

***In situ* generation of dihydropyridine for the enantioselective transfer hydrogenation of 1,4-benzoxazines**

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General considerations

Solvents were not distilled and were used as received from commercial sources. BINOL phosphoric acids and other common reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed with Macherey-Nagel silica gel (230-400 mesh). Enantiomeric excesses were determined using a Hitachi Elite Lachrom HPLC with a binary pump and a diode array detector. Column conditions are reported in the experimental section below. The chiral HPLC method was calibrated with the corresponding racemic mixtures. Optical rotations were determined at 589 nm (sodium D line) by using a Perkin-Elmer-343 polarimeter. NMR data of dihydrobenzoxazines **2a**,^{i,ii} **2b**,^{ii,iii,iv} **2c**,^{iv} **2d**,^{iv,v,vi} **2e**,^{i,ii,iv} **2f**,^{iii,iv} **2g**^{i,iii} were recorded on a Bruker Advance spectrometer (300 MHz for ¹H) and are in accordance to literature.

Synthesis of the dihydrobenzoxazines

(S)-3-Phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2a

To a solution containing the benzoxazine **1a** (50.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (154 μ L, 1.22 mmol) and the catalyst **3f** (8.4 mg, 0.012 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) were successively added NH_4HCO_3 (68 mg, 0.86 mmol) and the formaldehyde 37 wt. % in H_2O (39 μ L, 0.53 mmol). After 48h at 70 °C, the mixture was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was purified over silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 96/4). The (S)-3-Phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2a** was isolated with 93% yield (48 mg) and 94% ee. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +125.5$ (c 0.9 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 4.02 (dd, J = 8.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 3.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 3.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.89 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.44 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 54.4, 71.1, 115.5, 116.7, 119.1, 121.6, 127.3, 128.5, 129.0, 134.0, 139.3, 143.7. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: t_{R} = 13.98 min, minor enantiomer: t_{R} = 10.94 min, 94% ee.

(S)-6-Methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2b

The product was prepared from benzoxazine **1b** (53.5 mg, 0.24 mmol) according to the previous procedure. The (S)-6-Methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2b** was isolated with 99% yield (53 mg) and 89% ee. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +73.1$ (c 0.5 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.25 (s, 3H), 3.99 (dd, J = 8.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 3.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 6.51-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.43 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.9, 54.5, 71.1, 116.0, 116.4, 119.6, 127.3, 128.4, 133.6, 139.6, 139.5, 141.5. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: t_{R} = 18.85 min, minor enantiomer: t_{R} = 15.90 min, 89% ee.

(S)-7-Methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2c

The product was prepared from benzoxazine **1c** (53.5 mg, 0.24 mmol) according to the previous procedure. The (S)-7-Methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2c** was isolated with 89% yield (53 mg) and 91% ee. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +98.2$ (c 1 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.25 (s, 3H), 3.99 (dd, J = 8.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 3.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 8.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57-6.69 (m, 3 H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.7, 54.6, 71.3, 115.5, 117.3, 122.1, 127.3, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 131.5, 139.5, 143.6. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: t_{R} = 21.86 min, minor enantiomer: t_{R} = 13.89 min, 91% ee.

(S)-6-Chloro-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2d

The product was prepared from benzoxazine **1d** (58.3 mg, 0.24 mmol) according to the previous procedure. The (S)-6-Chloro-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2d** was isolated with 75% yield (44.1 mg) and 93% ee. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +75.2$ (c 0.7 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.97 (dd, J =

8.4, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, $J = 3.0, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (1H, $J = 3.0, 10.4$ Hz), 6.62-6.66 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.78 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.44 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 54.1, 70.9, 114.9, 117.6, 126.3, 127.2, 128.6, 129.0, 135.0, 138.8, 142.2$. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: $t_R = 26.66$ min, minor enantiomer: $t_R = 24.30$ min, 93% ee.

(S)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2e

The product was prepared from benzoxazine **1e** (57.4 mg, 0.24 mmol) according to the previous procedure. The (S)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2e** was isolated with 99% yield (57.3 mg) and 89% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +77.5$ (c 0.8 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.82$ (s, 3H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 8.7, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 3.0, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 53.8, 55.5, 71.2, 114.4, 115.5, 116.7, 119.0, 121.6, 128.4, 131.3, 134.1, 143.7, 159.8$. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: $t_R = 36.34$ min, minor enantiomer: $t_R = 22.13$ min, 89% ee.

(S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2f

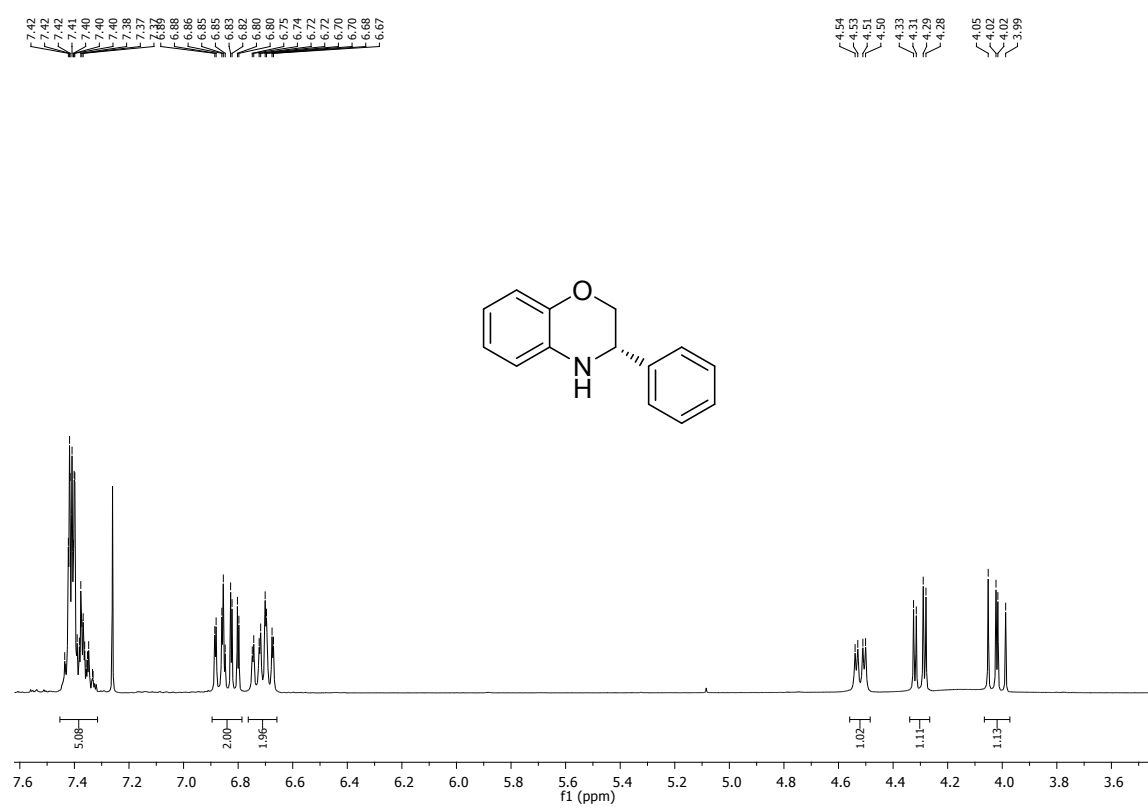
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(S)-3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine 2g

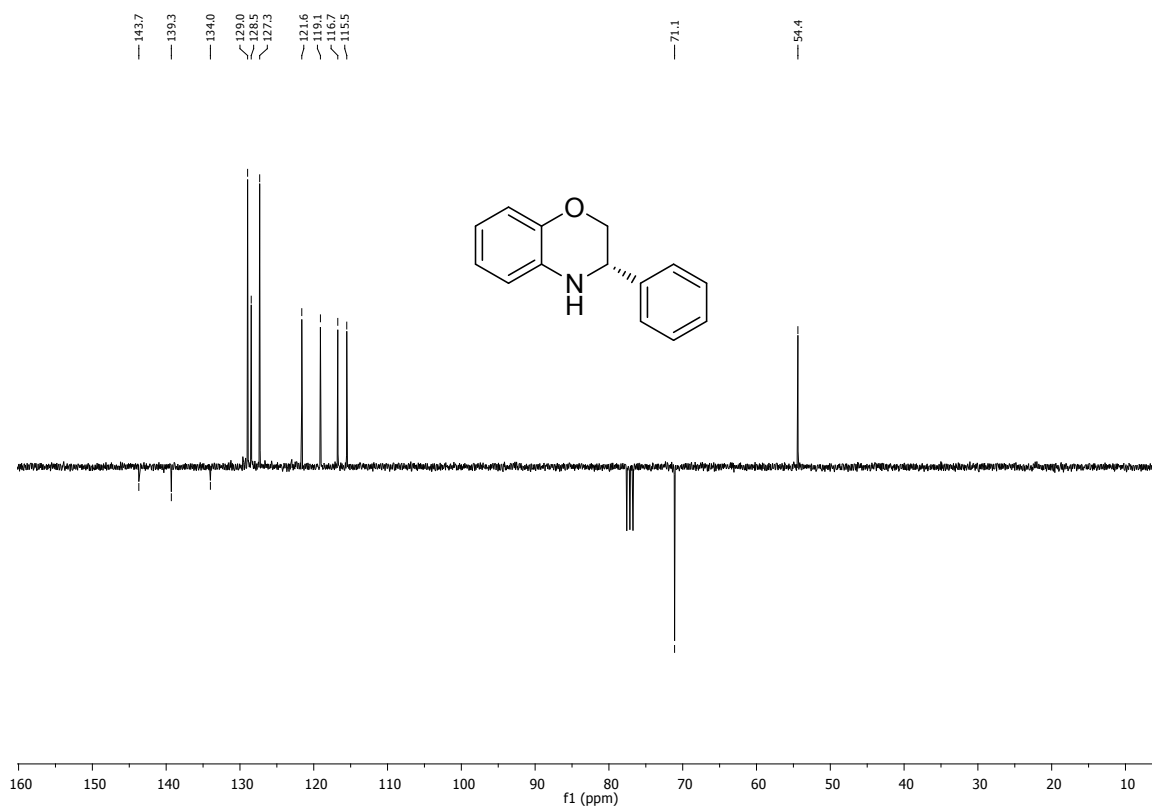
The product was prepared from benzoxazine **1g** (68.4 mg, 0.24 mmol) according to the previous procedure. The (S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine **2g** was isolated with 91% yield (63 mg) and 95% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +87.9$ (c 0.6 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 4.06$ (dd, $J = 8.5, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 3.0, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 3.0, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.69-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.91 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 54.1, 71.1, 115.5, 116.8, 119.1, 121.7, 127.3, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 129.0, 134.0, 138.3, 140.8, 141.5, 141.5, 143.7$. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak® IB (Hex/EtOH = 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹), major enantiomer: $t_R = 23.32$ min, minor enantiomer: $t_R = 15.12$ min, 95% ee.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of dihydrobenzoxazines

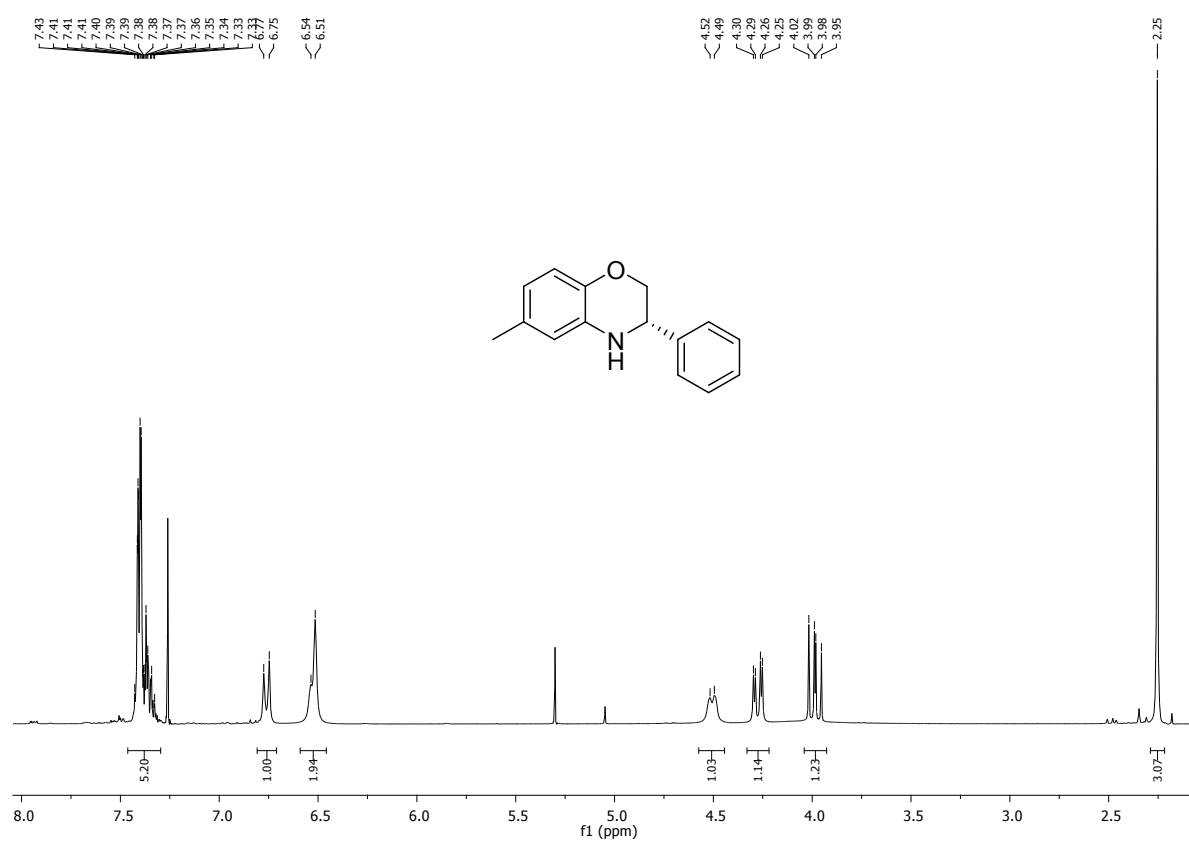
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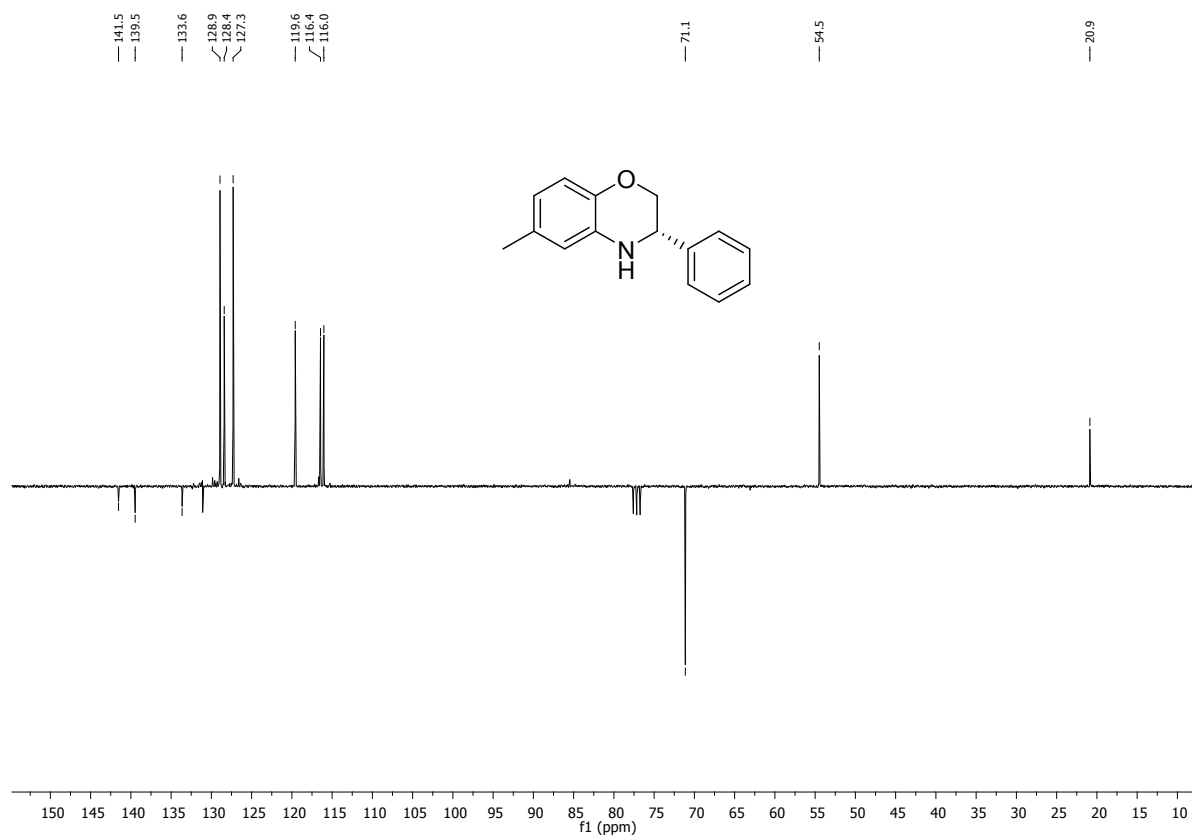
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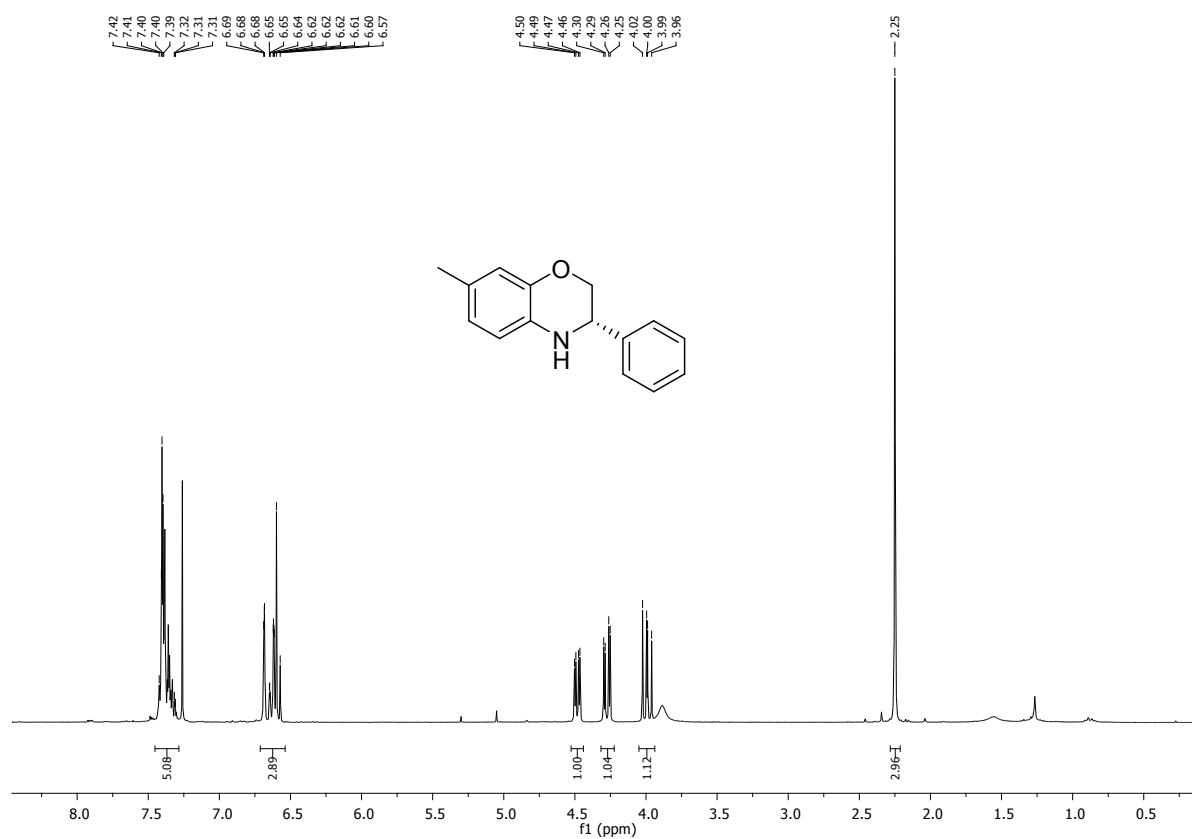
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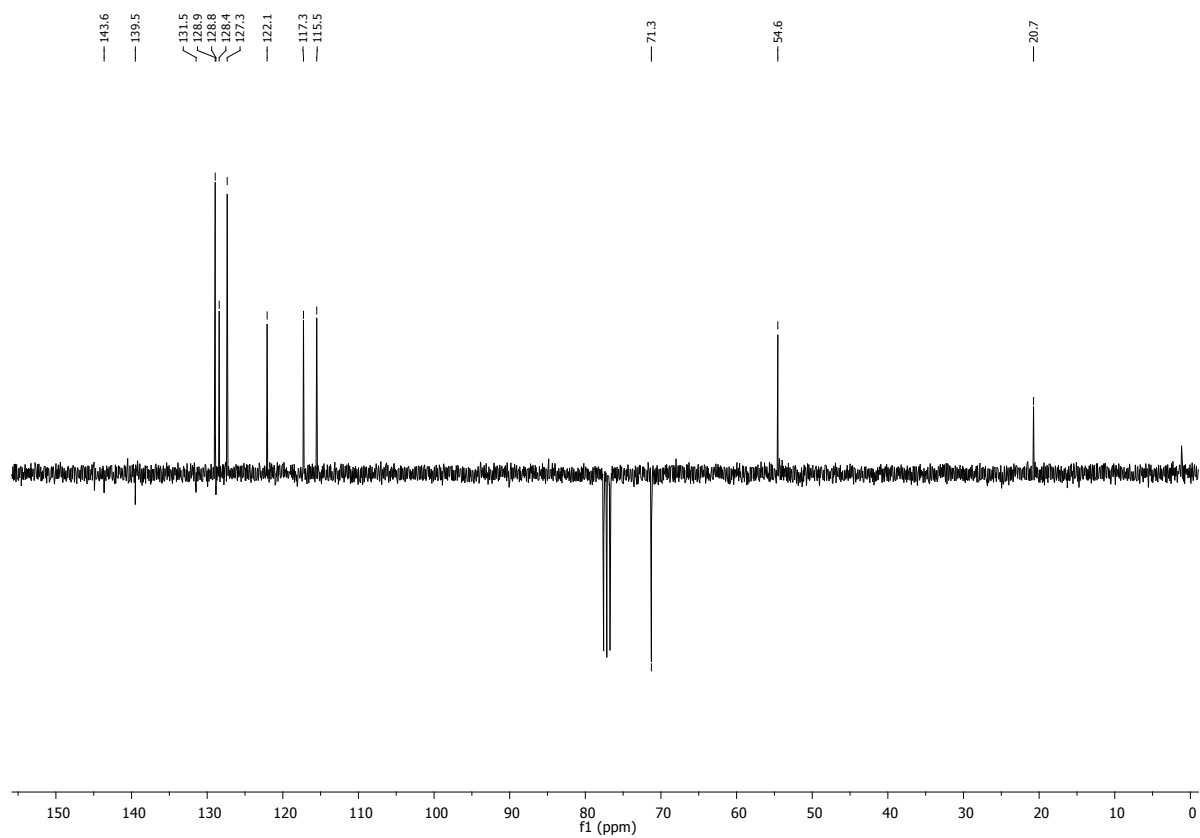
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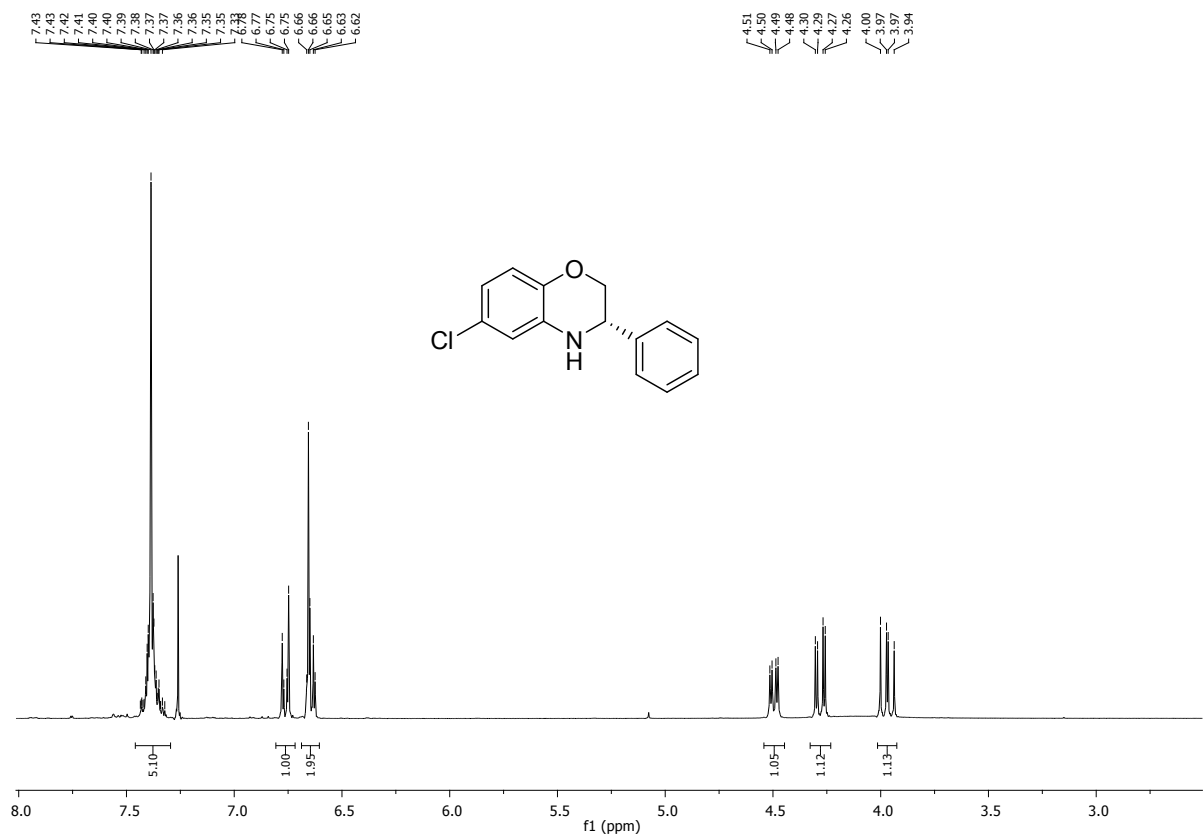
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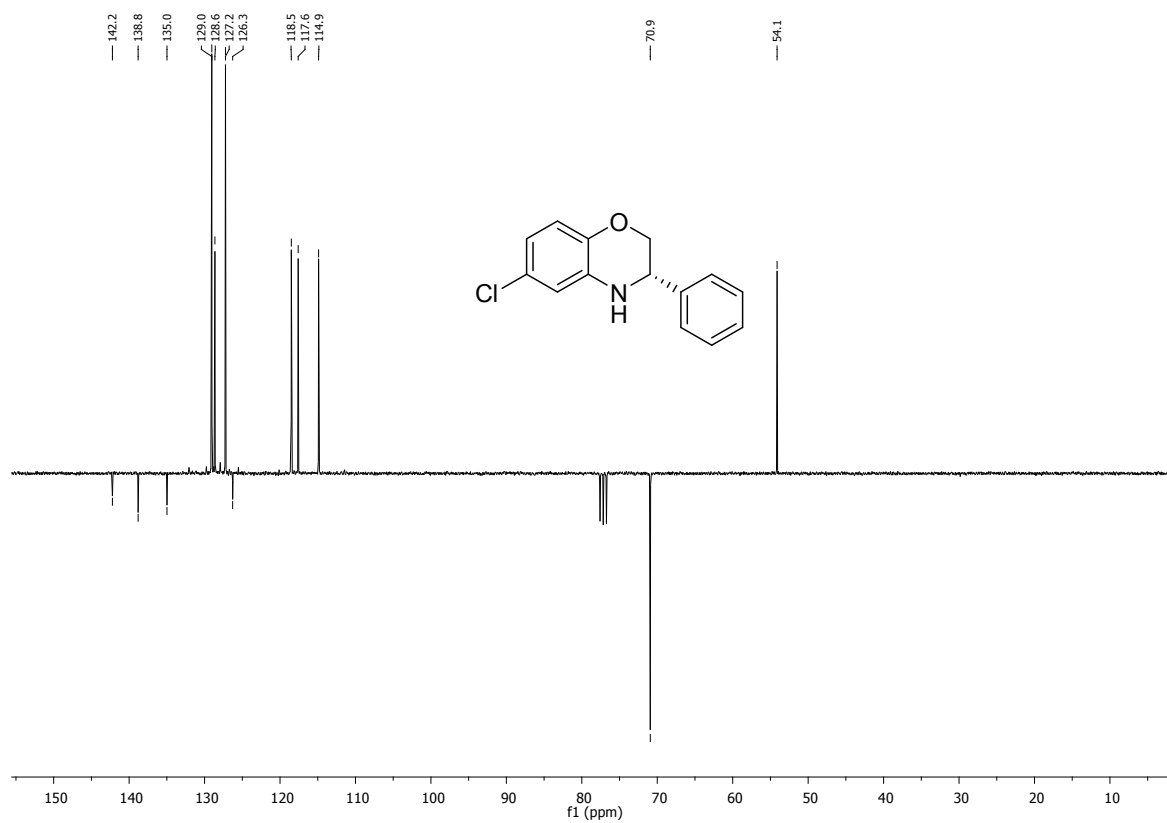
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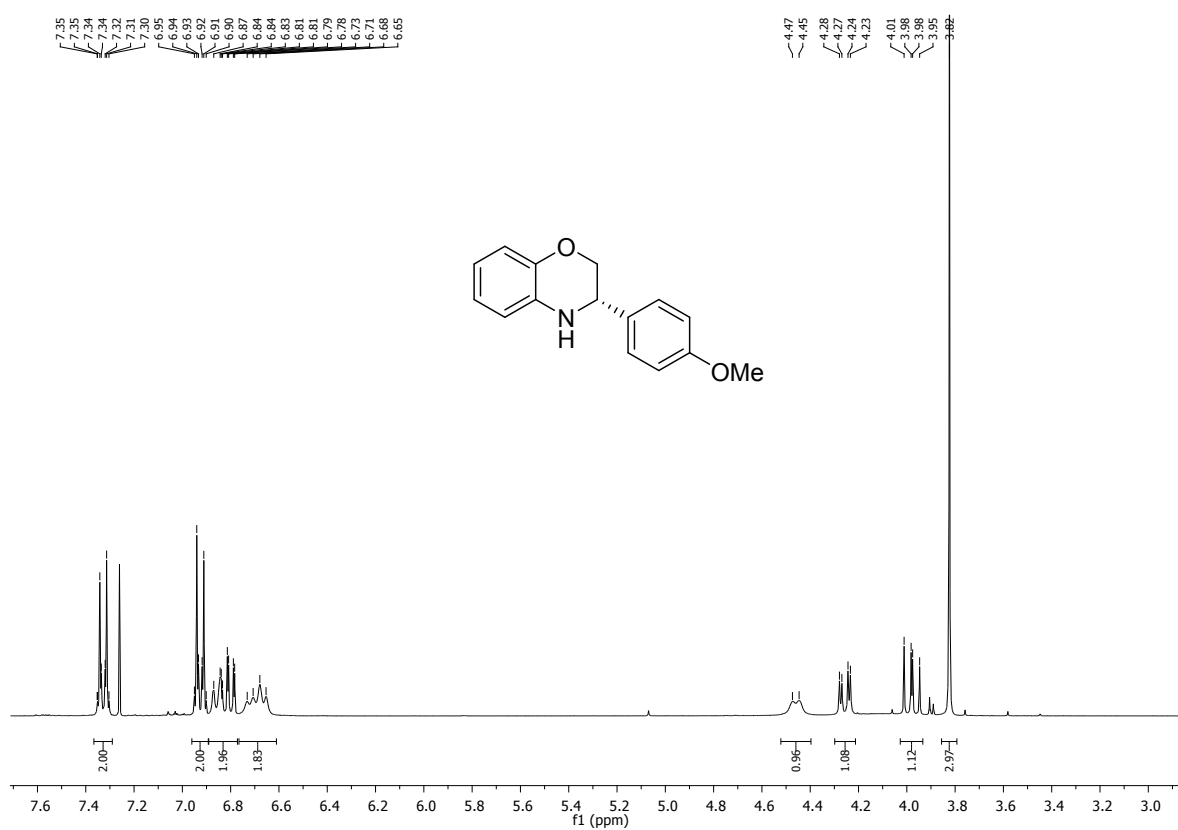
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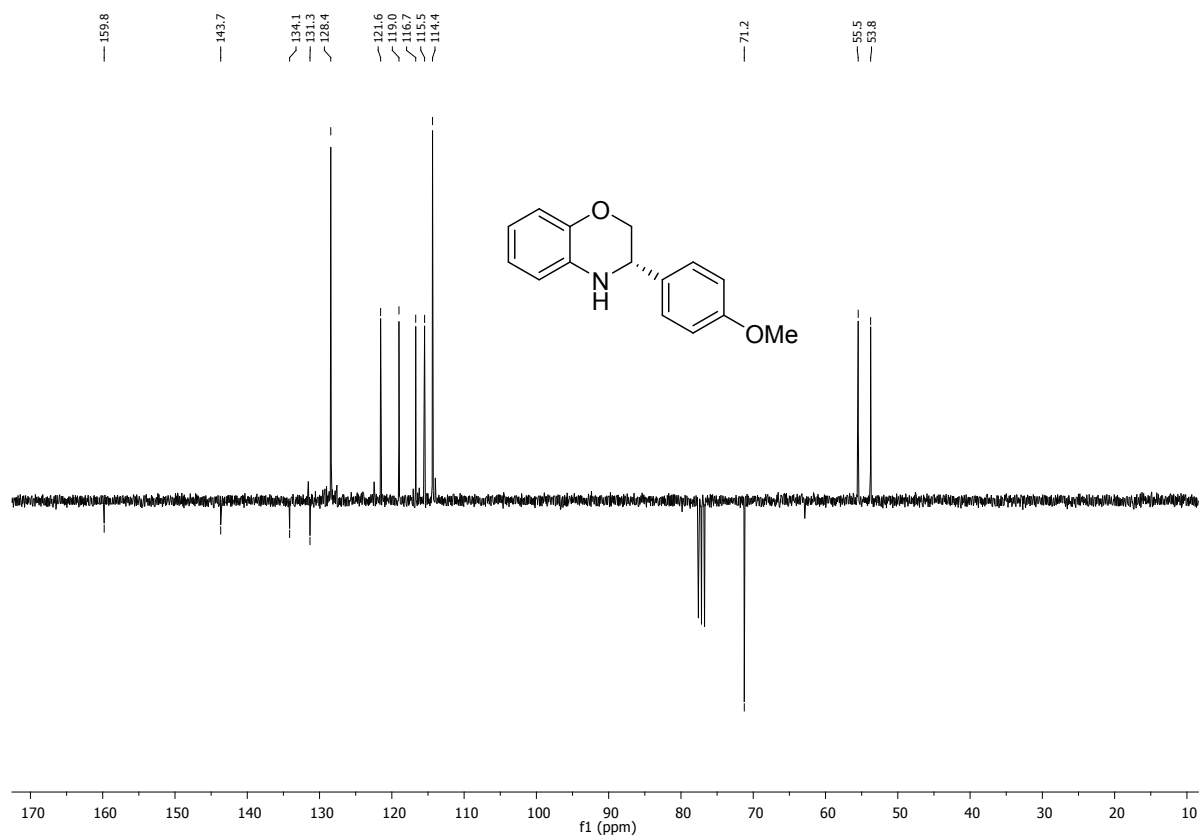
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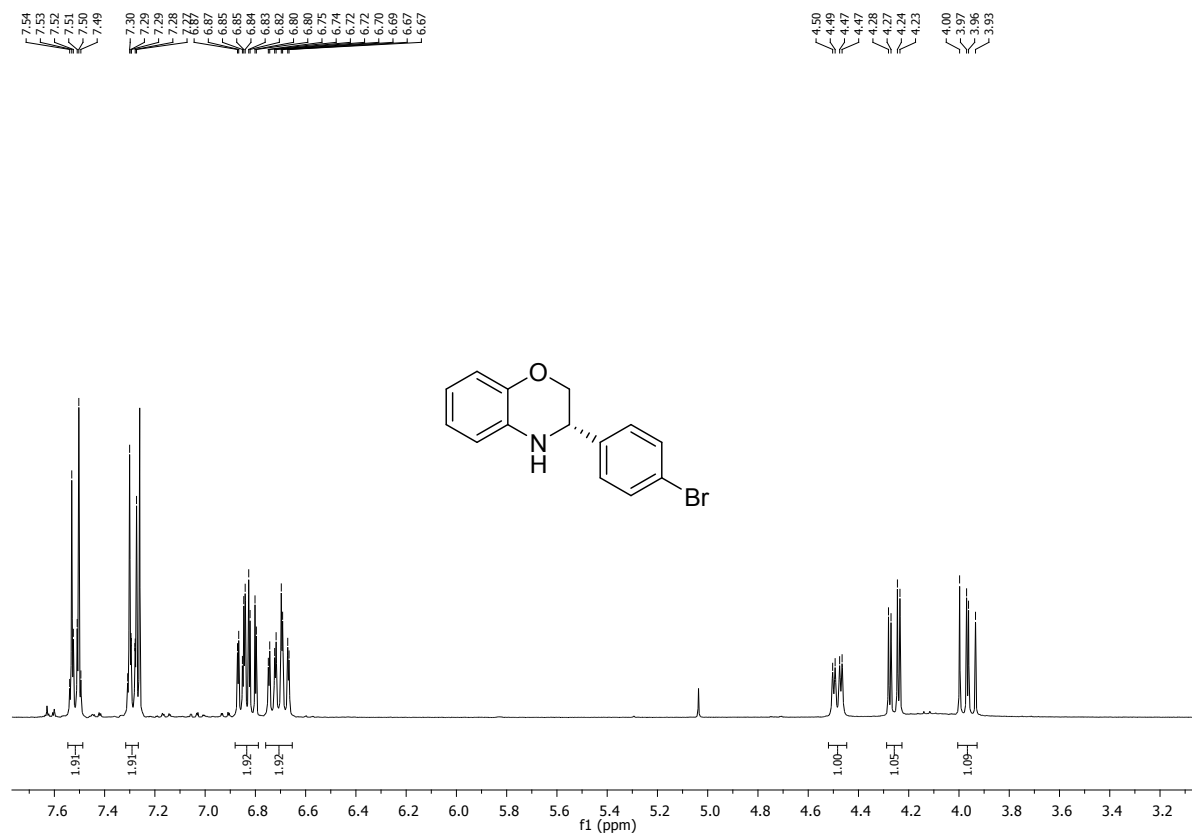
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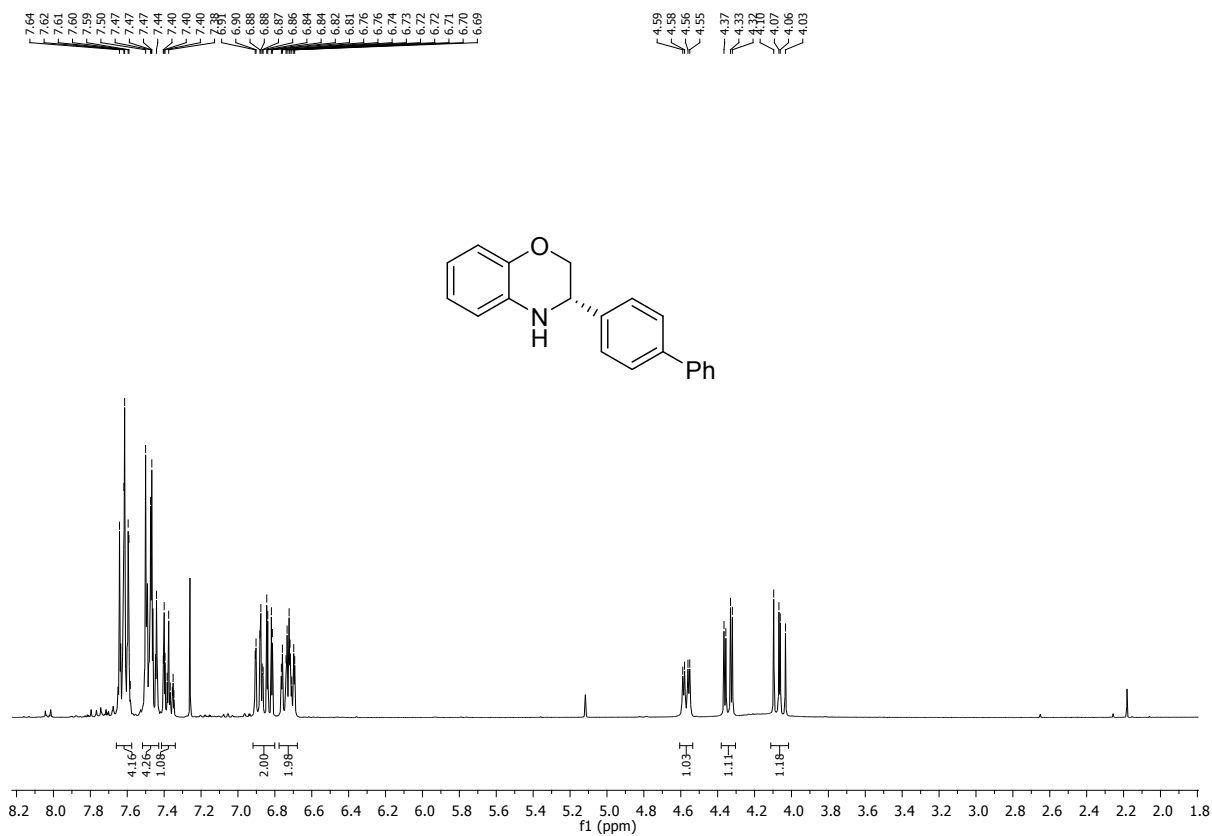
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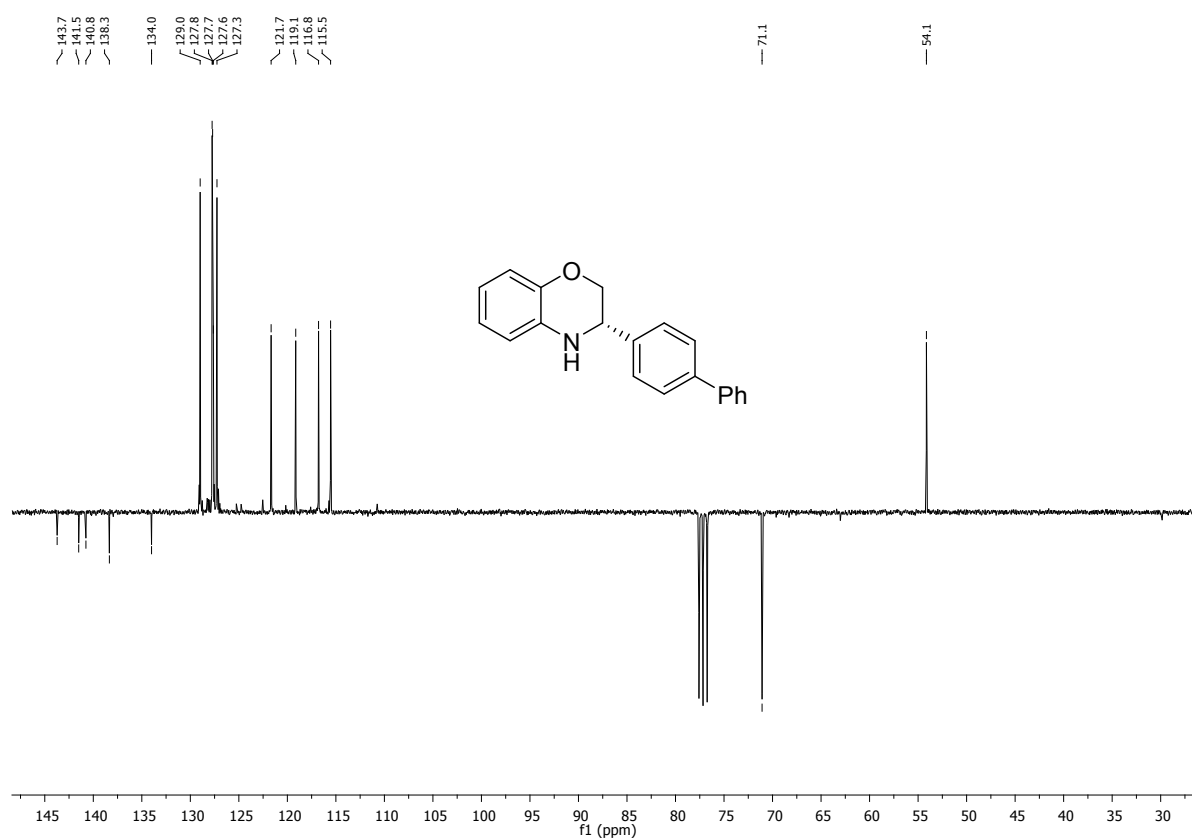
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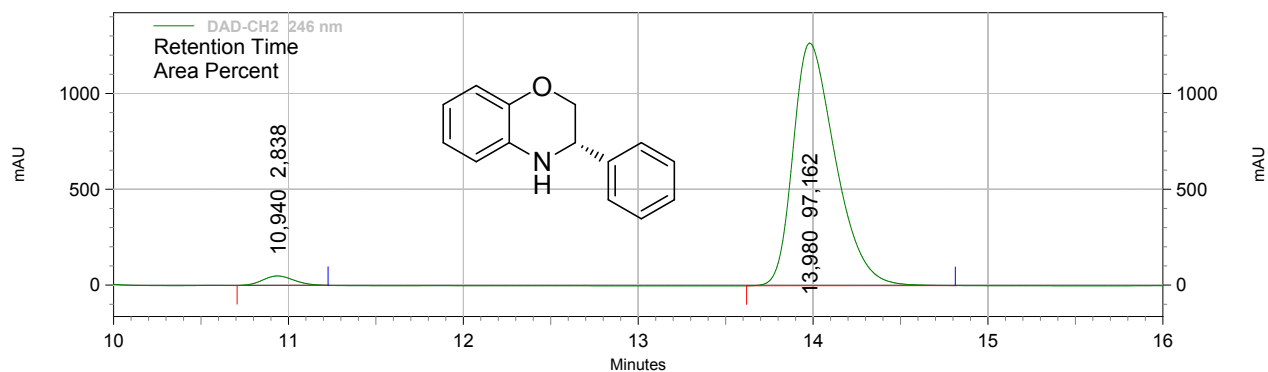


¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **2g**



HPLC chromatograms of the chiral dihydrobenzoxazines

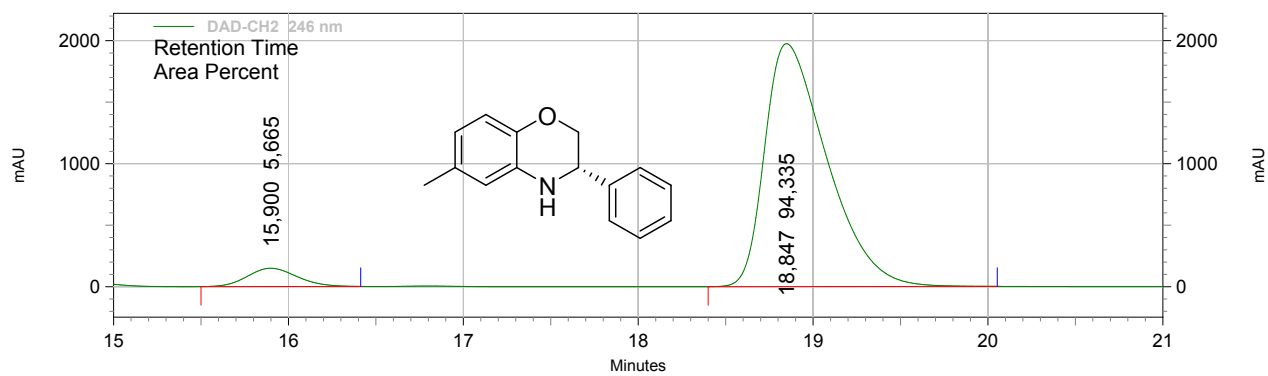
HPLC data of compound **2a**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C, 94% ee



246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
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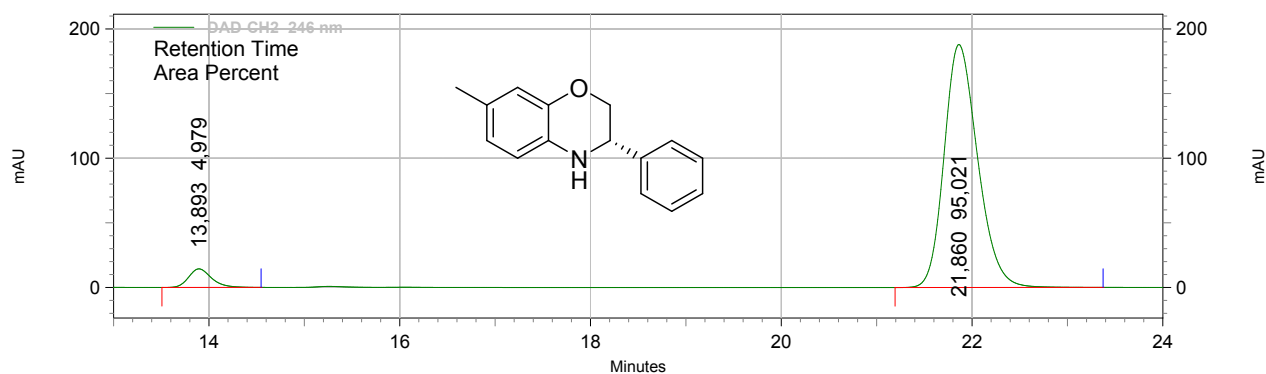
HPLC data of compound **2b**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C, 89% ee



246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
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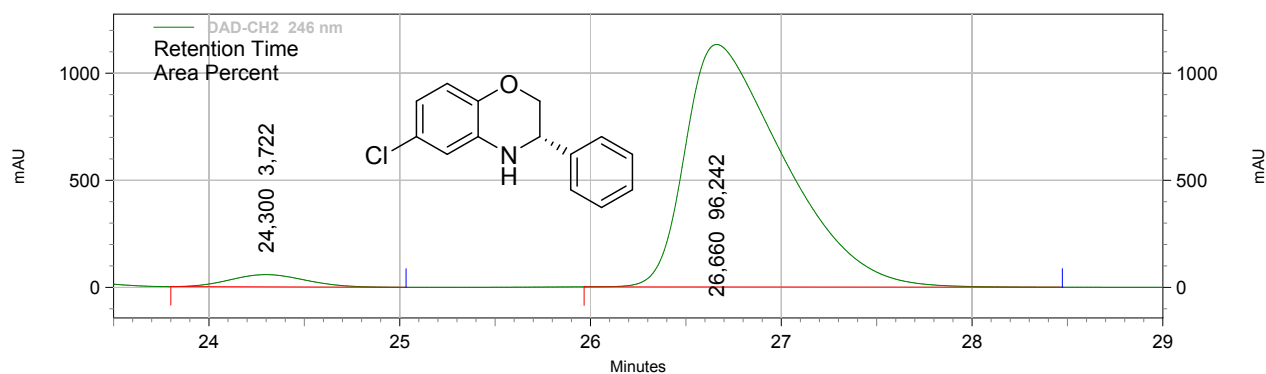
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296 nm Results

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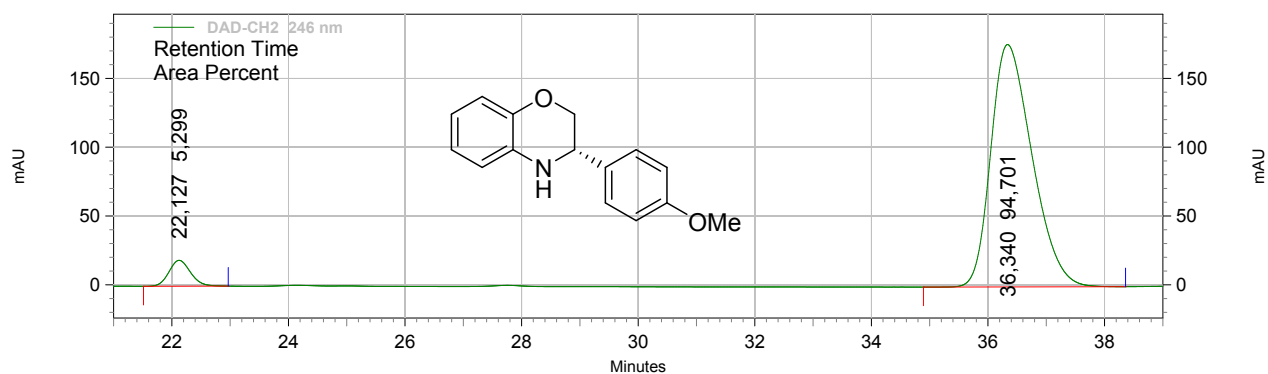
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246 nm Results

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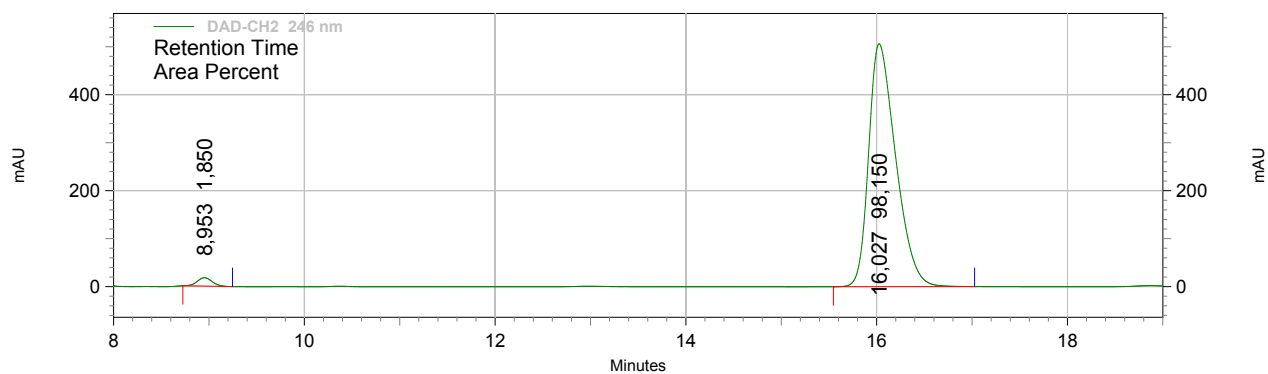
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246 nm Results

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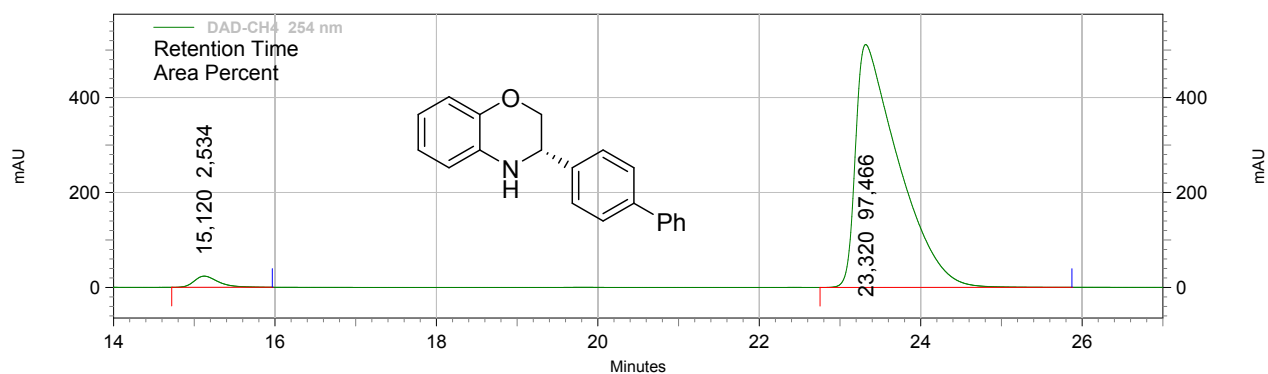
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246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
8.953	751190	1.85
16.027	39847954	98.15
Totals	40599144	100.00

HPLC data of compound **2g**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C, 95% ee

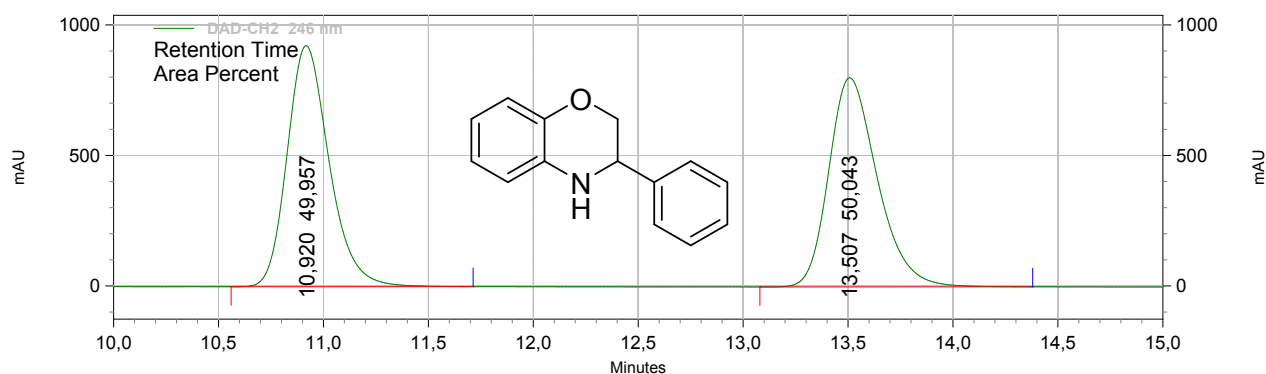


DAD-CH4 254 nm Results

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HPLC chromatograms of the racemic dihydrobenzoxazines

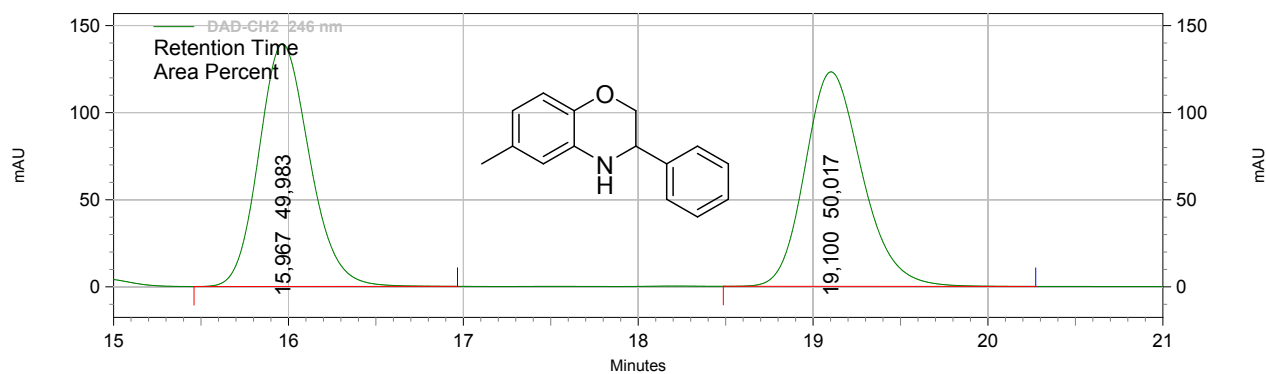
HPLC data of compound Rac-**2a**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C



246 nm Results

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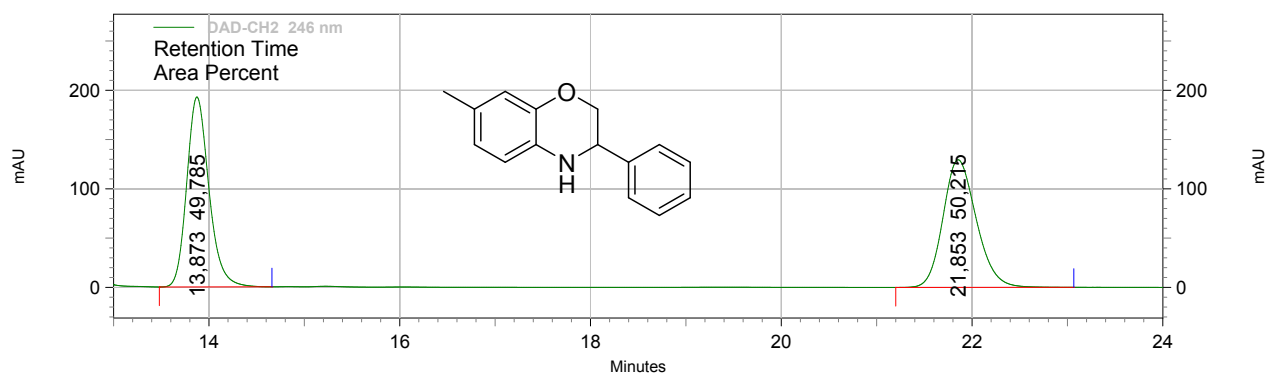
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246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
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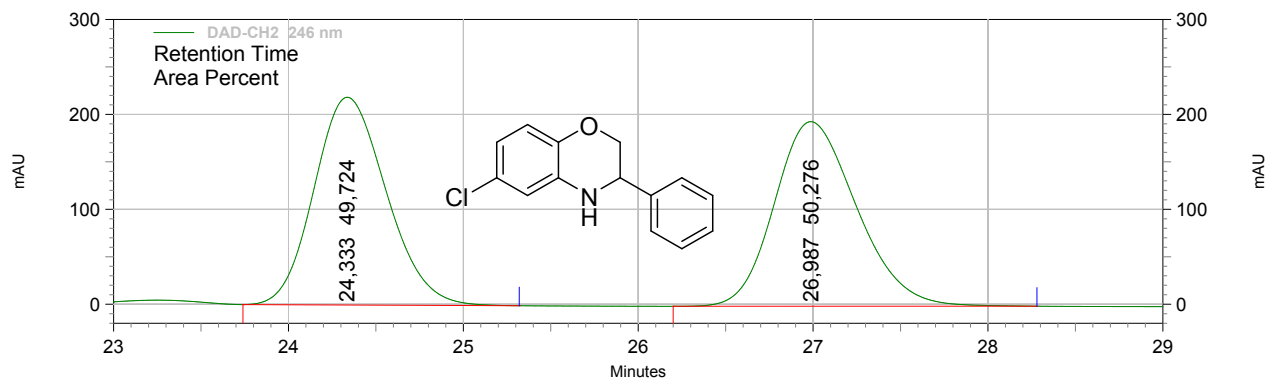
HPLC data of compound Rac-**2c**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 85/15, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C



246 nm Results

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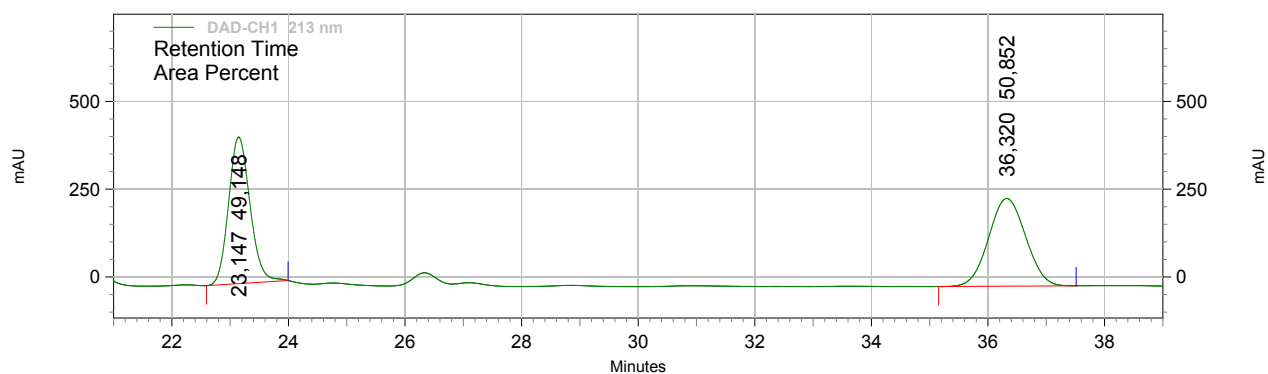
HPLC data of compound Rac-**2d**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 95/5, 0.5 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C



246 nm Results

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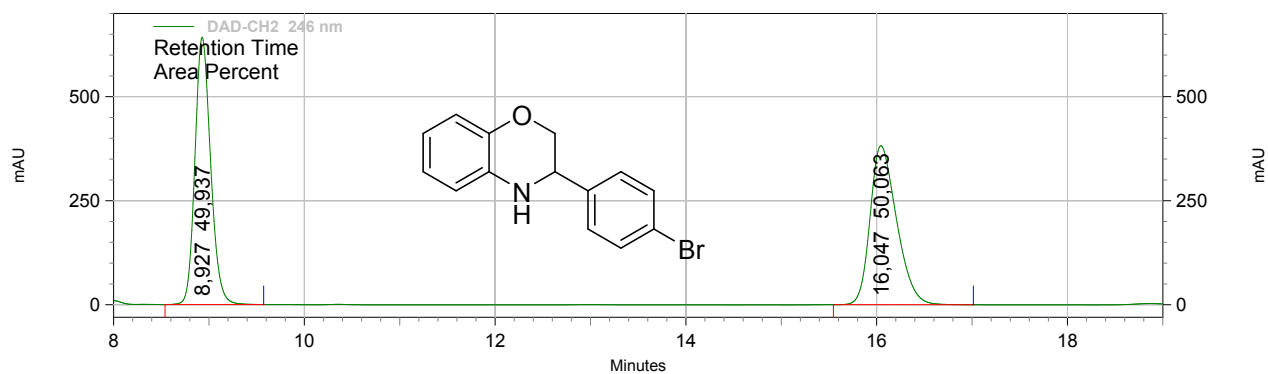
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246 nm Results

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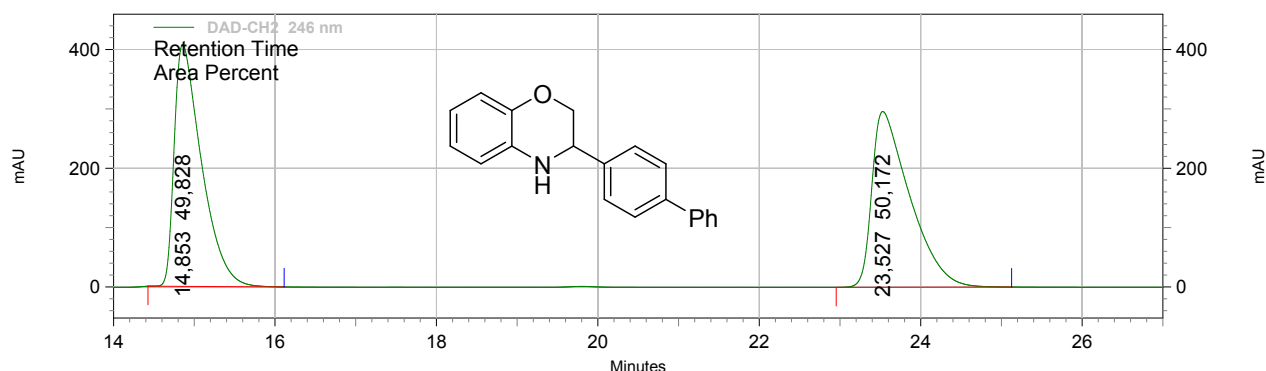
HPLC data of compound Rac-**2f**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 75/25, 0.8 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C



246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
8,927	29393969	49.94
16,047	29468640	50.06
Totals	58862609	100.00

HPLC data of compound Rac-**2g**: CHIRALPAK® IB, Hexane/iPrOH 75/25, 0.6 mL.min⁻¹, 20°C, 95%



246 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %
14.853	38358891	49.83
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