

Supporting Information

Cycloaddition of Cyclobutenone and Azomethine Imine Enabled by Chiral Isothiourea Organic Catalysts

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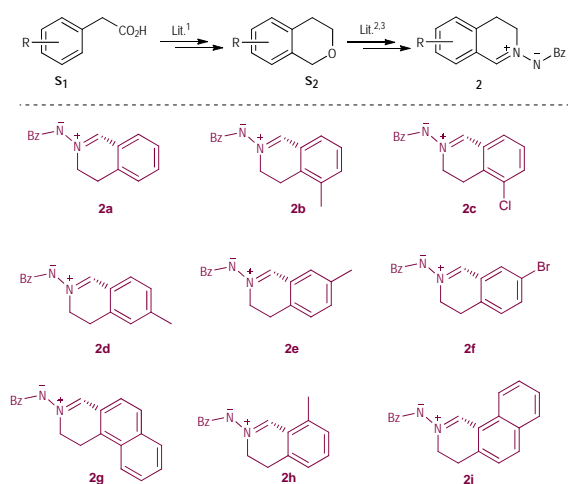
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1. General Information

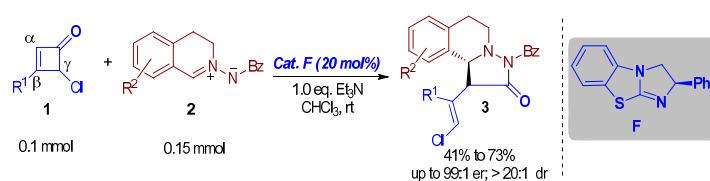
All reactions were carried out under standard conditions using N₂ as shielding gas with magnetic stirring. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with TLC plates. All reactions and column chromatography were monitored by thin layer chromatography with UV light under a 254 nm and colorized with ethanol solution of phosphomolybdic acid, followed by heating using a heat gun. All products could be purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation. All solvents were freshly distilled before use. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are reported in CDCl₃ solution of compound by Bruker AV-300 MHz or Bruker AV-400 MHz instruments and marked in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) (0) and CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) as standard. The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Waters Q-TOF Premier mass spectrometer. The determination of *ee* was performed *via* chiral phase HPLC analysis using Shimadzu LC-20AD HPLC workstation. Optical rotations were measured using a 1 mL cell with a 1 cm path length on a Jasco P1030 digital polarimeter and are reported as follows: [α]^D₂₀. The *dr* values of the products were determined by the corresponding ¹H NMR spectra. The absolute and relative configuration of products could be assigned by the X-ray structures of **3a**.

2. General procedure for preparation of substrates **1** and **2**

All cyclobutenones **1** were prepared in accordance with literature methods.¹ All azomethine imine **2a-2i** were synthesized according to the known literature process from arylacetic acid **S1**² (for syntheses of **2c**, **2g** and **2i**) or isochroman derivatives **S2**.^{3,4}



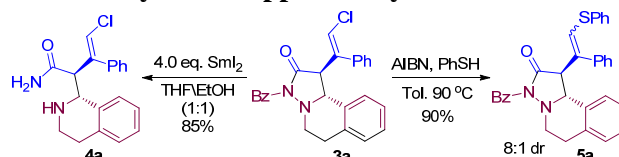
3. General procedure for syntheses of product **3**



A mixture of the cyclobutenone **1** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 M), azomethine imine **2** (0.15 mmol) and the Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 14 μL) in CH₃Cl (1.0 mL) were stirred for 5 min at room temperature. Then the catalyst **F** (20 mol%, 5.4 mg), prepared *via* Birman's method⁵, was added into the reaction system. After the reaction was stirred for 3 days, flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded the final product in 41%~73% yields with excellent er, which were determined using chiral HPLC.

Note: the racemate were prepared using catalyst **C** or **D** in table in text.

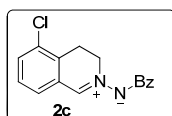
4. General procedure for the synthetic applicability



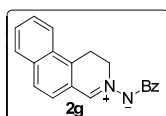
For synthesis of **4a**: under nitrogen atmosphere, the solution of SmI₂ in THF (4.0 mL, 0.1 M) was added into the solution of **3a** (0.1 mmol, 43 mg) in EtOH (2.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 2 hours, the resulting solvent was removed by vacuum pump. The product **4a** could be obtained in 85% yield through isolation of silica gel column chromatography (SiO₂, 50% EtOAc/hexanes).

For synthesis of **5a**: under nitrogen atmosphere, the AIBN (20 mol%, 3.2 mg) was added into the mixture of **3a** (0.1 mmol, 43 mg) and PhSH (0.2 mmol, 22 mg) in toluene at room temperature. Then the reaction temperature was increased to 80 °C for overnight. Then the reaction system was cooled to room temperature and a direct isolation of silica gel column chromatography could offer the product **5a** in 90% yield (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc/hexanes).

5. Characterization of substrates (2c, 2g and 2i)

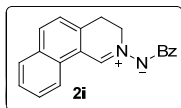


benzoyl(5-chloro-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2-ium-2-yl)amide. Following the literature² process, the corresponding acid (1.70 g, 10.0 mmol) gave the substrate **2c** (598 mg) in 21% yield as yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.81 (brs, 1H), 8.12-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 168.6, 137.5, 132.8, 132.2, 131.7, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 54.0, 23.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂O [M+H]⁺: 285.0789, Found: 285.0785.



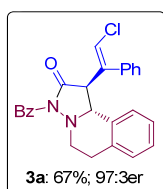
benzoyl(1,2-dihydrobenzo isoquinolin-3-ium-3-yl)amide. Following the literature² process, the corresponding acid (1.86 g, 10.0 mmol) gave the substrate **2g** (480 mg) in 16% yield as yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H),

7.60-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 4H), 4.34 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.8, 137.3, 134.0, 133.5, 132.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.9, 126.7, 125.3, 122.4, 121.8, 54.3, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 301.1335, Found: 301.1336.

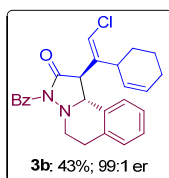


benzyl(3,4-dihydrobenzo[h]isoquinolin-2-ium-2-yl)amide. Following the literature² process, the corresponding acid (1.86 g, 10.0 mmol) gave the substrate **s4** (390 mg) 13% yield as yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.84 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.10 (m, 2H), 8.07-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 4H), 4.41 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.8, 137.3, 135.5, 131.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 127.9, 127.6, 125.2, 124.3, 124.0, 54.3, 23.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 301.1335, Found: 301.1335.

6. Characterization of products 3, 4 and 5

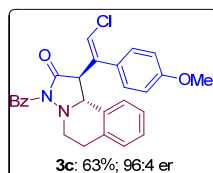


(1S,10bR)-3-benzyl-1-((Z)-2-chloro-1-phenylvinyl)-1,5,6,10b-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. White solid, m.p. 162-164 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55-7.35 (m, 10H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (ddd, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (ddd, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 12.2 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (ddd, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 10.2 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.9, 166.3, 136.6, 134.6, 133.3, 133.1, 132.8, 132.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 126.5, 122.7, 59.6, 57.2, 48.9, 28.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 429.1370, Found: 429.1362. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -13.0$ ($c = 2.0$ mg/mL, CHCl_3). IR ν (cm^{-1}) 3067, 1751, 1690, 1275, 1160, 695. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: $t_1 = 17.3$ min, $t_2 = 38.1$ min.

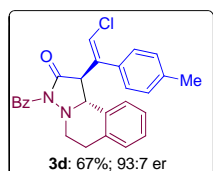


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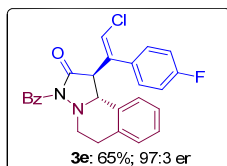
12.8 Hz, 10.2 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28-2.18 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.64 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.1, 166.3, 138.2, 133.6, 133.1, 132.9, 132.1, 130.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 120.6, 59.8, 56.6, 48.7, 28.9, 28.7, 25.4, 22.7, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 433.1677, Found: 433.1675. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -45.3$ ($c = 12.0$ mg/mL, CHCl_3). The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: $t_1 = 13.6$ min, $t_2 = 24.8$ min.



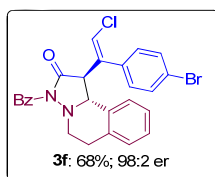
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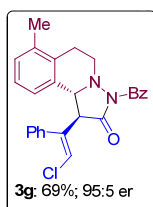
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(1S,10bR)-3-benzoyl-1-((Z)-2-chloro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)-1,5,6,10b-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 4H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.87 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (ddd, $J = 9.9, 4.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (ddd, $J = 16.7, 12.3, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, $J = 12.6, 10.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, $J = 16.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.8, 166.2, 162.7 ($J = 248.9$ Hz), 135.8, 133.3, 133.2, 132.6, 132.3, 131.6 ($J = 8.3$ Hz), 130.6 ($J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 126.5, 123.3, 115.9 ($J = 21.5$ Hz), 59.8, 57.2, 49.0, 28.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 447.1270, Found: 447.1271. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 27.7$ ($c = 9.0$ mg/mL, CHCl_3). IR ν (cm^{-1}) 2920, 1688, 1279, 1221, 1012, 848. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: $t_1 = 25.9$ min, $t_2 = 39.8$ min.

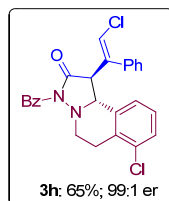


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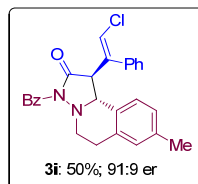


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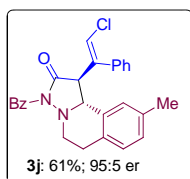
1H), 4.89 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.10-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.1, 166.3, 136.7, 136.5, 134.7, 133.3, 132.6, 132.1, 131.7, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 126.2, 124.6, 122.6, 59.9, 57.2, 48.8, 26.1, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 443.1521, Found: 443.1519. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -30.4$ ($c = 11.0$ mg/mL, CHCl_3). IR ν (cm^{-1}) 3063, 1754, 1689, 1284, 1202, 700. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: $t_1 = 23.7$ min, $t_2 = 29.6$ min.



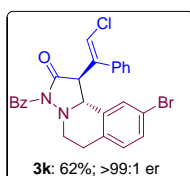
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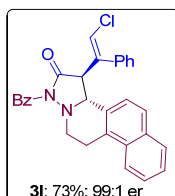
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(1S,10bR)-3-benzoyl-1-((Z)-2-chloro-1-phenylvinyl)-9-methyl-1,5,6,10b-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (ddd, $J = 9.9, 4.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (ddd, $J = 16.6, 12.3, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, $J = 12.6, 10.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dt, $J = 16.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.0, 166.3, 136.6, 135.9, 134.8, 133.3, 132.6, 132.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.2, 122.6, 59.8, 57.2, 49.1, 28.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 443.1521, Found: 443.1526. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.4$ ($c = 8.0$ mg/mL, CHCl_3). IR ν (cm^{-1}) 3052, 1747, 1684, 1275, 1199, 699. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: $t_1 = 12.0$ min, $t_2 = 33.9$ min.

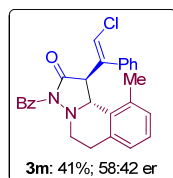


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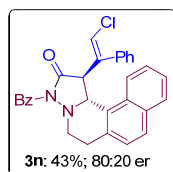


(3S)-1-benzoyl-3-((Z)-2-chloro-1-phenylvinyl)-3,3a,10,11-tetrahydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(1H)-one. White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 5.04 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dt, $J = 10.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.14 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

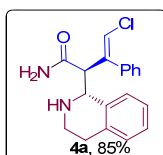
CDCl₃): δ 172.1, 166.4, 136.8, 134.8, 133.3, 132.5, 132.2, 131.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 124.2, 123.2, 122.7, 60.4, 57.2, 48.7, 25.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 479.1521, Found: 479.1522. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -35.8$ (*c* = 6.0 mg/mL, CHCl₃). IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3065, 1756, 1692, 1286, 1208, 700. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: *t*₁ = 16.1 min, *t*₂ = 20.4 min.



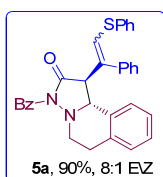
(1S,10bR)-3-benzoyl-1-((Z)-2-chloro-1-phenylvinyl)-10-methyl-1,5,6,10b-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 7H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 16.5, 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, *J* = 16.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.9, 166.4, 138.4, 136.1, 135.9, 134.4, 133.3, 132.6, 132.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 120.7, 61.7, 57.9, 48.7, 26.0, 20.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 443.1521, Found: 443.1524. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -68.5$ (*c* = 10.0 mg/mL, CHCl₃). IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3056, 1748, 1684, 1289, 1207, 698. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: *t*₁ = 12.7 min, *t*₂ = 16.1 min.



(1R)-3-benzoyl-1-((Z)-2-chloro-1-phenylvinyl)-1,5,6,12c-tetrahydrobenzo[h]pyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 8H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dt, *J* = 13.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 9.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 9.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dt, *J* = 17.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H); 171.4, 166.6, 138.9, 136.3, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 132.2, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.4, 125.6, 123.0, 120.6, 61.3, 57.9, 47.2, 25.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 479.1521, Found: 479.1518. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.8$ (*c* = 9.0 mg/mL, CHCl₃). IR ν (cm⁻¹) 2027, 1741, 1689, 1453, 1075, 1015. The er value was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min), retention time: *t*₁ = 12.4 min, *t*₂ = 15.8 min.

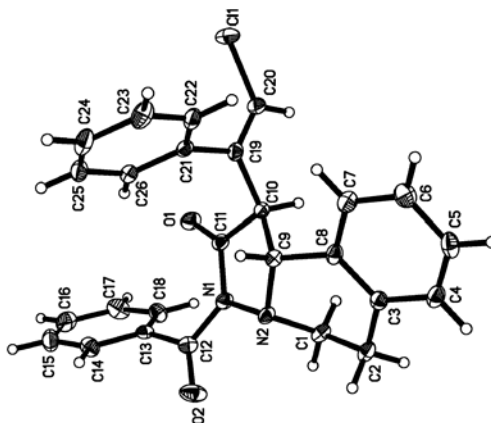


(S,Z)-4-chloro-3-phenyl-2-((R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)but-3-enamide: White solid, 174-176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.07-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.78 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.5, 137.4, 134.9, 133.8, 133.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 121.3, 62.3, 55.1, 52.2, 29.7, 28.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₉H₂₀ClN₂O [M+H]⁺: 327.1264, Found: 327.1266.



(1S,10bR)-3-benzoyl-1-(1-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)vinyl)-1,5,6,10b-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-a]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one. Colourless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51-7.20 (m, 19H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.73 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.7, 166.4, 136.9, 135.5, 133.5, 133.1, 132.1, 131.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 127.0, 126.3, 60.6, 58.6, 48.9, 28.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₃₂H₂₇N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺: 503.1793, Found: 503.1794.

7. ORTEPS drawing of 3a from X-ray crystallographic analysis



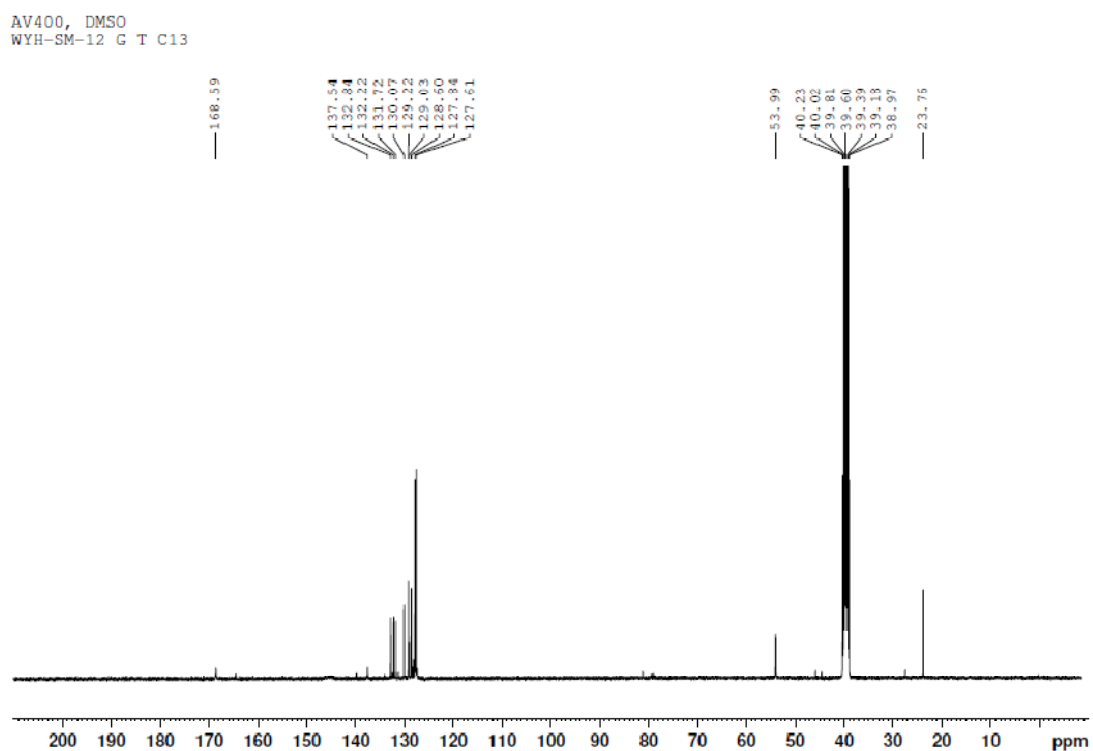
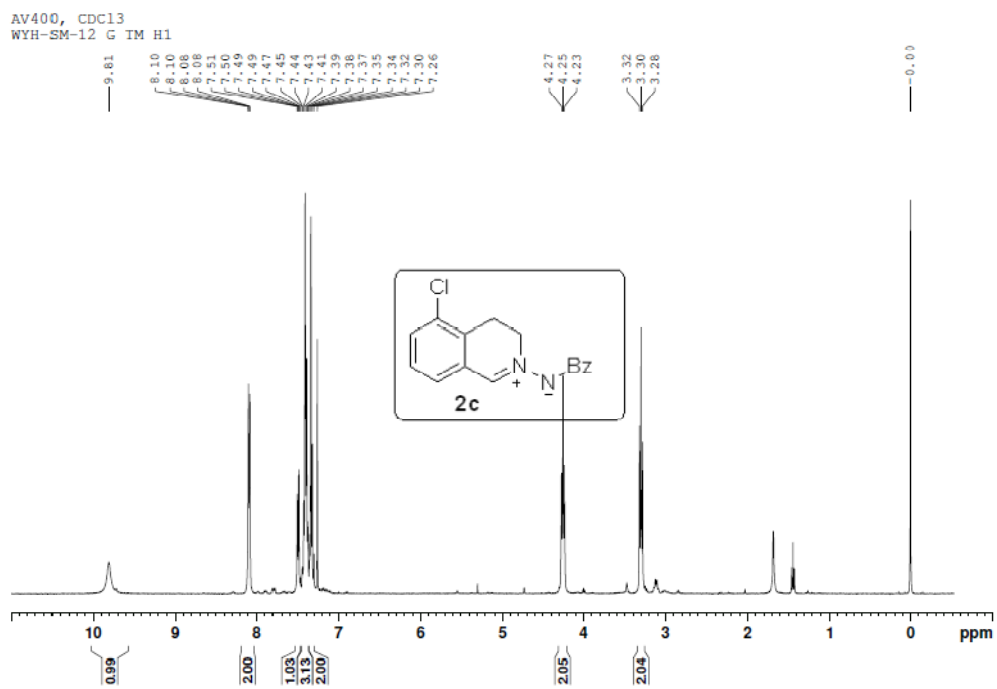
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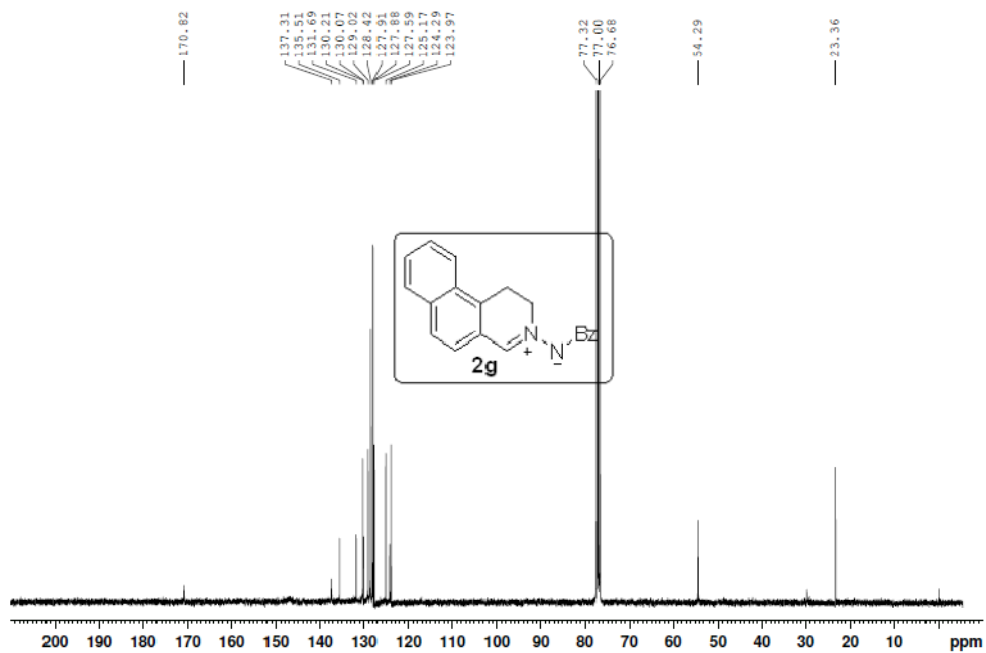
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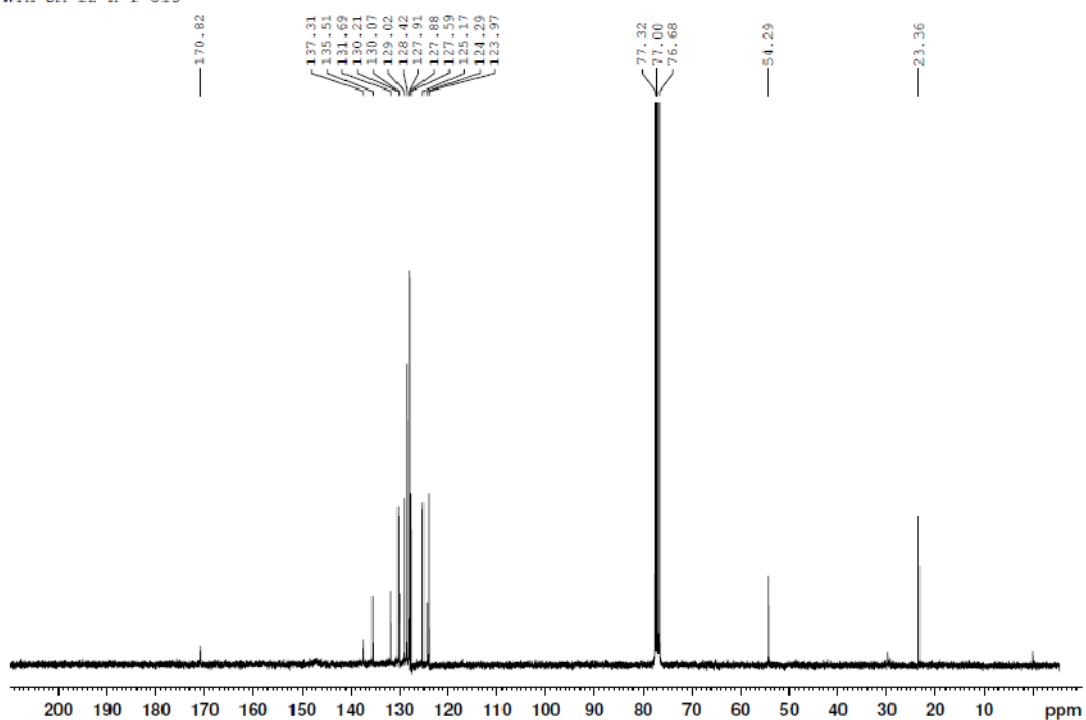
9. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for substrates and products



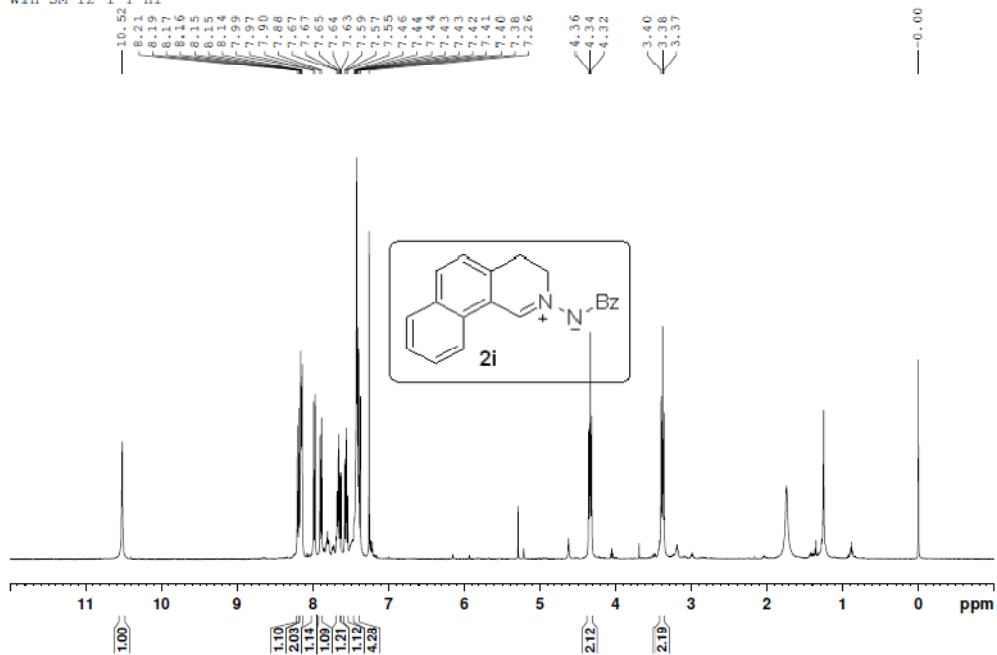
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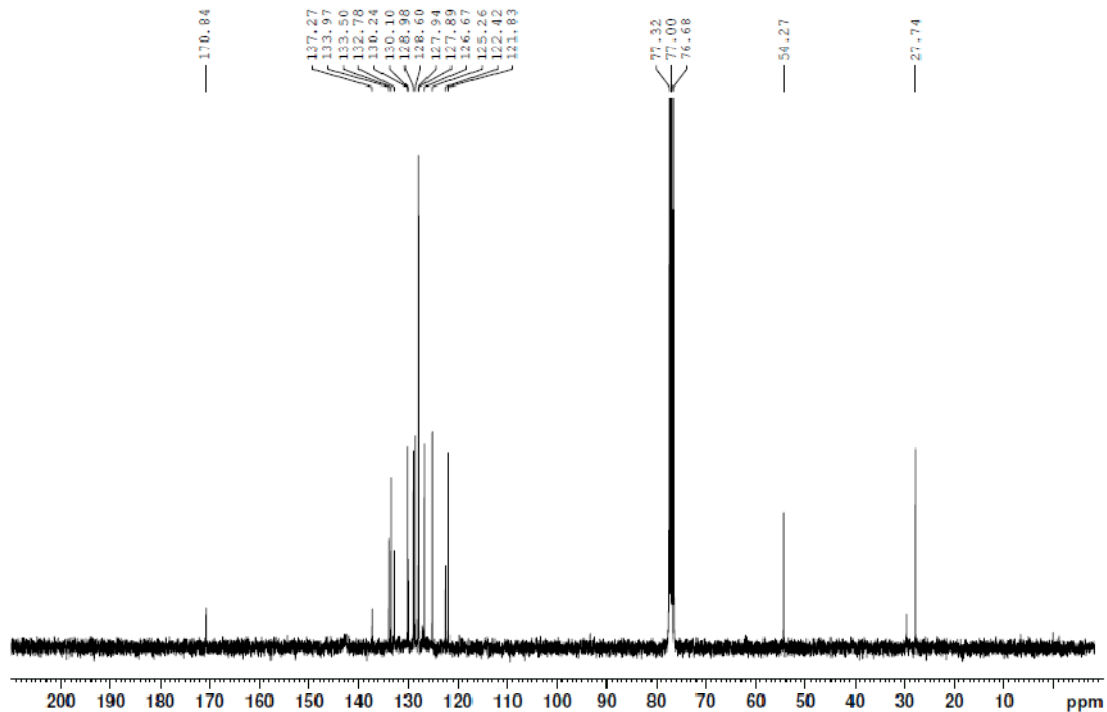
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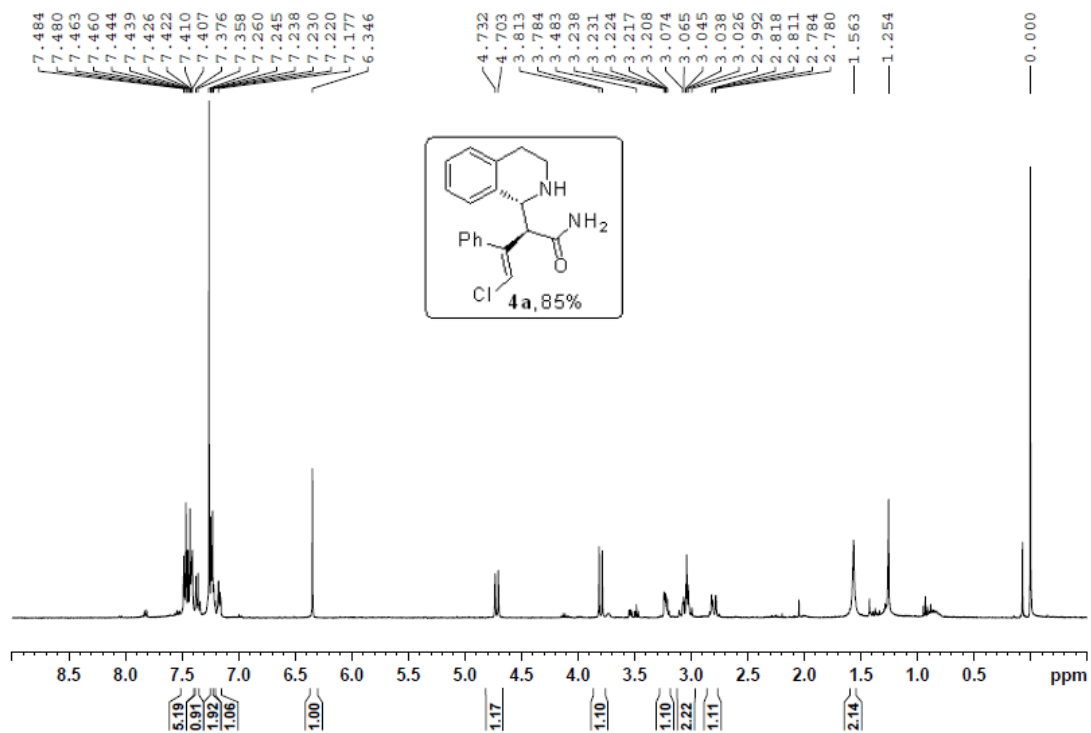
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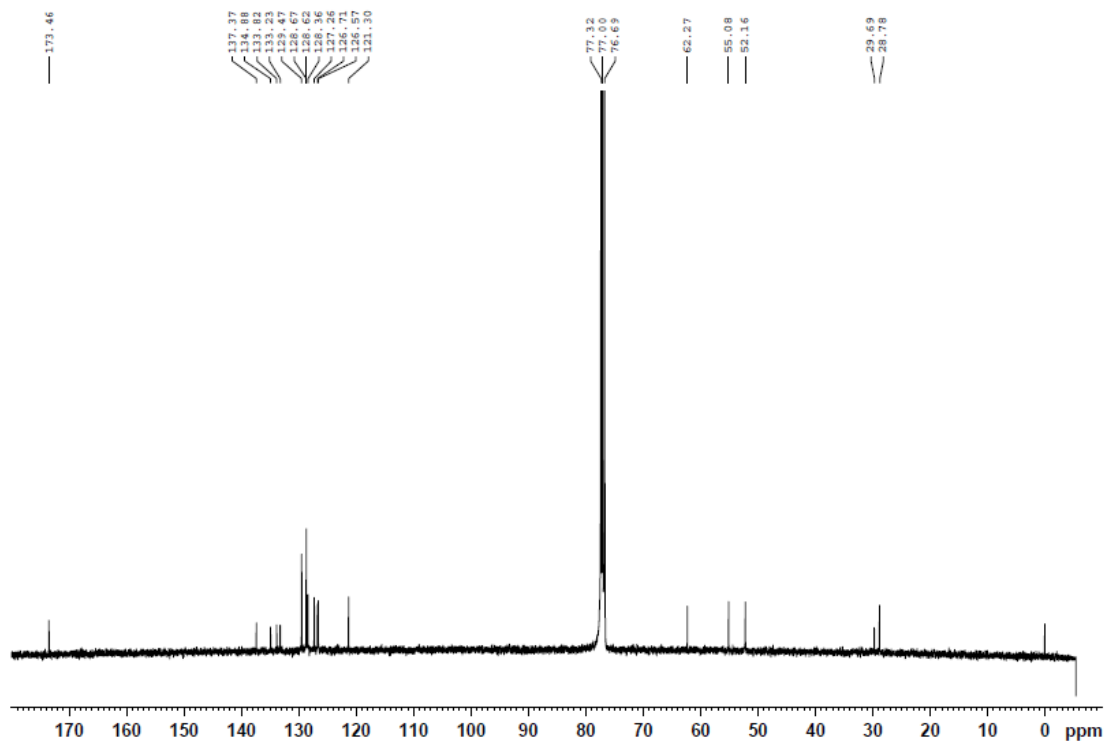
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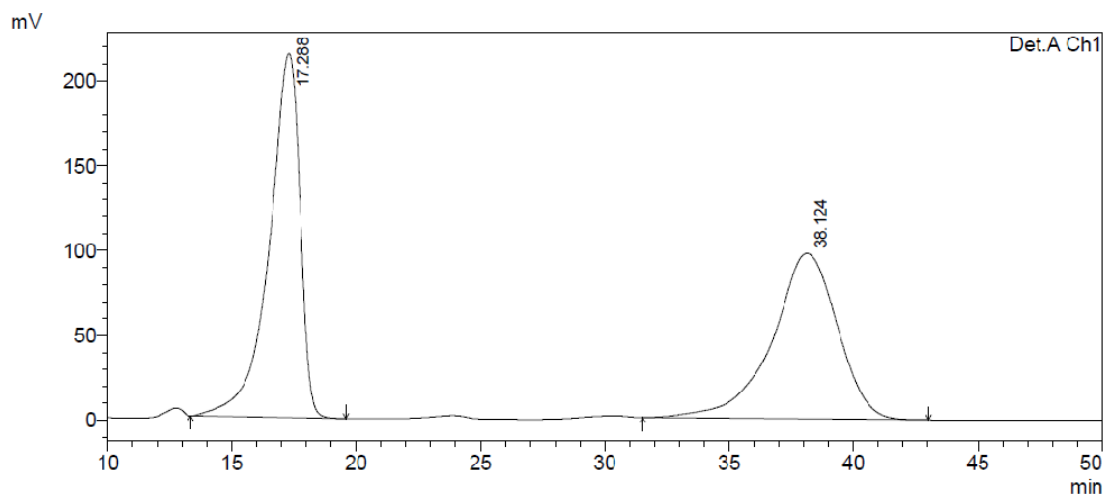
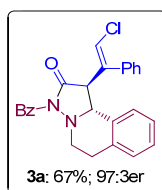
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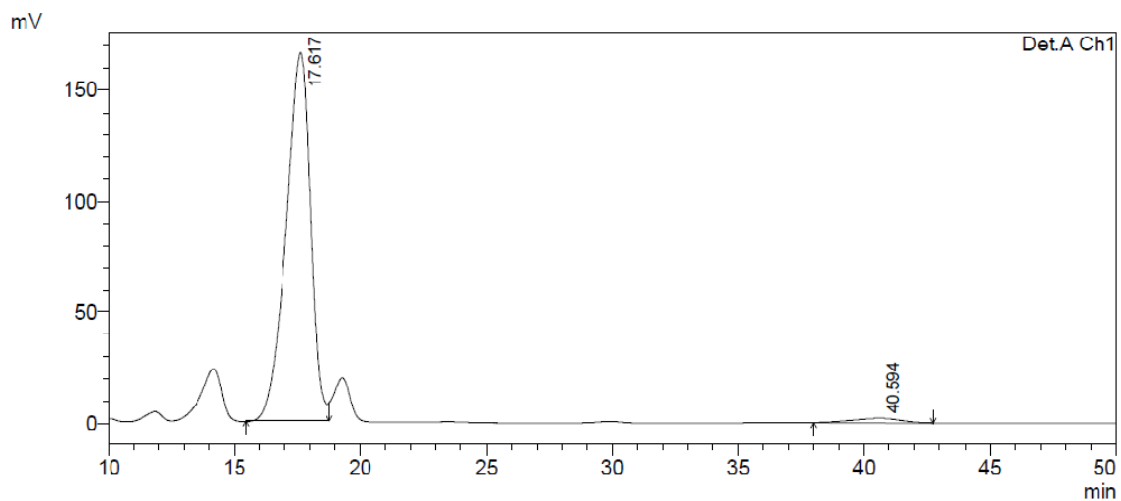
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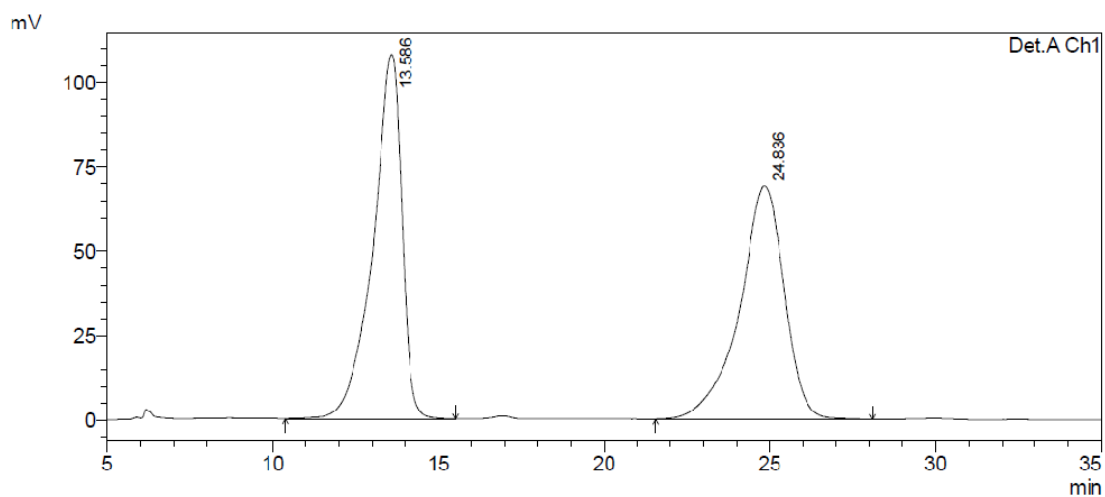
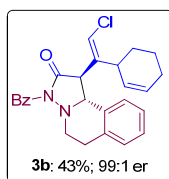
10. HPLC spectra for products



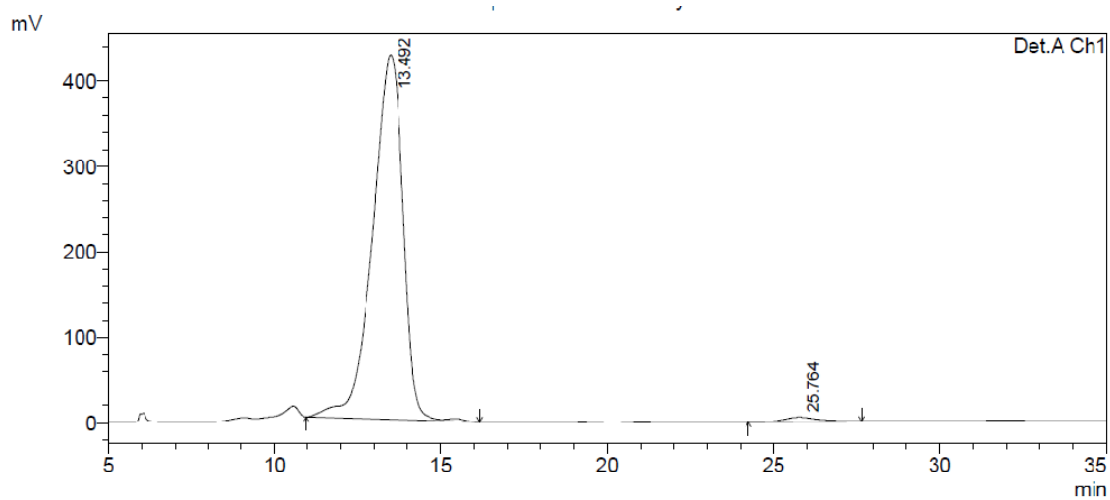
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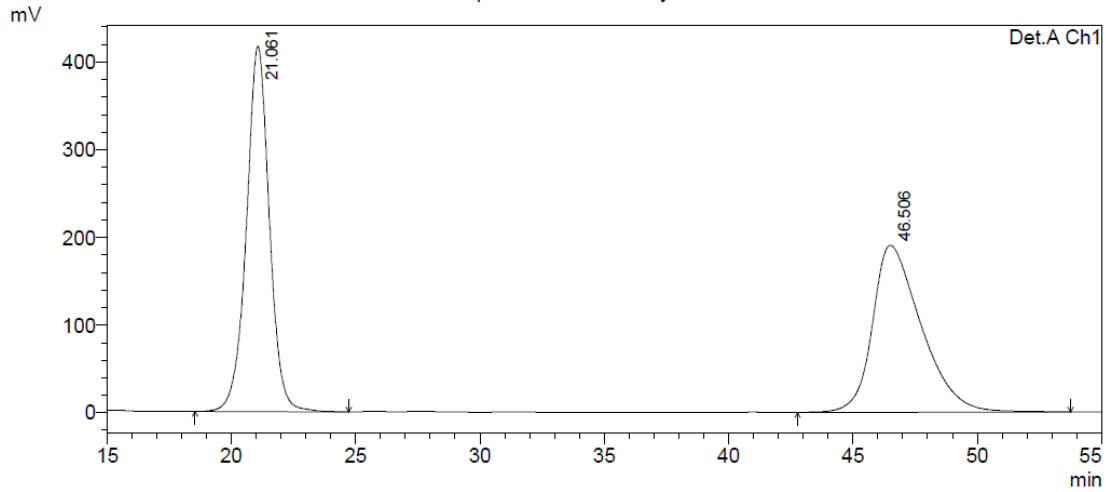
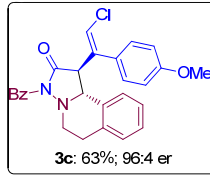
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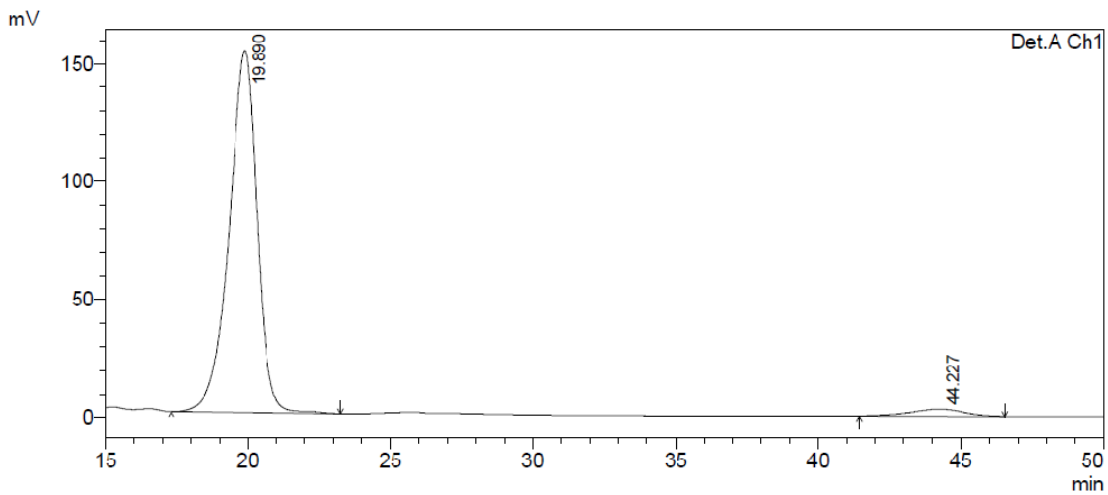
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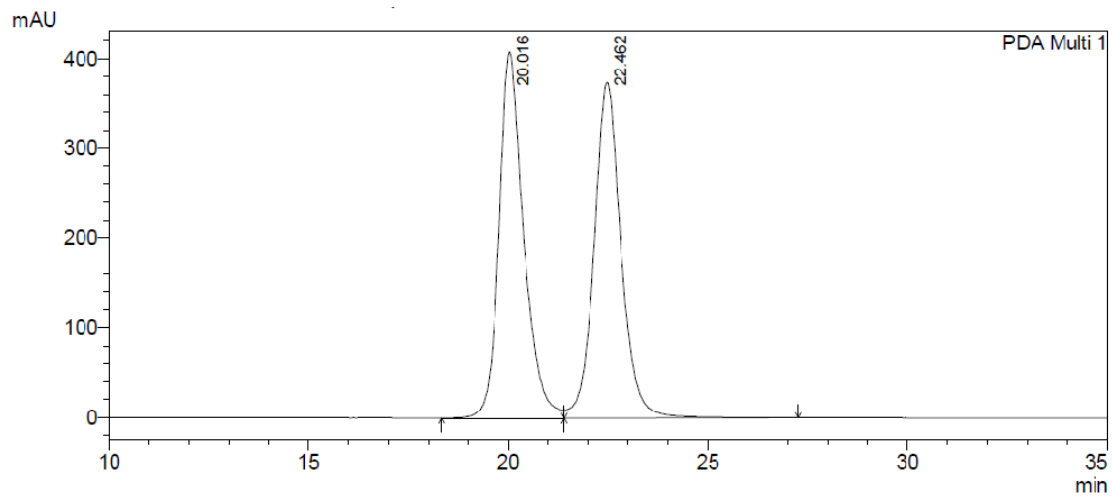
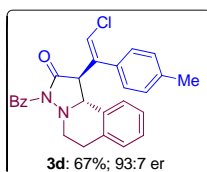
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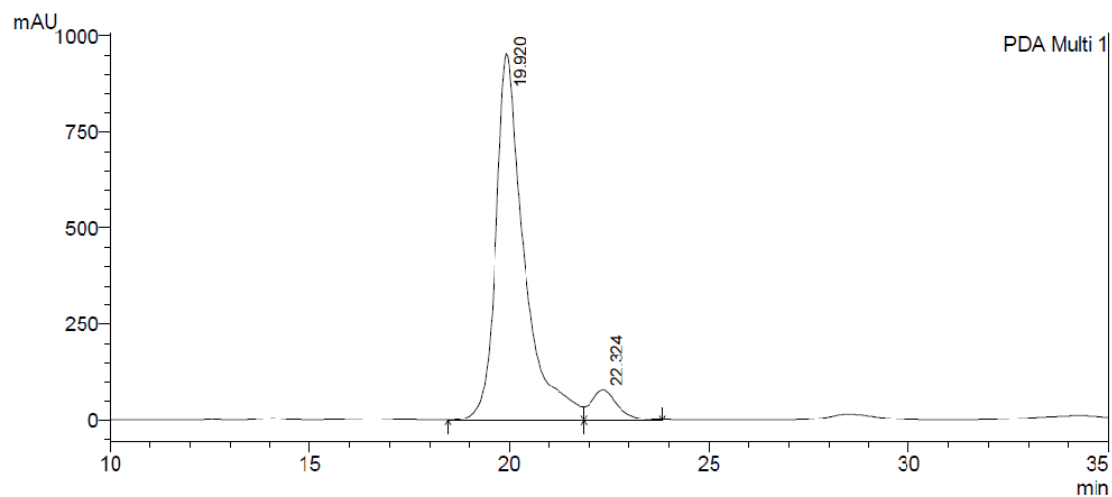
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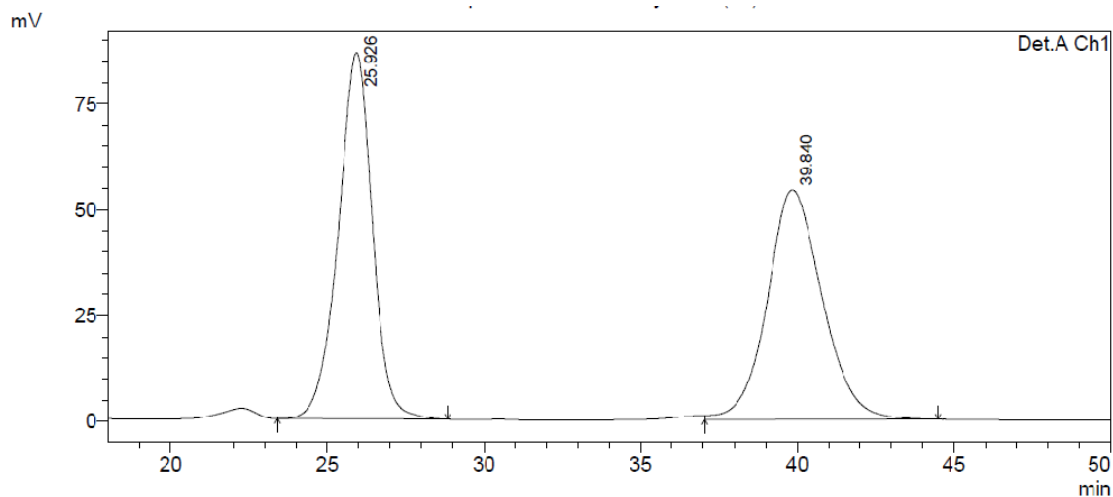
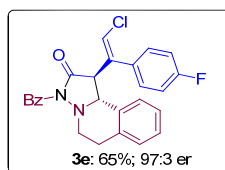
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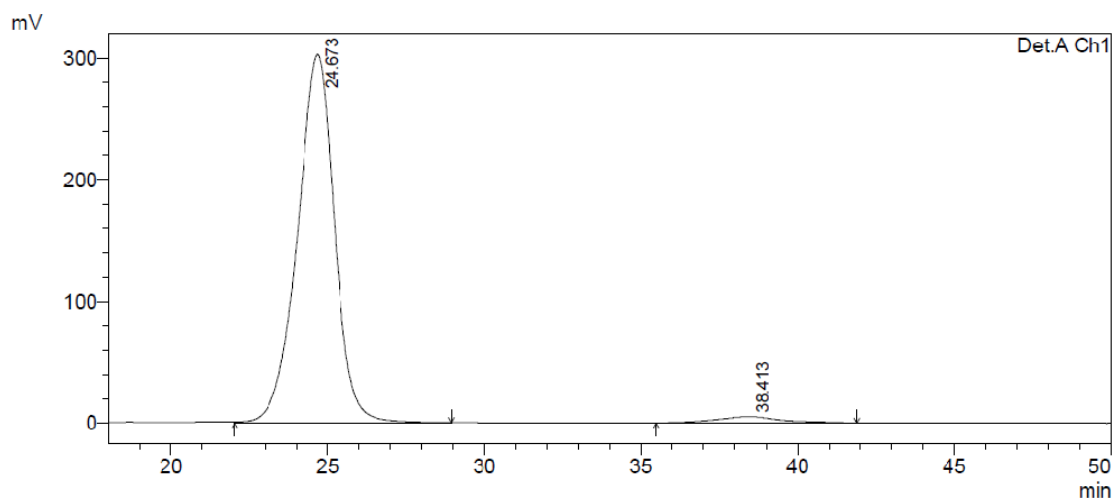
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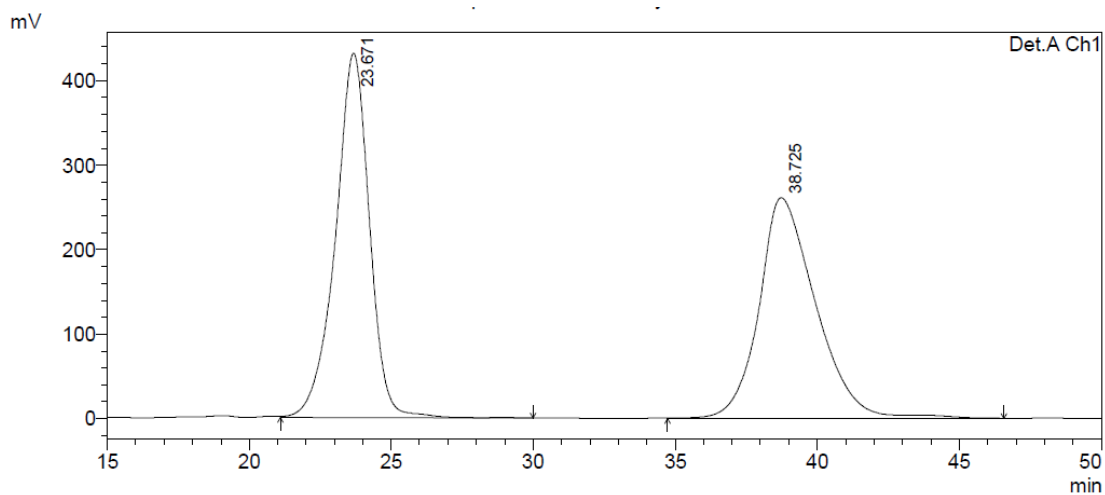
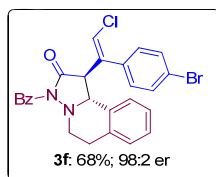
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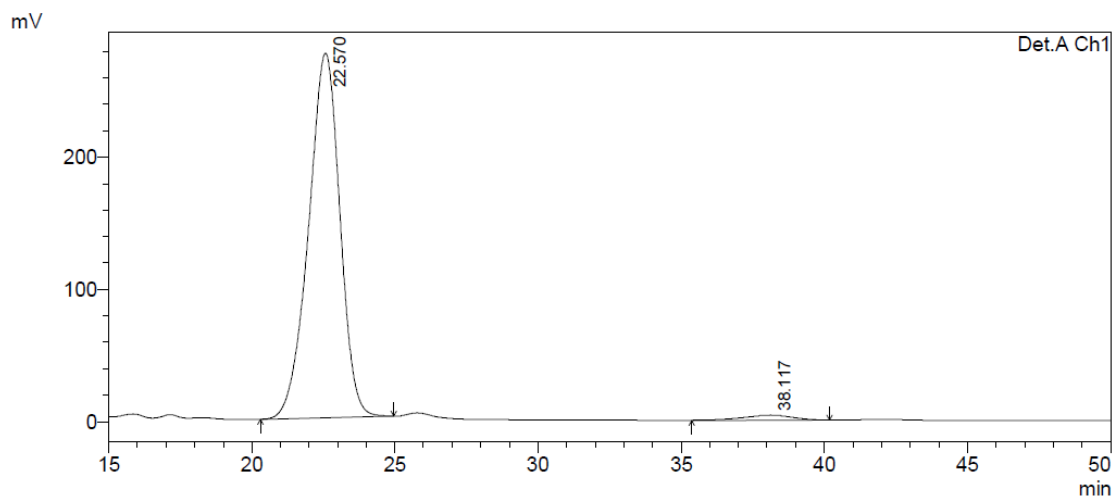


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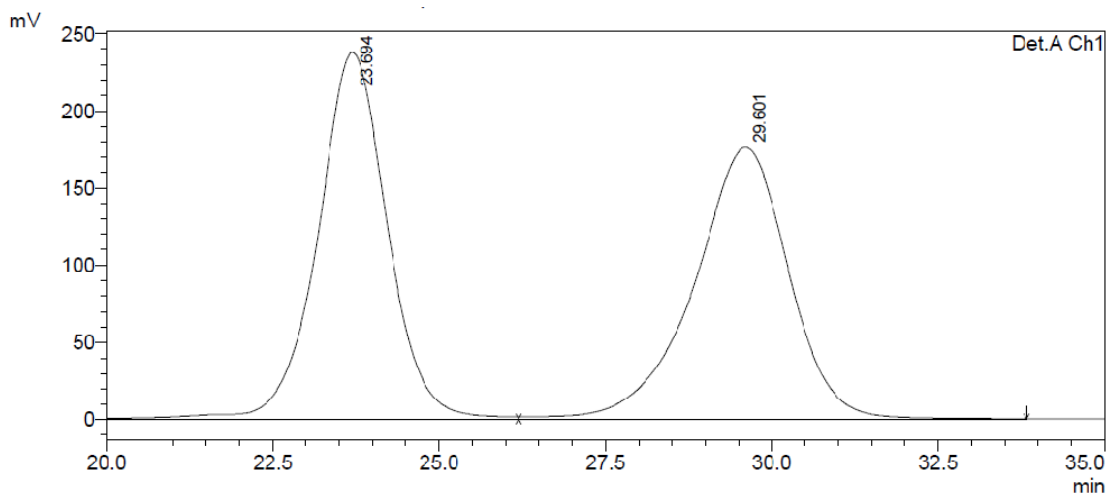
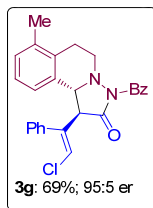


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2	38.725	36214356	260978	50.115	37.696
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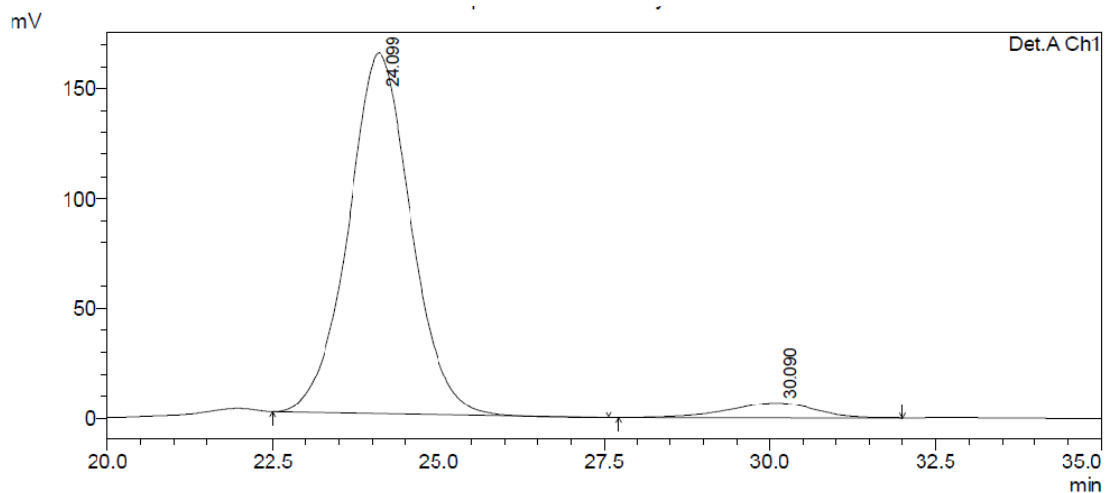


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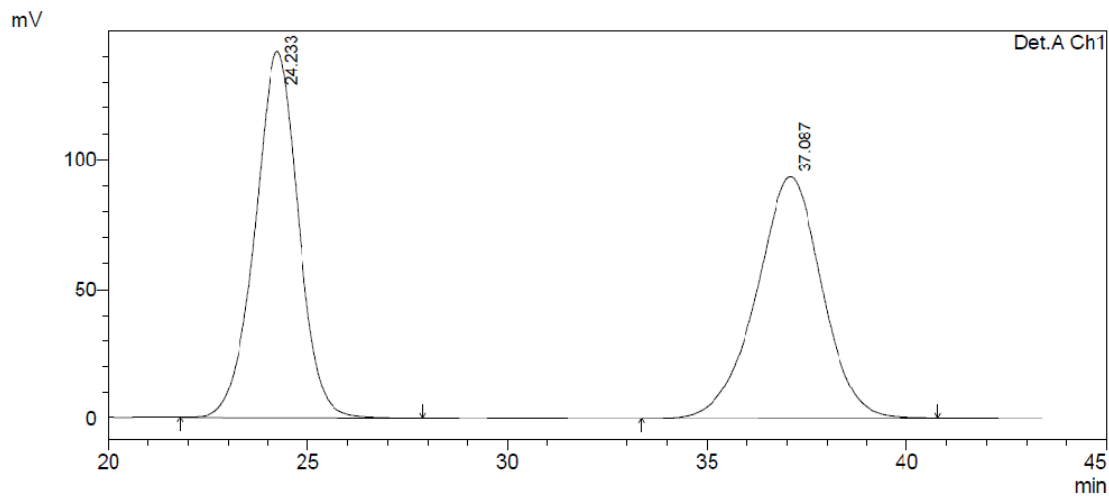
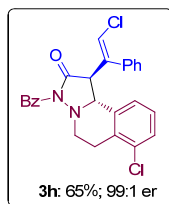
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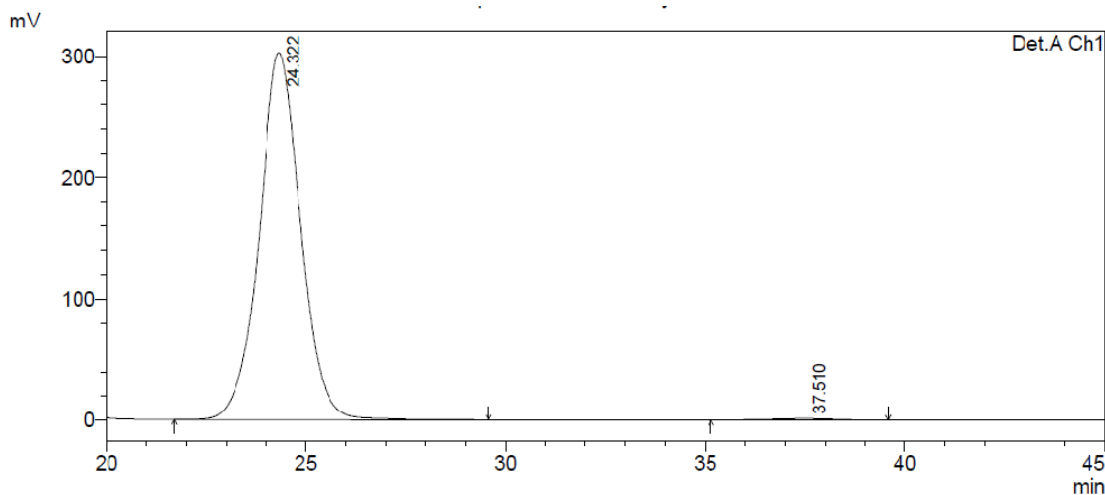
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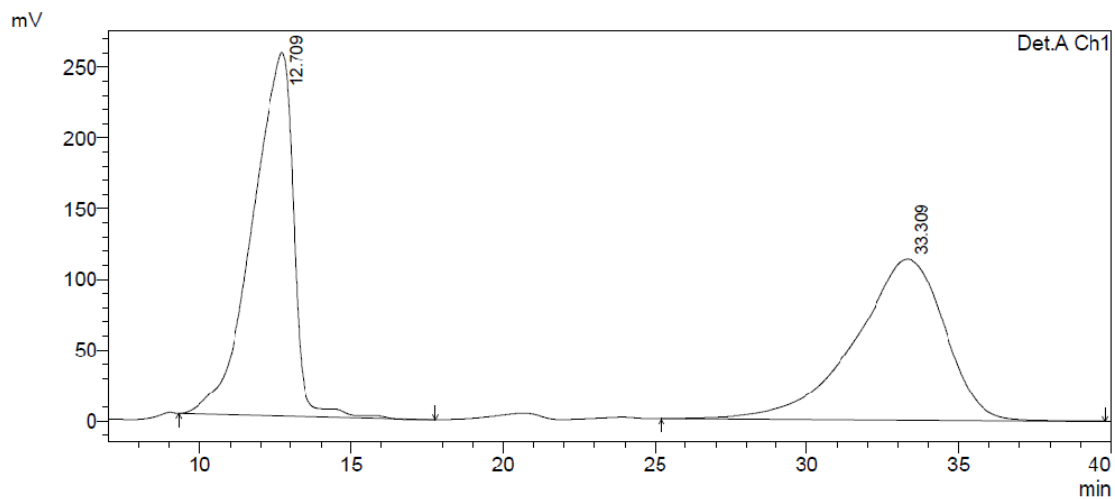
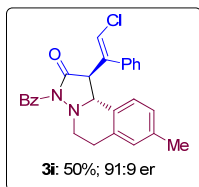
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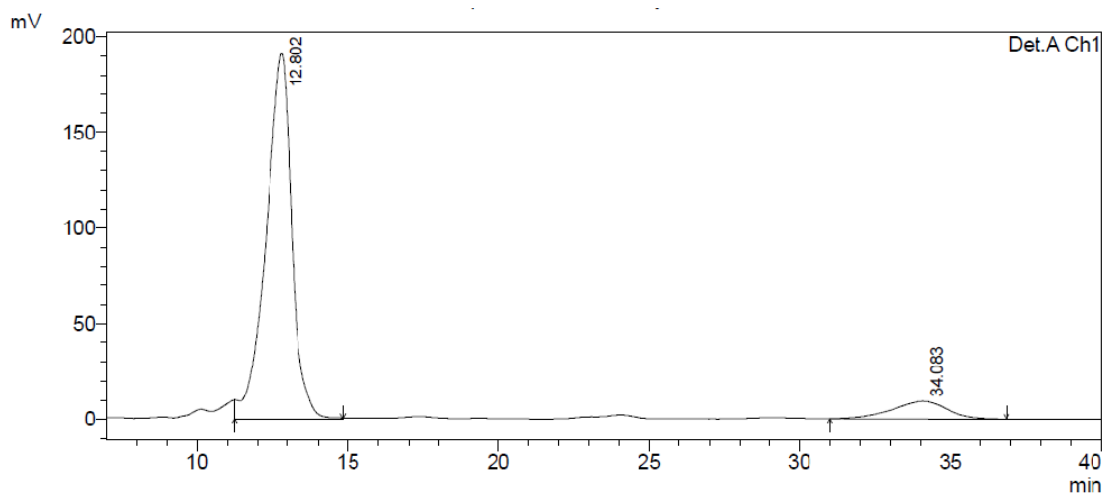


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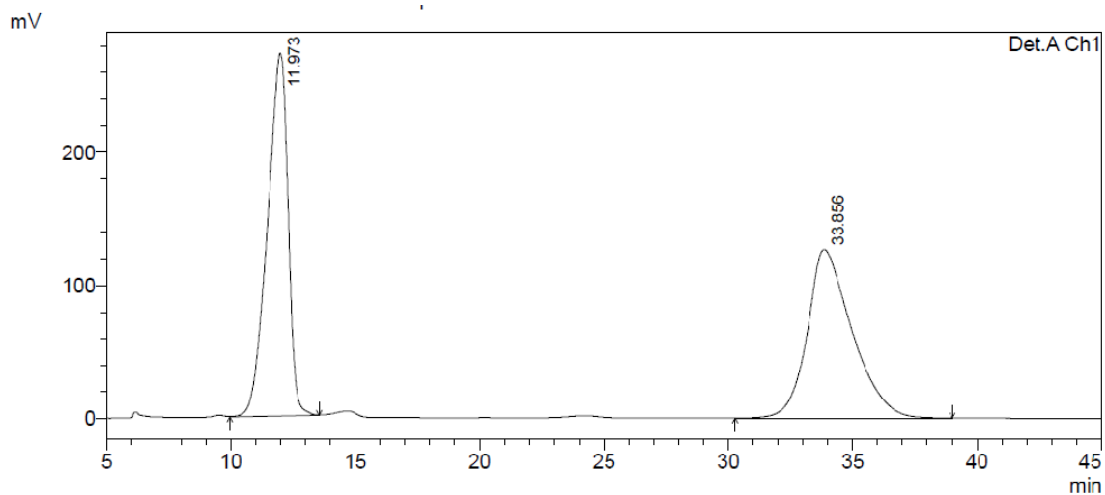
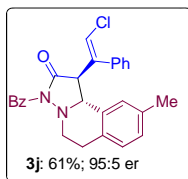
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2	37.510	146976	1306	0.670	0.430
Total		21925782	303653	100.000	100.000



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	12.709	24037764	257032	50.734	69.369
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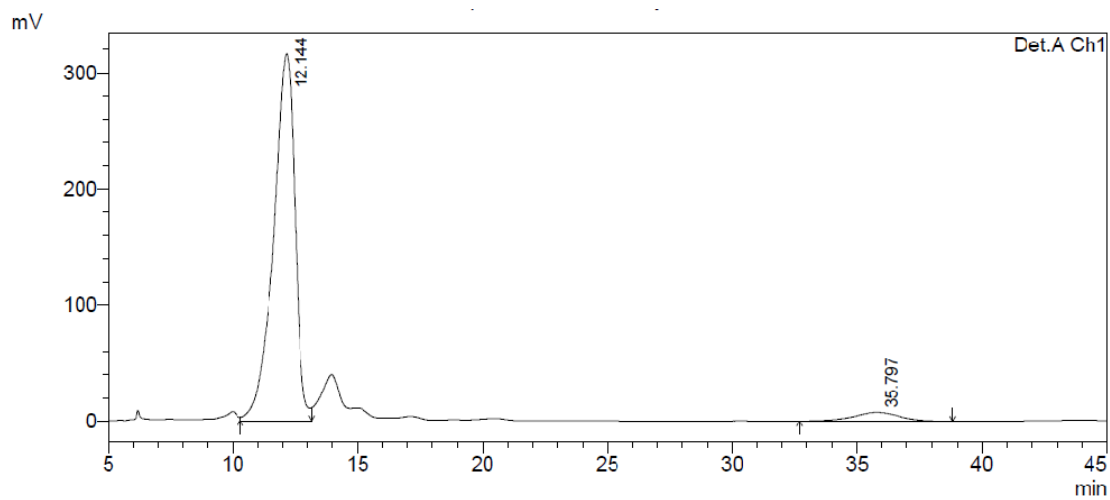


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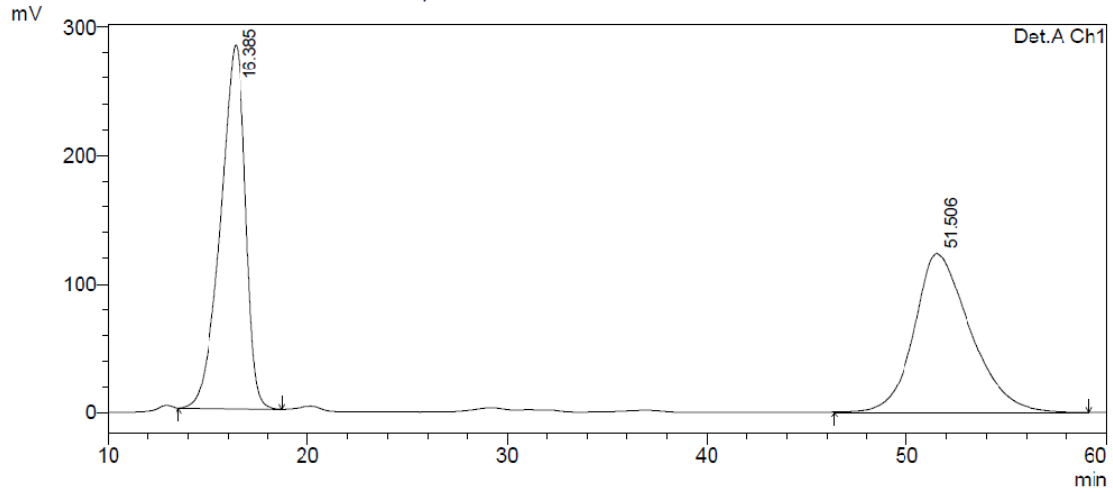
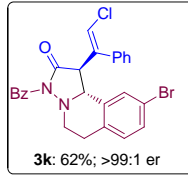
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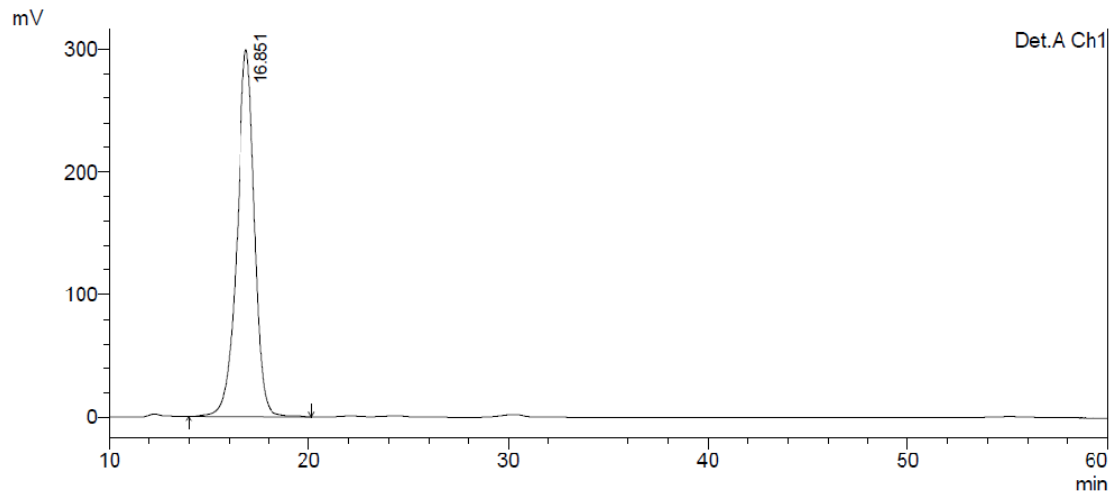


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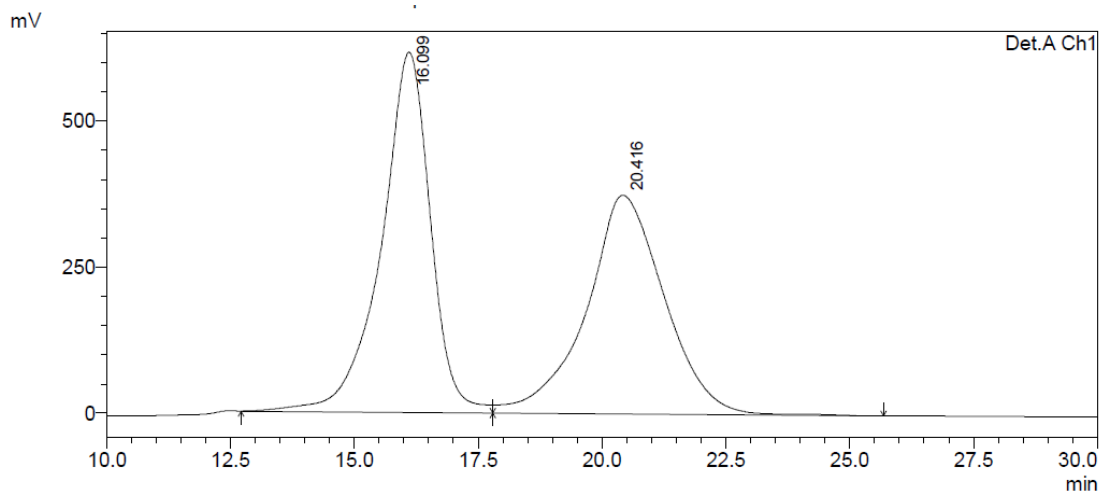
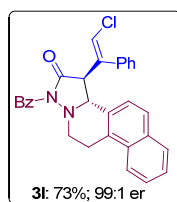
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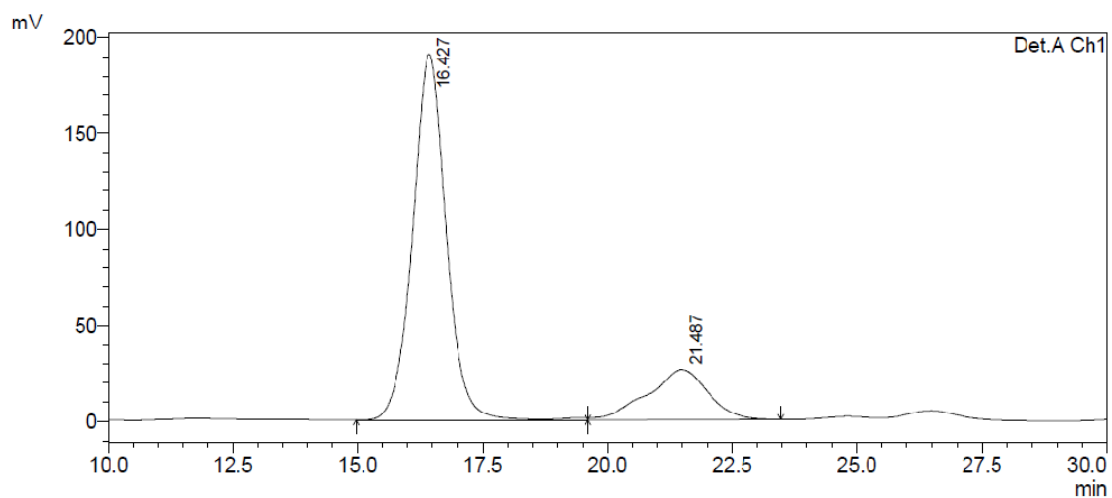
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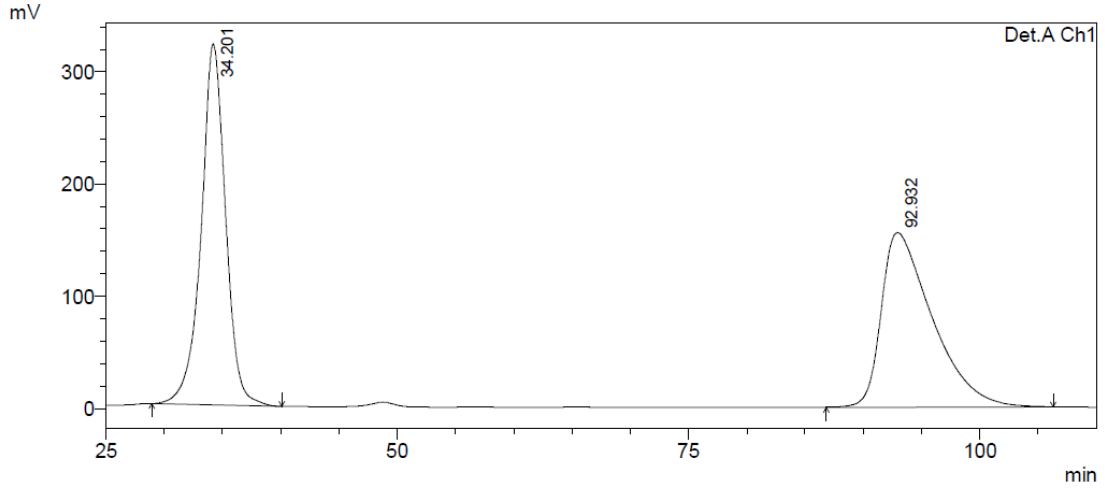
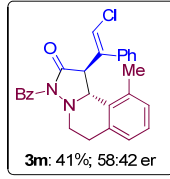
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1	16.099	42628038	616344	50.731	62.204
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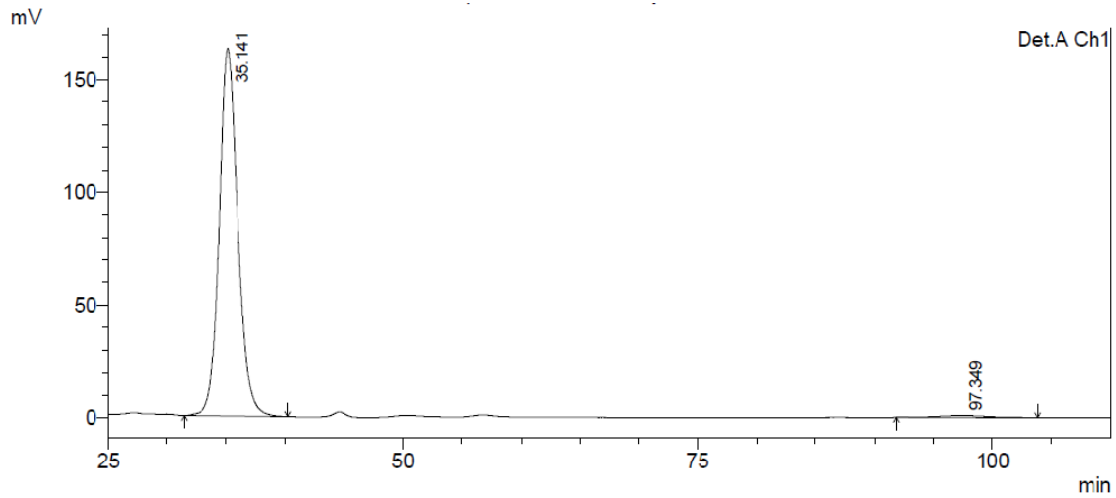


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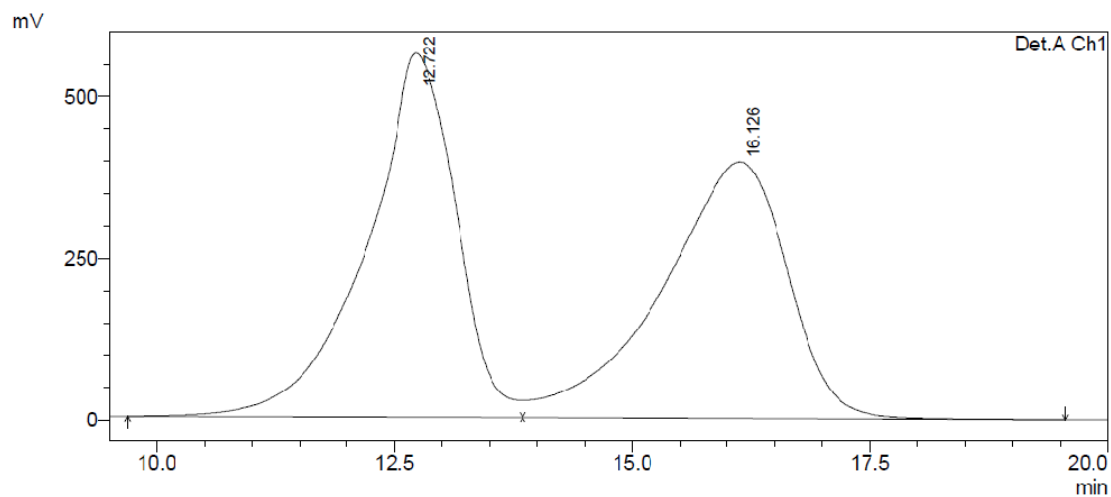
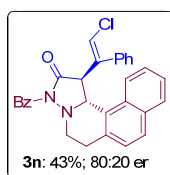


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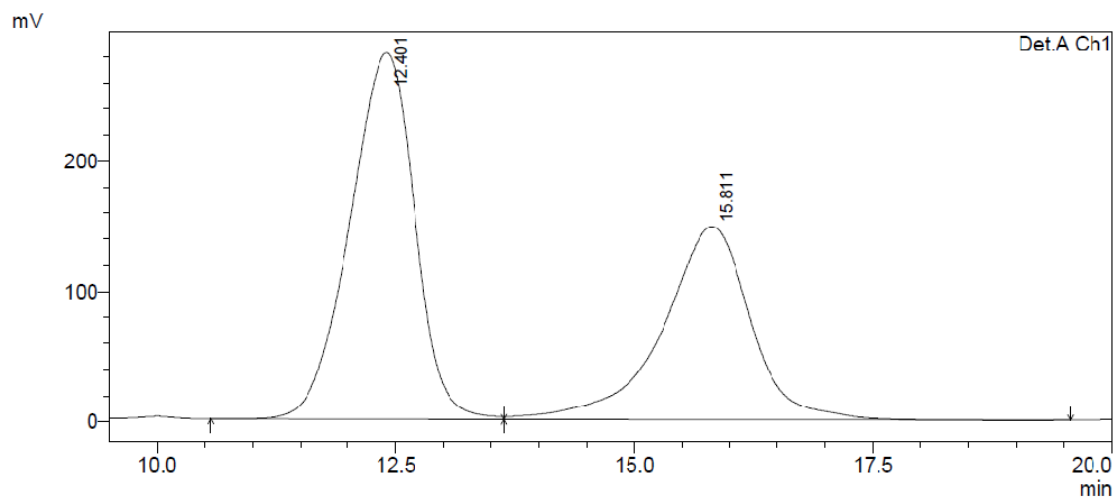
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2	97.349	243761	896	1.357	0.547
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	12.401	13265436	280745	58.174	65.462
2	15.811	9537455	148122	41.826	34.538
Total		22802892	428867	100.000	100.000

