

## Characterization of 4-Chloromethcathinone

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## Part 1. Cayman Chemical Company Data

**Name:** 4-Chloromethcathinone

**Synonyms:** 4-CMC, clephedrone

**CAS#:** N/A

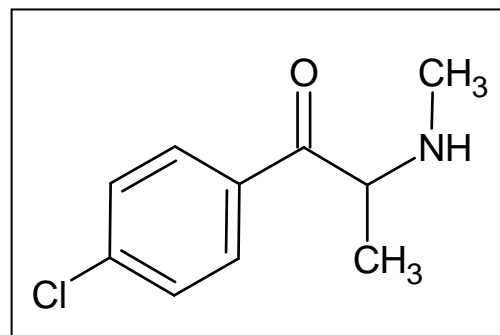
**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO

**Molecular Weight:** 197.66 g/mol

**SMILES:** O=C(c1ccc(Cl)cc1)C(C)NC

**InChI Key:** UEJBEOXRNGPEI-UHFFFAOYAF

**InChI:** InChI=1/C10H12ClNO/c1-7(12-2)10(13)8-3-5-9(11)6-4-8/h3-7,12H,1-2H3



### Background:

4-Chloromethcathinone (also referred to as clephedrone or 4-CMC) is one of many designer synthetic cathinones that has been sold on the illicit drug market.<sup>1</sup> 4-CMC is a derivative of US regulated Schedule I controlled substance methcathinone. The only difference between the two is that 4-CMC has a chlorine in the para position on the phenyl ring. While pharmacological data for this compound does not exist, it has been published that the bromine analogue (4-bromomethcathinone or 4-BMC) acts as a serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor.<sup>2,3</sup>

1-Forensic Sci Int. 2014, 244, e56-e59.

2-Drug Develop Res. 2003, 60, 252-260

3-Naunyl Schmiedebergs Arch Pharmacol. 2002, 365(4), 457-461.

**Gas chromatography/Mass spectrometry:**

Experiment Parameters:     **Instrument:** Agilent 6890 GC / 5973 MSD

**Column:** 30mx0.32mm, 0.5um Rtx-5MS

**Carrier Gas:** Helium Flow: 2mL/min

**Inlet temp:** 300 °C 15:1 split

**Oven Program:** Initial temp: 50 °C, Ramp to 300 °C at 30 °C /min,  
Hold at 300 °C for 5.67 minutes

**Transfer Line Temp:** 300 °C

**MS Source:** 230 °C

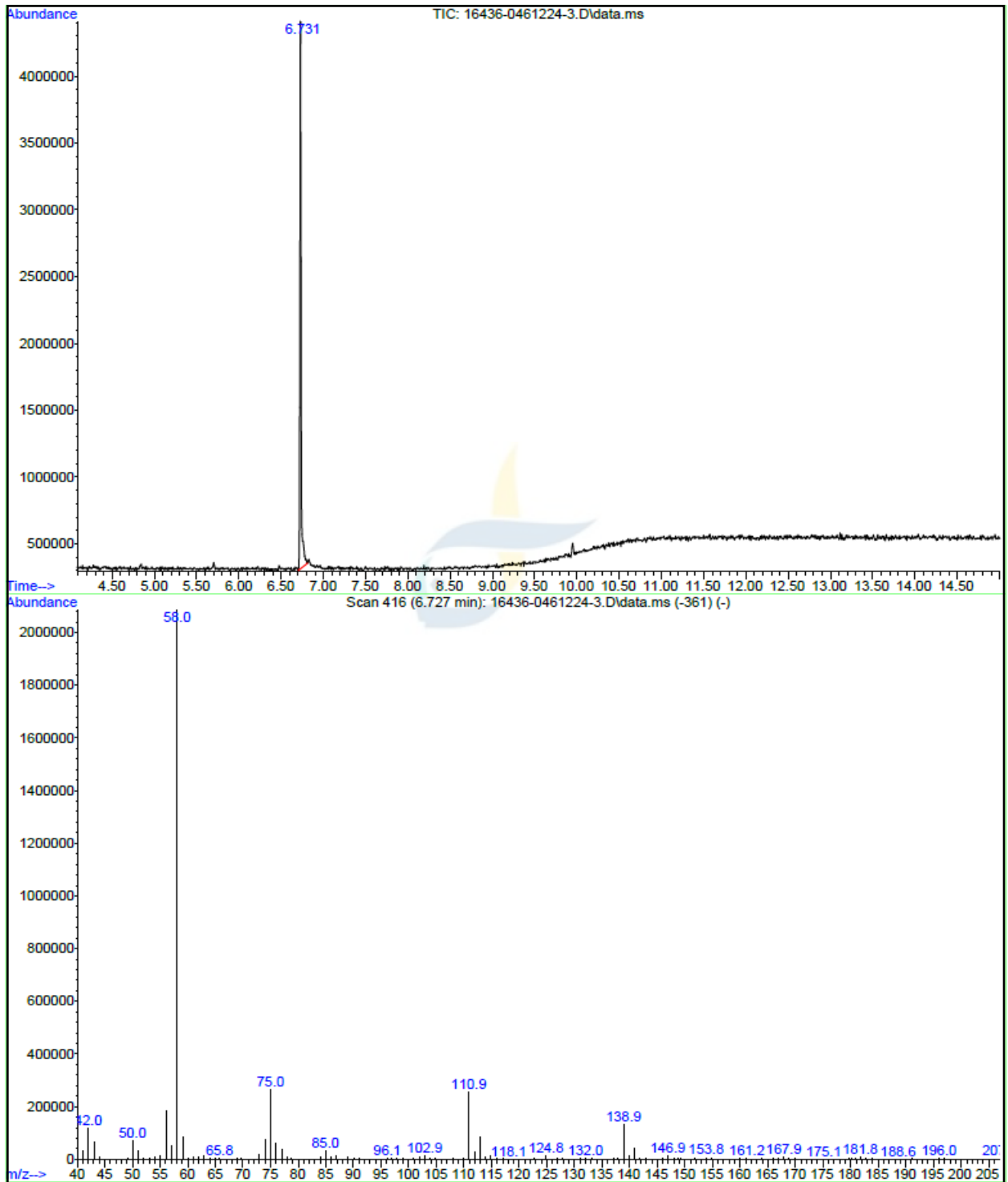
**MS Quad:** 150 °C

**Mass Scan Range:** 40-600 amu

**Threshold:** 150

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Figure 1: Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry of 4-Chloromethcathinone



**Figure 2.** Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy of 4-Chloromethcathinone

**Experiment Parameters:**

Instrument: Perkin Elmer Spectrum 65  
 Number of scans: 16 (background subtracted)  
 Resolution: 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Scan Range: 600-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Sample prepared as KBr pellet

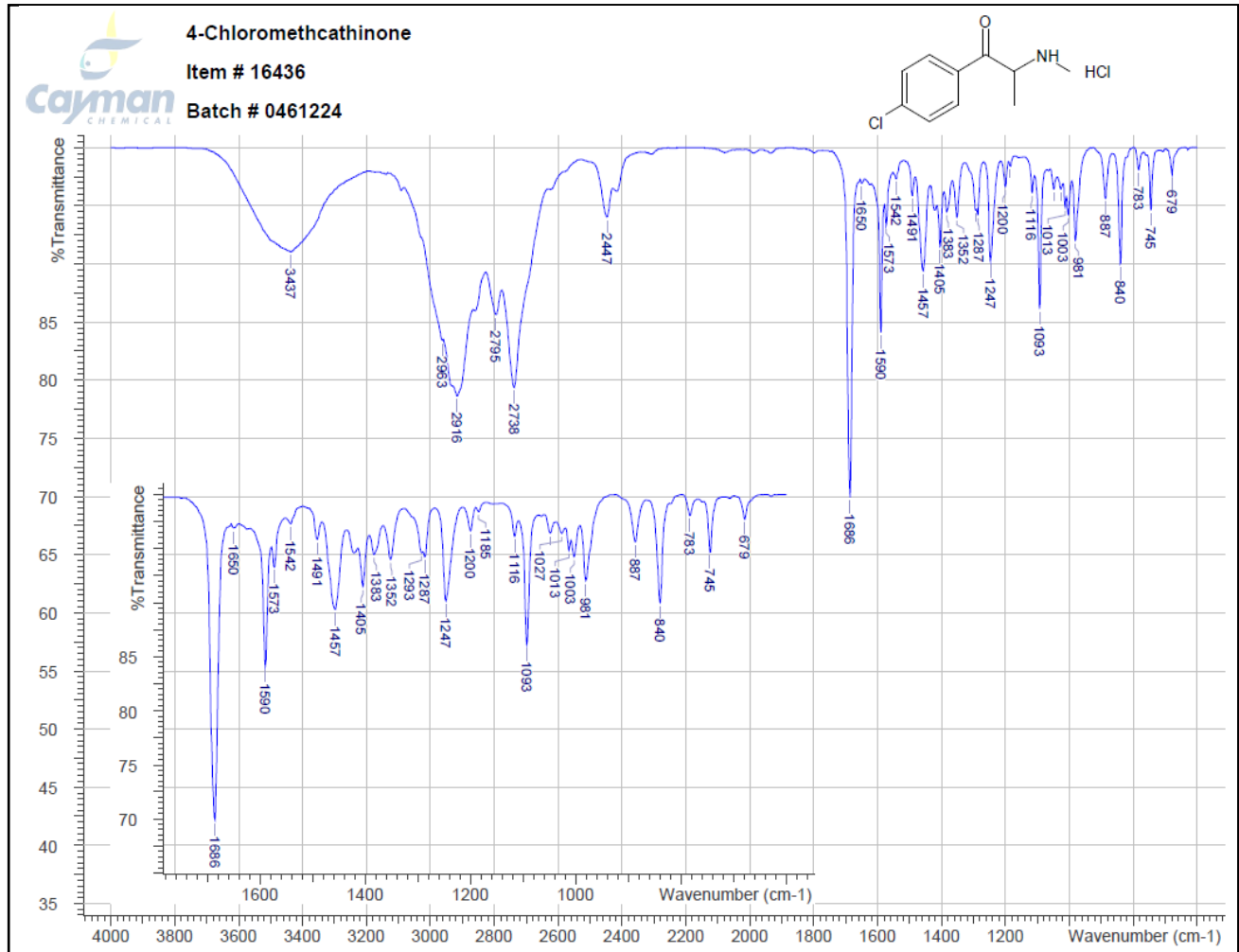


Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy of 4-Chloromethcathinone

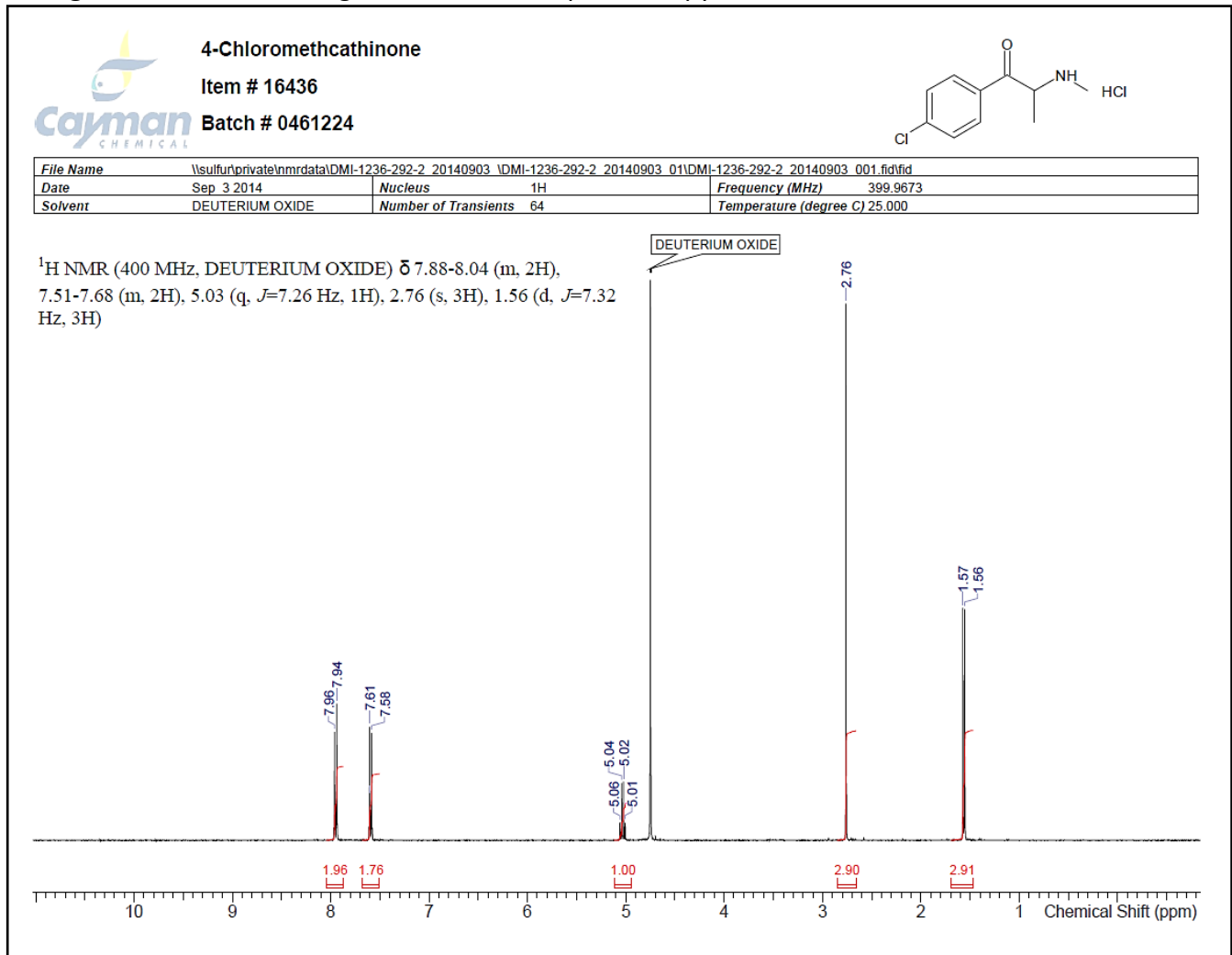


Figure 4. <sup>1</sup>H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy of 4-Chloromethcathinone, Enhanced for Detail

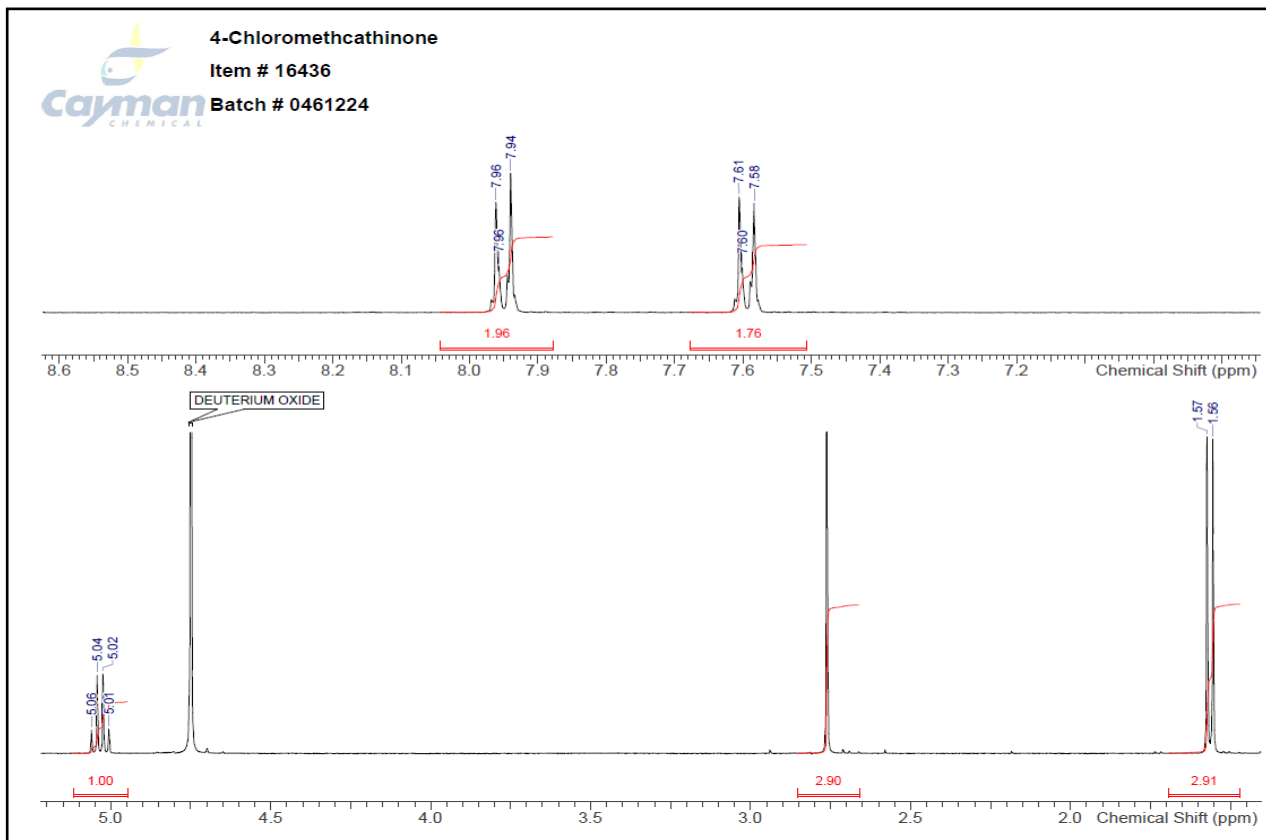
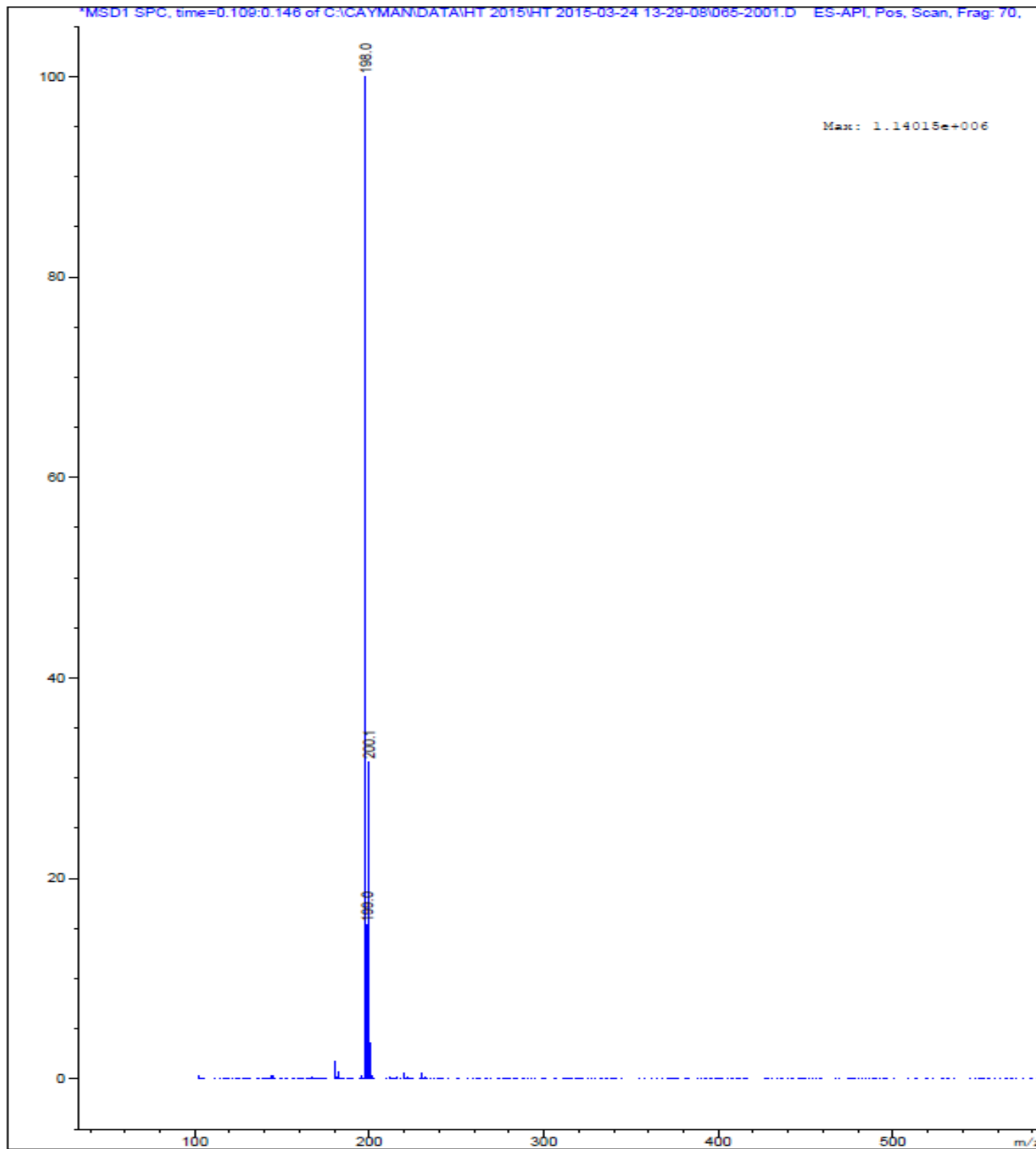


Figure 5. ESI-MS of 4-Chloromethcathinone





## Part 2. Kentucky State Police Eastern Laboratory Branch Data

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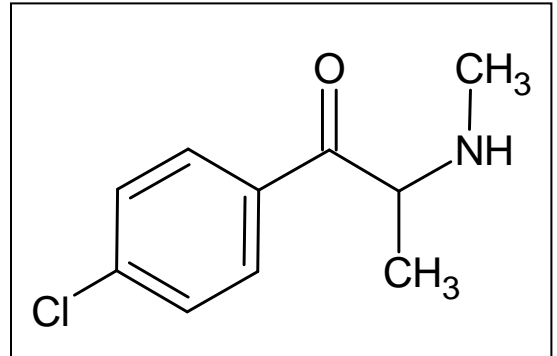
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**Gas chromatography/Mass spectrometry:**

**Sample Preparation:** Approximately 1mg/mL in Methanol

**Instrument:** Agilent gas chromatograph operated in split mode with MS detector

**GC Parameter:** **Column:** Zebron ZB-DRUG-1 (10m x 0.18mm x 0.18 $\mu$ m)

**Carrier Gas:** Helium

**Oven Program:**

Temperature Program: 100°C initial temperature for 0.5 min, ramp to 280°C at 40°/min, hold final temperature for 8.5 min

Pressure Program: 5psi initial pressure for 0.5 min, ramp to 15 psi at 75psi/min and hold for 6 min, ramp to 40psi at 150psi/min and hold for 0.5 min

**Injection parameter:** **Injector Volume:** 1 $\mu$ L

**Split ratio:** 50:1

**MS Parameters:** **Temperatures:**

**Injector:** 250°C

**MSD transfer line:** 280°C

**MS Source:** 230°C

**MS Quad:** 150°C

**Mass Scan Range:** 40-550amu

**Threshold:** 150

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Figure 6: EI Mass Spectrum of 4-Chloromethcathinone

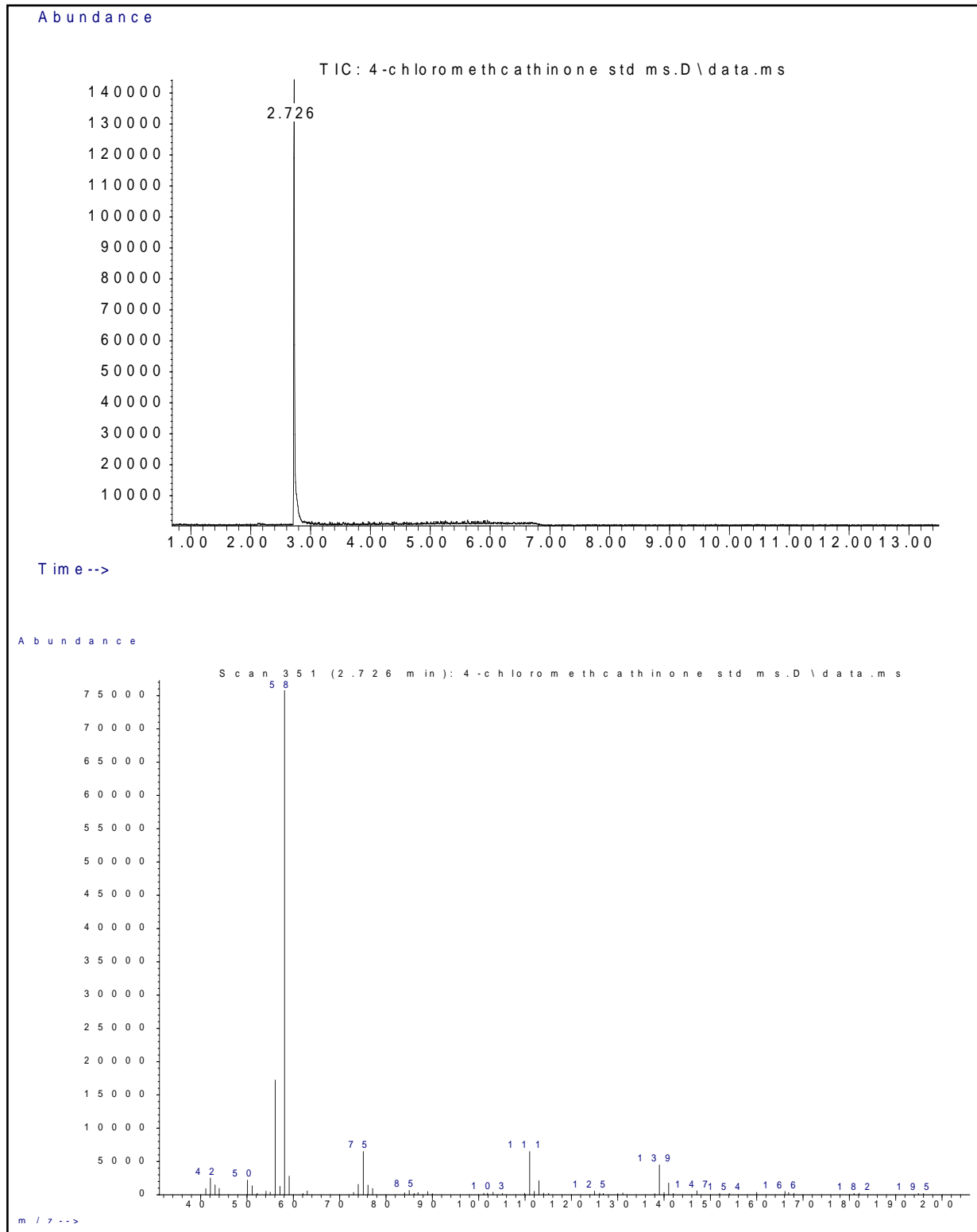
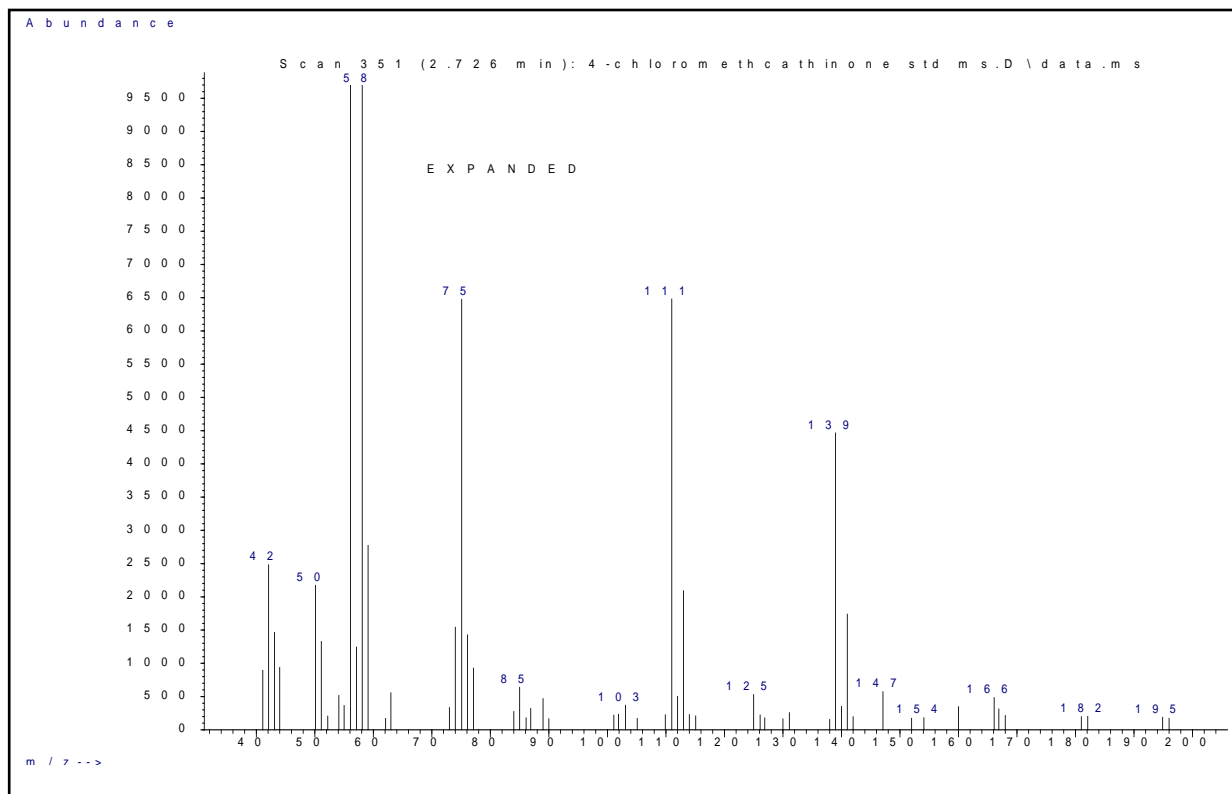


Figure 7: Expanded Mass Spectrum of 4-Chloromethcathinone



**Figure 8.** FTIR/ATR Spectrum of 4-Chloromethcathinone**Experiment Parameters:**

Instrument: FT-IR with diamond ATR attachment

Number of Scans: 64

Number of Background Scans: 64

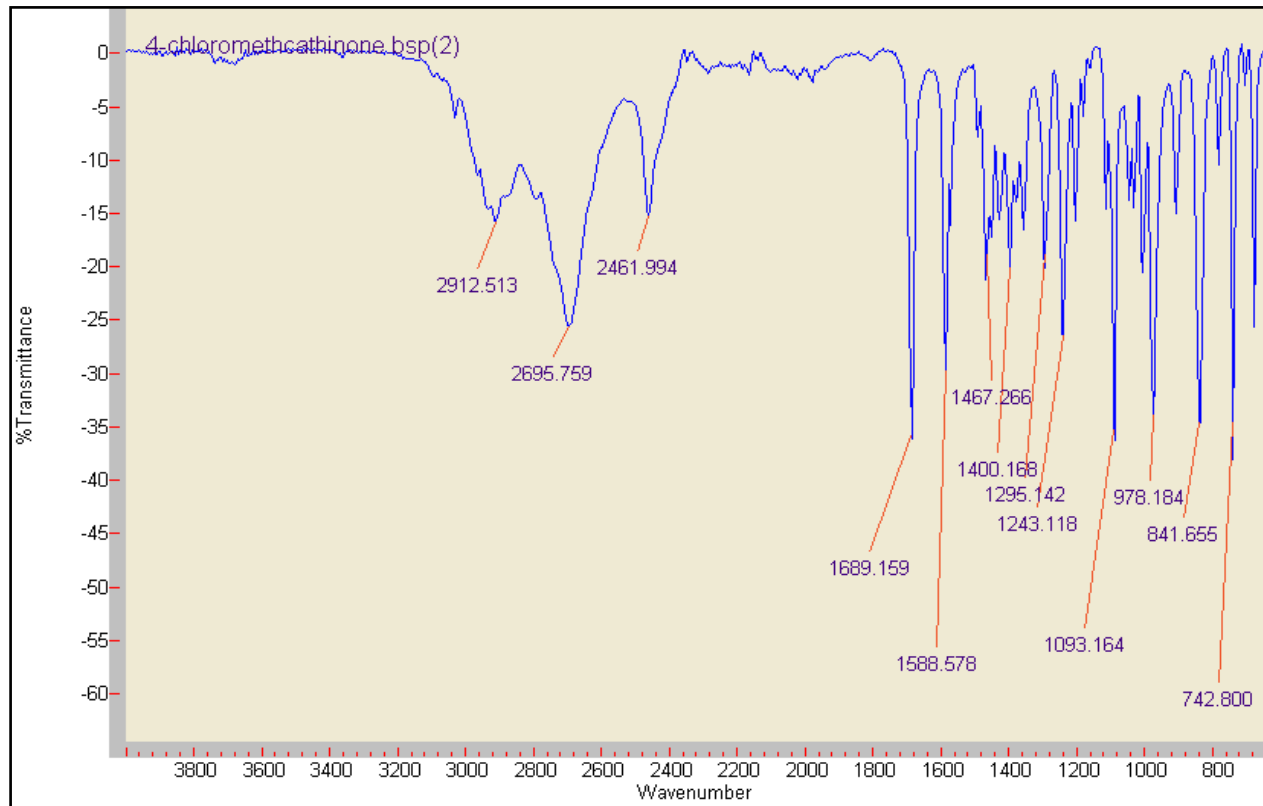
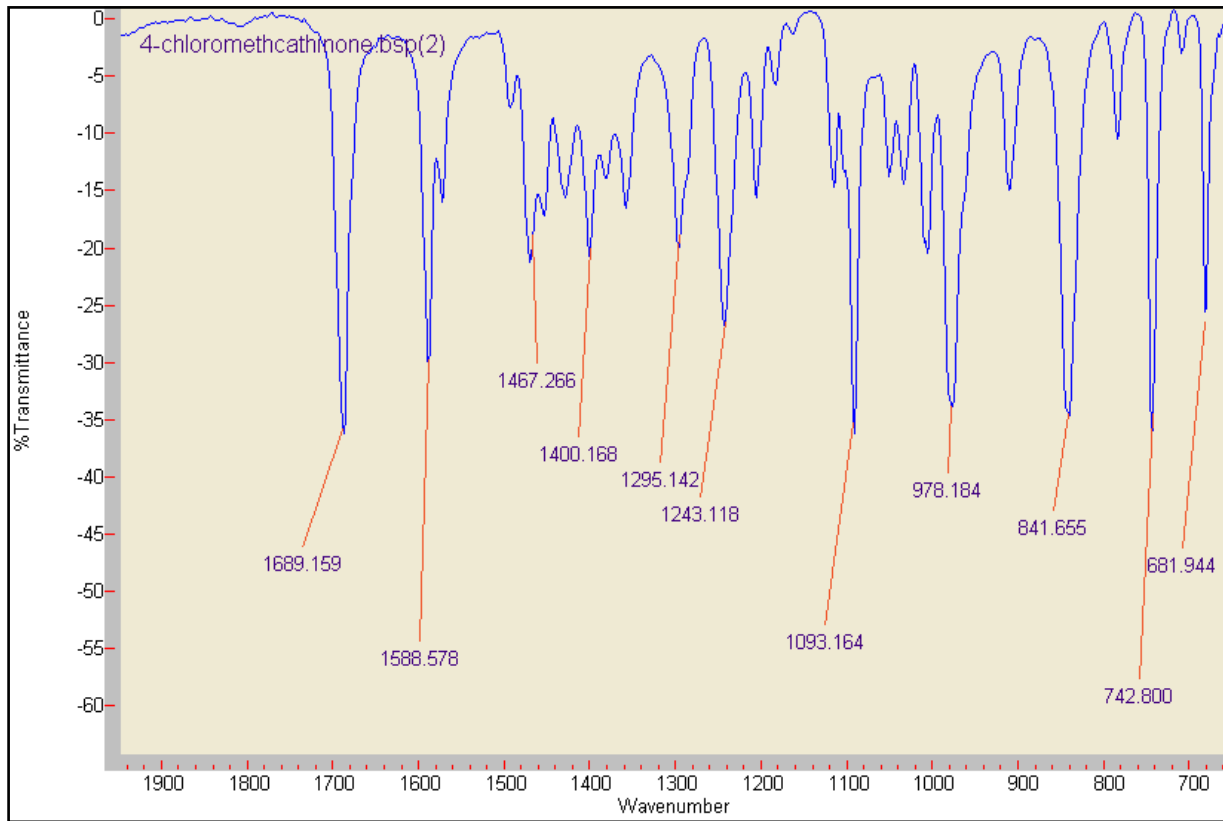
Resolution:  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$ 

Figure 9. Expanded FTIR/ATR Spectrum of 4-Chloromethcathinone



**Part 3. References:**

M. Taschwer, J. A. Weiß, O. Kunert, M. G. Schmid. Analysis and characterization of the novel psychoactive drug 4-chloromethcathinone (clephedrone). *Forensic Science International*. 244 (2014) e56–e59.