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# **Supporting Information**

N-Heterocyclic carbene-catalyzed [4+2] cyclization of a, $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids bearing  $\gamma$ -H with isatins: An enantioselective synthesis of spirocyclic oxindole—dihydropyranones

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#### 1. General methods

Common reagents and materials were purchased from commercial sources and purified by recrystallization or distillation. Melting points were determined in open capillaries and were uncorrected. IR spectra were taken on a FT-IR-Tensor 27 spectrometer in KBr pellets and reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR) with chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) given in ppm relative to TMS as internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a microTOF-Q II HRMS/MS instrument (Bruker) with the technique of electrospray ionization.

#### 2. Abstract

An NHC-catalyzed asymmetric [4+2] annulation of isatins and a, $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids bearing  $\gamma$ -H gave spirocyclic oxindole–dihydropyranones successfully via in situ activation strategy. This protocol featured easy availability of raw materials, good yields and excellent enantioselevities (up to 99% ee).

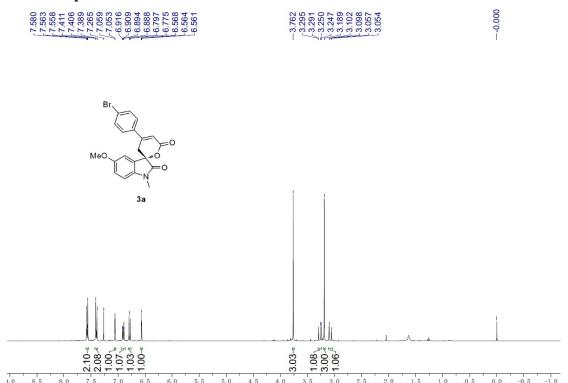
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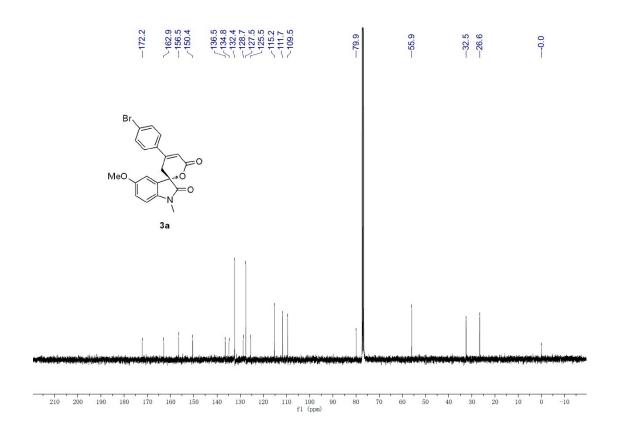
An oven-dried 10-mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with triazolium salt **4b** (12.6 mg, 0.03 mmol),  $Cs_2CO_3$  (130 mg, 0.4 mmol),  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid **1** (0.3 mmol), isatin **2** (0.2 mmol) and HATU (228 mg, 0.6 mmol). This tube was closed with a septum, evacuated, and refilled with nitrogen. To this mixture was added freshly distilled toluene (2 mL) with a syringe. Then the mixture was stirred at 0 °C until completion (monitored by TLC). After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silicagel, mixtures of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1, v/v) to afford the desired product **3**.

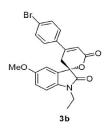
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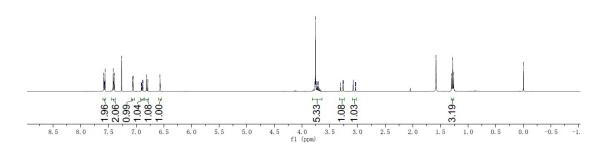
The crystal of compound **3a** was prepared from the solution in petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (M.P.: 207-208 °C). Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC 1046964. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, CambridgeCB21EZ, UK (fax: +44 1223 336033 or email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

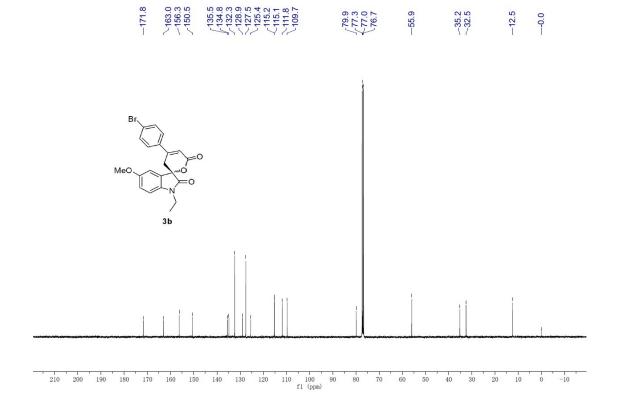
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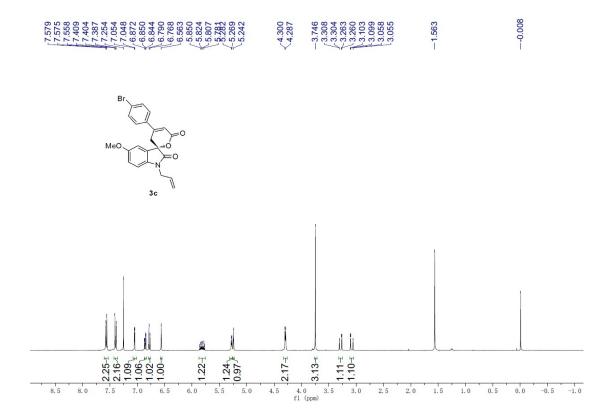


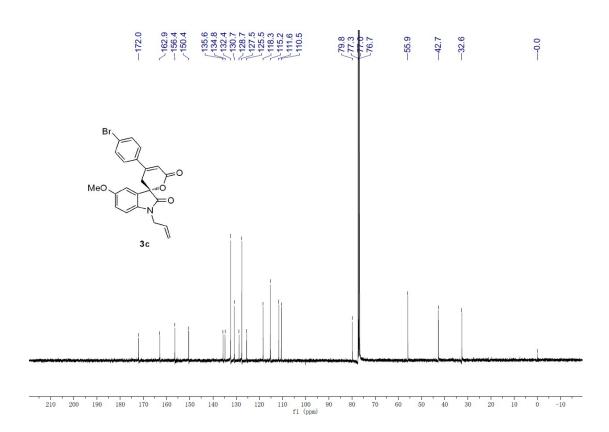


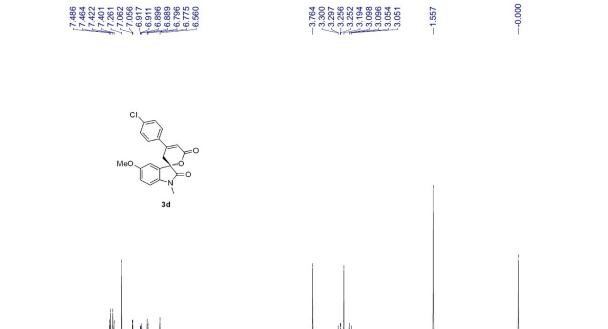






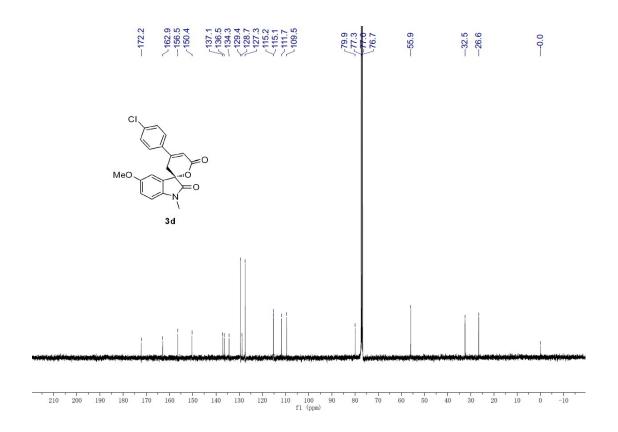




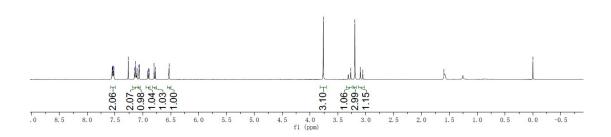


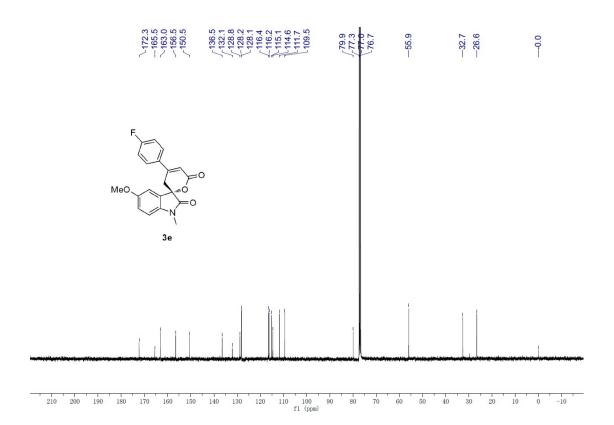
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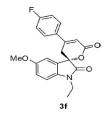


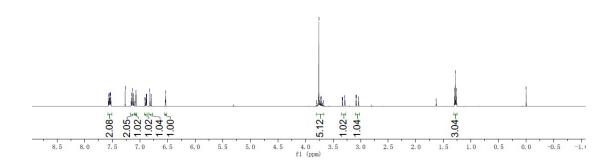


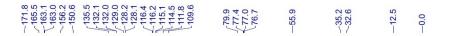


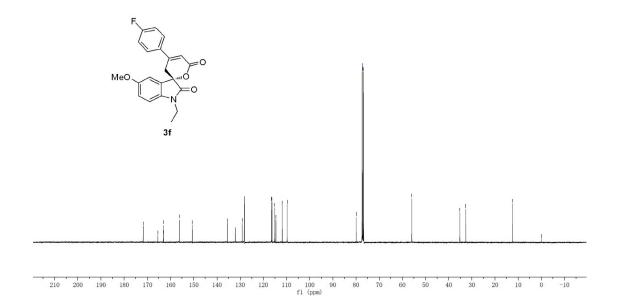




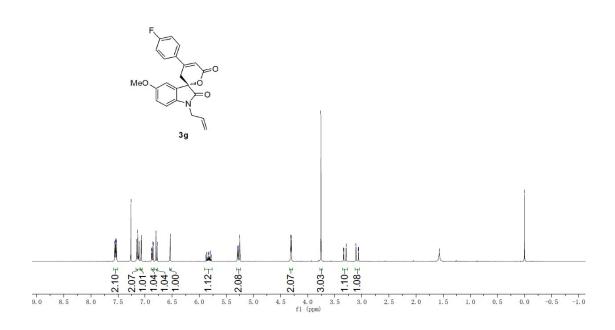


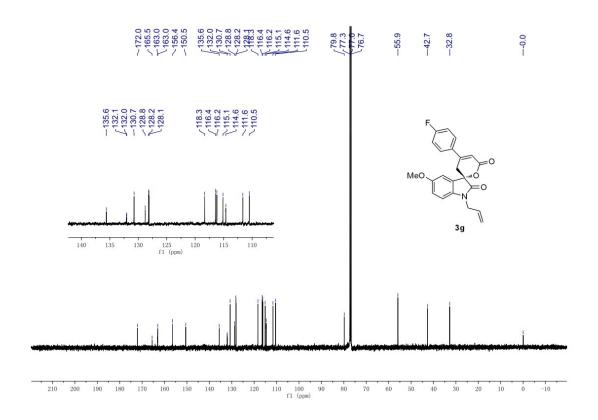




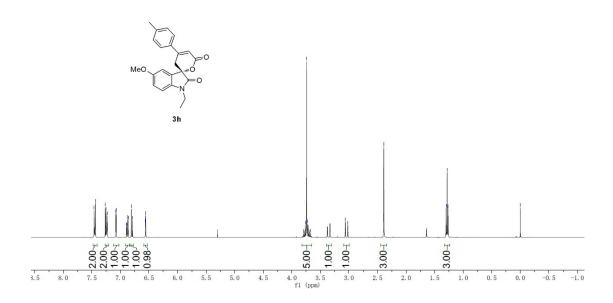




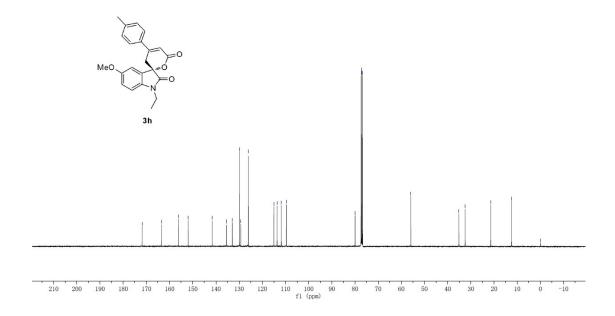


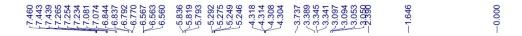


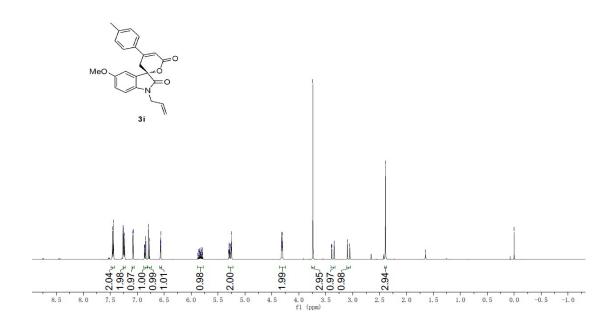




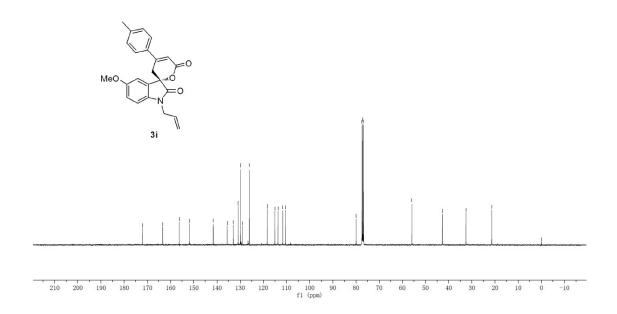


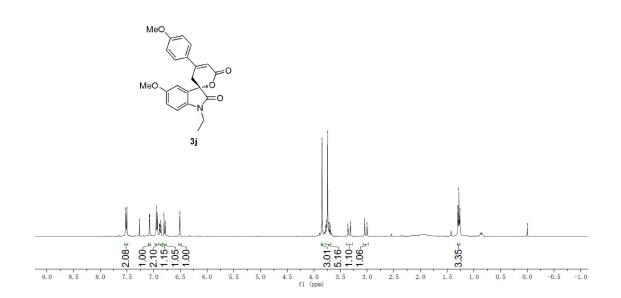




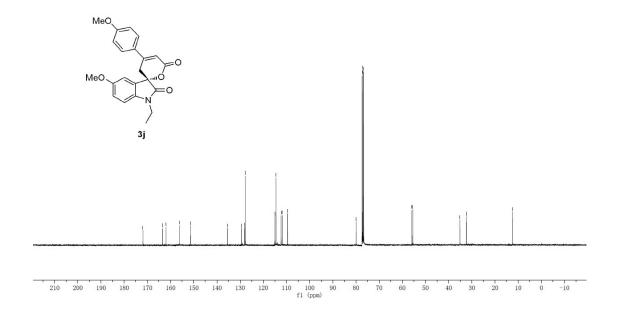




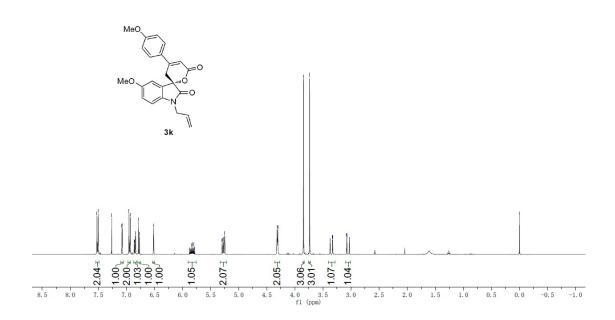


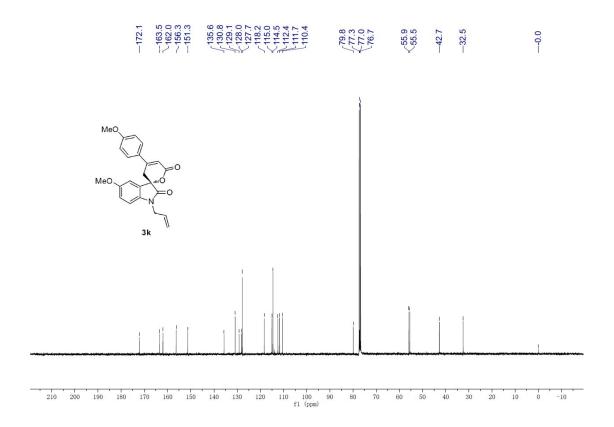




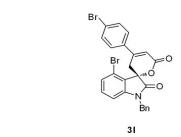


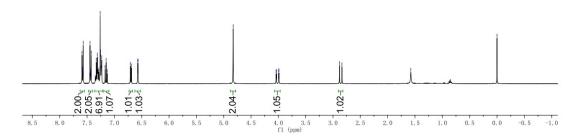


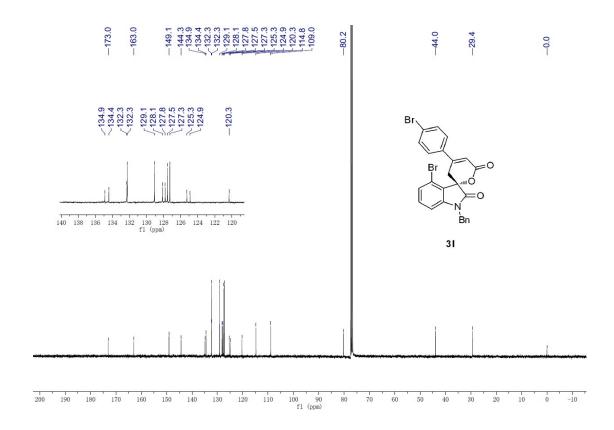


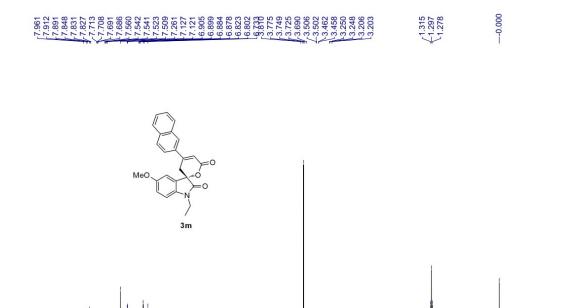


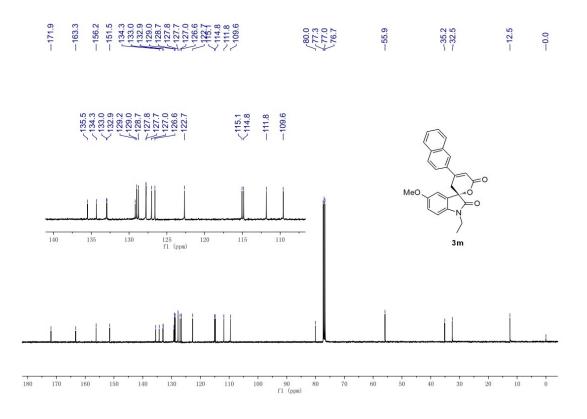


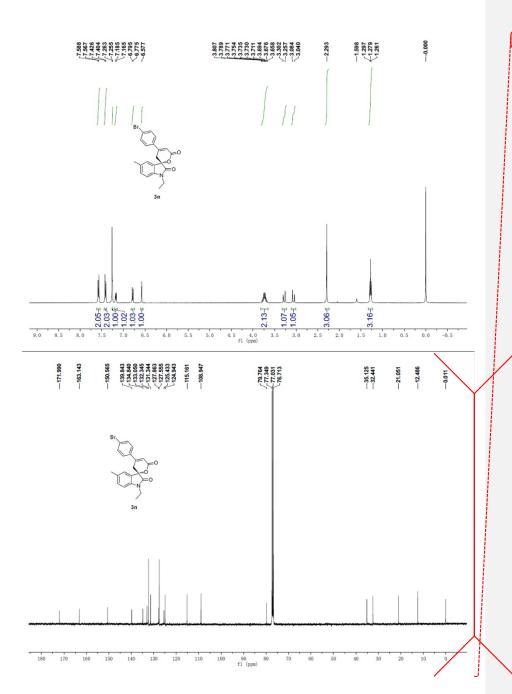


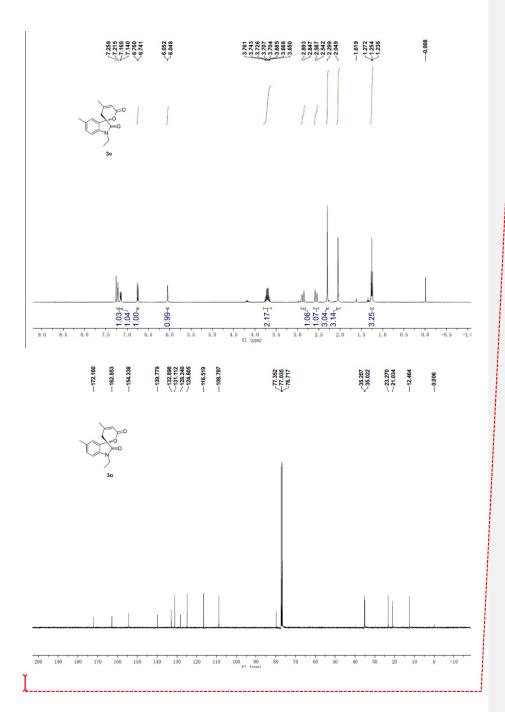






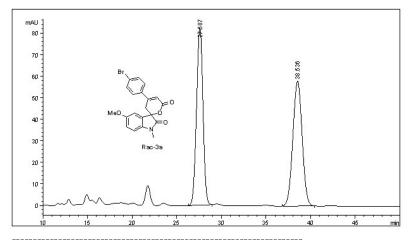






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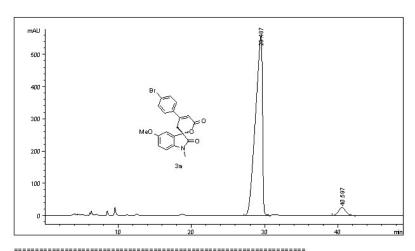
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#	RetTime [min]		[min]	Area [mAU*s]	Heicht [mAU]	Area
1	27.587	BB	0.7812	4128.06299	82.30220	49.5387
2	38.536	BB	1.1140	4204.93848	57.98717	50.4613

Totals: 8333.00146 140.28937

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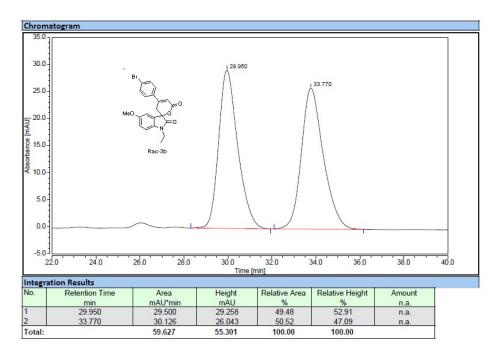
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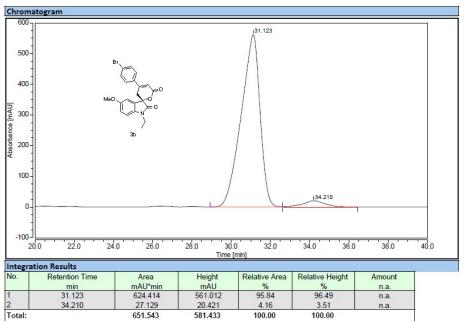
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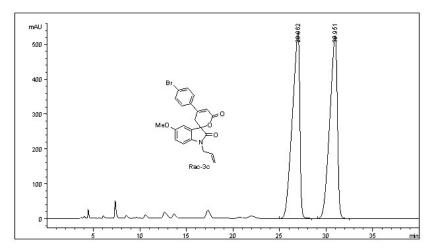
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1	29.487	BV	0.9737	3.69045e4	556.48242	95.7478
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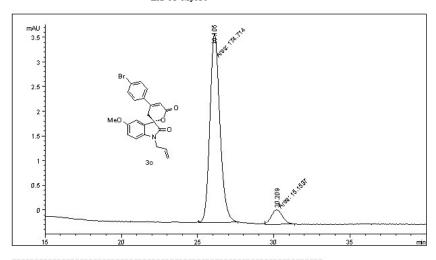


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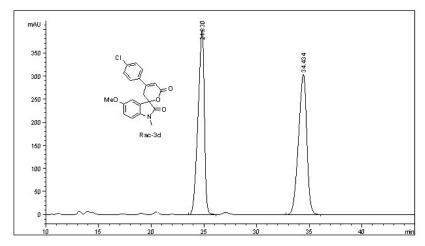
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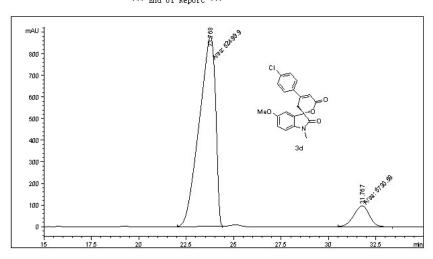
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#	[min]			[mAU*s]		Area %
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1	24.830	BB	0.6353	1.66245e4	399.61536	49.9328
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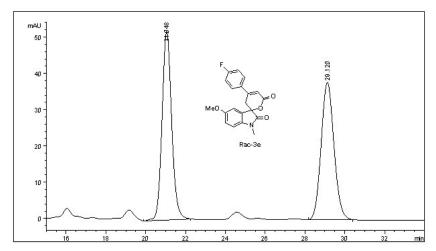
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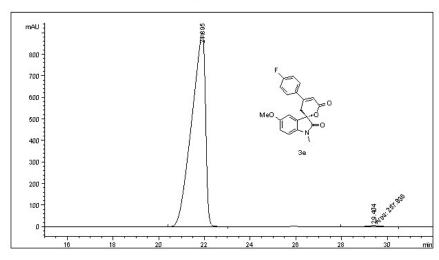


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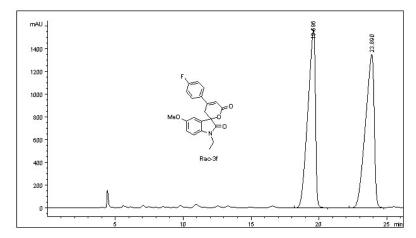


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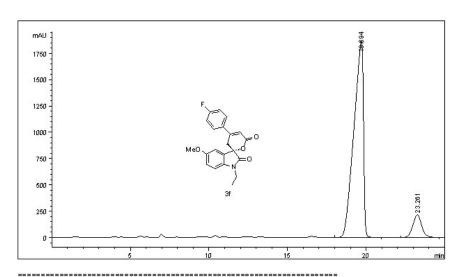
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1	19.596	BB	0.5832	6.03765e4	1568.22717	49.9238
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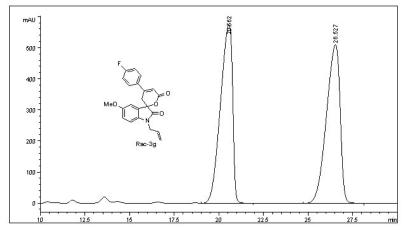
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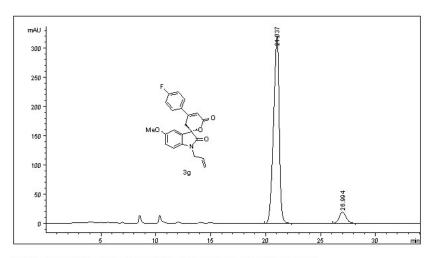
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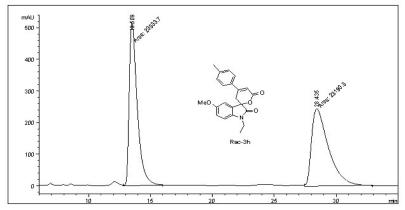


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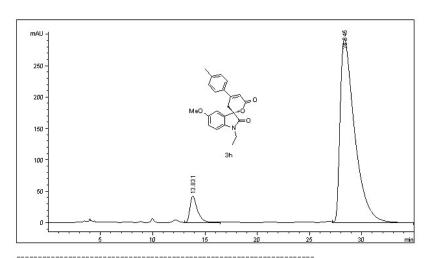
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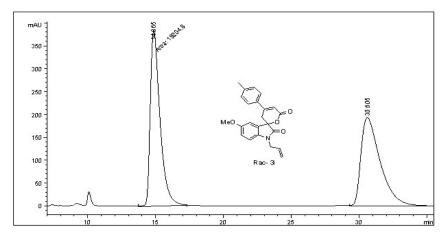
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Totals: 3.04861e4 335.20071



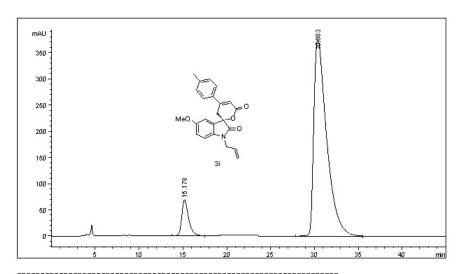
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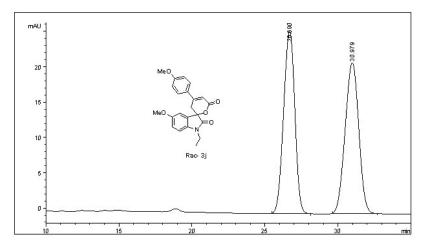
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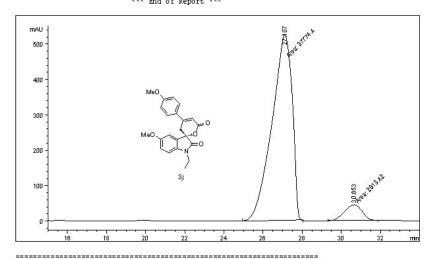


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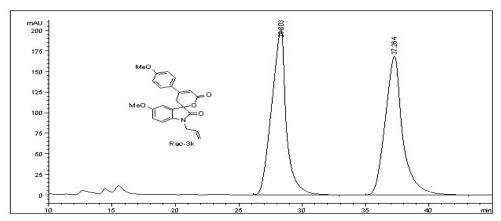


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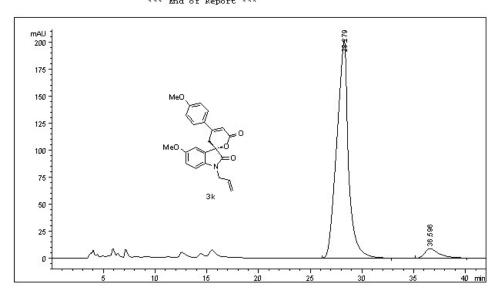
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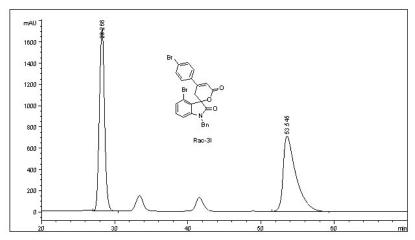
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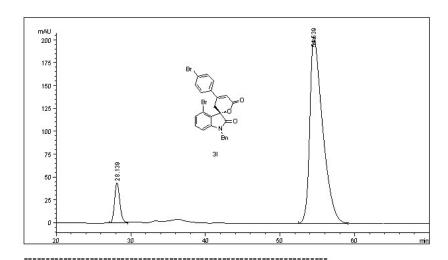
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1	28.266	VB	0.7769	8.52484e4	1718.11914	49.8320	
2	53.545	BB	1.6828	8.58232e4	708.73456	50.1680	

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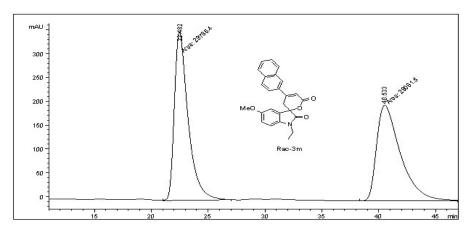
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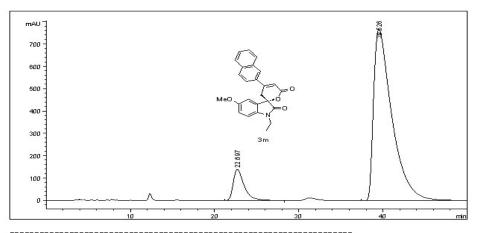
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1	22.482	MM	1.4042	2.97864e4	353.55222	50.5987
2	40.533	MM	2.4251	2.90815e4	199.86505	49.4013

5.88680e4 553.41727 Totals :

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*



Area Percent Report

Sorted By : Signal Multiplier : 1.0000 Dilution : 1.0000 Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

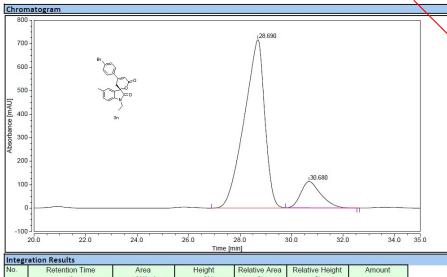
Signal 1: MWD1 B, Sig=254,16 Ref=360,100

139.65680 9.8353 768.04095 90.1647

1.28838e5 907.69775

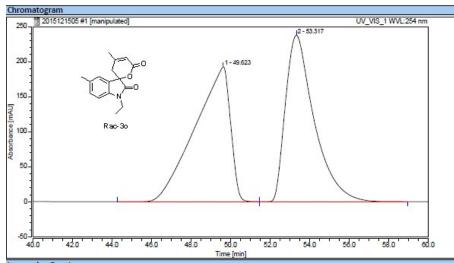
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Integration Results
No. Retention Area mAU\*min 12.748 12.768 Height mAU 15.104 13.583 Relative Height Relative Area % Amount Retention Time min 28.147 30.870 52.65 47.35 49.96 50.04 n.a. 2 Total: 25.516 28.687 100.00 100.00



Comment [D]: 新增化合物 3n

## Comment [D]: 新增化合物 3o



No.	Peak Name	Retention Time	Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height	Amount
	4	min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%	n.a.
1		49.623	400.508	192.585	50.06	44.77	n.a.
2	4	53.317	399.472	237.553	49.94	55.23	n.a.
Total			799.978	430.138	100.00	100.00	

