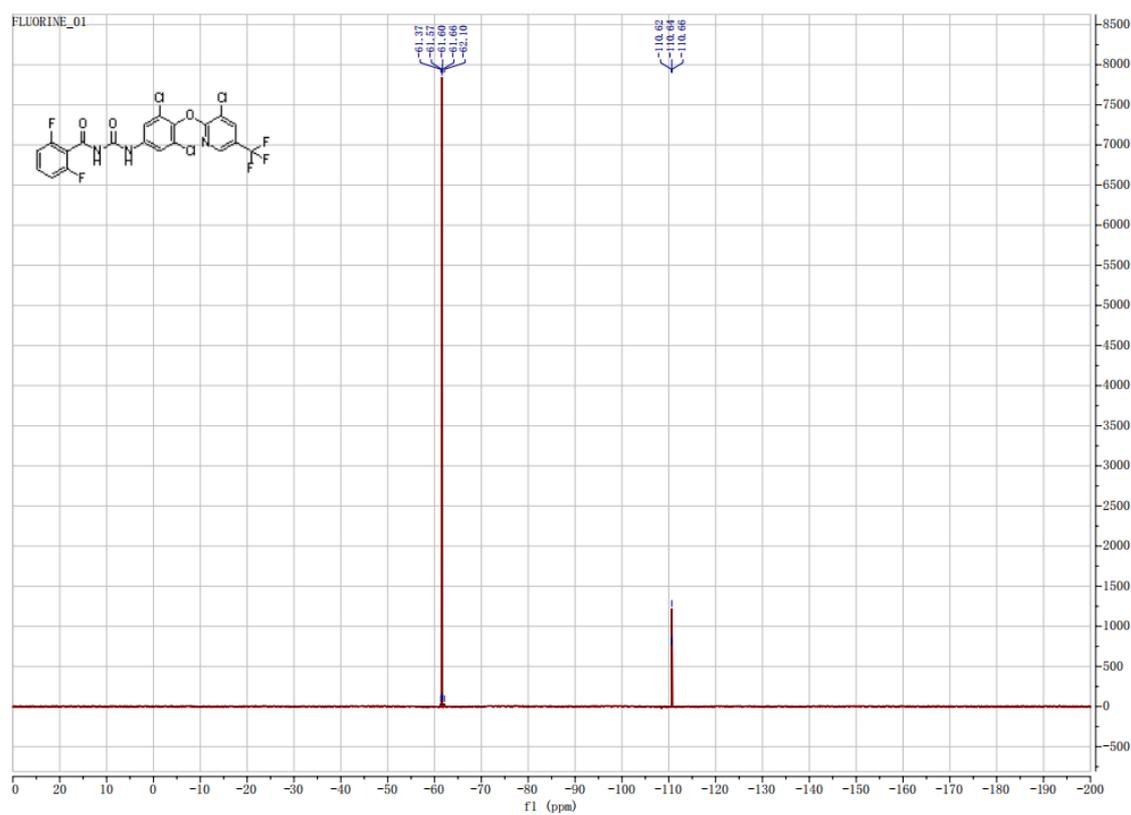
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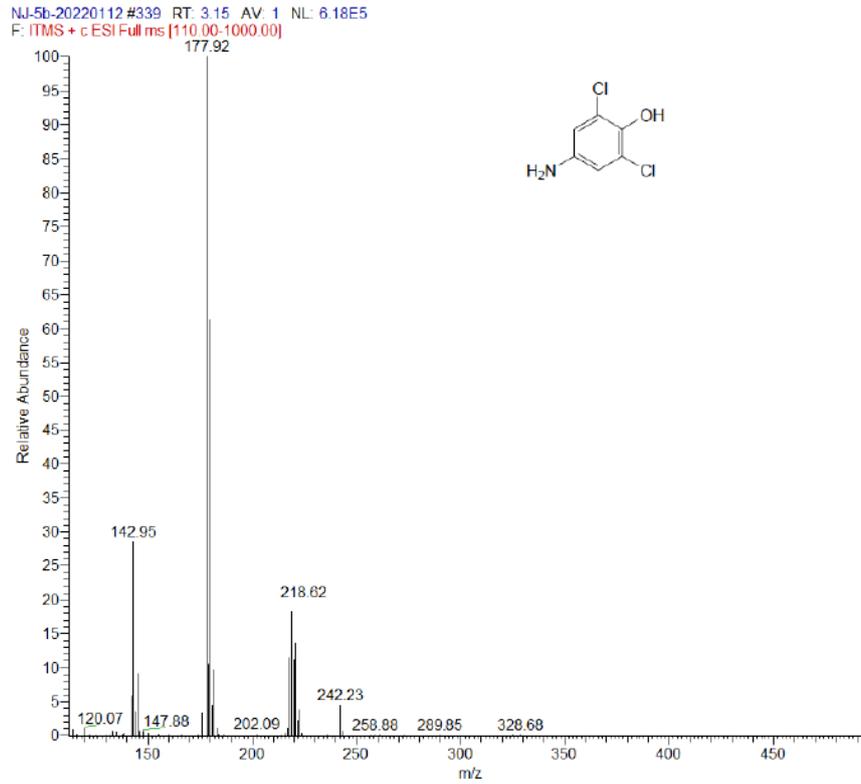
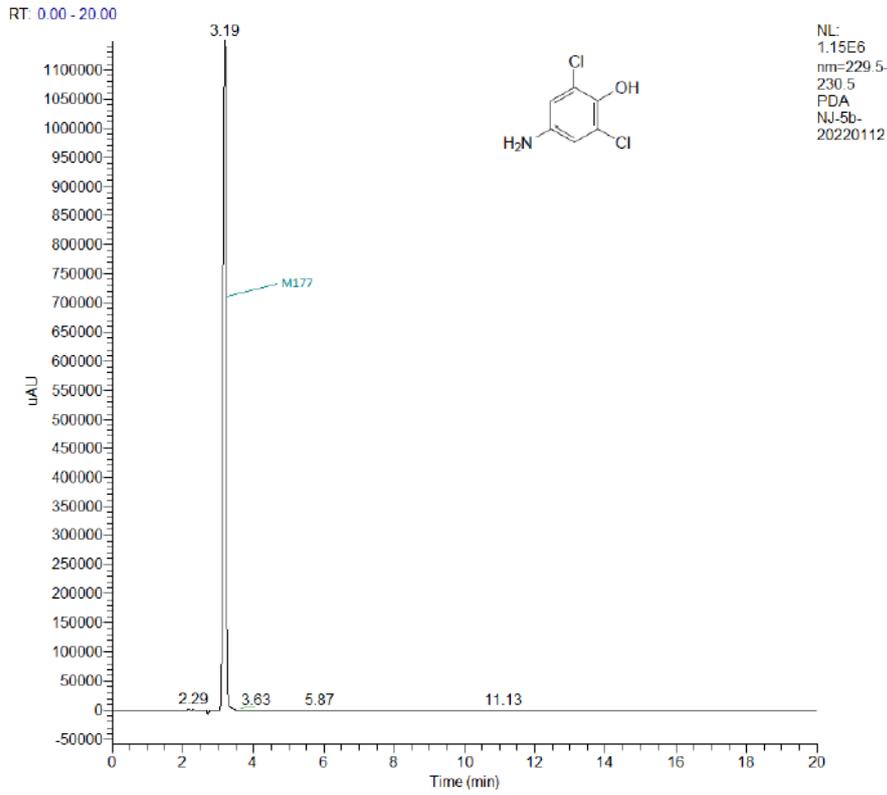


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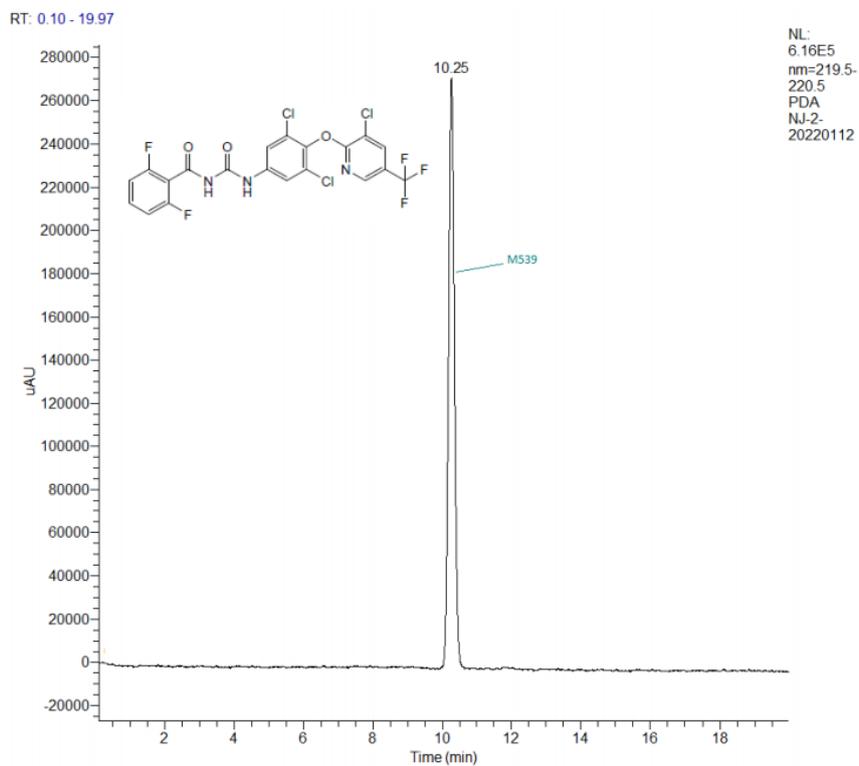


## 5. LC-MS spectrum

LC-MS spectrum of 4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenol (**2**)



# LC-MS spectrum of Chlorfluazuron (1)



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