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Ruthenium-catalyzed dynamic kinetic asymmetric transfer hydrogenation: stereoselective access to 2-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1- isoquinolyl)ethanol derivatives

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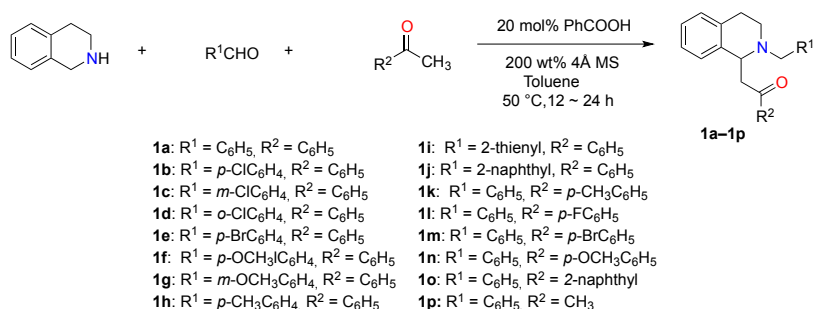
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I. General informations

All manipulations were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography carried out on precoated silica gel plates (E. Merck ref. 5554 60 F254) and revealed with either a ultra-violet lamp ($\lambda = 254$ nm) or a potassium permanganate solution. The nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker AV300 or AV400 instruments. The chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) referenced to residual chloroform (7.26 ppm for ^1H and 77.16 ppm for ^{13}C). Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz and refer to apparent peak multiplicities. The following abbreviations are used: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal. Melting points were determined with a Kofler Heizbank 7841 apparatus and are uncorrected. Mass spectrometry analyses (direct introduction by chemical ionization with ammoniac or electrospray) were performed at Chimie ParisTech. High resolution mass spectra were performed at the University Pierre and Marie Curie (Paris). Sigma-Aldrich Silica gel (high-purity grade, pore size 60 Å, 230-400 mesh particle size, 40-63 μm particle size) was employed for flash column chromatography. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using commercial silica-gel plates (Merck 60 F254), spots were detected with UV light (254 nm) and revealed with a KMnO_4 or ninhydrin stain solution. All reagents were used as received from commercial sources.

II. General procedure for the preparation of THIQ-derived β -amino ketones **1a–1q**¹

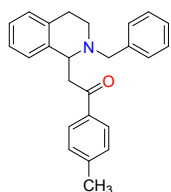
A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 4Å molecular sieves (200 wt% of aldehyde), benzoic acid (2.4 mmol, 0.2 equiv), toluene (60 mL), aldehyde (12.0 mmol, 1 equiv), aryl methyl ketone (18.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) or acetone (3.0 equiv) and tetrahydroisoquinoline (THIQ) (18.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12–24 h at which time the aldehyde was consumed as detected by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and filtered through a short pad of celite that was then rinsed with EtOAc (100 mL). The filtrate was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (3 x 40 mL). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ or Na₂SO₄. Solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by silica gel chromatography. After column chromatography, the remaining impurity was removed using a Kugelrohr apparatus (0.001 mbar, 100 °C).



Compounds **1a–1j** and **1p** were synthesized according to the general procedure and their NMR data matched those reported.¹

III. Analytical data for compounds **1k–1o**

2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethan-1-one (**1k**)



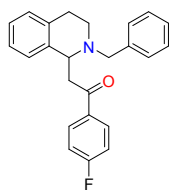
Synthesized according to the general procedure: 1.3 g (37% yield), pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.11 (m, 11H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.04–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 5.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 4.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.7, 143.7, 139.3, 138.5, 135.2, 134.4, 129.4 (2C), 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C),

¹ W. Chen, D. Seidel, *Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 3158–3161.

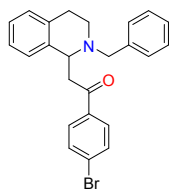
128.2 (2C), 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 126.1, 58.5, 58.0, 45.7, 42.4, 24.5, 21.8.

2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-one (1l)



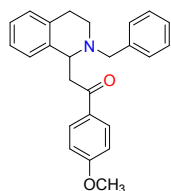
Synthesized according to the general procedure: 1.4 g (39% yield), pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.06 (m, 11H), 4.54 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, J = 15.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.11 (m, 2H), 3.05–2.94 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.53 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 165.7 (d, J_{CF} = 252.8 Hz), 139.1, 138.1, 134.4, 134.0 (d, J_{CF} = 2.4 Hz), 131.0 (d, J_{CF} = 9.2 Hz, 2C), 129.4, 128.9 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 115.7 (d, J_{CF} = 21.8 Hz, 2C), 58.4, 58.0, 45.9, 42.5, 24.3; ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –106.7.

2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (1m)



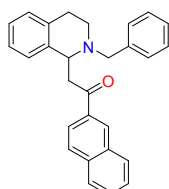
Synthesized according to the general procedure: 1.4 g (39% yield), pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.07 (m, 9H), 4.52 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.05–2.94 (m, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 13.1, 5.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (ddd, J = 16.4, 4.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 139.0, 137.9, 136.3, 134.4, 132.0 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 129.4, 128.9 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 58.4, 58.0, 45.9, 42.5, 24.2.

2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (1n)



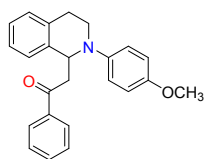
Synthesized according to the general procedure: 1.48 g (40% yield), pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.12 (m, 9H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.62–4.57 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.10 (m, 2H), 2.99 (ddd, J = 16.4, 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.63–2.55 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.6, 163.5, 139.3, 138.5, 134.4, 130.7, 130.6 (2C), 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 126.1, 113.8 (2C), 58.6, 58.1, 55.6, 45.5, 42.6, 24.6.

2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1o)



Synthesized according to the general procedure: 0.7 g (30% yield), pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.88 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.11 (m, 9H), 4.66 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80–3.68 (m, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, J = 16.7, 10.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.64–2.56 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 139.2, 138.4, 135.7, 135.0, 134.5, 132.7, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9 (2C), 128.52, 128.47, 128.2 (2C), 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 126.2, 124.3, 58.6, 58.1, 46.0, 42.5, 24.5.

1-phenyl-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethan-1-one (1q**)**²



A mixture of DDQ (10 mol%, 33.1 mg, 146.0 μ mol), AIBN (24.0 mg, 14.6 μ mol), *N*-4-methoxyphenyl tetrahydroisoquinoline (350 mg, 1.46 mmol) and acetophenone (877 mg, 7.30 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) were heated at 60 °C under an oxygen atmosphere (balloon) for 24 h. The

solvent was removed under vacuum, then water was added. After extraction with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/20 to 1/10) to afford the desired product **1q** (220 mg, 42% yield) as a pale yellow solid. Analytical data of **1q** matched those reported in the literature.³

² K. Alagiri, P. Devadig, K. R. Prabhu, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2012**, *18*, 5160–5164

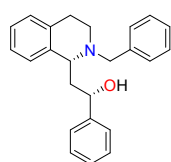
³ Y. Shen, M. Li, S. Wang, T. Zhan, Z. Tan, C.-C. Guo, *Chem. Commun.* **2009**, 953.

IV. General procedure for the ATH-DKR of THIQ-derived β -amino ketones 1a–1q

In a round-bottom tube, charged with complex (*S,S*)-**4b** (5.0 μ mol, 0.012 equiv) was added under argon a solution of the ketone **1** (0.42 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (1.3 mL), then $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}/\text{NEt}_3$ (5:2) azeotropic mixture (97 μ L, 1.15 mmol, 2.75 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 24 h, then filtered through a short pad of silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/4) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/10 to 1/8) to afford compounds **2:3** as a mixture of diastereomers.

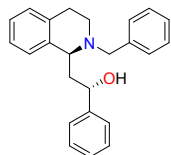
V. Analytical data for compounds 2a–2p

(*S*)-2-((*R*)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**2a**)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.59 (br s, 1H), 7.42–6.93 (m, 14H), 4.95 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92, 3.84 (ABq, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.60–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.17–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 144.8, 137.7, 136.4, 133.2, 129.5, 129.4 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8 (2C), 125.5, 75.5, 62.2, 57.3, 44.6, 40.8, 21.5.

(*S*)-2-((*S*)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**3a**)



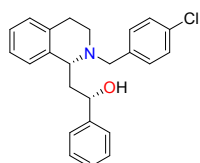
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.59 (br s, 1H), 7.42–6.93 (m, 14H), 4.87 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.60–3.47 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_{16'}$), 3.31 (ddd, J = 12.8, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.46 (ddd, J = 14.8, 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27–2.15 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.4, 137.7, 136.6, 134.9, 129.3 (2C), 129.1, 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.4, 125.8, 125.5 (2C), 72.3, 60.3, 58.3, 43.5, 42.2, 25.0.

Colourless oil, (**2a:3a**): 76% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 68/32, ee_{syn} = 98%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ 344.2014, found 344.2016.

HPLC (**2a:3a**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*anti*) 10.38 min, t_R (*syn*) 13.94 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 25.38 min (minor).

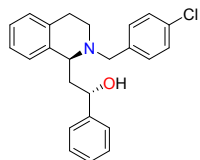
(*S*)-2-((*R*)-2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**2b**)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.51–6.86 (m, 14H), 4.92 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.11–4.01 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89, 3.78 (ABq, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16–2.95 (m,

2H), 2.56 (dd, $J = 16.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.79 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.7, 136.2, 136.1, 133.6, 133.0, 130.7 (2C), 129.1, 129.0 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.4, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 125.7 (2C), 75.5, 62.2, 56.5, 44.6, 41.0, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3b)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.67–6.74 (m, 14H), 4.86 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.91 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.53 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.46 (ddd, $J = 14.9, 8.3, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.25–2.15 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.1,

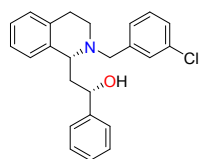
136.3, 134.7, 133.6, 133.0, 130.8 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.1, 128.2 (2C), 127.4, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4 (2C), 72.2, 60.1, 57.5, 43.7, 42.1, 24.9.

Colourless oil, (**2b:3b**): 73% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 66/34, $\text{ee}_{\text{syn}} = 97\%$, $\text{ee}_{\text{anti}} = 99\%$.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}$ 378.1624, found 378.1627.

HPLC (**2b:3b**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 215$ nm; t_R (*anti*) 11.15 min, t_R (*syn*) 14.00 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 27.63 min (minor).

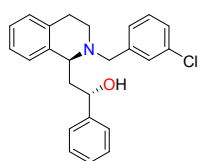
(S)-2-((R)-2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2c)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.42–6.94 (m, 14H), 4.96 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 11.7, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.15–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 16.7, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.27–2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 144.7,

139.8, 136.1, 134.6, 133.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4 (2C), 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 126.6, 125.8 (2C), 75.5, 62.5, 56.8, 44.7, 40.9, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3c)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.42–6.94 (m, 14H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.33 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 7.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.93–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.13 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.2, 139.8,

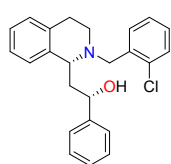
136.4, 134.7, 134.6, 130.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.4 (2C), 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 125.4 (2C), 72.2, 60.2, 57.8, 43.7, 42.2, 25.0.

Colourless oil, (**2c:3c**): 70% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 66/34, $\text{ee}_{\text{syn}} = 96\%$, $\text{ee}_{\text{anti}} = 98\%$.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}$ 378.1624, found 378.1626.

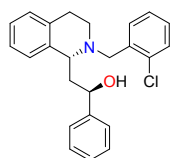
HPLC (**2c:3c**): Chiralpak IB, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 215$ nm; t_R (*anti*) 10.54 min, t_R (*anti*) 13.35 min, t_R (*syn*) 14.97 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 17.34 min (minor).

(S)-2-((R)-2-(2-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2d)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.38–6.70 (m, 14H), 4.76 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.41 (m, 1H), 3.15–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.70 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 144.8, 136.5, 135.5, 135.2, 133.2, 131.6, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3 (2C), 127.7, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5 (2C), 125.8, 125.4, 75.5, 62.0, 55.0, 44.2, 41.8, 22.0.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(2-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3d)



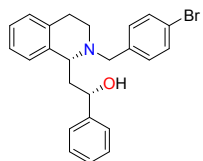
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.38–6.70 (m, 14H), 4.66 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.38–3.31 (m, 1H), 3.15–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.92–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.97 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.2, 136.6, 135.6, 135.3, 134.5, 131.7, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3 (3C), 127.2, 127.0, 126.5 (2C), 125.8, 125.4, 72.2, 58.9, 54.4, 45.0, 42.4, 24.6.

Colourless oil, (**2d:3d**): 61% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 51/49, ee_{*syn*} = 96%, ee_{*anti*} = 98%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}$ 378.1624, found 378.1630.

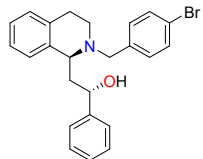
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(S)-2-((R)-2-(4-bromobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2e)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.52–6.91 (m, 14H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87, 3.76 (ABq, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.59–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.13–2.97 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 144.7, 136.8, 136.1, 133.0, 132.0 (2C), 131.1 (2C), 129.4, 128.3 (2C), 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7 (2C), 125.4, 121.7, 75.5, 62.2, 56.6, 44.6, 41.0, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(4-bromobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3e)



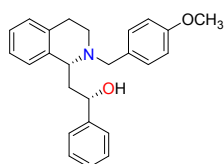
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.52–6.91 (m, 14H), 4.85 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.87 (m, 2H), 3.59–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.26 (m, 1H), 2.90–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.1, 136.8, 136.3, 134.6, 132.0 (2C), 131.2 (2C), 129.1, 128.2 (2C), 127.4, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7 (2C), 125.4, 121.7, 72.2, 60.0, 57.6, 43.7, 42.1, 24.9.

Colourless oil, (**2e:3e**): 75% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 67/33, ee_{*syn*} = 98%, ee_{*anti*} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{25}BrNO$ 422.1119, found 422.1119.

HPLC (**2e:3e**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*anti*) 11.12 min, t_R (*syn*) 14.03 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 30.17 min (minor).

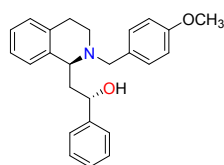
(S)-2-((R)-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2f)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 7.60 (br s, 1H), 7.41–6.91 (m, 13H), 4.92 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.85–3.76 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.59–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.15–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.53 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dd, J = 14.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR

(75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 159.2, 144.9, 136.4, 133.3, 130.6 (2C), 129.8, 129.3, 128.3 (2C), 128.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.4, 125.8 (2C), 114.2 (2C), 75.5, 61.9, 56.5, 55.4, 44.6, 40.8, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3f)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*anti*) δ 7.60 (br s, 1H), 7.41–6.91 (m, 13H), 4.86 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96–3.91 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.59–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 12.2, 7.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.13 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR

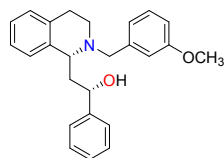
(75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*anti*) δ 159.2, 145.4, 136.6, 135.0, 130.7 (2C), 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 125.5 (2C), 114.2 (2C), 72.3, 60.0, 57.5, 55.4, 43.4, 42.1, 25.1.

Colourless oil, (**2f:3f**): 83% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 68/32, ee_{syn} = 97%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}NO_2$ 374.2120, found 374.2121.

HPLC (**2f:3f**): Chiralpak IA, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*syn*) 11.58 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 14.30 min (minor), t_R (*anti*) 41.11 min.

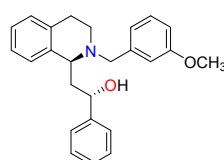
(S)-2-((R)-2-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2g)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 7.62–6.81 (m, 14H), 4.94 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01–3.77 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.61–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.00 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ

160.0, 144.9, 139.4, 136.4, 133.2, 129.8, 129.4, 128.3 (2C), 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8 (2C), 125.5, 121.7, 114.6, 113.6, 75.5, 62.1, 57.3, 55.4, 44.7, 41.1, 21.6.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3g)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*anti*) δ 7.62–6.81 (m, 14H), 4.87 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01–3.77 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.61–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.36–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.92–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.67

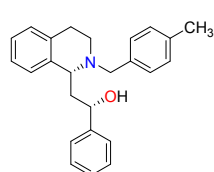
(m, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.26–2.15 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) 160.0, 145.4, 139.4, 136.6, 134.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.2 (2C), 127.4, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8 (2C), 125.5, 121.7, 114.9, 113.3, 72.3, 60.3, 58.3, 55.4, 43.6, 42.3, 25.1.

Colourless oil, (**2g:3g**): 70% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 65/35, ee_{syn} = 98%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2$ 374.2120, found 374.2124.

HPLC (**2g:3g**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*anti*) 11.74 min, t_R (*syn*) 17.62 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 27.27 min (minor).

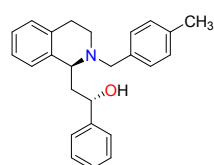
(*S*)-2-((*R*)-2-(4-methylbenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**2h**)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.61 (br s, 1H), 7.41–6.92 (m, 13H), 4.94 (dd, J = 10.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88, 3.80 (ABq, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 3.57–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.16–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.82 (m, 1H); ^{13}C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 144.9, 137.4, 136.5, 134.7, 133.3, 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.8 (2C), 125.5, 75.5, 62.1, 56.9, 44.6, 40.8, 21.5, 21.3.

(*S*)-2-((*S*)-2-(4-methylbenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**3h**)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.61 (br s, 1H), 7.41–6.92 (m, 13H), 4.86 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.92 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, J = 12.7, 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26–2.14 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75

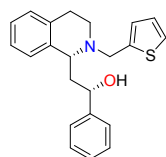
MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.4, 137.4, 136.6, 134.9, 134.60, 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.0, 128.2 (2C), 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 125.8 (2C), 125.5, 72.4, 60.2, 57.9, 43.4, 42.1, 25.0, 21.3.

Colourless oil, (**2h:3h**): 85% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 67/33, ee_{syn} = 98%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ 358.2170, found 358.2172.

HPLC (**2h:3h**): Chiralpak ID, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*syn*) 9.35 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 10.51 min (minor), t_R (*anti*) 22.34 min.

(*S*)-1-phenyl-2-((*R*)-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (**2i**)

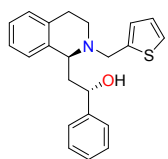


^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.43–6.92 (m, 13H), 5.01 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12–3.90 (m, 2H), 3.56 (ddd, J = 15.6, 13.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.53 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.88 (ddd, J = 14.9, 3.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)

(*syn*) δ 144.8, 141.4, 136.3, 133.1, 129.4, 128.3 (3C), 127.2, 126.8 (2C), 126.7, 126.5, 125.81 (2C), 125.77, 75.4, 62.0,

51.6, 44.9, 41.2, 21.5.

(S)-1-phenyl-2-((S)-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (3i)



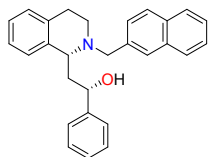
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.43–6.92 (m, 13H), 4.89 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12–3.90 (m, 3H), 3.38–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.95–2.75 (m, 3H), 2.47–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.12 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 145.3, 140.8, 136.5, 134.8, 129.1, 128.4 (3C), 127.4, 126.8 (2C), 126.7, 126.5, 125.6 (3C), 72.2, 59.7, 52.2, 43.3, 42.4, 25.0.

Colourless oil, (**2i:3i**): 59% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 71/29, ee_{syn} = 99%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NOS}$ 350.1578, found 350.1581.

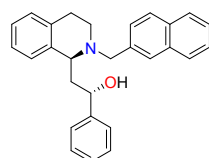
HPLC (**2i:3i**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*syn*) 13.89 min (minor), t_R (*syn*) 18.01 min (major), t_R (*anti*) 32.66 min.

(S)-2-((R)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2j)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.94–6.93 (m, 17H), 4.95–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.18–3.98 (m, 3H), 3.62–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.23–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dd, J = 16.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.83 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 136.4, 135.2, 133.4, 133.2, 133.1, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3 (4C), 127.9 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8 (2C), 75.5, 62.1, 57.5, 44.7, 41.1, 21.6.

(S)-2-((S)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3j)



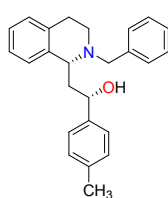
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.94–6.93 (m, 17H), 4.95–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.18–3.98 (m, 2H), 3.70 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.41–3.32 (m, 1H), 2.94–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.12 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 136.6, 134.8, 133.2, 133.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3 (4C), 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.1, 125.5 (2C), 72.4, 60.1, 58.4, 43.6, 42.2, 24.9.

Colourless oil, (**2j:3j**): 78% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 68/32, ee_{syn} = 99%, ee_{anti} = 99%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ 394.2170, found 394.2173.

HPLC (**2j:3j**): Chiralpak IC, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*syn*) 13.89 min (minor), t_R (*syn*) 18.01 min (major), t_R (*anti*) 32.66 min.

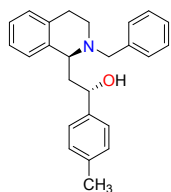
(S)-2-((R)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-ol (2k)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.55 (br s, 1H), 7.46–6.93 (m, 13H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91, 3.83 (ABq, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 3.55–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.16–2.98 (m, 2H), 2.54 (dd, J = 16.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H),

2.32 (s, 3H), 2.27–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.81 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (*syn*) δ 141.9, 137.7, 136.7, 136.5, 133.2, 129.4 (2C), 129.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2, 127.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.7 (2C), 75.4, 62.3, 57.3, 43.4, 40.8, 21.5, 21.2

(S)-2-((S)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-ol (3k)



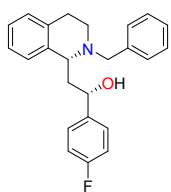
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 7.55 (br s, 1H), 7.46–6.93 (m, 13H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.29 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 8.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.70–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27–2.09 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 142.4, 137.7, 136.7, 136.2, 134.9, 129.5 (2C), 129.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 127.7, 127.4, 126.4, 126.3, 125.4 (2C), 72.2, 60.4, 58.3, 44.7, 42.2, 25.0, 21.2.

Colourless oil, (**2k:3k**): 78% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 64/36, ee_{syn} = 99%, ee_{anti} = 95%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₈NO 358.2170, found 358.2173.

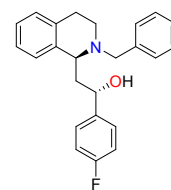
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(S)-2-((R)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-ol (2l)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (*syn*) δ 7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.30–6.82 (m, 13H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82, 3.71 (ABq, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.46–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.07–2.89 (m, 2H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.08–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (*syn*) δ 160.2 (*J* = 242.8 Hz), 140.7, 137.7, 136.2, 133.2, 129.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5 (2C), 115.0 (*J* = 21.1 Hz, 2C), 74.9, 62.1, 57.3, 44.7, 40.9, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-ol (3l)



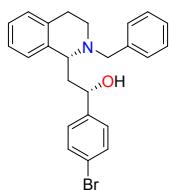
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.30–6.82 (m, 13H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.46–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.21 (ddd, *J* = 12.6, 7.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.63–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.26 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 163.5 (*J* = 233.9 Hz), 141.1, 137.6, 136.4, 134.9, 129.4 (2C), 129.1, 128.8 (2C), 128.2, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7 (2C), 115.0 (*J* = 21.1 Hz, 2C), 71.7, 60.1, 58.4, 44.0, 42.2, 25.3.

Colourless oil, (**2l:3l**): 71% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 68/32, ee_{syn} = 98%, ee_{anti} = 98%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₅FNO 362.1920, found 362.1923.

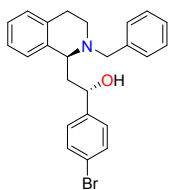
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(S)-2-((R)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethan-1-ol (2m)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.72 (br s, 1H), 7.45–6.90 (m, 13H), 4.88 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91, 3.81 (ABq, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.56–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.09 (m, 2H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.77 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 143.9, 137.6, 136.1, 133.2, 131.4 (2C), 129.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.2, 127.8, 127.5 (2C), 126.8, 126.5, 120.8, 74.9, 62.1, 57.2, 44.5, 40.9, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethan-1-ol (3m)



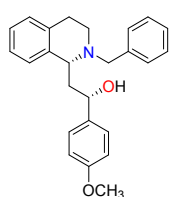
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.72 (br s, 1H), 7.45–6.90 (m, 13H), 4.79 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.92 (m, 2H), 3.56–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.33 (m, 1H), 2.92–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 144.5, 137.6, 136.1, 134.8, 131.4 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.1, 128.9 (2C), 128.2, 127.8, 127.3 (2C), 126.8, 126.5, 120.3, 71.8, 59.9, 58.3, 43.9, 41.9, 25.0.

Colourless oil, (**2m:3m**): 60% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 69/31, ee_{*syn*} = 96%, ee_{*anti*} = 98%.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}$ 422.1119, found 422.1120.

HPLC (**2m:3m**): Chiralpak IB, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.5 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*anti*) 16.47 min (minor), t_R (*anti*) 18.53 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 19.67 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 23.50 min (minor).

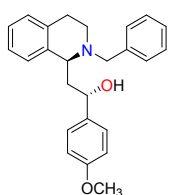
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Sticky yellow oil, (**2n:3n**): 79% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 61/39, ee_{*syn*} = 98%, ee_{*anti*} = 99%.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 7.43–7.25 (m, 8H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 3H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.85 (m, 2H), 4.92–4.89 (m, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.84 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.17–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.80 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*syn*) δ 158.8, 137.7, 137.2, 136.4, 133.2, 129.4 (2C), 129.3, 128.8 (2C), 128.2, 127.7, 126.9 (2C), 126.6, 126.4, 113.7 (2C), 75.1, 62.2, 57.2, 55.3, 44.7, 40.8, 21.5.

(S)-2-((S)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol (3n)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.43–7.25 (m, 8H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.85 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.97 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.56–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 12.6, 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, J = 14.8, 8.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.25–2.11 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 158.4, 137.6, 137.5, 136.6, 134.9,

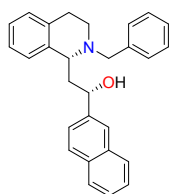
129.5 (2C), 129.0, 128.8 (2C), 128.7, 127.4, 126.9 (2C), 126.6, 126.3, 113.7 (2C), 71.8, 60.3, 58.3, 55.3, 43.5, 42.2, 25.1.

MS (ESI): $m/z = 374 [M + H]^+$.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): $m/z [M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}NO_2$ 374.2120, found 374.2121.

HPLC : Chiralpak IE, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 215$ nm; t_R [*syn* – (*R,S*)] = 48.55 min, t_R [*syn* – (*S,R*)] = 52.45 min, t_R (*anti*) = 58.91 min, t_R (*anti*) = 90.98 min.

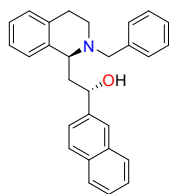
(*S*)-2-((*R*)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol (2o)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 7.92–7.81 (m, 5H), 7.54–7.34 (m, 8H), 7.22–6.93 (m, 4H), 5.13 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.8, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95, 3.88 (ABq, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.63–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.19–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.60–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.37–2.18 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.93 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 142.3, 137.7, 136.3, 133.6, 133.2, 132.9, 129.5 (2C), 129.4, 128.8 (2C), 128.2,

128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 125.5, 124.3, 124.2, 75.6, 62.3, 57.3, 44.5, 40.7, 21.5.

(*S*)-2-((*S*)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol (3o)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*anti*) δ 7.92–7.81 (m, 5H), 7.54–7.34 (m, 8H), 7.22–6.93 (m, 4H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.97 (m, 2H), 3.63–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.34 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 7.9, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.93–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.37–2.18 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*anti*) δ 142.8, 137.6, 136.5, 134.9, 133.6, 132.7, 129.5 (2C), 129.1, 128.8 (2C), 128.1 (2C),

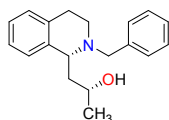
128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 126.0, 125.5, 124.1, 124.0, 72.4, 60.5, 58.3, 43.4, 42.0, 25.0.

Colourless oil, (**2o:3o**): 75% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 63/37, $ee_{syn} = 94\%$, $ee_{anti} = 98\%$.

HRMS (ESI/ion trap): $m/z [M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{28}H_{28}NO$ 394.2170, found 394.2173.

HPLC (2o:3o): Chiralpak IB, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 94:6, 0.7 mL/min, $\lambda = 215$ nm; t_R (*anti*) 14.63 min (minor), t_R (*syn*) 17.05 min (major), t_R (*anti*) 18.41 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 38.77 min (minor).

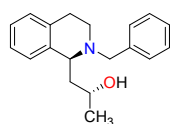
(*R*)-1-((*R*)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)propan-2-ol (2p)



1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 7.39–7.00 (m, 10H), 4.04–3.96 (m, 1H), 3.91 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (q, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.47–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, $J = 17.1, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.95–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (*syn*) δ 137.8, 136.7, 133.2, 129.3 (3C), 128.7 (2C), 128.2, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 69.1, 62.1, 57.2, 43.8, 40.8, 23.5, 21.5.

(R)-1-((S)-2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)propan-2-ol (3p)



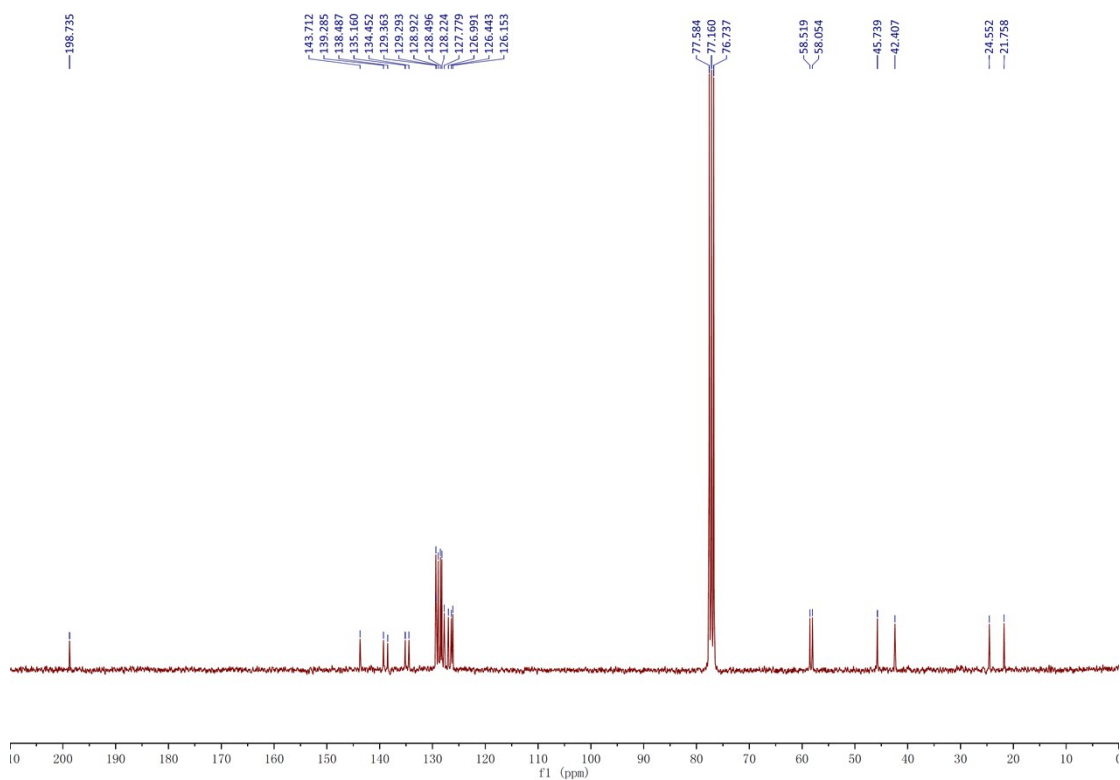
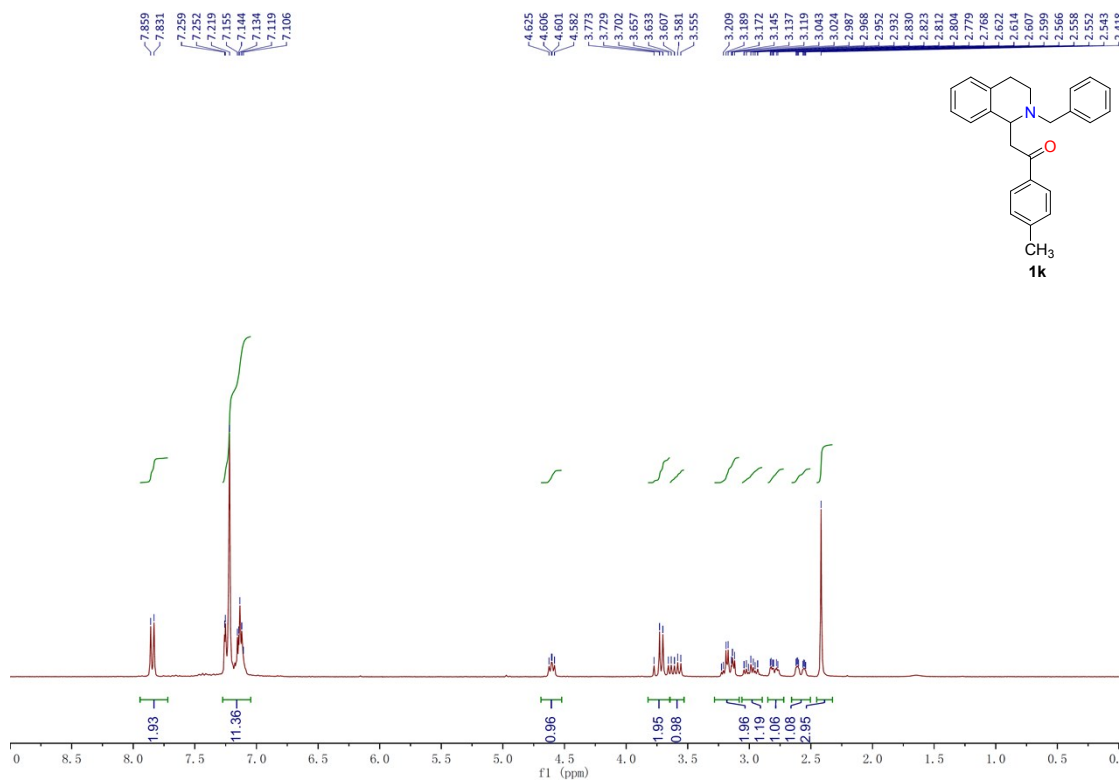
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) (*anti*) δ 7.37 – 7.03 (m, 9H), 6.23 (br s, 1H), 4.15 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.75 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dt, J = 11.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

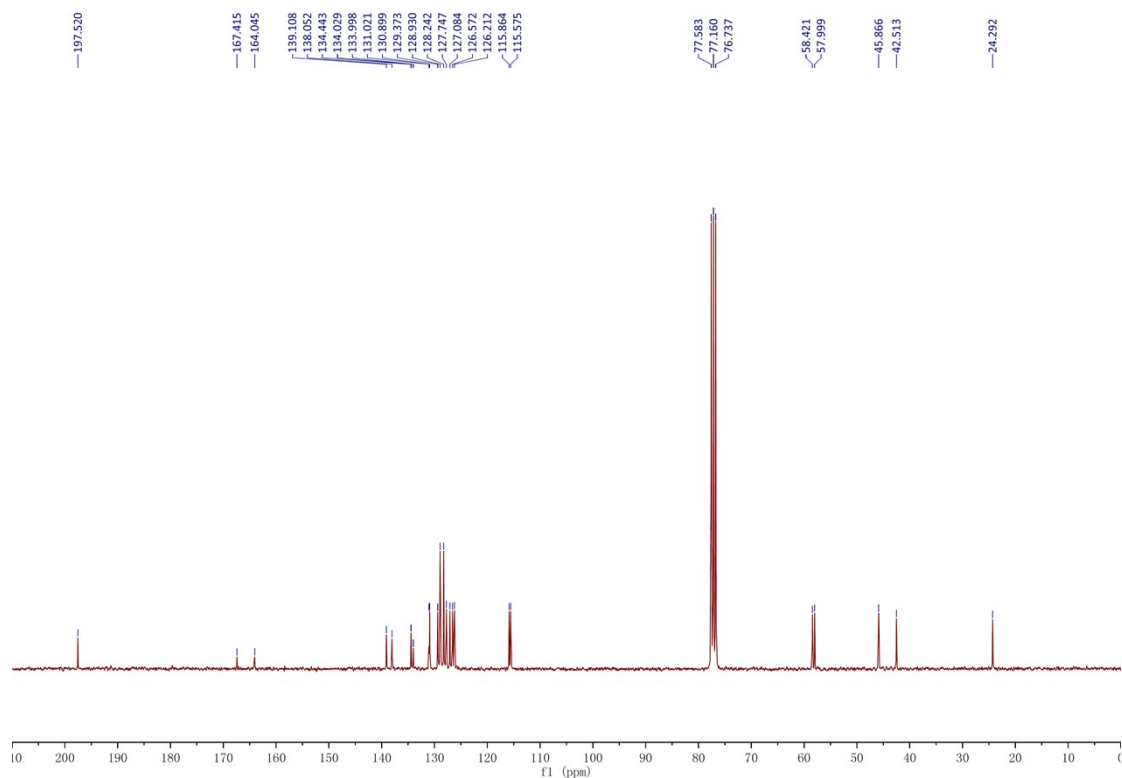
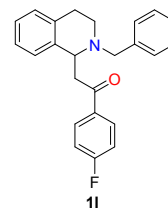
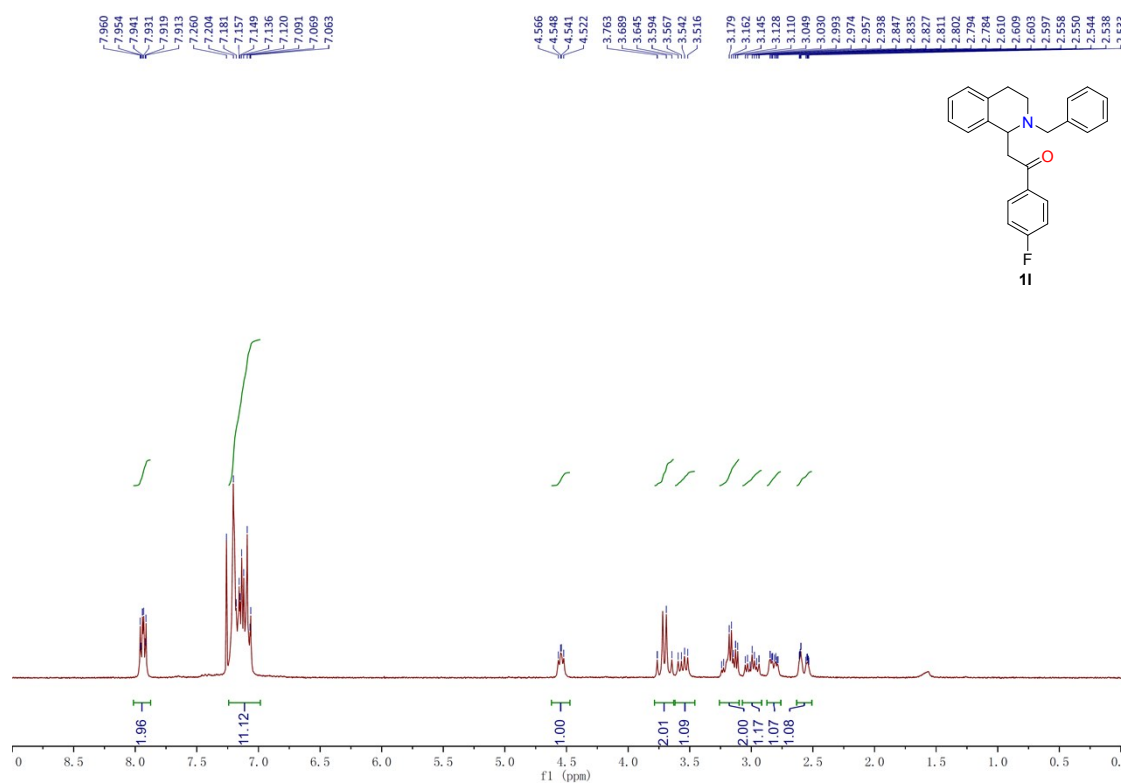
Colourless oil, (**2p:3p**): 65% yield, dr (*syn/anti*) = 71/29, ee_{*syn*} = 81%, ee_{*anti*} = 99%.

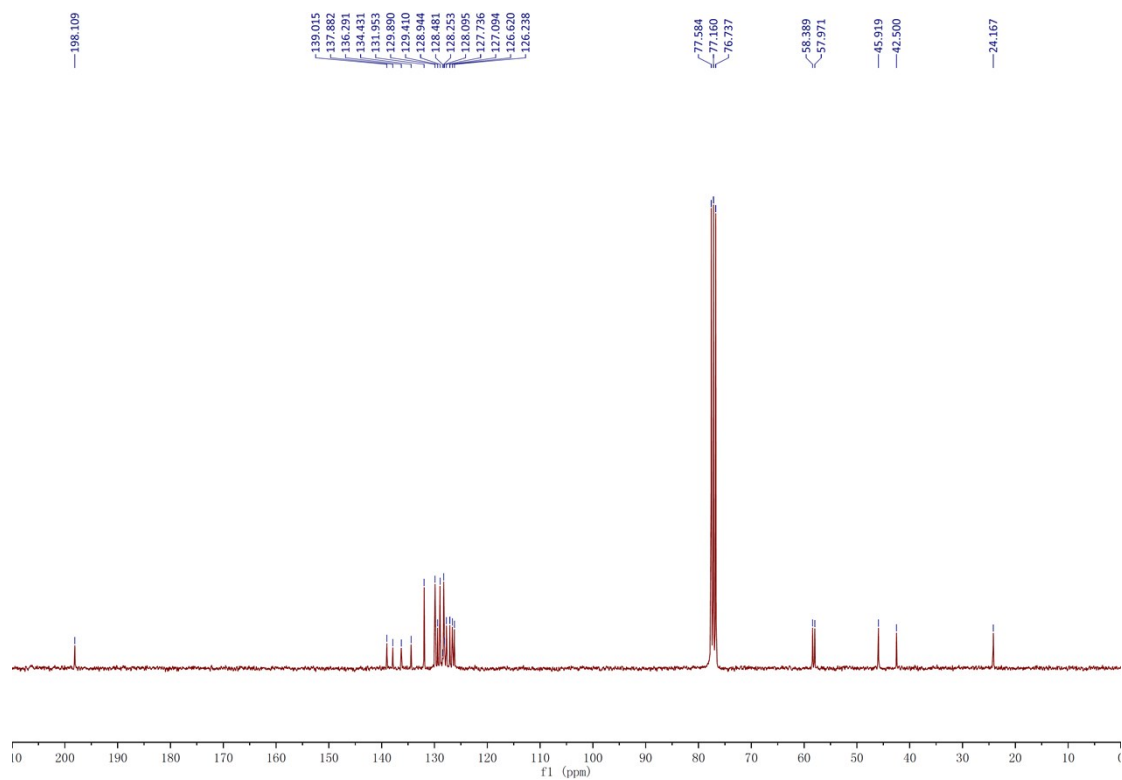
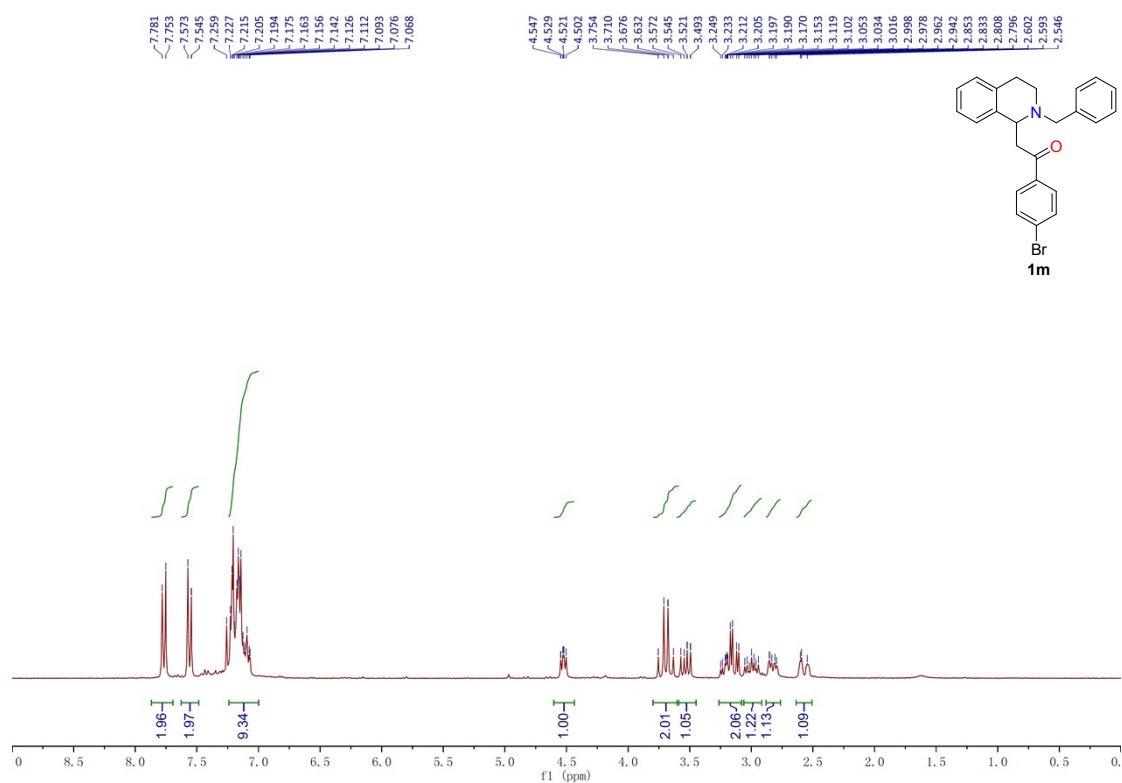
HRMS (ESI/ion trap): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ 282.1858, found 282.1861.

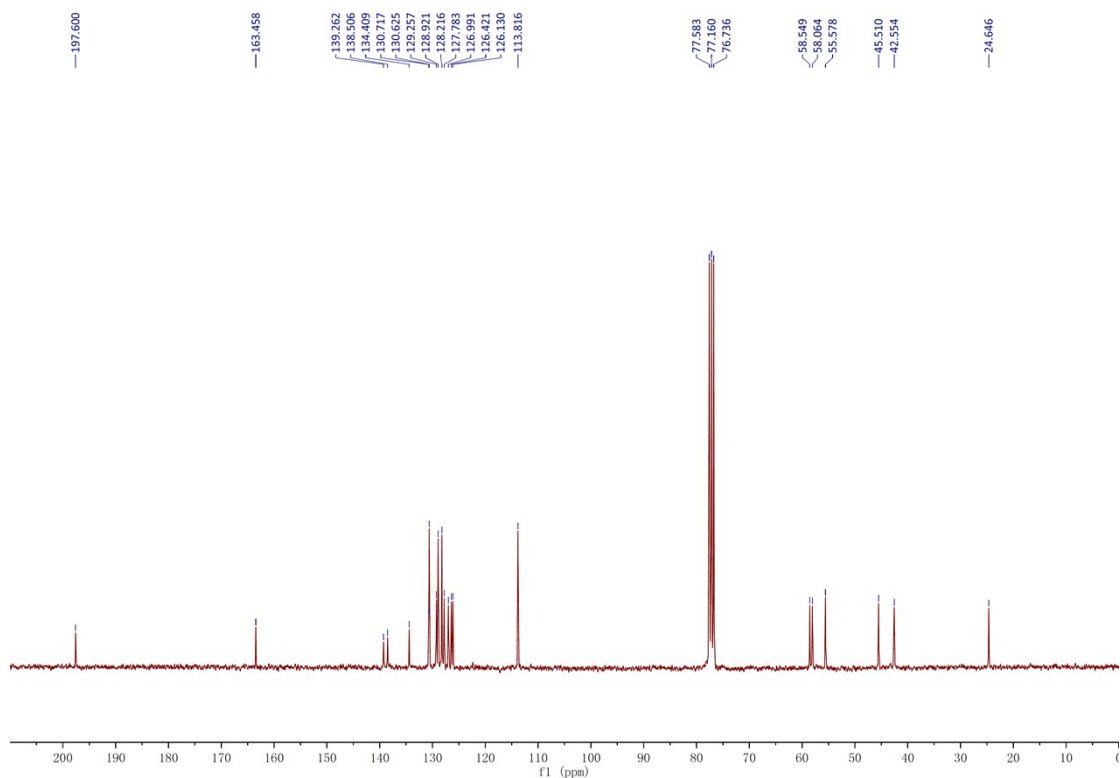
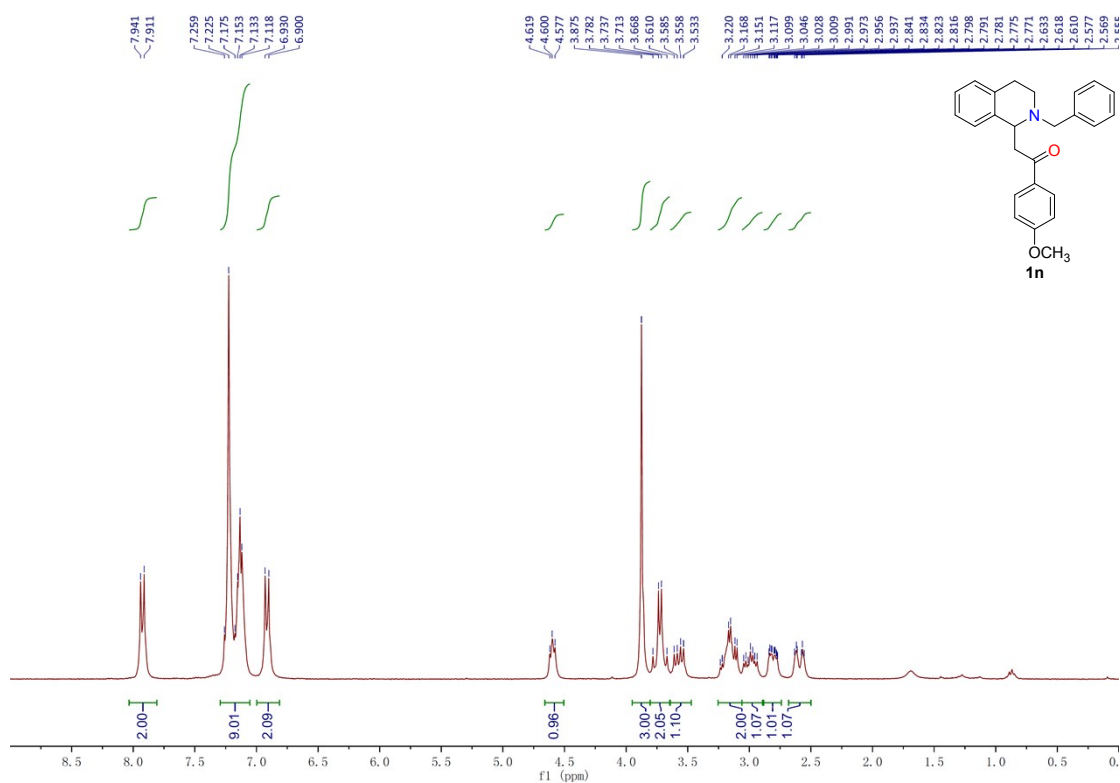
HPLC (**2p:3p**) : Chiralpak IA, Hexane : *i*-PrOH = 96 : 4, 0.6 mL/min, λ = 215 nm; t_R (*syn*) 14.29 min (major), t_R (*syn*) 17.17 min (minor), t_R (*anti*) 18.57 min.

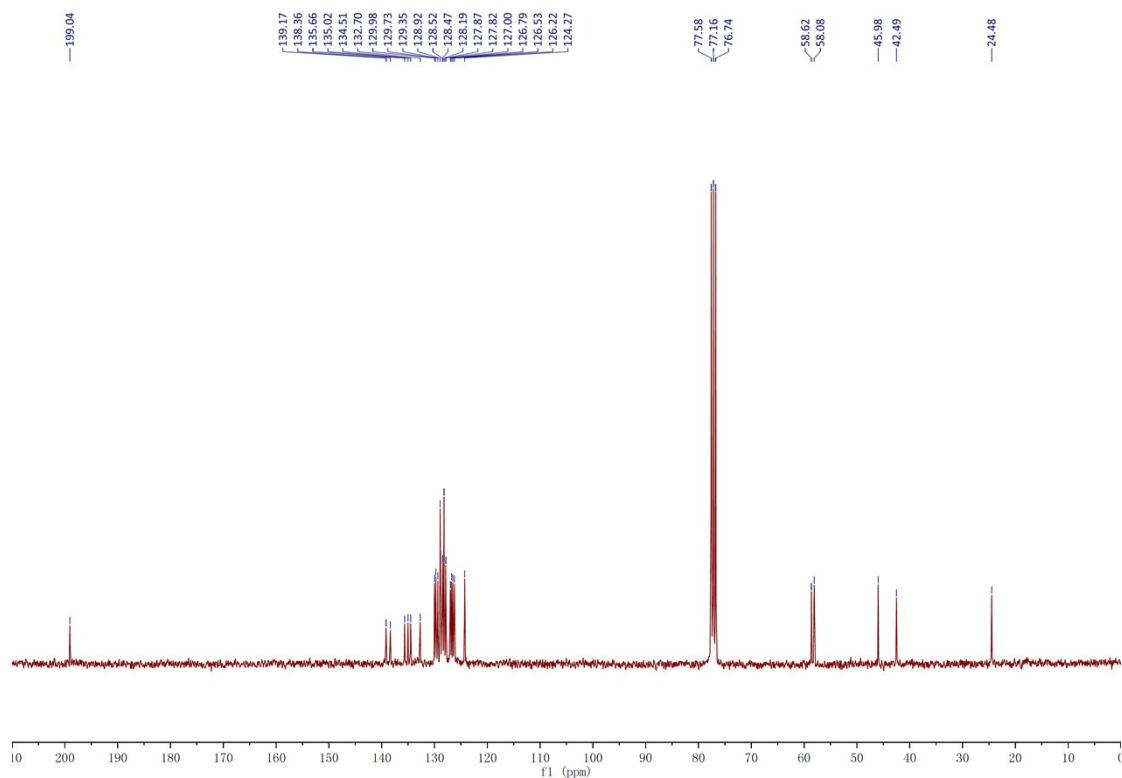
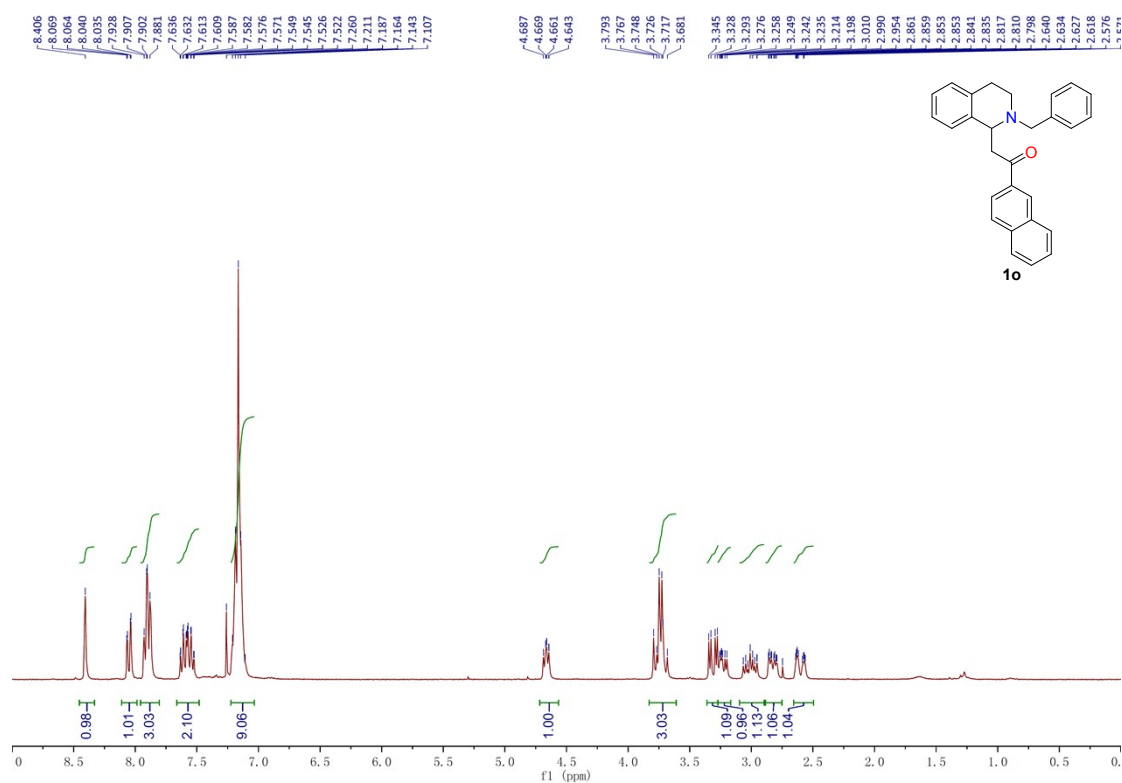
VI. NMR spectra of compounds 1k–1o



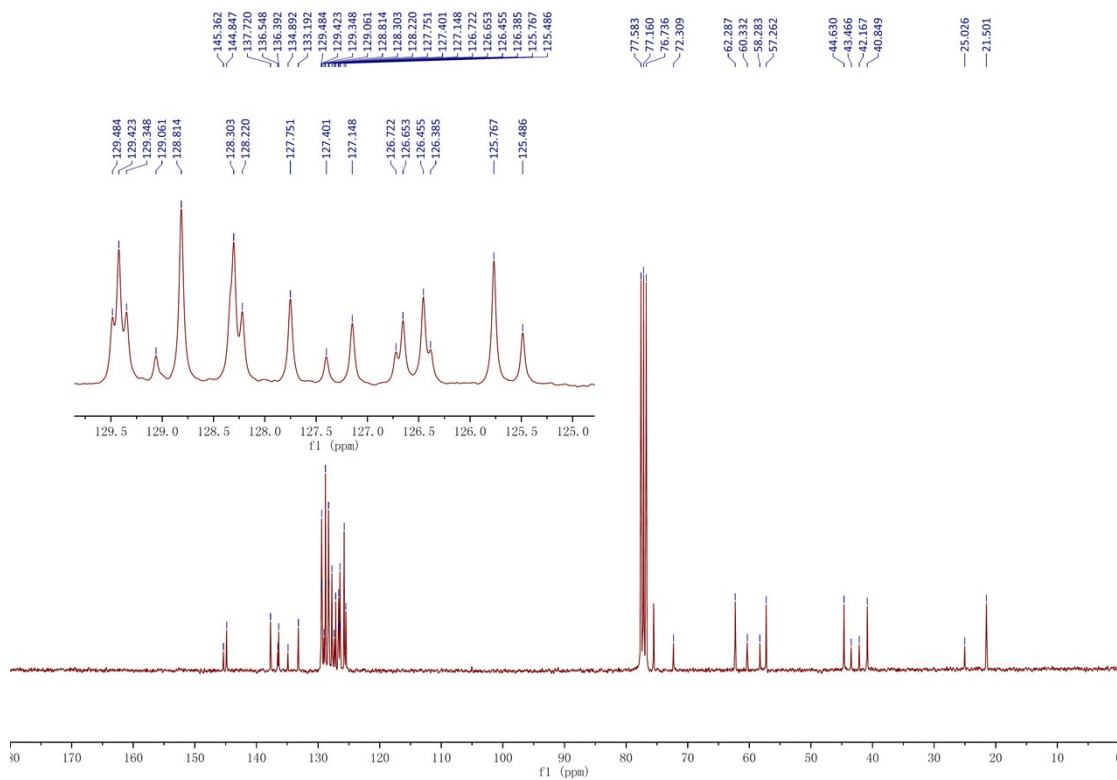
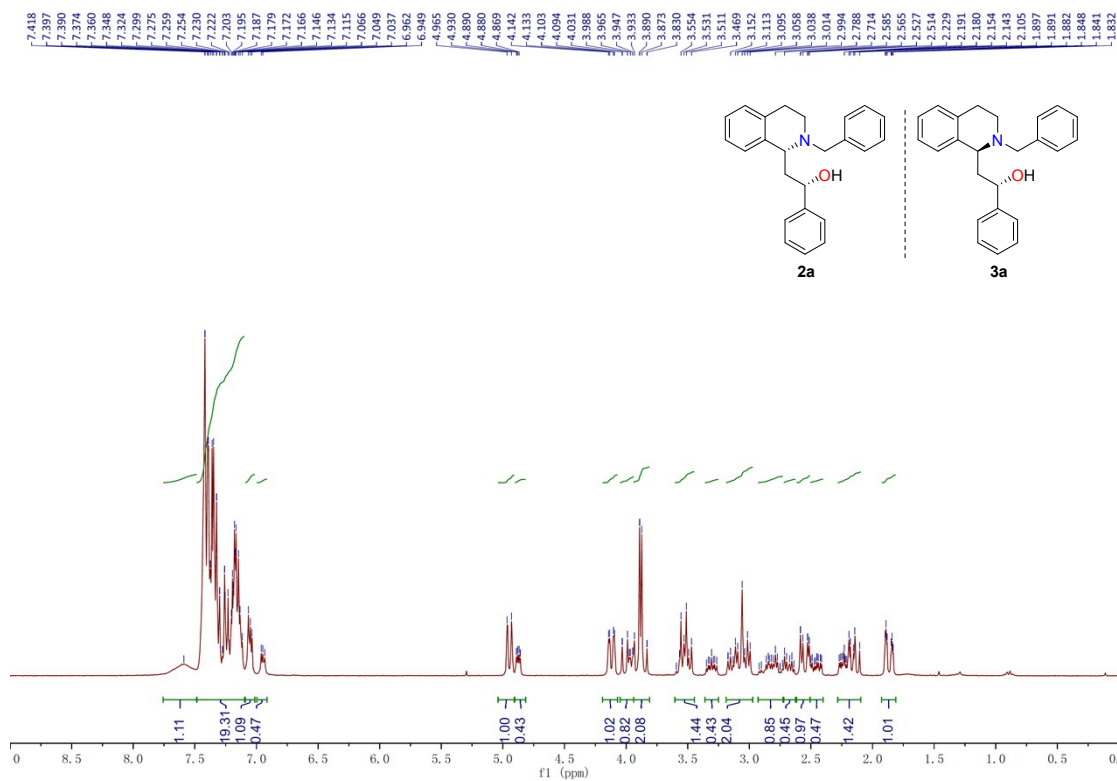


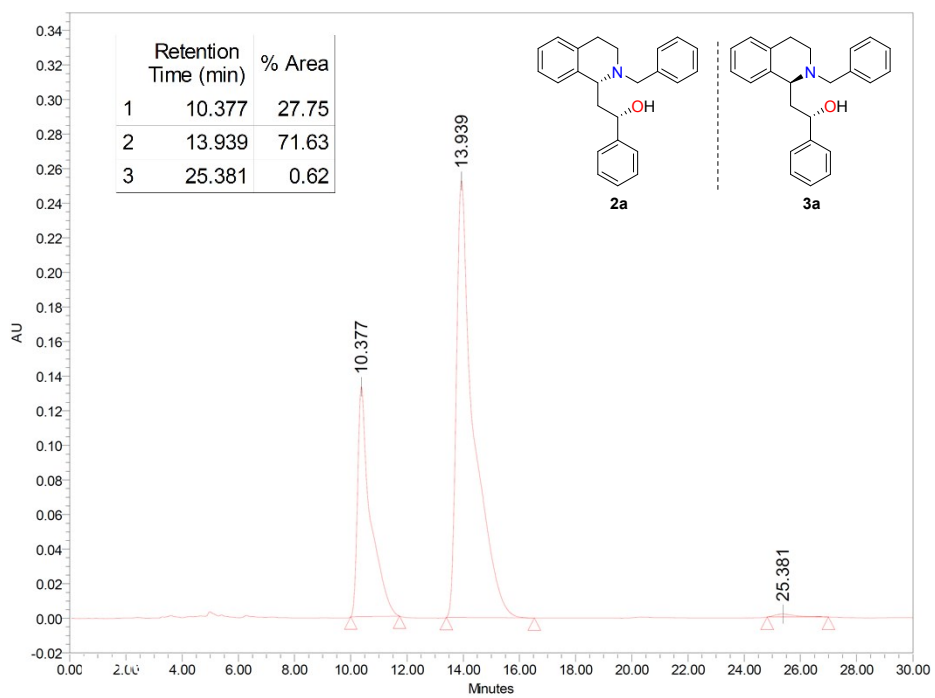
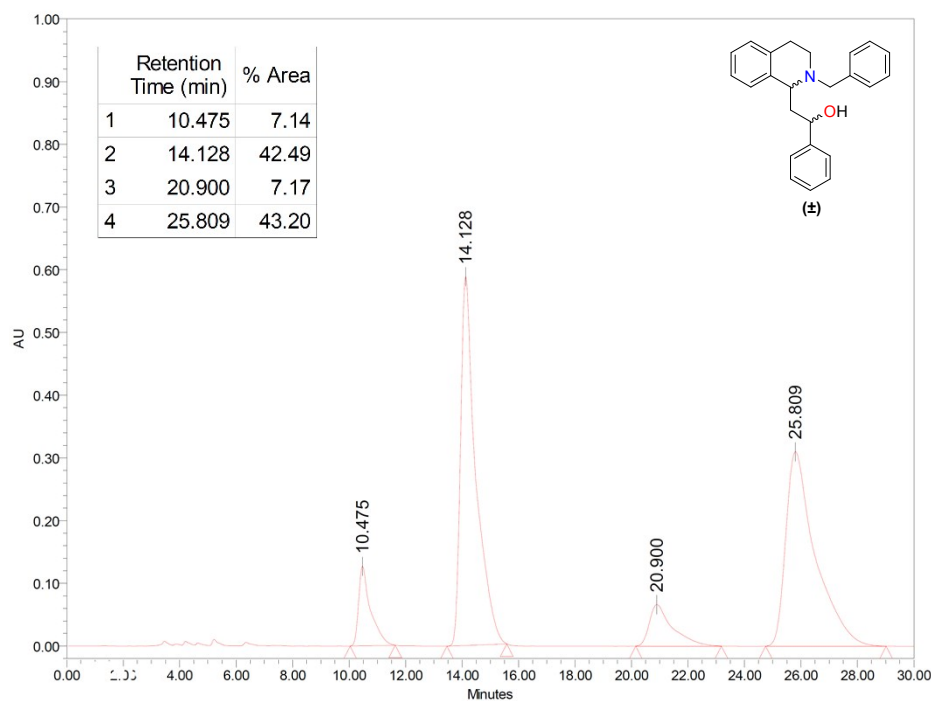


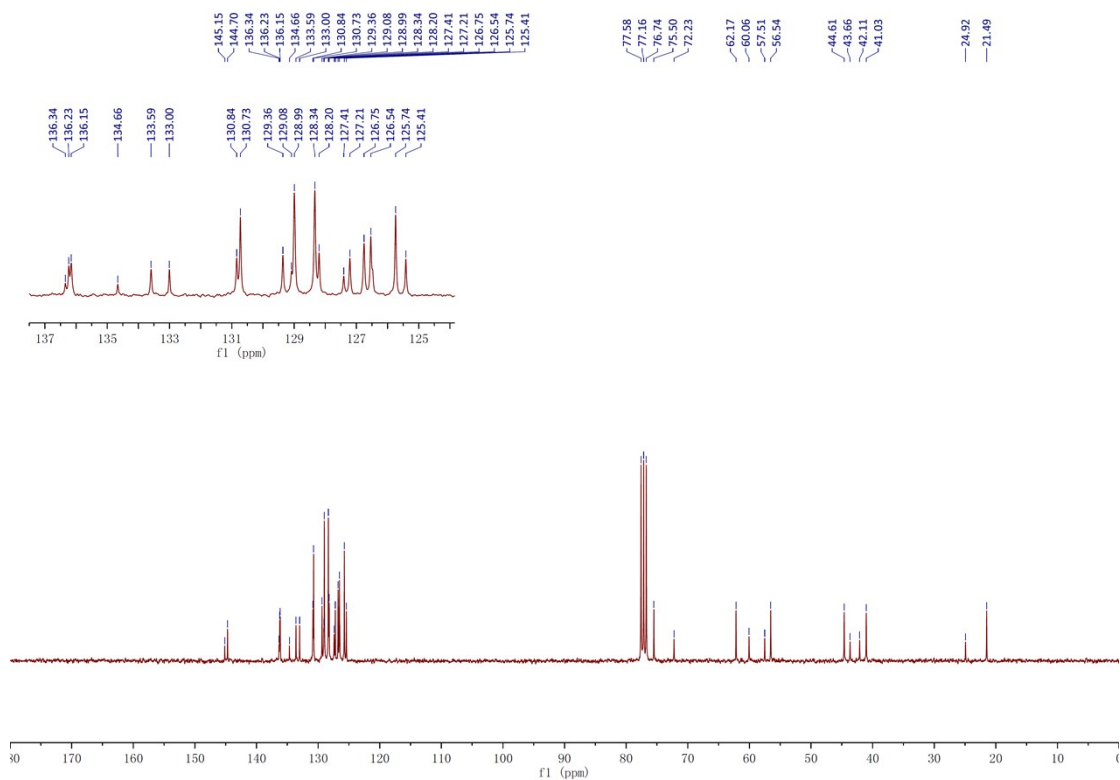
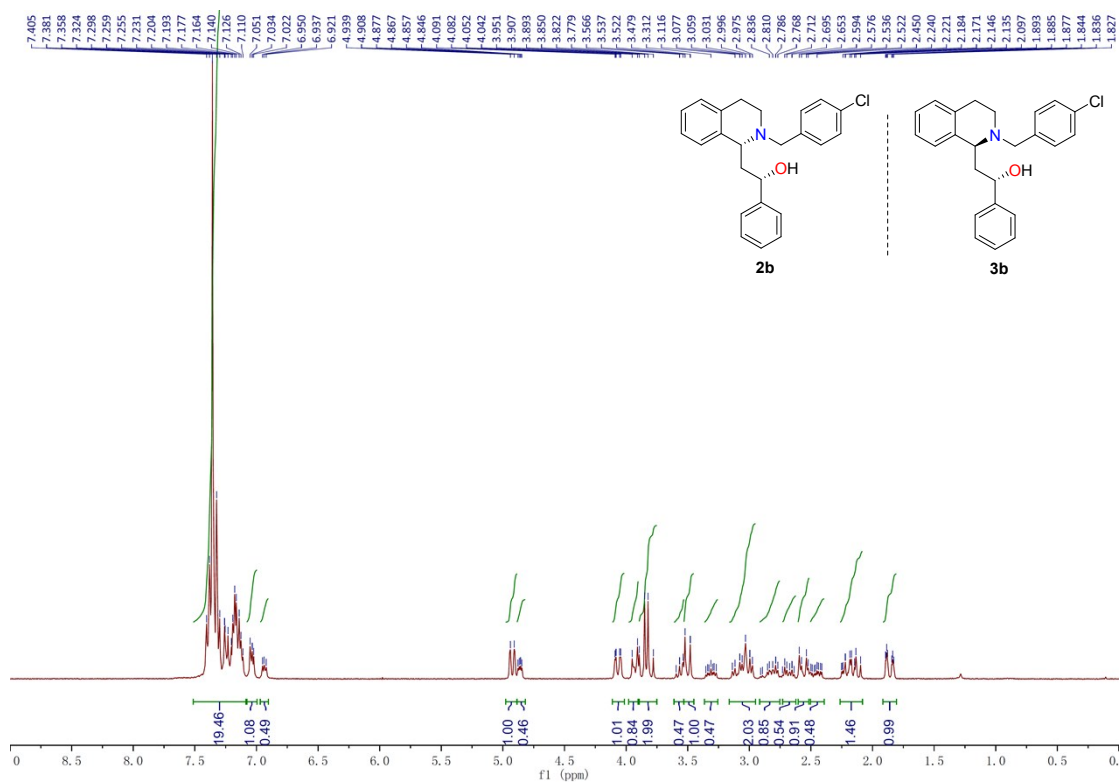


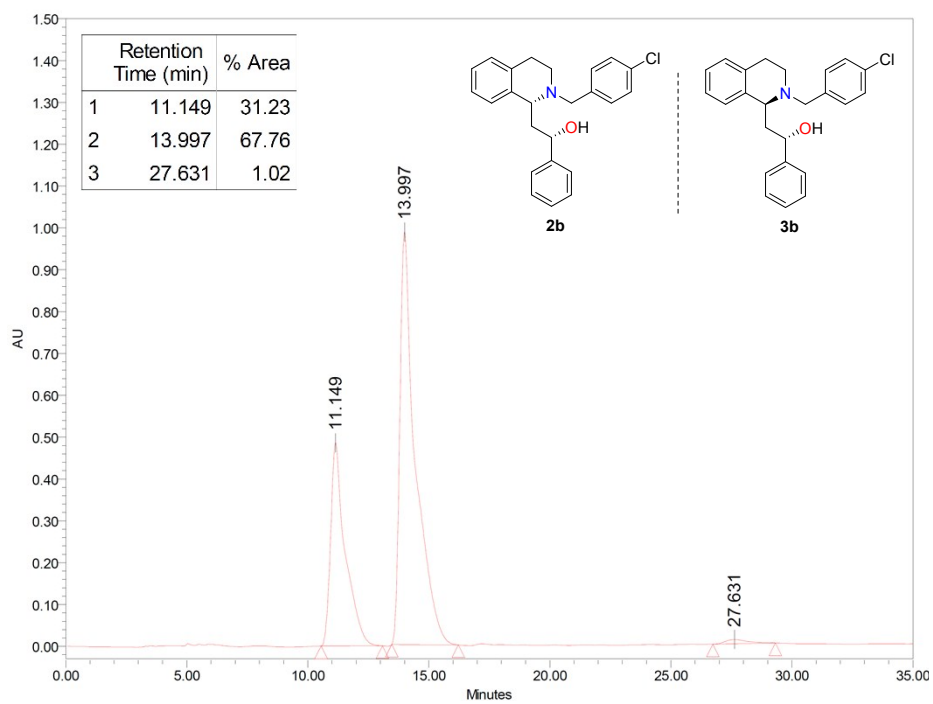
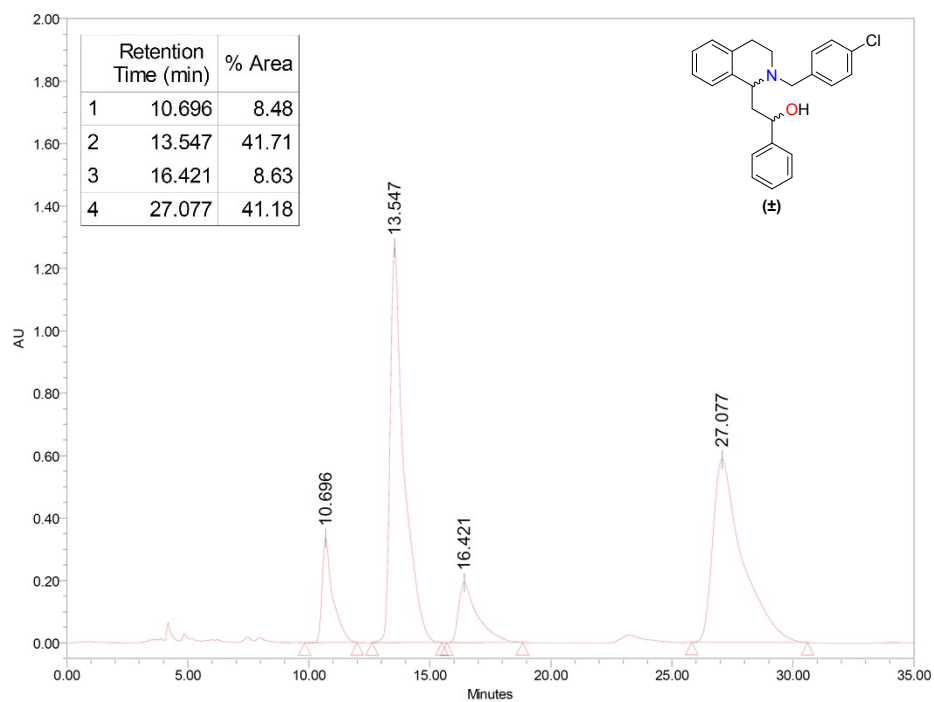


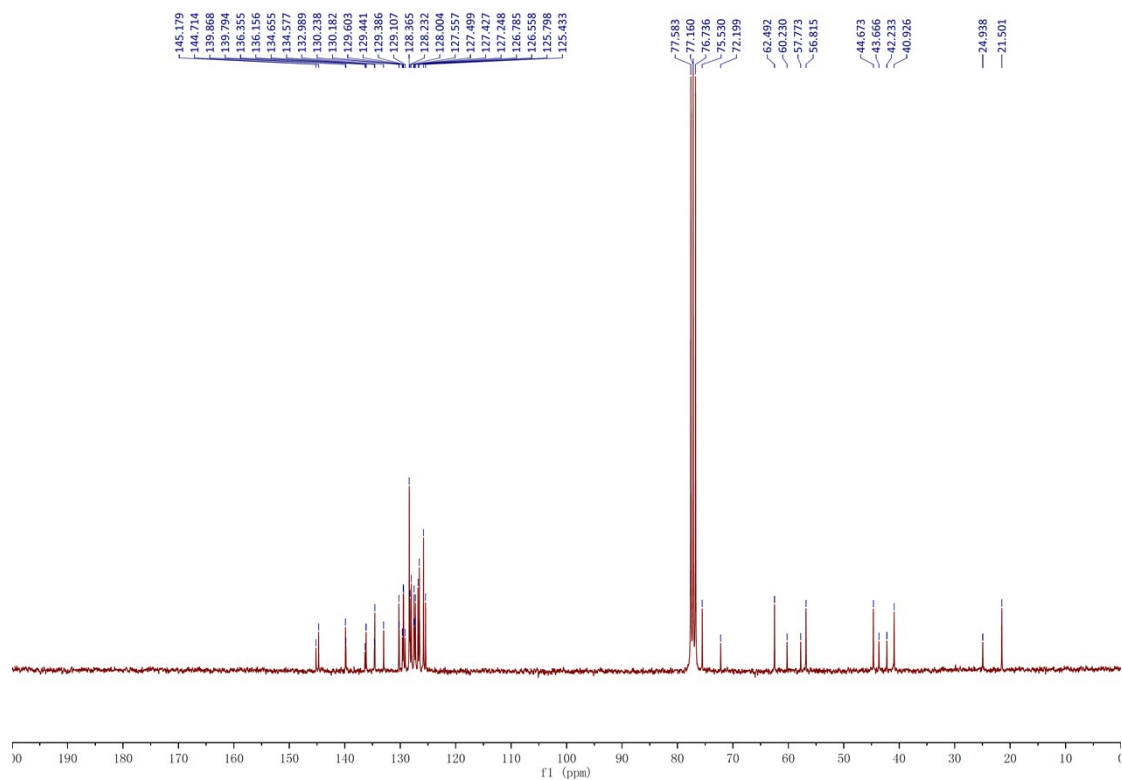
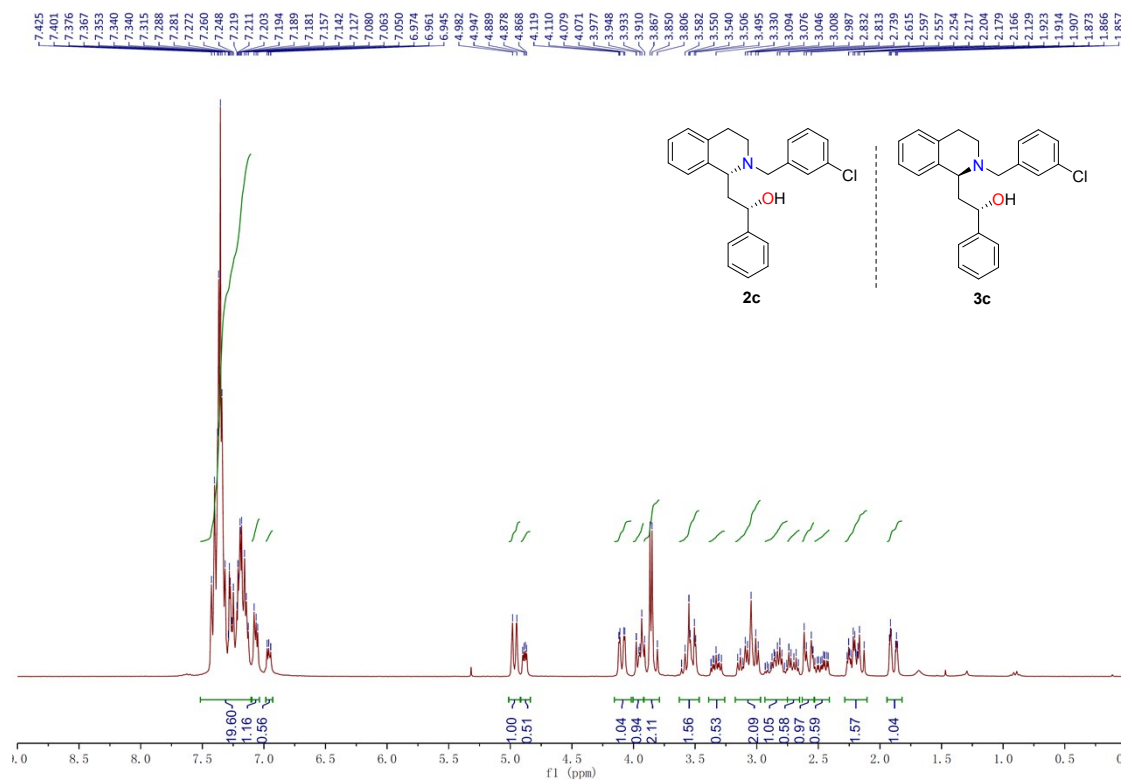
VII. NMR spectra and HPLC or SFC chromatograms for 2a–2p

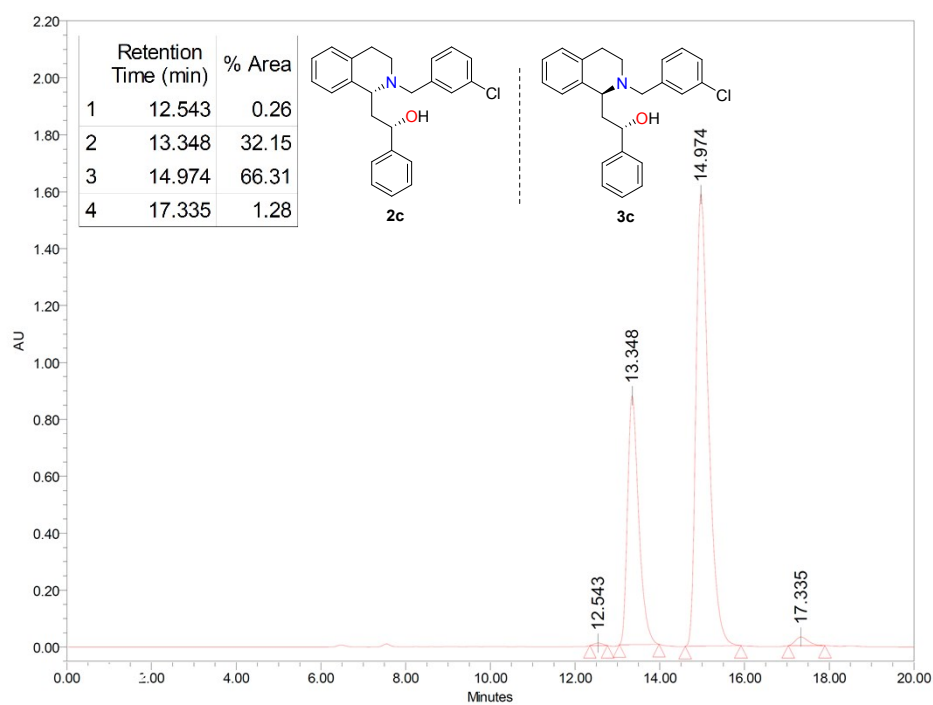
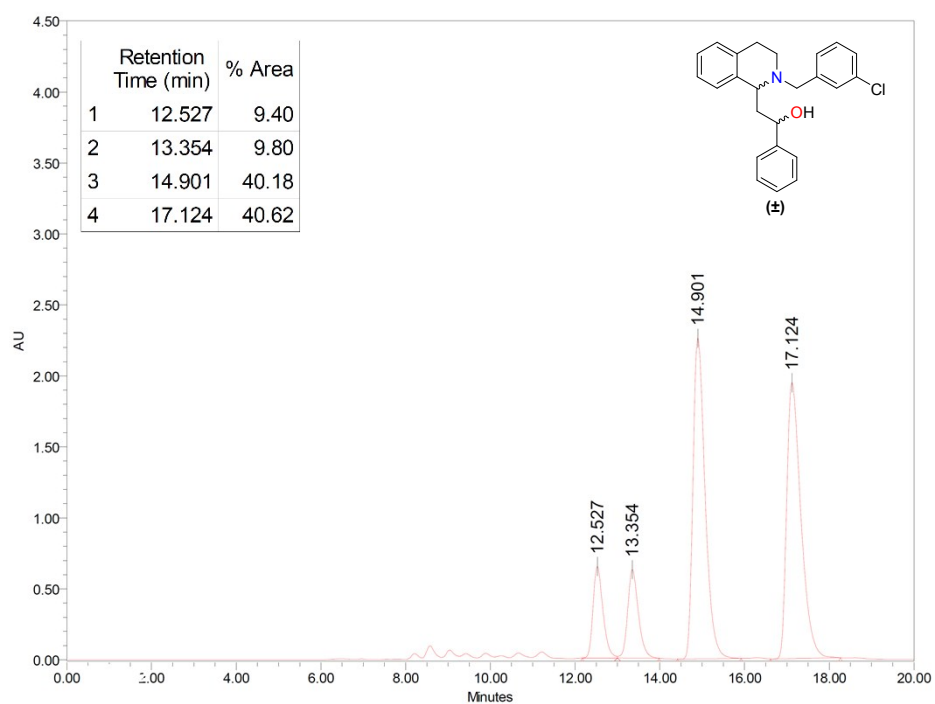


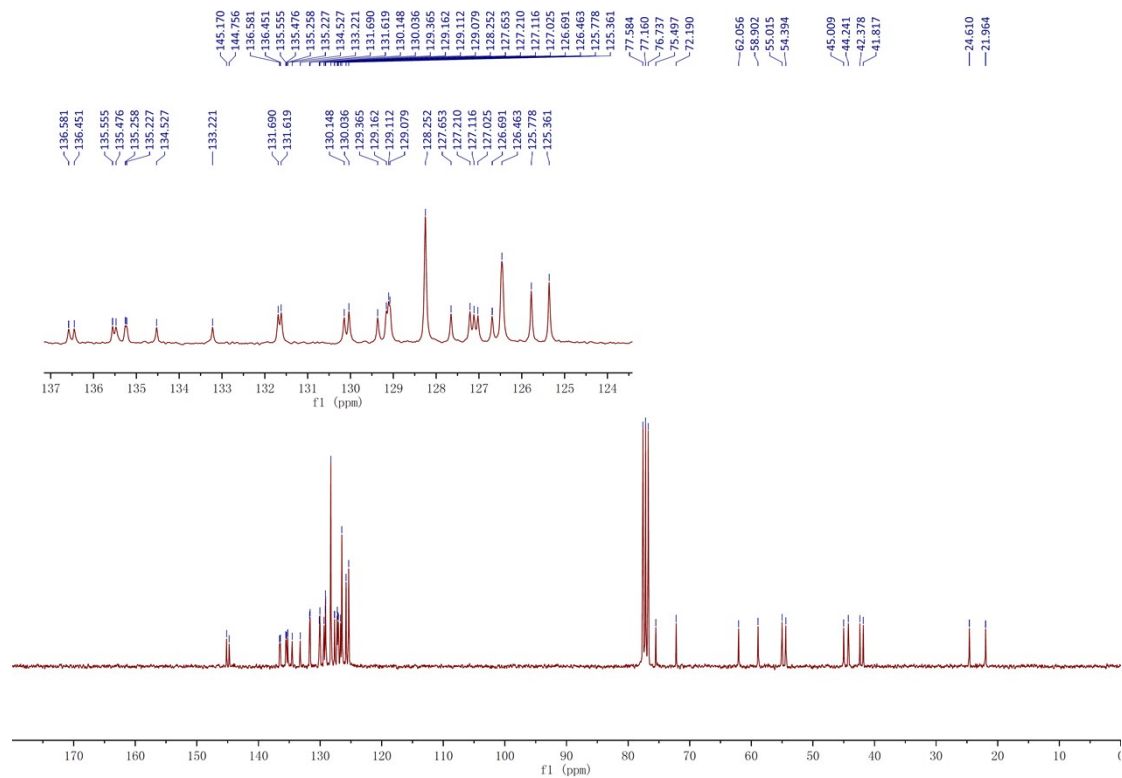
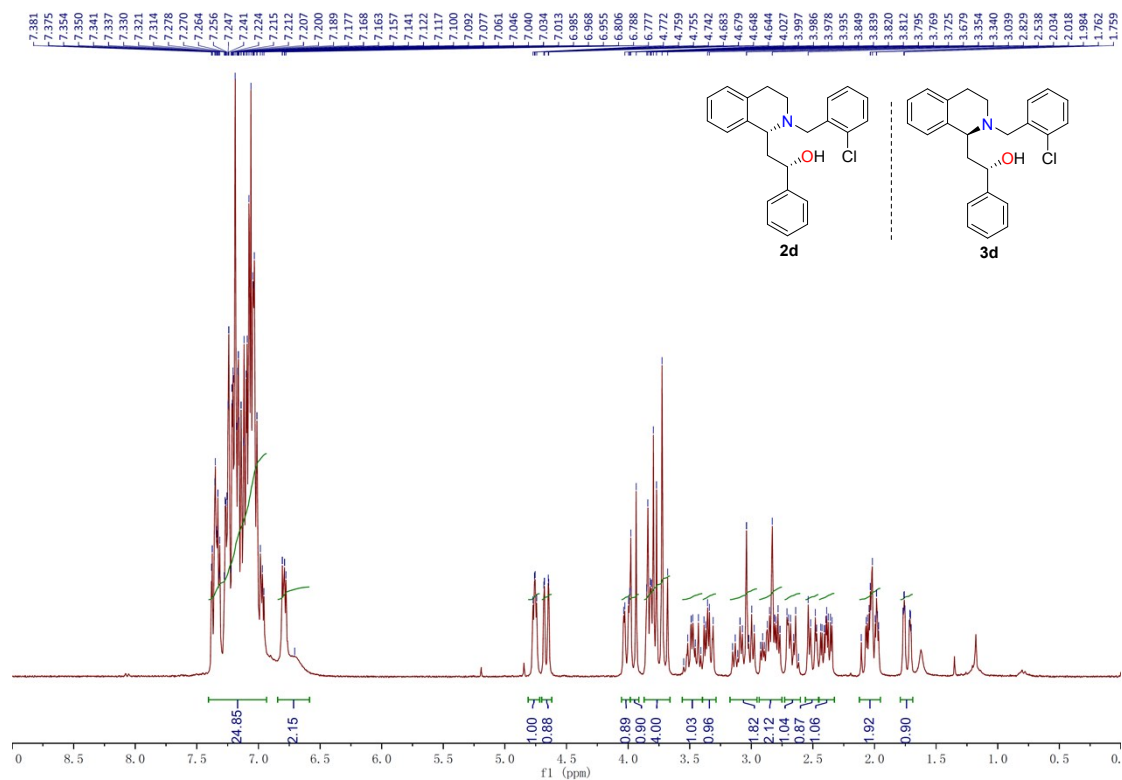


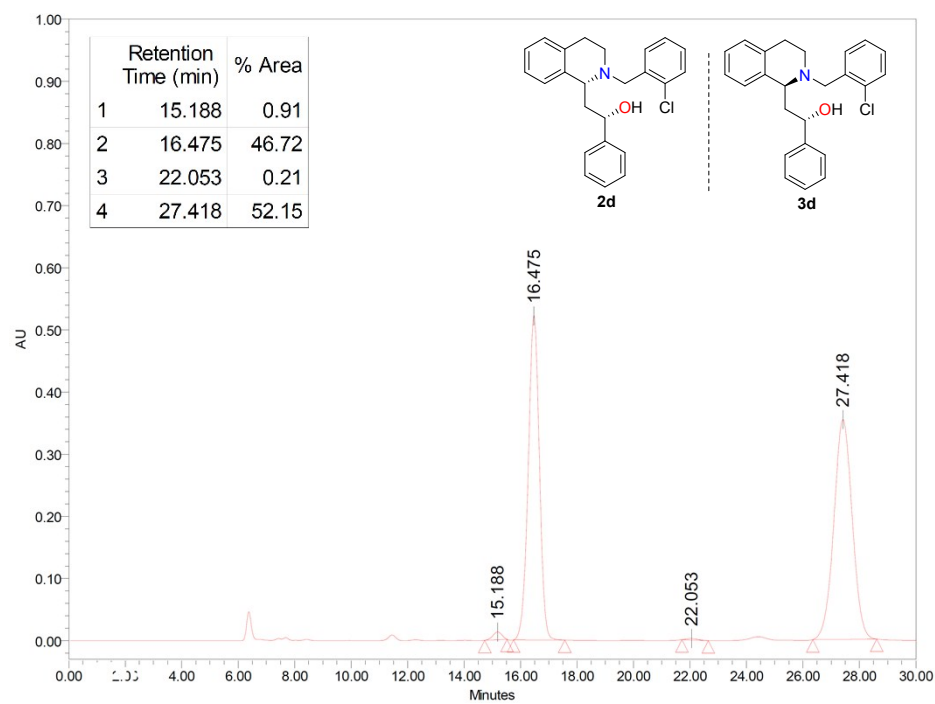
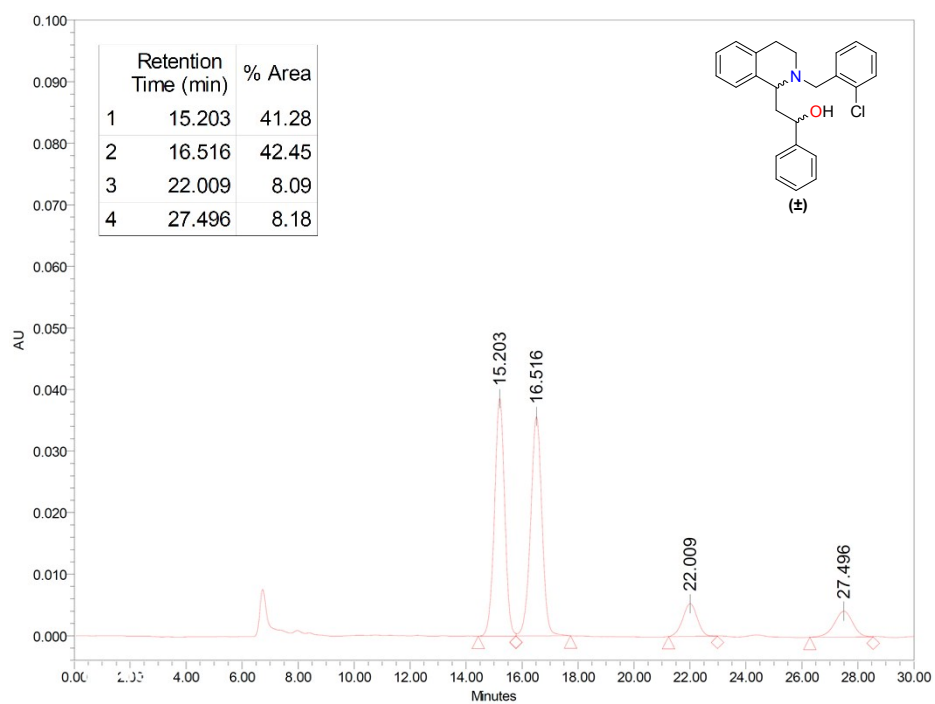


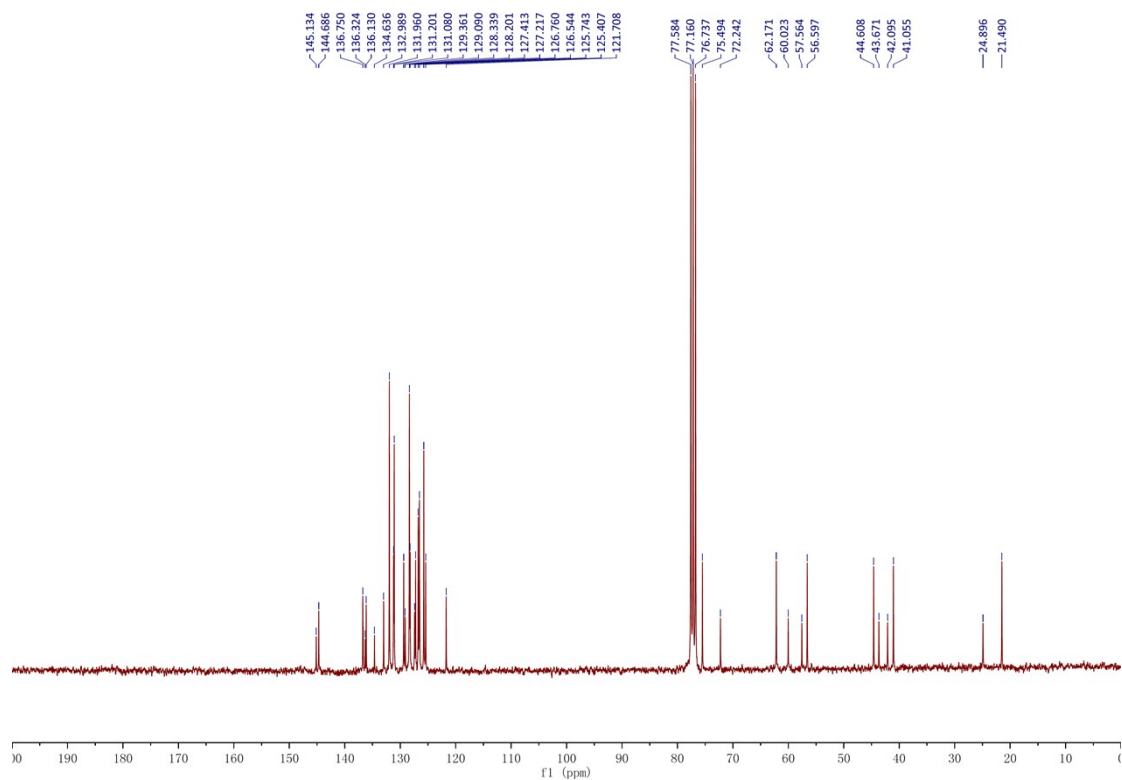
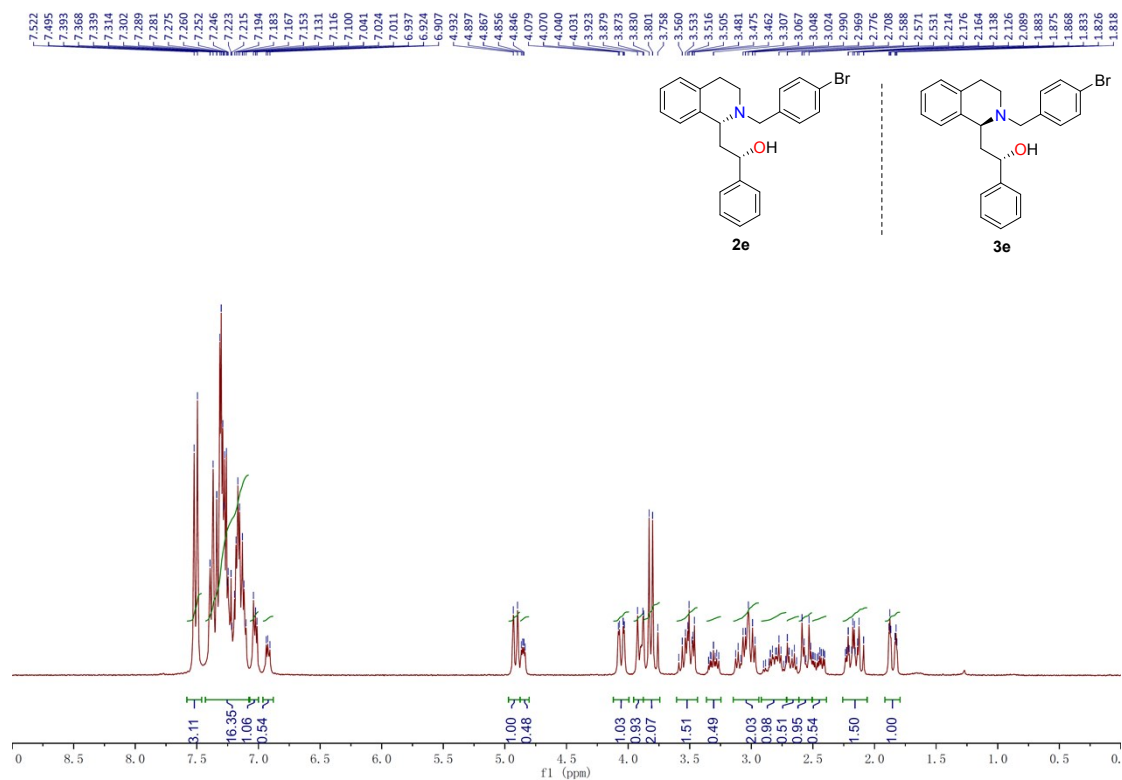


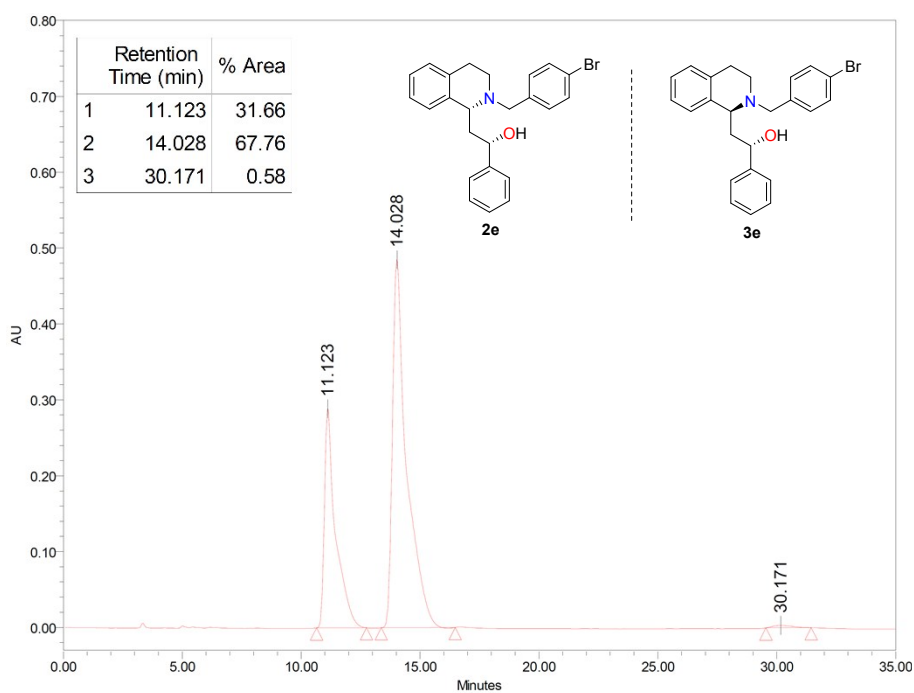
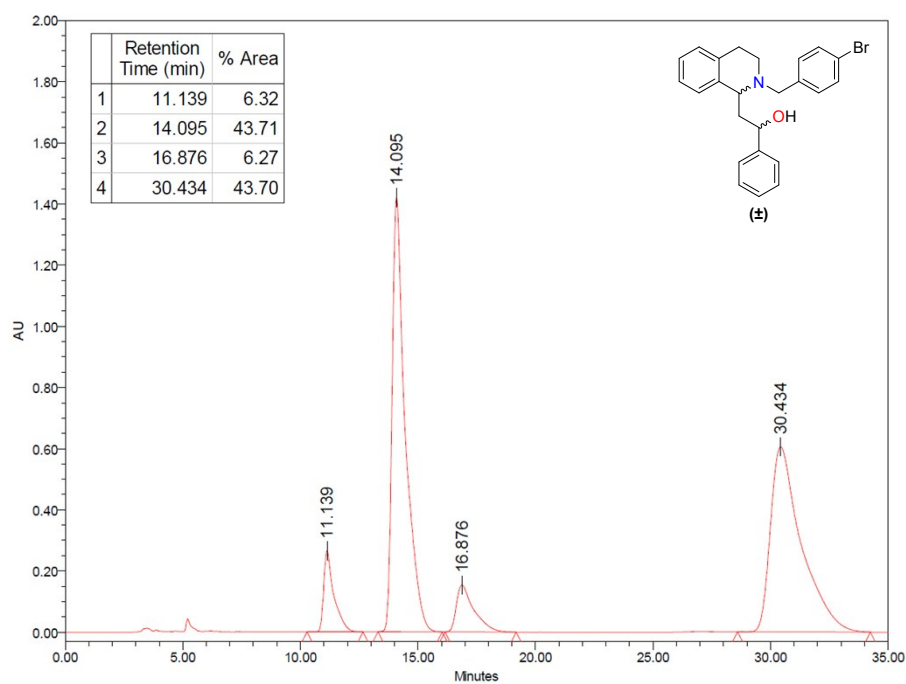


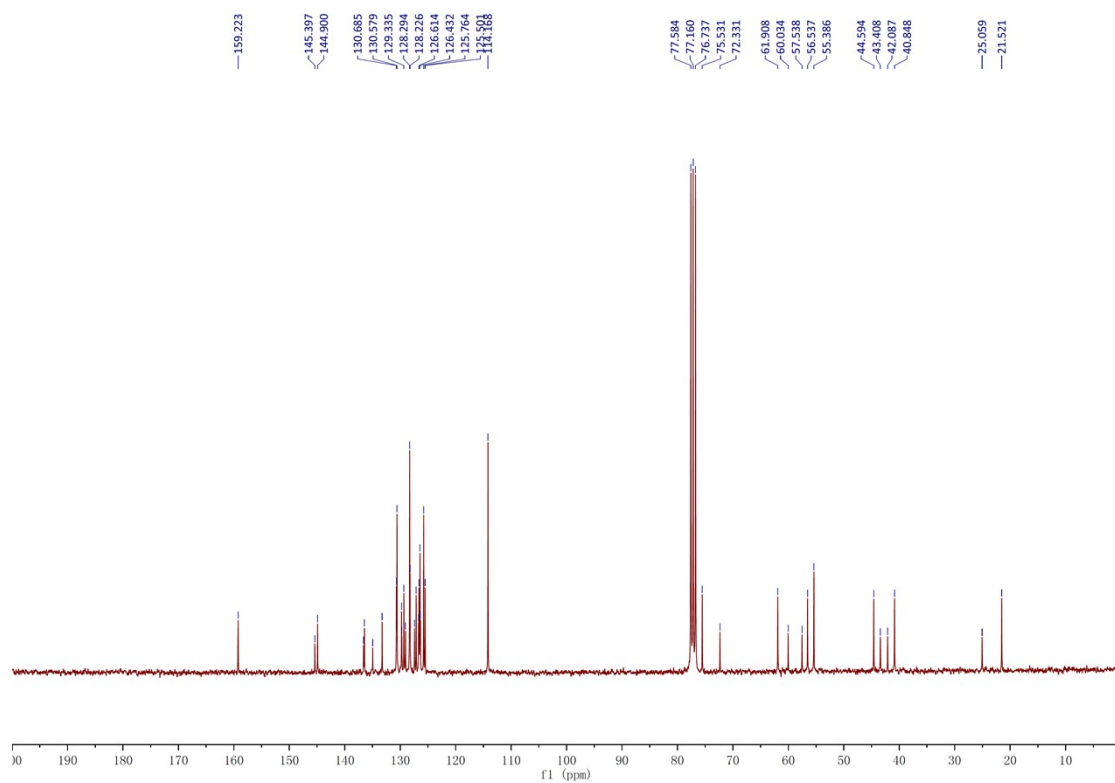
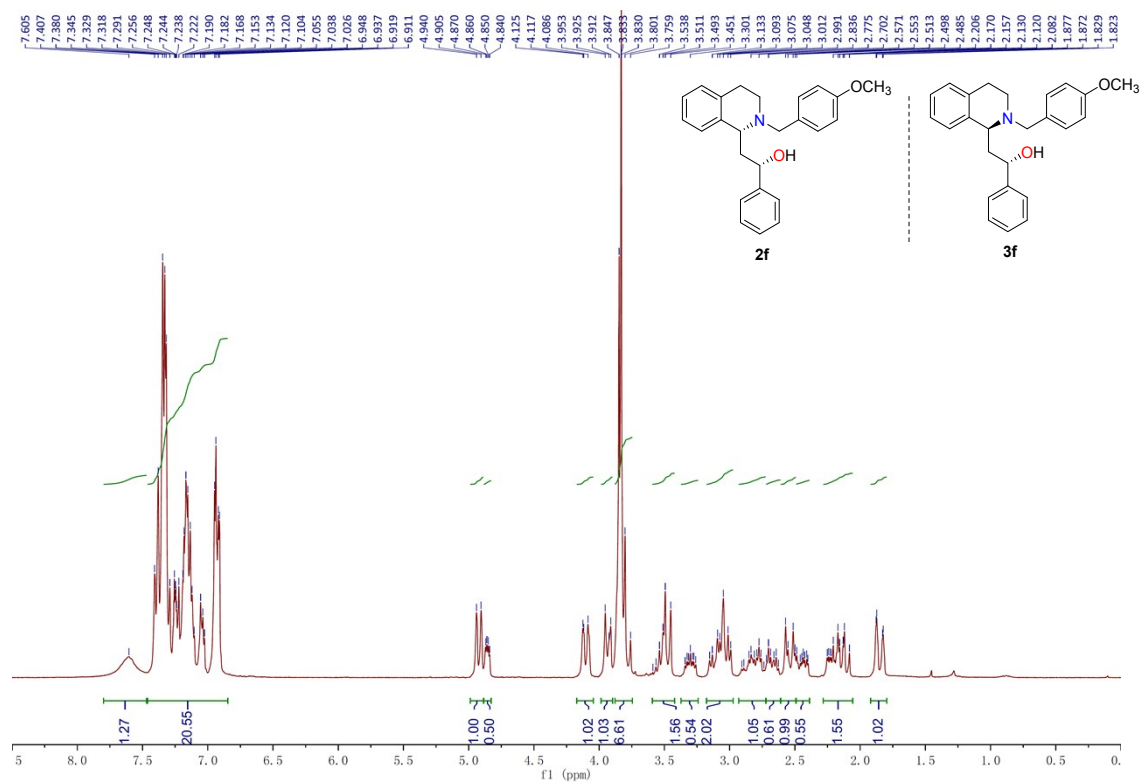


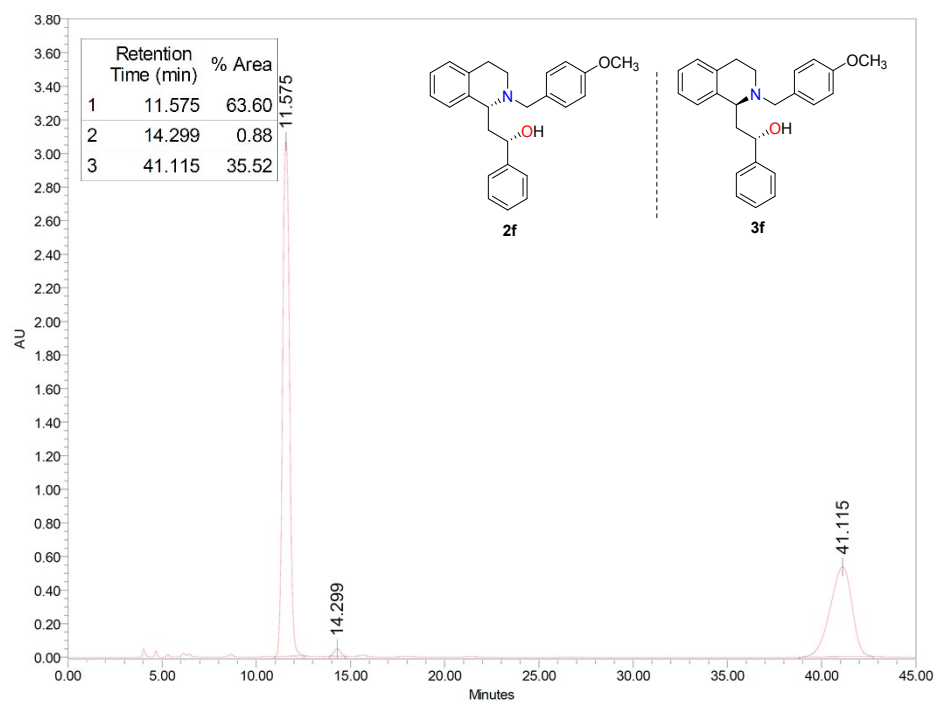
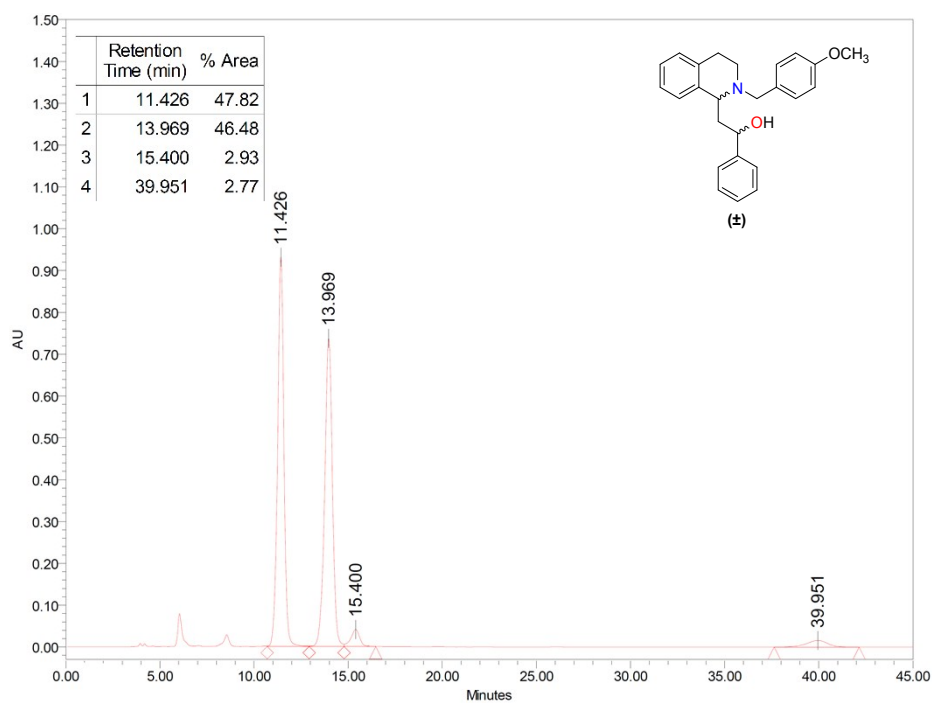


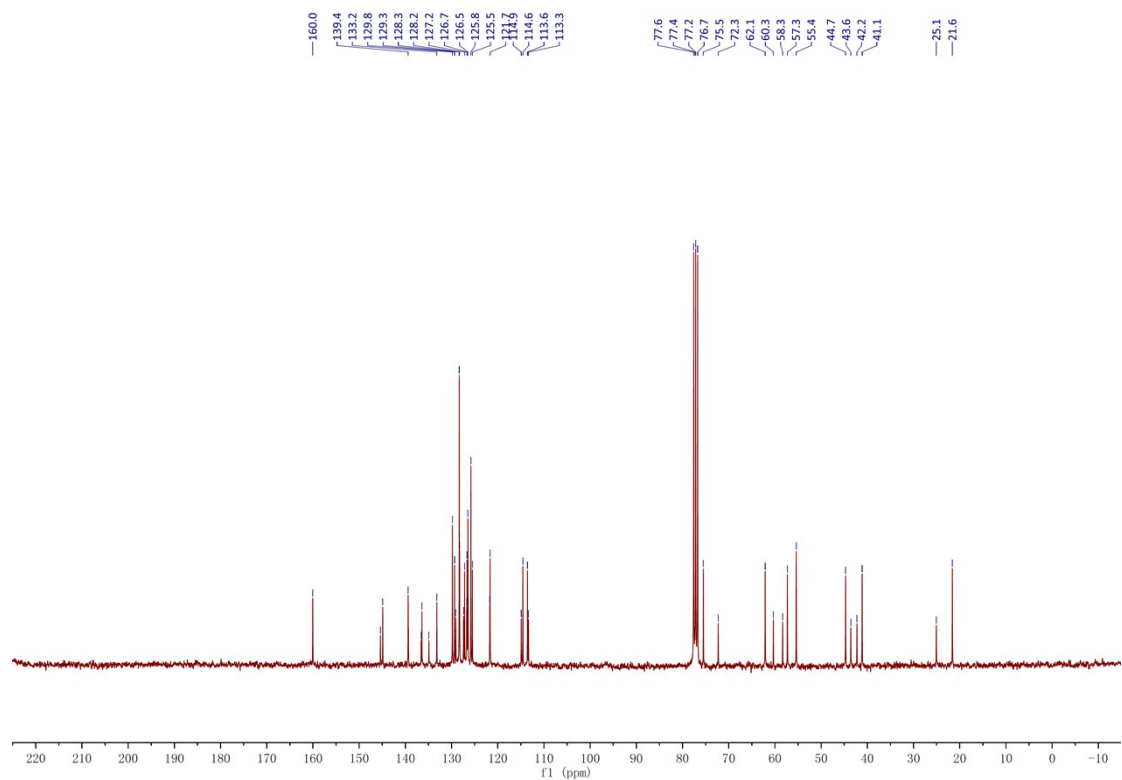
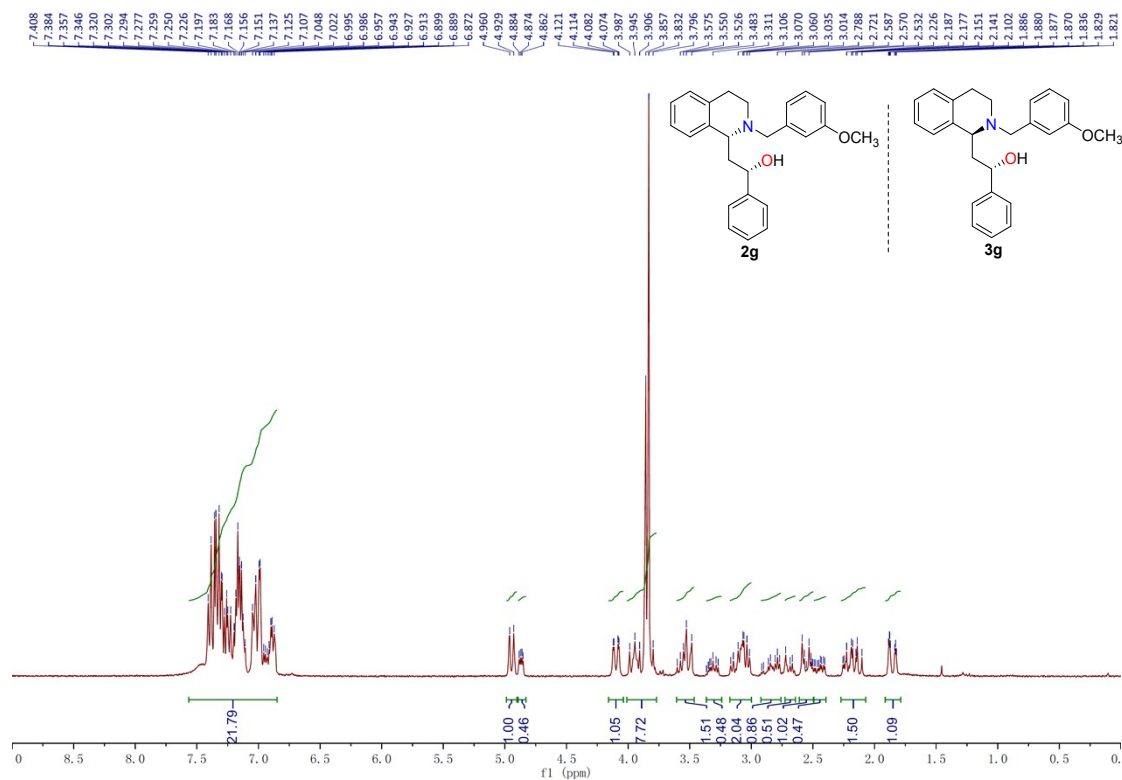


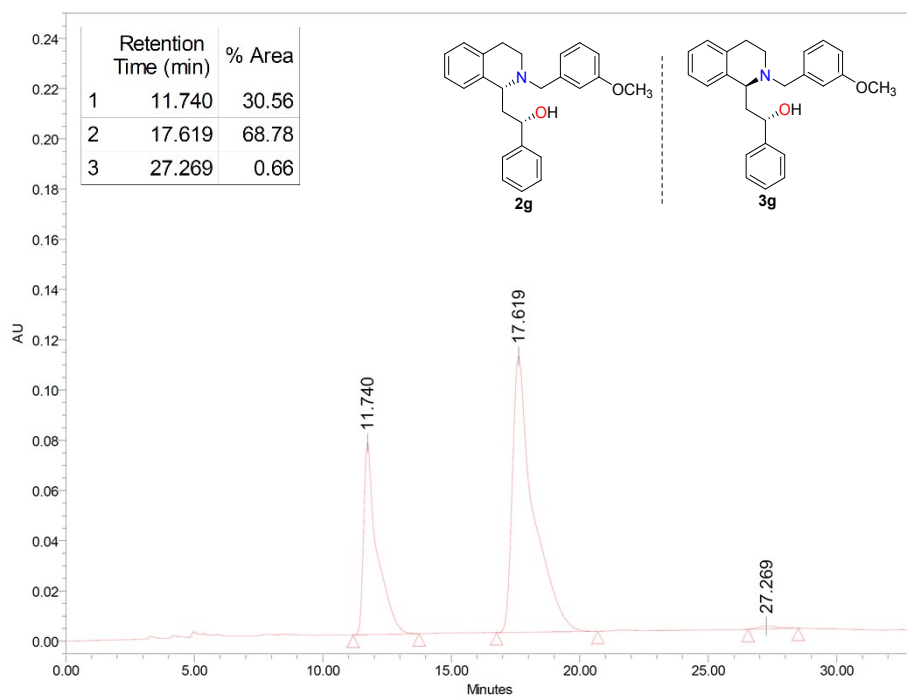
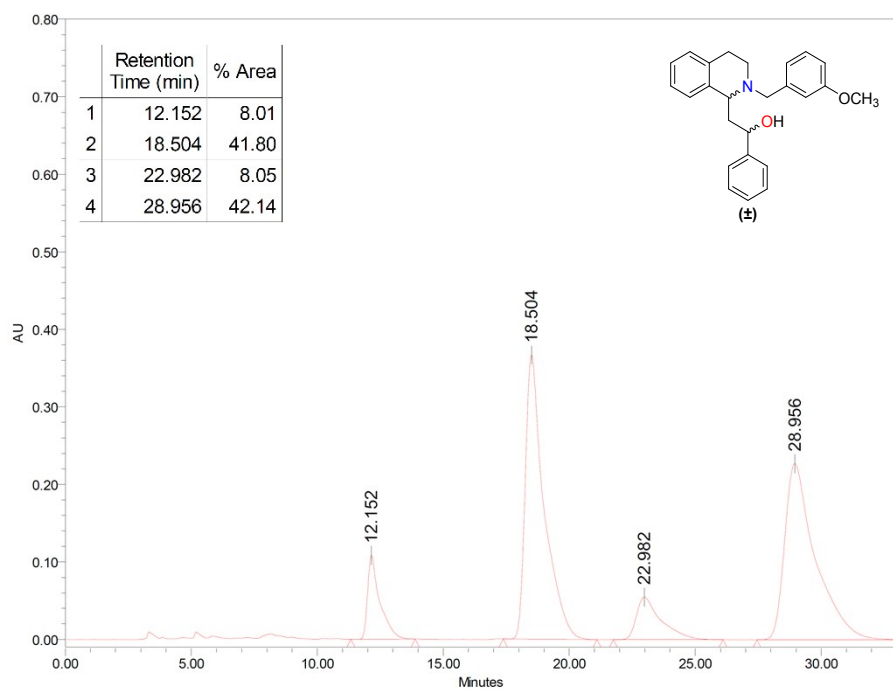


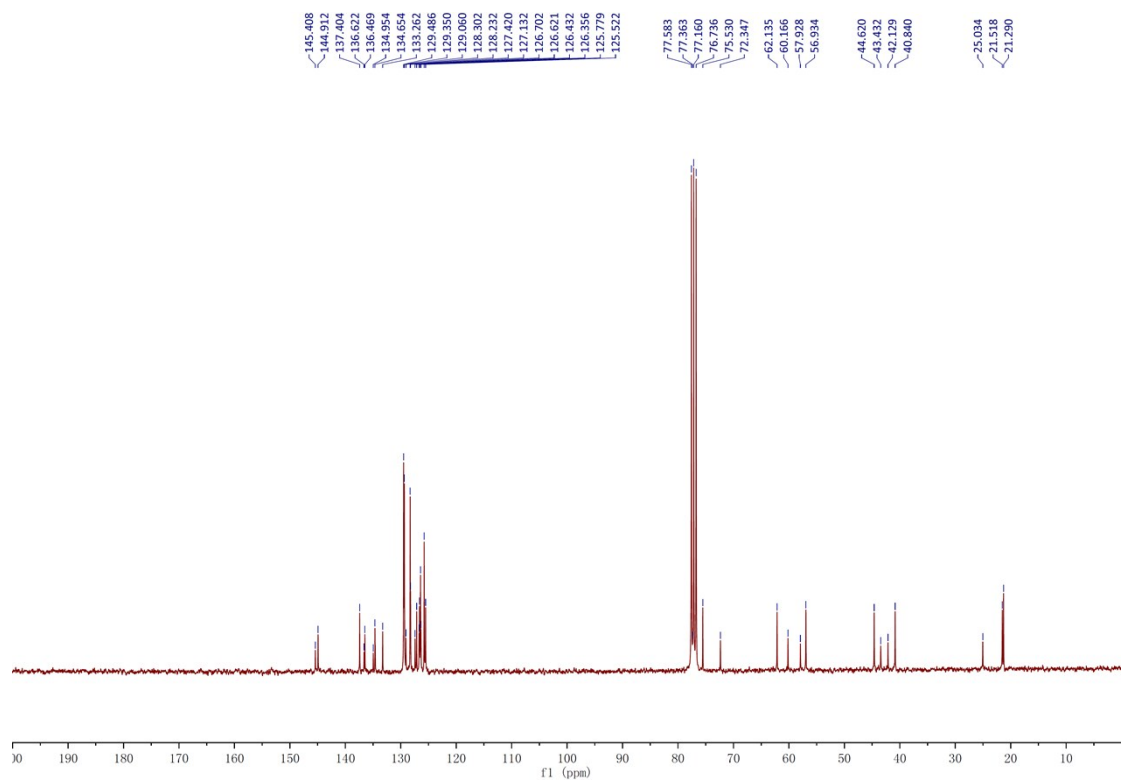
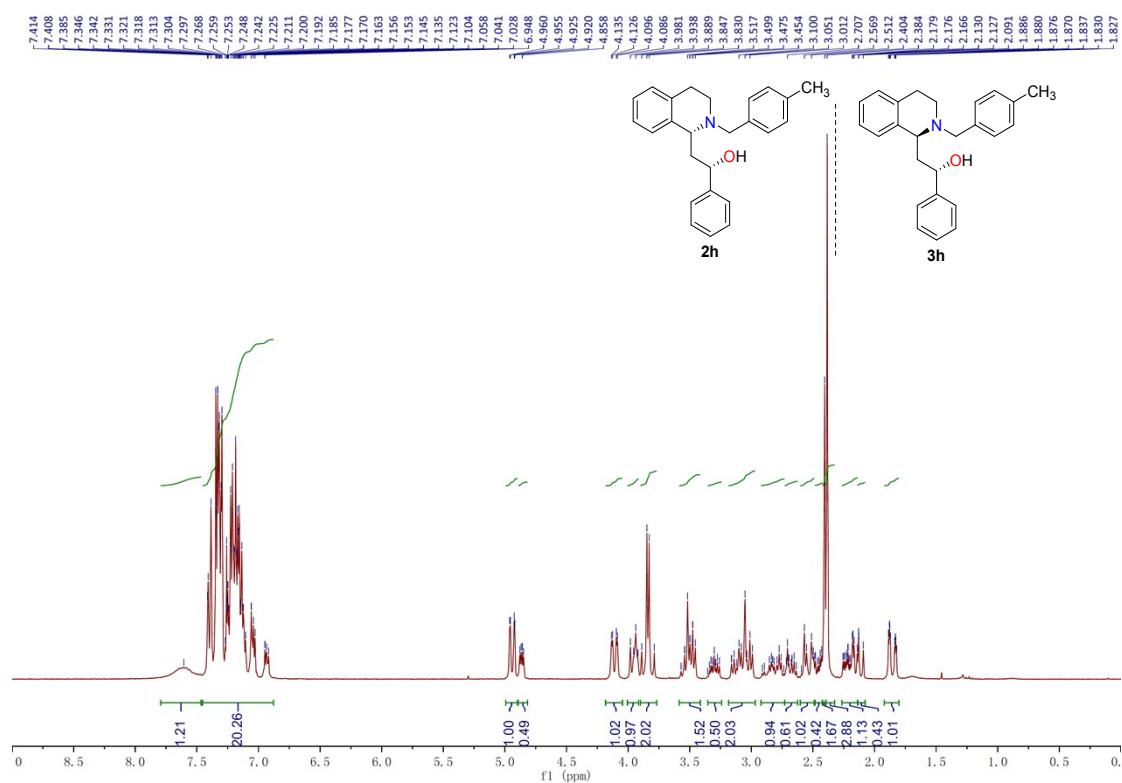


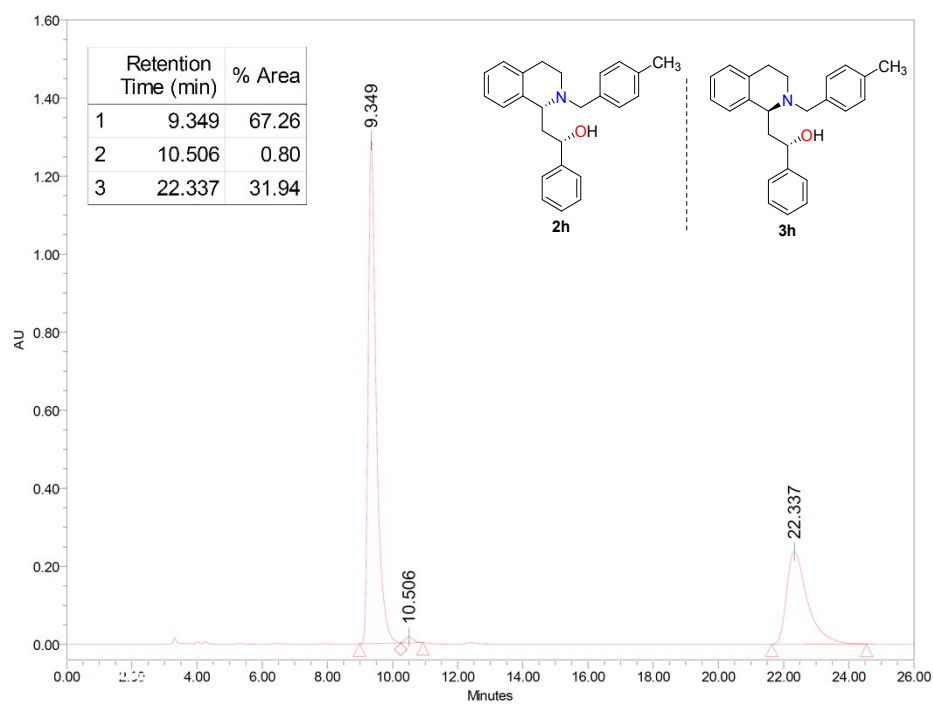
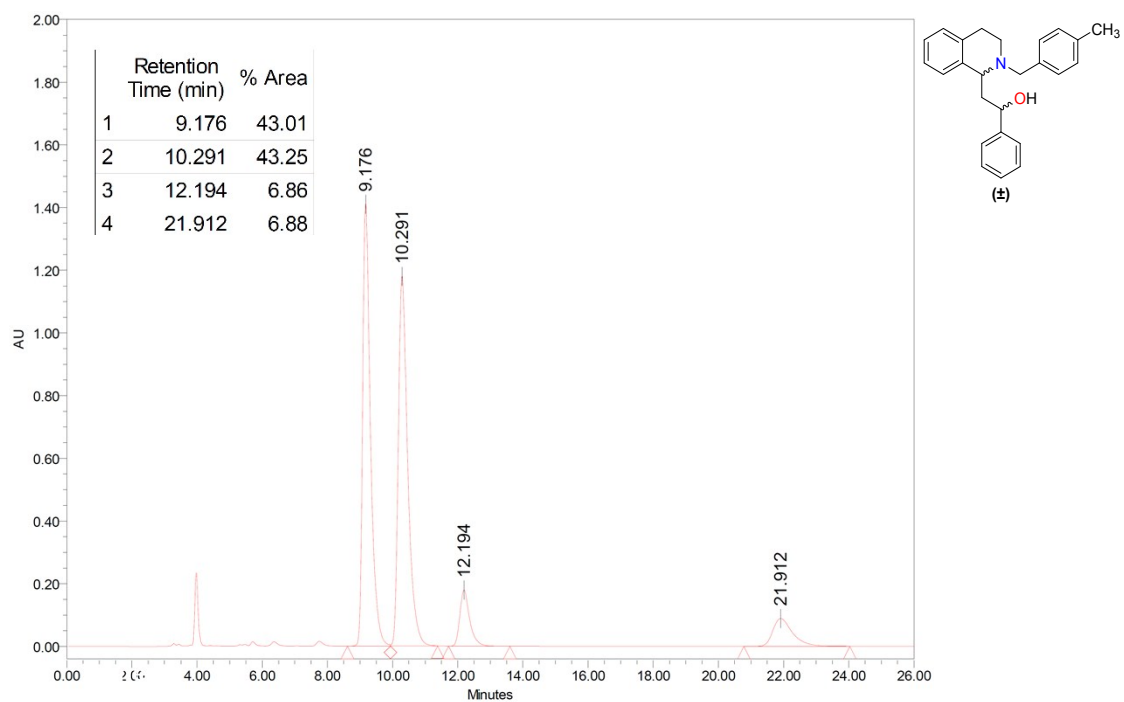


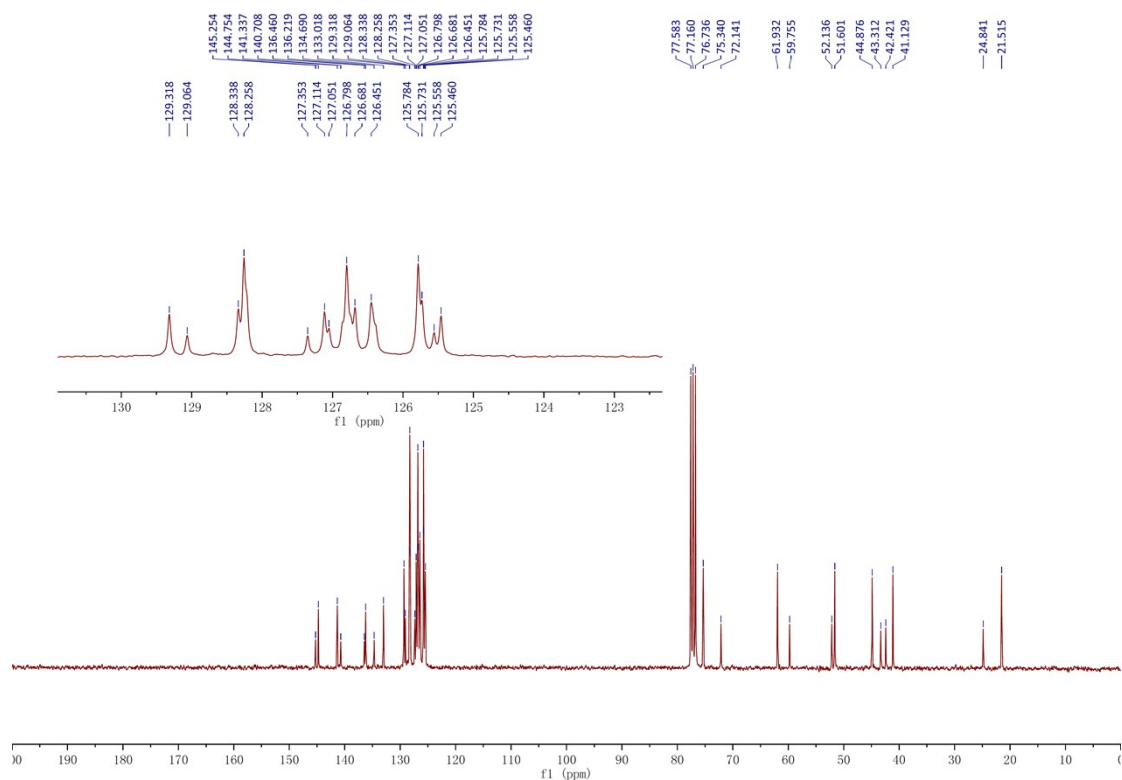
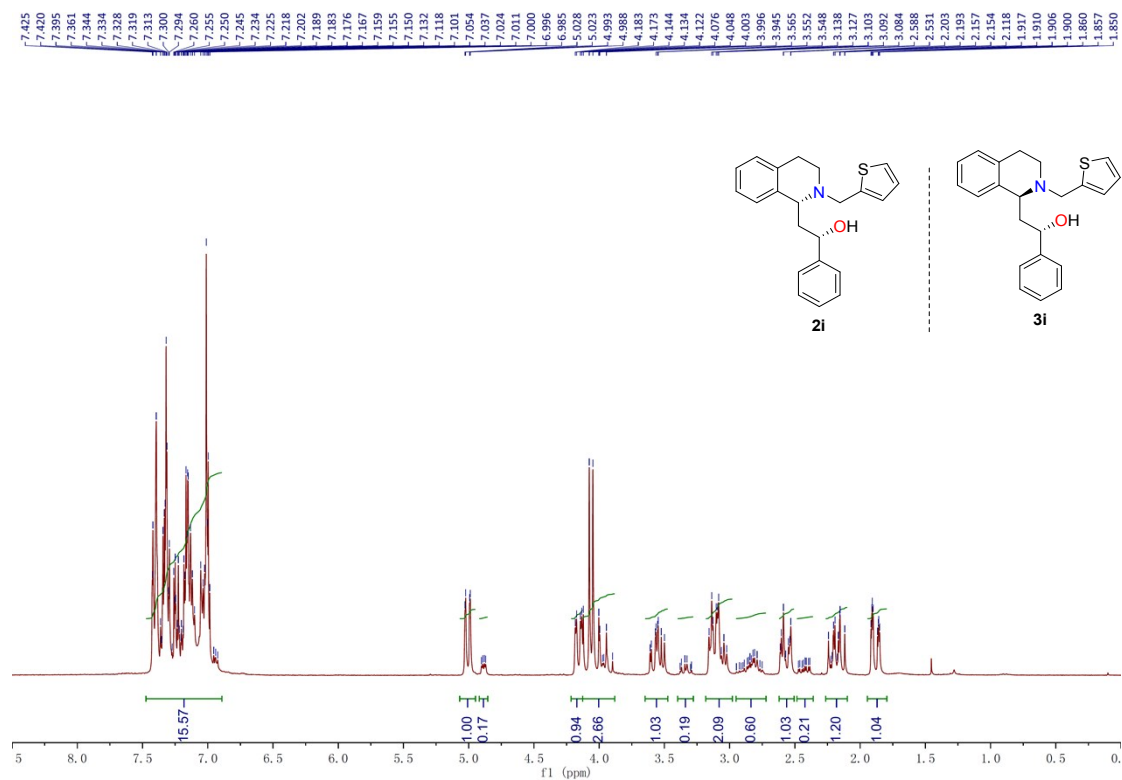


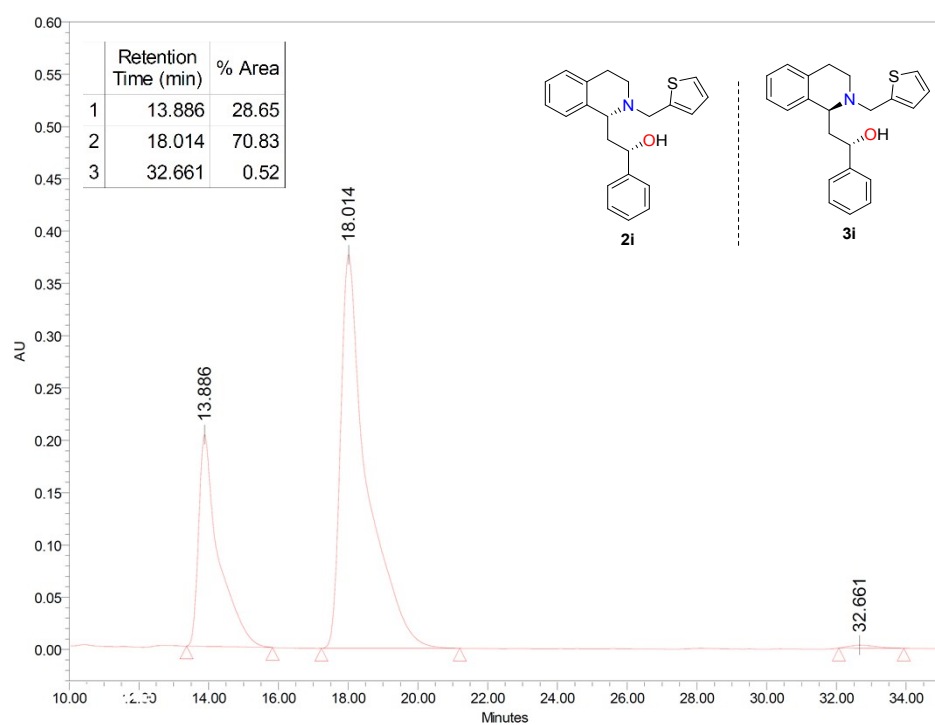
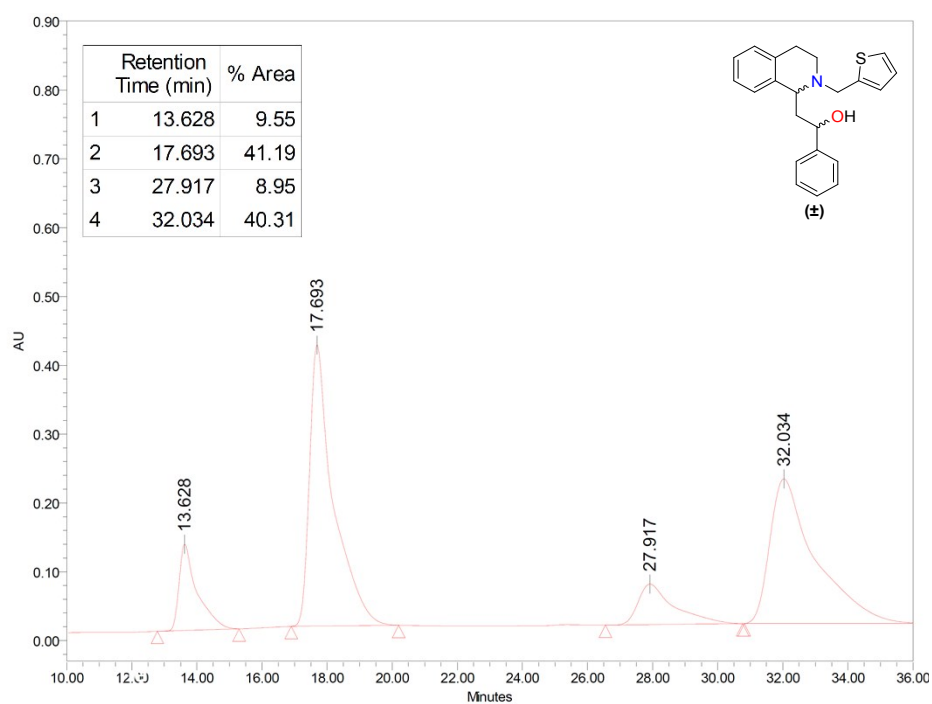


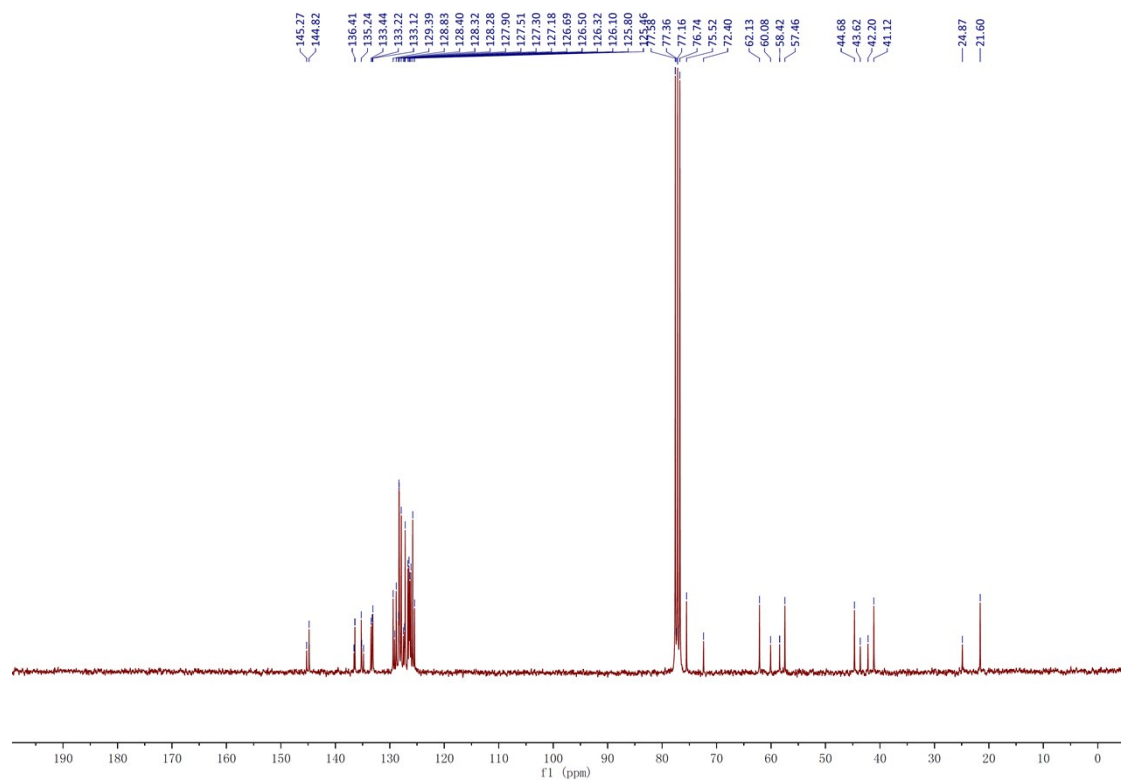
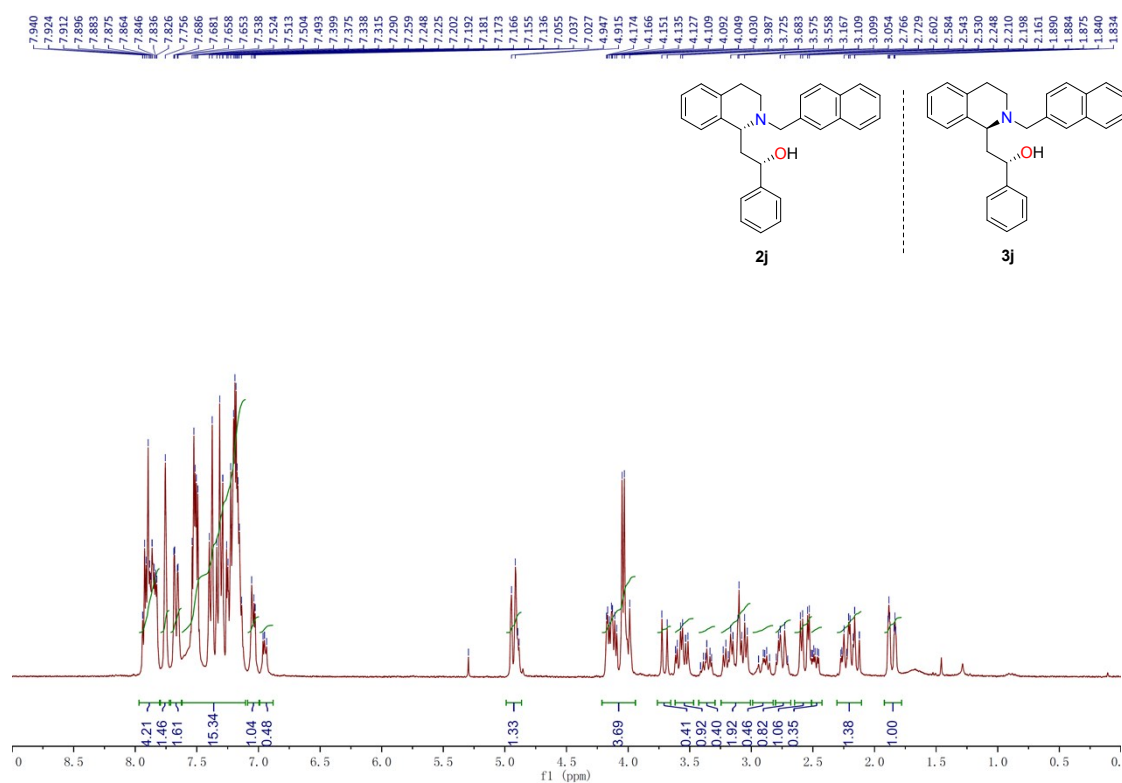


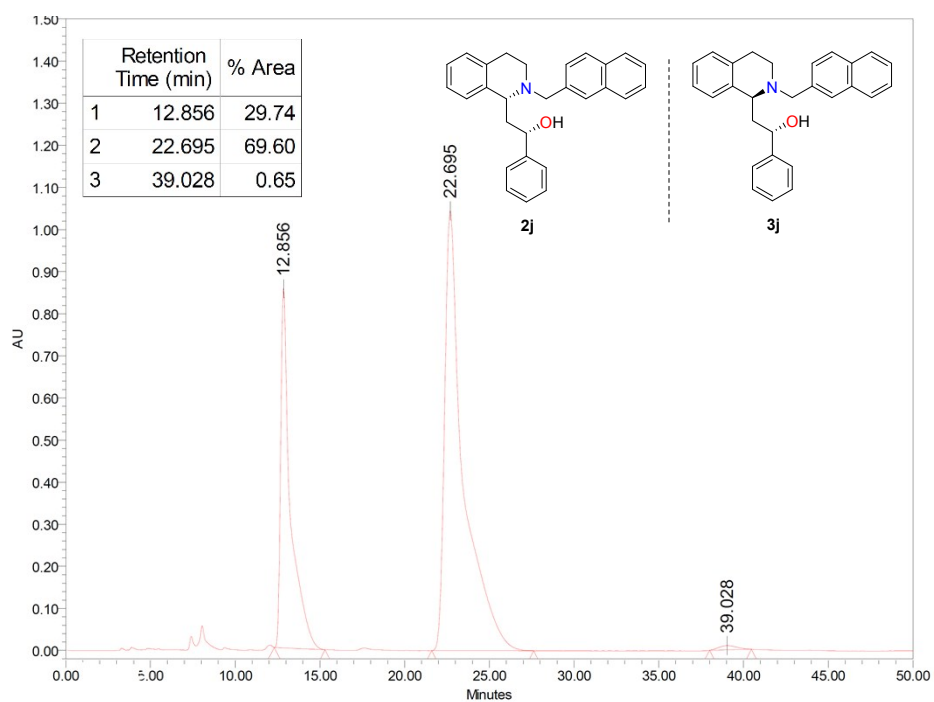
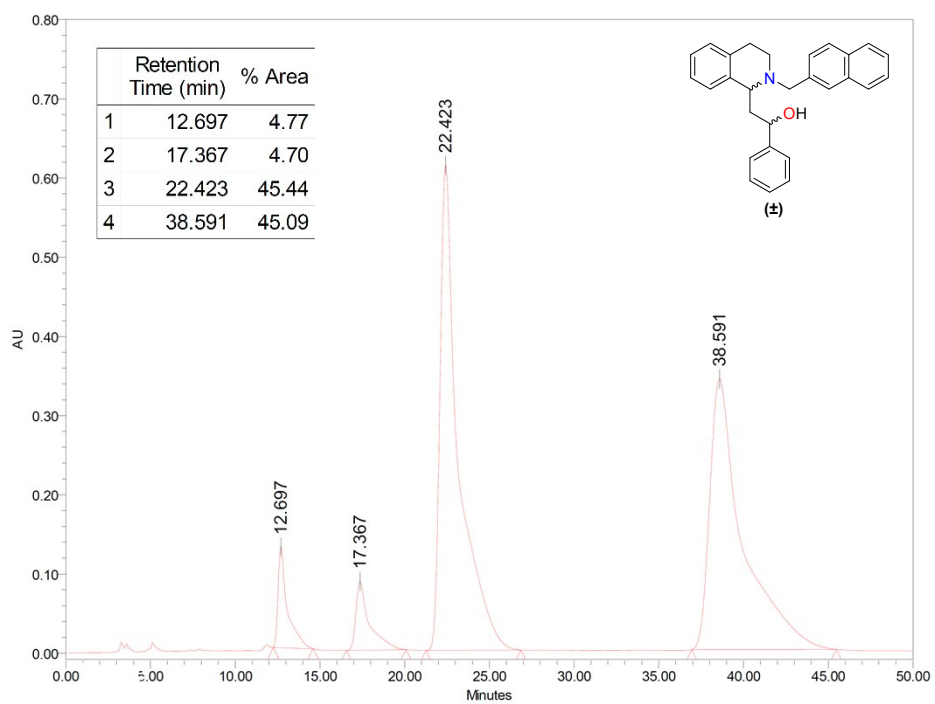


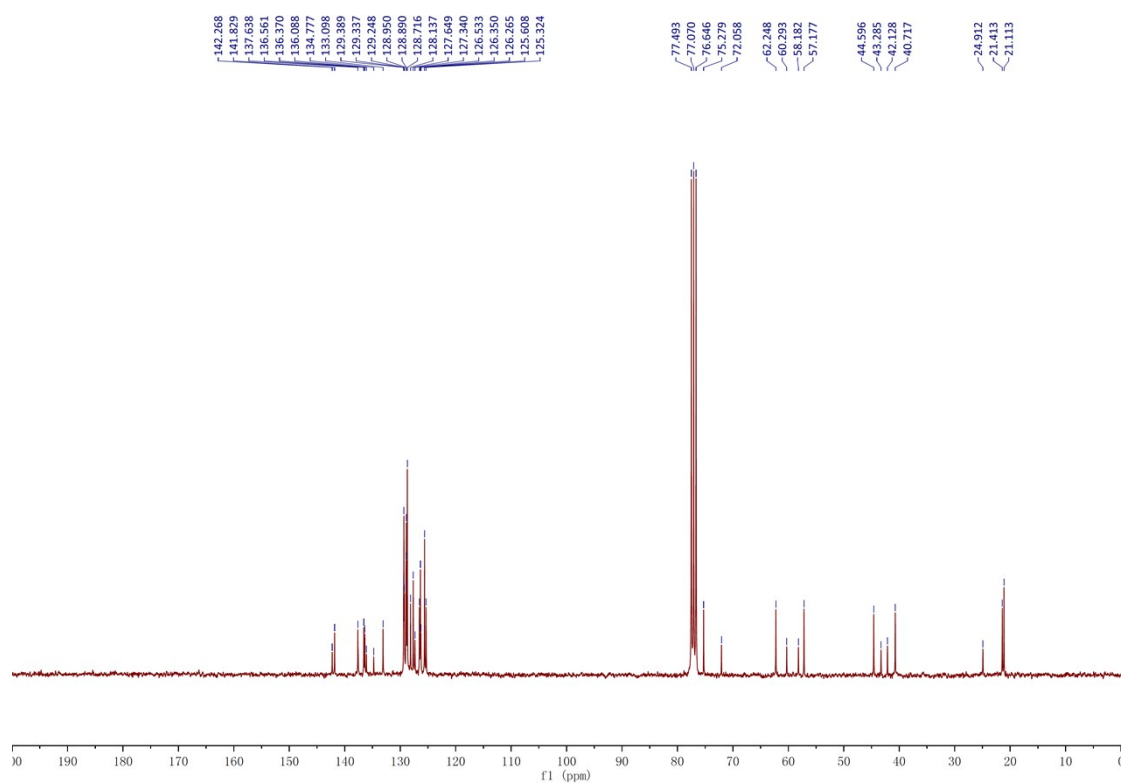
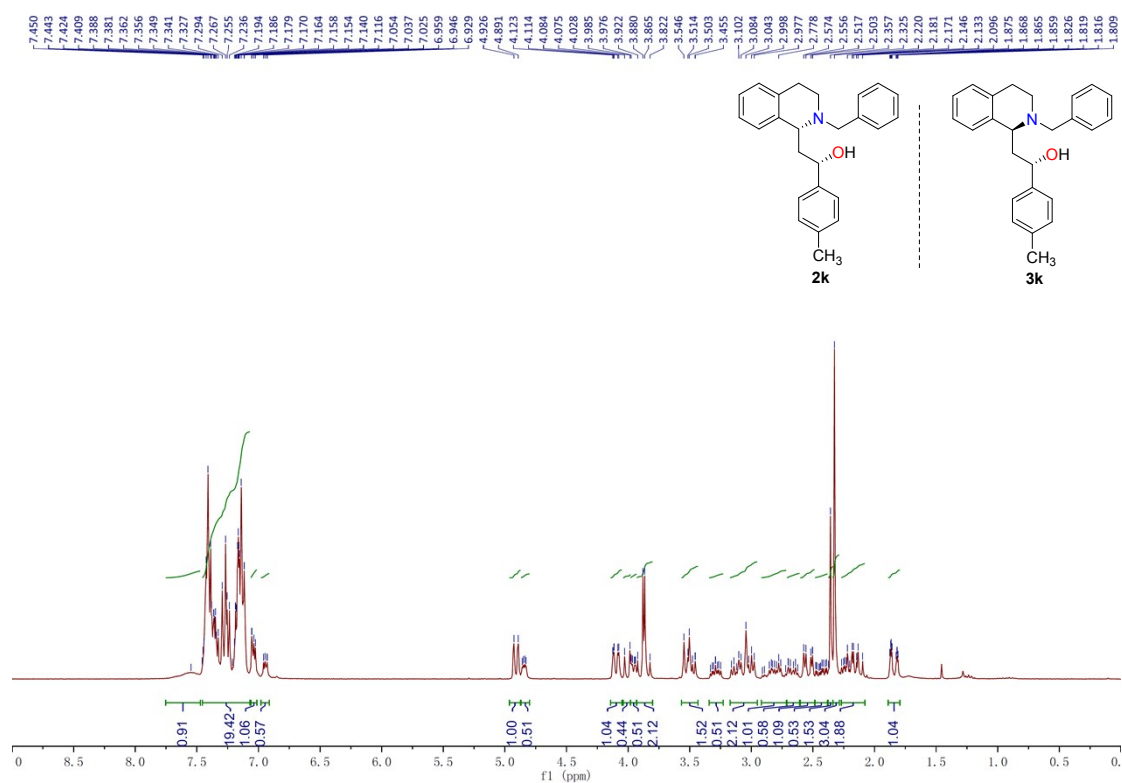


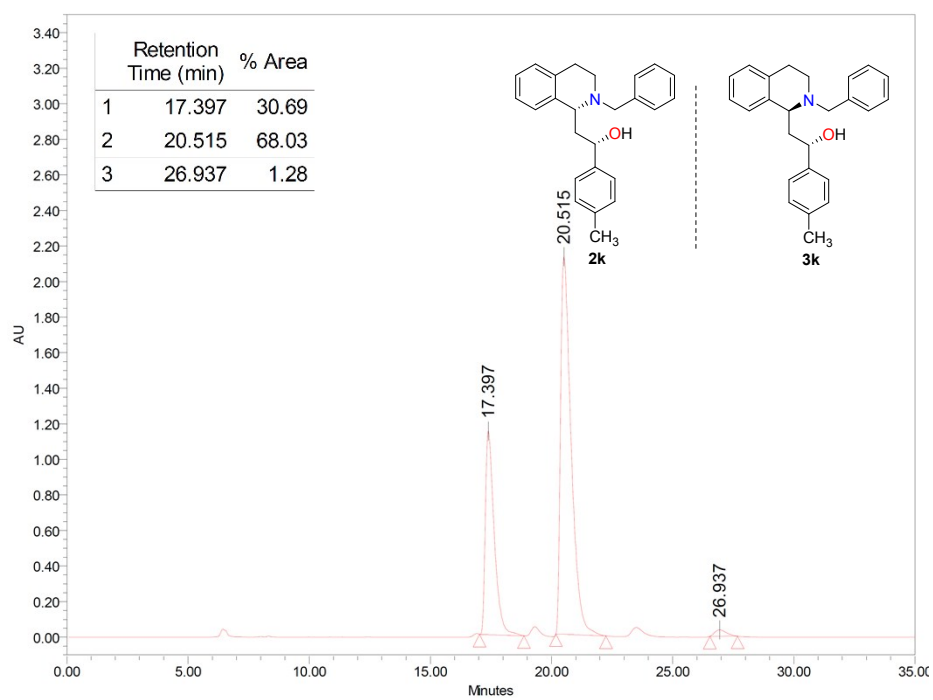
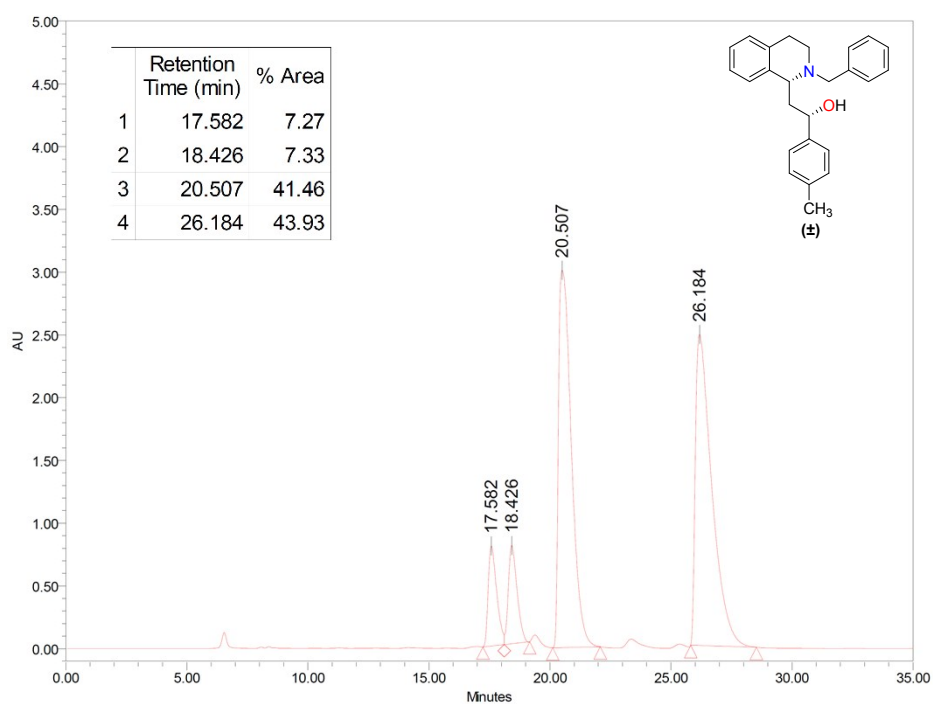


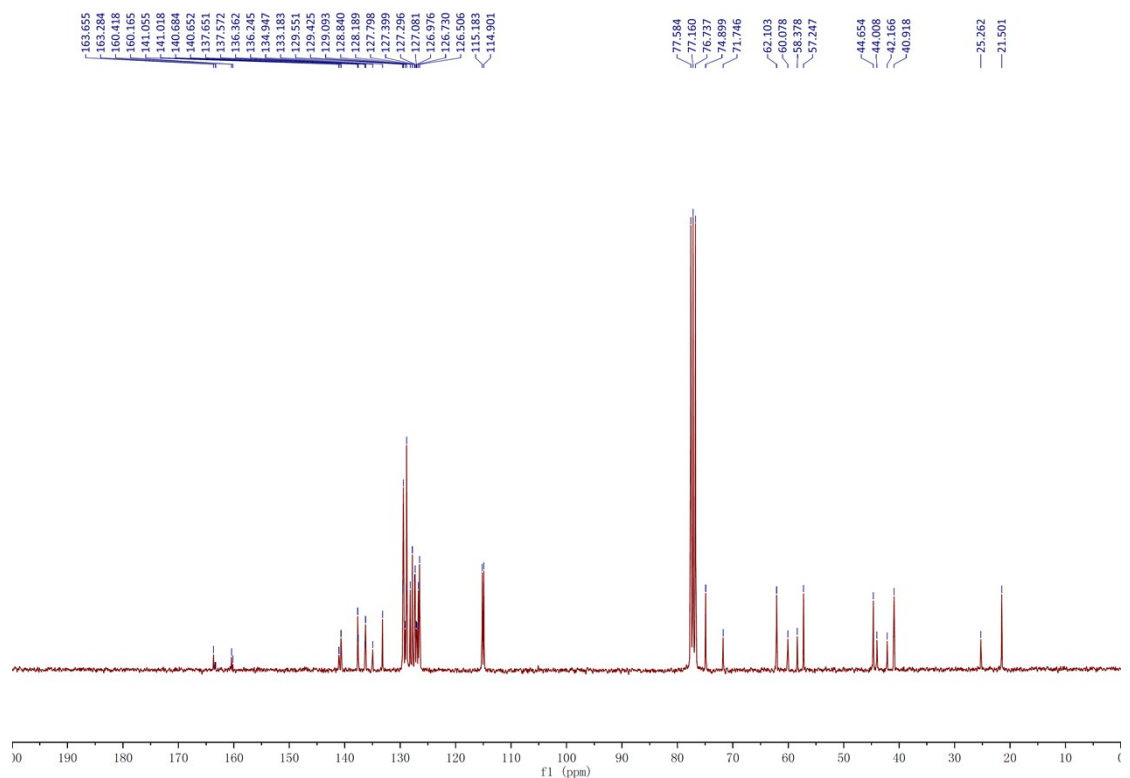
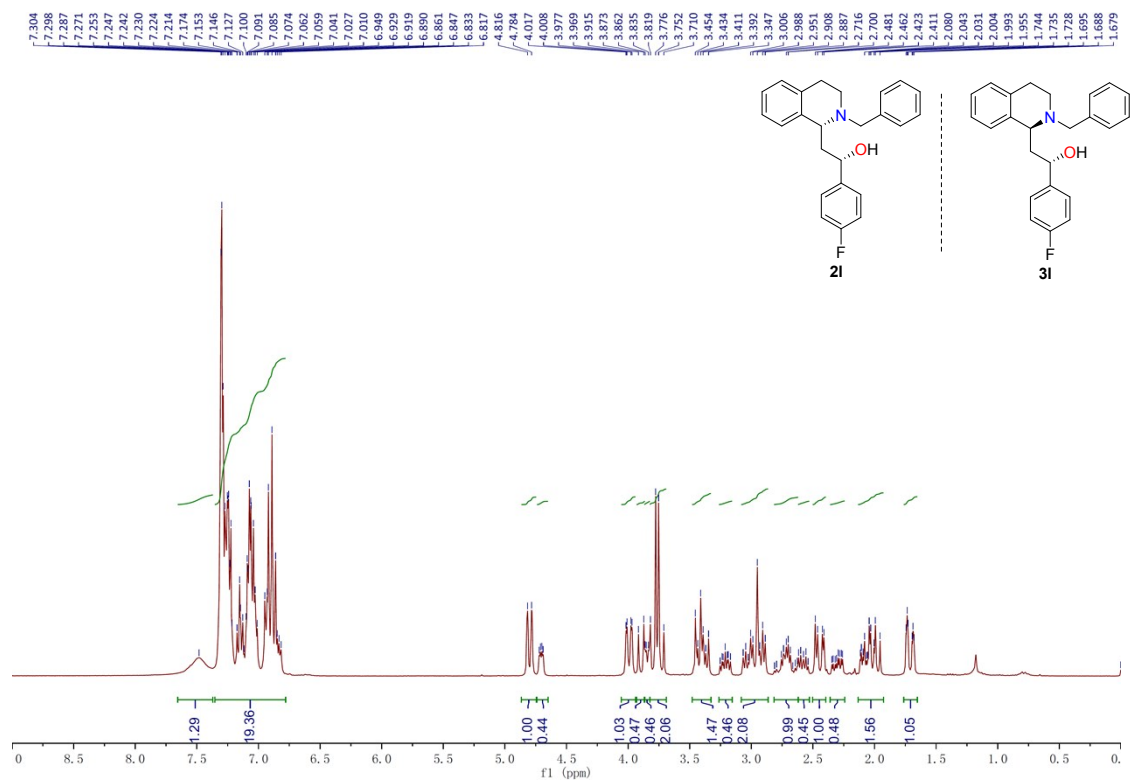


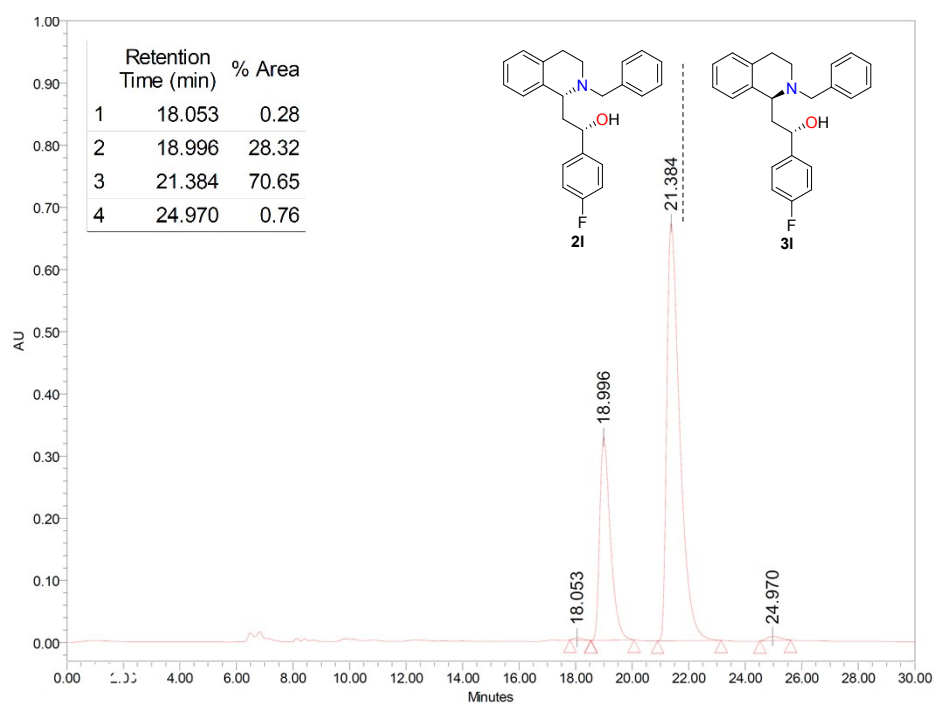
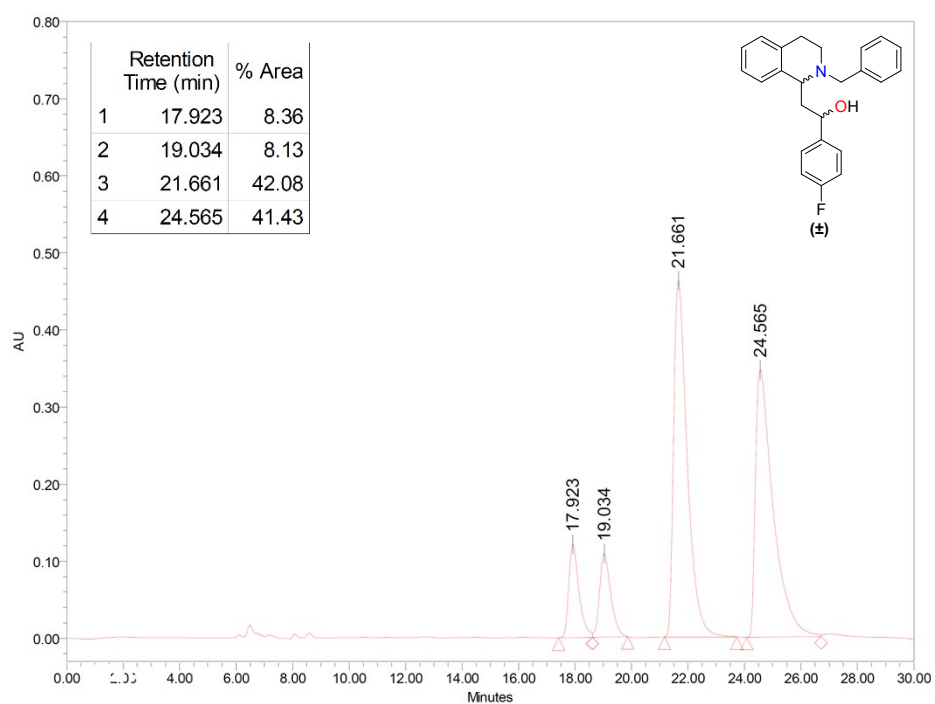


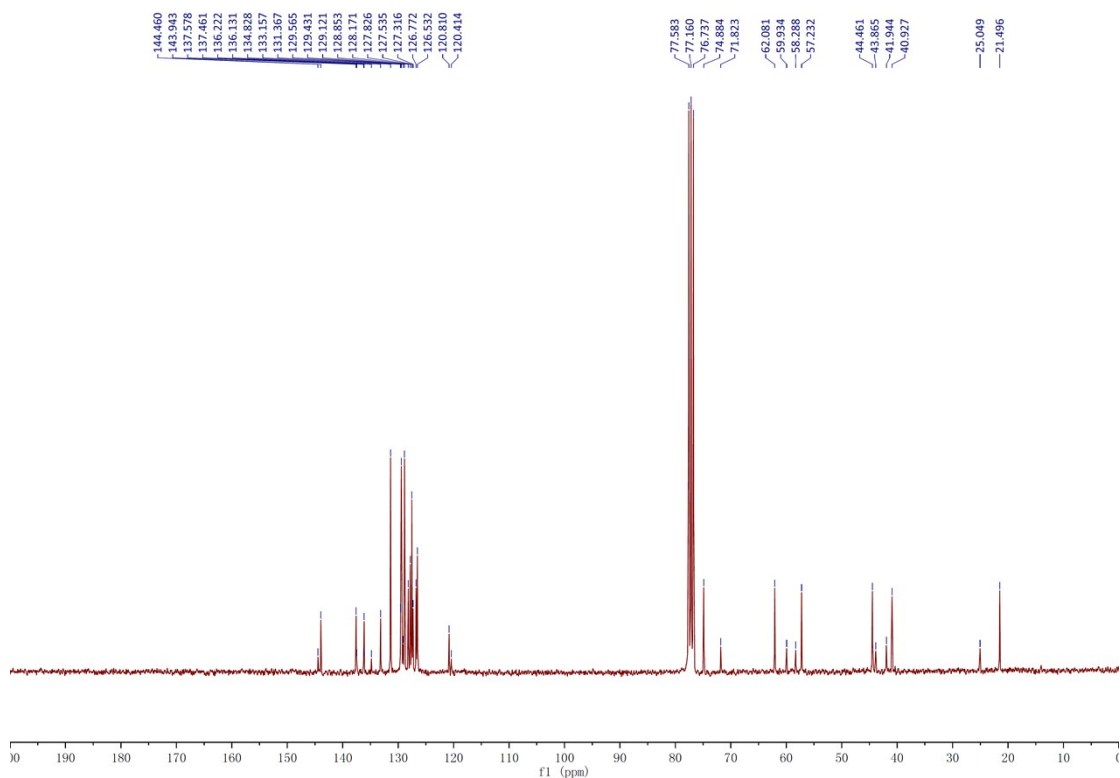
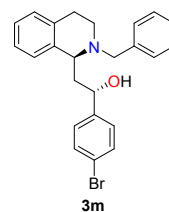
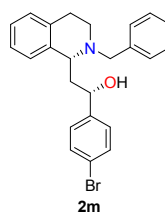
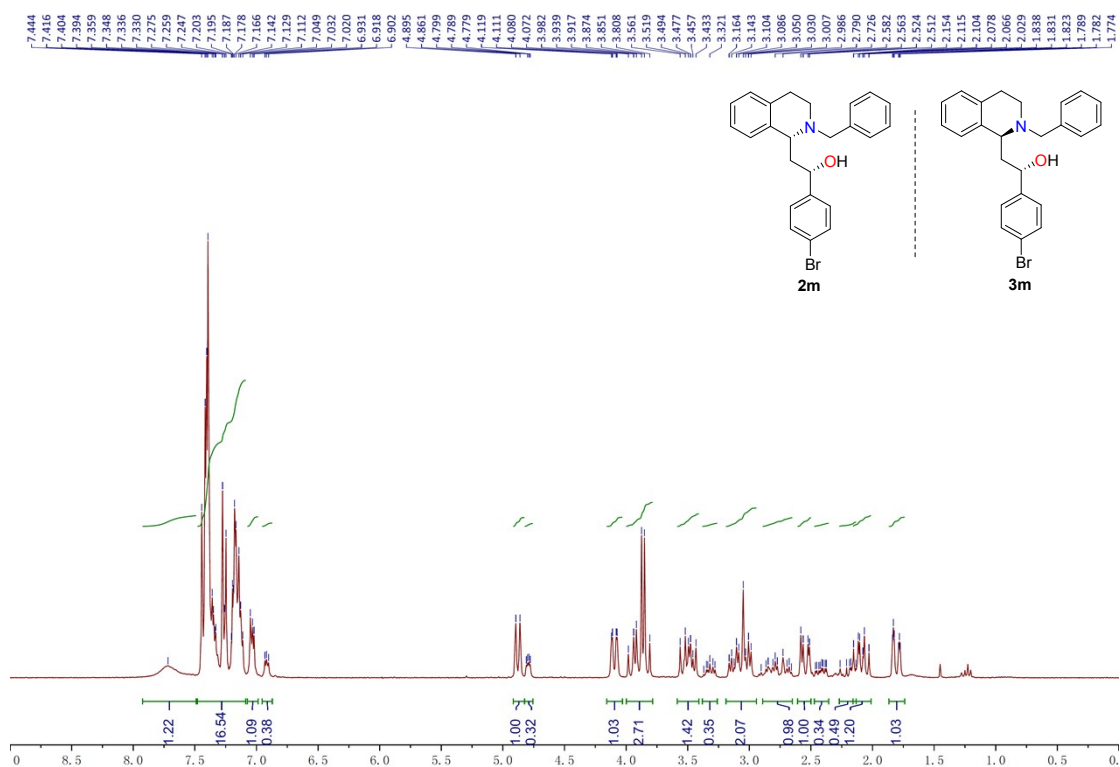


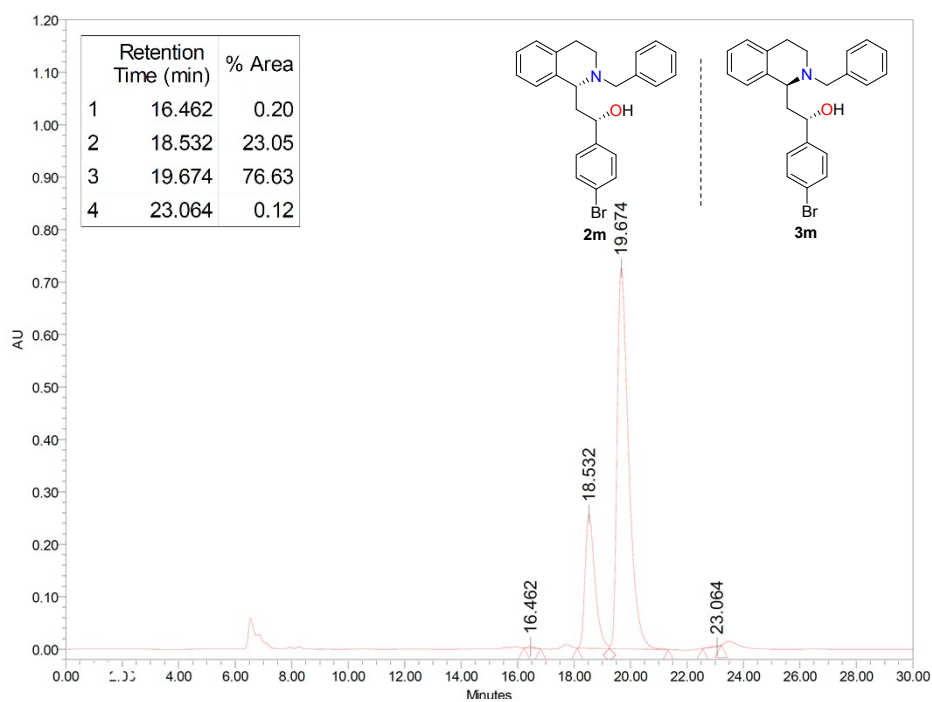
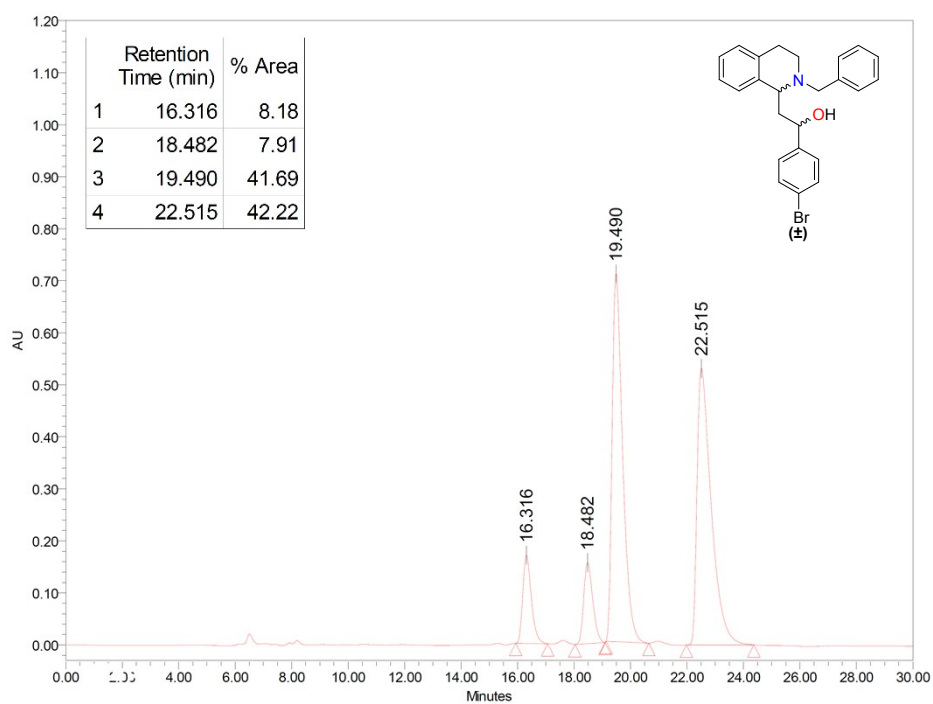


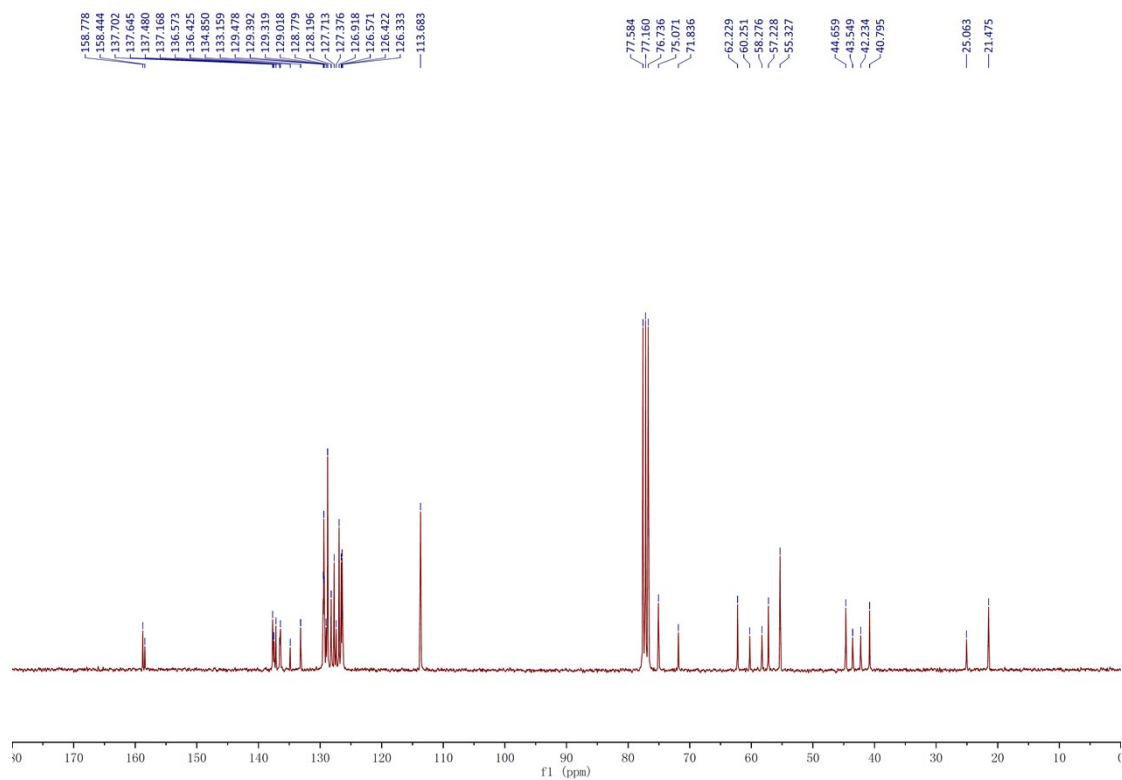
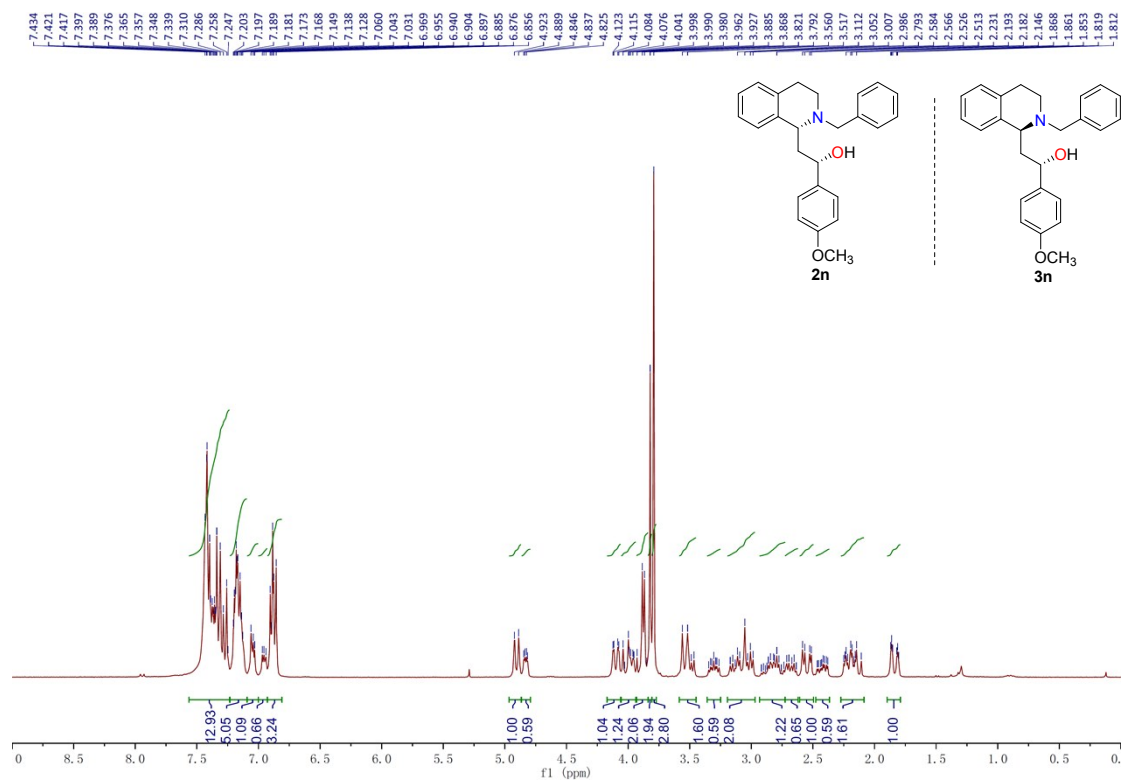


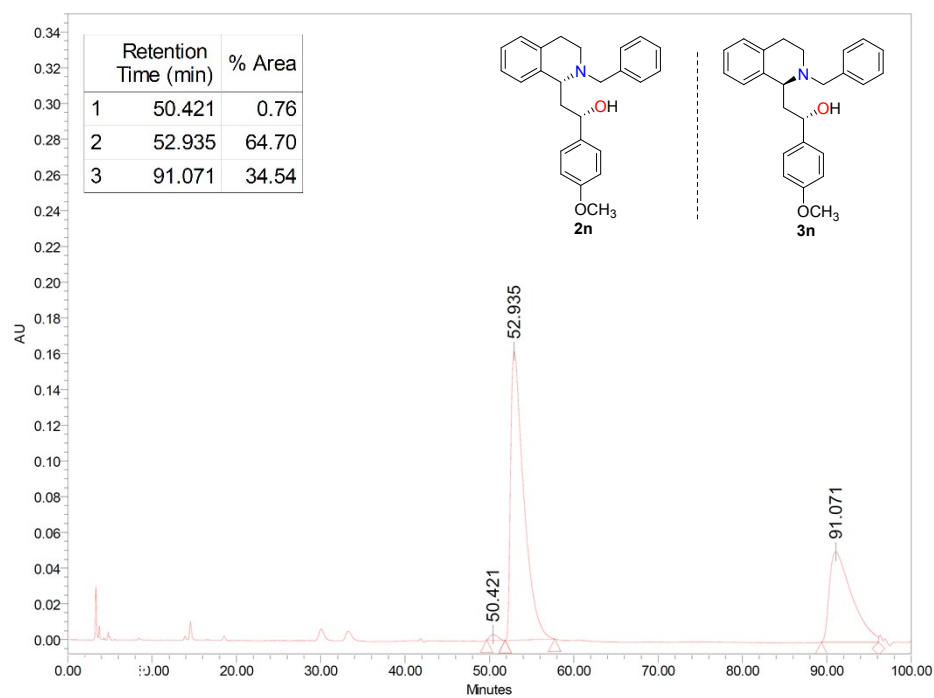
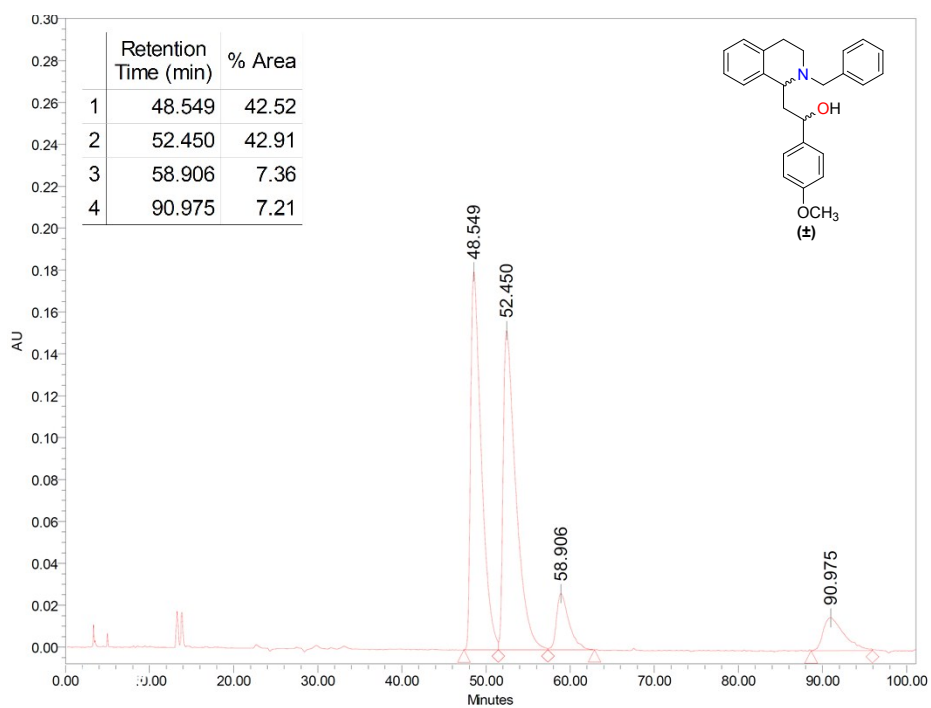


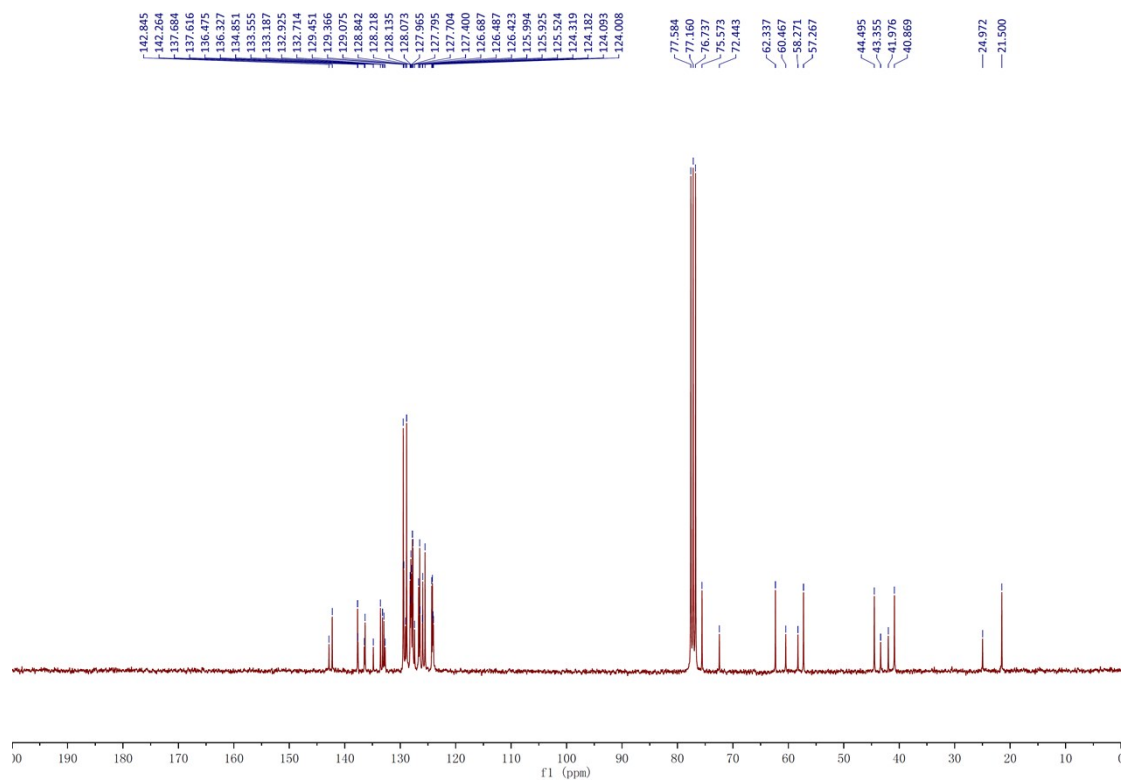
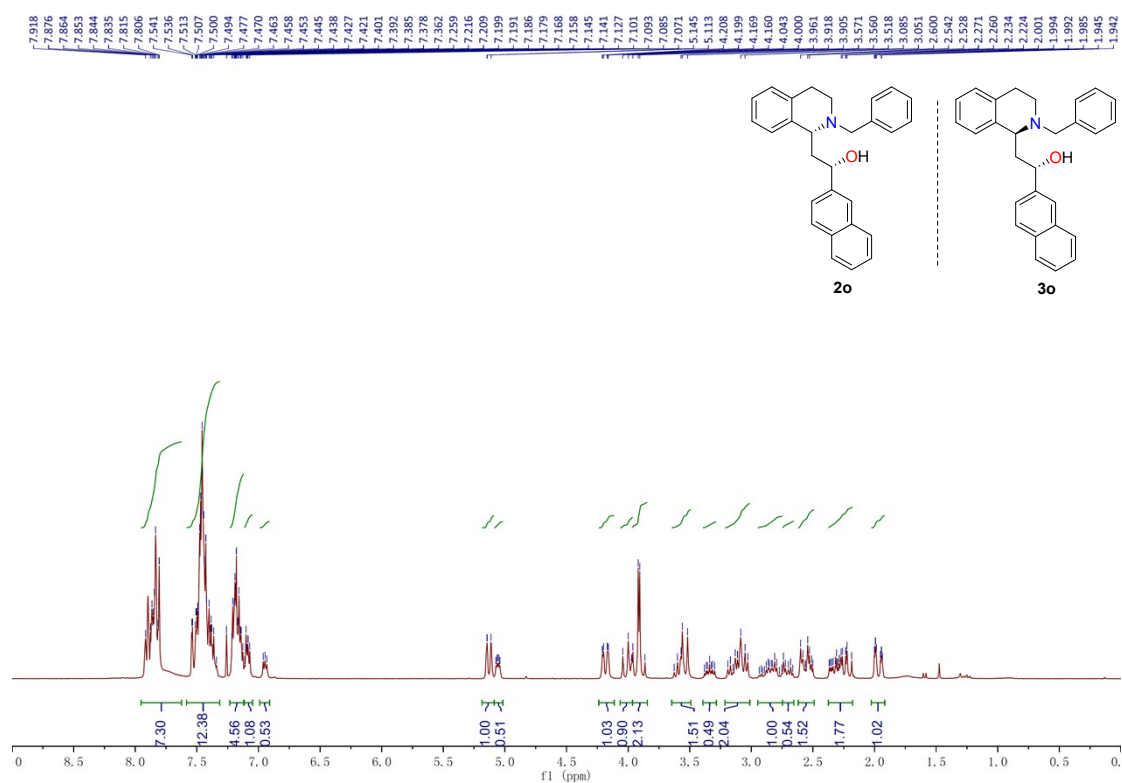


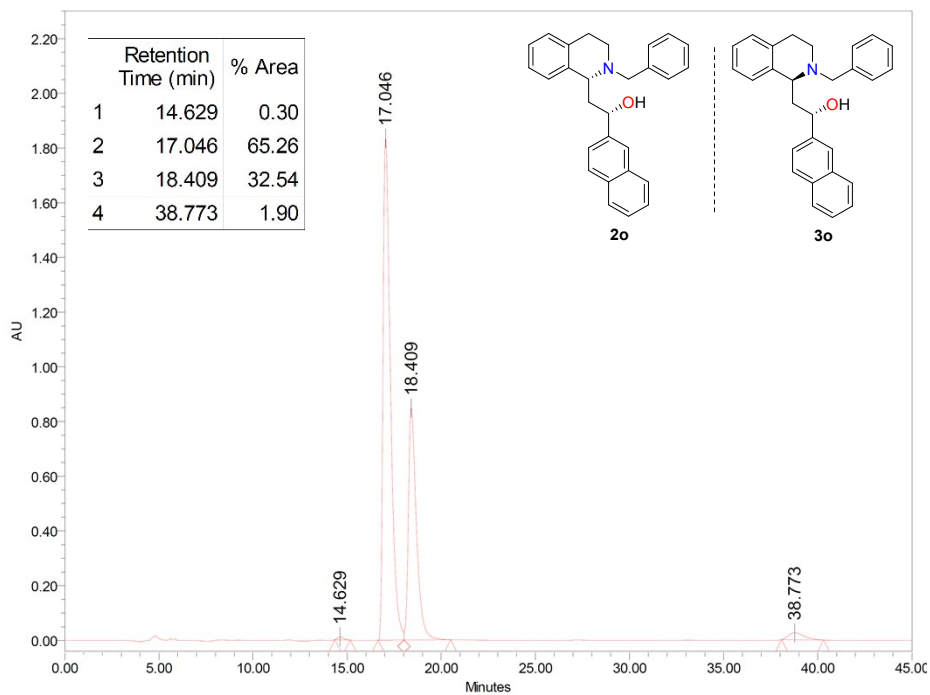
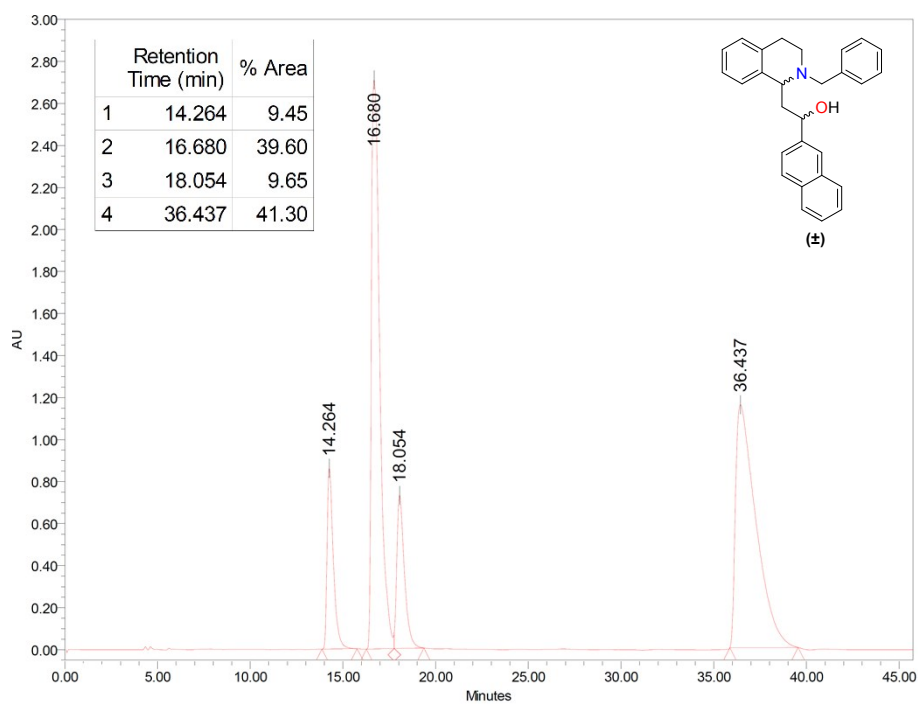


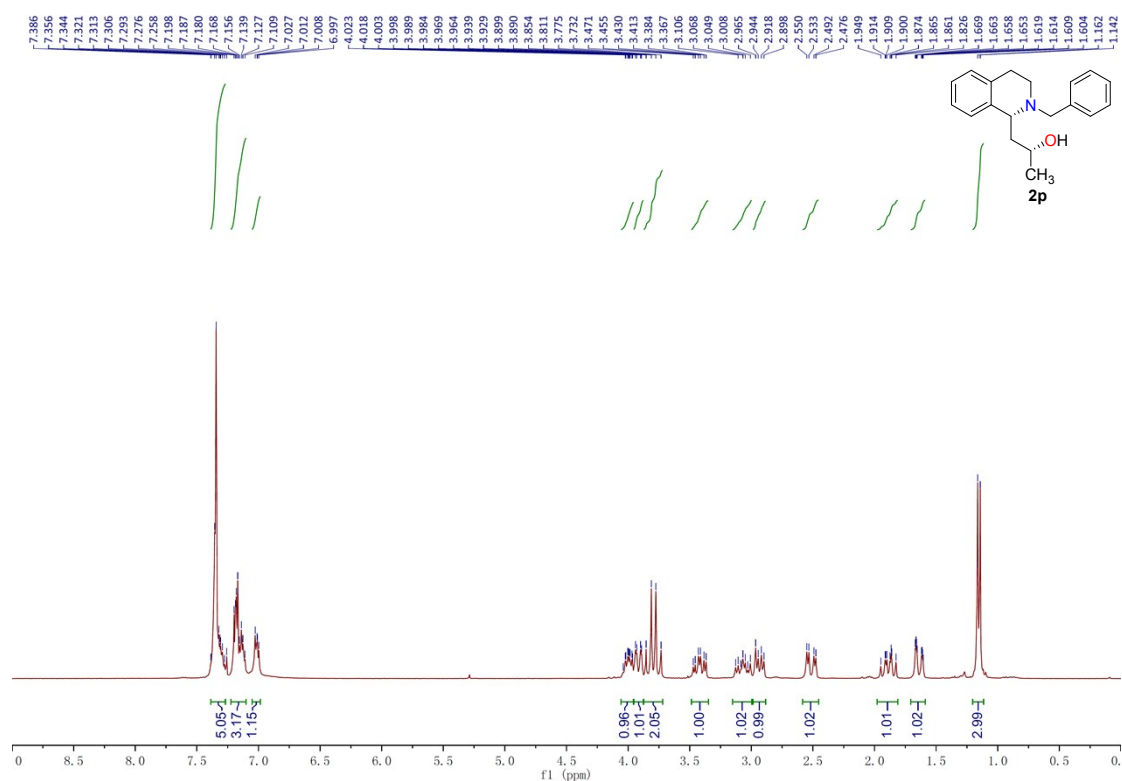
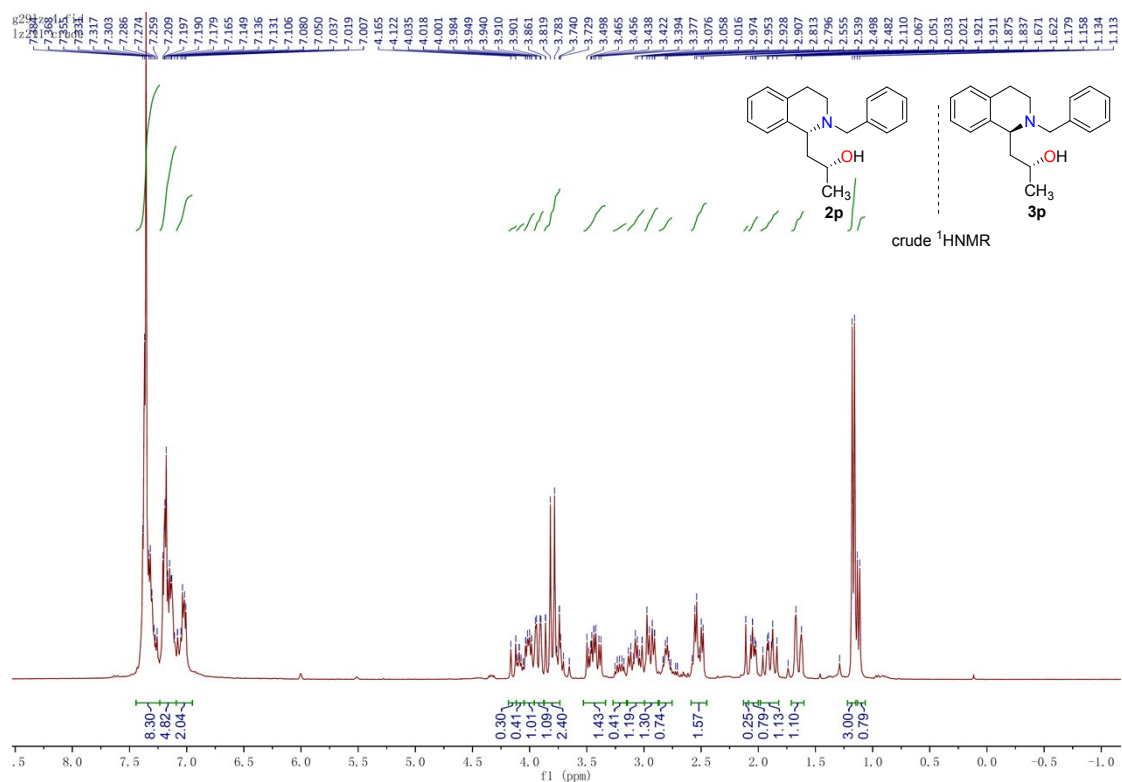


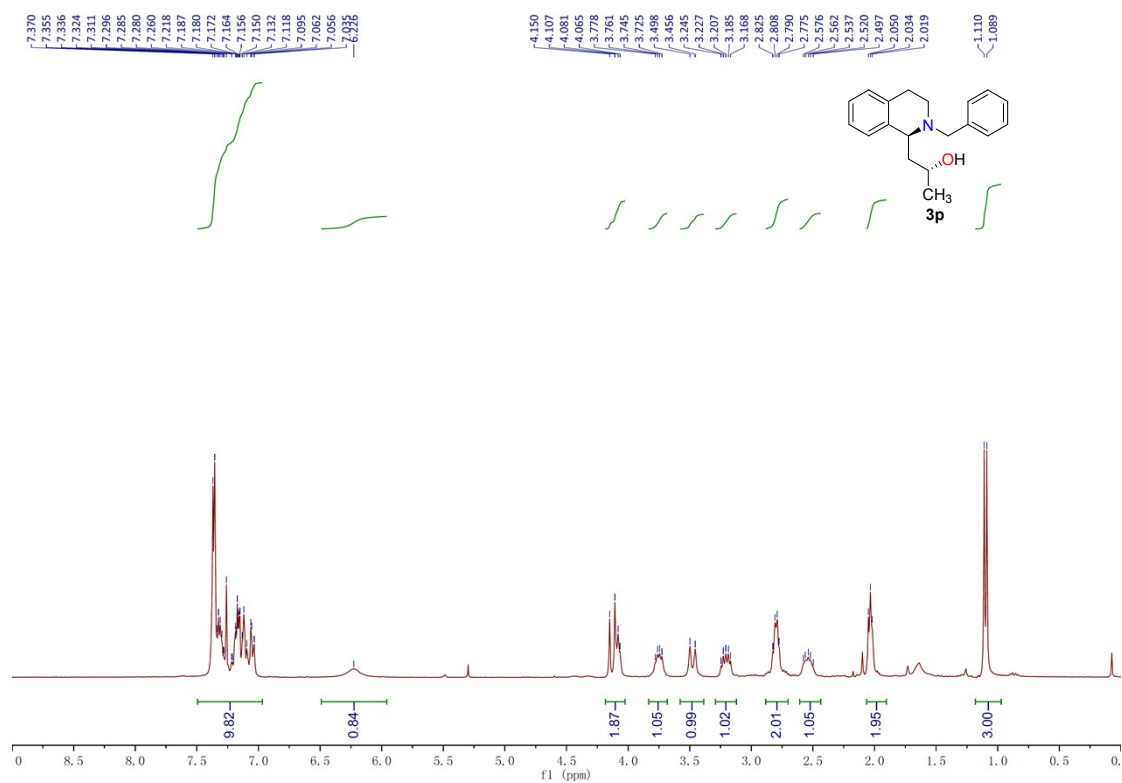
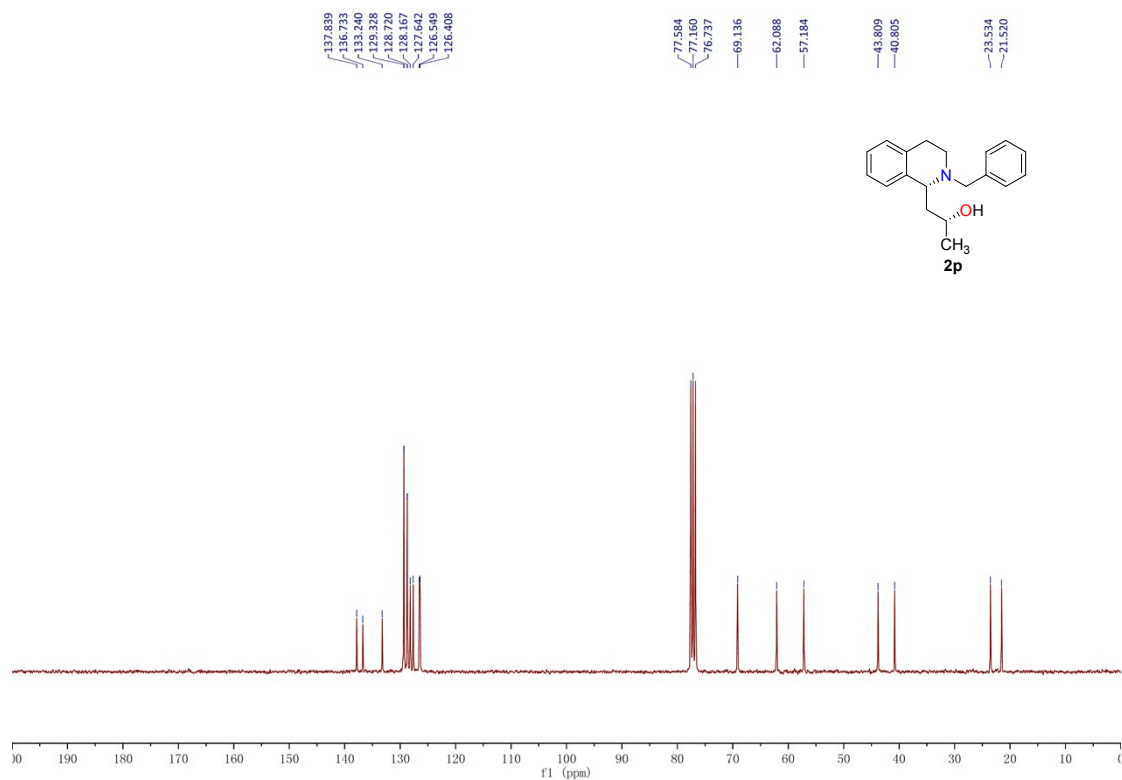


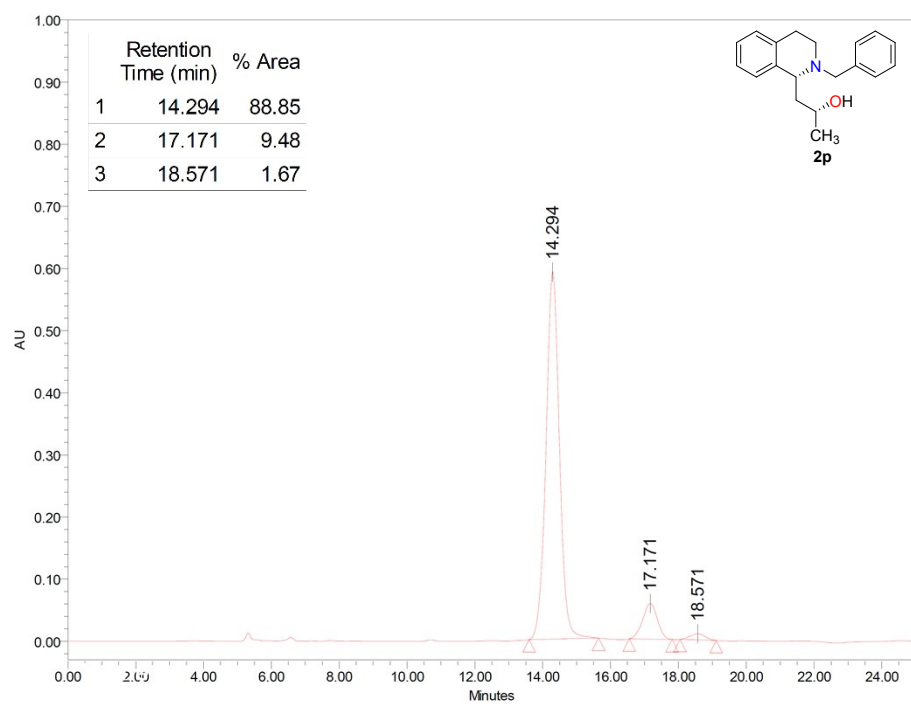
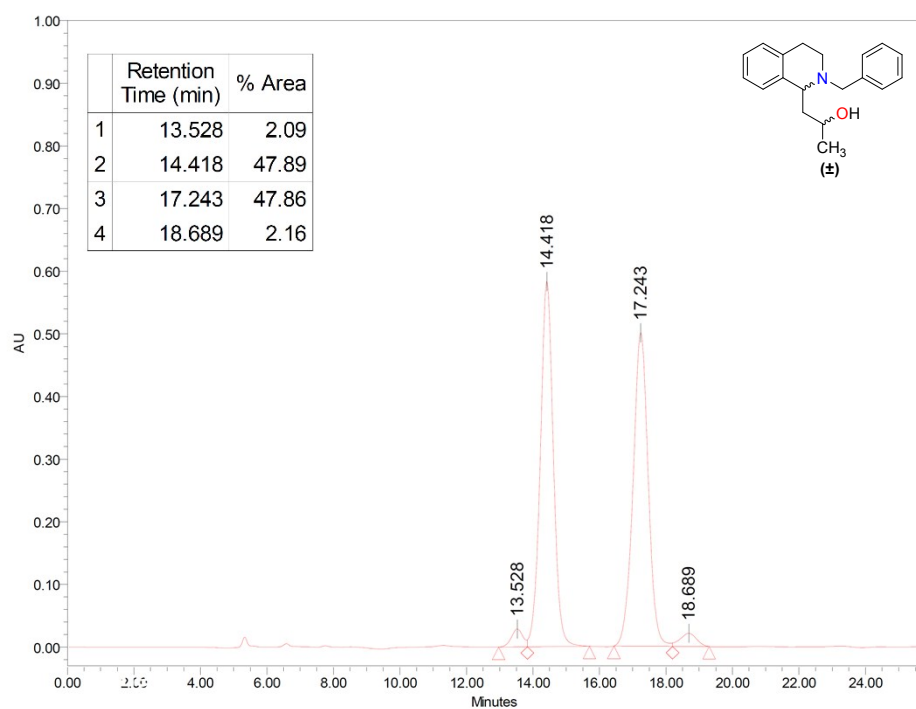




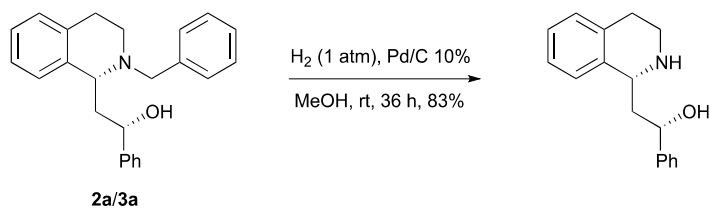




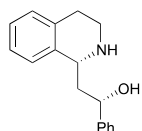




VIII. Debenzylation of compound 2a

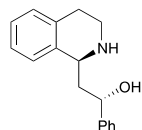


In a Schlenk tube, to a solution of **2a/3a** (0.32 mmol, 110 mg) in degassed MeOH (4 mL) was added Pd/C 10% (0.05 mmol, 17 mg). The system was purged with hydrogen and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 60 h under an atmospheric pressure of hydrogen (balloon). The suspension was then filtered on a celite pad and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 1/1 to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 40/1 to 20/1) to afford the deprotected amino alcohol as a white solid (68 mg, 83% yield).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*syn*) δ 7.45–7.01 (m, 9H), 5.16–5.13 (m, 1H), 4.62–4.56 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.24 (m, 2H), 2.98 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 9.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.22 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.05 (m, 1H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*syn*) δ 144.9, 137.4, 133.9, 129.6, 128.4 (2C), 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 125.9 (2C), 75.5, 56.3, 43.3, 38.0, 28.4.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 7.45–7.01 (m, 9H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62–4.56 (m, 1H), 3.50–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.19–3.10 (m, 2H), 2.91–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.18 (m, 1H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) (*anti*) δ 144.9, 135.9, 134.6, 129.5, 128.4 (2C), 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.6 (2C), 71.2, 53.7, 42.8, 40.7, 28.7.

