

## Supporting Information

### **Design, Synthesis and Application of Bipyridine-N,N'-dioxides Catalysts in Asymmetric Synthesis of Chiral Cyclopropanes**

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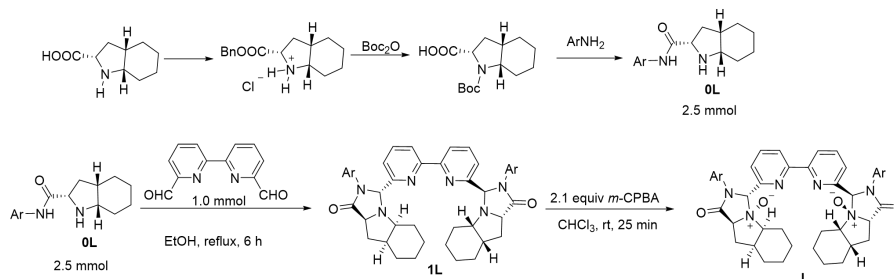
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## I General Information

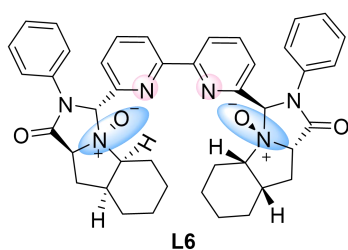
Commercially available materials were used as received, unless otherwise noted, all reactions and manipulations involving air- or moisture-sensitive compounds were performed using standard Schlenk technique. Without special instructions, the heating reactions used are all using an oil bath. Reactions were checked by TLC analysis and plates were visualized with short-wave UV light (254 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  spectra were obtained in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  &  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  using a Bruker-BioSpin AVANCE III HD NMR spectrometer at 400 MHz, 101 MHz and 376 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$  value) calibrated against the residual solvent peak. The determination of e.e. was performed via chiral HPLC analysis using Shimadzu LC-20A HPLC workstation. HPLC analysis of the compounds was done using chiralcel IC column using hexane and isopropanol as eluent, and the column temperature is 40 °C. The Rudolph Autopol V polarimeter was employed to gauge the optical rotation. The melting point was measured by Shanghai Instrument electrooptical SGW X-4A micro melting point instrument. High resolution mass spectra(HRMS) were recorded on Thermo Scientific Q Exactive mass spectrometry equipped with an APCI source. Crystal structure data was collected on a SuperNova, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas diffractometer. The following abbreviations are used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet.

## II Synthesis of Ligands

### 1 General procedure L6 for synthesis of hiral Bipyridine-N,N'-dioxides Catalysts.<sup>1-3</sup>



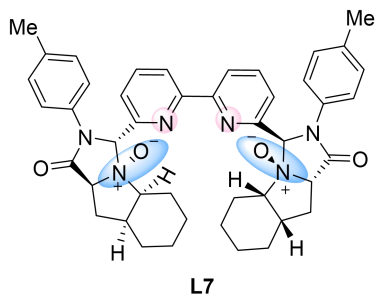
The synthesis of compound amide **0L** was referred to Reference 1. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, [2,2'-bipyridine]-6,6'-dicarbaldehyde (1.0 mmol) and **0L** (2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) were added. Then, anhydrous ethanol (6.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 6 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **1L**. Then, the intermediate and *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (2.1 equiv.) was added to the reaction tube, and an appropriate amount of trichloromethane was added to dissolve the reaction system. After stirring at room temperature for 25 minutes, the reaction liquid was treated and purified by column chromatography (200-300 mesh, EtOAc/MeOH v/v = 20:1-10:1 as the eluent) to obtain a white solid **L**.



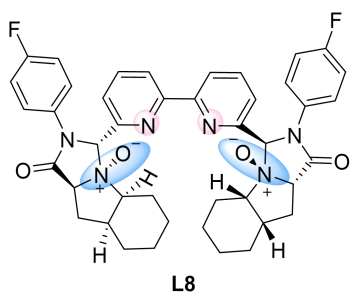
**L6**: White solid (783.1 mg, 45% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 168.6-170.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ = 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dt, *J* = 11.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (p, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 10.2, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (td, *J* = 12.8, 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 2H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 3H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.46



– 1.23 (m, 4H), 1.23 – 1.08 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 170.96, 156.52, 152.54, 139.19, 136.33, 130.34, 128.30, 127.79, 123.35, 122.79, 85.72, 85.62, 77.30, 37.02, 28.64, 25.86, 25.42, 25.13, 21.11. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4^+(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 697.3497, found 697.3461.

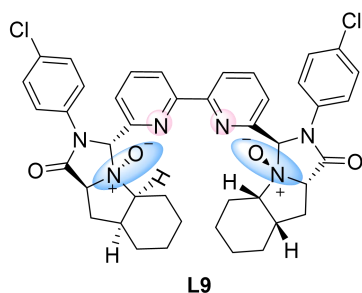


**L7:** White solid (796.9 mg, 44% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 202.6-204.2 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 4.76 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dt,  $J$  = 11.8, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.39 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.23 (m, 4H), 2.05 (s, 6H), 1.88 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.56 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 170.89, 156.54, 152.58, 139.16, 137.98, 133.71, 130.78, 128.30, 123.44, 122.75, 85.79, 85.69, 77.34, 37.05, 28.60, 25.90, 25.43, 25.15, 21.13, 20.88. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4^+(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 725.3810, found 725.3798.

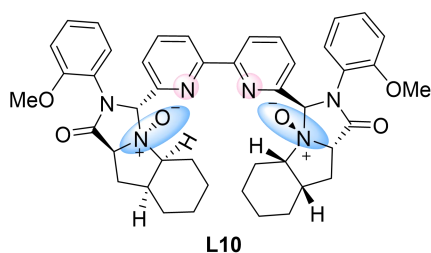


**L8:** White solid (768.9 mg, 42% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 179.7-181.3 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 4.7 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (dt,  $J$  = 12.0, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.49 (dt,  $J$  = 12.6, 9.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.24 (m, 4H), 1.87 – 1.68 (m, 6H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.35 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (d,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$

=170.98, 163.28, 160.83, 156.53, 152.36, 139.29, 132.44, 128.45, 125.90, 125.81, 122.85, 117.17, 116.94, 85.75, 77.20, 37.05, 28.58, 25.88, 25.41, 25.16, 21.11.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 116.02. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{43}\text{F}_2\text{N}_6\text{O}_4^+(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 733.3308, found 733.3295.

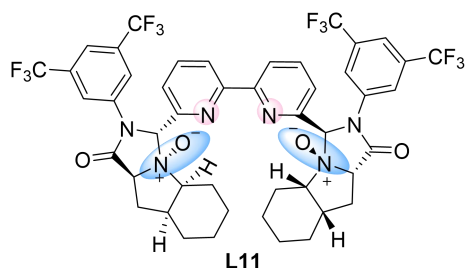


**L9:** White solid (802.5 mg, 42% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 158.3-159.9 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 4.74 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dt,  $J$  = 11.9, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.37 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.48 (dt,  $J$  = 12.6, 9.1 Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.25 (m, 4H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 6H), 1.49 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 170.91, 156.53, 152.27, 139.28, 135.03, 132.81, 130.29, 128.47, 124.46, 122.92, 85.76, 85.26, 77.18, 37.01, 28.67, 25.85, 25.36, 25.13, 21.11. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{43}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_6\text{O}_4^+(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  : 765.2717, found 765.2709.



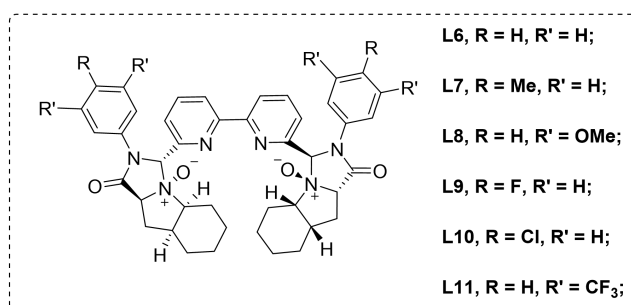
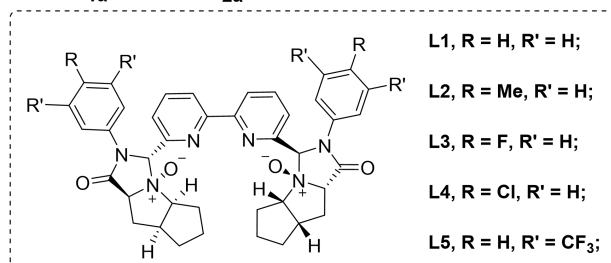
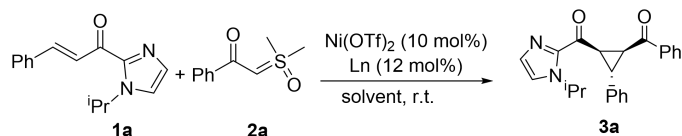
**L10:** White solid (716.7 mg, 38% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 184.2-185.8 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.38 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 6.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (dt,  $J$  = 11.9, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.39 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 2.63 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.28 (td,  $J$  = 12.6, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.83 (m, 5H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.23 (m,

5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 171.51, 156.44, 155.66, 152.48, 139.05, 130.73, 130.03, 128.15, 123.76, 122.52, 121.55, 113.31, 85.91, 85.71, 77.04, 56.14, 37.06, 28.09, 26.04, 25.42, 25.24, 20.99. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_6\text{O}_6^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 757.3708, found 757.3692.



**L11**: White solid (847.3 mg, 35% yield); >20:1 dr; mp 145.4-147.0 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (s, 4H), 7.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (s, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 4.78 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (dt,  $J$  = 12.0, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.54 (dt,  $J$  = 12.5, 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.28 (m, 4H), 1.88 – 1.71 (m, 6H), 1.53 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 1.47 – 1.35 (m, 4H), 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 171.51, 156.46, 151.52, 139.49, 138.31, 133.70, 133.37, 128.84, 125.40, 122.95, 122.69, 122.60, 120.32, 85.97, 84.66, 77.08, 37.07, 28.71, 25.82, 25.21, 25.12, 21.03.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 64.7. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{41}\text{F}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 969.2992, found 969.2972.

### III Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Ligand	Solvent	Yield(%) <sup>b</sup>	Ee(%) <sup>c</sup>	Dr <sup>d</sup>
1	L1	DCM	88	52	>20:1
2	L2	DCM	90	24	>20:1
3	L3	DCM	91	48	>20:1
4	L4	DCM	85	40	>20:1
5	L5	DCM	84	6	>20:1
6	L6	DCM	95	86	>20:1
7	L7	DCM	90	89	>20:1
8	L8	DCM	90	57	>20:1
9	L9	DCM	92	83	>20:1
10	L10	DCM	93	86	>20:1
11	L11	DCM	94	33	>20:1
12	L7	DCE	94	82	>20:1
13	L7	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	92	52	>20:1
14	L7	THF	95	85	>20:1
15	L7	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	96	88	>20:1
16	L7	Acetone	96	91	>20:1
17	L7	CB	94	33	>20:1
18	L7	MeOH	80	10	>20:1
19	L7	EtOH	86	43	>20:1
20	L7	Butanone	94	90	>20:1
21	L7	NMP	-	-	-
22 <sup>d</sup>	L7	Acetone	87	89	>20:1
23 <sup>e</sup>	L7	Acetone	79	91	>20:1

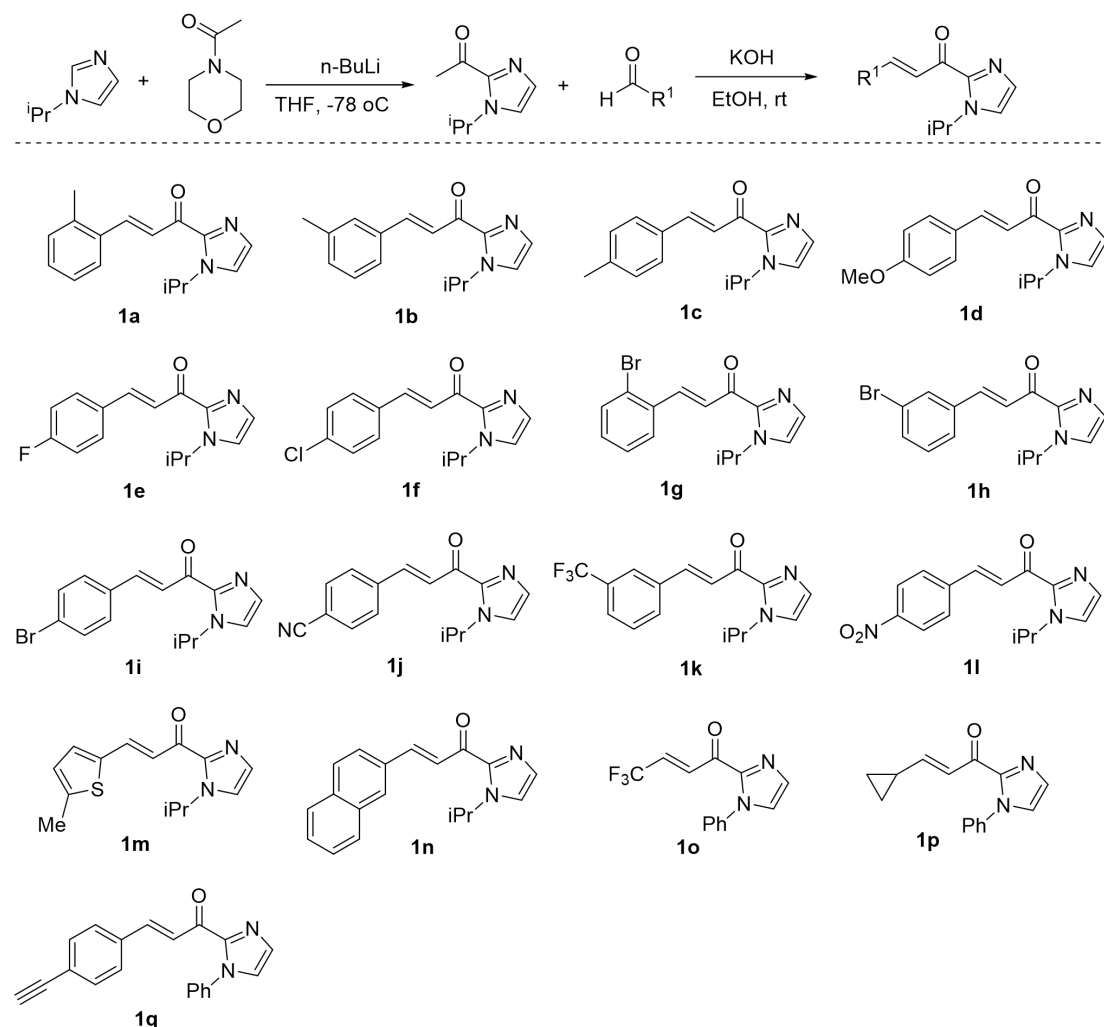
24<sup>f</sup>      L7      Acetone      86      85      >20:1

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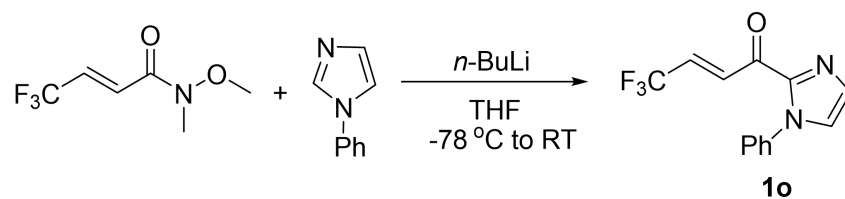
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), **L1-L11** (12 mol%), **1a** (0.10 mmol), and **2a** (0.12 mmol) in 2.0 mL of Acetone at 25 °C. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after flash chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Determined by HPLC analysis <sup>d</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>d</sup>Ni(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%). <sup>e</sup>Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>f</sup>Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>d</sup>Ni(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%). <sup>e</sup>Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>f</sup>Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%).

## IV Synthesis of Substrates

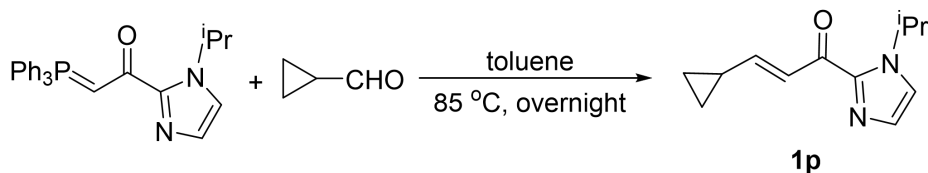
### 4-1 Synthesis of Compounds 1( $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles)<sup>4</sup>



$\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles **1a-1n**, **1q** were prepared according to a reported procedure. Accordingly, 2-acetyl-imidazole (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and EtOH (20 mL) were added to a 50 mL a round-bottom flask followed by the aromatic aldehyde (10.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) and NaOH (11.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The solution was stirred until the substrates consumption (detected by TLC). Saturated NaCl (30 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) were added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired products.

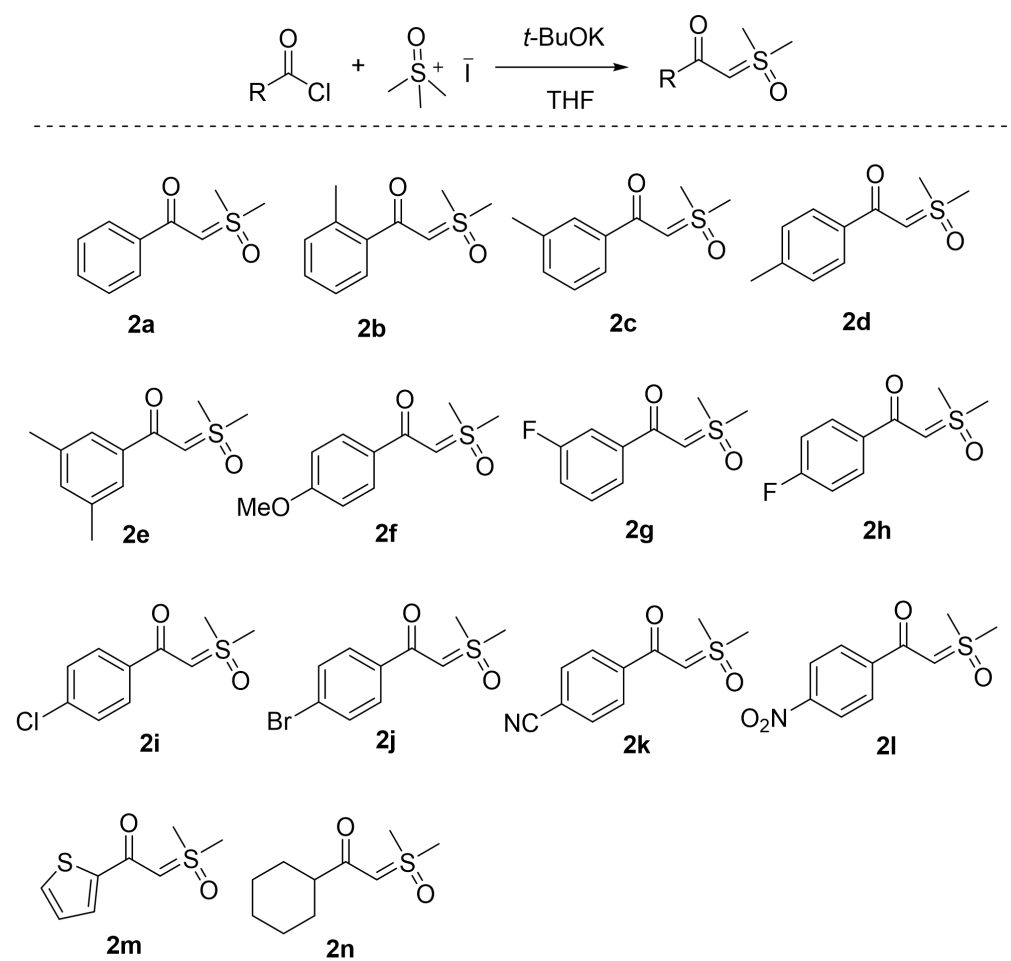


Following the general procedure<sup>6</sup>, to a suitable vacuum flame-dried flask under N<sub>2</sub> was added N-benzylimidazole (1.44 g, 0.01 mol, 1.0 equiv.) to 30 mL THF. The flask was cooled to -78 °C for 20-30 min before a titrated 10 mL *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes) (1.5 equiv.) was added in drops to the flask. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for about 5 minutes. The bath was removed and the reaction was allowed to warm to r.t. over a 30 minutes period. The reaction was cooled back down to -78 °C for 20 minutes before the corresponding Weinreb amide (1.0 equiv.) was added to the solution in THF. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with water and then extracted with EtOAc for three times. The organic layer was washed with brine, and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The drying agent was concentrated and directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether as the eluent) to afford the desired products **1o**.



Following the general procedure<sup>5</sup>, to a solution of Wittig reagent (1.03 g, 2.5 mmol) in toluene (12.6 mL) at room temperature was added cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde (350.5 mg, 5.0 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 85 °C overnight. After the solvent was removed in vacuo, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane = 1/5 to 1/3) to produce the unsaturated alkenes as a mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers. Then, to a solution of purified alkene in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 M) at room temperature was added DMAP (30.5 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was sealed and stored at 4 °C (fridge) for 24 hours. After isomerization, the solution was passed through a short silica column to afford **1p** as colorless oil (306.4 mg, yield: 60%).

#### 4-2 synthesis of Compounds 2 ( sulfoxonium ylides).<sup>7</sup>

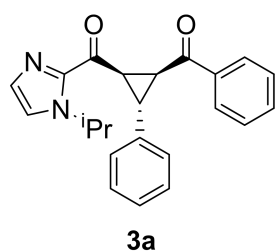


All the sulfoxonium ylides are known and the synthesis method is as follows. Potassium tert-butoxide (27.2 mmol, 3 g, 4.0 equiv.) and anhydrous THF (27.0 mL) were added to a 100 mL Schlenk tube under argon atmosphere. Then, trimethylsulfoxonium iodide (20.4 mmol, 4.48 g, 3.0 equiv.) was added in one portion. The suspension was heated at reflux(oil bath) for 3 hours. After that, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, followed by slow addition of the acyl chloride (6.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. Then 80 mL H<sub>2</sub>O was added and the mixture was extracted with DCM ( 8 ×20 mL). The organic phase was combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was concentrated on a rotary evaporator and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel ( 200-300 mesh, MeOH/EA v/v = 1:15 - 1:10) to afford the desired product (**2a-2n**).

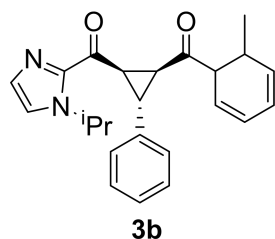


## V Asymmetric Cycloaddition Reactions

**General Procedure:** fitted with a magnetic stirring bar, was charged with Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (3.6 mg, 10 mol%) in an Ar setting, followed by the addition of **L7** (8.0 mg, 12 mol%) and Acetone (1.0 mL, 0.1 M), with the mixture being stirred at room temperature for an hour. Following this, **1** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for indicated time (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford chiral products.

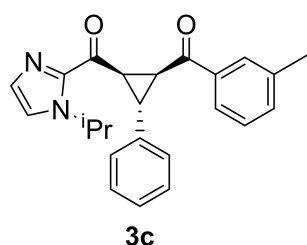


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3a).** pale yellow oil (34.4 mg, 96% yield). HPLC: 91% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 7.64 min, tr (minor) = 6.87 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +7.0$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.29$  (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 1.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 5.52 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.42 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 1.6$  Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 204.24, 186.23, 142.70, 141.01, 138.53, 129.91, 128.64, 128.44, 128.32, 126.97, 126.57, 126.03, 49.32, 45.22, 40.33, 37.33, 30.70, 29.65, 23.69, 23.52$ . HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 359.1766, found 359.1761.

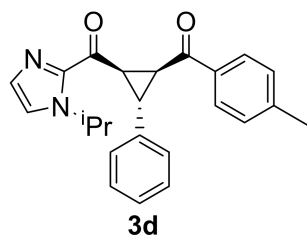


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(6-methylcyclohexa-2,4-diene-1-carbonyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3b).** yellow oil (35.7 mg, 95% yield). HPLC:

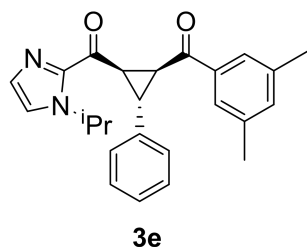
92% ee (Chiralpak IA column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 7.84 min, tr (minor) = 5.7 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +6.2$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.48$  (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.15 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 5.01 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.25 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 2.61 (ddd,  $J = 15.3, 9.5, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 1.31 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 197.58, 185.99, 142.91, 138.85, 138.75, 137.70, 131.86, 131.52, 129.88, 129.66, 128.74, 127.02, 126.70, 125.62, 121.27, 47.93, 42.14, 38.88, 32.38, 23.63, 23.51, 21.16$ . HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 375.2023, found 375.2017.



**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(3-methylbenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3c)**, yellow oil (35.6 mg, 95 % yield). HPLC: 83% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 9.85 min, tr (minor) = 7.38 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +9.8$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.84 - 7.78$  (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.41 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 194.29, 186.13, 143.00, 138.81, 138.39, 137.20, 133.93, 129.94, 129.16, 128.76, 127.06, 126.87, 125.89, 121.31, 49.29, 38.79, 36.81, 30.43, 23.55, 21.38$ . HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 375.2021, found 375.2019.

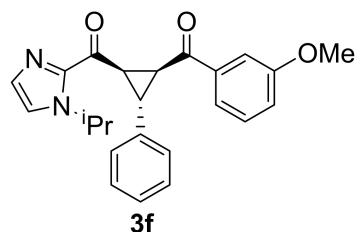


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3d).** yellow solid (33.8 mg, 95% yield), mp 101.4-102.3 °C. HPLC: 81% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 13.74 min, tr (minor) = 9.23 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +15.2$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.83$  (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 5.35 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 193.65, 186.19, 143.95, 142.99, 138.84, 134.74, 130.34, 129.90, 129.24, 128.75, 127.03, 126.85, 121.28, 49.70, 38.72, 37.30, 30.48, 23.55, 21.76$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 375.2022, found 375.2020.

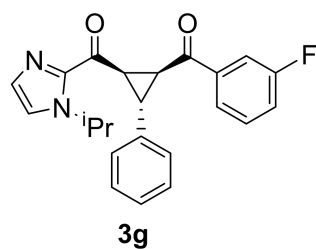


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(3,5-dimethylbenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3e).** yellow oil (37.1 mg, 96% yield). HPLC: 88% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 6.70 min, tr (minor) = 4.89 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +28.4$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.63$  (s, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 4H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 5.40 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 194.38, 186.08, 143.98, 138.85, 138.17, 137.22, 134.79, 130.39, 129.22, 126.98, 126.84, 126.45, 121.24,$

49.24, 40.39, 37.55, 30.22, 24.73, 21.22. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{27}N_2O_2^+$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 387.2002, found 387.2000.

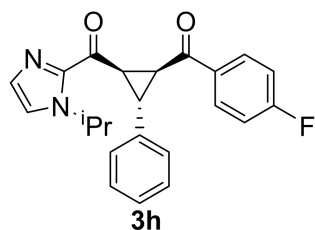


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3f)**. pale yellow solid (37.3 mg, 96% yield); mp 93.3-94.8 °C. HPLC:80% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 10.06 min, tr (minor) = 7.19 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = +17.3 (c = 0.1,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.43 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.55 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 194.35, 186.59, 150.34, 144.40, 141.67, 138.86, 130.87, 129.53, 128.89, 126.80, 125.30, 121.79, 49.40, 38.31, 36.60, 33.58, 30.94, 24.21. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{25}N_2O_2^+$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 389.1803, found 389.1805.

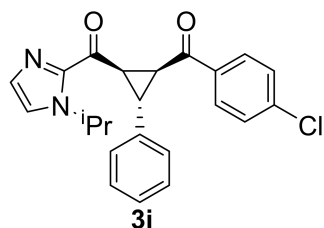


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3g)**. pale yellow solid (34.7 mg, 92% yield); mp 87.3-88.9 °C. HPLC: 83% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 6.45 min, tr (minor) = 5.54 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = +31.2 (c = 0.1,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.42 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )

$\delta$  = 192.55, 186.00, 167.10, 164.56, 142.86, 138.55, 133.63, 131.19, 130.02, 128.80, 127.15, 126.83, 121.47, 115.77, 115.55, 49.32, 38.49, 36.69, 30.49, 23.57, 23.50.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 105.32. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 376.1601, found 376.1599.

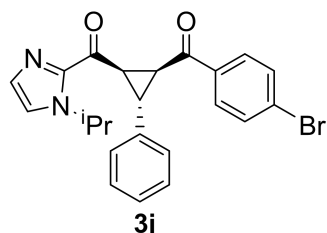


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3h)**. pale yellow solid (34.7 mg, 92% yield); mp 87.3-88.9 °C. HPLC: 80% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 7.67 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 5.84 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26}$  = +15.1 ( $c$  = 0.1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.42 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 192.55, 186.00, 167.10, 164.56, 142.86, 138.55, 133.63, 131.19, 130.02, 128.80, 127.15, 126.83, 121.47, 115.77, 115.55, 49.32, 38.49, 36.69, 30.49, 23.57, 23.50.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 105.34. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 376.1600, found 376.1602.

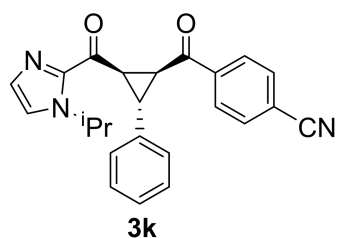


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3i)**. pale yellow solid (36.5 mg, 93% yield); mp 87.8-89.6 °C. HPLC: 66% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 8.40 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 6.78 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26}$  = +14.3 ( $c$  = 0.1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J$  =

9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 192.97, 186.53, 142.81, 139.58, 138.46, 135.50, 130.04, 129.99, 128.87, 128.80, 127.17, 126.82, 49.32, 38.41, 36.75, 30.52, 23.54, 23.51$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 393.1301, found 393.1300.

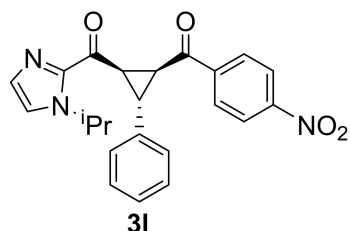


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3j)**. pale yellow solid (41.5 mg, 95% yield); mp 134.4-135.6 °C. HPLC: 71% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 8.32 min, tr (minor) = 7.77min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +15.6$  ( $c = 0.1, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.87$  (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 20.8$  Hz, 5H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 21.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.40 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 193.16, 185.88, 142.79, 138.43, 135.89, 131.85, 130.08, 130.04, 128.79, 128.33, 127.16, 126.80, 121.52, 49.32, 38.36, 36.75, 30.52, 23.52$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 437.0801, found 437.0799.

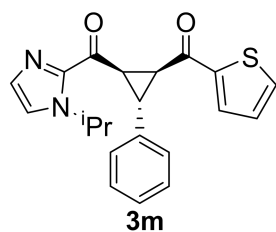


**(1S,2R,3S)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbonyl-2-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)benzotrile (3k)**. yellow oil (35.3 mg, 96% yield). HPLC: 75% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 14.67 min, tr (minor) = 10.77 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +19.2$  ( $c = 0.1, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 8.10$  (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.39 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.1$  Hz, 1H),

3.56 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 193.17, 185.63, 142.60, 140.13, 138.06, 133.06, 130.18, 128.90, 128.85, 127.32, 126.78, 121.74, 118.05, 116.29, 49.36, 38.16, 37.06, 31.43, 23.55, 23.45$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 384.1604, found 384.1602.

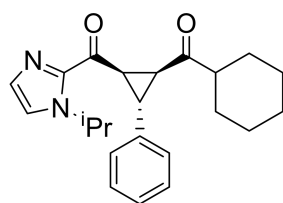


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (31)**. yellow oil (36.3 mg, 96% yield). HPLC: 99% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 12.27 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 9.36 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +31.2$  ( $c = 0.1, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.77$  (dd,  $J = 3.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 7.03 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 193.07, 185.90, 164.07, 161.61, 142.79, 139.31, 139.25, 138.42, 130.26, 130.18, 130.06, 128.80, 127.18, 126.81, 124.41, 124.38, 121.50, 120.26, 120.05, 115.27, 115.05, 49.32, 38.40, 36.86, 30.68, 23.55, 23.48$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 403.1500, found 403.1499.



**(1R,2S,3S)-2-phenyl-3-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3m)**. yellow oil (34.3 mg, 94% yield). HPLC: 42% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 9.81 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 7.34 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +30.7$  ( $c = 0.1, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

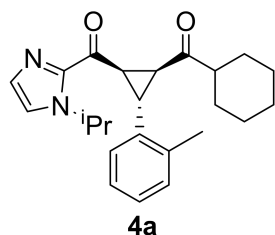
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.77 (dd,  $J$  = 3.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 186.71, 185.86, 144.37, 142.96, 138.97, 133.73, 132.62, 129.94, 128.76, 128.10, 127.12, 126.83, 121.35, 49.32, 38.79, 36.50, 30.62, 23.61, 23.49. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 365.1200, found 365.1203.



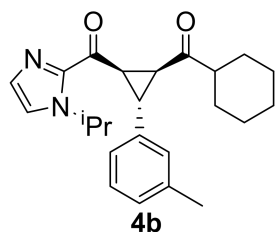
**3n**

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-phenylcyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (3n)**. colourless solid (35.4 mg, 97% yield); mp 67.1-68.8 °C. HPLC: 99% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 8.40 min, tr (minor) = 7.14 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26}$  = +4.9 ( $c$  = 0.1,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (p,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.43 (dd,  $J$  = 6.7, 4.4 Hz, 6H), 1.34 – 1.14 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 207.85, 185.94, 142.85, 138.86, 129.78, 128.70, 126.94, 126.65, 121.16, 51.43, 49.33, 39.35, 37.44, 30.91, 28.33, 28.21, 25.94, 25.68, 23.80, 23.56. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 365.2211, found 365.2209.



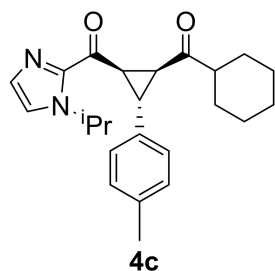


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(o-tolyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4a).** colourless solid (37.1 mg, 98% yield); mp 65.8-67.6 °C. HPLC: 99% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 7.11 min, tr (minor) = 5.76 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +2.8$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.27$  (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.56 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.77 (dd,  $J = 43.6, 29.8$  Hz, 5H), 1.44 (dd,  $J = 11.8, 6.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.36 – 1.15 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 208.19, 186.28, 142.86, 138.15, 136.78, 130.09, 129.80, 127.10, 126.08, 125.85, 121.17, 51.54, 49.33, 37.69, 36.54, 28.90, 28.47, 28.25, 25.95, 25.71, 25.68, 23.86, 23.54, 19.76$ . HRMS (APCI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 379.2301, found 379.2303.

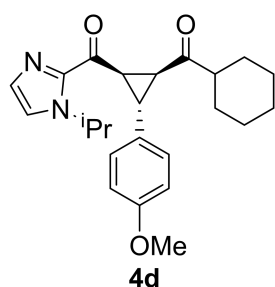


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(m-tolyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4b).** colourless solid (36.0 mg, 95% yield); mp 67.9-69.2 °C. HPLC: 93% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 10.47 min, tr (minor) = 8.63 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +6.8$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.18$  (s, 1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 3H), 5.47 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.27 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.76 – 1.53 (m, 5H), 1.36 (dd,  $J = 6.7, 4.1$  Hz, 6H), 1.27 – 1.07 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 207.88, 185.97, 142.86, 138.78, 138.35, 129.75, 128.58, 127.69, 127.21, 123.73, 121.12, 51.41, 49.31, 39.43, 37.47, 30.45, 28.31, 28.21, 25.94,$

25.68, 25.66, 23.78, 23.56, 21.48. HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{31}N_2O_2^+$  ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>: 379.2300, found 379.2298.

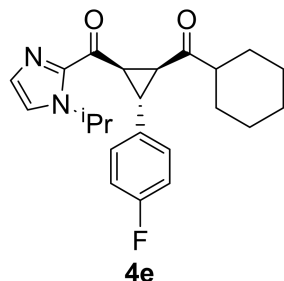


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(p-tolyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4c)**. colourless oil (36.0 mg, 95% yield). HPLC: 91% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 12.22 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 9.72 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +3.5$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta = 7.27 - 7.25$  (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 4H), 5.55 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.43 (dd,  $J = 6.7, 4.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.30 – 1.14 (m, 5H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta = 208.01, 186.13, 158.69, 142.90, 130.86, 129.75, 127.78, 121.11, 114.13, 55.43, 51.42, 49.31, 39.30, 37.34, 30.07, 28.34, 28.22, 25.96, 25.16, 23.80, 23.57$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{31}N_2O_2^+$  ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>: 379.2299, found 379.2298.

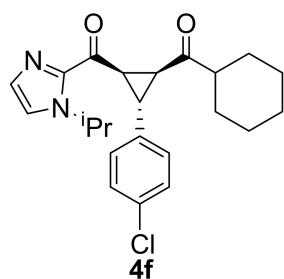


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4d)**. colourless oil (36.3 mg, 92% yield). HPLC: 90% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 8.54 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 7.96 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +18.8$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta = 7.25$  (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 5.55 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.49 (td,  $J = 10.9, 5.4$  Hz, 1H),

1.83 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.43 (dd,  $J = 6.7, 5.3$  Hz, 6H), 1.27 – 1.15 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 186.13, 158.69, 142.90, 130.86, 129.75, 127.78, 121.11, 114.13, 55.43, 51.42, 49.31, 39.30, 37.34, 30.07, 28.34, 28.22, 25.96, 25.69, 23.80, 23.57$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 395.2297, found 395.2299.

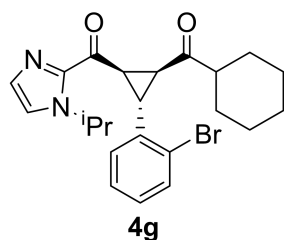


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4e)**. colourless oil (36.0 mg, 94% yield). HPLC: 99% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 11.99 min, tr (minor) = 9.43 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +3.6$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.35$  (dd,  $J = 7.2, 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 5.2, 2.4$  Hz, 3H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 5H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.36 – 1.14 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 207.41, 185.40, 142.72, 141.32, 130.22, 130.08, 129.91, 129.61, 125.57, 122.85, 121.35, 51.46, 49.39, 39.14, 37.47, 29.71, 28.33, 28.19, 25.93, 25.66, 23.81, 23.56$ .  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 114.46$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 383.2100, found 383.2099.

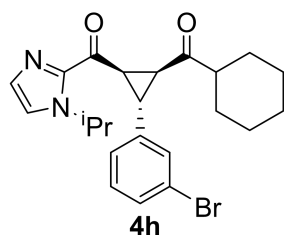


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)(cyclohexyl)methanone (4f)**. colourless solid (38.3 mg, 96% yield); mp 113.8-115.7 °C. HPLC: 90% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH

= 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 8.91min, tr (minor) = 7.84 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +13.2$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 5.53 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 42.8 Hz, 5H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.28 – 1.14 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 207.55, 185.57, 142.75, 137.43, 132.70, 129.87, 128.83, 128.06, 121.31, 51.45, 49.38, 39.16, 37.39, 29.72, 28.34, 28.17, 25.92, 25.66, 23.80, 23.55. HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 399.1797, found 399.1800.

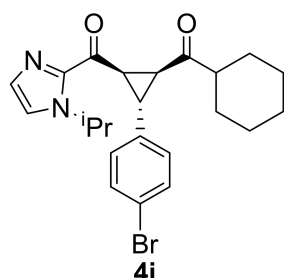


**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)cyclopropyl(cyclohexyl)methanone (4g)**. yellow oil (43.3 mg, 98% yield). HPLC: 98% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 9.60 min, tr (minor) = 8.26 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +10.8$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 5.57 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 47.2 Hz, 5H), 1.44 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.31 – 1.15 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 207.72, 185.69, 142.85, 138.18, 132.86, 129.78, 128.66, 127.98, 127.57, 126.18, 121.19, 51.45, 49.35, 38.06, 36.54, 31.45, 28.38, 28.29, 25.96, 25.74, 25.64, 23.81, 23.59. HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 443.1300, found 443.1298.

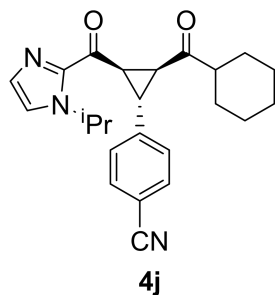


**(1S,2S,3R)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)cyclopropyl(cyclohexyl)methanone (4h)**. yellow oil (42.0 mg, 95% yield). HPLC: 90% ee

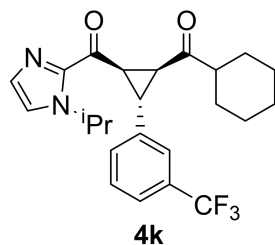
(Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 8.44 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 7.60 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +14.0$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.36$  (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 2.4$  Hz, 3H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6H), 1.31 – 1.14 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 207.40, 185.39, 142.71, 141.31, 130.22, 130.07, 129.90, 129.60, 125.56, 122.84, 121.35, 51.45, 49.38, 39.14, 37.47, 29.71, 28.33, 28.18, 25.92, 25.66, 23.80, 23.55$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 443.1299, found 443.1297.



**((1S,2S,3R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)cyclopropyl)(cyclohexyl)methanon (4i)**. colourless solid (42.0 mg, 95% yield); mp 115.3-116.9°C. HPLC: 93% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 9.41 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.22 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +3.2$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.42$  (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H), 1.31 – 1.17 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 207.50, 185.51, 142.71, 137.96, 131.75, 129.87, 128.41, 121.31, 120.69, 51.42, 49.36, 39.11, 37.34, 29.75, 28.32, 28.15, 25.91, 25.64, 23.78, 23.53$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 443.1296, found 443.1298.

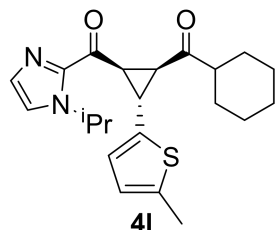


**((1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2-(4-cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(1-isopropyl-1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)cyclopropyl)benzonitrile (4j).** yellow oil (35.1mg, 90% yield). HPLC: 90% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 23.41 min, tr (minor) = 15.26 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +24.8$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.60$  (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 5.52 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.44 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 207.02, 184.90, 144.65, 142.55, 132.53, 129.99, 127.40, 121.56, 118.85, 110.69, 51.46, 49.45, 39.23, 37.70, 29.89, 28.31, 28.12, 25.87, 25.61, 25.60, 23.78, 23.51$ . HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 390.2101, found 390.2099.

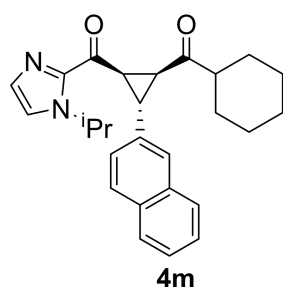


**((1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclopropyl)(1-isopropyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4k).** colourless solid (41.9 mg, 97% yield); mp 86.7-87.5 °C. HPLC: 90% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 8.10 min, tr (minor) = 7.47 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +10.4$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.56$  (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.42 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.44 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 6H), 1.31 – 1.14 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 207.31, 185.26, 143.10, 142.66,$

129.93, 126.97, 125.71, 125.67, 125.63, 125.59, 121.41, 51.46, 49.40, 39.20, 37.55, 29.82, 28.32, 28.14, 25.89, 25.63, 25.62, 23.77, 23.62, 23.51.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 62.37$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 433.1999, found 433.2001.

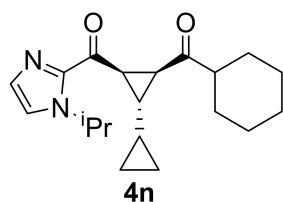


**((1S,2R,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)cyclopropyl)(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4l)**. yellow oil (34.6 mg, 90% yield). HPLC: 64% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 14.78 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 11.58 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -9.6$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.26$  (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.91 – 1.66 (m, 5H), 1.43 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 6.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.32 – 1.13 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 207.62, 185.54, 142.77, 140.33, 138.27, 129.86, 125.07, 124.33, 121.21, 51.43, 49.35, 40.00, 38.26, 28.31, 28.17, 26.22, 25.97, 25.70, 25.68, 23.82, 23.58, 15.46$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 385.1904, found 385.1905.



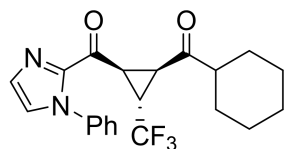
**((1R,2S,3S)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopropyl)(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4m)**. yellow oil (39.8 mg, 96% yield). HPLC: 98% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 9.80 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.72 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -3.6$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.62 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.95 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.38 – 1.13 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 208.33, 186.27, 142.85, 134.73, 133.65, 133.04, 129.88, 128.53, 127.86, 126.51, 126.06, 125.40, 124.42, 123.94, 121.25, 51.67, 49.36, 37.51, 36.32, 28.55, 28.33, 28.17, 25.94, 25.73, 25.64, 23.90, 23.52. HRMS (APCI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 415.2301, found 415.2299.



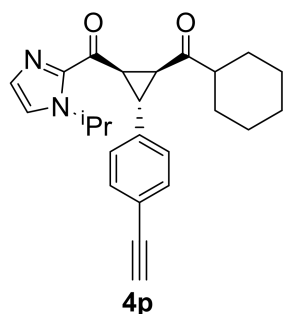
**((1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-3-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-[1,1'-bi(cyclopropan)]-2-yl)(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4n)**. colourless oil (29.6 mg, 90% yield). HPLC: 81% ee (Chiralpak IC column, λ = 254 nm, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 10.51 min, tr (minor) = 7.57 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +13.2 (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.33 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.65 (m, 5H), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.32 – 1.14 (m, 5H), 0.99 – 0.91 (m, 1H), 0.49 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 0.27 – 0.22 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 208.71, 186.91, 142.97, 129.61, 120.93, 51.39, 49.35, 49.23, 35.93, 34.42, 29.37, 28.42, 28.28, 25.99, 25.73, 23.81, 23.58, 11.36, 3.56, 3.48. HRMS (APCI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 329.2199, found 329.2197.





**4o**

**((1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)cyclopropyl)(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4o)**. colourless solid (33.2 mg, 85% yield); mp 69.2-71.3 °C. HPLC: 75% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 6.98 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 6.11 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -7.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.45$  (dd,  $J = 5.0, 1.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd,  $J = 10.2, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.65 (m, 5H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 205.88, 181.62, 142.65, 137.90, 131.14, 130.21, 129.17, 129.02, 128.27, 127.51, 126.09, 125.87, 123.31, 51.42, 31.00, 30.41, 28.16, 27.90, 25.84, 25.58, 25.52$ .  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 66.6$ . HRMS (APCI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 391.1599, found 391.1602.



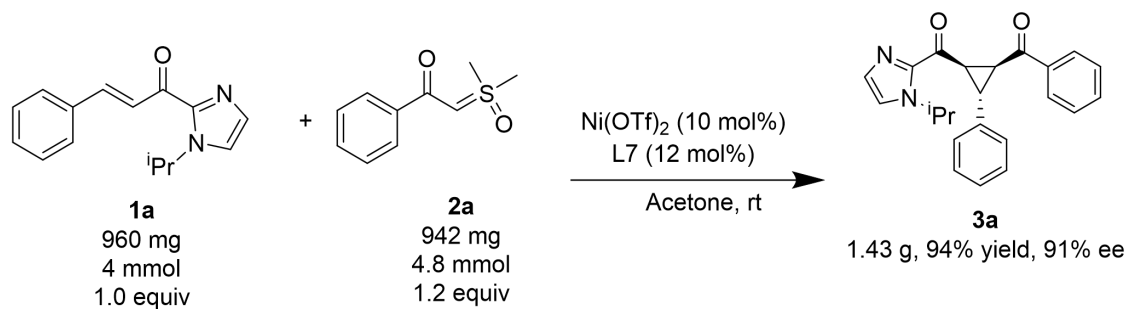
**4p**

**((1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-3-(4-ethynylphenyl)cyclopropyl)(1-isopropyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methanone (4p)**. colourless oil (35.7 mg, 92% yield). HPLC: 90% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_r$  (major) = 8.31 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 5.75 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +15.6$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.43$  (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.53 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.63 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.34 – 1.16 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 207.47, 185.51, 142.72, 139.81, 132.44, 129.84, 126.60, 121.28, 120.64, 83.48,$

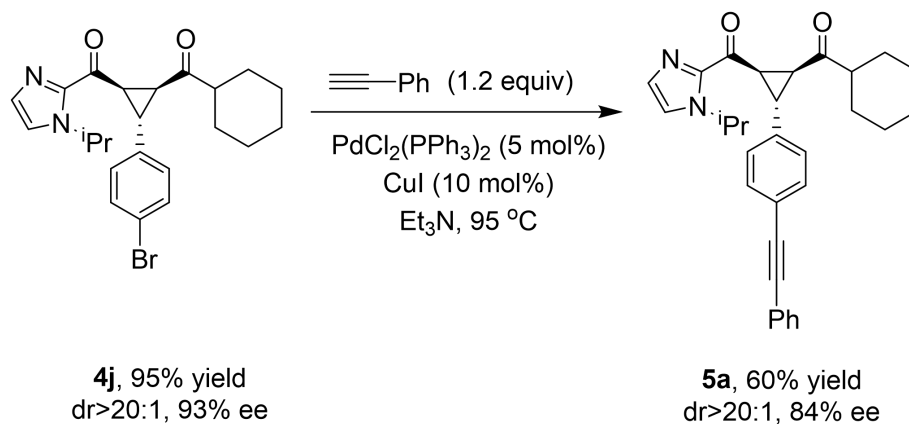
51.41, 49.34, 49.21, 39.29, 37.48, 30.17, 28.30, 28.15, 25.90, 25.63, 23.77, 23.52.

HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd for  $C_{25}H_{29}N_2O_2^+$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 389.2199, found 389.2202.

## VI Gram-scale Experiments and Synthetic Transformations

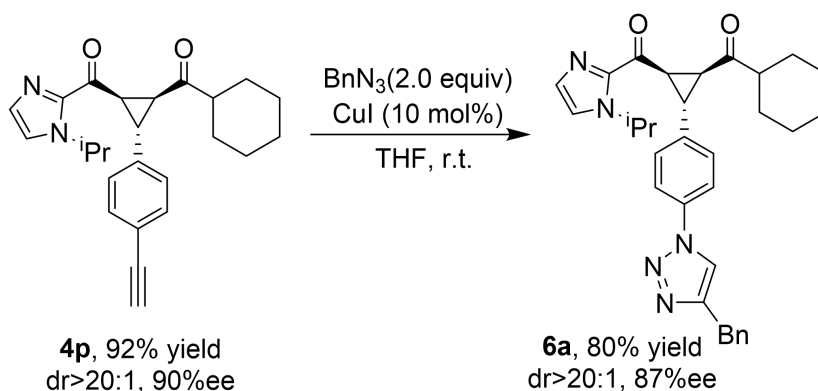


An oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube, fitted with a magnetic stirring bar, was charged with  $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$  (144 mg, 10 mol%) in an Ar setting, followed by the addition of **L7** (320 mg, 12 mol%) and Acetone (40 mL, 0.1 M), with the mixture being stirred at room temperature for an hour. Following this, **1a** (960 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **2a** (942 mg, 4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for indicated time (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford products the respective products **3a** (yellow oil, 1430 mg, 94% yield, 91% ee).



To a dry flask under argon containing **4j** (44.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was sequentially added  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (1.0 mL), phenyl acetylene (13.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.),  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (2.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv.),  $\text{CuI}$  (2.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 12 h at 95 °C in a pre-heated oil bath. Then the mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. Removal of solvent under reduced pressure afforded a residue which is purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl-acetate: hexane (10 – 12 %) to afford compound **5a** with 60% yield. HPLC: 84% ee (Chiralpak IA column,  $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$ , n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0

mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 13.53 min, tr (minor) = 7.19 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +5.6$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 5.47 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.57 (m, 5H), 1.36 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.4 Hz, 6H), 1.27 – 1.10 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 207.56, 185.61, 142.77, 139.22, 131.93, 131.69, 129.85, 128.45, 128.35, 126.66, 123.35, 121.85, 121.28, 89.72, 89.26, 51.44, 49.36, 39.40, 37.52, 30.31, 28.33, 28.19, 25.93, 25.66, 23.79, 23.55. HRMS (APCI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 465.2504, found 465.2506.

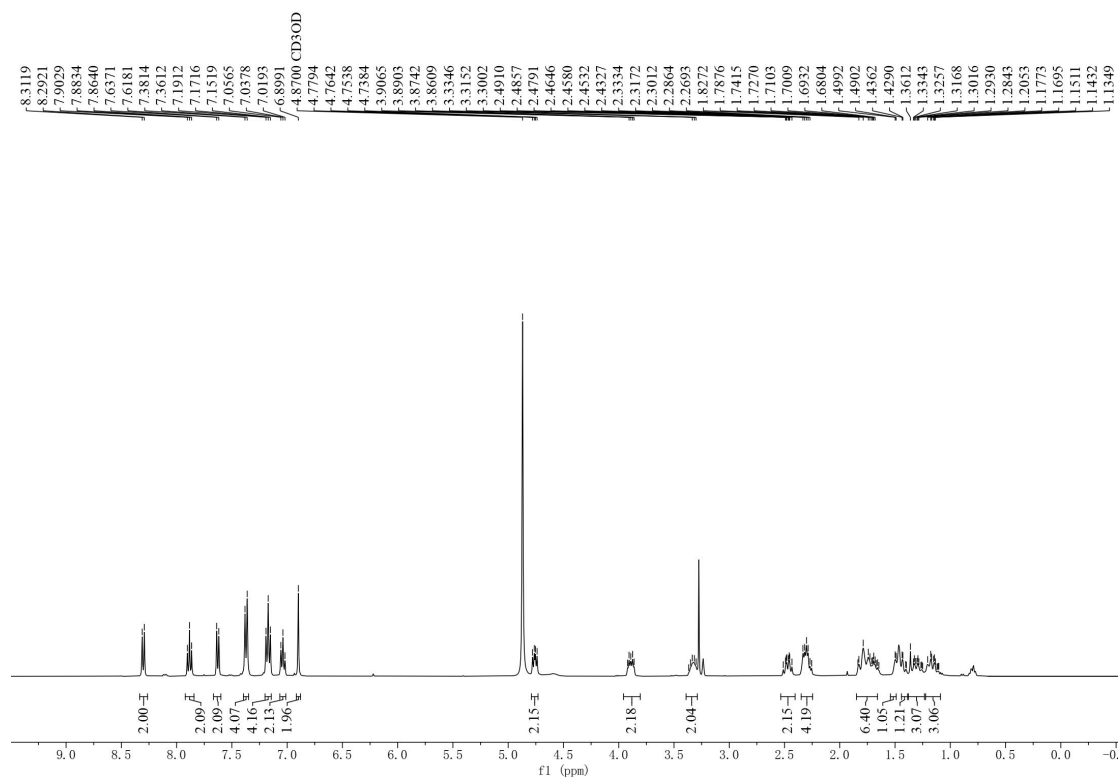


An oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **4p** (38.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), benzylazide (55.7 mg, 0.4 mmol), and CuI (19.0 mg, 10 mol%) in THF (1 mL, 1.0 M solution). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, concentrated in vacuum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5/1-2:1) to afford **6a** colorless oil (80% yield). HPLC: 87% ee (Chiralpak IC column,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, tr (major) = 9.24 min, tr (minor) = 8.09 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +10.6$  (c = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 5.53 – 5.40 (m, 3H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.49 (m, 5H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.24 – 1.06 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 207.54, 185.59, 171.08, 147.76, 142.64, 138.72, 134.70, 129.71, 129.20, 129.10, 128.71, 128.02, 126.94, 125.85, 121.18, 119.53, 60.34, 54.15, 51.26, 49.20, 39.25,

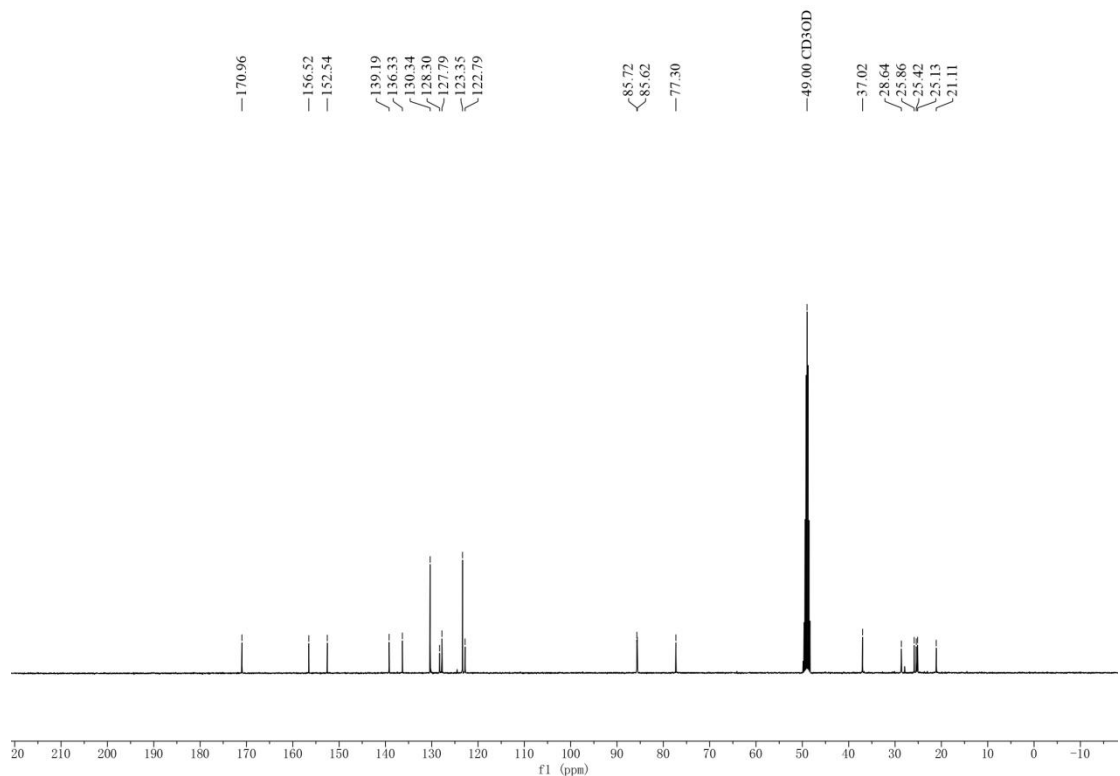
37.33, 30.09, 28.18, 28.06, 25.79, 25.51, 23.64, 23.39, 21.02, 14.18. HRMS (APCI)  
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# VII NMR Spectra

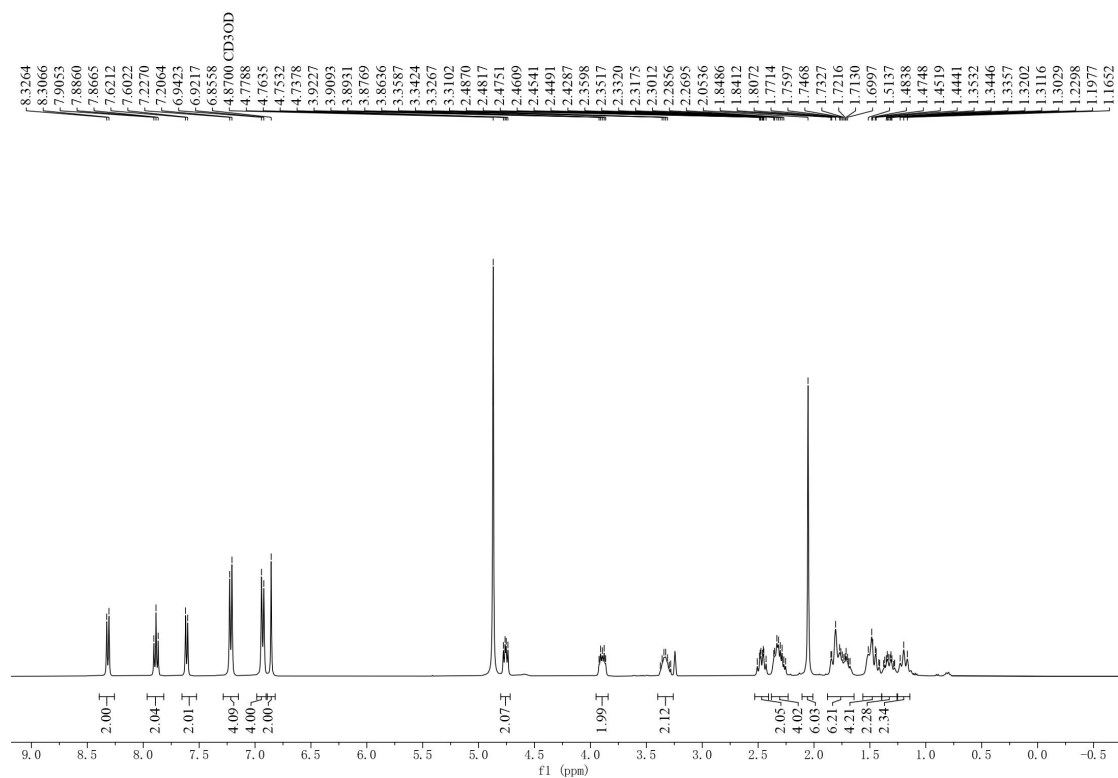
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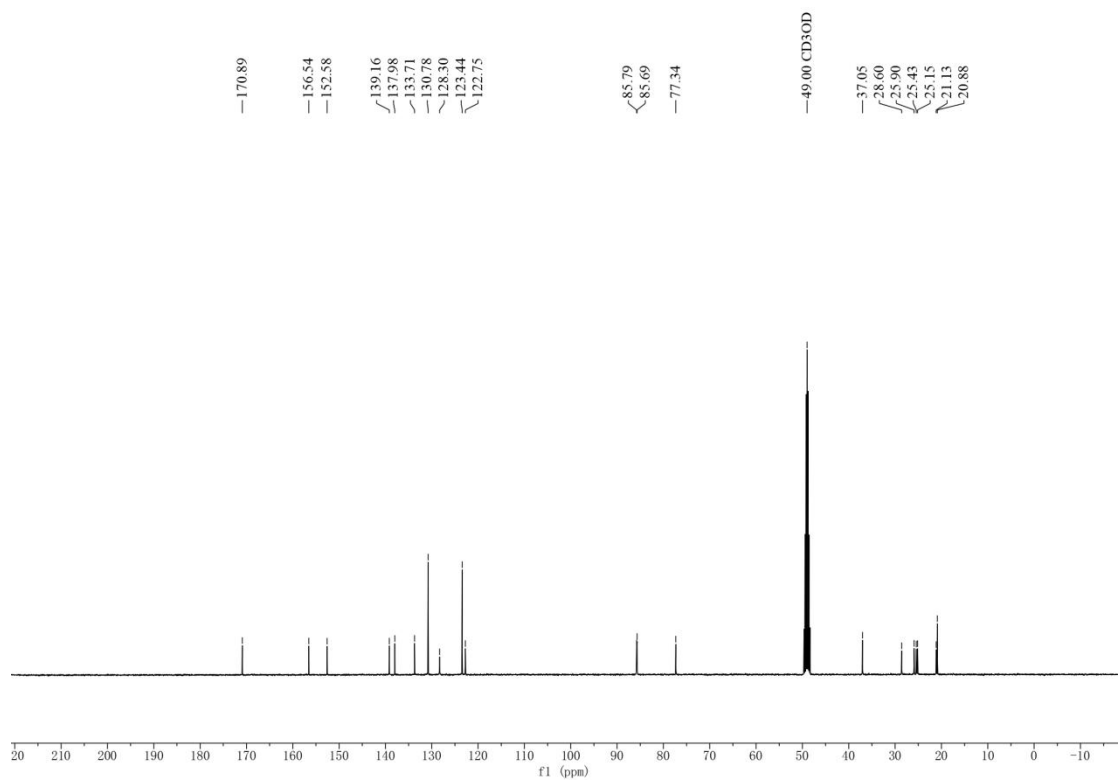
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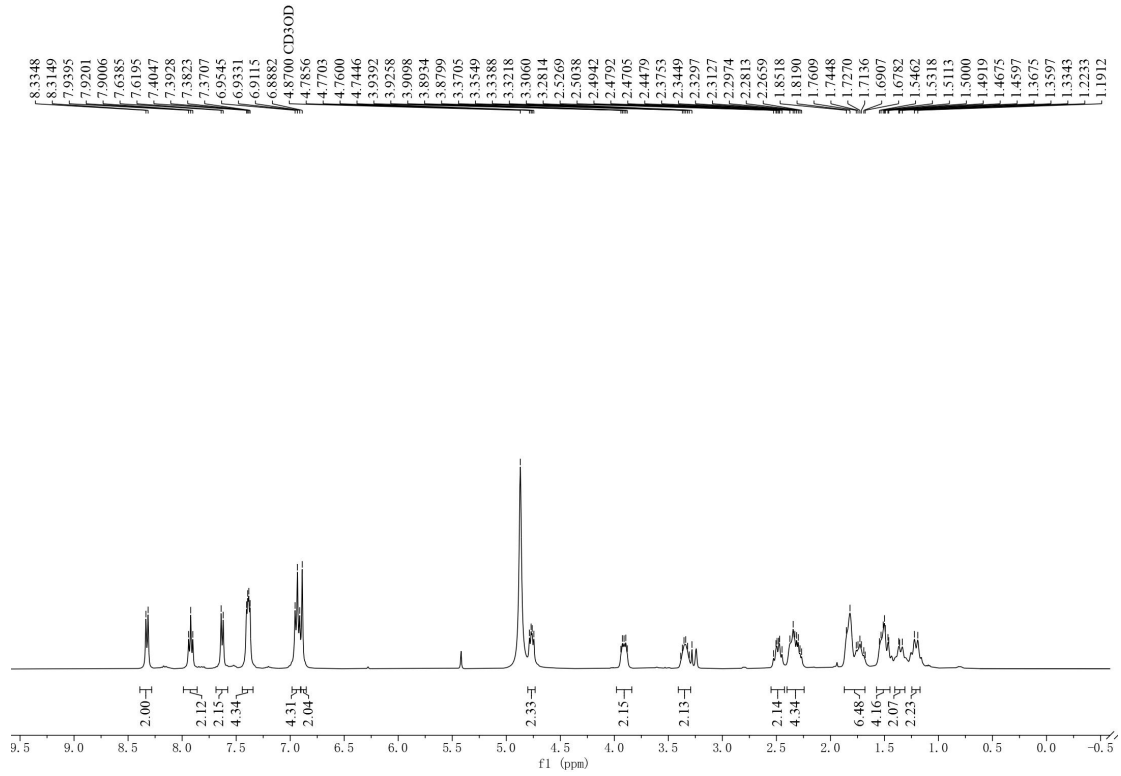
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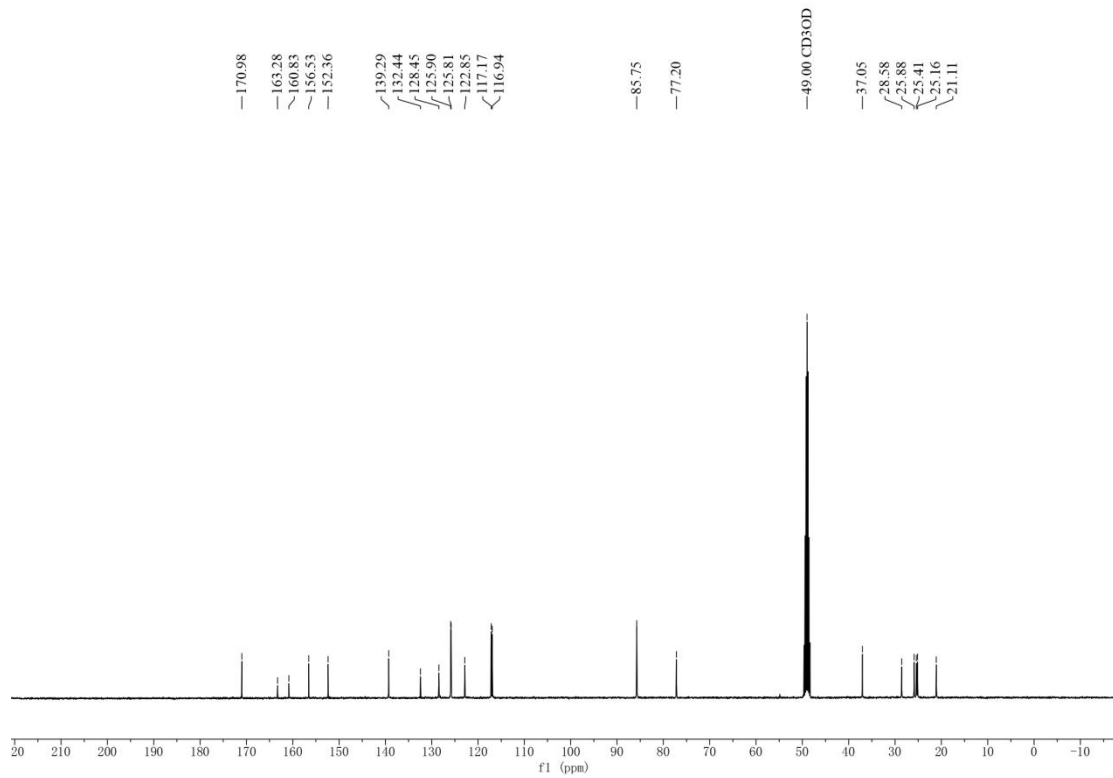
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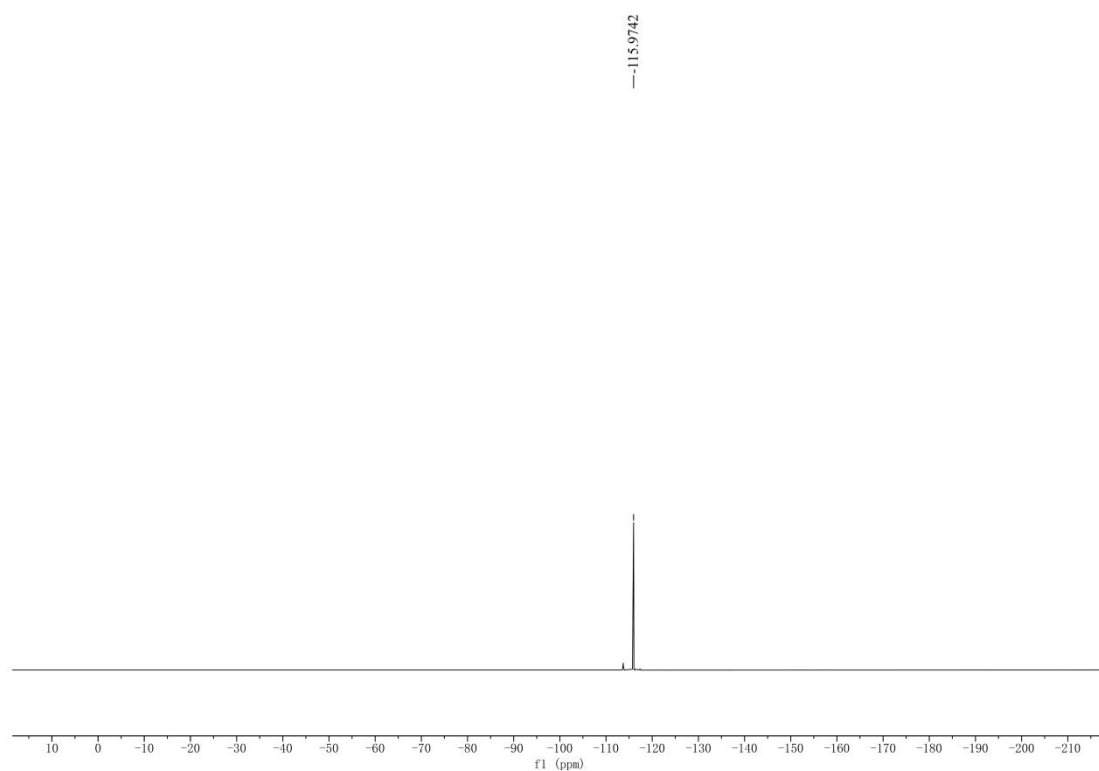


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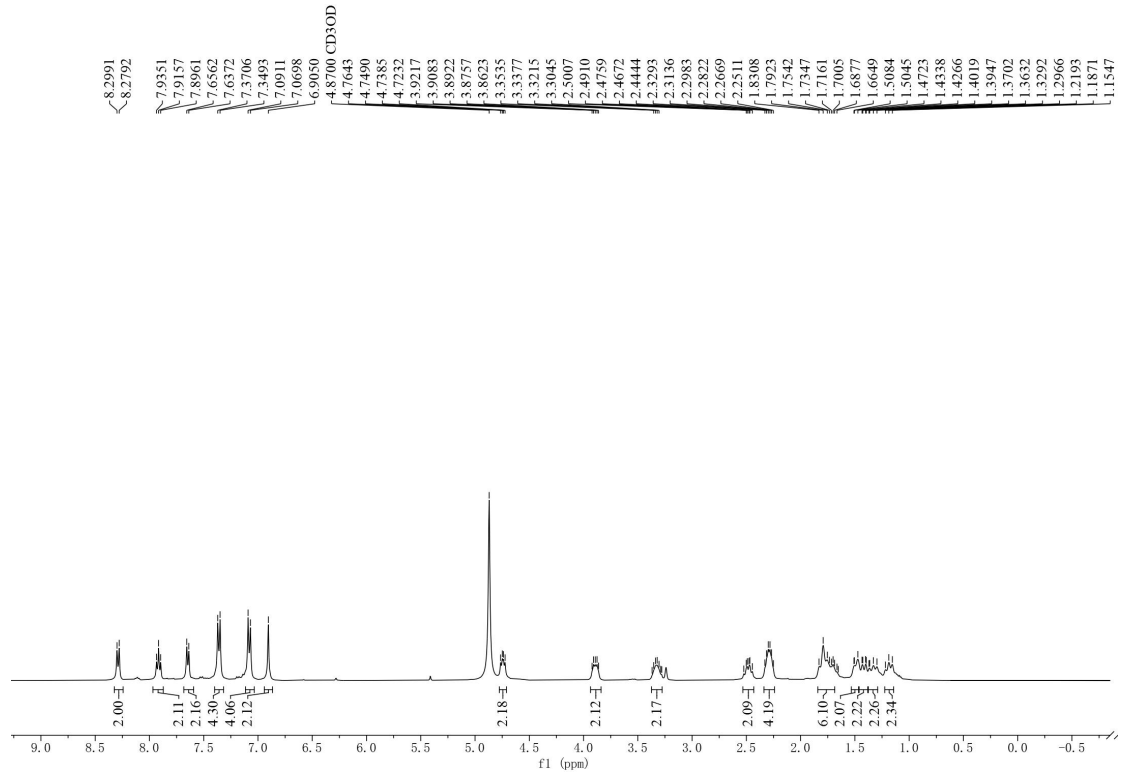




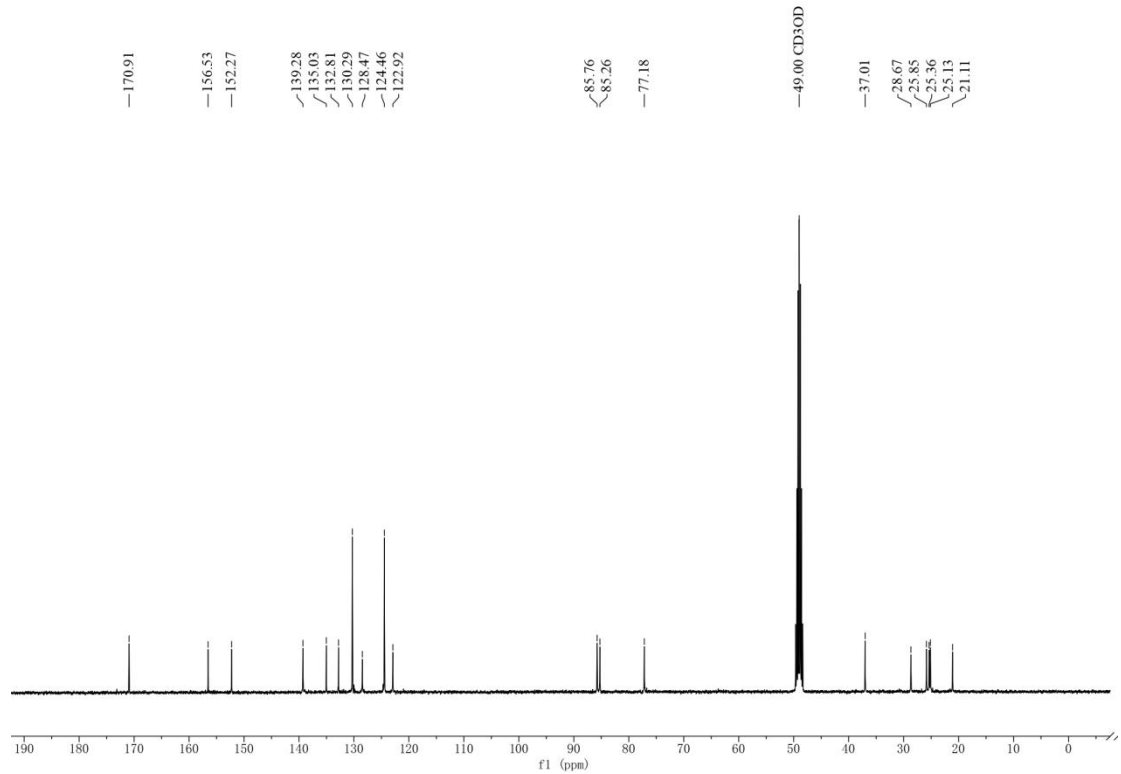
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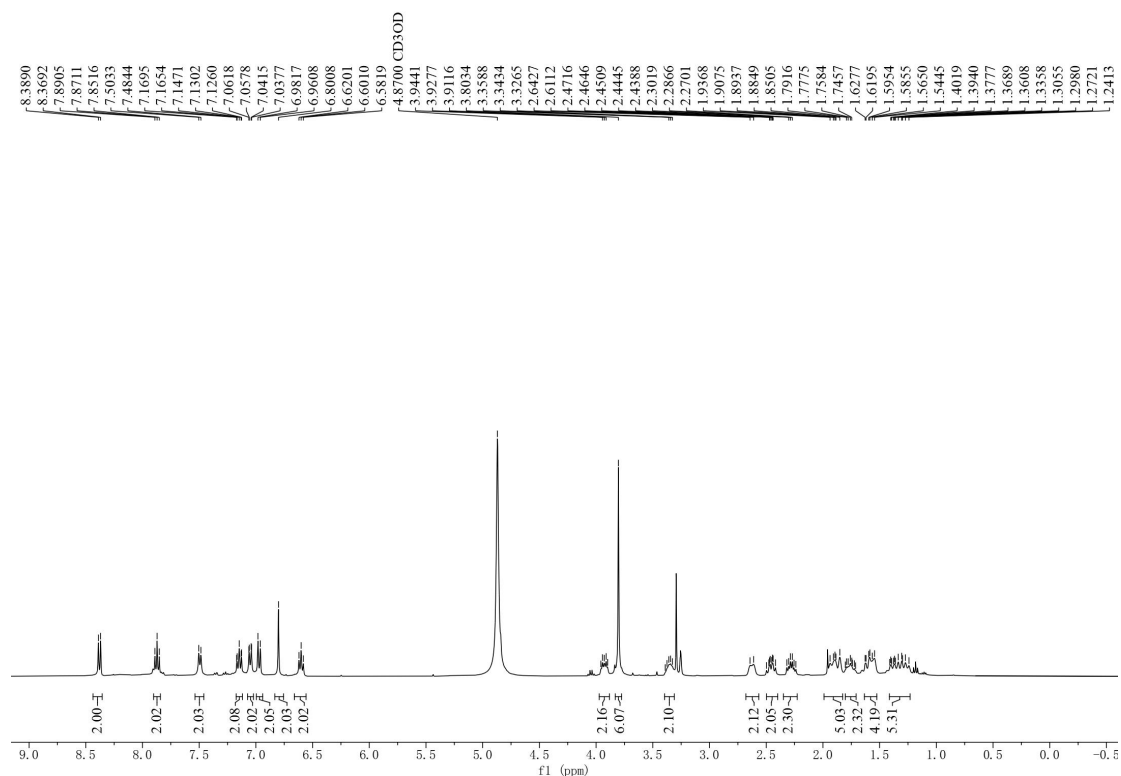
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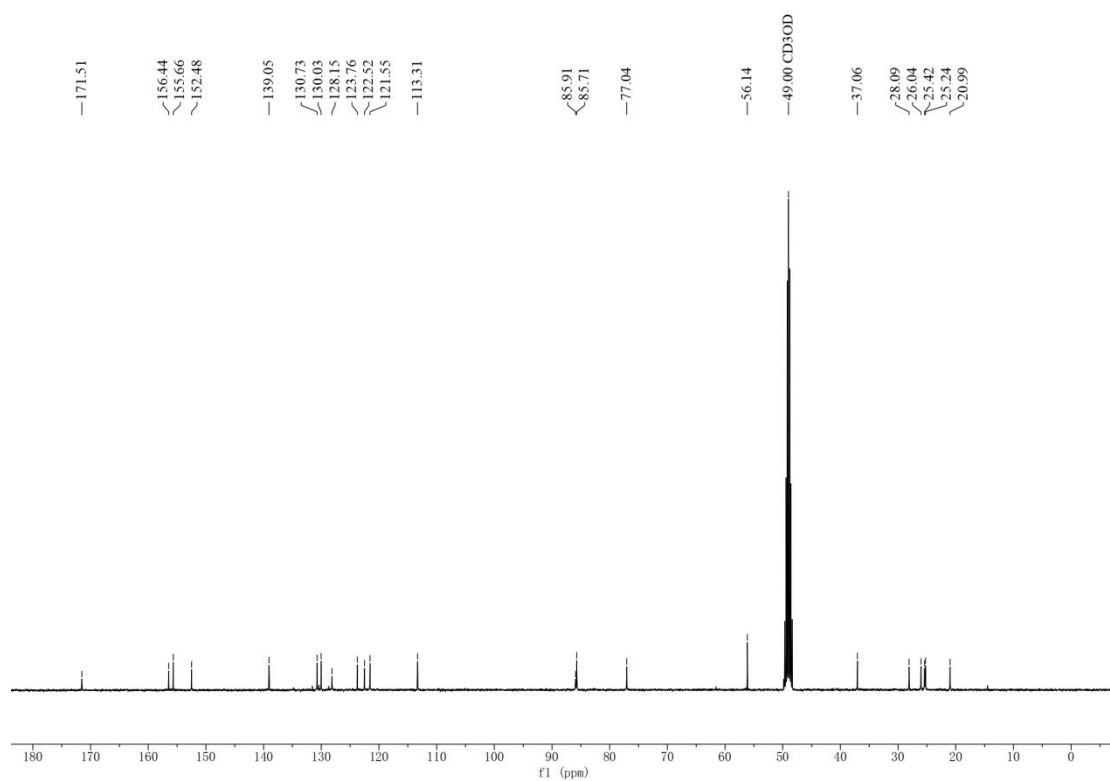
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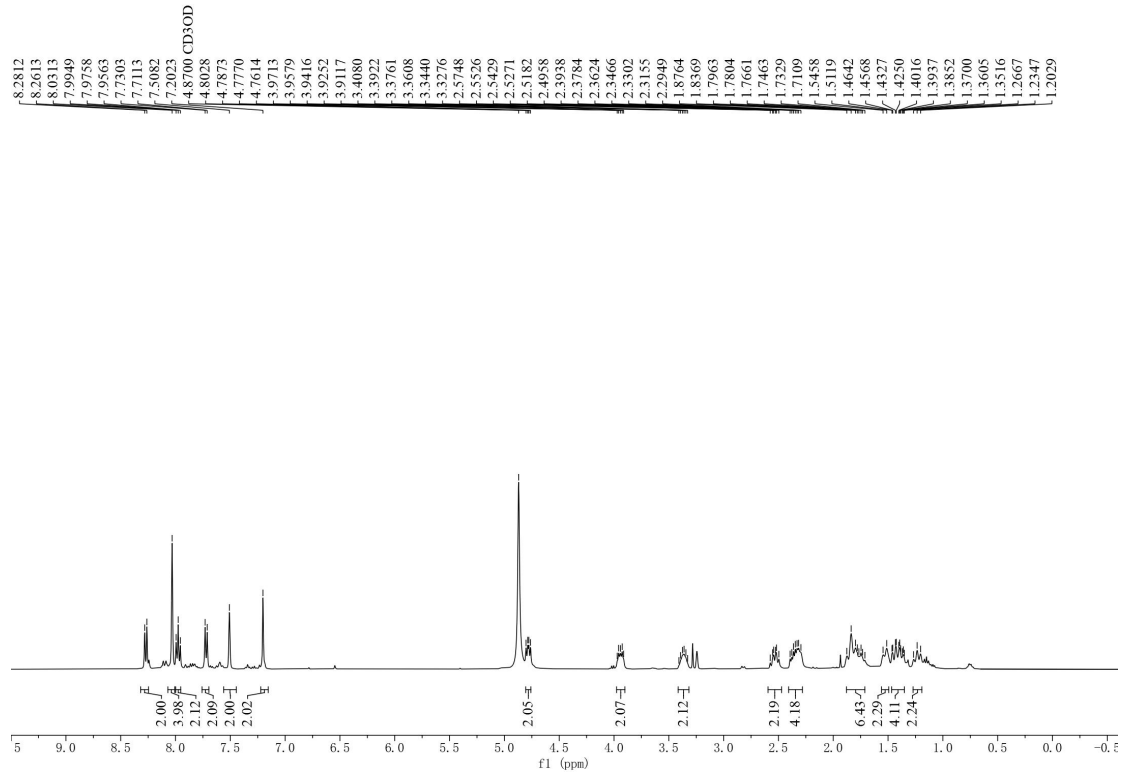
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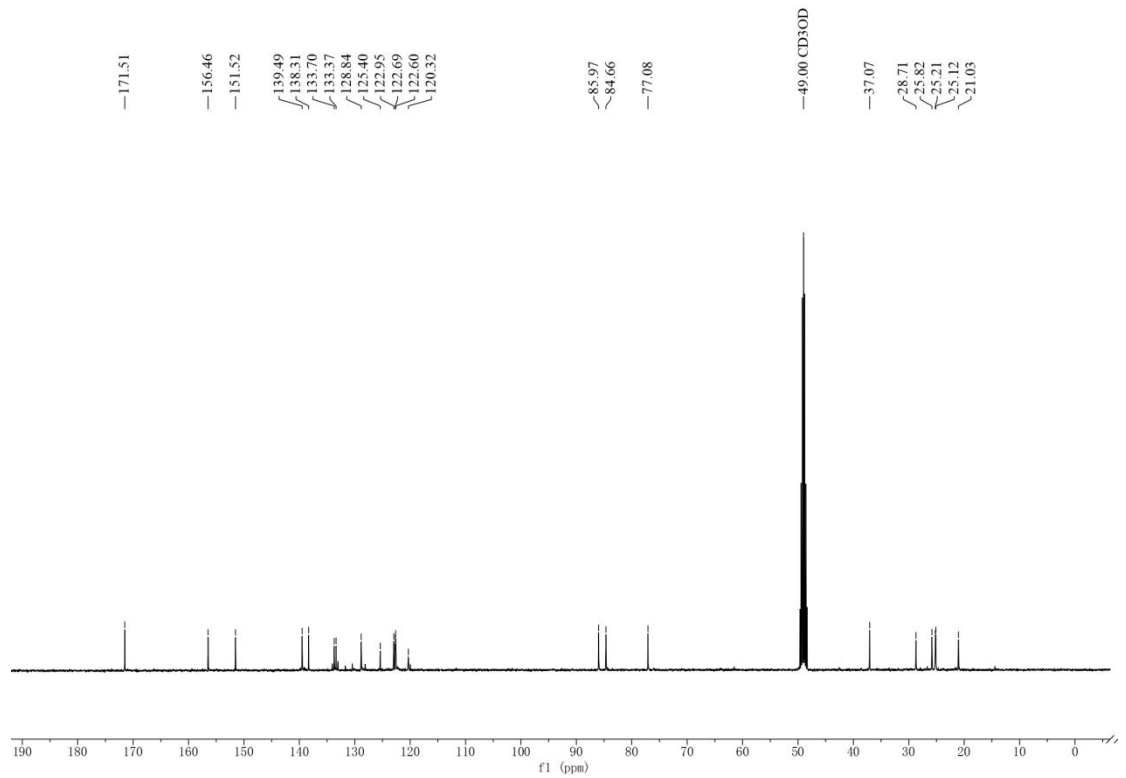
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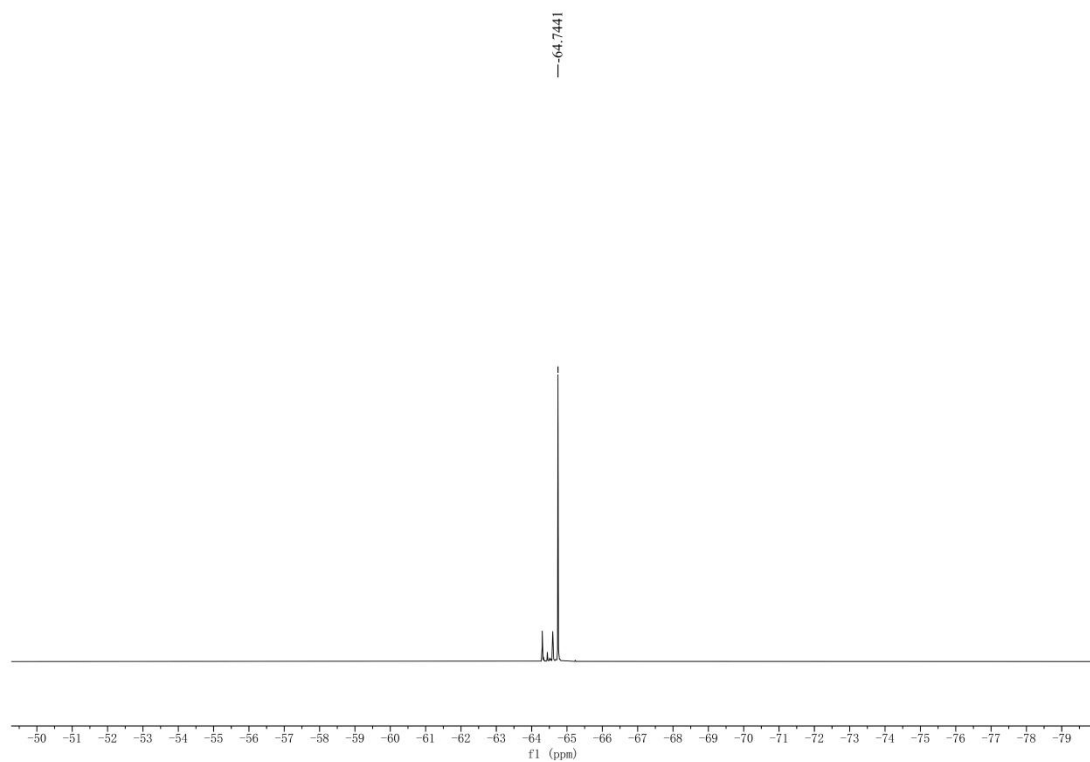
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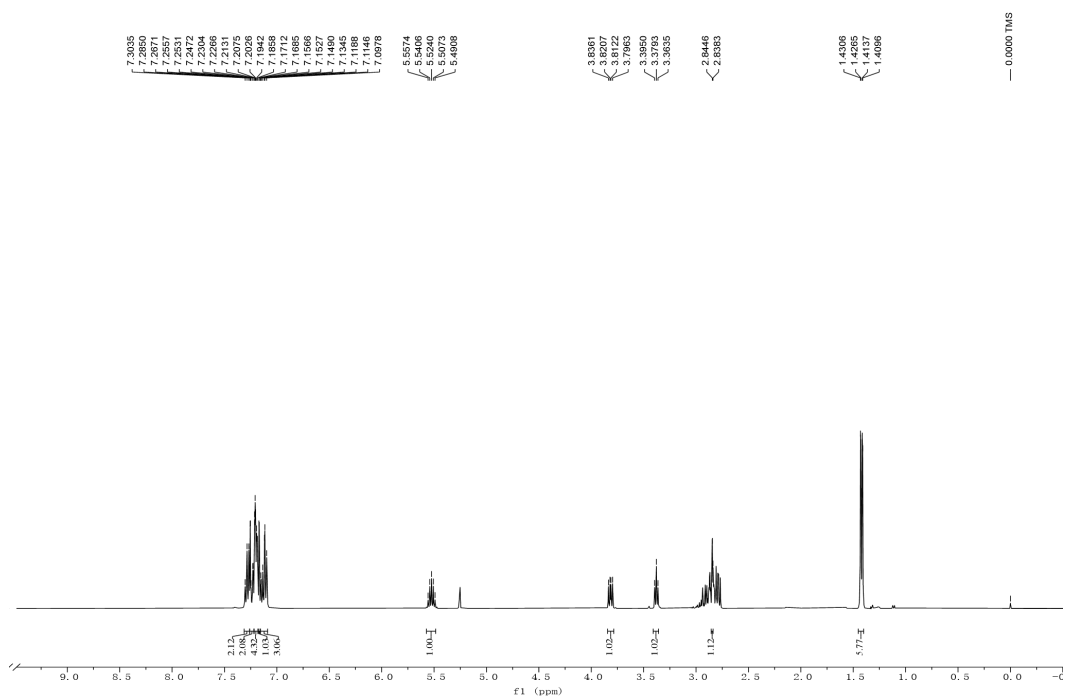
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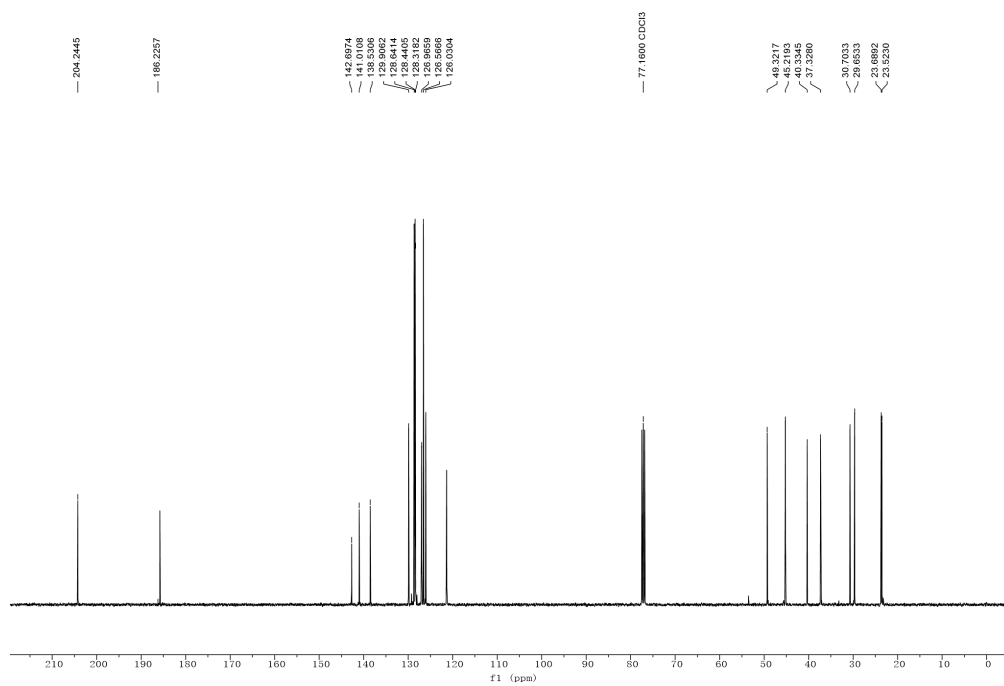
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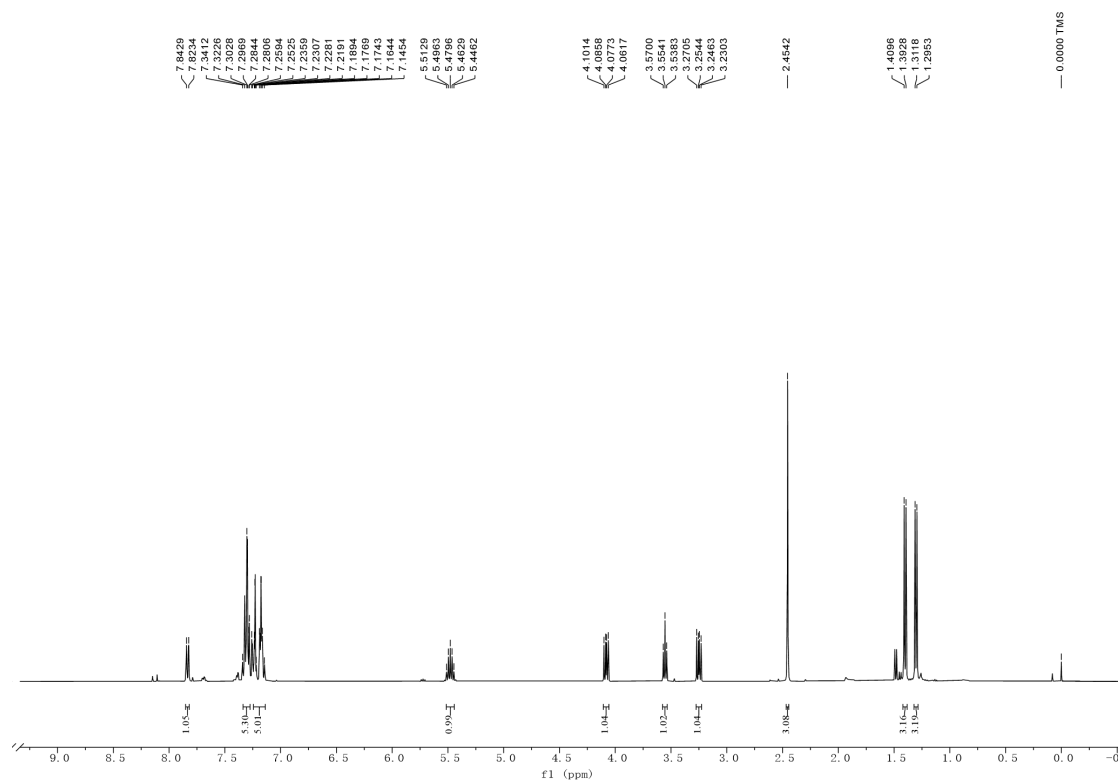
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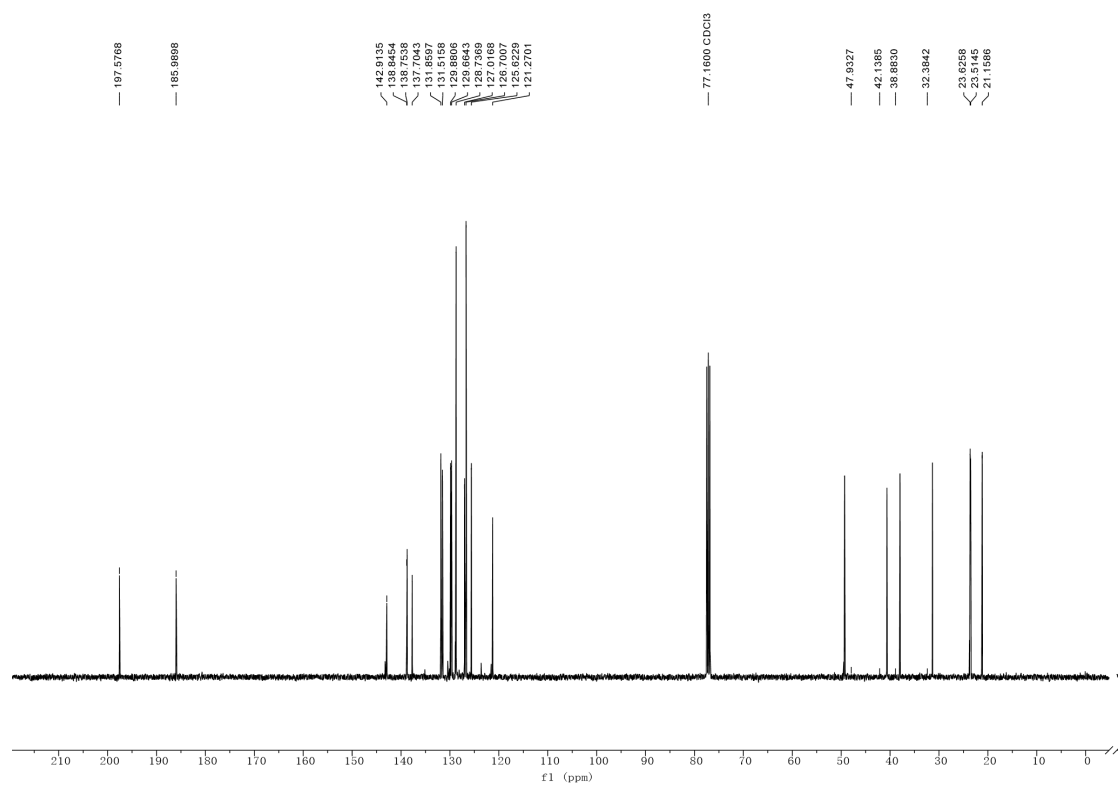
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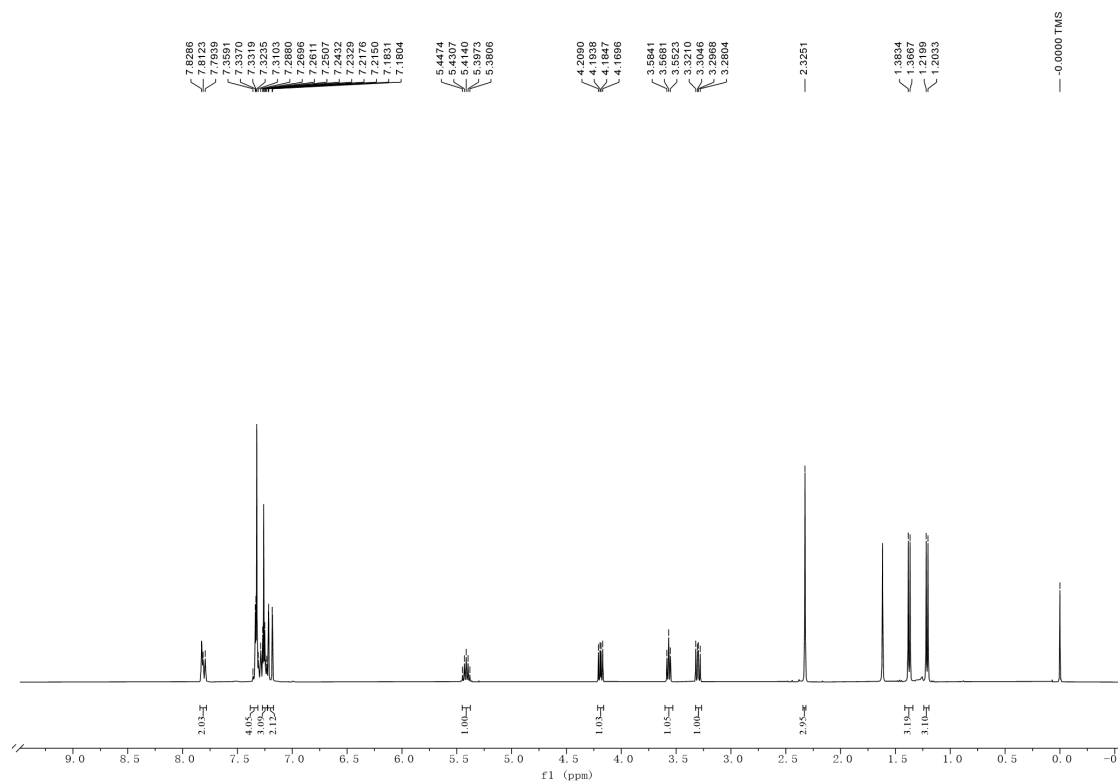
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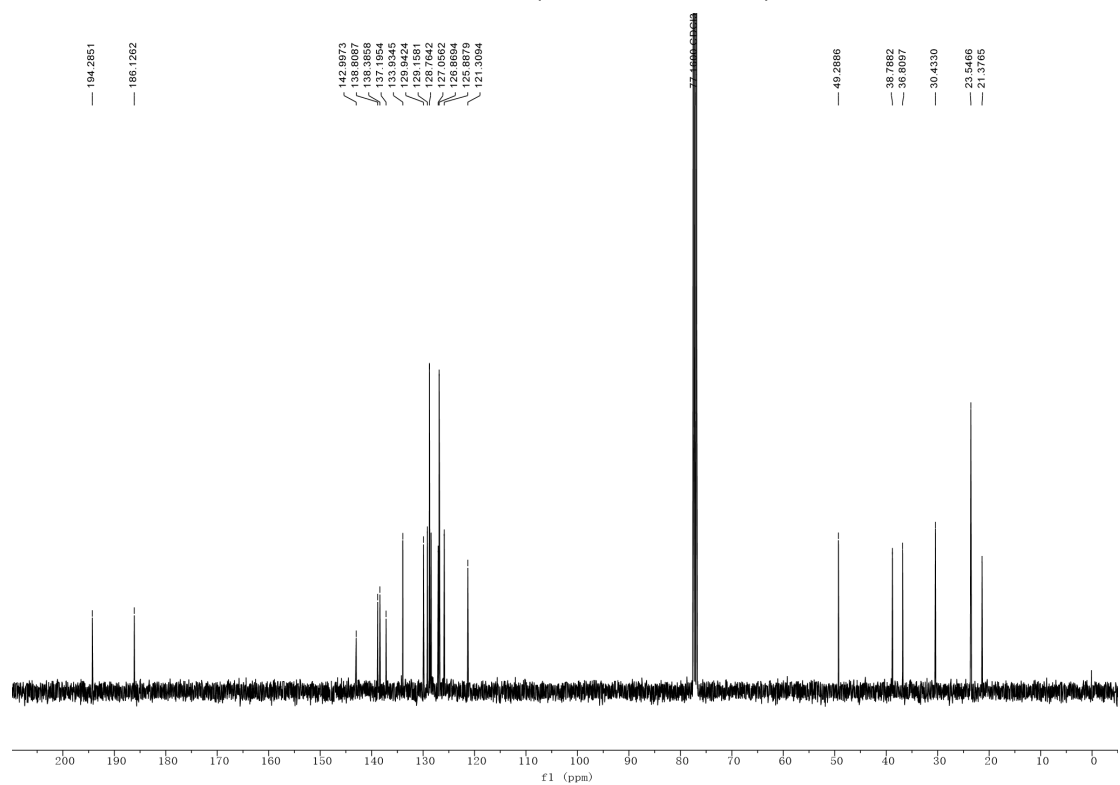
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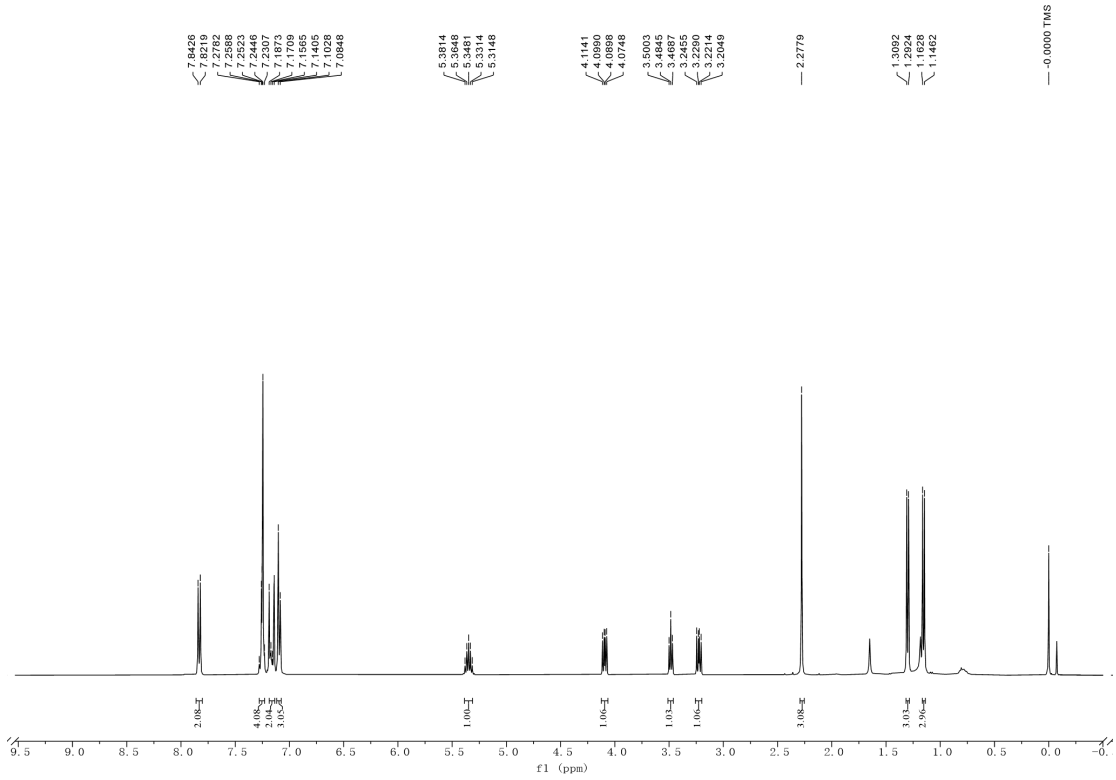


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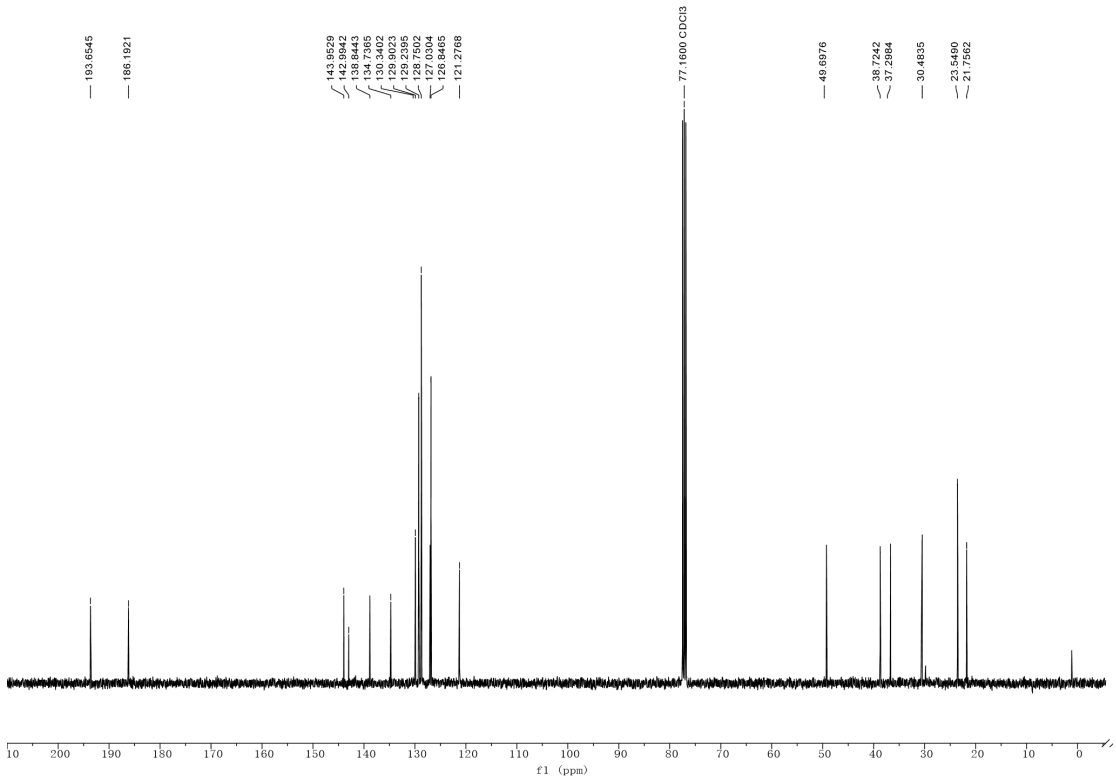




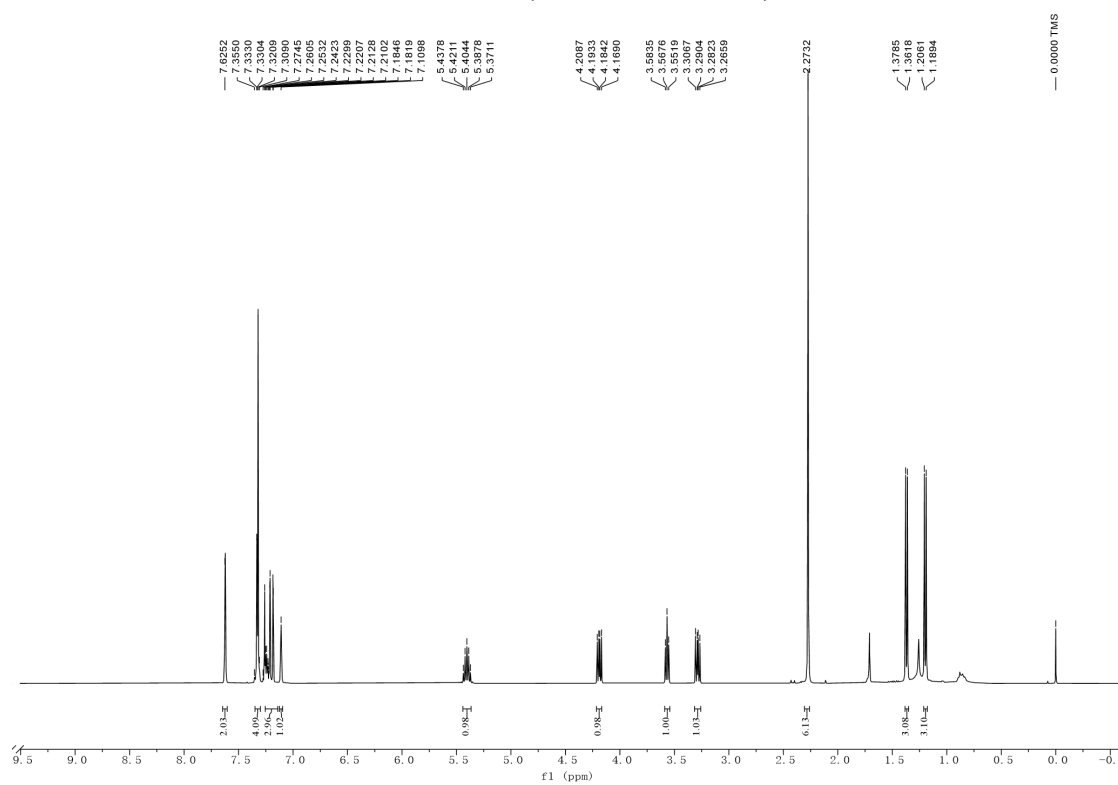
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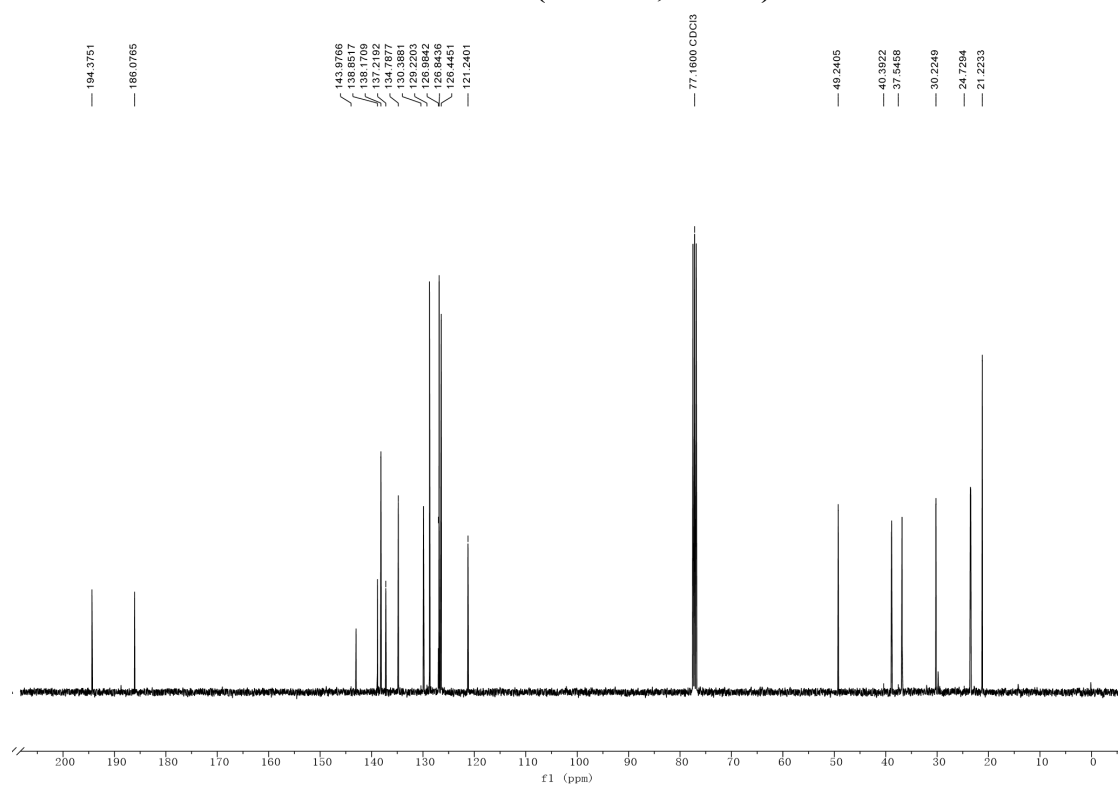
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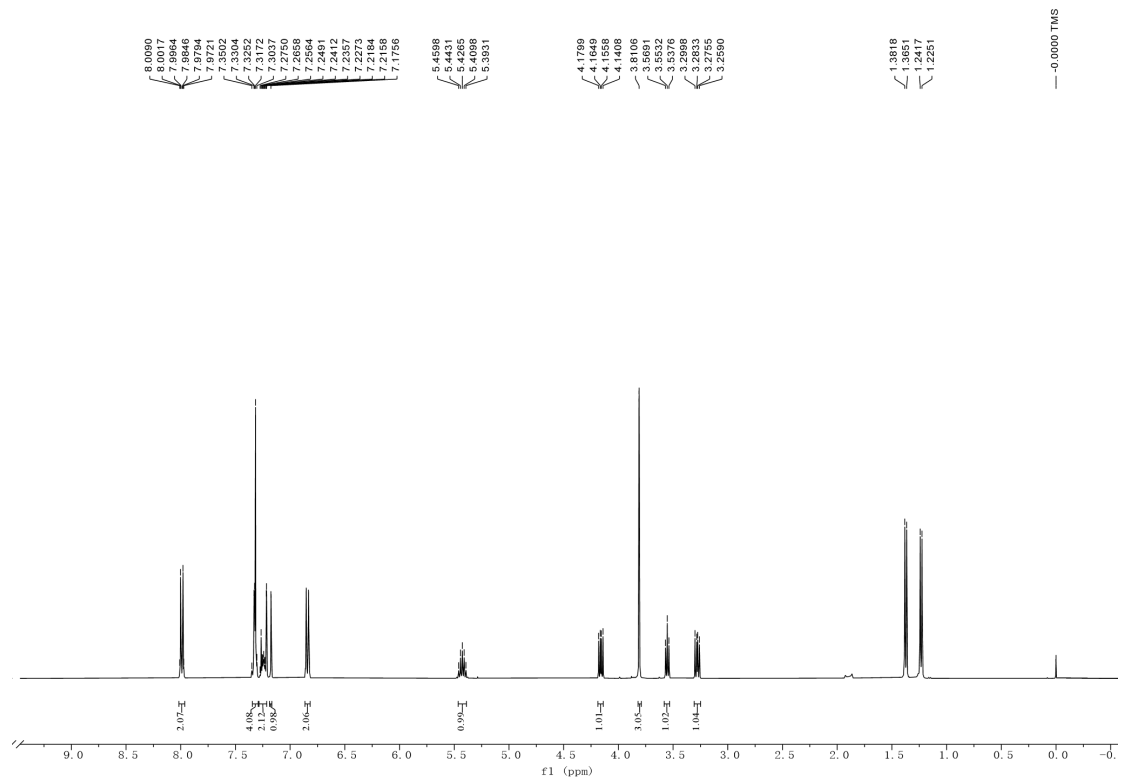
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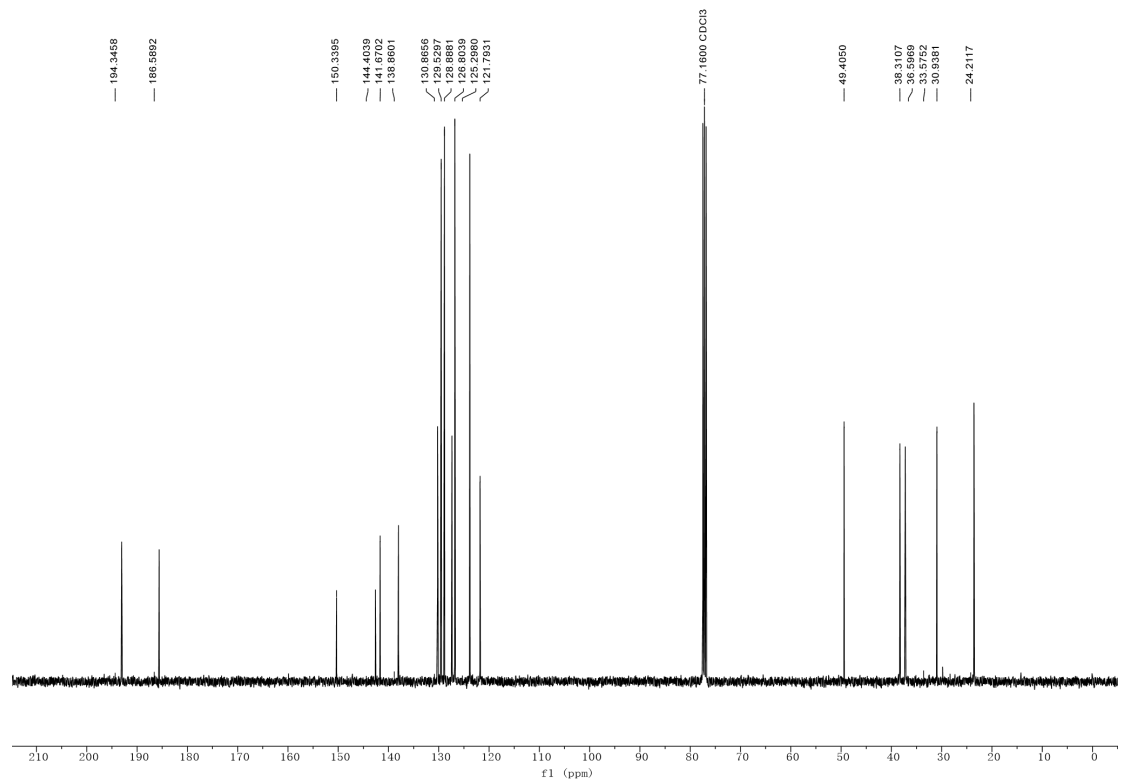
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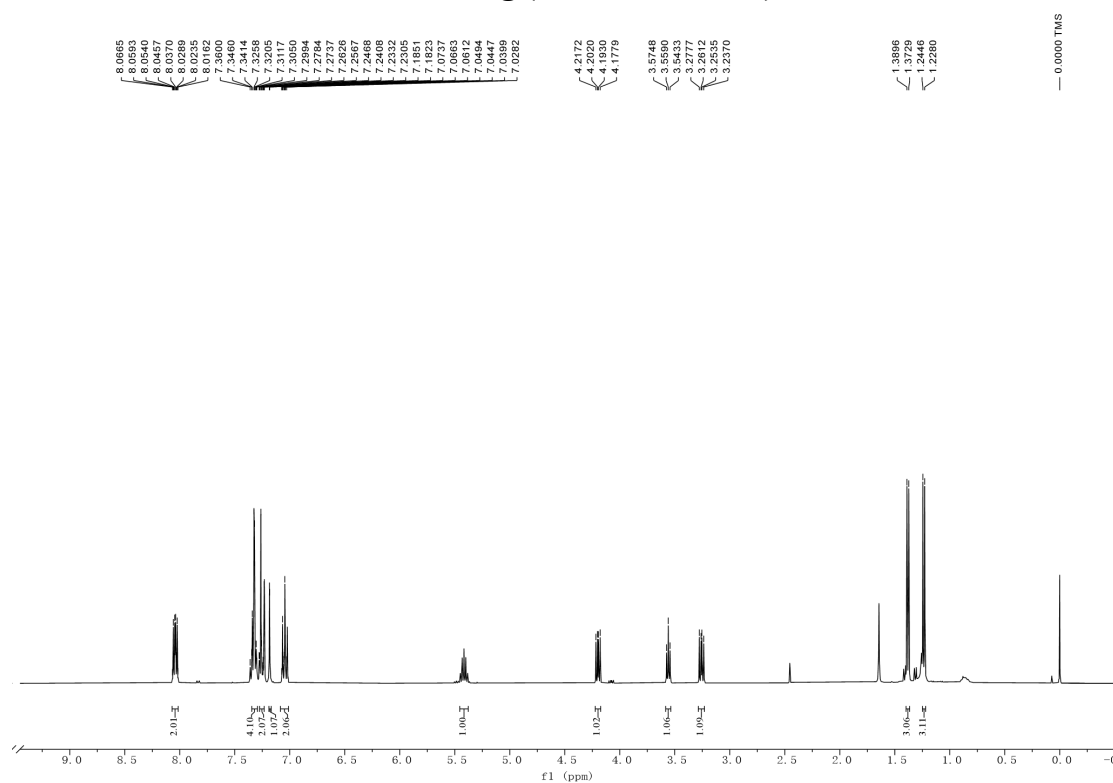
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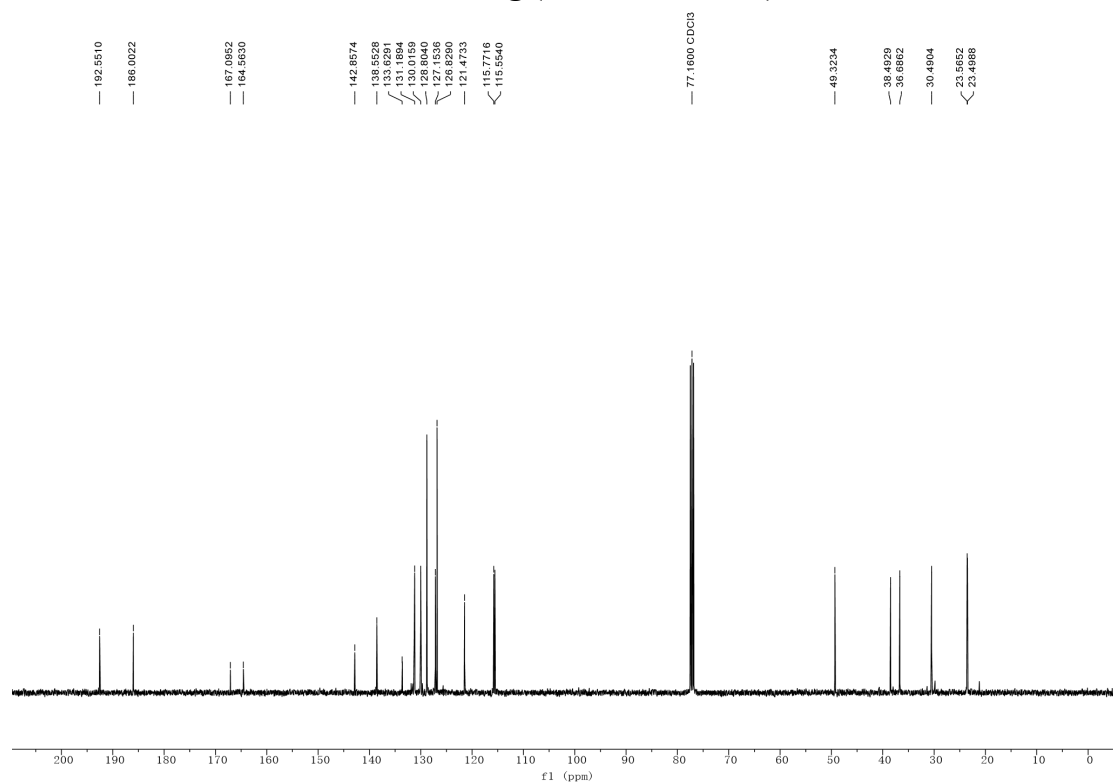
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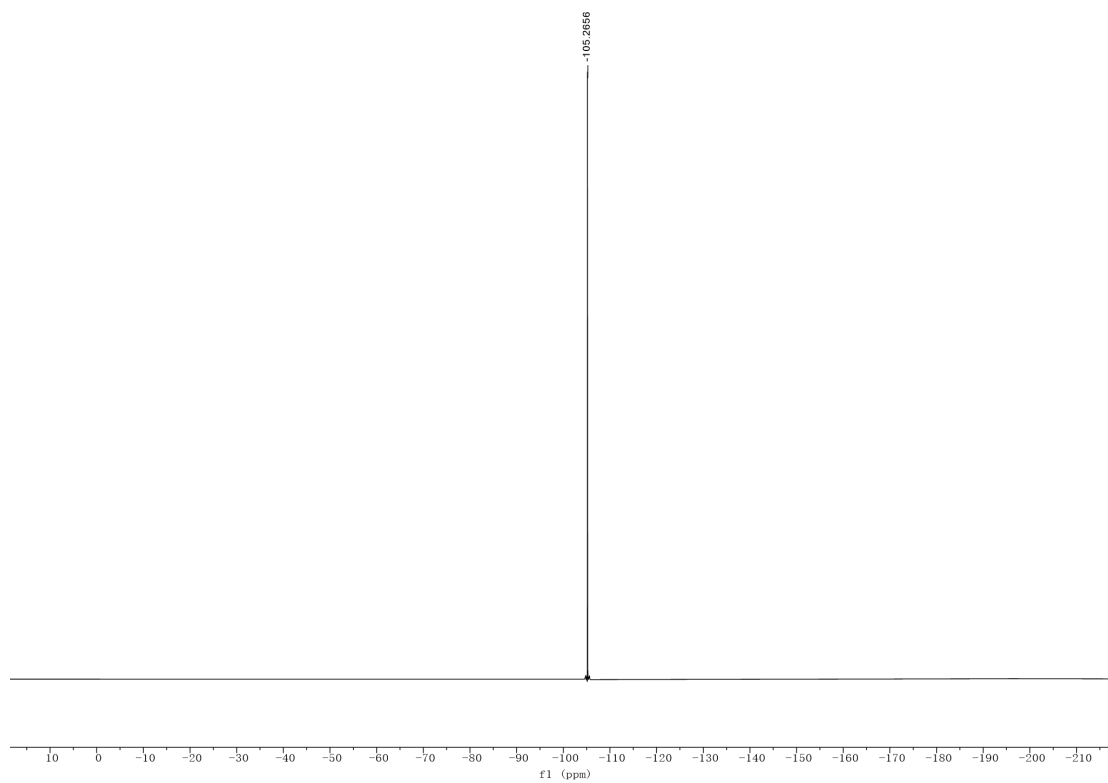
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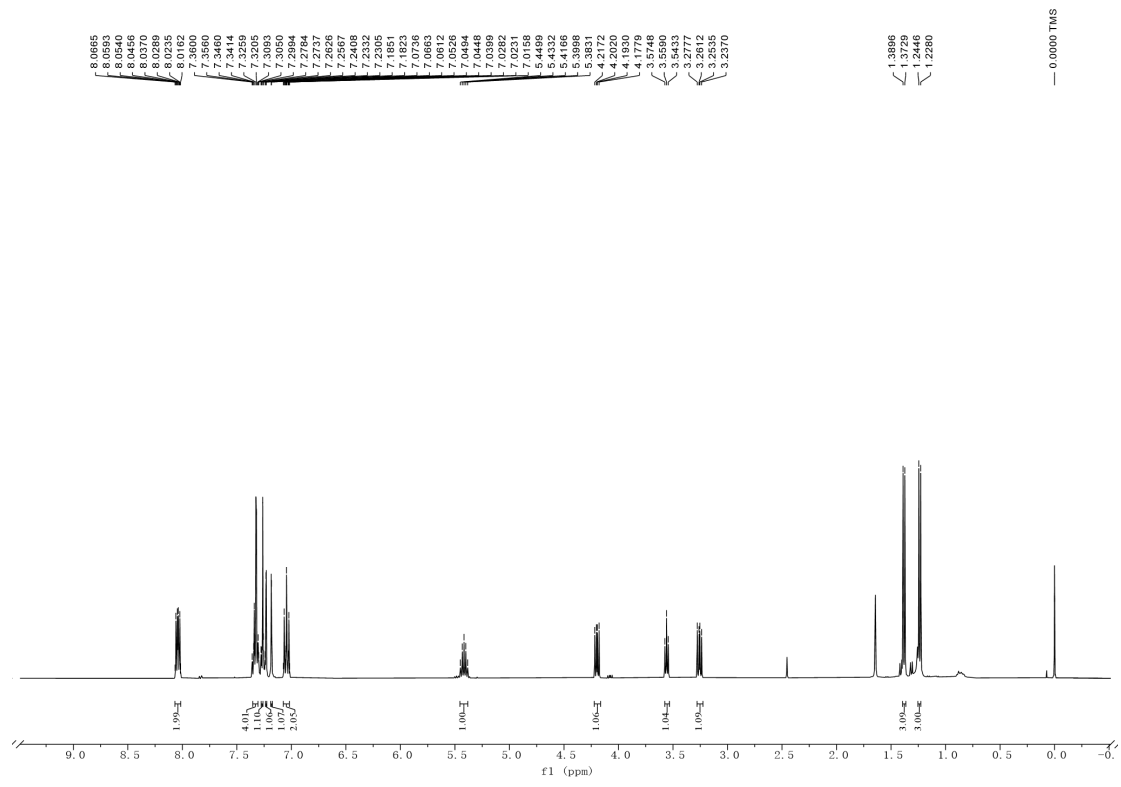
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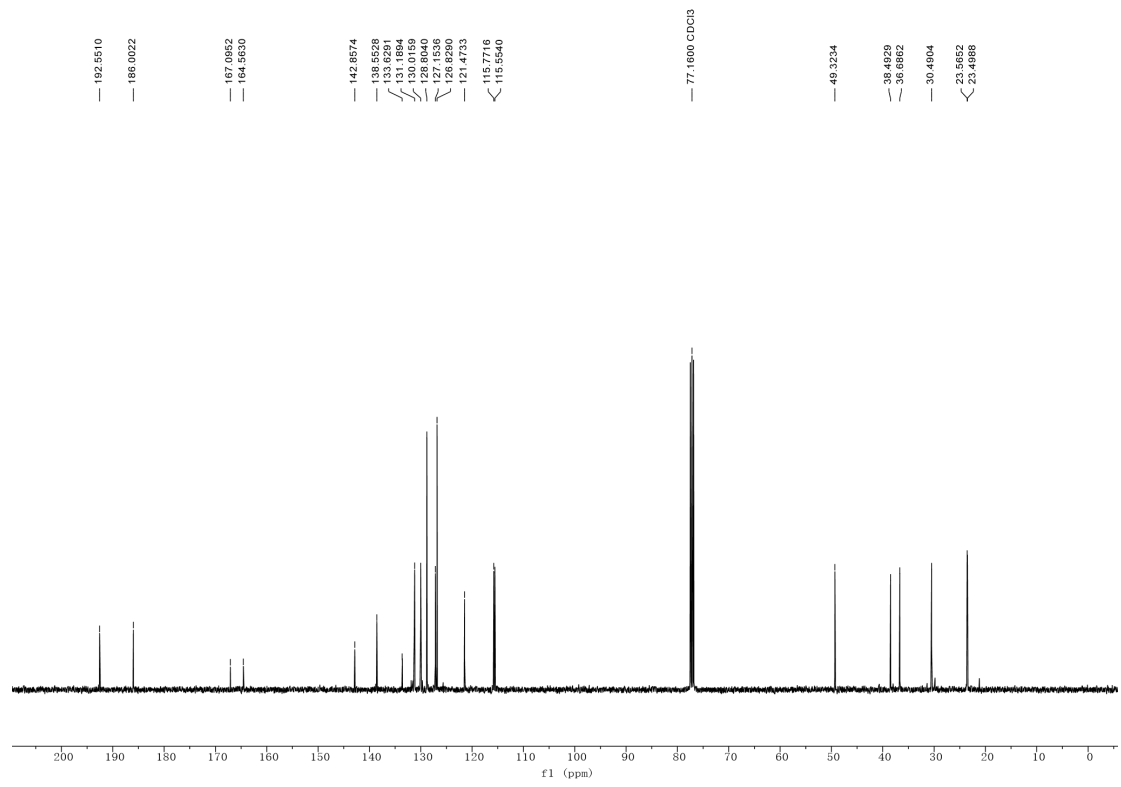
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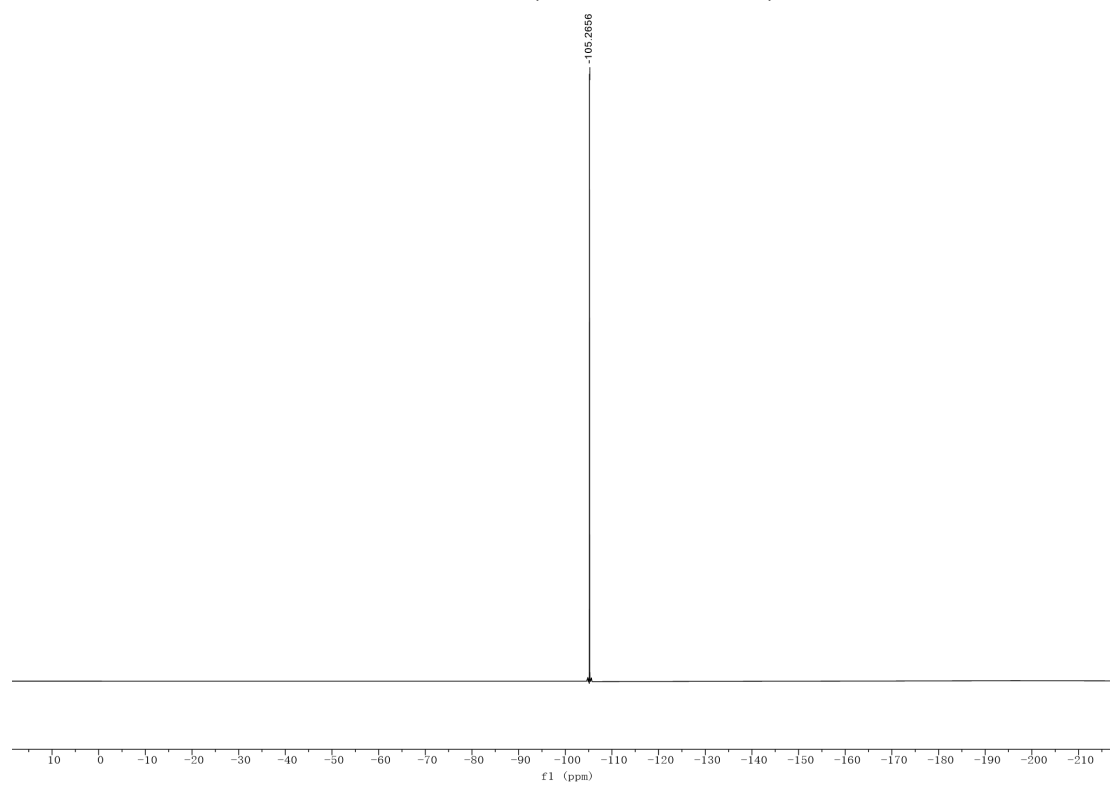
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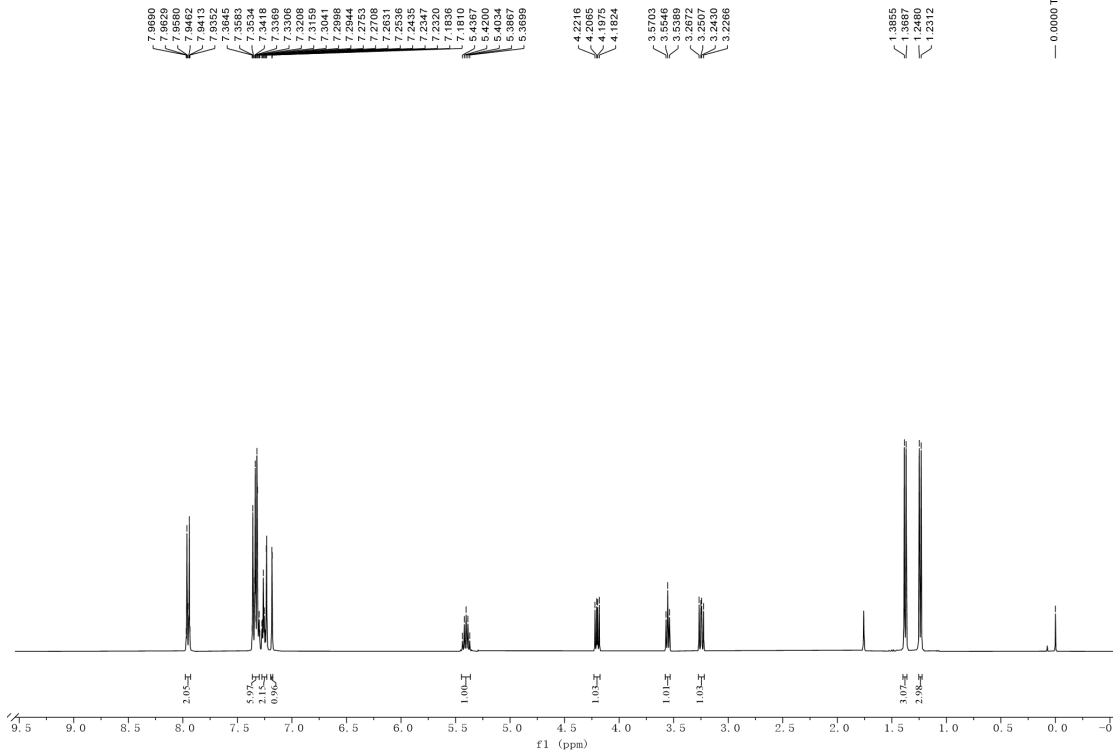
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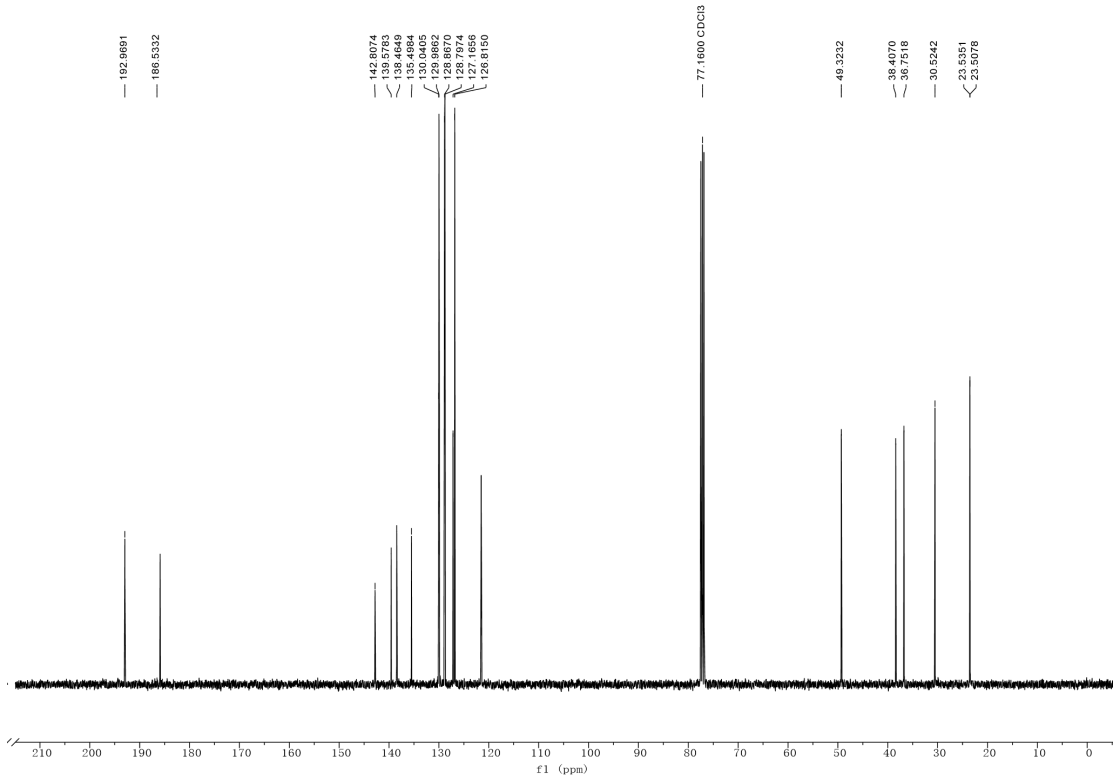
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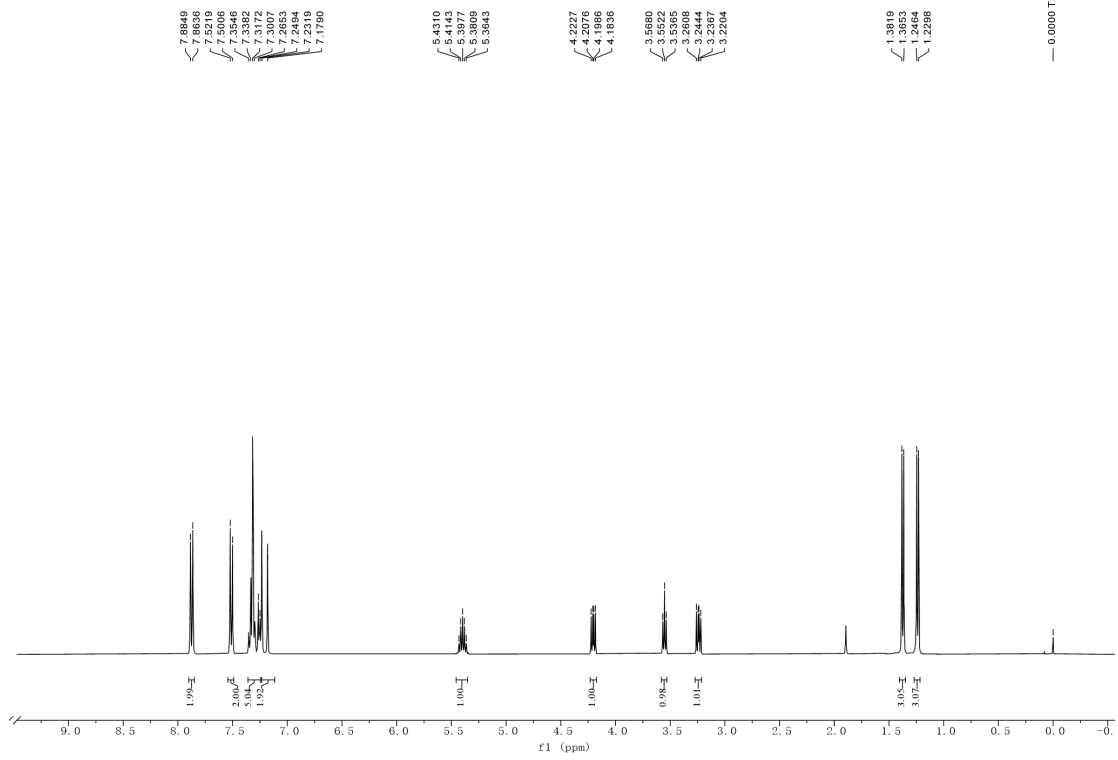


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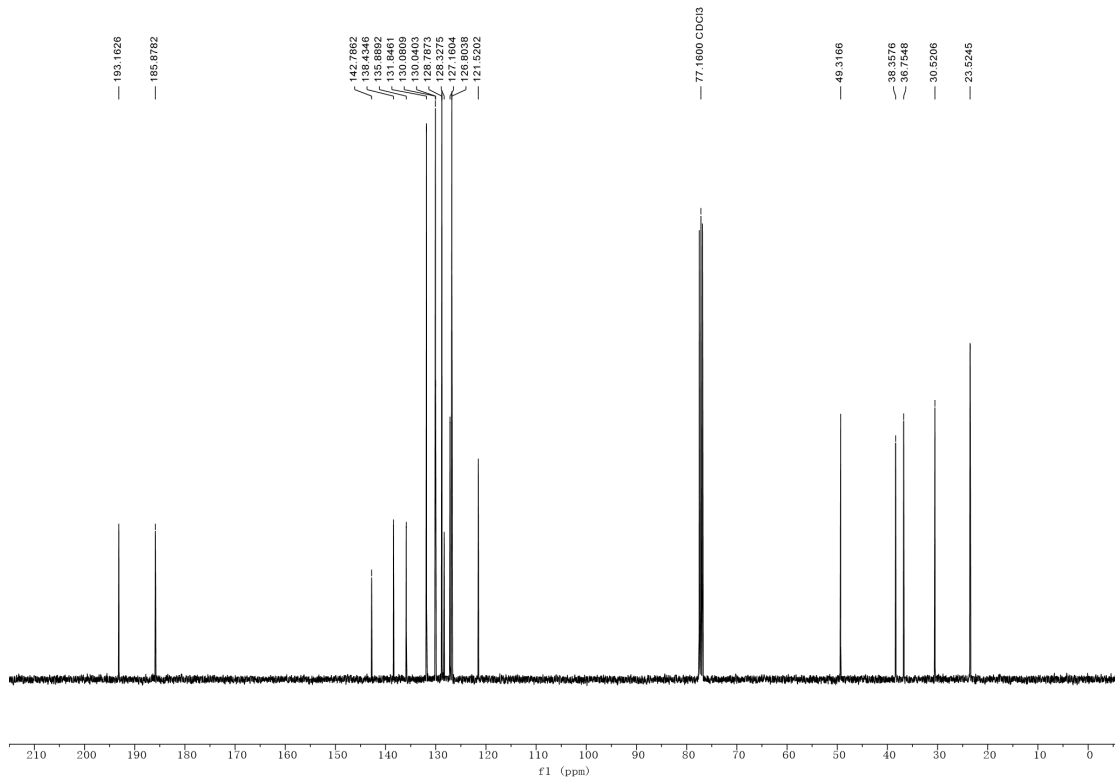




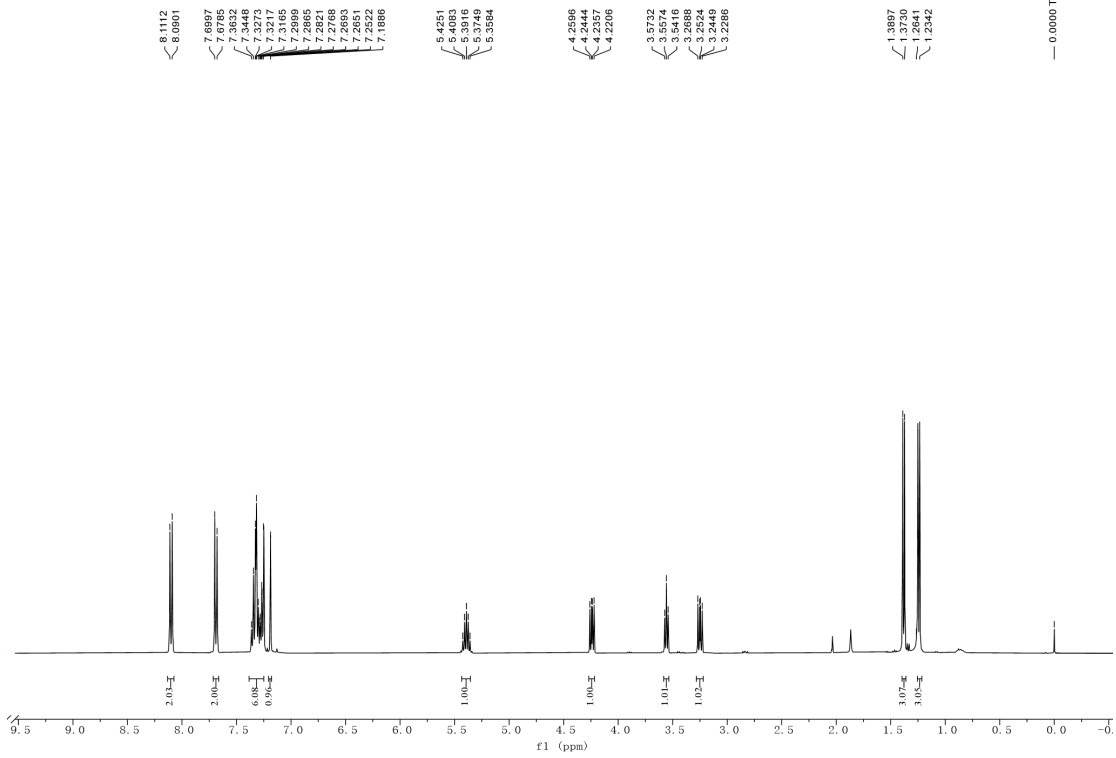
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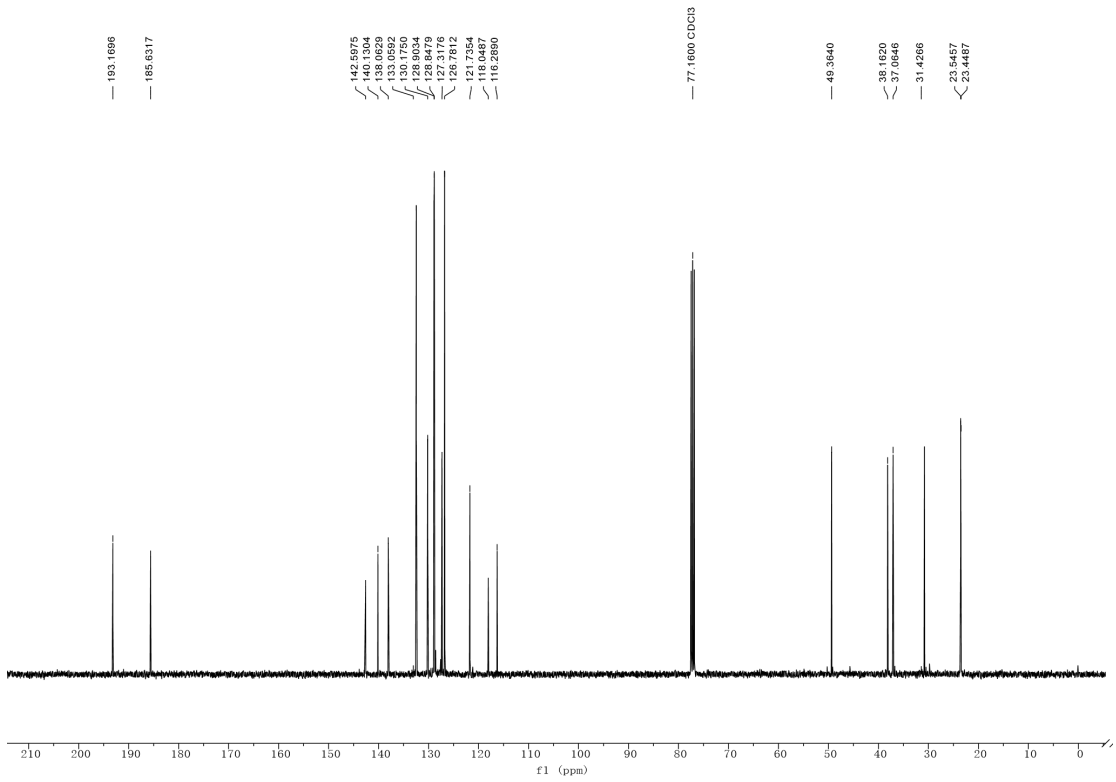
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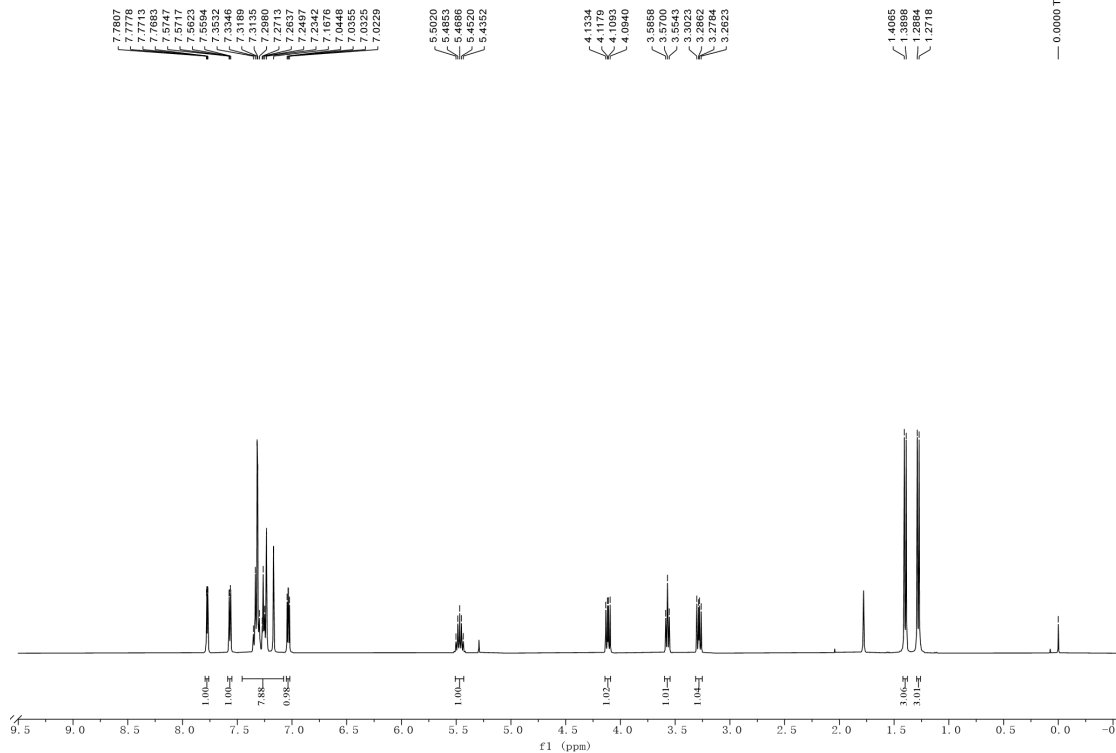
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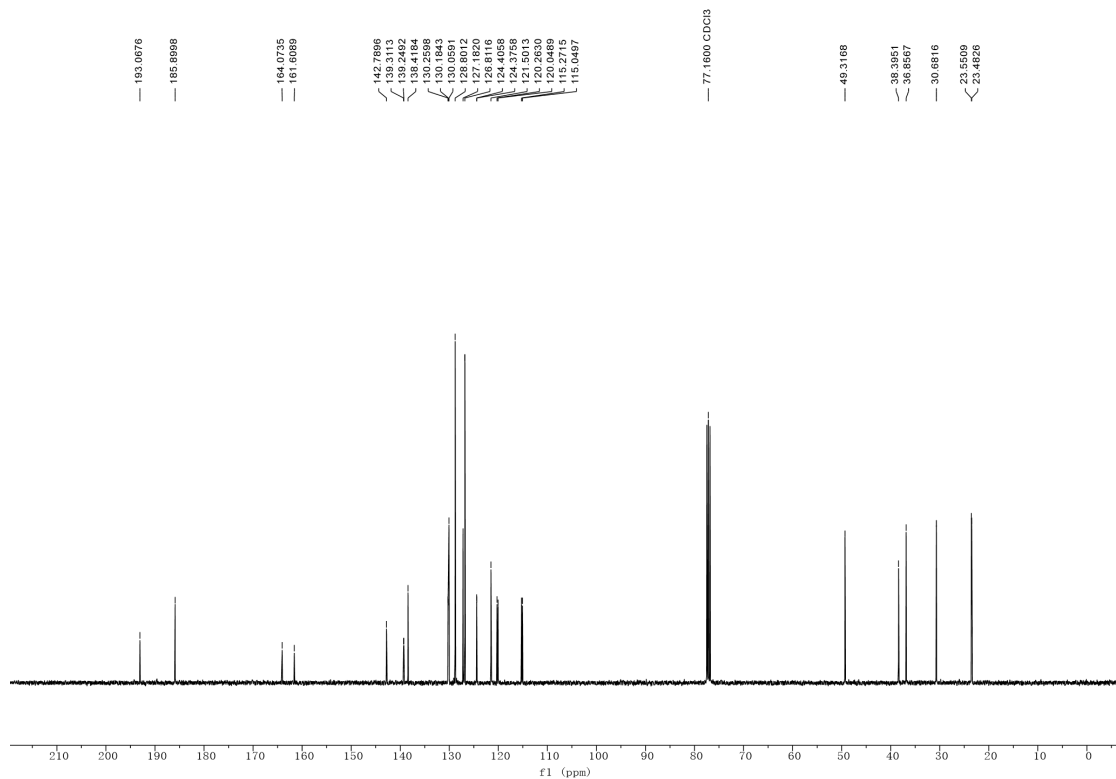
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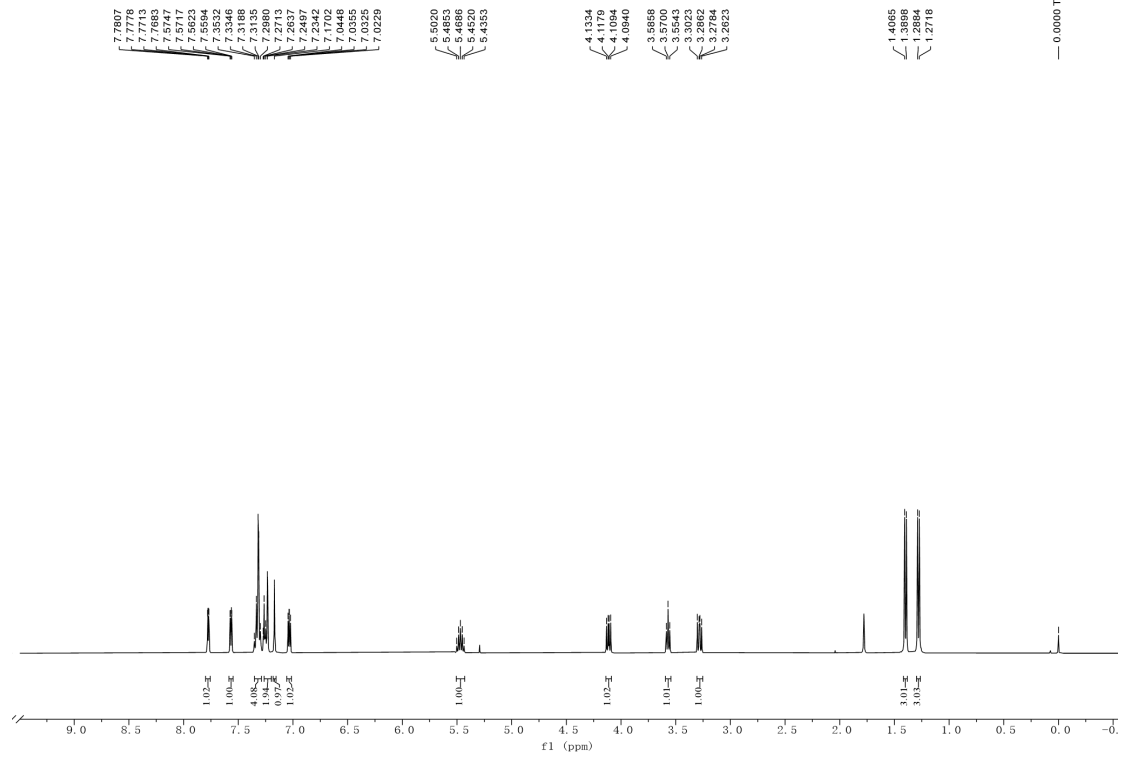
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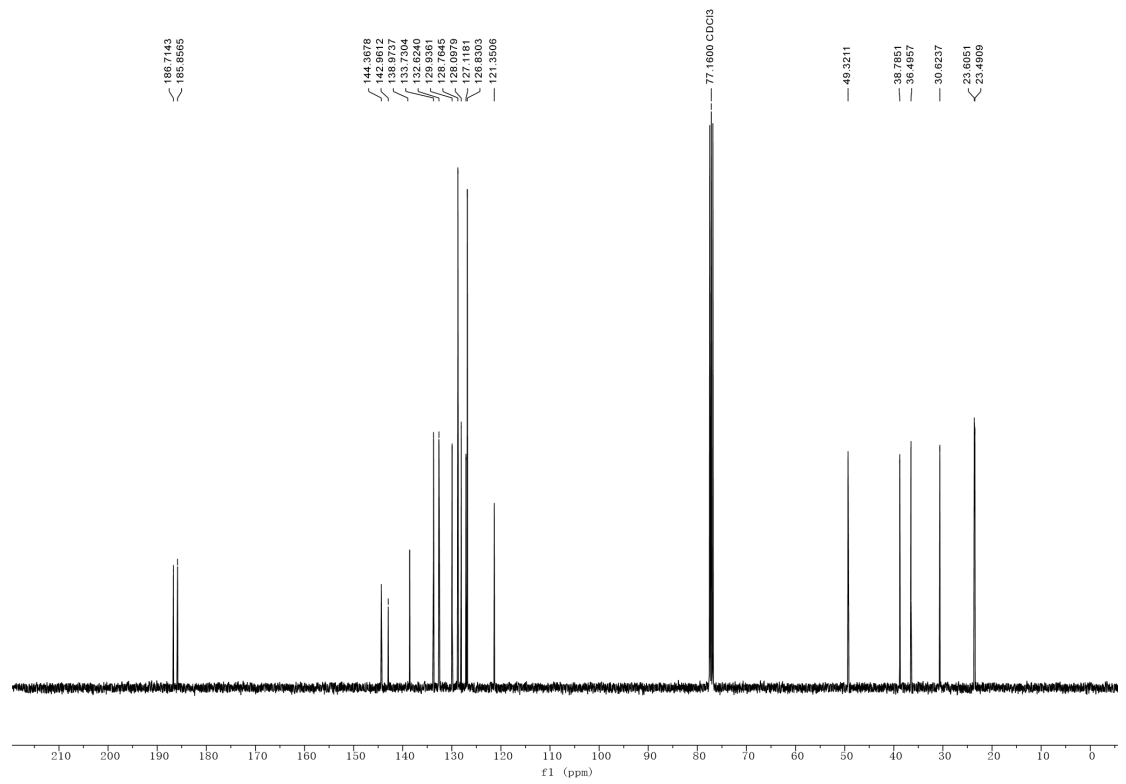
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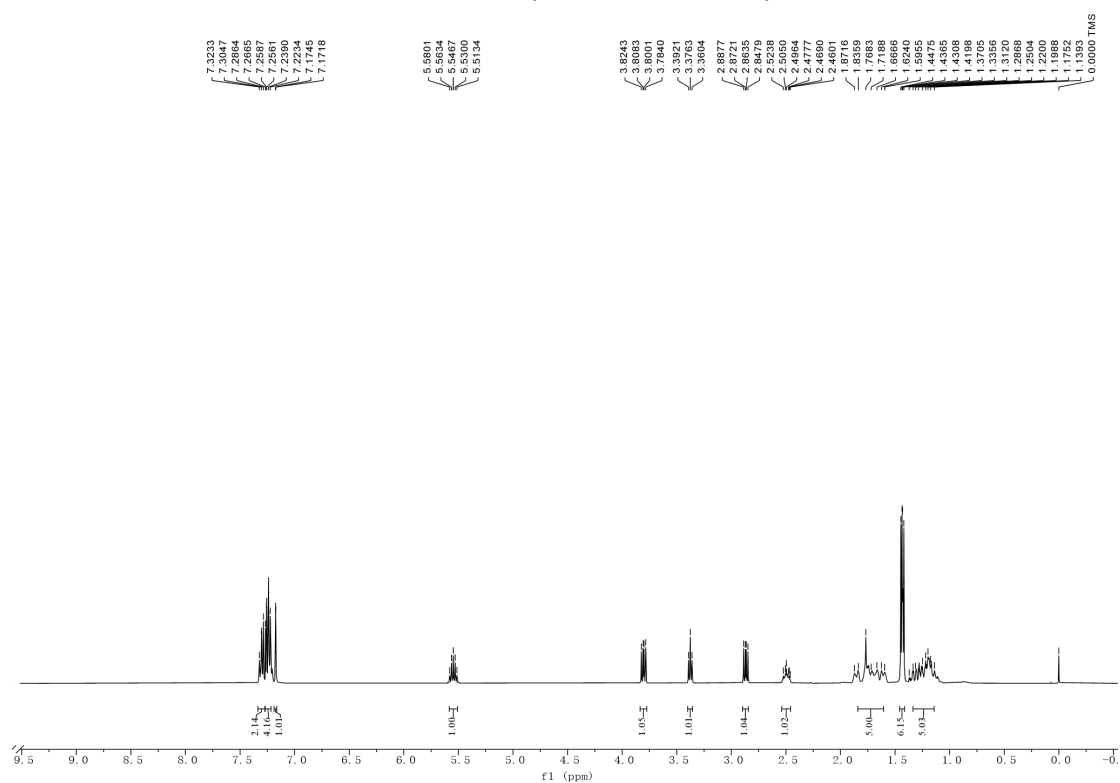
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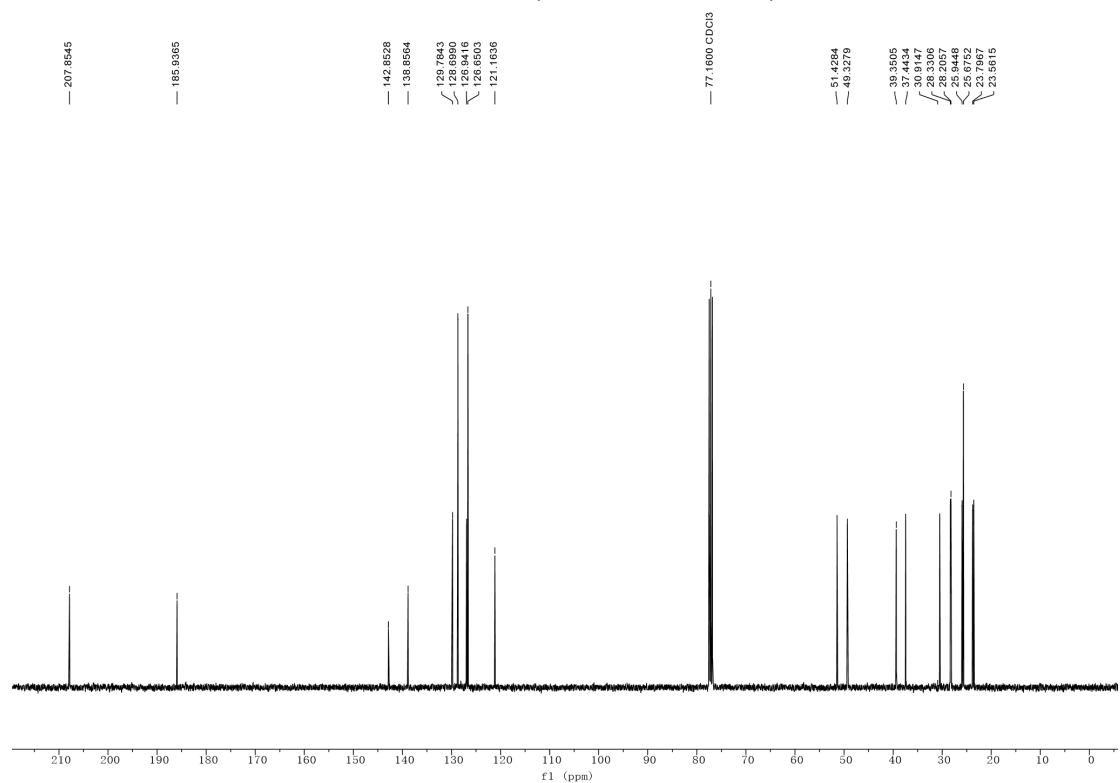
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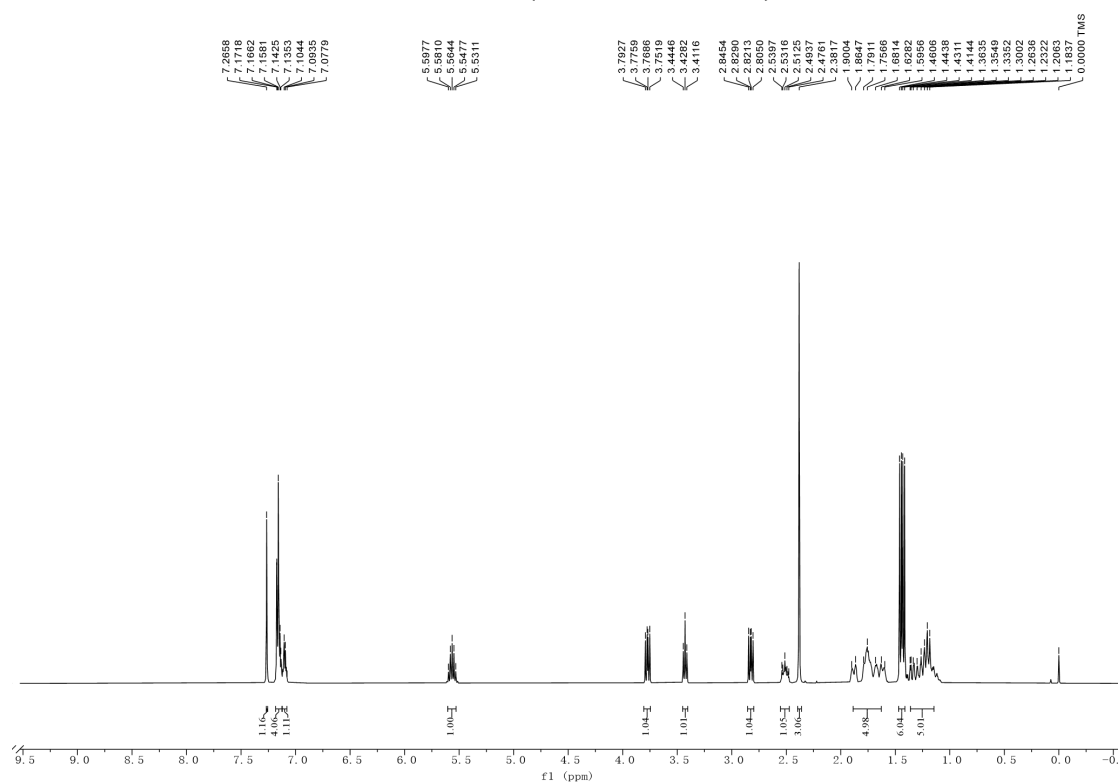
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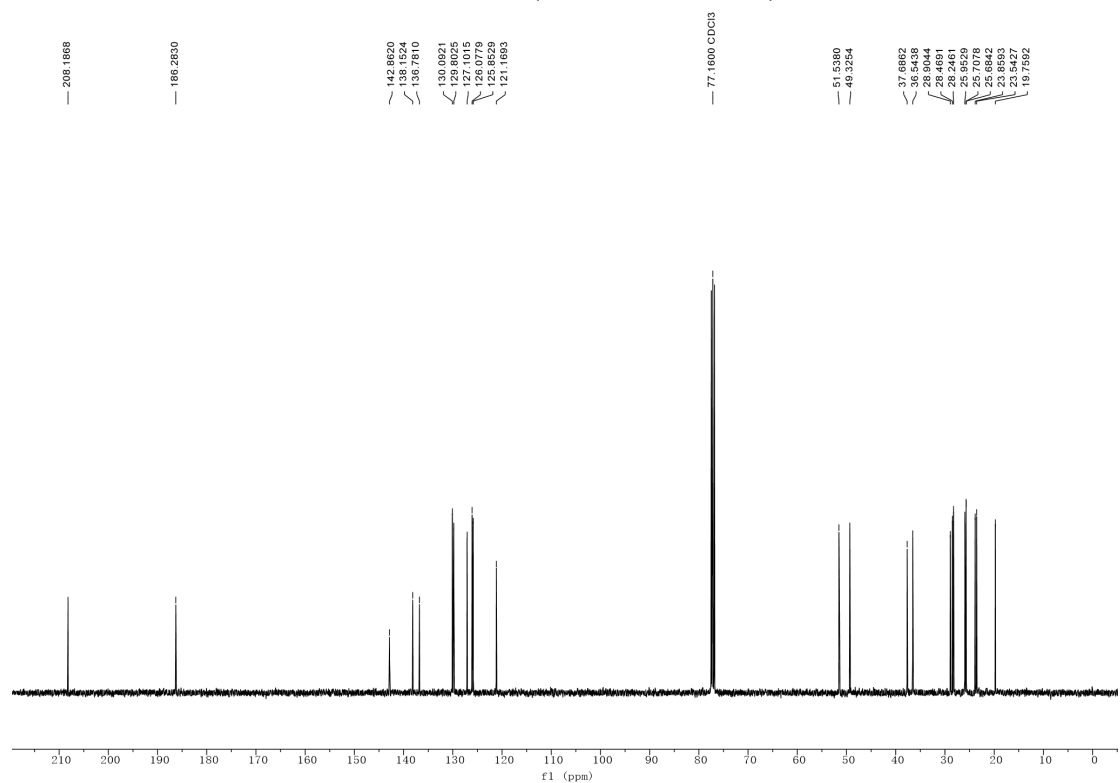
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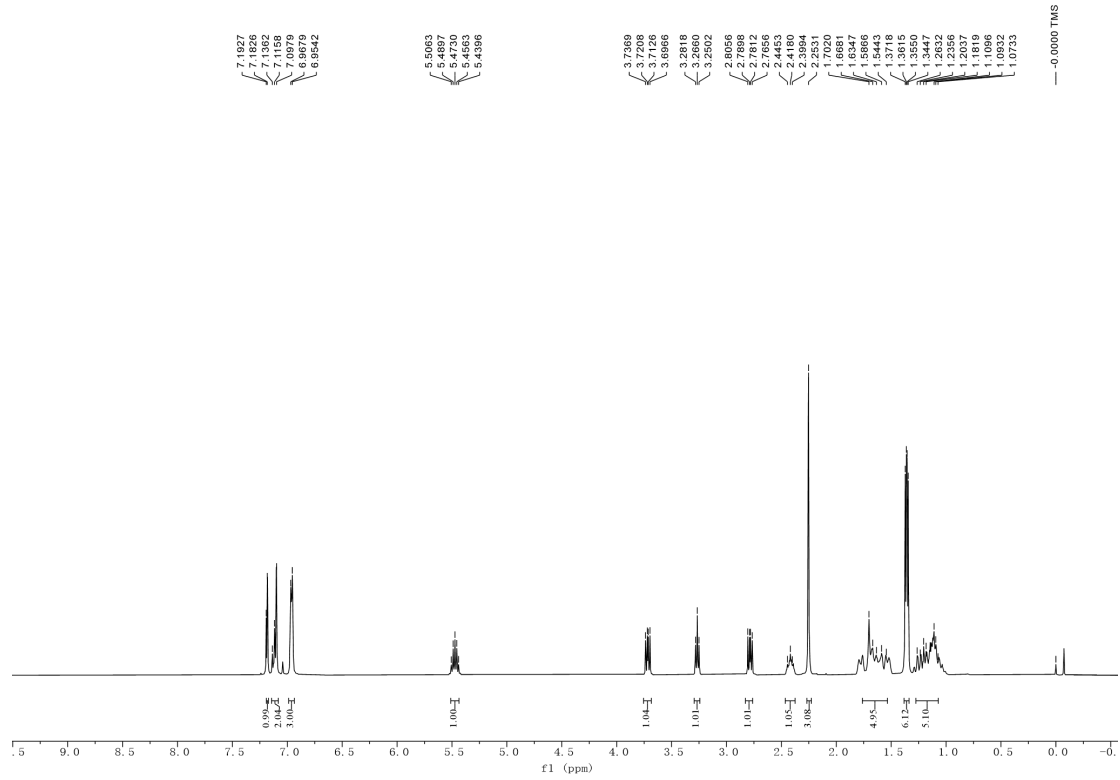
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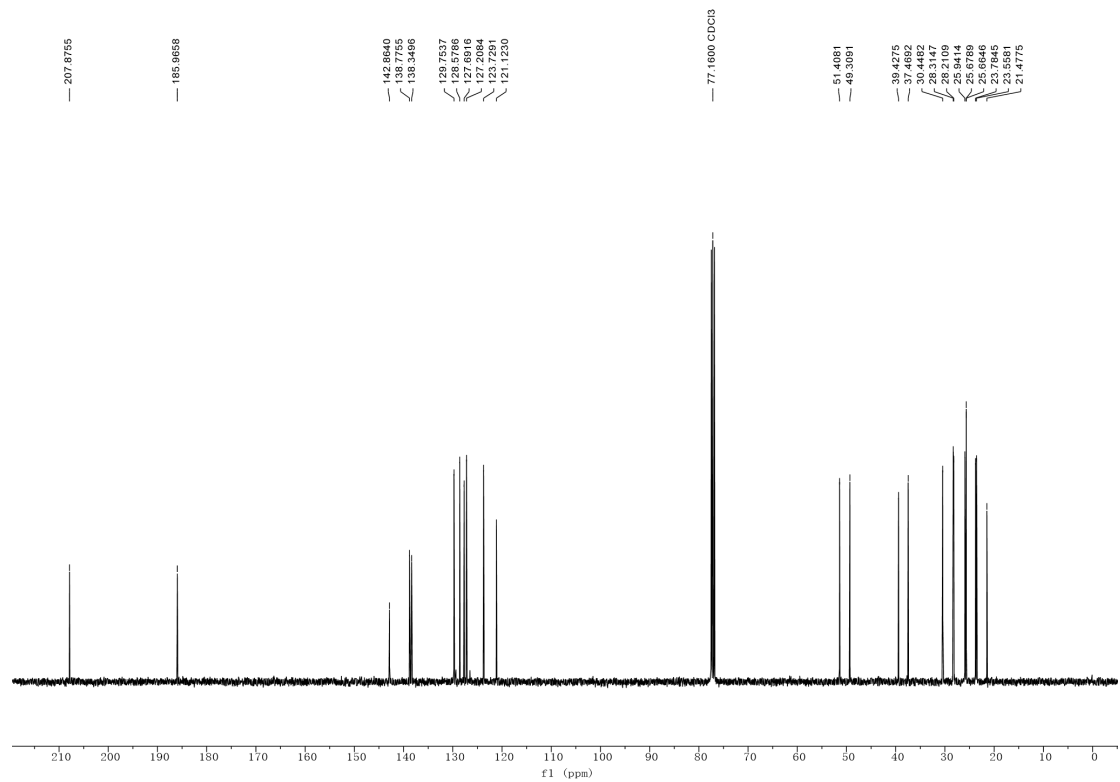
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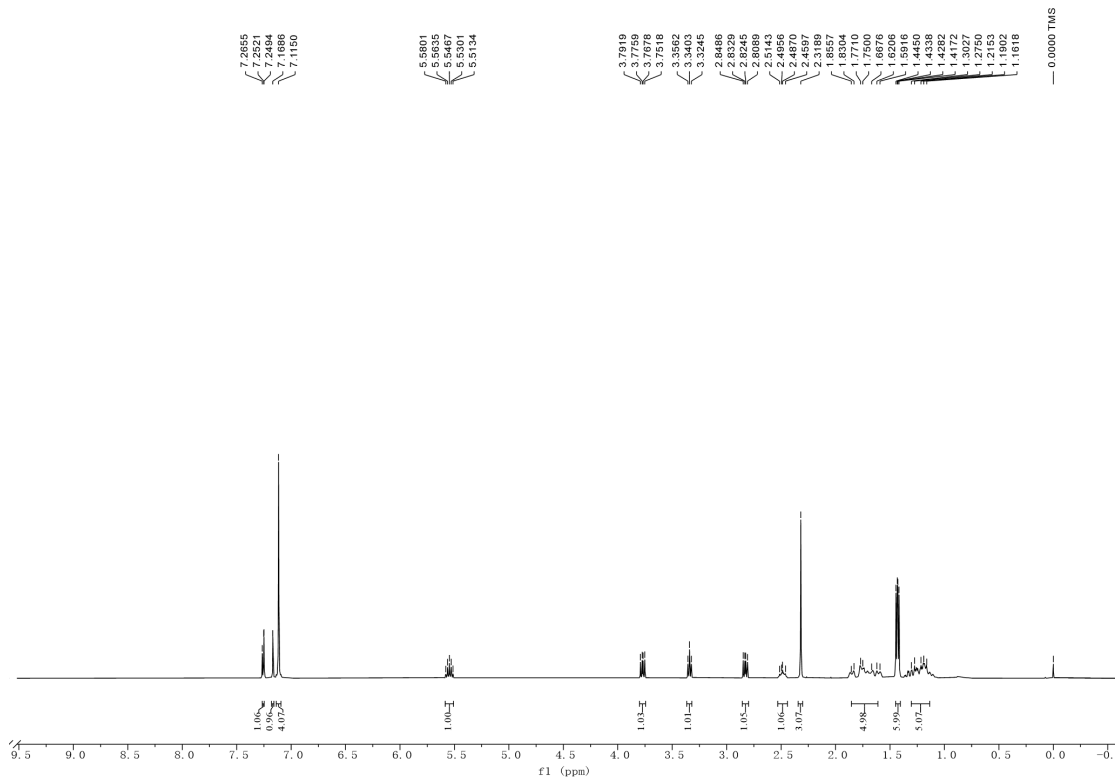
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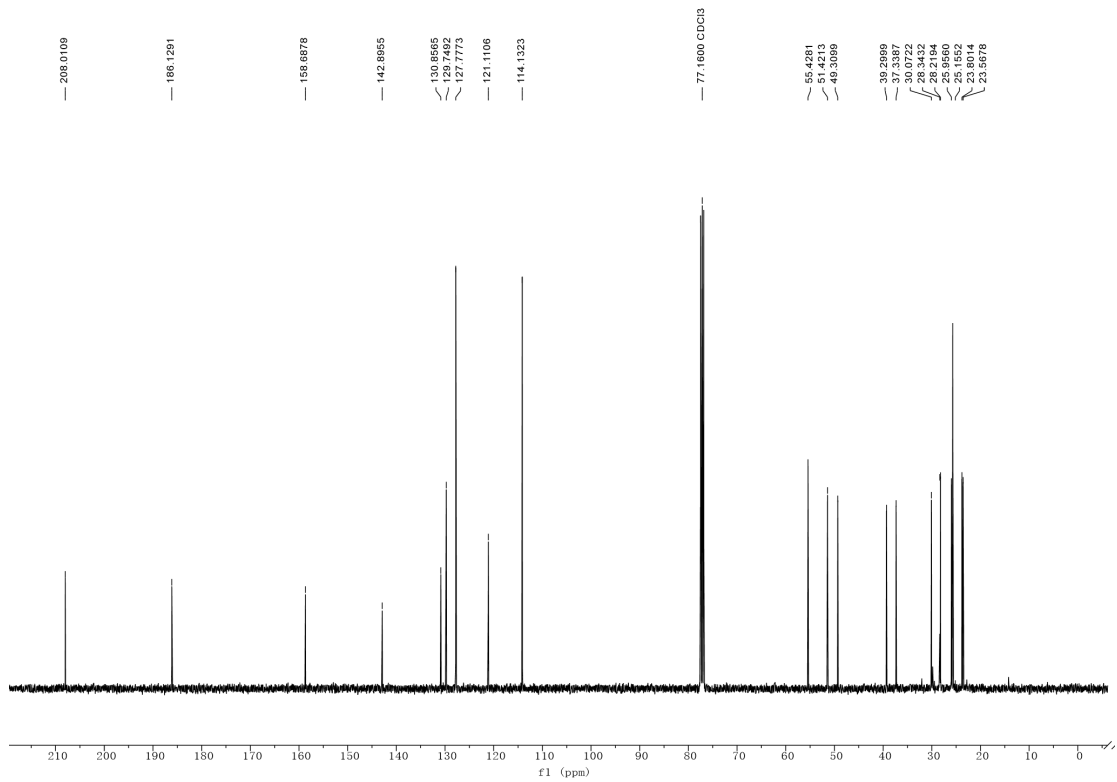
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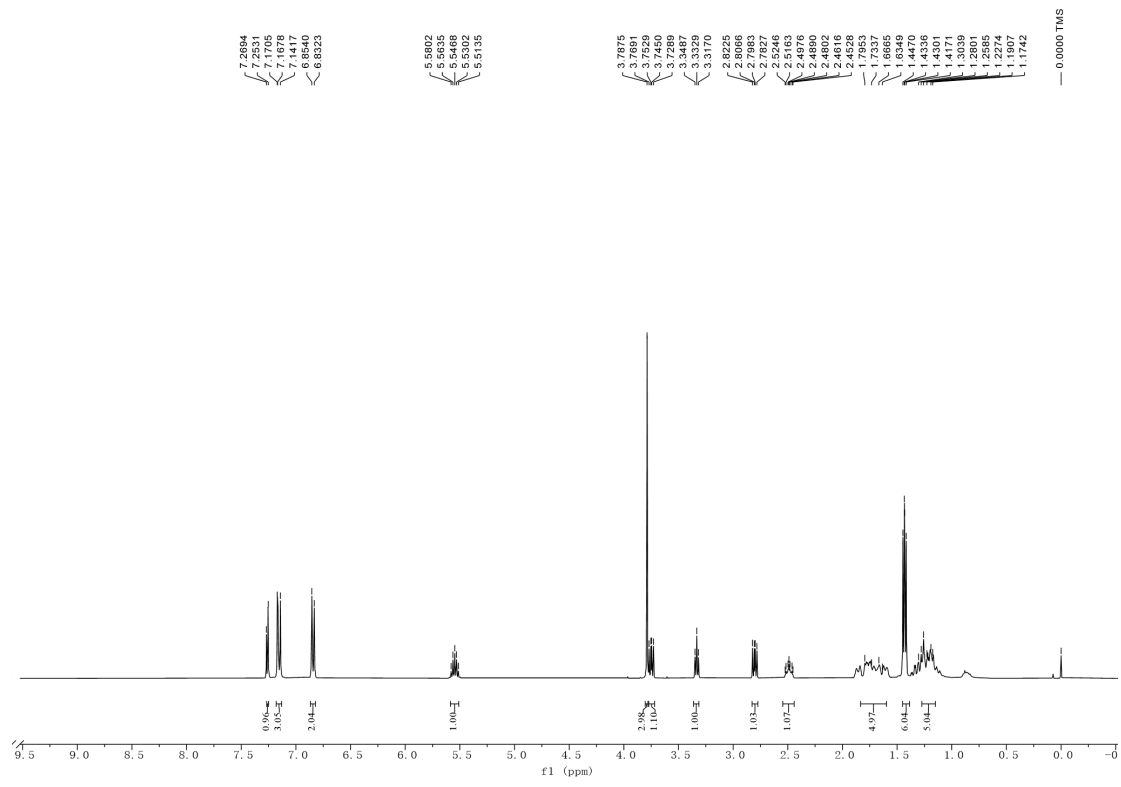


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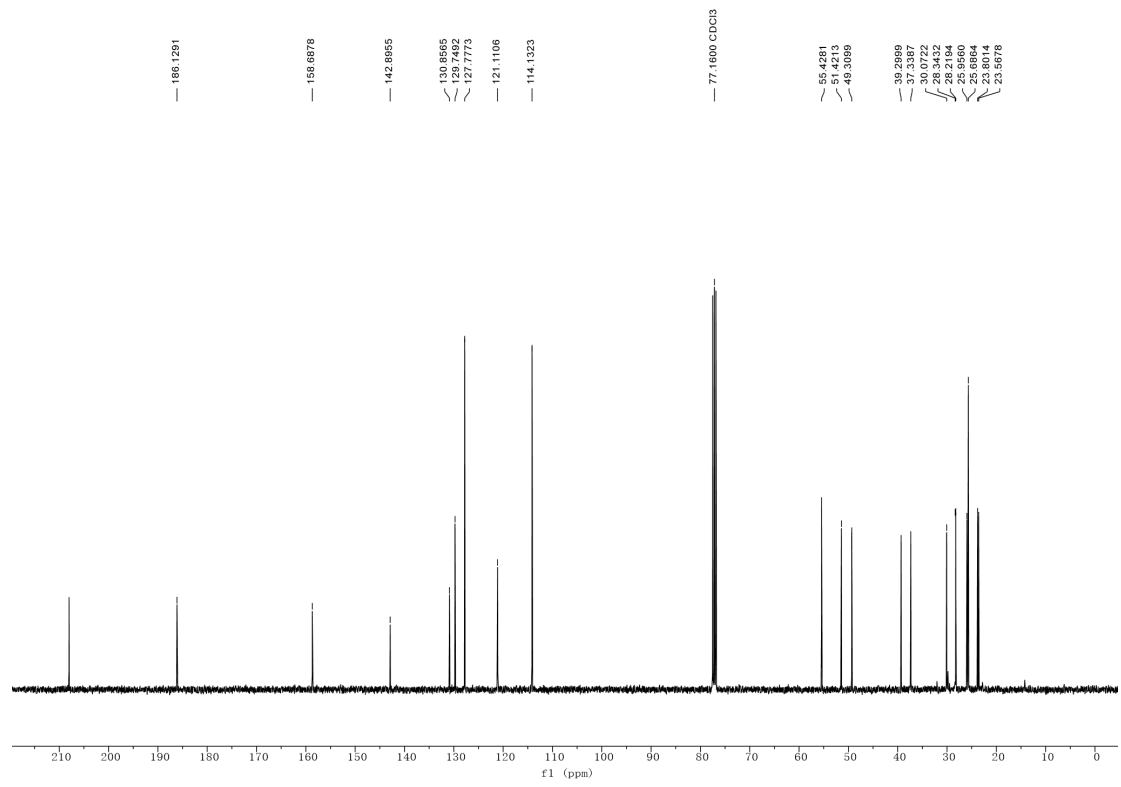




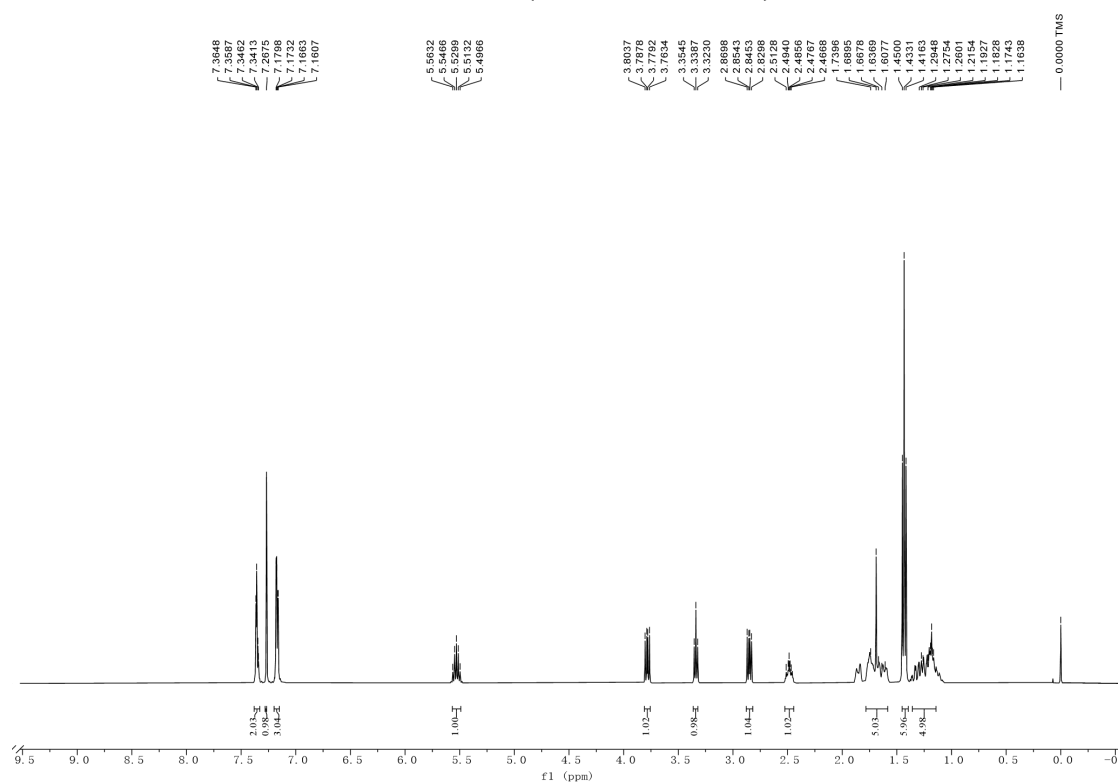
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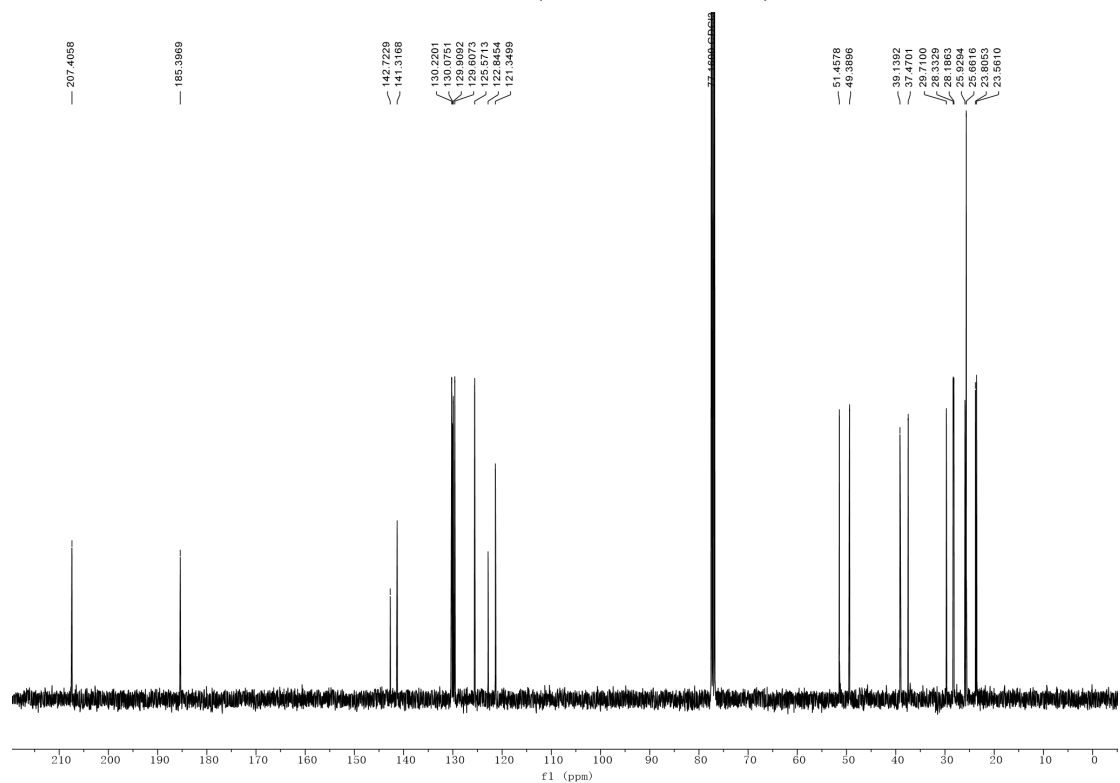
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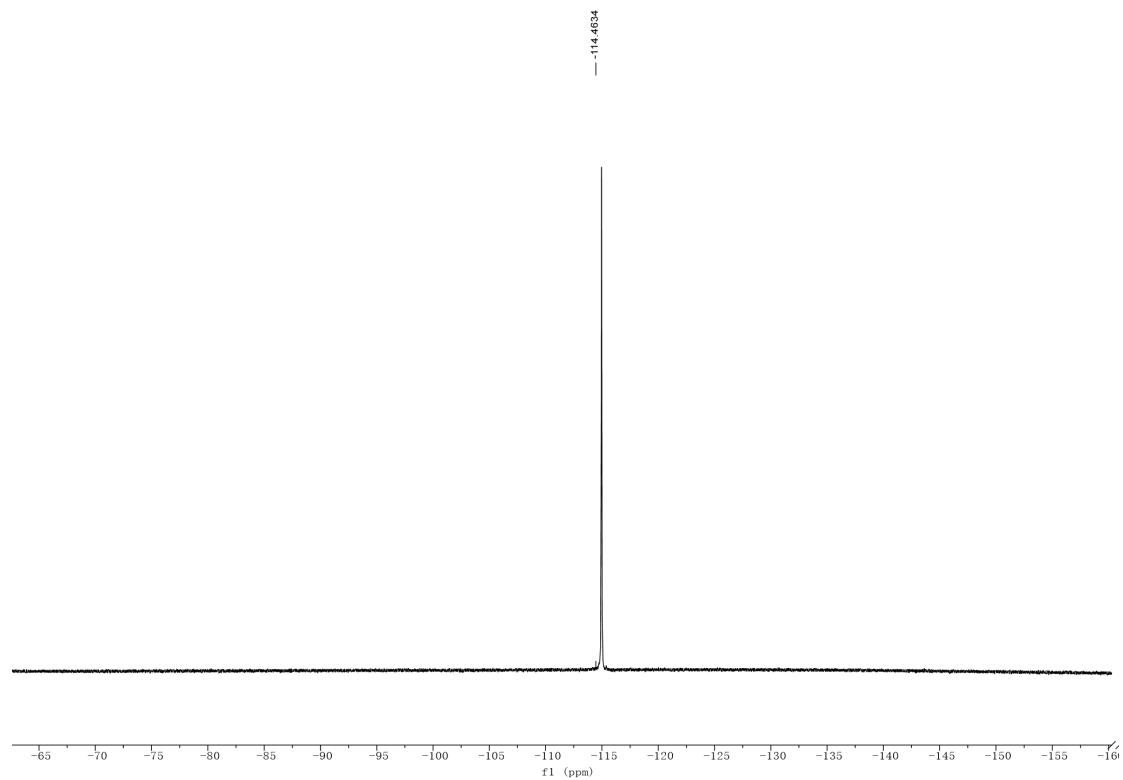
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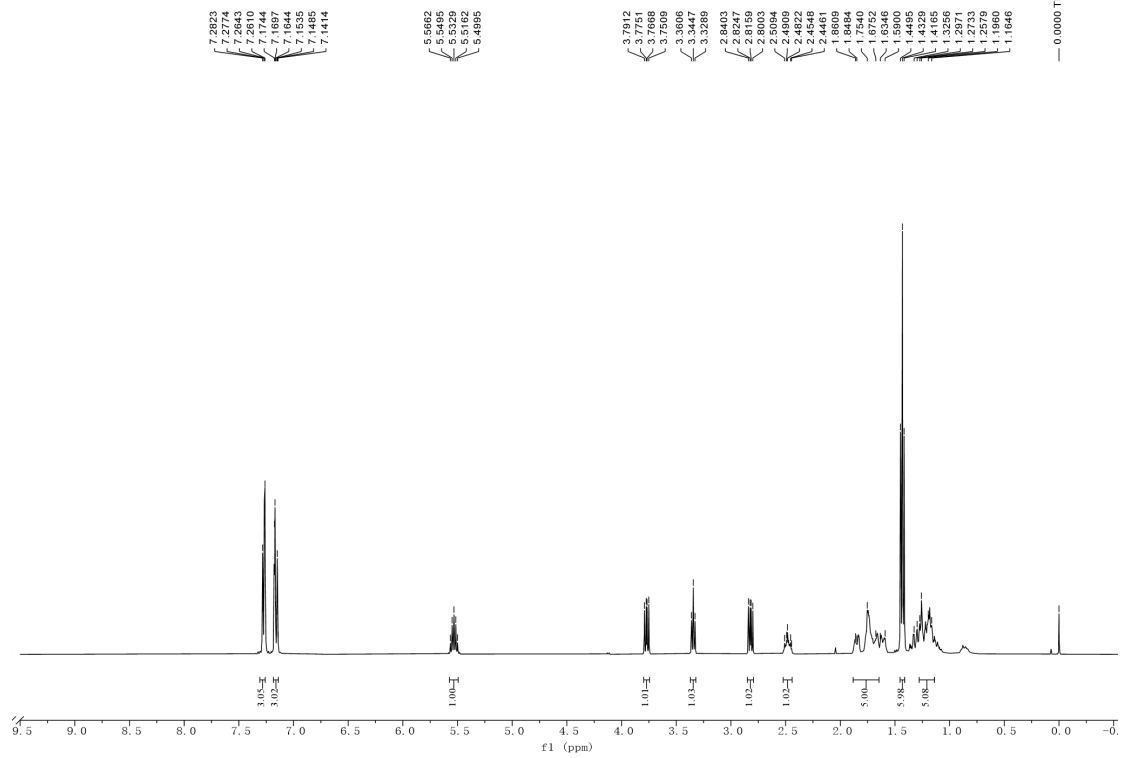
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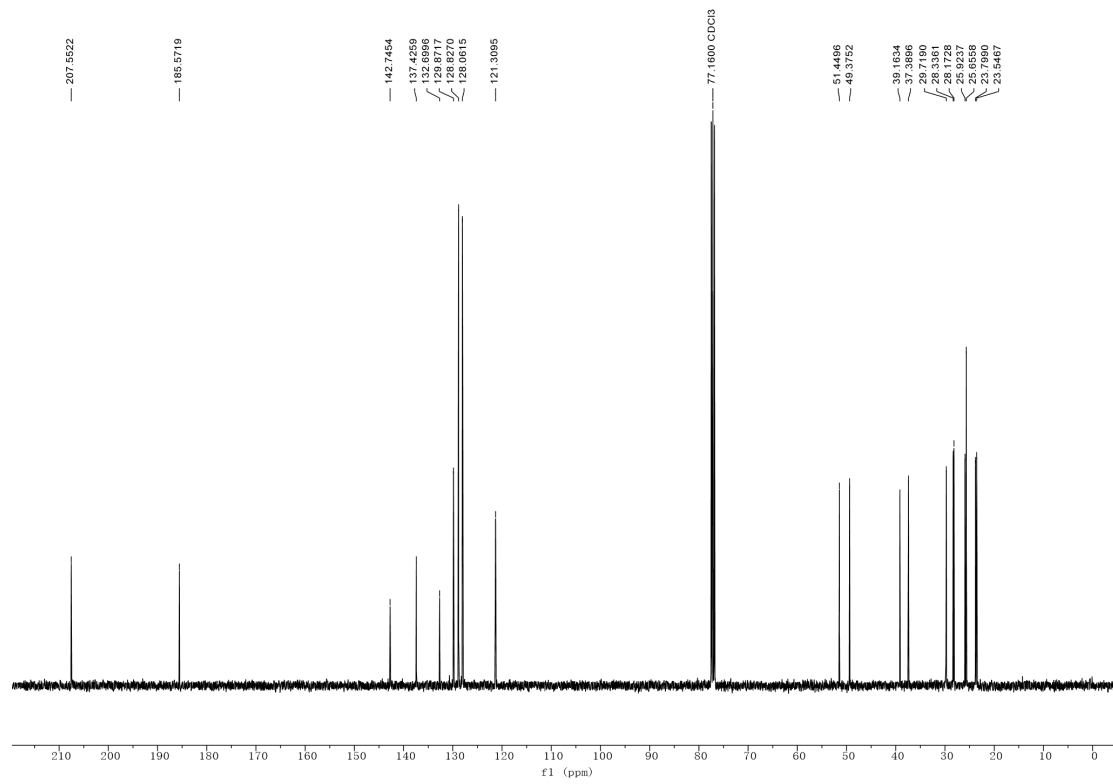
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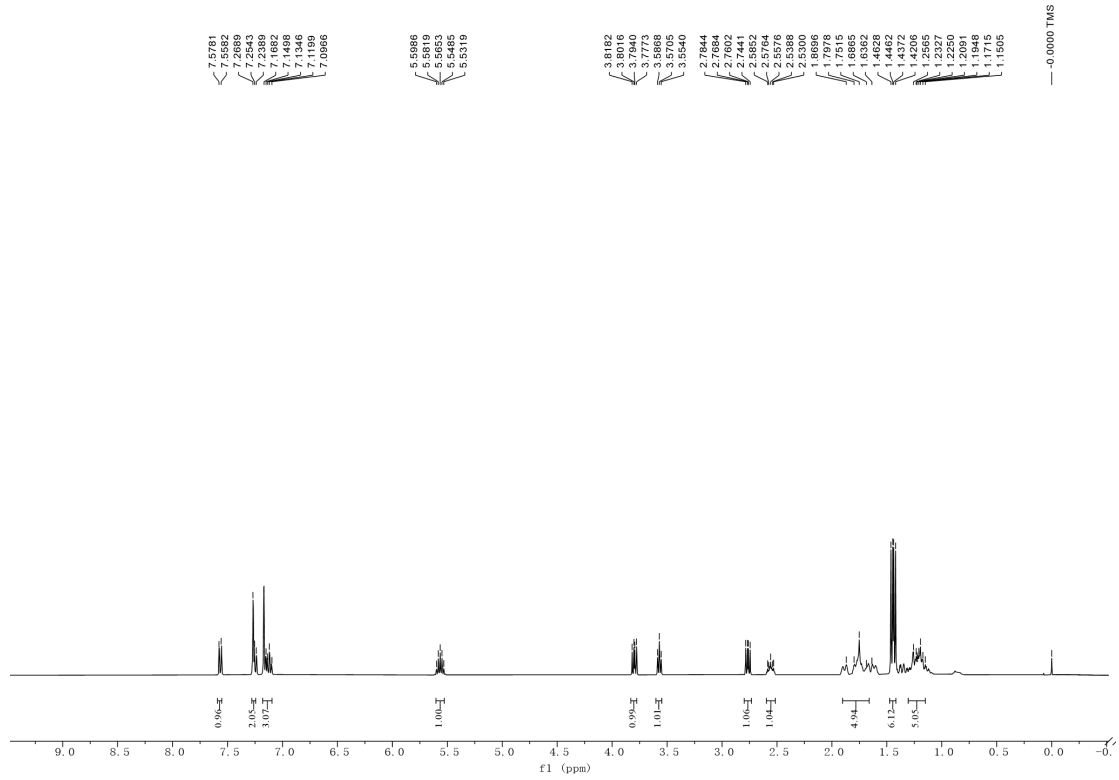
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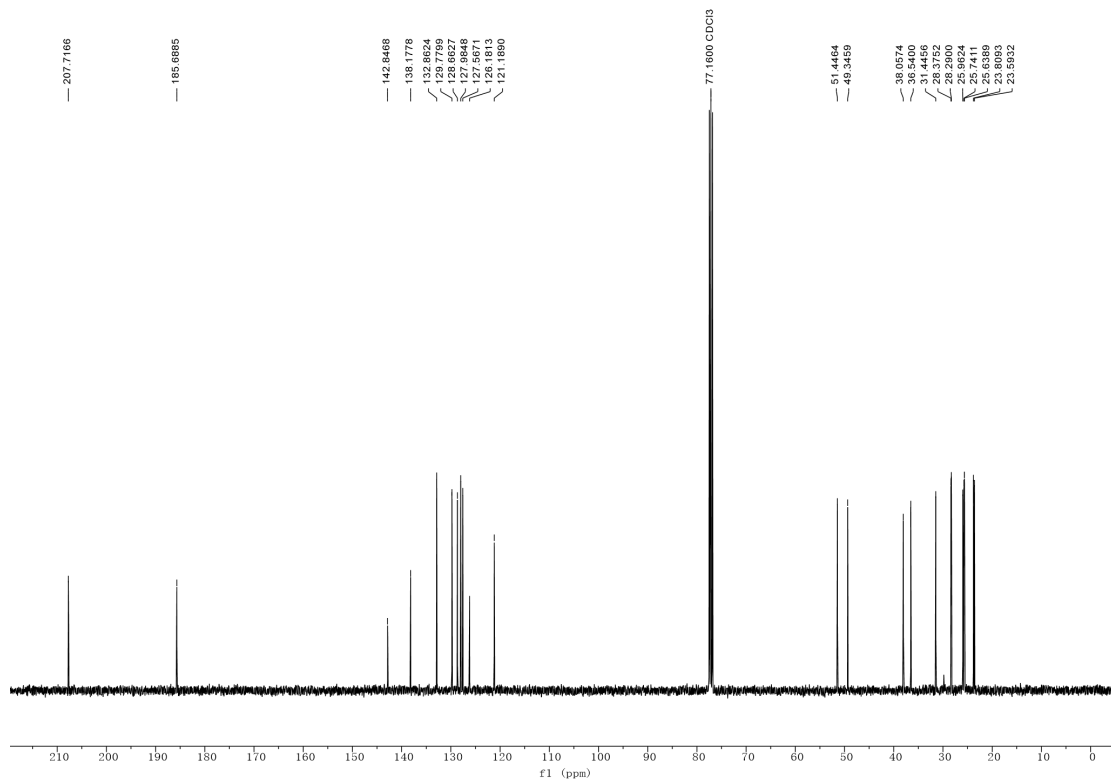
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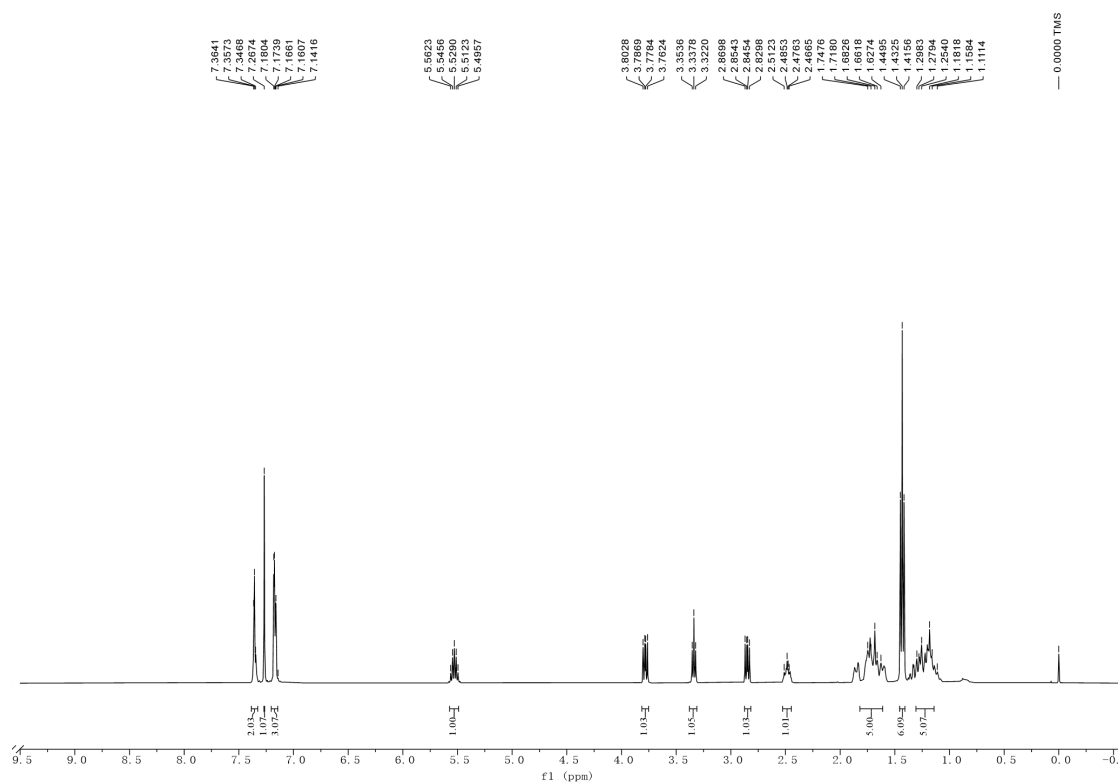
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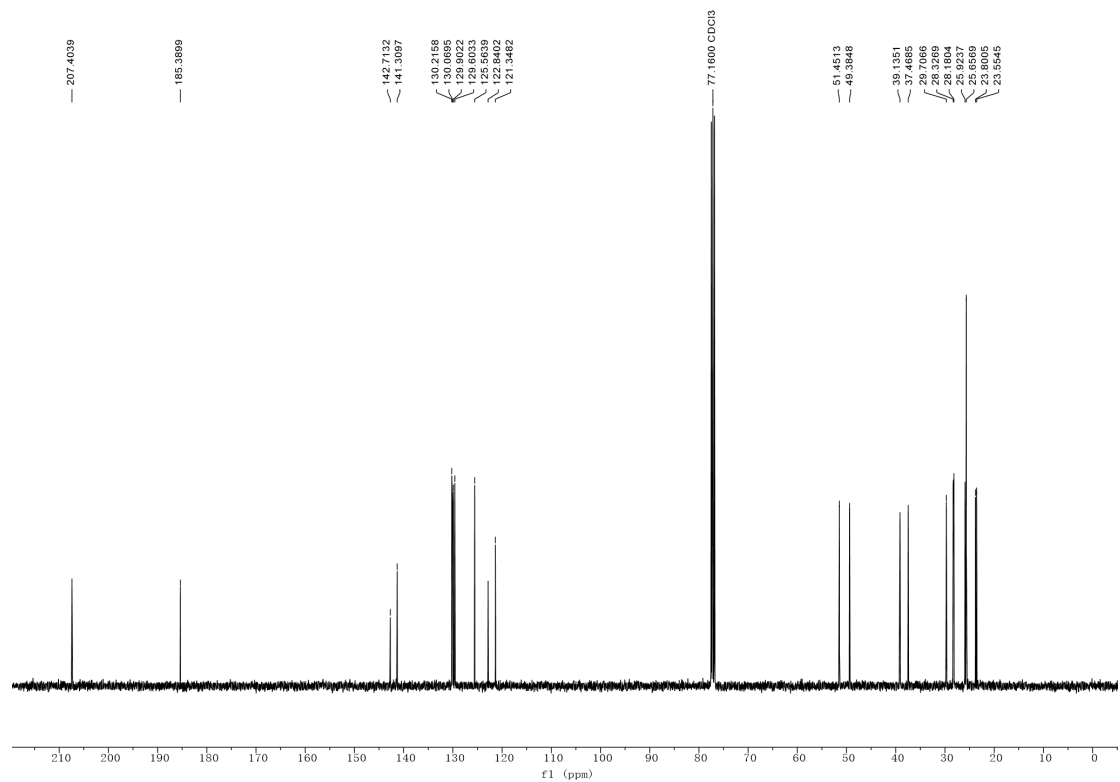
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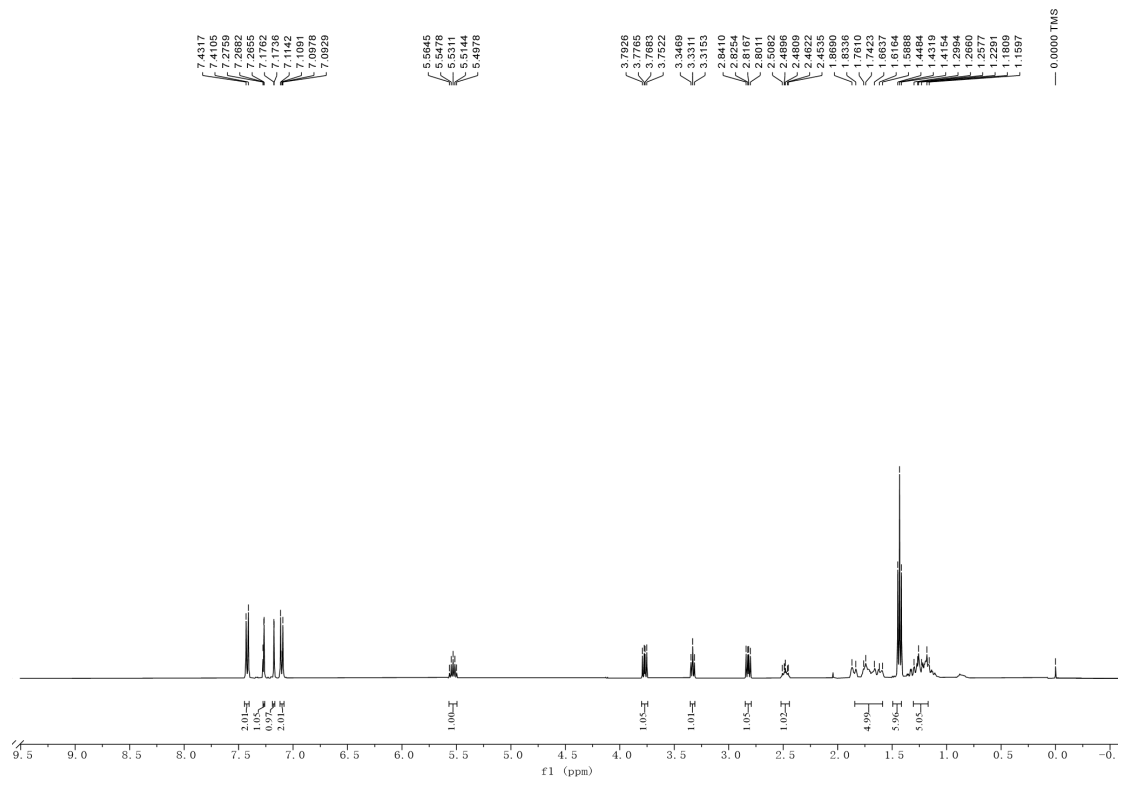
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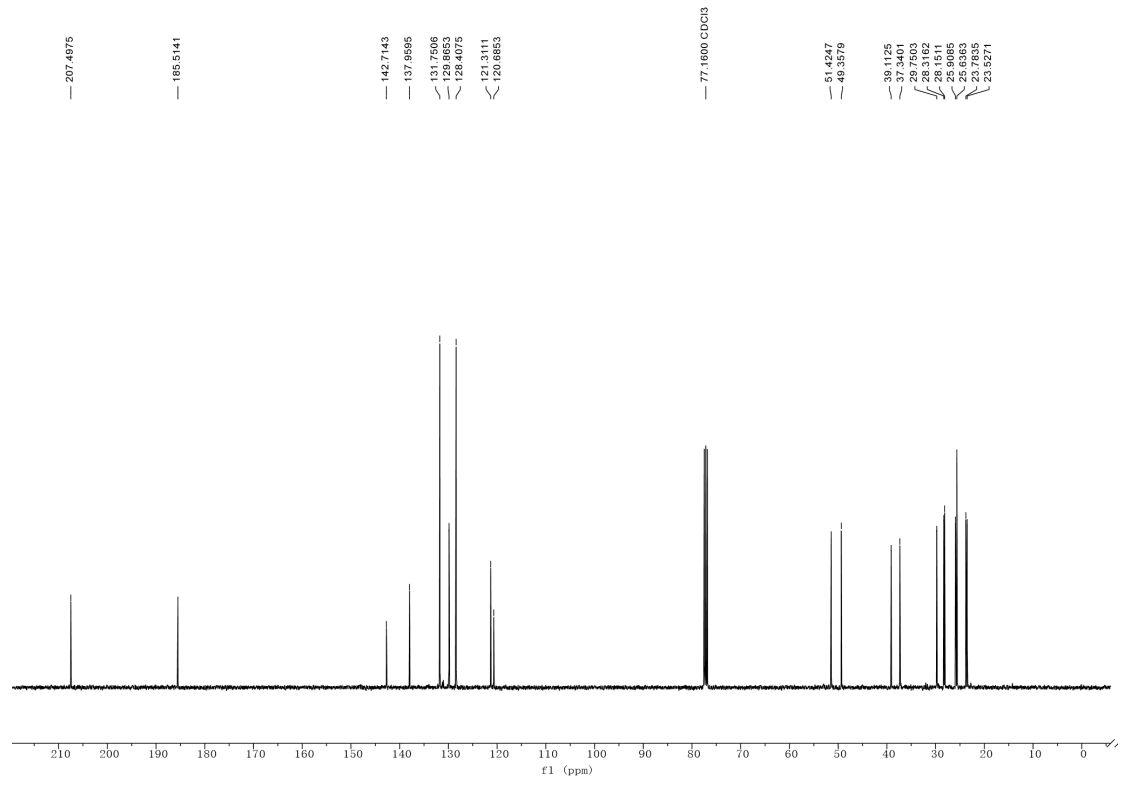
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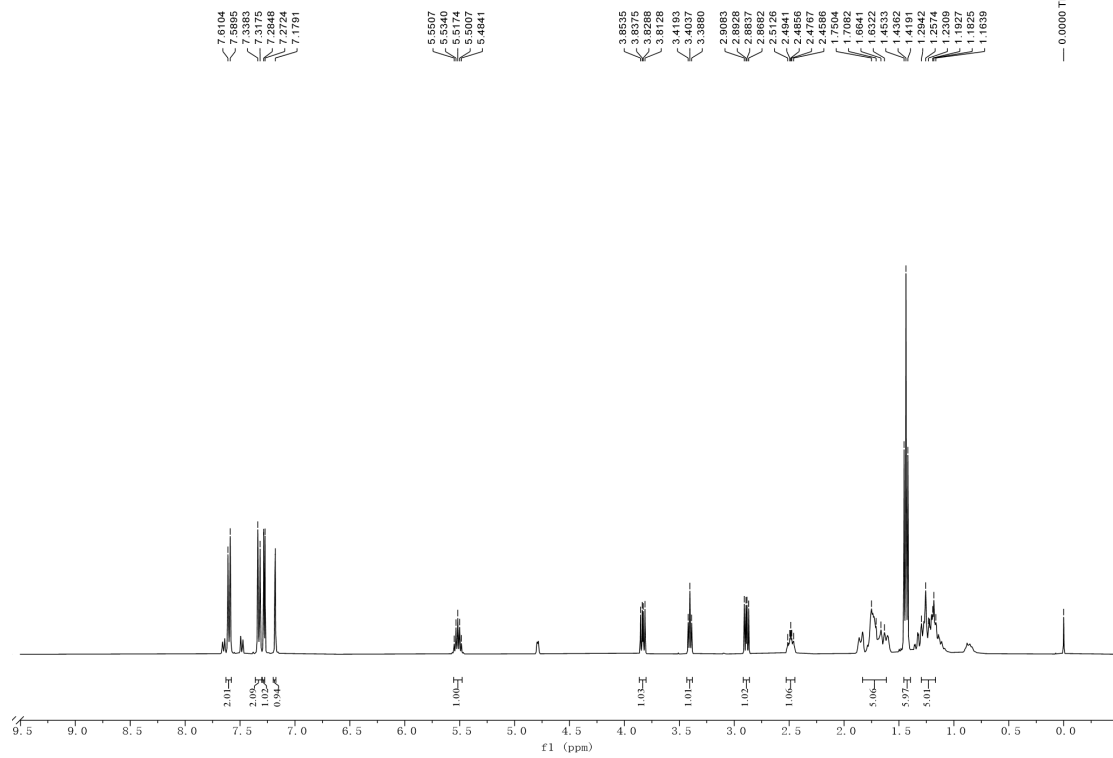
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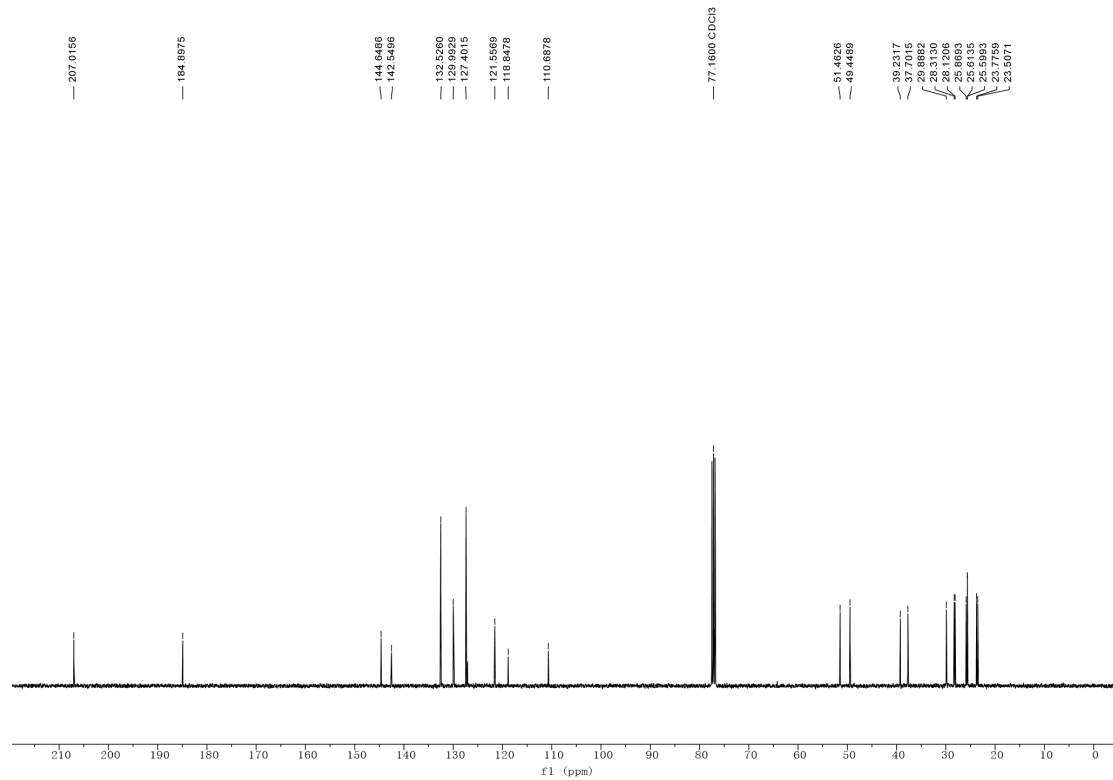
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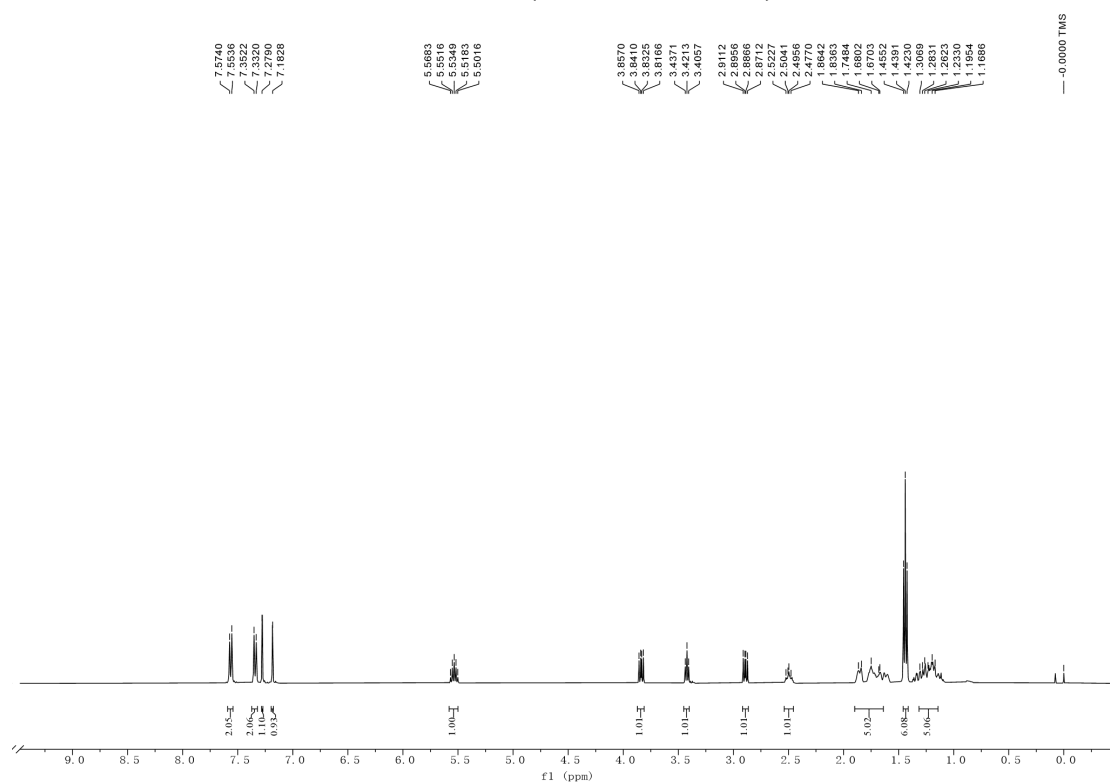


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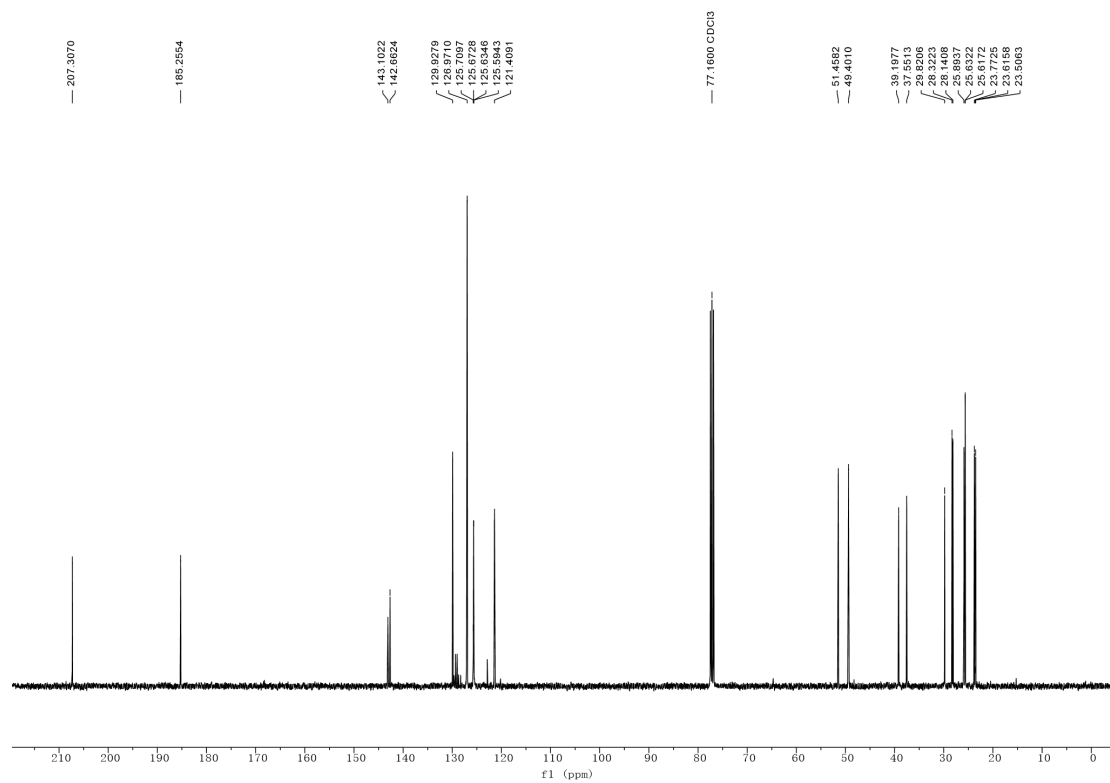




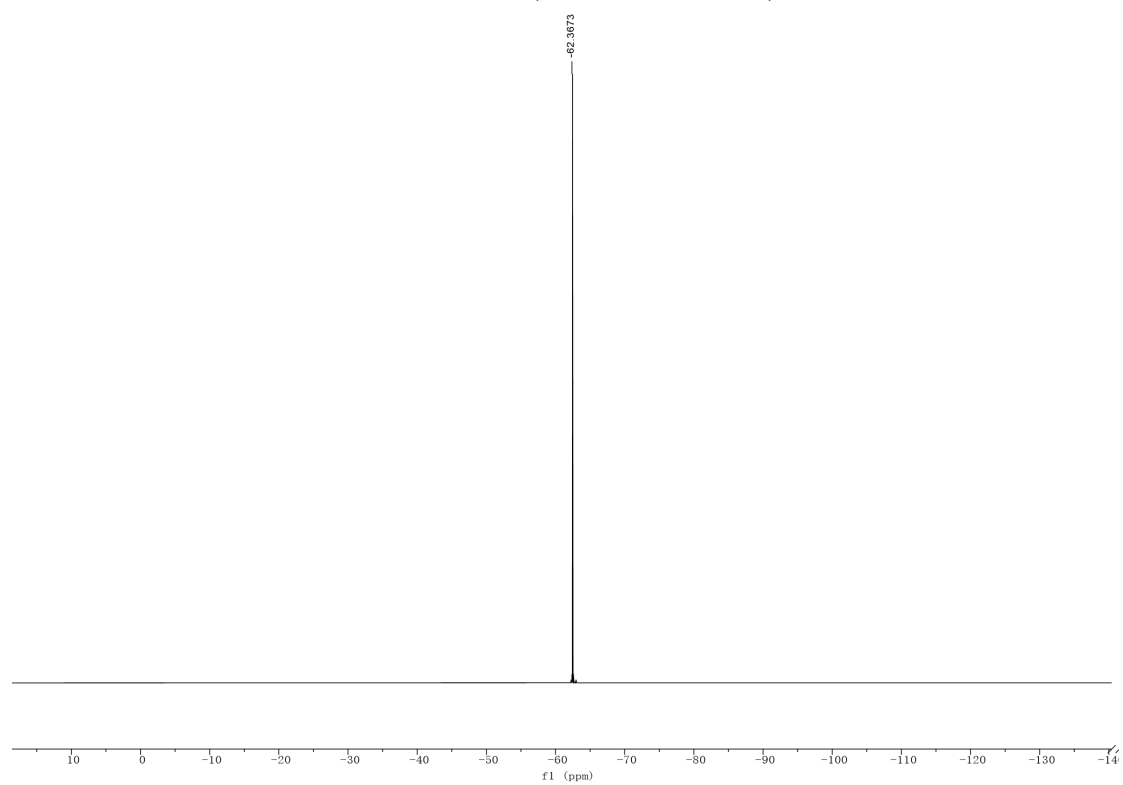
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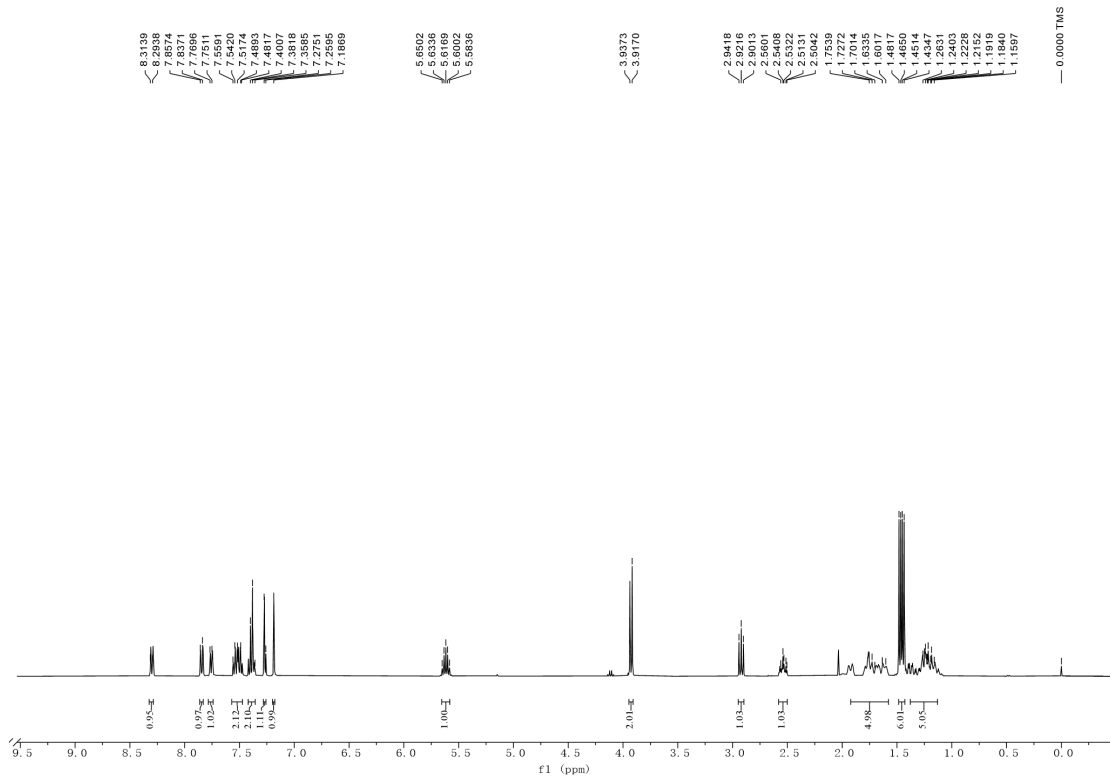
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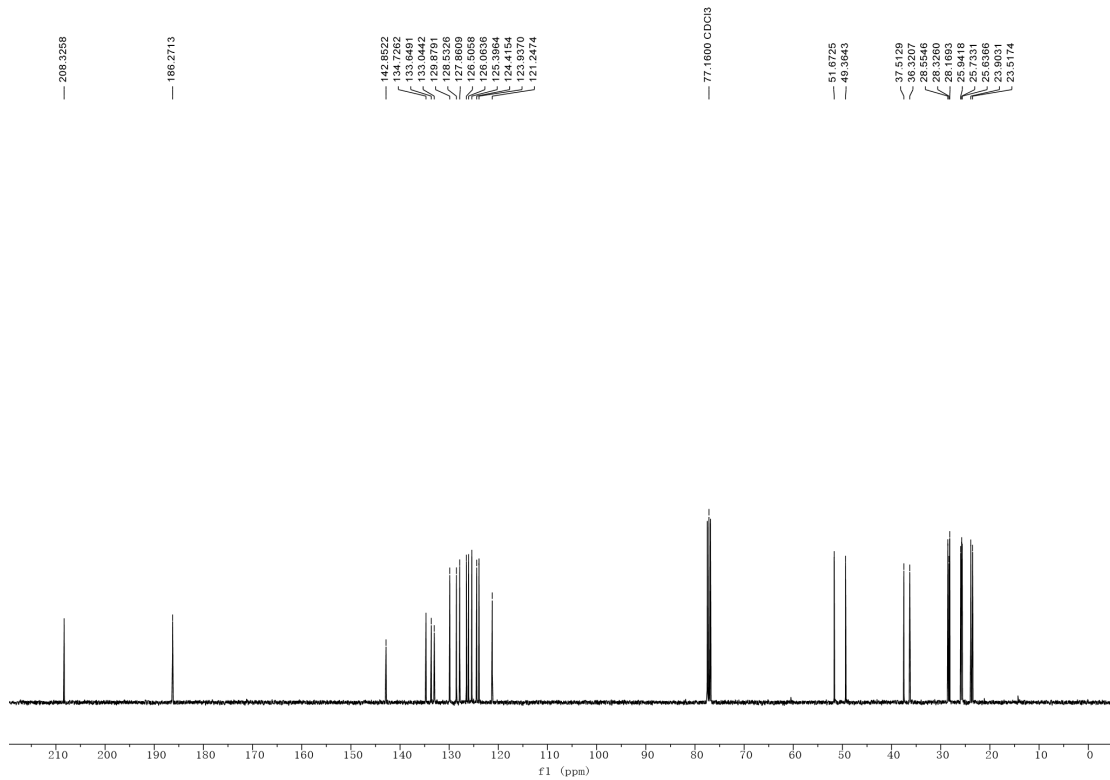
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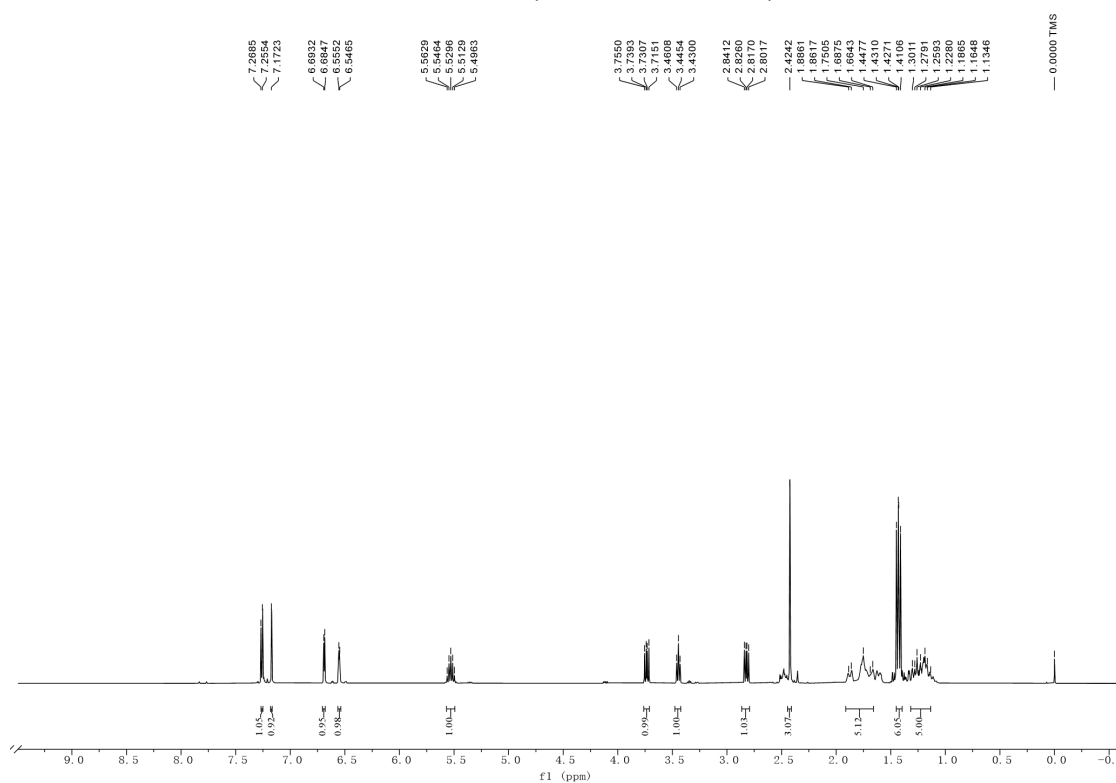
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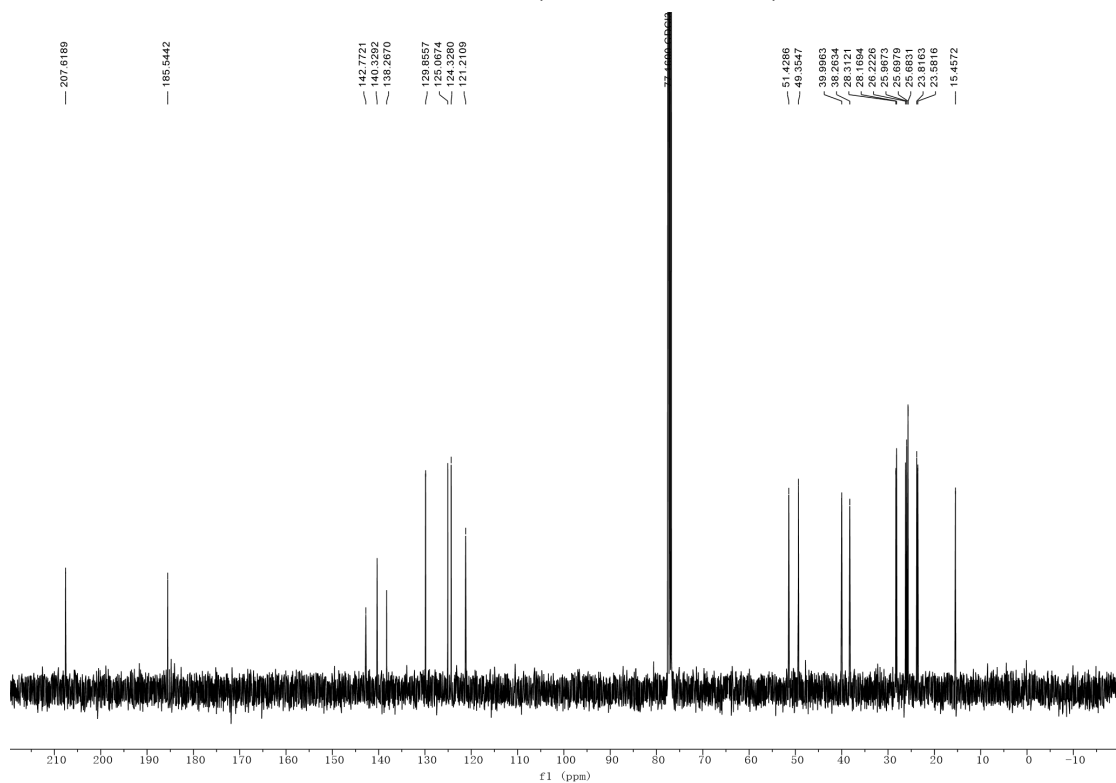
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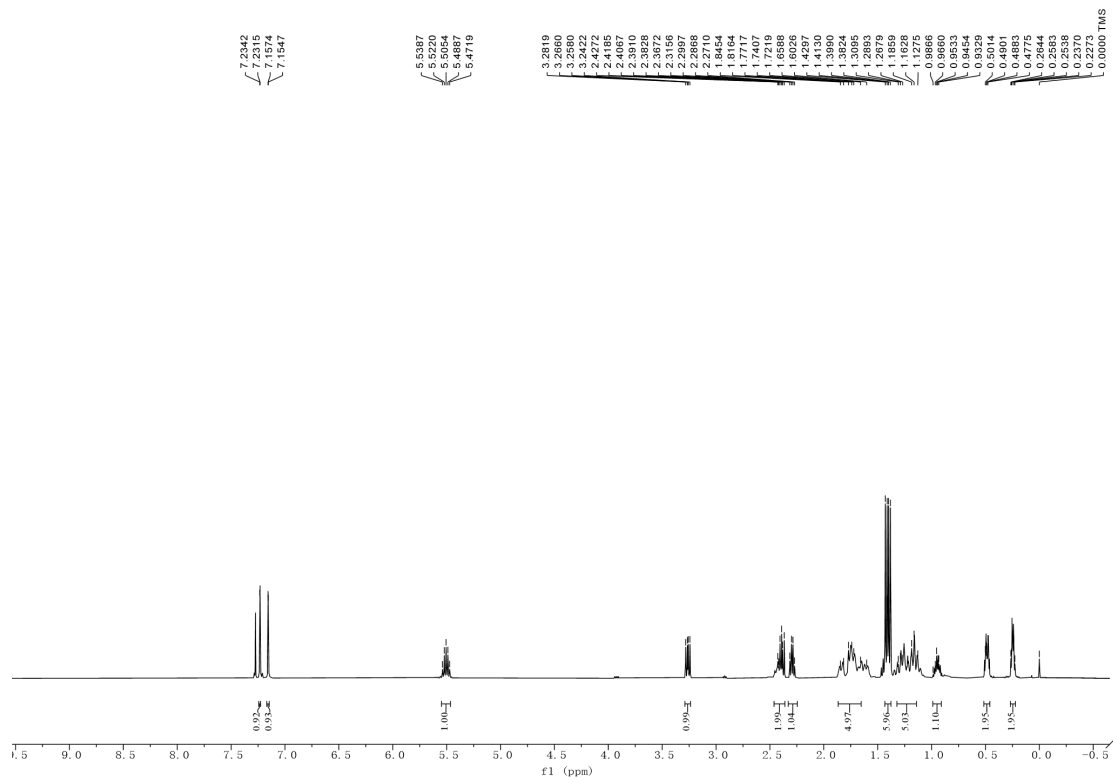
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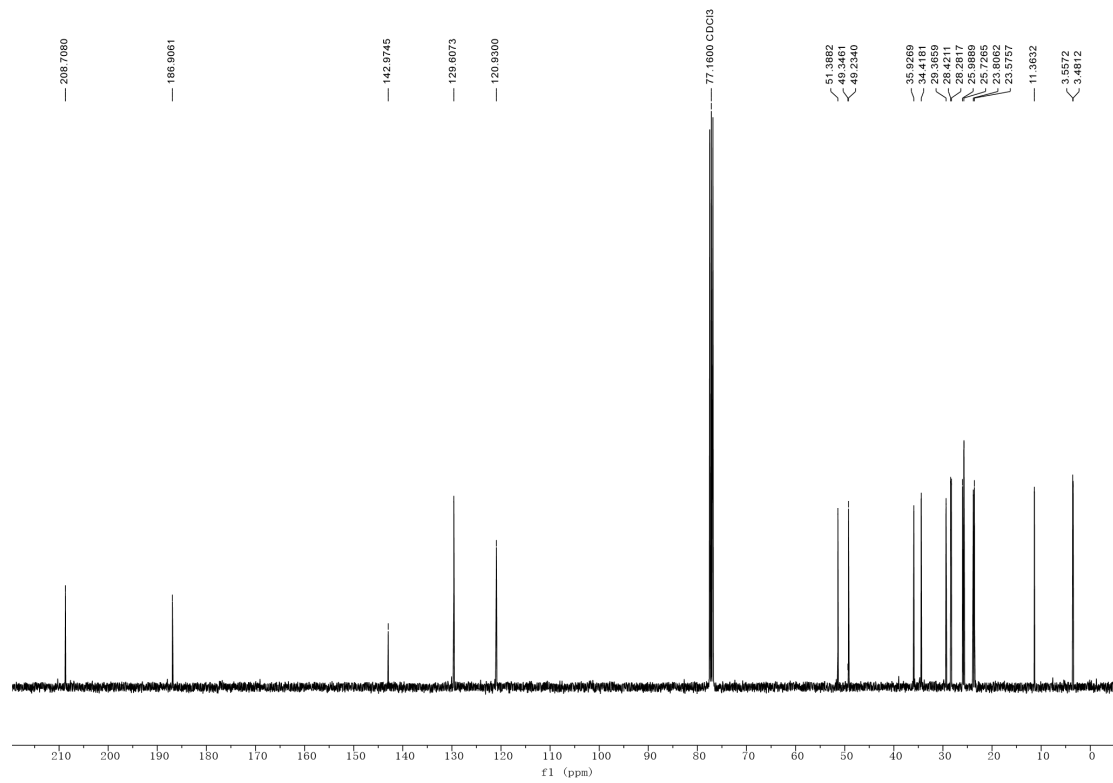
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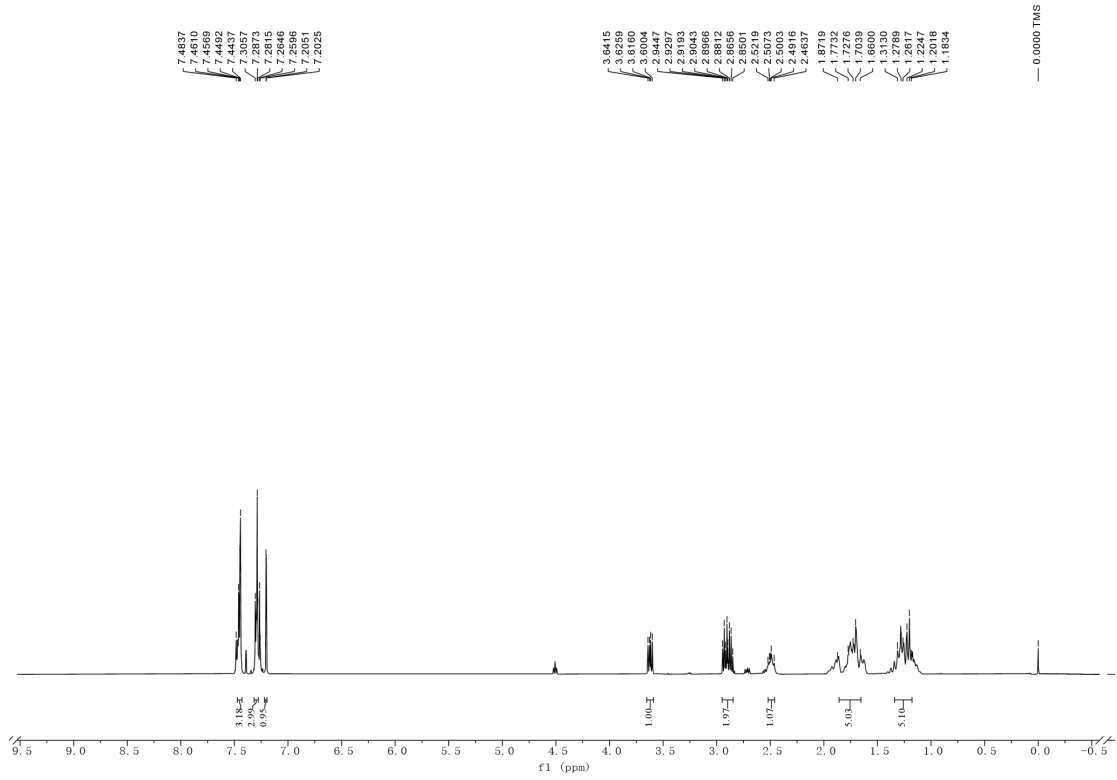
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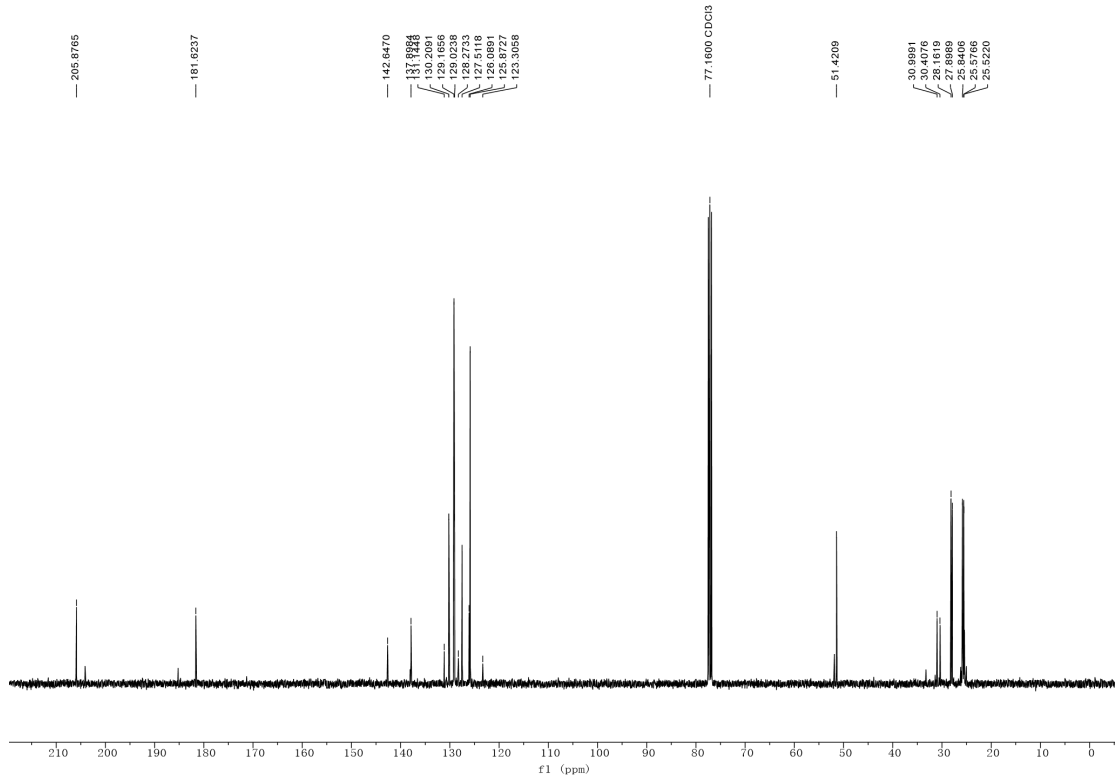
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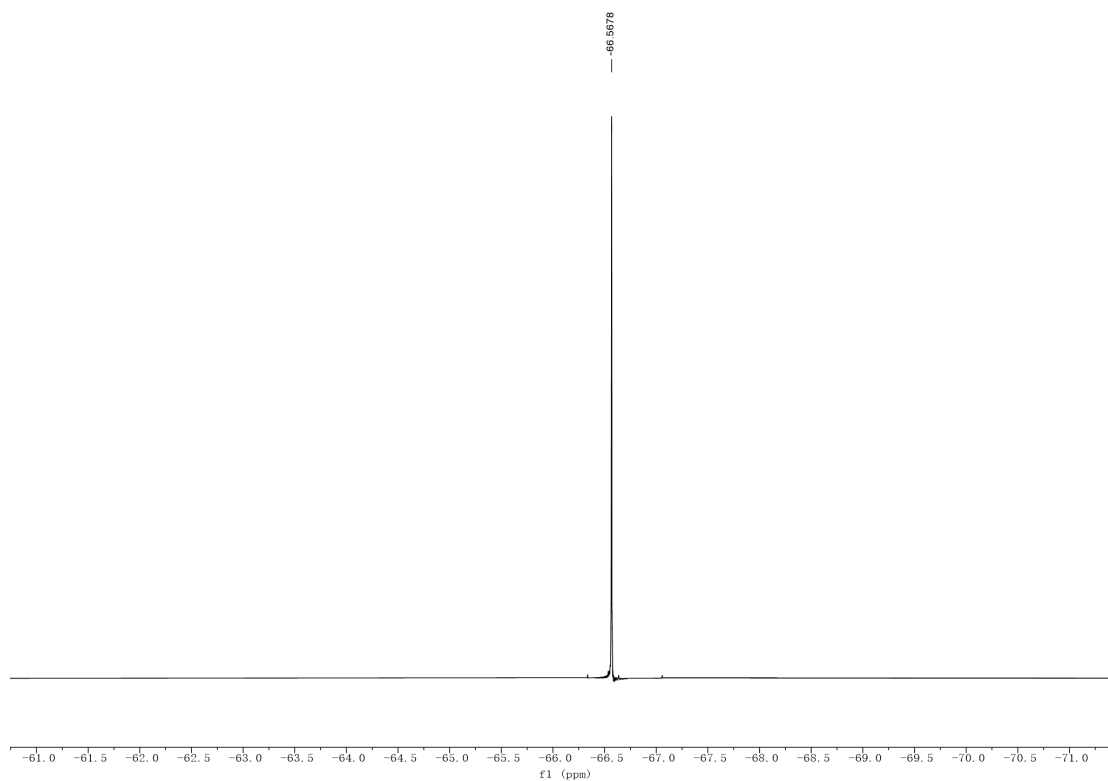
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR-4o (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



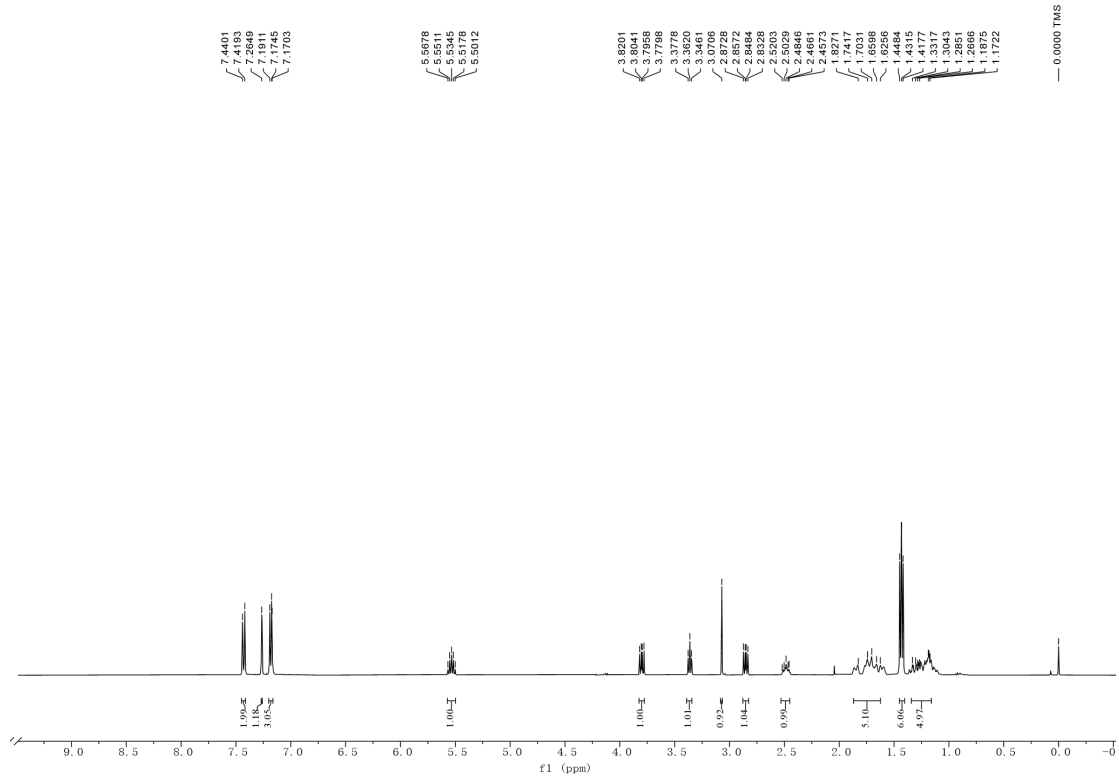
# <sup>13</sup>C NMR-4o (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



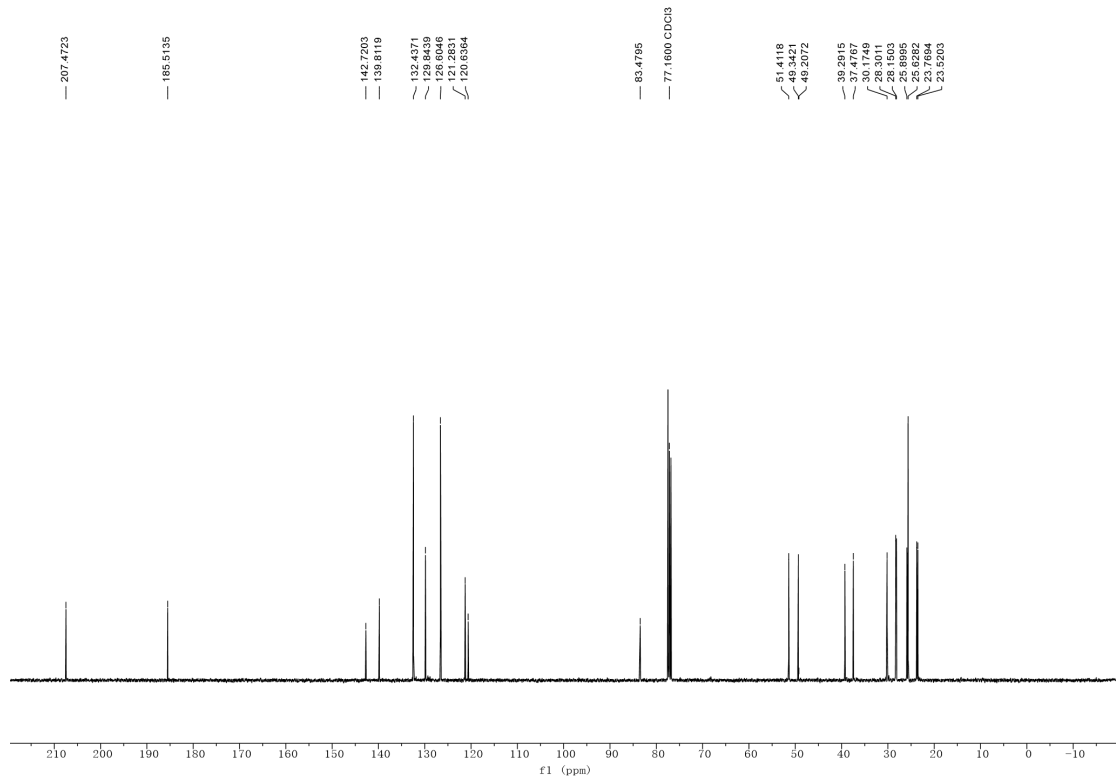
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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR-4p (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

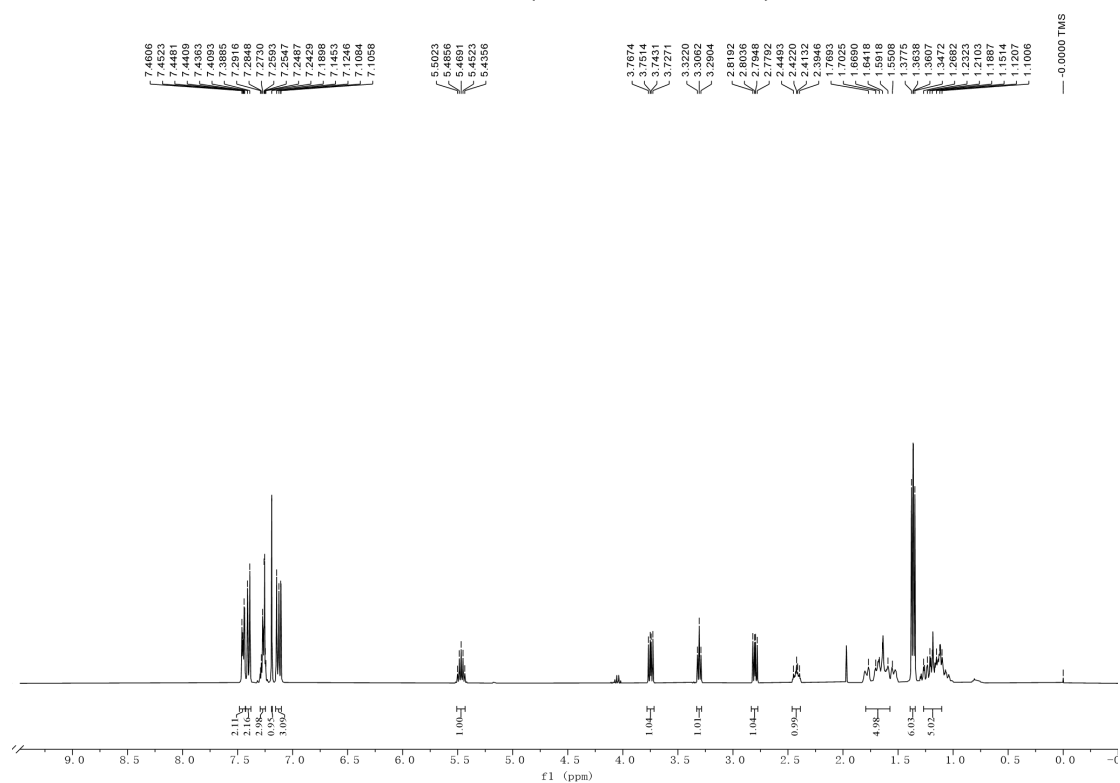


# <sup>13</sup>C NMR-4p (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

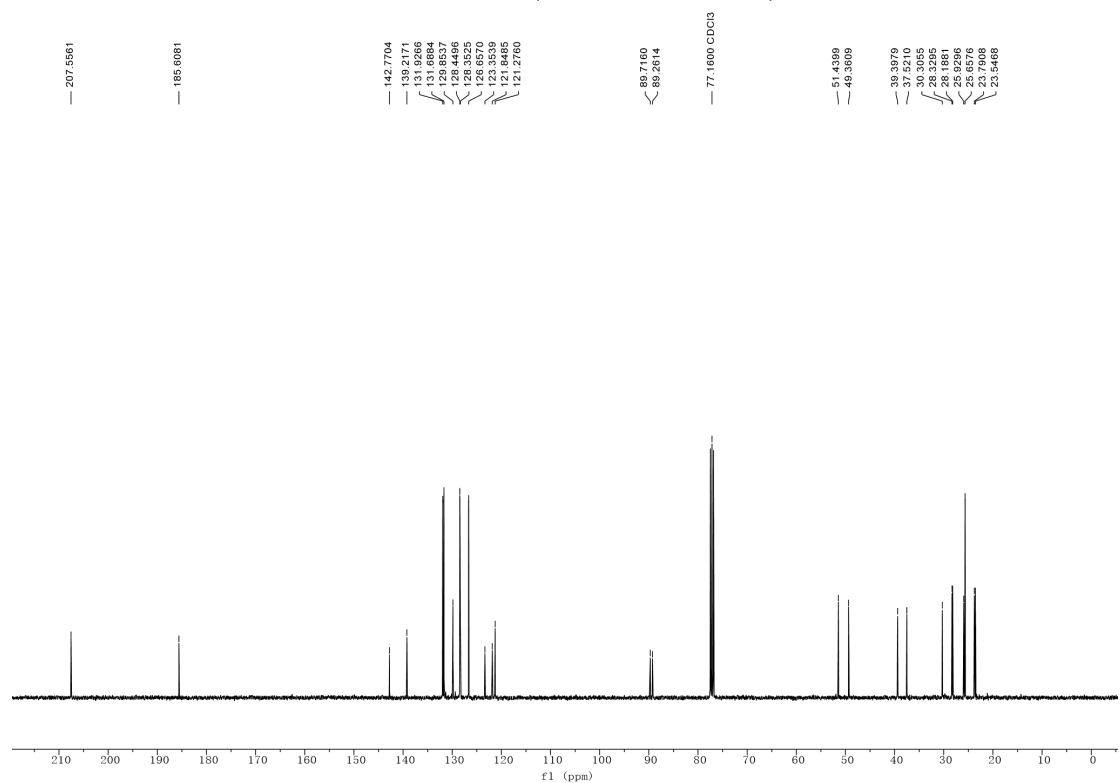




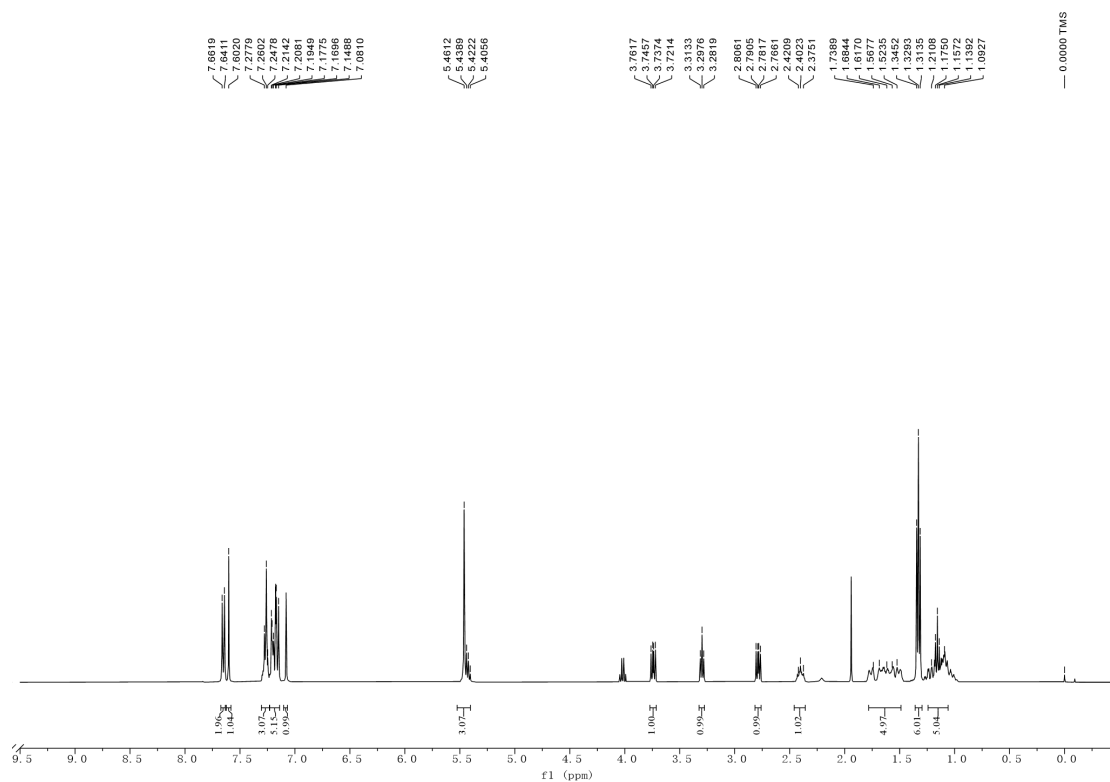
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR-5a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



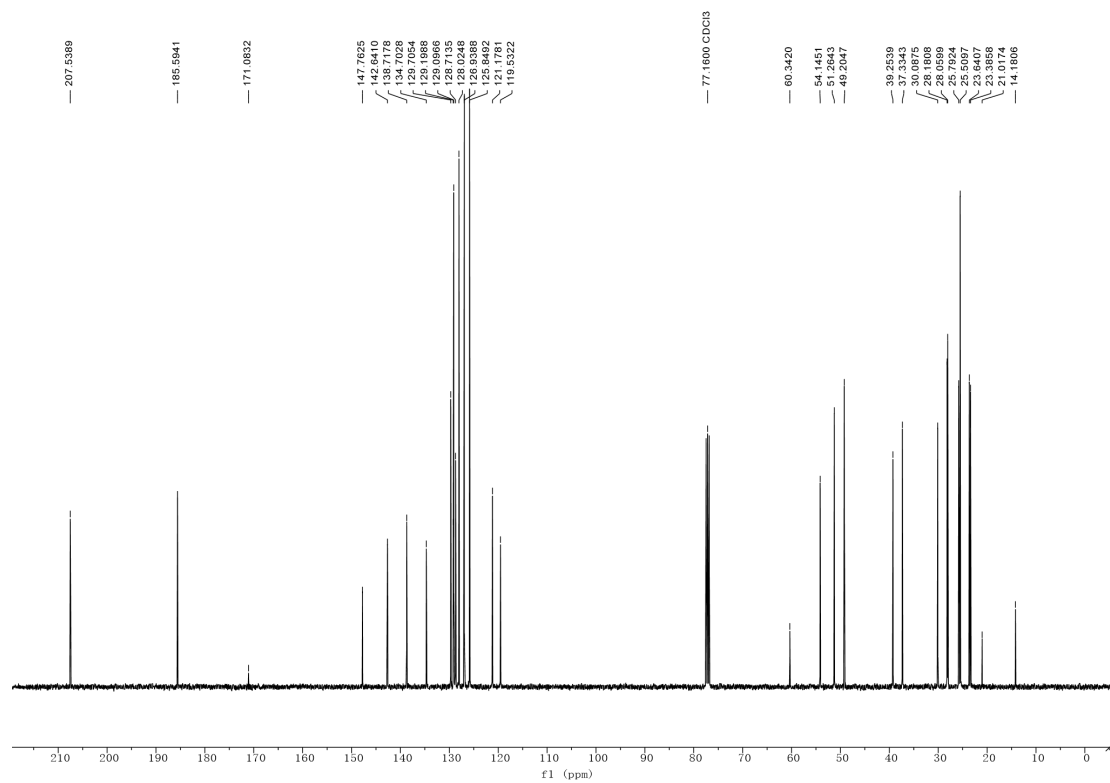
# <sup>13</sup>C NMR-5a (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR-6a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

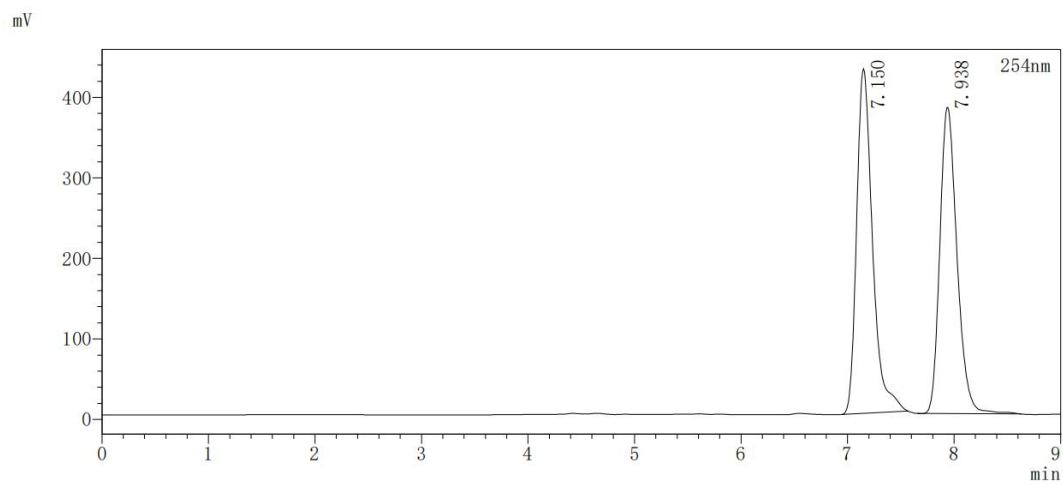


# <sup>13</sup>C NMR-6a (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## VIII HPLC Traces on Chiral Stationary Phase

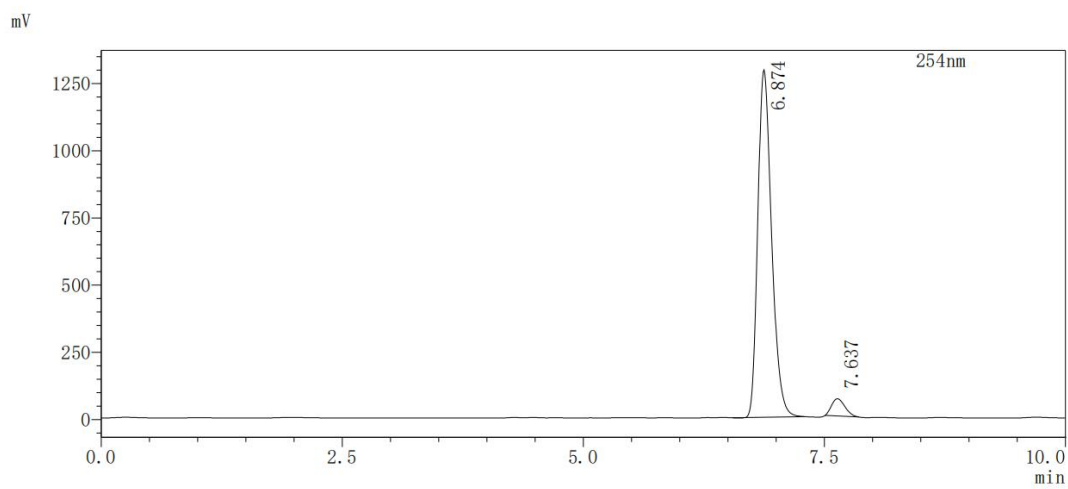
### racemic-3a



254nm

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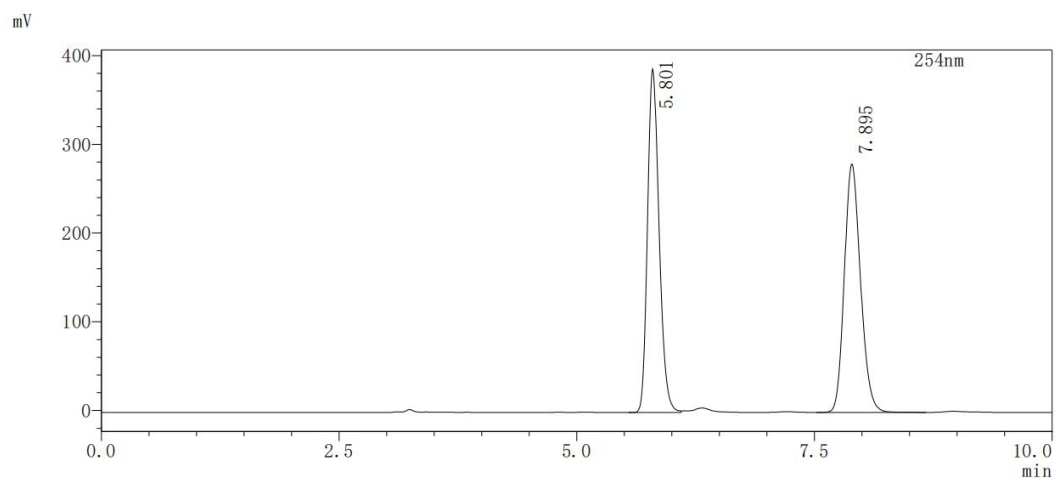
### chiral-3a



254nm

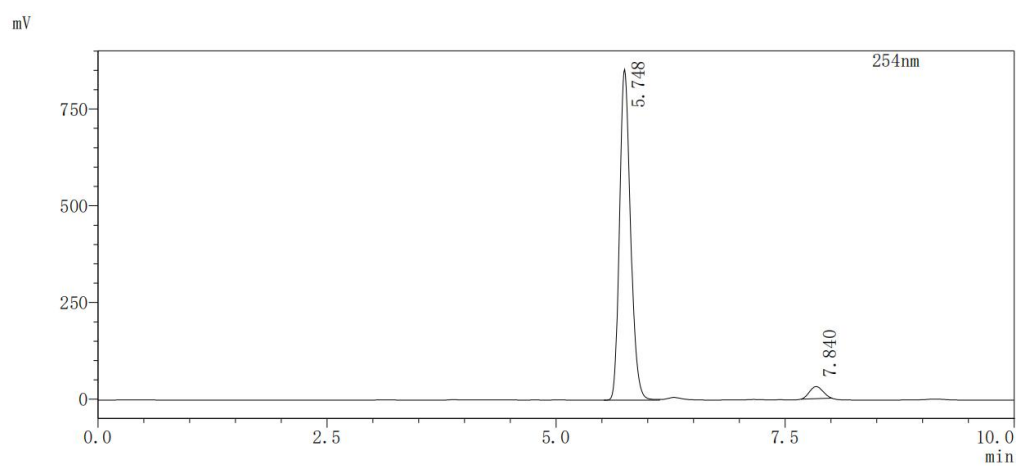
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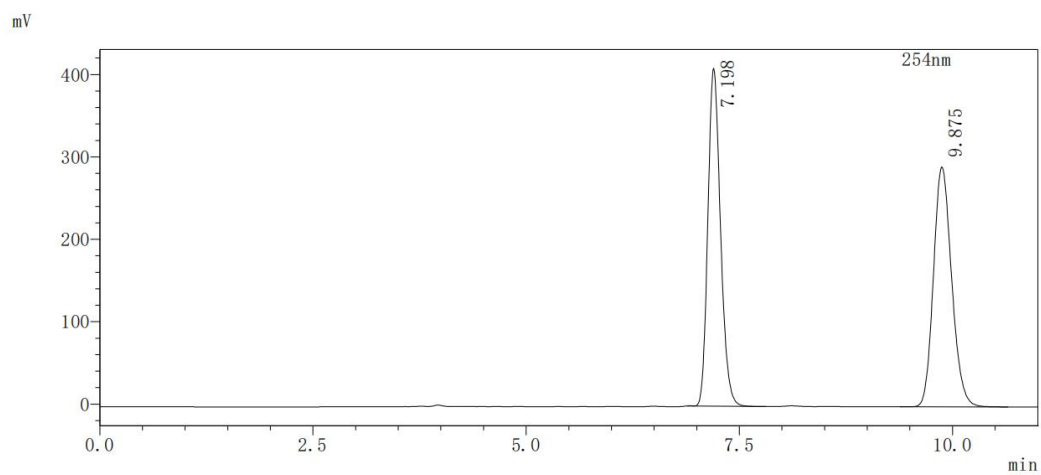
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### chiral-3b



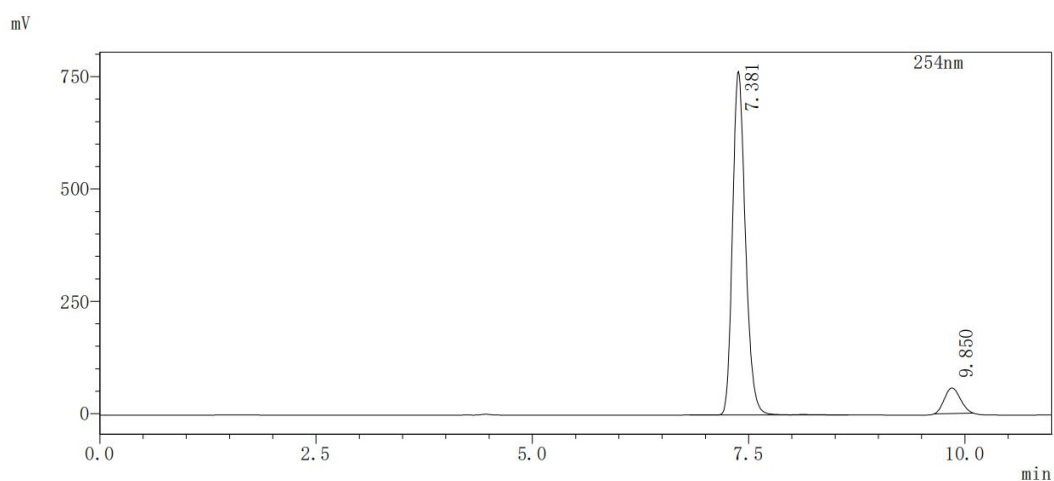
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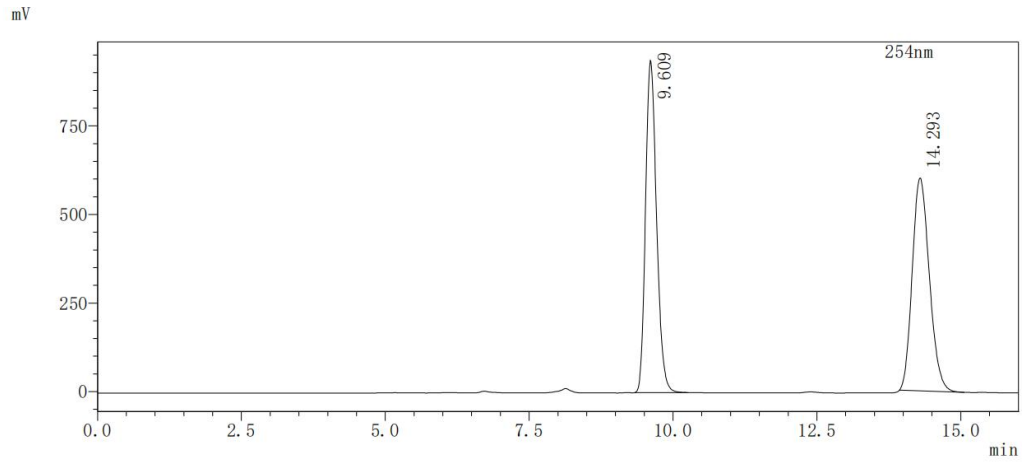
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### chiral-3c



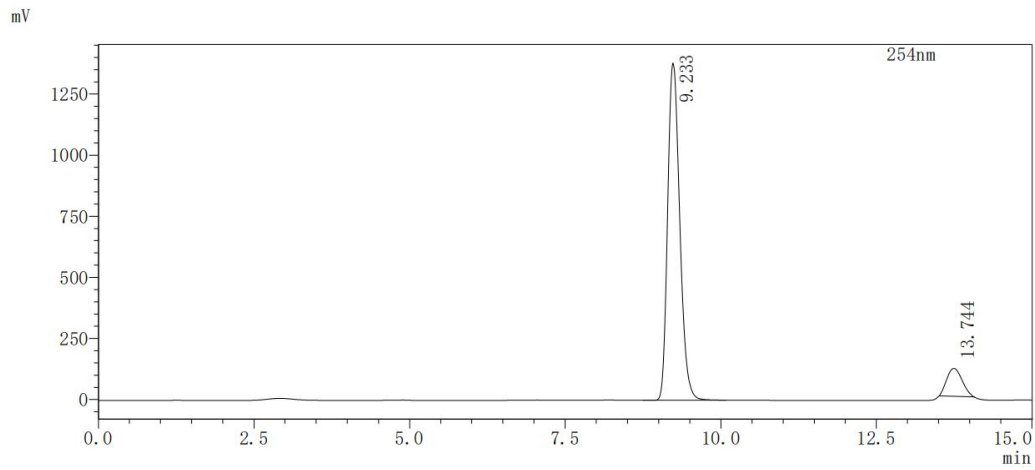
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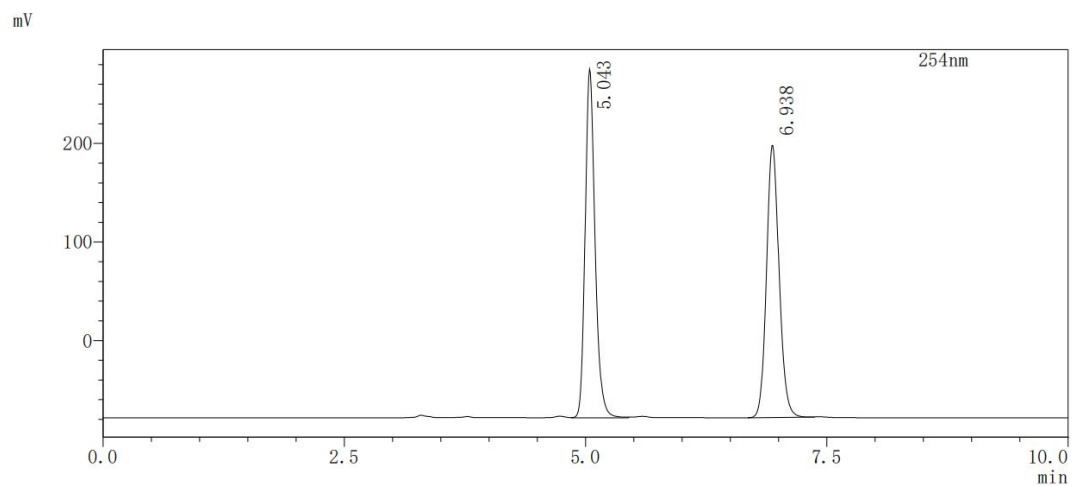
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### chiral-3d



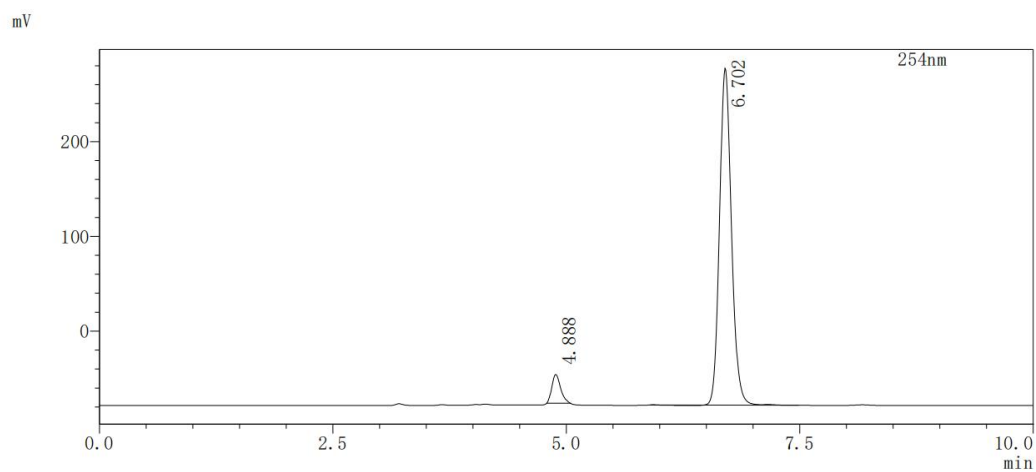
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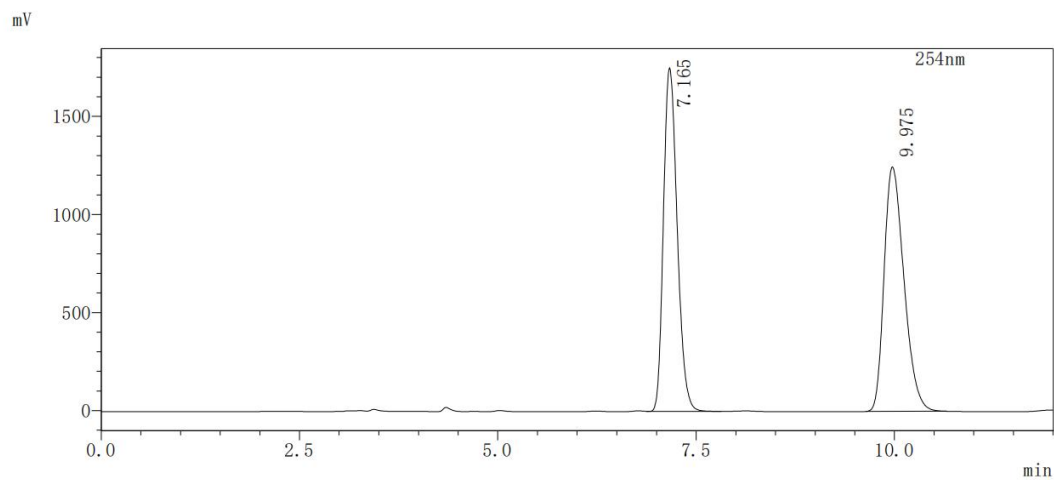
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### chiral-3e



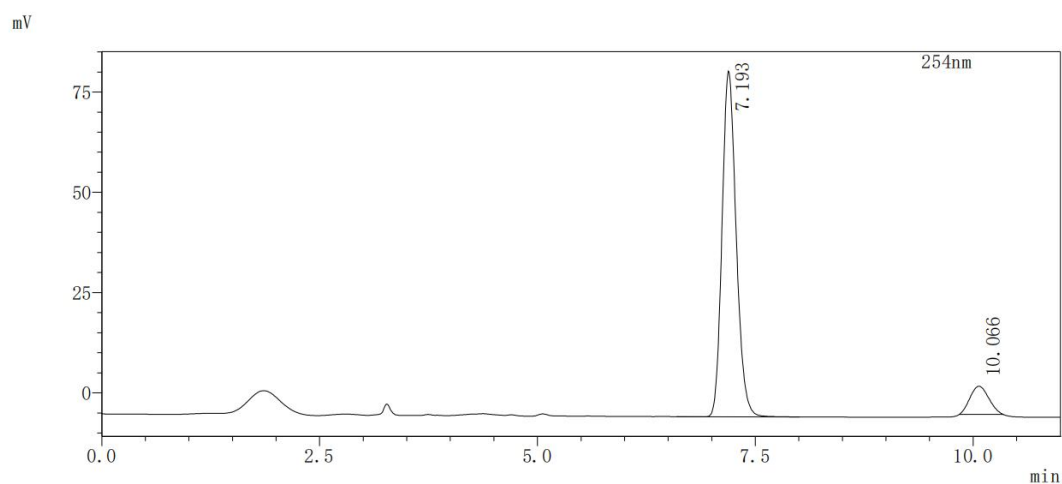
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### racemic-3f



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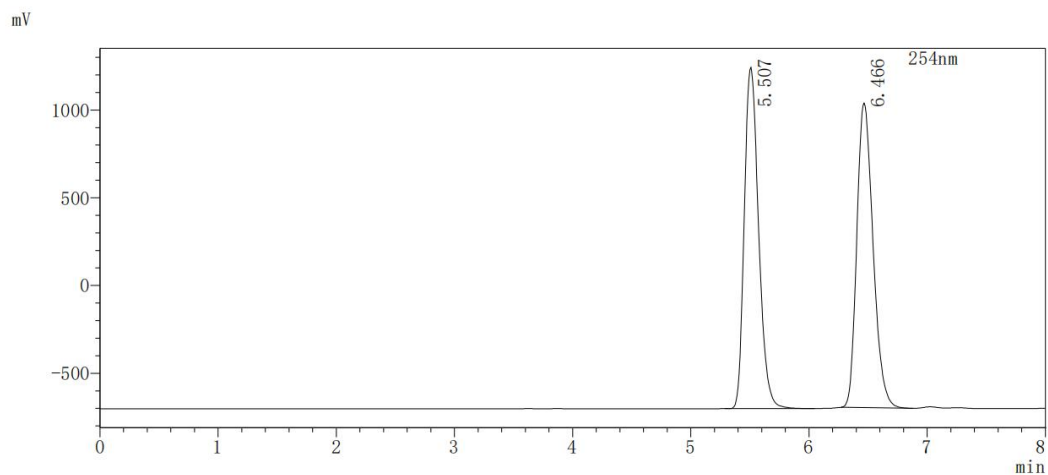
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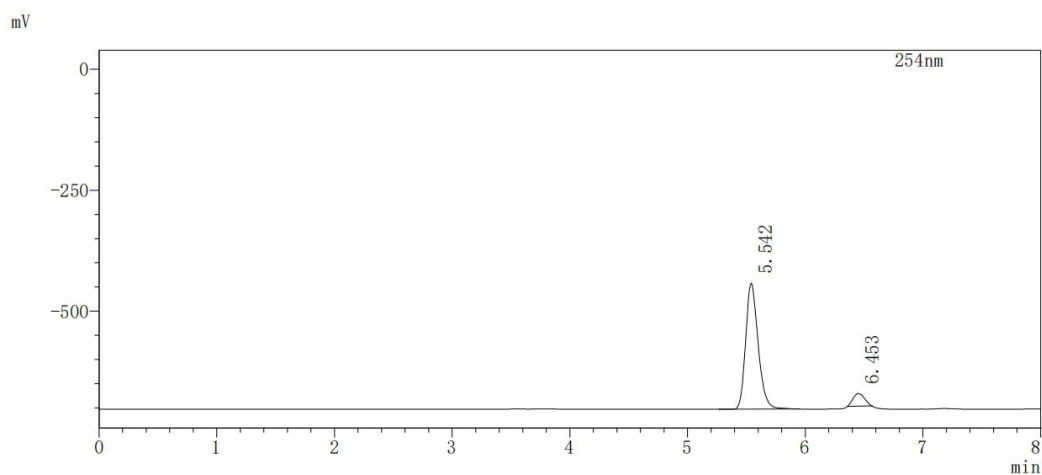


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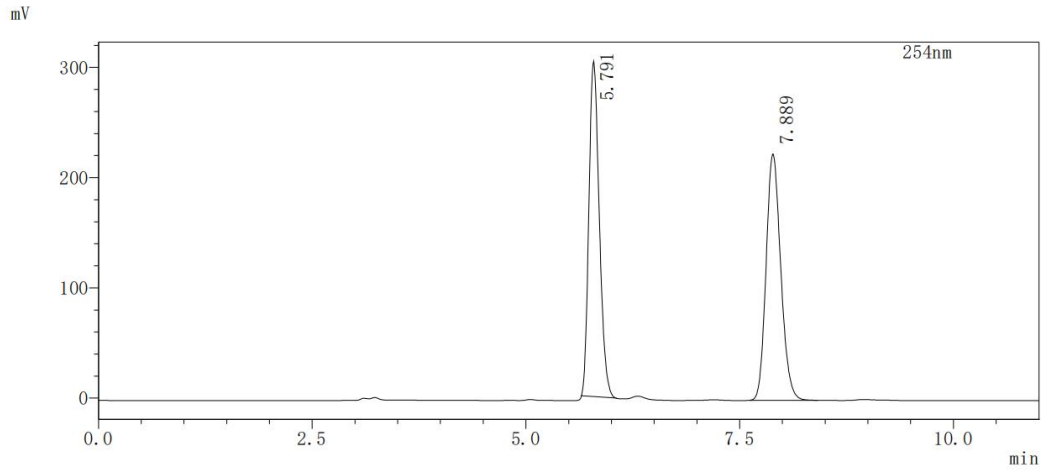
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### chiral-3g



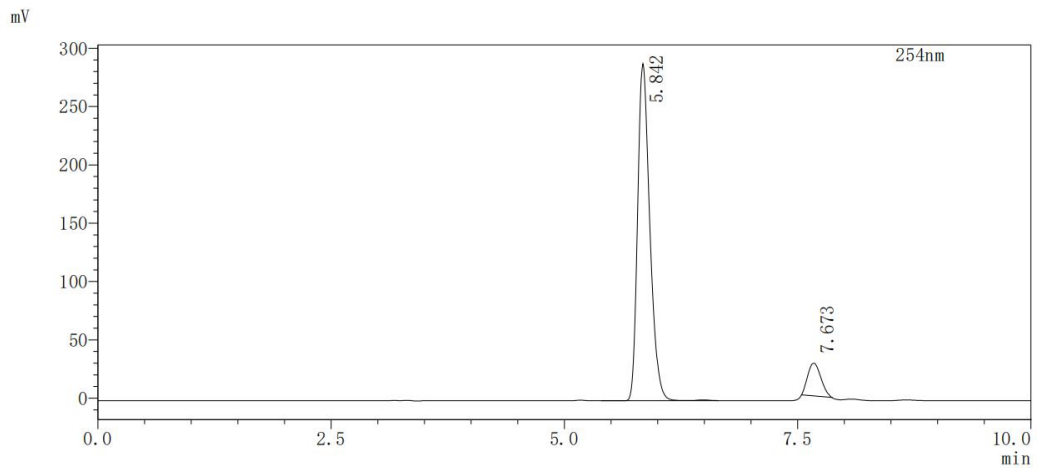
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### racemic-3h



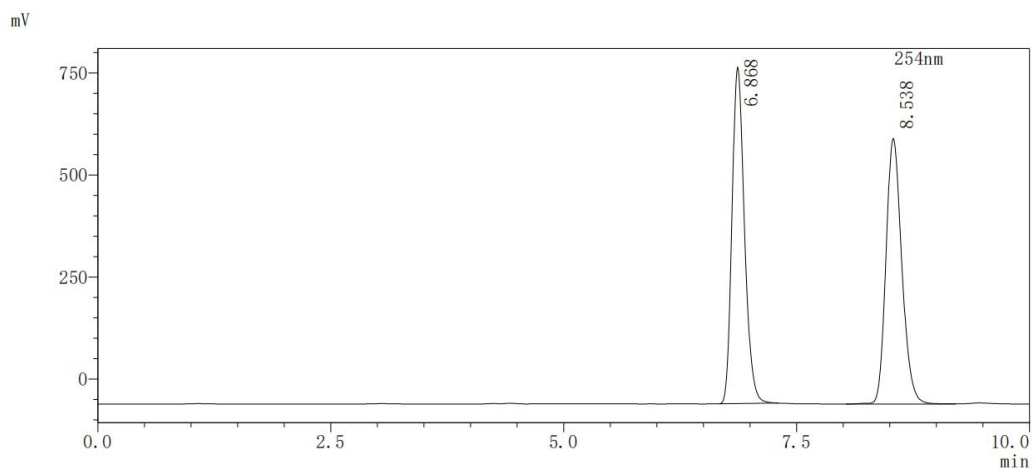
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### chiral-3h



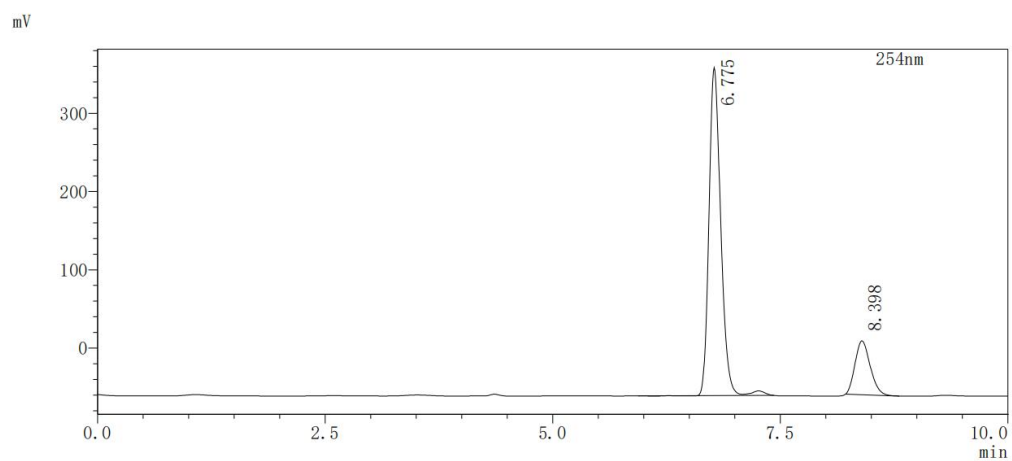
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### racemic-3i



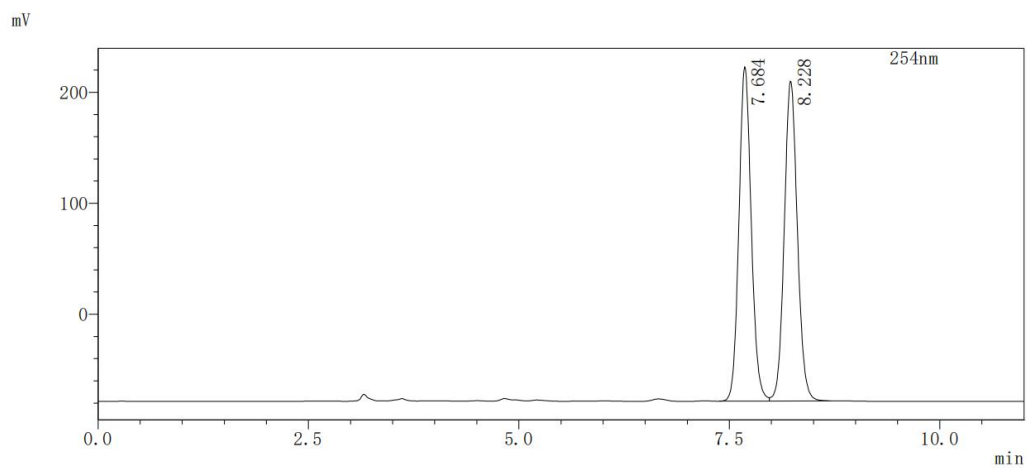
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### chiral-3i



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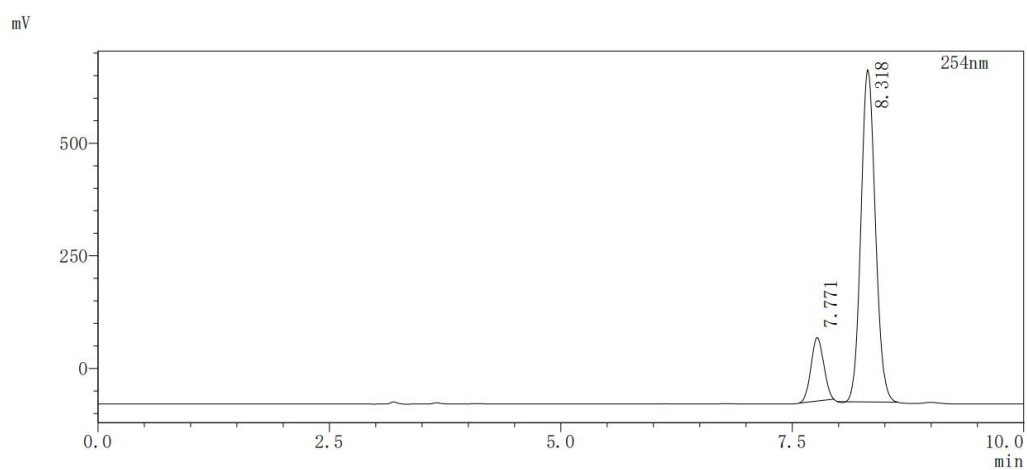
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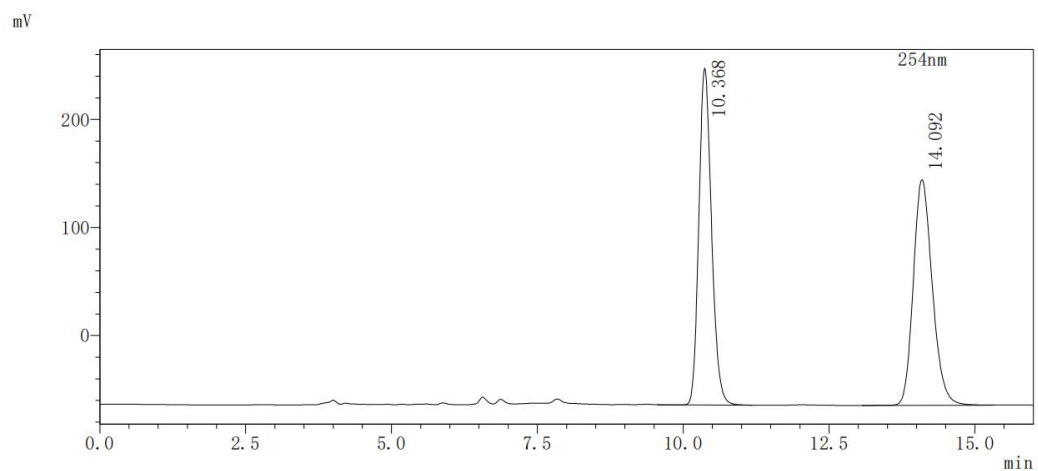
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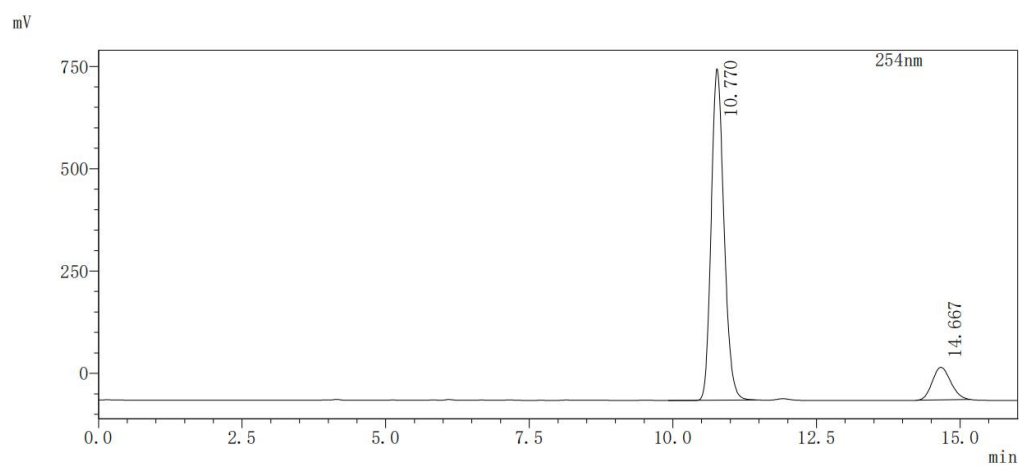
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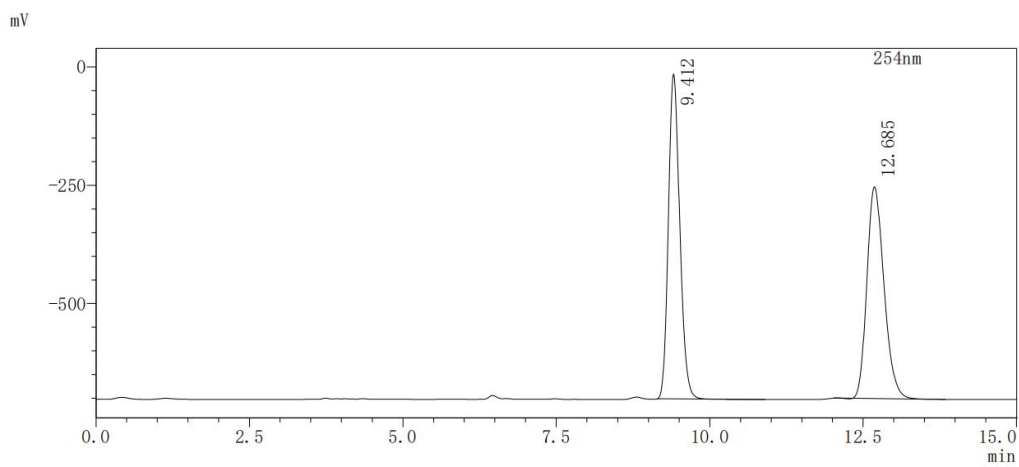
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### chiral-3k



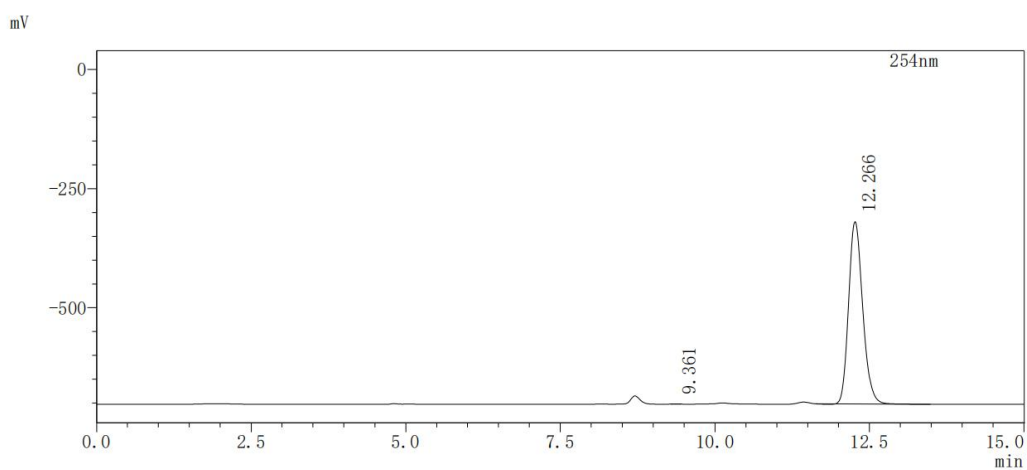
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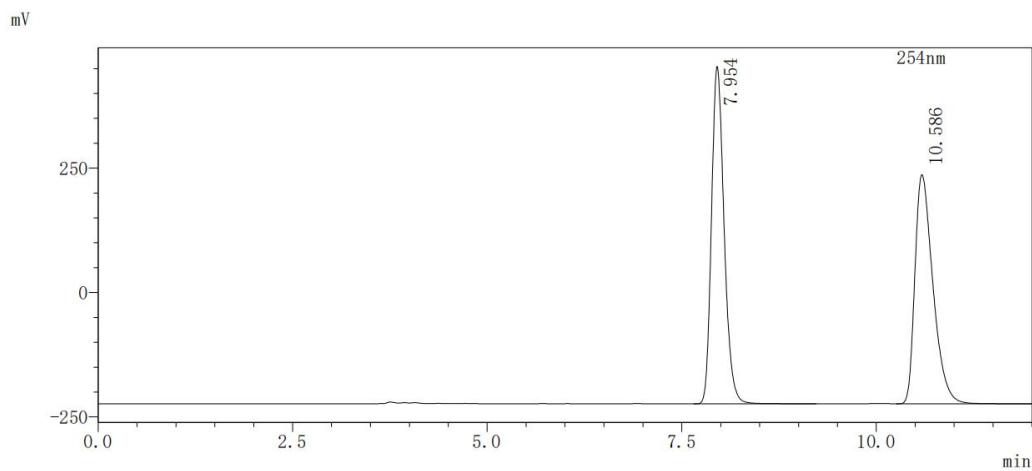
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### chiral-3l



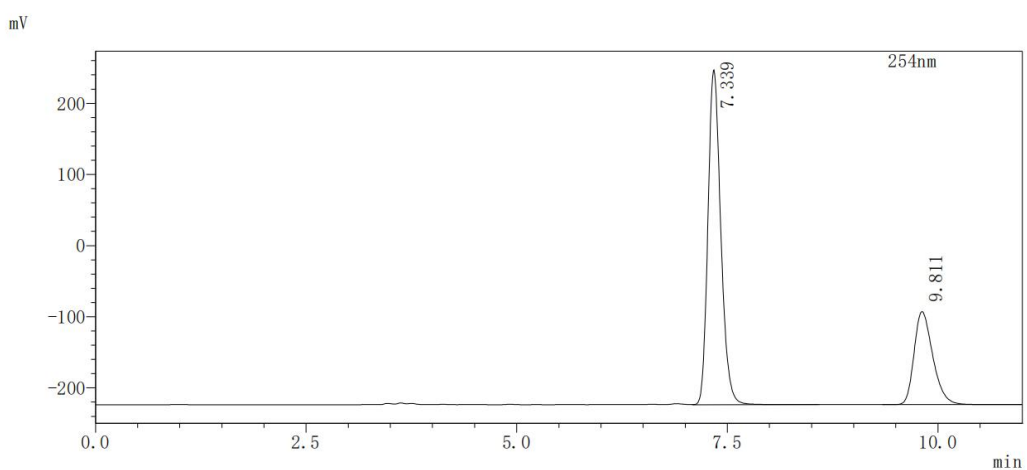
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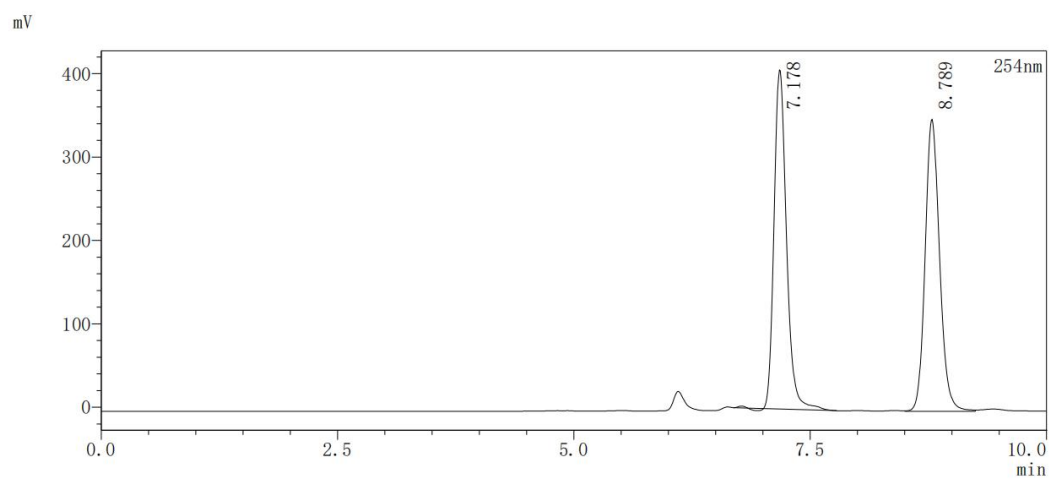
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### chiral-3m



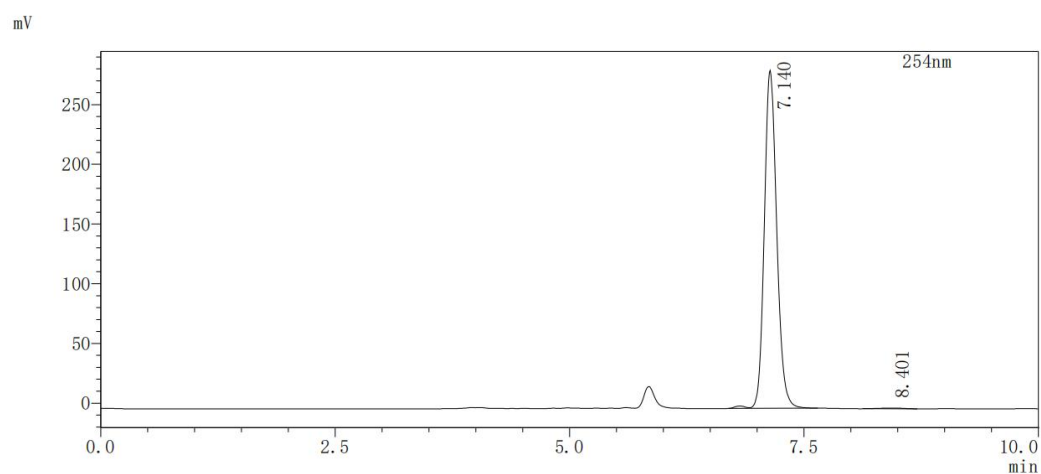
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### racemic-3n



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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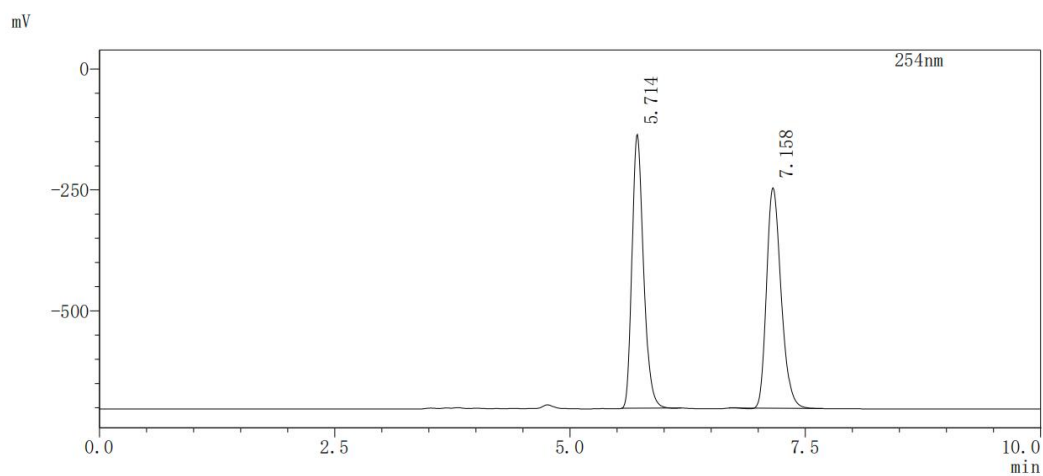
### chiral-3n



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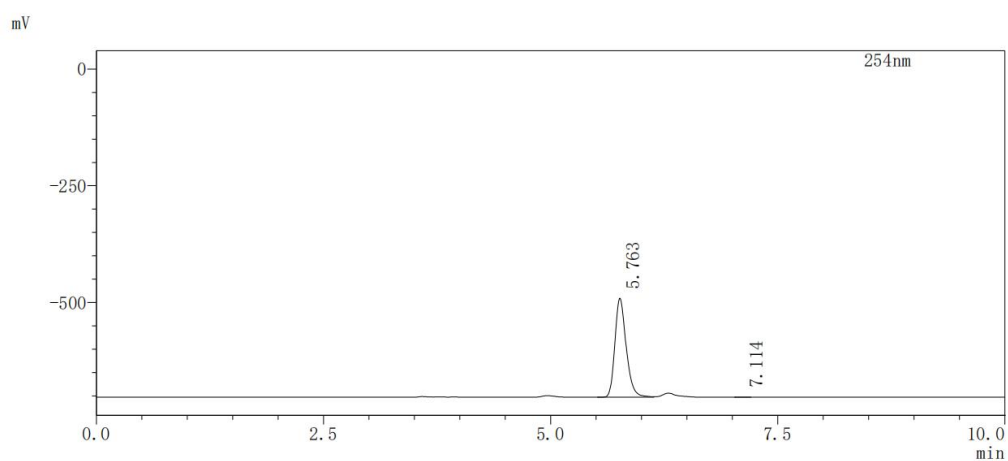


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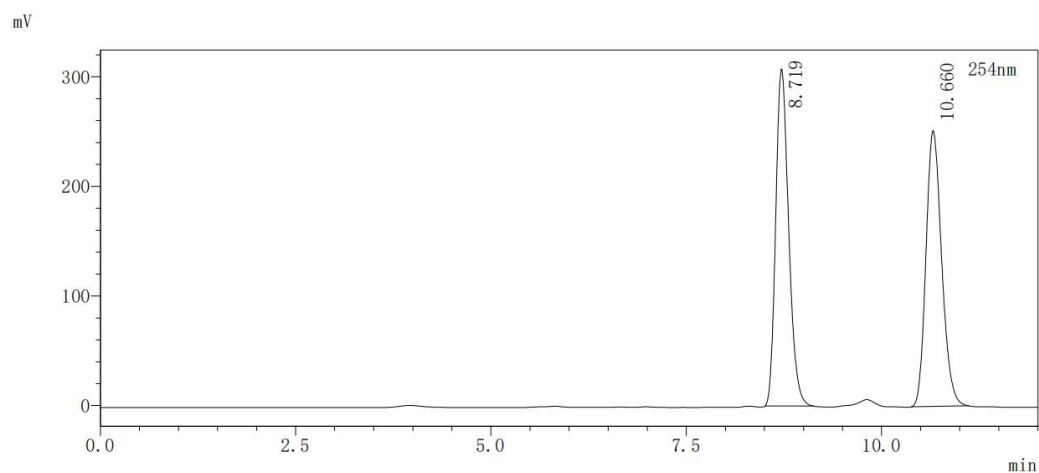
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### chiral-4a



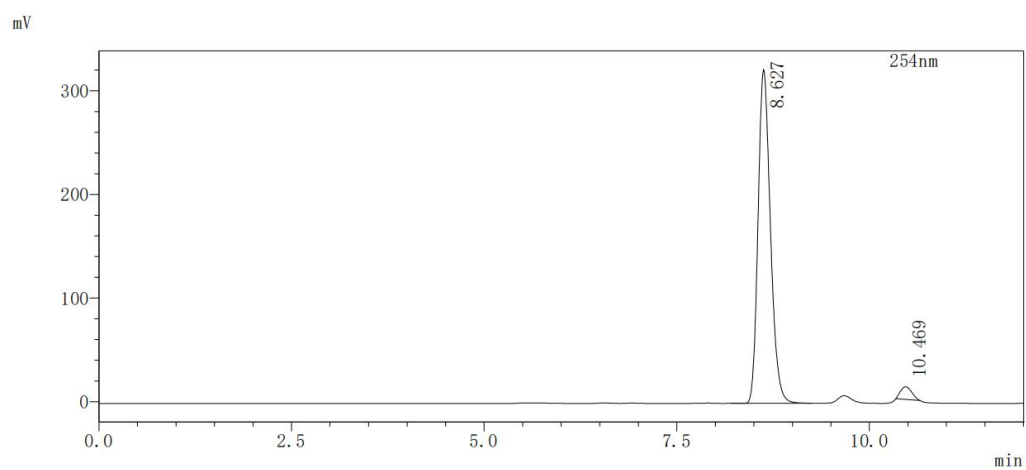
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2	7.114	159	30	0.009
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## racemic-4b



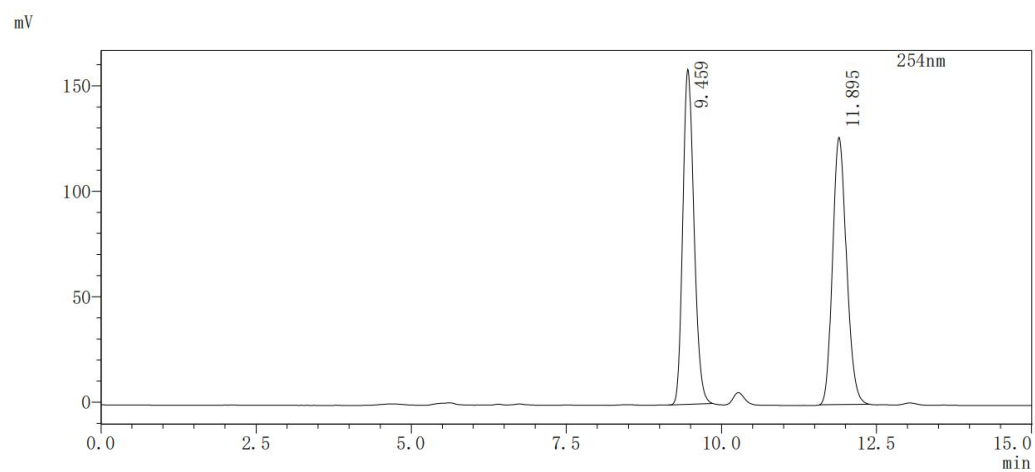
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2	10.660	3507630	251673	49.737
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## chiral-4d



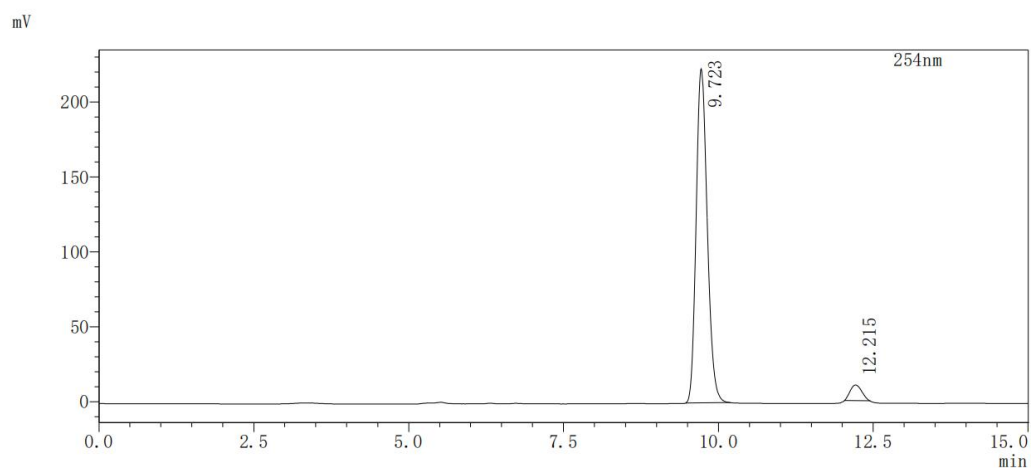
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2	10.469	123517	12193	3.325
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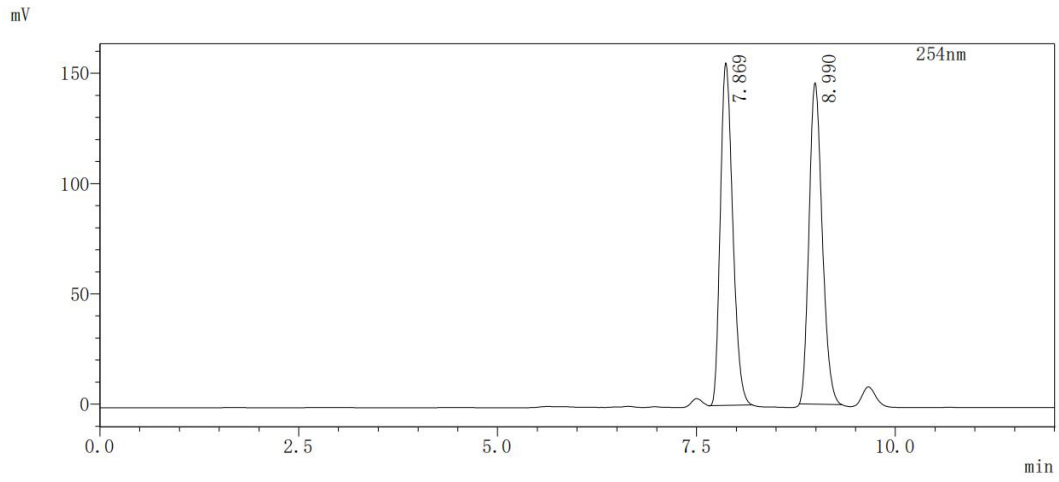
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2	11.895	1987820	126617	49.933
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### chiral-4c



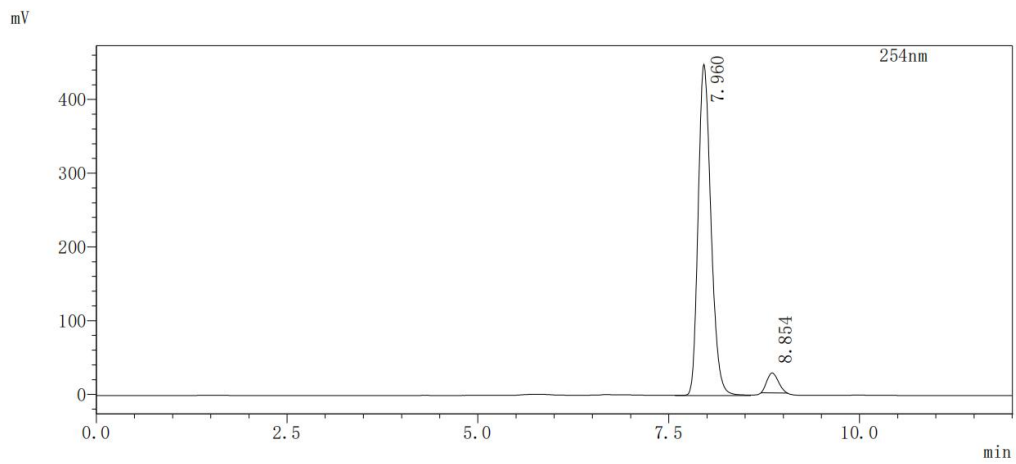
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## racemic-4d



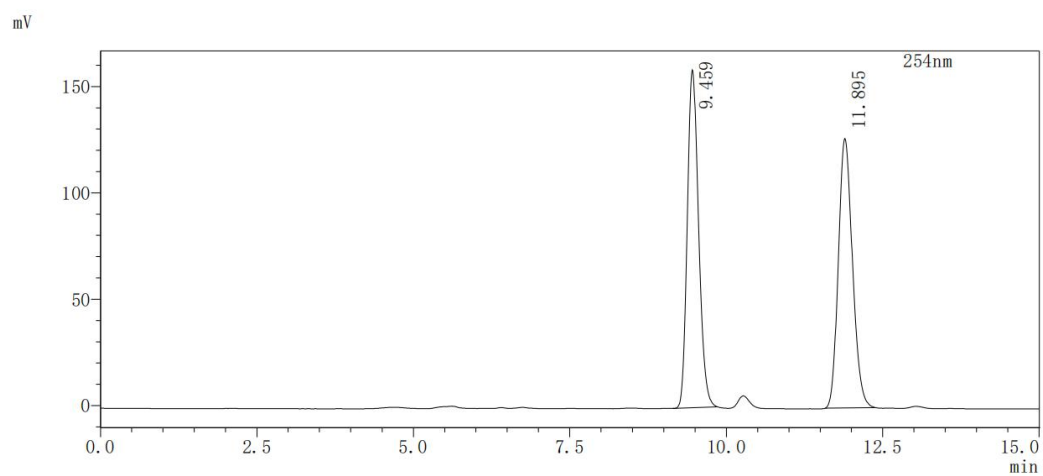
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## chiral-4d



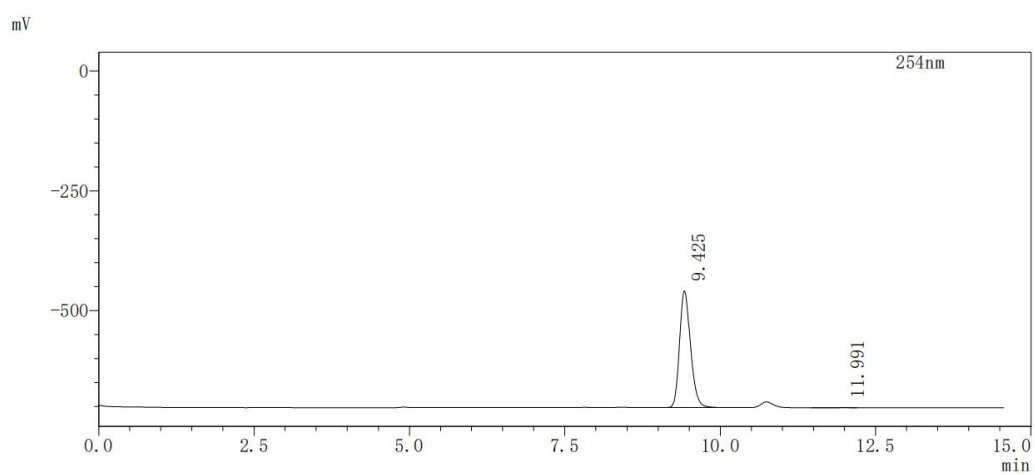
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### racemic-4e



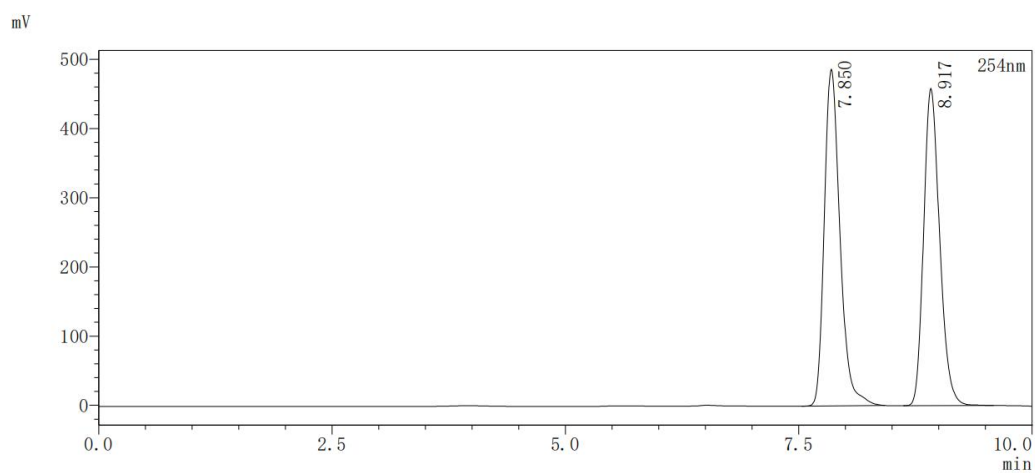
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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### chiral-4e



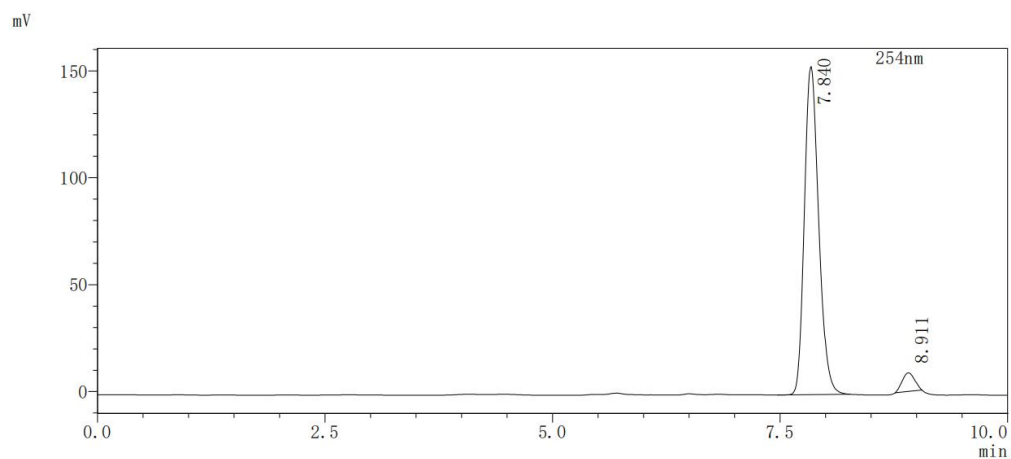
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## racemic-4f



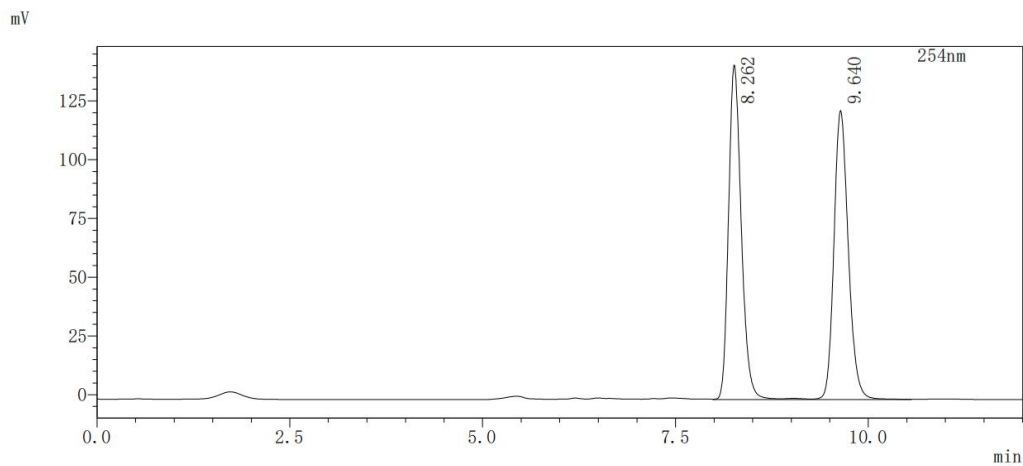
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1	7.850	5692783	486555	50.974
2	8.917	5475241	458407	49.026
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## chiral-4f



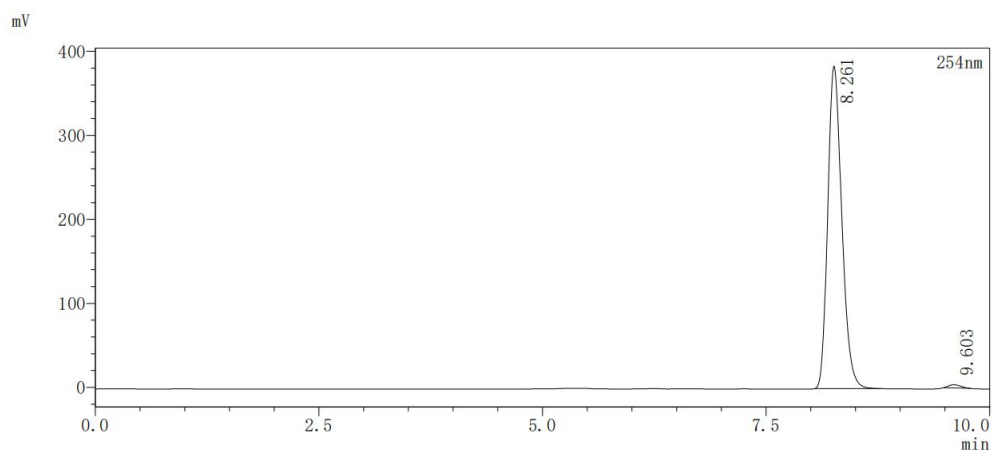
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Total		1757899	162022	100.000

## racemic-4g



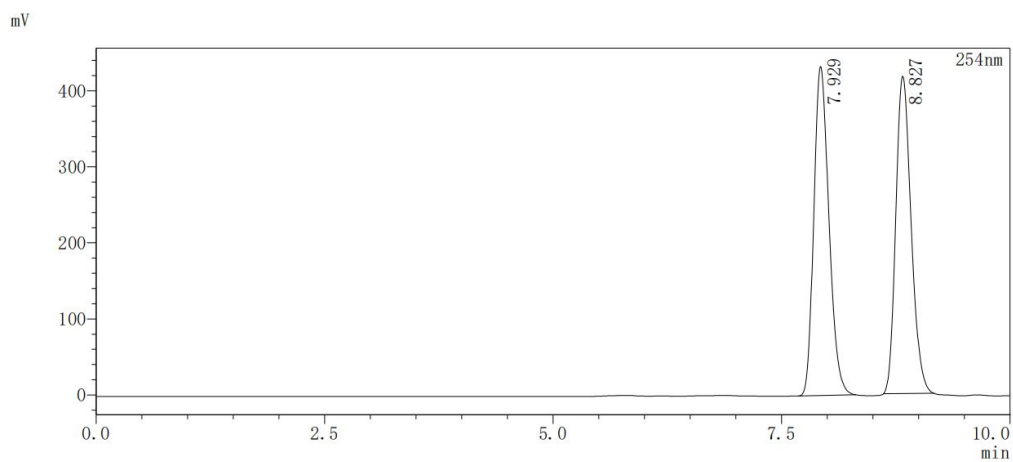
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## chiral-4g



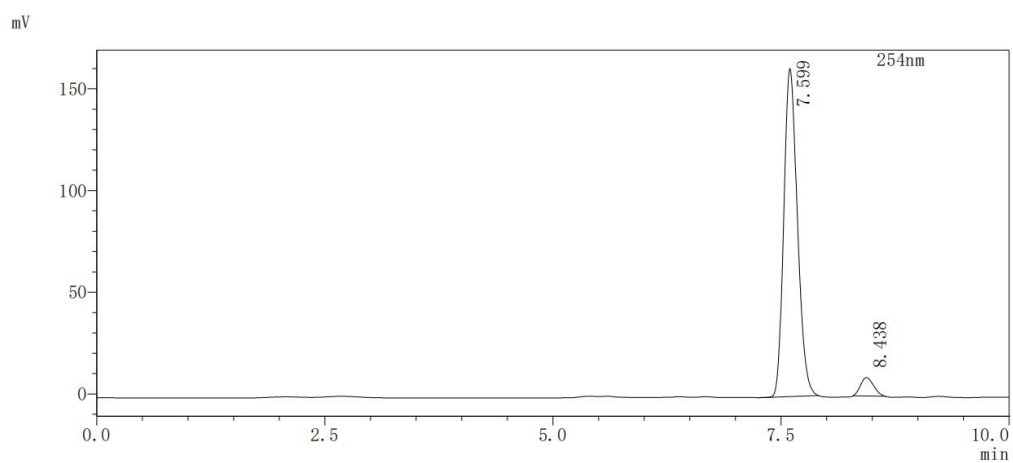
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2	9.603	34589	3690	0.816
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## racemic-4h



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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2	8.827	4862724	417229	49.409
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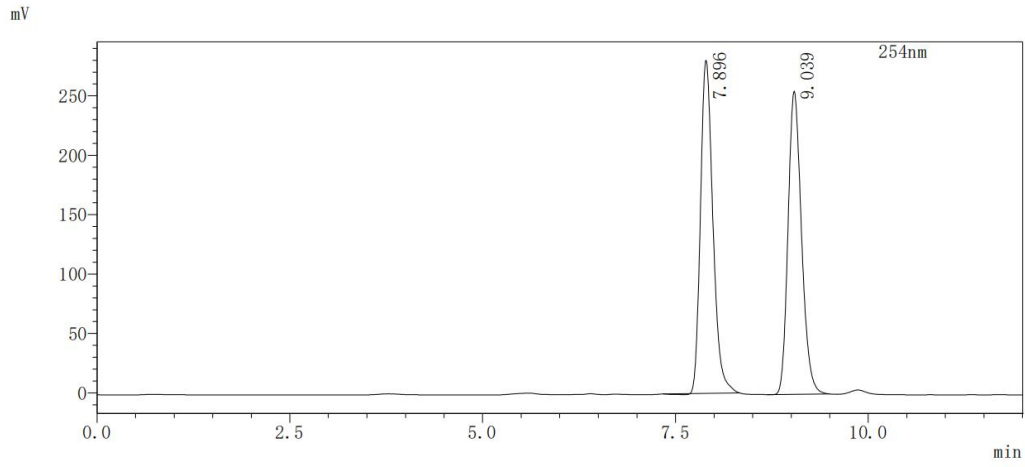
## chiral-4h



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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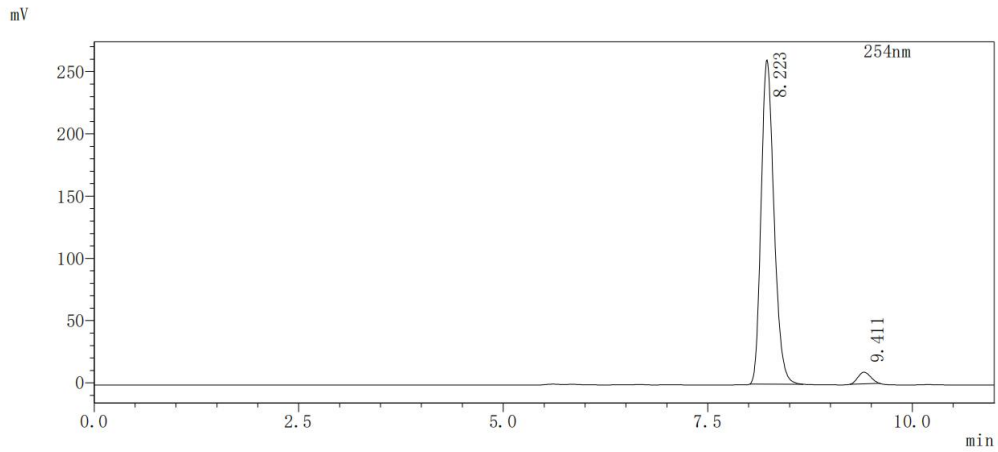


## racemic-4i



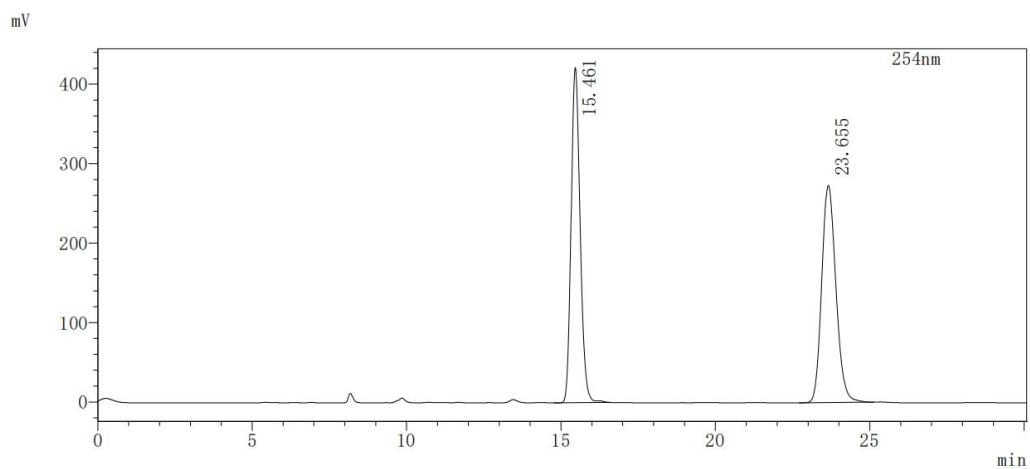
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1	7.896	3141610	280133	50.344
2	9.039	3098655	255074	49.656
Total		6240264	535208	100.000

## chiral-4i



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	8.223	2850008	260388	96.612
2	9.411	99957	9305	3.388
Total		2949965	269693	100.000

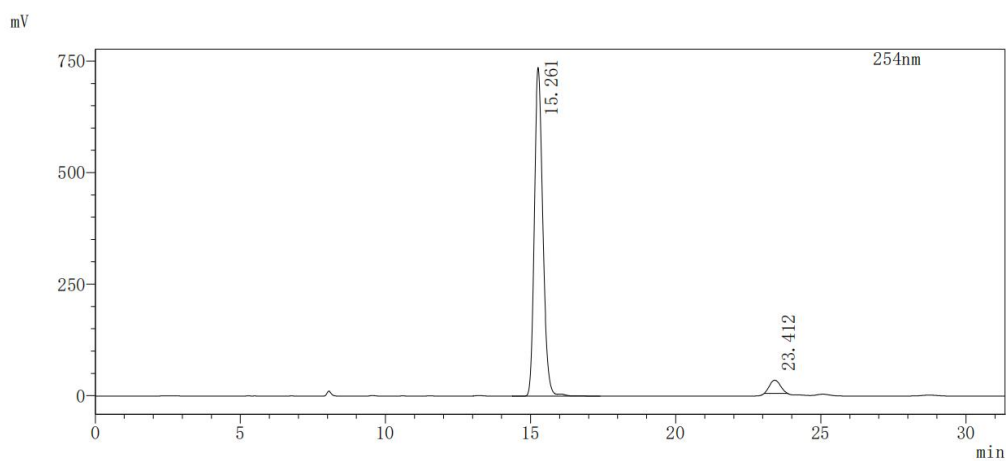
### racemic-4j



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	15.461	8546259	421746	49.449
2	23.655	8736741	273404	50.551
Total		17282999	695151	100.000

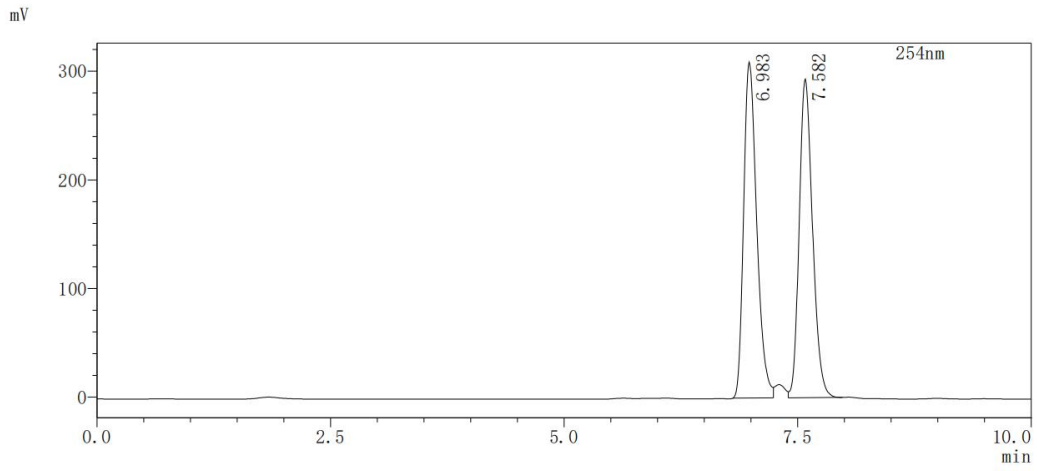
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### hiral-4j



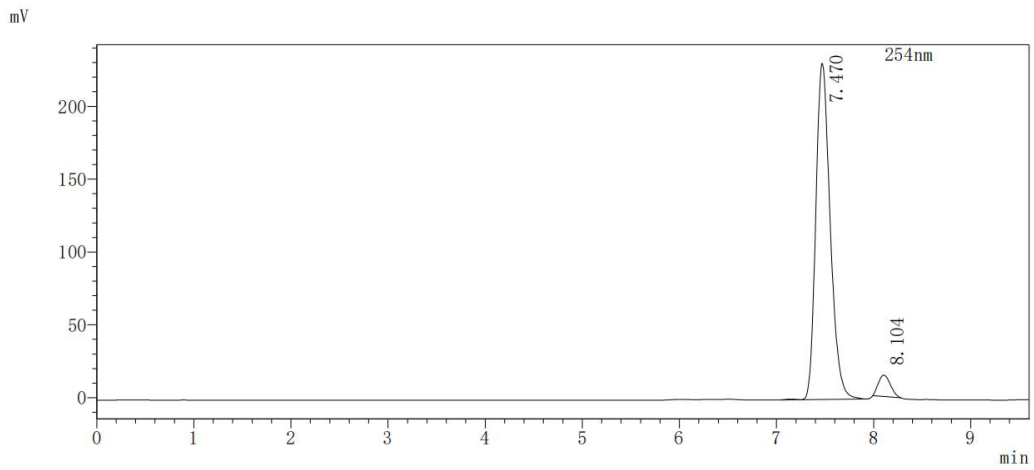
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1	15.261	14881934	736543	95.162
2	23.412	756603	29540	4.838
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## racemic-4k



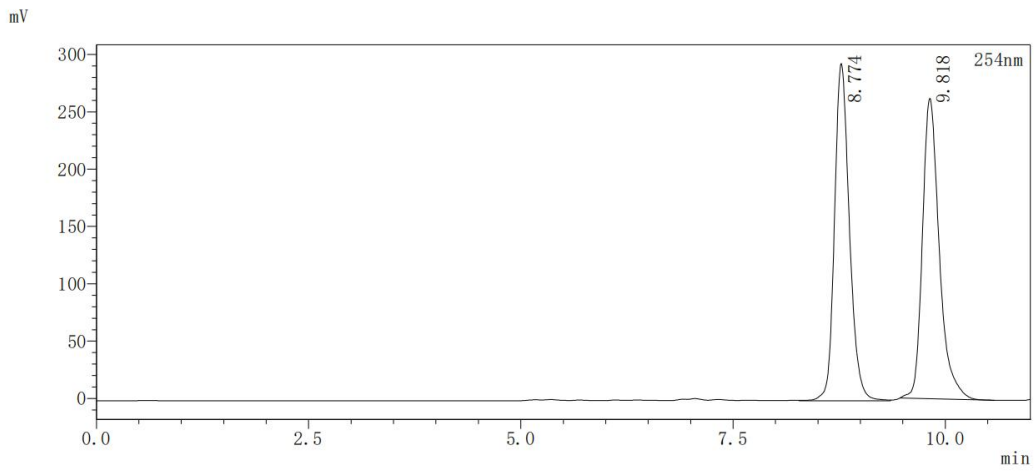
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1	6.983	3007296	309437	50.700
2	7.582	2924232	293390	49.300
Total		5931528	602827	100.000

## chiral-4k



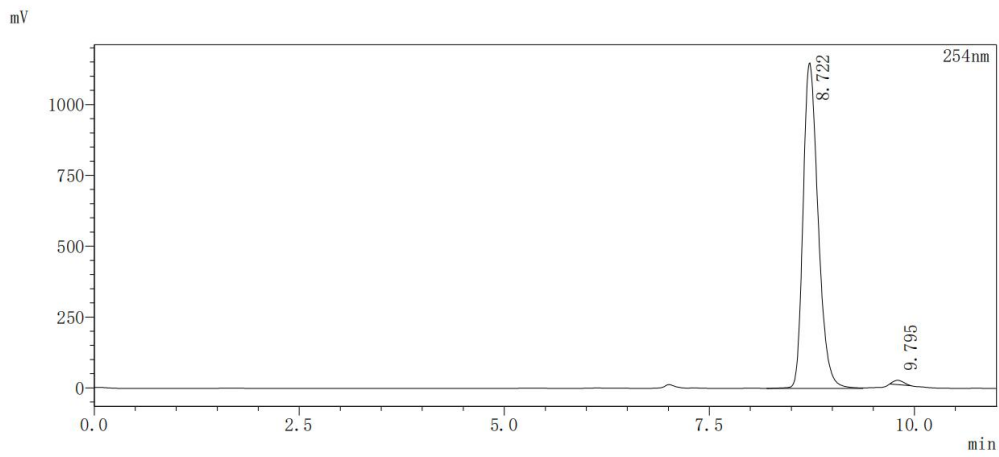
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	7.470	2379971	230607	94.991
2	8.104	125489	14531	5.009
Total		2505460	245137	100.000

## racemic-4l



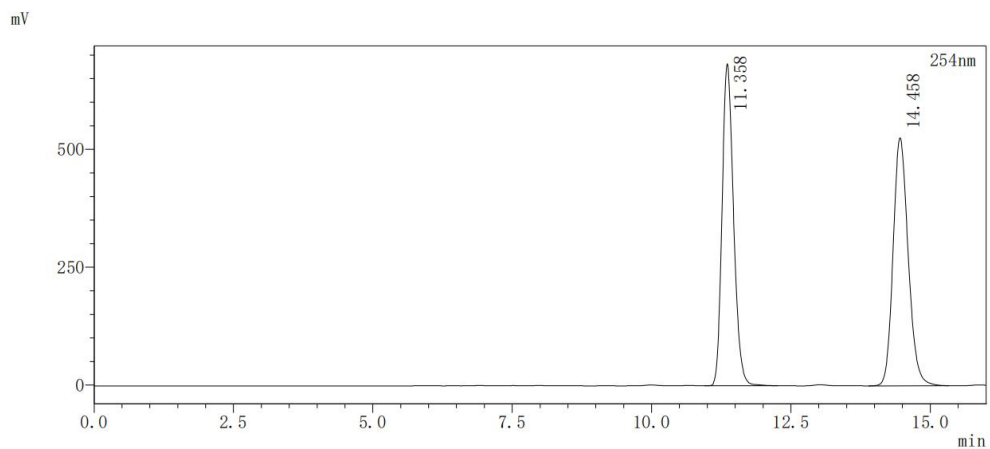
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	8.774	3596258	294026	49.877
2	9.818	3613960	261958	50.123
Total		7210218	555984	100.000

## chiral-4l



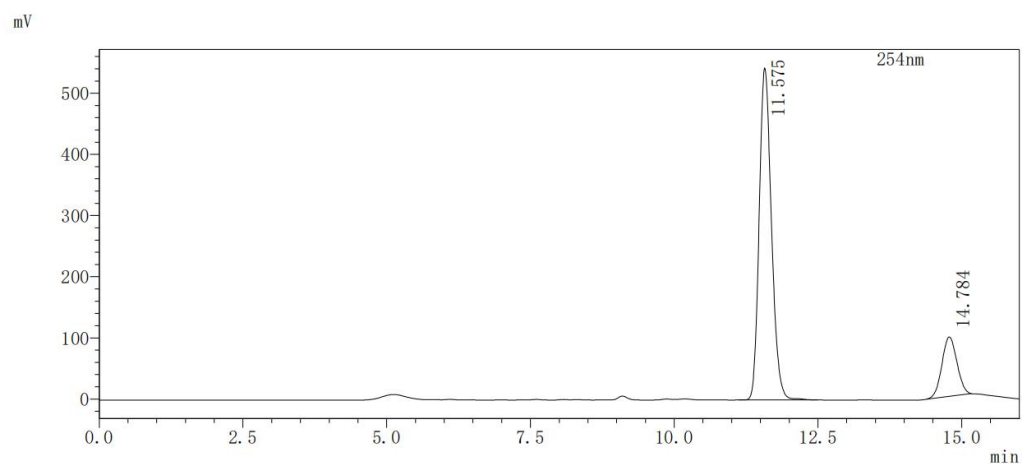
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1	8.722	14666368	1148954	99.093
2	9.795	134275	15359	0.907
Total		14800643	1164314	100.000

### racemic-4m



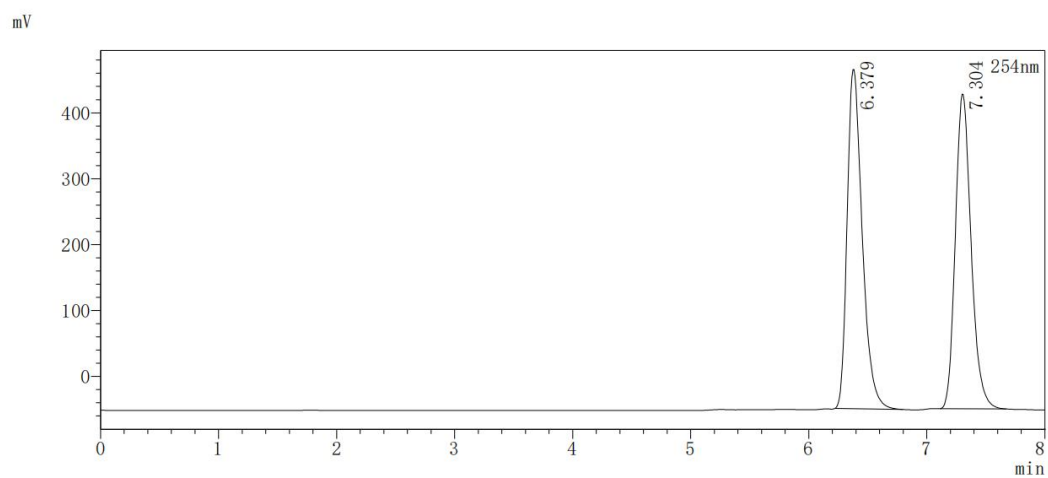
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	11.358	9793540	682695	49.689
2	14.458	9916315	526082	50.311
Total		19709855	1208778	100.000

### chiral-4m



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	11.575	8054239	542802	82.097
2	14.784	1756424	97073	17.903
Total		9810662	639876	100.000

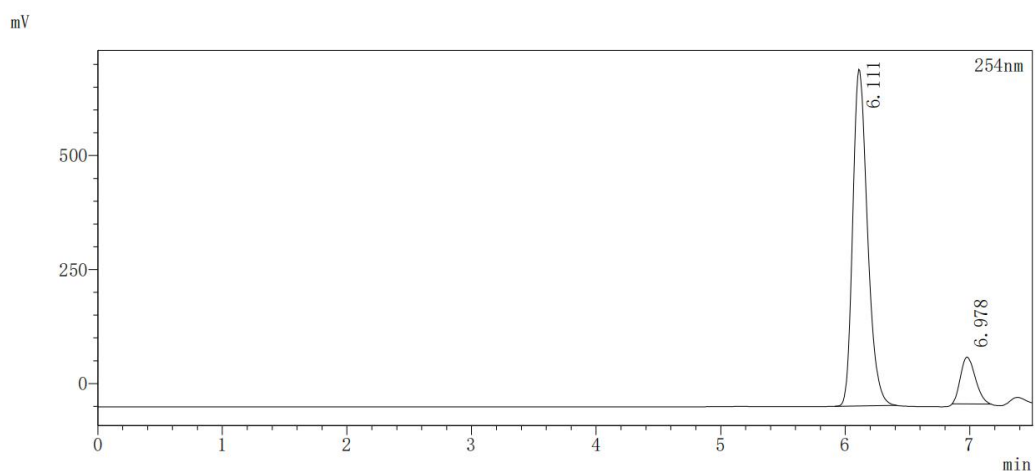
## racemic-4n



254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	6.379	4569228	514357	50.772
2	7.304	4430241	477287	49.228
Total		8999469	991644	100.000

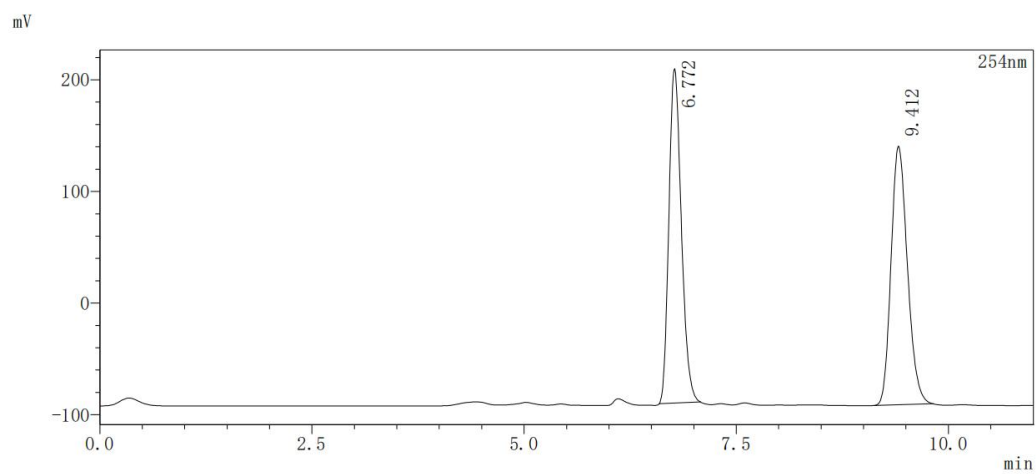
## chiral-4n



254nm

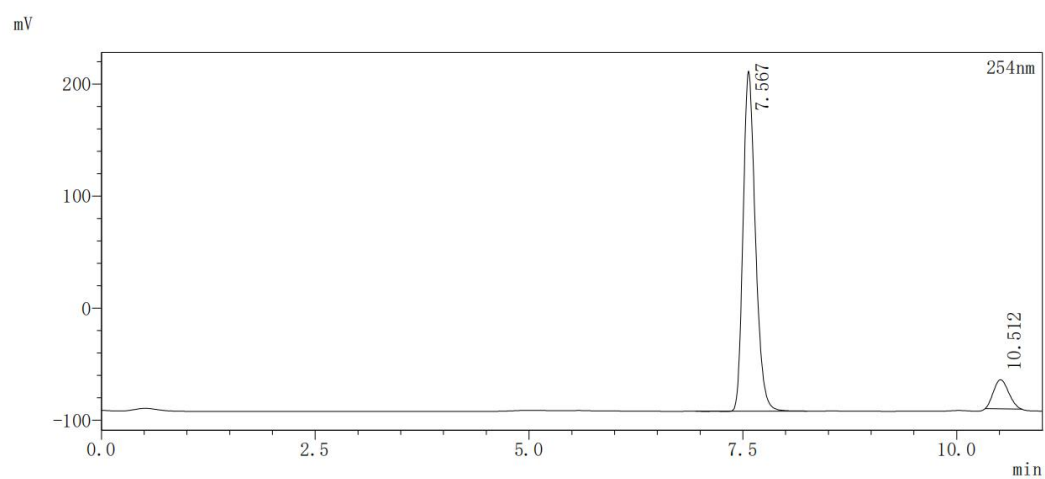
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	6.111	6076777	738491	87.692
2	6.978	852895	102700	12.308
Total		6929672	841191	100.000

## racemic-4o



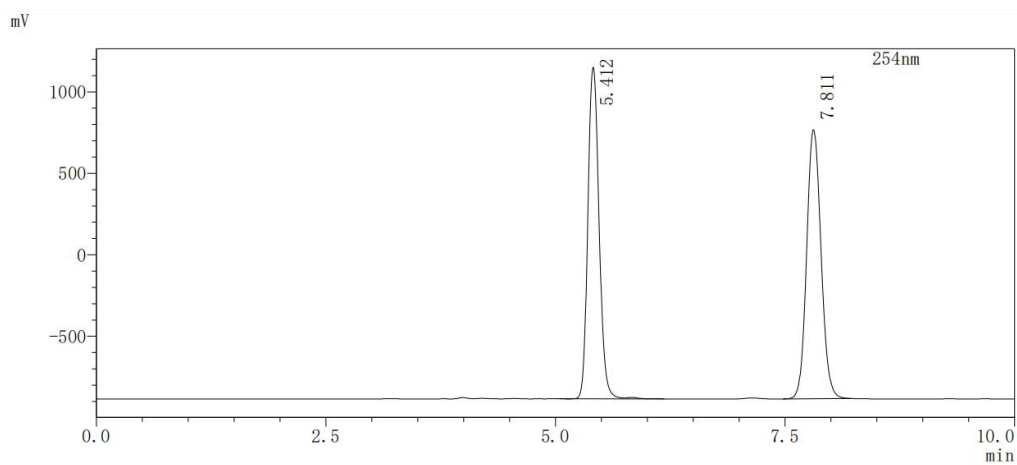
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	6.772	3054865	299355	49.598
2	9.412	3104416	231453	50.402
Total		6159281	530808	100.000

## chiral-4o



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	7.567	3034315	303068	90.476
2	10.512	319398	25972	9.524
Total		3353713	329041	100.000

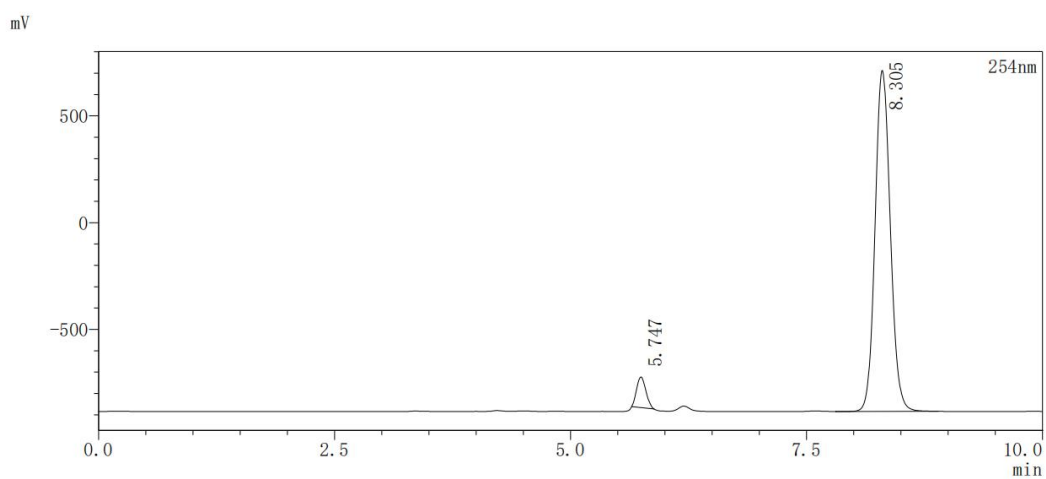
### racemic-4p



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	5.412	17361434	2034474	49.109
2	7.811	17991660	1651747	50.891
Total		35353094	3686220	100.000

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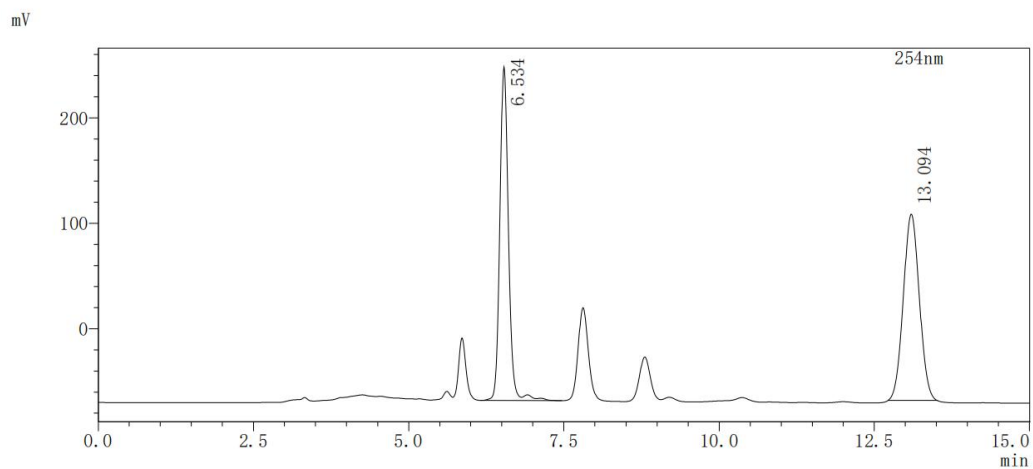
### hiral-4p



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	5.747	979644	143099	5.167
2	8.305	17979243	1596424	94.833
Total		18958887	1739522	100.000

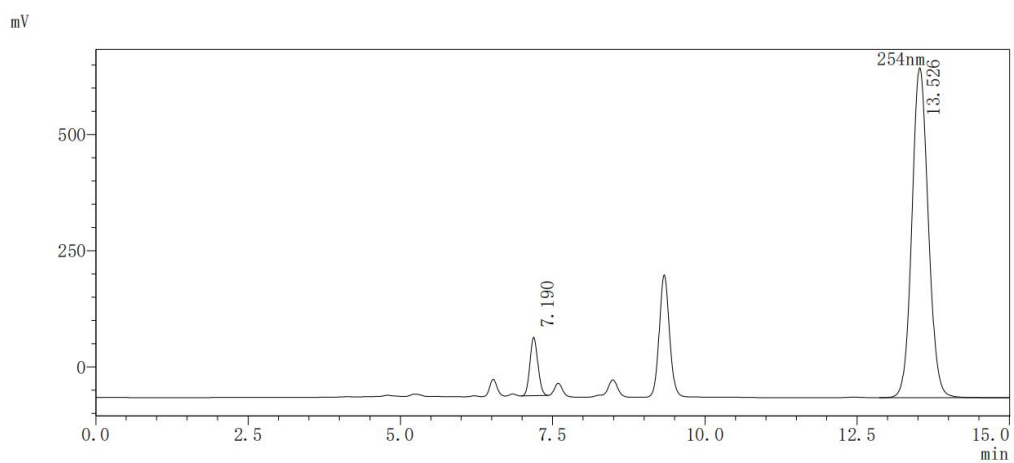


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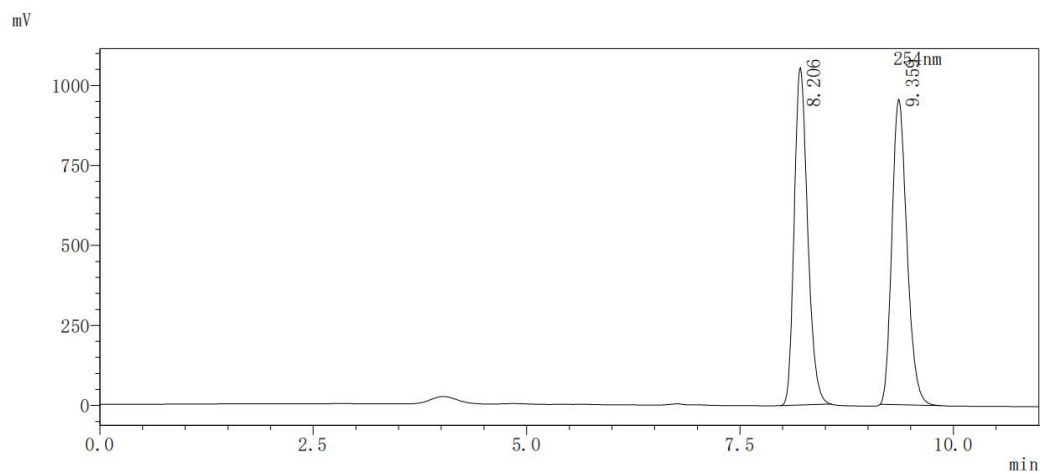
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	6.534	3048010	316246	49.030
2	13.094	3168613	176432	50.970
Total		6216623	492677	100.000

## chiral-5a



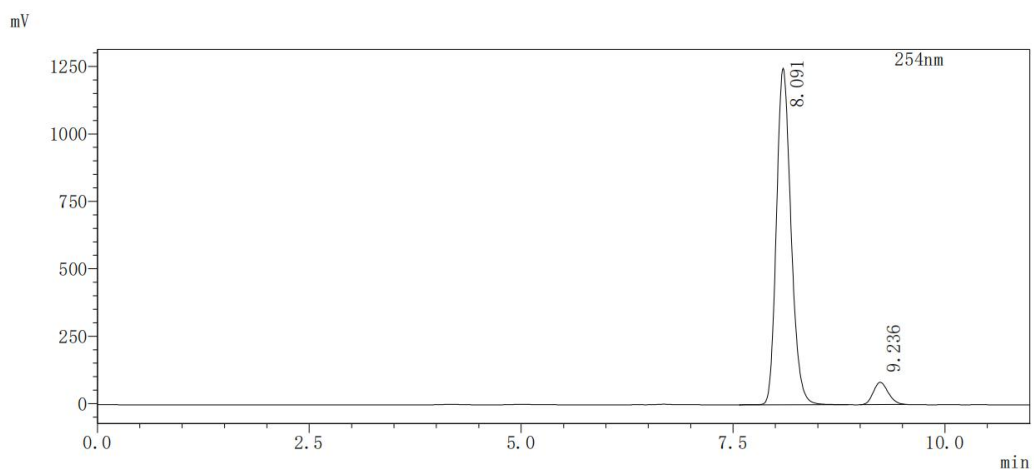
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	7.190	1146471	125763	7.935
2	13.526	13301874	710114	92.065
Total		14448345	835877	100.000

### racemic-6a



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	8.206	11524420	1054584	49.638
2	9.359	11692536	954462	50.362
Total		23216955	2009046	100.000

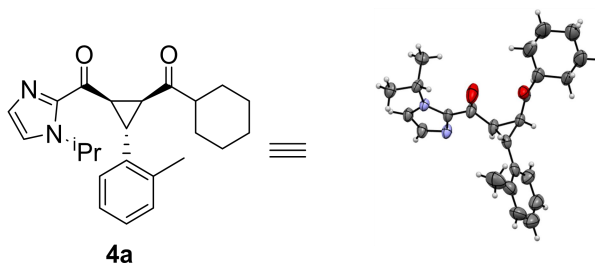
### chiral-6a



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	8.091	14894845	1247881	93.685
2	9.236	1003987	82461	6.315
Total		15898831	1330342	100.000

## IX Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction of 4a

Crystal data and structure refinement for **4a**. The method for crystal growth: mixture of Petroleum ether and ethyl acetate, at room temperature. X-ray derived ORTEP of **4a** with thermal ellipsoids shown at the 35% probability level.



CCDC: 2378265

Identification code	<b>4a</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	378.50	
Temperature	173.0 K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.483(2) Å	a = 90°
	b = 9.2579(13) Å	b = 112.815(13)°
	c = 12.006(2) Å	g = 90°
Volume	1074.0(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.170 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.583 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	408	
Crystal size	0.17 x 0.09 x 0.07 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.994 to 72.228°	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 12, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14	
Reflections collected	11154	
Independent reflections	4065 [R(int) = 0.0947]	
Completeness to theta = 67.679°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7536 and 0.5954	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	4065 / 19 / 245	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.090	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0704, wR2 = 0.1832	

R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1206, wR2 = 0.2112
Absolute structure parameter	0.0(8)
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.427 and -0.295 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

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