

## Appendix A. Supplementary data

### Halogenation of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Halide Anion Oxidation with Poly(heptazine imide) Photocatalyst

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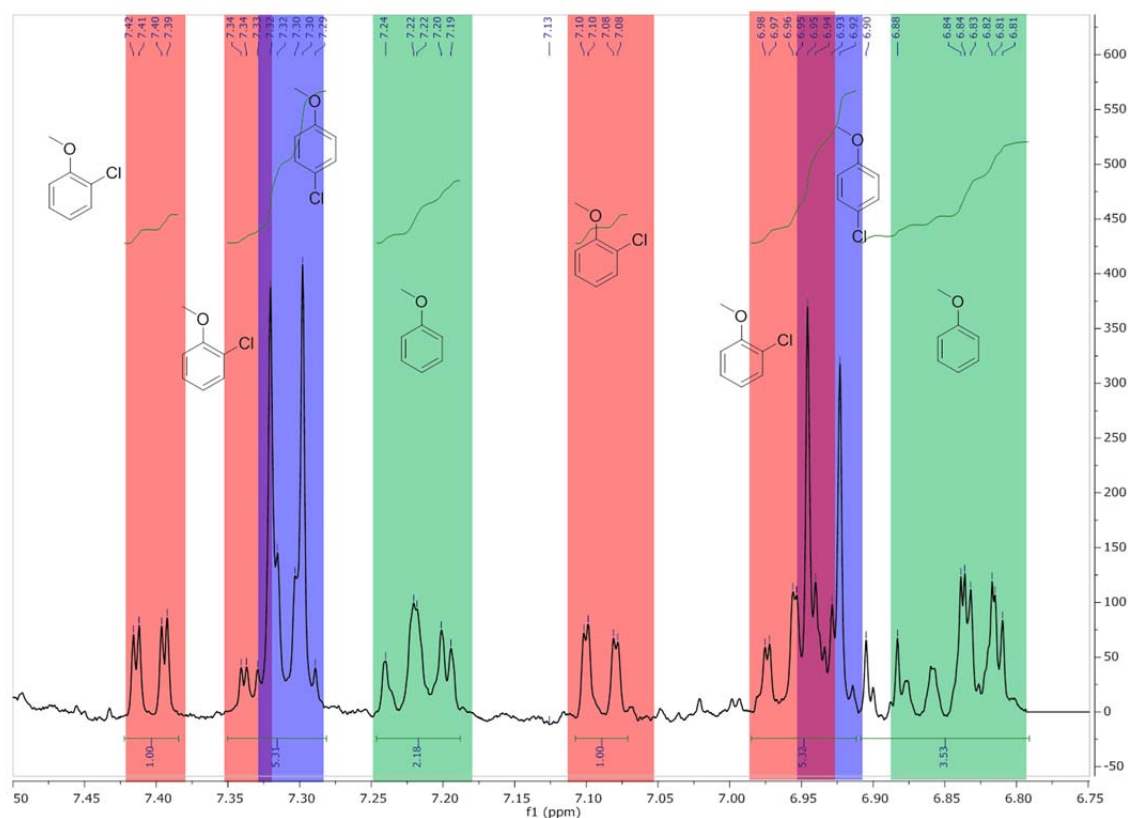
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#### Chemicals

Anisole ( $\geq 99\%$ ), benzyl alcohol ( $\geq 99\%$ ), N,N-dimethylaniline (99%), o-chloroanisole (98%), 1,3-dimethoxybenzene ( $\geq 98\%$ ) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, HCl (37 wt. %) from Carl-Roth, HCl in 1,4-dioxane ( $4 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) from TCI, N-phenylacetamide (99%) from Across Organic, p-chloroanisole (99.5%) from Dr. Ehrenstorfer GmbH, acetonitrile (hypergrade for LC-MC) from Merck and were used without additional purification.



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**Fig. A.1.** An exemplary  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of anisole chlorination reaction mixture. Signals of hydrogen atoms in anisole are highlighted with green color, *p*-chloroanisole – blue color and *o*-chloroanisole – red color.

**Table A.1.**

Anisole chlorination varying catalyst amount, temperature and time of irradiation using BnOH as a protons and electrons donor.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	K-PHI, mg	T, °C	Time, h	Conversion, %	Yield, <sup>b</sup> %
1	4	30	3	47	46 (1:0.39)
2	4	45	3	49	38 (1:0.08)
3	4	60	3	63	61 (1:0.4)
4	4	80	3	66	65 (1:0.37)
5	4	30	13	100	97 (1:1.45)
6	2	30	13	70	68 (1:0.29)
7	1	30	13	100	98 (1:2.7)
8	0,5	30	13	100	95 (1:0.81)

<sup>a</sup> reaction conditions: anisole 0.02 mmol; HCl (36 wt. %) 0.1 mL; acetic acid 0.2 mmol; benzyl alcohol 0.12 mmol; acetonitrile 0.5 mL; light source 465 nm.

<sup>b</sup> determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using *N,N*-dimethylaniline as an internal standard. Ratio between *p*- and *o*-chloroanisole is given in parentheses.

**Table A.2.**

Anisole chlorination using different alcohols as protons and electrons donors.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Alcohol, mmol	Anisole conversion, <sup>b</sup> %	Yield, <sup>c</sup> %
<b>1</b>	<b>BnOH (0.12 mmol)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98 (1:0.31)</b>
2	iPrOH (0.12 mmol)	93	91 (1:0.41)
3	EtOH (0.12 mmol)	66	61 (1:0.35)
4	MeOH (0.12 mmol)	80	73 (1:0.38)

<sup>a</sup> reaction conditions: anisole 0.02 mmol; photocatalyst K-PHI 1 mg; HCl (36 wt. %) 0.1 mL; acetic acid 0.2 mmol; acetonitrile 0.5 mL; temperature 30°C; time of irradiation 13 h; light source 465 nm.

<sup>b</sup> determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using *N,N*-dimethylaniline as an internal standard.

<sup>c</sup> total yield of *o*- and *p*-chloroanisole. The ratio between *o*- and *p*-chloroanisole is given in parentheses. The ratio between isomers was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using *N,N*-dimethylaniline as an internal standard. The molar mass of the products was determined by GC-MS.

**Table A.3.**Variation of components in anisole chlorination reaction.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	K-PHI	BnOH	HOA c	Light	Electron scavenger	Yield, <sup>b</sup> %
1	+	+	+	+	+ (O <sub>2</sub> )	98 (1:0.31)
2	+	+	-	+	+ (O <sub>2</sub> )	0
3	-	+	+	+	+ (O <sub>2</sub> )	0
4	+	+	+	+	— (N <sub>2</sub> )	0
5	+	+	+	-	+ (O <sub>2</sub> )	0

<sup>a</sup> reaction conditions: K-PHI 4 mg; anisole 0.02 mmol; HCl (36 wt. %) 0.1 mL; acetic acid 0.2 mmol; benzyl alcohol 0.12 mmol; acetonitrile 0.5 mL; light source 461 nm.

<sup>b</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using N,N-dimethylaniline as an internal standard.

**Table A.4.**Anisole chlorination varying catalyst amount, temperature and time of irradiation using iPrOH as a protons and electrons donor<sup>a</sup>

Entry	K-PHI, mg	T, °C	Time, h	Conversion, %	Yield, %
1	4	30	3	52	33 (1:0.56)
2	4	60	3	0	0
3	4	80	3	2	6 (1:0.37)
4	4	30	13	58	52 (1:0.37) <sup>b</sup>
5	2	30	13	75	69 (1:0.35)
6	1	30	13	93	91 (1:0.41)
7	0,5	30	13	66	43 (1:0.32)

<sup>a</sup> reaction conditions: anisole 0.02 mmol; HCl (36 wt. %) 0.1 mL; acetic acid 0.2 mmol; *iso*-propyl alcohol 0.12 mmol; acetonitrile 0.5 mL; light source 465 nm.

<sup>b</sup> “o” stands for *o*-chloroanisole; “p” stands for *p*-chloroanisole.

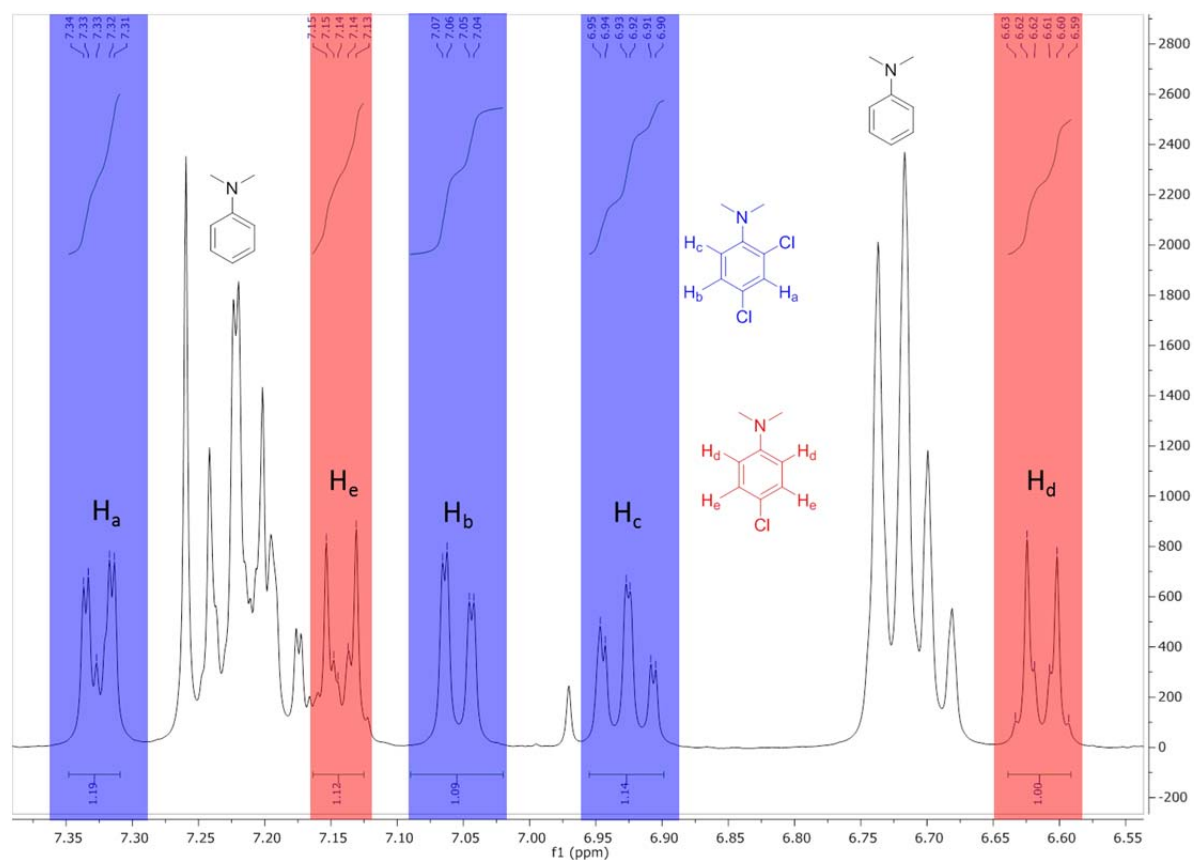
**Table A.5.**Anisole chlorination using different photocatalysts.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Catalyst, mg	T, °C	Time, h	Conversion, %	Yield, %
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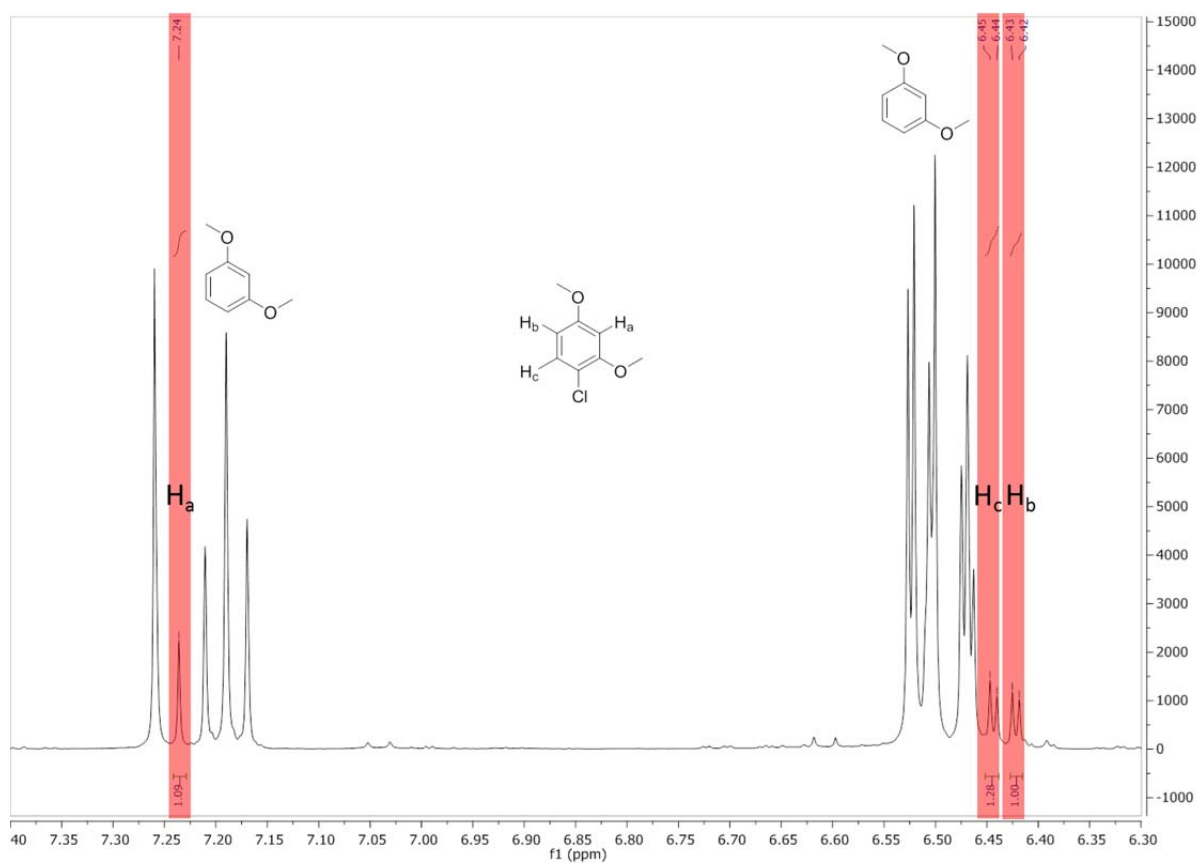
1	RFT (1mg)	45	2,5	65	n.a.
2	g-CN (0,5 mg)	30	13	69	68 (1:0.21)

<sup>a</sup> reaction conditions: anisole 0.02 mmol; HCl (36 wt. %) 0.1 mL; acetic acid 0.2 mmol; benzyl alcohol 0.12 mmol; acetonitrile 0.5 mL; light source 465 nm.

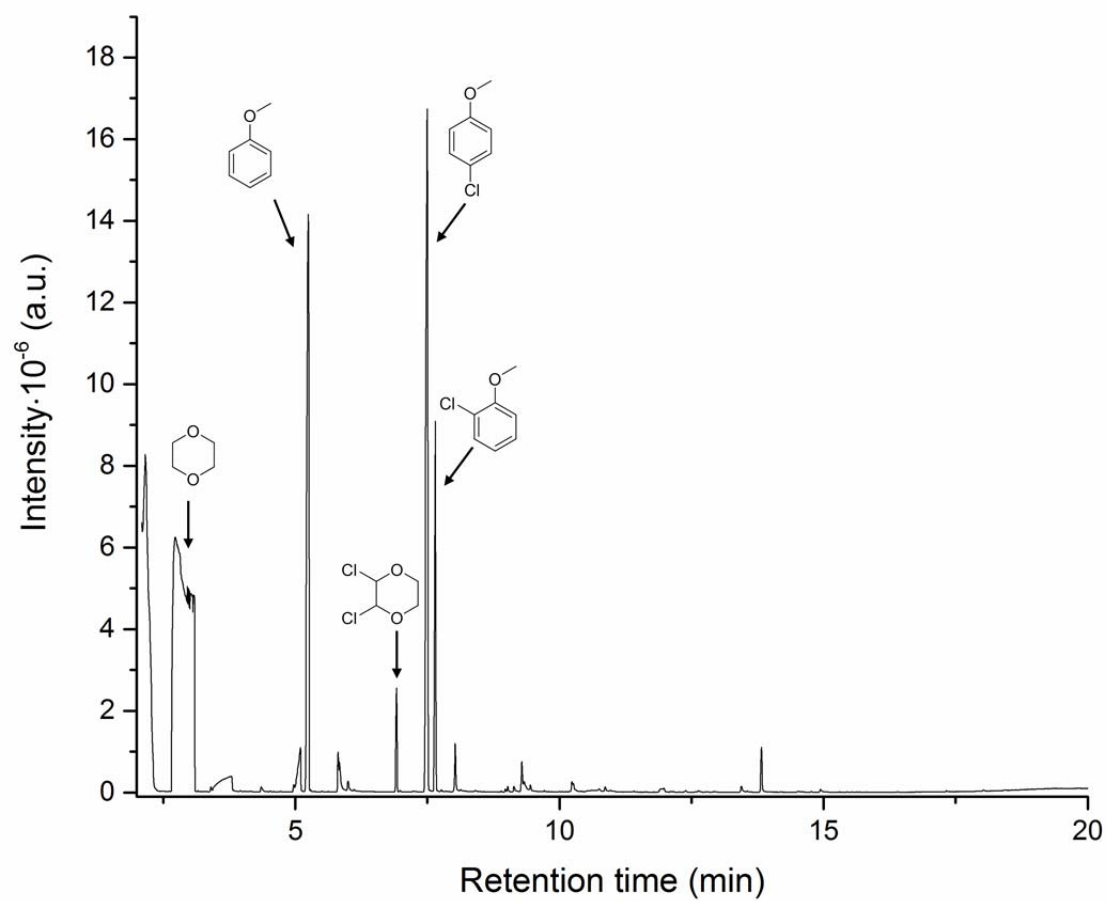
<sup>b</sup> not analyzed.



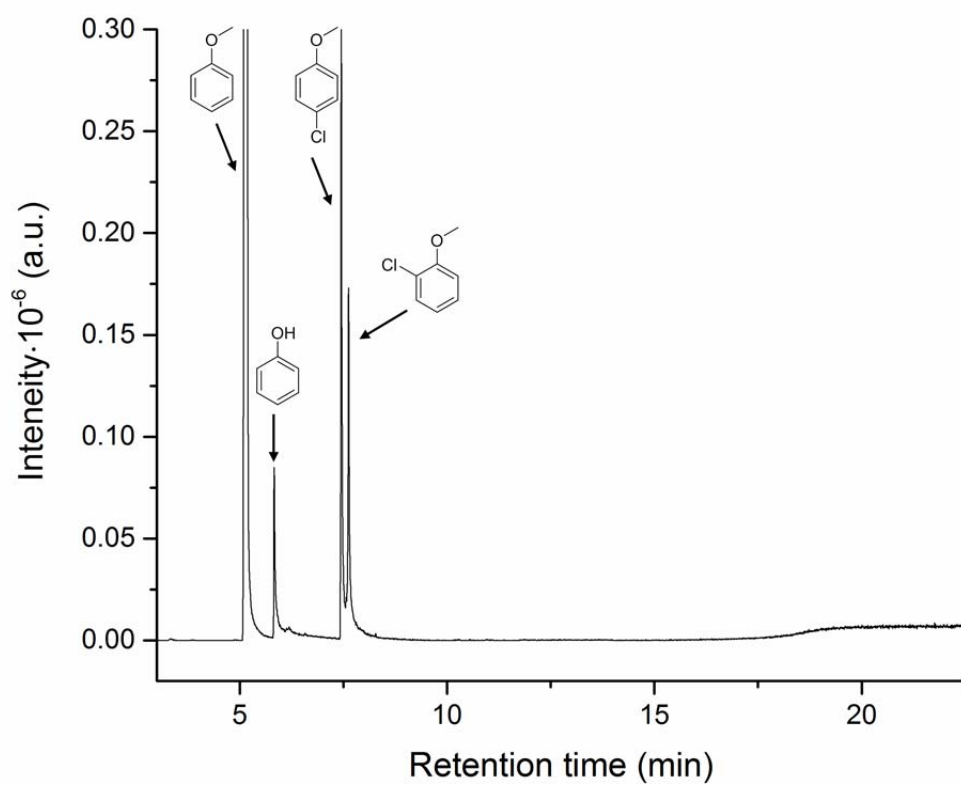
**Fig. A.2.** An exemplary <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of N,N-dimethylaniline chlorination reaction mixture. Signals of hydrogen atoms in 4-chloro-N,N-dimethylaniline are highlighted with red color, 2,4-dimethyl-N,N-dimethylaniline – with blue color.



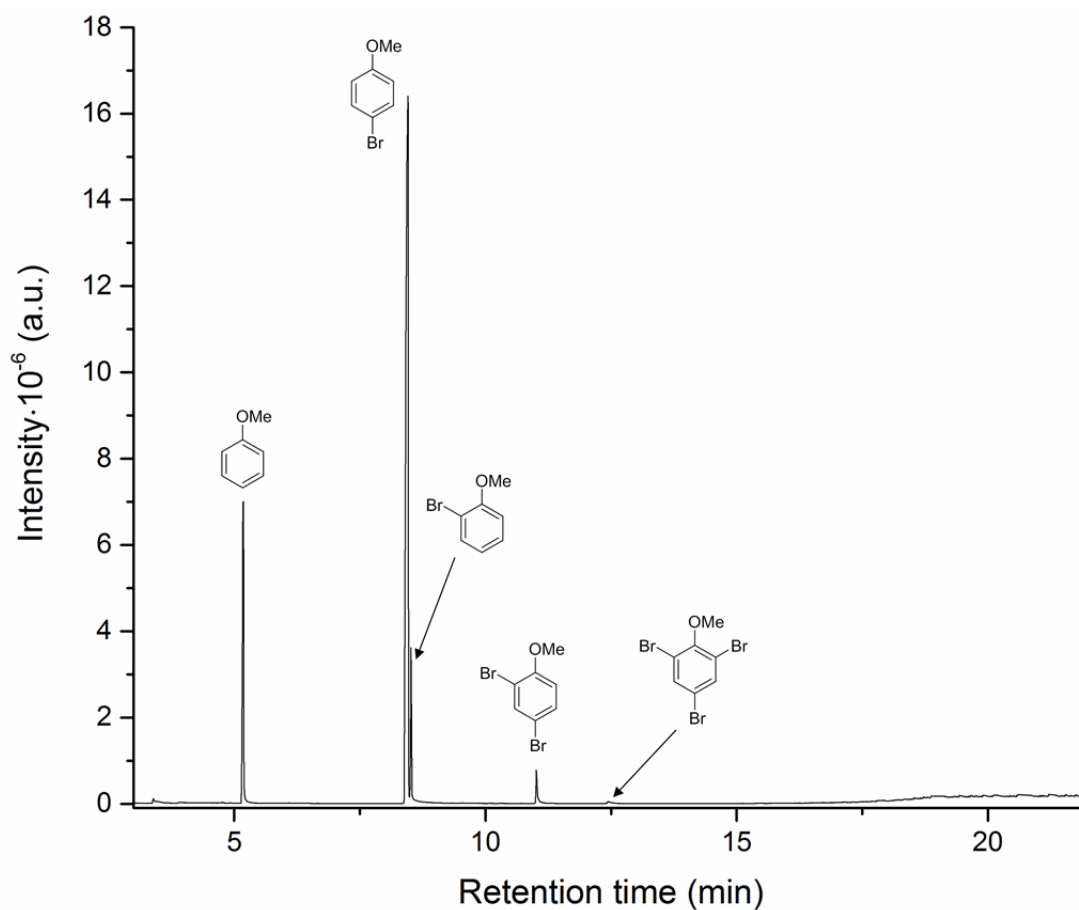
**Fig. A.3.** An exemplary  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene chlorination reaction mixture. Signals of hydrogen atoms in 1-chloro-2,4-dimethoxybenzene are highlighted with red color.



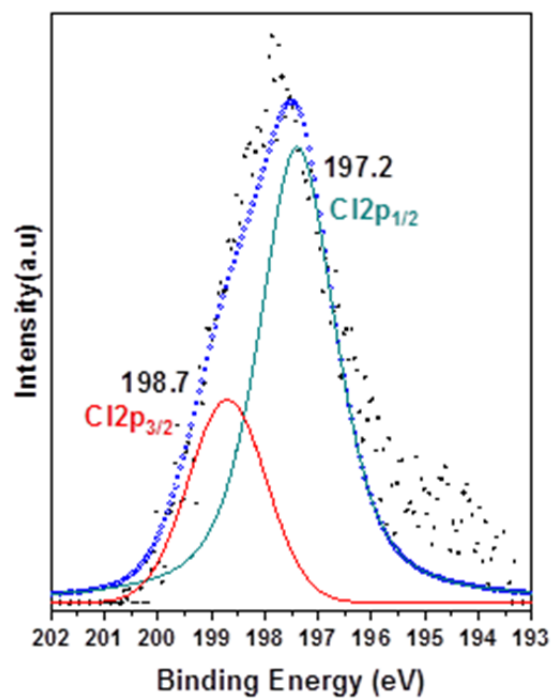
**Fig. A.4.** Chromatogram of anisole oxidative chlorination performed in 1,4-dioxane saturated with HCl.



**Fig. A.5.** Chromatogram of anisole oxidative chlorination performed in NaCl water solution.



**Fig. A.6.** Chromatogram of anisole oxidative bromination (reaction mixture).



**Fig. A.7.** X-Ray Photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) of Cl bonds in K-PHI after photochlorination reaction.