

Efficient Synthesis of Carbazolespirooxindole Skeletons via Asymmetric Diels–Alder Reaction of 3-Vinylindoles and Methyleneindolinones†

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1. General information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 7.26$). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration and assignment. ¹³C NMR spectra were collected on commercial instruments (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.0$).

Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*) were determined by HPLC analysis using the corresponding commercial chiralpak column as stated in the experimental procedures at 23 °C.

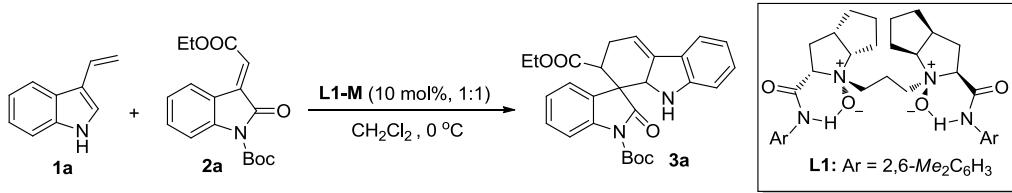
Optical rotations were reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ (*c*: g/100 mL, in solvent).

HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI Source).

All catalytic reactions were run in dried glassware. THF, toluene and diethyl ether (Et_2O) were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. CH_2Cl_2 was distilled over CaH_2 .

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions

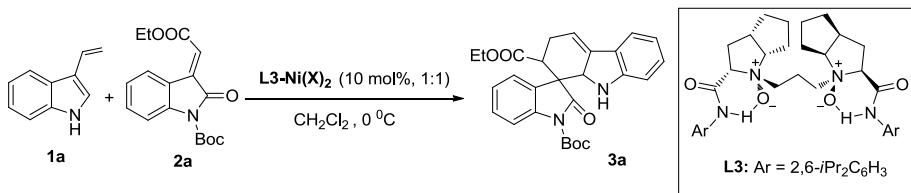
Table 1: Screening of the metals



Entry ^[a]	Metal	Yield [%] ^[b]	dr ^[c]	ee [%] ^[d]
1	$\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$	17	>99:1	-11
2	$\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$	67	>99:1	-20
3	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	71	>99:1	17
4	$\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$	78	>99:1	69
5	$\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	56	>99:1	80
6	$\text{Mg}(\text{OTf})_2$	78	>99:1	80
7	$\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$	93	>99:1	85

[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were performed with **L1**-metal (10 mol%, 1:1), **2a** (0.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) at 30 °C for 30 min. After cooled to 0 °C, **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was reacted at 0 °C for 30 min. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC and ¹H NMR analysis of the product **3a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

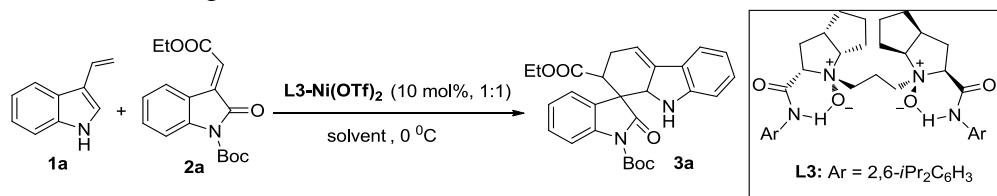
Table 2. Screening of the counter ion the metal precursors



Entry ^[a]	Metal	Yield [%] ^[b]	dr ^[c]	ee [%] ^[d]
1	Ni(BF ₄) ₂ 6H ₂ O	95	>99:1	74
2	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ 6H ₂ O	95	>99:1	74
3	NiBr ₂	94	>99:1	82

[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were performed with **L3**-metal (10 mol%, 1:1), **2a** (0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) at 30 °C for 30 min. After cooled to 0 °C, **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was reacted at 0 °C for 30 min. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC and ¹H NMR analysis of the product **3a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

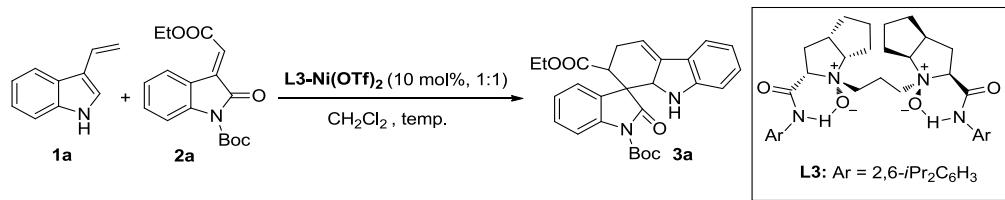
Table 3. Screening of the solvents



Entry ^[a]	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[b]	dr ^[c]	ee [%] ^[d]
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	95	>99:1	96
2	THF	70	>99:1	10
3	Et ₂ O	88	>99:1	74
4	Toluene	78	>99:1	70
5	hexane	92	>99:1	6
6	CHCl ₃	86	>99:1	96
7	Cl ₂ CHCHCl ₂	92	>99:1	94
8	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	97	>99:1	95
9	ClCH ₂ CHClCH ₃	95	>99:1	93
10	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CHCl	95	>99:1	93

[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were performed with **L3**-Ni(OTf)₂ (10 mol%, 1:1), **2a** (0.1 mmol) in the corresponding solvent (1.0 mL) at 30 °C for 30 min. After cooled to 0 °C, **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in the solvent (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC and ¹H NMR analysis of the product **3a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

Table 4. Screening of the reaction temperature

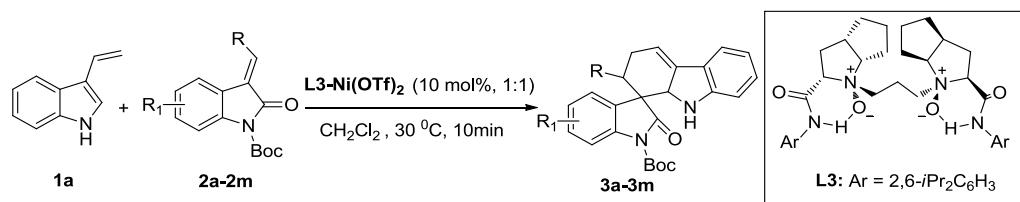


Entry ^[a]	Temp. (°C)	Yield [%] ^[b]	dr ^[c]	ee [%] ^[d]
1	35	95	>99:1	90
2	30	96	>99:1	96
3	0	95	>99:1	96
4	-20	95	>99:1	93

[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were performed with **L3-Ni(OTf)₂** (10 mol%, 1:1), **2a** (0.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) at 30 °C for 30 min. Then **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 mL) was added at the corresponding temperature in one-portion. The mixture was stirred for a few minutes (<30 min). [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC and ¹H NMR analysis of the product **3a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

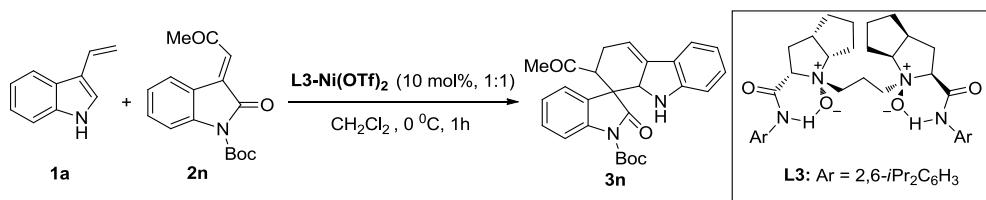
3. General Procedure for the Diels-Alder reaction with different methyleneindolinones (**2a-2z**)

General procedure A for the reaction of methyleneindolinones **2a-2m**:



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), Ni(OTf)_2 (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**2a-2m**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl_3 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindole **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq) dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for a few minutes (<10 min), the yellow color of the solution disappeared, and the reaction mixture was further detected by TLC. After completion, flash column chromatography provided the desired product (**3a-3m**) with almost quantitative yield and the product was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

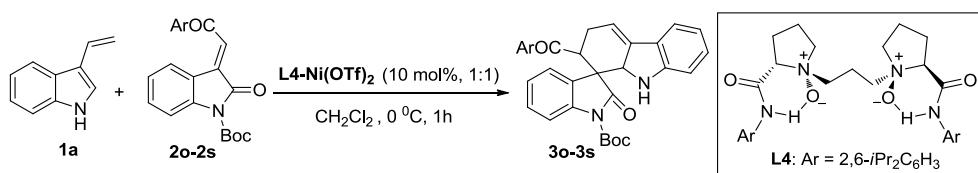
General procedure B for the reaction of methyleneindolinone **2n**:



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinone (**2n**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl_2 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min. Then it was cooled to 0 °C, and 3-vinylindole **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C until the yellow color of the solution disappeared, and the reaction mixture was further detected by TLC.

After completion (<60 min), the reaction mixture was treated with 6 M HCl (0.2 mL) at room temperature for 15 minutes, and then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution, extracted with DCM, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash column chromatography provided the desired product **3n** which was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

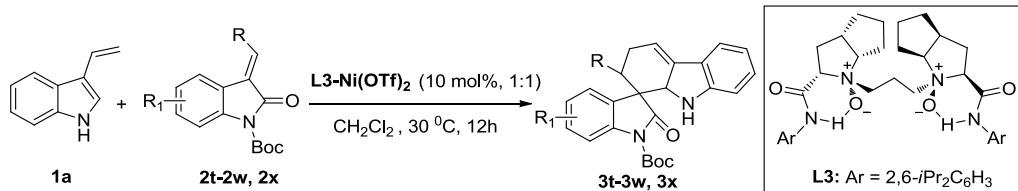
General procedure C for the reaction of methyleneindolinones **2o-2s**:



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L4** (0.01 mmol, 6.1 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**2o-2s**) (0.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min. Then it was cooled to 0 °C, and 3-vinylindole **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 60 min, until the yellow color of solution disappeared, and the reaction mixture was further detected by TLC.

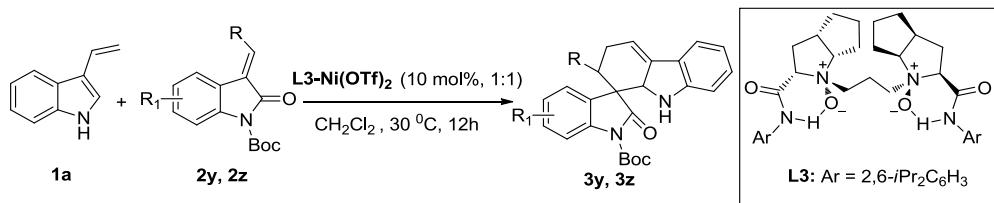
The reaction mixture was treated with 6 M HCl (0.2 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 15 minutes, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution, extracted with DCM, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash column chromatography provided the desired product (**4o-4s**) which was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

General procedure D for the reaction of methyleneindolinones **2t-2w and 2x**:



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**2t-2w, 2x**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl_2 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindole **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 12 h until the yellow color in solution disappeared. The reaction mixture was further detected by TLC. After completion, flash column chromatography provided the desired product (**3t-3w, 3x**) which was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

General procedure for the reaction of methyleneindolinones **2y** and **2z**:



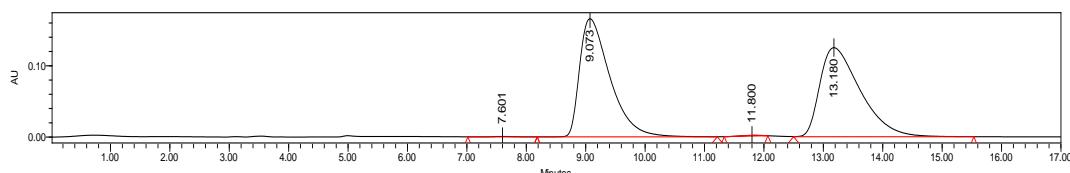
In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), Ni(OTf)₂ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**2y, 2z**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl₂ (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and 3-vinylindole **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl₂ (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 12 h until the yellow color of the solution disappeared. The reaction mixture was further detected by TLC.

The reaction mixture was treated with 6 M HCl (0.2 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 15 minutes, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with DCM, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash column chromatography provided the desired products (**4y, 4z**) which were directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

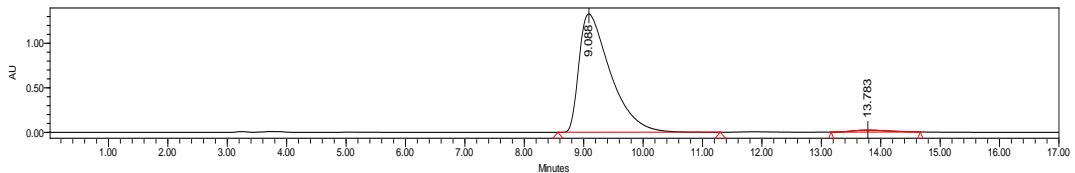
4. The analytical and spectral characterization data of the products (3a-3z)

3a 1'-tert-butyl 2-ethyl 2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3a**)
General procedure A: White solid; 96% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; [a]_D²⁸ = 310 (c 0.97, CH₂Cl₂); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 9.08 min, t (minor) = 13.78 min];

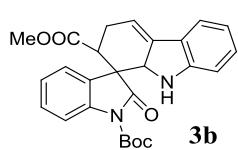
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.91 (m, 1H), 3.93 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H);



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	9.073	5880827	49.71
	11.800	21634	0.18
	13.180	5915145	50.00

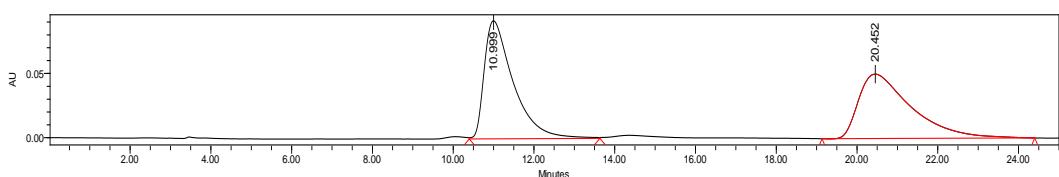


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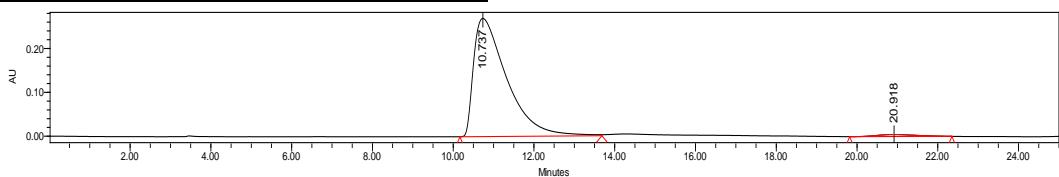


General procedure A: White solid; 95% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 280$ (c 0.96, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 10.73 min, t (minor) = 20.91 min];

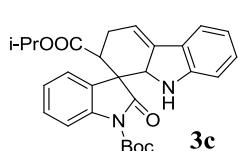
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 10.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 9H);



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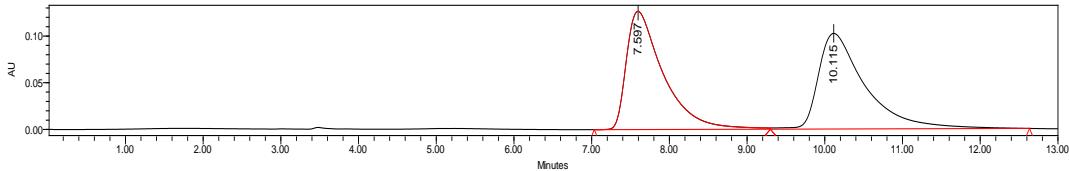
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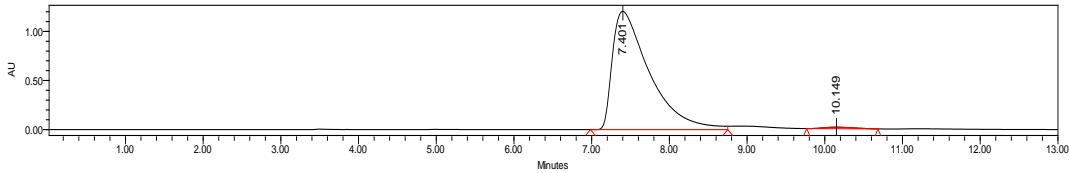
General procedure A: White solid; 97% yield, 98% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 300$ (c 1.05, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak

ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 7.40 min, t (minor) = 10.14 min];

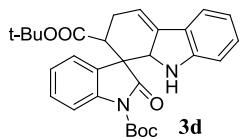
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.73 – 4.62 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H).



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	10.115	4279933	50.60



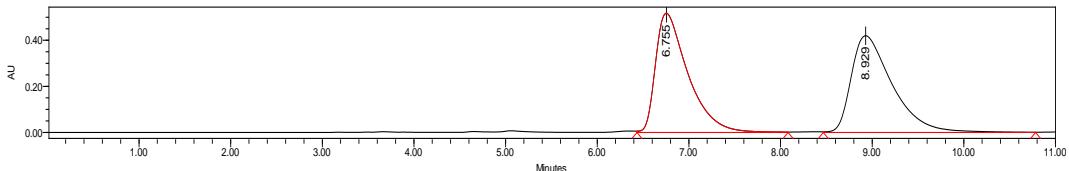
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	10.149	408994	1.01



di-tert-butyl 2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3d**)

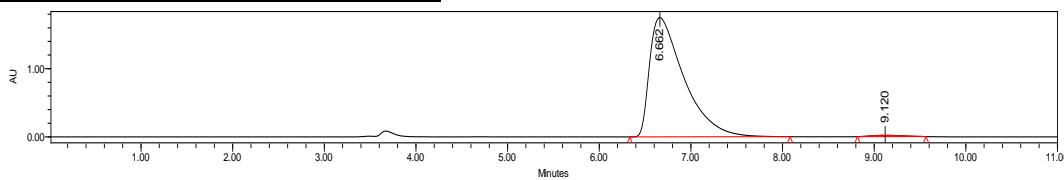
General procedure A; White solid; 97% yield, 98.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{27}$ = 290 (c 1.13, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 6.66 min, t (minor) = 9.12 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 – 4.88 (m, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H).

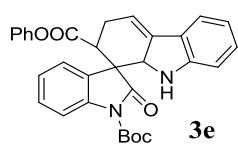


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	8.929	13065284	50.65
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	9.120	442729	0.96



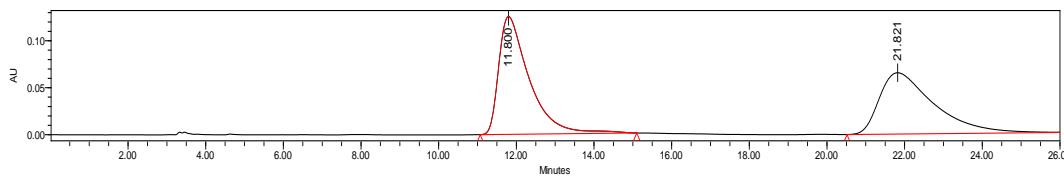
1'-tert-butyl 2-phenyl 2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2'-dicarboxylate (**3e**)

General procedure A: White solid; 95% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 250$ (*c* 1.08, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 11.55 min, t (minor) = 21.93 min];

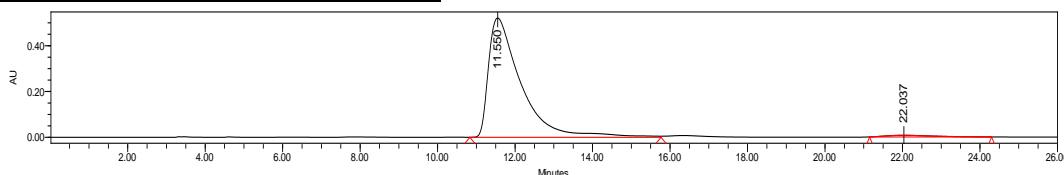
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 6.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 7.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.17 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.05, 169.66, 152.68, 150.04, 149.04, 140.57, 137.68, 129.44, 128.62, 126.26, 126.00, 125.72, 124.72, 121.15, 120.56, 119.60, 114.78, 112.92, 111.33, 84.41, 67.42, 51.77, 45.21, 28.00, 26.38.

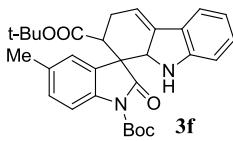
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 531.1896, observed: 531.1896.



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	11.800	6832333	51.75
	21.821	6369210	48.25



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	22.037	594736	1.92



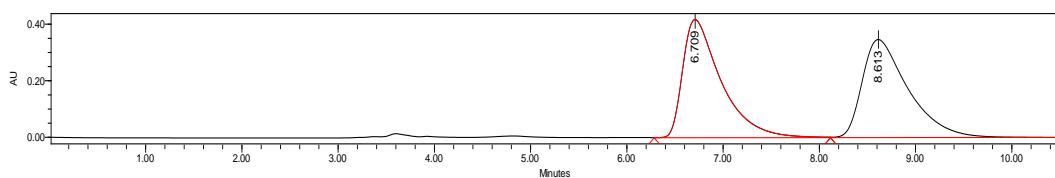
di-tert-butyl 5'-methyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3f**)

General procedure A: White solid; 98% yield, 98% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{29} = 320$ (c 0.97, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 6.62 min, t (minor) = 8.68 min];

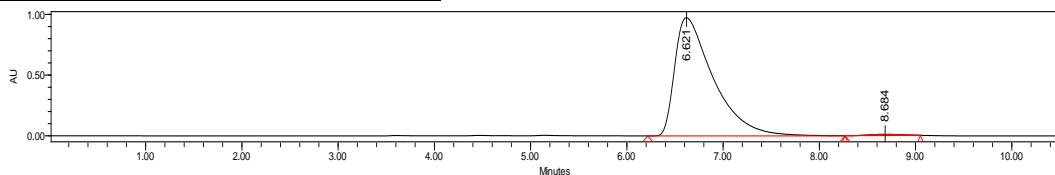
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 7.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 7.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 9.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.28, 170.22, 152.75, 149.36, 138.08, 137.09, 133.94, 129.21, 128.77, 126.42, 126.03, 120.48, 119.35, 114.19, 113.28, 111.18, 84.20, 81.93, 67.85, 52.10, 44.81, 28.19, 27.40, 26.24, 21.27.

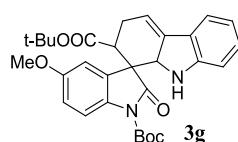
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 525.2365, observed: 525.2368.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	6.709	11602675	50.21
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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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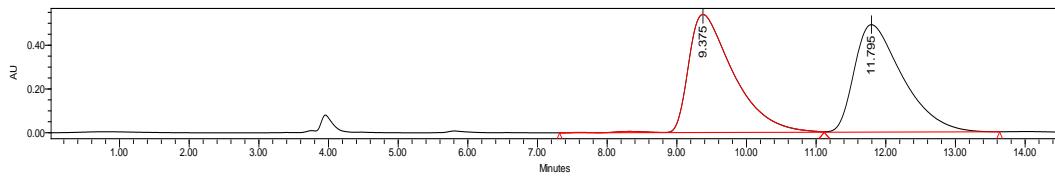
di-tert-butyl 5'-methoxy-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3g**)

General procedure A: White solid; 94% yield, 98% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{29} = 310$ (c 0.98, CH_2Cl_2) Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 9.09 min, t (minor) = 11.75 min];

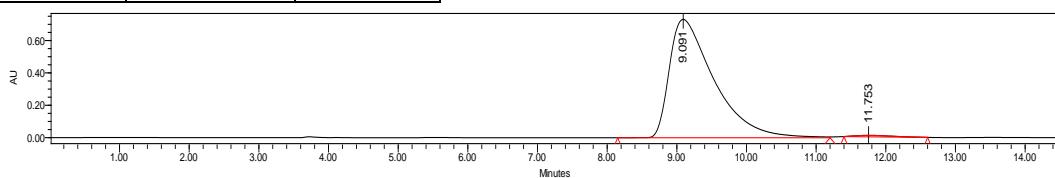
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 7.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.48 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.14 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.08, 170.06, 156.50, 152.66, 149.35, 137.23, 134.02, 129.27, 127.98, 126.31, 120.48, 119.45, 115.02, 113.23, 112.83, 111.79, 111.13, 84.16, 81.95, 67.79, 55.38, 52.21, 44.85, 28.19, 27.44, 26.27;

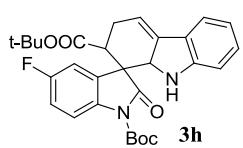
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₃₀H₃₄N₂O₆Na, m/z: 541.2315, observed: 541.2316.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	9.375	24175437	50.57
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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	11.753	320438	0.98



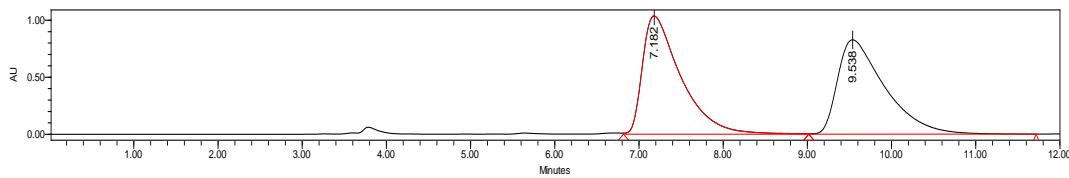
di-tert-butyl 5'-fluoro-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3h**)

General procedure A: White solid; 95% yield, 97% ee, >99:1dr; [a]_D²⁹ = 340 (c 0.88, CH₂Cl₂); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 7.10 min, t (minor) = 9.60 min];

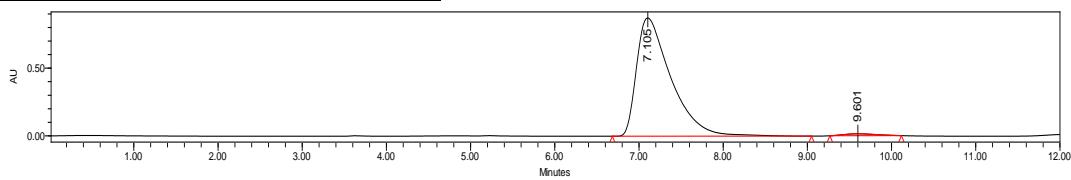
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.69, 169.86, 160.91, 158.50, 152.51, 149.24, 137.12, 136.58, 129.47, 128.49, 126.18, 120.60, 119.69, 115.50, 114.69, 114.46, 113.32, 113.05, 111.19, 84.57, 82.12, 67.77, 52.20, 44.89, 28.16, 27.46, 26.25.

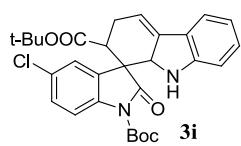
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₉H₃₁FN₂O₅Na, m/z: 529.2114, observed: 529.2120.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	7.182	32932419	50.53
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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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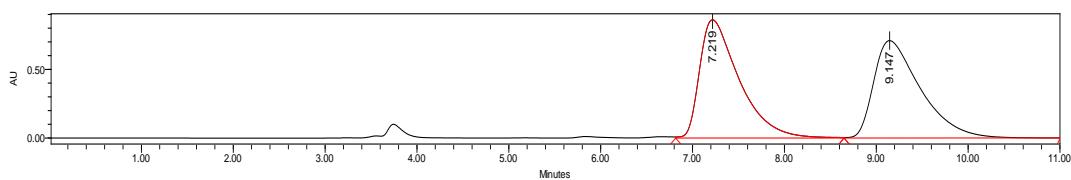
di-tert-butyl 5'-chloro-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3i**)

General procedure A; White solid; 95% yield, 98% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{29} = 280$ (c 0.94, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 7.28 min, t (minor) = 9.31 min];

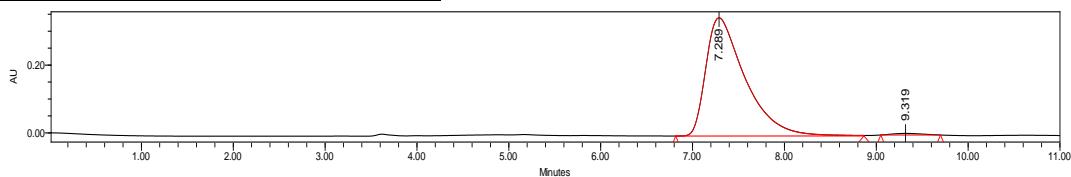
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.46, 169.82, 152.50, 149.10, 139.17, 137.03, 129.81, 129.46, 128.50, 128.27, 126.16, 125.50, 120.68, 119.73, 115.57, 113.33, 111.22, 84.75, 82.17, 67.86, 52.07, 44.89, 28.13, 27.46, 26.25;

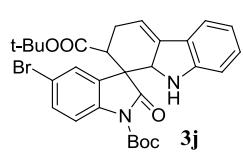
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 545.1818, observed: 545.1818.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	7.219	25750237	50.68
	9.147	25061513	49.32



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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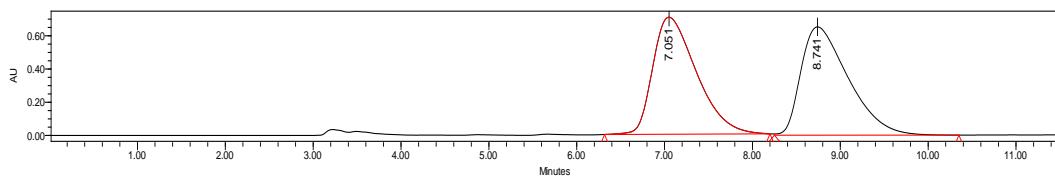
di-tert-butyl 5'-bromo-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3j**)

General procedure A; White solid; 93% yield, 97% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 220$ (c 0.86, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 7.04 min, t (minor) = 9.06 min];

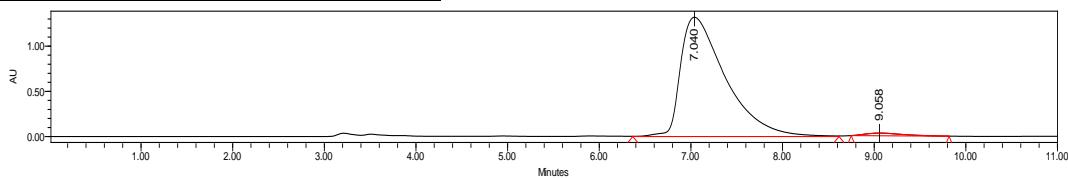
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J = 7.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 3.49 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.33, 169.80, 152.50, 149.08, 139.68, 137.02, 131.23, 129.46, 128.88, 128.23, 126.14, 120.69, 119.74, 117.50, 116.00, 113.30, 111.22, 84.78, 82.18, 67.89, 52.02, 44.91, 28.13, 27.45, 26.24;

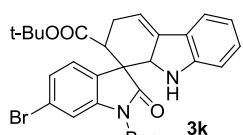
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 589.1314, observed: 589.1318.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	7.051	24313716	49.88
	8.741	24426584	50.12



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	9.058	840500	1.83



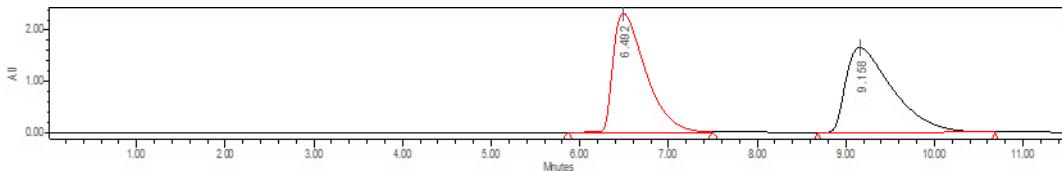
di-tert-butyl 6'-bromo-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3k**)

General procedure A; White solid; 94% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 280$ (c 1.12, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 6.44 min, t (minor) = 9.53 min];

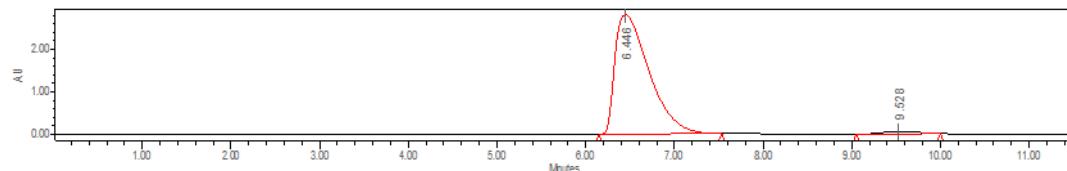
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.57, 169.92, 152.49, 149.03, 141.59, 137.17, 129.47, 127.45, 126.59, 126.18, 125.60, 122.07, 120.50, 119.67, 118.01, 113.43, 111.26, 84.93, 82.19, 67.64, 52.01, 44.84, 28.13, 27.49, 26.29;

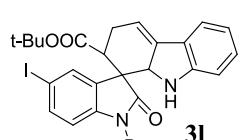
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₉H₃₁BrN₂O₅Na, m/z: 589.1314, observed: 589.1318.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	6.492	59759609	49.80
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	9.530	1502984	1.97



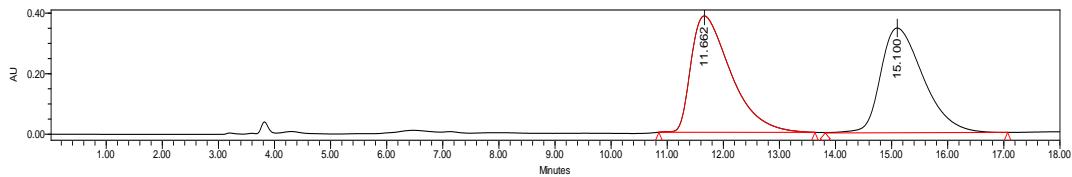
di-tert-butyl 5'-ido-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**3l**)

General procedure A; White solid; 96% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; [a]_D²⁸ = 190 (c 1.02, CH₂Cl₂); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (minor) = 15.54 min, t (major) = 11.73 min];

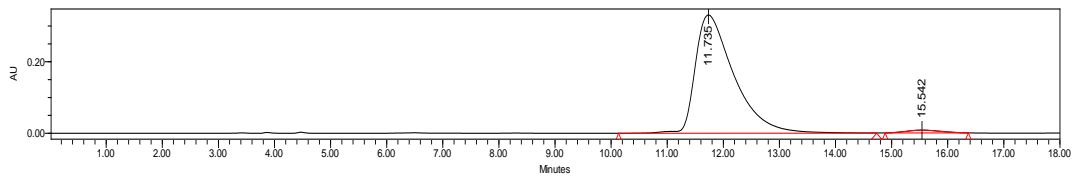
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 1H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.14 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.22, 169.83, 152.53, 149.06, 140.42, 137.31, 137.04, 133.88, 129.46, 129.18, 126.17, 120.71, 119.76, 116.48, 113.28, 111.25, 88.15, 84.81, 82.20, 67.92, 51.90, 44.91, 28.14, 27.46, 26.24, 22.35;

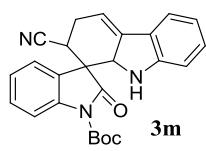
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₉H₃₁IN₂O₅Na, m/z: 637.1175, observed: 637.1188.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	15.100	18294061	49.13



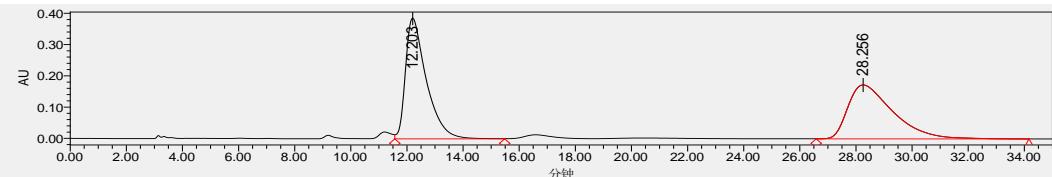
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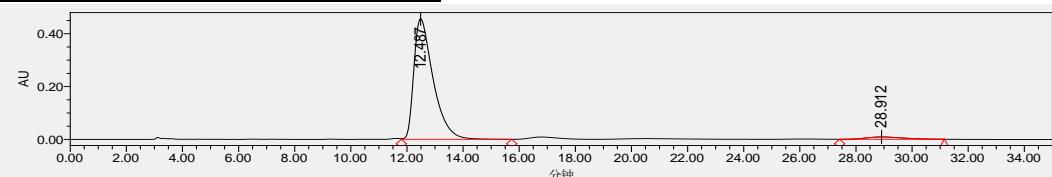
tert-butyl 2-cyano-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3m**)

General procedure A; White solid; 95% yield, 93% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 210$ (c 1.04, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 12.48 min, t (minor) = 28.91 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 9H);

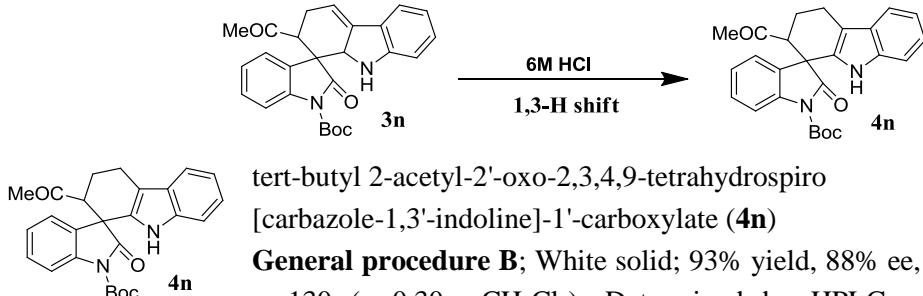


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	12.203	19906717	50.85
	28.256	19239181	49.15



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	12.487	21787293	96.53
	28.912	782106	3.47

tert-butyl 2-acetyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3n**)

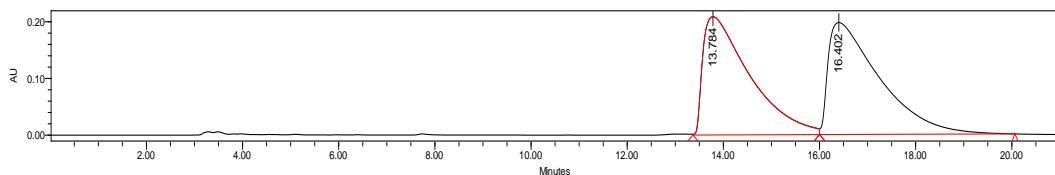


General procedure B; White solid; 93% yield, 88% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{23} = 130$ (c 0.30, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IB, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 7.62 min, t (minor) = 37.00 min];

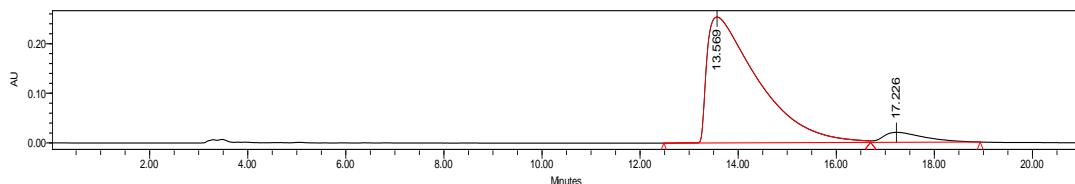
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.00 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.16, 149.30, 139.30, 136.71, 131.05, 129.77, 128.97, 126.51, 124.73, 124.45, 122.71, 119.65, 118.57, 115.32, 112.66, 111.13, 84.93, 57.28, 51.68, 29.12, 28.17, 22.93, 20.40;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ C₂₆H₂₆N₂O₄Na, m/z: 453.1790, observed: 453.1793.

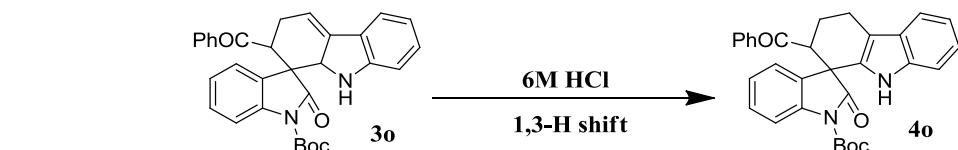


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	13.784	14139510	48.98
	16.402	14726181	51.02



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	13.569	18365235	94.04
	17.226	1163179	5.96

**tert-butyl 2-benzoyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3o**)**



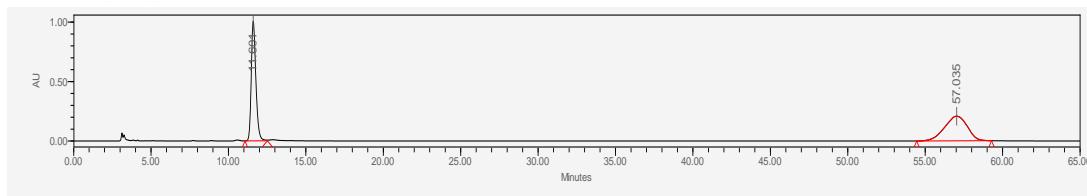
**tert-butyl 2-benzoyl-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**4o**)**

General procedure C: White solid; 95% yield, 93% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 120$ (c 0.49, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IA, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 11.34 min, t (minor) = 55.65 min];

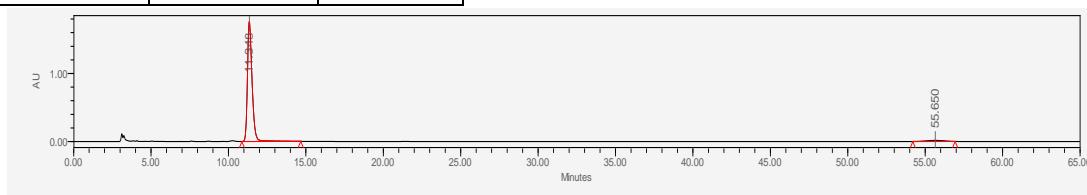
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 5H), 4.51 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.60, 176.06, 148.46, 138.72, 137.34, 136.73, 132.97, 130.62, 129.12, 128.83, 128.32, 126.62, 125.72, 124.87, 122.68, 119.63, 118.66, 114.82, 113.79, 111.09, 84.54, , 52.53, 51.26, 27.99, 23.70, 19.93;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$, m/z: 515.1947, observed: 515.1948.

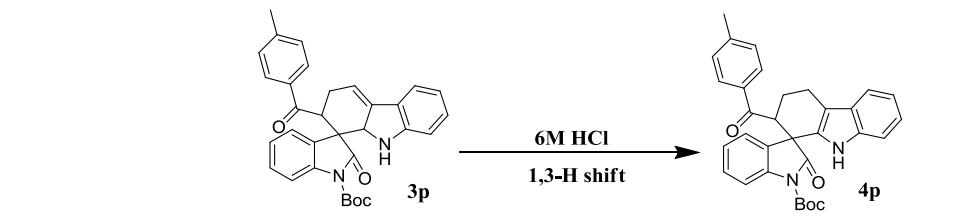


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	55.650	1289128	3.40

**tert-butyl 2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3p**)**



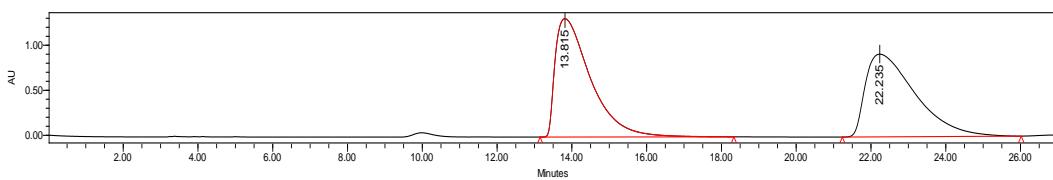
tert-butyl 2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**4p**)

General procedure C; White solid; 90% yield, 94% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 120$ (c 0.75, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 13.63 min, t (minor) = 22.84 min];

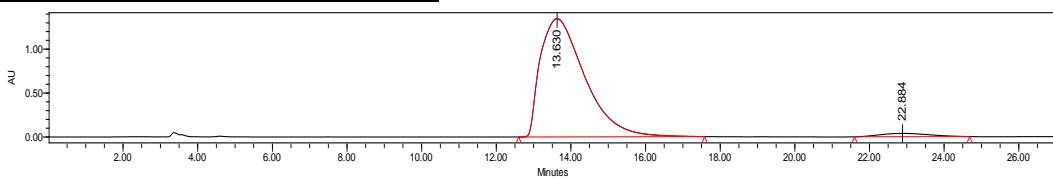
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.05 (m, 7H), 4.49 (dd, $J = 12.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.91, 176.09, 148.45, 143.62, 138.67, 136.71, 134.74, 130.64, 129.11, 129.04, 128.89, 128.37, 126.65, 125.77, 124.82, 122.67, 119.63, 118.65, 114.79, 113.87, 111.04, 84.37, 52.62, 51.00, 27.93, 23.72, 21.62, 19.93;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$, m/z: 453.1790, observed: 453.1793.

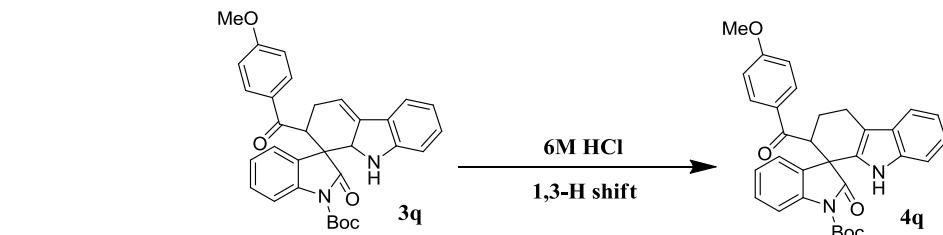


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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	22.884	3464522	3.03

tert-butyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3q**)



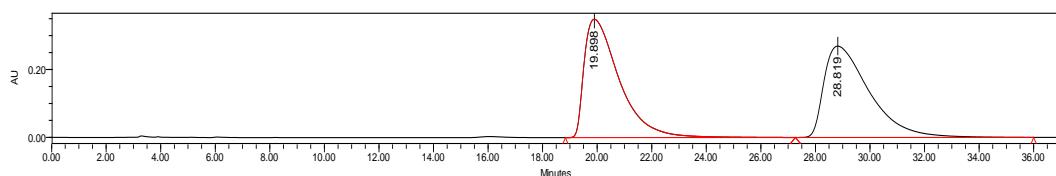
tert-butyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**4q**)

General procedure C: White solid; 90% yield, 92% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 130$ (c 0.85, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 19.20 min, t (minor) = 29.28 min];

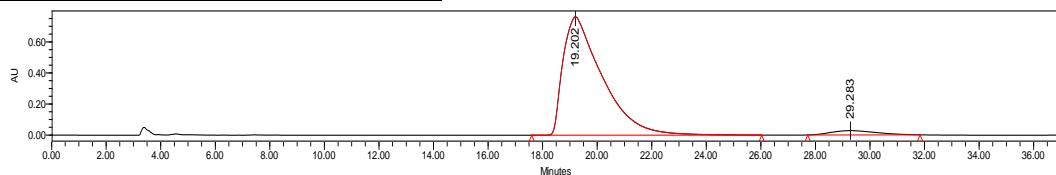
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.85 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.15 (ddd, $J = 15.8, 5.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.60, 176.06, 148.46, 138.72, 137.34, 136.73, 132.97, 130.62, 129.12, 128.83, 128.32, 126.62, 125.72, 124.87, 122.68, 119.63, 118.66, 114.82, 113.79, 111.09, 84.54, 52.53, 51.26, 27.99, 23.70, 19.93;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 545.2052, observed: 545.2060.

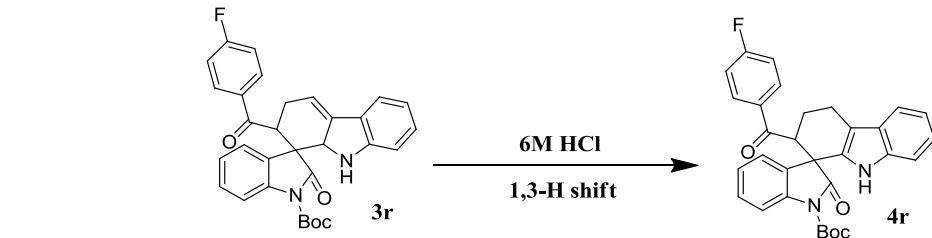


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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	29.283	3161611	4.00

tert-butyl 2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3r**)



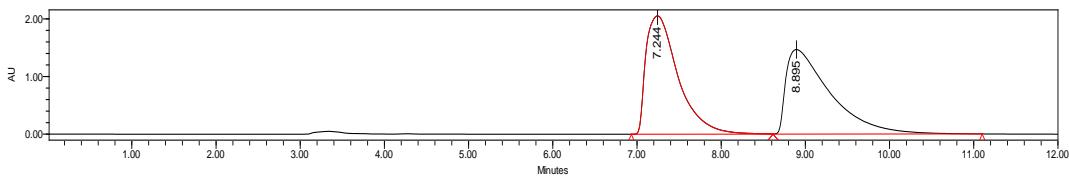
tert-butyl 2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**4r**)

General procedure C: White solid; 90% yield, 90% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = 110$ (c 0.85, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IB, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 8.83 min, t (minor) = 7.48 min];

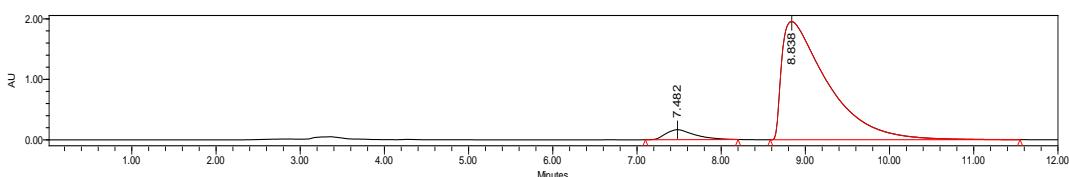
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 12.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.02, 176.06, 166.81, 164.27, 148.32, 138.57, 136.73, 133.72, 130.91, 130.35, 129.22, 128.57, 126.57, 125.79, 124.94, 122.78, 119.70, 118.67, 115.64, 115.42, 114.77, 113.91, 111.06, 84.77, 52.62, 51.22, 27.93, 23.60, 19.86;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$, m/z: 533.1852, observed: 533.1853.

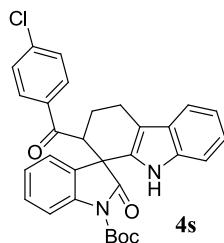
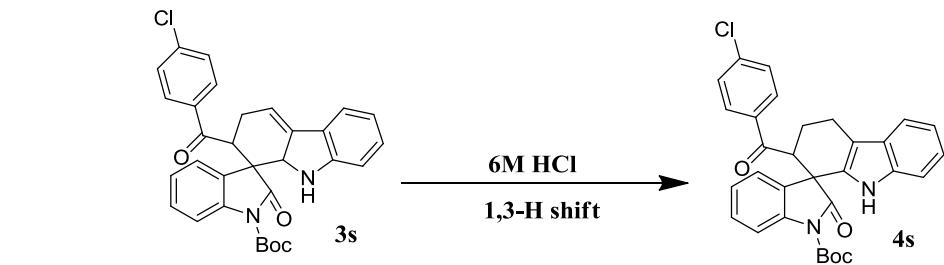


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	8.895	53724574	49.62



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	8.838	73753371	95.00

tert-butyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3s**)



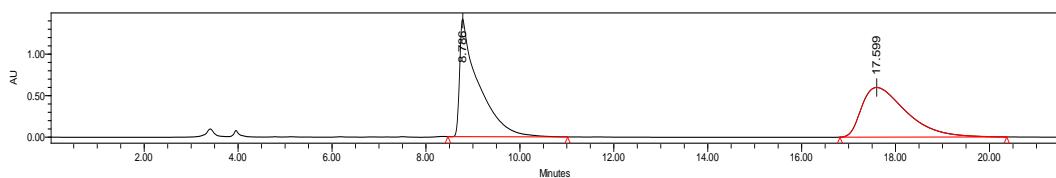
tert-butyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (4s**)**

General procedure C: White solid; 94% yield, 90% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = 140$ (c 0.76, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 8.91 min, t (minor) = 18.07 min];

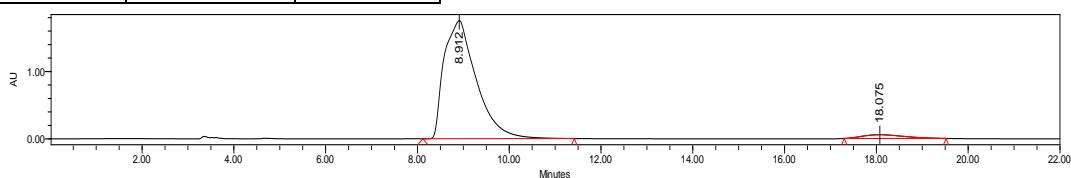
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 5H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 12.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.40, 175.98, 148.31, 139.39, 138.56, 136.73, 135.65, 130.29, 129.65, 129.26, 128.71, 128.49, 126.55, 125.77, 124.96, 122.80, 119.71, 118.68, 114.78, 113.92, 111.07, 84.83, 52.60, 51.22, 27.95, 23.55, 19.84;

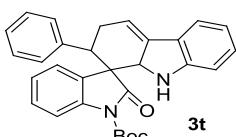
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$, m/z: 521.1608, observed: 521.1612.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	8.786	39457573	50.03
	17.599	39414098	49.97



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	18.075	3490272	3.93

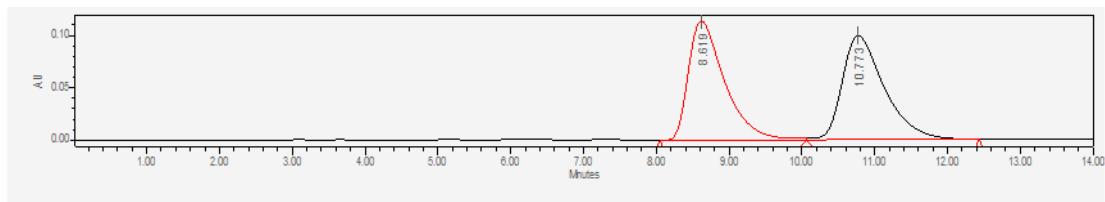


tert-butyl 2'-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3t**)

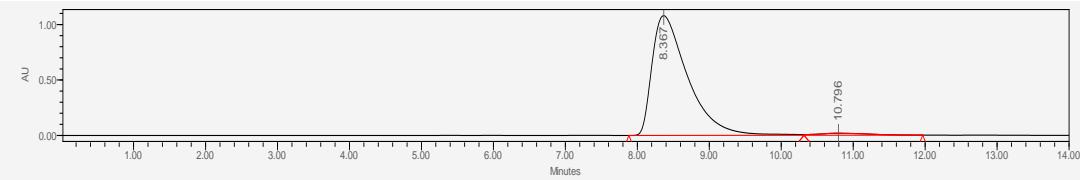
General procedure D; White solid; 89.0% yield, 95.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 500$ (c 0.12, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 8.36 min, t (minor) = 10.79 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 3.80 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, $J = 11.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H);

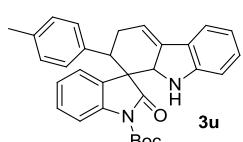
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.48, 151.98, 147.30, 139.38, 136.70, 128.28, 127.19, 126.78, 126.41, 125.81, 124.98, 123.32, 119.51, 118.48, 113.96, 113.62, 110.28, 82.75, 64.79, 54.36, 47.14, 29.91, 26.90;



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	8.619	3929115	49.82
	10.773	3957136	50.18



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	8.367	37195171	97.71
	10.796	870087	2.29



tert-butyl 2'-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3u**)

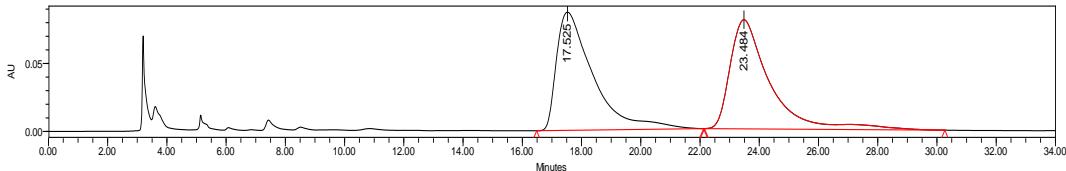
General procedure D; White solid; 85.0% yield, 97.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 510$ (c 0.06, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 16.48 min, t (minor) = 24.00 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 7.2, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz,

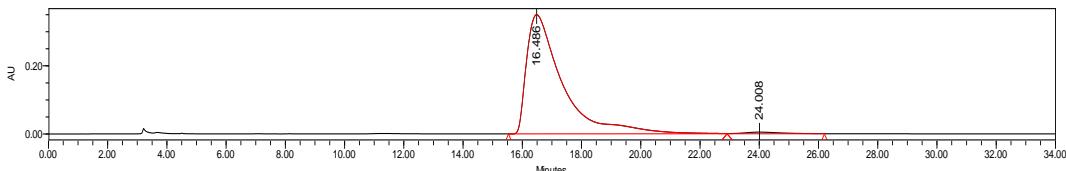
1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 11.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.61, 153.03, 148.38, 140.45, 137.81, 136.95, 134.59, 129.29, 128.48, 128.12, 126.88, 126.05, 124.33, 120.53, 119.48, 115.13, 114.68, 111.30, 83.68, 65.79, 55.46, 47.88, 31.03, 27.90, 20.92 ;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 501.2154, observed: 501.2157.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	17.525	7481774	49.98
	23.484	7488995	50.02



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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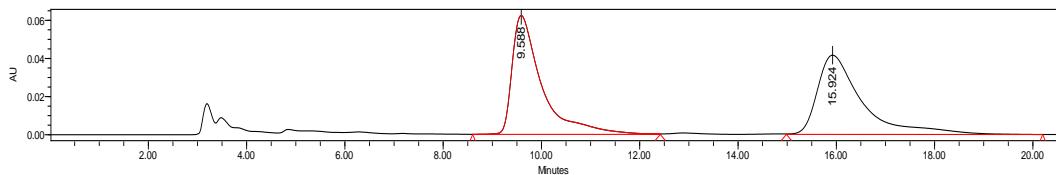
tert-butyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3v**)

General procedure D; White solid; 86.0% yield, 94.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 490$ (*c* 0.05, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 9.30 min, t (minor) = 15.85 min];

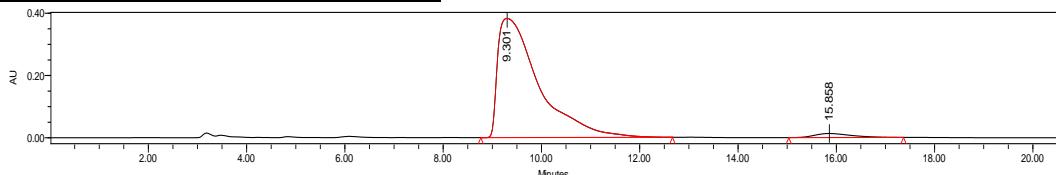
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.66 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.43, 162.28, 159.84, 151.95, 147.20, 139.32, 136.88, 132.42, 128.70, 128.35, 127.39, 125.71, 125.01, 124.69, 123.42, 119.53, 118.52, 113.67, 113.46, 110.30, 83.00, 64.73, 54.36, 46.31, 30.04, 26.89 ;

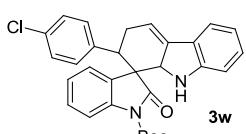
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 505.1906, observed: 505.1906.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	9.588	2617236	49.96
	15.924	2620976	50.04



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	15.858	661809	2.89



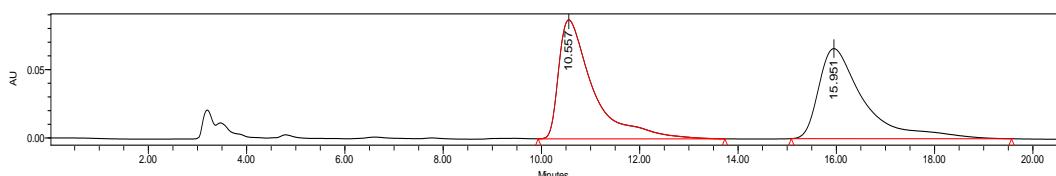
tert-butyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3w**)

General procedure D; White solid; 85.0% yield, 93.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 460$ (c 0.05, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 10.27 min, t (minor) = 15.98 min];

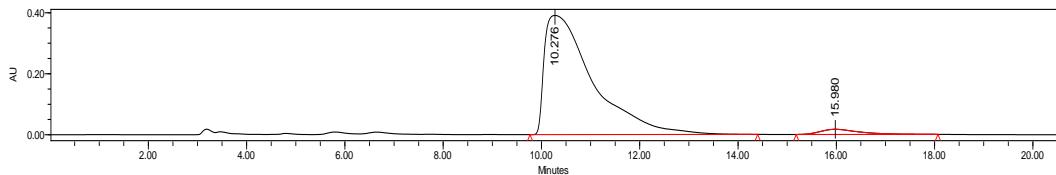
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, $J = 10.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.33, 151.94, 147.14, 139.32, 136.91, 135.21, 132.21, 128.44, 127.43, 126.90, 125.67, 125.00, 124.55, 123.45, 119.54, 118.53, 113.64, 110.31, 83.08, 64.67, 54.24, 46.48, 29.83, 26.88;

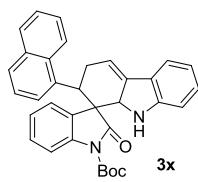
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 525.2365, observed: 525.2368.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	10.557	4235914	50.22
	15.951	4198344	49.78



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	15.980	922529	3.33



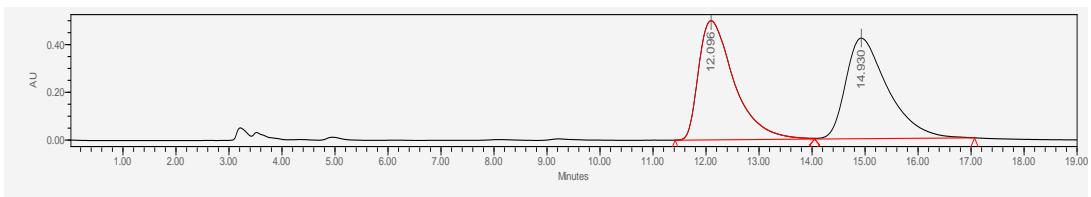
tert-butyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (**3x**)

General procedure D: White solid; 86.0% yield, 92.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{28} = 520$ (c 0.06, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 12.03 min, t (minor) = 15.06 min];

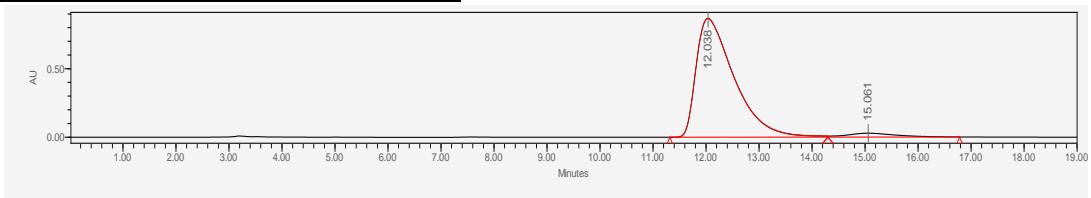
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 6.4, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.83 (dd, $J = 11.6, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.53, 153.04, 148.10, 140.48, 137.92, 135.21, 132.99, 132.77, 129.37, 128.86, 128.35, 127.83, 127.26, 126.86, 126.06, 125.89 – 125.37, 124.42, 120.59, 119.54, 114.97, 114.72, 111.35, 83.64, 65.73, 55.56, 48.47, 31.04, 27.55;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 537.2154, observed: 537.2153.

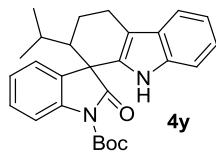
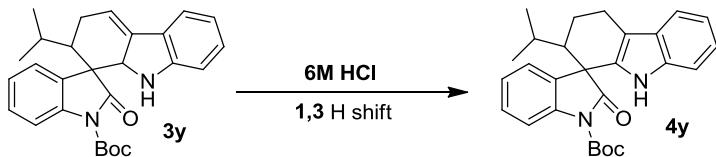


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	14.930	23172894	49.93



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	15.061	1783828	3.96

**tert-butyl 2-isopropyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3y)**



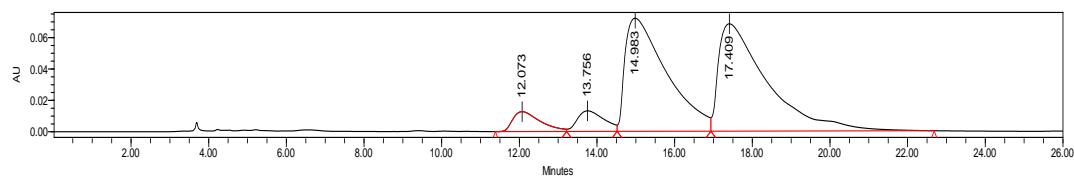
**tert-butyl 2-isopropyl-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (4y)**

General procedure E: White solid; 90% yield, 92.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[a]_D^{20} = 190$ (*c* 0.15, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IB, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 99/1, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *t* (major) = 14.29 min, *t* (minor) = 18.02 min,];

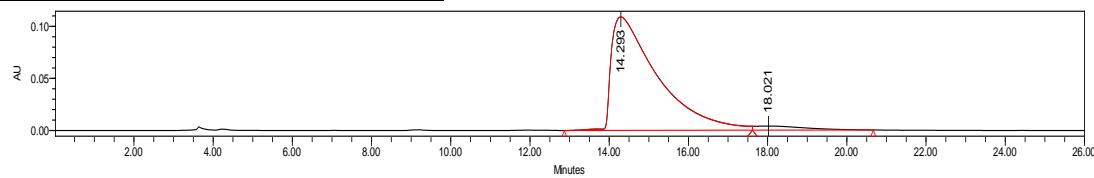
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 16.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.44 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.40, 149.24, 138.93, 136.64, 132.24, 130.48, 128.73, 126.78, 125.99, 124.46, 122.33, 119.40, 118.49, 115.08, 113.54, 110.97, 84.91, 54.75, 50.39, 28.47, 28.18, 23.48, 21.16, 18.27;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, *m/z*: 453.2154, observed: 453.2152.

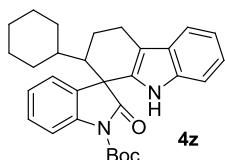
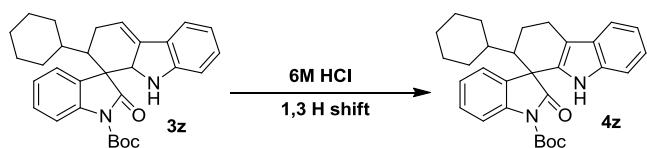


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	13.756	626292	4.99
	14.983	5369675	42.75
	17.409	5943417	47.32



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	14.293	8865164	96.20
	18.021	350114	3.80

**tert-butyl 2-cyclohexyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3z)**



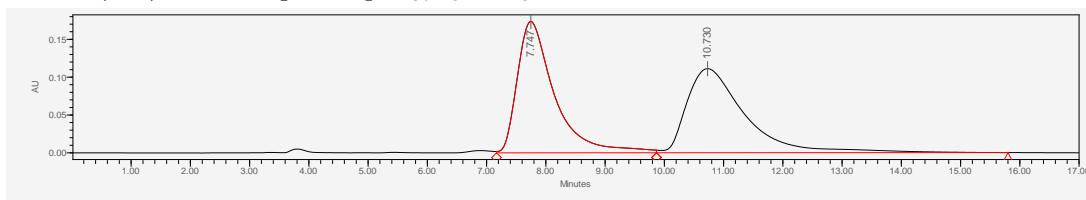
tert-butyl 2-cyclohexyl-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (4z**)**

General procedure E; White solid; 80% yield, 90.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 130$ (c 0.11, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 7.28 min, t (minor) = 10.61 min];

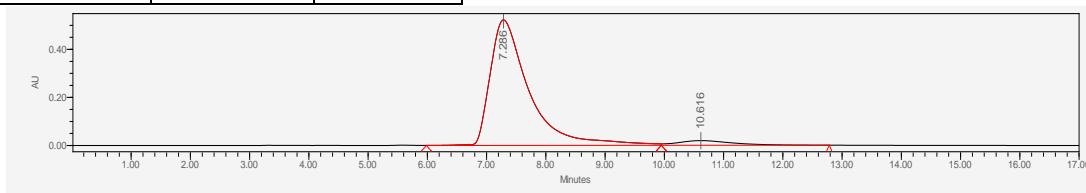
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.08 (m, 5H), 3.06 (dd, $J = 16.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.50 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 – 0.67 (m, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.47, 149.21, 138.90, 136.62, 132.13, 130.66, 128.71, 126.80, 125.88, 124.44, 122.31, 119.38, 118.47, 115.01, 113.53, 110.96, 84.84, 54.72, 50.63, 39.02, 33.45, 28.96, 28.18, 26.97, 26.56, 26.30, 21.90, 21.27;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 493.2467, observed: 493.2466.

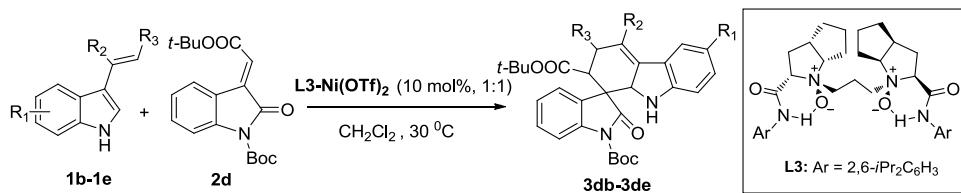


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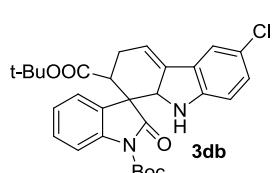
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	7.286	23691502	95.04
	10.616	1236031	4.96

5. General procedure for the Diels-Alder reaction with different 3-vinylindoles (1b-1e)



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), Ni(OTf)₂ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), the methyleneindolinone (**2d**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl₂ (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindoles (**1b-1e**) (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl₂ (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for a few minutes until the yellow color of the solution disappeared. The reaction mixture was further detected by TLC. After completion, flash column chromatography was carried out to provide the desired product **3db-3de** with almost quantitative yield. The product was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

6. The analytical and spectral characterization data of the products (3db-3de)



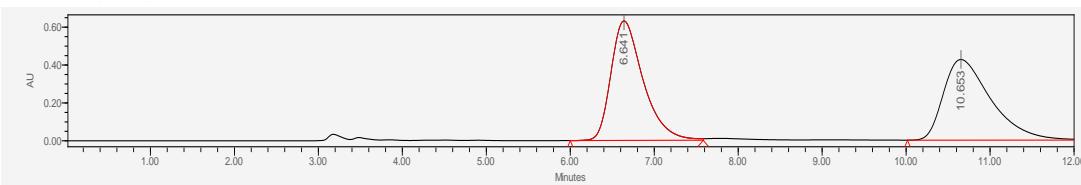
di-tert-butyl 6-chloro-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate(**3db**)

White solid; 95% yield, 96.0% ee, >99:1dr; [a]_D²⁸ = 370 (c 0.13, CH₂Cl₂); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 6.59 min, t (minor) = 10.79 min];

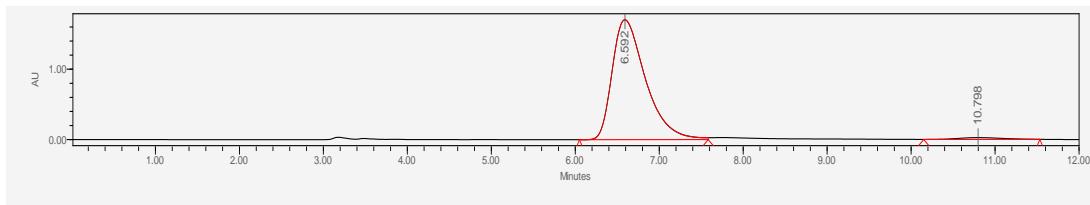
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.91, 169.92, 151.04, 149.24, 140.49, 136.23, 128.96, 128.34, 127.93, 126.33, 125.28, 124.46, 120.47, 114.99, 114.47, 111.94, 84.48, 82.08, 68.08, 52.07, 44.68, 28.16, 27.38, 26.29;

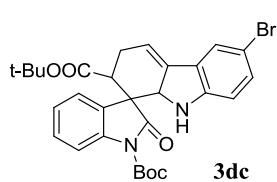
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₉H₃₁ClN₂O₅Na, m/z: 545.1819, observed: 545.1826.



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	6.641	16862995	50.05
	10.653	16831215	49.95



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	6.641	16862995	50.05
	10.653	16831215	49.95



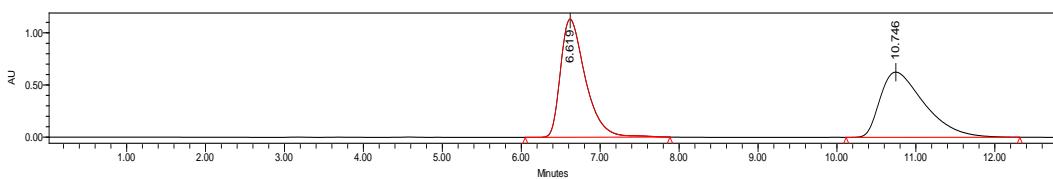
1'-tert-butyl 2-tert-butyl-6-bromo 2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate(**3dc**)

White solid; 95% yield, 96% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 350$ (c 1.14, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 6.64 min, t (minor) = 11.03 min];

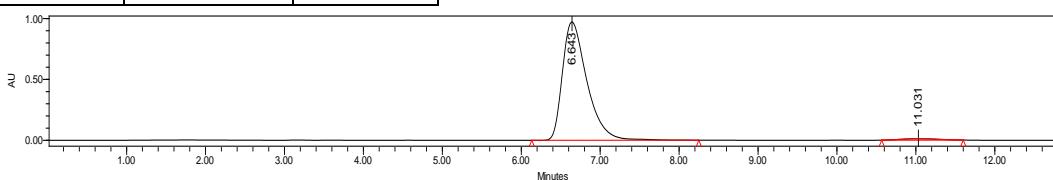
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 3.85 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.11 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.91, 169.91, 151.47, 149.23, 140.47, 136.06, 131.77, 128.40, 126.31, 125.29, 124.57, 123.38, 115.06, 114.47, 112.44, 111.44, 84.50, 82.09, 68.00, 52.04, 44.66, 28.16, 27.38, 26.29;

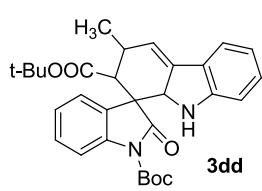
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 589.1314, observed: 589.1314.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	6.619	24853100	50.54
	10.746	24326225	49.46



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	6.643	20955579	98.29
	11.031	364757	1.71



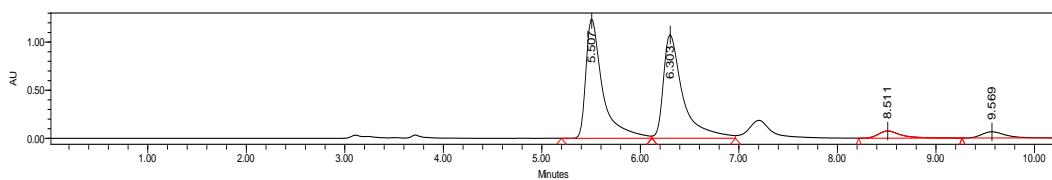
di-tert-butyl 3-methyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate(**3dd**)

White solid; 98% yield, 98.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 430$ (c 0.18, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IA, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (minor) = 5.51 min, t (major) = 6.22 min];

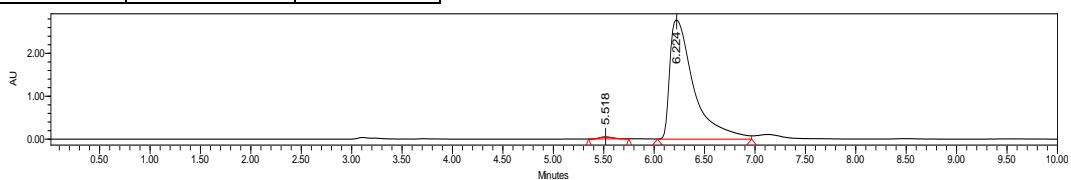
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.91 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.56, 169.58, 152.84, 149.23, 140.17, 135.75, 129.31, 128.31, 126.28, 125.75, 124.55, 120.50, 119.52, 114.43, 111.17, 84.40, 81.76, 66.87, 54.46, 53.16, 32.14, 28.16, 27.38, 21.46;

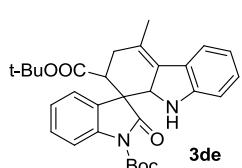
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 525.2365, observed: 525.2371.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	5.507	14678894	46.18
	6.303	14802597	46.57
	8.511	1199175	3.77
	9.569	1107294	3.48



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	5.518	415308	0.89
	6.224	46040887	99.11



di-tert-butyl 4-methyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro [carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate(**3de**)

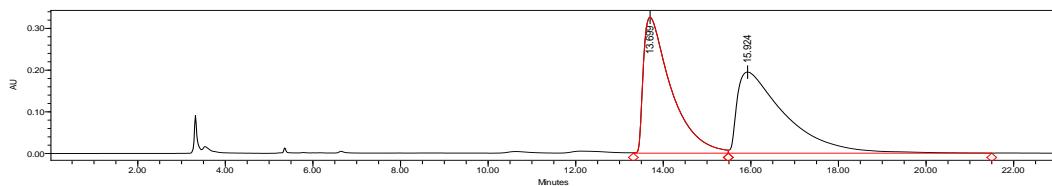
White solid; 96% yield, 98.0% ee, >99:1dr; $[\alpha]_D^{27} = 290$ (c 0.07, CH_2Cl_2); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IB, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.07 min, t (minor) = 13.93 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.71 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d,

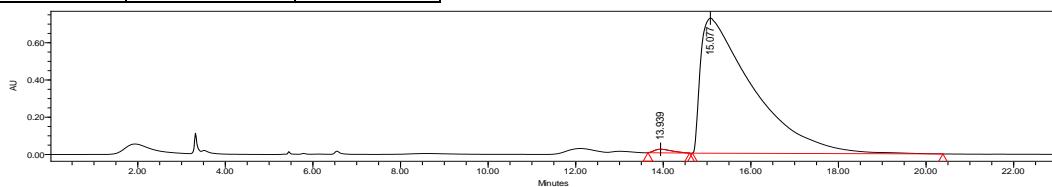
J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 3H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.20, 170.22, 153.11, 149.29, 140.46, 129.78, 128.24, 127.09, 126.73, 125.25, 124.44, 123.62, 119.12, 114.42, 110.61, 84.36, 81.93, 68.64, 52.61, 44.98, 33.11, 28.18, 27.39, 18.77;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, m/z: 525.2365, observed: 525.2369.

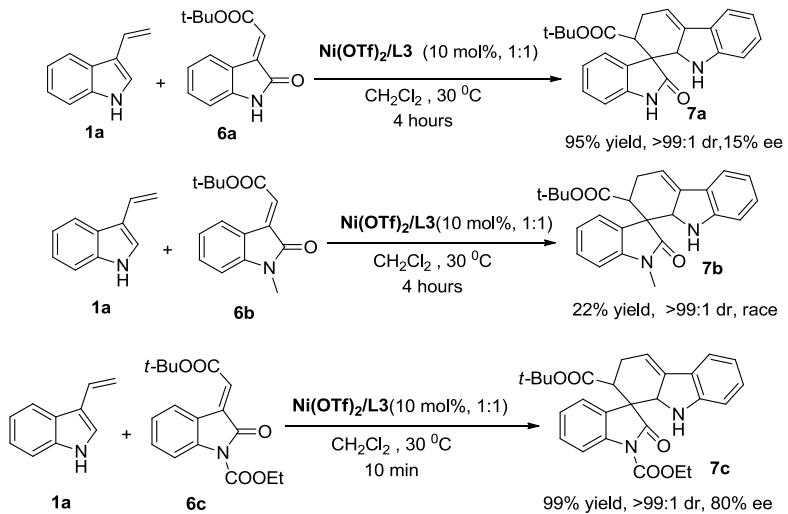


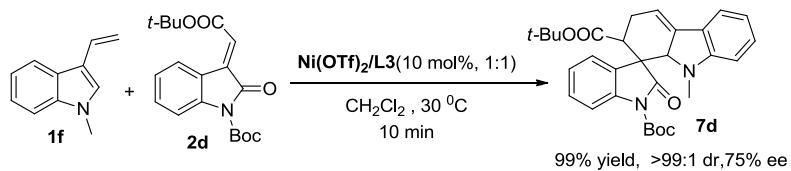
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	15.924	14666613	50.69



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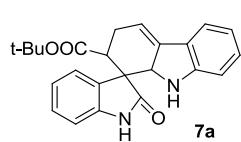
7. Control experiments





In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**6a-6c**, **2d**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl_2 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindole (**1a**,**1f**) (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 10 min, then the reaction mixture was detected by TLC. After completion, flash column chromatography was carried out to provide the desired product (**7a-7d**). The product was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

8. The analytical and spectral characterization data of the products (**7a-7d**)



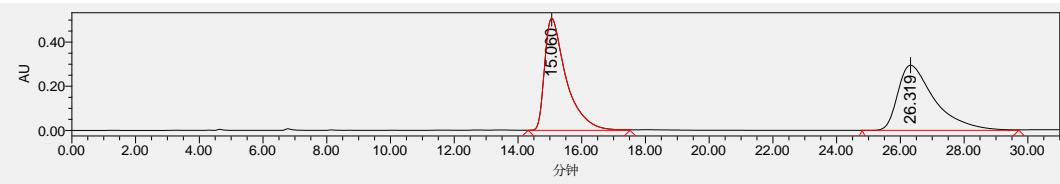
tert-butyl 2'-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate (**7a**)

White solid; 95% yield, 15.0% ee, >99:1dr; Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 26.71 min, t (minor) = 15.28 min];

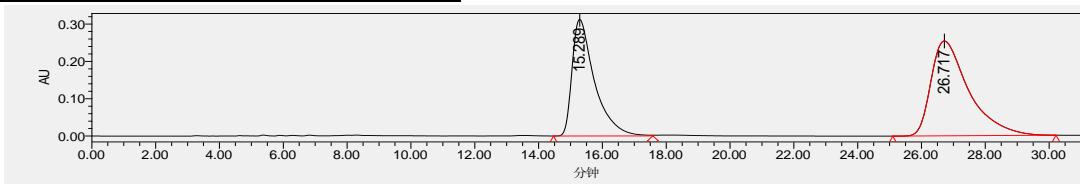
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.62 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.30 (dd, $J = 16.4, 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.02 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 3.44 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 1.11 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.10, 170.42, 152.70, 141.40, 137.46, 129.21, 127.99, 126.48, 126.12, 122.60, 120.35, 119.28, 113.34, 111.12, 109.33, 81.65, 66.93, 52.30, 44.48, 27.54, 26.51;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 411.1685, observed: 411.1680.



Retention Time	Area	% Area
15.060	23787091	50.11
26.319	23682534	49.89



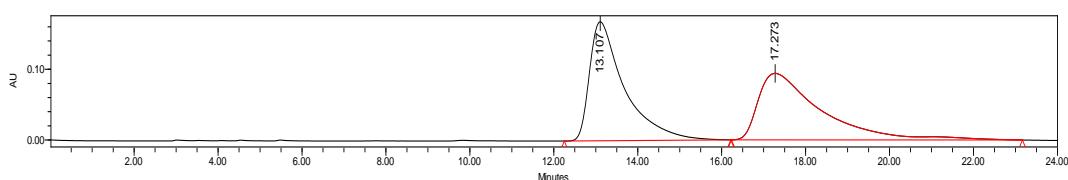
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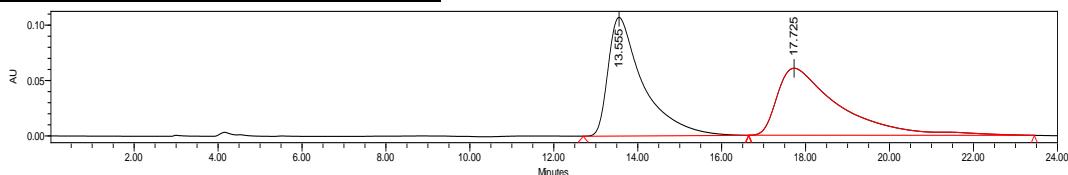
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tert-butyl 1'-methyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate (**7b**)
White solid; 22.1% yield, race, >99:1dr; Determined by HPLC analysis
[Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ =
254 nm, t_1 = 13.55 min, t_2 = 17.72 min];

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.29 – 6.25 (m, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.89 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.98 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H);
 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.04, 172.06, 152.33, 144.62, 138.47, 131.60, 128.94, 128.57, 126.60, 123.81, 122.42, 120.96, 119.34, 113.14, 110.85, 107.64, 80.79, 65.30, 53.19, 46.25, 27.54, 26.42;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$, m/z: 425.1841, observed: 425.1835.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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	17.273	9733026	50.06



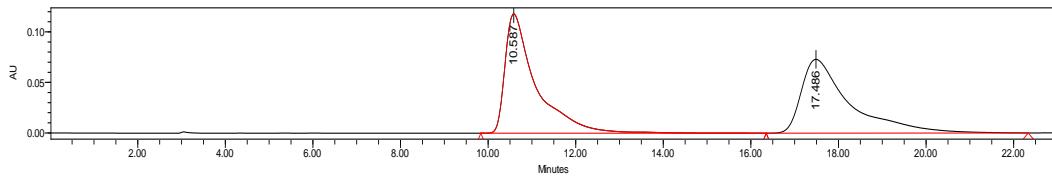
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	17.725	6168685	50.00

*C12CC3=C(C=C2C(=O)N3Cc4ccccc4)C(=O)OC(=O)C **7c**
2-tert-butyl 1'-ethyl 2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro
[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**7c**)
White solid; 99% yield, 80%ee, >99:1dr; Determined by HPLC
analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min,
 λ = 254 nm, t (minor) = 17.55 min, t (major) = 10.42 min];

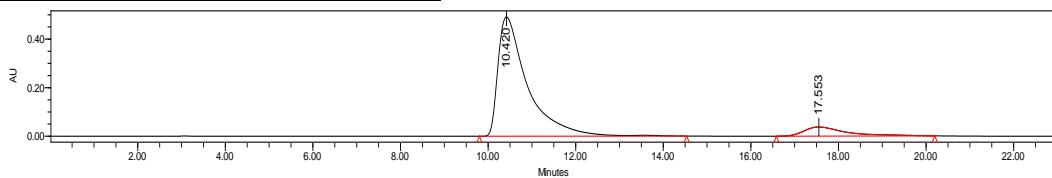
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.41 (m, 2H), 3.94 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.04, 169.02, 151.69, 149.95, 139.18, 136.17, 128.28, 127.27, 125.60, 125.27, 124.43, 123.75, 119.40, 118.40, 113.50, 112.38, 110.12, 80.99, 66.84, 62.36, 51.19, 43.95, 26.35, 25.28, 13.30;

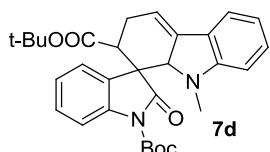
HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₇H₂₈N₂O₅Na, m/z: 483.1896, observed: 483.1897.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
	10.587	5808801	50.88
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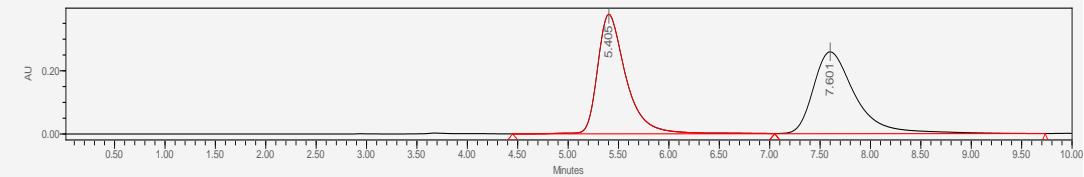


di-tert-butyl 9-methyl-2'-oxo-2,3,9a-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (**7d**)

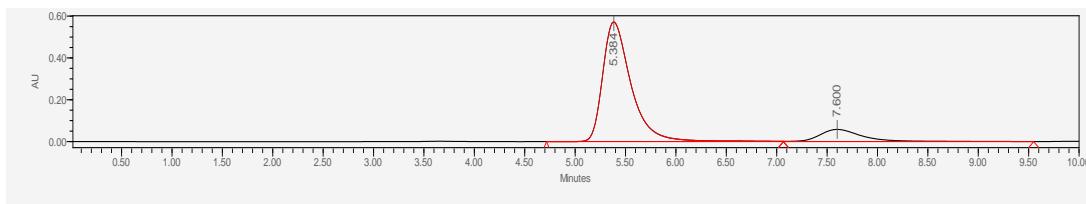
White solid; 90% yield, 75% ee, >99:1dr; Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 93/7, 1.0

mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 5.38 min, t (minor) = 7.60 min];

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 9H).

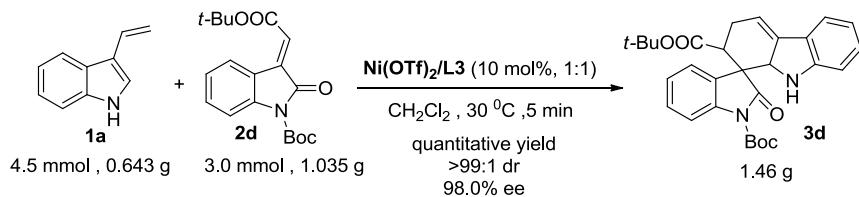


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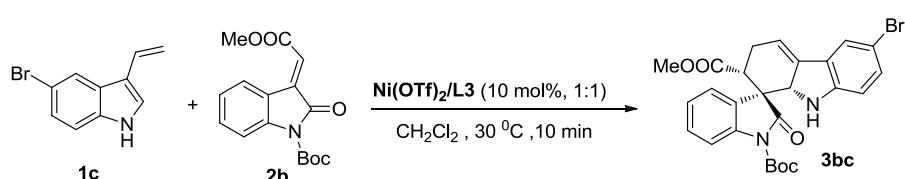
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	7.600	1723541	13.34

9. Gram scale experiment



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.3 mmol, 211.5 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.3 mmol, 107.05 mg), and the methyleneindolinone (**2d**) (3.0 mmol, 1.035 g) in CHCl_2 (30.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindole **1a** (4.5 mmol, 0.643 g, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl_2 (6.0 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 5 minutes until the yellow color of the solution disappeared. The reaction mixture was further detected by TLC. After completion, flash column chromatography was carried out to provide the desired product (**3d**) with quantitative yield. The product was directed for HPLC analysis. (99% yield, >99:1 dr, 98% ee)

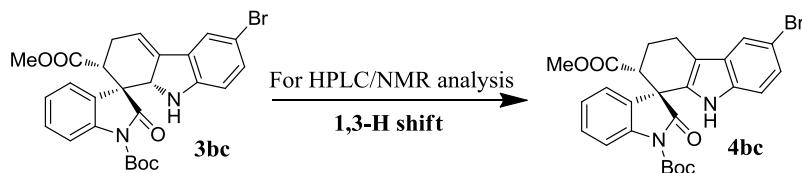
10. Determination of the absolute configuration of **3bc** by the x-ray crystal structure



In a test tube with a magnetic stirring bar, *N,N'*-dioxide **L3** (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg), and the methyleneindolinones (**2b**) (0.1 mmol) in CHCl_2 (1.0 mL) were stirred at 30 °C for 30 min, then 3-vinylindole **1c** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolved in CHCl_2 (0.2 mL) was added in one-portion. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for a few

minutes (<10 min) until the yellow color of the solution disappeared. The reaction mixture was further detected by TLC.

After completion, the reaction mixture was treated with 6 M HCl (0.2 mL) at 0 °C. After stirred for 30 minutes, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with DCM, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash column chromatography provided the desired product (**4bc**) which was directed for HPLC and NMR analysis.

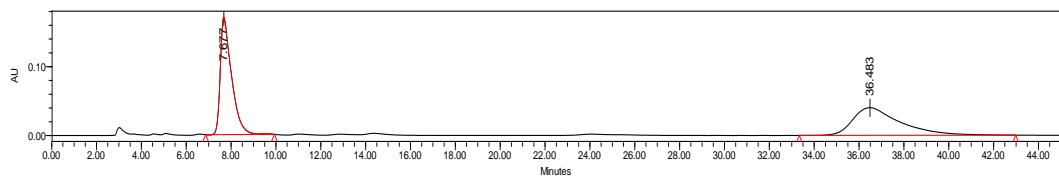


(1R, 2R)-1'-tert-butyl 2-methyl 6-bromo-2'-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydrospiro[carbazole-1,3'-indoline]-1',2-dicarboxylate (4bc**)**

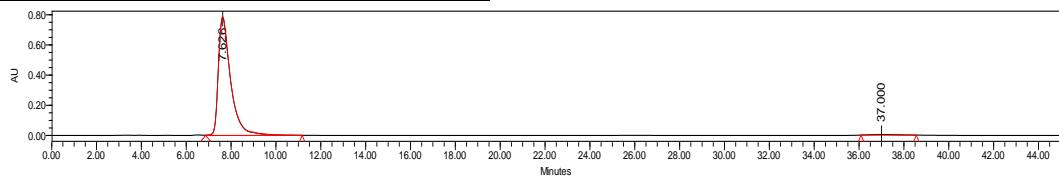
White solid; 99% yield, 98% ee, >99:1dr; [a]_D²³ = +70.65(c = 0.092 in CH₂Cl₂); Determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (minor) = 37.00 min, t (major) = 7.62 min];

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H);

HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₆H₂₅BrN₂O₅Na, m/z: 547.0845, observed: 547.0840.

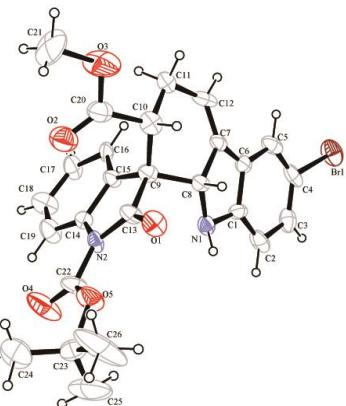


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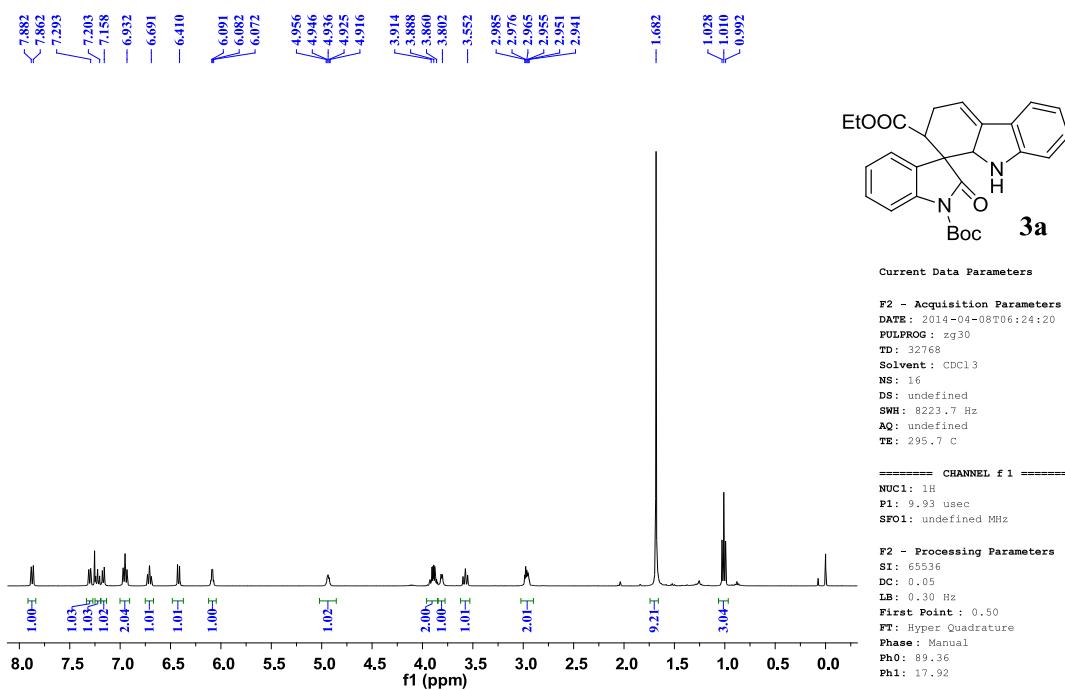


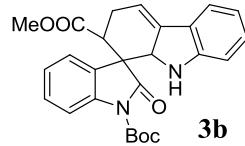
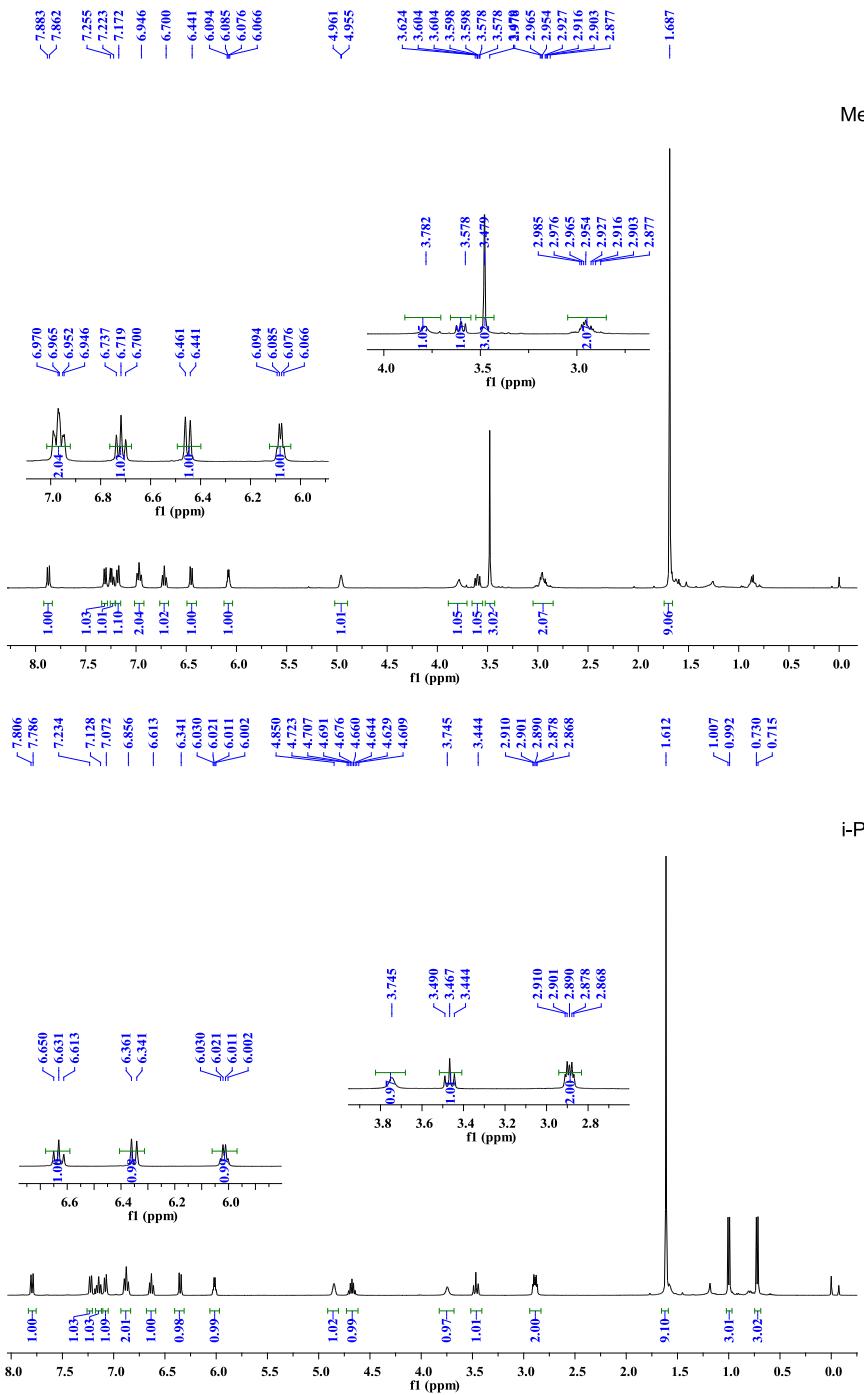
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X-ray crystal structure of product 3bc:



11.NMR spectra





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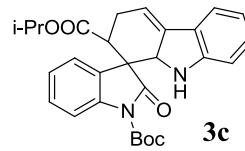
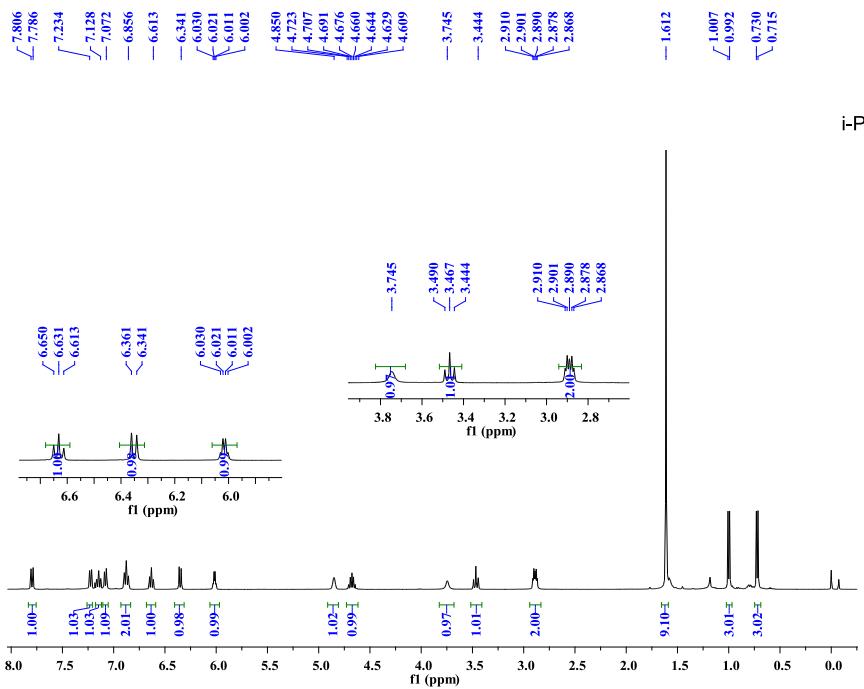
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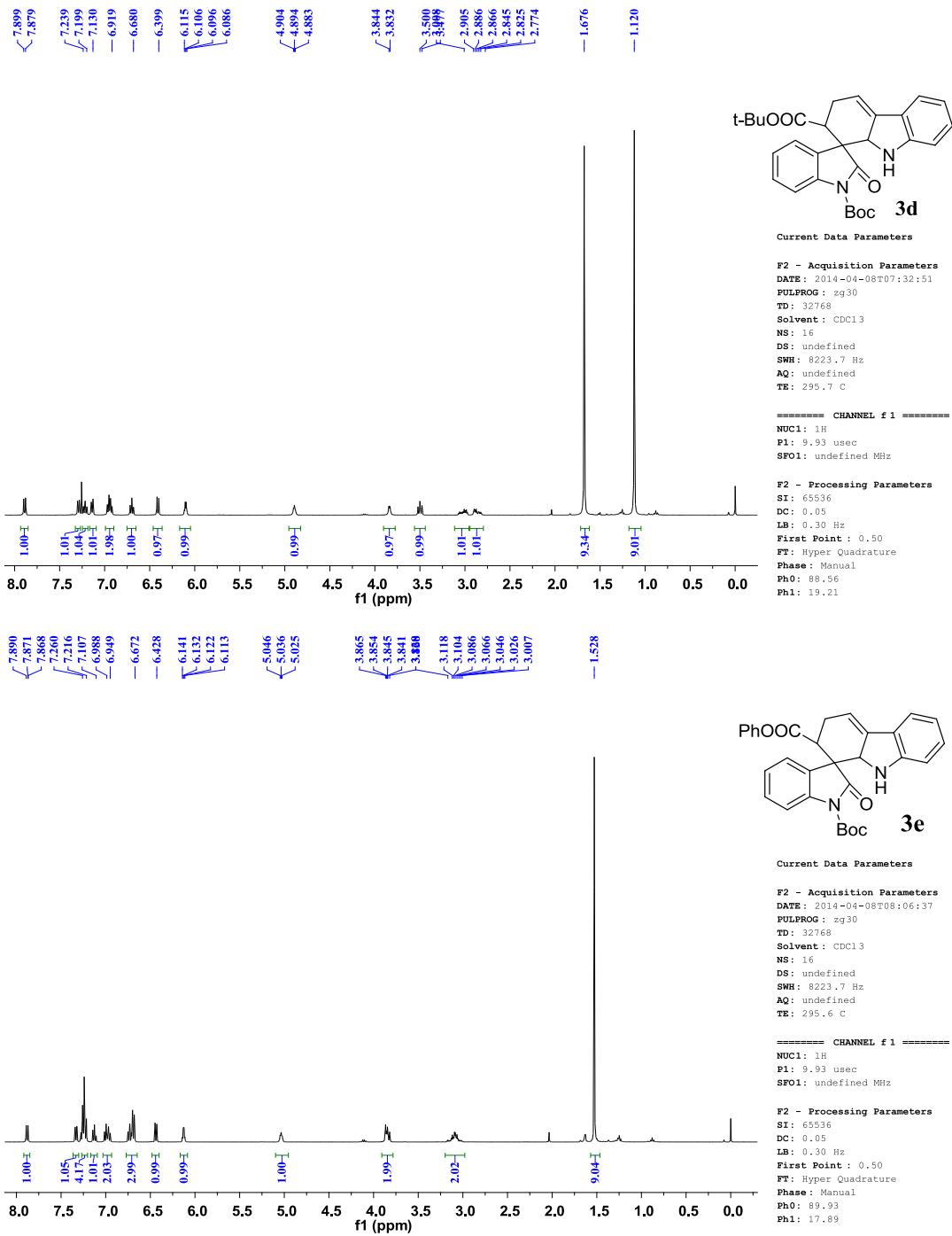
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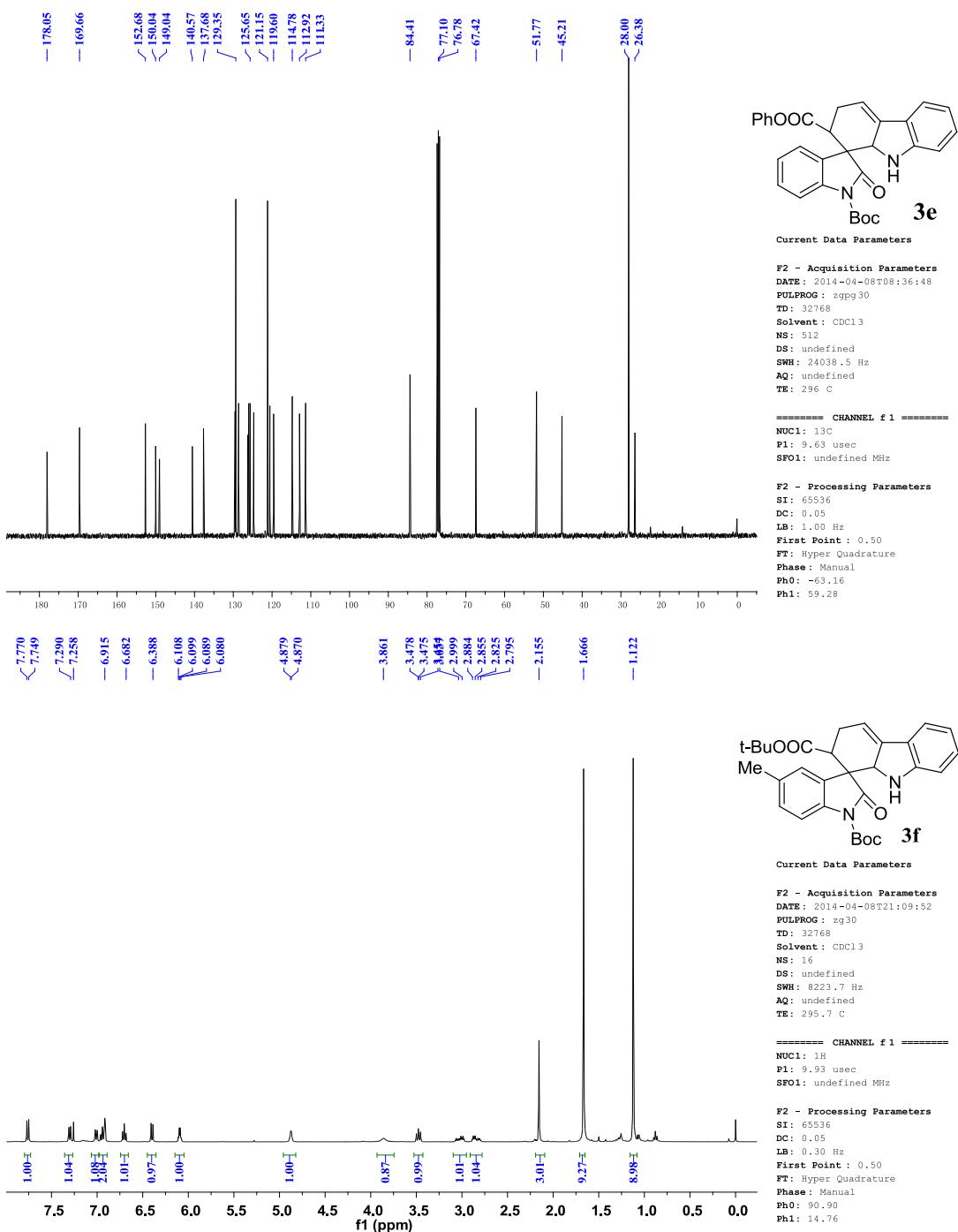
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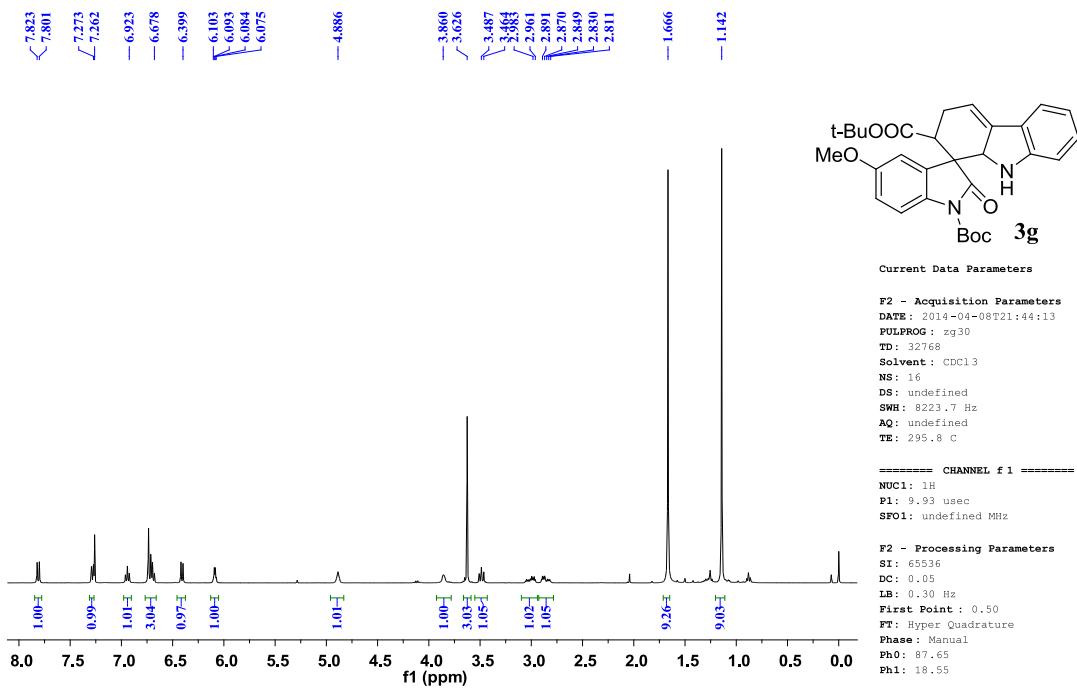
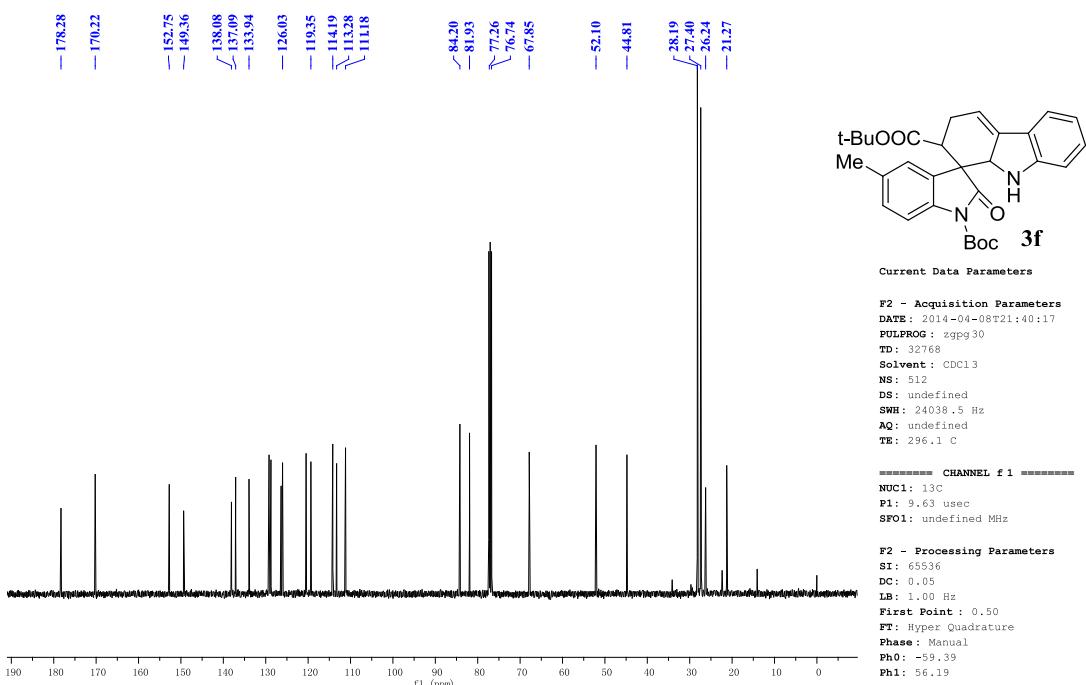
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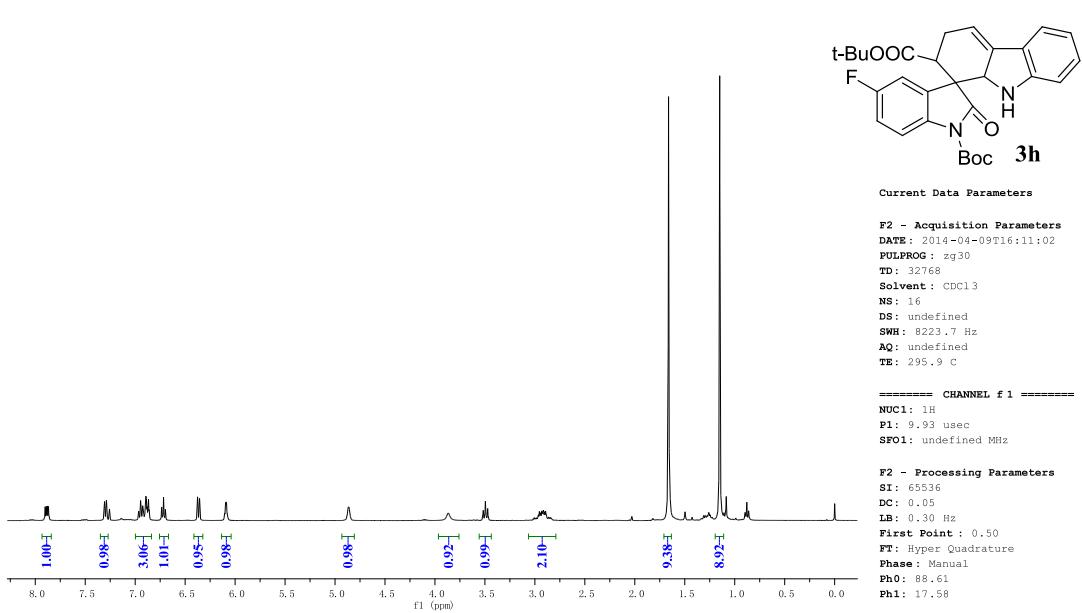
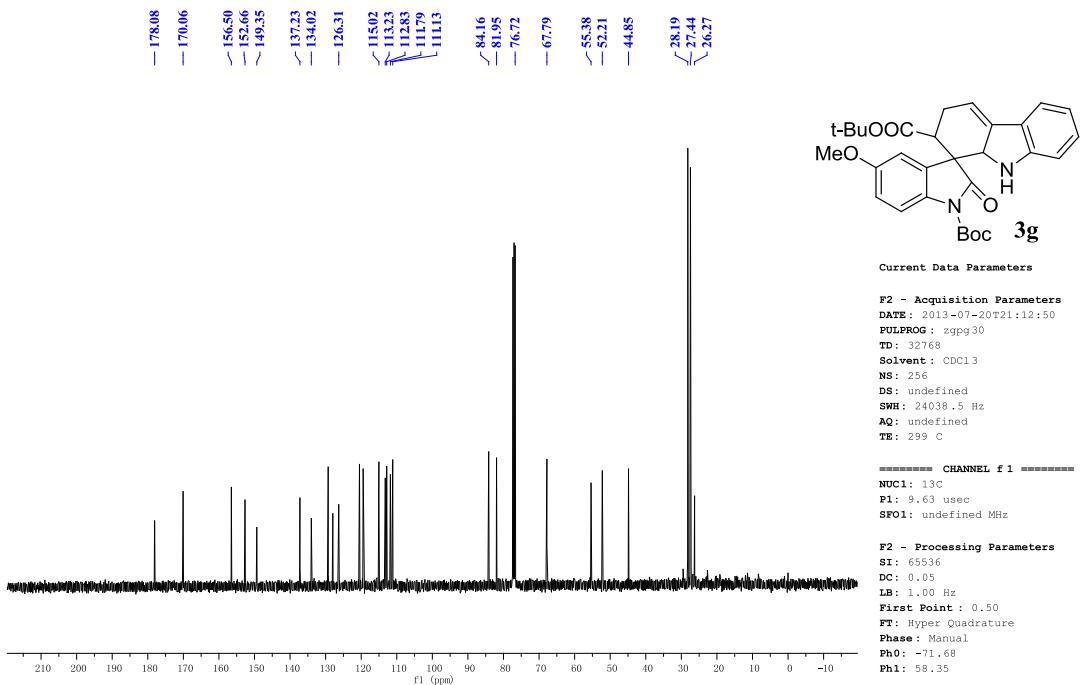
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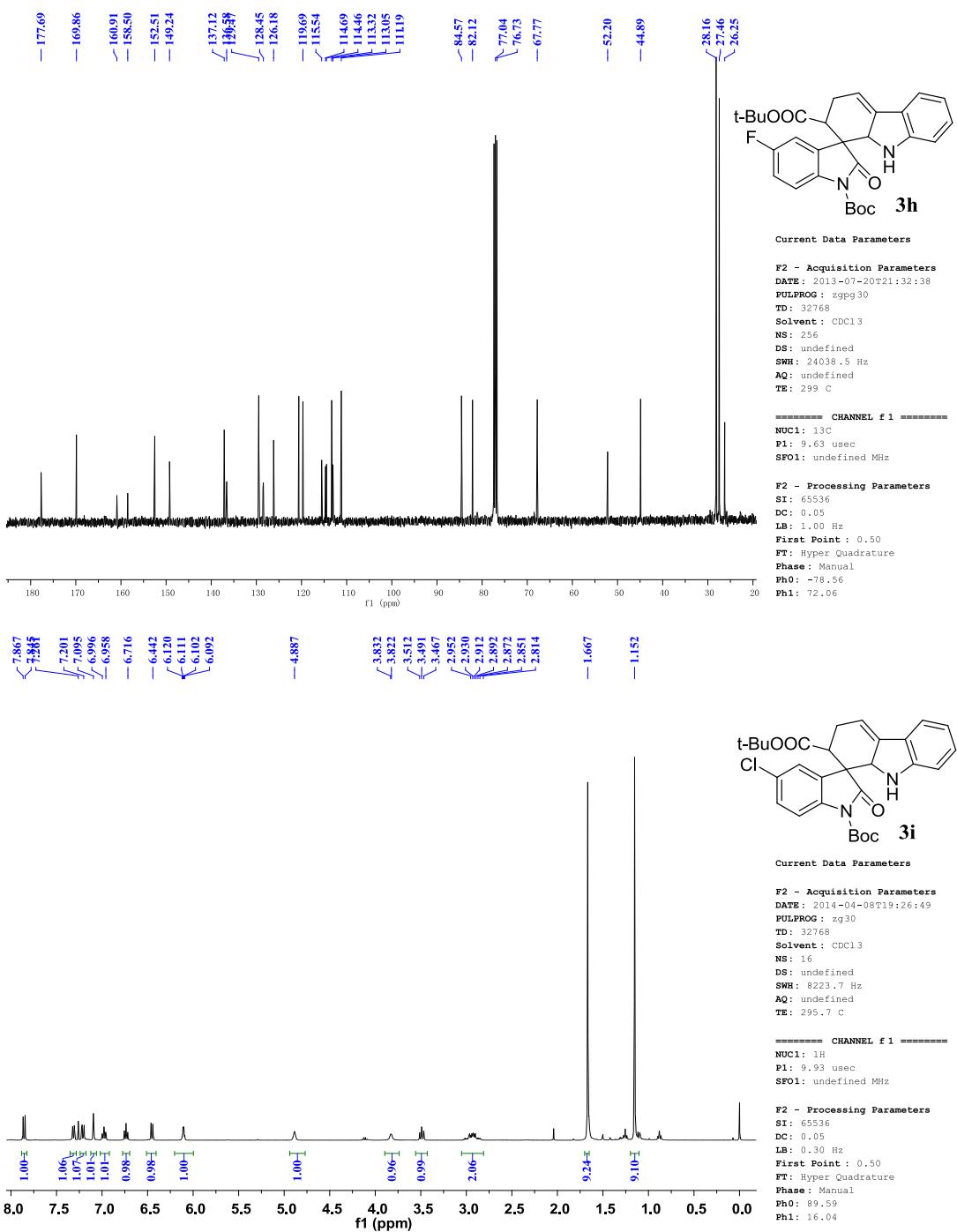
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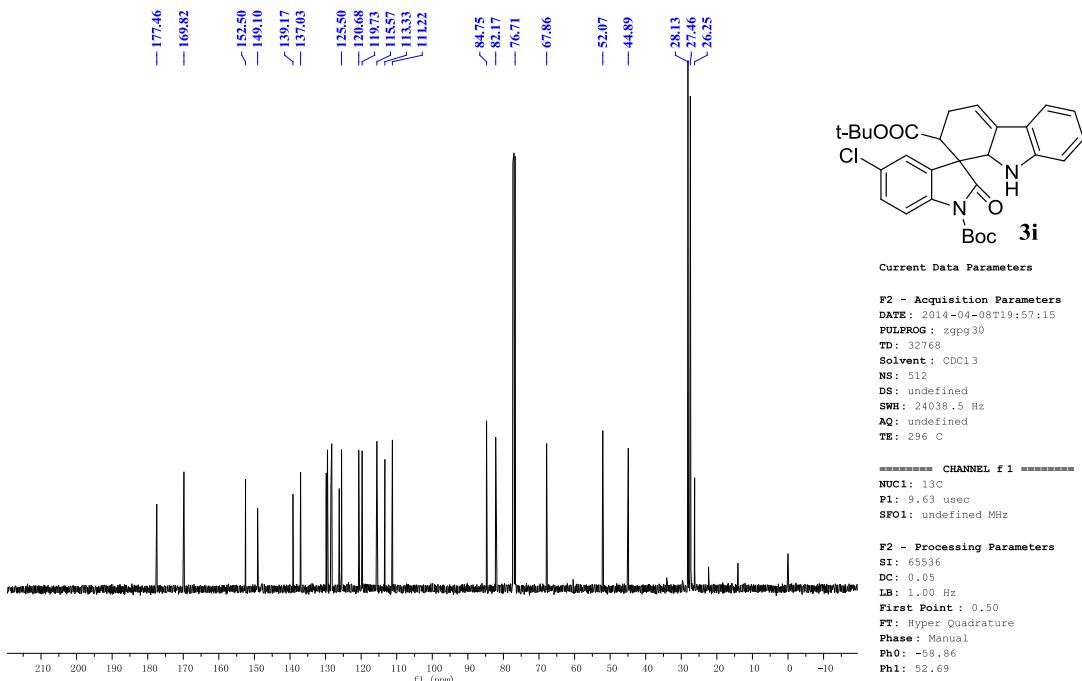


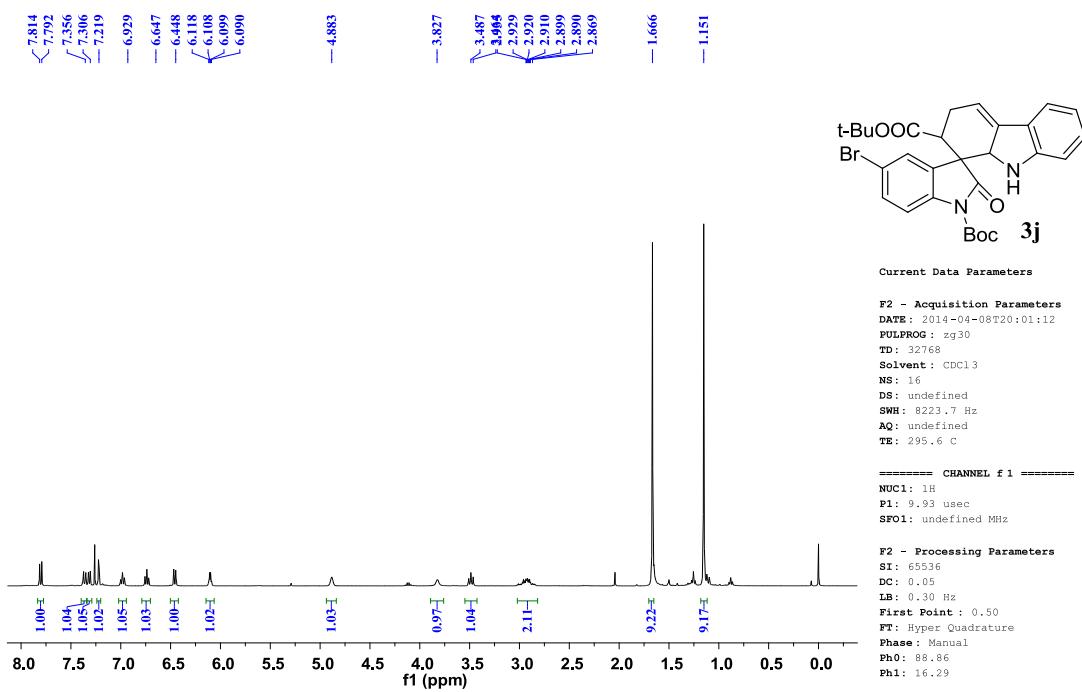
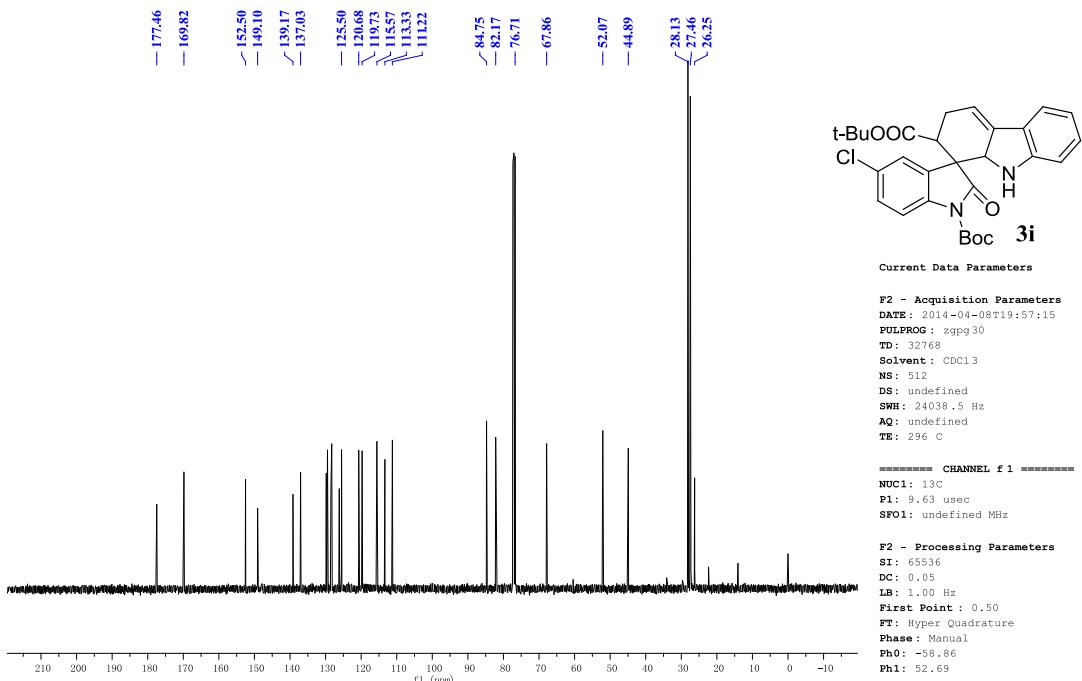


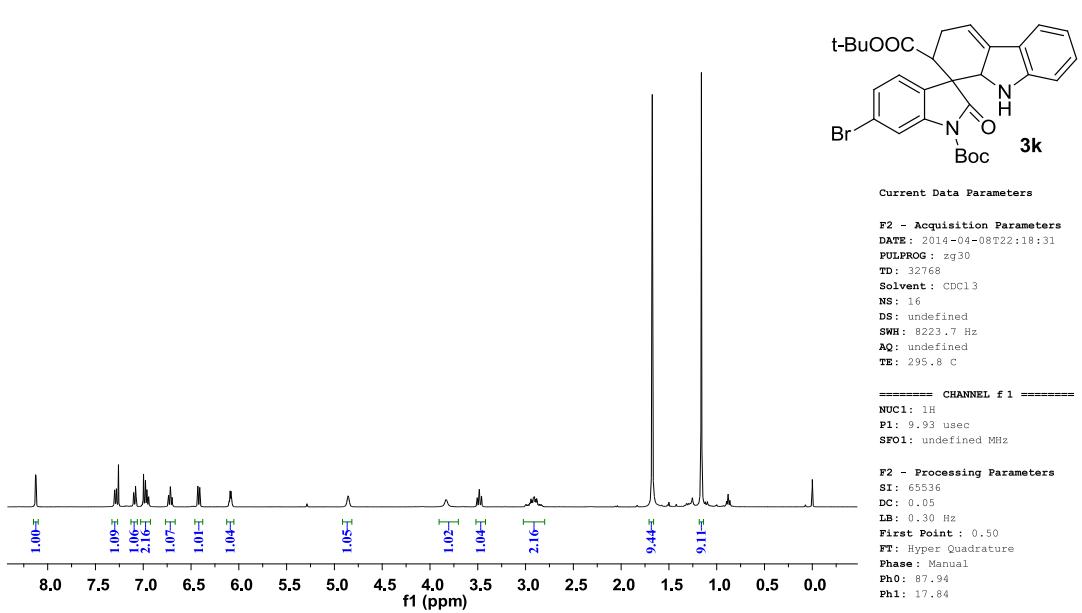
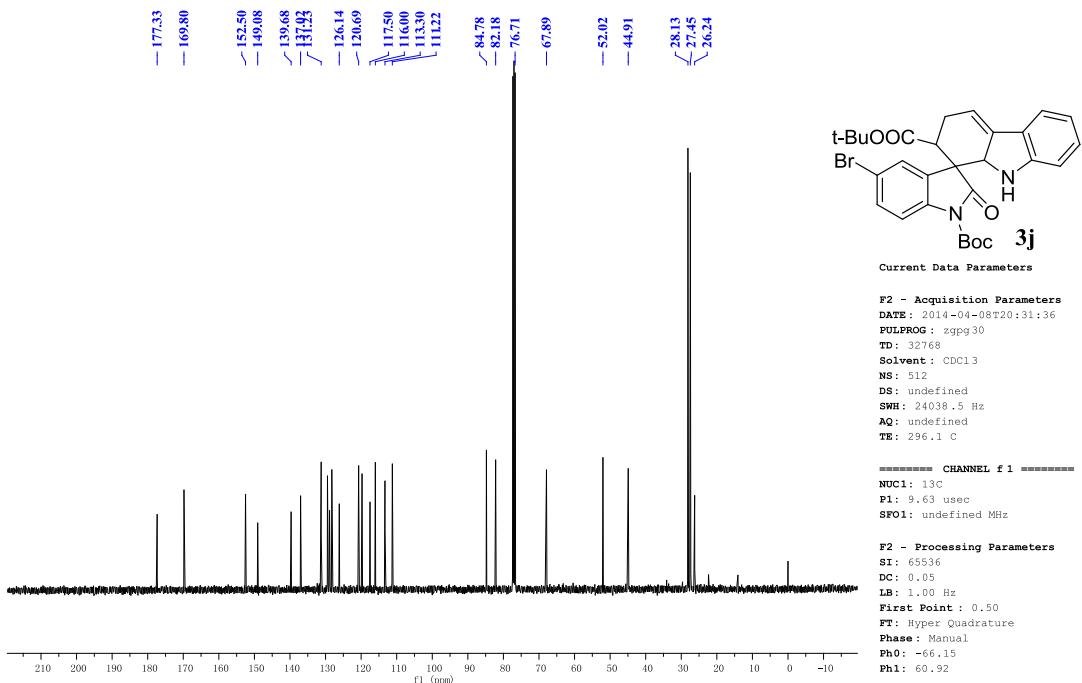


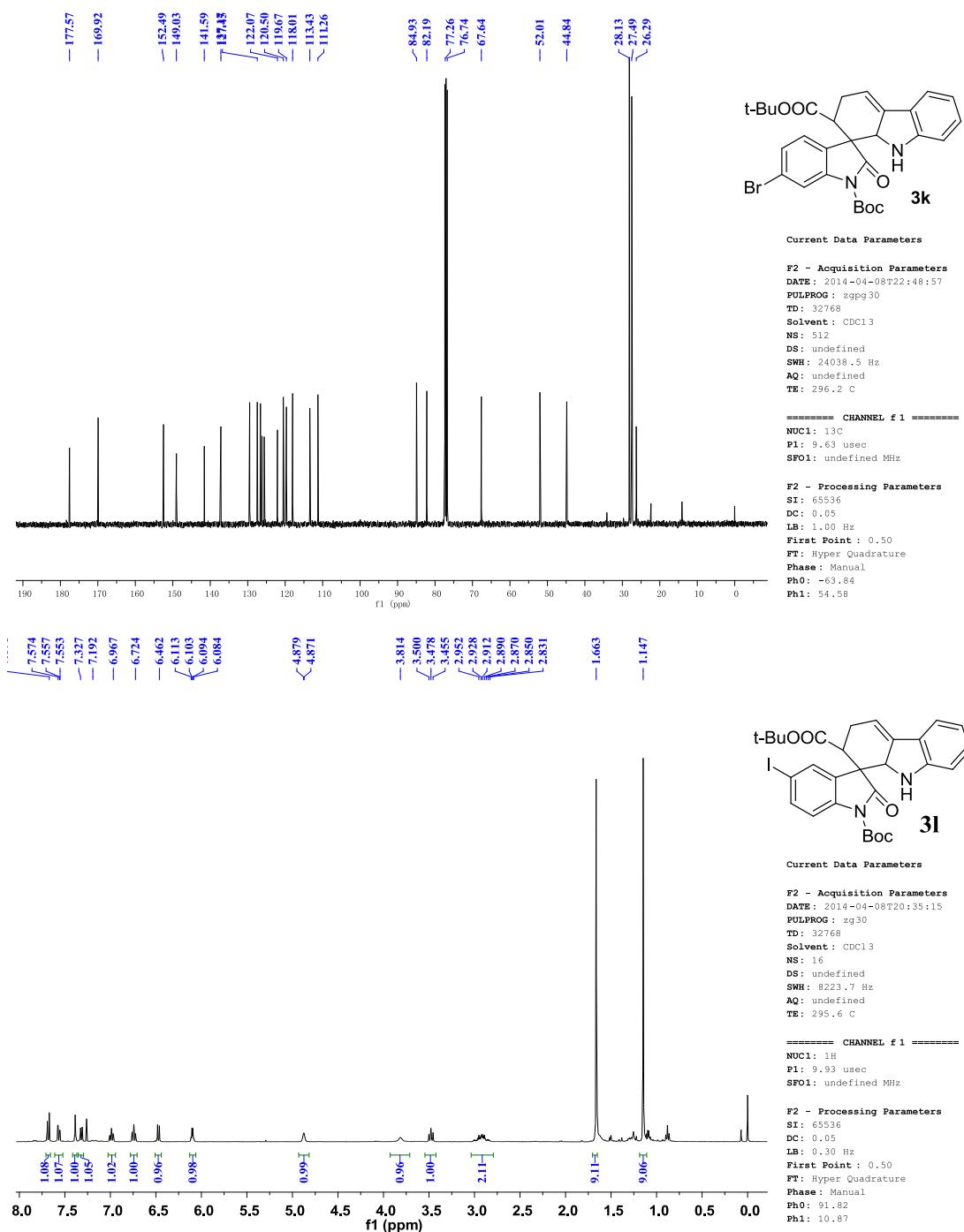


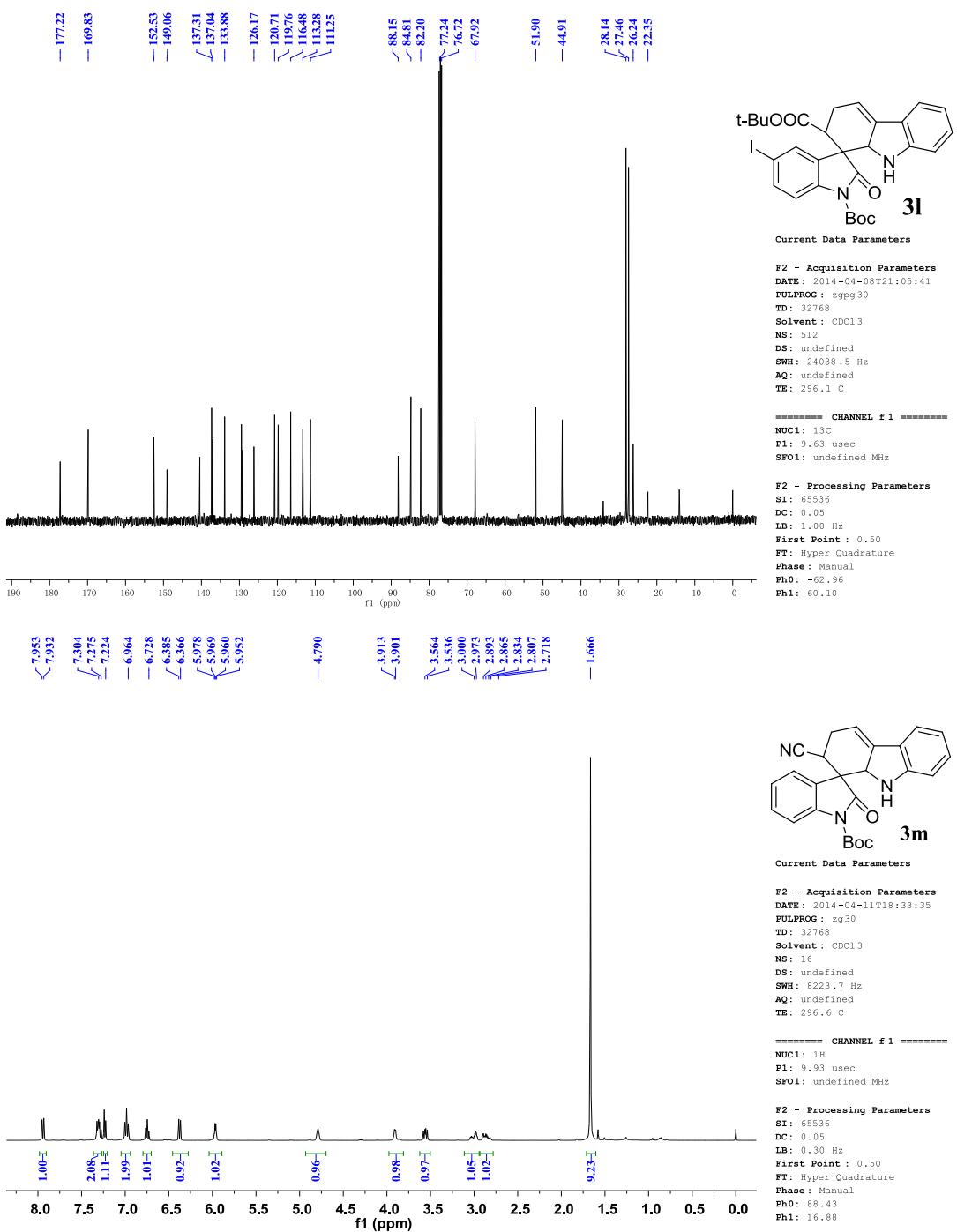


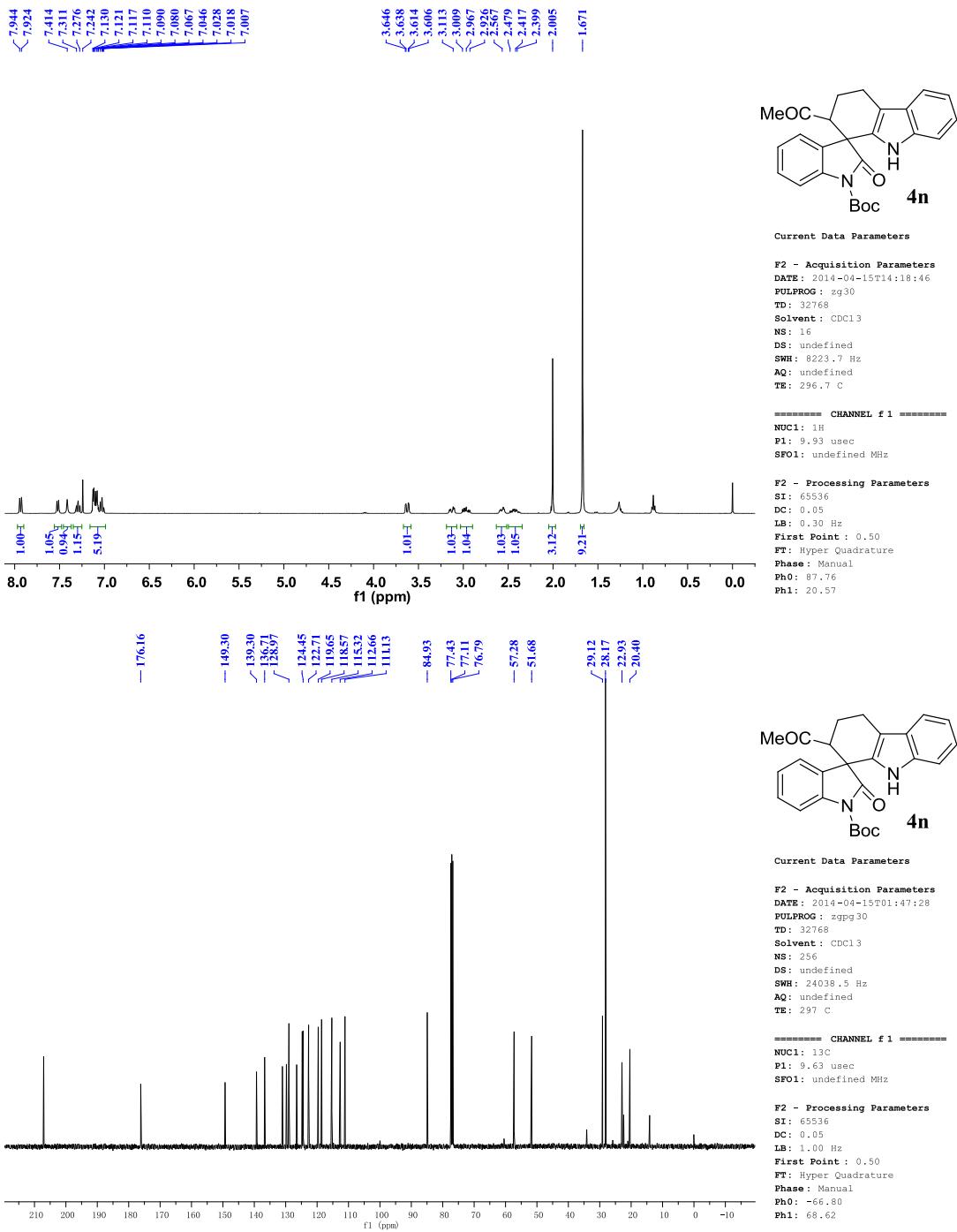


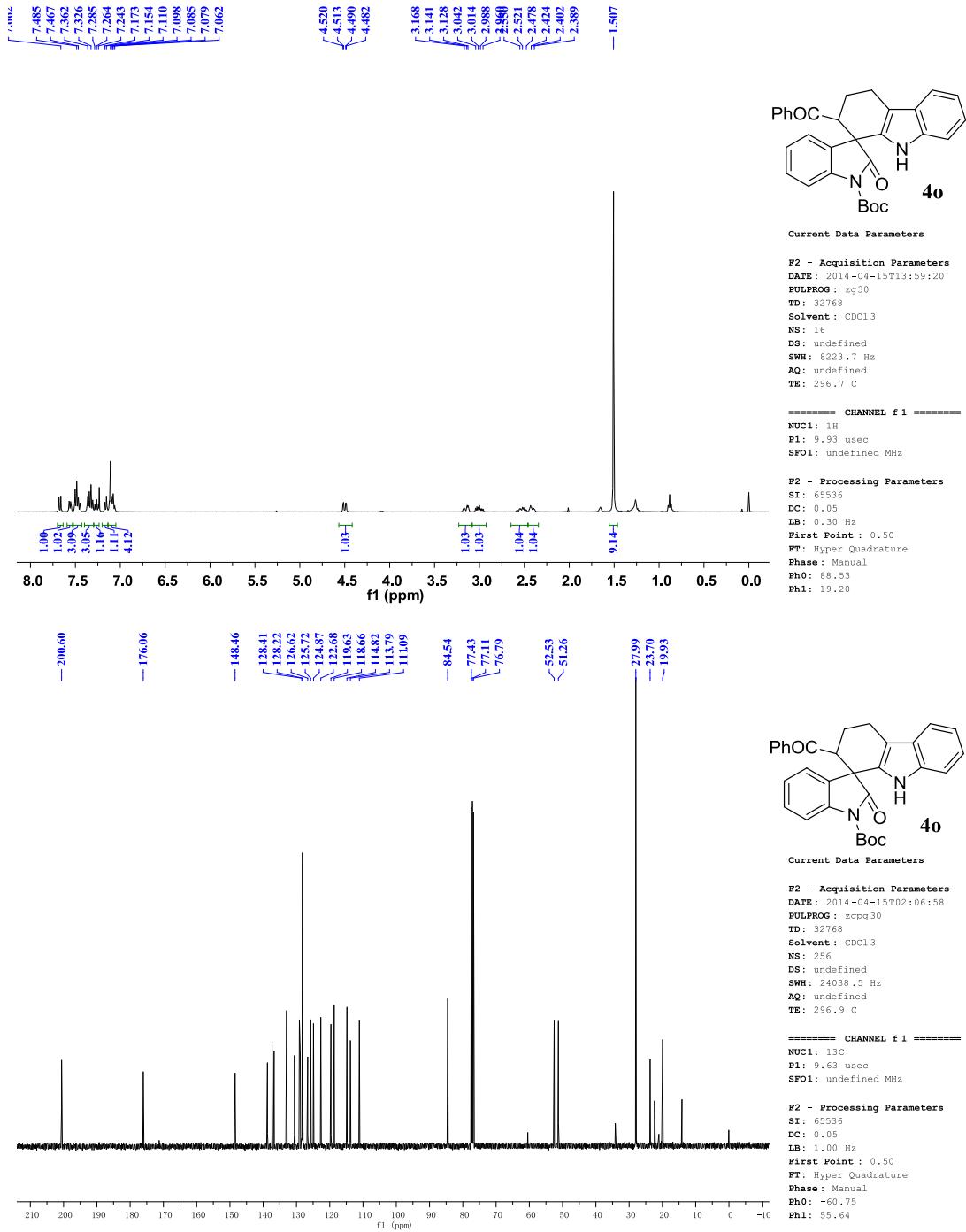


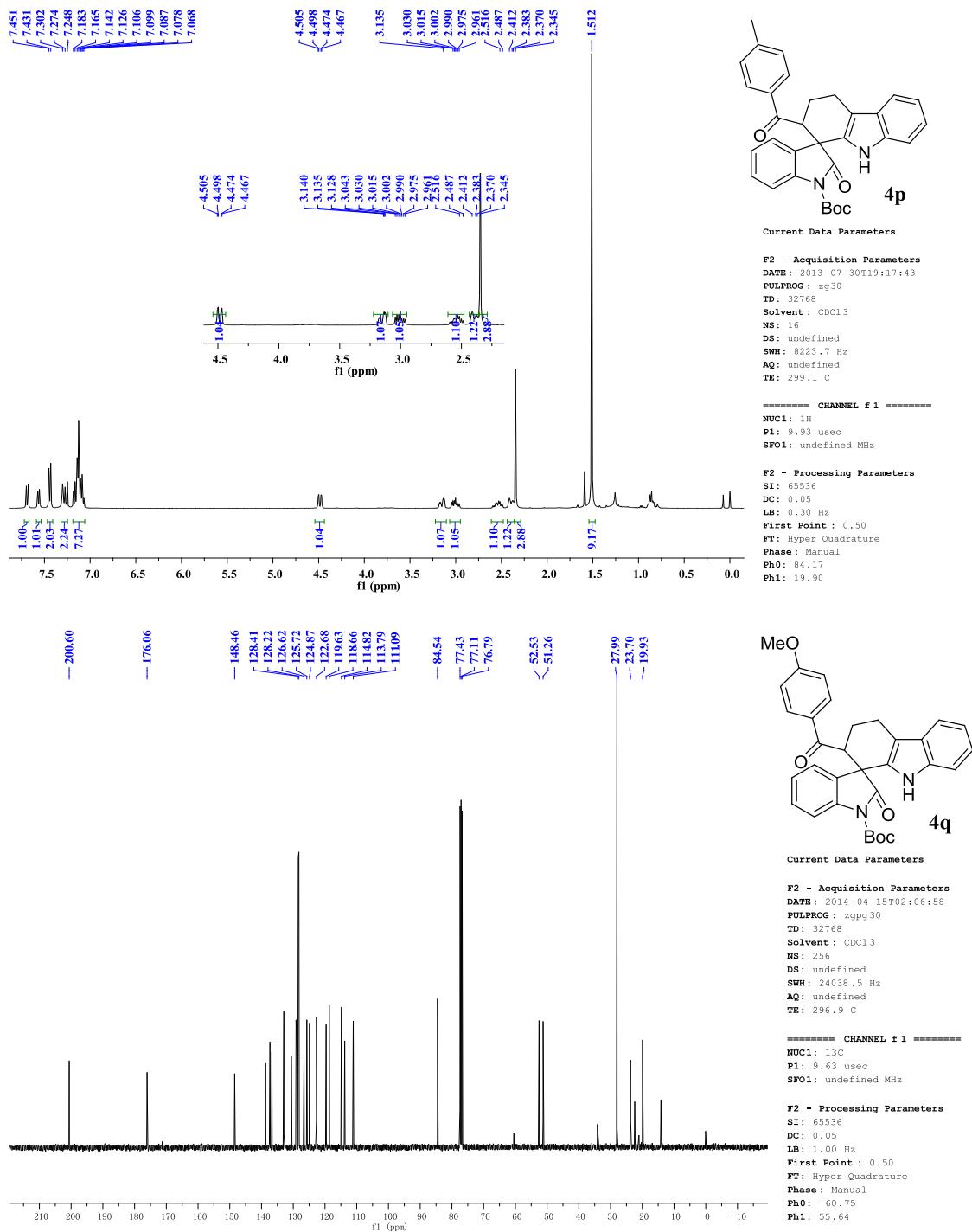


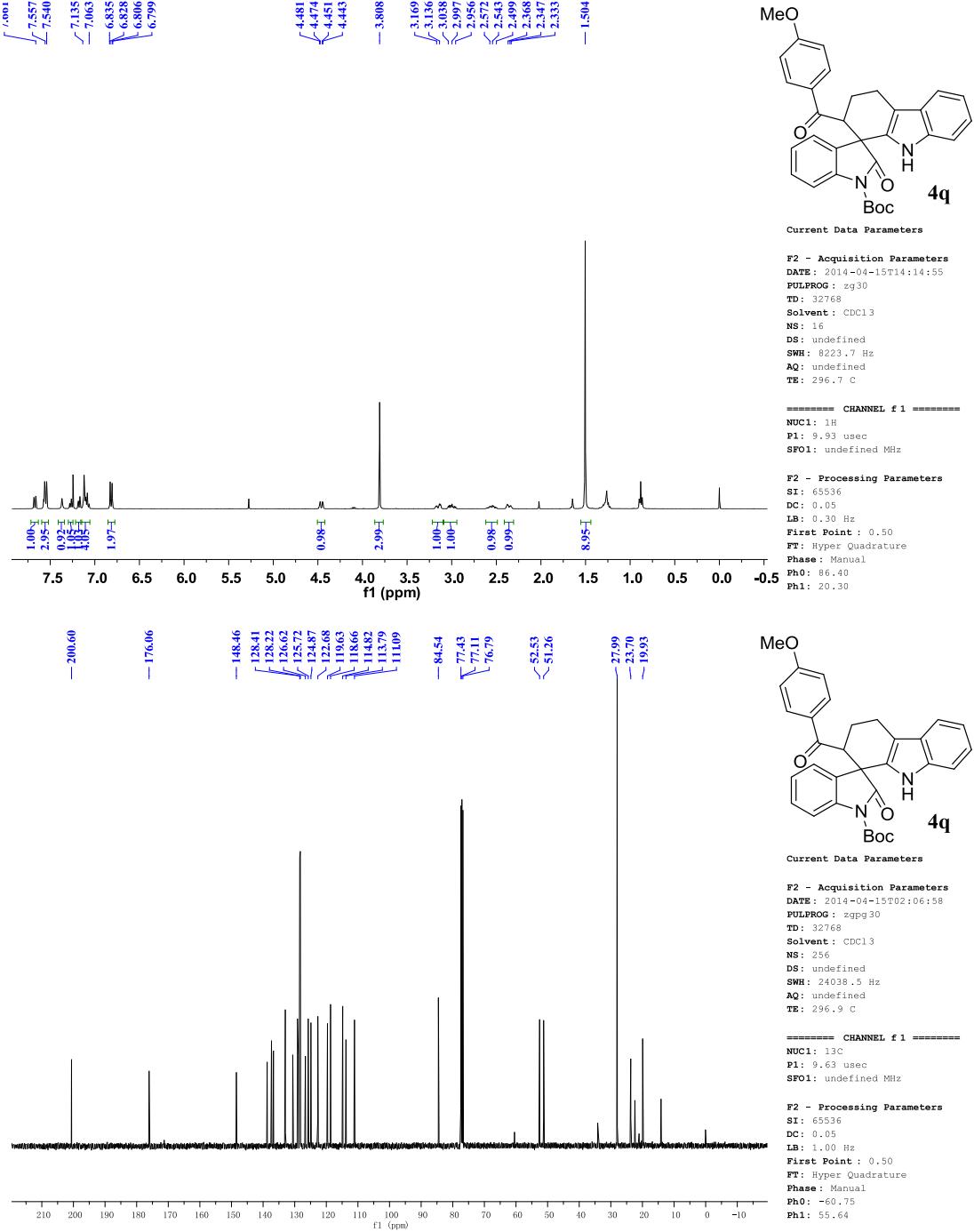


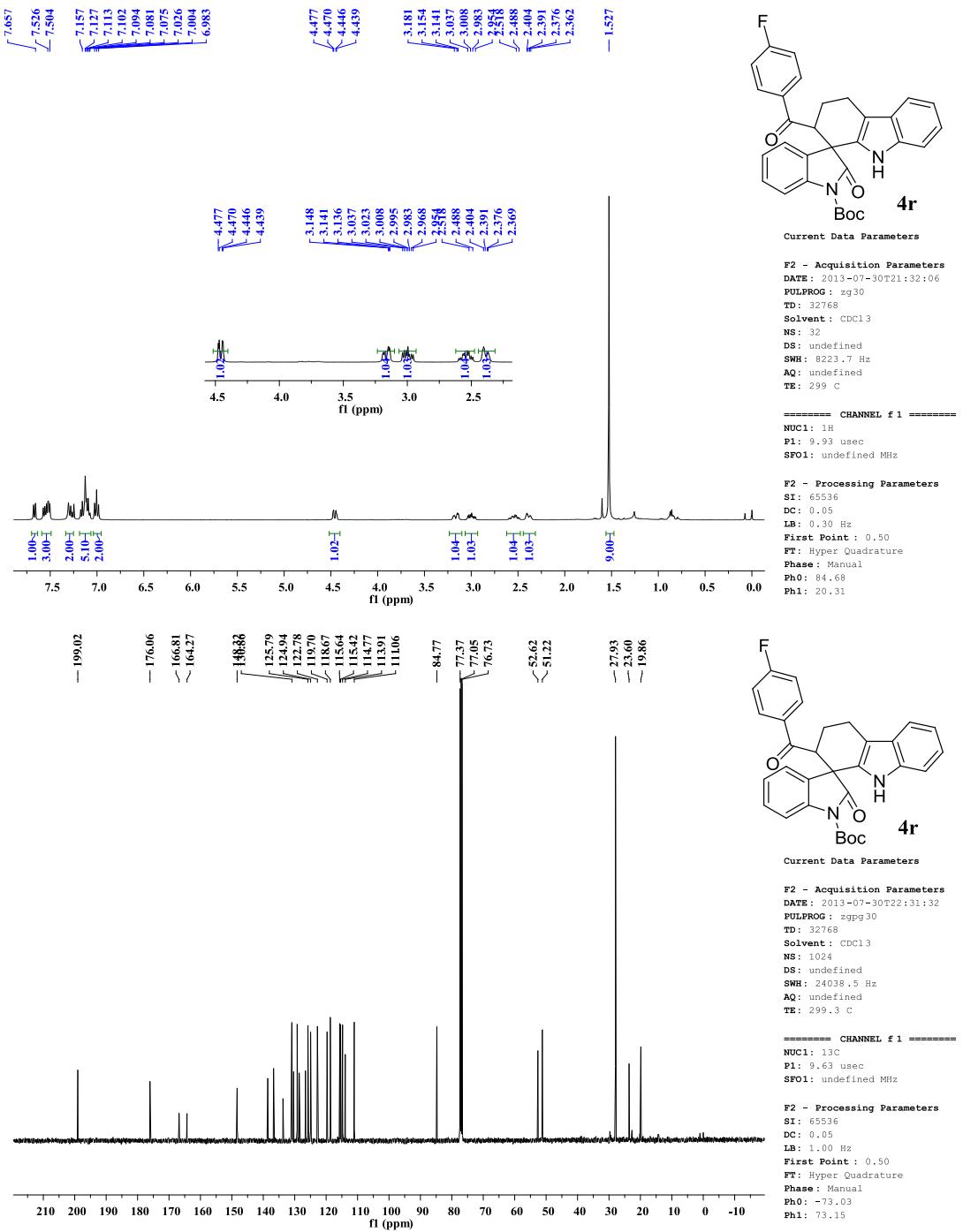


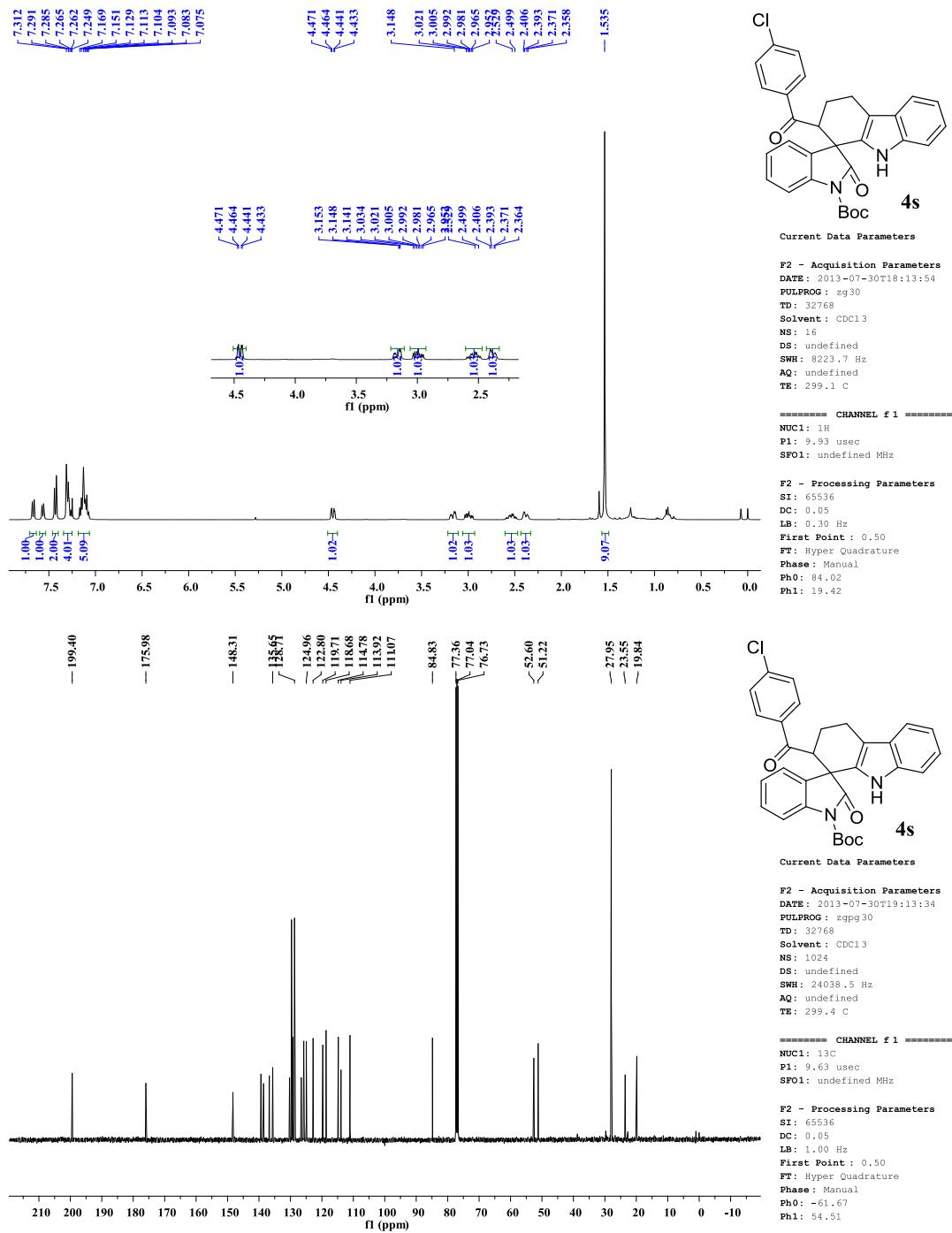


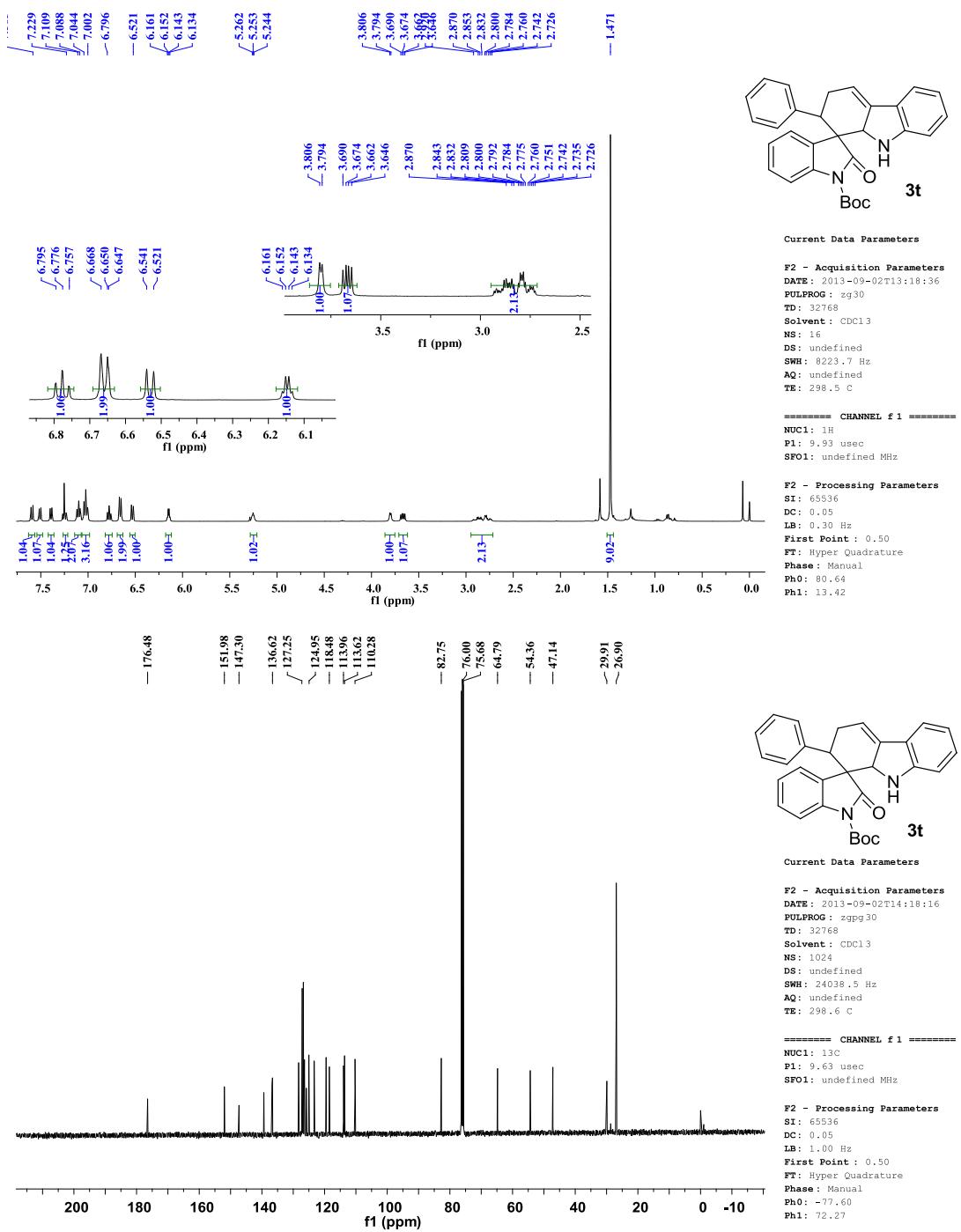


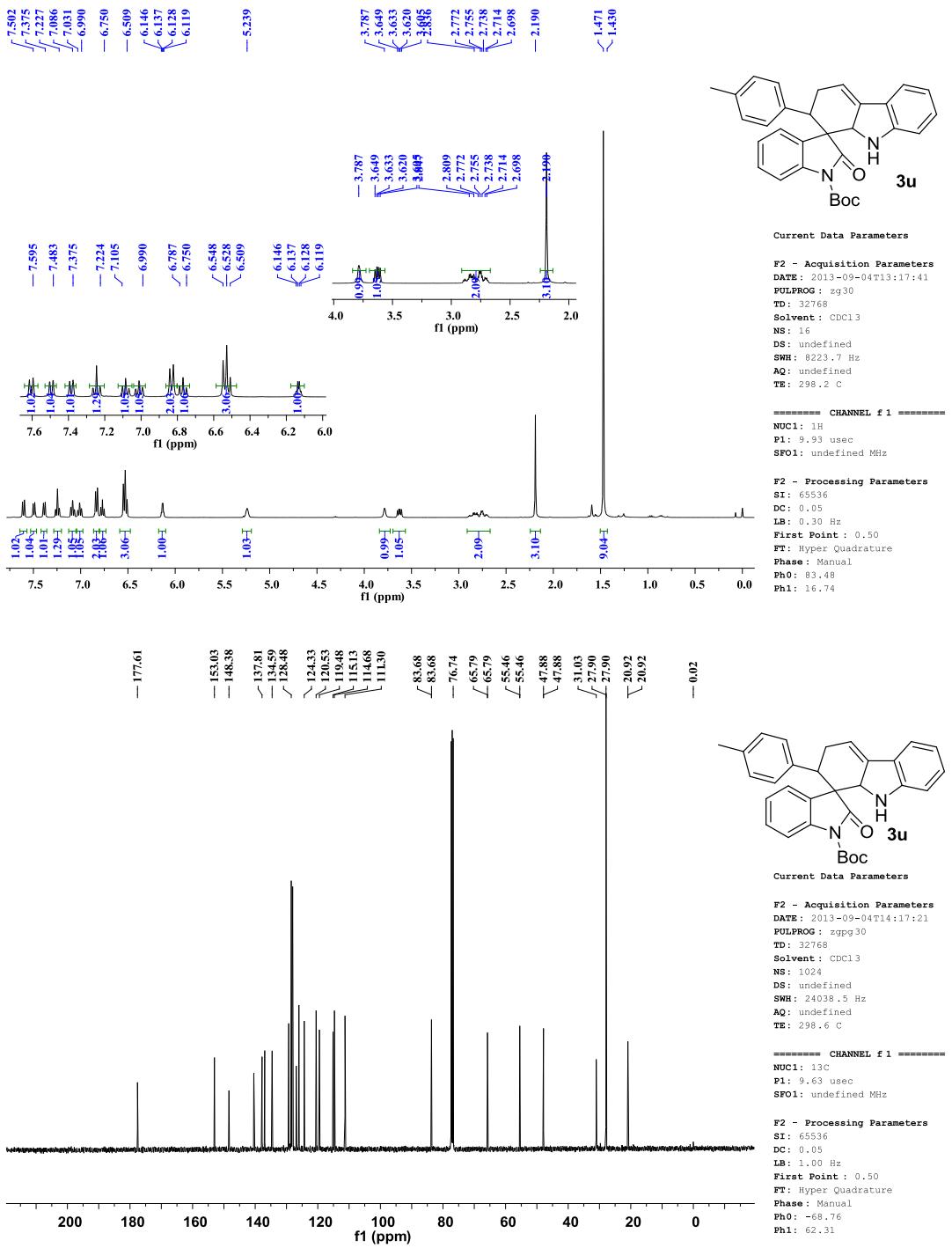


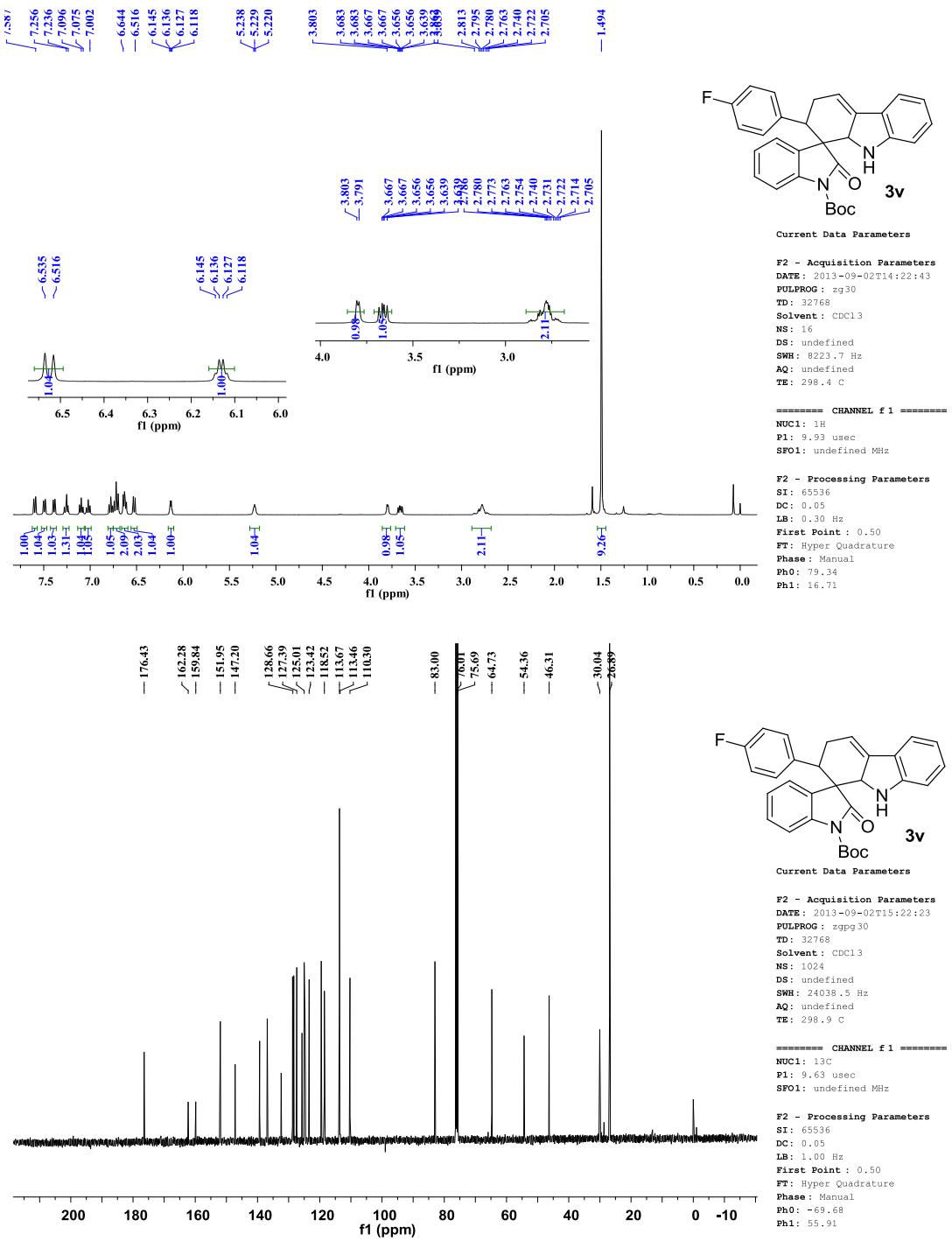


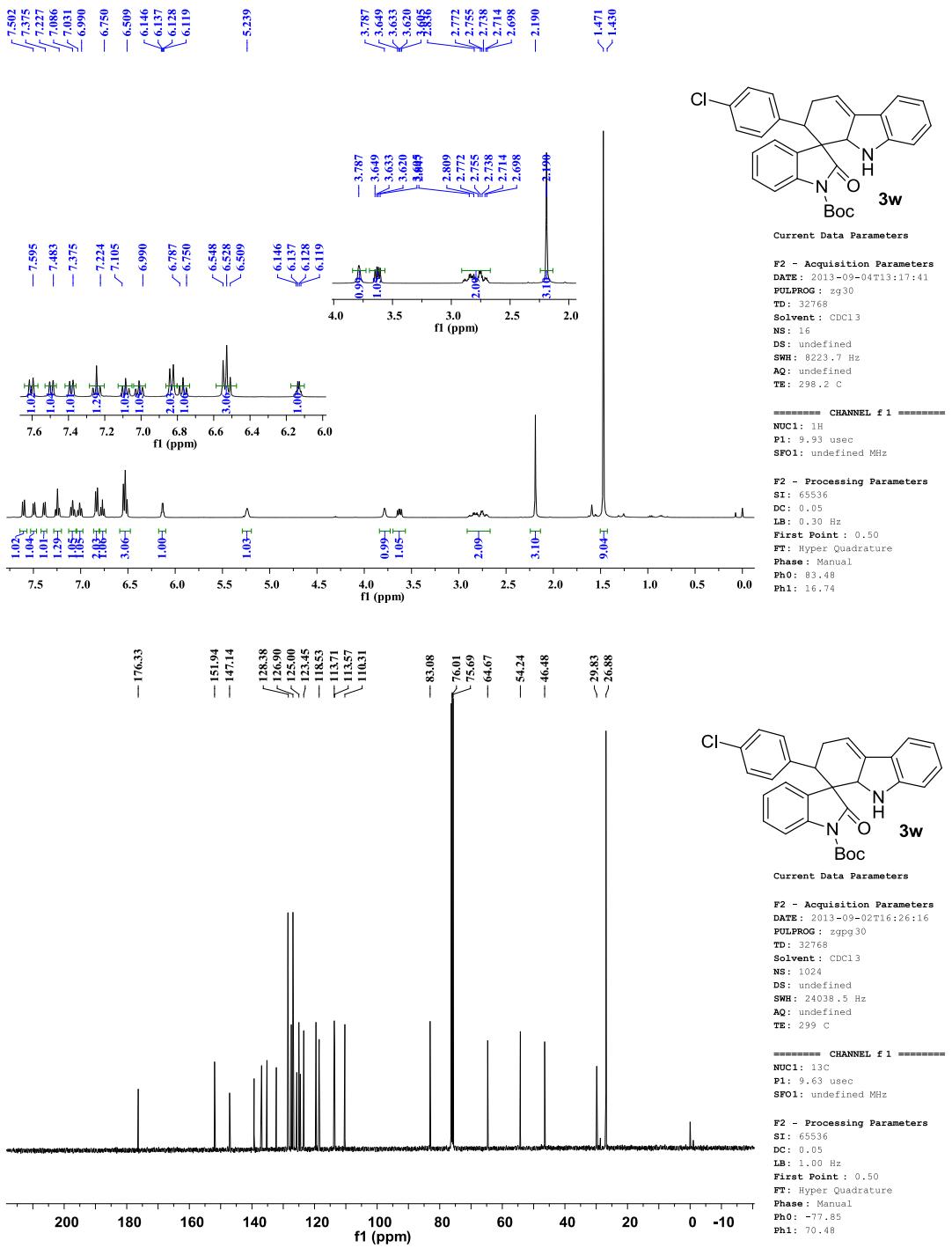


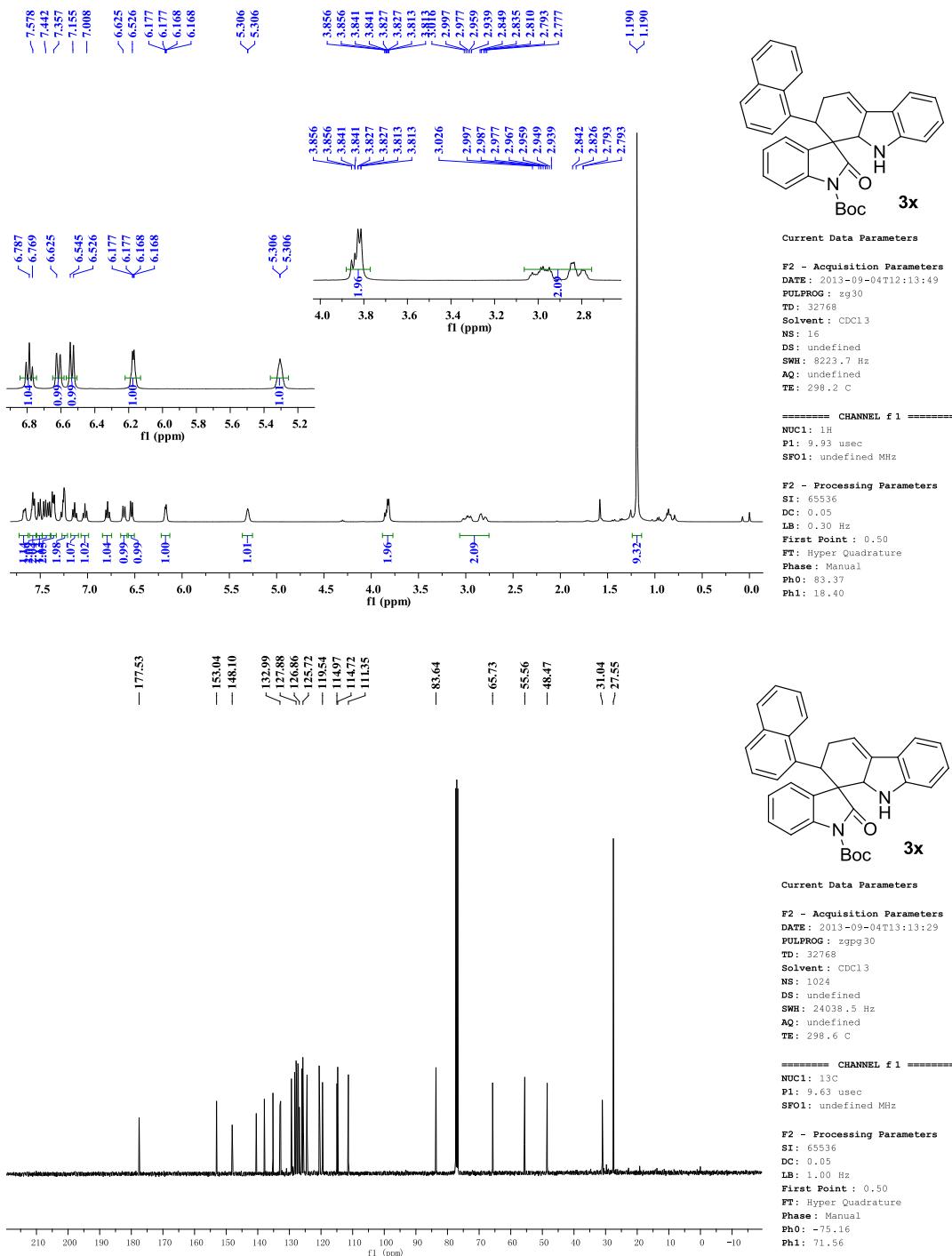


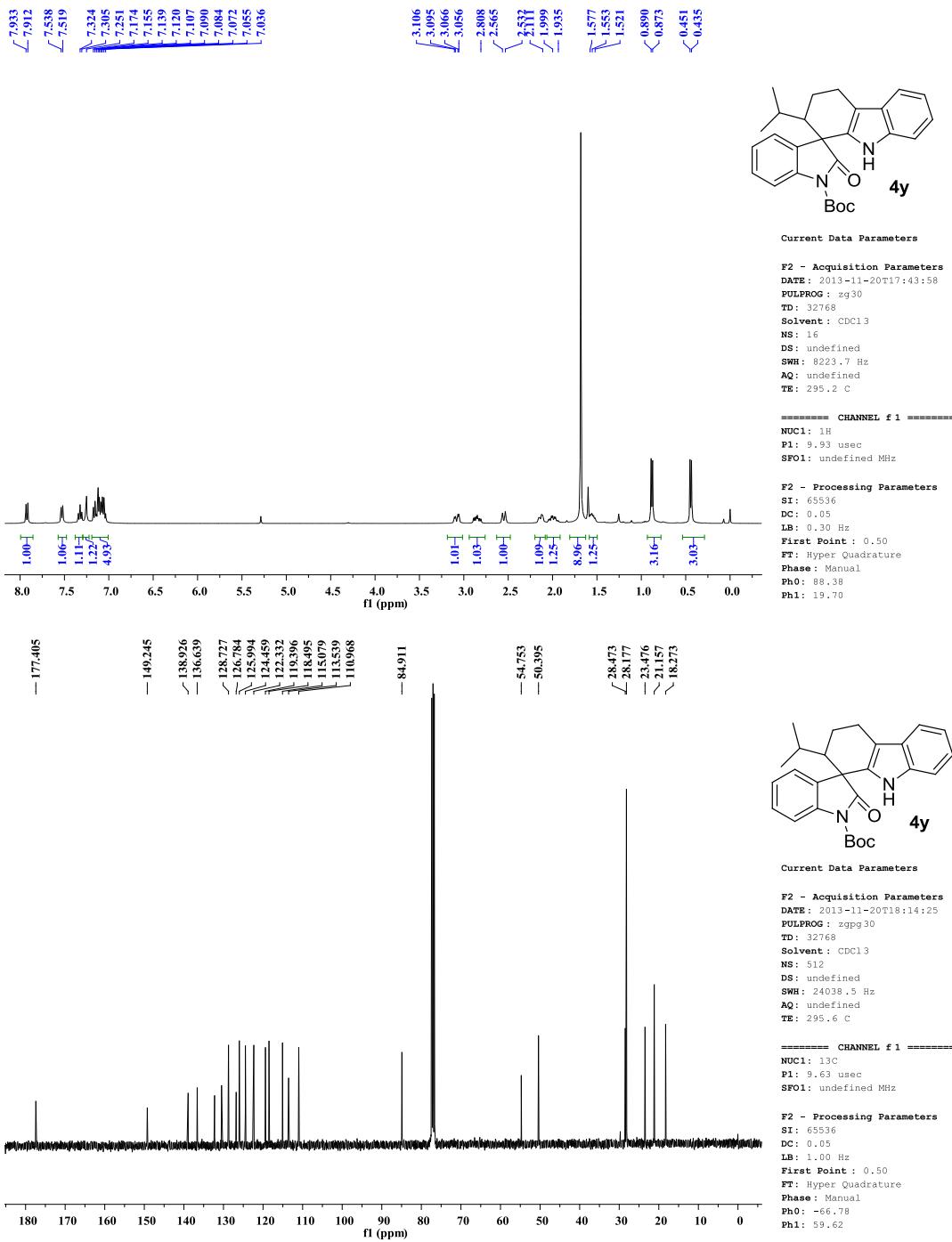


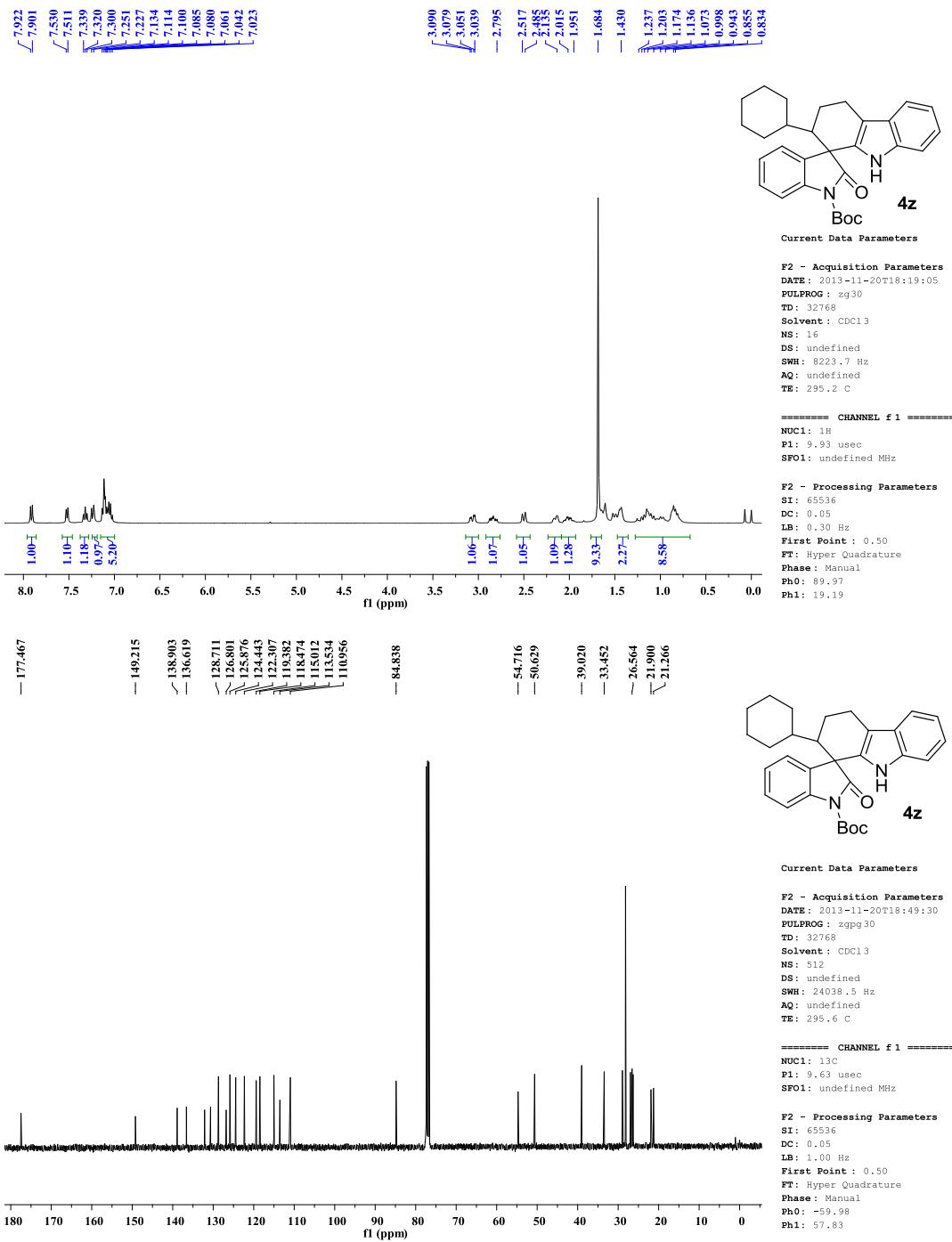


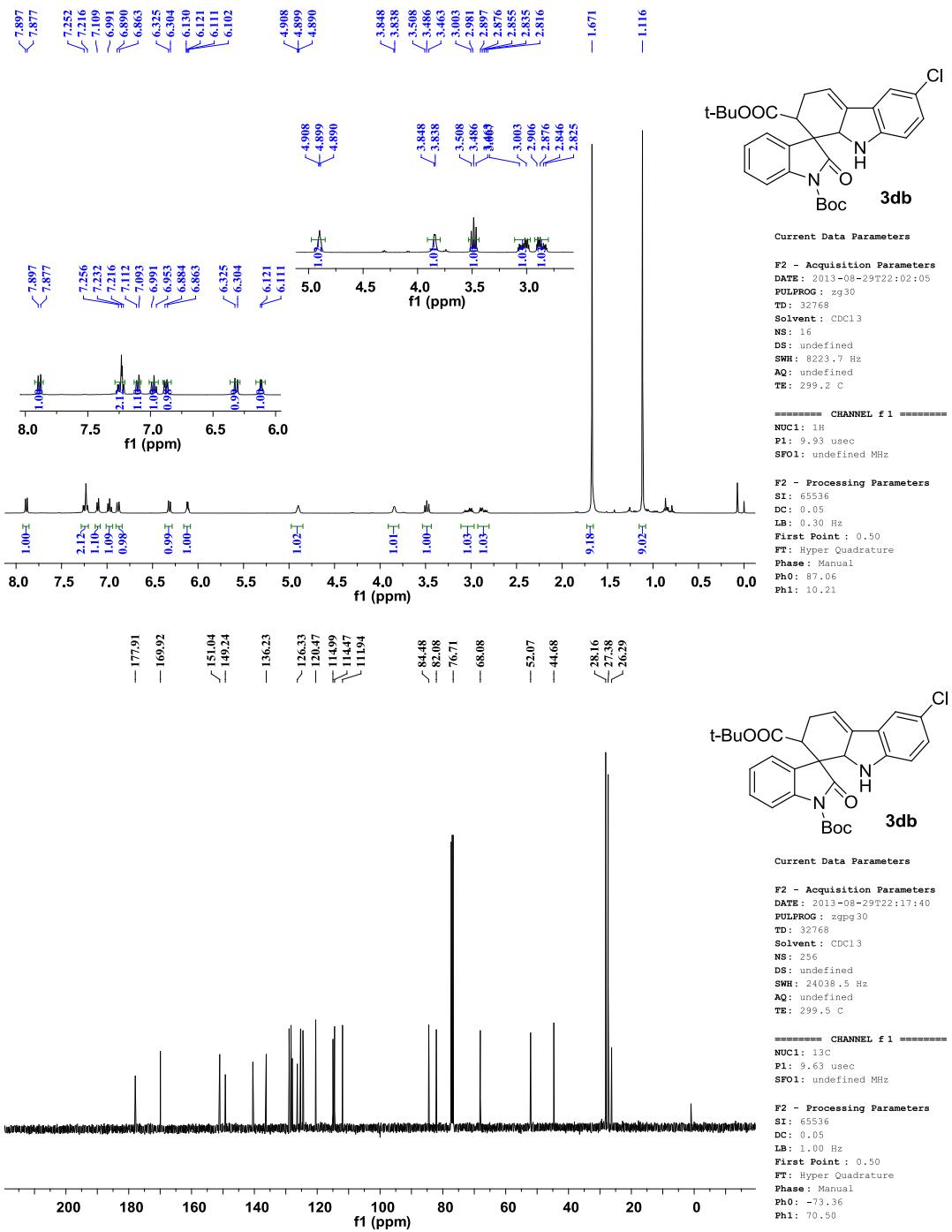


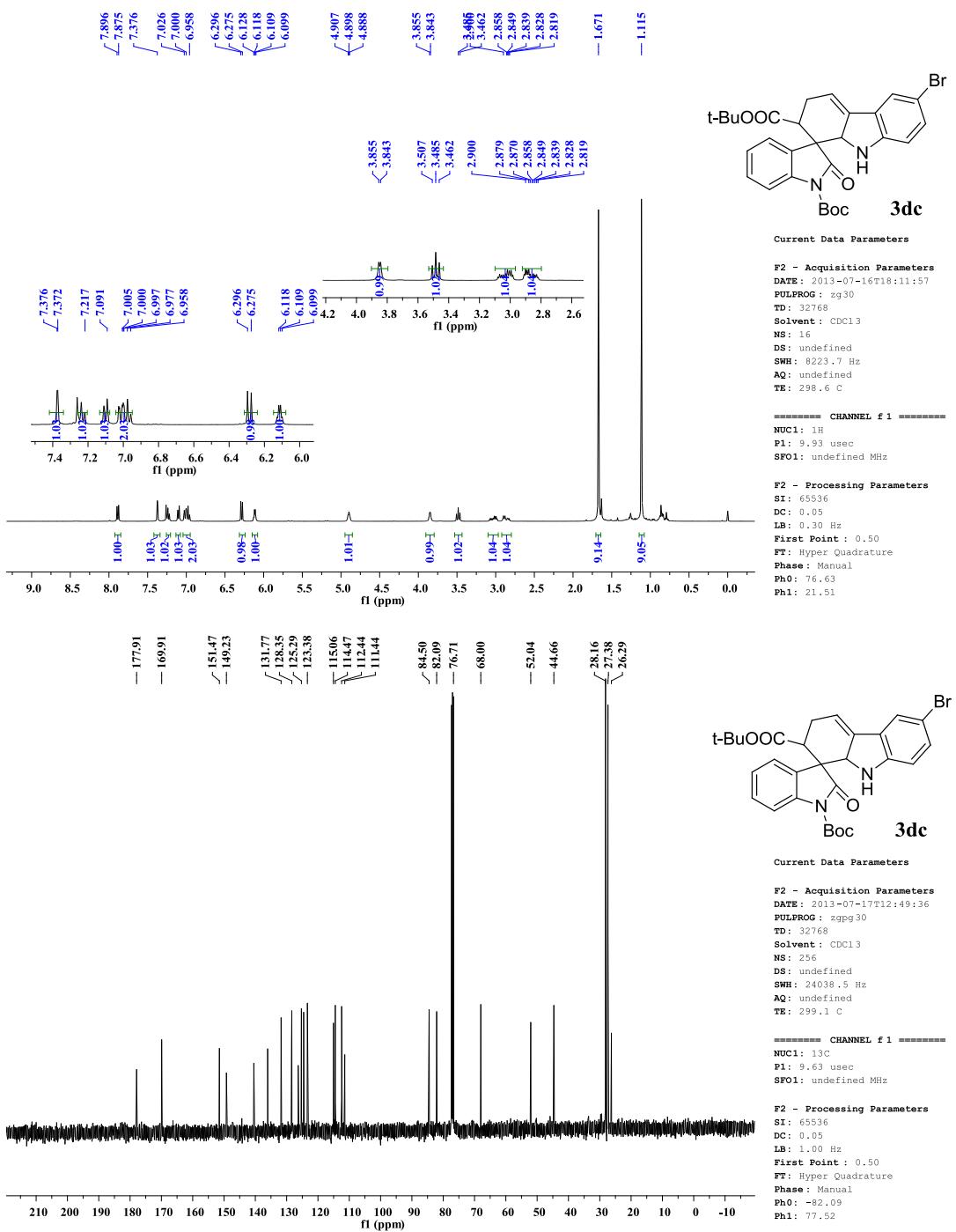


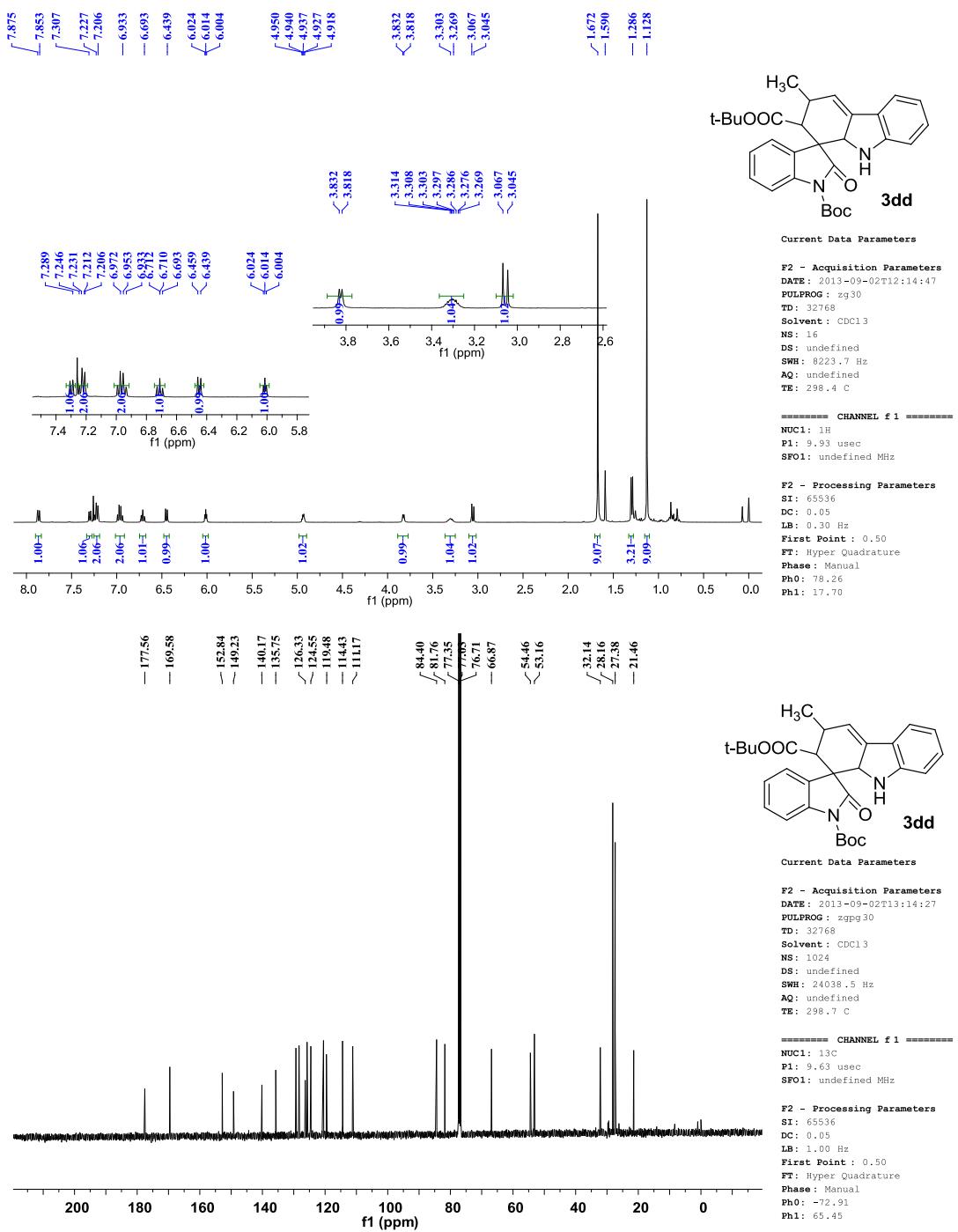


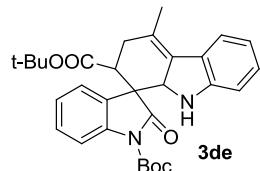
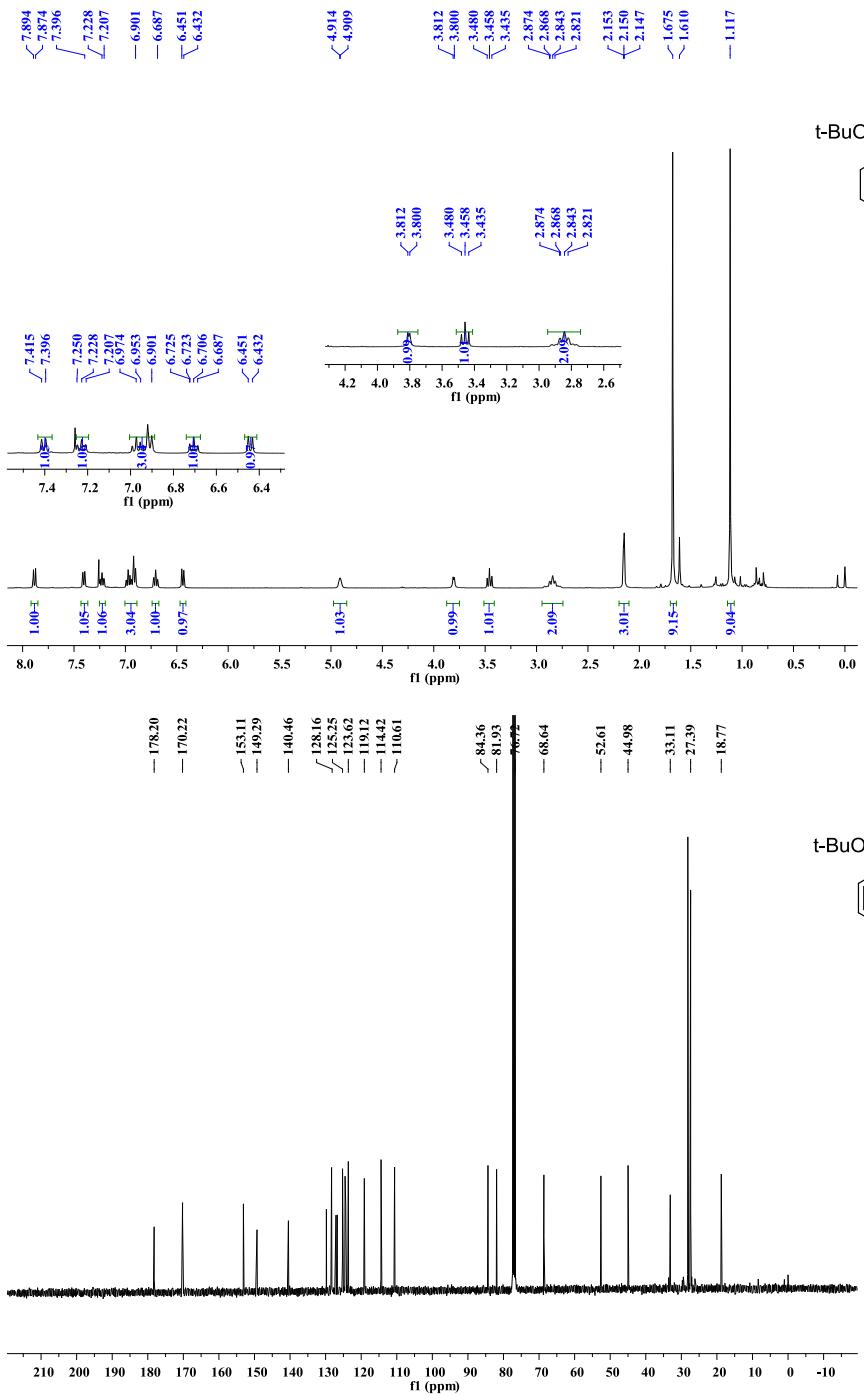










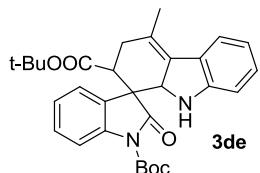


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