

1. SYNONYMS

CFR: *p*-Methoxymethamphetamine (PMMA)

CAS #: Base: 22331-70-0
Hydrochloride: unknown

Other Names: Phenethylamine, N,alpha-dimethyl-4-methoxy--
alpha-(4-methoxyphenyl)-beta-methylaminopropane
(+/-)-*p*-Methoxymethamphetamine
4-Methoxymethamphetamine
(+/-)-*p*-Methoxy-.alpha.-methyl-phenethylamine
PMMA
4-MMA
1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-methyl-2-propanamine

2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

2.1. CHEMICAL DATA

Form	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight	Melting Point (°C)
Base	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ NO	179.3	177-178
Hydrochloride	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ NO · HCl	215.7	

2.2. SOLUBILITY

Form	A	C	E	H	M	W
Base	*	*	*	*	S	S
Hydrochloride	SS	PS	I	S	VS	VS

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 *No literature information available.

3. SCREENING TECHNIQUES

3.1. COLOR TESTS

REAGENT	COLOR PRODUCED
Sodium Nitroprusside	Blue
Mecke's	Light Green

3.2. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method: PMMA-GCMSQ-1

Samples are to be dissolved in an appropriate solvent such as methanol or base extracted before injection.

Instrument: Gas Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometer

Column: HP-5MS 15.0 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm film

Carrier gas: Hydrogen at 2.0 mL/min

Temperatures: Injector: 260°C
Transfer Line: 280°C
Oven program:
1) 140°C initial temperature for 0.5 min
2) Ramp to 310°C at 38°C/min
3) Hold final temperature for 0.7 min

Injection Parameters: Split Ratio=25:1, 1 µL injected

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
dimethyl sulfone	0.41	caffeine	1.84
amphetamine	0.58	lidocaine	1.93
methamphetamine	0.64	chlorpheniramine	2.16
PMA	0.89	procaine	2.19
pseudo/ephedrine	0.94	cocaine	2.50
PMMA	1.00	triprolidine	2.59
MDA	1.14	O6 monoacetylmorphine	3.00
MDMA	1.32	heroin	3.16
acetaminophen	1.53		

3.3. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method: PMMA-GCMSQ-2

Samples are to be dissolved in an appropriate solvent such as methanol or base extracted before injection.

Instrument:	Gas Chromatograph / Ion trap
Column:	ZB-5 30.0 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm film
Carrier gas:	Helium at 1.0 mL/min
Temperatures:	Injector: 250°C Transfer Line: 280°C Oven program: 1) 100°C initial temperature for 1.0 min 2) Ramp to 310°C at 30°C/min 3) Hold final temperature for 3.5 min
Injection Parameters:	Split Ratio = 20:1, 1 µL injected

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
dimethyl sulfone	0.48	caffeine	1.34
amphetamine	0.49	lidocaine	1.37
methamphetamine	0.75	chlorpheniramine	1.47
PMA	0.95	procaine	1.47
pseudo/ephedrine	0.95	cocaine	1.60
PMMA	1.00	triprolidine	1.63
MDA	1.04	O6 monoacetylmorphine	1.83
MDMA	1.09	heroin	1.91
acetaminophen	1.21		

3.4. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method PMMA-LCQ-1

Samples are to be dissolved in an appropriate solvent such as 0.1 N HCl.

Instrument: High performance liquid chromatograph equipped with diode array

Column: C18, 5 µm, 150 mm x 4.6 mm

Detector: UV 210 nm, 10 BW

Flow: 1.0 mL/min

Injection Volume: 3 µL

Buffer: 4000 mL distilled water, 30 mL phosphoric acid, 10 g sodium hydroxide and 8.0 mL hexylamine at pH 2.5

Mobile Phase: Buffer: acetonitrile 93:7 for 12 min

Typical Retention Time: PMMA 6.757 min

COMPOUND	RRT
pseudoephedrine	0.48
amphetamine	0.63
MDA	0.70
methamphetamine	0.75
MDMA/PMA	0.82
PMMA	1.00
MDEA	1.10
caffeine	1.48
ketamine	1.60

*Note: MDMA/PMA coelute

4. SEPARATION TECHNIQUES

PMMA can be separated from matrixes by solvent extraction using the solubility.

5. QUANTITATIVE PROCEDURES

5.1. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

Method PMMA-LCQ-1

Standard Solution Preparation:

Accurately weigh and prepare a standard solution of PMMA hydrochloride at approximately 0.50 mg/mL using 0.1 N HCl.

Sample Preparation:

Accurately weigh an amount of sample into a volumetric flask and dilute with 0.1 N HCl. 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: C18, 5 µm, 150 mm x 4.6 mm

Detector: UV 210 nm, 10 BW

Flow: 1.0 mL/min

Injection Volume: 3 µL

Buffer: 4000 mL distilled water, 30 mL phosphoric acid, 10 g sodium hydroxide and 8.0 mL hexylamine at pH 2.5

Mobile Phase: Buffer: acetonitrile 93:7 for 12min

Typical Retention Time: PMMA 6.757 min

Linear Range: 0.0603-1.206 mg/mL

Repeatability: RSD less than 3%

Correlation Coefficient: 0.99999

Accuracy: Error less than 5%

COMPOUND	RRT
pseudoephedrine	0.48
amphetamine	0.63
MDA	0.70
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MDMA/PMA	0.82

PMMA	1.00
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6. QUALITATIVE DATA

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

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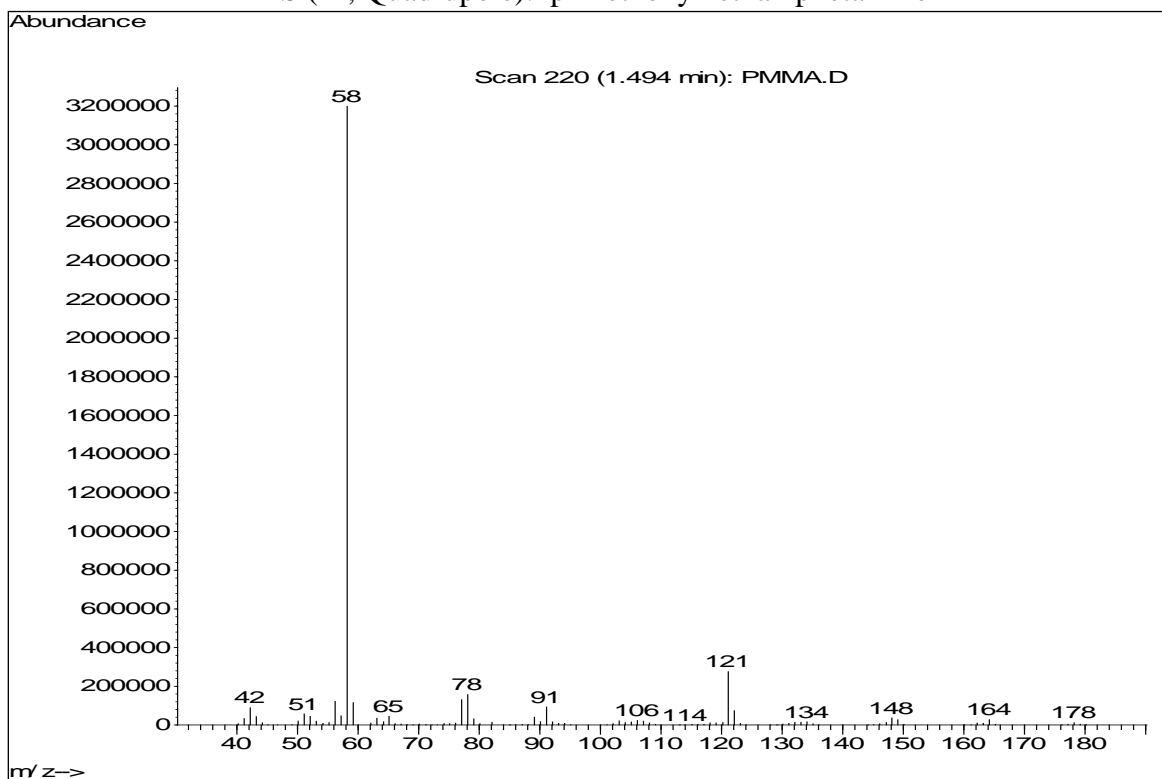
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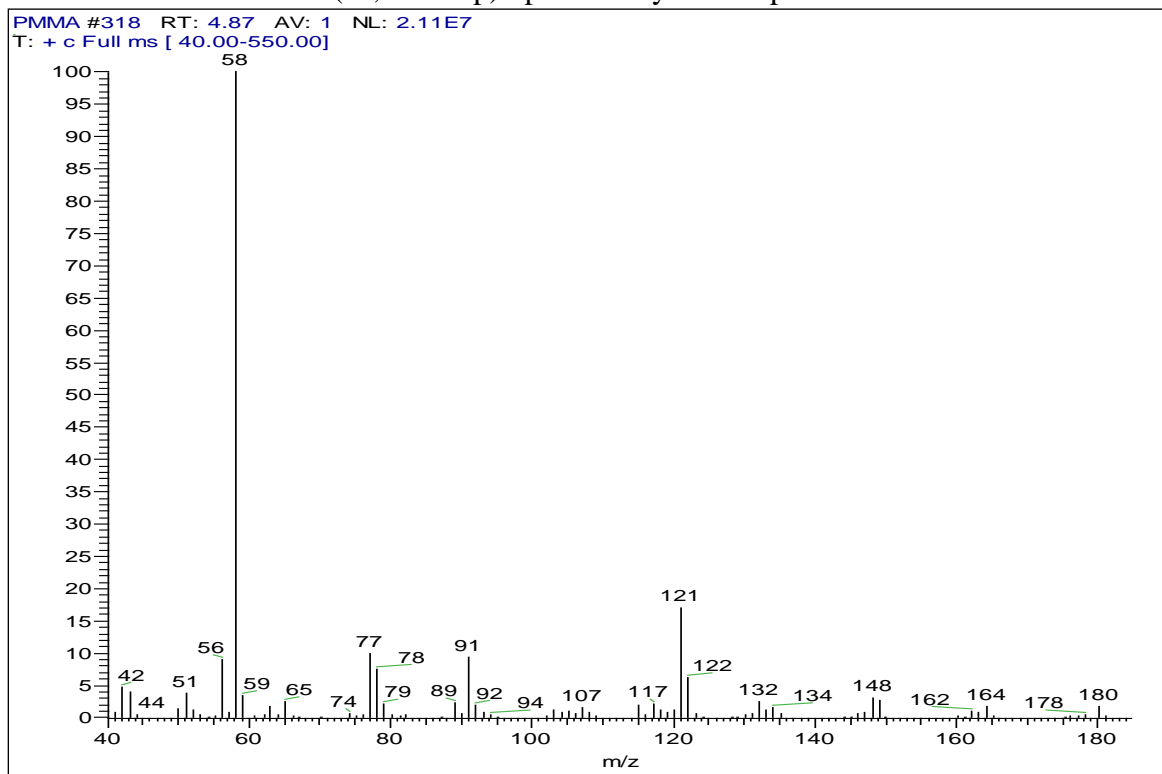
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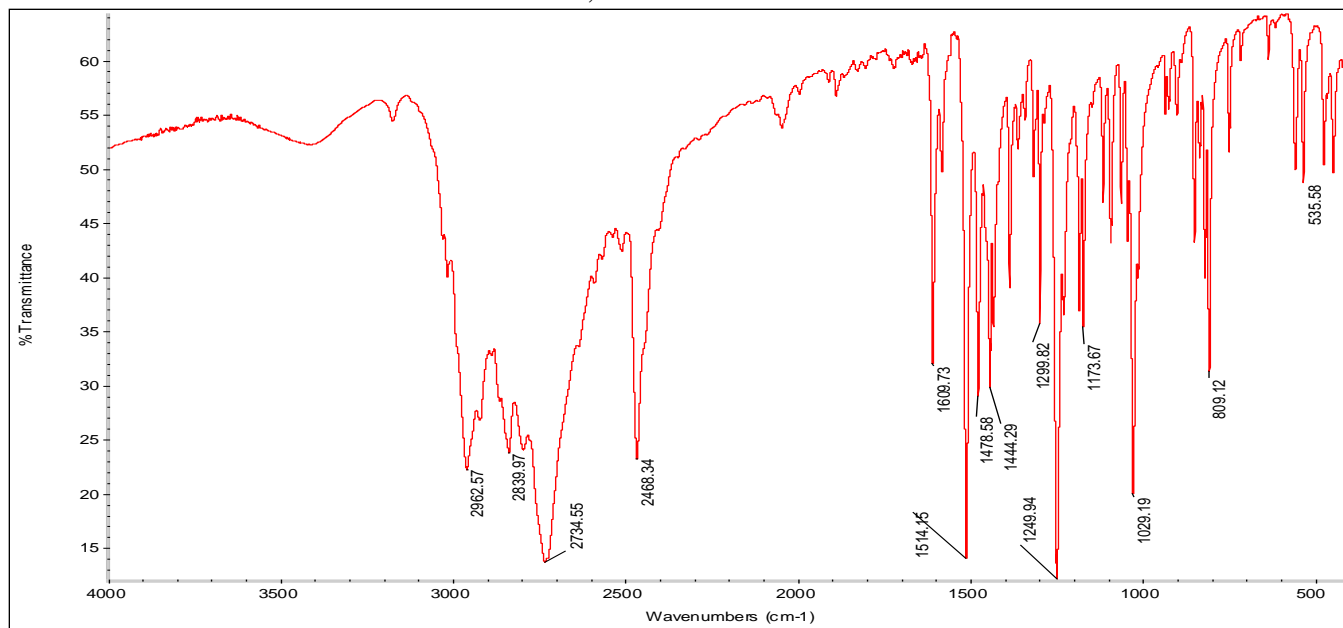
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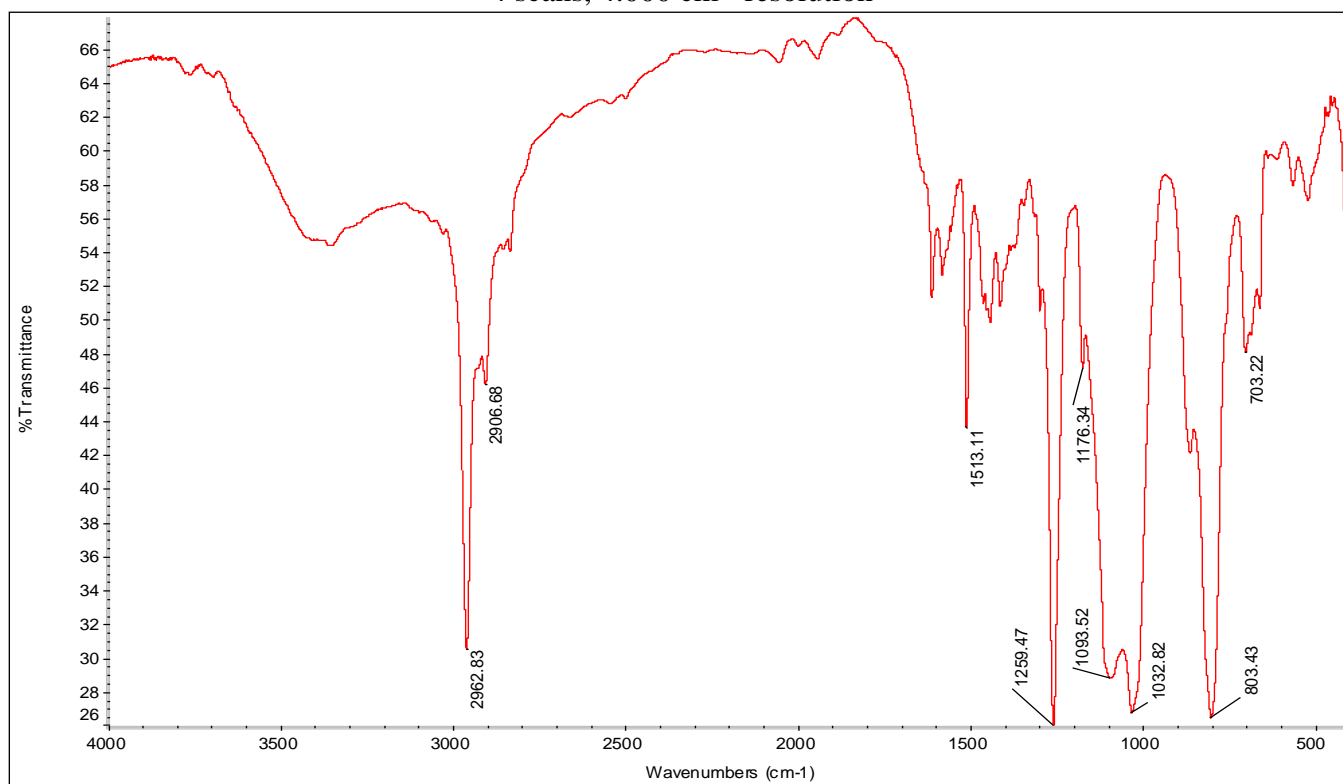
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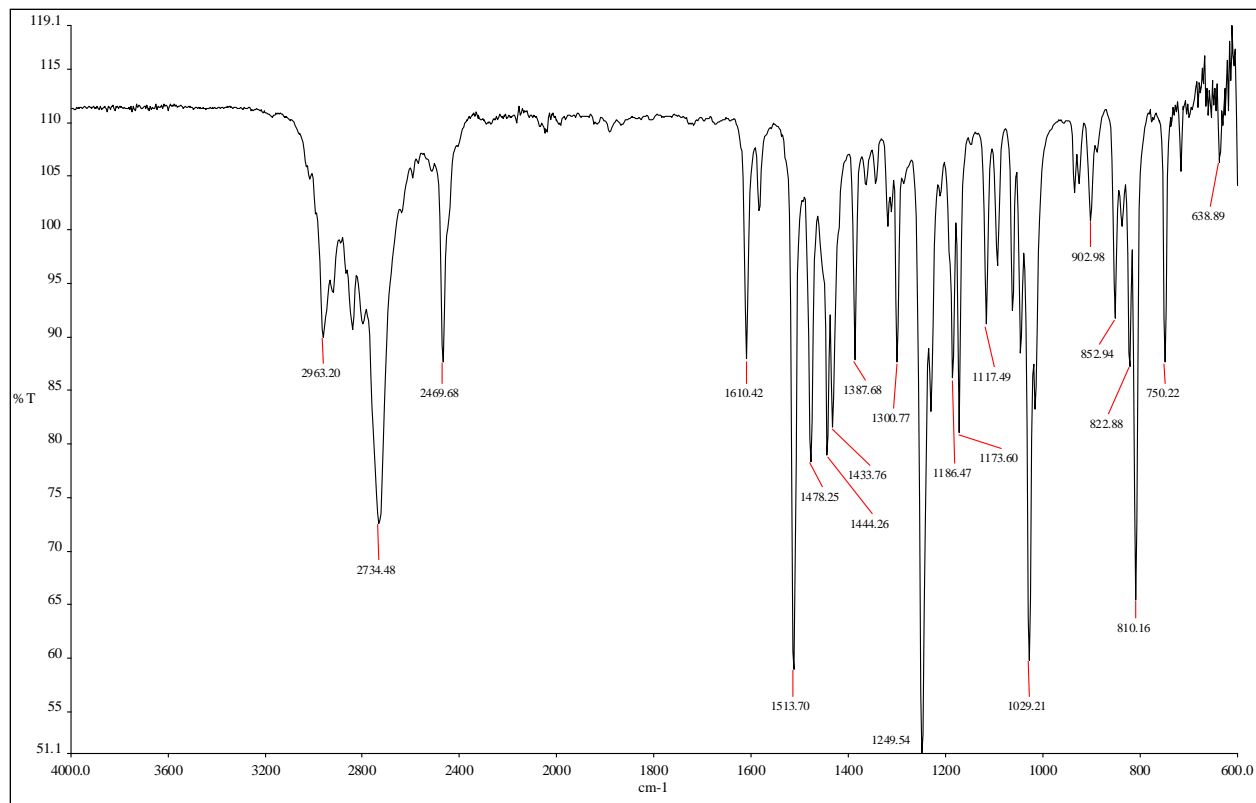
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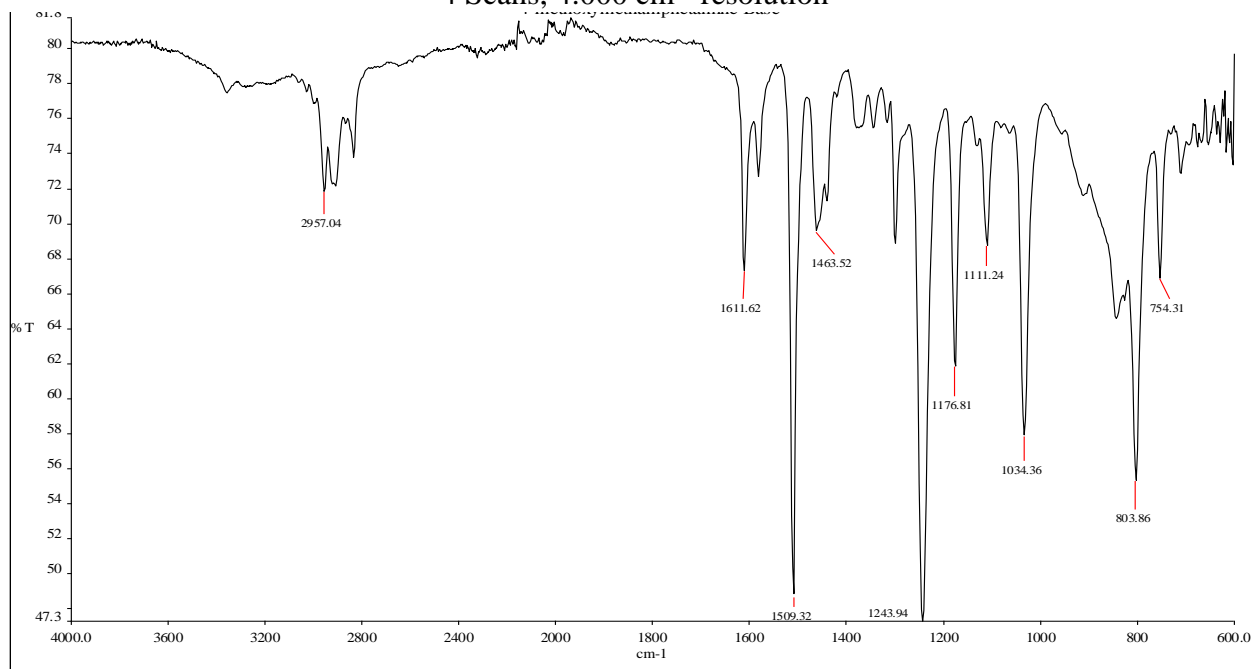
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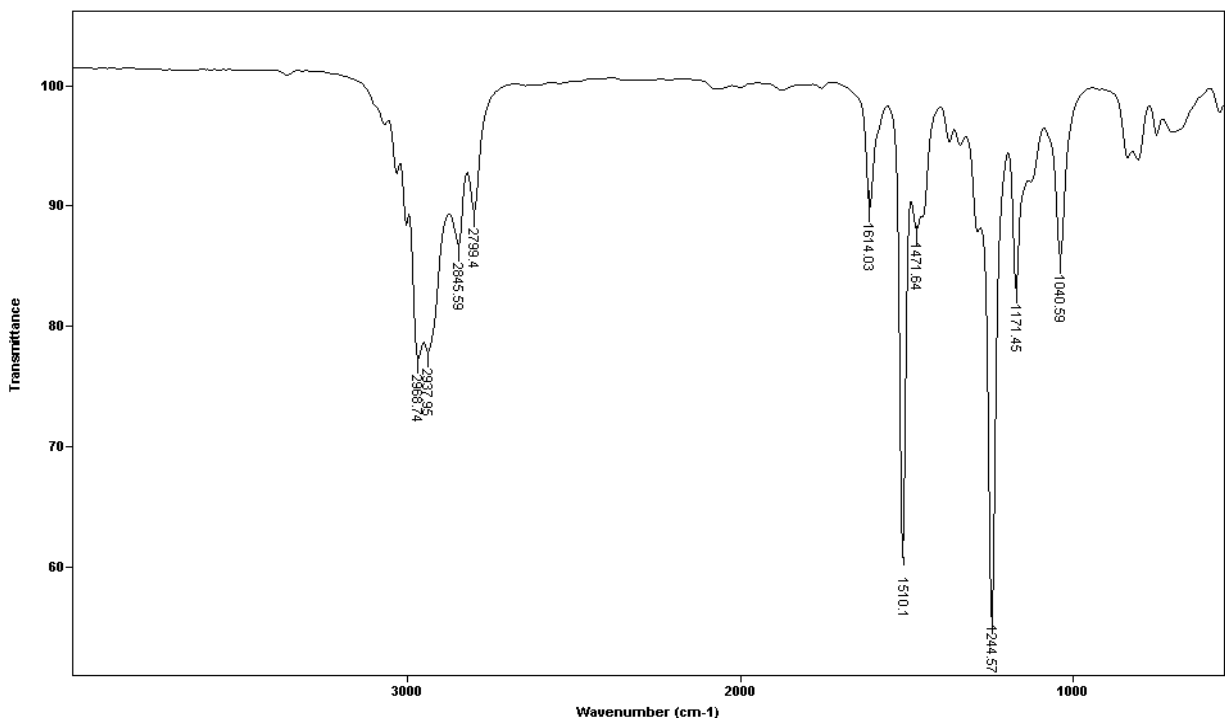
FTIR(Diamond ATR): p-Methoxymethamphetamine HCl
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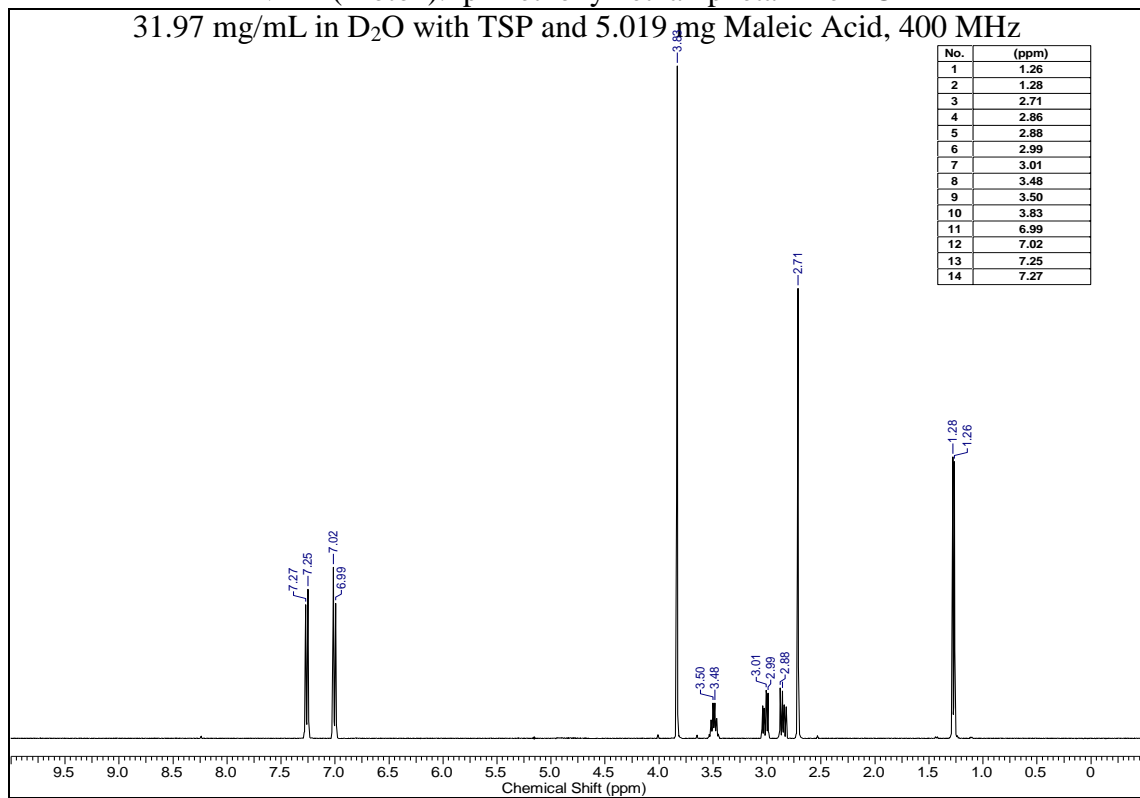
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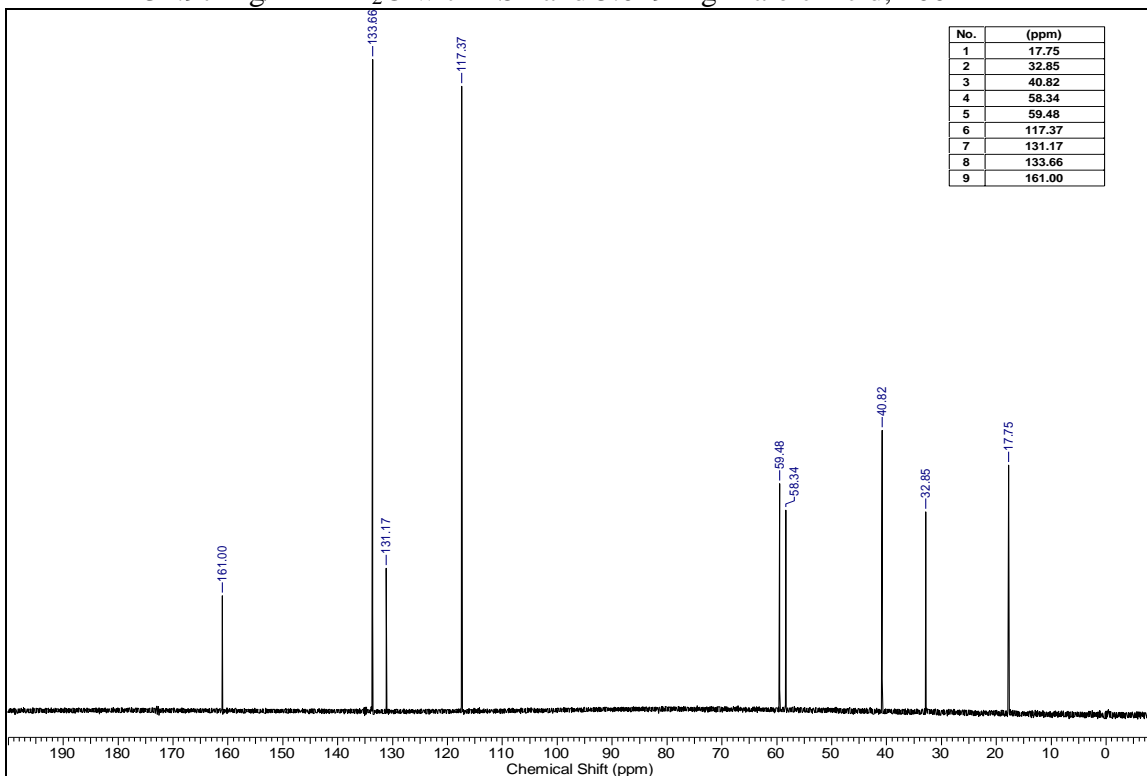
IR (Vapor Phase): p-Methoxymethamphetamine
 Na_2CO_3 extracted CH_2Cl_2



NMR (Proton): p-Methoxymethamphetamine HCl
 31.97 mg/mL in D_2O with TSP and 5.019 mg Maleic Acid, 400 MHz



NMR (Carbon): p-Methoxymethamphetamine HCl
31.97 mg/ml in D₂O with TSP and 5.019 mg Maleic Acid, 400 MHz



UV: p-Methoxymethamphetamine HCl
in 0.1 N HCl

