

Supporting Information

Organocatalytic asymmetric synthesis of tetrahydrocarbazoles *via* inverse-electron-demand Diels-Alder reaction of 2,3-indole-dienes with enals

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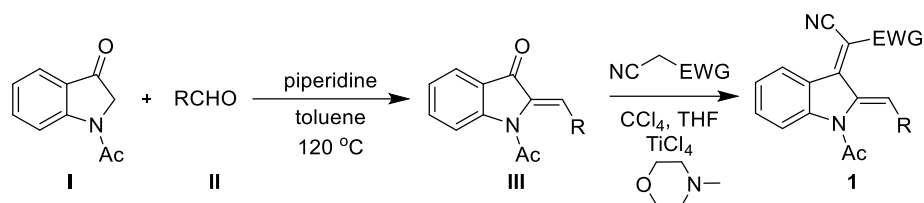
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1. General information

^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts were reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0.0 ppm as a standard. The spectrums' multiplicities are interpreted as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, brs = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) J are reported in Hz and relative integrations are reported. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) spectrums were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 and are proton decoupled. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.00 ppm as a standard. Diastereomeric ratios were determined from crude ^1H NMR spectroscopy interpretation or by analysis of HPLC traces. Enantiomer ratios were determined by analysis of HPLC traces, obtained by using chiralpak IF, IA, AD-H with *n*-hexane and *i*-propanol as solvents. (Chiralpak IF, IA and AD-H columns were purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries, LTD.) Mass spectrums were recorded on TOF mass Finigann MAT8401 spectrometer. Solvents were dried and distilled following usual protocols.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of indole-diene derivatives

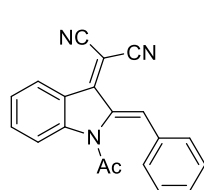


General procedure: To a solution of the 1-acetylindolin-3-one **I** (1.75 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (30 mL), were added aldehyde **II** (12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and piperidine (0.1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was directed purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 80/1 to 20/1) to afford crude compound **III**.^[1]

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, TiCl_4 (6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was dissolved in CCl_4 (8 mL) and stirred at 0 °C for approximately 0.5 h. Then THF (10 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. Next, the solution of **III** (3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and malononitrile (methyl 2-cyanoacetate) (3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. Finally, the solution of 4-methylmorpholine (9.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Once the starting material was consumed (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by recrystallization (ethanol) to afford the product **1**.

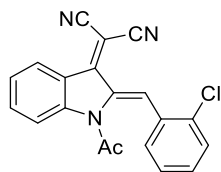
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[1] Buzas, A.; Merour, J. Y. *Synthesis* **1989**, 6, 458-461.



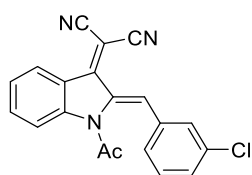
(Z)-2-(1-acetyl-2-benzylideneindolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (1a)

Red solid (0.73 g, 78% yield). Mp: 192-194 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 145.8, 136.5, 136.4, 133.8, 130.7, 130.0 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 129.6, 127.1, 125.4, 125.4, 123.3, 117.1, 114.5, 114.0, 67.7, 25.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 312.1131, found: 312.1124.



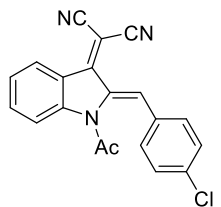
(Z)-2-(1-acetyl-2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)indolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (1b)

Red solid (0.72 g, 70% yield). Mp: 201-203 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 157.6, 145.7, 137.6, 136.7, 135.5, 132.8, 131.3, 130.6, 129.7, 127.6, 125.5, 125.4, 123.3, 123.0, 116.9, 114.0, 113.8, 69.1, 24.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}^{35}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}^+$: 346.0742, found: 346.0741.



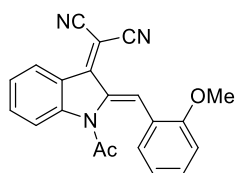
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Red solid (0.67 g, 65% yield). Mp: 151-153 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 157.8, 145.8, 137.3, 136.7, 135.7, 135.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 127.6, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 123.2, 117.1, 114.2, 113.7, 68.6, 25.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}^{35}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}^+$: 346.0742, found: 346.0744.



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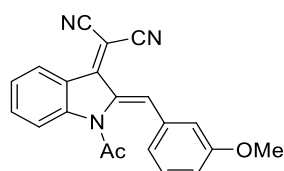
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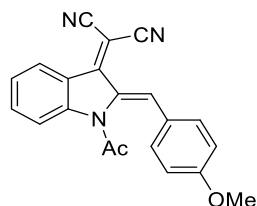
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7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 158.4, 157.9, 145.8, 136.3, 136.0, 132.6, 129.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.4, 123.3, 122.9, 121.3, 116.9, 114.6, 114.5, 111.6, 67.1, 56.0, 24.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 342.1237, found: 342.1236.



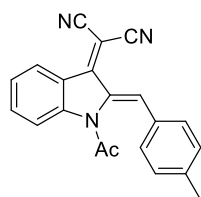
(Z)-2-(1-acetyl-2-(3-methoxybenzylidene)indolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (1f)

Red solid (0.62 g, 61% yield). Mp: 149-151 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt, $J = 15.3, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 160.3, 158.0, 145.9, 136.7, 136.6, 135.0, 130.7, 127.0, 125.4, 125.4, 123.2, 122.5, 117.0, 117.0, 114.5, 114.5, 114.1, 67.8, 55.4, 25.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 342.1237, found: 342.1240.



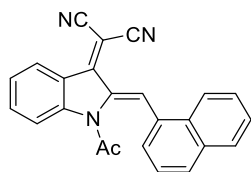
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Red solid (0.72 g, 71% yield). Mp: 197-199 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 161.7, 158.0, 145.8, 136.2, 134.6, 132.5 (2C), 127.8, 126.0, 125.3, 125.3, 123.7, 117.1, 115.2 (2C), 115.0, 114.4, 66.0, 55.5, 25.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 342.1237, found: 342.1232.



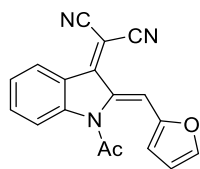
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Red solid (0.72 g, 74% yield). Mp: 156-158 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 158.1, 145.8, 141.7, 136.3, 135.7, 130.9, 130.4 (2C), 130.2 (2C), 127.6, 125.3, 125.3, 123.4, 117.1, 114.7, 114.2, 67.0, 25.1, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 326.1288, found: 326.1290.



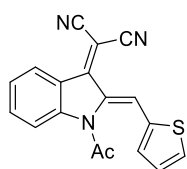
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Red solid (0.73 g, 68% yield). Mp: 173-175 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.70 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 158.4, 145.9, 137.6, 136.7, 133.9, 131.5, 131.3, 131.0, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 125.6, 125.4, 125.4, 124.7, 123.8, 123.1, 117.0, 115.0, 114.0, 68.0, 24.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 362.1288, found: 362.1287.



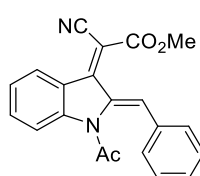
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Red solid (0.52 g, 58% yield). Mp: 175-177 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.61 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 157.3, 148.6, 147.5, 145.8, 136.2, 133.1, 125.1, 125.0, 123.0, 121.4, 116.4, 115.0, 114.4, 113.9, 113.4, 65.8, 24.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 302.0924, found: 302.0926.



(Z)-2-(1-acetyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)indolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (1k)

Red solid (0.47 g, 50% yield). Mp: 170-172 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 157.8, 151.0, 145.9, 136.1, 135.2, 133.4, 129.0, 128.6, 125.6, 125.2, 123.9, 121.7, 117.5, 114.8, 114.2, 66.3, 25.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{OS}^+$: 318.0696, found: 318.0697.

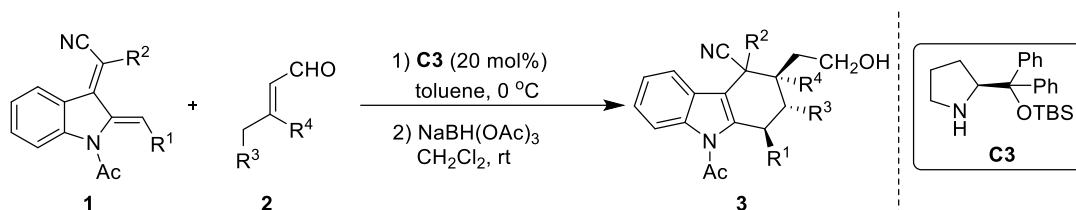


Methyl 2-((Z)-1-acetyl-2-((Z)-benzylidene)indolin-3-ylidene)-2-cyanoacetate (1l)

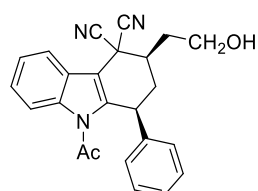
Red solid (0.62 g, 60% yield). Mp: 185-187 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 18.8, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6,

163.0, 157.5, 145.6, 138.3, 135.1, 134.1, 129.9, 129.6 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.7, 126.0, 124.8, 124.0, 118.0, 117.0, 92.4, 53.2, 24.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{21}H_{17}N_2O_3^+$: 345.1234, found: 345.1236.

3. General procedure for the asymmetric synthesis of tetrahydrocarbazoles

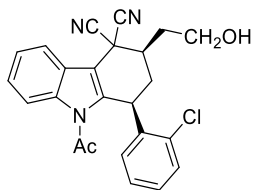


General procedure: Enal **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to a solution of catalyst **C3** (0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and indole-diene **1** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C until indole-diene **1** was consumed (indicated by TLC). Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was directed purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1 to 4/1) to afford crude aldehyde compound. The IEDDA product was dissolved in dichloromethane, then NaBH(OAc)₃ (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. After the reaction was completed (indicated by TLC), the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc=8/1 to 2/1) to afford product **3**.



(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3aa)

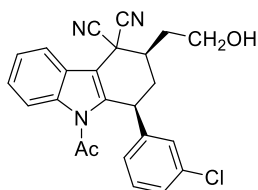
White solid (31.9 mg, 83% yield). Mp: 116-117 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 8.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddt, *J* = 14.5, 9.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 12.8, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 142.9, 140.1, 135.7, 128.9 (2C), 127.1, 127.1 (2C), 125.7, 125.0, 123.9, 118.7, 114.6, 113.9, 113.3, 111.4, 59.2, 42.3, 39.8, 36.9, 36.7, 34.6, 26.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₄H₂₂N₃O₂⁺: 384.1707, found: 384.1708. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t*_R = 12.49 min (minor), 28.43 min (major). [α]_D²² = +56.3 (*c* = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-

1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ba)

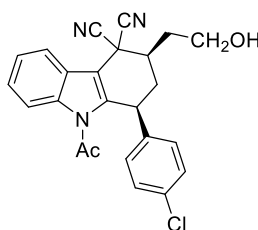
White solid (32.7 mg, 78% yield). Mp: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (td, *J* = 11.4, 10.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.33 (dq, *J* = 13.3, 4.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 9.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.62-1.50 (td, *J* = 13.7, 10.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 140.7, 139.1, 135.8, 133.3, 129.8, 128.4, 127.7, 126.4, 125.9, 125.1, 124.1, 118.8, 114.5, 114.4, 113.2, 112.2, 59.2, 39.7, 39.1, 36.6, 34.7, 34.1, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₄H₂₁³⁵ClN₃O₂⁺: 418.1317, found: 418.1323. 97% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t*_R = 14.29 min (minor), 19.04 min (major). [α]_D²² = +62.5 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-

1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ca)

White solid (34.7 mg, 83% yield). Mp: 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (td, *J* = 11.1, 9.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 6.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 9.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 145.1, 139.6, 135.6, 134.5, 130.1, 127.3, 127.3, 125.8, 125.2, 124.0, 118.9, 114.4, 114.4, 113.9, 113.2, 111.8, 59.2, 42.2, 39.8, 36.6, 36.6, 34.5, 26.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₄H₂₁³⁵ClN₃O₂⁺: 418.1317, found: 418.1321. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t*_R = 12.45 min (minor), 24.99 min (major). [α]_D²² = +68.7 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).

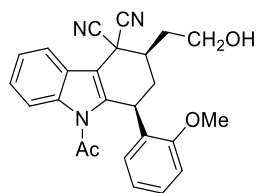


(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-

1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3da)

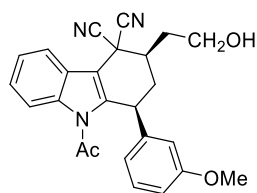
White solid (33.9 mg, 81% yield). Mp: 105-107 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H),

4.71 (dd, $J = 10.5, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dt, $J = 10.3, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddt, $J = 13.9, 9.0, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.75-1.61 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.2, 141.6, 134.0, 135.6, 132.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 125.8, 125.1, 124.0, 118.9, 114.4, 113.9, 113.2, 111.7, 59.2, 41.8, 39.8, 36.7, 36.6, 34.5, 26.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 418.1317, found: 418.1316. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) $t_{\text{R}} = 6.50$ min (minor), 12.37 min (major). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +127.3$ ($c = 0.1$, CH_2Cl_2).



(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ea)

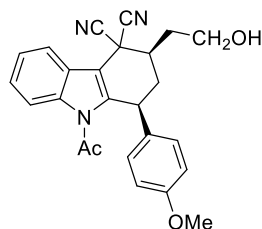
White solid (31.9 mg, 77% yield). Mp: 104-106 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.18-5.07 (m, 1H), 4.07-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.92-3.84 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dd, $J = 14.5, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (m, 4H), 1.92 (ddt, $J = 14.3, 9.5, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 156.1, 139.7, 136.1, 131.3, 128.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.0, 123.9, 121.4, 118.4, 114.8, 114.6, 113.3, 111.6, 110.7, 59.3, 55.7, 39.7, 36.7, 34.9, 34.9, 34.8, 26.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$: 414.1812, found: 414.1810. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) $t_{\text{R}} = 16.14$ min (minor), 37.16 min (major). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +81.6$ ($c = 0.1$, CH_2Cl_2).



(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3fa)

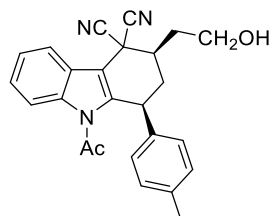
White solid (29.4 mg, 71% yield). Mp: 98-100 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dt, $J = 7.2, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 2H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 10.7, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dt, $J = 10.7, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (ddd, $J = 11.1, 8.9, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.92-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddt, $J = 14.5, 9.7, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.66 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 159.9, 144.6, 139.8, 135.7, 130.0, 130.0, 125.7, 125.7, 125.0, 123.8, 118.7, 114.6, 114.0, 113.2, 111.9, 111.4, 59.2, 55.2, 42.3, 39.8, 36.8, 36.7, 34.6, 26.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$: 414.1812, found: 414.1815. 96%

ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 18.53 min (minor), 33.30 min (major). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +92.6. (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



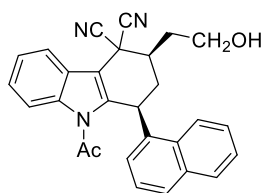
(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ga)

White solid (32.7 mg, 79% yield). Mp: 101-103 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (dd, J = 10.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dt, J = 10.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddt, J = 14.3, 9.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 158.5, 140.5, 135.8, 134.9, 128.3 (2C), 125.7, 125.0, 123.9, 118.7, 114.7, 114.3 (2C), 114.0, 113.3, 111.2, 59.7, 55.3, 41.5, 39.8, 37.2, 36.8, 34.6, 26.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₃⁺: 414.1812, found: 414.1809. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 7.36 min (minor), 14.02 min (major). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +78.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



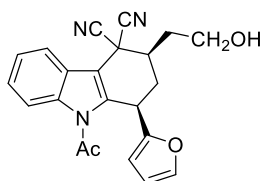
(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ha)

White solid (31.9 mg, 83% yield). Mp: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.44 (q, J = 4.8, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (dd, J = 10.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dt, J = 10.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (ddd, J = 11.1, 8.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.90 (ddt, J = 14.6, 9.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 140.2, 139.9, 136.8, 135.8, 129.6 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.7, 125.0, 123.8, 118.6, 114.6, 114.0, 113.3, 111.3, 59.2, 41.9, 39.7, 37.1, 36.7, 34.6, 26.7, 21.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂⁺: 398.1863, found: 398.1866. 92% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 10.35 min (minor), 20.72 min (major). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +57.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



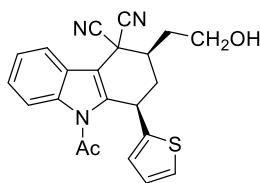
(1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ia)

White solid (34.7 mg, 80% yield). Mp: 130-132 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 6.8, 6.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dt, *J* = 10.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 8.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.85 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 6.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.87 (ddt, *J* = 14.5, 8.7, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 12.8, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 140.2, 140.0, 135.8, 133.8, 130.8, 129.2, 127.7, 126.9, 126.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.2, 124.0, 122.6, 122.0, 118.7, 114.7, 114.3, 113.3, 112.0, 59.2, 39.8, 37.5, 36.7, 35.6, 34.6, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₈H₂₄N₃O₂⁺: 434.1863, found: 434.1864. 92% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 13.96 min (minor), 29.22 min (major). [α]_D²² = +102.1 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



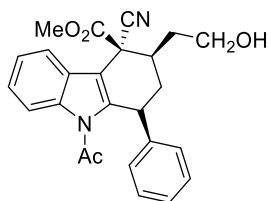
(1*R*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-1-(furan-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ja)

White solid (28.1 mg, 75% yield). Mp: 117-118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.31-6.26 (m, 1H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dt, *J* = 10.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (td, *J* = 11.0, 9.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 154.6, 141.4, 137.3, 135.9, 125.9, 125.0, 123.9, 118.8, 114.5, 114.0, 113.0, 110.9, 110.6, 105.9, 59.3, 39.5, 36.5, 35.8, 34.4, 33.5, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₃⁺: 374.1499, found: 374.1498. 93% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.86 min (minor), 14.12 min (major). [α]_D²² = -147.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



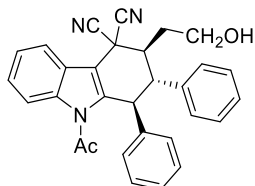
(1*R*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,3,9-tetrahydro-4*H*-carbazole-4,4-dicarbonitrile (3ka)

White solid (27.8 mg, 71% yield). Mp: 113-115 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 8.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.61 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 145.6, 139.4, 135.8, 126.8, 125.9, 124.9, 124.8, 124.0, 123.9, 118.9, 114.5, 113.9, 113.0, 111.0, 59.3, 39.8, 37.6, 37.3, 36.6, 34.5, 26.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₂S⁺: 390.1271, found: 390.1274. 95% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.24 min (minor), 16.44 min (major). [α]_D²² = -192.8 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



Methyl (1*R*,3*R*,4*R*)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3la)

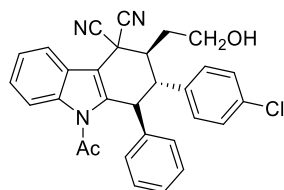
White solid (28.3 mg, 68% yield). Mp: 99-101 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 2.83 (ddt, *J* = 13.2, 10.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 6.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.52 (ddt, *J* = 13.9, 10.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 167.3, 144.1, 140.0, 135.9, 128.6 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 126.7, 126.1, 125.1, 123.4, 118.8, 118.8, 114.4, 113.9, 60.0, 53.7, 47.9, 42.2, 39.8, 35.5, 34.2, 26.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄⁺: 417.1809, found: 417.1816. 95% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 10.95 min (minor), 28.32 min (major). [α]_D²² = -373.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ab)

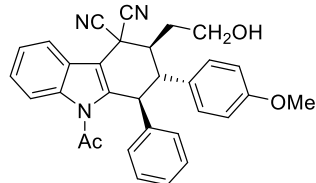
White solid (30.1 mg, 61% yield). Mp: 116-118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 (s, 3H), 7.05 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 5H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 9.8

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Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ac)

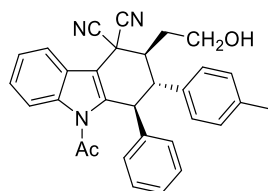
White solid (38.0 mg, 72% yield). Mp: 127–128 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.15–6.94 (m, 5H), 6.51 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dt, $J = 12.0, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.32–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dt, $J = 11.4, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, $J = 11.9, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.06–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.82 (dq, $J = 15.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 140.6, 140.1, 137.2, 135.7, 133.7, 130.5 (2C), 130.4 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.0, 125.7, 124.9, 123.9, 119.1, 114.8, 113.6, 113.5, 110.8, 59.6, 54.3, 50.0, 41.9, 37.3, 34.9, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}^{35}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2^+$: 494.1630, found: 494.1630. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) $t_{\text{R}} = 22.34$ min (major), 30.41 min (minor). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +192.5$ ($c = 0.1$, CH_2Cl_2).



Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ad)

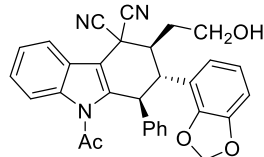
White solid (30.4 mg, 58% yield). Mp: 121–123 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (dd, $J = 6.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.12–6.93 (m, 5H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.55–6.47 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dt, $J = 12.0, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dt, $J = 11.1, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dt, $J = 10.9, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 12.0, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.00 (ddd, $J = 11.9, 7.3, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dq, $J = 15.0, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 159.0, 141.1, 140.4, 135.7,

130.4, 128.0 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 125.7 (2C), 124.9, 123.8, 119.0, 114.9, 114.1 (2C), 114.0, 113.7 (2C), 113.7, 110.8, 59.9, 55.2, 54.1, 50.0, 42.4, 37.5, 35.2, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{31}H_{28}N_3O_3^+$: 490.2125, found: 490.2128. 98% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 16.74 min (major), 20.11 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +114.9 (c = 0.1, CH_2Cl_2).



Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ae)

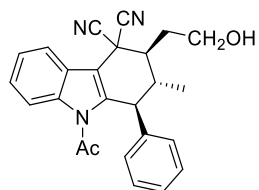
White solid (30.9 mg, 61% yield). Mp: 115-117 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.05-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.13-6.90 (m, 7H), 6.52 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddt, J = 22.8, 10.9, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (dd, J = 12.0, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dq, J = 15.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.5, 141.1, 140.4, 137.6, 135.8, 135.4, 129.5 (3C), 127.9 (3C), 126.8 (2C), 125.6 (2C), 124.9, 123.8, 119.0, 114.9, 113.7, 113.6, 110.8, 59.9, 54.4, 49.9, 42.3, 37.5, 35.1, 26.5, 21.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{31}H_{28}N_3O_2^+$: 474.2176, found: 474.2170. 97% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.30 min (major), 11.08 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +126.1 (c = 0.1, CH_2Cl_2).



Methyl (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3af)

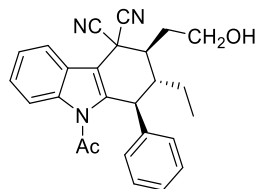
White solid (36.0 mg, 67% yield). Mp: 133-135 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.02 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.08 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 6.74-6.35 (m, 5H), 5.99 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dt, J = 11.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.29 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dt, J = 11.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 11.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.5, 148.0, 147.1, 141.0, 140.3, 135.7, 132.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0 (2C), 127.1, 126.9 (2C), 125.7, 124.9, 123.8, 119.0, 114.9, 113.7, 113.6, 110.7, 108.4, 101.3, 59.9, 54.6, 50.0, 42.4, 37.3, 35.0, 26.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{31}H_{26}N_3O_4^+$: 504.1918, found: 504.1921. 95% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 13.47 min (major), 16.50 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +251.7 (c = 0.1,

CH₂Cl₂).



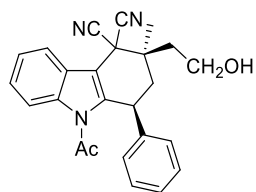
Methyl (1S,2S,3S)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ag)

White solid (22.0 mg, 51% yield). Mp: 106-108 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99–7.94 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dt, *J* = 11.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dt, *J* = 11.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65–2.58 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.02 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 141.4, 140.8, 135.6, 129.2, 128.2 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.5, 124.9, 123.7, 119.0, 115.0, 113.8, 113.4, 110.7, 60.7, 49.6, 43.5, 41.6, 37.4, 34.5, 26.4, 16.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂⁺: 398.1863, found: 398.1868. 96% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t*_R = 16.05 min (minor), 17.70 min (major). [α]_D²² = +16.7 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



Methyl (1S,2S,3S)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-2-ethyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ah)

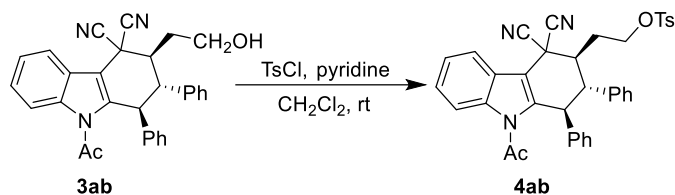
White solid (22.3 mg, 50% yield). Mp: 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dq, *J* = 18.7, 6.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.07–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 1H), 1.57 (ddt, *J* = 11.5, 7.8, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 141.9, 140.9, 135.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1, 125.4, 125.0, 123.7, 119.1, 115.3, 113.8, 113.5, 110.1, 59.8, 45.5, 43.9, 40.3, 36.5, 33.9, 26.5, 20.0, 8.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₆H₂₆N₃O₂⁺: 412.2020, found: 412.2015. 98% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t*_R = 17.53 min (minor), 19.96 min (major). [α]_D²² = +17.0 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).



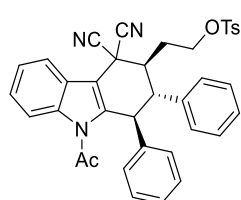
Methyl (1*S*,3*R*)-9-acetyl-4-cyano-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazole-4-carboxylate (3ai)

White solid (30.6 mg, 71% yield). Mp: 107-109 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dq, *J* = 8.1, 4.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dt, *J* = 15.3, 6.8 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (ddt, *J* = 17.5, 10.9, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 142.8, 139.0, 135.7, 128.8 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 127.0, 125.6, 125.5, 123.8, 118.9, 114.1, 113.8, 113.6, 110.1, 58.5, 43.0, 41.8, 41.5, 41.2, 39.5, 26.6, 18.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂⁺: 398.1863, found: 398.1865. 43% ee; determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IF, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 17.02 min (minor), 20.91 min (major). [α]_D²² = +132.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).

4. General procedure for the synthesis of 4ab



General procedure: To a solution of **3ab** (23.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added TsCl (15.3 mg, 0.08 mmol) and pyridine (0.1 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. Once the starting material was consumed (monitored by TLC), the residue was directed purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 2/1) to afford compound **4ab**.



2-((1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-9-acetyl-4,4-dicyano-1,2-diphenyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazol-3-yl)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4ab**)**

White solid (27.6 mg, 90% yield). Mp: 122-124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.46 (q, *J* = 5.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 4H), 7.04 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 8.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 6.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.19 (dtd, *J* = 14.7, 7.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dq, *J* = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 144.9, 140.7, 140.2, 137.8, 135.7, 132.7, 129.8 (3C), 129.0 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 128.0 (3C), 126.9 (2C), 125.8, 124.8, 123.9, 119.0, 114.0, 113.7, 113.4, 110.4, 67.2, 54.7, 49.8, 42.3, 37.6, 31.8, 26.5, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd [M+H⁺] for C₃₇H₃₂N₃O₄S⁺: 614.2108, found: 614.2110. 95% ee; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/i-propanol = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) *t_R* = 16.48 min (major), 20.63 min (minor). [α]_D²² = +130.3 (c = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).

5. The absolute configuration determination of (*1S*, *2S*, *3S*)-4ab

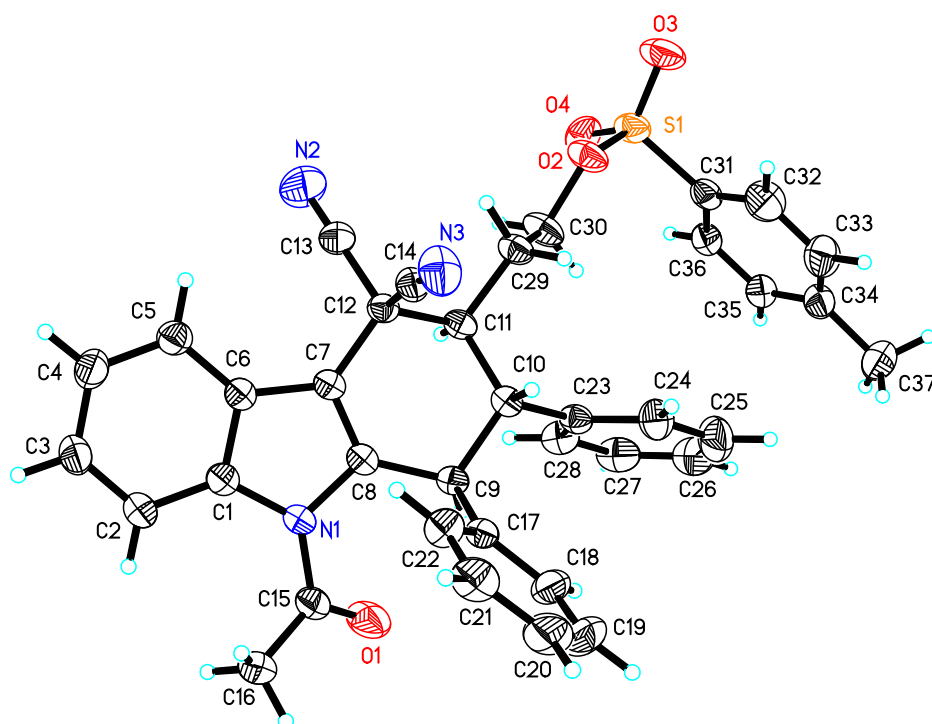


Fig S1. X-ray structure of (*1S*,*2S*,*3S*)-4ab. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Crystal data and structure refinement for CCDC 1854800

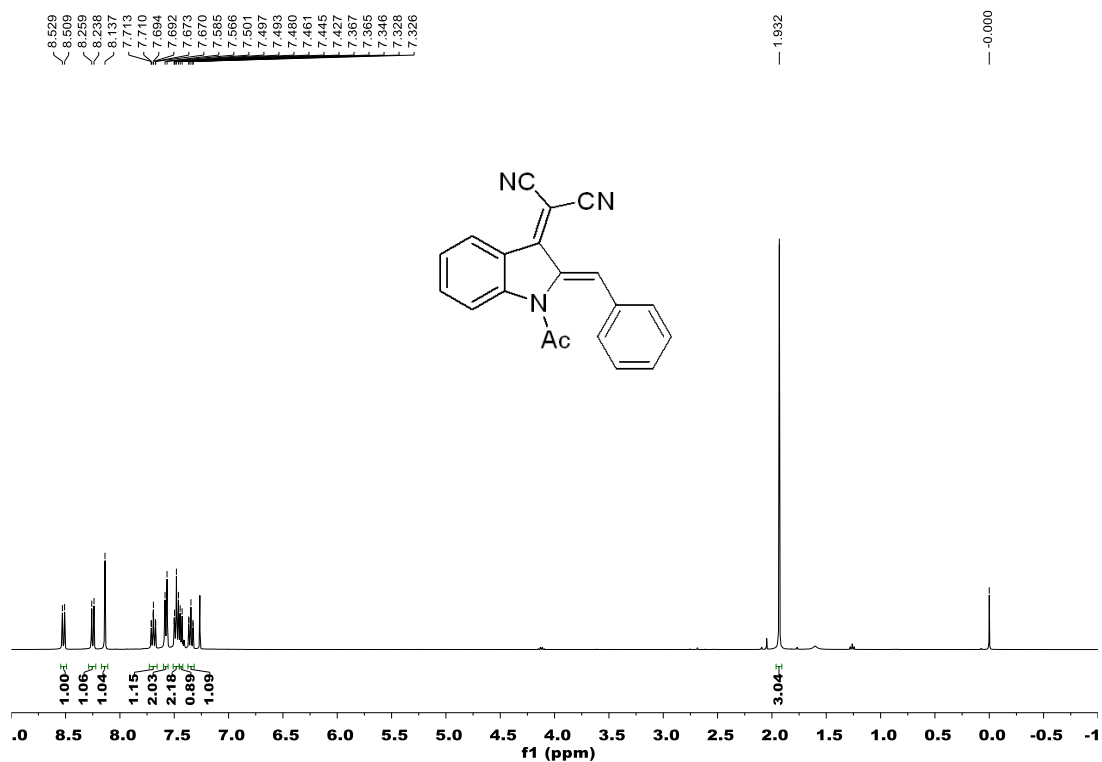
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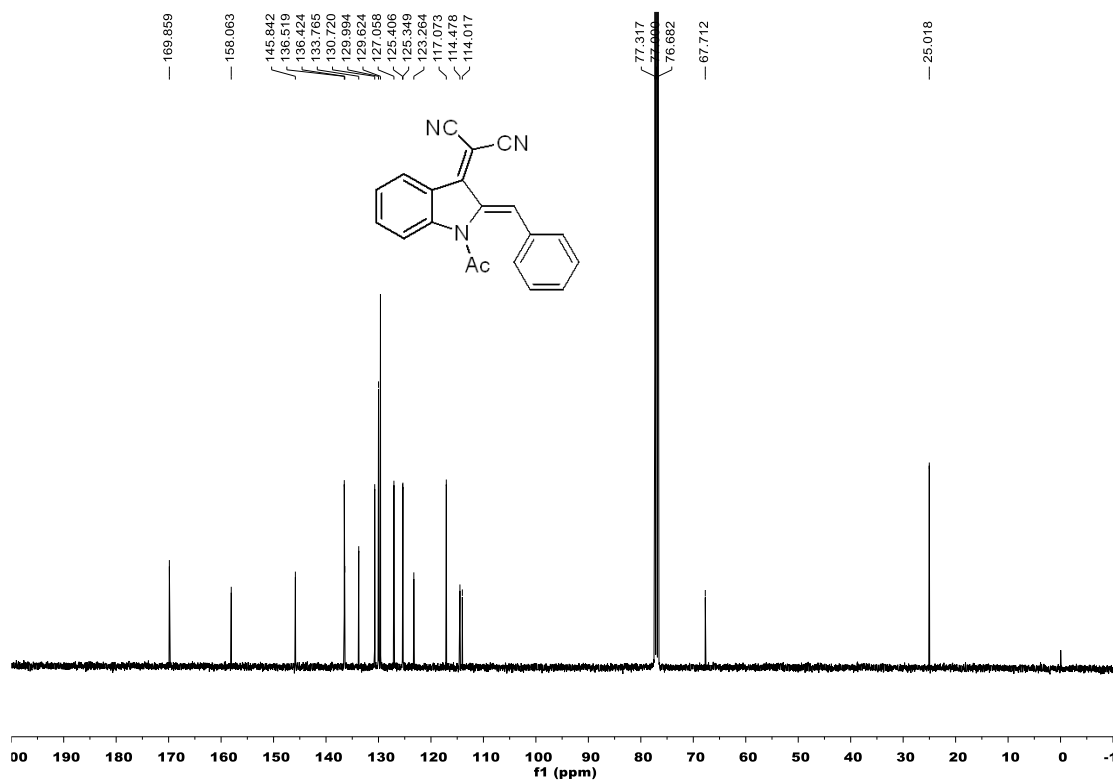
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Completeness to theta = 25.242 °	99.4 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.7065
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Data / restraints / parameters	6224 / 4 / 409
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.063
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R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0513, wR2 = 0.0857
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6. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

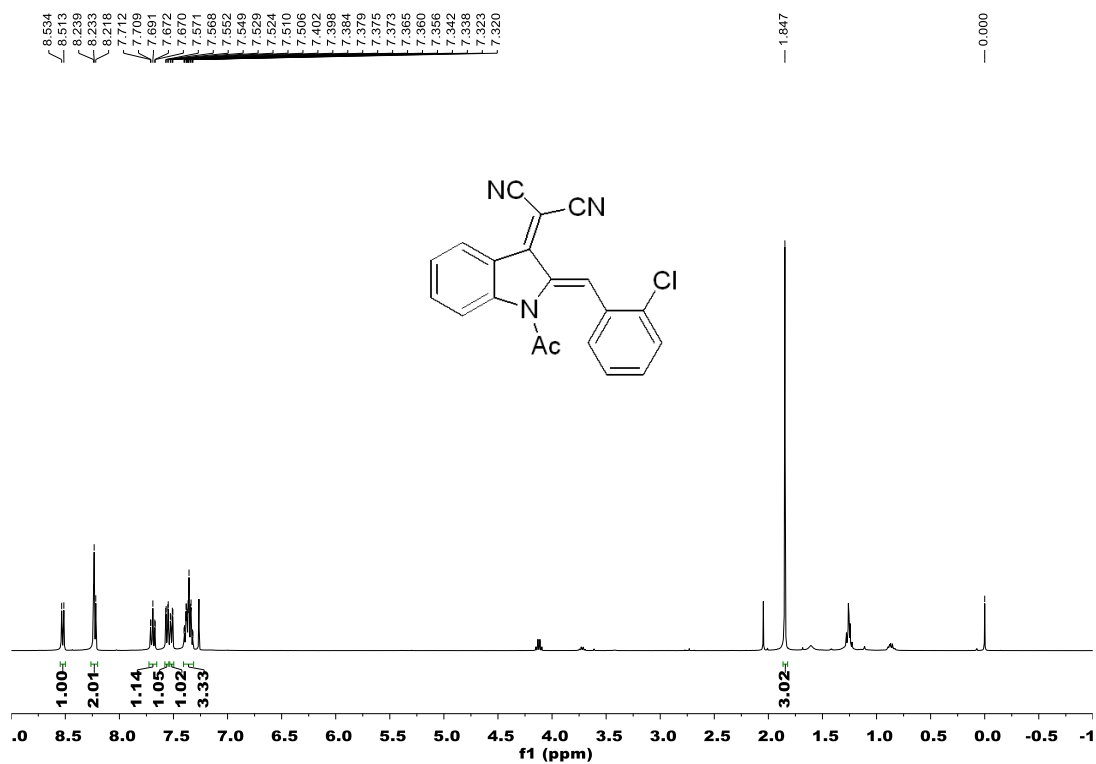
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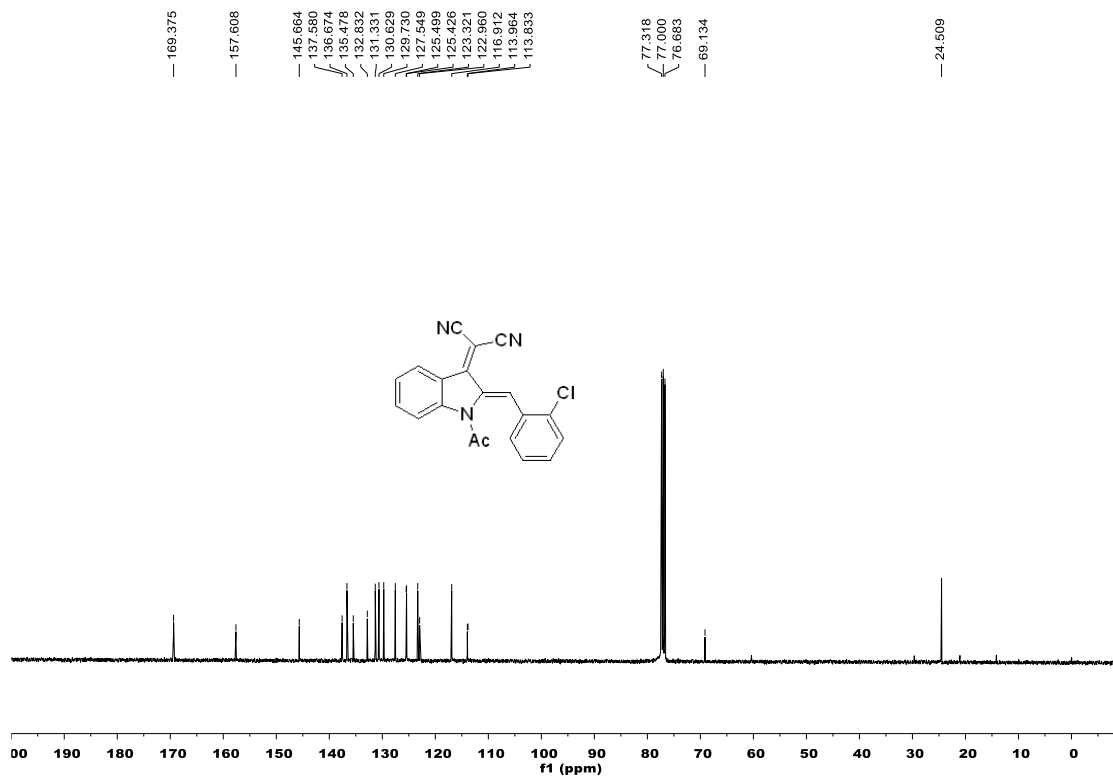
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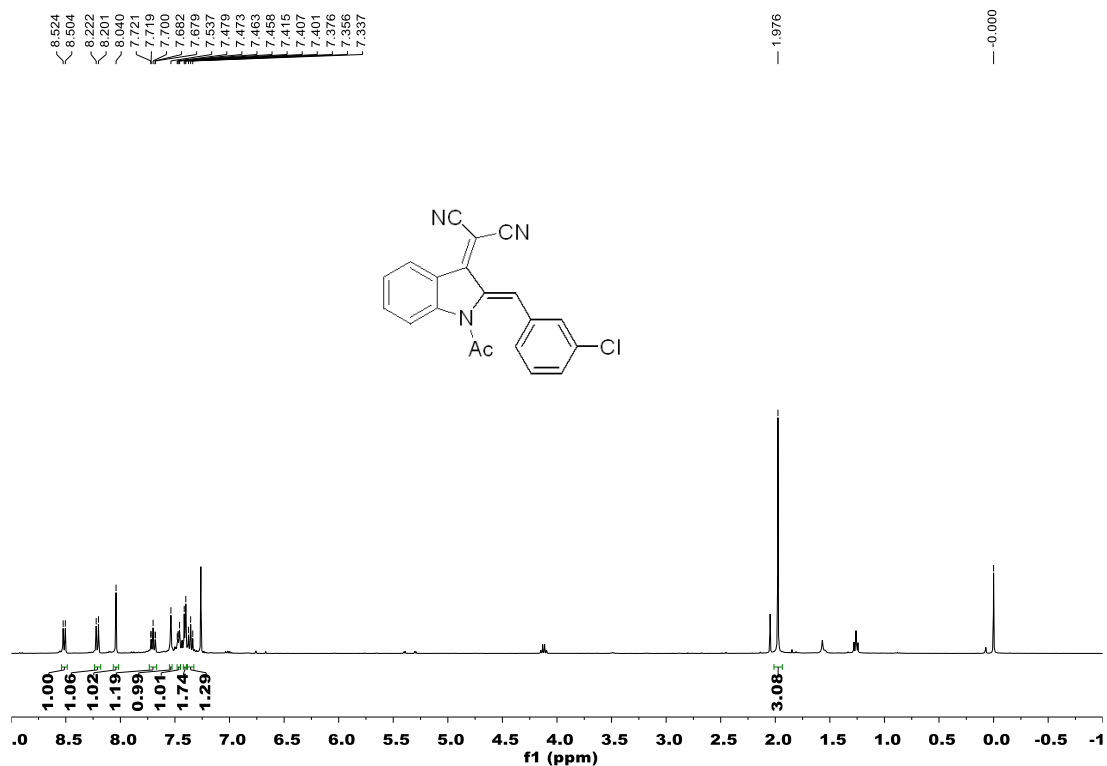
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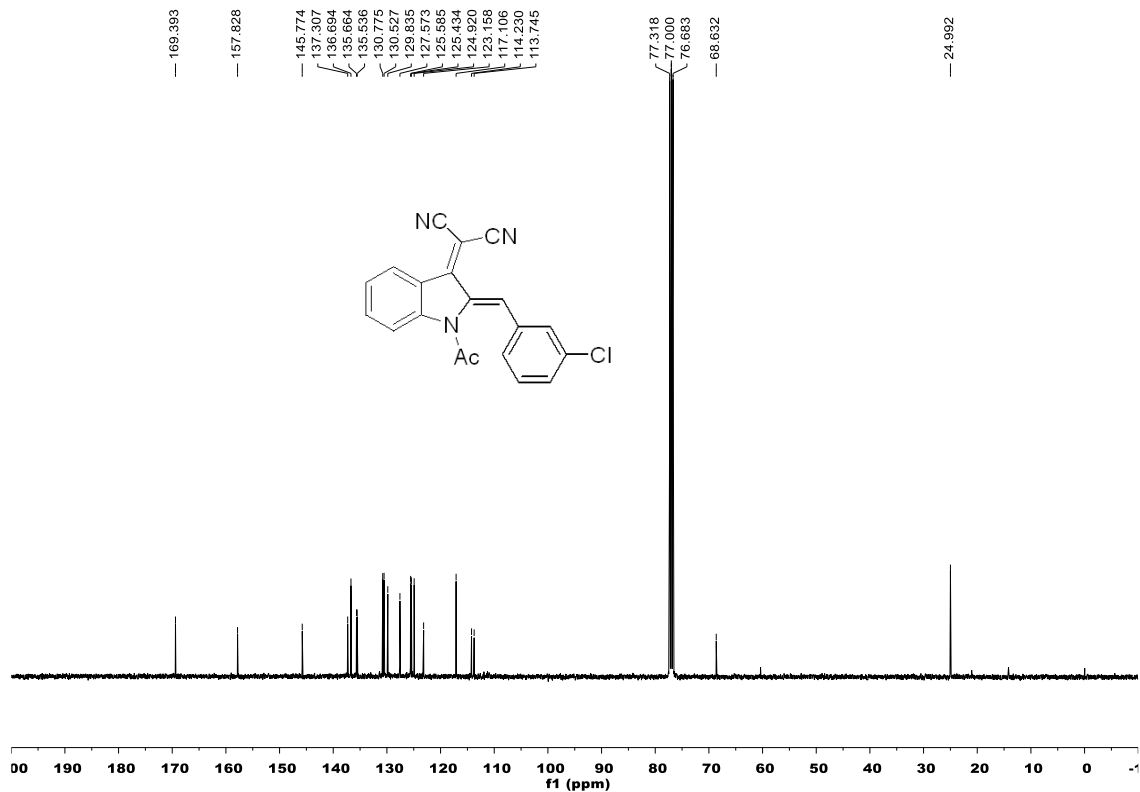
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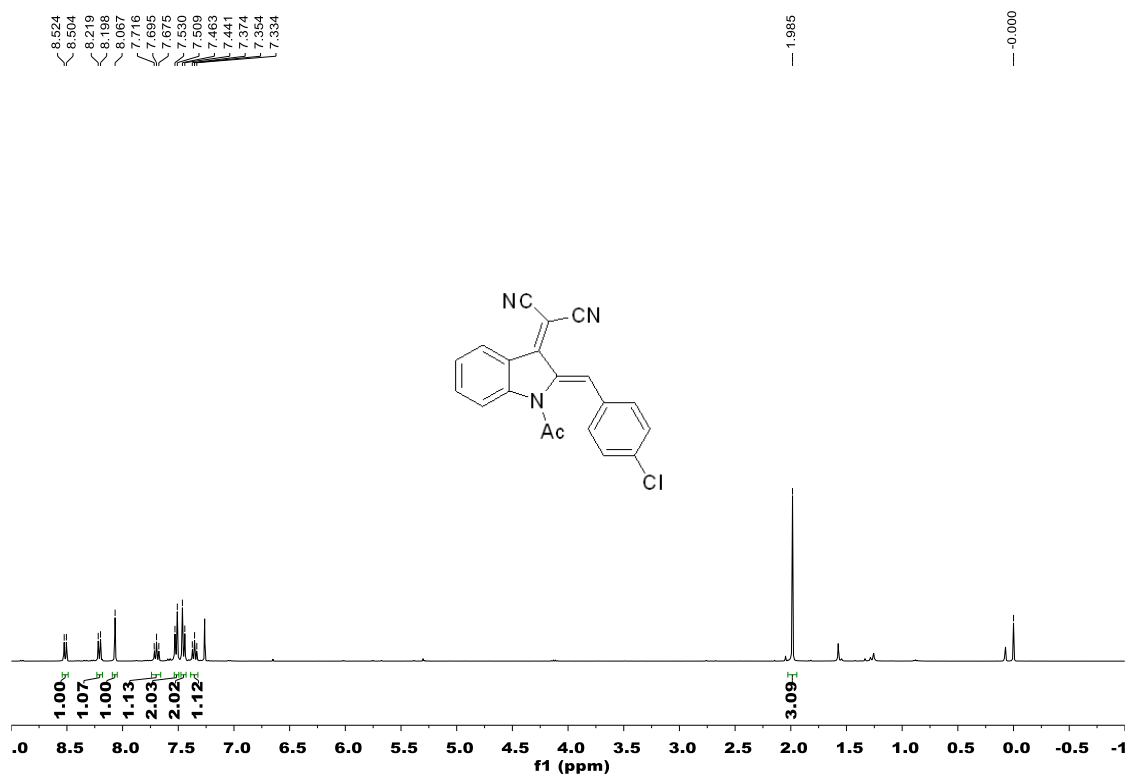
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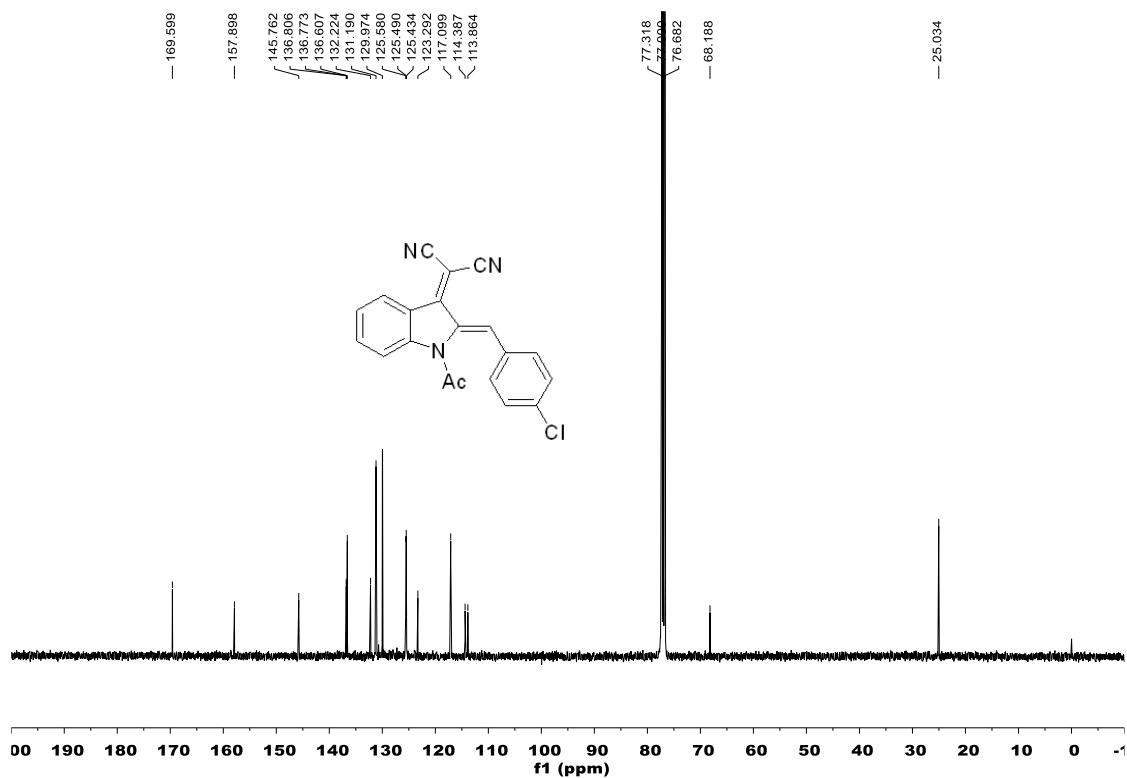
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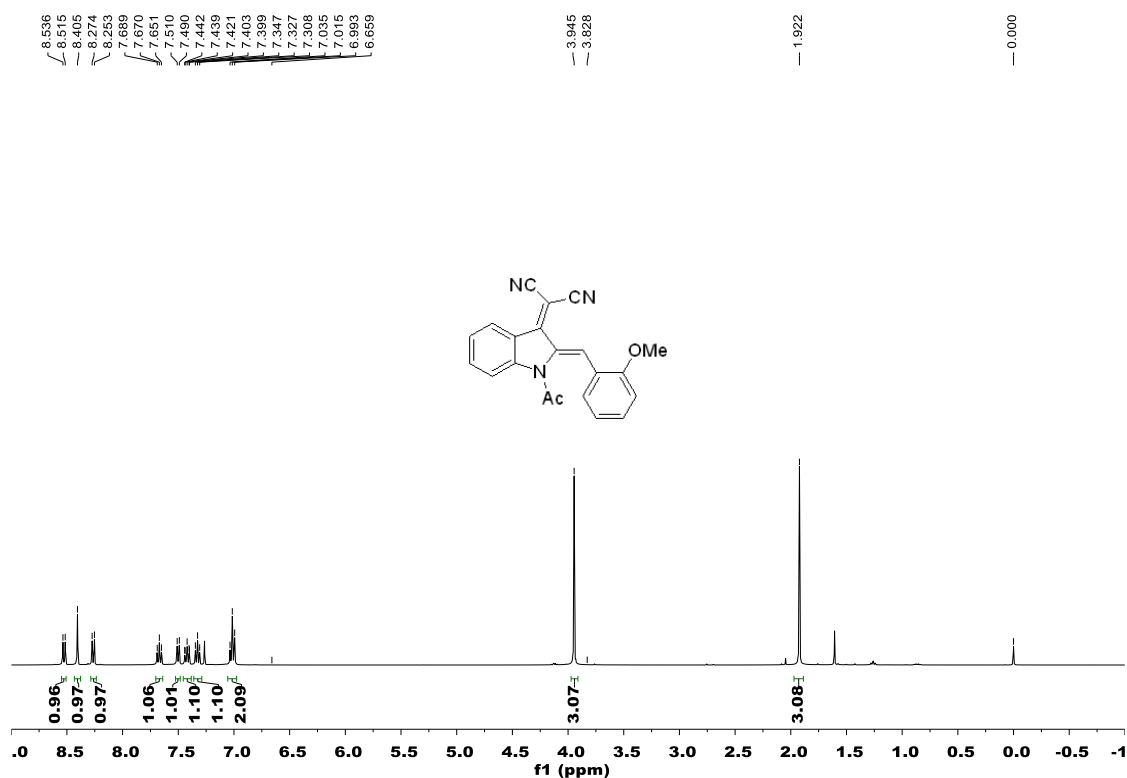
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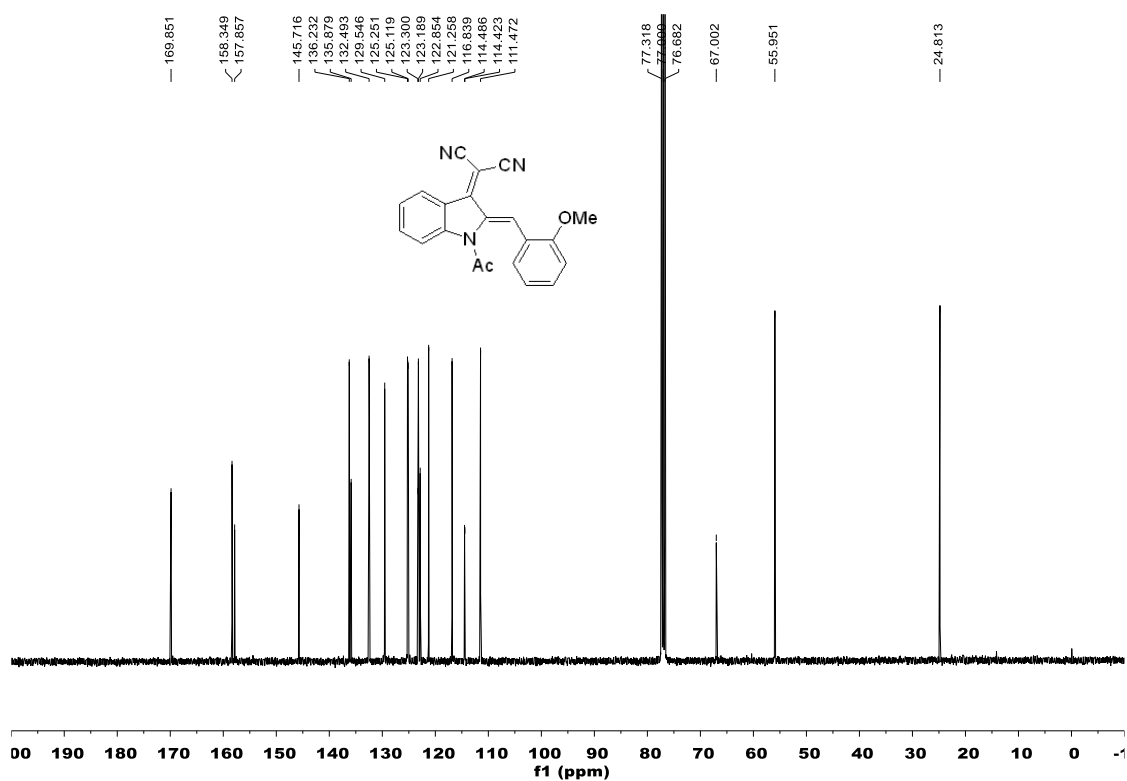
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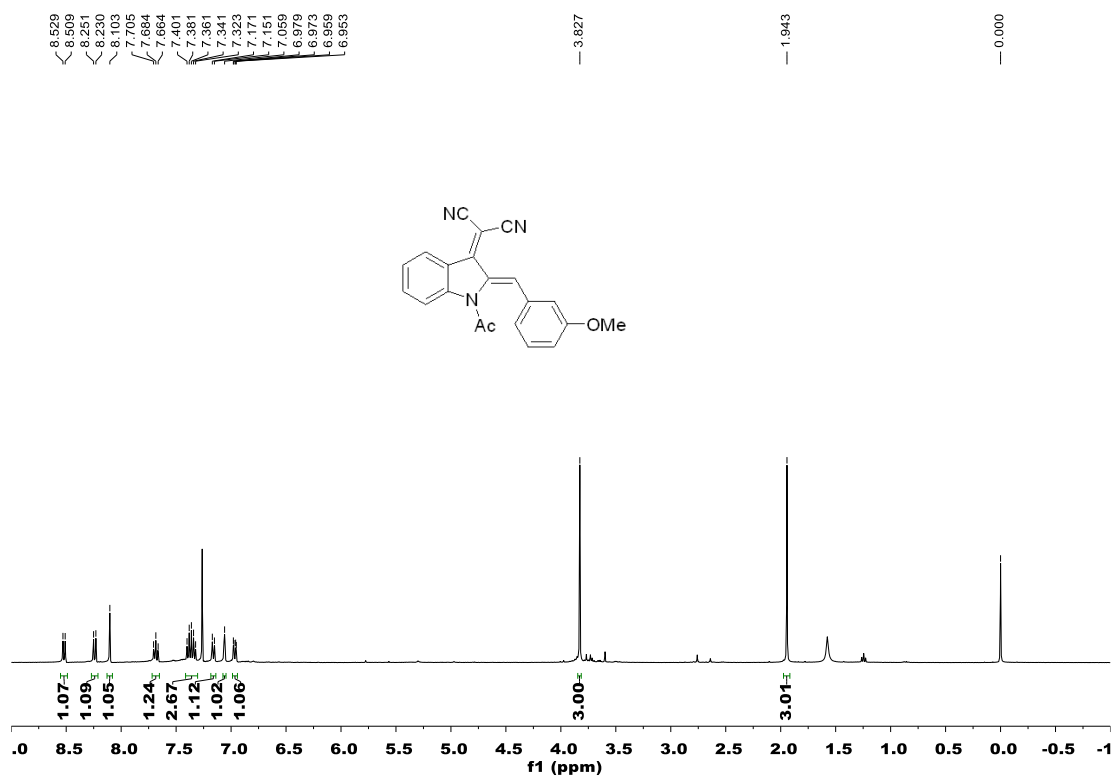
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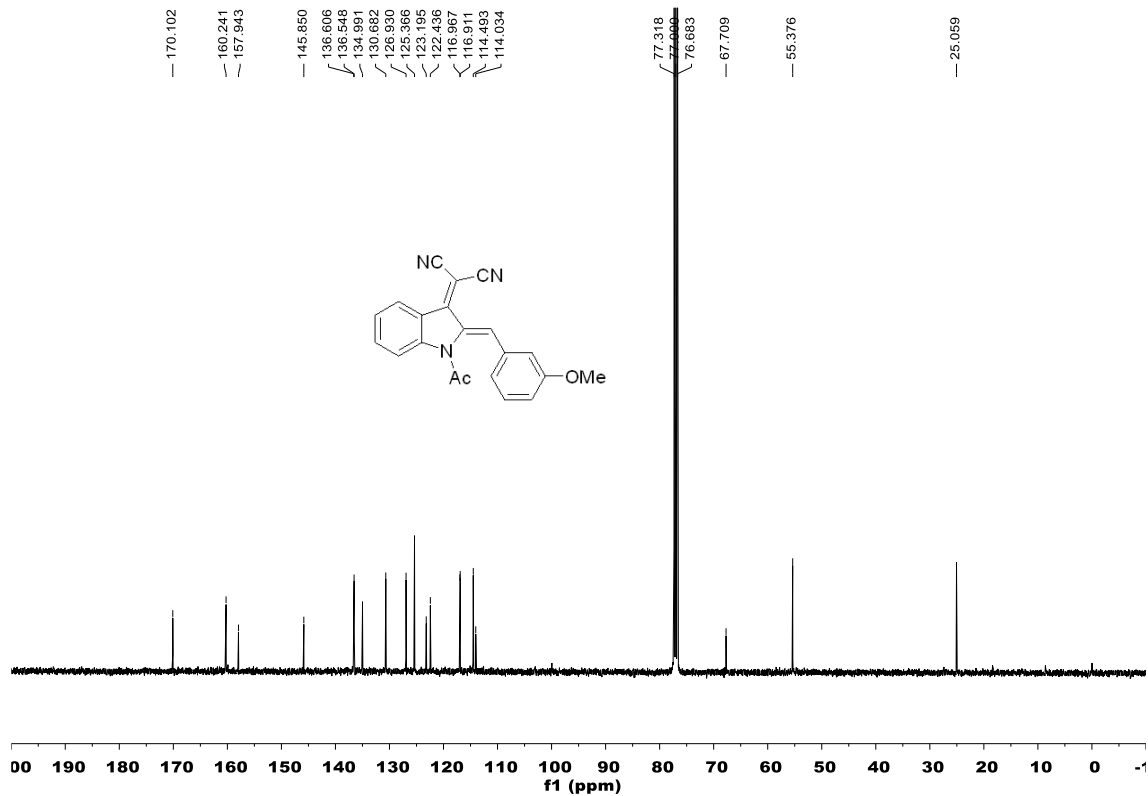
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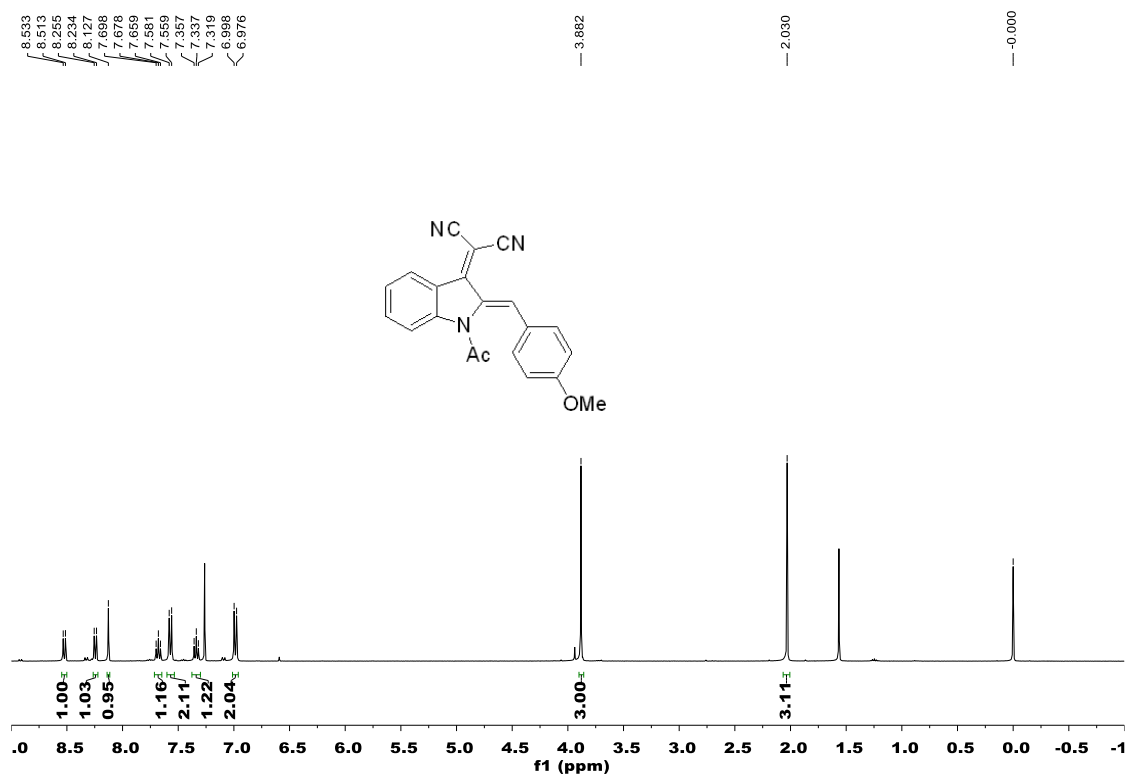
¹H NMR spectrum of 1f



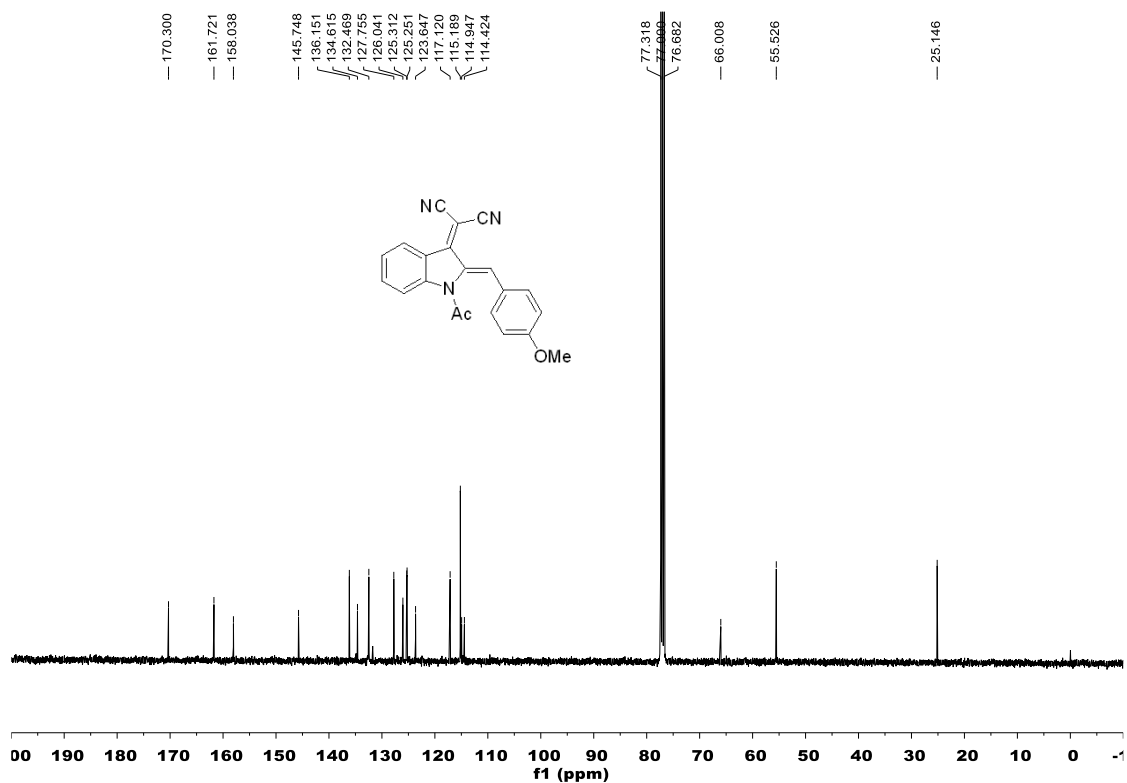
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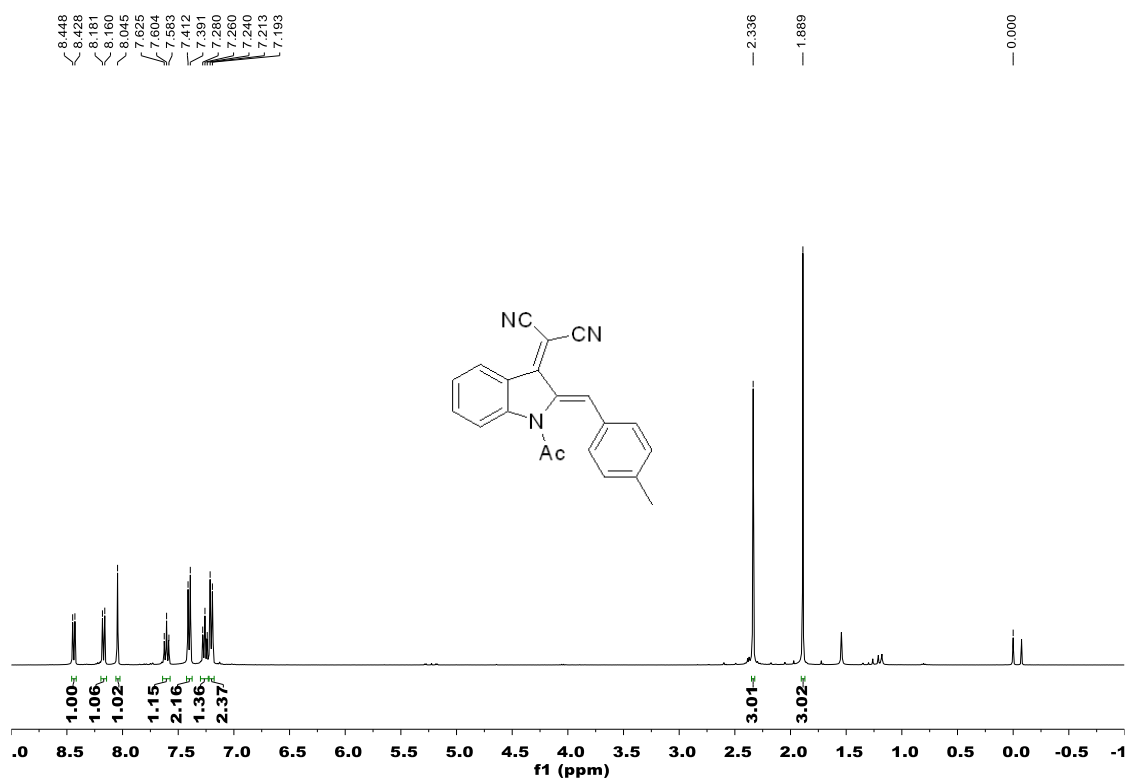
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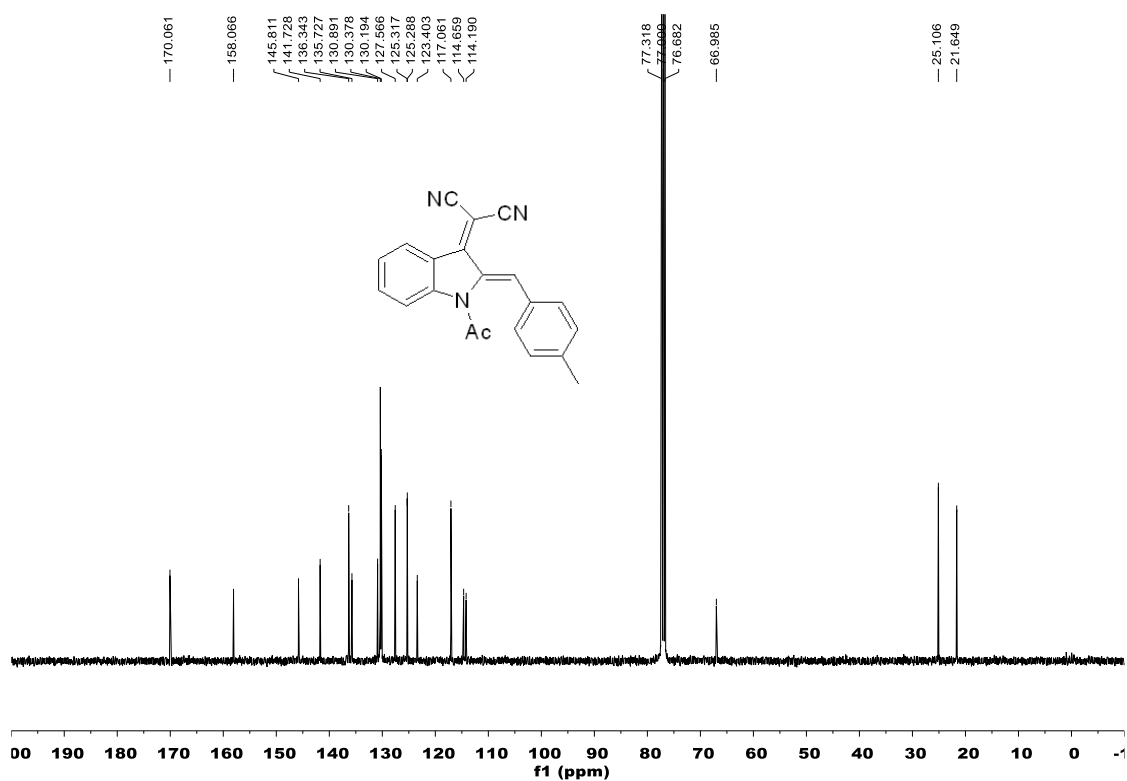
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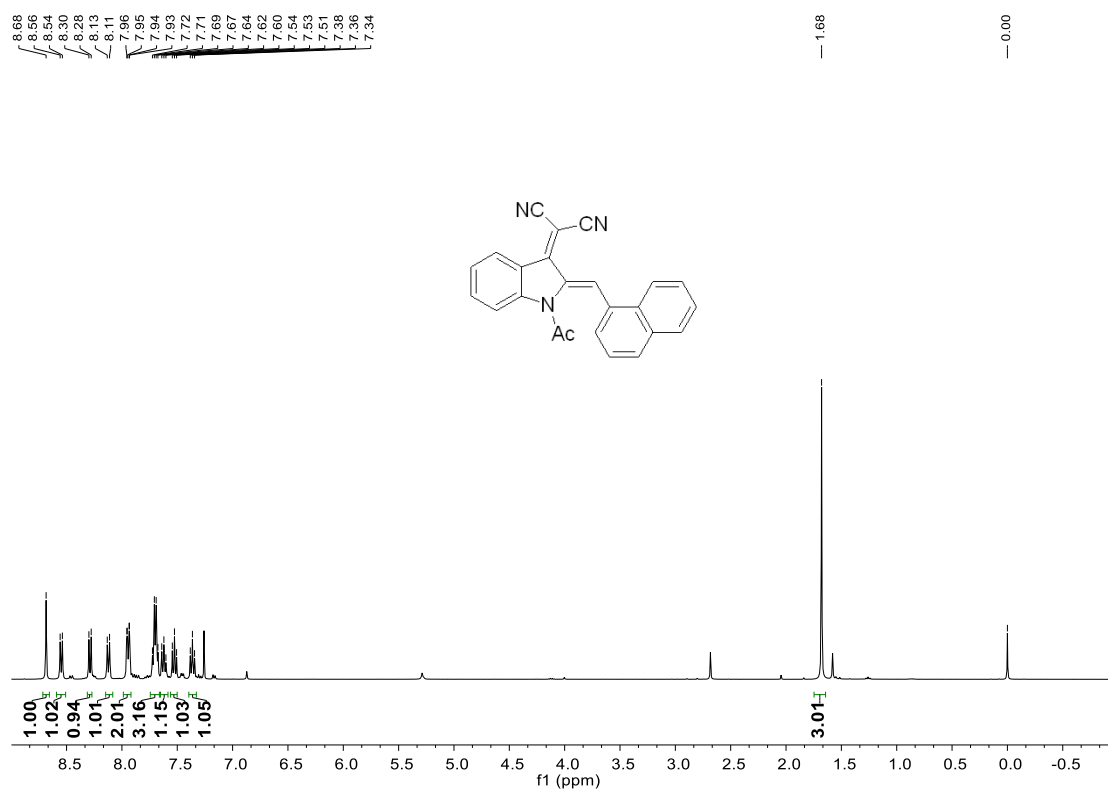
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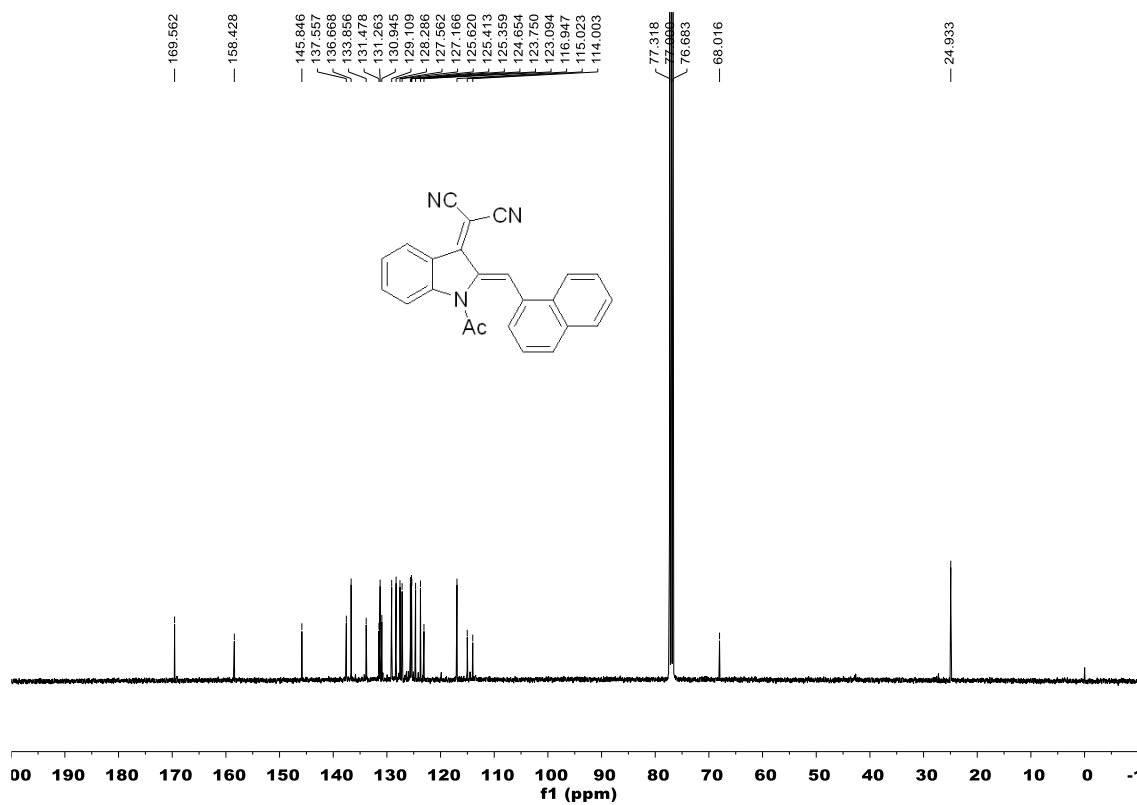
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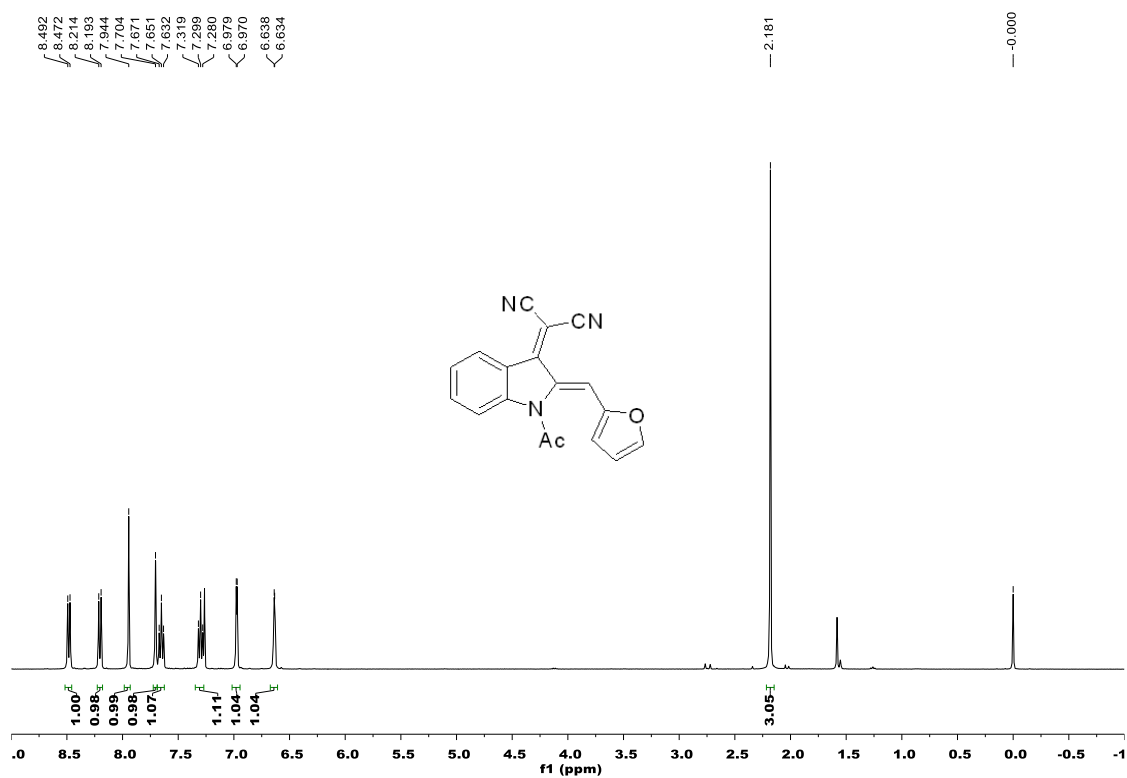
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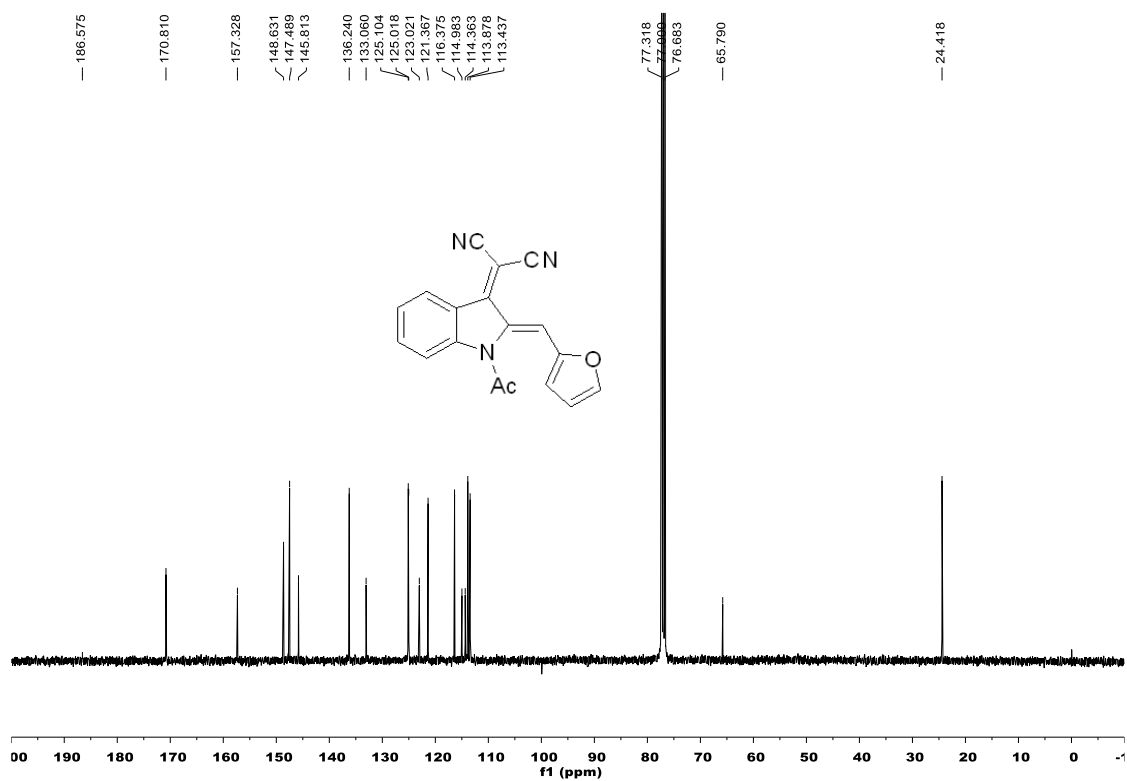
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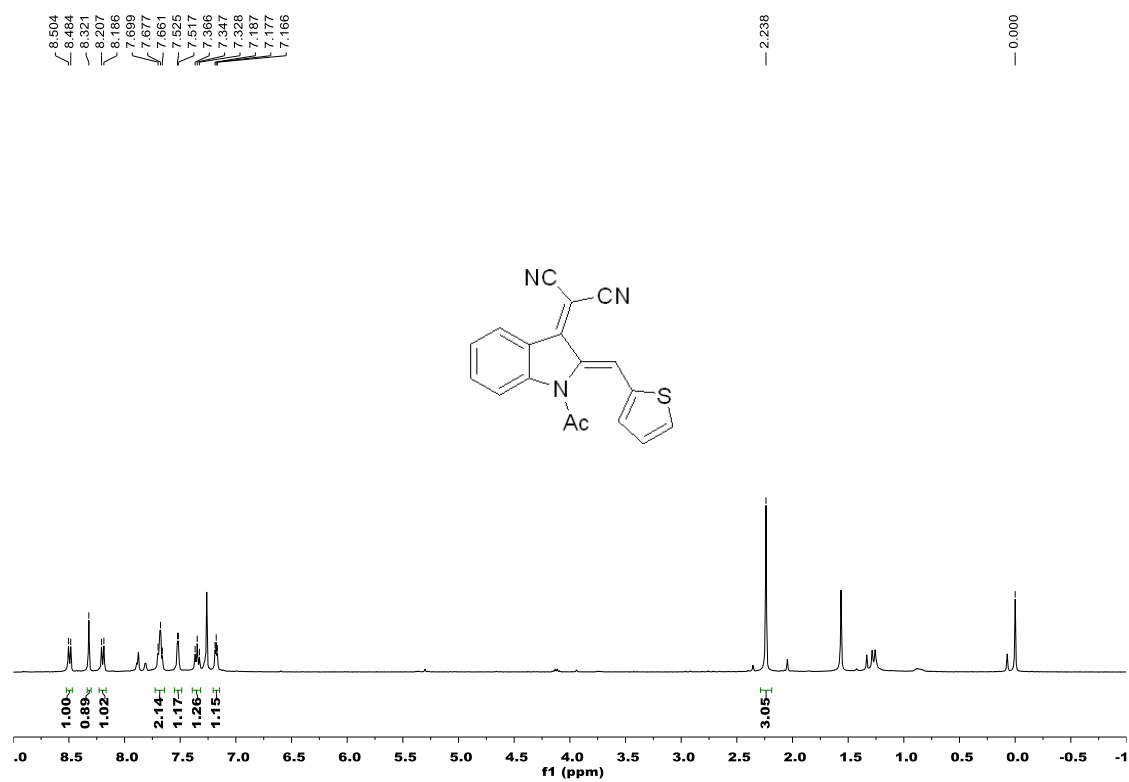
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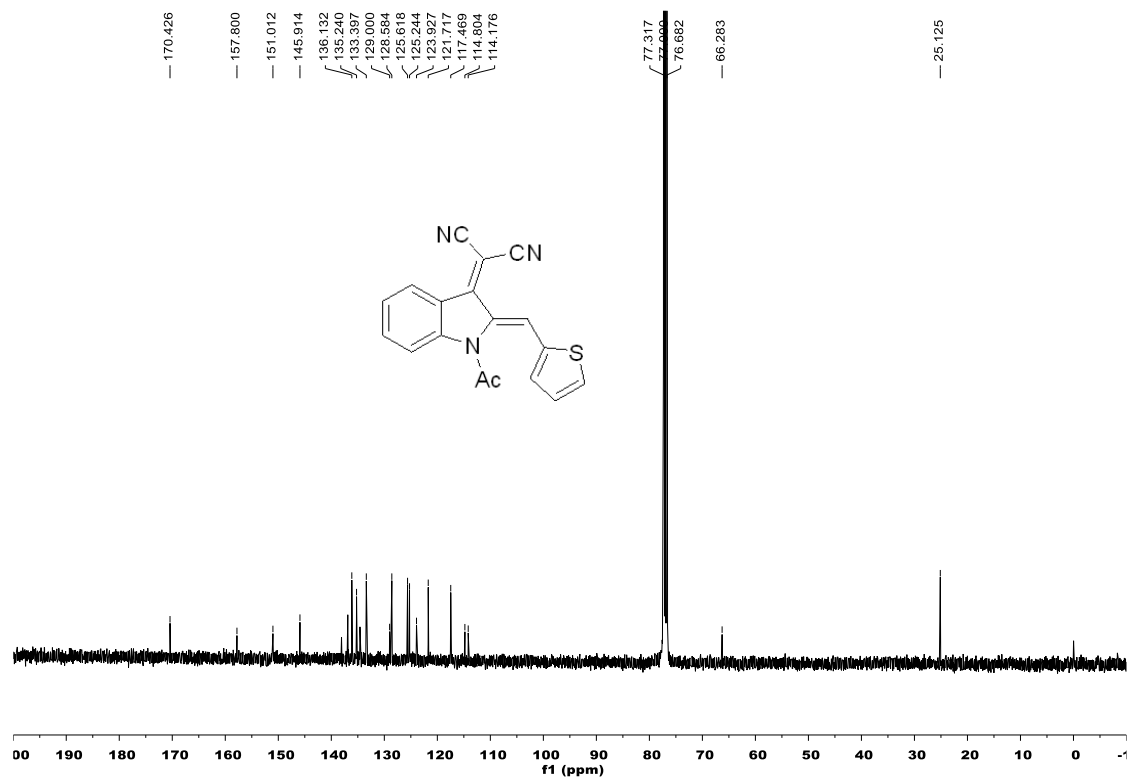
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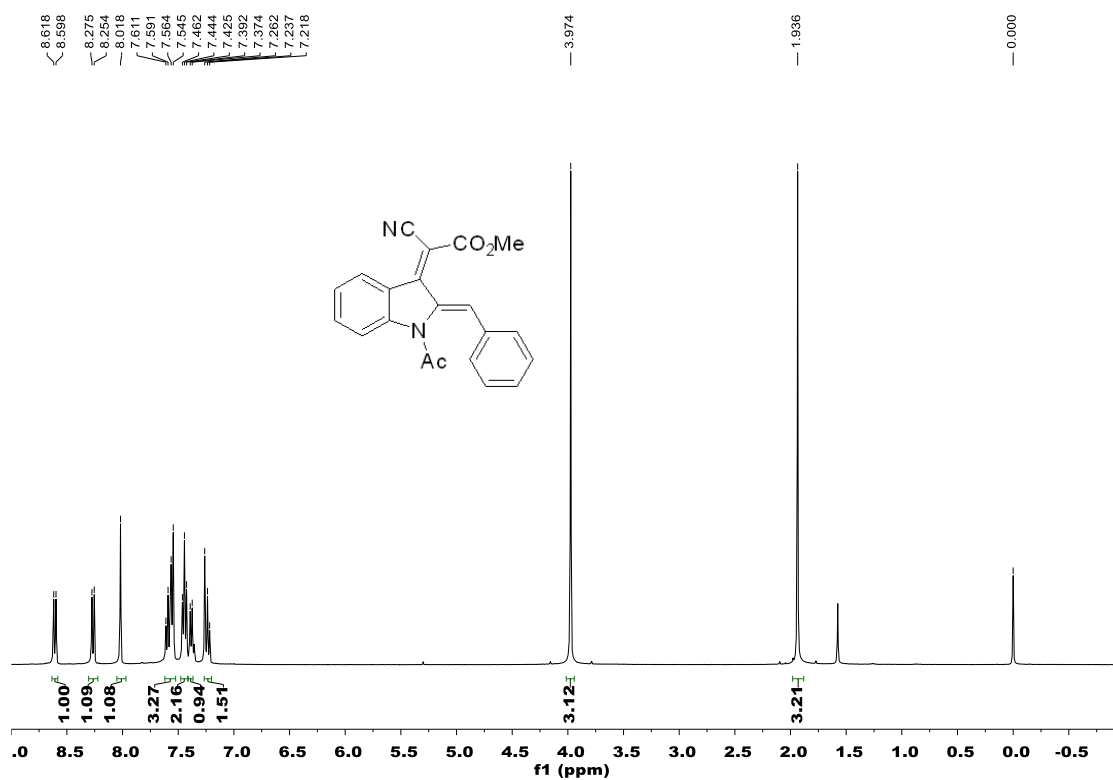
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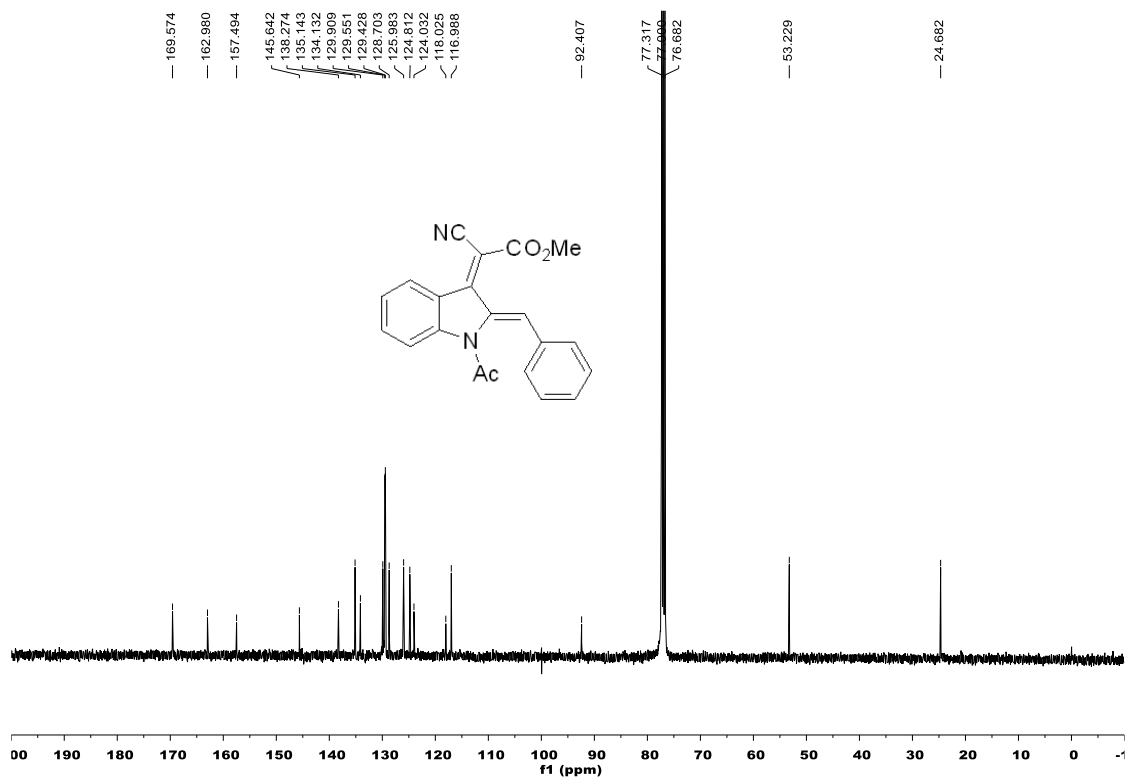
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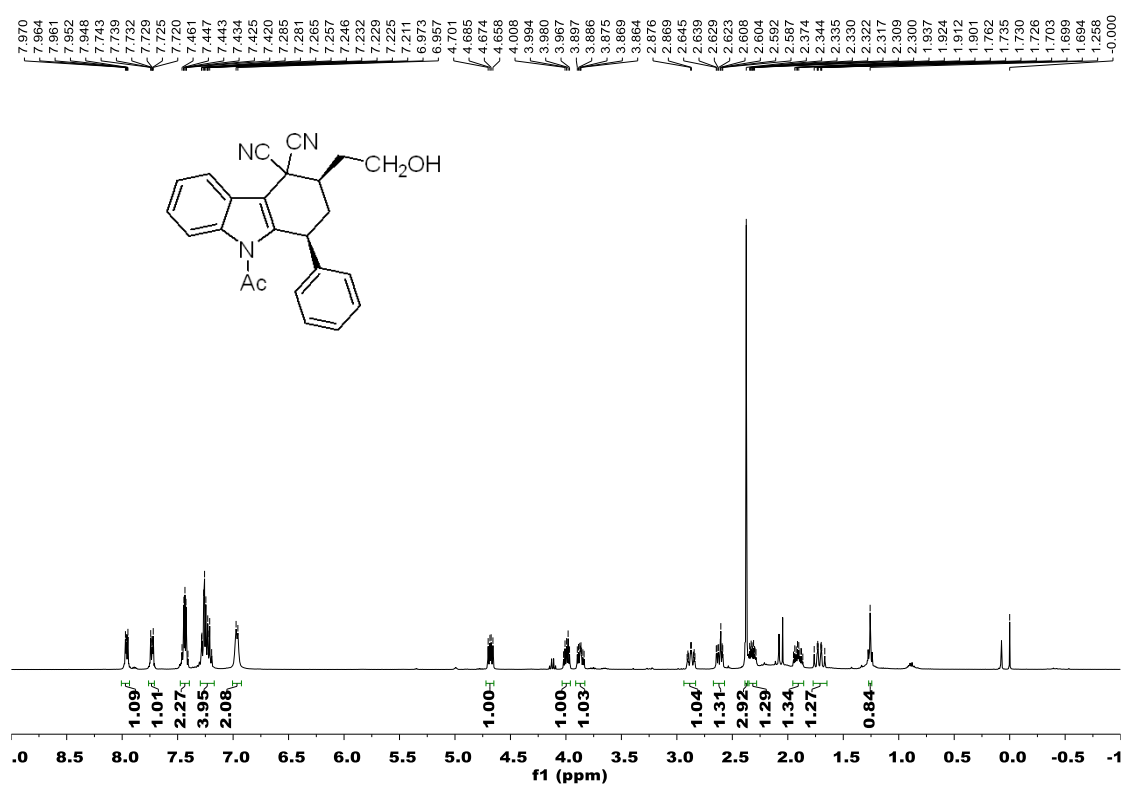
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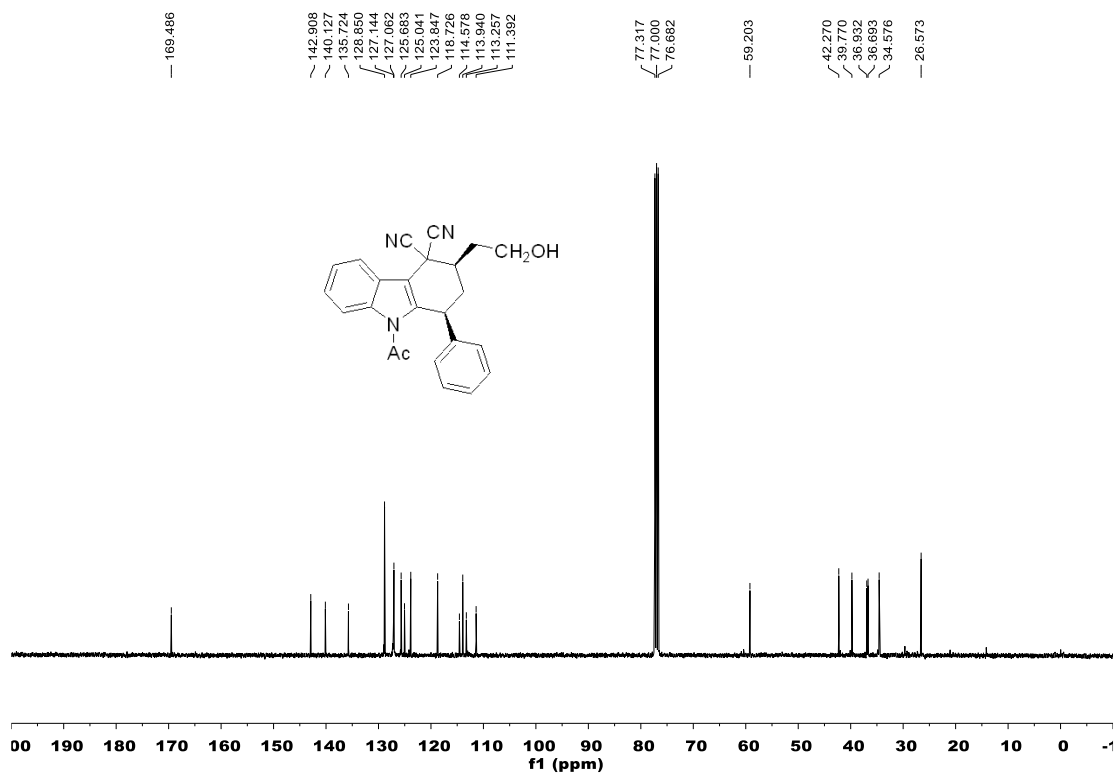
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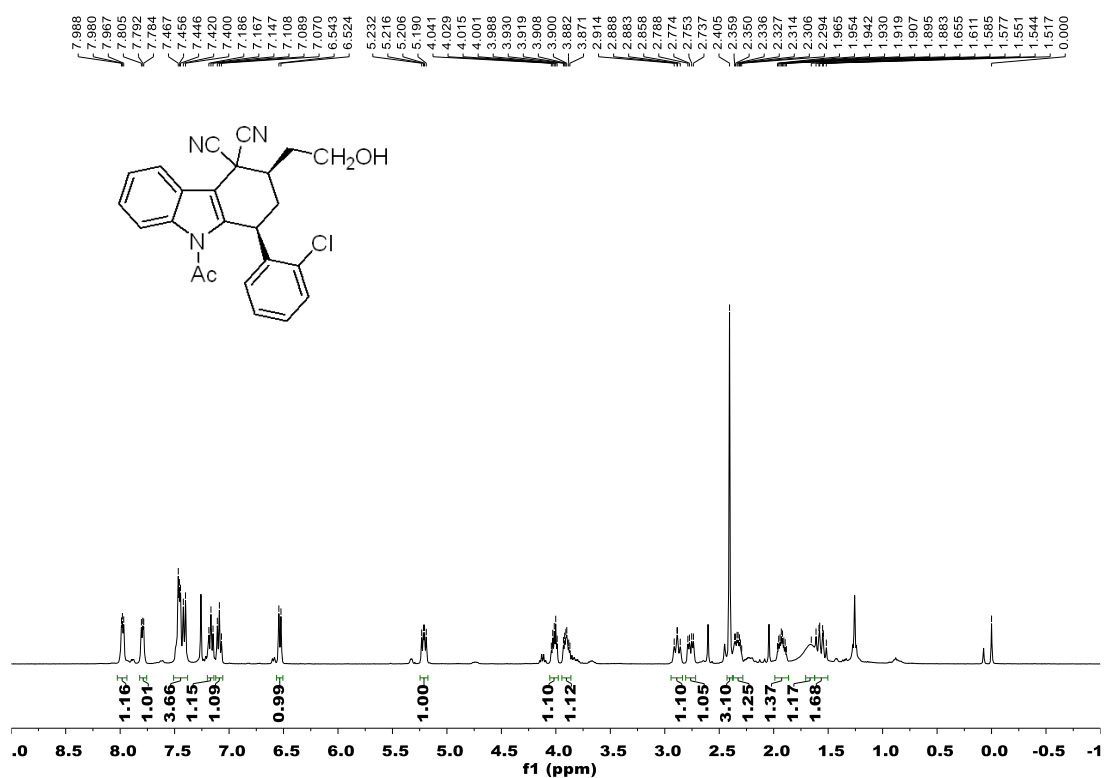
¹H NMR spectrum of 3aa



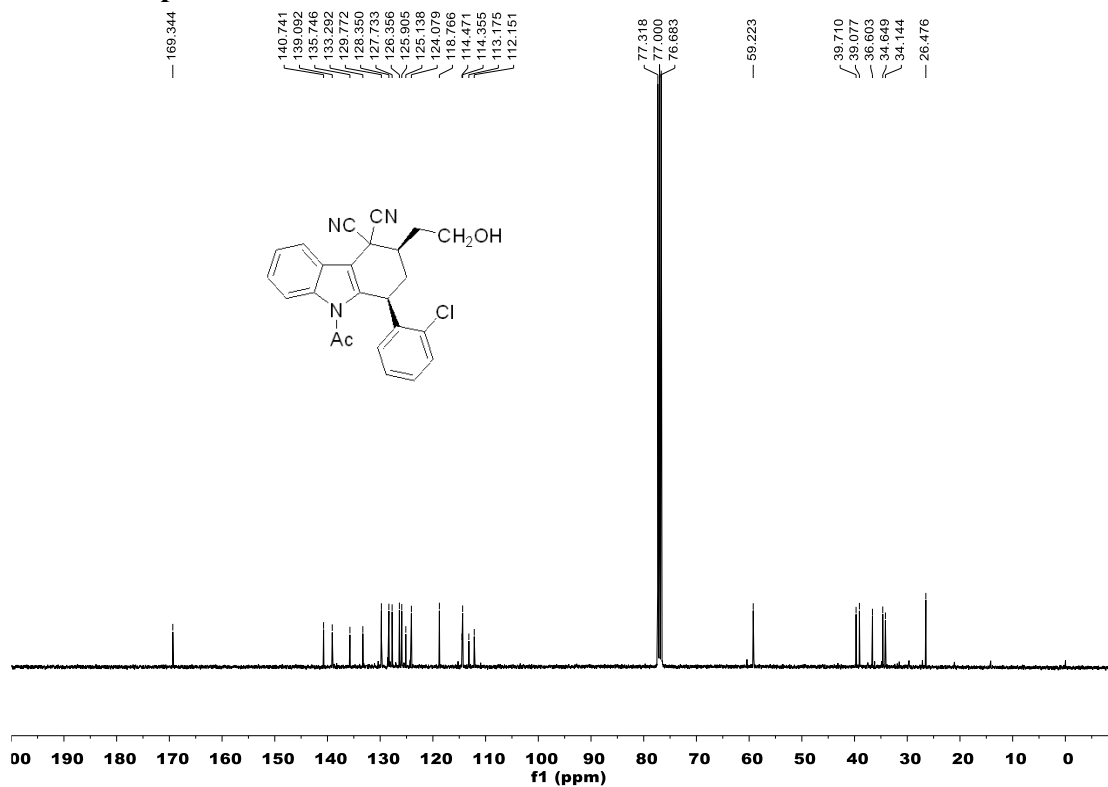
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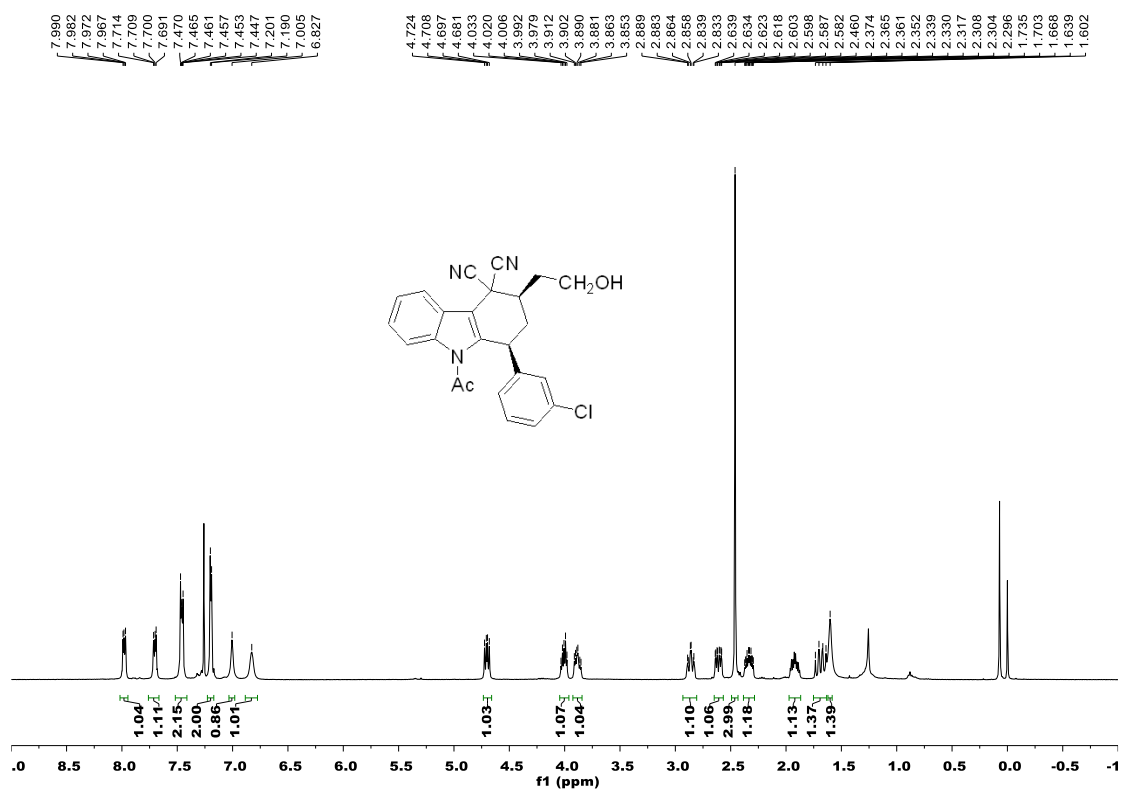
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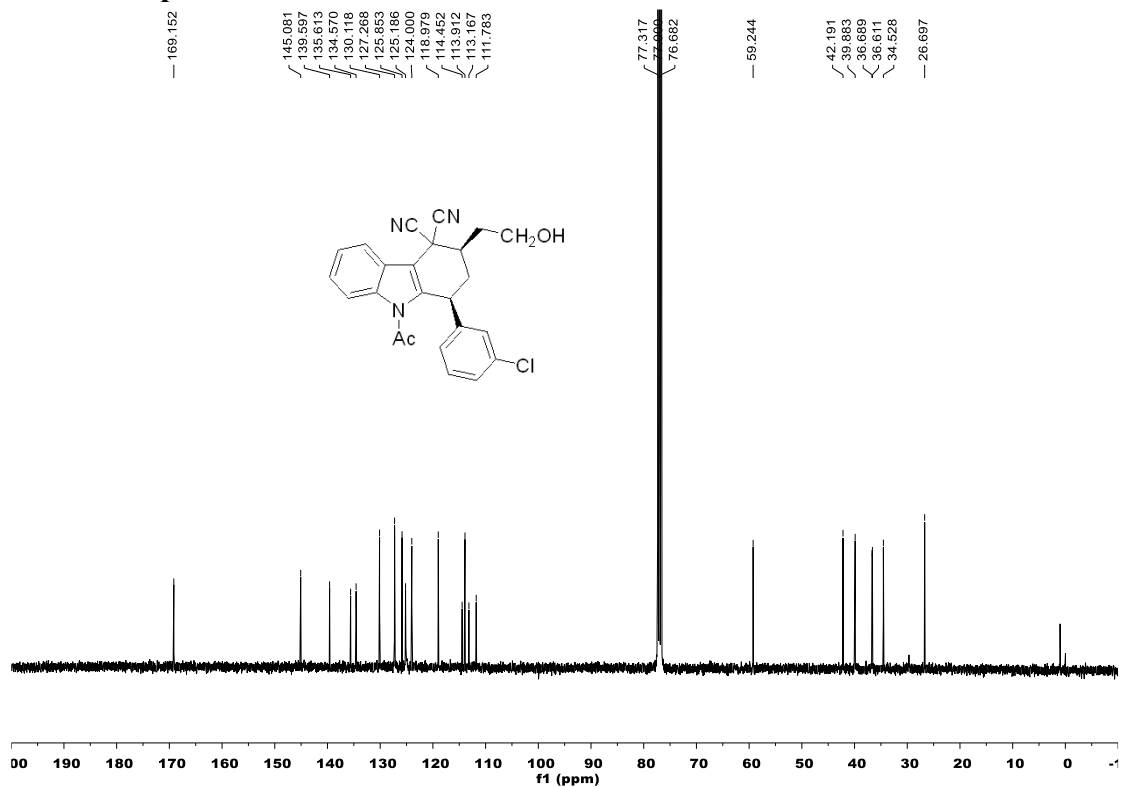
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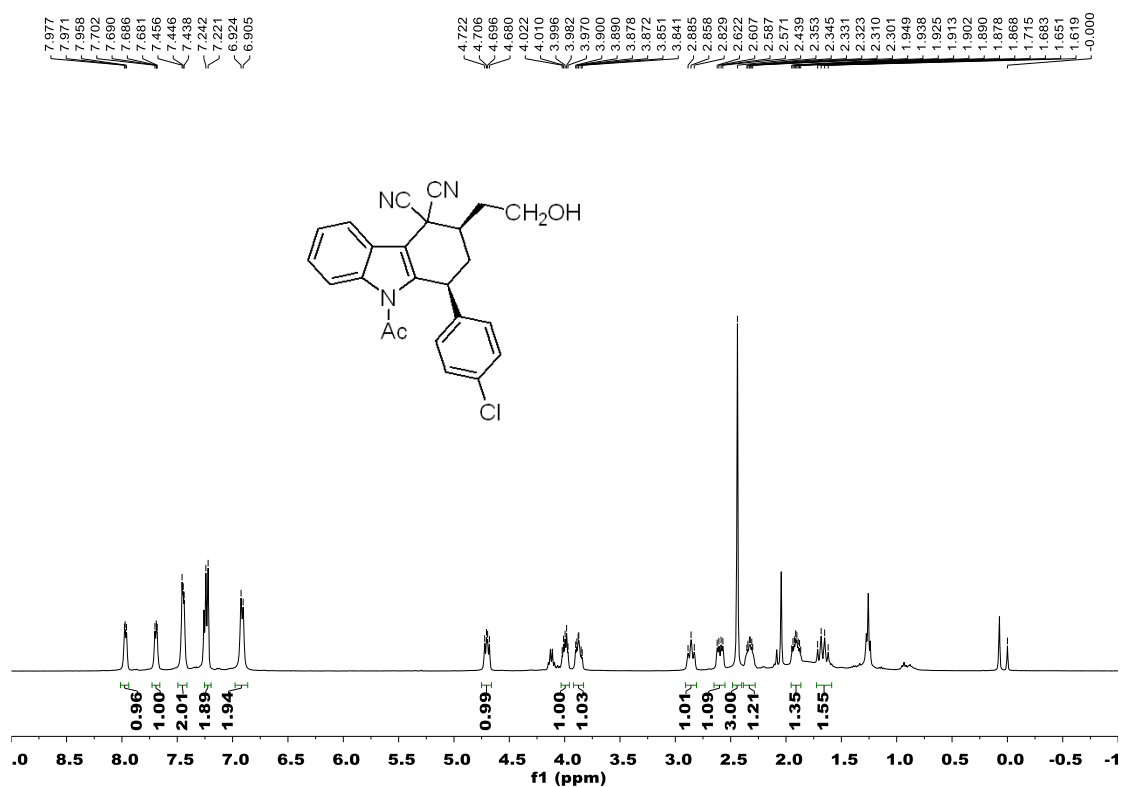
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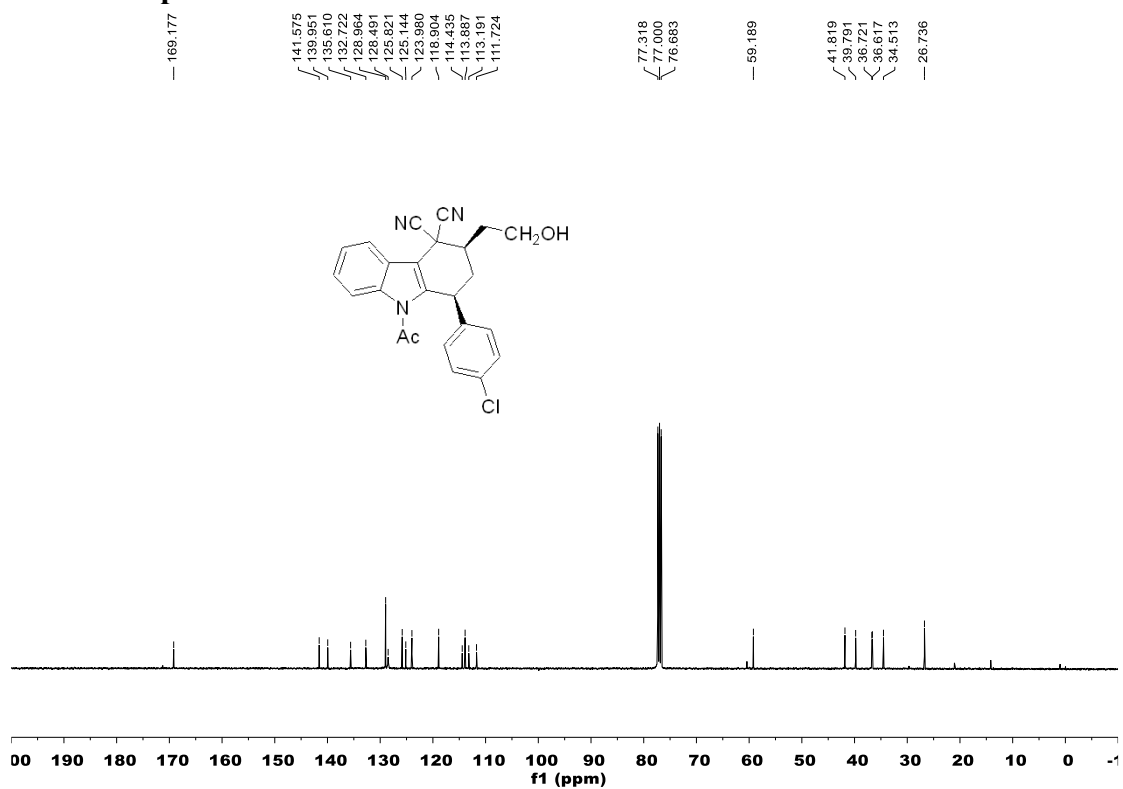
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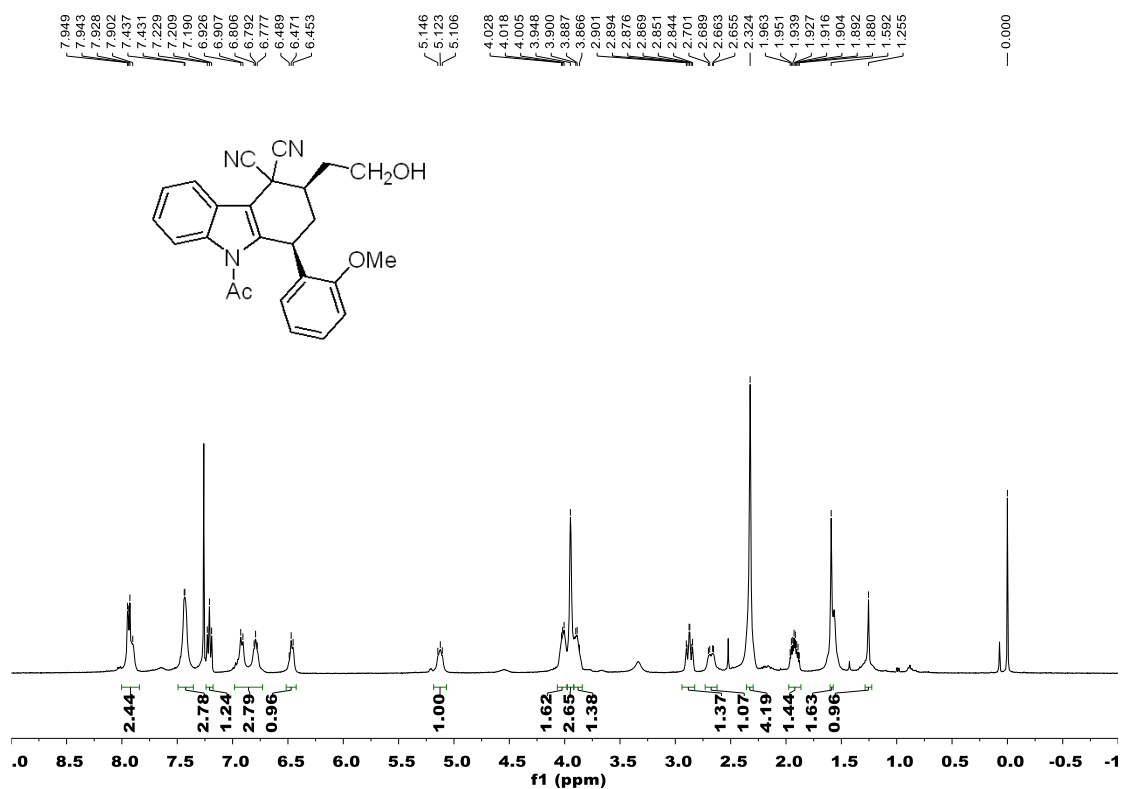
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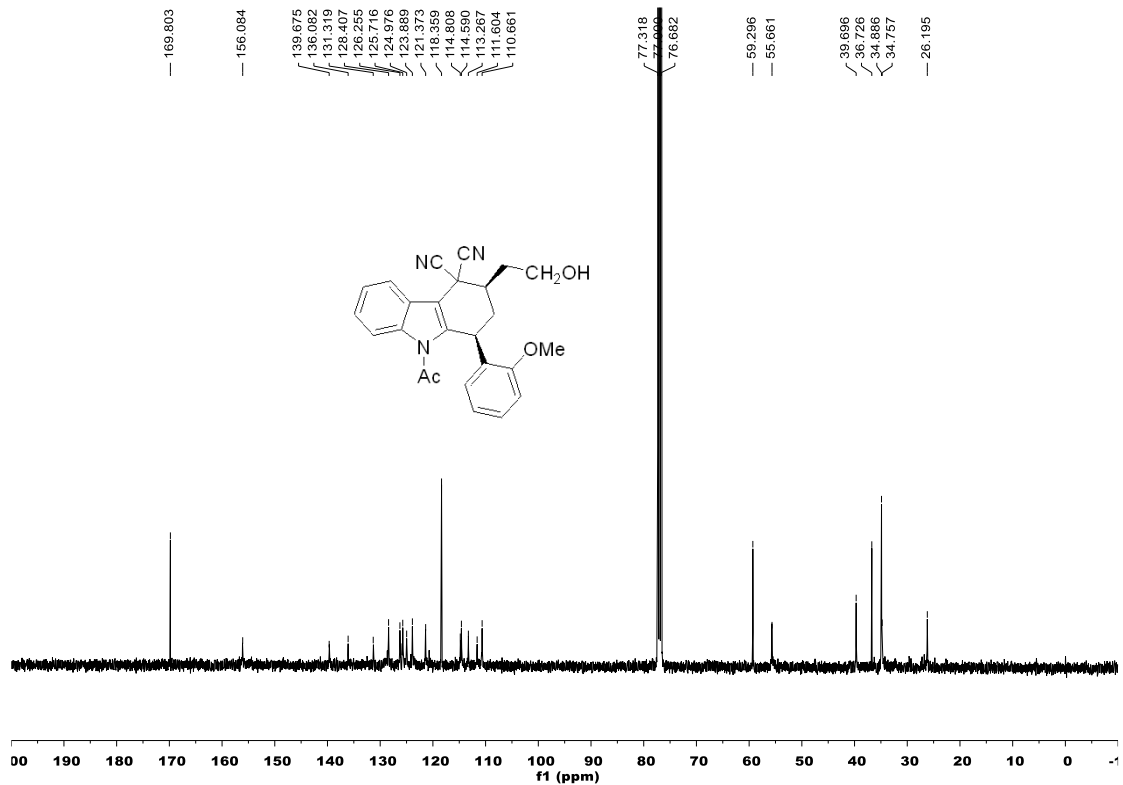
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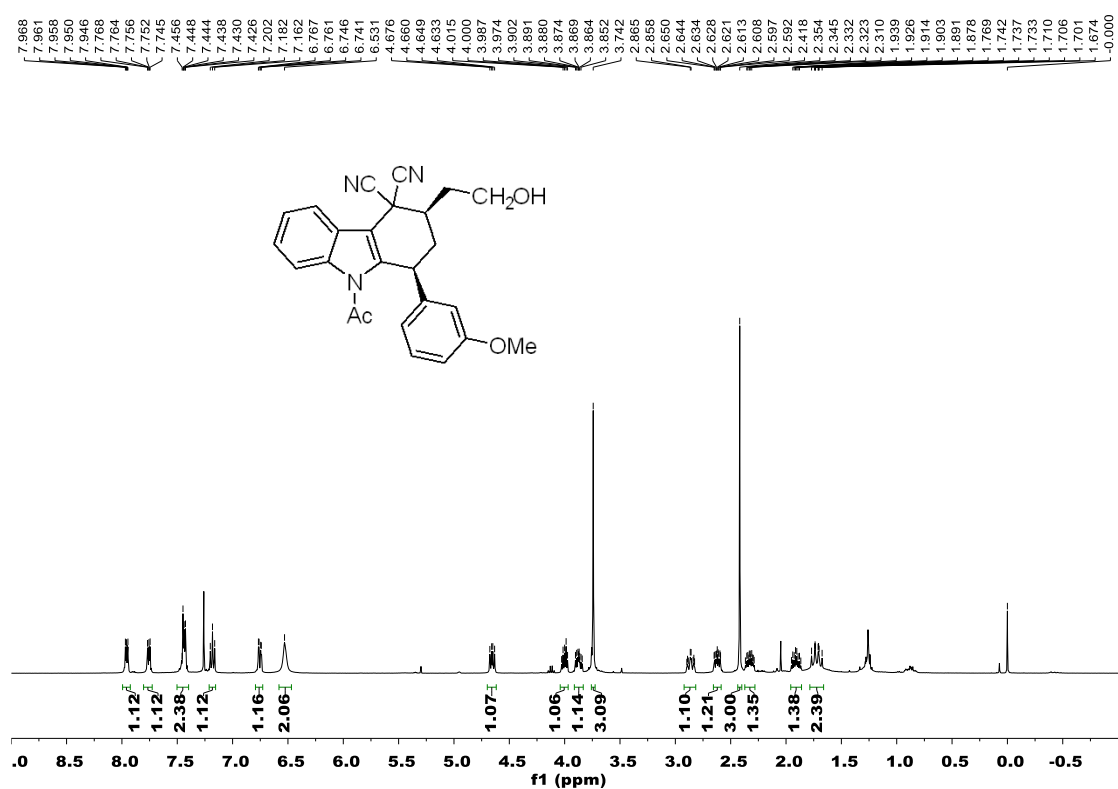
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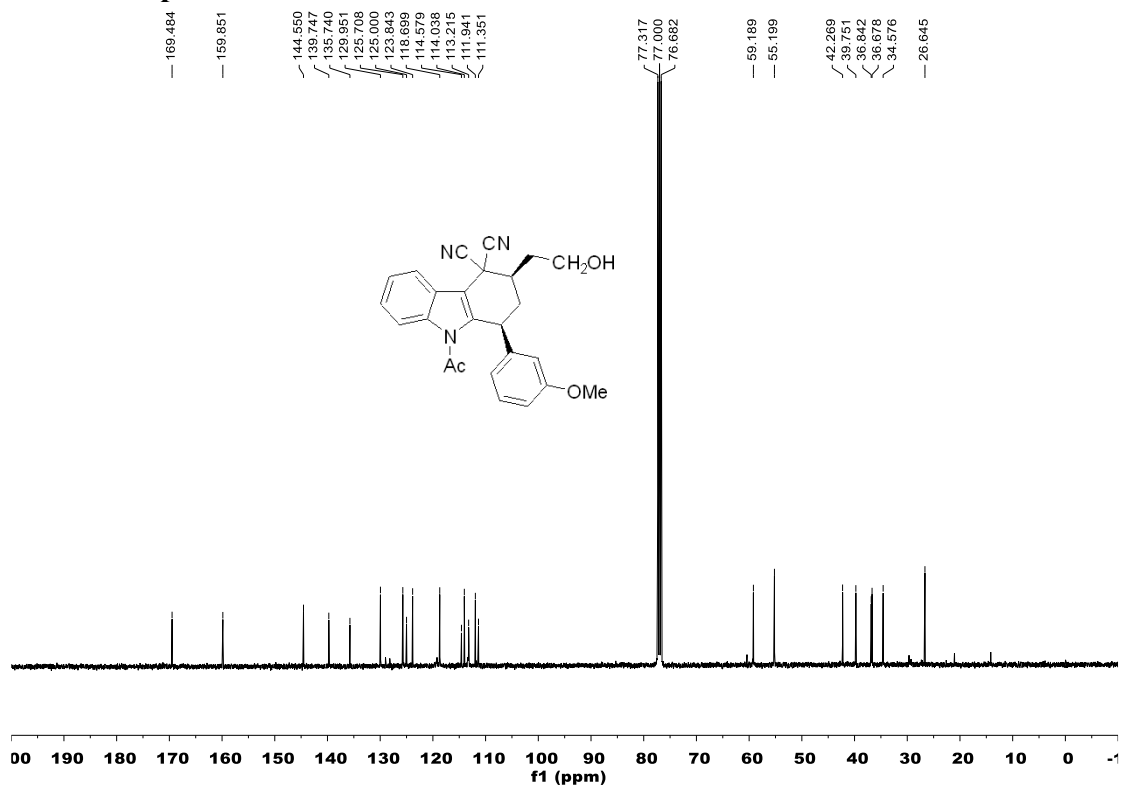
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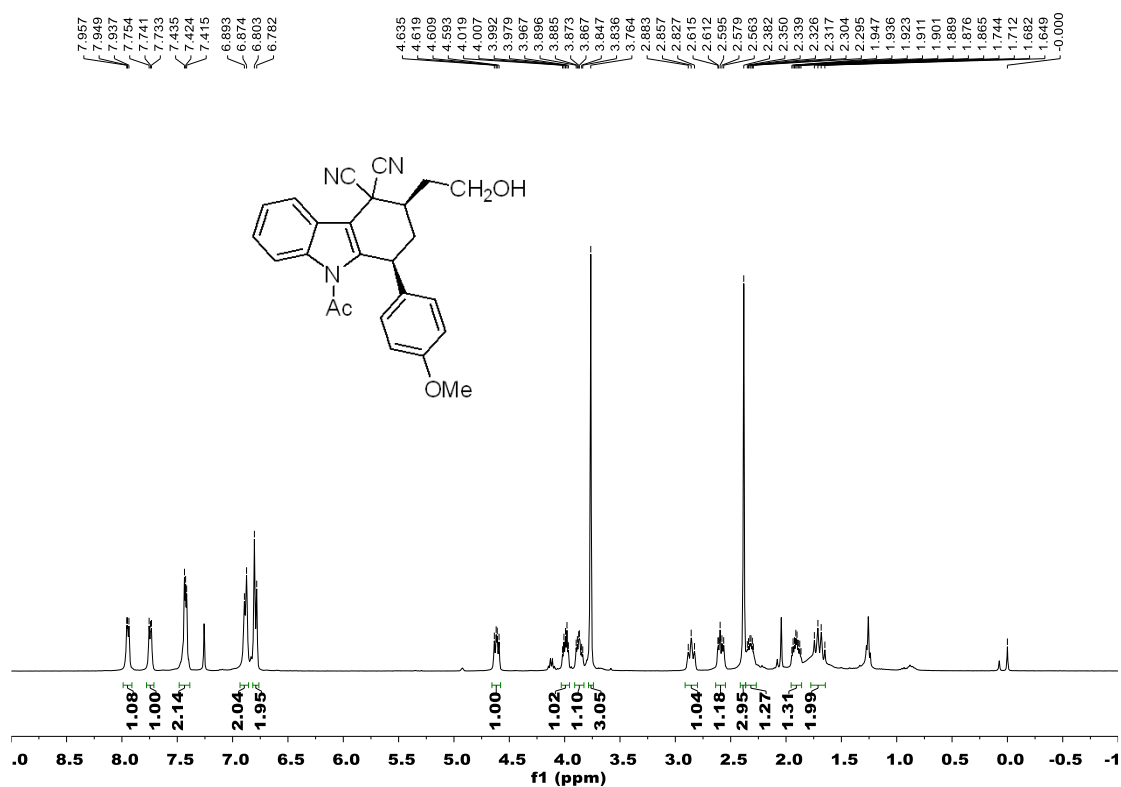
¹H NMR spectrum of 3fa



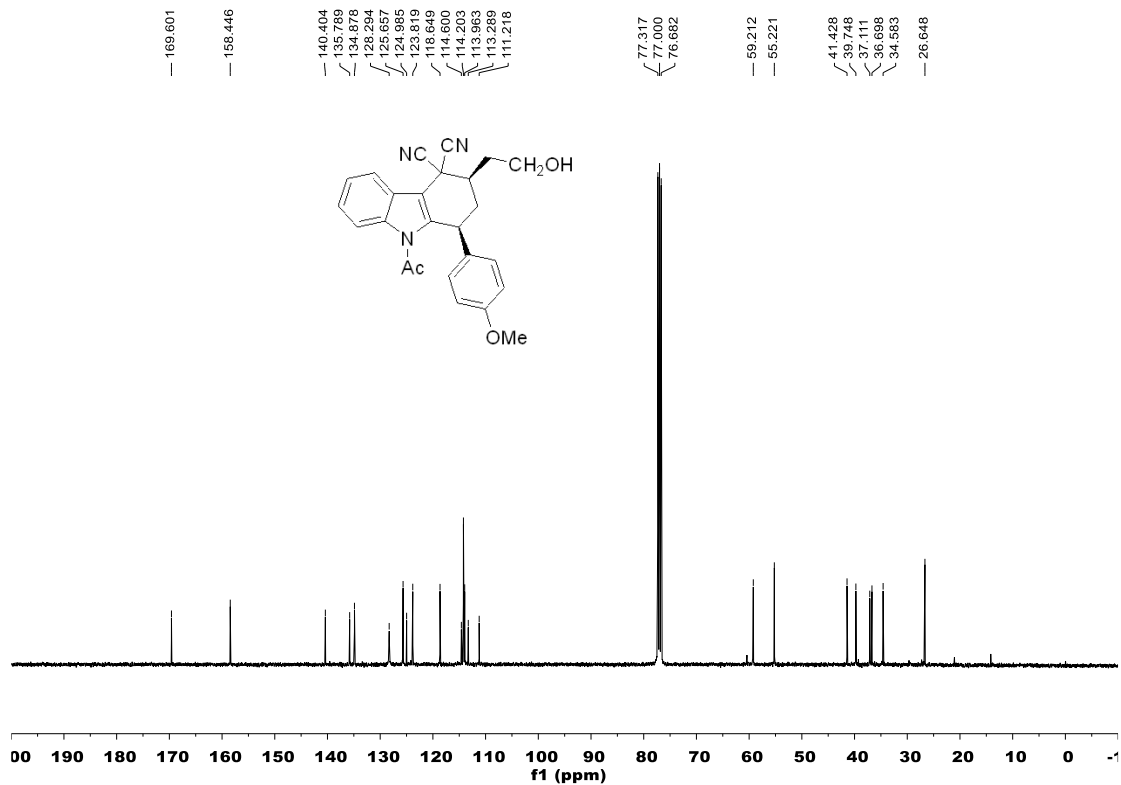
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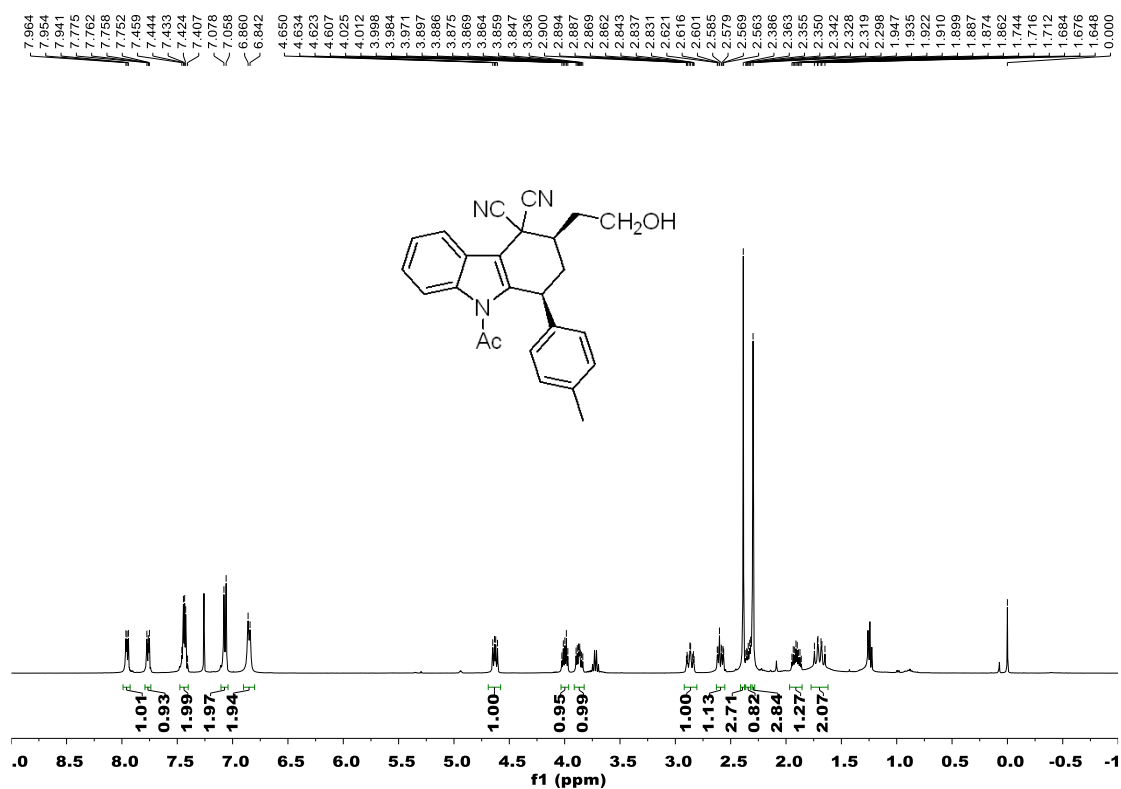
¹H NMR spectrum of 3ga



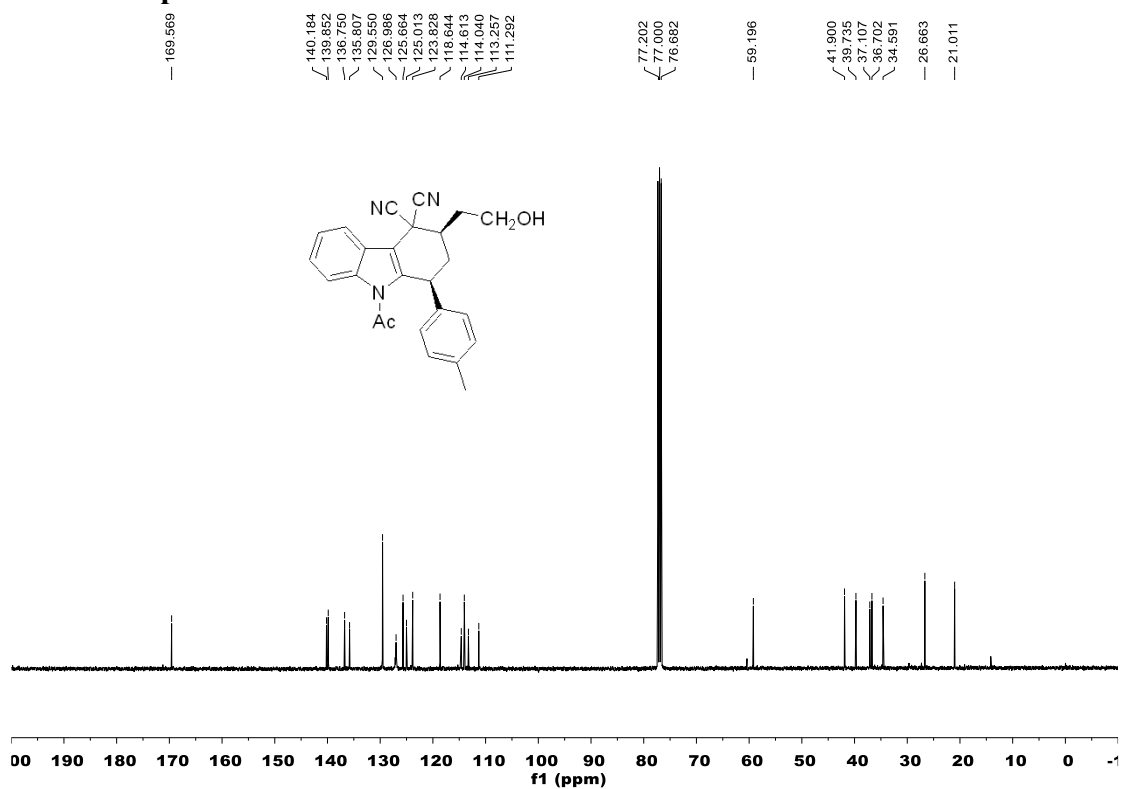
¹³C NMR spectrum of 3ga



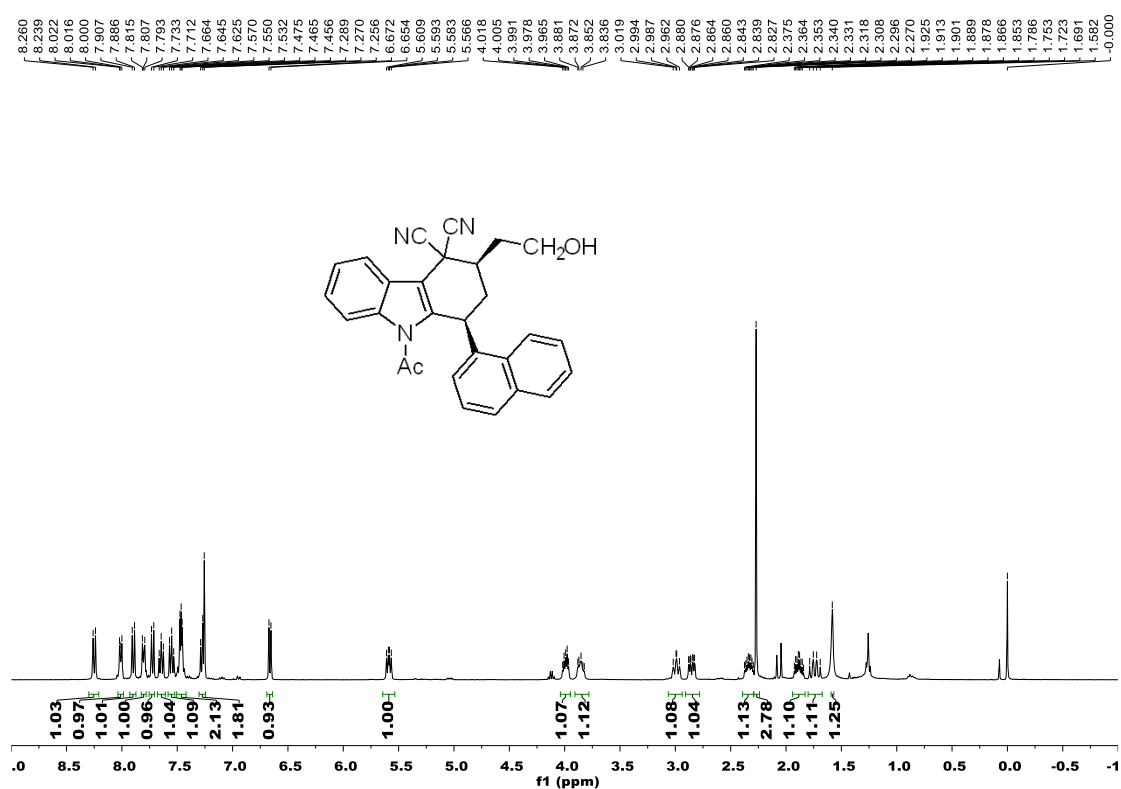
¹H NMR spectrum of 3ha



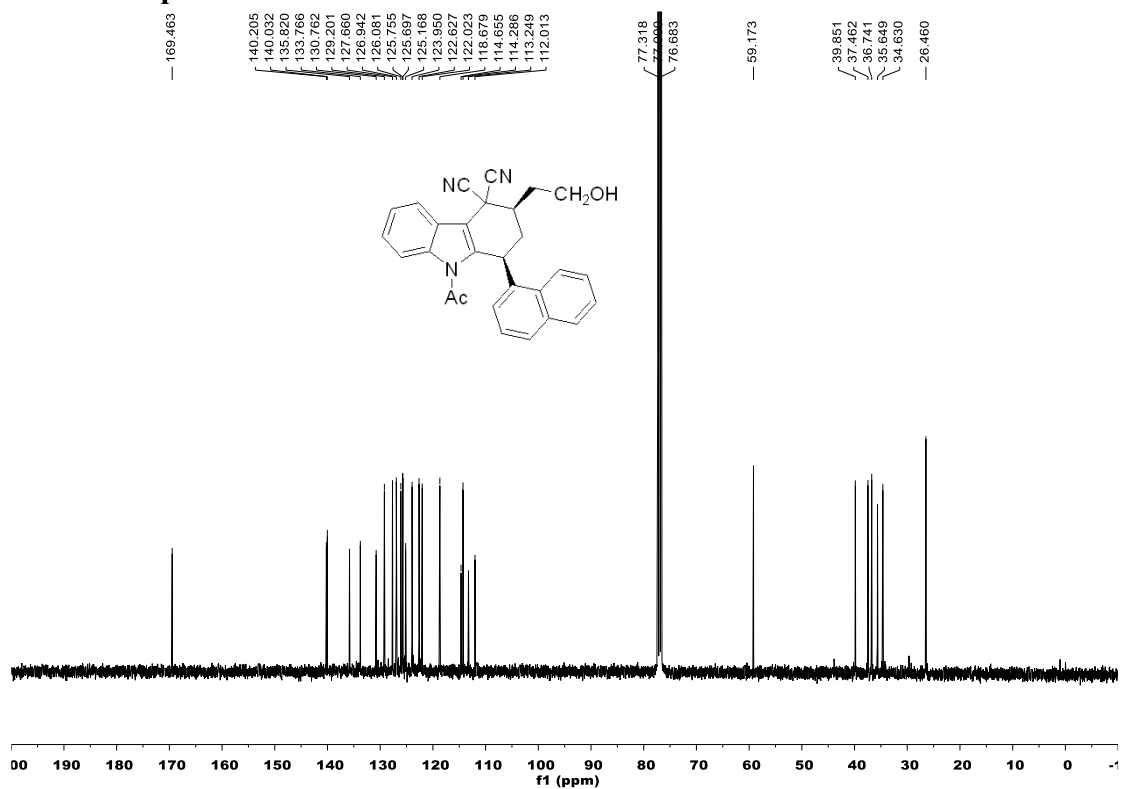
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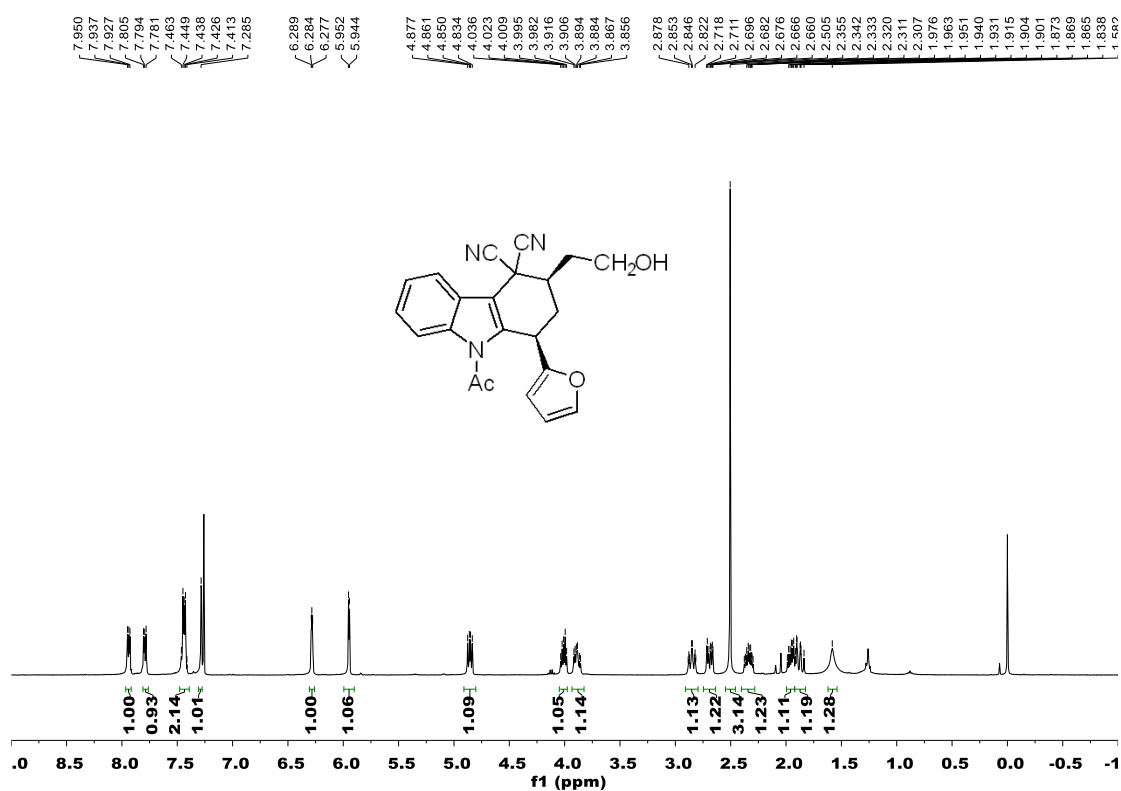
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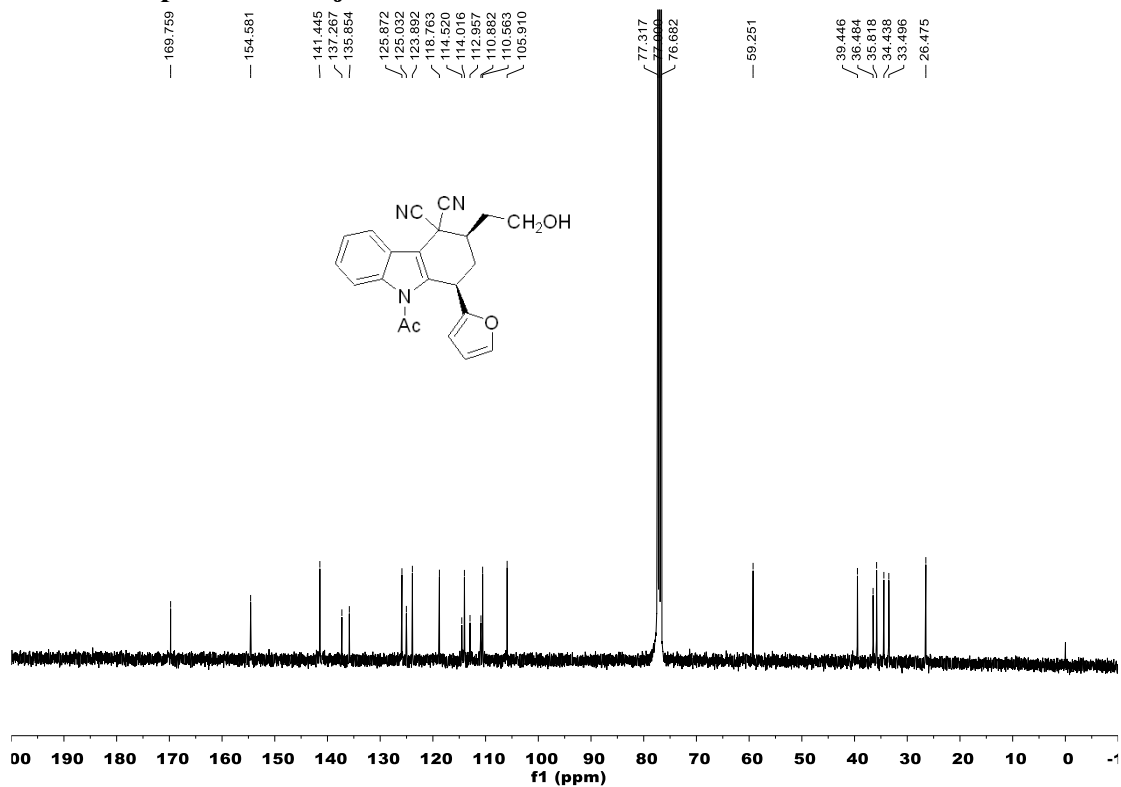
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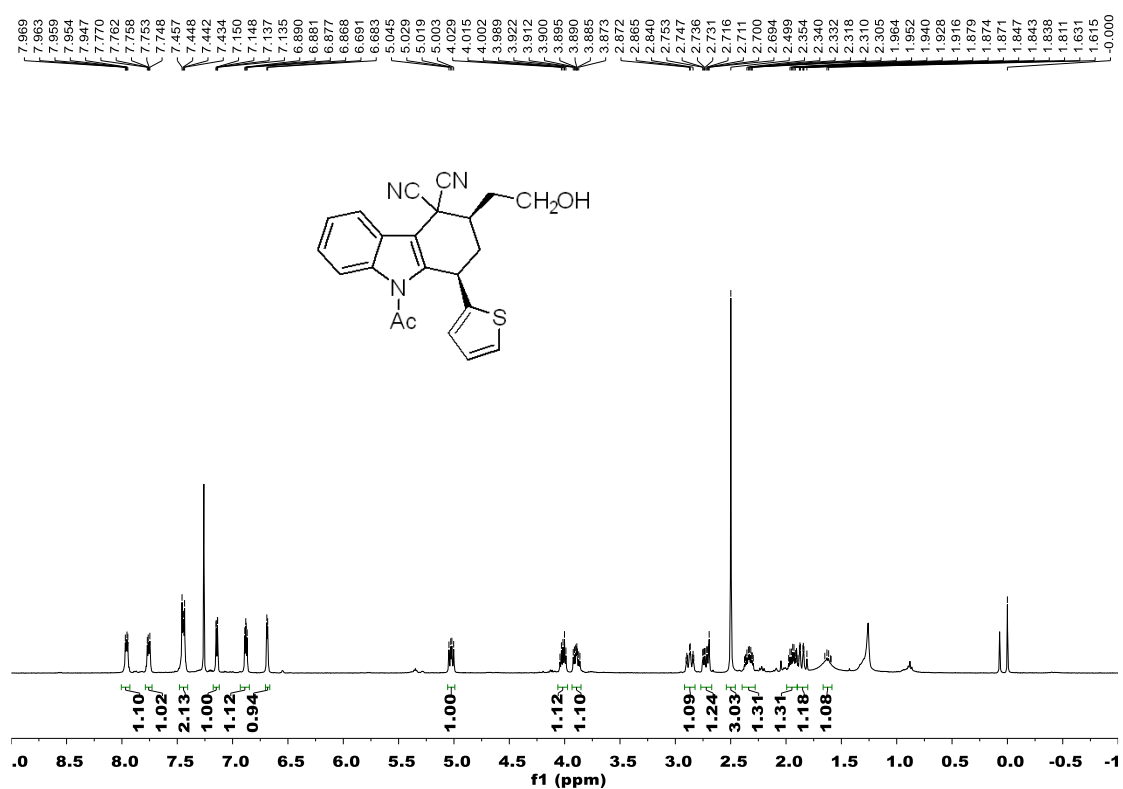
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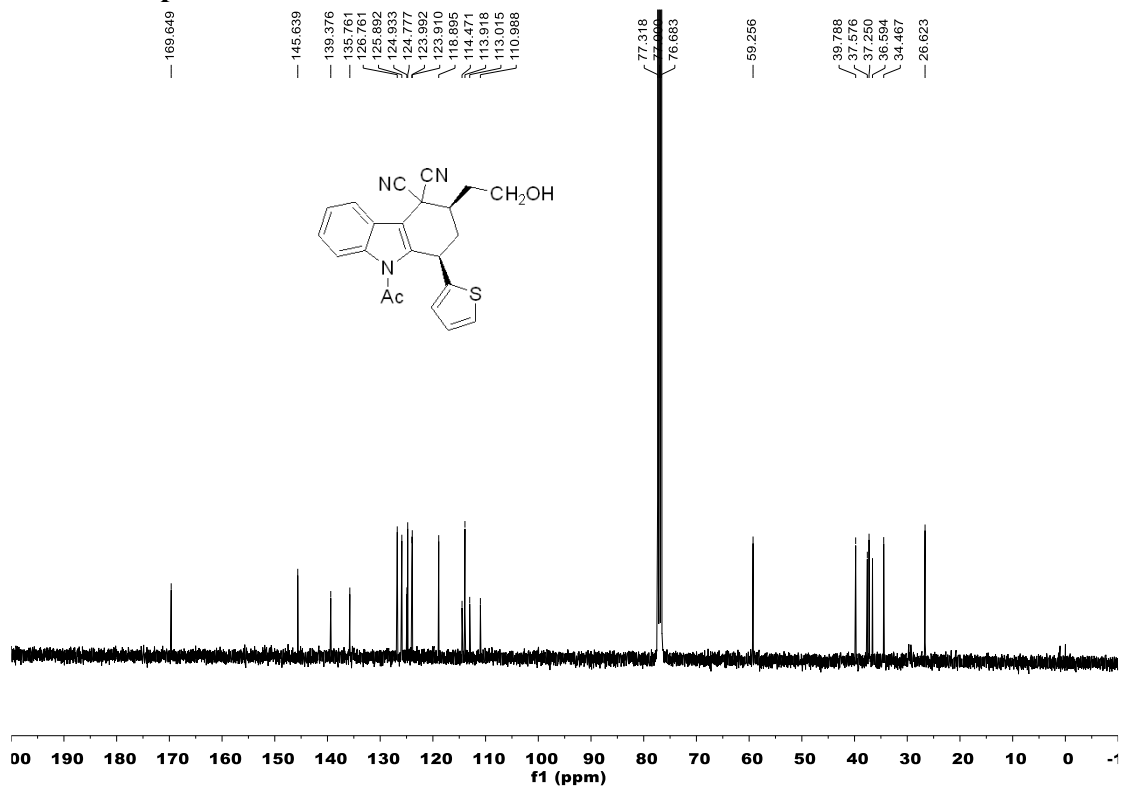
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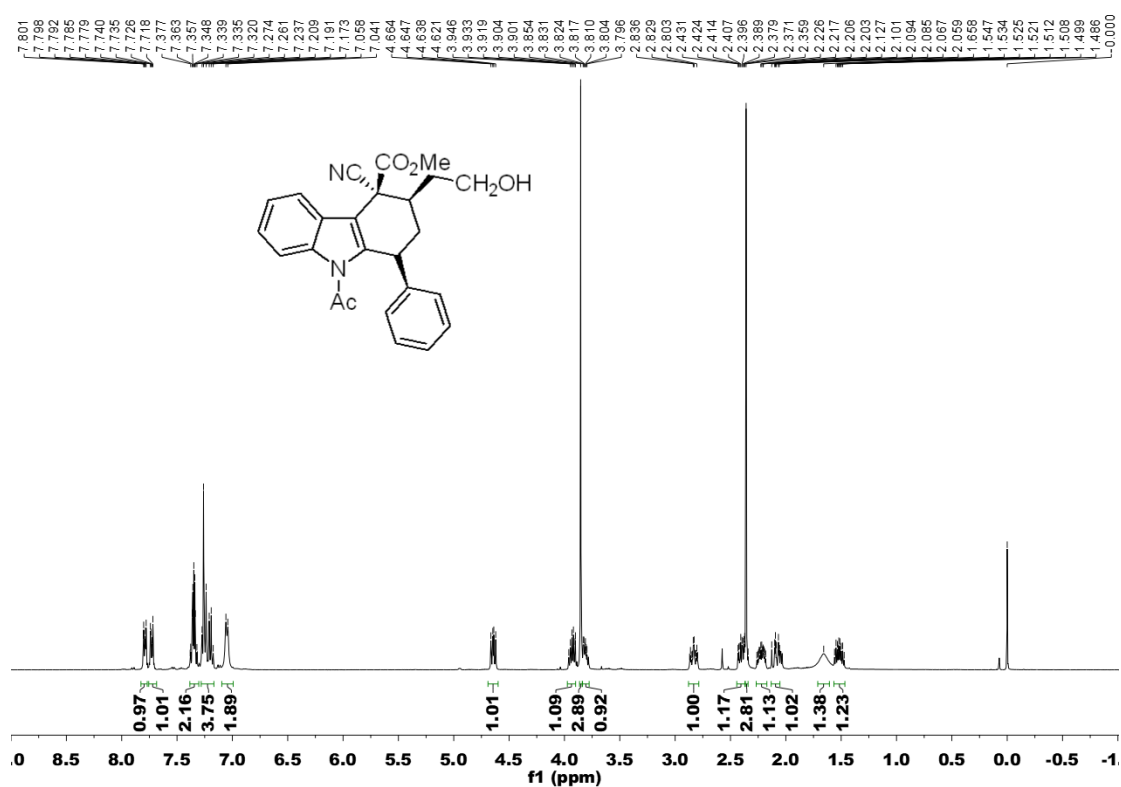
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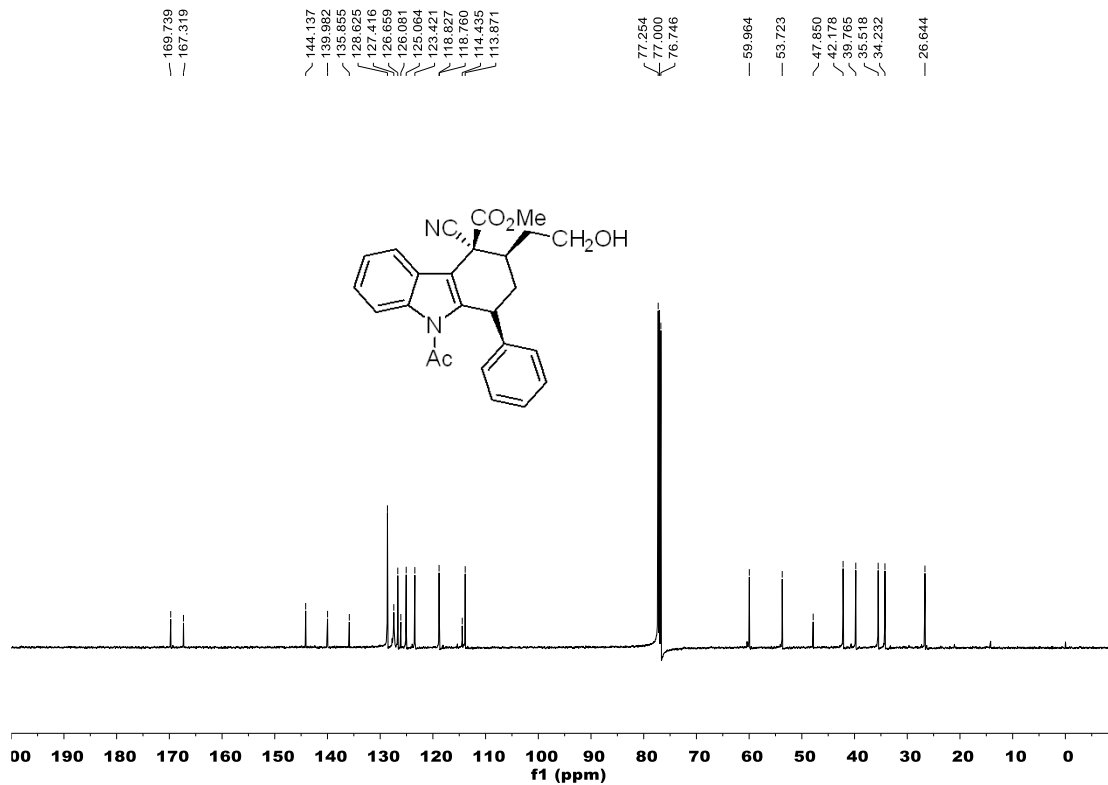
¹³C NMR spectrum of 3ka



¹H NMR spectrum of 3la



¹³C NMR spectrum of 3la



Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown above the spectrum. The spectrum displays peaks from 0 to 8.5 ppm with corresponding integrations and a list of chemical shifts on the right.

Chemical shifts (ppm): 8.042, 8.038, 8.021, 7.676, 7.670, 7.658, 7.654, 7.490, 7.475, 7.472, 7.466, 7.459, 7.453, 7.447, 7.443, 7.292, 7.101, 7.083, 7.066, 7.054, 7.035, 6.819, 6.514, 6.496, 4.852, 4.828, 3.599, 3.583, 3.569, 3.556, 3.540, 3.243, 3.231, 3.217, 3.203, 3.187, 3.174, 2.968, 2.943, 2.938, 2.913, 2.339, 2.066, 2.050, 2.035, 2.029, 2.012, 1.987, 1.981, 1.899, 1.884, 1.869, 1.853, 1.846, 1.831, 1.816, 1.576, -0.000.

Integrations: 1.03, 1.05, 2.26, 2.89, 5.22, 2.08, 1.00, 1.09, 1.98, 1.09, 2.95, 1.19, 1.14, 1.13.

Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule with a central ring system, including a benzene ring, a pyrrole ring, and a cyclopentane ring. It has various substituents: a phenyl group, a hydroxymethyl group (CH₂OH), a nitrile group (CN), an acetyl group (Ac), and a phenyl group.

Peak assignments (ppm):

- 169.484
- 140.945
- 140.314
- 138.605
- 135.748
- 128.801
- 127.971
- 126.834
- 125.661
- 124.818
- 123.865
- 114.062
- 114.894
- 113.696
- 113.615
- 110.819
- 77.318 CDCl₃
- 76.683 CDCl₃
- 59.752
- 54.893
- 49.952
- 42.215
- 37.421
- 35.103
- 26.503

Chemical structure of compound 10: CC(=O)N1C=C(C#N)C(C#N)C[C@H]1C(c1ccccc1)C(c2ccc(Cl)cc2)C[C@@H]1C=CC=C(C)C1

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound 10. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm (f1 (ppm)), ranging from 0.0 to 8.0. The spectrum shows several peaks with corresponding integration values.

Peak list (ppm): 8.033, 8.028, 8.018, 8.012, 7.654, 7.647, 7.635, 7.632, 7.605, 7.571, 7.463, 7.460, 7.453, 7.448, 7.444, 7.429, 7.289, 7.268, 7.120, 7.102, 7.085, 7.079, 7.061, 7.044, 7.003, 6.523, 6.506, 4.784, 4.760, 3.681, 3.665, 3.652, 3.637, 3.622, 3.303, 3.287, 3.274, 3.271, 3.259, 3.250, 3.243, 3.225, 3.211, 3.196, 3.181, 3.168, 2.962, 2.937, 2.932, 2.907, 2.338, 2.045, 2.038, 2.022, 2.016, 2.001, 1.985, 1.969, 1.858, 1.843, 1.826, 1.820, 1.813, 1.805, 1.790, 1.643, 0.000.

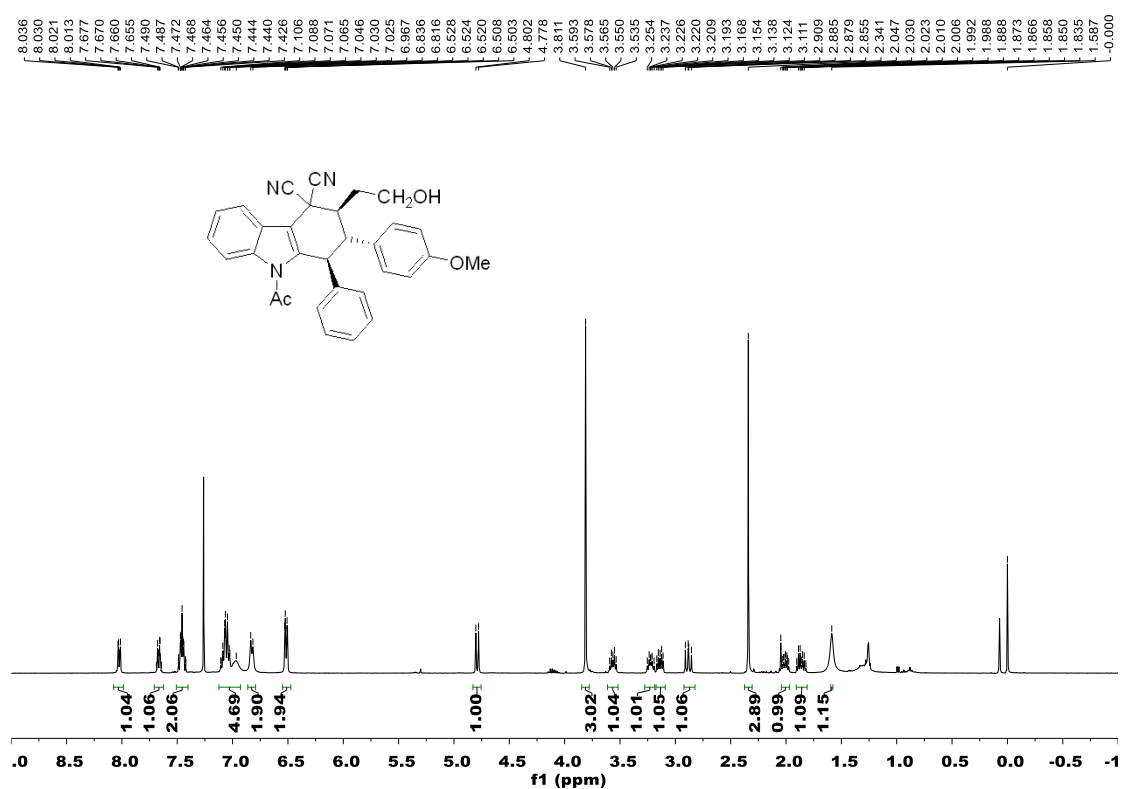
Integration values (from left to right): 1.04, 1.07, 2.17, 1.85, 5.18, 2.02, 1.04, 1.04, 1.04, 1.06, 1.06, 3.02, 1.22, 1.24, 1.09.

Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule featuring a central carbon atom bonded to a nitrile group (CN), a hydroxymethyl group (CH₂OH), a phenyl ring, and a 1-acetyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl group. The nitrile group is labeled 'CN', the hydroxymethyl group is labeled 'CH₂OH', the acetyl group is labeled 'Ac', and the phenyl ring is labeled 'Ph'.

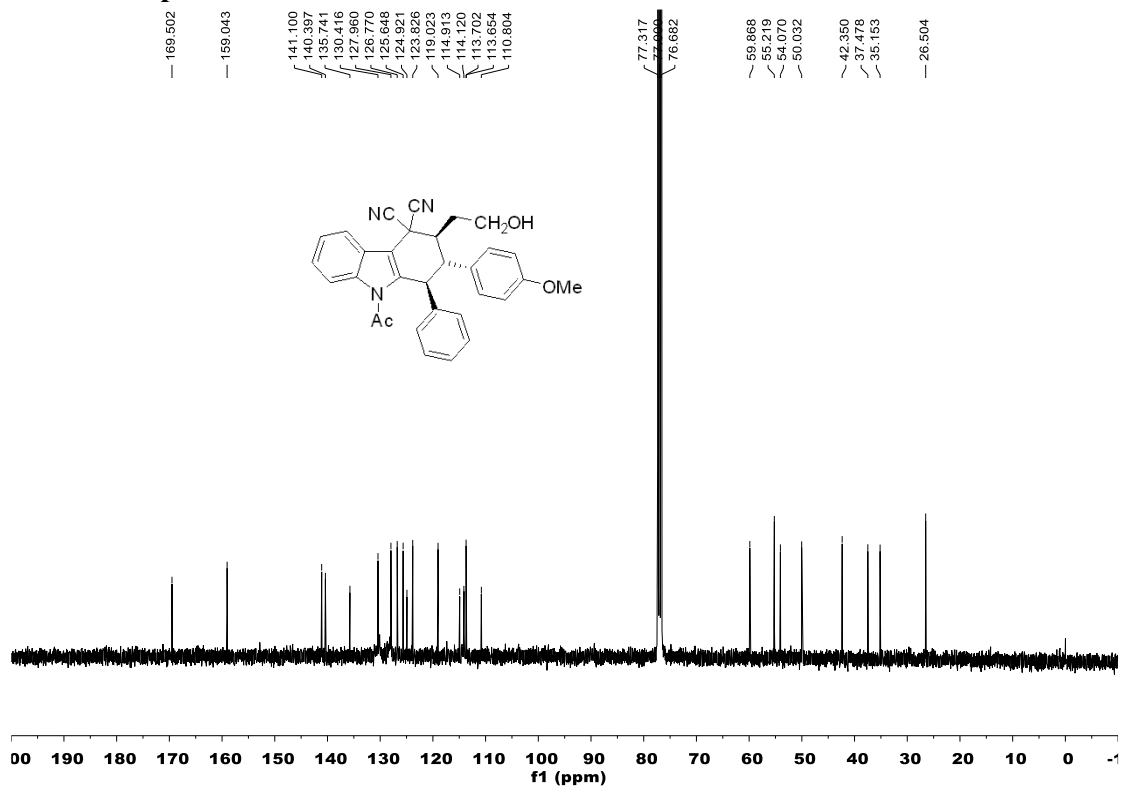
¹³C NMR spectrum (f1 (ppm)) showing peaks at the following chemical shifts (ppm):

- 169.430
- 140.622
- 140.086
- 137.243
- 135.687
- 133.704
- 130.420
- 128.997
- 128.093
- 126.976
- 126.576
- 124.648
- 123.872
- 119.066
- 114.747
- 113.638
- 113.505
- 110.775
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- 76.682
- 59.586
- 54.339
- 49.998
- 41.930
- 37.268
- 34.865
- 26.456

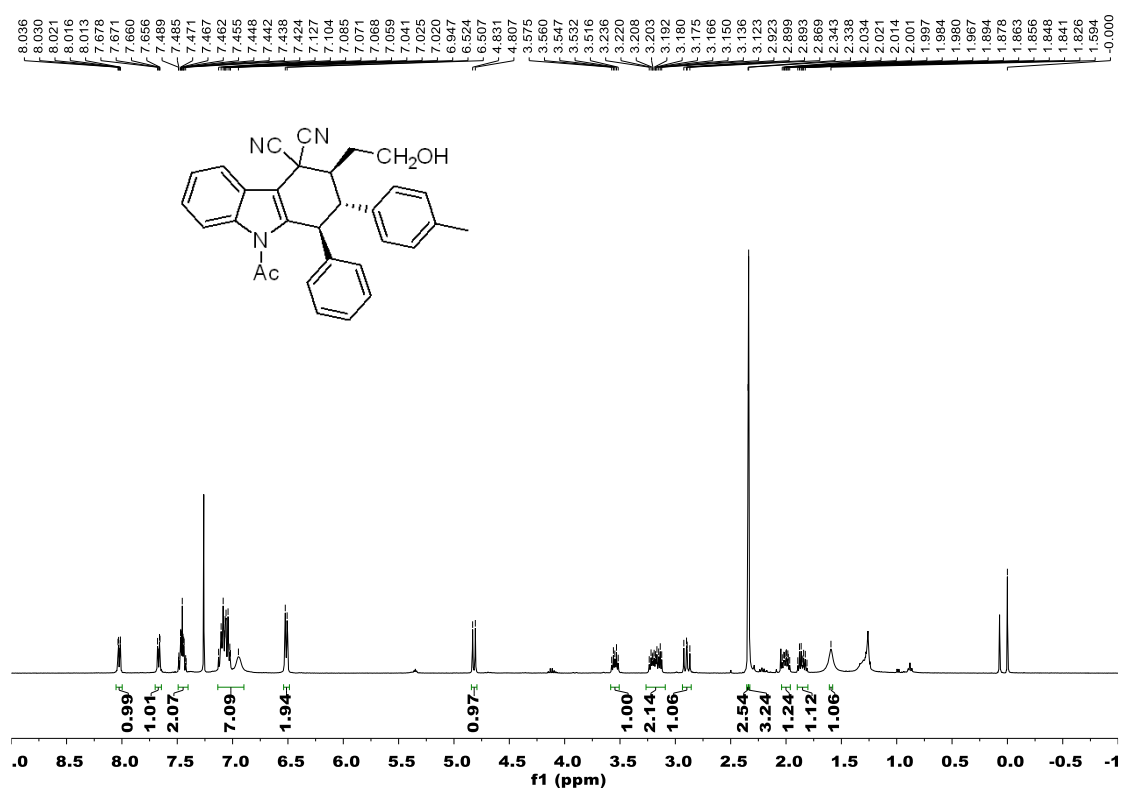
¹H NMR spectrum of 3ad



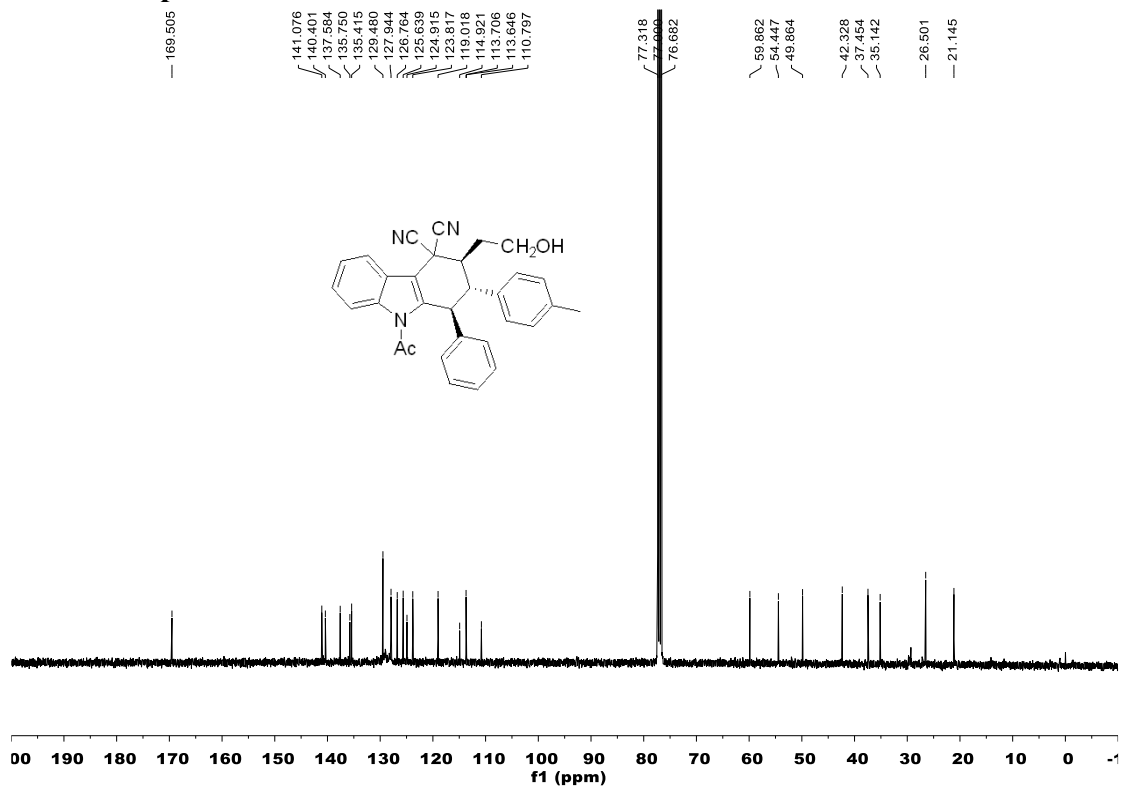
¹³C NMR spectrum of 3ad



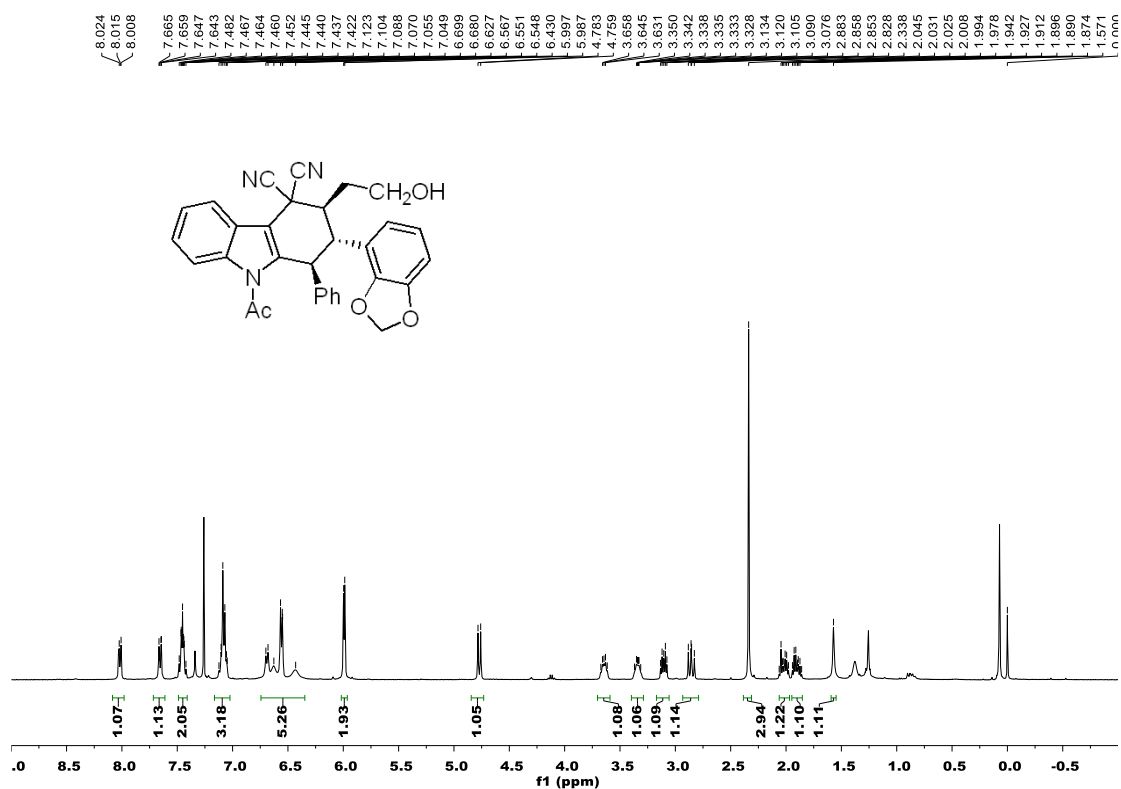
¹H NMR spectrum of 3ae



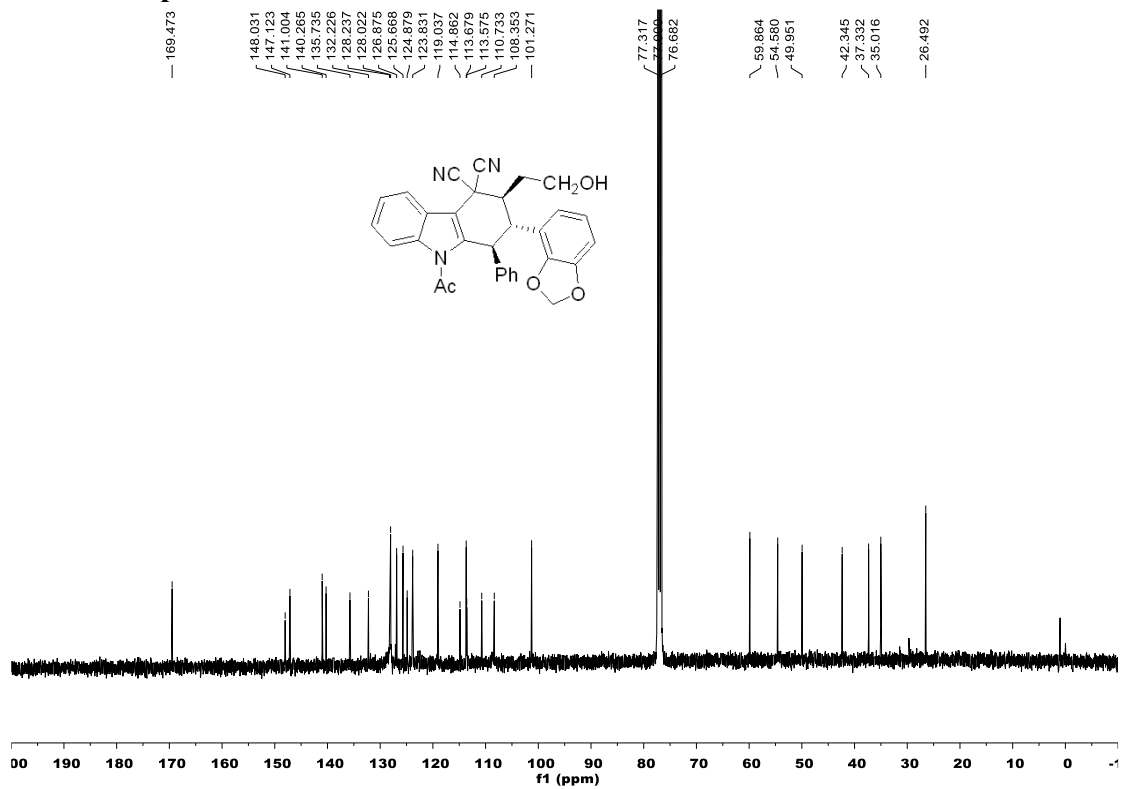
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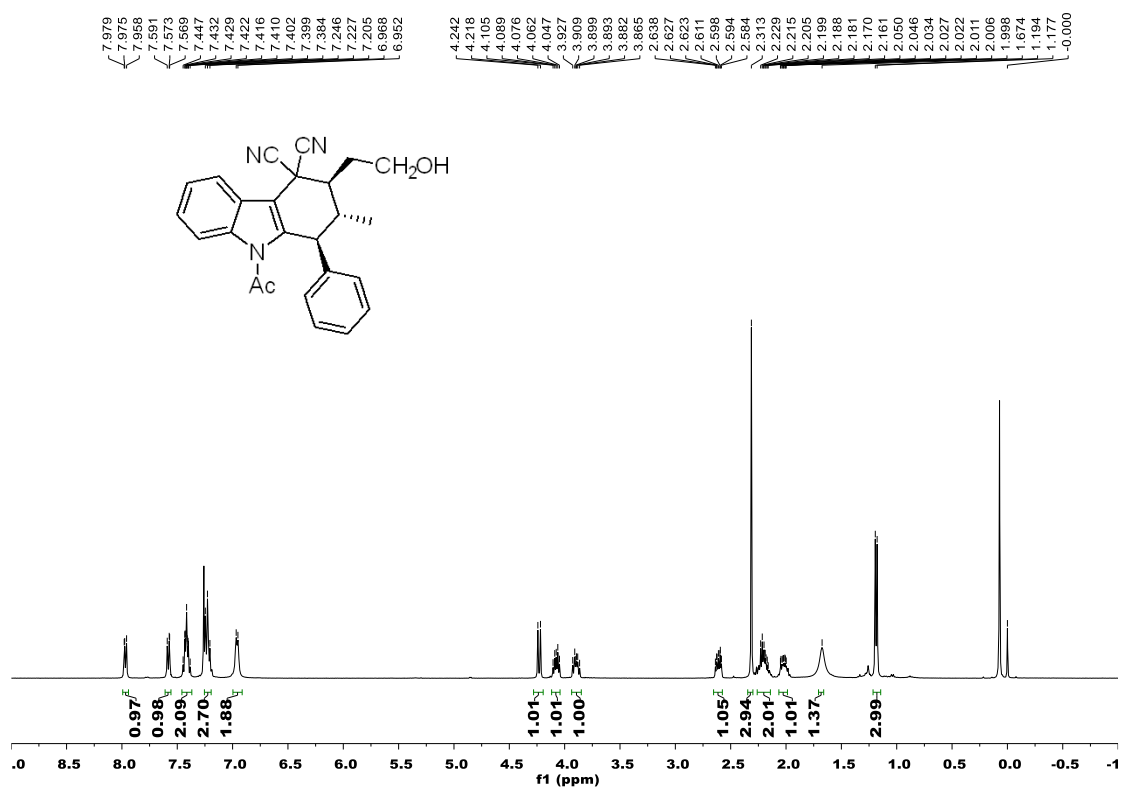
¹H NMR spectrum of 3af



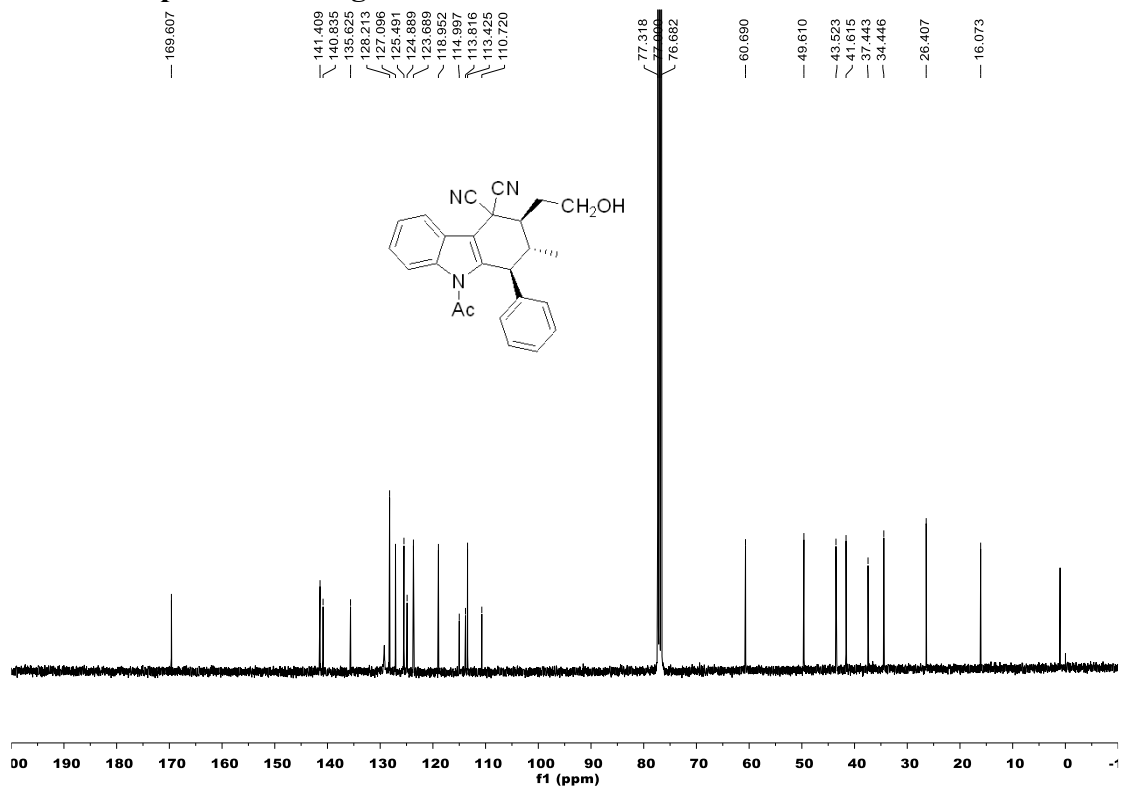
¹³C NMR spectrum of 3af



¹H NMR spectrum of 3ag



¹³C NMR spectrum of 3ag



Chemical Structure of Compound 10:

CC(=O)N1C=C2C(=C1)C(=C(C2)C(=O)O)C(=O)O

¹H NMR Spectrum (CDCl₃):

Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
7.99, 7.97, 7.60, 7.58, 7.45, 7.43, 7.42, 7.41, 7.36, 7.34, 7.22, 7.21, 7.20, 6.97, 6.95	0.96, 1.09, 2.07, 2.74, 1.86
4.60, 4.56, 4.14, 4.13, 4.11, 4.10, 4.08, 3.98, 3.96, 3.95, 3.93, 3.92, 2.85, 2.84, 2.82, 2.81, 2.80	1.00, 1.12, 1.17
2.34, 2.27, 2.26, 2.25, 2.22, 2.21, 2.12, 2.10, 2.09, 2.08, 2.06, 2.05, 2.04, 1.68, 1.66, 1.64, 1.63, 1.62, 1.61, 1.10, 1.08, 1.06	1.07, 2.63, 1.20, 2.24, 2.96, 3.01

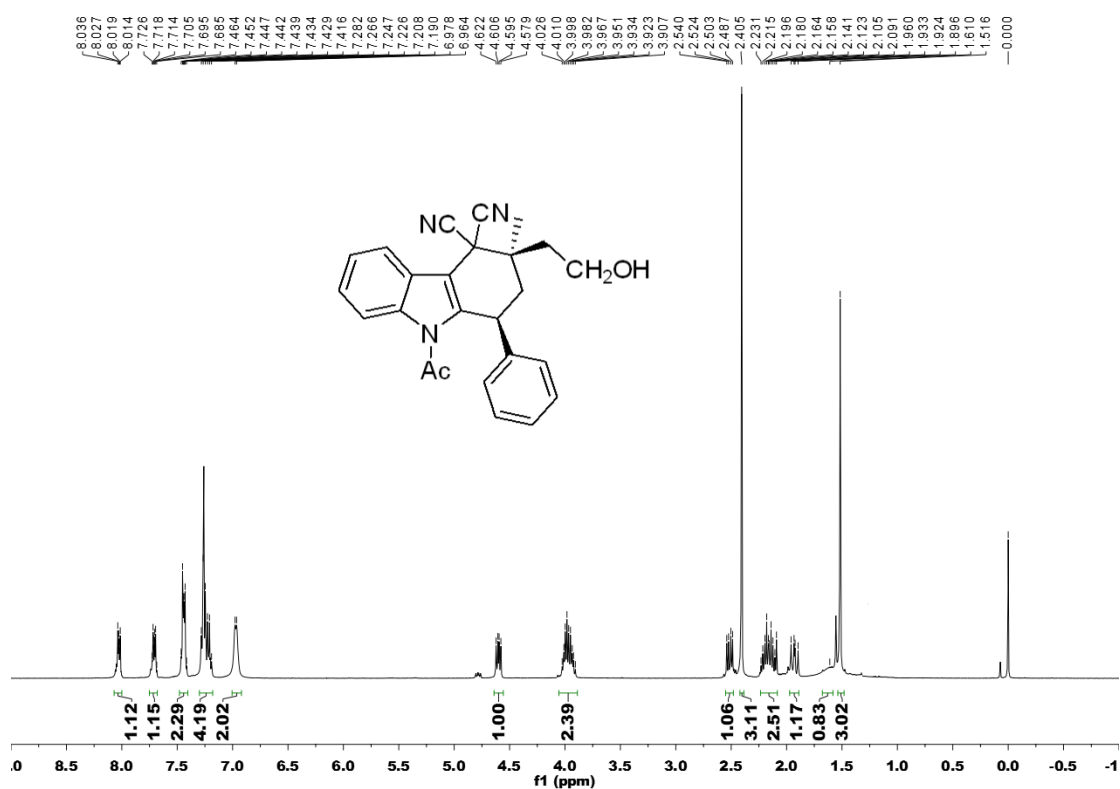
Chemical structure of the compound is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule featuring a central ring system with various substituents, including a nitrile group (CN), a hydroxymethyl group (CH₂OH), and an acetyl group (Ac).

The spectrum displays the following chemical shifts (ppm):

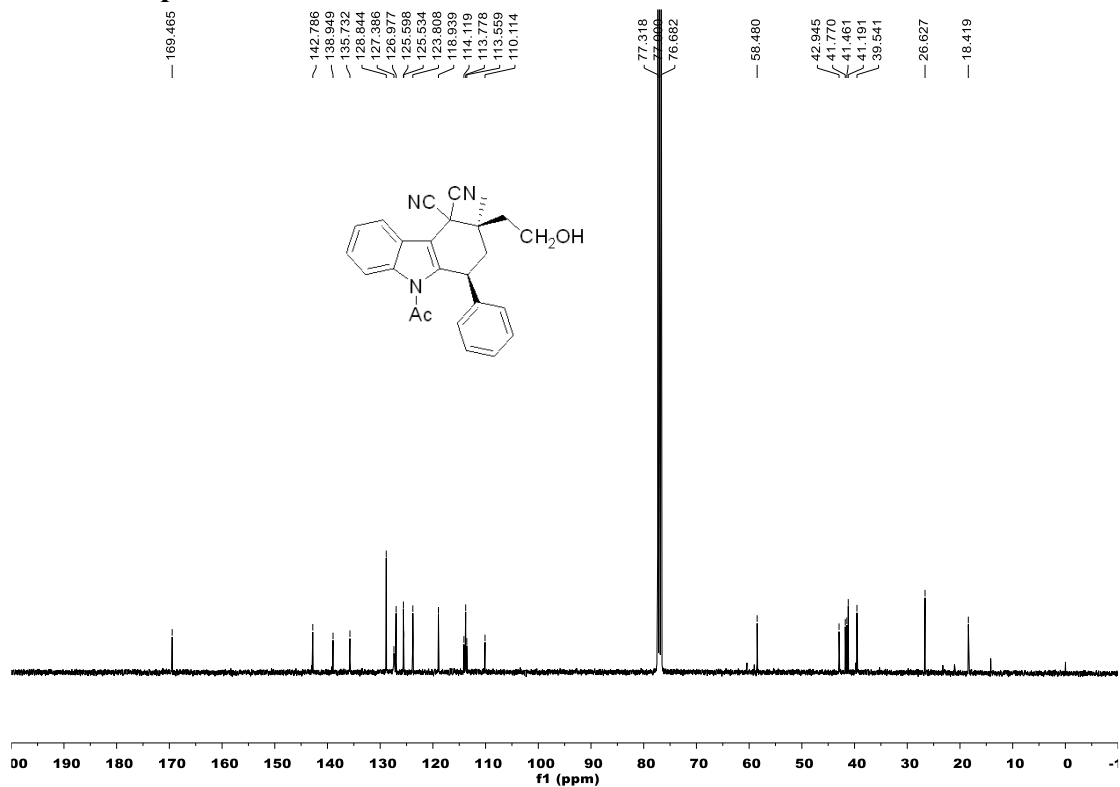
- 169.67
- 141.85
- 140.89
- 135.72
- 128.84
- 128.28
- 127.05
- 125.44
- 124.96
- 123.69
- 119.06
- 115.33
- 113.79
- 113.47
- 110.05
- 77.32
- 77.00
- 76.68
- 59.75
- 45.54
- 43.89
- 40.28
- 36.46
- 33.88
- 26.51
- 19.97
- 8.19

CC(=O)N1C(=C2C=CC=CC=C2C(=C1)C(C#N)C(C#N)C(CO)C(C)C3=CC=CC=C3)C4=CC=CC=C4

¹H NMR spectrum of 3ai



¹³C NMR spectrum of 3ai



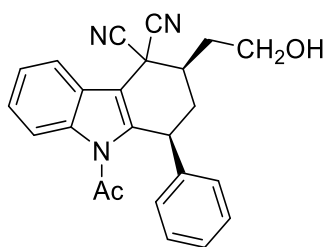
Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule featuring a central carbon atom bonded to a phenyl group, a 1-acetyl-2-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl group, a 2-cyano-2-phenylethyl group, and a 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl group. The spectrum shows peaks from 0.00 to 8.01 ppm. Integration values are provided below the peaks: 0.97, 1.87, 0.94, 2.03, 2.19, 2.11, 4.11, 2.01, 1.02, 1.00, 1.01, 1.00, 1.00, 3.01, 3.01, 1.08, 1.04.

Chemical structure of compound 10b is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule with a central ring system, including a benzene ring, a pyrrole ring, and a cyclohexane ring. It has various substituents: an acetyl group (Ac), a phenyl group, a p-toluenesulfonyl group (OTs), and a nitrile group (CN).

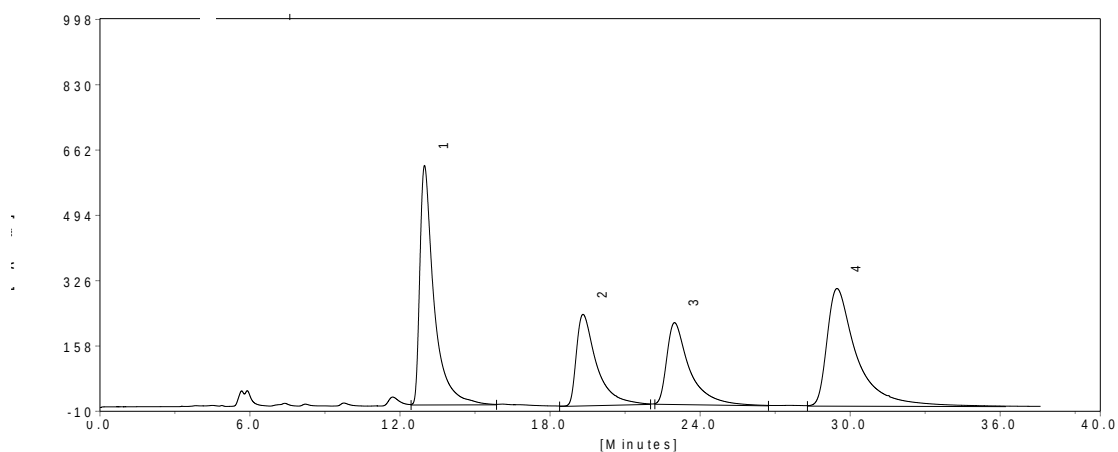
¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) peaks (ppm):

- 169.400
- 144.899
- 140.668
- 140.150
- 137.749
- 135.698
- 132.656
- 129.029
- 128.771
- 128.261
- 128.023
- 127.951
- 126.920
- 124.770
- 124.770
- 123.886
- 118.987
- 113.972
- 113.703
- 113.385
- 110.434
- 77.318
- 76.682
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- 31.784
- 26.496
- 21.636

7. Chiral HPLC chromatograms

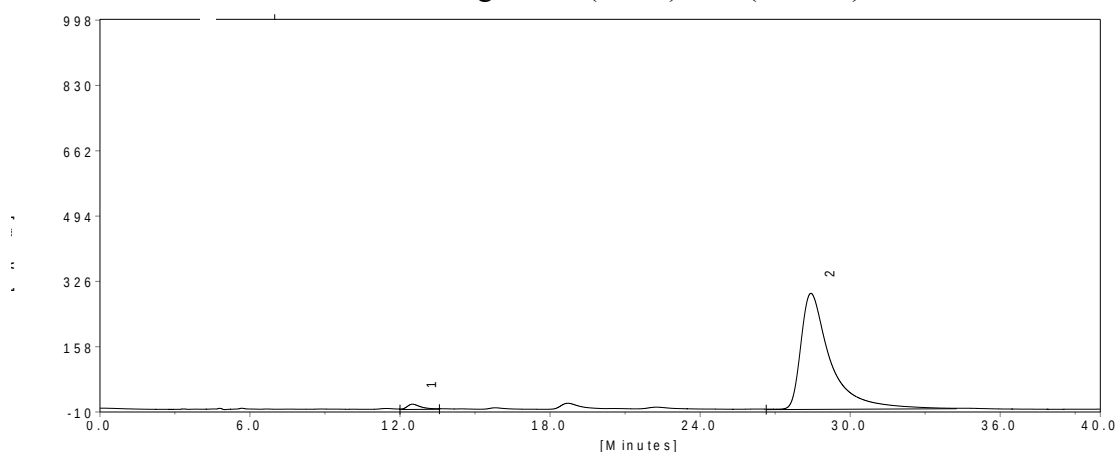


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3aa**

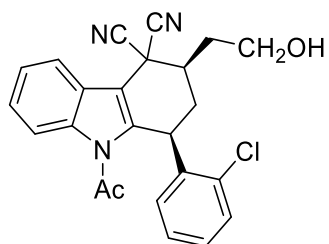


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	12.98000	615.08	24079.01	32.1464
2	19.31750	234.44	12997.36	17.3520
3	22.97583	209.54	13063.98	17.4409
4	28.77333	301.46	24763.75	33.0606

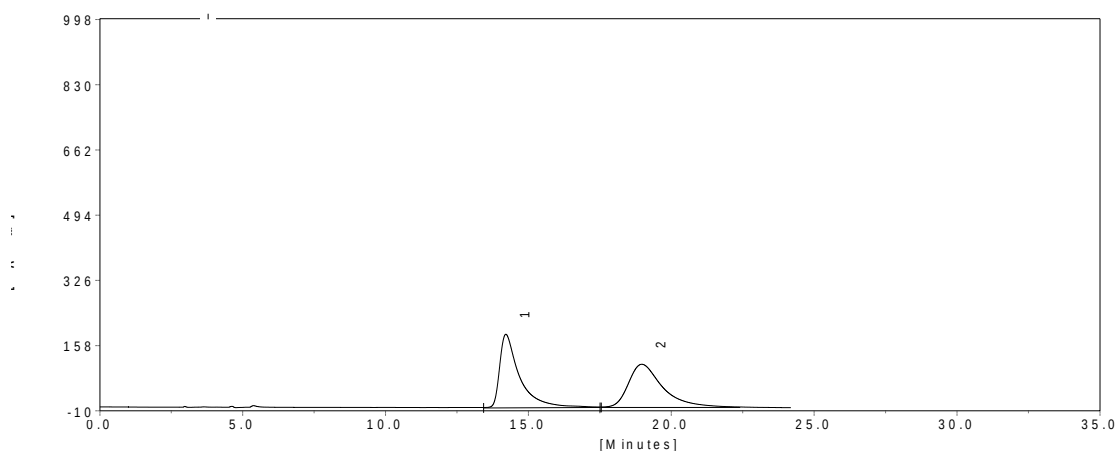
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3aa** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	12.49917	12.32	413.42	1.6880
2	28.43250	297.42	24078.16	98.3120

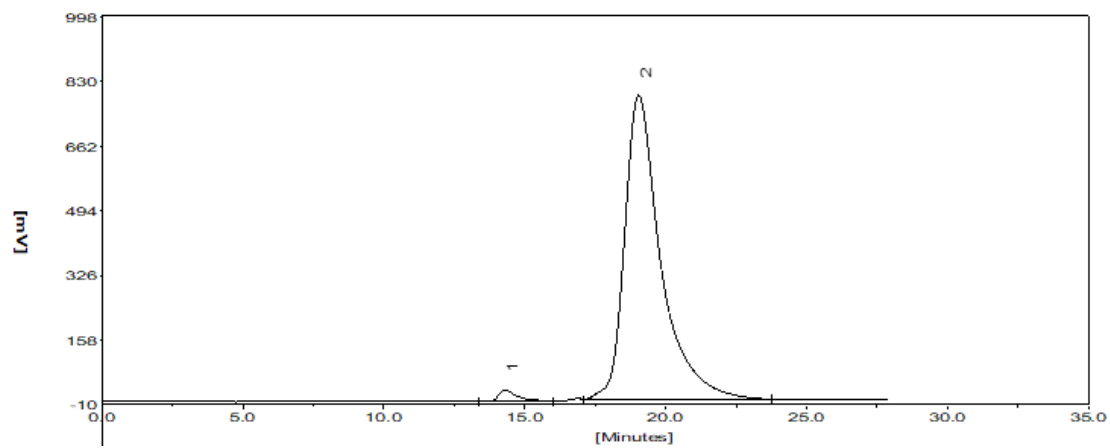


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ba**

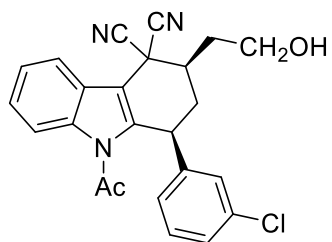


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	14.20833	188.51	8965.88	49.8873
2	18.96833	110.09	9006.41	50.1127

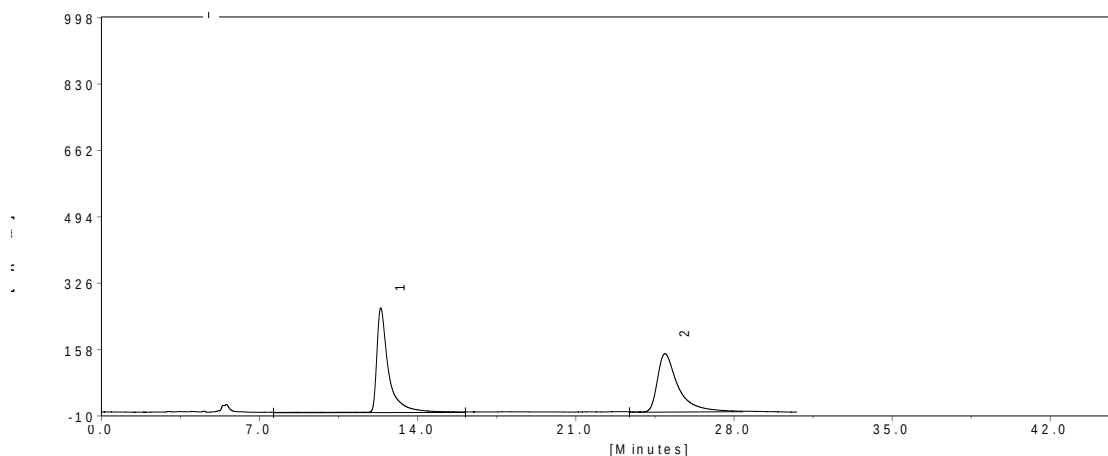
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ba** (97% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	14.29833	28.17	1248.66	1.7324
2	19.04500	789.44	70004.43	98.2776

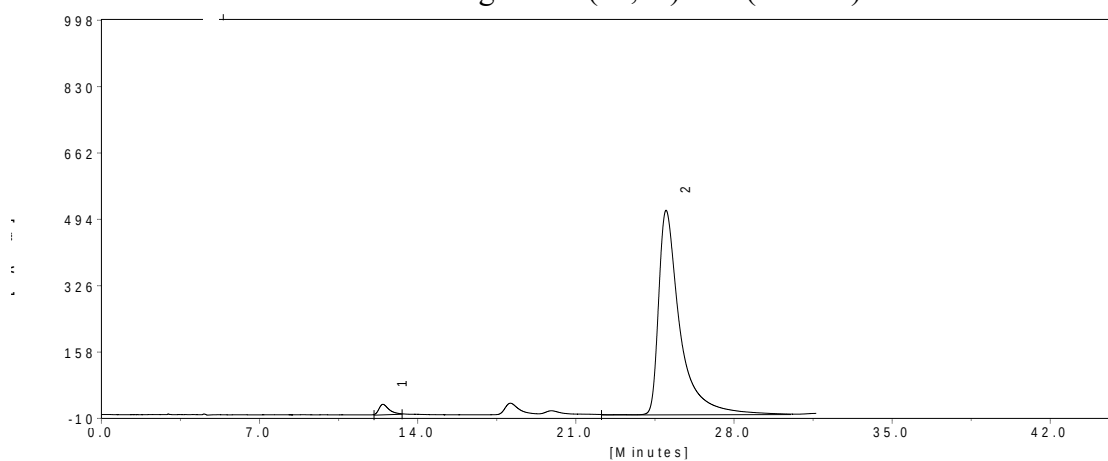


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ca**

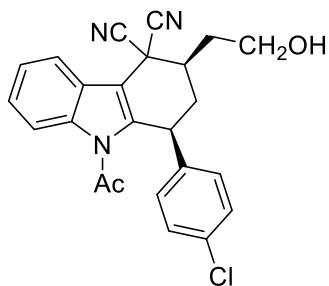


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1	12.36750	264.02	9246.21	50.3280
2	24.94750	146.89	9125.68	49.6720

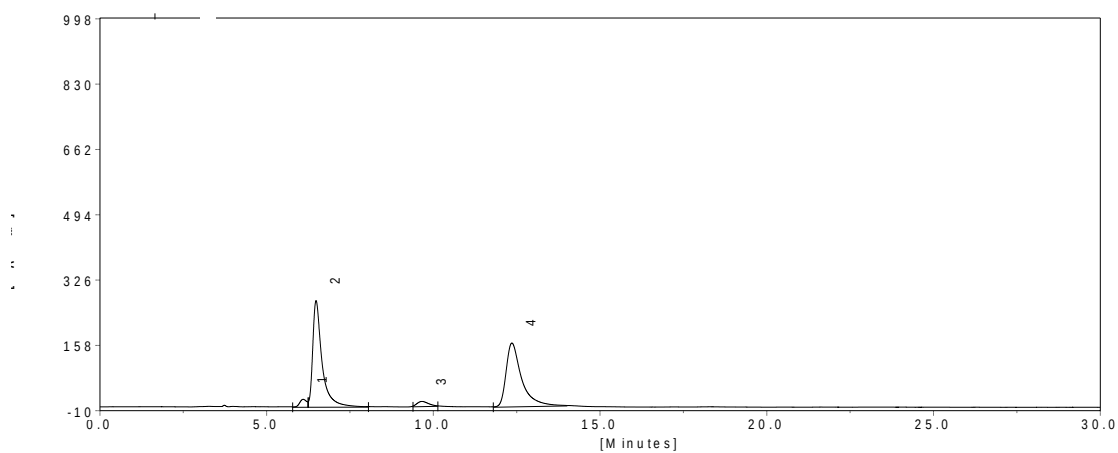
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ca** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	12.45750	25.45	751.81	2.1902
2	24.99333	516.82	33574.04	97.8098

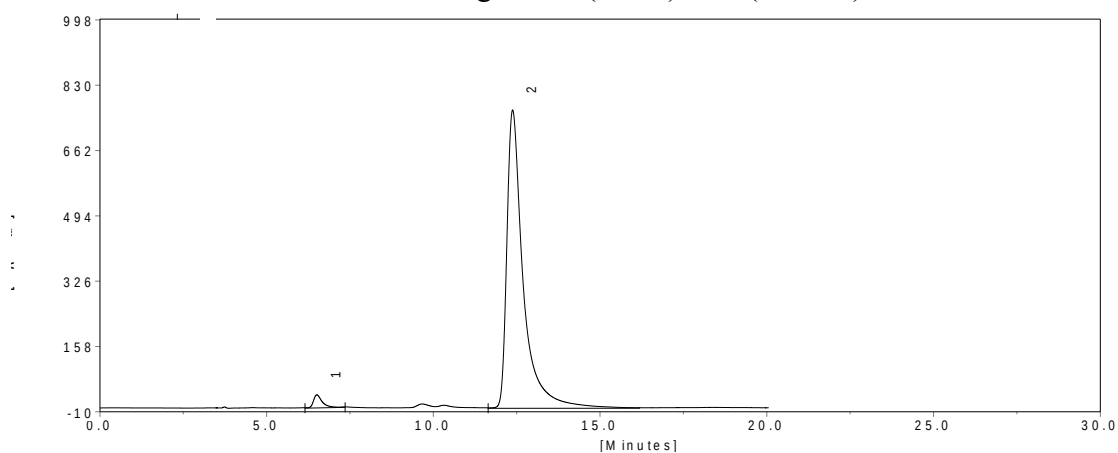


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3da**

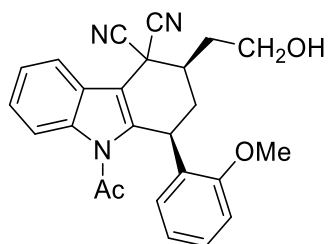


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	6.09417	19.31	262.99	2.3906
2	6.48250	273.11	5276.42	47.9623
3	9.66250	12.11	271.71	2.4698
4	12.35667	163.36	5190.06	47.1773

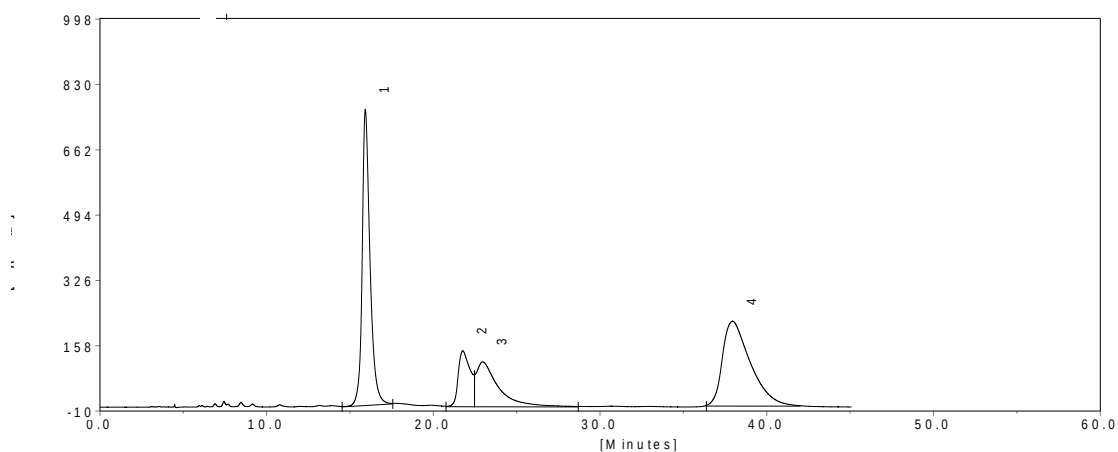
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3da** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	6.50583	32.59	546.14	2.0571
2	12.37750	766.22	26003.16	97.9429

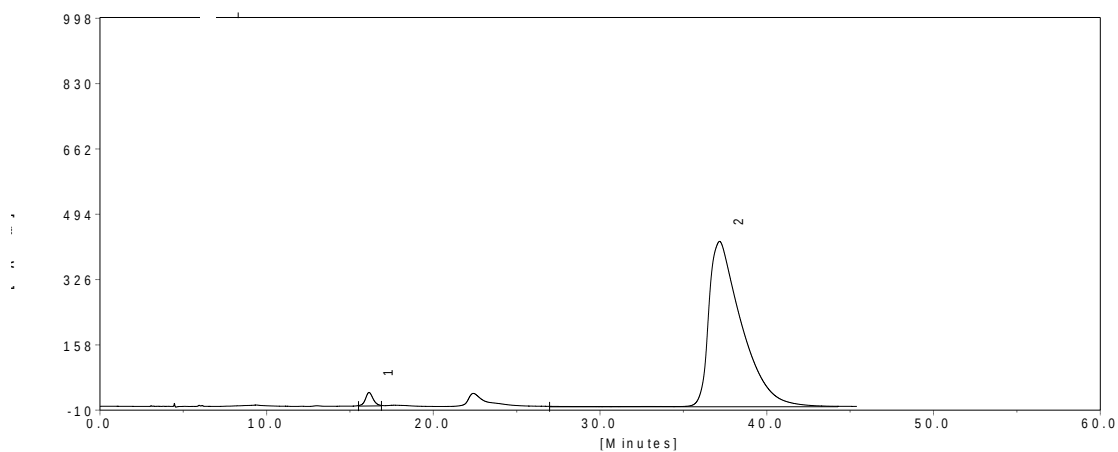


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ea**

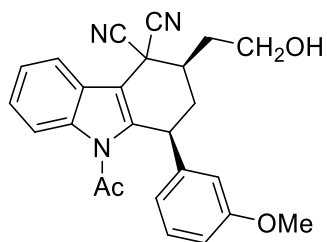


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	15.92083	760.51	24619.61	36.6972
2	21.76333	142.84	7040.78	10.4948
3	22.96500	114.34	10452.51	15.5802
4	37.95333	217.21	24975.54	37.2278

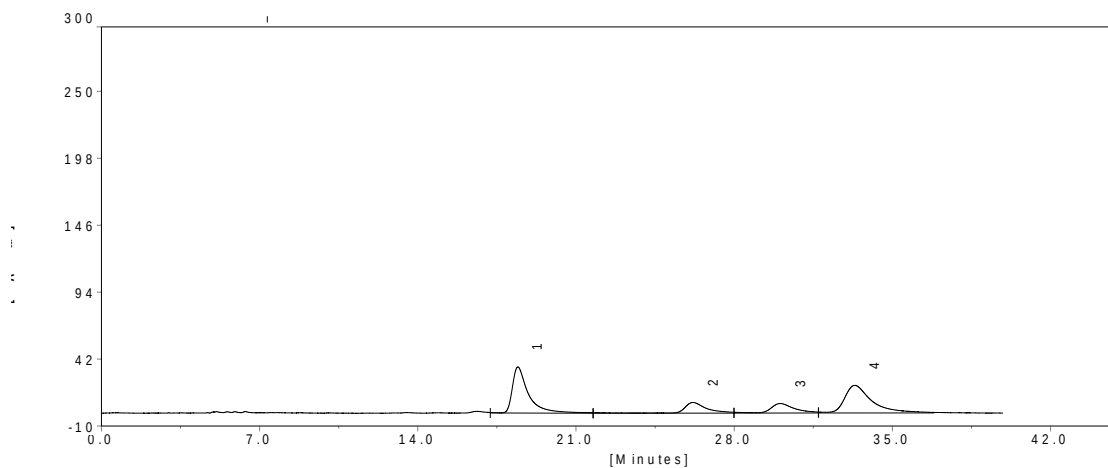
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ea** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.14000	33.62	1033.22	1.7779
2	37.16750	424.32	57082.50	98.2221

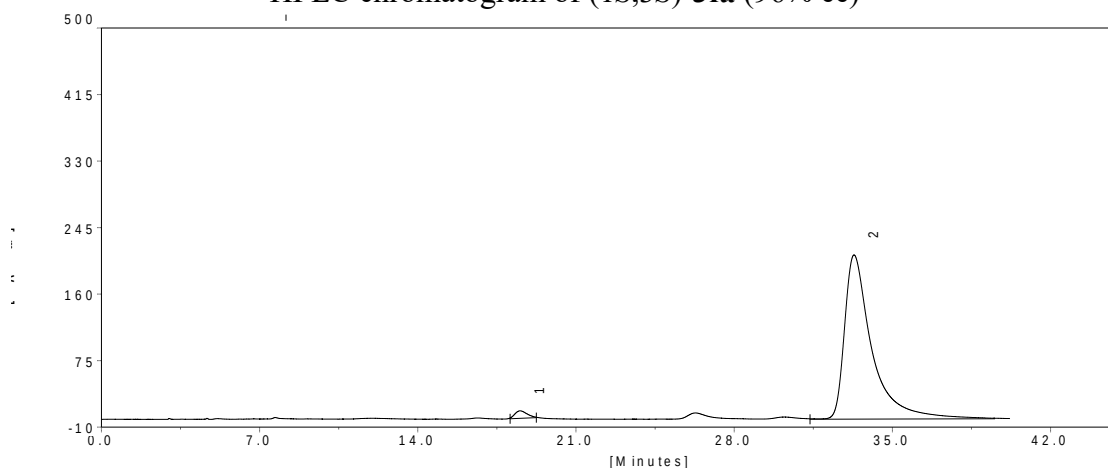


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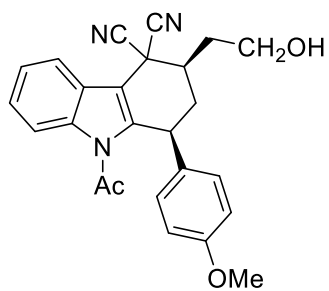


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	18.42333	35.45	1673.48	39.4370
2	26.21167	7.86	425.80	10.0343
3	30.07833	6.99	460.35	10.8485
4	33.34750	21.09	1683.79	39.6802

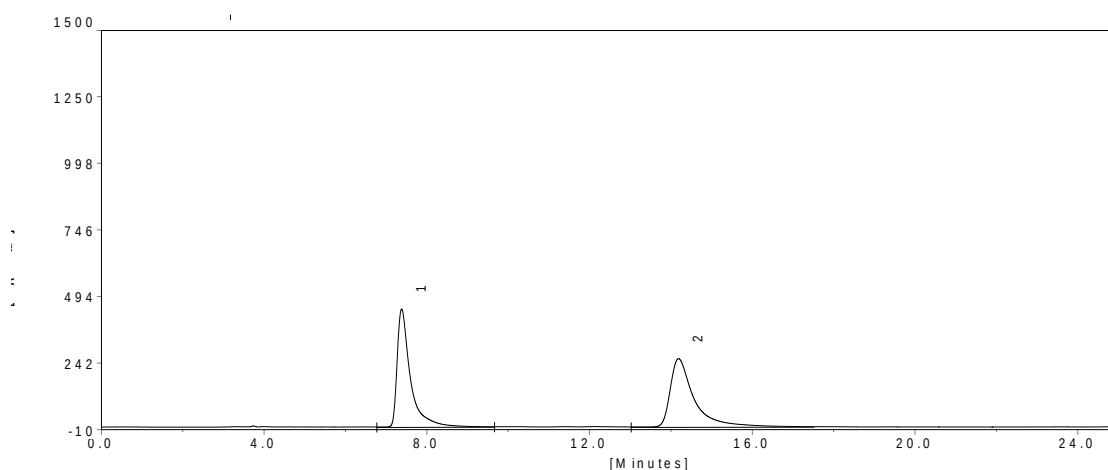
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3fa** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	18.53167	8.93	314.65	1.7779
2	33.30250	209.31	17382.93	98.2221

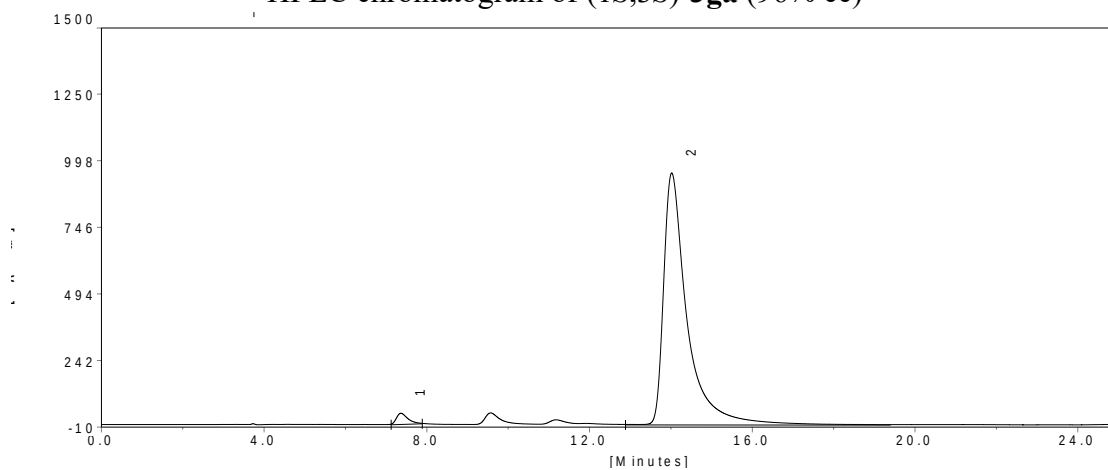


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ga**

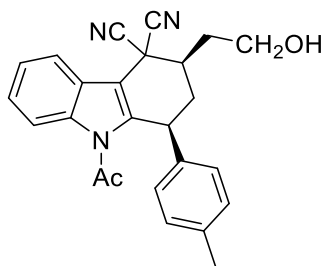


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	7.38000	446.79	10067.71	49.1655
2	14.18750	258.25	10409.48	50.8345

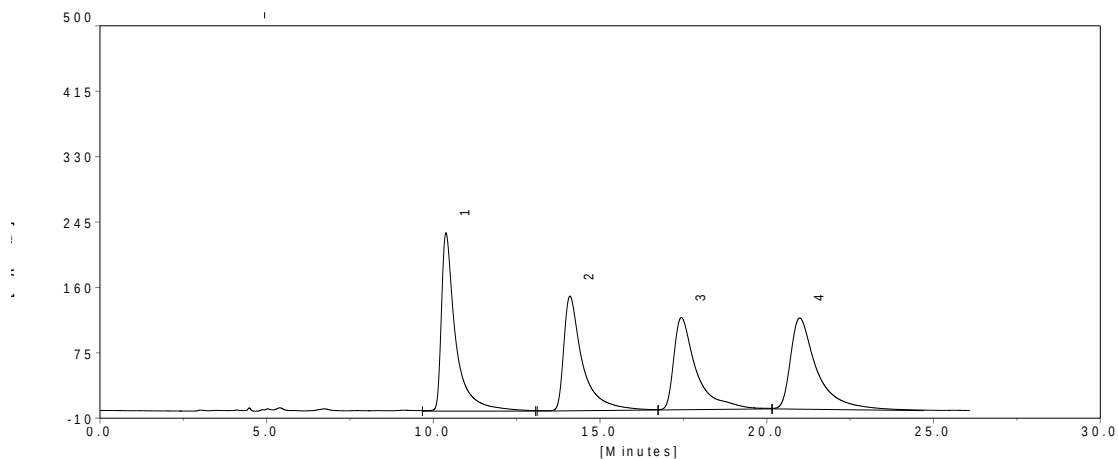
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ga** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	7.36083	40.61	756.17	1.9605
2	14.02000	951.70	37813.97	98.0395

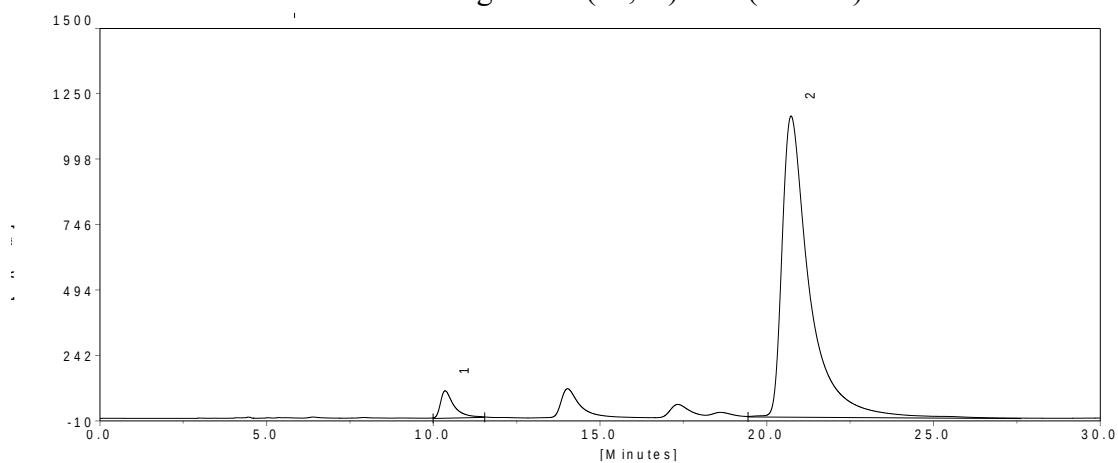


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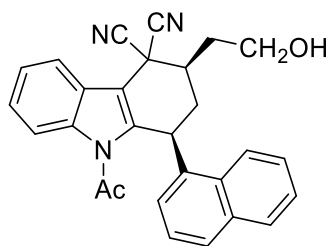


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	10.37917	230.98	6797.01	27.8627
2	14.09667	148.49	5686.78	23.3116
3	17.43917	119.26	5509.40	22.5845
4	20.98917	118.05	6401.42	26.2411

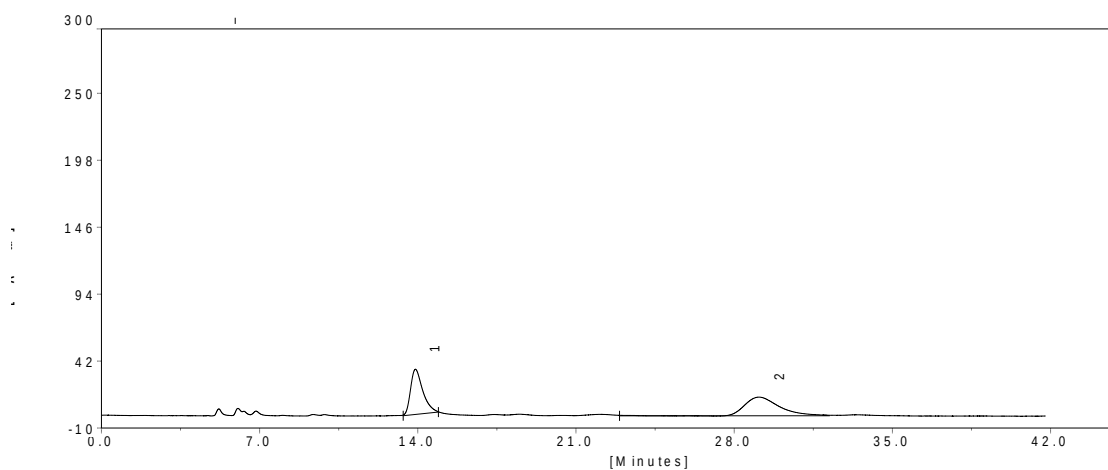
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ha** (92% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	10.35417	103.77	2839.50	4.1320
2	20.72833	1157.43	65881.07	95.8680

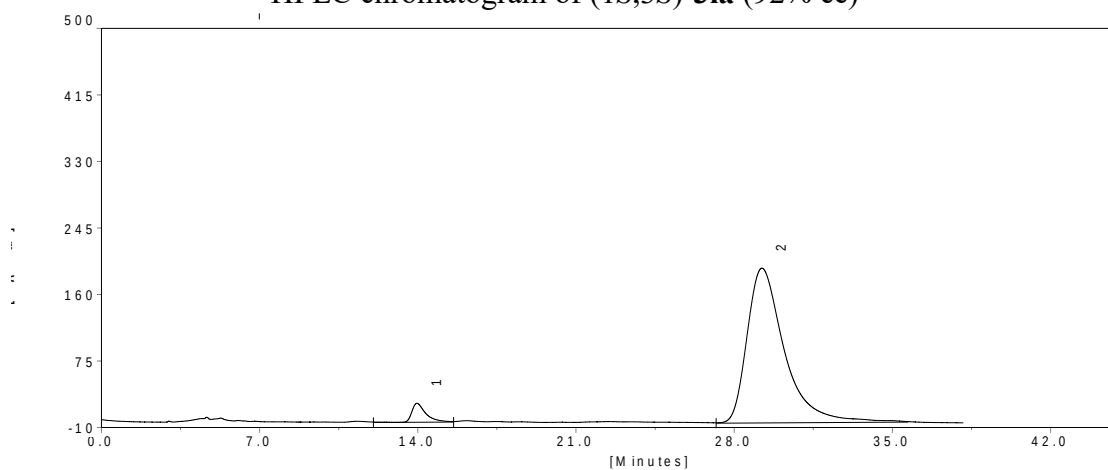


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ia**

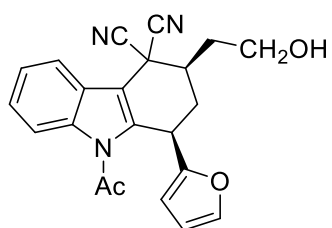


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.89417	34.73	1281.80	49.1228
2	29.14917	14.05	1327.58	50.8772

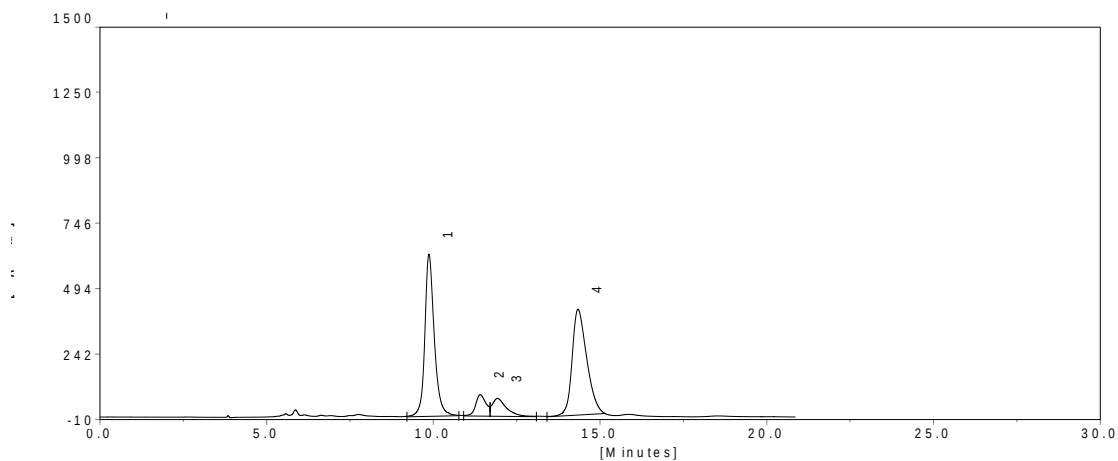
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ia** (92% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.96833	23.65	930.84	3.9819
2	29.22667	197.20	22445.65	96.0181

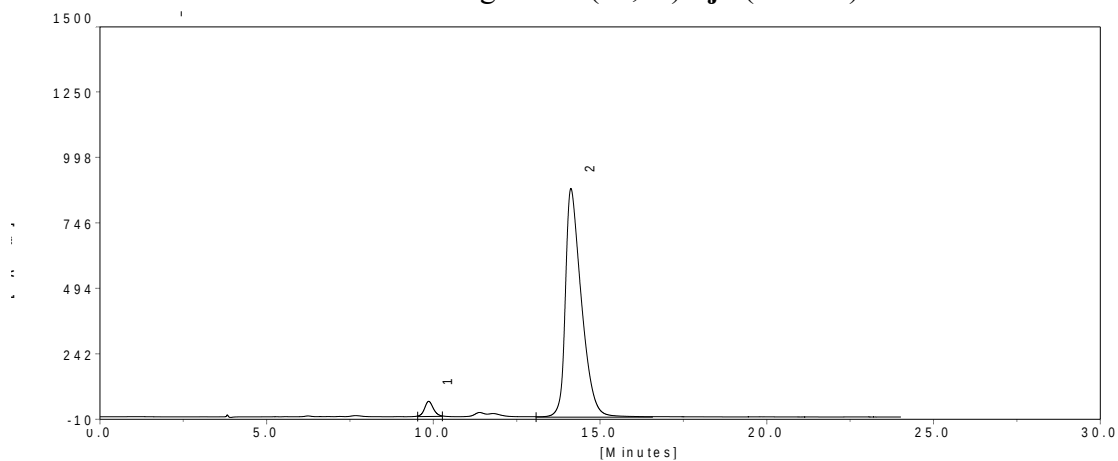


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ja**

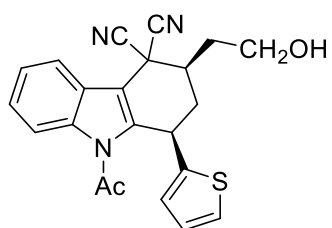


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	9.86750	622.45	12132.15	43.4176
2	11.40583	80.62	1683.18	6.0236
3	11.92417	66.92	1922.77	6.8810
4	14.33917	405.49	12204.84	43.6777

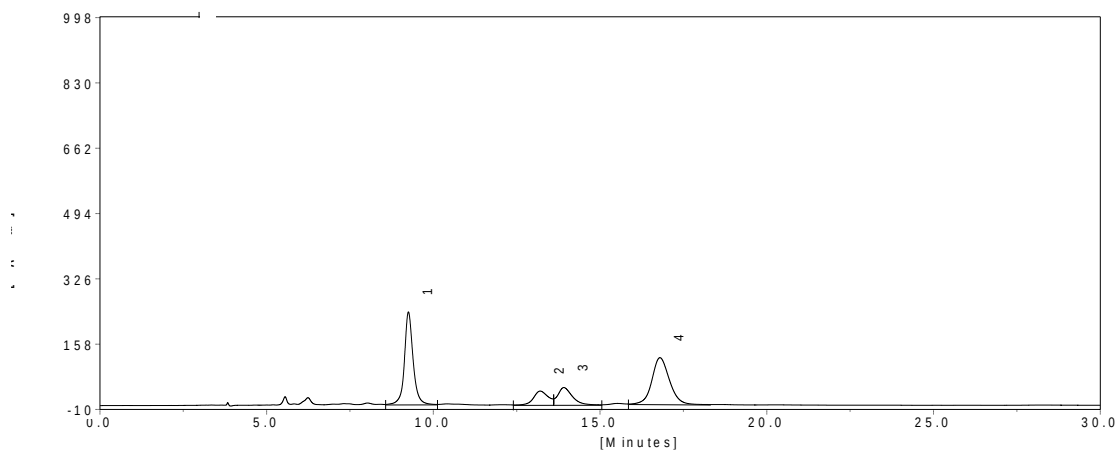
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ja** (93% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	9.86000	56.58	995.71	3.3121
2	14.12583	878.52	29067.03	96.6879

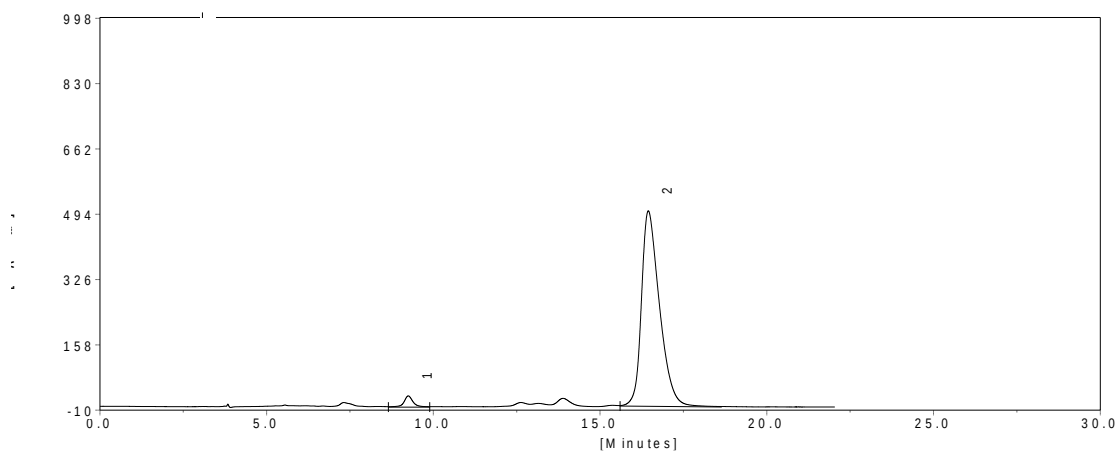


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ka**

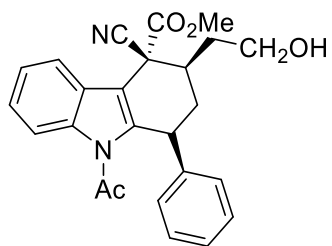


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	9.25250	238.18	4251.14	38.8231
2	13.20667	35.55	1055.28	9.6373
3	13.91417	44.56	1329.43	12.1409
4	16.79667	119.81	4314.15	39.3986

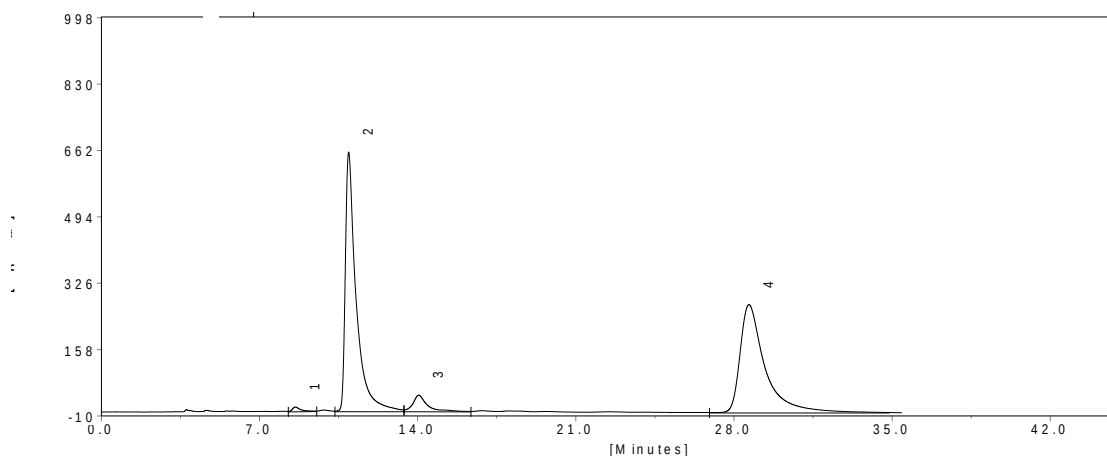
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*,3*S*)-**3ka** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	9.24833	27.73	478.98	2.4943
2	16.44750	501.79	18723.89	97.5057

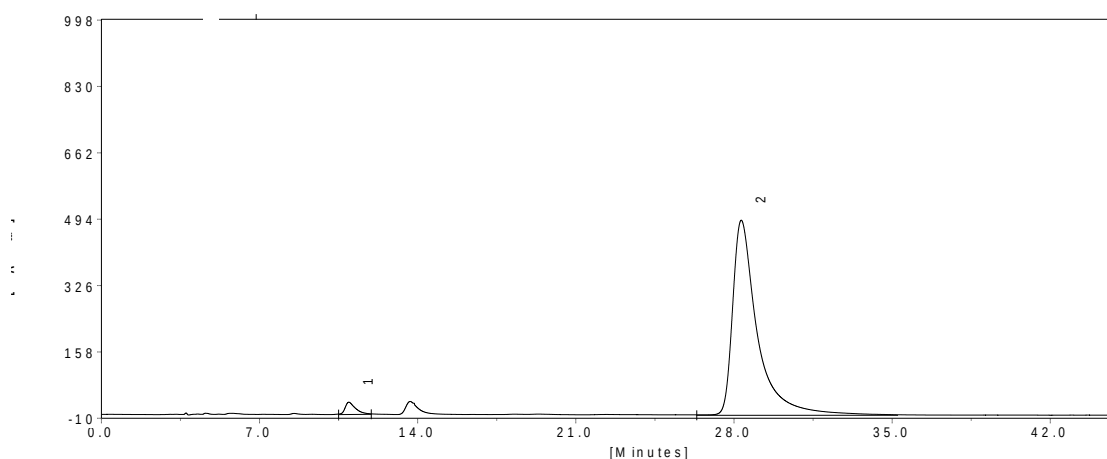


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3la**

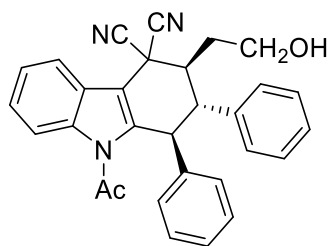


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	8.58583	11.01	248.74	0.5572
2	10.94667	656.23	21826.48	48.8964
3	14.04500	40.97	1766.73	3.9579
4	28.66167	273.24	20796.25	46.5885

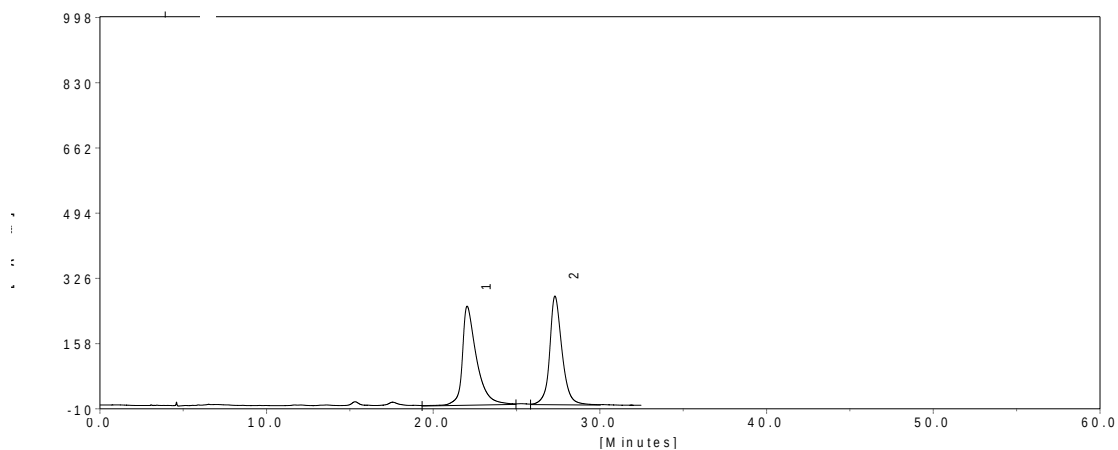
HPLC chromatogram of (1*R*, 3*R*, 4*R*)-**3la** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	10.95167	30.08	909.40	2.3888
2	28.32250	492.79	37160.13	97.6112

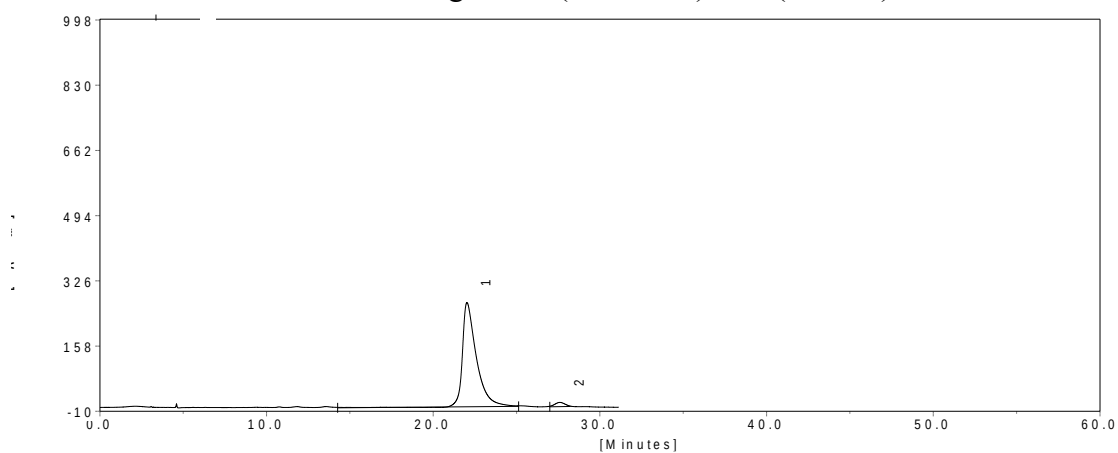


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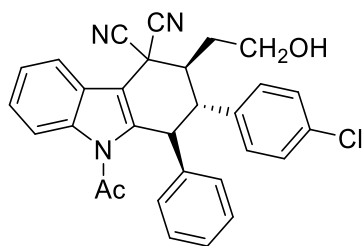


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	22.03417	251.87	14156.16	50.0716
2	27.30250	278.93	14115.67	49.9284

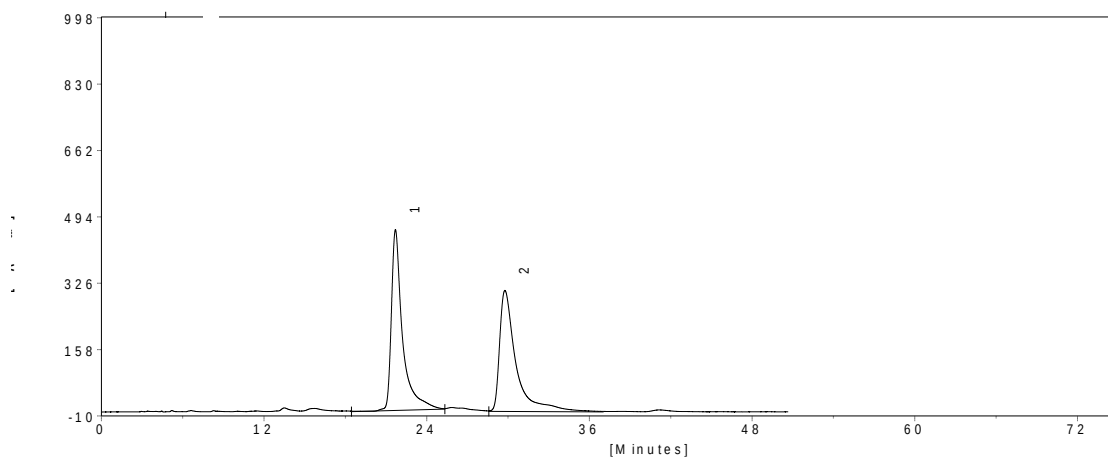
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ab** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	22.02250	267.33	14804.40	97.5679
2	27.60667	9.66	369.03	2.4321

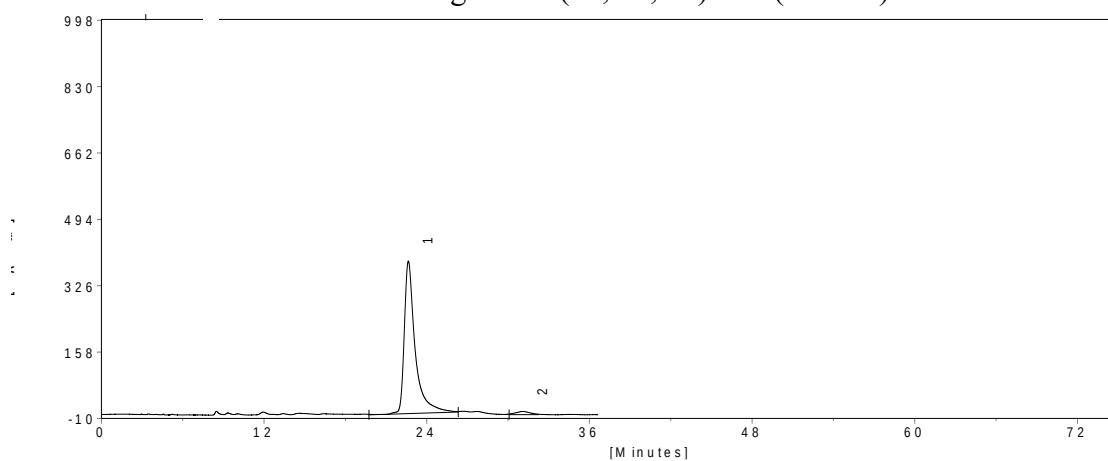


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ac**

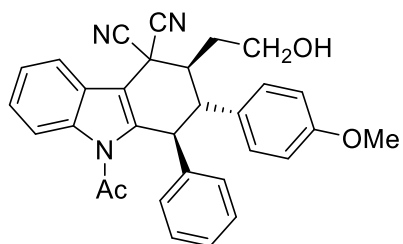


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	21.69250	456.65	25763.08	50.4820
2	29.76750	305.29	25271.16	49.5180

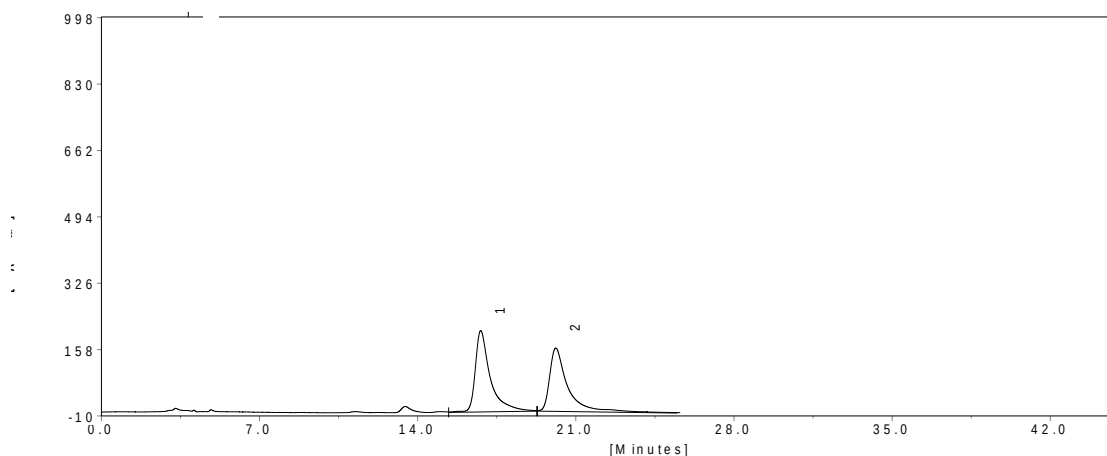
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ac** (96% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	22.34583	385.18	21086.08	97.9642
2	30.41333	6.74	438.19	2.0358

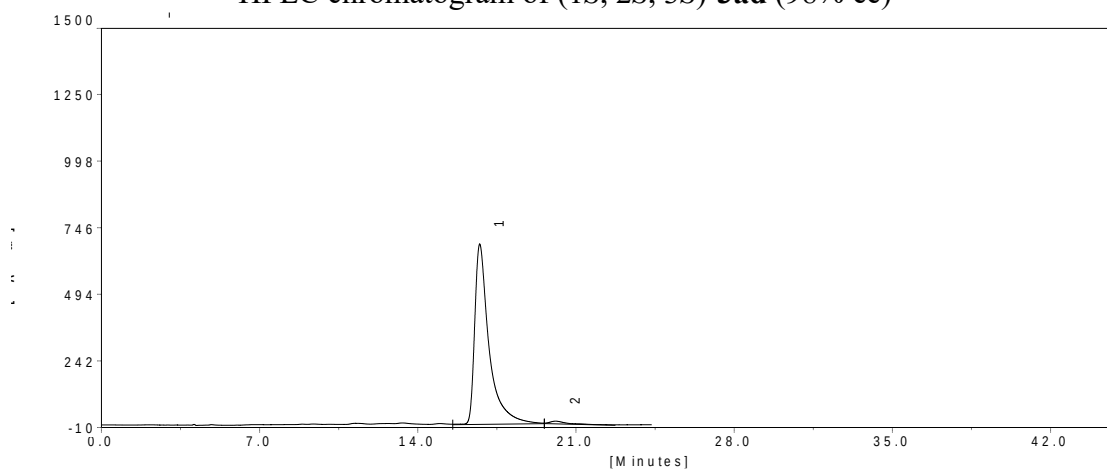


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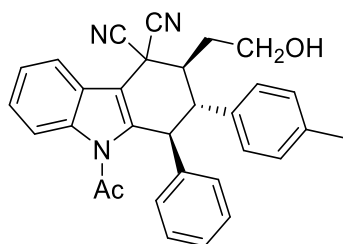


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.78917	204.85	8943.06	50.4967
2	20.10917	159.17	8867.43	49.5033

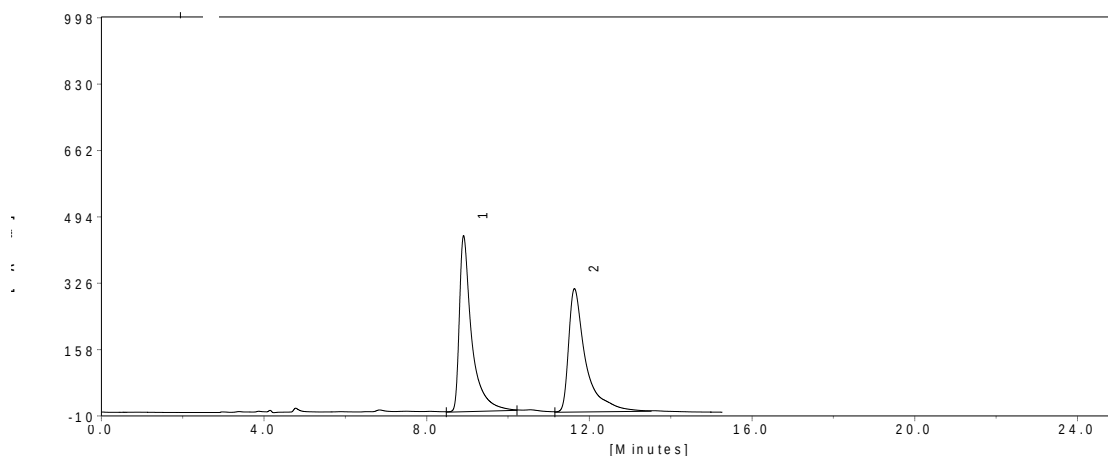
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ad** (98% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.74000	680.36	29662.53	98.9757
2	20.11167	8.62	306.99	1.0243

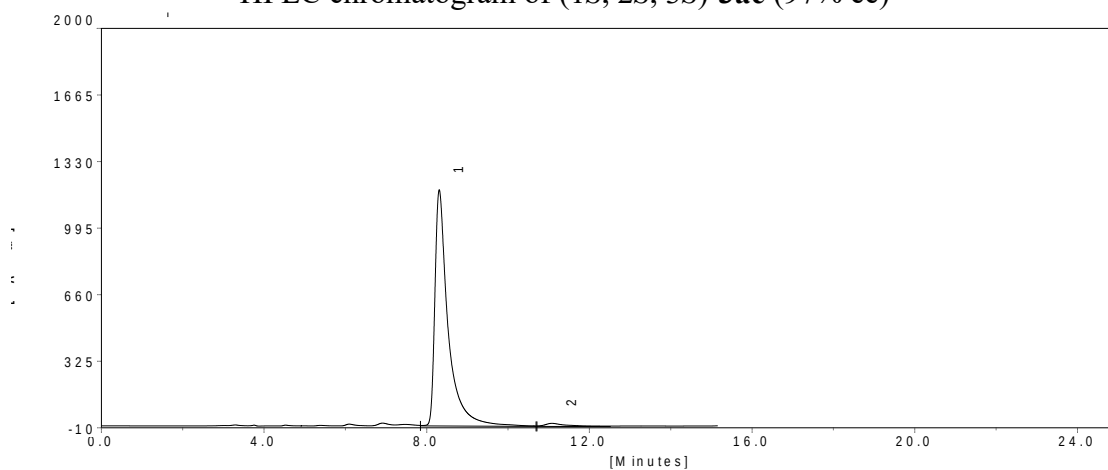


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ae**

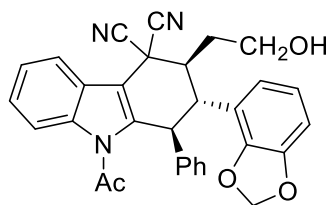


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	8.90667	444.99	9239.04	50.4831
2	11.63250	311.58	8954.11	49.5169

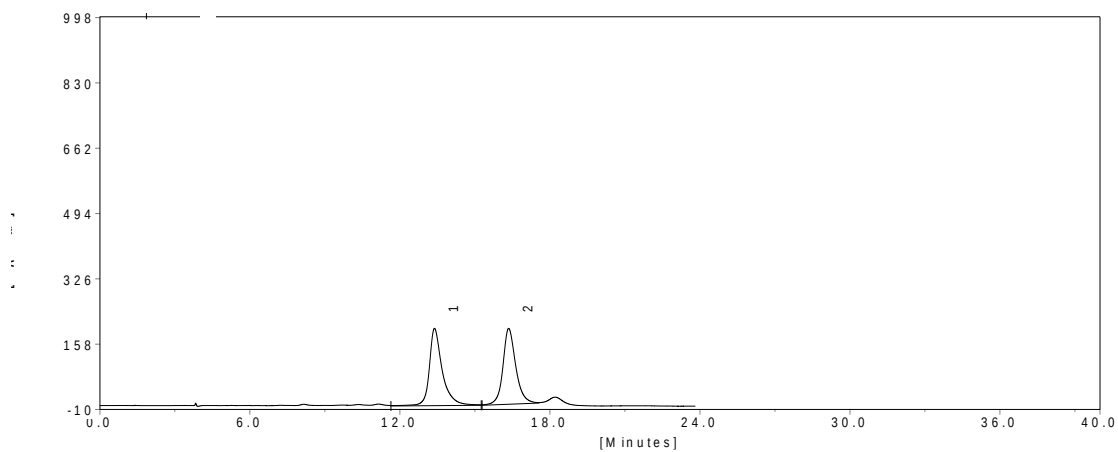
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ae** (97% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	8.30833	1186.69	26537.01	98.6082
2	11.08167	13.10	374.56	1.3918

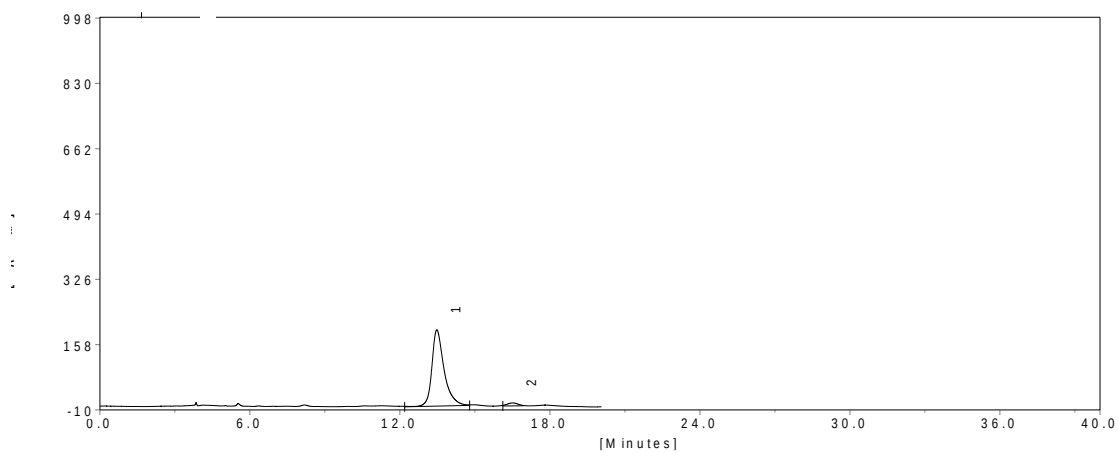


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3af**

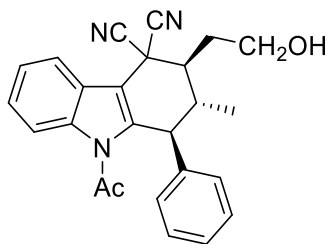


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.38417	197.65	6905.33	50.4730
2	16.35167	193.93	6775.90	49.5270

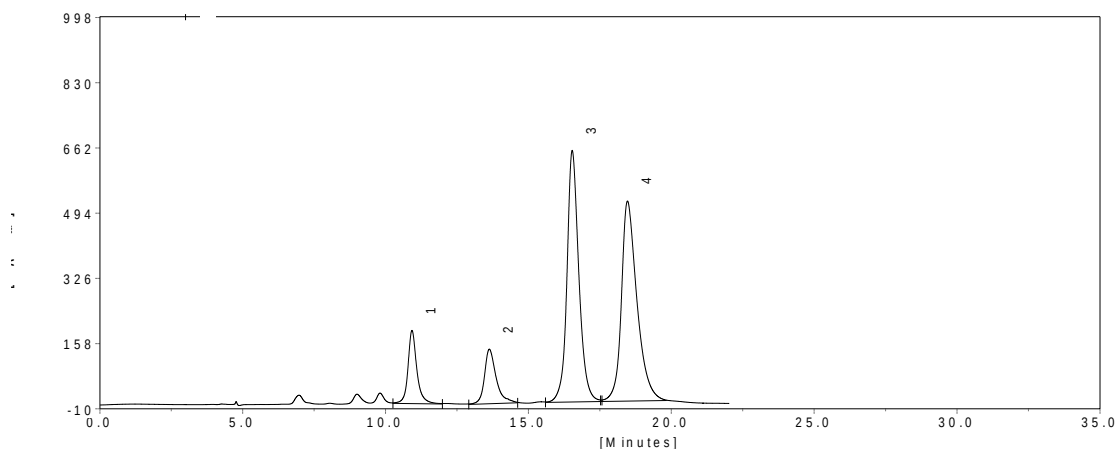
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3af** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.47750	195.15	6452.46	97.4403
2	16.50000	6.49	169.51	2.5597

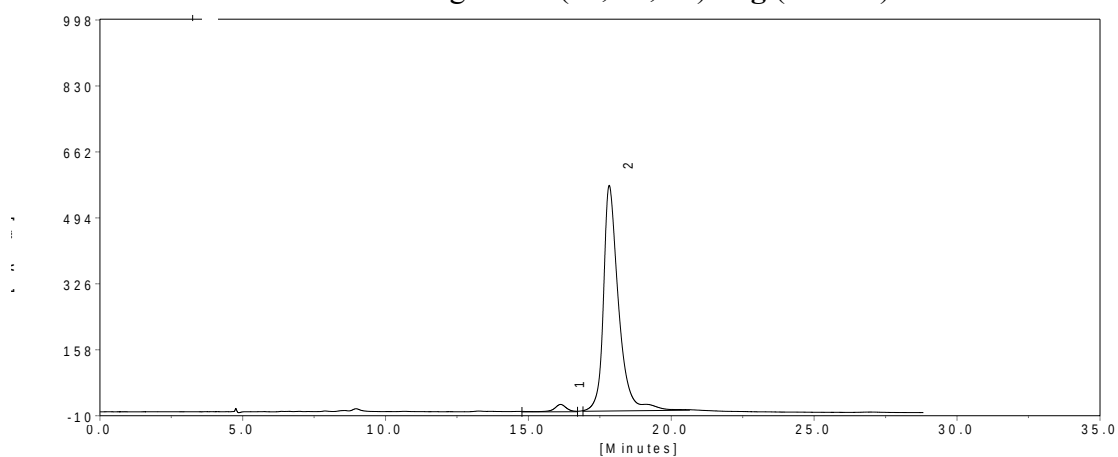


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ag**

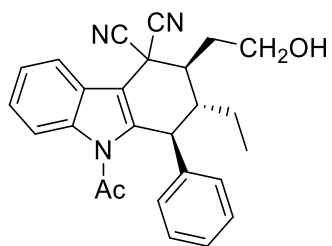


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	10.92250	187.48	3967.17	8.6651
2	13.63000	139.40	3873.29	8.4600
3	16.53083	646.97	18586.94	40.5976
4	18.46667	514.25	19355.94	42.2773

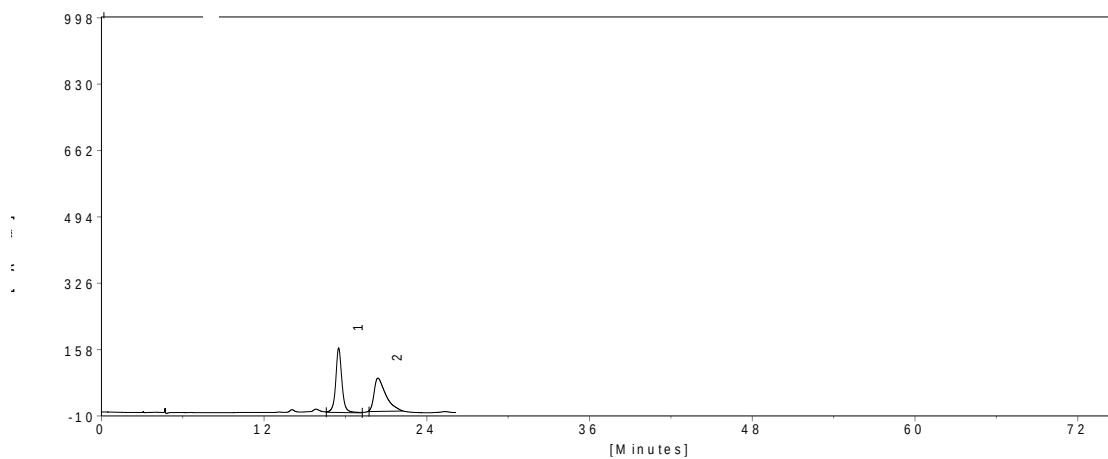
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ag** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.12000	17.60	439.61	2.0648
2	17.82583	573.66	20851.27	97.9352

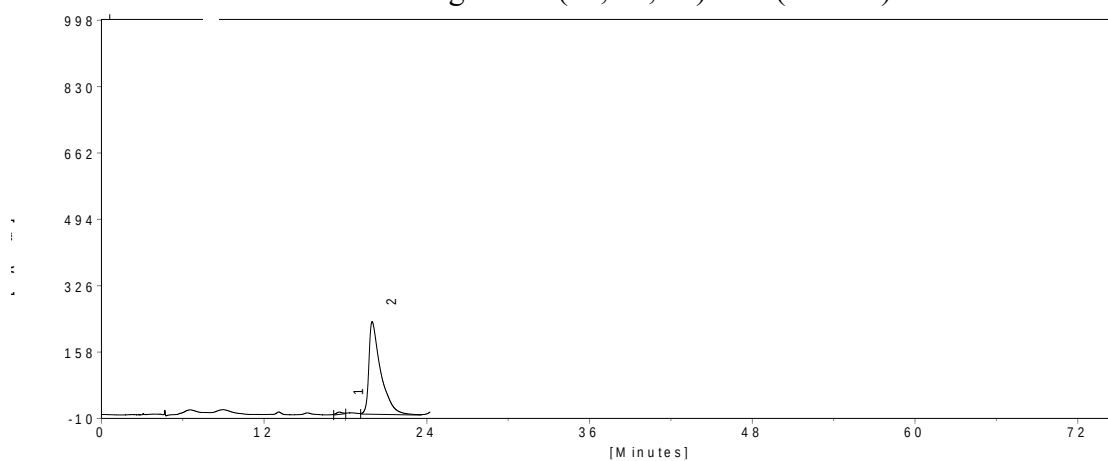


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ah**

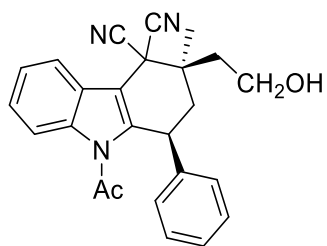


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	17.49750	162.66	4987.32	50.6757
2	19.78667	83.29	4854.32	49.3243

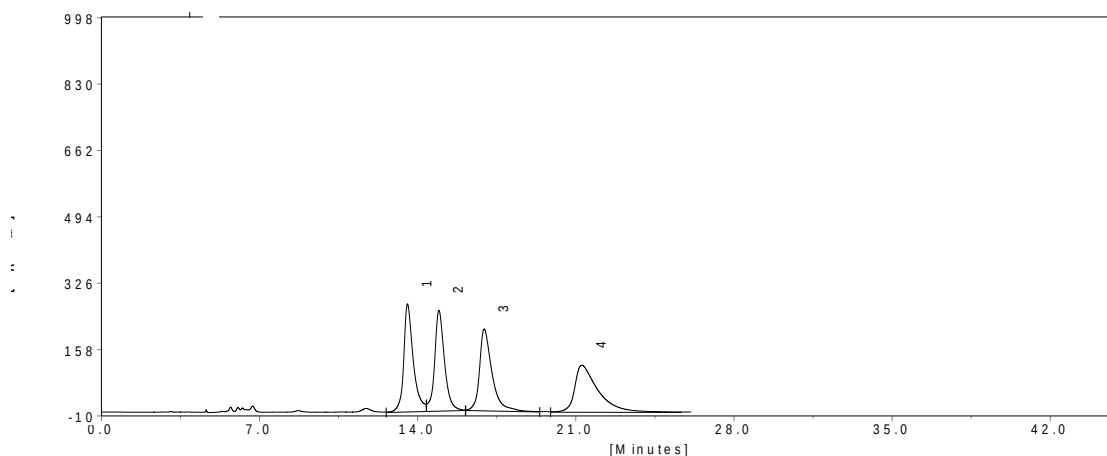
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 2*S*, 3*S*)-**3ah** (98% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	17.53917	4.43	110.12	0.7864
2	19.96667	233.45	13892.25	99.2136

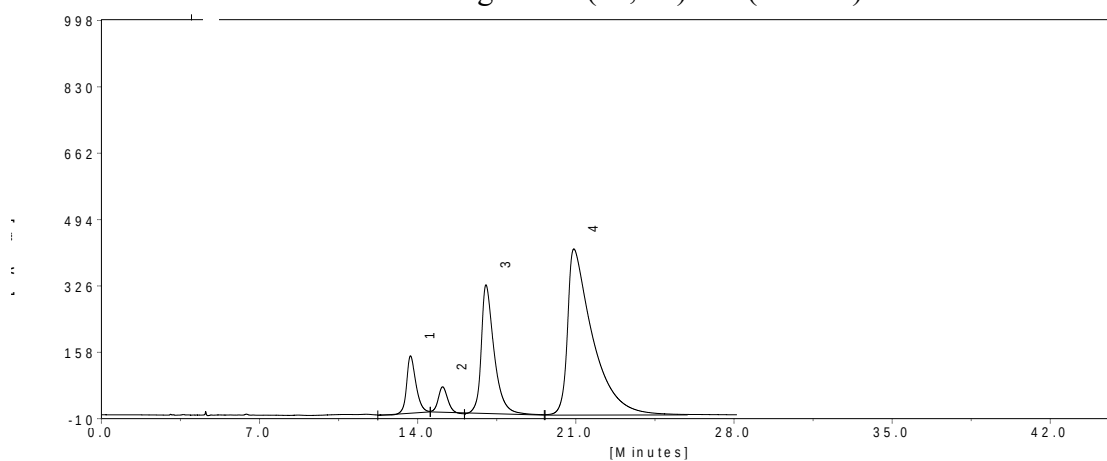


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **3ai**

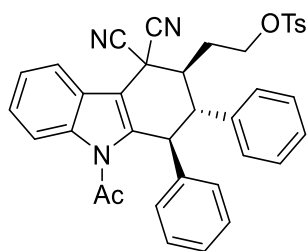


#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.54917	272.57	7946.47	25.0931
2	14.94000	254.21	7649.74	24.1560
3	16.94500	206.35	7799.75	24.6297
4	21.26417	117.97	8272.04	26.1212

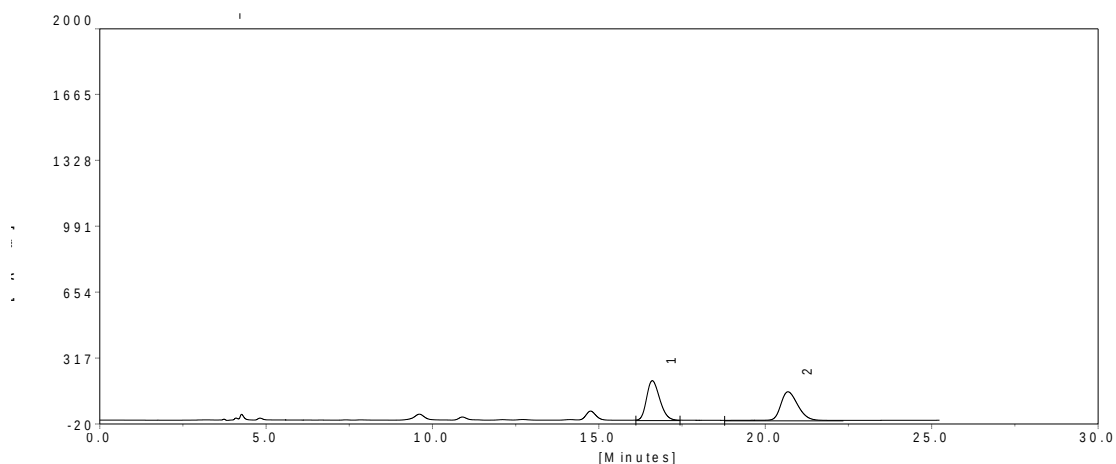
HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 3*S*)-**3ai** (43% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	13.68083	144.00	3940.34	7.8241
2	15.10333	63.17	1682.46	3.3408
3	17.02333	324.48	12619.83	25.0586
4	20.91250	419.46	32118.66	63.7765

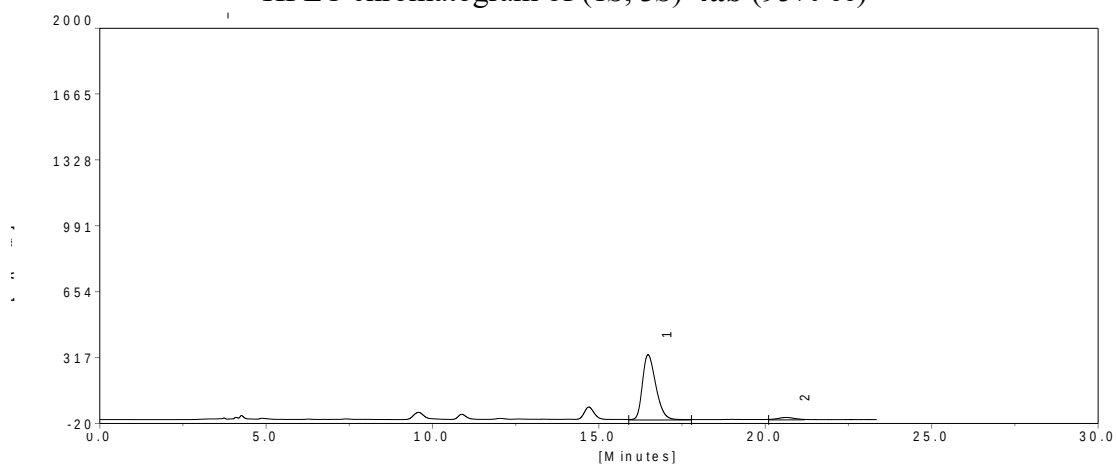


HPLC chromatogram of racemic **4ab**



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.60500	201.82	5376.64	50.6766
2	20.68333	146.11	5233.06	49.3234

HPLC chromatogram of (1*S*, 3*S*)-**4ab** (95% ee)



#	Ret Time(min)	Height(mV)	Area(mV.sec)	Area(%)
1	16.47667	331.56	9229.38	97.7946
2	20.62500	9.73	208.13	2.2054