## **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis, characterization and biological evaluation of formononetin

derivatives as novel EGFR inhibitors via inhibiting growth,

## migration and inducing apoptosis in breast cancer cell line

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Compound	CDOCKER_INTERACTION	Compound	CDOCKER_INTERACTION	
	_ENERGY (kcal/mol)		_ENERGY (kcal/mol)	
<b>4</b> a	-41.0285	4m	-49.2016	
<b>4b</b>	-39.2586	4n	-48.3509	
<b>4</b> c	-34.6878	<b>4</b> 0	-41.8921	
<b>4d</b>	-40.3325	4p	-54.0388	
<b>4e</b>	-38.0547	4q	-45.3512	
<b>4f</b>	-40.0058	4r	-44.9801	
4g	-41.0508	<b>4</b> s	-51.0268	
4h	-56.3879	<b>4</b> t	-52.3607	
<b>4i</b>	-41.2687	4u	-48.0109	
4j	-41.0207	<b>4</b> v	-64.5264	
<b>4</b> k	-40.8912	Formononetin	-34.5681	
41	-42.3901	Lapatinib	-71.0407	

Table S1 The binding energy of the target compounds, formononetin and lapatinib

## Determination of 1-ocatanol/water partition coefficients for 4a-4v

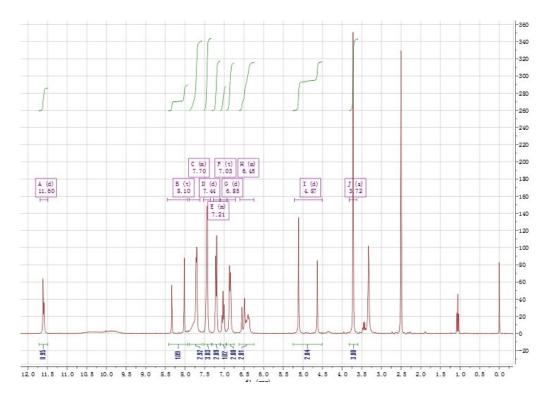
1-Ocatanol/water partition coefficients was measured by a shake-flask method [1]. Both the solvents were mutually saturated before performing the experiments. Solutions of about 300  $\mu$ g/mL formononetin derivatives (**4a-4v**) were prepared in aqueous buffer solutions (pH=7.4). Then 10 mL of 1-ocatanol was added to 10 mL of the aqueous formononetin derivative solution in glass flasks. The mixtures were then stirred in a mechanical shaker for 1 hour. Samples were left in water baths and kept at 25 °C for at least 72 hours. After that, the aqueous phases were isolated and the concentrations were determined by measuring the UV absorbance. The partition coefficients were calculated by mass balance. All the partitioning experiments were performed in at least three times.

1-Ocatanol/water partition coefficient is defined as  $P=C_0/C_w$ , where  $C_0$  is the concentration of compound in 1-ocatanol phase at equilibrium,  $C_w$  is the concentration of compound in aqueous phase at equilibrium.

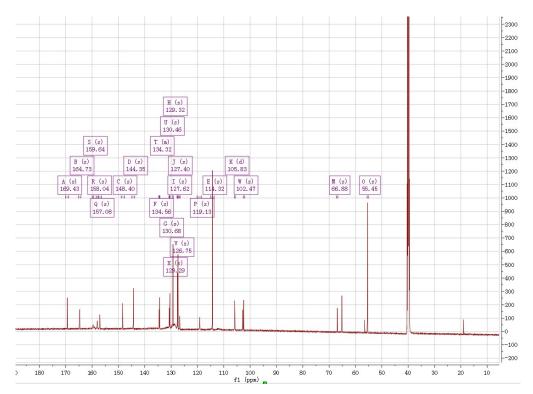
[1] Wang F. A., Molecular thermdynamics and chromatographic retention, China Meteorology Press, Beijing, 2001.

**Table S2** Measurement values for 1-ocatanol/water partition coefficients (log P) for**4a-4v**.

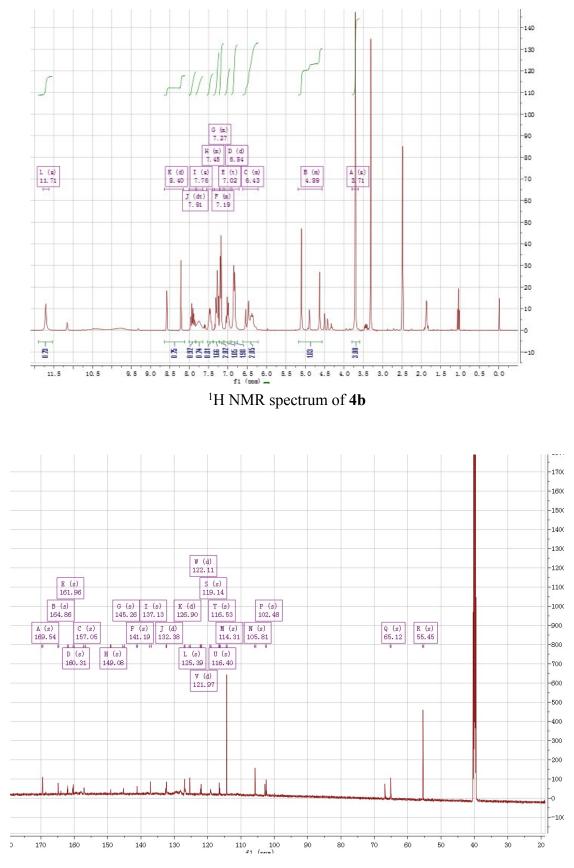
compound	log P	compound	log P	compound	log P
<b>4</b> a	2.35	<b>4i</b>	2.40	4q	2.42
4b	2.38	4j	2.48	4r	2.46
4c	2.39	<b>4</b> k	2.45	<b>4</b> s	2.48
4d	2.45	41	2.42	4t	2.45
<b>4e</b>	2.43	<b>4</b> m	2.44	<b>4</b> u	2.49
<b>4</b> f	2.35	<b>4n</b>	2.39	<b>4</b> v	2.51
4g	2.38	40	2.46		
4h	2.46	<b>4</b> p	2.41		



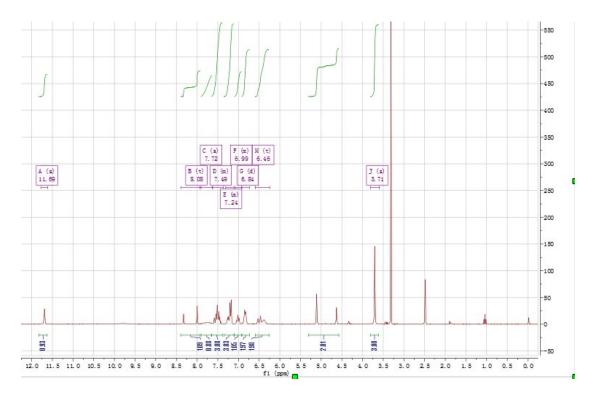
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4a** 



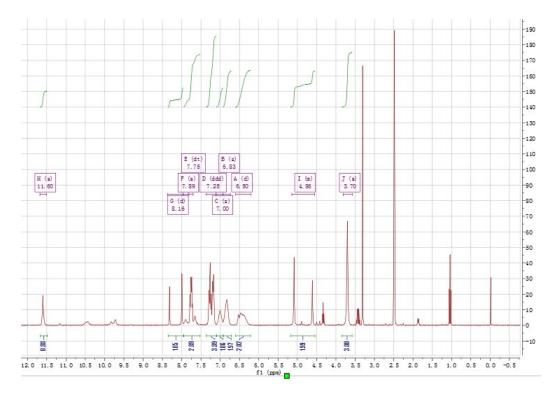
<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4a



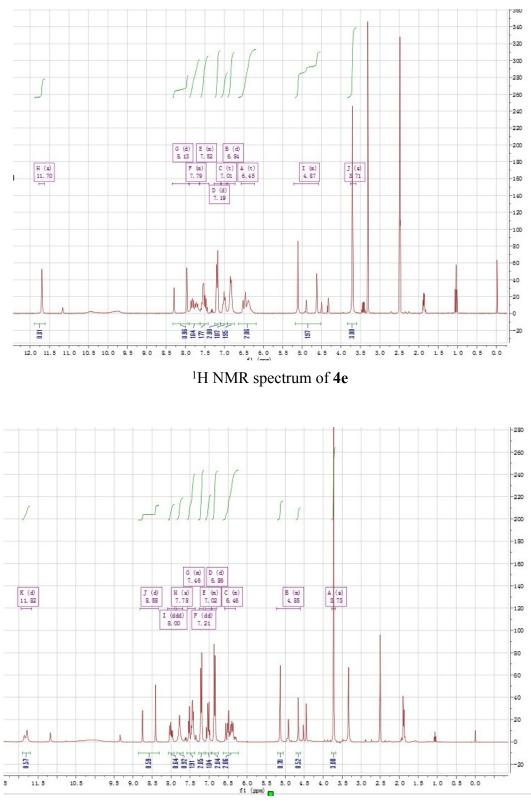
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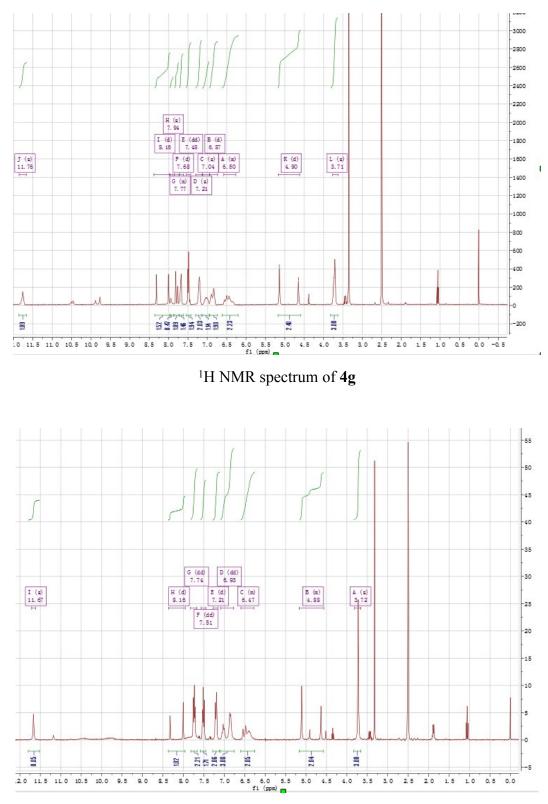
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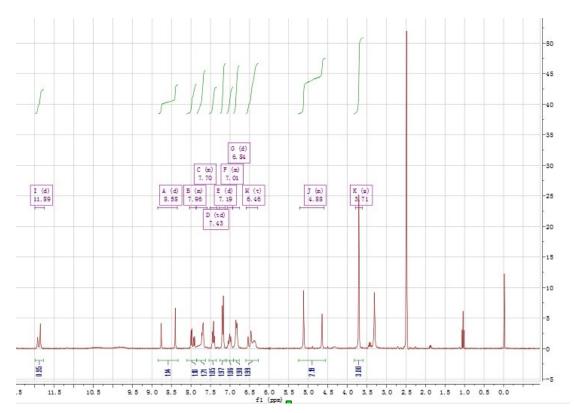
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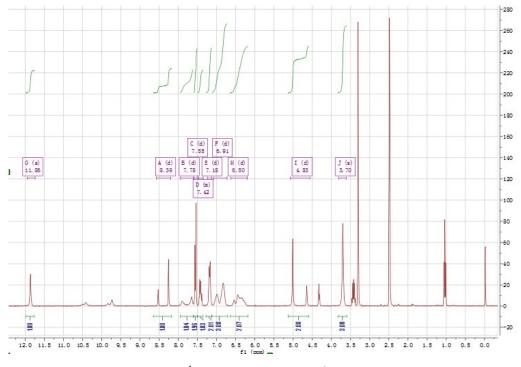
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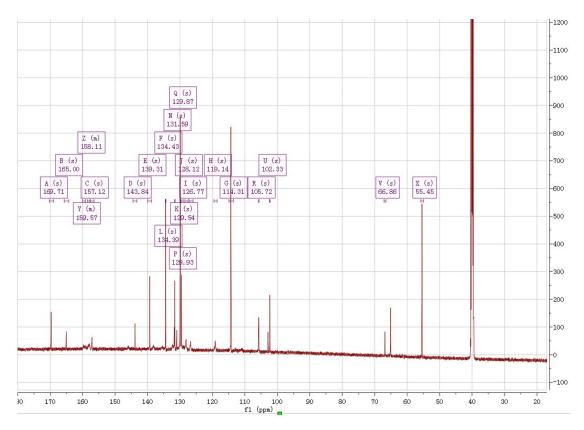
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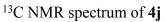


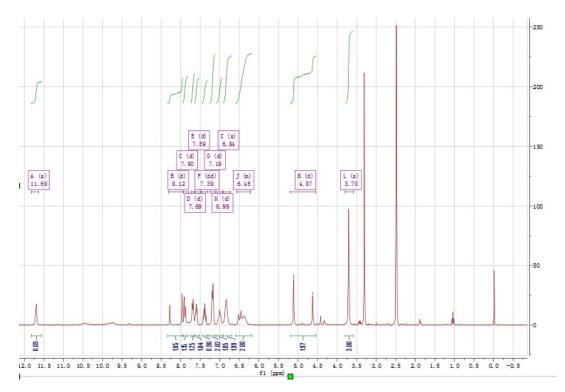
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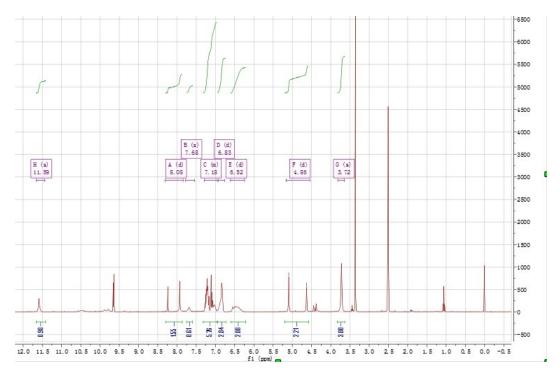
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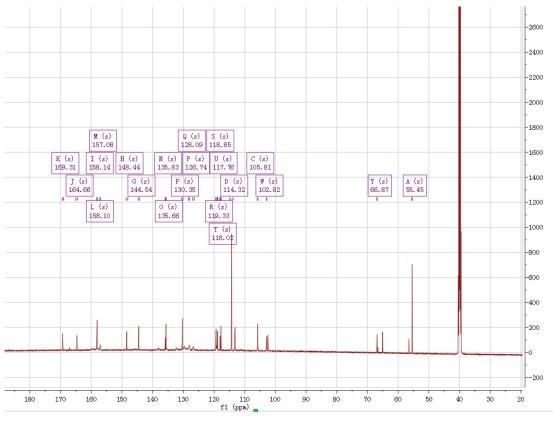




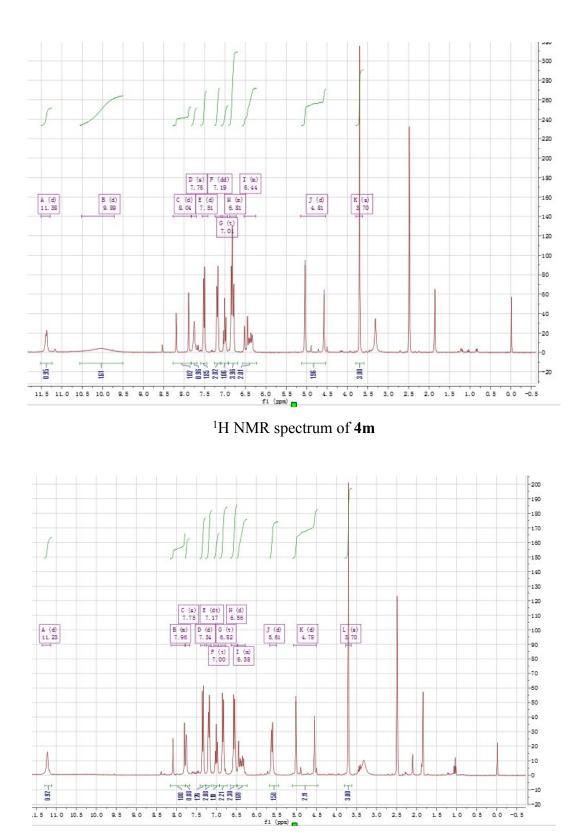
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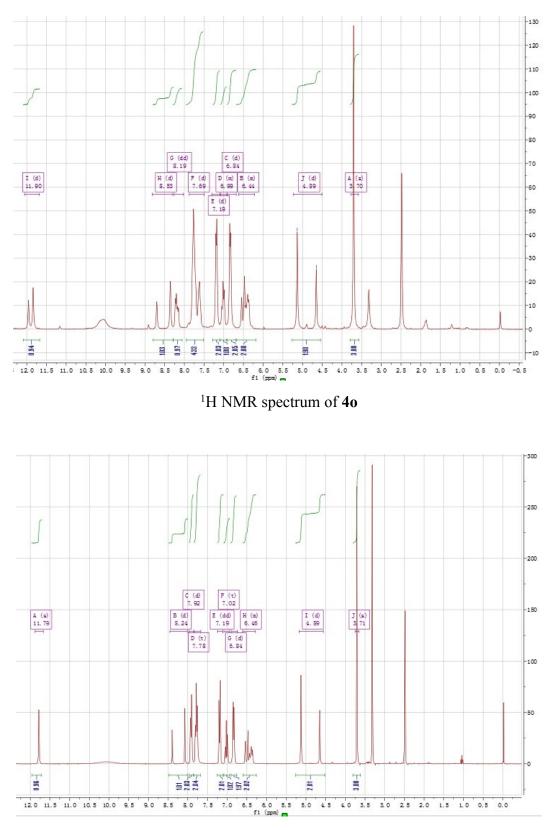




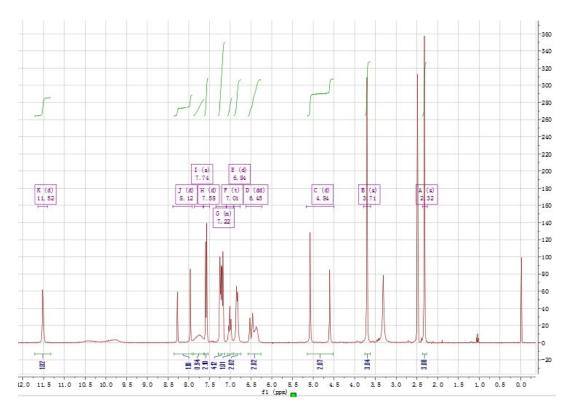
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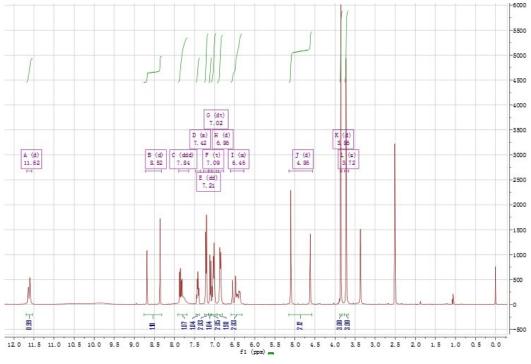
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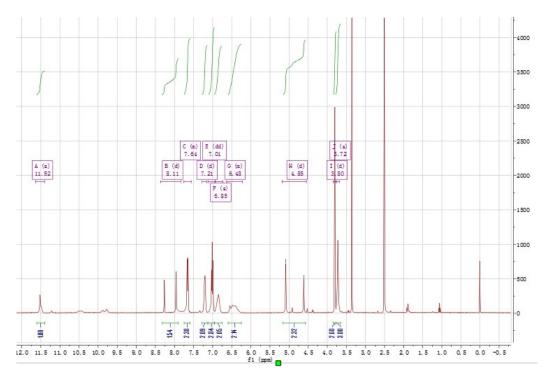
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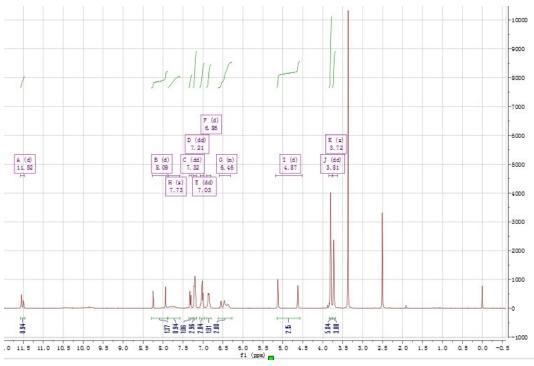
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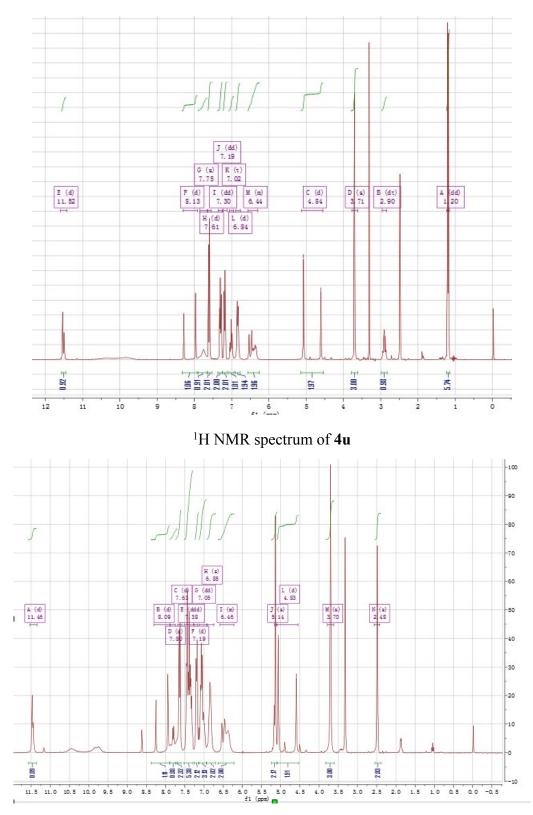
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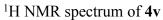


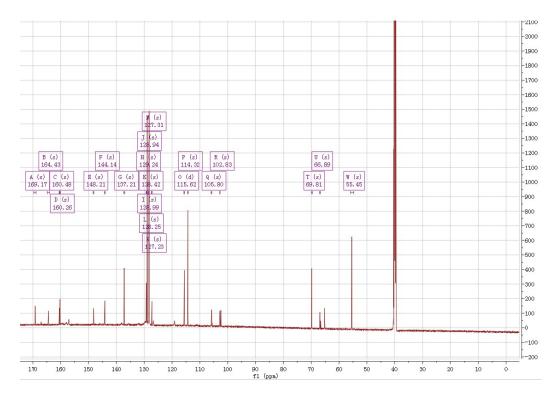
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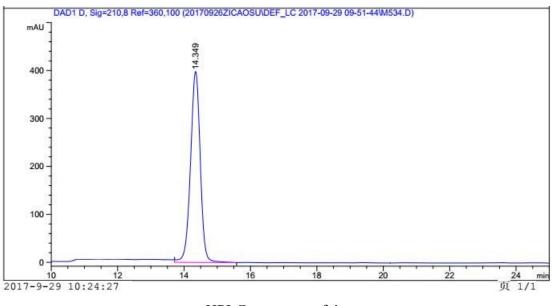
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4**t







<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4v



HPLC spectrum of 4v

Flow rate: 1mL/min, Mobile phase: 50% ACN and 50% 0.1%TFA, Rt=14.349min, Column temperature: 30°C, Column model: Thermo Hypersil Gold 250mm × 4.6mm ×  $5\mu m$