

## Supplementary material

### Structural characterization of compounds in peak 1

Figure S1. Chromatogram (trace at 210 nm) of peak 1.

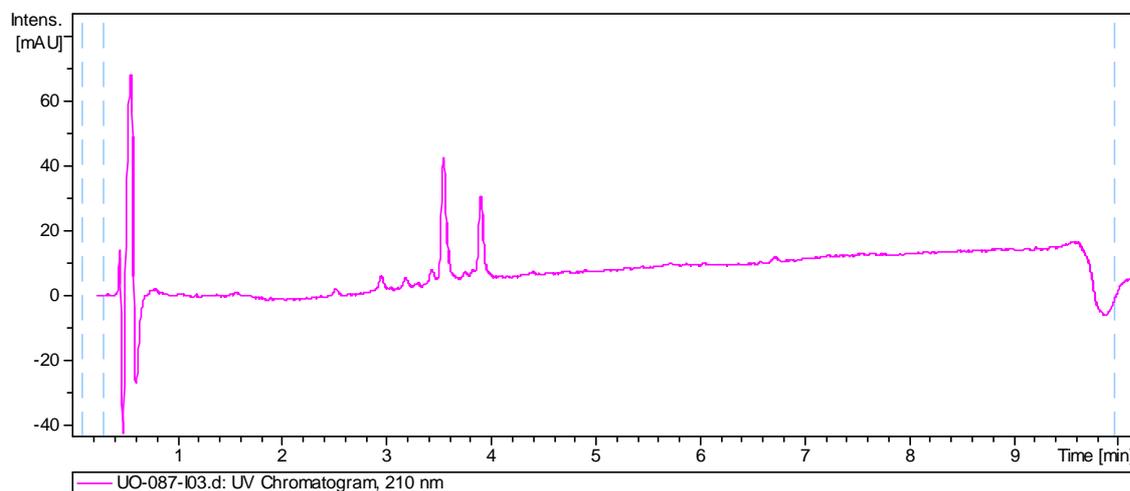
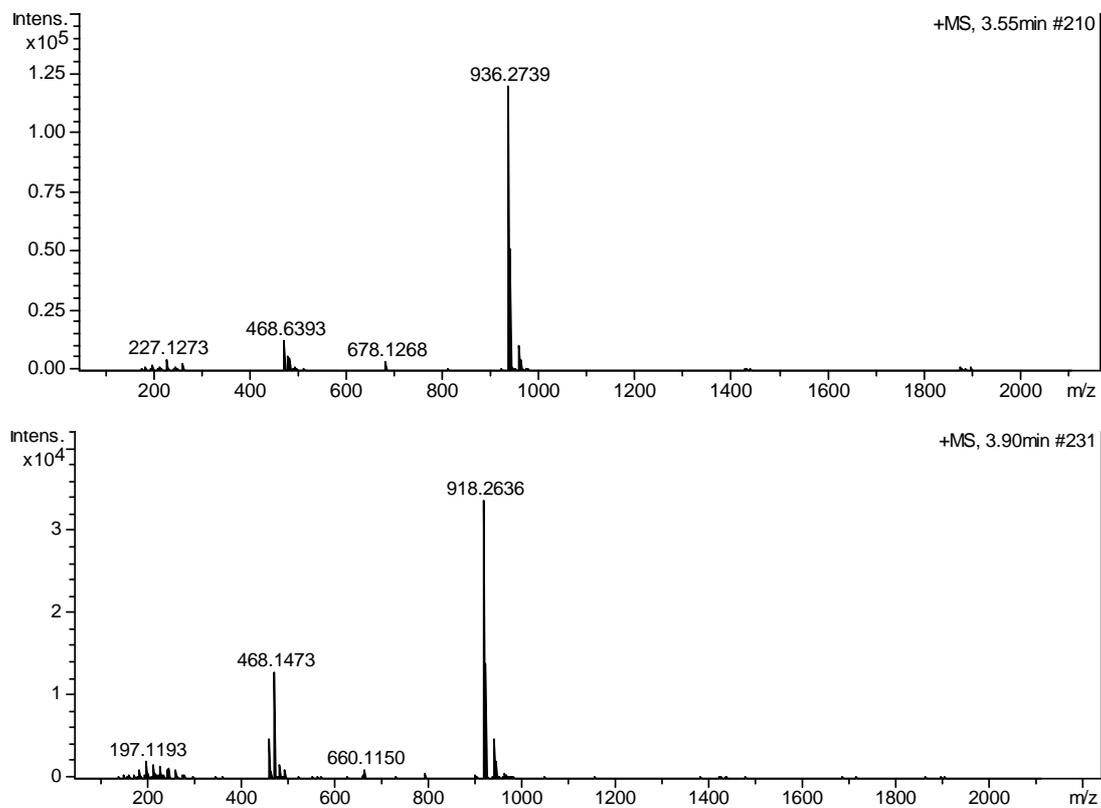
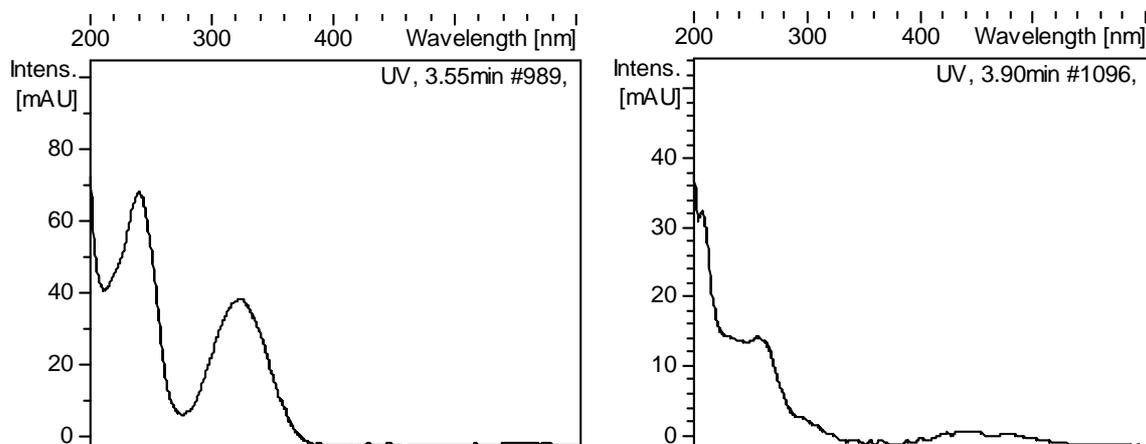


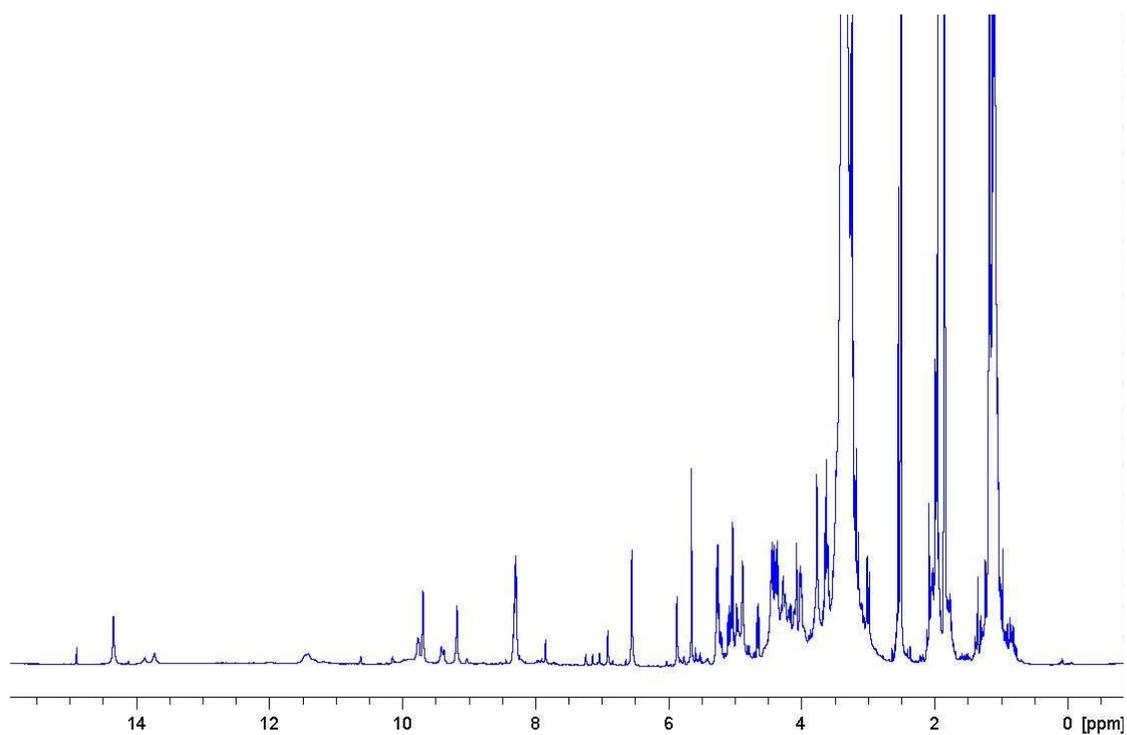
Figure S2. HRMS spectra of compound 1 (3.55 min) and secondary compound 1' (3.90 min) in peak 1.



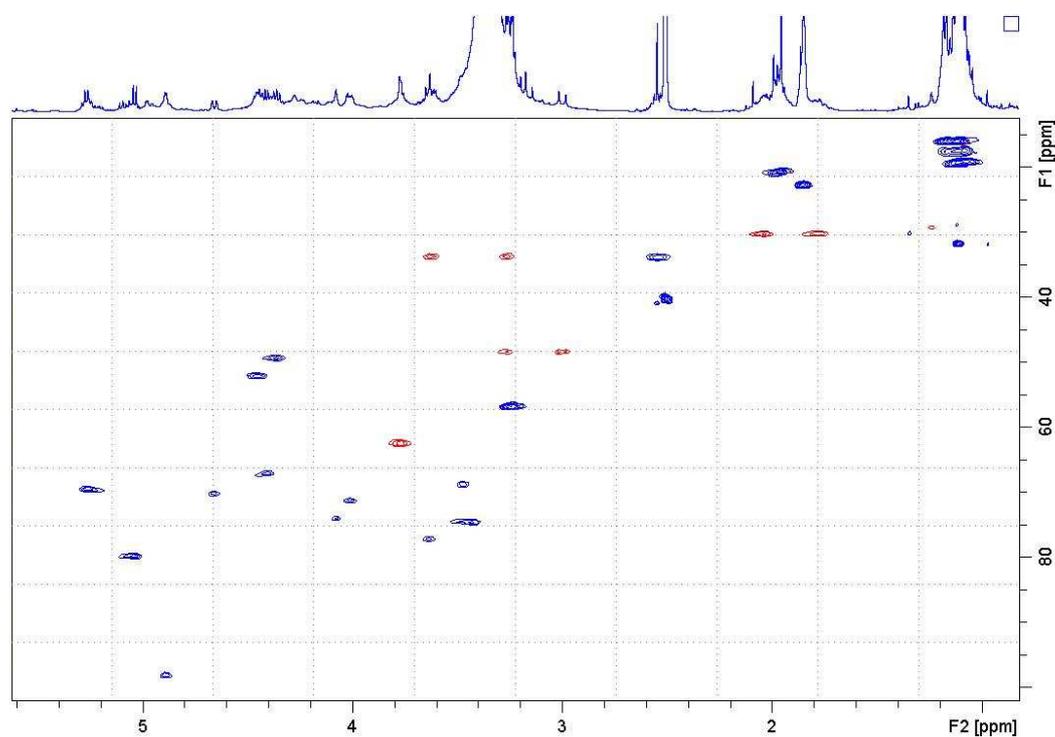
**Figure S3.** UV-vis (DAD) spectra of compound **1** (3.55 min) and secondary compound **1'** (3.90 min) in peak **1**.



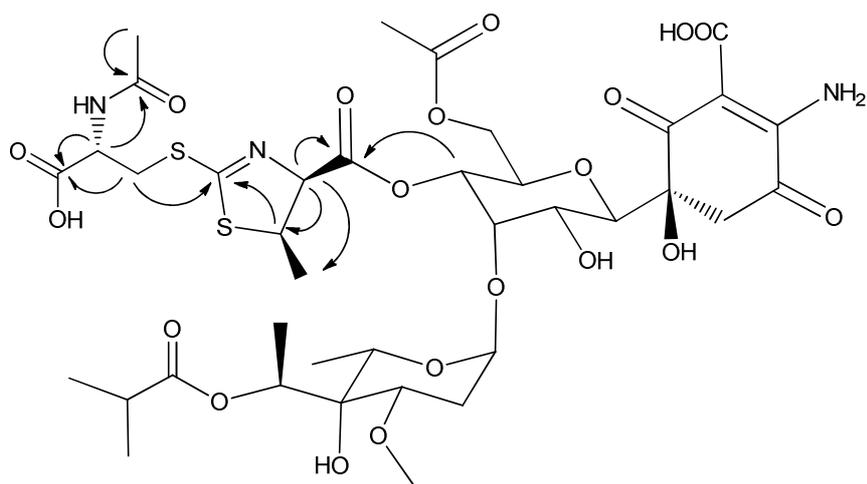
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of peak **1** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz).



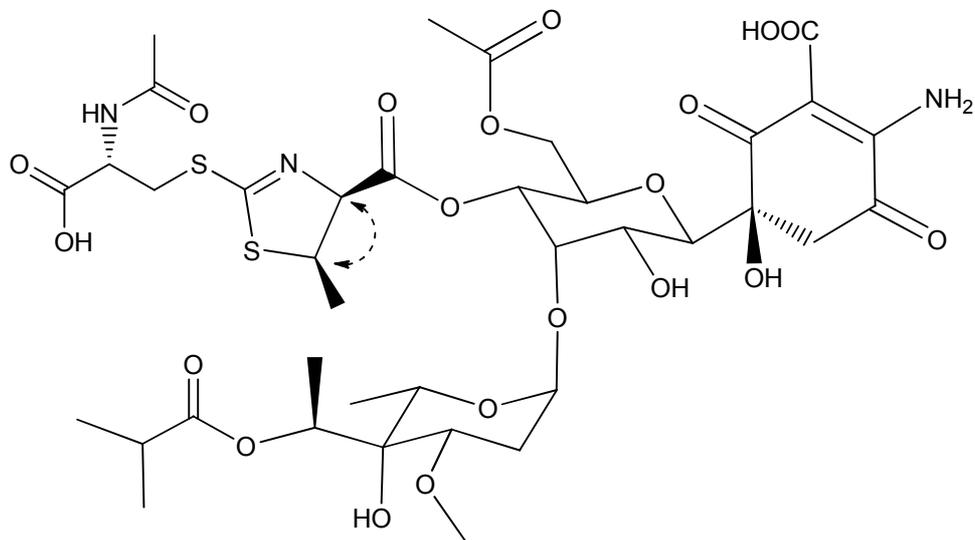
**Figure S5.** HSQC spectrum of peak 1.



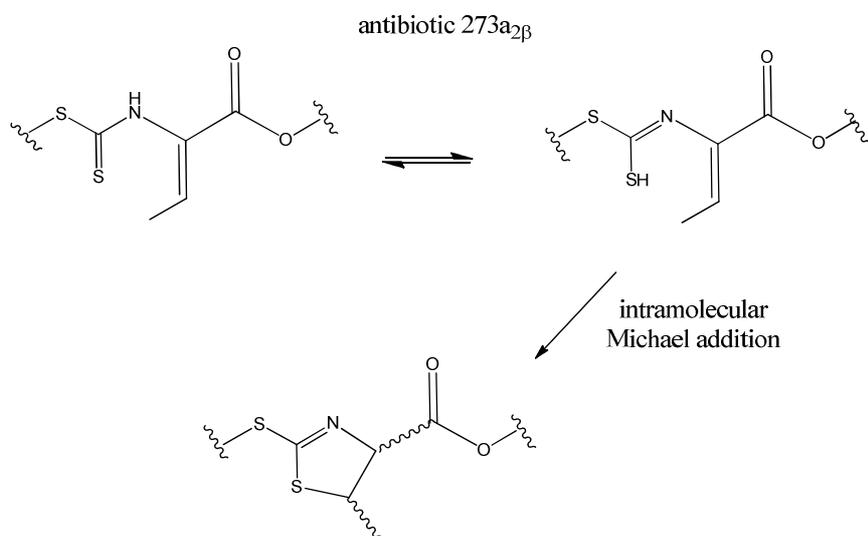
**Figure S6.** Key HMBC correlations for main compound **1** in peak 1, which connect the *N*-acetylcysteine moiety to the thiazoline heterocycle



**Figure S7.** Key NOESY correlation for main compound **1** in peak **1**, which determines the relative configuration of the thiazoline heterocycle.

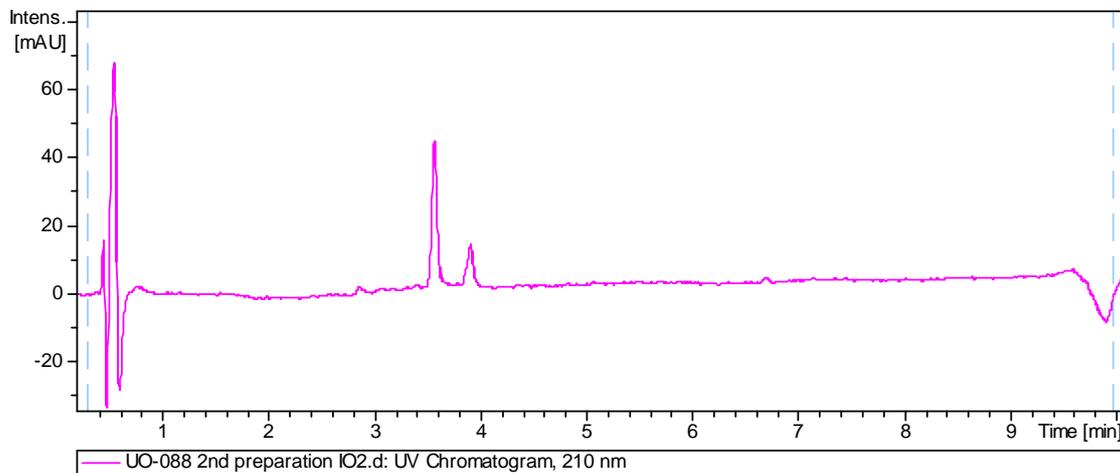


**Figure S8.** Proposed mechanism explaining the formation of compound **1** from antibiotic 273a<sub>2β</sub>.

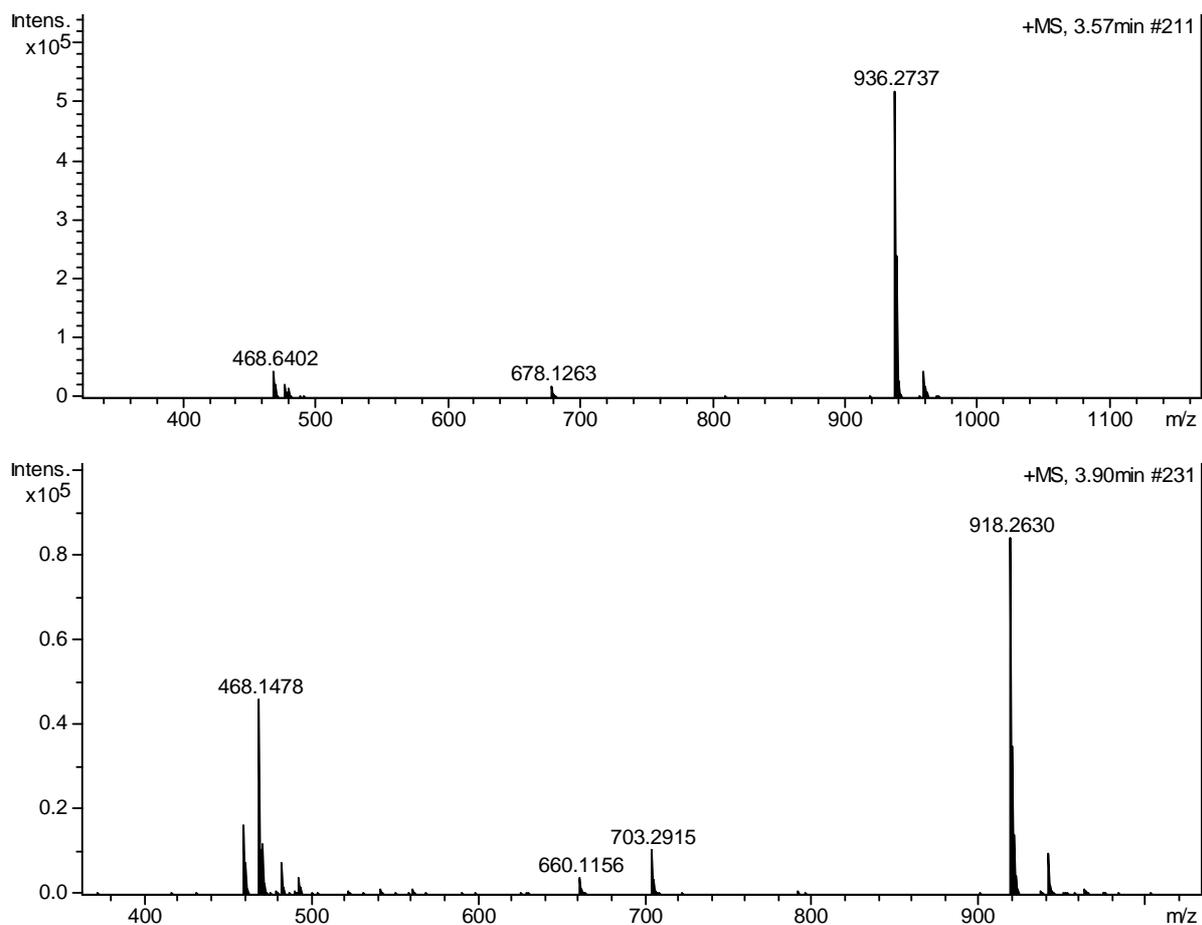


## Structural characterization of compounds in peak 2

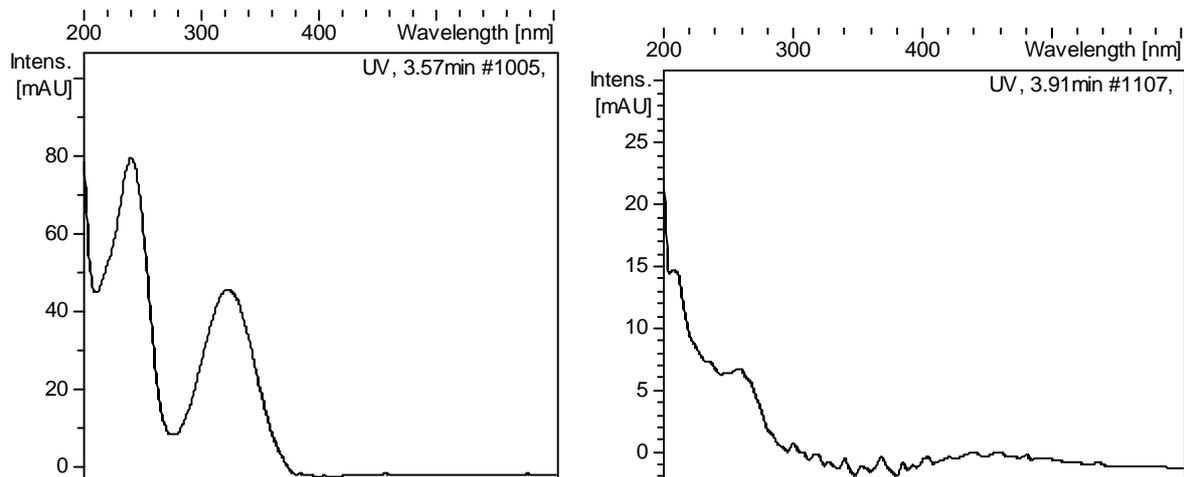
**Figure S9.** Chromatogram (trace at 210 nm) of peak 2.



**Figure S10.** HRMS spectra of compound **2** (3.57 min) and secondary compound **2'** (3.90 min) in peak 2.



**Figure S11.** UV-vis (DAD) spectra of compound **2** (3.57 min) and secondary compound **2'** (3.91 min) in peak **2**.



**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of peak **2** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz).

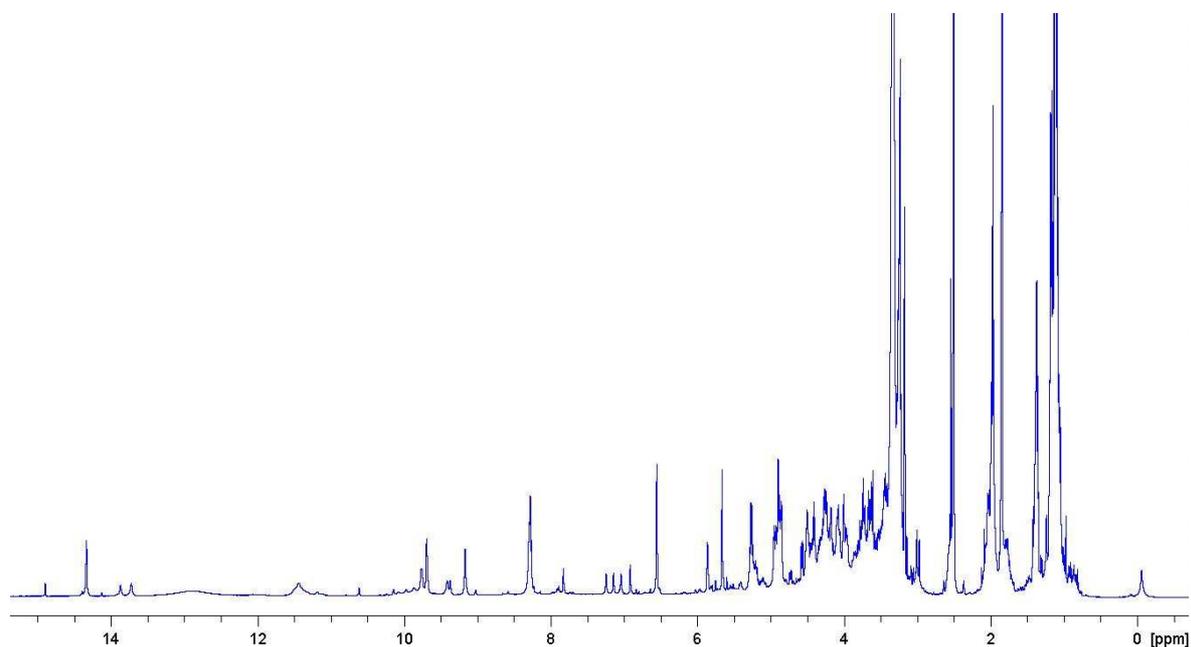
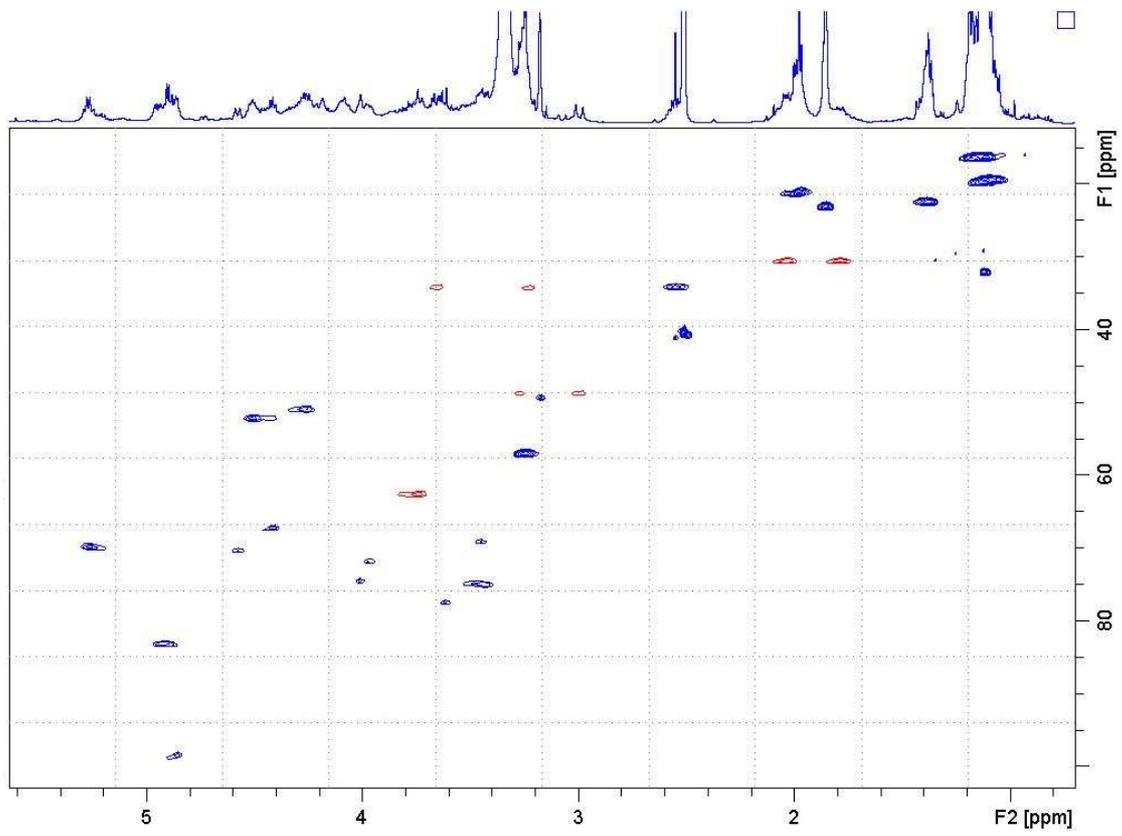


Figure S13. HSQC spectrum of peak 2.



### Structural characterization of compounds in peak 3

Figure S14. Chromatogram (trace at 210 nm) of peak 3.

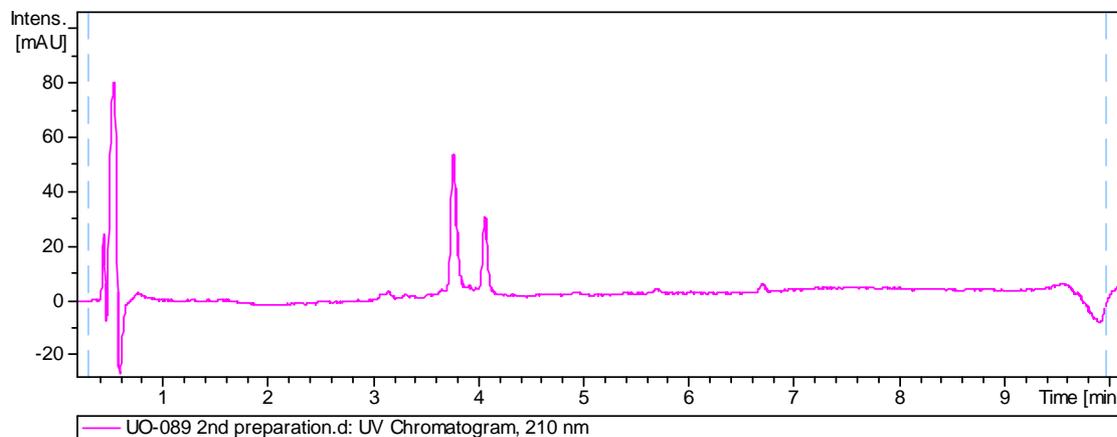
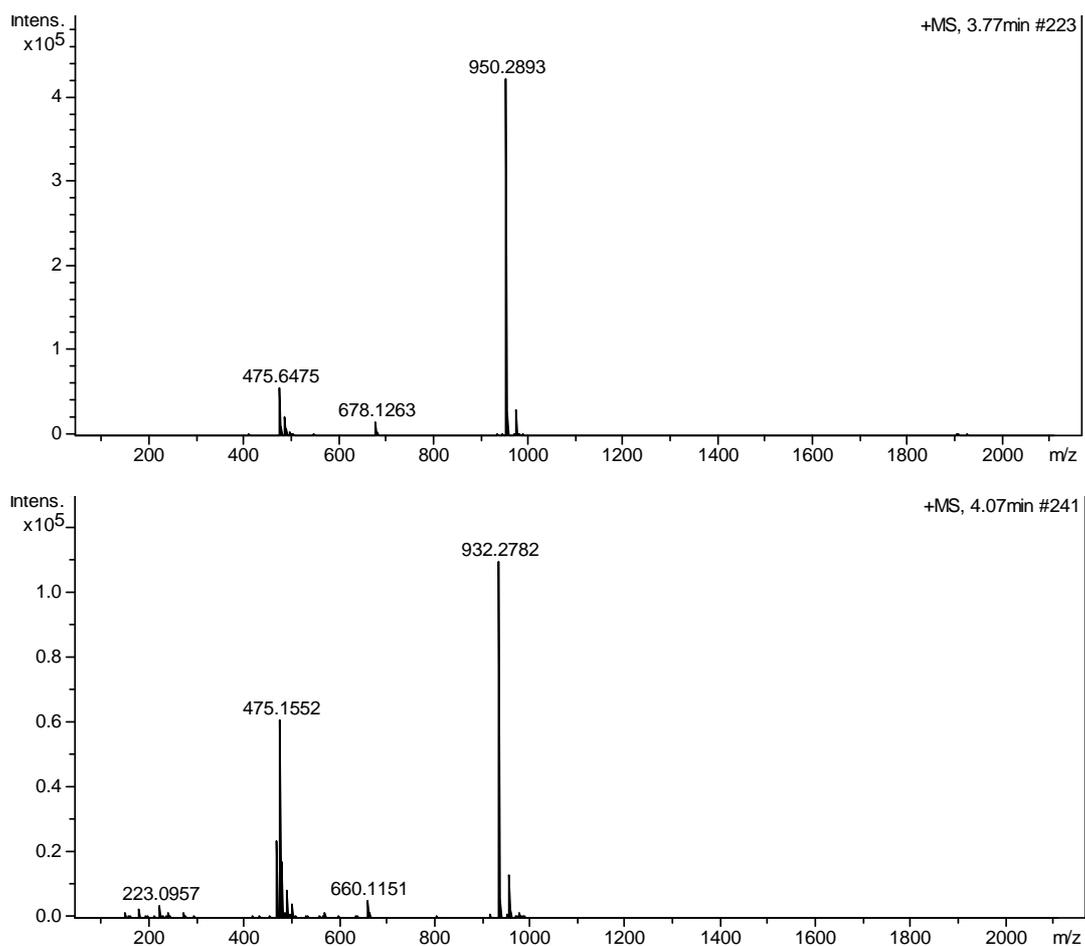
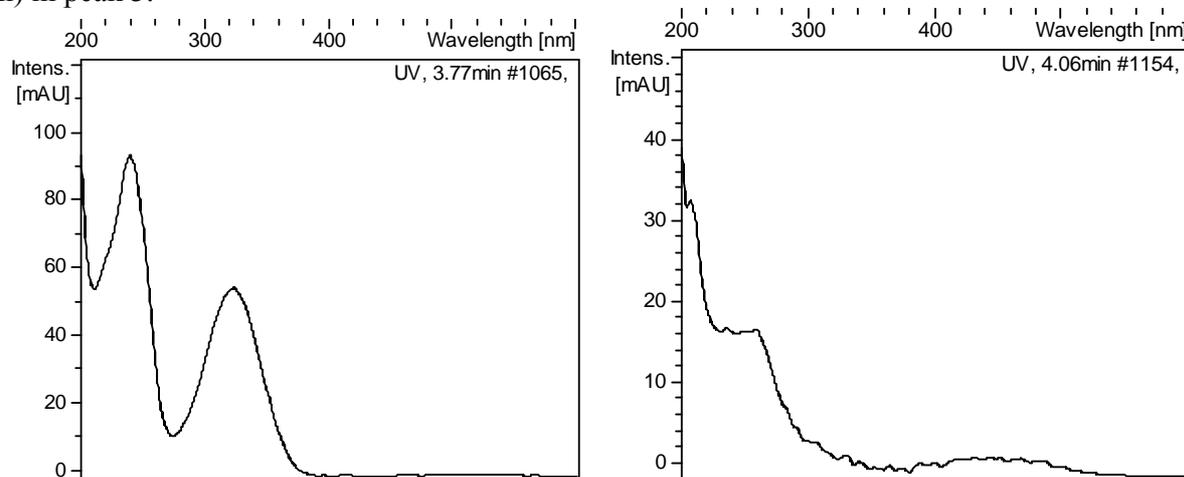


Figure S15. HRMS spectra of compound 3 (3.77 min) and secondary compound 3' (4.07 min) in peak 3.



**Figure S16.** UV-vis (DAD) spectra of compound **3** (3.77 min) and secondary compound **3'** (4.06 min) in peak **3**.



**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of peak **3** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz).

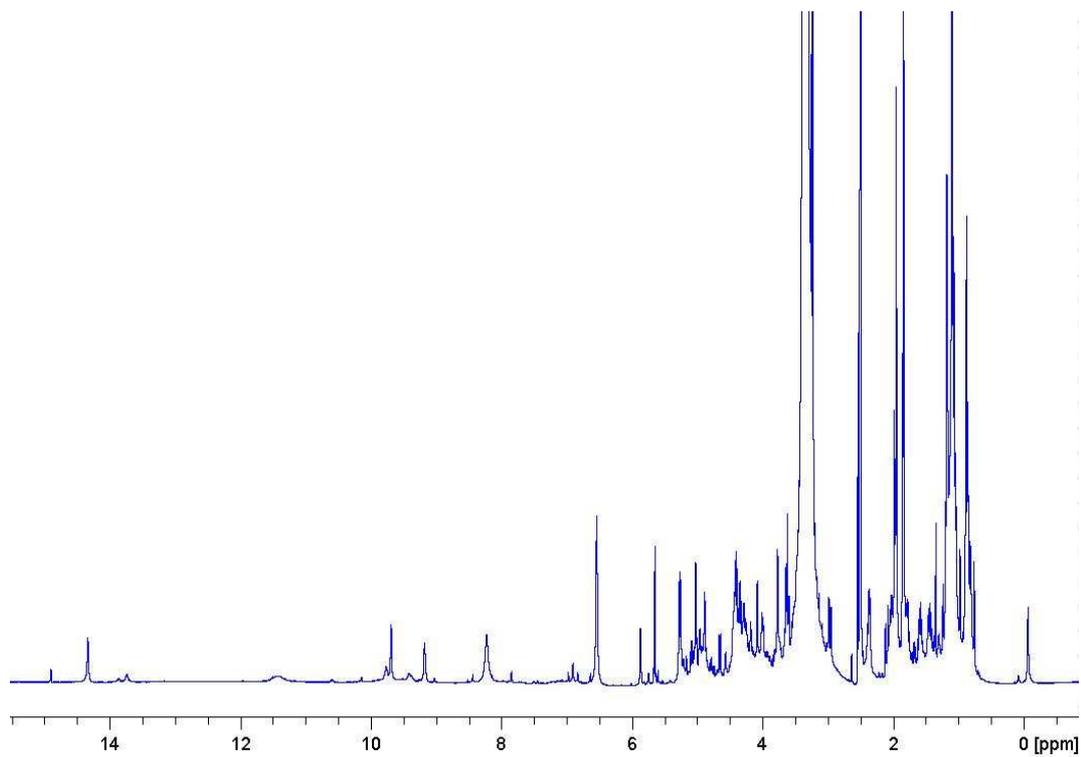
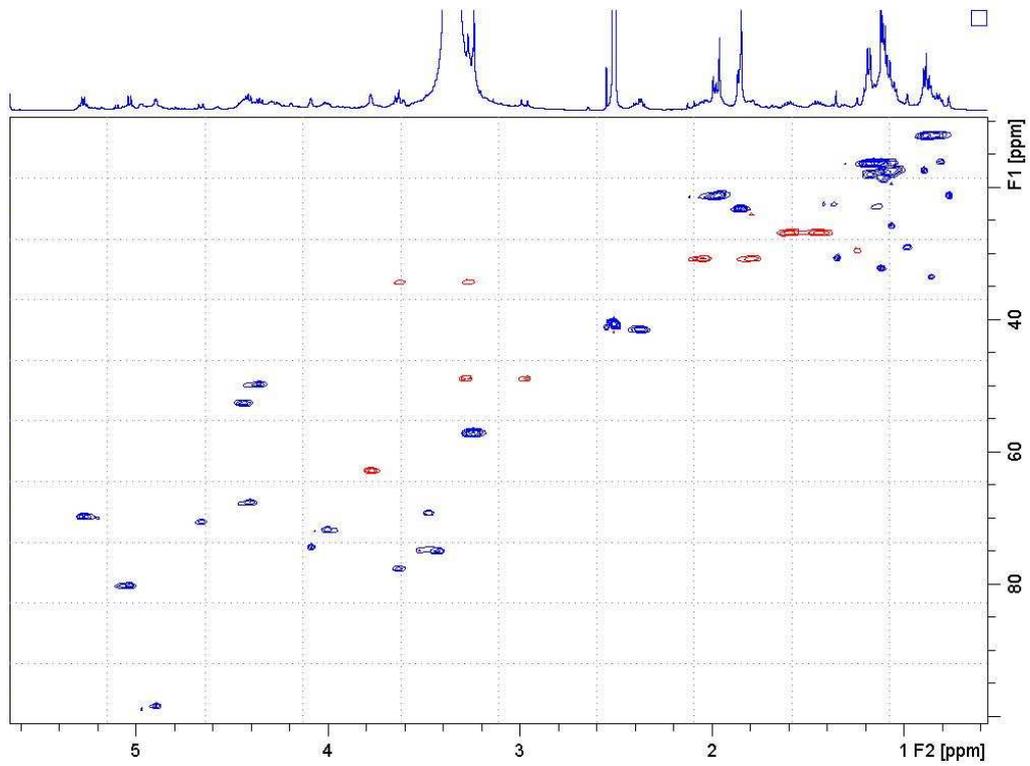
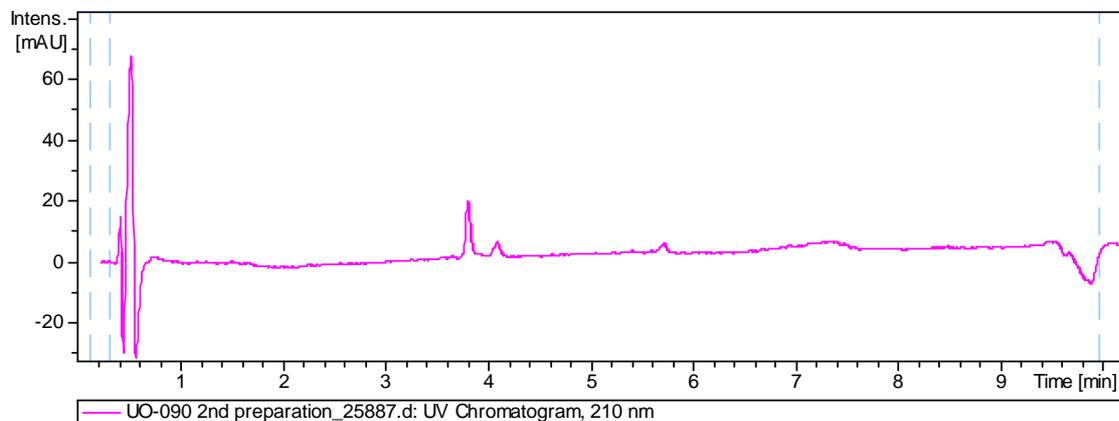


Figure S18. HSQC spectrum of peak 3.

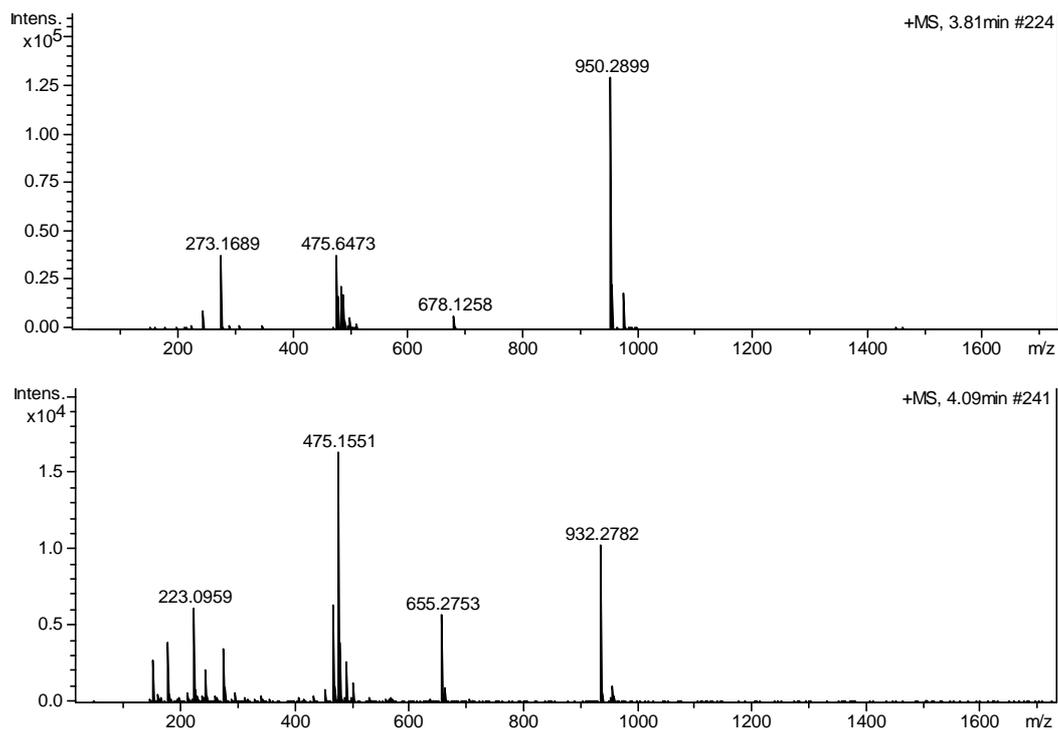


## Structural characterization of compounds in peak 4

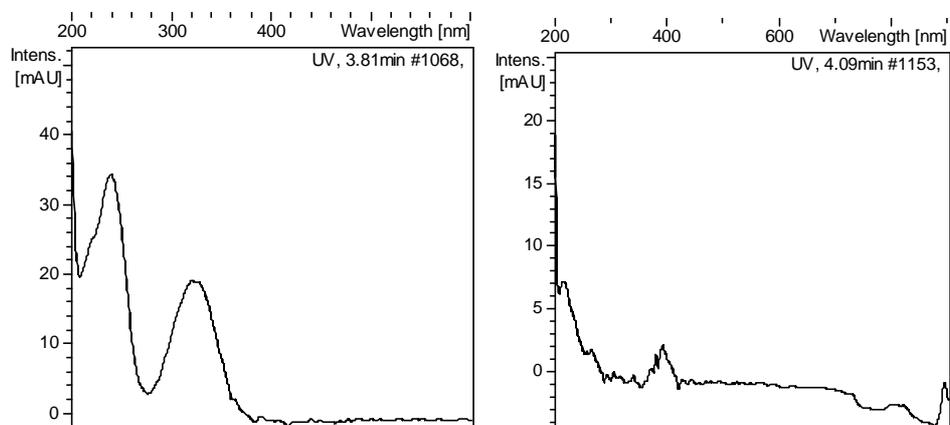
**Figure S19.** Chromatogram (trace at 210 nm) of peak 4.



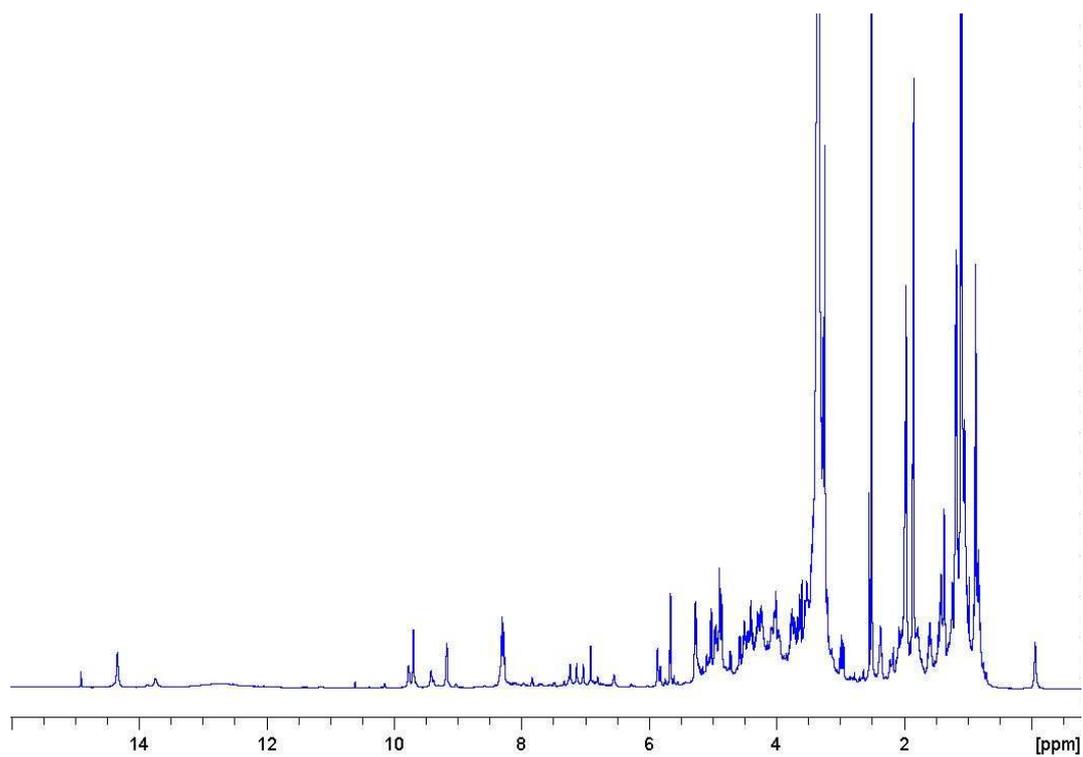
**Figure S20.** HRMS spectra of compound **4** (3.81 min) and secondary compound **4'** (4.09 min) in peak 4.



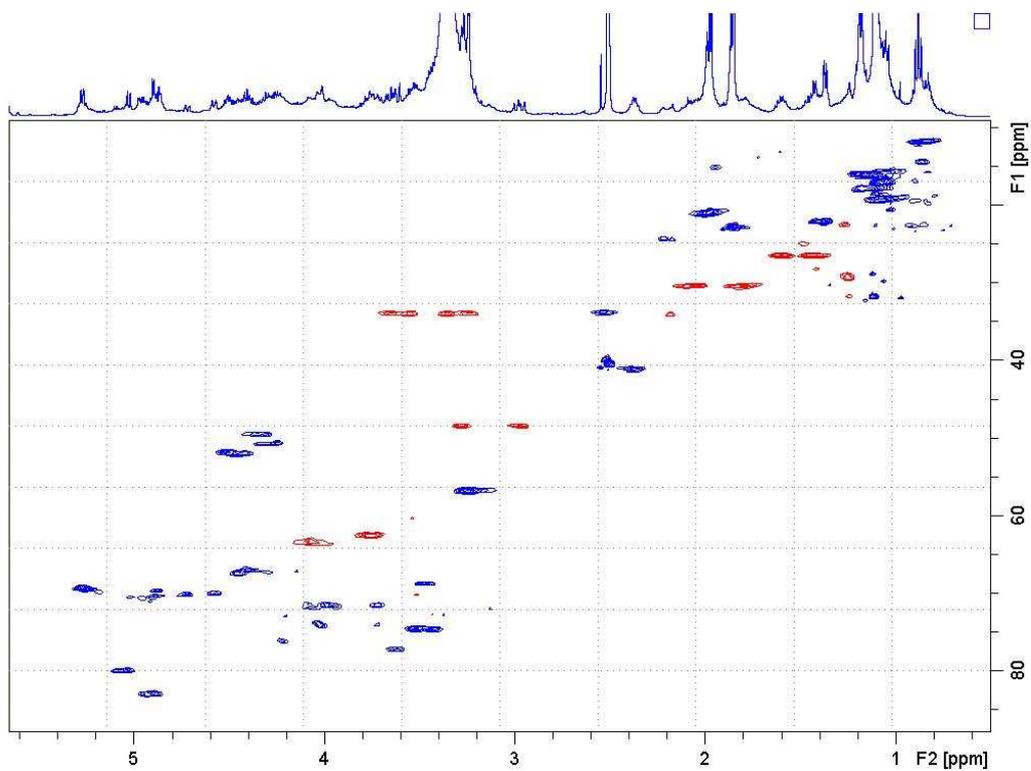
**Figure S21.** UV-vis (DAD) spectra of compound **4** (3.81 min) and secondary compound **4'** (4.09 min) in peak **4**.



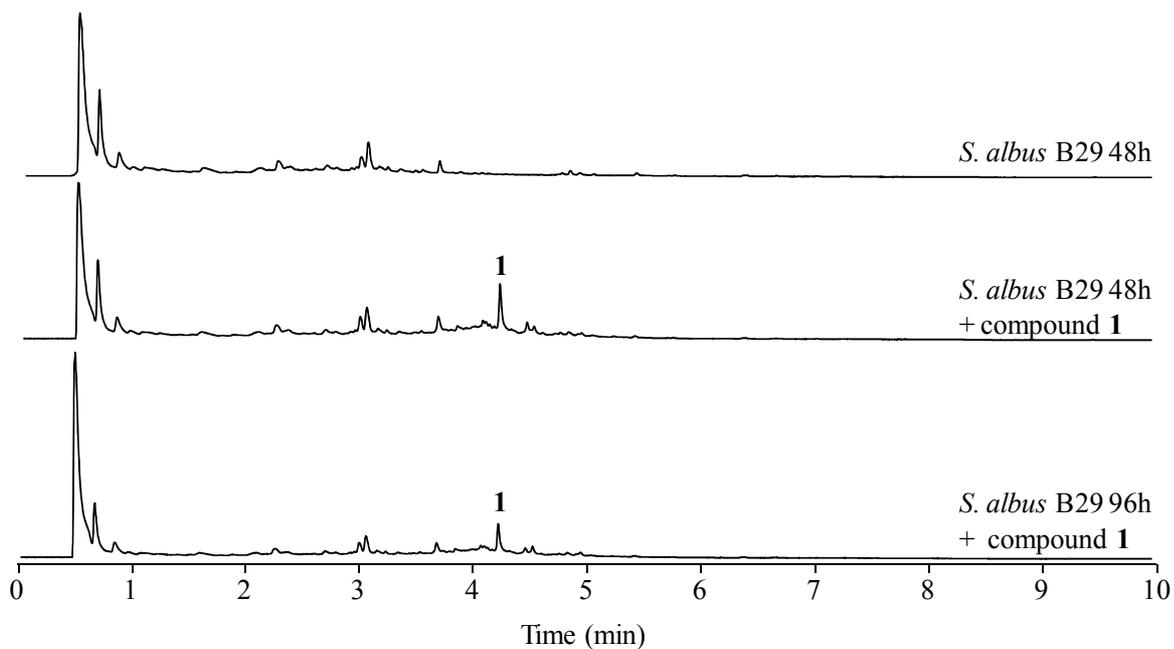
**Figure S22.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of peak **4** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz).



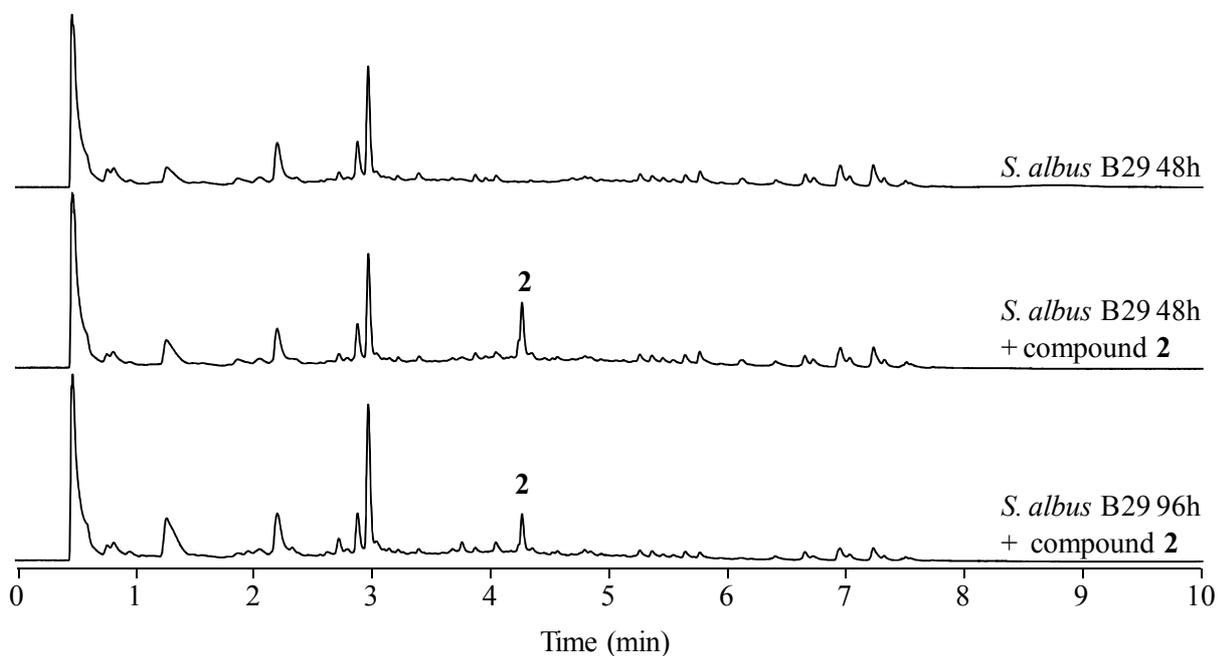
**Figure S23.** HSQC spectrum of peak 4.



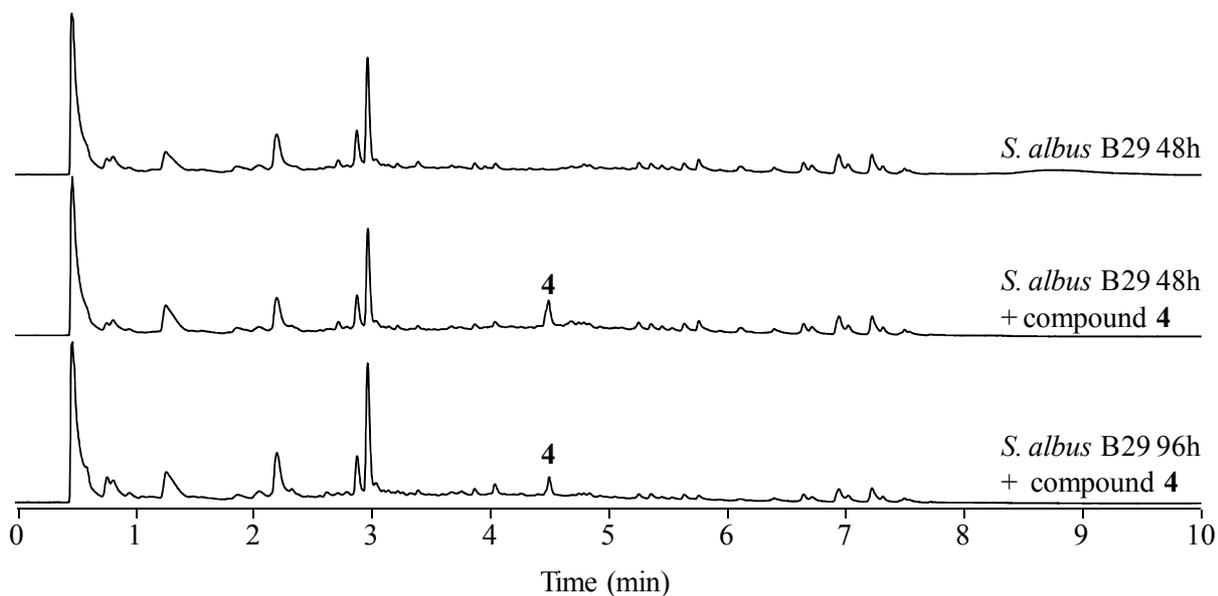
**Figure S24.** UPLC chromatograms, monitored at 238 nm, of mutant *S. albus* B29 grown in R5A liquid medium and fed with 50  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of compound **1**.



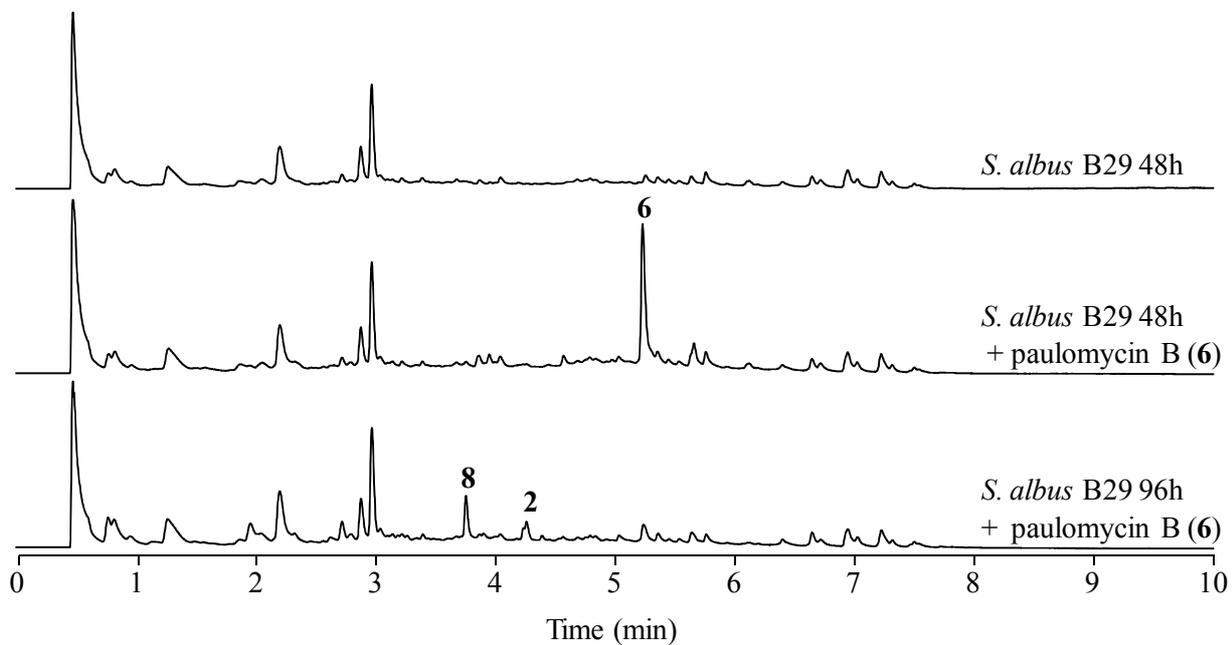
**Figure S25.** UPLC chromatograms, monitored at 238 nm, of mutant *S. albus* B29 grown in R5A liquid medium and fed with 50  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of compound 2.



**Figure S26.** UPLC chromatograms, monitored at 238 nm, of mutant *S. albus* B29 grown in R5A liquid medium and fed with 50  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of compound 4.



**Figure S27.** UPLC chromatograms, monitored at 238 nm, of mutant *S. albus* B29 grown in R5A liquid medium and fed with  $50 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of paulomycin B (6) that is transformed into paulomenol B (8) and compound (2).



**Figure S28.** UPLC chromatograms, monitored at 238 nm, of mutant *S. albus* B29 grown in R5A liquid medium and fed with  $50 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of paulomycin A (5) that is transformed into paulomenol A (7) and compound (3).

