

Supplementary information for
NHC-Catalyzed [4+2] Cycloaddition Reactions for the
Synthesis of 3'-Spirocyclic oxindoles via C–F Bond
Cleavage Protocol

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General Information: Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck aluminium oxide 90 active neutral with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

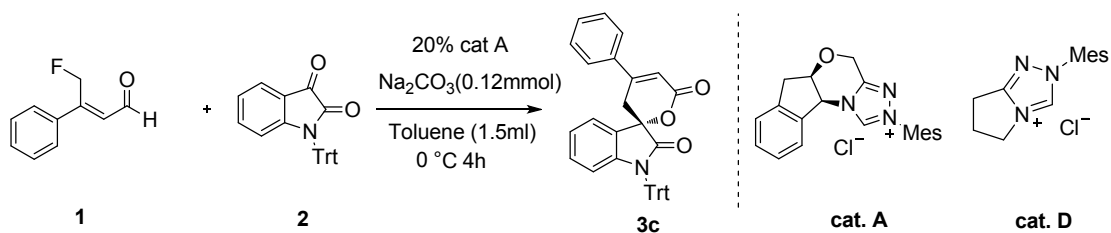
Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl_3 as solvent). Chemical shifts for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^{13}C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 77.0, triplet).

Enantiomeric excesses were determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis on a chiral stationary phase, CHIRALPAK AD-H, CHIRALCEL IB, CHIRALCEL IA and CHIRALPAK OD-H. Optical rotations were measured in CHCl_3 on a Schmidt + Haensch polarimeter (Polartronic MH8) with a 10 cm cell (c given in 0.5 g/100 mL). Absolute configuration of the products was determined by X-ray crystallography.

High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was recorded on QTOF perimer for ESI^+ .

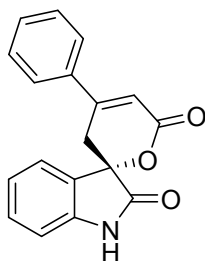
The racemic products used to determine the e.e. values were synthesized using cat. D.

General procedure for NHC-Catalyzed [4+2] Cycloaddition Reactions:



To an oven dried 10 mL vial was added was added 2.0 mL solvent, aldehyde (0.20 mmol, 32.8 mg, 1.0 equiv), isatin (77.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), cat.A (14.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), Na_2CO_3 (25.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred under at 0 °C until the reactants were fully consumed monitored by TLC. After the reaction was complete, reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography using EtOAc/PE = 1:8 as eluent to afford the desired product **3c**. *The racemic products used to determine the e.e. values were synthesized using cat. D.*

(S)-4'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3a



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 87% yield as yellow solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.63 (d, J = 119.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 115.0, 17.5 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 162.3, 150.9, 139.2, 134.8, 130.1, 130.0, 128.1, 127.1, 125.1, 123.3, 122.5, 113.7, 110.0, 79.1, 31.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄NO₃, *m/z* 292.0968, found 292.0964.

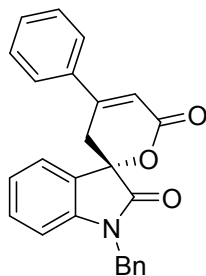
HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 92/8, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm),

t_R (major) = 83.790 min, *t_R* (minor) = 96.502 min; 87% ee.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ = -29.04 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

Melting point: 187 °C – 188 °C

(S)-1-benzyl-4'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3b



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 72% yield as white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.98 – 4.84 (m, 2H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 145.0, 20.0 Hz, 2H).

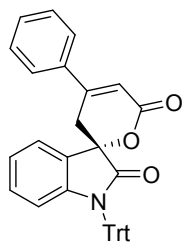
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 162.2, 151.0, 141.3, 134.9, 133.8, 130.0, 129.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.3, 125.1, 123.1, 122.5, 113.8, 109.0, 78.8, 43.1, 31.7.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO₃, *m/z* 382.1438, found 382.1439.

HPLC: Chiralcel IA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 75/25, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm), *t_R* (major) = 24.047 min, *t_R* (minor) = 26.494 min; 92% ee.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ = -20.26 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

Melting point: 179 °C – 180 °C

(S)-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3c

The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 90% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 10H), 7.27 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 6.97 (td, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 145.0, 15.0 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 162.3, 150.4, 141.8, 140.4, 135.0, 129.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.0, 125.0, 122.3, 121.8, 115.3, 114.0, 78.6, 73.5, 31.7.

HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$, m/z 534.2064, found 534.2064.

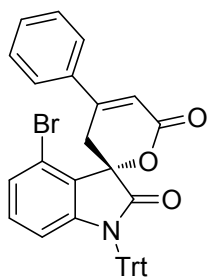
HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm),

t_R (major) = 8.980 min, t_R (minor) = 21.374 min; > 99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -42.26 (c = 0.5, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 229 °C – 230 °C

(S)-5-bromo-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3d



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 82% yield as yellow solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 9H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 495.0, 17.5$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.3, 162.2, 148.2, 143.8, 140.2, 135.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.24, 126.22, 125.0, 124.4, 118.4, 114.2, 113.8, 79.2, 73.6, 29.4.

HRMS (ESI $^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrNO}_3$, m/z 612.1023, found 612.1020.

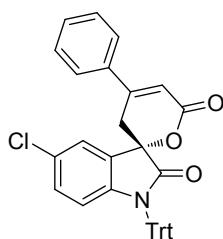
HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm),

t_R (major) = 53.813 min, t_R (minor) = 64.090 min; 90% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -50.04$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 250 $^\circ\text{C}$ – 251 $^\circ\text{C}$

(S)-5-chloro-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3e



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described

above, in 91% yield as light yellow solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 10H), 7.23 (tdd, $J = 6.9, 4.6, 2.0$ Hz, 9H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.26 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 135.0, 17.5$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 163.0, 151.3, 141.4, 141.2, 135.9, 131.1, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 126.1, 123.9, 117.5, 114.9, 79.4, 74.7, 32.7.

HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClINO}_3$, m/z 568.1674, found 568.1691.

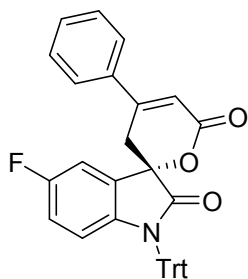
HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm),

t_R (major) = 6.838 min, t_R (minor) = 12.086 min; > 99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -8.42$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 181 °C – 182 °C

(S)-5-fluoro-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3f



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 82% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 9H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 9H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 7.4, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (td, $J = 8.9, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 155.0, 17.5$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 162.0, 157.6(d, $J = 244.3$ Hz), 150.4, 140.3,

137.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 134.9, 130.1, 128.5 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.3, 125.1, 116.5 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 115.1 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 114.0, 110.3 (d, $J = 24.8$ Hz), 78.6, 73.7, 31.7.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₃₇H₂₇FNO₃, m/z 552.1969, found 552.1963.

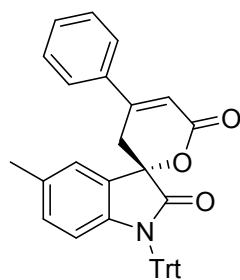
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t_R (major) = 6.492 min, t_R (minor) = 11.757 min; 95% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -42.08$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl₃).

Melting point: 247°C – 248 °C

(S)-5-methyl-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3g



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 88% yield as white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 9H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 10H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 125.0, 17.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.4, 162.3, 150.2, 140.3, 139.1, 134.9, 131.3, 129.6, 128.7, 127.9, 127.9, 126.9, 126.6, 125.9, 124.9, 122.9, 115.0, 113.8, 78.6, 73.1, 31.6, 19.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₃₈H₃₀NO₃, m/z 548.2220, found 548.2228.

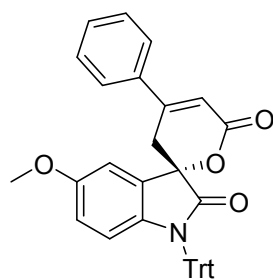
HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm),

t_R (major) = 5.329 min, t_R (minor) = 14.519 min; 75% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.58$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 217 °C – 218 °C

(S)-5-methoxy-4'-phenyl-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3h



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 76% yield as white solid.

in ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 9H), 7.23 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 5.7, 3.6$ Hz, 9H), 6.99 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 135.0, 20.0$ Hz, 2H).

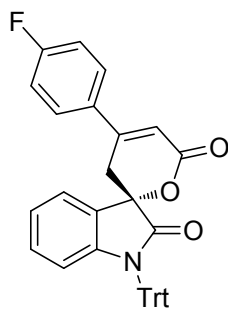
^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 162.4, 154.5, 150.4, 140.5, 135.1, 134.8, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 126.8, 126.1, 125.0, 116.1, 113.0, 114.1, 109.1, 78.9, 73.4, 54.6, 31.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$, m/z 564.2169, found 564.2181

HPLC: Chiralcel IA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm), t_R (major) = 7.578 min, t_R (minor) = 13.179 min; 71% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -6.56$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 232 °C – 233 °C

(S)-4'-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3i

The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 78% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 7H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 7.13(t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97(td, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 120.0, 17.5 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 163.2 (d, J = 257.3 Hz), 162.2, 149.2, 141.8, 140.4, 131.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 128.5, 128.0, 127.1 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 122.1(d, J = 63.2 Hz), 115.4, 115.2 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 113.8(d, J = 1.26 Hz), 78.5, 73.4, 31.7.

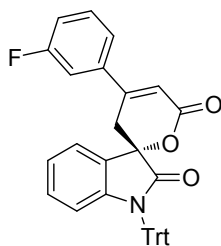
HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_3$, m/z 552.1969, found 552.1967.

HPLC: ChiralcellIA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm), t_R (major) = 6.555 min, t_R (minor) = 11.251 min; > 99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -28.82 (c = 0.5, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 256 °C – 257 °C

(S)-4'-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3j



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 81% yield, is white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 5.6, 3.7$ Hz, 8H), 7.30 – 7.12 (m, 12H), 6.97 (dtd, $J = 14.9, 8.0, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, $J = 100.0, 15.0$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 162.1, 162.0(d, $J = 244.3$ Hz), 148.9 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 141.9, 140.4, 137.3 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 129.7 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 126.1, 122.4, 121.9, 120.8 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 116.7 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 115.4, 115.1, 112.2, 112.0, 78.6, 73.5, 31.8.

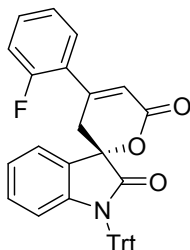
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HPLC: Chiralcel IA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm), t_R (major) = 7.129 min, t_R (minor) = 13.284 min; 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -31.46$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 215 °C-216 °C

(S)-4'-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3k



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 52% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (ddd, $J = 13.9, 5.5, 3.4$ Hz, 8H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 12H), 6.96 (tdd, $J = 15.0, 10.9, 4.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 100.0, 15.0$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 162.1, 162.0 (d, $J = 246.2$ Hz), 148.9, 141.9, 140.4, 137.3 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 129.7 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 122.4, 122.0, 120.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 116.7 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 115.5, 115.1, 112.1 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 78.6, 73.5, 31.8.

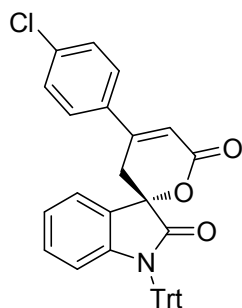
HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_3$, m/z 552.1969, found 552.1966.

HPLC: Chiralcel IA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm), t_R (major) = 6.927 min, t_R (minor) = 10.918 min; > 99% ee.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -35.18$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 188 °C – 189 °C

(S)-4'-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3l



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 86% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 11H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 9H), 6.98 (td, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 105.0, 17.5 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 162.2, 149.0, 141.9, 140.4, 136.0, 133.4, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.3, 126.1, 122.4, 121.9, 115.4, 114.3, 78.6, 73.5, 31.7.

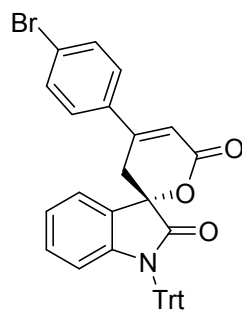
HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClNO}_3$, m/z 568.1674, found 568.1681.

HPLC: ChiralcelAD (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm), t_R (major) = 5.878 min, t_R (minor) = 12.023 min; 78% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -57.72 (c = 0.5, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 217 °C-218 °C

(S)-4'-(4-bromophenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3m



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 73% yield as yellow solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 9H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 6.98 (td, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 100.0, 17.5 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 162.2, 149.1, 141.9, 140.4, 133.9, 131.3, 128.6,

128.0, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 124.3, 122.4, 121.9, 115.4, 114.4, 78.6, 73.5, 31.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₃₇H₂₇BrNO₃, *m/z* 612.1023, found 612.1027.

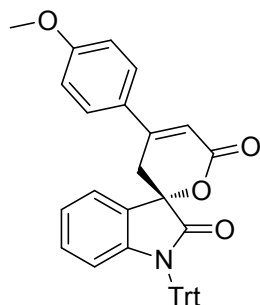
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(major) = 12.004 min, *t*_R (minor) = 25.981min; 89% ee.

[α]_D²⁵ = -41.30 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

Melting point: 201 °C – 202 °C

(S)-4'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3n



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 80% yield as light yellow solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 6H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 10H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.25 – 6.22 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 135.0, 15.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 162.7, 160.9, 150.0, 141.8, 140.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.1, 122.4, 121.8, 115.4, 113.4, 111.6, 78.6, 73.4, 54.5, 31.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₃₈H₃₀NO₄, *m/z* 564.2169, found 564.2163.

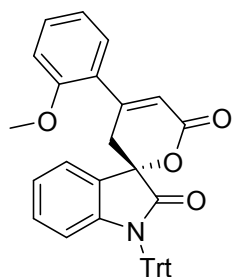
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t_R (major) = 8.586 min, t_R (minor) = 16.954 min; >99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -35.84$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 222 °C-223 °C

(S)-4'-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tritylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 3o



The title compound was prepared according to the typical procedure, as described above, in 77% yield as white solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 10H), 6.96 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.25 – 6.21 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 135.0, 15.0$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 162.6, 156.1, 151.0, 141.7, 140.5, 130.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 126.0, 125.7, 122.6, 121.6, 120.0, 116.9, 115.2, 110.2, 79.2, 73.3, 54.4, 33.8.

HRMS (ESI^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$, m/z 564.2169, found 564.2163.

HPLC: Chiralcel IA (n-hexane/i-PrOH, 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm), t_R (major) = 6.990 min, t_R (minor) = 9.727 min; 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -25.78$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3).

Melting point: 180 °C-181 °C

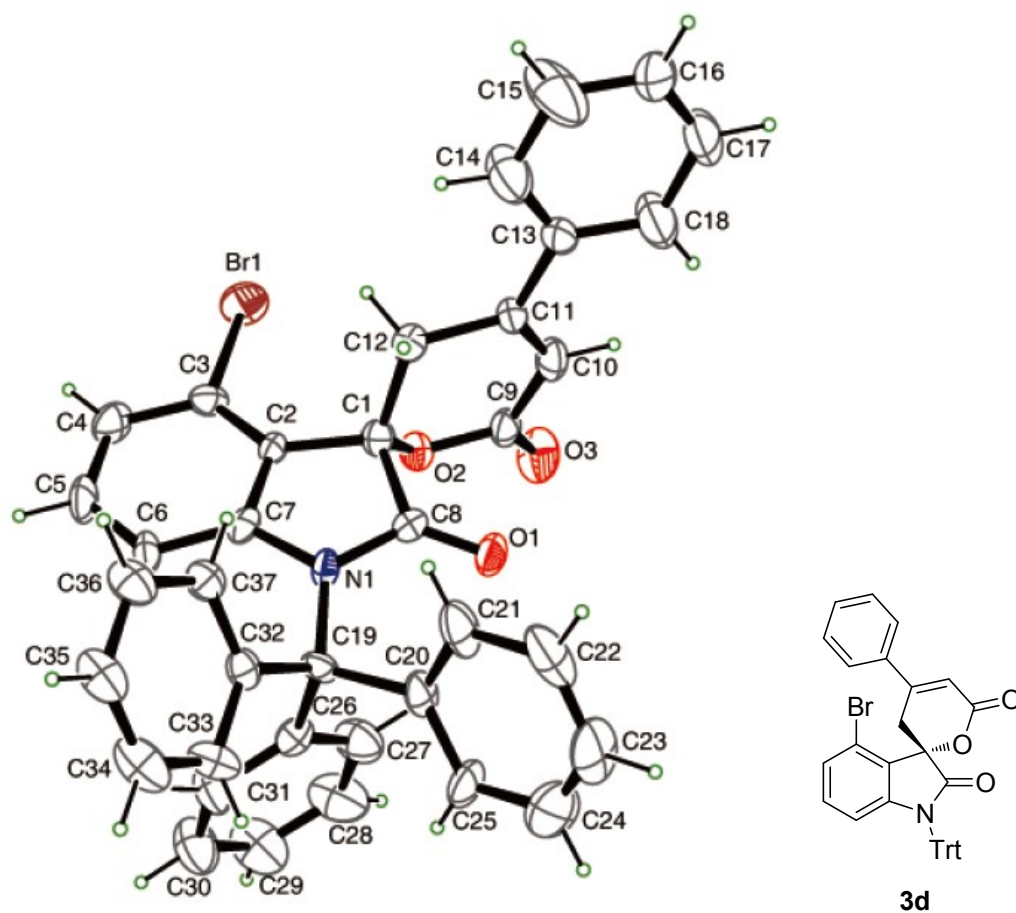
X-ray crystal structure of 3d

Figure S1 X-ray crystal structure of **3d**. Thermal ellipsoids were shown at 50% probability.

Computational methods and structural geometries

Density functional theory calculations were employed with Gaussian 09 package.¹ B3LYP theory was applied,^{2, 3} and 6-31G(d,p) Pople basis set was used for the rest of atoms.^{4, 5, 6} All structures were optimized as energy minima or transition state using the theory. Atoms are color coded (Gray = C; blue = N; red = O; green = F; white = H).

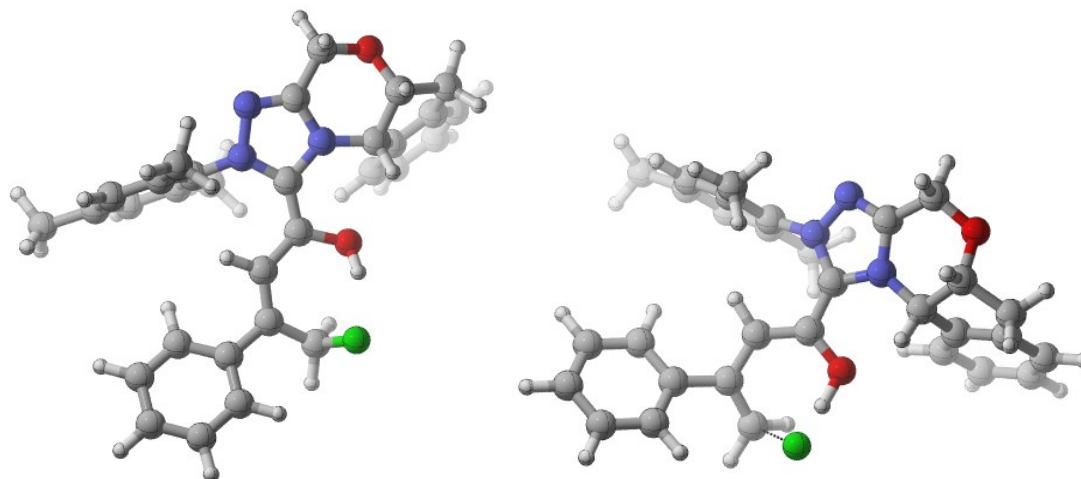


Figure S2 (Left) Structure of optimized Breslow intermediate II, 0 kcal/mol. (Right) Transition state (TS) structure of C-F bond cleavage. 10.8 kcal/mol. Bond distance of C...F in this transition state is 1.95 Å.

Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures and transition state

Breslow intermediate II

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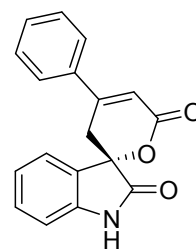
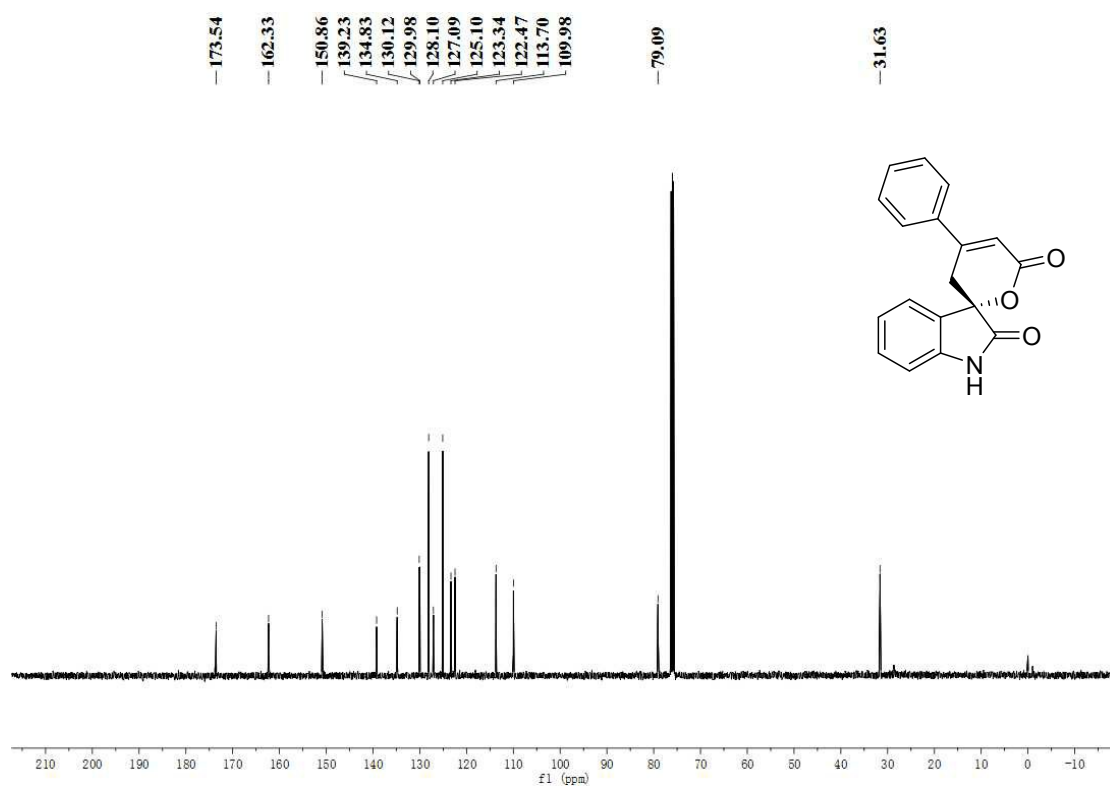
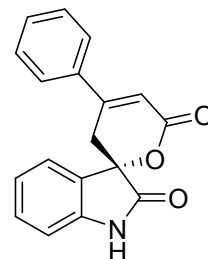
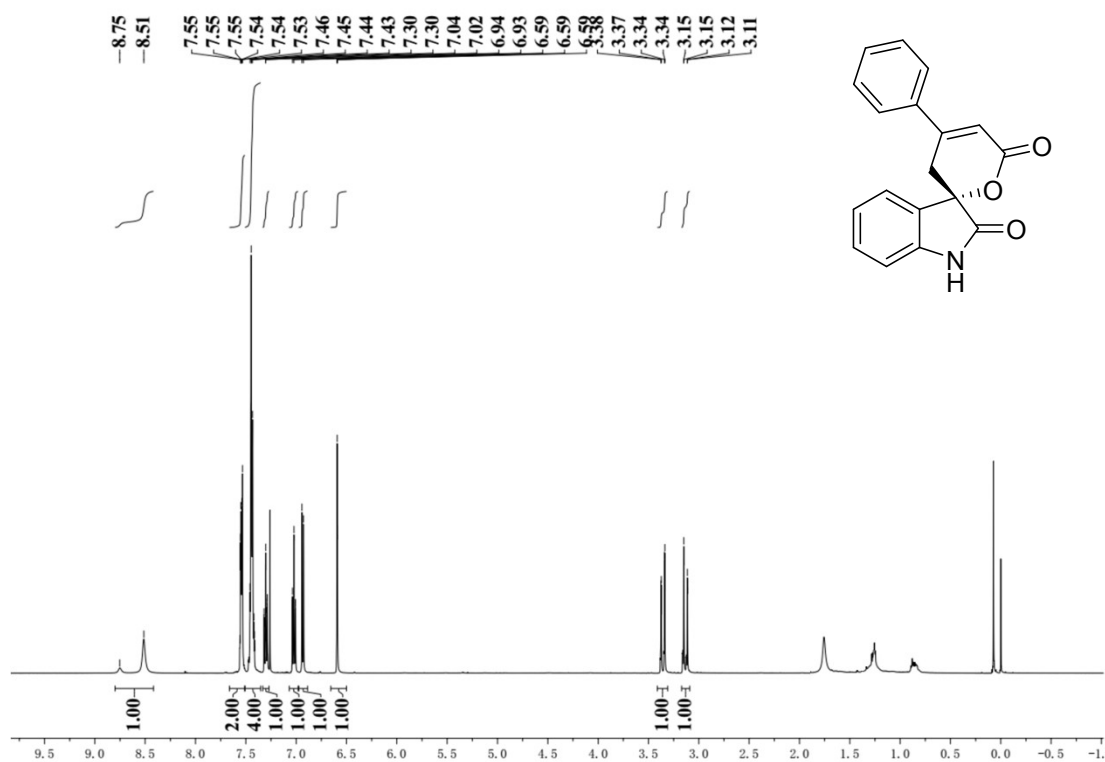
TS for C-F bond cleavage

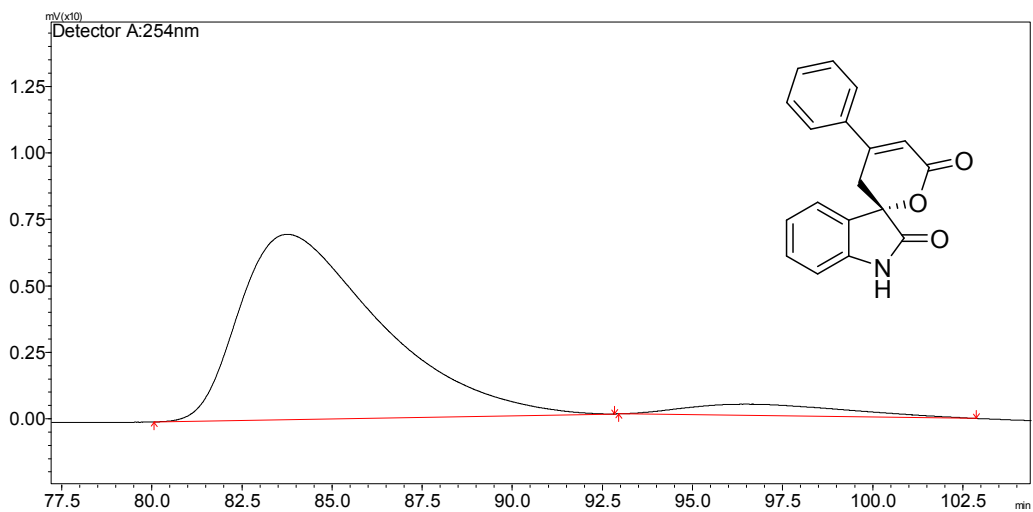
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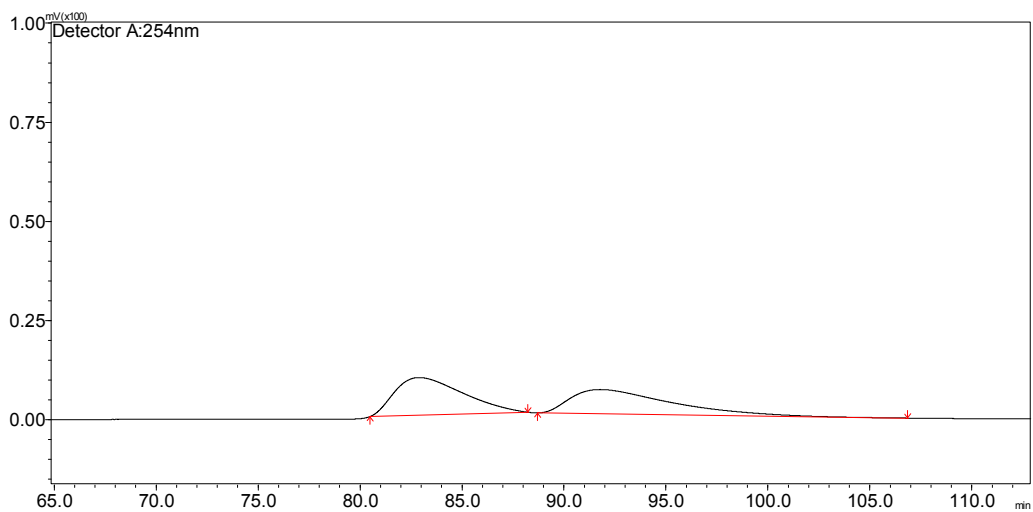
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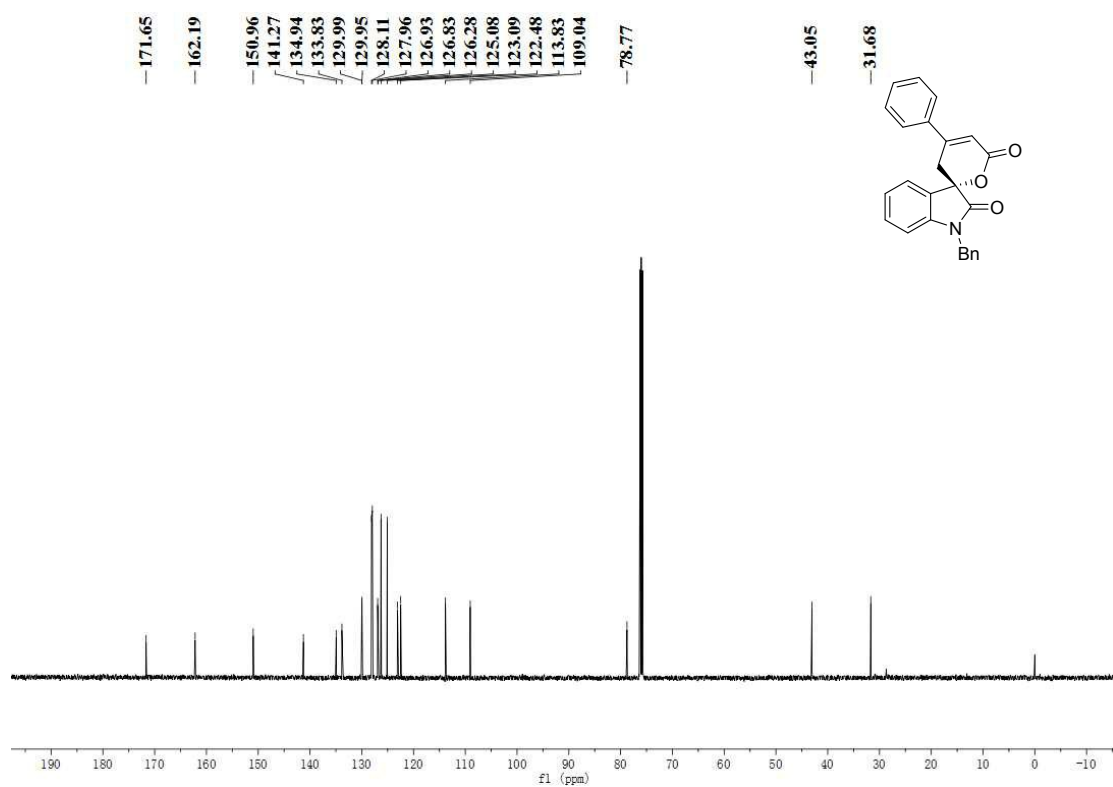
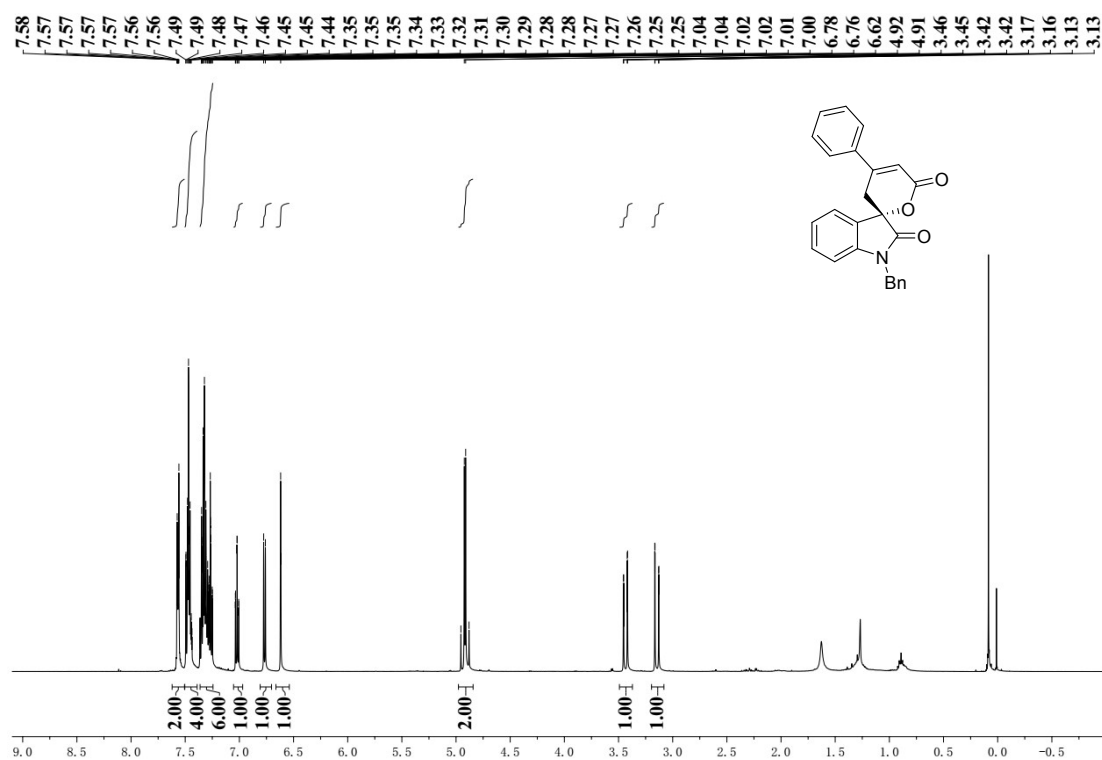
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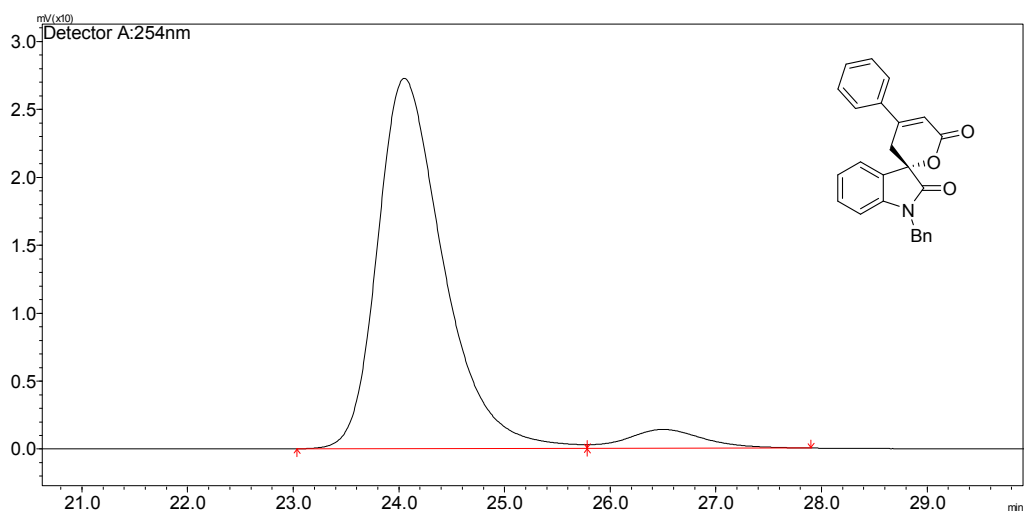
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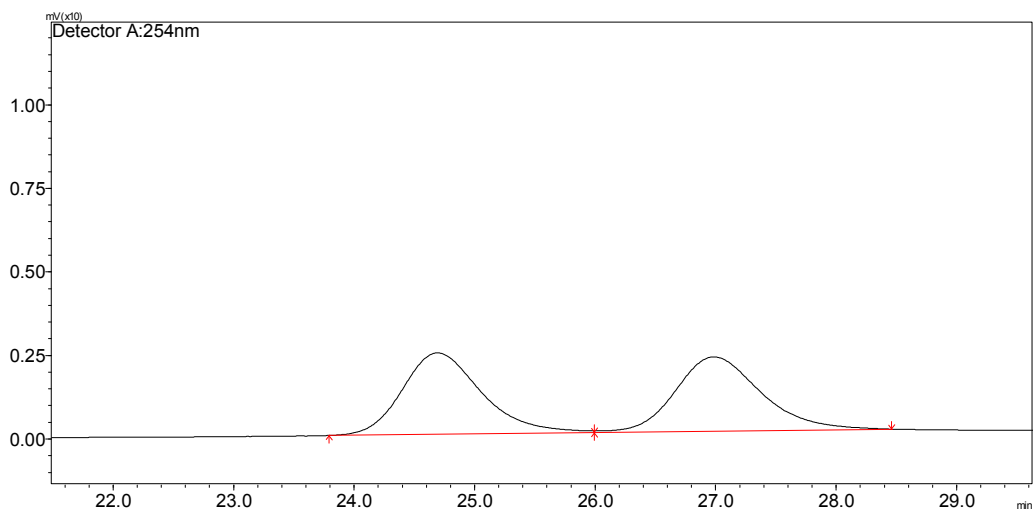
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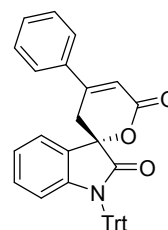
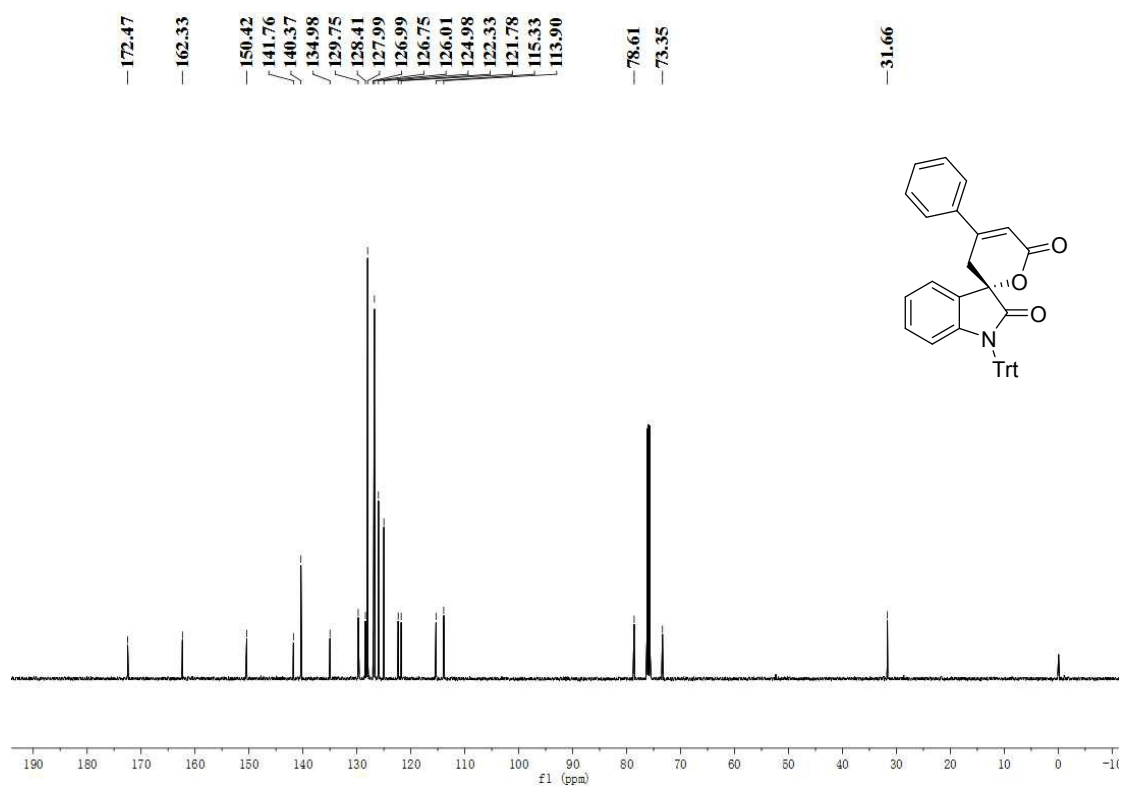
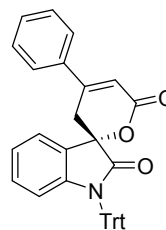
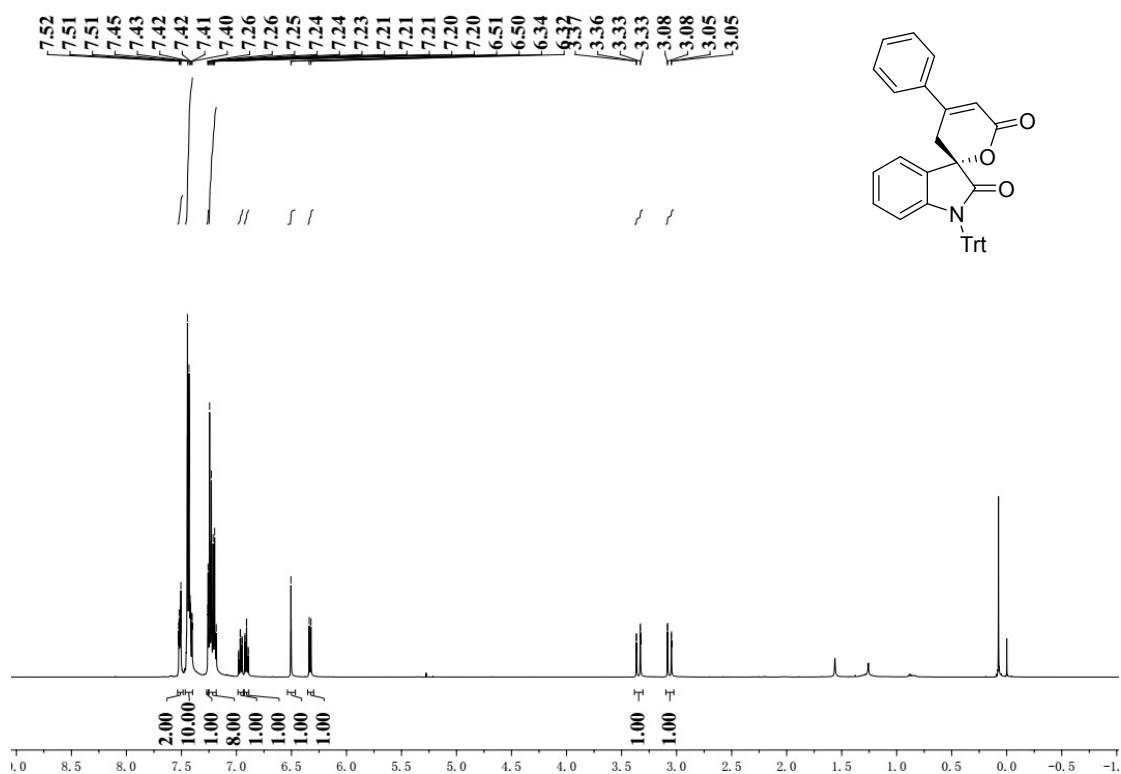
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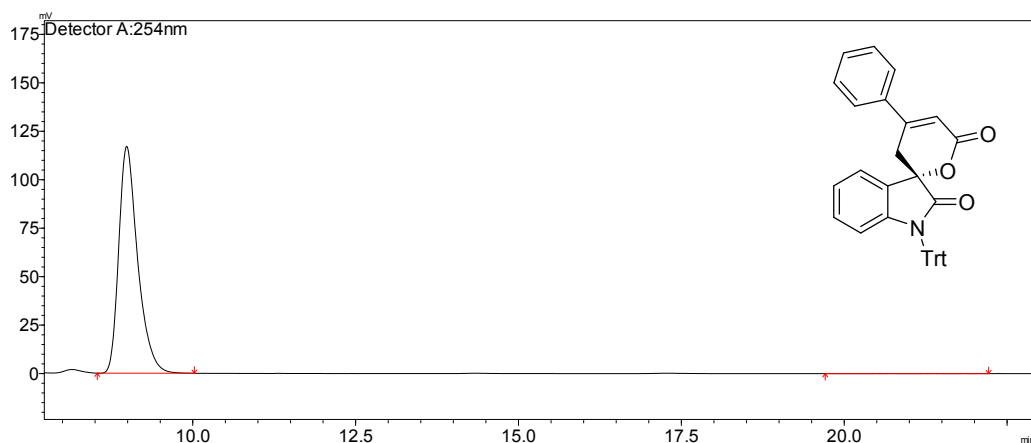
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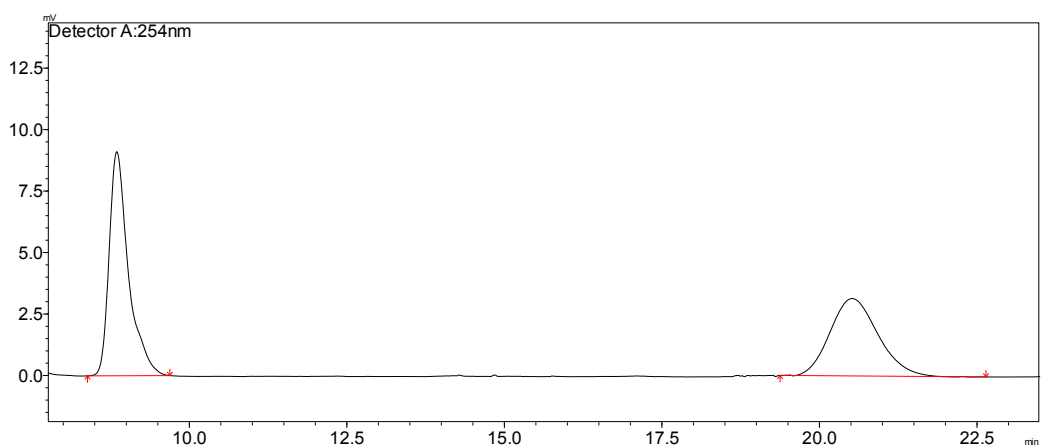
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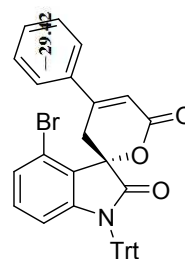
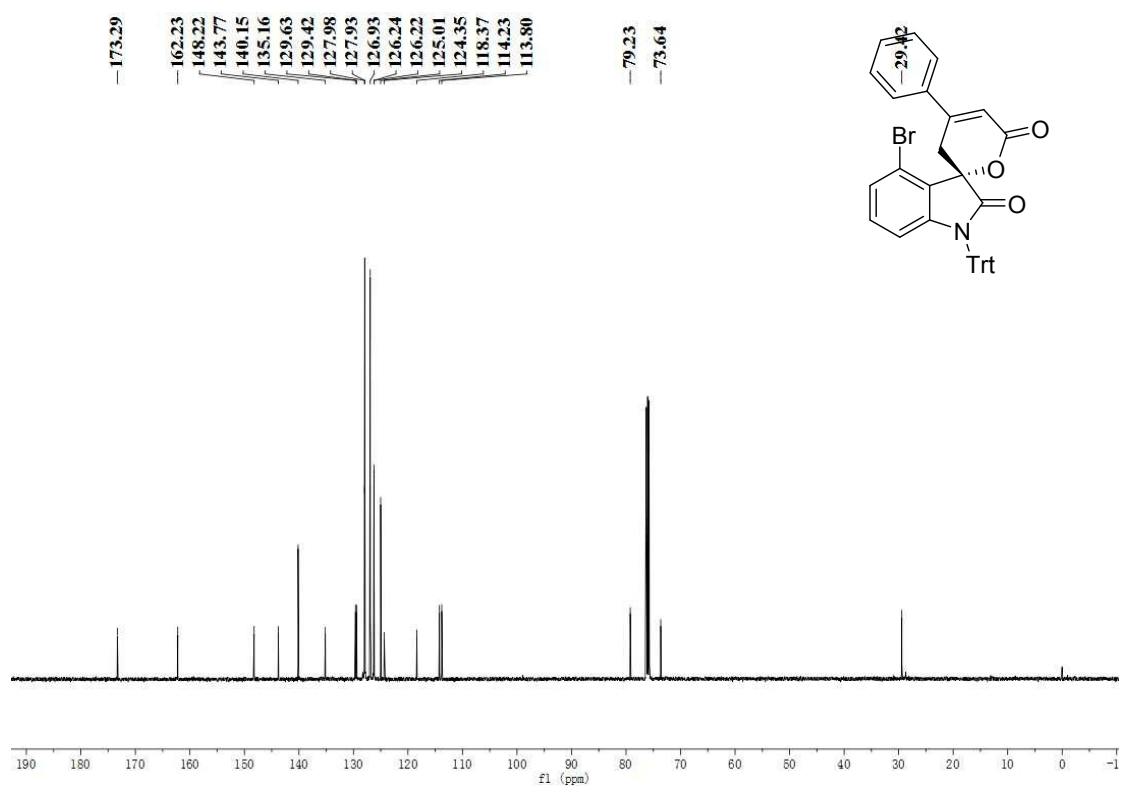
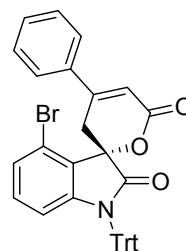
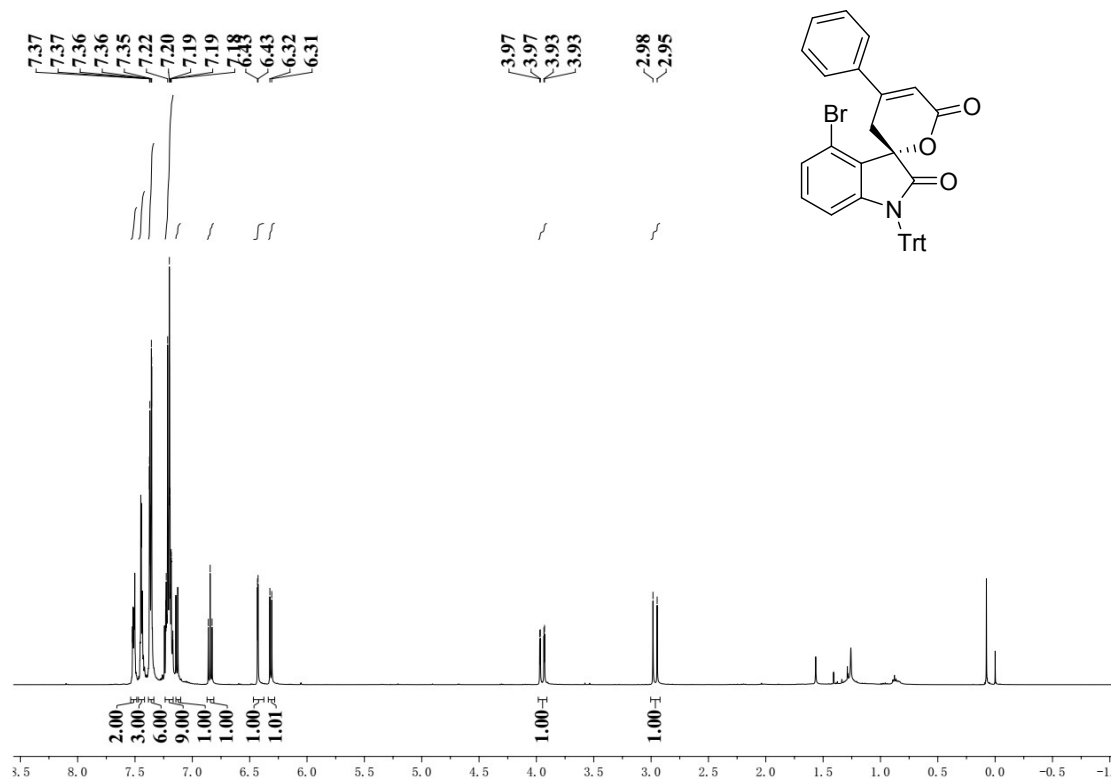
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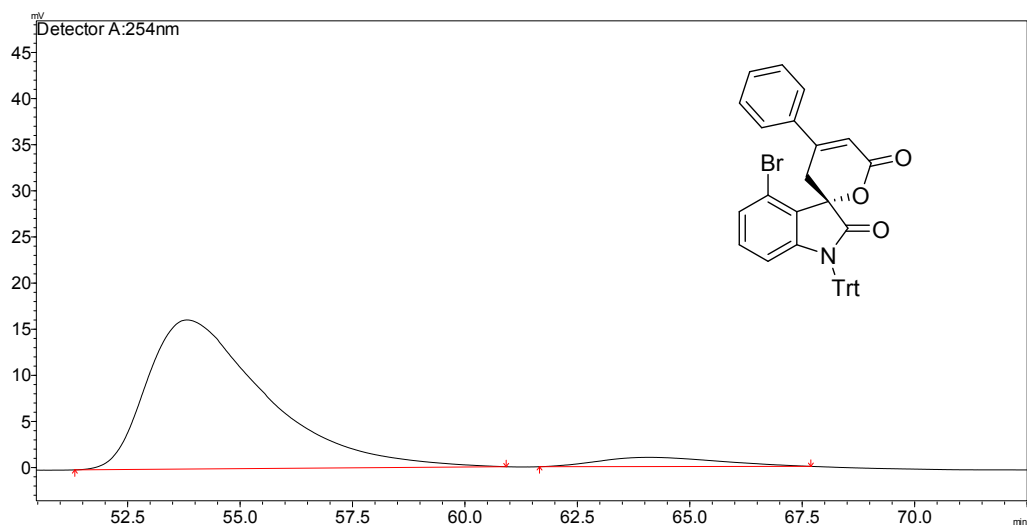
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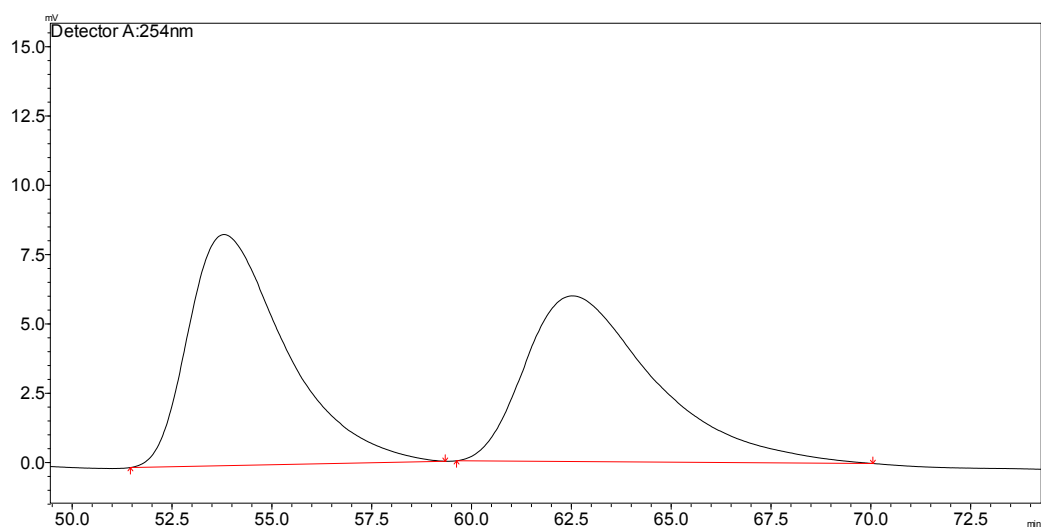
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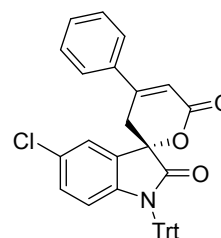
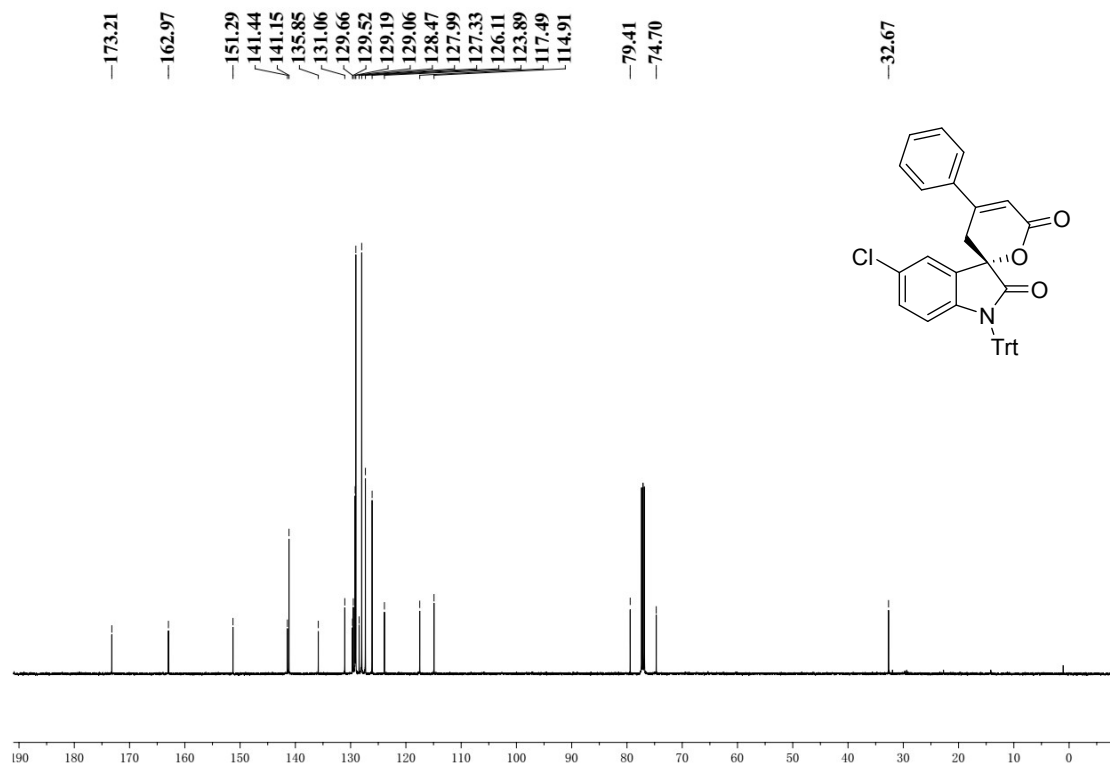
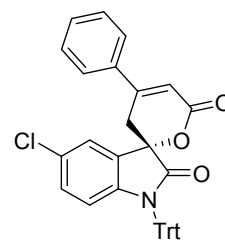
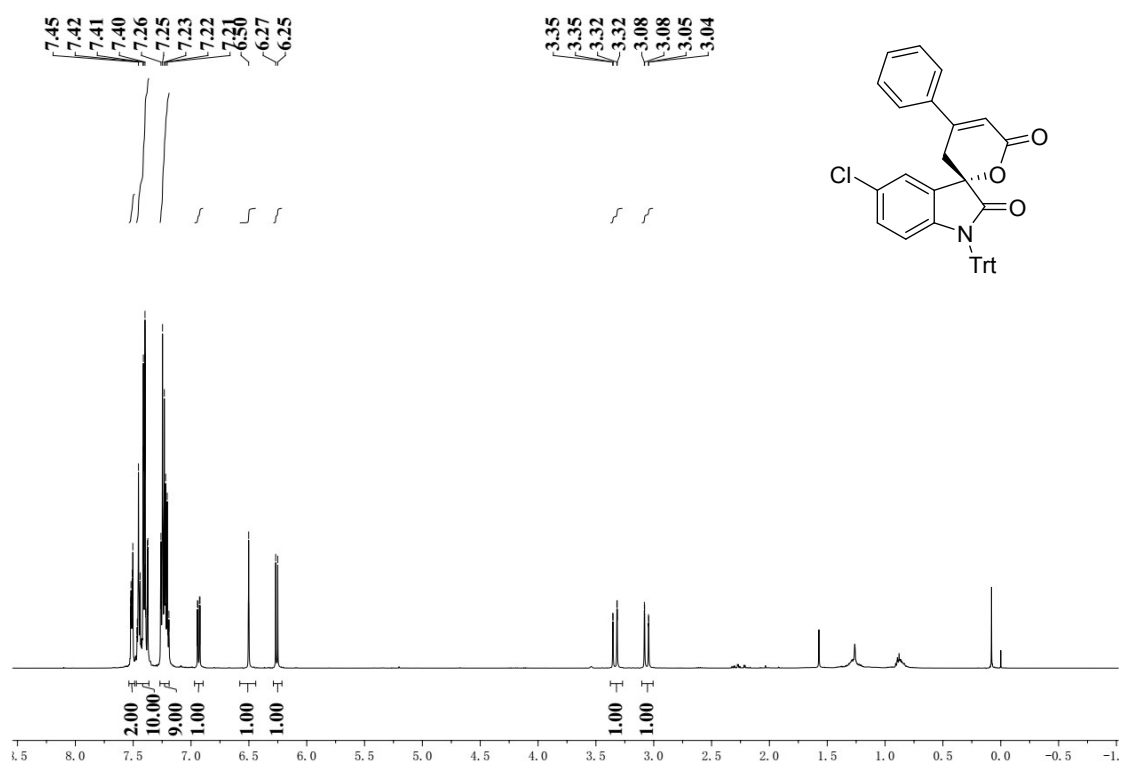
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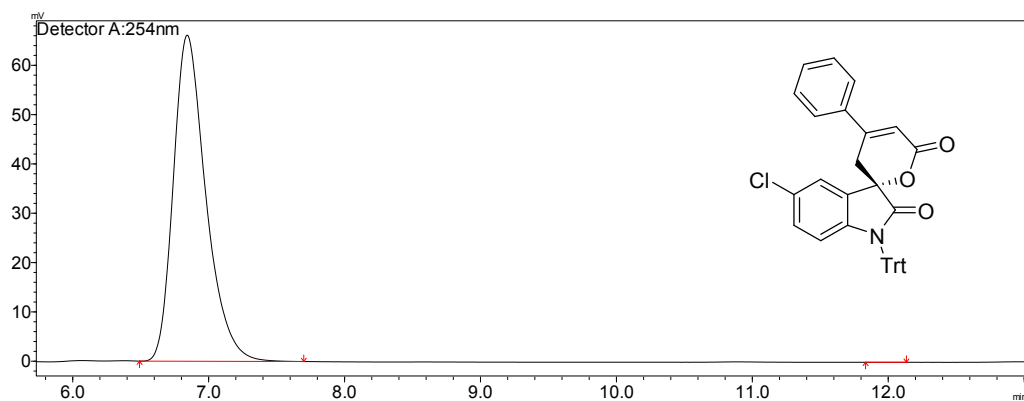
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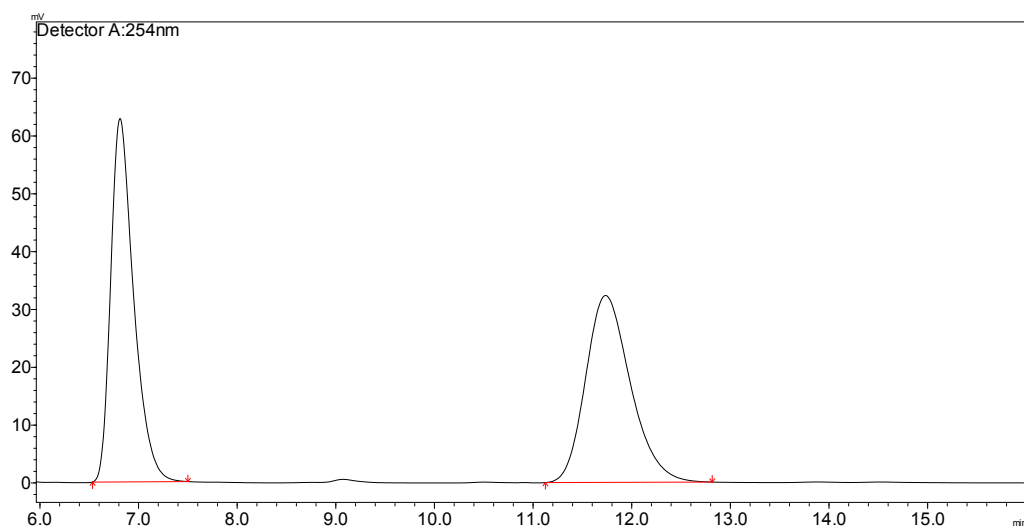
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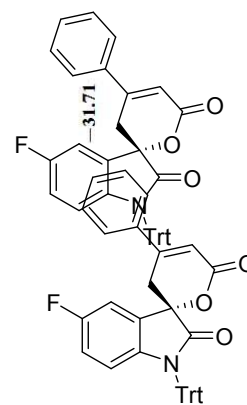
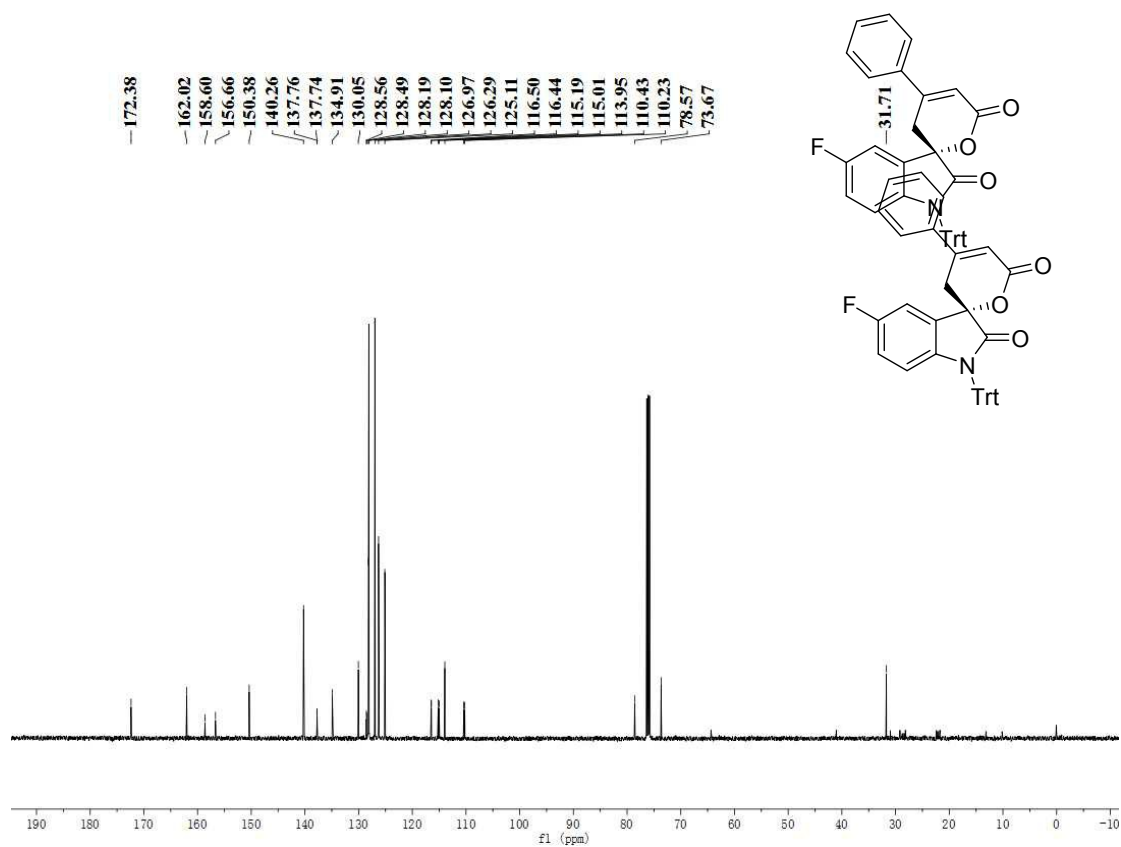
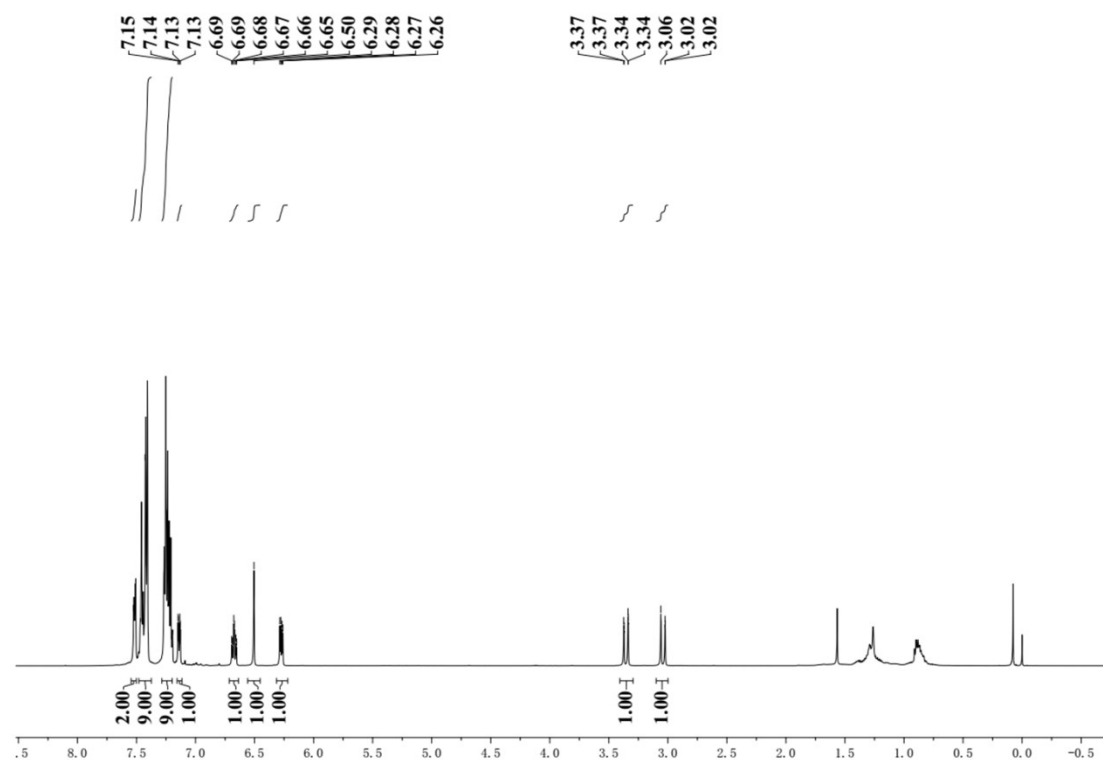
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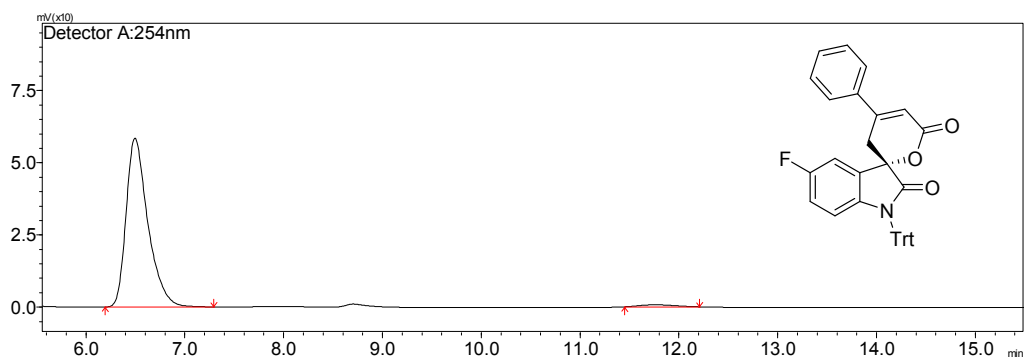
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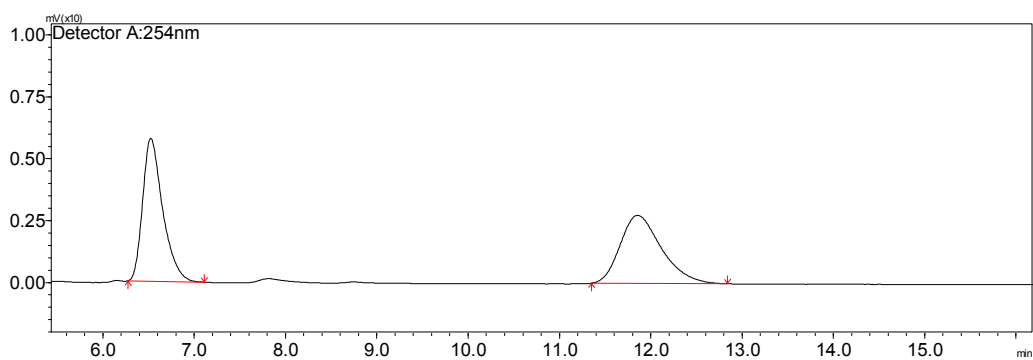
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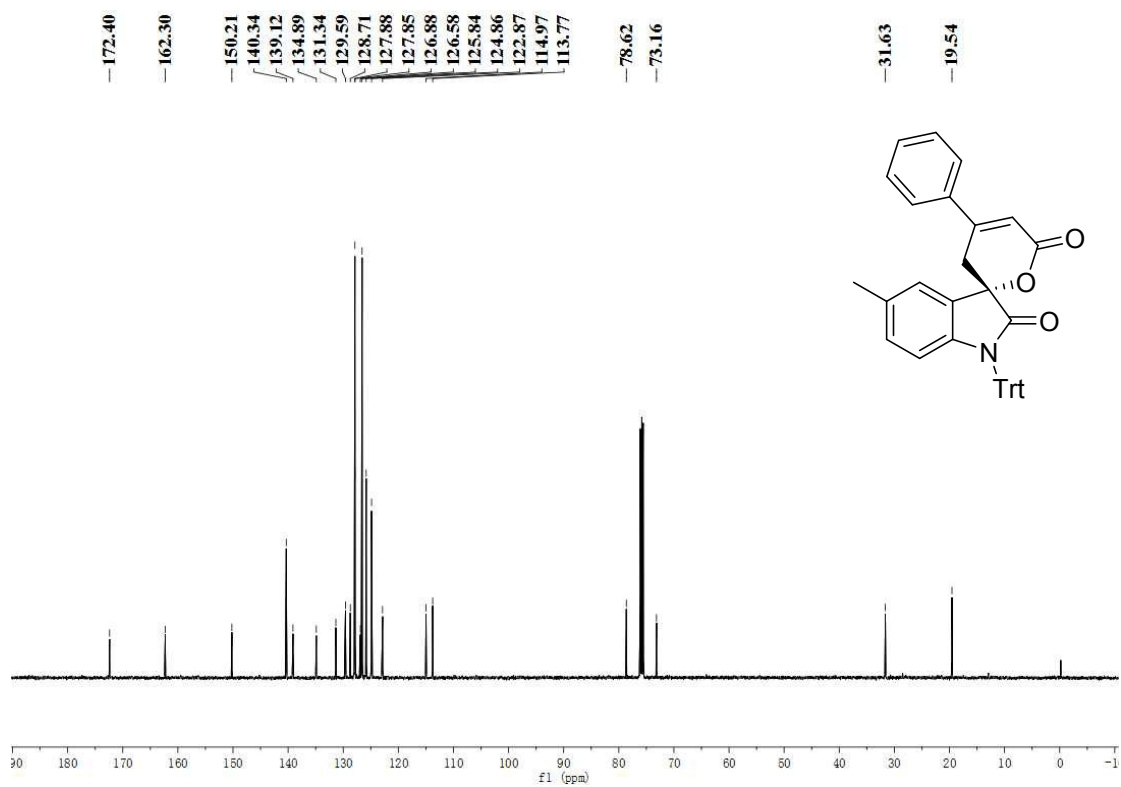
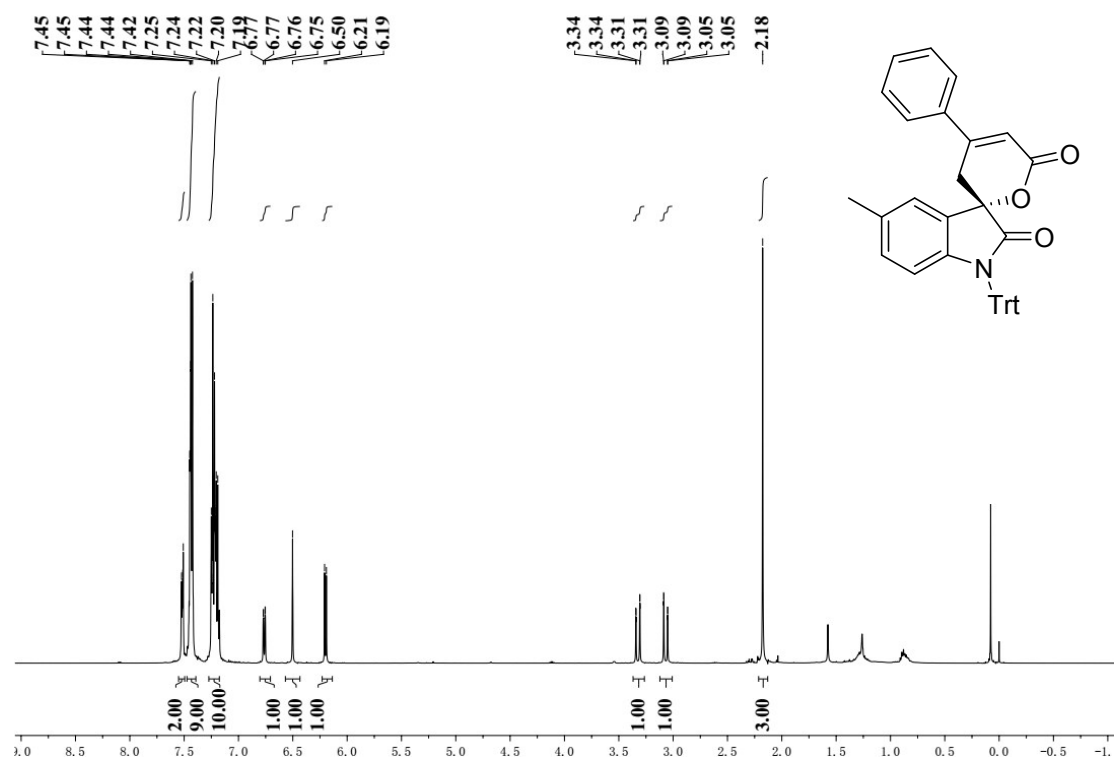
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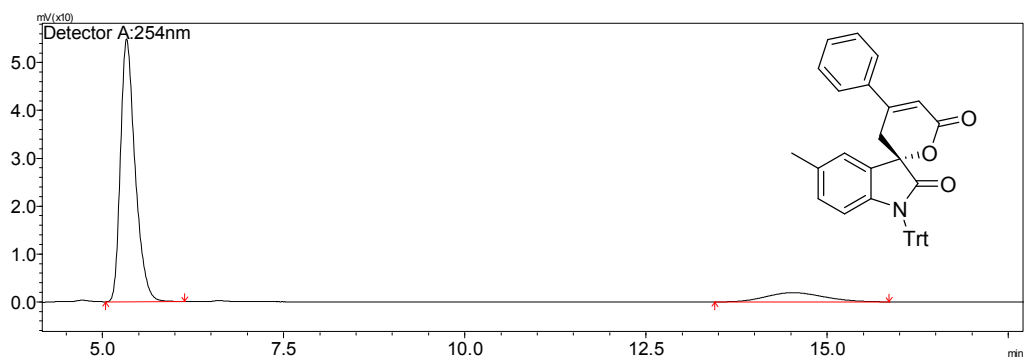
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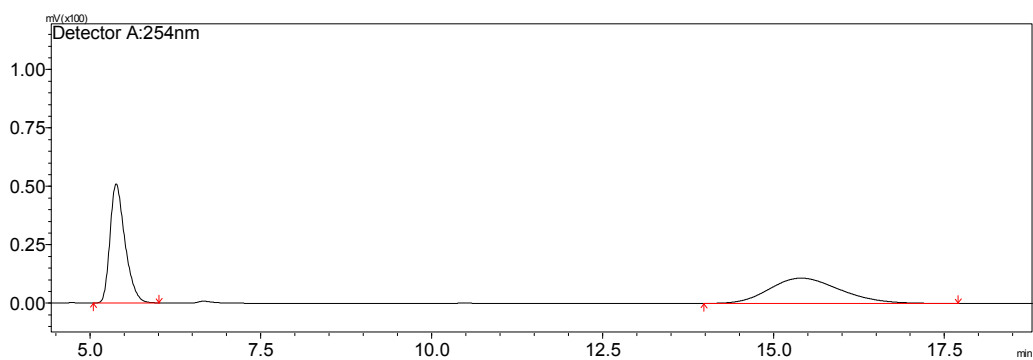
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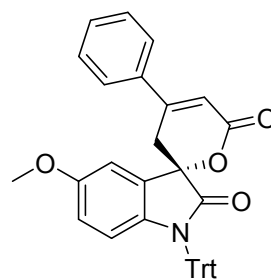
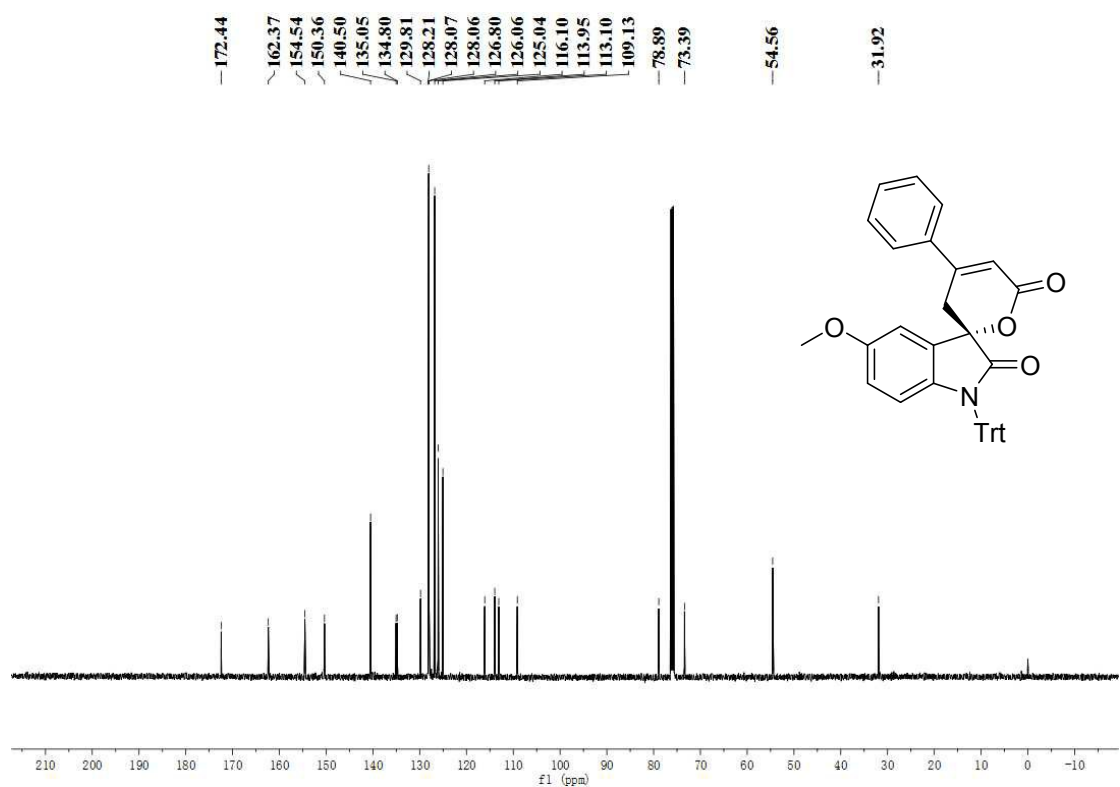
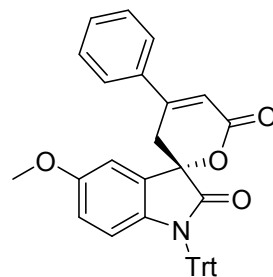
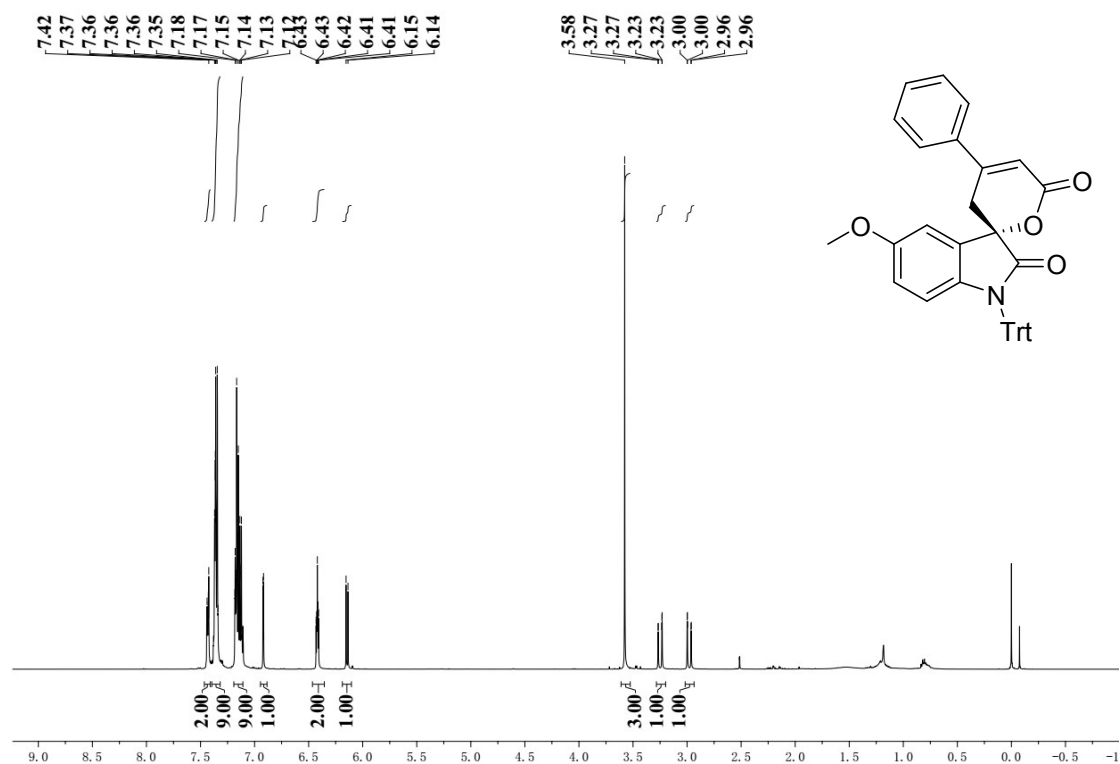
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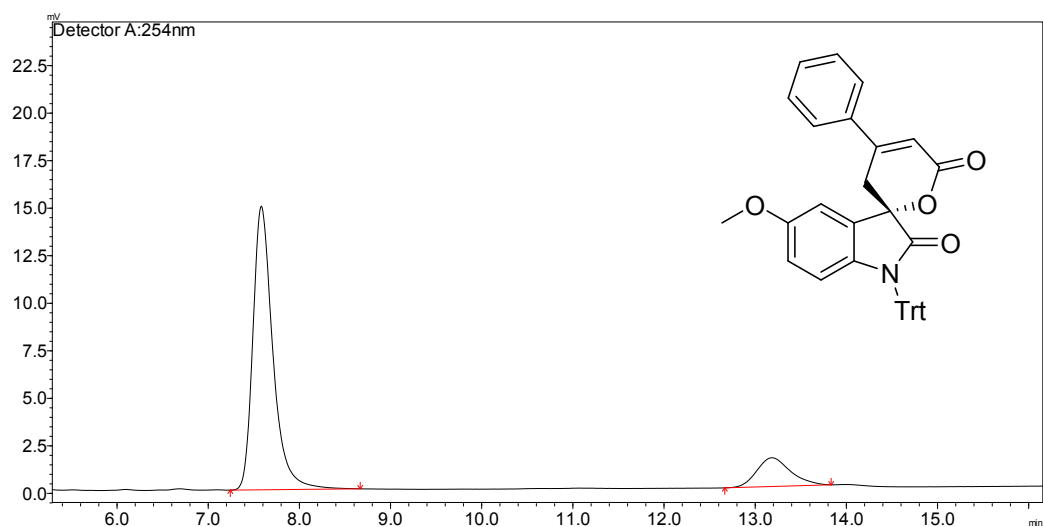
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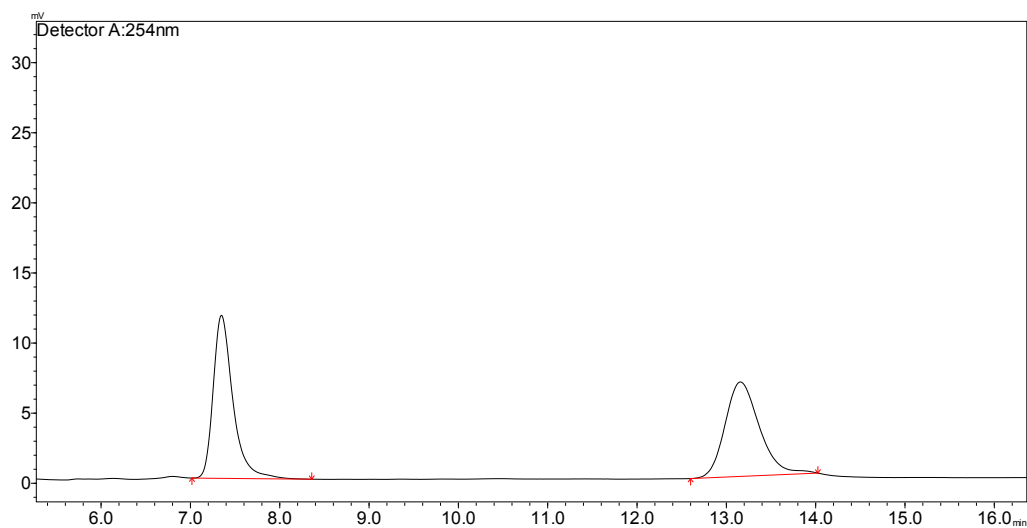
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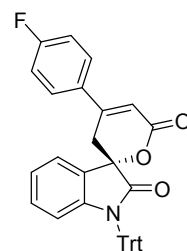
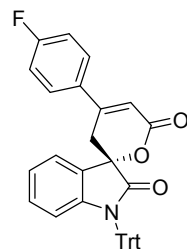
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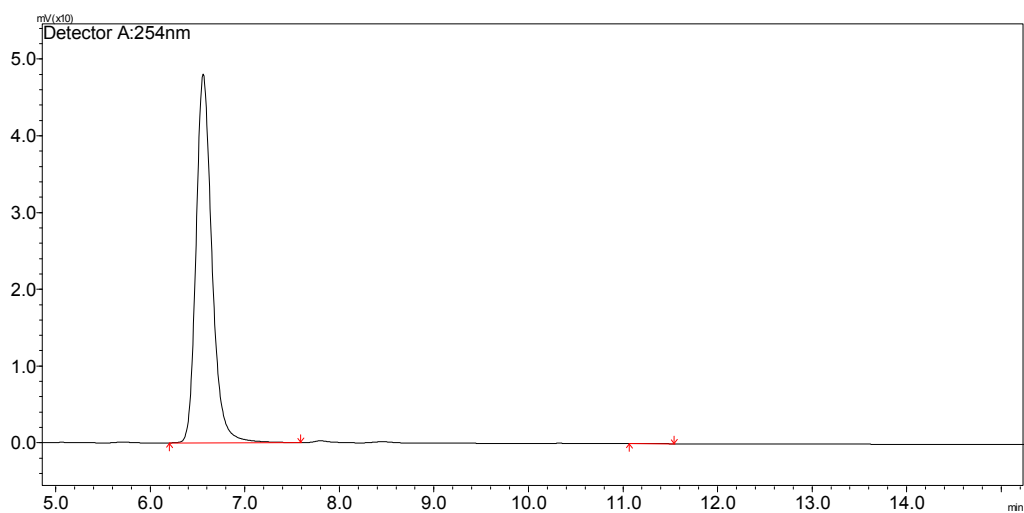
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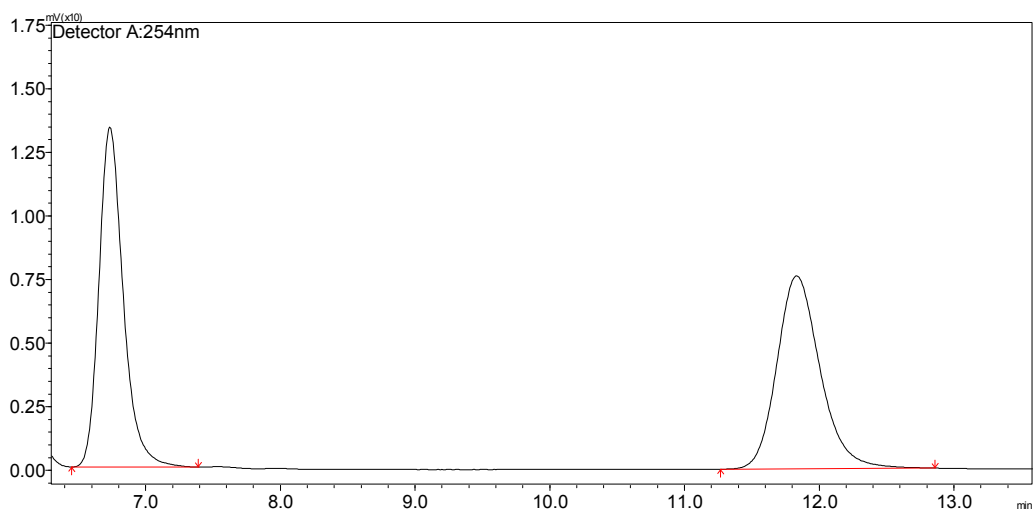
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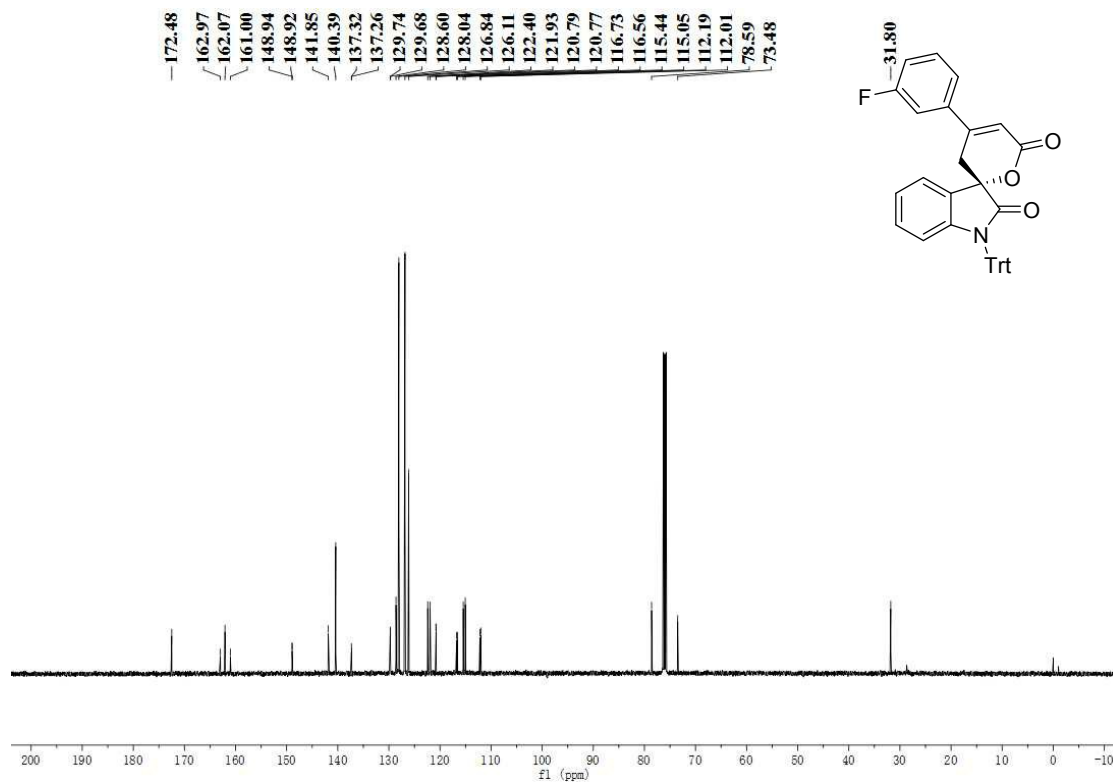
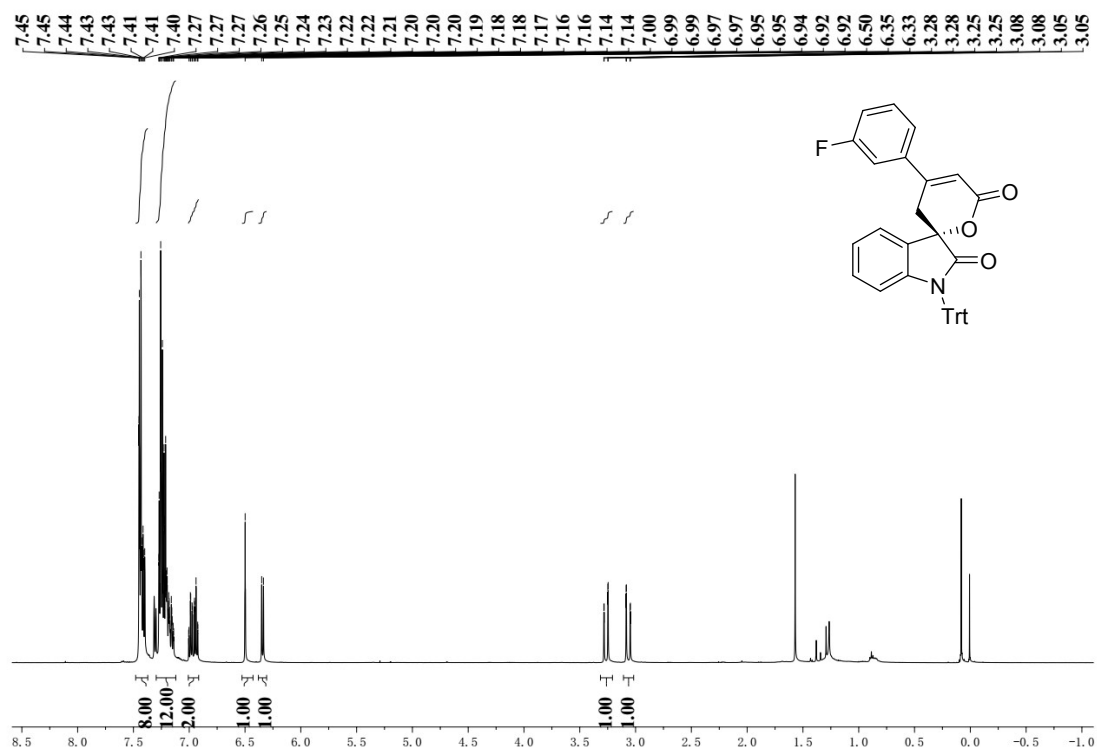


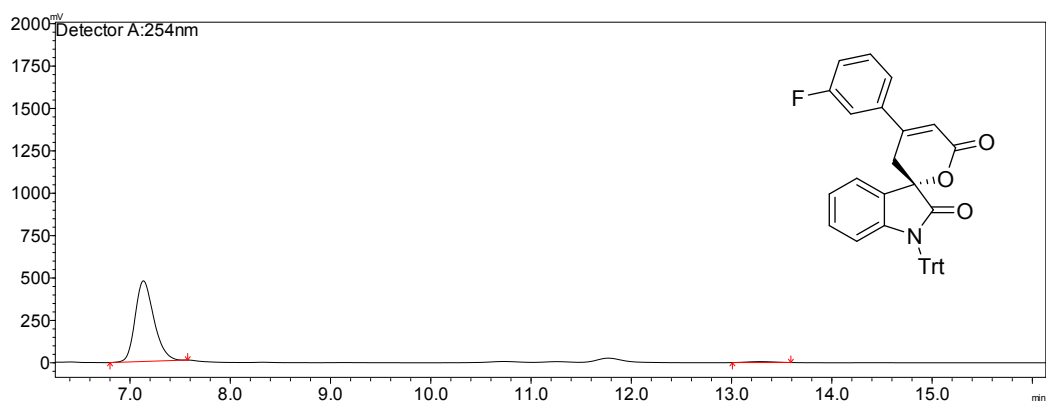


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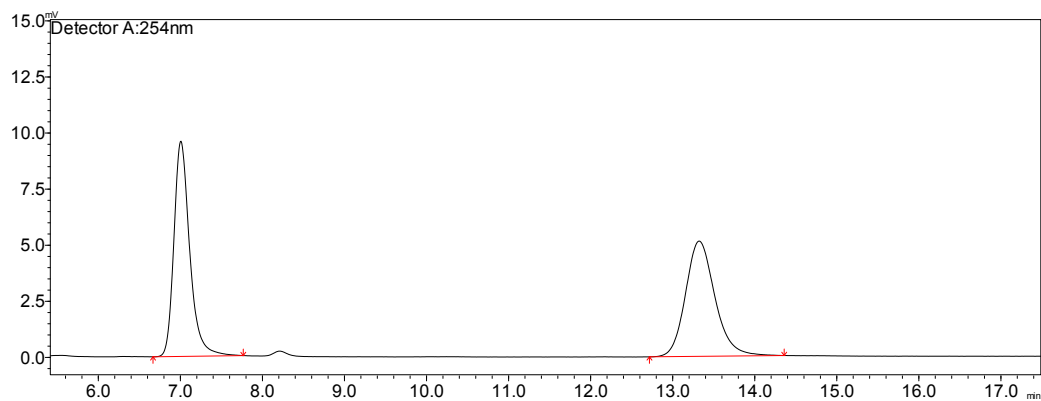


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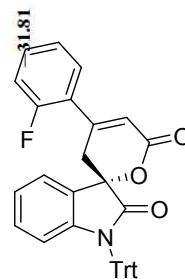
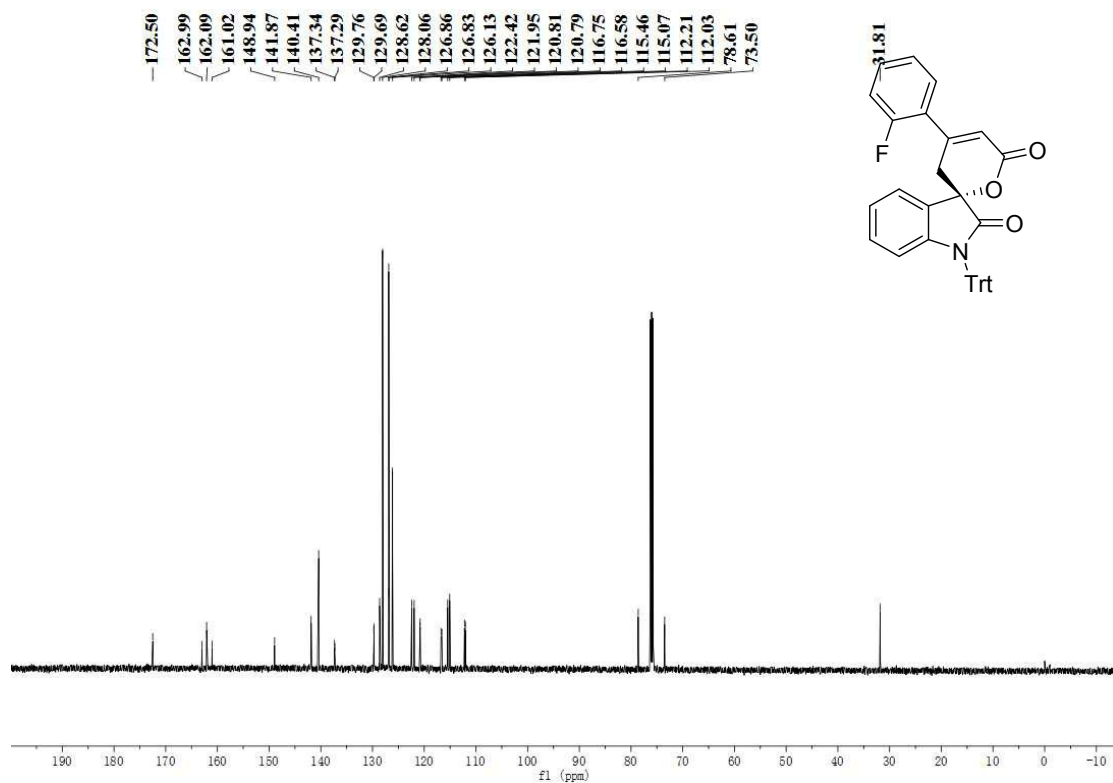
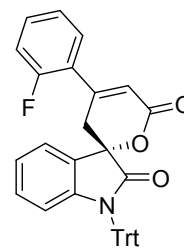
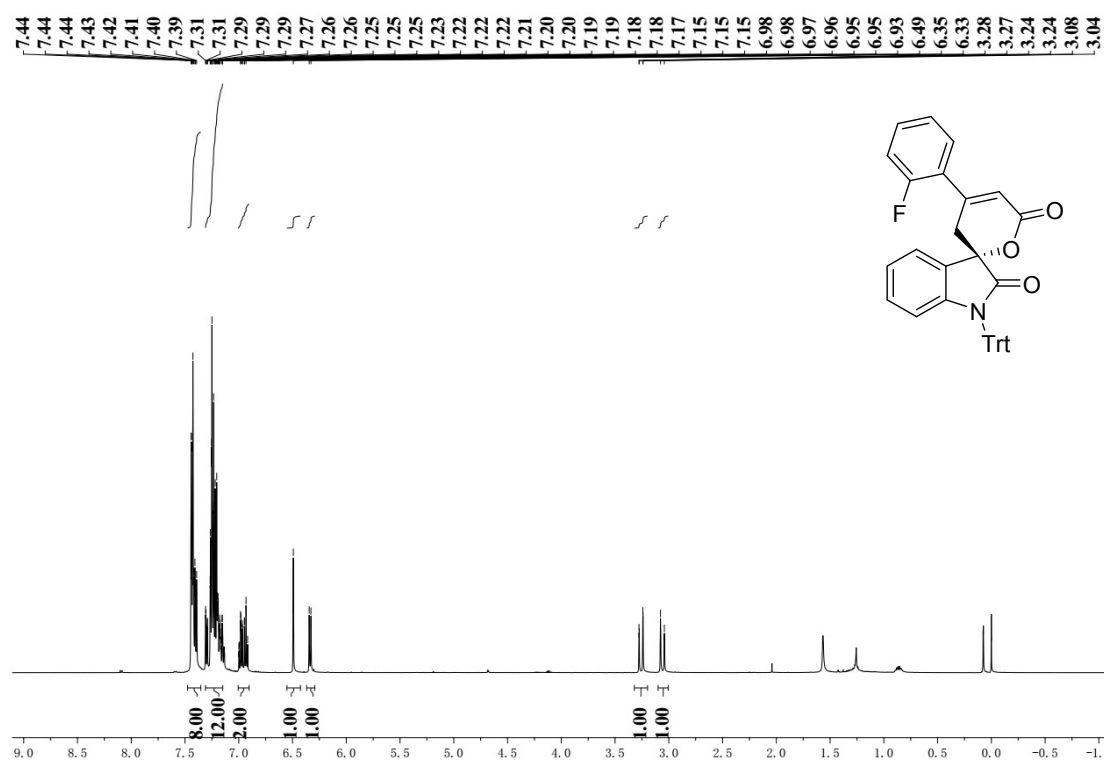
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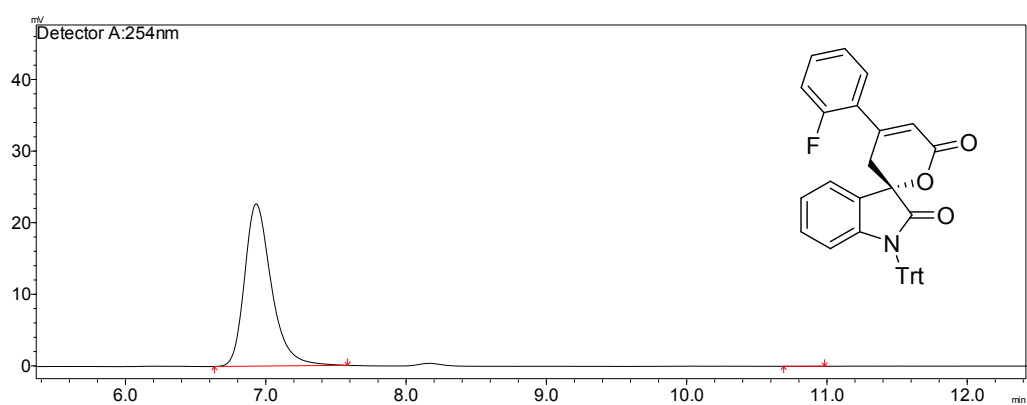
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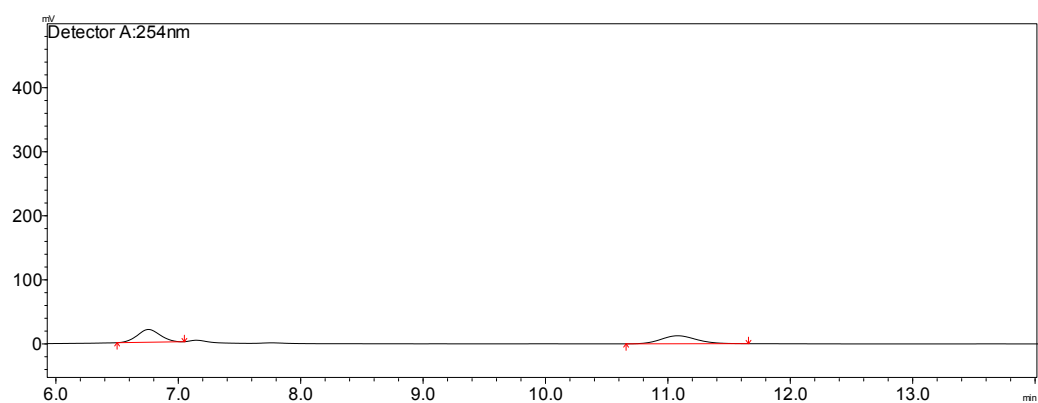
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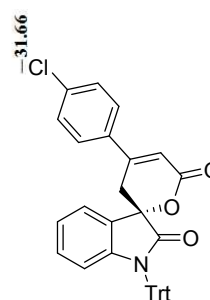
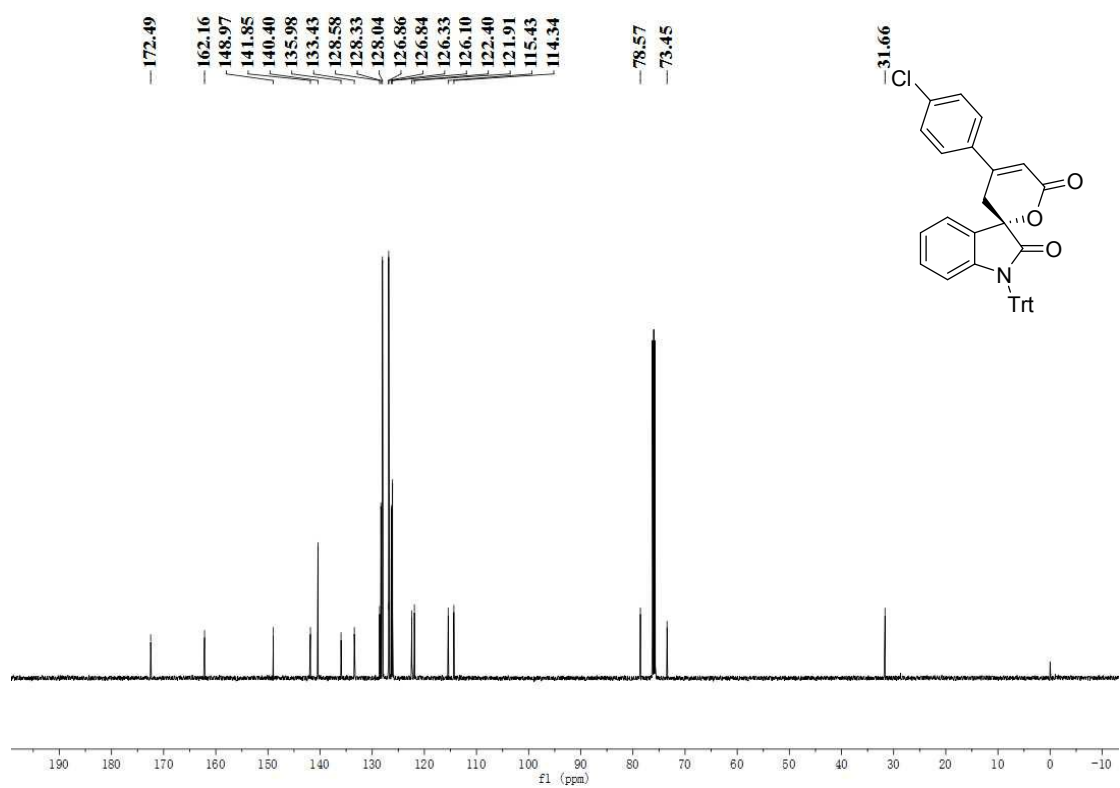
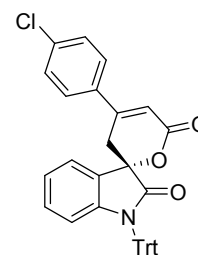
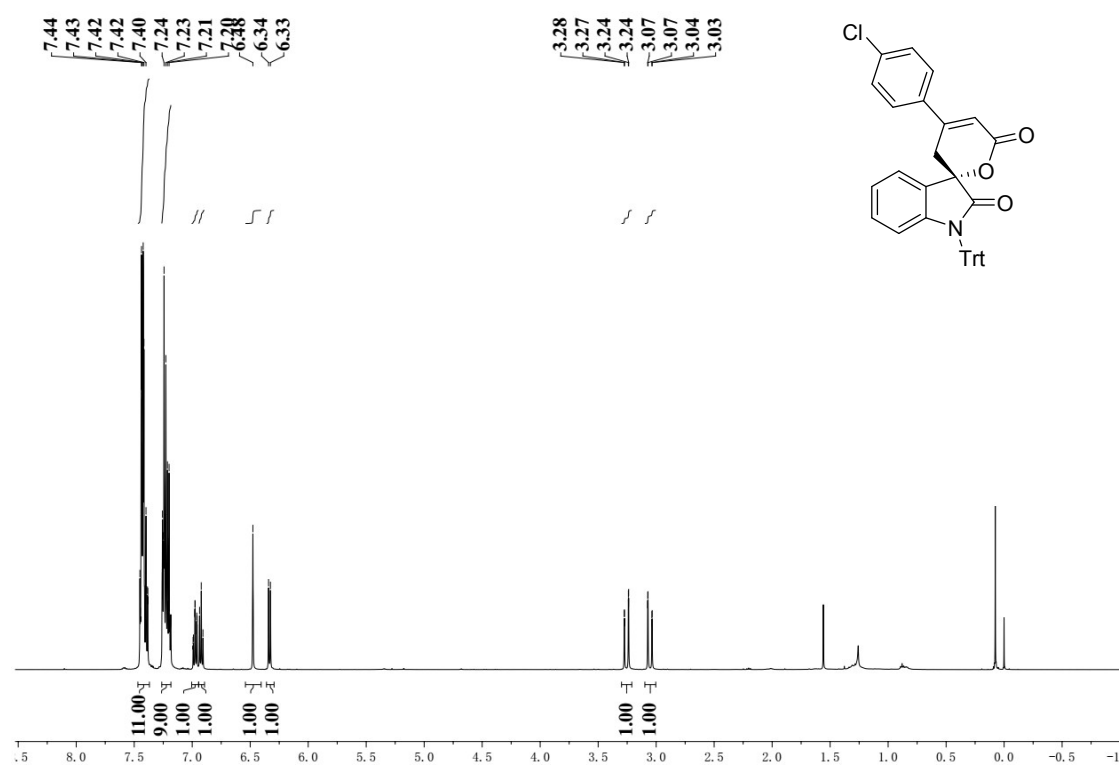
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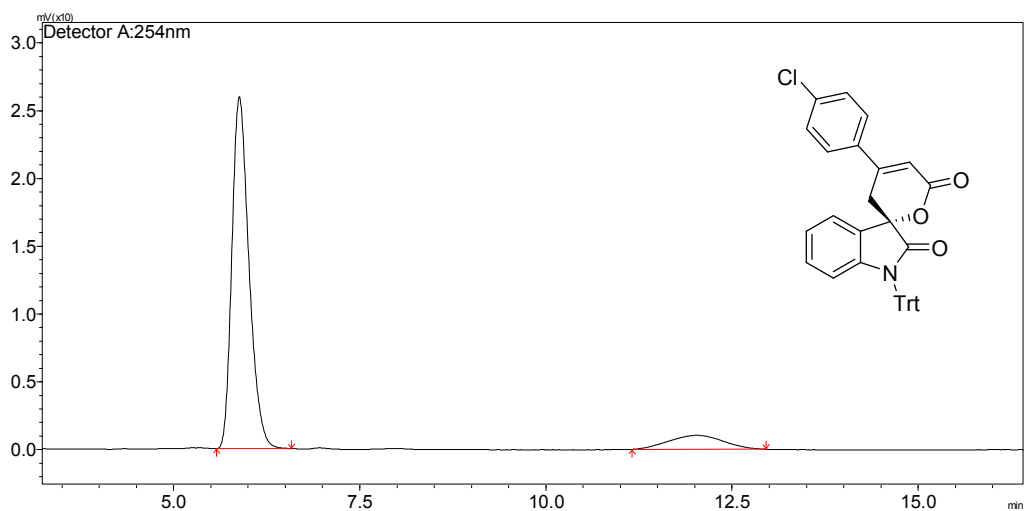


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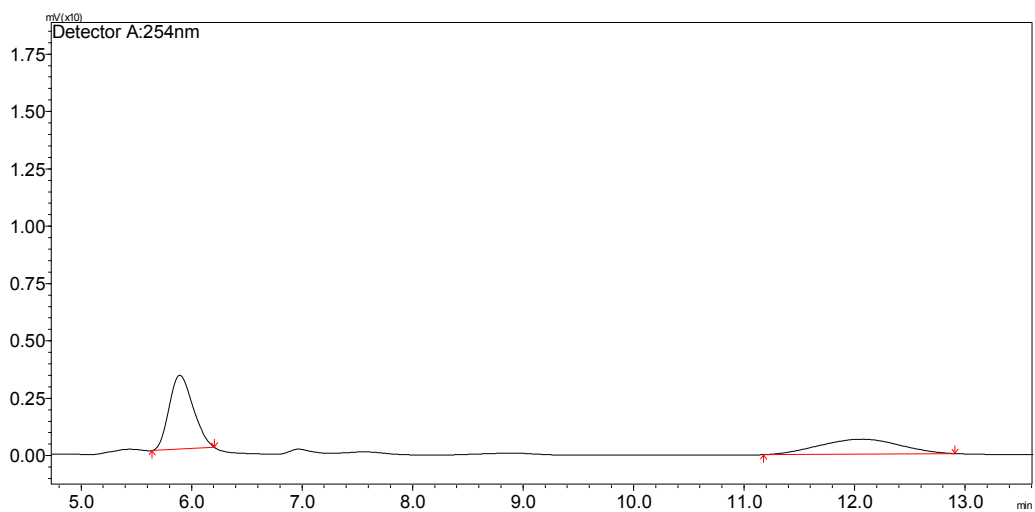
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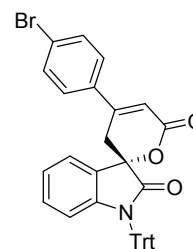
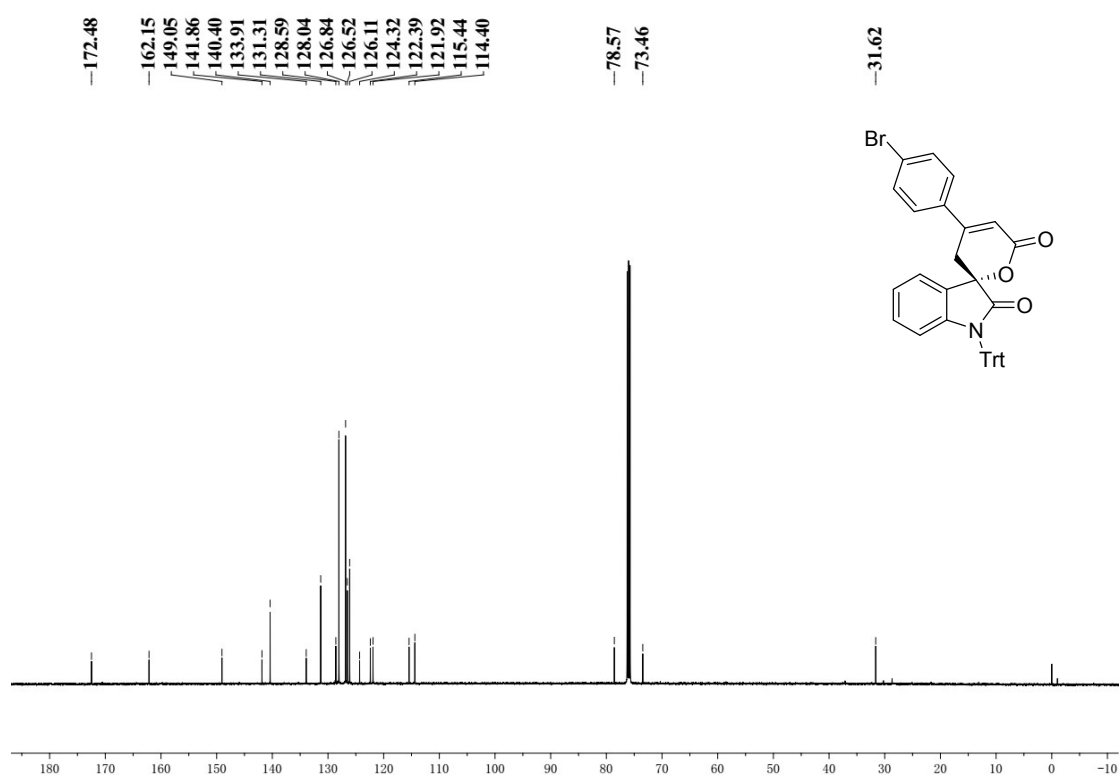
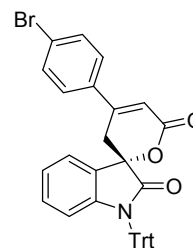
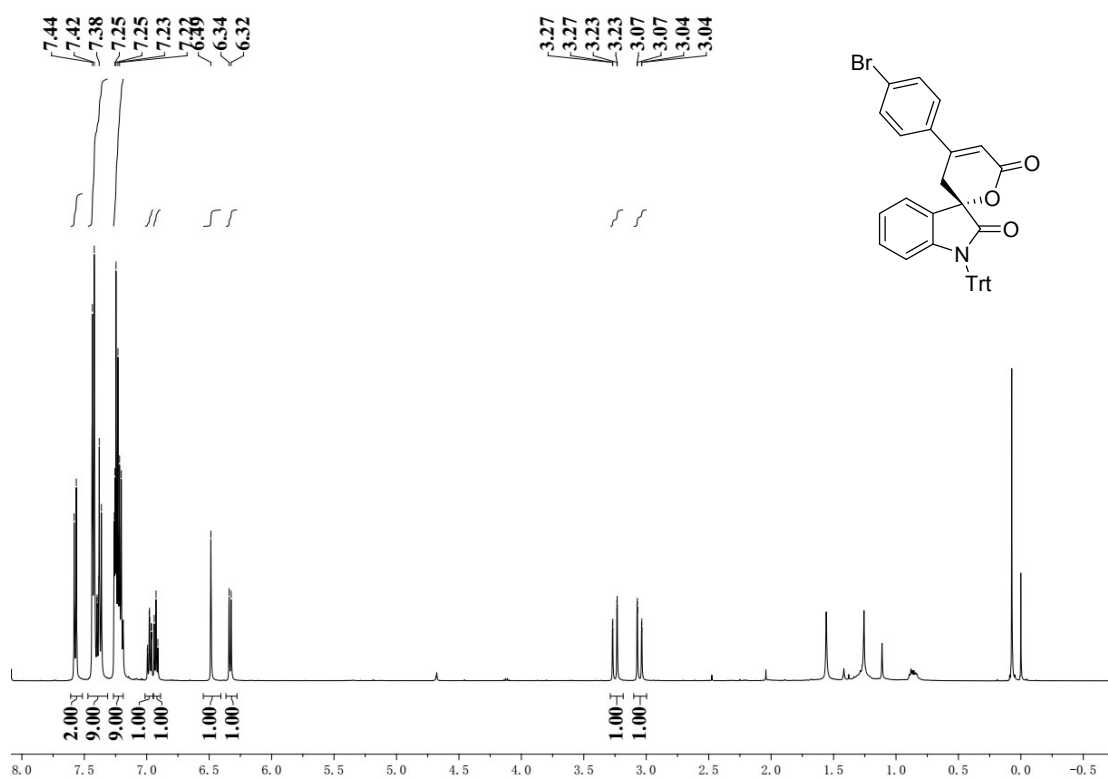


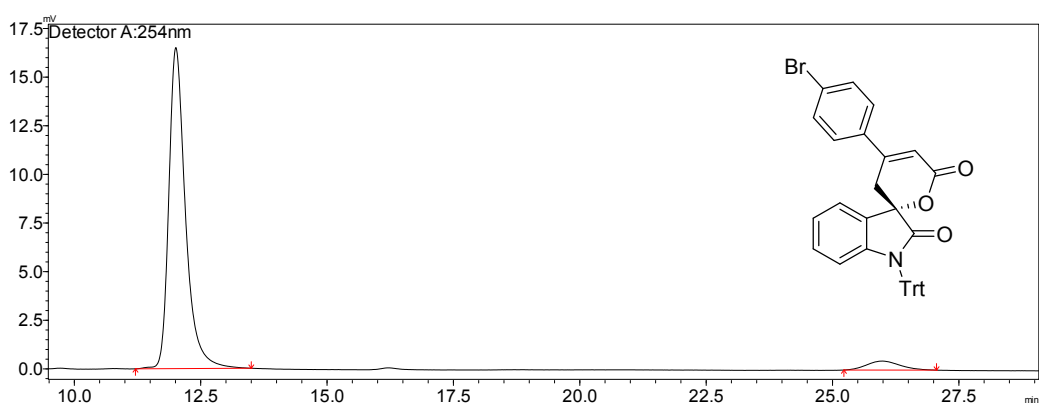
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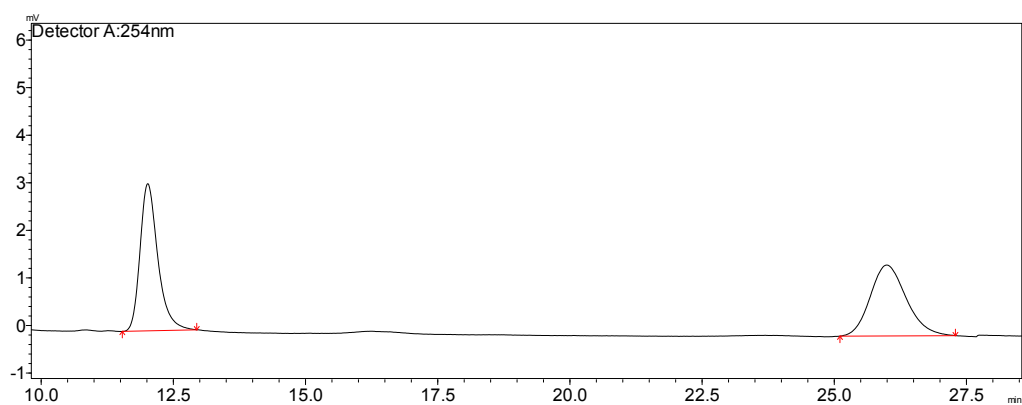
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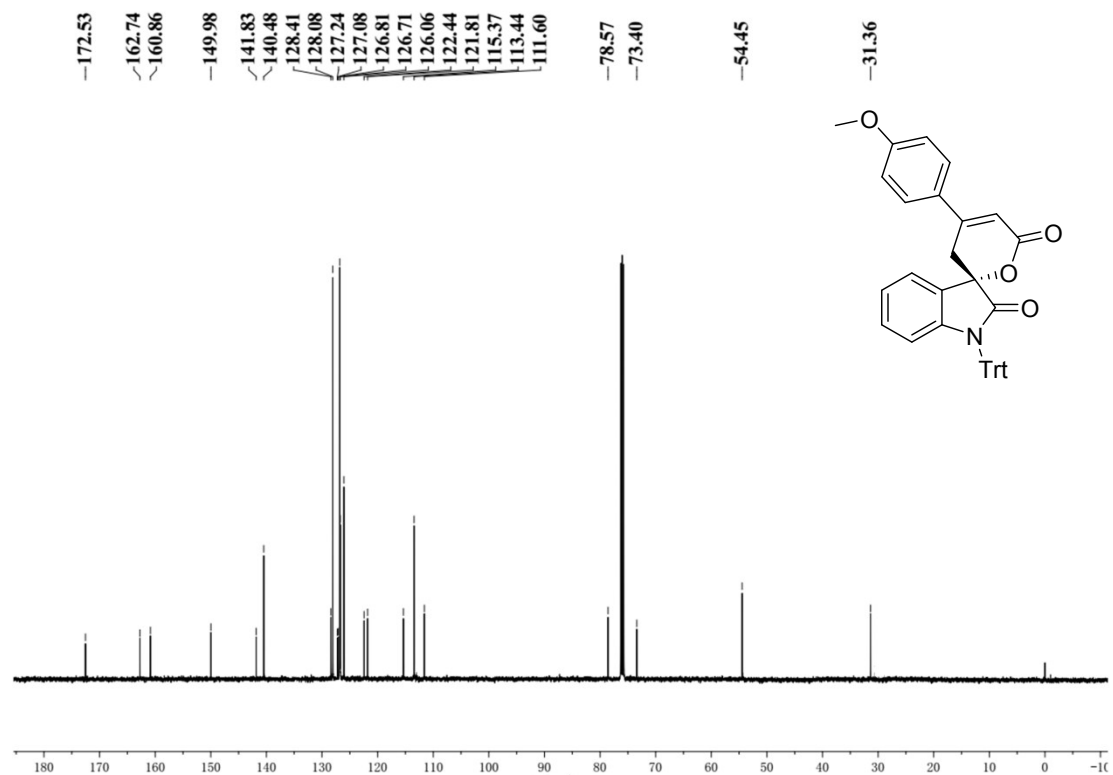
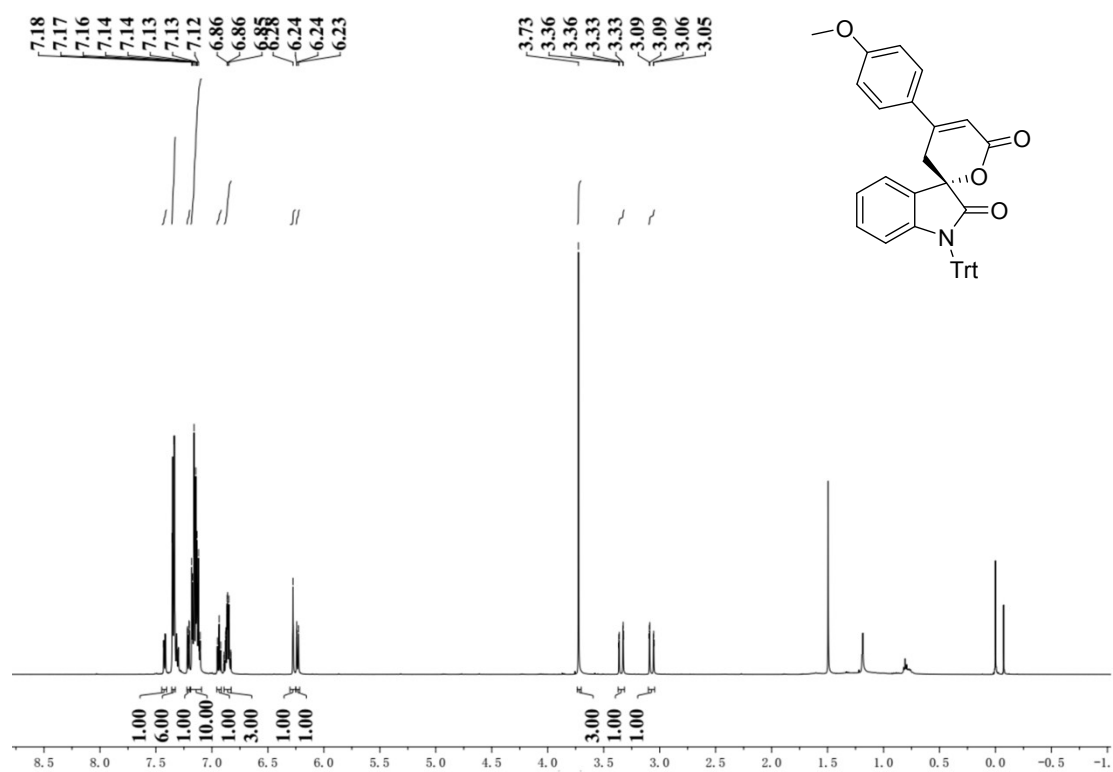
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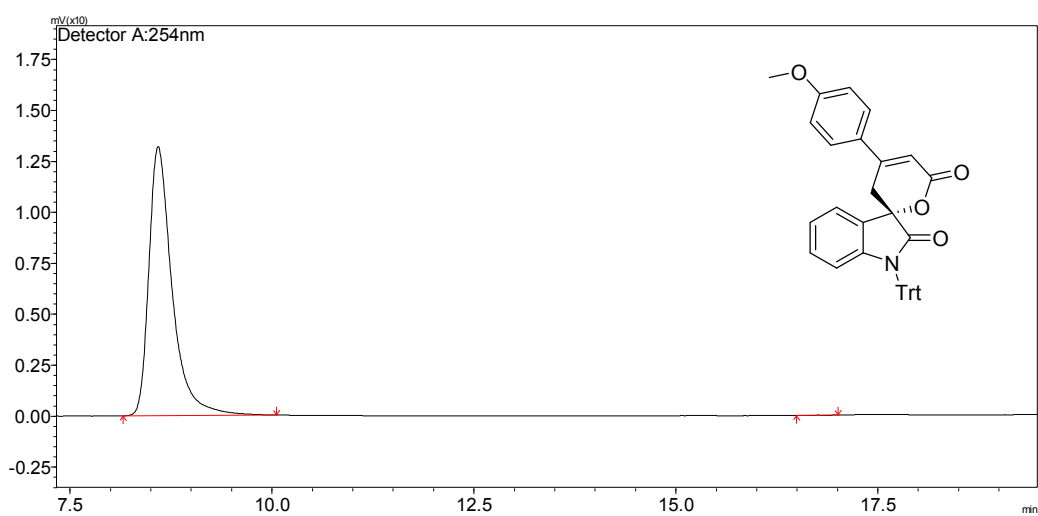
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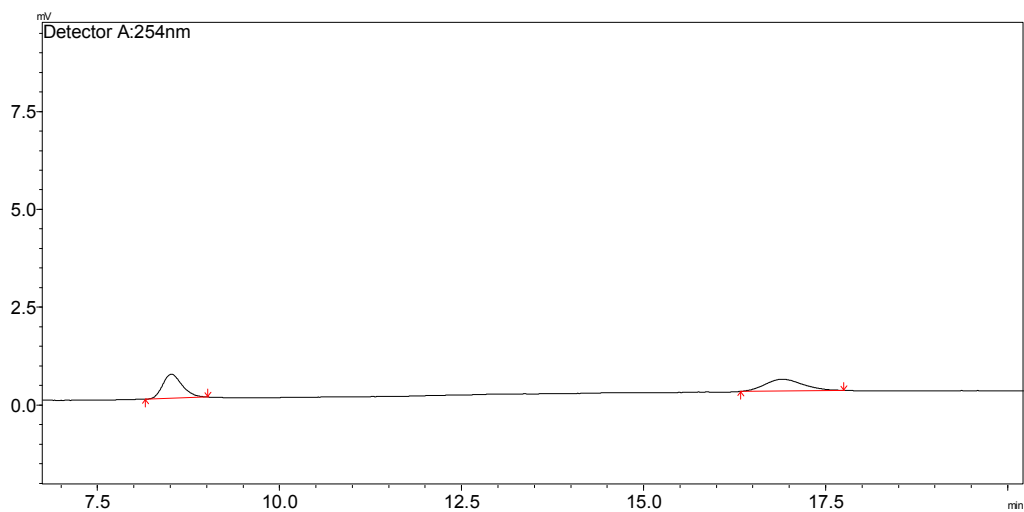
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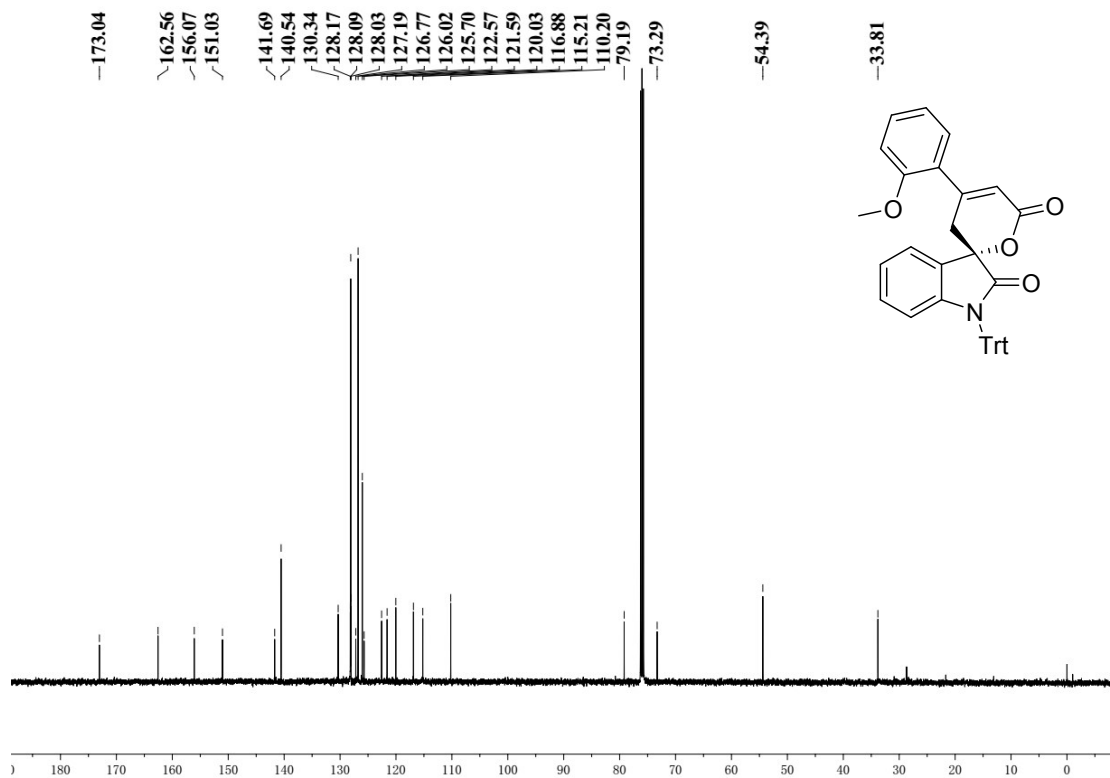
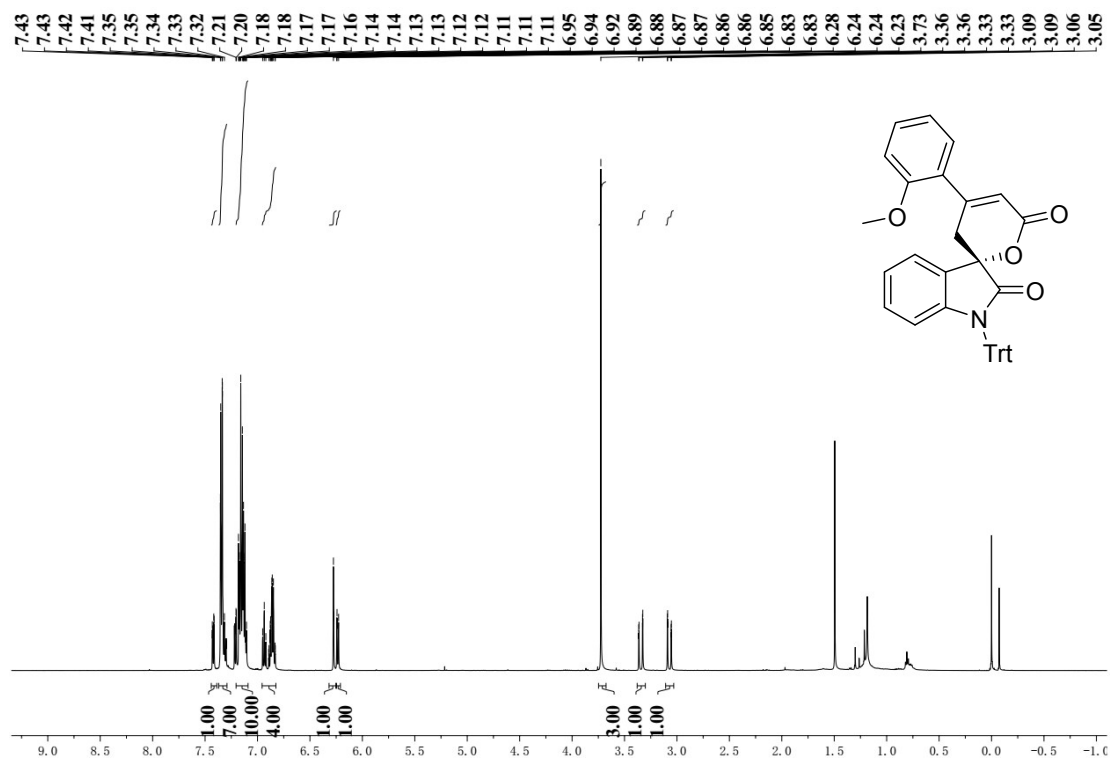
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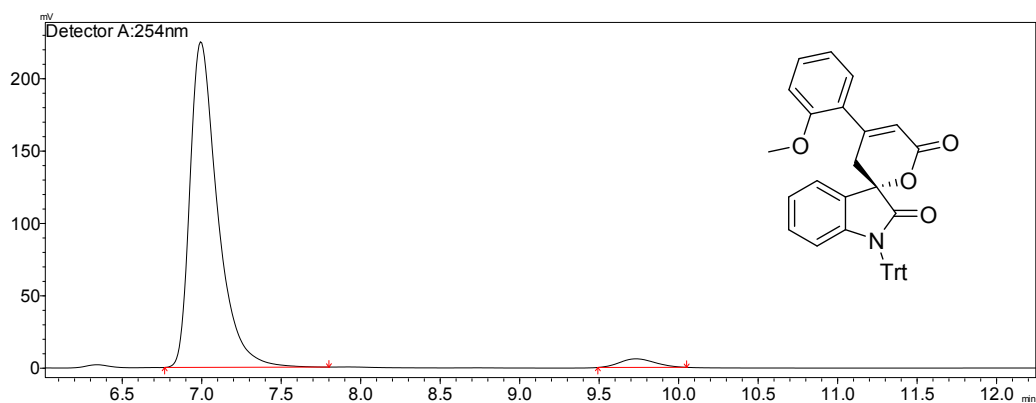
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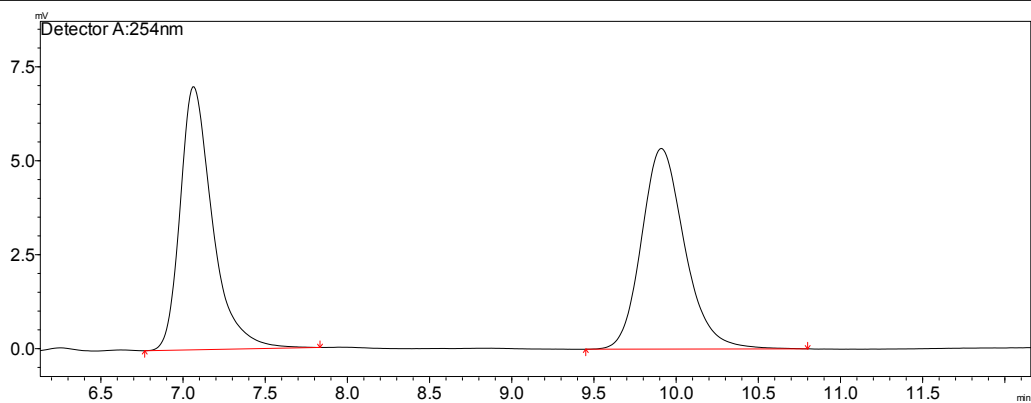
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Peak	Ret .Time	Area	Height	Area%	Height%
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Peak	Ret .Time	Area	Height	Area%	Height%
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