

Supplementary Information

Recyclable organocatalysis: Highly enantioselective Michael addition of 1,3-diaryl-1,3-propanedione to nitroolefins

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General Information: Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 400 spectrophotometer (CDCl_3 as solvent). Chemical shifts for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^{13}C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 77.0, triplet).

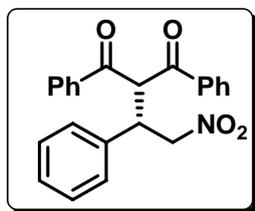
Enantioselectivities were determined by High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis employing a Daicel Chirapak AD-H or AS-H column. Optical rotations were measured in CH_2Cl_2 on a *Schmidt + Haensdch* polarimeter (Polartronic MH8) with a 10 cm cell (c given in g/100 mL). Absolute configuration of the products was determined by comparison with compounds previously published.

High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was recorded on Finnigan MAT 95 \times P spectrometer.

General experimental procedure for the Michael addition of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione to nitroolefins:

To a solution of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (67.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 eq) and nitroolefin (0.1 mmol, 1eq) in diethyl ether (0.3 mL) was added catalyst **VI** (**Q-NH₂**) (0.015 mmol, 0.15 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature (23 °C). After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the products were isolated and purified either by filtration/washing with diethyl or by flash chromatography over silica gel (EtOAc:Hexane = 1:10 to 1:3).

(*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (**3a**)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (96% yield).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 6 H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03-5.01 (m, 2H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 14.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 193.6, 136.8, 136.2, 135.8, 134.1, 133.8, 128.97, 128.96, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 77.3, 59.9, 44.0.

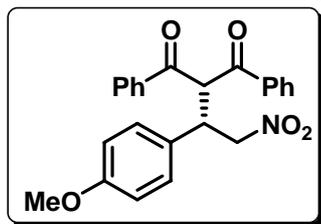
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm), *t_R*

(major) = 20.4 min, *t_R* (minor) = 28.3 min; 98% ee.

[α]_D²⁵ = 21.3 (*c* = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

MS (ESI, *m/z*): 374.3 (M+H).

(*S*)-2-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (**3b**)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (92% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.00-4.96 (m, 2H), 4.61 (dd, $J = 7.2, 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.3, 193.7, 159.3, 136.2, 135.9, 134.1, 133.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.84, 128.81, 128.6, 128.5, 114.3, 77.7, 60.1, 55.2, 43.5.

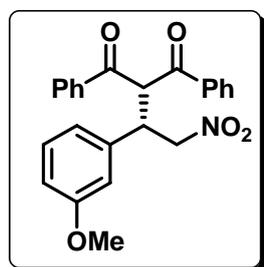
HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm), t_R

(major) = 10.7 min, t_R (minor) = 22.5 min; 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 25.1$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 404.1 (M+H).

(S)-2-(1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3c)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (91% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.85-6.71 (m, 3H), 5.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.02-4.99 (m, 2H), 4.64-4.58 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.3, 193.6, 159.8, 138.3, 136.2, 135.8, 134.1, 133.8, 130.0, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 120.3, 114.3, 113.6, 77.2, 59.7, 55.2, 44.0.

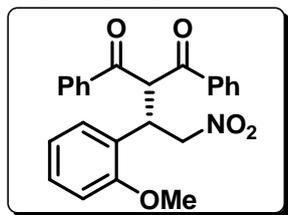
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(major) = 19.2 min, t_R (minor) = 32.5 min; 93% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 5.1$ ($c = 1.1$, CH_2Cl_2).

HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$, m/z 403.1414, found 403.1412.

(S)-2-(1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3d)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (94% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dd, $J = 9.6, 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, $J = 4.0, 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.86-4.80 (m, H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.4, 194.2, 157.1, 136.4, 136.0, 133.8, 133.7, 131.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 124.2, 121.1, 110.9, 75.8, 57.2, 55.3, 40.9.

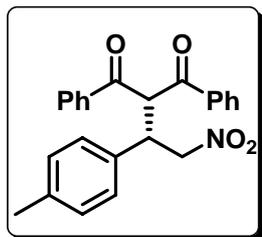
HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm), t_{R}

(major) = 16.7 min, t_{R} (minor) = 23.5 min; 99% ee.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -17.4$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$, m/z 403.1414, found 403.1414.

(*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-1-*p*-tolylethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3e)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (93% yield).

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.00-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.62 (dd, $J = 5.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.3, 193.6, 137.9, 136.2, 135.9, 134.1, 133.8, 133.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.83, 128.81, 128.7, 128.1, 77.5, 60.1, 43.7, 21.0.

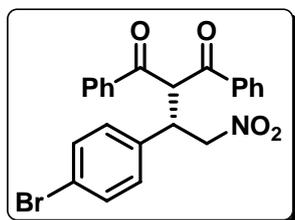
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm), t_{R}

(major) = 18.8 min, t_{R} (minor) = 25.5 min; 98% ee.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 8.6$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 388.3 (M+H).

(*S*)-2-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3f)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (96% yield).

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 5.78 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.93-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 7.2, 19.6$ Hz, 1H).

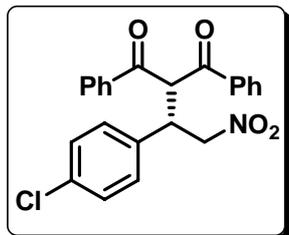
^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.0, 193.3, 136.0, 135.8, 135.7, 134.3, 134.0, 132.1, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 122.3, 77.2, 59.6, 43.6.

HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm), t_R (major) = 23.8 min, t_R (minor) = 33.5 min; >99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 17.8$ ($c = 1.3$, CH₂Cl₂).

MS (ESI, m/z): 453.3 (M+H).

(S)-2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3g)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (97% yield).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.15 (m, 4H), 5.78 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.93-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 7.2, 19.2$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 193.4, 136.0, 135.7, 135.3, 134.3, 134.1, 134.0, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 77.3, 59.7, 43.5.

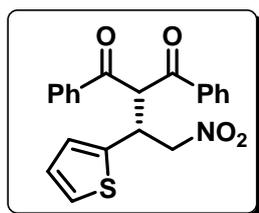
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm), t_R

(major) = 22.1 min, t_R (minor) = 31.2 min; >99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 18.9$ ($c = 1.2$, CH₂Cl₂).

HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈ClNO₄, m/z 407.0919, found 407.0912.

(R)-2-(2-Nitro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3h)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (92% yield).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 3.6, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.03-5.00 (m, 2H), 4.92 (dd, $J = 6.8, 12.8$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 193.5, 139.3, 136.0, 135.6, 134.1, 134.0, 129.0, 128.96, 128.73, 128.68, 127.2, 127.1, 125.4, 78.0, 59.9, 39.5.

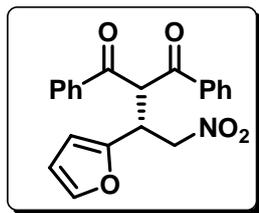
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 262 nm), t_R

(major) = 23.4 min, t_R (minor) = 27.0 min; 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -15.6$ ($c = 1.4$, CH₂Cl₂).

MS (ESI, m/z): 380.4 (M+H).

(R)-2-(1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3i)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (91% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.13 (m, 2H), 6.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.01-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.77-4.72 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.7, 149.8, 142.5, 135.9, 135.4, 134.1, 133.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 110.7, 108.9, 75.6, 56.7, 37.8.

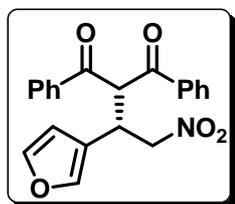
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm), t_R

(minor) = 20.7 min, t_R (major) = 25.1 min; 98% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 38.5$ ($c = 1.1$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 364.5 (M+H).

(S)-2-(1-(Furan-3-yl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3j)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (91% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 5.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.61 (dd, $J = 6.8, 13.6$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.2, 193.9, 143.6, 140.9, 136.0, 135.8, 134.1, 134.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 121.0, 109.7, 77.5, 58.7, 35.3.

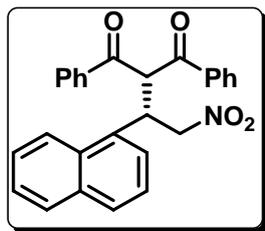
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(major) = 24.5 min, t_R (minor) = 27.7 min; 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 74.6$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 364.4 (M+H).

(S)-2-(1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3k)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (88% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.56-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.02 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.66-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.31 (dd, $J = 4.0, 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, $J = 9.2, 14.0$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 193.8, 136.2, 135.7, 134.2, 133.7, 132.8, 131.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 126.1, 124.9, 122.4, 76.5, 58.5, 37.3.

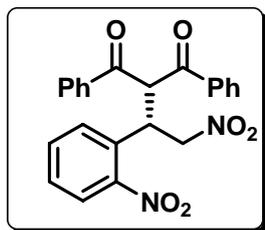
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(major) = 21.8min, t_R (minor) = 29.6 min; 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -155.4$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$, m/z 423.1465, found 423.1466.

(S)-2-(2-Nitro-1-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3l)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (92% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89-7.84 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 7H), 6.28 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.28-5.26 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.09 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.4, 193.4, 150.0, 136.2, 135.6, 134.3, 133.2, 131.7, 130.1, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 125.4, 75.1, 58.0, 439.0.

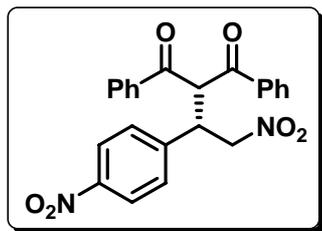
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm), t_R

(minor) = 16.0 min, t_R (major) = 18.0 min; 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -81.4$ ($c = 1.1$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 419.4 (M+H).

(S)-2-(2-Nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3m)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (86% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 6H), 5.87 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.02-5.00 (m, 2H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 14.0 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 192.9, 147.6, 144.2, 135.8, 135.4, 134.5, 134.3, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 124.1, 76.8, 59.3, 43.7.

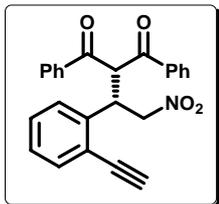
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm), t_R

(major) = 20.5 min, t_R (minor) = 28.1 min; 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 36.8$ ($c = 1.1$, CH_2Cl_2).

MS (ESI, m/z): 419.4 (M+H).

2-((S)-1-(2-Ethynylphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3n)



Prepared according to the general procedure to provide the title compound (87% yield).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.5$, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.23 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, $J = 10.5$, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.11 (m, 2H), 3.5 (s, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.5, 193.6, 139.1, 136.3, 135.7, 134.2, 134.1, 133.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.9, 121.5, 83.7, 81.8, 75.7, 57.7, 42.0.

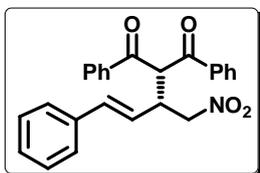
HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm), t_R

(major) = 18.7 min, t_R (minor) = 21.5 min; 93% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -45.6$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$, m/z 420.1212, found 420.1209.

2-((R,E)-1-Nitro-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (3o)



To a solution of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (67.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 eq) and nitroolefin **2o** (0.1 mmol, 1eq) in diethyl ether (0.2 mL) was added catalyst **VI** (**Q-NH₂**) (0.03 mmol, 0.3 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature (23 °C) for 30 hours. The products were isolated and purified with diethyl or by flash chromatography over silica gel (EtOAc:Hexane = 1:10 to 1:5) to provide the title compound (81% yield).

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 5H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88-4.80 (m, 2H), 4.06-4.01 (s, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 194.3, 136.0, 135.9, 135.3, 134.1, 134.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 126.6, 124.3, 77.6, 57.4, 42.4.

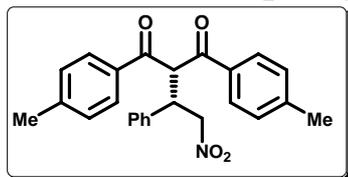
HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate 1 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), *t_R*

(major) = 16.4 min, *t_R* (minor) = 42.0 min; 90% ee.

[α]_D²⁵ = 141.1 (*c* = 0.8, CH₂Cl₂).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₁NO₄Na, *m/z* 422.1368, found 422.1363.

2-((*S*)-2-Nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1,3-dip-tolylpropane-1,3-dione (**3p**)



To a solution of dione **1b** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq) and *trans*-β-nitrostyrene **2a** (0.2 mmol, 2eq) in diethyl ether (0.2 mL) was added catalyst **VI** (**Q-NH₂**) (0.015 mmol, 0.15 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature (23 °C) for 24 hours. The product was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (EtOAc:Hexane = 1:10 to 1:5) to provide the title compound (85% yield).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.16 (m, 9H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.8, 193.1, 145.2, 144.9, 137.0, 133.8, 133.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.96, 128.93, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 59.7, 44.1, 21.7, 21.7.

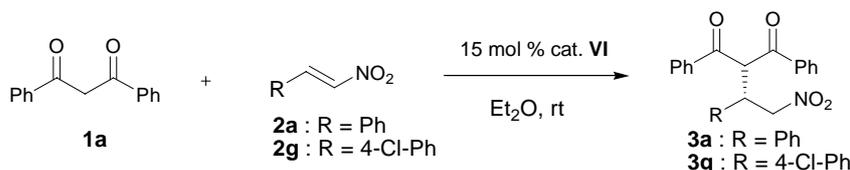
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(major) = 10.7 min, *t_R* (minor) = 28.0 min; 97% ee.

[α]_D²⁵ = -2.6 (*c* = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NO₄, *m/z* 402.1705, found 402.1692.

The procedure for the recycling of the Michael addition of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione to *trans*- β -nitrostyrene (1a**) and 1-chloro-4-((*E*)-2-nitrovinyl)benzene (**1g**)**



cycle	R = Ph (3a)			R = 4-Cl-Ph (3g)		
	t (h)	Yield	ee (%)	t (h)	Yield	ee (%)
1	8	74	98	8	76	>99
2	9	83	97	10	82	99
3	10	110	97	11	108	98
4	12	95	96	13	96	97
5	15	109	96	16	114	96
6	19	94	95	19	97	96
7	30	101	94	23	97	95

To *trans*- β -nitrostyrene (2a**):**

To a solution of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (**1a**) (67.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 eq) and *trans*- β -nitrostyrene (**1a**) (14.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) in diethyl ether (0.3 mL) was added catalyst **VI** (**Q-NH₂**) (0.015 mmol, 0.15 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature (23 °C). After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the product **3a** was isolated and purified by centrifuge / washing with diethyl ether (0.5 mL). All the catalyst **VI** (0.15 eq) and 2 equivalents of the excess the dione **1a** were retained in the filtrate. The combined ethereal filtrate was evaporated to 0.3 mL before the dione **1a** (1 equiv) and nitrostyrene **2a** (1 eq) were added again to the solution for the next round of the Michael reaction. This was to ensure that the reaction condition for each cycle was almost the same as the previous one. The excellent yields (96% in average) and enantioselectivities (>99-95% ee) were achieved in seven cycles.

To 1-chloro-4-((*E*)-2-nitrovinyl)benzene (2g**):**

To a solution of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (**1a**) (0.3 mmol, 3 eq) and 1-chloro-4-((*E*)-2-nitrovinyl)benzene (**2g**) (0.1 mmol, 1 eq) in diethyl ether (0.3 mL) was added catalyst **VI** (**Q-NH₂**) (0.015 mmol, 0.15 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature (23 °C). After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the product **3g** was isolated and purified by centrifuge / washing with diethyl ether (0.3 mL). All the catalyst **VI** (0.15 equiv) and 2 equivalents of the excess the dione **1a** were retained in the filtrate. The combined ethereal filtrate was evaporated to 0.3 mL before the dione **1a** (1 eq) and **2g** (1 eq) were added again to the solution for the next round of the Michael reaction. This was to ensure that the reaction condition for each cycle was almost the same as the previous one. The excellent yields (96% in average) and enantioselectivities (98-94% ee) were achieved in seven cycles.

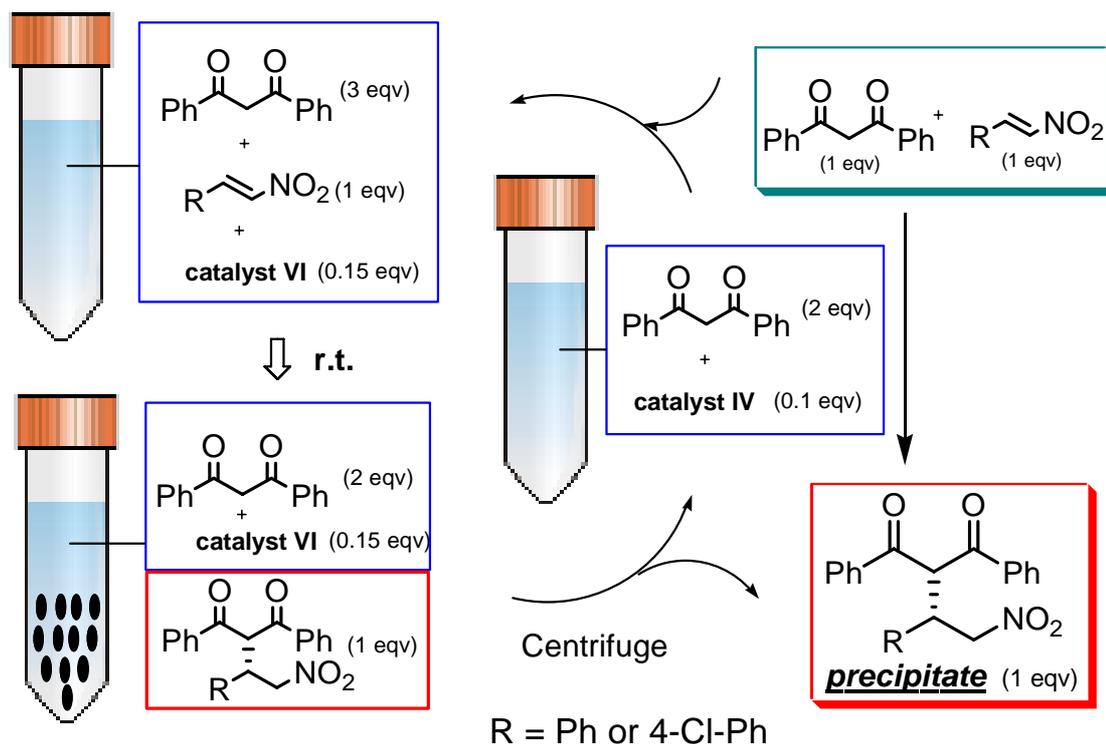
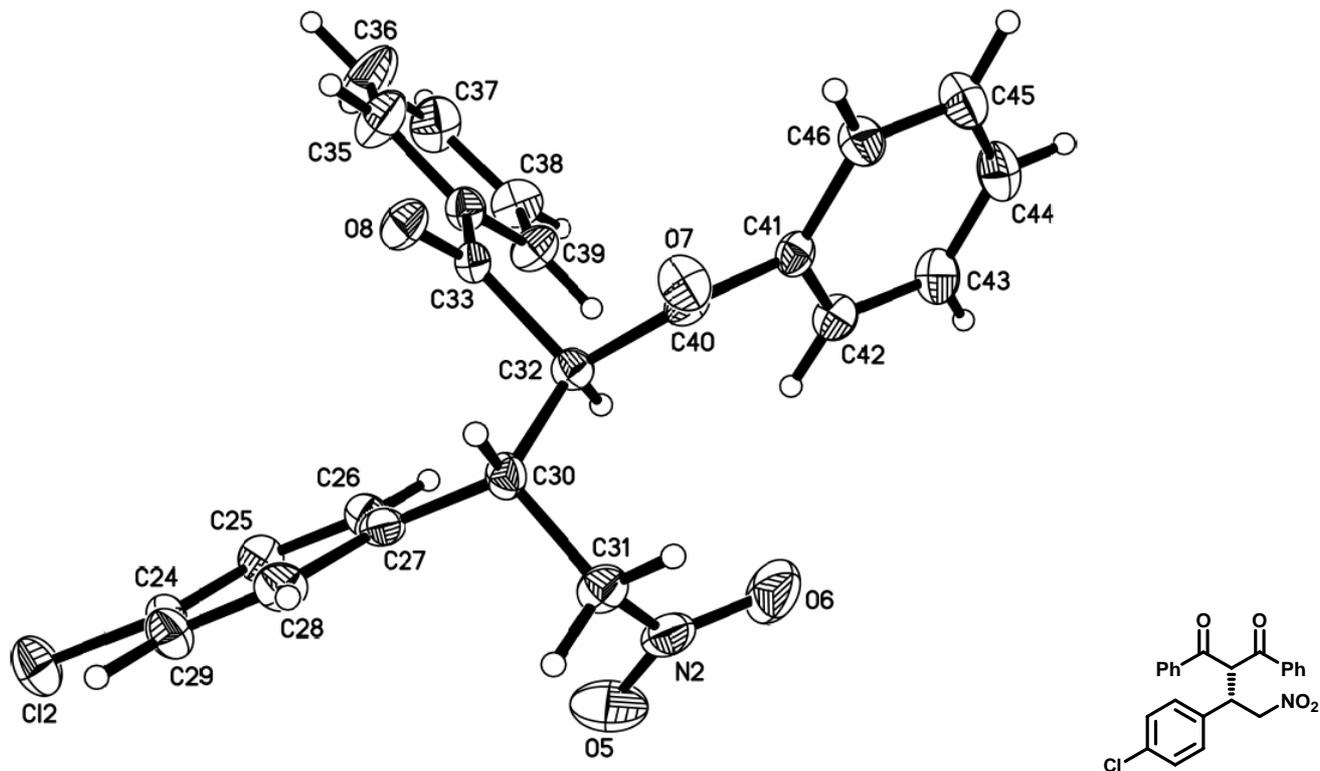


Figure S4 Recycling strategy for the organocatalytic asymmetric Michael addition

The stereochemistry of the Michael addition was determined by X-ray crystallography to be *S*:

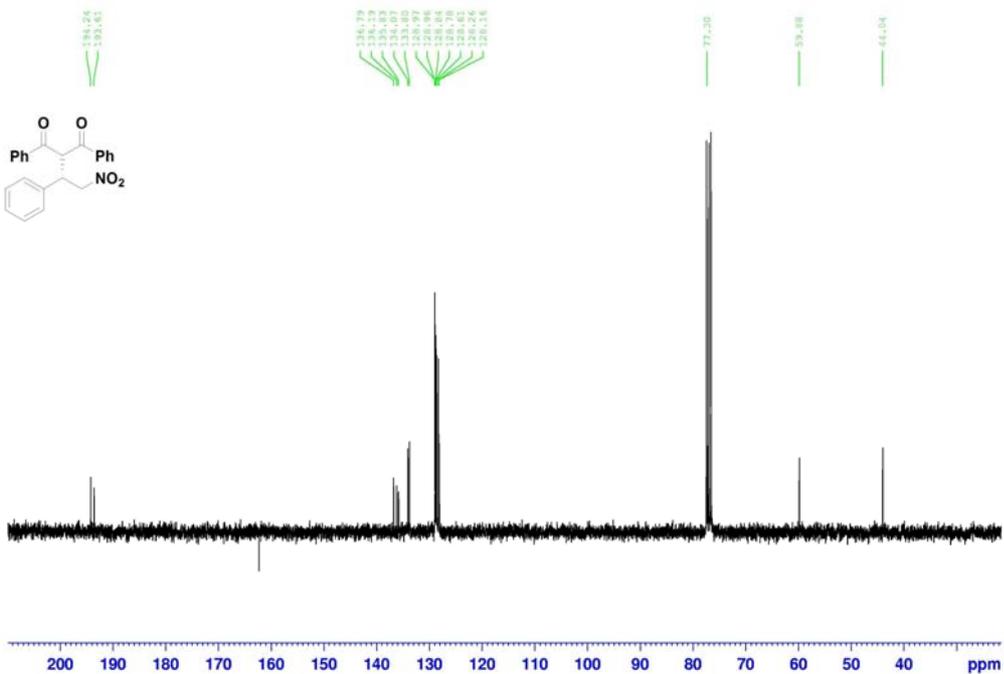
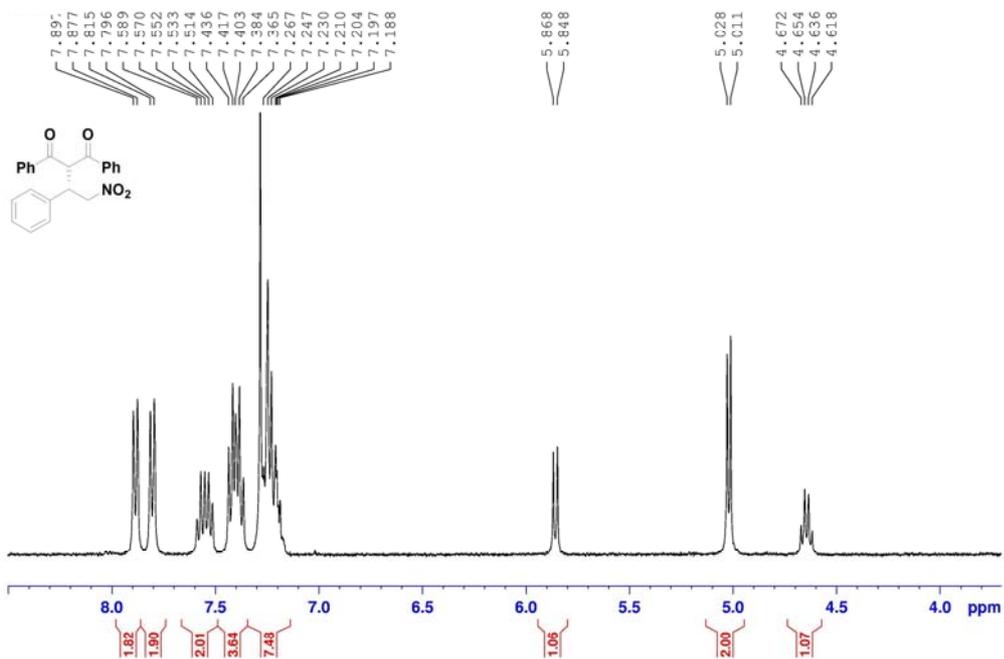
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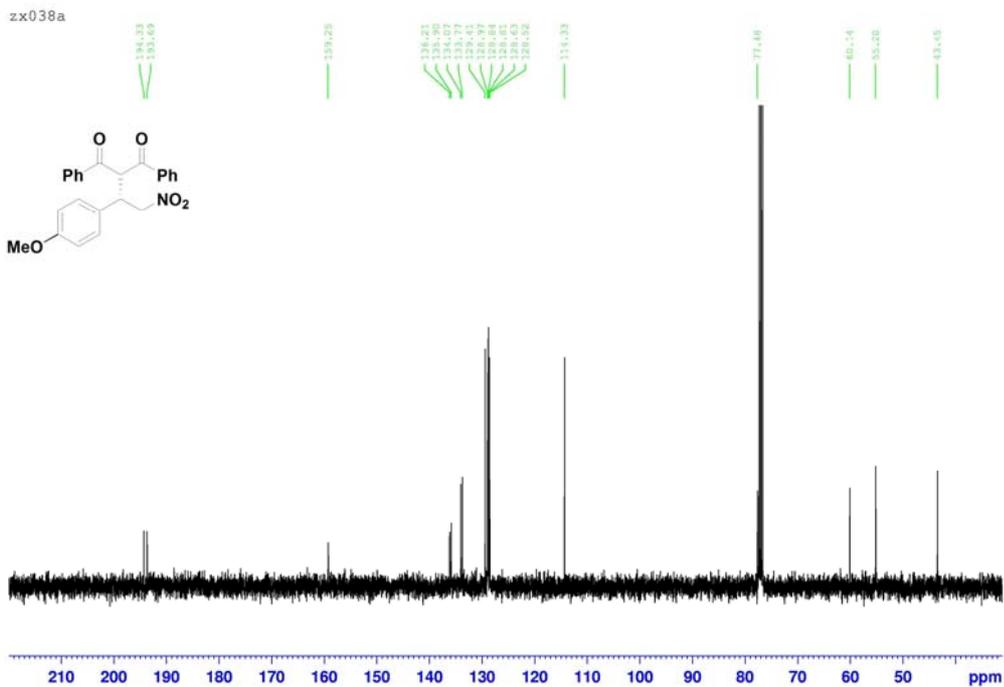
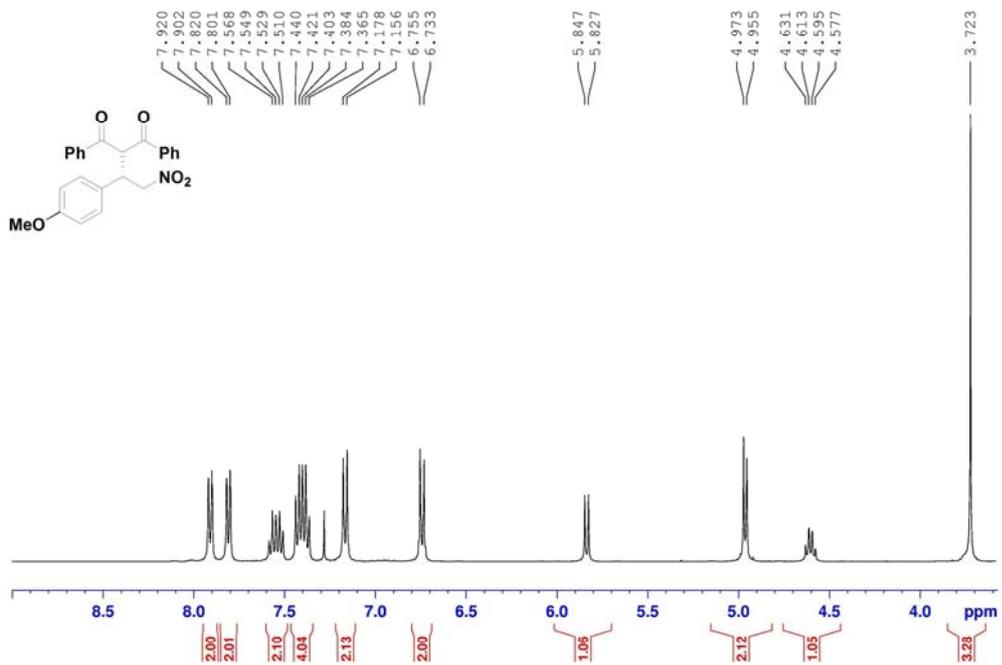


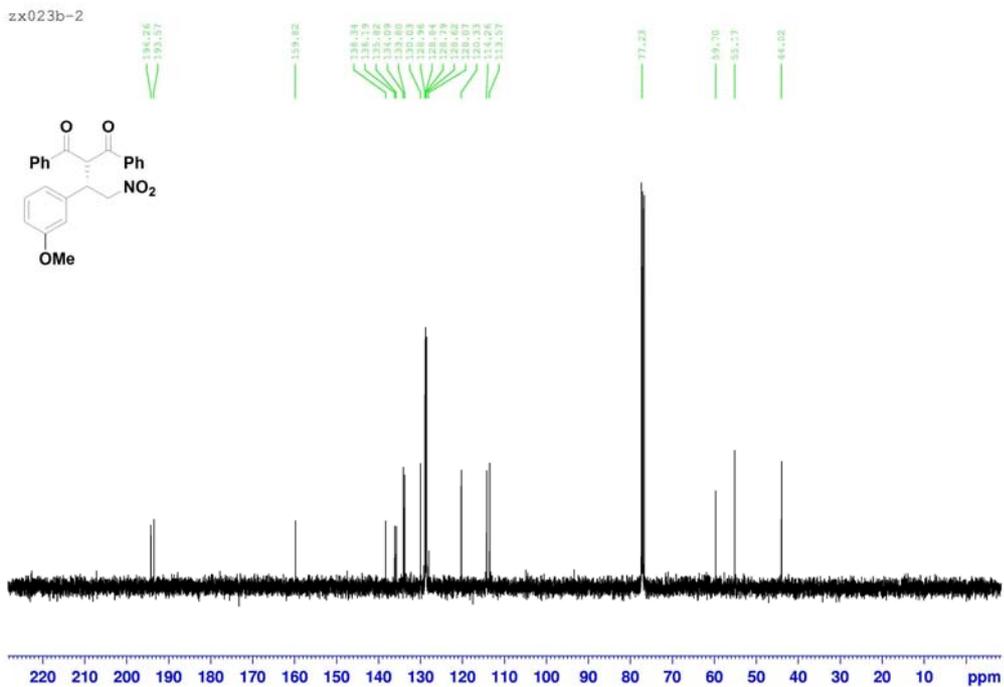
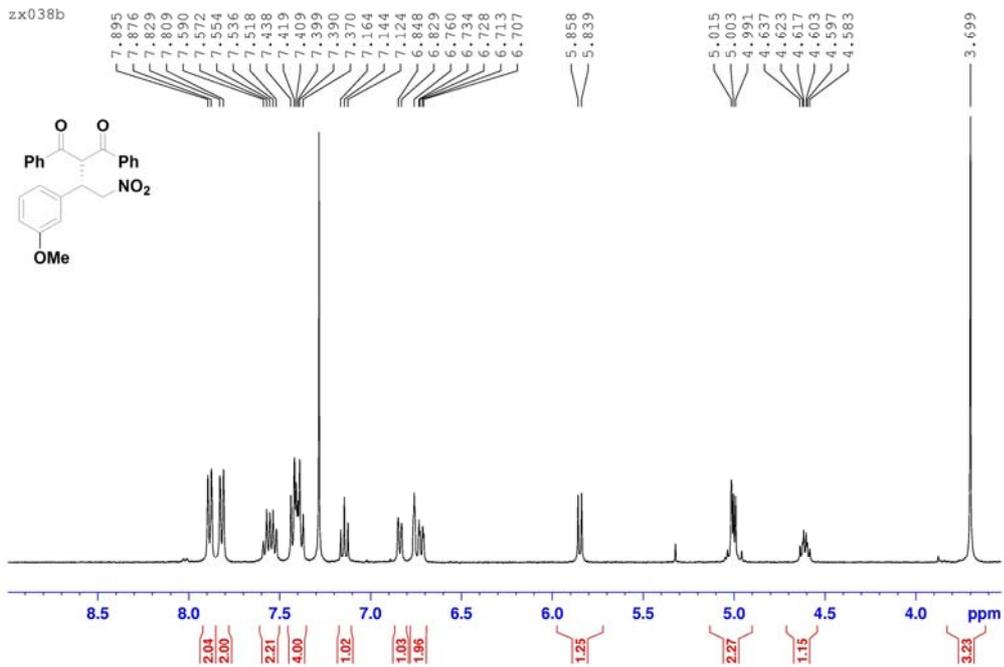
The X-ray crystal structure of product **3g** (ORTEP)

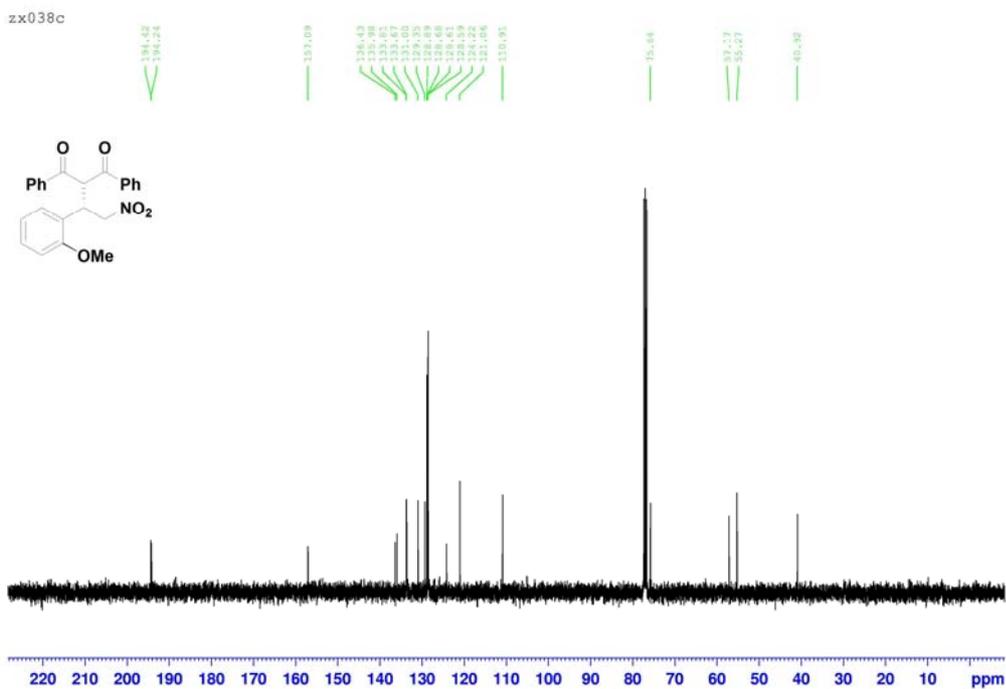
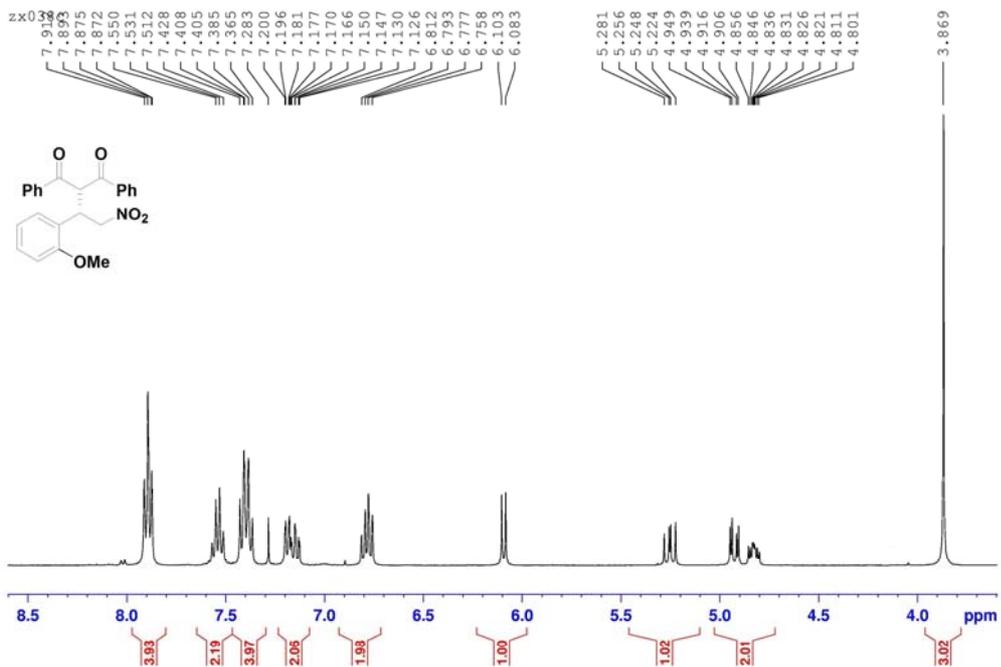
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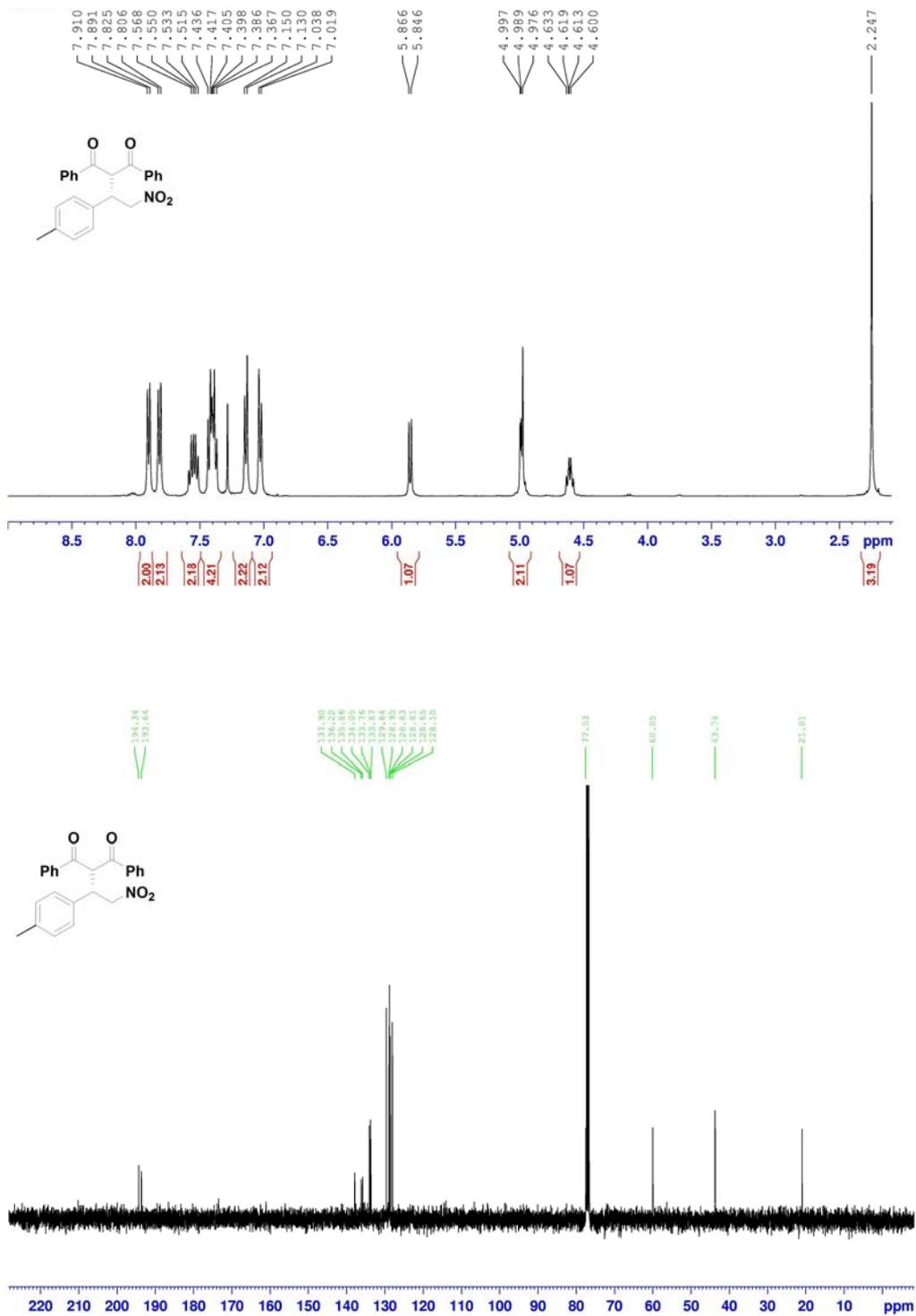
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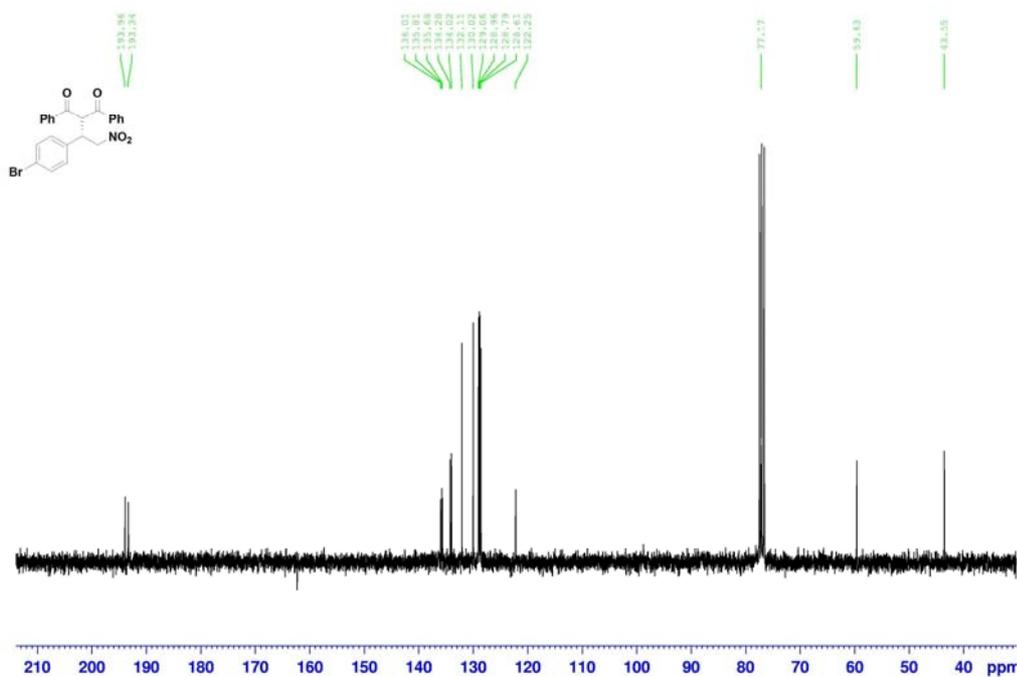
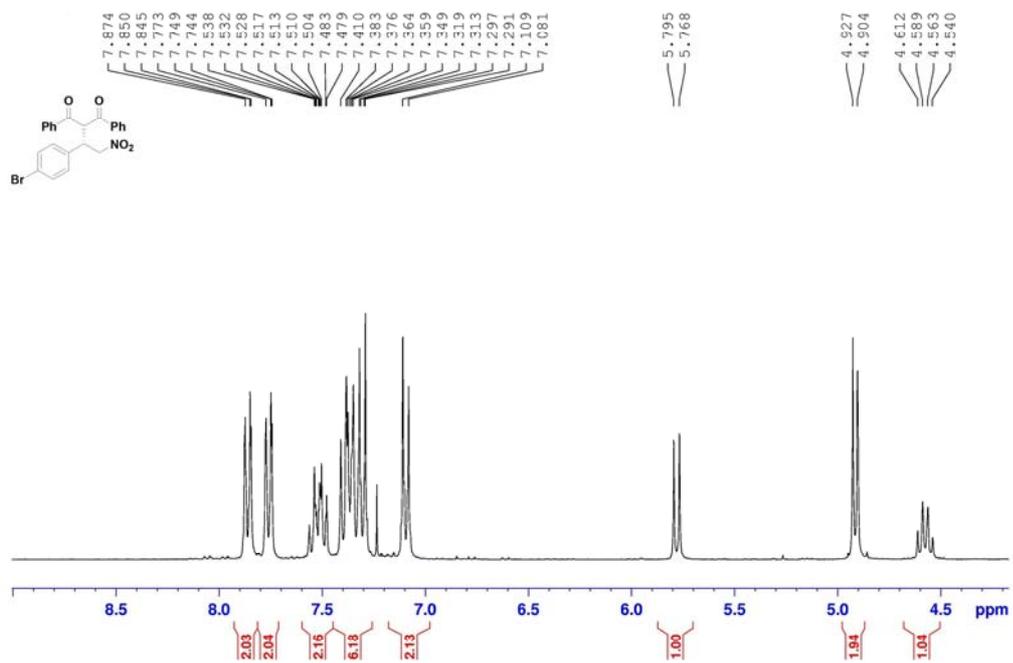


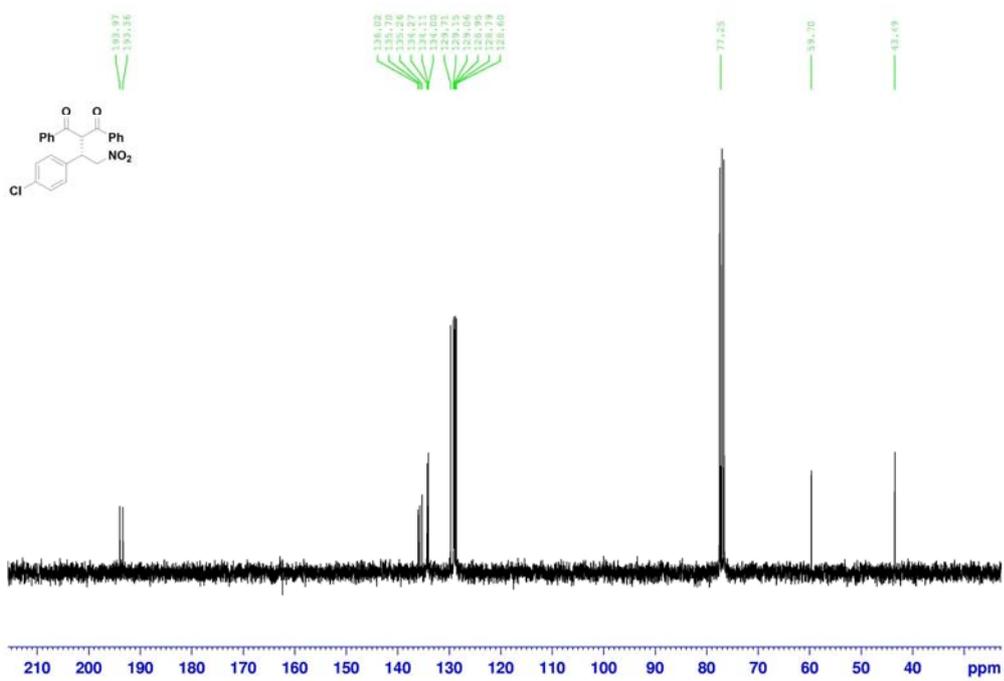
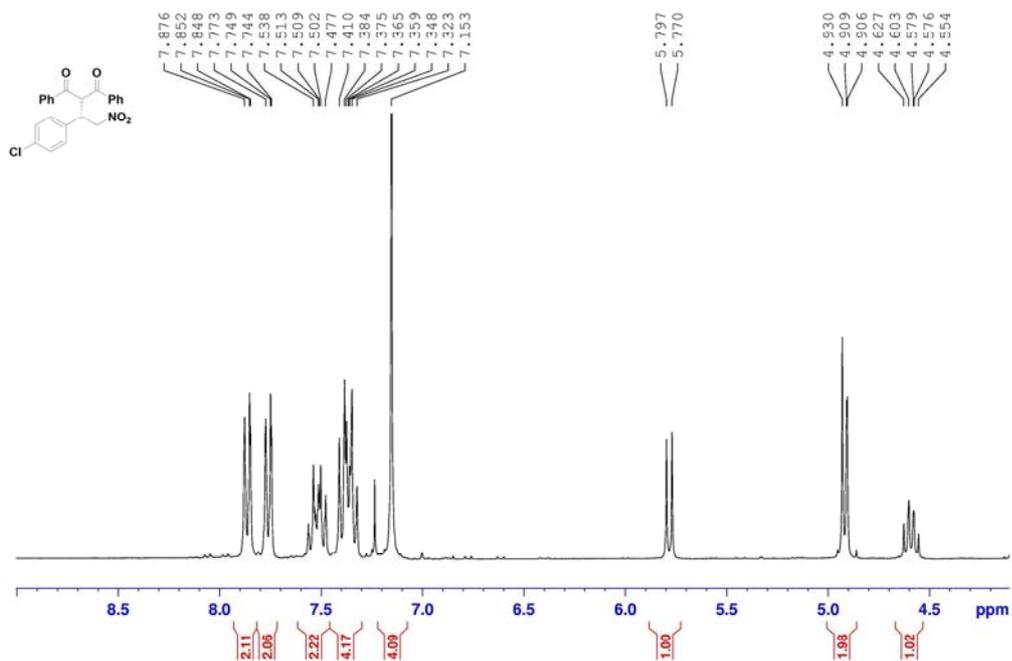


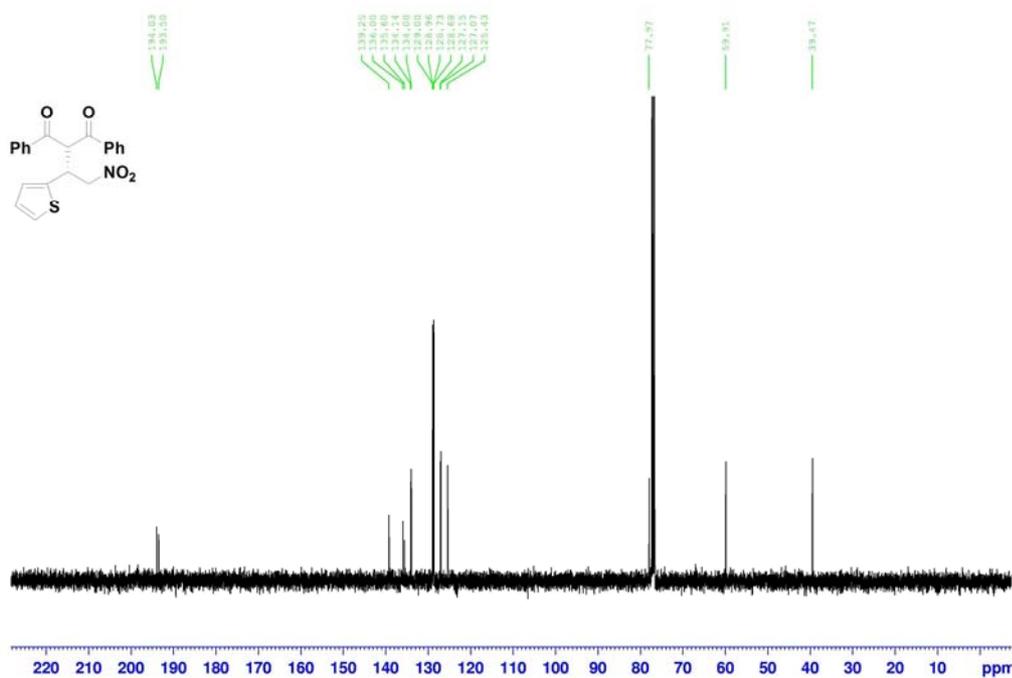
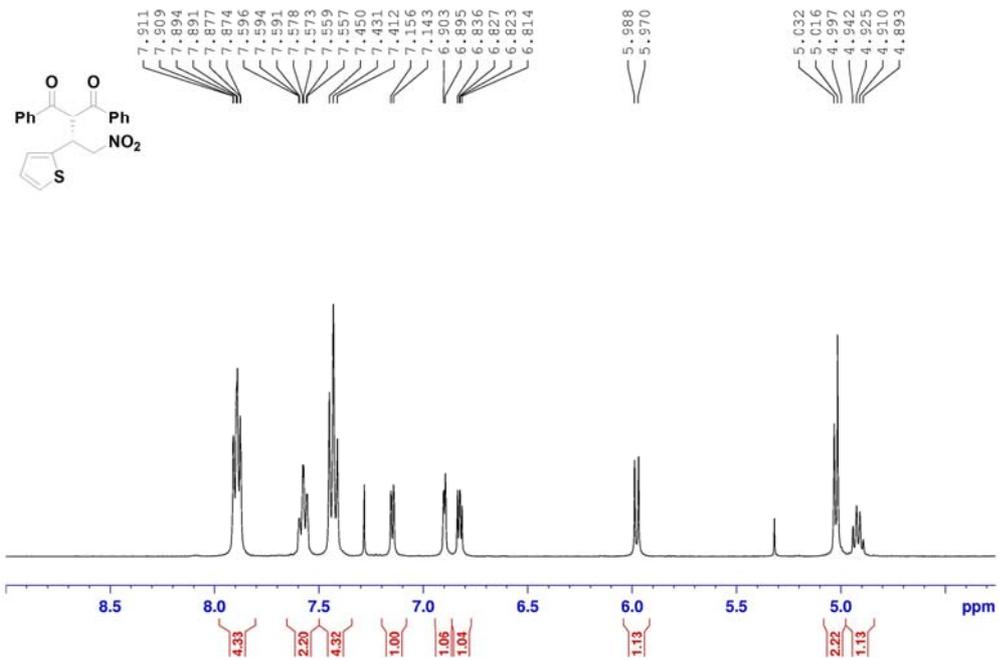


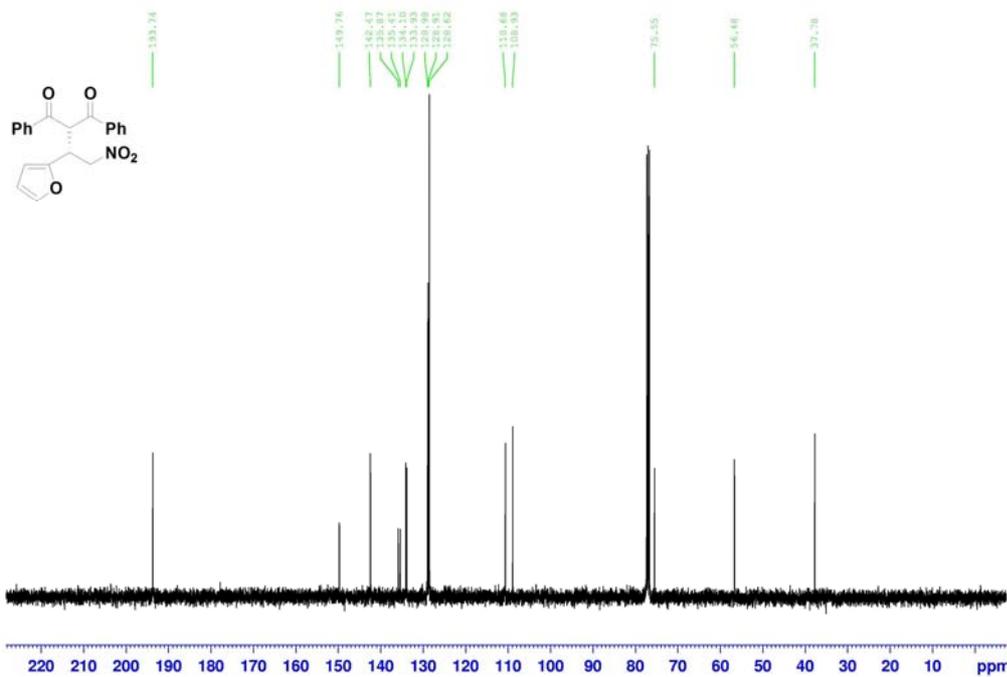
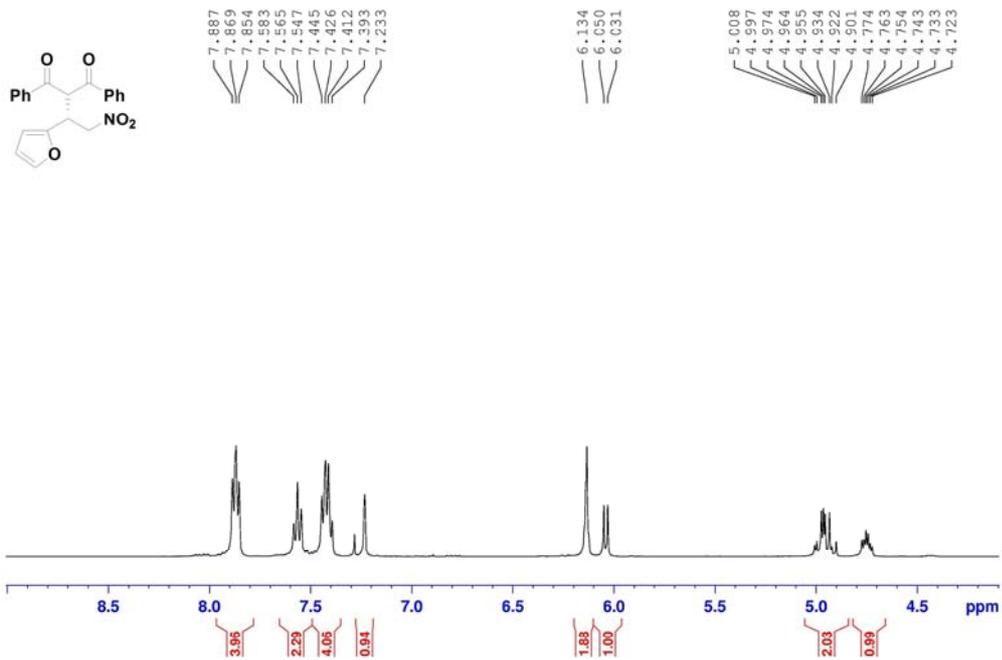


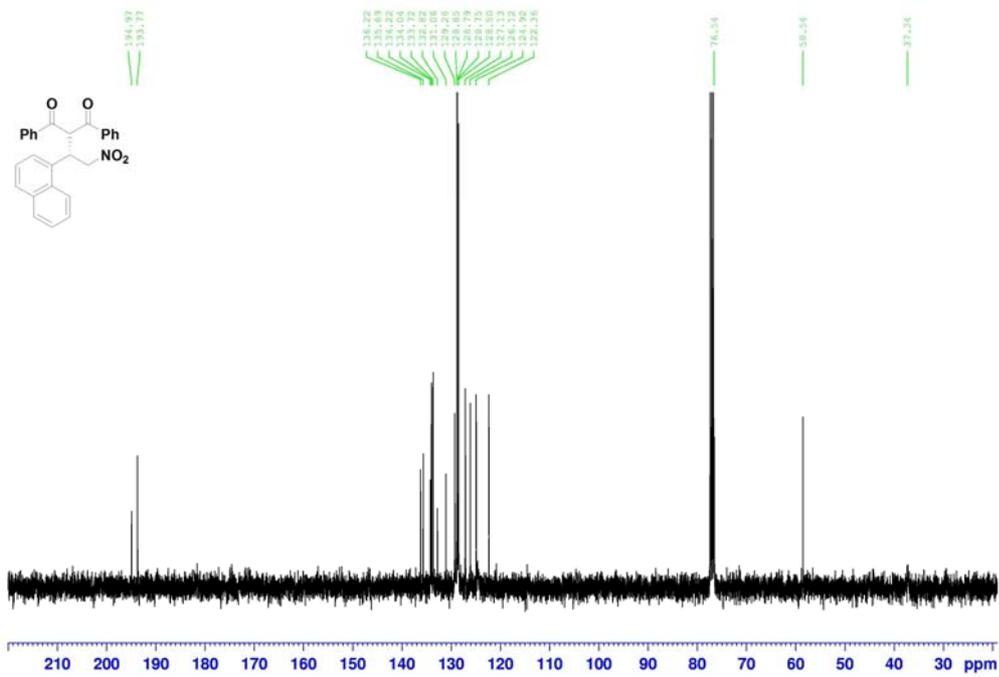
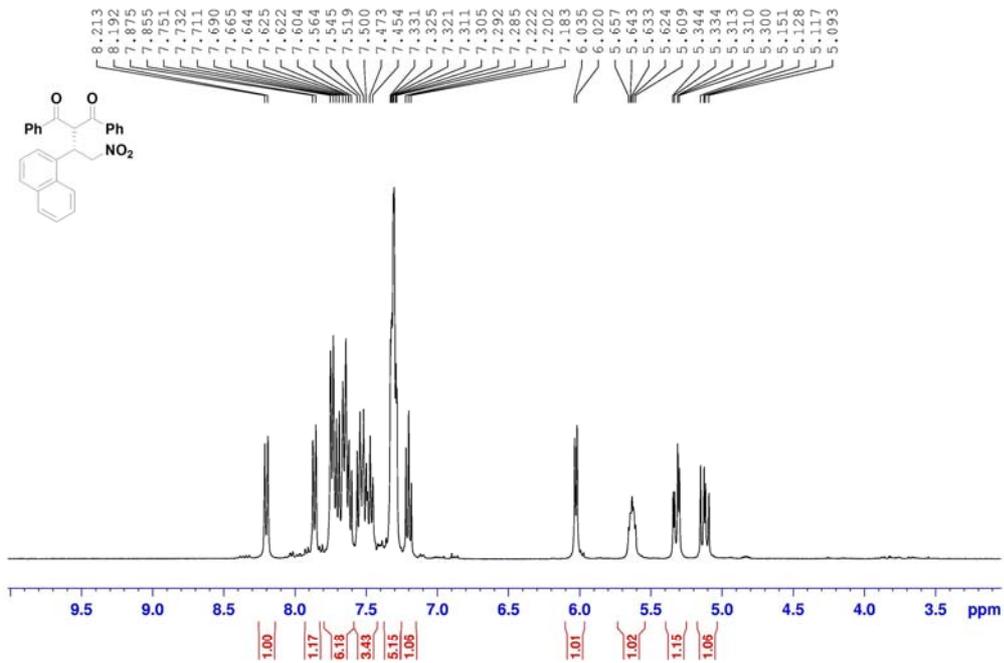


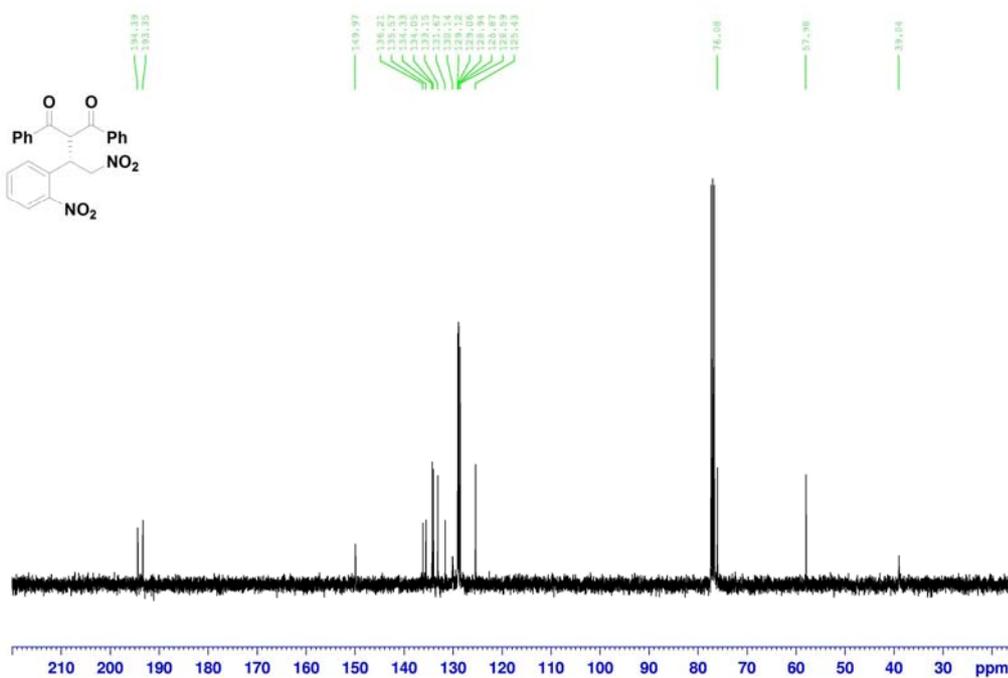
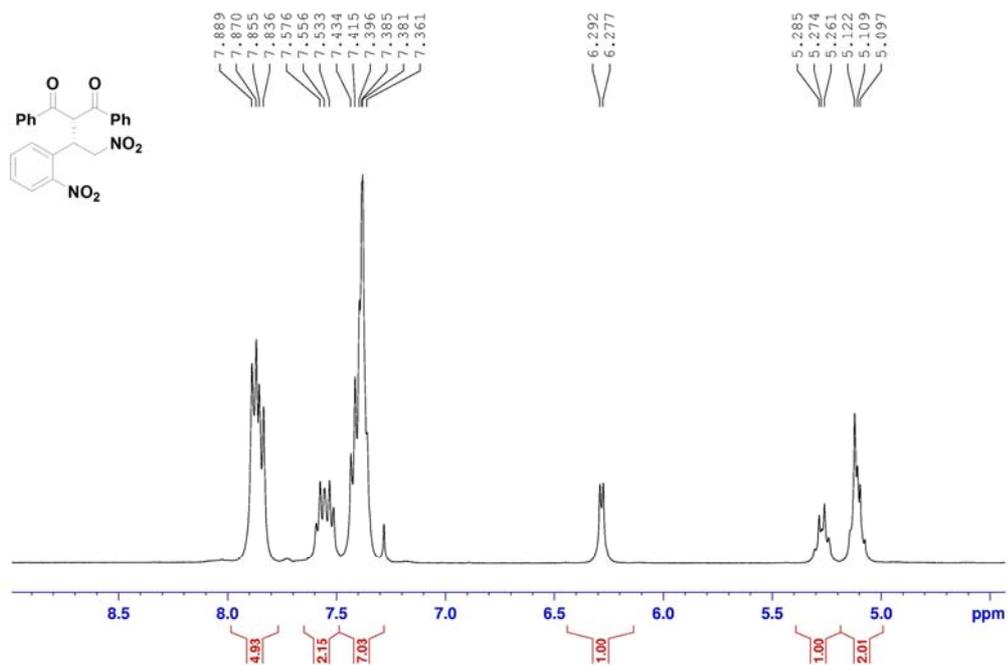


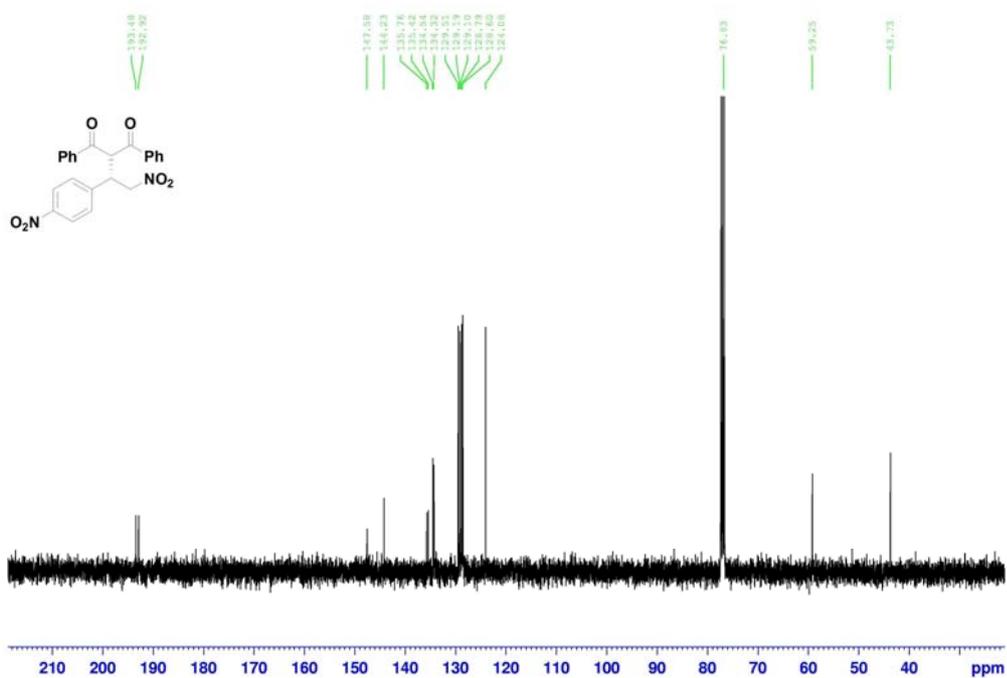
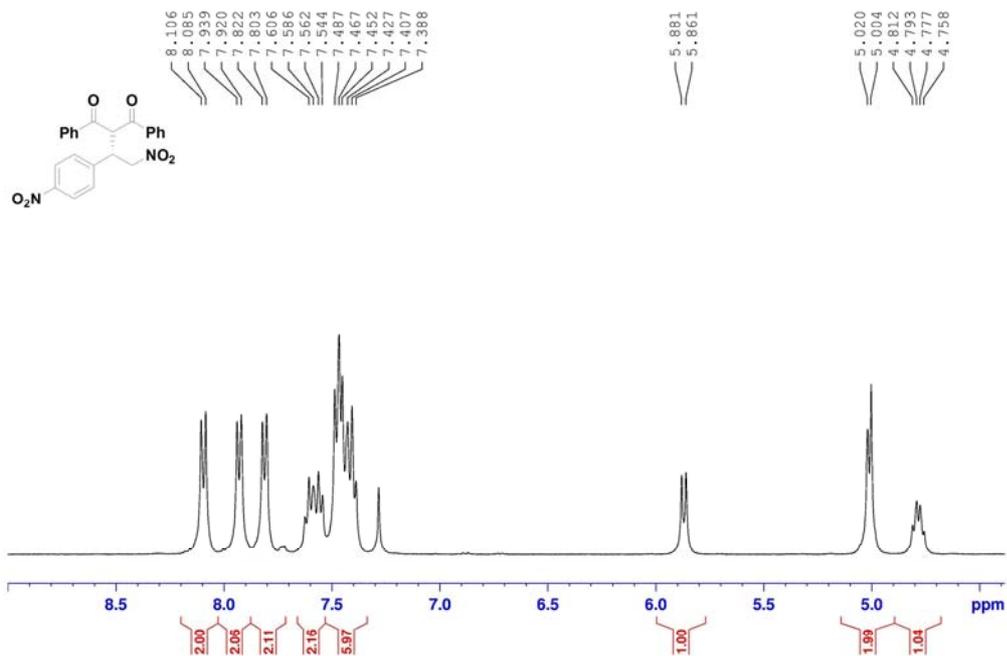


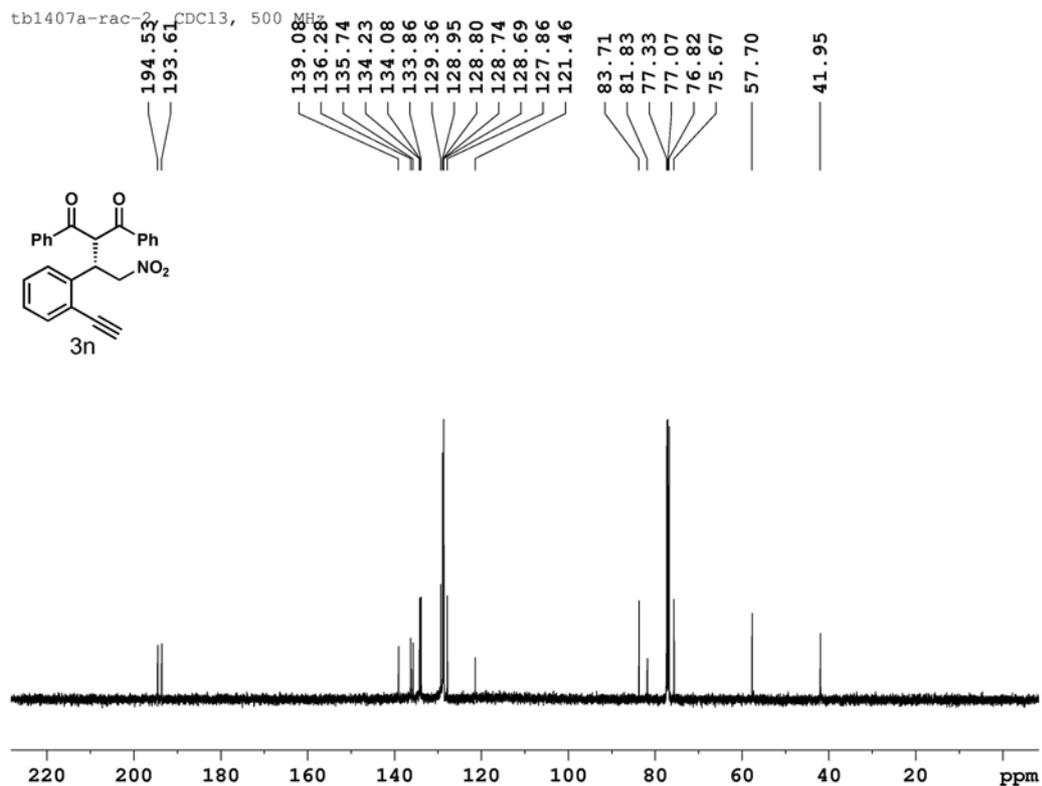
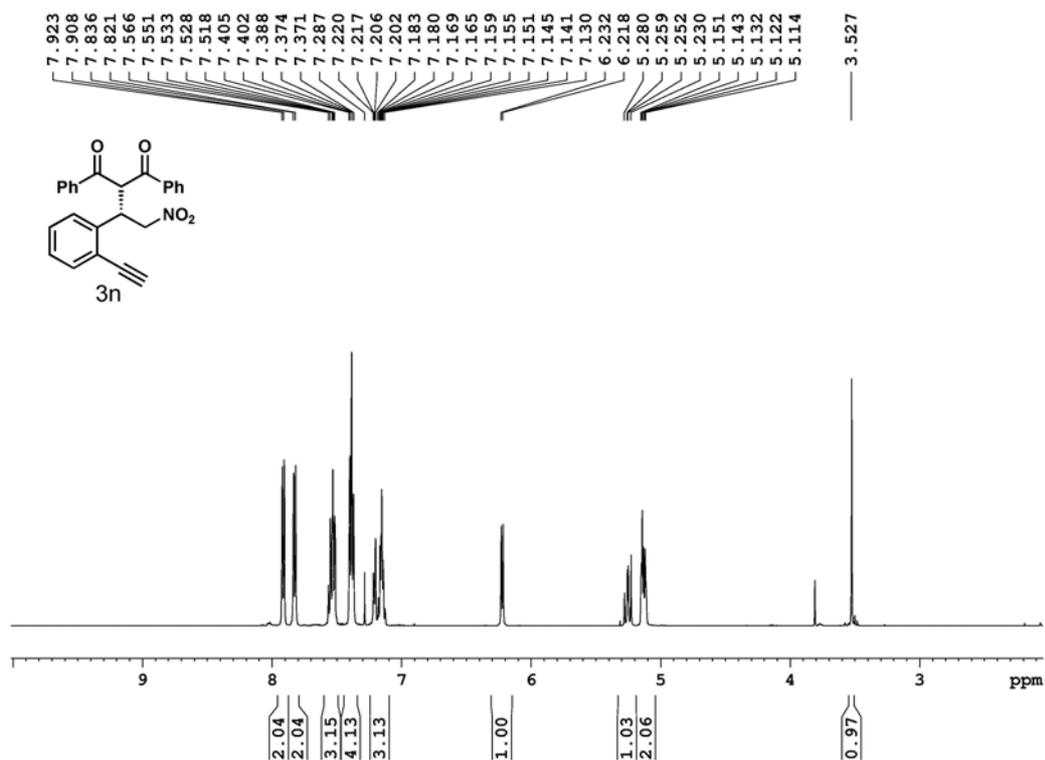




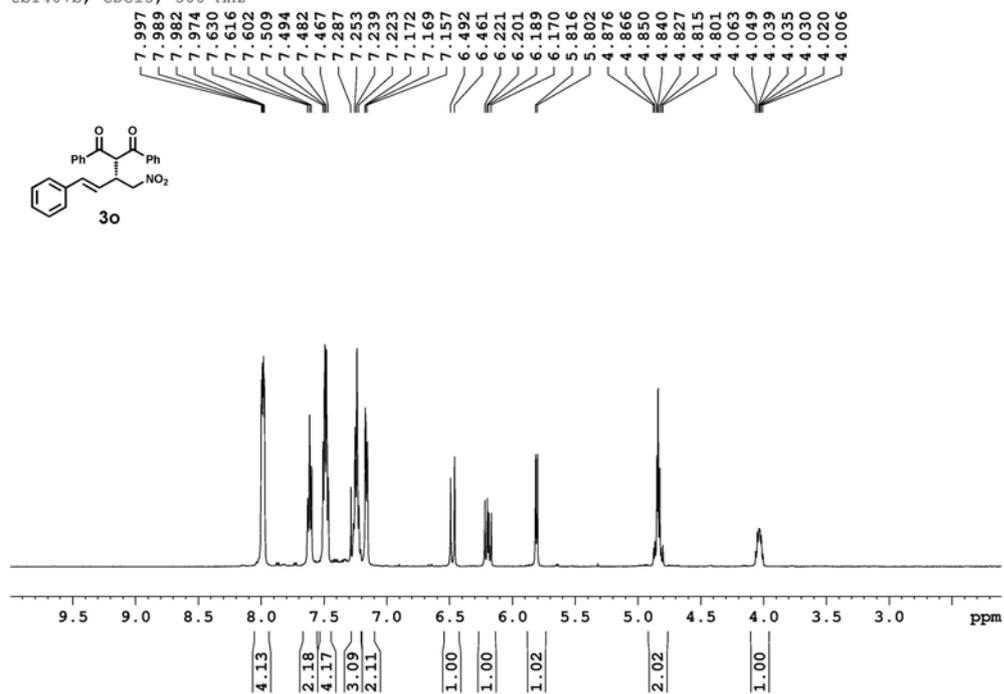




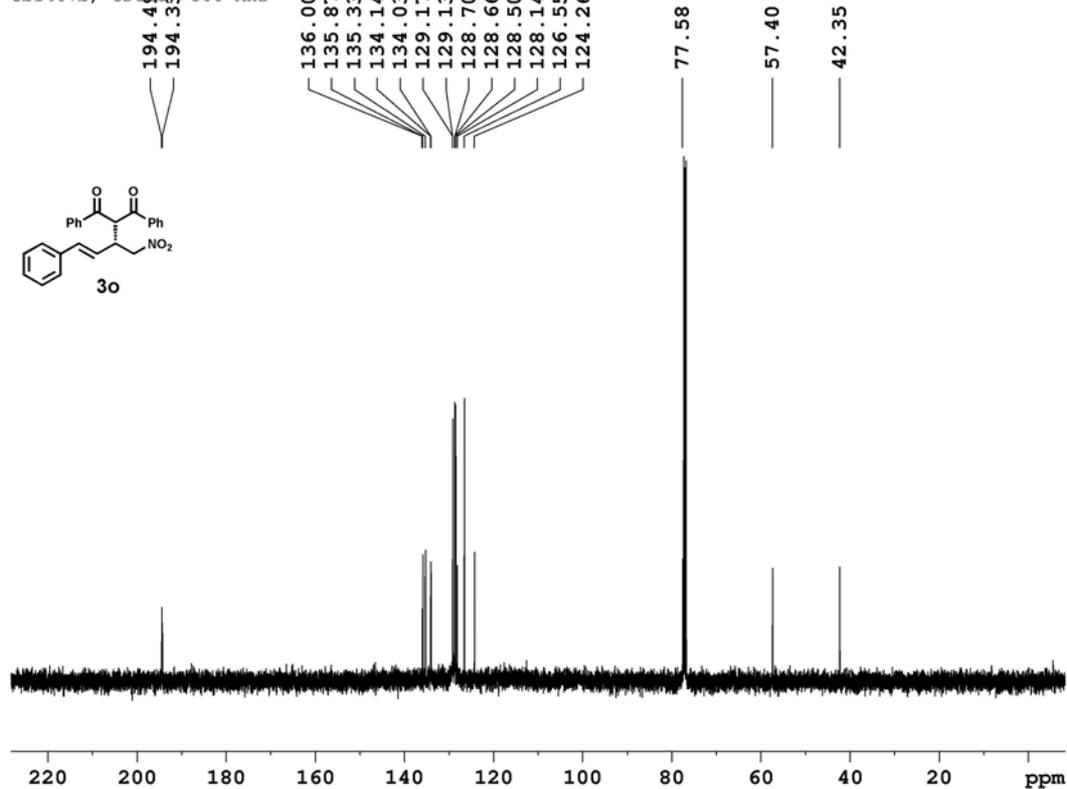


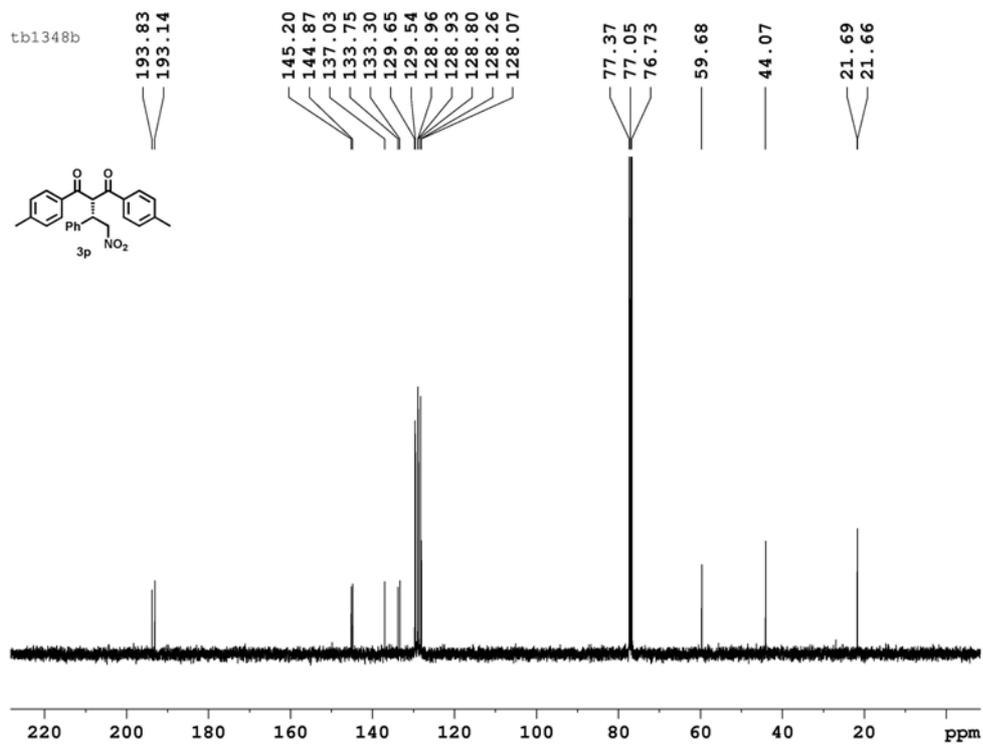
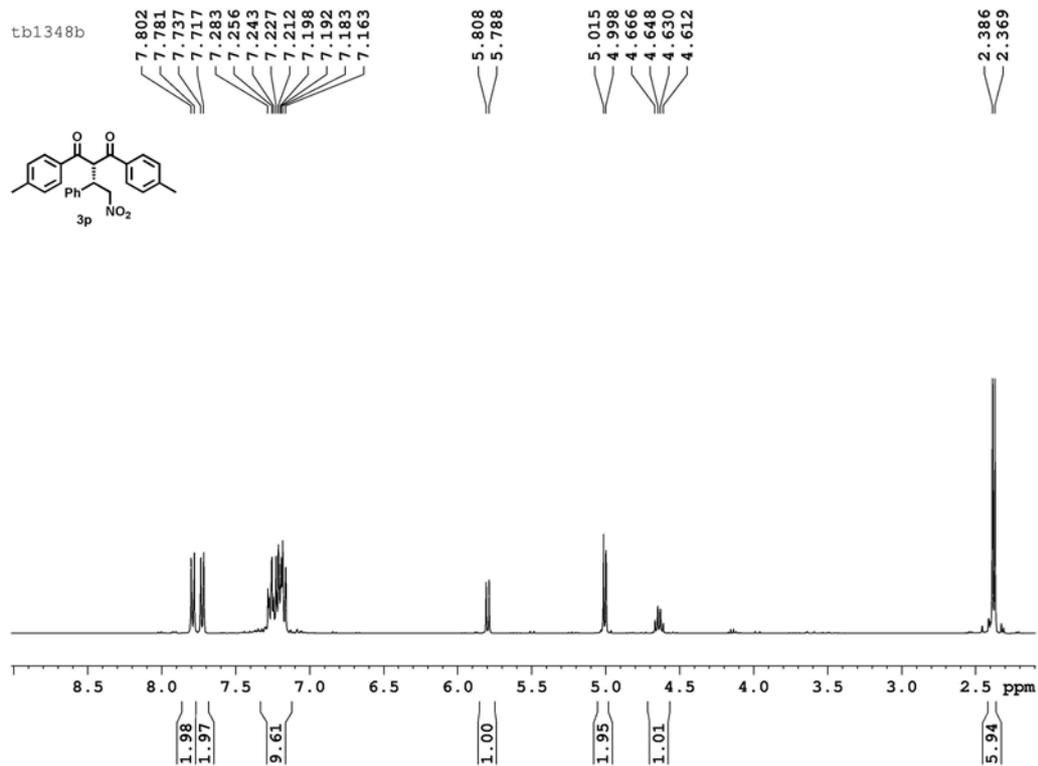


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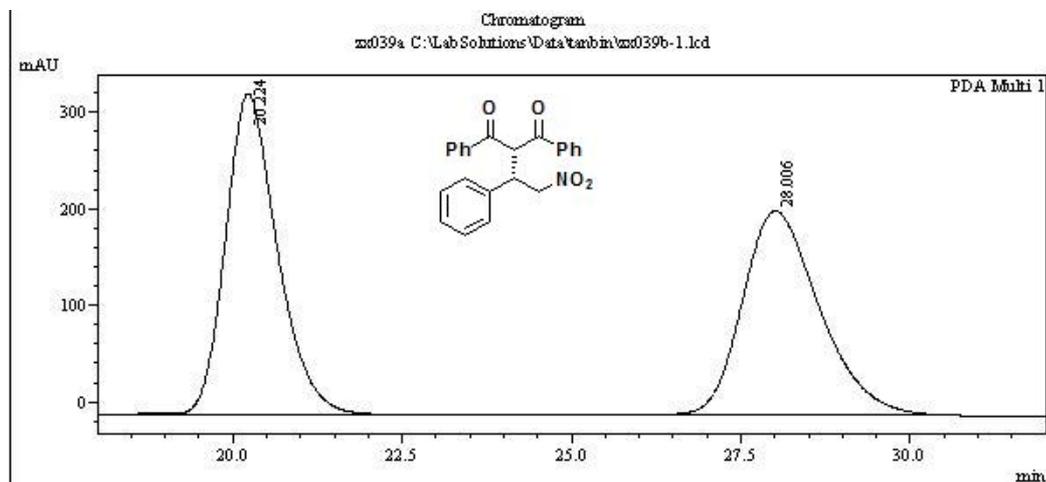


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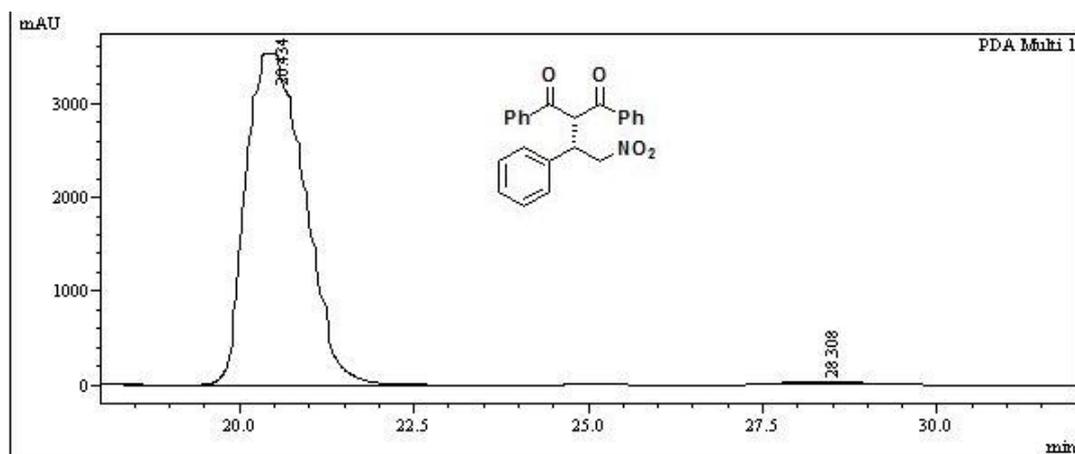
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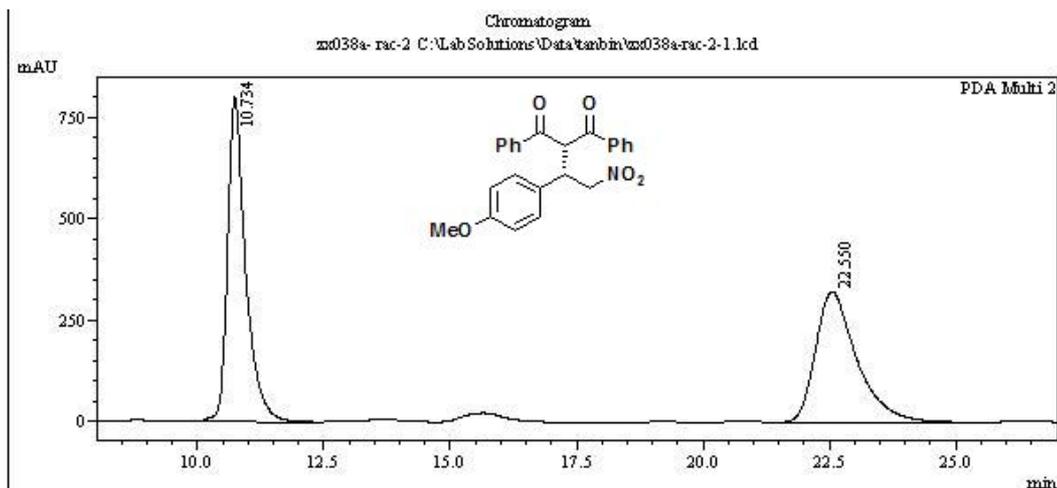
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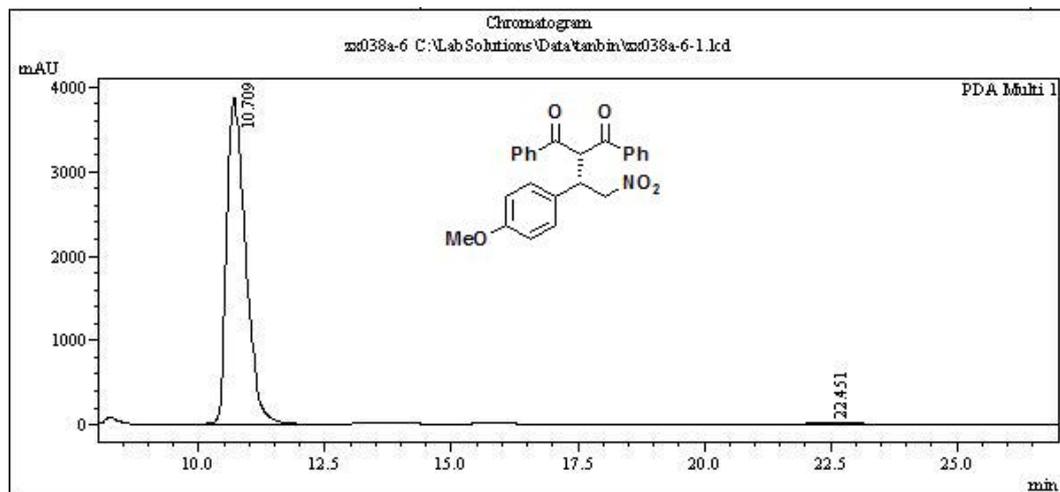
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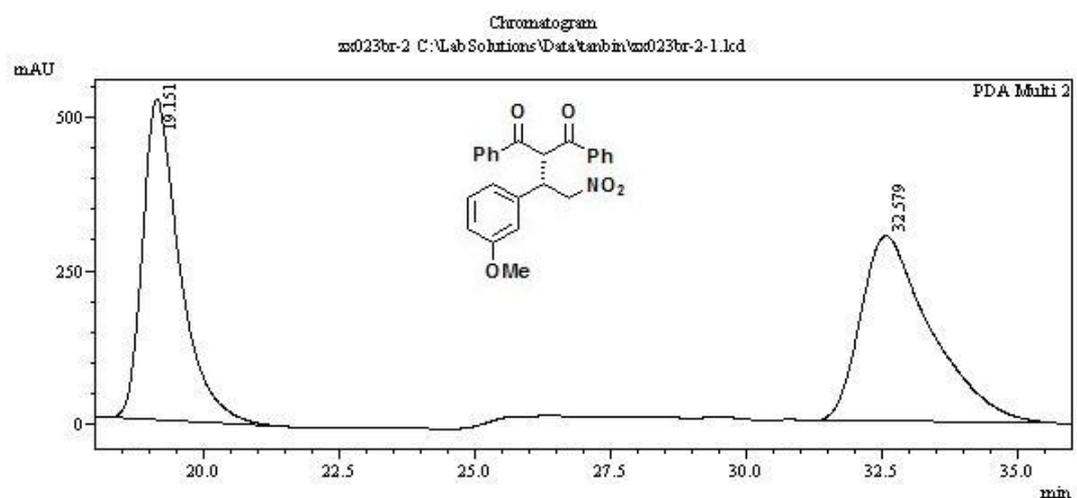
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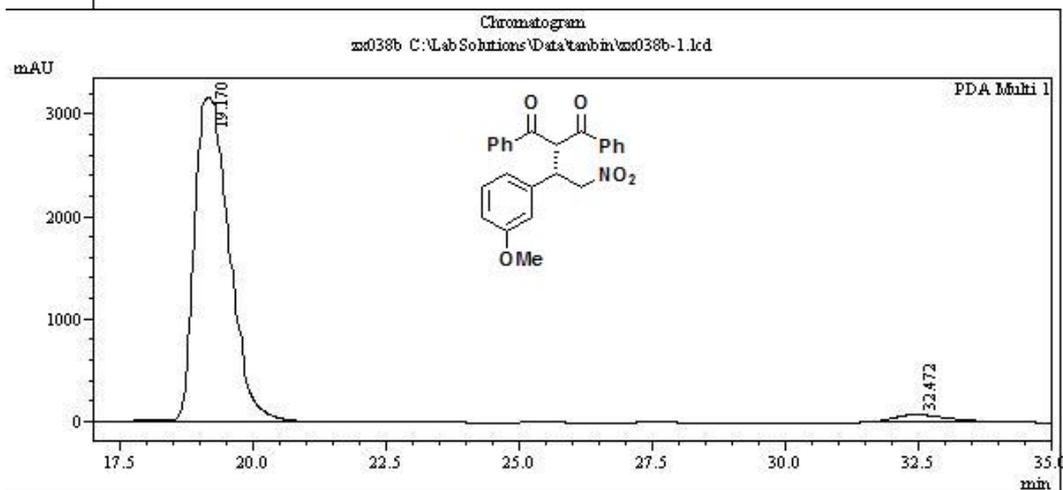
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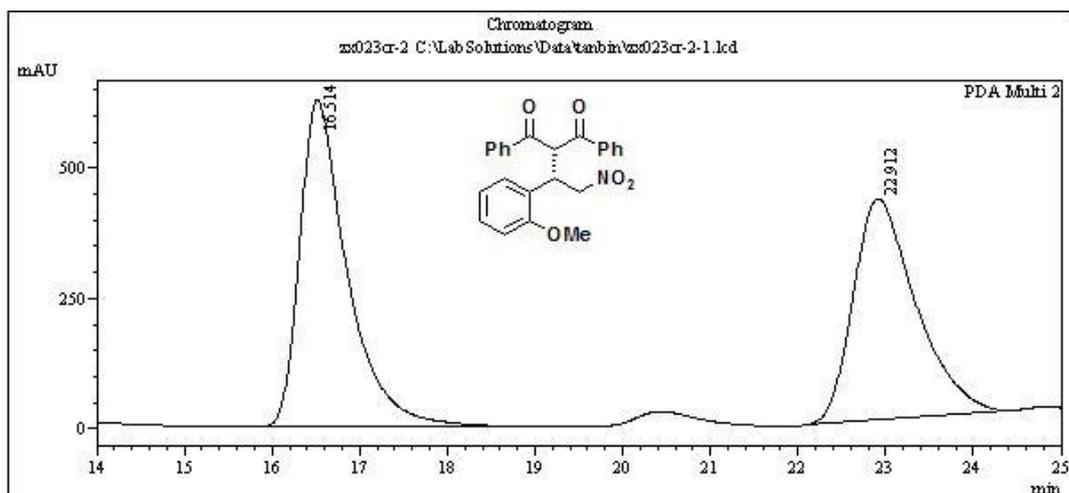
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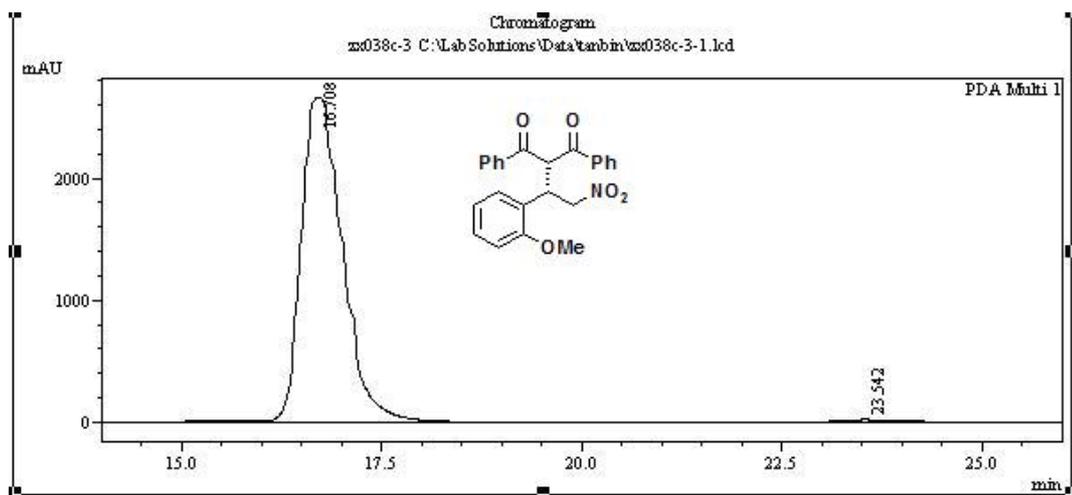
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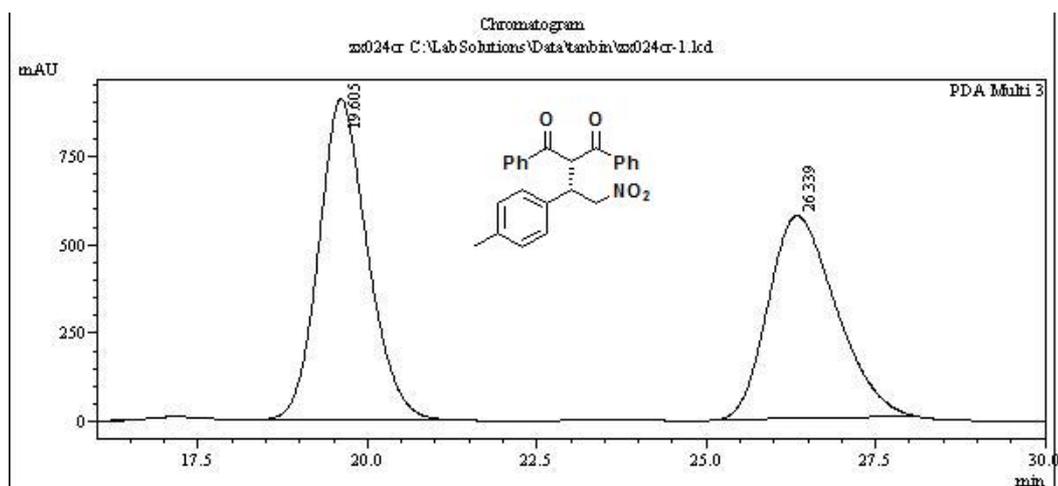
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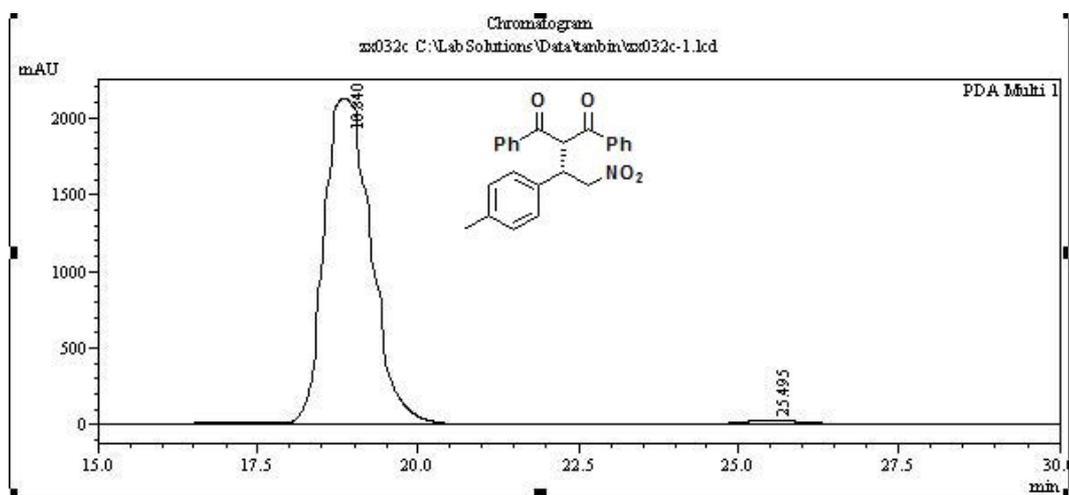
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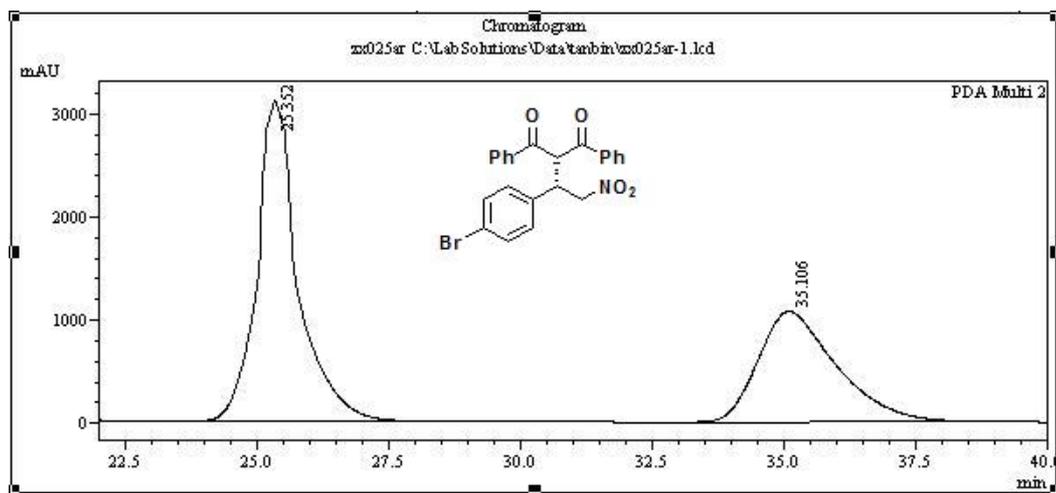
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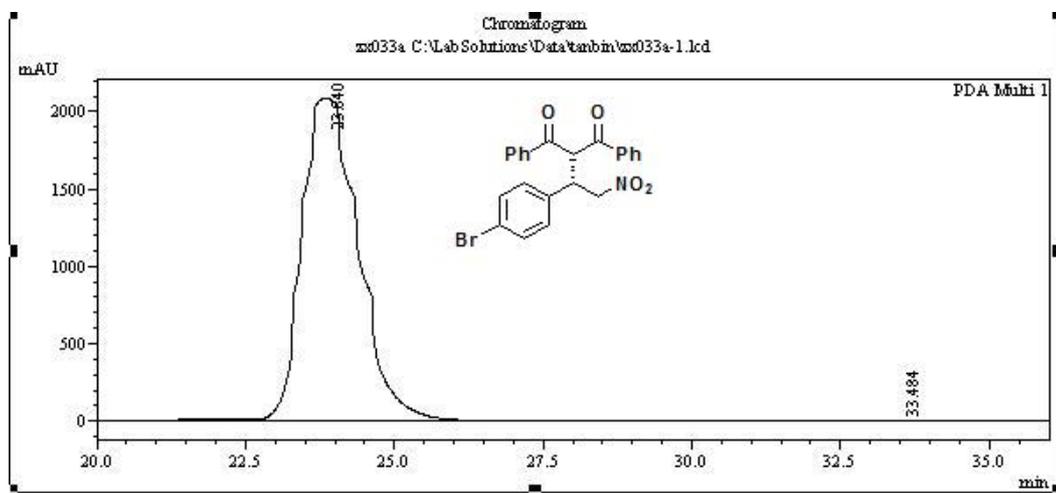
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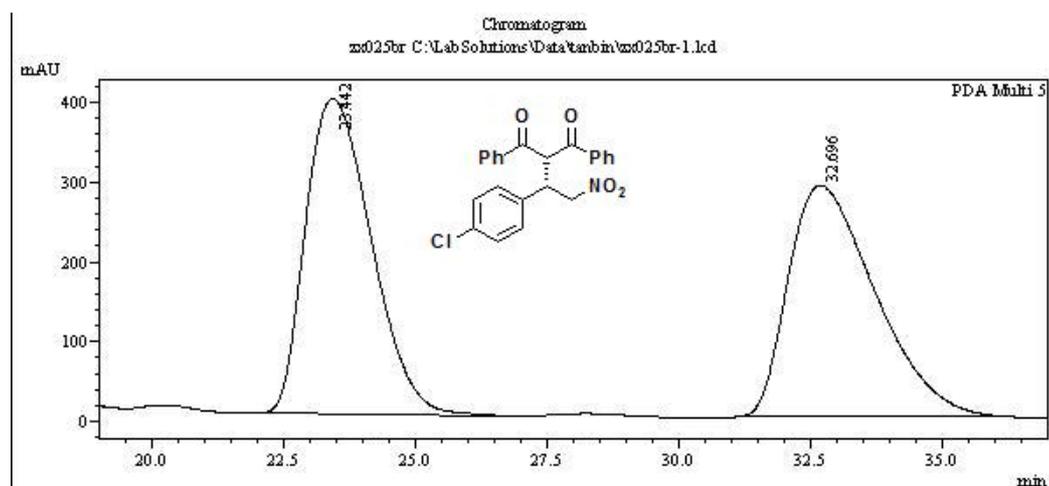
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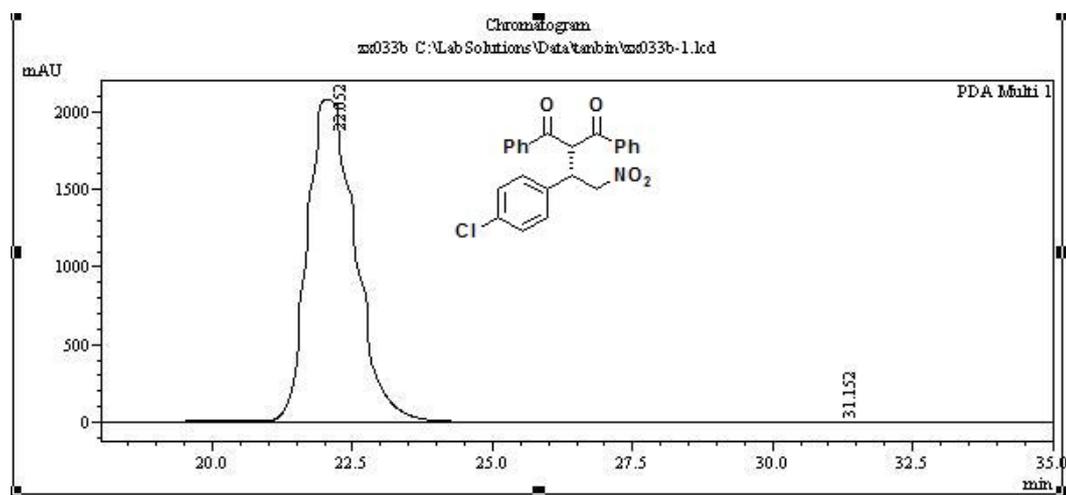
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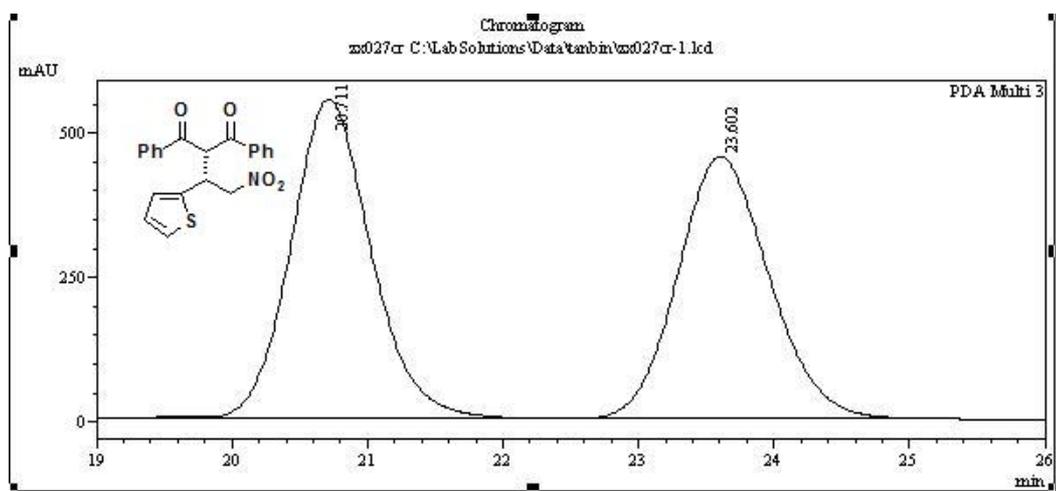
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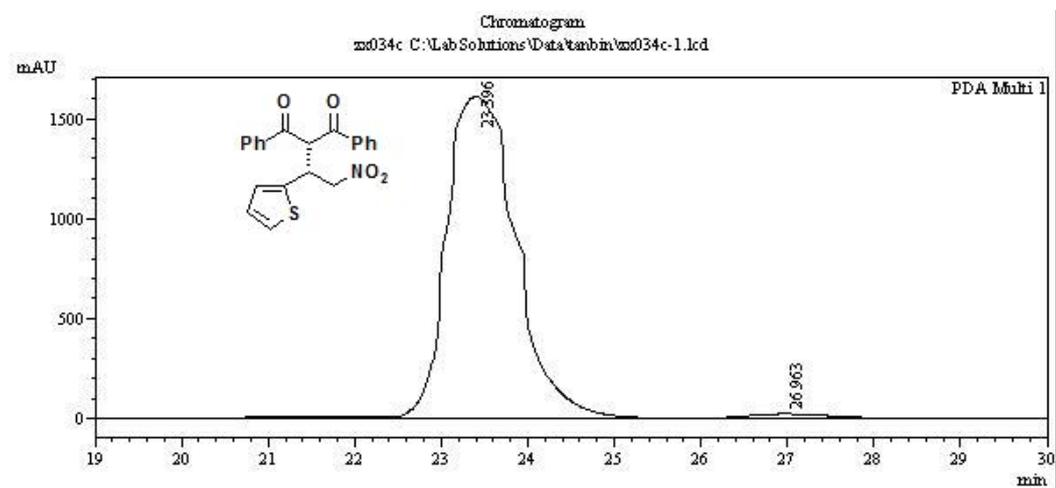
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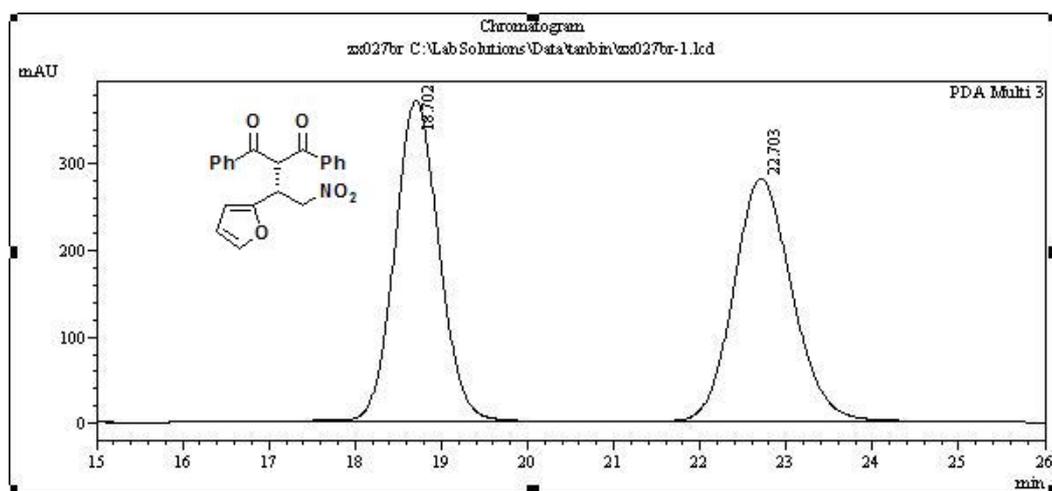
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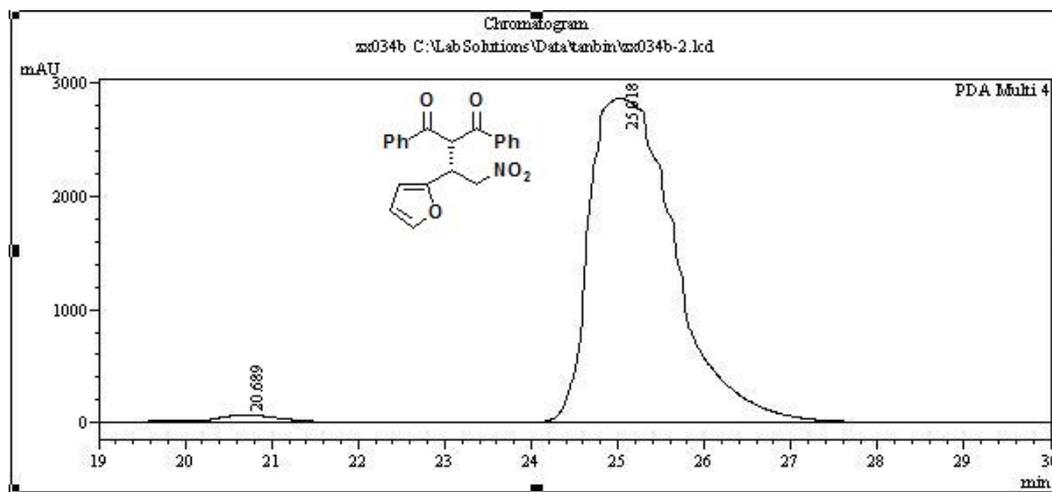
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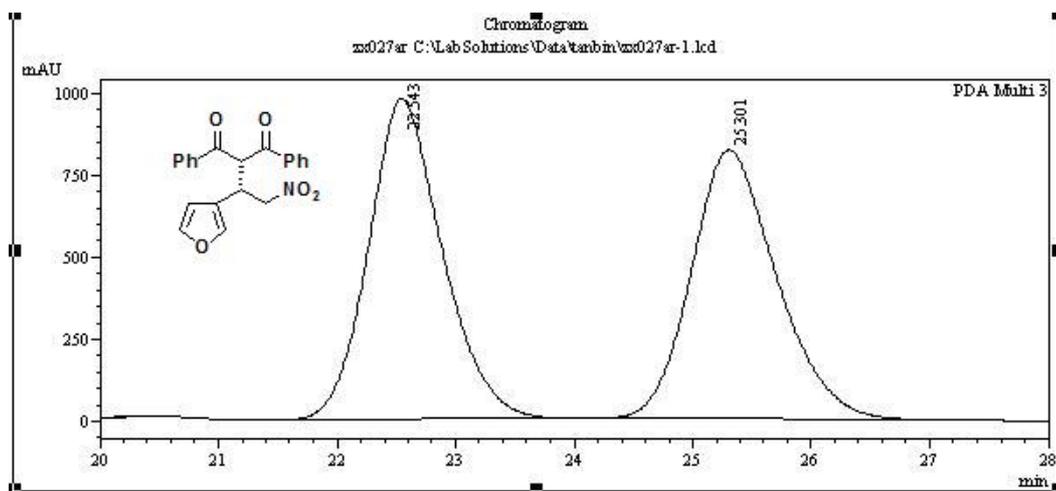
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PeakTable

PDA Ch4 262nm 4nm

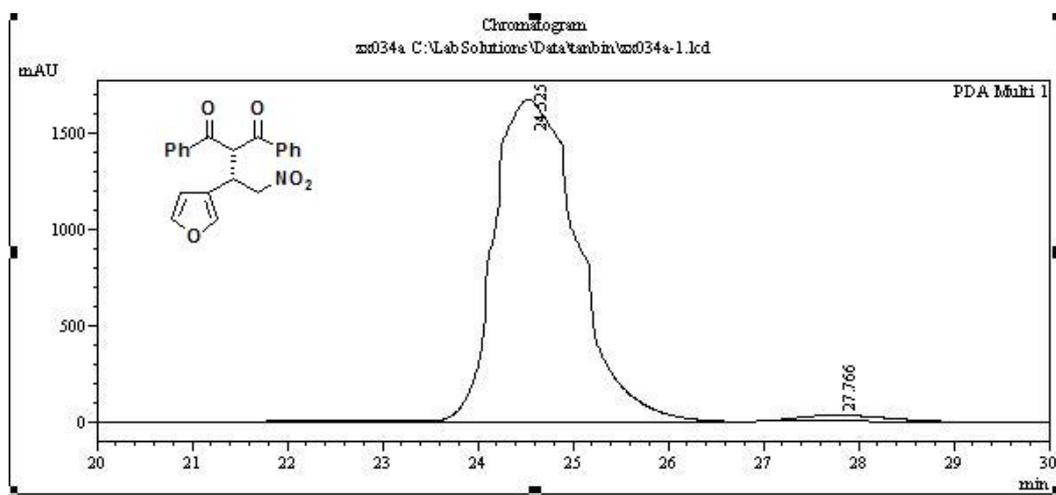
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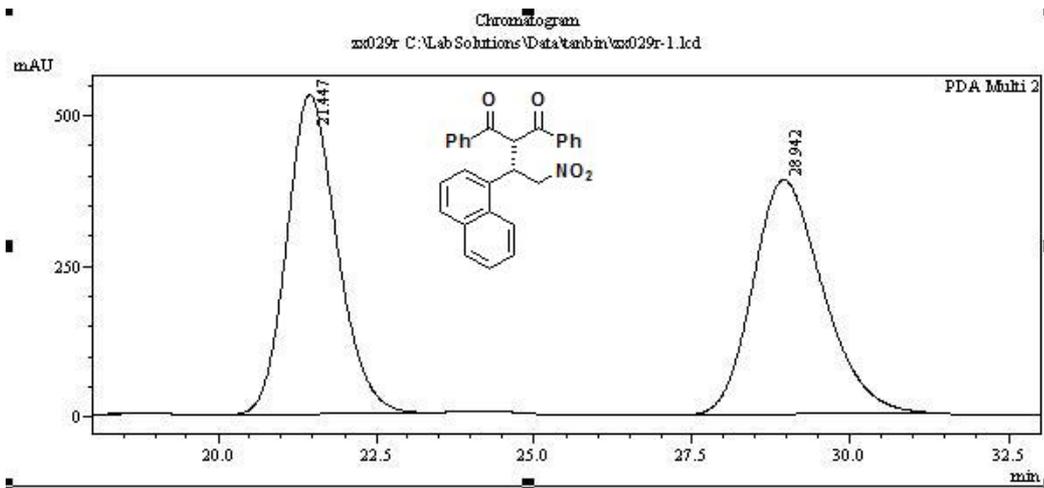
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PeakTable

PDA Ch1 210nm 4nm

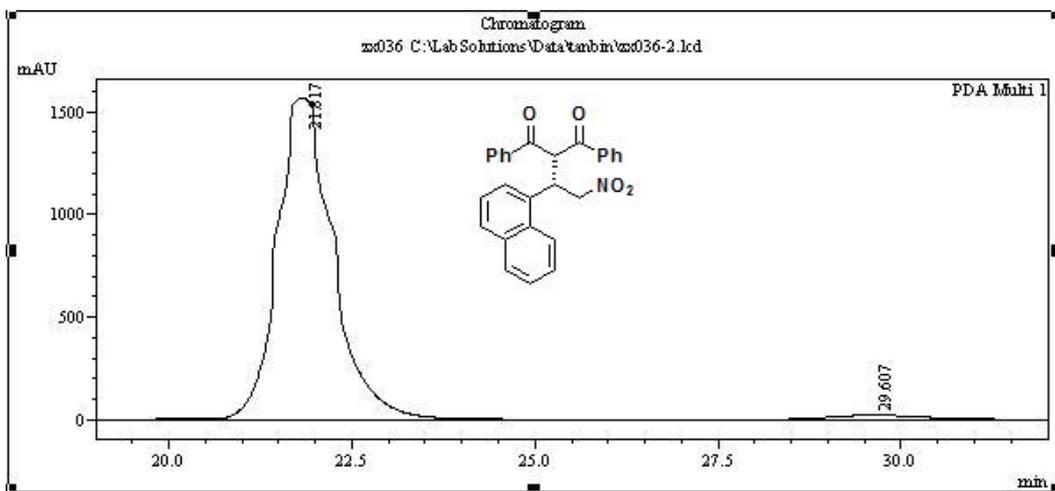
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PDA Ch2 230nm 4nm

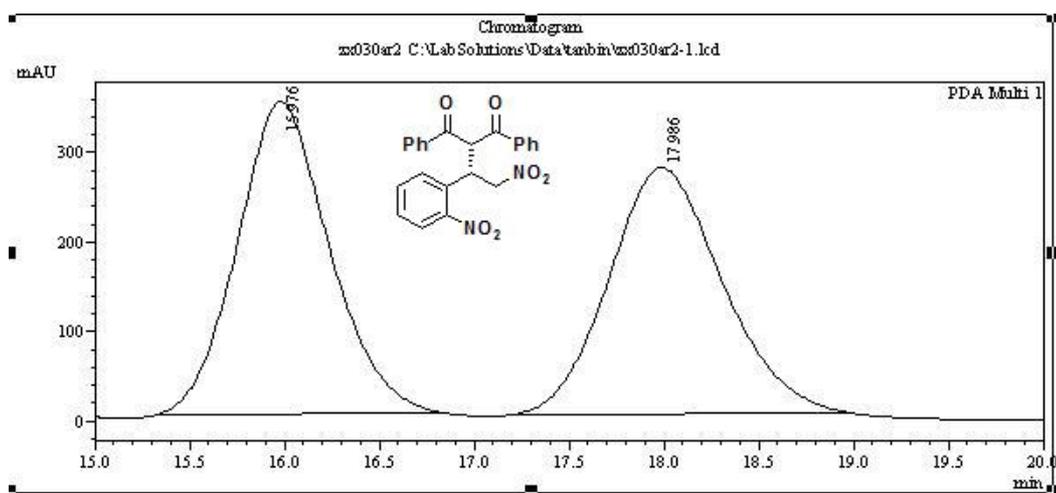
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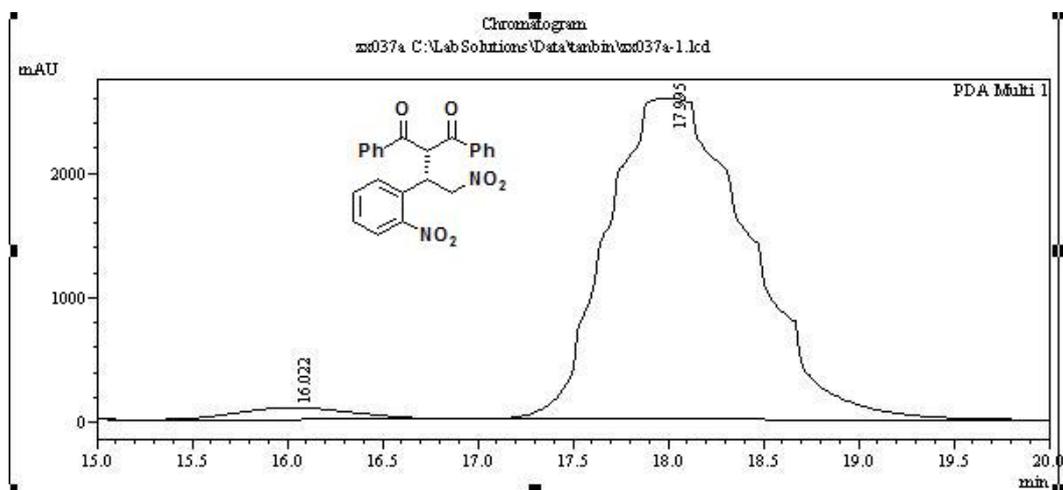
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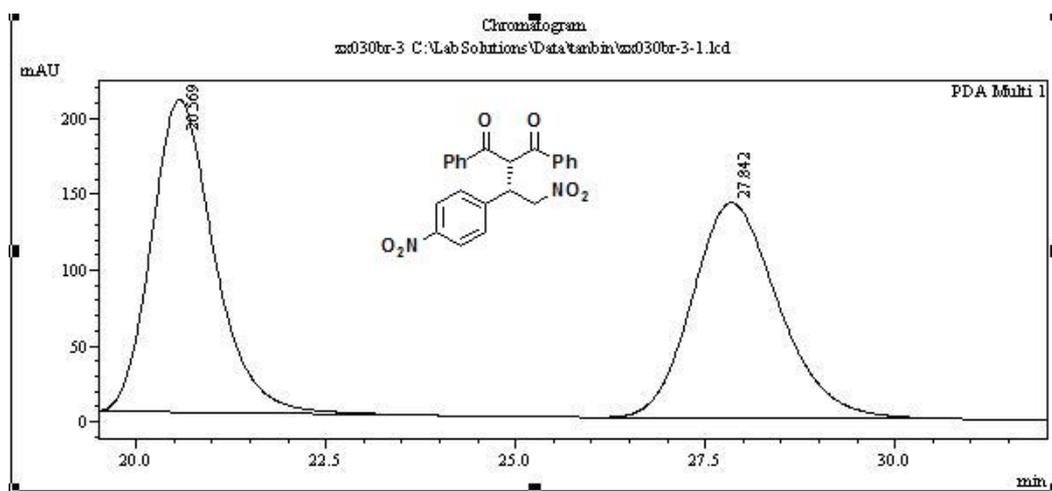
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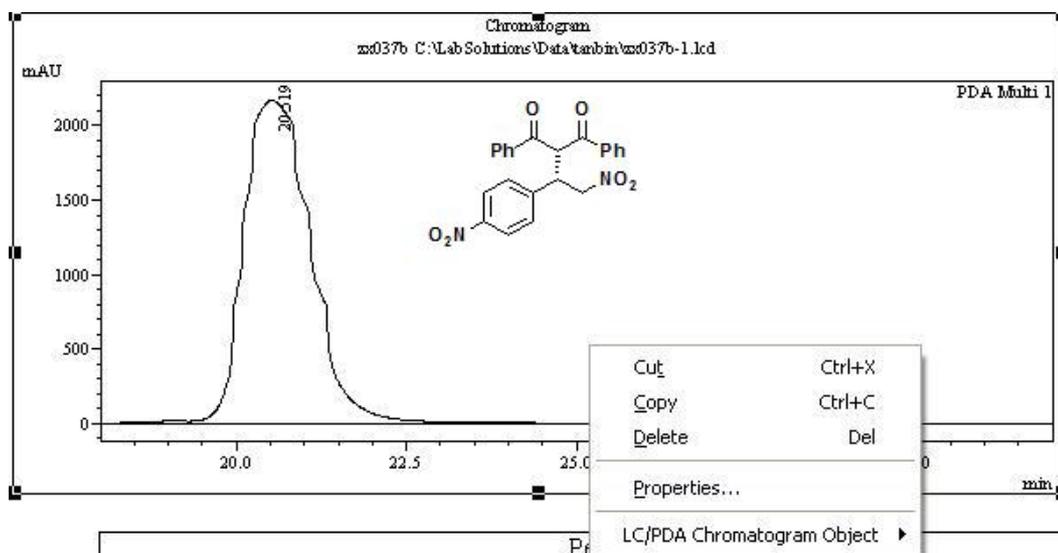
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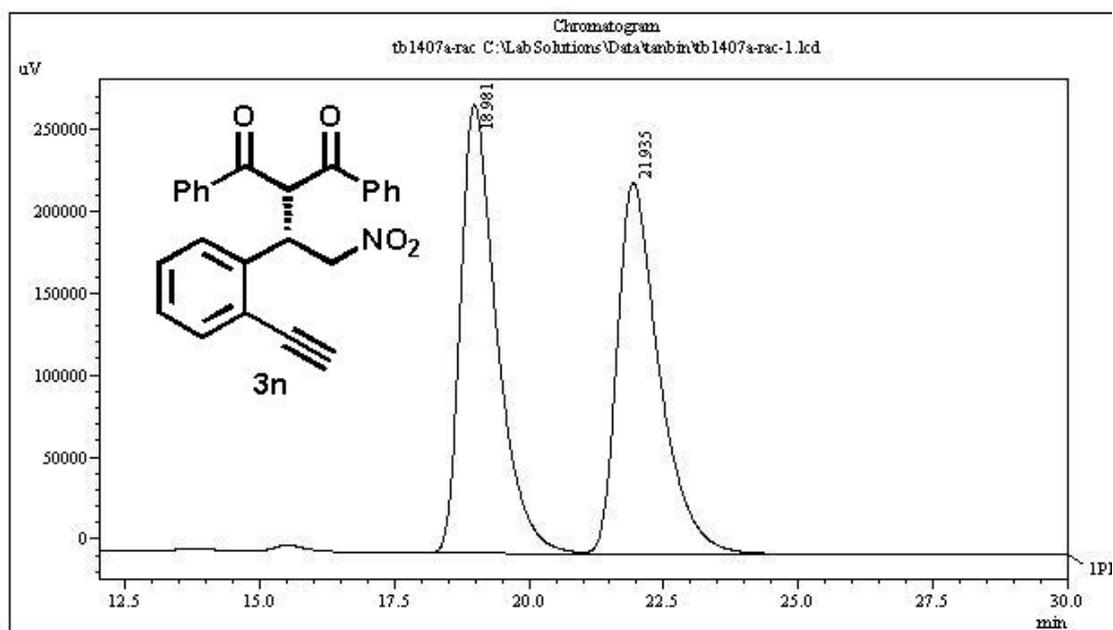
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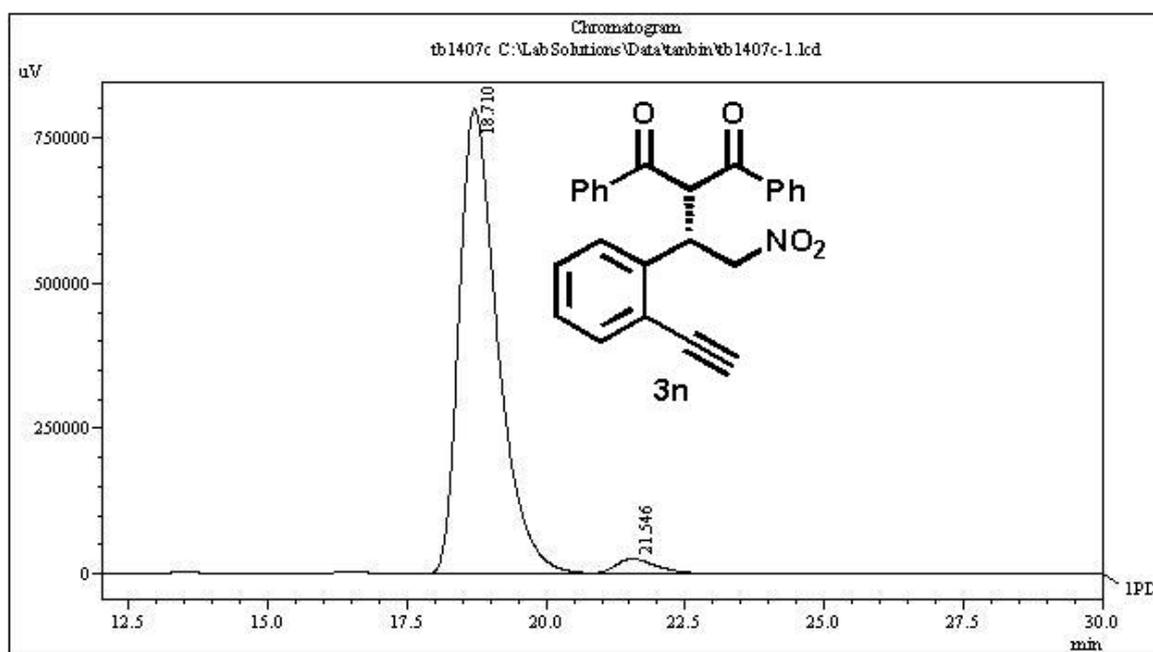
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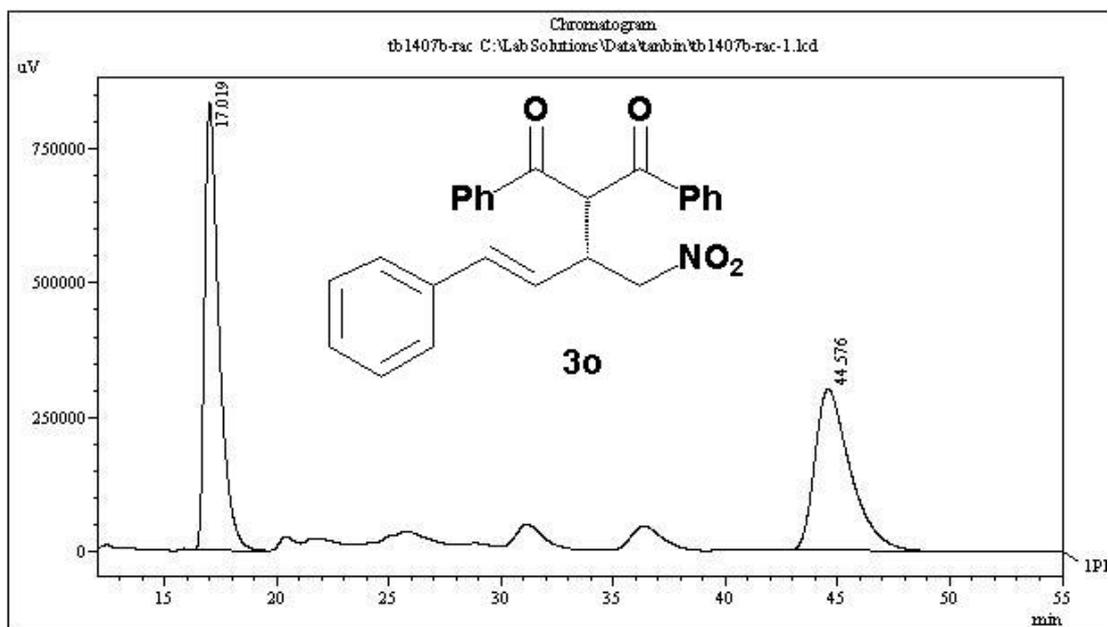
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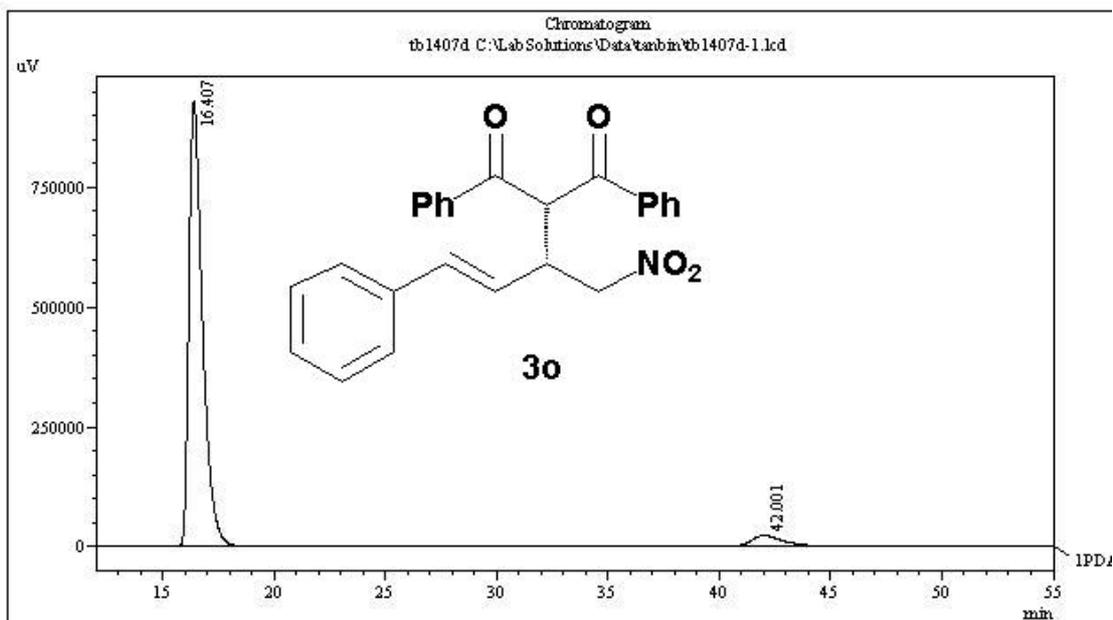
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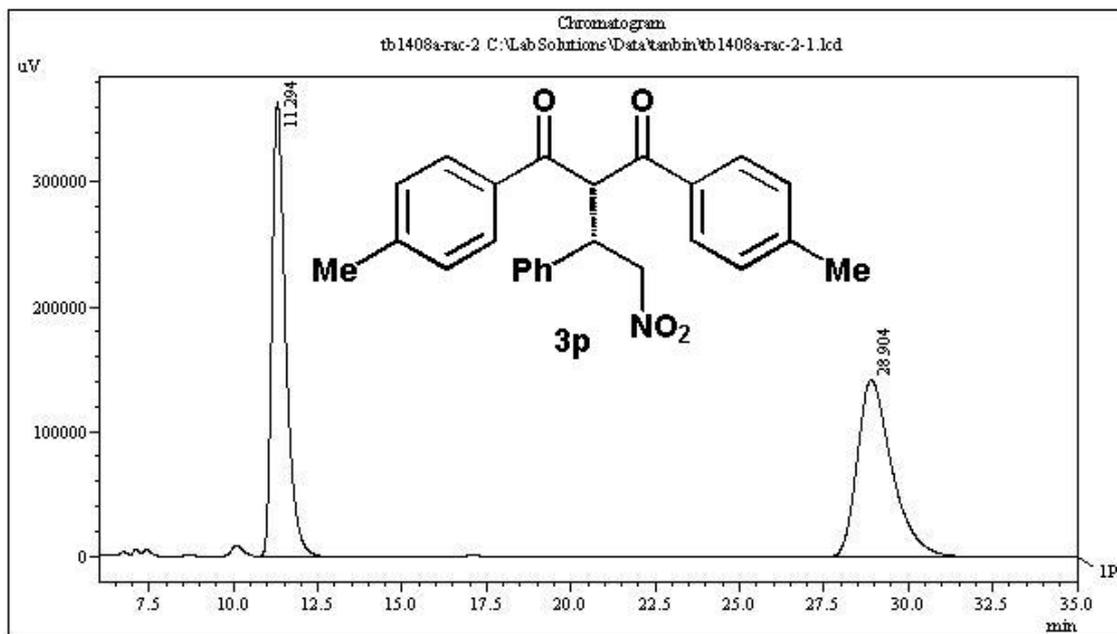
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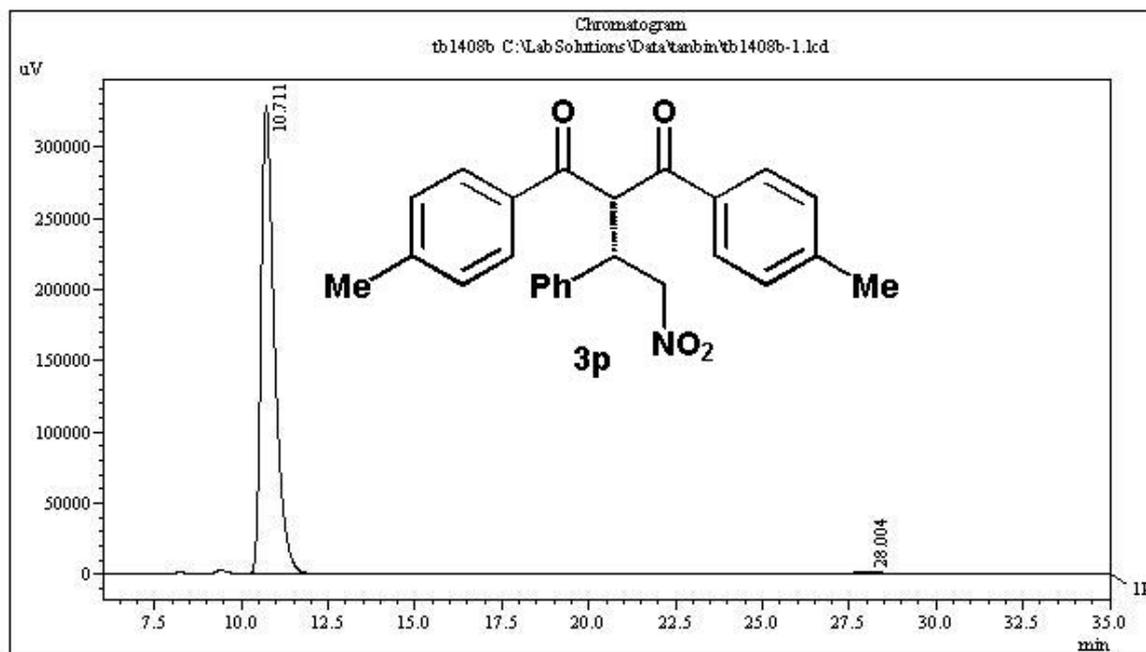
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	11.294	10314045	363990	50.225	71.889
2	28.904	10221447	142334	49.775	28.111
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
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