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Chiral N-Heterocyclic Carbene/Lewis Acid Cooperative Catalysis in the Reaction of 2-Aroylvinylcinnamaldehydes: A Switch of Reaction Pathway by Lewis Acid Activation

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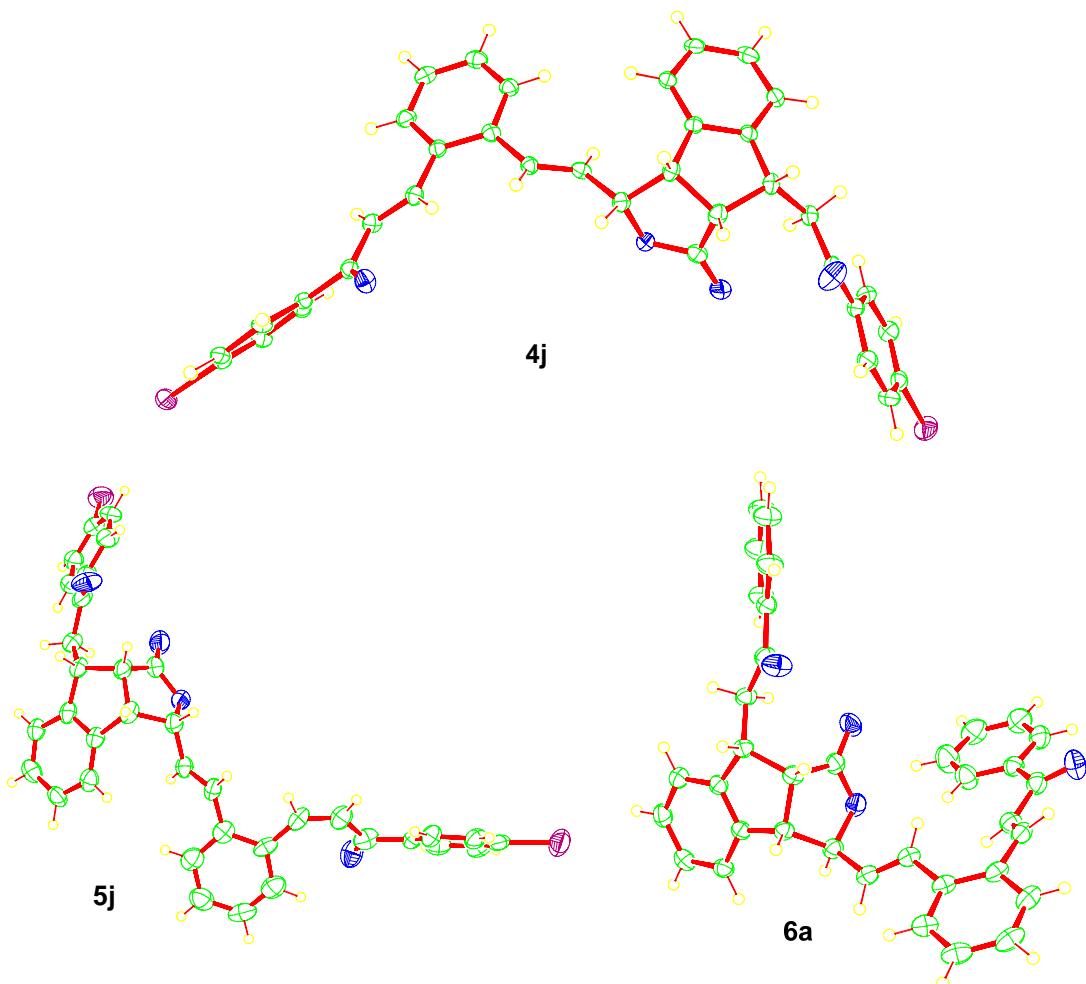


Figure S1. ORTEP drawings of X-ray structures of **4j**, **5j** and **6a**.

General Information:

Commercially available chemical reagents were used without further purification. Dichloromethane was dried over CaH_2 and redistilled. Melting points are uncorrected. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) were recorded in the indicated solvents using Bruker instrument. J values are reported in Hz. IR spectra were recorded using an AVATAR 360 FT-IR spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AUTOFLEX (MALDI-TOF) Mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. The 2-arylvinylcinnamaldehydes **1**¹ and the chiral NHC precursor **2f**² were prepared according to literature method.

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Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions.

Chemical structures of reagents and products:

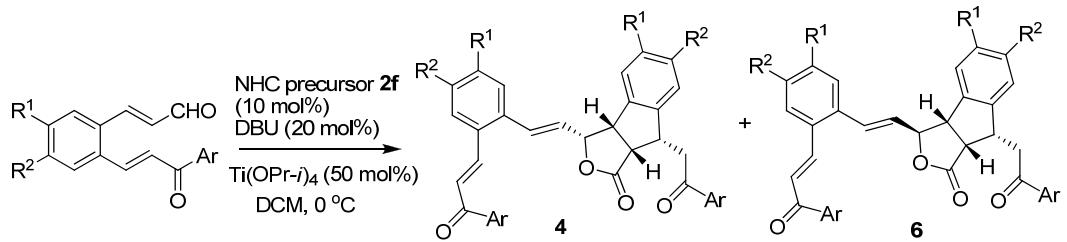
- Reagents:**
 - 1a:** 4-((E)-1-(4-phenylbut-1-enyl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde
 - 2a:** 1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-ium-2-phenyl-1,3-diene-1,2-diolate
 - 2b:** 1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-ium-2-phenyl-1,3-diene-1,2-diolate with OTBS protection
 - 2c:** 1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-ium-2-phenyl-1,3-diene-1,2-diolate with a cyclopentenyl substituent
 - 2d-f:** Various substituted NHC precursors (Ar = Ph, C₆F₅, 2,4,6-Me₃C₆H₂; X = BF₄⁻, Cl⁻)
- Products:**
 - 4a:** Major product, diastereomeric cyclohexane derivative.
 - 5a:** Minor product, diastereomeric cyclohexane derivative.
 - 6a:** Minor product, diastereomeric cyclohexane derivative.

Table S1 Data:

entry	2	base	solvent	Temp	T (h)	yield (%) ^a	ee of 4a+5a (%) ^b	4a:5a^c		yield (%) ^a	4a:6a^d (dr)
								4a (%) ^b	5a (%) ^b		
1	2a	DIPEA	DCM	rt	21	10	-89	8:1	—	ND	
2	2b	DIPEA	DCM	rt	12	24	99	4:1	—	ND	
3	2c	DIPEA	DCM	rt	24	10	-85	5:1	—	ND	
4	2d	DIPEA	DCM	rt	25	21	99	12:1	—	ND	
5	2e	DIPEA	DCM	rt	48	mess	—	—	—	—	
6	2f	DIPEA	DCM	rt	5	63	99	7:1	6	9:1	
7	2f	<i>t</i> -BuOK	DCM	rt	5	38	99	9:1	5	7:1	
8	2f	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DCM	rt	5	31	99	8:1	5	6:1	
9	2f	NaH	DCM	rt	5	55	97	3:1	8	5:1	
10	2f	DBU	DCM	rt	5	75	>99	9:1	8	9:1	
11	2f	DBU	THF	rt	5	36	99	10:1	5	7:1	
12	2f	DBU	acetone	rt	5	50	99	5:1	4	13:1	
13	2f	DBU	toluene	rt	5	56	99	3:1	10	4:1	
14	2f	DBU	CH ₃ CN	rt	5	62	99	8:1	6	9:1	
15	2f	DBU	DCM	0 °C	2	80	>99	14:1	4	20:1	
16	2f	DBU	DCM	reflux	5	62	98	9:1	6	9:1	

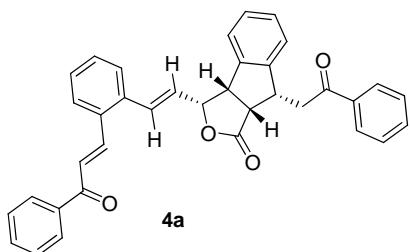
^aIsolated yields. ^bDetermined by HPLC analysis on a AD-H column. ^cDetermined by ¹H NMR.

^dCalculated based on the yields of **4a** and **6a**.

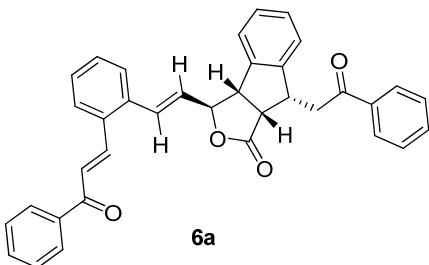


General procedure for the NHC/Ti(OPr-*i*)₄-catalyzed dimerization reaction of 2-arylvinyliccinnamaldehydes **1**.

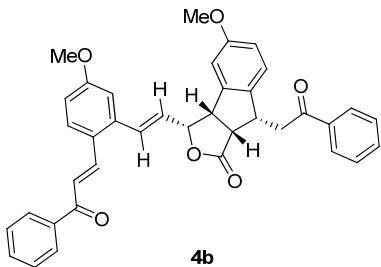
Under nitrogen atmosphere, 2-arylvinyliccinnamaldehydes **1** (1 mmol), *N*-mesityl-indeno[2,1-*b*]triazolo[4,3-*d*][1,4]oxazinium salt **2f** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Ti(OPr-*i*)₄ (0.5 mmol) were mixed in dry dichloromethane (20 mL). The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice-bath, and then DBU (0.2 mmol) was added using a microsyringe. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2-3 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 4:1) to give the major products indeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-ones **4** in 67%-88% yields with 95%-99% ee. In addition, a trace amount of minor diastereoisomers **6** (4%-7%) were also isolated.



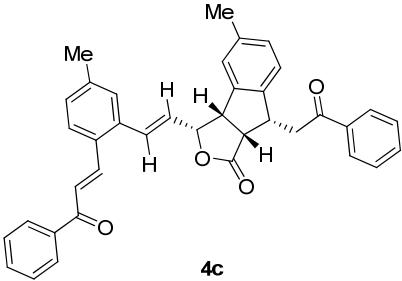
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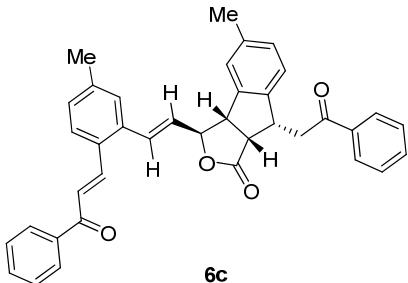
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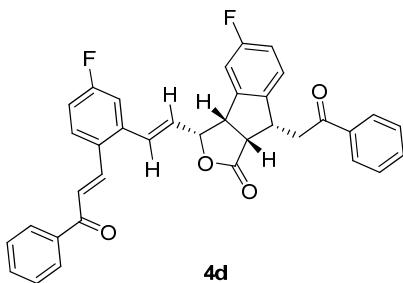
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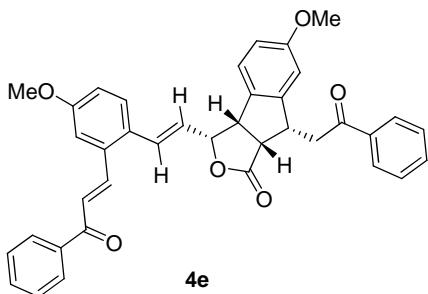
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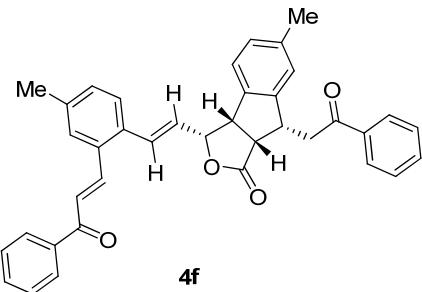


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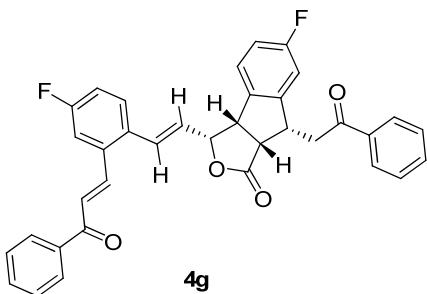


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160.1, 159.7, 147.0, 141.8, 137.9, 137.1, 134.8, 133.0, 130.3, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.58, 128.57, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 126.5, 125.0, 116.5, 113.3, 112.0, 108.7, 81.7, 55.5, 55.4, 49.2, 47.0, 40.6, 38.4; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₈H₃₂O₆Na: 607.2091; found: 607.2093.

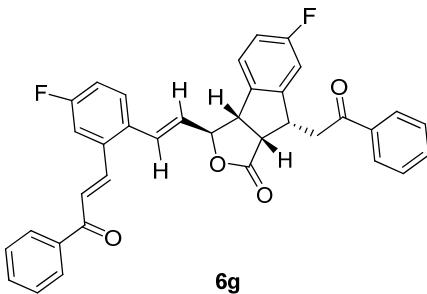


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-6-methyl-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-benzoylvinyl)-4-methylstyryl)-3,3*a*,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4f: white solid, 203 mg, 73%, ee 99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -95.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.50$, CH₂Cl₂), mp 113-114 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1763, 1672, 1599; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.16 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.43 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd, $J = 18.2, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 18.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.2, 190.1, 176.5, 145.4, 141.9, 138.4, 138.2, 138.0, 137.1, 134.7, 133.6, 133.4, 133.0, 132.9, 131.4, 130.6, 128.7, 128.56, 128.55, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 124.6, 124.0, 81.5, 49.5, 46.6, 40.4, 38.5, 21.3, 21.2; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₈H₃₂O₄Na: 575.2193; found: 575.2194.

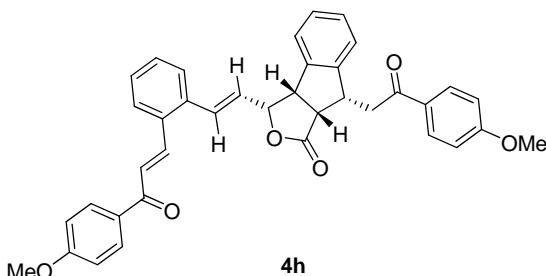


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-6-fluoro-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-benzoylvinyl)-4-fluorostyryl)-3,3*a*,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4g: white solid, 188 mg, 67%, ee 95%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -54.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.45$, CH₂Cl₂), mp 181-182 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1767, 1682, 1667, 1605; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.09 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 6H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 9.6, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.01 (dd, $J = 18.2, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 18.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.7,

189.6, 176.0, 164.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 59$ Hz), 161.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 61$ Hz), 147.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 140.3, 137.7, 136.8, 135.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7$ Hz), 133.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6$ Hz), 133.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2$ Hz), 132.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 130.0, 129.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 128.8, 128.63, 128.57, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 125.5, 117.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21$ Hz), 114.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23$ Hz), 113.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22$ Hz), 110.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22$ Hz), 81.2, 49.1, 46.9, 40.6, 38.2; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{36}H_{26}F_2O_4Na$: 583.1691; found: 583.1693.

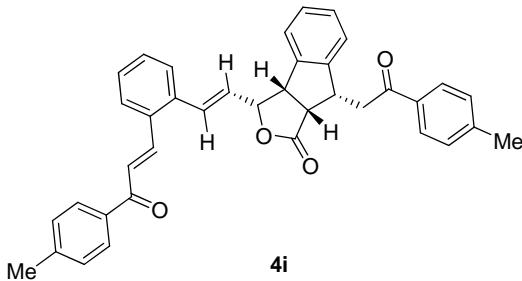


(3*S*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-6-fluoro-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-benzoylvinyl)-4-fluorostyryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 6g: white solid, 17.1 mg, 6%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -26.1$ ° (c = 0.50, CH_2Cl_2), mp 127-128 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1765, 1682, 1667, 1597; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ (ppm) 8.09 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dt, $J = 7.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dt, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 15.6, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, $J = 18.2, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 18.3, 5.4$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ (ppm) 198.7, 189.8, 176.2, 146.7, 146.6, 140.8, 137.7, 136.8, 136.5, 135.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 133.3, 133.2, 132.5, 131.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 125.4, 125.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9$ Hz), 117.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21$ Hz), 115.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23$ Hz), 113.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22$ Hz), 110.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23$ Hz), 83.5, 50.5, 45.2, 40.9, 38.2; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{36}H_{26}F_2NaO_4$: 583.1691; found: 583.1692.

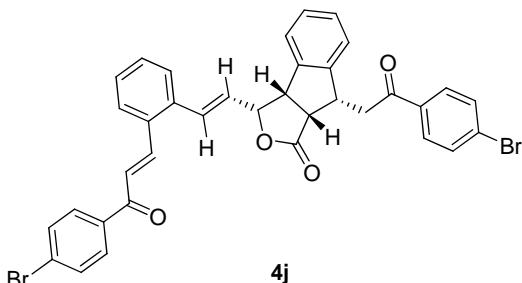


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-((4-Methoxybenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(4-methoxybenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4h: white solid, 258 mg, 88%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -39.4$ ° (c = 0.50, CH_2Cl_2), mp 165-166 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1765, 1668, 1601; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ (ppm) 8.13 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, $J = 18.0, 9.7$

Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.49 (dd, J = 18.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 197.6, 188.4, 176.4, 163.6, 163.4, 145.5, 140.9, 137.6, 136.1, 133.8, 130.9, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 127.03, 126.96, 124.9, 123.5, 113.9, 113.7, 81.4, 55.52, 55.46, 49.8, 46.5, 40.6, 38.0; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): [M + Na] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$: 607.2091; found: 607.2093.

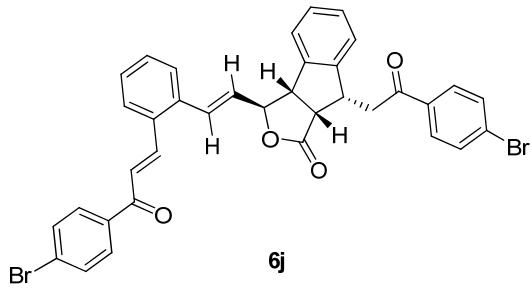


(3*R*,*3aS*,*8R*,*8aS*)-8-((4-Methylbenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(4-methylbenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4i: white solid, 229 mg, 83%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} = -44^\circ$ ($c = 0.45$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 153-154 °C; IR ν (cm $^{-1}$) 1767, 1680, 1663, 1607; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.16 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.21 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.24 (m, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 18.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.7, 189.5, 176.4, 145.4, 143.9, 143.8, 141.3, 137.6, 136.2, 135.4, 134.6, 133.7, 130.9, 130.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.33, 128.29, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 124.9, 123.5, 100.0, 81.4, 49.9, 46.4, 40.6, 38.3, 21.73, 21.69; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): [M + Na] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 575.2193; found: 575.2194.

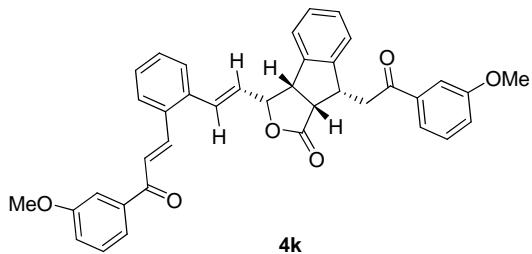


(3*R*,*3aS*,*8R*,*8aS*)-8-((4-Bromobenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(4-bromobenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4j: white solid, 265 mg, 78%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} = -28.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.40$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 192-193 °C; IR ν (cm $^{-1}$) 1767, 1684, 1663, 1585; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.06 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.22 (m, 5H), 6.15 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 18.2, 10.1

Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, J = 8.3, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.1, 188.9, 176.3, 145.1, 142.3, 137.6, 136.7, 136.4, 135.8, 133.4, 132.0, 131.9, 130.7, 130.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.15, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 124.3, 123.4, 81.3, 49.8, 46.3, 40.5, 38.4; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{26}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 703.0090; found: 703.0093.

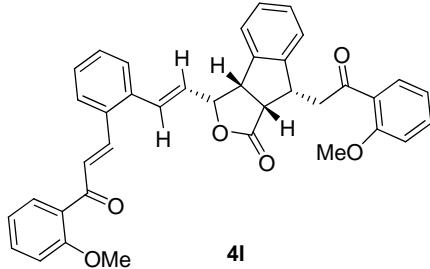


(3*S*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-((4-Bromobenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(4-bromobenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 6j: white solid, 24 mg, 7%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ = -20.6 ° (c = 0.45, CH_2Cl_2), mp 176-177 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1763, 1684, 1587; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.16 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 18.2, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.1, 189.0, 176.6, 144.0, 142.7, 141.1, 136.7, 136.5, 135.8, 133.4, 132.1, 131.9, 131.4, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 124.19, 124.17, 123.4, 83.6, 51.2, 44.6, 41.0, 38.4; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{26}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 703.0090; found: 703.0091.

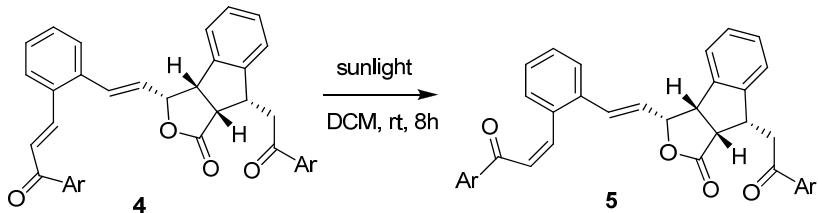


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-((3-Methoxybenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(3-methoxybenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4k: white solid, 233.7 mg, 80%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ = -53.1 ° (c = 0.45, CH_2Cl_2), mp 86-87 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1761, 1670, 1585; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.16 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.21 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 18.2, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.9, 189.8, 176.3, 160.0, 159.8, 145.3, 141.8, 139.4, 138.4, 137.6, 136.3, 133.6, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.35, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 124.9, 123.5, 121.1, 120.9, 119.6, 119.5, 112.9, 112.3, 81.4, 55.5, 55.4, 49.9, 46.3, 40.6, 38.6; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$: 607.2091; found: 607.2094.

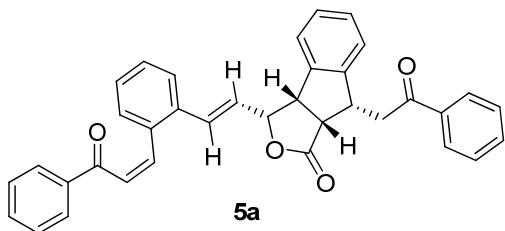


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-((2-Methoxybenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-(2-methoxybenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4l: white solid, 225 mg, 77%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -41.2^\circ$ ($c = 0.55$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 76-77 °C; IR ν (cm $^{-1}$) 1765, 1665, 1595; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dt, $J = 7.7, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.21 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, $J = 19.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 200.8, 192.5, 176.3, 158.7, 158.3, 145.8, 139.9, 137.7, 136.2, 133.8, 133.4, 133.2, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 123.6, 120.8, 120.7, 111.70, 111.65, 81.4, 55.8, 55.6, 49.9, 46.4, 43.8, 41.0; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$: 607.2091; found: 607.2090.

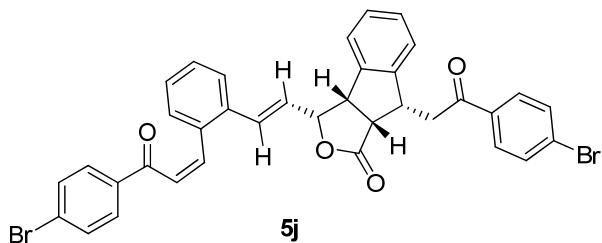


The preparation of 8-(arylmethyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*Z*)-aroylvinyl)styryl)-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 5 from photoisomerization of 8-(arylmethyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*E*)-aroylvinyl)styryl)tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 4:

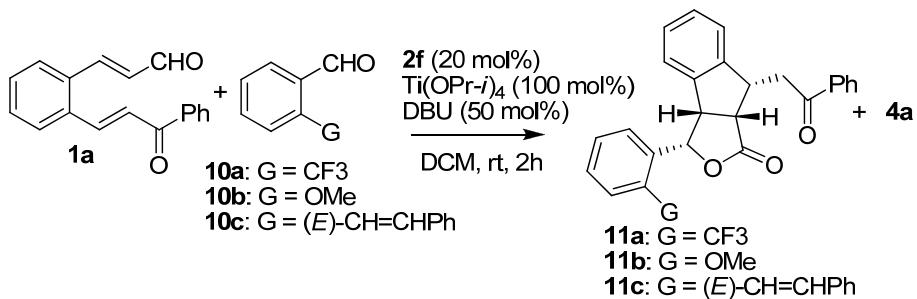
A solution of **4a** or **4j** (50 mg) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was irradiated under sunlight for 8h (summertime). Then the solvent was removed and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (5:1). **5a** and **5j** were isolated in 58% and 64% yield, respectively, along with the recovered **4a** (13%) and **4j** (10%).



(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*Z*)-benzoylvinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 5a: 29 mg, 58%, white solid, ee 98%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -114.8^\circ$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 82-83 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1763, 1684, 1597; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.07 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 15.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.12 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 18.2, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J = 18.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 199.2, 193.4, 176.6, 145.3, 139.4, 137.7, 137.3, 137.1, 134.9, 134.3, 133.2, 133.1, 131.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.23, 127.17, 126.2, 123.5, 81.6, 49.8, 46.4, 40.6, 38.6; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 547.1880; found: 547.1880.

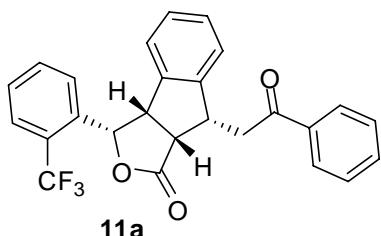


(3*R*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-((4-Bromobenzoyl)methyl)-3-((*E*)-2-((*Z*)-(4-bromobenzoyl)vinyl)styryl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 5j: 32 mg, 64%, white solid, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -58.9^\circ$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 101-102 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1765, 1686, 1584; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 15.8, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.19 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dd, $J = 18.1, 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 18.2, 4.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.2, 192.5, 176.5, 145.1, 139.9, 137.7, 136.0, 135.9, 134.6, 134.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.1, 130.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.4, 128.24, 128.17, 128.0, 127.30, 127.26, 127.2, 126.2, 123.5, 81.6, 49.8, 46.3, 40.6, 38.5; HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{26}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 703.0090; found: 703.0091.



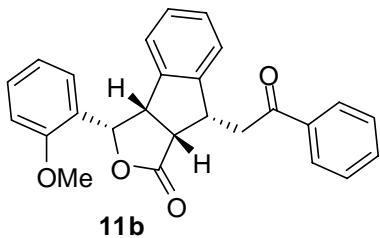
General procedure for the NHC/Ti(OPr-*i*)₄-catalyzed reaction between 2-benzoylvinylcinnamaldehyde **1a** and another different aldehyde.

Under nitrogen atmosphere, a mixture of *N*-mesityl-indeno[2,1-*b*]triazolo[4,3-*d*][1,4]oxazinium salt **2f** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) and DBU (0.25 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature. After that, the solution of 2-benzoylvinylcinnamaldehyde **1a** (0.5 mmol), *o*-trifluoromethyl, *o*-methoxy or *o*-styrylbenzaldehyde **10a-10c** (0.5 mmol) and **Ti(OPr-*i*)₄** (0.5 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) was added dropwise in 0.5h to this mixture of catalyst **2f** and DBU in DCM. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 2h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 4:1) to give the major products indeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-ones **11** in 42%-54% yields with 97%->99% ee. In addition, dimer **4a** was also isolated in 13%-18% yields.



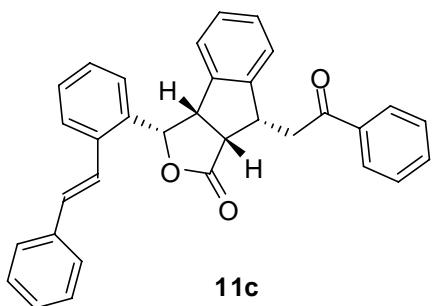
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[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 11a: pale yellow solid, 109 mg, 50%, ee 97%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -150.1^\circ$ ($c = 0.45$, CH₂Cl₂), mp 137-138 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1771, 1686; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.79-6.83 (m, 3H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.21 (m, 1H), 3.99-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 176.2, 145.2, 137.1, 137.0, 134.5, 133.0, 131.7, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1 (q, *J* = 30.5 Hz), 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 123.0, 77.9, 50.5, 46.9, 40.4, 38.4; HRMS (TOF-ESI): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₀F₃O₃: 437.1356; found: 437.1365.



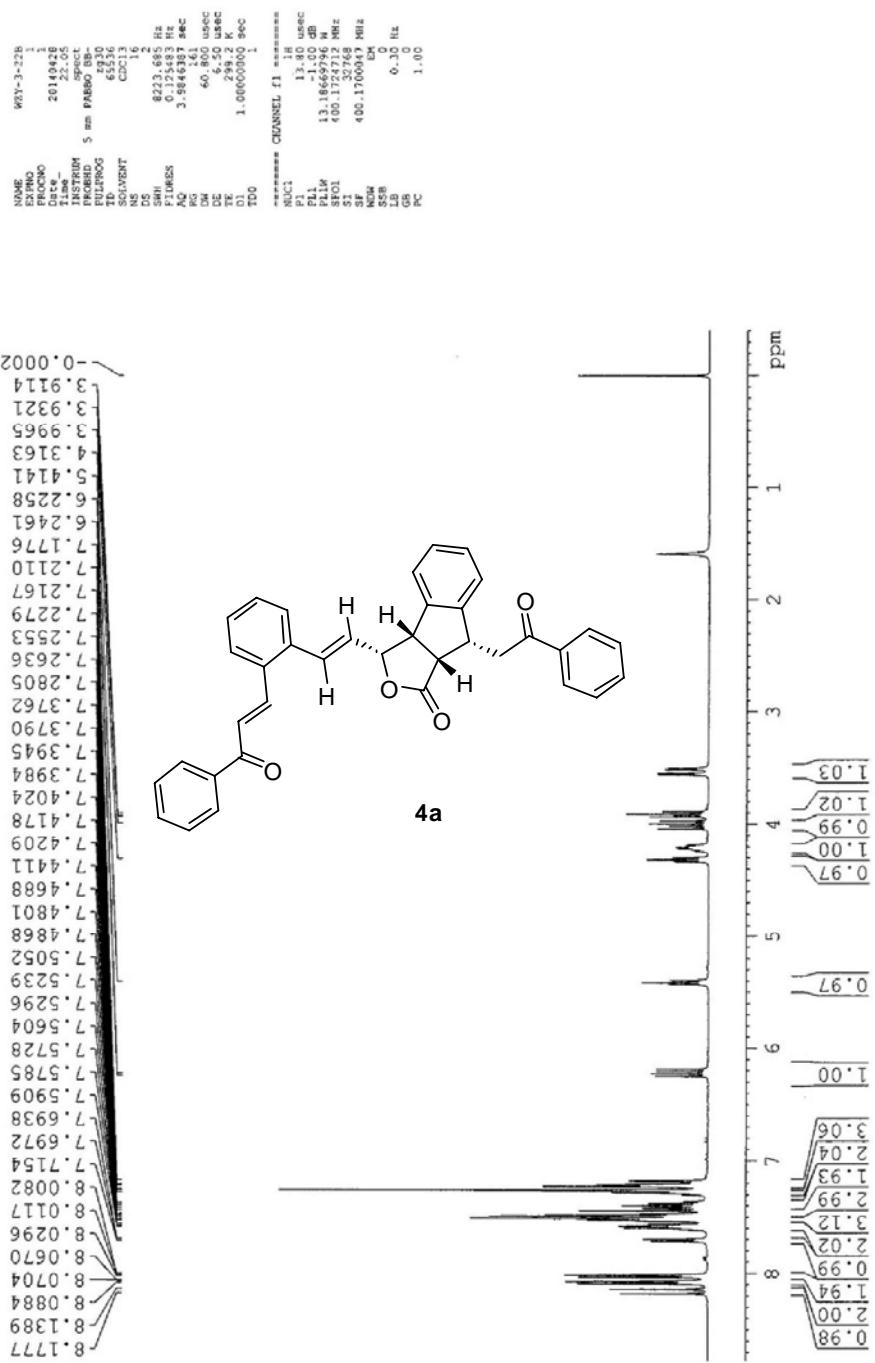
(3*S*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 11b:

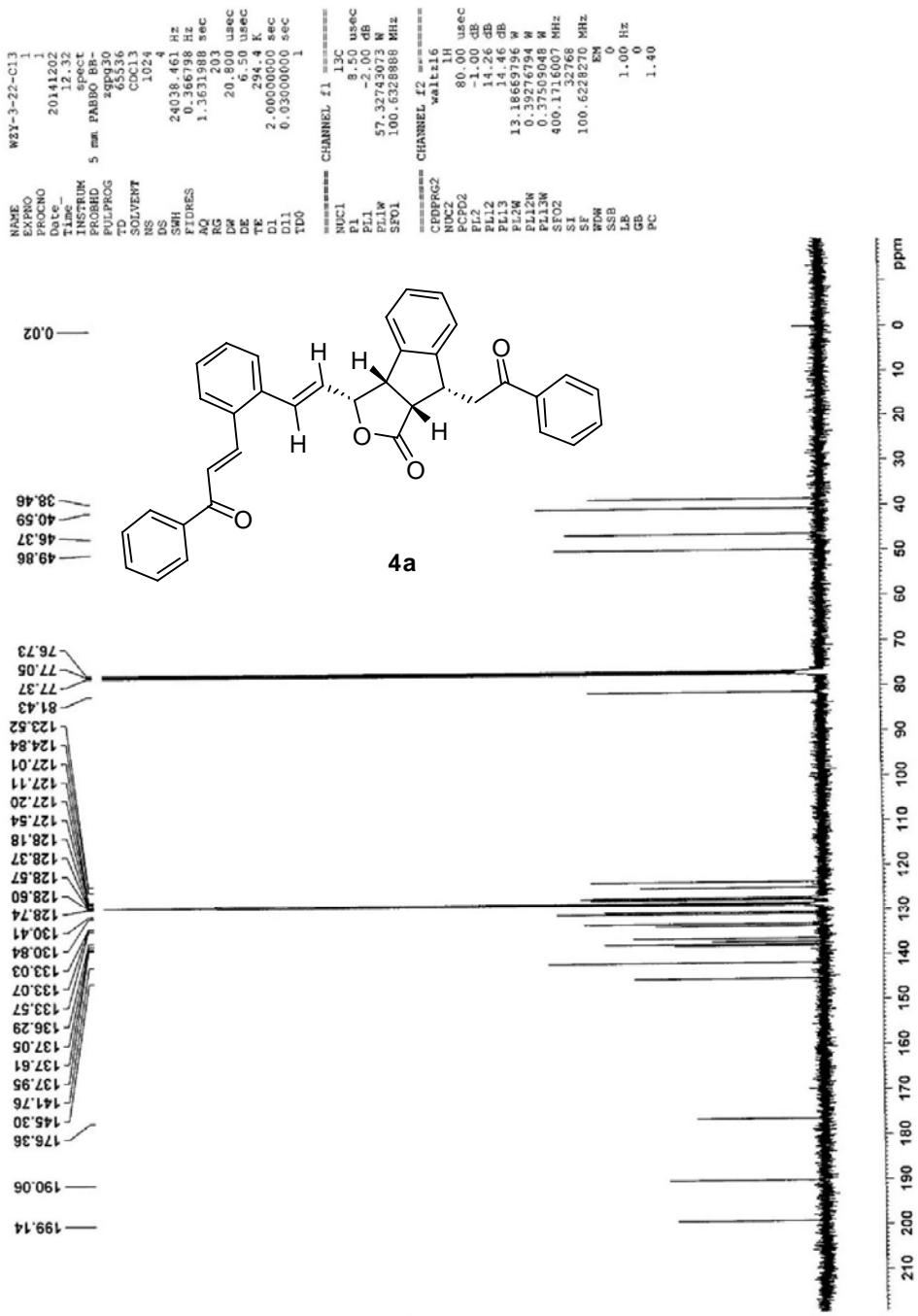
white solid, 84 mg, 42%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -242.2^\circ$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 170-171 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1769, 1682; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (tt, $J = 7.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dt, $J = 8.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.06 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, $J = 18.0, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 18.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 199.4, 176.7, 155.9, 145.3, 138.1, 137.2, 133.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 124.4, 122.8, 120.6, 109.7, 78.0, 55.5, 48.6, 47.2, 40.3, 38.4; HRMS (TOF-ESI): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$: 421.1416; found: 421.1413.

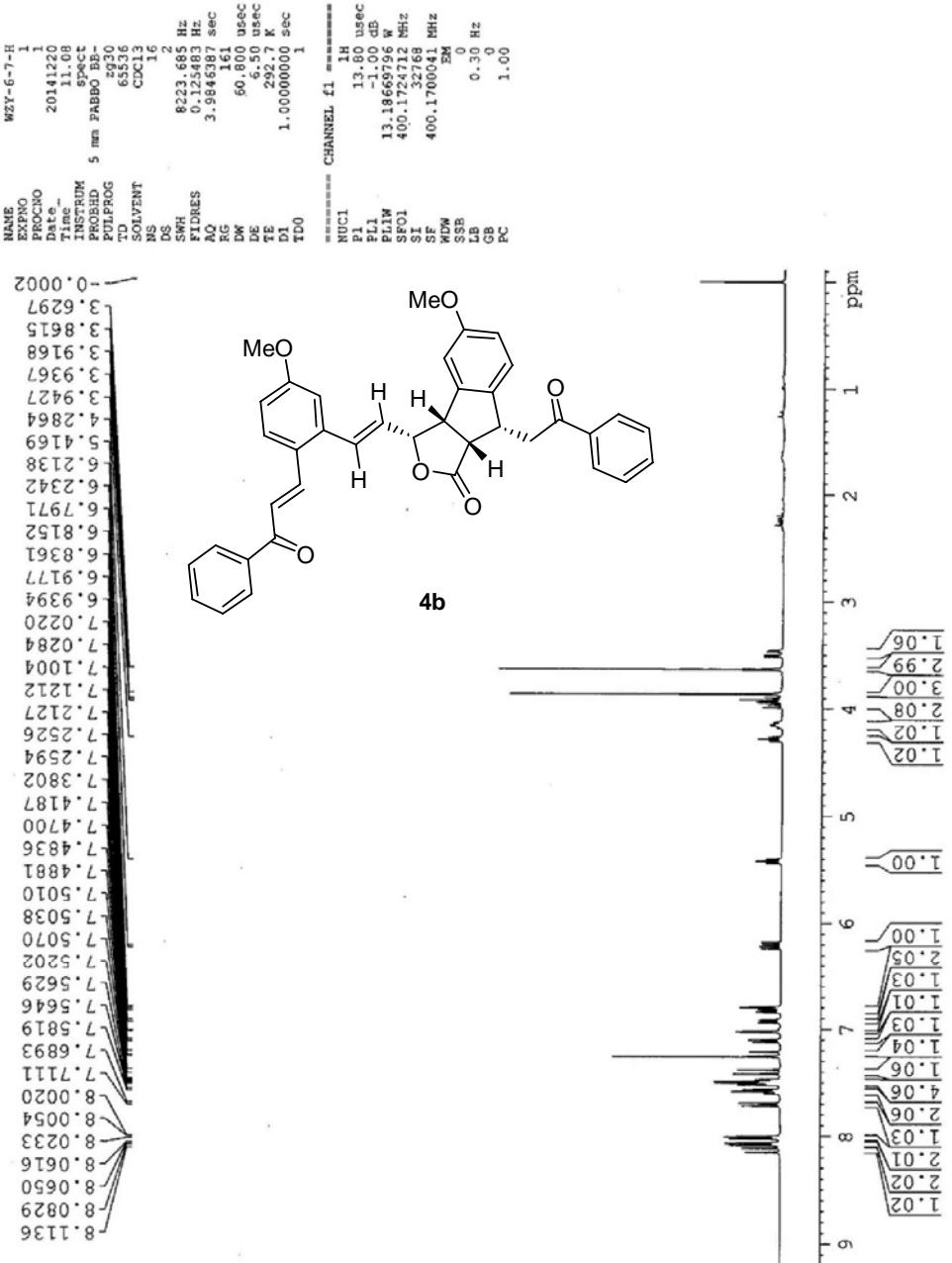


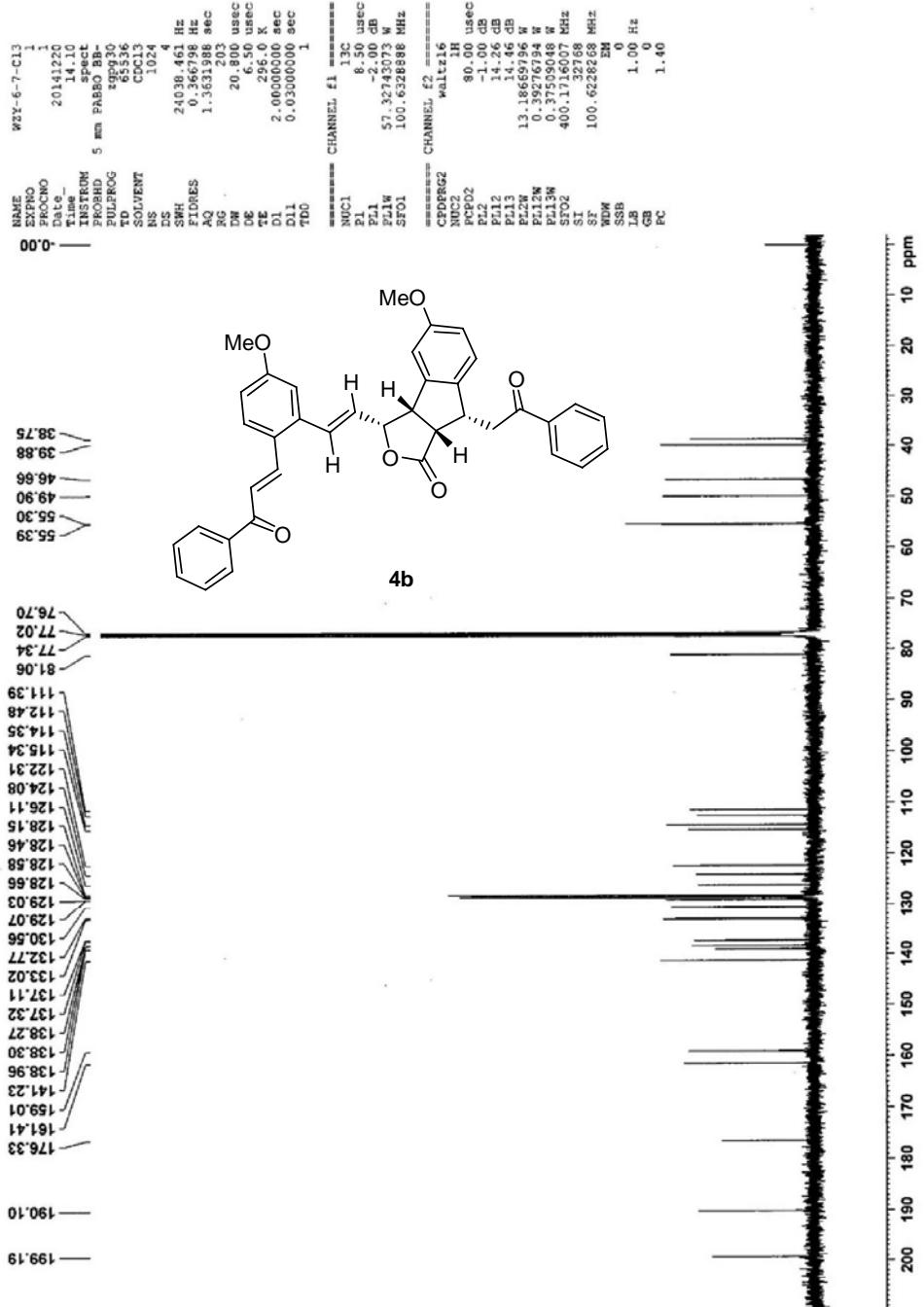
(3*S*,3*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-8-(Benzoylmethyl)-3-((E)-2-styrylphenyl)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*c*]furan-1-one 11c:

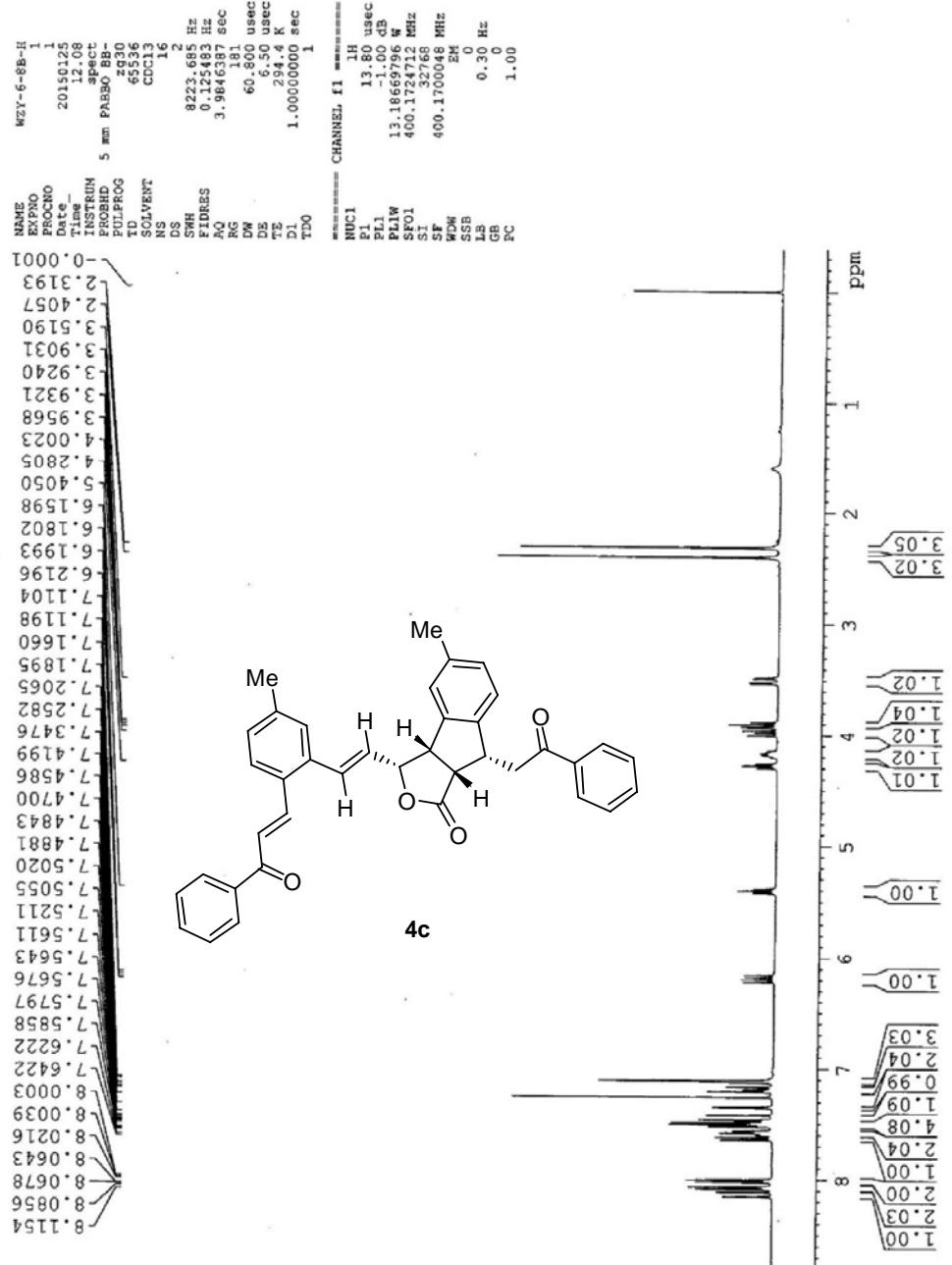
white solid, 128 mg, 54%, ee >99%, $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -208.8^\circ$ ($c = 0.45$, CH_2Cl_2), mp 167-168 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1767, 1686; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.08 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.16 (m, 4H), 6.81 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.96-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, $J = 17.9, 4.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 199.3, 176.4, 145.2, 137.4, 137.2, 137.0, 135.1, 133.6, 133.1, 132.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 124.6, 122.8, 79.4, 49.6, 47.3, 40.3, 38.4; HRMS (TOF-ESI): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3$: 471.1960; found: 471.1955.

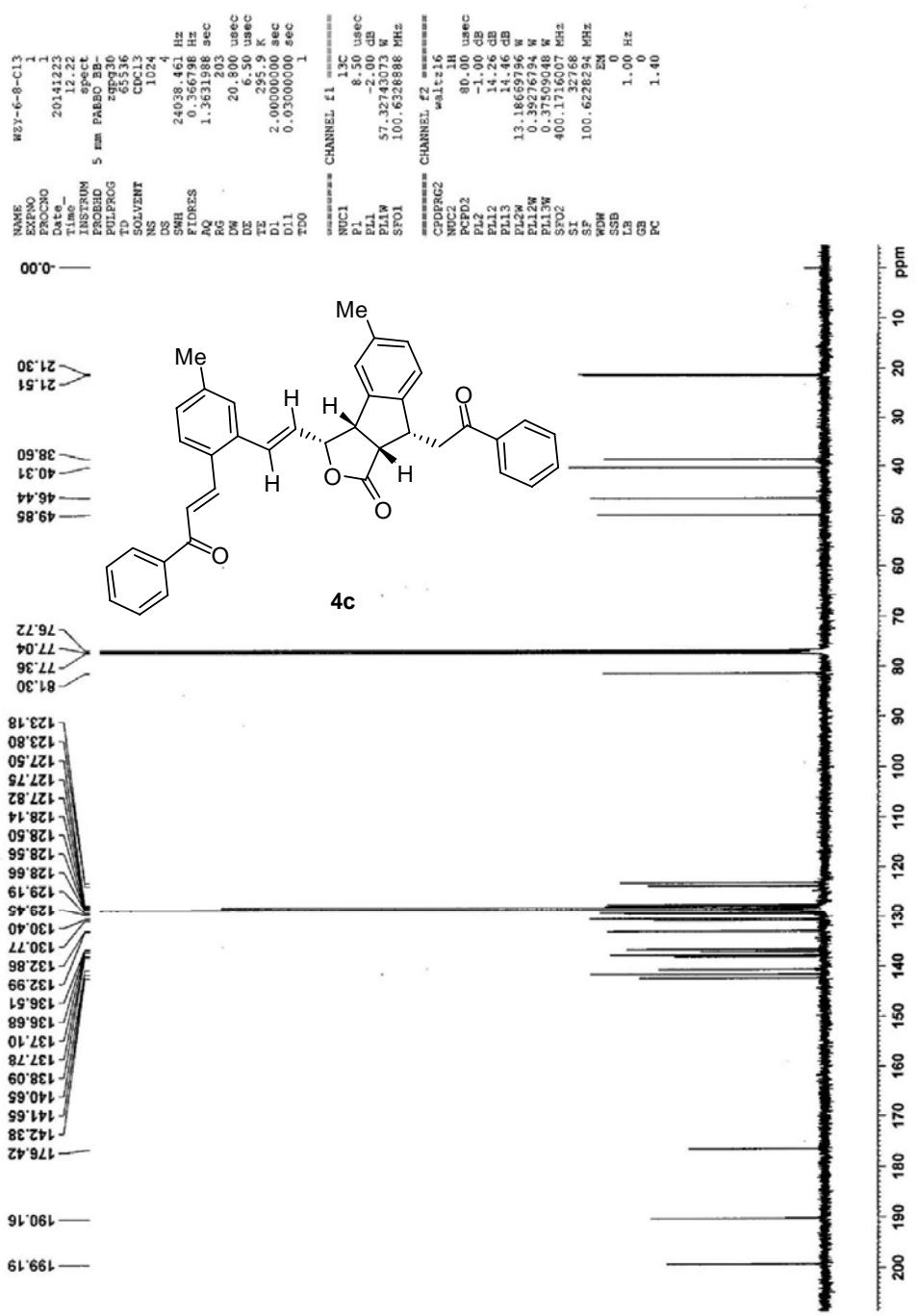


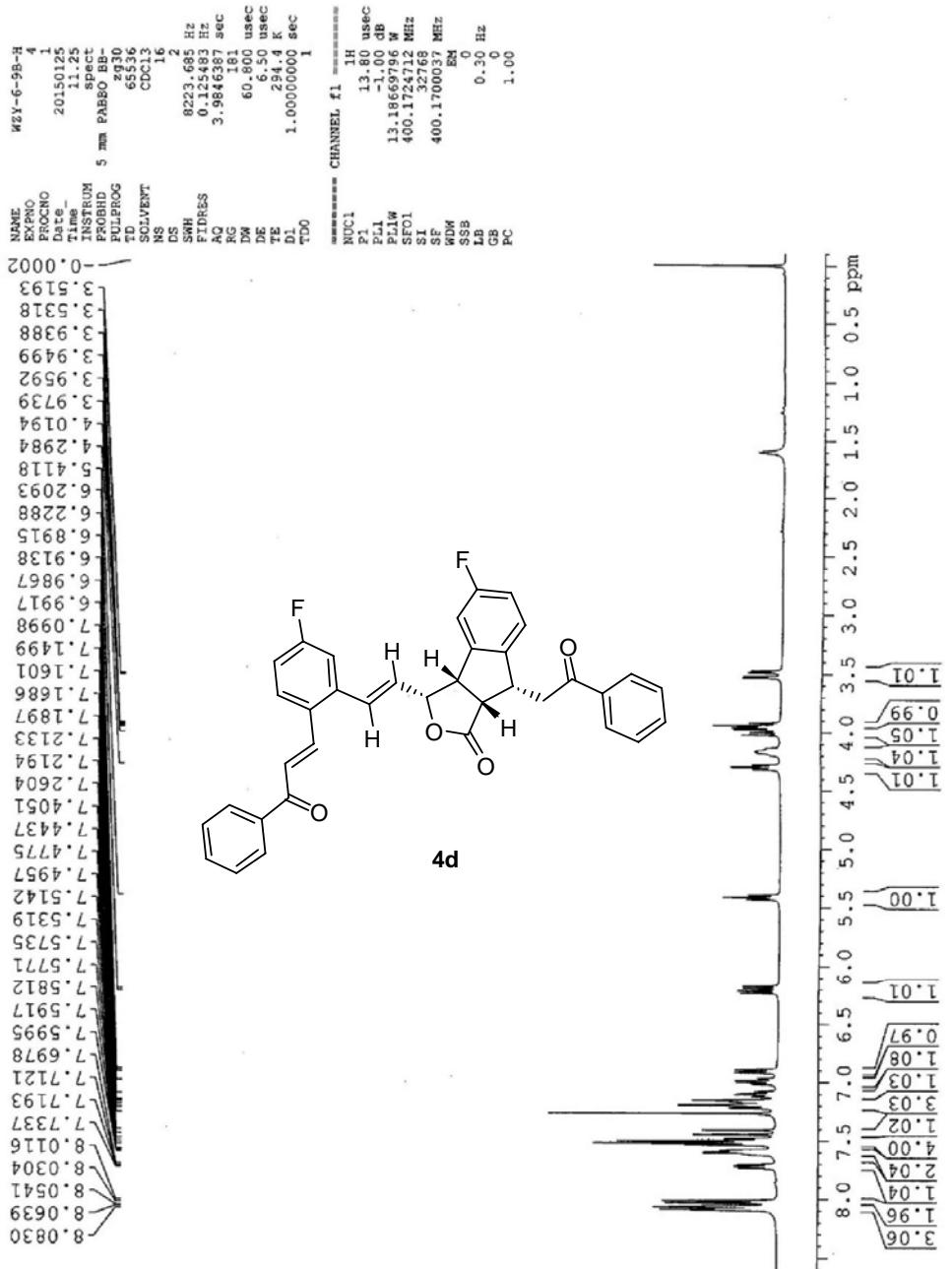


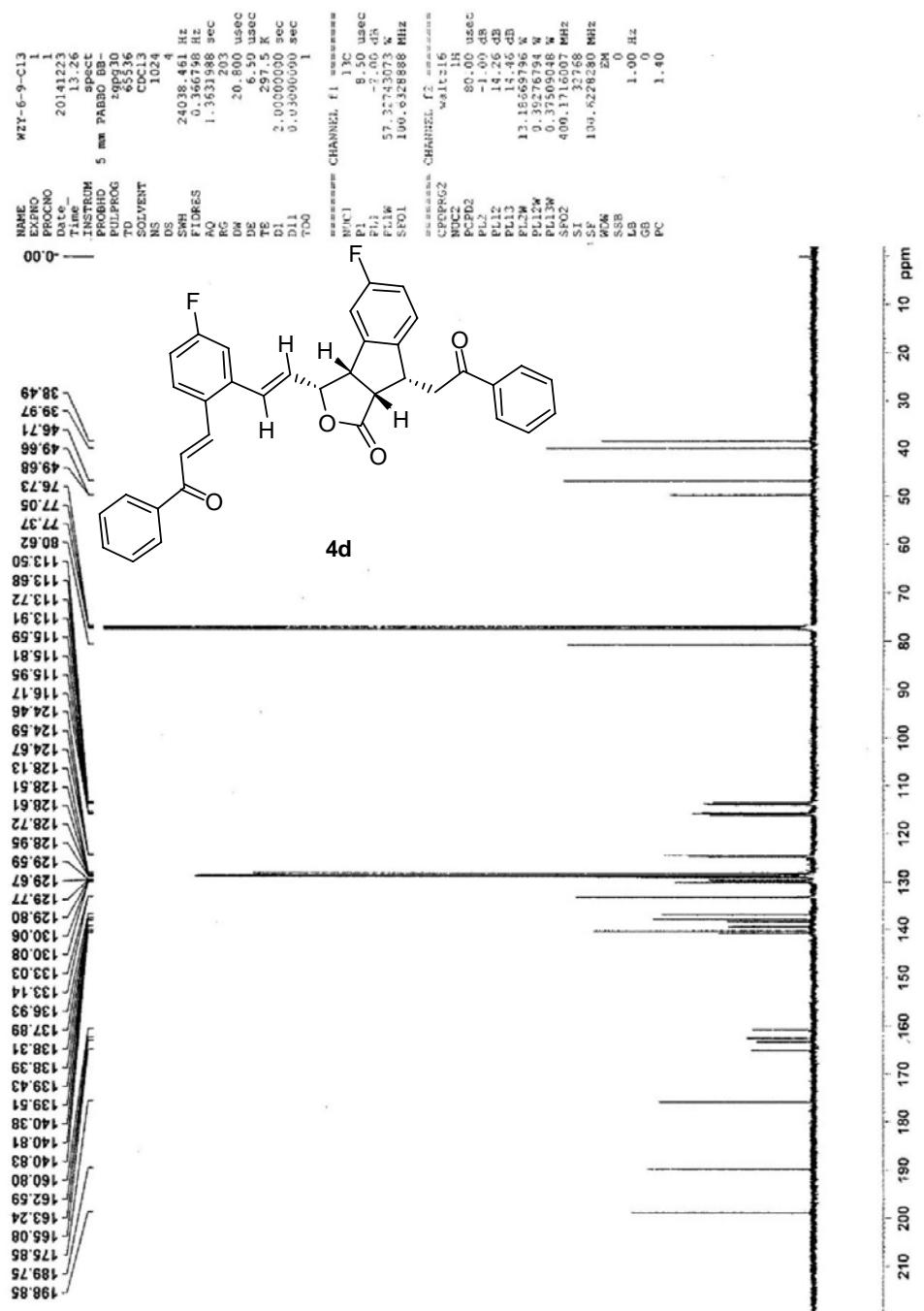


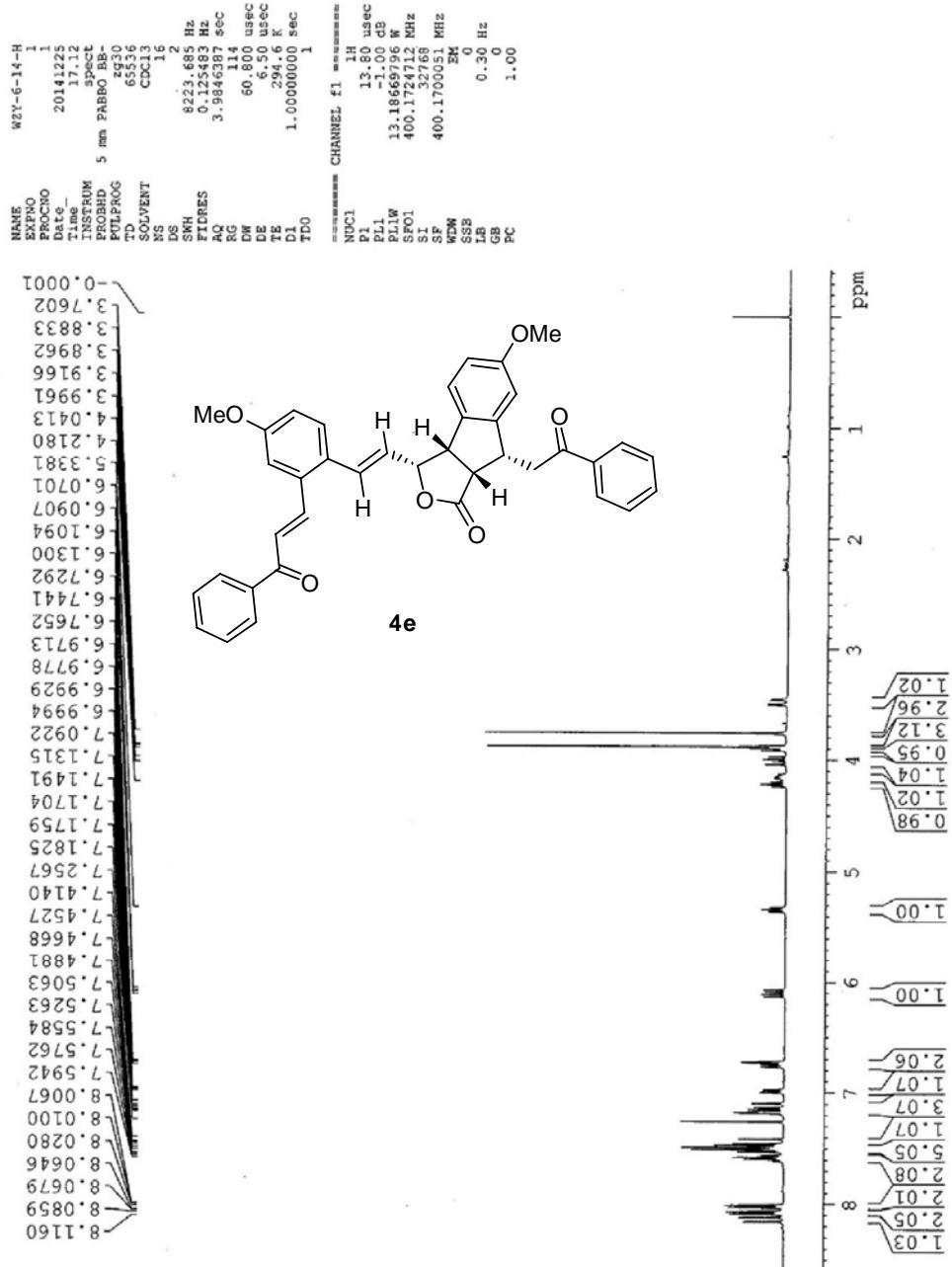


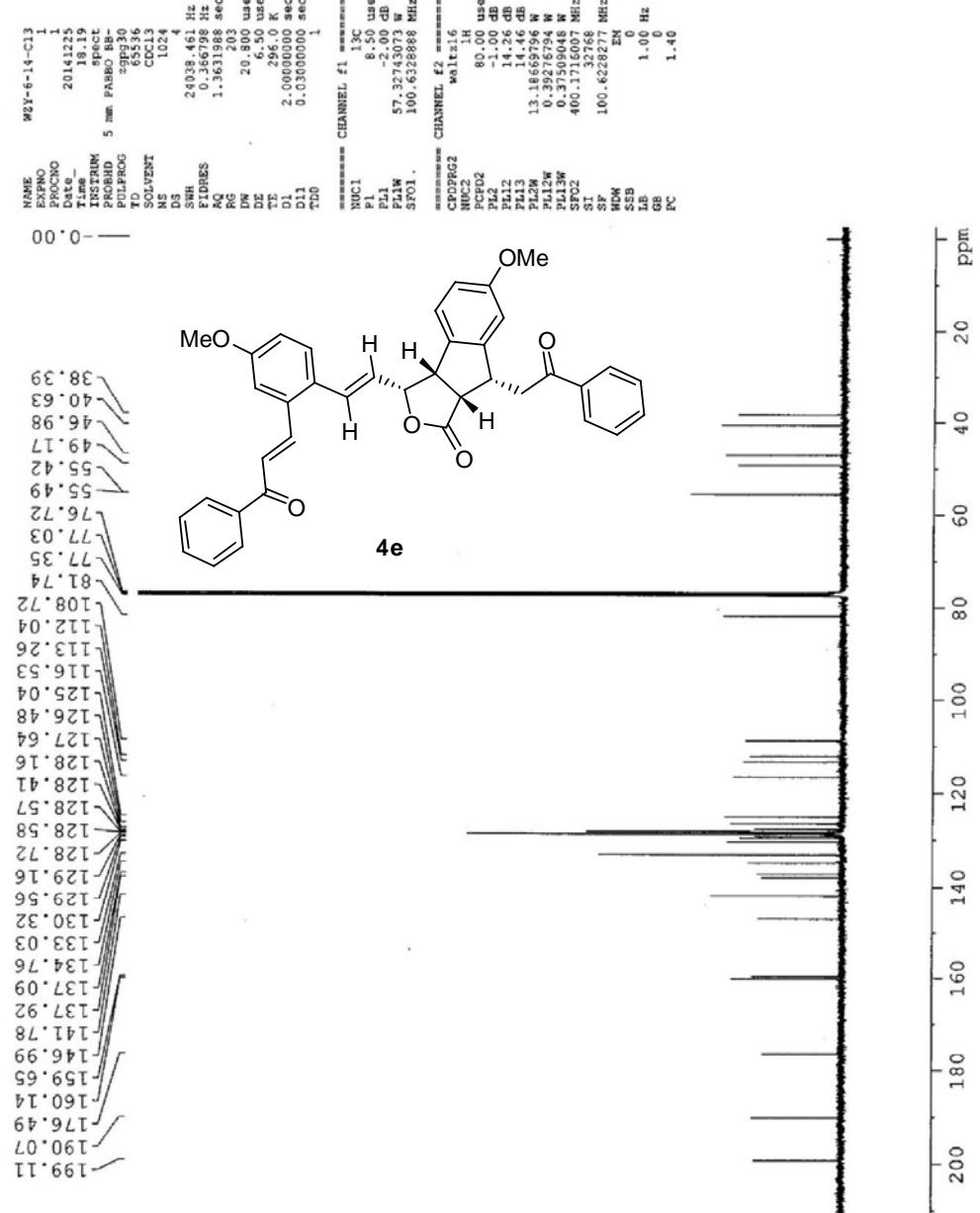


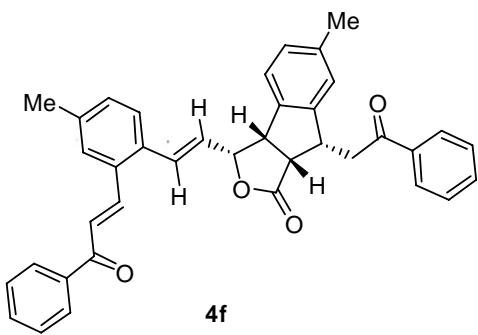
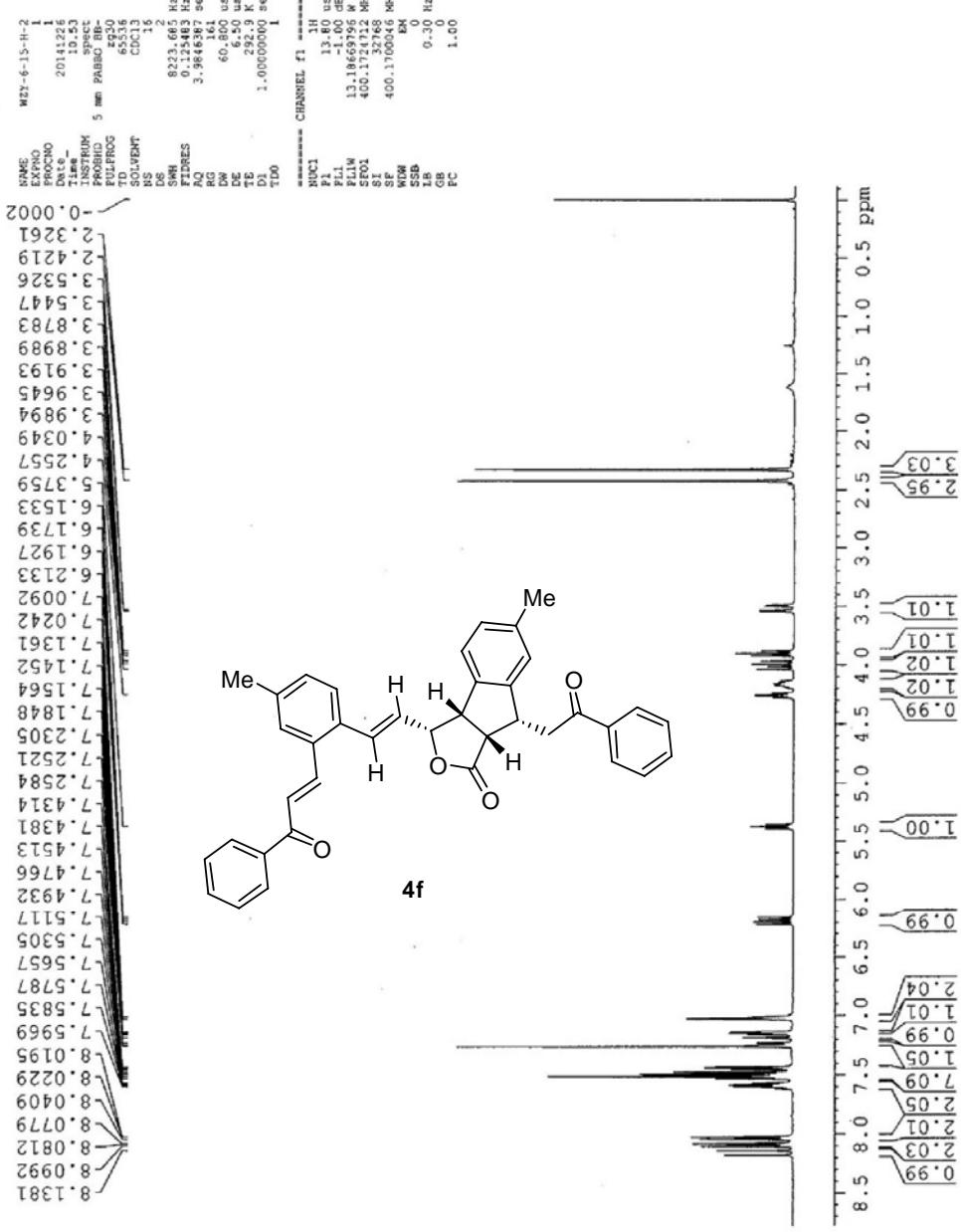




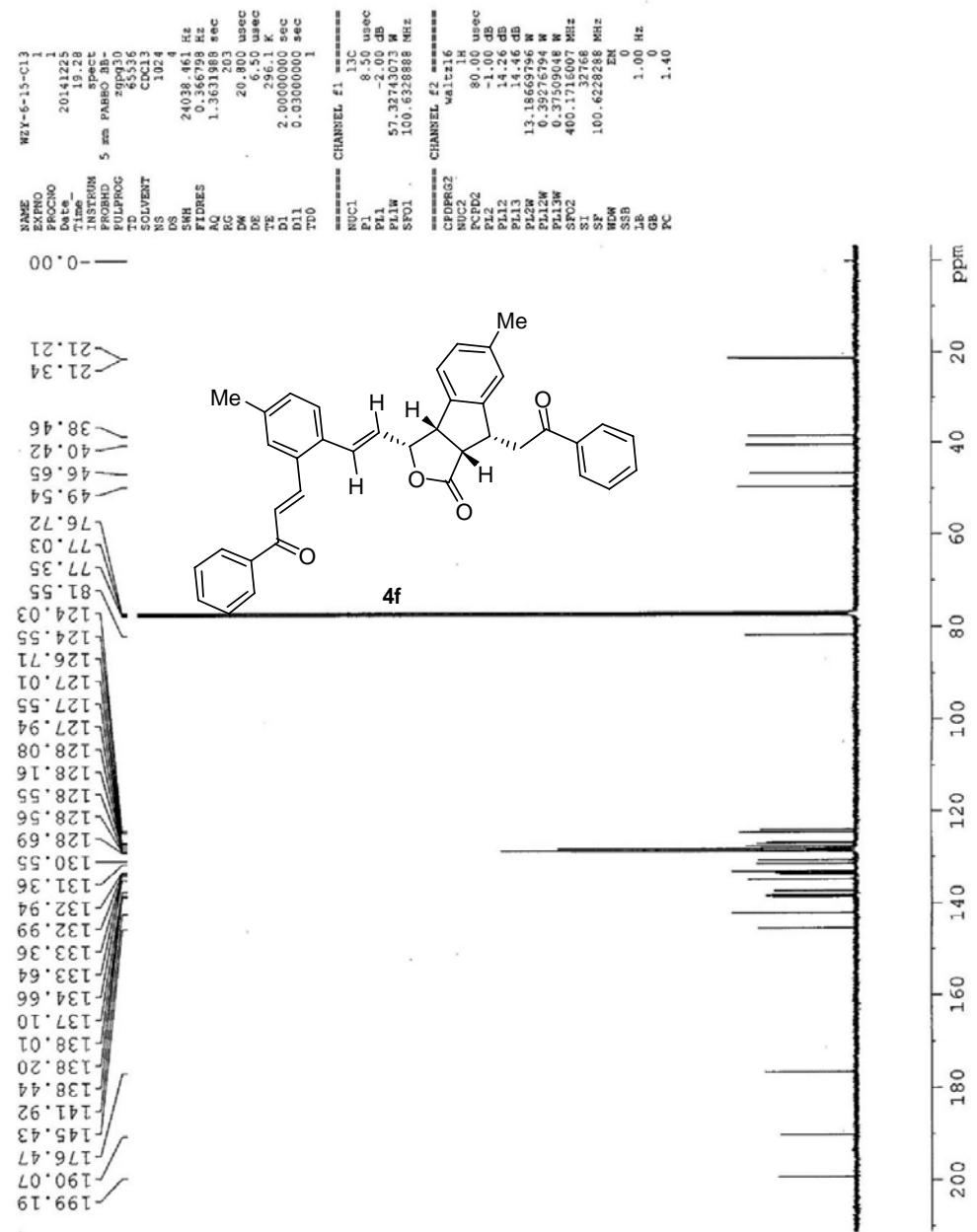


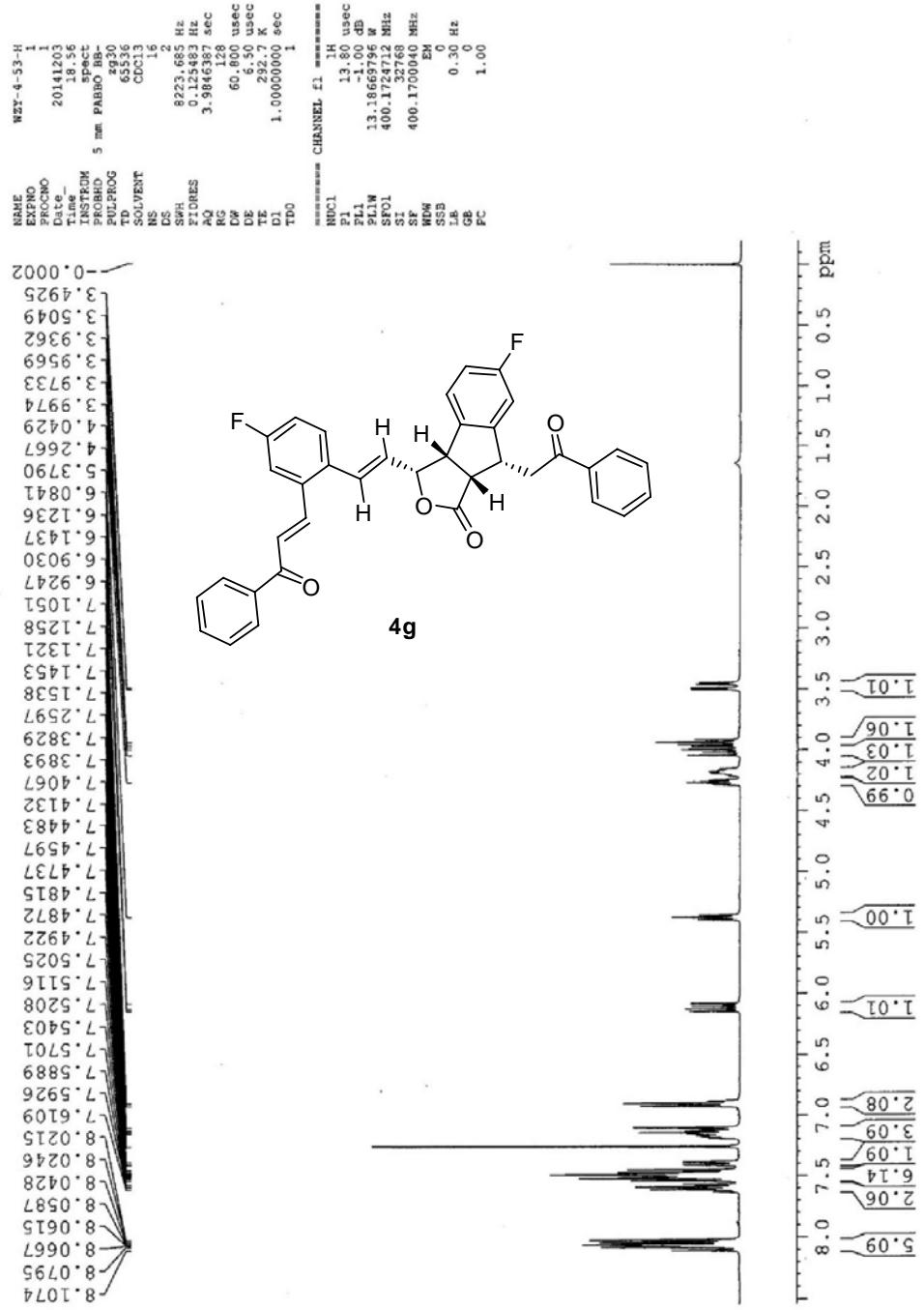


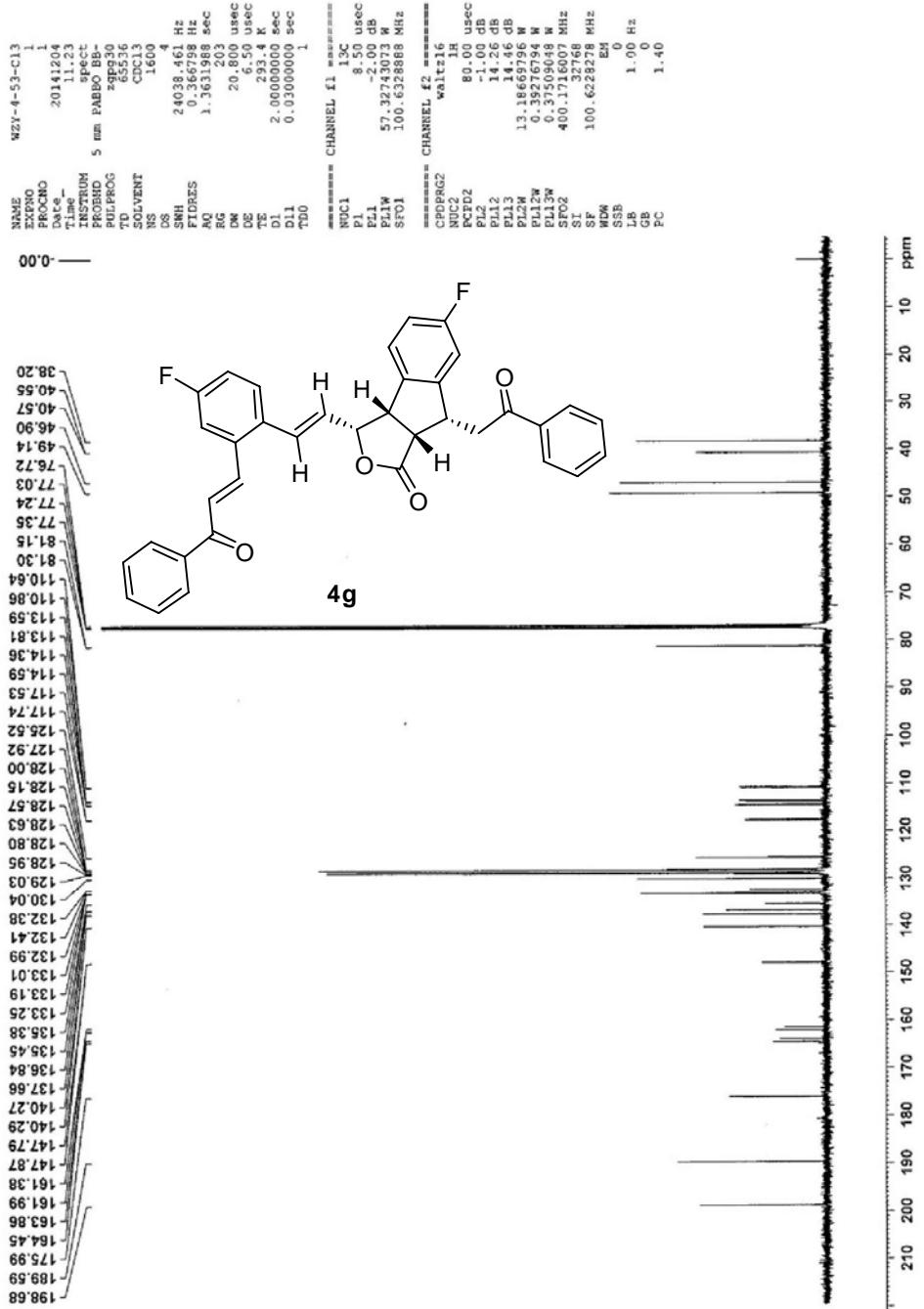


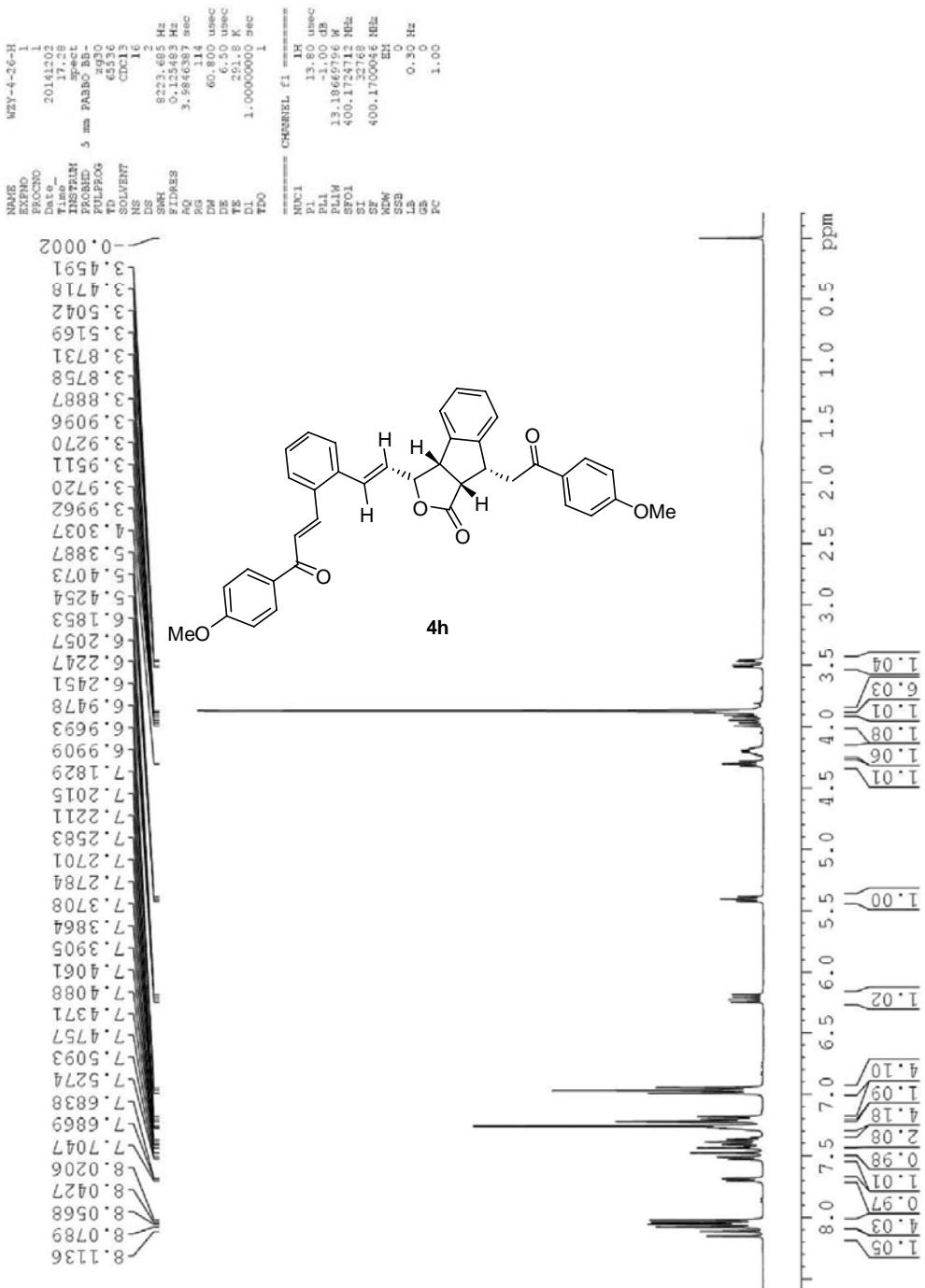


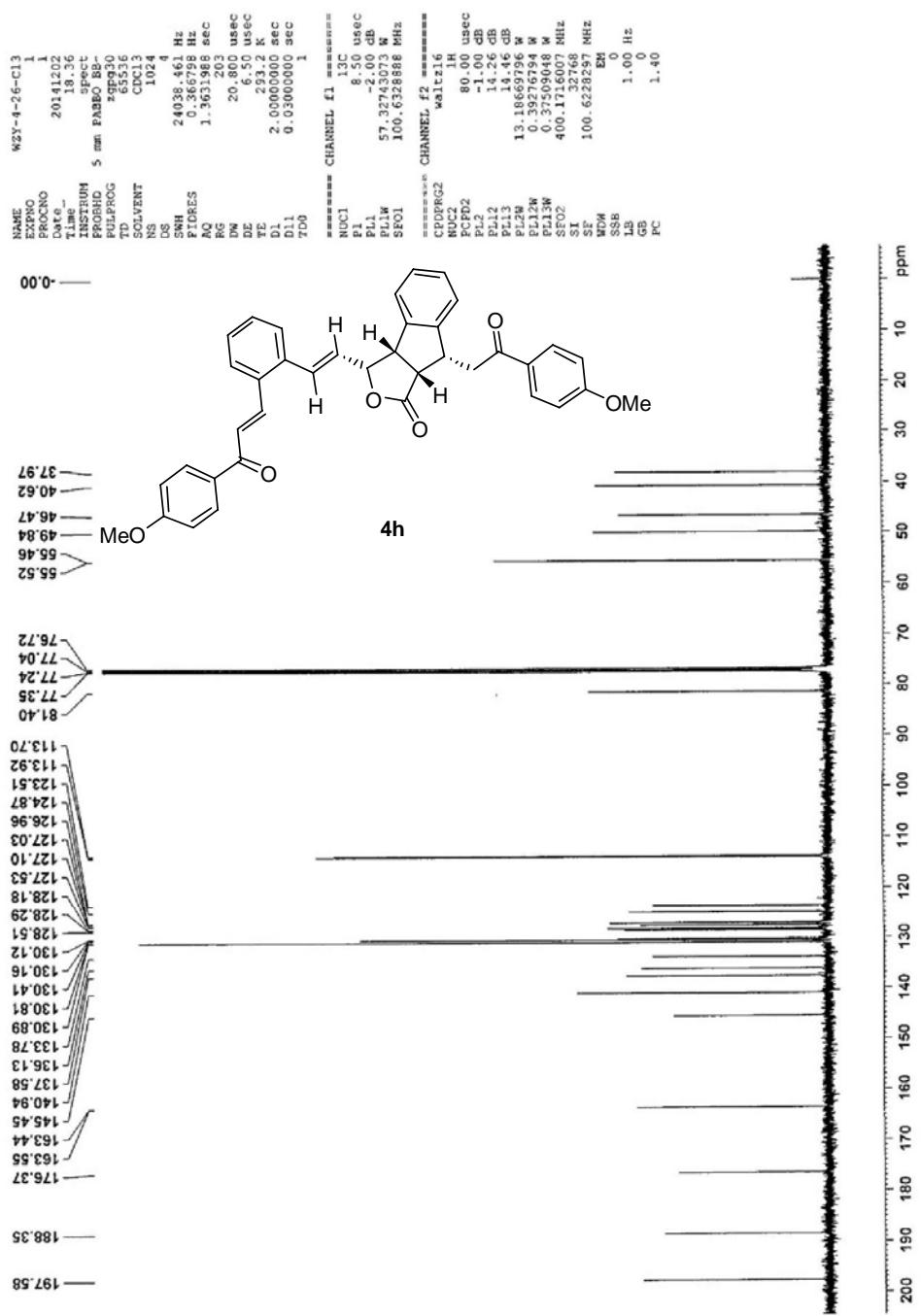
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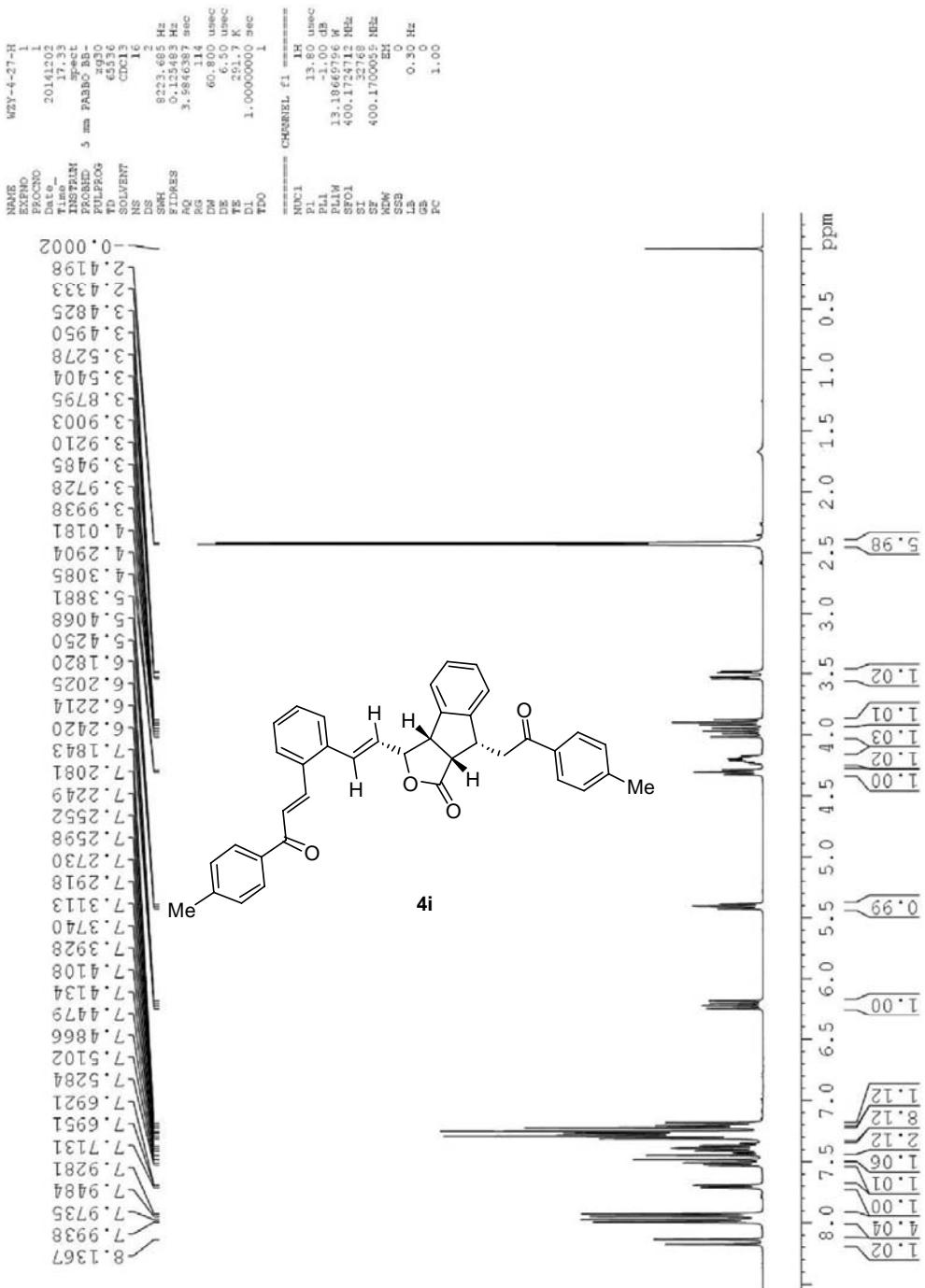


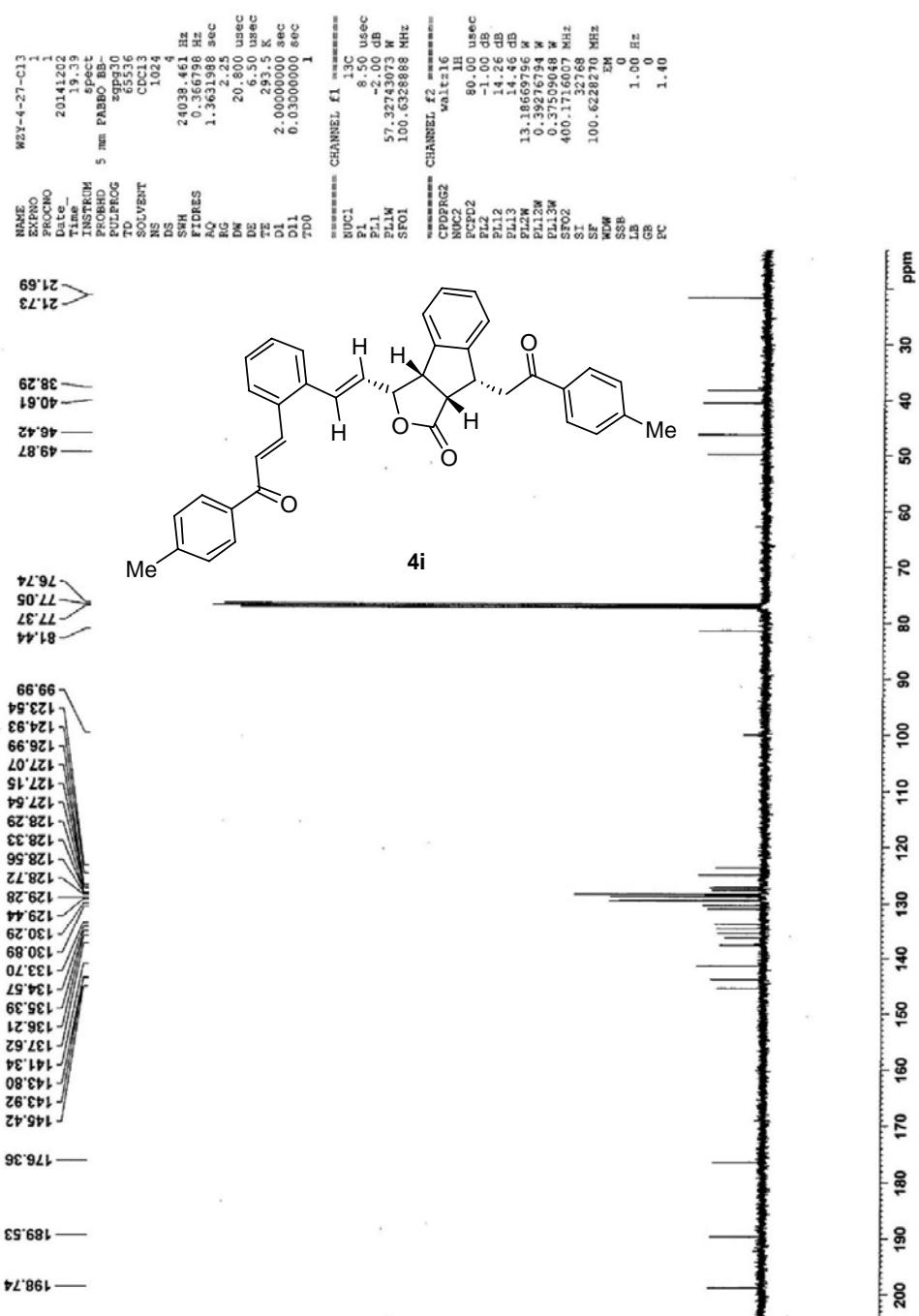


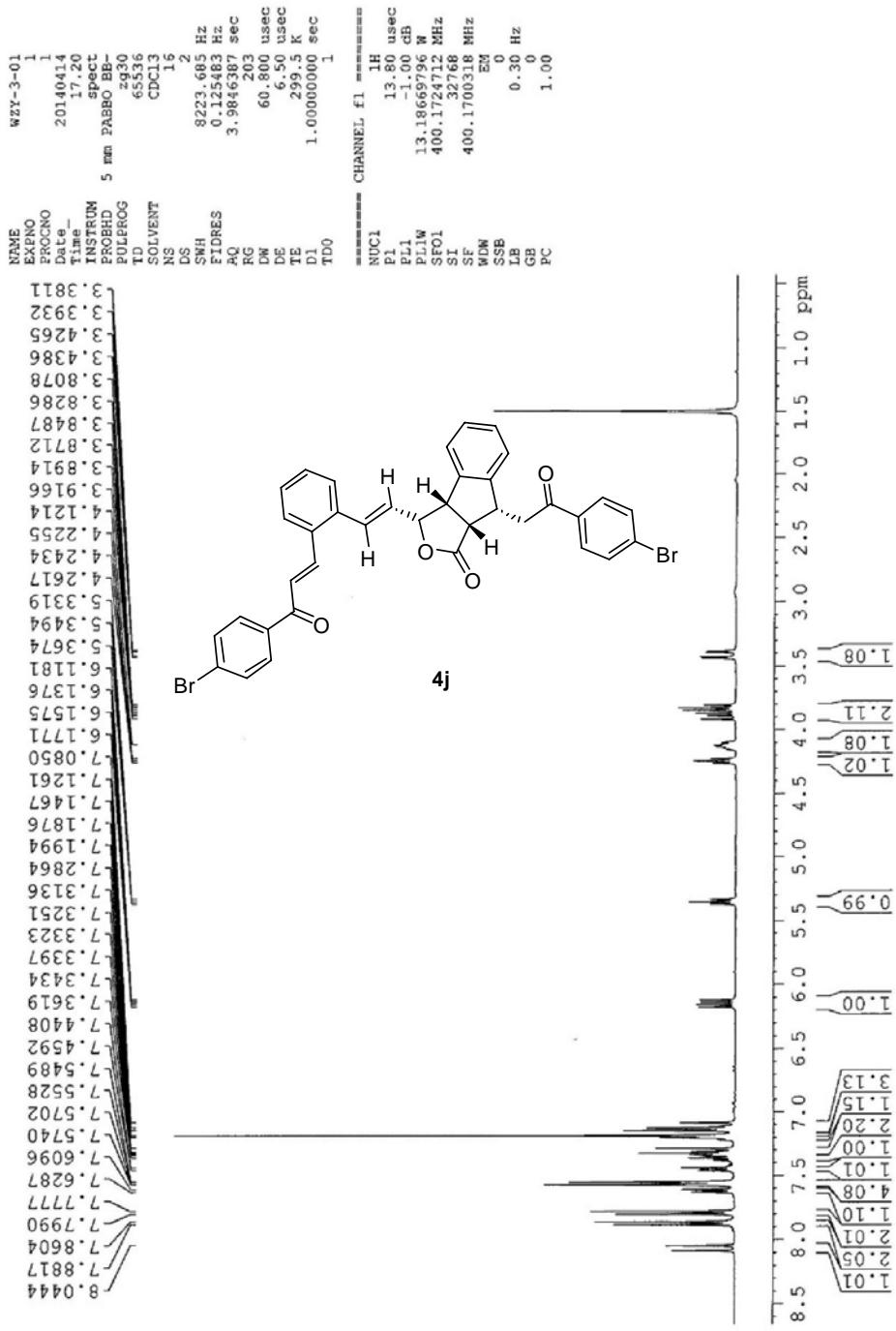


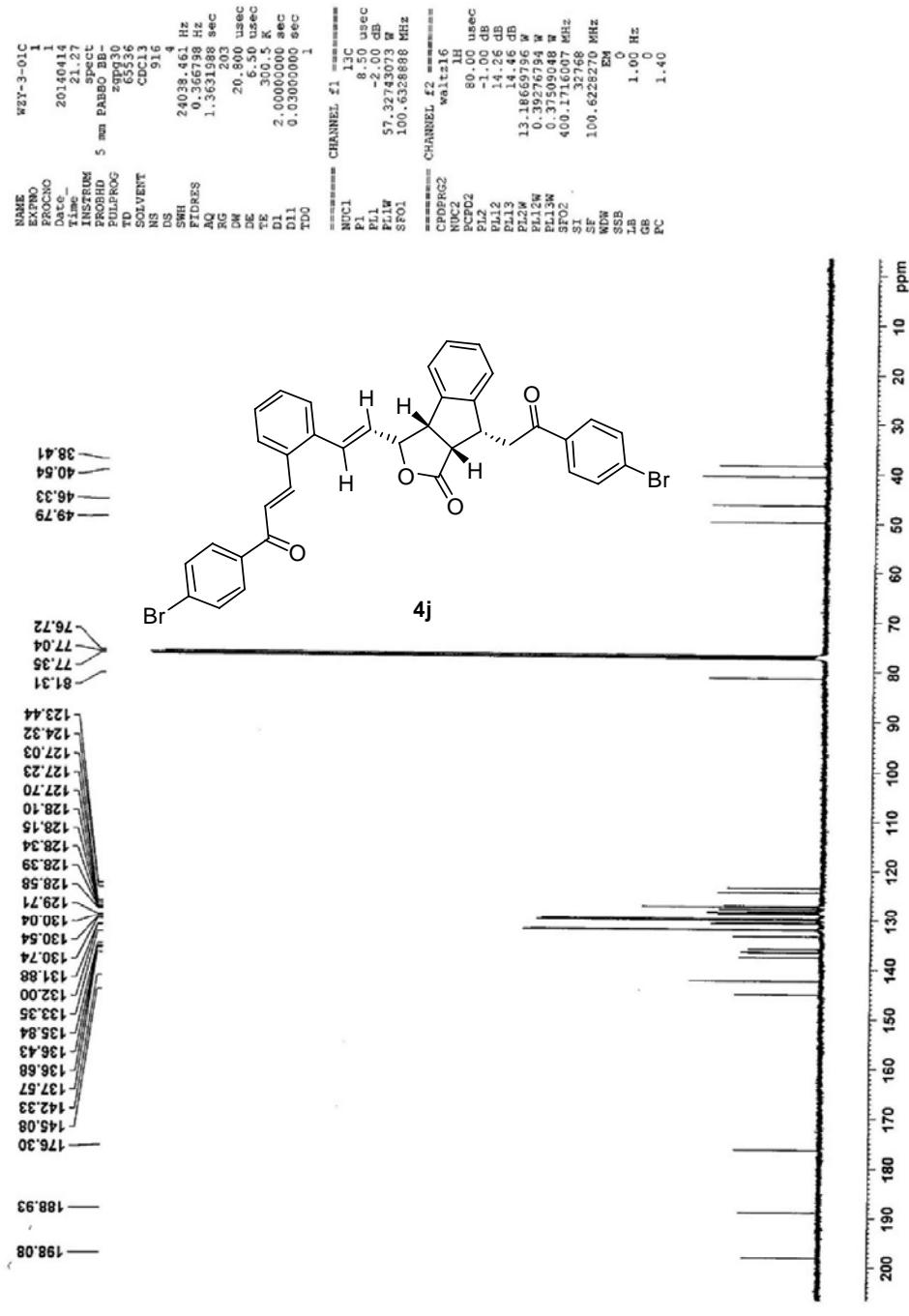


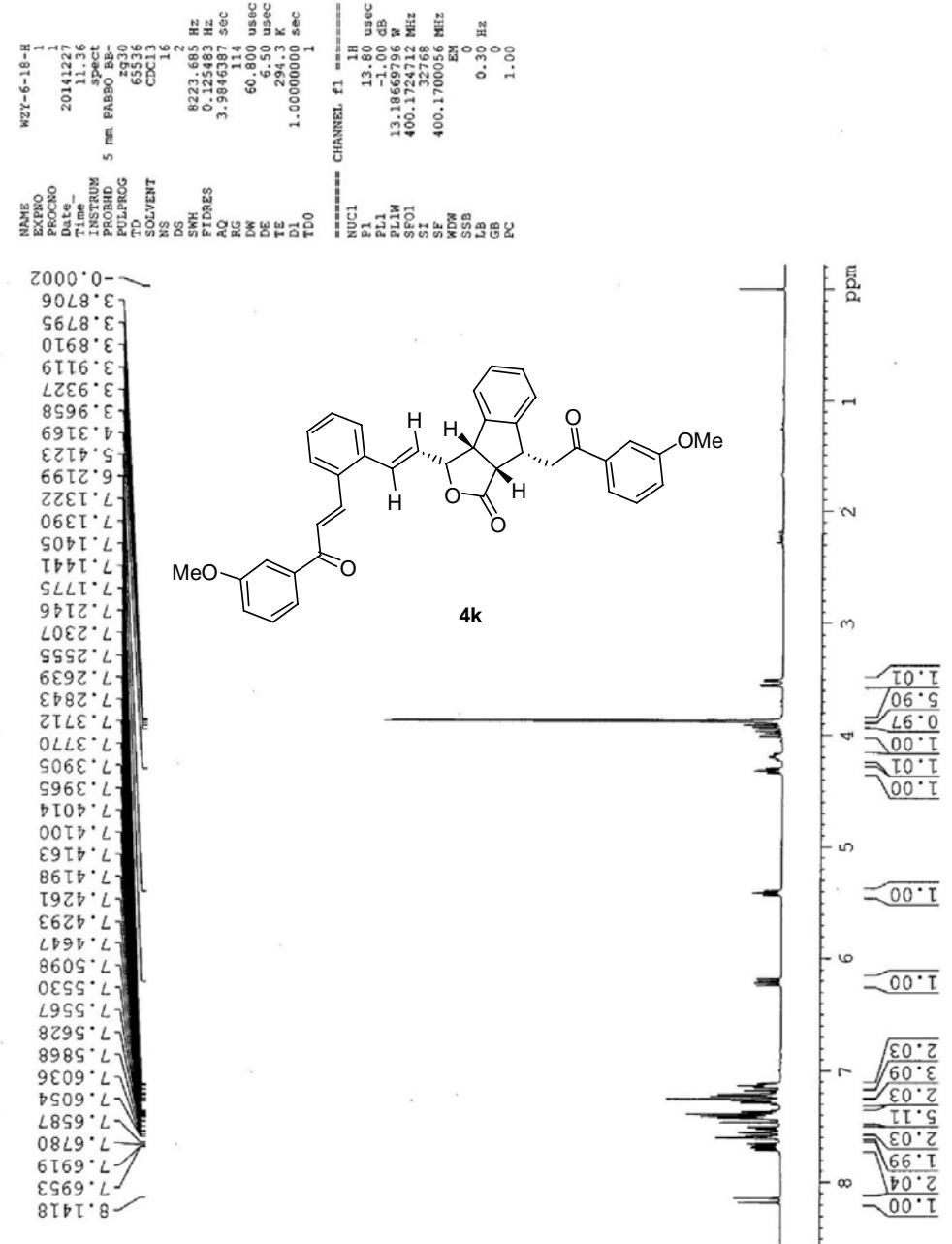


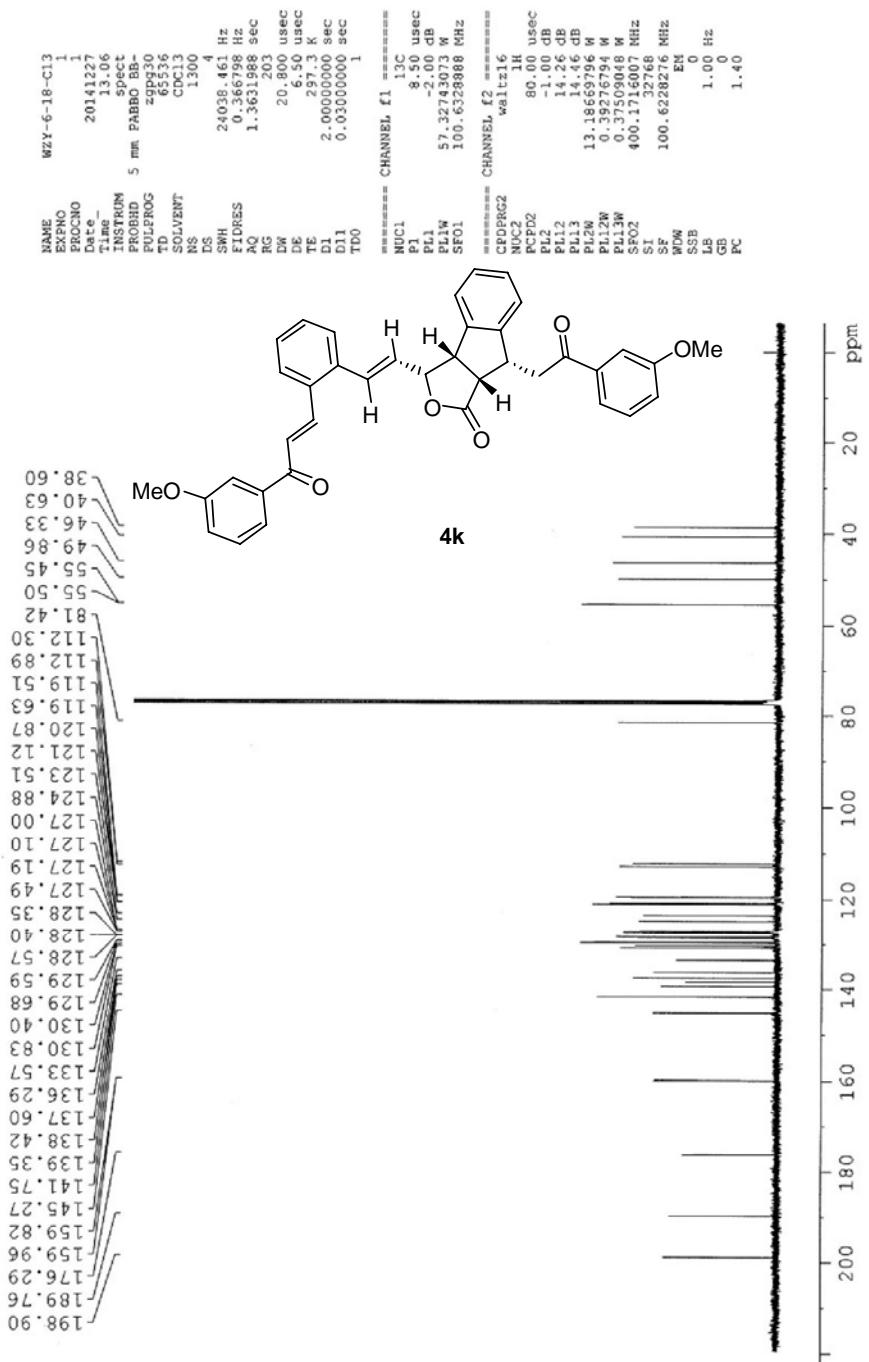




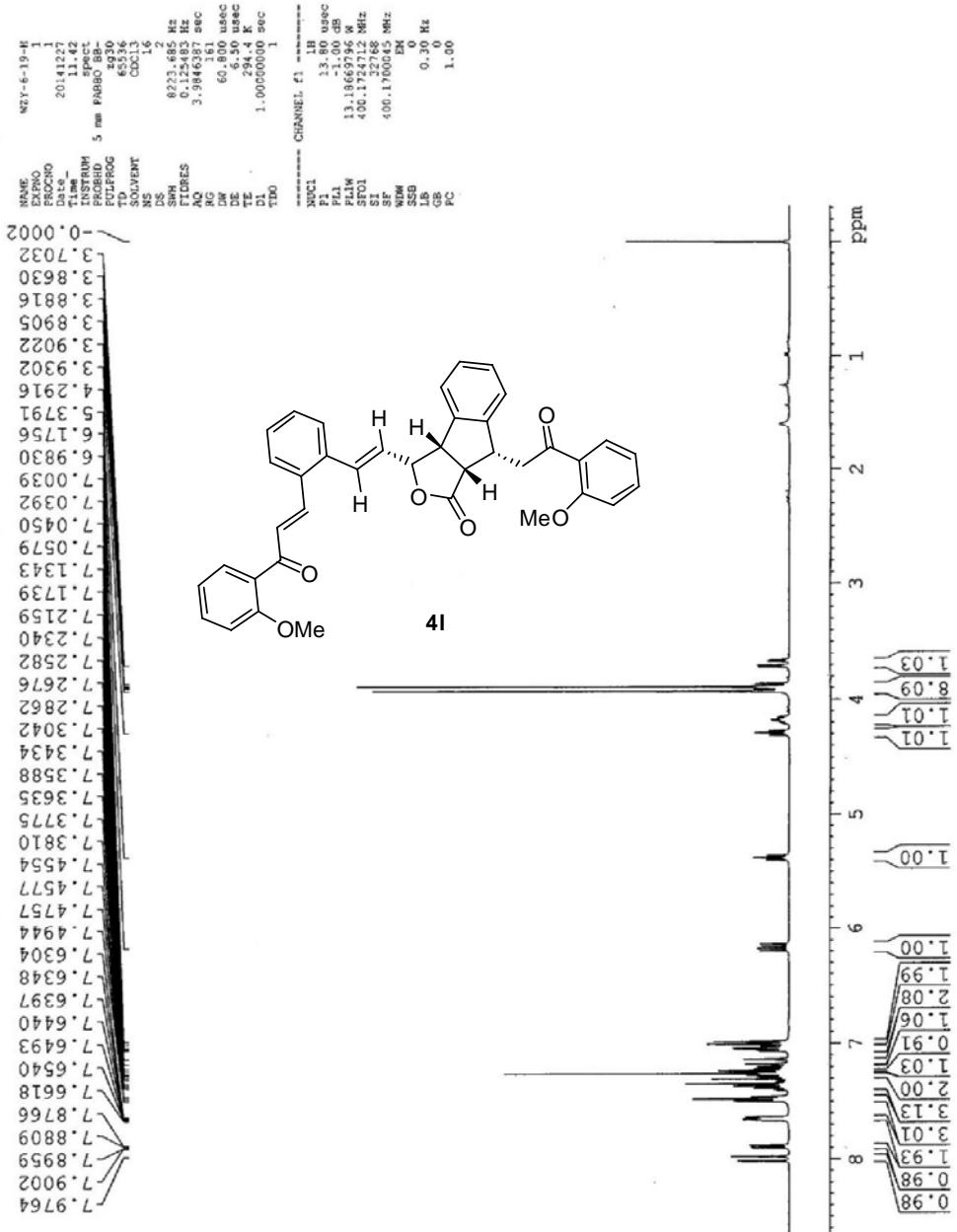


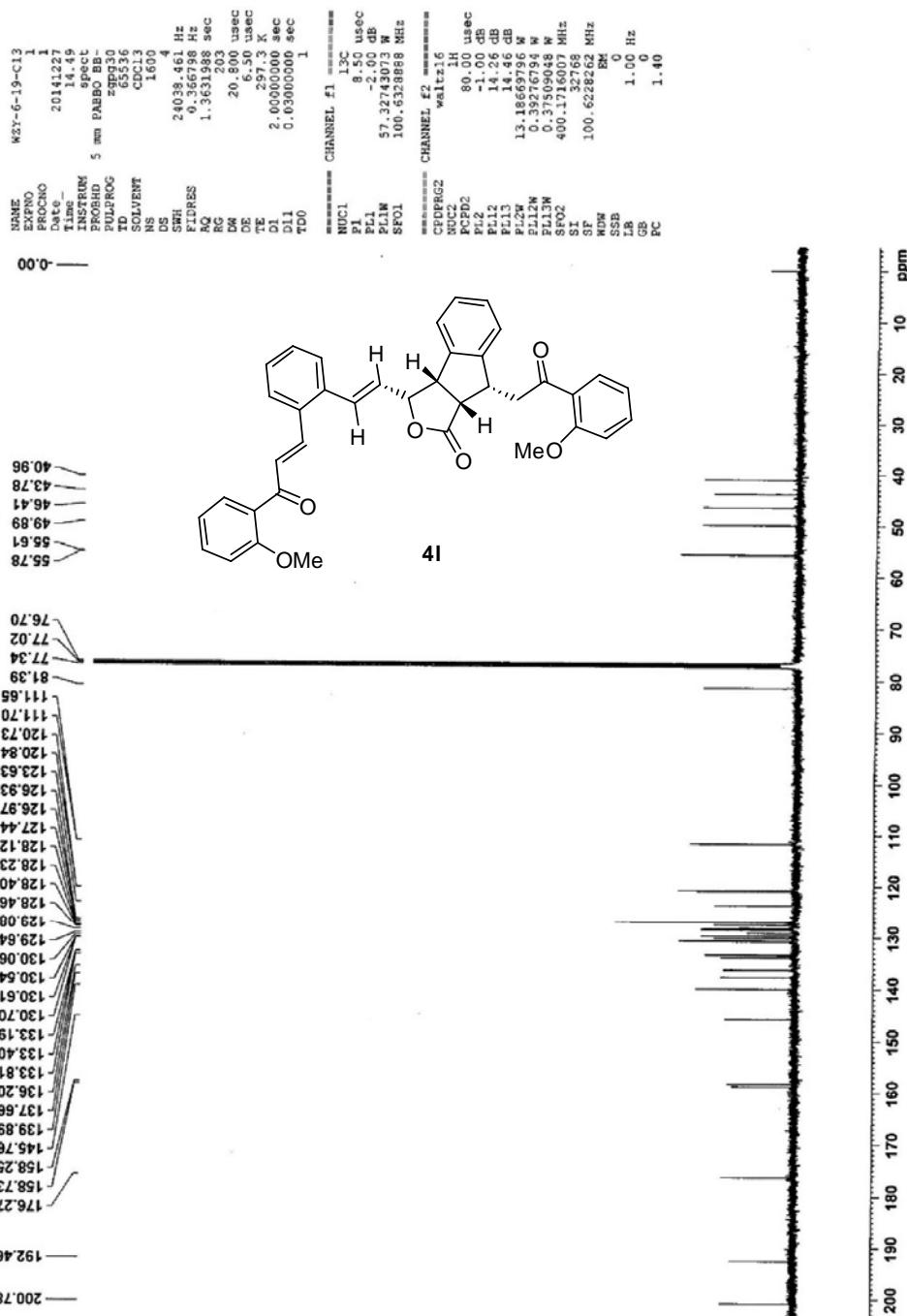




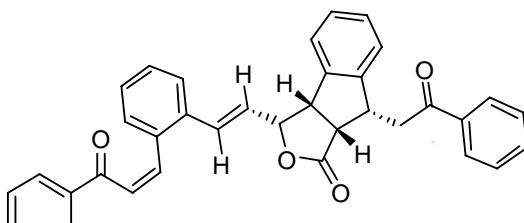


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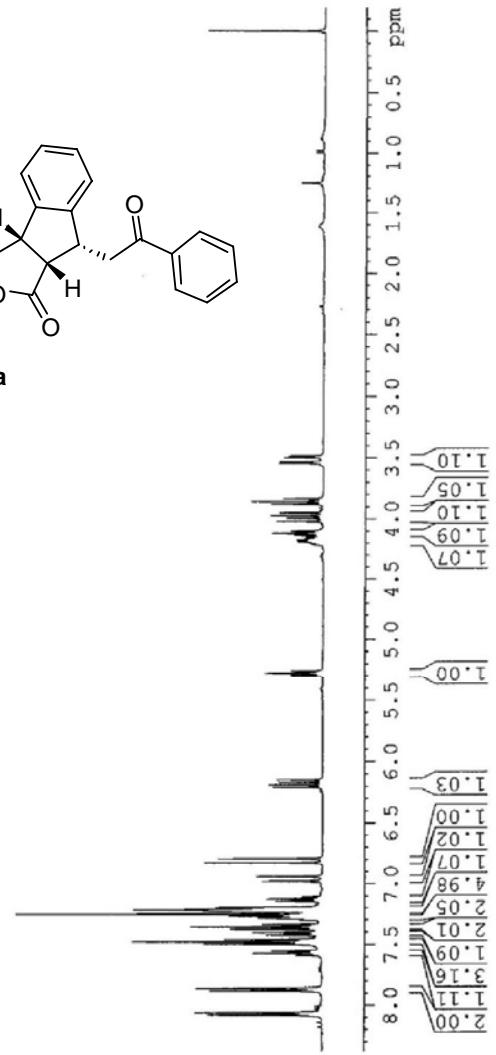


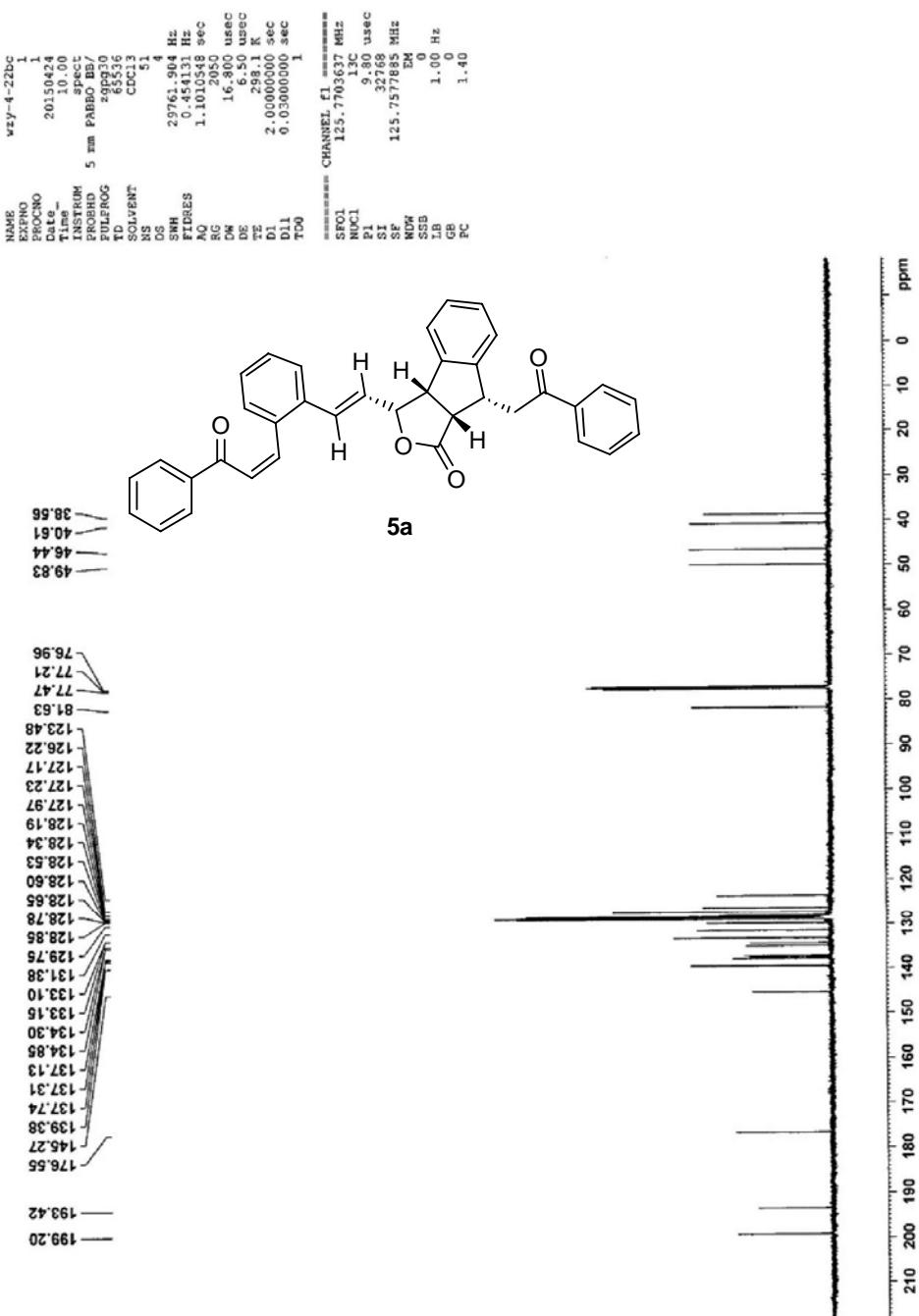


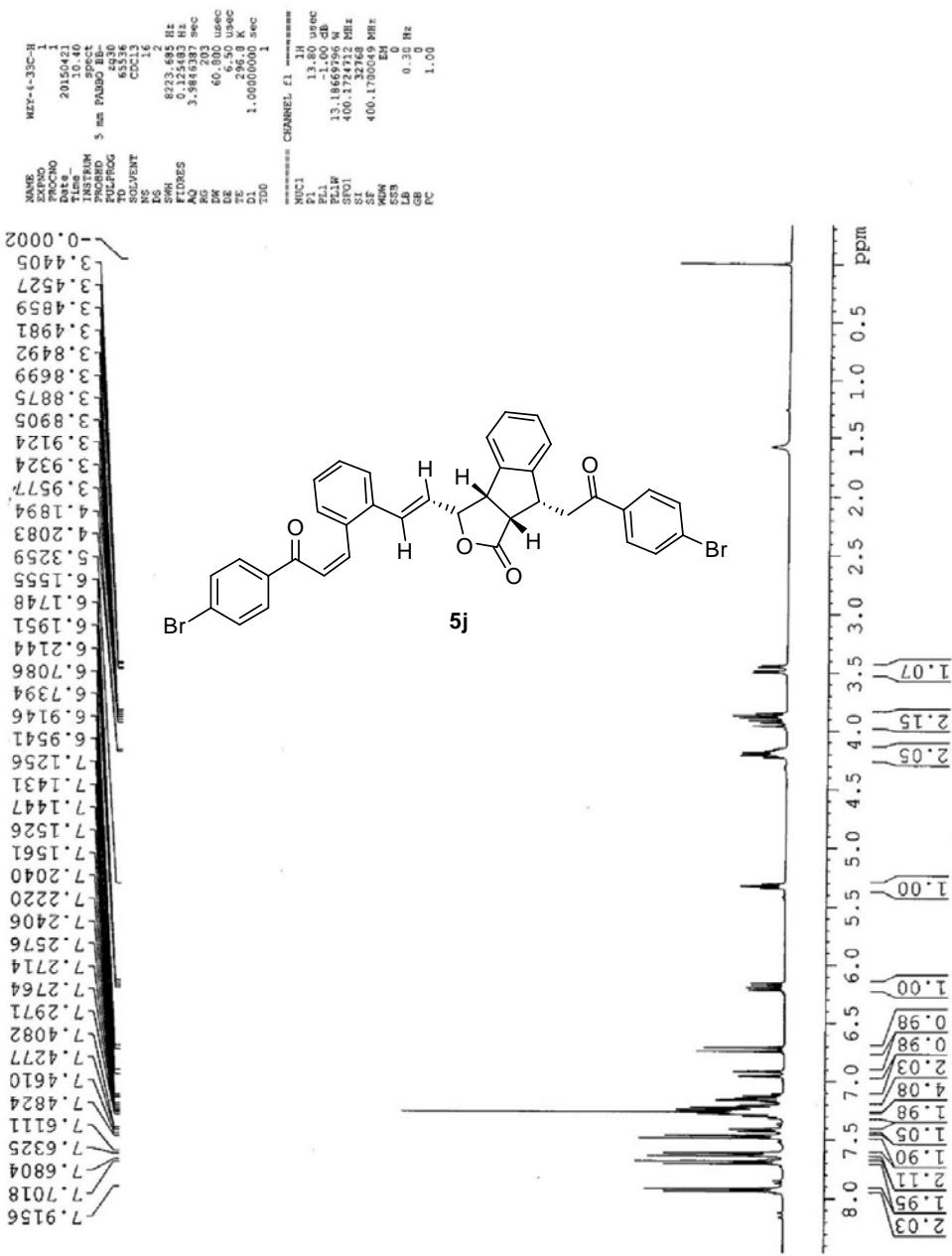
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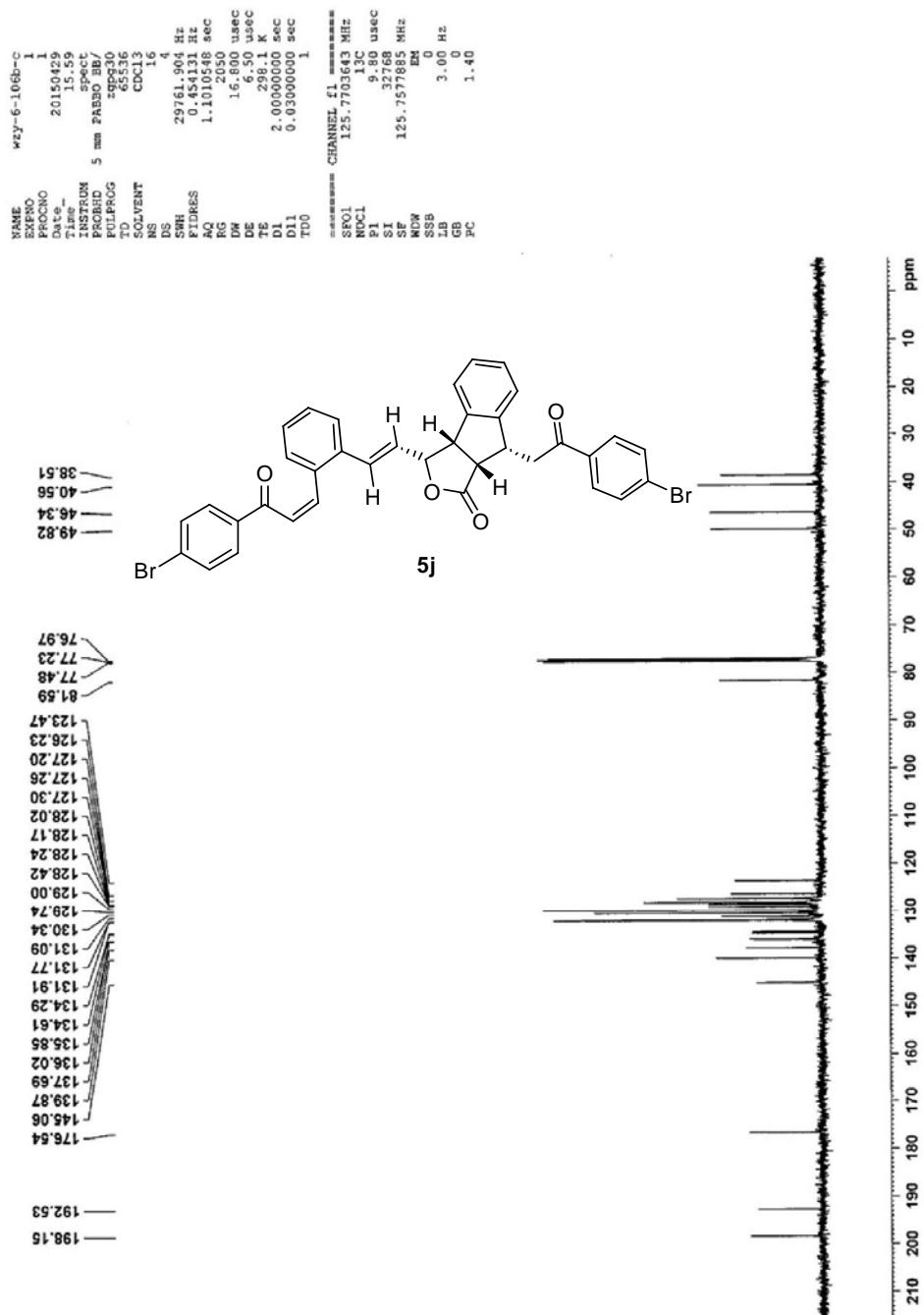


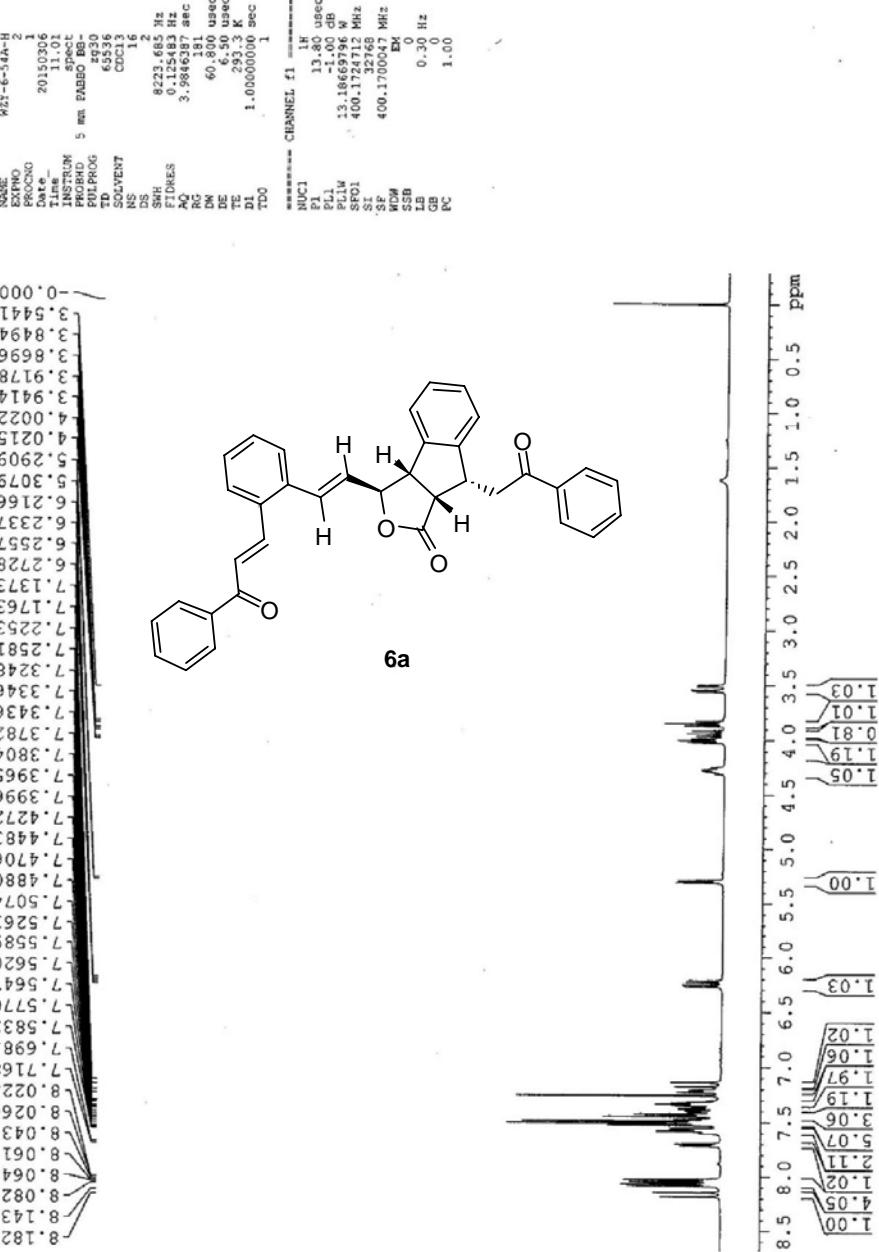
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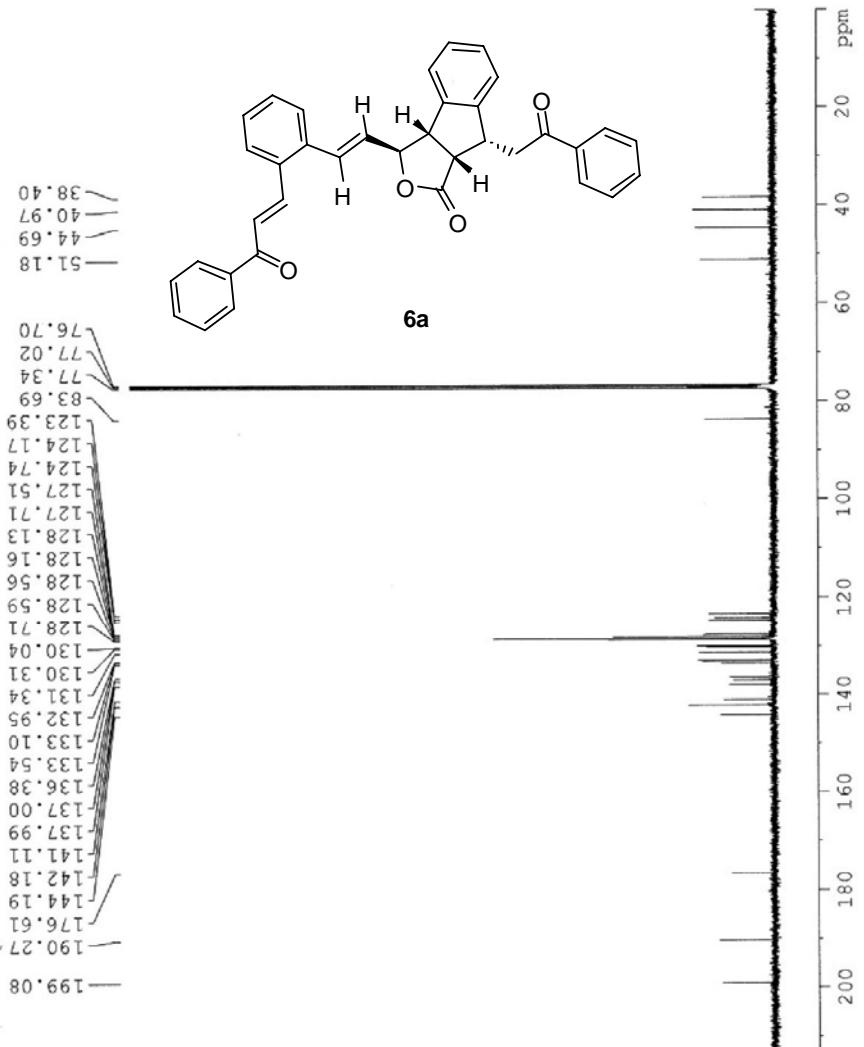


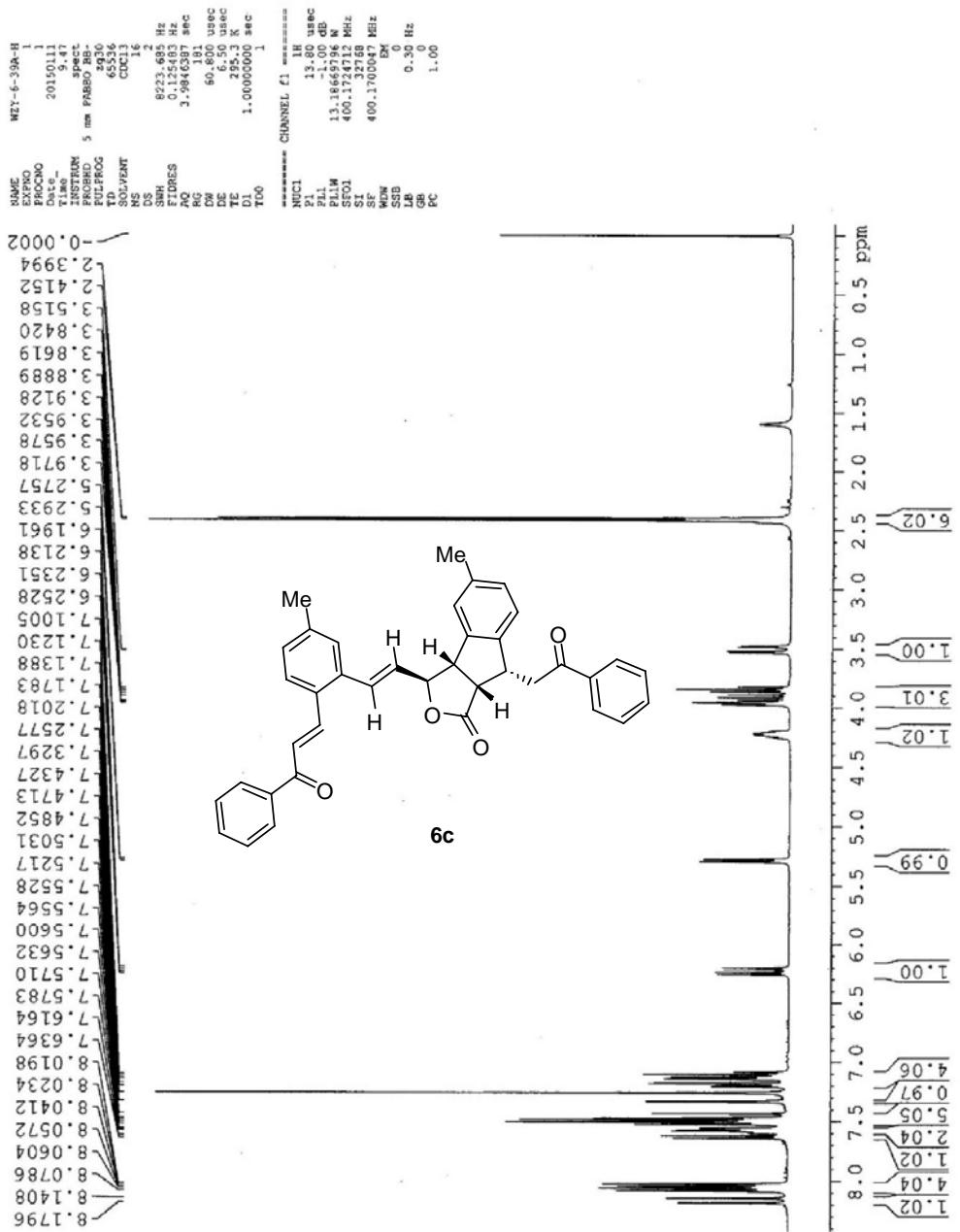


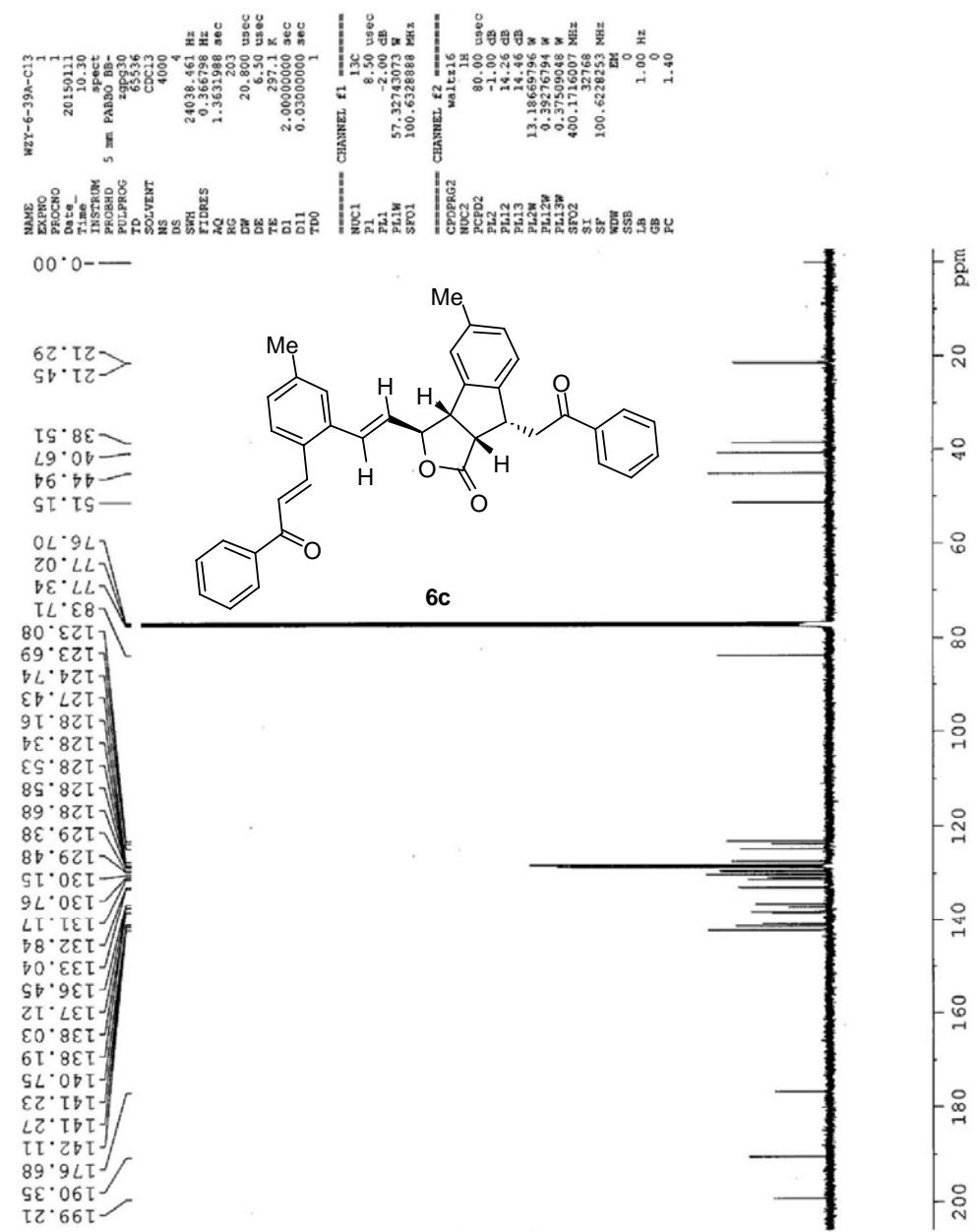


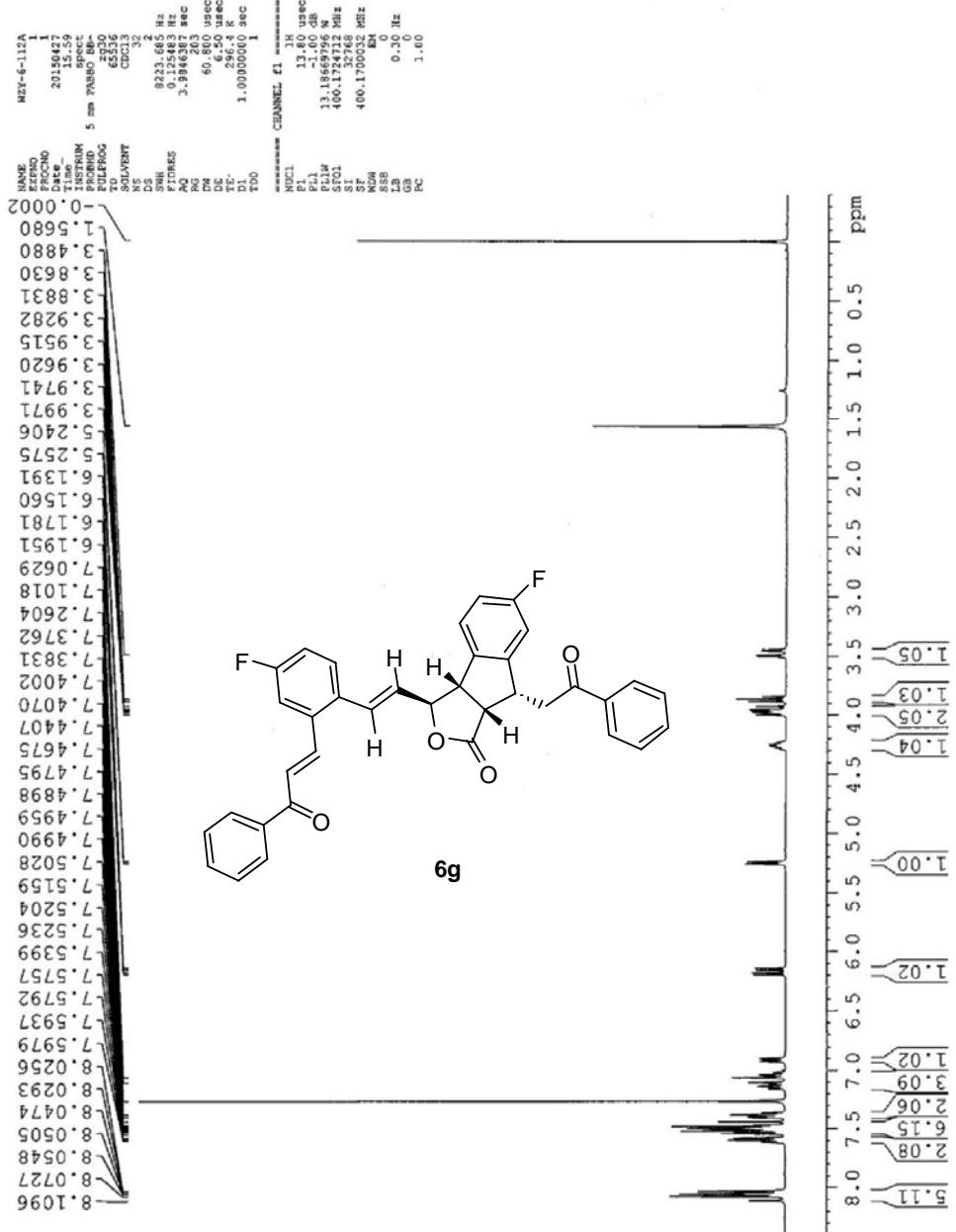


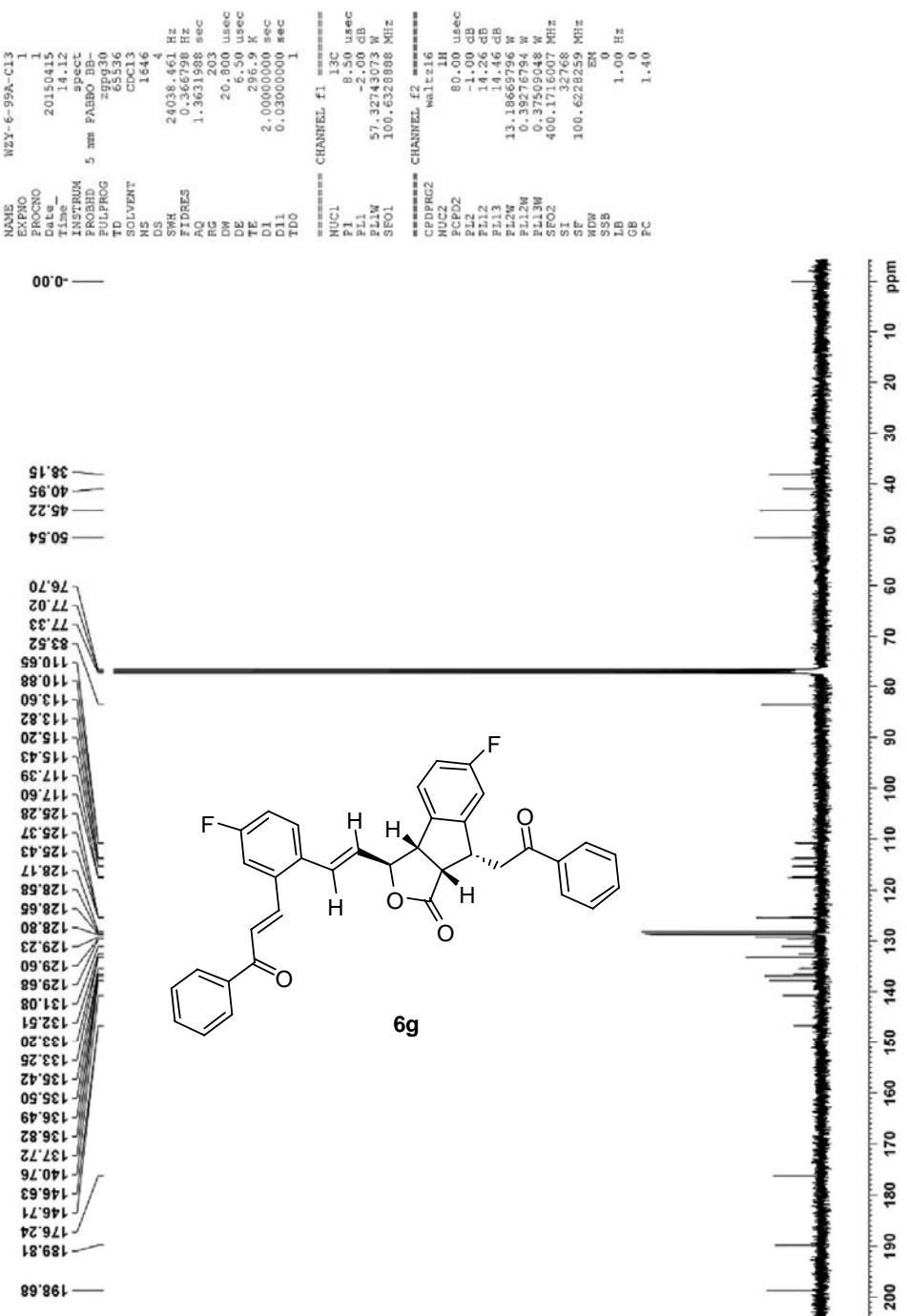
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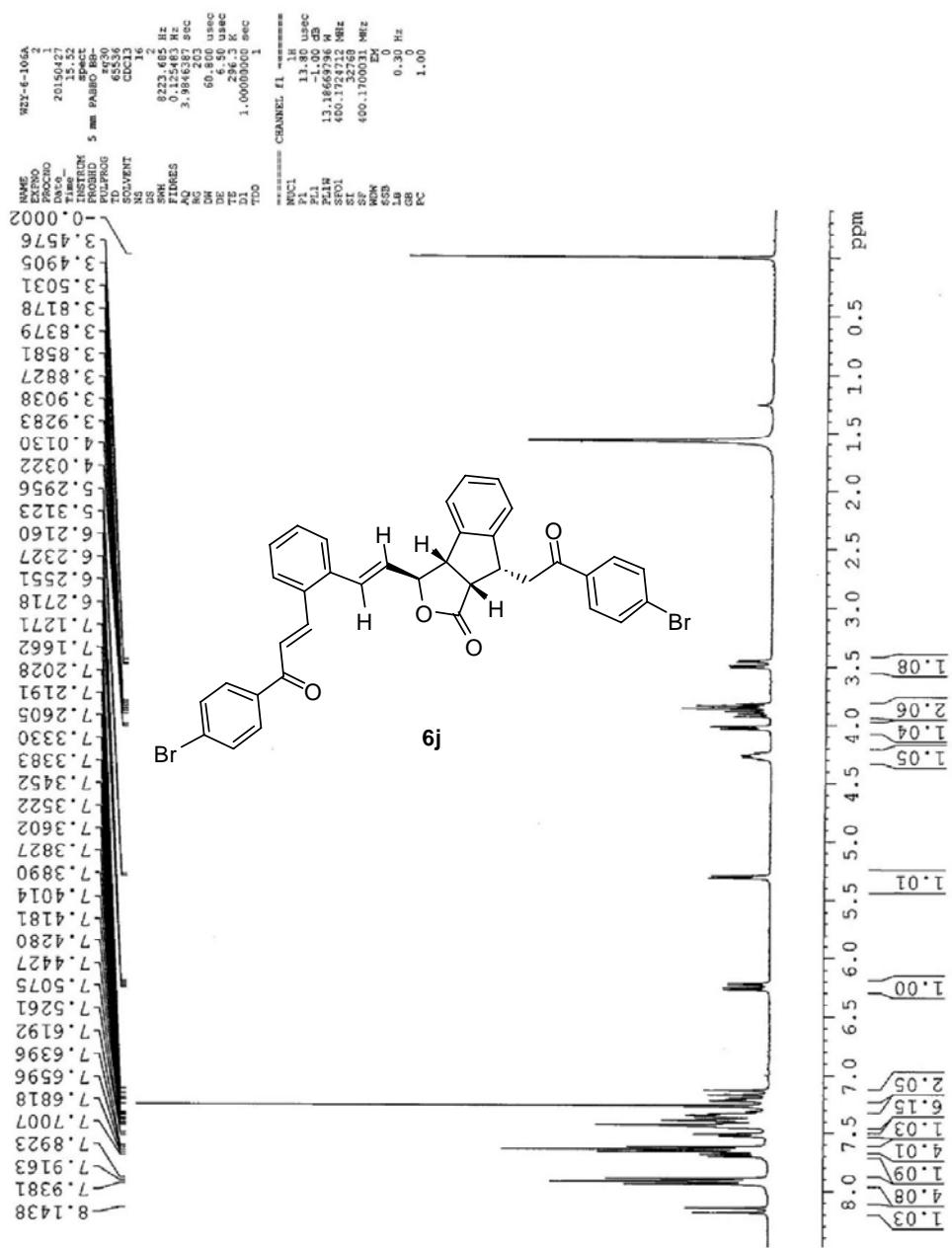


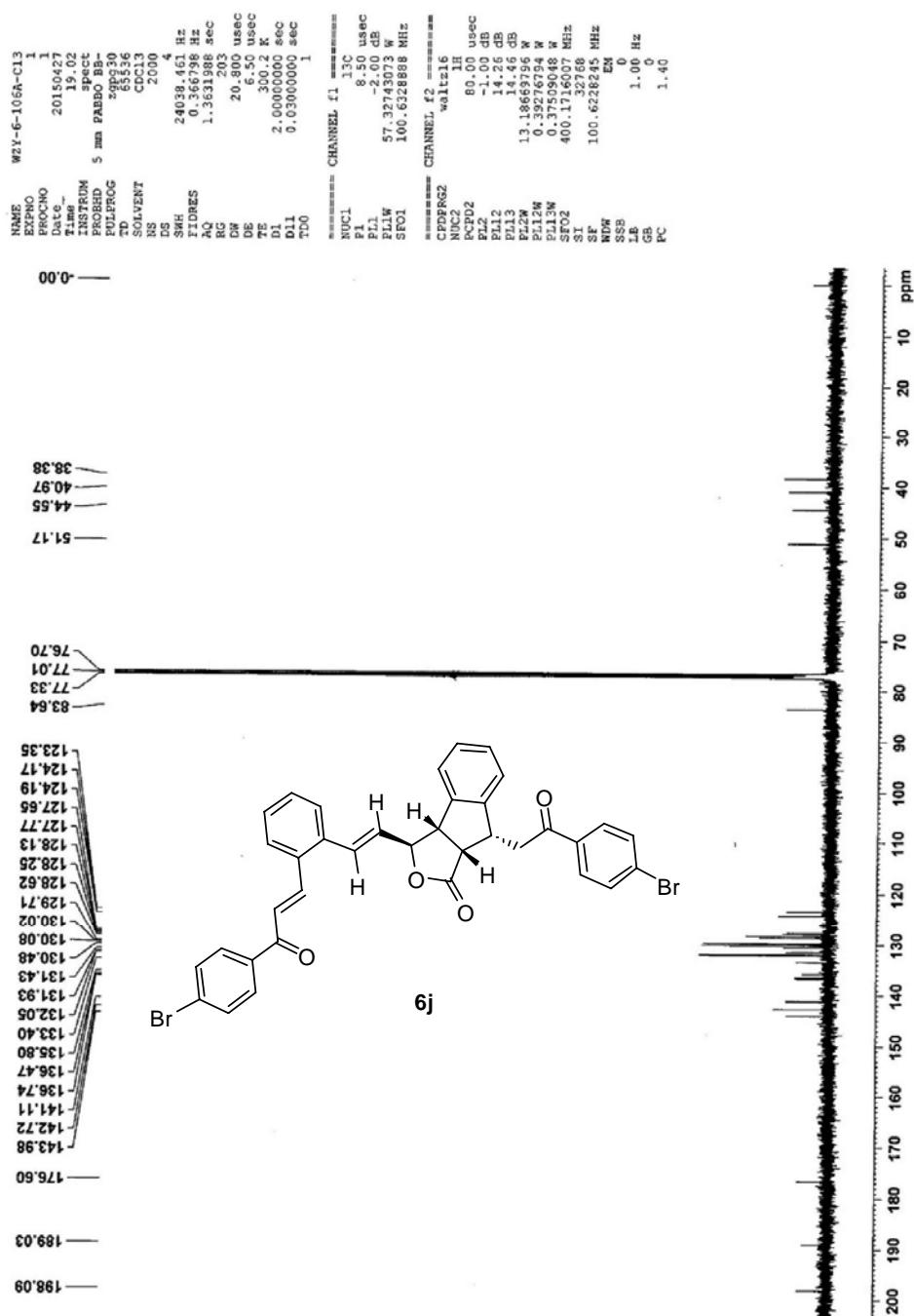


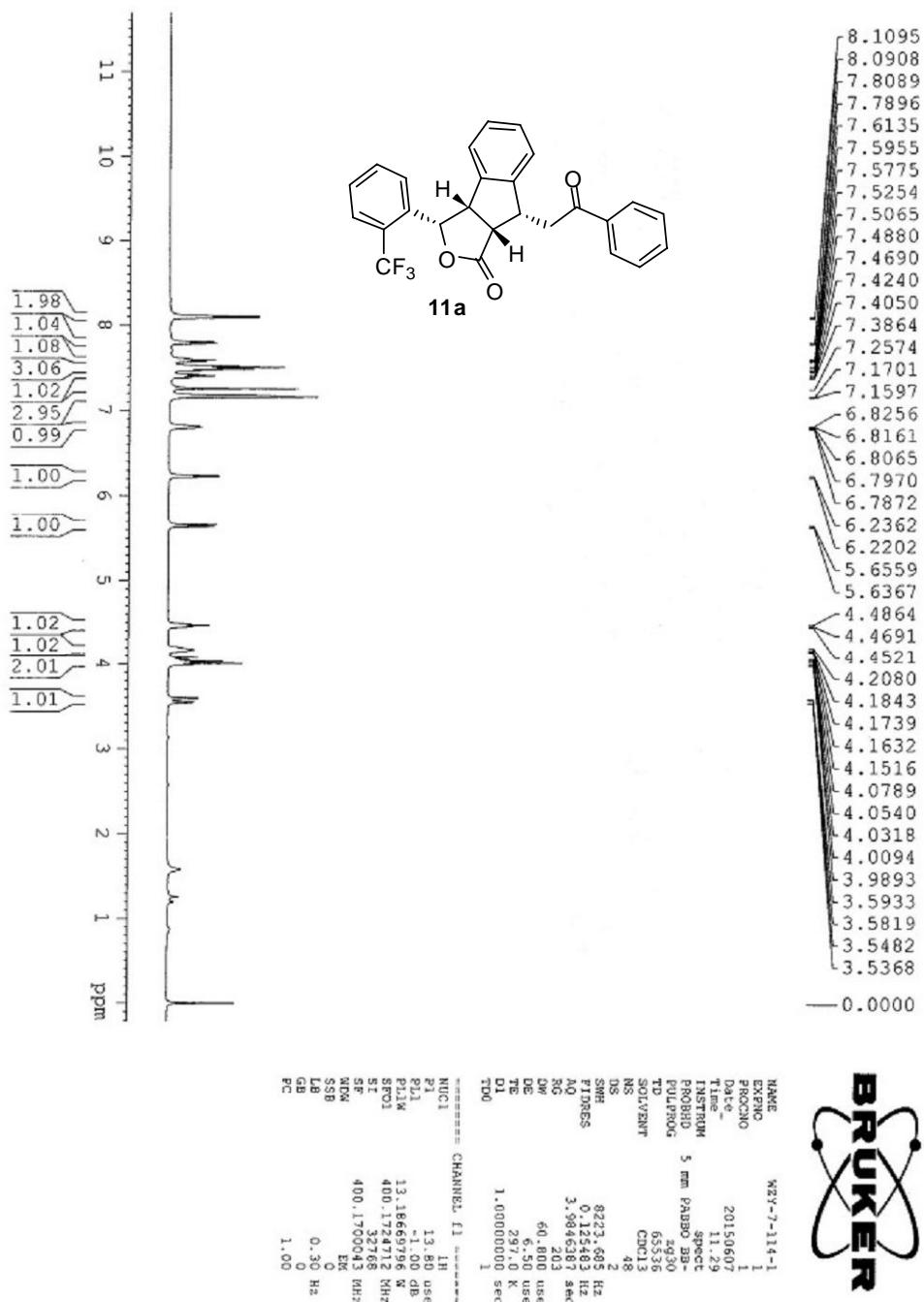


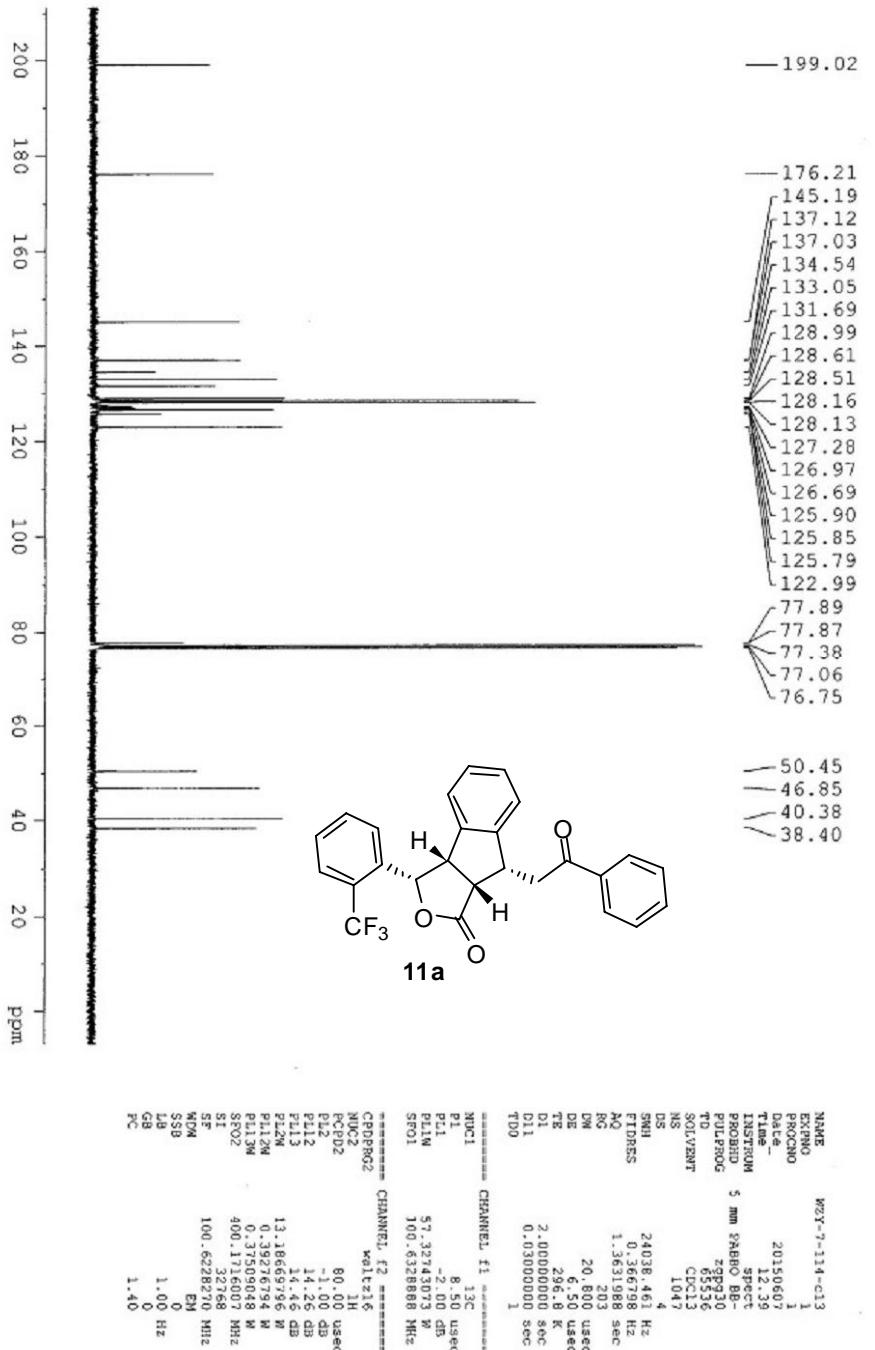


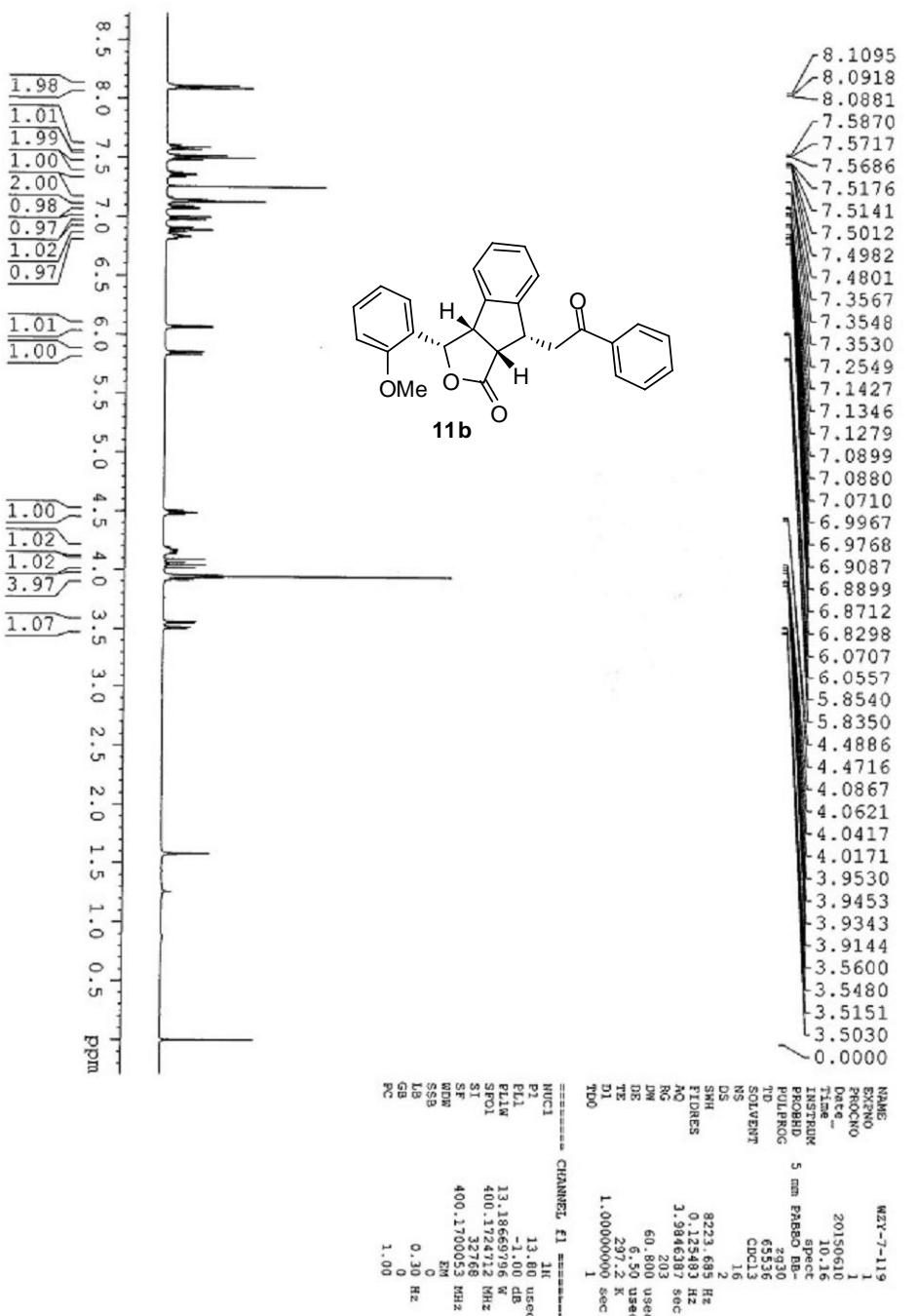


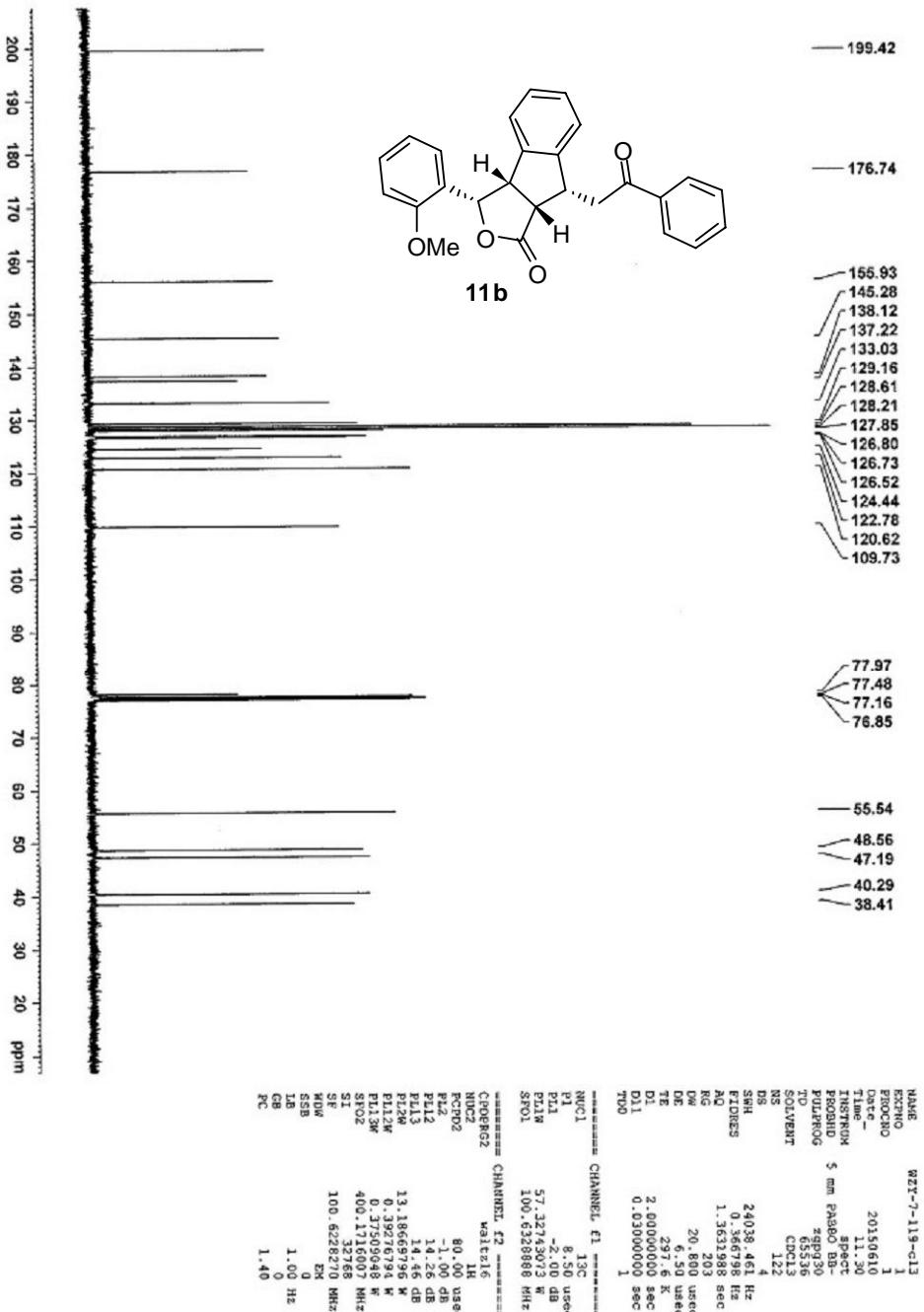


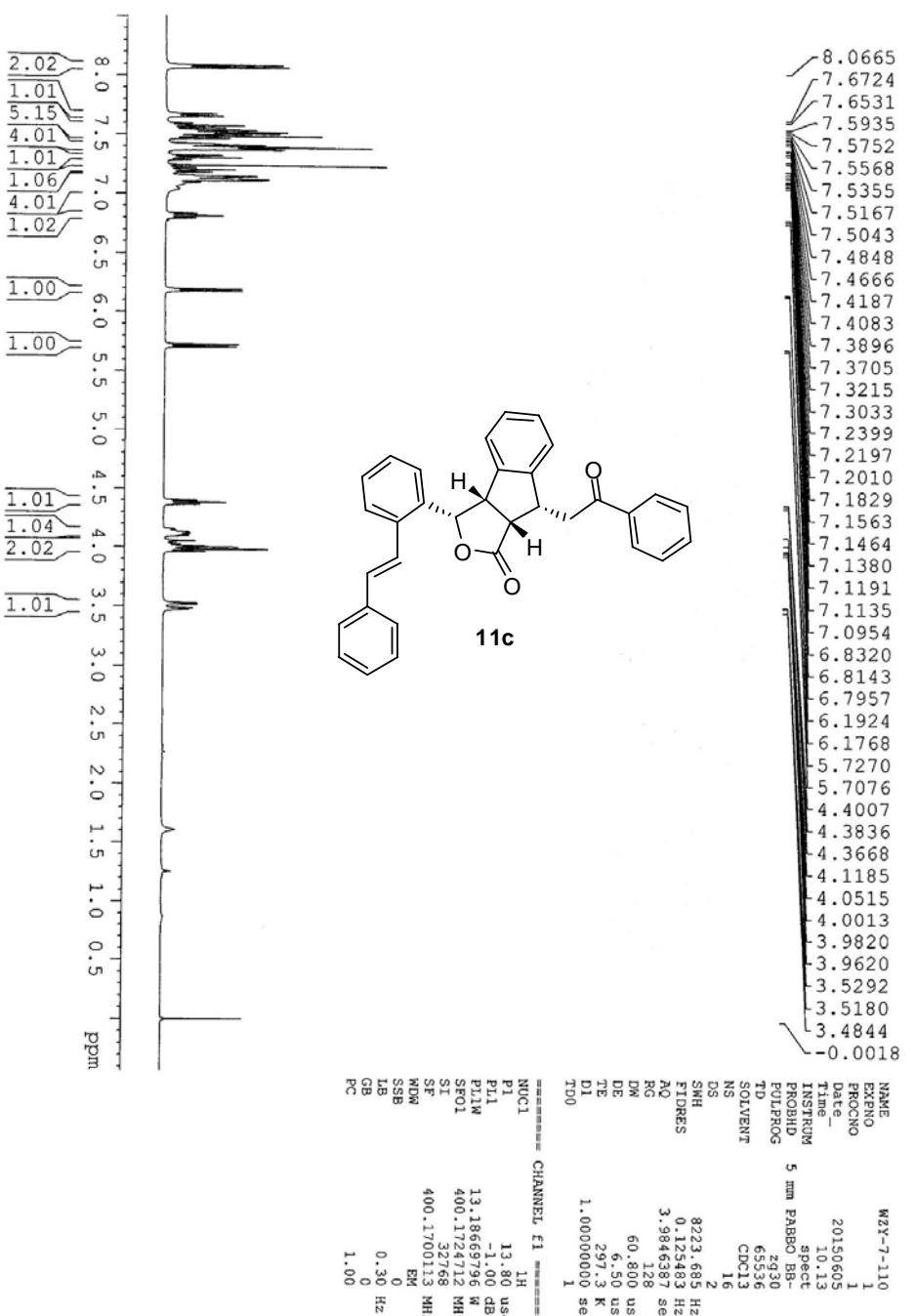


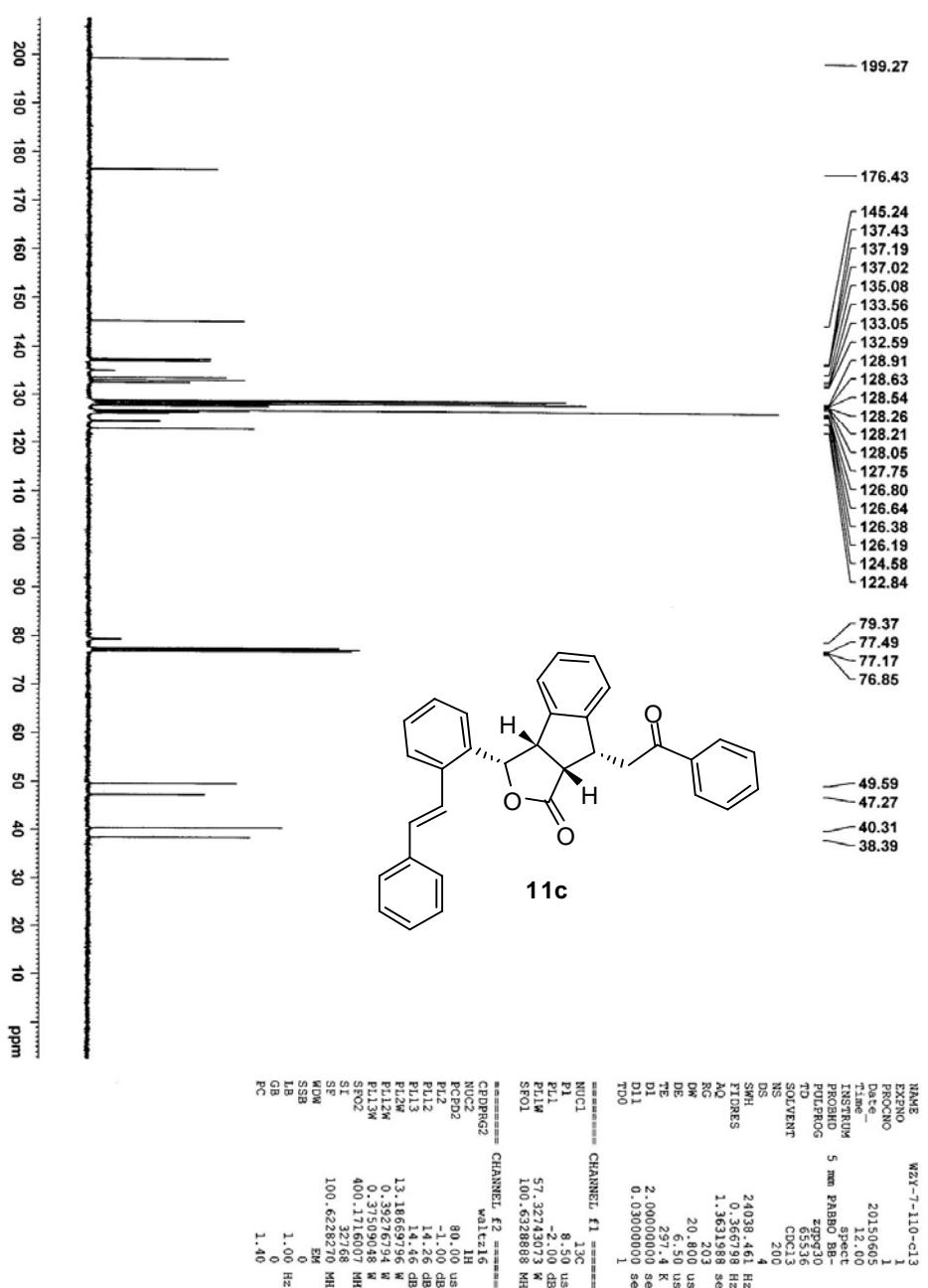


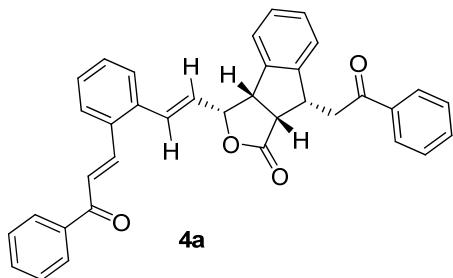




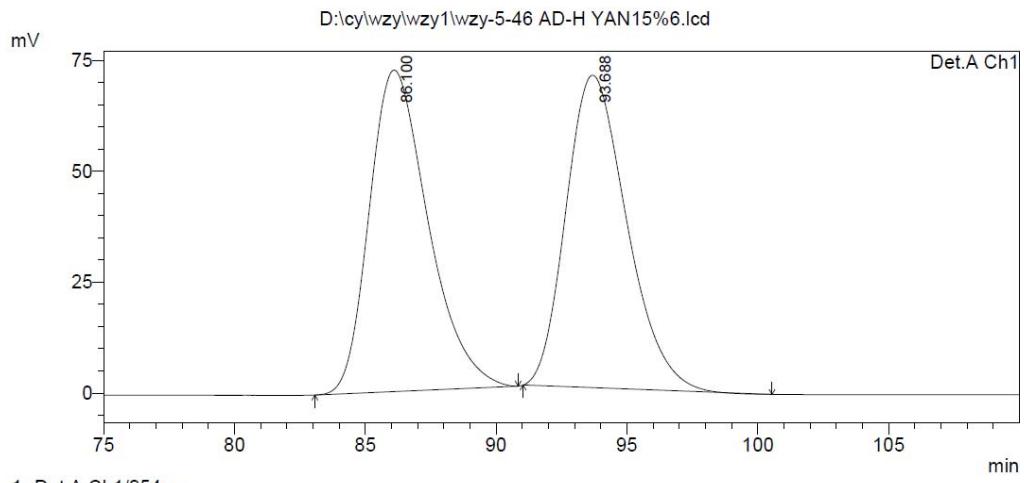








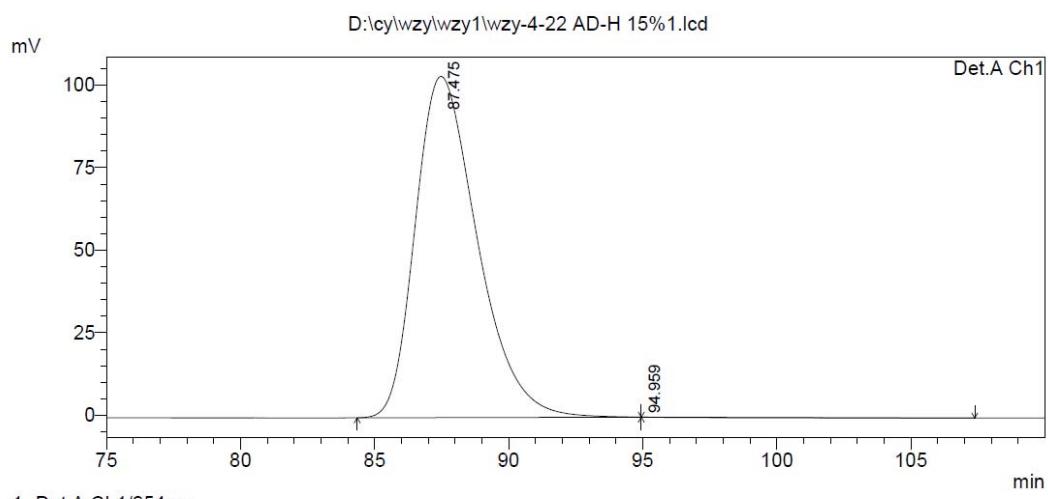
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

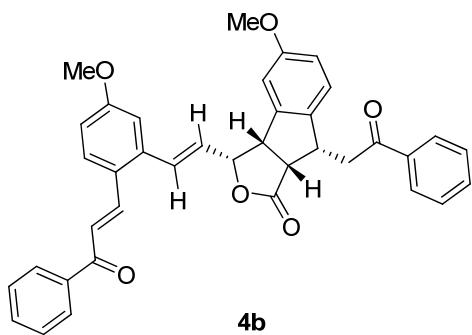
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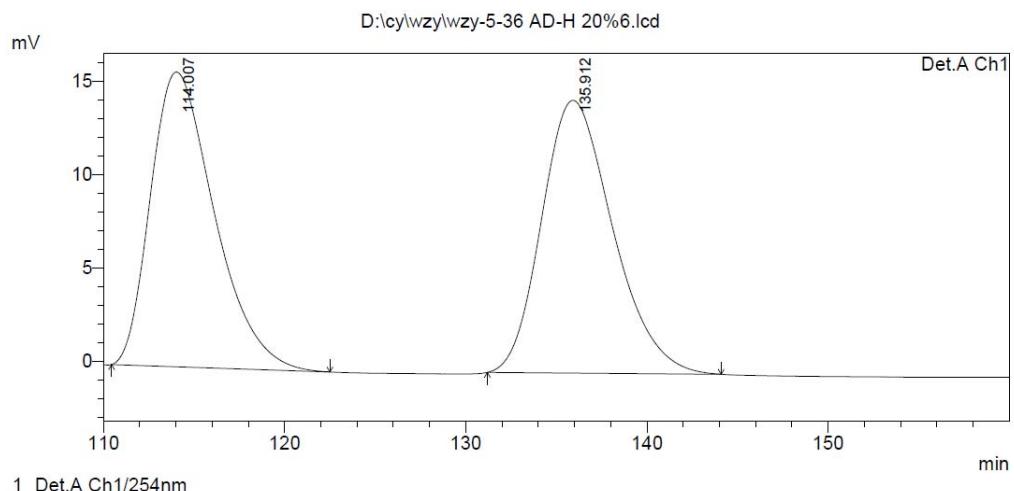
Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

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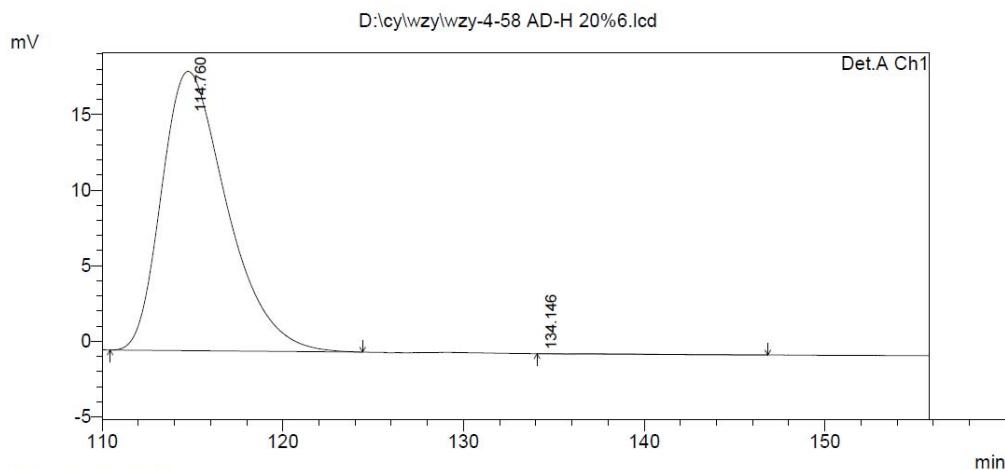
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

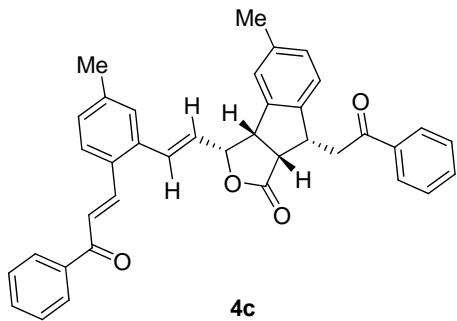
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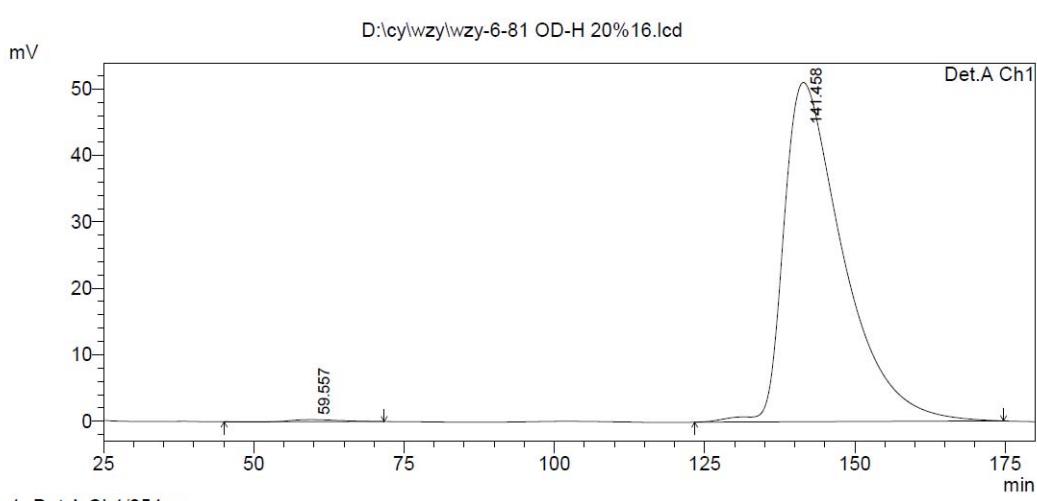
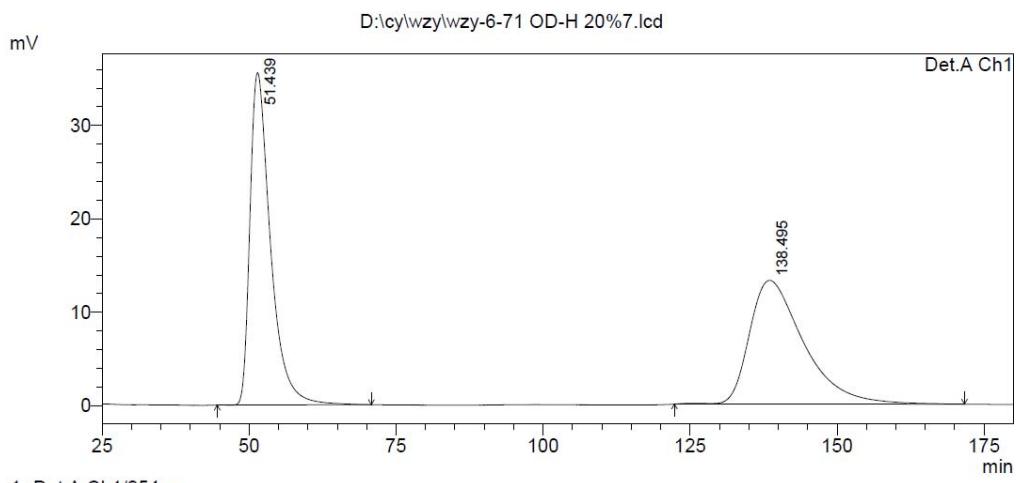
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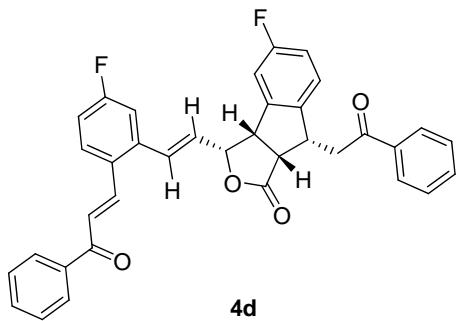
Detector A Ch1 254nm

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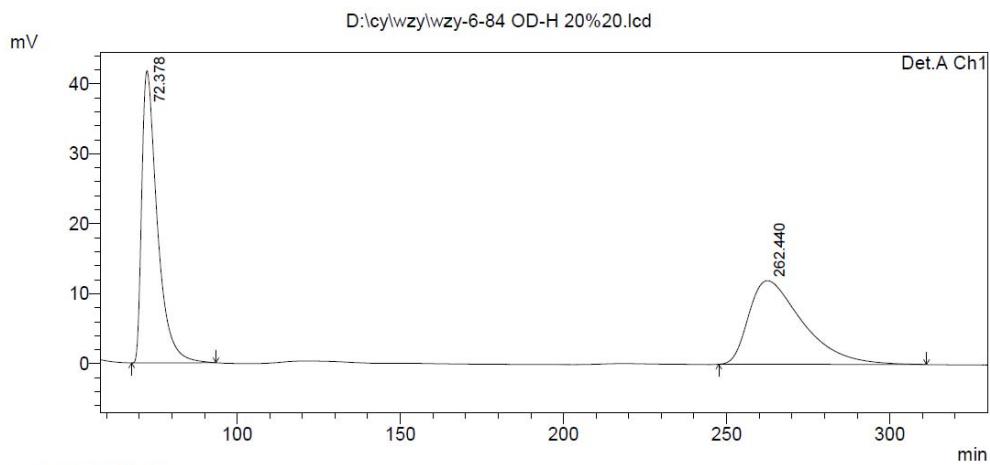


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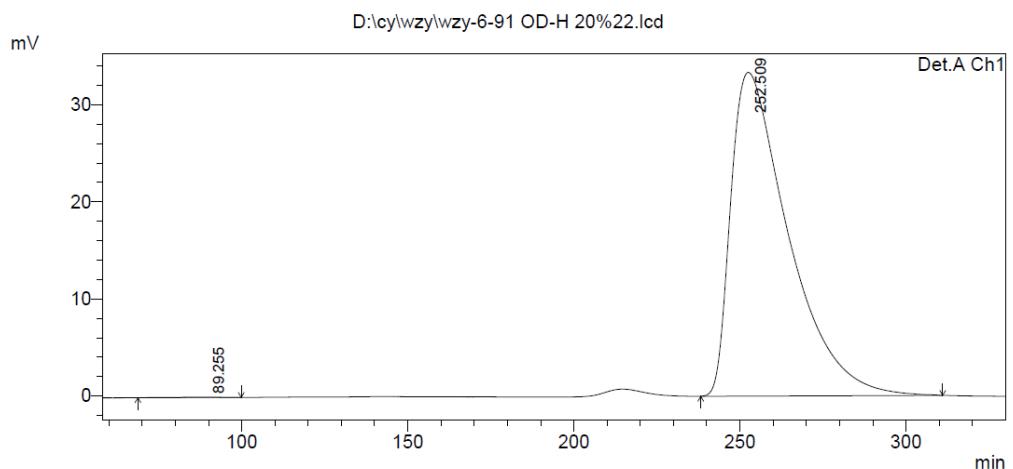
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

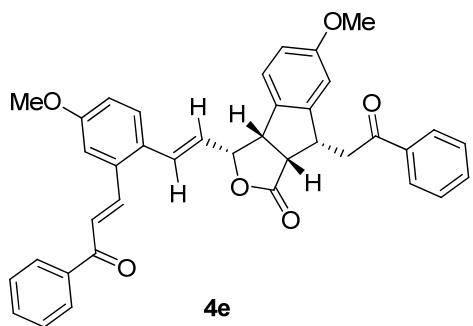
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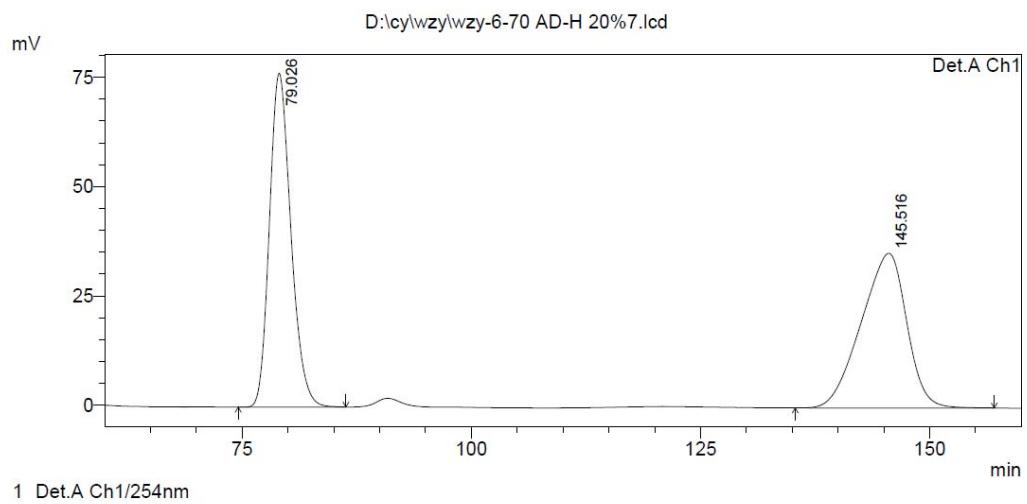
Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

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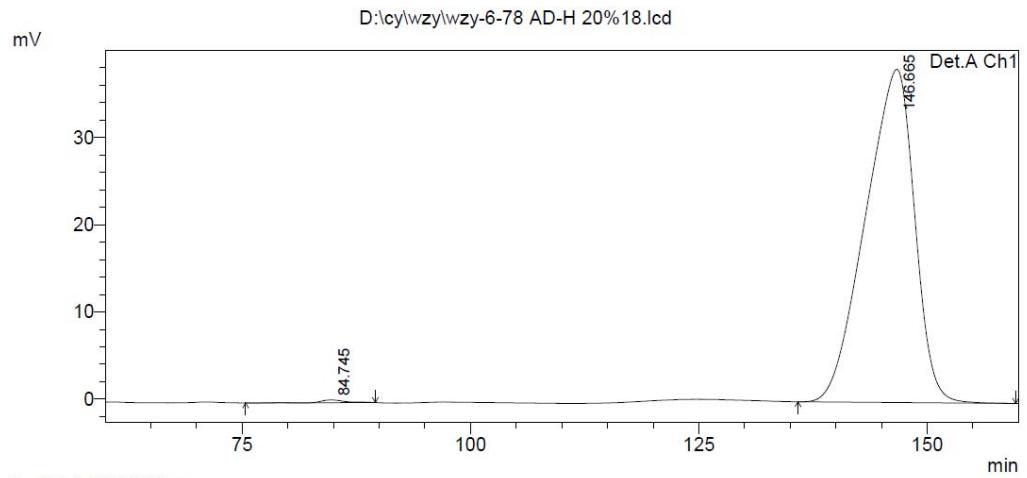
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

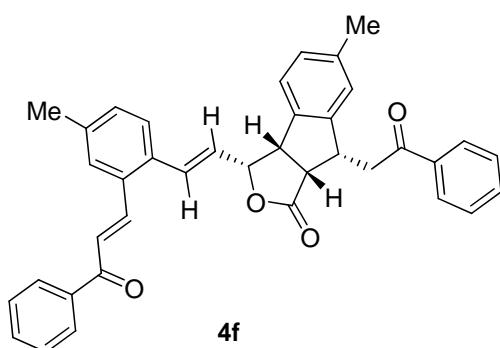
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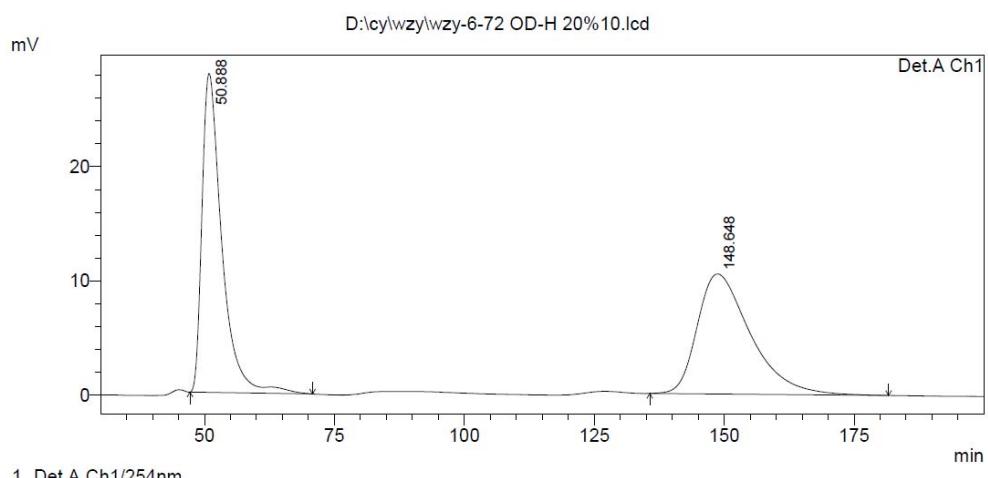
PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

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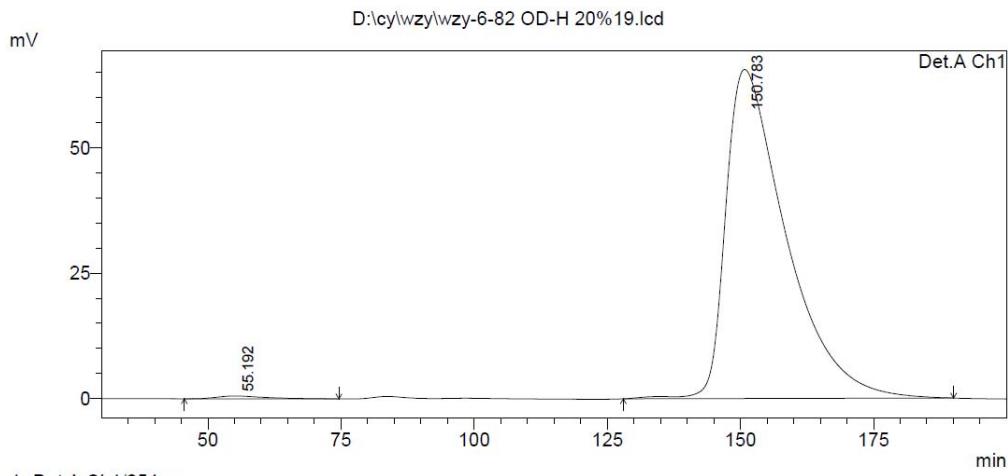
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

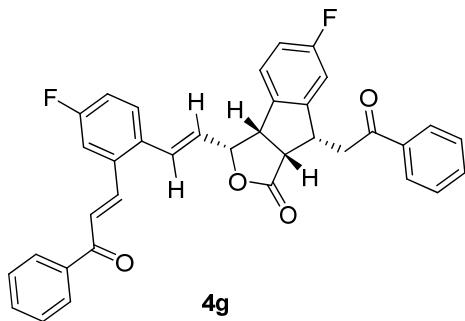
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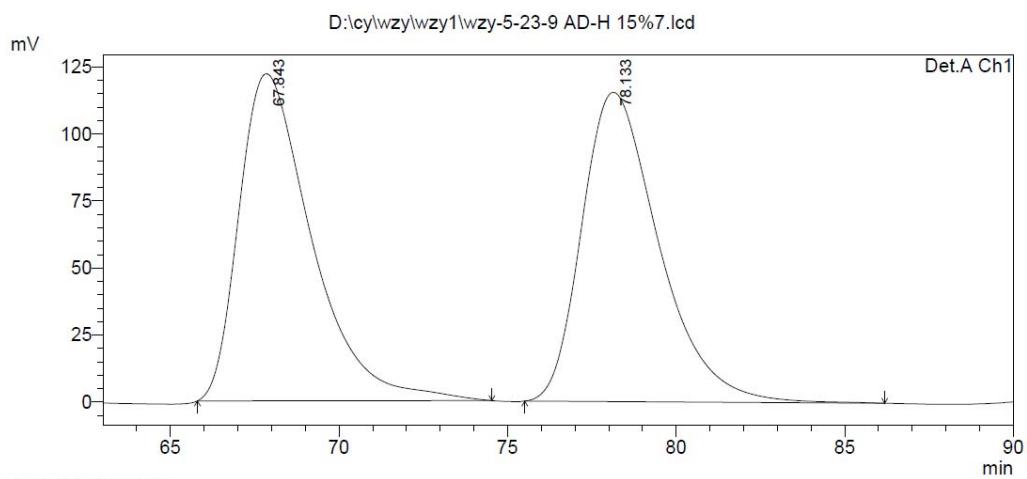
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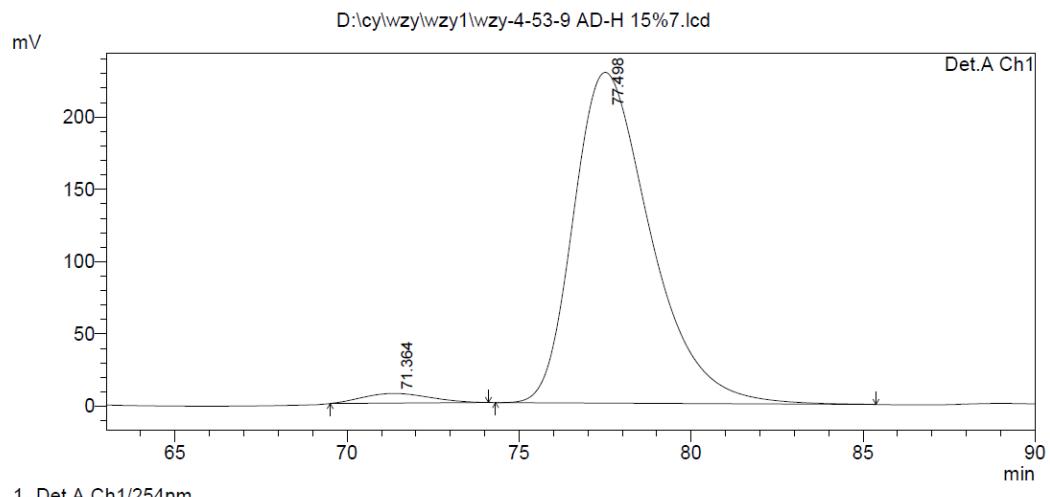
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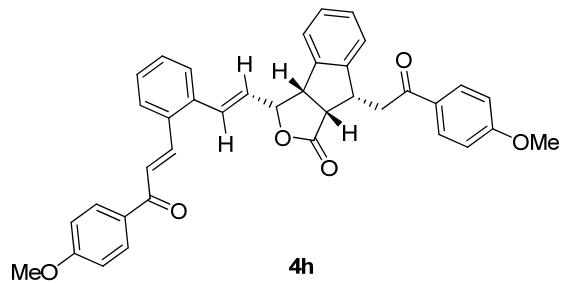
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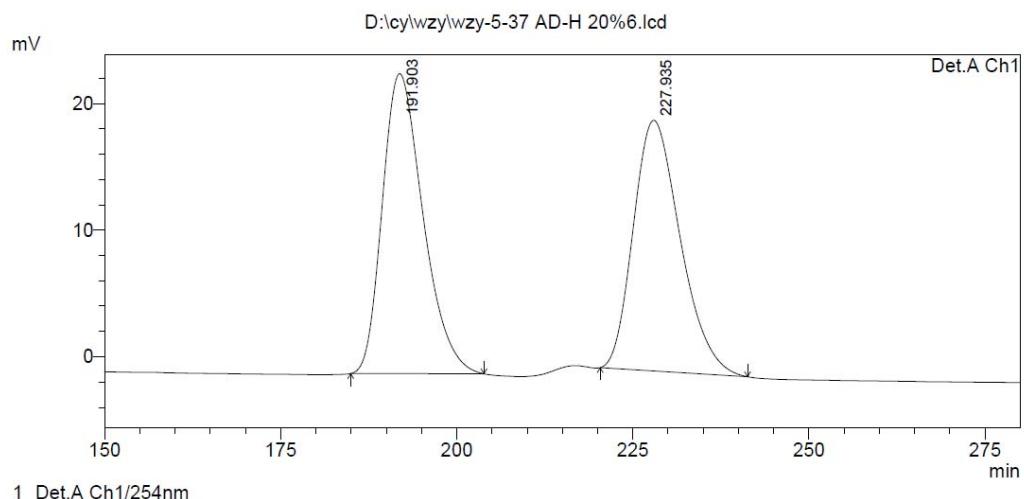
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Detector A Ch1 254nm					
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PeakTable					
Detector A Ch1 254nm					
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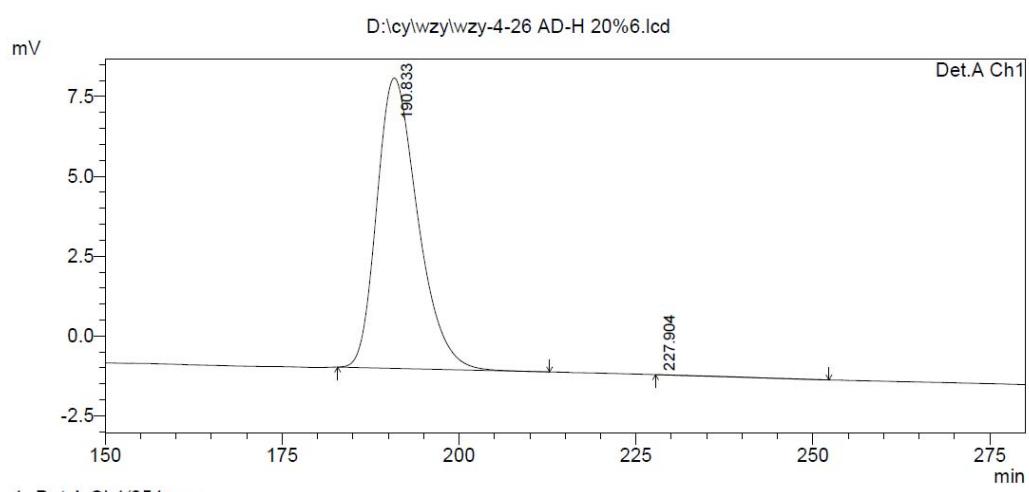
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

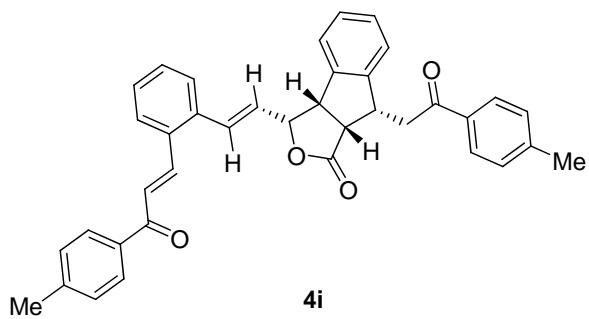
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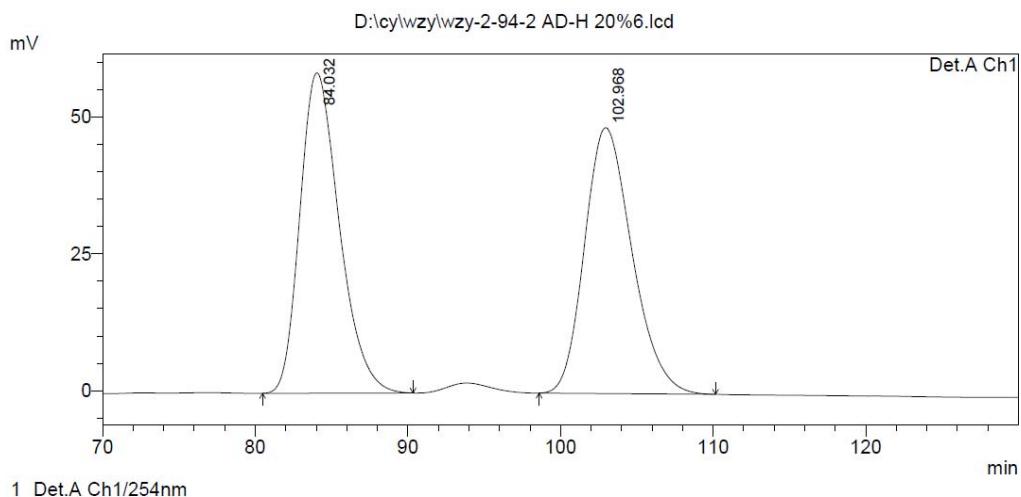
PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

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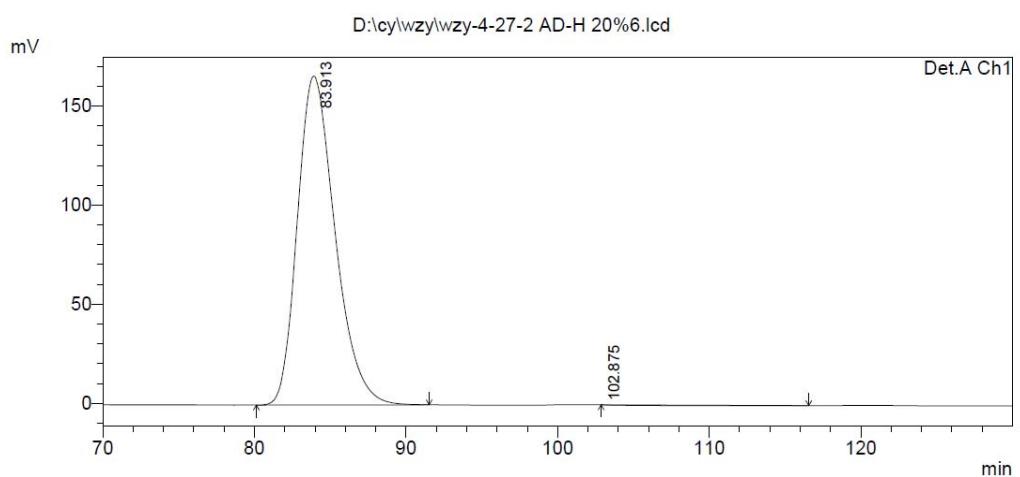
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

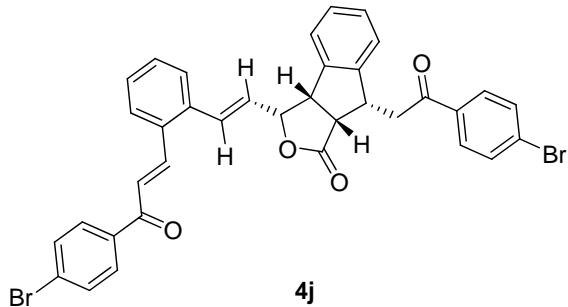
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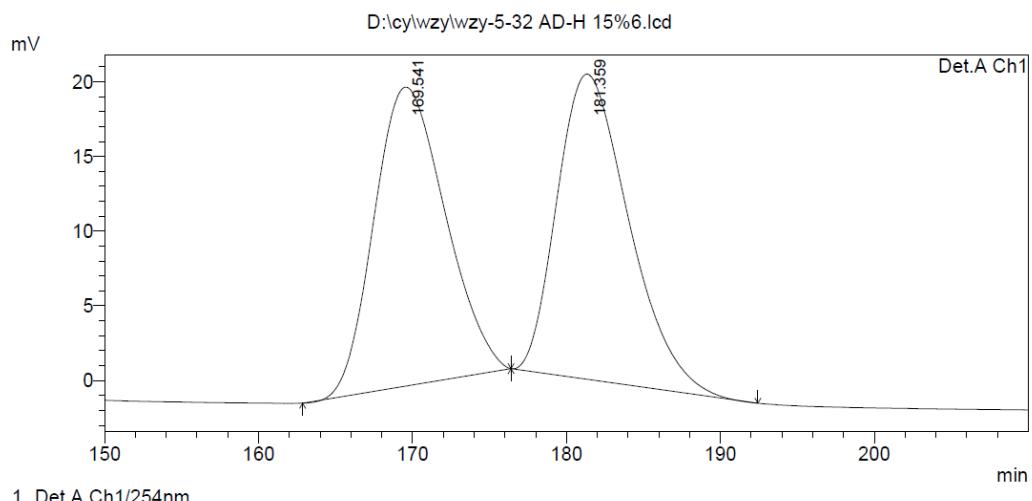
Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

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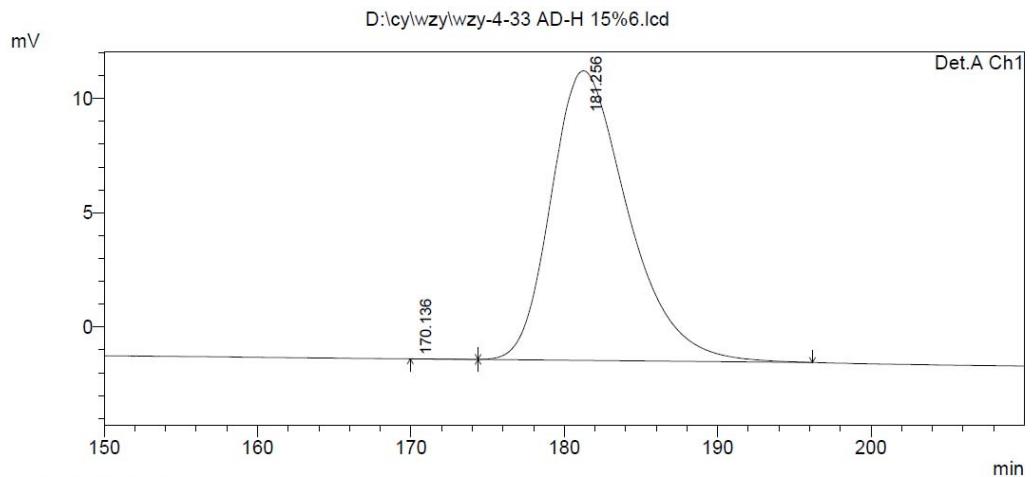
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

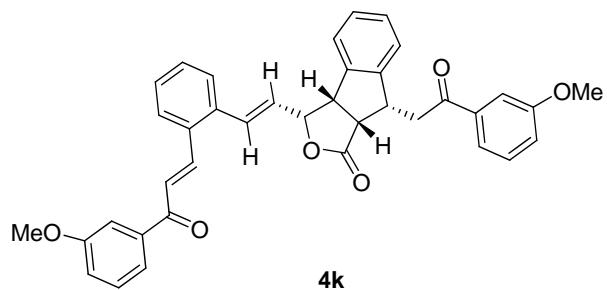
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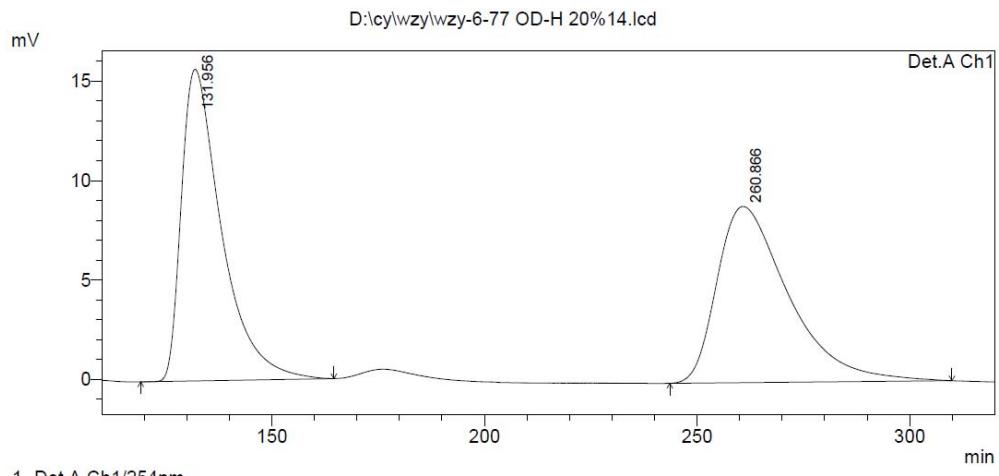
PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

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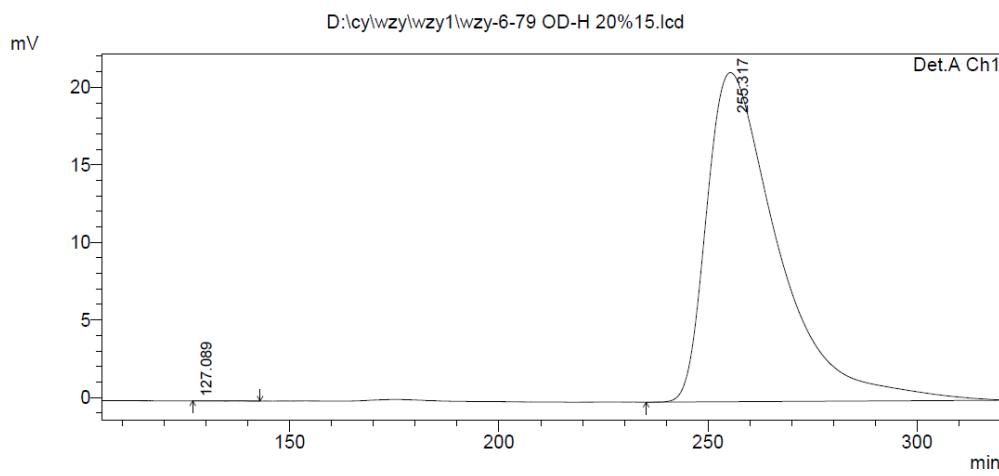
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

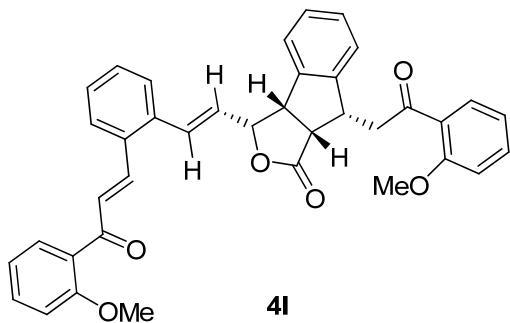
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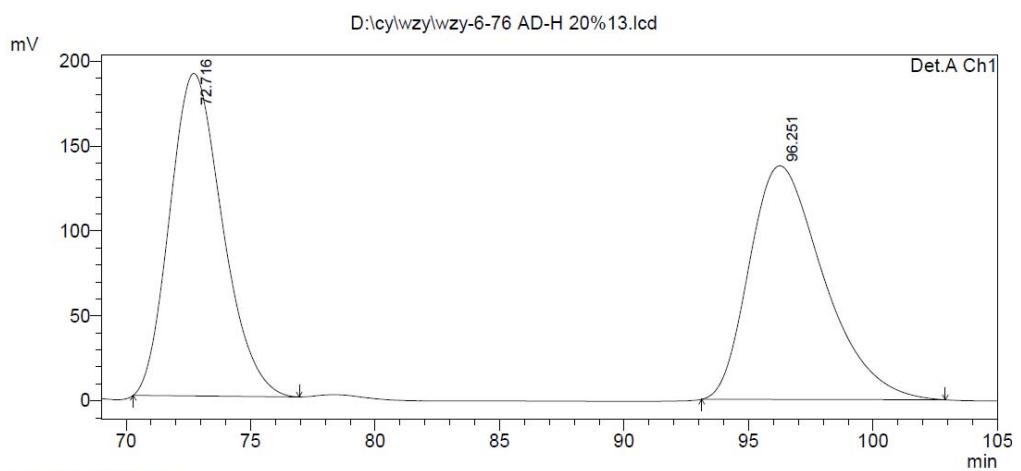
PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

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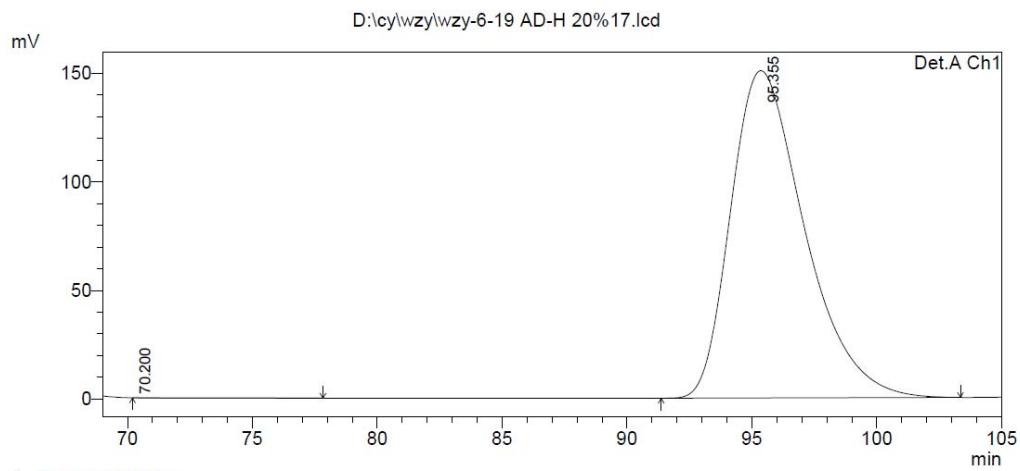
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

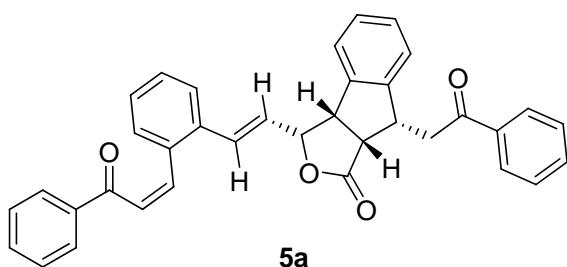
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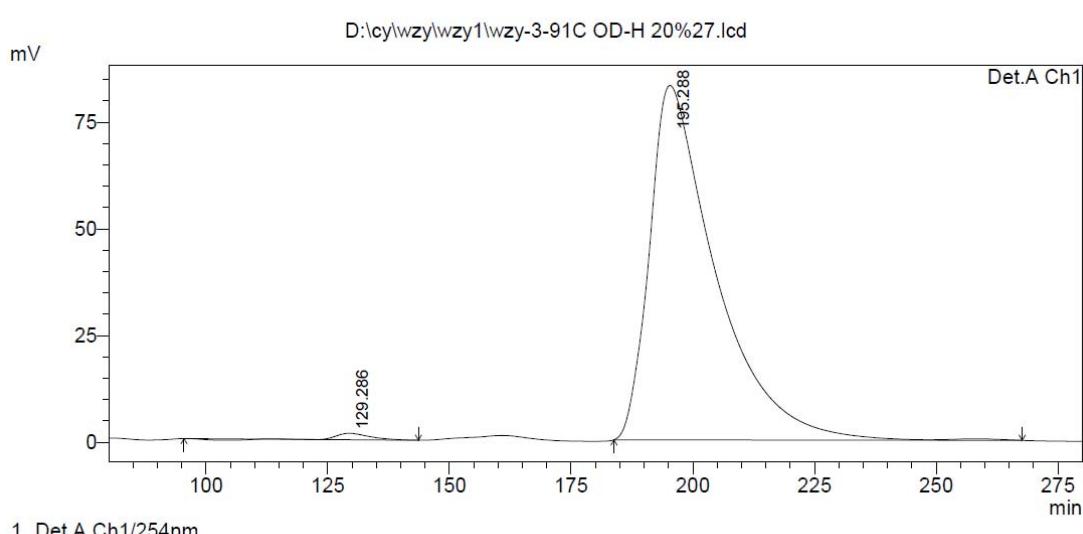
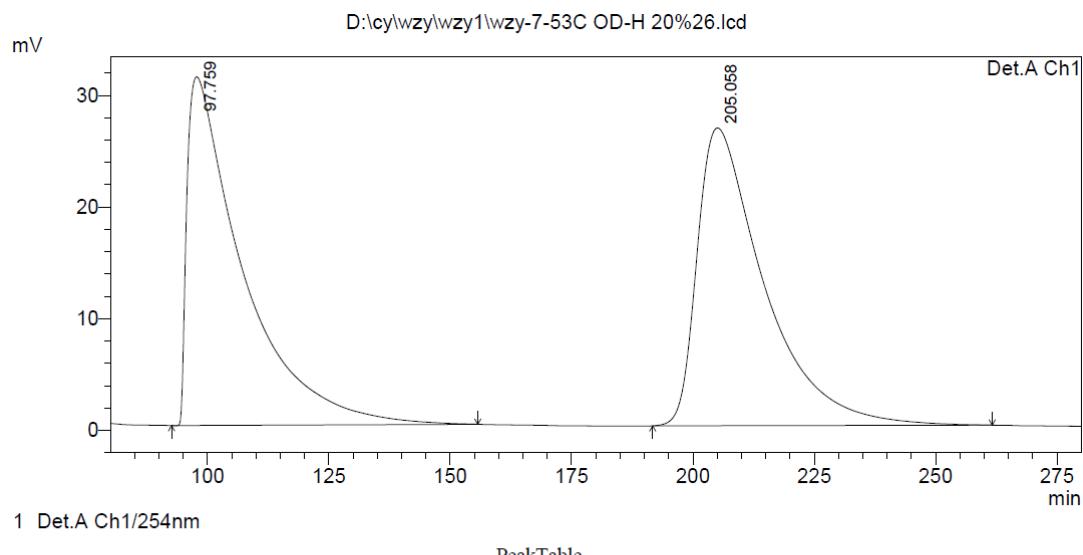
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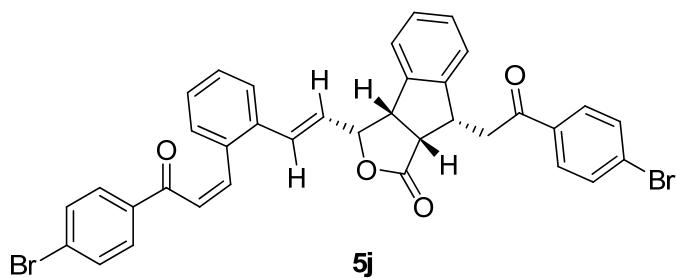
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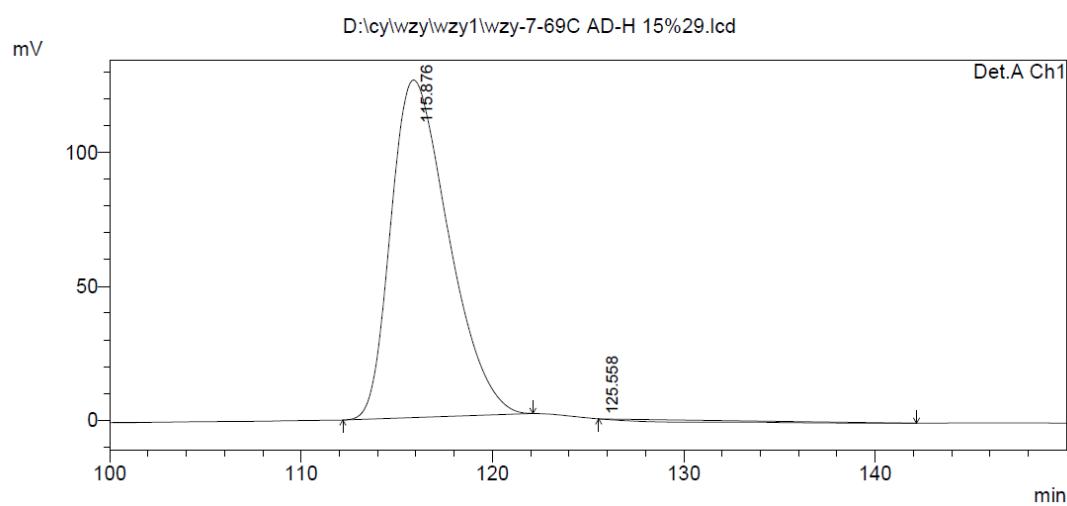
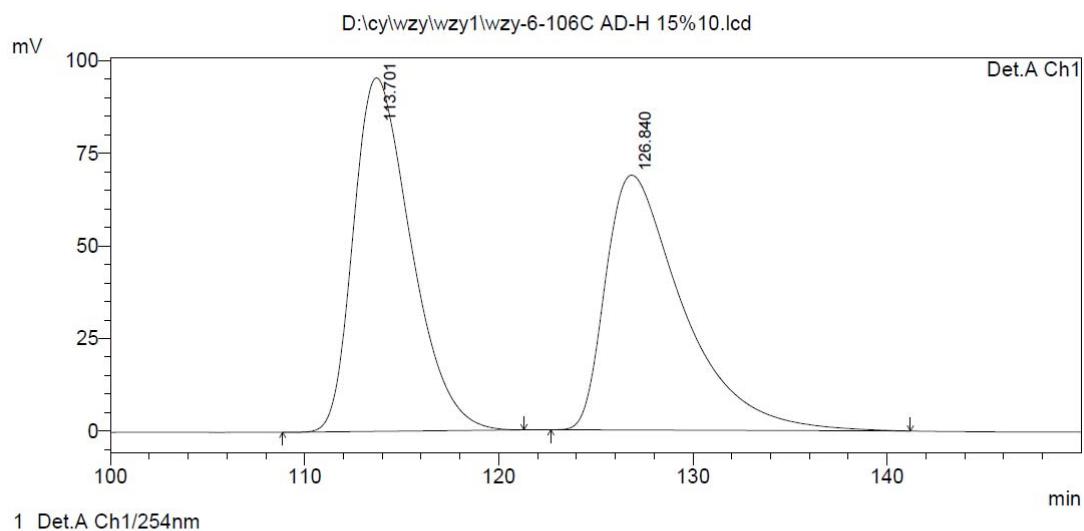


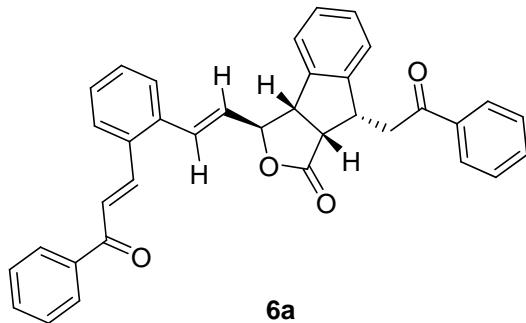
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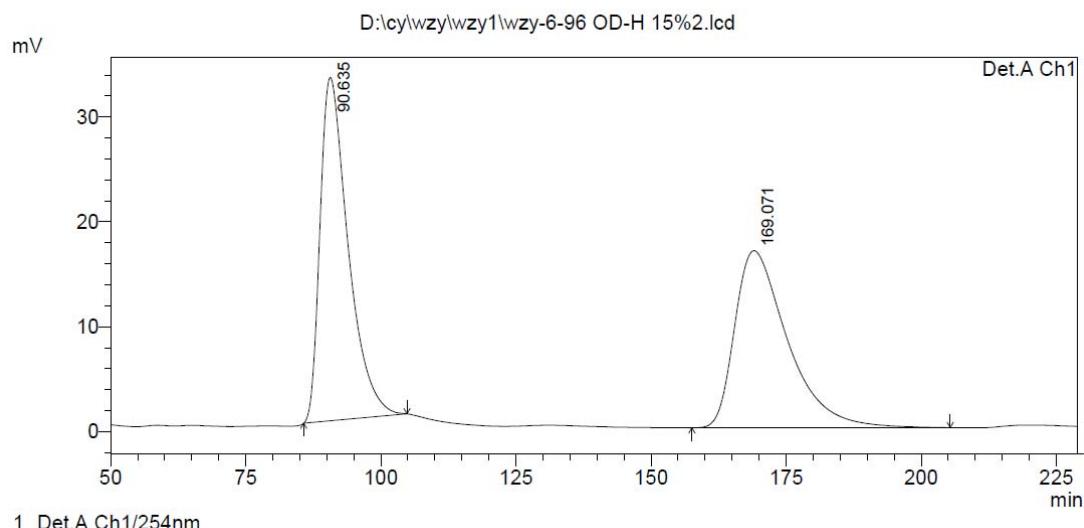


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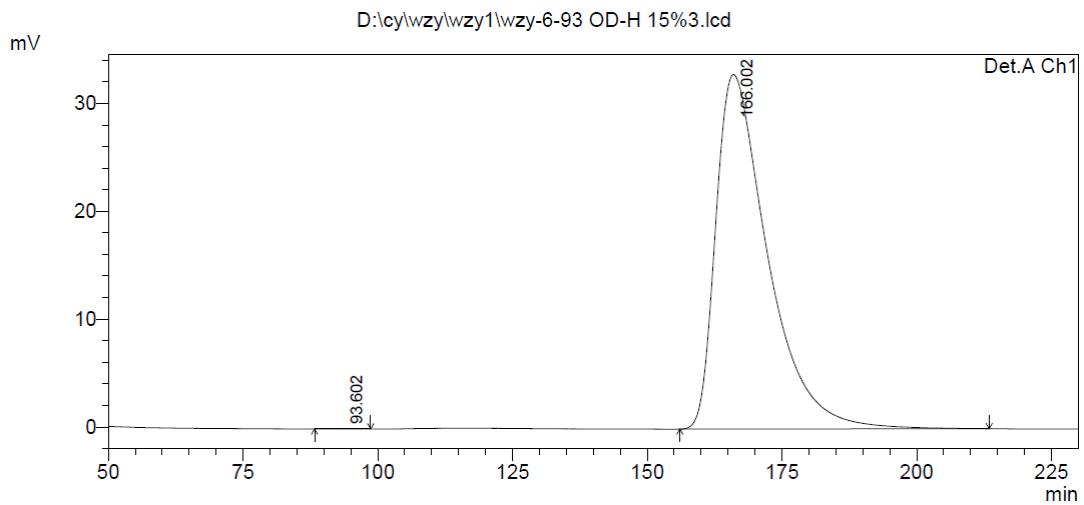
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PeakTable

Detector A Ch1 254nm

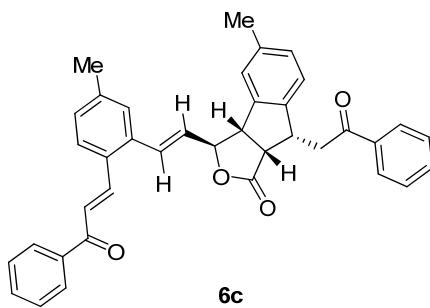
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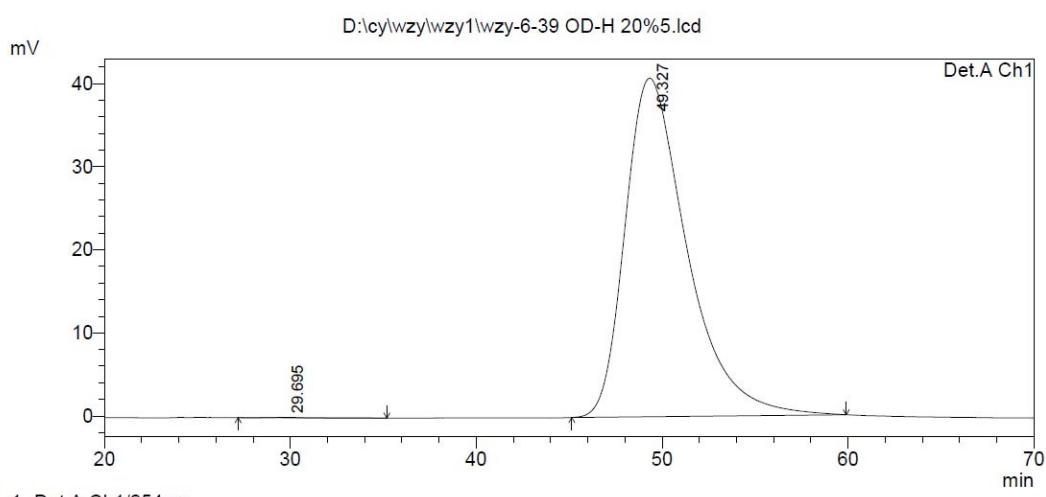
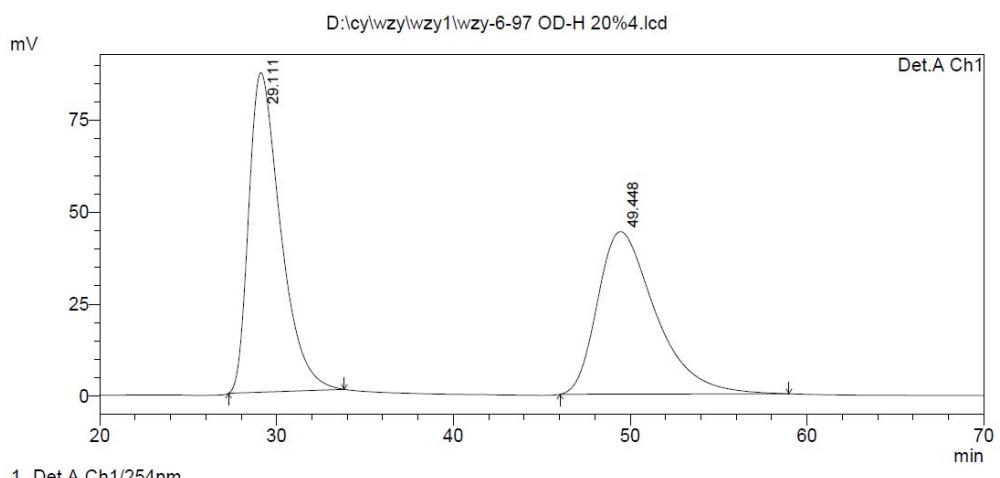
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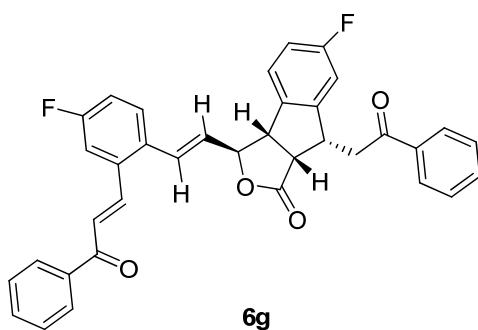
Detector A Ch1 254nm

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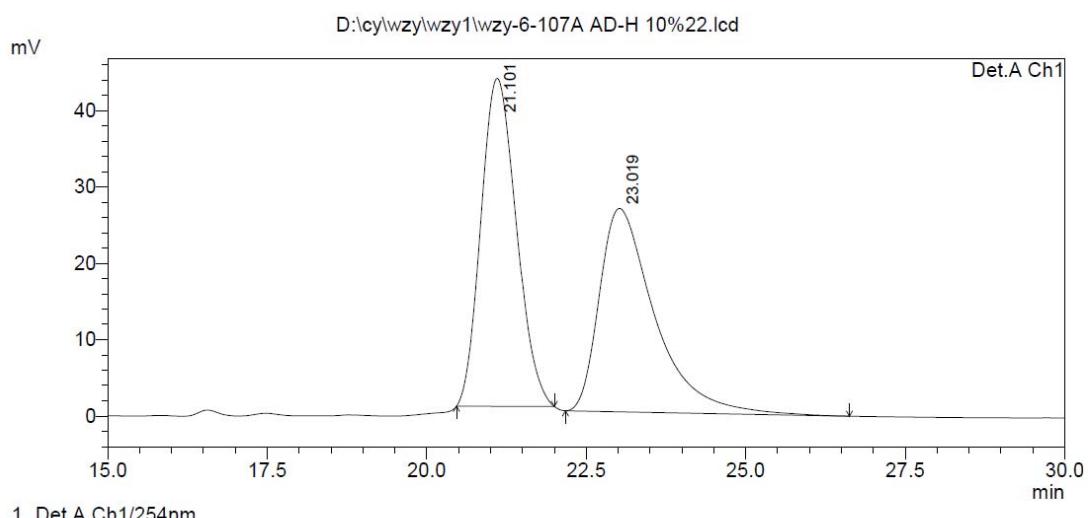


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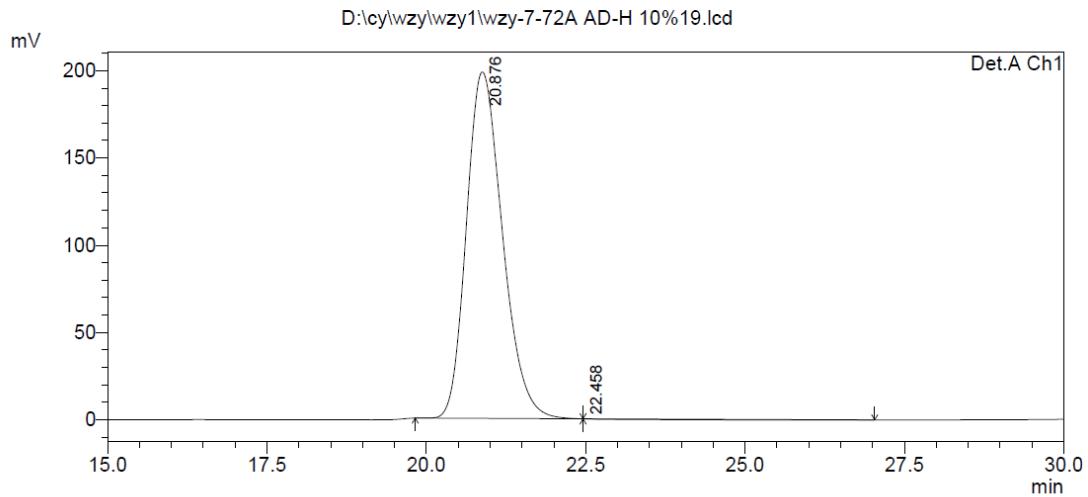
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

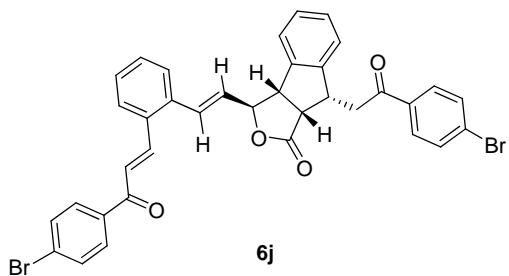
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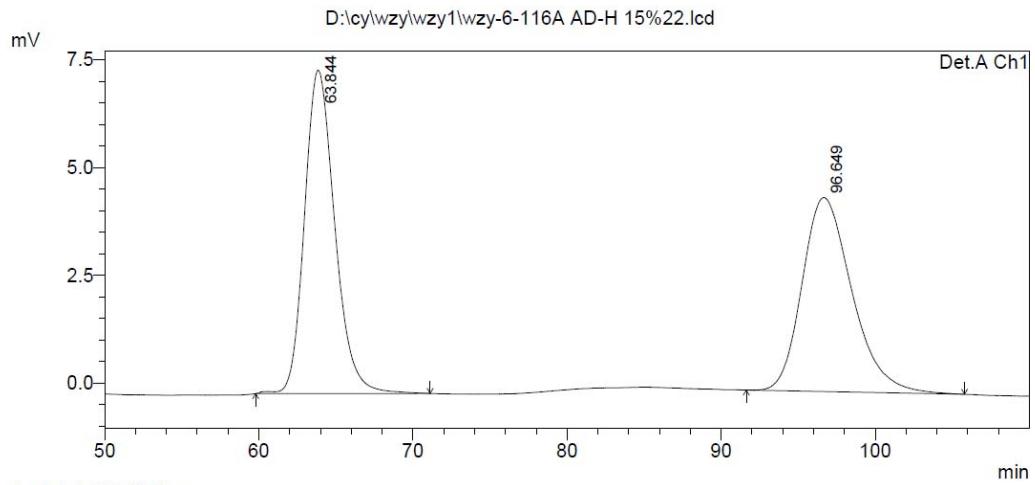
Detector A Ch1 254nm

PeakTable

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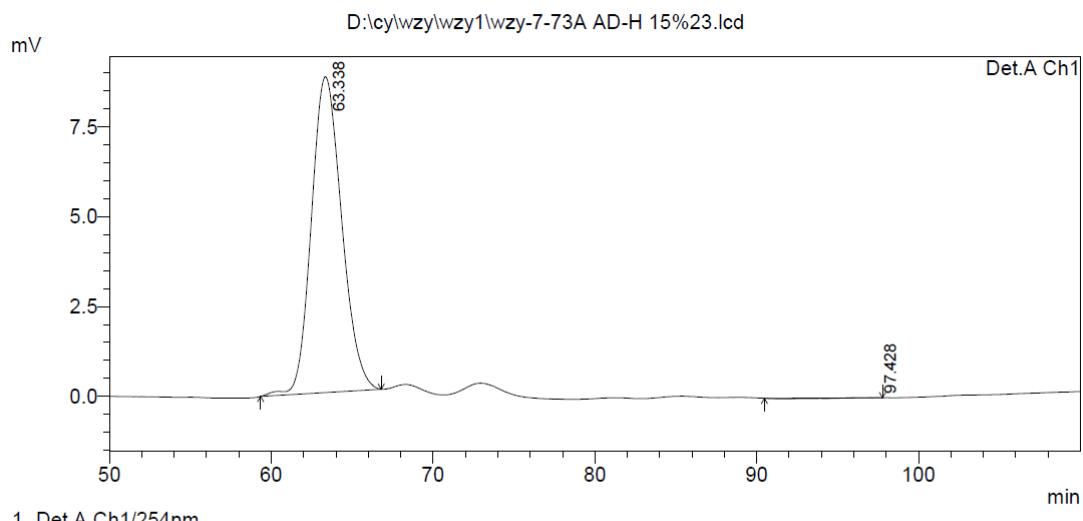
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PeakTable

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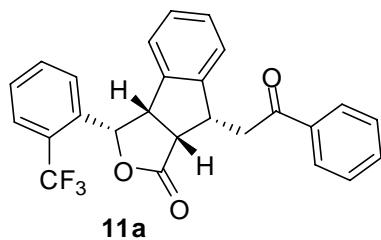
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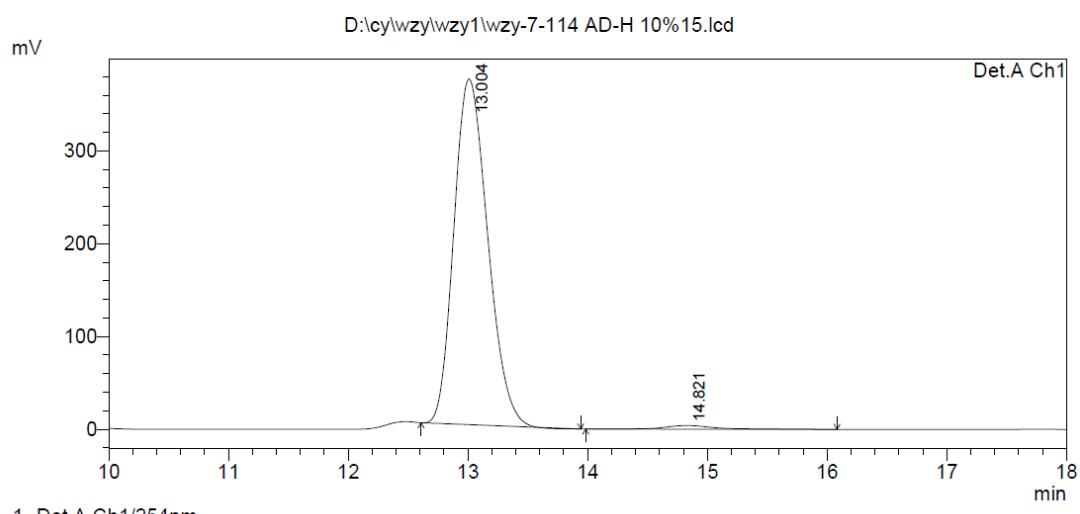
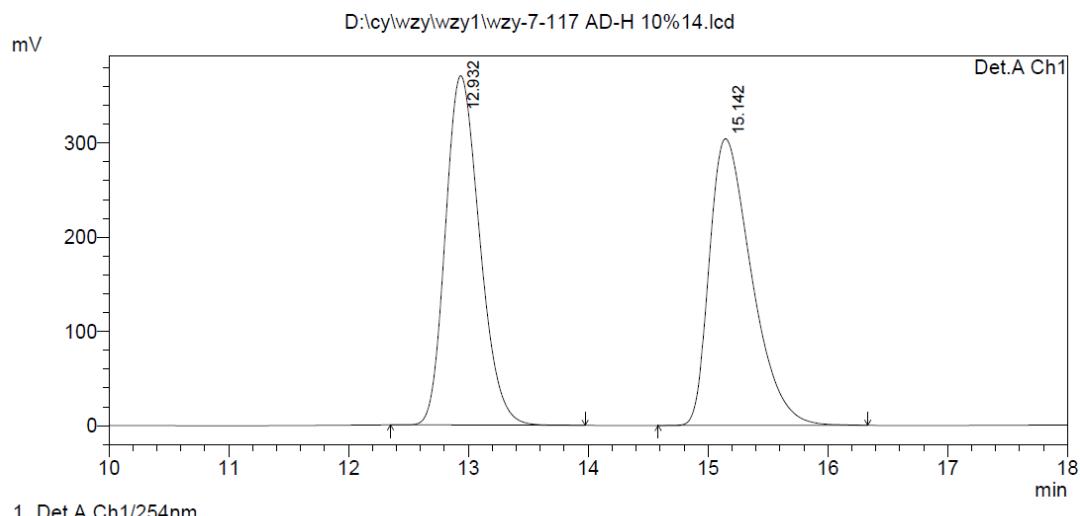
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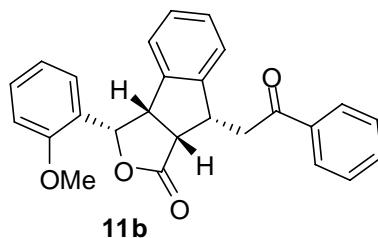
Detector A Ch1 254nm

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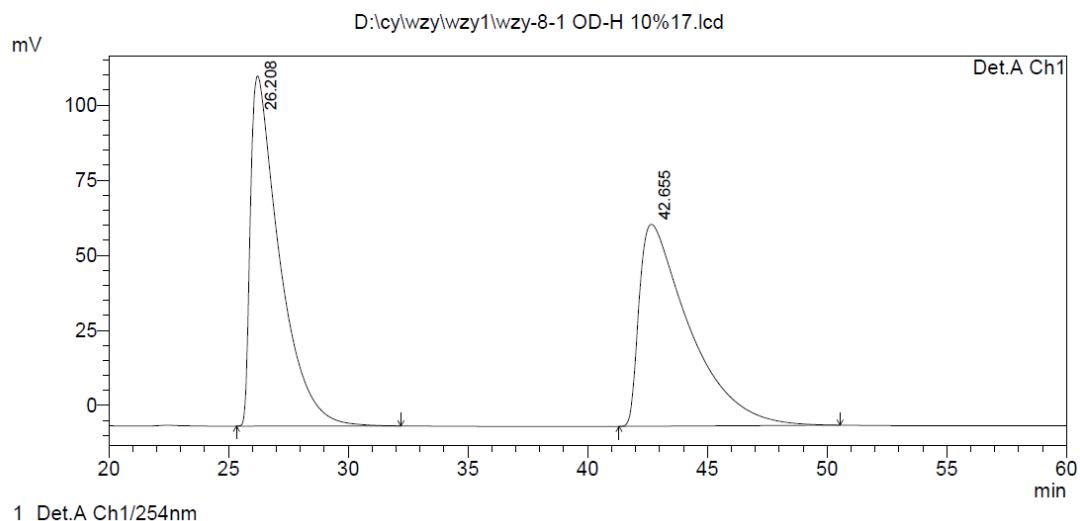


HPLC data of compound **11a**: AD-H column, 90:10 hexane:IPA, flow rate 1 mL/min, 254 nm, 25 °C, 97% ee.





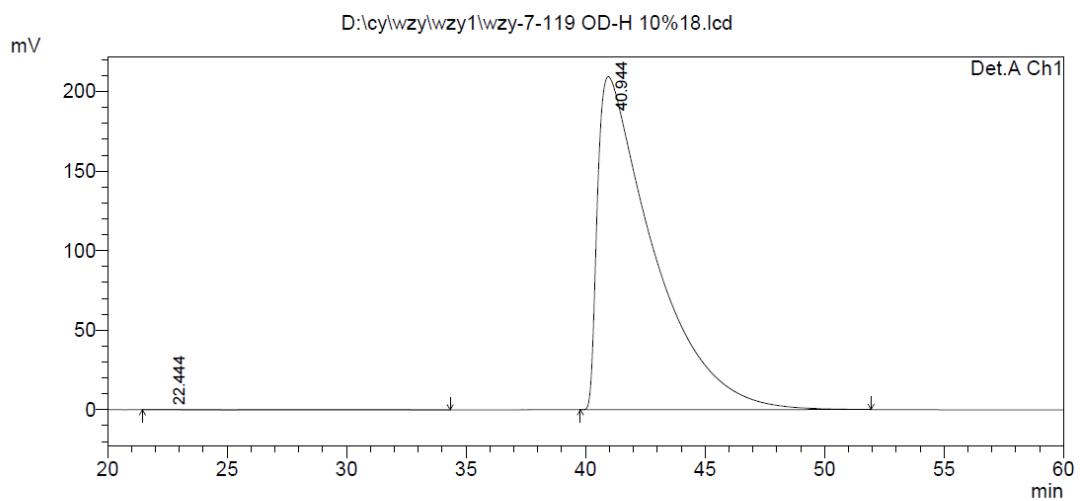
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

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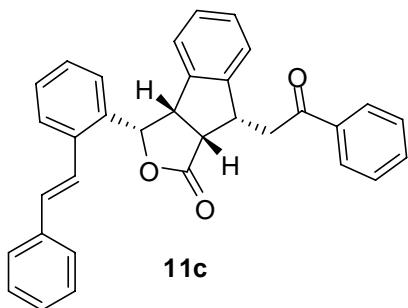
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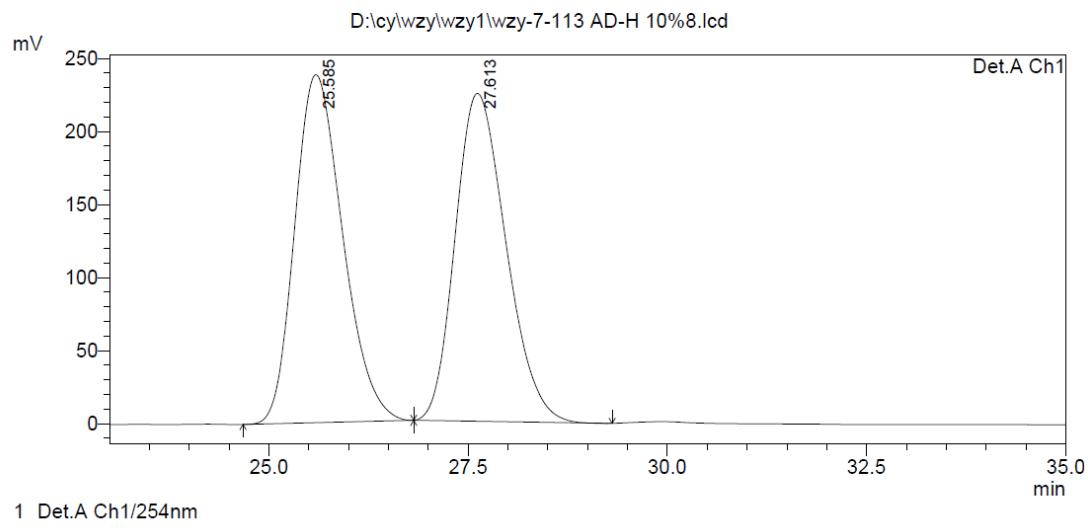
Detector A Ch1 254nm

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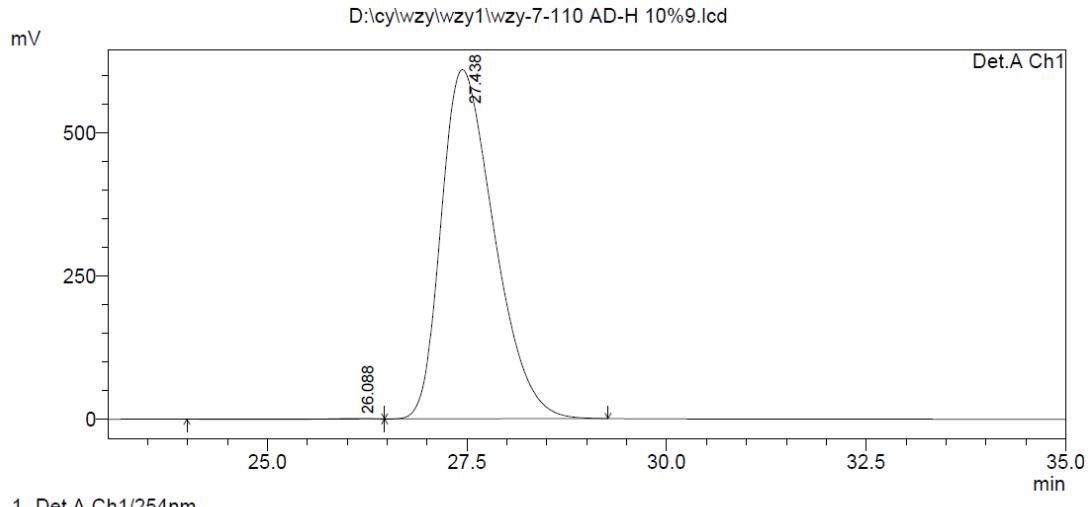
HPLC data of compound **11c**: AD-H column, 90:10 hexane:IPA, flow rate 1 mL/min, 254 nm, 25 °C, >99% ee.



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Detector A Ch1 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	25.585	9958948	238352	50.039	51.486
2	27.613	9943463	224589	49.961	48.514
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	26.088	-16759	891	-0.060	0.146
2	27.438	28097969	609560	100.060	99.854
Total		28081211	610451	100.000	100.000