

Supporting Information for

**Enantioselective Synthesis of Tetrahydroisoquinoline Derivatives via
Chiral-at-Metal Rhodium Complex Catalyzed [3+2] Cycloaddition**

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General Information

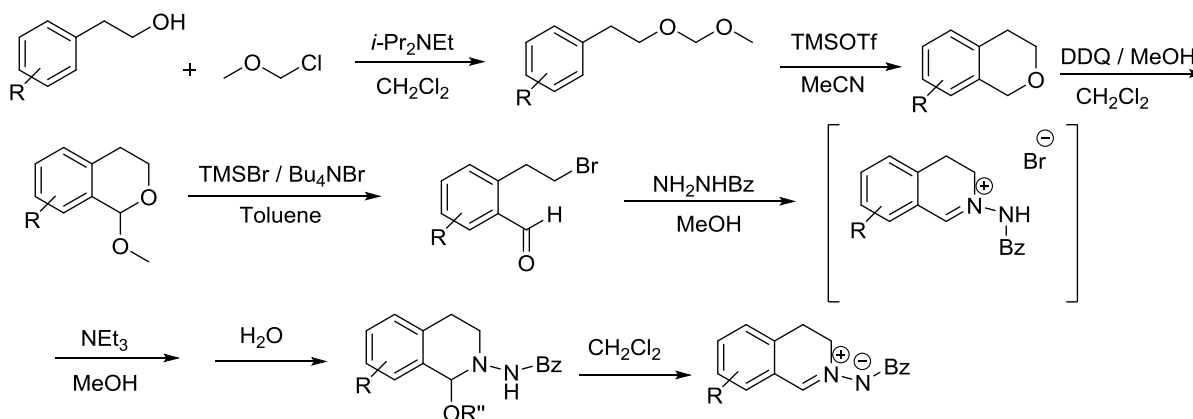
All non-aqueous reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware and standard Schlenk tubes under an atmosphere of nitrogen. 1,2-Dichloroethane (DCE) and dichloromethane (DCM) were distilled from CaH₂ under inert atmosphere. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene (PhMe) were distilled from sodium and benzophenone under inert atmosphere. Rhodium catalysts *rac*-RhO, Δ -Rh1¹, Δ -Rh2², and Δ -Rh3³ were prepared according to the reported procedures. All other solvents and reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. Thin layer chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 F-254 precoated plates (0.2~0.3 mm) and visualized by short-wave UV (254 nm) irradiation, potassium permanganate, or iodine stain. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh, Yantai Jiangyou Silica Gel Development Co., Ltd). The NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ using a Bruker Avance III spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C NMR, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) for ¹H NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the resonance of methyl group as the internal standard (δ 0.00 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qn = quintet, m = multiplet and br = broad, dd = double doublet, hept = heptet), coupling constant in Hz, and integration. Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform (δ 77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. The infrared spectra were recorded on a VERTEX 70 IR spectrometer as KBr pellets, with absorption reported in cm⁻¹. HRMS data were obtained on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultrasystem. Optical rotation was recorded on INESA SGW-1 polarimeter at concentrations of 0.5g/100mL or 1.0g/100mL. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IA column and IC column (Daicel Chemical Industries, LTD) on Shimadzu LC-20AD. The crystallographic measurement was made on an Agilent SuperNova (Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas) diffractometer. The structure was solved by direct method and refined to convergence by least squares method on F2 using the SHELXTL-2014 software suit.

Synthesis of Substrates

Preparation of α,β -Unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles (1)

α,β -Unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles **1a-1s** were prepared according to reported procedures.⁴⁻⁶ Substrate **1p** was prepared according to reported procedure.⁷

Preparation of C,N-Cyclic Azomethine Imines (2)



C,N-cyclic azomethine imines were prepared according to a general procedure.^{8,9} To a stirred solution of phenethylol (20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), *i*-Pr₂NEt (6.97 mL, 40 mmol) and MOMCl (2.28 mL, 30 mmol) were added to this solution at 0 °C. The reaction solution was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The mixture was poured into 1 N HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give phenylethyl methoxymethyl ether.

This crude material was diluted in CH₃CN (20 mL), and TMSOTf (3.62 mL, 20 mmol) then added to this mixture at 0 °C. The reaction solution was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The mixture was then treated with aq. NaHCO₃ and evaporated in vacuo to remove CH₃CN. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

To a solution of thus-obtained isochroman (9.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ were added methanol (447 μ L, 11.0 mmol) and DDQ (2.08 g, 9.18 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 48 h at room temperature, the suspension was filtered off to remove the insoluble waste. The filtrate was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

To a solution of the resulting 1-methoxyisochroman (6.48 mmol) in toluene (6.5 mL) were added Bu₄NBr (2.09 g, 6.48 mmol) and TMSBr (1.71 mL, 13.0 mmol). The reaction solution was then allowed to warm to 80 °C and stirred for 4 h, then treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 2-(2-bromoethyl)-benzaldehyde.

To a 0.5 M solution of the corresponding 2-(2-bromoethyl)-benzaldehyde (1.05 equiv) in MeOH was added benzoylhydrazine or sulfonylhydrazine (1 equiv) at room temperature. After the immediate formation of the insoluble material, this white suspension was heated to reflux and stirred for additional 1 h to give a clear solution. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction solution was treated with Et₃N (1.5 equiv), poured into water and stirred for 30 min to give a white precipitate (tentatively assigned as a methanol and/or water adduct of the corresponding betaine). This solid material was washed with cold ether and then dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ to give a yellow solution. This colored solution was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give N-benzoylimino-3,4-dihydroisoquinolium betaine as a yellow solid **2a**. By the above procedure all the substituted C,N-cyclic azomethine imines were prepared without any further purification.

General Procedure for the Catalytic Reactions

Synthesis of racemic products as HPLC references

General Procedure: A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles **1** (0.1 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imines **2** (0.12 mmol) and racemic catalyst *rac*-**RhO** (1.6 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for indicated time (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford racemic products as HPLC reference for determination of enantiomeric excess.

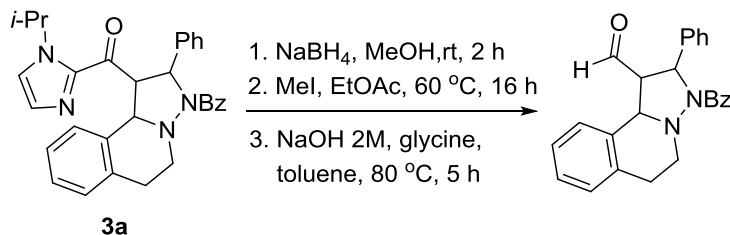
Substrate Scope

General Procedure for chiral product

A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazoles **1** (0.1 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imines **2** (0.12 mmol) and chiral catalyst Δ -**Rh2** (2.1 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for indicated time (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral products.

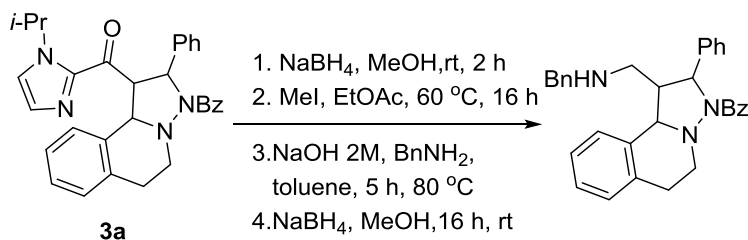
Synthetic Transformations

Into aldehyde



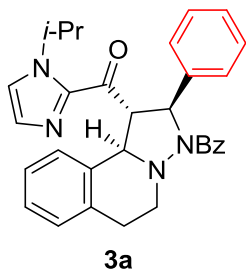
In a round bottom flask, sodium borohydride (0.16 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of the substrate **3a** (0.06 mmol in methanol, $c = 0.125$ M). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and monitored by TLC. After completion, water was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was further washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The intermediate so obtained was dissolved with ethyl acetate ($c = 0.05$ M) and treated with methyl iodide (0.45 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 16 h, cooled down to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The crude residue was taken up in toluene ($c = 0.17$ M), glycine (0.26 mmol) and 2 M NaOH solution (0.58 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated at 80 °C for 5 h. At 80 °C, 1 M HCl solution (0.58 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred until lightening of the aqueous phase (from cloudy to clear). Then the mixture was cooled down to room temperature and ethyl acetate was added. The organic layer was washed with an aqueous solution of 1 M HCl and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product.

Into amine



In a round bottom flask, sodium borohydride (0.18 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of the substrate **3a** (0.07 mmol) in methanol (0.36 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and monitored by TLC. Water was added, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. Ethyl acetate (0.56 mL) was added to the intermediate followed by methyl iodide (0.51 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 16 h, cooled down to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The residue was taken up in toluene (0.36 mL), benzylamine (0.29 mmol) and 2 M NaOH solution (0.36 mmol) were then added. The mixture was heated at 80 °C for 5 h and cooled down to room temperature. The organic layer was diluted with ethyl acetate, dried with brine and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was taken up in MeOH (0.36 mL) and sodium borohydride (0.73 mmol) was added at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford desired product.

Characterization of Products



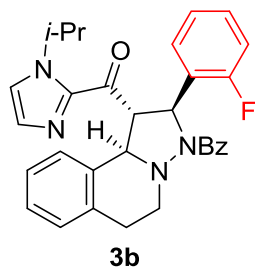
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1a** (12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3a** as white solid (24.3 mg, yield: 99%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 98% (Chiralpak column IA, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(minor) = 10.446 min, tr(major) = 11.599 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -32.061. Mp 185–188 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.15 (m, 9H), 7.04 (brs, 3H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (hept, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 170.9, 142.9, 141.3, 135.6, 133.3, 132.9, 130.6, 130.2, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 126.1 (2C), 125.7, 122.5, 68.9, 68.0, 61.2, 49.9, 49.6, 29.5, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2965, 1664, 1394, 989, 696.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 513.2261, found: 513.2261.



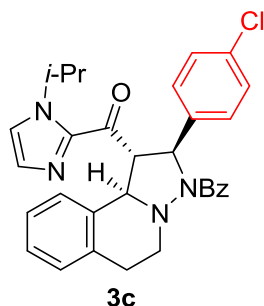
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1b** (12.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3b** as white solid (22.8 mg, yield: 90%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 94% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 0.6 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 36.491 min, tr(minor) = 45.281 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -11.832. Mp 173–176 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.88-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (hept, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 8.5, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 169.6, 159.8 (d, J = 244 Hz), 143.1, 135.2, 132.6 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 130.3, 130.0, 128.7 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.5 (2C), 128.42, 128.35, 128.2, 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 126.5, 126.2 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 125.6, 124.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 122.0, 115.2 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 68.2, 63.7, 60.4, 50.0, 49.5, 29.4, 23.7, 23.4.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2952, 1664, 1488, 1396, 1255, 991, 757, 696.

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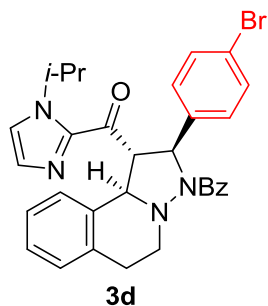
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1c** (13.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3c** as white solid (24.7 mg, yield: 95%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 96% (Chiralpak column IA, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 0.6 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(minor) = 31.593 min, tr(major) = 42.447 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -28.305. Mp 169–172 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (hept, 1H), 5.29 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 5.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (ddd, J = 2.6, 10.6, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (ddd, J = 5.0, 12.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.6, 170.8, 142.8, 139.9, 135.3, 133.1, 132.9, 132.8, 130.6, 130.4, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 127.7 (4C), 127.3, 126.2, 125.8, 122.6, 68.8, 67.6, 60.9, 50.0, 49.7, 29.4, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2927, 1662, 1545, 1491, 1395, 1254, 1013, 990, 764, 737.

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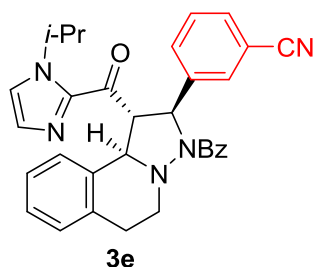
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1d** (15.96 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst Δ -**Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3d** as off white solid (26.9 mg, yield: 95%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 92% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 14.522 min, tr(minor) = 17.334 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = +25.733. Mp 170–172 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (hept, 1H), 5.29 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.17 (ddd, *J* = 3.0, 10.4, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 12.0, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.6, 170.8, 142.8, 140.4, 135.3, 133.1, 132.8, 131.5 (2C), 130.7, 130.4, 128.6, 128.55 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.3, 126.2, 125.8, 122.7, 121.0, 68.8, 67.6, 60.8, 50.0, 49.7, 29.4, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2931, 1663, 1489, 1447, 1395, 1255, 1163, 1074, 1010, 990, 766, 670.

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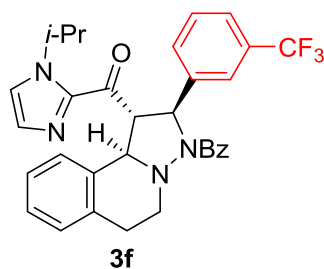
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1e** (13.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3e** as colorless oil (24.5 mg, yield: 96%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 93% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 16.823 min, tr(minor) = 28.729 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -11.193.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.28 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.19-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.1, 170.9, 143.0, 142.7, 134.8, 132.8, 132.7, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.4, 126.2, 125.9, 123.0, 118.9, 112.5, 68.6, 67.4, 60.7, 50.2, 49.8, 29.4, 23.9, 23.6.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2979, 2932, 1662, 1601, 1395, 1349, 1255, 1194, 1088, 991, 732.

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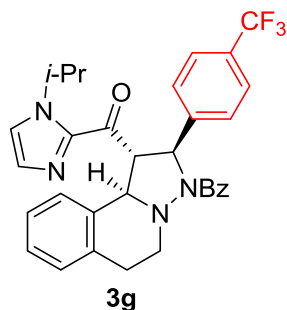
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1f** (15.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst Δ -**Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3f** as white solid (27.5 mg, yield: 99%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 99% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 7.534 min, tr(minor) = 9.089 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -22.6. Mp 130–133 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.32 (m, 6H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.16 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 10.2, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 12.2, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 170.9, 142.6, 142.2, 135.0, 132.9, 132.7, 130.6, 130.48 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 130.46, 129.3, 128.9, 128.53, 128.51 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 124.0 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 122.8, 68.3, 67.8, 60.7, 49.9, 49.6, 29.3, 23.7, 23.5.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2985, 1656, 1397, 1325, 1165, 113, 1068, 768.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₂H₂₉F₃N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 581.2135, found: 581.2134.



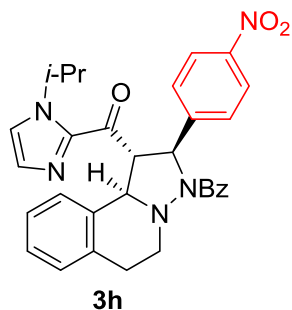
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1g** (15.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3g** as colorless oil (26.9 mg, yield: 97%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 99% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 8.987 min, tr(minor) = 10.657 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -22.786.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (ddd, *J* = 2.6, 10.2, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 12.2, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 170.8, 145.3, 142.7, 135.1, 132.9, 132.7, 130.7, 130.5, 129.3 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 128.6 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.3, 126.5 (2C), 126.2, 125.8, 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.1 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 122.7, 68.8, 67.6, 60.8, 50.0, 49.7, 29.4, 23.8, 23.6.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2980, 1751, 1395, 1324, 1258, 1068, 764.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₂H₂₉F₃N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 581.2135, found: 581.2134.



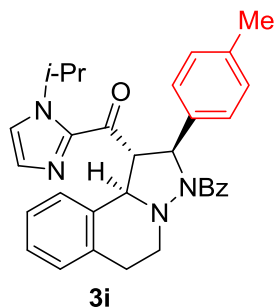
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1h** (14.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3h** as yellow oil (25.0 mg, yield: 94%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 93% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 24.444 min, tr(minor) = 27.461 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = +22.307.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.0, 170.8, 148.8, 147.1, 142.7, 134.8, 132.7, 130.8, 130.7, 128.7 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.5, 127.2 (2C), 126.2, 125.9, 123.8 (2C), 123.0, 68.7, 67.7, 60.5, 50.2, 49.8, 29.4, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2932, 1663, 1601, 1520, 1493, 1396, 1345, 1254, 1109, 990, 816, 748, 736, 696.

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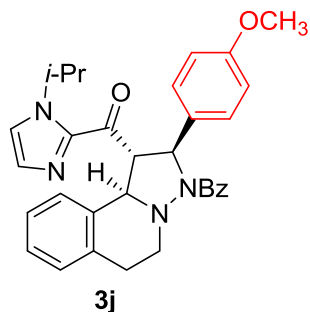
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1i** (12.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3i** as white solid (24.6 mg, yield: 98%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 97% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(minor) = 27.737 min, tr(major) = 35.721 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -28.152. Mp 166–168 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 5H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.01 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 12.2, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1, 170.8, 142.9, 138.3, 136.6, 135.7, 133.3, 132.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1 (2C), 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 126.3, 126.1 (2C), 125.7, 122.4, 68.8, 67.9, 61.1, 49.9, 49.6, 29.5, 23.8, 23.7, 21.0.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2948, 1661, 1395, 1254, 990, 766.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 527.2417, found: 527.2417.



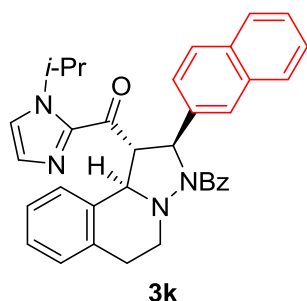
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1j** (13.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3j** as off white solid (25.4 mg, yield: 98%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 96% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, t_r (major) = 28.347 min, t_r (minor) = 32.594 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -9.034. Mp 173–175 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.77 (m, 3H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (hept, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.36-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.7, 12.0, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1, 170.8, 158.6, 142.9, 135.7, 133.4, 133.3, 132.9, 130.5, 130.2, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.2, 126.3, 125.7, 122.4, 113.8 (2C), 68.7, 67.8, 61.1, 55.3, 49.95, 49.6, 29.5, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2932, 1662, 1512, 1394, 1250, 1032, 669.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₄O₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 543.2367, found: 543.2364.



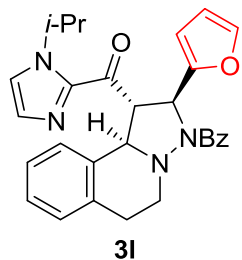
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1k** (14.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3k** as yellow solid (25 mg, yield: 93%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 95% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 25.076 min, tr(minor) = 32.961 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = +38.135. Mp 180–183 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (hept, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.22 (m, 2H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 5.3, 12.2, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 171.1, 142.9, 138.8, 135.6, 133.3, 132.9, 132.7, 130.6, 130.3, 128.6, 128.57 (2C), 128.2, 128.1, 127.6 (2C), 127.5, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 125.7, 124.8 (2C), 122.5, 68.9, 68.3, 61.0, 50.0, 49.7, 29.5, 23.8, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2931, 1660, 1493, 1448, 1395, 1255, 1163, 1075, 991, 916, 838, 766, 697, 667, 477.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₅H₃₂N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 563.2417, found: 563.2416.



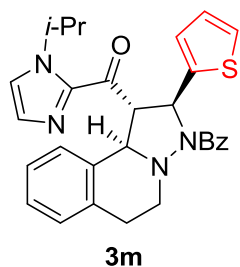
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **11** (11.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **31** as light brown solid (22.9 mg, yield: 96%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 96% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60:40, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 7.842 min, tr(minor) = 12.669 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -31.422. Mp 195–198 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.08 (brs, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (hept, 1H), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 170.0, 152.3, 142.8, 142.1, 135.3, 133.3, 133.0, 130.5, 130.3, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 122.4, 110.5, 108.4, 67.6, 61.5, 58.4, 49.6, 49.3, 29.4, 23.80, 23.6.

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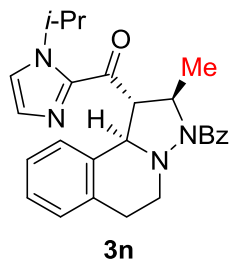
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1m** (12.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3m** as white solid (23.2 mg, yield: 94%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 95% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 21.846 min, tr(minor) = 26.315 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -31.661. Mp 200–202 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (hept, 1H), 5.56 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (ddd, *J* = 3.3, 10.8, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 1.8, 5.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.4, 12.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 170.5, 145.6, 142.9, 135.3, 133.2, 132.9, 130.6, 130.3, 128.7, 128.5 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.3, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.0, 124.9, 122.6, 68.6, 64.0, 60.9, 50.0, 49.6, 29.5, 23.8, 23.6.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2932, 1661, 1493, 1447, 1396, 1164, 988, 917, 847, 767, 698.

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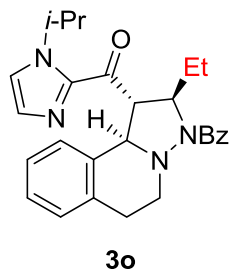
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1n** (8.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3n** as colorless oil (19.6 mg, yield: 95%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 99.6% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 15.490 min, tr(minor) = 21.922 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -25.836.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (hept, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dq, *J* = 7.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 12.4, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.8, 168.9, 143.0, 135.7, 134.3, 133.0, 130.4, 130.0, 128.5, 128.4 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 122.4, 65.4, 61.6, 60.8, 50.3, 49.6, 29.6, 23.8, 23.6, 22.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2974, 2931, 1665, 1573, 1449, 1395, 1255, 1127, 1019, 916, 829, 766, 712, 669.

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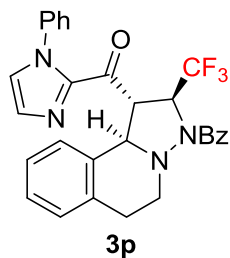
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1o** (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3o** as colorless oil (19.8 mg, yield: 90%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 99% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 12.521 min, tr(minor) = 13.649 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -50.371.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (hept, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 12.3, 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 170.5, 142.9, 136.1, 133.8, 133.0, 130.3, 129.9, 128.5, 128.2 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.1, 126.3, 125.8, 122.3, 67.6, 67.5, 59.5, 49.9, 49.6, 30.9, 30.3, 29.6, 23.7, 11.3.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2963, 1678, 1550, 1396, 1092, 850, 730.

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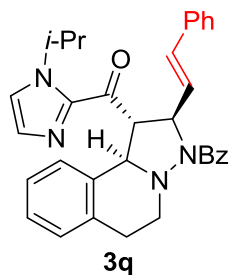
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1p** (13.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst Δ -**Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3p** as white solid (25.4 mg, yield: 99%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 97% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 8.206 min, tr(minor) = 9.840 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -203.00. Mp 165–167 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (qn, 1H), 5.38 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.35 (m, 2H), 2.98 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 10.6, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.3, 173.9, 143.0, 138.0, 134.7, 133.2, 131.9, 130.87, 130.85, 129.3 (2C), 128.8, 128.6, 128.3 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6, 126.3, 126.0 (2C), 125.8, 124.7 (q, *J* = 278 Hz), 68.6, 64.7 (q, *J* = 33.5 Hz), 53.8, 48.9, 29.5.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2958, 1680, 1597, 1491, 1446, 1411, 1391, 1328, 1283, 1257, 1170, 1126, 976, 802, 739, 692.

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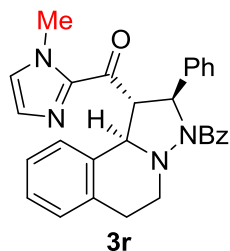
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with styryl-substituted α,β -unsaturated 2-acyl imidazole **1q** (13.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **A-Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3q** as yellow oil (25.0 mg, yield: 97%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 98% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 14.530 min, tr(minor) = 15.653 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = +26.225.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.04 (m, 12H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.50 (m, 3H), 5.67 (hept, 1H), 5.42 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.24 (m, 2H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.4, 12.2, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 169.9, 142.9, 136.8, 135.5, 133.8, 132.9, 131.4, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.55, 127.2, 126.7 (2C), 126.3, 126.0, 122.5, 66.5, 66.2, 59.4, 50.2, 49.6, 29.5, 23.8, 23.6.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2975, 1751, 1505, 1436, 1259, 749.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₃H₃₂N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 539.2417, found: 539.2416.



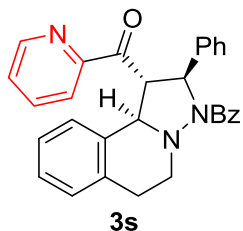
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1r** (10.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3r** as white solid (22.8 mg, yield: 99%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 97% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 14.863 min, tr(minor) = 27.742 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -8.074. Mp 235–238 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.20 (ddd, *J* = 3.2, 10.6, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 12.2, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 170.9, 143.5, 141.2, 135.6, 133.2, 132.9, 130.3, 130.1, 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.2, 127.6 (2C), 127.2, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1 (2C), 125.8, 68.8, 68.0, 60.7, 49.9, 36.6, 29.4.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2923, 1662, 1404, 991, 669.

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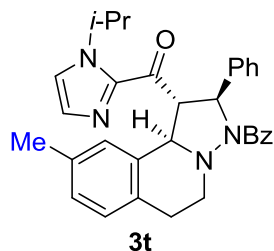
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylpyridine **1s** (10.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2a** (15.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3s** as white solid (21.6 mg, yield: 95%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 94% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 26.625 min, tr(minor) = 48.838 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -13.192. Mp 210–213 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.12 (m, 9H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 12.3, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 170.6, 152.9, 149.0, 141.3, 137.1, 135.6, 133.3, 132.9, 130.3, 128.5 (2C), 128.48, 128.4 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 126.0 (2C), 125.8, 122.9, 68.9, 68.4, 58.8, 50.0, 29.5.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 3057, 3027, 2930, 1687, 1648, 1601, 1579, 1494, 1446, 1381, 1348, 1279, 1250, 995, 937, 868, 769, 748, 695, 669, 618, 550.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅N₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 482.1839, found: 482.1836.



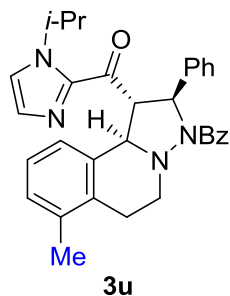
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1a** (12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2t** (15.8 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3t** as white solid (24.4 mg, yield: 97%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 91% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 18.996 min, tr(minor) = 29.639 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃) = -13.352. Mp 160–162 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.15 (m, 9H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (hept, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 12.0, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 170.8, 142.9, 141.3, 135.6, 135.0, 132.9, 130.6, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 128.0, 127.6 (2C), 127.1, 127.0, 126.1 (2C), 122.3, 69.2, 67.8, 61.3, 50.1, 49.6, 29.0, 24.0, 23.6, 20.8.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2951, 1751, 1664, 1563, 1395, 1215, 988, 758.

HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₄O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 527.2417, found: 527.2417.



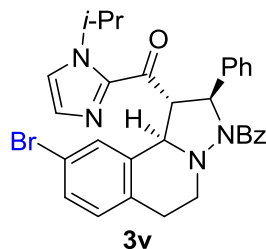
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1a** (12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2u** (15.8 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3u** as white solid (24.1 mg, yield: 96%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 99% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 19.252 min, tr(minor) = 28.024 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -21.504. Mp 160–163 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 9H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (hept, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.53 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 170.8, 142.8, 141.3, 136.0, 135.6, 132.9, 131.4, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 128.4 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 126.9, 126.0 (2C), 125.5, 124.0, 122.4, 69.2, 67.8, 61.0, 49.7, 49.5, 26.9, 23.7, 23.6, 19.3.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2929, 1663, 1576, 1495, 1448, 1396, 1351, 1255, 1163, 1076, 990, 917, 779, 696, 670, 552.

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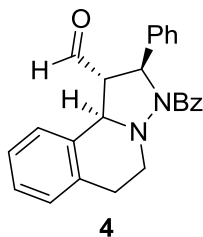
A dried 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with α,β -unsaturated 2-acylimidazole **1a** (12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), C,N-cyclic azomethine imine **2v** (19.75 mg, 0.06 mmol) and chiral catalyst **Δ -Rh2** (1.03 mg, 2.0 mol%). The tube was purged with argon and anhydrous DCE (0.1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h (monitored by TLC) under argon. The mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **3v** as white solid (26.6 mg, yield: 94%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 91% (Chiralpak column IC, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 °C, tr(major) = 17.280 min, tr(minor) = 24.890 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃) = -18.229. Mp 130–133 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.13 (m, 10H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (hept, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 12.2, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 170.9, 142.8, 141.1, 135.5, 135.2, 131.9, 130.8, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.1, 126.0 (2C), 122.8, 119.1, 68.5, 67.5, 61.1, 49.7, 49.6, 29.0, 23.9, 23.7.

IR (KBr): ν (cm⁻¹) 2929, 1664, 1576, 1486, 1449, 1396, 1351, 1255, 1192, 1165, 1078, 990, 935, 844, 760, 698, 669, 517.

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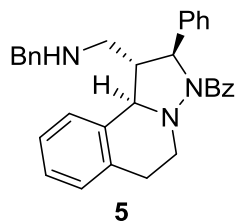
In a round bottom flask, sodium borohydride (6.15 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of the substrate **3a** (32.2mg, 0.06 mmol in methanol, $c = 0.125$ M). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and monitored by TLC. After completion, water was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was further washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The intermediate so obtained was dissolved with ethyl acetate ($c = 0.05$ M) and treated with methyl iodide (28 μ L, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 16 h, cooled down to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The crude residue was taken up in toluene ($c = 0.17$ M), glycine (19.51 mg, 0.26 mmol) and 2 M NaOH solution (0.29 mL, 0.58 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 h. At 80 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 M HCl solution (0.6 mL, 0.58 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred until lightening of the aqueous phase (from cloudy to clear). Then the mixture was cooled down to room temperature and ethyl acetate was added. The organic layer was washed with an aqueous solution of 1M HCl and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 7:1 to 3:1) to afford the chiral product **4** as white solid (15.5 mg, yield: 62%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 97% (Chiralpak column IC, $\lambda = 254$ nm, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 $^{\circ}$ C, t_r (major) = 13.258 min, t_r (minor) = 22.896 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3) = +44.853. Mp 155–158 $^{\circ}$ C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.16 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.07 (m, 11H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (ddd, $J = 10.2, 8.1, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 170.8, 140.6, 134.9, 133.0, 132.6, 130.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.6, 125.5 (2C), 66.8, 64.9, 63.0, 50.1, 29.3.

IR (KBr): ν (cm^{-1}) 2985, 1720, 1394, 1028, 749.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $C_{25}H_{22}N_2O_2Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 405.1573, found: 405.1573.



In a round bottom flask, sodium borohydride (6.9 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of the substrate **3a** (36.0 mg, 0.07 mmol) in methanol (0.36 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and monitored by TLC. Water was added, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. Ethyl acetate (0.56 mL) was added to the intermediate followed by methyl iodide (31.8 μ L, 0.51 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 16 h, cooled down to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The residue was taken up in toluene (0.36 mL), benzylamine (31.8 μ L, 0.29 mmol) and 2 M NaOH solution (0.18 mL, 0.36 mmol) were then added. The mixture was heated at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 h and cooled down to room temperature. The organic layer was diluted with ethyl acetate, dried with brine and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was taken up in MeOH (0.36 mL) and sodium borohydride (27.6 mg, 0.73 mmol) was added at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 6:1 to 1:1) to afford chiral product **5** as white solid (13.5 mg, yield: 39%). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis, ee = 97% (Chiralpak column IA, λ = 254 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 30 $^{\circ}$ C, t_r (minor) = 10.805 min, t_r (major) = 18.467 min). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c 0.5, $CHCl_3$) = -25.549. Mp 110–113 $^{\circ}$ C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.84 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.20 (m, 13H), 7.15 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (AB, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32-3.14 (m, 3H), 3.07-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.67 (m, 2H).

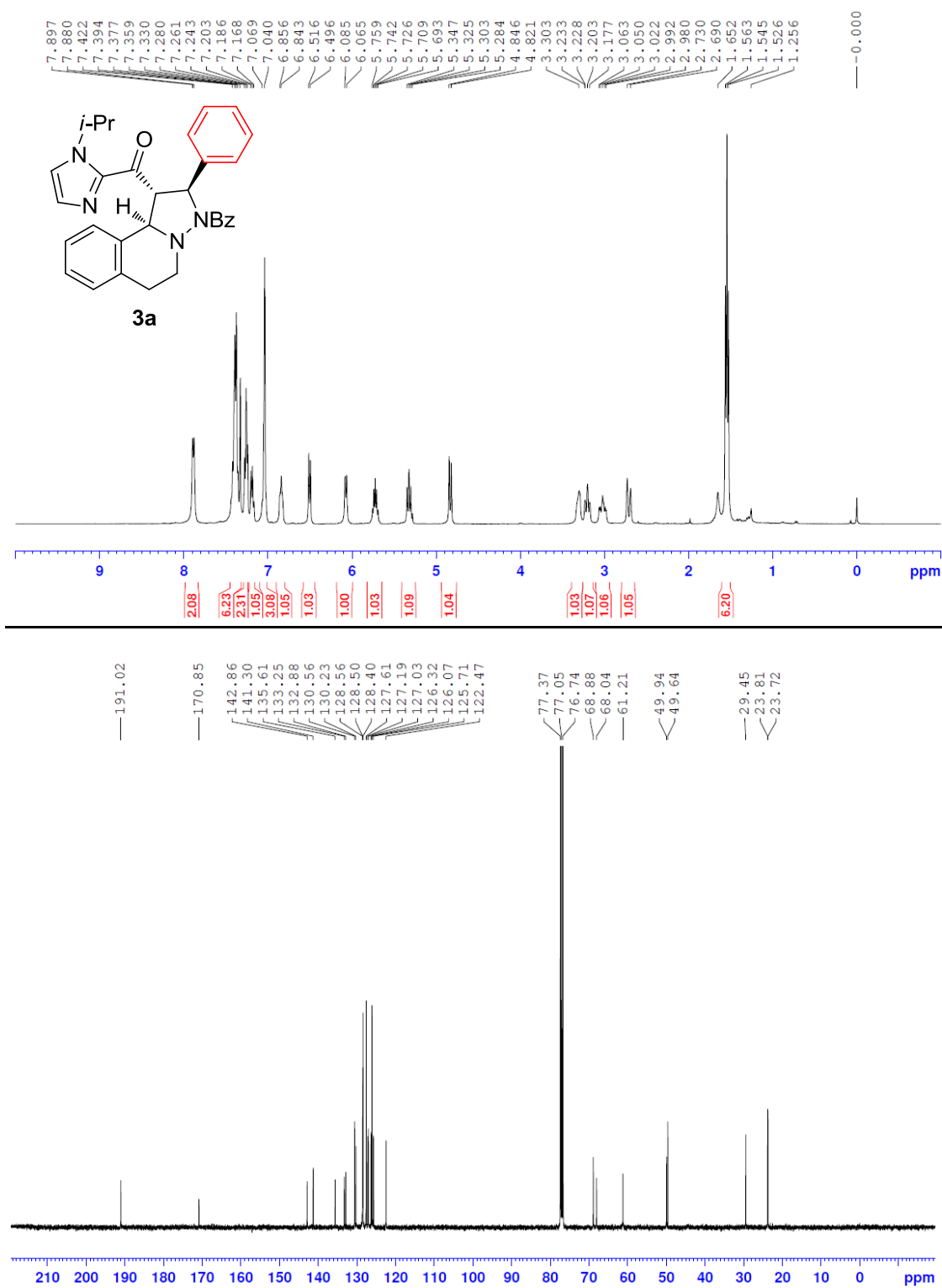
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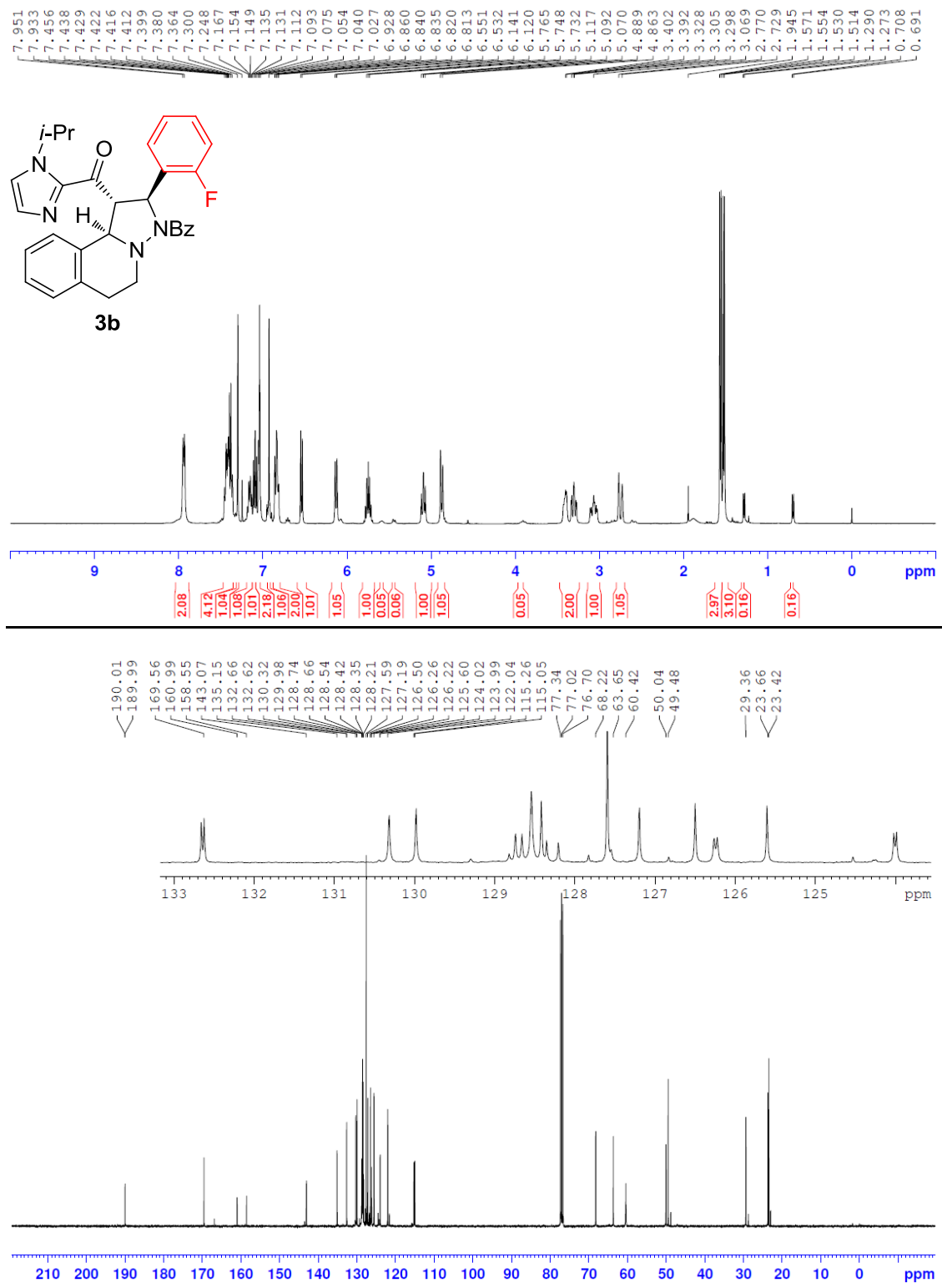
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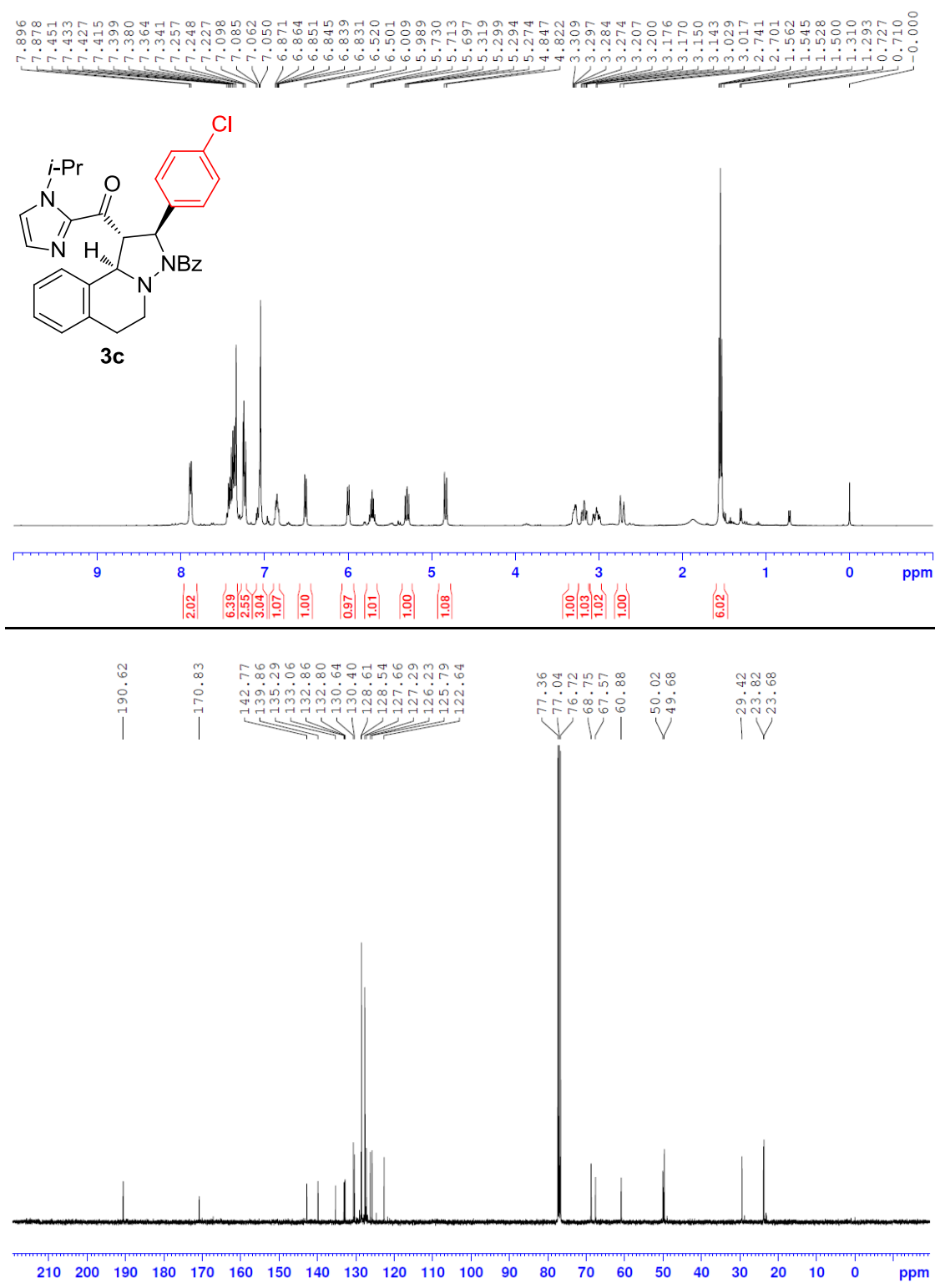
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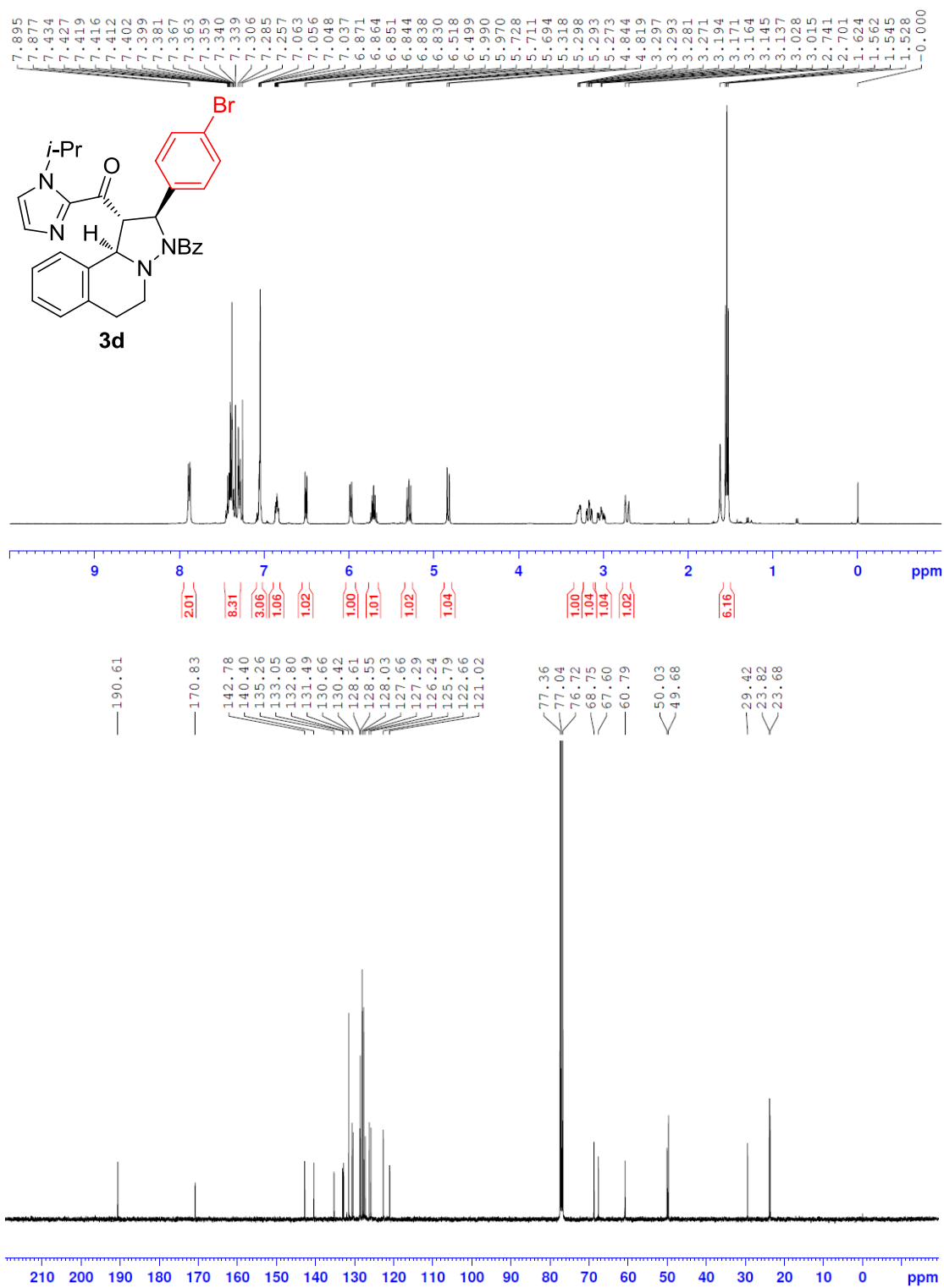
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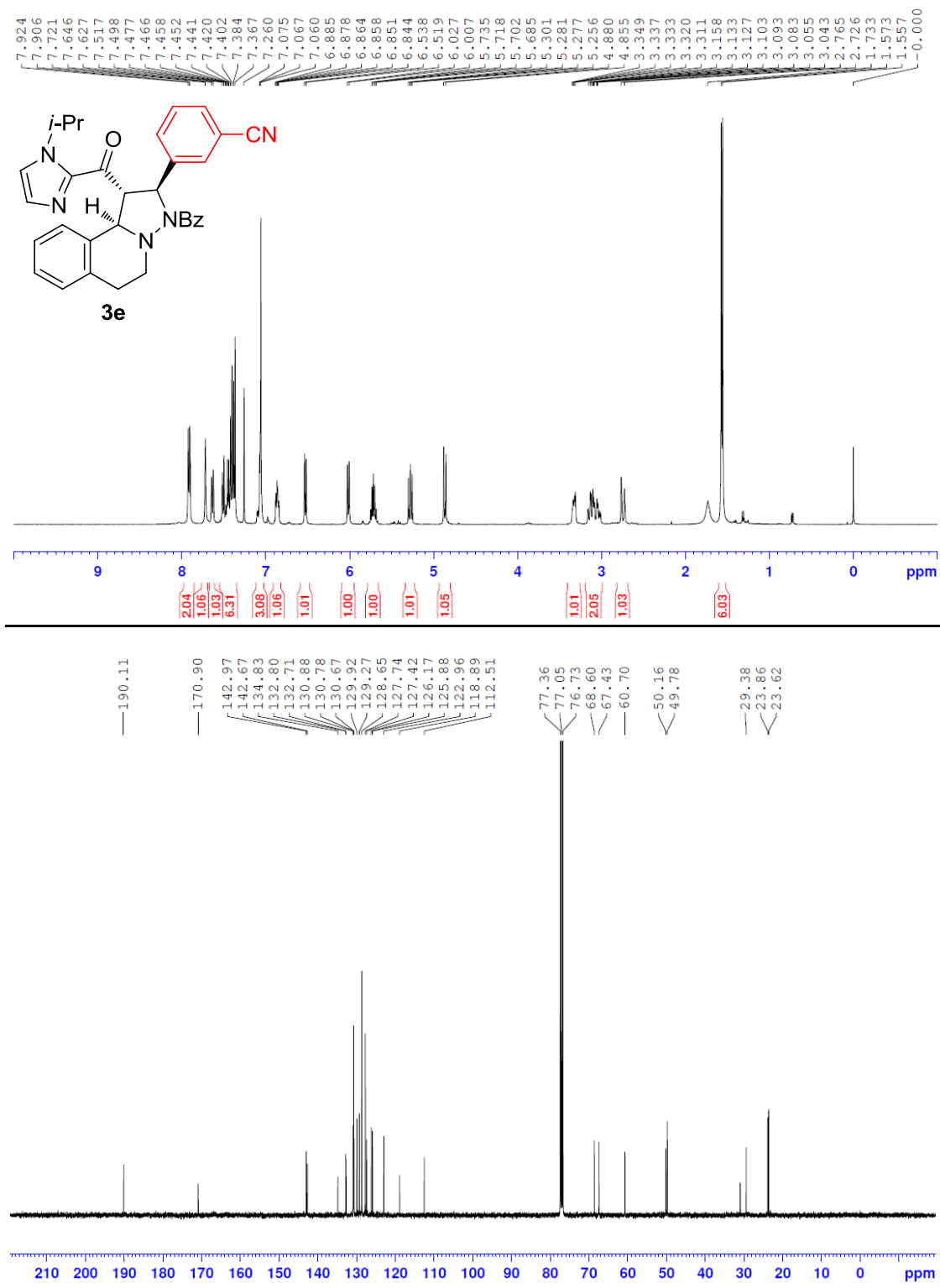
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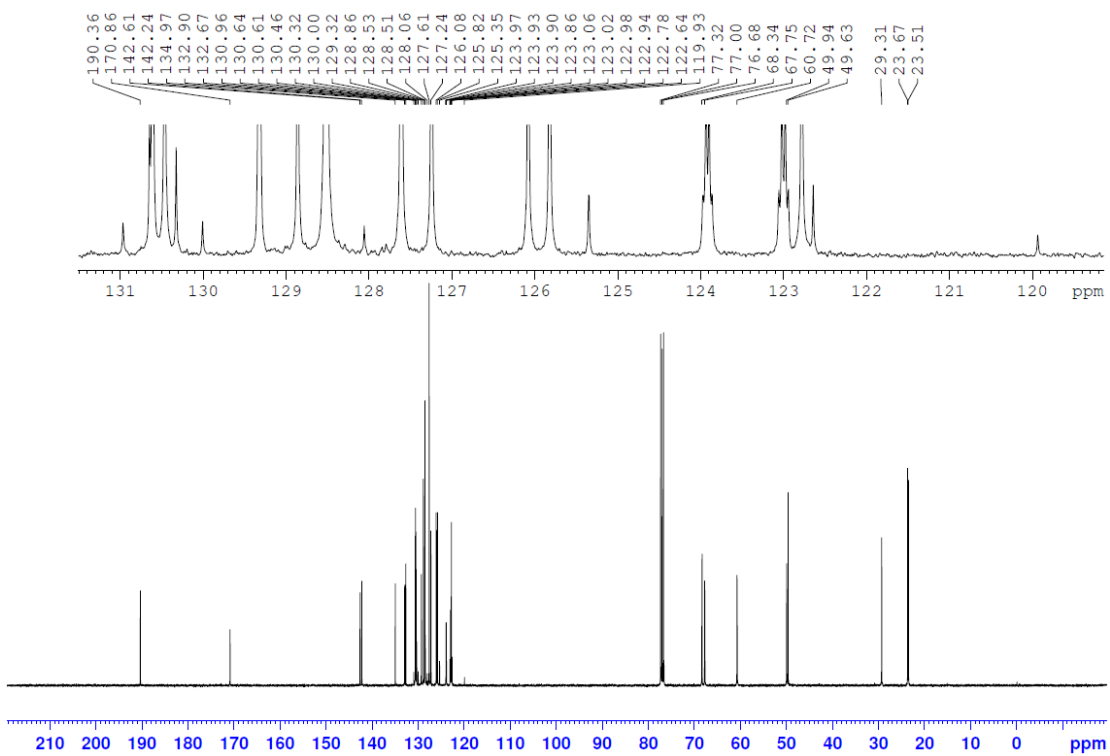
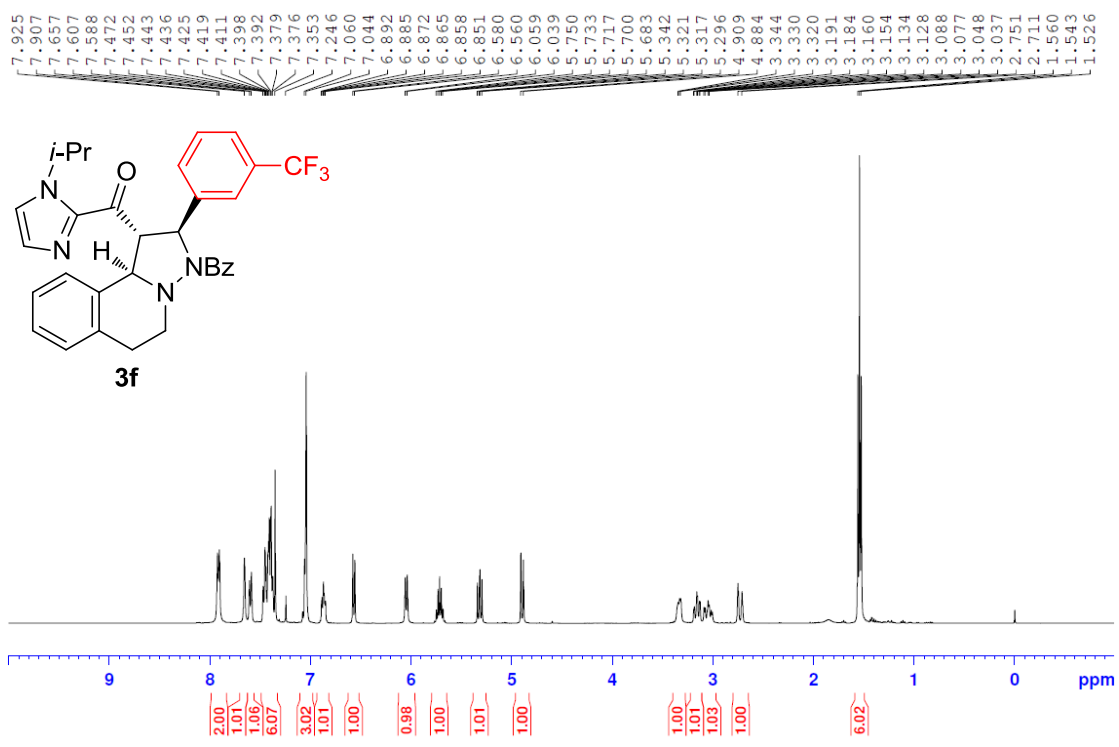
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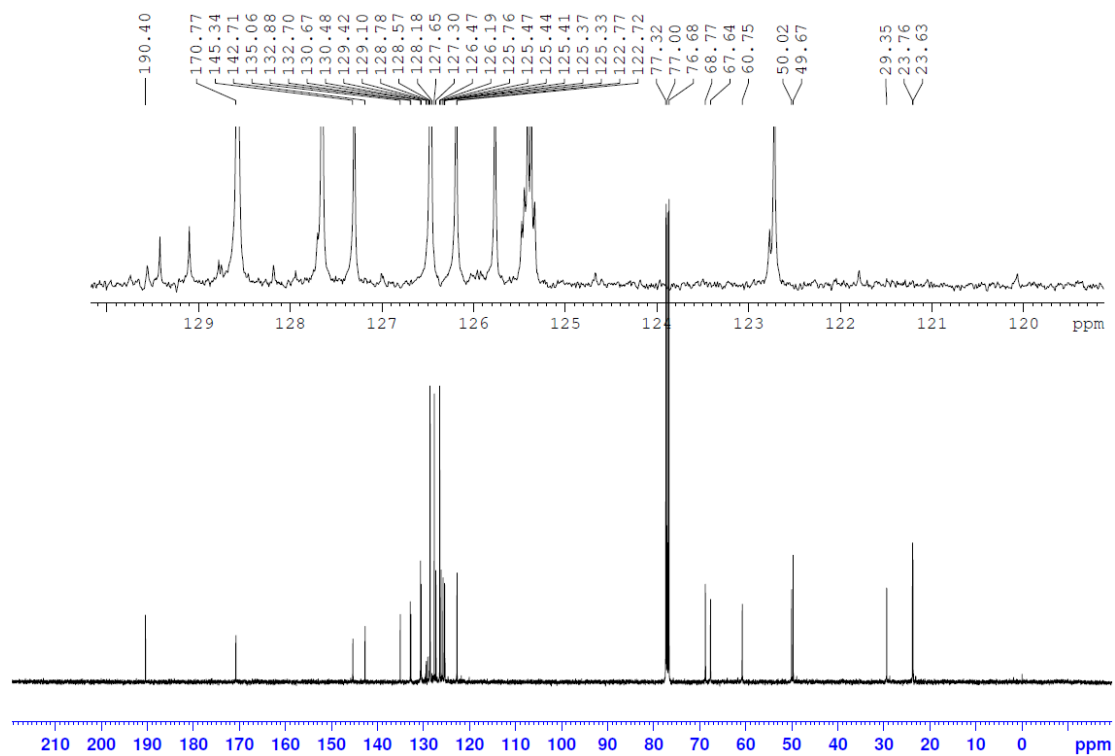
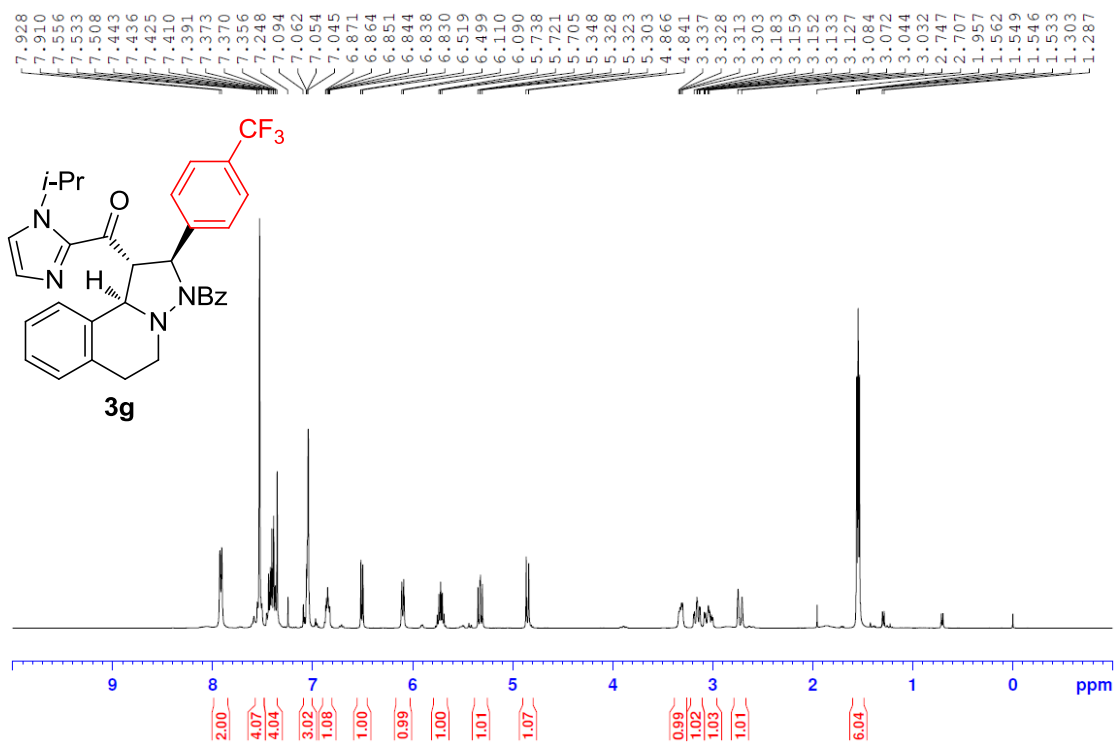
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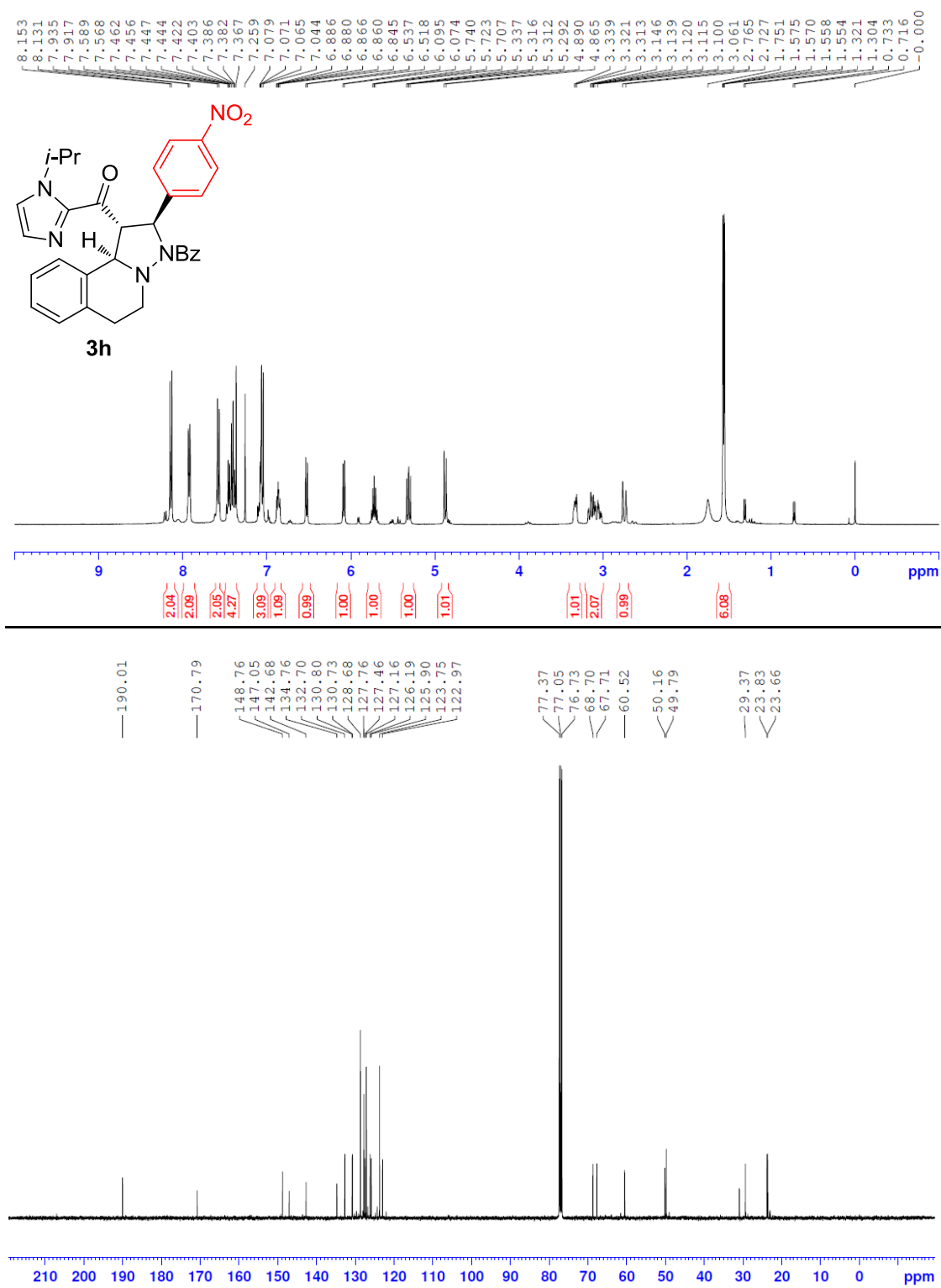
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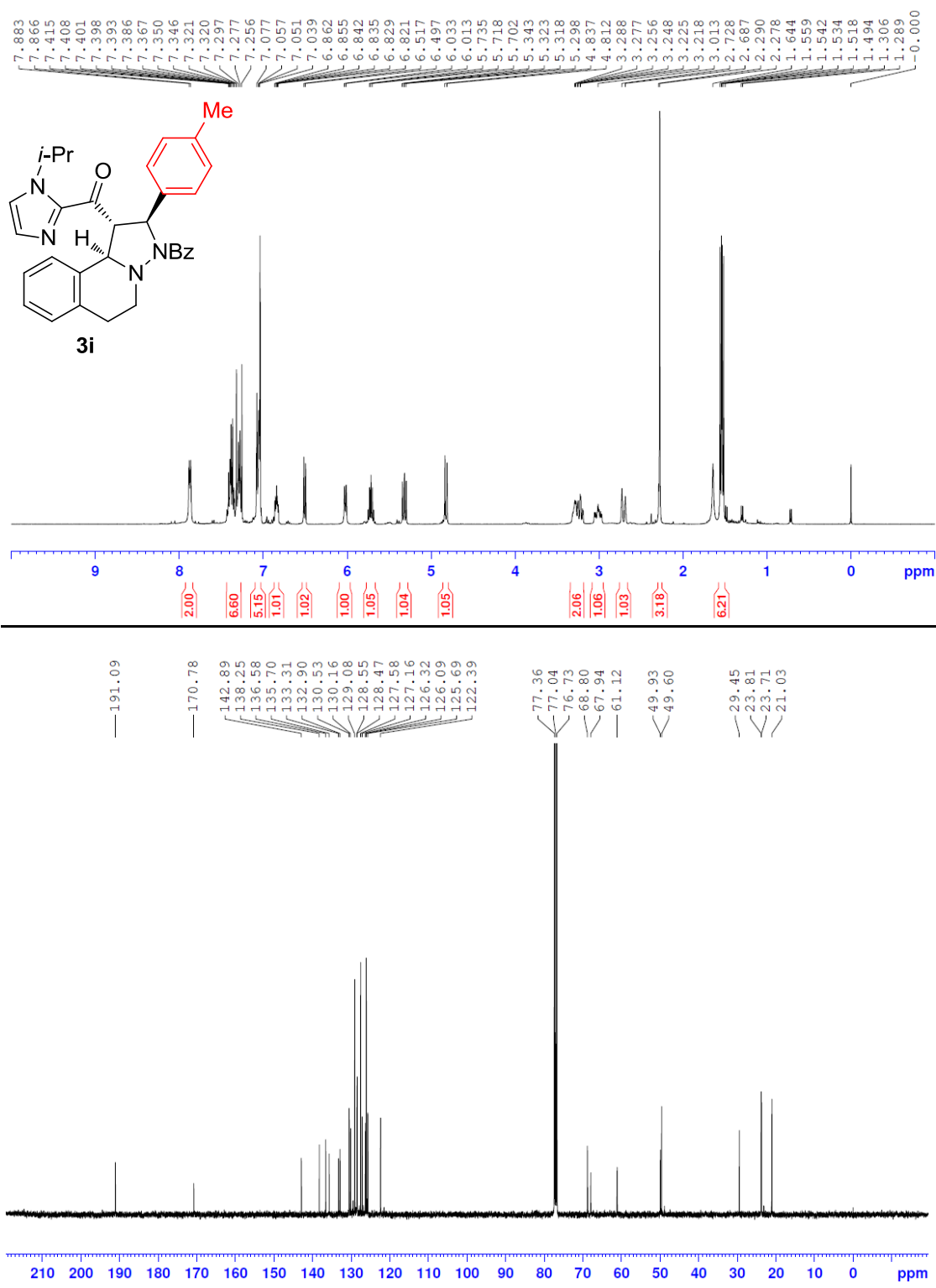
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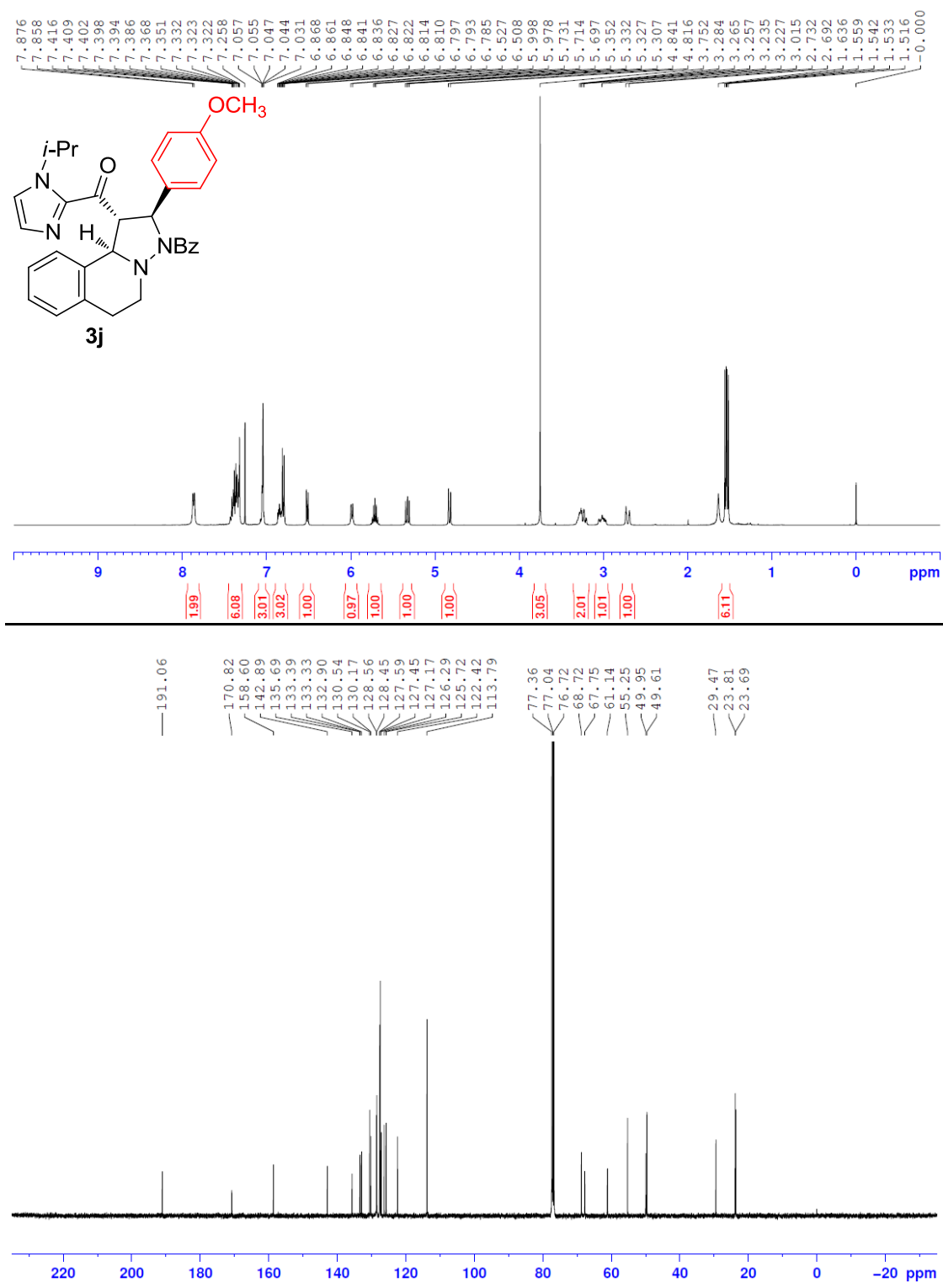
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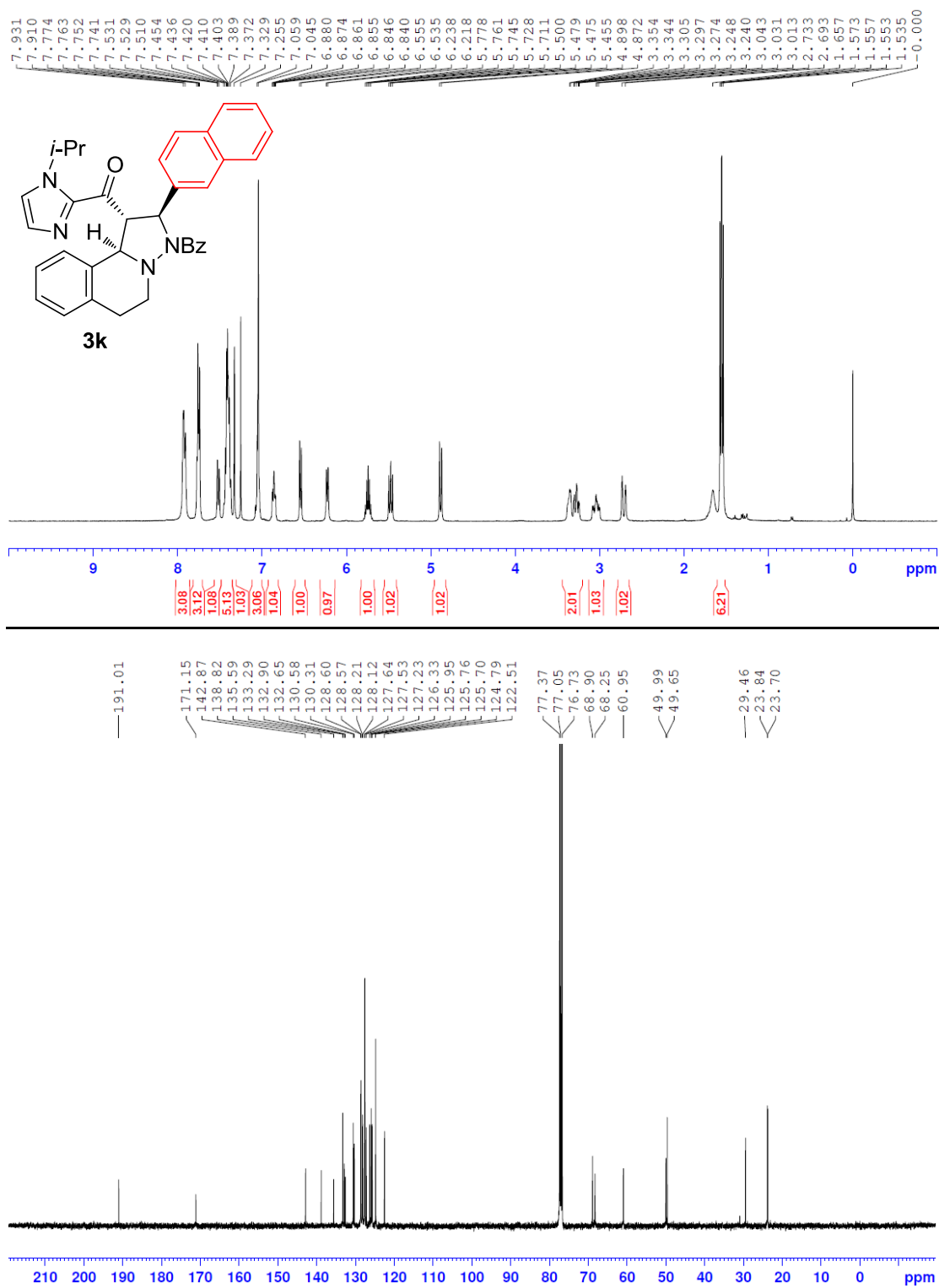
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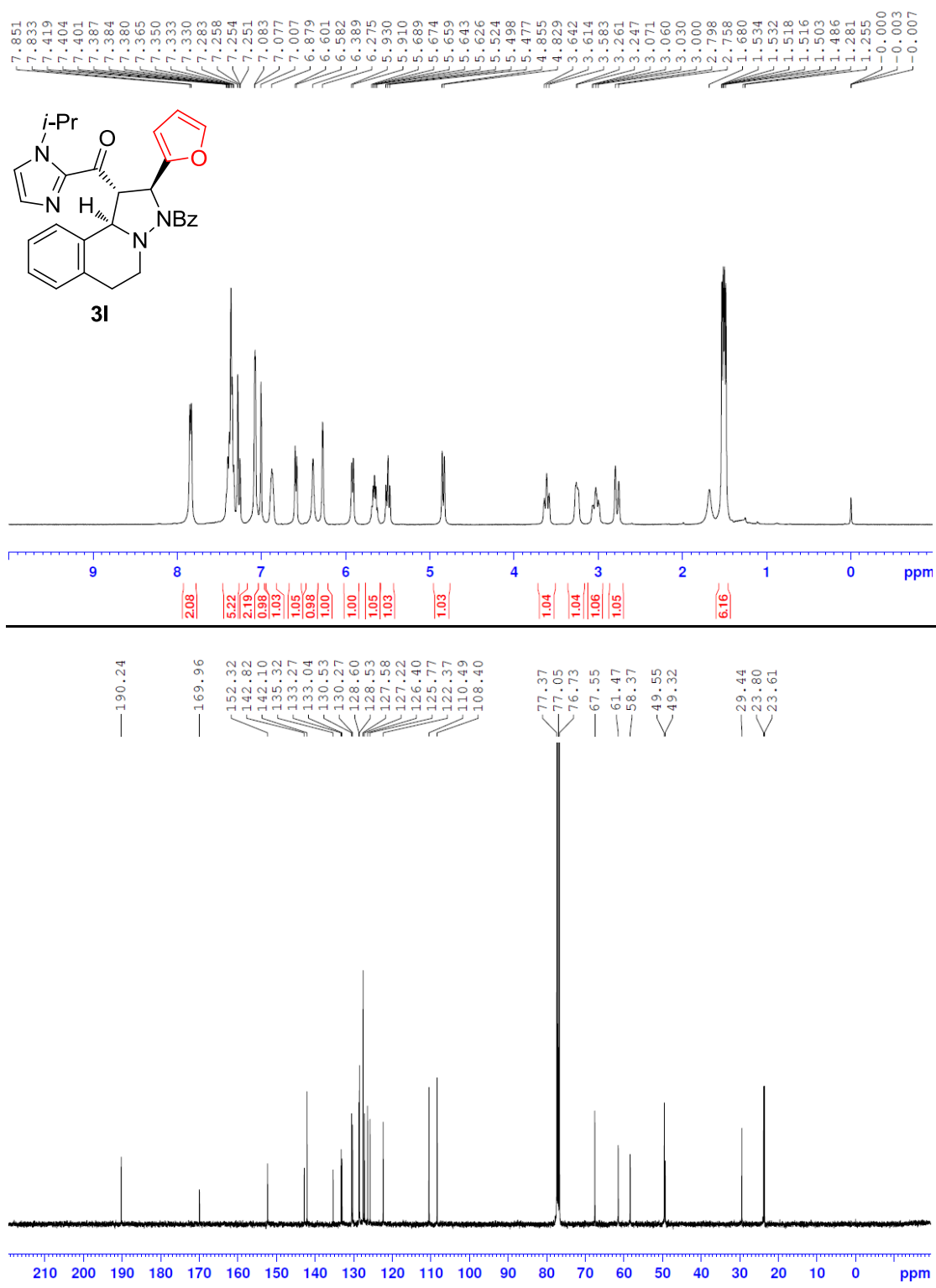
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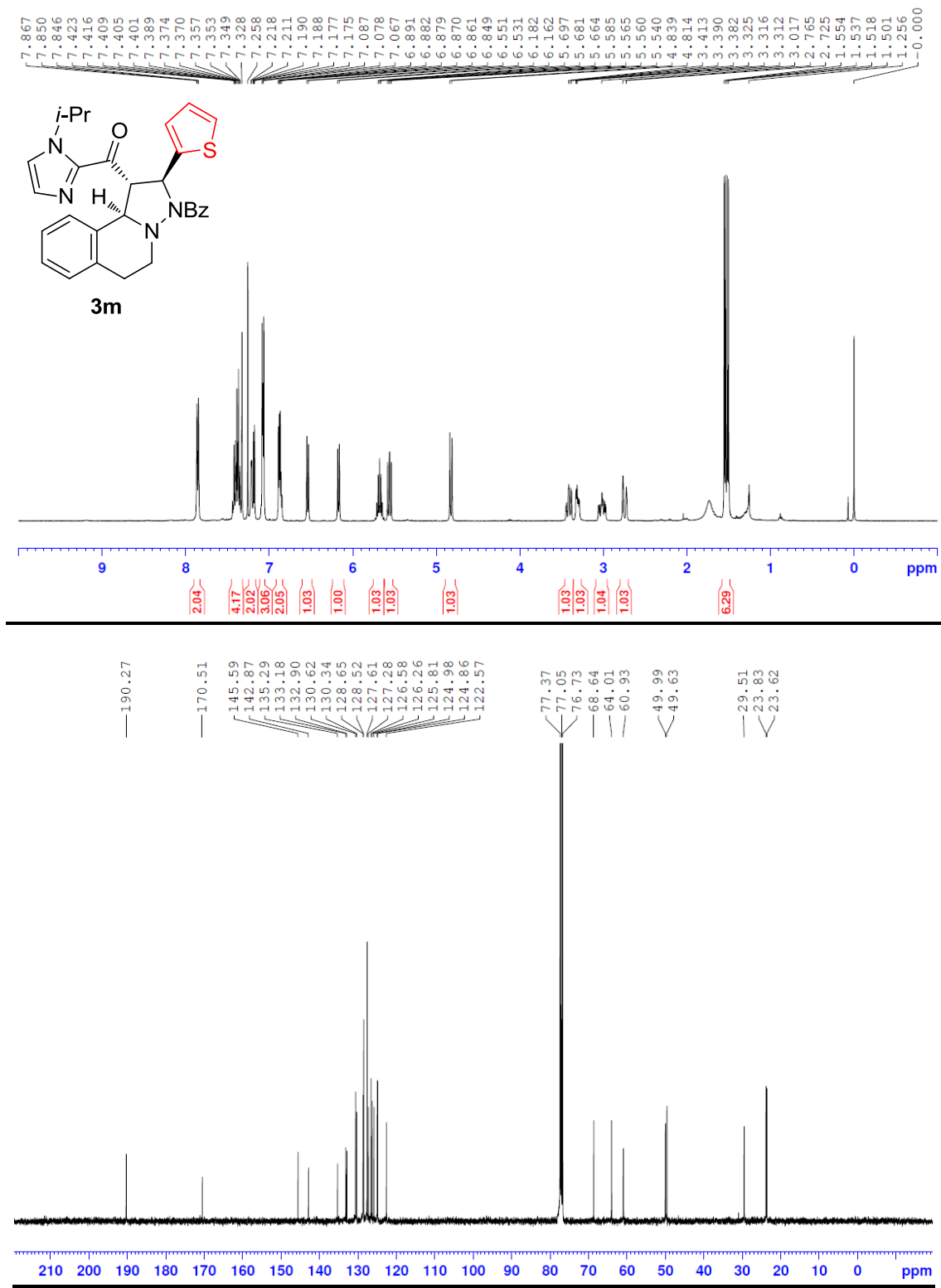
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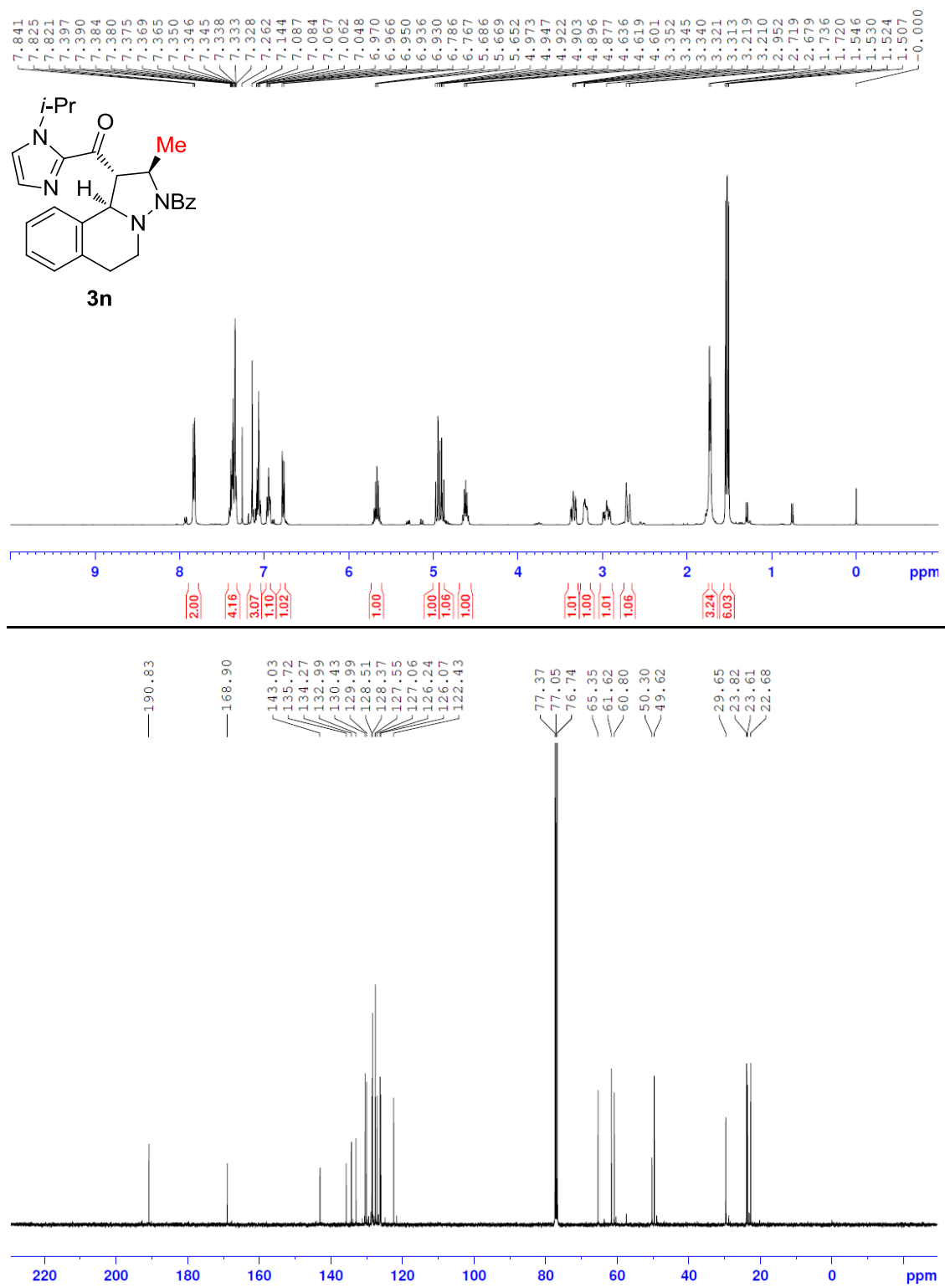
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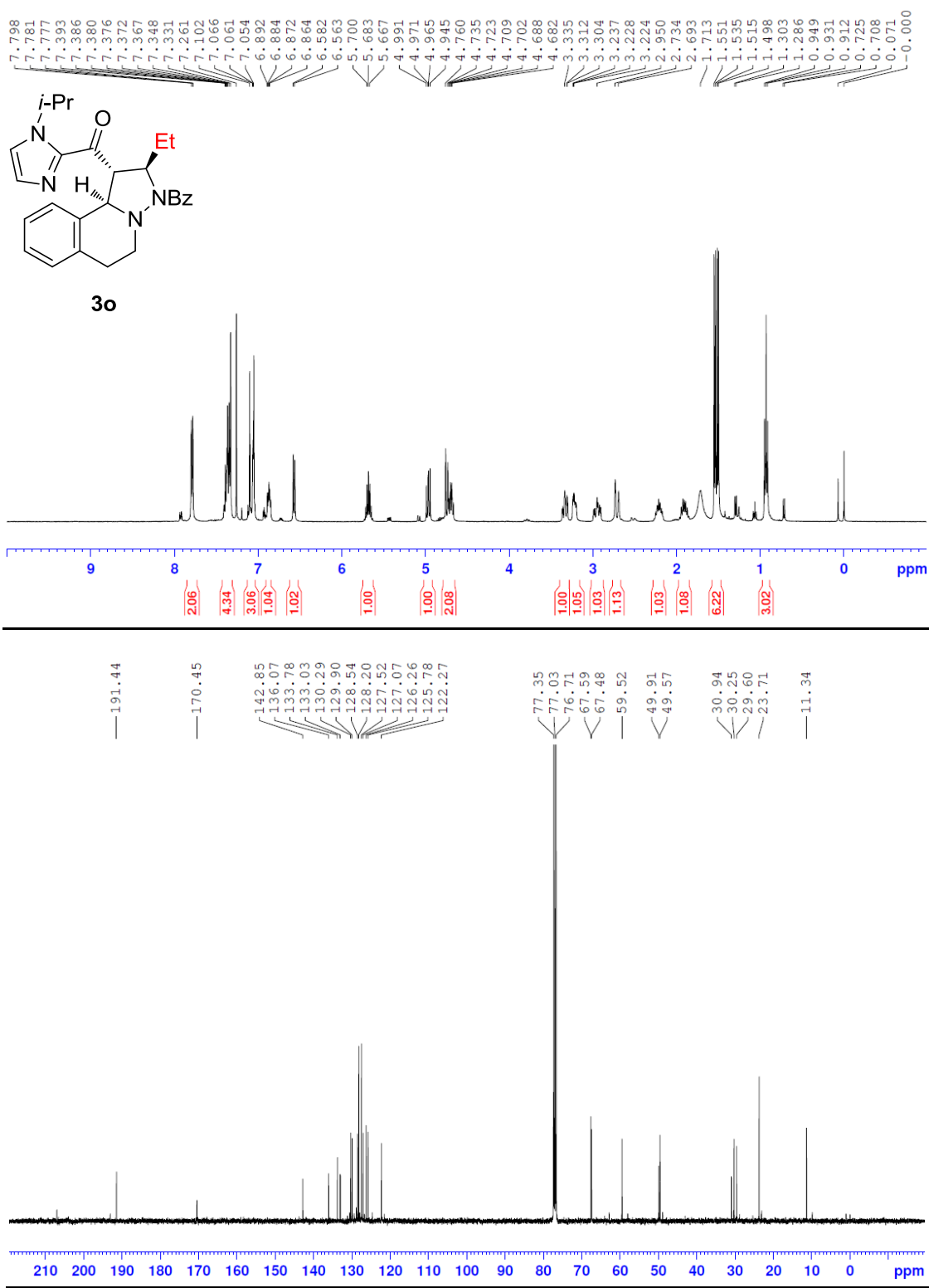
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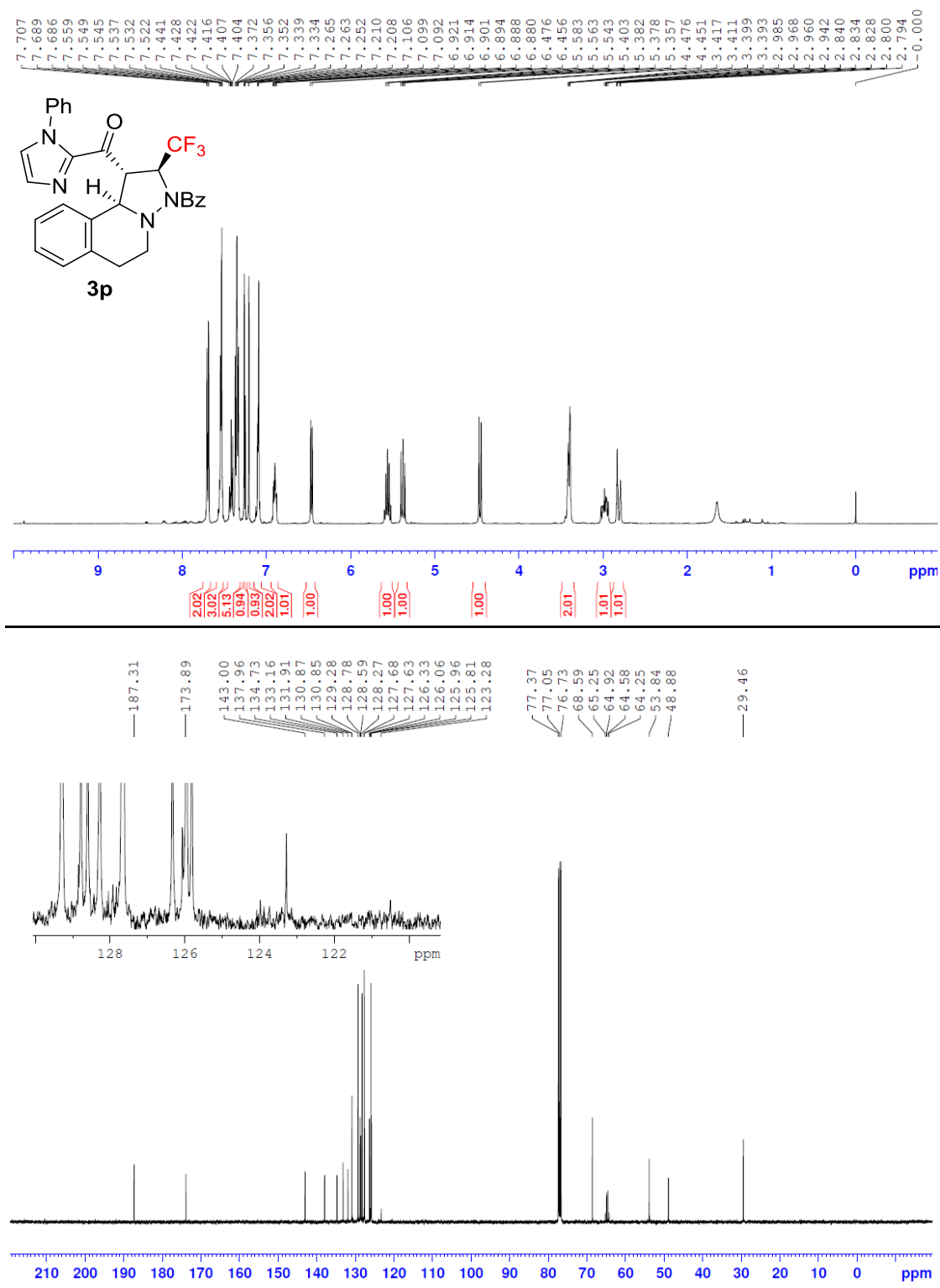
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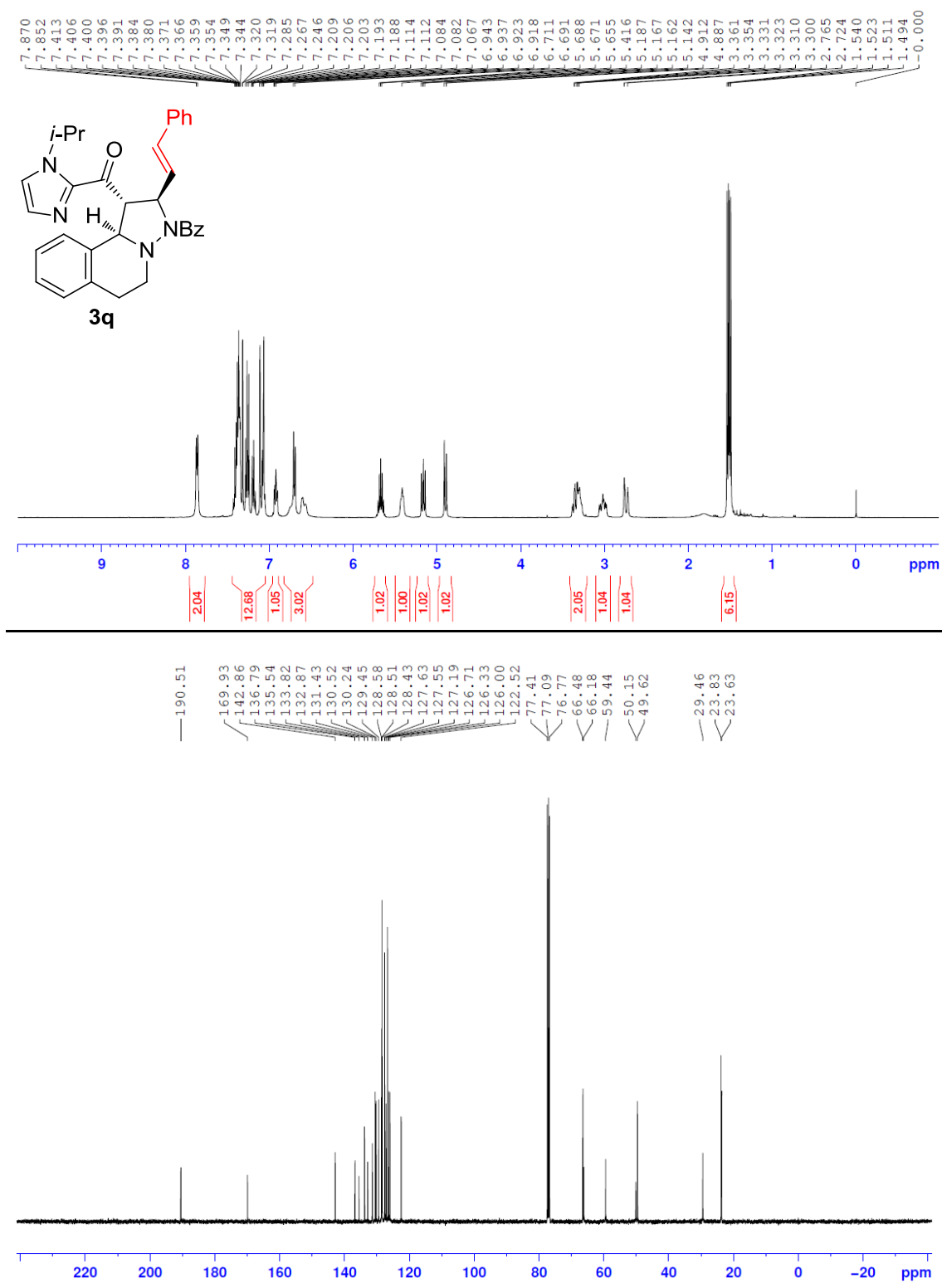
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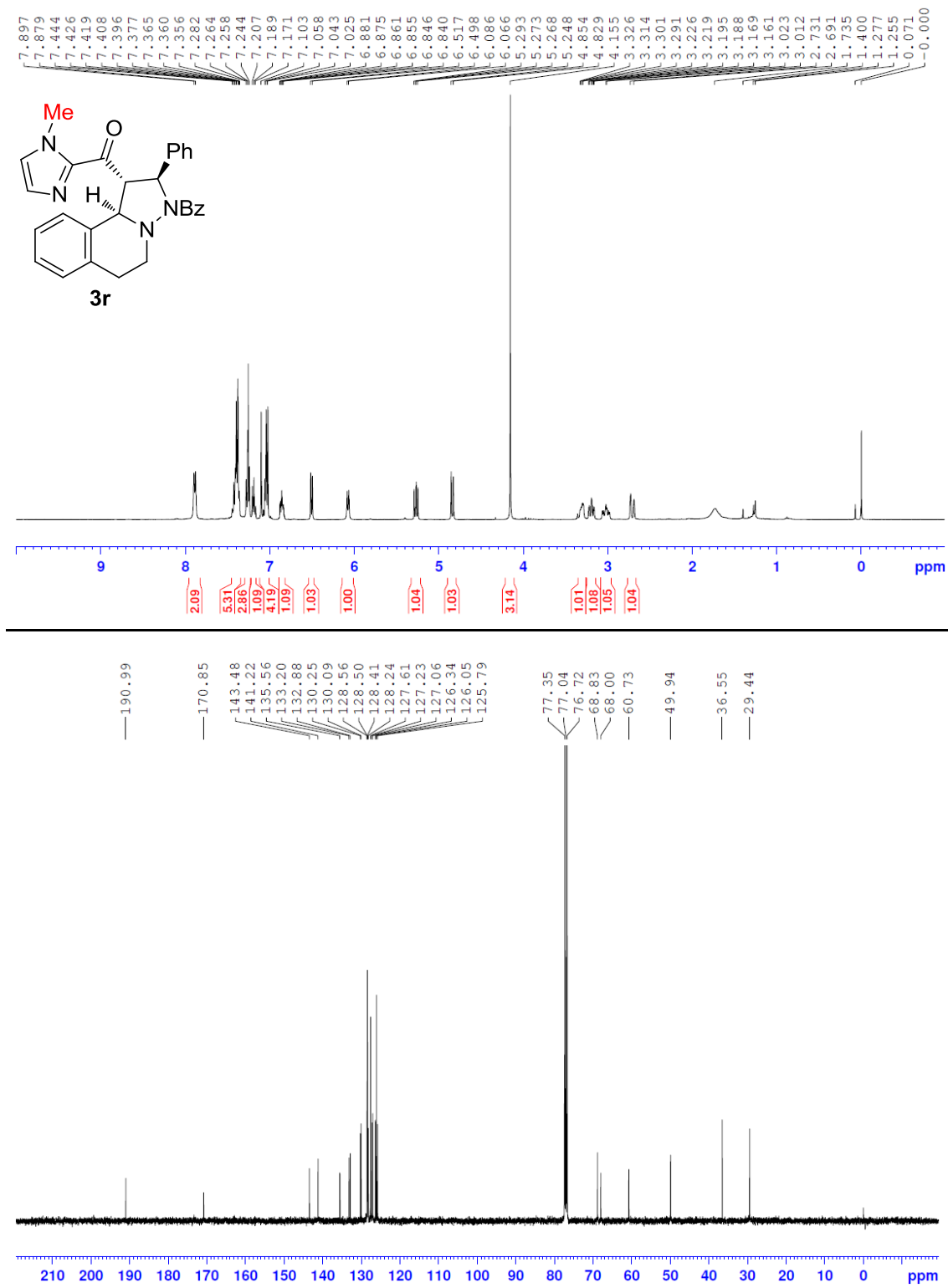
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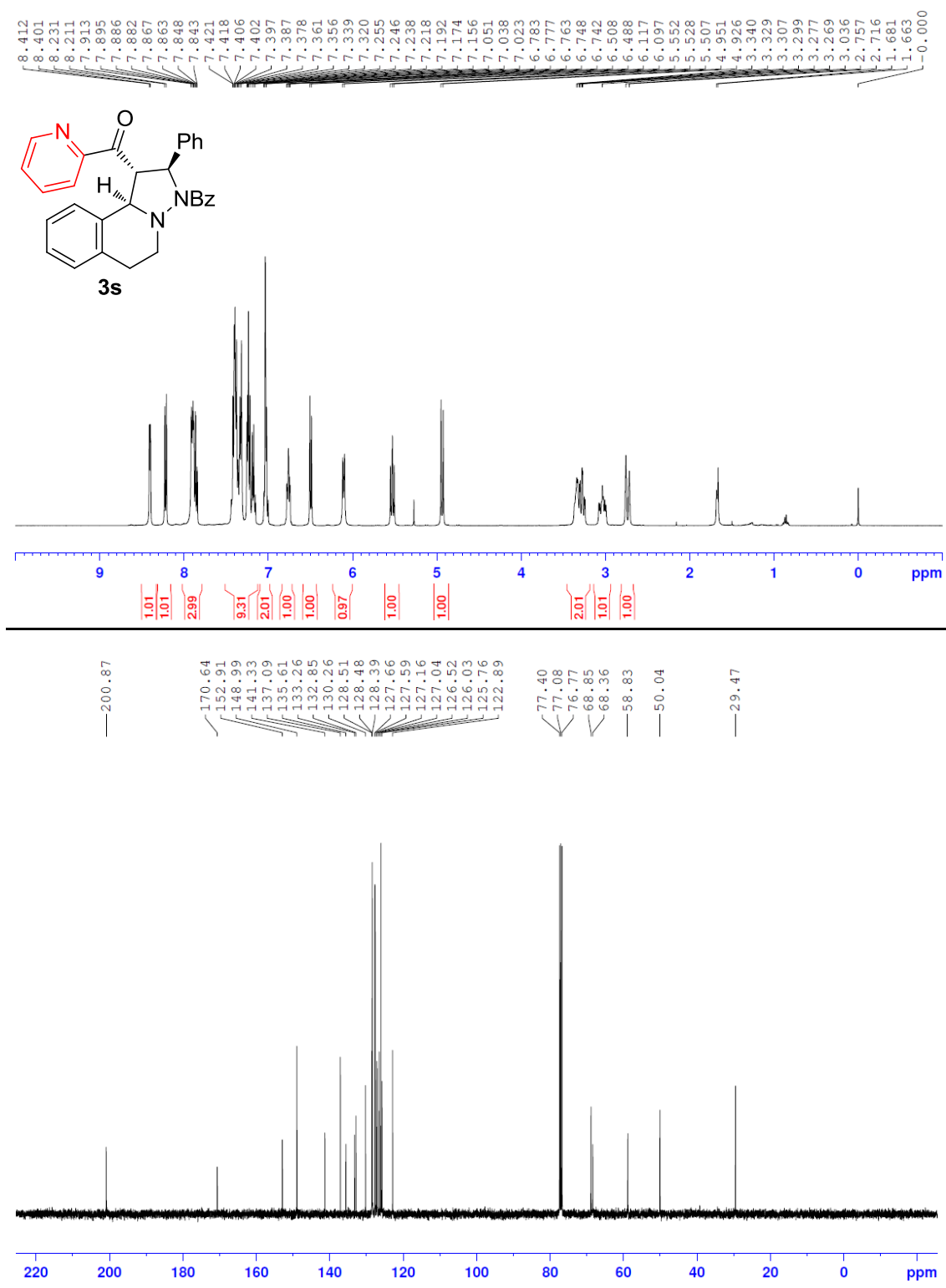
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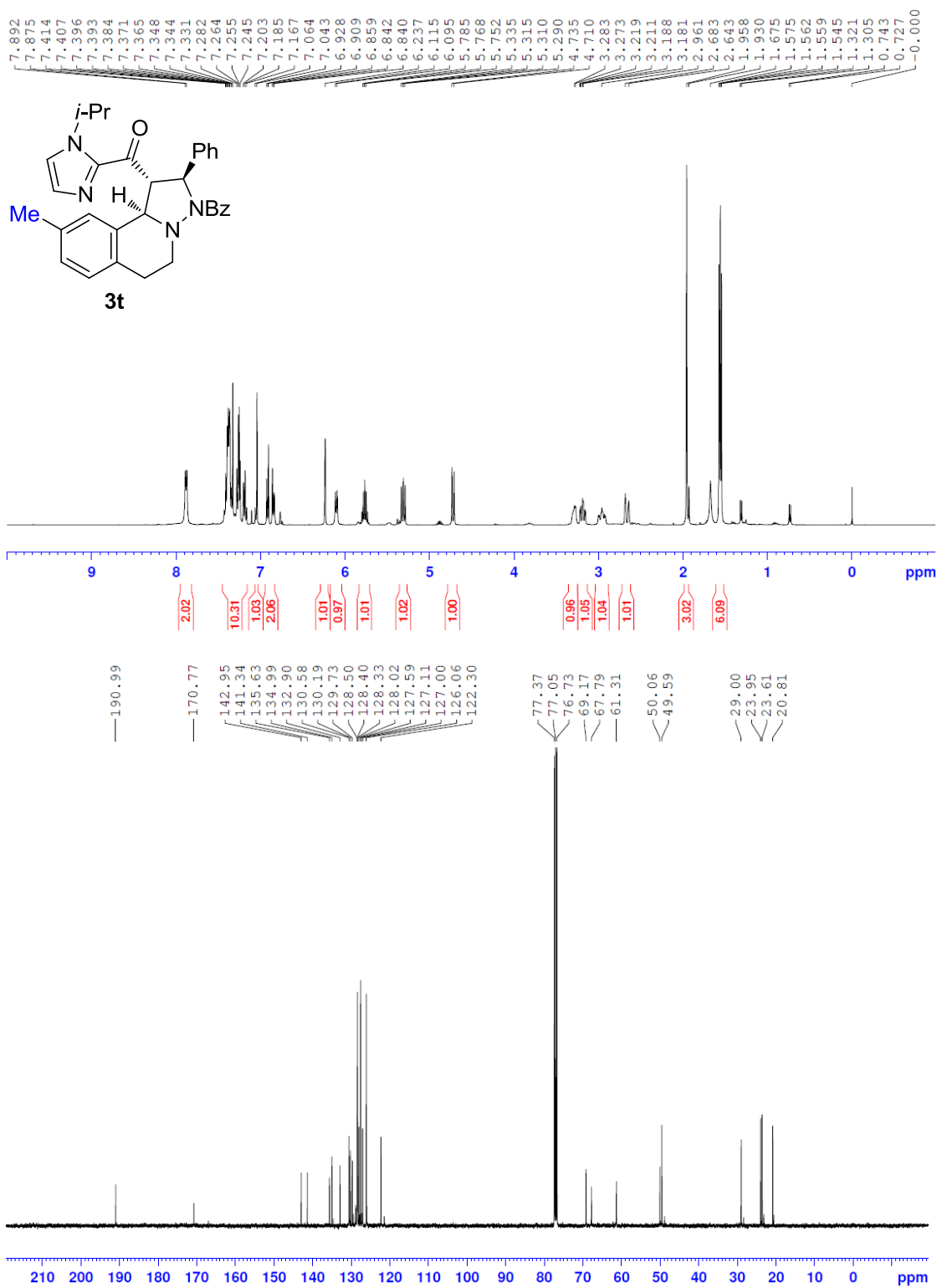
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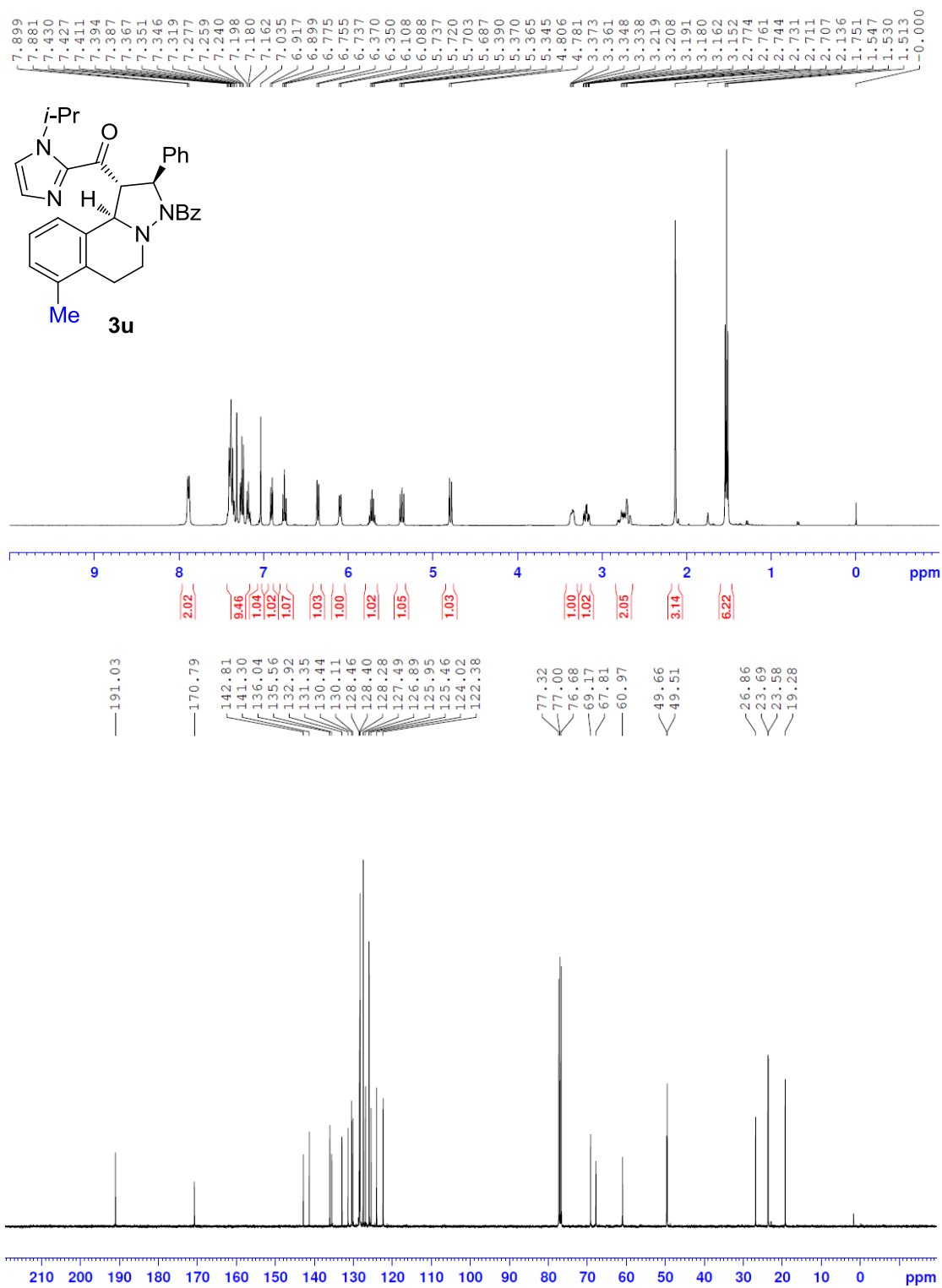
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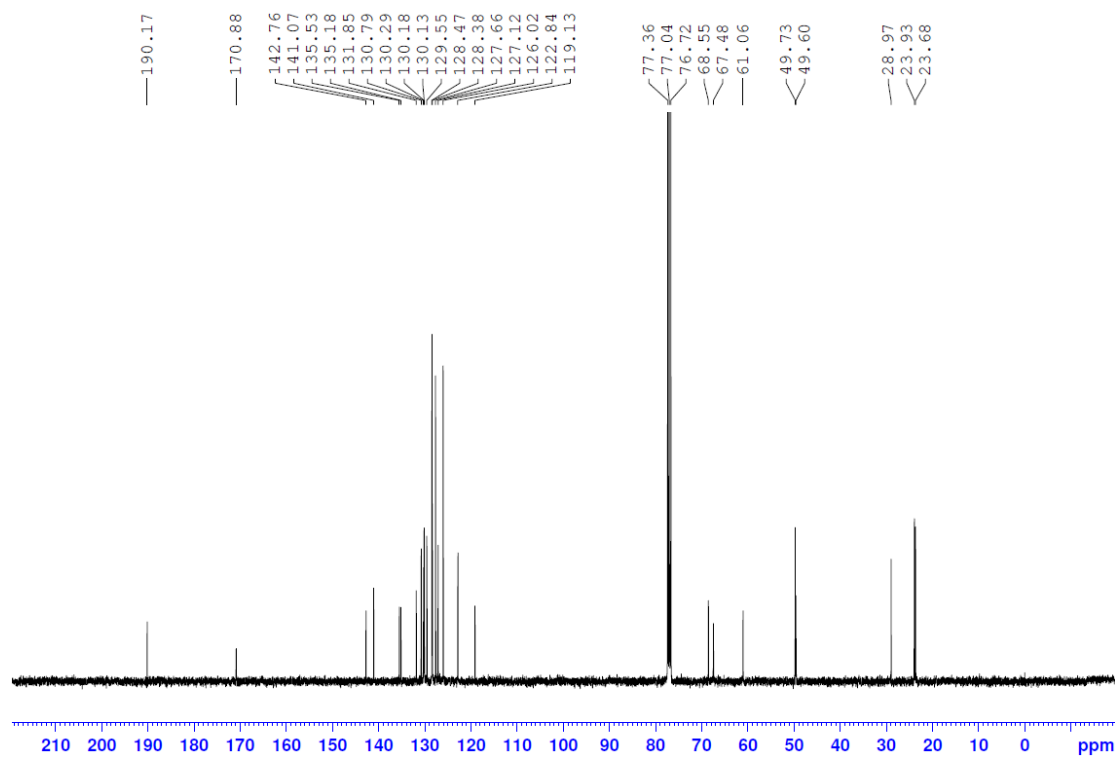
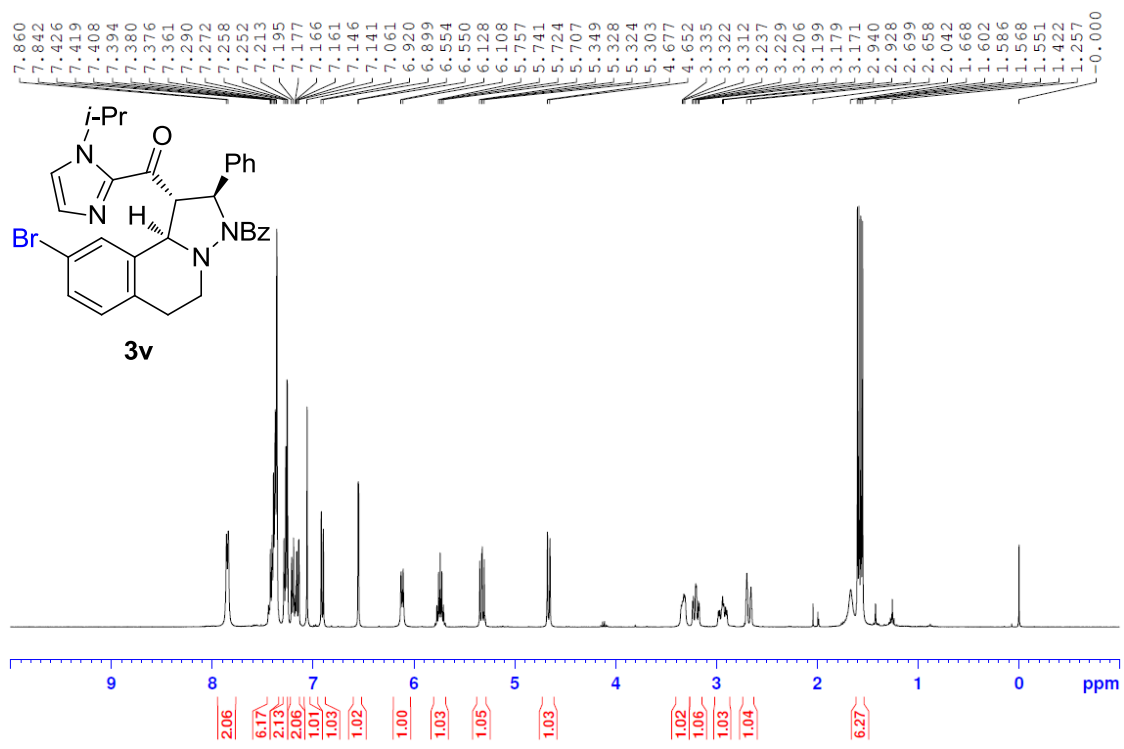
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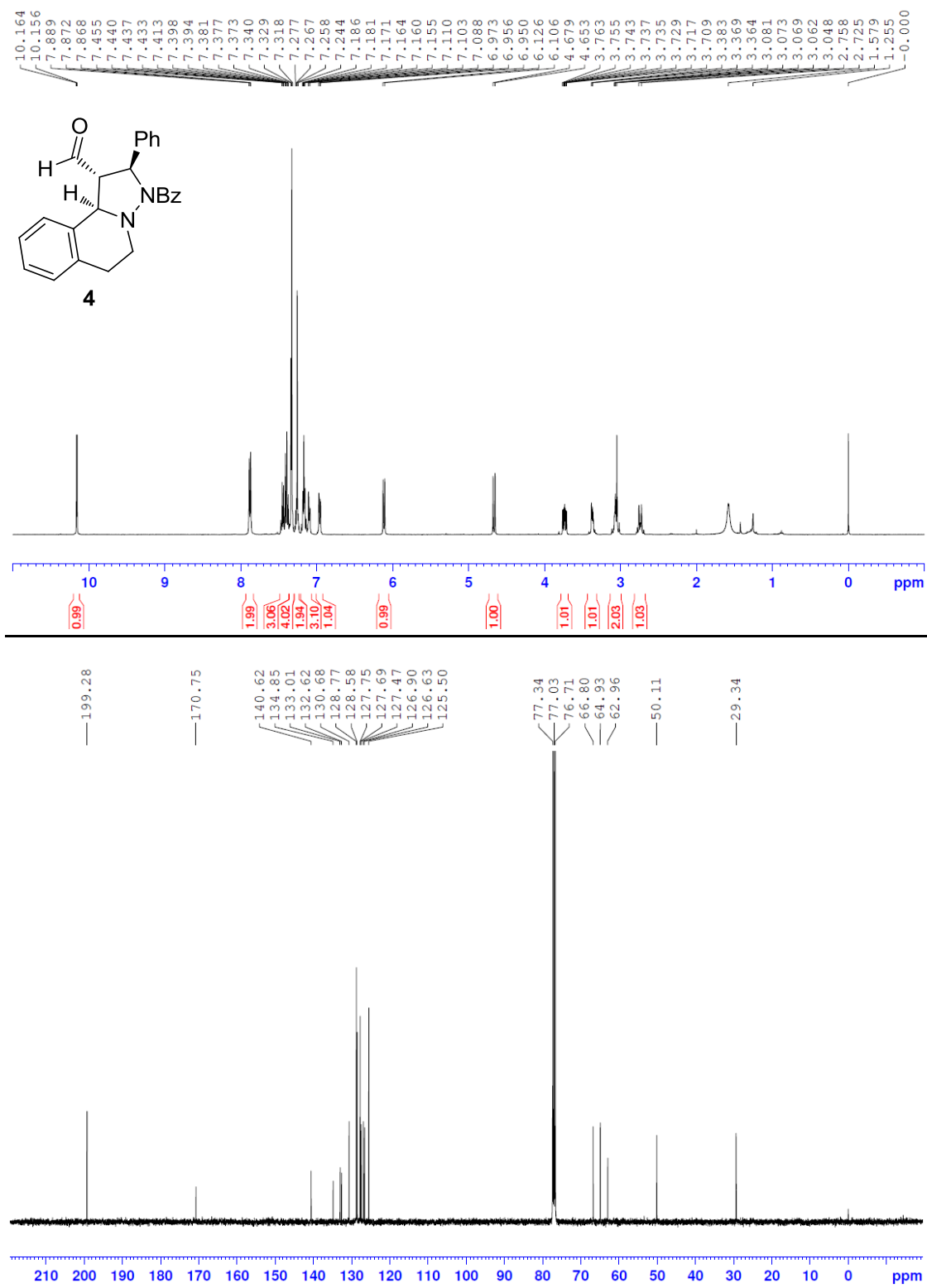
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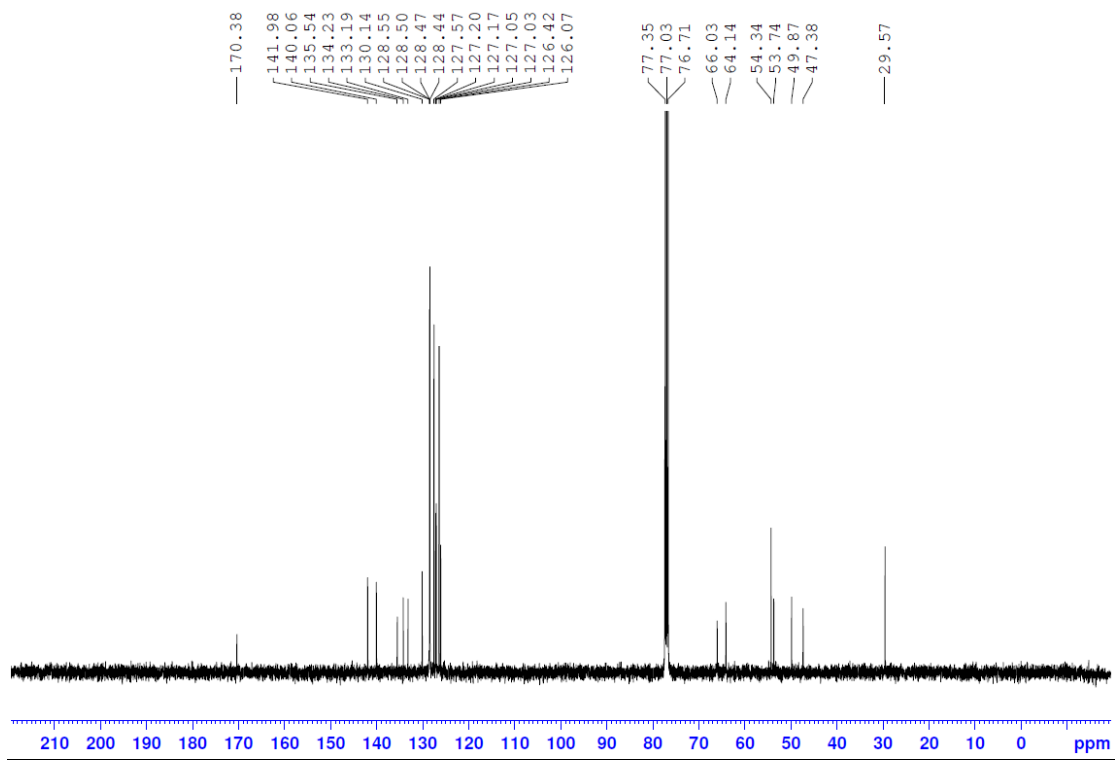
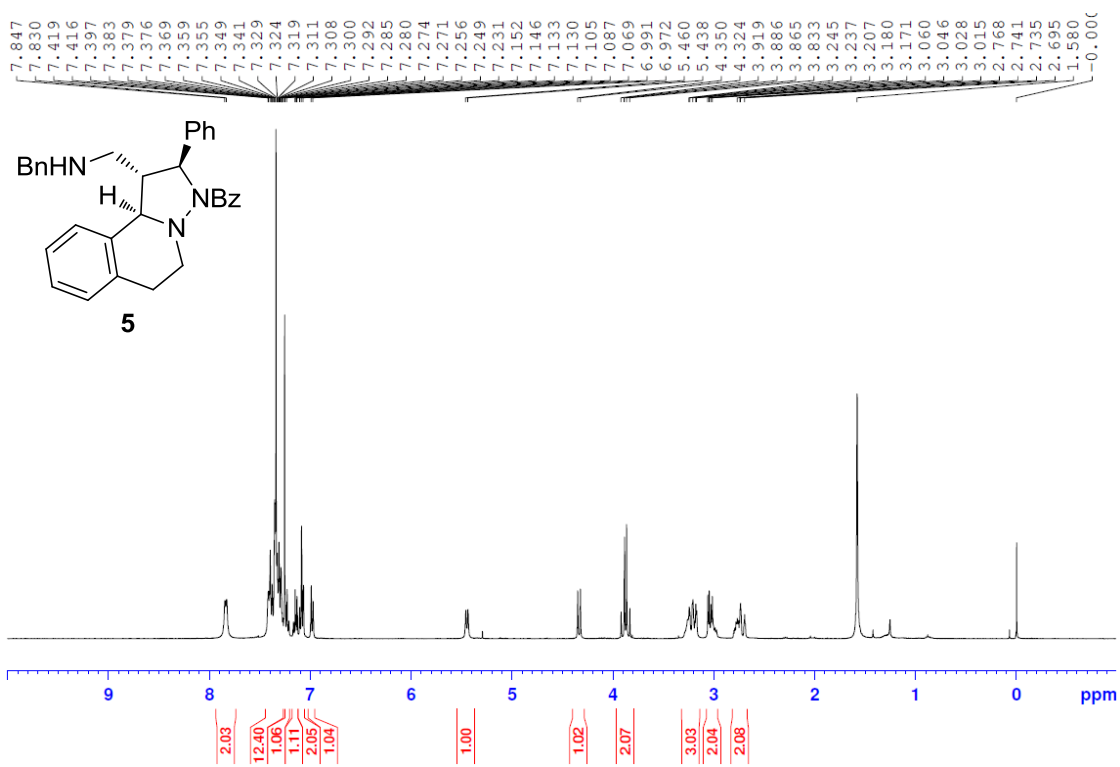
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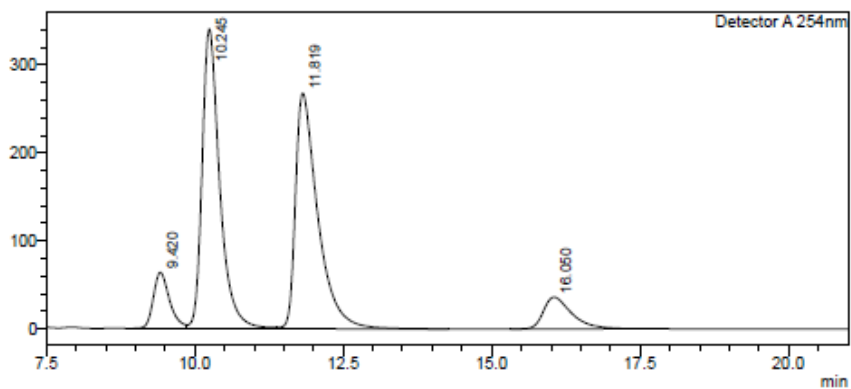


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Racemic 3a

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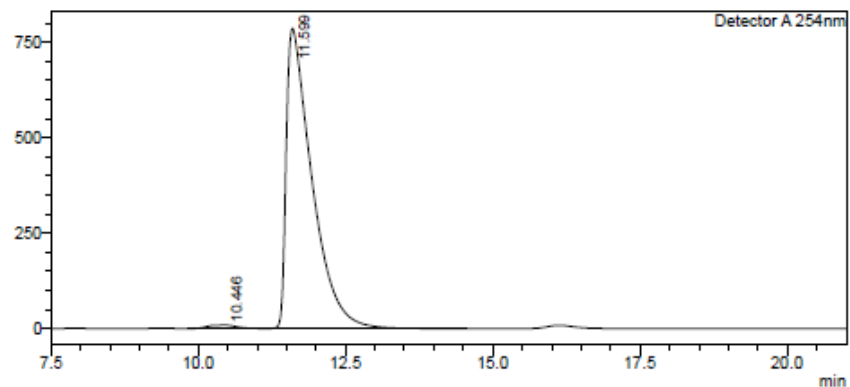
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1	9.420	1212094	63707	7.378			
2	10.246	7007072	340118	42.650		V	
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Chiral 3a

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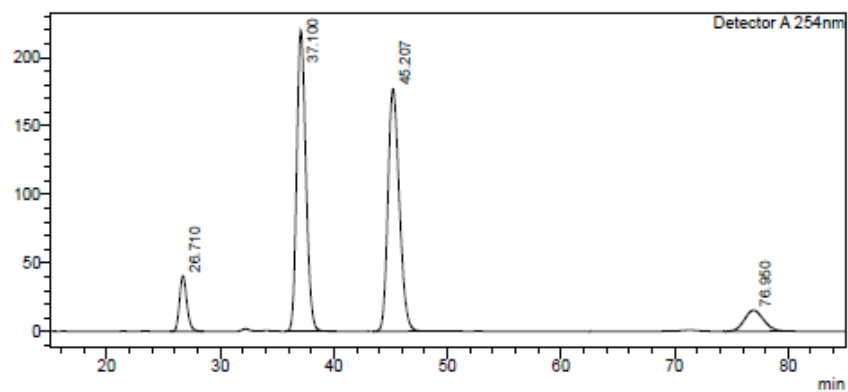


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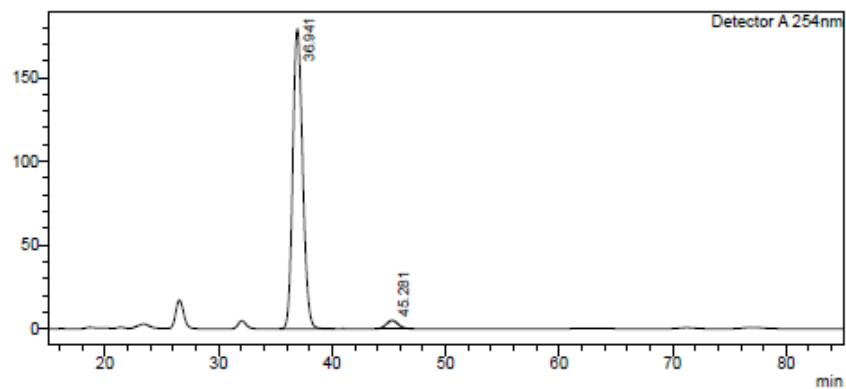


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1	26.710	1817729	40580	6.434			
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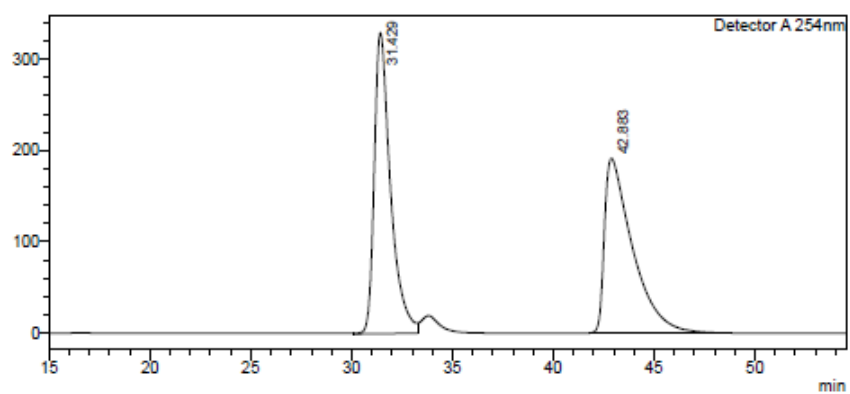


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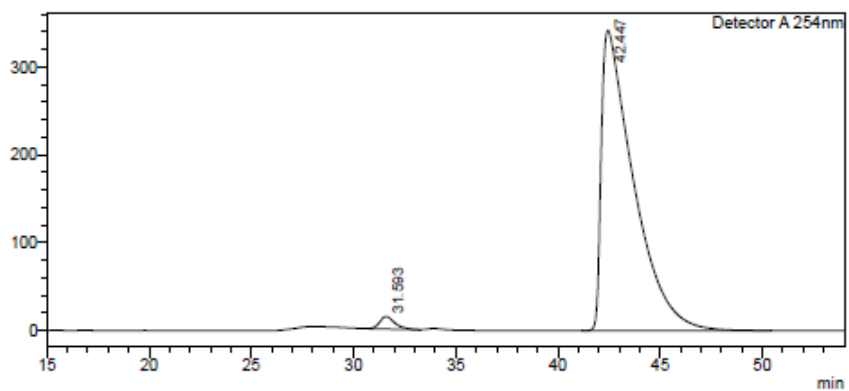
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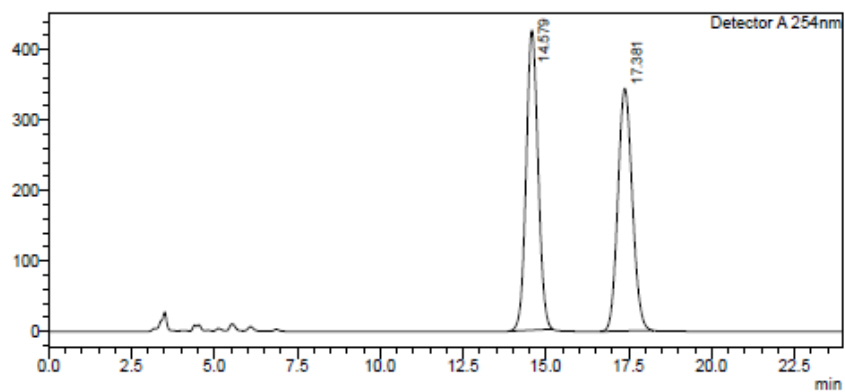
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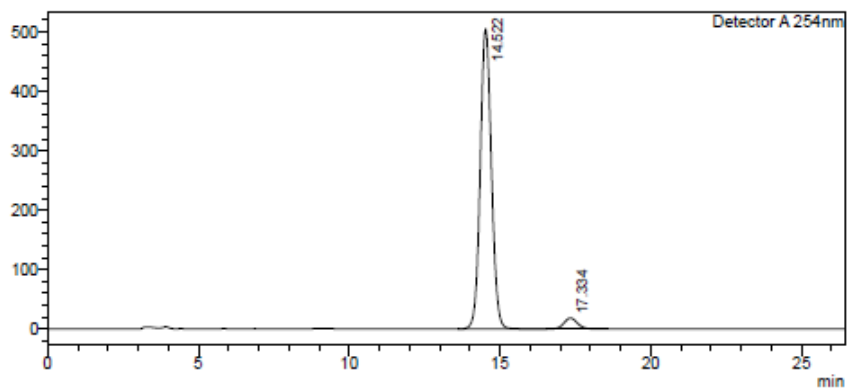
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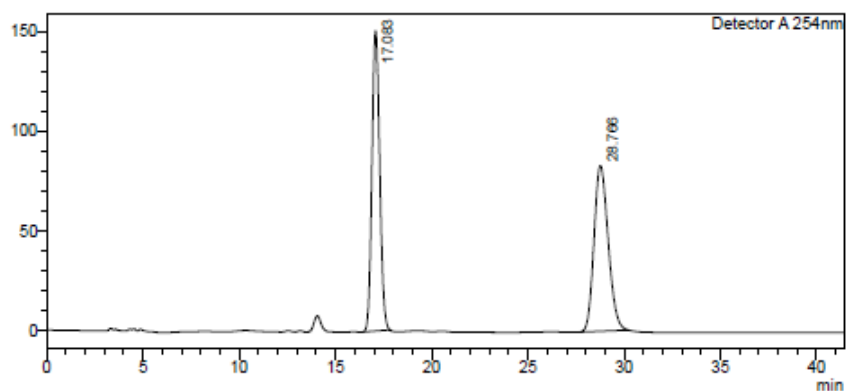
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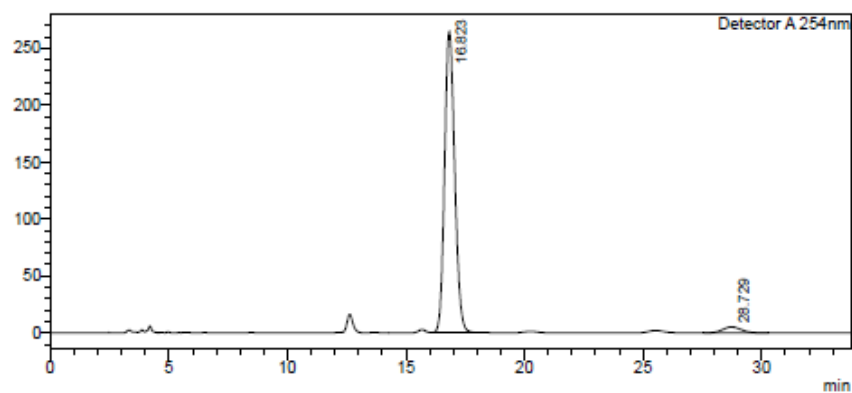


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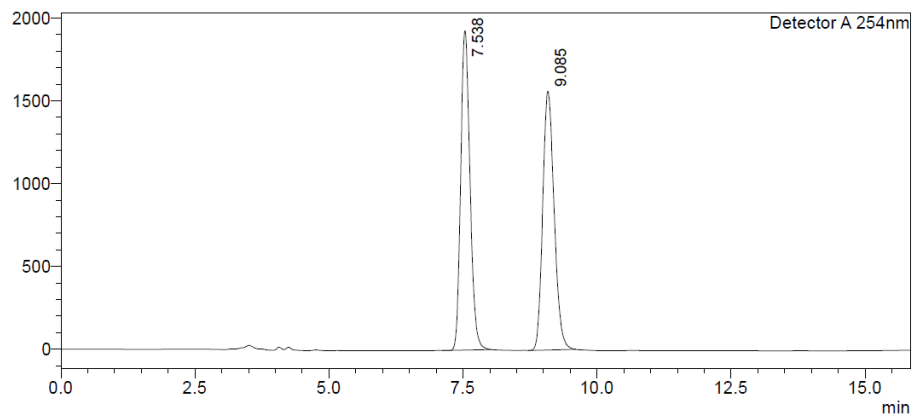


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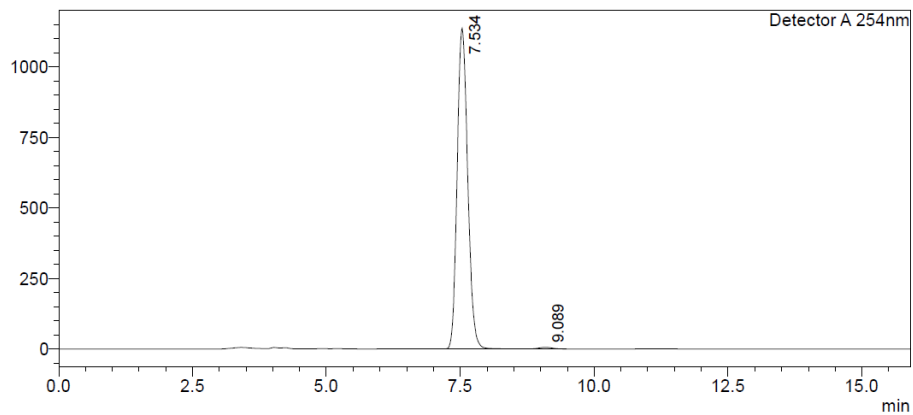


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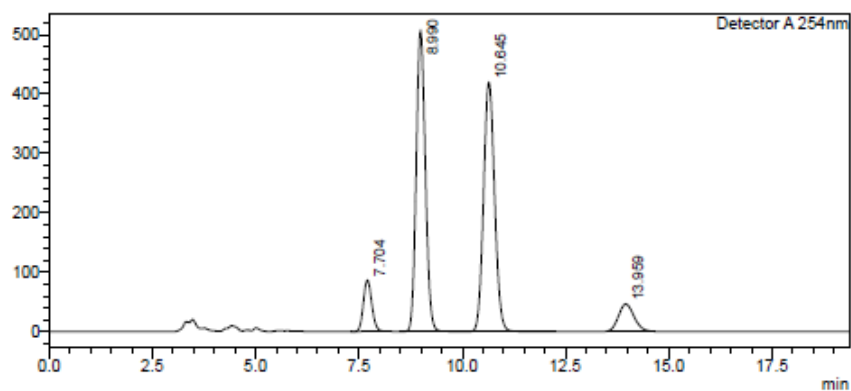


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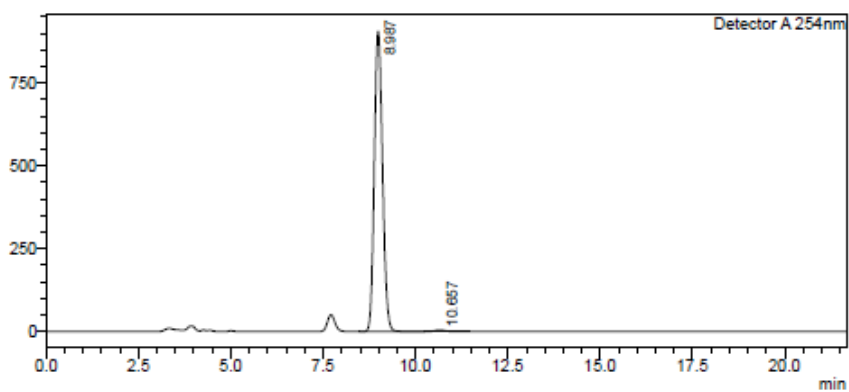
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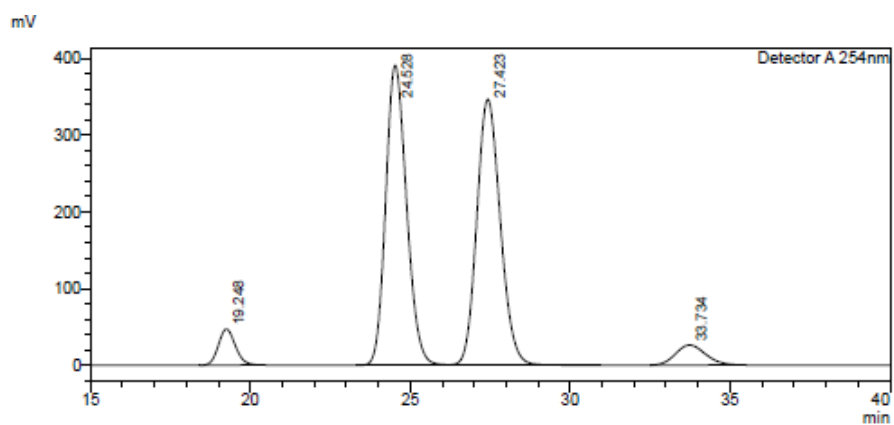
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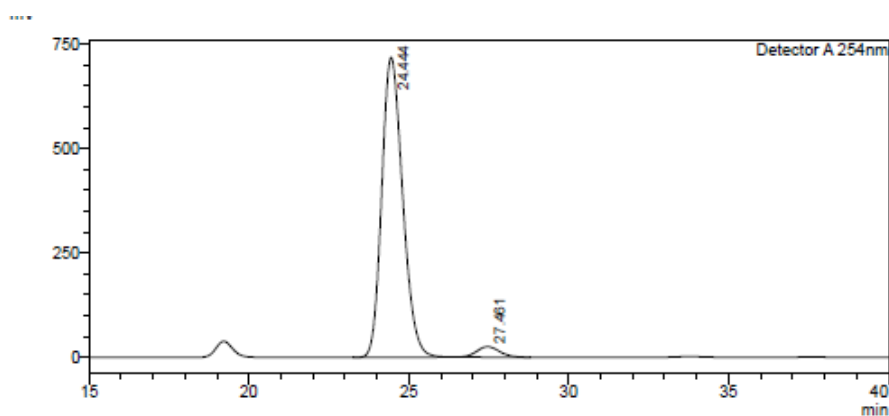


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3	27.423	17758671	346644	45.617		V	
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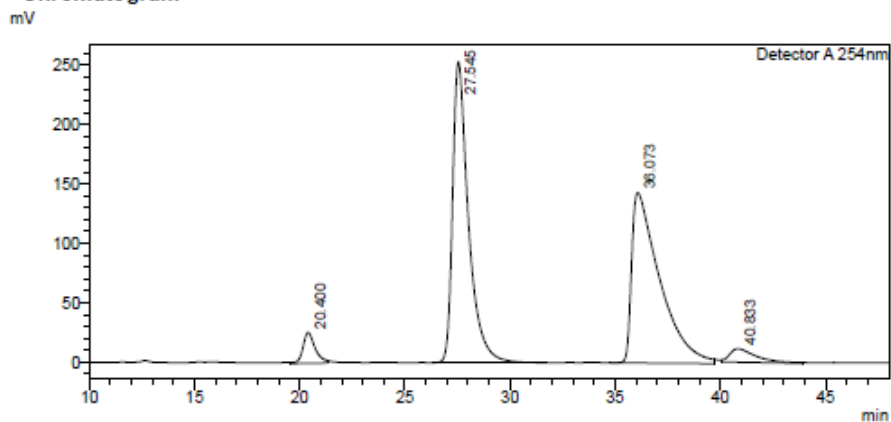
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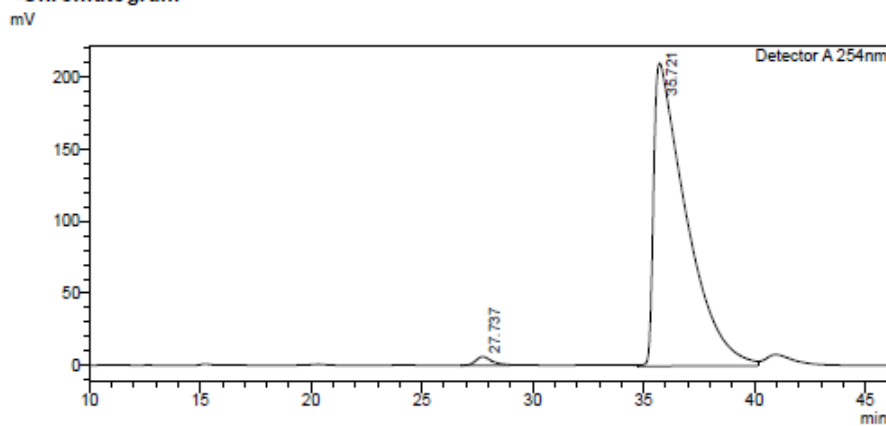
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3	36.073	13266844	143439	46.452		M	
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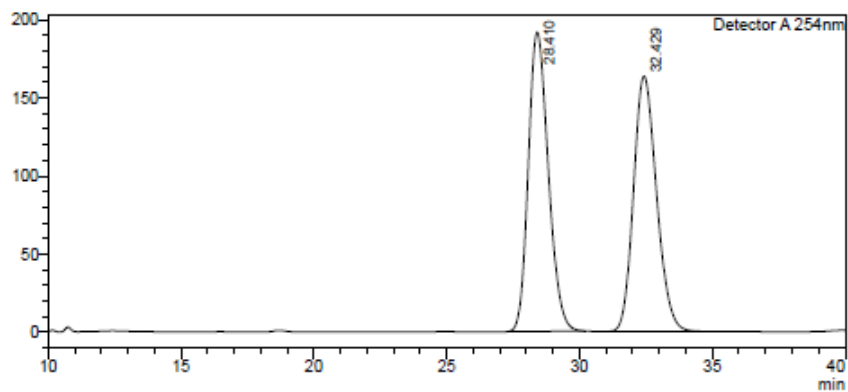


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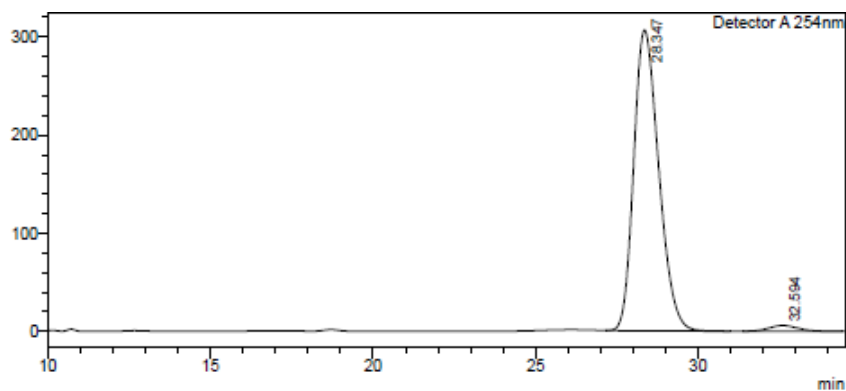


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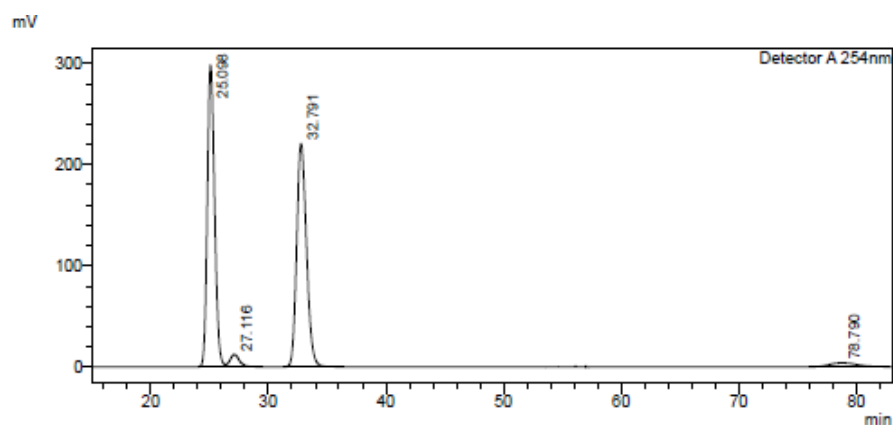


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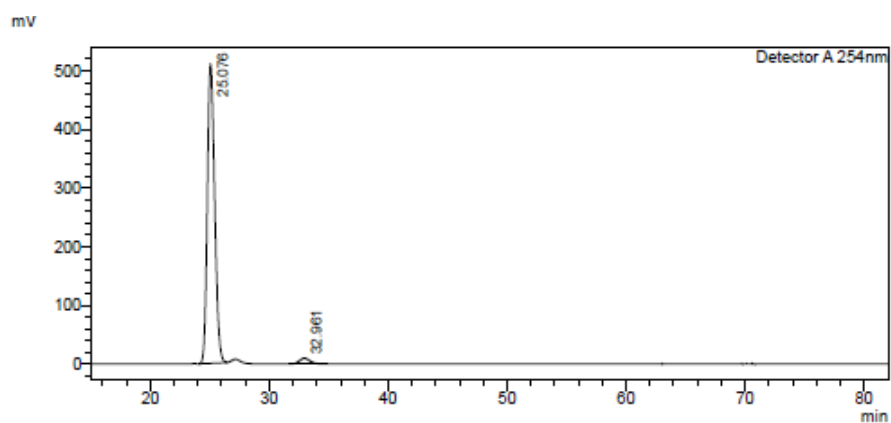


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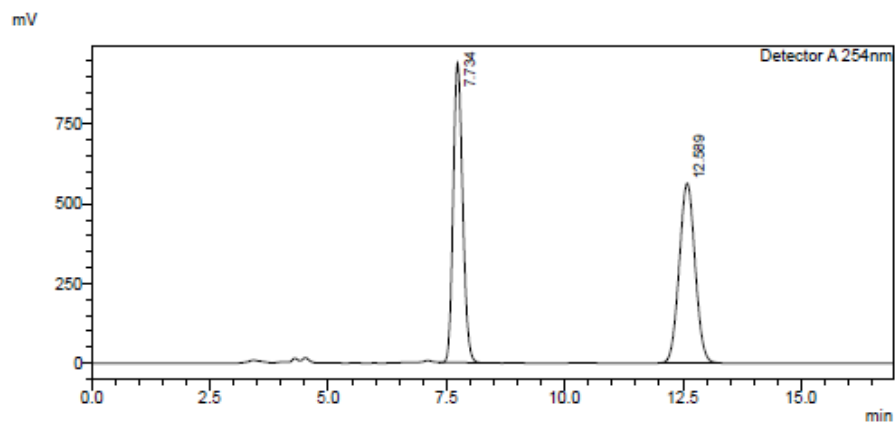


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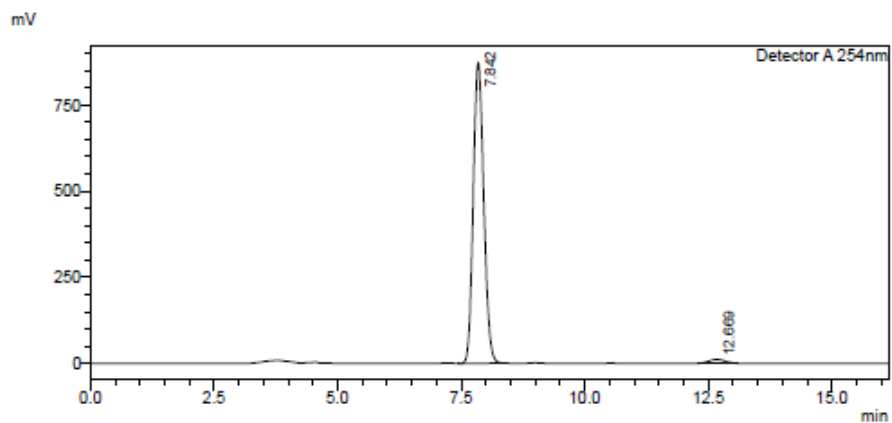


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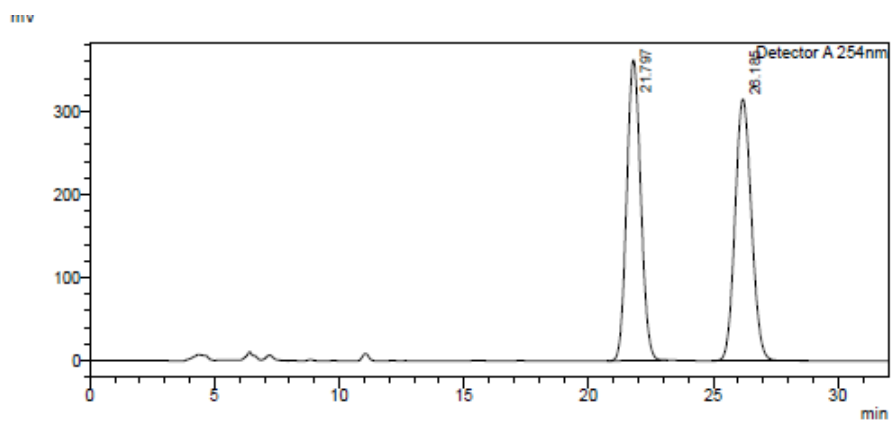


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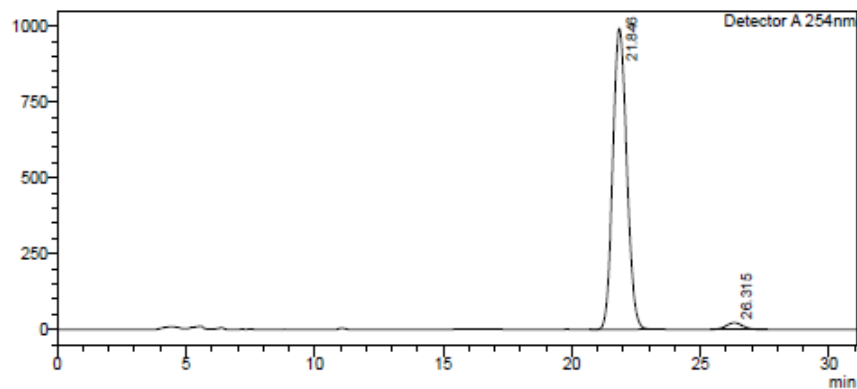
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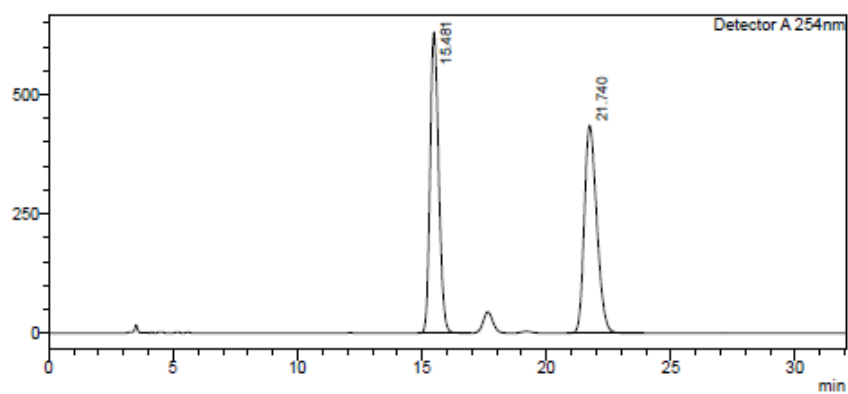
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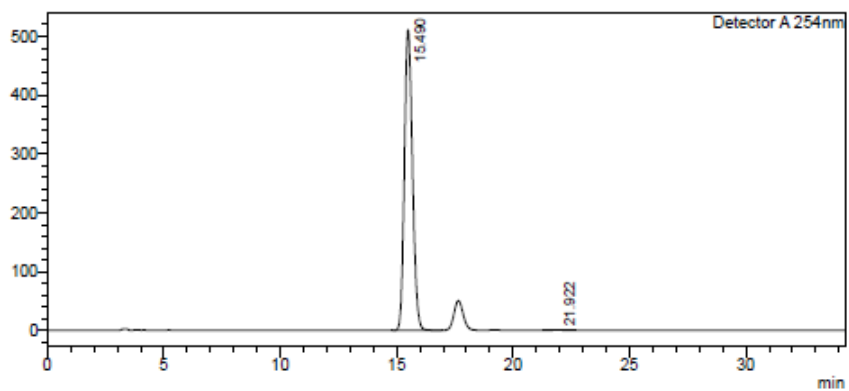
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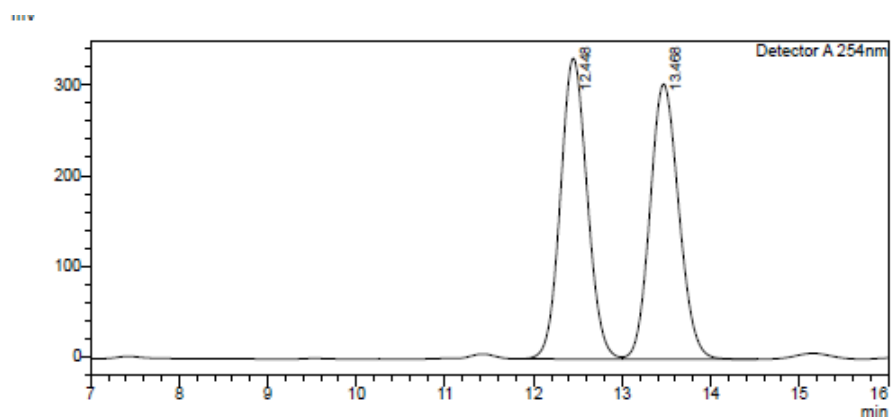
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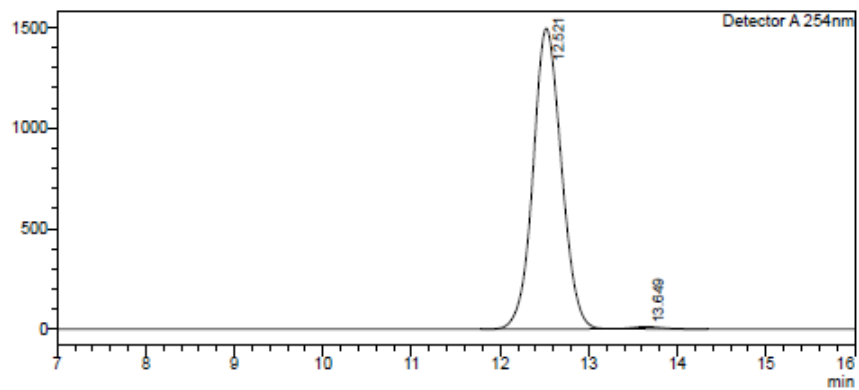
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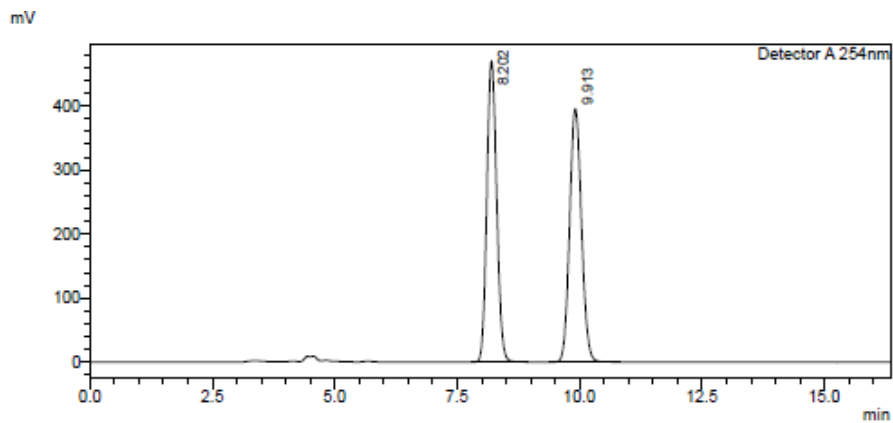
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1	12.521	33290078	1494128	99.345			
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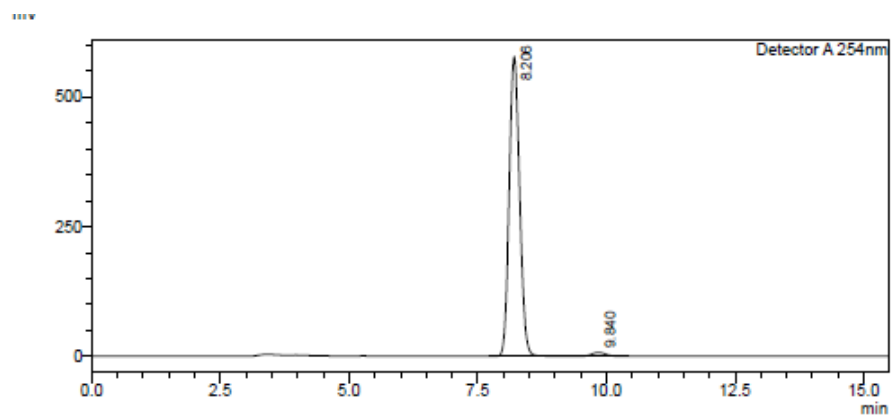
Racemic 3p



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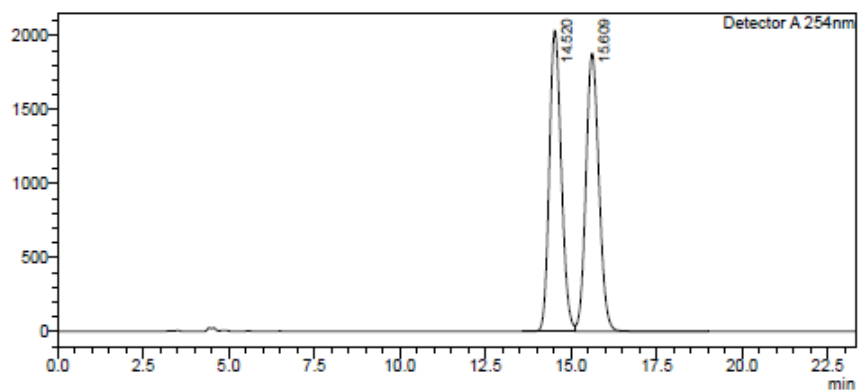
Chiral 3p



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Detector A 254nm							
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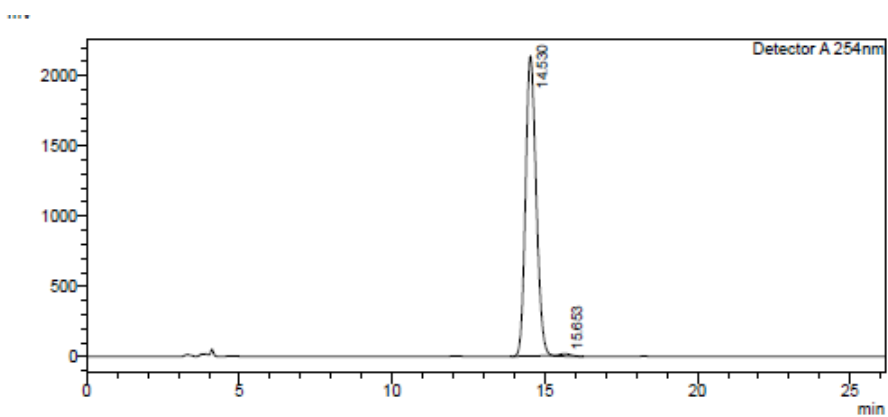
Racemic 3q



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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
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2	15.609	49729700	1882139	50.182		SV	
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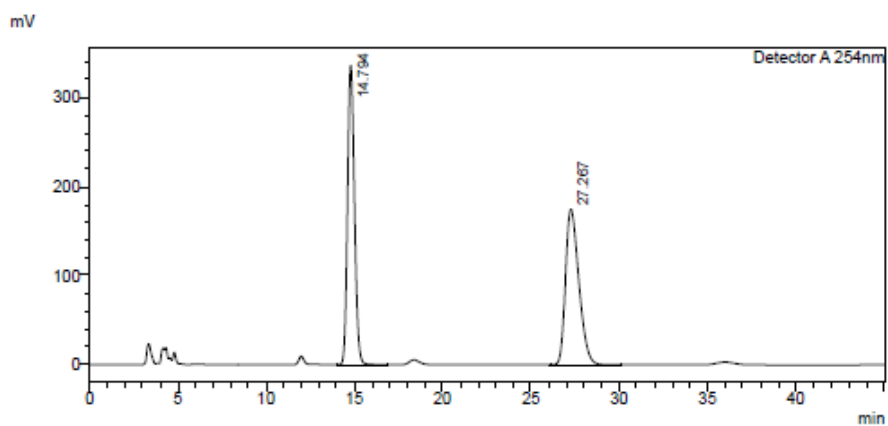
Chiral 3q



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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	14.530	51735126	2132998	99.119			
2	15.653	480022	17968	0.881		M	
Total		52195147	2150964				

Racemic **3r**

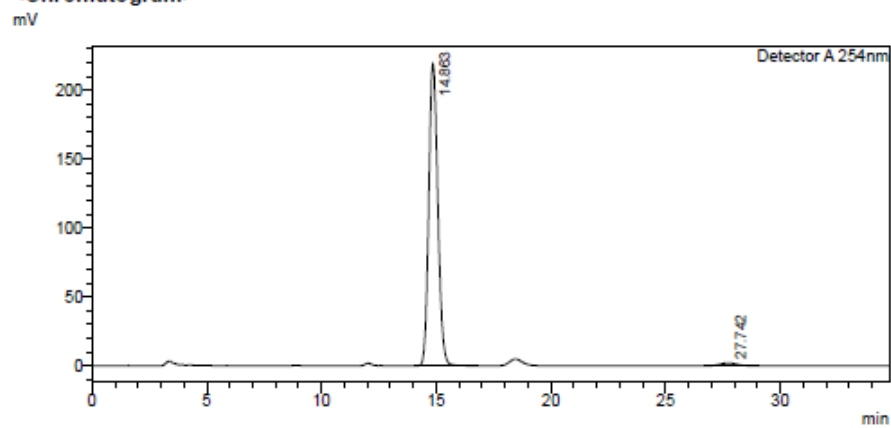


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1	14.794	9143670	338072	49.928
2	27.267	9169908	174446	50.072
Total		18313578	510517	

Chiral **3r**

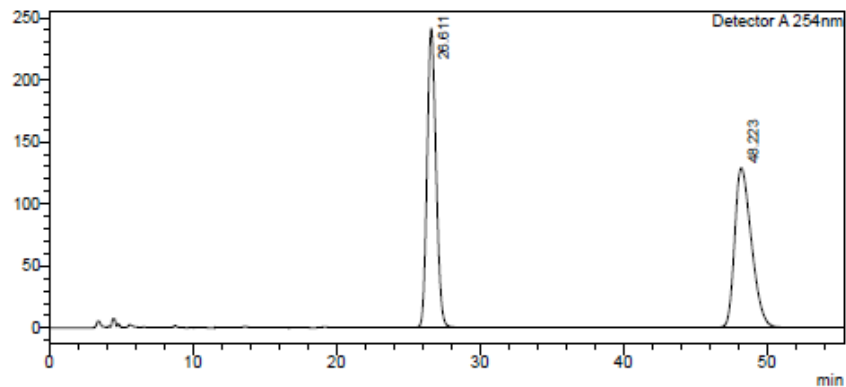
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2	27.742	105317	2055	1.719			
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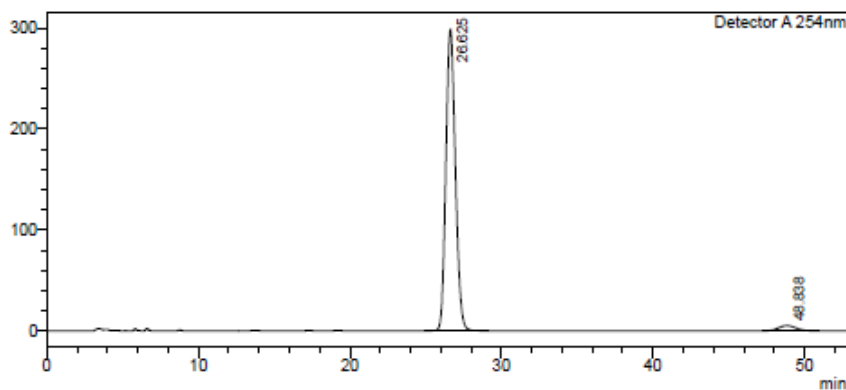
Racemic 3s



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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	26.611	10435161	240940	50.018			
2	48.223	10427519	128551	49.982			
Total		20862680	369491				

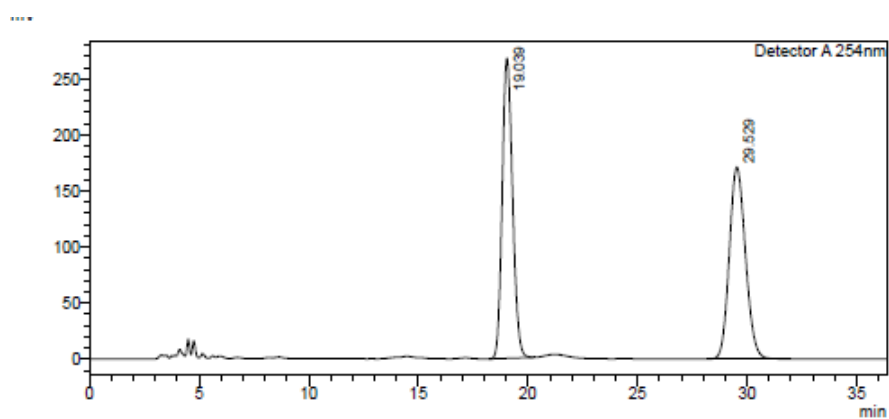
Chiral 3s



<Peak Table>

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
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2	48.838	415795	5334	3.094			
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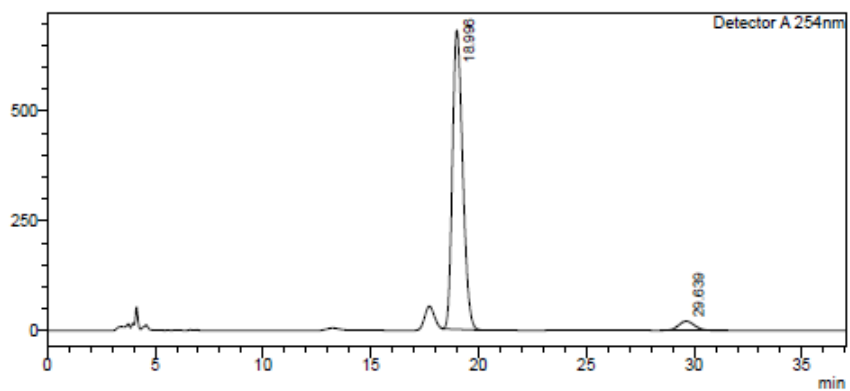
Racemic 3t



<Peak Table>

Detector A 254nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	19.039	8792306	267478	50.020			
2	29.529	8785259	170958	49.980			
Total		17577564	438436				

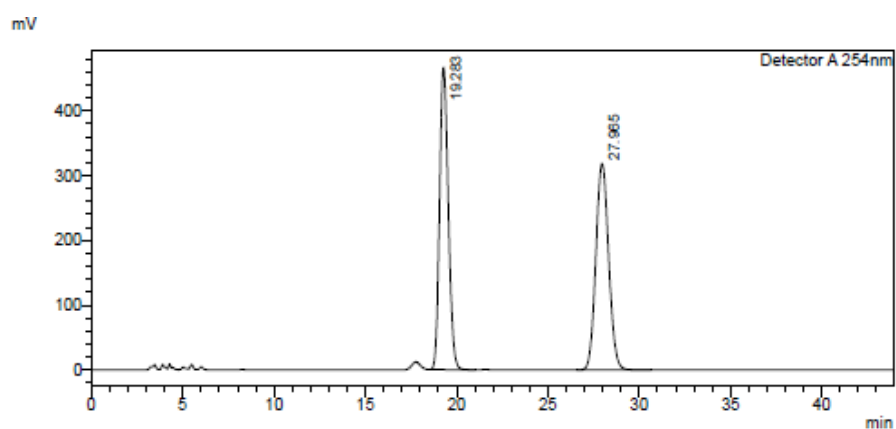
Chiral 3t



<Peak Table>

Detector A 254nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	18.996	22574653	681453	95.452			
2	29.639	1075624	21046	4.548			
Total		23650277	702499				

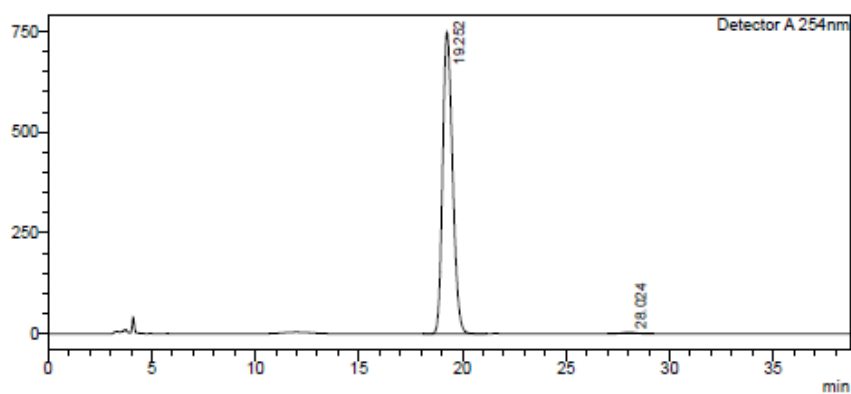
Racemic **3u**



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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	19.283	15515173	466134	49.914			
2	27.965	15568560	318680	50.086			
Total		31083733	784814				

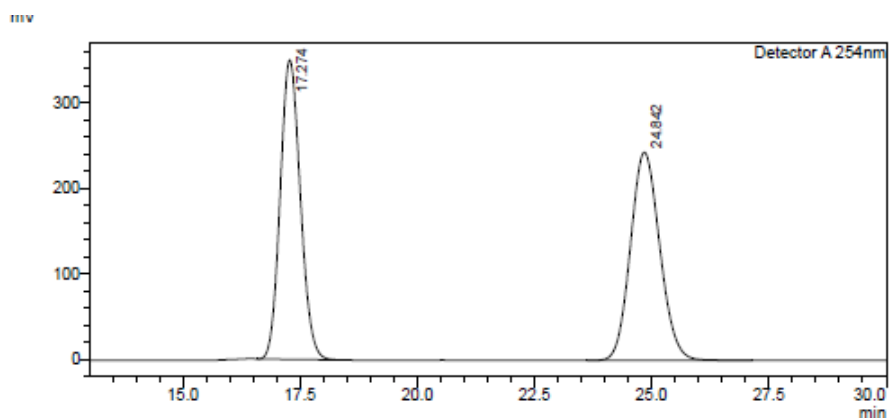
Chiral **3u**



<Peak Table>

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	19.252	25036740	747159	99.350		M	
2	28.024	163689	3380	0.650		M	
Total		25200430	750538				

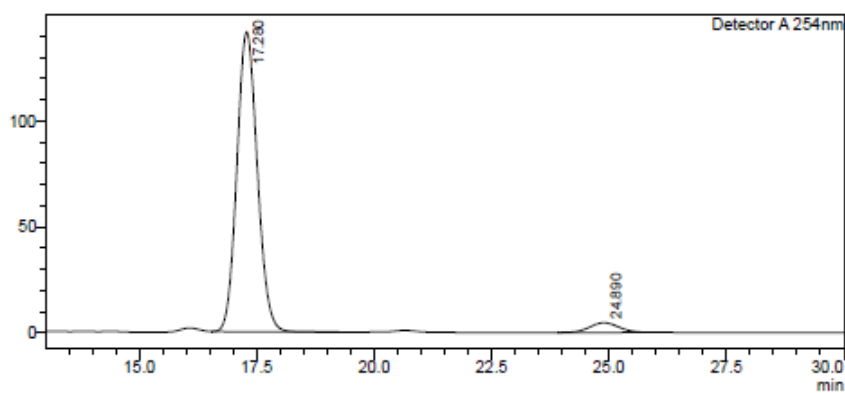
Racemic **3v**



<Peak Table>

Detector A 254nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	17.274	10494930	350350	49.742			
2	24.842	10603628	243529	50.258			
Total		21098558	593879				

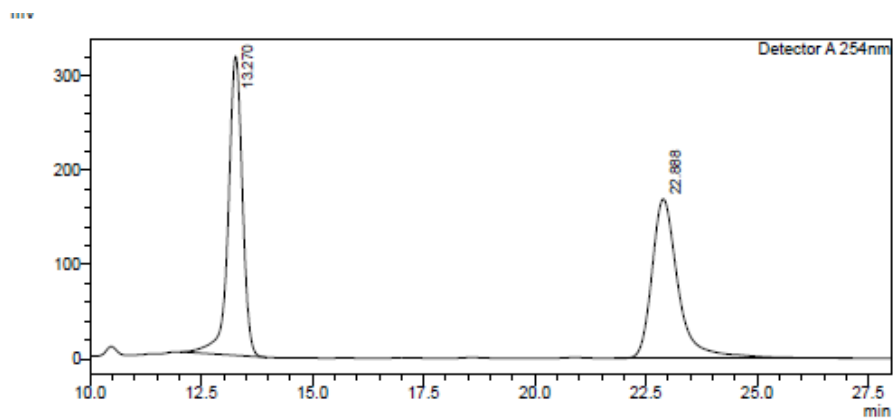
Chiral **3v**



<Peak Table>

Detector A 254nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	17.280	4288233	141304	95.589		S	
2	24.890	197905	4579	4.411			
Total		4486138	145882				

Racemic 4

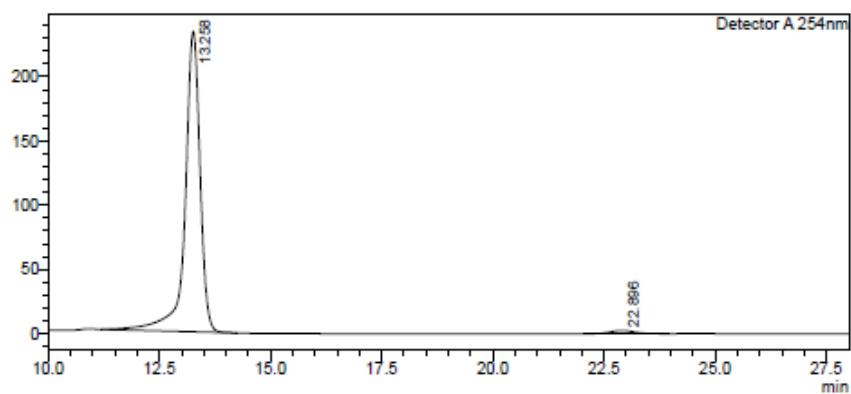


<Peak Table>

Detector A 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	13.270	7022584	318642	50.272			
2	22.888	8946485	168729	49.728			
Total		13969049	485371				

Chiral 4

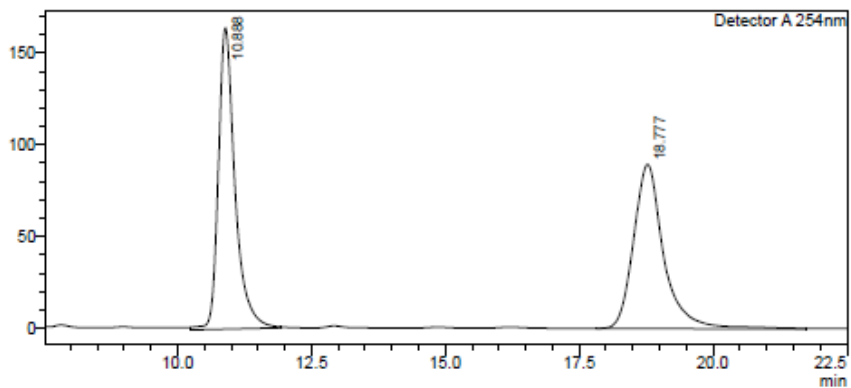


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Detector A 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	13.258	5497244	233489	98.298			
2	22.898	95160	2477	1.702			
Total		5592404	235966				

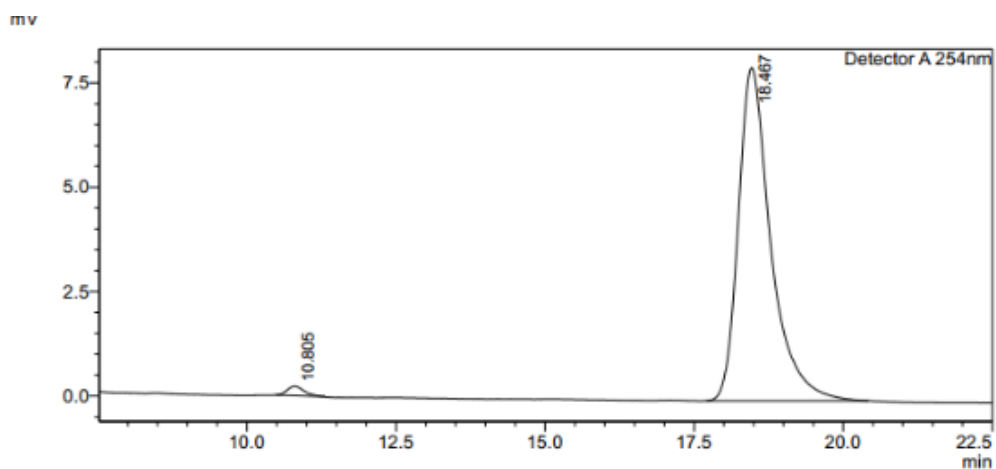
Racemic 5



<Peak Table>

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	10.888	3553127	164056	50.162		M	
2	18.777	3530147	89441	49.838		M	
Total		7083274	253497				

Chiral 5



<Peak Table>

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	10.805	4341	223	1.416			
2	18.467	302268	7981	98.584			
Total		306609	8204				

Stereochemistry Determination via Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

The data have been assigned to the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre with a deposition number CCDC 1837253.

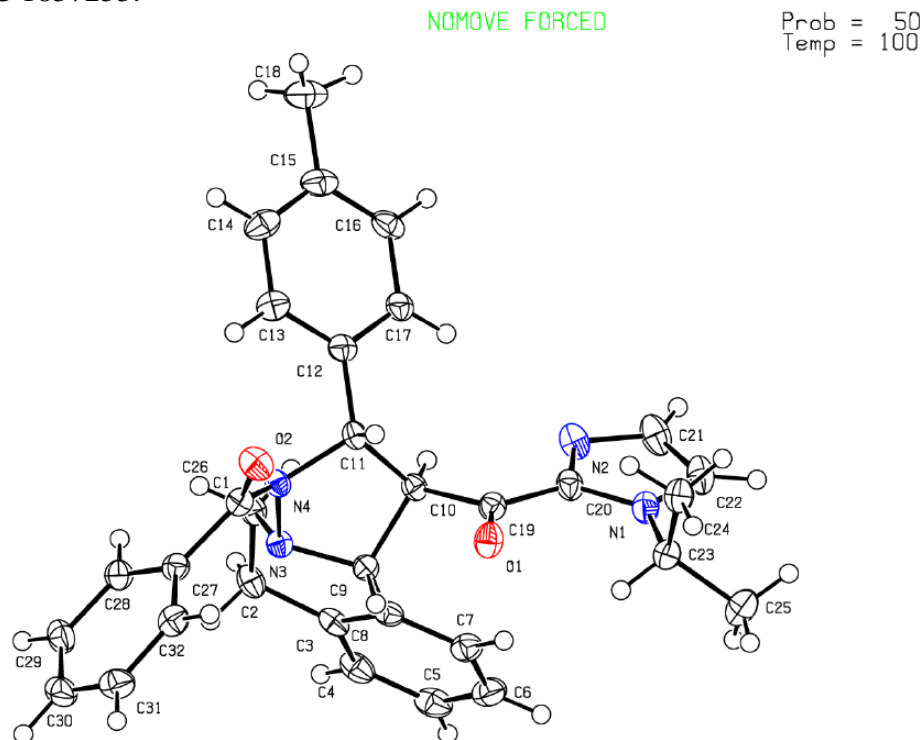


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3i**.

Identification code	3i	
Empirical formula	$C_{32}H_{32}N_4O_2$	
Formula weight	504.61	
Temperature (K)	100.0(3)	
Wavelength (\AA)	1.54184	
Crystal system	orthorhombic	
Space group	$P2_12_12_1$	
Unit cell dimensions (\AA , $^\circ$)	$a = 9.57270(10)$	$\alpha = 90$
	$b = 15.8631(2)$	$\beta = 90$
	$c = 17.8255(2)$	$\gamma = 90$
Volume (\AA^3)	2706.85(5)	

Z	4
Calculated density (g cm ⁻³)	1.238
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.620
F_{000}	1072
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.13 × 0.12 × 0.10
θ range for data collection (°)	3.730 to 73.289
Miller index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -19 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	20157
Independent reflections	5366 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0276$]
Completeness to θ_{max} (%)	0.994
Max. and min. transmission	0.77458 and 1.00000
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	5366 / 0 / 346
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.043
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R1 = 0.0284$, $wR2 = 0.0712$
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0301$, $wR2 = 0.0726$
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å ⁻³)	0.133 and -0.150
Absolute structure parameter	.01(8)

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