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Catalytic enantioselective addition of Isocyanoacetate esters to 4-Nitro-5-styrylisoxazoles under phase transfer catalysis conditions.

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1. General Experimental :

General Methods. ¹H. ¹³C. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian AS 300. Bruker 400 and 600 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals for ¹H and ¹³C NMR (1H NMR: 7.26 ppm for CDCl₃; ¹³C NMR: 77.0 ppm for CDCl₃, ¹³C NMR spectra were acquired with ¹H broad band decoupled mode. DMSO-d6 (referenced to 2.52 and 3.35 ppm for ¹H and 40.0 for ¹³C). Coupling constants (J) are in Hz. Multiplicities are reported as follows: s, singlet, d, doublet, dd, doublets of doublets, t, triplet, g, quartet, m, multiplet, c, complex, and br. broad. Melting points were determined using a Stuart scientific melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded as KBr disc using a Bruker Tensor27 FT-IR instrument. Absorption maximum (v_{max}) was reported in wave numbers (cm⁻¹) and only selected peaks are reported. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Waters Micro mass LCT and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on Waters Micro mass Quattro LC-MS spectrometers at 70 eV. Tetrahydrofuran was freshly distilled over sodium benzophenone prior to use according to standard procedure. All other reagents and solvents were used as purchased from Aldrich. Reactions were checked for completion by TLC (EM Science, silica gel 60 F254). Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm, 230-400 mesh).

The enantiomeric excess (ee) of the products was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak AD, Daicel Chiralpak AD-H Chiracel OJ, Chiracel OD, Chiralpak AS columns), using a UV detector operating at 254 nm. Retention factors (Rf) are reported to ± 0.05 .

Racemic samples were prepared using tetra-*N*-butylammonium bromide as a catalyst at room temperature overnight. 3-Methyl-4-nitro-styrylisoxazoles were prepared through the Knoevenagel condensation between 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitroisoxazole and the appropriate aromatic or heteroaromatic aldehyde (piperidine 0.1 equiv., EtOH, 65 °C, 2-3 hours).¹

General procedure for the organocatalytic, enantioselective preparation of compounds 3a-m (Table 2).

To a test tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were sequentially added the 5styrylisoxazole **1a-m** (0.1 mmol), catalyst **6l** or **6m** (0.01 mmol, 10 mol% loading), ethylisocyanoacetate (0.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) and toluene (0.5 mL). The test tube was placed at - 20° C, then finely ground K₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol) was added in one portion. The mixture was then vigorously stirred at the same temperature, with no precautions to exclude moisture or air. After the stated reaction time, the reaction was filtered on a short plug of silica gel to remove the catalyst, the solvent and un-reacted ethyl isocyanoacetate evaporated in vacuo and the residue purified by flash chromatography to give compounds **3a-m** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers.

3. Analytical data for compounds 3a-m

(*3R*)-ethyl 2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-phenylbutanoate (3a).Following the general procedure using catalyst **6l** (6 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 78h at -20° C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) dried and the title compound was obtained in 88% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2985, 2148, 1754, 1520; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.35-7.27 (m,10H), 4.64 (d, J= 4.5, 1H), 4.52 (t, J= 2.4, 1H), 4.26-

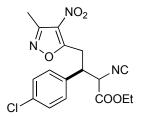
¹ M. F. A. Adamo, E. F. Duffy, V. R. Konda,; F. Murphy, *Heterocycles* 2007, 71, 1173.

4.19 (dq, J= 7.2, J= 14.4, 2H), 4.17-4.10 (dq, J= 6.9, J= 14.1, 2H), 4.02-3.90 (m, 4H), 3.78-3.65 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.51 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.3, 171.2, 164.9, 164.6, 163.6, 163.2, 155.8, 155.6, 135.9, 134.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.7, 63.3, 63.0, 61.8, 61.0, 44.8, 44.1, 30.2, 28.6, 14.0, 13.9, 11.6, 11.6. HRMS found: [M-H]⁻ 342.1082, C₁₇H₁₆N₃O₅, requires: 342.1090; *m/z*: 342 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3R)-ethyl 2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-p-tolylbutanoate (3b).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **61** (6.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 52 h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 91% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2974, 2136, 1744, 1510; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.10 (d, J= 8, 4H), 7.05 (d, J=7.6, 4H), 4.52 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.40 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 4.40-4.09 (m, 2H), 4.06 (dq, J= 7.2, J= 14.4, 2H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 4H), 3.65-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.09 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.44, 171.3, 165.0, 164.6, 155.7, 155.6, 138.8, 138.7, 132.7, 131.6, 129.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.5, 63.3, 63.0, 62.0, 61.0, 44.4, 43.8, 30.3, 28.6, 21.1, 21.1, 13.9, 11.6. HRMS found: [M-H]⁻ 356.1251, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 356.1246; *m/z*: 356 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)butanoate (3c).



Following the general procedure using ethylisocyanoacetate and catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 58h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 85% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2982, 2136 1746, 1518; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.26-7.7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 4H), 4.54 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.42 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.17 (dq, J= 6.8, J= 0.8, 2H), 4.07 (q, J= 6.8, 2H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.10 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 170.9, 170.7, 164.7, 164.3, 155.8, 155.7, 137.1, 135.1, 134.9, 134.3, 133.2, 132.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 63.5, 63.2, 44.0, 43.5, 30.2, 28.4, 13.9, 11.6; HRMS found: [M-H]⁻ 376.0710, C₁₇H₁₅ClN₃O₅, requires: 376.0700; *m/z*: 376 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-ethyl 2-isocyano-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl) butanoate (3d).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 120h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 83% yield (dr 2:1) as yellow oil. IR 2999, 2153, 1737, 1510; ¹H NMR (CDCl³, 400 MHz) δ 7.02-7.163 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.07 (dd, J= 1.2, 2H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 6H), 4.75 (d, J=6.8, 3H), 4.18-4.09 (m, 5H), 4.08-4.03 (q, J= 4.4, J=11.2, 4H), 3.96 (dd, J= 10.4, J= 14.8, 2H), 3.85 (dd, J= 9.8, J= 14.9, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, J= 4.8, J= 14.8, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 1.16 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.08 (t, J= 7.2, 6H); ¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.9, 171.8, 165.3, 165.3, 162.0, 161.8, 157.0, 157.0, 155.5, 155.5, 129.9,129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 123.4, 123.3, 121.0, 120.9, 110.9, 62.9, 62.8, 59.7, 59.2, 55.4, 55.4, 41.0, 40.3, 28.8, 27.4, 13.9, 13.8, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 372.1200, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₆, requires: 372.1196; *m/z*: 372 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3R)-ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)butanoate (3e).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 26h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 93% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2972, 2155, 1746, 1518; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 400 MHz) δ 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 4H), 4.55 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.41 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.16 (dq, J= 1.2, J= 7.2, 2H), 4.07 (dq, J= 1.2, J= 7.2, 2H), 3.93-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.65-3.61 (m,2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J=7.2, 3H), 1.09 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.0, 170.9, 164.8, 164.4, 155.8, 155.7, 130.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 116.3, 116.1, 115.9, 63.4, 63.1, 44.0, 43.4, 30.4, 28.7, 13.9, 11.5; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 360.0989, C₁₇H₁₅FN₃O₅, requires: 360.0996; *m/z*: 360 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3S)-ethyl 3-(furan-2-yl)-2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)butanoate (3f).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **61** (6 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 183h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 91% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2994, 2158, 1745, 1533; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.3-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.25 (t, J= 1.6, 4H), 4.6 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.51 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 4H), 4.03-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.54 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.20 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.9, 170.7, 164.6, 164.4, 163.5, 163.3, 155.8, 155.7, 149.0, 148.3, 143.2, 143.2, 110.7, 110.6, 109.2, 108.9, 63.5, 63.3, 59.7, 59.5, 39.0, 38.9, 29.7, 28.6, 27.2, 13.9, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 332.0891, C₁₅H₁₄N₃O₆, requires: 332.0883; *m/z*: 332 (100%, :[M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-ethyl-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)butanoate (3g).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (7.56 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 48h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 85% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2994, 2156, 1753, 1520; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.15-7.13 (m, 4H), 6.78-6.75 (m, 4H), 4.51 (d, J= 4, 1H), 4.39 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 4.39-4.12 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.83 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.81 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.10 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.4, 171.3, 165.0, 164.6, 163.4, 163.0, 159.9, 159.8, 155.7, 155.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.6, 126.5, 114.5, 114.3, 63.2, 63.0, 62.0, 61.1, 55.3, 55.2, 44.1, 43.5, 30.4, 29.7, 28.7, 13.9, 13.9, 11.6, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 372.1201, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₆, requires: 372.1196; *m/z*: 372 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3R)-ethyl 2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-m-tolylbutanoate (3h).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **61** (6.00 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10% mol) for 22h at - 20° C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 87% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2992, 2155, 1753, 1520; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 6H), 4.52 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.42 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.15 (dq, J= 7.2, J= 0.8, 2H), 4.10-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.83 (m, 4H), 3.64-3.58 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, J= 6.8, 3H), 1.08 (t, J= 7.2, 3H).¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.4, 171.2, 165.0, 164.6, 155.8, 155.6, 138.9, 138.6, 135.8, 134.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 125.1, 124.7, 63.3, 63.0, 44.7, 44.1, 30.2, 28.55, 21.4, 21.39,

13.9, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 356.1237, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 356.1246; *m/z*: 356 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3R)-ethyl2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)butanoate (3i).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **61** (6.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 46h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 92% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2981, 2158, 1739, 1530, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.25 (d, J= 8.8, 1H), 8.17- 8.14 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, J= 8.8, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 4.61 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.46 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.22 (dq, J= 7.2, J= 1.6, 2H), 4.10 (q, J= 7.2, 2H), 4.06-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.85 (m, 2H), 3.73- 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.12 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.2, 170.1, 164.8, 164.5, 164.3, 164.0, 155.9, 155.8, 148.3, 148.2, 143.0, 141.9, 139.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 124.4, 124.4, 124.1, 114.7, 63.8, 63.5, 44.2, 43.6, 30.07, 28.2, 13.9, 11.6, 11.5; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 387.0931, C₁₇H₁₅N₄O₇, requires: 387.0941; *m/z*: 387 (100%, :[M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-ethyl3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5 yl) butanoate (3j).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 48h at - 20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 91% yield (dr 1:0.4) as yellow oil. IR 2964, 2145, 1740, 1522, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.38 (dt, J= 0.8, J= 8.0, 2.4H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1.8H), 4.55 (m, 0.4H), 4.53 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.27 (q, J= 6.8, 2H), 4.15-4.03 (m, 1.2H), 3.85 (dd, J=10.4, J= 15.2, 1H), 3.74 (t, J= 9.6, 0.8H), 3.57 (dd, J= 4.8, J= 15.2, 1H), 2.46 (s, 1.2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J= 7.2, 1H)

3H), 1.10 (t, J= 7.2, 1.2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.5, 170.3, 164.6, 164.1, 163.6, 155.8, 155.8, 135.7, 135.4, 134.0, 132.3, 130.9, 130.9, 127.9, 126.6, 63.7, 63.3, 60.2, 59.4, 40.6, 29.4, 26.9, 14.0, 13.7, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 410.0309, C₁₇H₁₄Cl₂N₃O₅, requires: 410.0311; *m/z*: 410 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-2-Isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitro-isoxazol-5-yl)-3-naphthalen-2-yl-butyric acid ethyl ester (3k).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 65h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 86% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2970, 2145, 1735, 1533, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.76-7.72 (m, 6H), 7.68-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dt ,J= 1.6, J= 8.8, 2H), 4.62 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.52 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.16-3.97 (m, 8H), 3.74-3.65 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.01 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.2, 171.1, 164.9, 164.6, 163.8, 163.4, 155.8, 155.6, 133.3, 133.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 126.7, 126.6, 125.2, 124.9, 63.4, 63.1, 44.9, 44.3, 30.9, 30.3, 29.7, 28.5, 14.0, 13.9, 11.6, 11.5; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 392.1238, C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 392.1249; *m/z*: 392 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3*R*)-3-(4-Cyano-phenyl)-2-isocyano-4-(3-methyl-4-nitro-isoxazol-5-yl)-butyric acid ethyl ester (3l).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6m** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 48 h at - 20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title

compound was obtained in 86% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2976, 2143, 1740, 1531. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.60-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 4H), 4.59 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.44 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 4.20 (q, J= 2, J= 7.2, 2H), 4.08 (q, J= 7.2, J= 14.4, 2H), 4.00-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.66 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.10 (t, J= 7.2, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.4, 170.2, 164.6, 164.4, 164.3, 155.9, 155.8, 141.2, 140.0, 133.0, 132.7, 129.1, 128.7, 118.0, 117.9, 113.2, 113.1, 63.7, 63.4, 61.1, 60.3, 44.4, 43.9, 30.0, 29.7, 28.1, 14.1, 13.9, 11.6, 11.5; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 367.1038, C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₅, requires: 367.1042; *m/z*: 367 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(3S)-ethyl 2-isocyano-5-methyl-3-((3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)methyl)hexanoate (3m).

Following the general procedure using catalyst **6I** (5.76 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%) for 48h at -20°C. The product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 50:75) and the title compound was obtained in 88% yield (dr 1:1) as yellow oil. IR 2988, 2150, 1746, 1525. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 4.35 (d, J= 2.8, 1H), 4.25-4.18 (m, 5H), 3.41 (dd, J= 0.8, 1H), 3.26-3.13 (m, 3H), 2.69-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.67 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.42-1.25 (m, 6H), 1.25-1.15 (m, 3H), 0.89-0.87 (m, 6H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 172.2, 172.1, 165.7, 165.3, 162.4, 162.3, 156.0, 155.9, 63.3, 63.1, 60.0, 58.9, 40.3, 38.9, 37.2, 36.7, 29.1, 28.3, 25.0, 25.0, 23.3, 23.0, 21.6, 21.6, 14.1, 14.0, 11.7; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 322.1478, C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₅, requires: 322.1481; *m/z*: 322 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

4. General procedure for the preparation of product 4a-m (Table 2)

To a solution of **3a-m** (0.1 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at 35°C DIPEA (0.2 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred until the starting was consumed (typically 3-8 hours). The solvents was removed under reduce pressure and purified by silica gel to afford desired **4a-m**.

5. Analytical data for compounds 4a-m

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4a)

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 93% yield as yellow solid. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 18.2$ min, $t_{min} = 26.7$ min, 99% *ee*). mp 54°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +54$ (c = 0.84 in CHCl₃); IR 2976, 1736, 1545. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.76 (dd, J= 0.6, J=3.6, 1H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, J=3.9, 1H), 4.40 (d, J=3.9, 1H), 4.39-4.25 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 0MHz) δ 171.5, 166.2, 156.5, 151.4, 142.6, 129.2, 127.8, 127.1, 102.7, 68.8, 62.6, 50.8, 14.4, 12.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 342.1081, C₁₇H₁₆N₃O₅, requires: 342.1090; *m/z*: 342 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-*p*-tolyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4b).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 96% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product

was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 19.5$ min, $t_{min} = 26.9$ min, 93% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 86 (c = 0.54 in CHCl₃); IR 2988, 1742, 1550. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.6 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 7.13 (d, J= 8, 2H), 7.04 (d, J= 8, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.31 (d, J= 4, 1H), 4.27-4.18 (m sistema ABX, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.4, 150.9, 139.5, 137.2, 129.6, 126.8, 102.8, 68.7, 62.3, 50.2, 21.0, 14.2, 12.3; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 356.1237, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 356.1246; m/z: 356 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4c).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 92% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 19.8$ min, $t_{min} = 27.4$ min, 96% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 71 (c= 0.72 in CHCl₃); IR 2980, 1740, 1547. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.73 (d, J= 2.7, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 4H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 4.79 (d, J= 4.2, 1H), 4.39-4.23 (m, 3H), 4,6 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 171.2, 166.0, 156.6, 151.2, 141.1, 133.6, 129.4, 128.5, 102.4, 68.6, 62.7, 50.2, 14.4, 12.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 376.0711, C₁₇H₁₅ClN₃O₅, requires: 376.0700; m/z: 376 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4d). Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 96% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 25.3$ min, $t_{min} = 33.7$ min, 96% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 54 (c= 0.52 in CHCl₃); IR 2997, 1736, 1557. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.80 (dd, J= 0.6, J=3.6, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J=1.8, J=7.8, 1H), 6.94-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.19 (d, J=3.6, 1H), 4.37-4.19 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.4, 166.2, 156.9, 156.2, 151.8, 129.6, 128.6, 127.5, 124.7, 120.8, 111.0, 101.1, 67.8, 62.0, 55.3, 44.5, 14.2, 12.4. HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 372.1206, C₁₈H₁₈BrN₃O₆, requires: 372.1196; m/z: 372 (100%, :[M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4e).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 91% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 18.6$ min, $t_{min} = 29.6$ min, 88% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 79 (c = 0.77 in CHCl₃); IR 2988, 1741, 1542. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.28 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.27-4.19 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J= 6.8, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6MHz) δ 171.2, 156.4, 150.9, 138.3, 128.6, 128.5, 116.0, 115.8, 102.5, 68.6, 62.4, 49.9, 29.7, 14.2, 12.3; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 360.1003, C₁₇H₁₅FN₃O₅, requires: 360.0996; *m/z*: 360 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-(furan-2-yl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4f).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 88% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 21.3$ min, $t_{min} = 23.5$ min, 90% *ee*). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +65$ (c = 1.22 in CHCl₃); IR 2980, 1737, 1550. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J= 1.6, J= 0.8, 1H), 6.22 (dd, J= 3.2, J= 1.6, 1H), 6.10 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.52 (d, J= 4.0, 1H), 4.27-4.19 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.9, 165.9, 156.4, 153.5, 151.1, 142.1, 110.6, 106.7, 99.4, 65.4, 62.5, 44.0, 29.7, 14.2, 12.4, HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 372.1203, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₆, requires: 372.1196; *m/z*: 372 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4g).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 89% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 23.4$ min, $t_{min} = 33.4$ min, 89% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 93 (c = 0.47 in CHCl₃); IR 2997, 1743, 1546. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.71 (d, J=3.3, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, J=3.0, J=2.1, 1H), 7.21 (m, J=2.1, J=3.0, 1H), 6.85-6.84 (m, J=3.0, J=2.1, 1H), 6.82-6.81 (m, J=3.0, J=2.1, 1H), 5.60 (d, J=2.7, 1H), 4.36 (d, J=3.9, 1H), 4.33-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J=3.0, J=2.1, J=3.0, J=2.1, J=3.0, J=2.1, J=3.0, J=

J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.4, 166.1, 158.9, 156.3, 150.8, 134.6, 114.3, 102.9, 68.7, 62.3, 55.3, 49.9, 14.2, 12.4. HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 372.1206, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₆, requires: 372.1196; m/z: 372 (100%, :[M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-*m*-tolyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4h)

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 84% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 17.6$ min, $t_{min} = 30.9$ min, 94% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 78 (c = 0.71 in CHCl₃); IR 2990, 1742, 1551. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J= 7.6, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 4.68 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 4.31 (d, J= 4.0, 1H), 4.27-4.18 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 151.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.5, 123.9, 68.7, 65.9, 62.3, 50.5, 29.7, 22.4, 21.5, 15.3, 14.2, 14.1, 12.4. HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 356.1253, C₁₈H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 356.1246; m/z: 356 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4i).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) the title compound was obtained in 79% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 39.3$ min, $t_{min} = 45.9$ min, 88% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 87 (c = 0.75 in CHCl₃); IR 2994,

1742, 1545. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.20 (t, J=2.4, J=1.8, 2H), 8.17 (t, J=2.1, J=2.4, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J=4.2, 1H), 4.37 (d, J=4.2, 1H), 4.38-4.27 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.368 (t, J=6.9, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 170.7, 165.7, 156.7, 151.3, 149.7, 147.6, 128.2, 124.6, 101.7, 68.2, 63.0, 50.5, 14.4, 12.5. HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 387.0938, C₁₇H₁₅N₄O₇, requires: 387.0941; m/z: 387 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*R*)-3-(2,3-Dichloro-phenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitro-isoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (4j).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 91% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 18.7$ min, $t_{min} = 20.7$ min, 88% *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = + 34 (c = 0.25 in CHCl₃); IR 2992, 1738, 1541. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.72 (d, J= 2.4, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J= 8, J= 1.6, 1H), 7.06 (t, J= 7.6, 1H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.24 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.6, 165.6, 151.7, 129.7, 127.7, 62.5, 53.4, 29.7, 14.1, 12.3; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 410.0308, C₁₇H₁₄Cl₂N₃O₅, requires: 410.0311; *m/z*: 410 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-4-(3-Methyl-4-nitro-isoxazol-5-yl)-3-naphthalen-2-yl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2carboxylic acid ethyl ester (4k).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 93% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product

was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 22.8$ min, $t_{min} = 33.8$ min, 86% *ee*).[α]_D²⁰ = + 47 (c = 0.95 in CHCl₃); IR 2986, 1732, 1549. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, J=4, 1H), 4.39 (d, J=4, 1H), 4.32-4.19 (m, J=7.2, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J=7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 171.5, 166.2, 156.5, 151.4, 139.6, 133.5, 132.8, 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7, 124.9, 102.7, 68.8, 62.6, 50.8, 29.7, 14.4, 12.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 392.1239, C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₅, requires: 392.1249; m/z: 392 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-(4-cyanophenyl)-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4l).

Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 94% yield as yellow oil. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 36.4$ min, $t_{min} = 46.1$ min, $86\% \ ee$).[α]_D²⁰ = + 75 (c = 0.38 in CHCl₃); IR 2990, 1742, 1540. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.37 (d, J=8.4, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.79 (d, J= 4, 1H), 4.28 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 4.24 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J= 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 170.6, 165.6, 156.5, 151.3, 147.6, 132.94, 127.9, 111.6, 101.4, 68.1, 62.7, 50.5, 29.7, 14.2, 12.3; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 367.1040, C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₅, requires: 367.1042; *m/z*: 367 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

(2*S*,3*S*)-ethyl 3-isobutyl-4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2carboxylate (4m) Following the general procedure the product was purified on silica gel (ethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1) and the title compound was obtained in 89 % yield as yellow solid. The *ee* of the product was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (*n*-hexane/*i*PrOH 80:20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, $t_{maj} = 13.1$ min, $t_{min} = 13.8$ min, 77% *ee*). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +59$ (c = 0.38 in CHCl₃); IR 2997, 1742, 1545. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.16 (m, 3H), 3.71-3.63 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.48(m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J= 7.3, 3H), 1.02 (d, J= 6.8, 3H), 0.91 (d, J= 6.4, 3H); ¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 172.1, 166.1, 156.5, 151.0, 103.2, 64.7, 62.1, 43.9, 43.0, 25.4, 23.8, 20.9, 14.1, 12.5; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 322.1475, C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₅, requires: 322.1481; *m/z*: 322 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

6. Preparation of catalysts 6l and 6m

N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl) cinchonidinium bromide (6l).

Following the procedure used for **6I**, the title compound was obtained as a brown solid in 70% yield. Spectral data were consistent with the literature.¹

N-3,5-Bis(*tert*-butylbenzyl)cinchonidinium bromide (6m)

suspension of cinchonidine (1.0 mmol) in THF To a stirred (3.0 mL), 3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide (1.3 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was then heated at 60°C, and stirred for 36h at the same temperature. After cooling to rt, the precipitate was collected by Bückner filtration and washed several times with Et₂O, affording the title compound as a white solid in 80% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -105.5$ (c = 0.80, CHCl₃)¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.86 (d, J= 4.4, 1H), 8.12-8.10 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, J= 8, 1H), 7.82-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, J= 1.6, 2H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 6.76-6.68 (m, 2H), 5.90-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.60-5.52 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.09 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, J=10.4, 1H), 4.92-4.88 (b, 1H), 3.79 (t, J=8.4, 1H), 3.68-3.62(m, 1H), 3.49-3.43 (b, 1H), 3.33-3.31 (b, 1H), 2.63 (b, 1H), 2.17-2.12 (b, 2H), 1.99 (s, 1H), 1.67 (b, 1H), 1.33 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 152.2, 149.5, 147.2, 145.9, 136.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.3, 124.8, 124.4, 123.0, 120.2, 117.9, 68.5, 64.6, 63.8, 61.3, 51.6, 38.0, 35.1, 31.47, 26.7, 24.9, 21.7.

7. Preparation of pyrrolidines 7-9

Preparation of (2*S*,3*R*)-ethyl 4-(3-methyl-4-nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-3-phenylpyrrolidine-2carboxylate (7).

To a solution of 4a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) in TFA (950 μ L), Et₃SiH (199 μ L, 1.25 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred for 45 min and a solution of NaHCO₃ sat. (3 mL) was added at -78°C. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 X 3 mL) and under reduced pressure. Water was added to the yellow oil and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 X 2 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (eluent petroleum ether:EtOAc 10:8) to give 7 as yellow oil in 73% yield. R_f 0.36 in petroleum ether:EtOAc 1:1; IR 2975, 1763, 1522; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.27-7.17 (m, 5H), 4.47 (q, J= 8.4, 1H), 4.19-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.10-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.96 (d, J= 8, 1H), 3.81 (t, J= 8.8, 1H), 3.67 (t, J= 10, 1H), 3.35 (t, J= 8.8, 1H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.105 (t, J= 7.2, 3H);¹³C (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz) δ 173.0, 172.8, 156.0, 138.8, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 68.0, 61.5, 54.2, 51.7, 47.1, 29.7, 14.1, 11.6; HRMS found:[M-H]⁻ 344.1251, C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₅, requires: 344.1246; *m/z*: 344 (100%, [M-H]⁻).

Preparation of (2R,3*R*)-4-(3-Methyl-4-nitro-isoxazol-5-yl)-3-phenyl-pyrrolidine-1,2dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester 2-ethyl ester (8).

To a solution of 7 (60mg, 0.17mmol) in DCM (1mL) were subsequently added DMAP (12.2mg, 0.10mmol), TEA (140 μ L, 0.10mmol) and (Boc)₂O (43.7mg, 0.20mmol) at 0°C. The solution was taken to room temperature and stirred for 90 minutes. The mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl

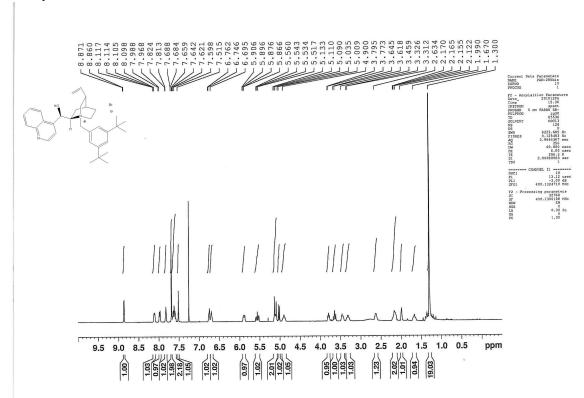
saturated solution and extracted with DCM (3x2mL). The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (eluent system petroleum ether: diethyl ether 7:3) to give **16** as a light yellow oil in 70% yield. R_f 0.6 in petroleum ether: diethyl ether 1:1; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.32-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.62-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.46-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.99-3.92 (m,1H), 3.75 (t, *J*= 10.4, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1, 49-1.43 (m, 9H), 1.25-1.12 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 171.7, 156.3, 153.3, 136.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 81.5, 66.5, 61.7, 54.0, 50.3, 41.7, 28.7, 27.8, 14.5, 11.8. EI/HRMS: [M⁺] calcd for C₂₂H₂₇N₃O₇Na 468.1747 found 468.1754.

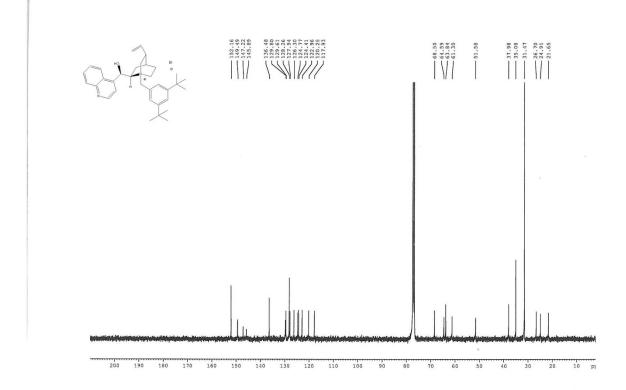
Preparation (2R,3*R*)-3-Phenyl-pyrrolidine-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester 2-ethyl ester (9).

To a solution of **8** (43.3 mg, 0.1mmol) in THF (1mL) at r.t., a solution of KMnO₄ dissolved in (H₂O/dioxane, 3.5:1) was added drop wise over 30 minutes. The reaction was left stirring for 60 minutes at room temperature. After this time, a saturated solution of Na₂SO₃ was added and HCl 6N solution until clearance. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x2mL). The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (eluent system DCM:MeOH 99:1) to give **5** as a yellow solid in 87% yield. R_f 0.22 in DCM:MeOH, 98:2; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.33-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.36-4.14 (m, 2H), 4.12-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.36 (q, *J*= 8.4, 1H), 1.50-1.38 (m, 9H), 1.18-1.11 (m, 3H) ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 176.3, 172.0, 153.7, 139.0, 128.2, 127.7, 81.3, 66.6, 61.5, 52.8, 49.2, 28.7, 14.5. EI/HRMS: [M⁺] calculated for C₁₉ H₂₅ N O₆ Na. 386.1580 found 386.1572.

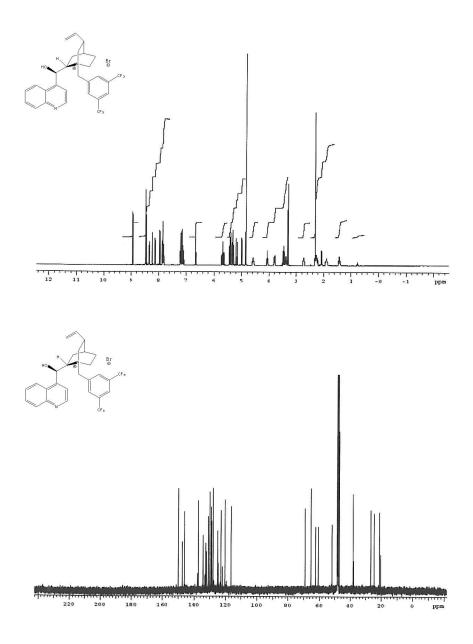
8. Specta and HPLC of compounds 3a-m, 4a-m and 7-9

Catalyst 6m





Catalyst 6l

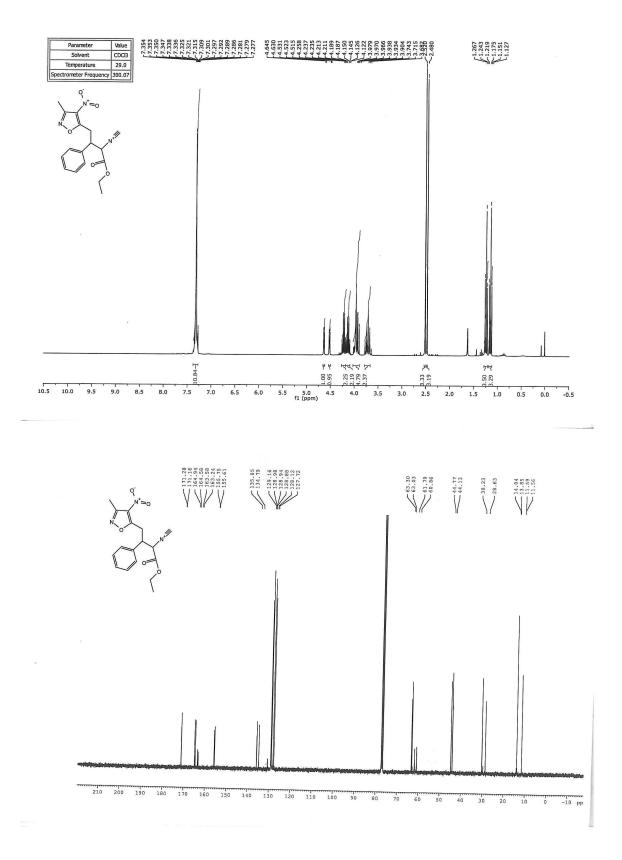


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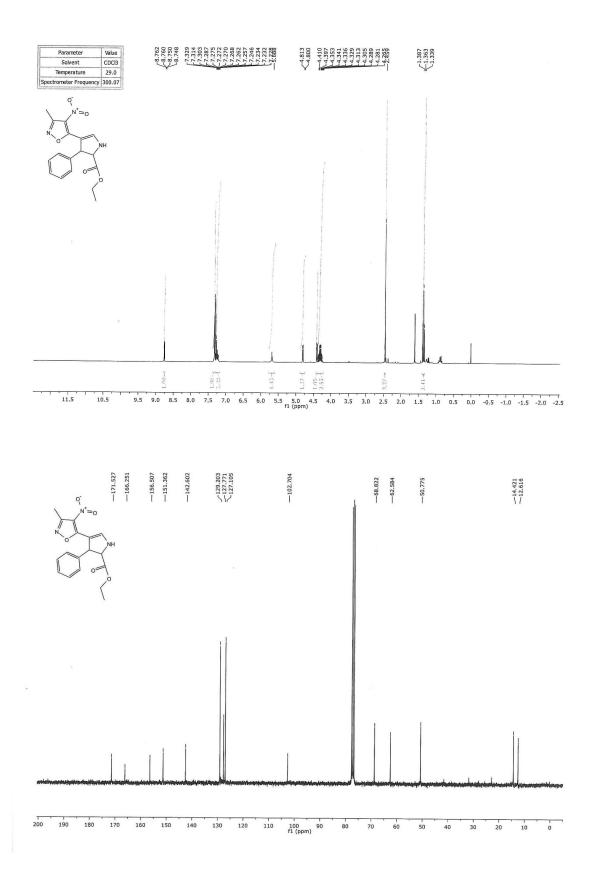
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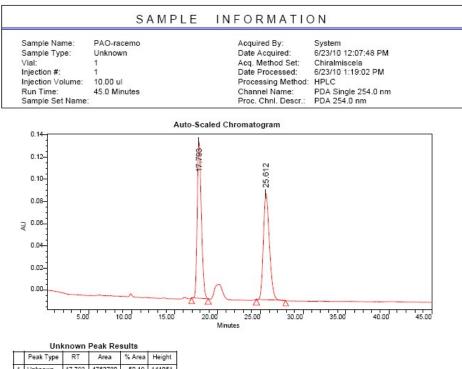
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Compound 4a

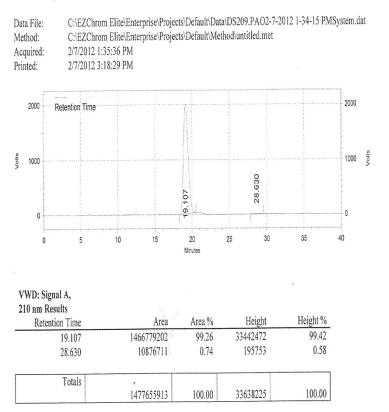




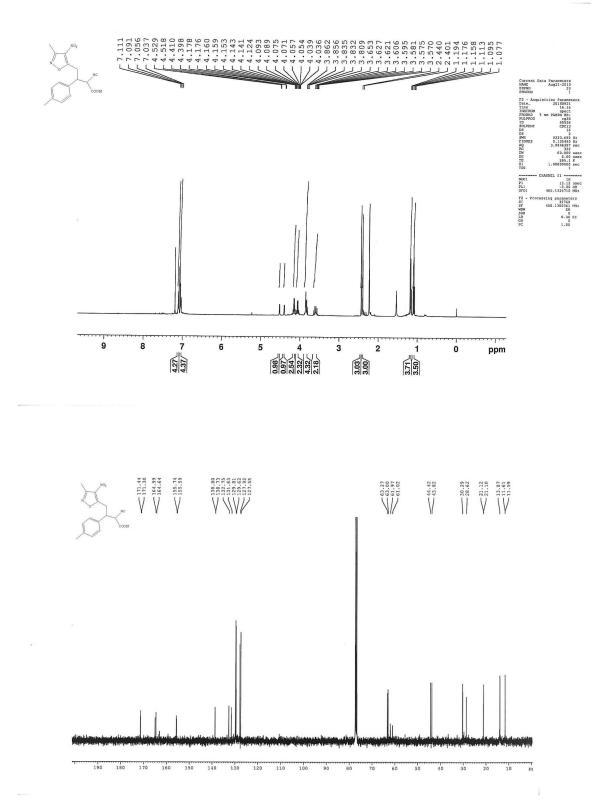
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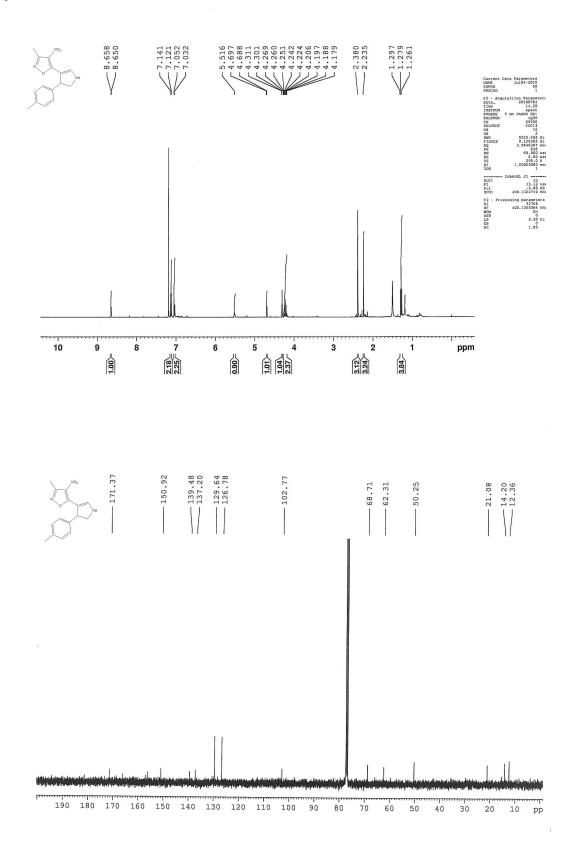
Compound 4a

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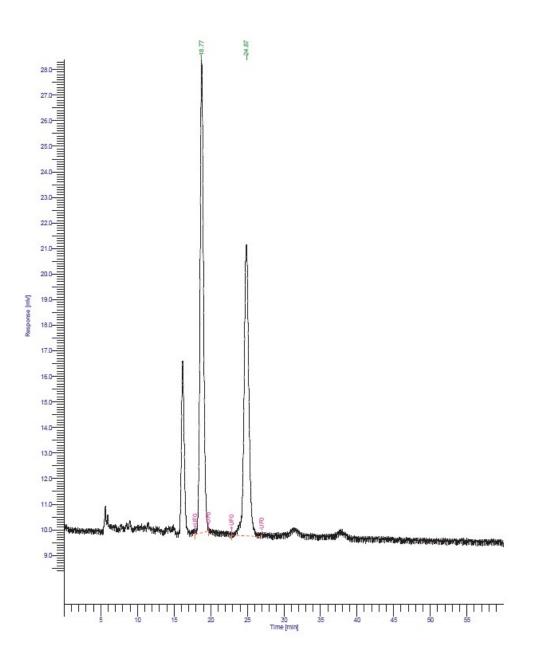
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2	24.875	509132.54	11395.26	46.05	46.05		*MM	0.5091	0.5091
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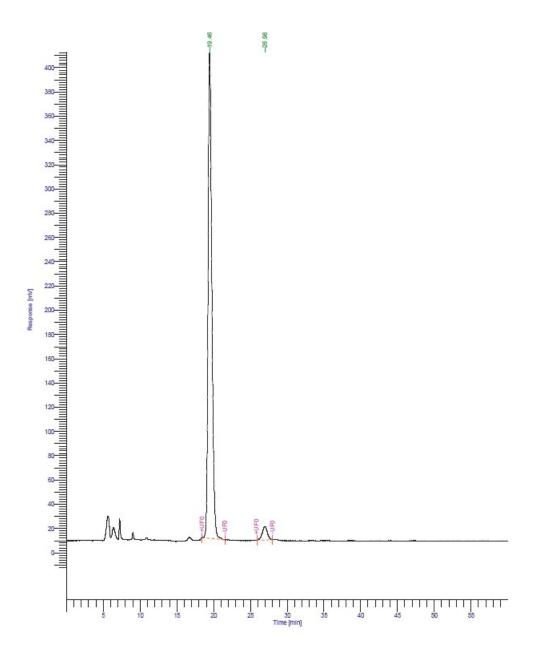
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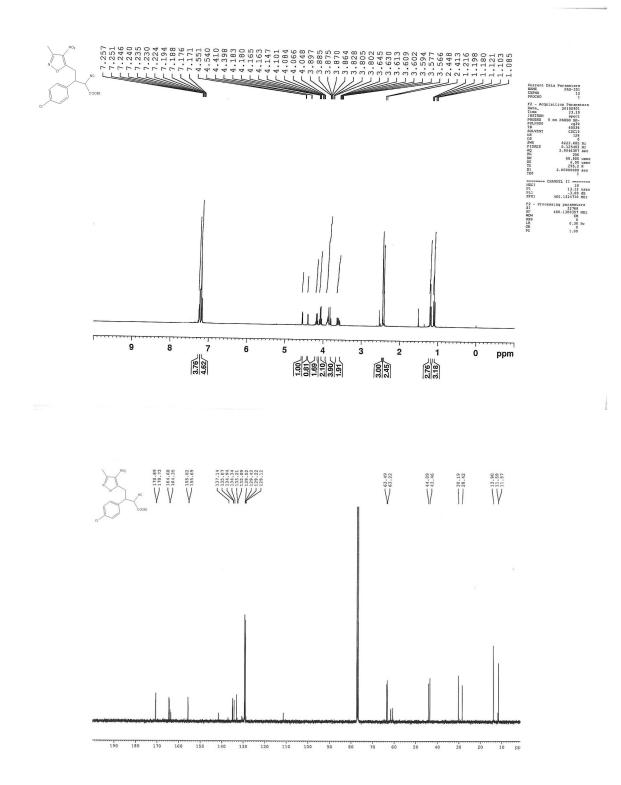
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2		26.979	536476.70	11150.75	3.66	3.66		*MM	0.5365	0.5365
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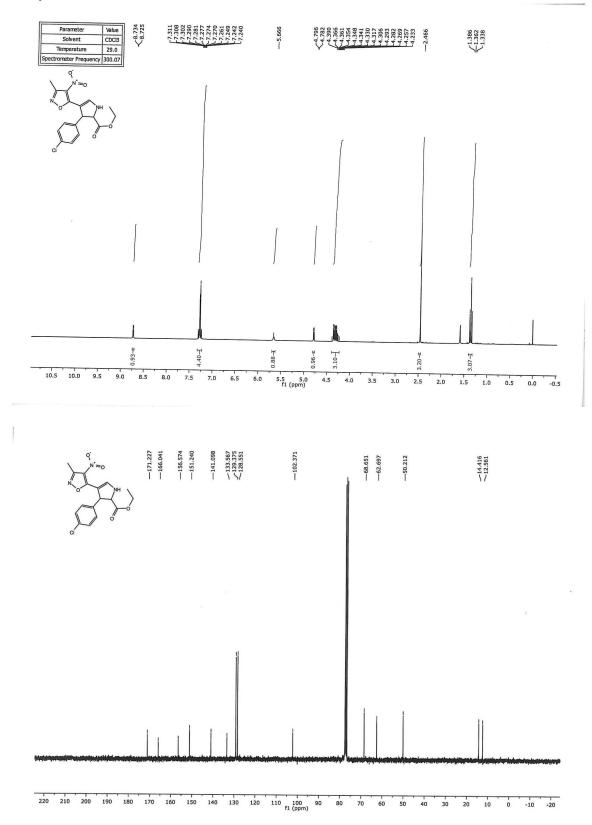
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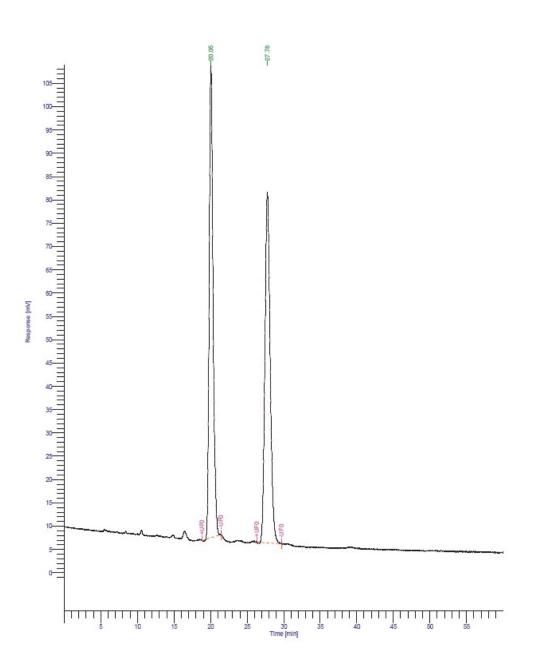


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Compound 4c

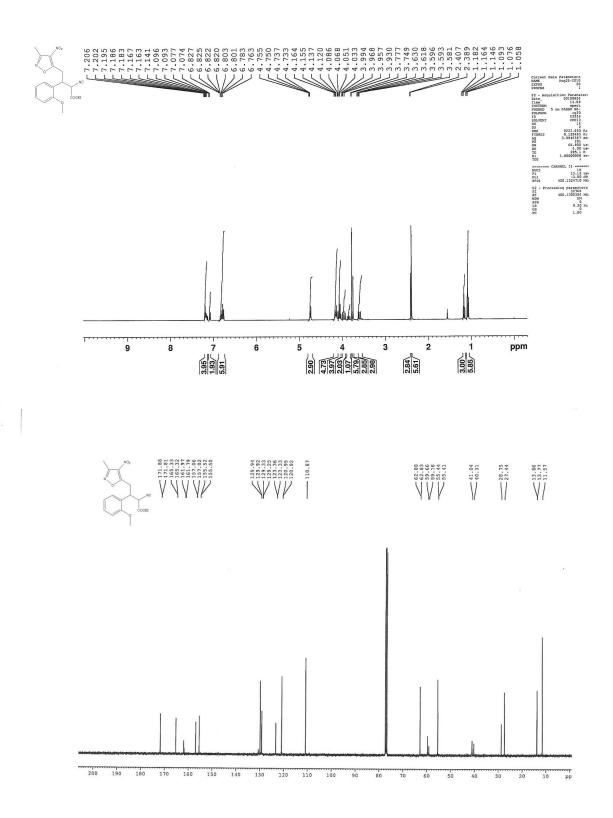
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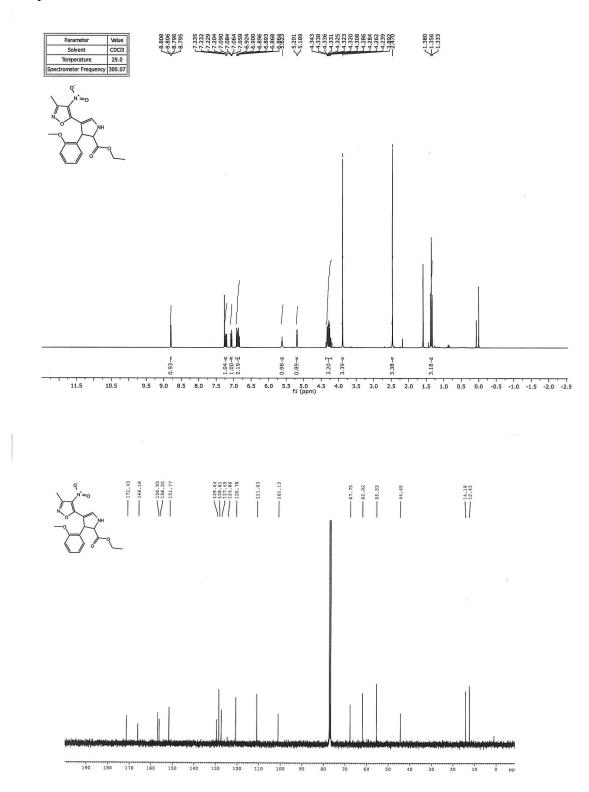
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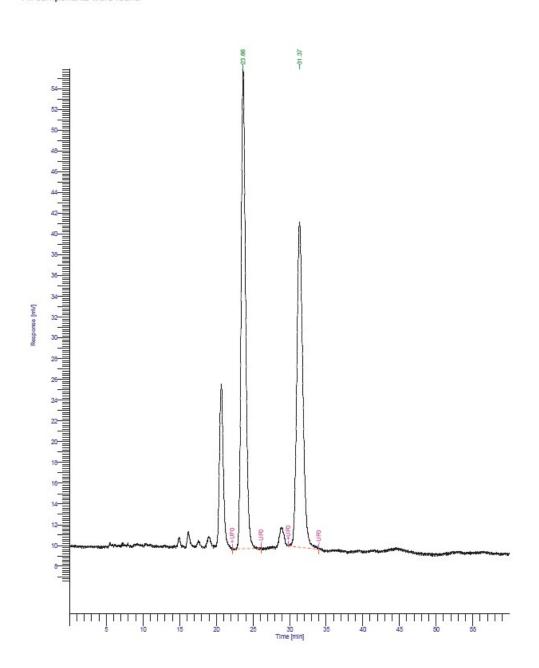


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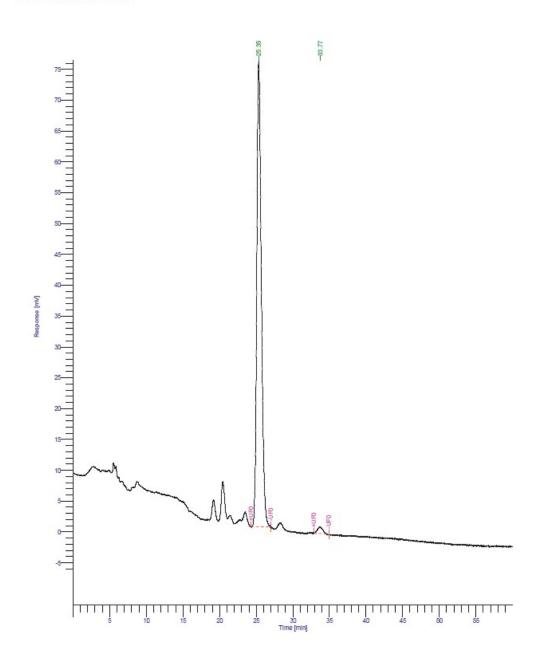
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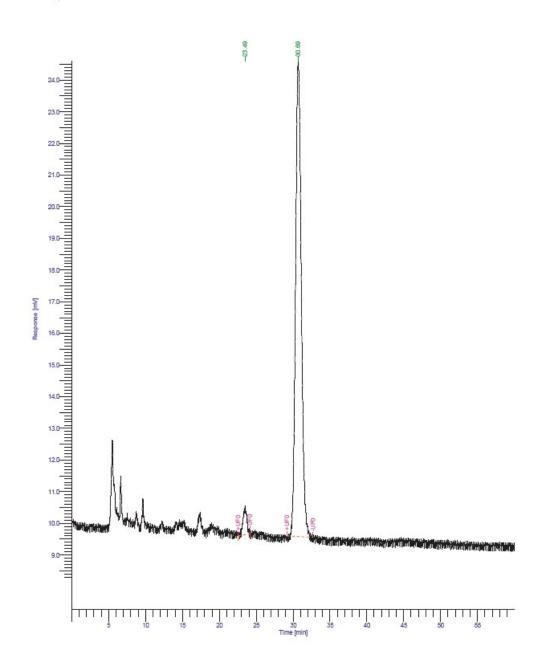
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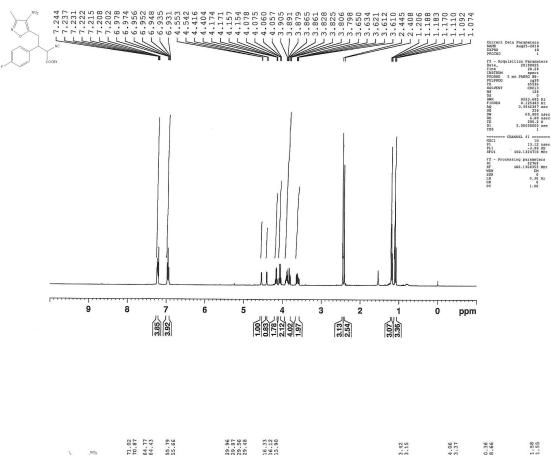
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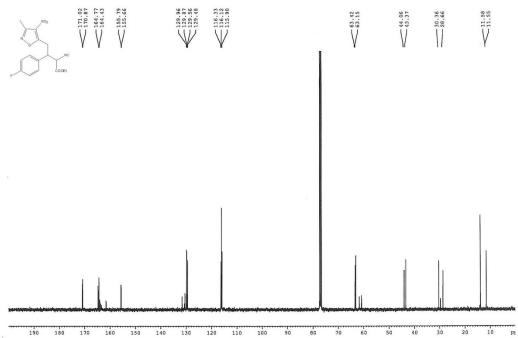


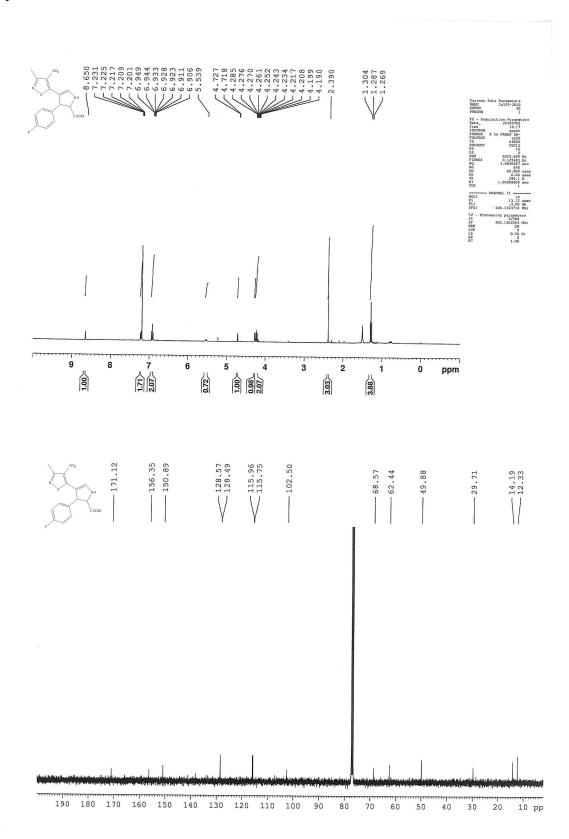
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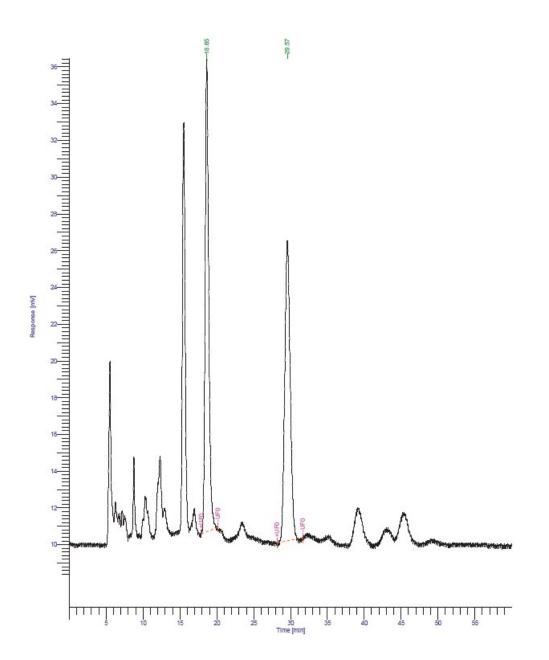




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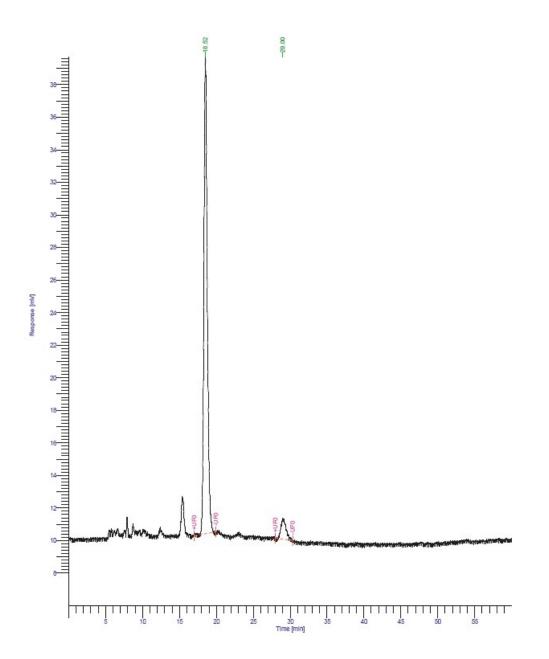
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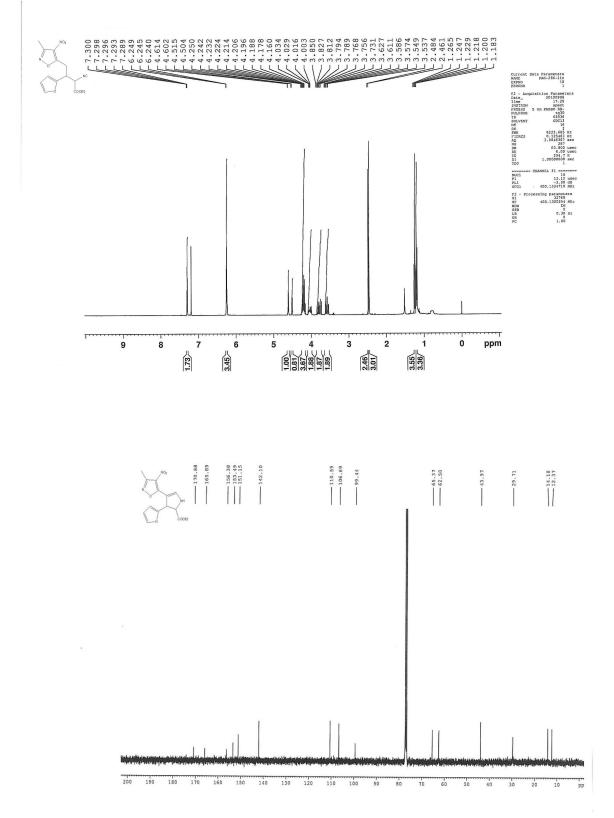


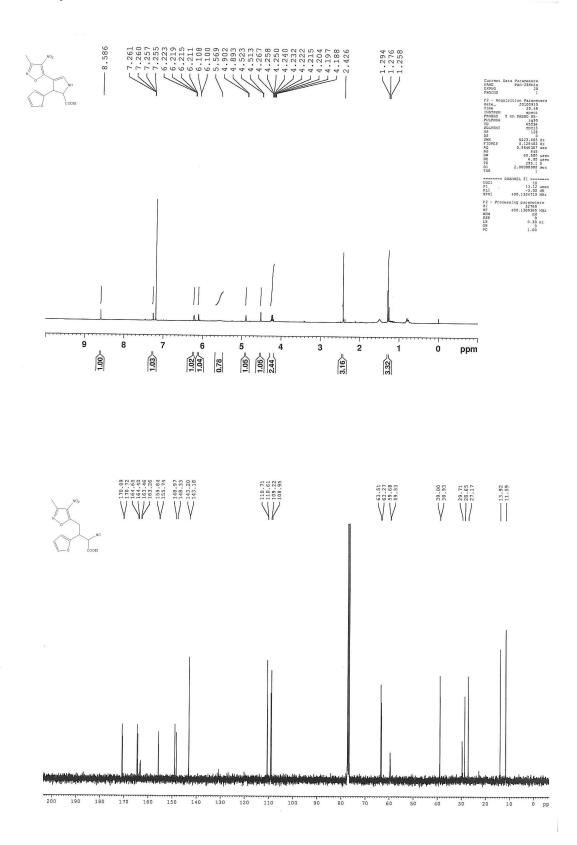
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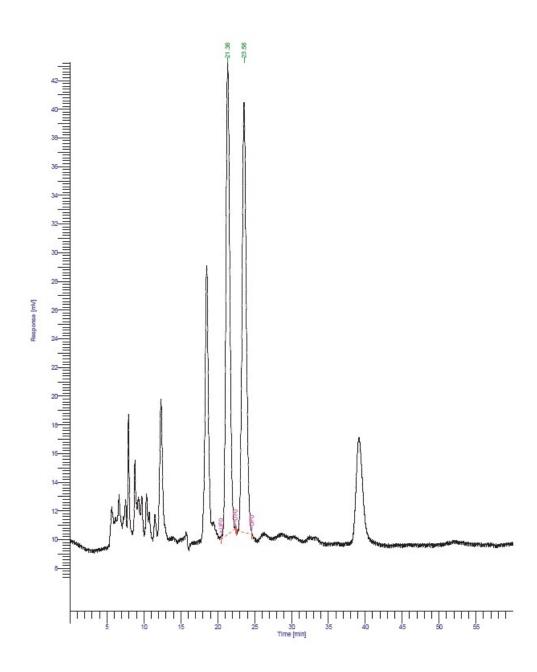




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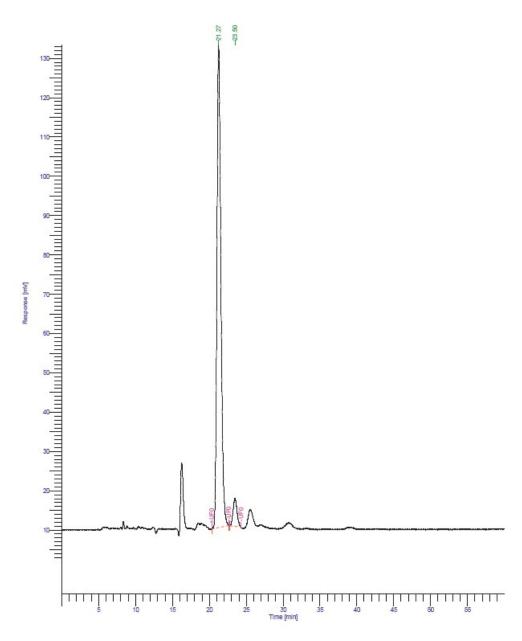


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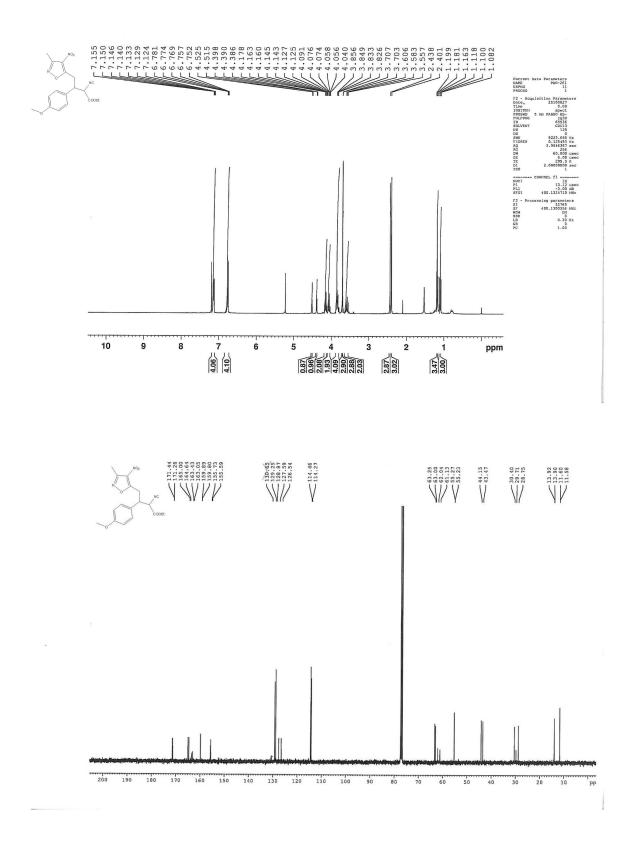
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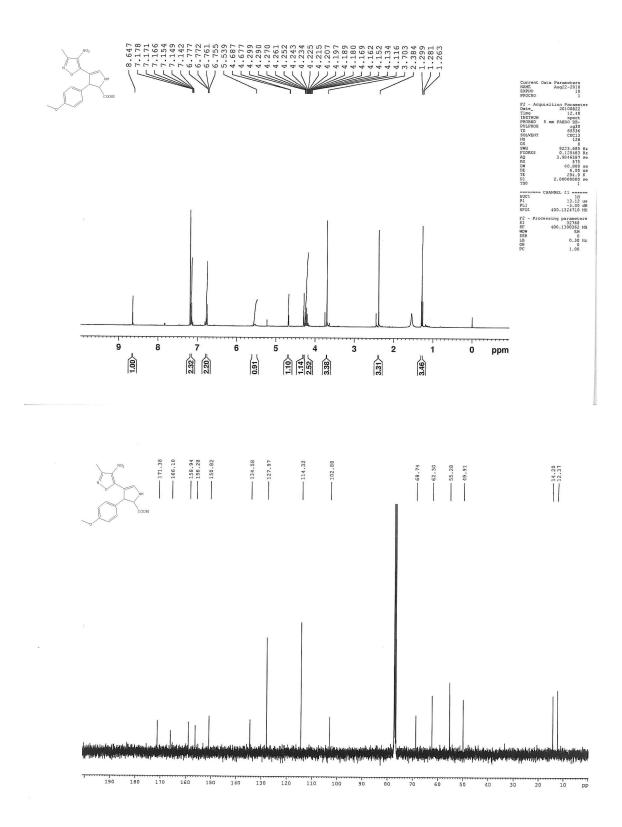
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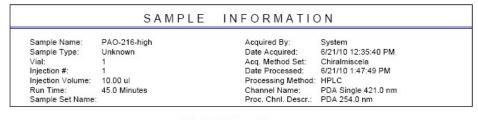


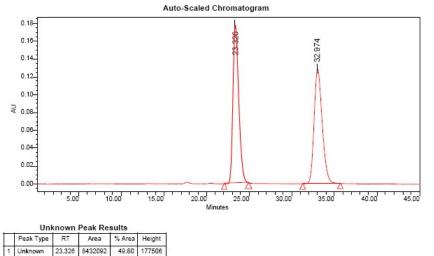
Compound 3g



Compound 4g







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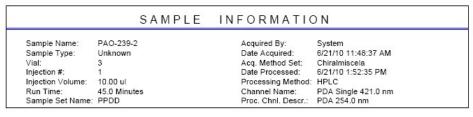
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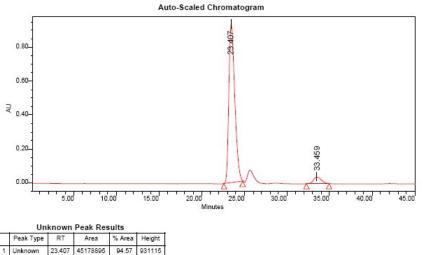
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Compound 4g



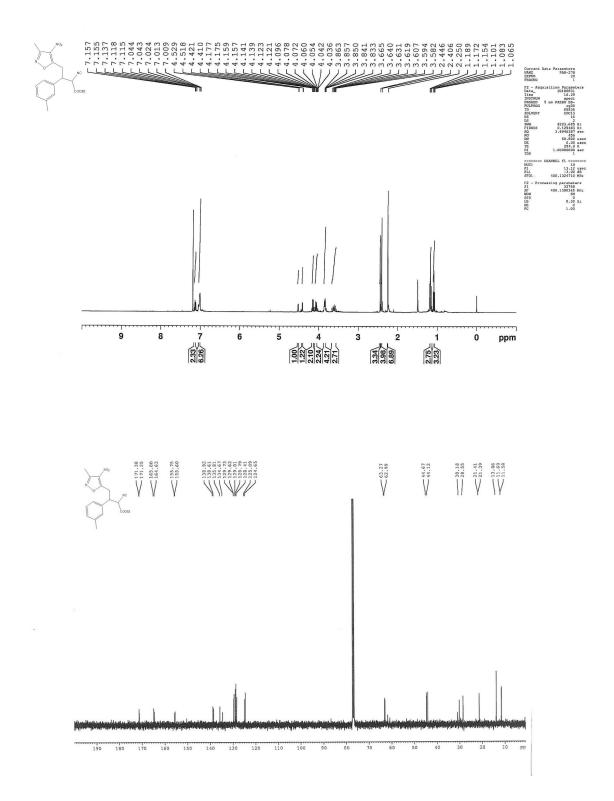


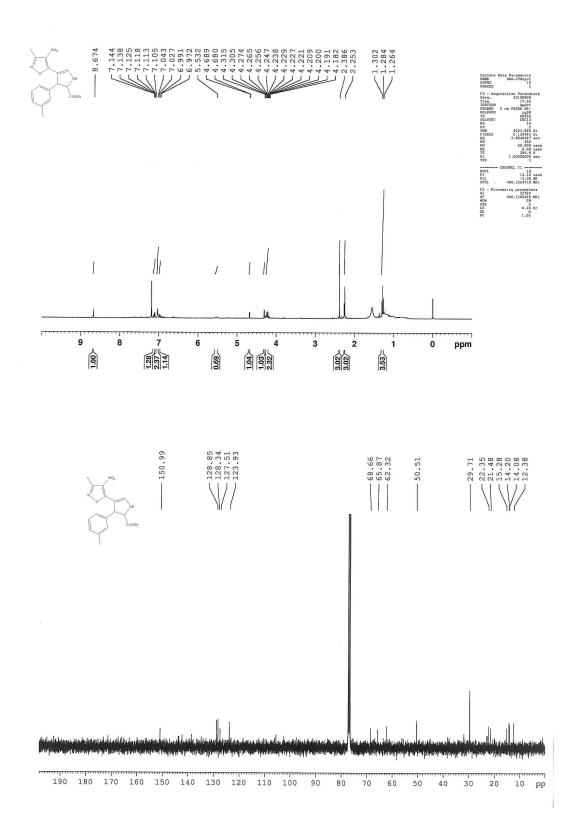
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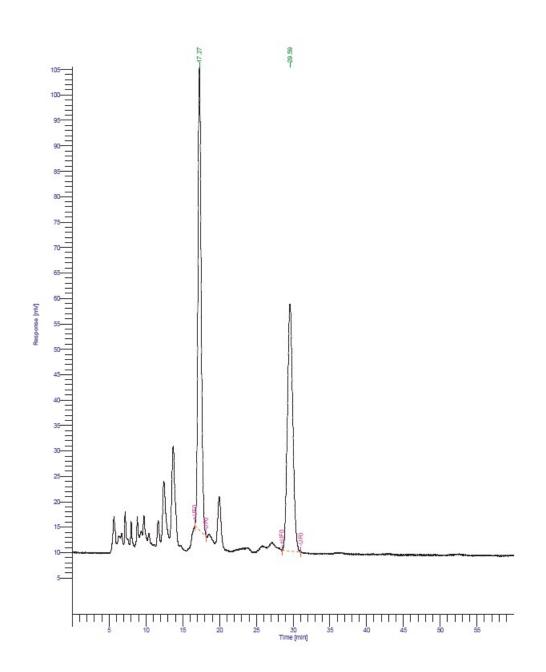


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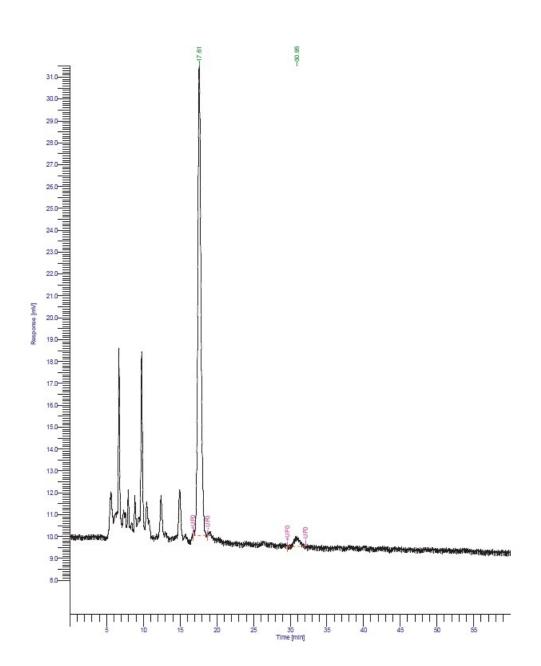
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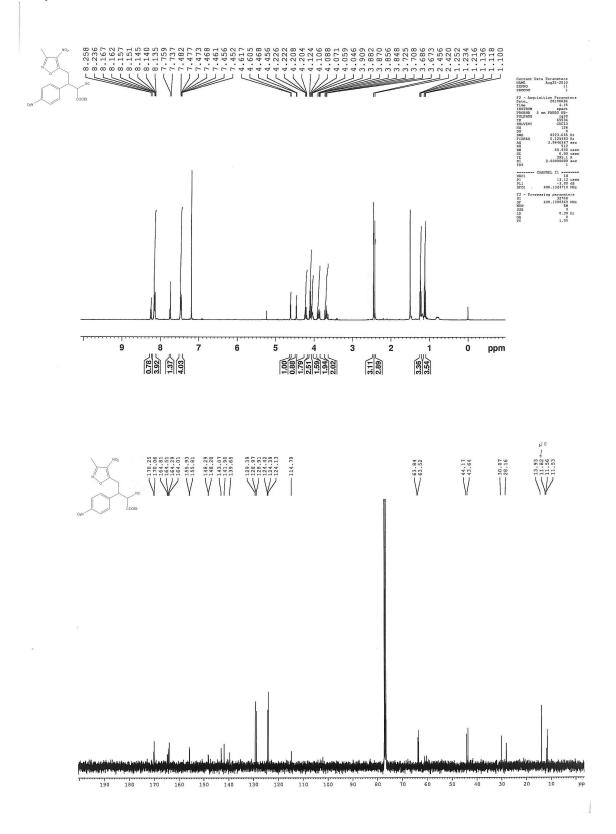
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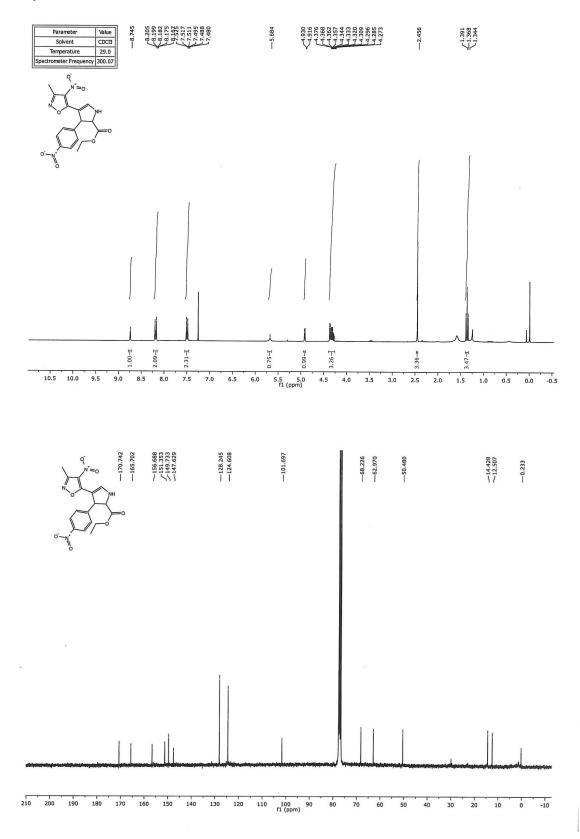
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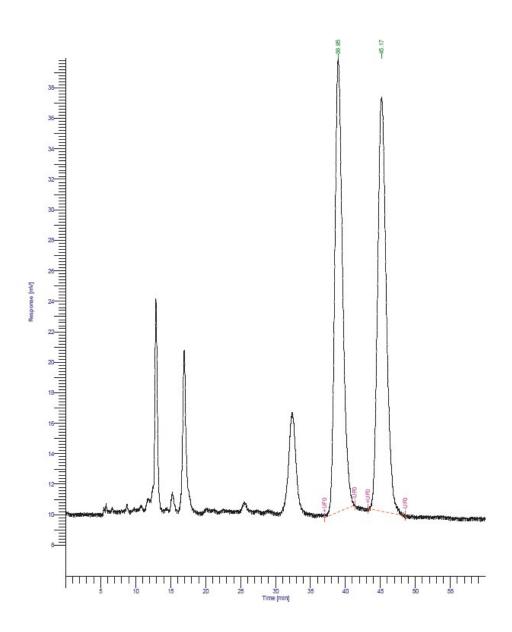


Compound 4i



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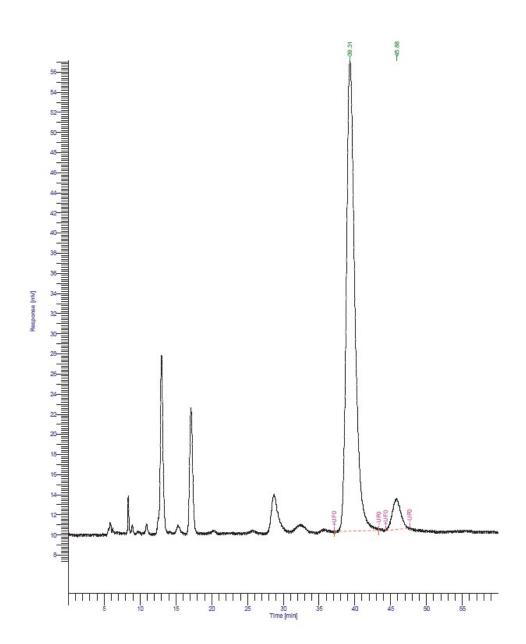


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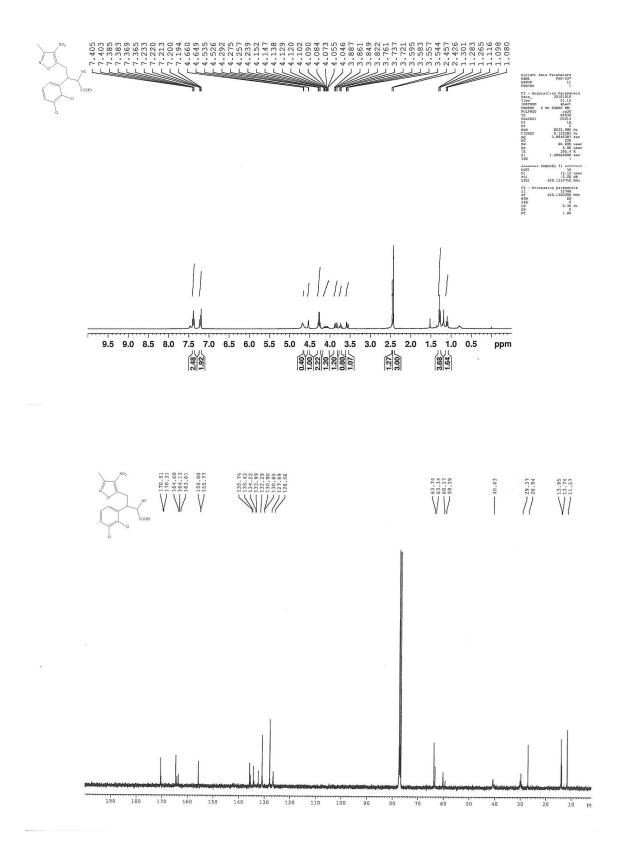
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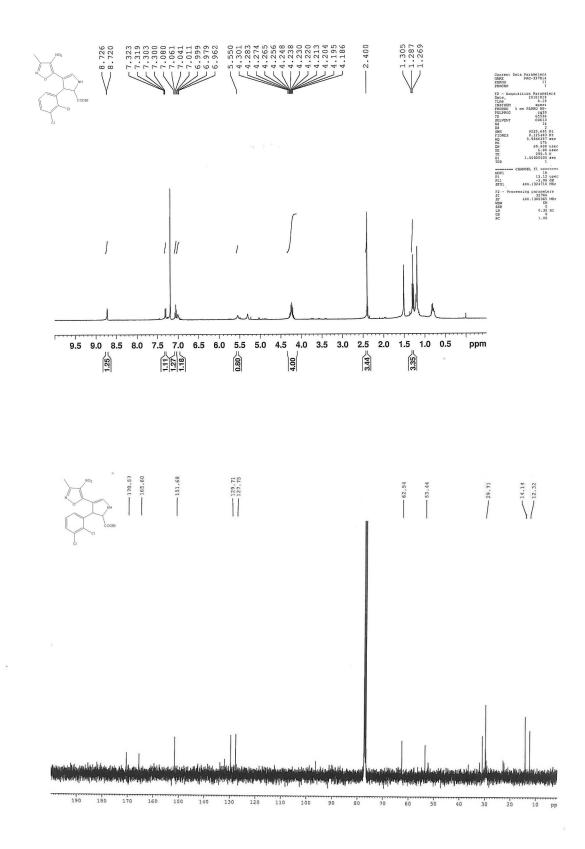
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2		45.877	248593.85	3066.21	6.11	6.11		*MM	0.2486	0.2486
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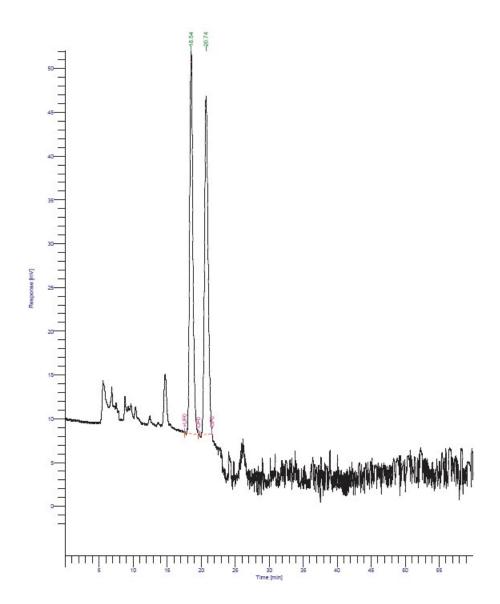
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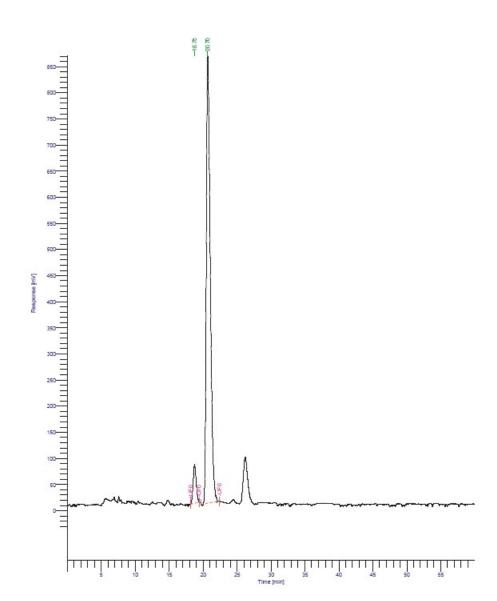
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2		20.739	1397103.17	38675.48	49.41	49.41		*MM	1.3971	1.3971
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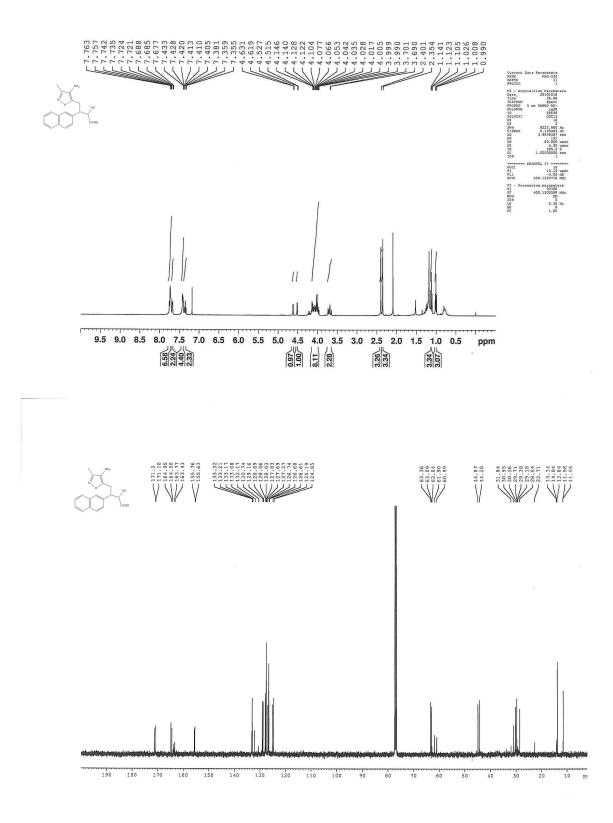
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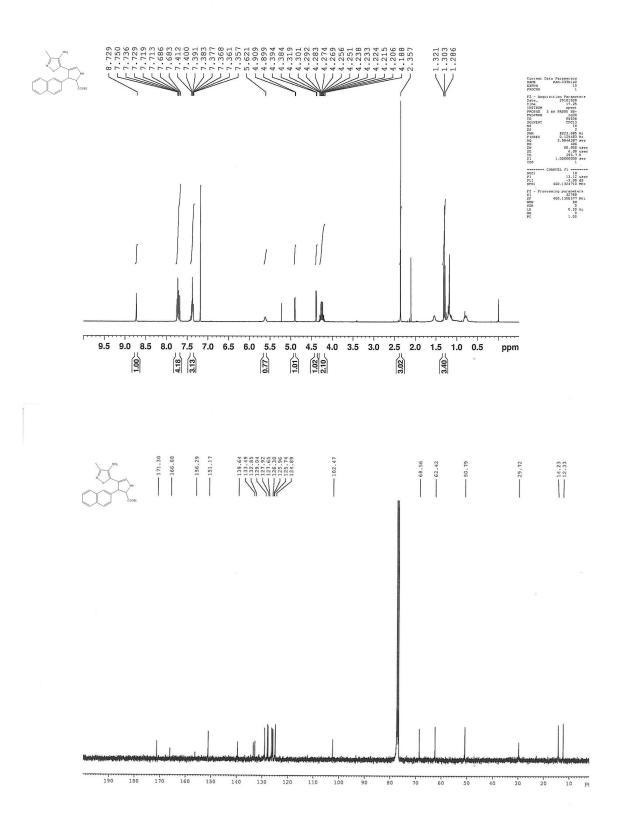


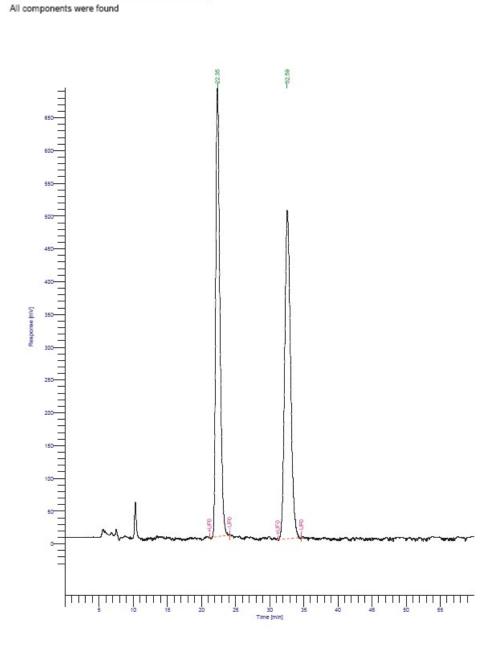
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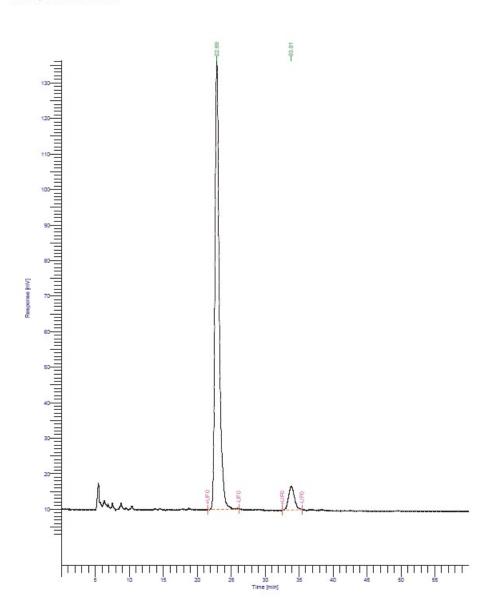
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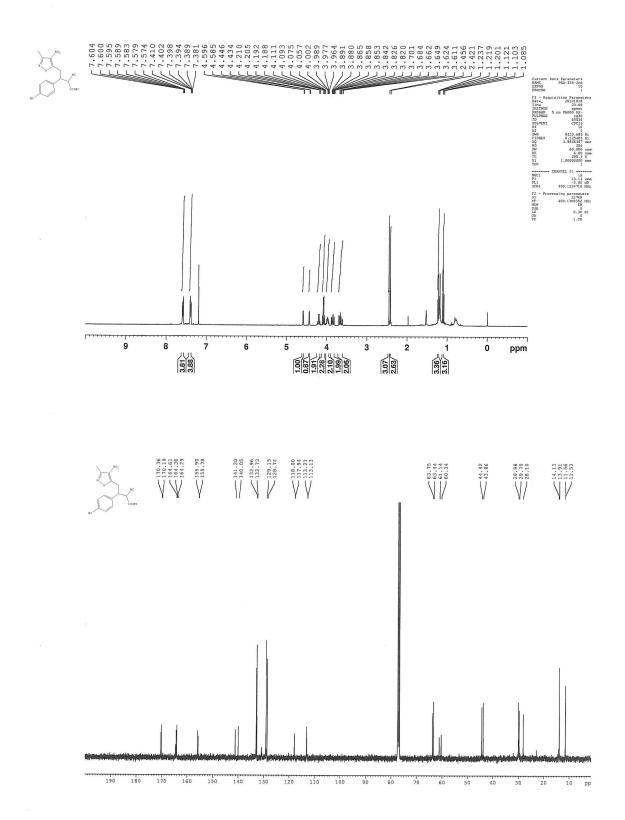
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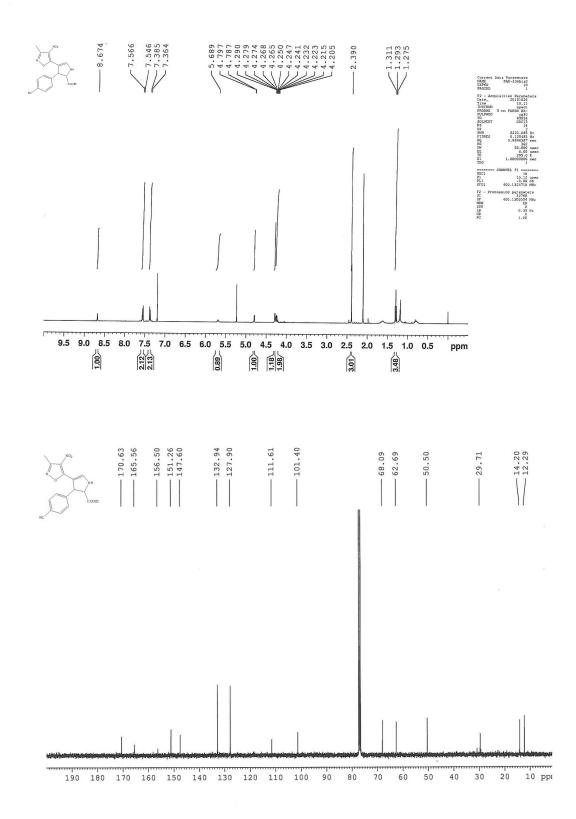
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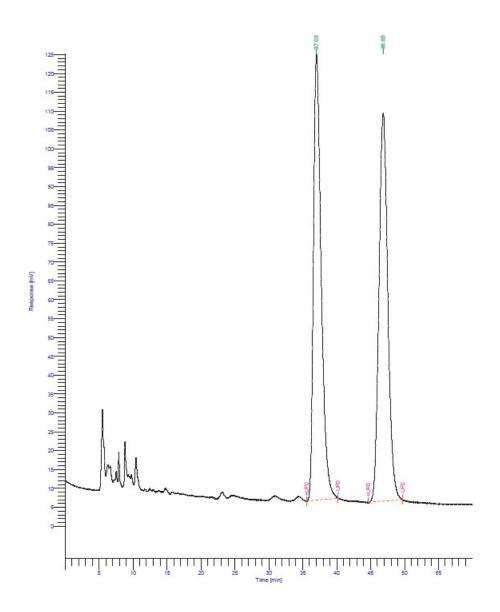






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2		46.845	9311256.89	102801.55	49.97	49.97			*MM	9.3113	9.3113
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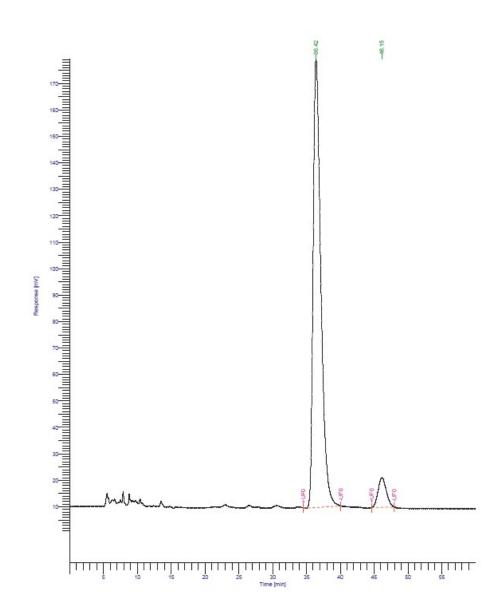


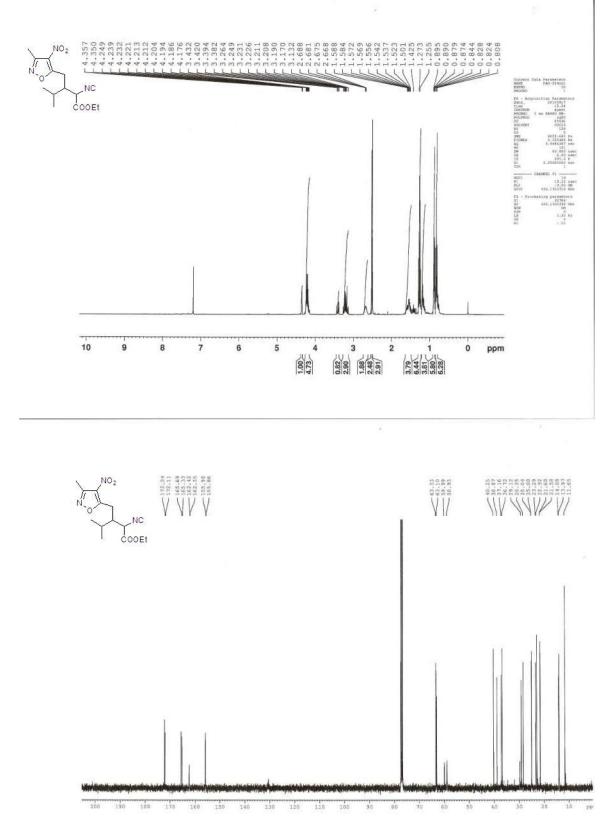
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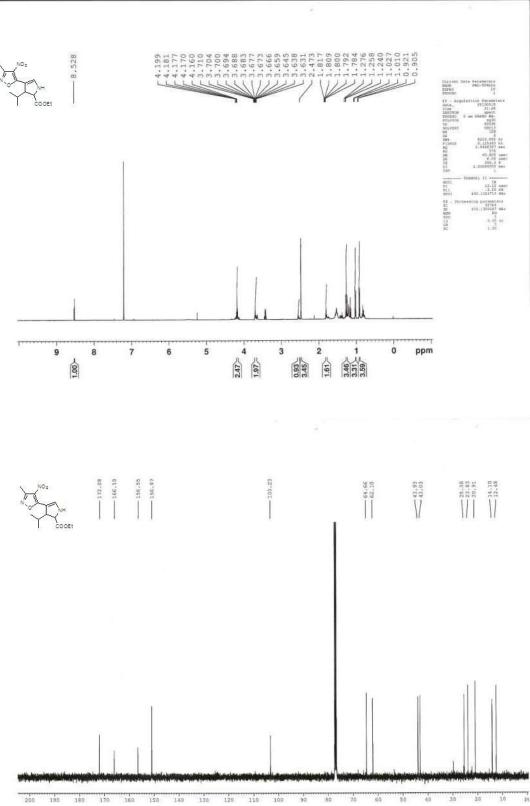
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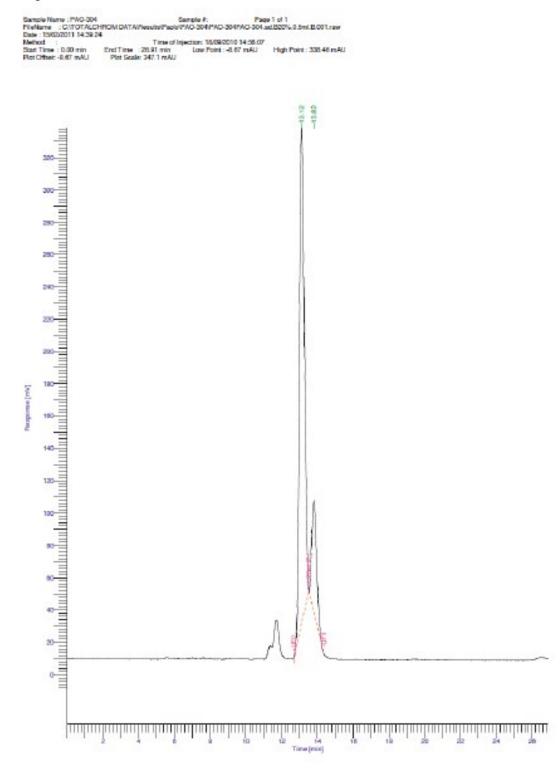




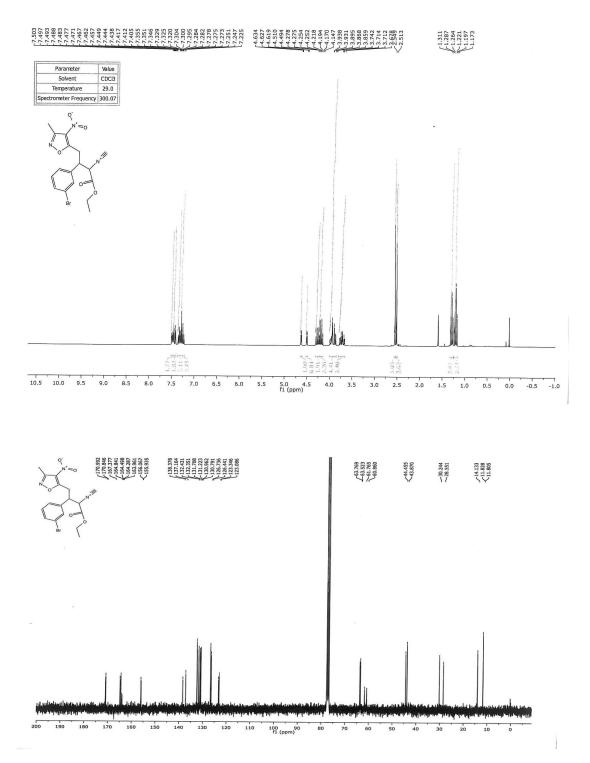


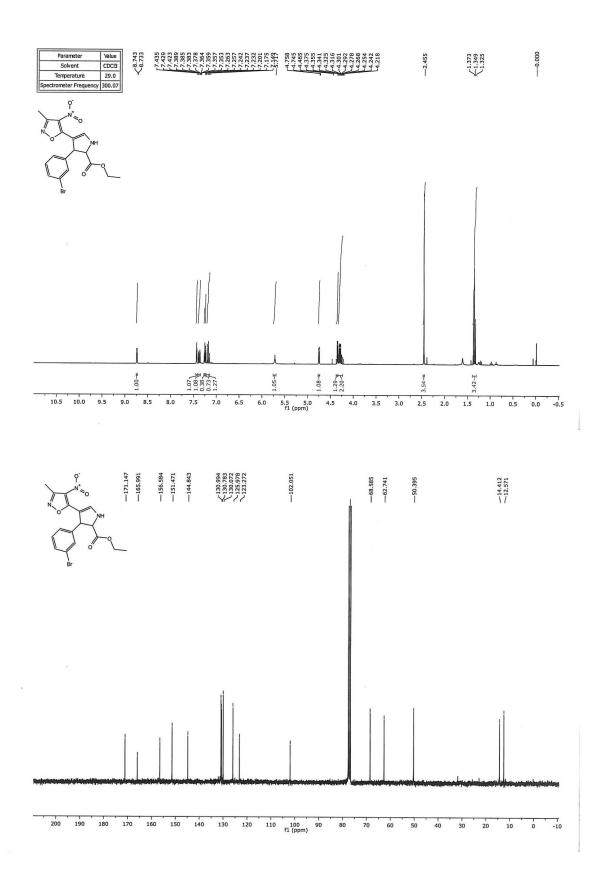
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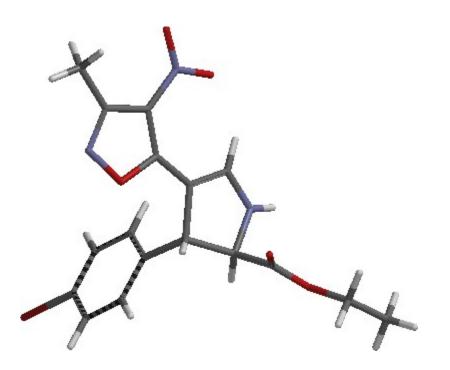
Compound 2.20n



We also reported the analytical data for the compound (2S,3S)-ethyl 3-(3-bromophenyl)-4nitroisoxazol-5-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1-H-pyrrole-2 carboxylate which have been crystallized for the absolute configuration CCDC1009050.







Compound 7

