

1. SYNONYMS

CFR: Ketamine

CAS #: Base: 6740-88-1
Hydrochloride: 1867-66-9

Other Names: 2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexanone

2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

2.1. CHEMICAL DATA

Form	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight	Melting Point (°C)
Base	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ ClNO	237.7	92-93
Hydrochloride	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ ClNO·HCl	274.2	258-261

2.2. SOLUBILITY

Form	A	C	E	H	M	W
Base	I*	PS	I*	***	FS	FS

A = acetone, C = chloroform, E = ether, H = hexane, M = methanol and W = water, VS = very soluble, FS = freely soluble, S = soluble, PS = sparingly soluble, SS = slightly soluble, VSS = very slightly soluble and I = insoluble.

3. SCREENING TECHNIQUES

3.1. COLOR TESTS

REAGENT	COLOR PRODUCED
Janovsky reagent	Hydrochloride: Purple precipitate Base: Weak purple color over time

3.2. CRYSTAL TESTS

REAGENT	CRYSTALS FORMED
Platinic iodide in 30% HOAc	Rhomboidal plates, rosettes of plates over time

3.3. THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

Visualization

Acidified iodoplatinate spray

COMPOUND	Relative R _f	
	System TLC 15	System TLC 6
cocaine	0.8	0.4
diazepam	1.0	1.3
heroin	0.6	0.4
lysergic acid	0.8	0.1
methamphetamine	0.3	0.2
methaqualone	0.9	1.4
methocarbamol	0.9	0.9
ketamine	1.0	1.0

3.4. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method KETA-GCSI

Instrument:

Gas Chromatograph operated in split mode with FID

Column: 5% phenyl/95% methyl silicone 30 mm x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm film thickness

Carrier gas: Helium at 27.9 cm/sec

Temperatures: Injector: 270°C
Detector: 285°C
Oven program:
1) 175°C initial temperature for 0.5 min
2) Ramp to 210°C at 8°C/min and hold for 0.5 min
3) Ramp to 260°C at 40°C /min and hold for 3.4 min

Injection Parameters: Split Ratio = 105:1, 1 µL injected

Samples are to be dissolved in chloroform and filtered.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
dimethylsulfone	0.31	carisoprodol	0.99
amphetamine	0.35	ketamine	1.00 (5.83 min)
methamphetamine	0.37	diphenhydramine	1.01
ephedrine	0.46	lidocaine	1.03
pseudoephedrine	0.46	phencyclidine	1.08
MDA	0.53	theophylline	1.09
MDMA	0.57	psilocin	1.16
benzocaine	0.59	procaine	1.20
MDEA	0.62	dextromethorphan	1.36
guaifenesin	0.68	cocaine	1.42
acetaminophen	0.69	acetylcodeine	1.88
methylphenidate	0.81	flunitrazepam	2.05
meprobamate	0.86	heroin	2.11
caffeine	0.92	clonazepam	2.62

3.5. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method KETA-LCSI

Instrument:	High performance liquid chromatograph equipped with diode array
Column:	3 µm Partisil ODS, 3.2 mm x 150 mm
Detector:	UV, 220 nm
Flow:	0.75 mL/min
Injection Volume:	5 µL
Buffer:	870 mL water, 10 mL <i>o</i> -phosphoric acid (85% by weight), 30 mL 2 N sodium hydroxide, 4 mL hexylamine, pH 2.5 with 2 N sodium hydroxide
Mobile Phase:	Buffer/acetonitrile 92:8

Samples are to be dissolved in buffer: acetonitrile 92:8, sonicated, then filtered with a 0.45-micron filter.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
ephedrine	0.38	caffeine	1.19
psilocin	0.38	methylphenidate	1.45
pseudoephedrine	0.39	cocaine	2.16
procaine	0.43	guaifenesin	2.25
amphetamine	0.46	dextromethorphan	2.28
MDA	0.53	acetylcodeine	2.32
methamphetamine	0.53	clonazepam	2.35
acetaminophen	0.55	heroin	2.72
MDMA	0.62	phencyclidine	4.42
theophylline	0.68	benzocaine	**
lidocaine	0.73	diphenhydramine	**
MDEA	0.77	benzethonium chloride	**
ketamine	1.00 (6.5 min)		

4. SEPARATION TECHNIQUES

Ketamine is often found as a powder or in an aqueous form. The powder can be extracted with an organic solvent, such as chloroform and the aqueous form may be evaporated to obtain Ketamine. Ketamine has a dissociation constant (pKa) of 7.5 and may be extracted from aqueous alkaline solutions using organic solvents.

5. QUANTITATIVE PROCEDURES

5.1. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method KETA-GCQ1

Internal Standard Stock Solution:

4.6 mg/mL *n*-docosane in chloroform.

Standard Solution Preparation:

Accurately weigh and prepare a standard solution of ketamine hydrochloride at approximately 0.8 mg/mL in chloroform using the internal standard stock solution diluted 1 to 10.

Sample Preparation:

Accurately weigh an amount of sample into an appropriate volumetric flask so the final concentration approximates the standard concentration or falls within the linear range. Dissolve the sample with a small amount of methanol. Add an appropriate amount of internal standard stock solution diluting it to a ratio of 1 to 10 with chloroform.

Instrument:

Gas Chromatograph operated in split mode with FID

Column:

5% phenyl/95% methyl silicone 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 μ m film thickness

Carrier gas:

Helium at 27.9 cm/sec

Temperatures:

Injector: 270°C

Detector: 285°C

Oven Program:

1) 175°C initial temperature for 0.5 min

2) Ramp to 210°C at 8°C/min and hold for 0.5 min

3) Ramp to 260°C at 40°C/min and hold for 3.4 min

Injection Parameters:

Split Ratio = 105:1, 1 μ L injected

Typical Retention Time:

Ketamine: 5.8 min

Docosane: 8.2 min

Linear Range:

0.13 to 1.75 mg/mL

Repeatability:

RSD less than 3.0%

Correlation Coefficient:

0.9999

Accuracy:

Error less than 5%

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dimethylsulfone	0.31	carisoprodol	0.99
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methylphenidate	0.81	flunitrazepam	2.05
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caffeine	0.92	clonazepam	2.62

5.2. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method KETA-LCQ1

Standard Solution Preparation:

Accurately weigh and prepare a standard solution of ketamine hydrochloride at approximately 0.3 mg/mL using the buffer solution.

Sample Preparation:

Accurately weigh an amount of sample into a volumetric flask and dilute with buffer solution. If necessary dilute the sample so the final concentration approximates the standard concentration or falls within the linear range. Filter sample with a 0.45-micron filter.

Instrument:

High performance liquid chromatograph equipped with diode array

Column:

3 µm Partisil ODS, 3.2 mm x 150 mm

Detector: UV, 220 nm

Flow: 0.75 mL/min

Injection Volume: 5 µL

Buffer: 870 mL water, 10 mL o-phosphoric acid (85% by weight), 30 mL 2 N sodium hydroxide, 4 mL hexylamine, pH 2.5 with 2 N sodium hydroxide

Mobile Phase: Buffer: acetonitrile 92:8

Typical Retention Time: Ketamine: 6.5 min

Linear Range: 0.04 - 1.26 mg/ML

Repeatability: RSD less than 2.0%

Correlation Coefficient: 0.9997

Accuracy: Error less than 5%

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
ephedrine	0.38	caffeine	1.19
psilocin	0.38	methylphenidate	1.45
pseudoephedrine	0.39	cocaine	2.16
procaine	0.43	guaifenesin	2.25
amphetamine	0.46	dextromethorphan	2.28
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MDMA	0.62	phencyclidine	4.42
theophylline	0.68	benzocaine	**
lidocaine	0.73	diphenhydramine	**
MDEA	0.77	benzethonium chloride	**

ketamine	1.00 (6.5 min)		
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5.3. CAPILLARY ZONE ELECTROPHORESIS

Method KET-CEQ-1

Internal Standard Stock Solution:

Prepare a 1.0 mg/mL solution containing thiamine hydrochloride in 0.01 N HCl.

Standard Solution Preparation:

Accurately weigh and prepare a standard solution of ketamine hydrochloride at approximately 0.2 mg/mL, adding an appropriate amount of the internal standard stock solution.

Sample Preparation:

Accurately weigh an amount of sample into a volumetric flask and add the appropriate amount of internal standard stock solution. Dilute with 0.01 N HCl so that the concentration approximates that of the standard. Filter sample with a 0.45-micron filter.

<i>Instrument:</i>	Capillary electrophoresis equipped with diode array detection
<i>Mode:</i>	Free Zone
<i>Column:</i>	34 cm x 50 µm (I.D.) fused silica capillary
<i>Detector:</i>	UV, 207 nm
<i>Injection Volume:</i>	2.5 s hydrodynamic at 50 mbar/sec
<i>Buffer:</i>	100 mM lithium phosphate, pH 2.3 (prepared by titrating 100mM phosphoric acid with LiOH to pH 2.3)
<i>Voltage:</i>	14.5 kV
<i>Temperature:</i>	15°C
<i>Rinse Time:</i>	2.5 min
<i>Typical Migration Time:</i>	Ketamine: 4.0 min
<i>Linear Range:</i>	0.05 - 1.2 mg/mL
<i>Repeatability:</i>	RSD less than 1.0%
<i>Correlation Coefficient:</i>	0.99998

Accuracy:

Error less than 2%

COMPOUND	RMT	COMPOUND	RMT
ephedrine	0.92	caffeine	**
pseudoephedrine	0.92	methylphenidate	1.05
triprolidine	0.72	cocaine	1.27
phenylpropanolamine	0.87	niacinamide	0.75
amphetamine	0.82	dextromethorphan	1.05
methamphetamine	0.82	oxycodone	1.07
phentermine	1.27	codeine	1.1
acetaminophen	**	chlorpheniramine	0.70
MDMA	0.97	thiamine	0.67
ketamine	1.00 (4.0 min)	hydrocodone	1.10
MDEA	1.07	MDA	1.11

6. QUALITATIVE DATA

6.1. ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROPHOTOMETRY

SOLVENT	MAXIMUM ABSORBANCE (NM)
0.1 M Hydrochloric acid	269

See spectra on the following pages for [FT-IR](#), [Raman](#), [Mass Spectrometry](#), [Nuclear Magnetic Resonance](#), and [Vapor Phase IR](#).

7. REFERENCES

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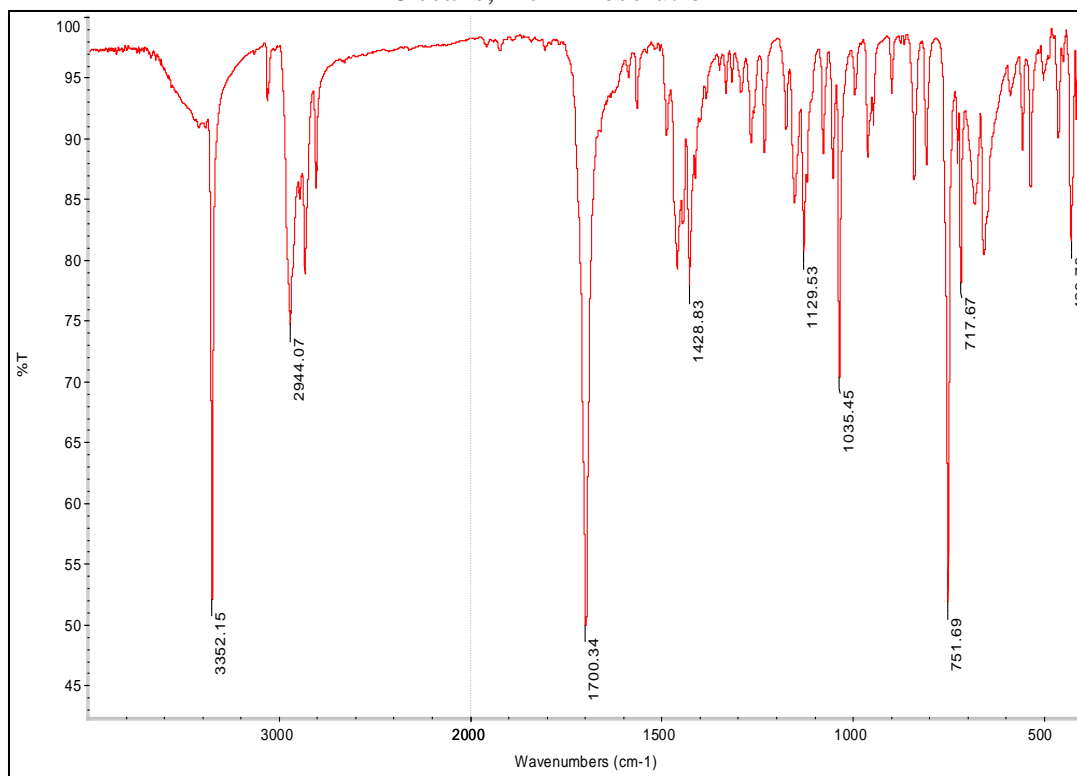
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8. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

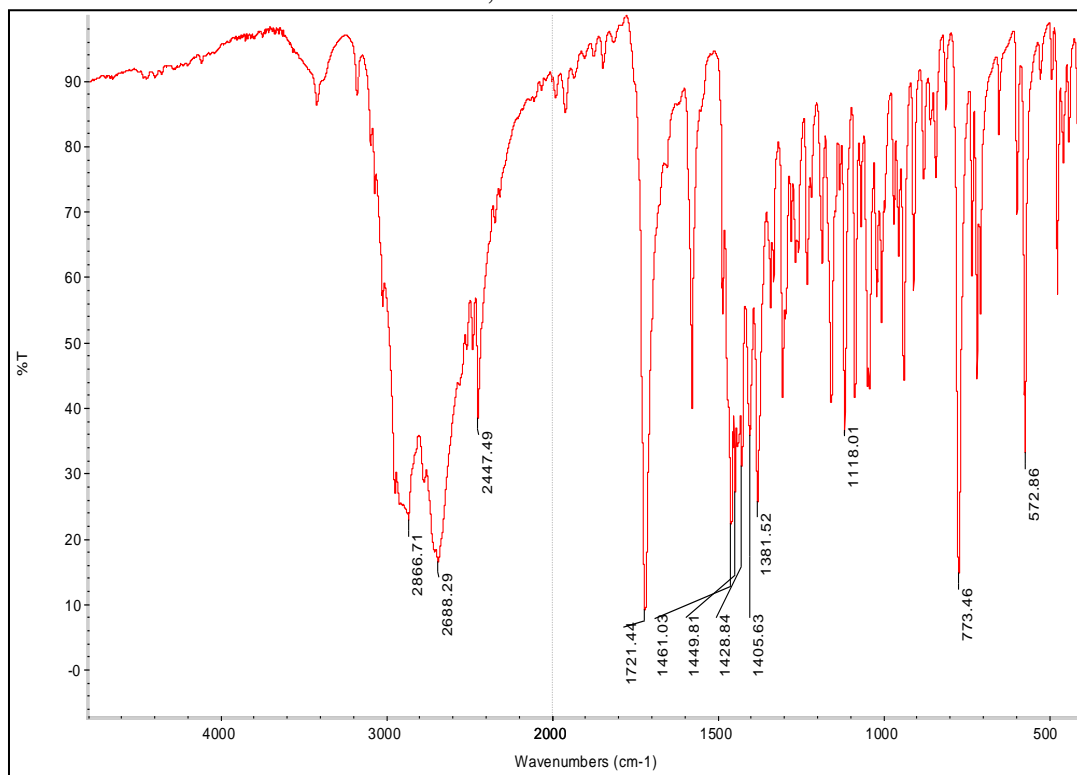
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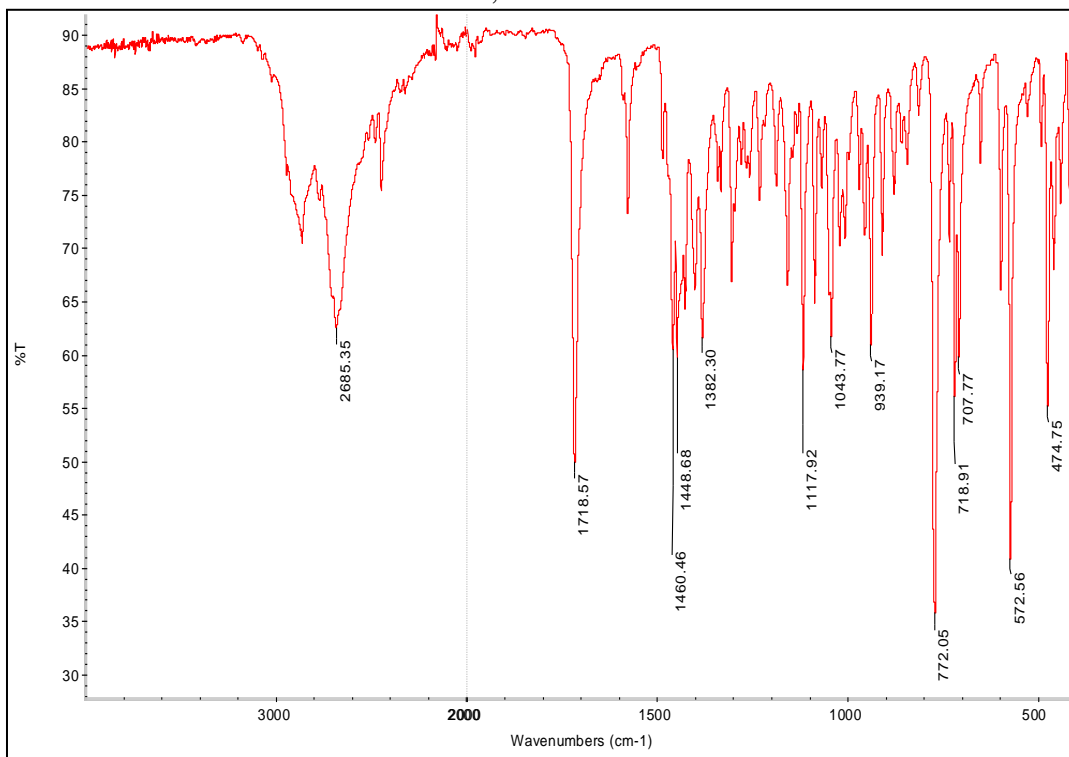
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16 scans; 4 cm⁻¹ resolution



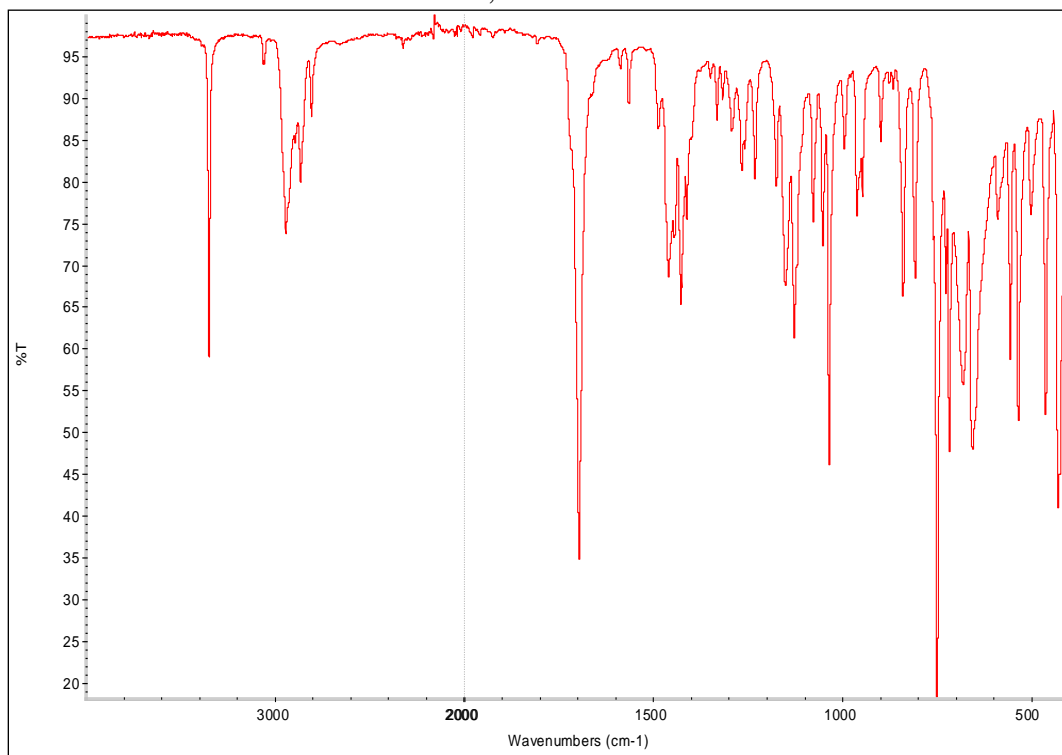
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16 scans; 4 cm⁻¹ resolution



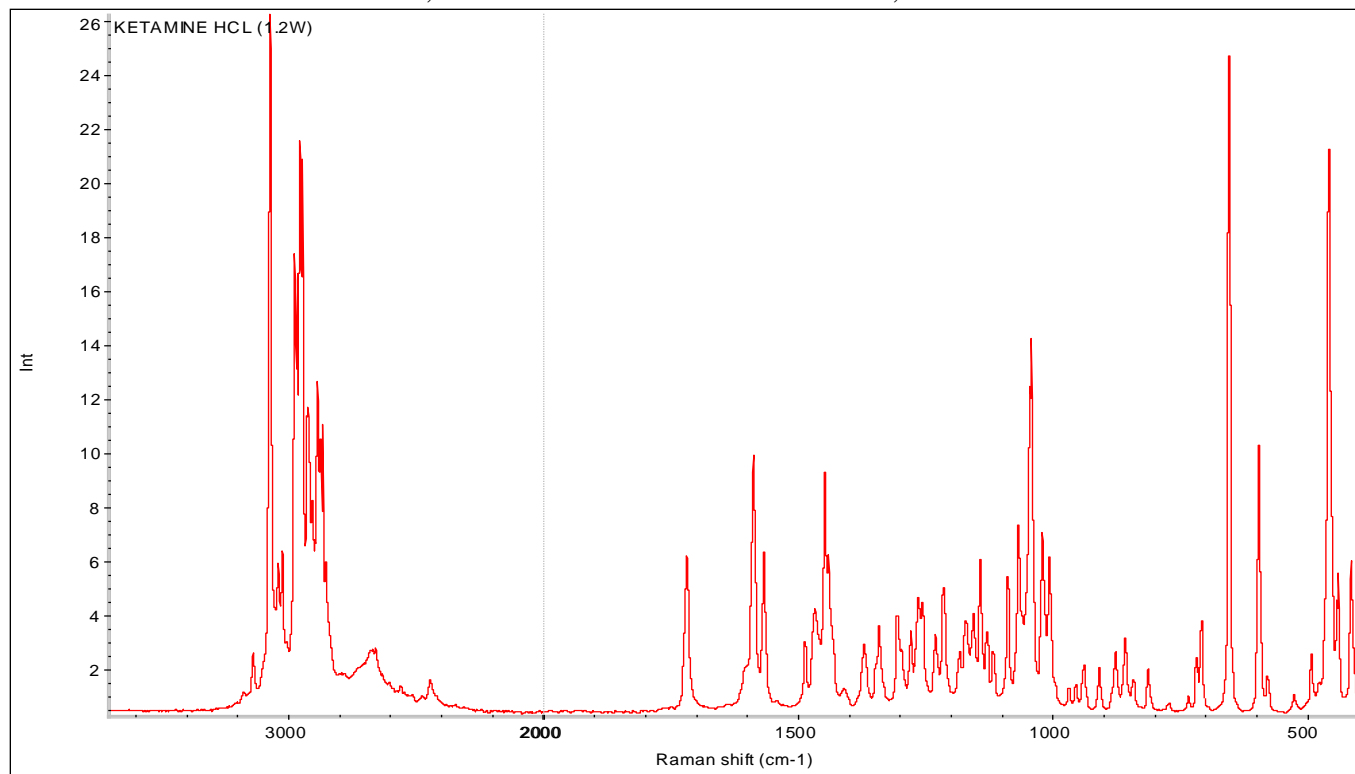
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DTGS KBr Detector, Avatar System 370
16 scans; 4 nm resolution



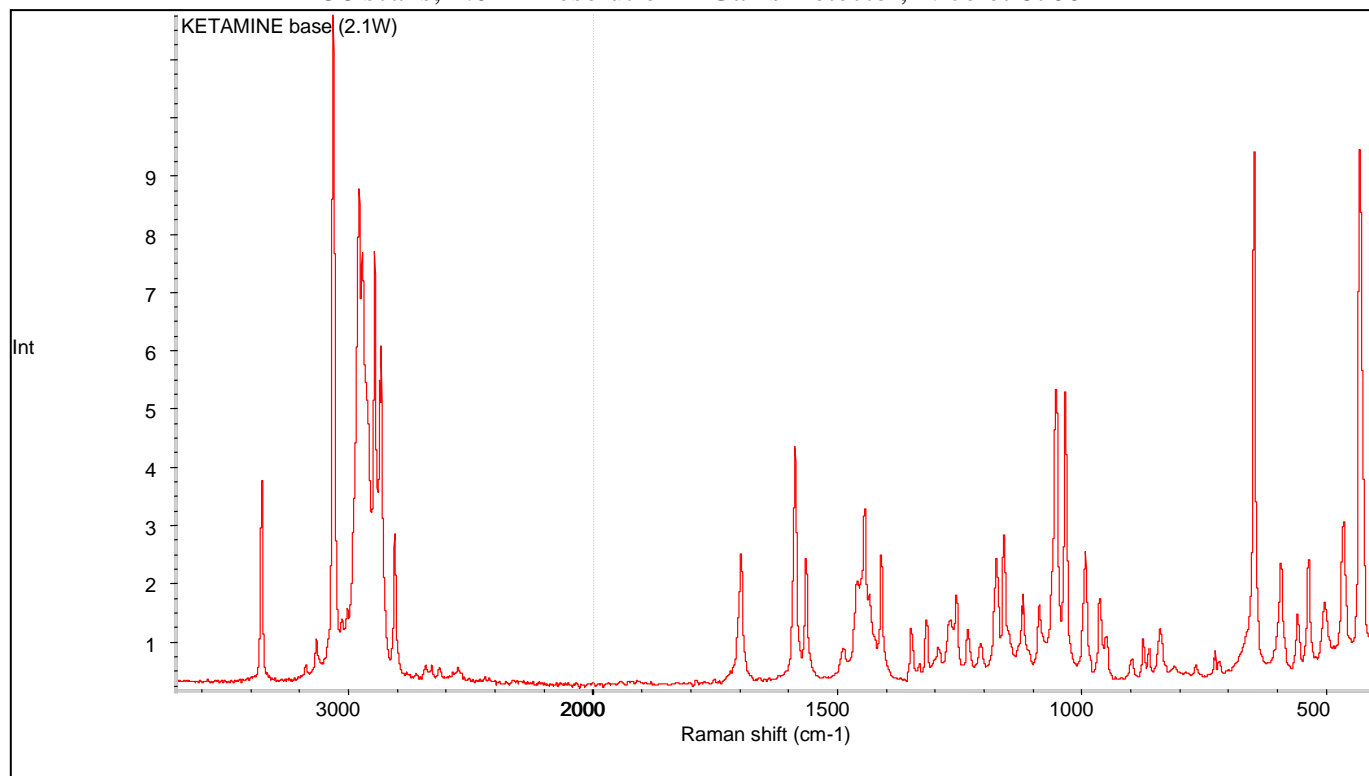
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16 scans; 4 nm resolution

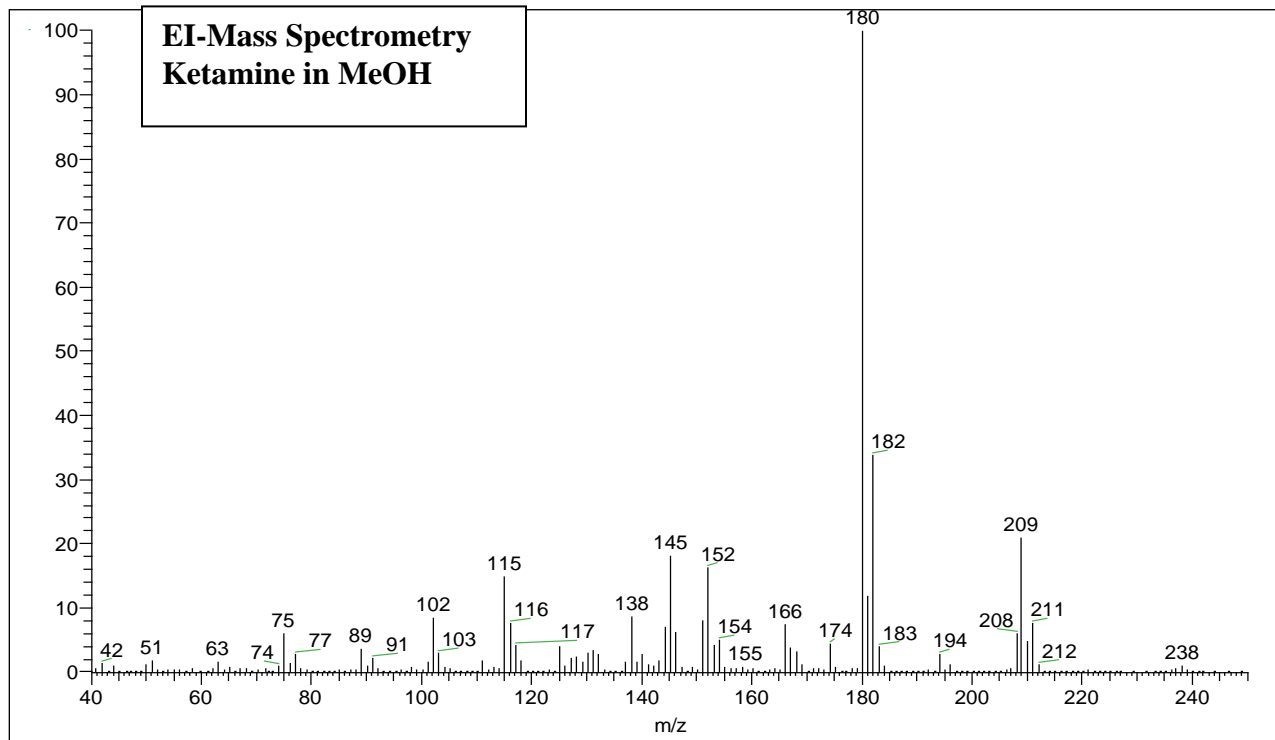


RAMAN: Ketamine HCl
256 scans; 4.0 nm resolution InGaAs Detector, Nicolet 6700

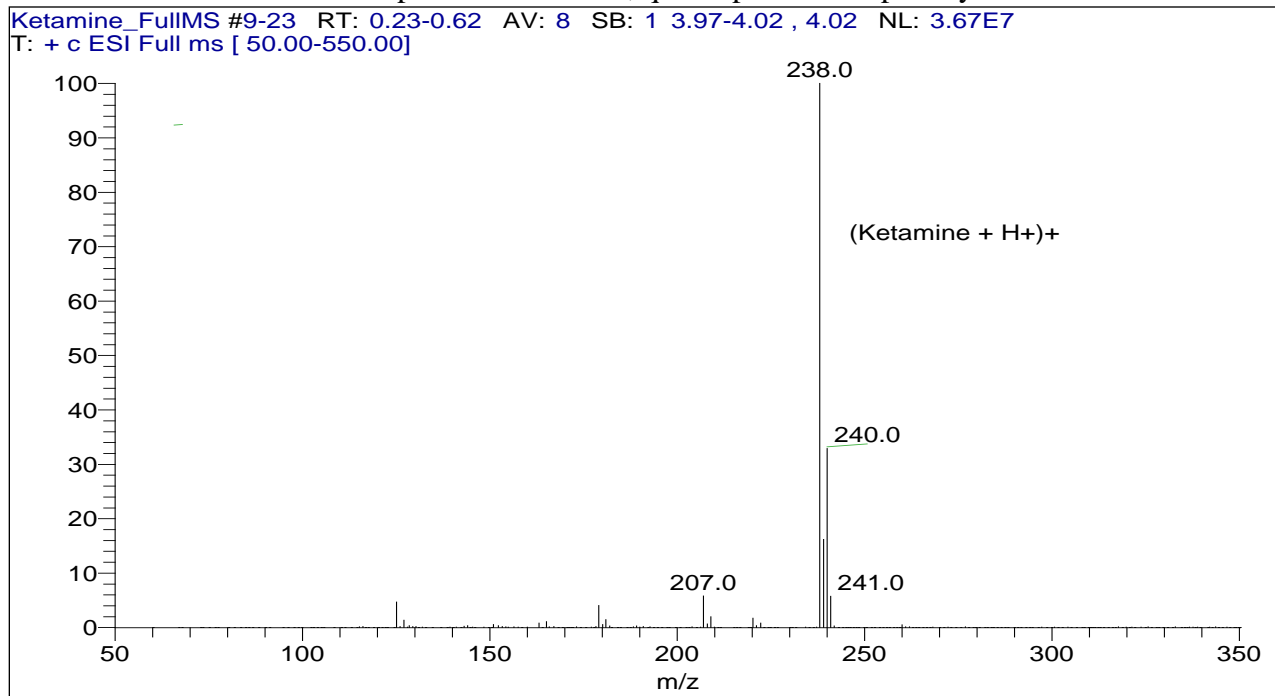


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256 scans; 4.0 nm resolution InGaAs Detector, Nicolet 6700



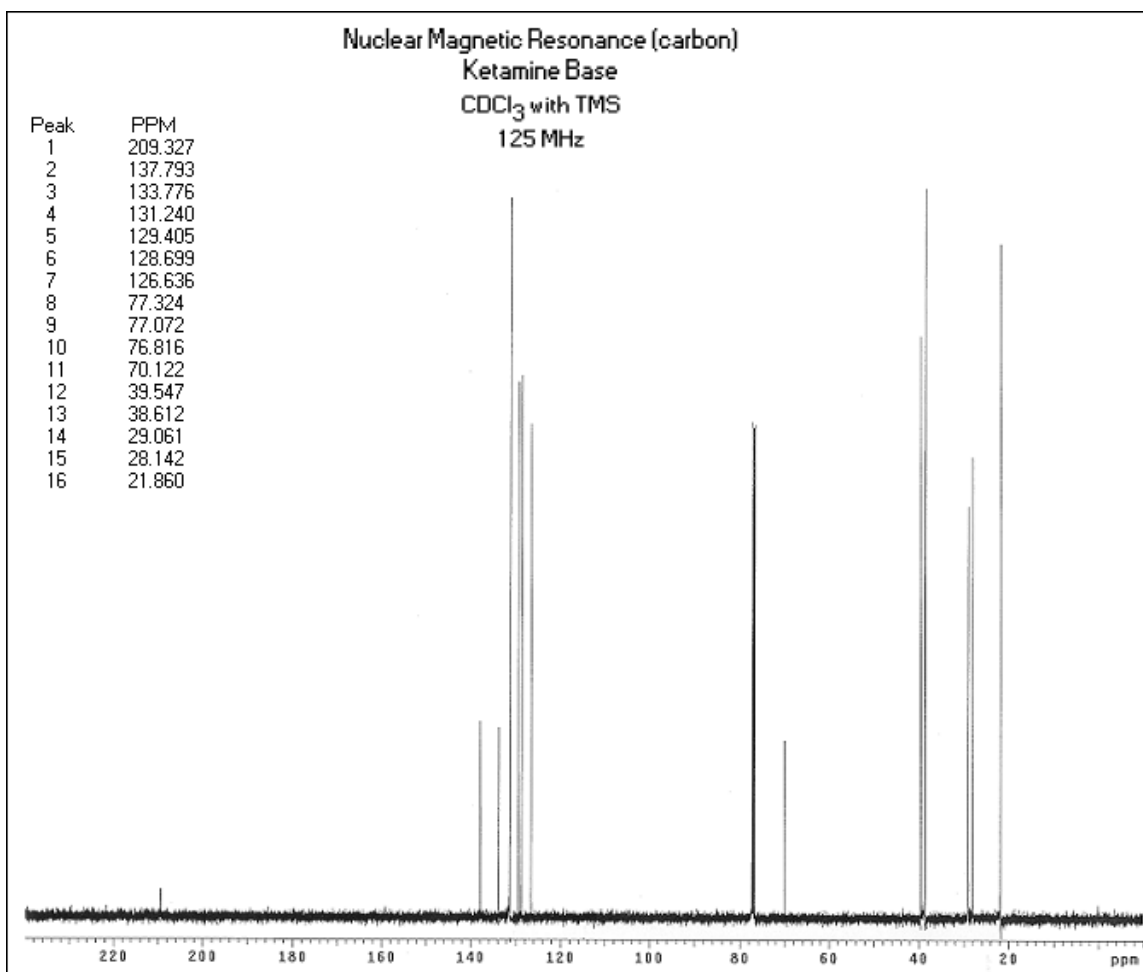
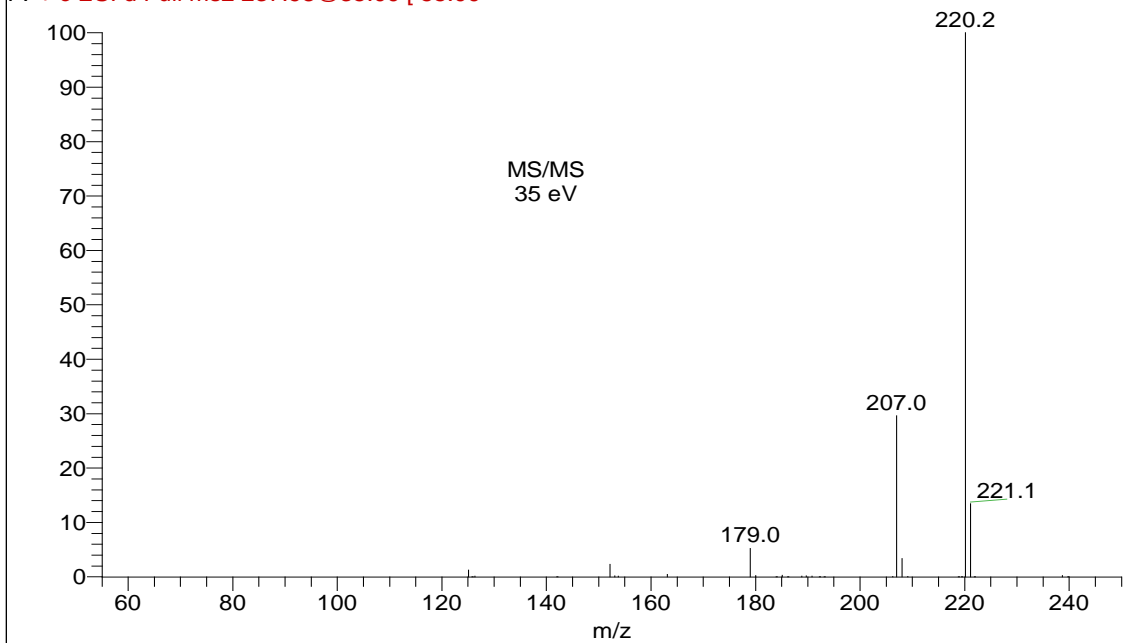


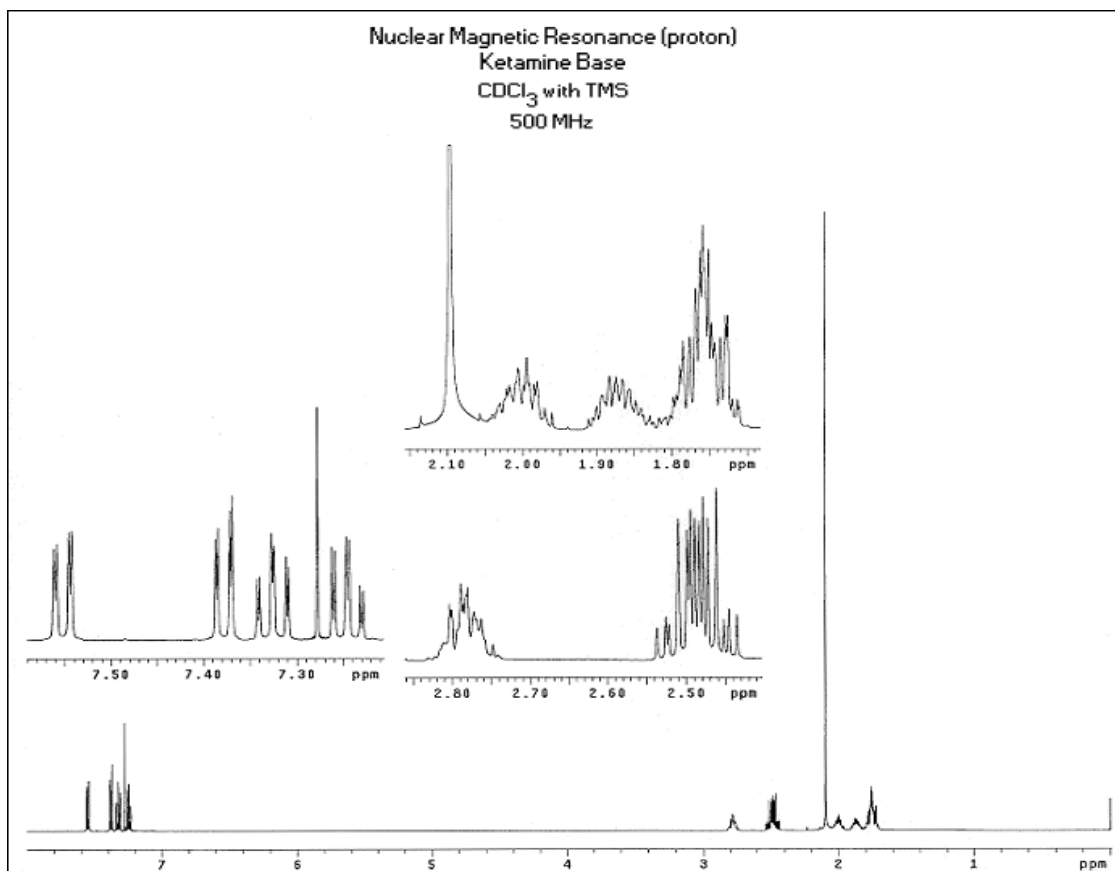
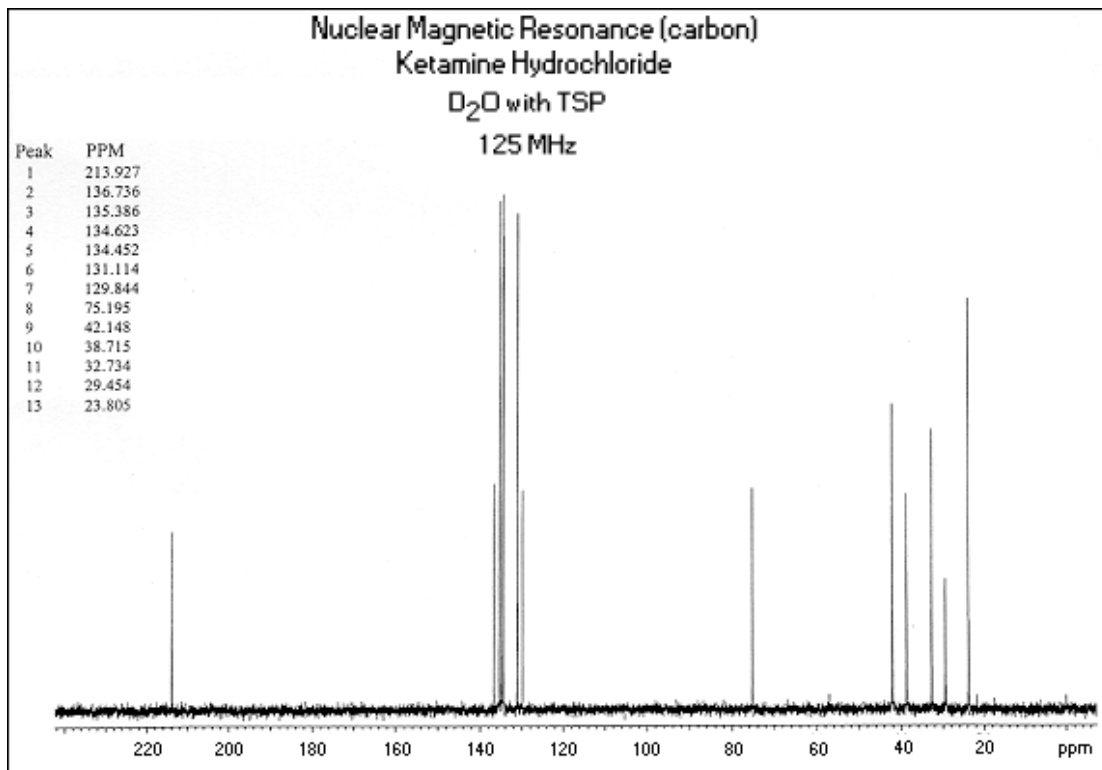
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Full-scan positive ion mode; quadrupole ion-trap analyzer.

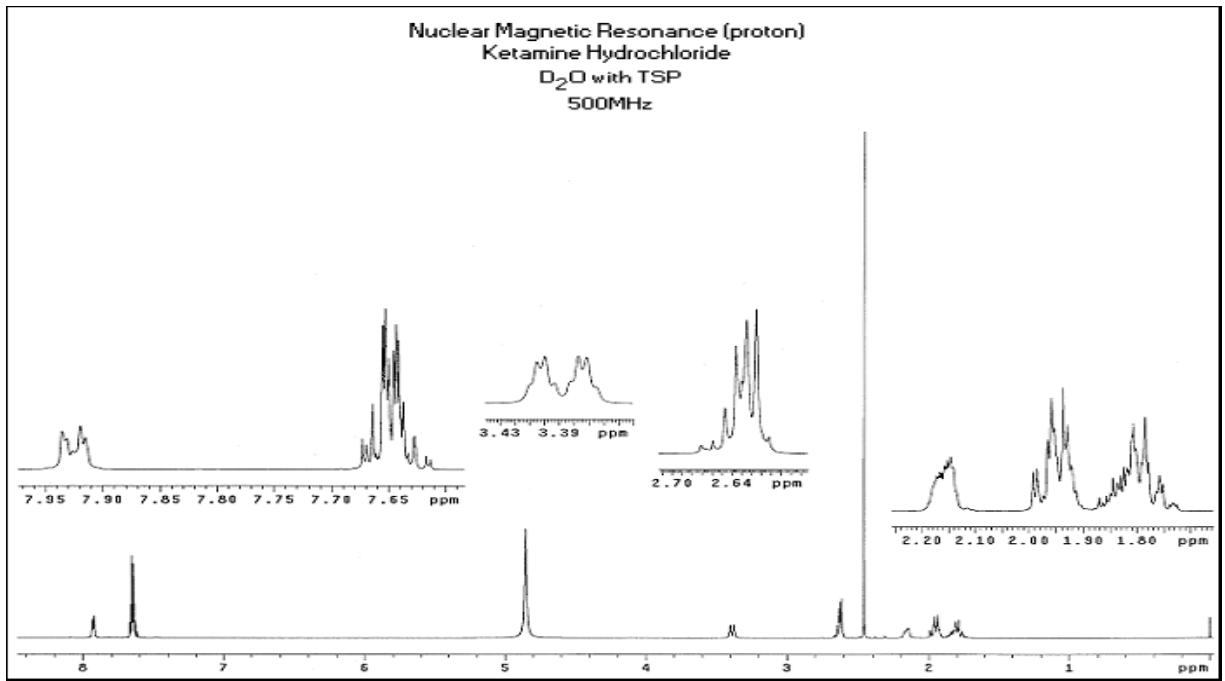


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MS/MS positive ion mode; quadrupole ion-trap analyzer.

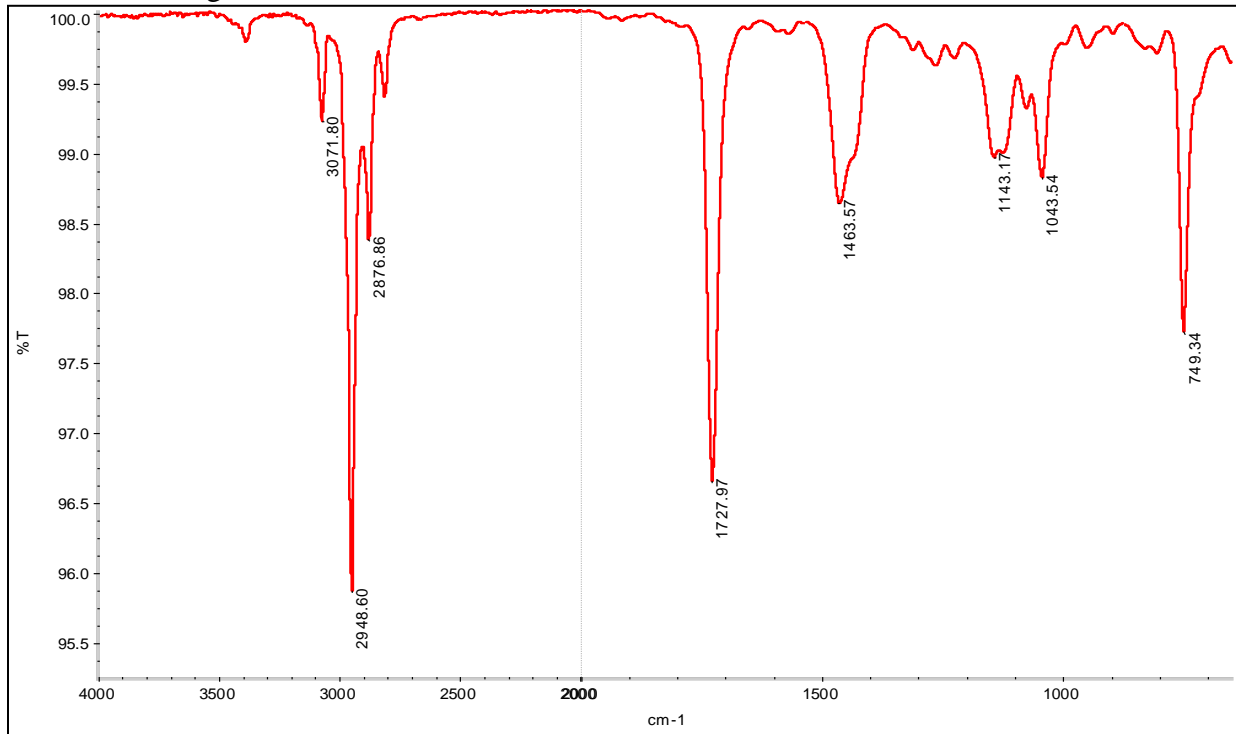
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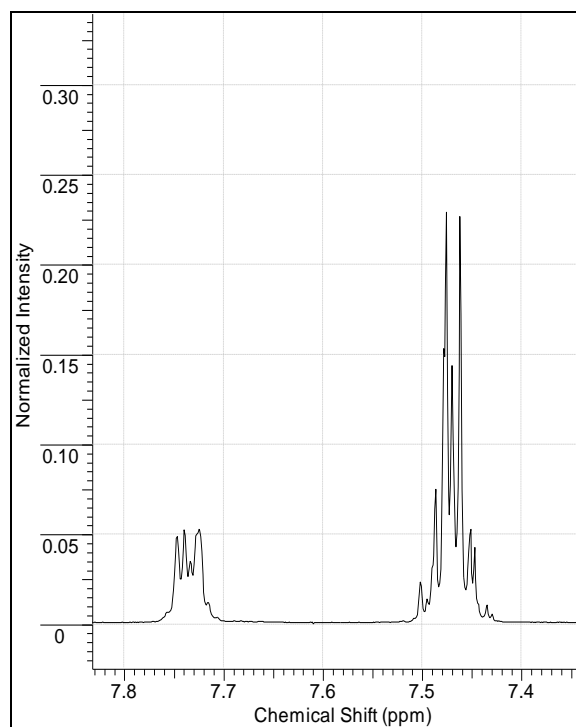
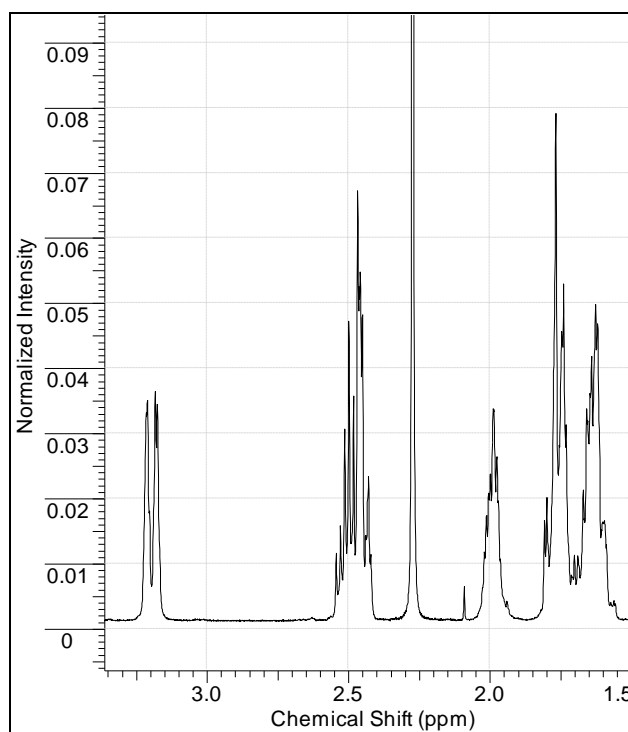
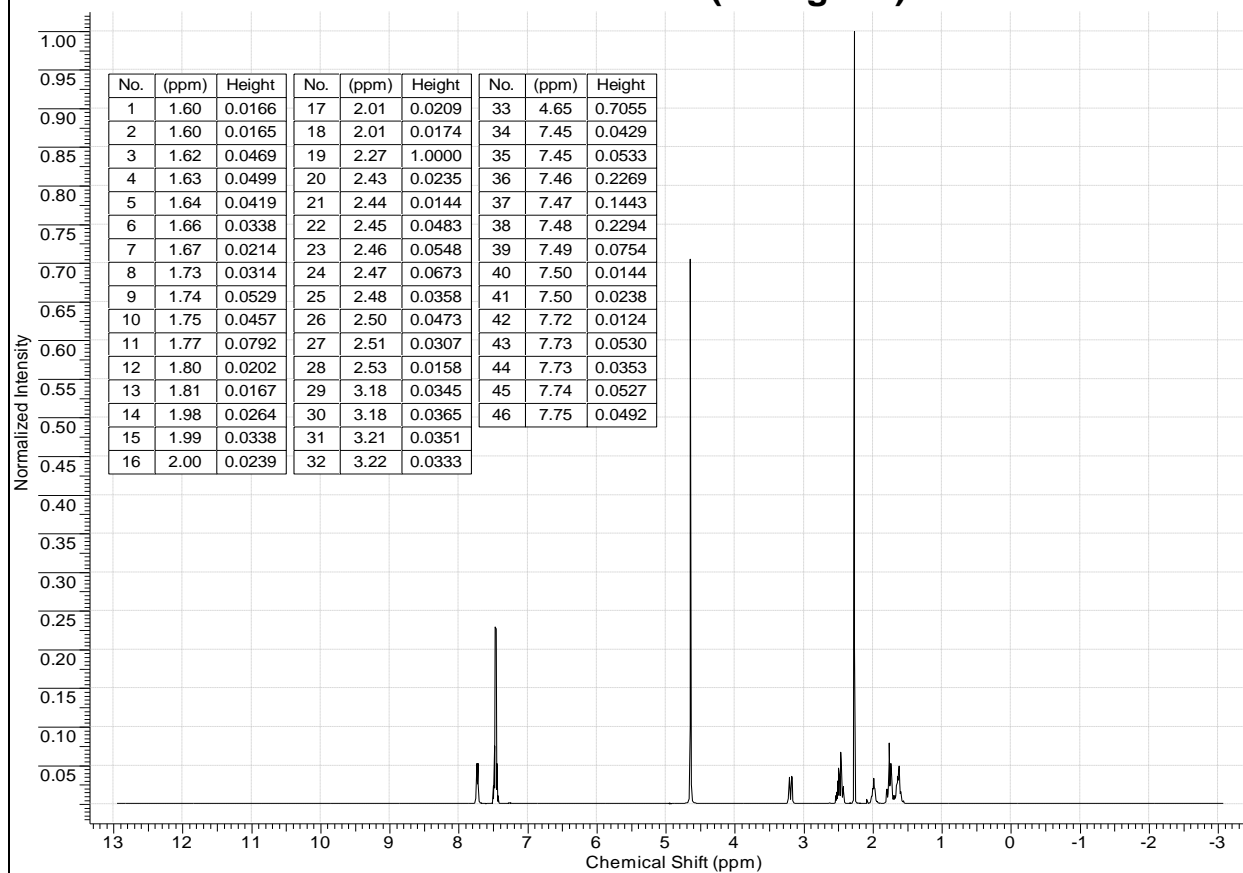




IR (VAPOR PHASE) Ketamine
1 mg/mL MeOH HP-5, 25 m, 0.32 mm ID, 1.5 scans/s, 4 cm⁻¹ resolution



FT-NMR 400 MHz Proton Ketamine HCl in D2O (60 mg/mL)



**FT-NMR 400 MHz Carbon
Ketamine HCl in D2O (60
mg/mL)**

