

# Asymmetric construction of six vicinal stereogenic centers on hexahydroxanthones via organocatalytic one-pot reactions

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## 1. General experimental information

Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using UV light to visualize the course of reaction. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography on silica gel. The ee values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis. The d.r. values were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Optical rotations were measured with a polarimeter with the solvent indicated. Melting points were measured on an electrothermal digital melting point apparatus.

## 2. Optimization of reaction conditions

In our initial study, we investigated the three-component one-pot reaction using the substrates propanal **1a**, nitroolefin **2a** and carboxylic acid group-activated chromone **4a**. The first Michael reaction of **1a** and **2a** proceeded in the presence of Hayashi-Jørgensen secondary amine catalyst **C1** (10 mol%) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature for 8 h. After the removal of solvent, the chromone **4a** and a triethylamine in dichloromethane were added sequentially. To our delight, the tandem reaction proceeded smoothly to afford the desired product **5a** bearing six vicinal stereogenic centers with moderate diastereoselectivity (3:1 dr) and excellent enantioselectivity (97% ee), albeit in 42% yield. Catalyst diarylprolinol **C2** exhibited almost no catalytic activity (entry 2). Catalyst **C3** only afforded the desired product **6a** in 27% yield (entry 3). The screening of other bases in the second Michael step showed that the 1.0 eq of DBU provides the best yield as well as good stereoselectivity (entries 4-7). The further increase in the amount of DBU did not show any improvement in the product yield (entry 8). Further optimization of the reaction conditions by screening different solvents and temperature (entries 9-14) showed that with 10 mol% of catalyst

**C1** and 1.0 eq of DBU in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 40 °C provides good yield of 61% and excellent stereoselectivity (5:1 dr, >99% ee, entry 13).

**Table S1: optimization of reaction conditions for synthesis of compound 5a<sup>a</sup>**

**C1** R = TMS, Ar = Ph  
**C2** R = H, Ar = Ph  
**C3** R = TMS, Ar = 3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>

Entry	Cat.	Solvent	Base	Time [h]	Yield [%]	Dr <sup>b</sup>	Ee [%][ <sup>c</sup> ]
1	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	TEA	3	42	3:1	97
2	<b>C2</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	TEA	6	<5	-	-
3	<b>C3</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	TEA	4	27	3:1	93
4	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4	31	2:1	96
5	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	DMAP	4	<10	-	-
6	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	DBU	4	47	3:1	98
7 <sup>d</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	DBU	4	55	3:1	96
8 <sup>e</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	DBU	4	50	3:1	96
9 <sup>d</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	DBU	2	56	3:1	99
10 <sup>d</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	DBU	2	23	3:1	93
11 <sup>d</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	DBU	4	31	2:1	97
12 <sup>d</sup>	<b>C1</b>	THF	DBU	4	20	2:1	97
13 <sup>d,f</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	DBU	2	61	5:1	>99
14 <sup>d,f</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	DBU	5	52	6:1	98

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed with **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), **C** (10 mol%) and AcOH (0.03 mmol) in the CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3 mL) at room temperature for 8 h. After the removal of solvent, **4a** (0.2 mmol) and base (0.1 mmol) in the indicated solvent (2 mL) were added.

<sup>b</sup> The diastereomeric ratios values were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

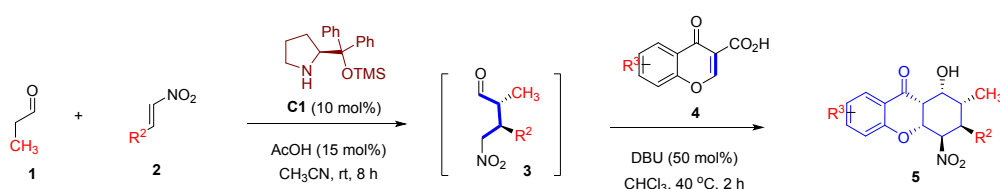
<sup>c</sup> The enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC.

<sup>d</sup> 1.0 eq of DBU was added.

<sup>e</sup> 1.5 eq of DBU was added.

<sup>f</sup> After the addition of **4a** and DBU, the reaction was performed at 40 °C.

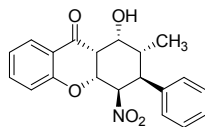
### 3. Typical experimental procedures for asymmetric synthesis of compounds **5**



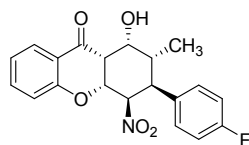
Compound **1** (0.5 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), **C1** (10 mol%) and AcOH (0.03 mmol) in the CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3 mL) at room temperature for 8 h. After the removal of solvent, **4** (0.2 mmol) and DBU (0.2 mmol) in the CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) were added and stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After the removal of solvent,

purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 8:1~5:1) was carried out to give product **5** as a white solid.

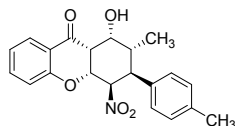
#### 4. Characterization data and HPLC conditions of compounds **5**



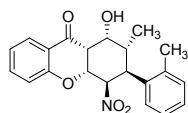
**5a**: White solid, m.p. 122.0-122.7 °C; yield 61%, 43.0 mg, >99% ee, 5:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.5$  (*c* 2.9, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 28.44$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 52.88$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.90 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.66-2.75 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.69 (m, 1H), 4.95-4.96 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.02 (m, 1H), 6.98-7.00 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.1, 34.6, 46.1, 49.7, 70.0, 74.5, 87.4, 116.7, 116.9, 118.7, 121.3, 122.0, 126.0, 126.9, 127.0, 127.1, 127.3, 128.0, 128.1, 135.2, 135.3, 135.7, 135.9, 158.8, 191.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 376.11554; Found: 376.11557.



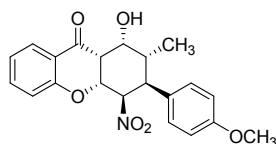
**5b**: White solid, m.p. 139.8-140.4 °C; yield 46%, 34.1 mg, >99% ee, 5:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +10.0$  (*c* 2.1, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 21.24$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 33.33$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.62-2.76 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.26 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.68 (m, 1H), 4.96-4.99 (m, 2H), 6.97-7.02 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.92 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.1, 34.7, 45.3, 49.7, 69.8, 74.5, 87.4, 115.2 (d,  $J_{CF} = 21.0$  Hz), 116.8, 118.8, 122.1, 127.0, 128.8, 128.9, 130.9, 131.0, 136.0, 158.8, 161.7 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.2$  Hz), 191.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 394.10612; Found: 394.10607.



**5c:** White solid, m.p. 151.4-152.2 °C; yield 49%, 36.0 mg, 94% ee, 10:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +18.1$  (*c* 1.8, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (70/30 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 31.90$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 10.78$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.90 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.70 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.68 (m, 1H), 4.94-5.00 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.11 (m, 6H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.92 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 16.2, 21.1, 35.6, 46.7, 50.8, 71.0, 75.6, 88.6, 117.8, 119.8, 123.0, 128.0, 128.1, 129.9, 133.1, 137.0, 137.9, 159.9, 192.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 390.13119; Found: 390.13125.

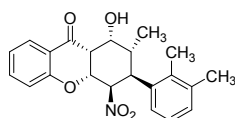


**5d:** White solid, m.p. 146.5-147.2 °C; yield 63%, 46.2 mg, 97% ee, 9:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +7.5$  (*c* 1.6, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 38.72$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 15.68$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.97 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.80 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.75 (m, 1H), 5.01-5.02 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.08 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.97 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 16.2, 21.5, 35.6, 47.1, 50.8, 71.0, 75.6, 88.5, 117.8, 119.8, 123.0, 125.1, 127.9, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 136.1, 137.0, 138.8, 159.9, 192.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 390.13119; Found: 390.13121.

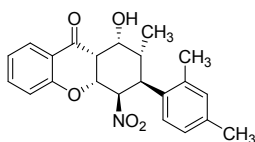


**5e:** White solid, m.p. 134.7-135.2 °C; yield 58%, 44.4 mg, 96% ee, 4:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +17.4$  (*c* 1.9, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (70/30 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 41.17$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 12.09$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.60-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.14-3.18 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.27

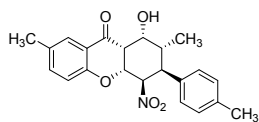
(m, 1H), 3.62-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.94-4.95 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.99 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.1, 34.8, 45.3, 49.7, 54.2, 70.0, 74.5, 87.6, 113.5, 116.8, 118.8, 122.0, 126.9, 127.1, 128.3, 135.9, 158.3, 158.9, 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 406.12611; Found: 406.12613.



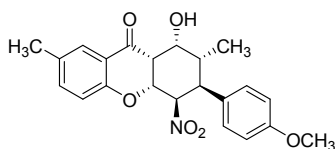
**5f**: White solid, m.p. 152.6-153.2 °C; yield 61%, 46.4 mg, 96% ee, 4:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +8.5$  ( $c$  1.1, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IF column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 40.23$  min;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 46.37$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.65-2.72 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.72 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.98 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.04 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.93 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 13.7, 15.1, 20.3, 34.8, 41.0, 49.9, 70.3, 74.5, 85.8, 116.9, 118.9, 122.1, 123.6, 125.1, 126.9, 128.6, 132.6, 133.5, 135.9, 136.5, 158.9, 191.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 404.14684; Found: 404.14683.



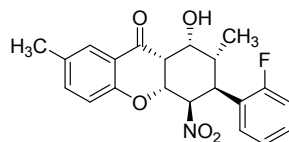
**5g**: White solid, m.p. 149.1-149.8 °C; yield 60%, 45.7 mg, 97% ee, 6:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +152.9$  ( $c$  4.2, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 38.55$  min;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 16.49$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.87 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 3.29-3.33 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 1H), 4.91-4.96 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.0, 18.3, 20.0, 34.7, 40.6, 49.8, 70.2, 74.5, 85.7, 116.8, 118.8, 122.0, 125.7, 126.6, 126.9, 129.8, 130.8, 134.7, 135.9, 136.3, 158.8, 191.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 404.14684; Found: 404.14684.



**5h:** White solid, m.p. 124.7-125.3 °C; yield 53%, 40.4 mg, 98% ee, 5:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -36.5$  (*c* 2.3, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IF column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 15.47$  min;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 20.15$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.71-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.84 (s, 1H), 3.22-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.73 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.98 (m, 1H), 5.03-5.05 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 16.2, 20.5, 21.1, 35.6, 46.8, 50.8, 71.1, 75.5, 117.6, 119.4, 127.5, 128.1, 129.8, 132.6, 133.2, 137.8, 138.0, 158.0, 192.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 404.14684; Found: 404.14689.

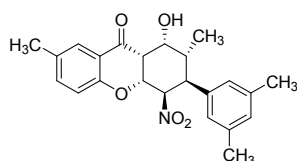


**5i:** White solid, m.p. 167.4-167.9 °C; yield 52%, 41.3 mg, >99% ee, 8:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +1.8$  (*c* 1.7, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IF column (93/7 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 63.70$  min;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 93.51$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 1H), 3.20-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.31 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.97-4.98 (m, 1H), 5.03-5.05 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.1, 18.5, 33.8, 44.3, 48.7, 53.2, 69.1, 73.5, 86.7, 112.5, 115.5, 117.4, 125.4, 126.1, 127.3, 130.7, 136.0, 156.0, 157.2, 190.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 420.14176; Found: 420.14179.

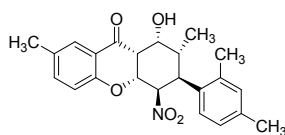


**5j:** White solid, m.p. 142.4-143.2 °C; yield 60%, 46.2 mg, 93% ee, 6:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -9.5$  (*c* 2.1, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (93/7 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 107.07$  min;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 41.26$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.93 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.80 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 2H), 4.93-4.94 (m, 1H), 5.04-5.05 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.0, 19.5, 33.9, 49.7, 69.9, 74.4, 85.6, 114.7 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 22.1 Hz), 116.7, 116.8, 118.4, 122.0 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 14.5 Hz), 123.8, 125.6, 126.4, 128.6 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 3.6 Hz), 131.7, 137.0, 157.0, 160.5 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.3 Hz), 191.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 408.12177; Found: 408.12177.



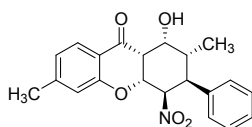
**5k**: White solid, m.p. 156.5-157.4 °C; yield 48%, 37.9 mg, 97% ee, 10:1 dr, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +9.0 ( $c$  1.7, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm;  $\tau_{major}$  = 57.50 min;  $\tau_{minor}$  = 35.05 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.69 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.14 (m, 1H), 3.21-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.89-4.90 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.98 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.2, 19.5, 20.3, 34.5, 45.9, 49.7, 70.1, 74.5, 87.6, 116.5, 118.4, 125.0, 126.4, 128.8, 131.6, 135.0, 137.0, 137.5, 157.0, 191.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 418.16249; Found: 418.16251.



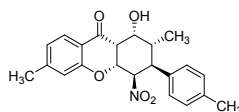
**5l**: White solid, m.p. 146.5-147.3 °C; yield 52%, 41.1 mg, 97% ee, 10:1 dr, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +6.3 ( $c$  1.1, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm;  $\tau_{major}$  = 47.64 min;  $\tau_{minor}$  = 18.47 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.87 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.29 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.68 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.94 (m, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.85-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.0, 18.3, 20.0, 21.0, 34.6, 40.5, 49.7, 70.3, 74.4, 85.8, 116.5, 116.8, 123.4, 125.7, 126.6, 126.8, 129.9,



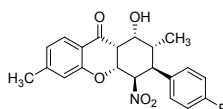
130.8, 134.7, 136.3, 147.8, 158.9, 191.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{25}NNaO_5$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 418.16249; Found: 418.16255.



**5m**: White solid, m.p. 144.3-144.9 °C; yield 51%, 37.4 mg, 99% ee, 12:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -0.3$  ( $c$  3.3, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IE column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 22.71$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 28.63$  min);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.97 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 3.24-3.33 (m, 2H), 3.69-3.73 (m, 1H), 4.99-5.00 (m, 1H), 5.05-5.07 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.2, 21.1, 34.5, 46.1, 49.6, 70.1, 74.5, 87.5, 116.5, 116.7, 123.4, 126.8, 127.1, 127.3, 128.1, 135.2, 147.9, 158.9, 191.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{21}NNaO_5$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 390.13119; Found: 390.13125.

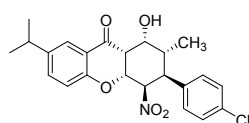


**5n**: White solid, m.p. 113.2-113.8 °C; yield 60%, 45.7 mg, 95% ee, 6:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.3$  ( $c$  1.4, MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IF column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 20.20$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 42.13$  min);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.71 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.17 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.91-4.92 (m, 1H), 4.93-4.98 (m, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.2, 20.1, 21.1, 34.5, 45.7, 49.6, 70.1, 74.5, 87.6, 116.5, 116.7, 123.4, 126.8, 126.9, 127.1, 128.3, 128.8, 132.1, 136.8, 147.8, 158.9, 191.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{23}NNaO_5$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 404.14684; Found: 404.14687.



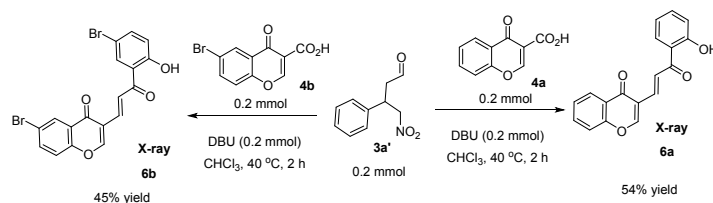
**5o**: White solid, m.p. 156.0-156.8 °C; yield 54%, 41.6 mg, 98% ee, 4:1 dr,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +43.5$  ( $c$  3.0,

MeOH); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 45.98$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 83.40$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.88 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.59-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.97 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 15.1, 21.1, 34.7, 45.3, 49.5, 70.0, 74.4, 87.5, 115.1 (d,  $J_{CF} = 21.0$  Hz), 116.5, 116.7, 123.5, 126.8, 128.8 (d,  $J_{CF} = 7.2$  Hz), 131.0, 147.9, 158.8, 161.4 (d,  $J_{CF} = 245.4$  Hz), 191.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNNaO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 408.12177; Found: 408.12174.

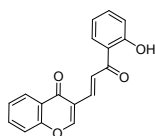


**5p**: White solid, yield 56%, 48.0 mg, 96% ee, 7:1 dr; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (97/3 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 92.64$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 40.90$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.80 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.74-1.81 (m, 1H), 2.54 (br s, 1H), 2.68-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.87 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.71 (m, 1H), 4.88-4.92 (m, 1H), 5.14-5.15 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 22.8, 22.9, 32.4, 42.0, 44.1, 52.5, 69.0, 87.8, 117.1, 118.1, 123.6, 128.1, 132.6, 135.0, 135.8, 142.8, 156.9, 190.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNNaO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 452.1235; Found: 452.1238.

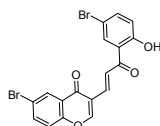
## 5. Experimental procedures for synthesis of compounds 6



Compound **3a'** (0.2 mmol), **4** (0.2 mmol) and DBU (0.2 mmol) in the  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) were added and stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After the removal of solvent, purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1~8:1) was carried out to give product **6** as a light yellow solid.

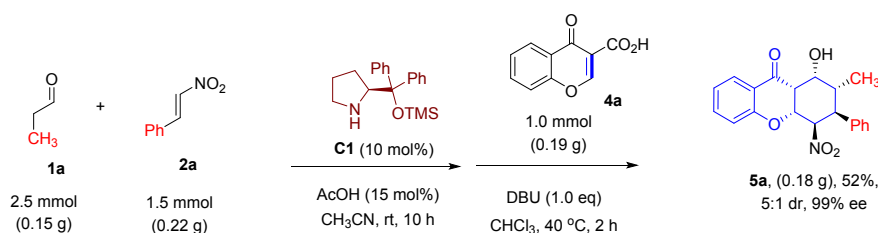


**6a:** Light yellow solid, yield 54%, 15.8 mg.;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 6.84-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.93 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.96 (m, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.21-8.23 (m, 1H), 8.72 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 12.74 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 116.2, 116.4, 117.0, 117.3, 118.0, 122.3, 122.4, 124.1, 124.3, 128.3, 132.2, 134.2, 134.5, 153.4, 157.5, 161.6, 174.3, 192.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 315.0628; Found: 315.0632.



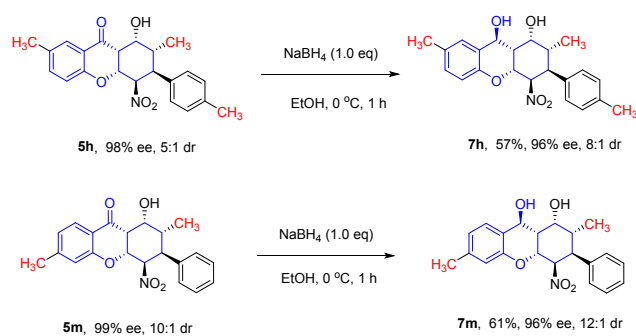
**6b:** Light yellow solid, yield 45%, 20.1 mg.;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 109.7, 118.4, 118.8, 119.1, 119.4, 120.1, 123.2, 128.0, 131.3, 135.6, 136.3, 138.2, 153.2, 158.6, 161.5, 173.9, 192.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{NaO}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 470.8838; Found: 470.8843.

## 6. Large-scale synthesis of product 5a

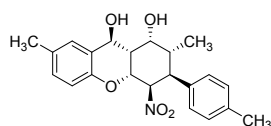


Compound **1a** (2.5 mmol), **2a** (1.5 mmol), **C1** (10 mol%) and AcOH (0.15 mmol) in the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (12 mL) at room temperature for 10 h. After the removal of solvent, **4a** (1.0 mmol) and DBU (1.0 mmol) in the  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (7 mL) were added and stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After the removal of solvent, purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 8:1~5:1) was carried out to give product **5a** as a white solid (0.18 g, 52% yield, 5:1 dr, 99% ee).

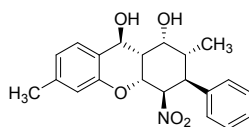
## 7. Product elaboration



Compound **5** (0.2 mmol) and  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.1 mmol) in the EtOH (3 mL) were added and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. After the removal of solvent, purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1~8:1) was carried out to give product **7** as a white solid.



**7h**: White solid; yield 57%, 43.7 mg, 96% ee, 8:1 dr; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column (98/2 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 34.96 \text{ min}$ ;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 23.10 \text{ min}$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.80 (d,  $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.96 (m, 1H), 3.02-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.27 (br s, 1H), 3.67-3.72 (m, 1H), 4.48 (br s, 1H), 4.62-4.63 (m, 1H), 4.89-4.91 (m, 1H), 5.14 (d,  $J = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.6, 19.7, 20.1, 35.4, 37.7, 44.9, 67.8, 72.2, 73.0, 88.6, 114.3, 122.8, 126.2, 127.2, 127.8, 128.6, 128.7, 129.9, 130.3, 132.4, 136.6, 148.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 406.1625; Found: 406.1621.



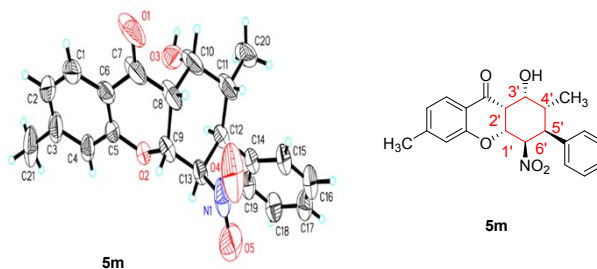
**7m**: White solid; yield 61%, 45.0 mg, 96% ee, 12:1 dr; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IE column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\tau_{\text{major}} = 22.58 \text{ min}$ ;  $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 45.25 \text{ min}$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.80 (d,  $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.09 (m, 1H), 3.63 (br s, 1H), 3.68-3.73 (m, 1H), 4.62 (br s, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.91-4.93 (m, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H),

6.79 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.6, 20.1, 35.2, 37.7, 45.3, 67.7, 72.0, 73.0, 88.5, 115.0, 120.1, 121.9, 125.8, 126.9, 127.4, 127.8, 128.0, 129.9, 135.5, 138.2, 150.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 392.1468; Found: 392.1468.

## 8. General experimental procedures for in vitro cytotoxicity assay

Two human cancer cell lines, K562 and A549 were purchased from Chinese Academy of Sciences. All the cells were cultured in RPMI-1640 medium (GIBICO, USA), supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Hyclone, USA) and Penicillin-Streptomycin ( respectively 100 U/mL) in 5%  $\text{CO}_2$  at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . The cytotoxicity assay was performed according to the MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide) method in 96-well microplates. Briefly, 5000 cells were seeded into each well of 96-well cell culture plates and allowed to grow for 24 h before drug addition. The K562 tumor cell line was exposed to test compounds **5c**, **5h**, **5i**, **5k**, **5l** and **5q** at the concentrations of 10, 20, 40, 80, and  $100\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  in triplicates for 48 h, comparable to cisplatin (Aladdin, China). Then the MTT reagent was added to reaction with the cancer cells for 4 hours. At least, measure the OD value at 490 wavelengths.  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of all the compounds were calculated by IBM SPSS Statistics (version 19).

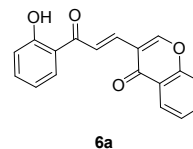
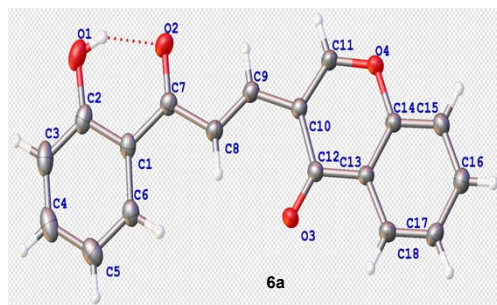
## 9. X-Ray crystal data for compound 5m, 6a and 6b



**Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 5m**

Identification code	<b>5m</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>
Formula weight	367.39
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	I2
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	21.9574(10), 5.9872(3), 14.5153(8)
α/°, β/°, γ/°	90, 92.023(5), 90.
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1907.05(16)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.280
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.754
F(000)	776.0
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.14 × 0.12 × 0.11
2θ range for data collection/°	7.186 to 146.89
Index ranges	-26 ≤ h ≤ 25, -7 ≤ k ≤ 6, -18 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	6212
Independent reflections	3225 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0181, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0225]
Data/restraints/parameters	3225/1/248
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.083
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0636, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1766
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0713, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1874
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.20/-0.24
Flack/Hooft parameter	0.02(15)/0.08(13)

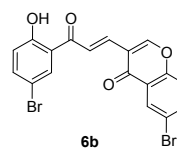
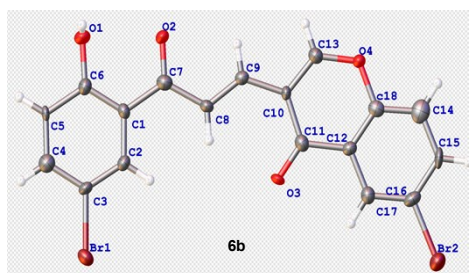
**Crystal Data** for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> (*M* = 367.39 g/mol): monoclinic, space group I2 (no. 5), *a* = 21.9574(10) Å, *b* = 5.9872(3) Å, *c* = 14.5153(8) Å, β = 92.023(5)°, *V* = 1907.05(16) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *T* = 293(2) K, μ(Cu Kα) = 0.754 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *D*<sub>calc</sub> = 1.280 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 6212 reflections measured (7.186° ≤ 2θ ≤ 146.89°), 3225 unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0181, *R*<sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0225) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*<sub>1</sub> was 0.0636 (*I* > 2σ(*I*)) and *wR*<sub>2</sub> was 0.1874 (all data).



**Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 6a**

Identification code	<b>6a</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	292.28
Temperature/K	149.99(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	23.3436(14), 4.9735(3), 11.5943(5)
α/°, β/°, γ/°	90, 90, 90.
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1346.09(13)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.442
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.845
F(000)	608.0
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.13 × 0.12 × 0.1
2θ range for data collection/°	7.574 to 147.238
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 28, -5 ≤ k ≤ 4, -12 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	2876
Independent reflections	1857 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0170, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0288]
Data/restraints/parameters	1857/1/201
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.074
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0348, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0876
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0364, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0900
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.13/-0.20
Flack parameter	0.1(3)

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (*M* = 292.28 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group Pna2<sub>1</sub> (no. 33), *a* = 23.3436(14) Å, *b* = 4.9735(3) Å, *c* = 11.5943(5) Å, *V* = 1346.09(13) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *T* = 149.99(10) K, μ(Cu Kα) = 0.845 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *D*<sub>calc</sub> = 1.442 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 2876 reflections measured (7.574° ≤ 2θ ≤ 147.238°), 1857 unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0170, *R*<sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0288) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*<sub>1</sub> was 0.0348 (*I* > 2σ(*I*)) and *wR*<sub>2</sub> was 0.0900 (all data).



**Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 6b**

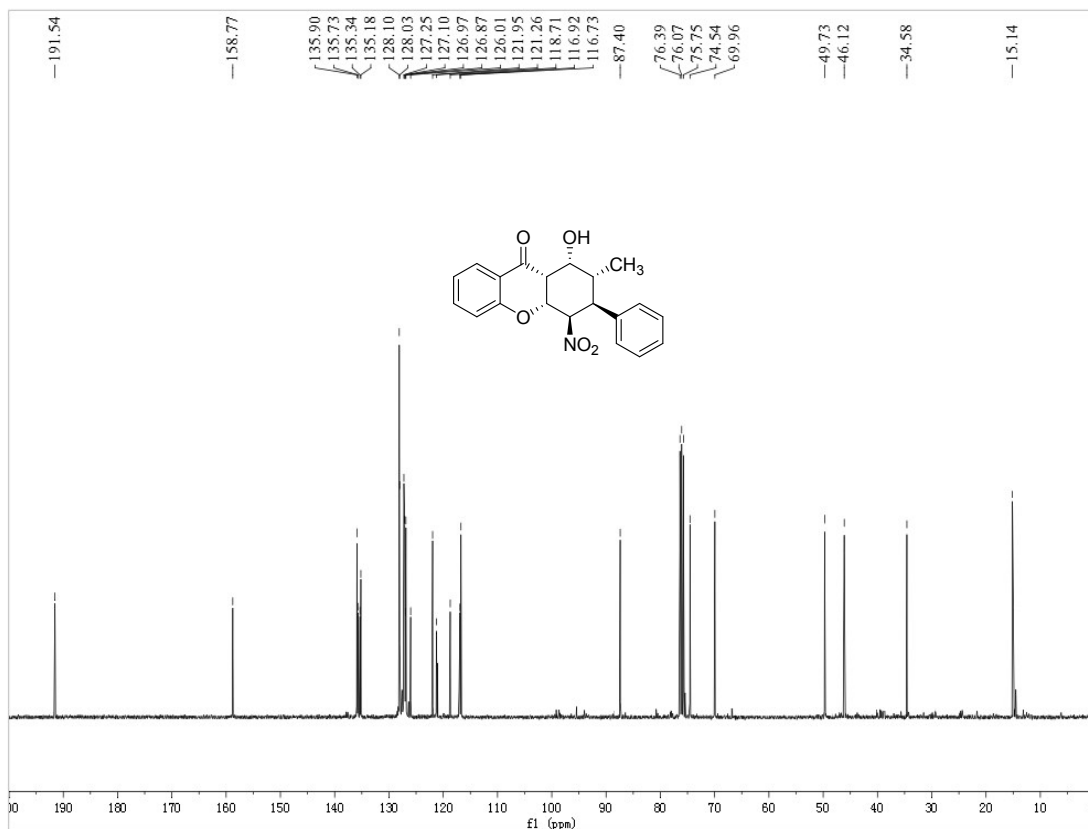
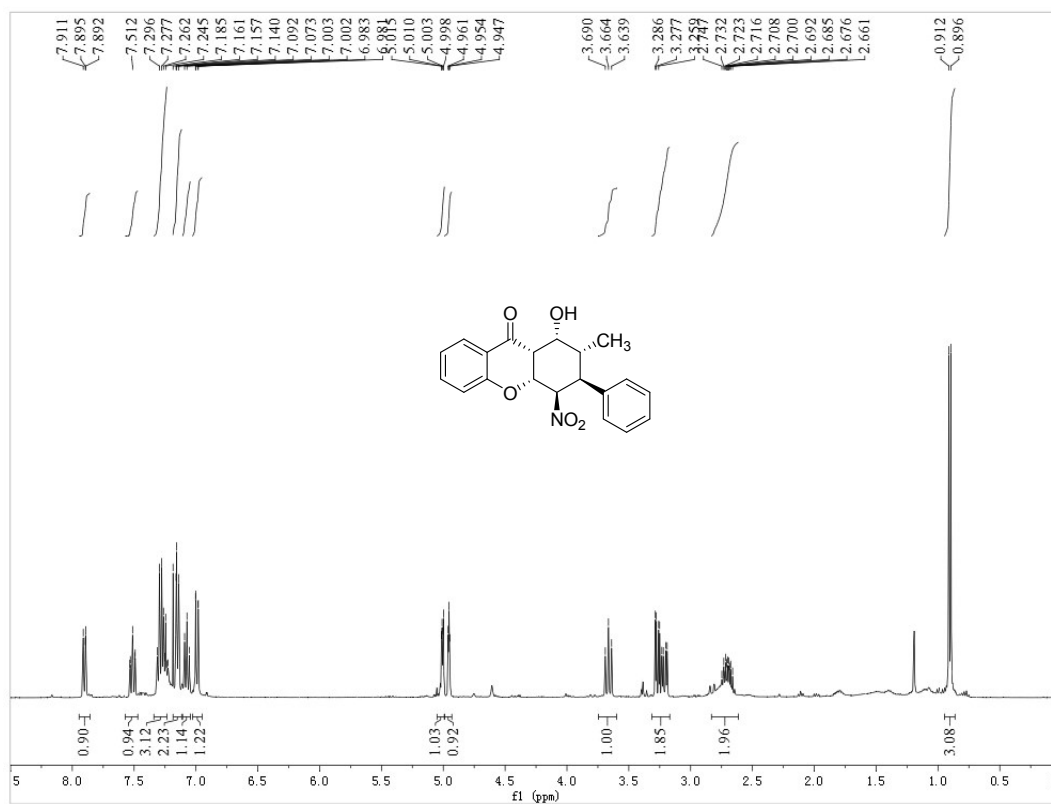
Identification code	<b>6b</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	450.08
Temperature/K	149.99(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pnma
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	12.5529(7), 6.6080(5), 19.3655(12)
α/°, β/°, γ/°	90, 90, 90.
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1606.36(18)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.861
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	6.584
F(000)	880.0
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.14 × 0.11 × 0.09
2θ range for data collection/°	78.394 to 147.074
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 15, -4 ≤ k ≤ 7, -22 ≤ l ≤ 23
Reflections collected	3861
Independent reflections	1716 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0488, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0442]
Data/restraints/parameters	1716/0/145
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.097
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0995, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2587
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1041, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2644
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.33/-1.17

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (*M* = 450.08 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group Pnma (no. 62), *a* = 12.5529(7) Å, *b* = 6.6080(5) Å, *c* = 19.3655(12) Å, *V* = 1606.36(18) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *T* = 149.99(10) K, μ(Cu Kα) = 6.584 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *D*<sub>calc</sub> = 1.861 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 3861 reflections measured (8.394° ≤ 2θ ≤ 147.074°), 1716 unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0488, *R*<sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0442) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*<sub>1</sub> was 0.0995 (*I* > 2σ(*I*)) and *wR*<sub>2</sub> was 0.2644 (all data).

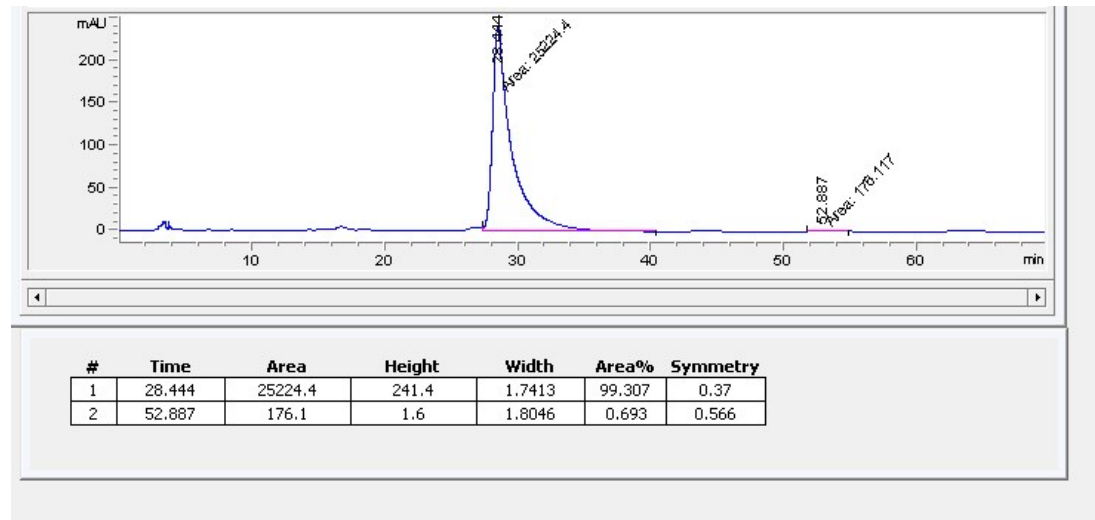
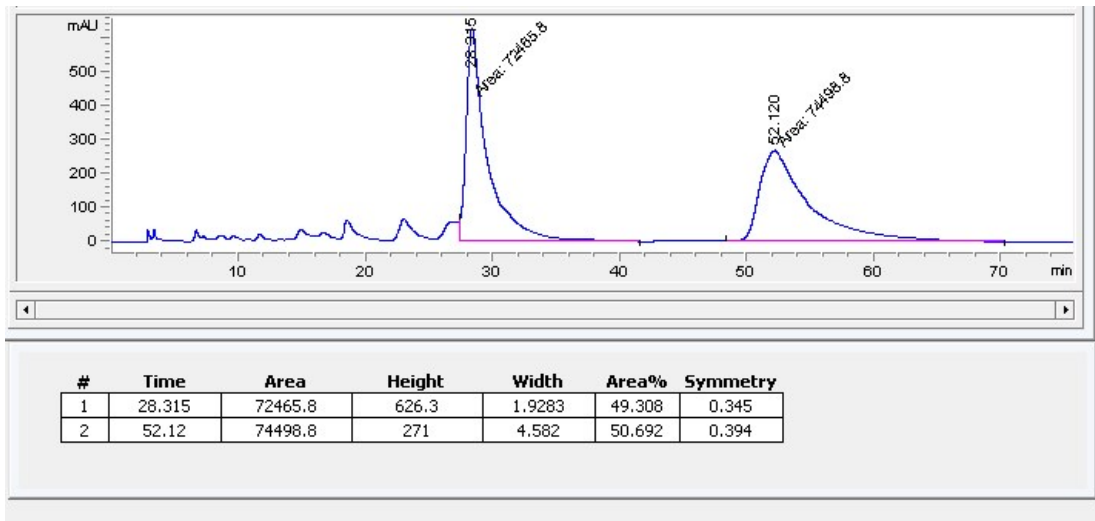


10. The copies of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and HPLC spectra for compounds 5-7

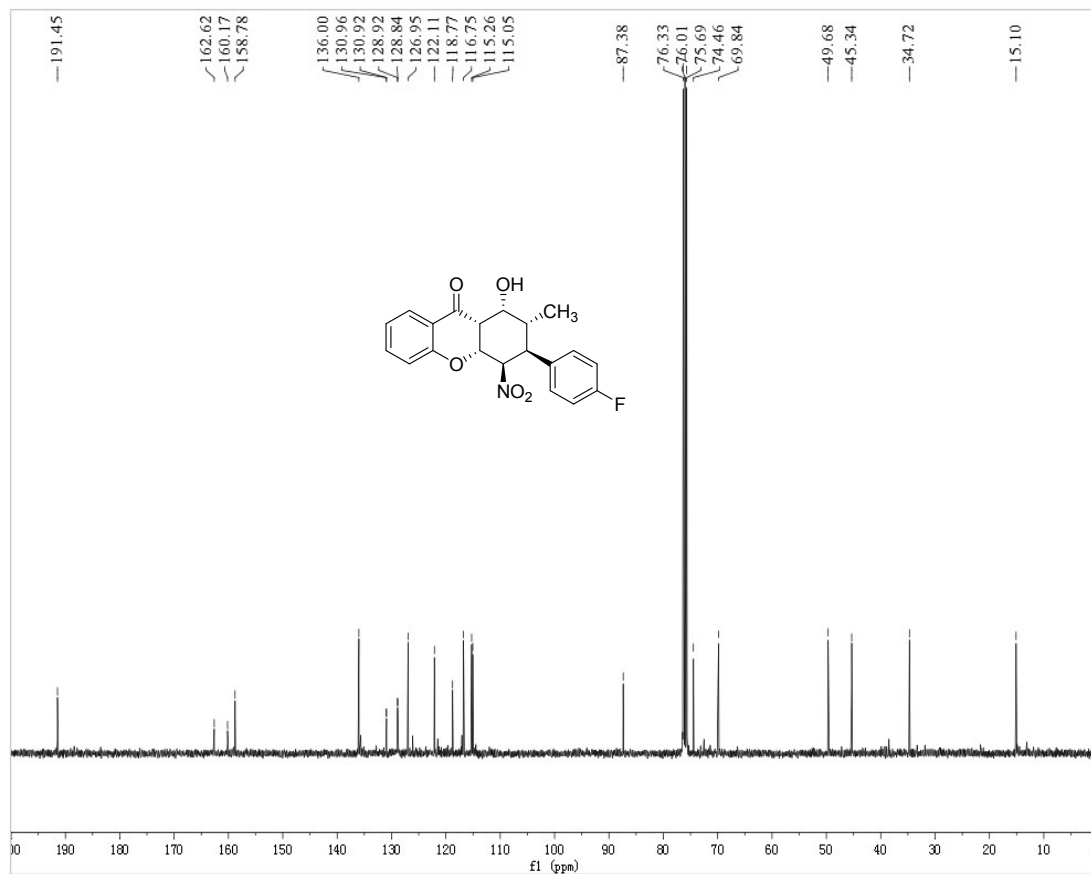
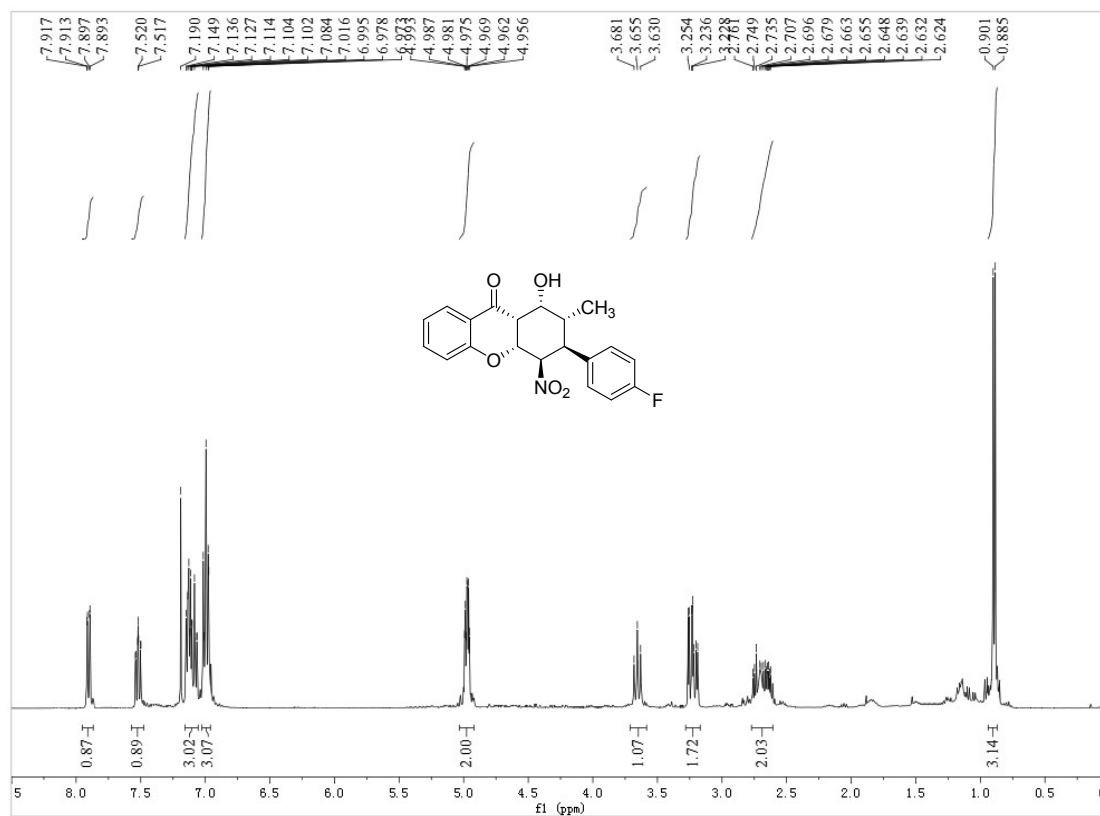
$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 5a



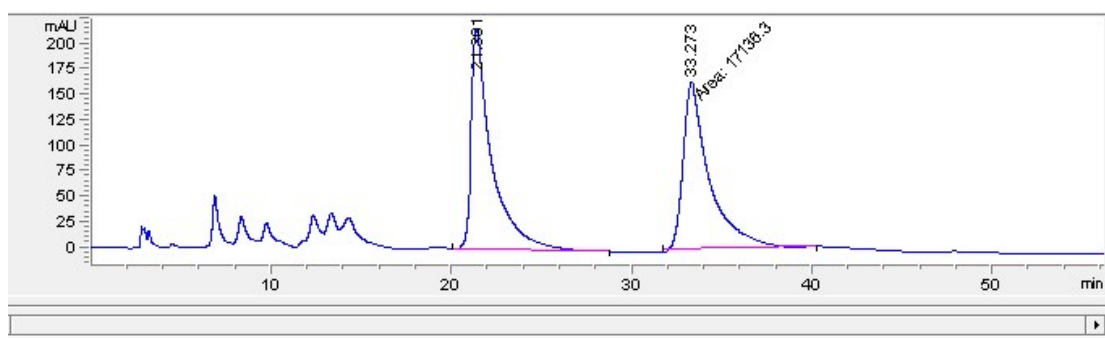
### HPLC of 5a



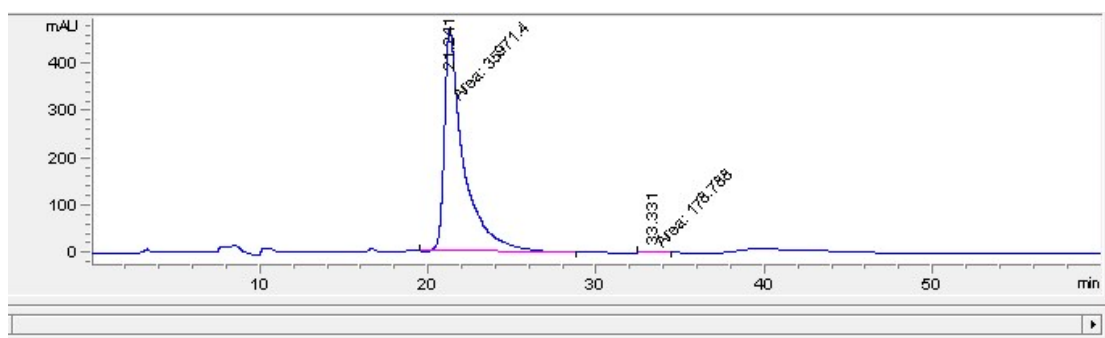
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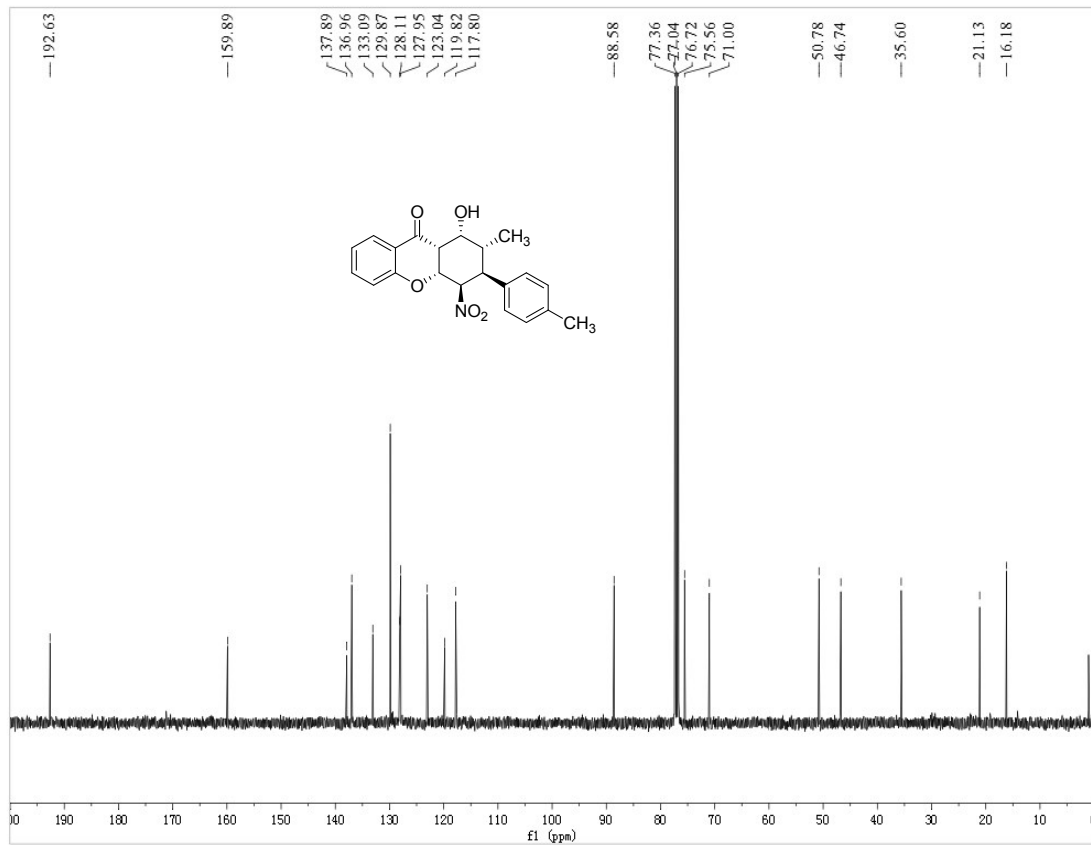
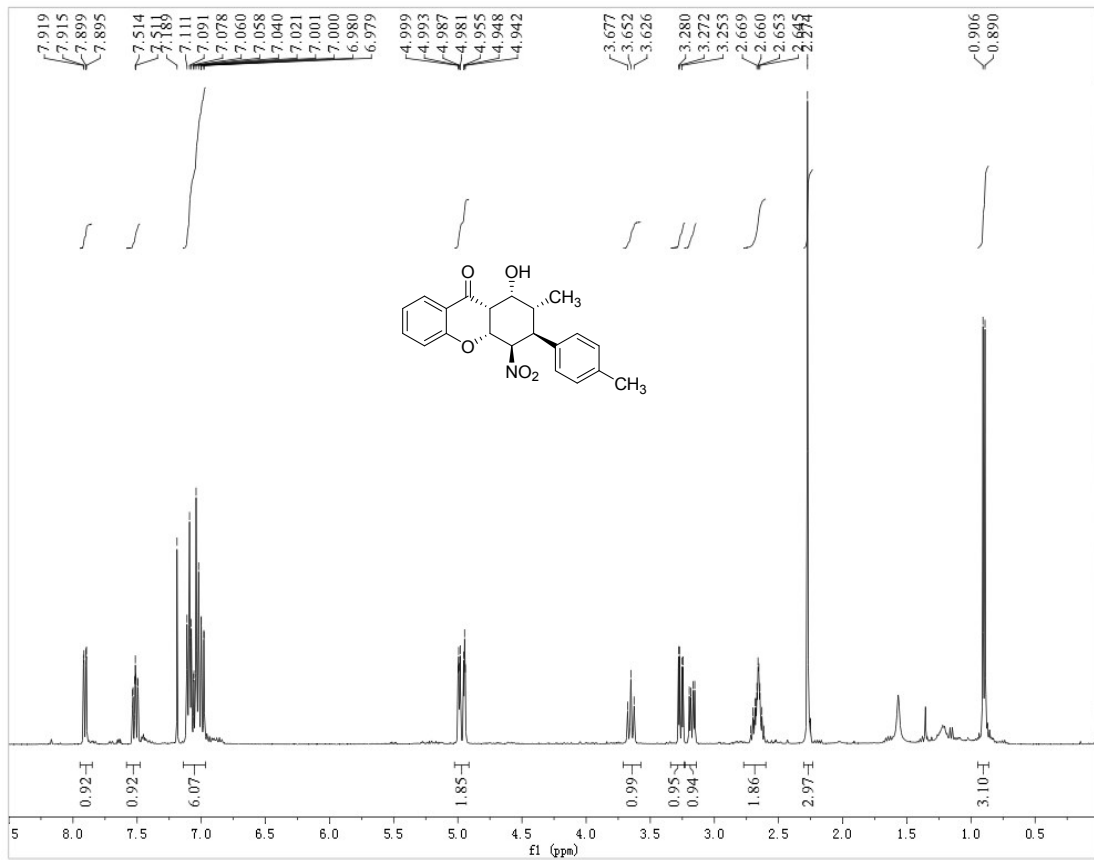


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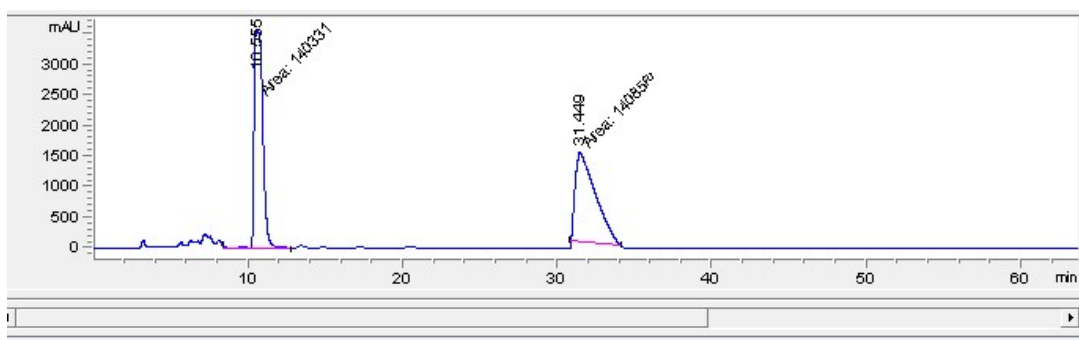


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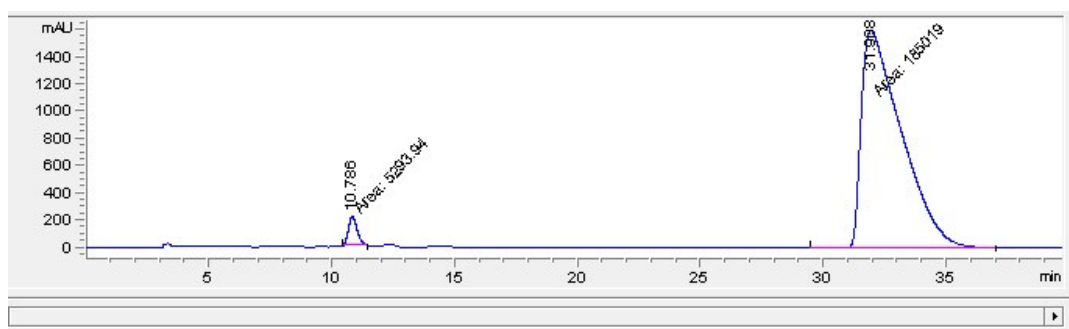
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### HPLC of 5c

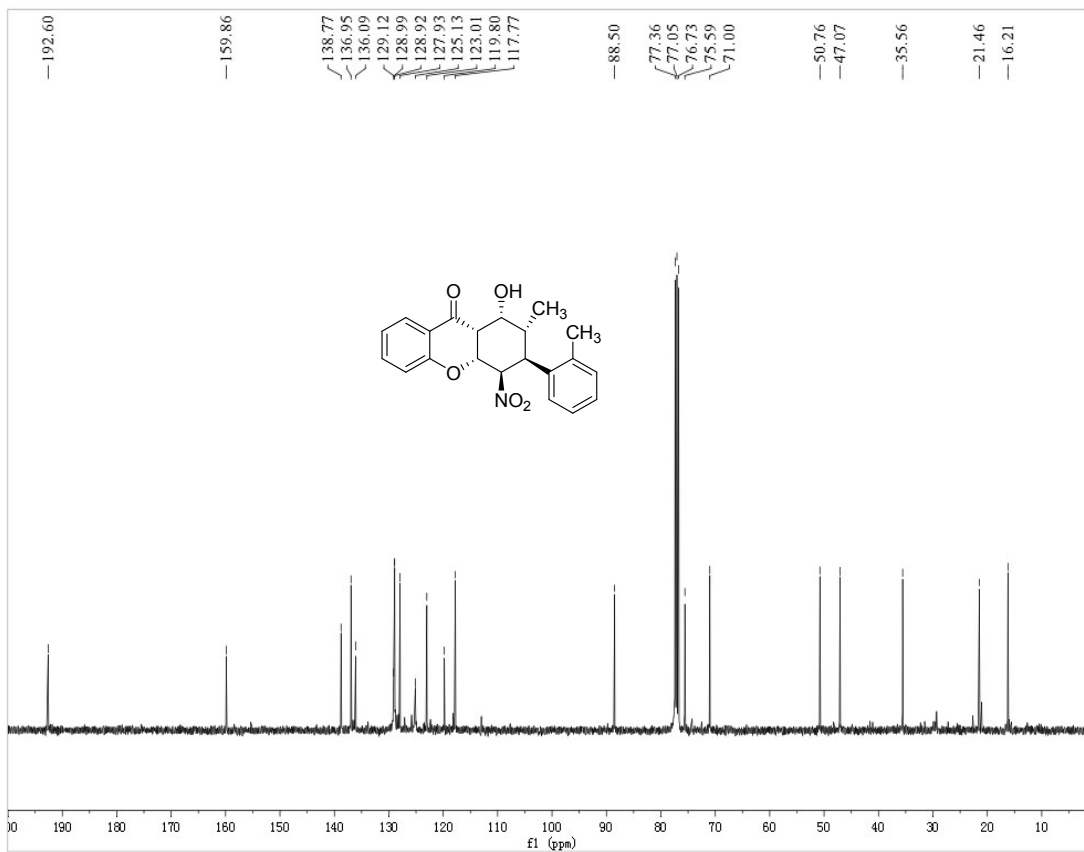
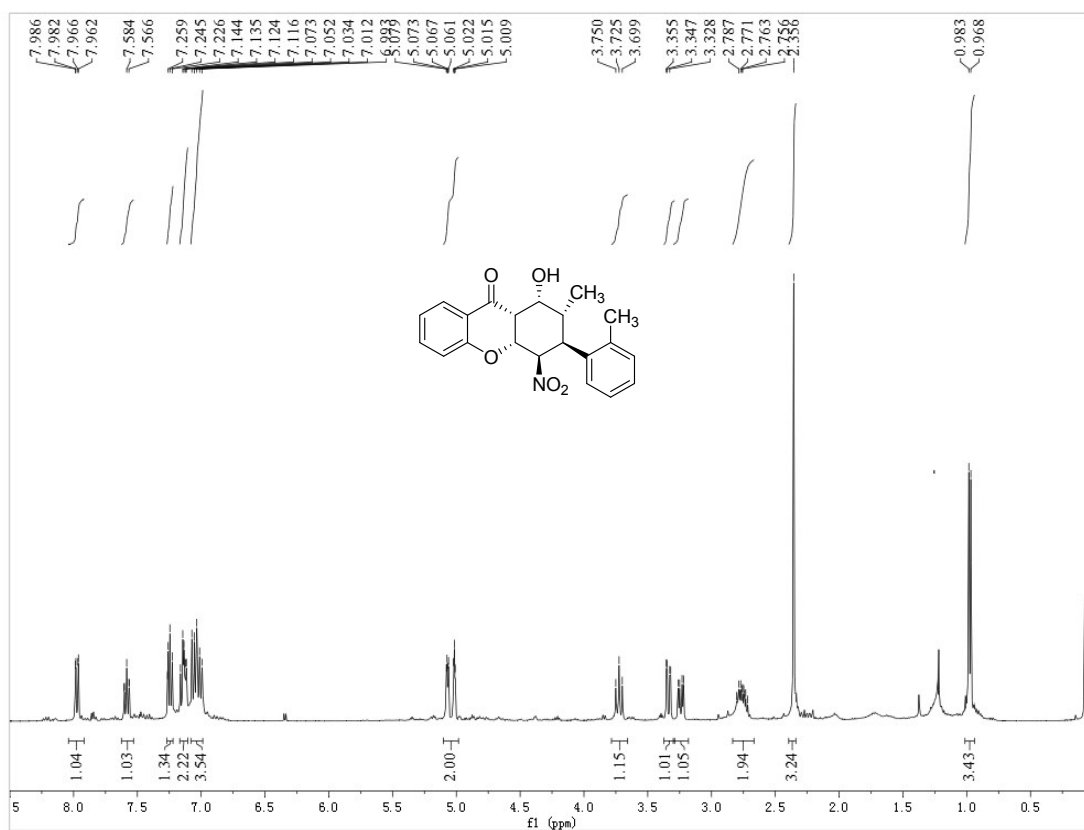


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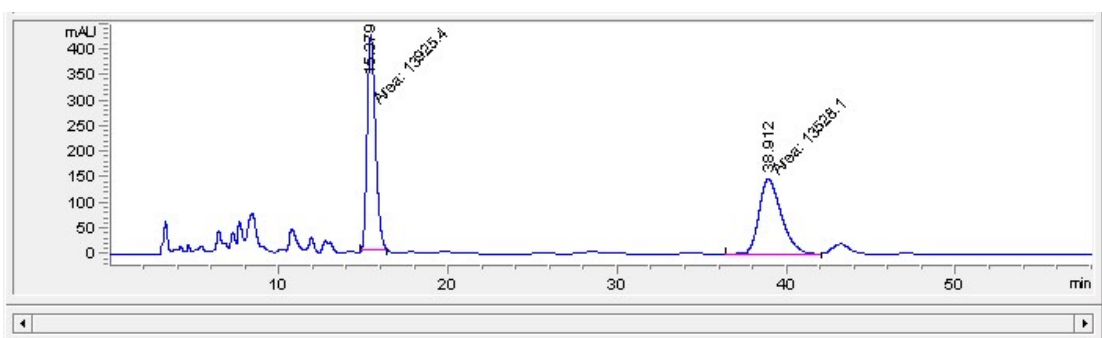


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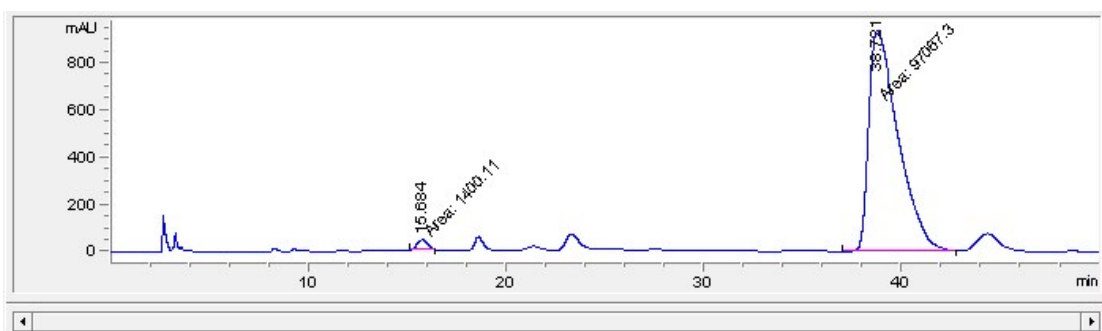
$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5d**



### HPLC of 5d



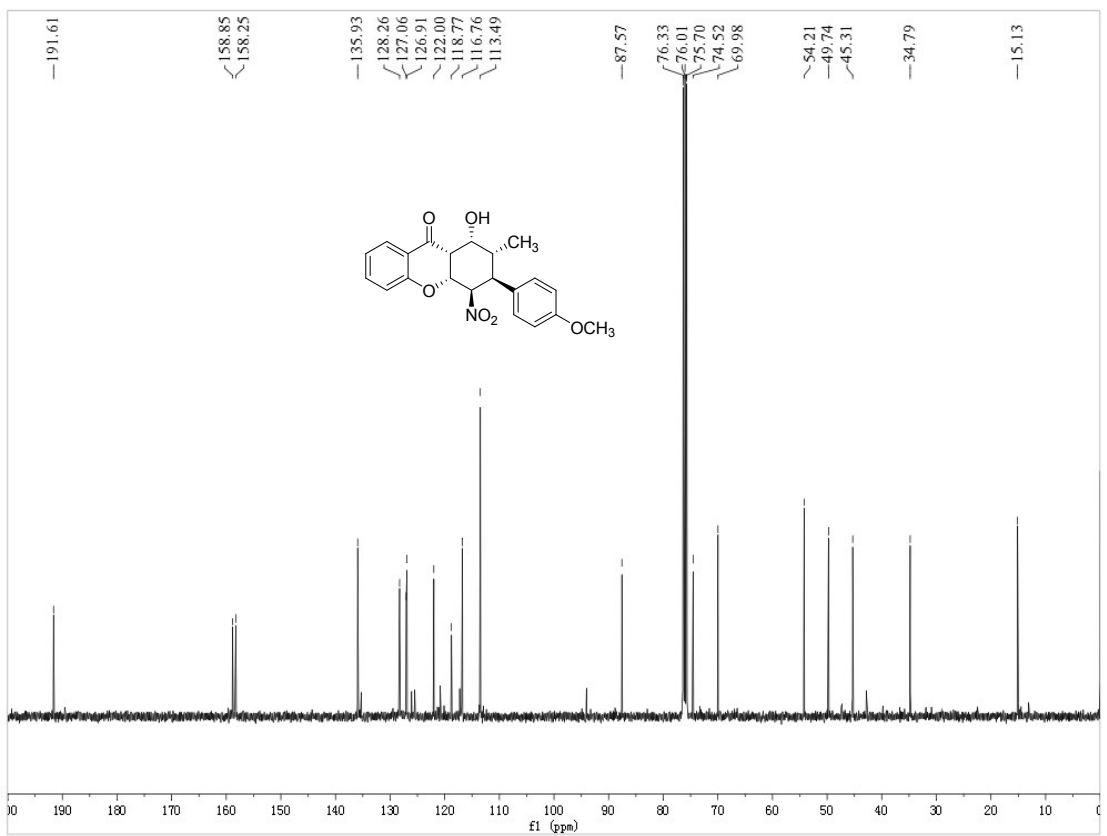
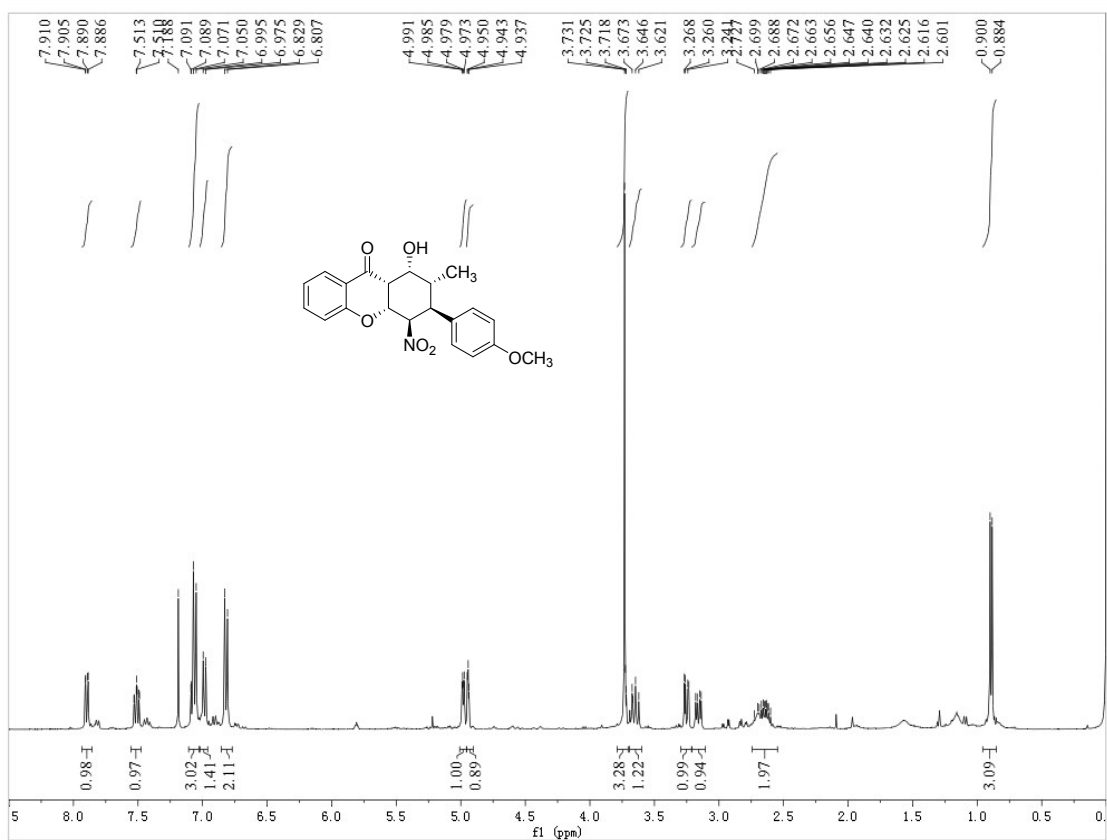
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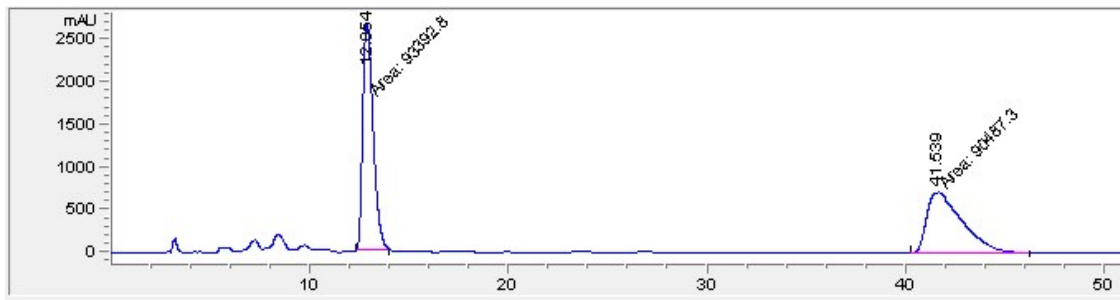
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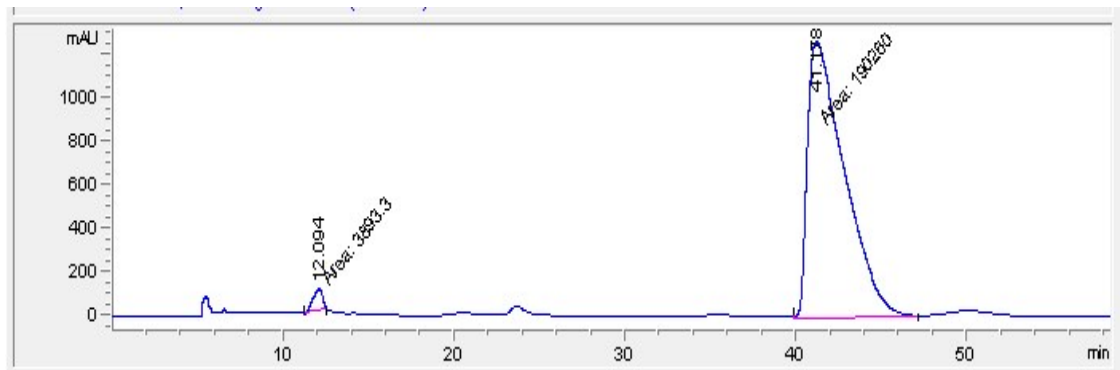
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### HPLC of 5e

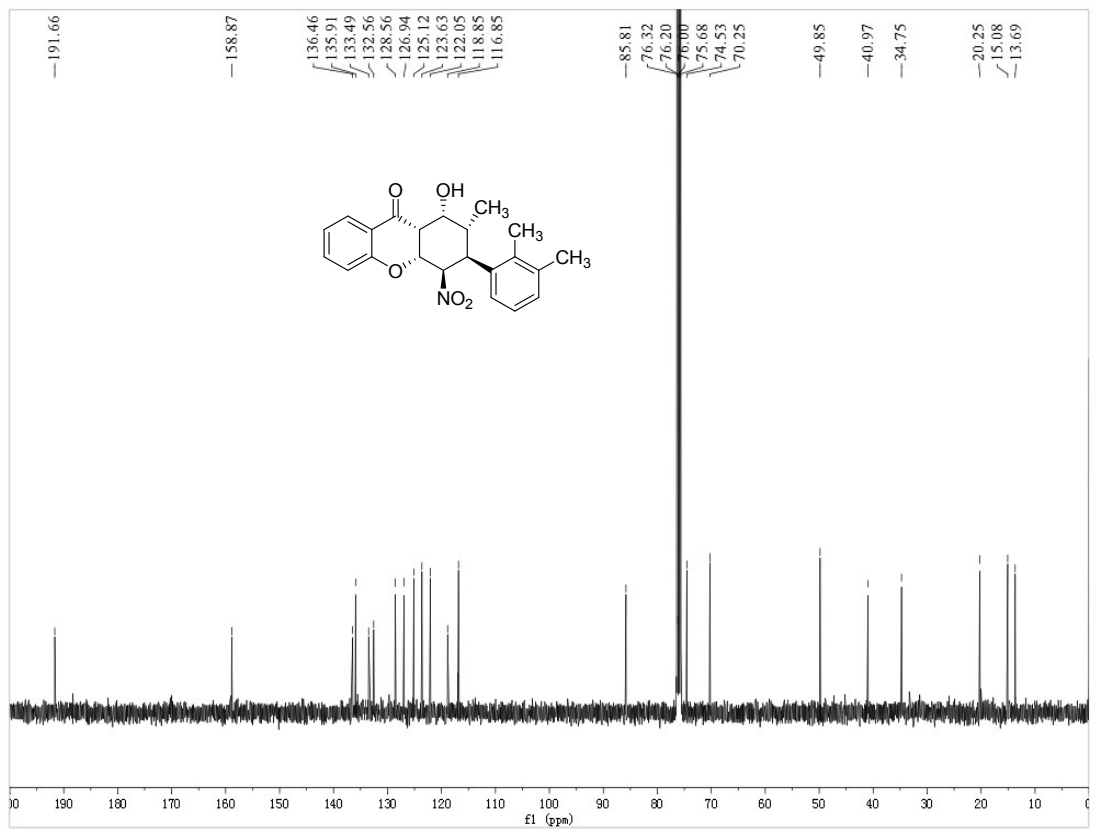
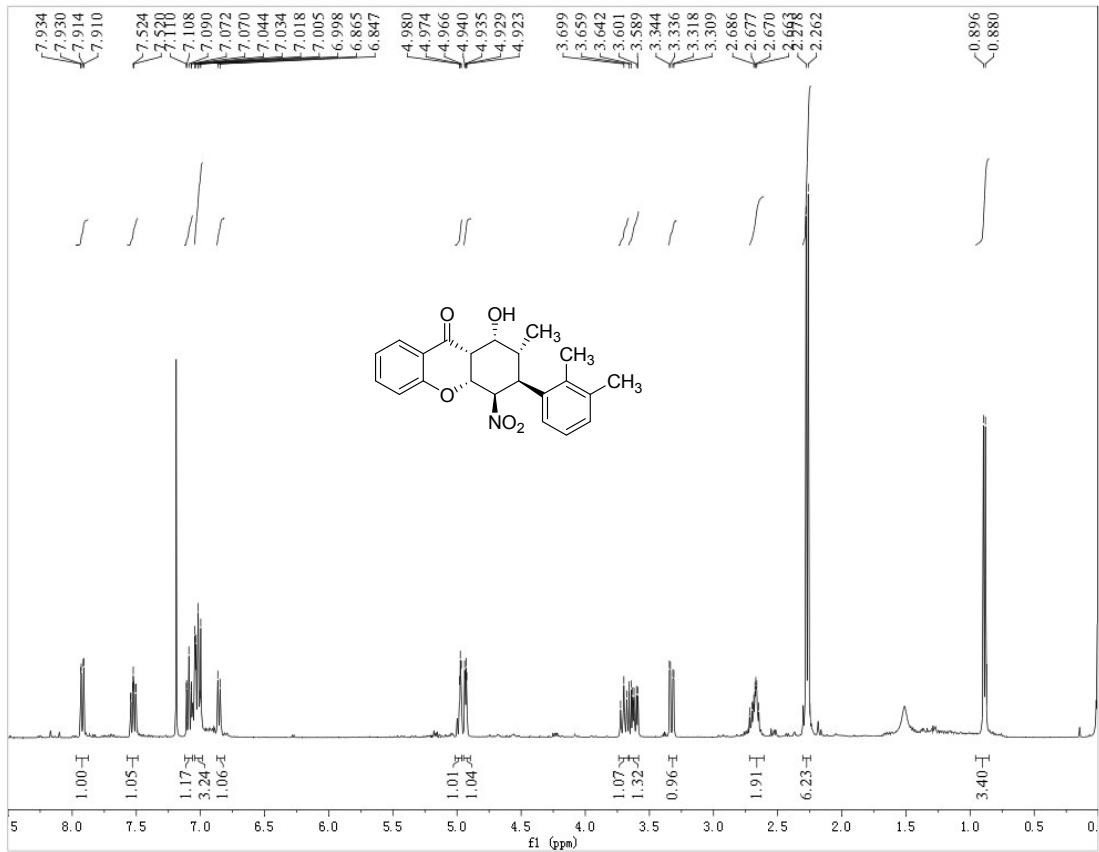


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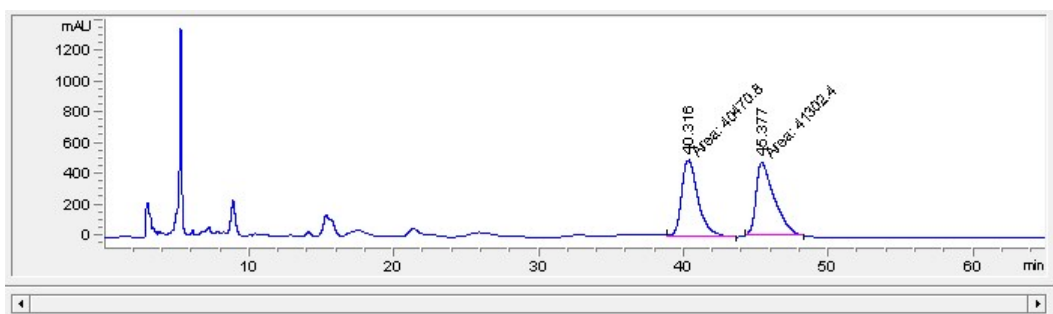


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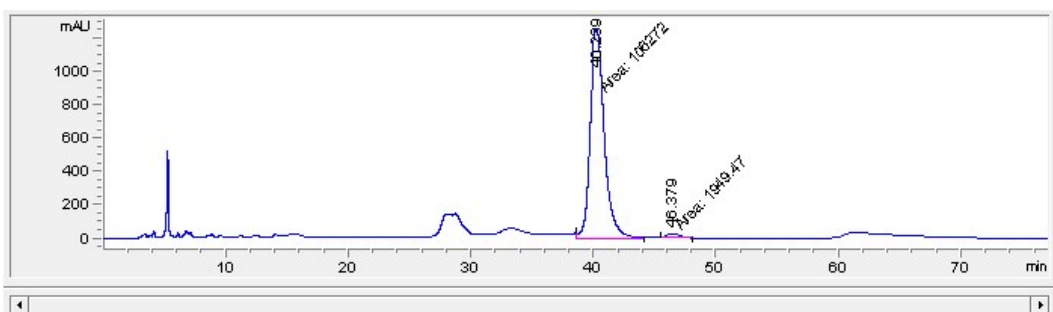
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### HPLC of 5f

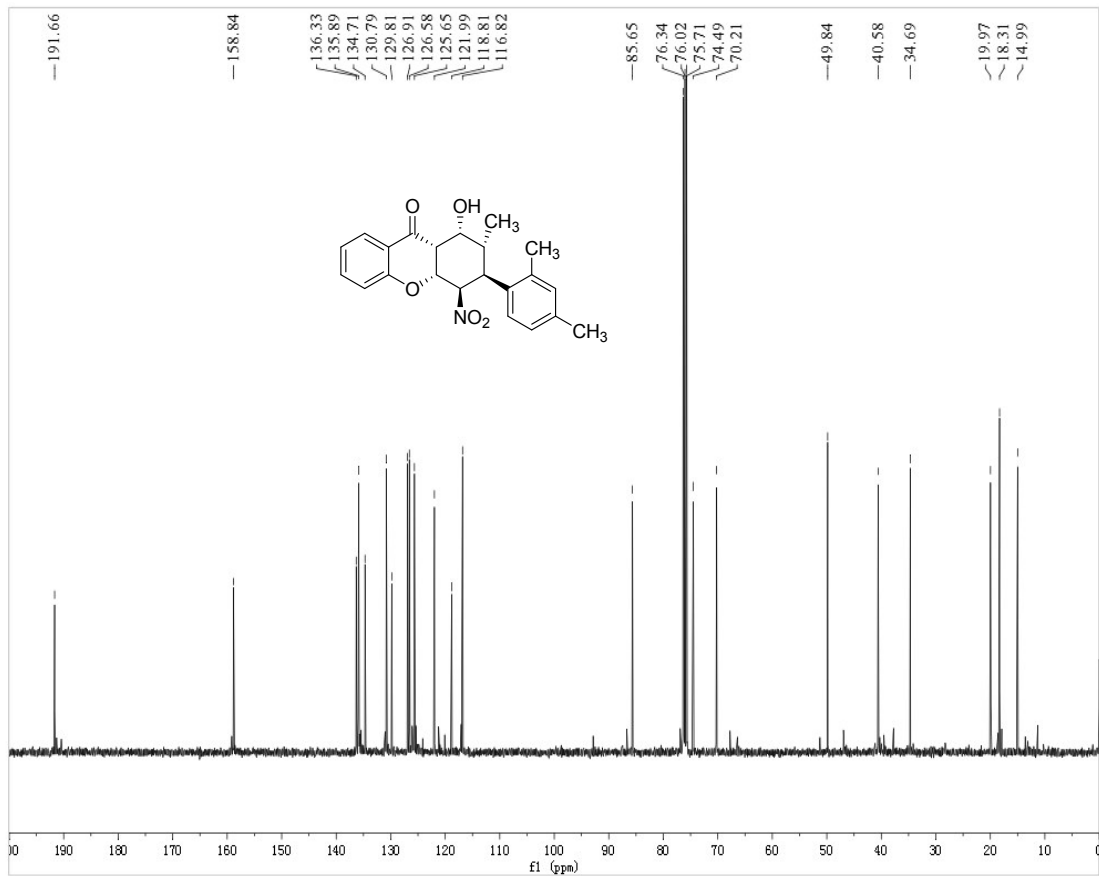
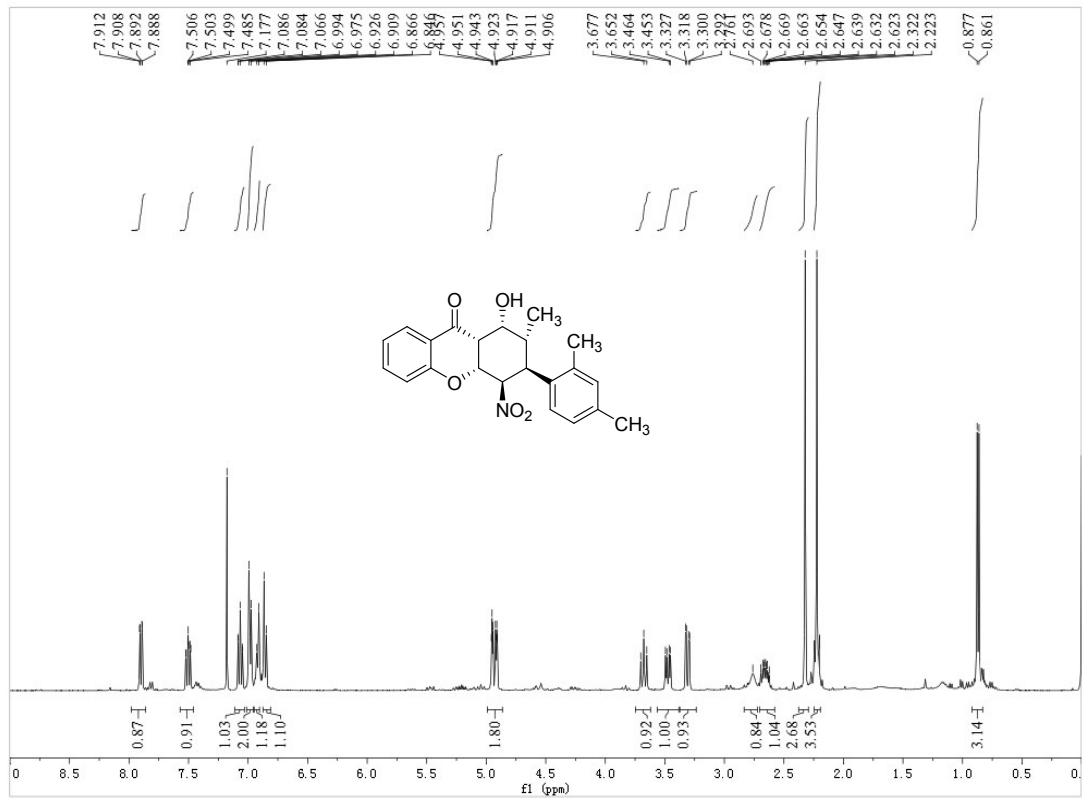


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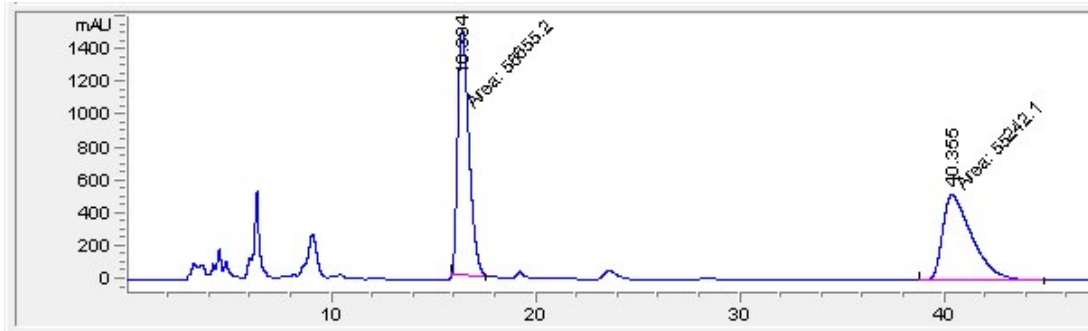


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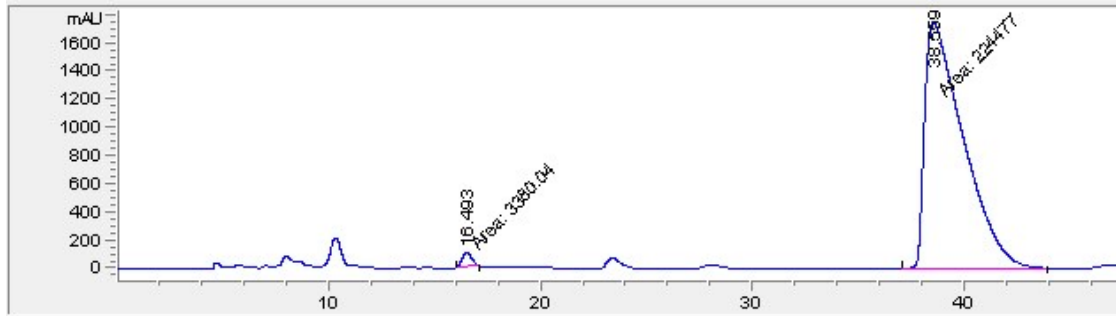
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### HPLC of 5g

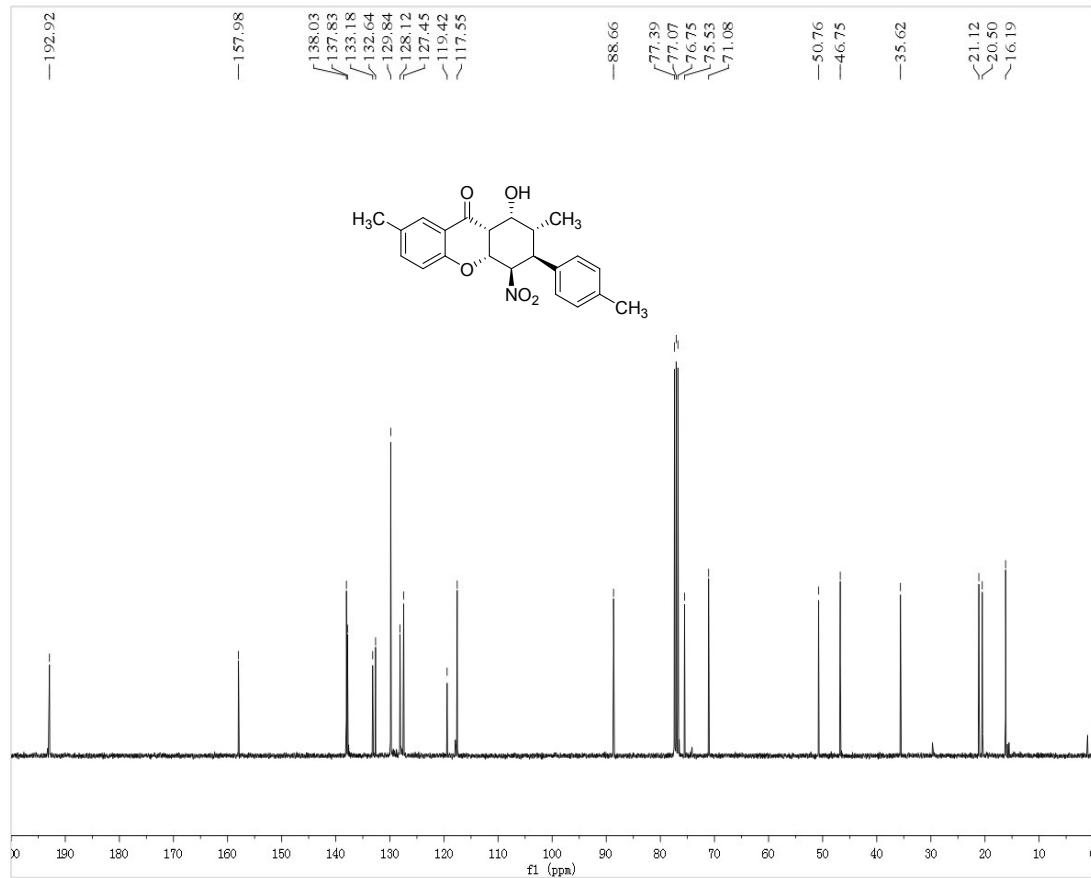
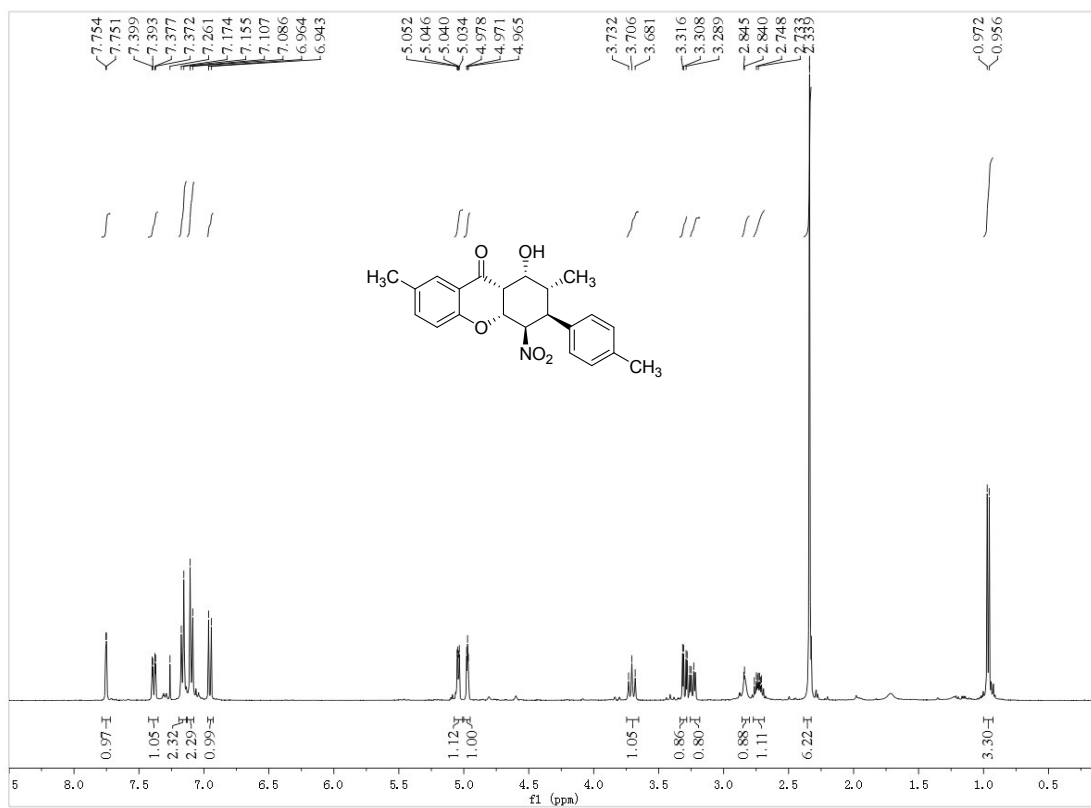


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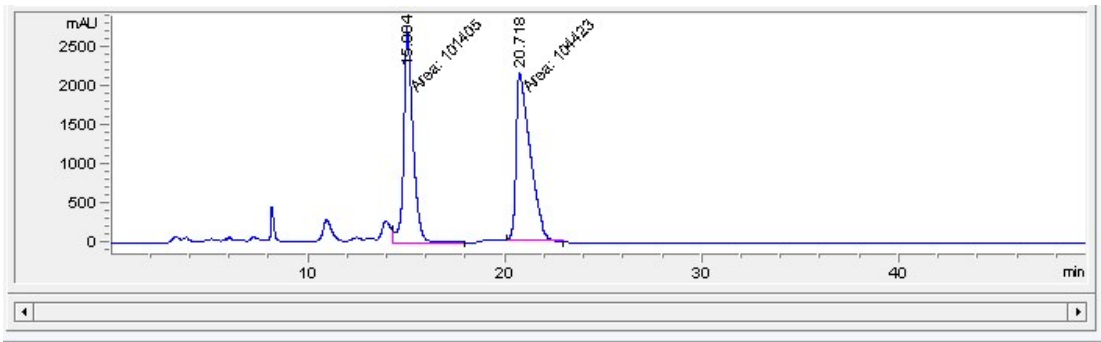


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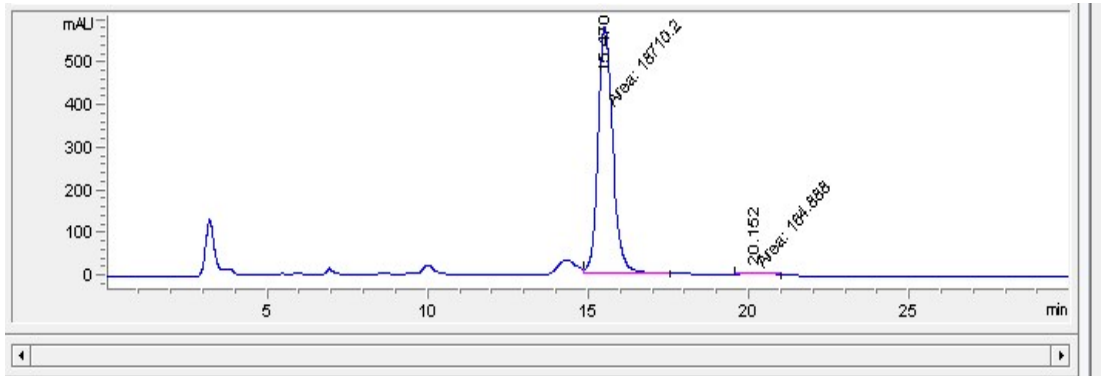
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### HPLC of 5h



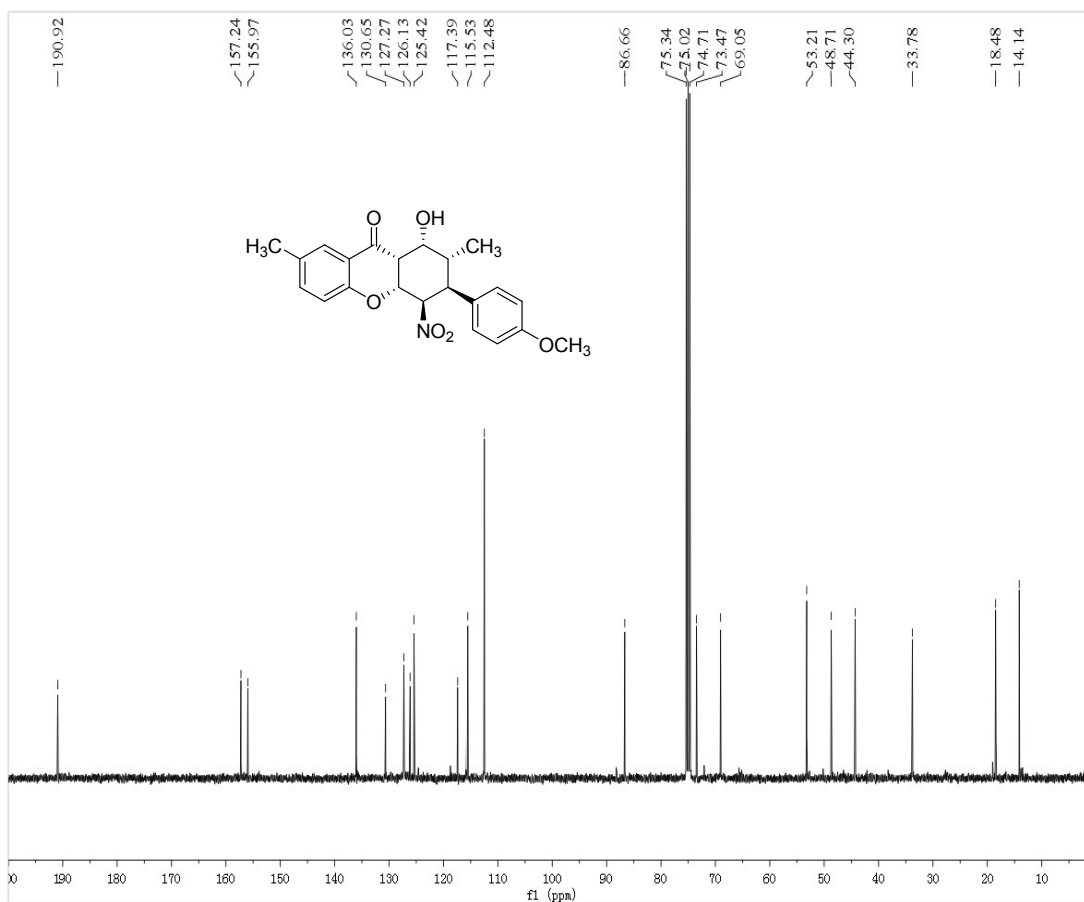
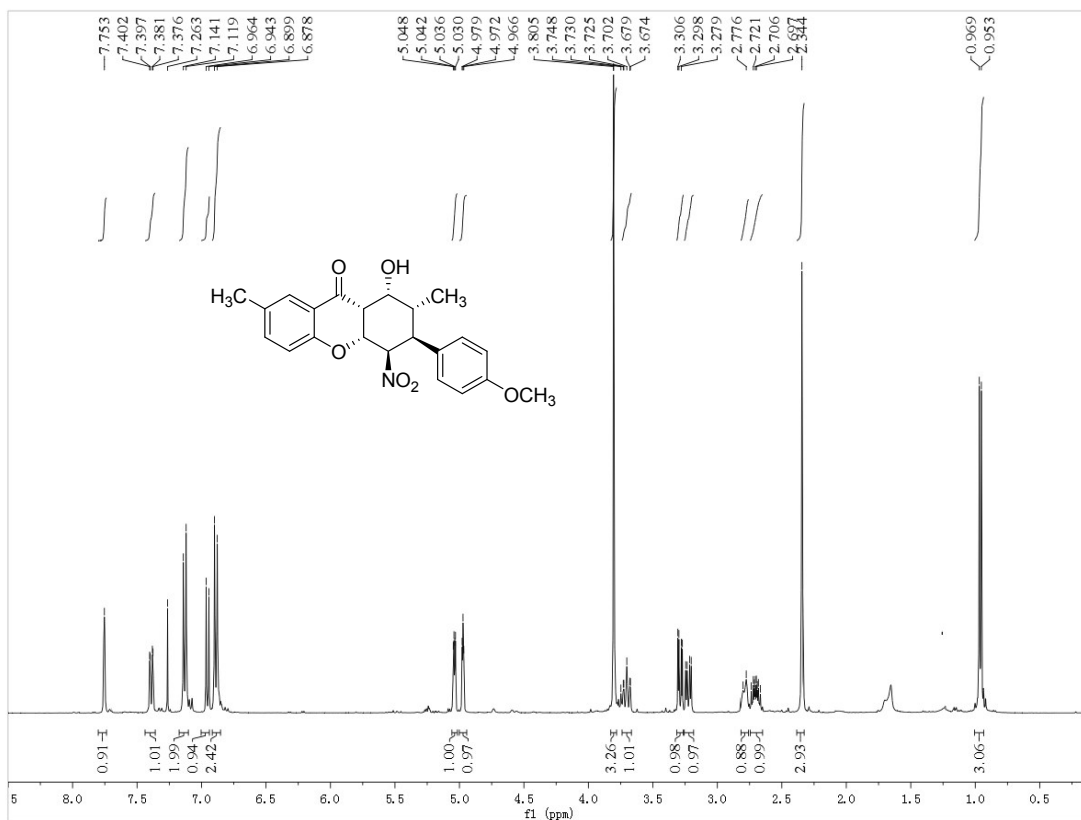
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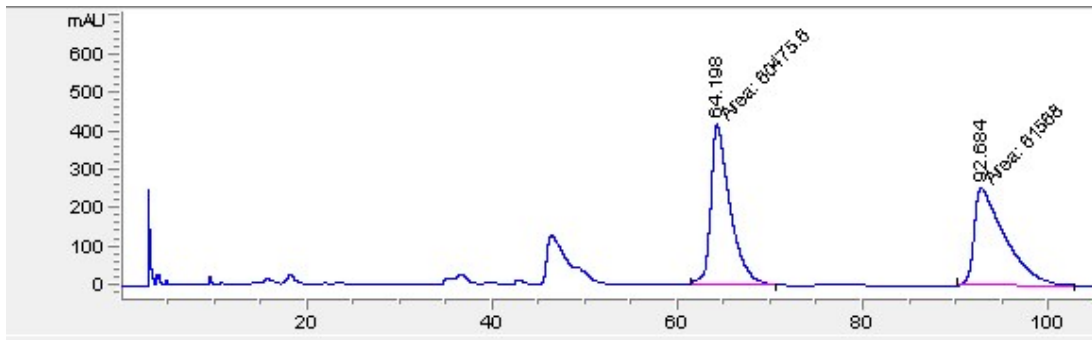
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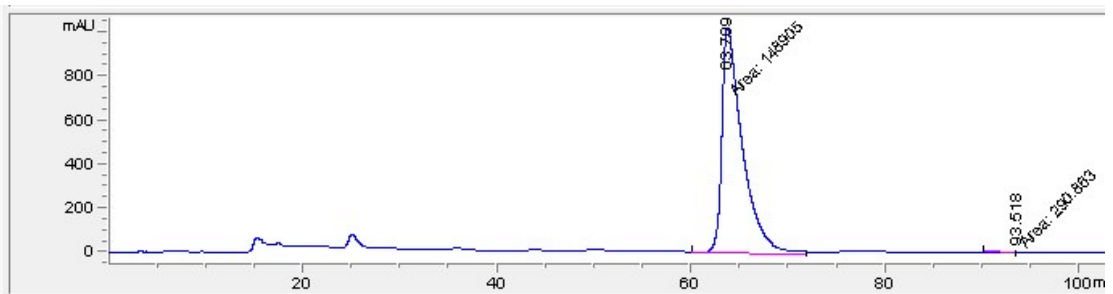
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### HPLC of 5i

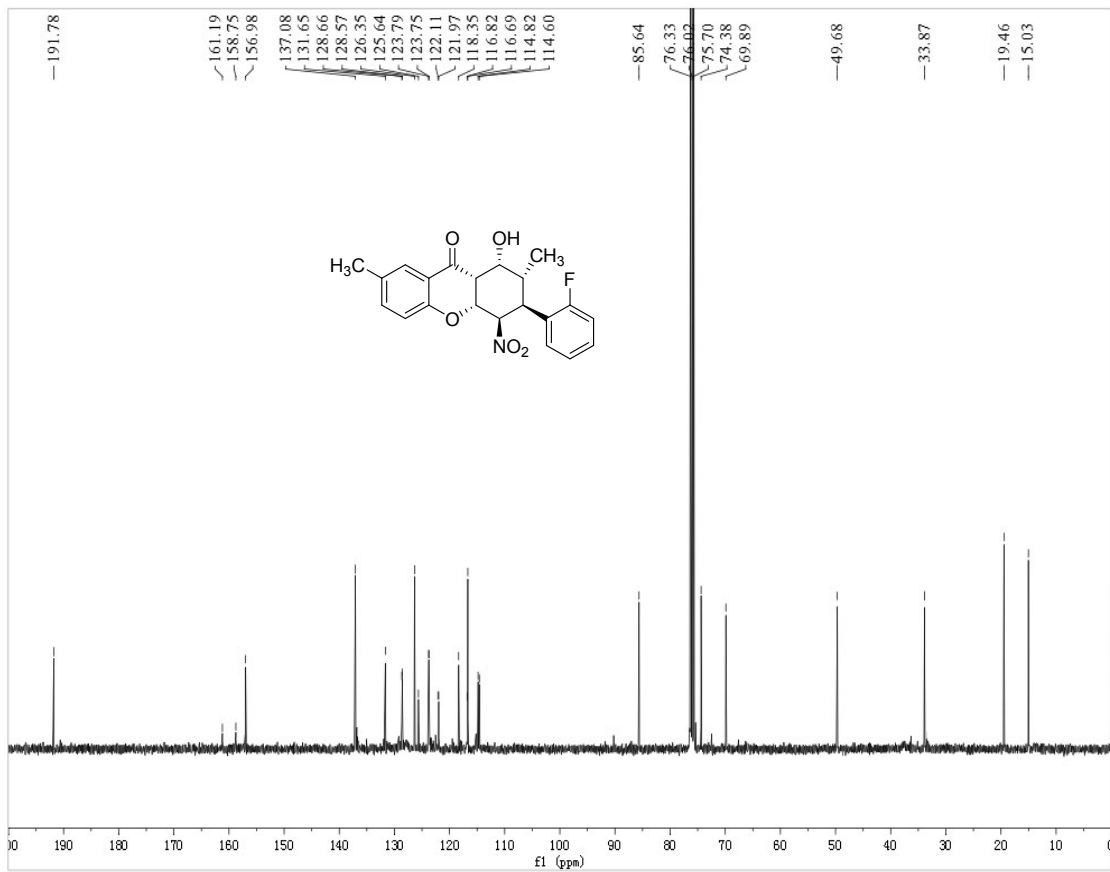
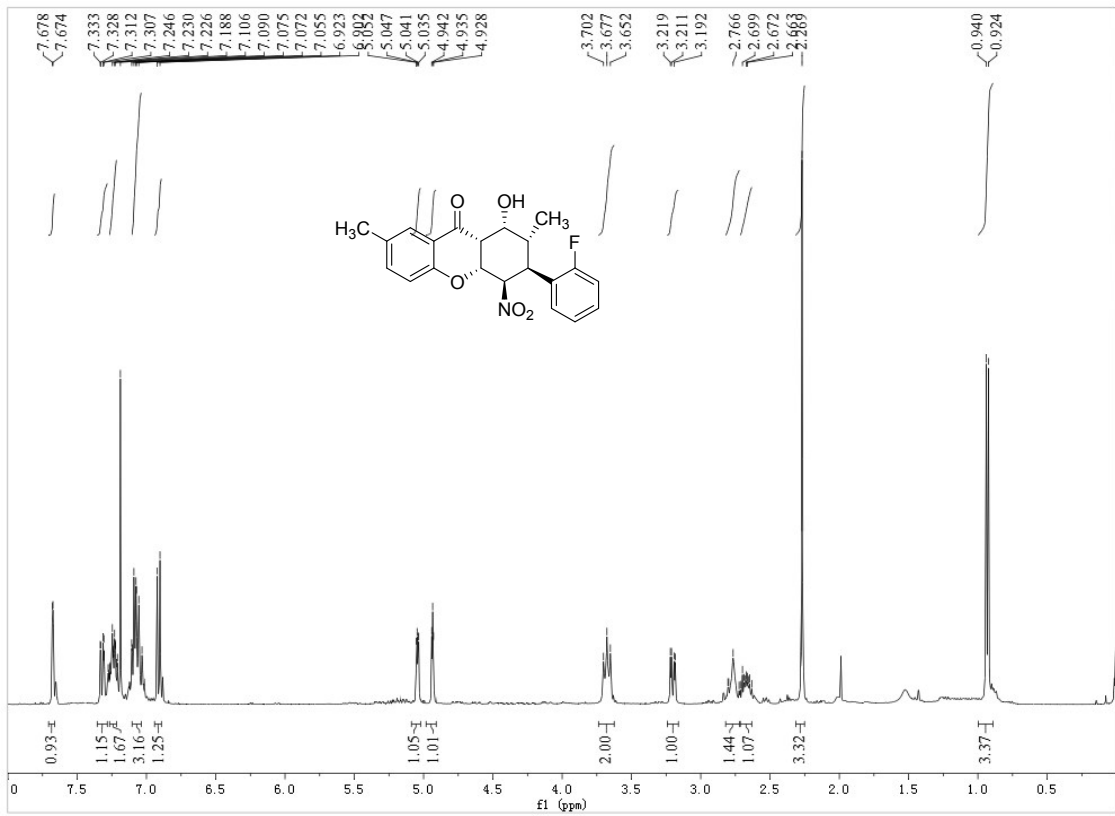


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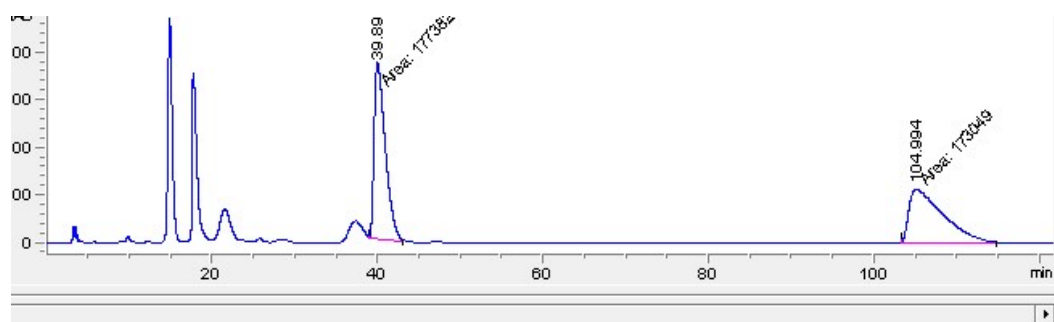


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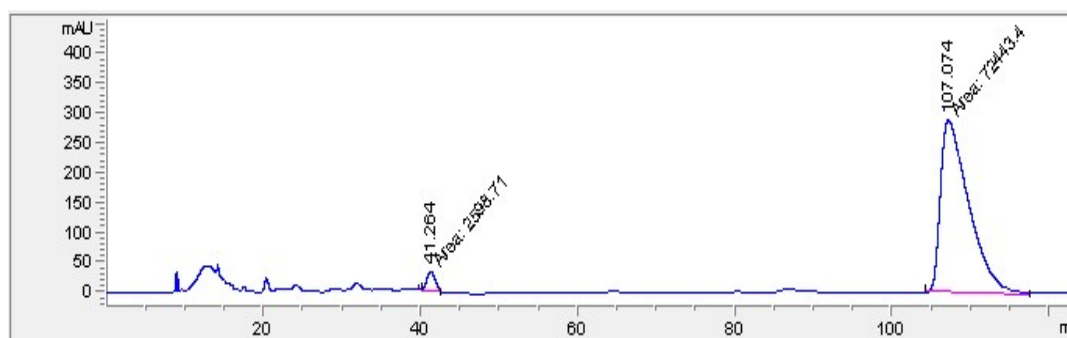
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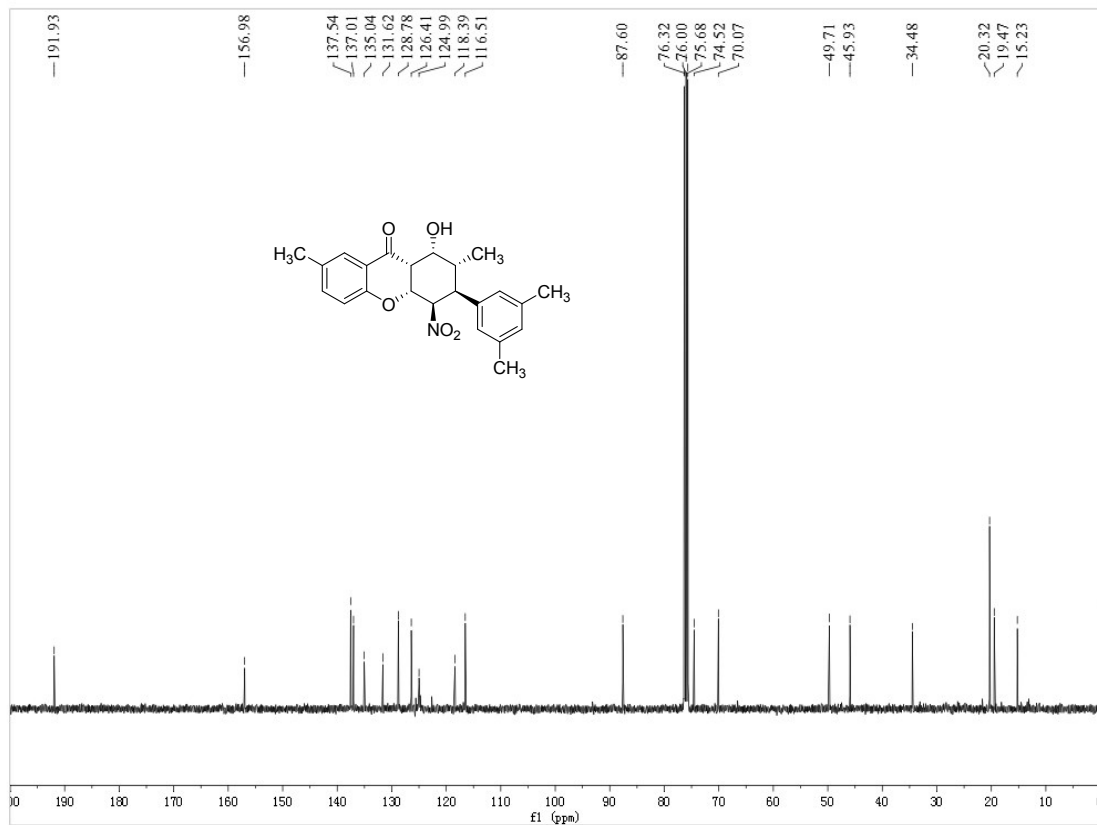
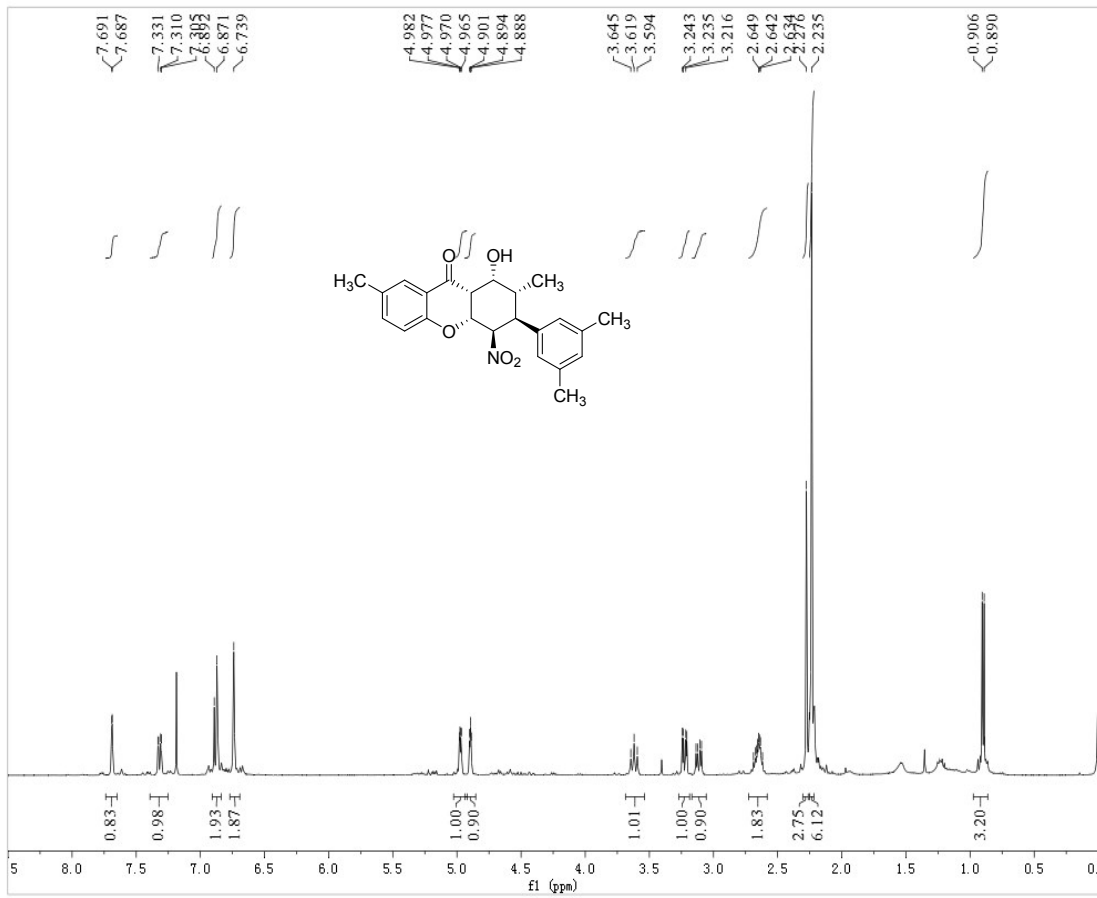


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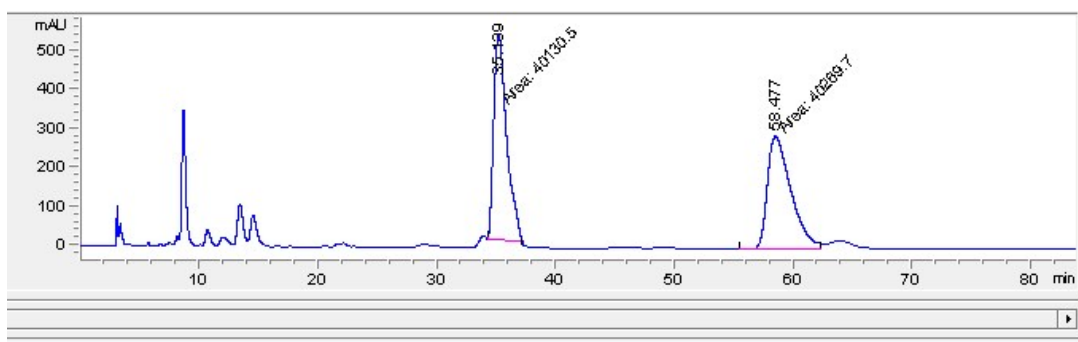


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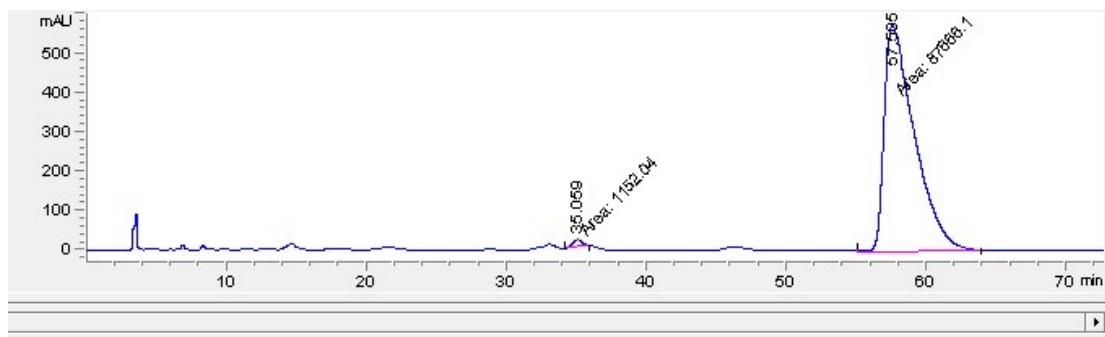
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### HPLC of 5k

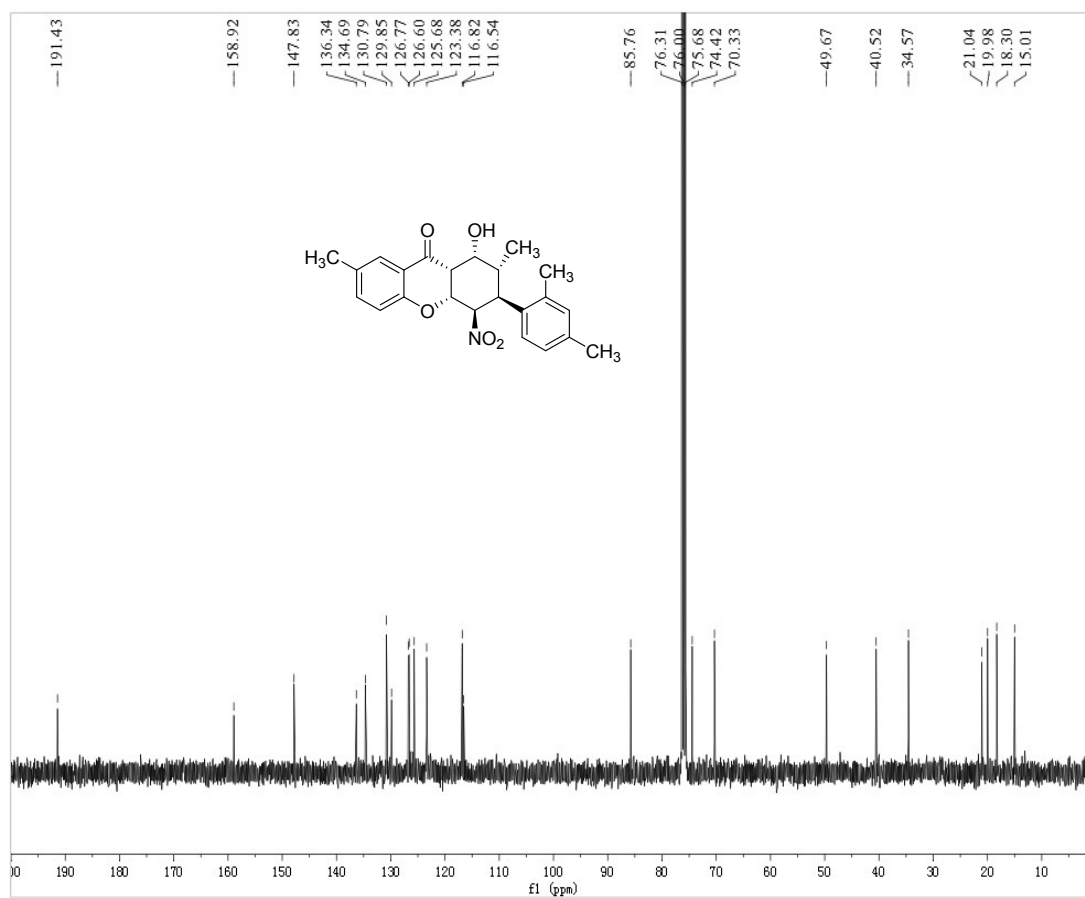
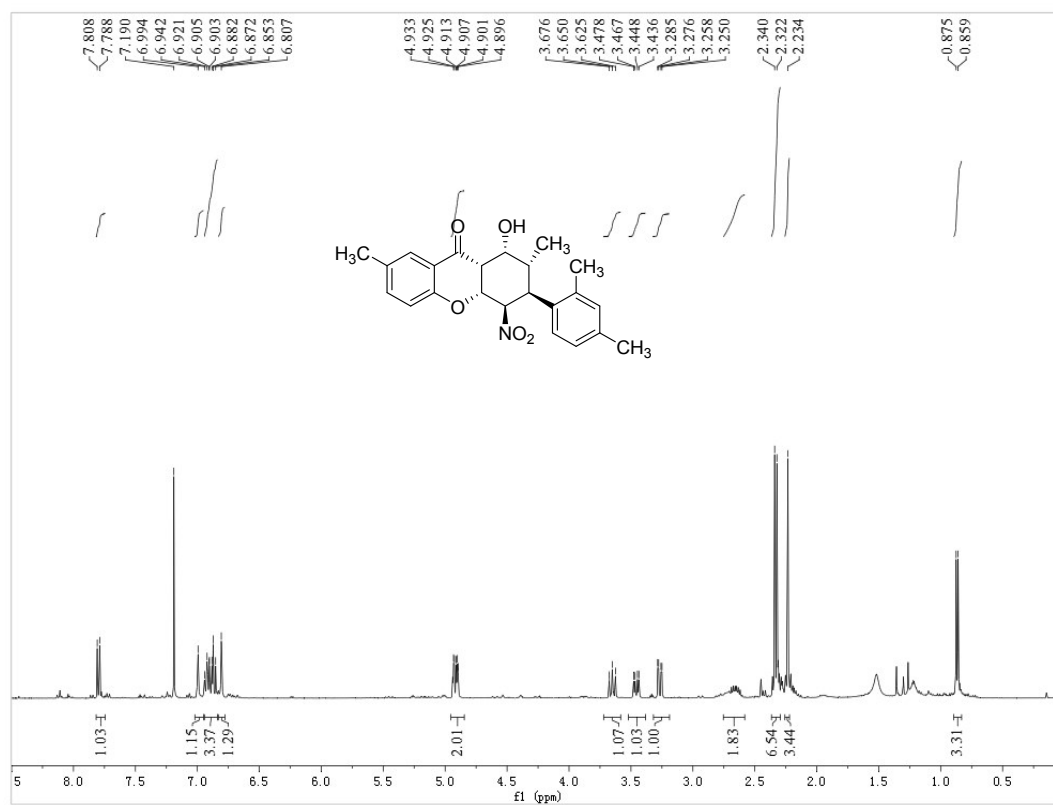


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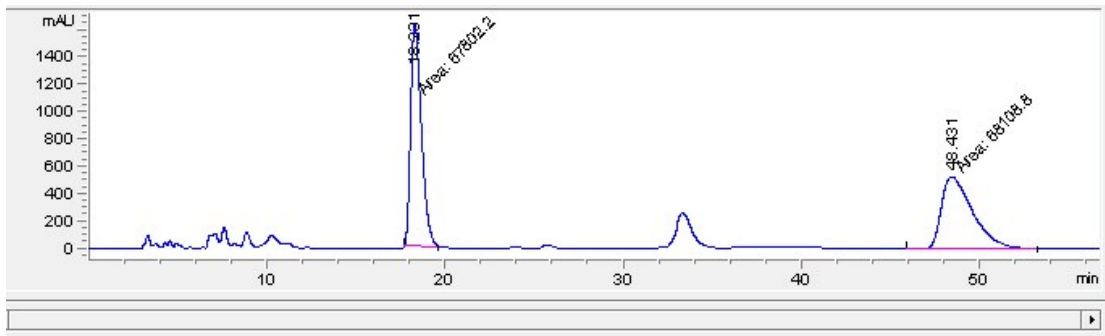


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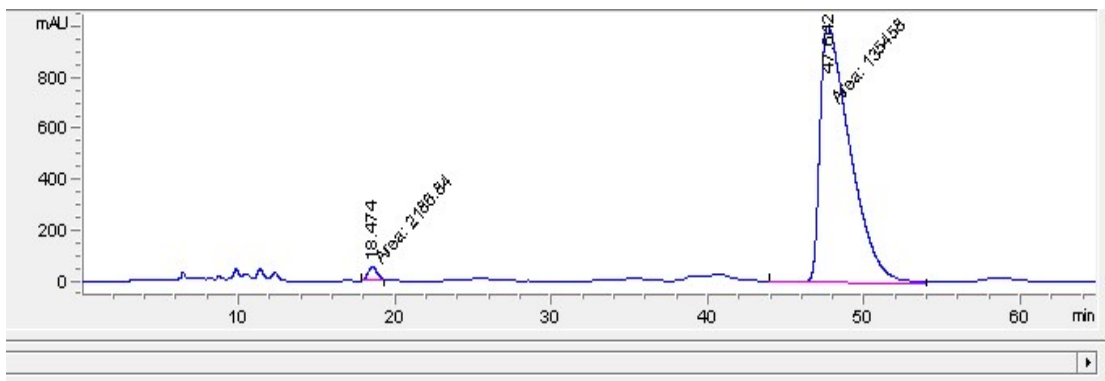
# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **51**



### HPLC of 5I



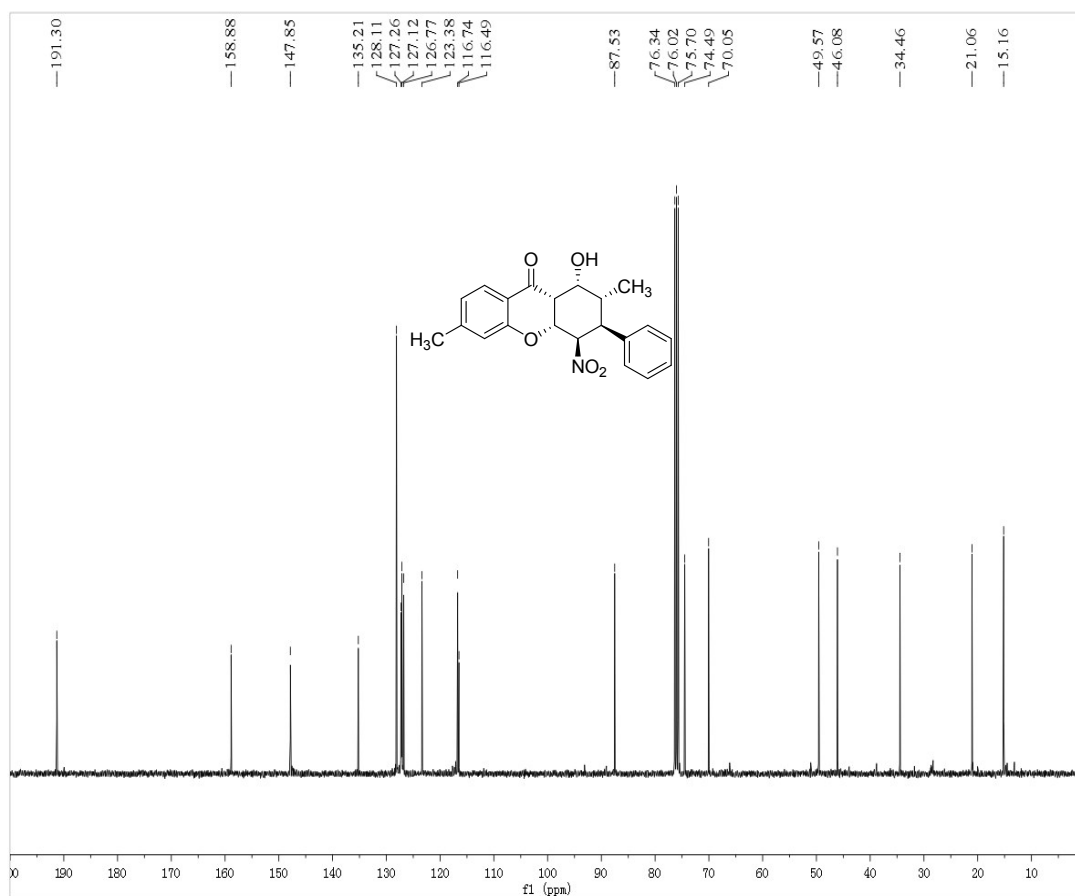
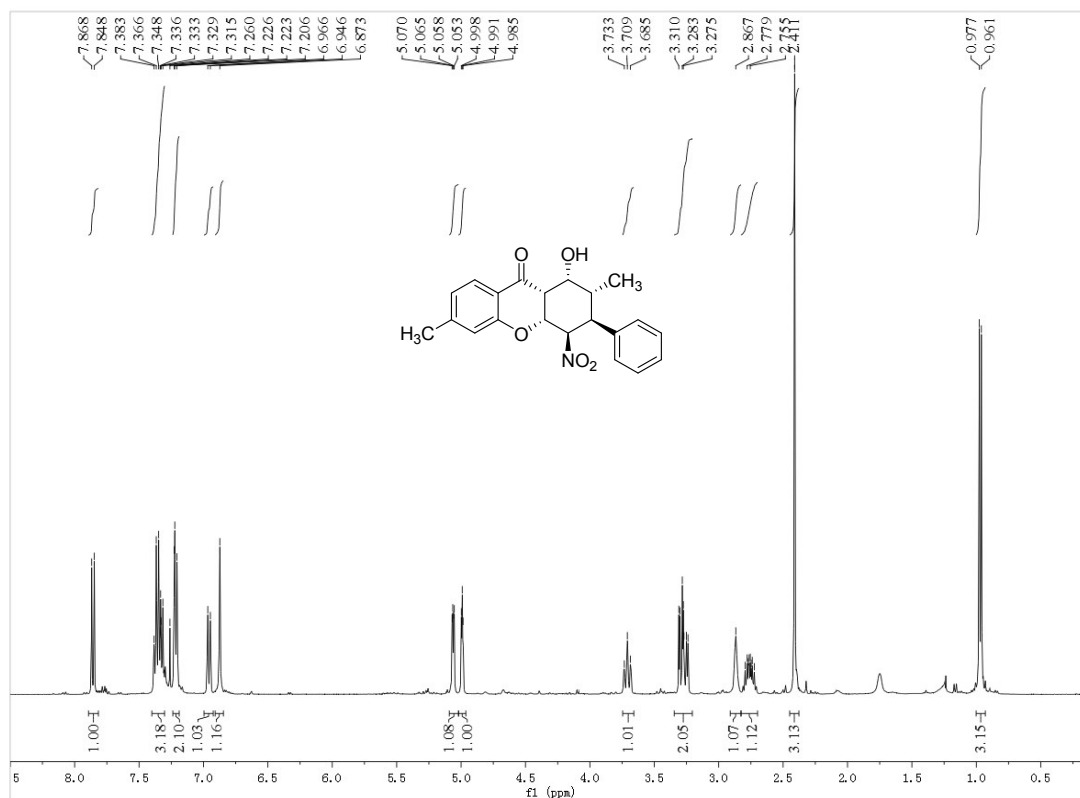
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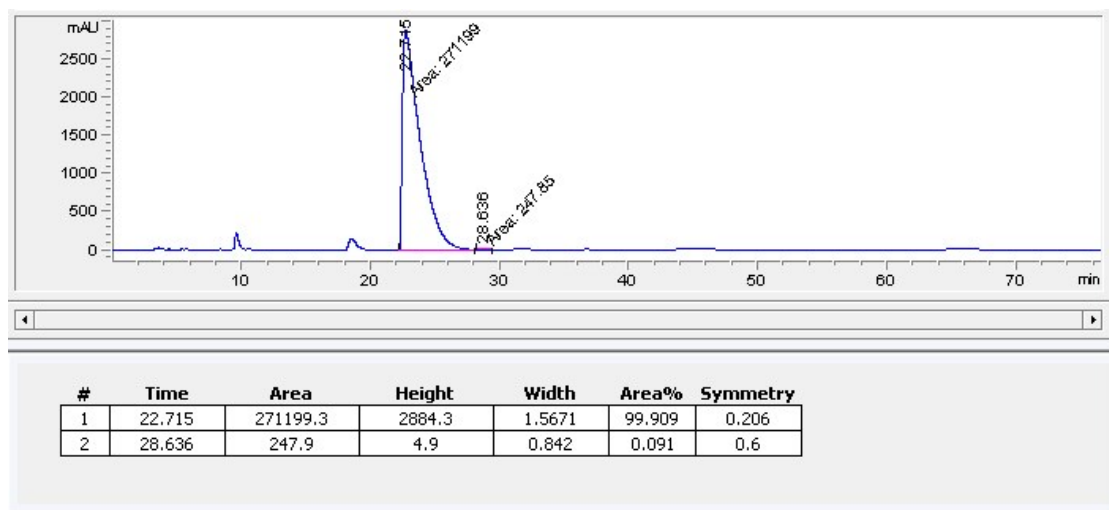
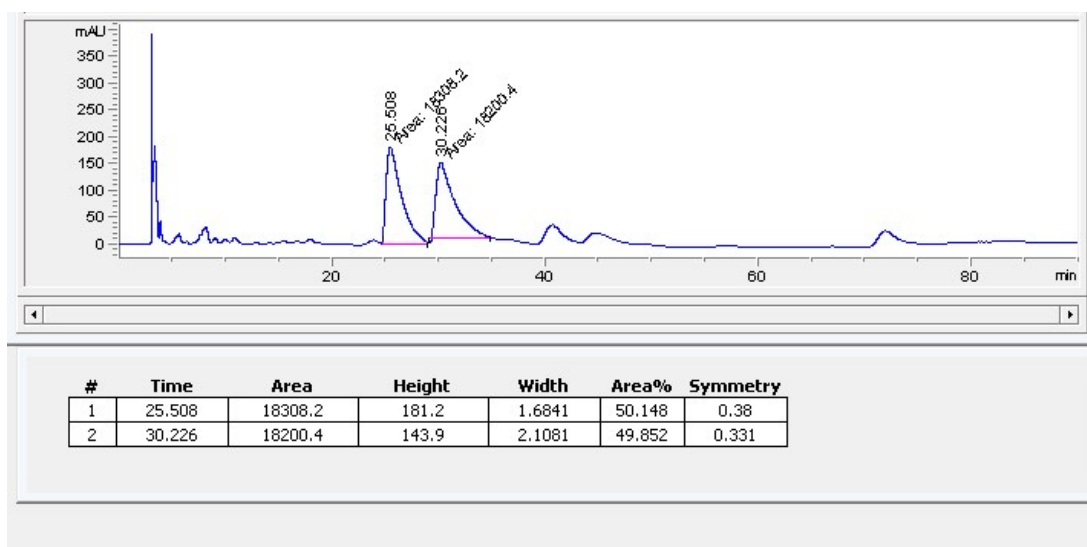
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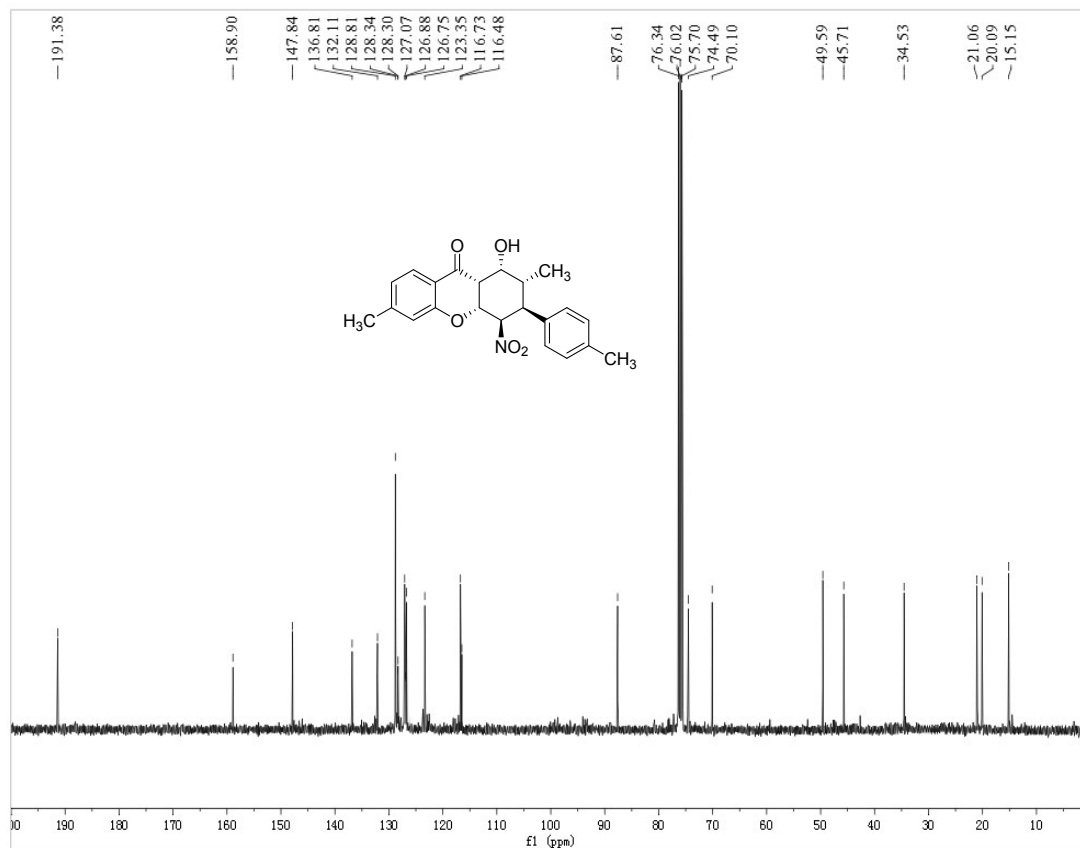
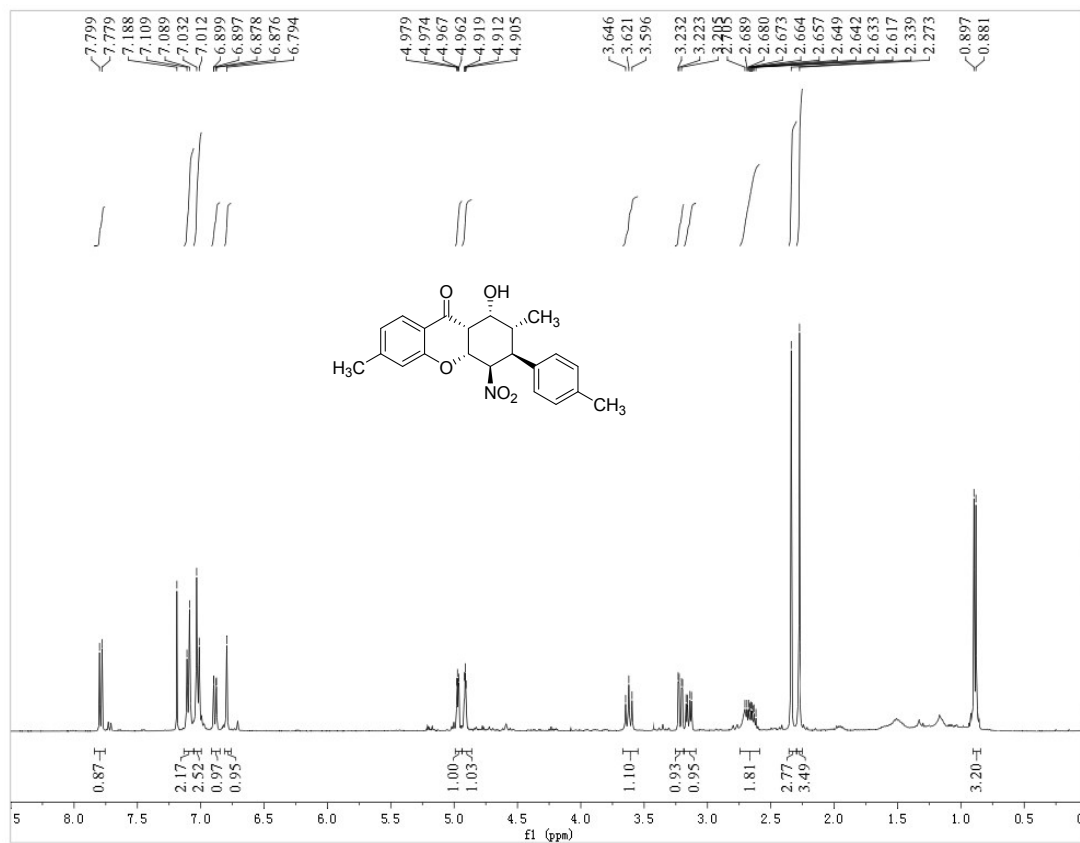
<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 5m



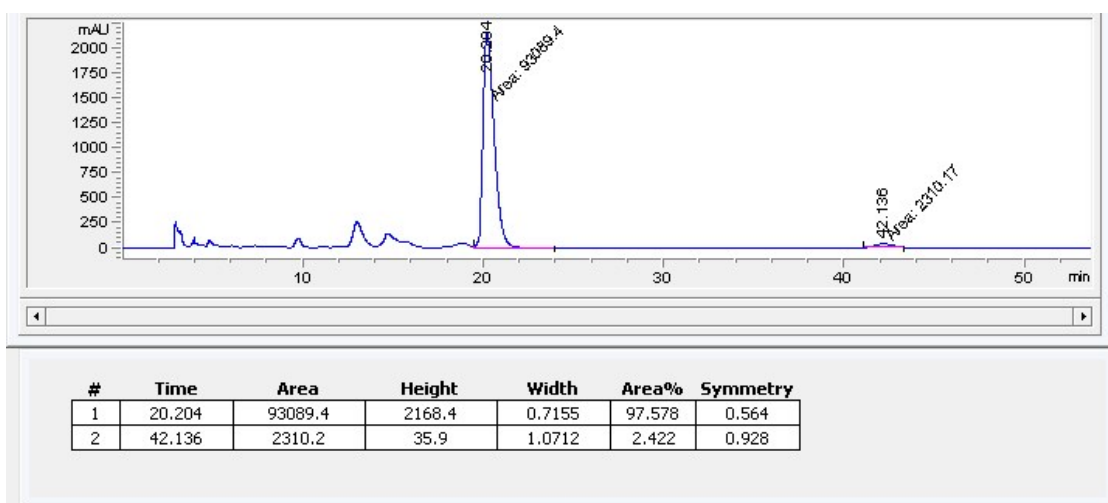
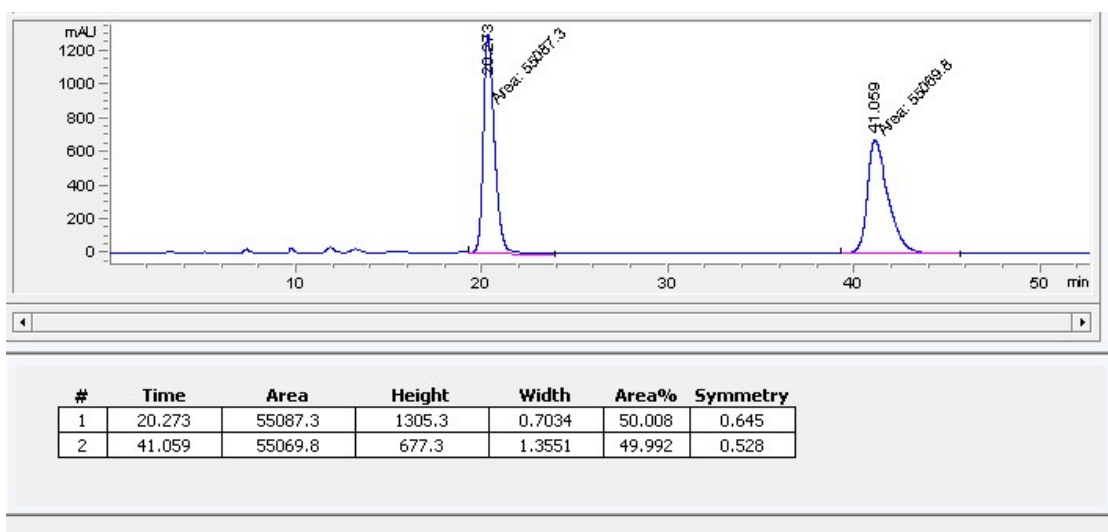
### HPLC of 5m



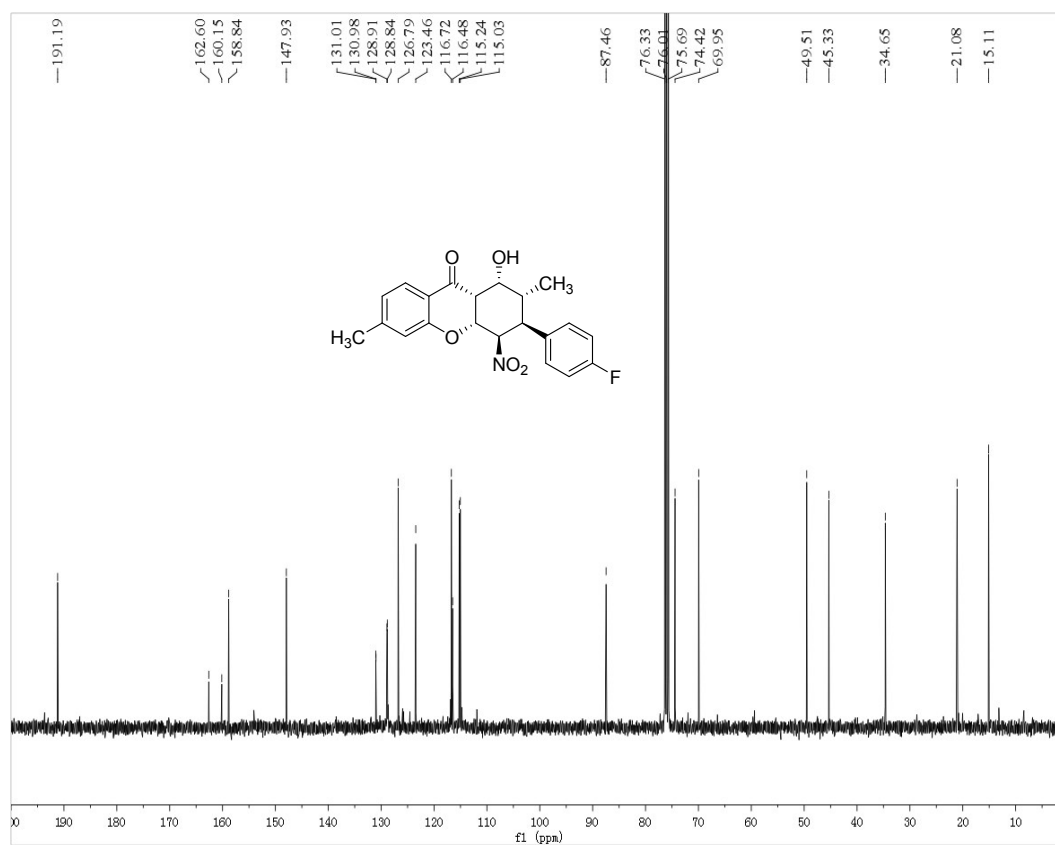
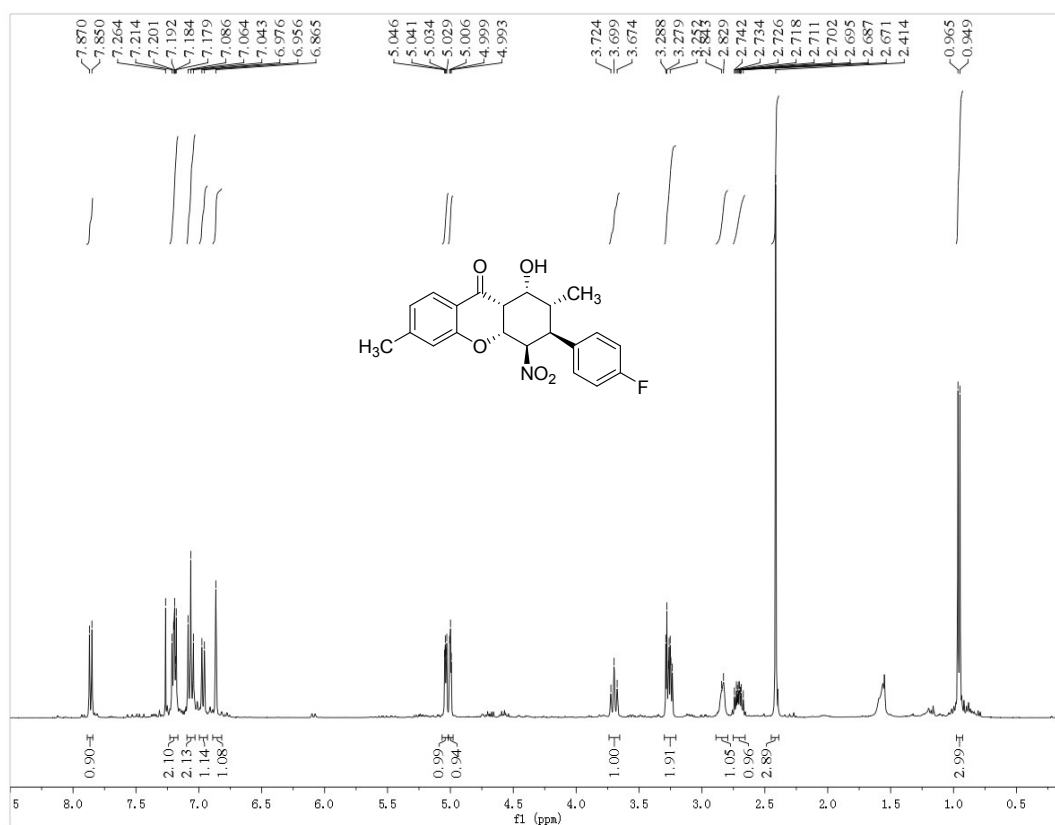
$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5n**



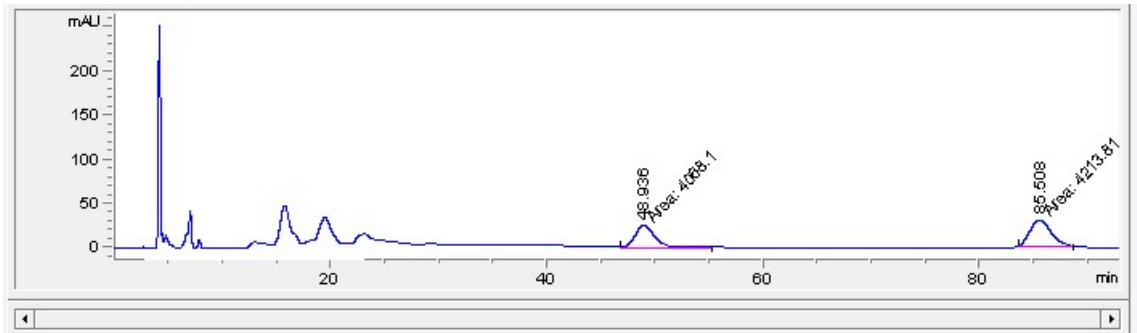
### HPLC of 5n



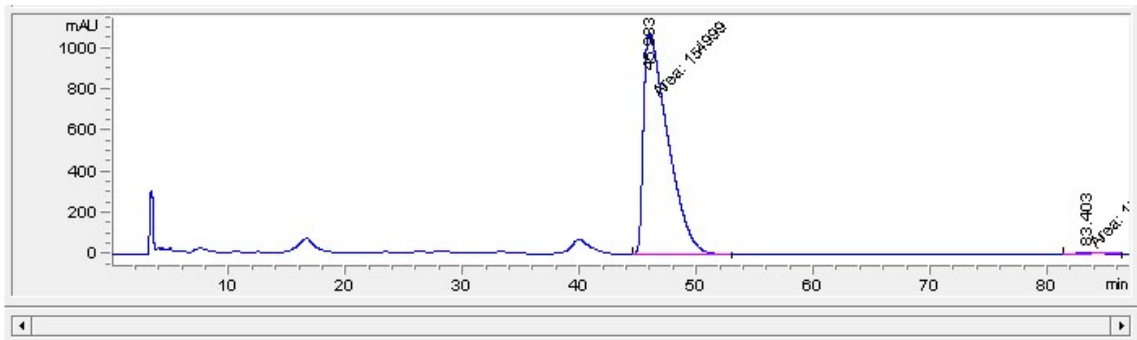
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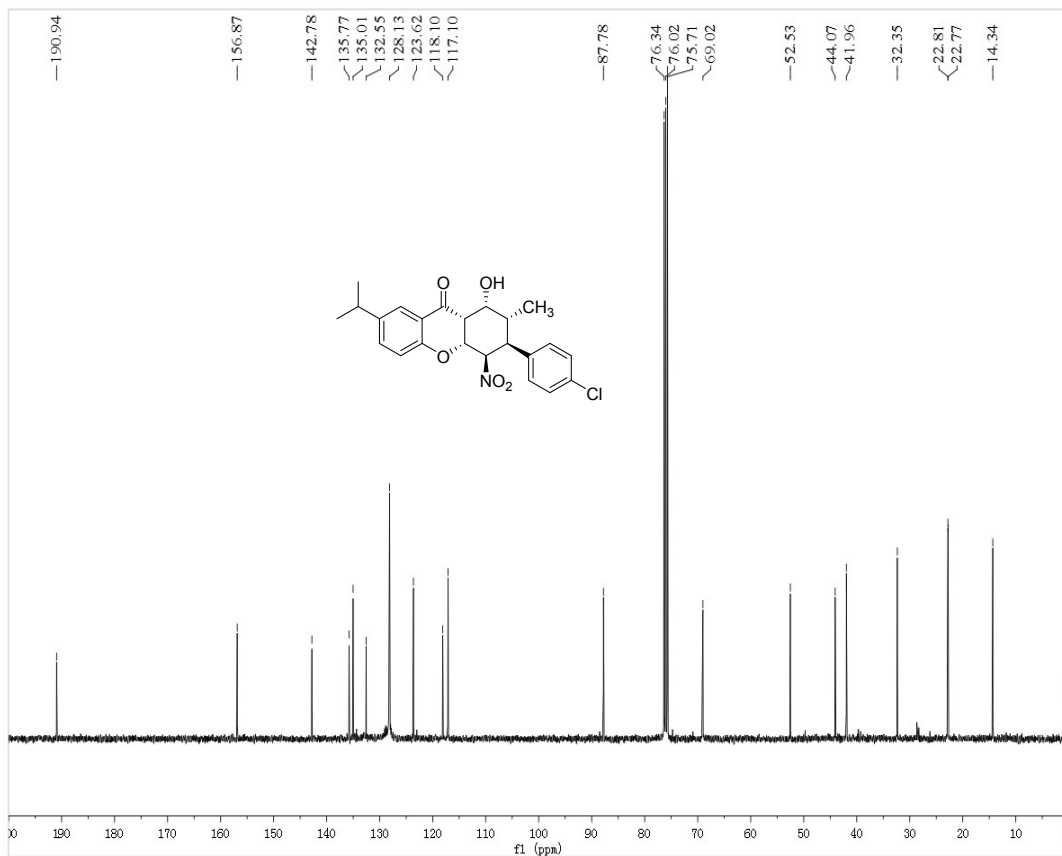
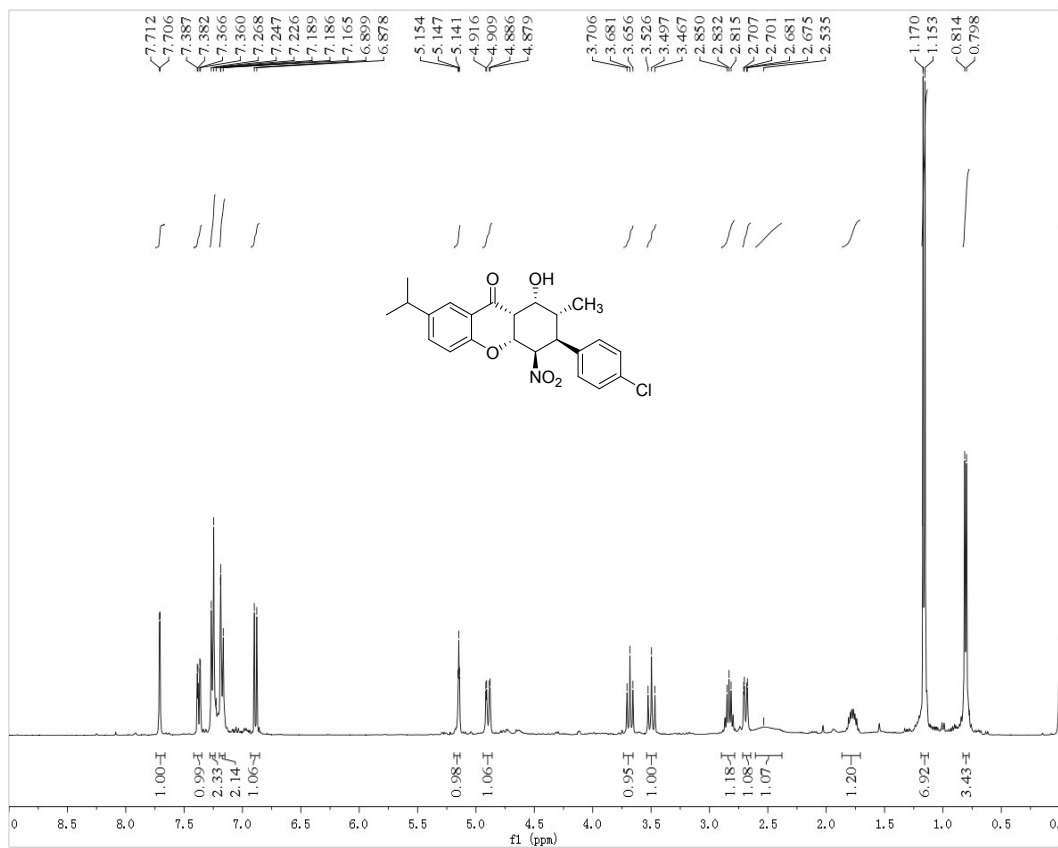


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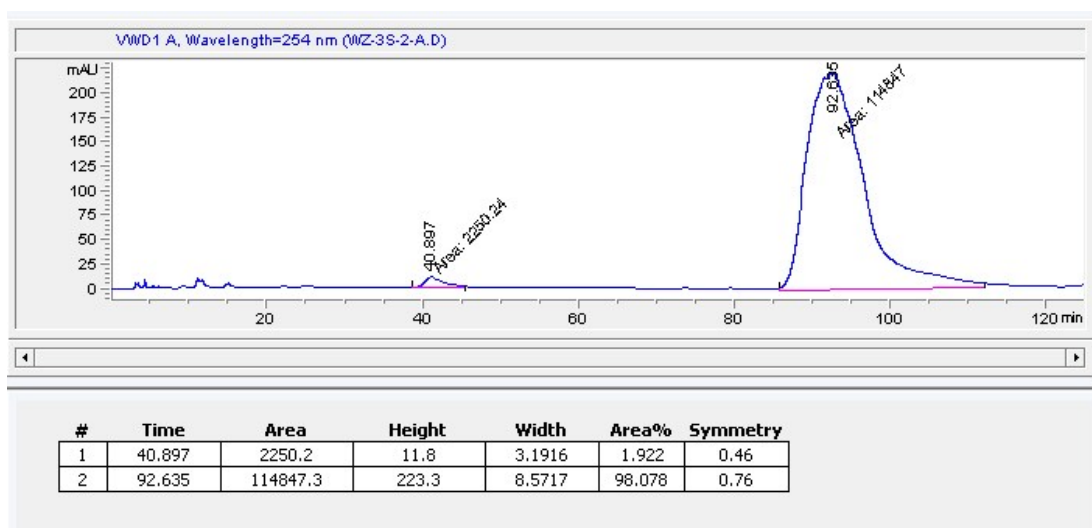
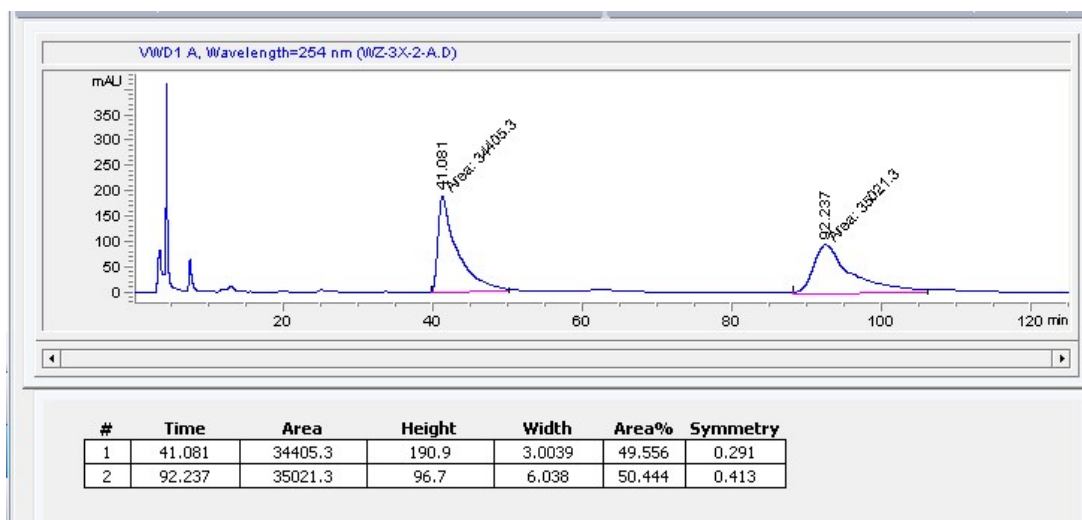


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# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **5p**

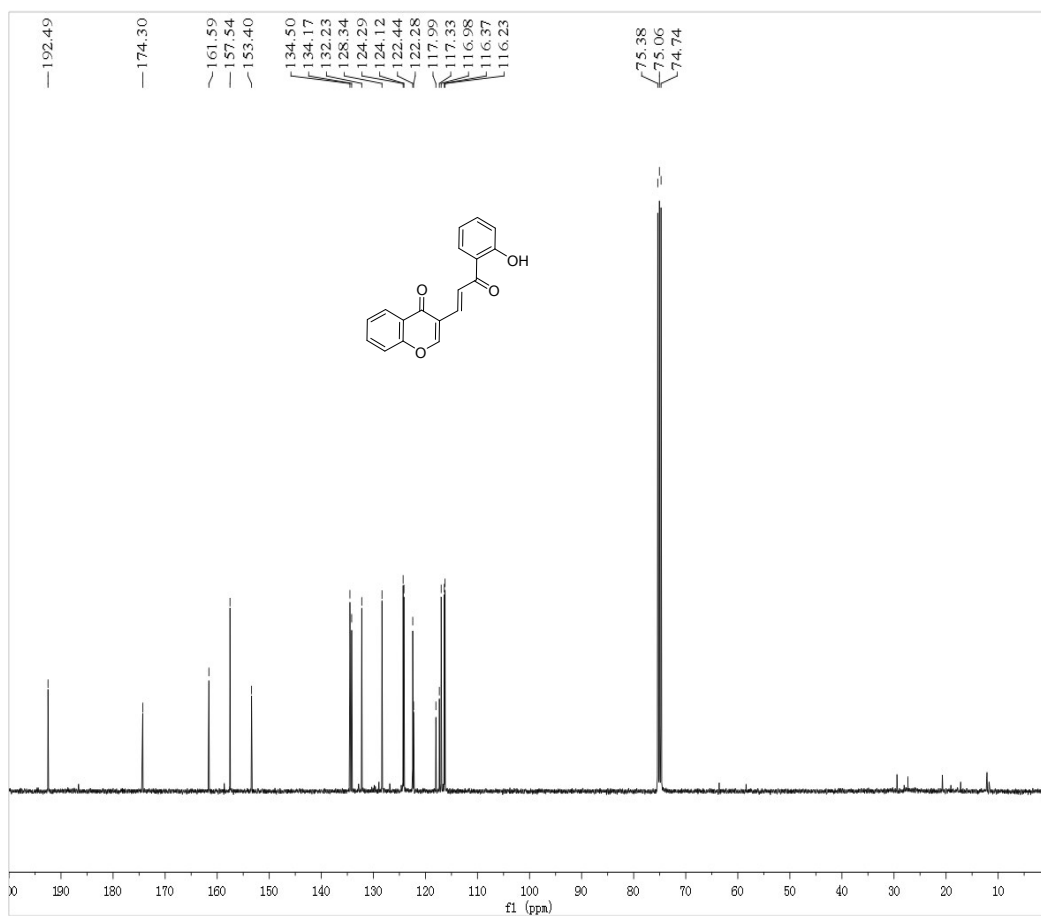
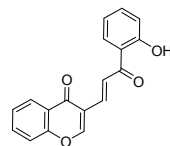
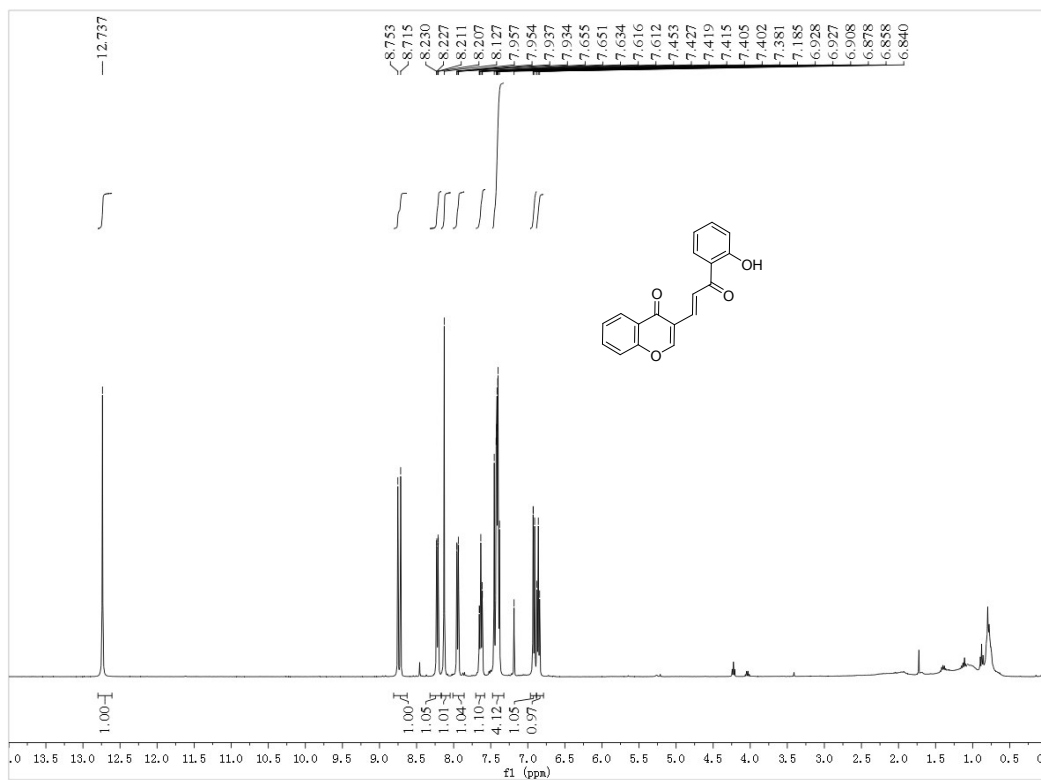


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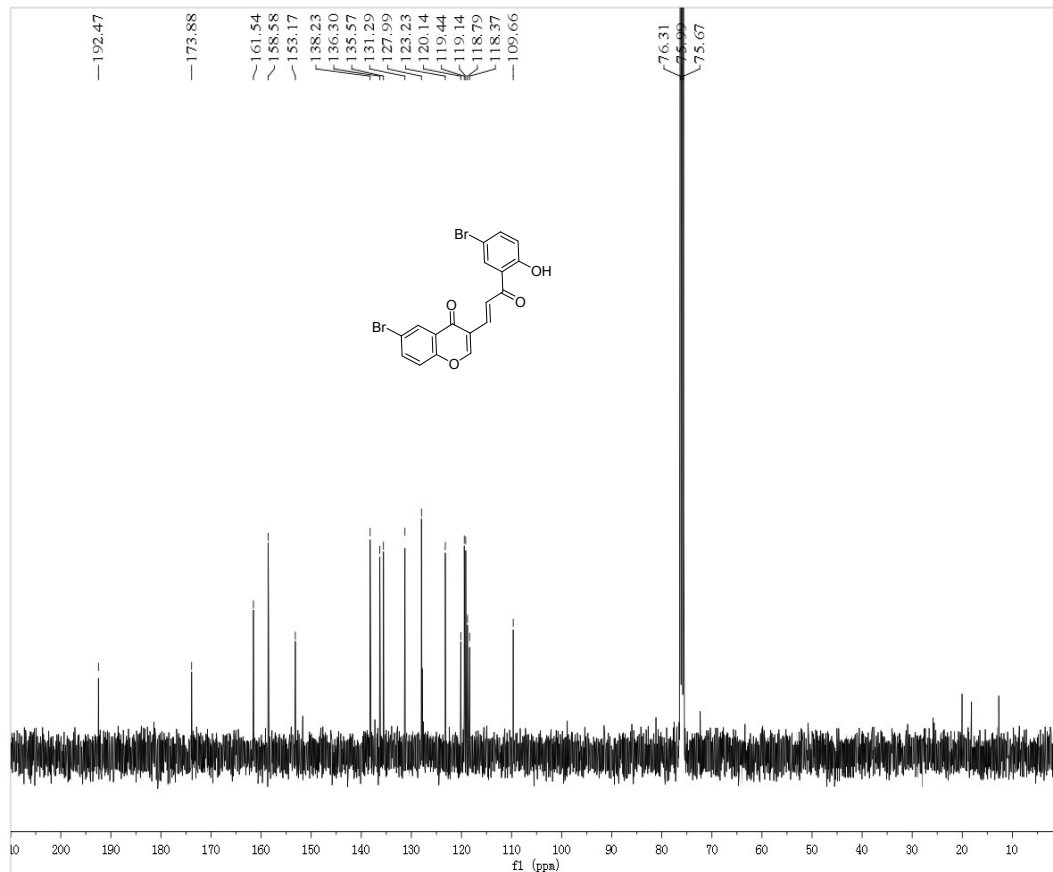
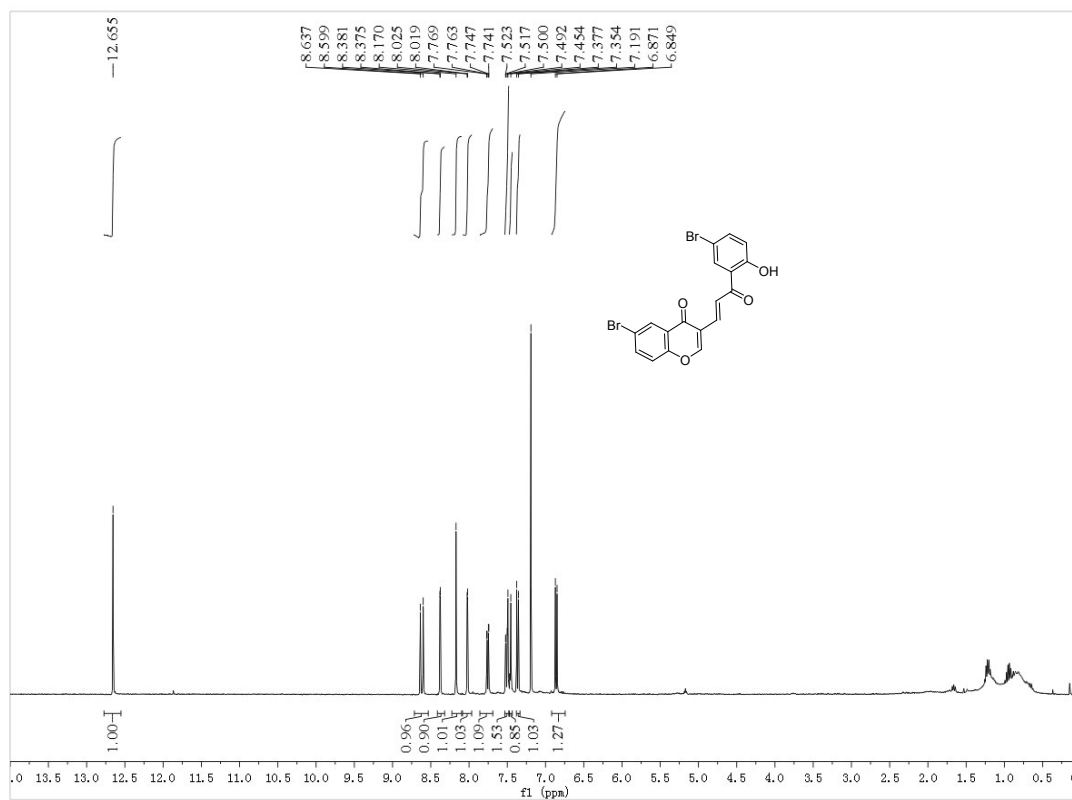




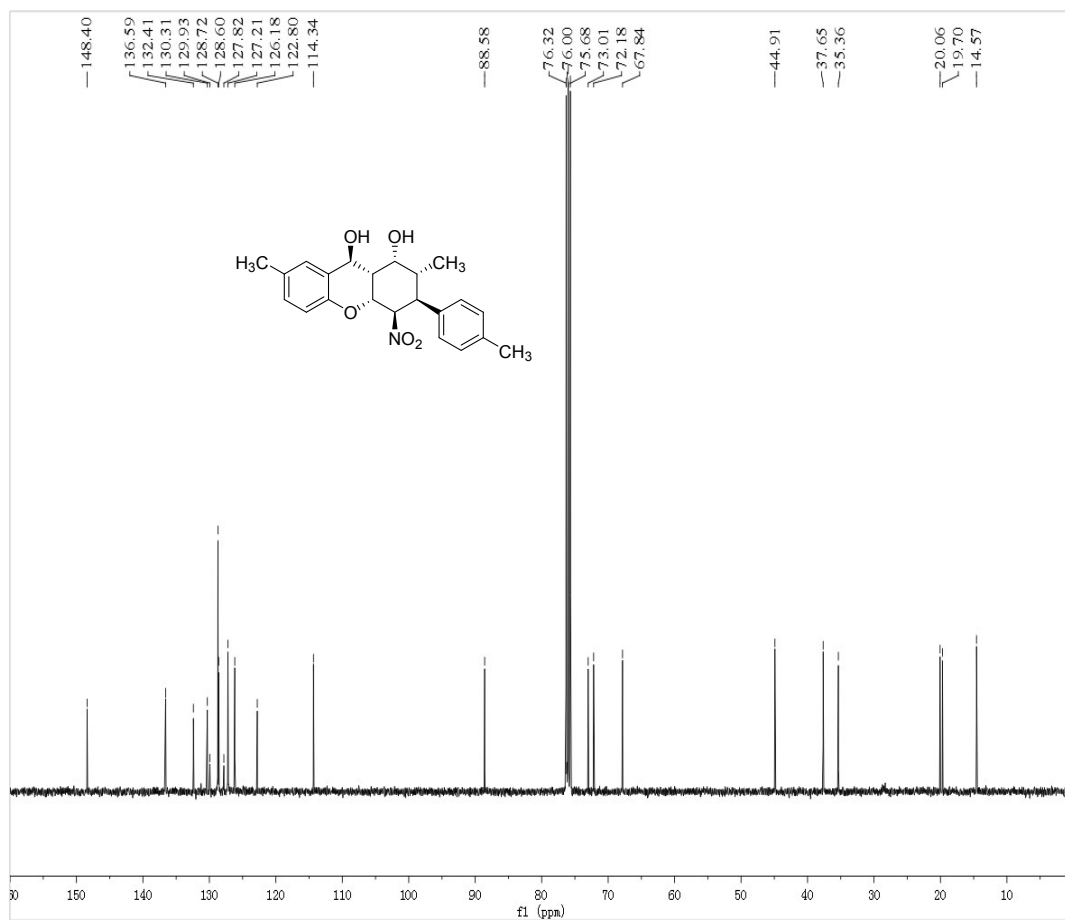
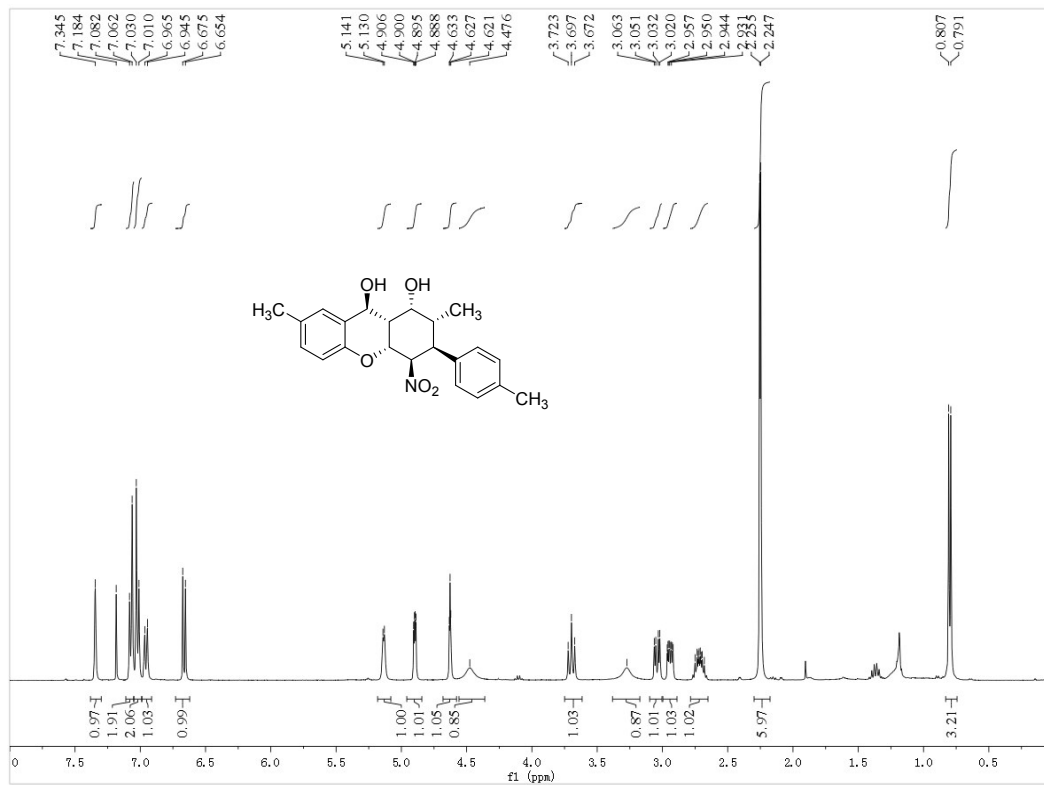
# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 6a



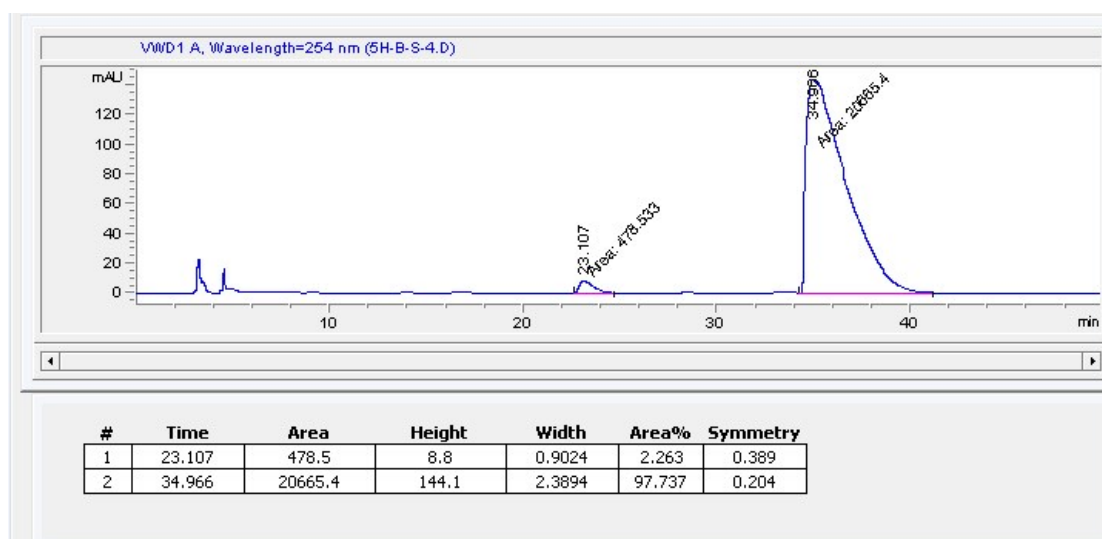
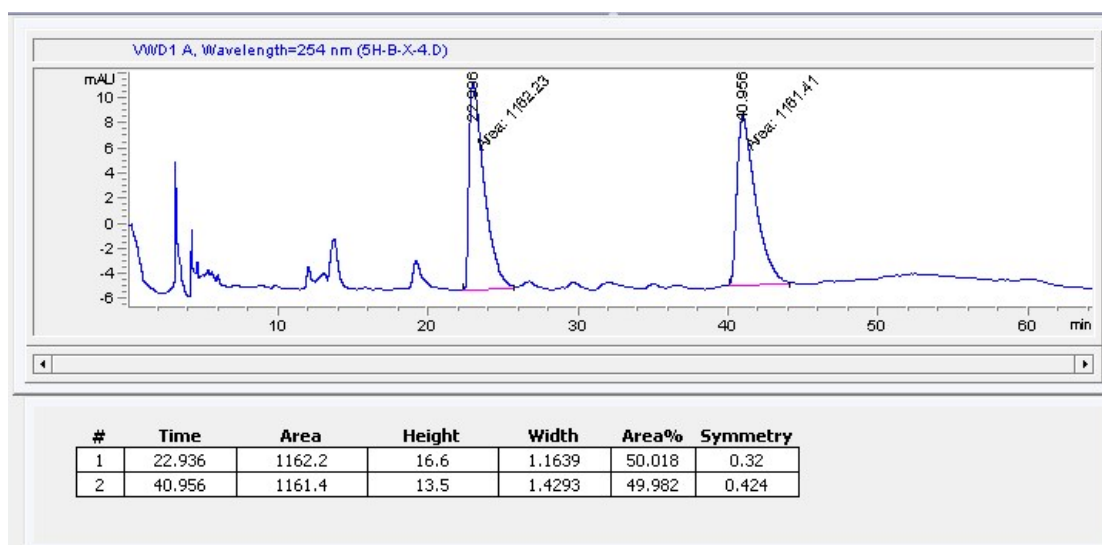
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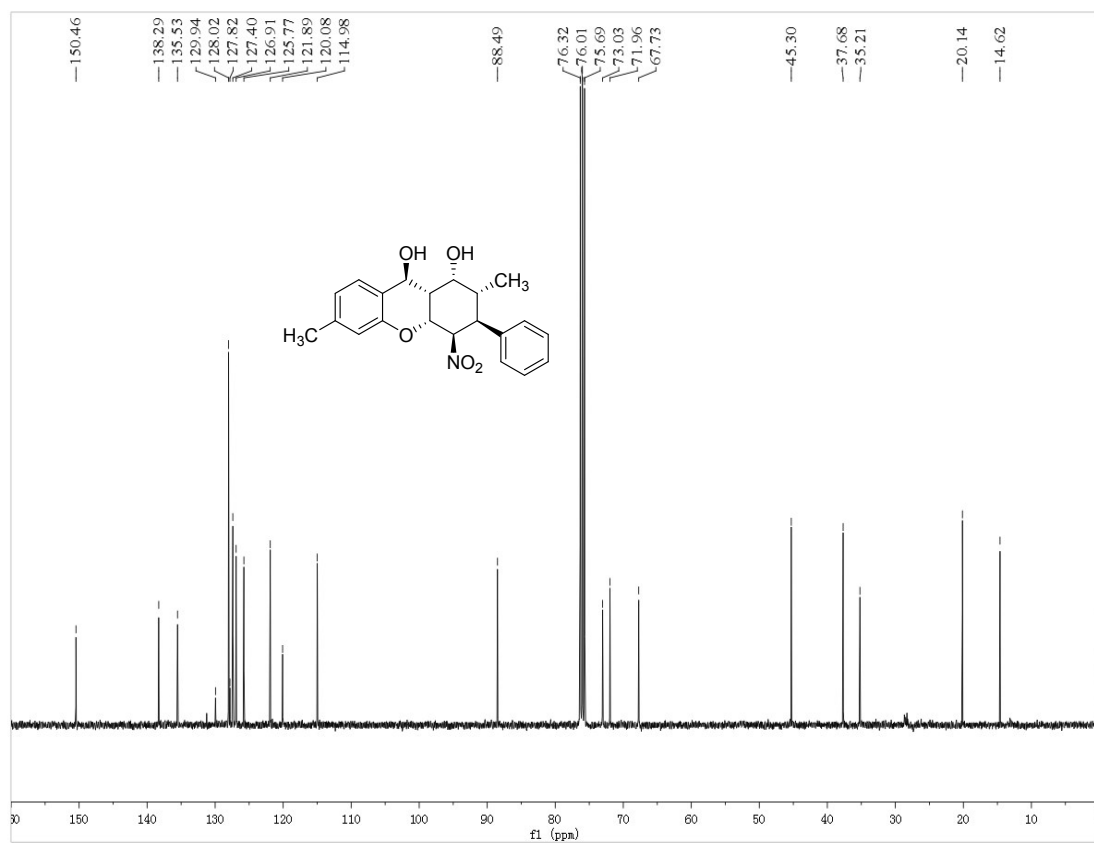
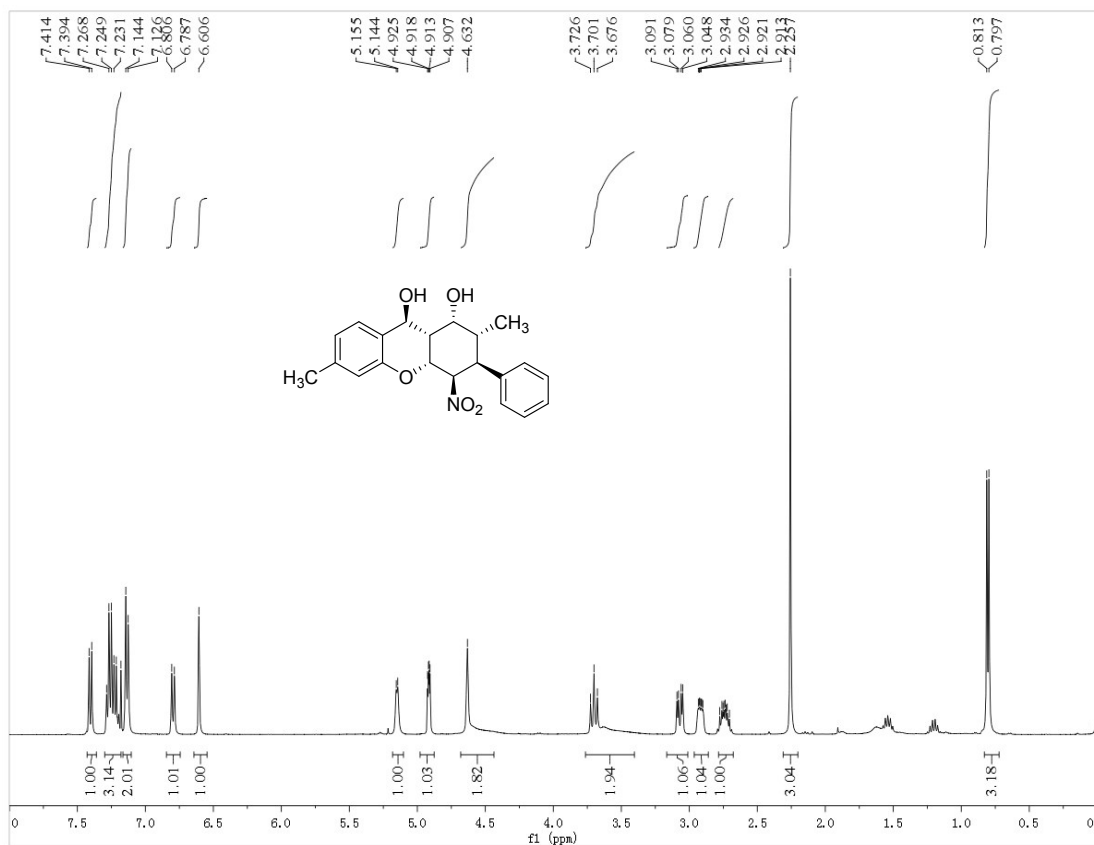
# $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of **7h**



## HPLC of 7h



# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 7m



## HPLC of 7m

