

Supporting Information for

**Catalytic Enantioselective and Regioselective Substitution of
2,3-Indolyldimethanols with Enaminones**

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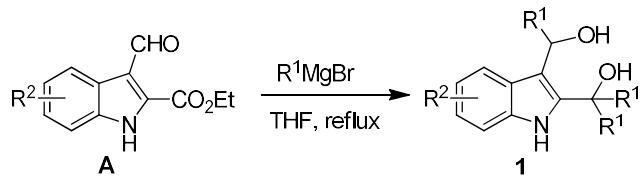
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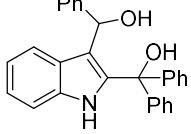
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1. General procedure for the synthesis of substrates **1** and their characteristic data

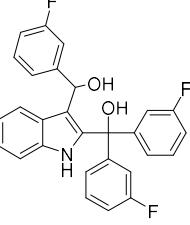


Under argon atmosphere at 0 °C, the solution of starting materials **A** (5 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was added to the Grignard reagents (30 mmol). Then, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 70 °C and stirred overnight. After completing the reaction, saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution was added to the reaction mixture, which was extracted by EtOAc. The resultant organic layer was dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to afford substrates **1**.

(3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (**1a**):

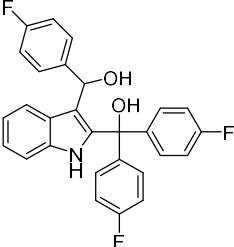
 yield: 55% (1.11 g), yellow solid, m.p. 71–72 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 8H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 146.3, 145.1, 142.7, 140.6, 133.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 122.2, 120.0, 119.9, 113.8, 111.0, 78.8, 70.4; IR (KBr): 3689, 3005, 2359, 1733, 1684, 1507, 1457, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₂₂NO₂ 404.1651, Found 404.1659.

bis(3-fluorophenyl)(3-((3-fluorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanol (**1b**):

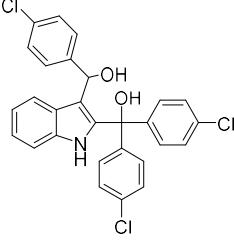
 yield: 59% (1.32 g), yellow solid, m.p. 94–95 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.3 Hz), 162.8 (d, *J* = 245.4 Hz), 162.7 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 148.3 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 147.1 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 145.0 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 139.3, 133.8, 130.0 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 129.8, 127.2, 123.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 123.0 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 122.7, 122.0 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 120.5, 119.4, 115.3 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 114.8 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 114.6 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz),

114.3, 113.6(d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 113.4, 111.3, 78.0, 69.5; IR (KBr): 3689, 3123, 2342, 1733, 1653, 1507, 1446, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₉F₃NO₂ 458.1368, Found 458.1382.

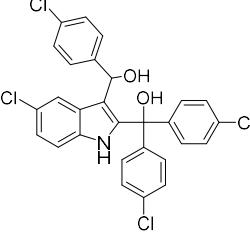
bis(4-fluorophenyl)(3-((4-fluorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanol (1c):

 yield: 53% (1.22 g), yellow solid, m.p. 112-113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.93 (m, 8H), 6.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.3(d, $J = 246.2$ Hz), 140.4(d, $J = 80.4$ Hz), 138.4, 133.8, 129.4(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 129.2(d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 128.4(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 127.3, 122.5, 120.3, 119.5, 115.2(d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 115.1(d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 113.7, 111.2, 77.9, 69.8; IR (KBr): 3750, 3123, 2360, 1733, 1653, 1507, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₉F₃NO₂ 458.1368, Found 458.1373.

bis(4-chlorophenyl)(3-((4-chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanol (1d):

 yield: 60% (1.52 g), white solid, m.p. 130-131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 140.8, 134.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 122.7, 120.5, 119.4, 111.3, 77.9, 69.7; IR (KBr): 3750, 3123, 2360, 1733, 1684, 1507, 1399, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₉Cl₃NO₂ 506.0482, Found 506.0484.

(5-chloro-3-((4-chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanol (1e):

 yield: 60% (1.62 g), yellow solid, m.p. 85-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 3H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.19 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ (ppm): 144.0, 142.9, 140.8, 140.4, 134.3, 134.2, 133.7, 132.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 123.1, 118.8, 113.3, 112.4, 77.9, 69.5; IR (KBr): 3750, 3122, 2359, 1733, 1669, 1521, 1399, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₈Cl₄NO₂ 540.0092, Found 540.0102.

(6-chloro-3-((4-chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanol (1f):

yield: 57% (1.54 g), yellow solid, m.p. 92-93 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 7H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.9, 142.9, 140.6, 140.2, 134.4, 134.3, 134.1, 133.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 125.7, 121.3, 120.4, 113.8, 111.2, 77.9, 69.5; IR (KBr): 3750, 3005, 2359, 1733, 1683, 1540, 1436, 1275, 1260, 764, 750, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₈Cl₄NO₂ 540.0092, Found 540.0091.

(3-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (1g):

yield: 55% (1.15 g), red solid, m.p. 43-44 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 146.5, 143.1, 143.0, 142.5, 140.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 121.6, 121.4, 120.0, 119.2, 118.9, 109.9, 88.6, 81.4, 31.0; IR (KBr): 3752, 3415, 2360, 1636, 1617, 1541, 1507, 1275, 1261, 764, 749, 618 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₉H₂₄NO₂ 418.1807, Found 418.1804.

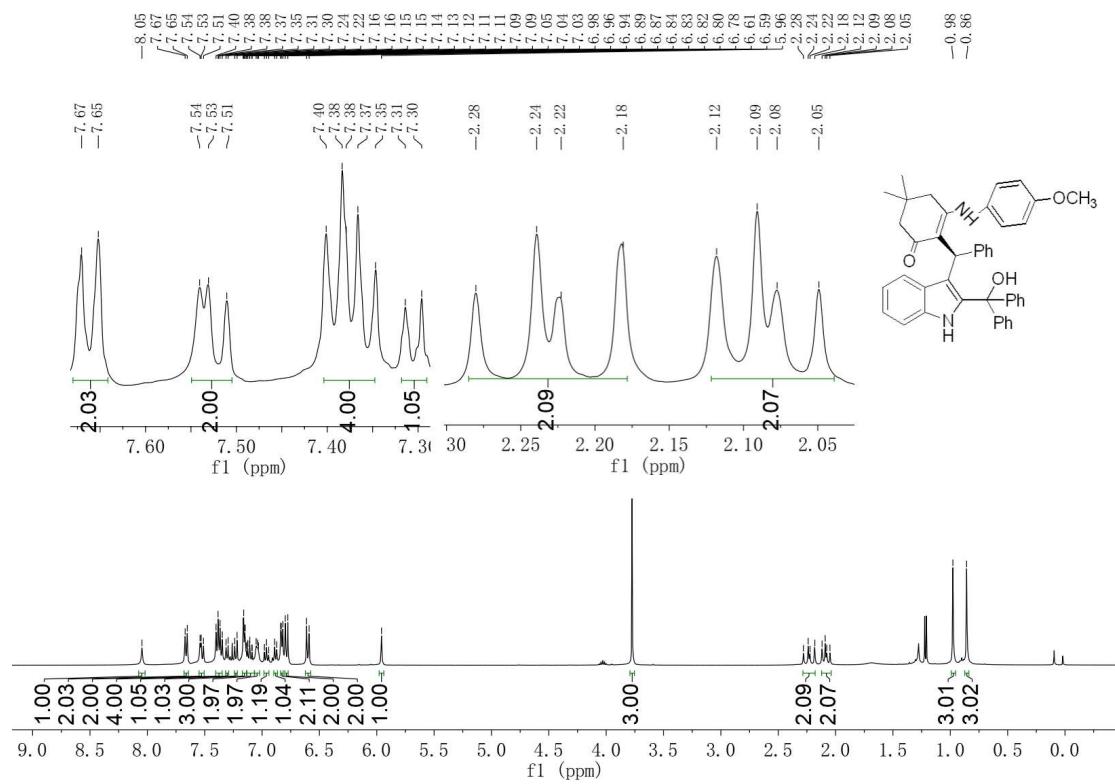
(2-benzhydryl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanol (1h):

yield: 50% (0.97 g), yellow solid, m.p. 51-52 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.21 (d,

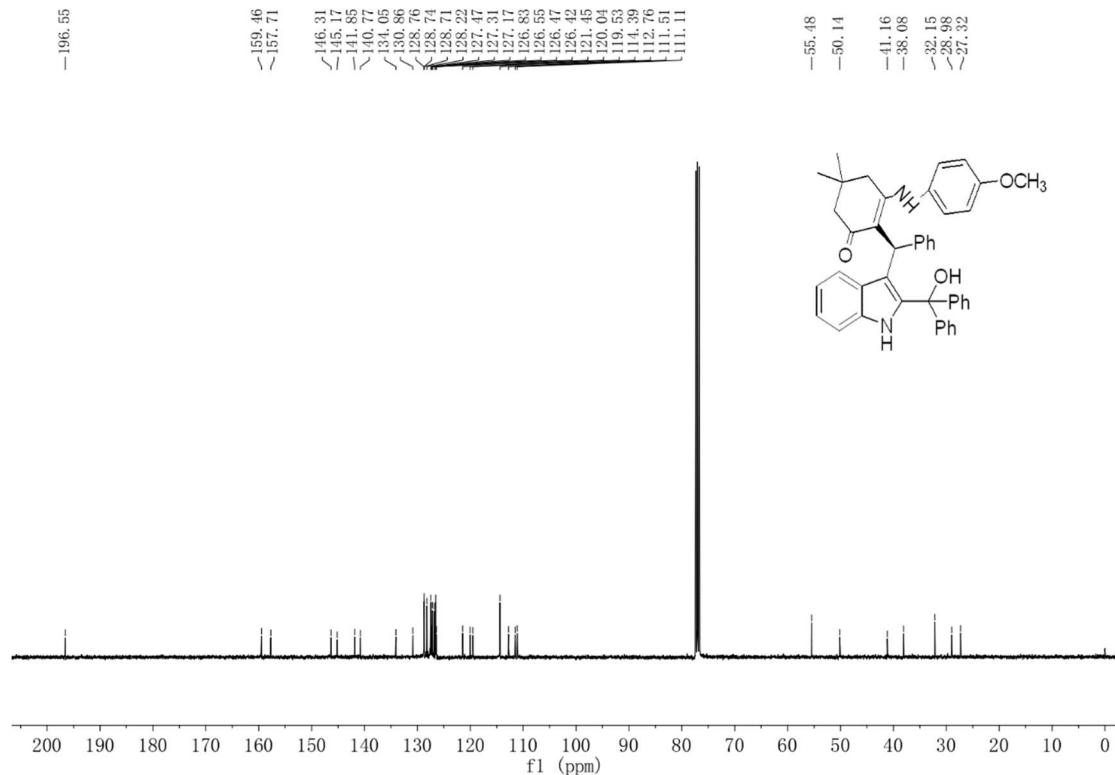
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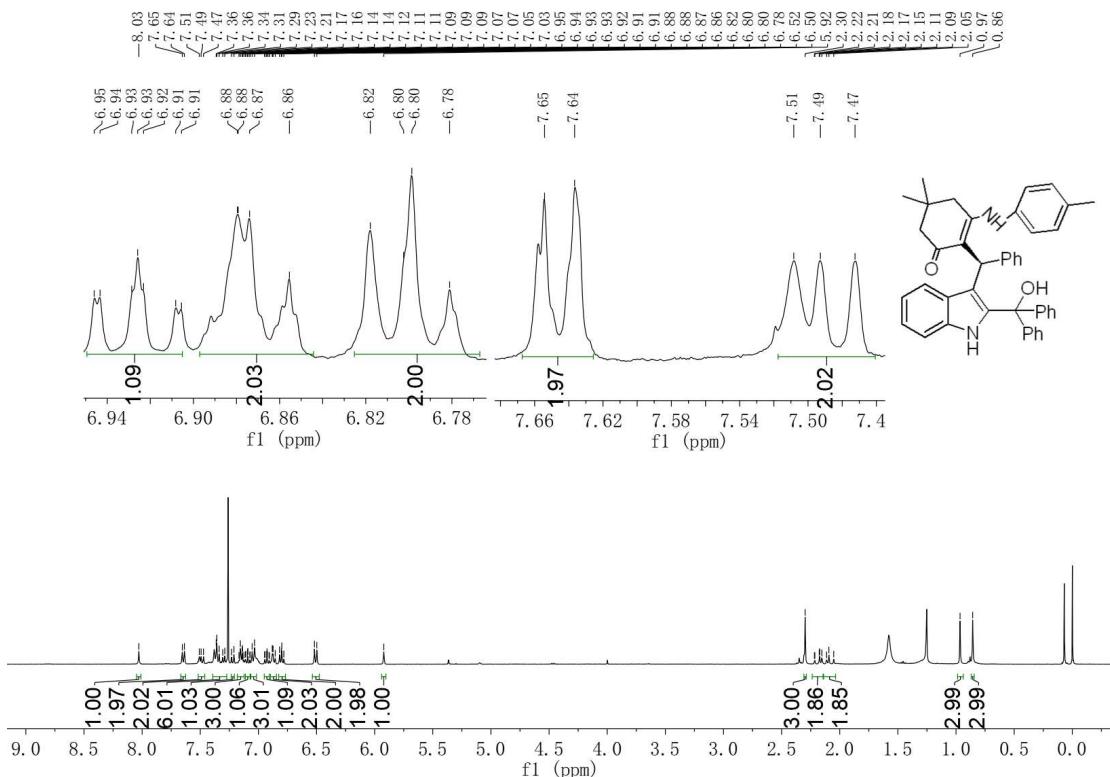
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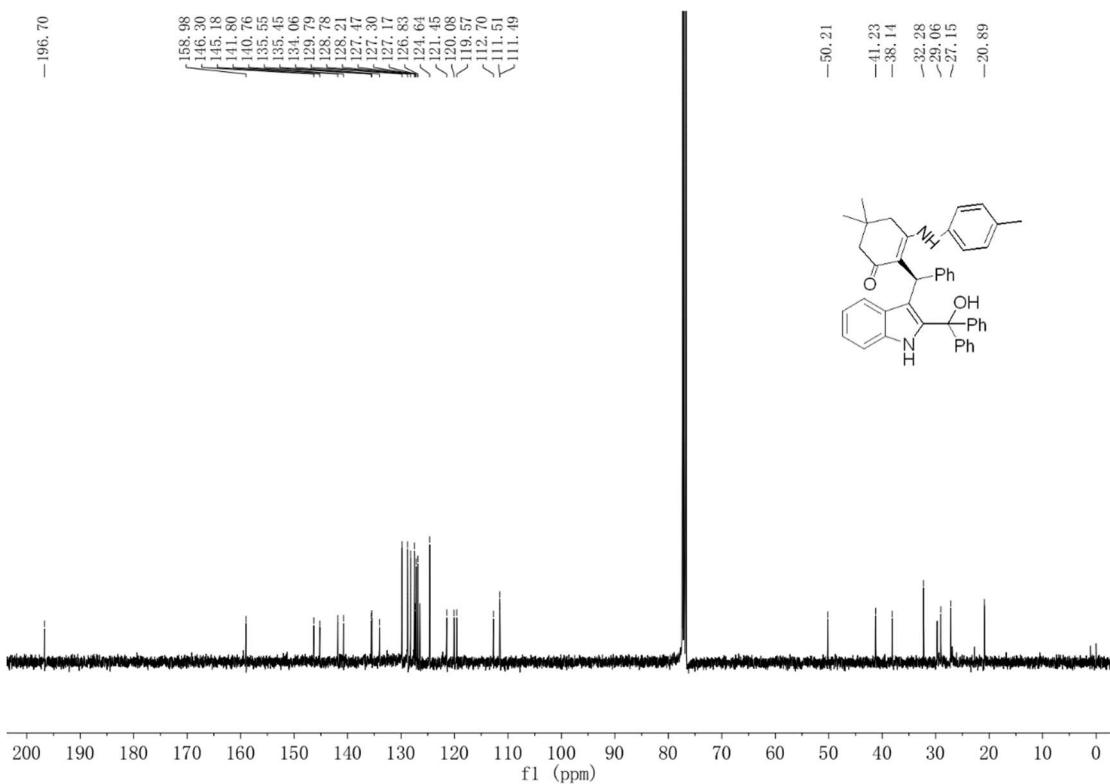
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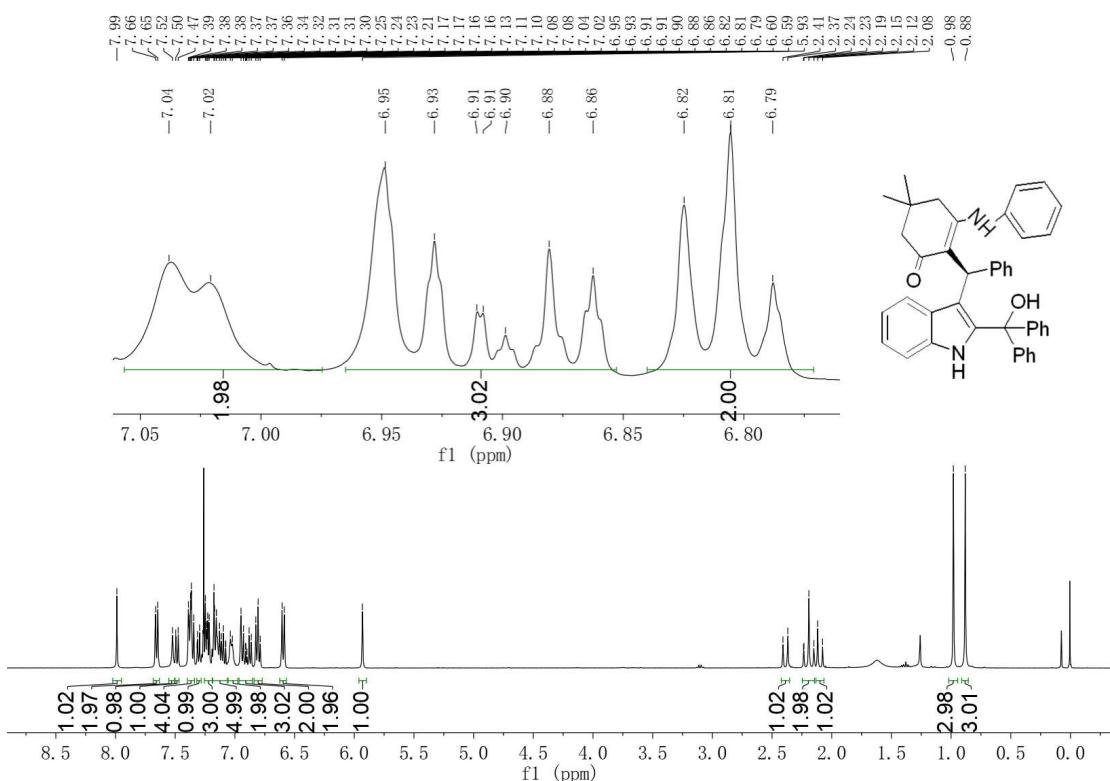
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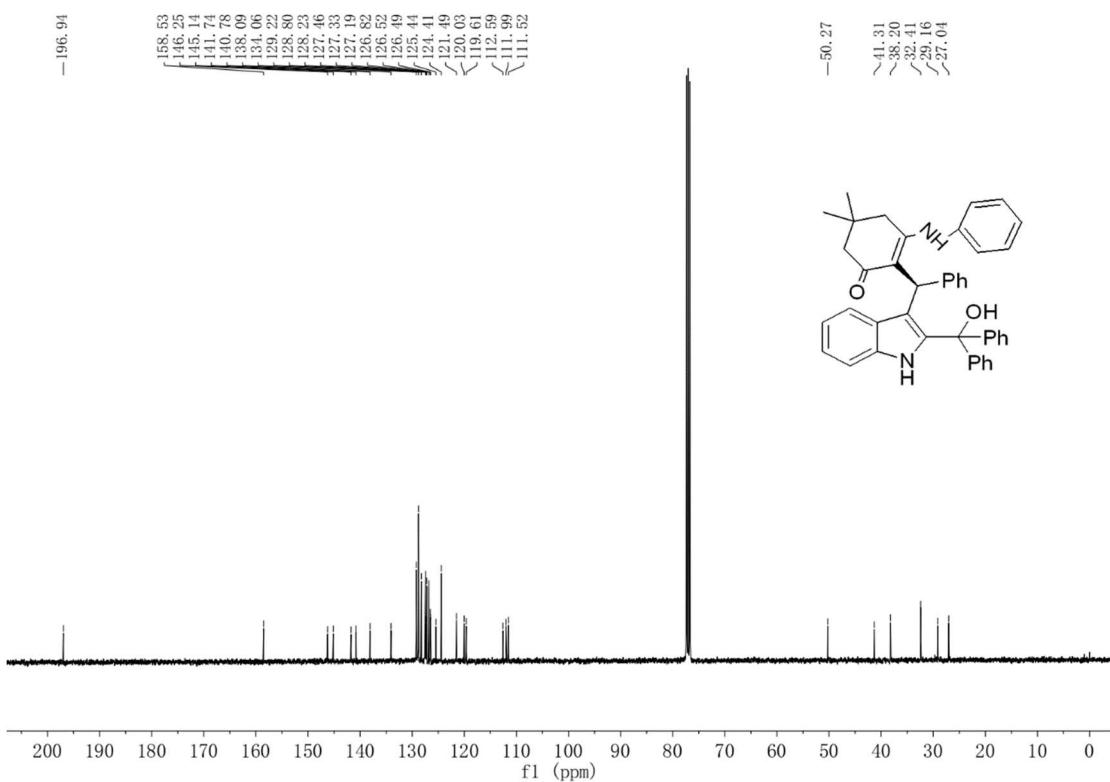
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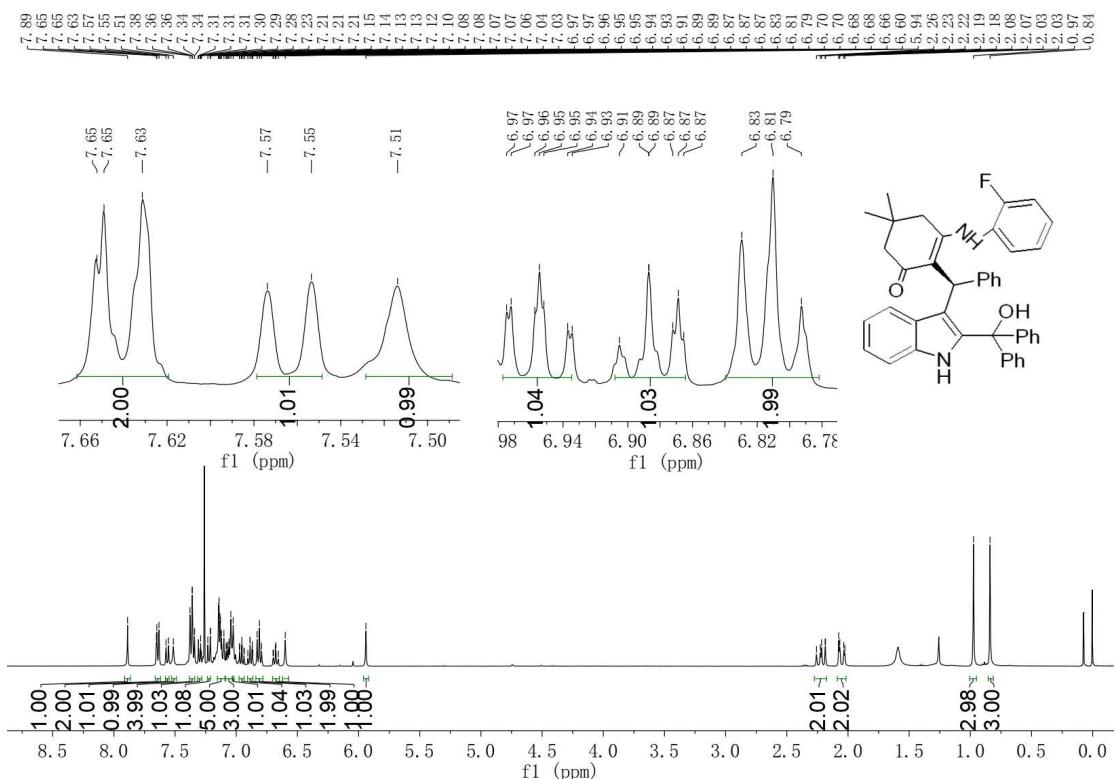
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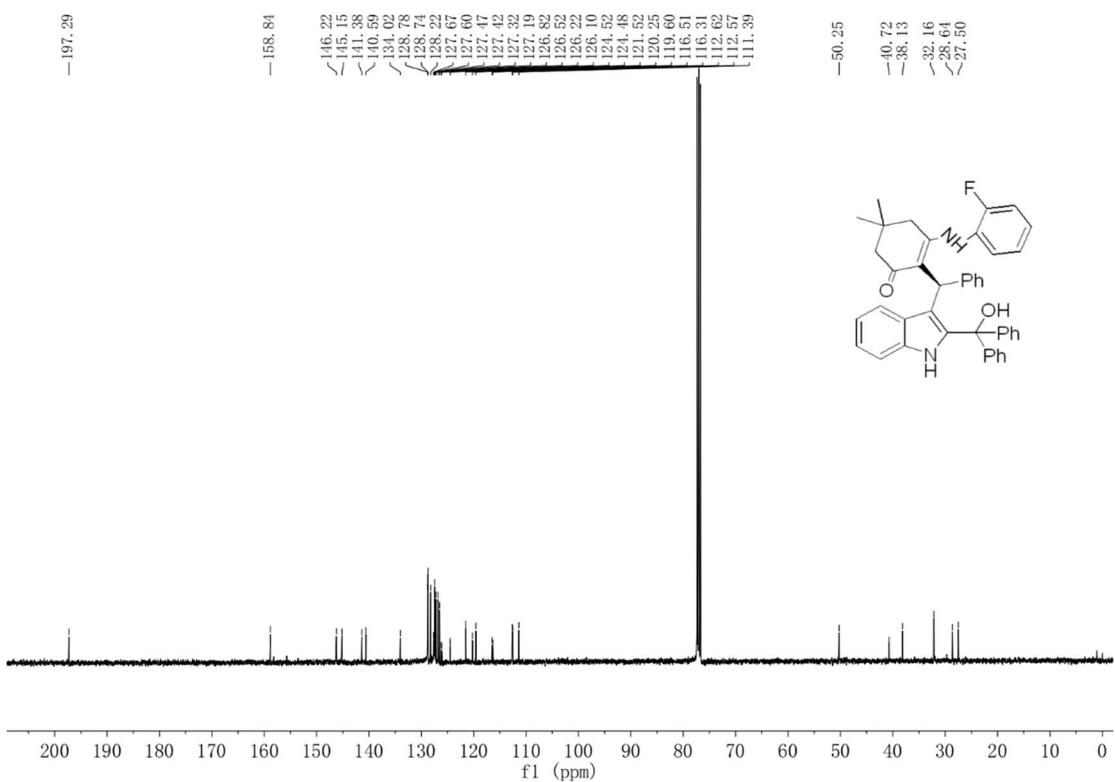
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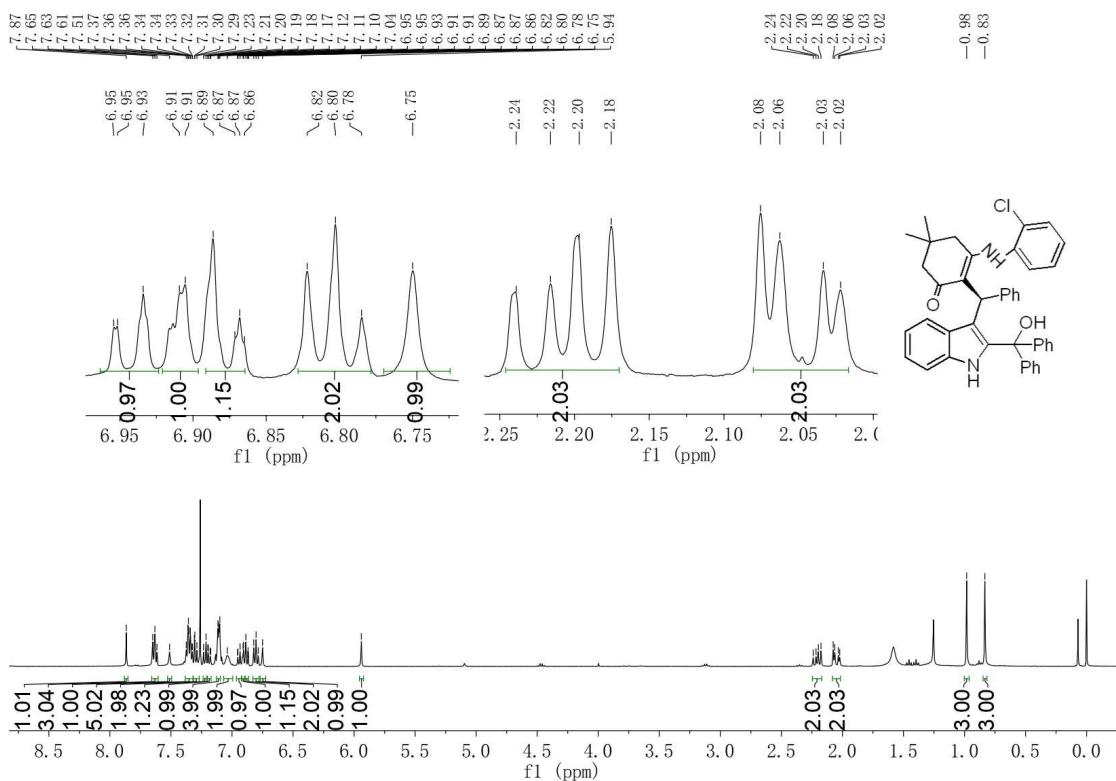
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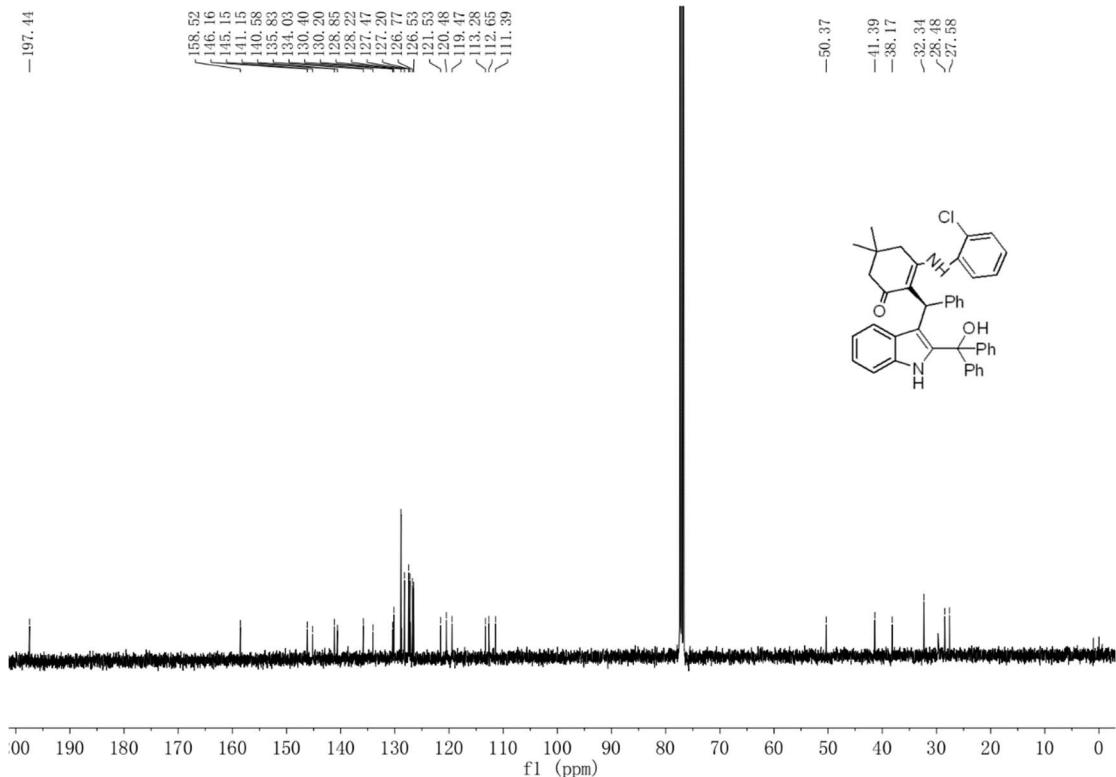
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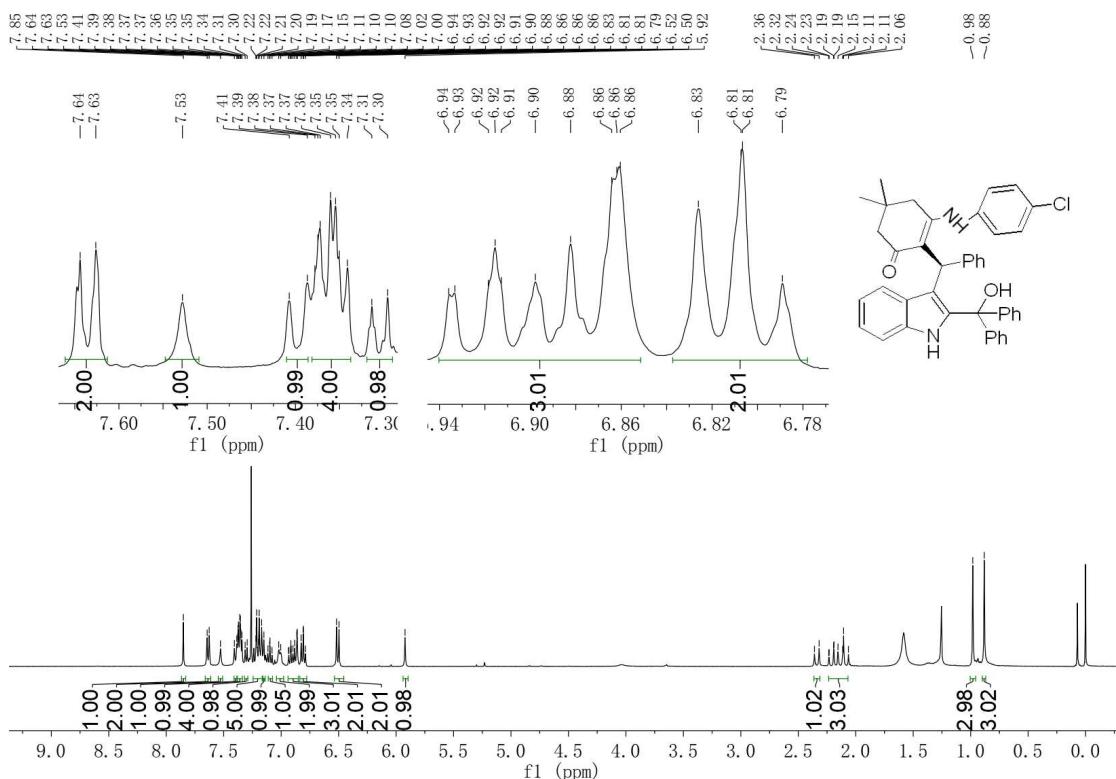
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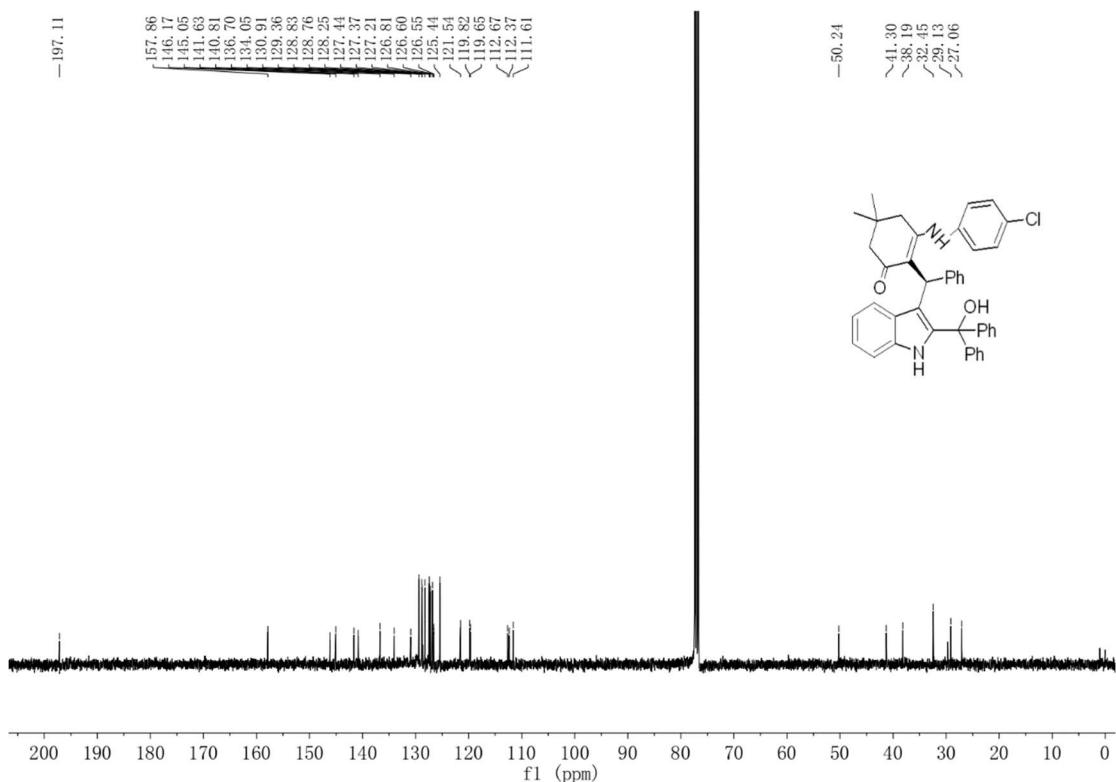
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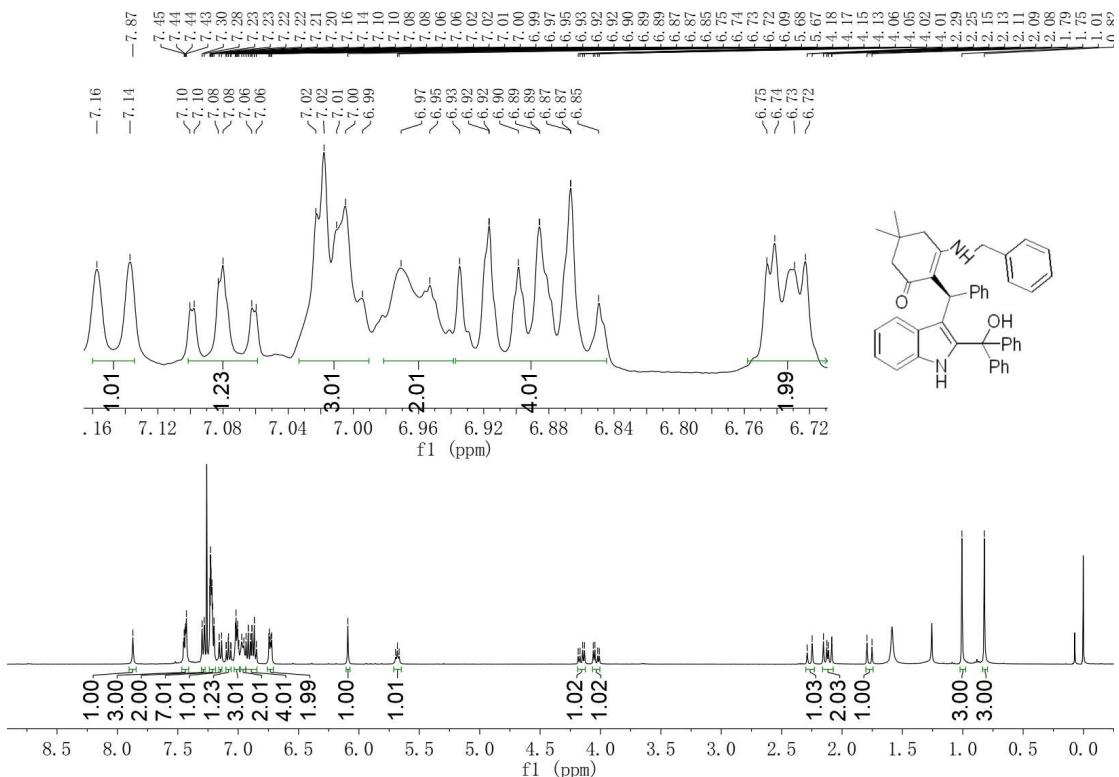
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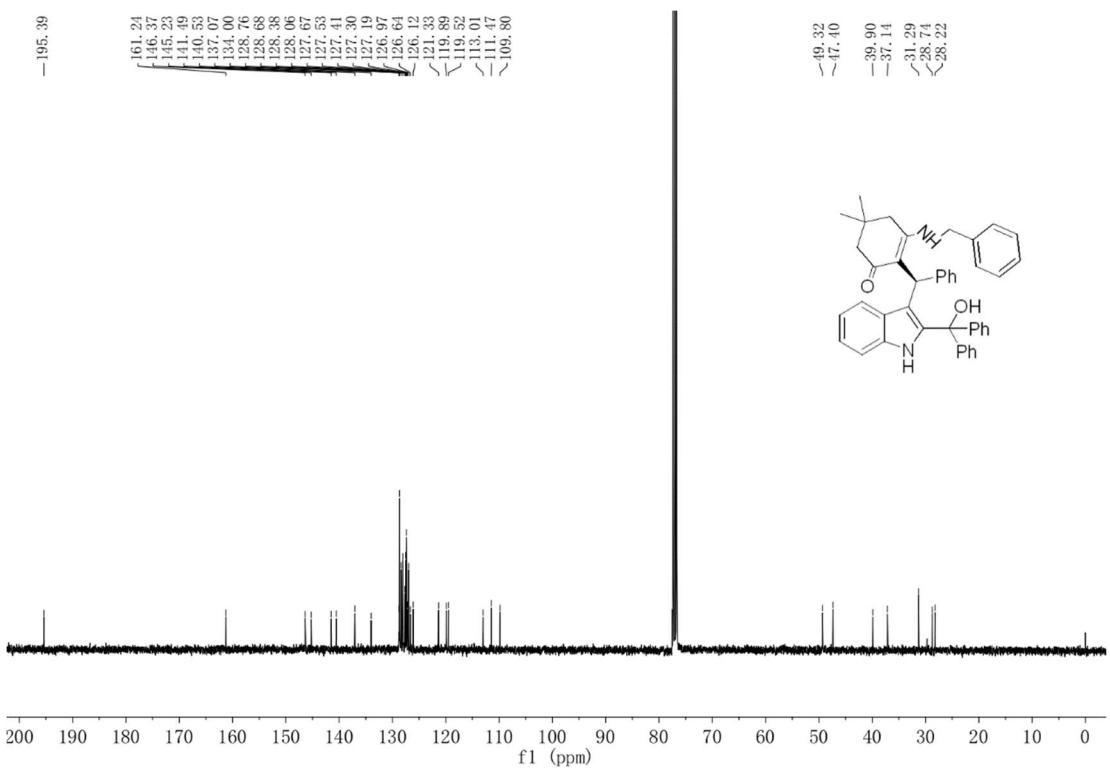
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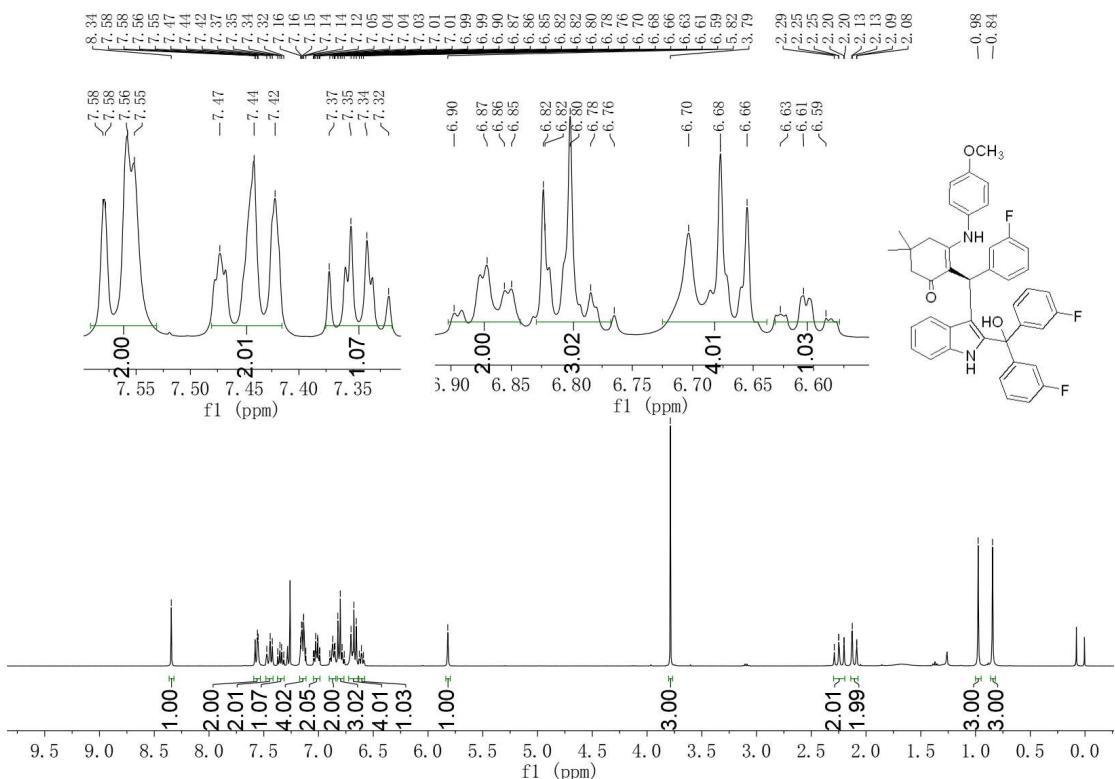
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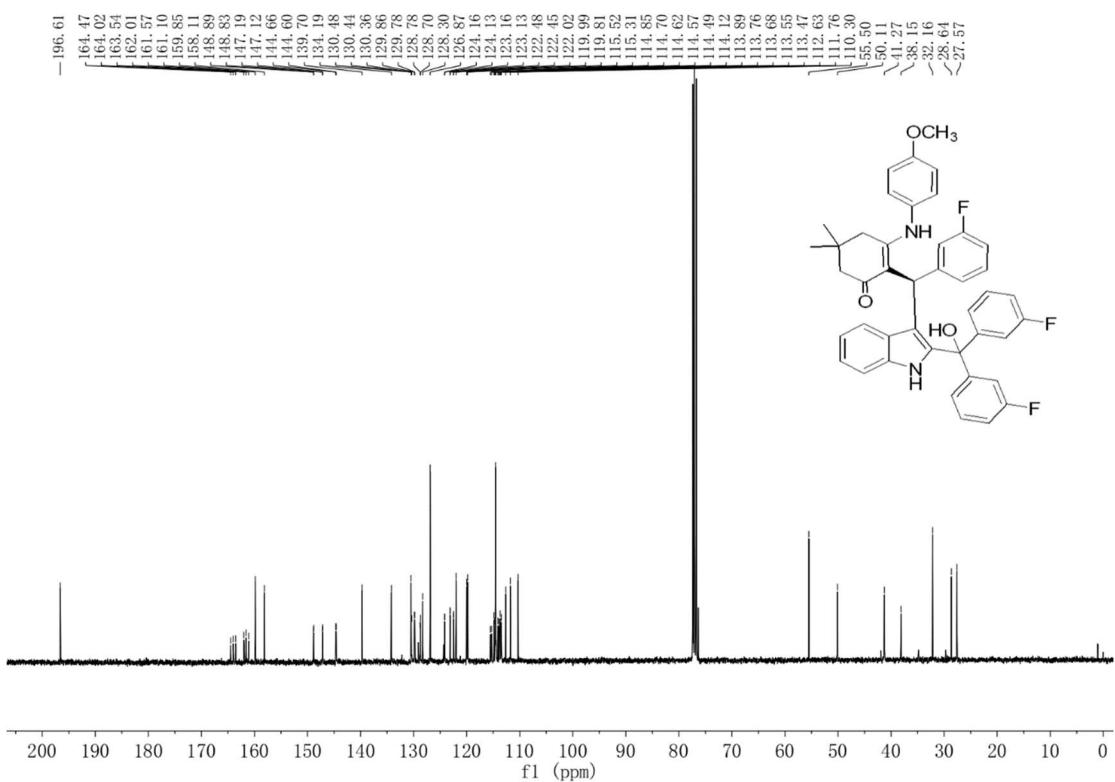
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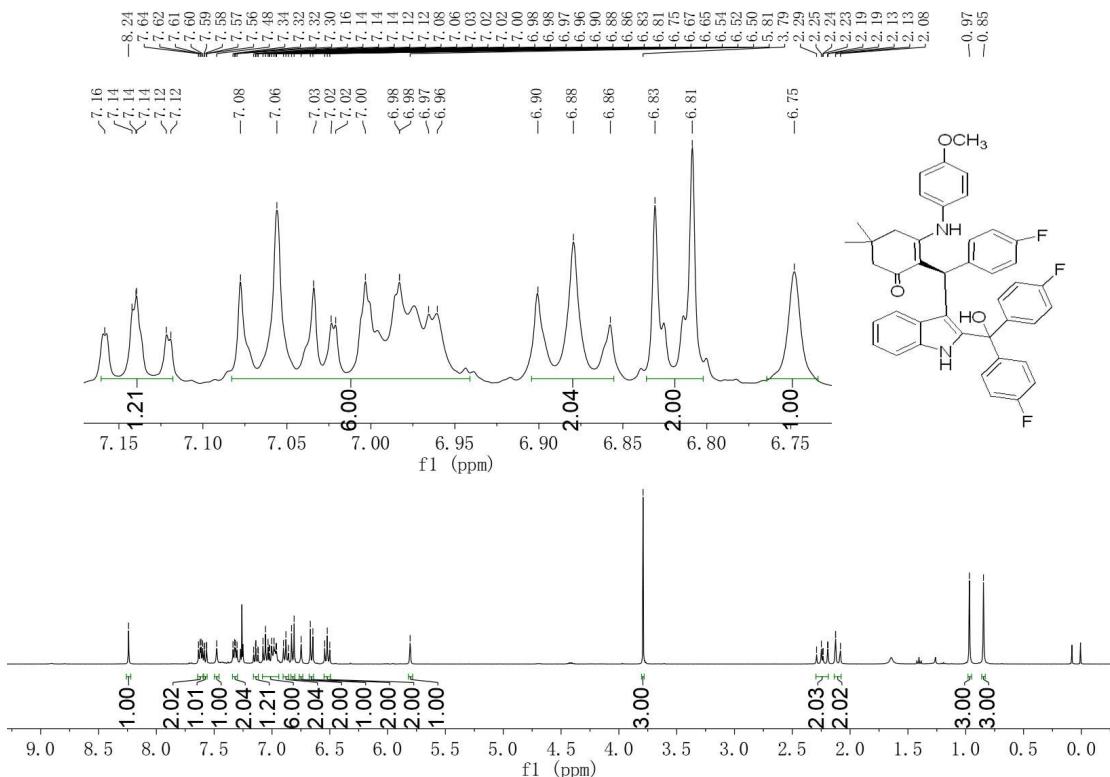
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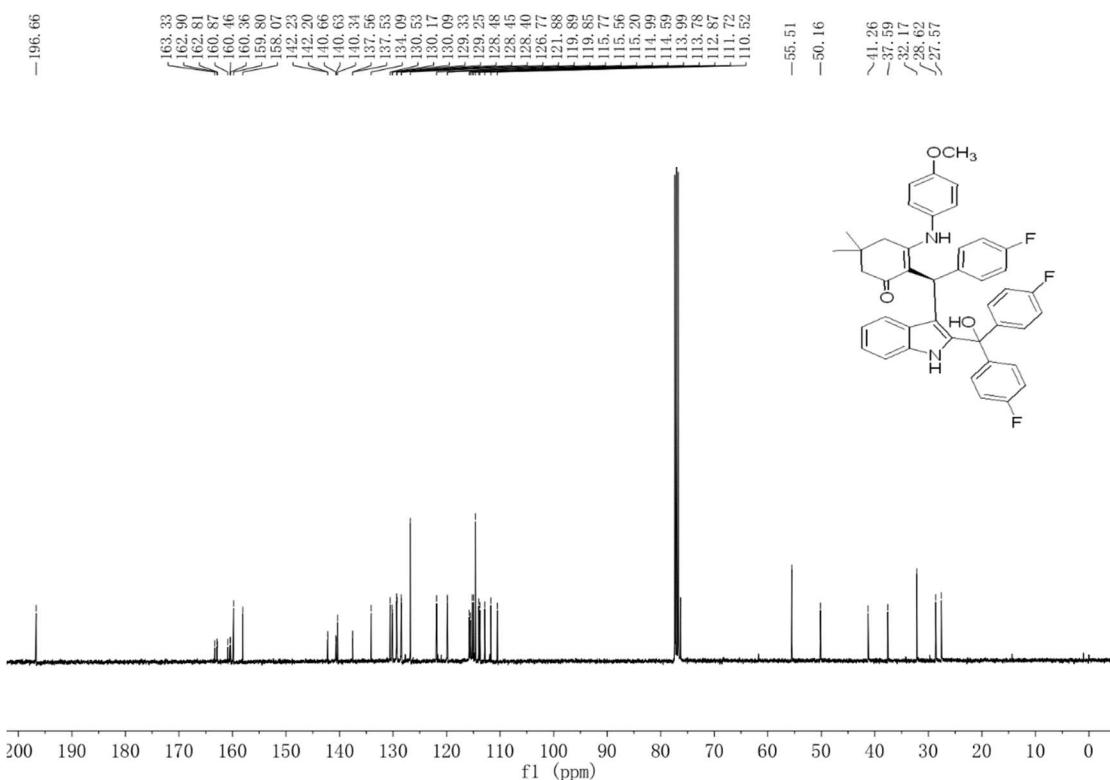
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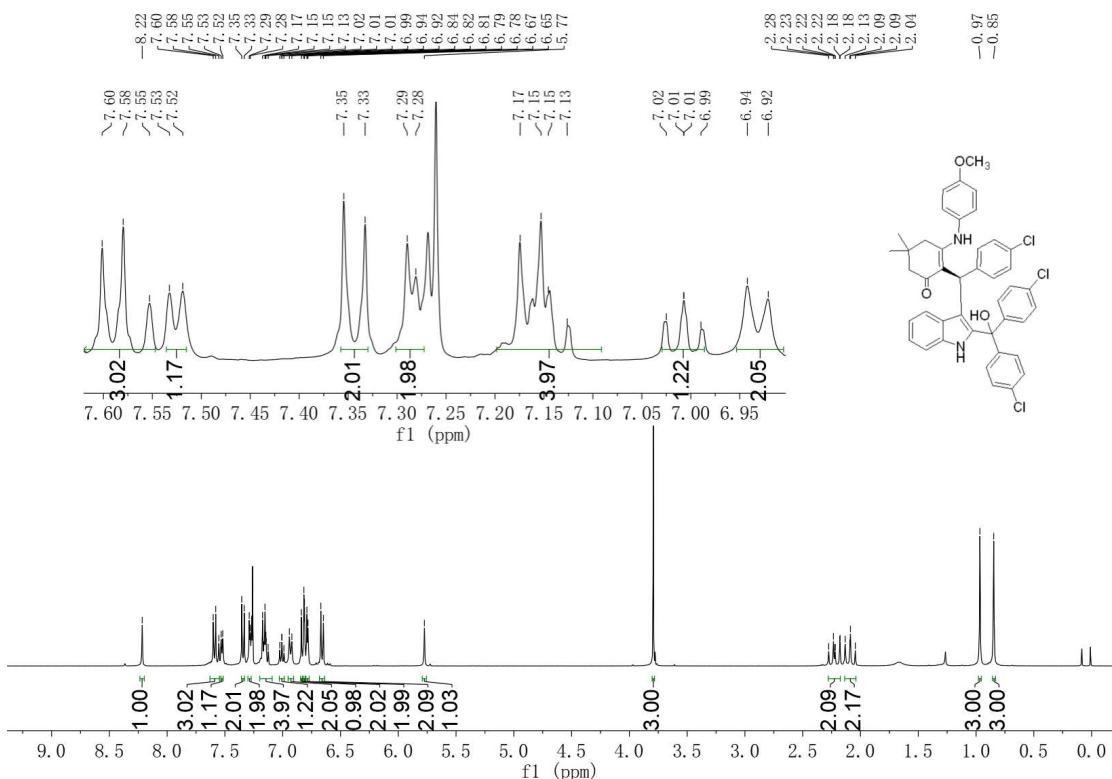
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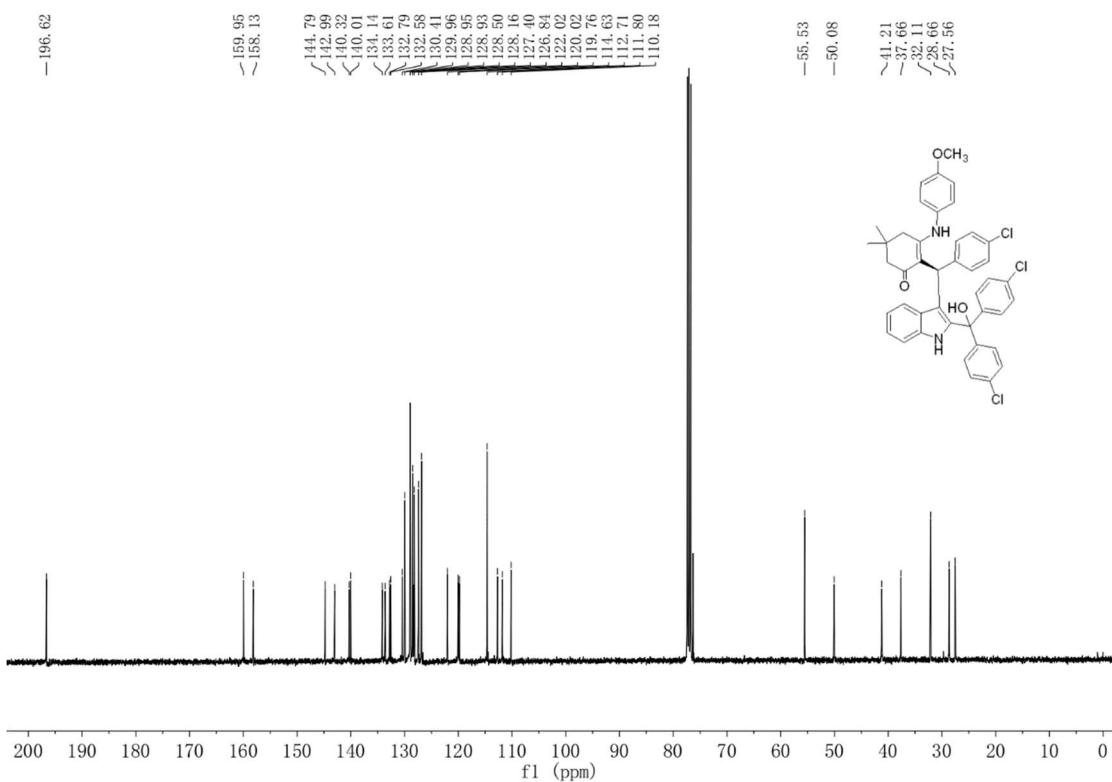
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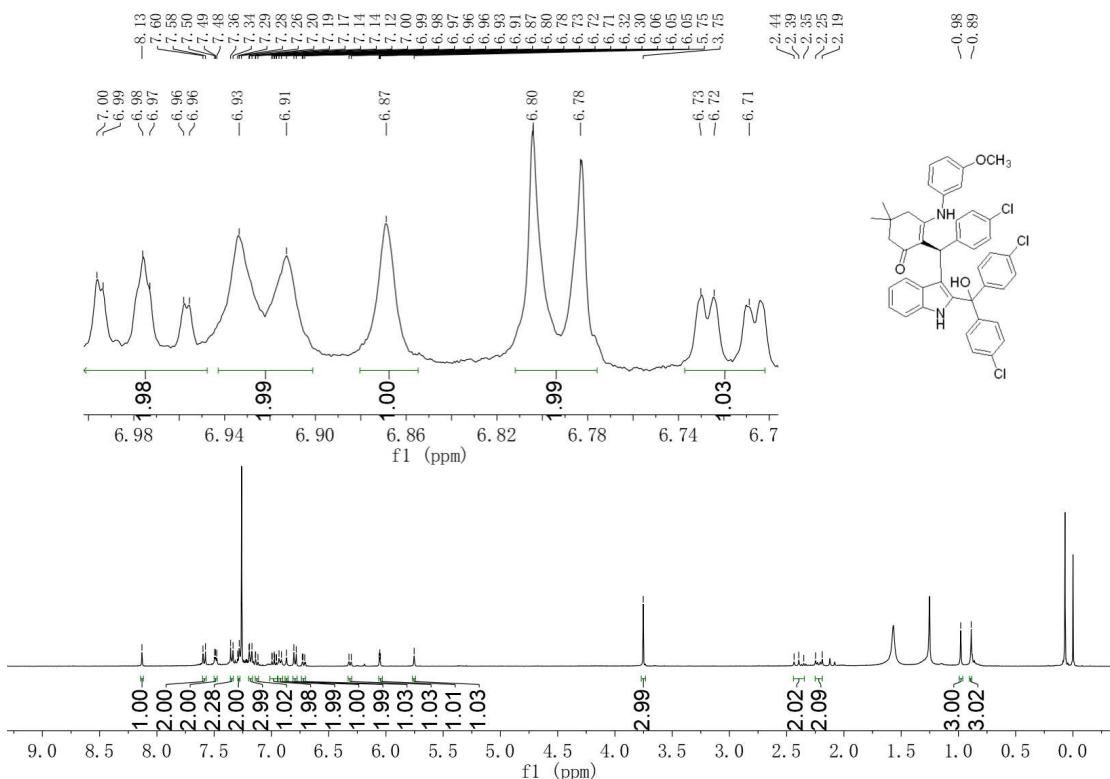
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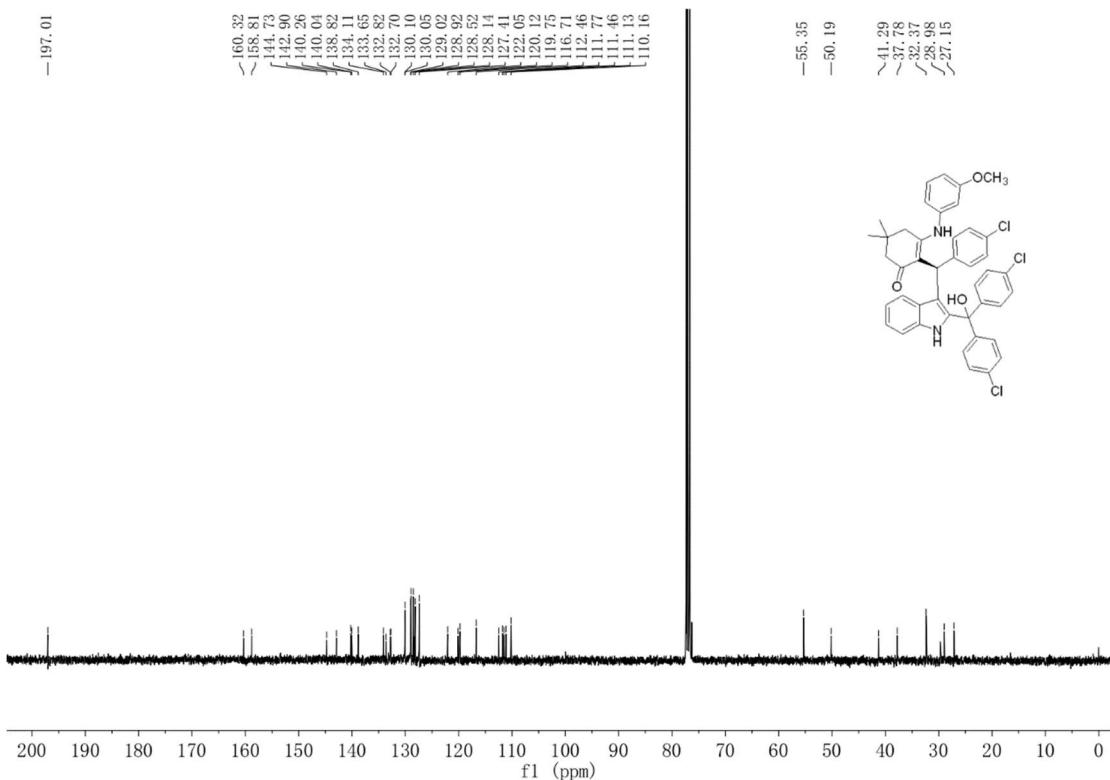
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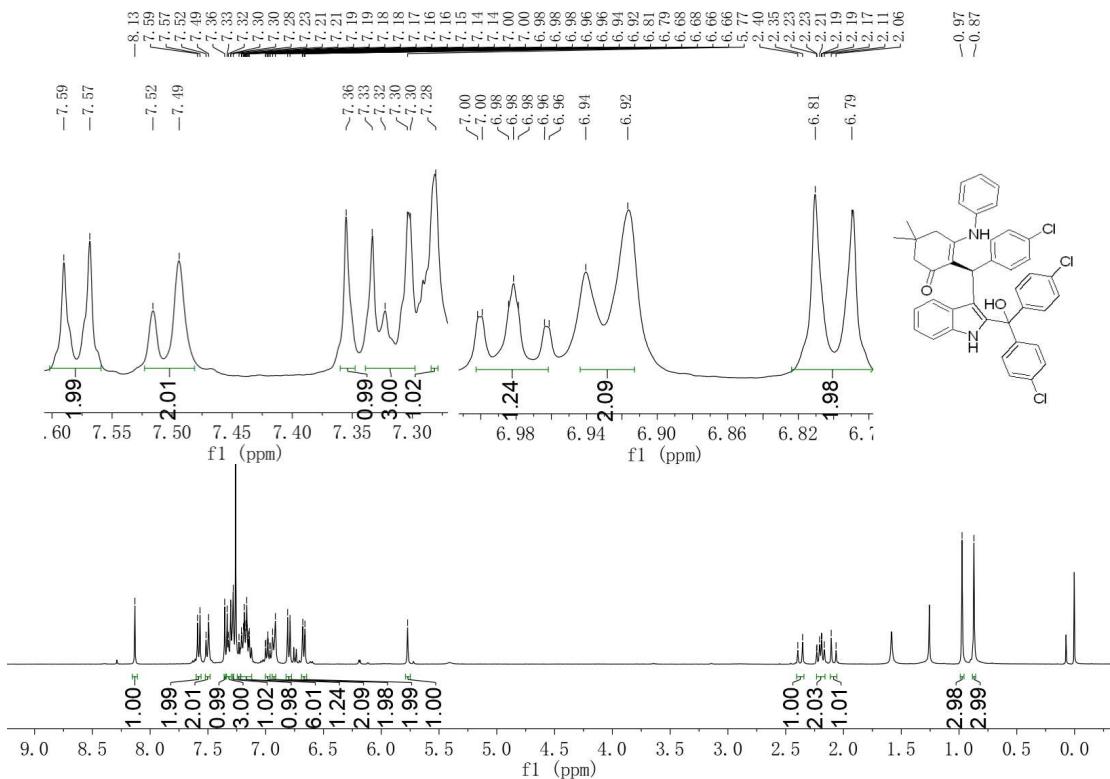
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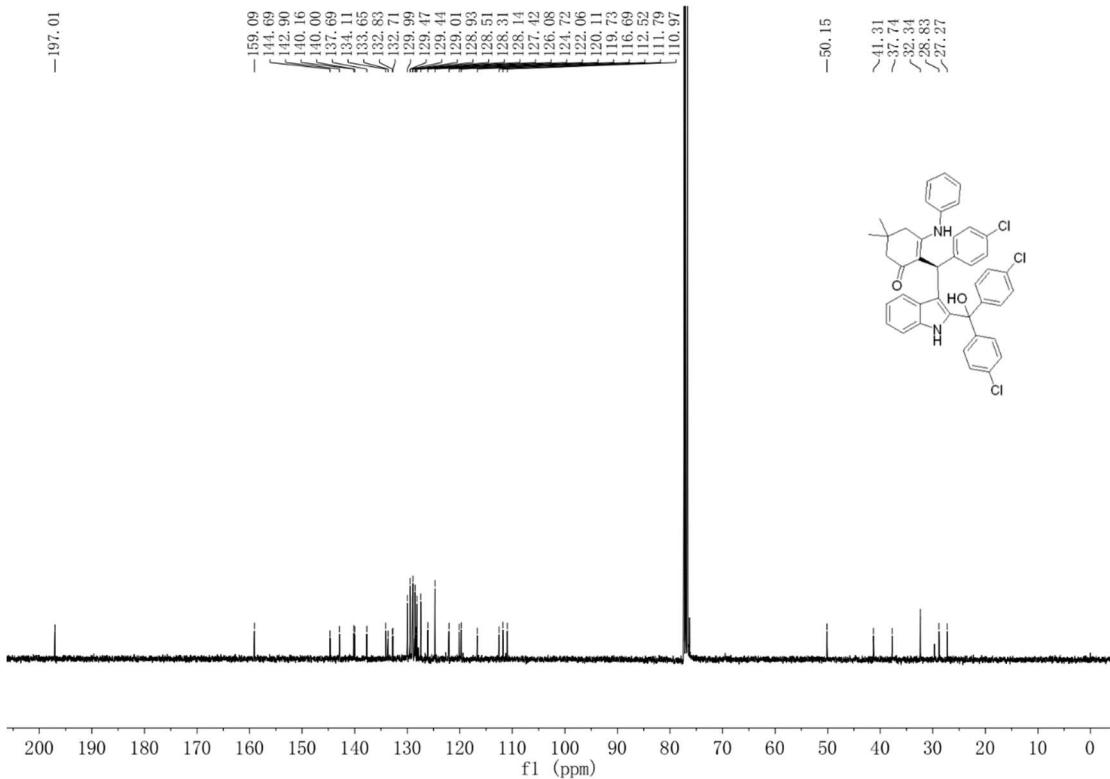
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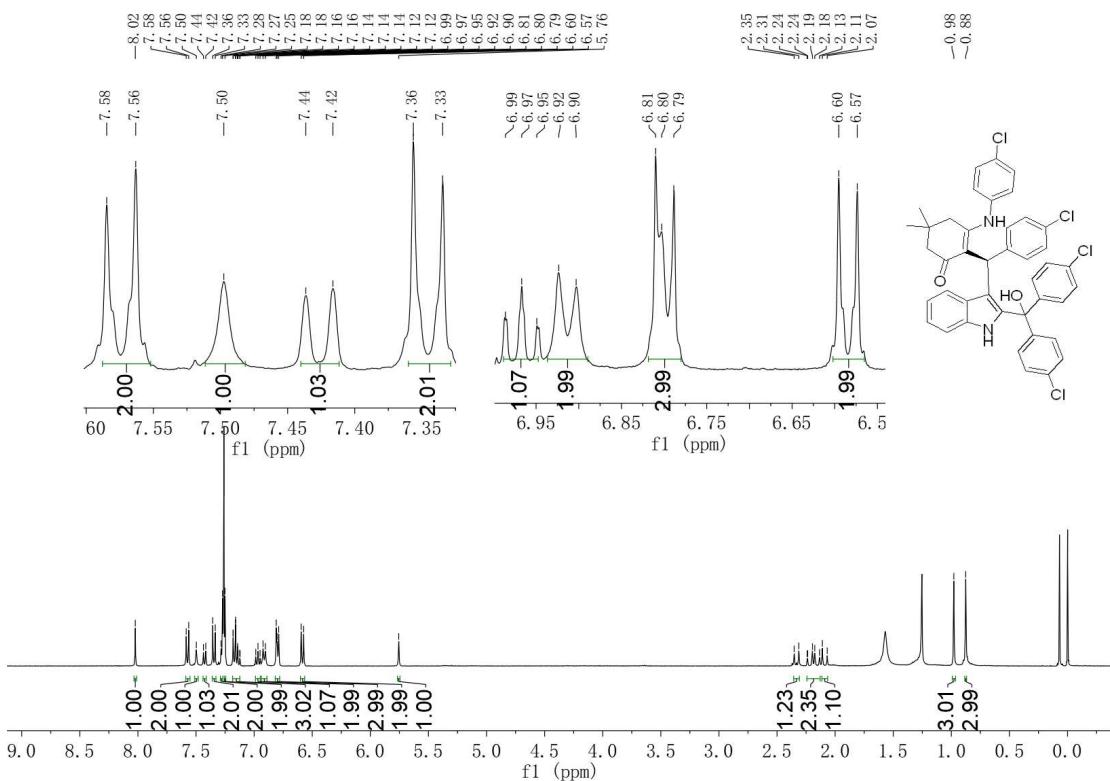
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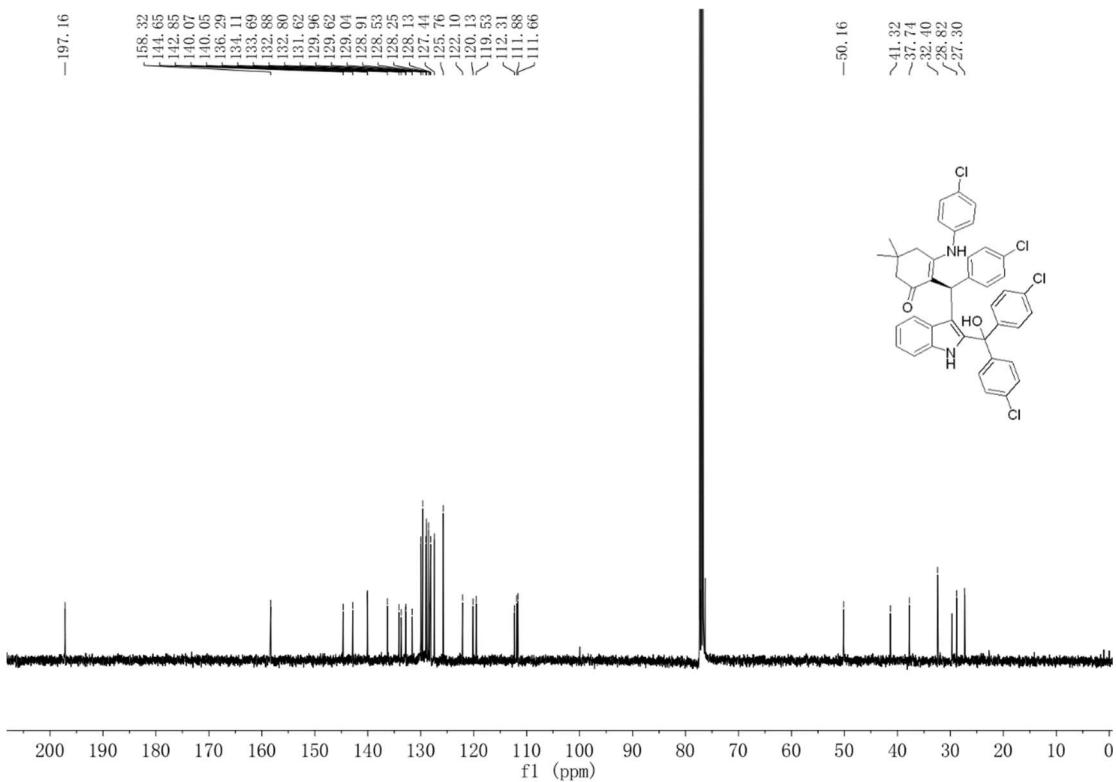
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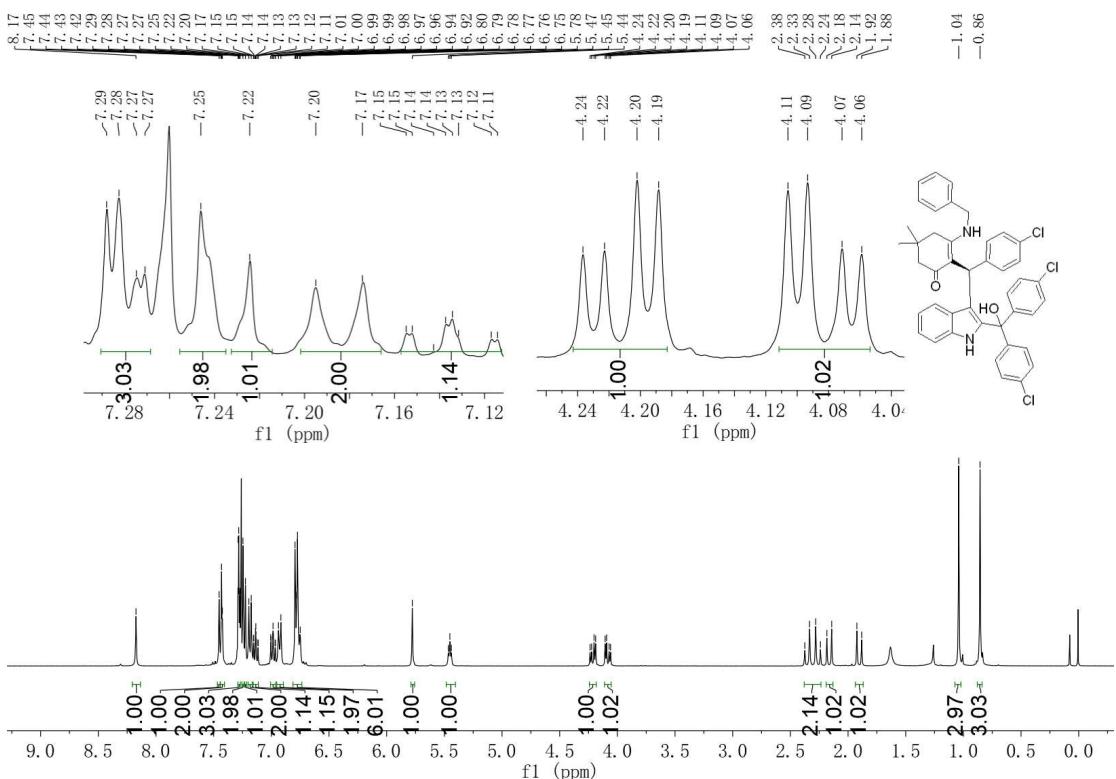
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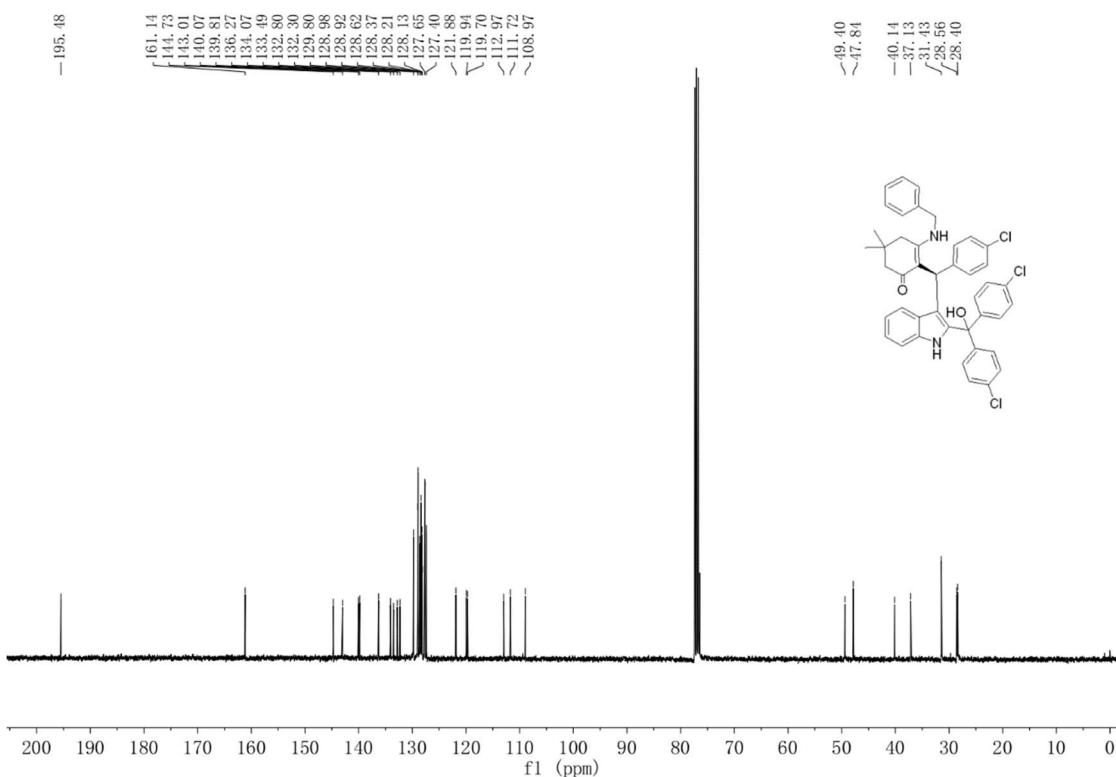
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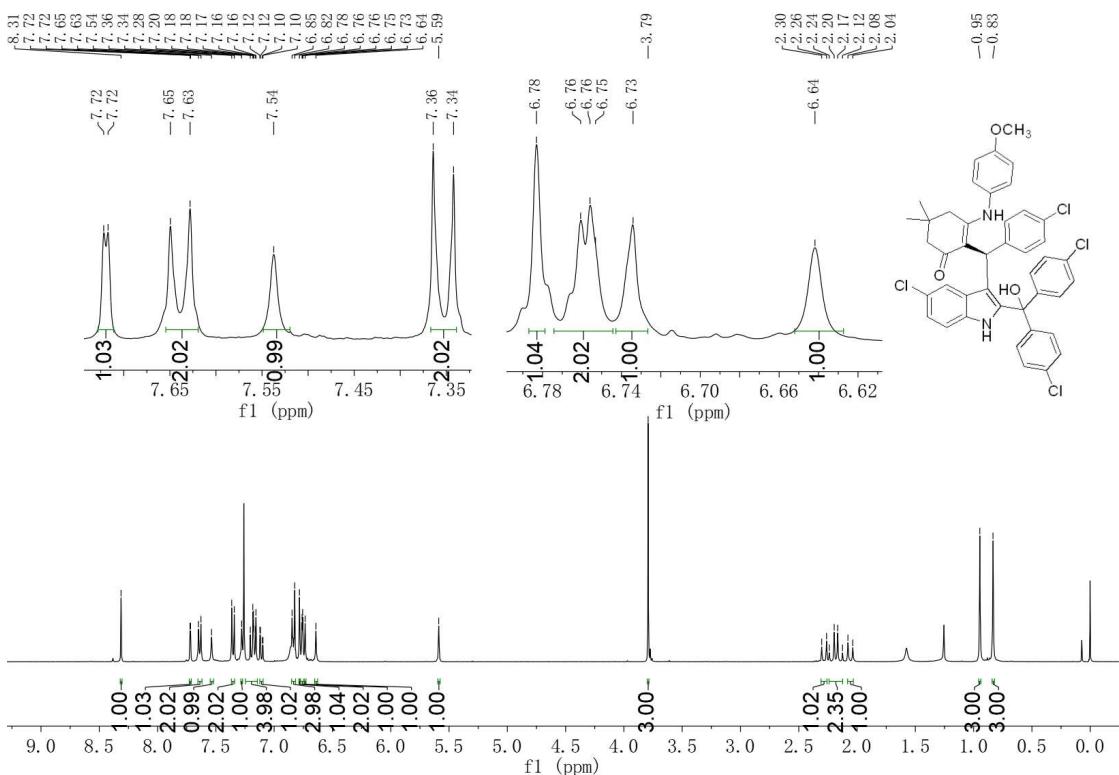
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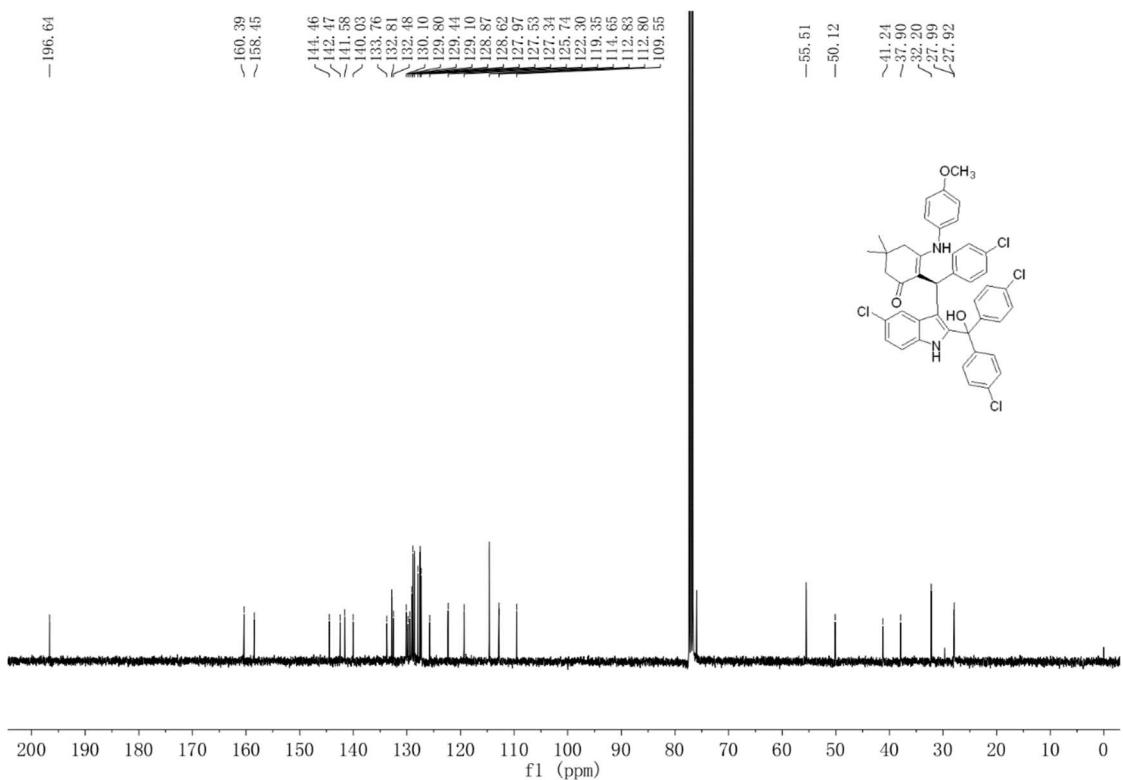
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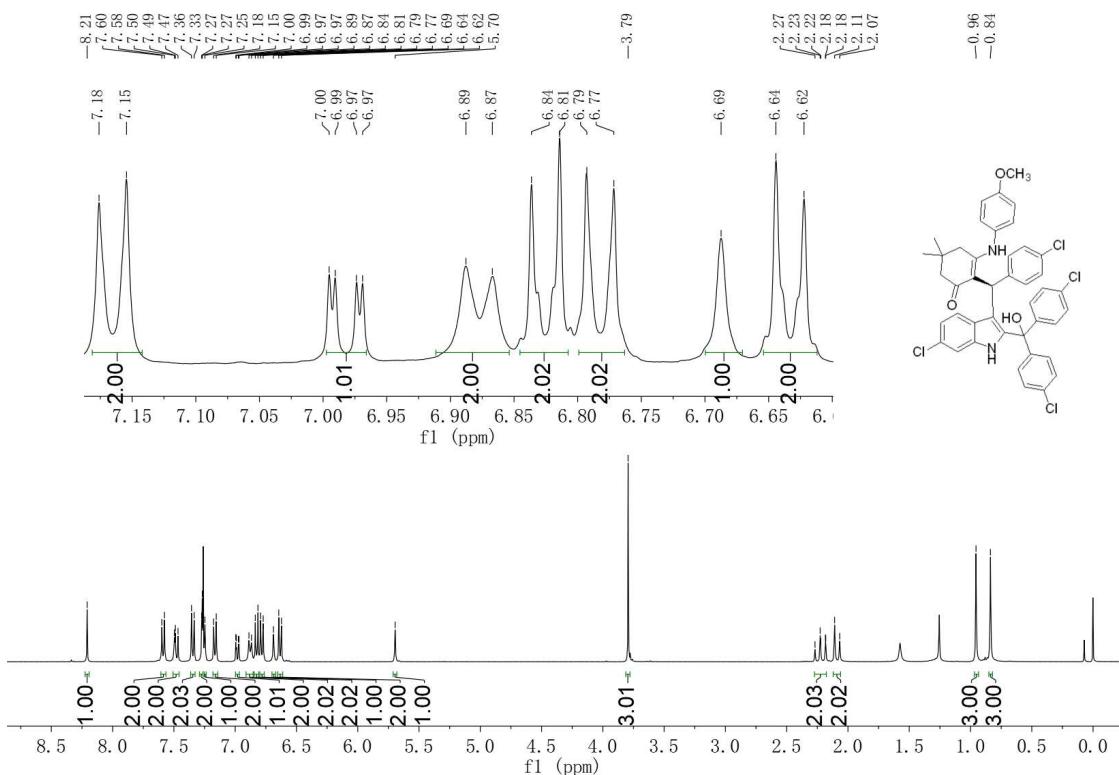
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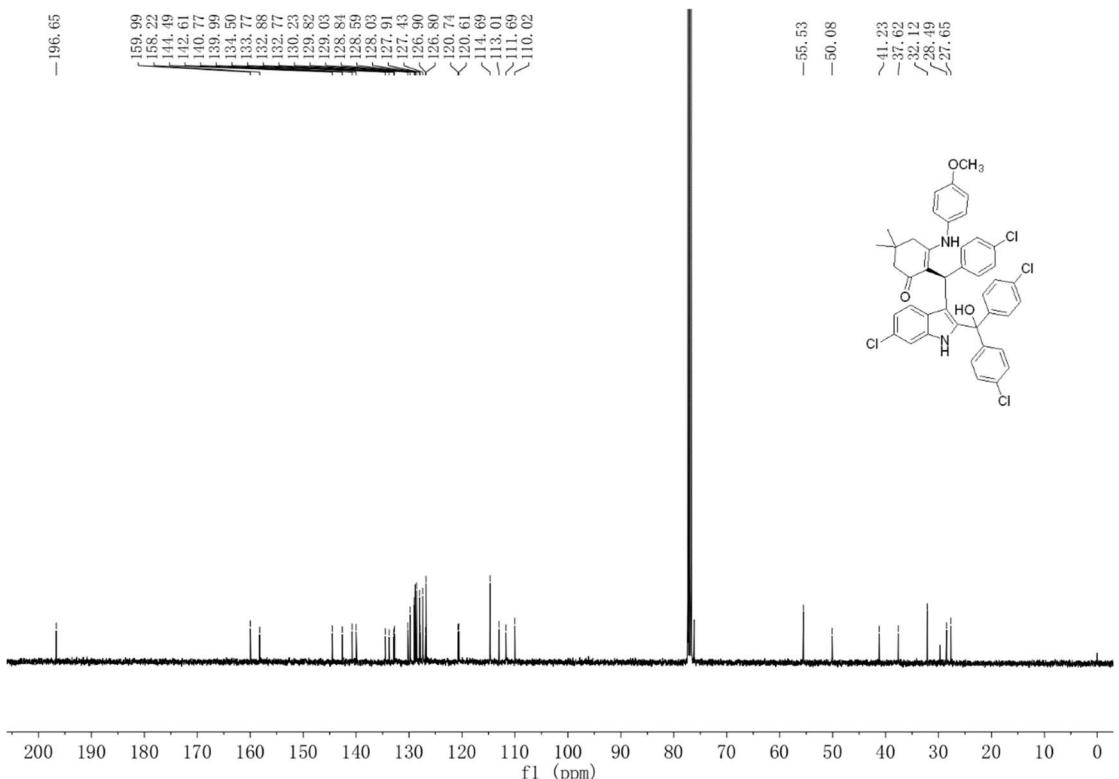
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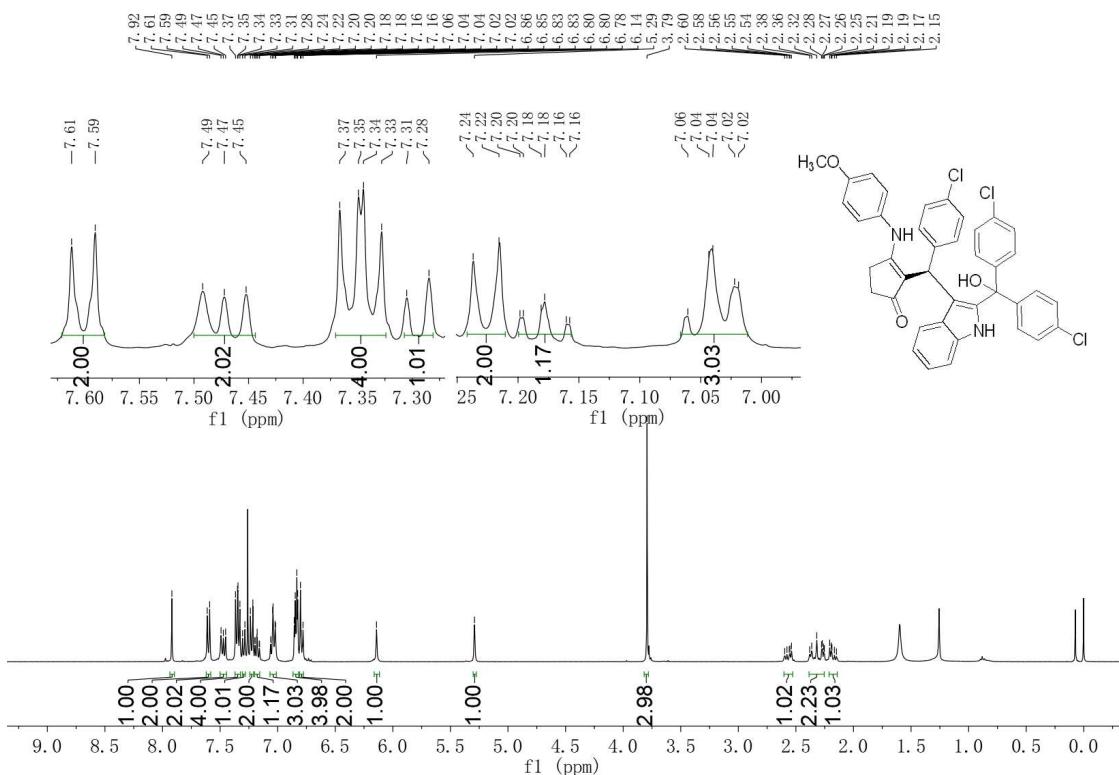
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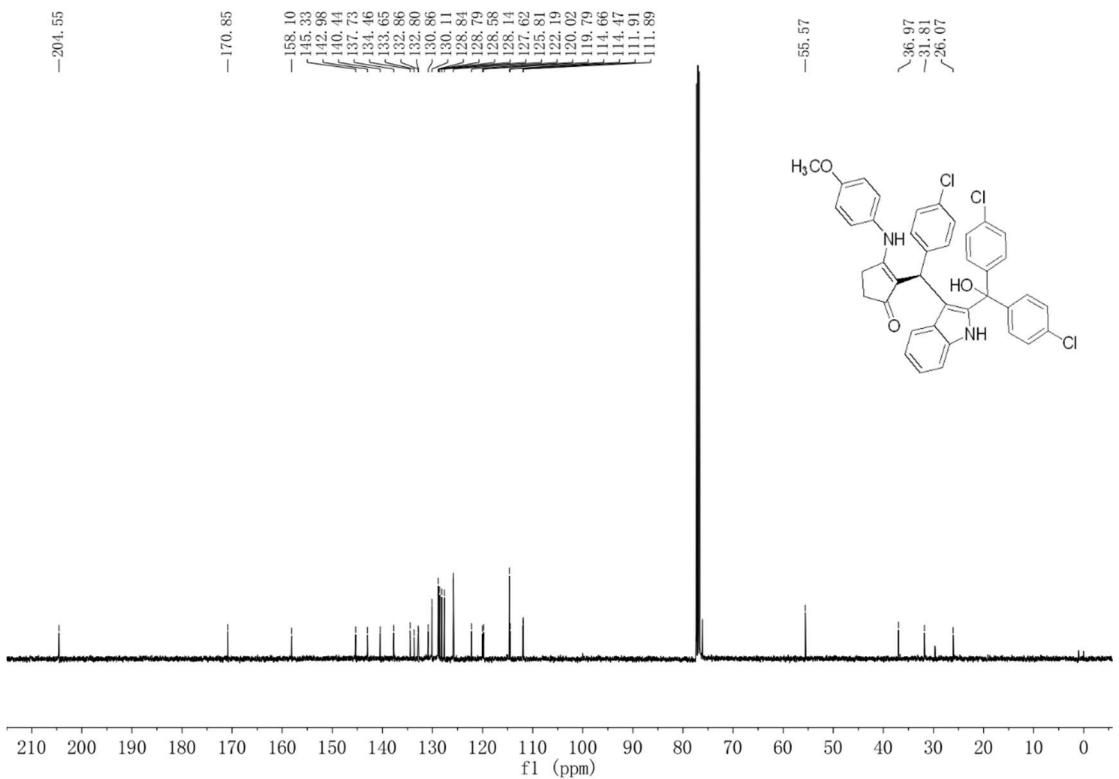
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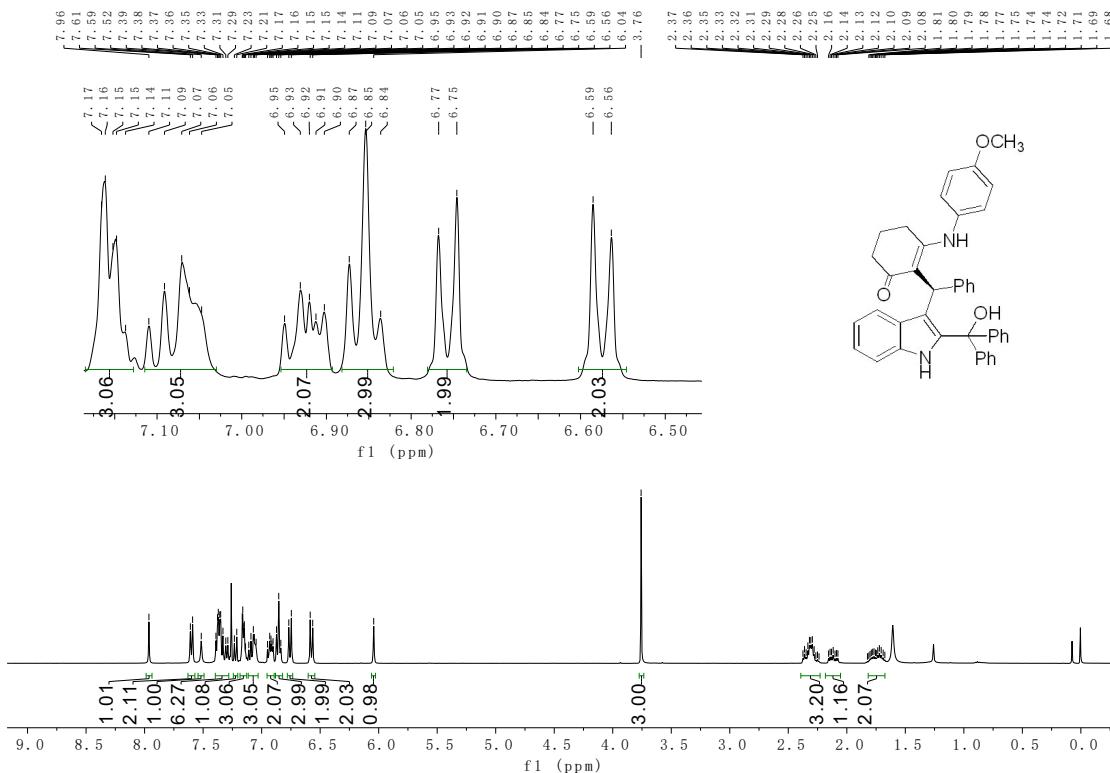
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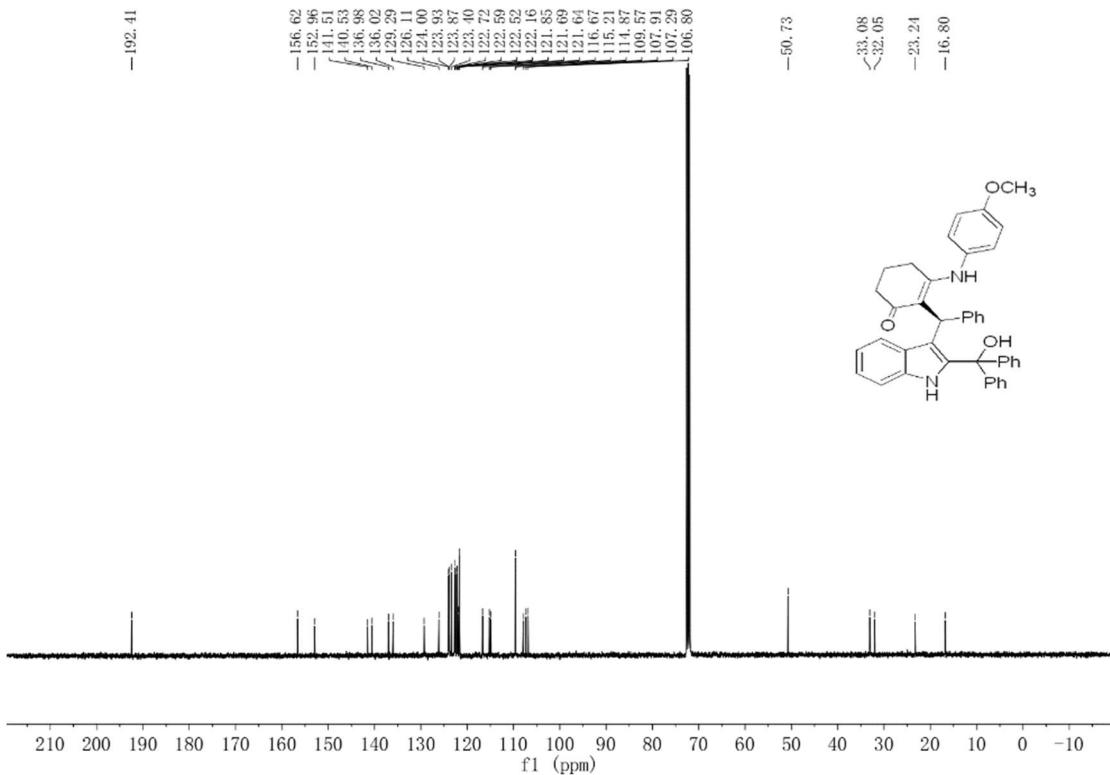
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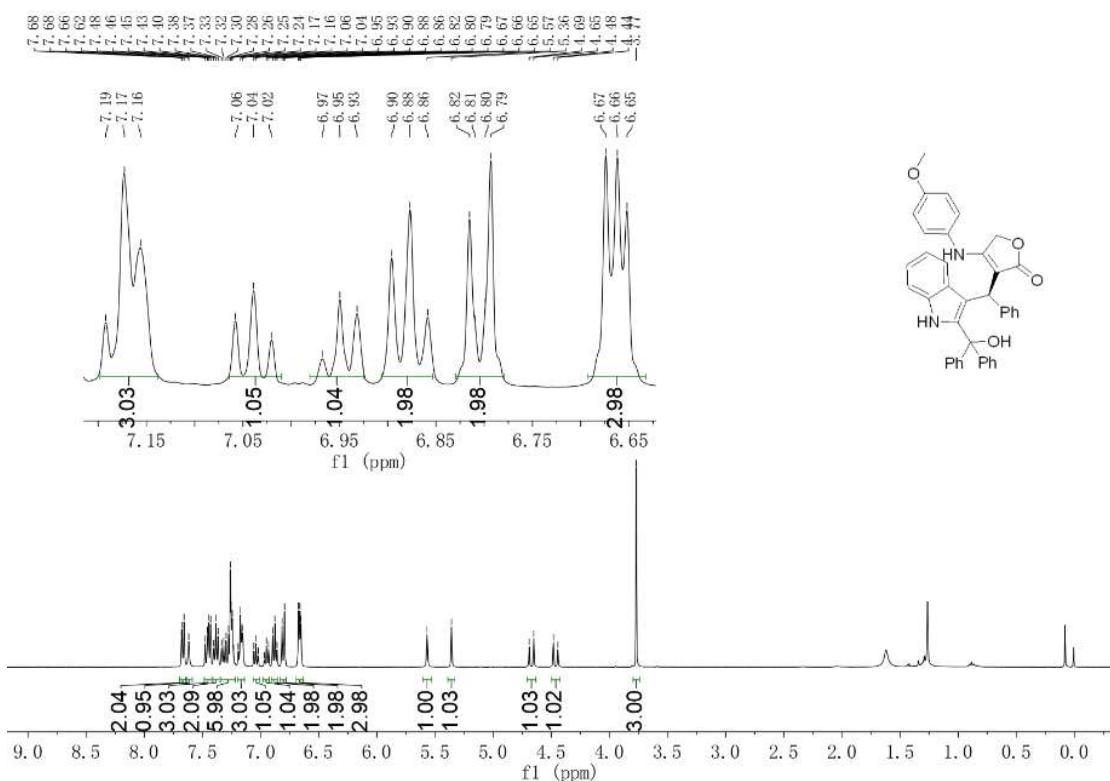
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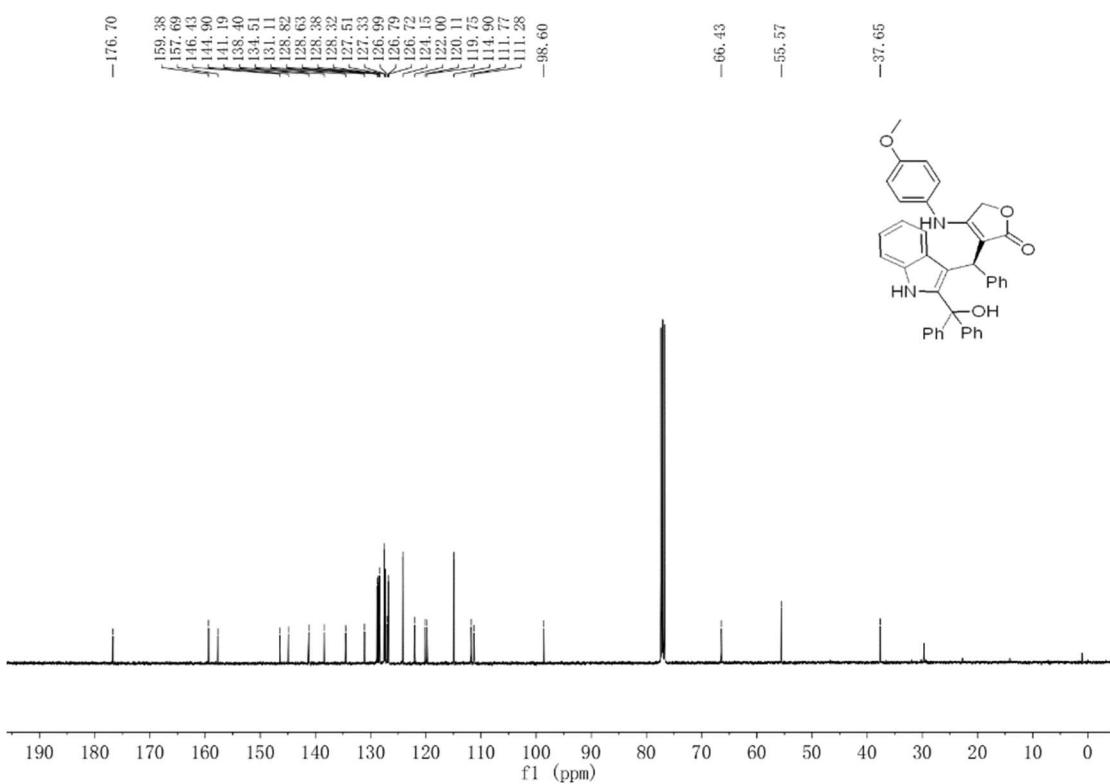
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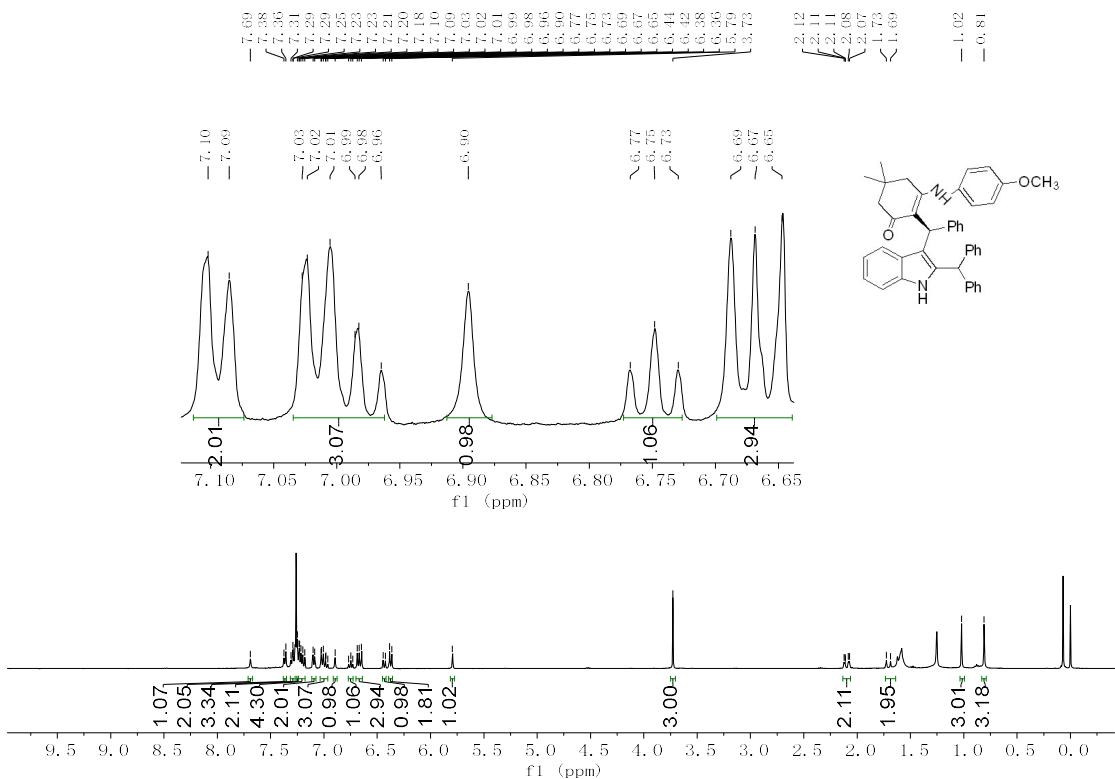
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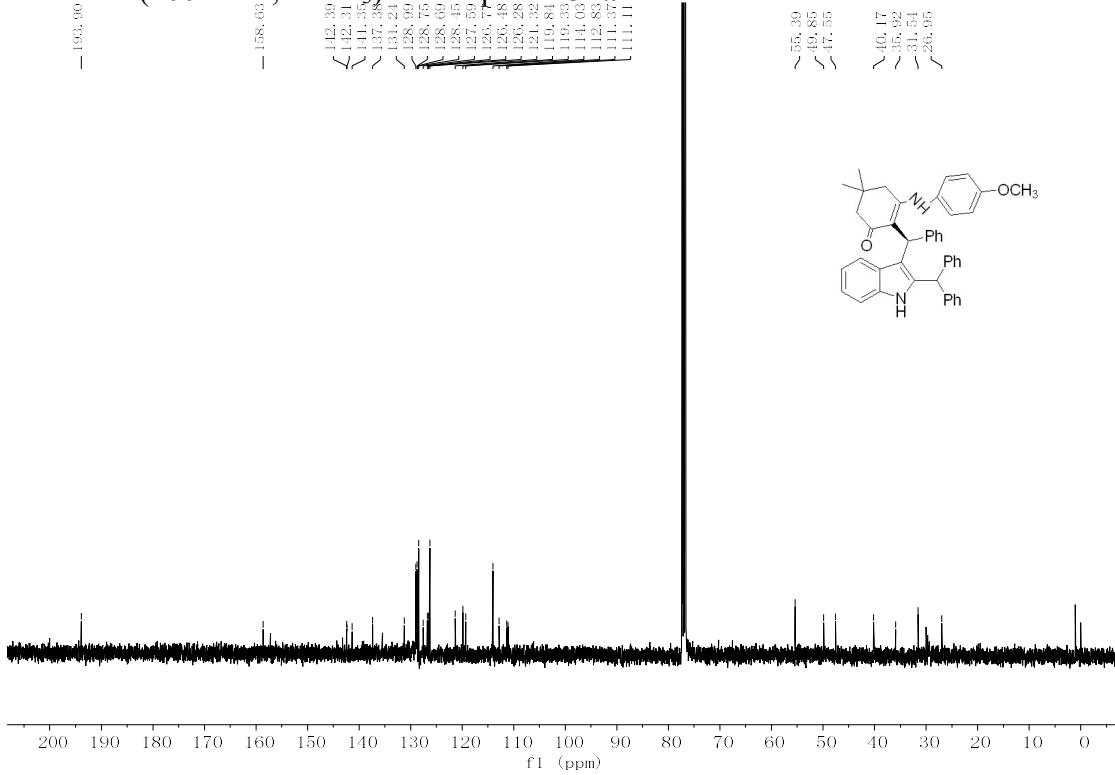
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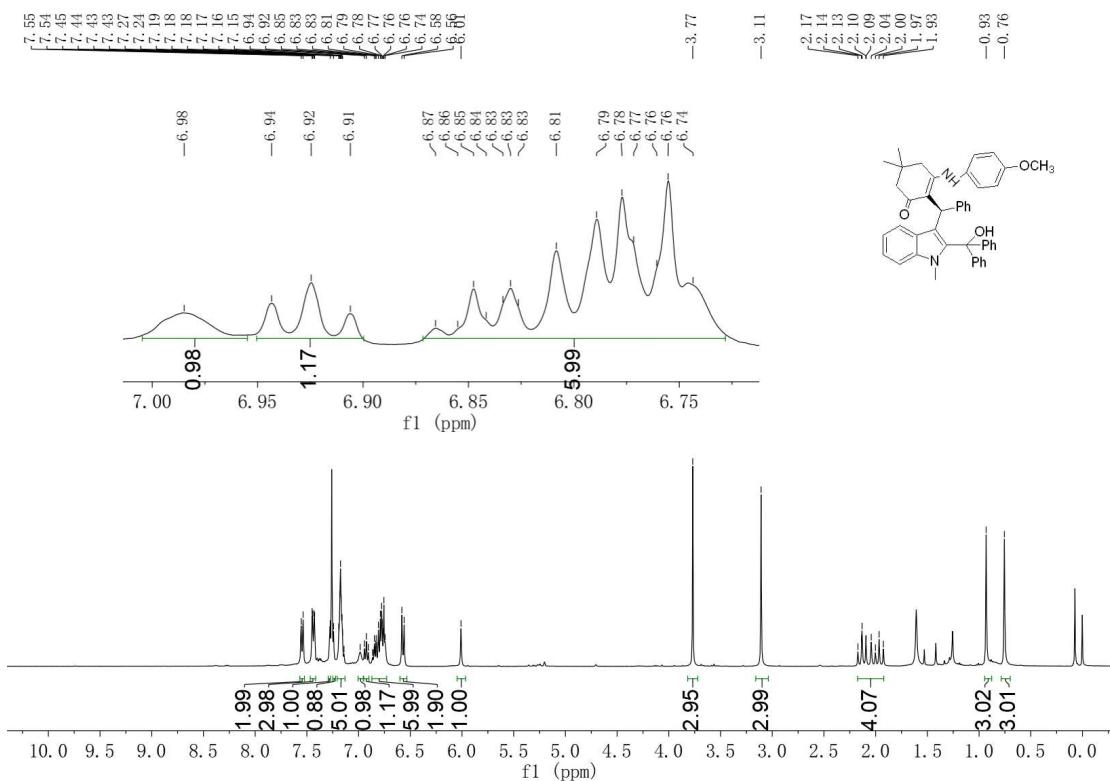
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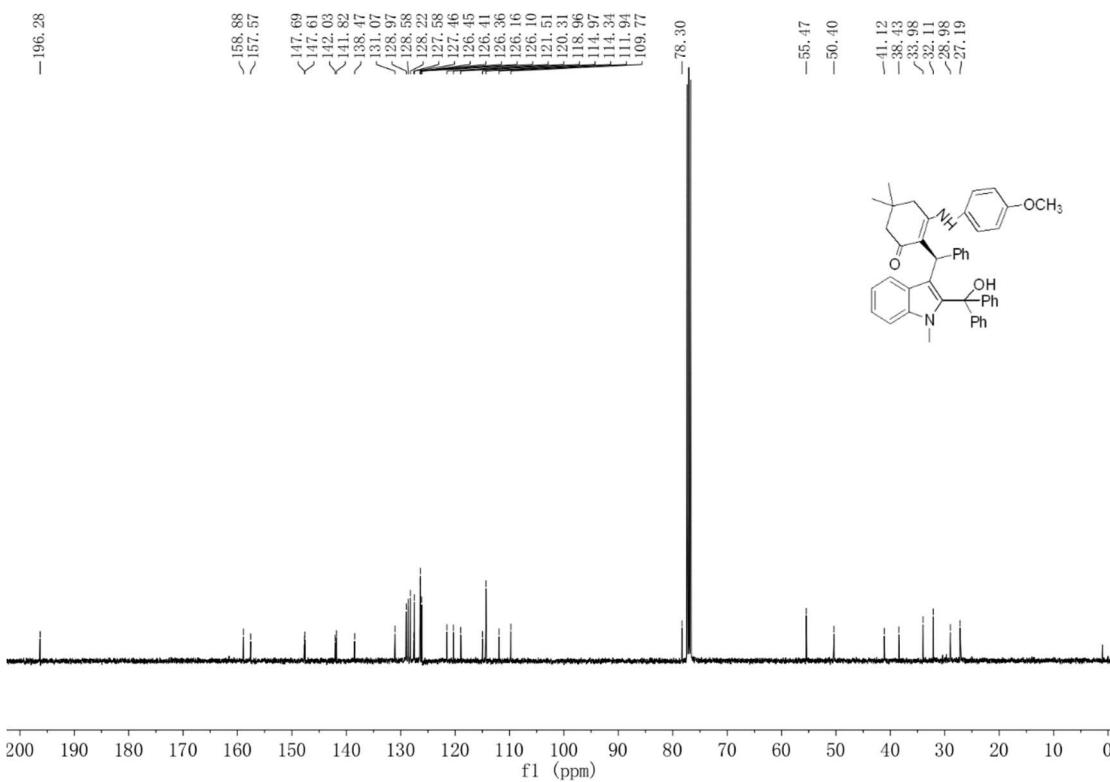
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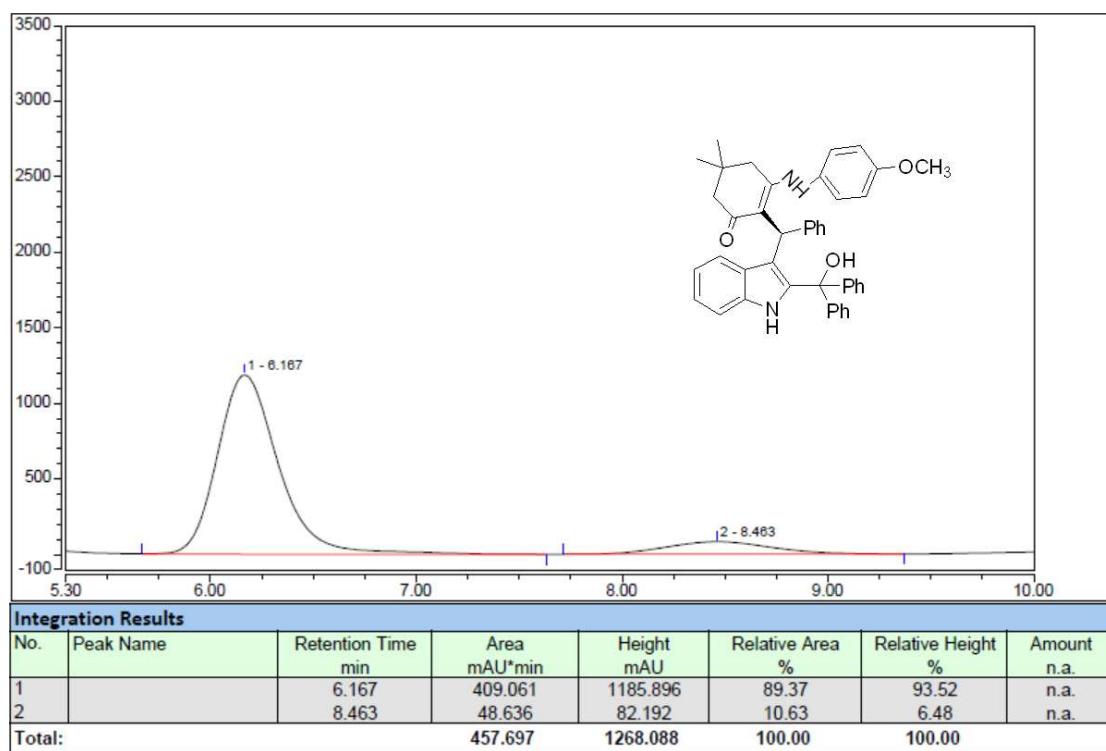
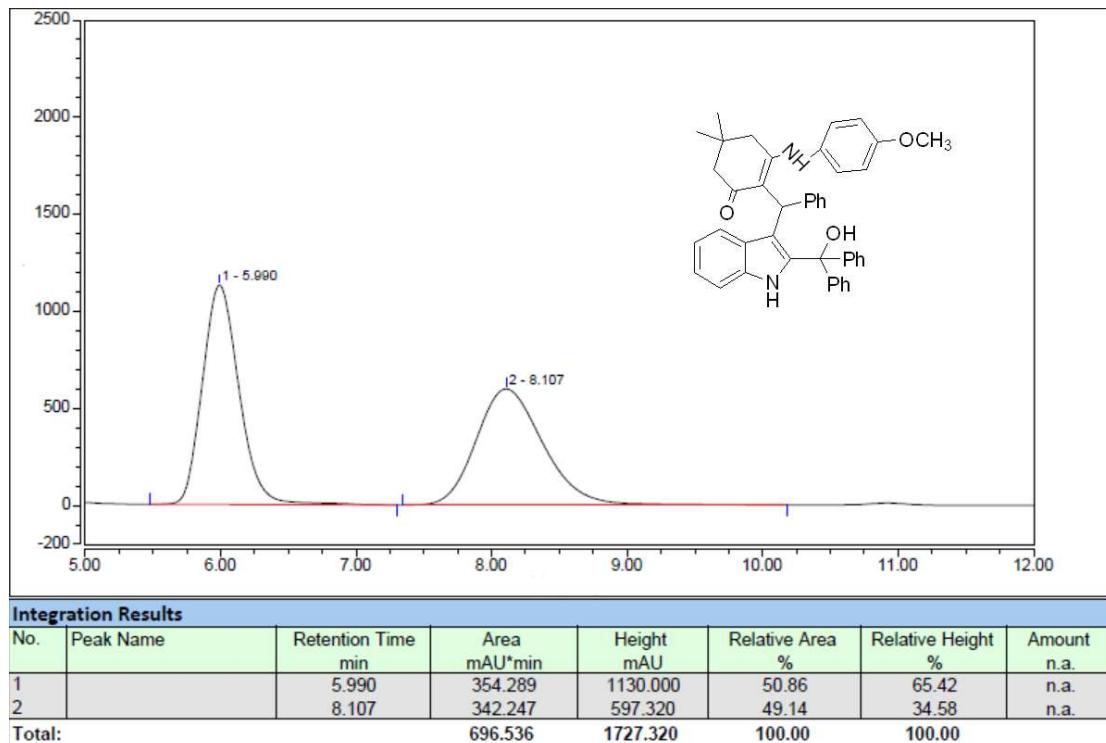


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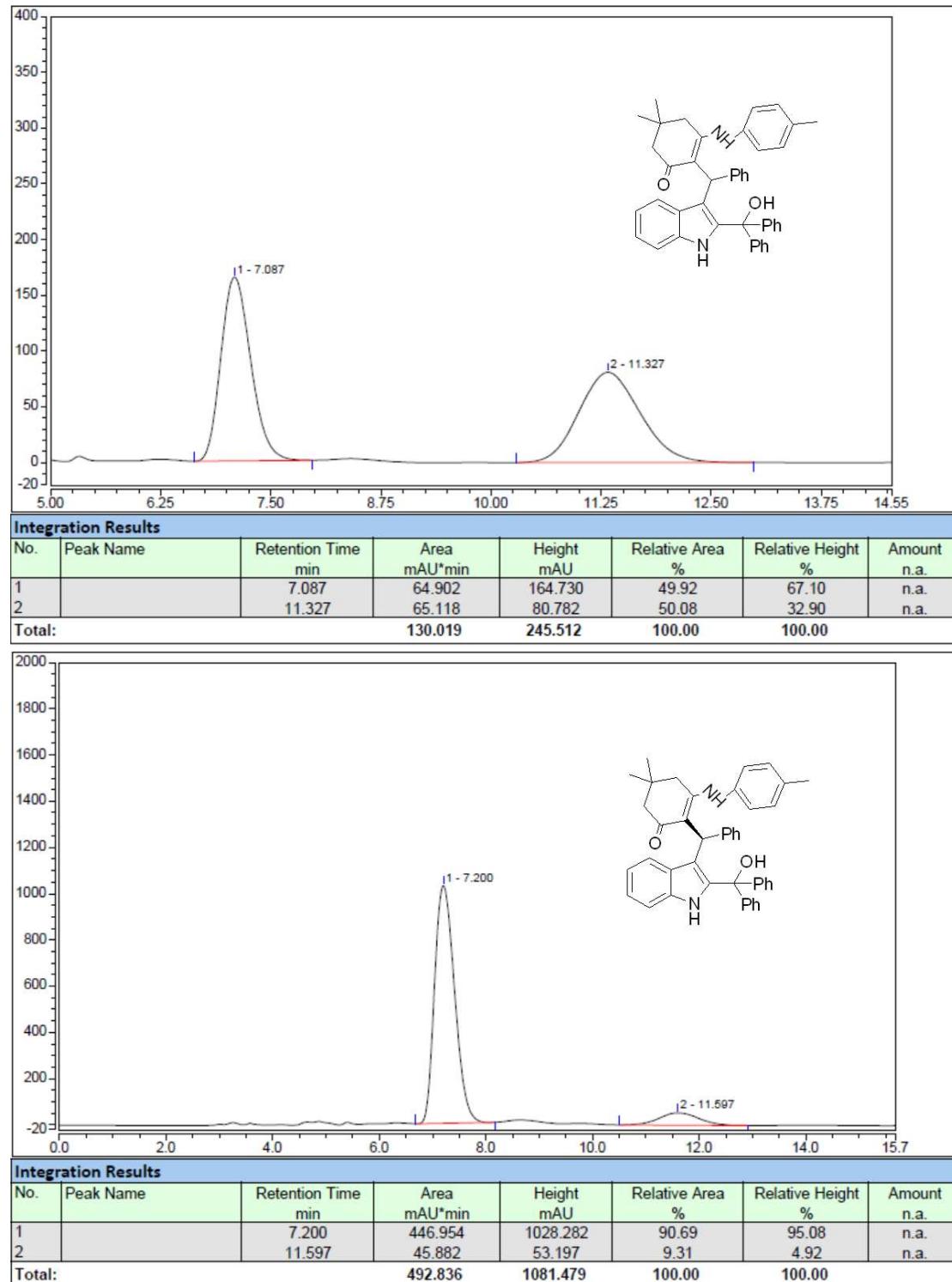


3. HPLC spectra of product 3

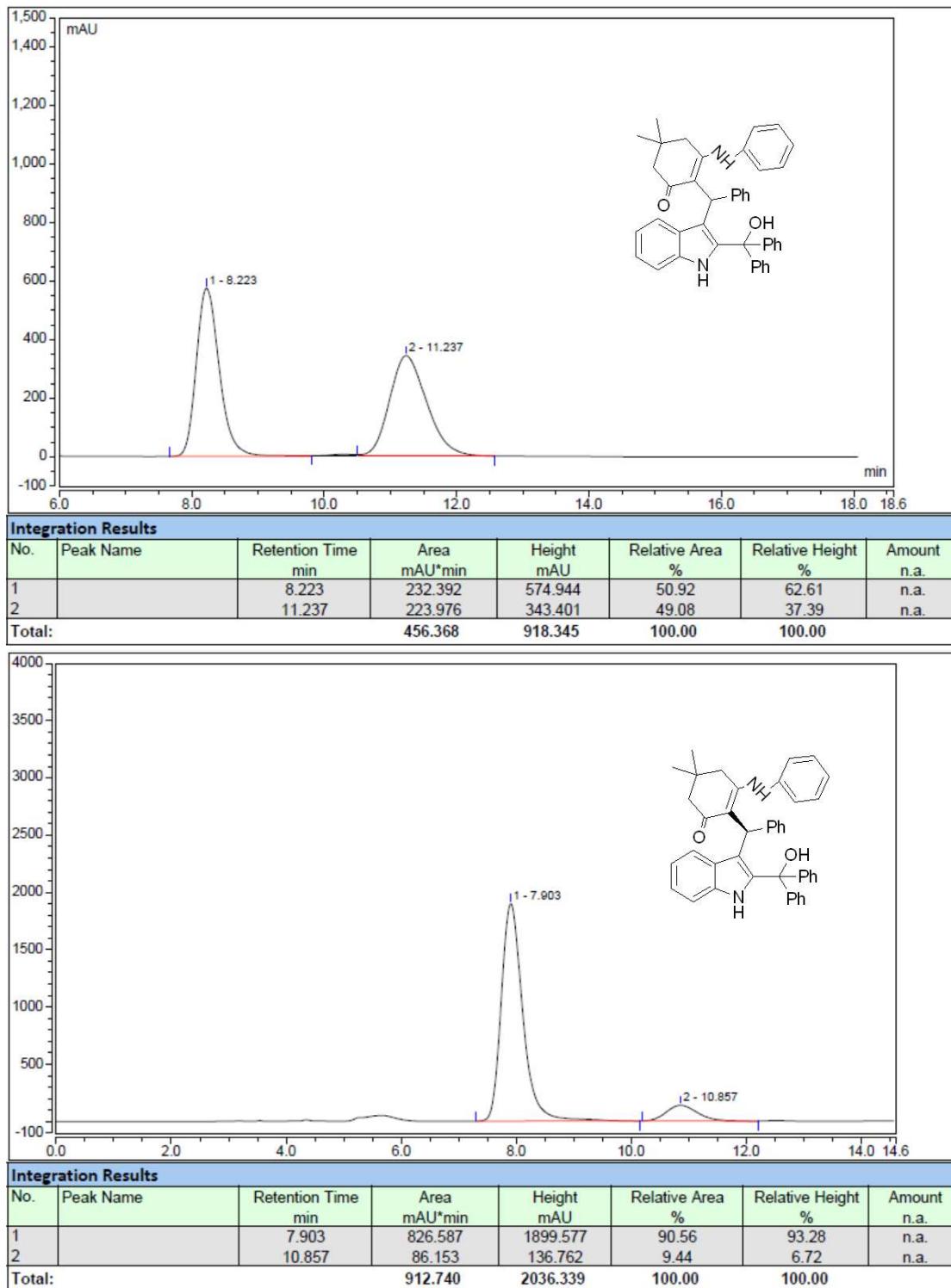
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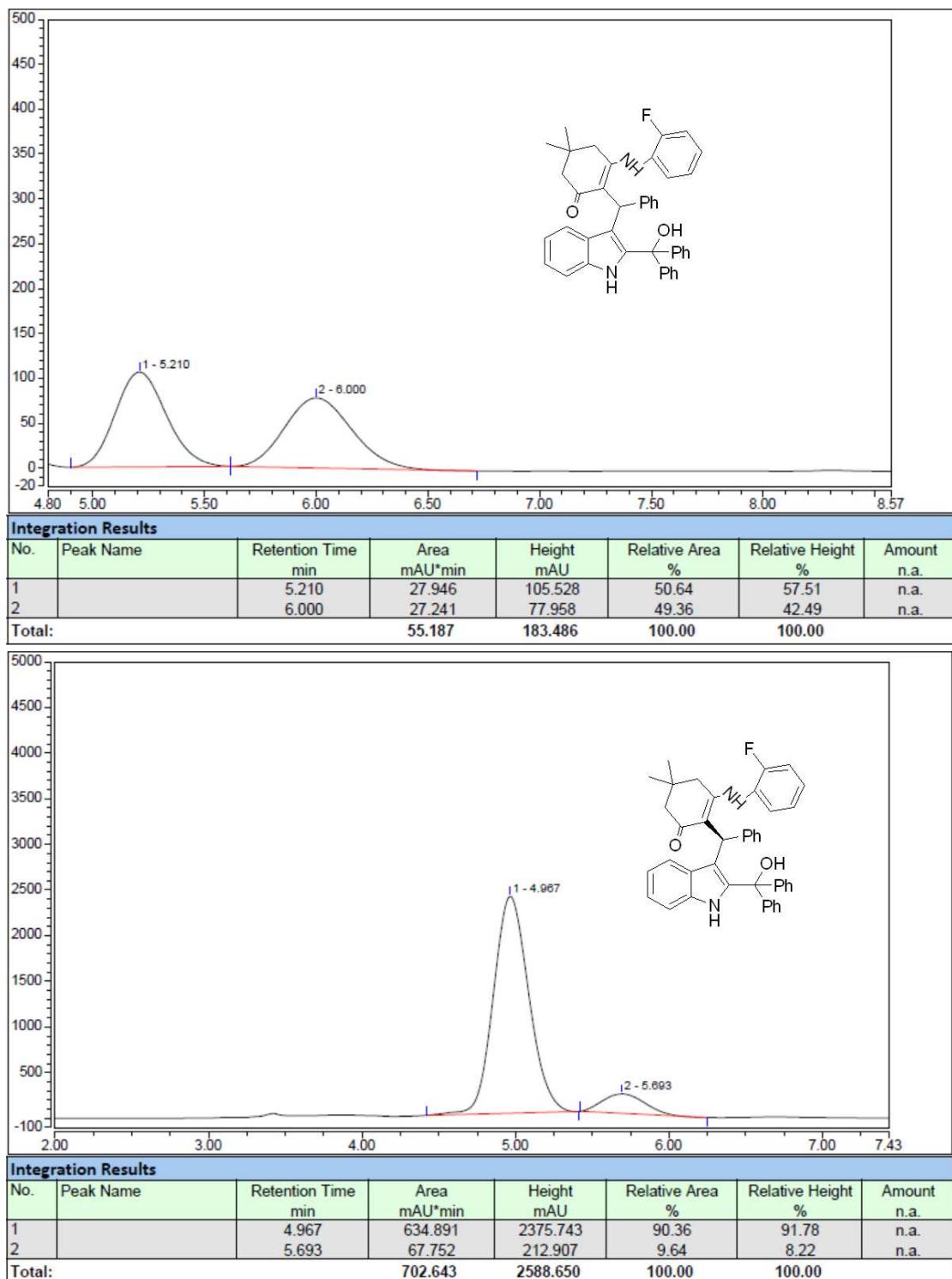
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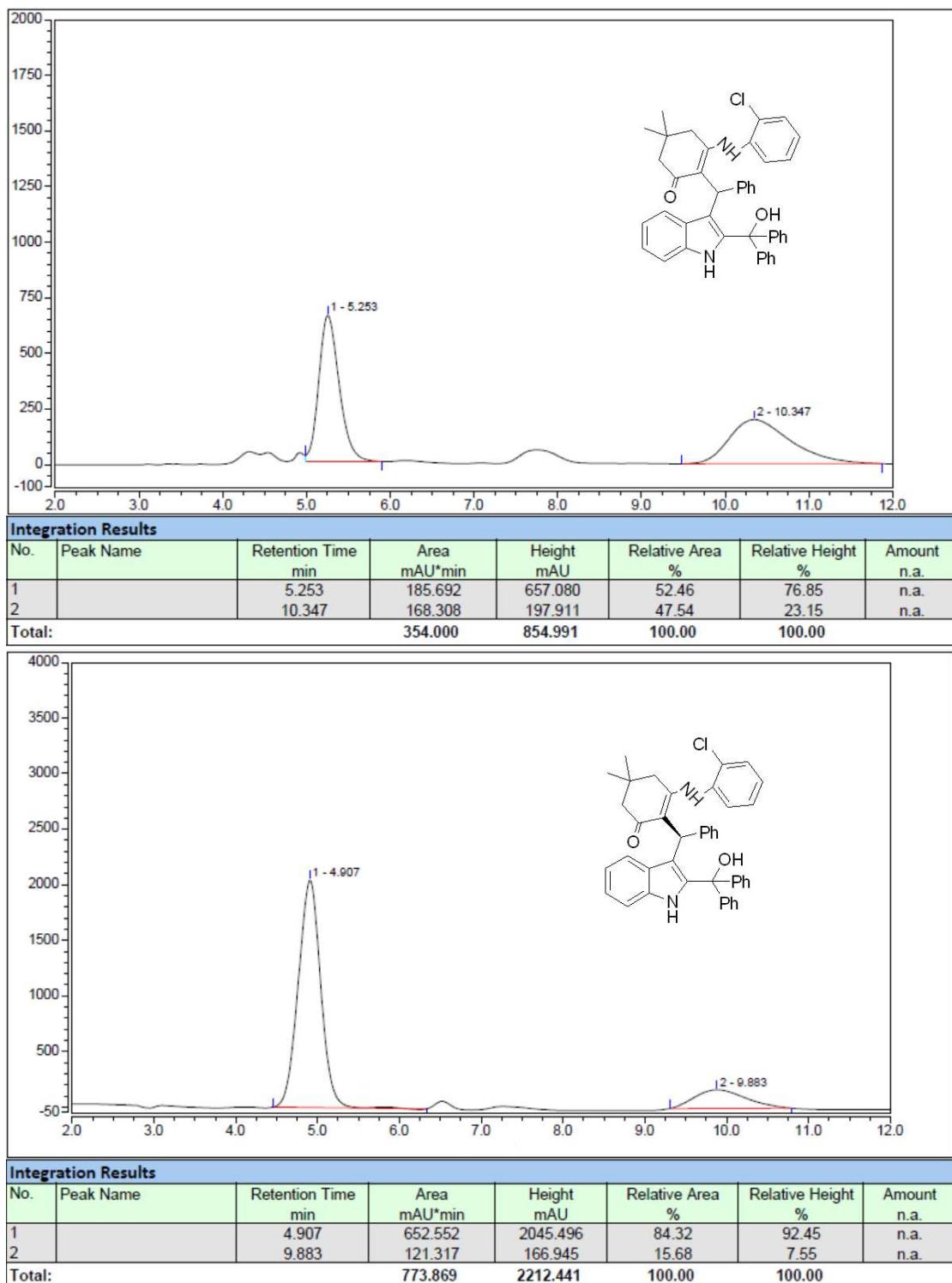
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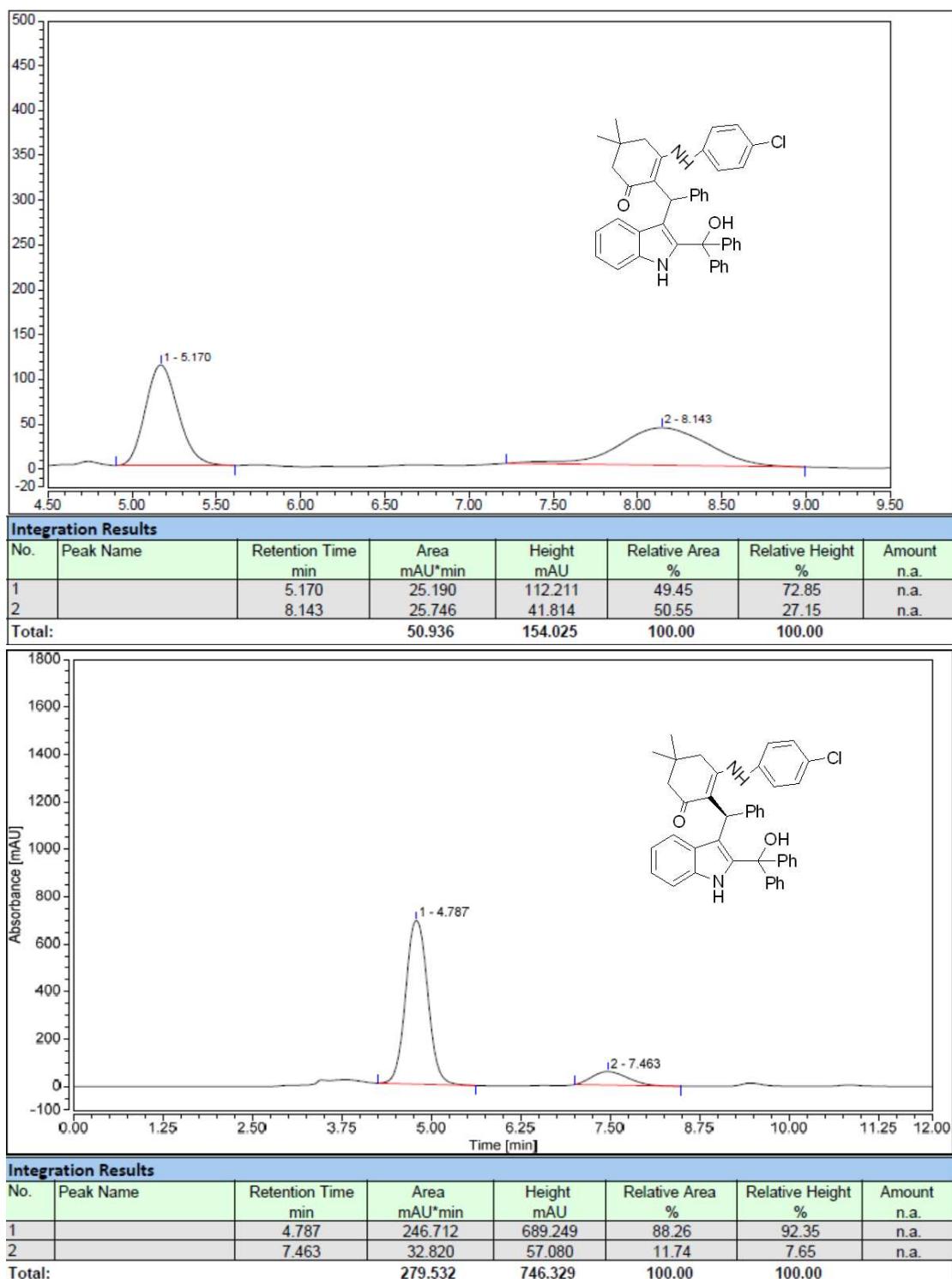
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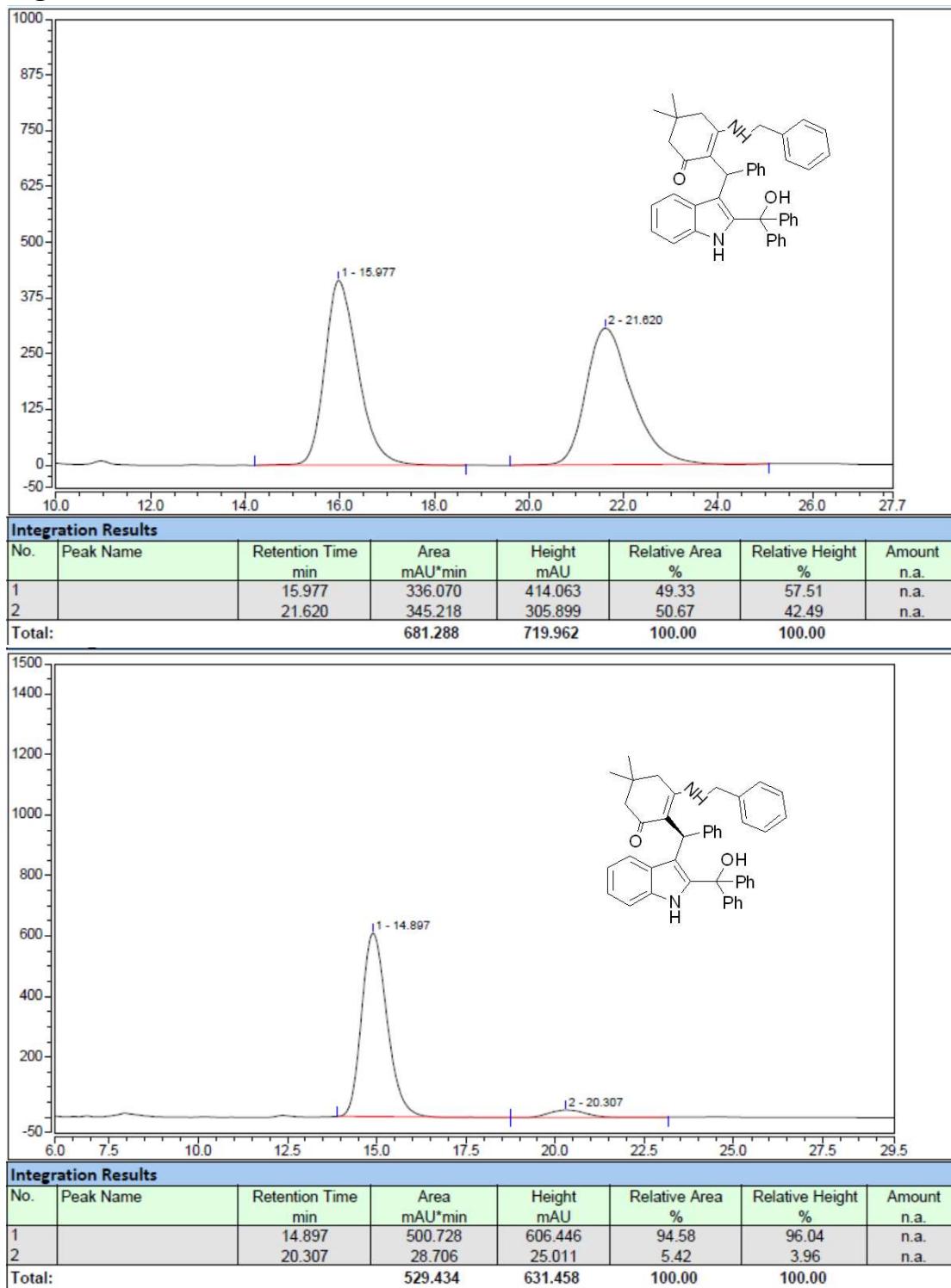


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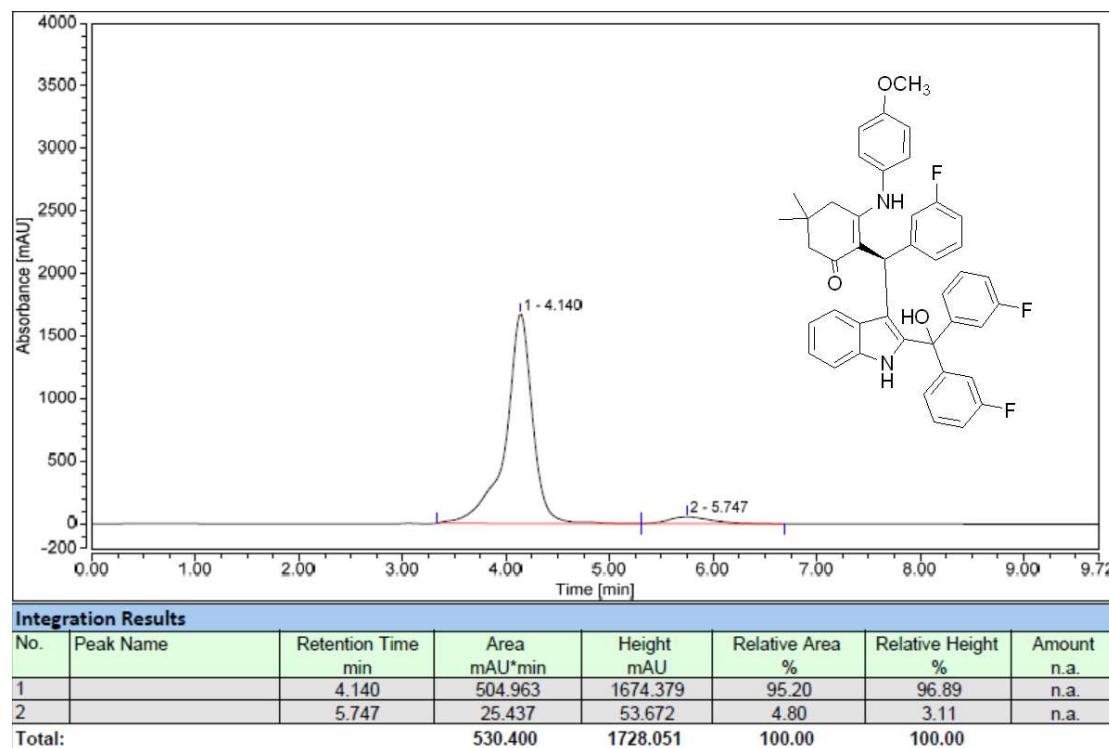
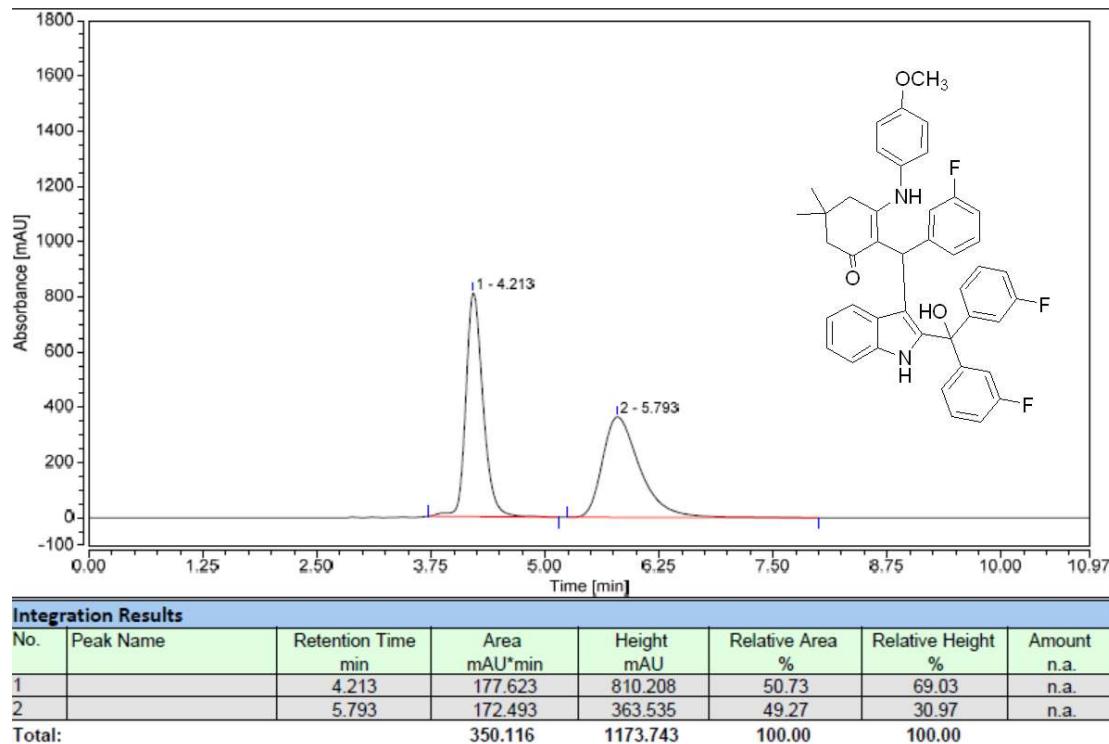


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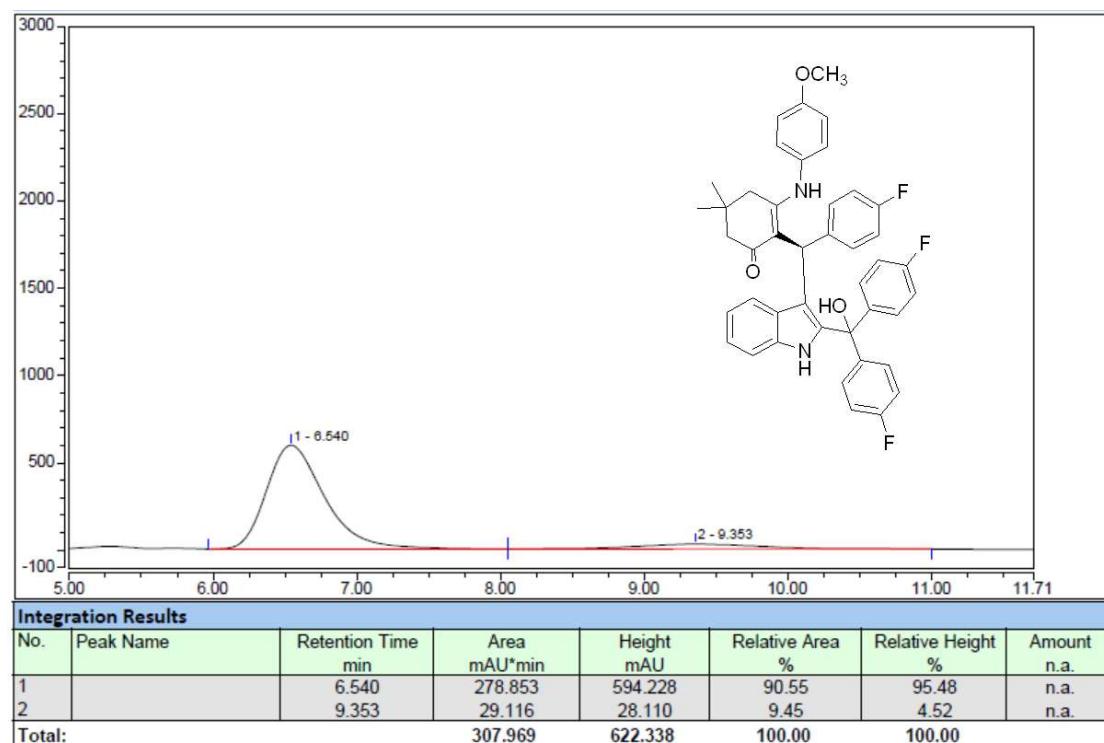
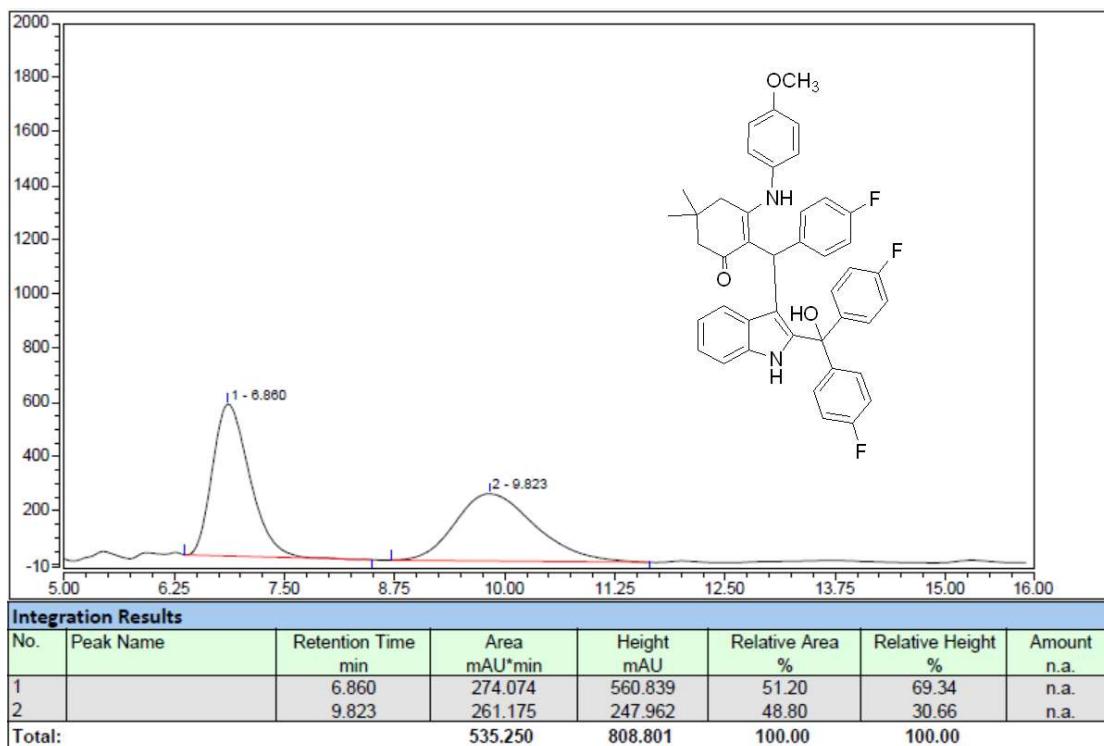


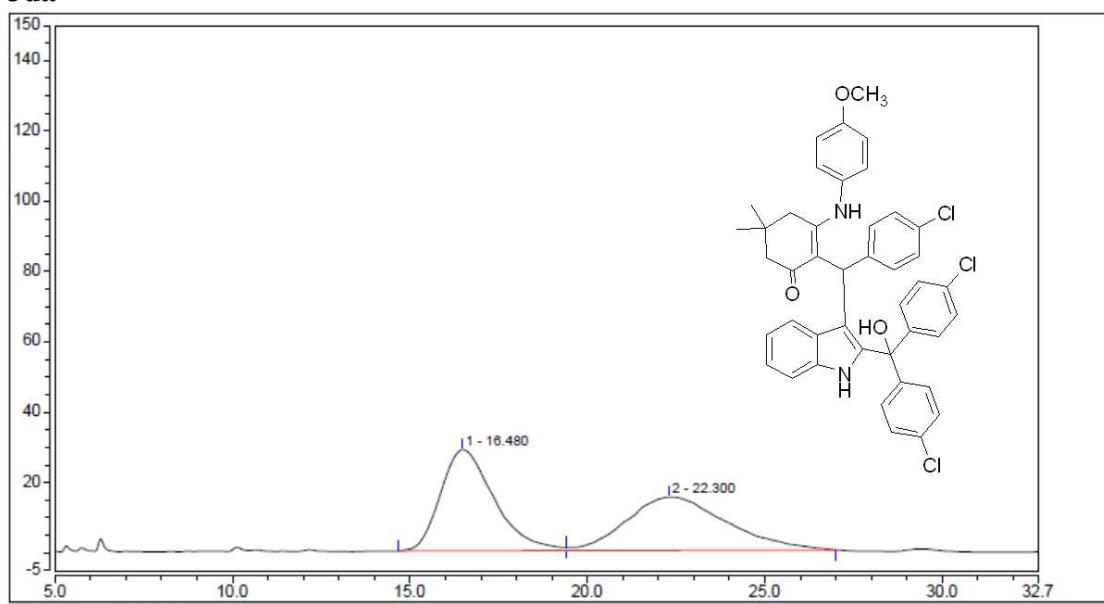
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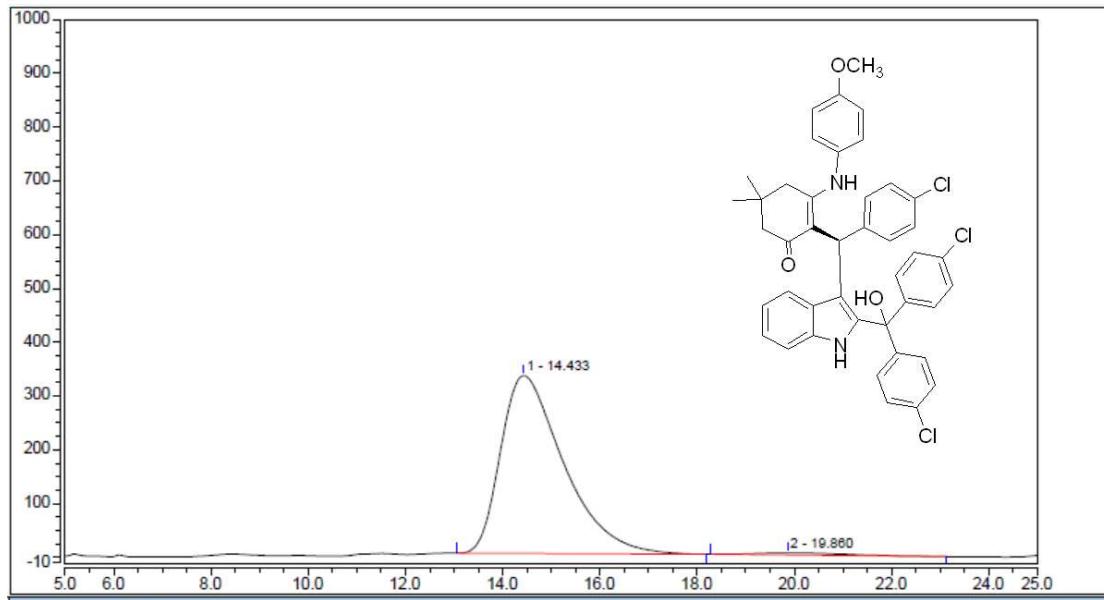


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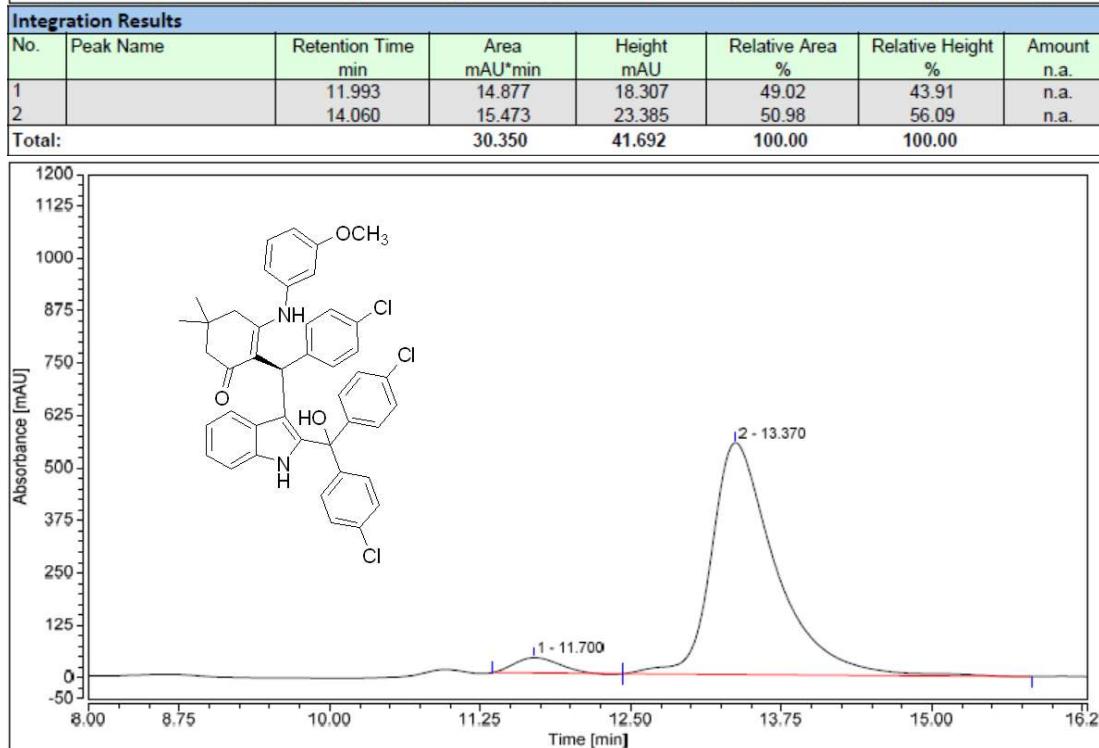
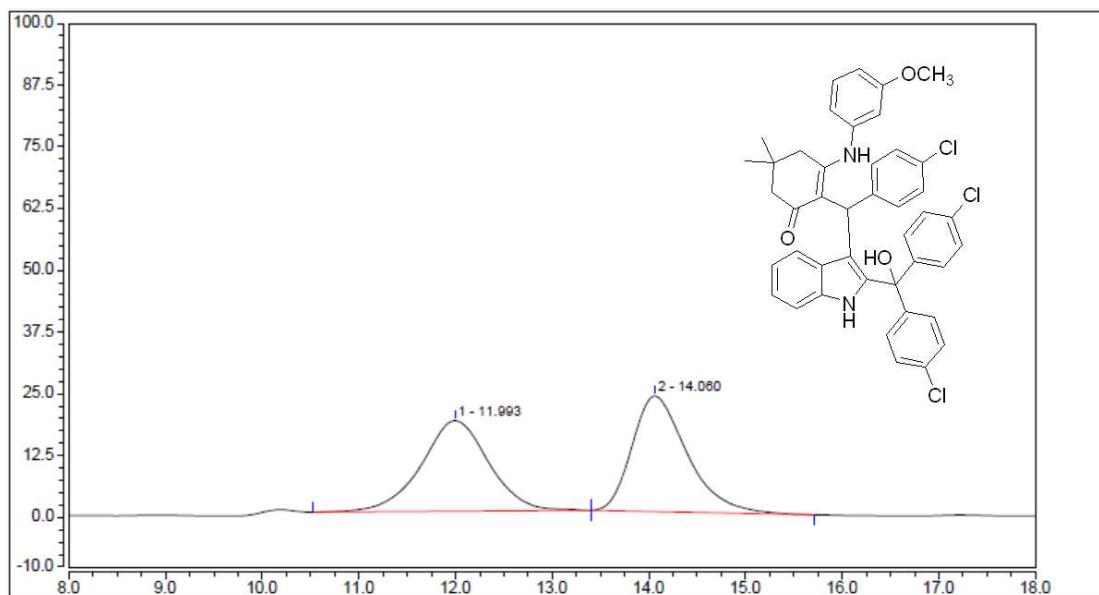
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1		16.480	50.393	28.792	50.49	65.56	n.a.
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Total:			99.798	43.918	100.00	100.00	

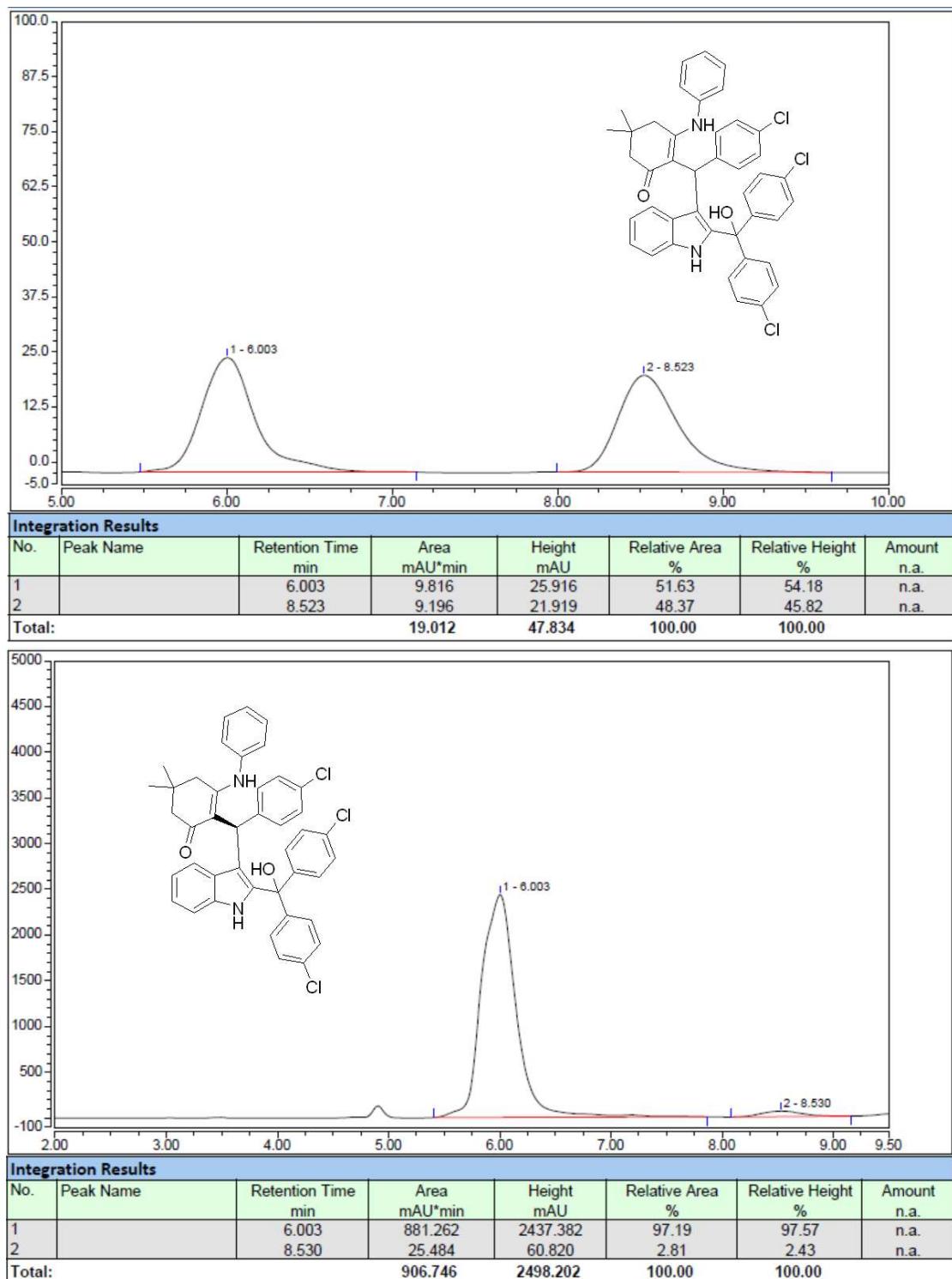
**Integration Results**

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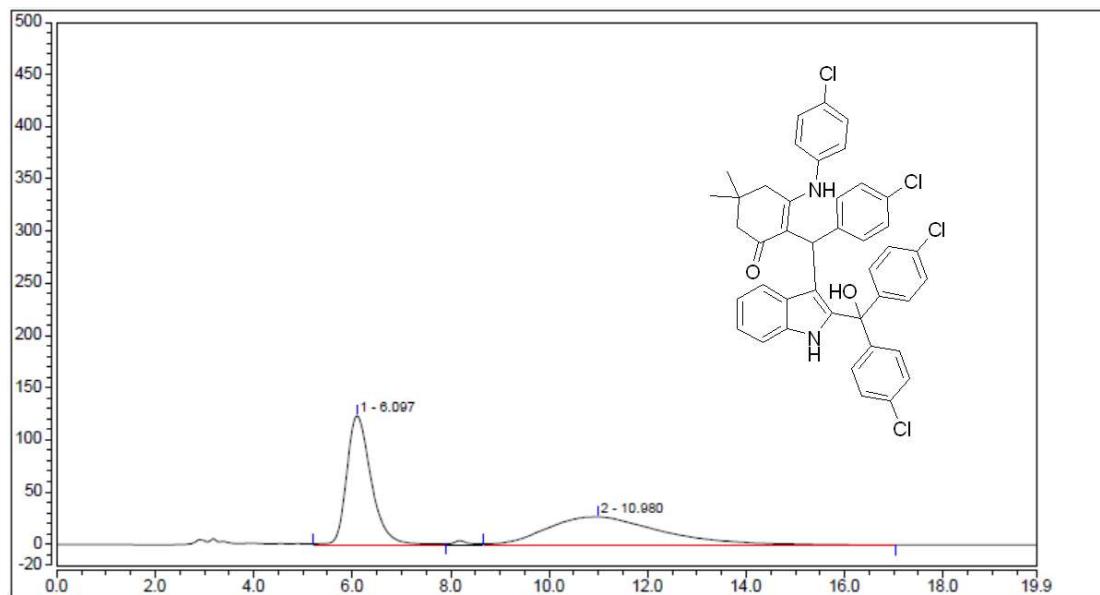
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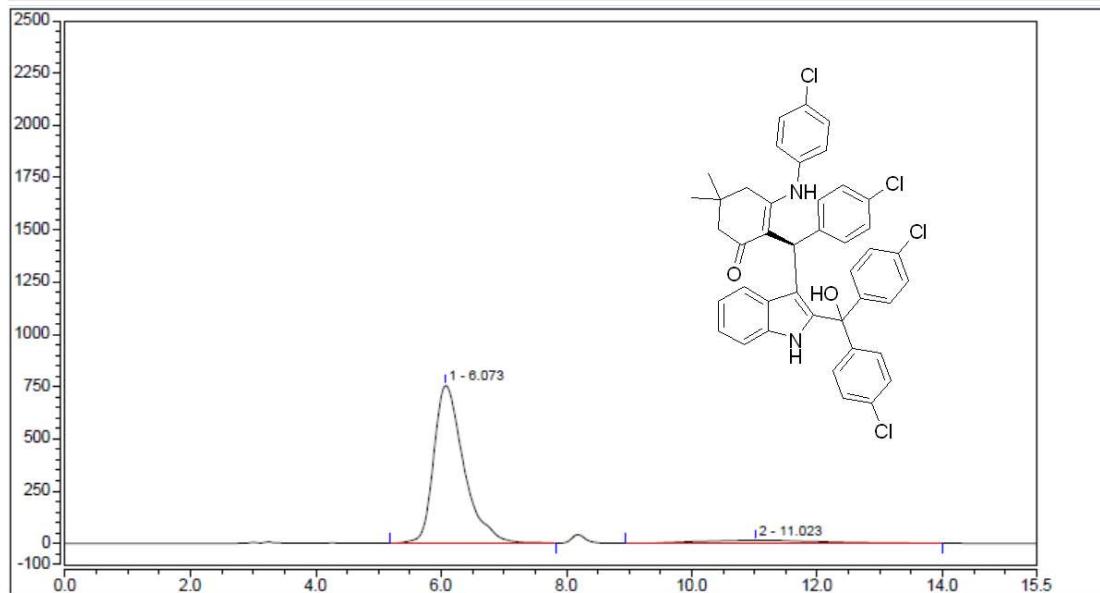


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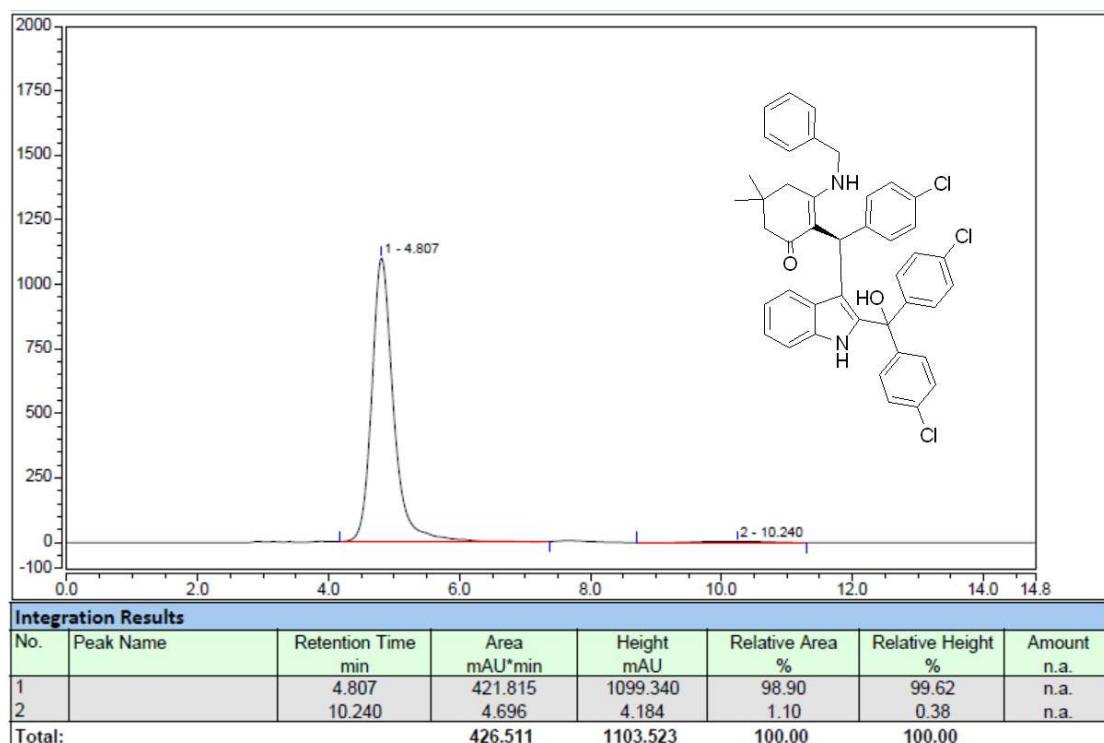
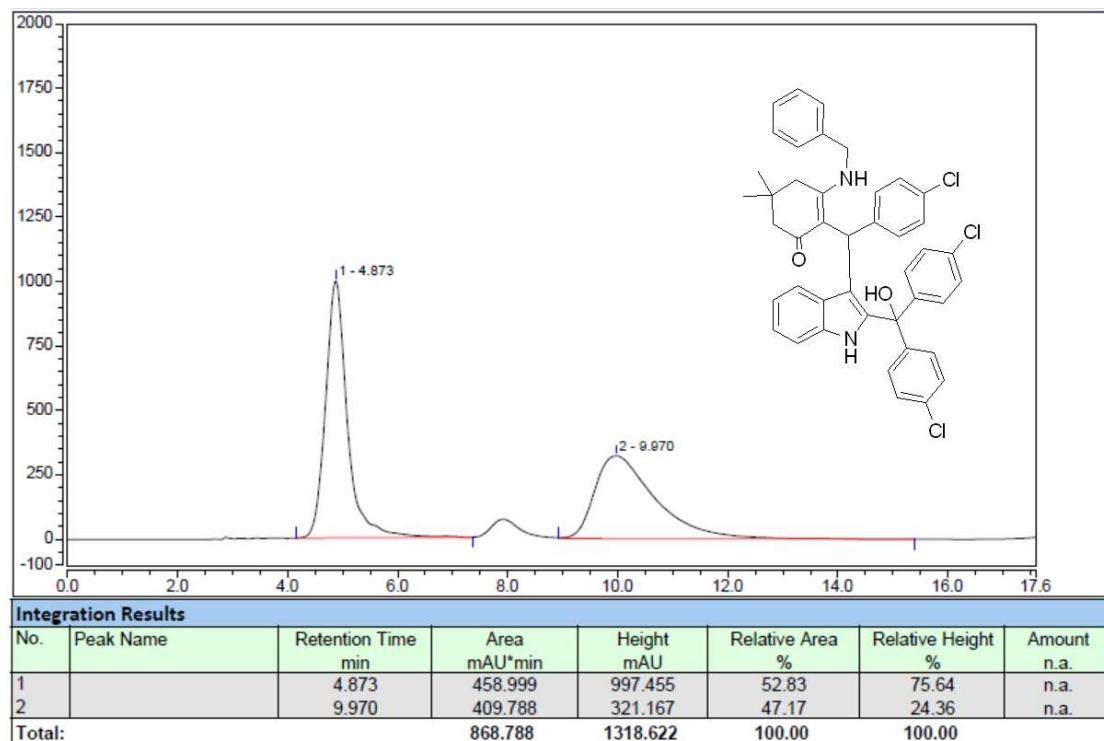
No.	Peak Name	Retention Time min	Area mAU*min	Height mAU	Relative Area %	Relative Height %	Amount n.a.
1		6.097	71.151	123.644	50.14	82.23	n.a.
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Total:			141.906	150.361	100.00	100.00	



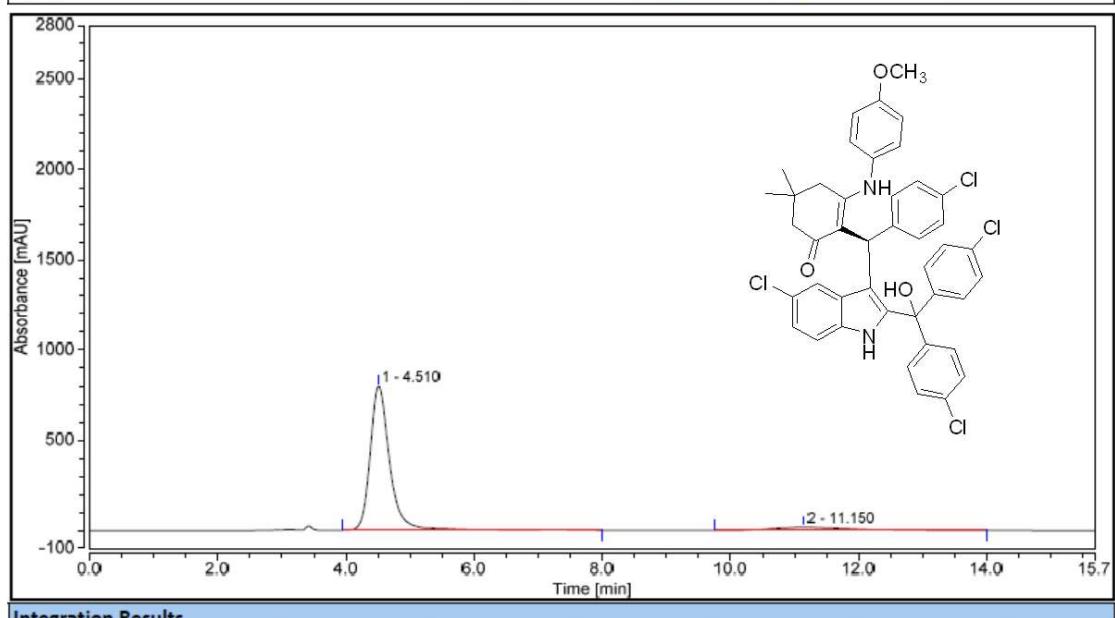
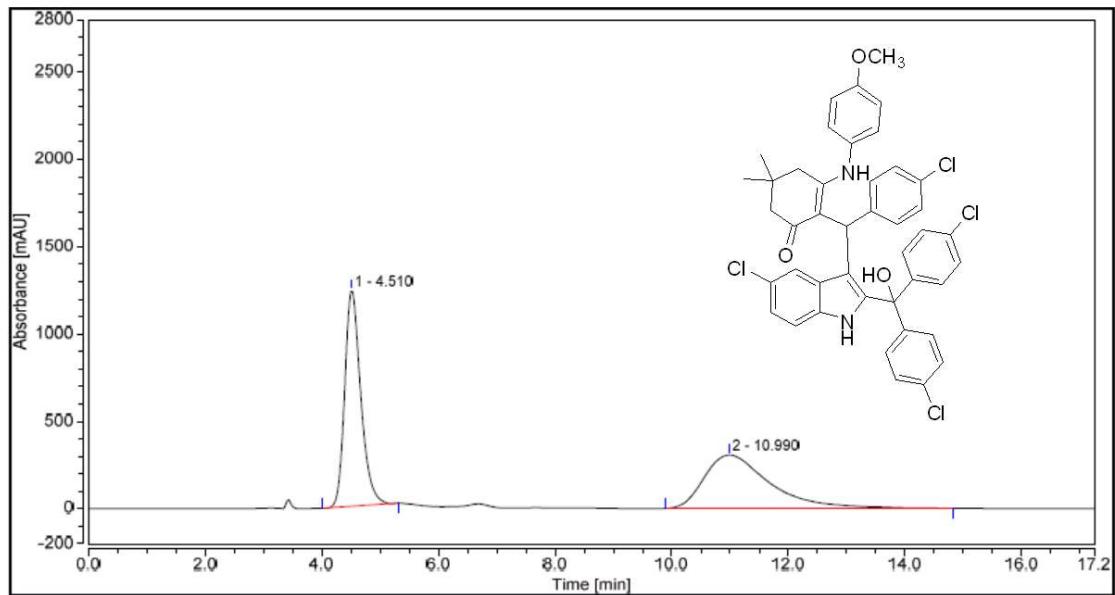
Integration Results

No.	Peak Name	Retention Time min	Area mAU*min	Height mAU	Relative Area %	Relative Height %	Amount n.a.
1		6.073	419.503	753.694	92.81	98.23	n.a.
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Total:			451.997	767.254	100.00	100.00	

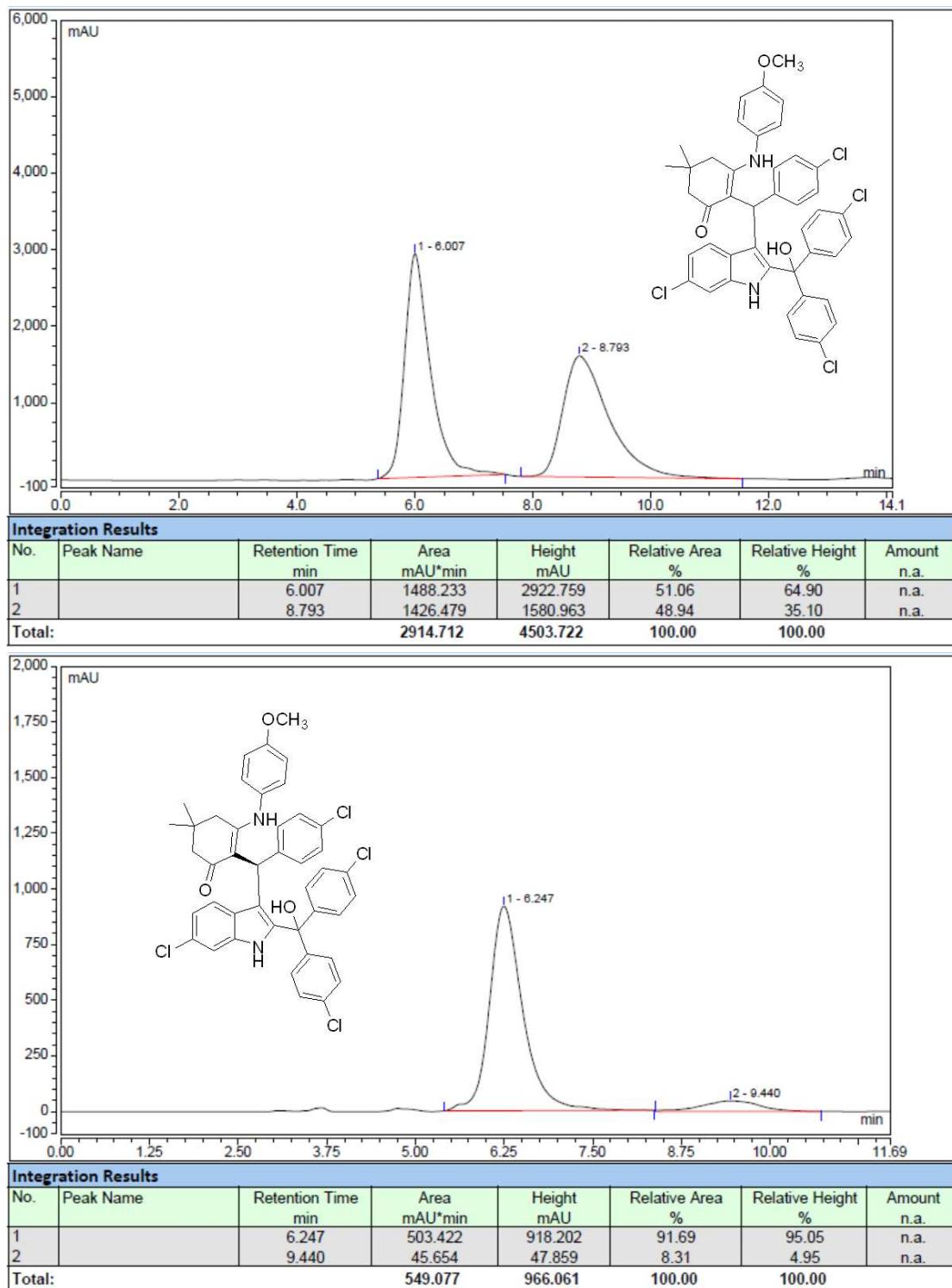
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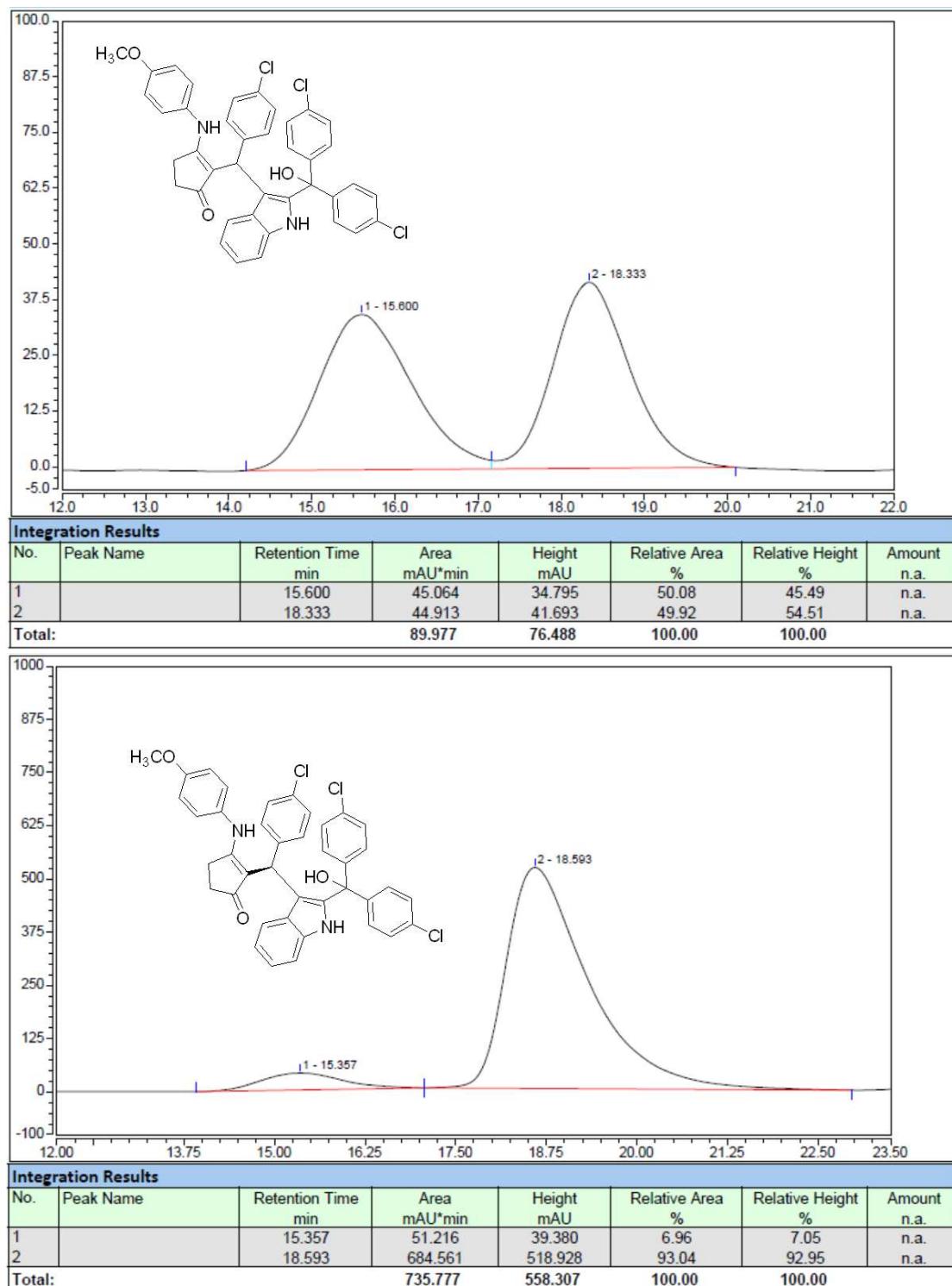
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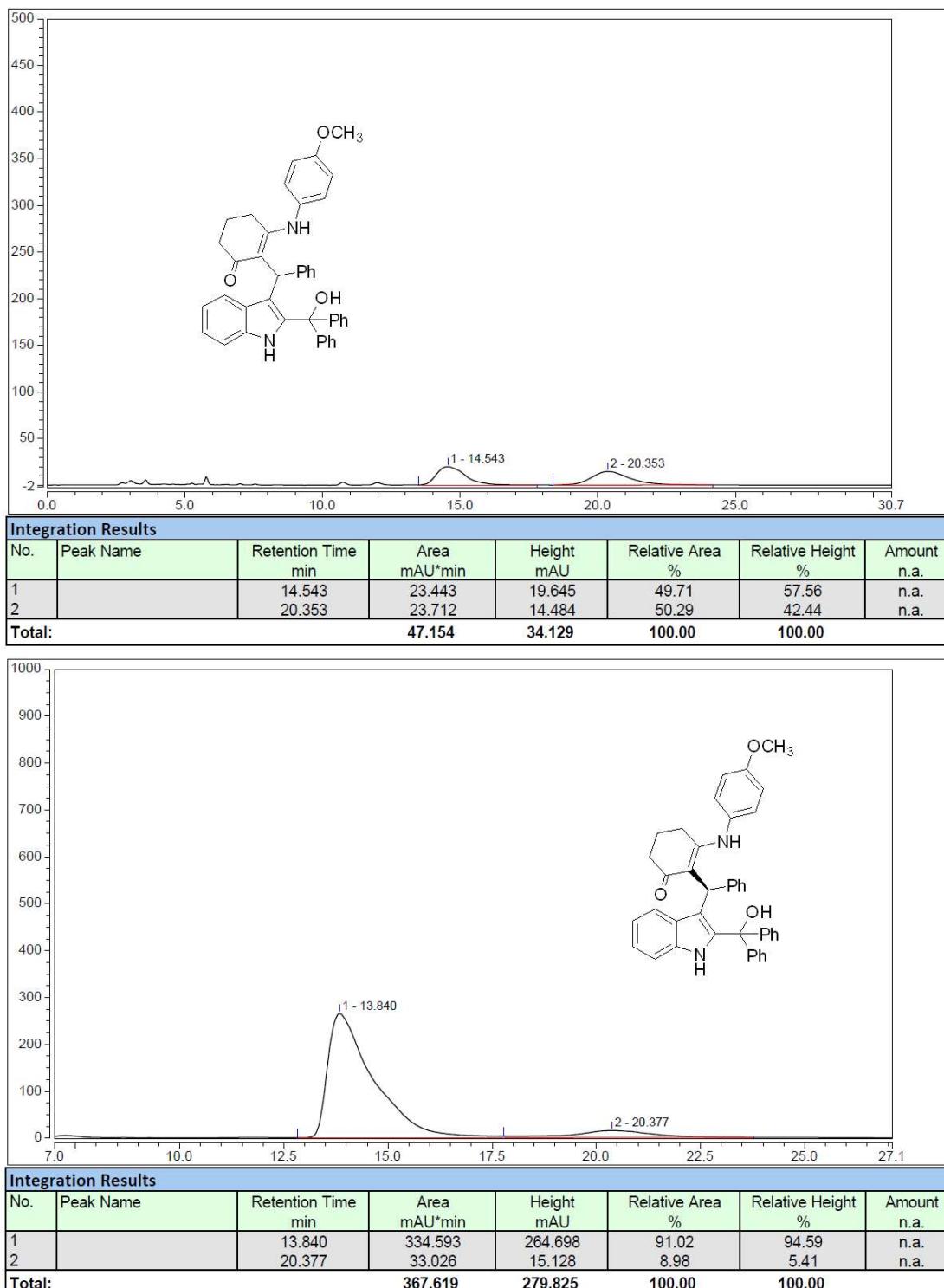
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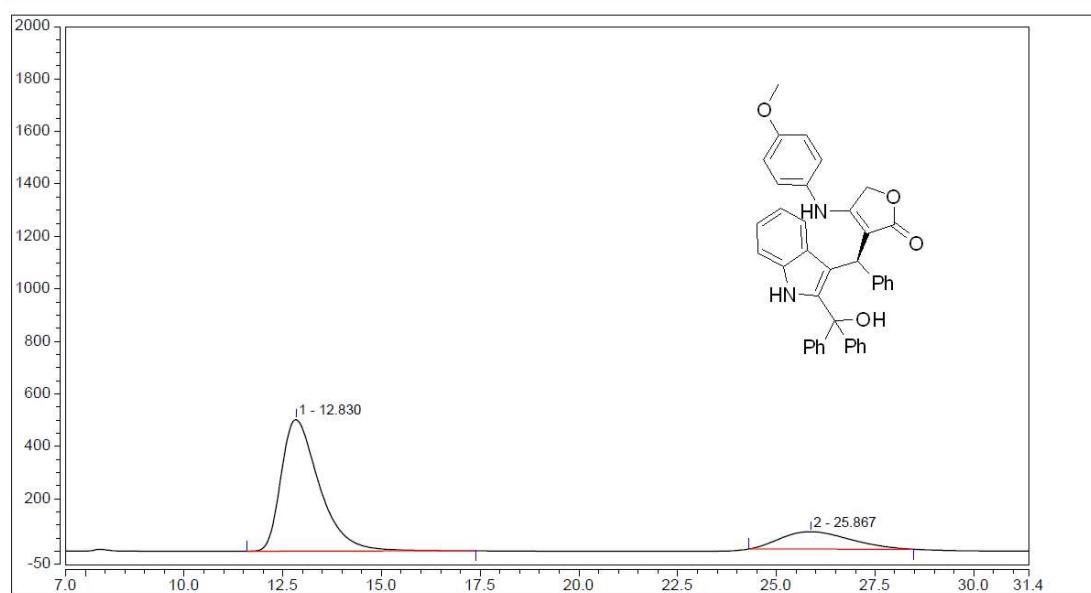
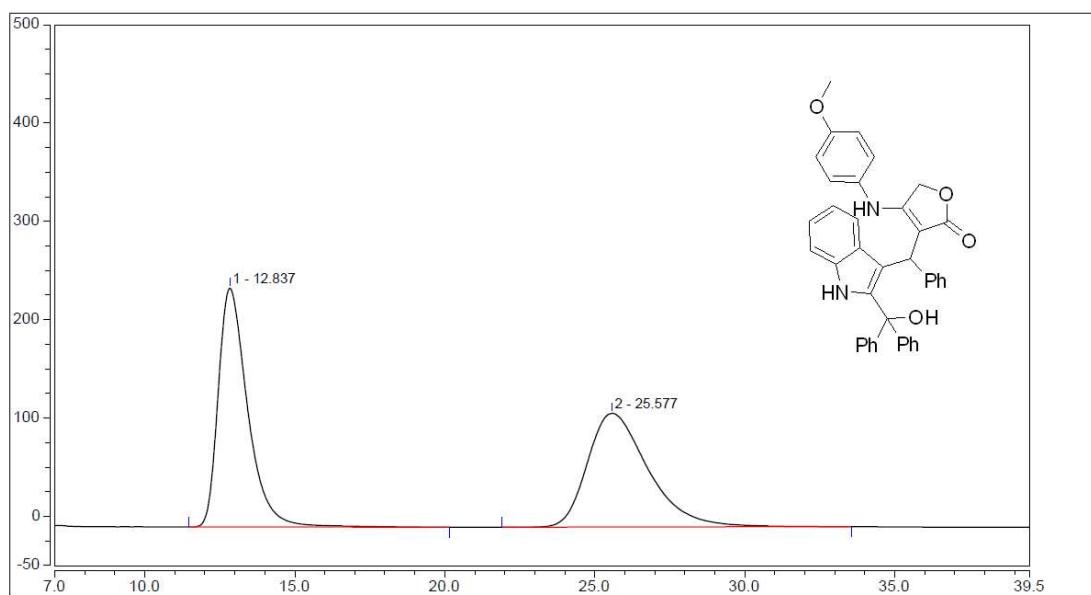
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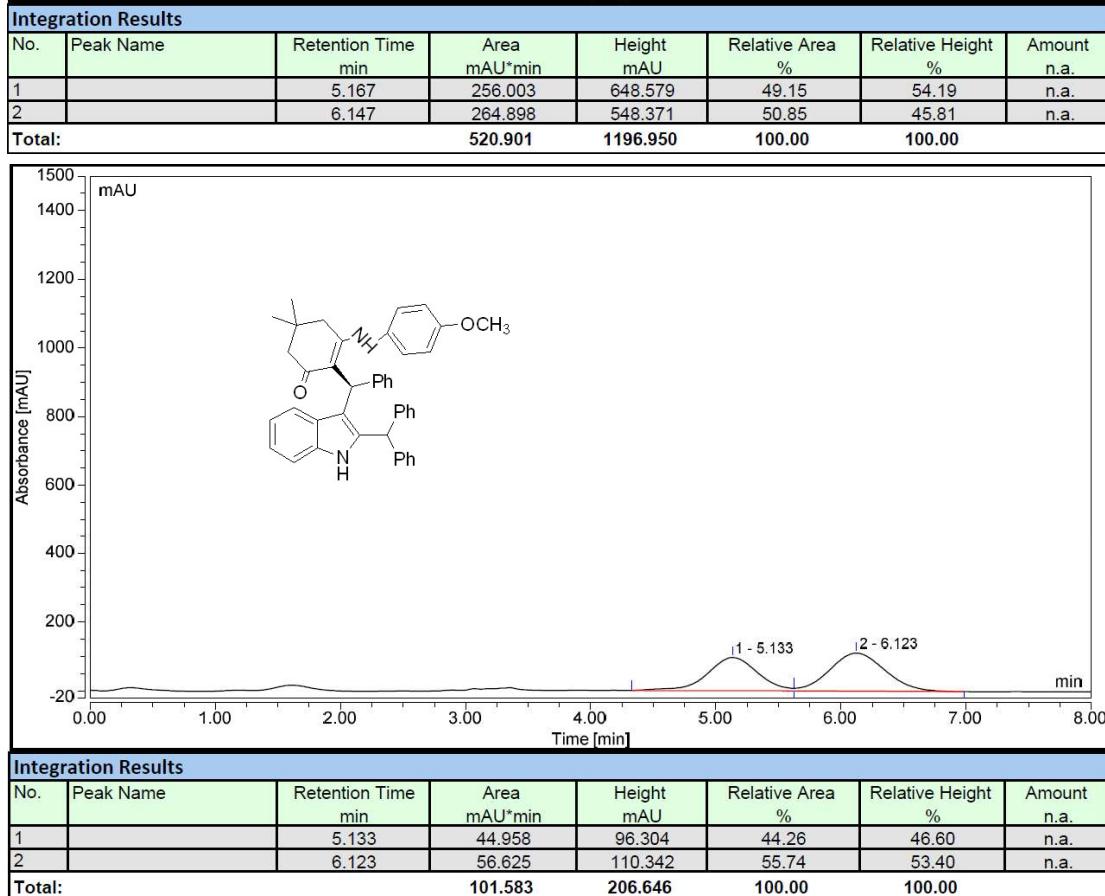
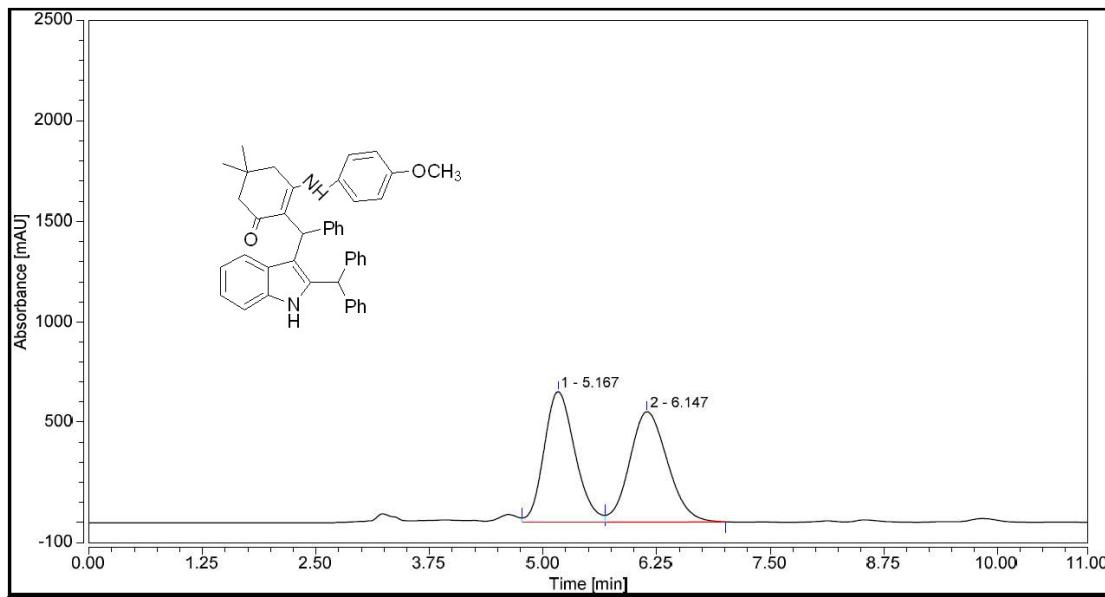
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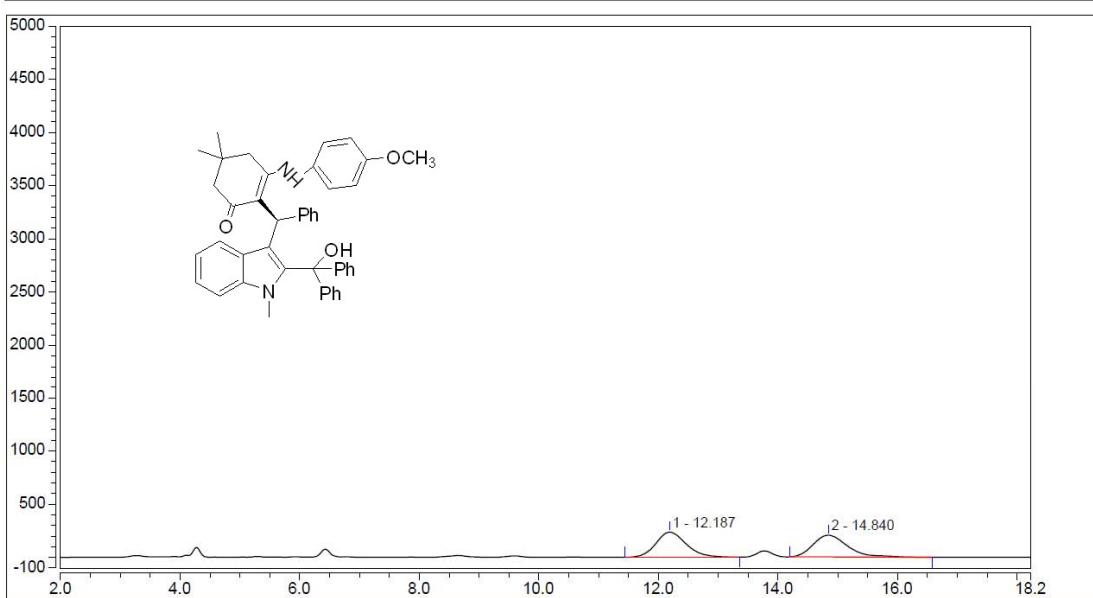
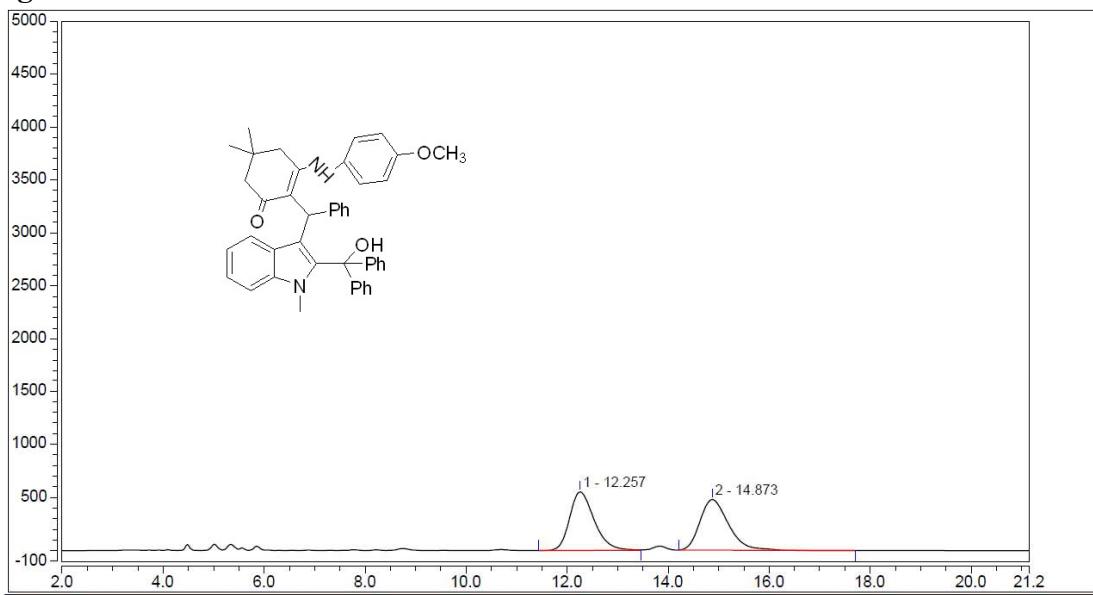


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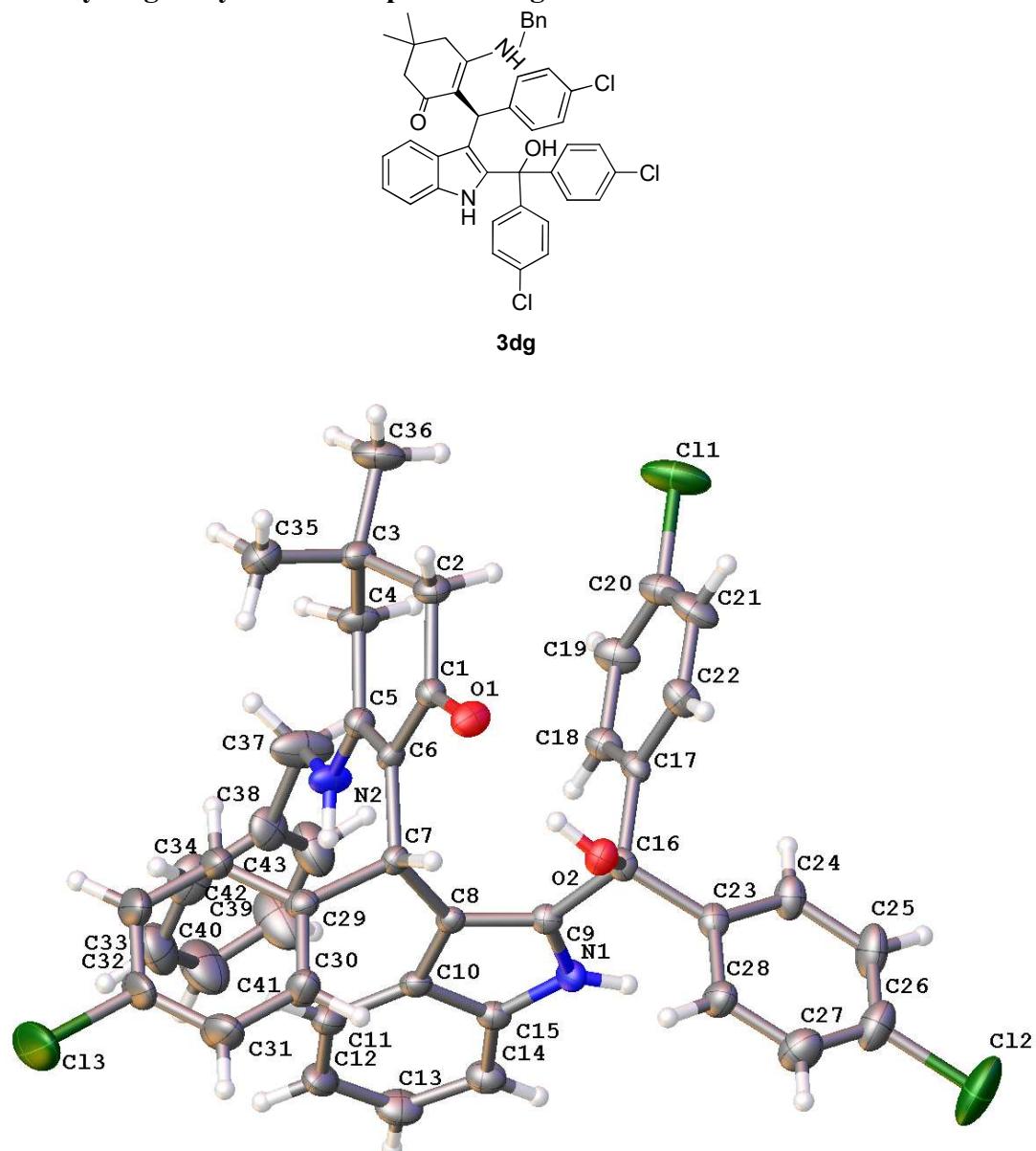


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3ga

4. X-ray single-crystal data of product 3dg



The thermal ellipsoid was drawn at the 30% probability level.

Empirical formula	C ₄₃ H ₃₇ Cl ₃ N ₂ O ₂	
Formula weight	720.09	
Temperature	296.15 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.757(9) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 12.558(10) Å	β = 99.306(10)°.
	c = 14.389(12) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1918(3) Å ³	

Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.247 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.277 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	752
Crystal size	0.4 x 0.25 x 0.2 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.165 to 28.097°.
Index ranges	-12<=h<=14, -14<=k<=16, -18<=l<=18
Reflections collected	13691
Independent reflections	7336 [R(int) = 0.0729]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.1 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7336 / 1 / 454
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.988
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0663, wR2 = 0.1372
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1189, wR2 = 0.1587
Absolute structure parameter	0.00(10)
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.240 and -0.263 e.Å ⁻³

5. Biological evaluation of compounds **3aa-3ae** and **3ag**

Table S1. Cell viability rate of compounds **3aa-3ae** and **3ag**

Compound	Survival rate on A549 cell line (%)			
	0.01 ug/mL	0.1 ug/mL	1 ug/mL	10 ug/mL
3aa	90.34± 4.72	76.22± 2.59	64.11± 2.88	52.27± 1.20
3ab	91.21±3.53	83.21± 1.87	74.43± 2.07	62.53± 1.38
3ac	99.96± 2.55	89.39± 1.60	78.50± 2.66	72.27± 3.60
3ad	93.55± 1.35	85.03± 1.27	76.58± 1.93	67.14± 1.23
3ae	99.30± 3.17	94.07± 2.34	88.45± 1.87	81.40± 1.71
3ag	97.82± 3.59	90.21± 2.32	80.58± 1.88	71.90± 1.37
Compound	Survival rate on ECA109 cell line (%)			
	0.01 ug/mL	0.1 ug/mL	1 ug/mL	10 ug/mL
3aa	101.49± 1.71	94.44± 3.78	85.20± 1.46	74.49± 1.67
3ab	99.52±1.31	92.41± 2.96	84.29± 1.75	74.38± 1.54
3ac	100.07± 3.00	92.90± 2.14	87.83± 2.51	75.89± 2.69
3ad	101.15± 1.04	96.84± 1.81	89.76± 1.46	82.52± 1.61
3ae	101.56± 3.69	101.04± 2.08	101.22± 1.33	99.47± 0.87
3ag	104.38± 3.56	102.52± 2.83	99.32± 1.57	100.71± 2.67
Compound	Survival rate on MCF-7 cell line (%)			
	0.01 ug/mL	0.1 ug/mL	1 ug/mL	10 ug/mL
3aa	89.19±1.26	71.90±2.03	58.96± 1.79	45.02± 2.07
3ab	90.59±3.08	82.26± 1.95	70.93± 1.61	59.63± 2.10
3ac	98.29± 1.98	85.18± 1.79	73.17± 1.98	65.94± 1.72
3ad	92.59± 1.82	84.56± 1.72	73.91± 1.13	62.52± 1.61
3ae	99.84±1.82	95.33± 1.34	90.19± 1.56	82.10± 1.00
3ag	95.44± 1.58	85.21± 1.31	75.45± 2.75	68.55±1.50