

Enantioselective Friedel-Crafts Reaction of Hydroxyarenes with Nitroenynes to Access Chiral Heterocycles *via* Sequential Catalysis

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General Experimental Methods

Commercial reagents were used as purchased. Dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane and toluene were distilled from CaH_2 . Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Reactions were monitored by TLC (thin layer chromatography) analysis using Merck Silica Gel 60 F-254 thin layer plates. Flash column chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60, 0.040–0.063 mm.

NMR spectra were run in a Bruker DPX300 spectrometer (Bruker, Billerica, MA, USA) at 300 MHz for ^1H and at 75 MHz for ^{13}C using residual non-deuterated solvent as internal standard (CHCl_3 : δ 7.26 for ^1H and 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C). Chemical shifts are given in ppm. The carbon type was determined by DEPT experiments.

High-resolution mass spectra (ESI) were recorded on a TRIPLETOFT5600 spectrometer LC/MS/MS System, (AB SCIEX) equipped with Ion Spray Voltage (ISVF): 5500. The MS was using method with infusion experiment. Data was evaluated using the PeakViewTM. Specific optical rotations were measured using sodium light (D line 589 nm). Chiral HPLC (High performance liquid chromatography) analyses were performed in a chromatograph equipped with a UV diode-array detector using chiral stationary columns from Daicel. Typically, enantiomeric ratios were measure using their absorbance in the 230–250 nm range. Melting points were determined in capillary tubes.

Organocatalysts **I**, **II** and **III** derived from cinchona alkaloids¹, differently substituted 2-naphhtols **1**², (*E*)-nitrobut-1-en-3-yne **2**³ were prepared according to known procedures.

¹ For squaramides **I** and **III** see Yang, W. *et al. Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 5450-5453. For thiourea **II** see Vakulya, B. *et al. Org. Lett.* **2010**, *7*, 1967-1969.

² For 3-methoxynaphthalen-2-ol (**1h**) see Sivapackiam, J. *et al. Dalton Trans.* **2010**, *39*, 5842-5850. For methyl 6-hydroxy-1-naphthoate (**1i**) see Harmange, J.-C. *et al. J. Med. Chem.* **2008**, *51*, 1649-1667.

³ Frimpong, K. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **2009**, *74*, 5861-5870. Tissot, M. *et al. Chem. Eur. J.* **2013**, *19*, 11352-11363.

Typical procedures and characterization data for compounds 3

General procedure for the enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction

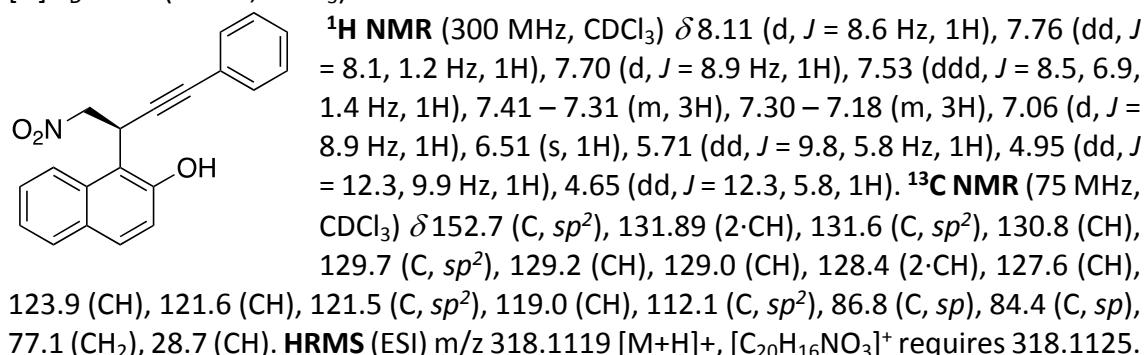
A vial containing 2-naphthol **1** (0.1 mmol) and chiral Rawal's squaramide **IV** (0.002 mmol, 0.8 mg) was purged with a stream of N₂ during 10 minutes. Then, the mixture was dissolved in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ and a solution of nitroalkyne **2** (0.12 mmol) in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ was added at -20 °C. The mixture was stirred at this temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with mixtures hexane:AcOEt afforded compounds **3** in an enantiomerically enriched fashion.

General procedure for the non-enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction

2-Naphthol **1** (0.1 mmol), nitroalkyne **2** (0.12 mmol) and non-chiral 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-4-((3-dimethylamino)propyl)amino)cyclobu-3-en-1,2-dione (0.01 mmol, 4.1 mg) were weighted in a reaction flask. Then 1 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with mixtures hexane:AcOEt afforded compounds **3** in a racemic fashion.

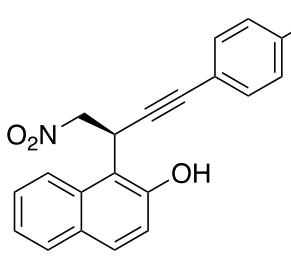
(S)-1-(1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3a**)

The enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, Amylose 1), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 5.7 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 6.8 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 80:20) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 88% yield (27.9 mg, 0.088 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -9.9 (c 0.46, CHCl₃).



(S)-1-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3b**)

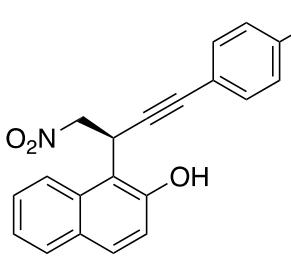
The enantiomeric excess (98% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, Amylose-1), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 7.6 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 6.2 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 70:30) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 94% yield (33 mg, 0.094 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -62.5 (c 0.55, CHCl₃).



1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H). **13C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (C), 134.9 (C), 133.0 (2-CH), 131.6 (C, sp²), 130.85 (CH), 129.67 (C, sp²), 129.21 (CH), 128.68 (2-CH), 127.57 (CH), 123.85 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 120.2 (C, sp²), 118.7 (CH), 112.2 (C, sp²), 85.8 (C, sp), 85.1 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 369.1006 [M+NH₄]⁺, [C₂₀H₁₈ClN₂O₃]⁺ requires 369.1000.

(S)-1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3c)

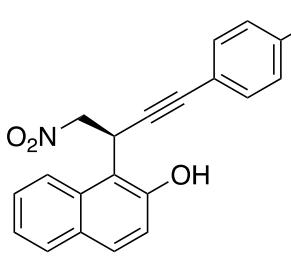
The enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, OD-H), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 12.9 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 7.9 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 94% yield (31 mg, 0.094 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -39.5 (c 0.6, CHCl₃).



1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 5.78 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H). **13C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 250.5 Hz, C), 152.5 (C), 133.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz, 2-CH), 131.6 (C, sp²), 130.8 (CH), 129.7 (C, sp²), 129.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 117.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, C, sp²), 115.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 22.2 Hz, 2-CH), 112.2 (C, sp²), 85.4 (C, sp), 84.4 (C, sp), 77.1 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH). **19F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.65. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 336.1038 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₀H₁₅FNO₃]⁺ requires 336.1030.

(S)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3d)

The enantiomeric excess (91% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, i-Amylose-1), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 8.3 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 7.4 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 75% yield (26.1 mg, 0.075 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -27.2 (c 0.4, CHCl₃).

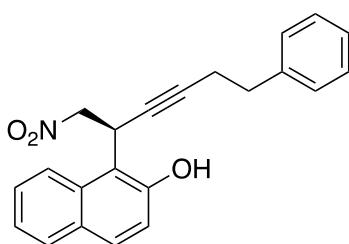


1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 5.76 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2 (C, sp²), 153.0 (C, sp²), 133.4 (2-CH), 131.6 (C, sp²), 130.8 (CH), 129.7 (C, sp²), 129.3 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 114.1 (2-CH),

113.4 (C, sp^2), 112.2 (C, sp^2), 87.2 (C, sp), 82.9 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 55.4 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 348.1228 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₁H₁₈NO₄]⁺ requires 348.1230.

(S)-1-(1-Nitro-6-phenylhex-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3e)

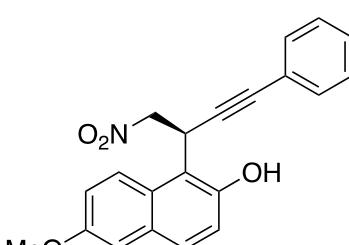
The enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak, AS-H), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 8.3 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 7.4 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 96% yield (33 mg, 0.096 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ = -49.7 (c 0.66, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.53 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 12.4, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.52 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1 (C, sp^2), 139.9 (C, sp^2), 131.3 (C, sp^2), 130.6 (CH), 129.5 (C, sp^2), 129.1 (CH), 128.5 (2·CH), 128.4 (2·CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 111.9 (C, sp^2), 87.6 (C, sp), 77.1 (CH₂), 76.3 (C, sp), 34.5 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH), 20.9 (CH₂). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 346.1425 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₂H₂₀NO₃]⁺ requires 346.1438.

(S)-6-Methoxy-1-(1-nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3f)

The enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, i-Amylose 1), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, minor enantiomer t_r = 6.8 min, major enantiomer t_r = 7.7 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 85% yield (29.5 mg, 0.085 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ = -1.9 (c 0.59, CHCl₃).

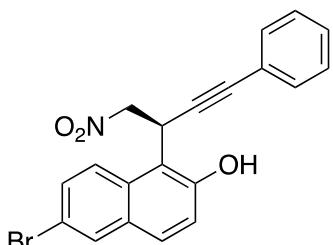


¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, J = 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 12.3, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 12.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0 (C, sp^2), 150.9 (C, sp^2), 131.8 (2·CH), 130.8 (C, sp^2), 129.4 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.3 (2·CH), 126.7 (C, sp^2), 123.3 (CH), 121.6 (C, sp^2), 119.8 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 112.8 (C, sp^2), 107.6 (CH), 86.5 (C, sp), 84.7 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 55.3 (CH₃), 28.8 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 348.1236 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₁H₁₈NO₄]⁺ requires 348.1230.

(S)-6-Bromo-1-(1-nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3g)

The enantiomeric excess (98% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, OD-H), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 19.0 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the

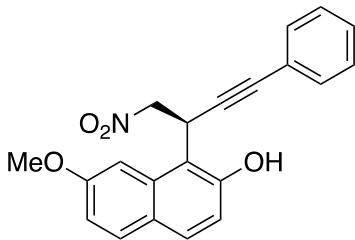
product was obtained as a brown oil in 82% yield (32 mg, 0.082 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -17.5$ (c 0.55, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.66 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9 (C, *sp*²), 131.9 (2·CH), 131.1 (CH), 130.9 (C, *sp*²), 130.8 (CH), 130.3 (C, *sp*²), 129.9 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.5 (2·CH), 123.7 (CH), 121.4 (C, *sp*²), 120.1 (CH), 117.6 (C, *sp*²), 112.8 (C, *sp*²), 86.9 (C, *sp*), 84.2 (C, *sp*), 77.1 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 396.0221 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₀H₁₅BrNO₃]⁺ requires 396.0230.

(S)-7-Methoxy-1-(1-nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3h)

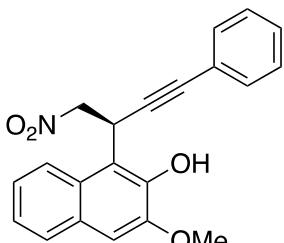
The enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, Cellulose-4), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer *t*_r = 16.8 min, minor enantiomer *t*_r = 11.7 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 80:20) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 99% yield (34.2 mg, 0.099 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -1.8$ (c 0.68, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.67 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0 (C, *sp*²), 153.1 (C, *sp*²), 133.1 (C, *sp*²), 131.8 (2·CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.4 (2·CH), 125.0 (C, *sp*²), 121.6 (C, *sp*²), 116.2 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 111.3 (C, *sp*²), 101.3 (CH), 86.7 (C, *sp*), 84.7 (C, *sp*), 77.1 (CH₂), 55.4 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 365.1499 [M+NH₄]⁺, C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₄⁺ requires 365.1496.

(S)-3-Methoxy-1-(1-nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3i)

The enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, OD-H), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer *t*_r = 13.5 min, minor enantiomer *t*_r = 16.5 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 95% yield (33 mg, 0.095 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -16.3$ (c 0.69, CHCl₃).

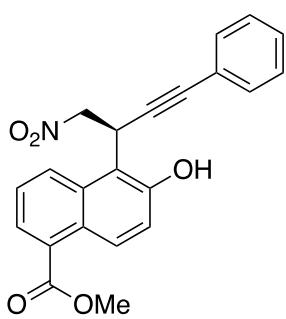


¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 5.70 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4

(C, sp^2), 144.0 (C, sp^2), 131.7 (2·CH), 129.2 (C, sp^2), 128.3 (CH), 128.1 (2·CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.1 (C, sp^2), 124.9 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 122.7 (C, sp^2), 122.6 (CH), 112.8 (C, sp^2), 106.5 (CH), 85.7 (C, sp), 84.2 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 56.0 (CH₃), 28.3 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 348.1236 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₁H₁₈NO₄]⁺ requires 348.1230. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 348.1232 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₁H₁₈NO₄]⁺ requires 348.1230.

Methyl (S)-3-hydroxy-4-(1-nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1-naphthoate (3j)

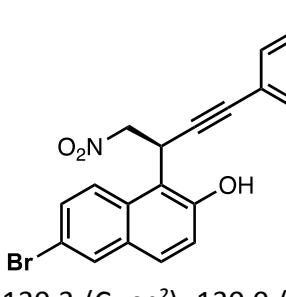
The enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, i-Amylose-1), hexane-*i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 11.8 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 9.2 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 75% yield (28 mg, 0.075 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -35.6 (c 0.47, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.77 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 12.3, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3 (C, sp^2), 152.6 (C, sp^2), 132.4 (C, sp^2), 131.8 (2·CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.5 (C, sp^2), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (2·CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.4 (C, sp^2), 126.7(CH), 126.1 (CH), 121.6 (C), 120.3 (CH), 112.8 (C, sp^2), 86.4 (C, sp), 84.7 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 52.4 (CH₃), 28.7 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 376.1172 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₂H₁₈NO₅]⁺ requires 376.1179.

(S)-6-bromo-1-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-yn-2-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3k)

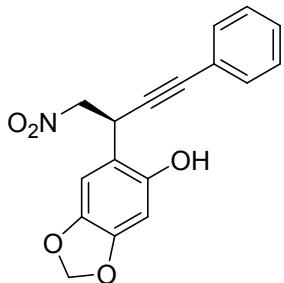
The enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex, i-Amylose-1), hexane-*i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 11.9 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 9.2 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 90:10) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 92% yield (23 mg, 0.092 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -28.9 (c 0.35, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.69 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 12.3, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4 (C, sp^2), 153.2 (C, sp^2), 133.5 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.0 (C, sp^2), 130.8 (CH), 130.3 (C, sp^2), 130.0 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 117.7 (C, sp^2), 114.2 (CH), 113.4 (C, sp^2), 112.8 (C, sp^2), 87.5 (C, sp), 82.7 (C, sp), 77.3 (CH₂), 55.5 (CH₃), 29.0 (CH₃). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 426.0338 [M+H]⁺, [C₂₁H₁₇BrNO₄]⁺ requires 426.0335.

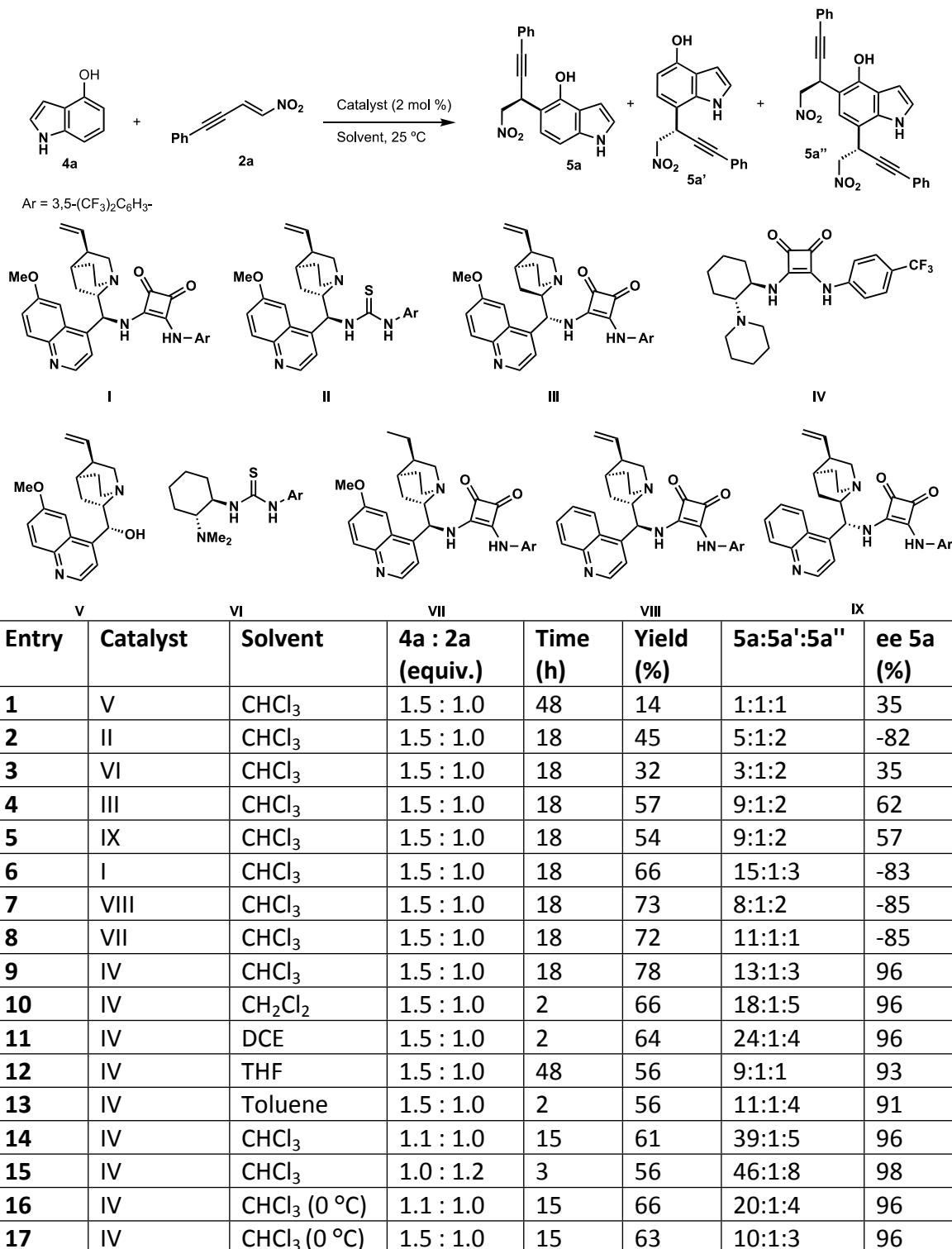
(S)-6-(1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ol (3l)

The enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, AD-H), hexane-*i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 14.5 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 9.9 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 81% yield (25 mg, 0.081 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}}=-27.6$



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 12.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0 (C, sp^2), 147.6 (C, sp^2), 142.0 (C, sp^2), 131.8 (2-CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.3 (2-CH), 122.1 (C, sp^2), 113.7 (C, sp^2), 108.6 (CH), 101.4 (CH_2), 98.6 (CH), 85.9 (C, sp), 85.0 (C, sp), 78.4 (CH_2), 32.1 (CH). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: 312.0870 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_5]^+$ requires 312.0866.

Optimization for the enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction with hydroxyindoles



Typical procedures and characterization data for compounds 5

General procedure for the enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction

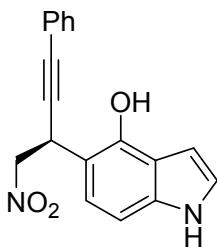
Hydroxyindole **4** (0.15 mmol), nitroalkyne **2** (0.10 mmol) and Rawal's squaramide **IV** (0.84 mg, 0.002 mmol) were weighted in a reaction flask, which was purged then with a stream of N₂ during 10 minutes. Then, 1 mL of CHCl₃ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica-gel with afforded compounds **5** in an enantiomerically enriched fashion.

General procedure for the non-enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction

Hydroxyindole **4** (0.15 mmol), nitroalkyne **2** (0.10 mmol) and non-chiral 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-4-((2-(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)amino)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (0.8 mg, 0.002 mmol) were weighted in a reaction flask. Then 1 mL of CHCl₃ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica-gel with afforded compounds **5** in a racemic fashion.

(S)-5-(1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-4-ol (**5a**)

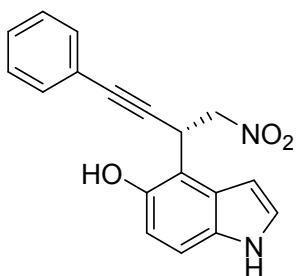
The enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (ChiralPak AS-H), hexane: iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 22.2 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 26.3 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 98:2) the product was obtained as a yellow solid in 78% yield (24 mg, 0.078 mmol); m.p. 156–157 °C. [α]²⁰_D=−8.5 (c 0.19, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, J = 3.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (ddd, J = 3.2, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.66 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2 (C, sp²), 137.3 (C, sp²), 131.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 122.4 (C, sp²), 118.0 (C, sp²), 110.7 (C, sp²), 104.8 (CH), 98.3 (CH), 85.9 (C, sp), 85.7 (C, sp), 78.9 (CH₂), 32.2 (CH). HRMS (ESI) m/z: 307.1075 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ requires 307.1077.

(S)-4-(1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1H-indol-5-ol (5b)

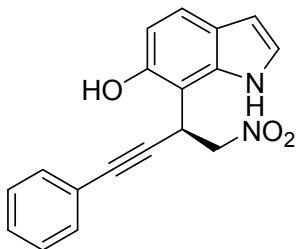
The enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (ChiralPak AS-H), hexane: *i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 16.1 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 22.6 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 70:30) the product was obtained as a green oil in 94% yield (29 mg, 0.094 mmol); $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ = -19.1 (c 0.20, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 77.93 (s, 1H), 77.22 – 77.14 (m, 2H), 77.09 – 77.01 (m, 3H), 77.00 – 76.96 (m, 2H), 76.53 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 76.51 (ddd, J = 3.1, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 75.27 (s, 1H), 75.15 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 74.70 (dd, J = 12.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 74.49 (dd, J = 12.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5 (C, sp²), 131.8 (CH), 131.4 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.1 (C, sp²), 125.6 (CH), 122.0 (C, sp²), 113.3 (CH), 112.1 (CH), 110.8 (C, sp²), 100.5 (CH), 85.6 (C, sp), 85.2 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 307.1080 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ requires 307.1077.

(S)-7-(1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-in-2-il)-1H-indol-6-ol (5c)

The enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (Lux® 5 μm Amylose-1), hexane: *i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 9.6 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 7.5 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 70:30) the product was obtained as a yellow oil in 74% yield (23 mg, 0.075 mmol); $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ +15.6 (c 0.99, CHCl₃).

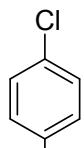


¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.14 (dd, J = 3.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 3.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.86 – 4.70 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3 (C, sp²), 135.3 (C, sp²), 131.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.7 (C, sp²), 121.7 (C, sp²), 121.5 (CH), 110.0 (CH), 103.0 (C, sp²), 102.8 (CH), 86.0 (C, sp), 85.3 (C, sp), 77.2 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 307.1072 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ requires 307.1077.

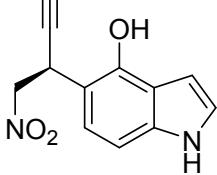
(S)-5-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-in-2-il)-1H-indol-4-ol (5d)

The enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (Lux® 5 μm Amylose-1), hexane: *i*PrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 20.4 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 11.6 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt 98:2) the product was obtained as a green solid in 69% yield (24 mg, 0.070 mmol); m.p. 118–120 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ -25.28 (c 1.01, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 3.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (ddd, J = 3.3, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 – 4.58 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0 (C, sp²), 137.3 (C, sp²), 134.5

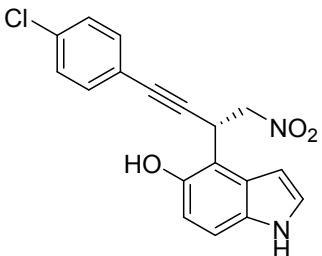


(C, *sp*²), 133.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 120.9 (C, *sp*²), 117.9 (C, *sp*²), 110.5 (C, *sp*²), 104.9 (CH), 98.1 (CH), 87.1 (C, *sp*), 84.4 (C, *sp*), 78.8 (CH₂), 32.1 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 341.0691 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₄ClN₂O₃⁺ requires 341.0687.



(S)-4-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indol-5-ol (5e)

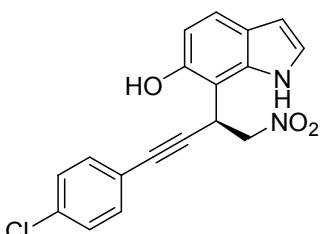
The enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (ChiralPak OD-H), hexane: iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 14.8 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 11.5 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 70:30) the product was obtained as a yellow oil in 96% yield (32mg, 0.094 mmol); [α]_D²⁰ -19.9 (c 1.00, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.71 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2 (C, *sp*²), 134.7 (C, *sp*²), 133.0 (CH), 131.4 (C, *sp*²), 128.2 (CH), 127.1 (C, *sp*²), 125.7 (CH), 120.7 (C, *sp*²), 113.1 (CH), 112.1 (CH), 110.7 (C, *sp*²), 100.5 (CH), 86.4 (C, *sp*), 84.2 (C, *sp*²), 77.3 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 341.0684 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₄ClN₂O₃⁺ requires 341.0687.

(S)-7-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-nitrobut-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indol-6-ol (5f)

The enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (ChiralPak AS-H), hexane: iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 19.3 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 13.3 min. After purification with flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 80:20) the product was obtained as a yellow oil in 97% yield (33 mg, 0.097 mmol); [α]_D²⁰ +2.7 (c 0.98, CHCl₃).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.86 – 4.69 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3 (C, *sp*²), 135.2 (C, *sp*²), 135.1 (C, *sp*²), 133.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.7 (C, *sp*²), 121.5 (CH), 120.2 (C, *sp*²), 110.0 (CH), 102.9 (CH), 102.8 (C, *sp*²), 86.3 (C, *sp*), 84.8 (C, *sp*), 77.3 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 341.0681 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₄ClN₂O₃⁺ requires 341.0687.

Typical procedures and characterization data for compounds 6

General procedure for the enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

A vial containing 2-naphthol **1** (0.1 mmol) and chiral Rawal's squaramide **IV** (0.002 mmol, 0.8 mg) was purged with a stream of N₂ during 10 minutes. Then, the mixture was dissolved in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ and a solution of nitroalkyne **2** (0.12 mmol) in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ was added at -20 °C.

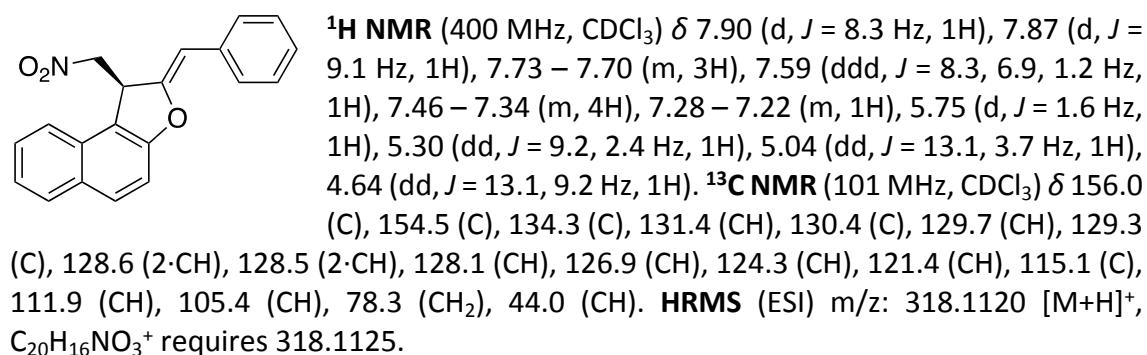
The mixture was stirred at this temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Then, both AgOTf (5 mol%, 1.3 mg) and K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 28 mg) were added. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with mixtures hexane:CH₂Cl₂ afforded compounds **6** in an enantiomerically enriched fashion.

General procedure for the non-enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

2-Naphtol **1** (0.1 mmol), nitroalkyne **2** (0.12 mmol) and non-chiral 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-4-((3-dimethylamino)propyl)amino)cyclobu-3-en-1,2-dione (0.01 mmol, 4.1 mg) were weighted in a reaction flask. Then 1 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Then, both AgOTf (5 mol%, 1.3 mg) and K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 28 mg) were added. Finally, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with mixtures hexane:CH₂Cl₂ afforded compounds **6** in a racemic fashion.

(S,Z)-2-Benzylidene-1-(nitromethyl)-1,2-dihydroronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (6a)

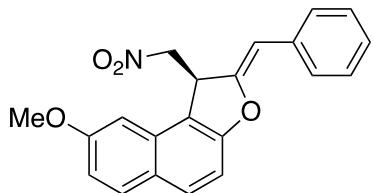
The enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, OD-H), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 22.1 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 41.5 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂) the product was obtained as a reddish oil in 63% yield (22 mg, 90% purity, 0.063 mmol). [α]²⁰_D = -49.7 (c 0.35, CHCl₃).



(S,Z)-2-Benzylidene-8-methoxy-1-(nitromethyl)-1,2-dihydroronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (6b)

The enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, OD-H), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 28.9 min, minor enantiomer t_r =

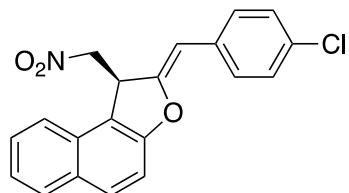
20.9 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 67% yield (23 mg, 0.067 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} = -2.0$ (c 0.45, CHCl_3).



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, $J = 8.2, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 13.0, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 12.9, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4 (C, sp^2), 156.5 (C, sp^2), 154.6 (C, sp^2), 134.3 (C, sp^2), 131.1 (CH), 131.1 (CH), 130.7 (C, sp^2), 128.5 (2·CH), 128.4 (2·CH), 126.8 (CH), 125.7 (C, sp^2), 116.7 (CH), 114.5 (C, sp^2), 109.1 (CH), 105.2 (CH), 100.2 (CH), 78.5 (CH₂), 55.5 (CH₃), 44.2 (CH). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: 348.1238 [M+H]⁺, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4^+$ requires 348.1230.

(S,Z)-2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-1-(nitromethyl)-1,2-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b]furan (6c)

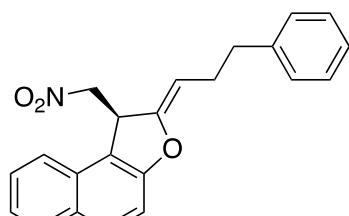
The enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, AD-H), hexane-*iPrOH* 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer $t_r = 11.4$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 10.6$ min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 45% yield (16 mg, 0.045 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} = -4.1$ (c 0.25, CHCl_3).



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 8.3, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.71 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, $J = 13.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 13.1, 9.3$ Hz, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8 (C, sp^2), 154.9 (C, sp^2), 132.7 (C, sp^2), 132.3 (C, sp^2), 131.5 (CH), 130.4 (C, sp^2), 129.8 (2·CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (C, sp^2), 128.6 (2·CH), 128.2 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 115.0 (C, sp^2), 111.8 (CH), 104.2 (C, sp^2), 78.1 (CH₂), 44.0 (CH). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: 352.0731 [M+H]⁺, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_3^+$ requires 352.0735.

(S,Z)-1-(Nitromethyl)-2-(3-phenylpropylidene)-1,2-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b]furan (6d)

The enantiomeric excess (92% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, AD-H), hexane-*iPrOH* 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer $t_r = 18.5$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 28.4$ min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) the product was obtained as a reddish oil in 68% yield (24 mg, 0.068 mmol). $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} = -75.6$ (c 0.38, CHCl_3).



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 9.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, $J = 12.8, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (td, $J = 7.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, $J = 12.8, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.52 (m, 2H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.9 (C, sp^2), 153.9 (C, sp^2), 141.6 (C, sp^2), 131.1 (CH), 120.0 (C, sp^2), 129.5 (CH), 129.5 (C, sp^2), 128.5 (2·CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.9

(CH), 123.9 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 115.4 (C, sp^2), 111.7 (CH), 104.9 (CH), 78.3 (CH₂), 42.2 (CH), 35.6 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 346.1431 [M+H]⁺, C₂₂H₂₀NO₃⁺ requires 346.1438.

Typical procedures and characterization data for compound 7

General procedure for the enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

A vial containing 2-naphthol **1** (0.1 mmol) and chiral Rawal's squaramide **IV** (0.002 mmol, 0.8 mg) was purged with a stream of N₂ during 10 minutes. Then, the mixture was dissolved in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ and a solution of nitroalkyne **2** (0.12 mmol) in 0.5 mL of CHCl₃ was added at -20 °C.

Once finished the addition reaction; *p*-toluensulfonic acid (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), Ph₃PAuCl (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) and AgOTf (1.4 mg, 0.0005 mmol) were added. The tube was coated with aluminium foil and purged with N₂ for 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Finally, the product was purified by flash chromatography using a mixture of hexane:CH₂Cl₂ as the mobile phase.

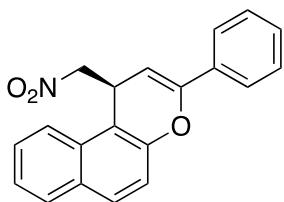
General procedure for the non-enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

2-Naphtol **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.), nitroalkyne **2a** (20.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and (non-chiral 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-4-((3-dimethylamino)propyl)amino)cyclobu-3-en-1,2-dione (4.1 mg, 0.01 mmol) were weighted in a reaction flask. Then, 1 mL of CHCl₃ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -20 °C until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material.

Once finished the addition reaction; *p*-toluensulfonic acid (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), Ph₃PAuCl (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) and AgOTf (1.4 mg, 0.0005 mmol) were added. The tube was coated with aluminium foil and purged with N₂ for 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Finally, the product was purified by flash chromatography using a mixture of hexane:CH₂Cl₂ as the mobile phase.

(S)-1-(Nitromethyl)-3-phenyl-1H-benzo[f]chromene (7)

The enantiomeric excess (68% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel, AD-H), hexane-*i*PrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 8.2 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 8.8 min. After purification with flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂) the product was obtained as a brown oil in 81% yield (25.7 mg, 0.081 mmol). $[\alpha]_D^{25} +29.3$ (c 0.10, CHCl₃).

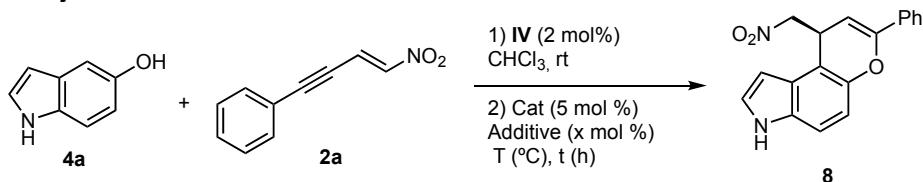


¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3 (C, sp^2), 150.4 (C, sp^2), 133.1

(C, sp^2), 131.0 (C, sp^2), 130.6 (C, sp^2), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.5 (2·CH), 127.7 (CH), 125.1 (2·CH), 124.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 118.00 (CH), 110.0 (C, sp^2), 95.5 (CH), 80.3 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 318.1123 [M+H]⁺, C₂₀H₁₆NO₃⁺ requires 318.1125.

Optimization for the enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reaction / Au-catalyzed cyclization



Entry	Catalyst	Additive	T (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	AgOTf	K ₂ CO ₃ (1 eq.)	rt	24	nr	nd
2	Ph ₃ PAuCl	K ₂ CO ₃ (1 eq.)	rt	24	nr	nd
3	Ph ₃ PAuCl/AgOTf	K ₂ CO ₃ (1 eq.)	ta	72	12	nd
4	Ph ₃ PAuCl/AgOTf	K ₂ CO ₃ (1 eq.)	50	72	nr	nd
5	Ph ₃ PAuCl/AgOTf	PTSA (0.1 eq.)	rt	24	78	83

Typical procedures and characterization data for compound 8

General procedure for the enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

Hydroxyindole **4a** (20 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), nitroalkyne **2a** (17.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Rawal's squaramide **IV** (0.84 mg, 0.002 mmol) were weighted in a reaction flask. After purging with a stream of N₂ for 10 minutes, 1 mL of CHCl₃ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material.

Then, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), Ph₃PAuCl (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) and AgOTf (1.4 mg, 0.0005 mmol) were added. The tube was coated with aluminium foil and purged with N₂ for 10 minutes and the reaction was kept at room temperature. The product was purified by flash chromatography using a mixture of hexane:AcOEt as the mobile phase.

General procedure for the non-enantioselective tandem Friedel-Crafts/hydroalkoxylation reaction

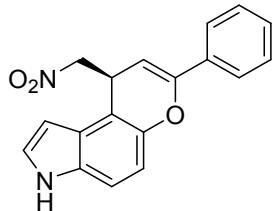
Hydroxyindole **4a** (20 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.), nitroalkyne **2a** (17.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and non-chiral organocatalyst 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-4-((2-(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)amino)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (0.8 mg, 0.002 mmol) were weighted in a reaction flask. Then, 1 mL of CHCl₃ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material.

Once finished the addition reaction, the solvent was concentrated. Then, *p*-toluenesulphonic acid (2 mg, 0.01 mmol), Ph₃PAuCl (2.5 mg, 0.005 mmol) and AgOTf (1.4

mg, 0.0005 mmol) were added. The tube was coated with aluminium foil and purged with N₂ for 10 min. Finally, 1 mL of dry CH₂Cl₂ was added and the reaction was kept at room temperature. The product was purified by flash chromatography using a mixture of hexane:AcOEt as the mobile phase.

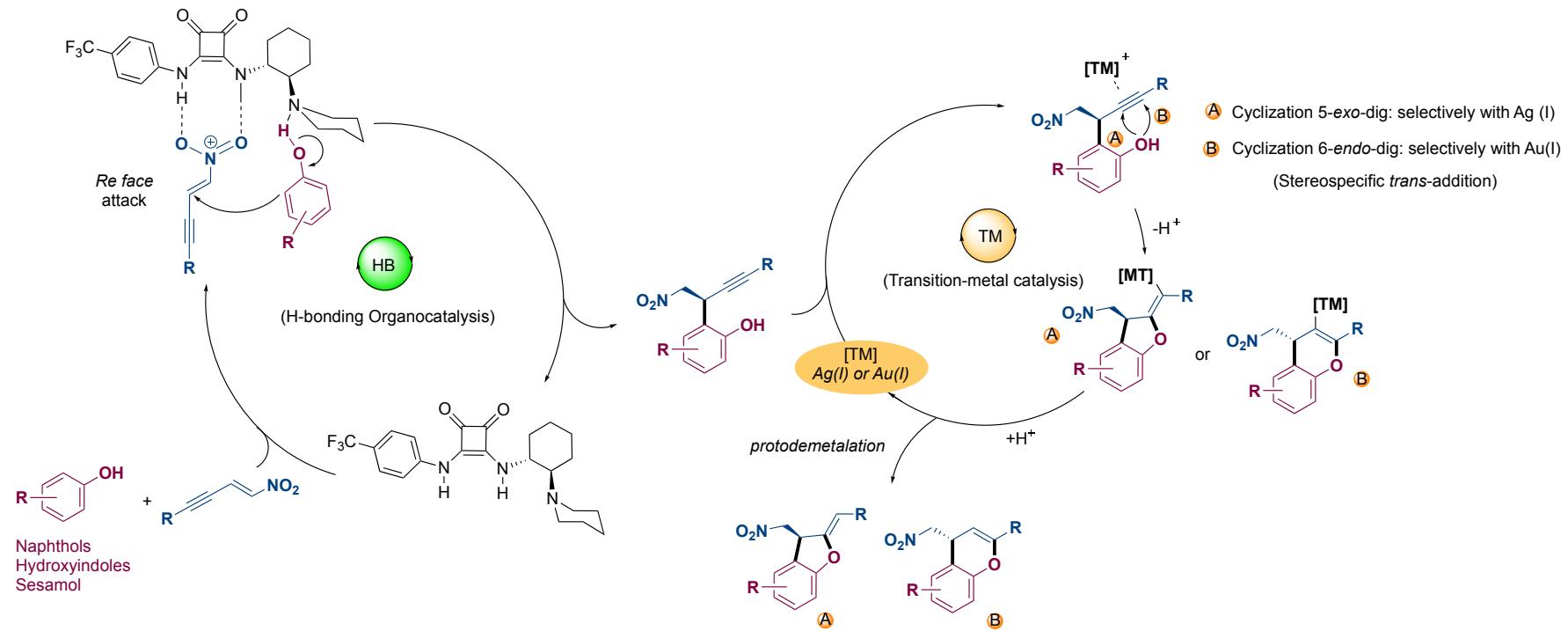
(S)-9-(Nitromethyl)-7-phenyl-3,9-dihydropyrano[3,2-e]indole (8)

The enantiomeric excess (83% ee) was determined by Chiral HPLC (ChiralPak AD-H), hexane: iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t_R = 8.26 min, minor enantiomer t_R = 9.45 min. After purification with flash chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt 70:30) the product was obtained as a yellow solid in 78% yield (24 mg, 0.078 mmol); m.p. 130–135 °C. [α]_D²⁰ +59.8 (c 0.35, CHCl₃).



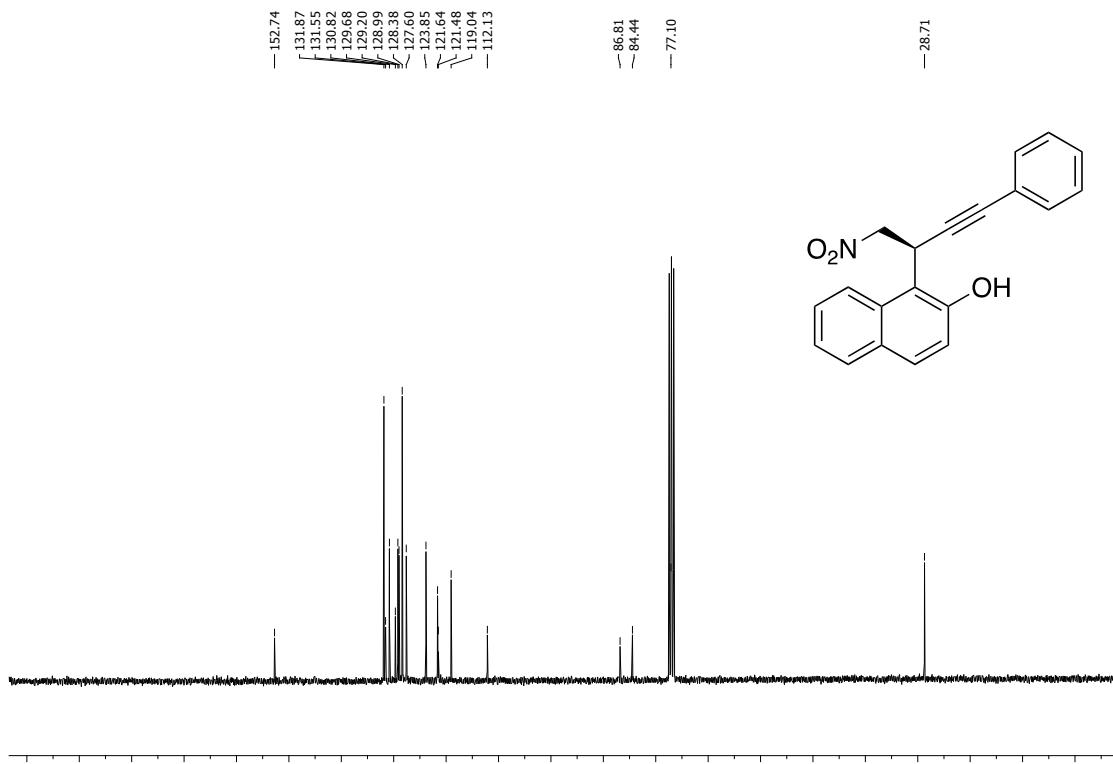
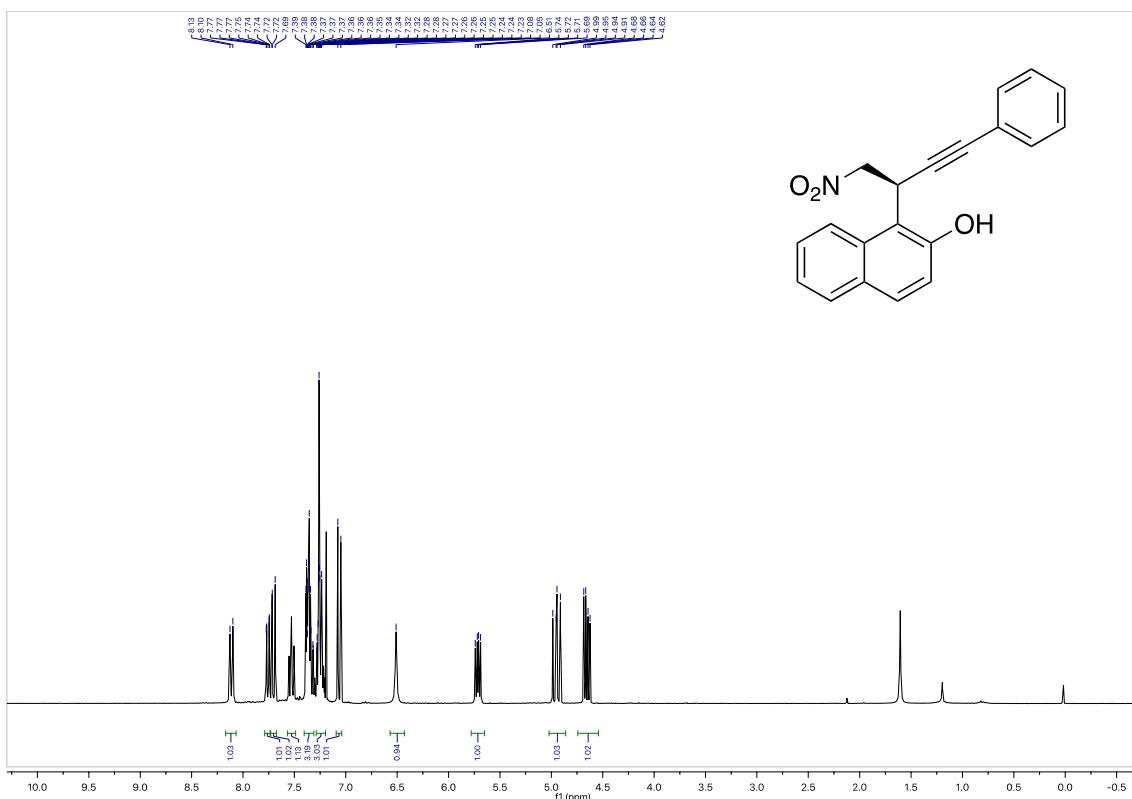
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (ddd, *J* = 3.2, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3 (C, *sp*²), 146.2 (C, *sp*²), 133.9 (C, *sp*²), 132.3 (C, *sp*²), 129.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 125.4 (C, *sp*²), 125.1 (CH), 112.7 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 108.0 (C, *sp*²), 99.9 (CH), 94.5 (CH), 80.7 (CH₂), 33.4 (CH). **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: 307.1079 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ requires 307.1077.

Stereochemical model and mechanistic proposal

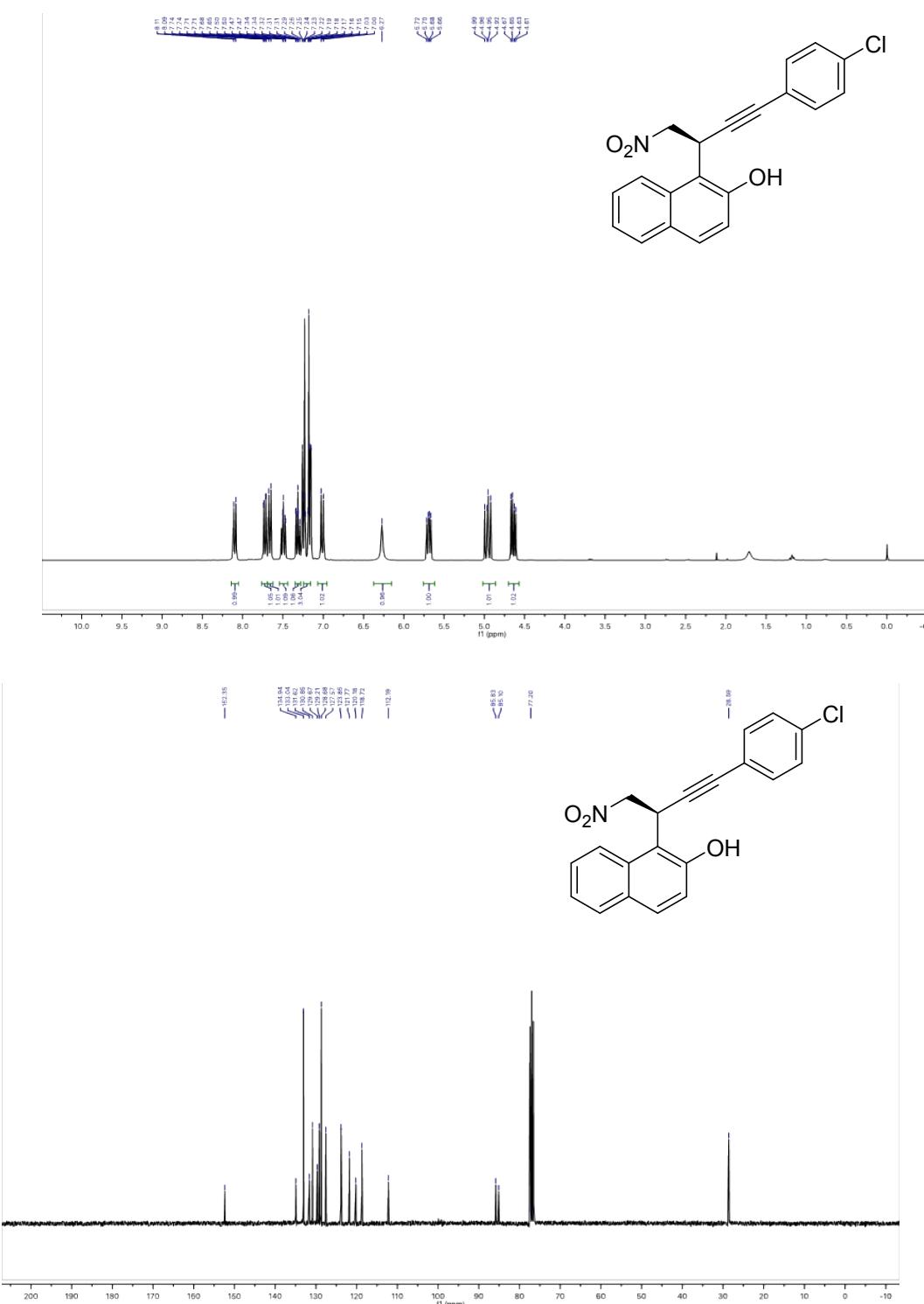


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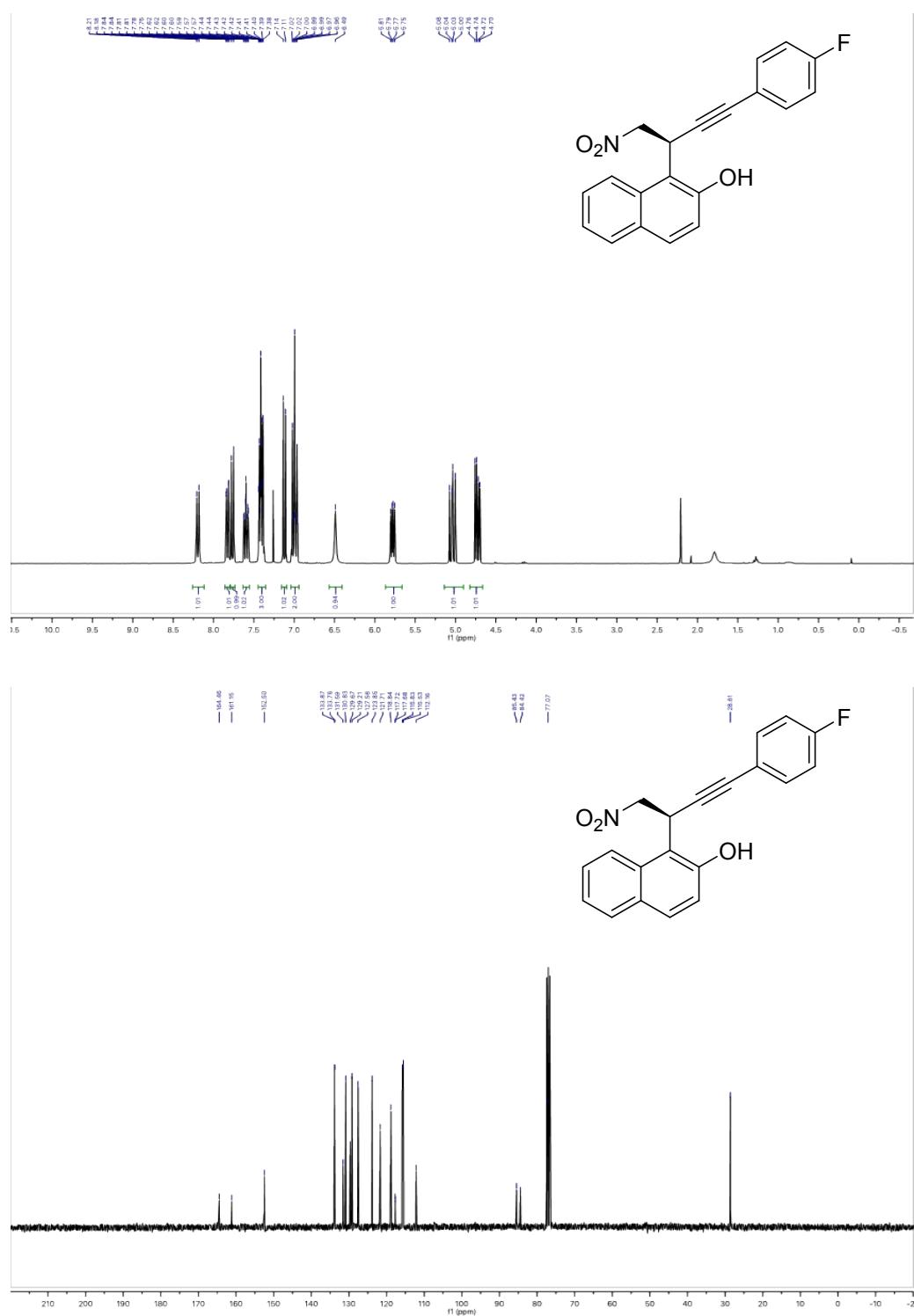
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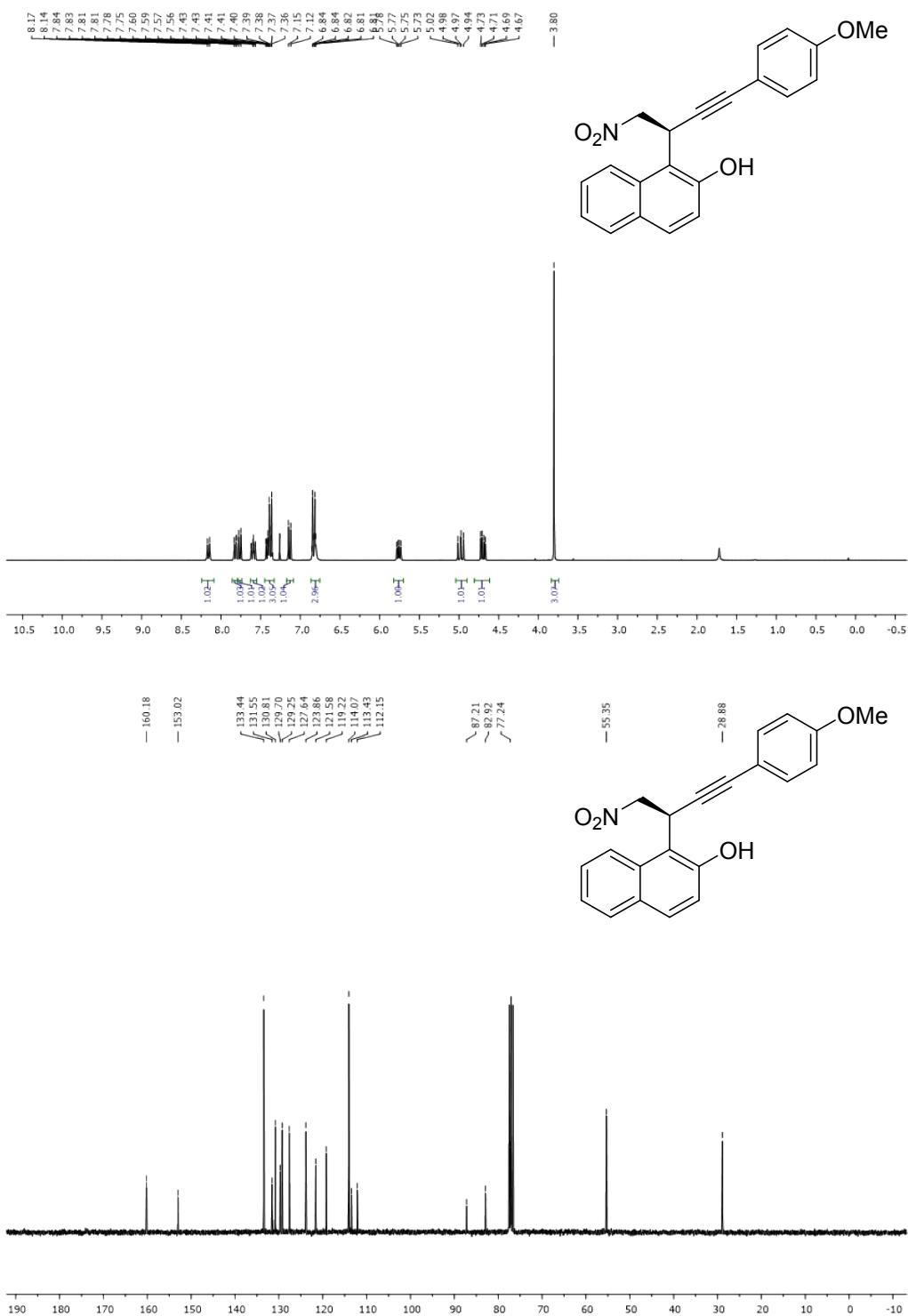
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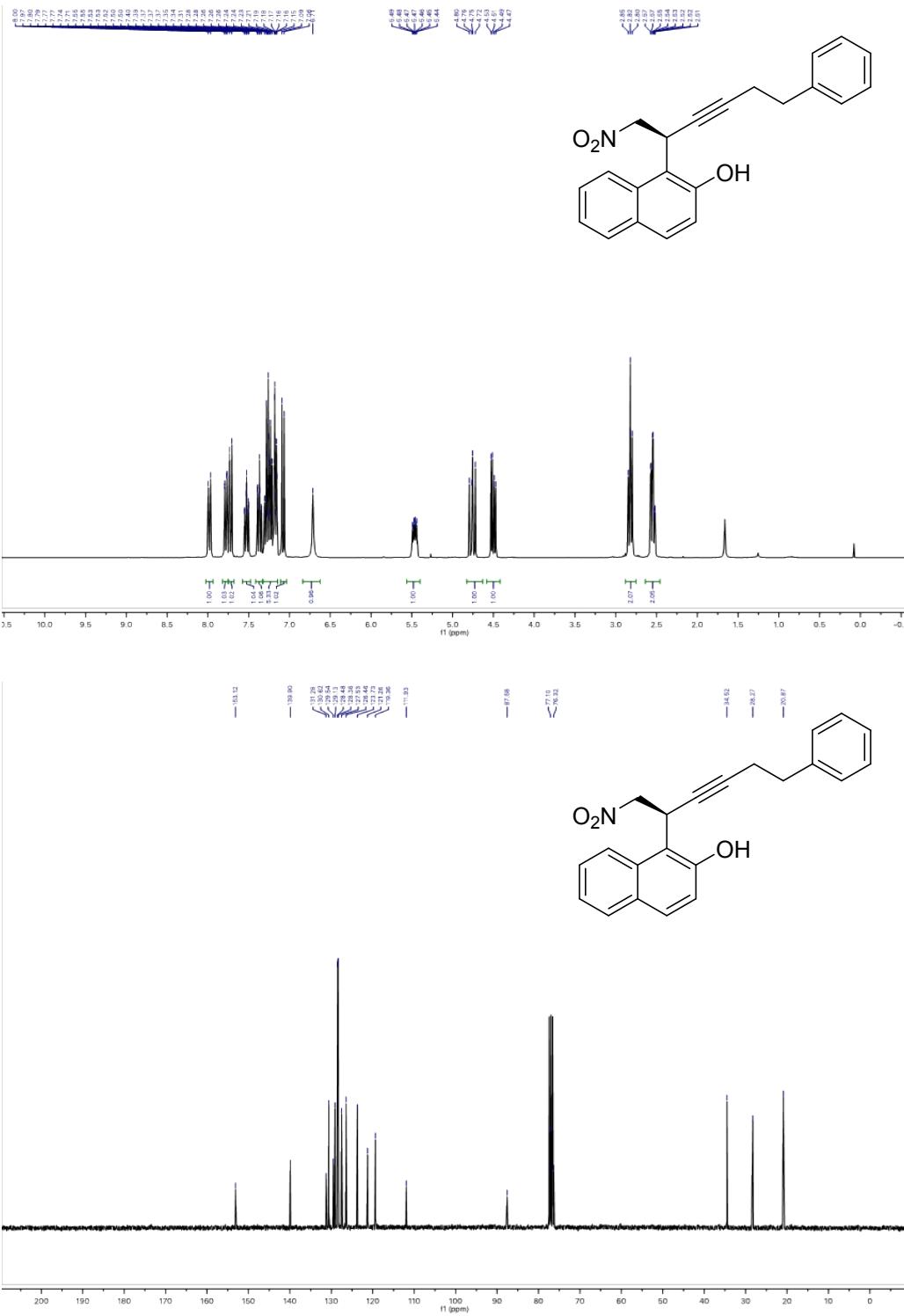
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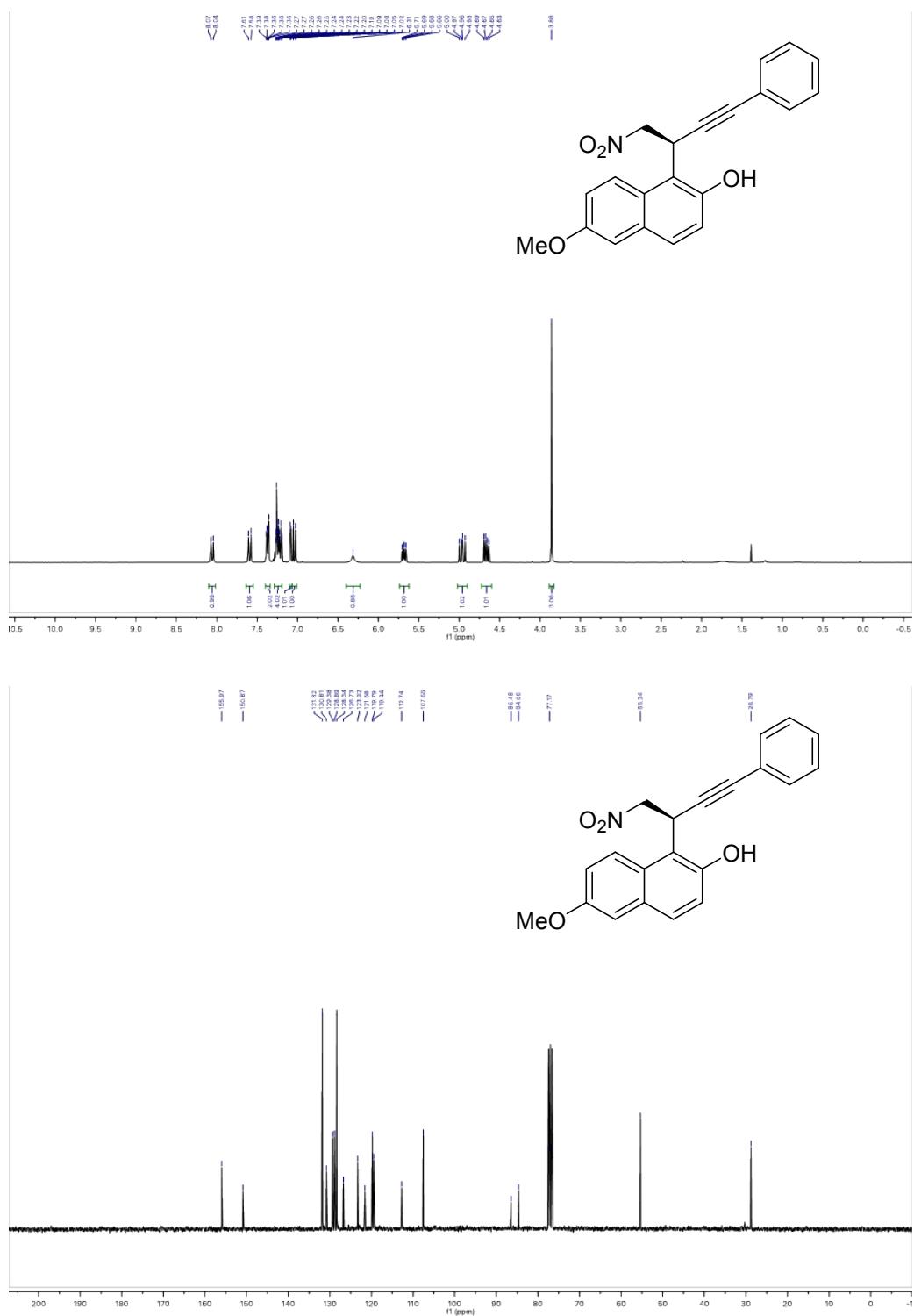
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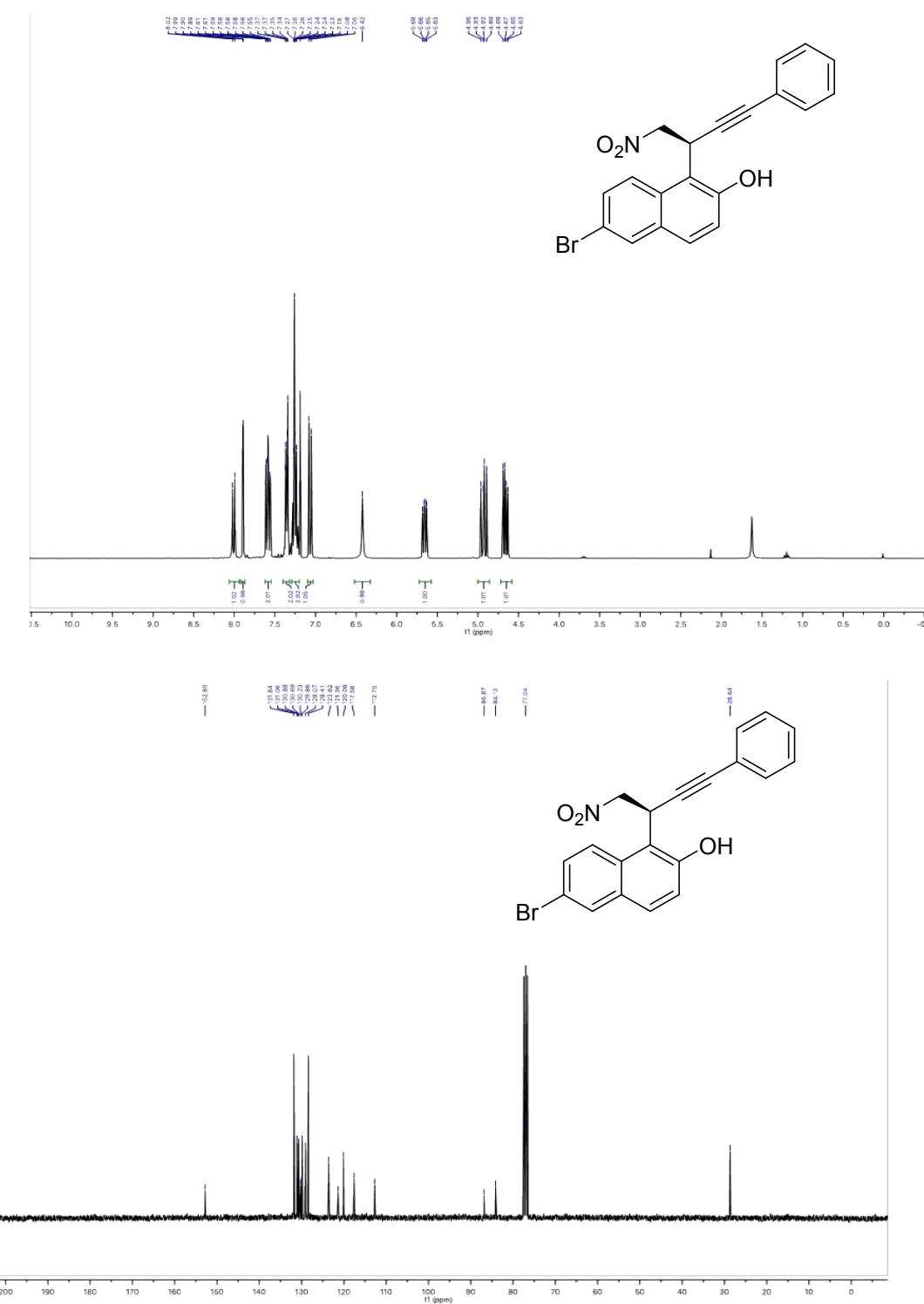
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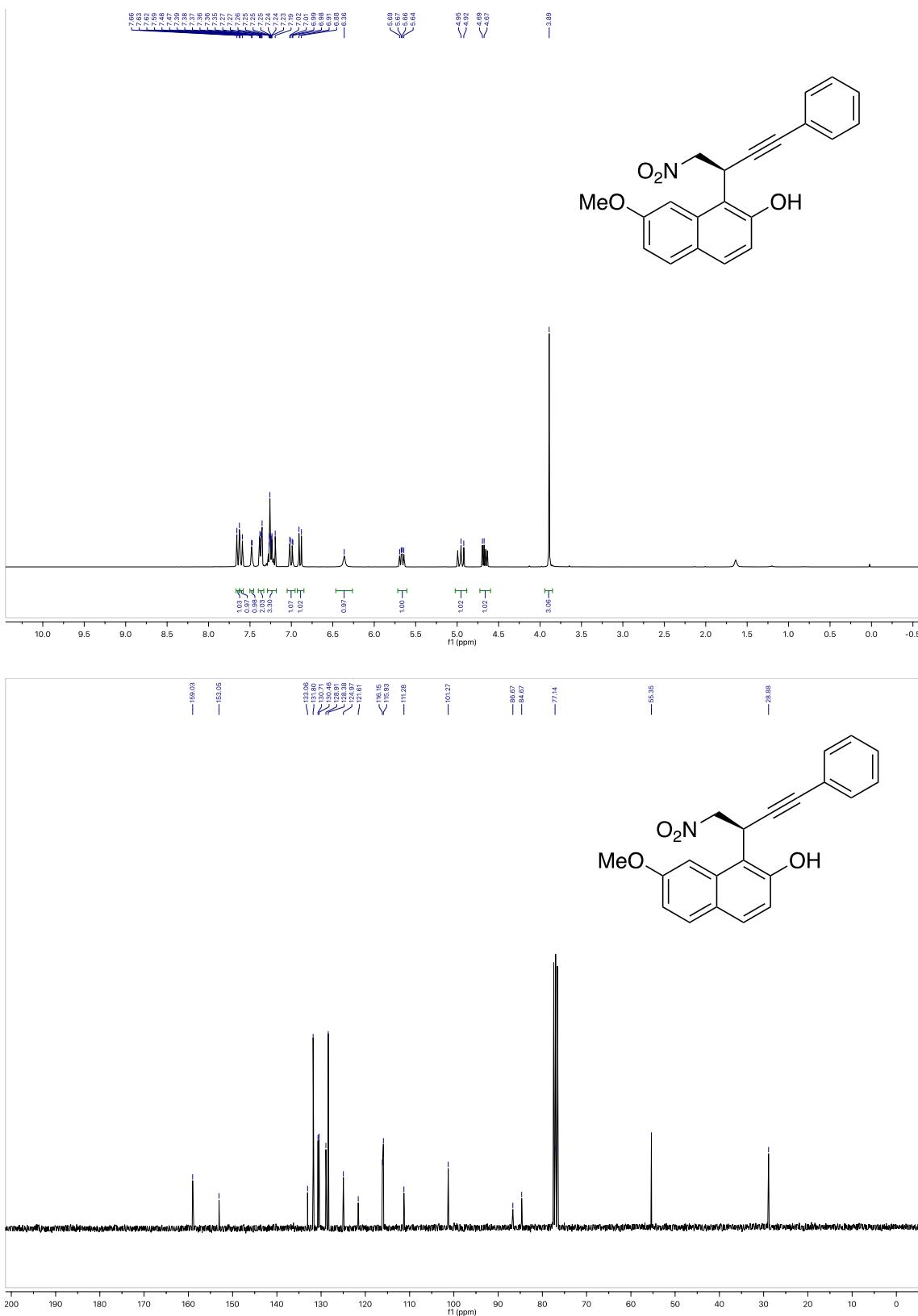
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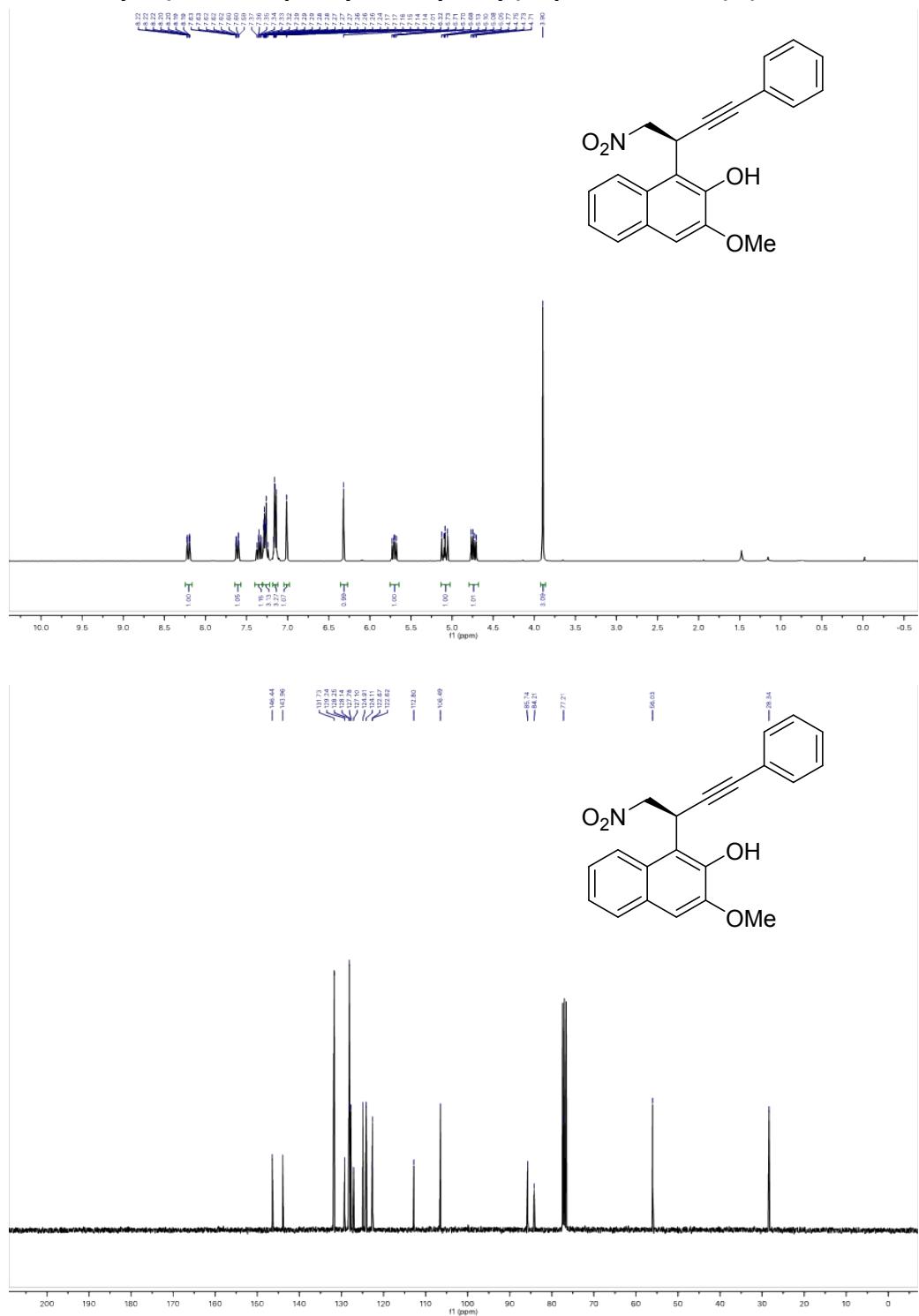
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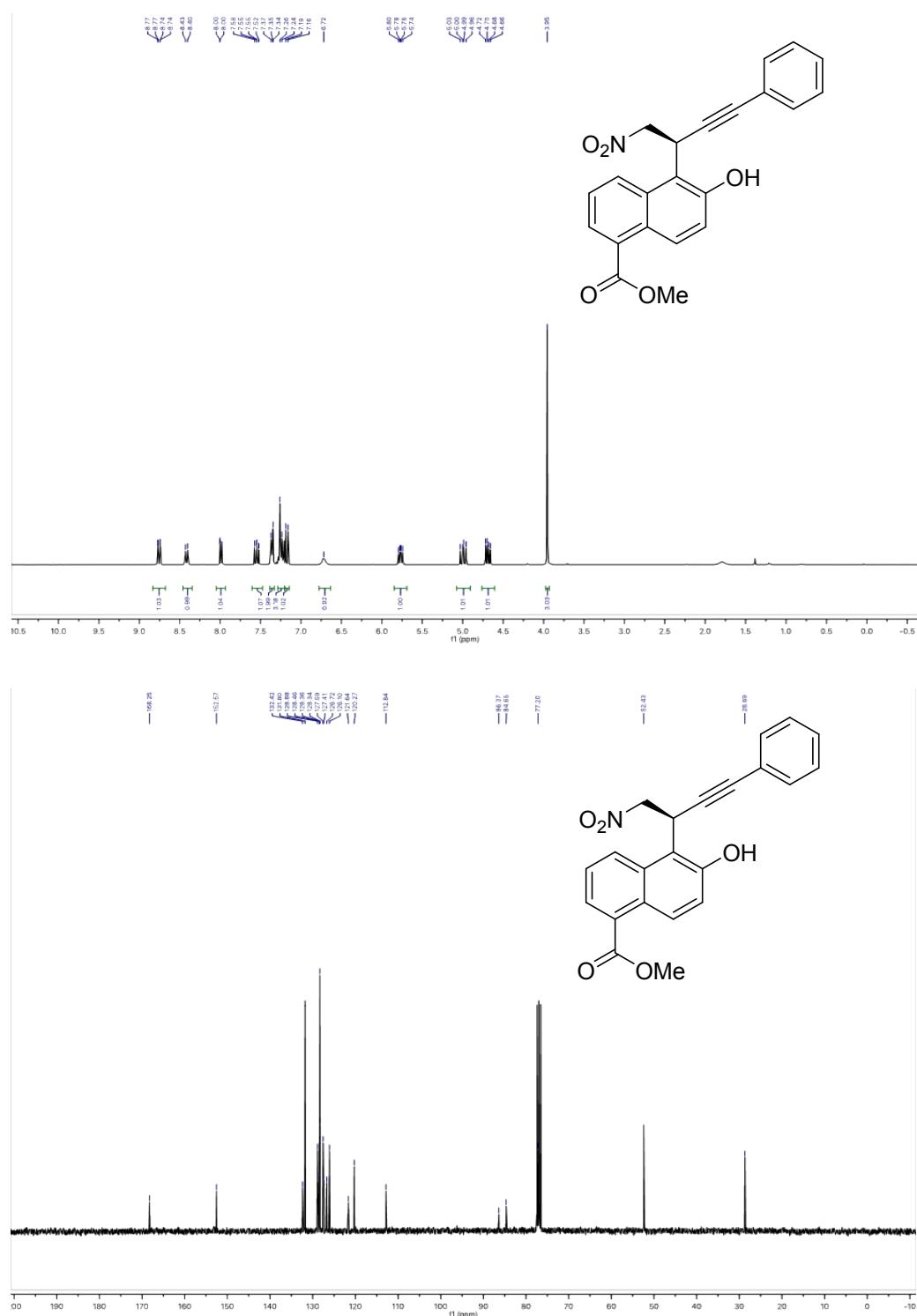
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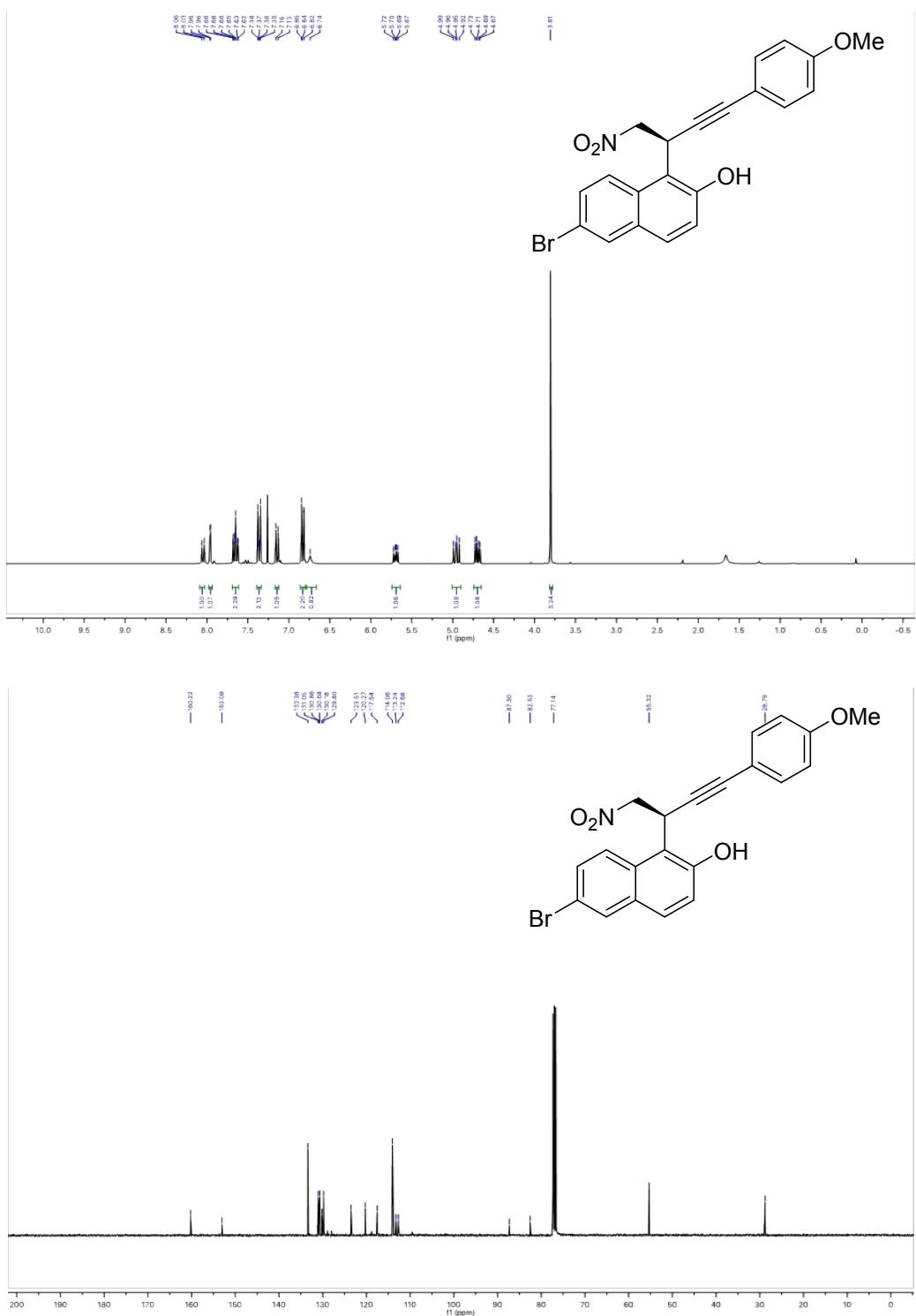
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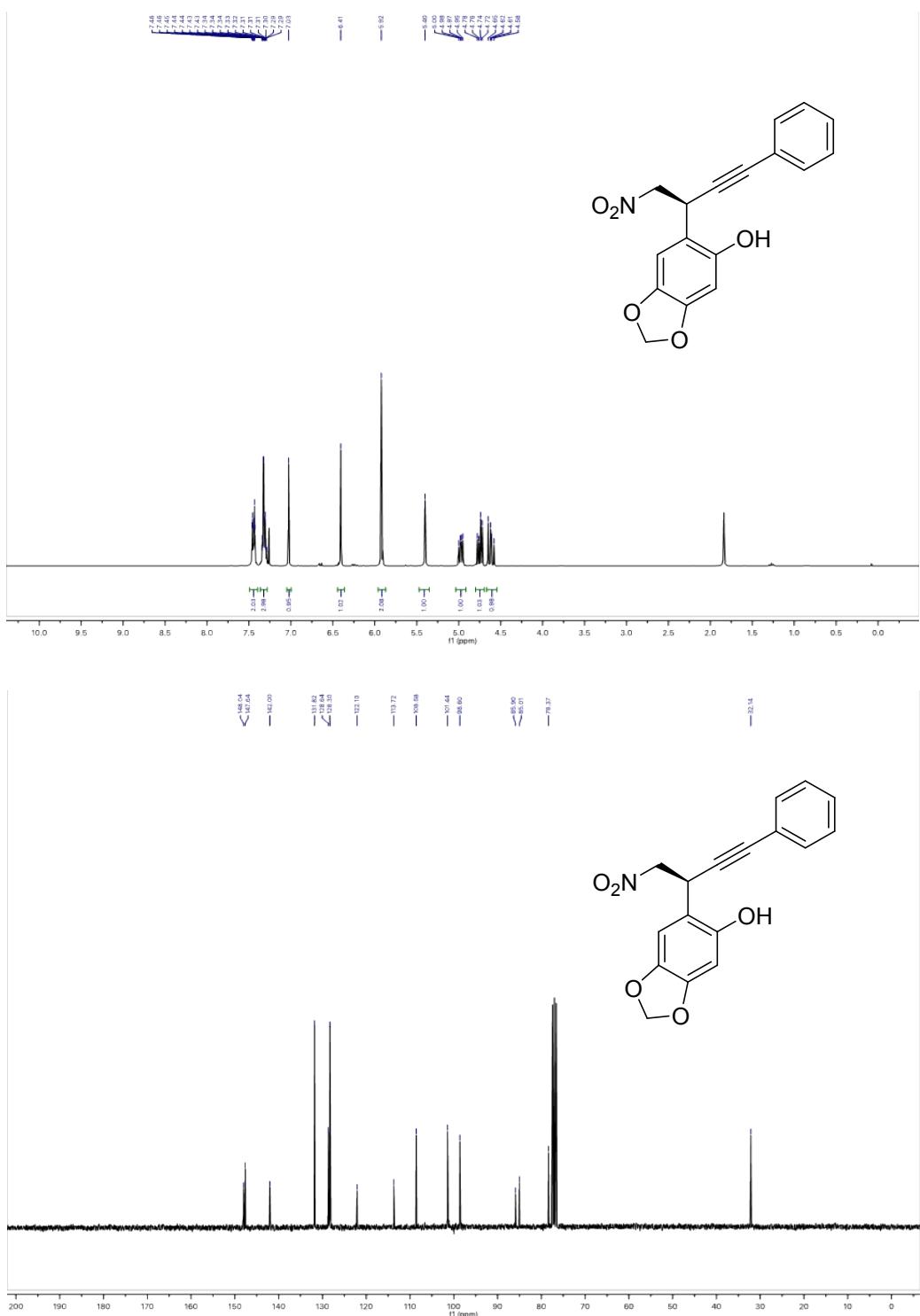
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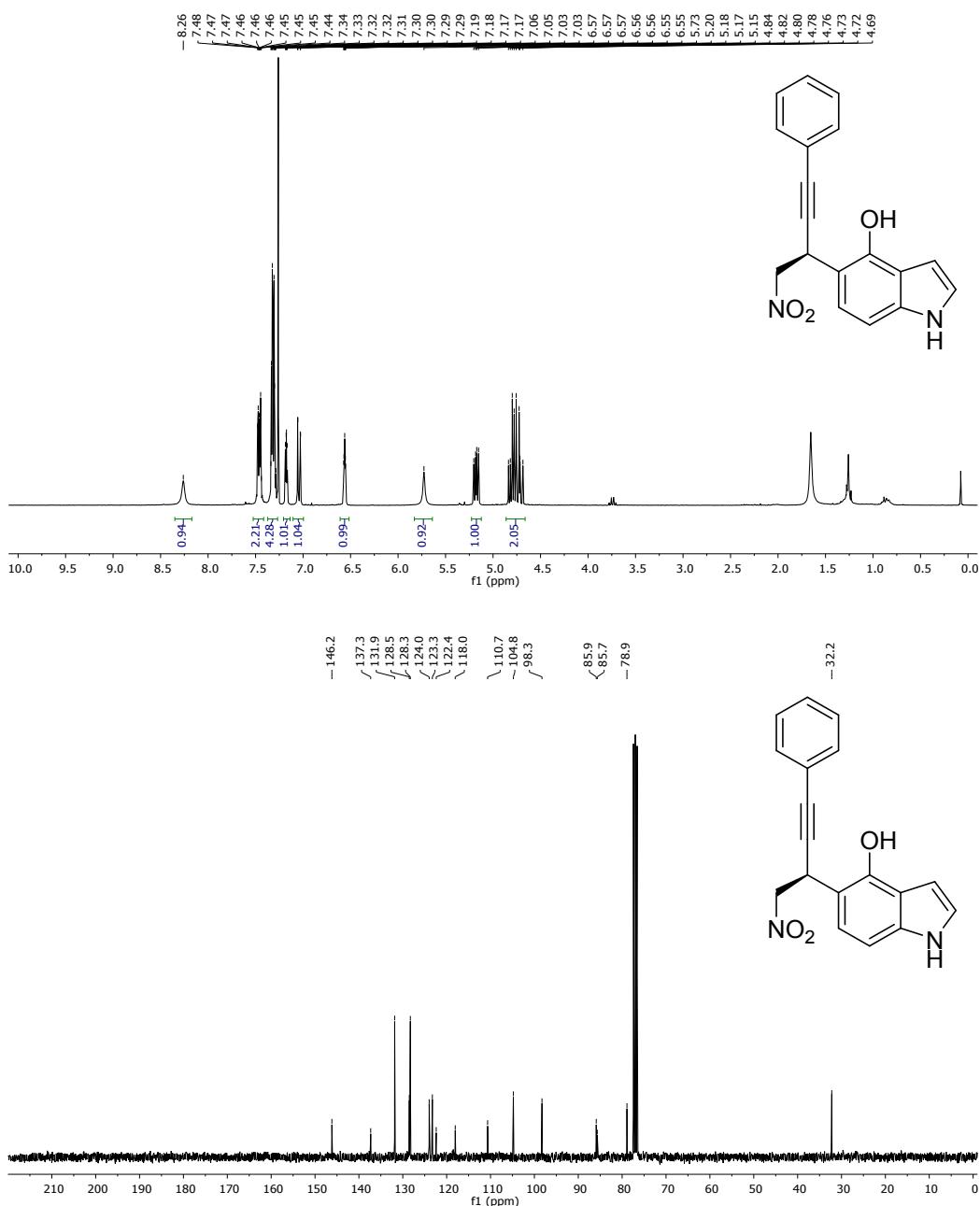
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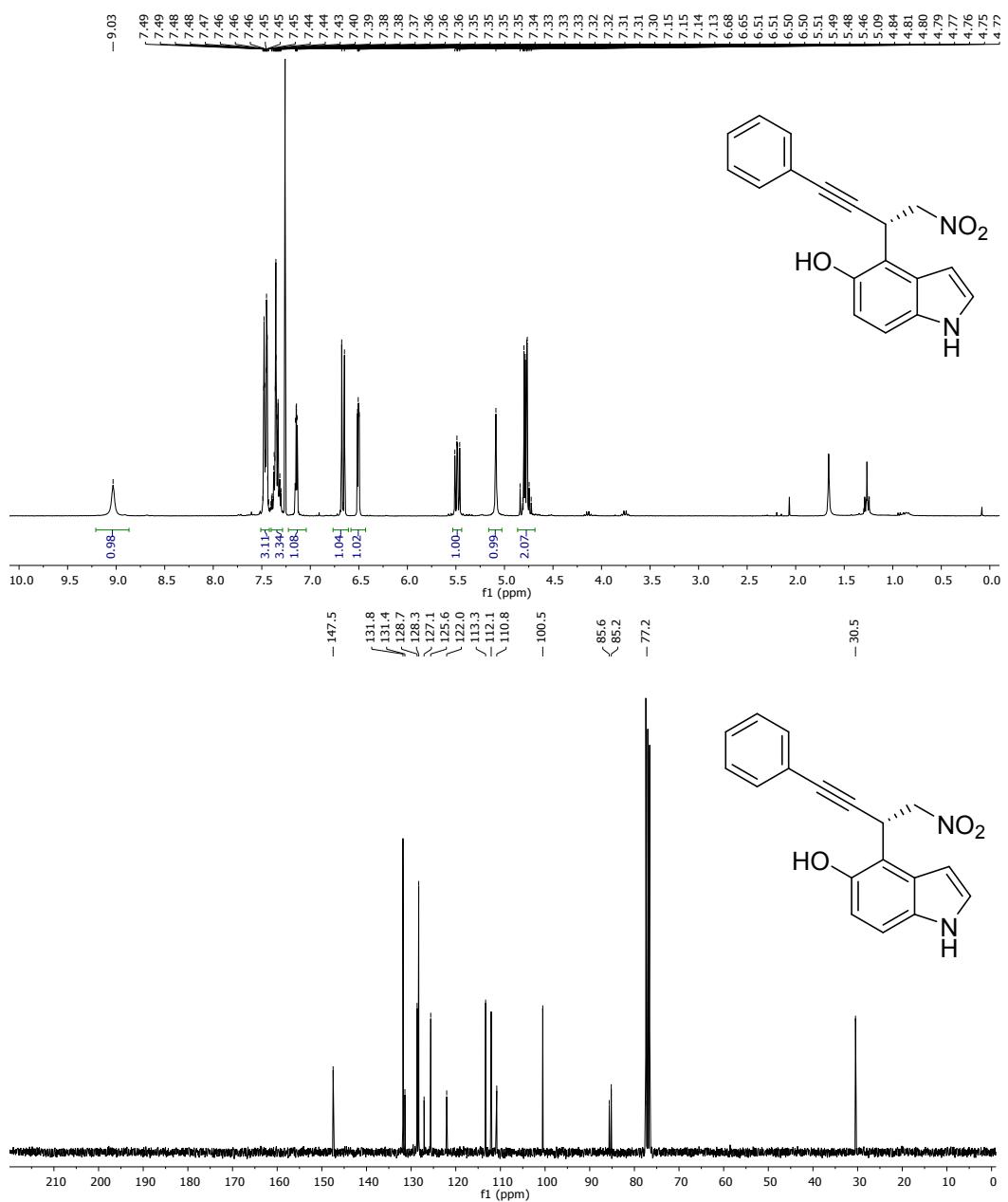
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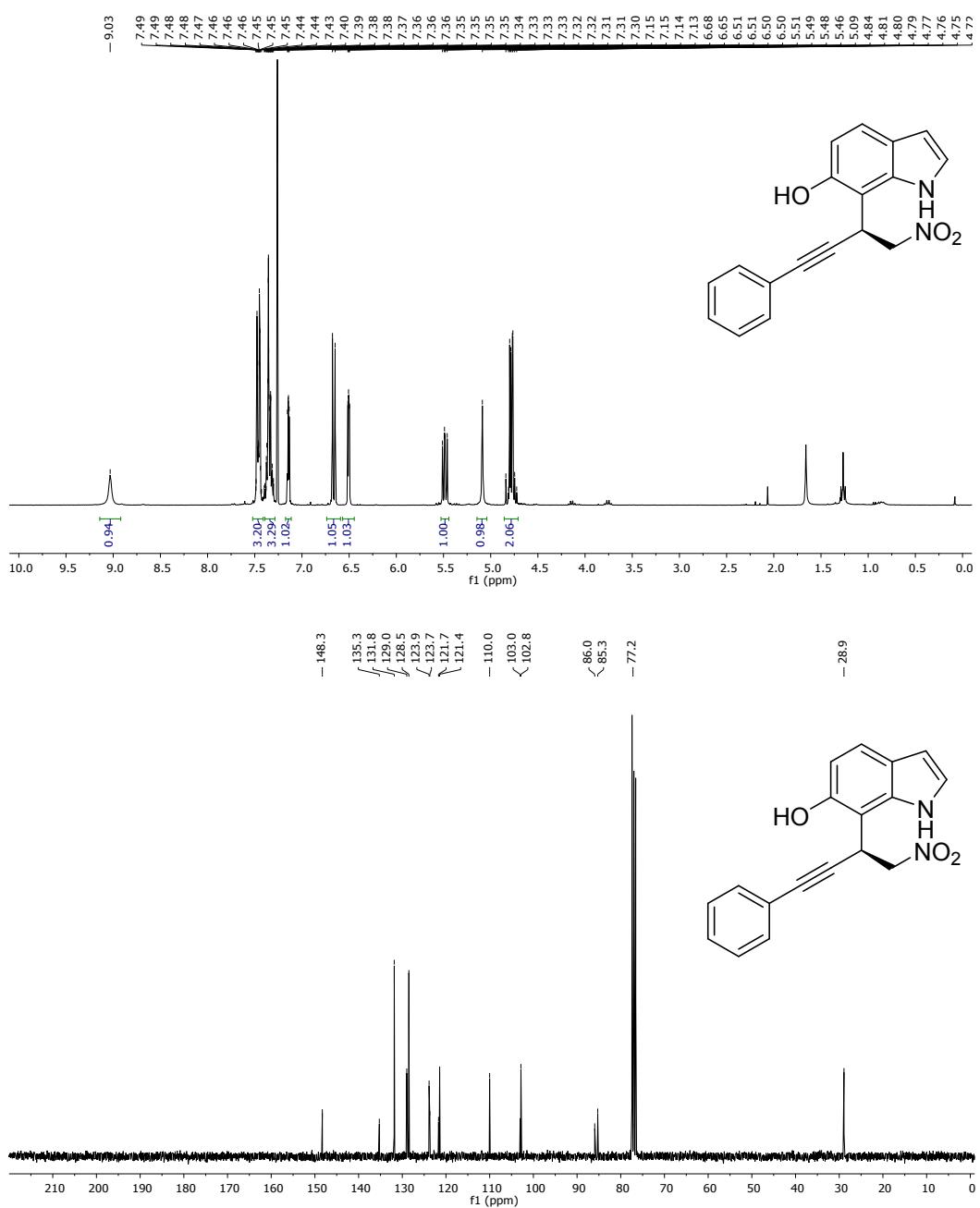
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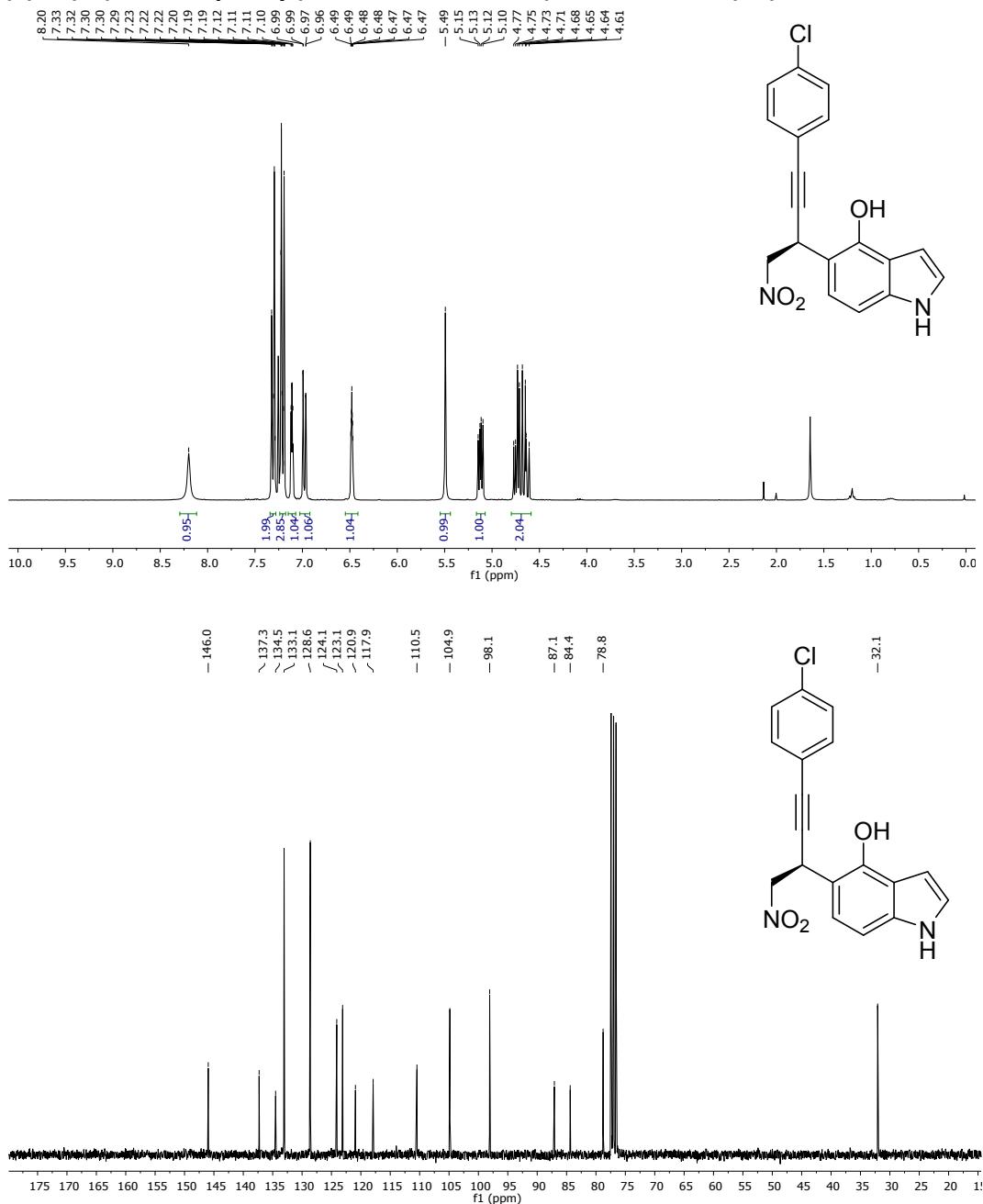
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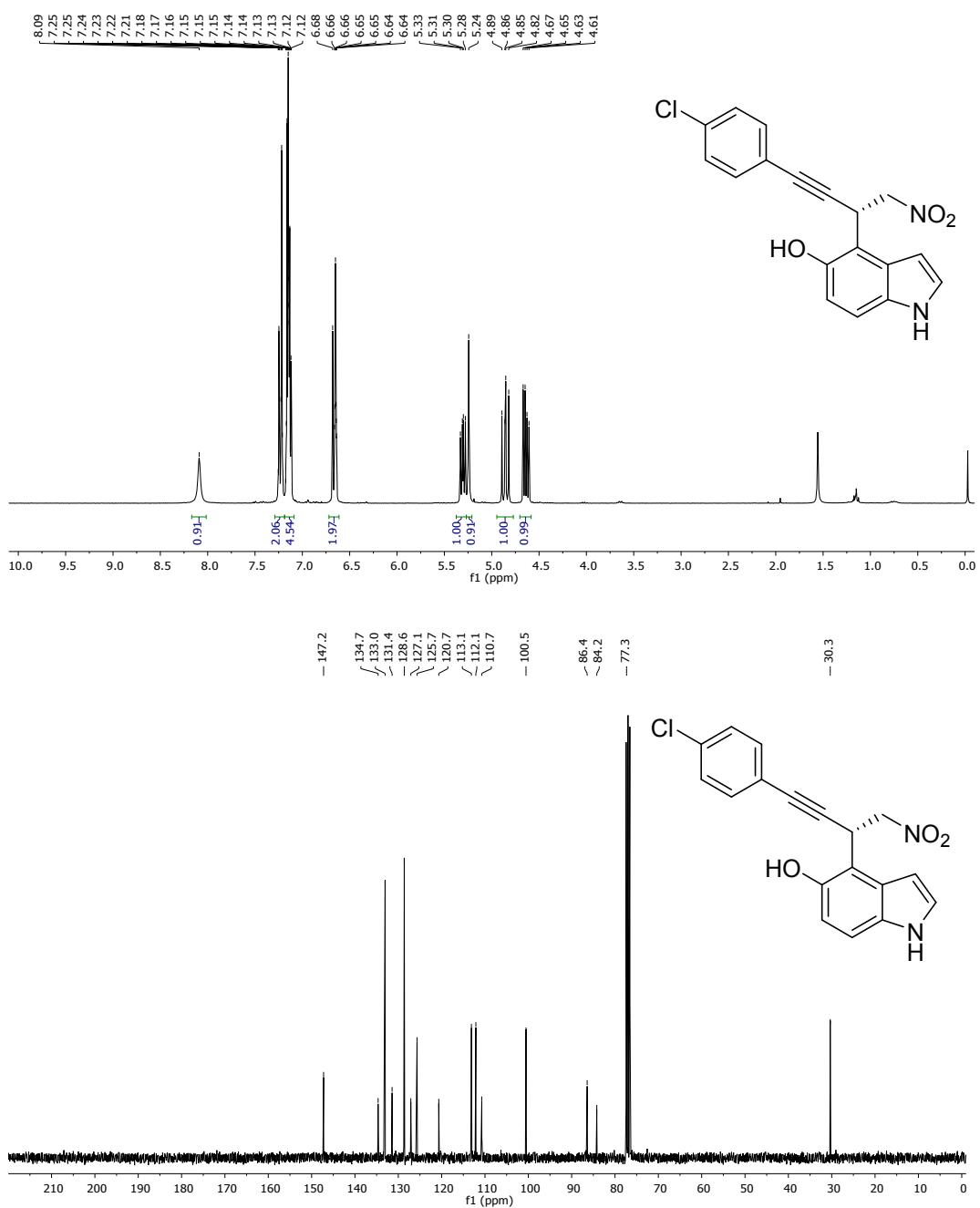
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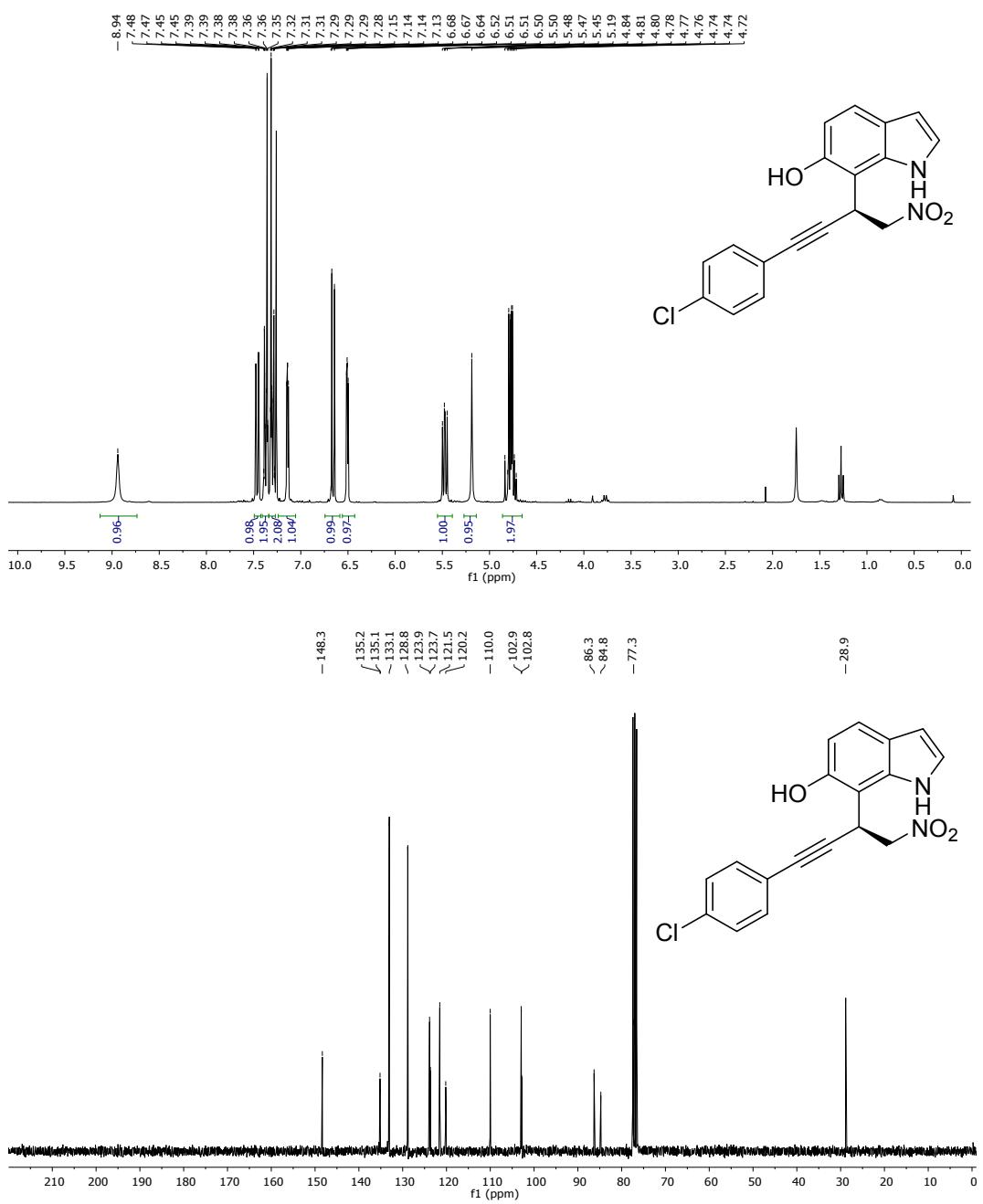
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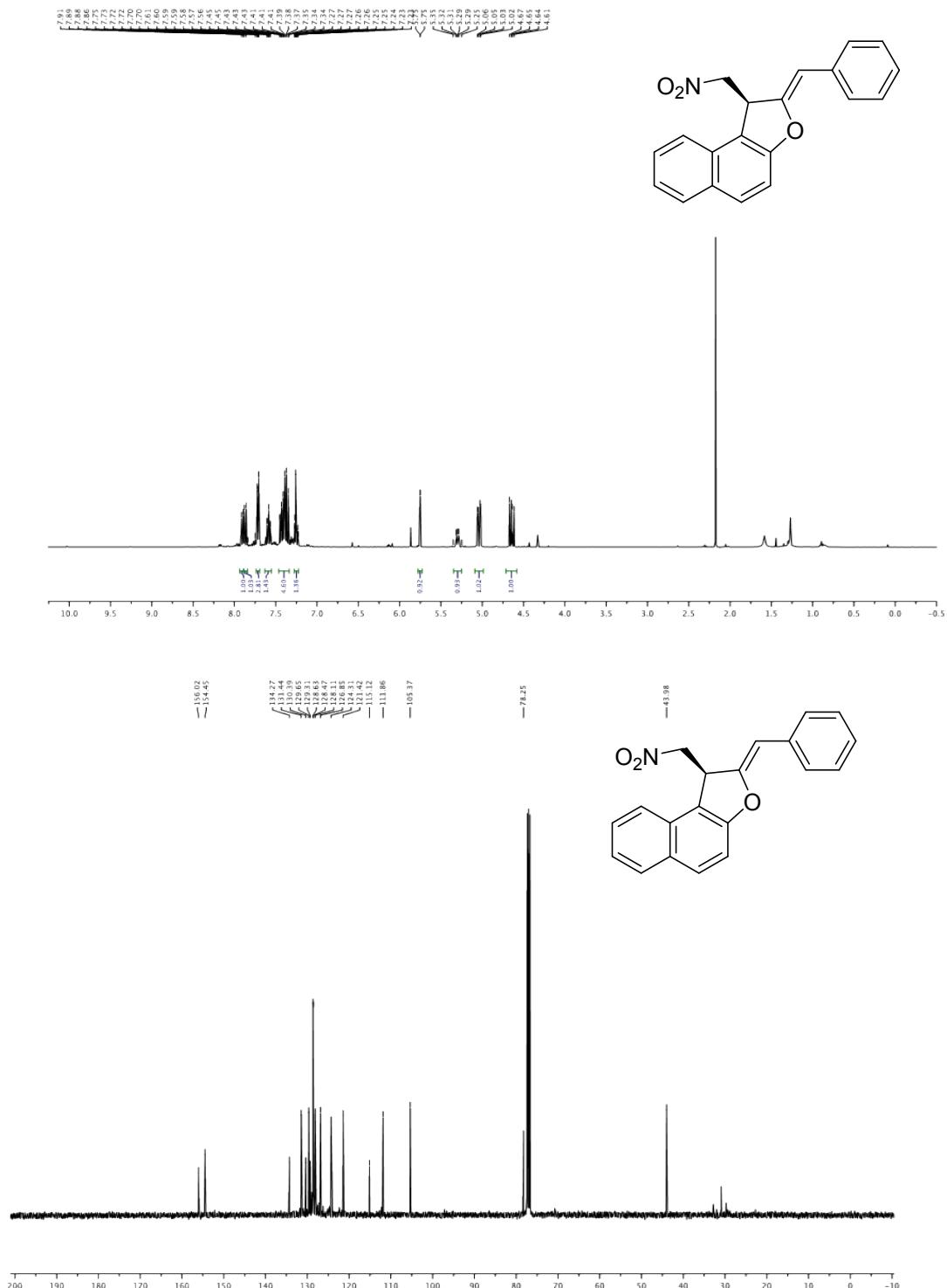
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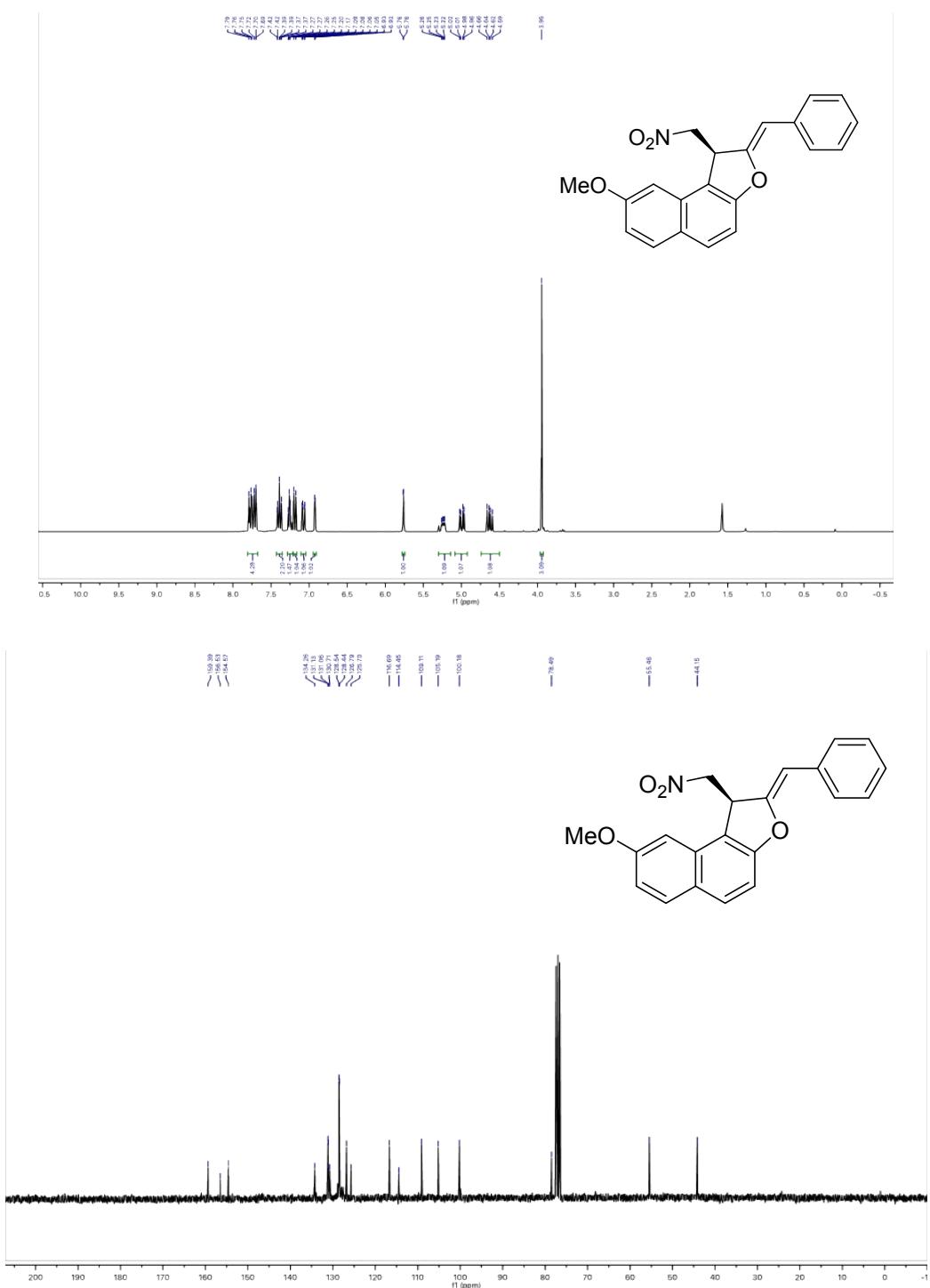
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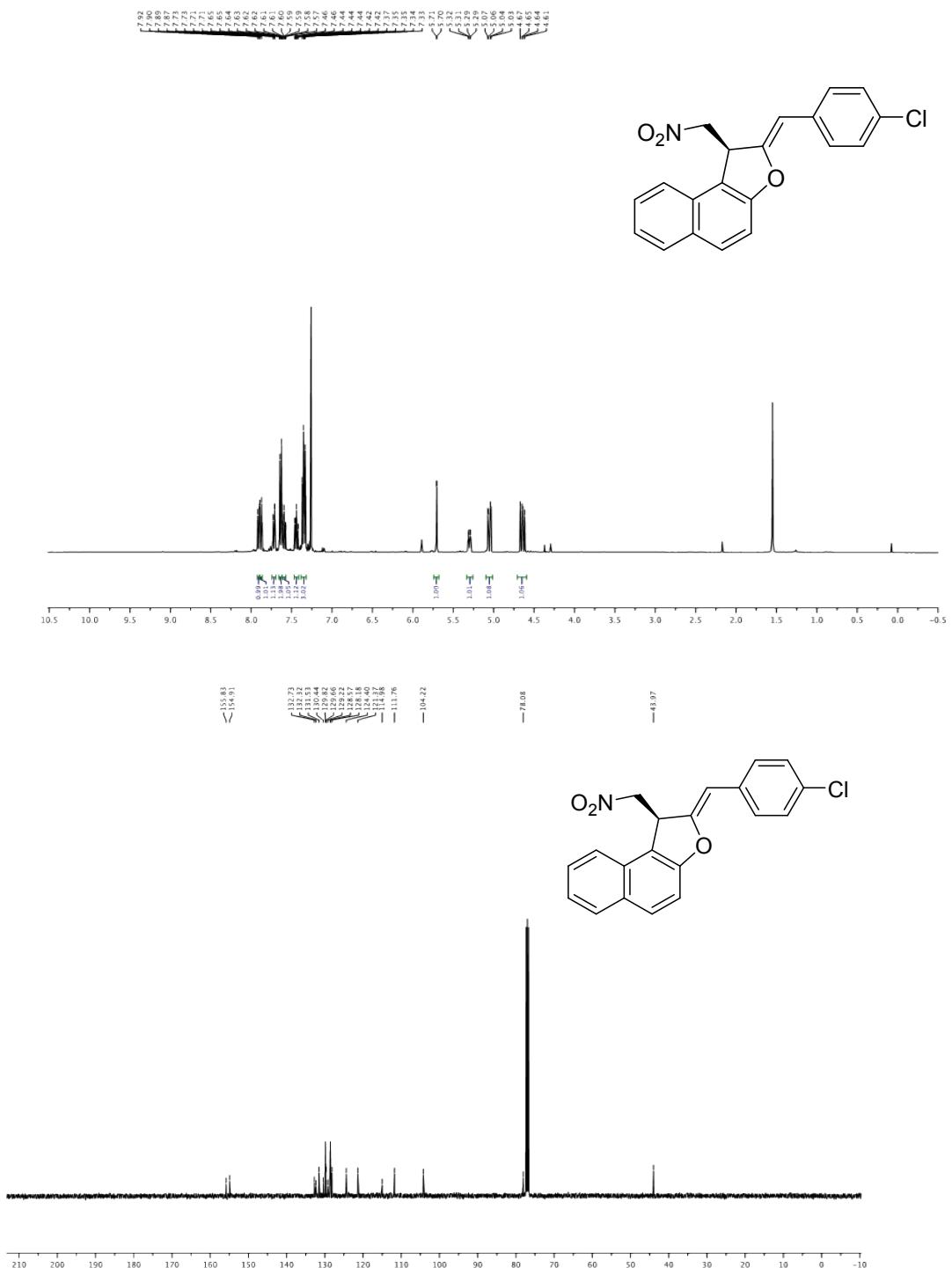
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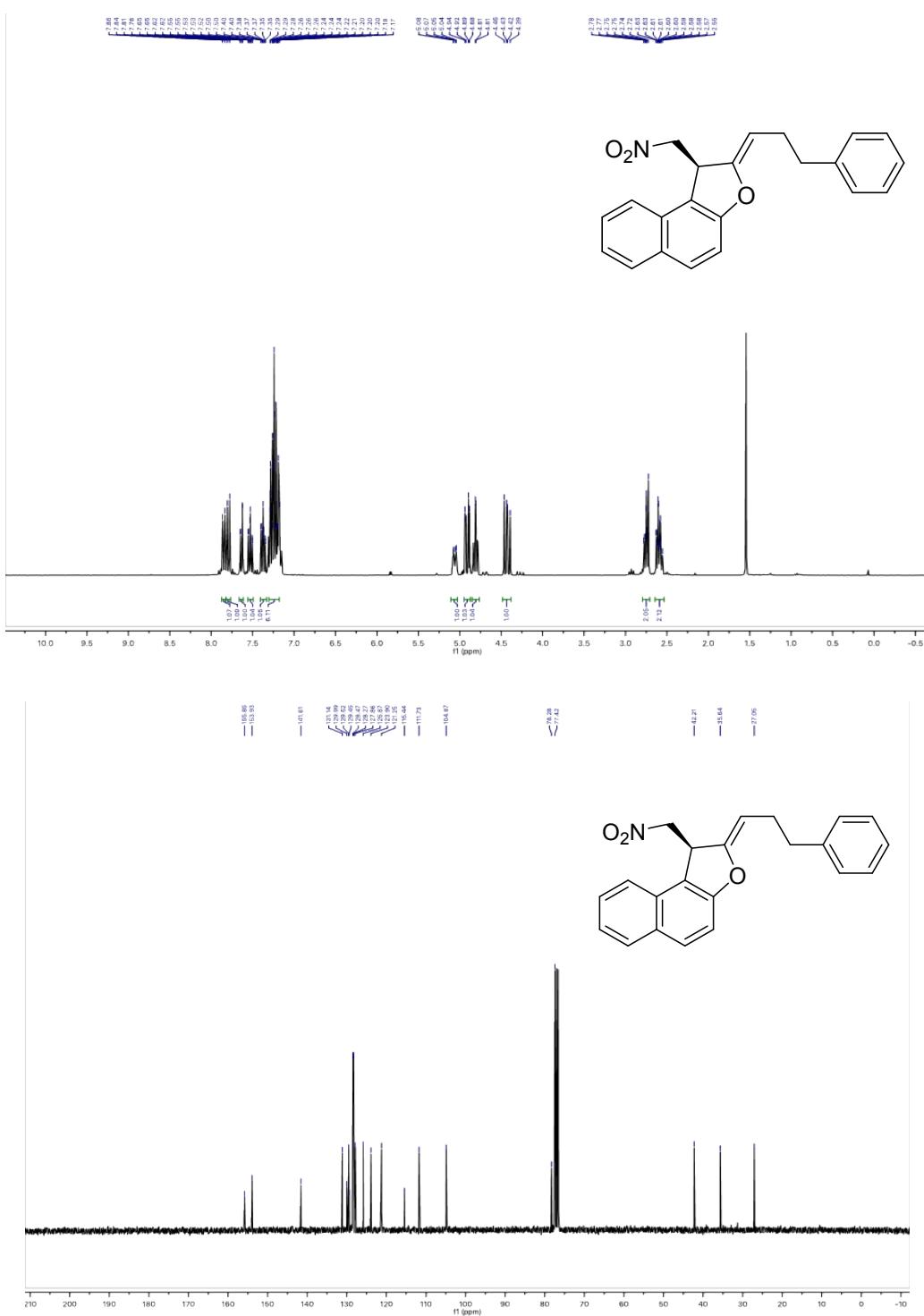
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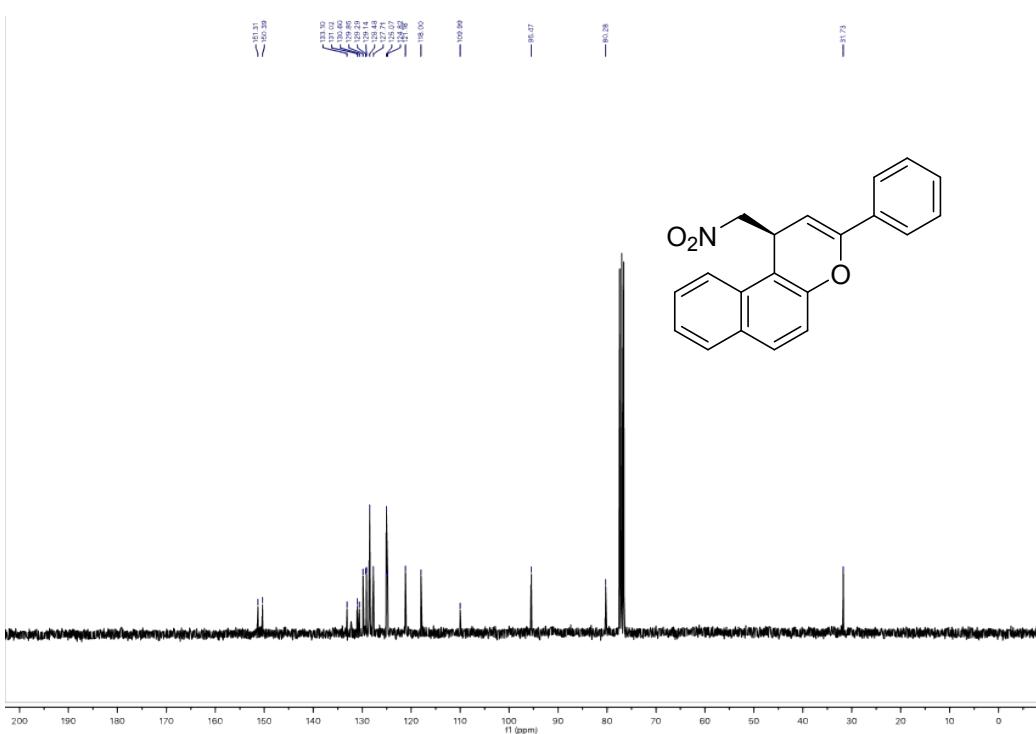
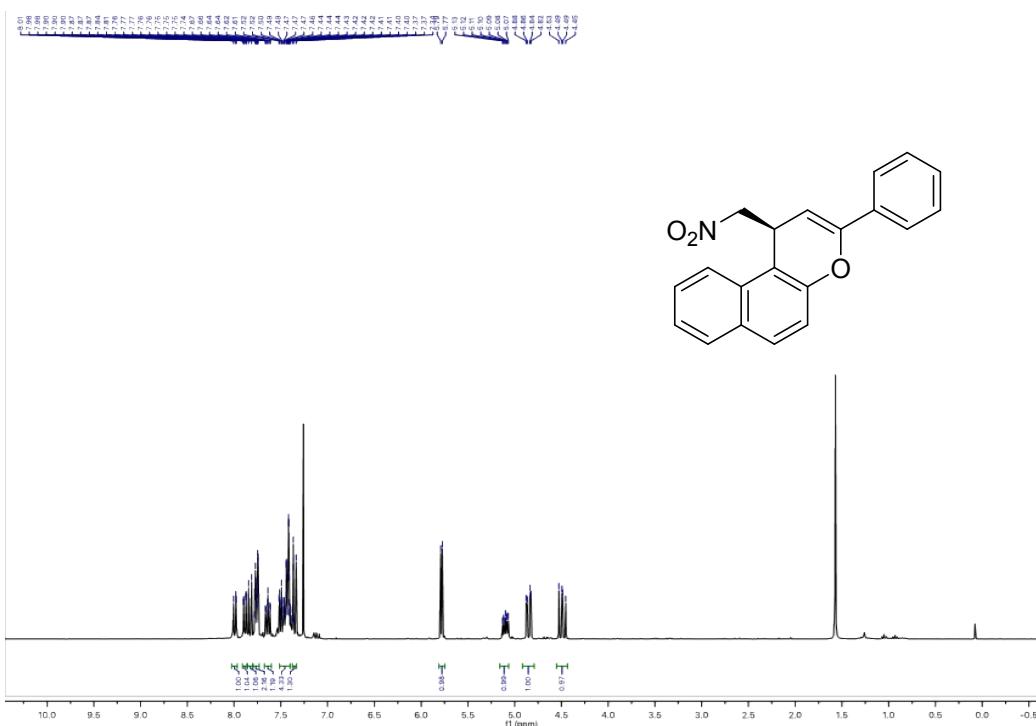
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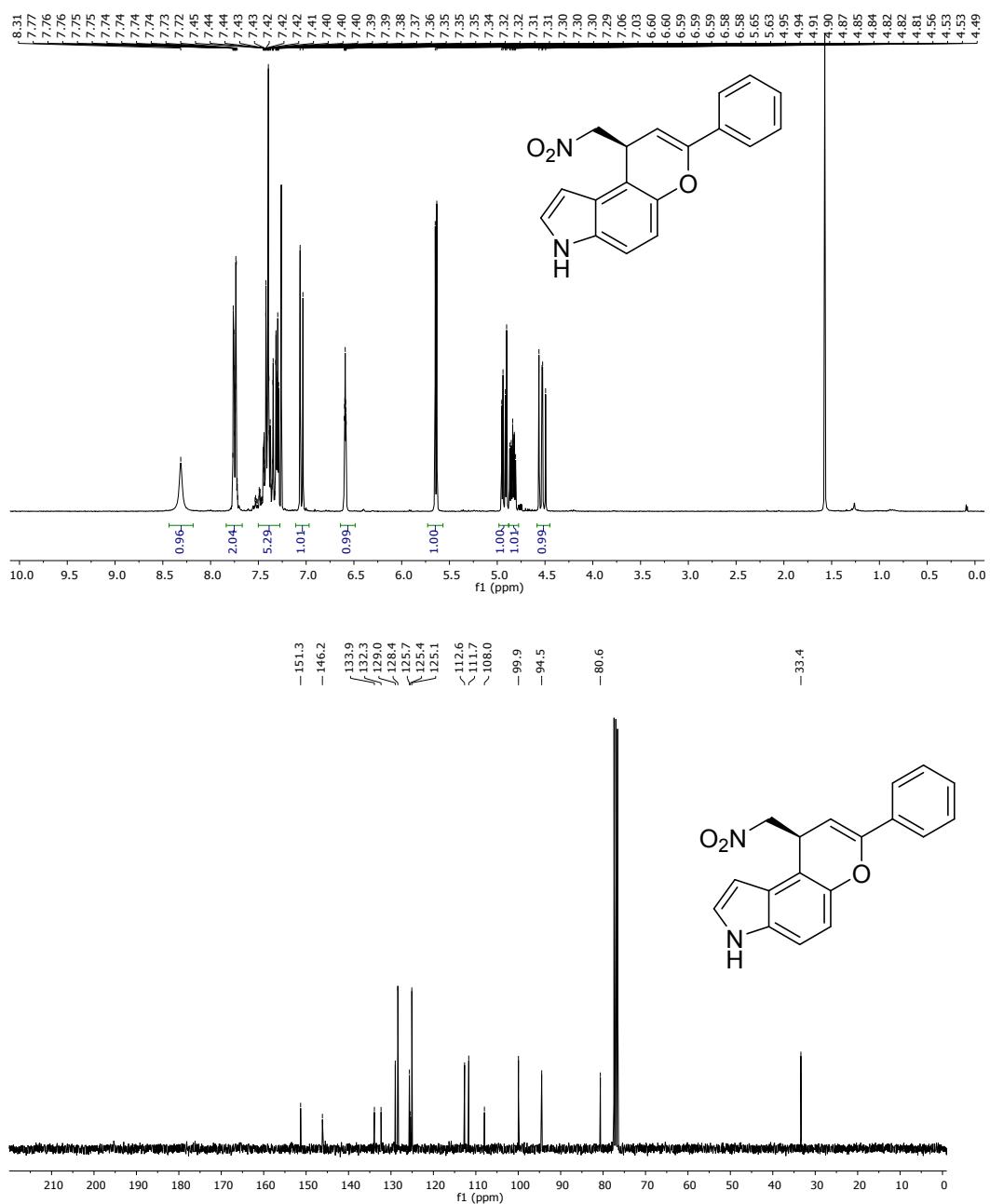
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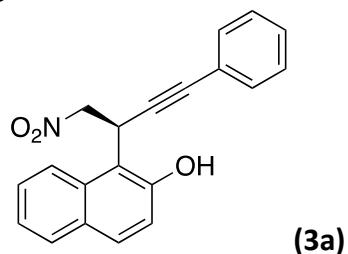
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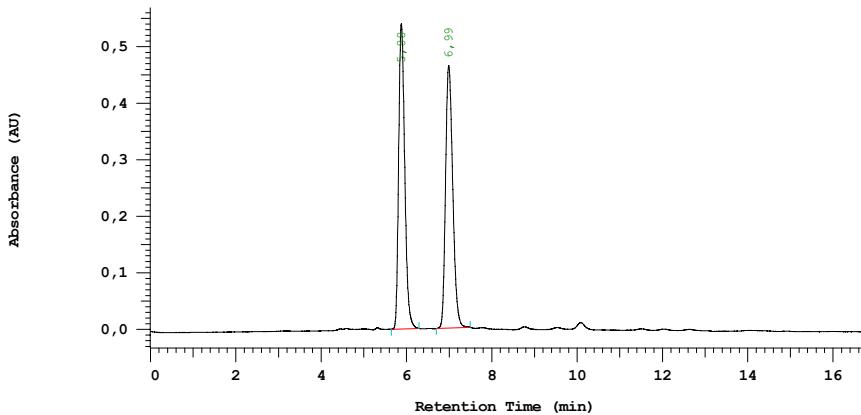
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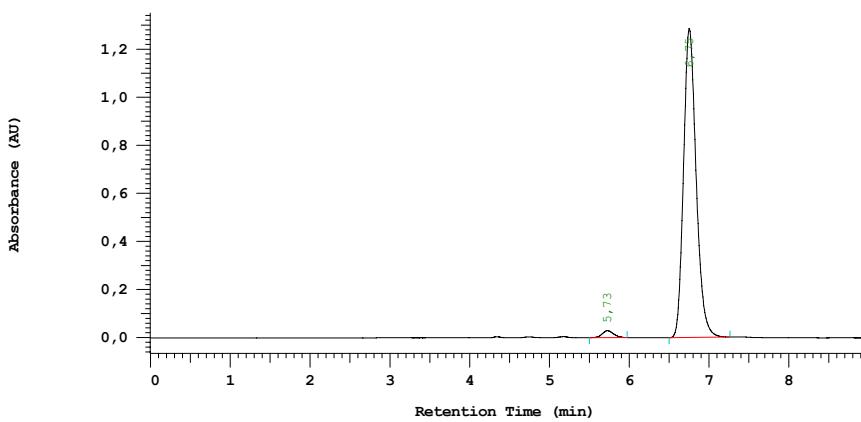
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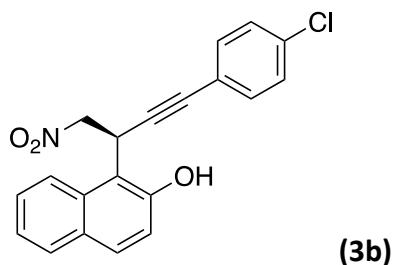


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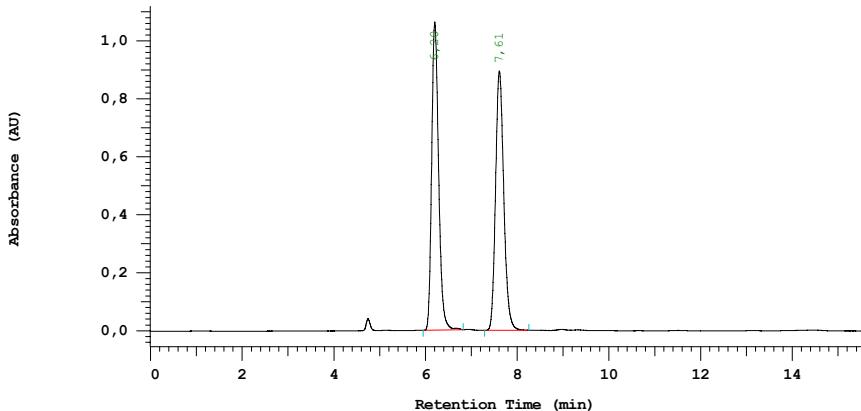


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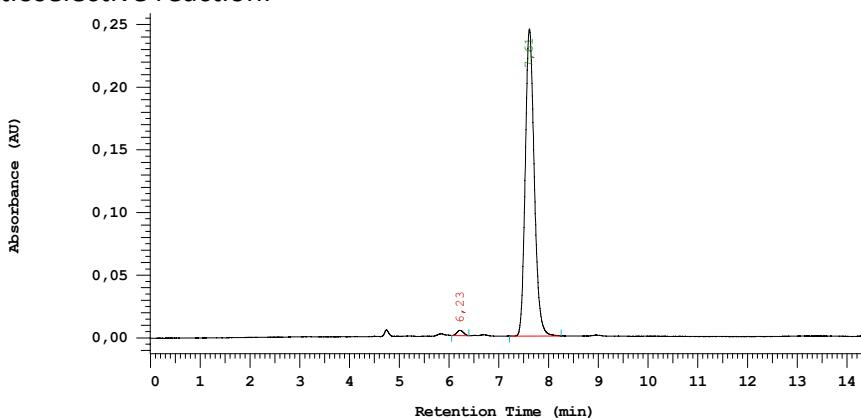


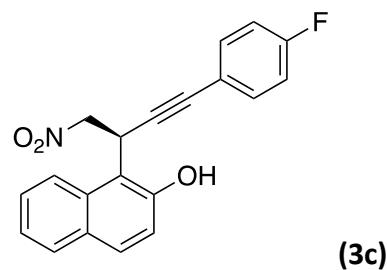


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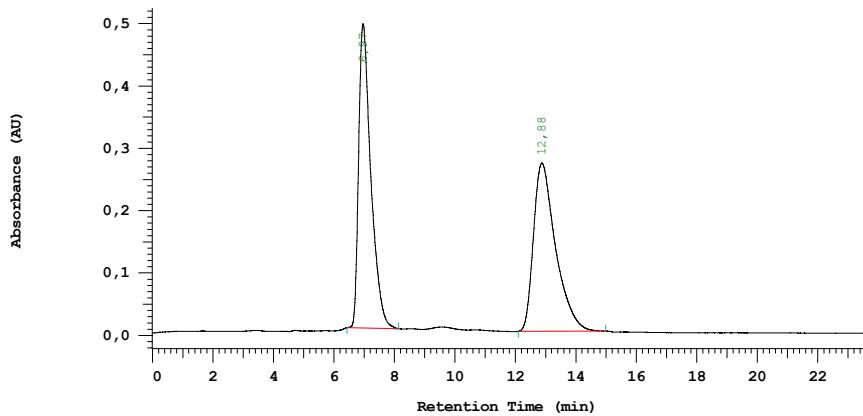


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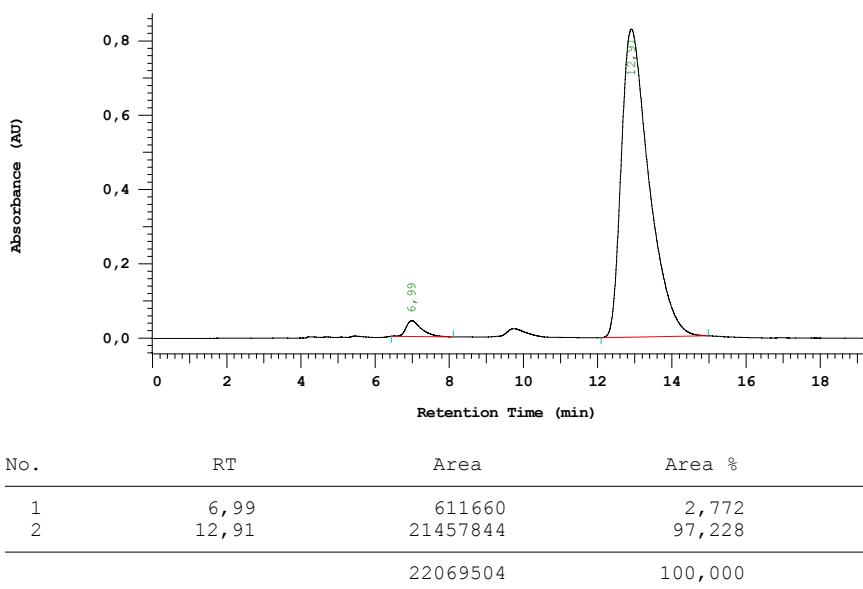


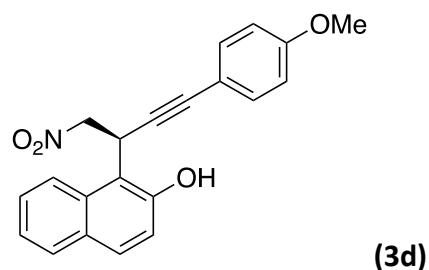


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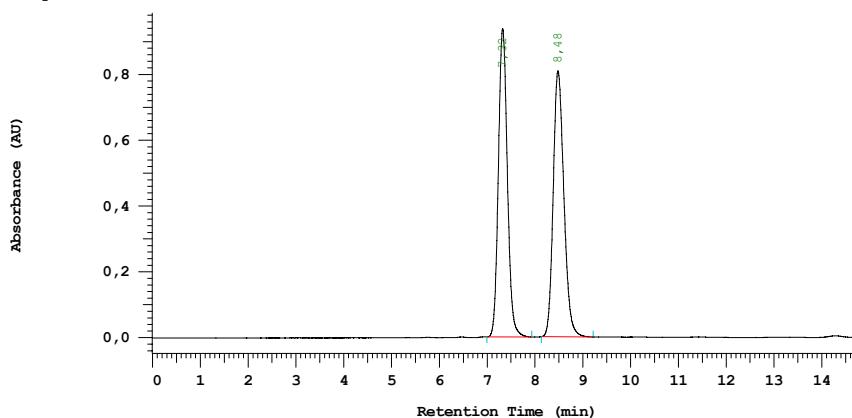


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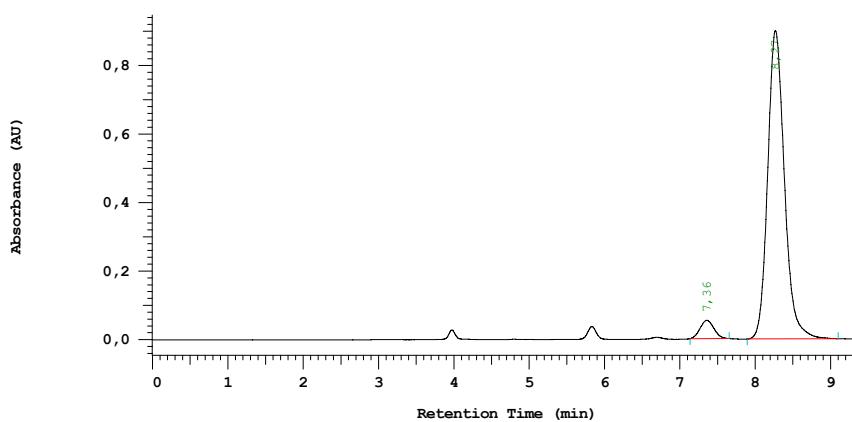


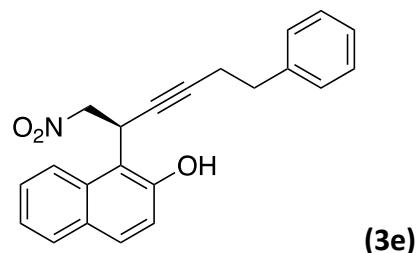


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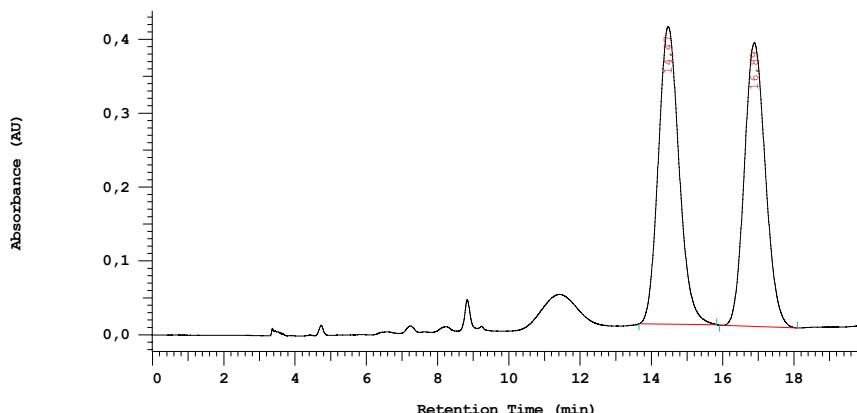


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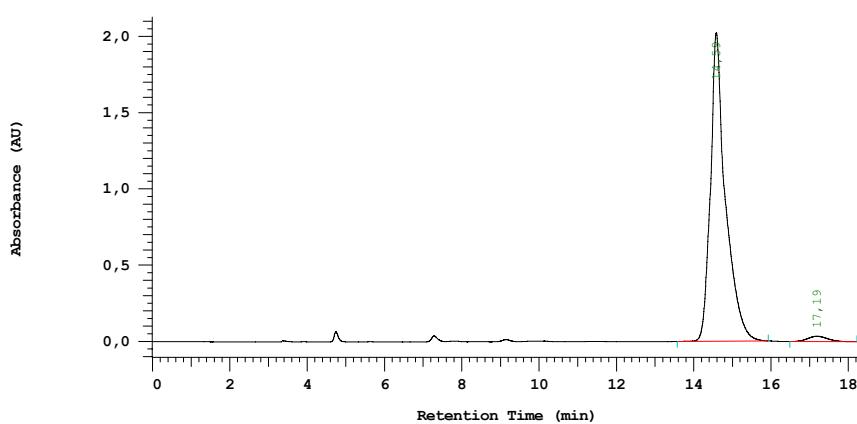


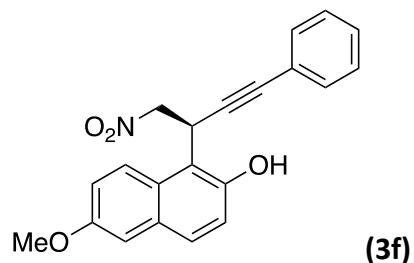


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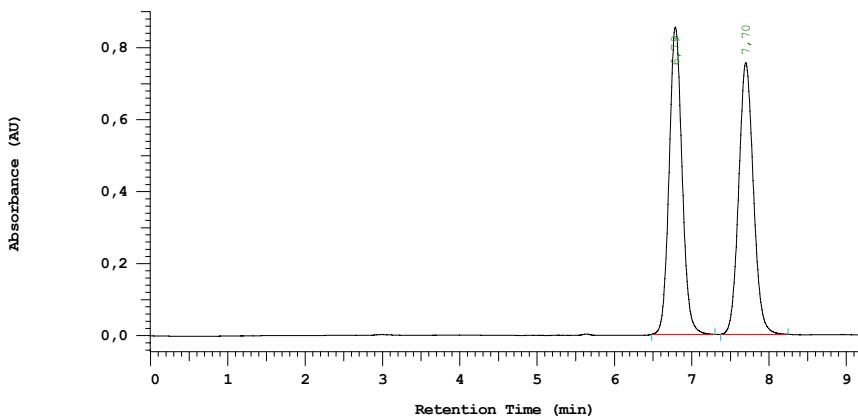


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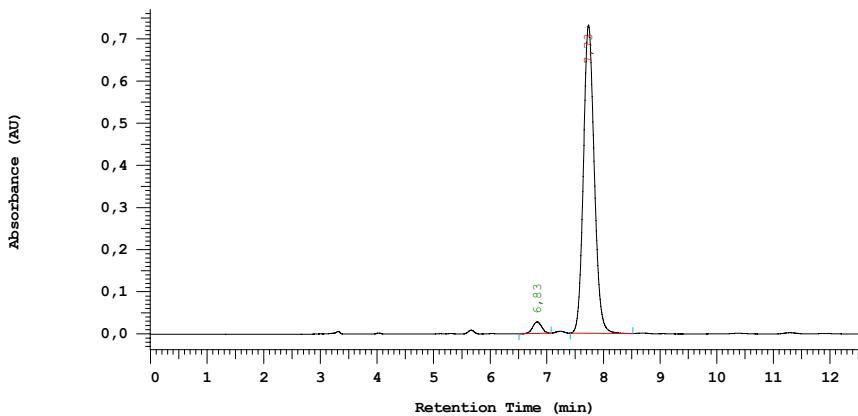


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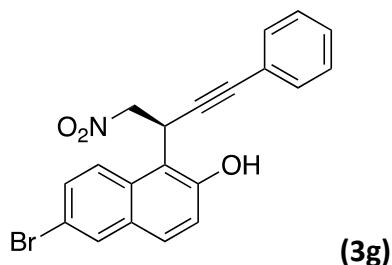


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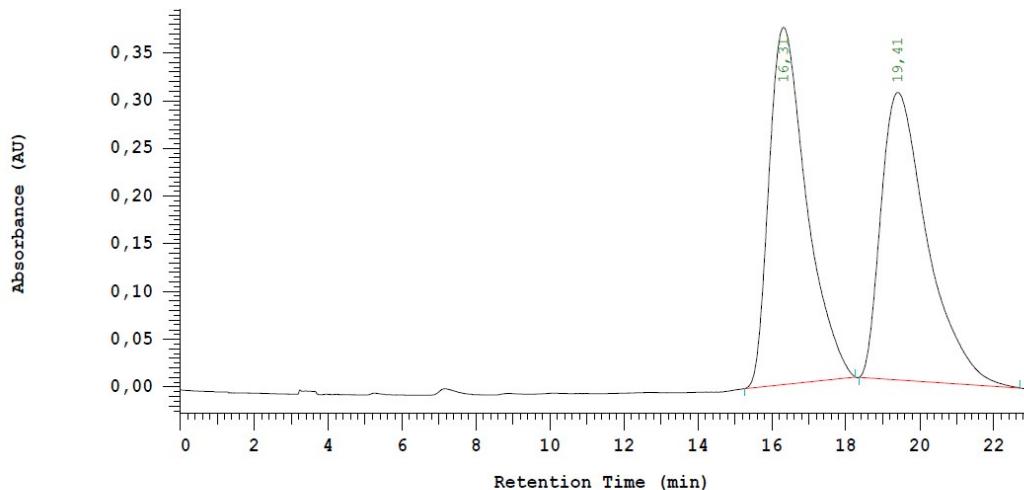
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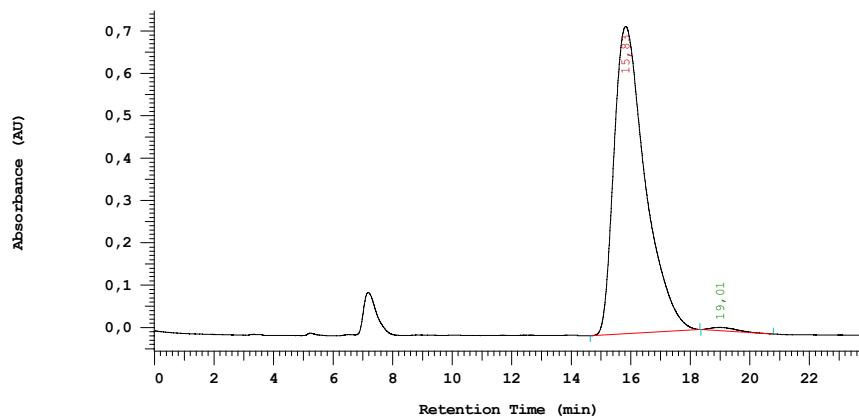
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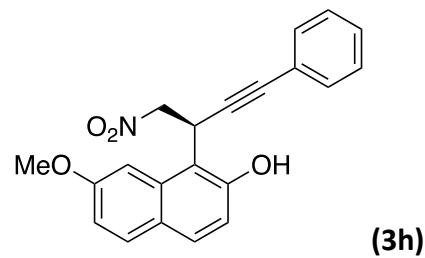


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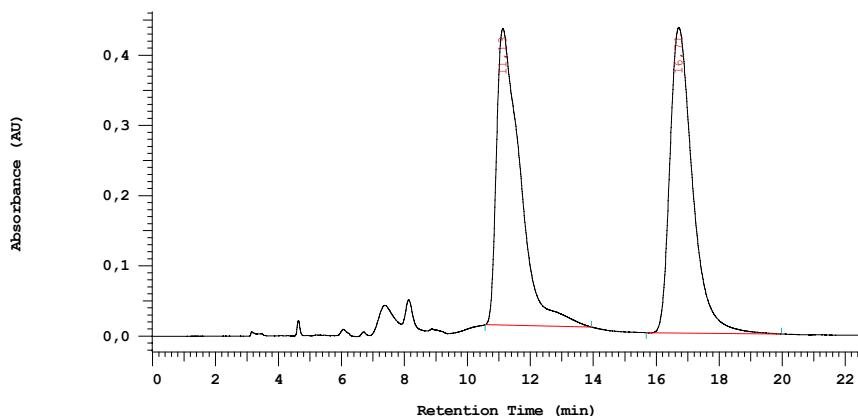


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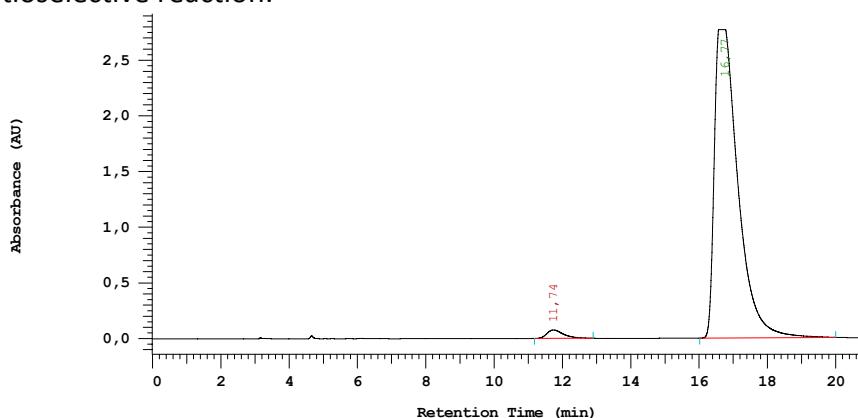


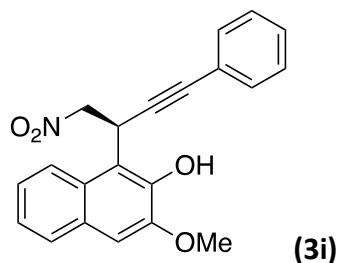


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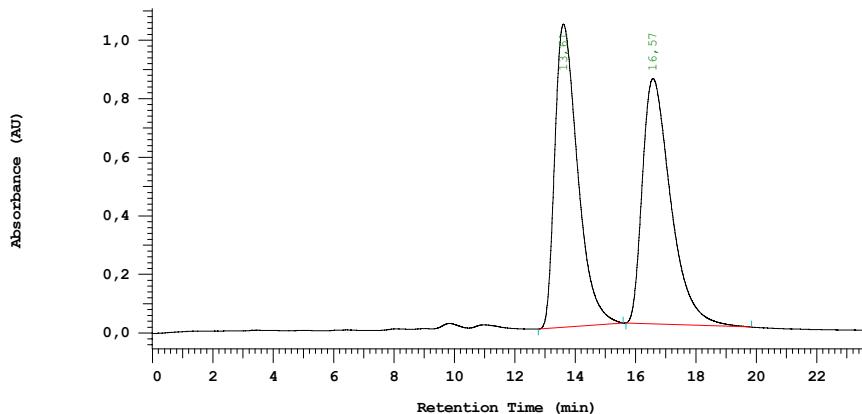


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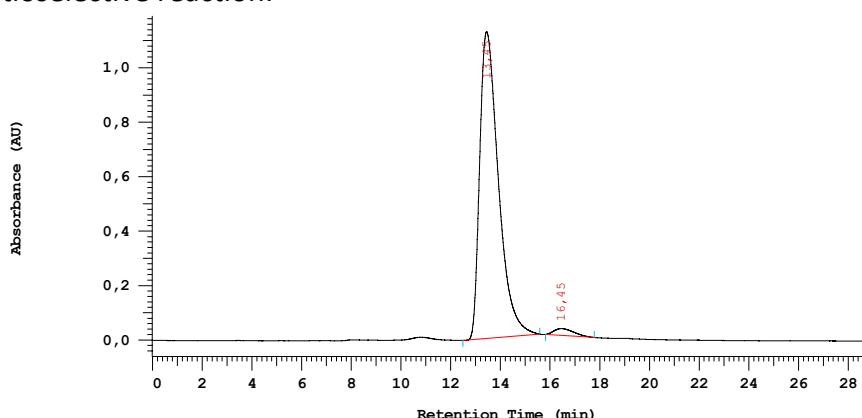


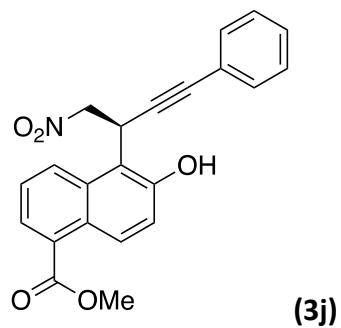


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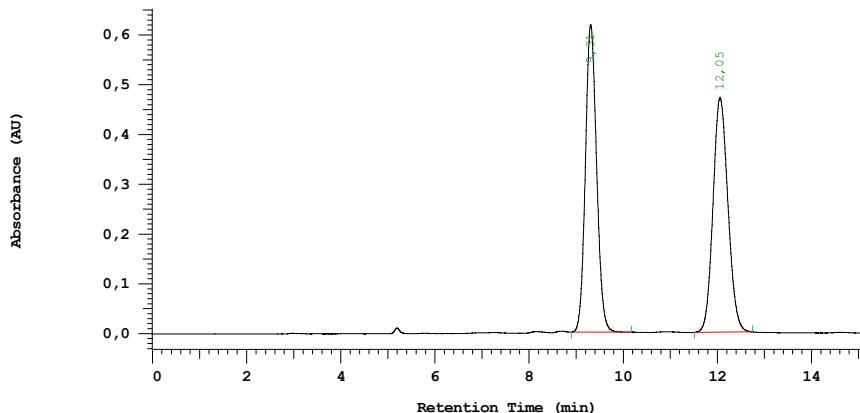


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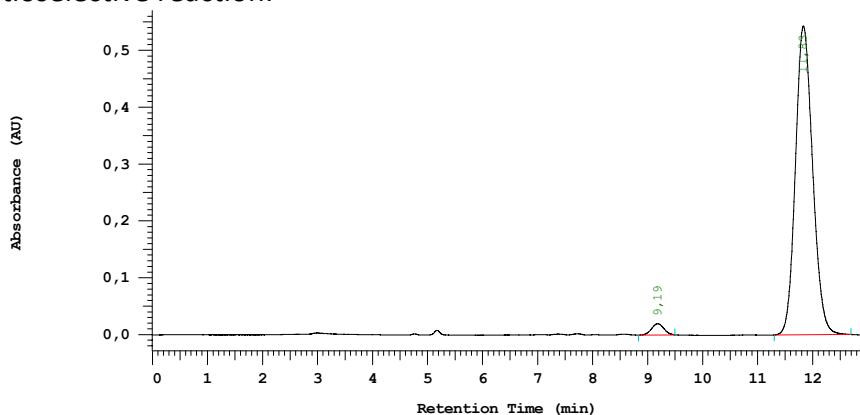


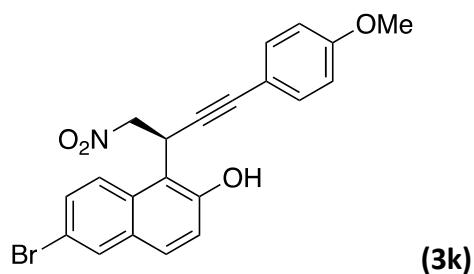


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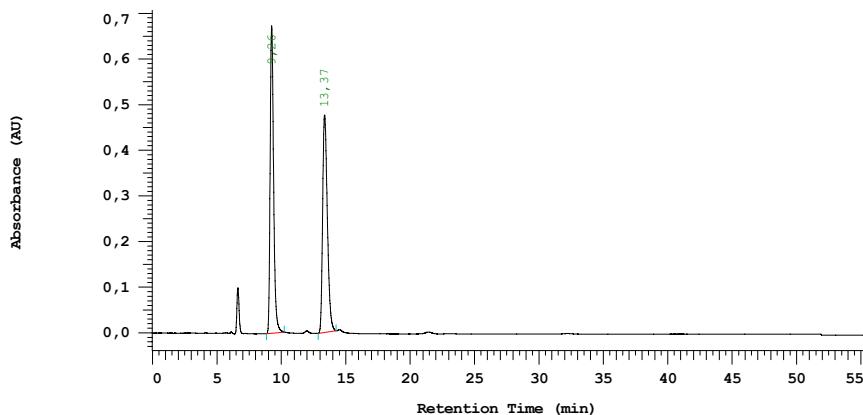


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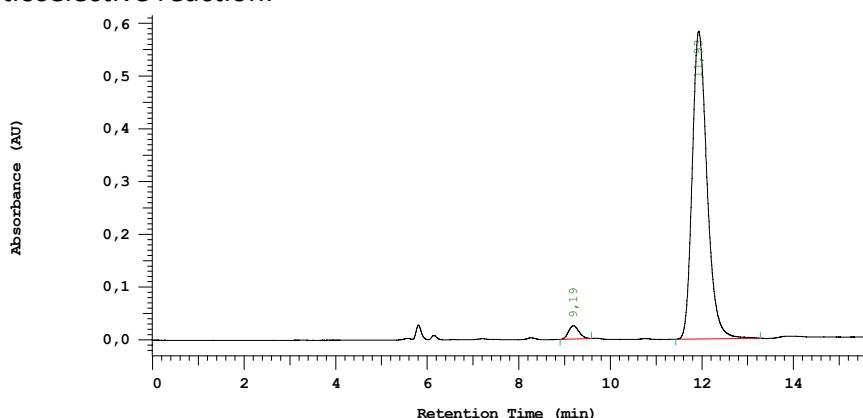


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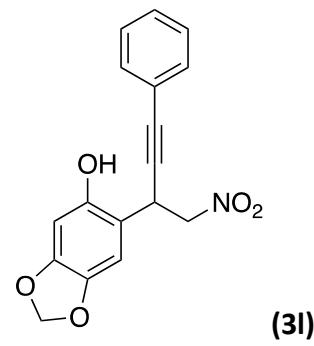


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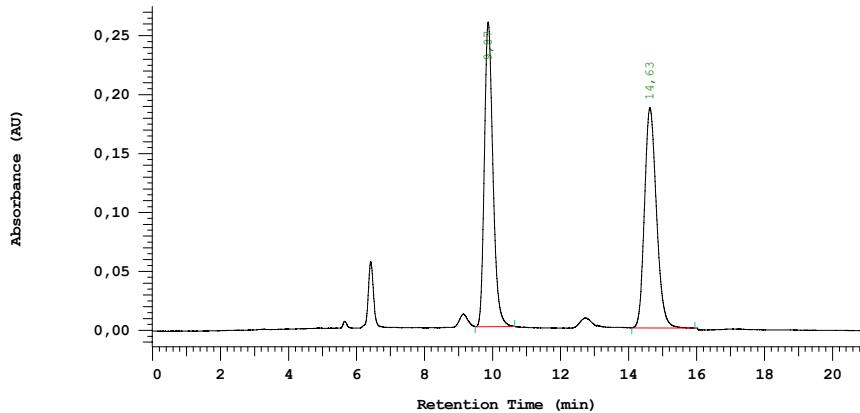
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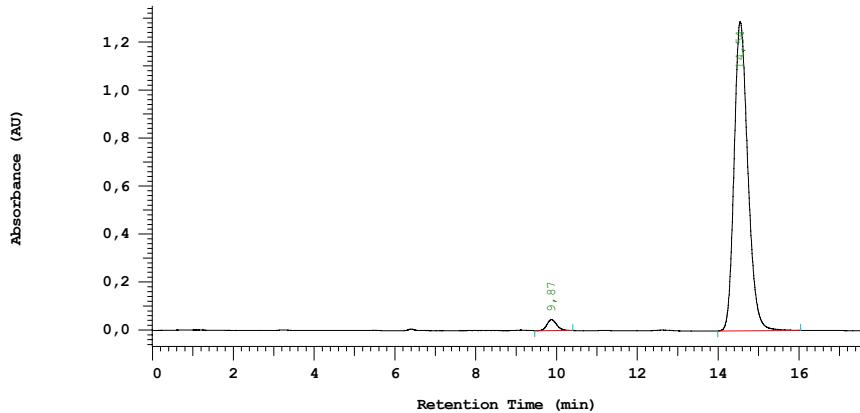


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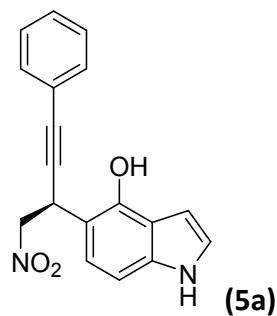


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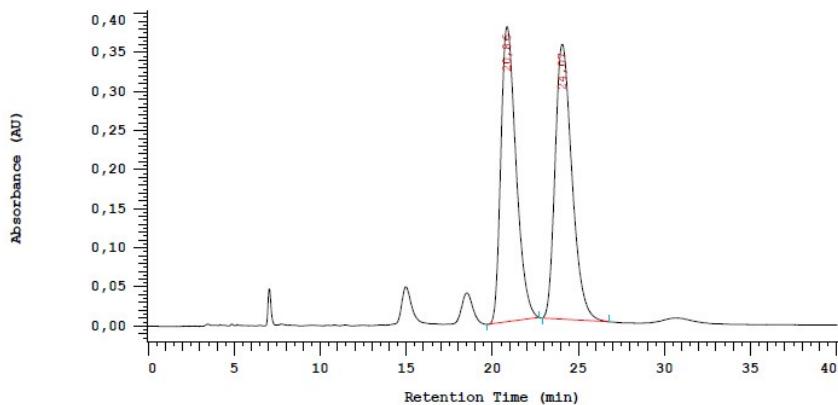
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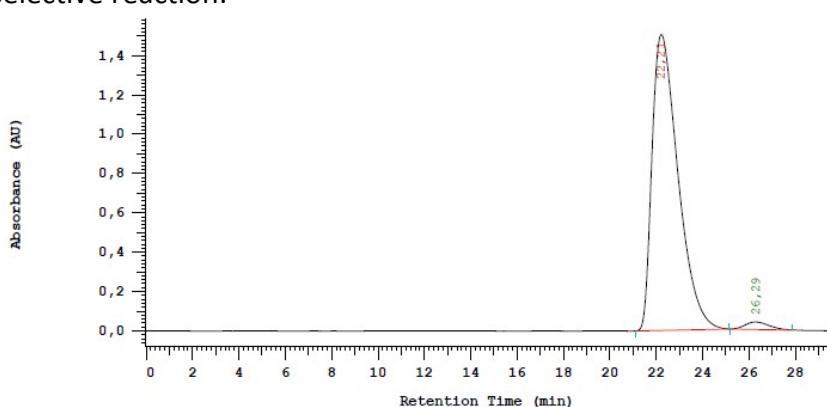
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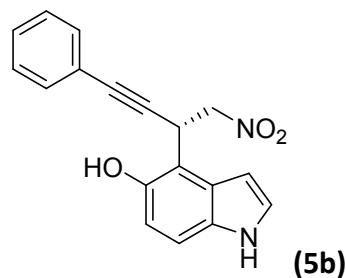


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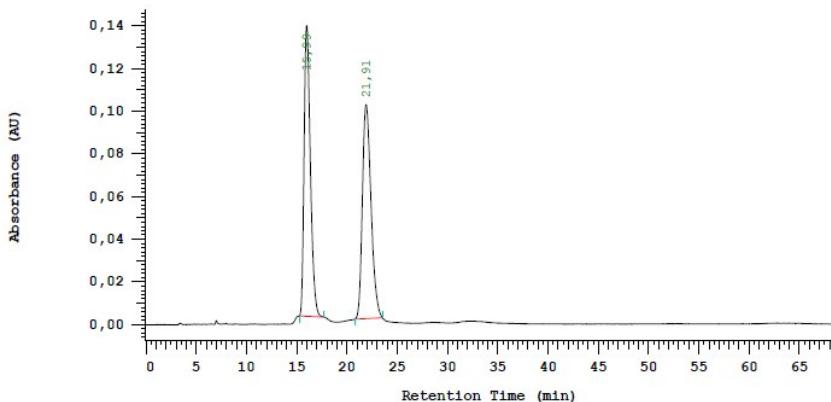


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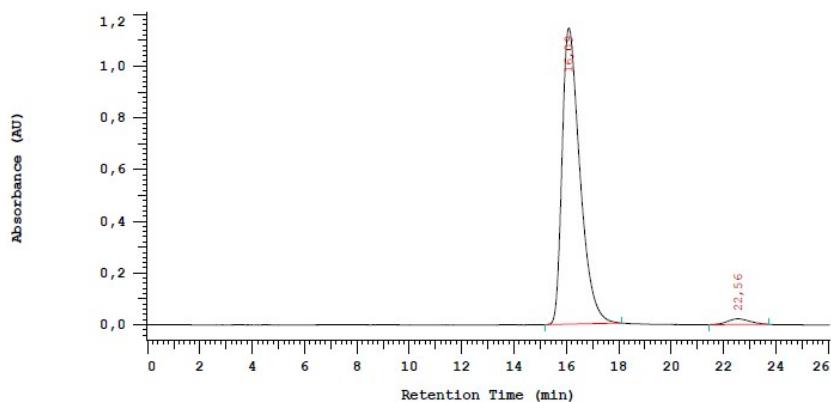


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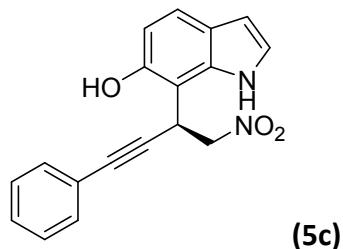


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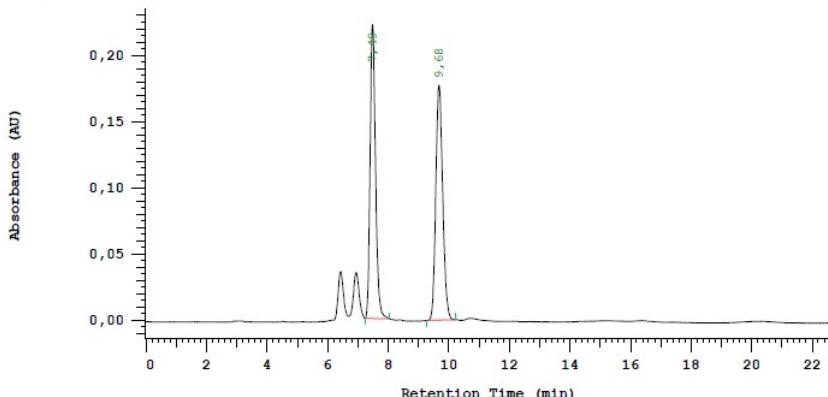
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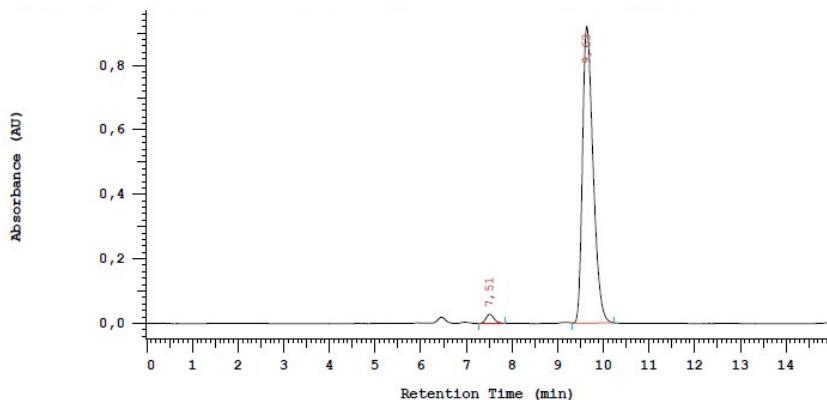


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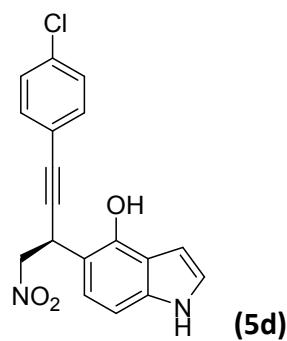


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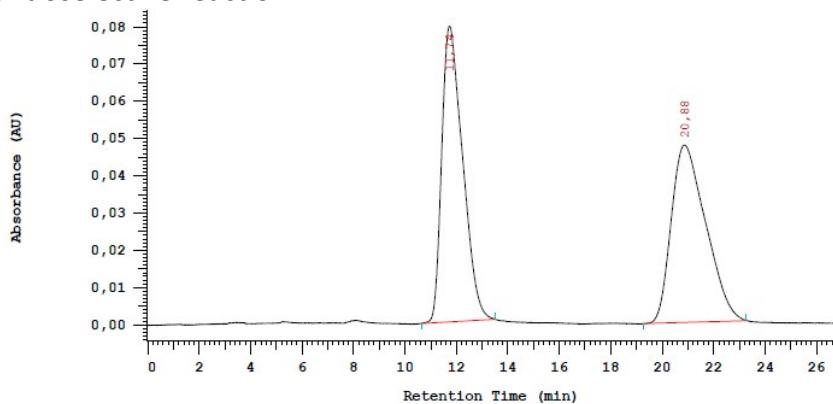
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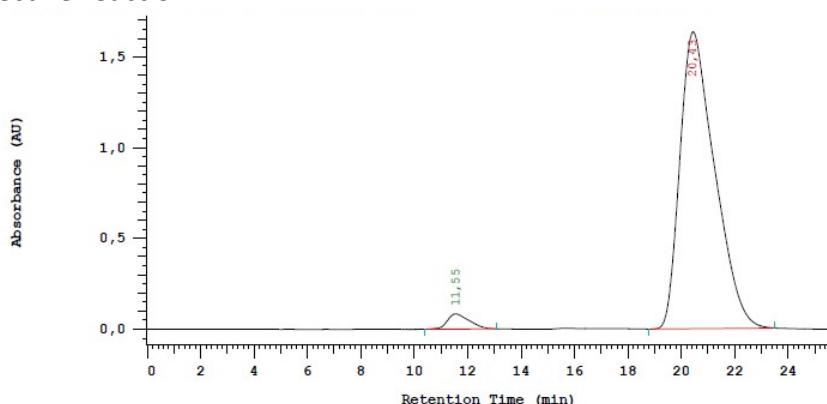
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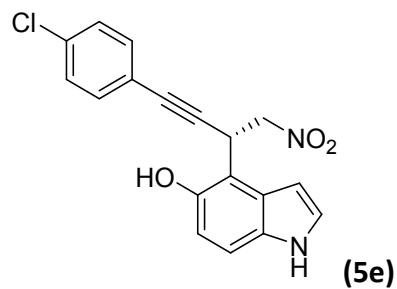


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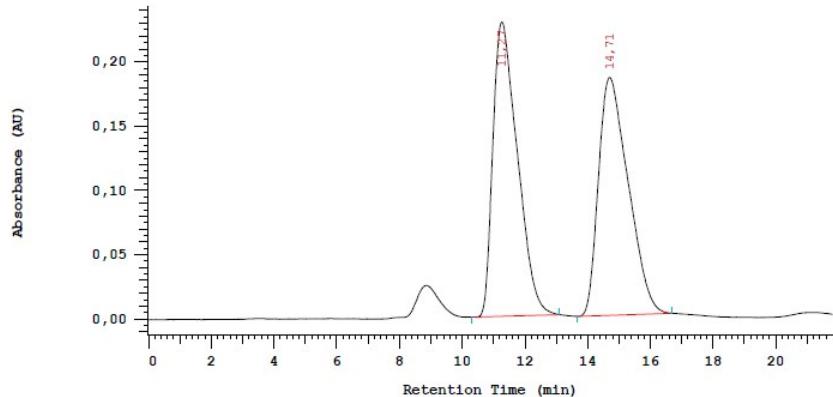


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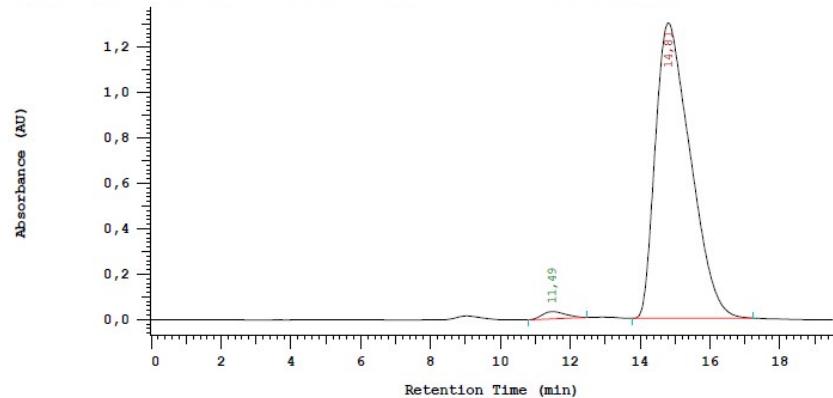


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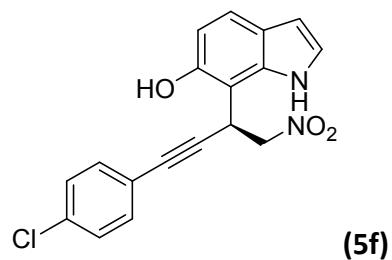


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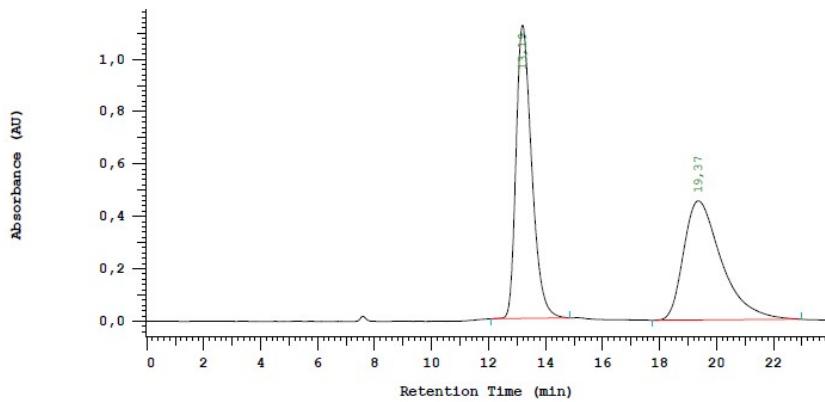
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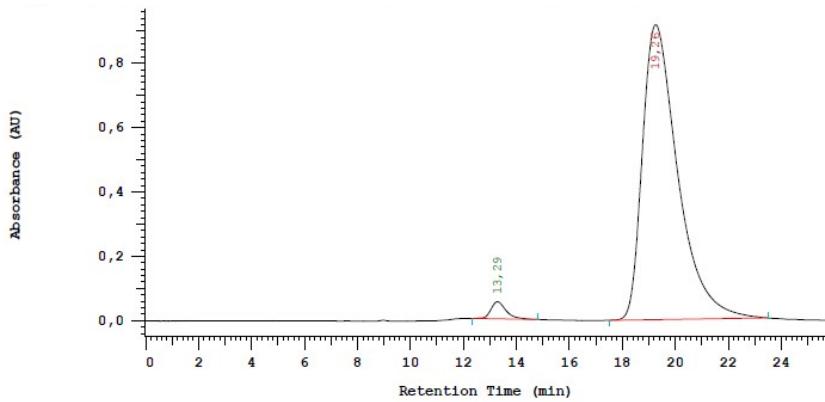


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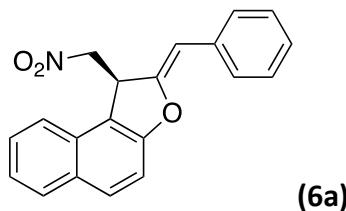


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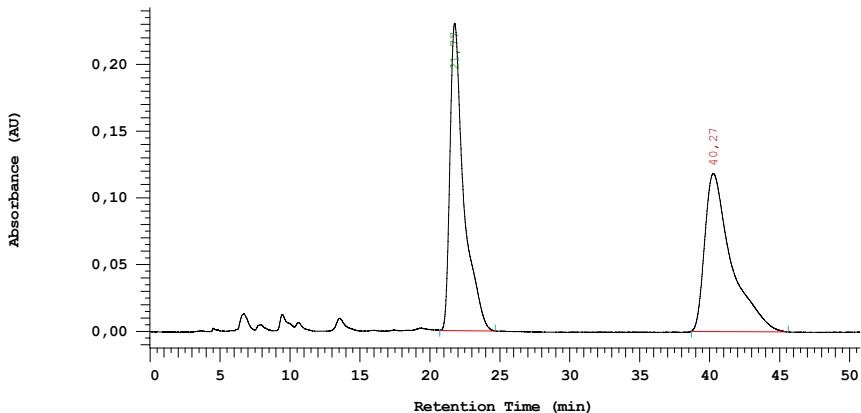
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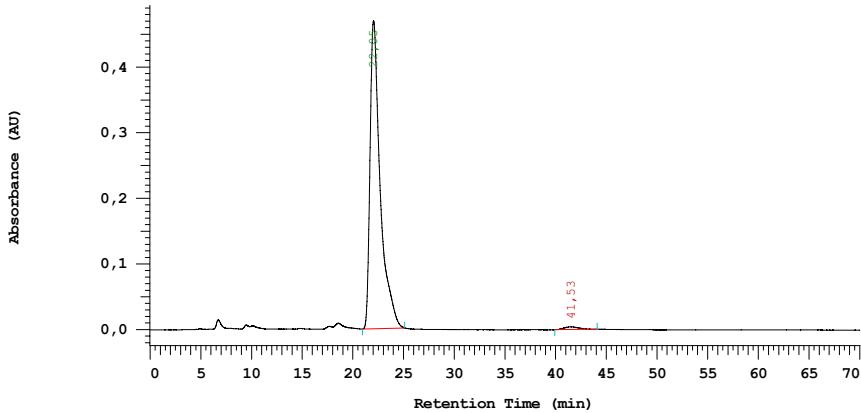


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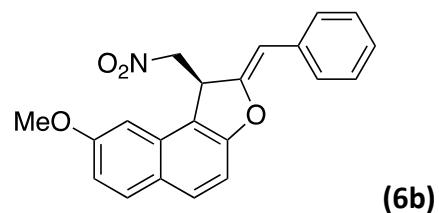


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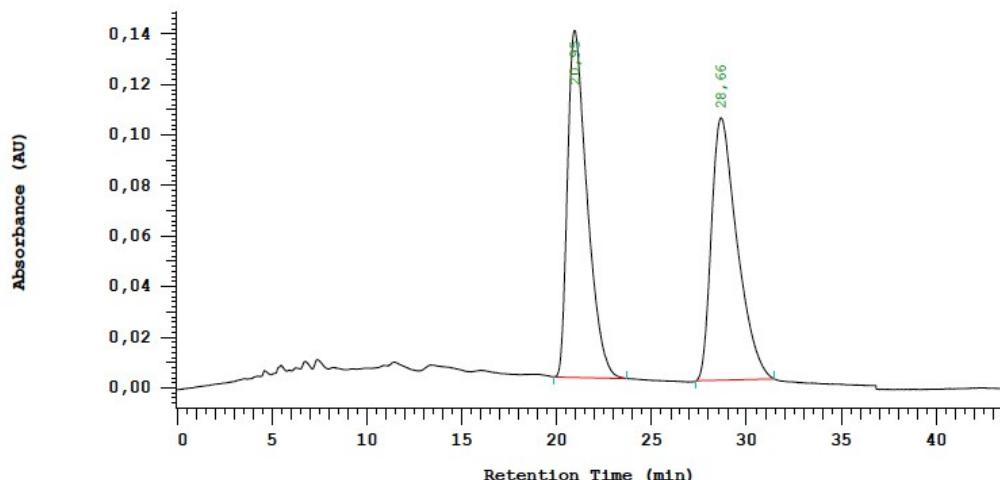
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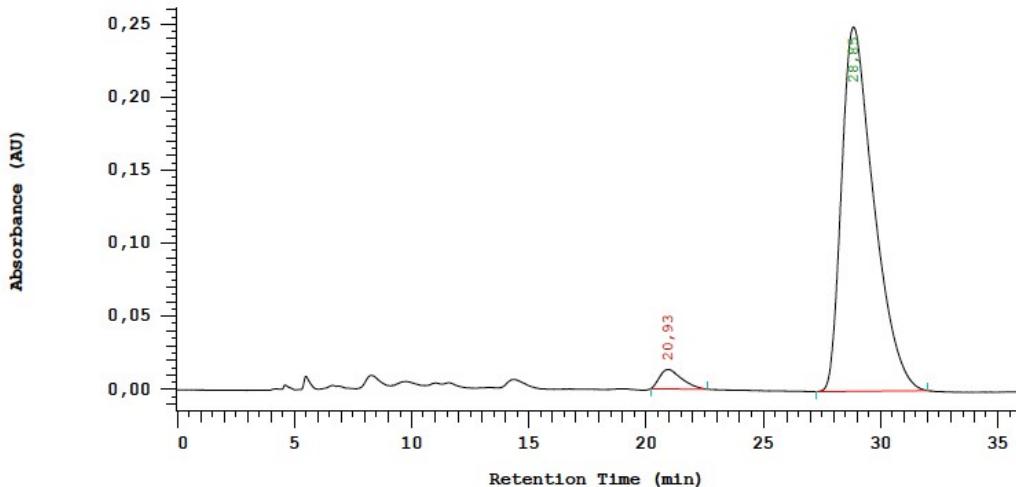


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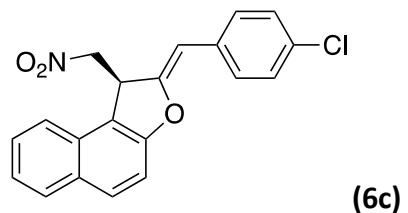


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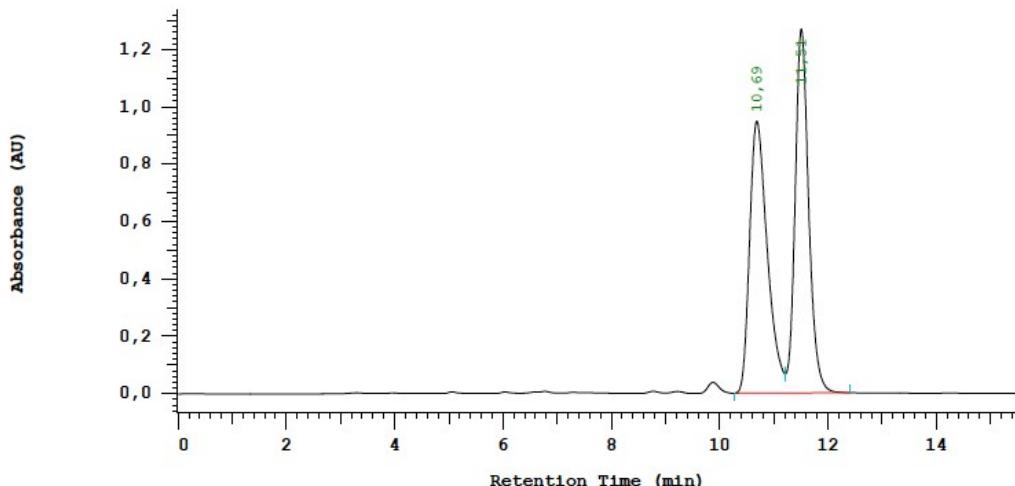
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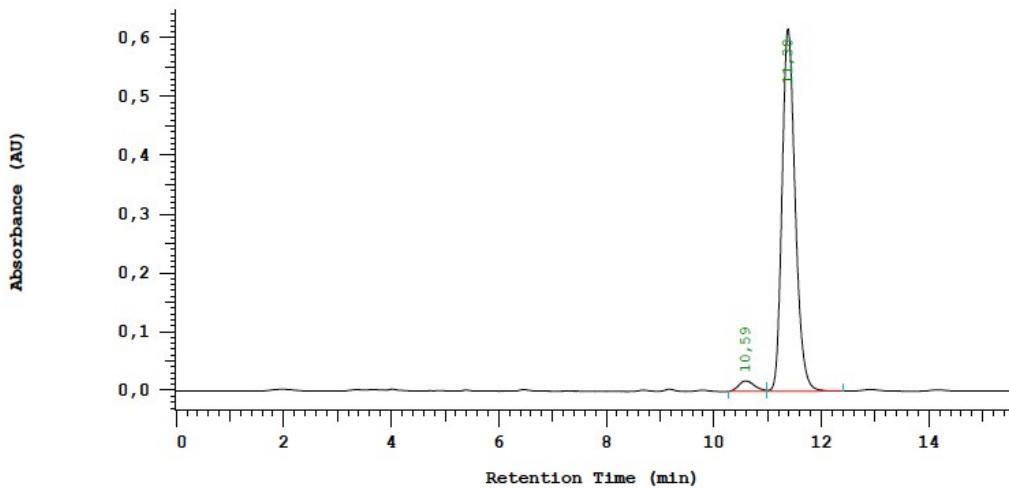


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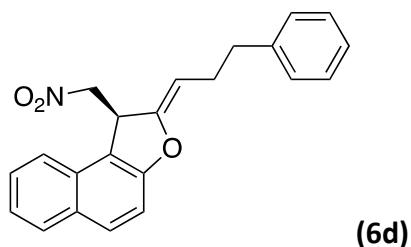


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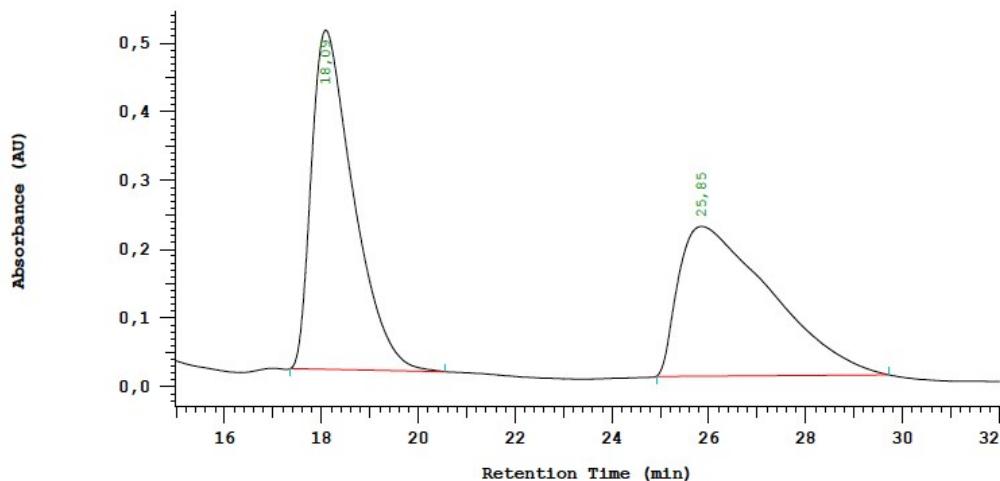
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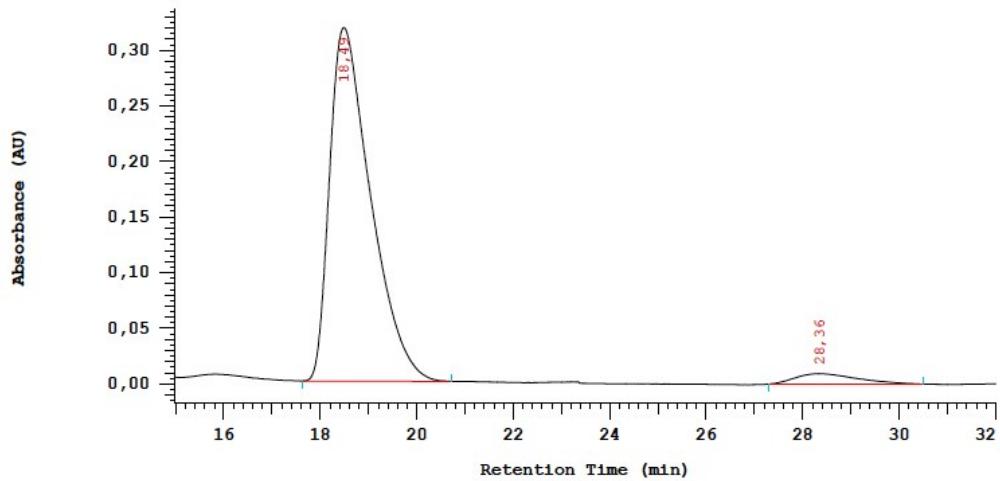


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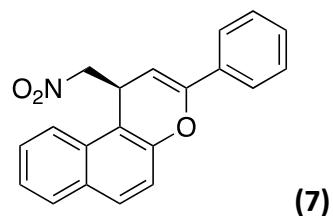


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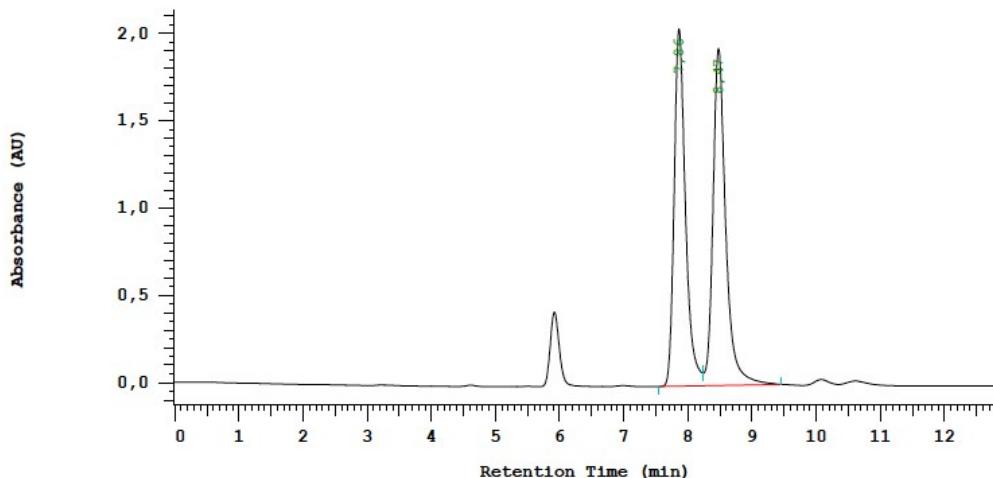
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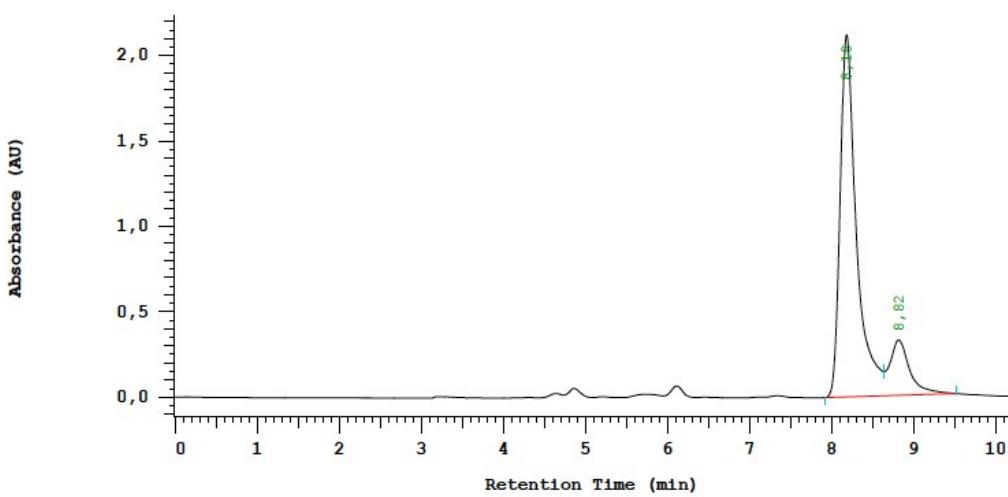
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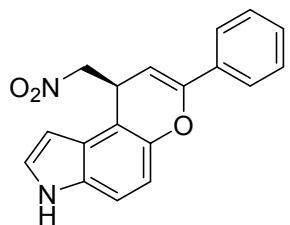


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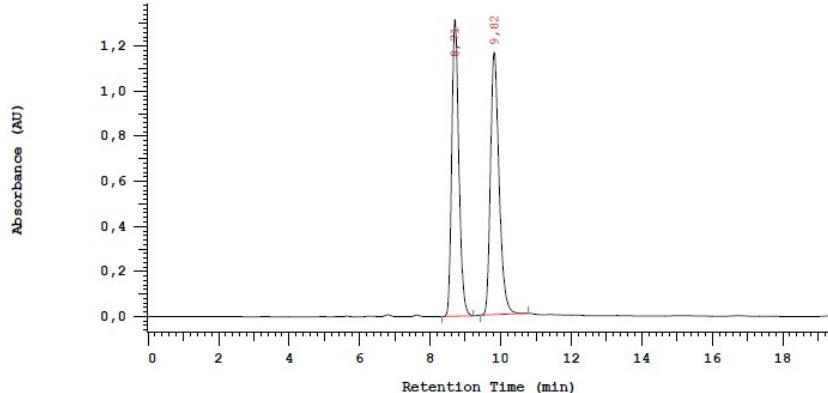
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