

Phen-2NO, a new C_2 -symmetric rigid-featured tetradentate ligand and its application in asymmetric alkylation reaction of indoles

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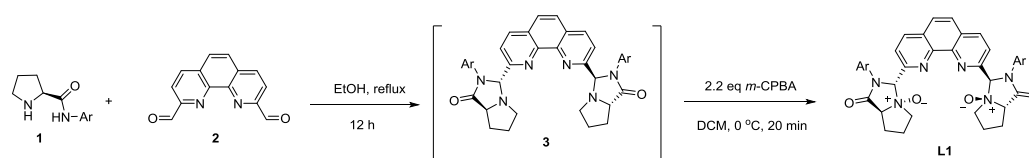
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1. General information

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. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer. ^1H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) 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. ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Melting points were measured on an electrothermal digital melting point apparatus.

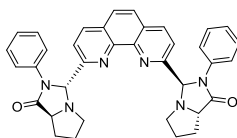
2. General procedure for preparation of chiral Phen-2NO ligands L1



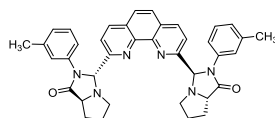
General procedure A—In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, phenanthroline-dicarbaldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) and optically pure prolinamide **1** (2.4 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were added. Then, ethanol (6.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3**.

For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral *N,N'*-dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 3.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (2.2 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the Phen-2NO ligand L1.

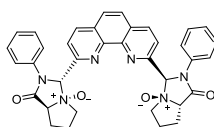
3. Characterization data of compounds **3** and ligands L



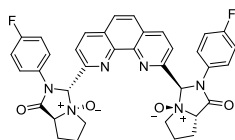
3a: Light yellow solid, yield 73%, >20:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.84-1.89 (m, 4H), 2.18-2.23 (m, 4H), 3.04-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.47-3.52 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.26 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 2H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 6H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 23.7, 26.9, 55.3, 63.8, 83.6, 118.3, 120.0, 123.9, 125.3, 127.3, 127.8, 136.2, 136.4, 144.5, 157.5, 173.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 603.2479; Found: 603.2467.



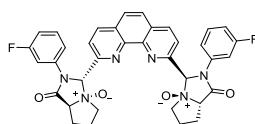
3i: Light yellow solid, yield 74%, >20:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.84-1.90 (m, 4H), 2.17-2.22 (m, 10H), 3.04-3.11 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.54 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.23 (m, 2H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 19.5, 22.9, 26.1, 54.5, 63.0, 82.8, 116.4, 117.5, 119.9, 124.1, 124.5, 126.5, 126.8, 135.4, 135.6, 136.9, 143.8, 156.8, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 631.2792; Found: 631.2787.



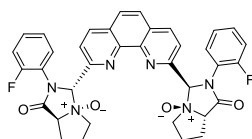
L1a (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 256.3-256.9 $^\circ\text{C}$, overall yield 42%, >20:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.24-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.82 (m, 4H), 3.97-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.27 (m, 2H), 5.43 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.80-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.38-8.40 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.0, 24.8, 71.0, 77.4, 87.4, 122.6, 126.0, 126.4, 127.3, 128.9, 129.7, 135.7, 137.2, 145.8, 151.7, 169.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 635.2371; Found: 635.2363.



L1b (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 243.5-244.4 °C, overall yield 38%, 20:1 dr; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.25-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.78 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 4.27 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.81-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.95-7.99 (m, 2H), 8.41-8.45 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.1, 24.7, 71.1, 77.2, 87.7, 115.6 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 23.0$ Hz), 125.5 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 9.3$ Hz), 126.1, 127.3, 129.8, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.3$ Hz), 137.3, 145.9, 151.6, 161.5 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 244.1$ Hz), 169.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_2\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 671.2189; Found: 671.2177.

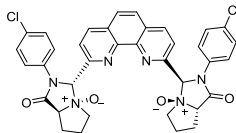


L1c (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 231.1-232.2 °C, overall yield 35%, 15:1 dr; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.25-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.85 (m, 2H), 3.95-4.00 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.25 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.83-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.0, 24.9, 71.1, 77.3, 86.8, 108.9 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 26.3$ Hz), 112.7 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 21.4$ Hz), 117.0, 126.0, 127.3, 129.8, 130.4 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 10.1$ Hz), 137.3 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 8.4$ Hz), 145.8, 151.4, 162.6 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 243.4$ Hz), 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_2\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 671.2189; Found: 671.2186.

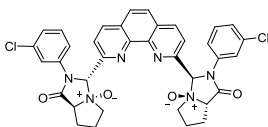


L1d (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 263.1-264.0 °C, overall yield 32%, 13:1 dr; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.25-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.62 (m, 4H), 2.67-2.73 (m, 2H), 4.03-4.07 (m, 2H), 4.32-4.39 (m, 2H), 5.43-5.45 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.89-7.94 (m, 4H), 8.43-8.46 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.1, 24.7, 71.3, 76.7, 87.6, 116.1 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 20.3$ Hz), 121.9 (d,

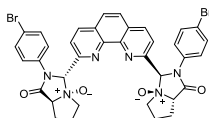
$J_{CF} = 12.1$ Hz), 124.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 4.4$ Hz), 126.1, 127.4, 129.5, 129.9, 130.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.5$ Hz), 137.2, 146.0, 151.5, 158.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 248.2$ Hz), 170.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $C_{36}H_{30}F_2N_6NaO_4 [M+Na]^+$: 671.2184; Found: 671.2170.



L1e (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 255.7-256.5 °C, overall yield 36%, 13:1 dr; 1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.25-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.83 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.02 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.27 (m, 2H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.76-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.03 (m, 2H), 8.39-8.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.1, 24.8, 71.1, 77.3, 87.2, 124.1, 126.1, 127.3, 129.0, 129.8, 131.7, 134.4, 137.4, 145.8, 151.5, 169.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $C_{36}H_{30}Cl_2N_6NaO_4 [M+Na]^+$: 703.1578; Found: 703.1566.

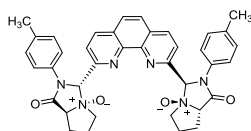


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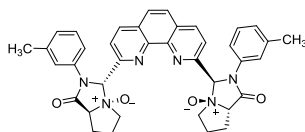


L1g (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 257.7-258.9 °C, overall yield 35%, 15:1 dr; 1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.25-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.79 (m, 2H), 3.97-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.27 (m, 2H), 5.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz,

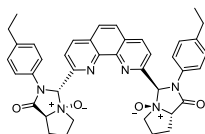
2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 8H), 7.87-7.89 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.44-8.47 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.0, 24.8, 71.1, 77.2, 87.1, 119.4, 124.2, 126.1, 127.4, 129.8, 131.9, 134.8, 137.4, 145.8, 151.4, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 791.0569; Found: 791.0550.



L1h (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 264.9-265.5 °C, overall yield 32%, 12:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.79 (m, 2H), 3.97-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.27 (m, 2H), 5.44 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 23.5, 25.9, 28.7, 75.0, 81.3, 91.6, 126.7, 129.9, 131.2, 133.3, 133.6, 137.0, 140.6, 141.1, 149.8, 155.7, 173.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 663.2682; Found: 663.2675.

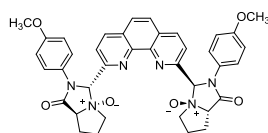


L1i (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 262.1-263.3 °C, overall yield 31%, 11:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.22-2.26 (m, 8H), 2.50-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.80 (m, 4H), 3.96-4.00 (m, 2H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.94 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.32-8.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 20.0, 22.0, 24.8, 71.0, 77.4, 87.4, 119.5, 122.6, 125.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.7, 129.7, 135.7, 137.2, 139.1, 145.8, 151.8, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 663.2682; Found: 663.2679.

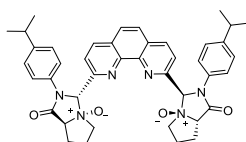


L1j (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 238.4-239.5 °C, overall yield 38%, 18:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 1.03-1.06 (m, 6H), 2.23-2.25 (m, 2H),

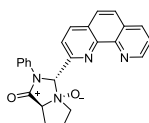
2.44-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.53-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.81 (m, 4H), 3.98-4.02 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.27 (m, 2H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 14.7, 22.0, 24.7, 27.9, 71.1, 77.4, 87.6, 122.8, 126.0, 127.2, 128.3, 129.6, 133.3, 137.1, 143.0, 145.8, 151.7, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 691.2989; Found: 691.2975.



L1k (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 258.9-259.4 °C, overall yield 35%, 13:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.75 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 6H), 3.97-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.30 (m, 2H), 5.41-5.44 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.81 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.81-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.37-8.43 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.0, 24.6, 54.5, 71.0, 77.3, 88.1, 114.1, 125.3, 126.0, 127.3, 128.0, 129.7, 137.1, 145.9, 151.8, 158.6, 169.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 695.2589; Found: 695.2589.



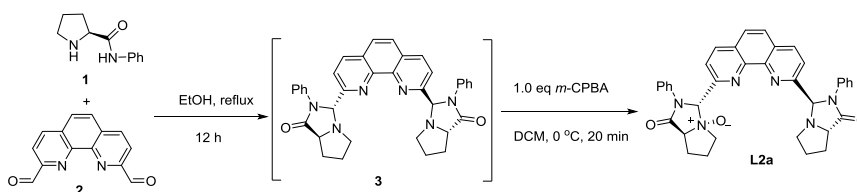
L1l (Prepared according to general procedure A): Light yellow solid, M.p. 248.8-249.7 °C, overall yield 33%, 12:1 dr; ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ : 1.08-1.10 (m, 12H), 2.24-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.79 (m, 6H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 4.20-4.27 (m, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.71-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.32-8.39 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.0, 22.8, 24.7, 33.5, 71.0, 77.3, 87.6, 122.8, 126.0, 126.8, 127.2, 129.7, 133.3, 137.2, 145.8, 147.6, 151.8, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 719.3304; Found: 719.3290.



L6a (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, overall yield 35%, 10:1 dr; ^1H

NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ : 2.13-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.51 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.79 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.18 (m, 1H), 4.73-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.94-8.05 (m, 3H), 8.45-8.50 (m, 2H), 9.14-9.16 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ : 23.0, 24.8, 71.7, 77.8, 88.0, 123.2, 123.9, 126.0, 126.6, 126.7, 127.9, 129.1, 129.3, 129.4, 136.6, 136.7, 136.8, 145.2, 145.7, 150.8, 152.9, 169.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀N₄NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 419.1478; Found: 419.1470.

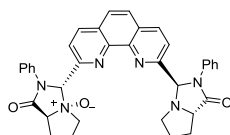
4. General procedure for preparation of chiral ligand L2a



In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, phenanthroline-dicarbaldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) and optically pure prolinamide **1** (2.4 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were added. Then, ethanol (6.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3**.

In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 3.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (1.0 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the chiral ligand **L2a**.

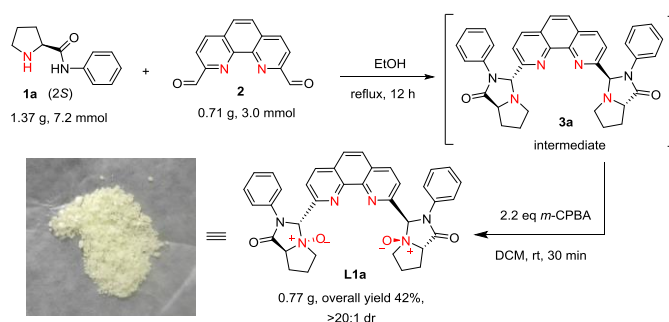
5. Characterization data of chiral ligand L2a



L2a: White solid; yield 37%, >20:1 dr; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ : 1.82-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.95 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.78 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.14 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.97-4.02 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz,

1H), 5.40 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.00-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.64-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.35 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 100 MHz) δ : 22.1, 24.3, 24.4, 27.5, 56.0, 65.5, 70.9, 77.2, 84.2, 87.8, 122.0, 122.5, 123.0, 125.4, 125.7, 126.4, 126.6, 127.2, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.5, 137.0, 137.1, 137.3, 145.7, 145.9, 151.2, 158.3, 169.4, 175.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 619.2420; Found: 619.2428.

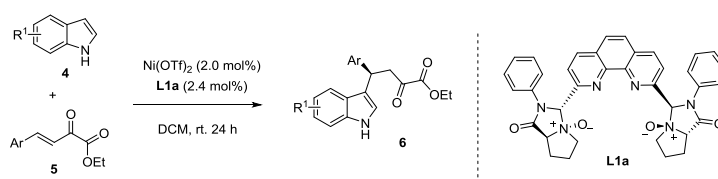
6. The gram scale synthesis of the Phen-2NO ligand L1a



In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, phenanthroline-dicarbaldehyde **2** (0.71 g, 3.0 mmol) and optically pure prolinamide **1a** (1.37 g, 7.2 mmol) were added. Then, anhydrous ethanol (30.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3a**.

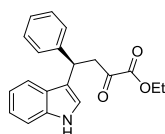
For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral N,N' -dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 20.0 mL of DCM and m -CPBA (2.2 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the Phen-2NO ligand **L1a** (0.77 g, 42% overall yield, >20:1 dr).

7. Catalytic asymmetric synthesis of compounds 6

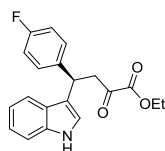


In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the mixture of Ni(OTf)₂ (2.0 mol %), **L1a** (2.4 mol %) in 2.0 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added **4** (0.30 mmol), and **5** (0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and was directly loaded onto a silica gel and purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product **6**, using hexane/EtOAc (10/1, v/v) as the eluent.

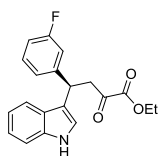
8. Characterization data of compounds **6**



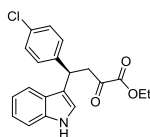
6a: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10a,c}. 91% yield, 99% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -27.2$ (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 33.63$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 42.85$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.16-1.19 (m, 3H), 3.48-3.62 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.81-4.85 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 12.9, 36.8, 44.6, 61.5, 110.2, 118.4, 120.6, 121.2, 125.5, 126.7, 127.5, 135.5, 142.2, 159.9, 192.1.



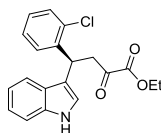
6b: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10c}. 89% yield, 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -22.7$ (*c* 0.45, CHCl₃); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 15.26$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 22.01$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.45-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.83 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 13.9, 37.1, 45.7, 62.6, 111.3, 115.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.3 Hz), 118.2, 119.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 29.1 Hz), 121.5, 122.4, 126.3, 129.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 136.6, 139.0, 161.0, 161.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 243.3 Hz), 193.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈FNNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 362.1163; Found: 362.1168.



6c: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10b}. 87% yield, 90% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 20.86$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 24.62$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.16-1.20 (m, 3H), 3.45-3.61 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.80-4.84 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 12.8, 36.4, 44.4, 61.6, 110.3, 112.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.2$ Hz), 113.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.3$ Hz), 116.5, 118.1, 118.5, 120.6, 121.3, 122.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.4$ Hz), 125.2, 128.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.1$ Hz), 129.1, 135.5, 145.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 6.4$ Hz), 159.8, 161.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 247.3$ Hz), 191.8.

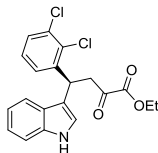


6d: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10b}. 92% yield, 99% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 20.18$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 25.48$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.21 (m, 3H), 3.45-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.78-4.82 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 12.9, 36.1, 44.4, 61.6, 110.3, 116.7, 118.2, 118.6, 120.5, 121.4, 125.2, 127.6, 128.2, 131.2, 135.6, 140.8, 159.8, 191.8.

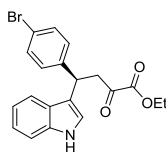


6e: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10b,c}. 89% yield, 97% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -22.1$ (c 0.43, CHCl₃); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 27.09$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 33.78$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.21 (m, 3H), 3.36-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.66 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.18 (m, 2H), 5.34-5.38 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H),

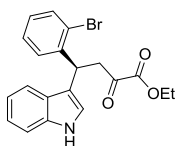
7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 12.9, 33.2, 43.6, 61.5, 110.2, 115.8, 118.3, 118.5, 121.1, 121.3, 125.4, 126.0, 126.9, 128.0, 128.7, 132.4, 135.5, 139.5, 159.9, 191.7.



6f: 87% yield, 98% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{\text{major}} = 30.33$ min; $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 38.88$ min); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.19-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.34-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.66 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 2H), 5.37-5.40 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.97 (m, 3H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 12.2, 33.4, 42.6, 60.9, 109.5, 114.8, 117.5, 118.0, 120.4, 120.8, 124.6, 125.4, 125.6, 127.0, 130.1, 131.6, 134.8, 141.3, 159.1, 190.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNaO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 412.0478; Found: 412.0484.

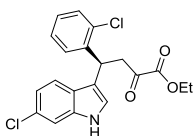


6g: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10b,c}. 90% yield, 95% ee, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -27.9$ (c 0.50, CHCl_3); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{\text{major}} = 16.04$ min; $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 25.17$ min); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.21 (m, 3H), 3.44-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.76-4.80 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 3H), 8.01 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 11.7, 35.0, 43.1, 60.4, 109.1, 115.4, 117.0, 117.4, 118.1, 119.3, 120.2, 124.0, 127.4, 129.4, 134.3, 140.1, 158.6, 190.6.

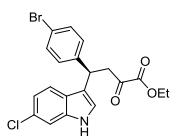


6h: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10c}. 88% yield, 98% ee, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -28.2$ (c 0.43, CHCl_3); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column

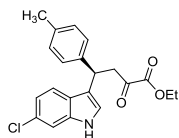
(95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 15.51$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 18.78$ min); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.34-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.19 (m, 2H), 5.32-5.35 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.97 (m, 3H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 1H), 8.03 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 14.0, 37.1, 44.8, 62.6, 111.3, 117.0, 119.5, 119.6, 122.2, 122.4, 124.3, 126.5, 127.8, 128.3, 129.2, 133.1, 136.6, 142.2, 161.0, 192.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 422.0362; Found: 422.0365.



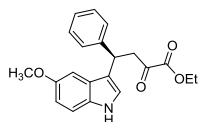
6i: 82% yield, 95% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 15.40$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 13.50$ min); ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ : 1.21-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.35-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.64 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 2H), 5.29-5.33 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 8.05 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 100 MHz) δ : 14.2, 33.6, 44.7, 62.3, 111.6, 116.6, 119.4, 120.1, 124.6, 125.4, 126.5, 127.9, 128.5, 129.7, 129.8, 132.9, 137.2, 141.5, 160.8, 192.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 412.0478; Found: 412.0479.



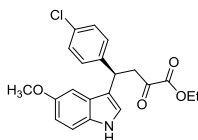
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6k: 83% yield, 91% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 17.61$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 15.15$ min); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.18-1.22 (m, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 3.44-3.59 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.77 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.97 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 12.9, 36.0, 44.2, 61.7, 110.2, 116.9, 119.1, 119.4, 119.5, 121.1, 123.8, 127.4, 128.5, 130.7, 135.9, 141.0, 159.8, 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 392.1024; Found: 392.1024.

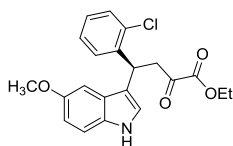


6l: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10b,c}. 91% yield, 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -55.2$ (c 0.57, CHCl_3); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 31.16$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 36.82$ min); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.23-1.27 (m, 3H), 3.54-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.17-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.83-4.87 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.99 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 13.9, 37.8, 45.6, 55.9, 62.6, 101.4, 112.0, 112.3, 117.9, 122.4, 126.6, 126.9, 127.8, 128.6, 131.8, 143.3, 153.9, 161.0, 193.3.

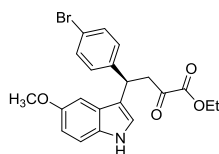


6m: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10c}. 92% yield, 95% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -34.4$ (c 0.37, CHCl_3); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 13.75$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 19.70$ min); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.19-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.44-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.18 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.77 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.91 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 13.9, 37.1, 45.4, 55.9, 62.6, 101.3, 111.9, 112.4, 117.6, 122.2,

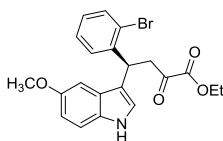
126.7, 128.7, 129.2, 131.7, 132.3, 141.8, 154.0, 160.9, 192.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{20}ClNNaO_4 [M+Na]^+$: 408.0973; Found: 408.0969.



6n: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10c}. 92% yield, 97% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -37.2$ (c 0.36, $CHCl_3$); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 9.40$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 16.28$ min); 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ : 1.21-1.25 (m, 3H), 3.49-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.83 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.23 (m, 2H), 5.16-5.19 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 10.81 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 100 MHz) δ : 14.2, 33.7, 44.7, 55.7, 62.3, 100.9, 111.5, 112.7, 116.2, 123.8, 127.8, 128.3, 129.7, 129.8, 132.0, 141.7, 153.5, 160.8, 192.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{20}ClNNaO_4 [M+Na]^+$: 408.0973; Found: 408.0974.

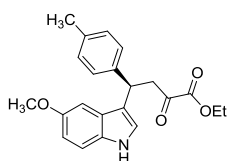


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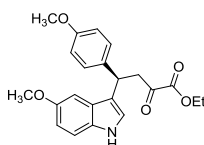


6p: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10c}. 91% yield, 97% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$

-42.5 (*c* 0.37, CHCl₃); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 9.64$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 15.29$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.90-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.34-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 2H), 5.27-5.31 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.95 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 12.9, 35.9, 43.7, 54.8, 61.5, 100.3, 110.8, 111.5, 121.6, 123.2, 125.9, 126.7, 127.2, 128.2, 130.6, 132.0, 141.1, 152.9, 159.9, 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀BrNNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 452.0468; Found: 452.0462.

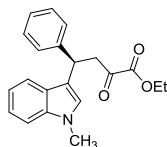


6q: 88% yield, 95% ee; The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{major} = 21.54$ min; $\tau_{minor} = 18.18$ min); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ : 1.14-1.18 (m, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 3.44-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 4.08-4.13 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.75 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 12.4, 19.5, 35.9, 44.1, 54.3, 60.9, 99.9, 110.3, 110.7, 116.7, 120.7, 125.3, 126.1, 127.7, 130.2, 134.5, 138.6, 152.3, 159.5, 191.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 388.1519; Found: 388.1527.



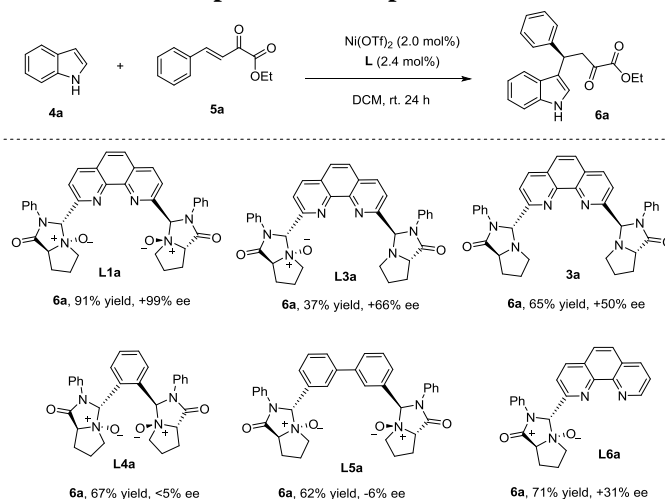
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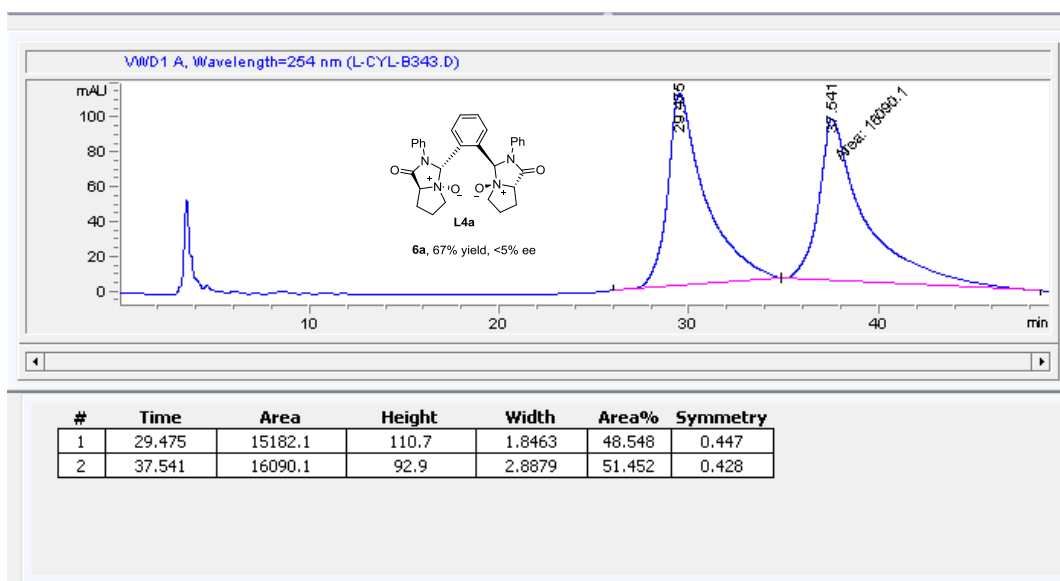
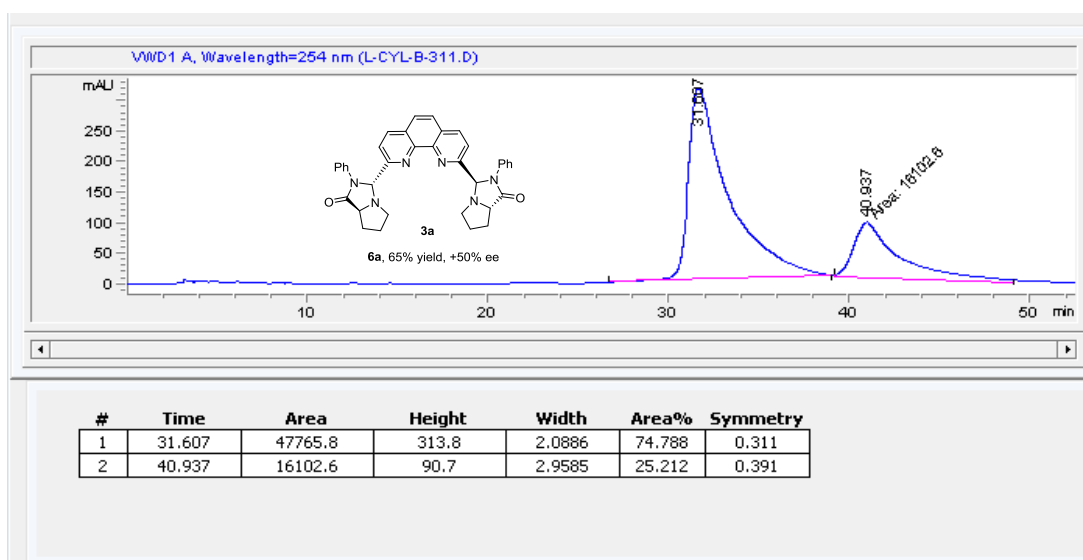
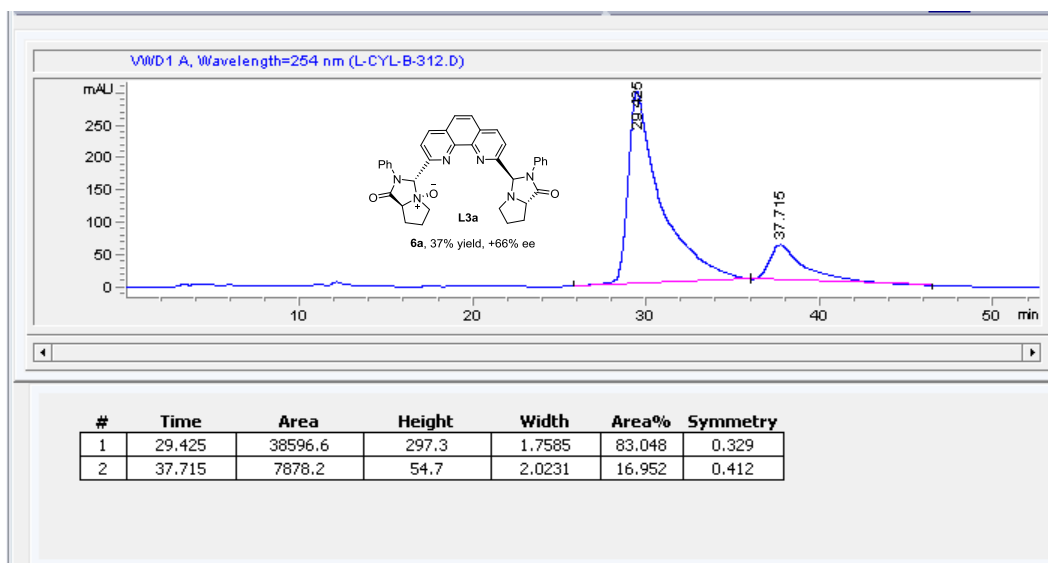


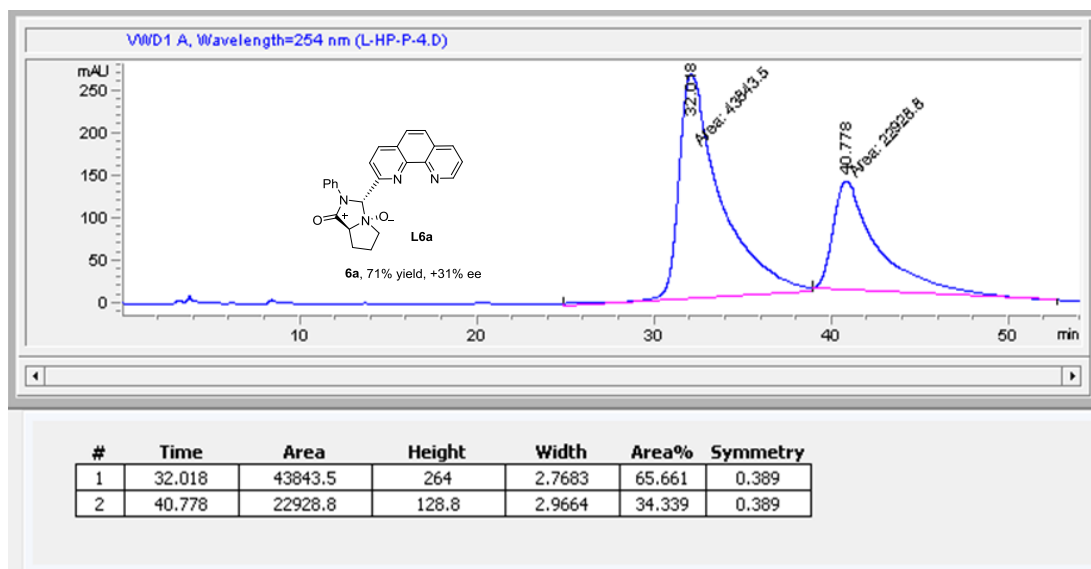
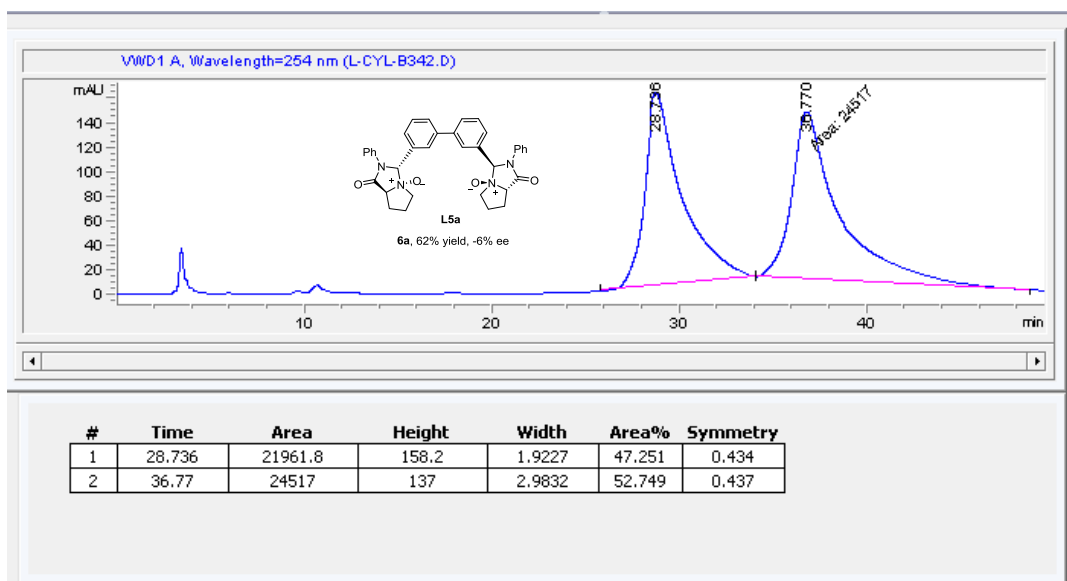
6s: Product in accordance with literature characterization data^{10a,c}. 71% yield, 50% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -12.4$ (c 0.38, CHCl_3); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; $\tau_{\text{major}} = 16.07$ min; $\tau_{\text{minor}} = 15.24$ min); ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz) δ : 1.20-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.74 (m, 4H), 4.15-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.74 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz) δ : 14.2, 32.8, 37.4, 45.5, 62.3, 110.1, 117.0, 118.9, 119.3, 121.7, 126.6, 126.9, 127.0, 128.1, 128.7, 137.2, 144.8, 161.0, 193.0.

9. Control experiments and HPLC spectra for compound 6a



In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the mixture of Ni(OTf)_2 (2.0 mol %), **L** (2.4 mol %) in 2.0 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added **4** (0.30 mmol), and **5** (0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and was directly loaded onto a silica gel and purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product **6a**, using hexane/EtOAc (10/1, v/v) as the eluent.

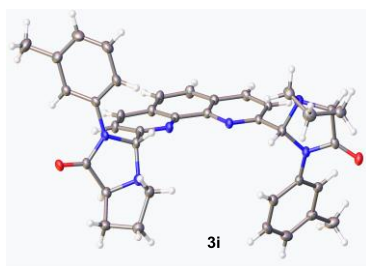




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11. X-ray crystal data for compounds 3i



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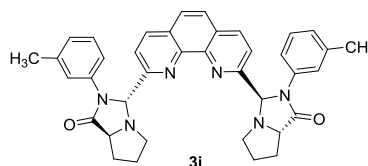


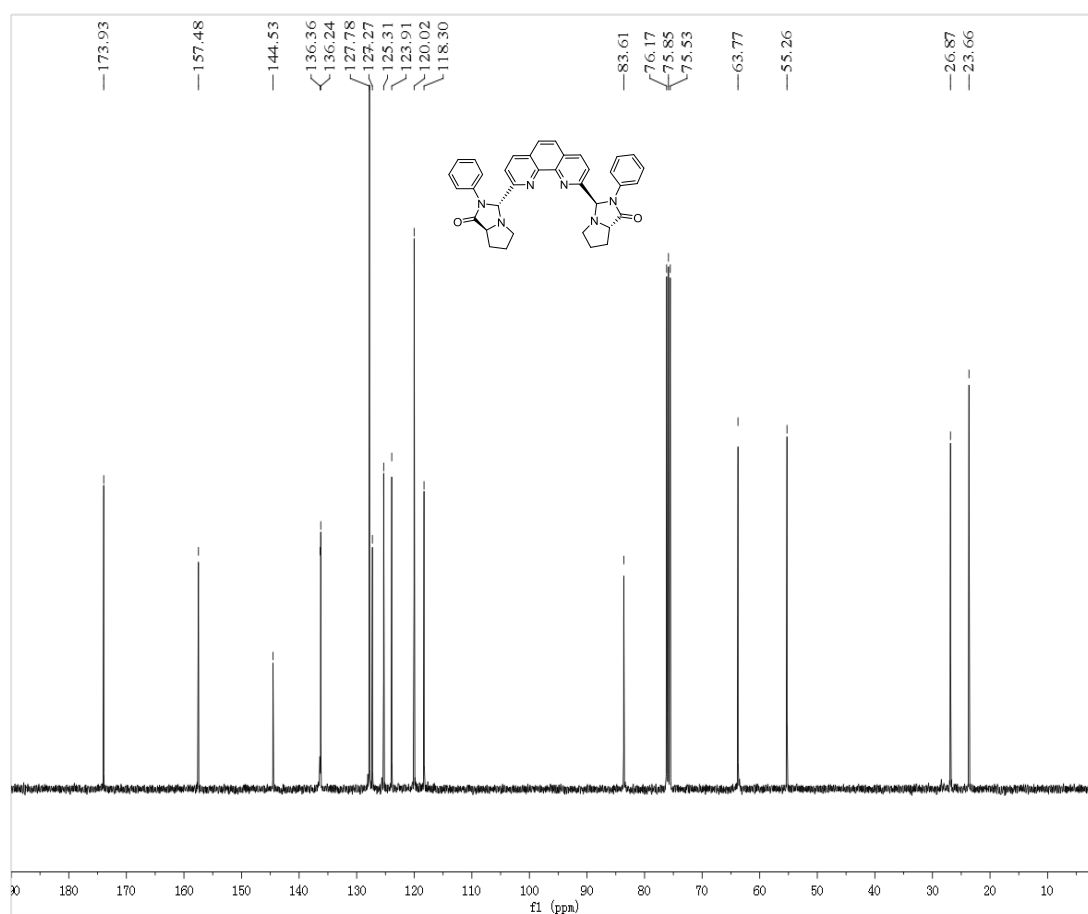
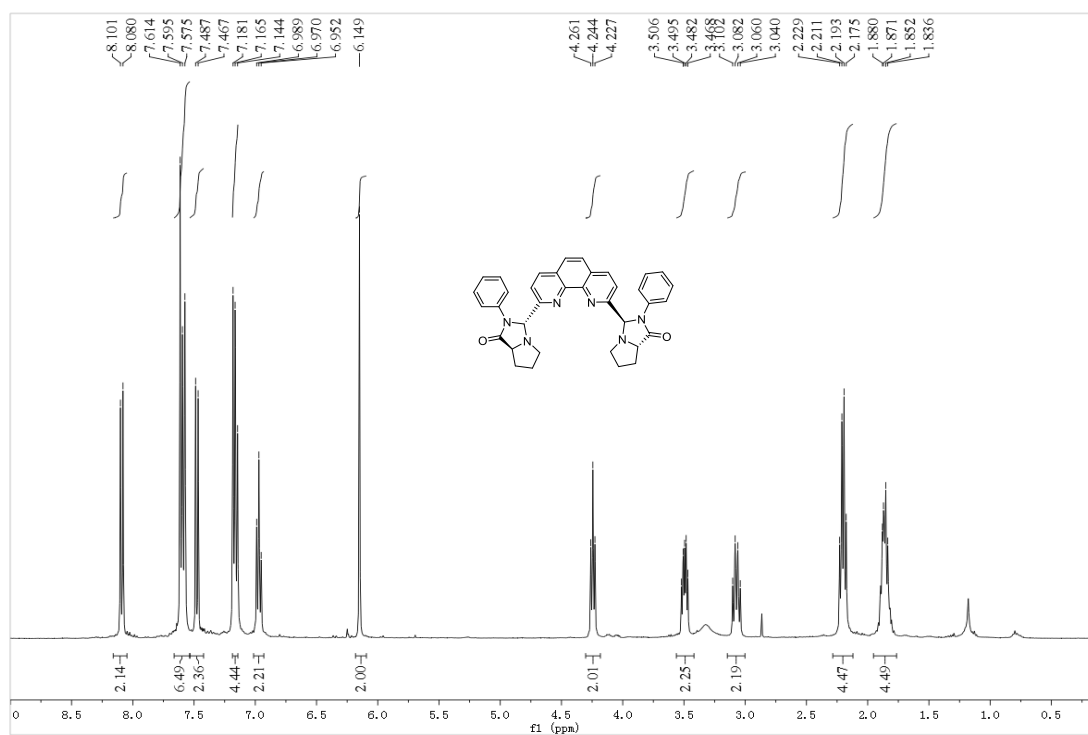
Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3i

Identification code	3i
Empirical formula	$C_{38}H_{40}N_6O_4$
Formula weight	644.76
Temperature/K	99.97(13)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	$P2_12_12_1$
$a/\text{\AA}$, $b/\text{\AA}$, $c/\text{\AA}$	9.32674(13), 13.9964(2), 25.3147(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$, $\beta/^\circ$, $\gamma/^\circ$,	90, 90, 90
Volume/ \AA^3	3304.59(8)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.296
μ/mm^{-1}	0.690
F(000)	1368.0
Radiation	Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.12$
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	6.984 to 148.426
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 11$, $-17 \leq k \leq 13$, $-31 \leq l \leq 30$
Reflections collected	16596
Independent reflections	6509 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0389$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0407$]
Data/restraints/parameters	6509/3/446
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.026
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0446$, $wR_2 = 0.1248$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0463$, $wR_2 = 0.1264$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.39/-0.36
Flack parameter	0.01(13)/0.01(10)

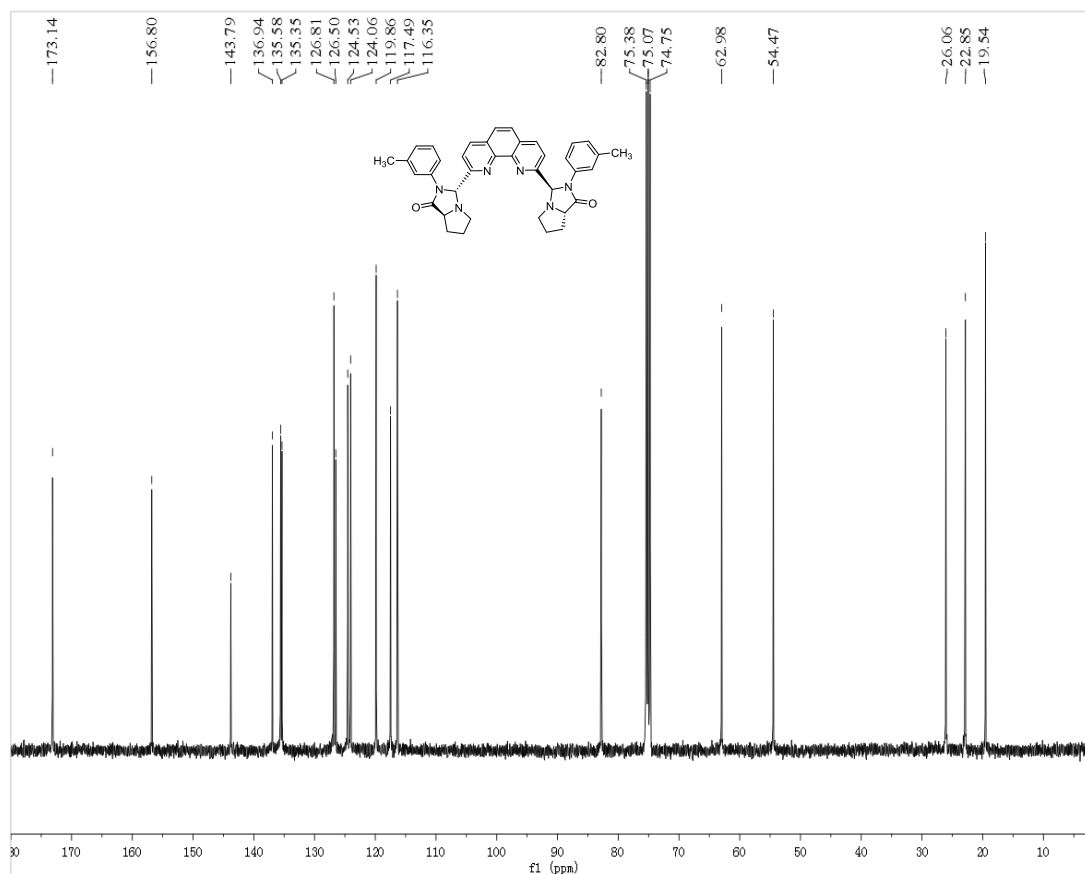
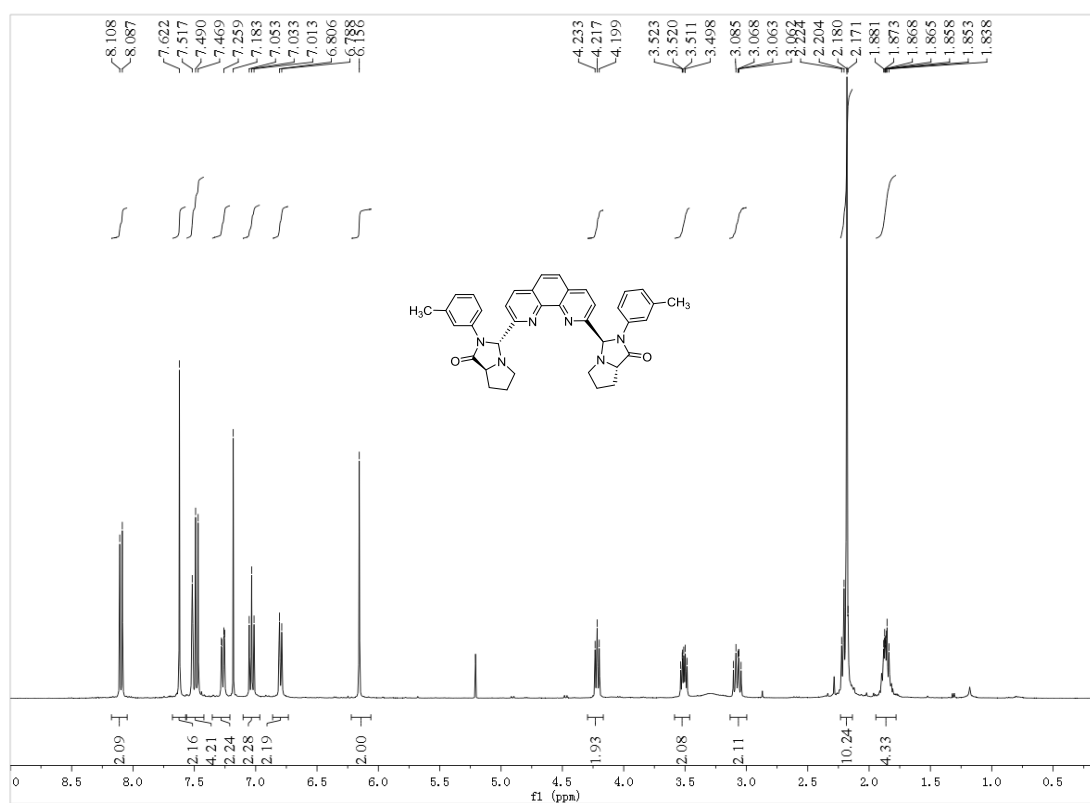
Crystal Data for $C_{38}H_{40}N_6O_4$ ($M = 644.76$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 9.32674(13)$ \AA , $b = 13.9964(2)$ \AA , $c = 25.3147(3)$ \AA , $V = 3304.59(8)$ \AA^3 , $Z = 4$, $T = 99.97(13)$ K, $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 0.690$ mm^{-1} , $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.296$ g/cm^3 , 16596 reflections measured ($6.984^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 148.426^\circ$), 6509 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0389$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0407$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0446 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1264 (all data).

12. The copies of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and HPLC spectra for compounds 3, L and 6

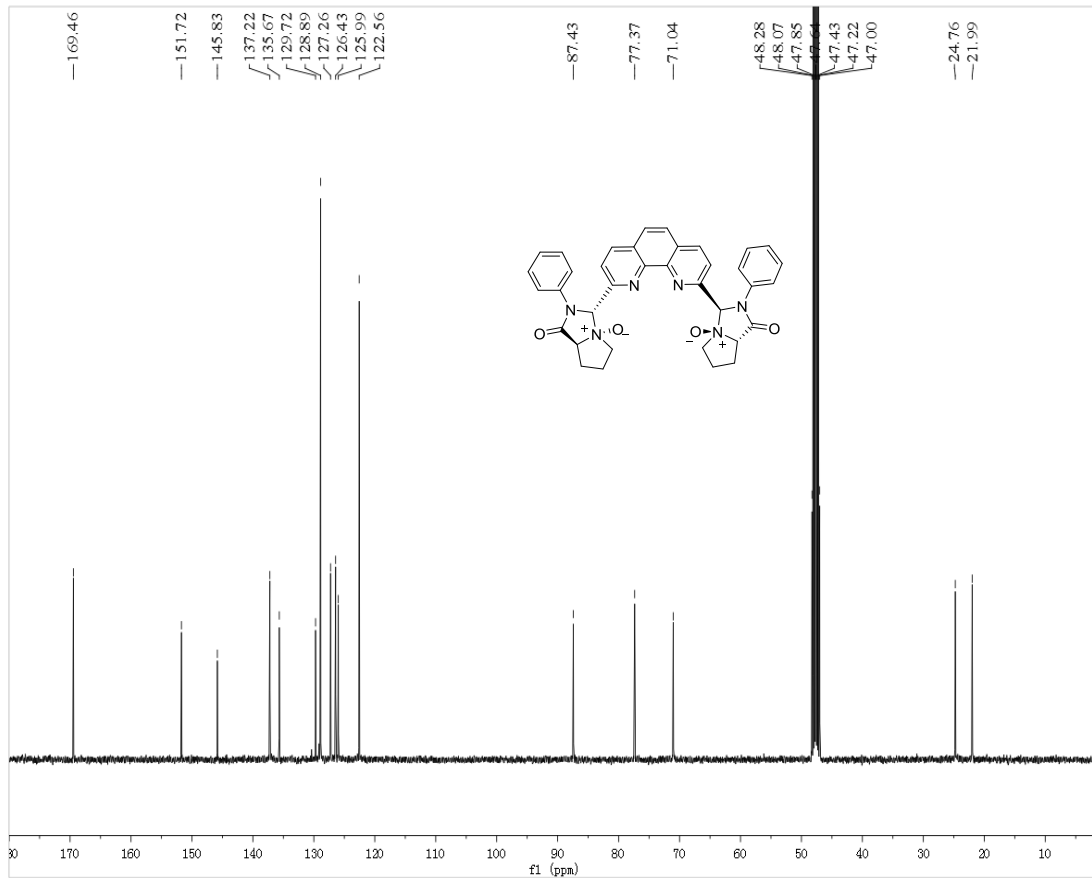
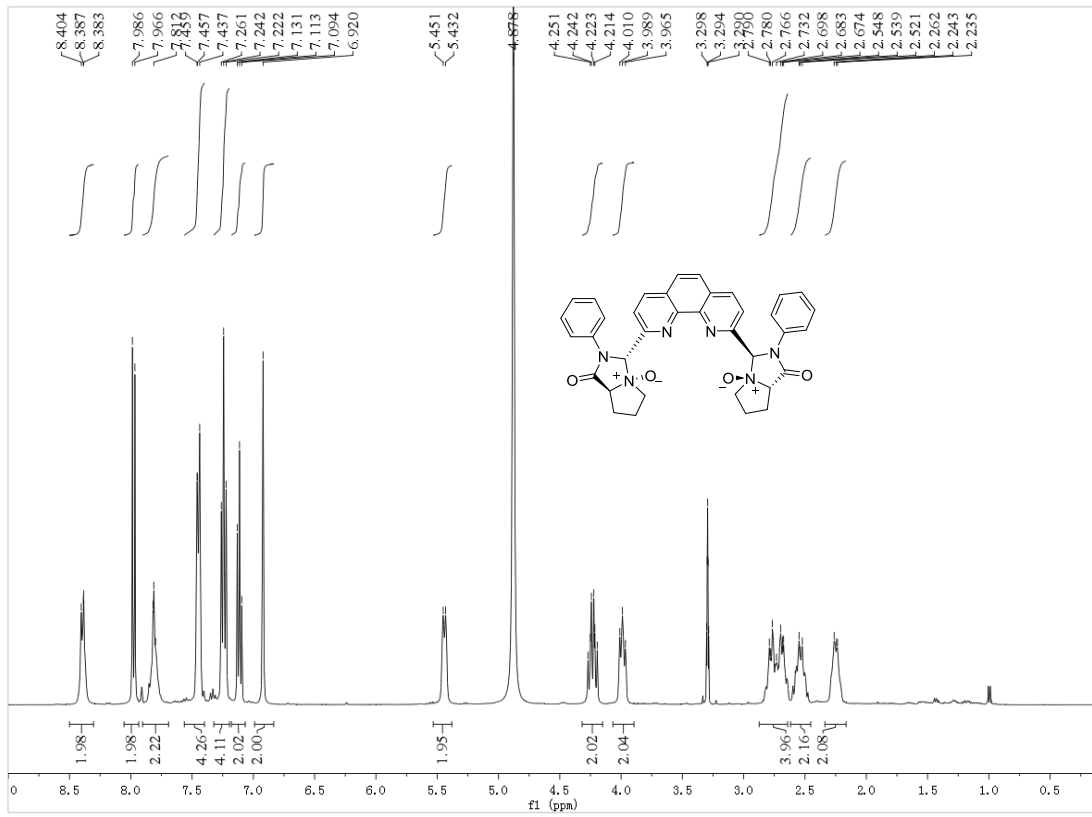
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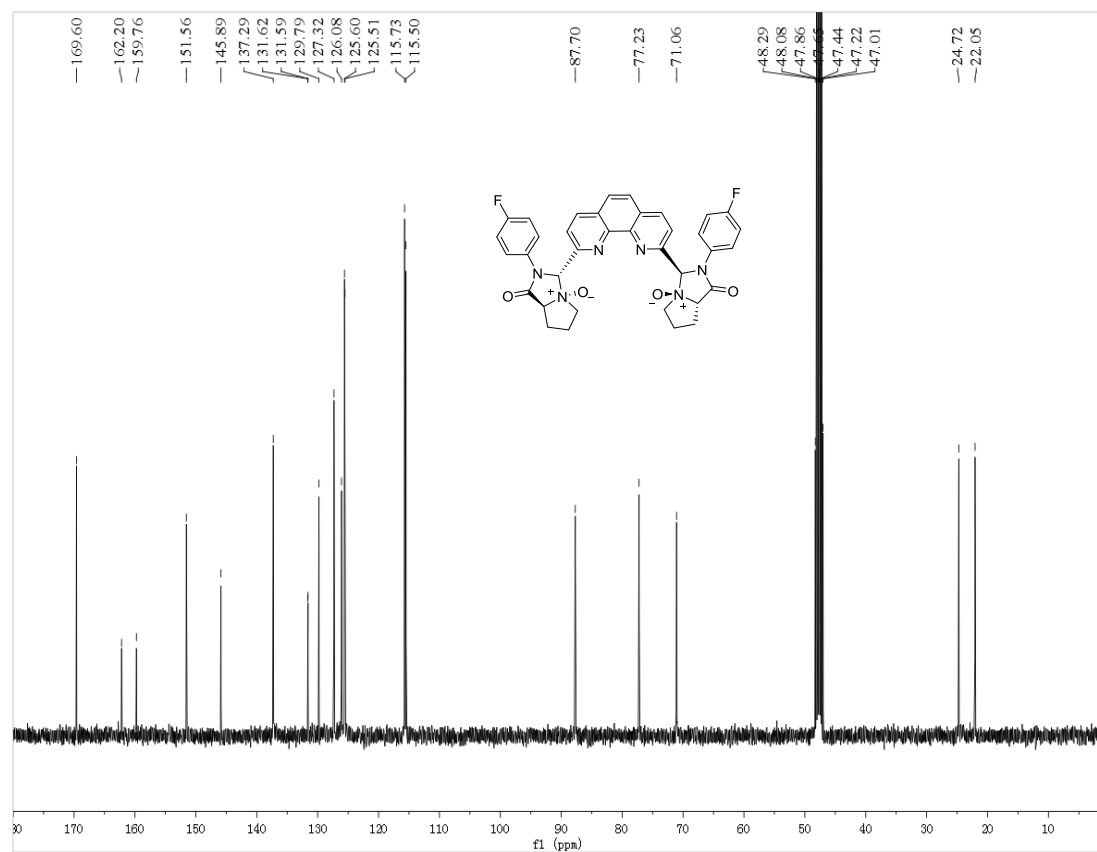
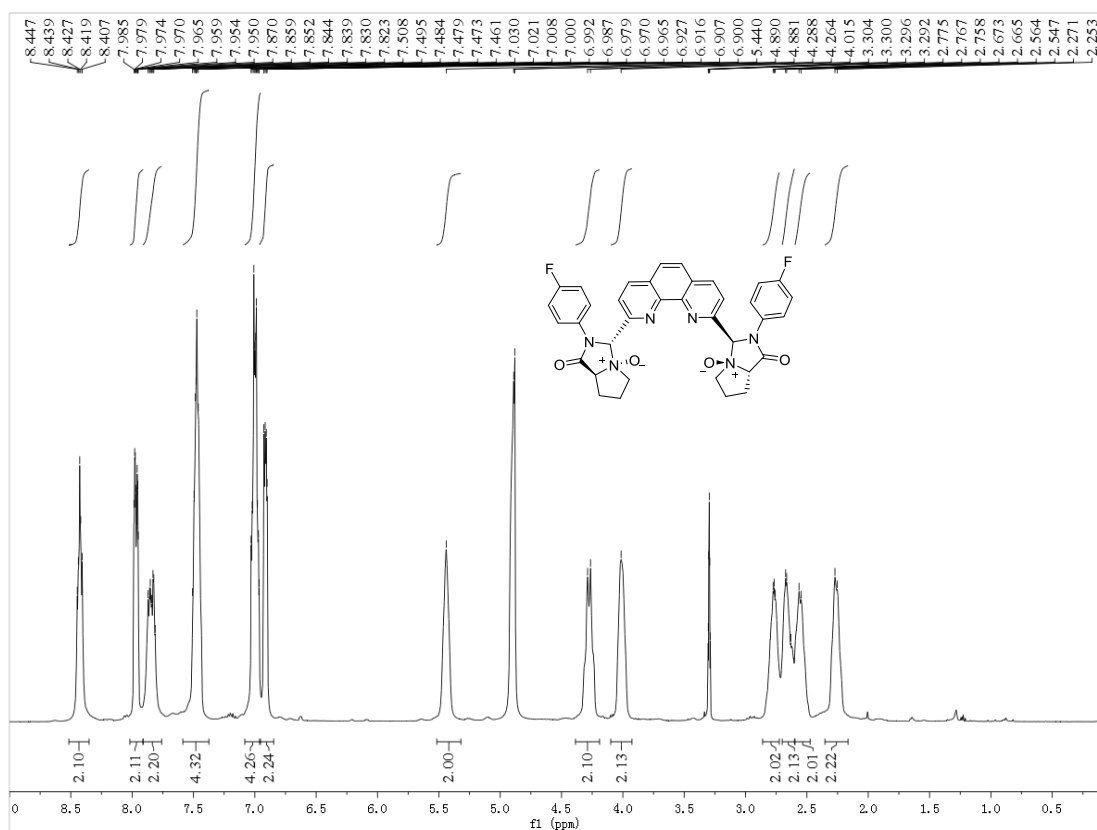
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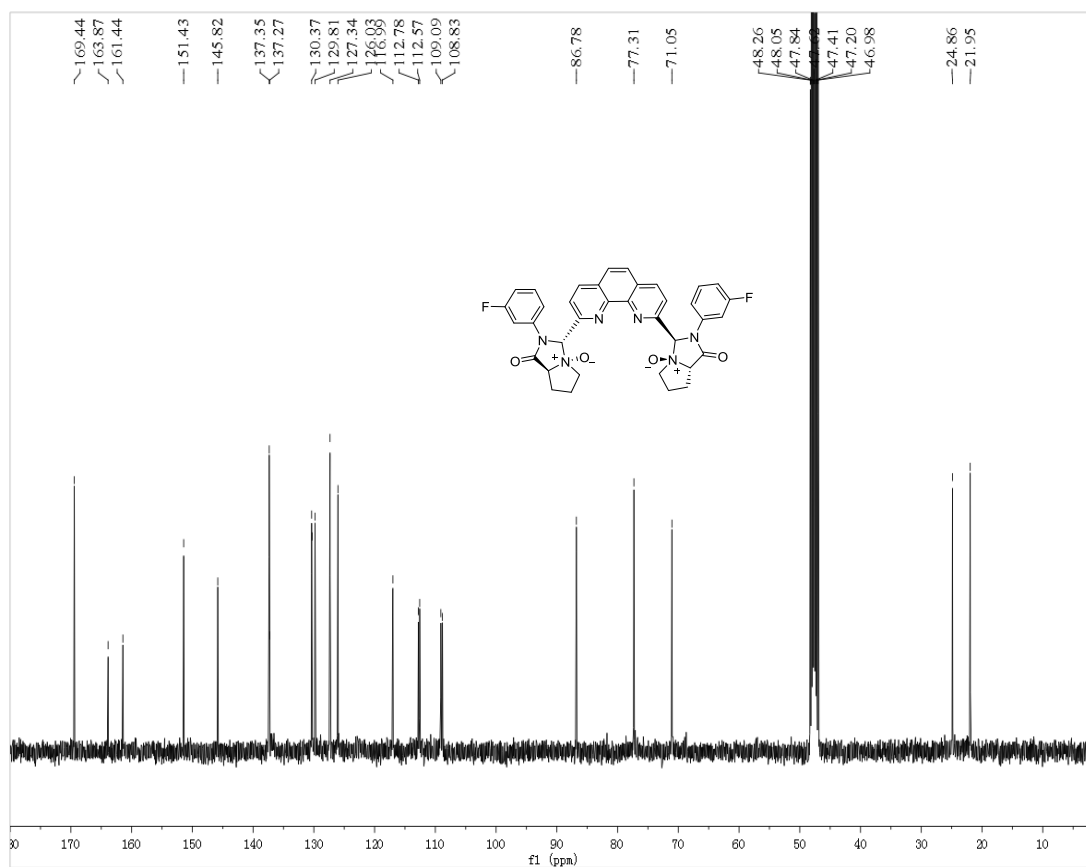
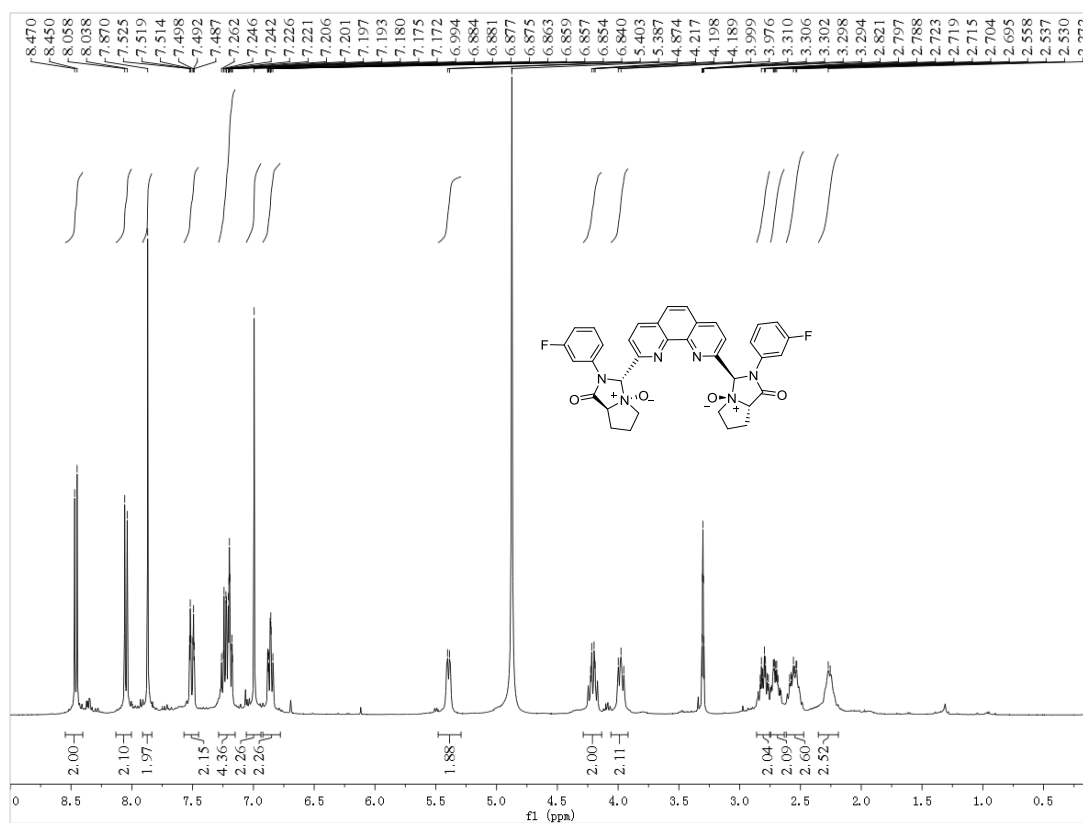
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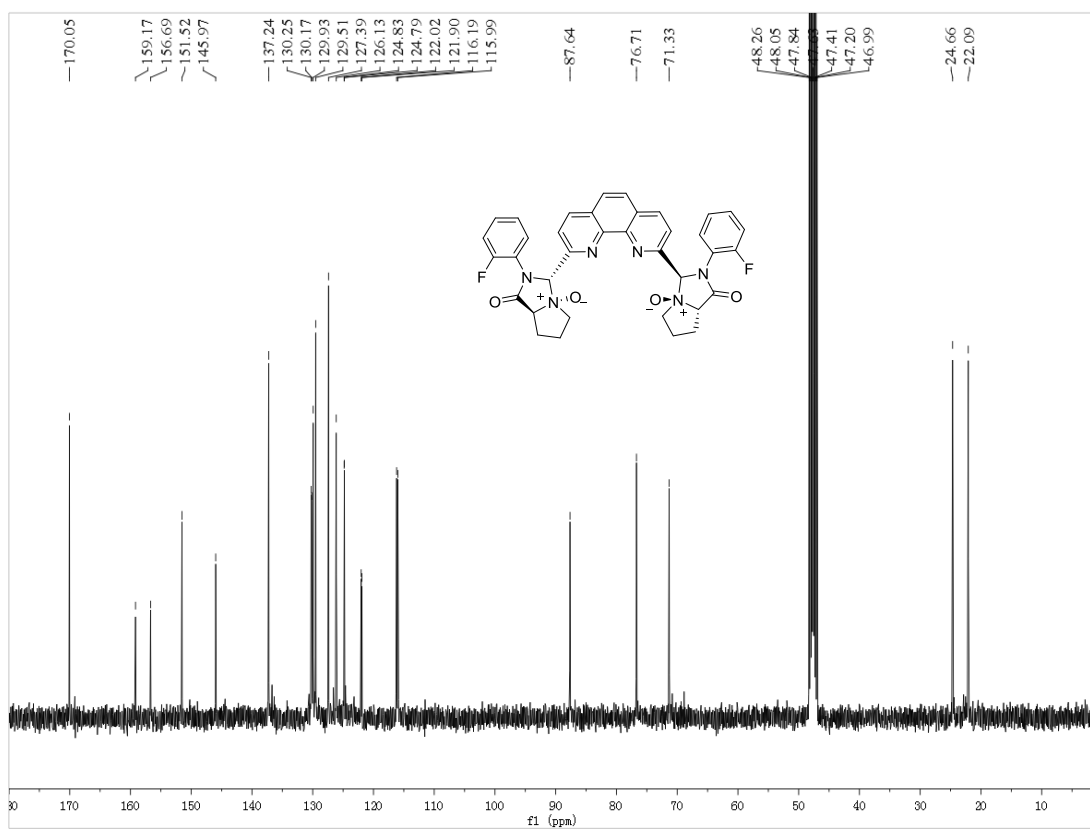
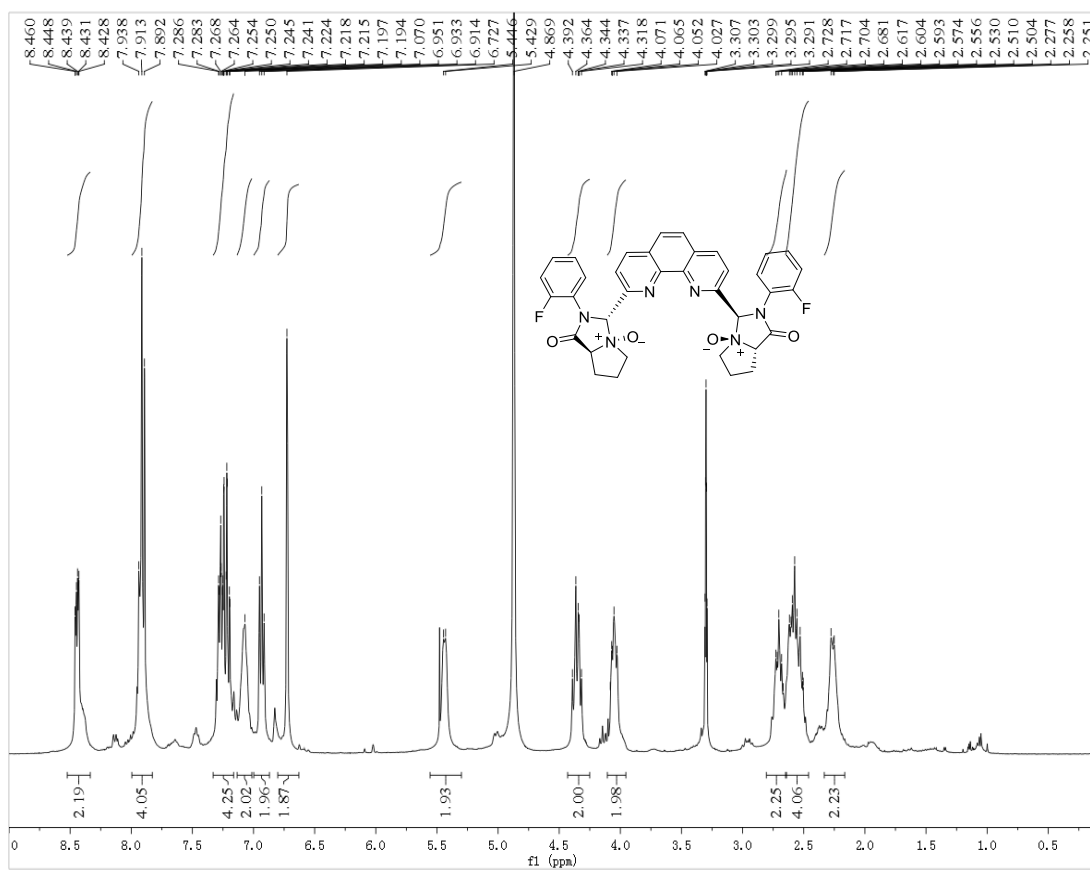
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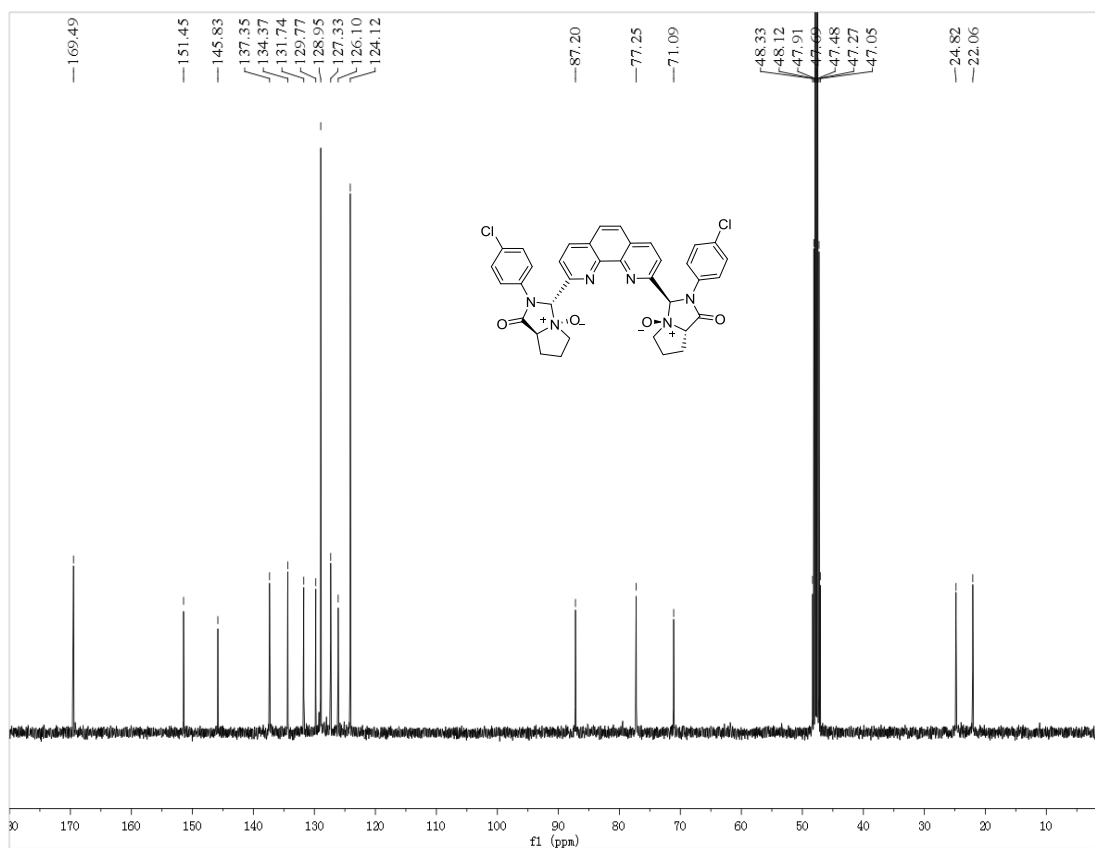
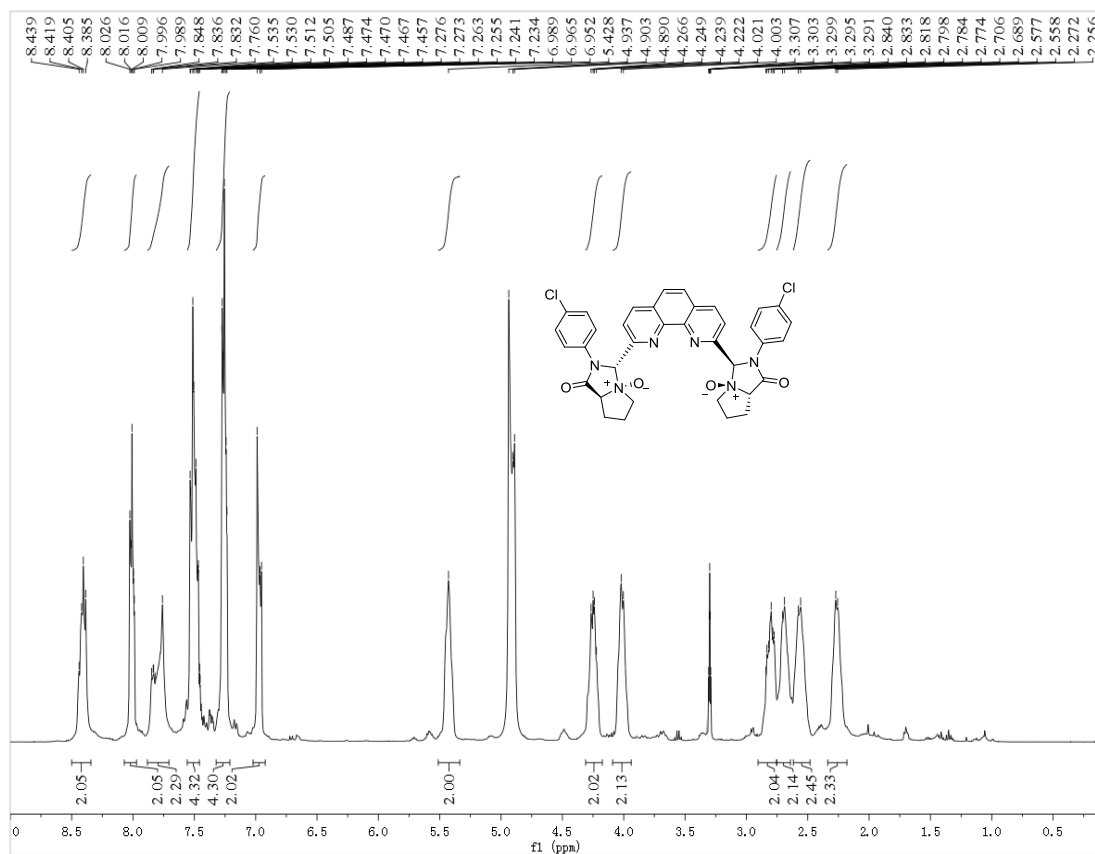
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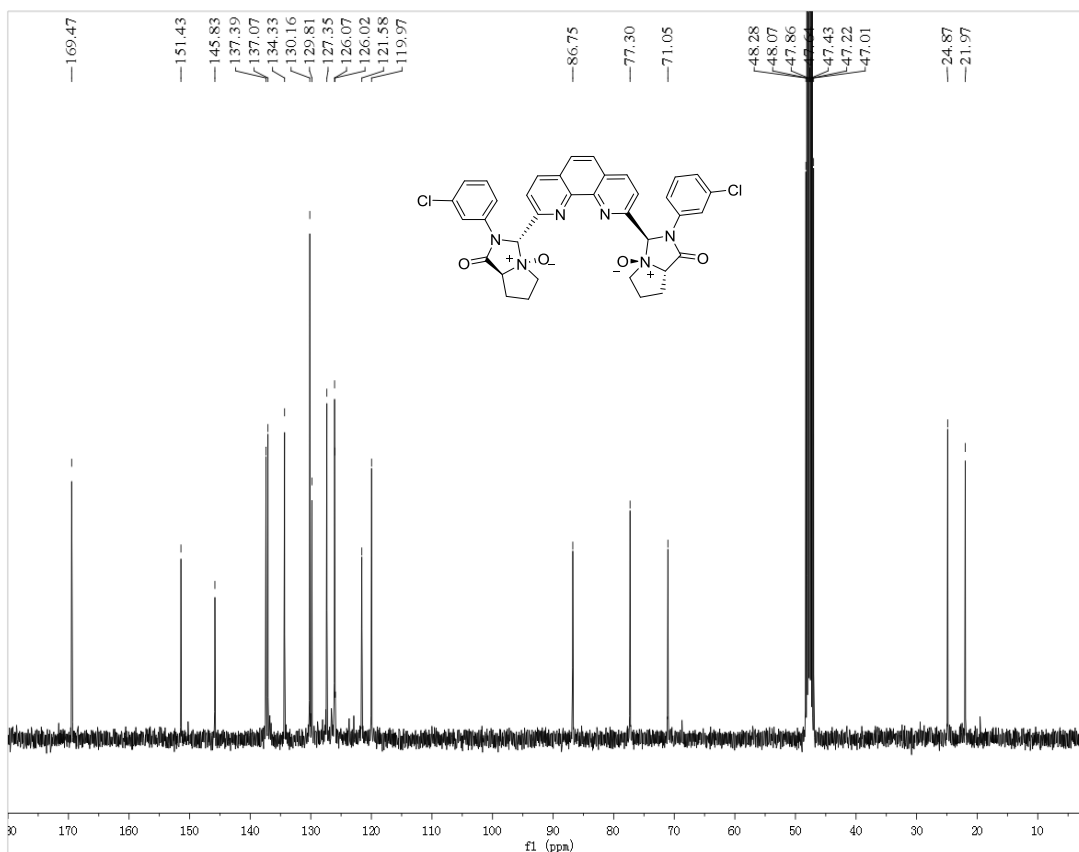
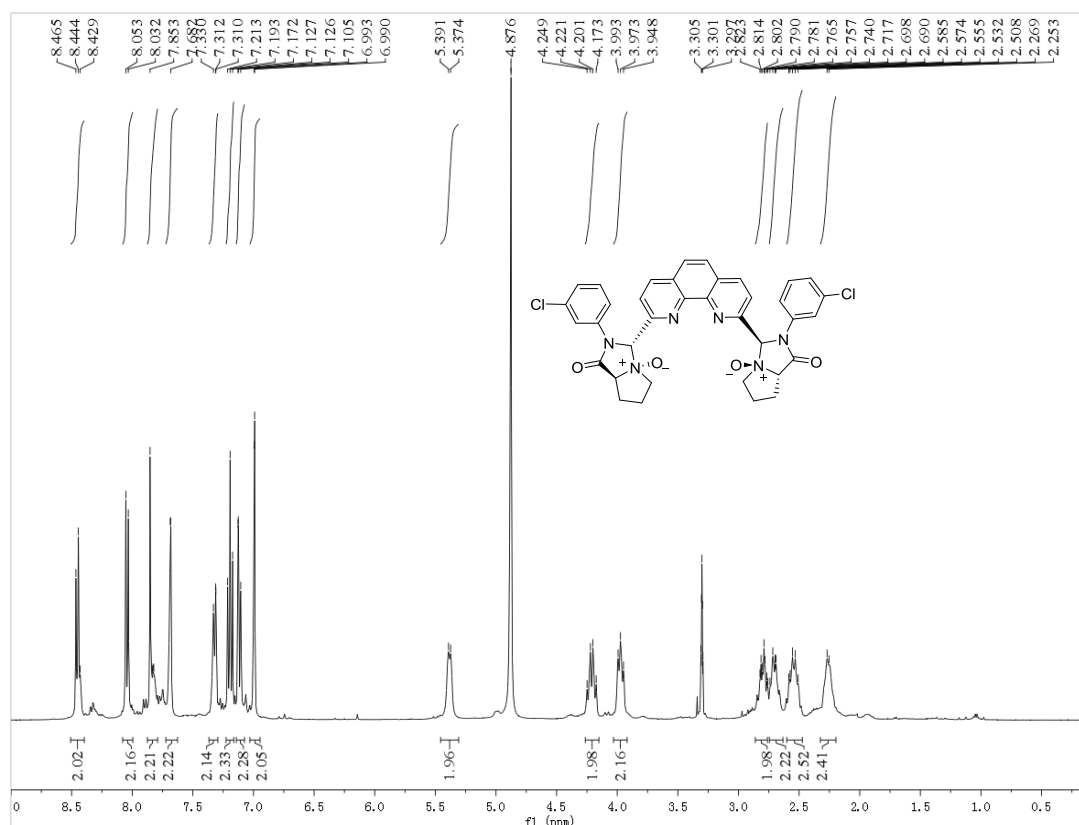
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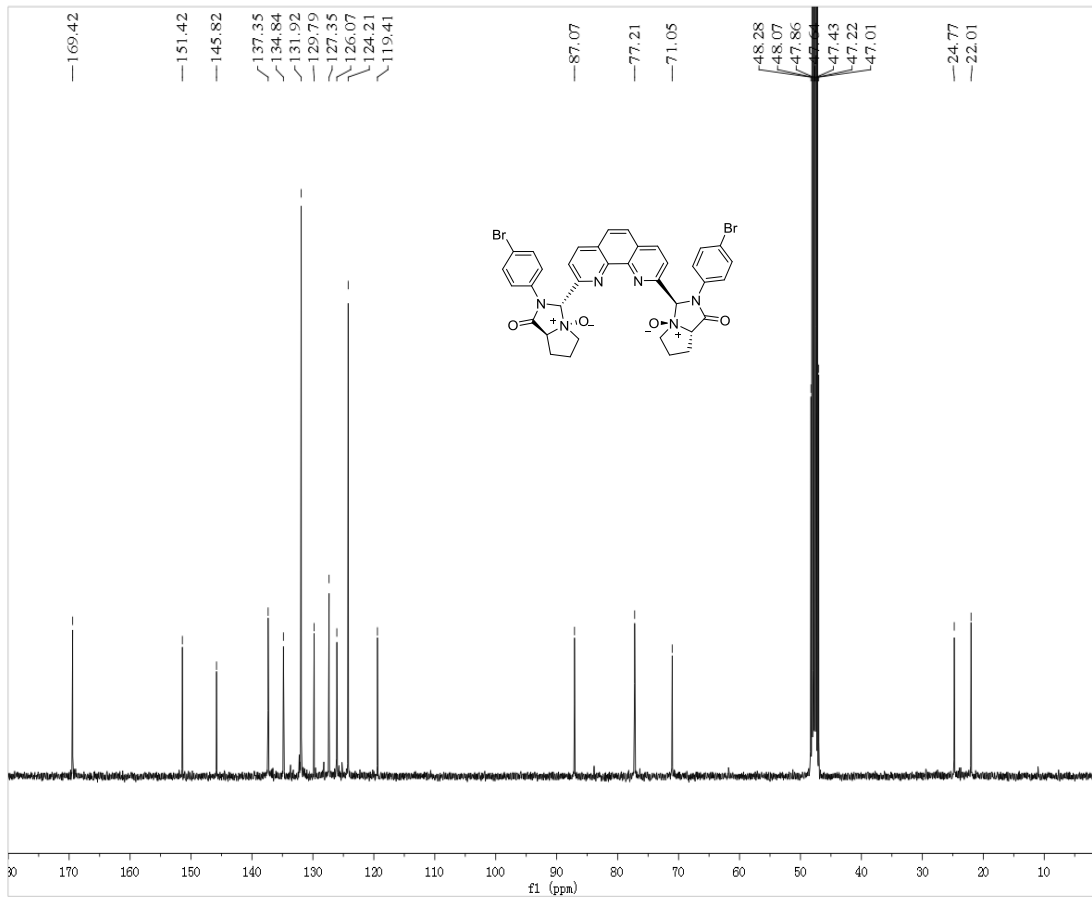
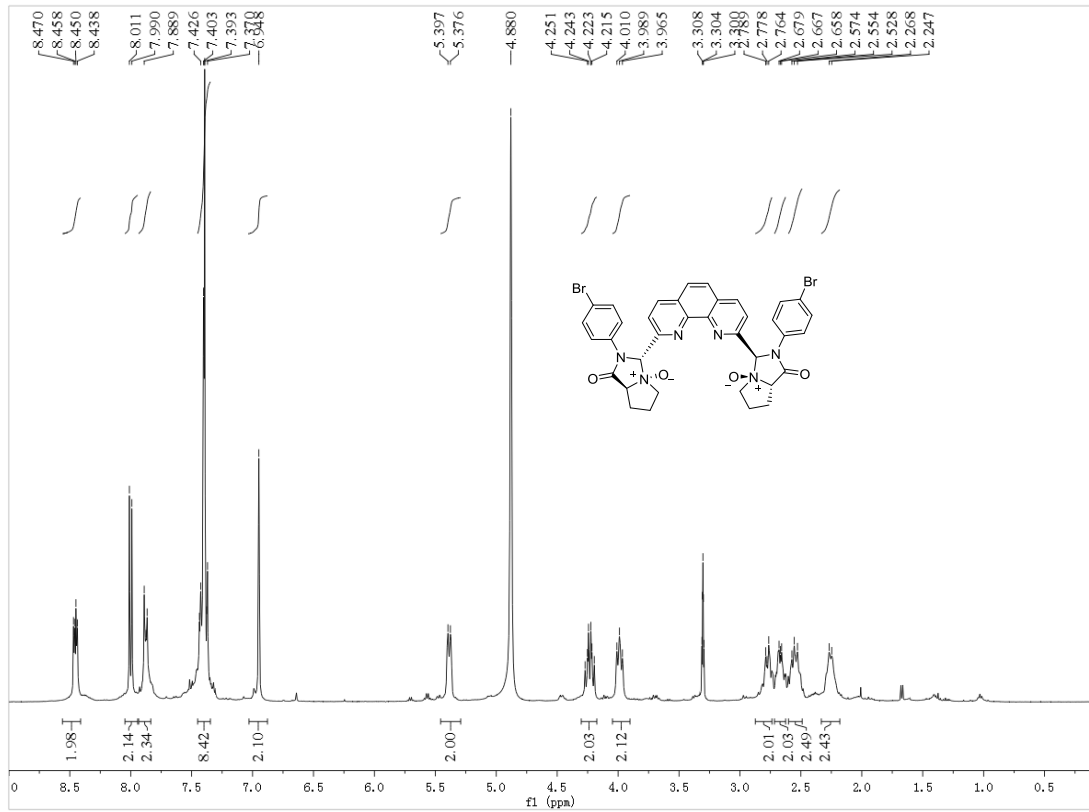
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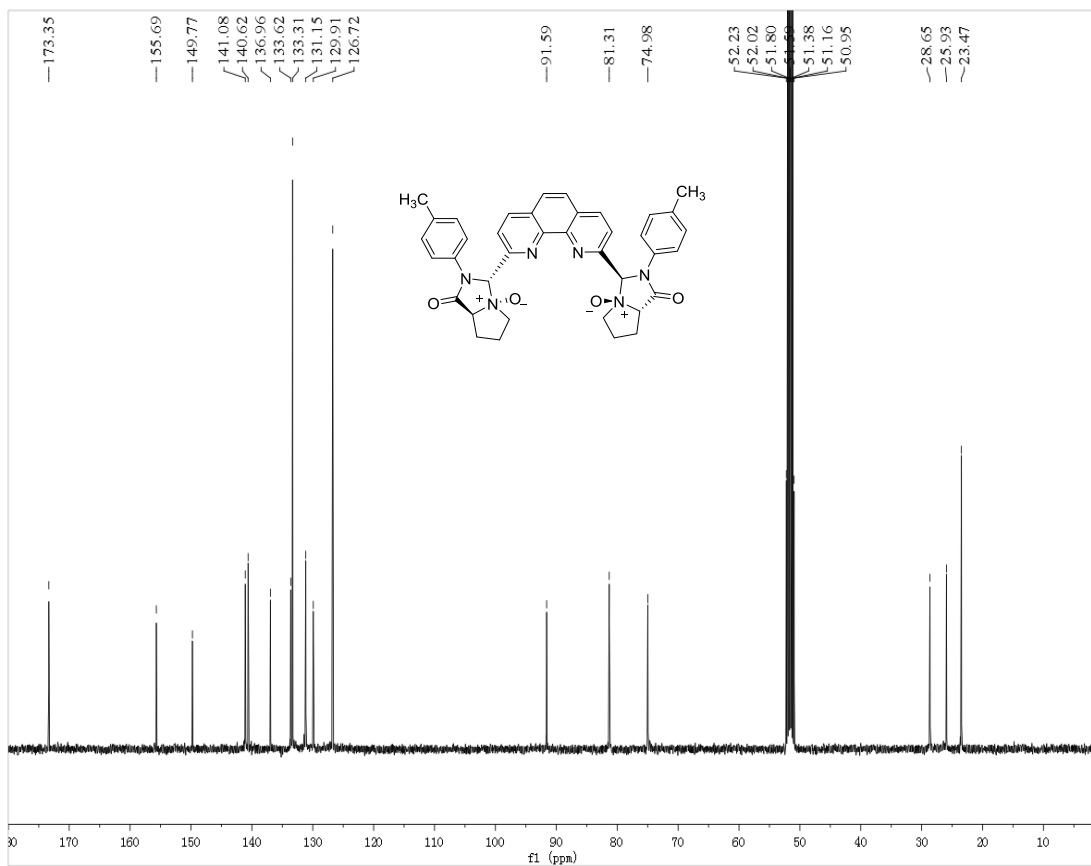
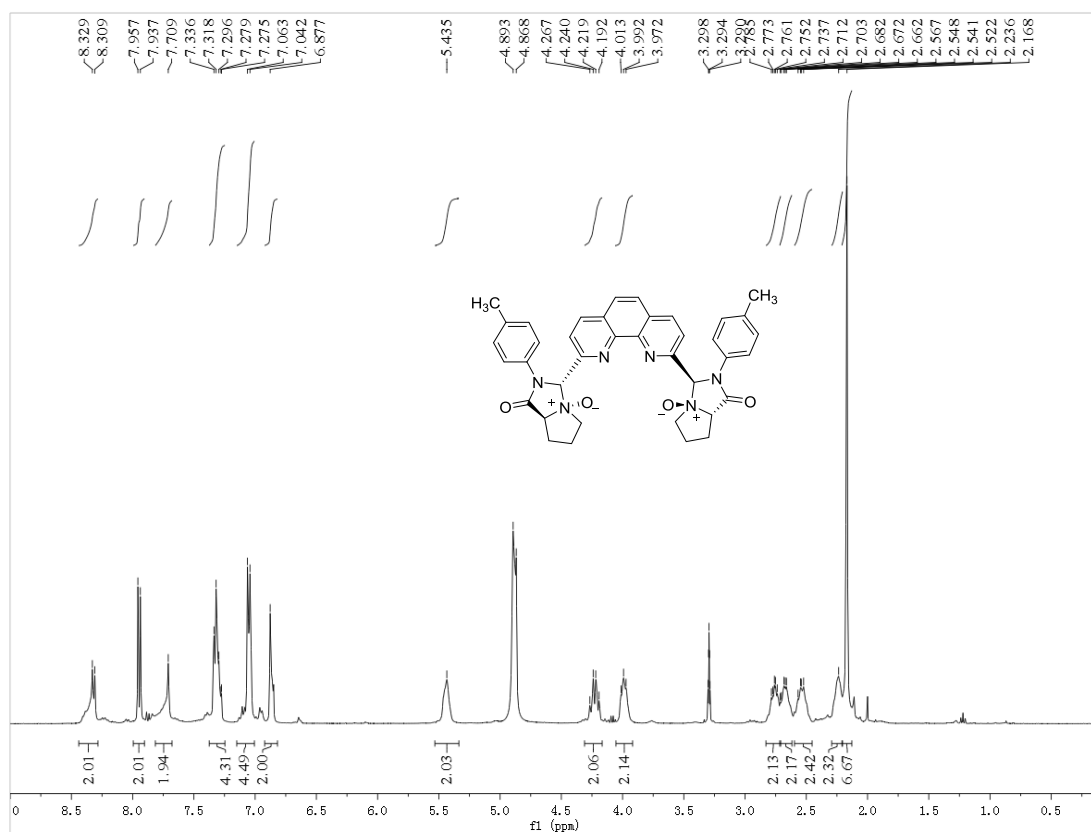
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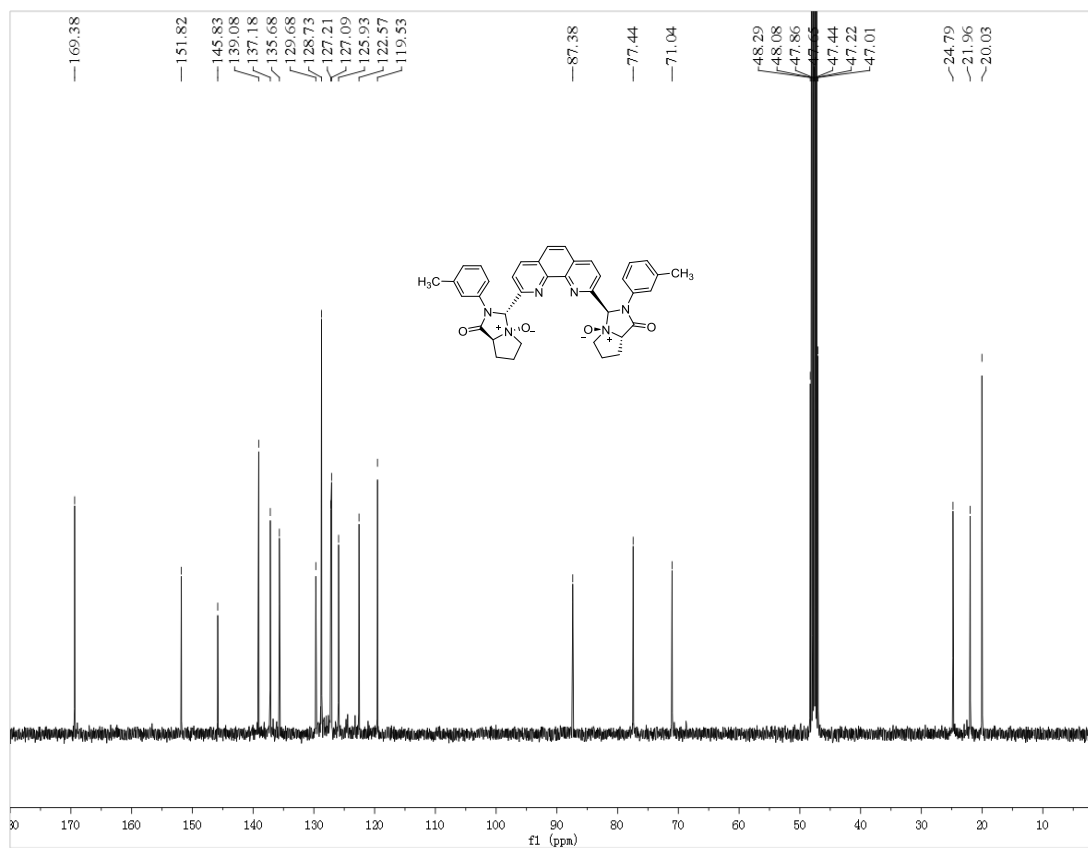
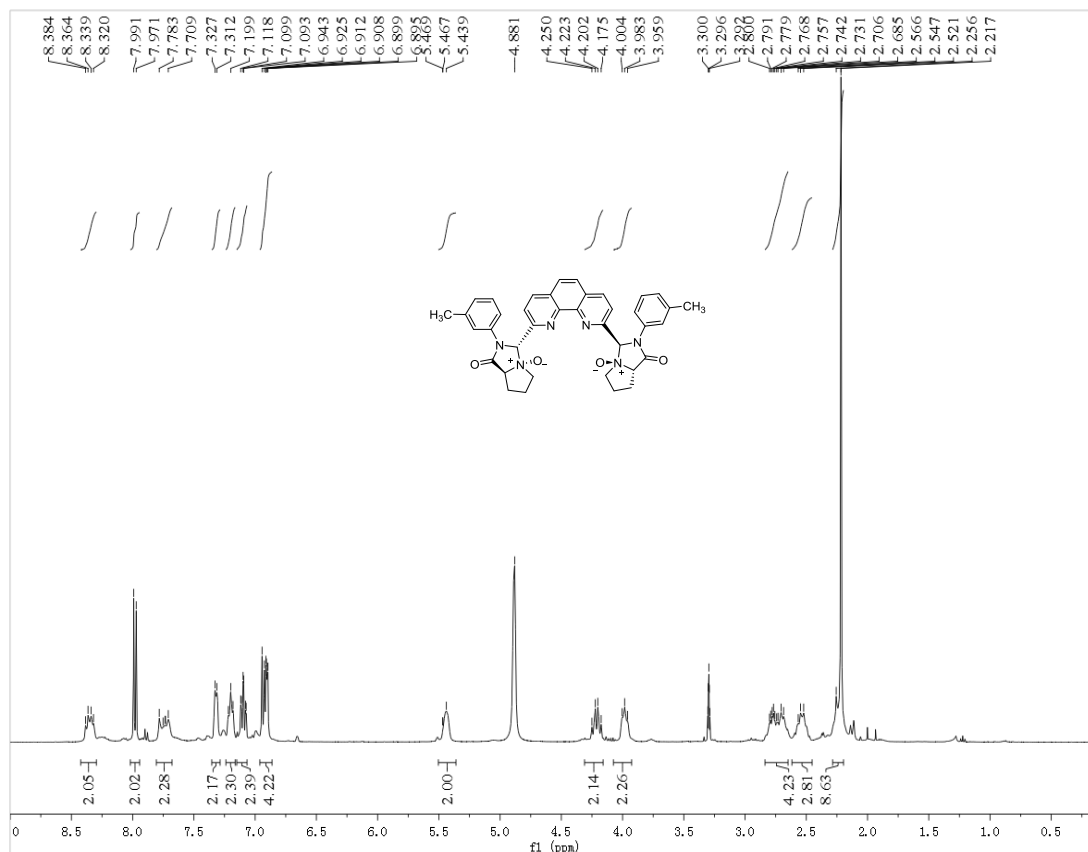
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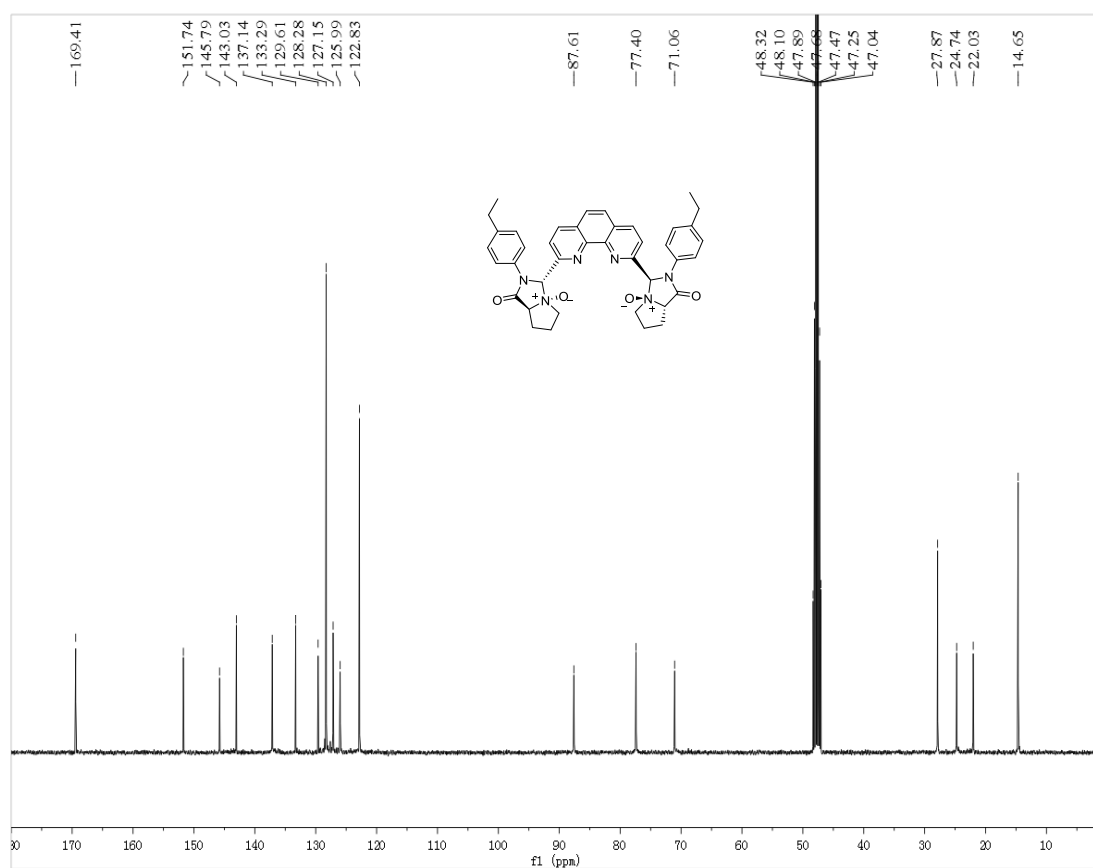
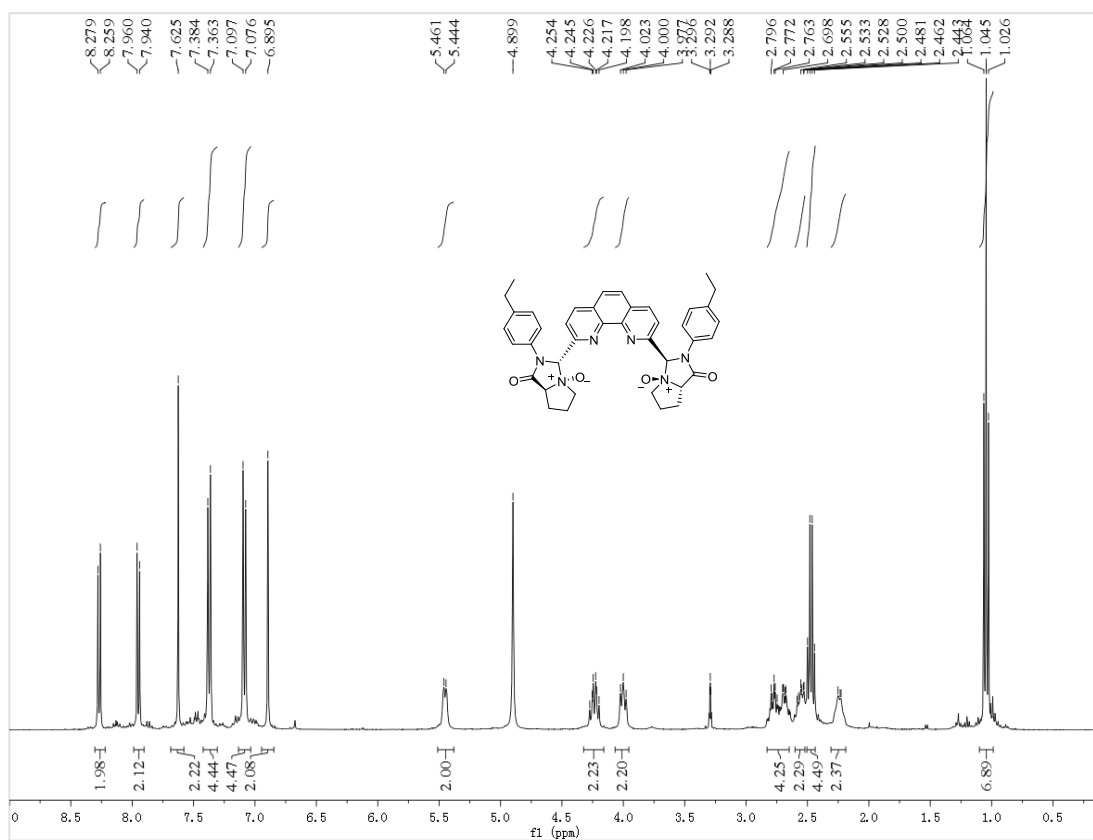
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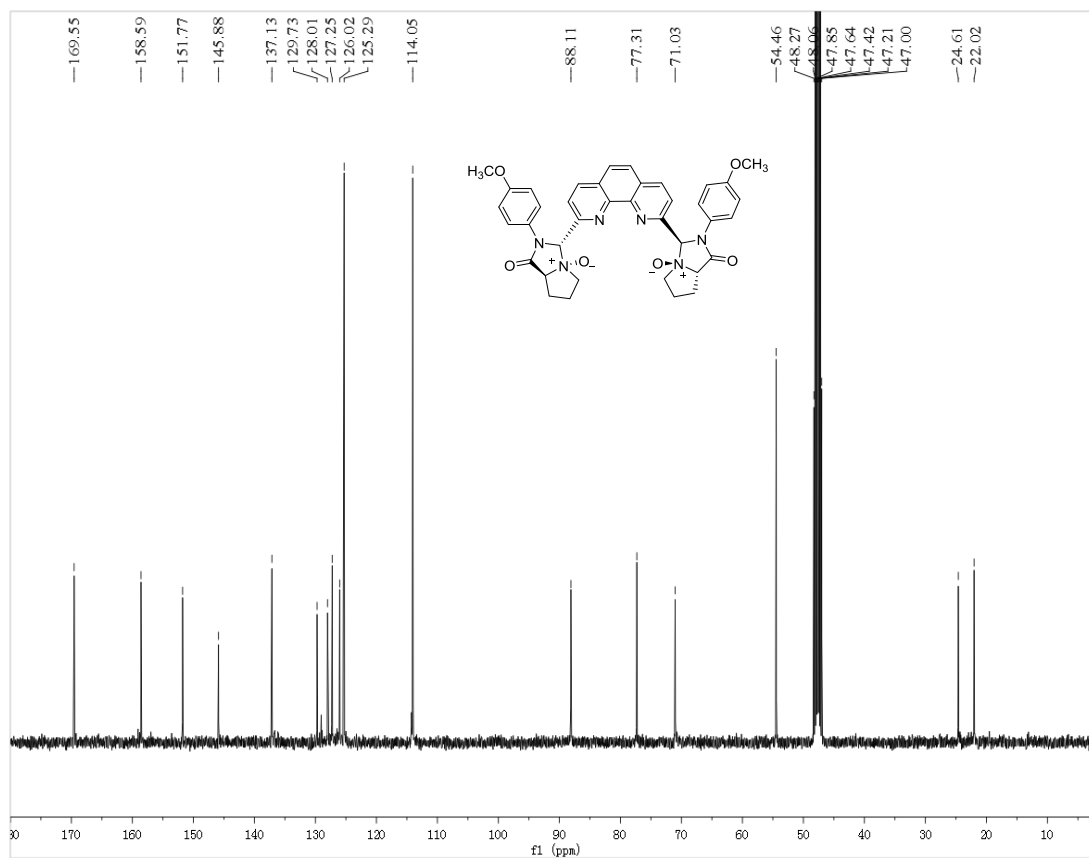
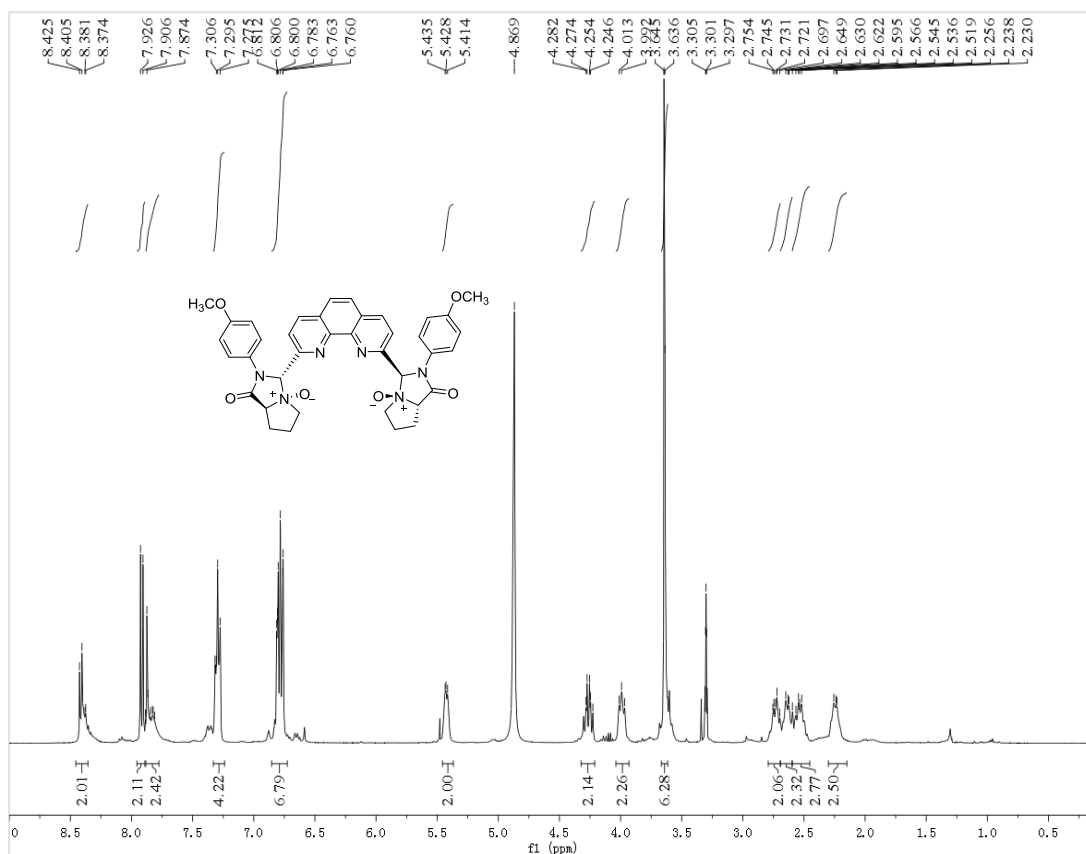
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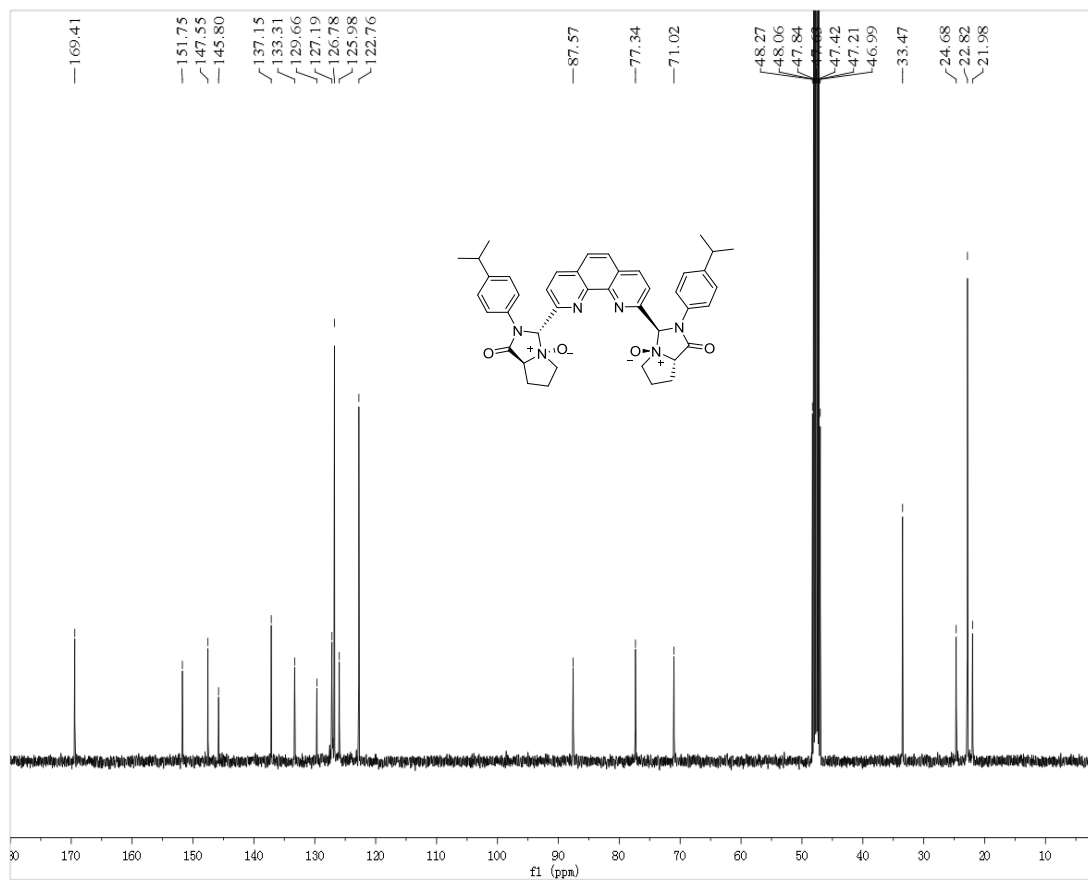
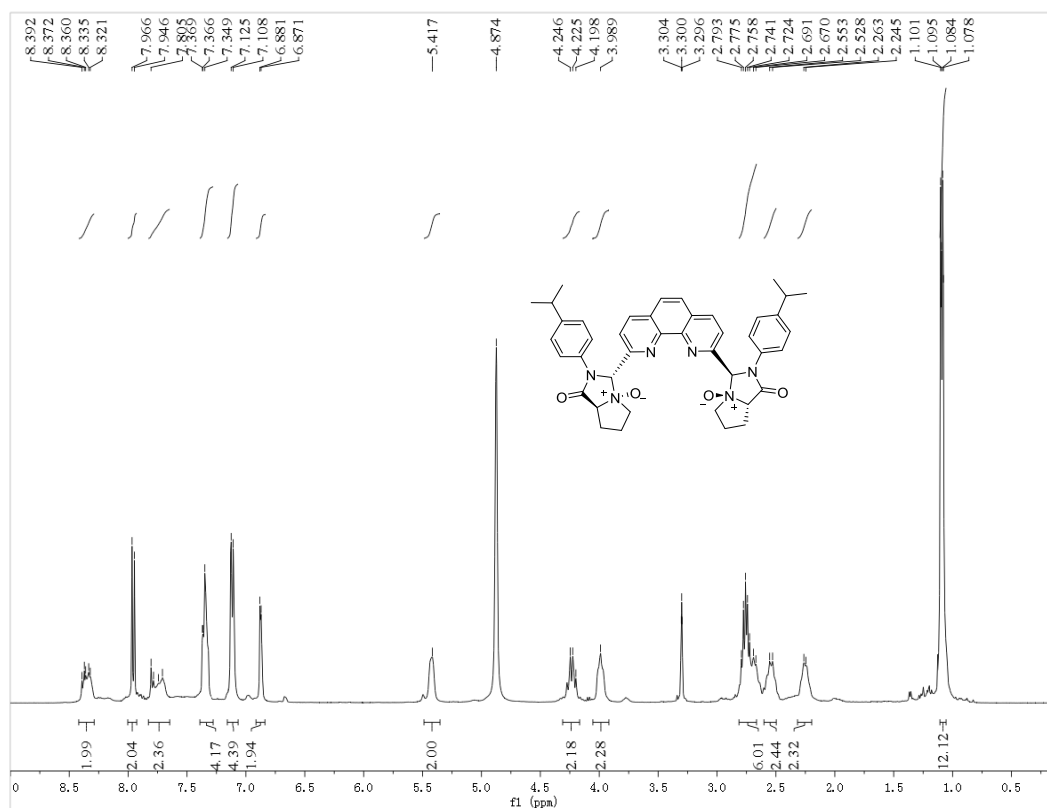
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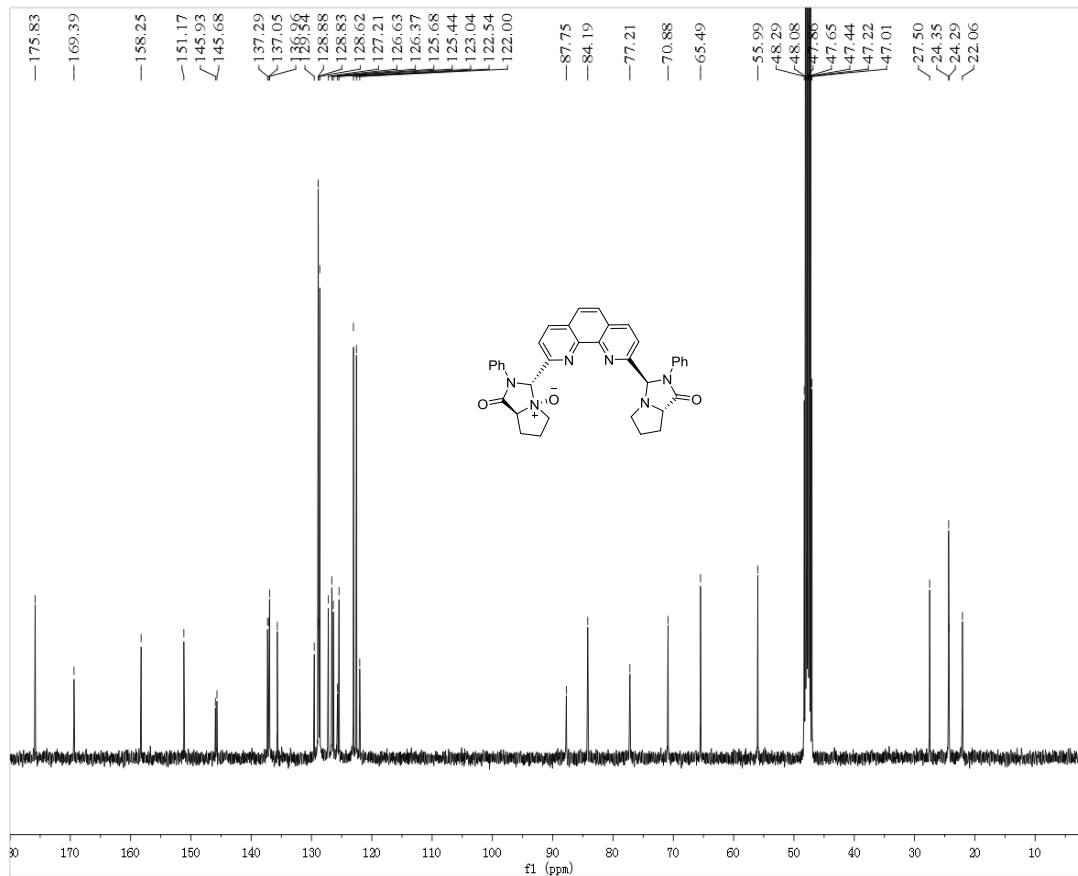
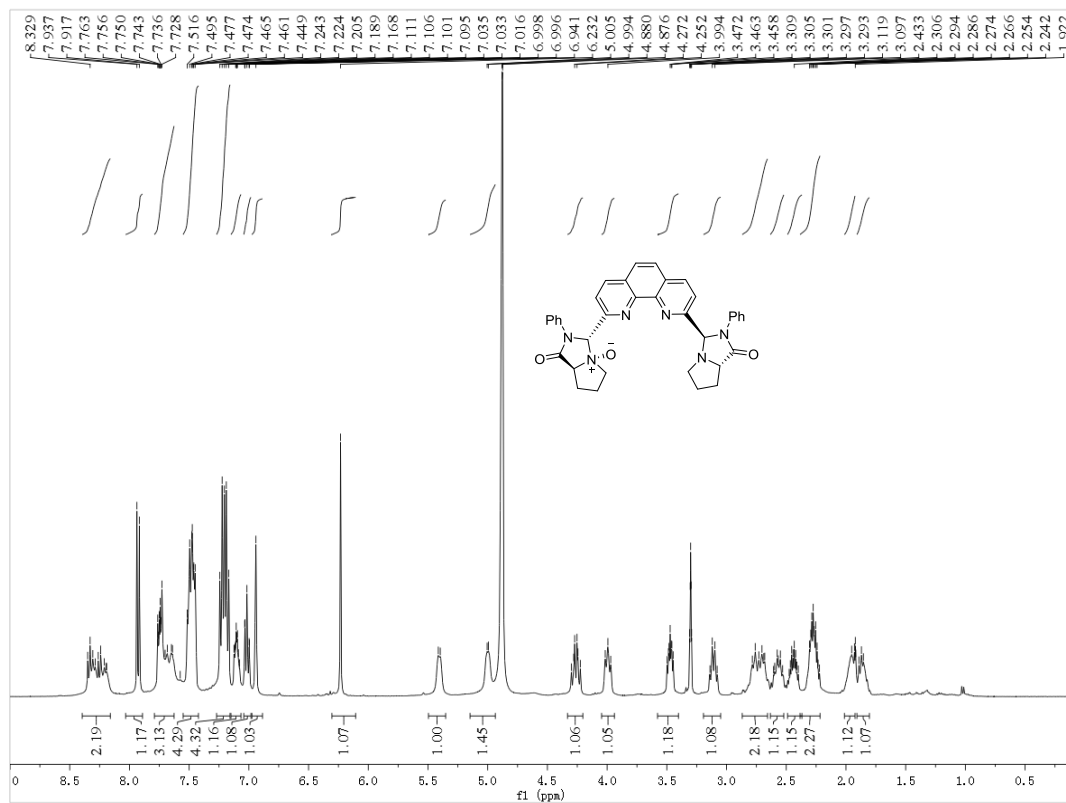
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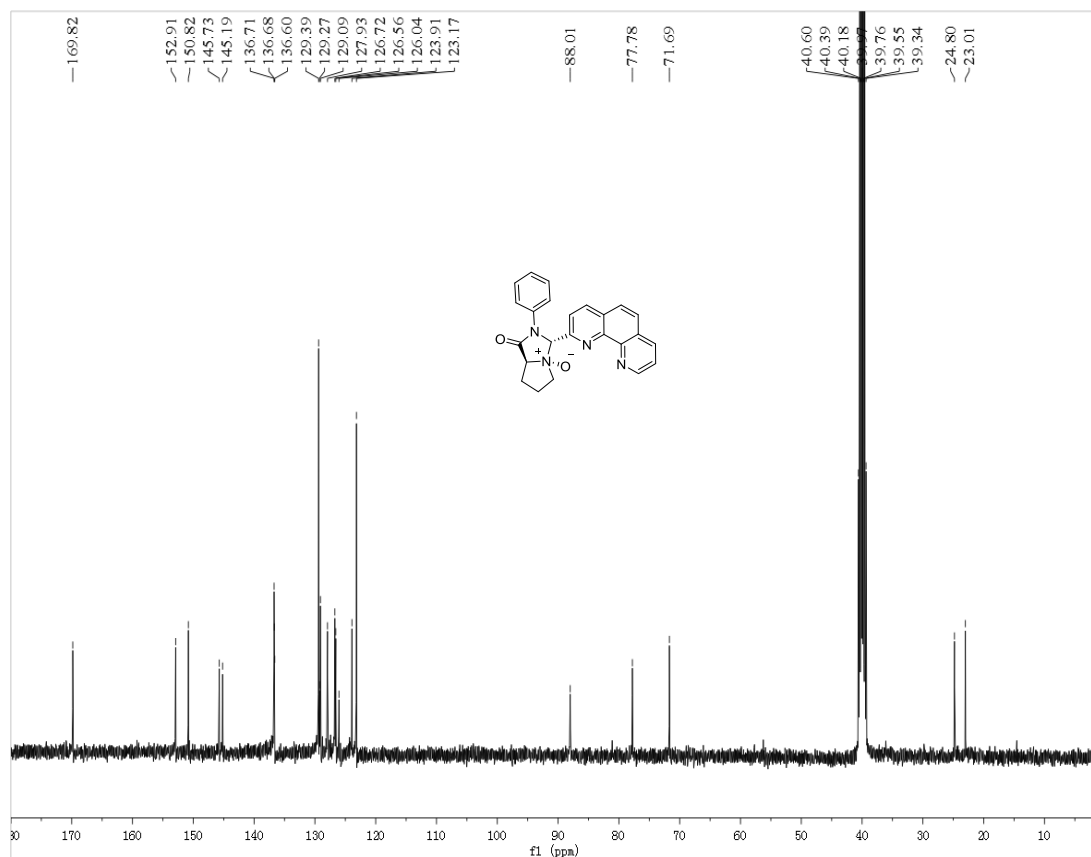
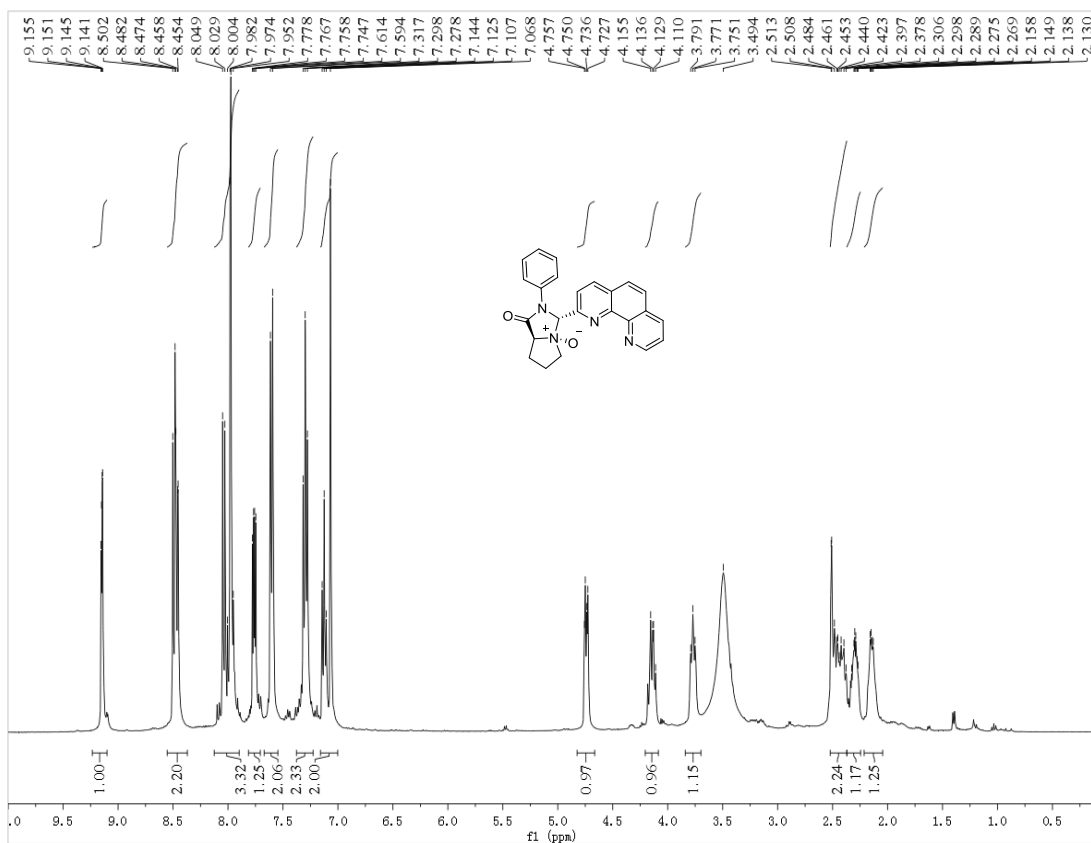
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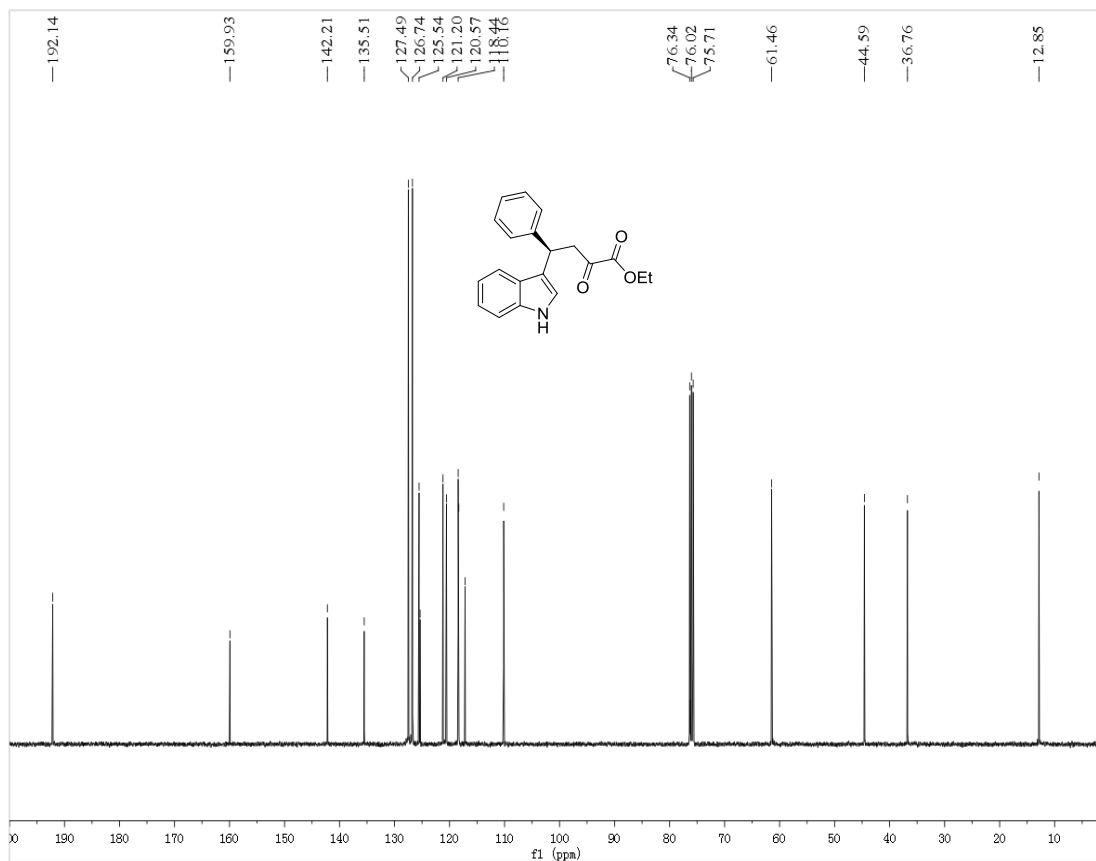
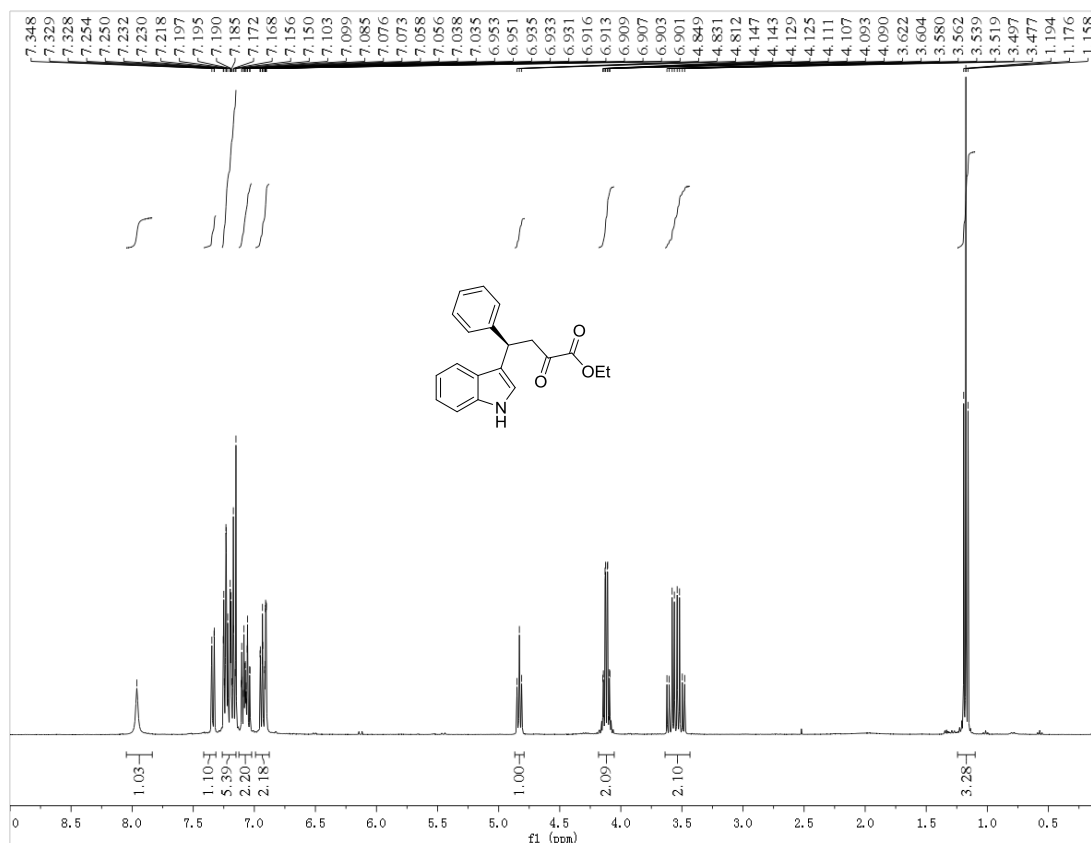
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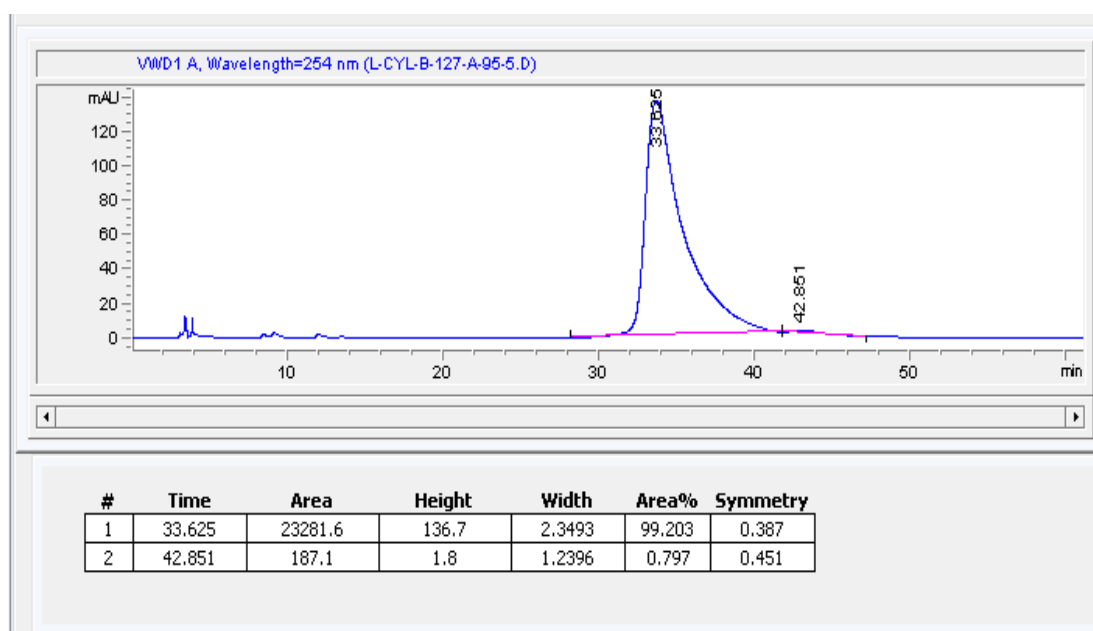
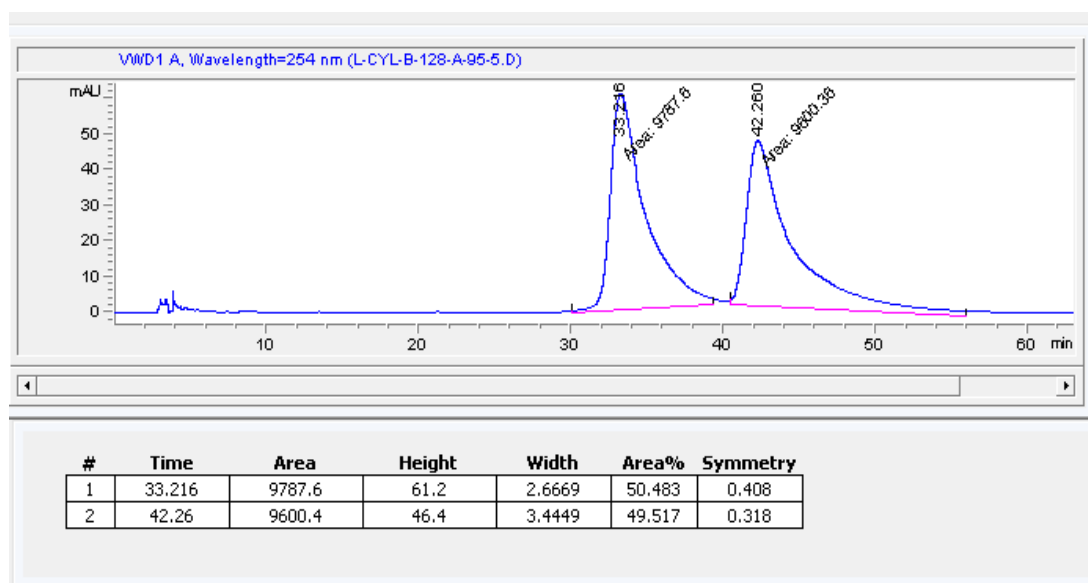
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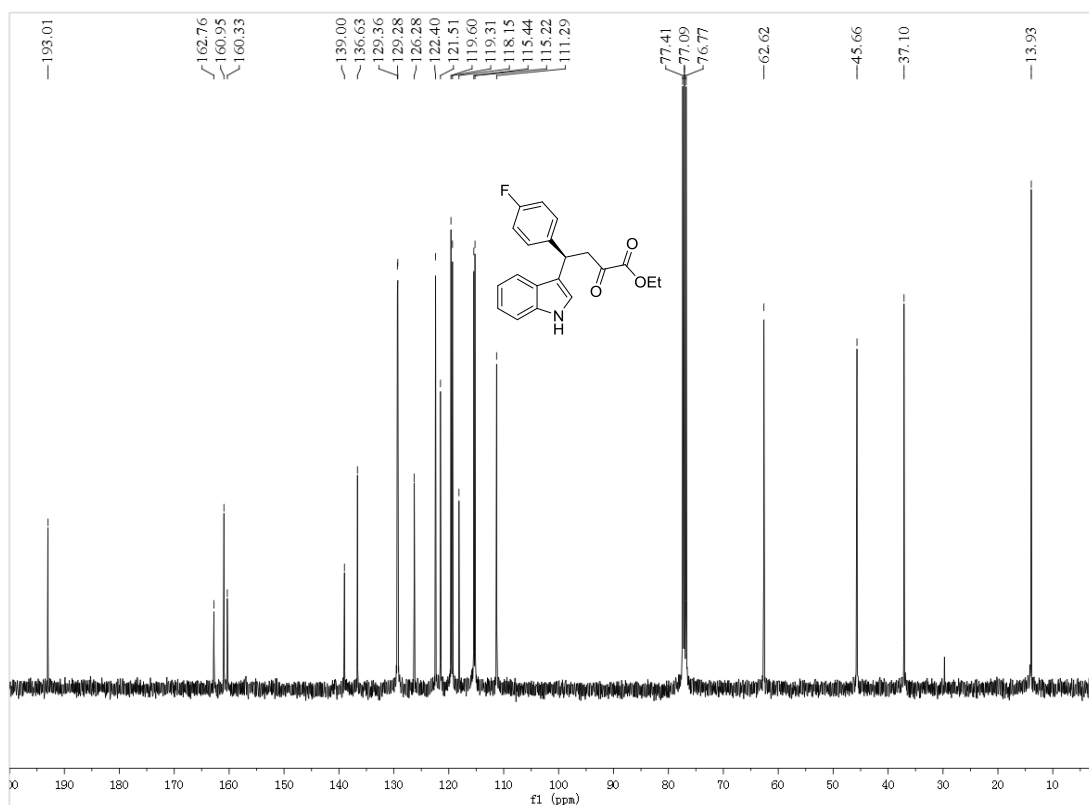
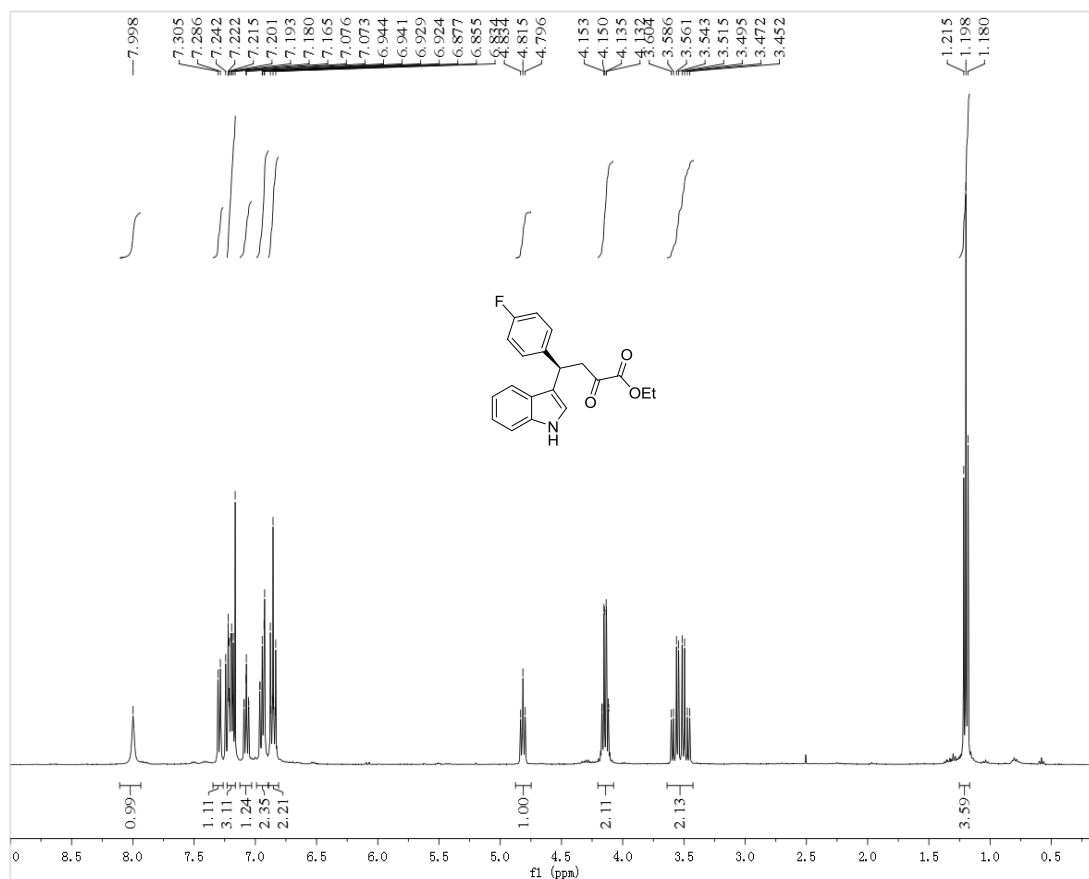
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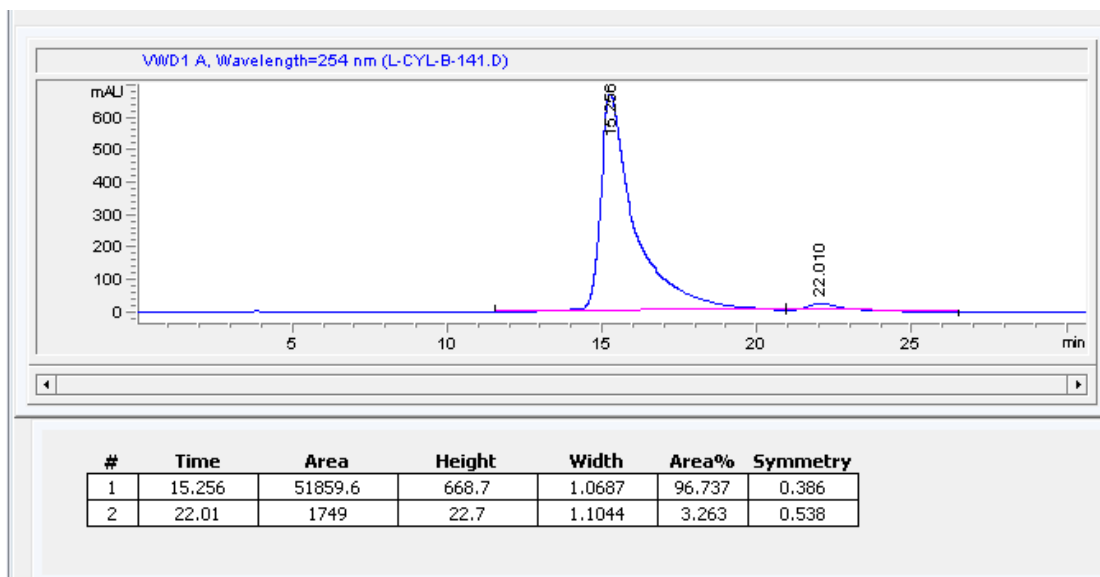
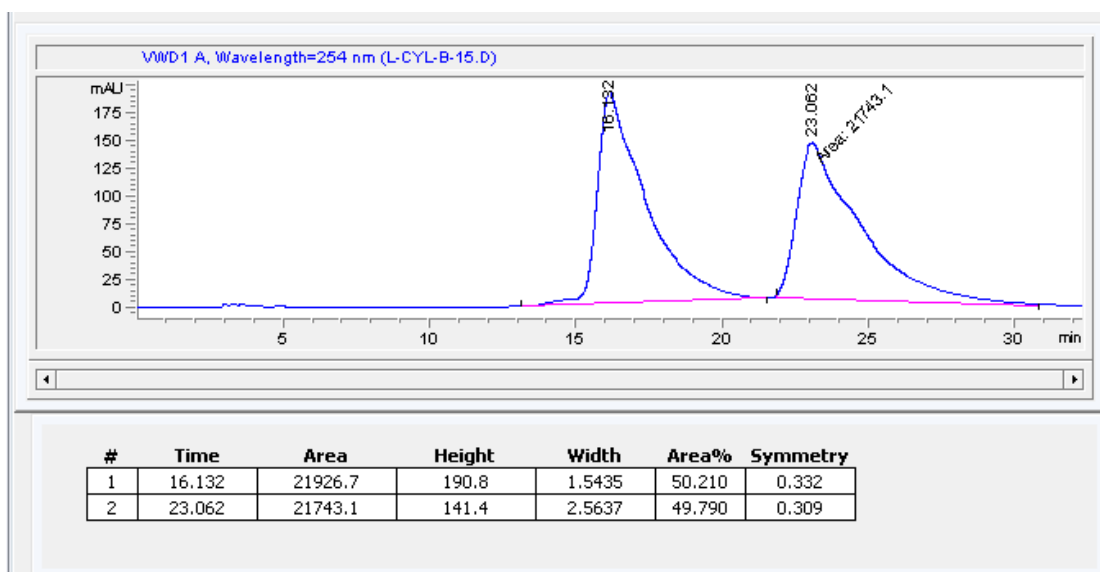
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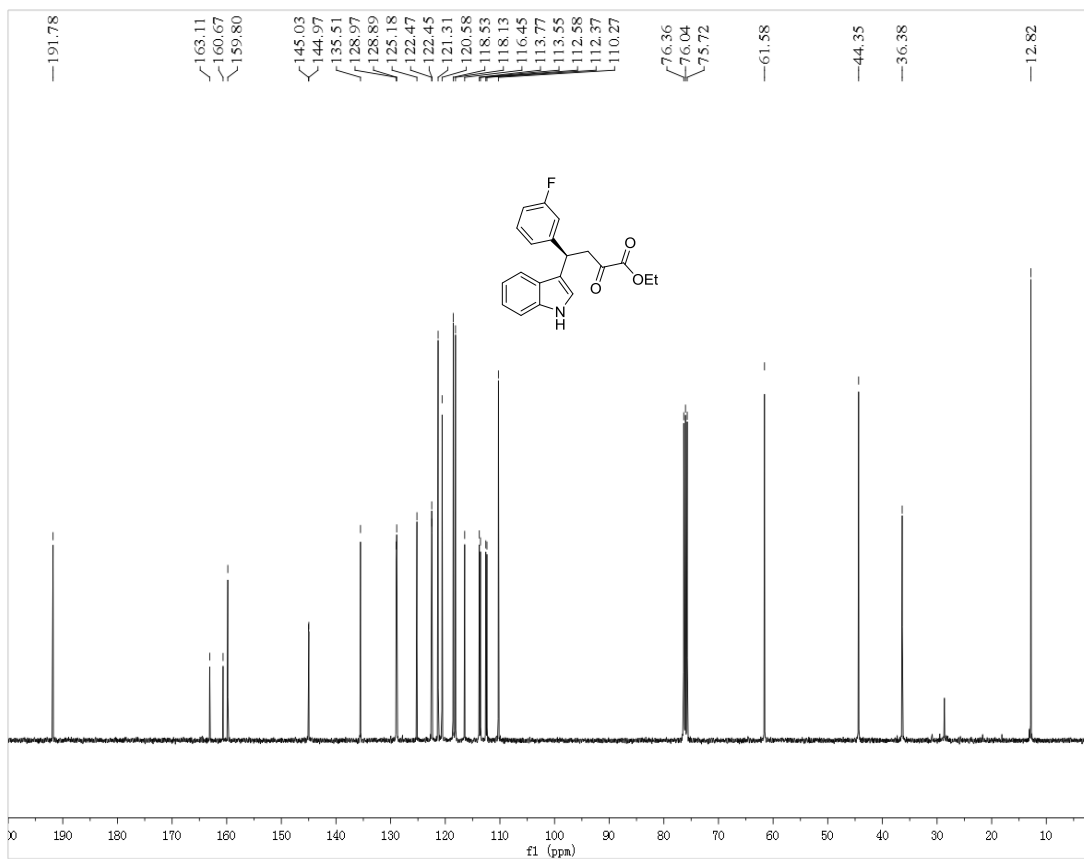
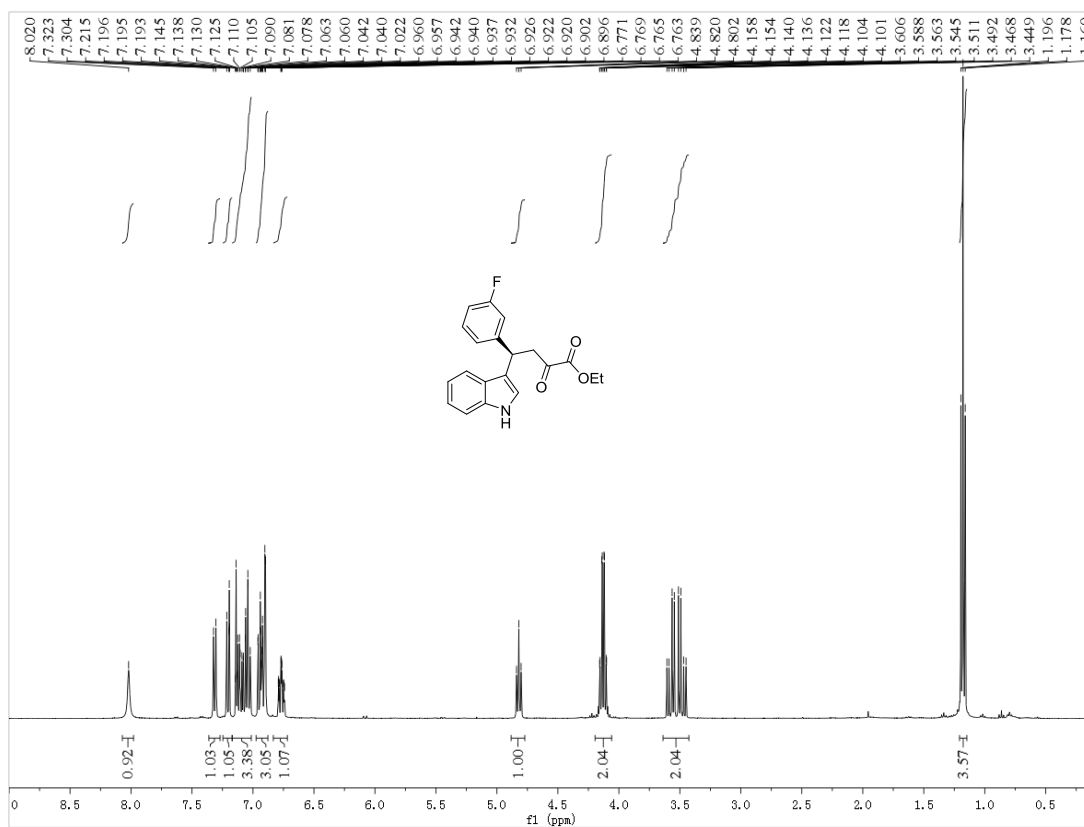
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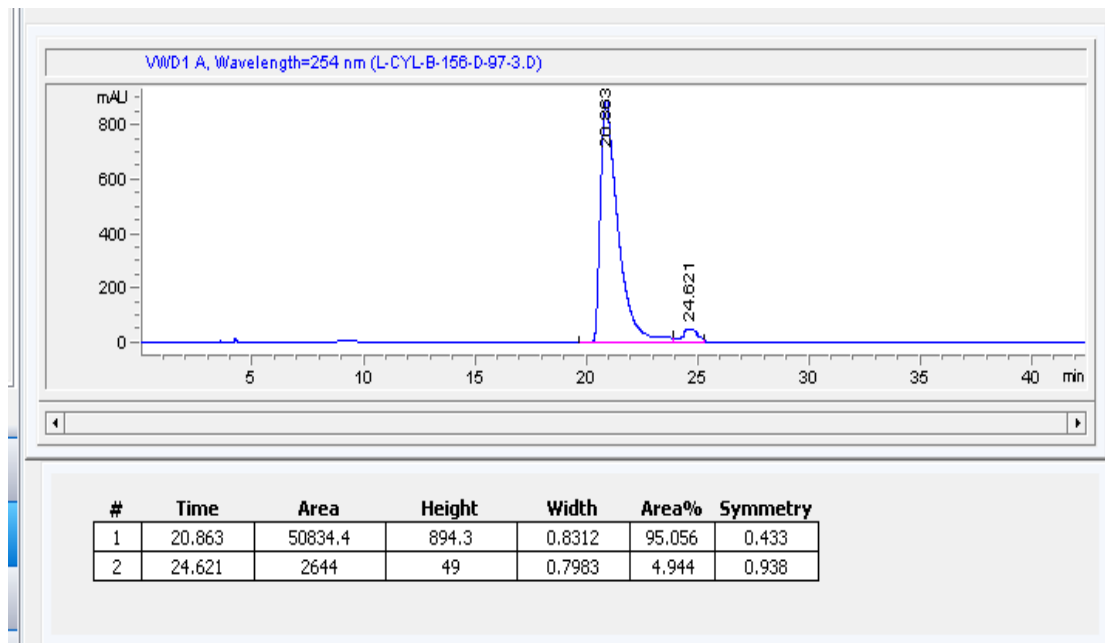
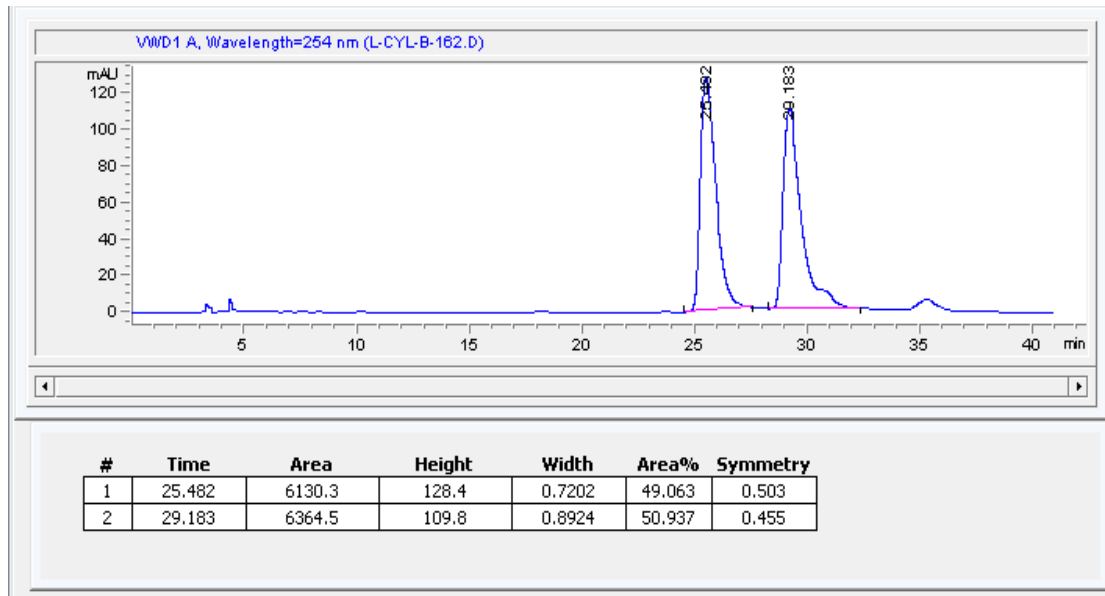
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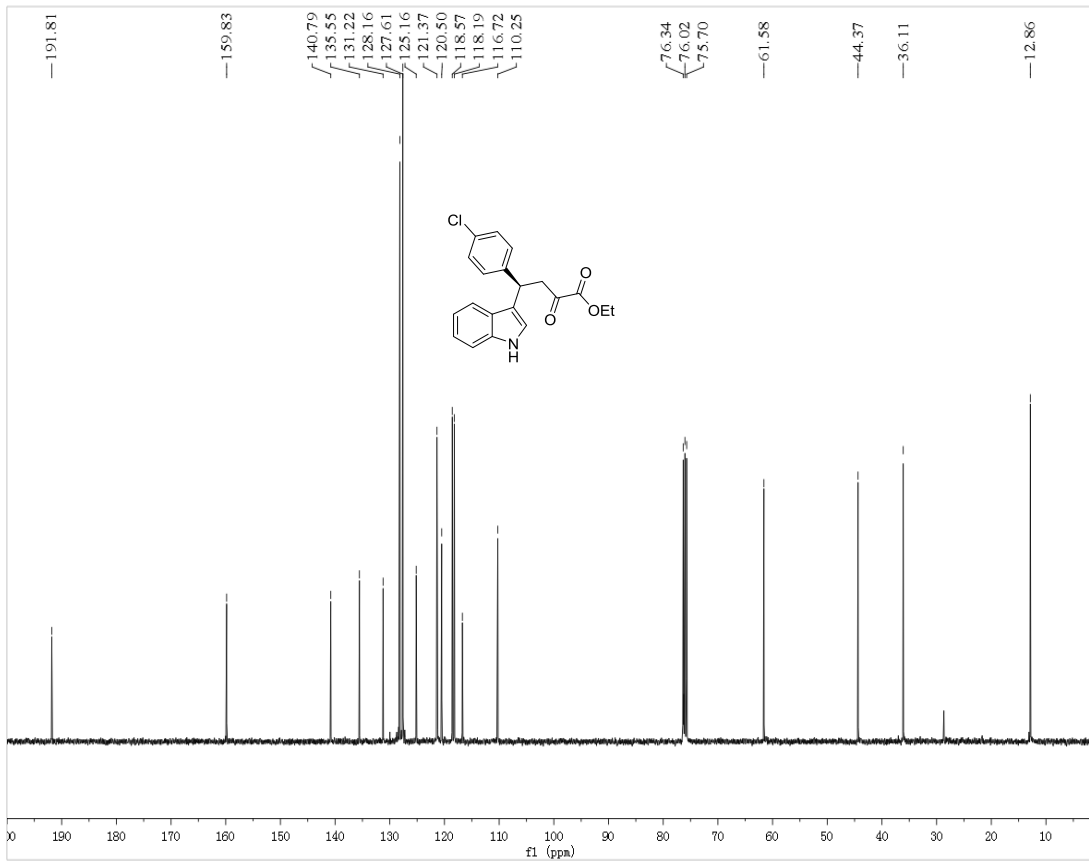
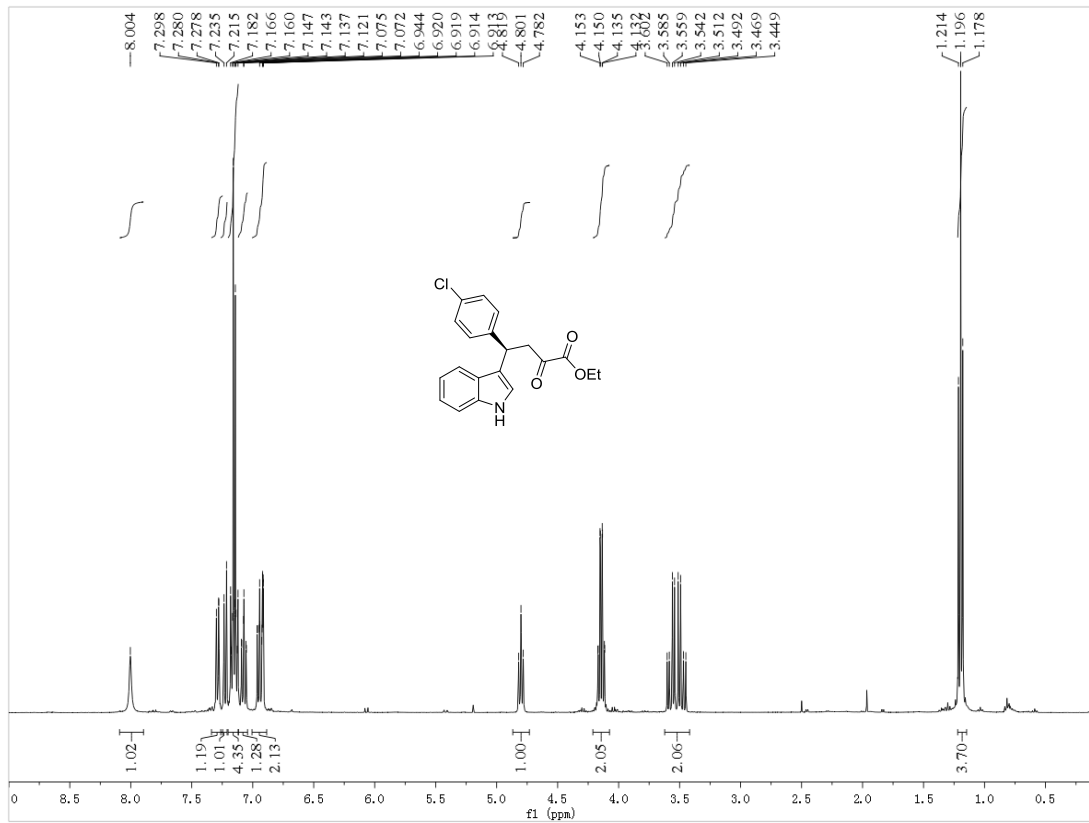
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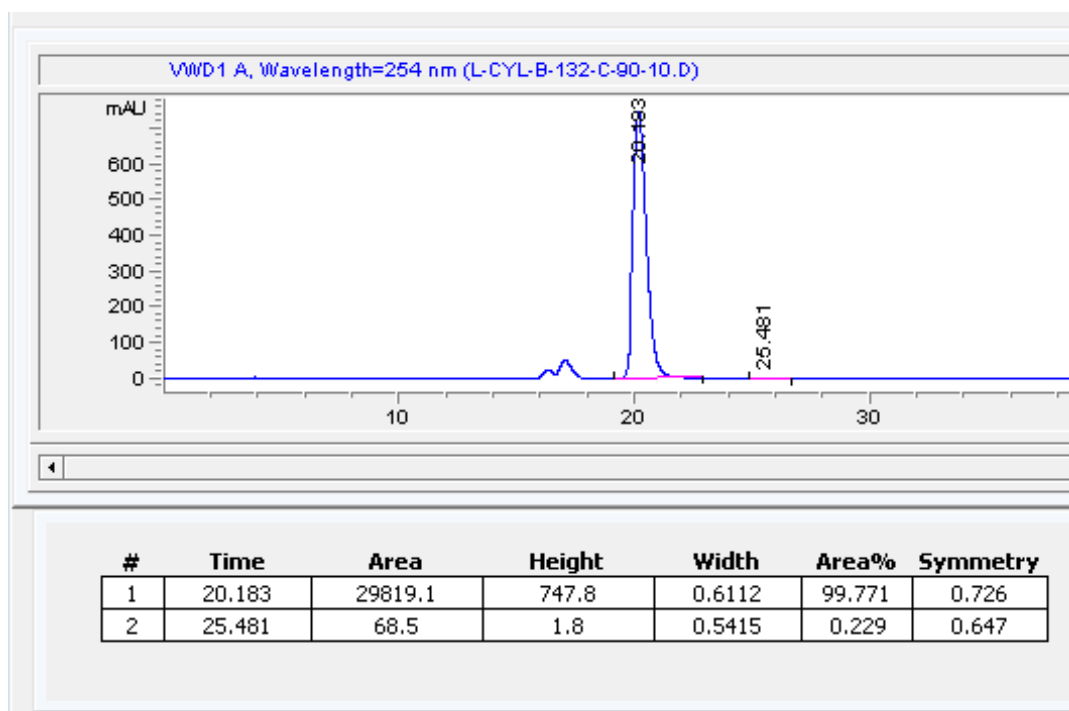
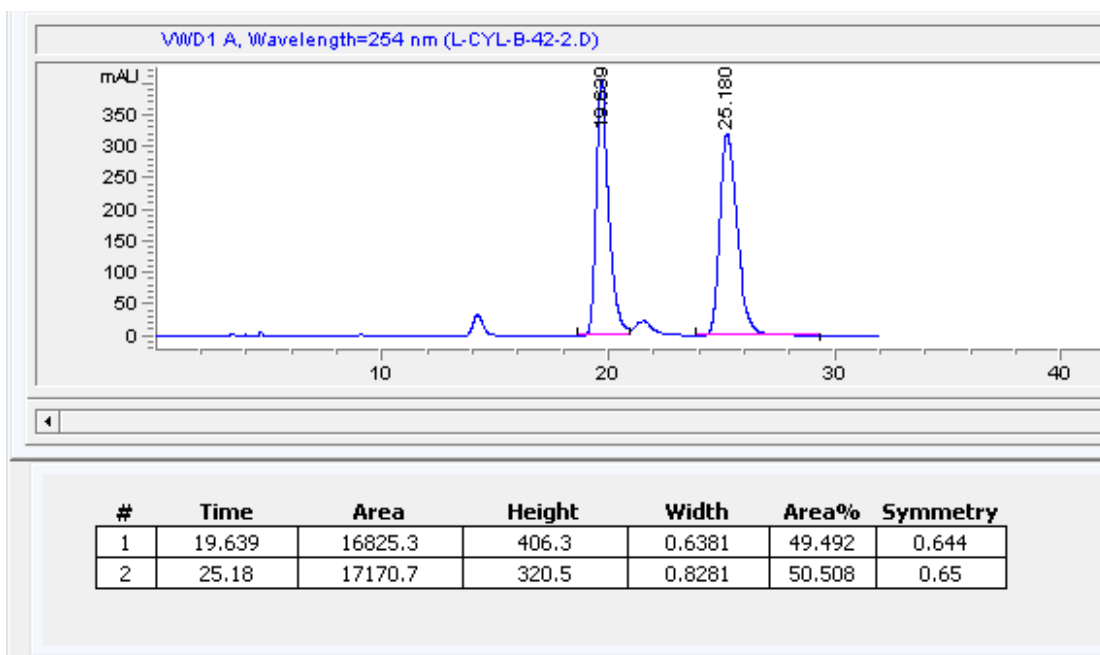
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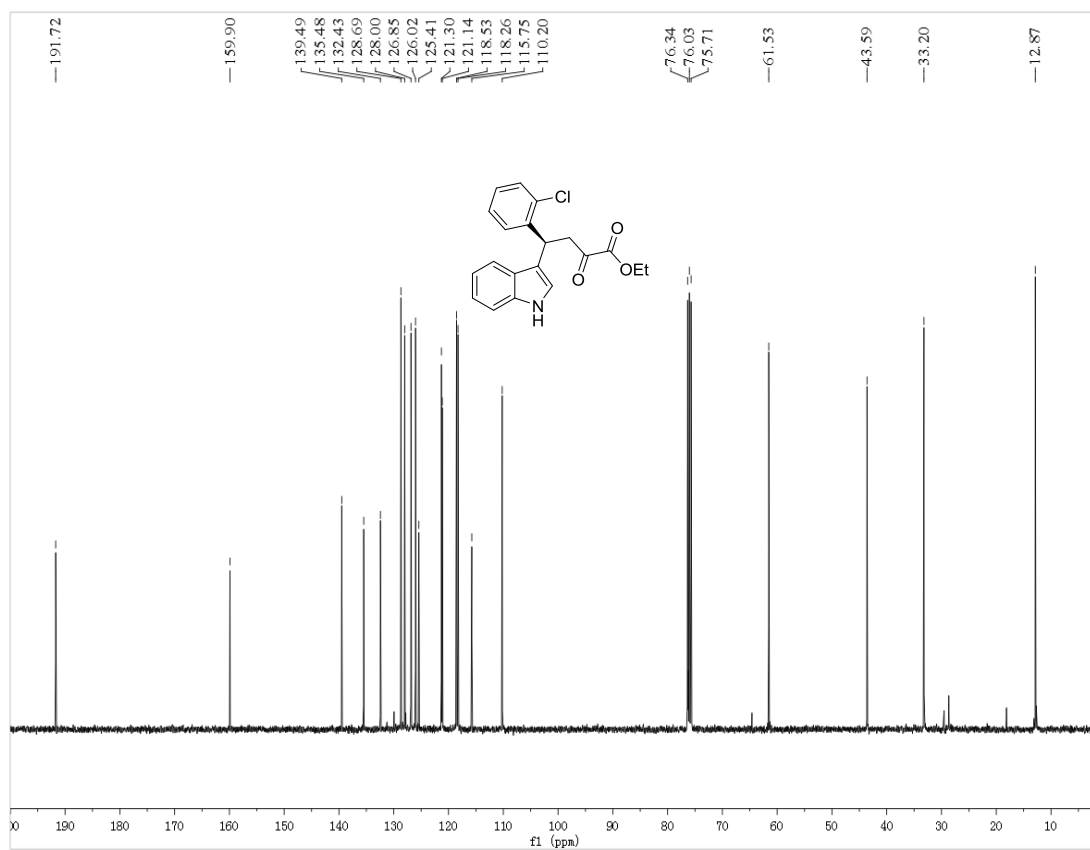
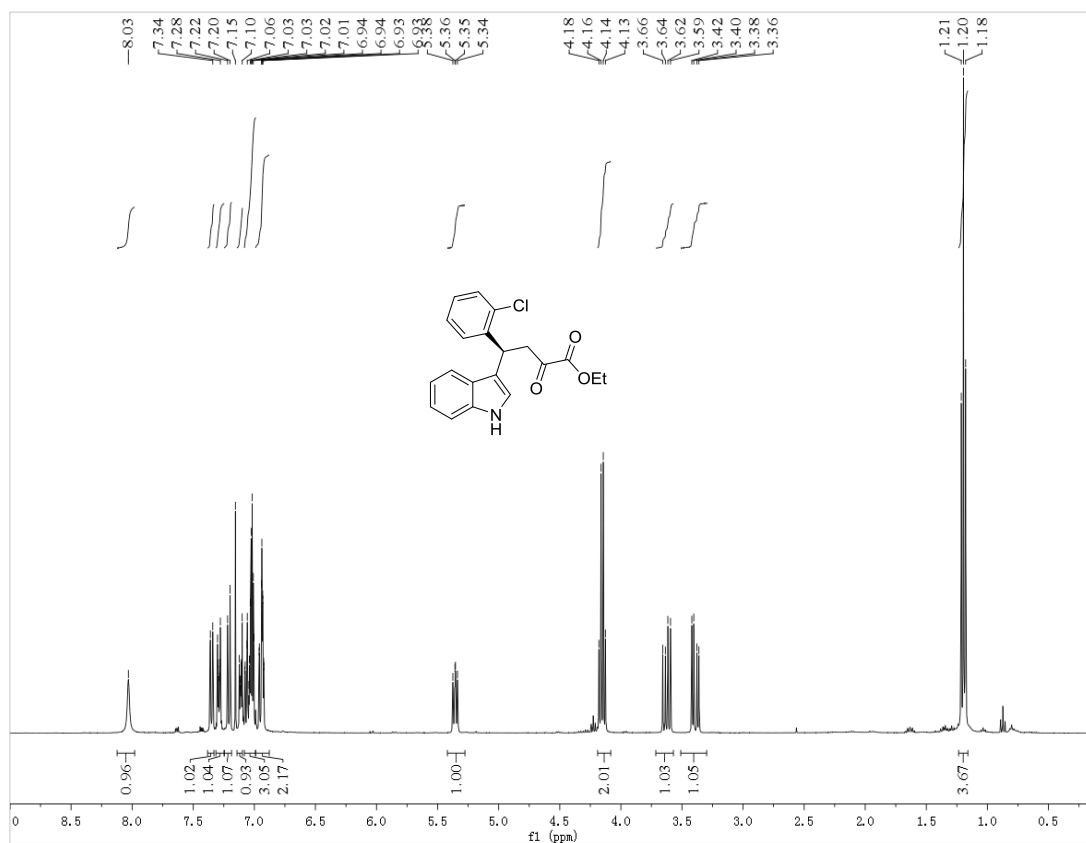
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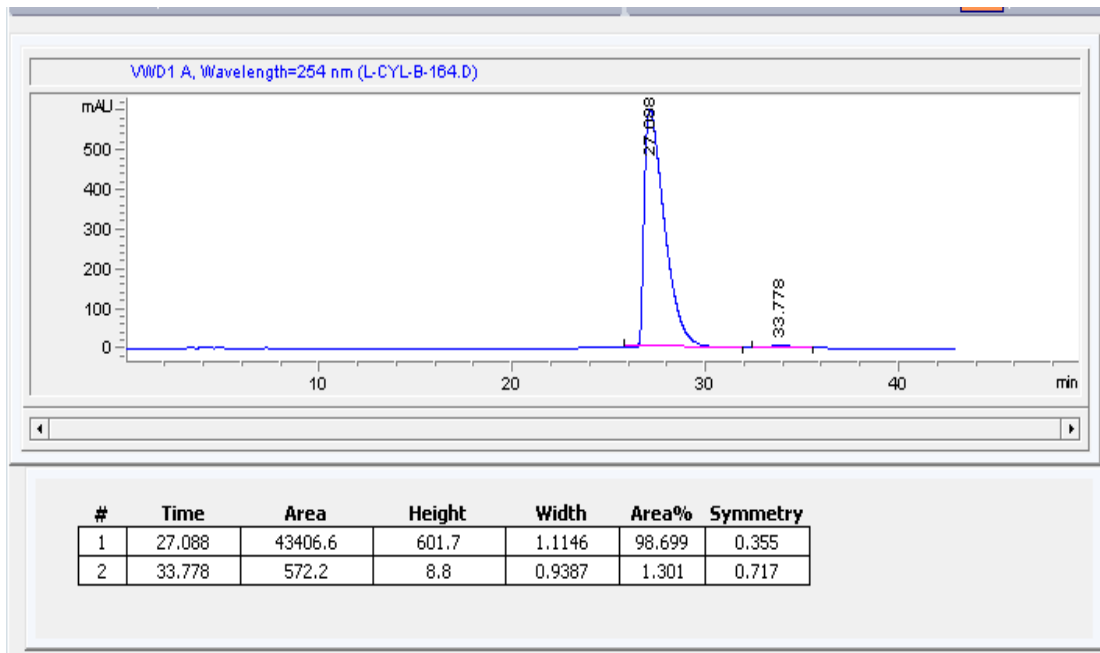
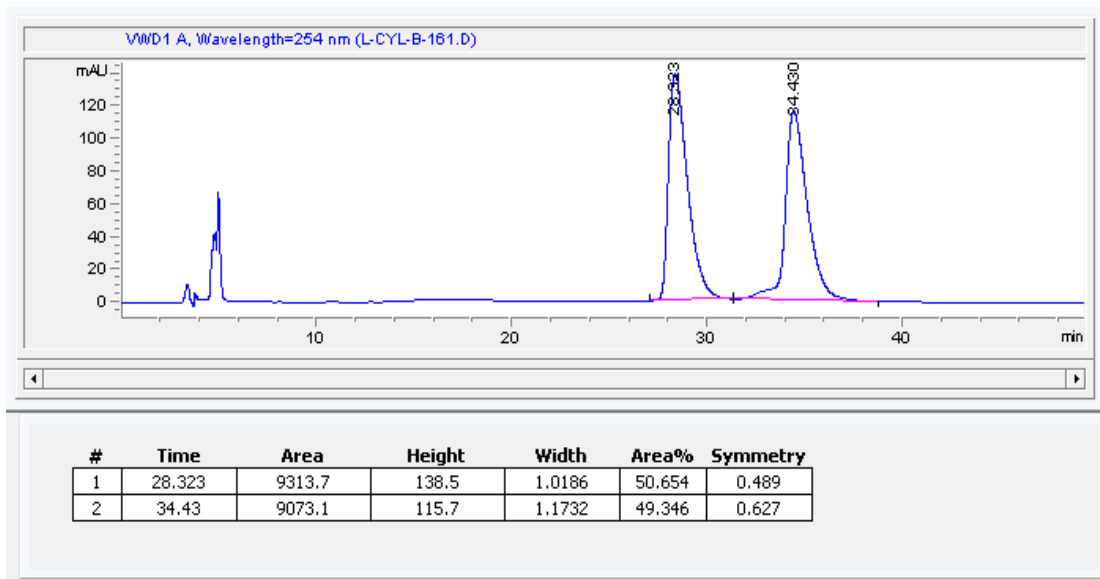
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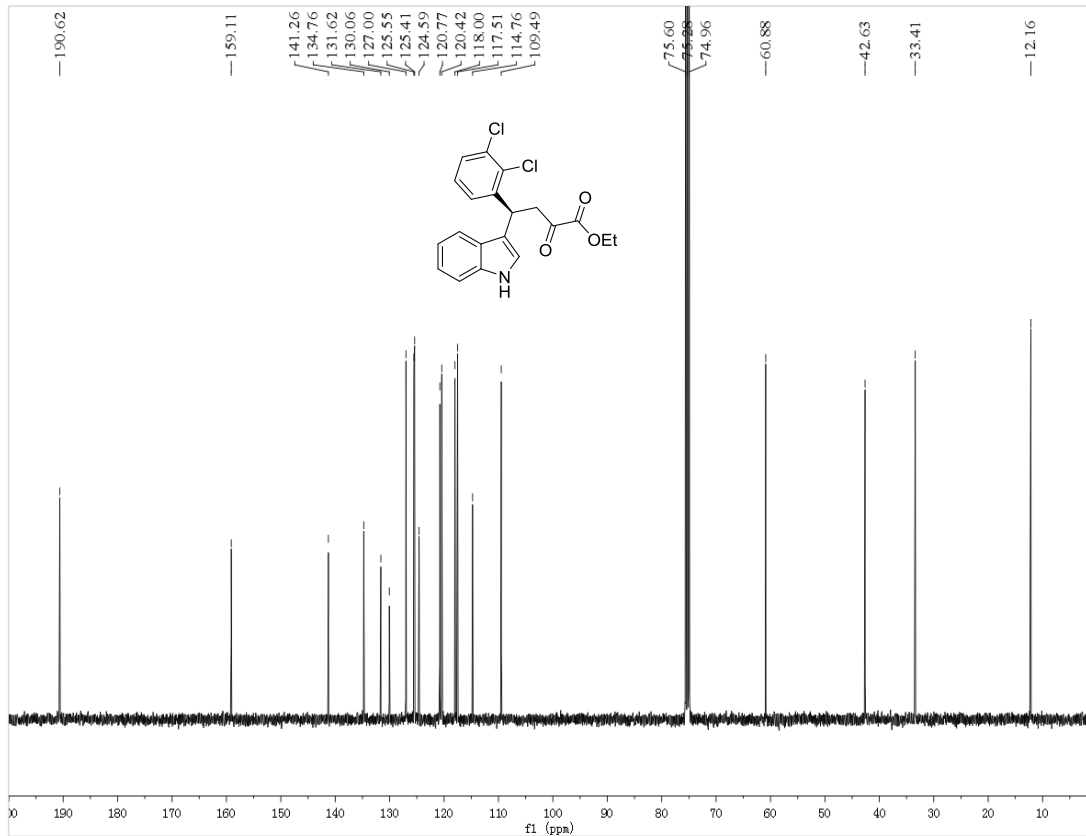
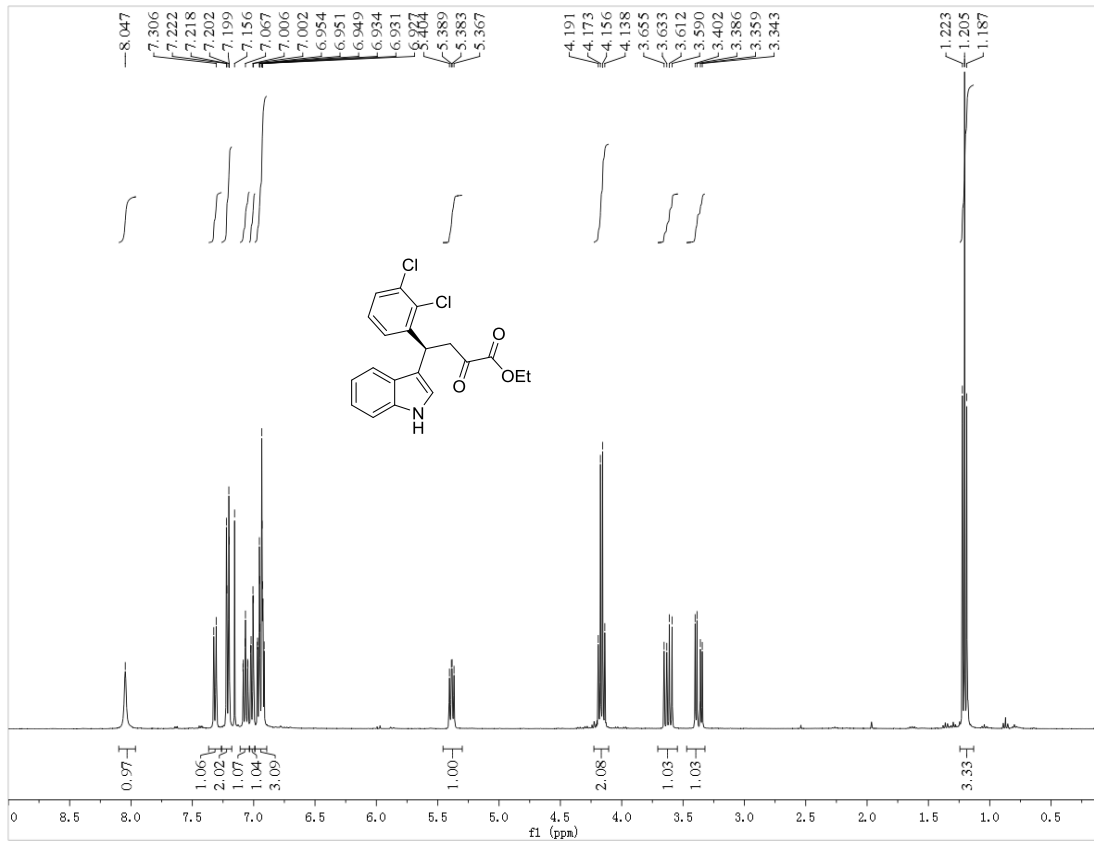
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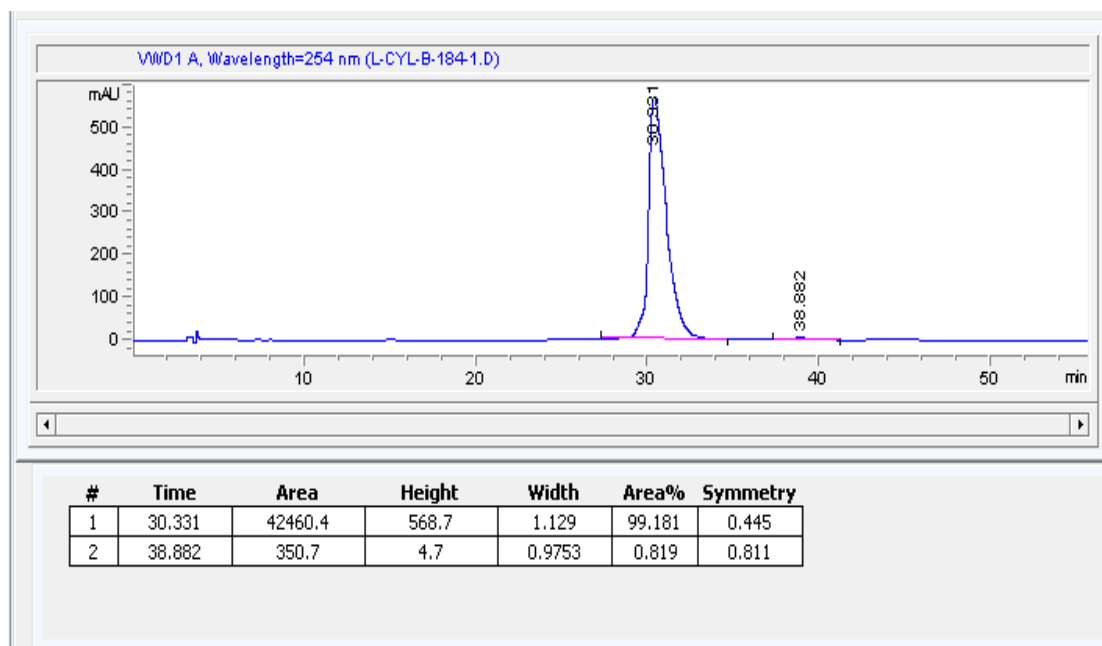
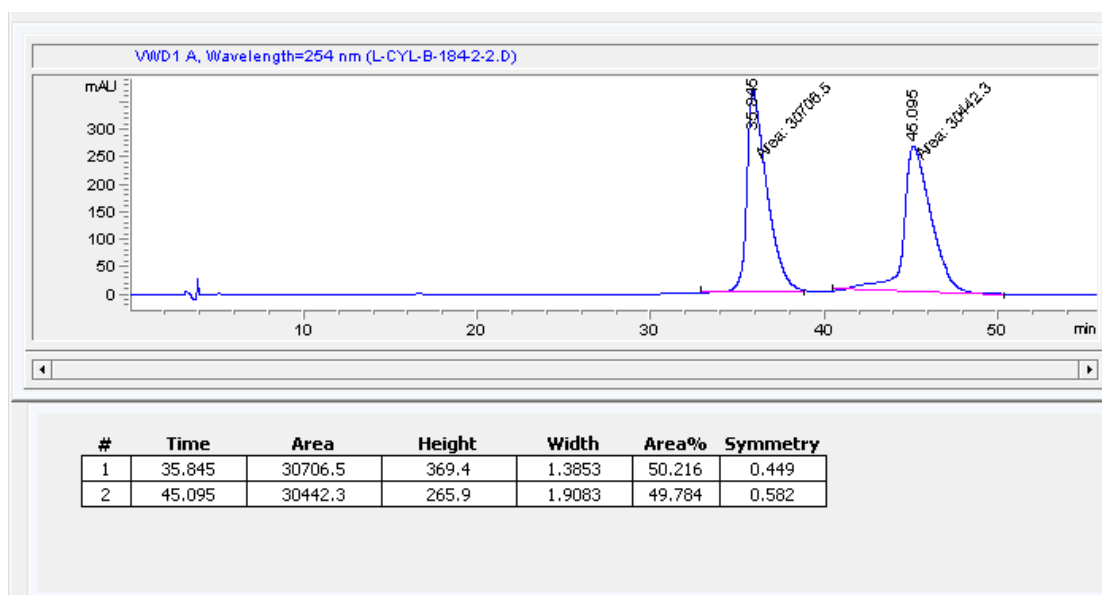
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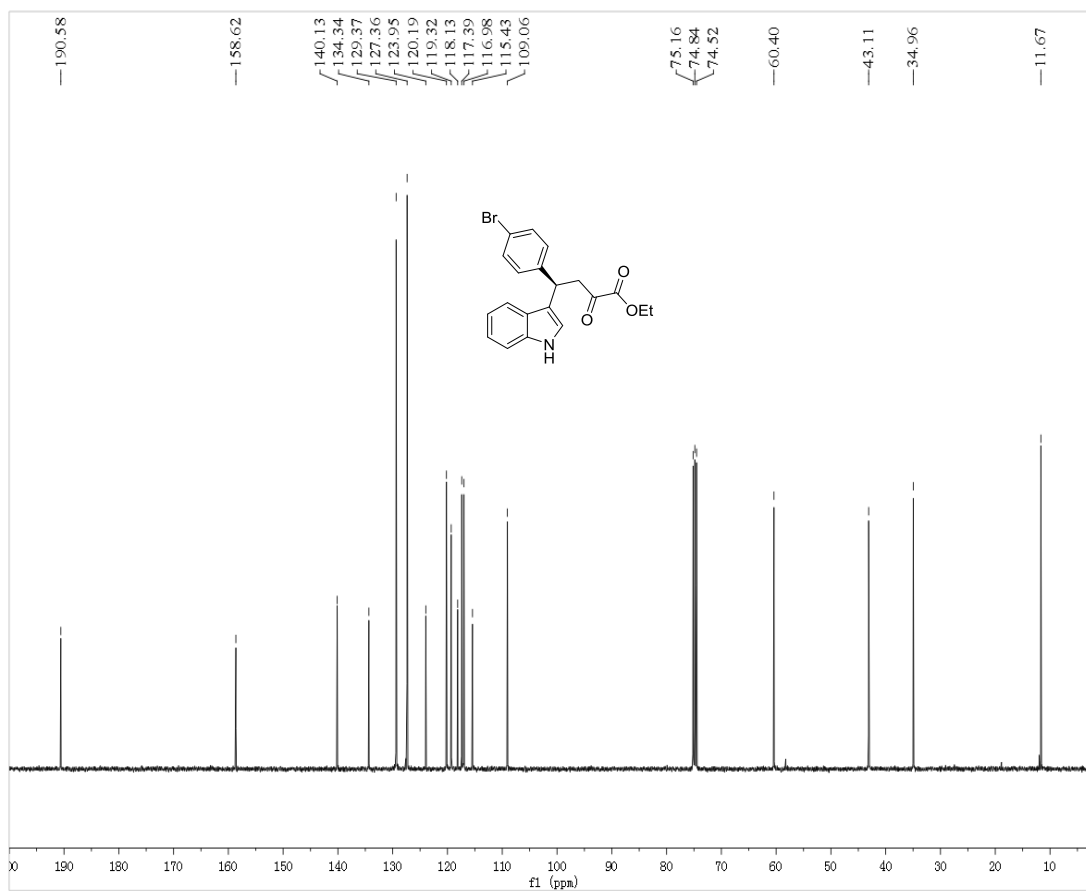
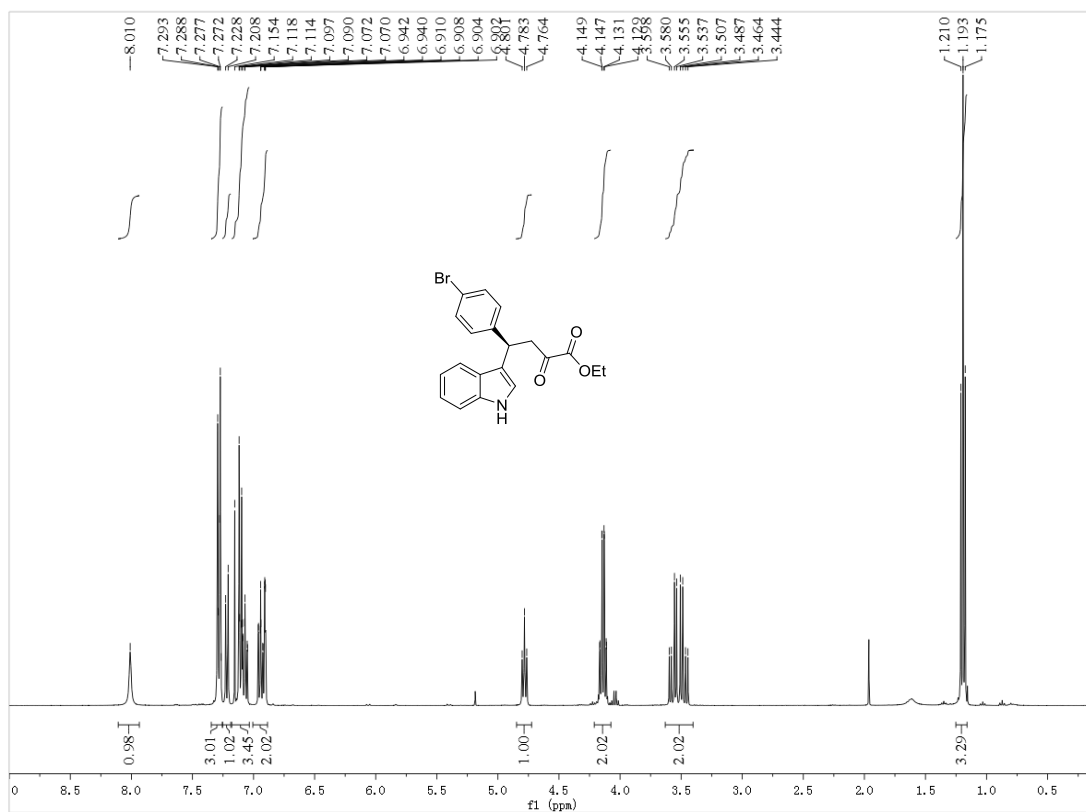
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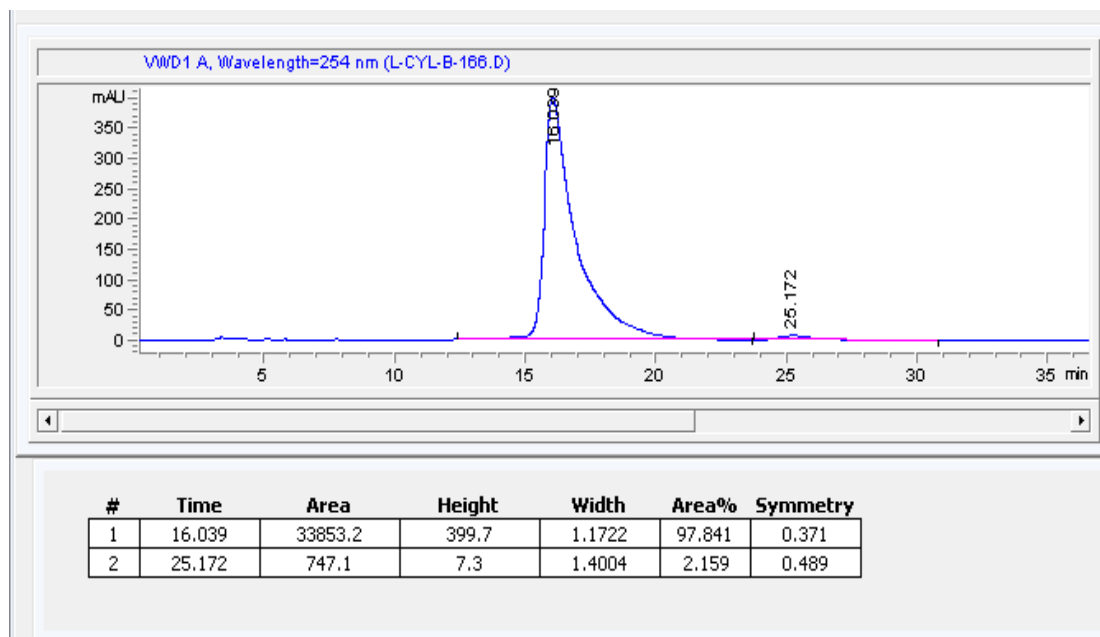
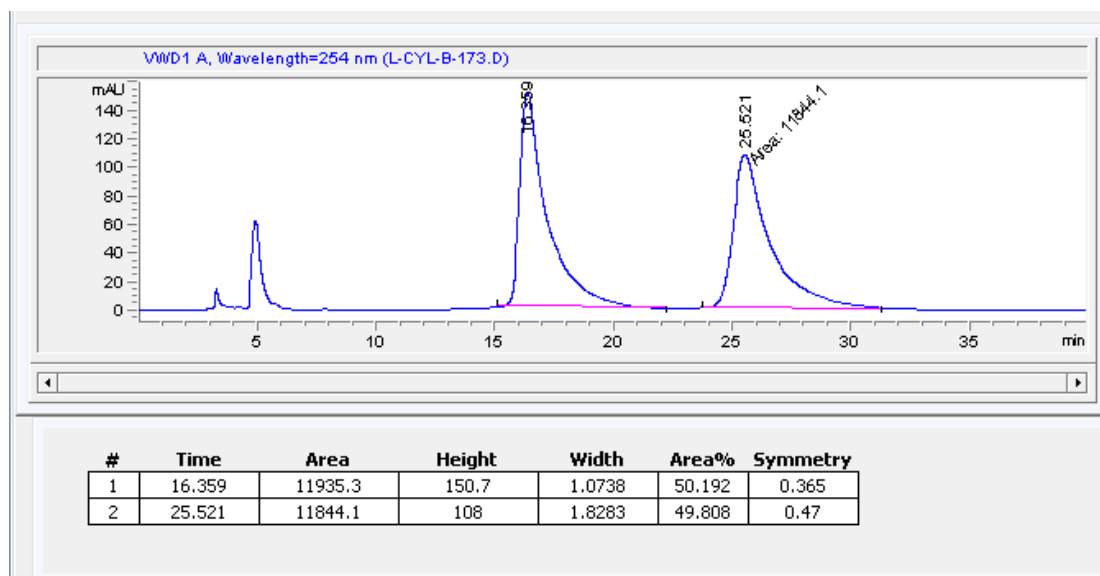
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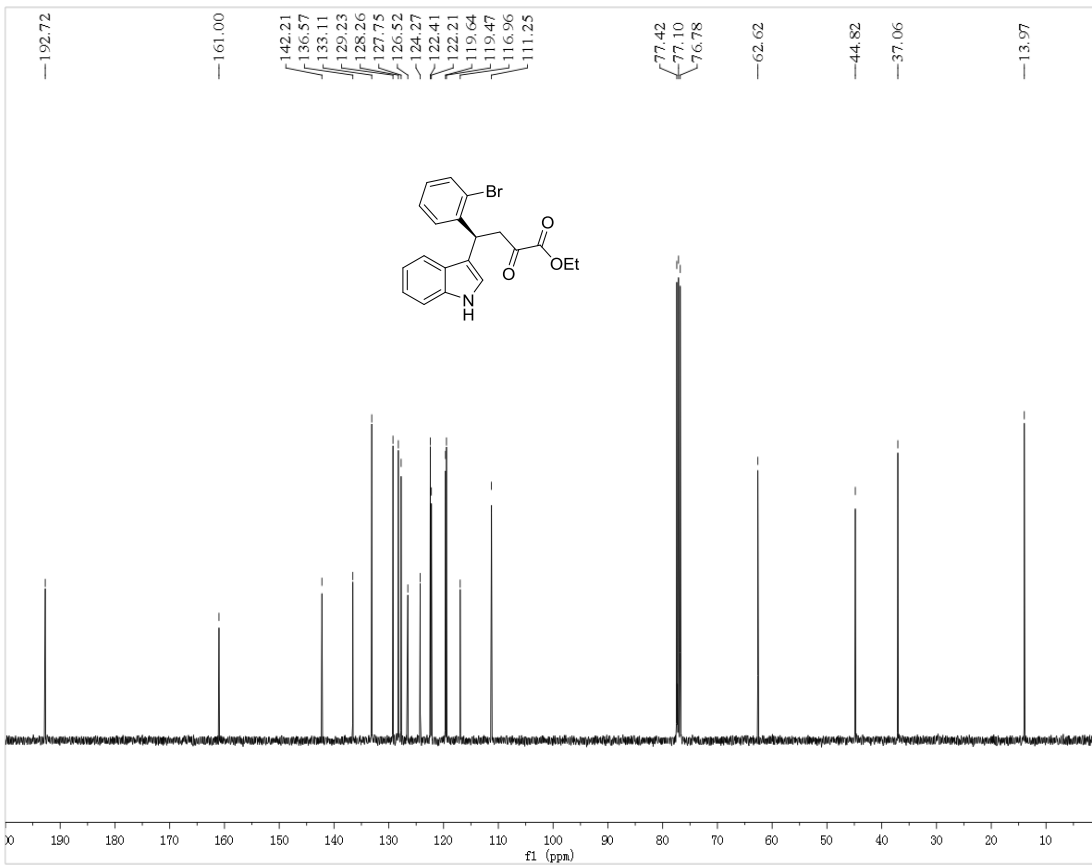
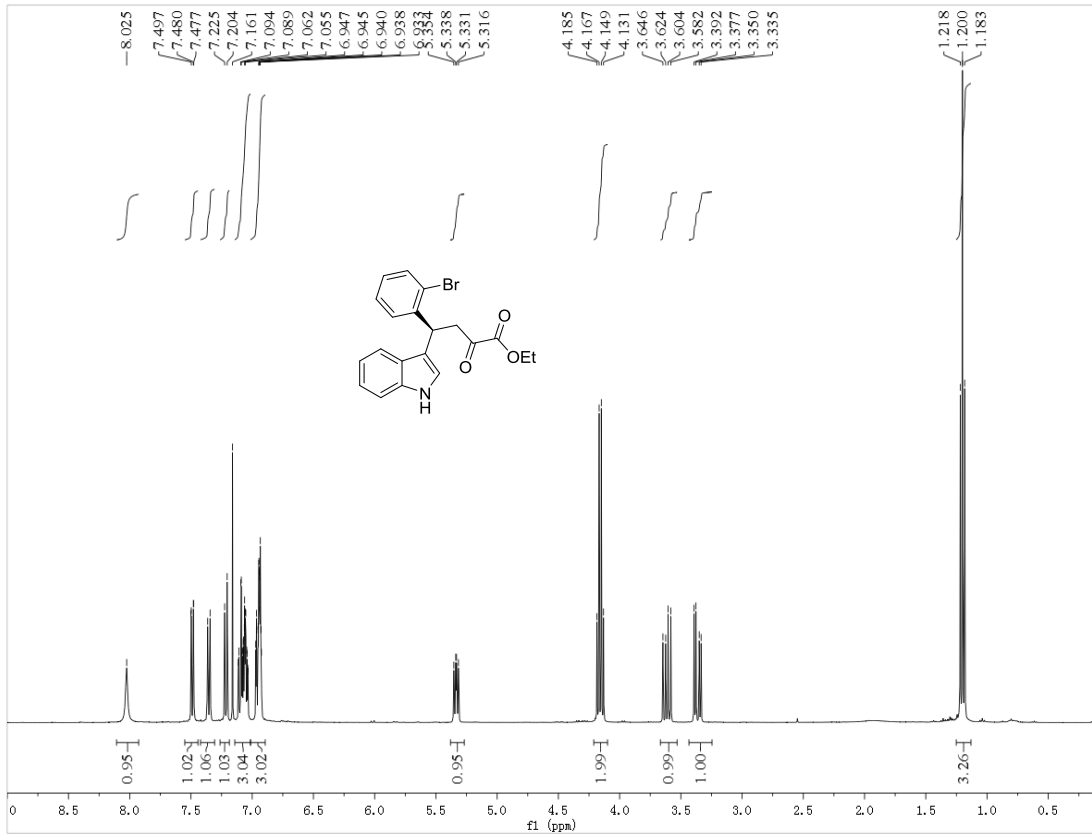
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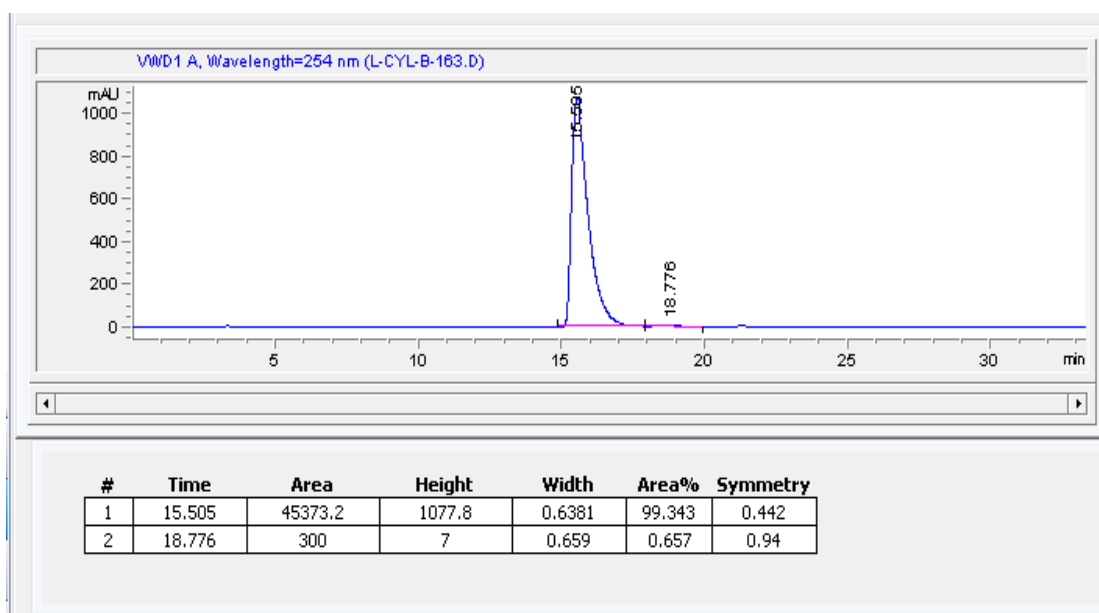
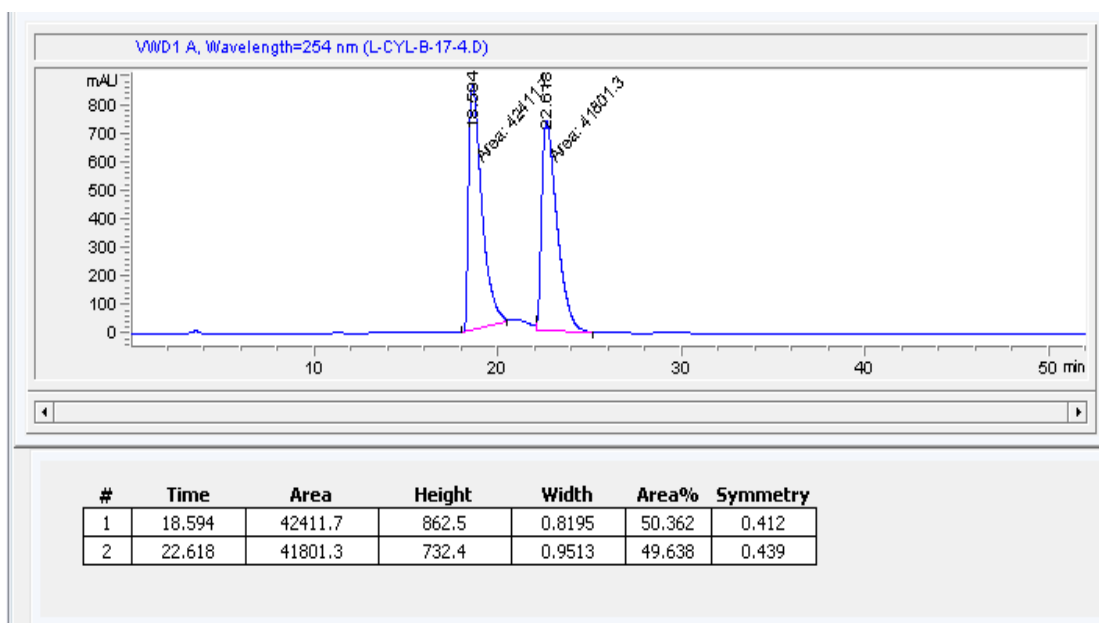
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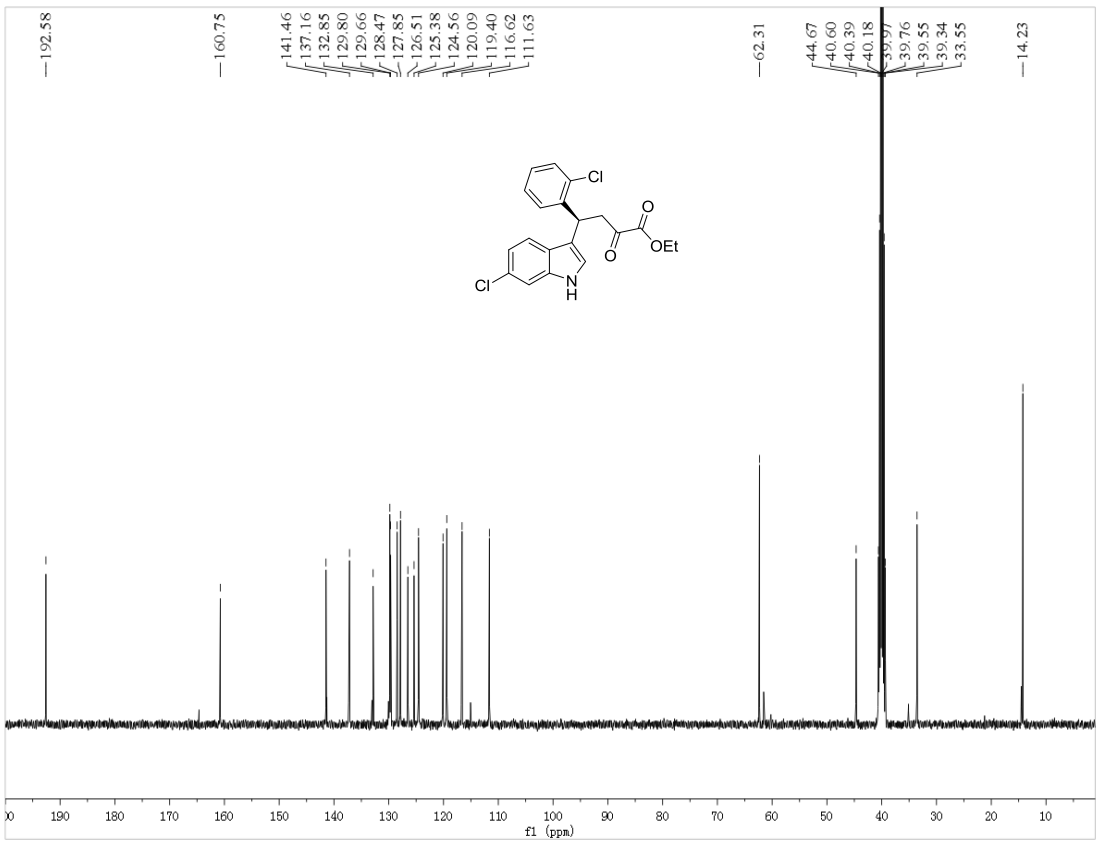
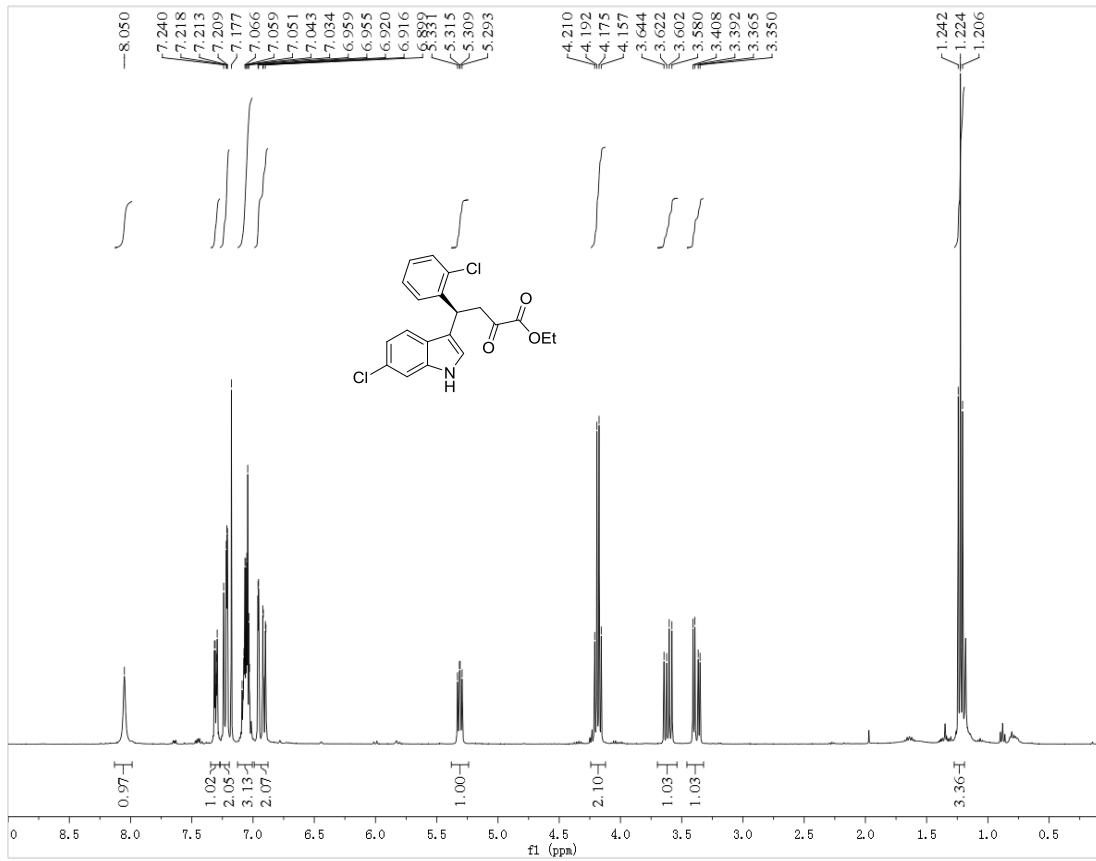
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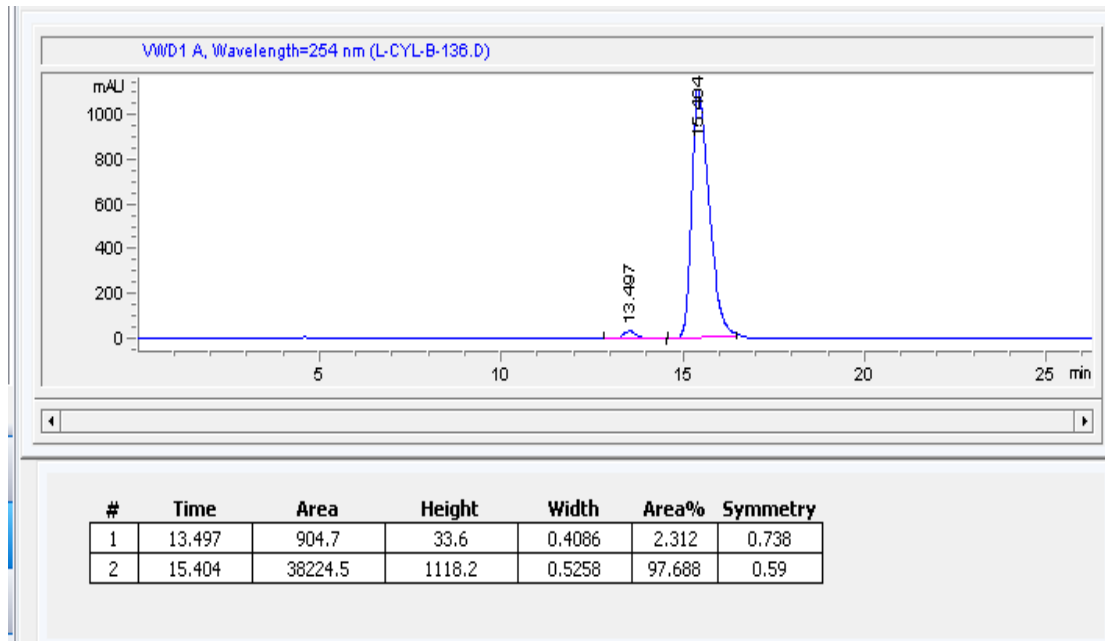
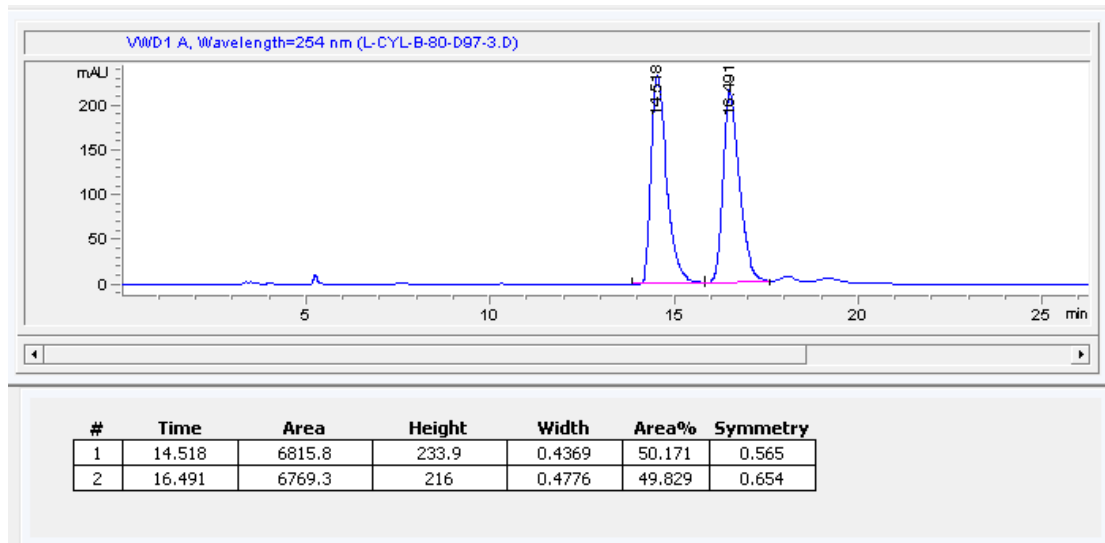
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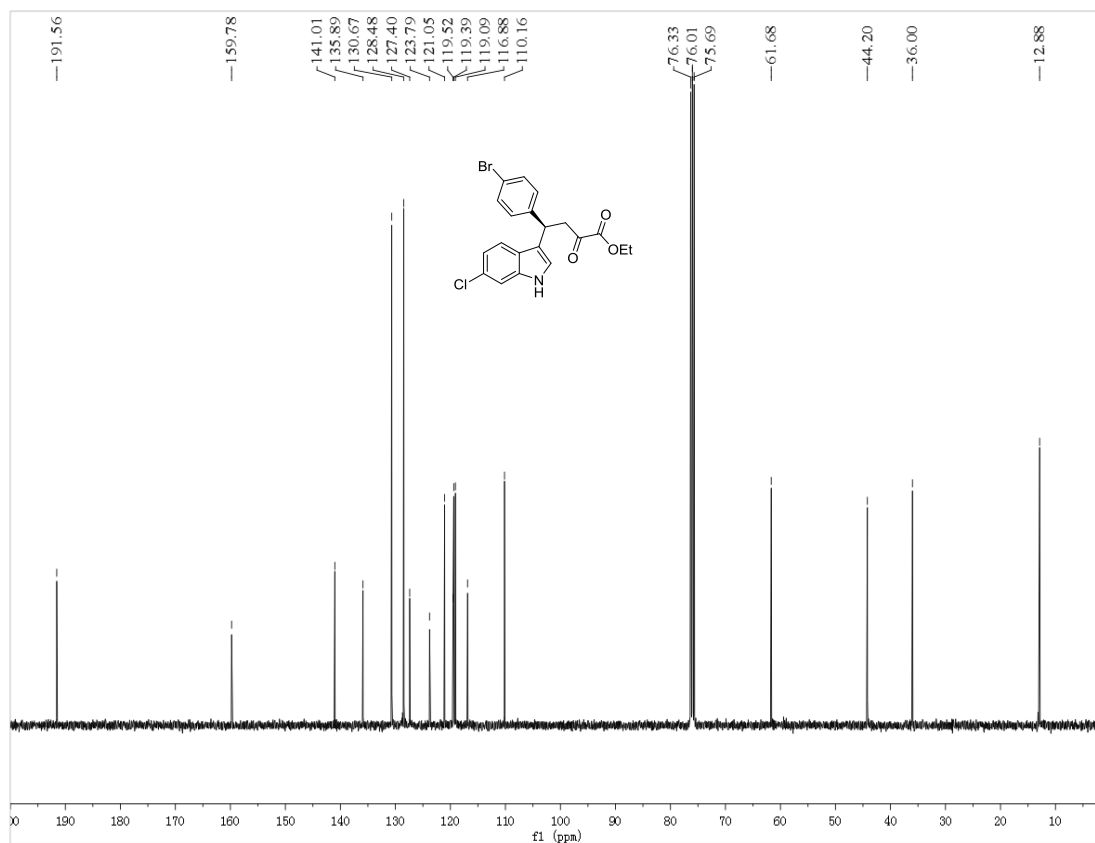
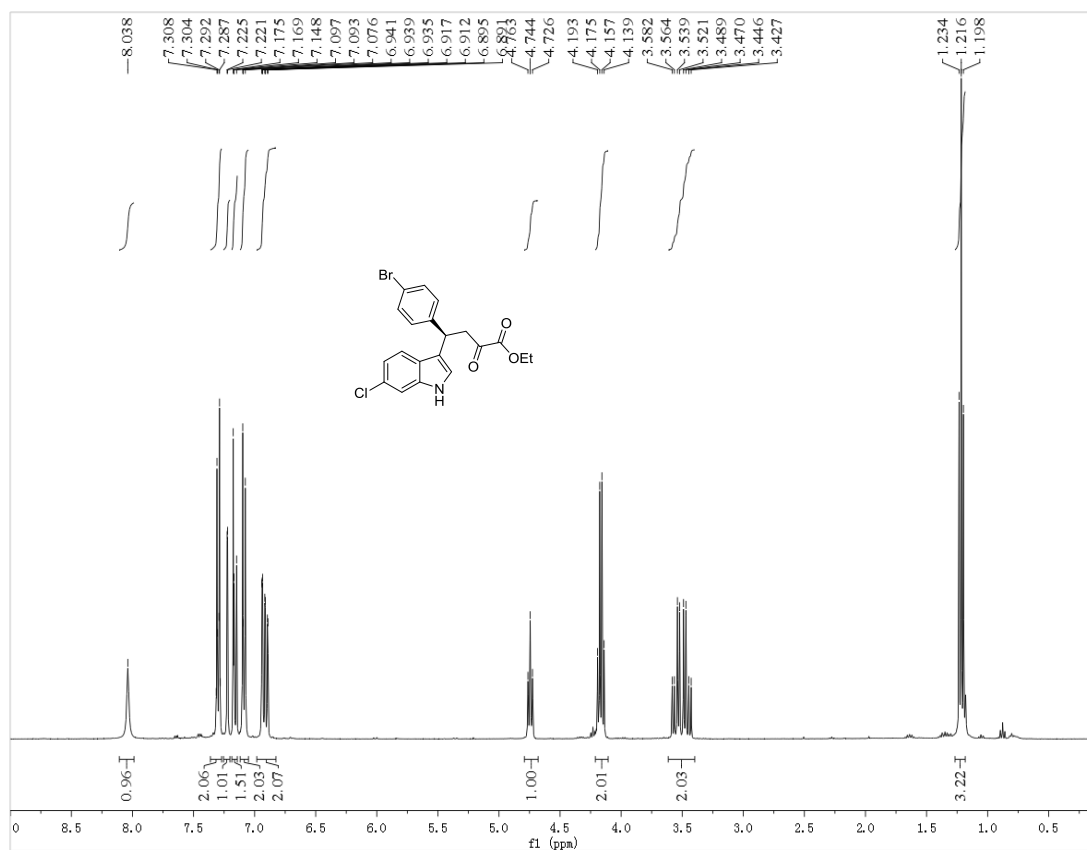
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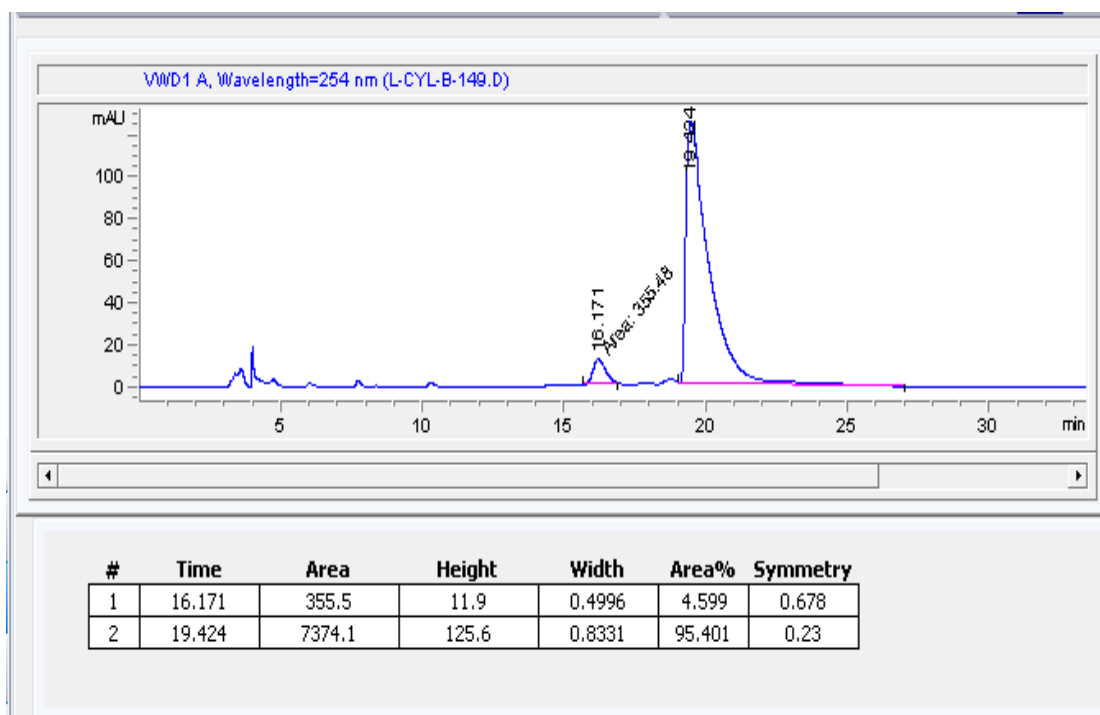
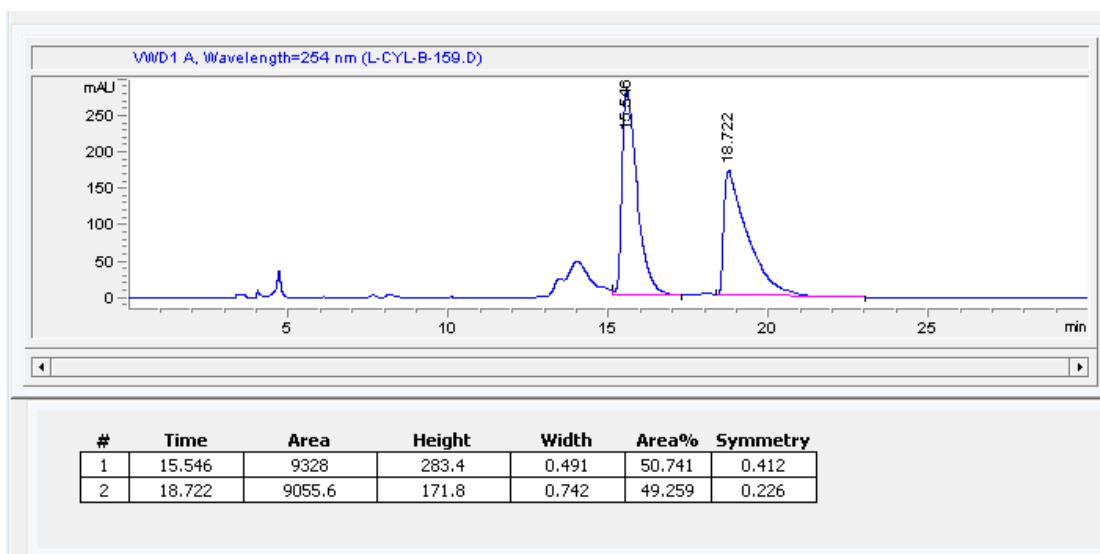
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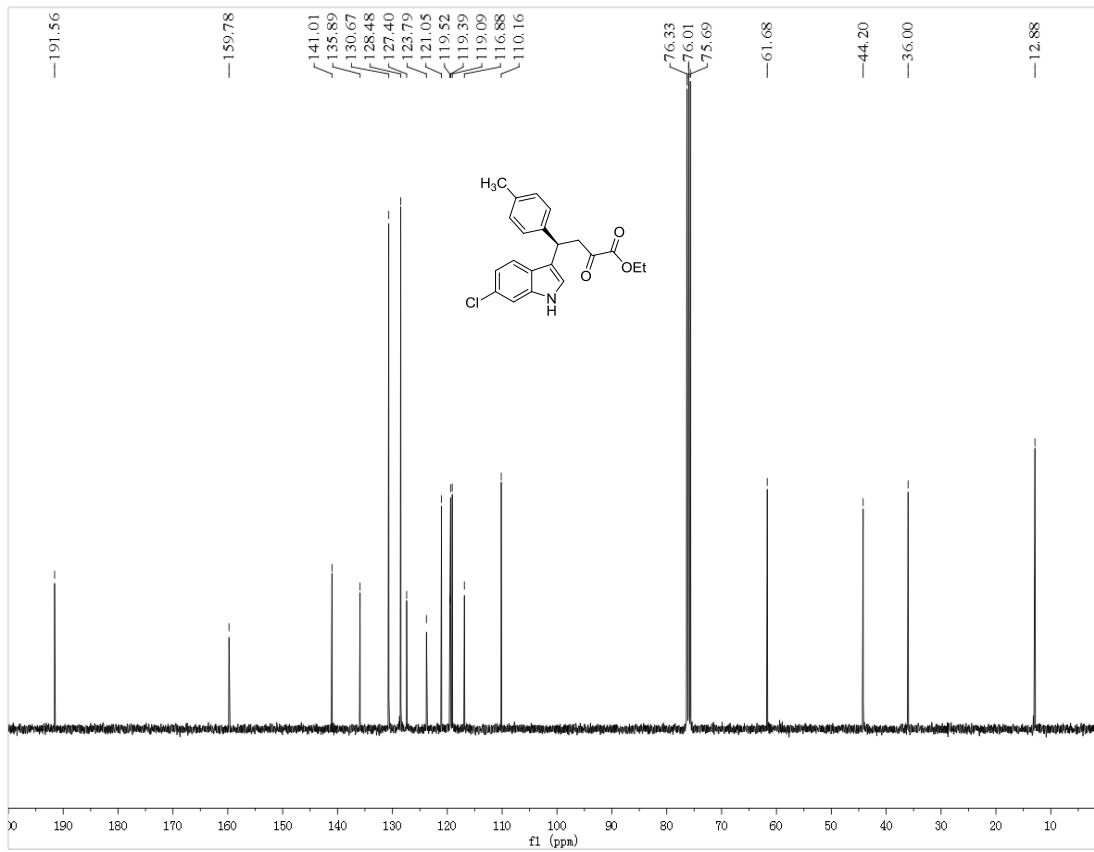
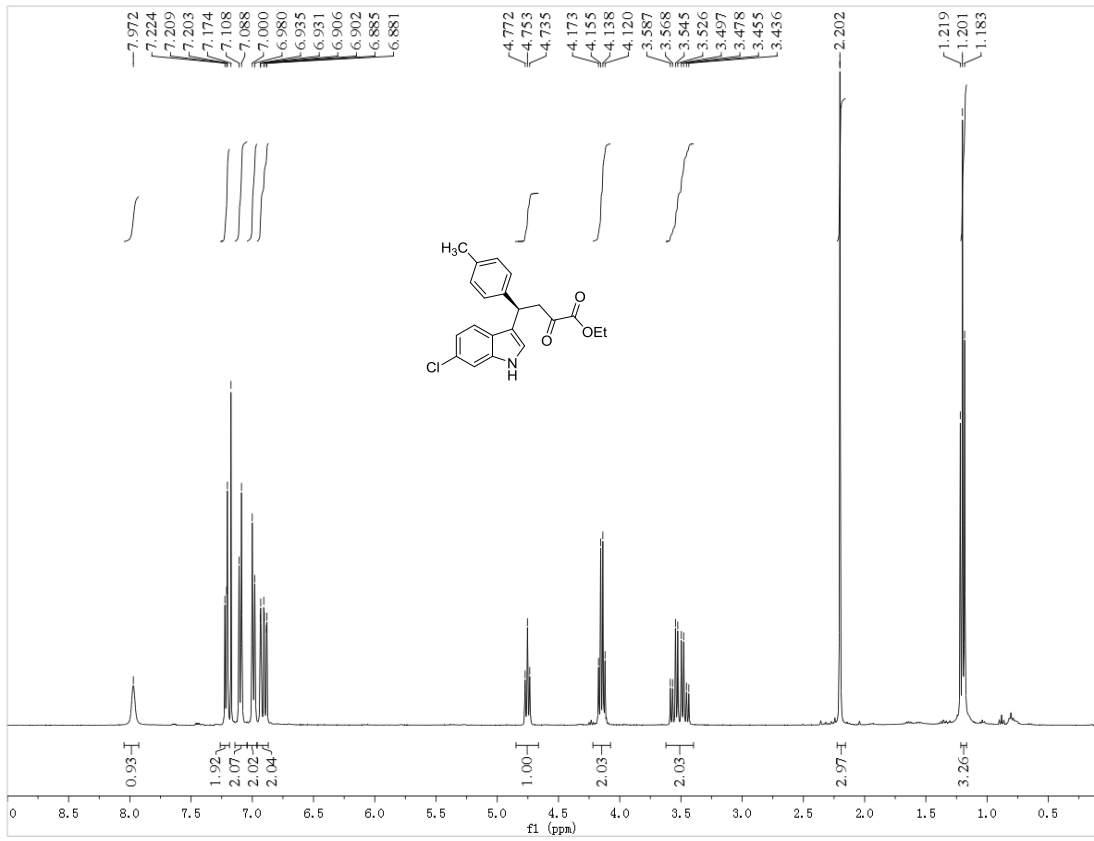
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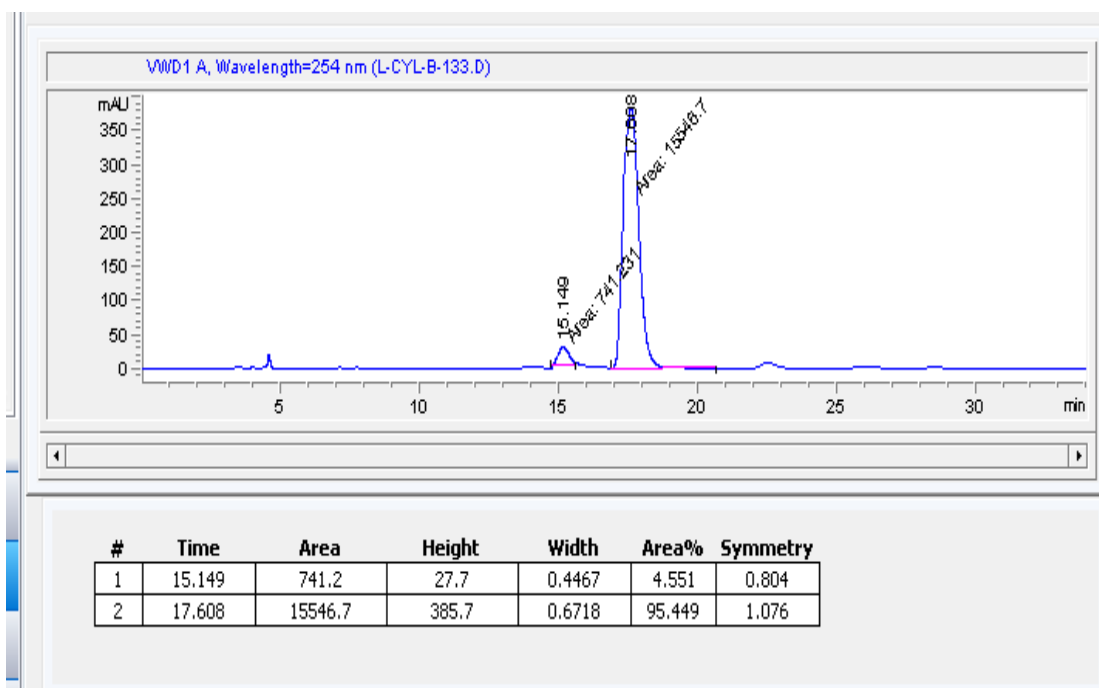
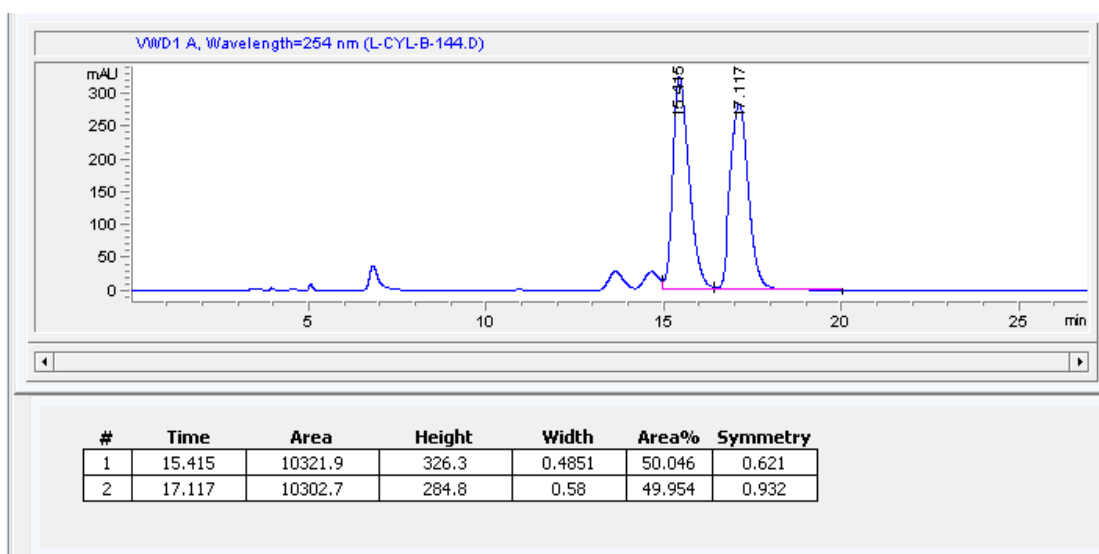
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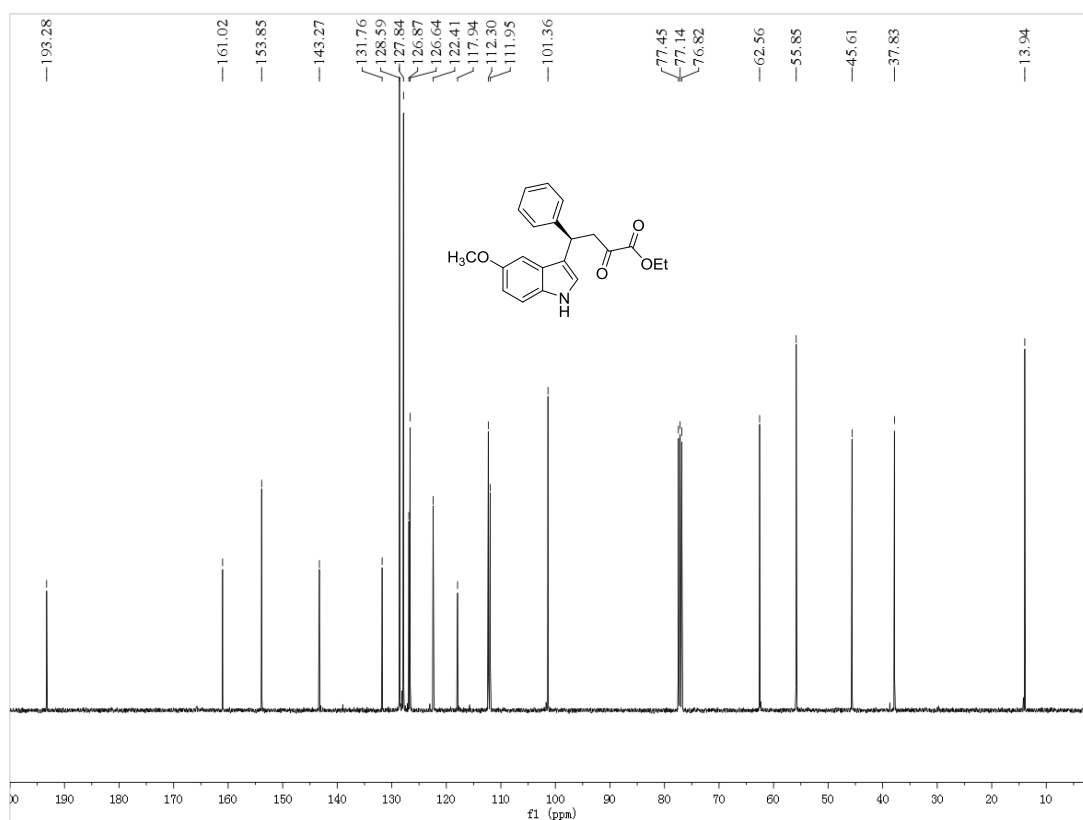
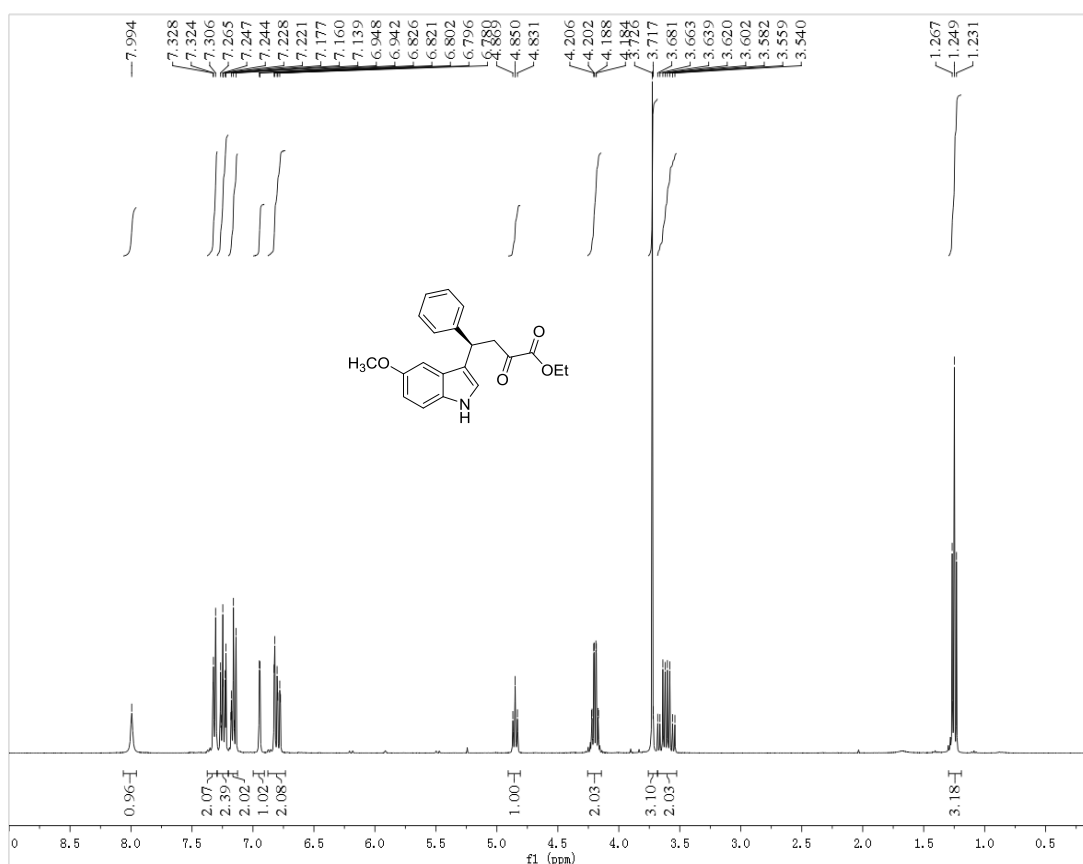
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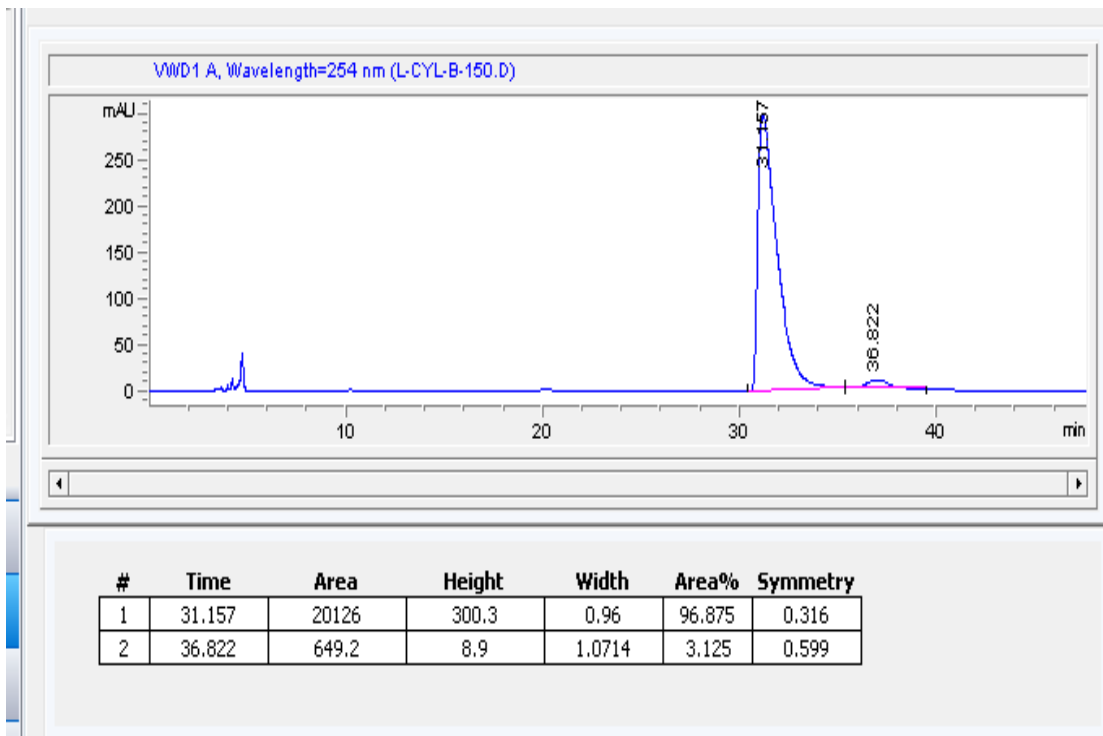
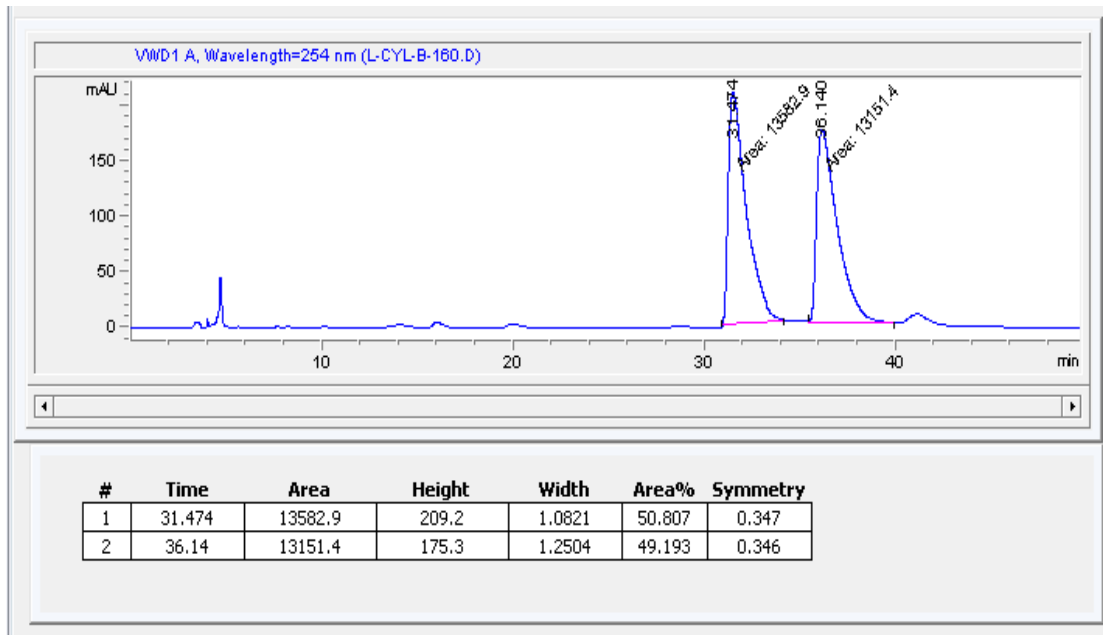
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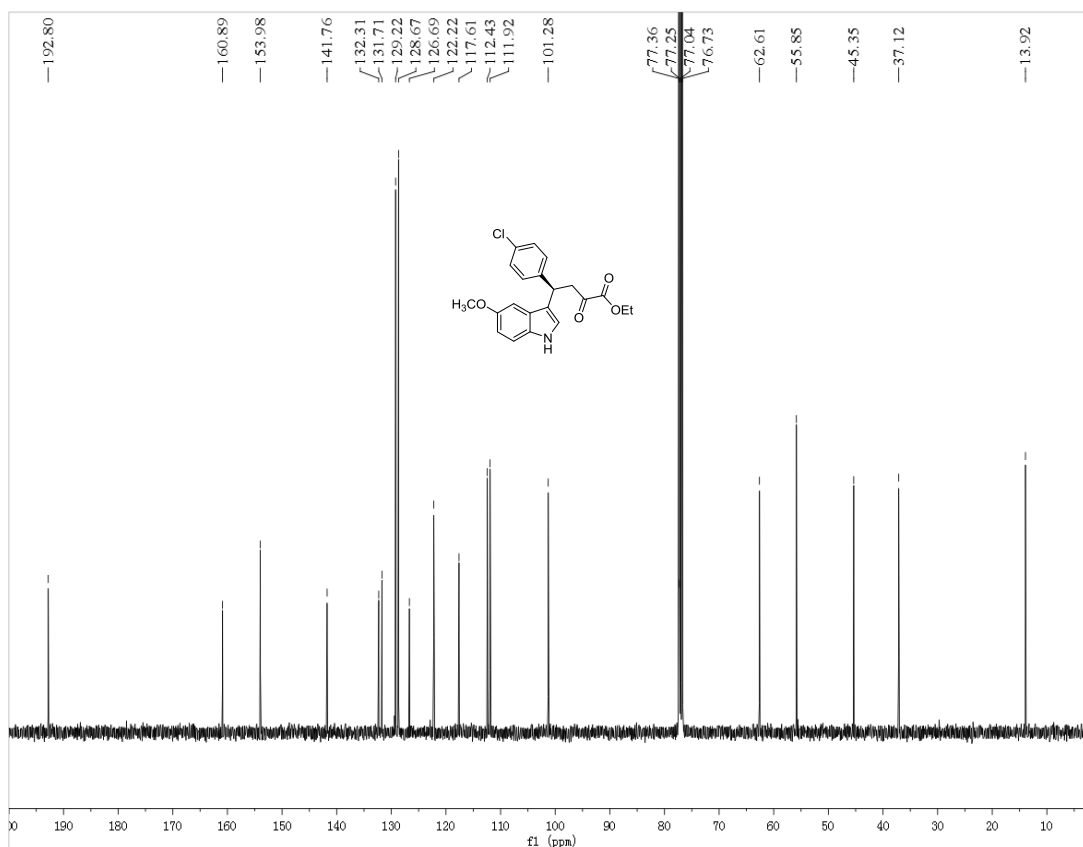
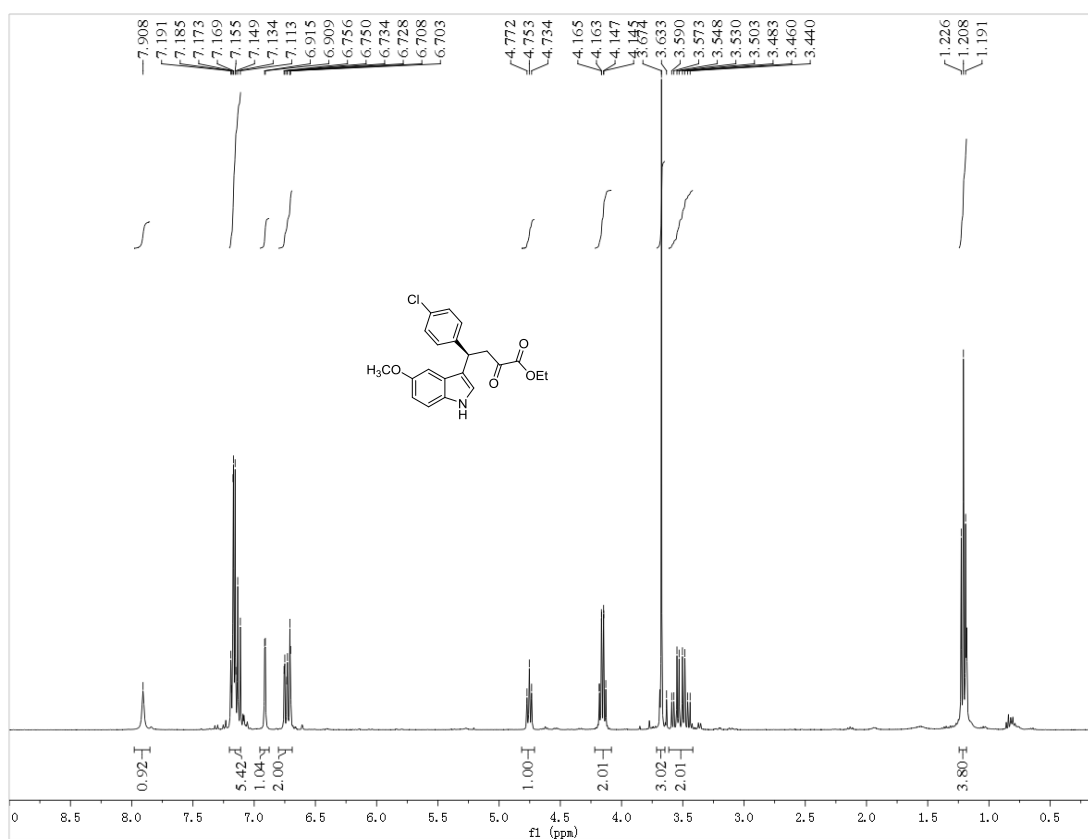
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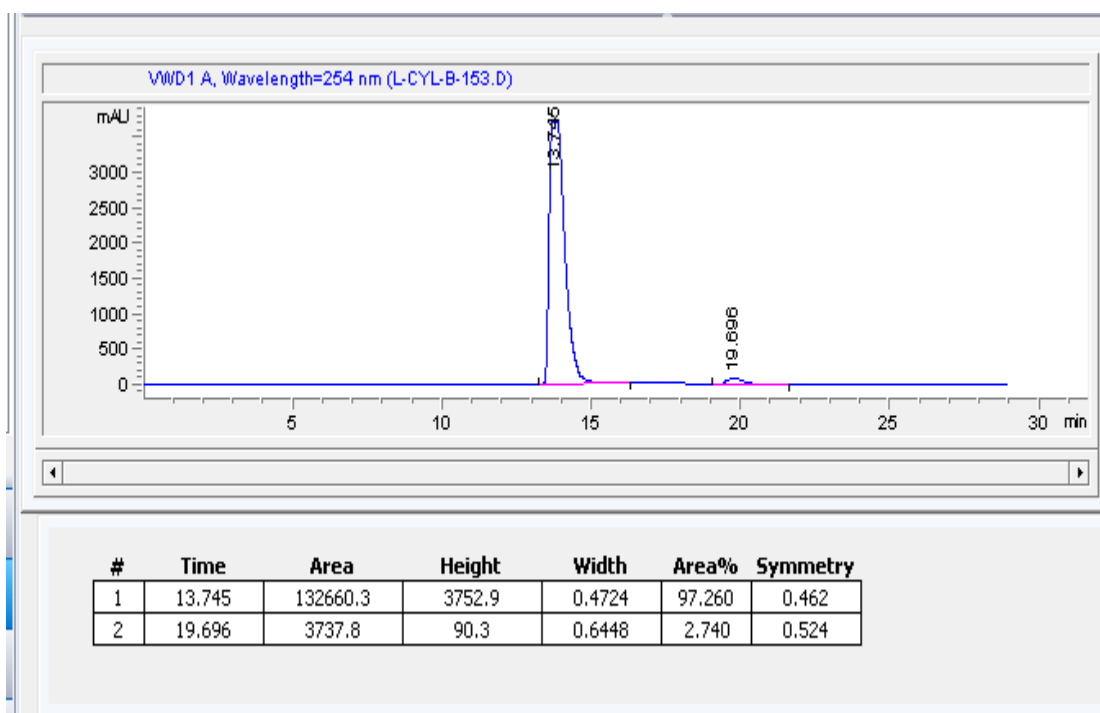
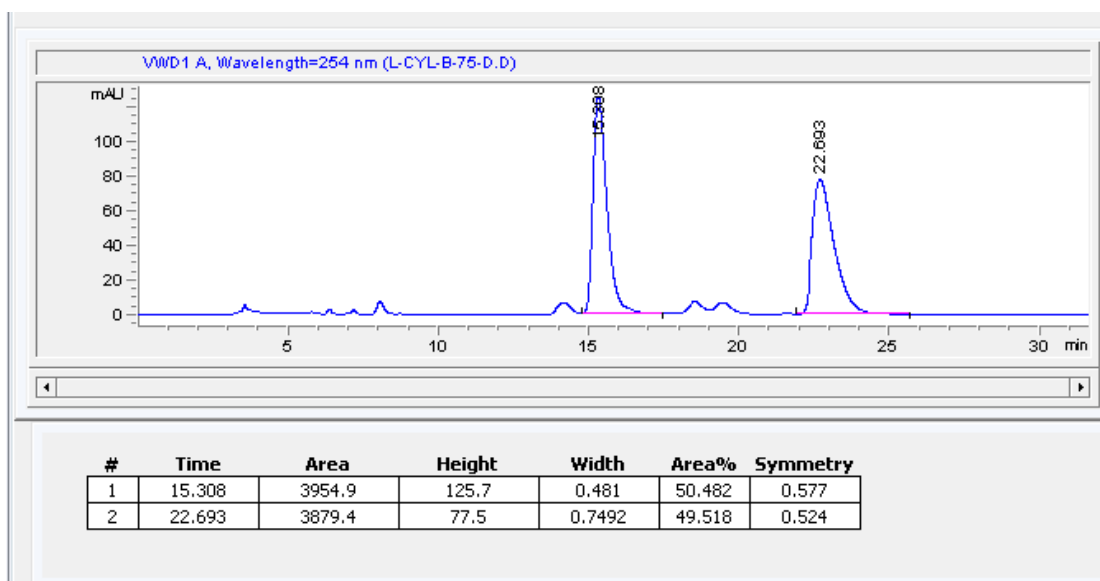
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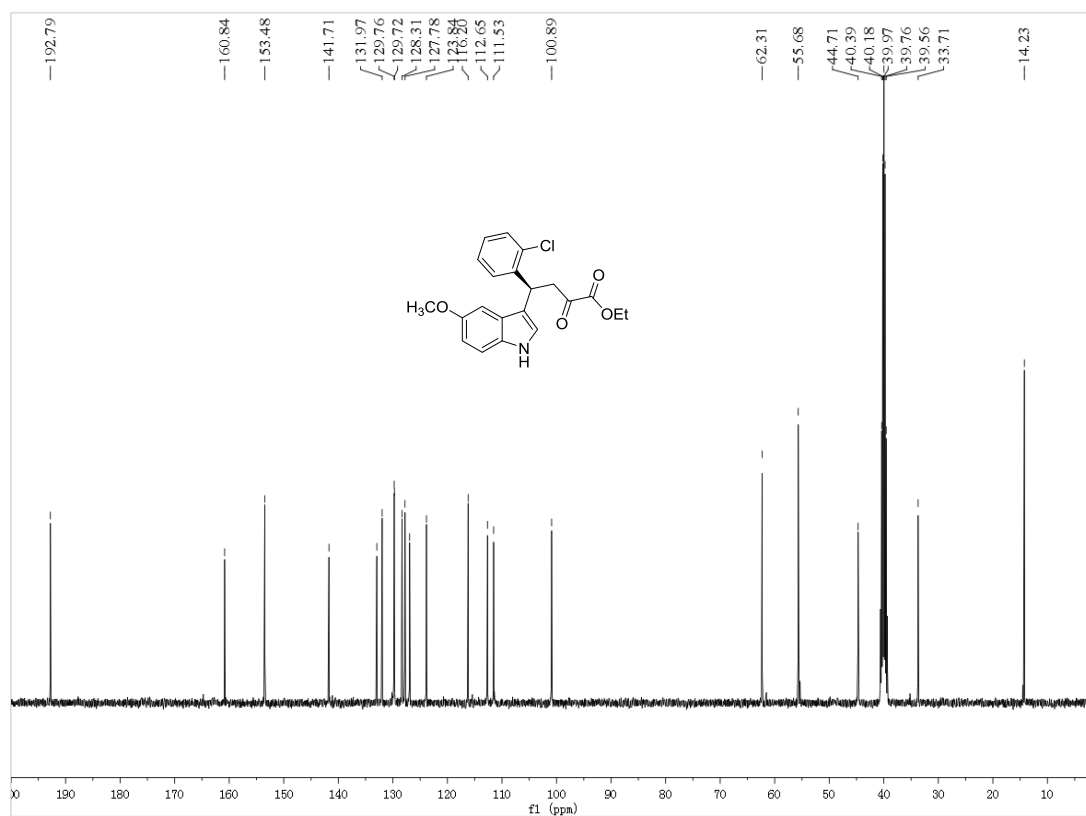
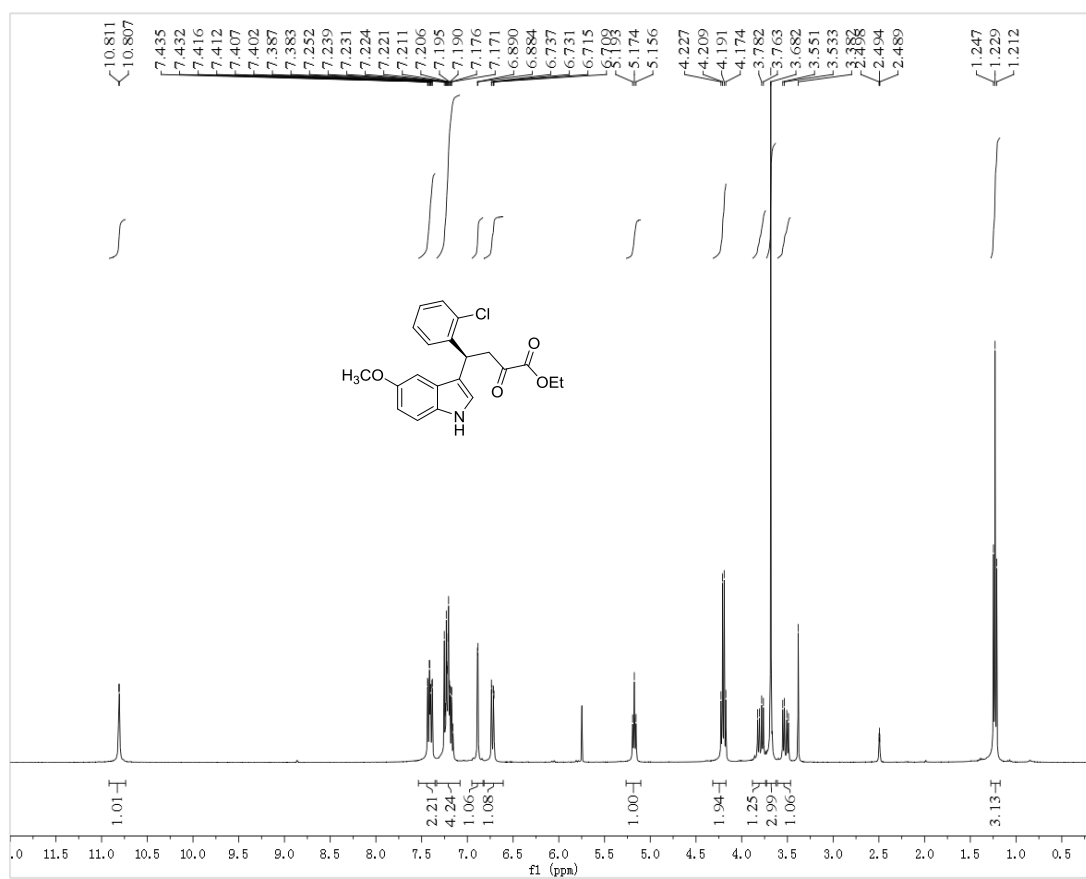
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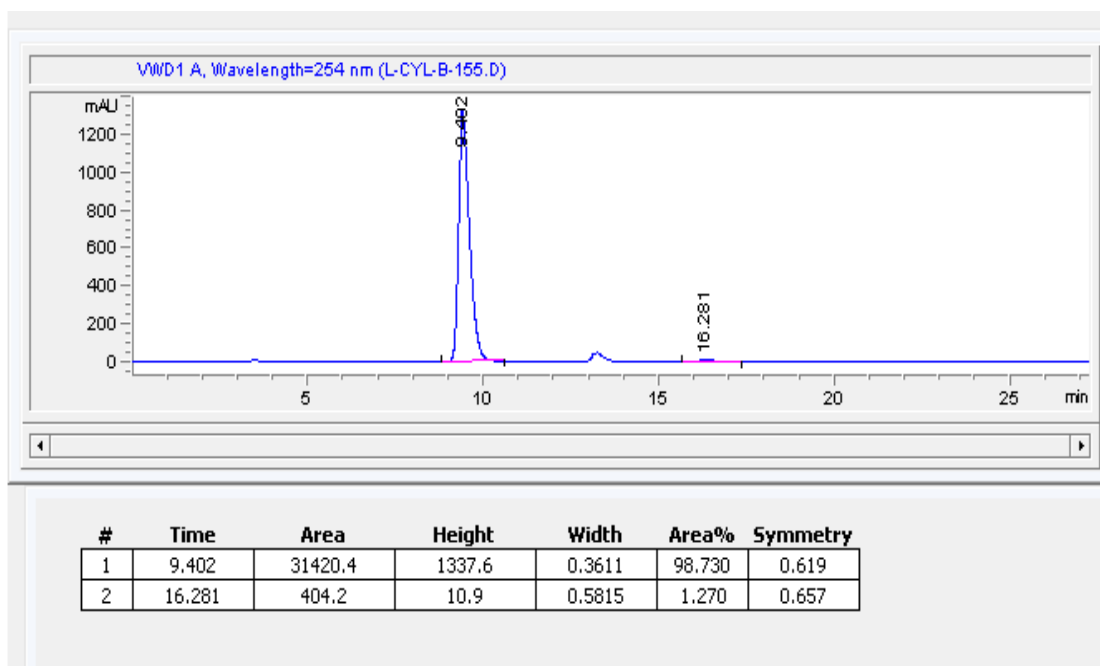
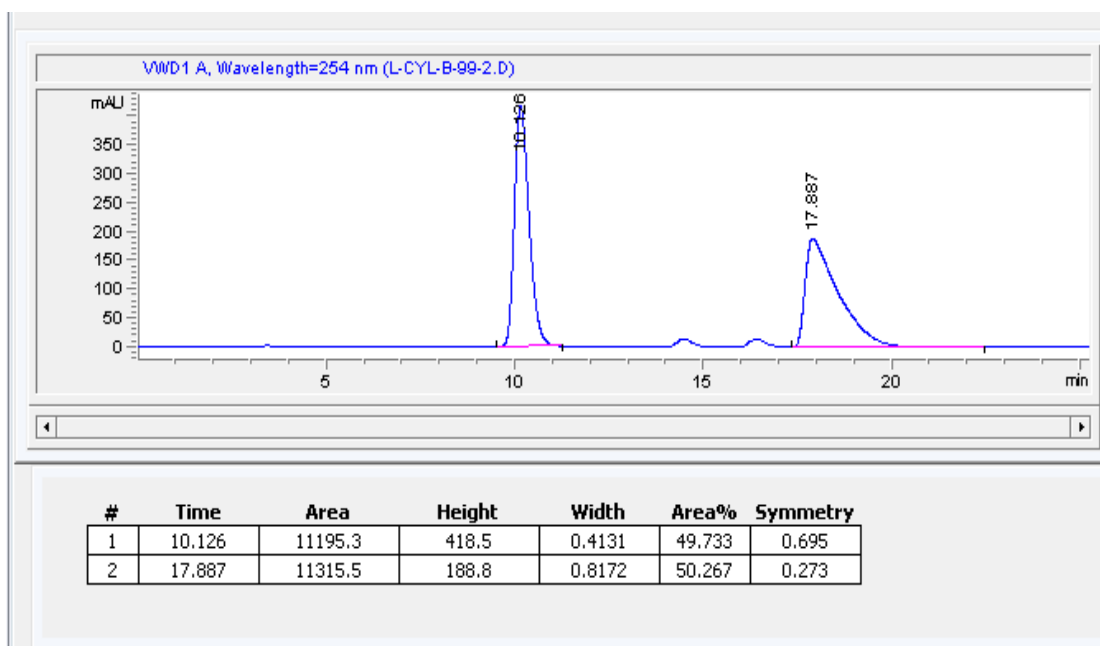
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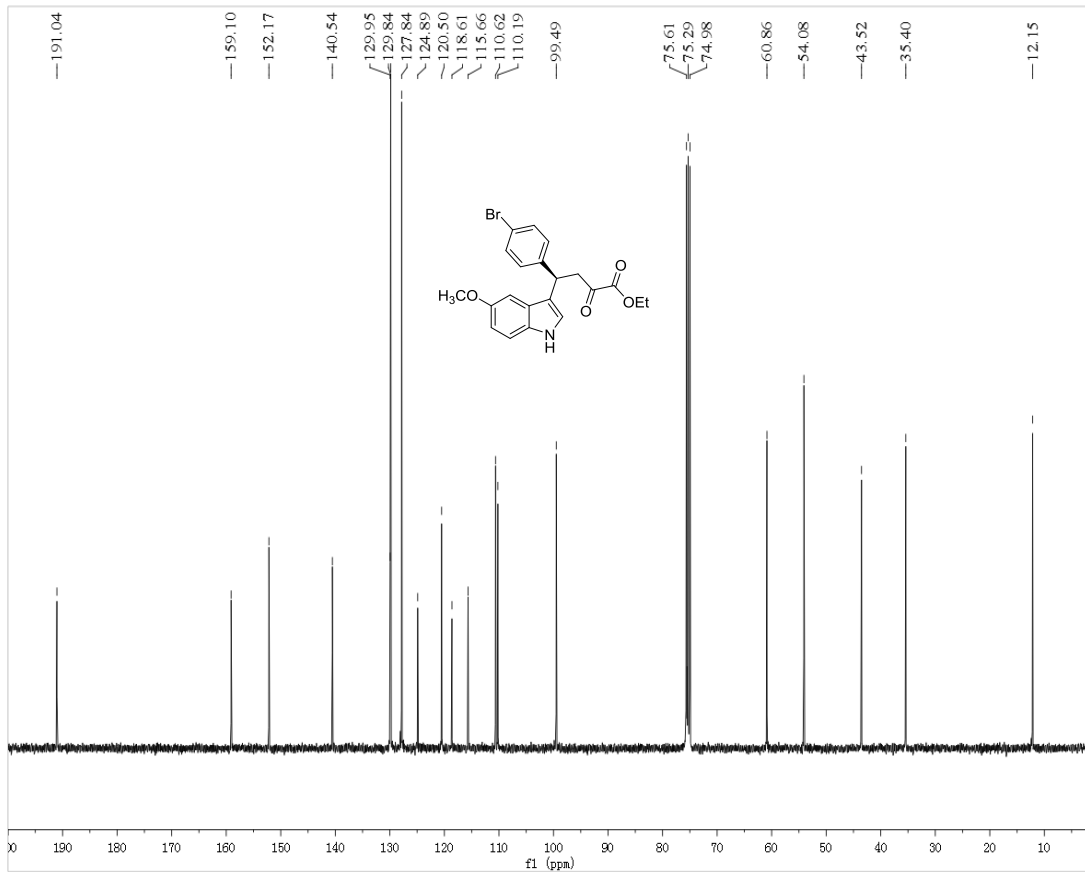
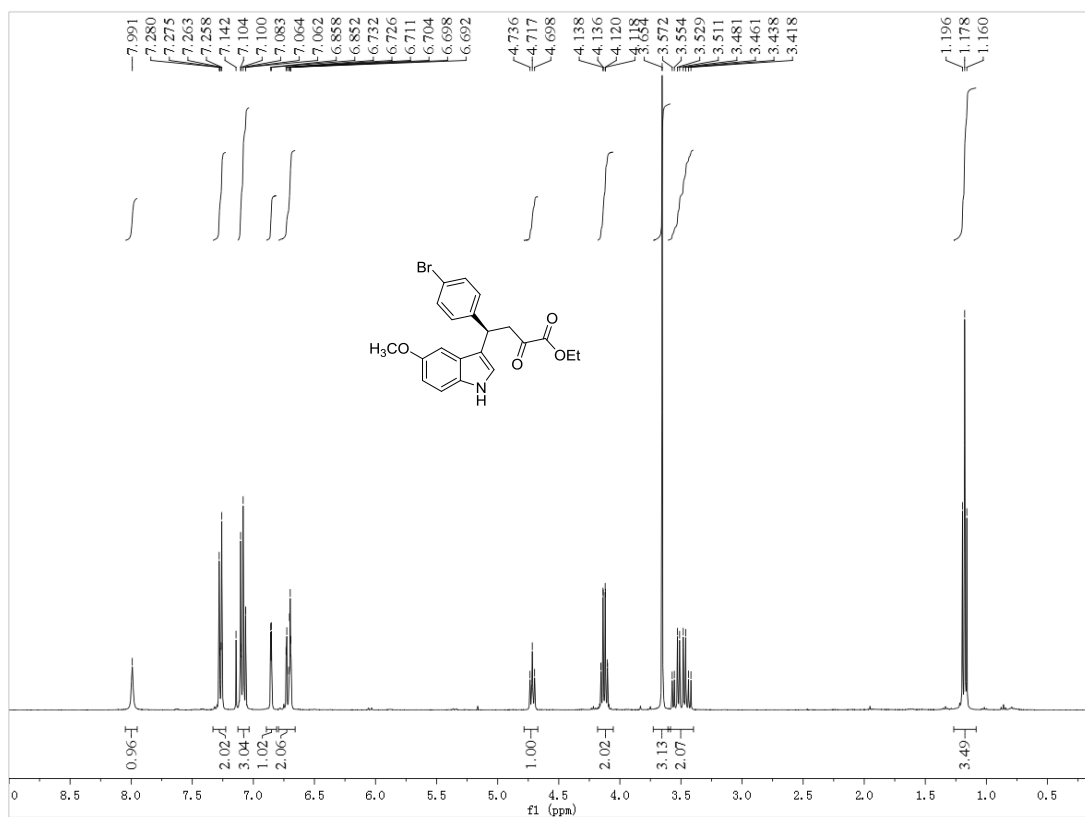
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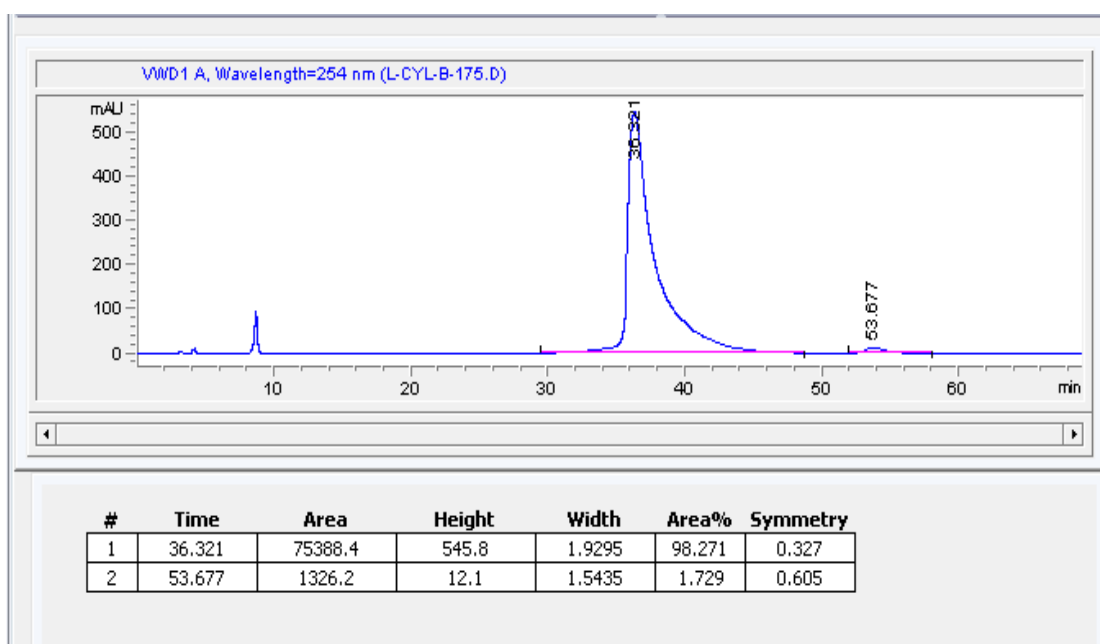
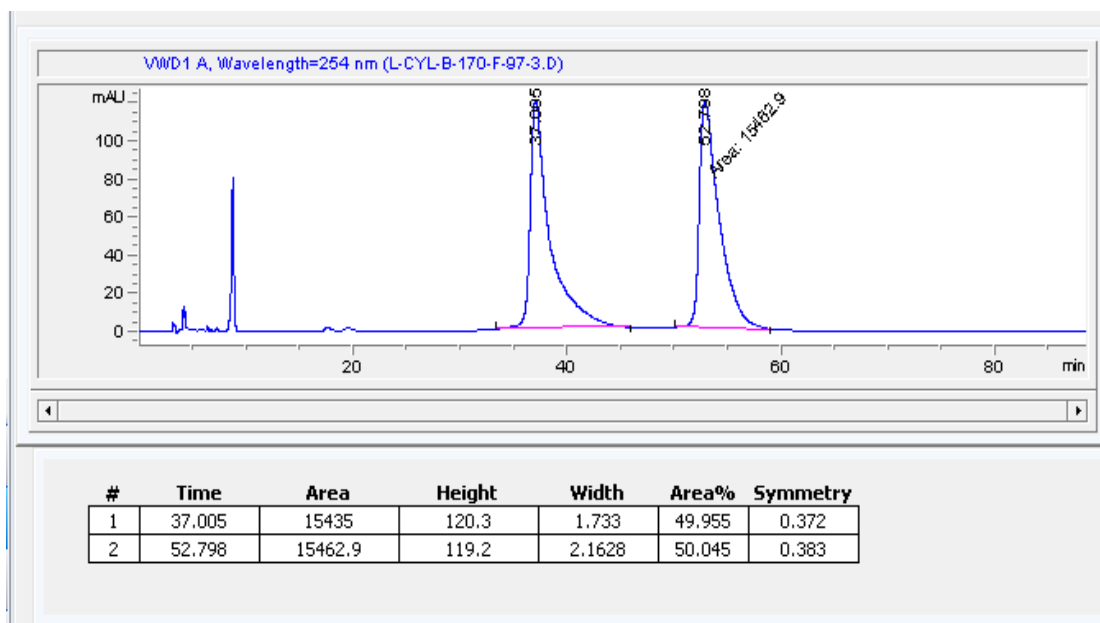
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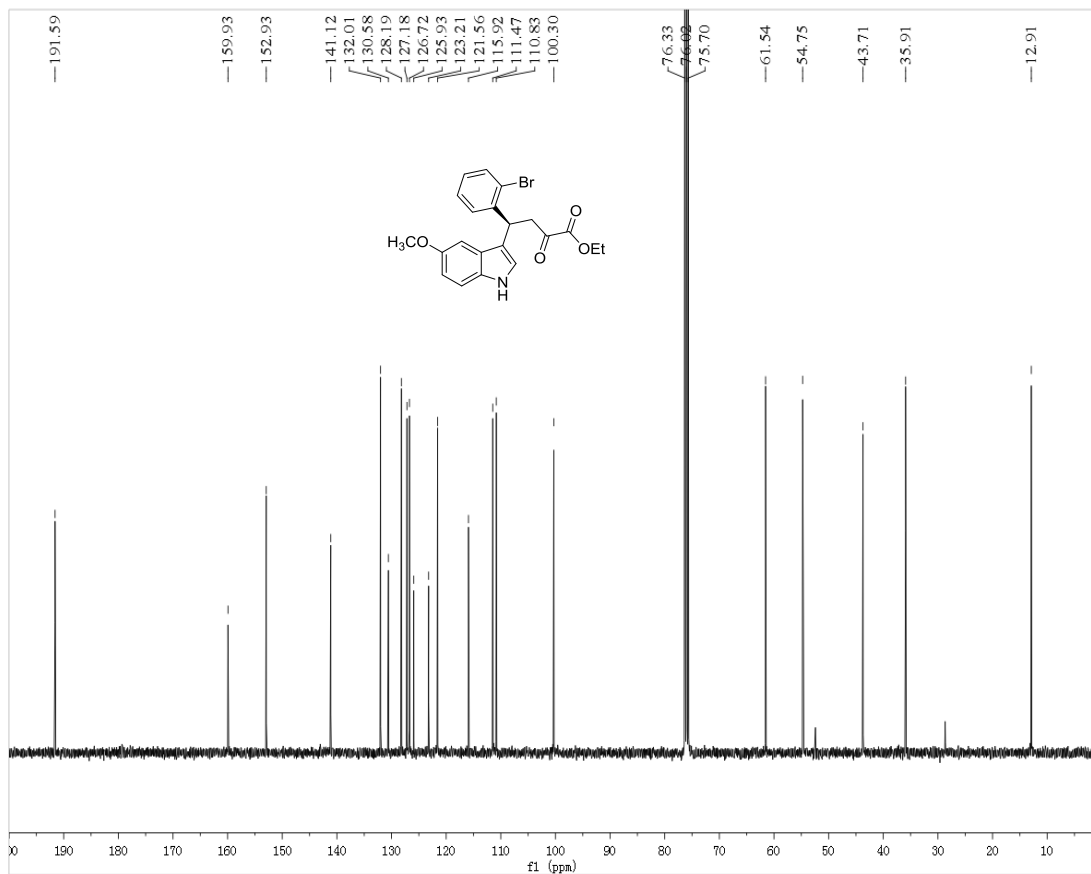
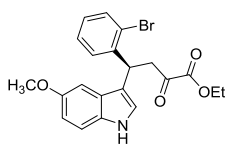
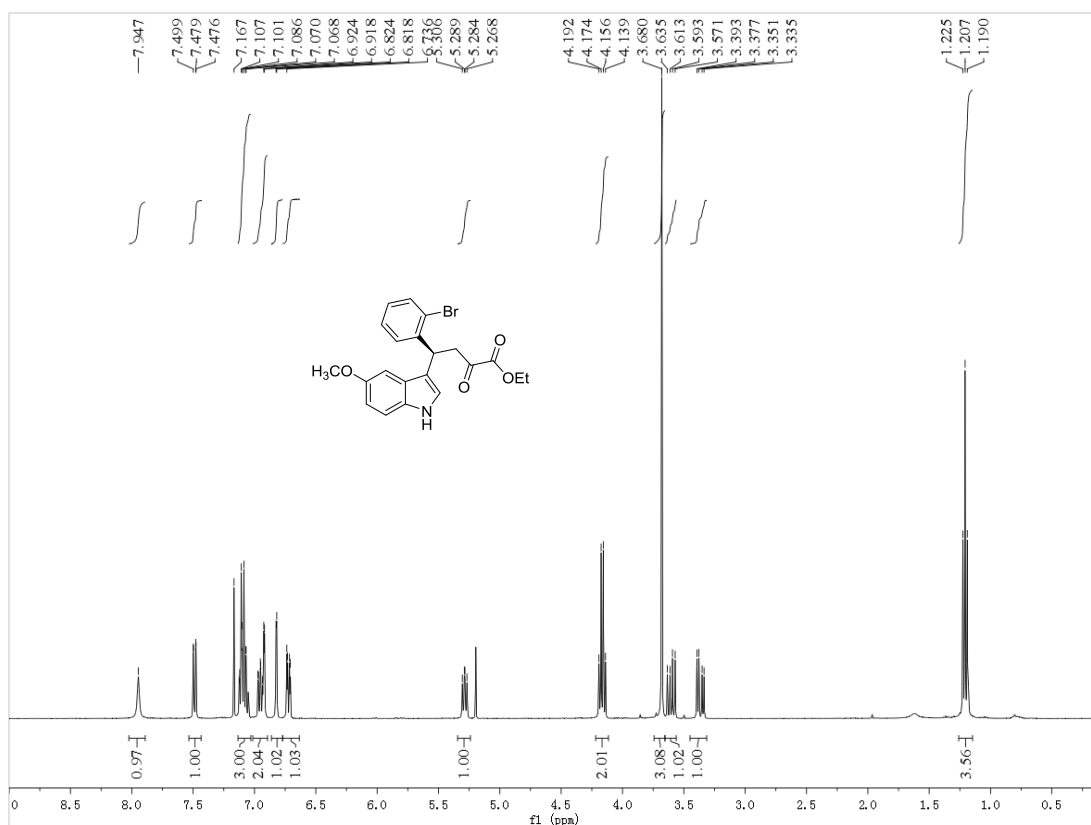
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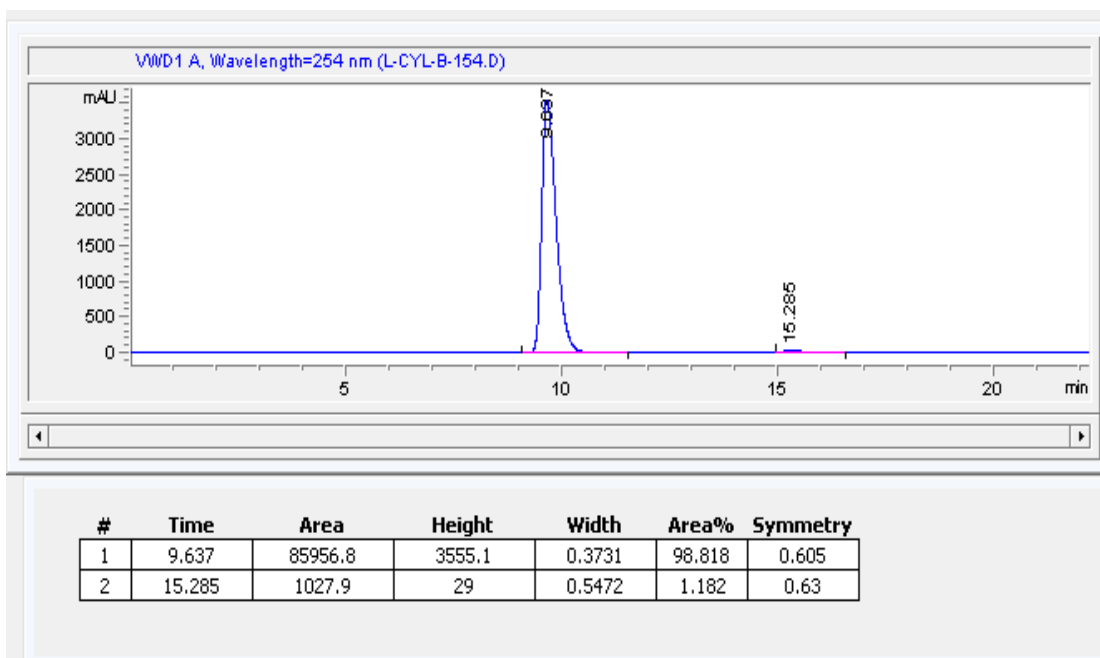
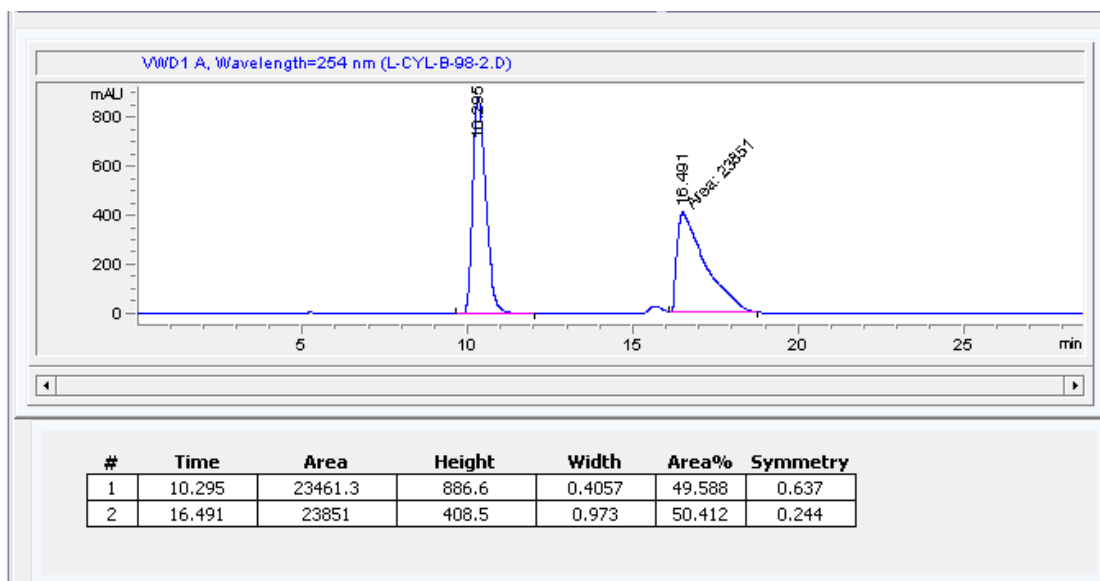
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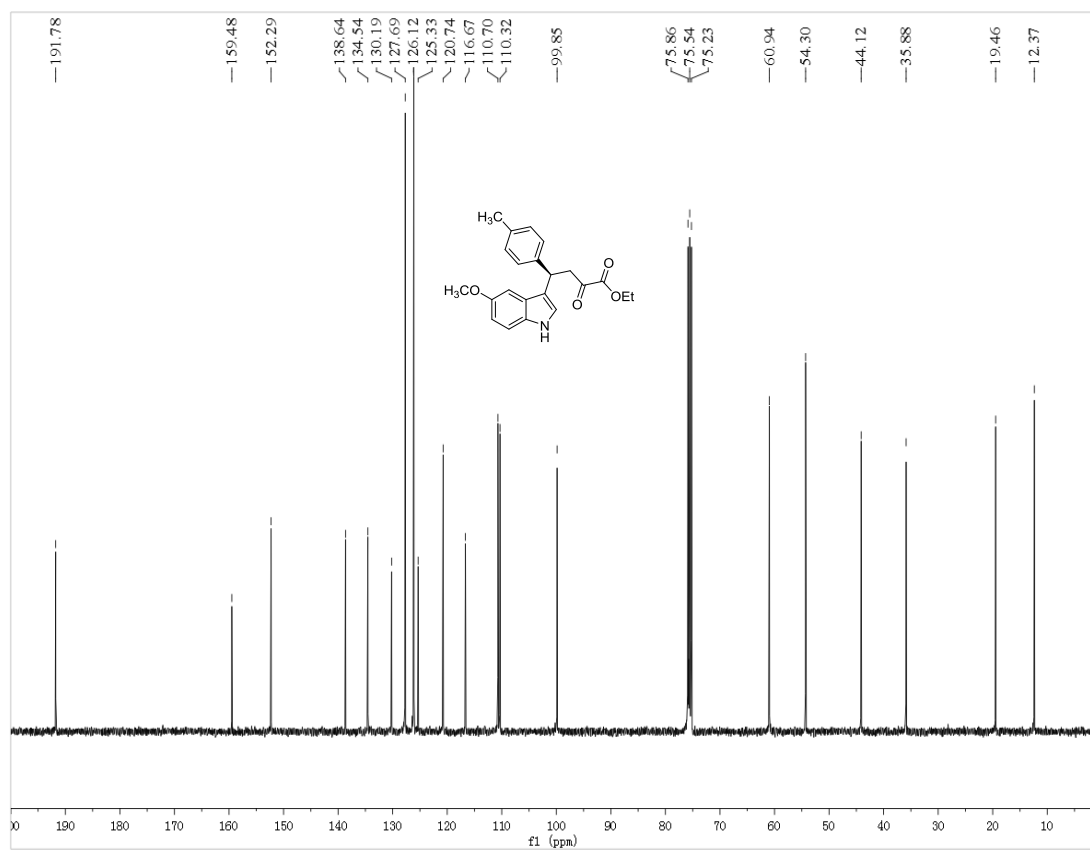
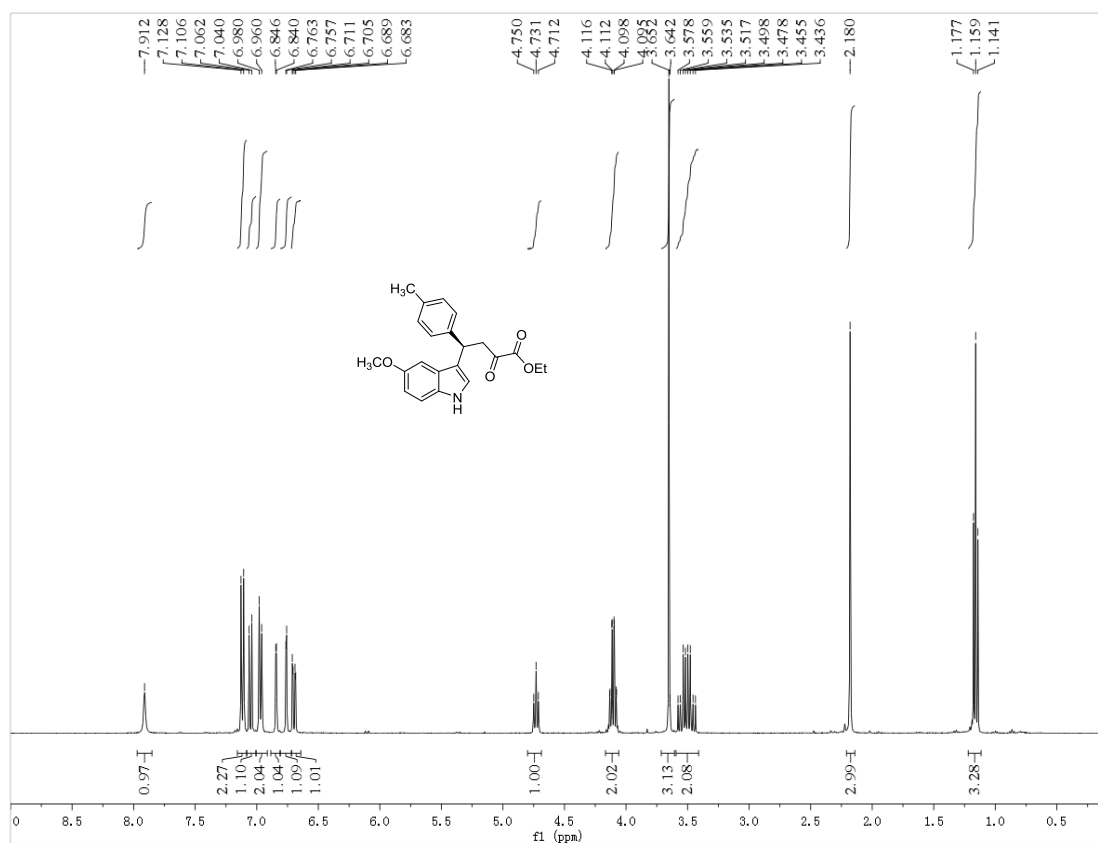
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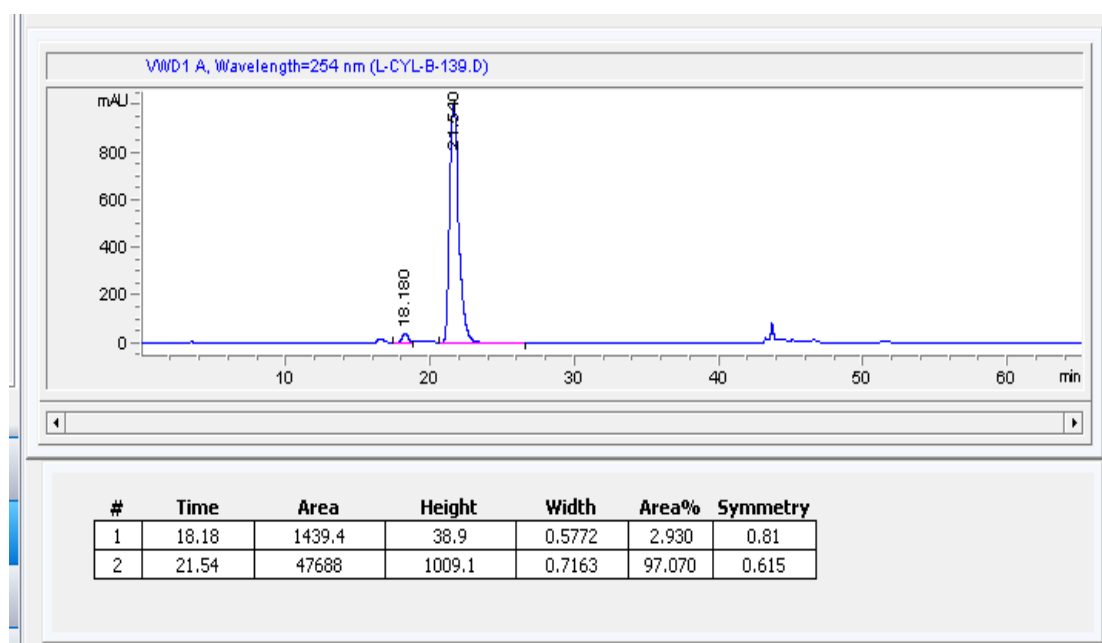
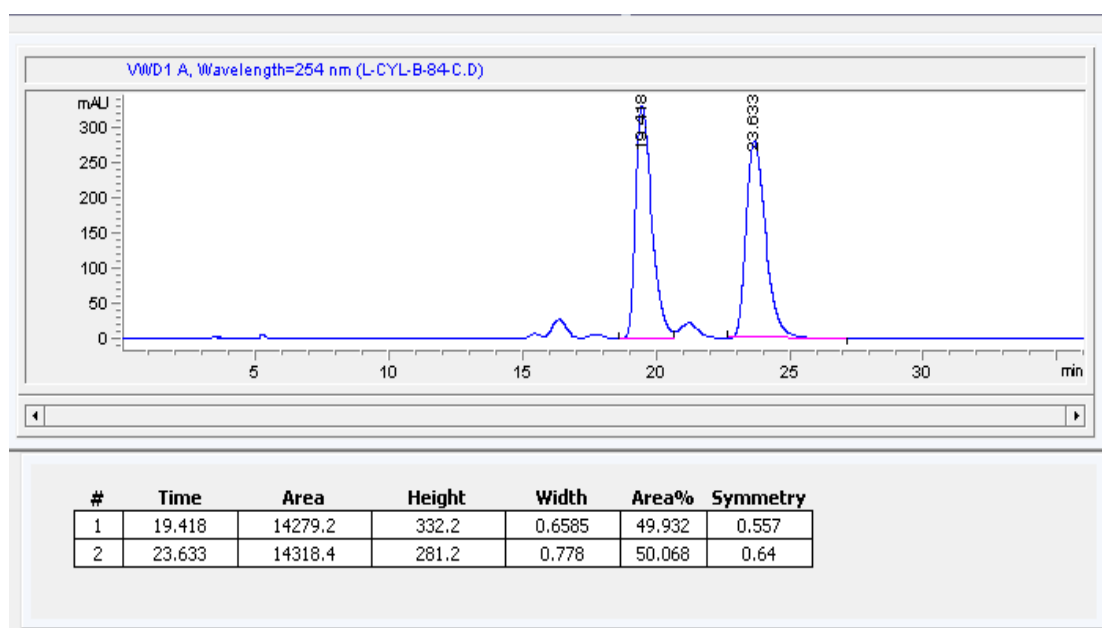
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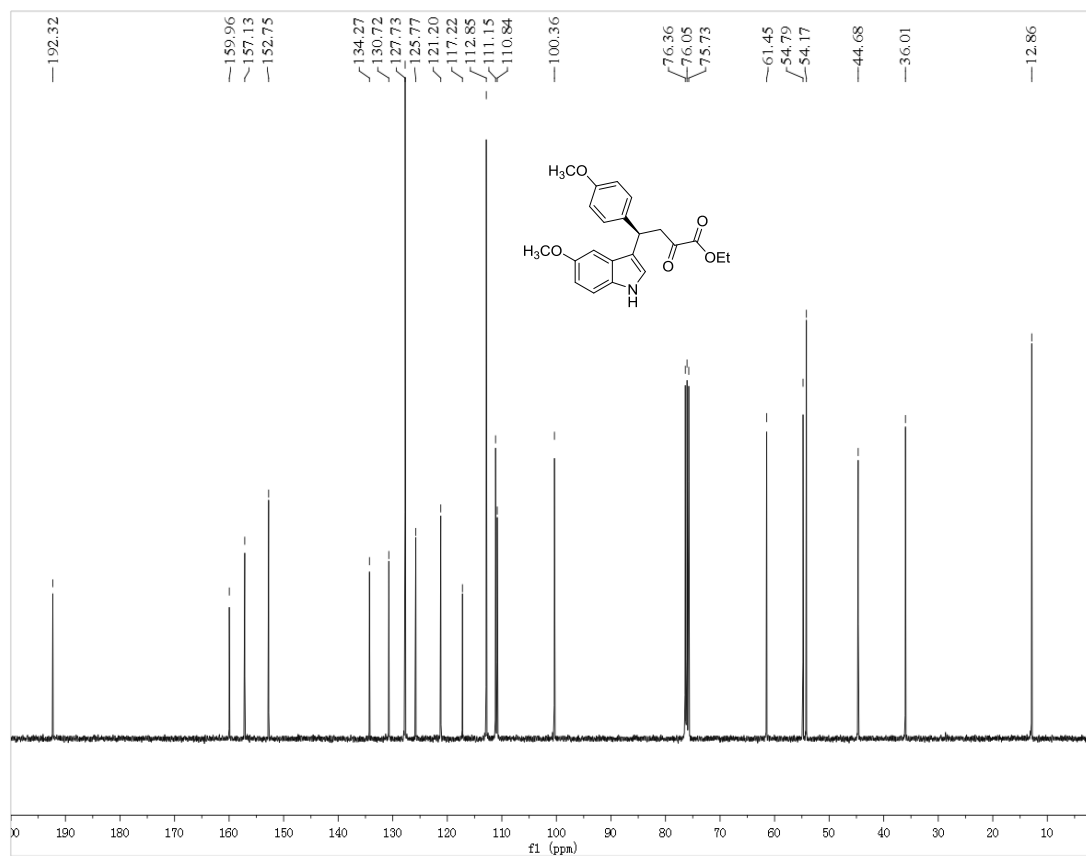
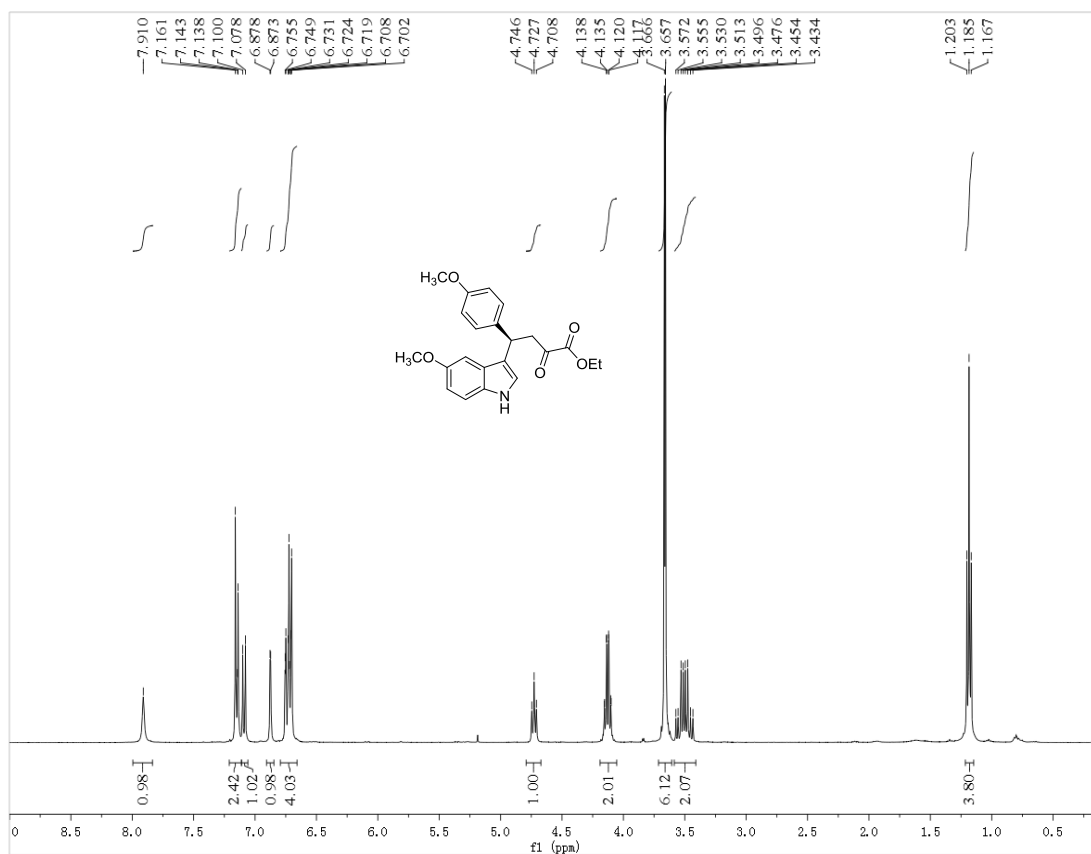
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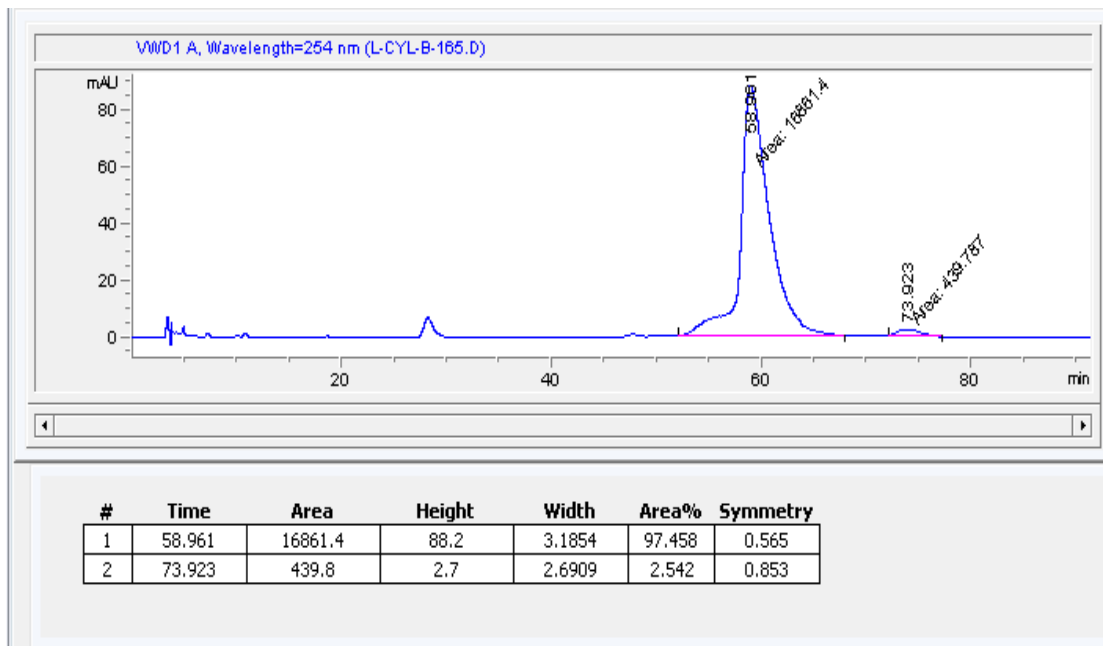
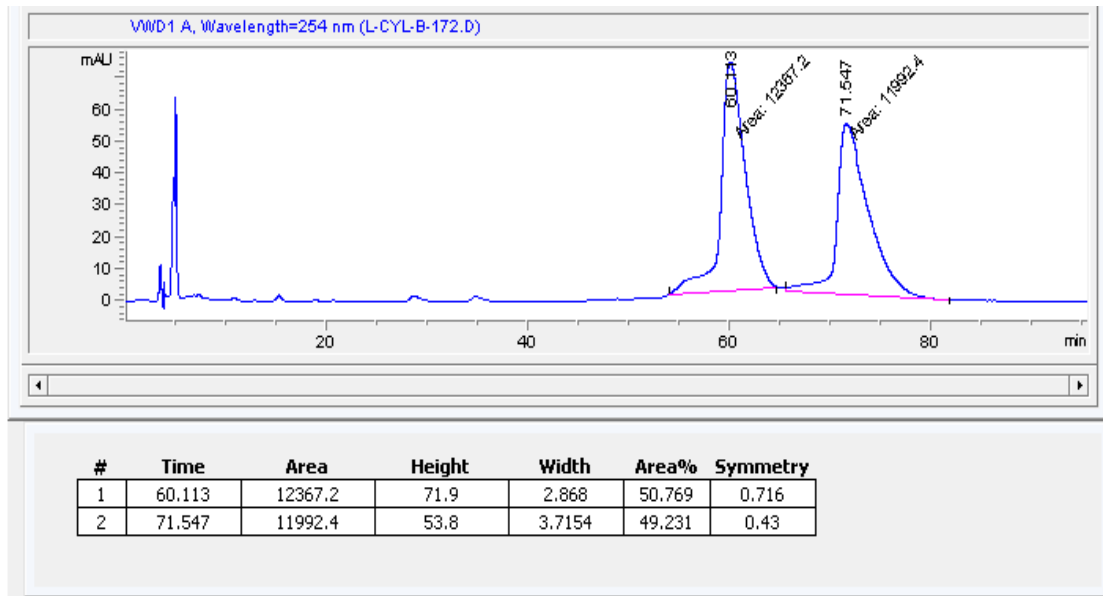
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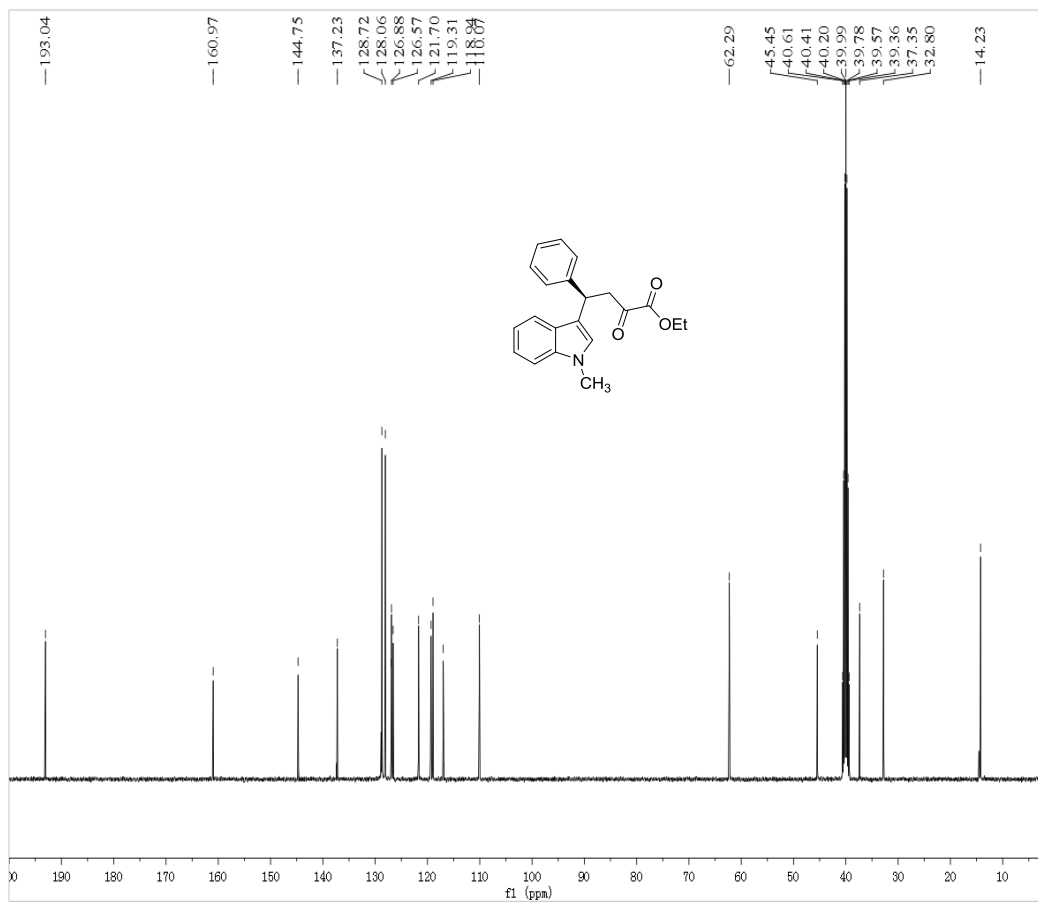
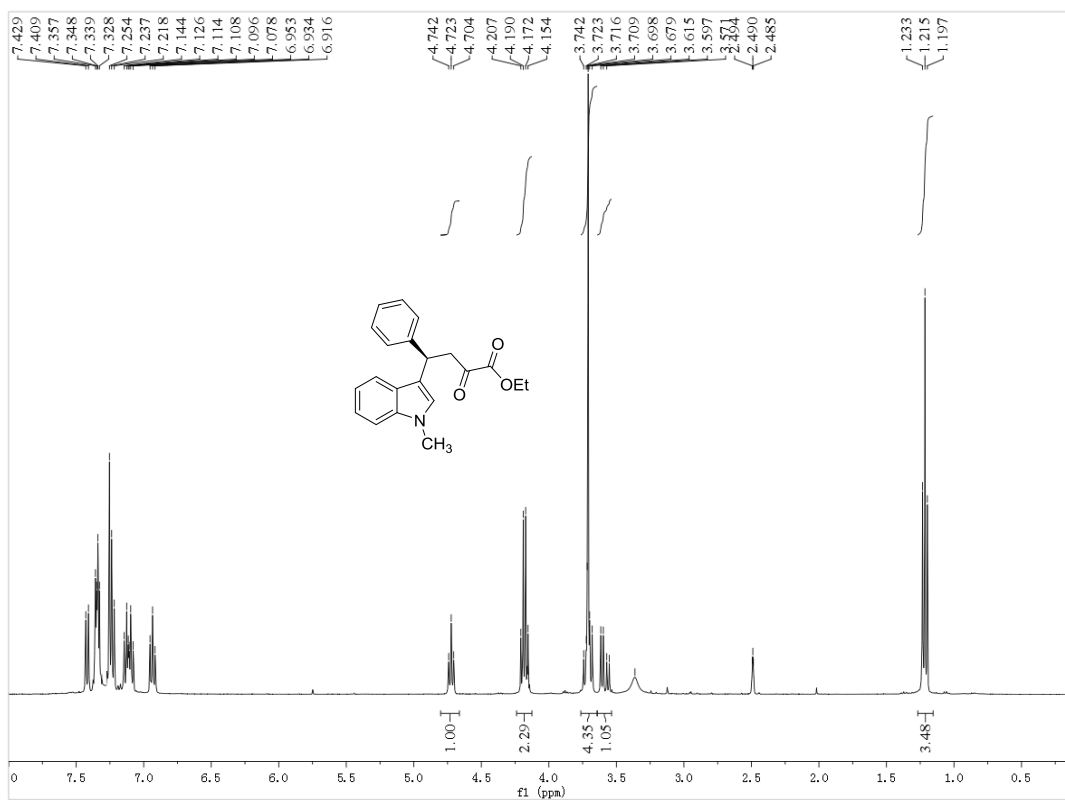
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