

Supporting information

L-Phenylalanine Potassium Catalyzed Asymmetric Formal [3 + 3] Annulation of 2-enoyl-Pyridine N-Oxides with Acetone

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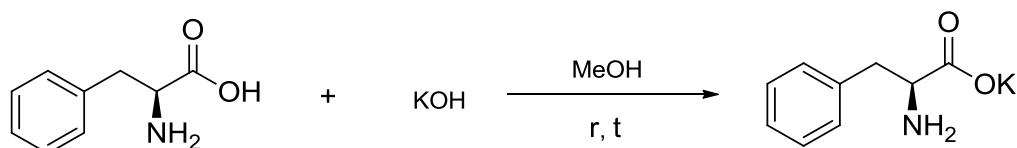
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Part I Experimental Section

1.1 General information

Commercially available compounds and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Reactions were monitored by TLC analysis using Merck Silica Gel 60 F-254 thin layer plates. All the chromatographic separations were carried out by using silica gel (Acme's, 100–200 mesh). Optical rotations were measured on a PerkinElmer™ Polarimeter (Model 343). ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded on a Bruker-400MHz Spectrometer (^1H NMR: 400MHz, ^{13}C NMR: 100MHz) and tetramethylsilane and CDCl_3 was used as internal standard for ^1H and ^{13}C NMR respectively. The chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) were expressed in ppm and Hz respectively. HPLC analysis was carried out on an Agilent 1100 series HPLC with a multiple wavelength detector. Chiralpak AD-H and IC columns were purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries, LTD. All Substrates was prepared according to the literature procedures.

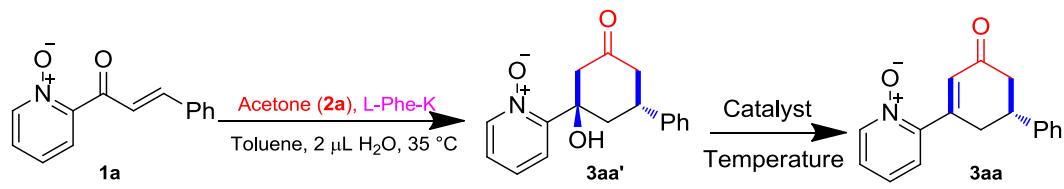
1.2 General procedure for the synthesis of catalyst L-phenylalanine potassium



Potassium hydroxide (20.0 mmol, 1.122 g) was dissolved in methanol (30 mL) in room temperature. L-phenylalanine (20.0 mmol, 3.304 g) were added to the solution and stirred for 30 min. The resulting mixture was filtered and concentrated in vacuo, to provide the catalyst L-phenylalanine potassium.

1.3 Optimization of reaction conditions

Table 1. Optimization of the dehydration process of the asymmetric formal [3 + 3] annulation^a

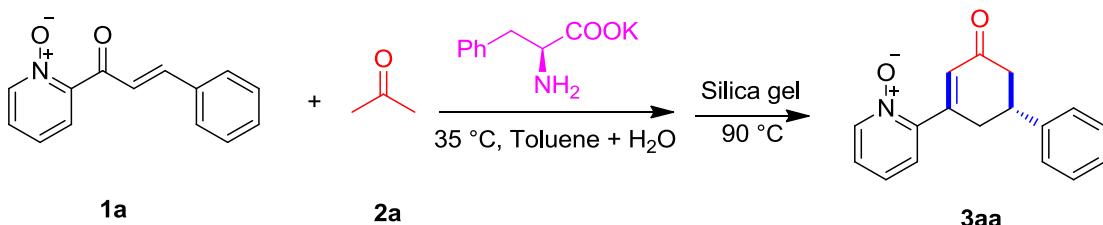


Entry	Catalyst	Temperature(°C)	Yield(%) ^b	ee(%) ^c
1	Silica gel	90	82	86
2	98% Sulfuric acid	0	80	85
3	Thionyl chloride + Pyridine	0-r.t	78	86

^a The dehydration process of asymmetric formal [3 + 3] annulations were conducted directly after the Michael addition and aldol condensation process of the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC). ^b Isolated yield. ^c The ee value was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IC column).

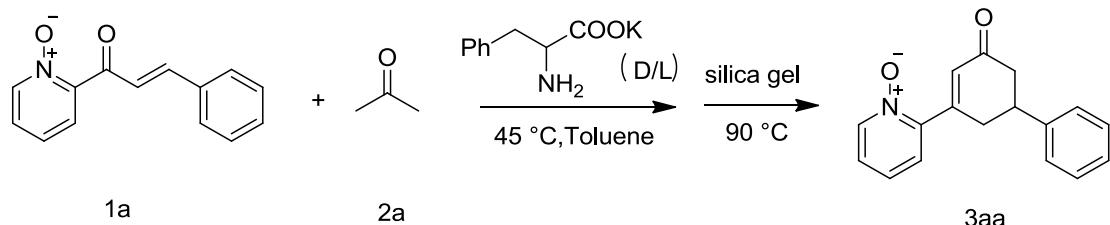
1.4 General working procedure for the asymmetric formal [3 + 3] annulation

a) Asymmetric formal [3 + 3] annulation catalyzed by L-phenylalanine potassium (3aa as an example)



A mixture of 2-alkenyl pyridine *N*-oxide **1a** (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and the L-phenylalanine potassium (12.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added in toluene (1.2 mL). Acetone **2a** (0.3 mL) and 5 μ L water were then added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 35 °C. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the acetone was removed under vacuum. Silica gel (540 mg) was then added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 90 °C. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC) the resulting mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography with methanol / ethyl acetate (1:100) as the eluent affording the product **3aa** as a yellow solid (65.1 mg, 82% yield, 86% *ee*). The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiraldapak IC column).

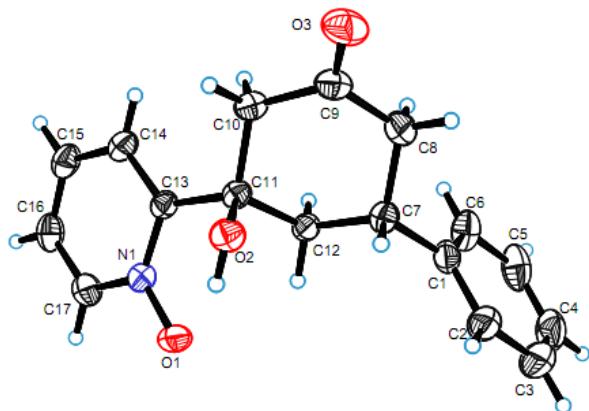
b) Preparation of the racemic product (**3aa** as an example)



2-Alkenyl pyridine *N*-oxide **1a** (22.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and (D/L)-phenylalanine potassium (4.1 mg) was added in toluene (0.4 mL). Acetone **2a** (0.1 mL) were then added and the mixture was stirred at 45 °C. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), silica gel (180 mg) was then added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 90 °C. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the desired racemic product **3aa** was isolated by flash column chromatography.

1.5 Determination of absolute configurations of the product **3aa'**

X-ray crystal structure of **3aa'**

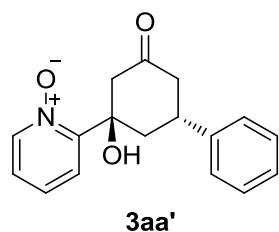


X-ray crystal structure analysis of 3aa':

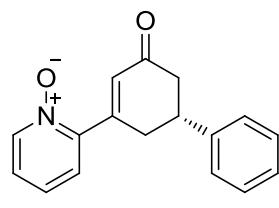
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β, °	90
γ, °	90
V, Å ³	1440.46(3)
T,K	289(2)
ρ, g/cm ³	1.306
Goodness of fit	1.068

Reflections collected / unique: 12842 /2674 ($R_{int} = 0.0217$), number of observations [$I > 2 \sigma(I)$] 2618, parameters 192. Final R indexes [$I \geq 2 \sigma(I)$]: $R_I = 0.0324$, $wR_2 = 0.0876$; Final R indexes (all data): $R_I = 0.0349$, $wR_2 = 0.0987$, Flack parameter = 0.01(6).

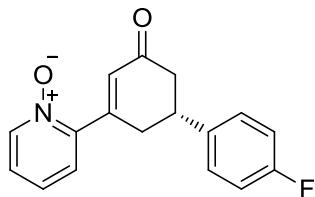
1.6 Experimental data of asymmetric formal [3 + 3] annulation products



2-((1*R*,5*R*)-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-5-phenylcyclohexyl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow solid in 70% yield. mp 145-147 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 2.72 (c = 0.565, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak AD-H, hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 215 nm, t_R = 15.6 min (minor), t_R = 17.2 min (major); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18-8.16 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.15 (m, 8H), 3.71-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.14 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.65 (m, 3H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.0, 151.9, 143.3, 140.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.8, 125.0, 122.5, 75.4, 49.0, 48.0, 40.9, 37.9; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3292, 3053, 2929, 1707, 1599, 1493, 1457, 1399, 759, 705; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NO₃ [M+ Na]⁺ 306.1106, found 306.1111.

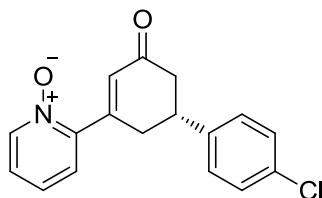


(R)-2-(5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow solid in 82% yield. mp 127-128 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0.413 (c = 0.990, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak IC, ethanol: hexane = 90:10, flow rate = 0.45 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 231 nm, t_R = 22.7 min (minor), t_R = 27.6 min (major); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17-8.15 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.15 (m, 8H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.48-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8, 153.6, 147.9, 141.7, 139.4, 129.0, 127.7, 126.0, 125.8, 125.0, 124.9, 124.8, 43.6, 40.1, 33.8; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3051, 2949, 2884, 2360, 1663, 1606, 1493, 1455, 1375, 734, 701; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂ [M+ Na]⁺ 288.1000, found 288.1003.



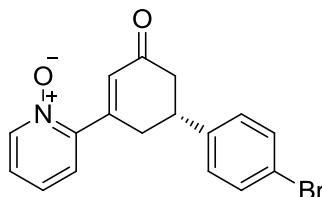
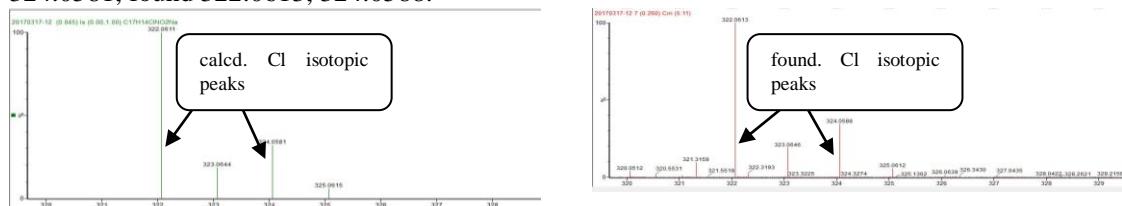
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(R)-2-(4'-fluoro-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 89% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0.0817 ($c = 1.04$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 231 nm, t_R = 22.8 min (minor), t_R = 24.0 min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25-8.24 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 3.55-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.70 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.5, 161.9-159.5 (d, $J = 243.7$ Hz), 153.5, 147.8, 139.4, 137.5 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.0, 127.3 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 125.1, 125.0, 125.0, 114.6-114.4 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 43.8, 39.4, 33.8; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3053, 2922, 2361, 1666, 1604, 1508, 1368, 820; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 306.0906, found 306.0913.



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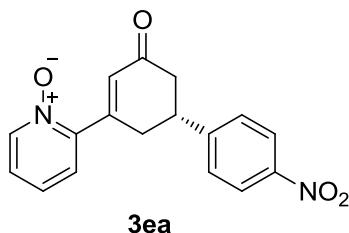
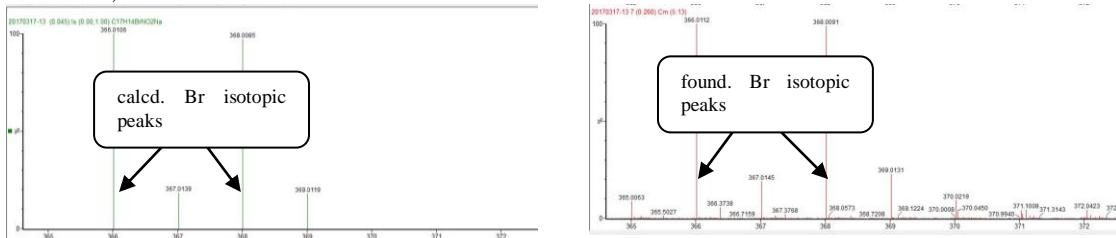
(R)-2-(4'-chloro-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 87% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.37 ($c = 0.925$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol: hexane = 90:10, flow rate = 0.45 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 22.2 min (minor), t_R = 23.4 min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (s 1H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 7H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.46-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.10-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.61 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.3, 153.4, 147.8, 140.2, 139.4, 131.7, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 125.0, 125.0, 43.5, 39.4, 33.5; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3050, 2923, 2360, 1664, 1491, 1366, 827; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺ 322.0611, 324.0581, found 322.0613, 324.0588.



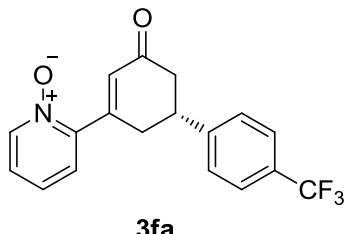
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(R)-2-(4'-bromo-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: white oil in 96% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.47 ($c = 0.980$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 29.4 min (minor), t_R = 31.1 min (major); ^1H NMR

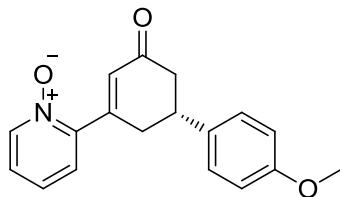
(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18-8.17 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz 1H), 7.37-7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz 2H), 7.25 (s, 3H), 7.10-7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.44-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.08-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.3, 153.4, 147.7, 140.7, 139.4, 130.8, 129.0, 127.6, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 119.7, 43.4, 39.5, 33.4; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3077, 2921, 2853, 2361, 1666, 1488, 1431, 1365, 822; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄BrNO₂ [M+ Na]⁺ 366.0106, 368.0085, found 366.0112, 368.0091.



(R)-2-(4'-nitro-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 39% yield. [α]_D²⁰ 1.77 (c = 0.985, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 52.9 min (major), t_R = 58.3 min (minor); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19-8.13 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.4, 153.1, 149.0, 147.6, 146.0, 139.4, 129.1, 126.8, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 123.0, 43.1, 39.8, 32.9; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3047, 2962, 2921, 2360, 1667, 1597, 1515, 1484, 1343, 856; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+ H]⁺ 311.1032, found 311.1032.

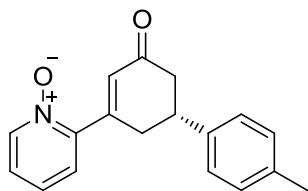


(R)-2-(5-oxo-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide : yellow oil in 68% yield. [α]_D²⁰ 0.550 (c = 0.917, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.3 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 23.9 min (minor), t_R = 24.8 min (major); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 3.55-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.0, 153.3, 147.7, 145.6, 139.4, 129.1, 128.5-128.2 (d, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 126.3, 125.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 125.1, 124.7 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.4-121.7 (d, *J* = 270.4 Hz), 43.3, 39.8, 33.2; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3052, 2921, 2360, 1670, 1618, 1485, 835; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄F₃NO₂ [M+ H]⁺ 334.1055, found 334.1056.



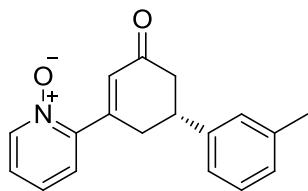
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(R)-2-(4'-methoxy-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 79% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.44 ($c = 1.16$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak AD-H, hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 240 nm, $t_R = 29.7$ min (major), $t_R = 34.3$ min (minor); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26-8.24 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.71 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.1, 157.5, 153.7, 148.0, 139.4, 133.9, 129.0, 126.8, 125.1, 125.0, 113.0, 54.3, 43.9, 39.3, 34.0; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3072, 2953, 2835, 2360, 1665, 1610, 1584, 1512, 1463, 1367, 1244, 1178, 829; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ [M+ Na]⁺ 318.1106, found 318.1108.



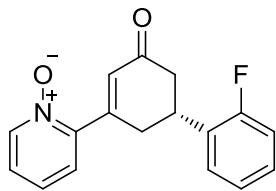
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(R)-2-(4'-methyl-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow solid in 99% yield. mp 108-109 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.33 ($c = 1.05$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 231 nm, $t_R = 28.2$ min (minor), $t_R = 31.8$ min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25-8.24 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.18 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.52-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.0, 153.7, 148.0, 139.4, 138.7, 135.6, 129.0, 128.3, 125.6, 125.0, 124.8, 43.8, 39.7, 33.8, 20.0; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3050, 3016, 2920, 2360, 1661, 1614, 1514, 1431, 1366, 856; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ [M+ Na]⁺ 302.1157, found 302.1154.



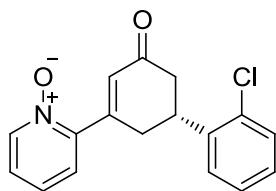
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(R)-2-(3'-methyl-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow solid in 99% yield. mp 109-110 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0.582 ($c = 0.913$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 231 nm, $t_R = 26.8$ min (minor), $t_R = 29.2$ min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25-8.24 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.52-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.11 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.84-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.0, 153.7, 148.0, 141.7, 139.4, 137.3, 129.0, 127.6, 126.8, 126.6, 125.0, 124.9, 122.8, 43.7, 40.1, 33.8, 20.4; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3068, 2961, 2360, 1666, 1607, 1483, 1370, 769, 699; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ [M+ H]⁺ 280.1338, found 280.1339.



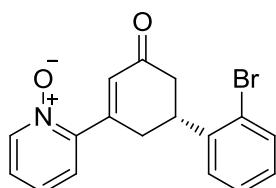
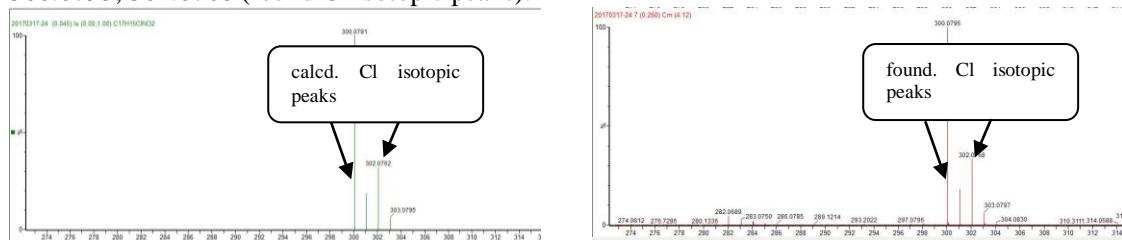
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(R)-2-(2'-fluoro-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 83% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.05 ($c = 1.12$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiraldak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30$ °C, UV = 254 nm, $t_R = 25.7$ min (minor), $t_R = 29.2$ min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.27-8.26 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.84-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.5, 161.0-158.5 (d, $J = 244.5$ Hz), 153.5, 147.9, 139.4, 129.0, 128.4-128.3 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz), 127.6 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 127.0-126.9 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 125.3, 125.1, 123.4 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 114.8-114.6 (d, $J = 22.3$ Hz), 42.2, 33.9 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 32.1; IR (film, ν/cm^{-1}): 3081, 2921, 2359, 1660, 1586, 1555, 1489, 1453, 1375, 750; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.1087, found 284.1089.



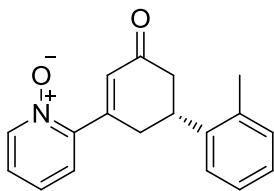
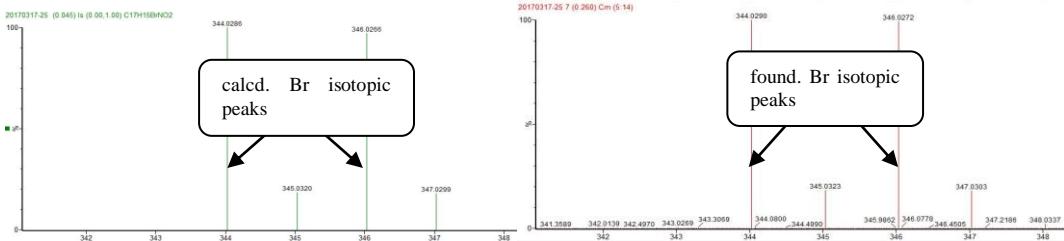
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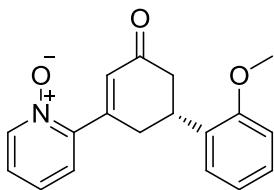
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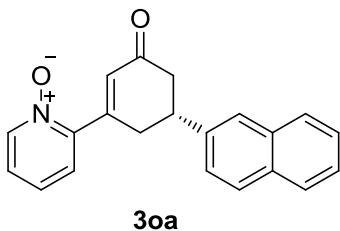
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(R)-2-(2'-methyl-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 99% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -1.46 ($c = 1.05$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$, UV = 231 nm, $t_R = 17.4$ min (major), $t_R = 24.8$ min (minor); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26-8.25 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 3.79-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.11 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz 1H), 3.03-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.2, 153.9, 147.9, 139.7, 139.4, 134.7, 129.8, 129.0, 125.8, 125.4, 125.1, 125.1, 125.0, 124.2, 43.1, 36.0, 33.0, 18.3; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3069, 2960, 2360, 1666, 1485, 1461, 1368, 758; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.1338, found 280.1340.

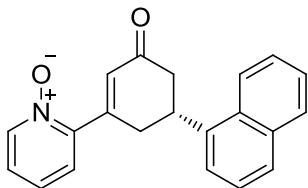


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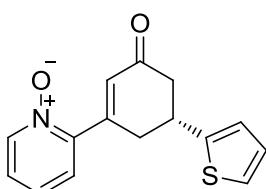
(R)-2-(2'-methoxy-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 83% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 1.35 ($c = 1.01$, CHCl_3); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$, UV = 231 nm, $t_R = 25.8$ min (minor), $t_R = 27.5$ min (major); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26-8.24 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.37-6.36 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.82 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.75 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.7, 156.0, 154.1, 148.2, 139.4, 129.7, 129.0, 126.9, 126.0, 125.0, 125.0, 124.9, 119.6, 109.5, 54.2, 42.4, 34.3, 32.0; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3107, 3063, 3009, 2950, 2844, 2361, 1665, 1598, 1584, 1493, 1465, 1373, 1223, 753; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 296.1287, found 296.1291.



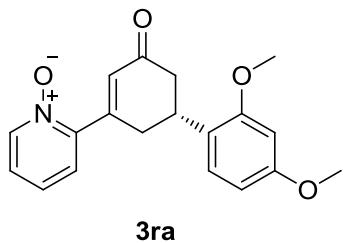
(R)-2-(5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: white solid in 67% yield. mp 175-177 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 3.21 (c = 1.05, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 32.3 min (major), t_R = 36.6 min (minor); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25-8.24 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.73-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.8, 154.7, 149.0, 140.4, 140.2, 133.5, 132.5, 130.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.4, 125.2, 44.7, 41.2, 34.6; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3051, 2885, 1663, 1507, 1480, 1351; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NO₂ [M+ H]⁺ 316.1338, found 316.1342.



(R)-2-(5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 63% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -7.44 (c = 0.900, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 32.6 min (minor), t_R = 34.2 min (major); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18-8.16 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.32-6.31 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H) 4.33-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.2, 155.0, 148.9, 140.4, 138.5, 134.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.1, 127.7, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.8, 125.4, 122.8, 122.8, 44.5, 36.3, 34.6; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3047, 2921, 2360, 1664, 1597, 1509, 1484, 1351; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NO₂ [M+ H]⁺ 316.1338, found 316.1339.



(R)-2-(3-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 62% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -1.03 (c = 1.08, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak IC, ethanol = 100%, flow rate = 0.37 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 240 nm, t_R = 28.9 min (minor), t_R = 34.3 min (major); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 3H), 7.19-7.17 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.85-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.33 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.07 (m, 1H) 3.00-2.95 (m, 1H) 2.82-2.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.8, 152.9, 147.8, 145.6, 139.4, 129.2, 125.8, 125.1, 125.1, 125.0, 122.6, 122.6, 44.5, 35.4, 34.4; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3101, 2886, 2360, 1663, 1523, 1484, 1367, 860; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂S [M+ H]⁺ 272.0745, found 272.0750.



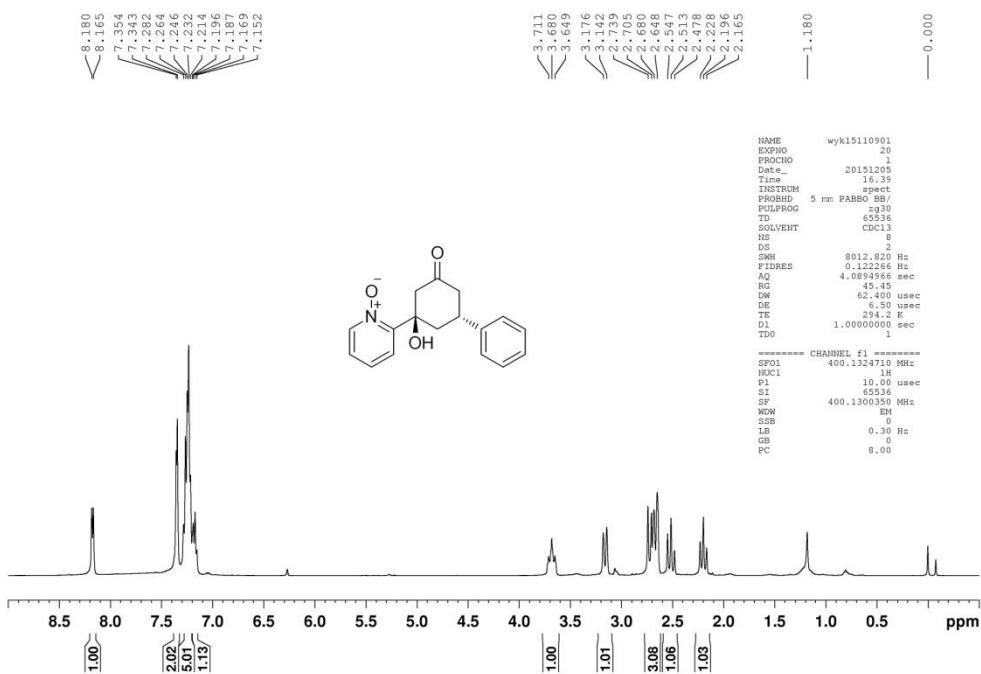
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(R)-2-(2',4'-dimethoxy-5-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)pyridine 1-oxide: yellow oil in 68 % yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 2.55 (c = 0.990, CHCl₃); HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H hexane: 2-propanol = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, UV = 206 nm, t_R = 21.3 min (major), t_R = 25.2 min (minor); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25-8.23 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.13 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46-6.45 (m, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.70 (m, 7H), 3.30-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.71 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.0, 158.7, 157.0, 154.2, 148.2, 139.4, 128.9, 126.5, 125.1, 125.0, 124.9, 122.3, 102.9, 97.7, 54.3, 54.2, 42.7, 33.9, 32.3; IR (film, v/cm⁻¹): 3055, 2923, 2835, 2360, 1663, 1609, 1585, 1505, 1463, 1370, 1205, 1156, 862, 820; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₉NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 326.1392, found 326.1392.

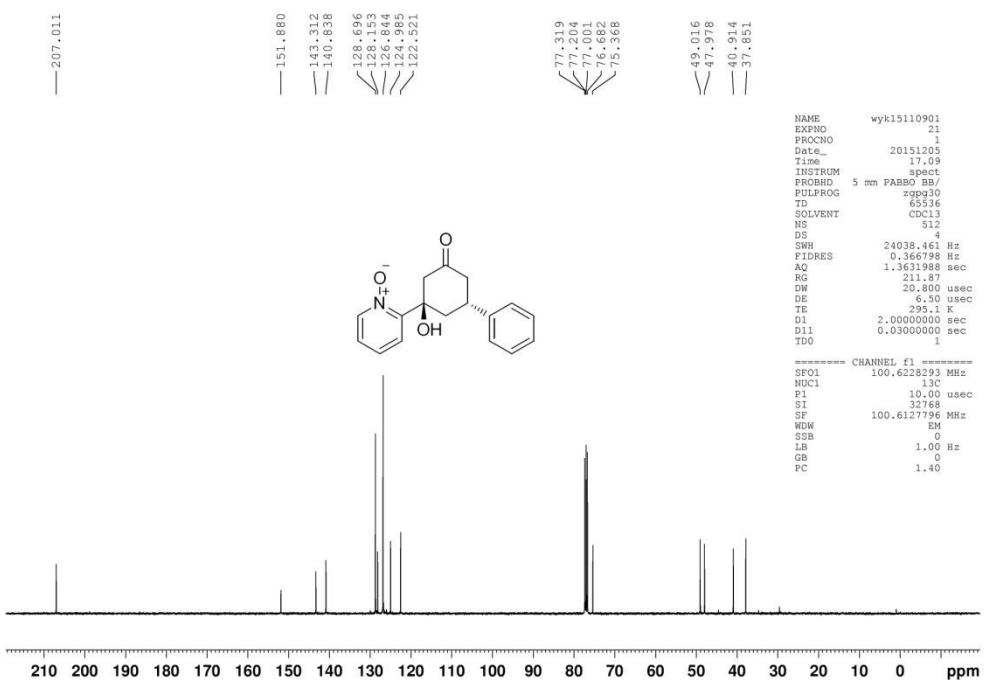
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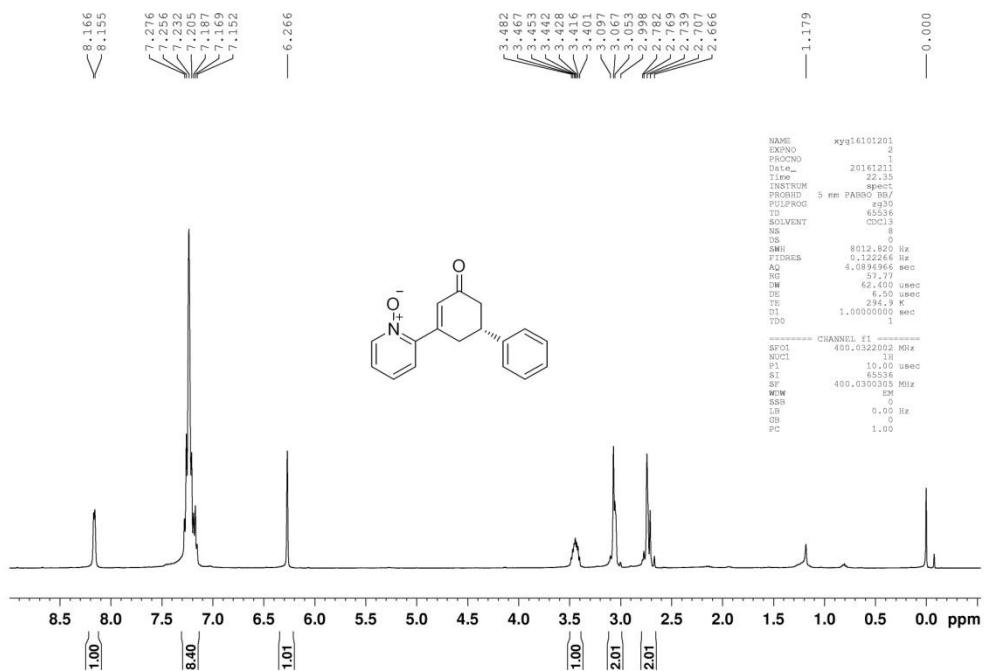
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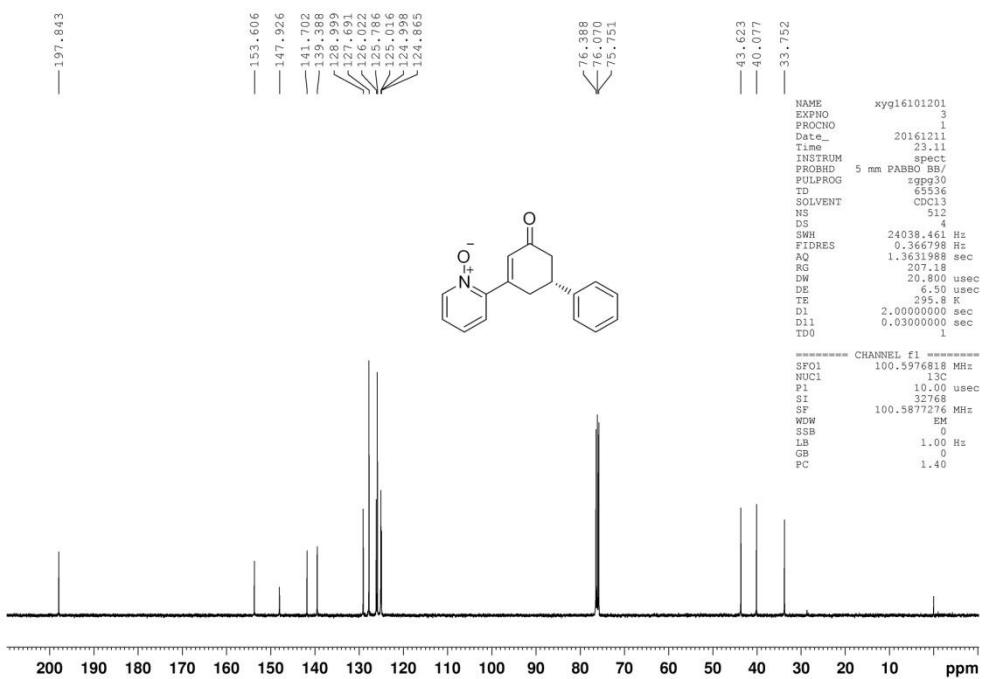
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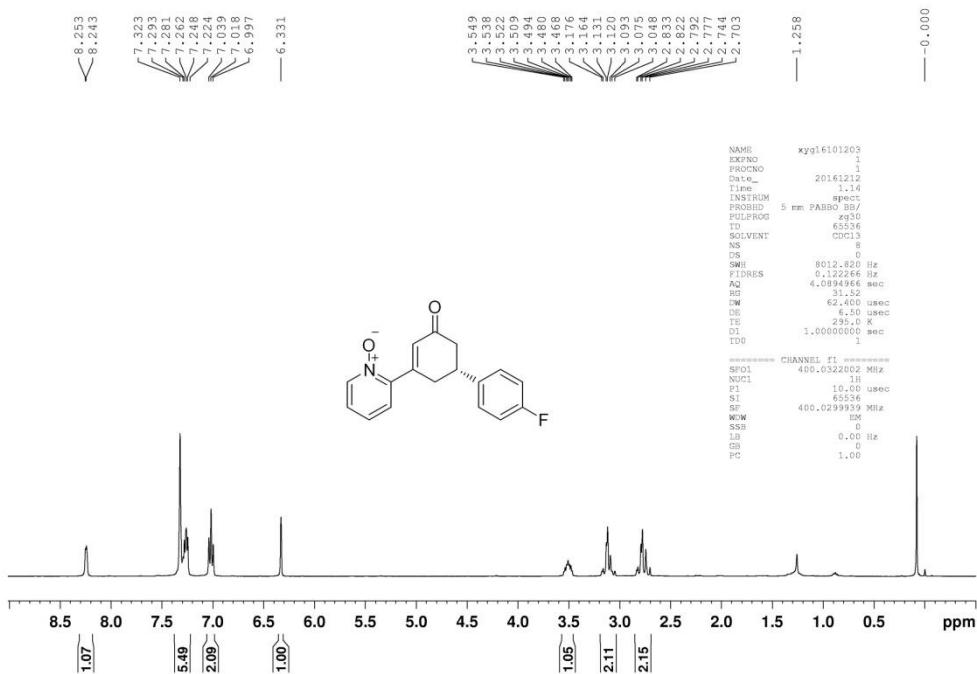
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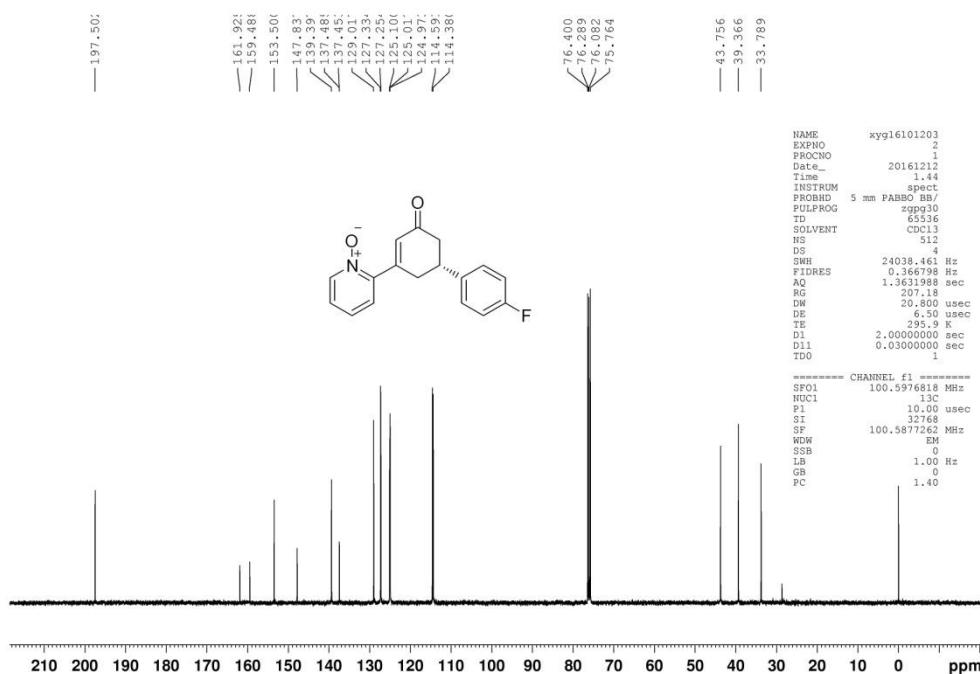
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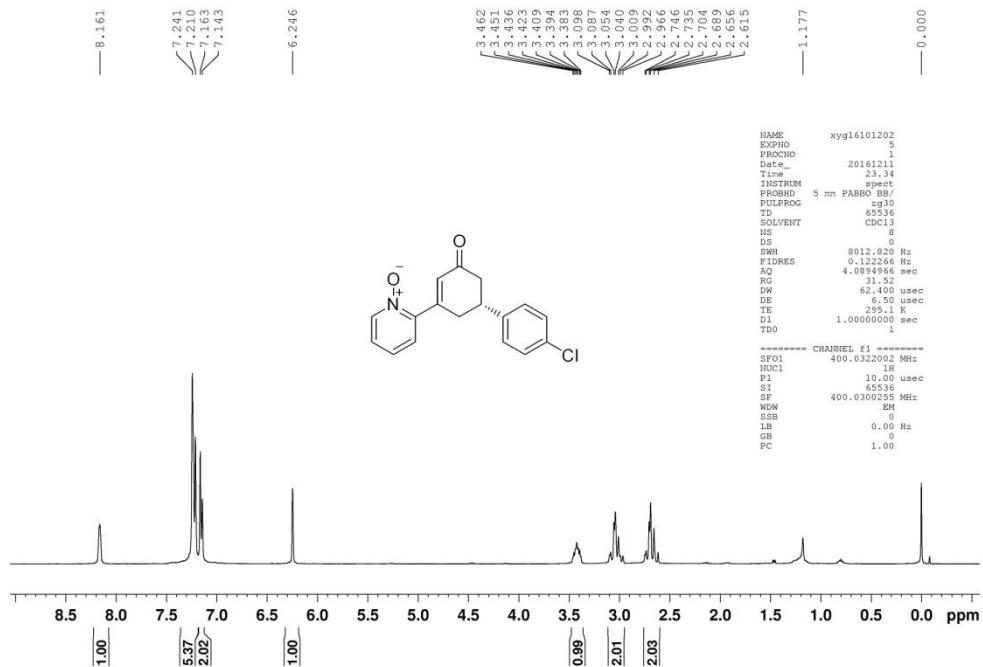
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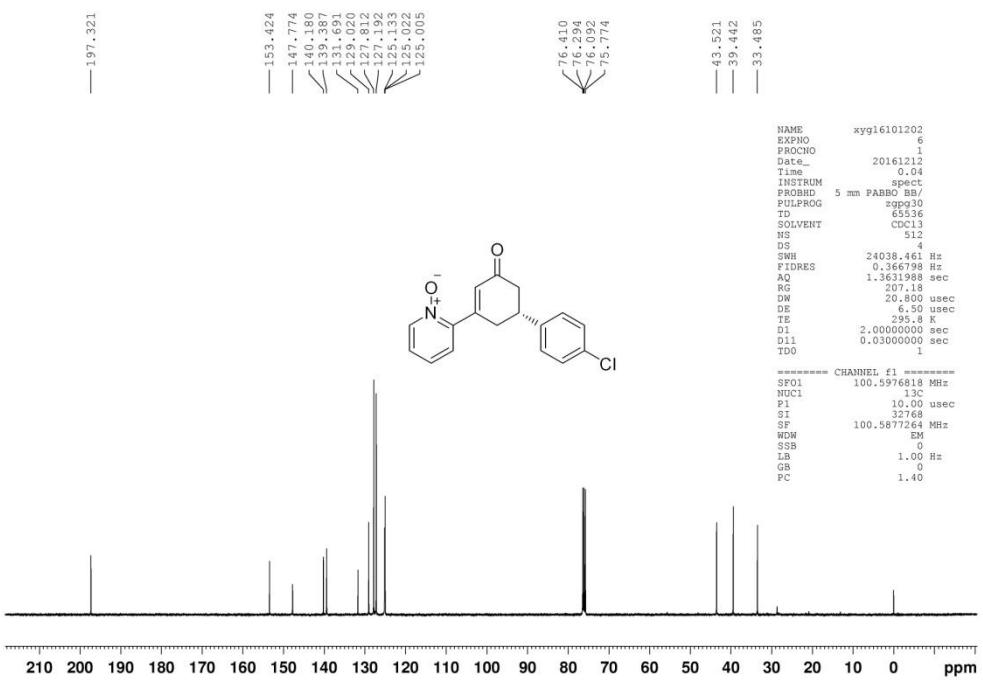
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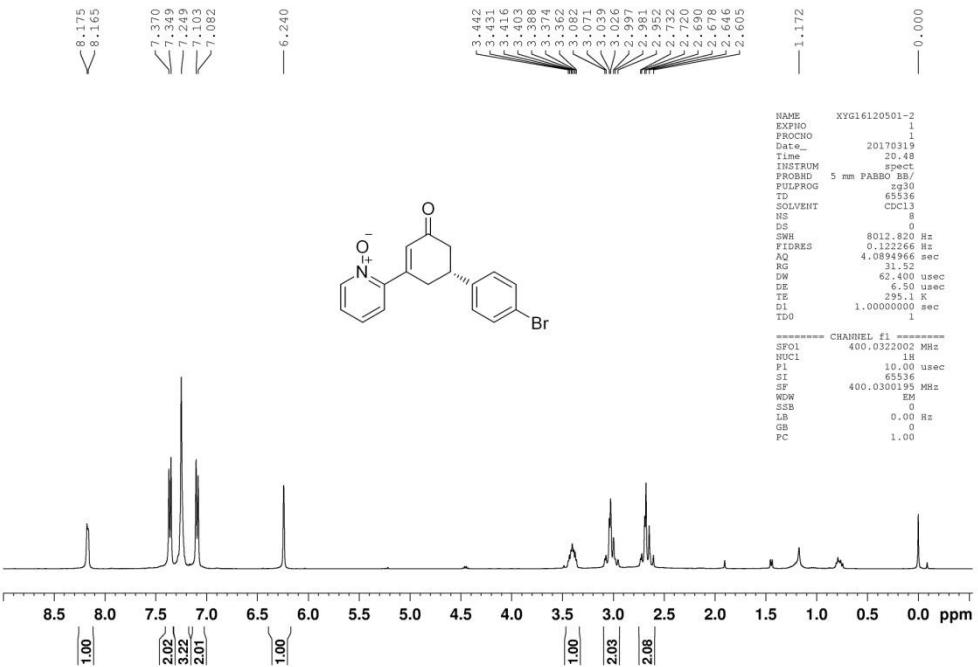
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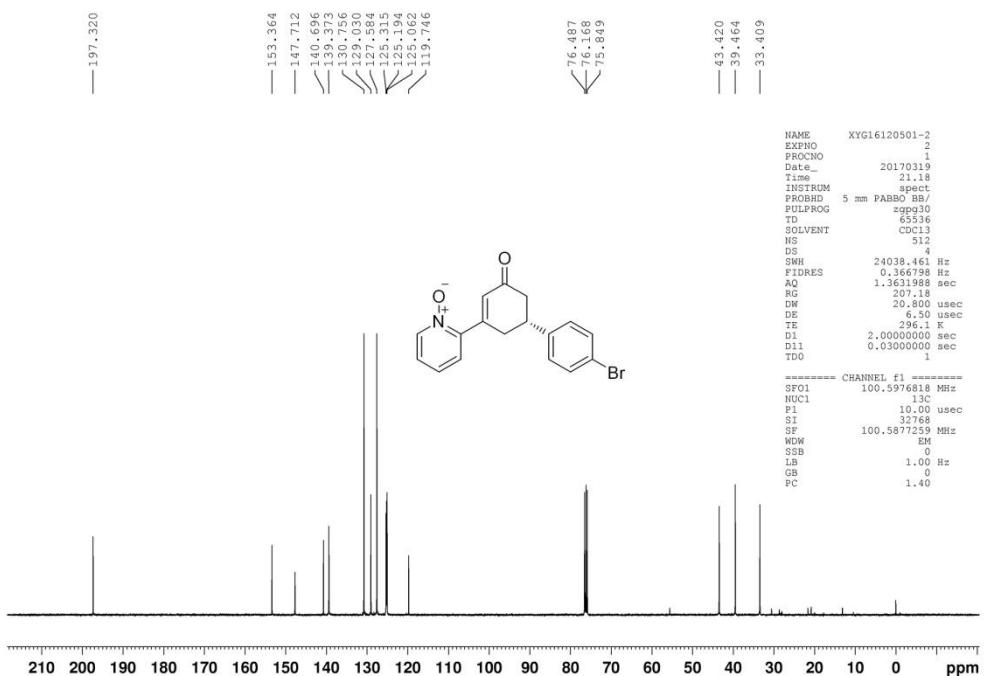
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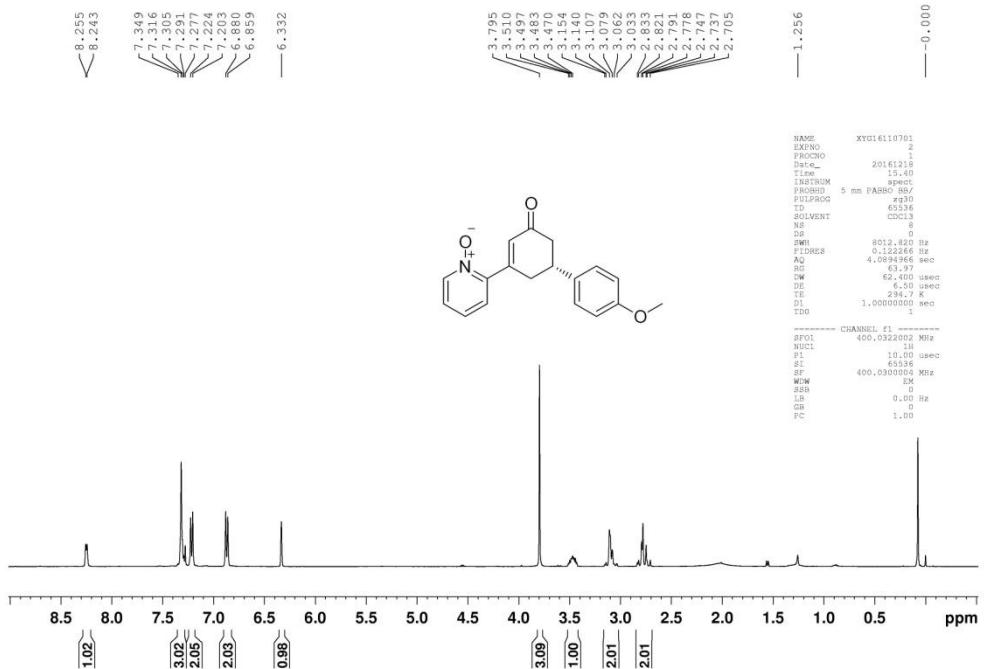
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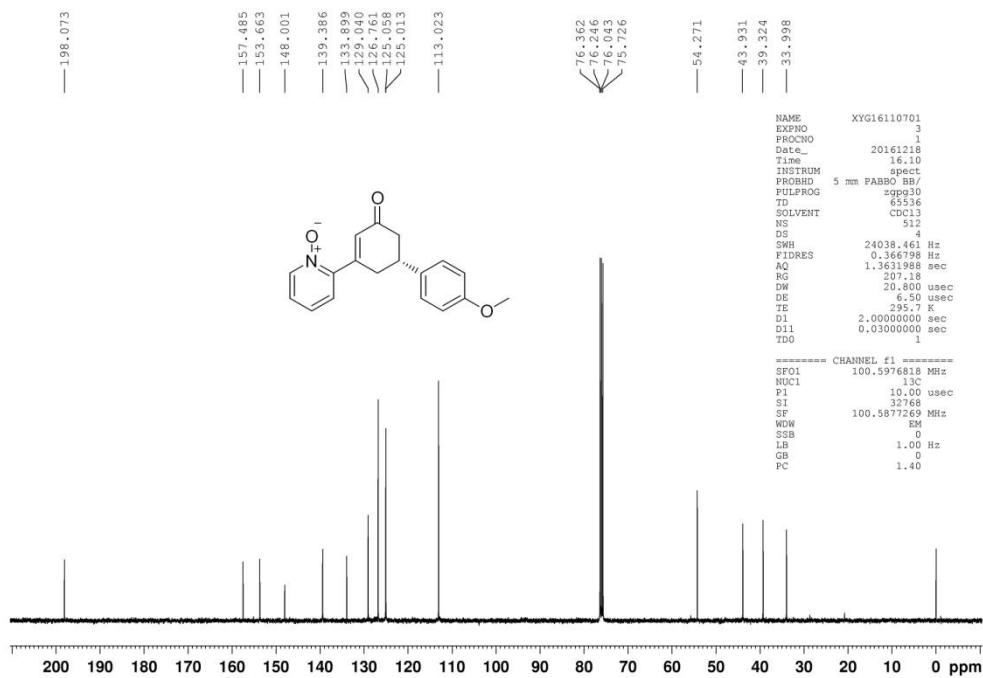
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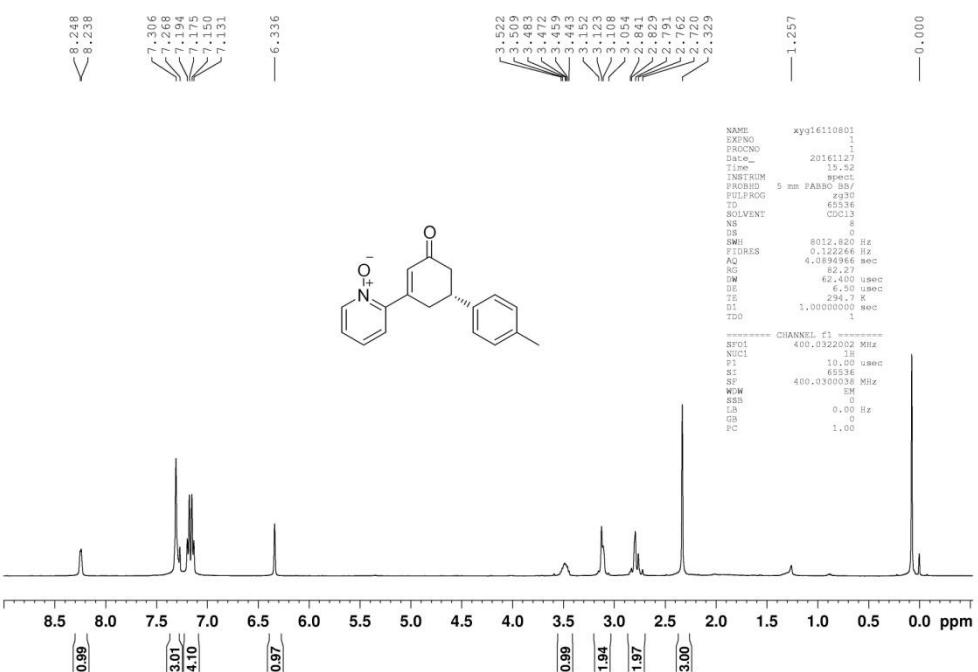
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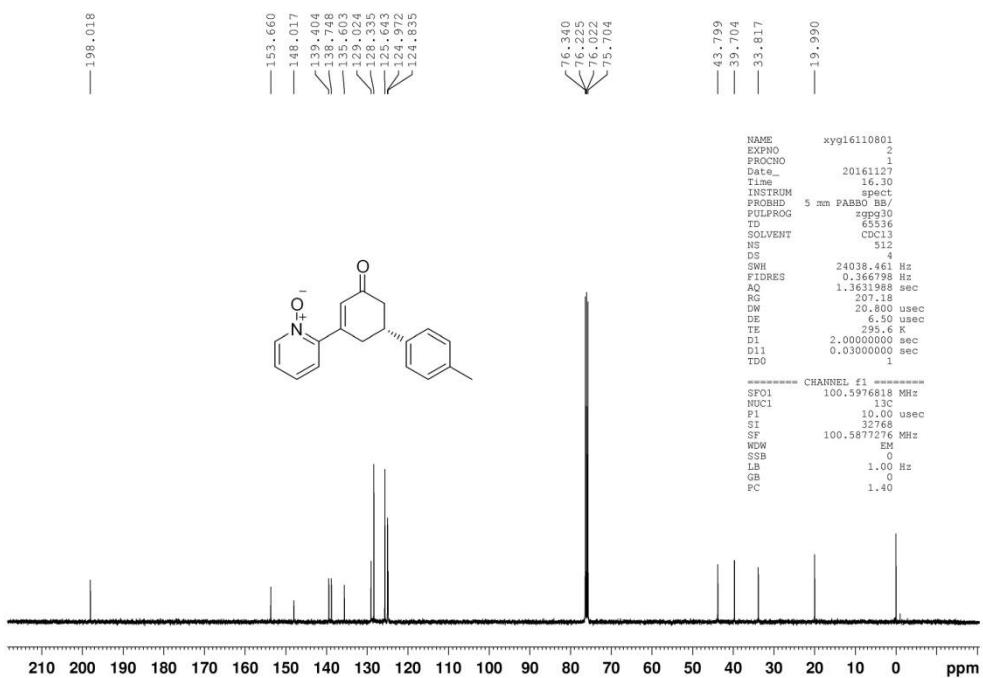
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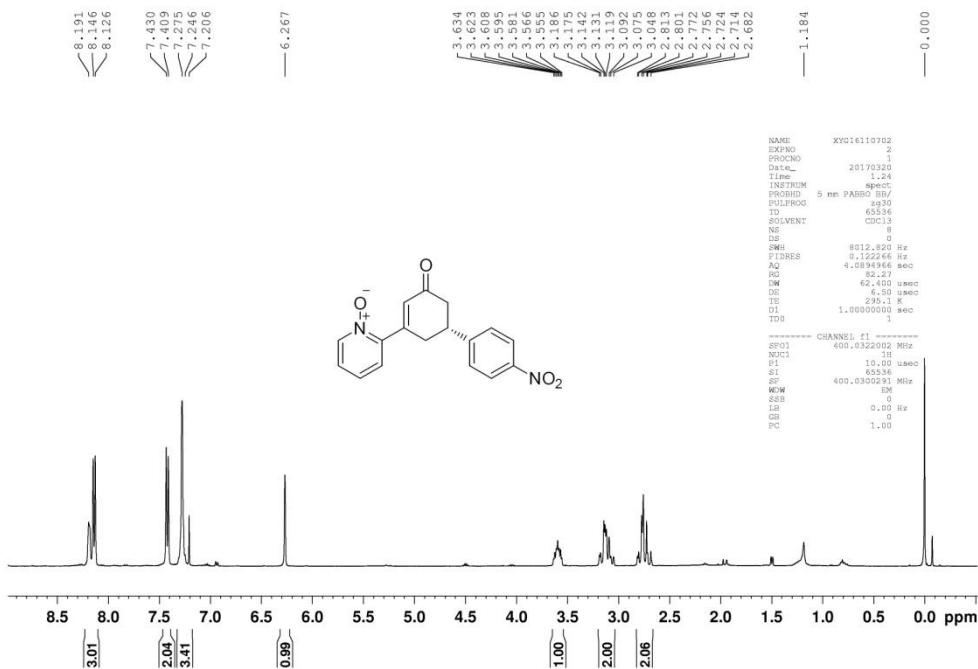
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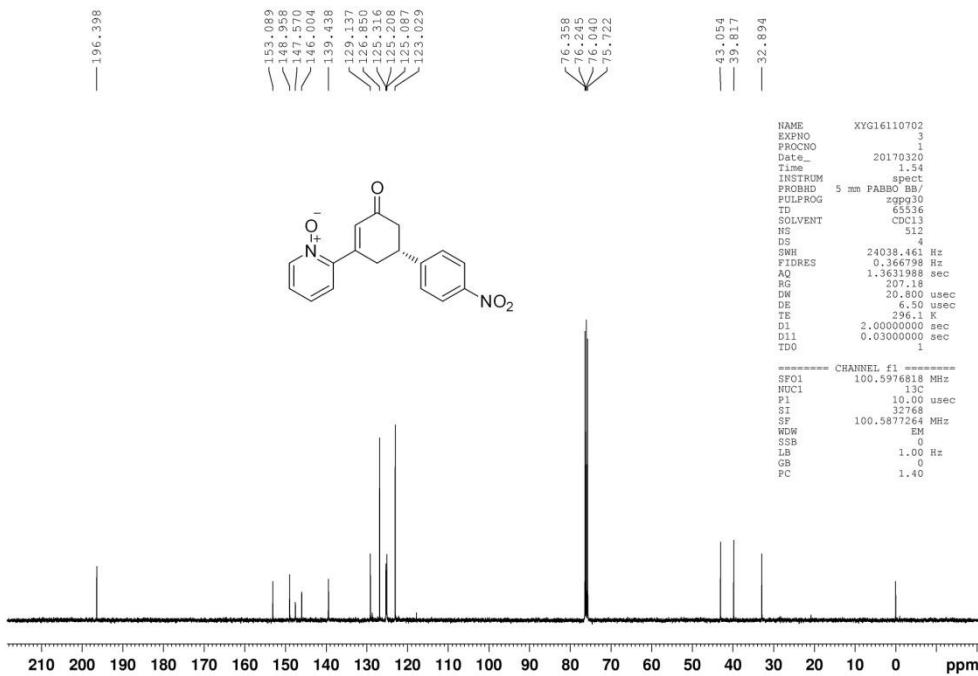
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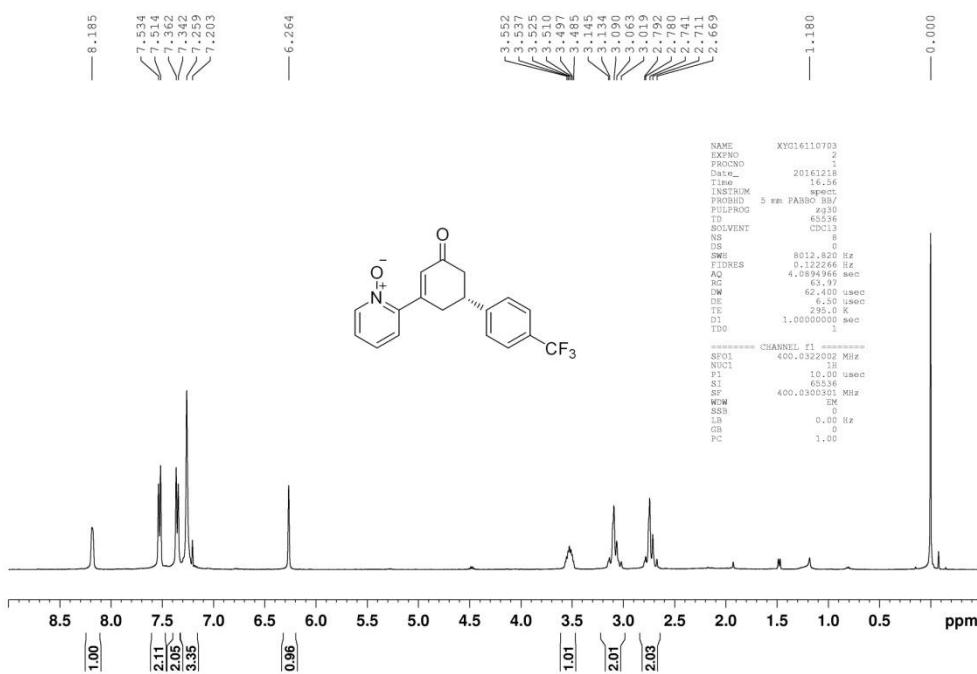
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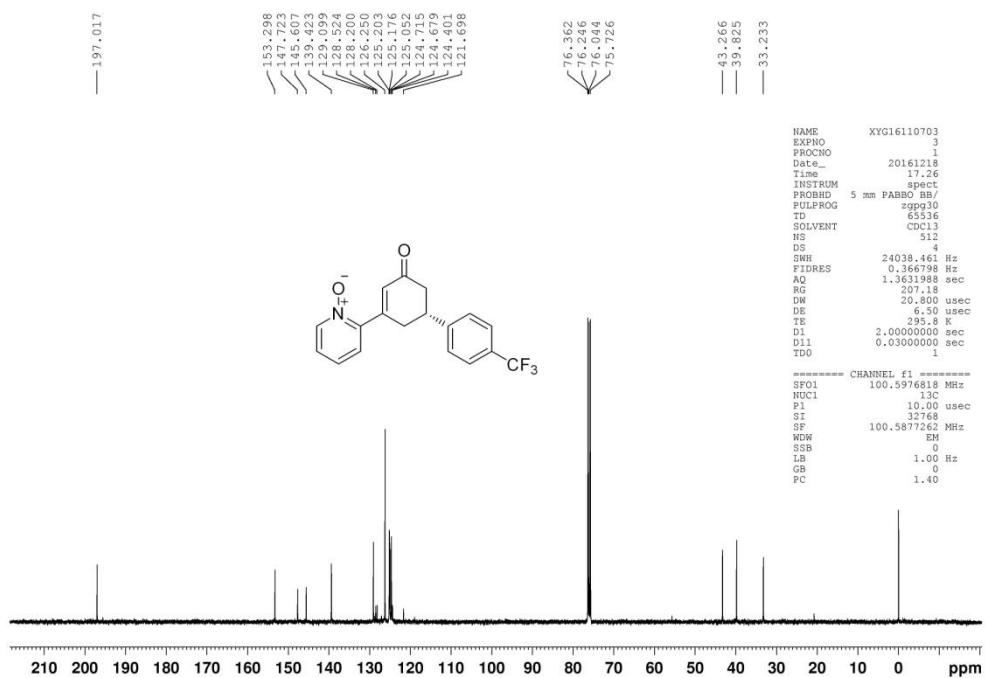
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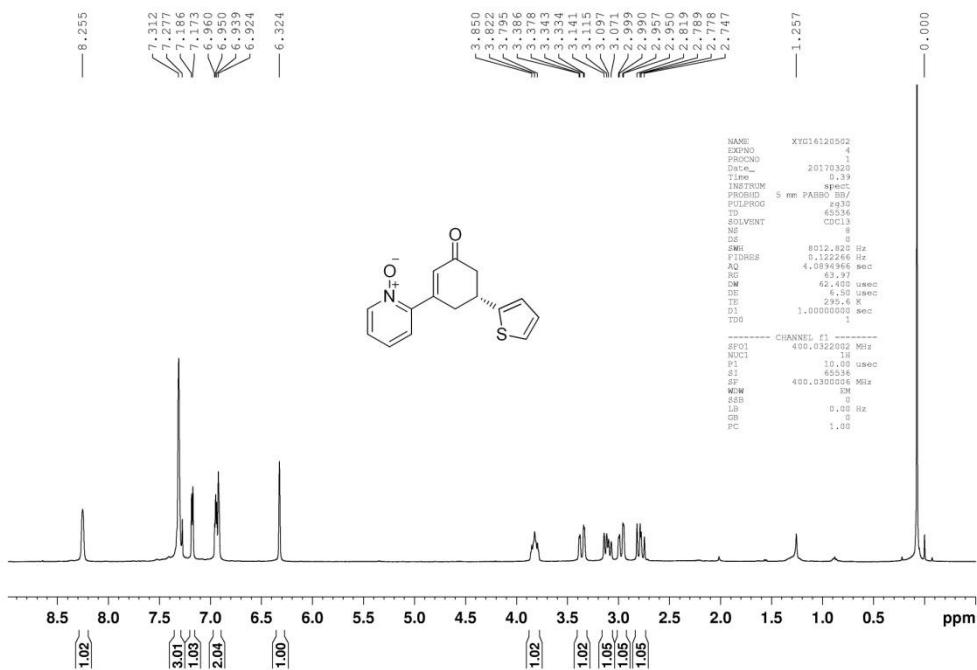
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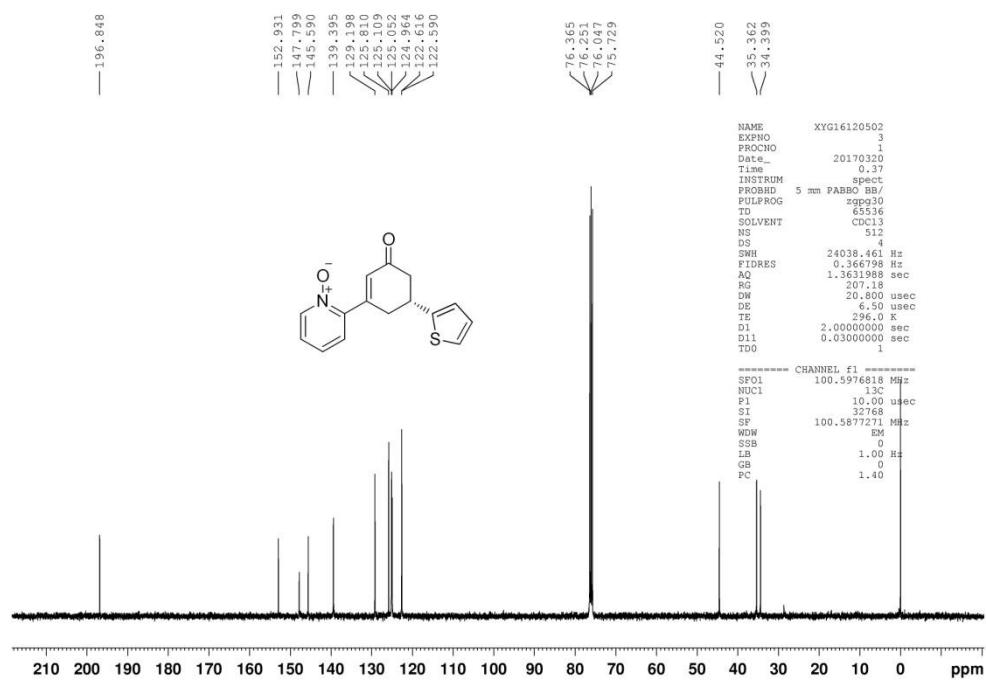
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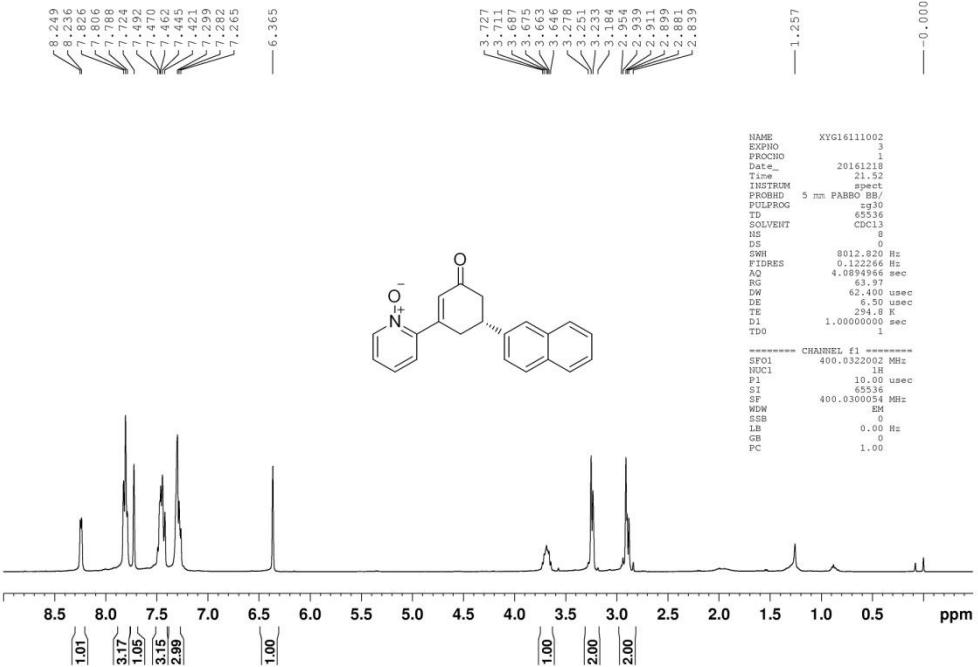
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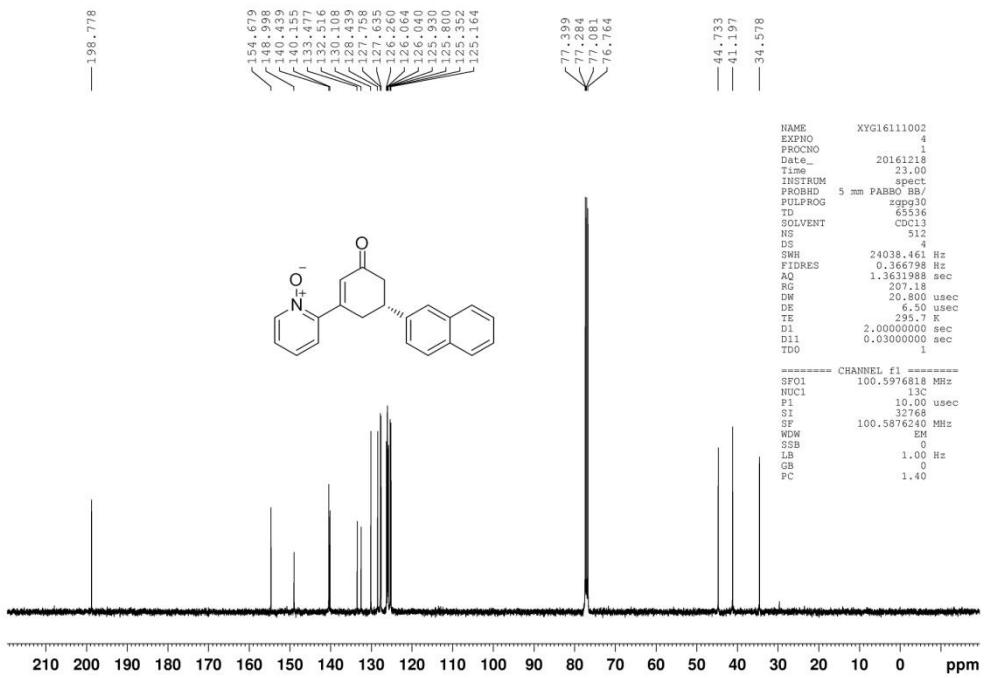
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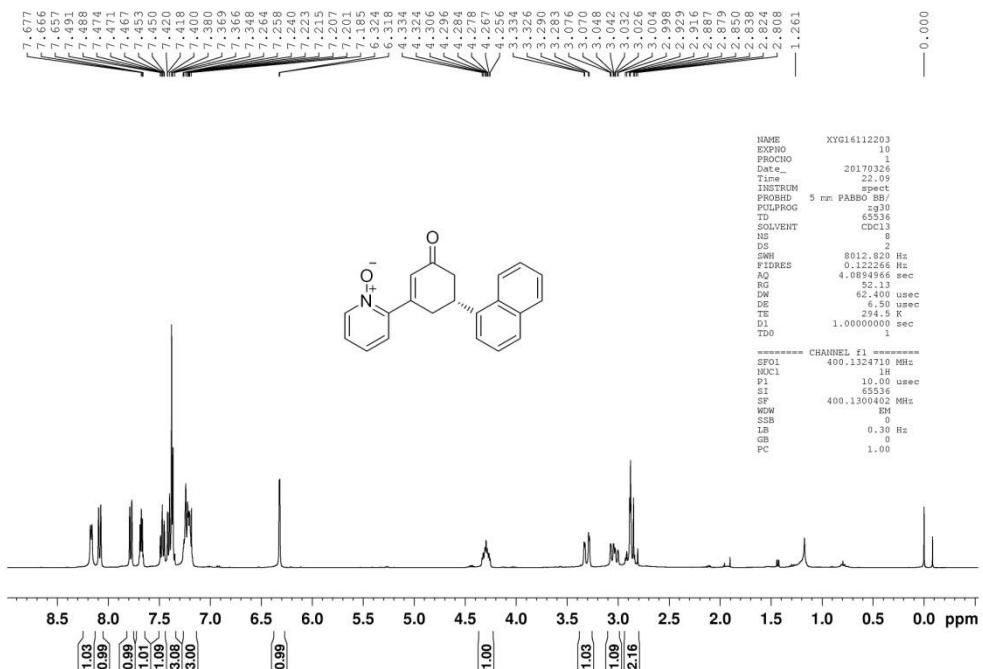
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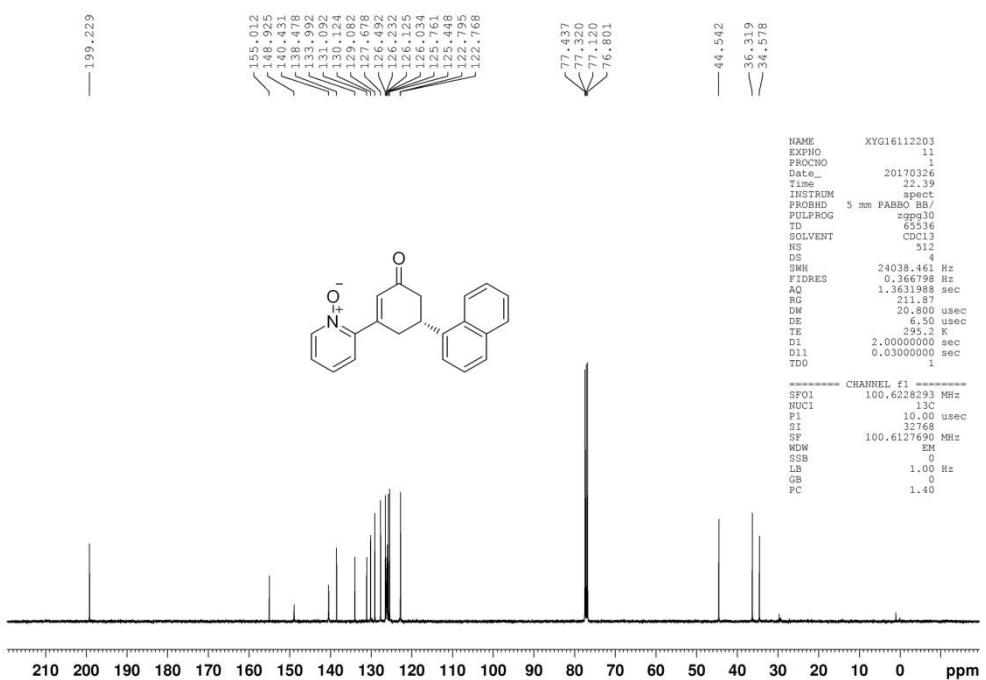
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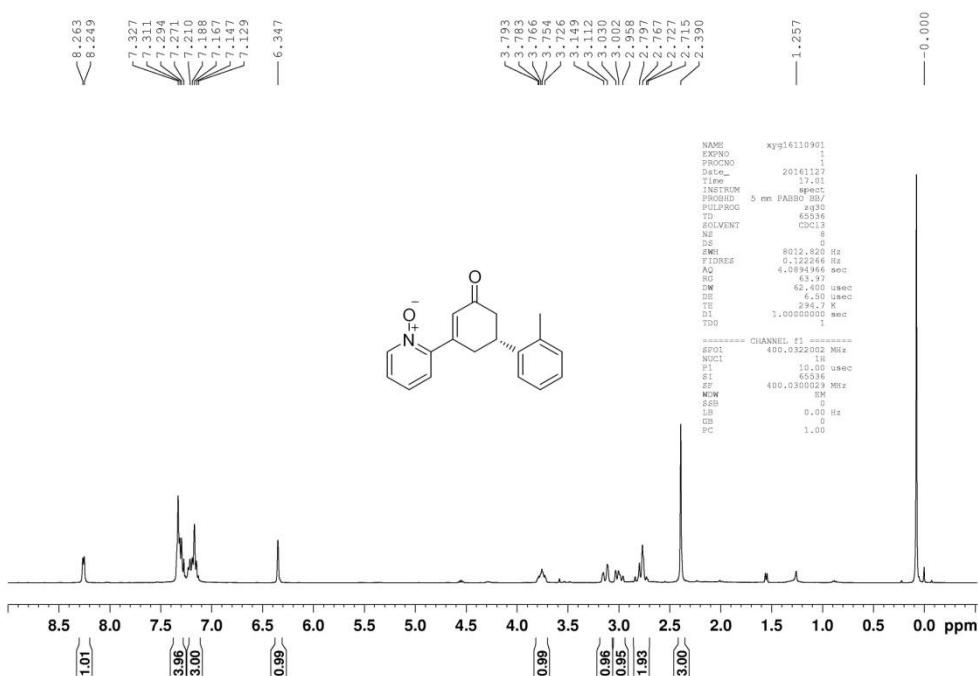
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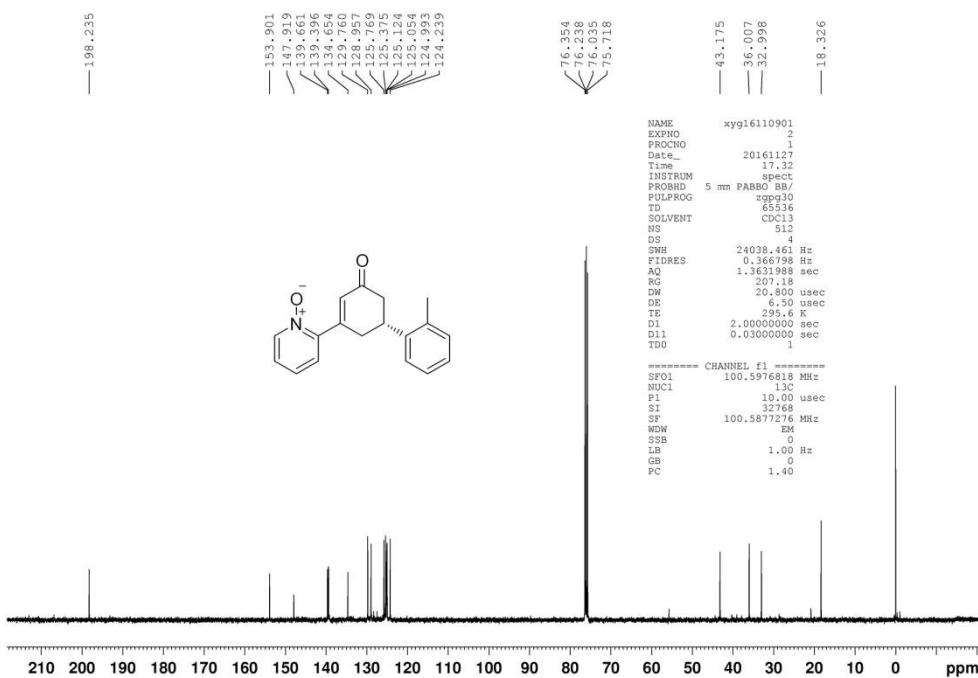
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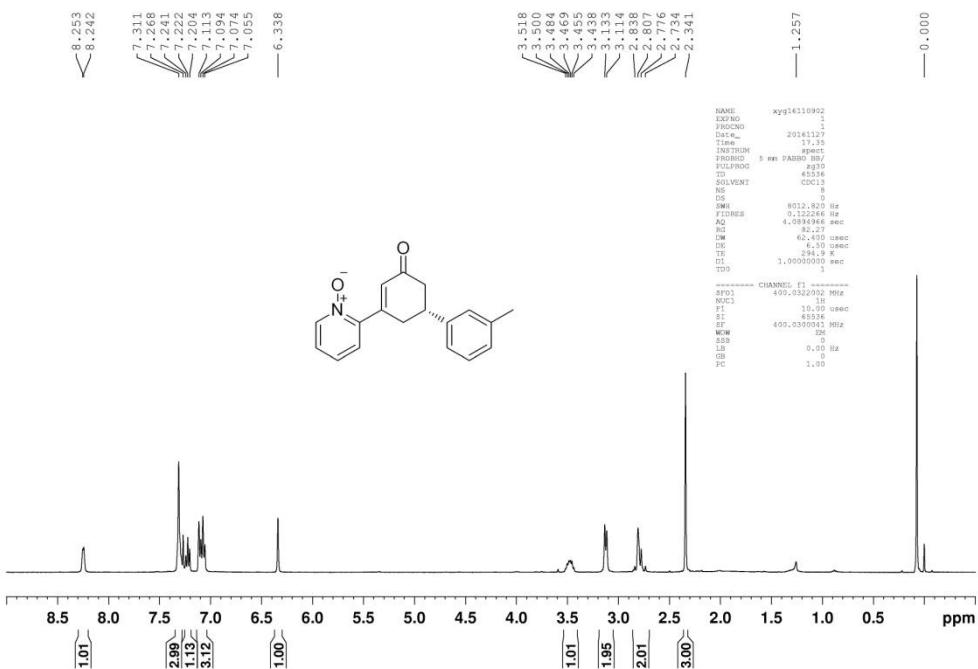
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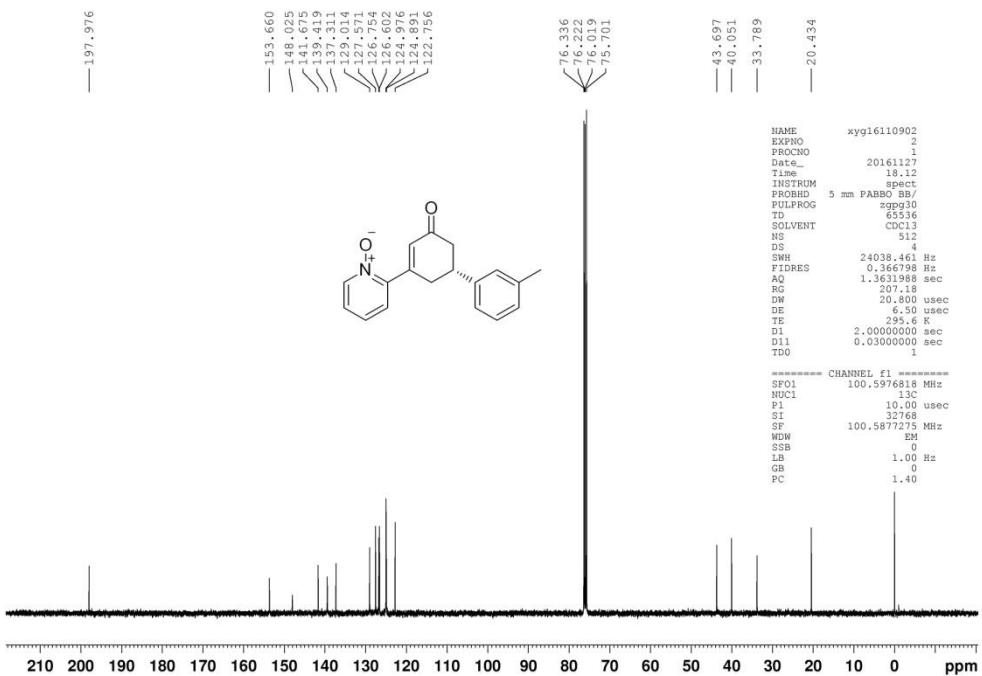
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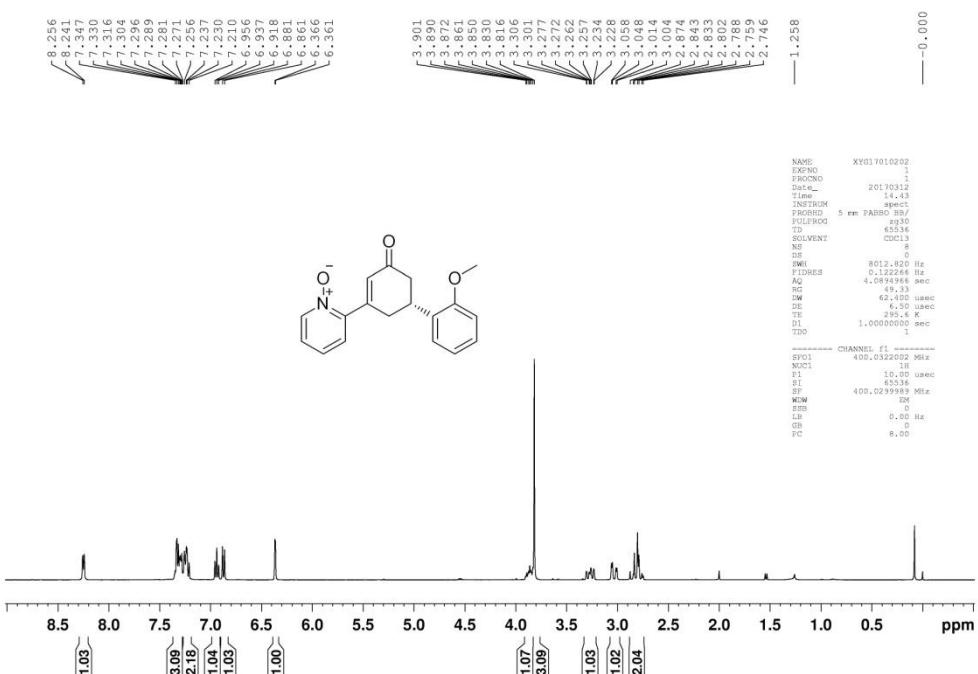
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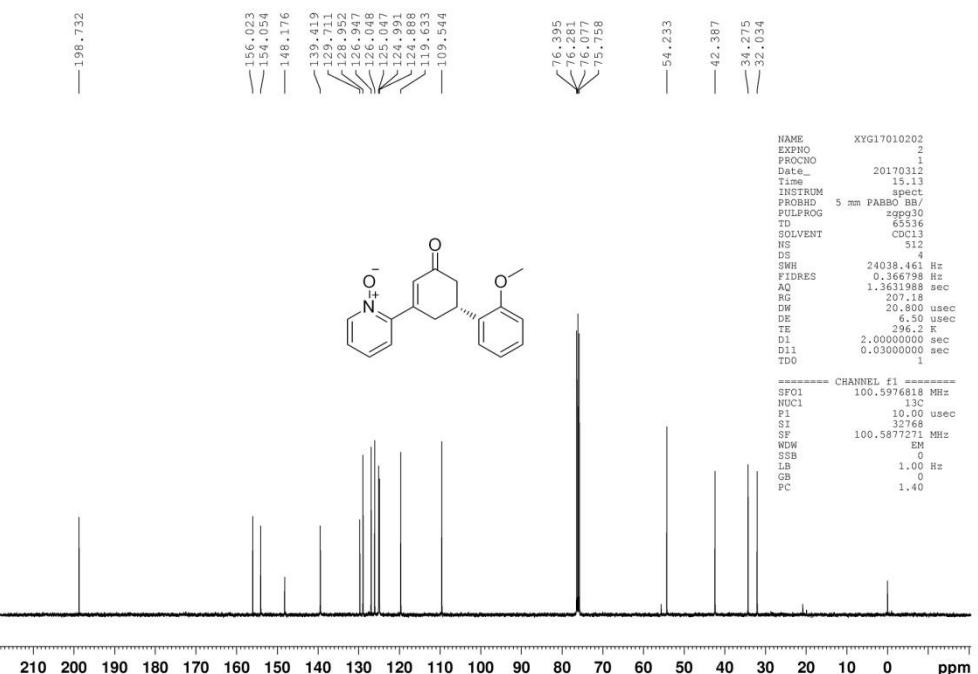
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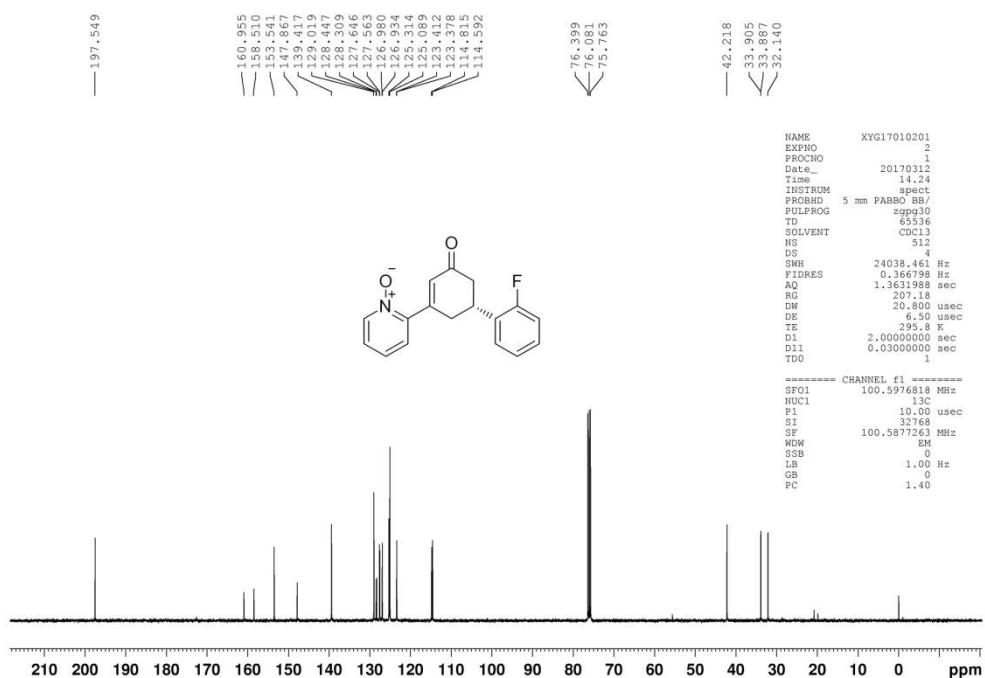
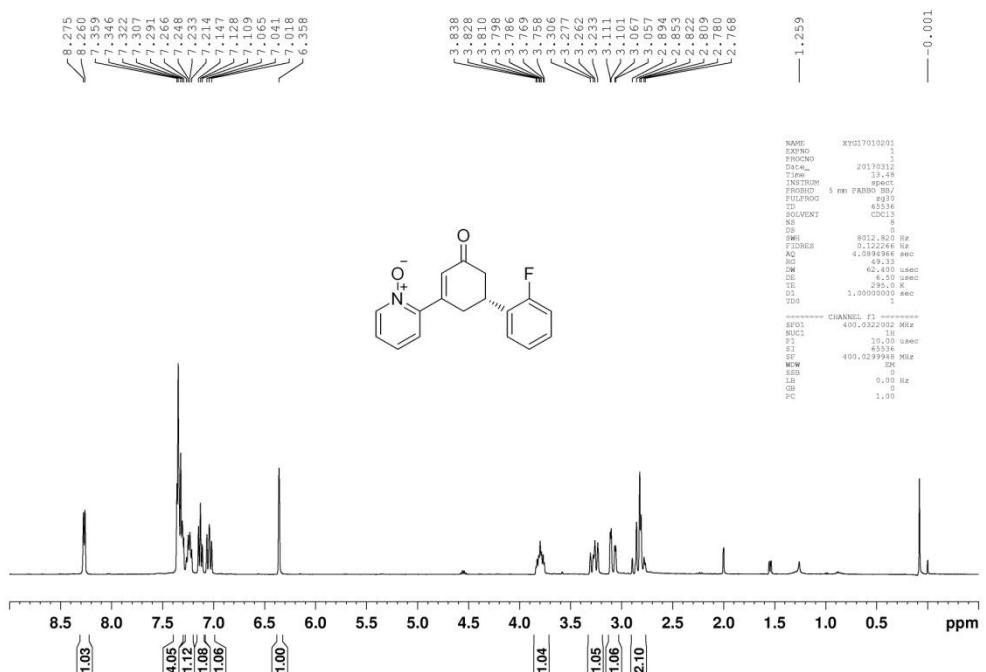
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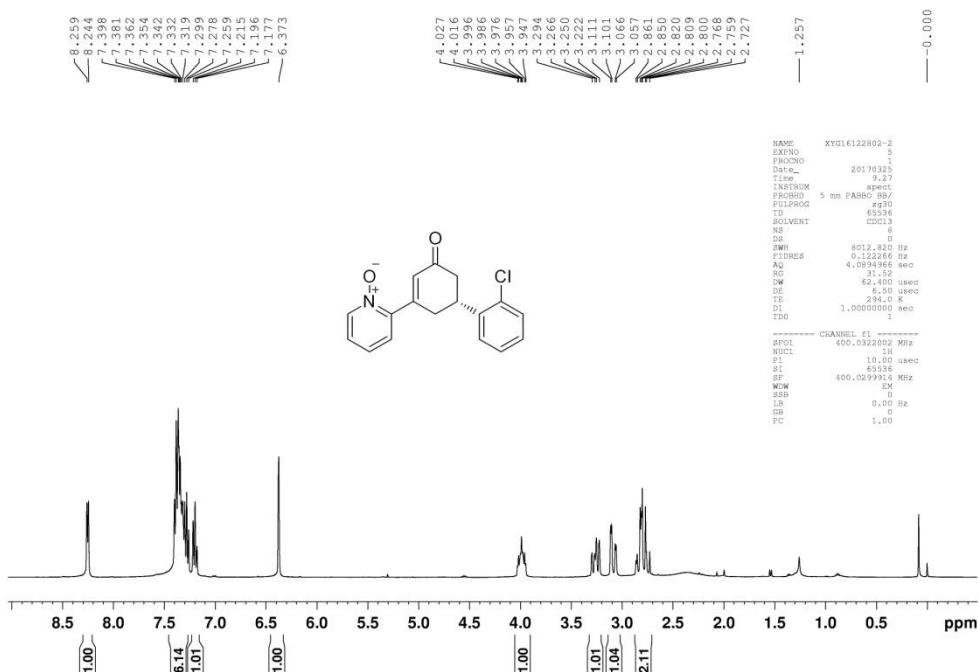
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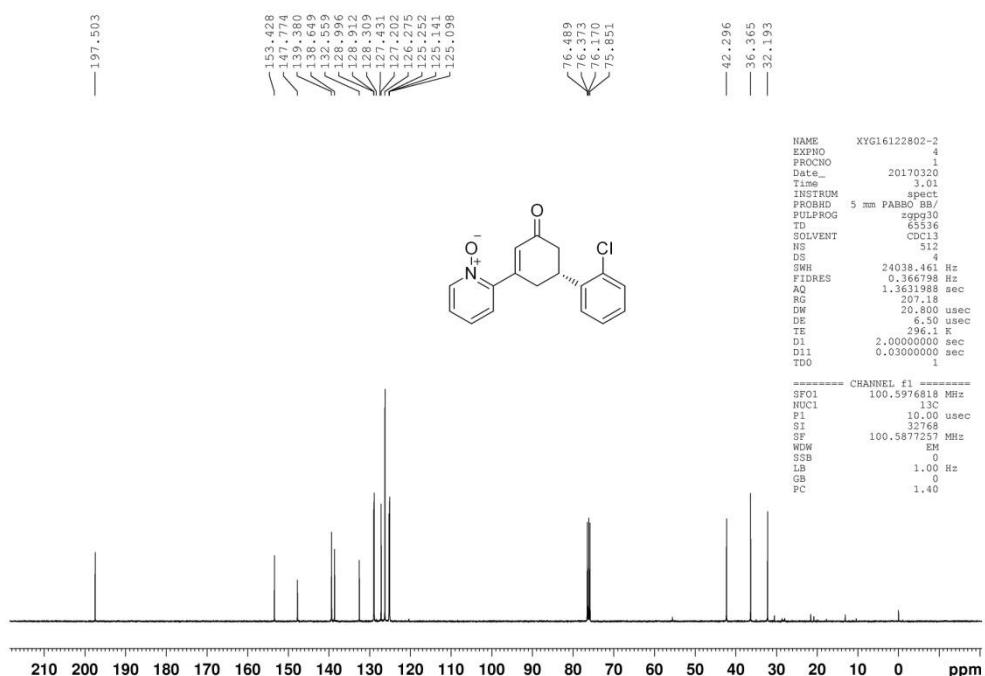
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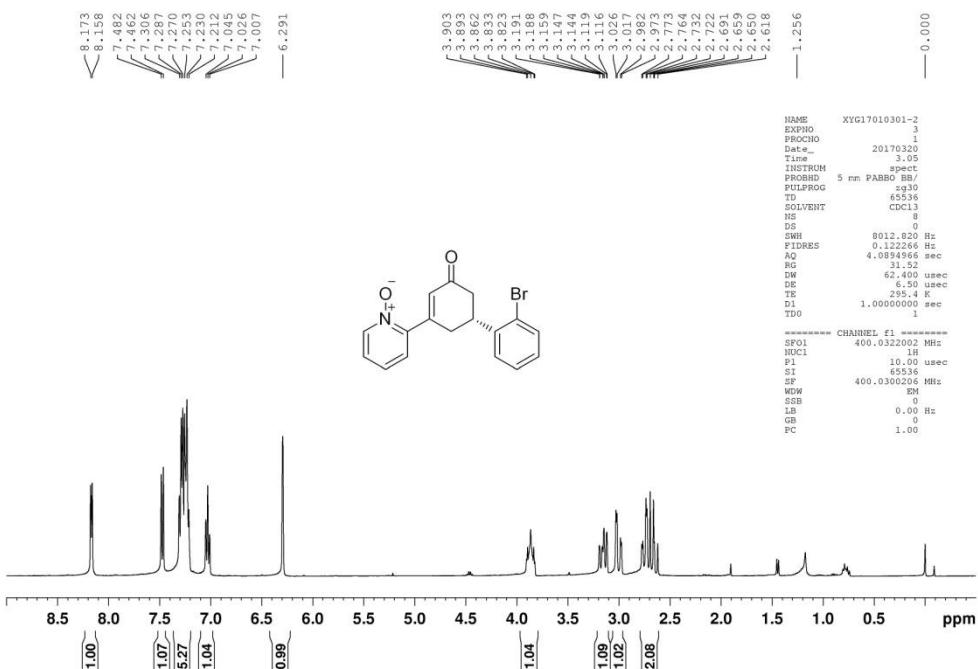
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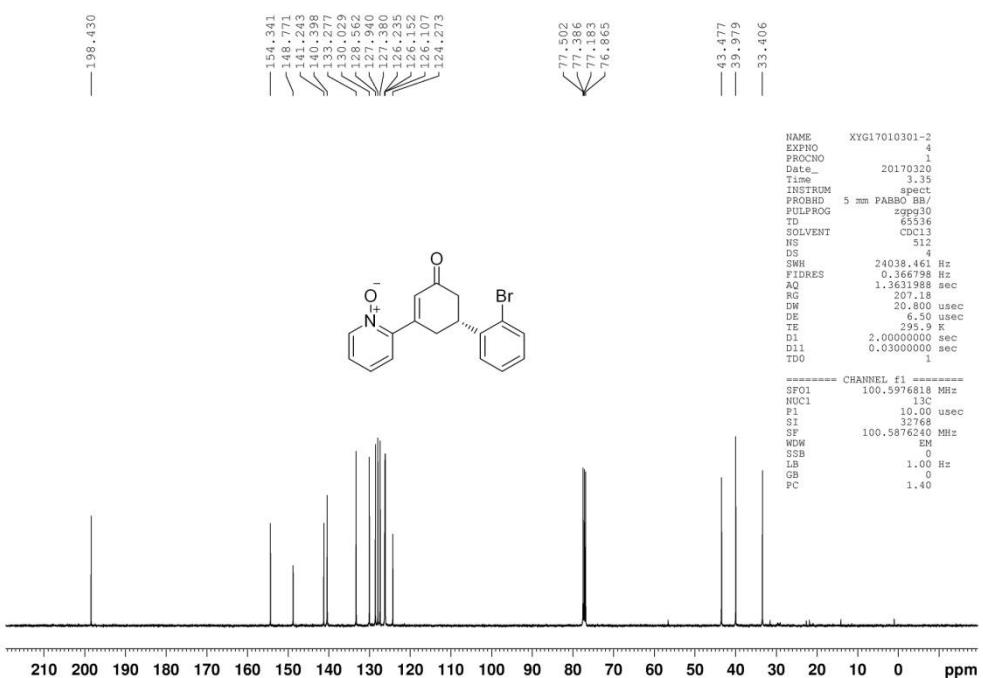
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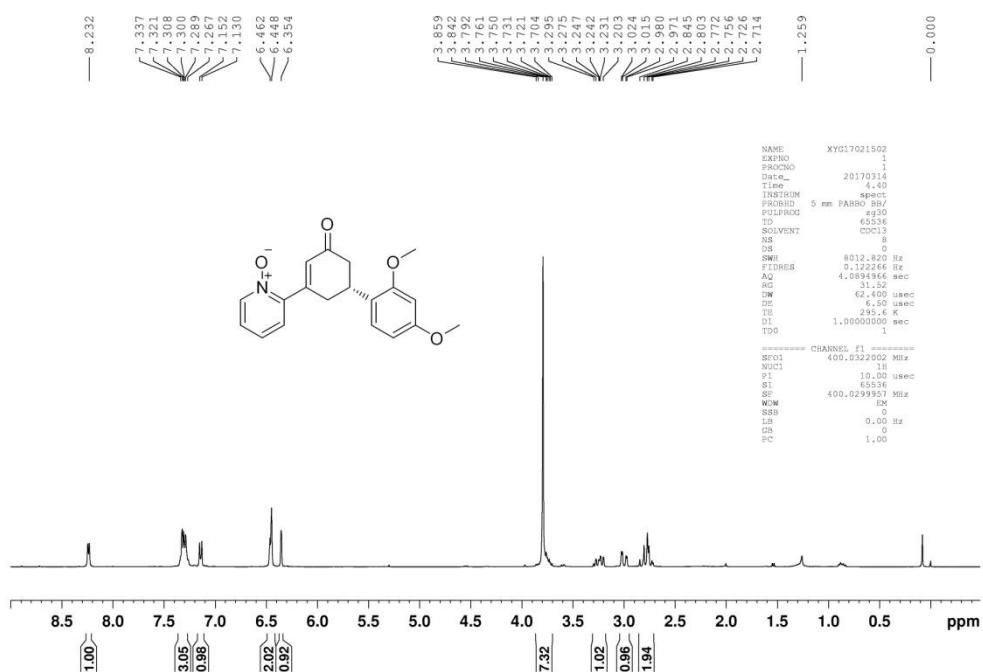
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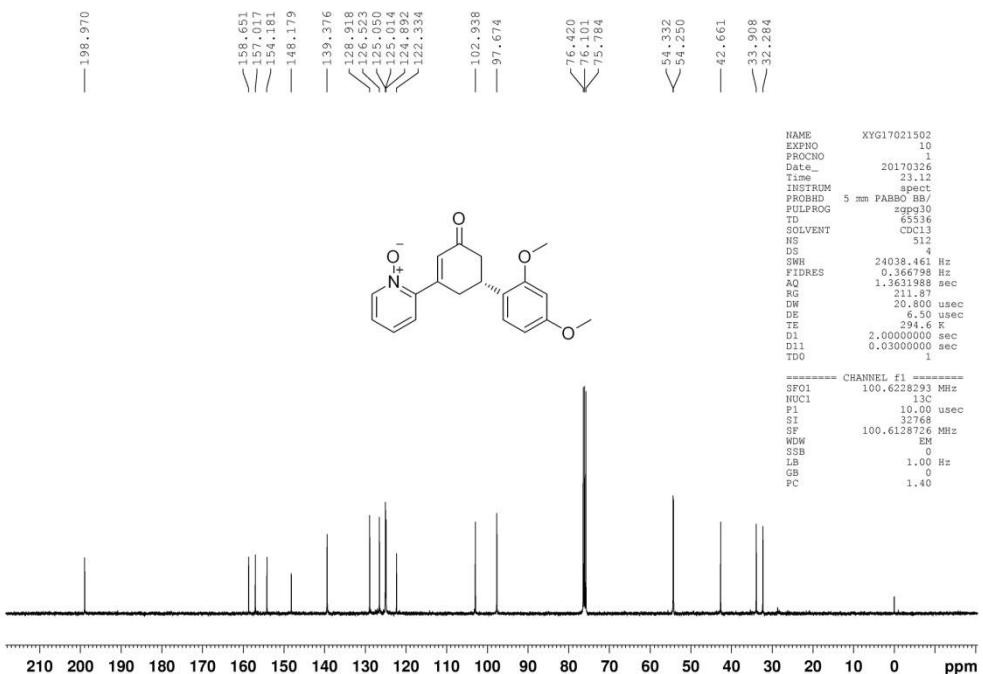
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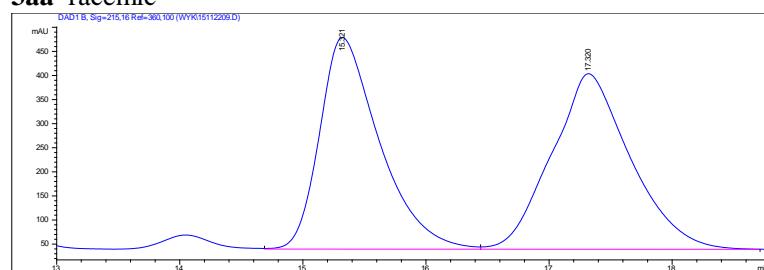


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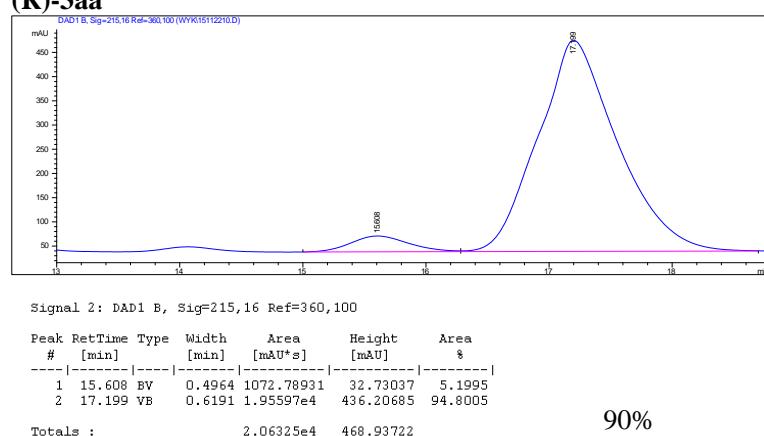


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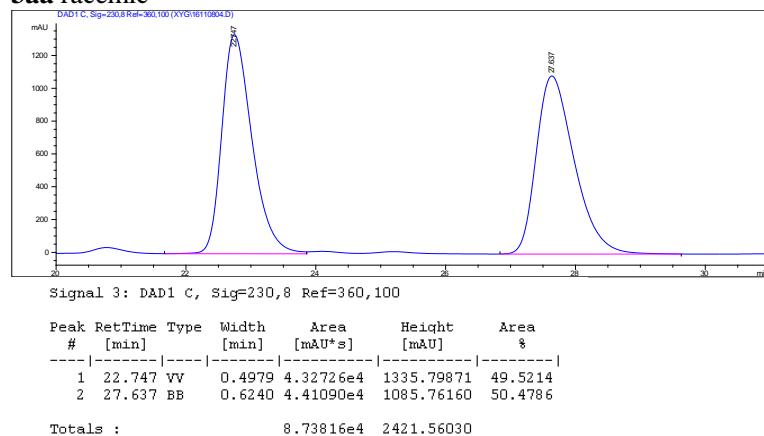
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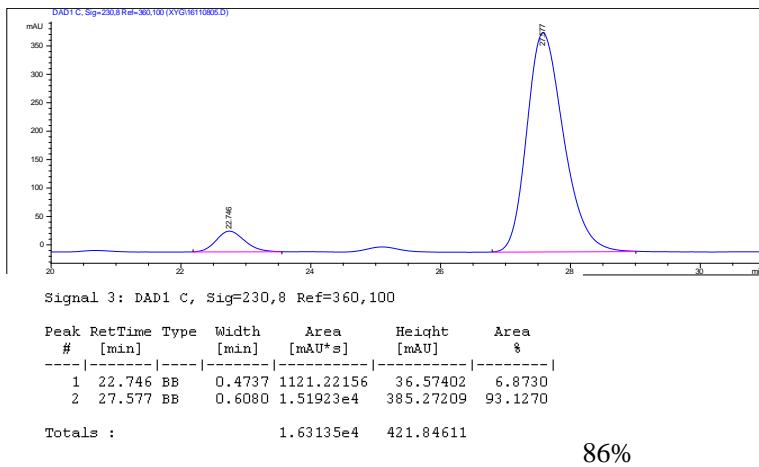
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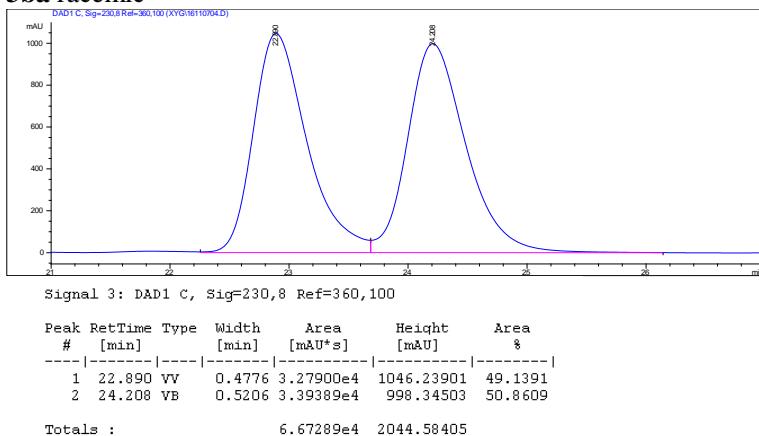
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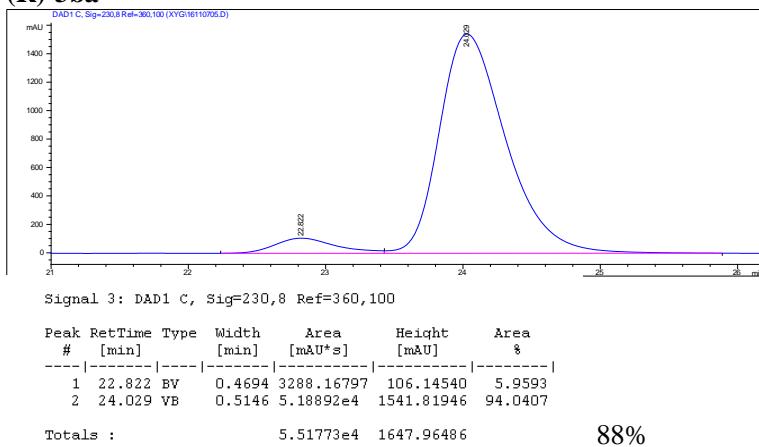
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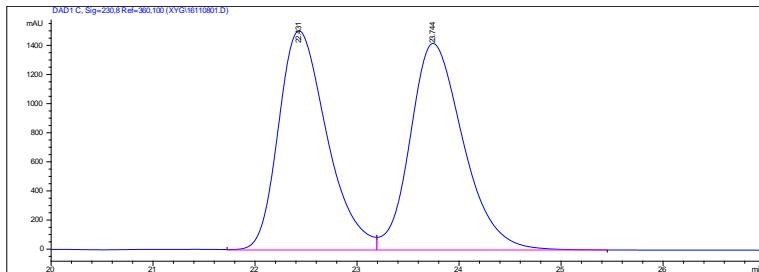
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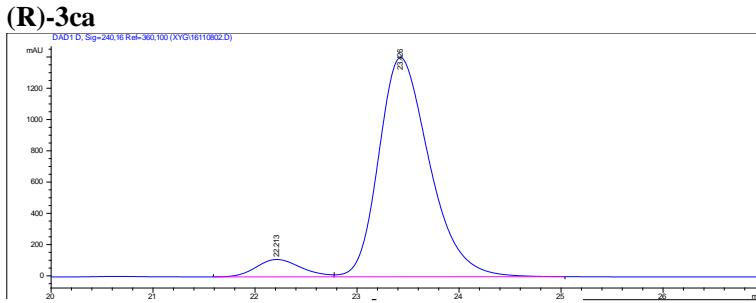
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Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

Peak RetTime Type    Width      Area       Height     Area
#   [min]          [min]  [mAU*s]  [mAU]     %
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
  1  22.4311 VV   0.5082  4.9608e4  1506.26306 49.1938
  2  23.744 VB   0.5531  5.1234e4  1419.52588 50.8062

Totals :                                1.00842e5 2925.78894

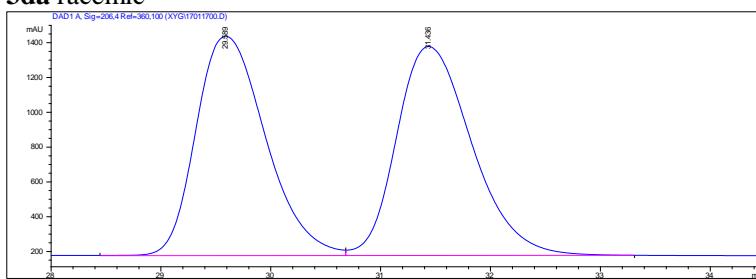
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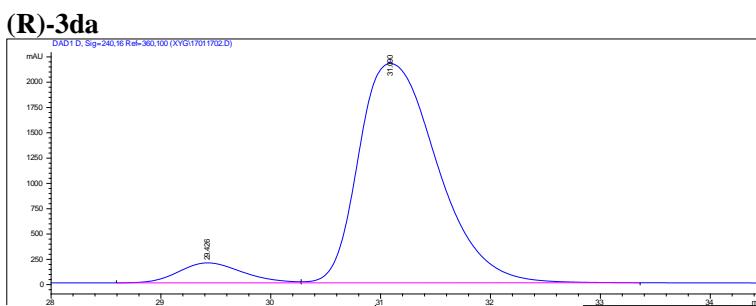
Signal 4: DAD1 D, Sig=240,16 Ref=360,100						
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	22.213	BV	0.4739	3410.24609	111.17516	6.5818
2	23.426	VB	0.5306	4.84027e4	1402.63623	93.4182

87%

3da racemic



Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=206,4 Ref=360,100							
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %	
1	29.589	BV	0.6699	5.55325e4	1260.75708	49.2744	
2	31.436	VB	0.7270	5.71681e4	1201.72400	50.7256	
Totals :				1.12701e5	2462.48108		

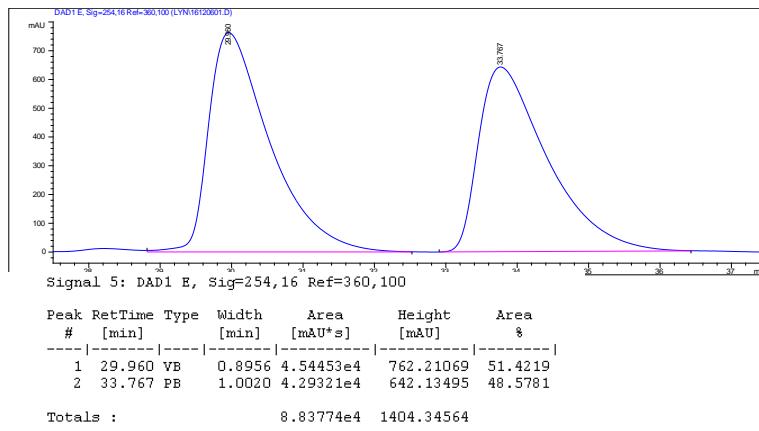


Signal 4: DAD1 D, Sig=240,16 Ref=360,100

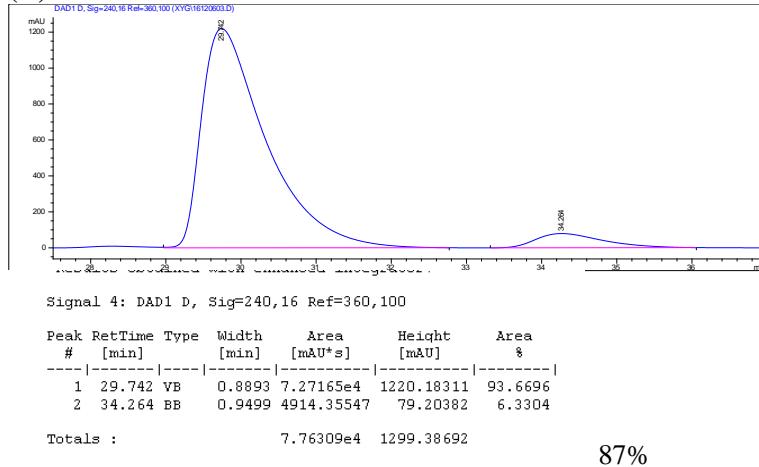
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	29.426	BV	0.6270	7997.13965	197.23593	6.9193
2	31.090	VB	0.7813	1.07580e5	2166.51807	93.0807

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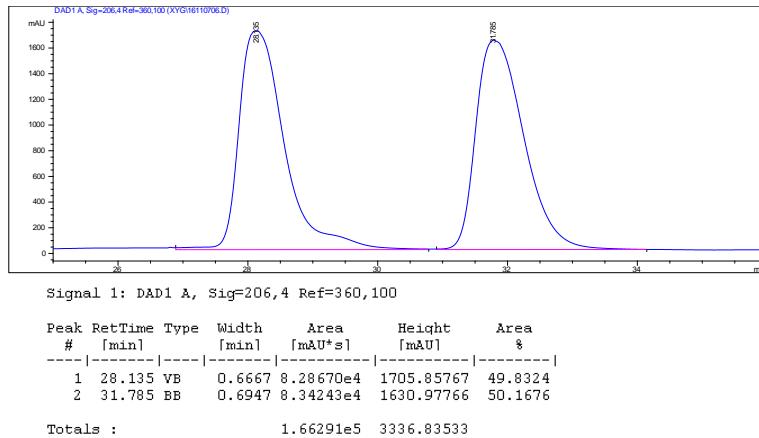
3ea racemic



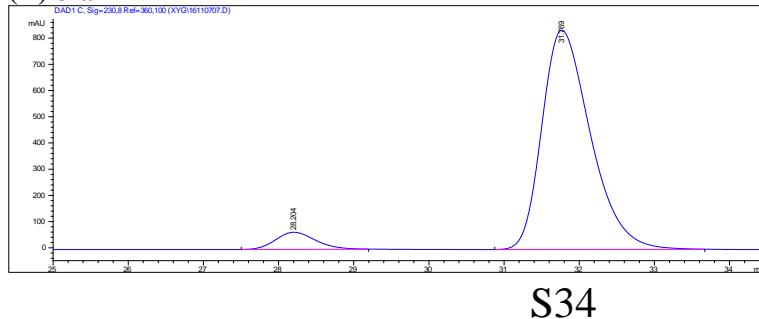
(R)-3ea



3fa racemic



(R)-3fa

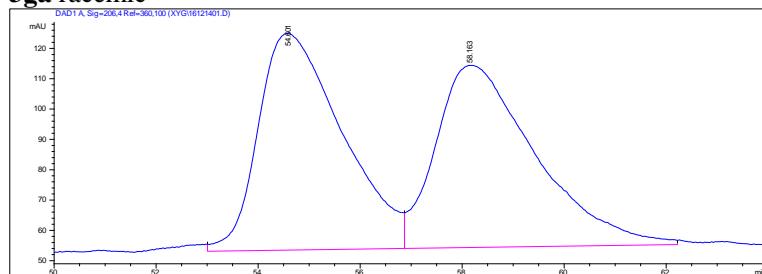


Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

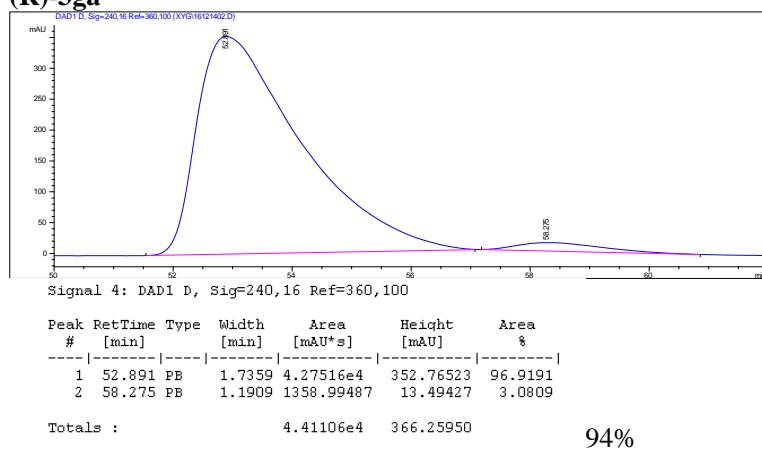
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	28.204	BB	0.5719	2423.63452	65.46365	6.0507
2	31.769	BB	0.6906	3.76320e4	836.89313	93.9493

Totals : 4.00556e4 902.35678 88%

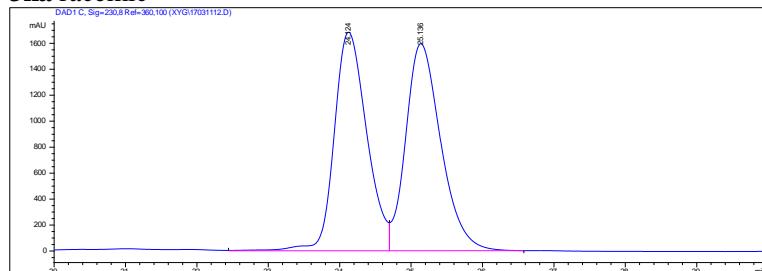
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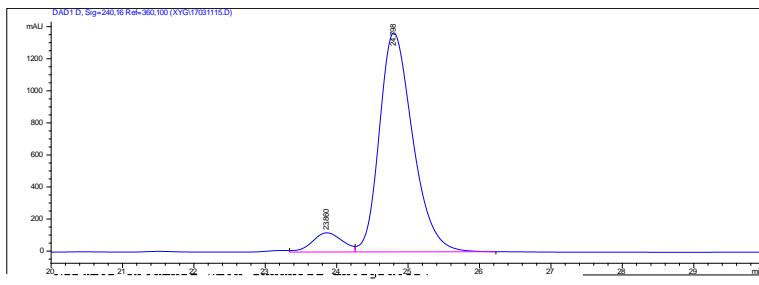
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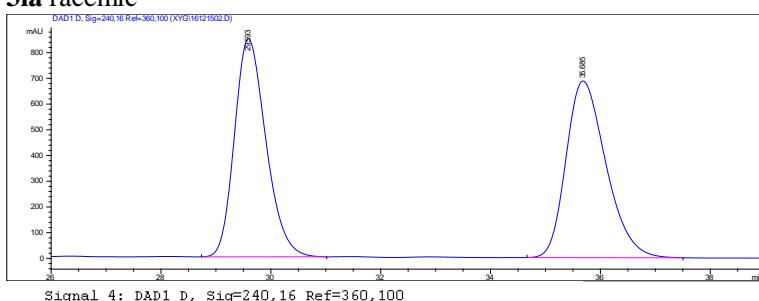


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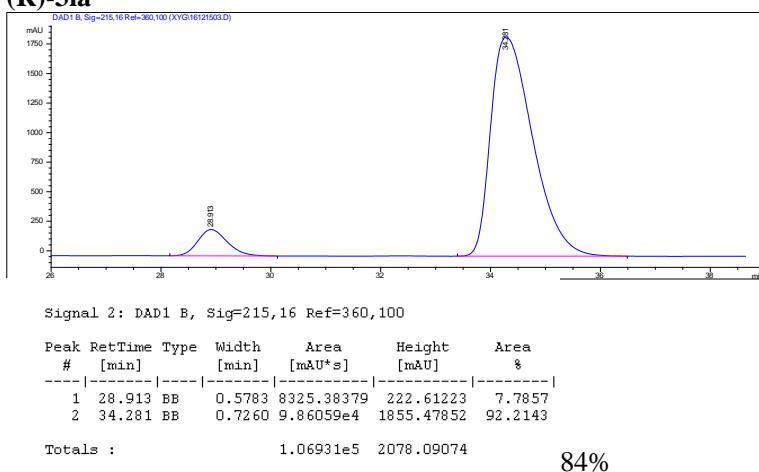


85%

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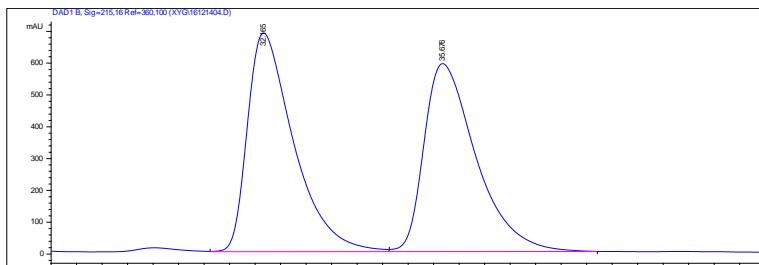


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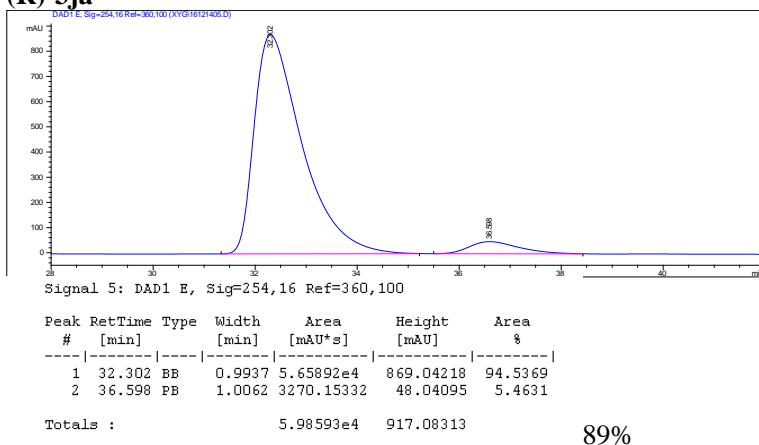


84%

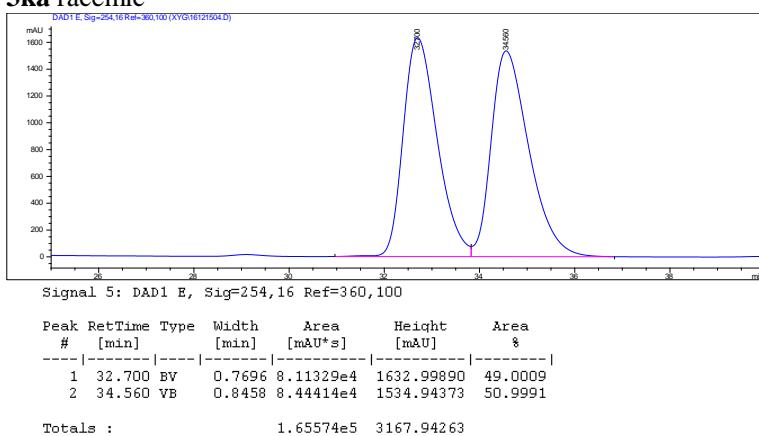
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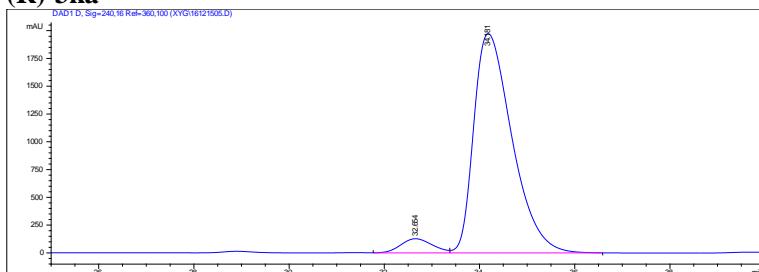
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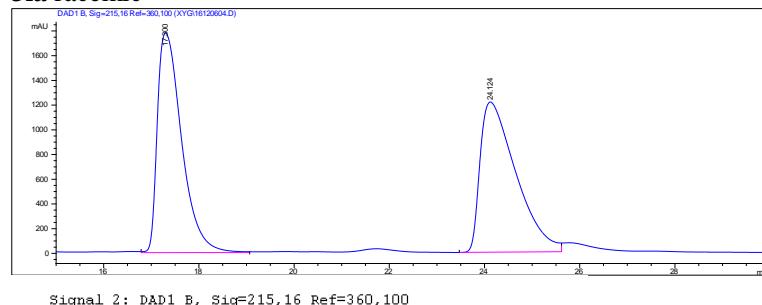
(R)-3ka



Signal 4: DAD1 D, Sig=240,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	32.654	BV	0.7197	5857.86914	127.11130	5.0550
2	34.181	VB	0.8525	1.10025e5	1973.31018	94.9450
Totals :					1.15883e5	2100.42148
					90%	

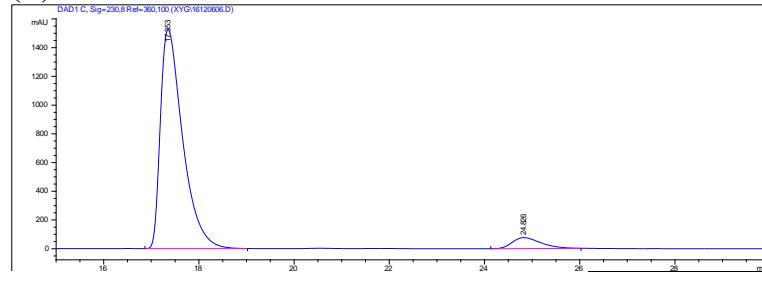
3la racemic



Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=215,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	17.300	VB	0.5491	6.29238e4	1776.90527	49.7256
2	24.124	PV	0.7944	6.36183e4	1215.97546	50.2744
Totals :					1.26542e5	2992.88074

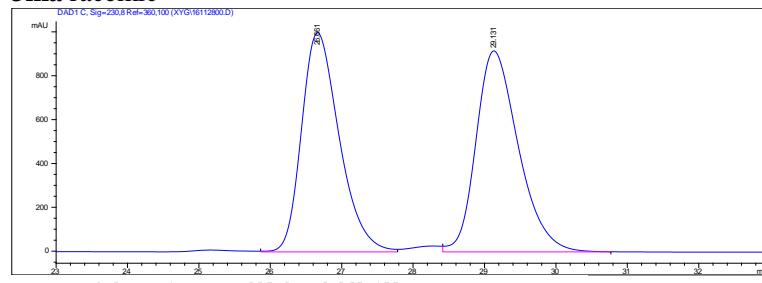
(R)-3la



Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

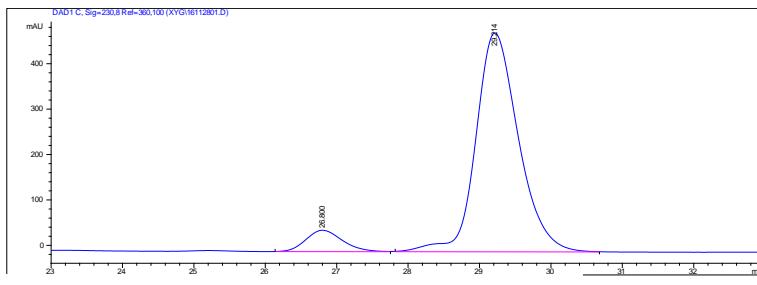
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	17.353	PB	0.4915	4.94019e4	1526.86975	93.9093
2	24.826	PB	0.6419	3204.06299	76.29687	6.0907
Totals :					5.26060e4	1603.16662
					88%	

3ma racemic

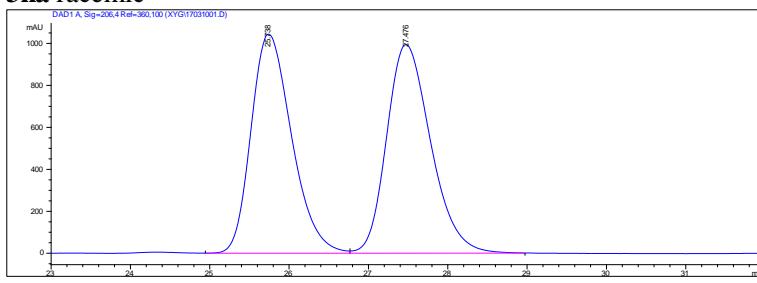


Totals : 7.43705e4 1914.80981

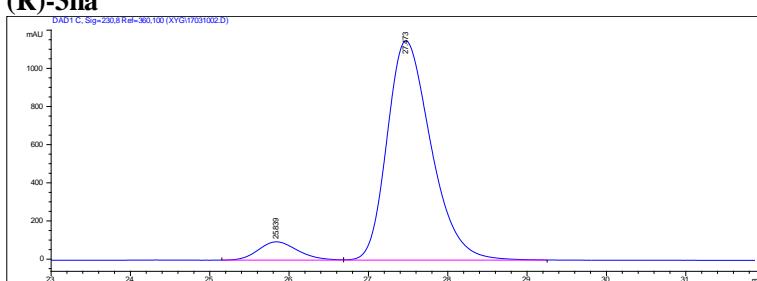
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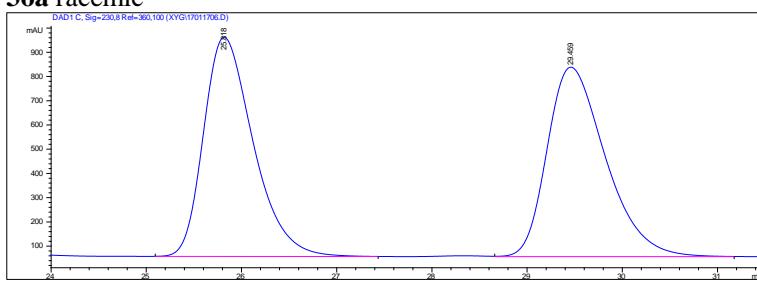
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(R)-3na



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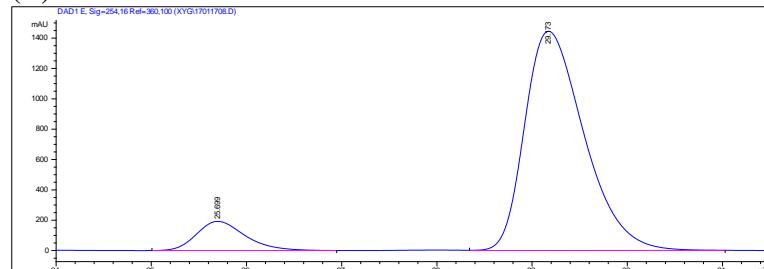


Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	25.818	BB	0.5567	3.27718e4	904.54584	49.6236
2	29.459	VB	0.6566	3.32690e4	781.55206	50.3764

Totals : 6.60407e4 1686.09790

(R)-3oa

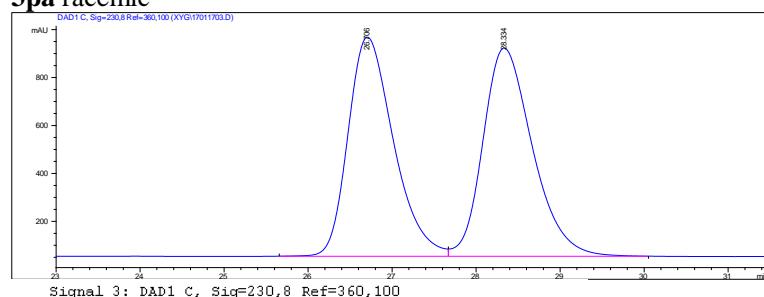


Signal 5: DAD1 E, Sig=254,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	25.699	BB	0.5437	6859.64404	192.50371	9.8804
2	29.173	VB	0.6712	6.25672e4	1444.77173	90.1196

Totals : 6.94269e4 1637.27544 80%

3pa racemic

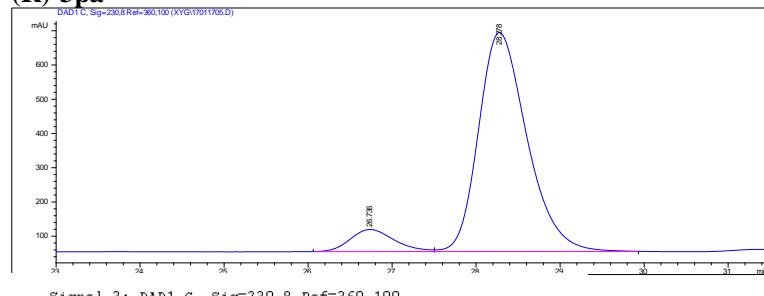


Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	26.706	BV	0.5805	3.43644e4	914.23547	49.1503
2	28.334	VB	0.6295	3.55525e4	868.65320	50.8497

Totals : 6.99169e4 1782.88867

(R)-3pa

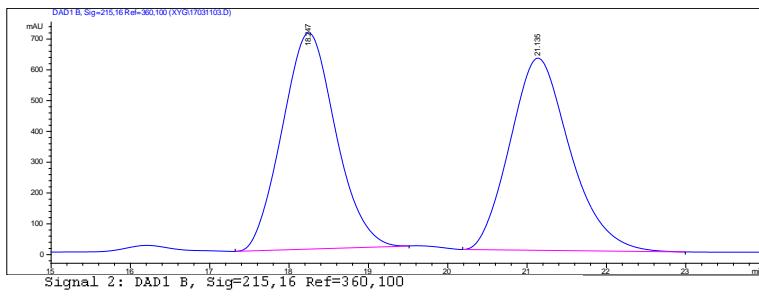


Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=230,8 Ref=360,100

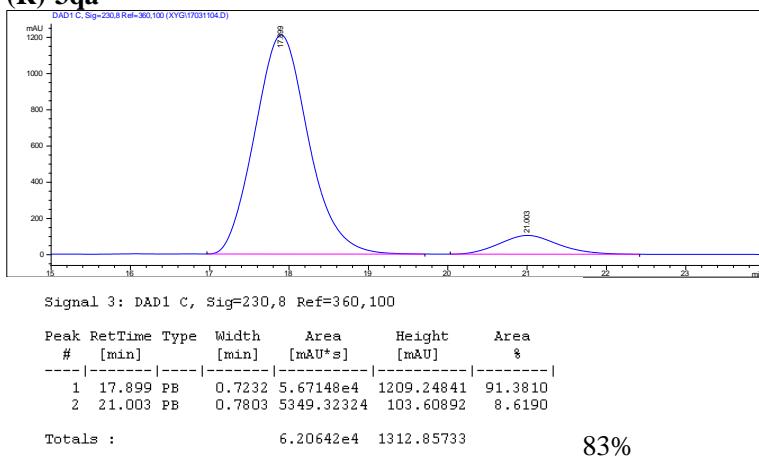
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1	26.736	BV	0.5584	2362.33154	64.62790	8.4552
2	28.278	VB	0.6144	2.55771e4	639.80115	91.5448

Totals : 2.79394e4 704.42905 83%

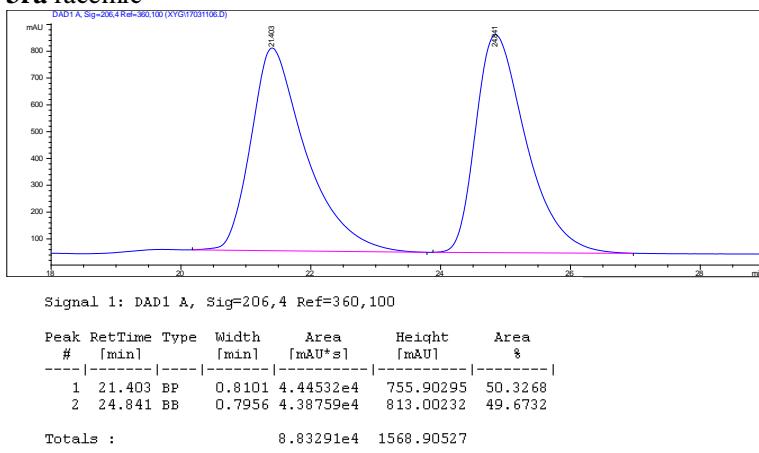
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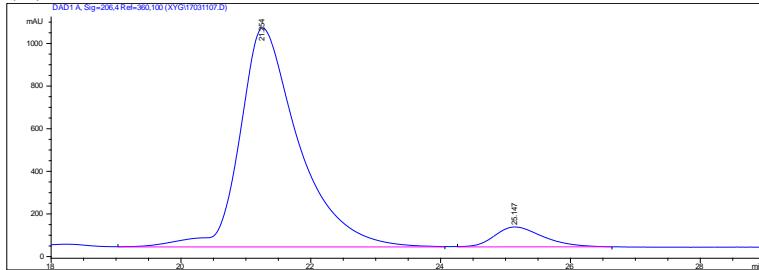
(R)-3qa



3ra racemic



(R)-3ra



Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=206,4 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	21.254	VB	0.8226	6.47181e4	1027.80640	93.0412
2	25.147	VB	0.6480	4840.41650	93.48956	6.9588
Totals :			6.95585e4	1121.29596		86%