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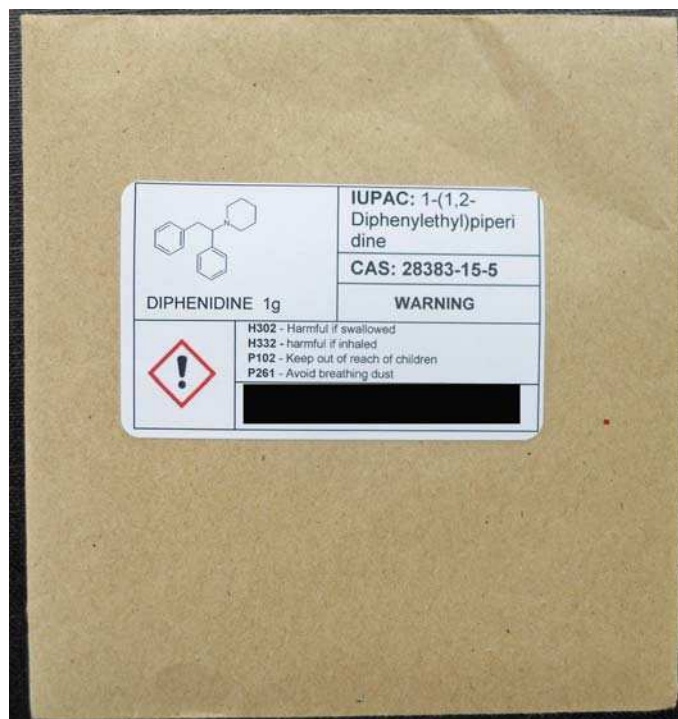
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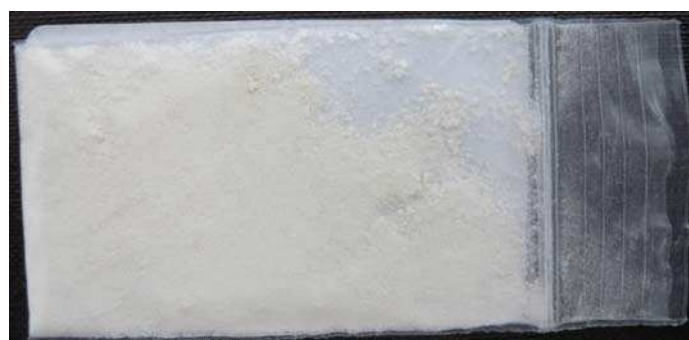
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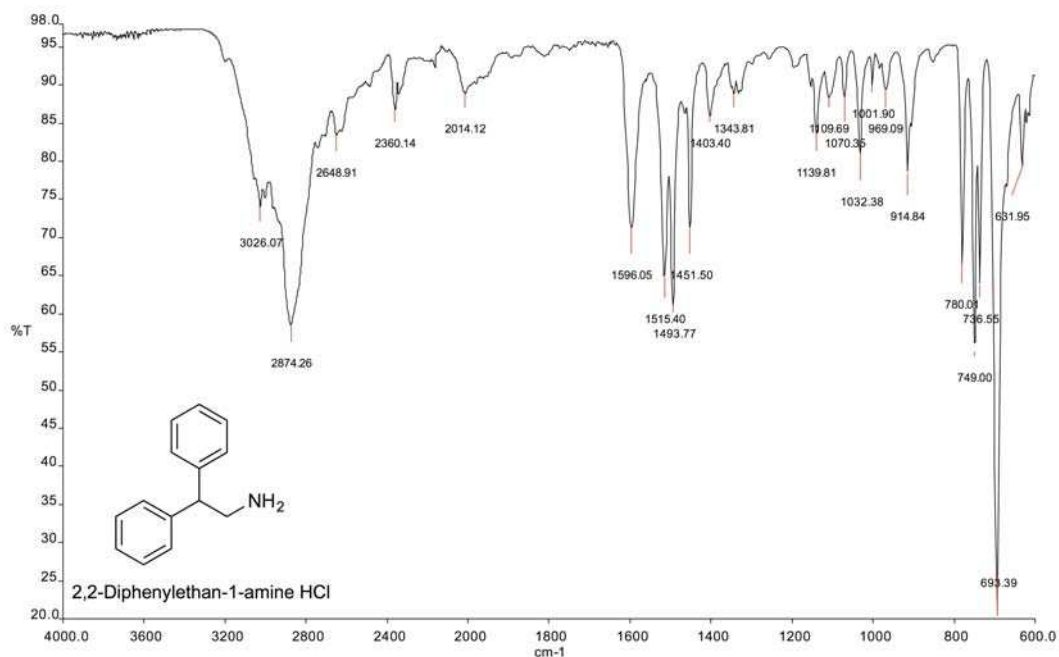
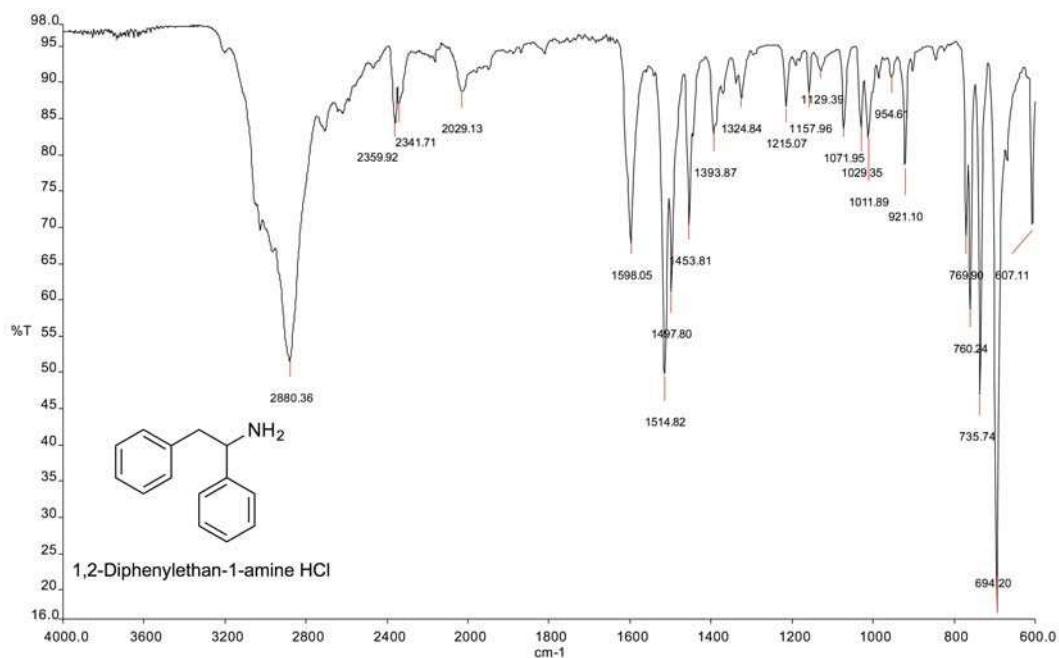


Note: CAS number refers to the hydrochloride salt of diphenidine



Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BX FTIR model using a Pike MIRacle ATR system. Data were acquired with the Spectrum v5.01 software (scan range 4000_400 cm^{-1} , resolution 4 cm^{-1} , 16 scans).

2) ATR-IR and NMR data of 1,2-diphenylethanamine HCl & 2,2-diphenylethanamine HCl



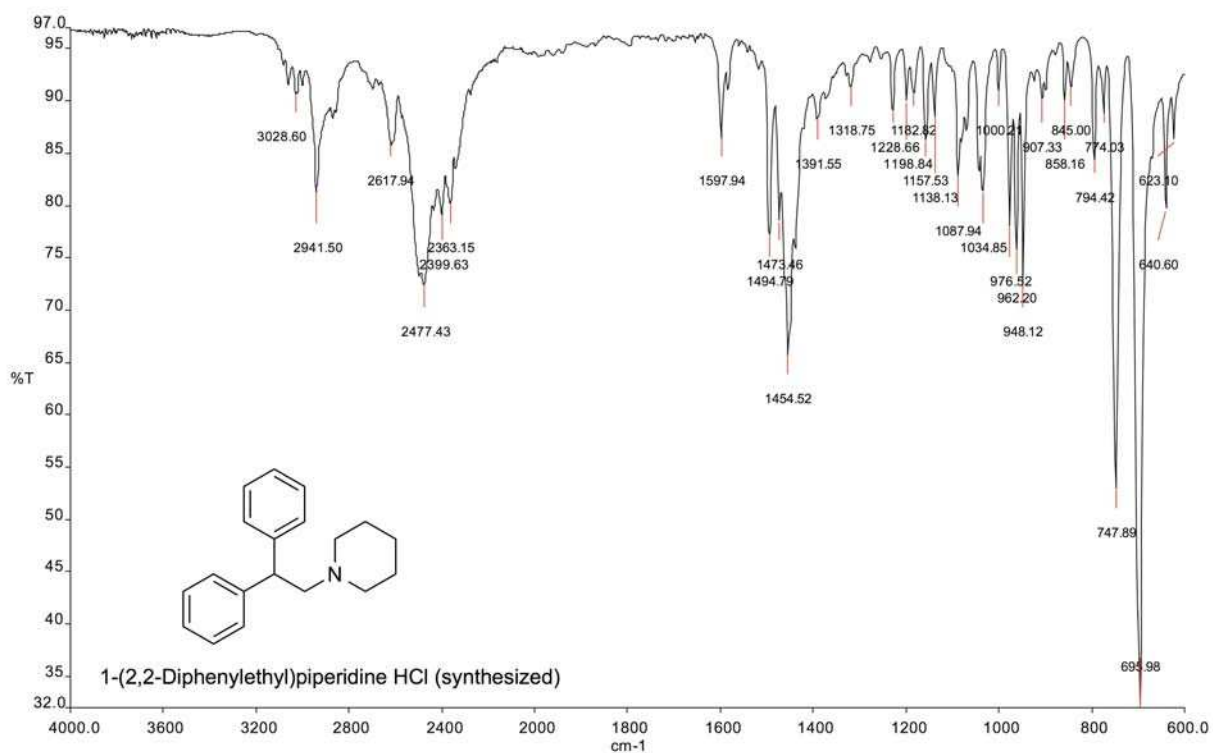
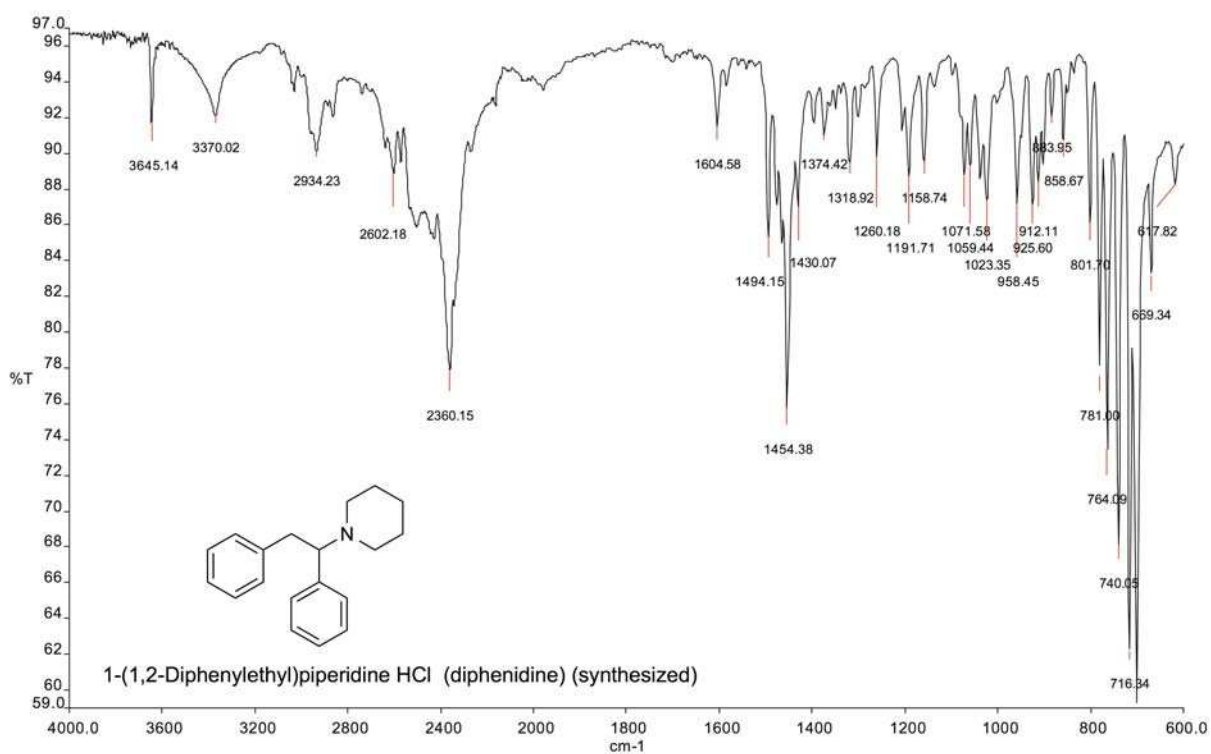
NMR 1,2-diphenylethanamine base (m.p. HCl salt 252.5-254.0 °C):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.11 (10H, m, Ar-H), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, C₁H), 3.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.3, 4.9 Hz, C₂H), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.3, 8.8 Hz, C₂H), 1.4 (2H, s, NH₂).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.64 (quat. Ar-C), 139.09 (quat. Ar-C), 129.34 (Ar-CH), 128.39 (Ar-CH), 127.04 (Ar-CH), 126.42 (Ar-CH), 126.35 (Ar-CH), 57.55 (C₁H), 46.59 (CH₂).

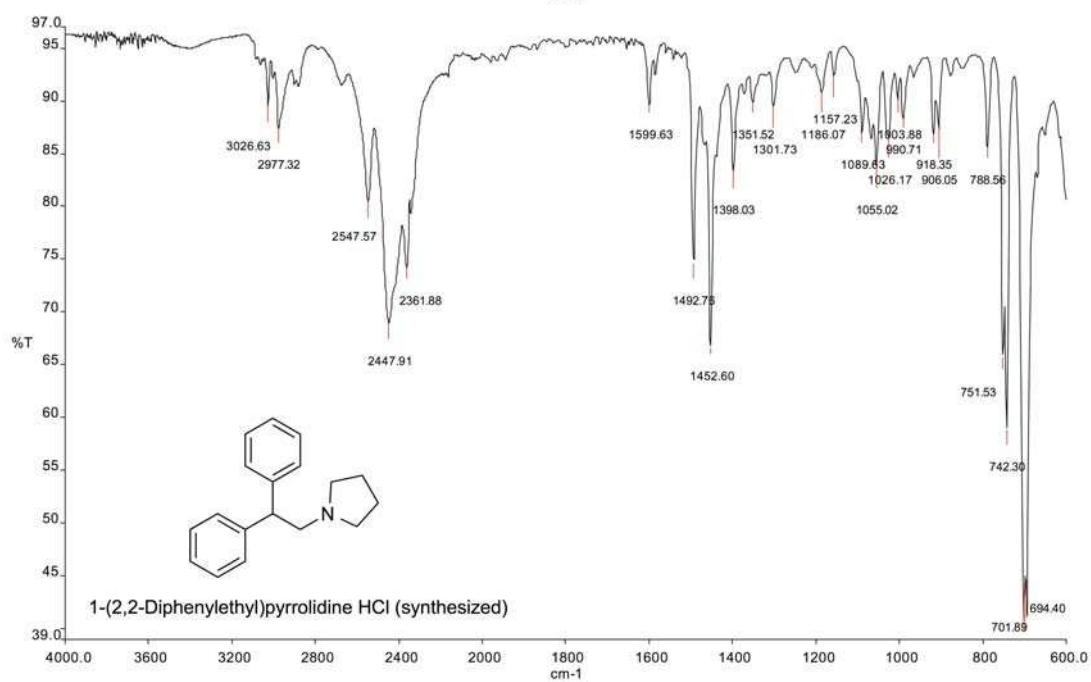
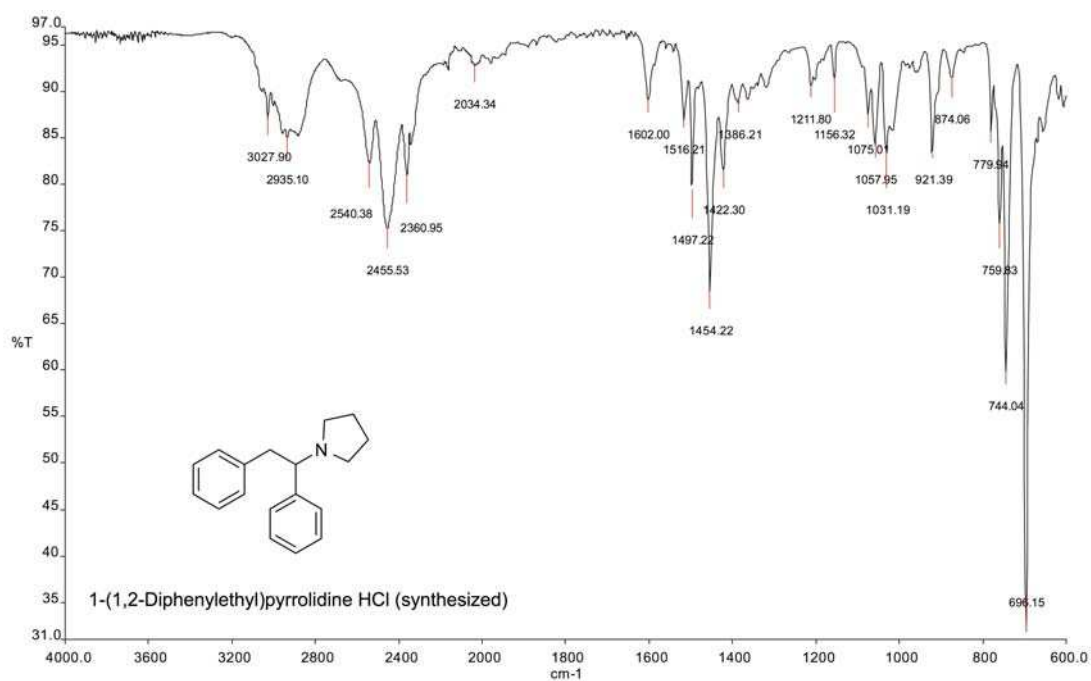
NMR 2,2-diphenylethanamine base (m.p. HCl salt > 260 °C):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.14 (10H, m, Ar-H), 3.98 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, C₂H), 3.31 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, C₁H₂), 1.45 (2H, s, NH₂).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.69 (2 x quat. Ar-C), 128.61 (4 x Ar-CH), 128.08 (4 x Ar-CH), 126.52 (2 x Ar-CH), 55.02 (C₁H₂), 47.01 (C₂H).

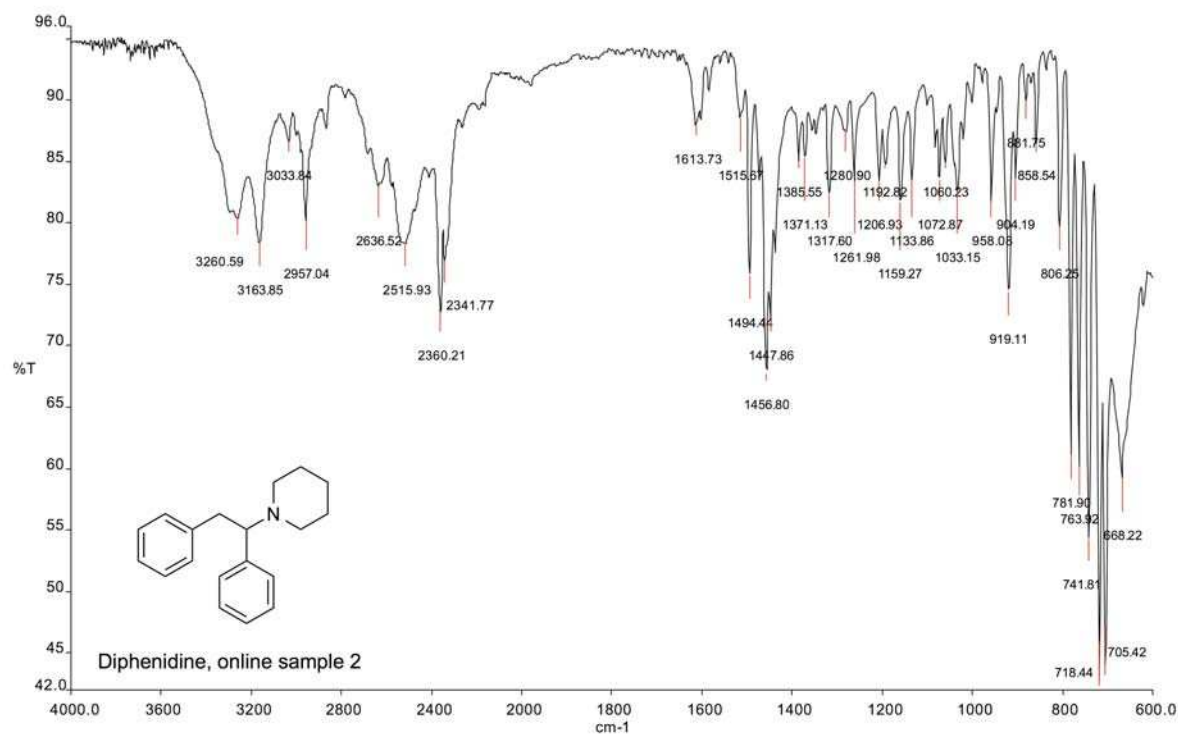
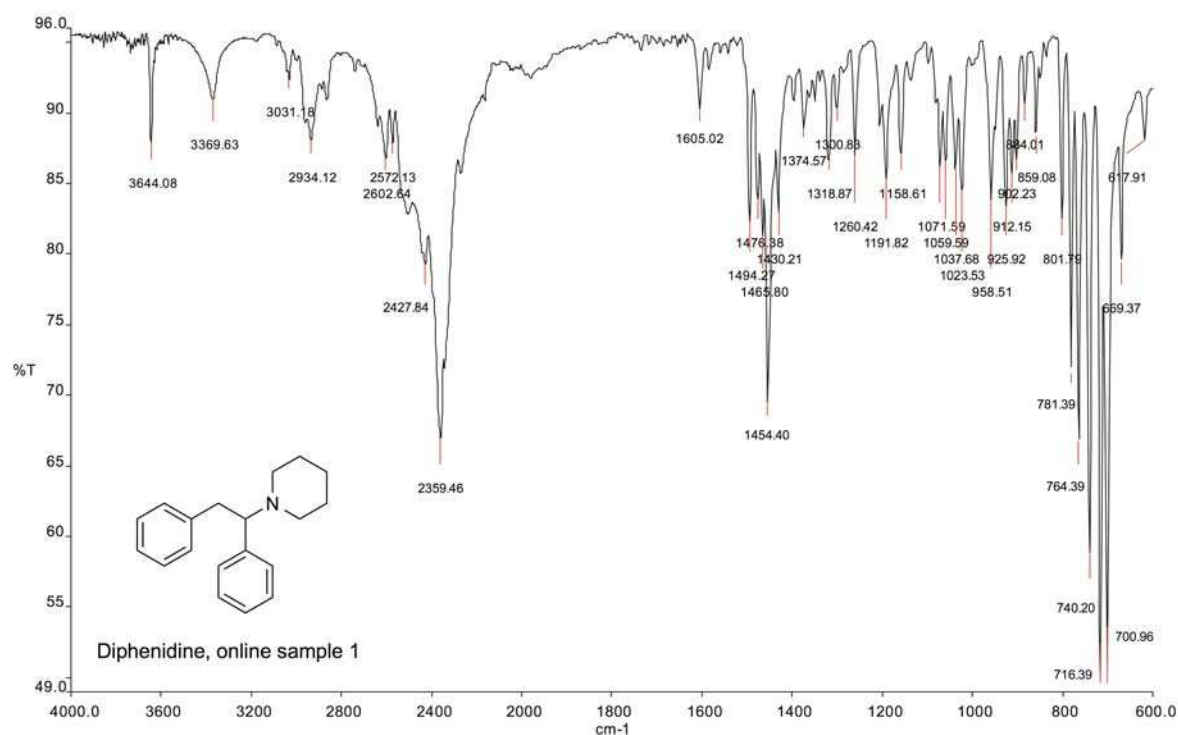
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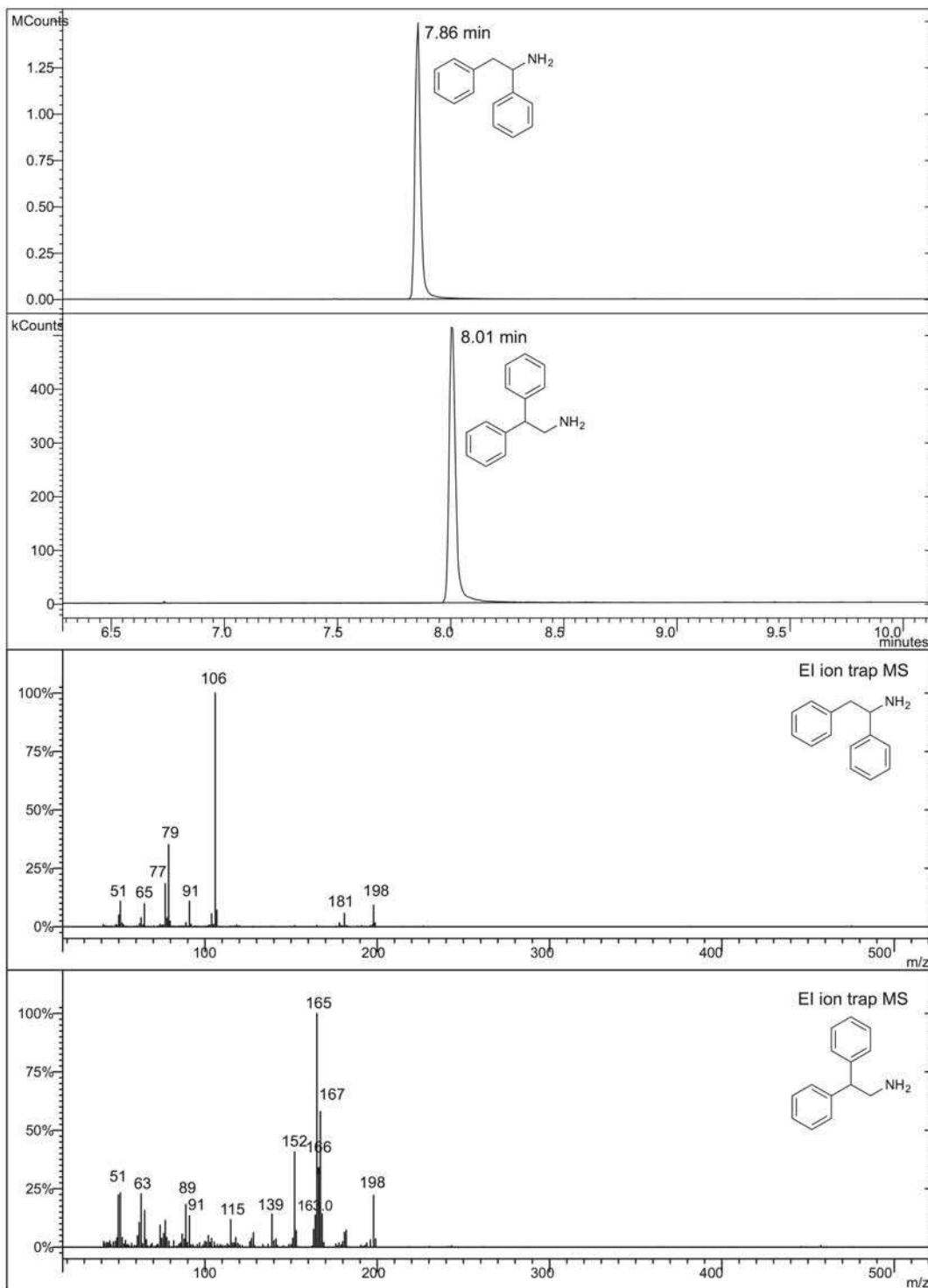
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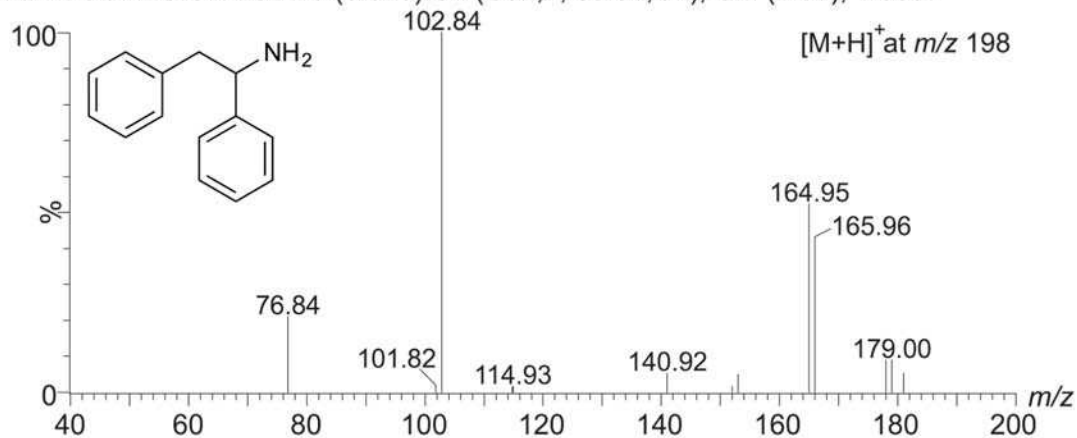
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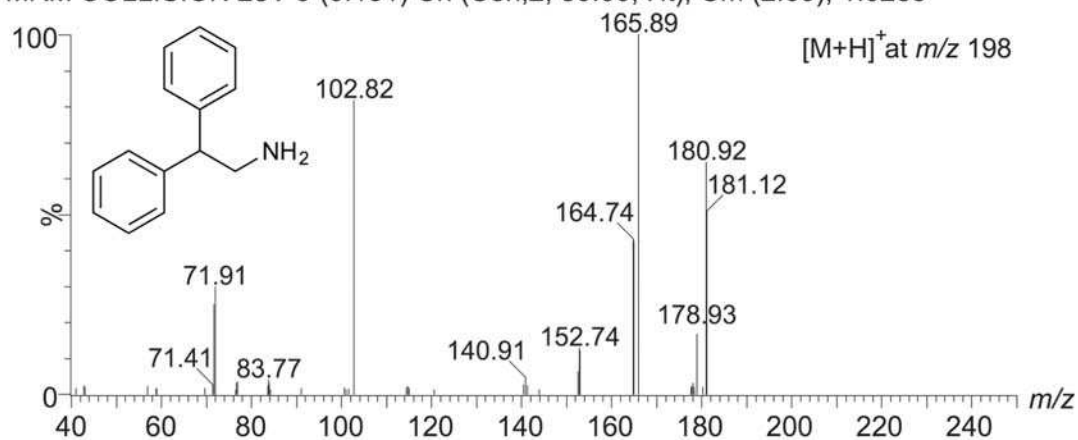
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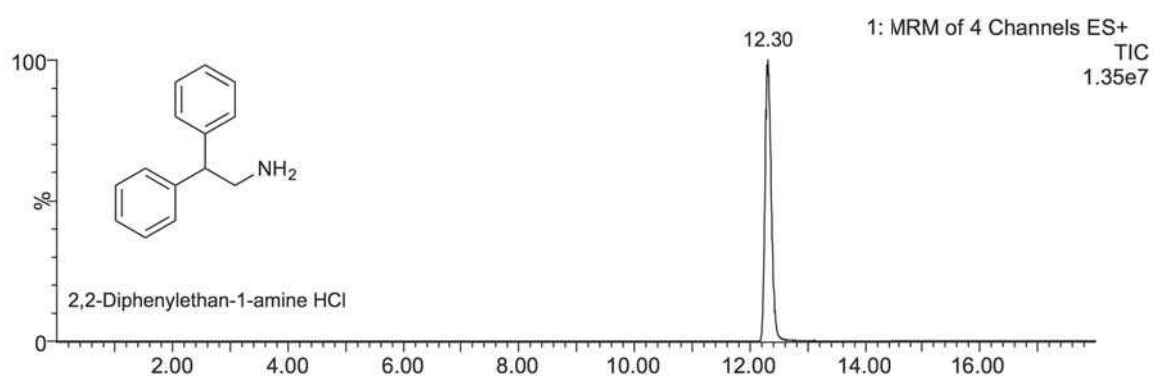
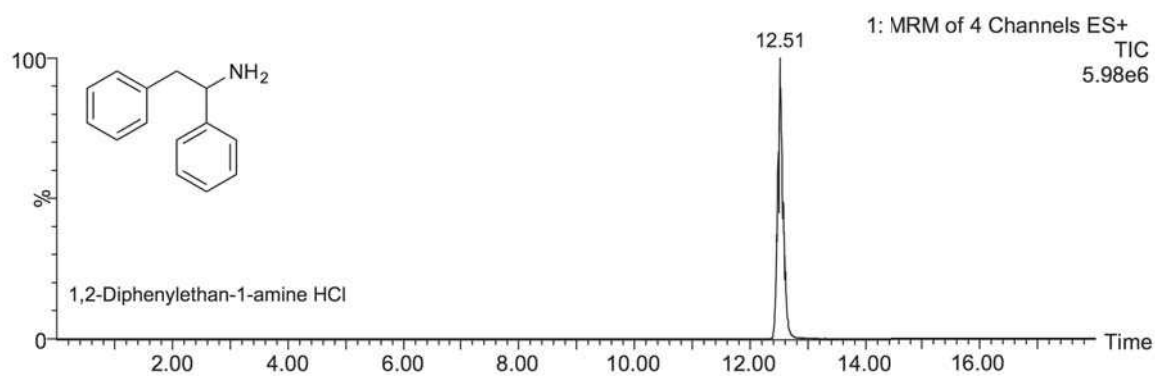


Cone 16V

MRM COLLISION 28V 9 (0.151) Cn (Cen,2, 80.00, Ht); Cm (2:60), 1.62e5



8) LC-ESI-MS/MS chromatograms of 1,2-diphenylethanamine HCl & 2,2-diphenylethanamine HCl



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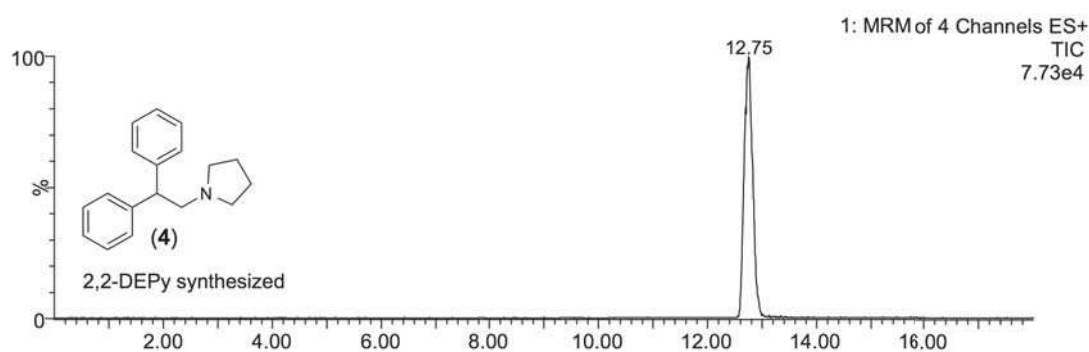
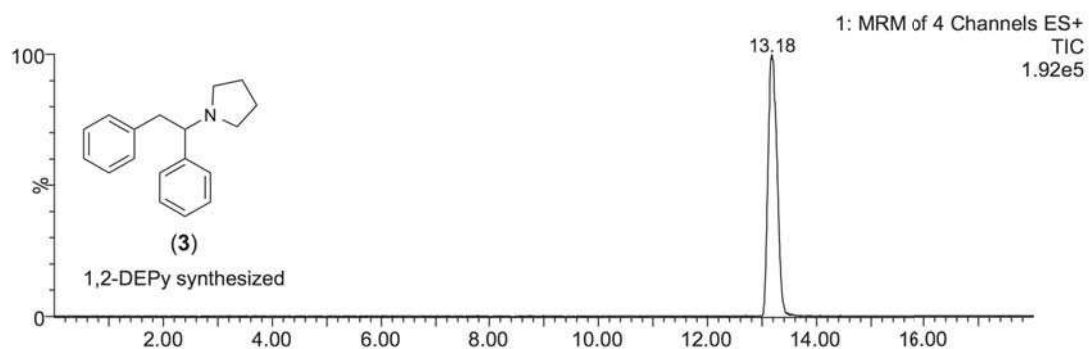
m/z 198 > 72 (48 eV)

m/z 198 > 103 (35 eV)

m/z 198 > 166 (28 eV)

m/z 198 > 181 (20 eV)

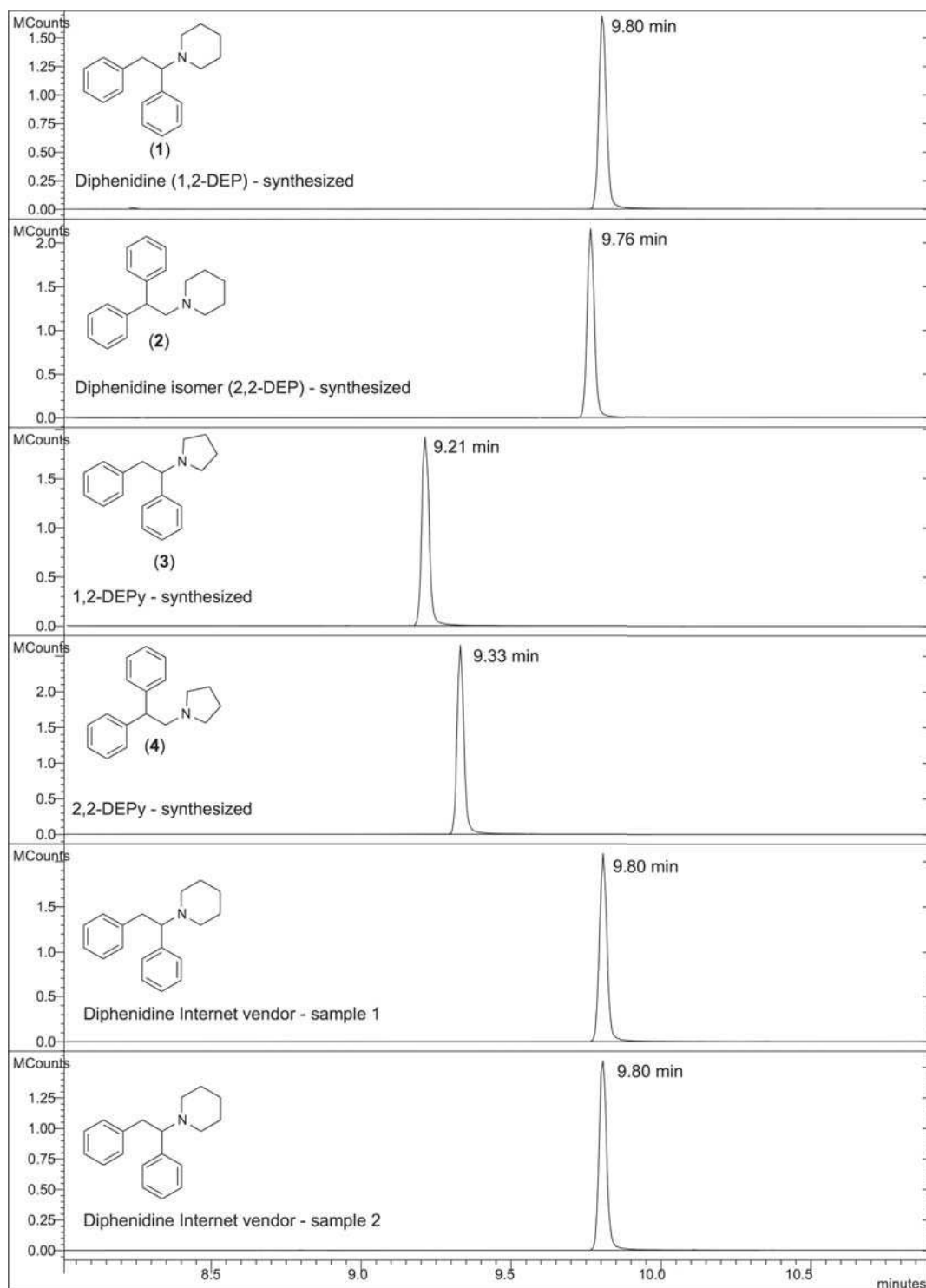
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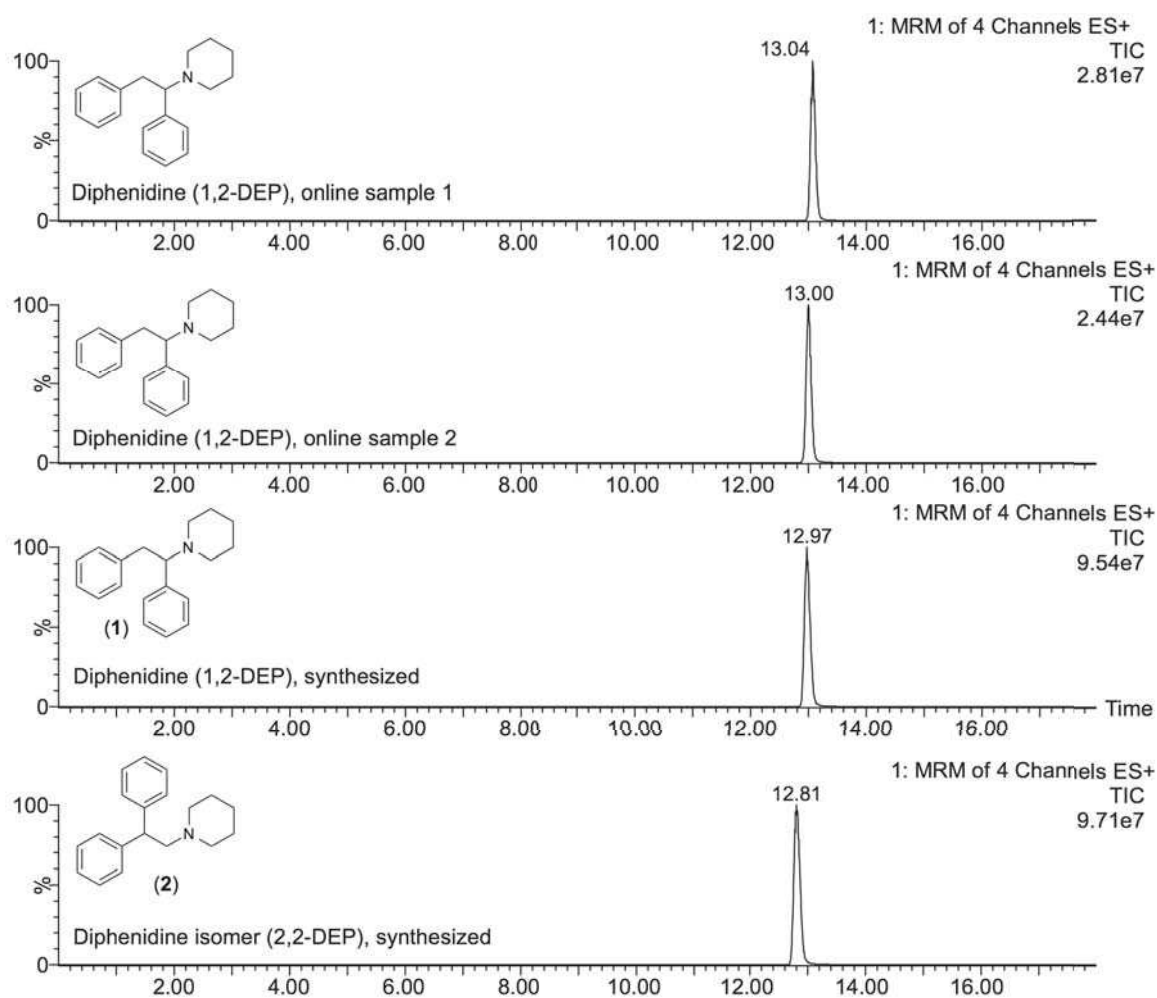
Selected ion transitions:

- m/z 252 > 72 (48 eV)
- m/z 252 > 103 (35 eV)
- m/z 252 > 166 (28 eV)
- m/z 252 > 181 (20 eV)

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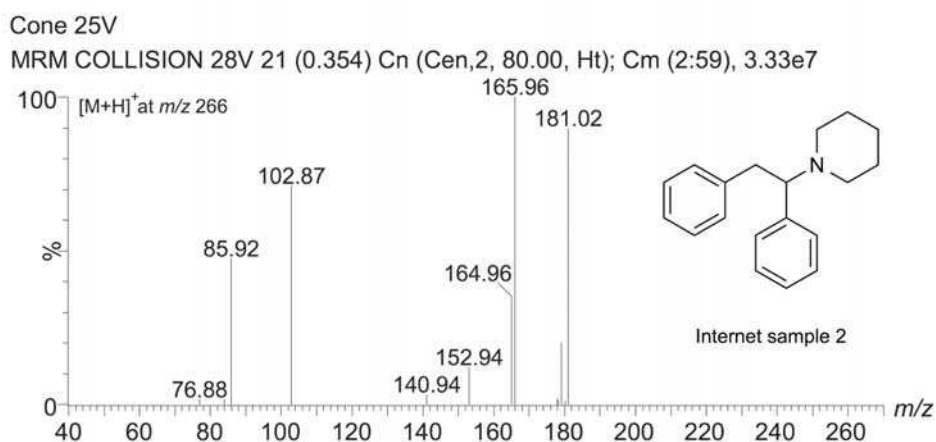
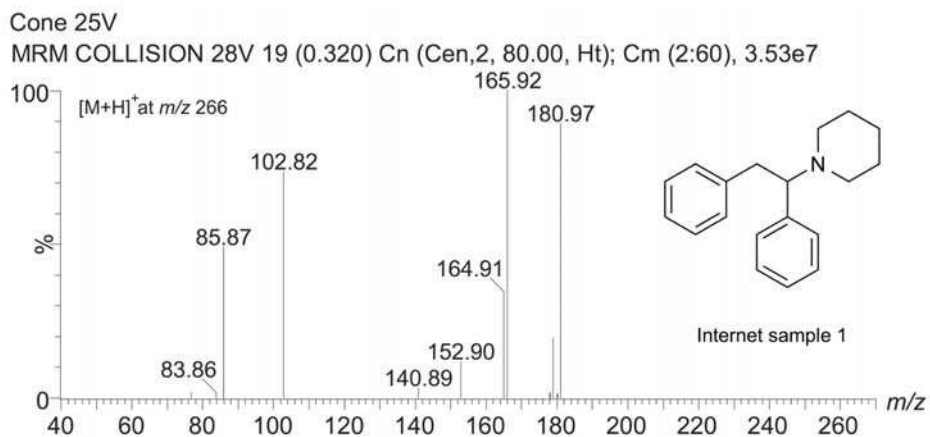
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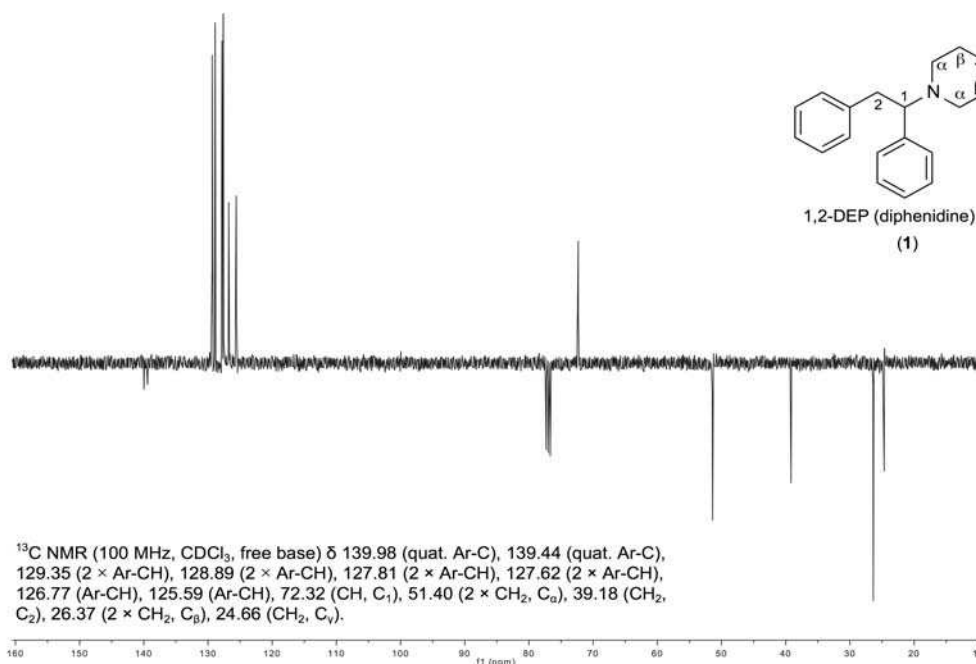


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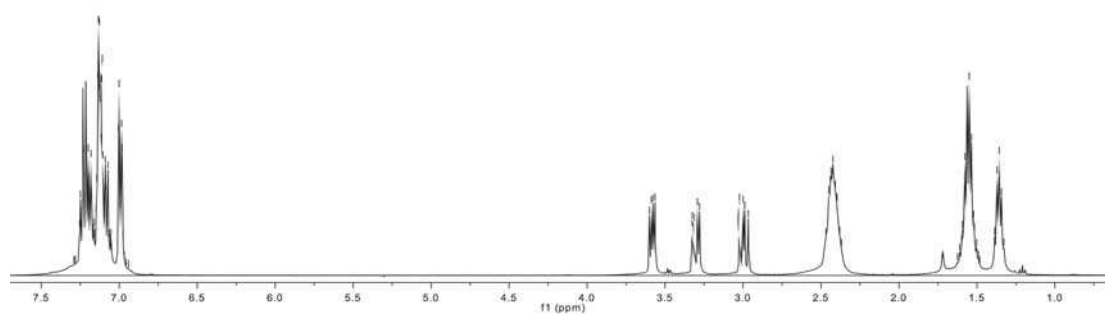
- m/z 266 > 72 (48 eV)
- m/z 266 > 103 (35 eV)
- m/z 266 > 166 (28 eV)
- m/z 266 > 181 (20 eV)

12) ESI-triple quadrupole tandem mass spectra of two diphenidine samples obtained online



13) ^1H and ^{13}C NMR of diphenidine free base

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , free base) δ 7.37–7.03 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.04–6.95 (2H, m, Ar-H), 3.58 (1H, dd, $J = 9.4, 5.2$ Hz, C_1H), 3.30 (1H, dd, $J = 13.3, 5.2$ Hz, C_2H), 2.99 (1H, dd, $J = 13.4, 9.4$ Hz, C_2H), 2.55–2.29 (4H, m, 2 \times $\text{C}_\alpha\text{H}_2$), 1.64–1.45 (4H, m, 2 \times C_βH_2), 1.36 (2H, quintet, $J = 5.9$ Hz, $\text{C}_\gamma\text{H}_2$).



14) Assigned ^{13}C and ^1H aliphatic and chemical shifts in ppm for compounds (1) – (4) and (1) HCl.

^{13}C Shift	1,2-DEP HCl (1)	1,2-DEP (1)	2,2-DEP (2)	1,2-DEPy (3)	2,2-DEPy (4)
C_1	72.90	72.32	64.53	73.31	61.74
C_2	36.75	39.18	48.89	42.96	50.87
C_α	53.39 48.81	51.40	54.85	53.0	54.55
C_β	22.71 22.65	26.37	25.99	23.35	23.50
C_γ	22.24	24.66	24.43	-	-

Assigned ^{13}C aliphatic chemical shifts in ppm for compounds (1) – (4) and (1) HCl.

^1H Shift	1,2-DEP HCl (1)	1,2-DEP (1)	2,2-DEP (2)	1,2-DEPy (3)	2,2-DEPy (4)
C_1	4.23 d (11.6, 1H)	3.58, dd (9.4, 5.2, 1H)	2.93, d (7.3, 2H)	3.30, dd (9.9, 4.3, 1H)	3.14, d (7.4, 2H)
C_2	4.04 dd (12.8, 3.1, 1H)	3.30, dd (13.3, 5.2, 1H)	4.21, t (7.3, 1H)	3.36, dd (13.3, 4.3, 1H)	4.22, t (7.1, 1H)
C_α	3.46 t (12.2, 1H) 3.64 d (10.3, 1H) 3.54 d (11.6, 1H) 2.68-2.39 m (2H)	2.99, dd (13.4, 9.4, 1H) 2.55-2.29, m (4H)	2.39, t (5.4, 4H)	2.96, dd (13.3, 9.9, 1H) 2.64, m (2H) 2.45, m (2H)	2.51, t (6.1, 4H)
C_β	2.68-2.39 m (1H) 1.93-1.76 m (3H)	1.64-1.45, m (4H)	1.46, quint (5.5, 4H)	1.77, quint (3.3, 4H)	1.72, quint (3.1, 4H)
C_γ	2.31 q (13.2, 12.2, 1H) 1.27 q (13.4, 12.4, 1H)	1.36, quint (5.9, 2H)	1.37, quint (5.4, 2H)	-	-

Assigned ^1H aliphatic chemical shifts in ppm for compounds (1) – (4) and (1) HCl. m = multiplet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; quint = quintet.

15) HPLC-DAD traces for synthesized diphenidine isomers (1) and (2) and comparison with a diphenidine sample obtained from an online test purchase. Note: The overlapping UV maxima for traces (a) and (c) were 257 and 267 nm, respectively.

Analytical details have been described in: Y.N. Soh, S. Elliott. An investigation of the stability of emerging new psychoactive substances. *Drug Test. Anal.* **2013**, in press; doi: 10.1002/dta.1576.

