

## Supporting Information:

# Enantioselective Dearomative [3+2] Cycloaddition of 2-Nitrobenzofurans with Aldehyde-Derived Morita–Baylis–Hillman Carbonates

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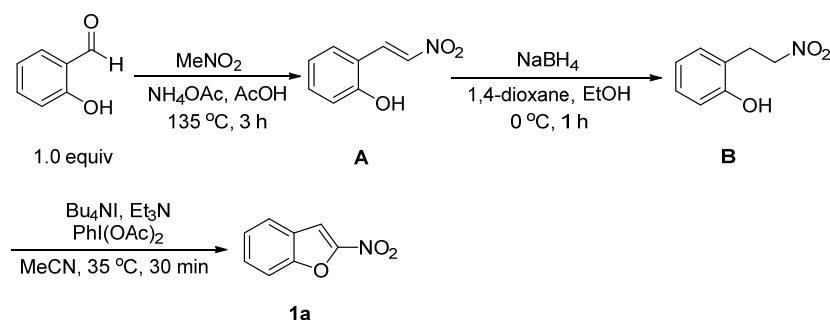
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## 1. General information

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tube filled nitrogen, and monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). All reagents were reagent grade quality and purchased from commercial sources unless otherwise indicated.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker ( $^1\text{H}$  600 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  151 MHz) and Bruker ( $^1\text{H}$  400 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  101 MHz). Chemical shifts are recorded in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane and with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Enantiomer excesses were determined by chiral HPLC analysis on Chiralcel IA/ID/OJ-H/OD-H in comparison with the authentic racemates. Chiral HPLC analysis recorded on Thermo scientific Dionex Ultimate 3000. Optical rotations were reported as follows:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{\text{T}}$  (c: = g/100mL, in solvent). Optical rotations recorded on Autopol Automatic Polarimeter. All products were further characterized by high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS). The HRMS was obtained using a Q-TOF instrument equipped with an ESI source.  $\text{PhCH}_3$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  were freshly distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$ . The 2-nitrobenzofurans (**1a-1h**)<sup>1</sup> and Morita–Baylis–Hillman carbonates (**2a-2o**)<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the reported procedures.

## 2. Synthesis of starting materials

### Synthesis of variously functionalized 2-nitrobenzofurans (**1a-1h**)<sup>1</sup>:

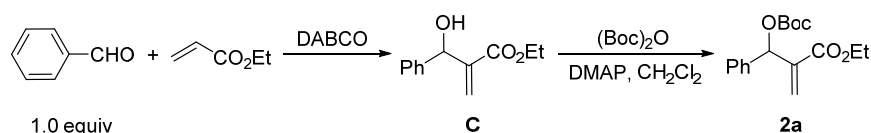


To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, nitromethane (5.0 mL),  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$  (77 mg, 1.0 mmol), and acetic acid (2.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 15 min before addition of salicylaldehyde (0.61 g, 5.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was then heated at 135 °C for 3 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (50 mL). The organic phase was washed by brine (50 mL). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) yielded product **A** (0.58 g, 70%) as a yellow solid.

$\text{NaBH}_4$  (45 mg, 1.2 mmol) was suspended in a mixture of 1,4-dioxane and EtOH (4.0 mL, 3:1). **A** (165 mg, 1 mmol) dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, quenched with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (10 mL), extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3  $\times$  25 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (50 mL), and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The organic phase was removed under vacuum to afford the crude **B**.

To a 25 mL flask were added crude **B**,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NI}$  (923 mg, 2.5 mmol),  $\text{NEt}_3$  (202 mg, 2.0 mmol),  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (966 mg, 3.0 equiv), and acetonitrile (10.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 30 min, extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (50 mL). The organic phase was washed by brine (3  $\times$  25 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1) yielded 2-nitrobenzofuran **1a** (98 mg, 60%) as a light yellow solid. **1b-1h** were synthesized in the same reaction conditions.

### Synthesis of Morita–Baylis–Hillman carbonates (**2a-2o**)<sup>2</sup>:



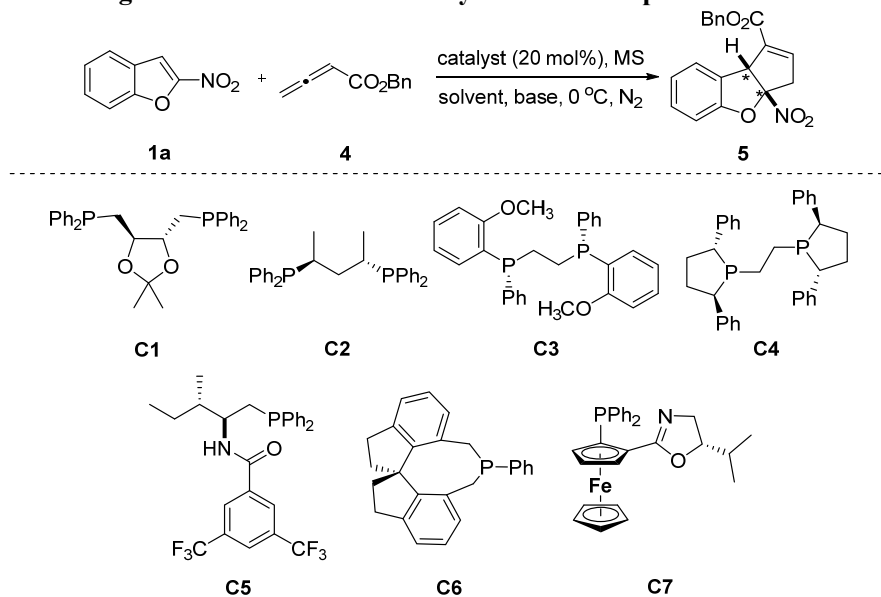
Benzaldehyde (1.0 equiv), ethyl acrylate (2.0 equiv) and DABCO (1.0 equiv) was taken in a round bottom flask. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5-7 days. The solution was extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the organic phases were dried and concentrated. Purification by

column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) yielded product **C**.

To a solution of compound **C** (1.0 equiv) in DCM were added DMAP (10 mmol%) and (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv) at room temperature. After being stirred at room temperature for 5 h, The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic phases were dried and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) yielded product **2a**. **2b-2o** were synthesized in the same reaction conditions.

### 3. Optimization of reaction conditions of 2-nitrobenzofurans with allenolate.

Table S1. Screening of reaction conditions for synthesis of compound **5**

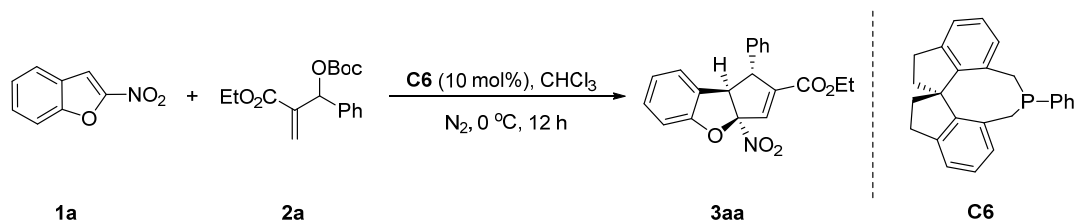


| entry           | cat.      | solvent            | MS  | base                            | time (h) | yield <sup>b</sup> (%) | ee <sup>c</sup> (%) |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|-----|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1               | <b>C1</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | 28                     | 31                  |
| 2               | <b>C2</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | 35                     | 0                   |
| 3               | <b>C3</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | 24                     | 19                  |
| 4               | <b>C4</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | 37                     | 4                   |
| 5               | <b>C5</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | trace                  | 11                  |
| 6               | <b>C6</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | 32                     | 11                  |
| 7               | <b>C7</b> | DCM                | -   | -                               | 12       | NR                     | -                   |
| 8               | <b>C1</b> | DCE                | -   | -                               | 12       | 35                     | 33                  |
| 9               | <b>C1</b> | CH <sub>3</sub> CN | -   | -                               | 12       | NR                     | -                   |
| 10              | <b>C1</b> | MTBE               | -   | -                               | 12       | 38                     | 55                  |
| 11              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | -   | -                               | 12       | 37                     | 68                  |
| 12              | <b>C1</b> | dioxane            | -   | -                               | 12       | NR                     | -                   |
| 13              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 3 Å | -                               | 12       | 35                     | 67                  |
| 14              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 4 Å | -                               | 12       | 38                     | 72                  |
| 15              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 5 Å | -                               | 12       | 37                     | 69                  |
| 16              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 4 Å | -                               | 24       | 40                     | 69                  |
| 17              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 4 Å | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 12       | 24                     | 75                  |
| 18              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 4 Å | NEt <sub>3</sub>                | 12       | 21                     | 69                  |
| 19              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | -   | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 12       | 19                     | 74                  |
| 20              | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | -   | NEt <sub>3</sub>                | 12       | 27                     | 66                  |
| <sup>d</sup> 21 | <b>C1</b> | toluene            | 4 Å | -                               | 12       | 36                     | 70                  |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **4** (0.4 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), MS (80 mg) and base (0.2 mmol) in solvent (2.0 mL), 0 °C, N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Yields of isolated product. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup>The reaction was performed on 0.5 mmol scale.

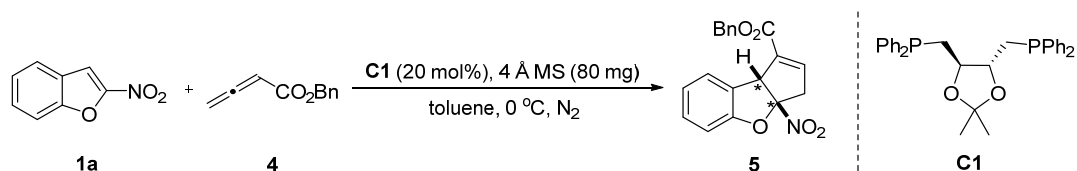
## 4. Typical procedure for the asymmetric dearomatization cycloaddition reaction

General procedure for the enantioselective preparation of dearomatized products **3** (**3aa** was used as a representative example)



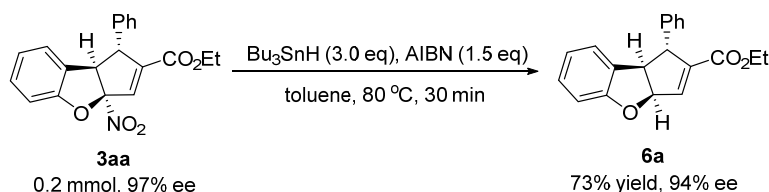
To an oven-dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, 2-nitrobenzofuran **1a** (16.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **C6** (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) and MBH carbonates **2a** (61.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added. The tube was sealed with a threaded rubber stopper, evacuated and backfilled with  $\text{N}_2$ . The tube was then charged with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (1.0 mL) via syringe and the mixture was stirred at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. Upon consumption of 2-nitrobenzofuran **1a** (determined by TLC), the mixture was concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product, which was then purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to afford the cycloadduct **3aa** (32.6 mg, 93% yield, 97% ee).

General procedure for the enantioselective preparation of dearomatized product **5**

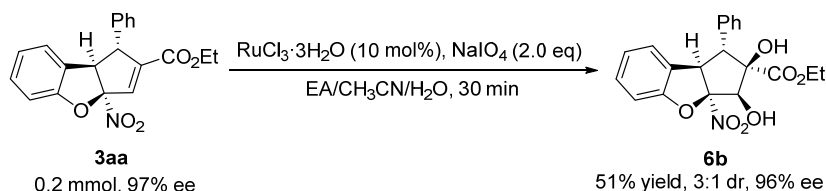


To an oven-dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, 2-nitrobenzofuran **1a** (32.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), **C1** (20.0 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol%), benzyl buta-2,3-dienoate (69.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 4 Å MS (80.0 mg) were added. The tube was sealed with a threaded rubber stopper, evacuated and backfilled with  $\text{N}_2$ . The tube was then charged with  $\text{PhCH}_3$  (2.0 mL) via syringe and the mixture was stirred at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product, which was then purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to afford the cycloadduct **5** (25.7mg, 38% yield, 72% ee).

## 5. Transformations of product **3aa**



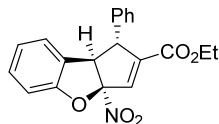
To a solution of compound **3aa** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (2.0 mL) were added tributyltin hydride (162  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and AIBN (49.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. After being stirred at 80  $^\circ$ C for 30 min, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated KF solution (10.0 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3/1) to afford product **6a** (44.4 mg, 73% yield, 94% ee).



To a test tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, NaIO<sub>4</sub> (89.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to 0  $^\circ$ C and RuCl<sub>3</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) was added. Then EtOAc (0.4 mL) was added. CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.8 mL) and a solution of substrate **3aa** (70.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOAc (0.8 mL) was added in sequence. After being stirred at 0  $^\circ$ C for 30 min, 10 % NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL) and saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution (4.0 mL) were added. The solution was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to afford product **6b** (39.1 mg, 51% yield, 3:1 dr, 96% ee).

## 6. Characterization of compounds

### Ethyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*aa*)



White solid. 32.6 mg, 93% yield, 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -45.20$  ( $c = 0.86$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 80-82 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 250$  nm, retention time: 8.883 min (major), 9.972 min (minor).

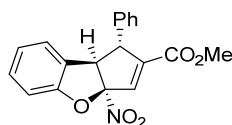
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.33$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 157.4, 148.7, 140.7, 133.2, 130.0, 129.4, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 123.7, 111.2, 61.7, 61.5, 58.6, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  374.0999, found  $m/z$  374.0995.

### Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*ab*)



White solid. 31.1 mg, 92% yield, 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -48.20$  ( $c = 1.00$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 139-140 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 7.057 min (major), 7.992 min (minor).

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.28$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

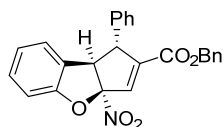
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.1, 157.4, 148.3, 140.5, 133.5, 130.1, 129.4, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 123.7, 111.2, 61.7, 58.6, 52.4.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  360.0842, found  $m/z$  360.0837.



**Benzyl (1R,3aR,8bR)-3a-nitro-1-phenyl-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3ac)**



Light yellow solid. 36.4 mg, 88% yield, 93% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -32.41$  ( $c = 0.87$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 36-38 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 250$  nm, retention time: 11.903 min (major), 14.652 min (minor).

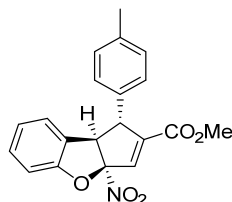
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.27$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.4, 157.4, 148.3, 140.6, 135.0, 133.9, 130.1, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 126.8, 125.1, 124.7, 123.7, 111.2, 67.2, 61.8, 58.6.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  436.1155, found  $m/z$  436.1157.

**Methyl (1R,3aR,8bR)-3a-nitro-1-(p-tolyl)-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3ad)**



Light yellow solid. 32.3 mg, 92% yield, 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -75.71$  ( $c = 0.87$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 126-128 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL IA, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 7.633 min (major), 12.413 min (minor).

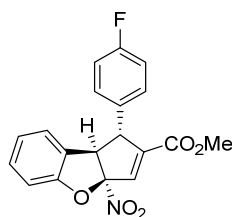
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.28$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.2, 157.4, 148.3, 137.7, 137.6, 133.2, 130.1, 130.0, 127.3, 127.0, 125.3, 124.8, 123.7, 111.1, 61.8, 58.2, 52.4, 21.3.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  374.0999, found  $m/z$  374.0999.

**Methyl (1R,3aR,8bR)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3a-nitro-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3ae)**



Light yellow solid. 30.9 mg, 87% yield, 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -39.59$  ( $c = 0.94$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 42-43 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 9.032 min (major), 10.513 min (minor).

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.24$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

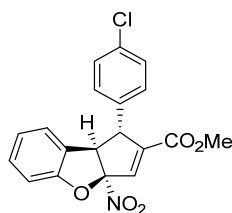
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.0, 162.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 247.6$  Hz), 157.3, 148.1, 136.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 3.0$  Hz), 133.6, 130.2, 129.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 9.1$  Hz), 126.6, 125.1, 124.7, 123.8, 116.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 22.7$  Hz), 111.2, 61.7, 57.9, 52.5.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.4 (s).

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  378.0748, found  $m/z$  378.0744.

**Methyl (1R,3aR,8bR)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3a-nitro-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3af)**



White solid. 31.9 mg, 86% yield, 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -88.52$  ( $c = 0.72$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 129 -130 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL OJ-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 250$  nm, retention time: 22.777 min (major), 44.773 min (minor).

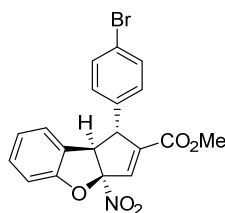
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.26$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 ((t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.9, 157.3, 147.9, 139.0, 133.9, 133.9, 130.2, 129.6, 128.9, 126.5, 125.1, 124.7, 123.8, 111.3, 61.6, 57.9, 52.5.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 394.0453, found *m/z* 394.0453.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*ag*)**



White solid. 36.5mg, 88% yield, 96% ee.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -106.00 (*c* = 0.42, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

m.p.: 128-129 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C, λ = 256 nm, retention time: 9.768 min (major), 11.407 min (minor).

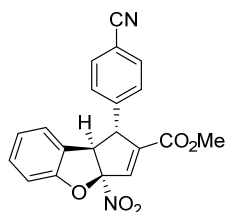
**TLC**: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.24 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.9, 157.3, 147.8, 139.6, 133.9, 132.6, 130.2, 129.2, 126.5, 125.1, 124.7, 123.8, 122.0, 111.3, 61.5, 58.0, 52.5.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 437.9948, found *m/z* 437.9949.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-1-(4-cyanophenyl)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*ah*)**



White solid. 31.2mg, 86% yield, 96% ee.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -121.96 (*c* = 1.01, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

m.p.: 121-122 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 27.635 min (major), 33.292 min (minor).

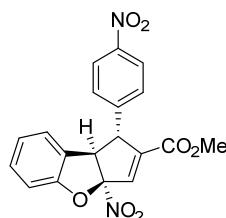
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.28 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 5:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.38 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 157.3, 147.2, 145.8, 134.7, 133.3, 130.4, 128.4, 126.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.9, 118.6, 112.1, 111.4, 61.3, 58.4, 52.6.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  385.0795, found  $m/z$  385.0791.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-3*a*-nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*ai*)**



White solid. 32.5mg, 85% yield, 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -120.15$  ( $c$  = 0.93,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 105-106 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 24.478 min (major), 30.032 min (minor).

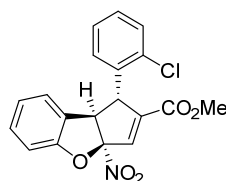
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.32 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 5:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.11 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.43 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 157.3, 147.8, 147.7, 147.2, 134.8, 130.5, 128.5, 126.0, 124.9, 124.7, 124.6, 124.0, 111.4, 61.3, 58.2, 52.7.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  405.0693, found  $m/z$  405.0693.

**Methyl (1*S*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*aj*)**



White solid. 32.6mg, 88% yield, 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -3.72$  ( $c$  = 0.95,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 81-82 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL IA, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 7.752 min (major), 8.522 min (minor).

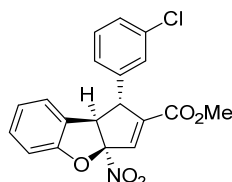
**TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.30 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.6, 157.4, 148.7, 140.7, 133.2, 130.0, 129.4, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 123.7, 111.2, 61.7, 61.5, 58.6, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 394.0453, found  $m/z$  394.0458.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*ak*)**



White solid. 34.1mg, 92% yield, 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -63.09 ( $c$  = 0.88, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

m.p.: 46-48 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 9.090 min (major), 10.503 min (minor).

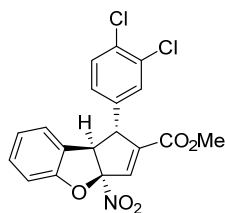
**TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.24 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.21 (dt,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.9, 157.3, 147.6, 142.5, 135.2, 134.1, 130.8, 130.3, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5, 125.5, 125.0, 124.7, 123.8, 111.3, 61.5, 58.2, 52.6.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 394.0453, found  $m/z$  394.0455.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*al*)**



Light yellow solid. 36.4mg, 90% yield, 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -96.18$  ( $c = 0.96$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 112-114 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 9.378 min (major), 10.582 min (minor).

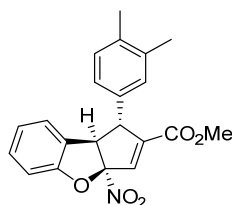
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.25$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td,  $J = 7.4, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 157.3, 147.4, 140.7, 134.4, 133.5, 132.3, 131.5, 130.4, 129.7, 126.7, 126.2, 124.9, 124.6, 123.9, 111.3, 61.4, 57.6, 52.6.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  428.0063, found  $m/z$  428.0060.

**Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,8*bR*)-3*a*-nitro-1-(*m*-tolyl)-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*am*)**



Light yellow solid. 32.8 mg, 90% yield, 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -66.66$  ( $c = 0.88$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 43-45 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 6.867 min (major), 7.747 min (minor).

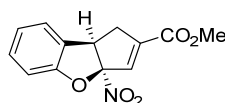
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.29$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.2, 157.4, 148.4, 138.0, 137.7, 136.3, 133.1, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 127.0, 125.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.6, 111.1, 61.8, 58.2, 52.4, 20.1, 19.6.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  388.1155, found  $m/z$  388.1150.

**Methyl (3*aR*,8*bR*)-3*a*-nitro-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3*an*)**



White solid. 25.1 mg, 96% yield, 95% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = 152.19$  ( $c = 1.29$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 82-83 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 8.762 min (major), 10.593 min (minor).

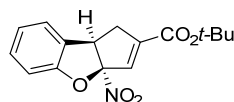
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.19$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.03 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.43 (ddd,  $J = 17.6, 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dt,  $J = 17.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.6, 157.4, 146.0, 132.7, 129.8, 127.5, 126.5, 124.8, 123.5, 110.9, 52.5, 51.2, 38.8.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  284.0529, found  $m/z$  284.0523.

**Tert-butyl (3aR,8bR)-3a-nitro-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (3ao)**



White solid. 28.4 mg, 94% yield, 96% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = 127.14$  ( $c = 0.42$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 133-135 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL OJ-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda = 256$  nm, retention time: 6.825 min (major), 11.173 min (minor).

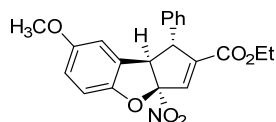
**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.34$  (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (ddd,  $J = 18.0, 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt,  $J = 17.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.4, 157.5, 148.1, 131.6, 129.7, 127.8, 126.8, 124.8, 123.4, 110.9, 82.5, 51.1, 38.9, 28.1.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  326.0999, found  $m/z$  326.1005.

**(1R,3aS,8bR)-7-Methoxy-3a-nitro-1-phenyl-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3ba)**



Yellow solid. 27.5mg, 72% yield, 94% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -43.33$  ( $c = 0.72$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 100-101 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 12.717 min (major), 14.470 min (minor).

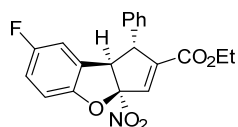
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.28 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 10:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 156.4, 151.3, 148.5, 140.6, 133.3, 129.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 125.7, 115.1, 111.3, 110.5, 62.1, 61.5, 58.4, 56.2, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  404.1105, found  $m/z$  404.1106.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-7-Fluoro-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3*ca*)**



White solid. 31.0 mg, 84% yield, 95% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -46.61 ( $c$  = 0.61,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 81-83 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL IA, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 7.027 min (major), 13.022 min (minor).

**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.21 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

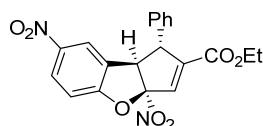
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 4.39 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 159.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 241.6 Hz), 153.4, 148.8, 140.3, 133.0, 129.4, 128.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 9.1 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 125.8, 116.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 24.2 Hz), 111.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 25.7 Hz), 111.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 9.1 Hz), 61.7, 61.6, 58.4, 14.0.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -119.8 (s).

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  392.0905, found  $m/z$  392.0902.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-3*a*,7-Dinitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3*da*)**



White solid. 26.7 mg, 67% yield, 90% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -20.81 ( $c$  = 0.66,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 128-129 °C



**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 250 nm, retention time: 17.538 min (major), 19.512 min (minor).

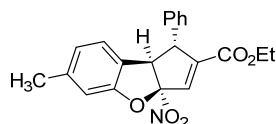
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.43 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 5:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd,  $J$  = 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.1, 162.0, 149.6, 144.4, 139.6, 132.1, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 127.1, 126.1, 121.2, 111.4, 61.8, 60.6, 58.5, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  419.0850, found  $m/z$  419.0847.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-6-Methyl-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3*ea*)**



White solid. 26.7 mg, 73% yield, 96% ee.

m.p.: 82-84 °C

$[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -69.11 ( $c$  = 0.85,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 8.557 min (major), 10.153 min (minor).

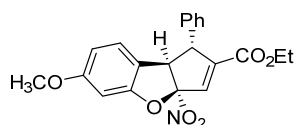
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.26 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 157.7, 148.6, 140.7, 140.6, 133.3, 129.3, 127.8, 127.5, 125.6, 124.4, 124.3, 124.0, 111.7, 61.6, 61.5, 58.7, 21.7, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  388.1155, found  $m/z$  388.1148.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-6-Methoxy-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3*fa*)**



Light yellow solid. 29.7mg, 78% yield, 90% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -101.59 ( $c$  = 0.32,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 42-44 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 11.303 min (major), 13.192 min (minor).

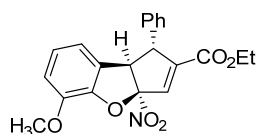
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.30 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 10:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 161.7, 158.7, 148.8, 140.7, 133.1, 129.3, 127.8, 127.5, 126.1, 124.9, 118.8, 109.8, 97.3, 61.5, 61.4, 58.8, 55.8, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  404.1105, found  $m/z$  404.1108.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-5-Methoxy-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3ga)**



Light yellow solid. 35.9 mg, 94% yield, >99% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -54.74$  ( $c$  = 1.06,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 46-47 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL ID, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 12.185 min (major), 13.883 min (minor).

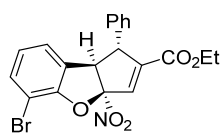
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.23 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 10:1) [UV]

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 148.7, 145.6, 145.0, 140.6, 133.0, 129.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 125.4, 124.6, 116.3, 113.0, 62.2, 61.5, 58.5, 56.3, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  404.1105, found  $m/z$  404.1104.

**(1*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-5-Bromo-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-3*a*,8*b*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-yl propionate (3ha)**



Light yellow solid. 34.7 mg, 81% yield, 97% ee.

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -78.75$  ( $c$  = 0.93,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

m.p.: 42-44 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C,  $\lambda$  = 256 nm, retention time: 8.287 min (major), 13.217 min (minor).

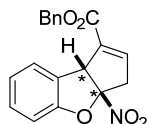
**TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.23 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.4, 154.9, 149.1, 140.3, 133.2, 132.7, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 125.0, 124.7, 123.6, 103.8, 62.4, 61.6, 58.6, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 452.0104, found *m/z* 452.0112.

**Benzyl 3a-nitro-3a,8b-dihydro-3H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-1-carboxylate (5)**



Light yellow oil. 25.7 mg, 38% yield, 72% ee.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -24.76 (*c* = 1.93, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL IA, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C, λ = 256 nm, retention time: 6.963 min (major), 7.623 min (minor).

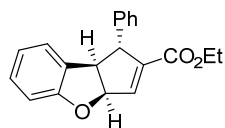
**TLC**: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.26 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 15:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.74 (ddd, *J* = 20.0, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (ddd, *J* = 19.6, 2.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6, 157.9, 139.5, 135.4, 134.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 126.7, 123.9, 123.2, 121.5, 110.4, 67.0, 60.6, 44.4.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 360.0842, found *m/z* 360.0842.

**Ethyl (1R,3aR,8bR)-1-Phenyl-3a,8b-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (6a)**



White solid. 44.4 mg, 73% yield, 94% ee.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -150.86 (*c* = 0.70, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

m.p.: 54-55 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 9.725 min (major), 18.097 min (minor).

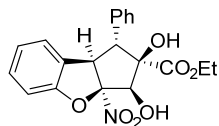
**TLC**: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.32 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 3:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.83 – 5.79 (m, 1H), 4.55 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.4, 164.4, 164.2, 153.7, 140.7, 136.7, 130.6, 129.1, 129.1, 127.4, 127.3, 124.3, 121.2, 116.7, 61.8, 61.1, 53.2, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 329.1148, found m/z 329.1142.

**Ethyl (1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,3*aS*,8*bR*)-2,3-dihydroxy-3*a*-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,3*a*,8*b*-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]benzofuran-2-carboxylate (6*b*)**



White solid. 39.1 mg, 51% yield, 3:1 dr, 96% ee.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -33.67 (c = 0.98, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

m.p.: 128-130 °C

**HPLC** CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, temperature = 25 °C, λ = 256 nm, retention time: 20.868 min (major), 44.990 min (minor).

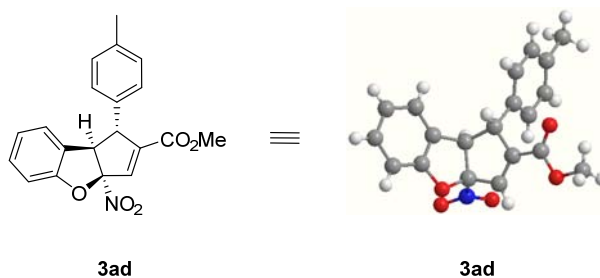
**TLC**: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.20 (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 4:1) [UV]

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 1H), 3.63 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1, 157.8, 138.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 124.1, 123.7, 121.5, 111.1, 86.0, 77.7, 63.0, 63.0, 57.1, 14.0.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>7</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 408.1054, found m/z 408.1055.

## 7. Crystal data of 3ad and 3ao



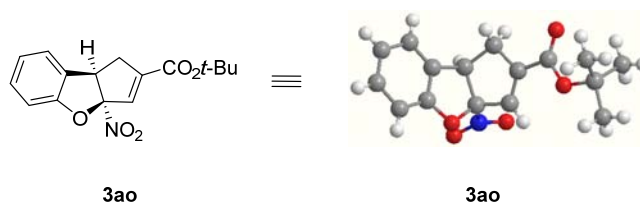
The chiral product of **3ad** was recrystallized by petroleum ether/ethyl acetate.

CCDC 1919097 (**3ad**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement of 3ad**

|                                       |                                                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Identification code                   | <b>3ad</b>                                      |
| Empirical formula                     | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> |
| Formula weight                        | 351.35                                          |
| Temperature/K                         | 100.00(10)                                      |
| Crystal system                        | tetragonal                                      |
| Space group                           | P4 <sub>3</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2                |
| a/Å                                   | 9.08830(10)                                     |
| b/Å                                   | 9.08830(10)                                     |
| c/Å                                   | 41.3484(8)                                      |
| $\alpha$ /°                           | 90                                              |
| $\beta$ /°                            | 90                                              |
| $\gamma$ /°                           | 90                                              |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                 | 3415.26(10)                                     |
| Z                                     | 8                                               |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup> | 1.367                                           |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>               | 0.820                                           |
| F(000)                                | 1472.0                                          |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>          | 0.11 × 0.1 × 0.08                               |
| Radiation                             | CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)             |

|                                                  |                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/ $^{\circ}$ | 8.554 to 147.494                                                  |
| Index ranges                                     | $-11 \leq h \leq 10$ , $-10 \leq k \leq 7$ , $-51 \leq l \leq 51$ |
| Reflections collected                            | 22632                                                             |
| Independent reflections                          | 3424 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0296$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0155$ ]  |
| Data/restraints/parameters                       | 3424/7/238                                                        |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                         | 1.082                                                             |
| Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]          | $R_1 = 0.0768$ , $wR_2 = 0.2148$                                  |
| Final R indexes [all data]                       | $R_1 = 0.0775$ , $wR_2 = 0.2155$                                  |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$    | 0.70/-0.63                                                        |
| Flack/Hooft parameter                            | -0.01(5)/0.00(5)                                                  |



The chiral product of **3ao** was recrystallized by petroleum ether/ethyl acetate.

CCDC 1919105 (**3ao**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement of 3ao**

|                     |                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Identification code | <b>3ao</b>                                      |
| Empirical formula   | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> |
| Formula weight      | 303.30                                          |
| Temperature/K       | 286(4)                                          |
| Crystal system      | orthorhombic                                    |
| Space group         | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>   |
| a/ $\text{\AA}$     | 6.23380(10)                                     |
| b/ $\text{\AA}$     | 11.66010(10)                                    |
| c/ $\text{\AA}$     | 21.6605(2)                                      |
| $\alpha/^\circ$     | 90                                              |
| $\beta/^\circ$      | 90                                              |
| $\gamma/^\circ$     | 90                                              |

|                                             |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 1574.43(3)                                                    |
| Z                                           | 4                                                             |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>          | 1.280                                                         |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                          | 0.798                                                         |
| F(000)                                      | 640.0                                                         |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.38 × 0.25 × 0.18                                            |
| Radiation                                   | CuKα (λ = 1.54184)                                            |
| 2θ range for data collection/°              | 8.164 to 142.498                                              |
| Index ranges                                | -5 ≤ h ≤ 7, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -26 ≤ l ≤ 26                        |
| Reflections collected                       | 15520                                                         |
| Independent reflections                     | 3000 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0258, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0200] |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 3000/0/202                                                    |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.068                                                         |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]                | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0372, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0932             |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0421, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0955             |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.12/-0.18                                                    |
| Flack parameter                             | -0.01(8)                                                      |

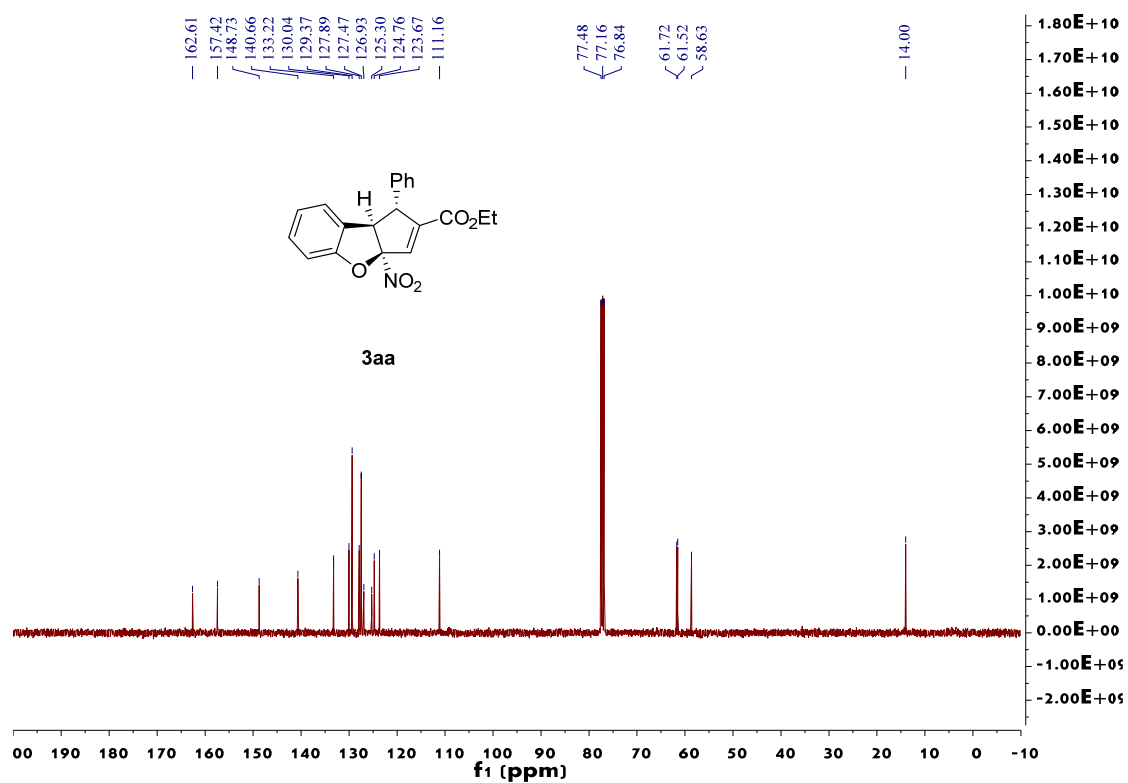
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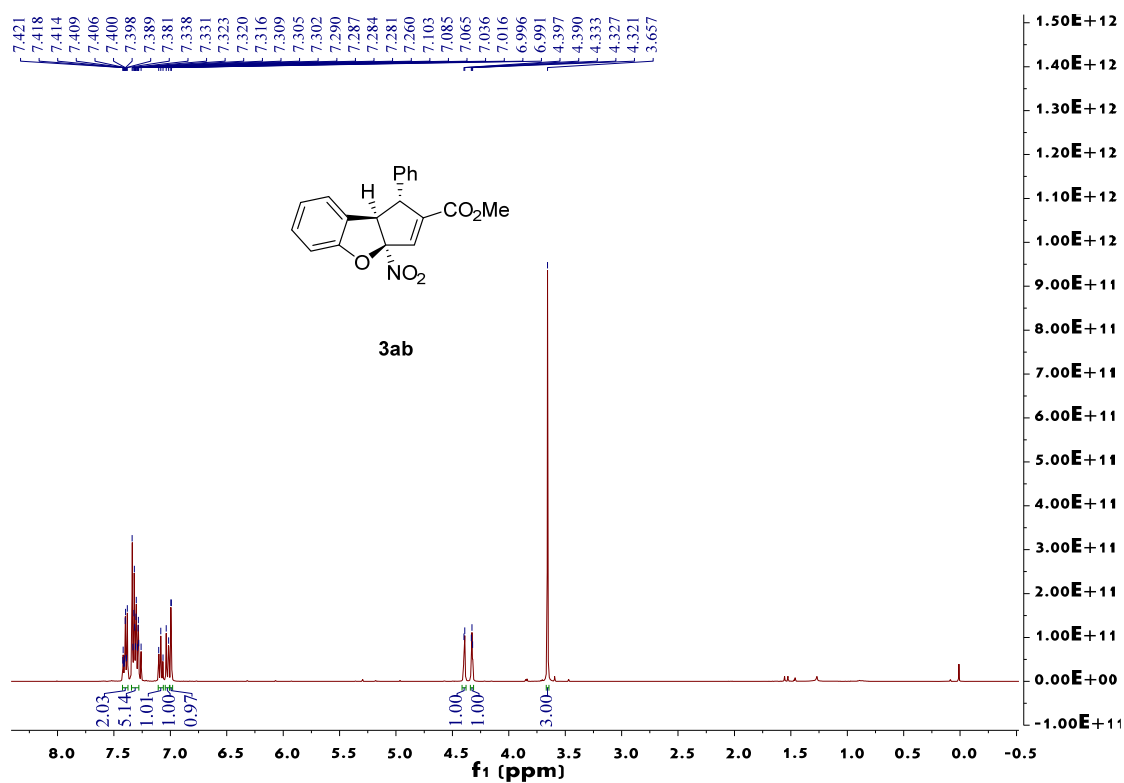




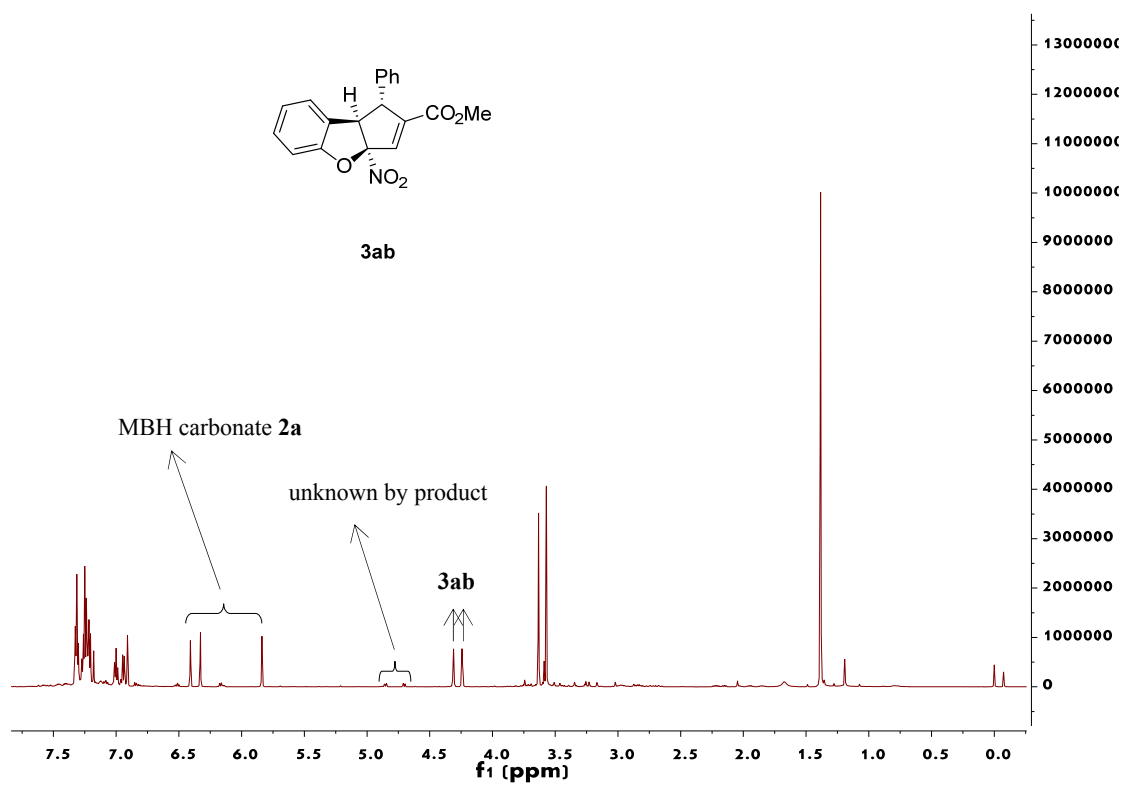
# <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3aa



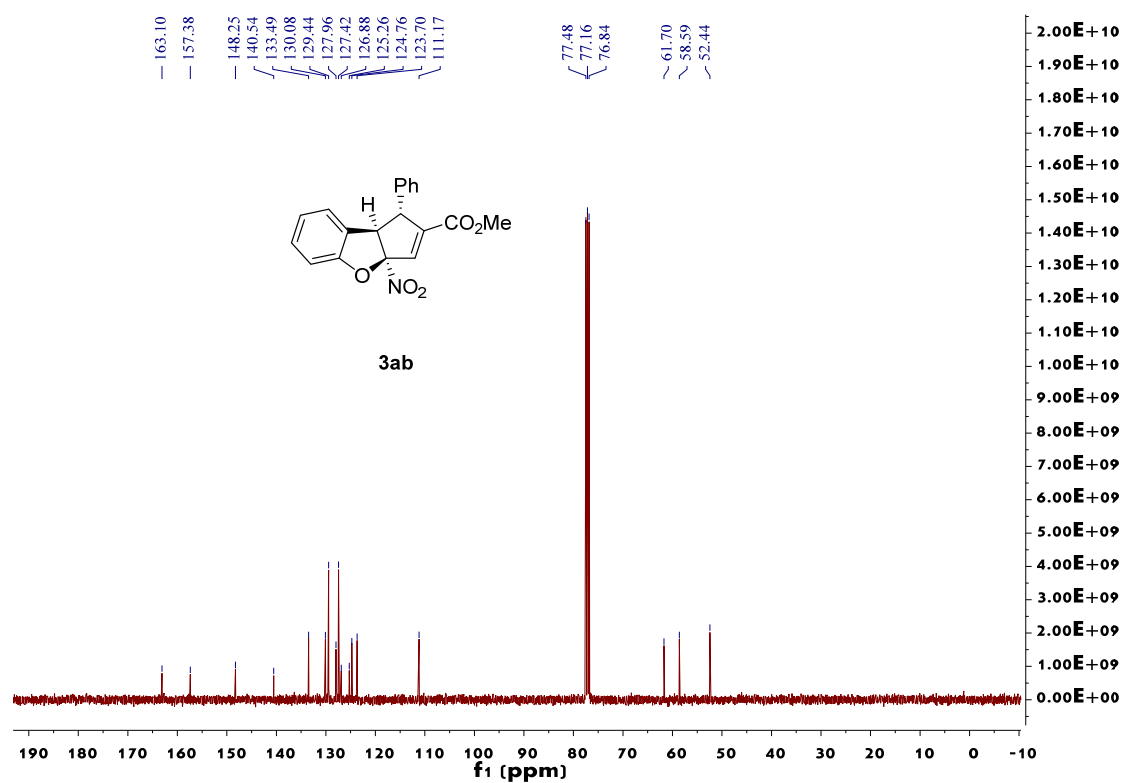
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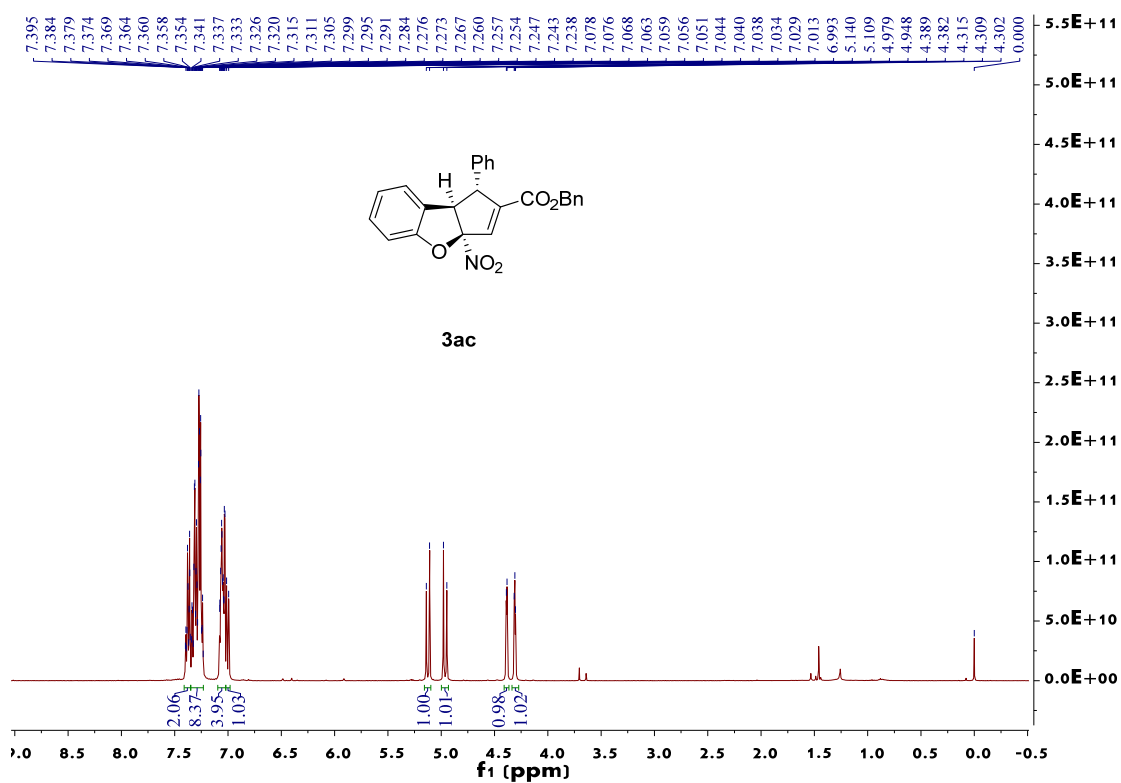
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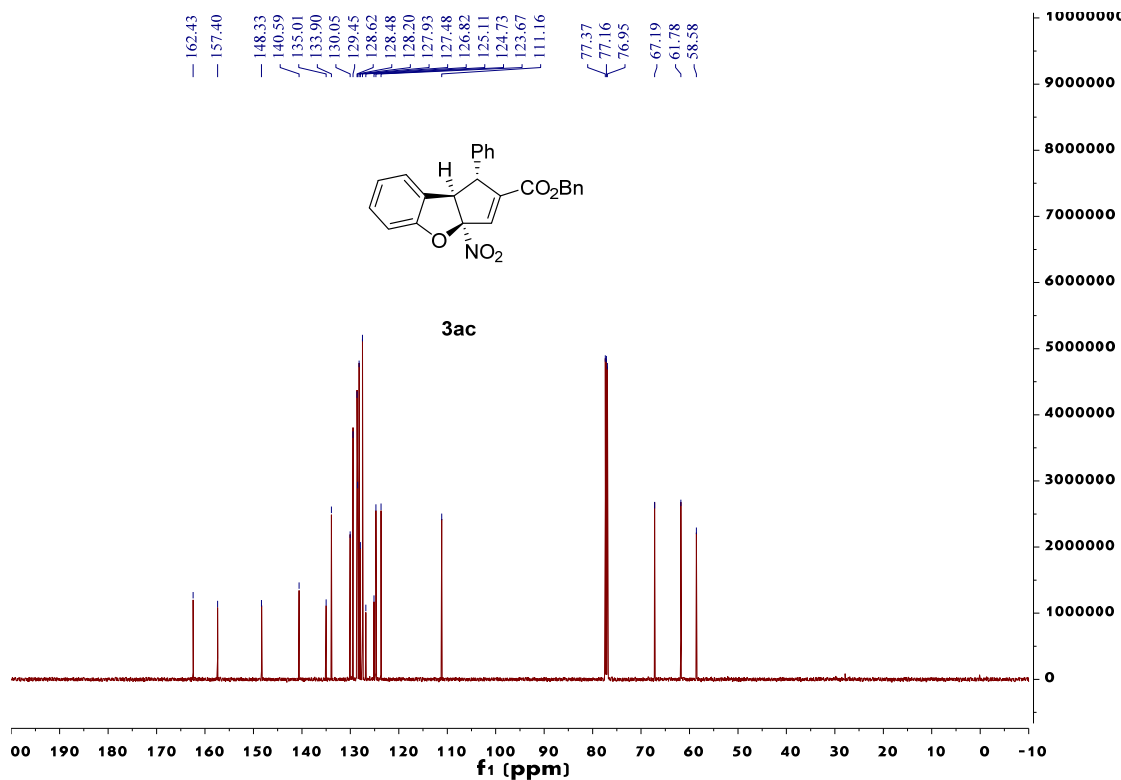
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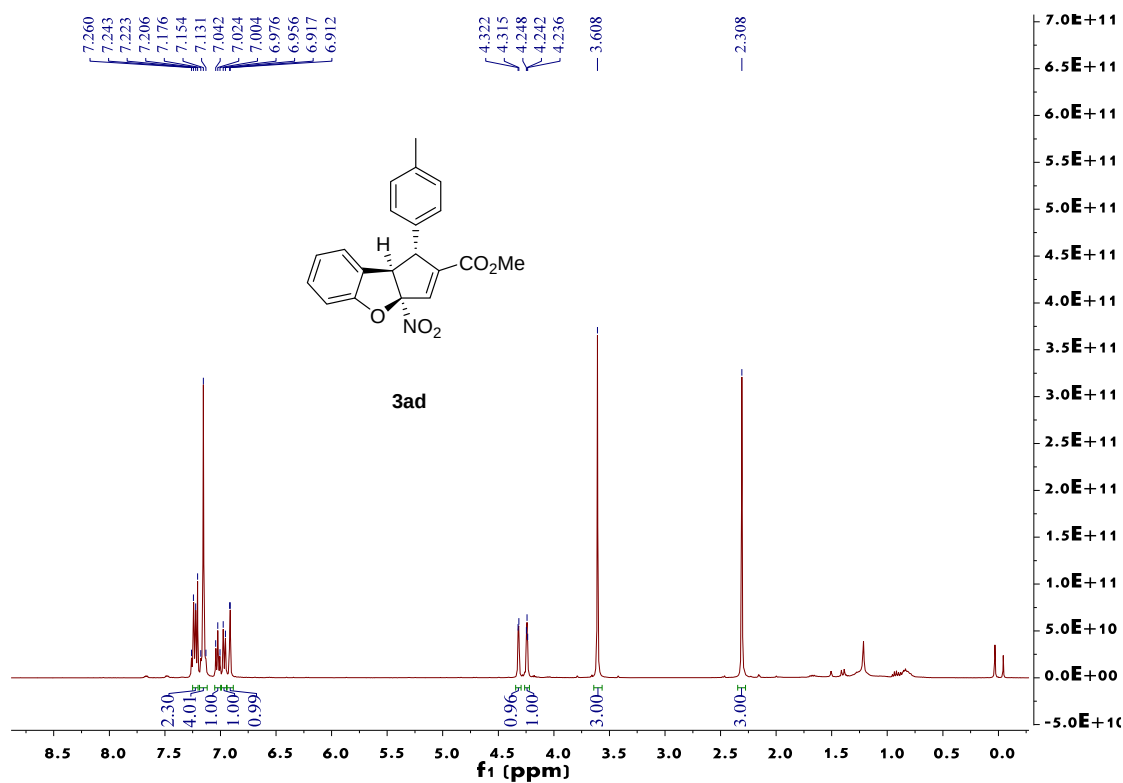
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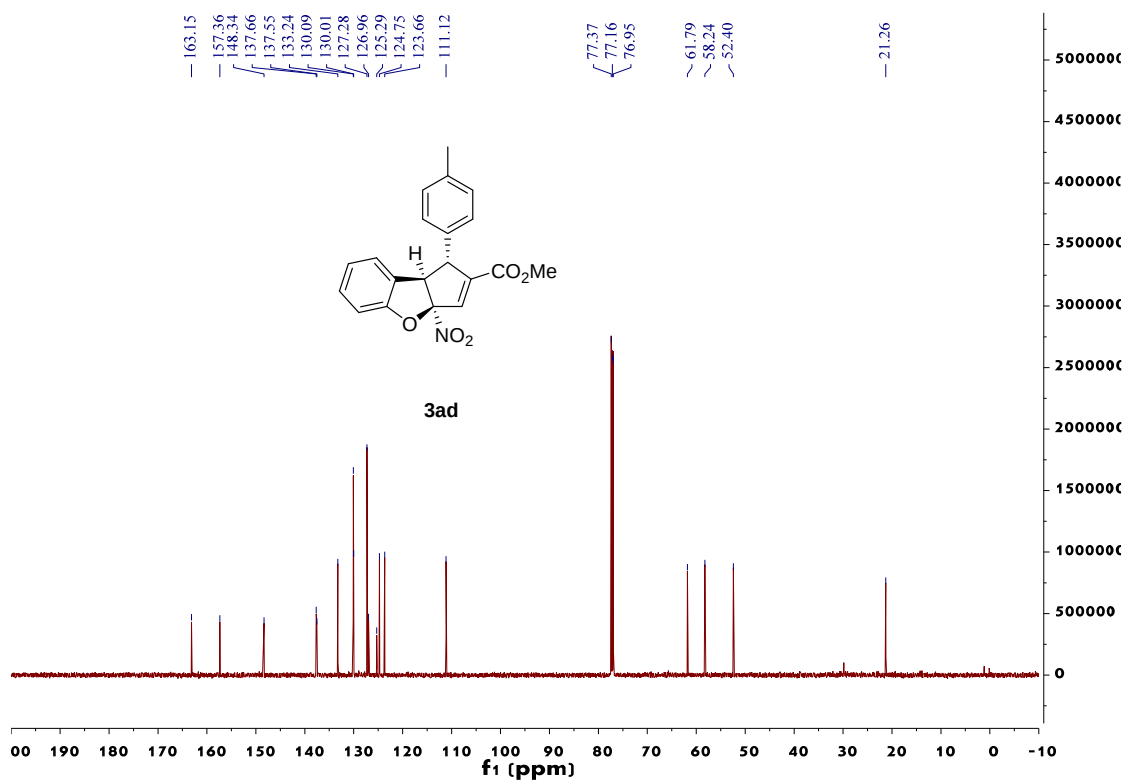
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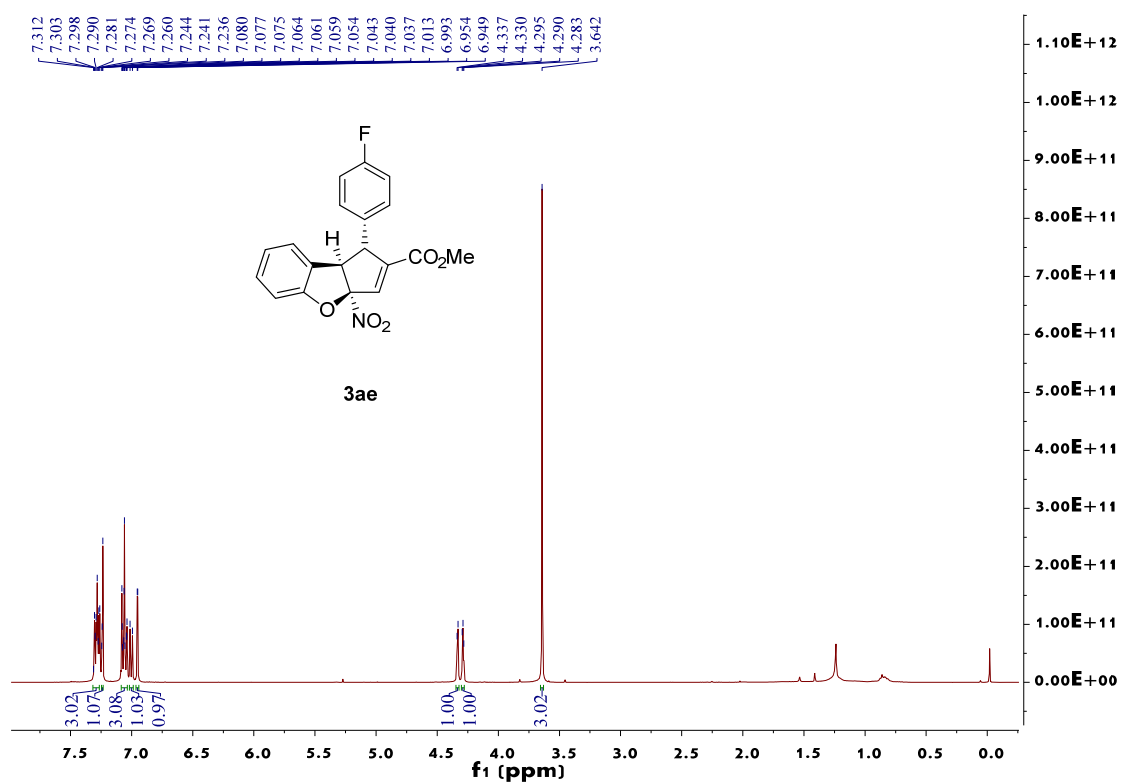
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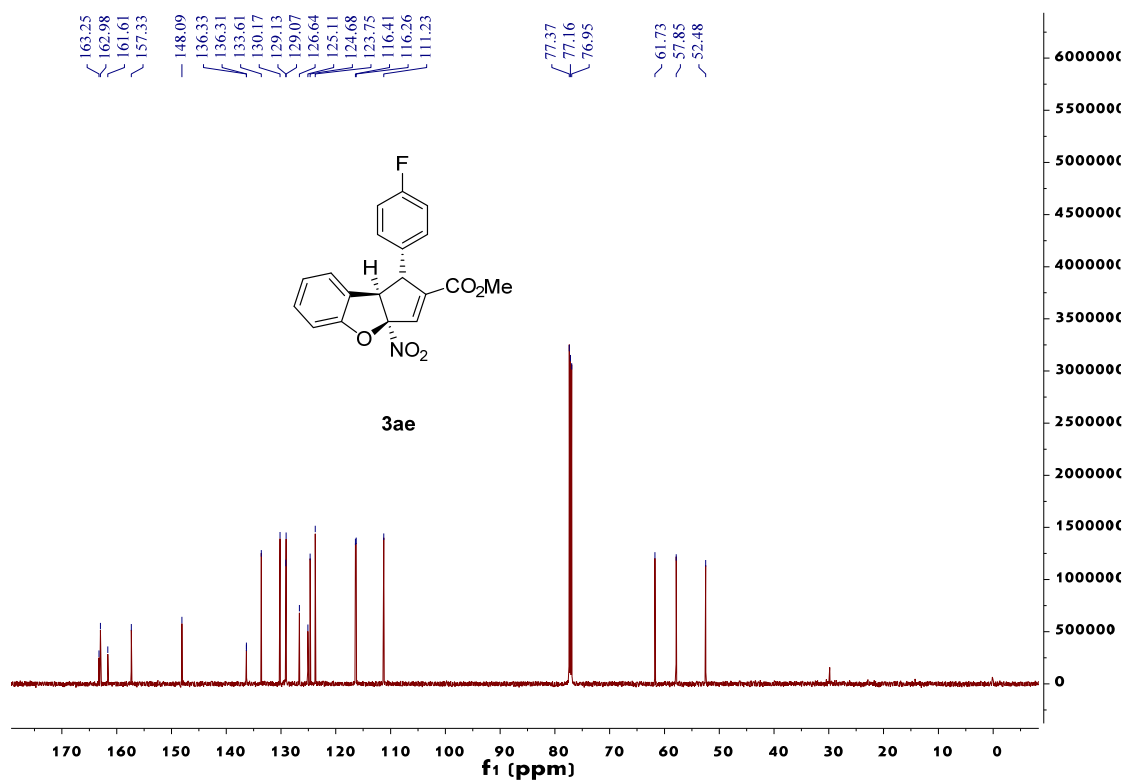
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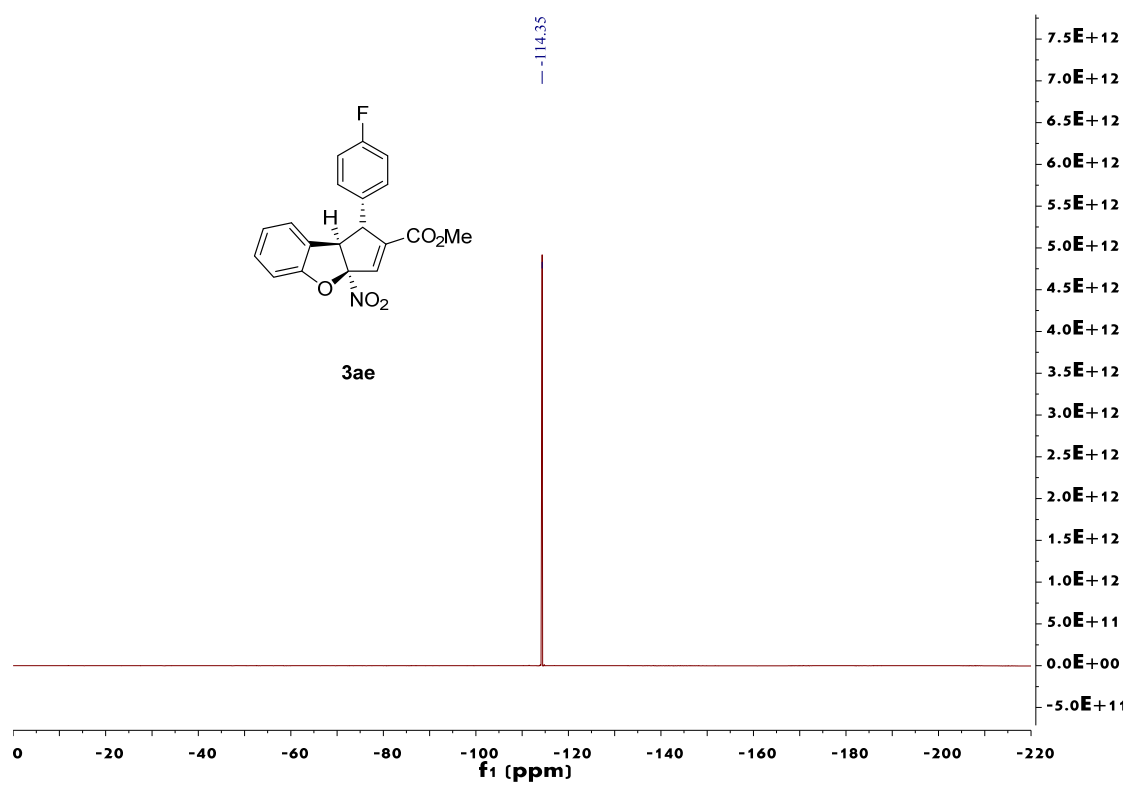
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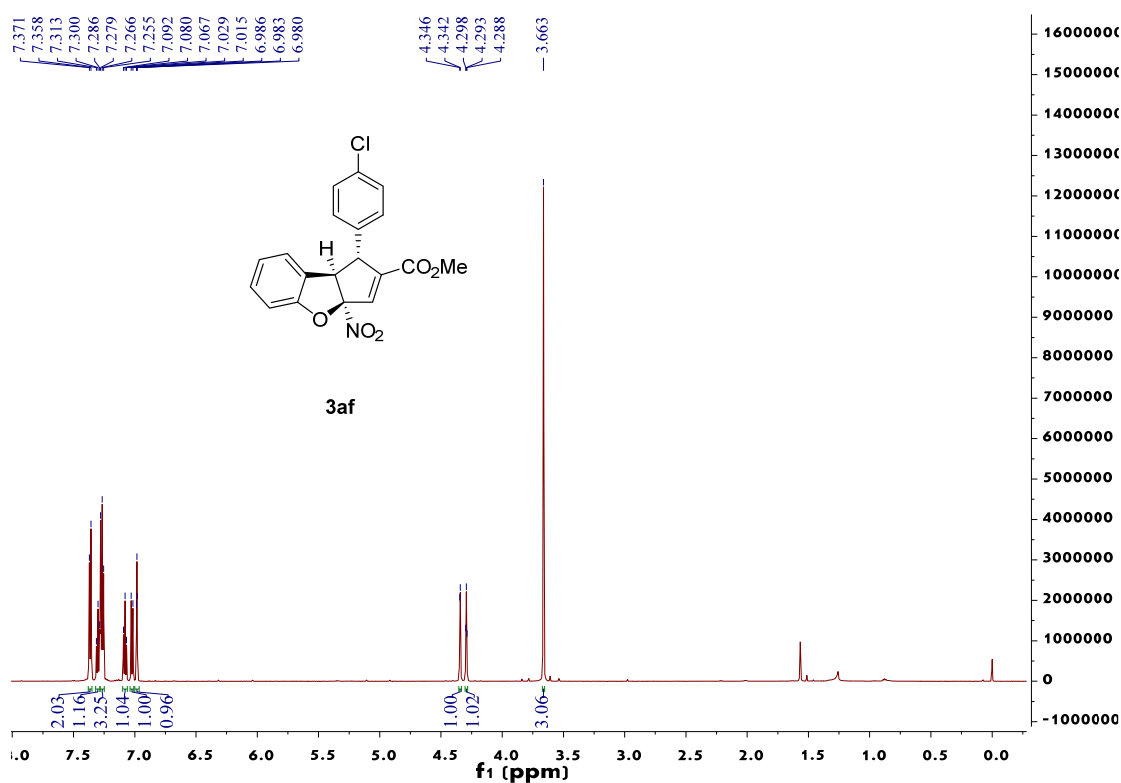
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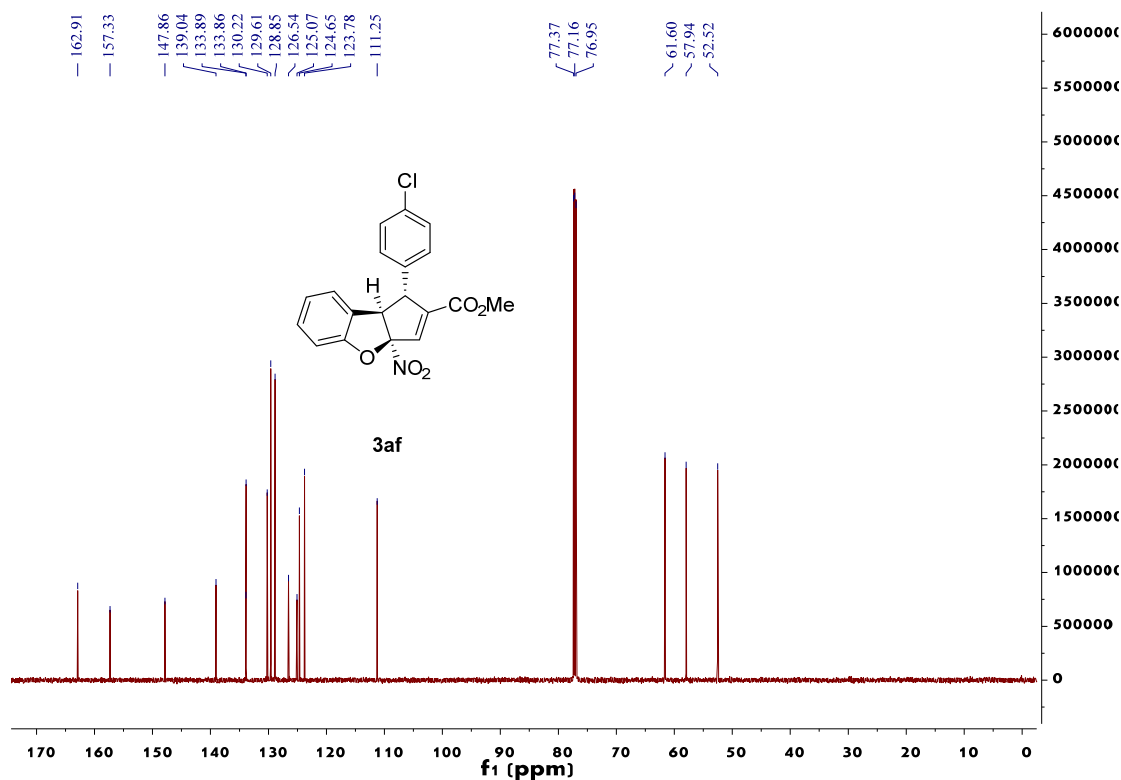
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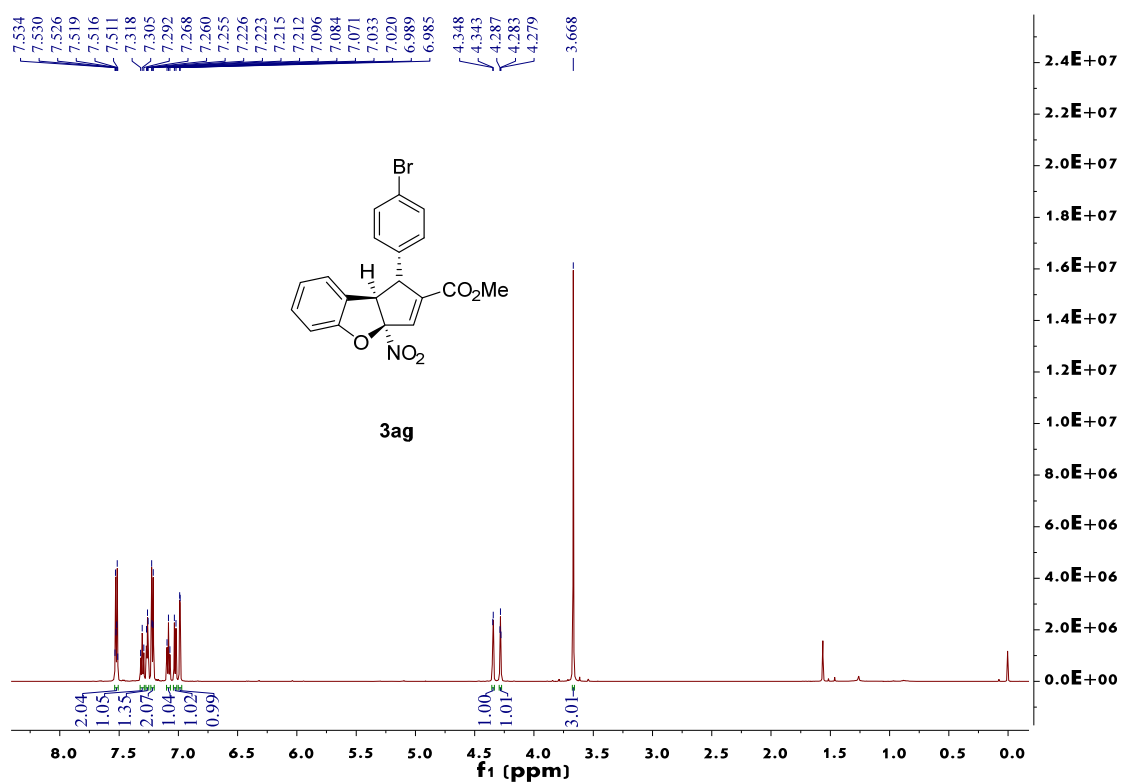


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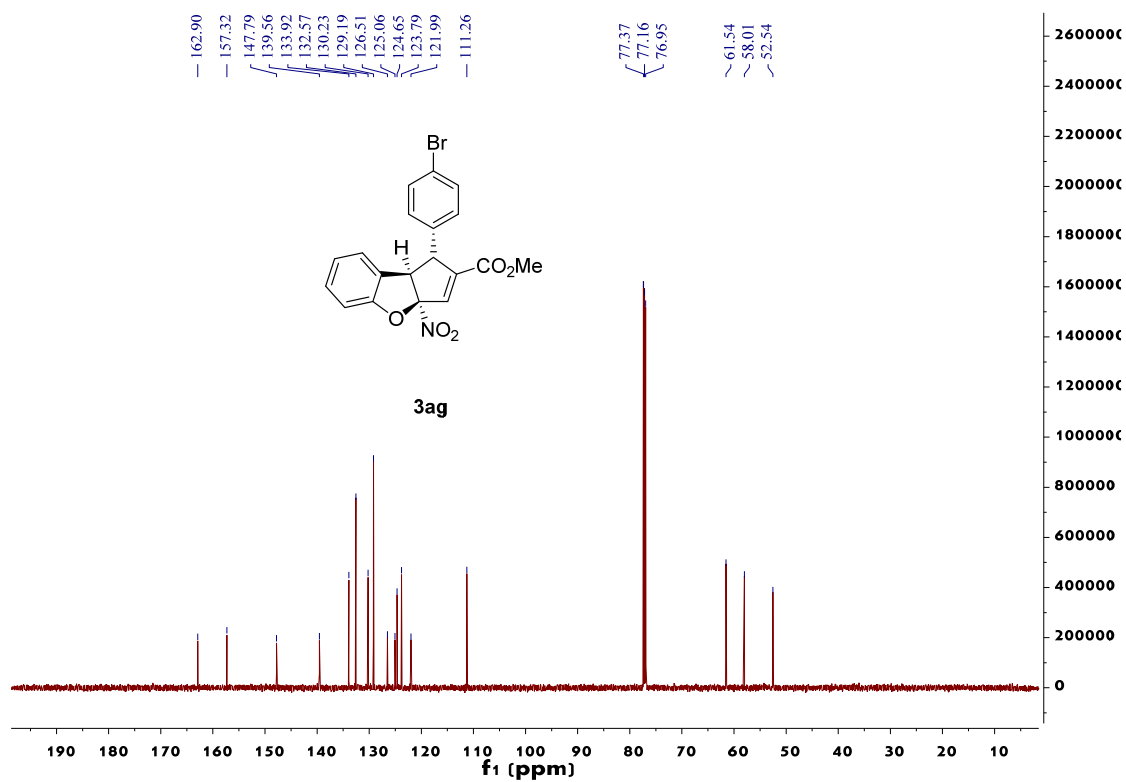




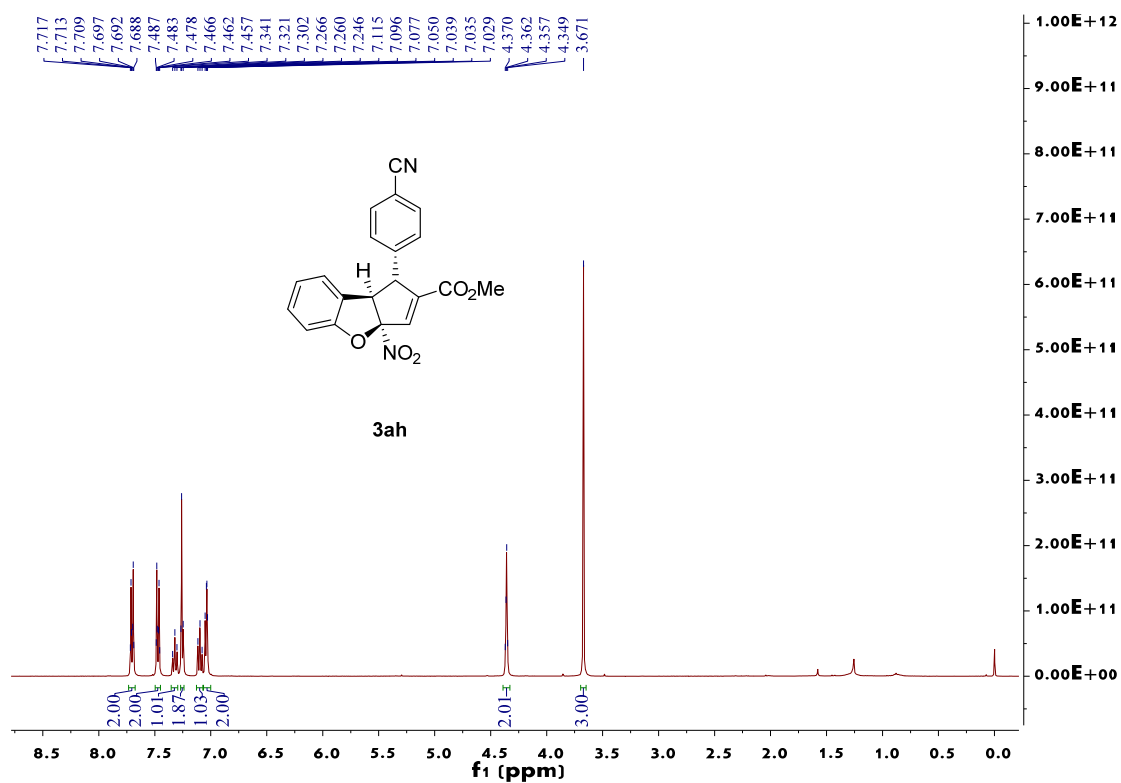
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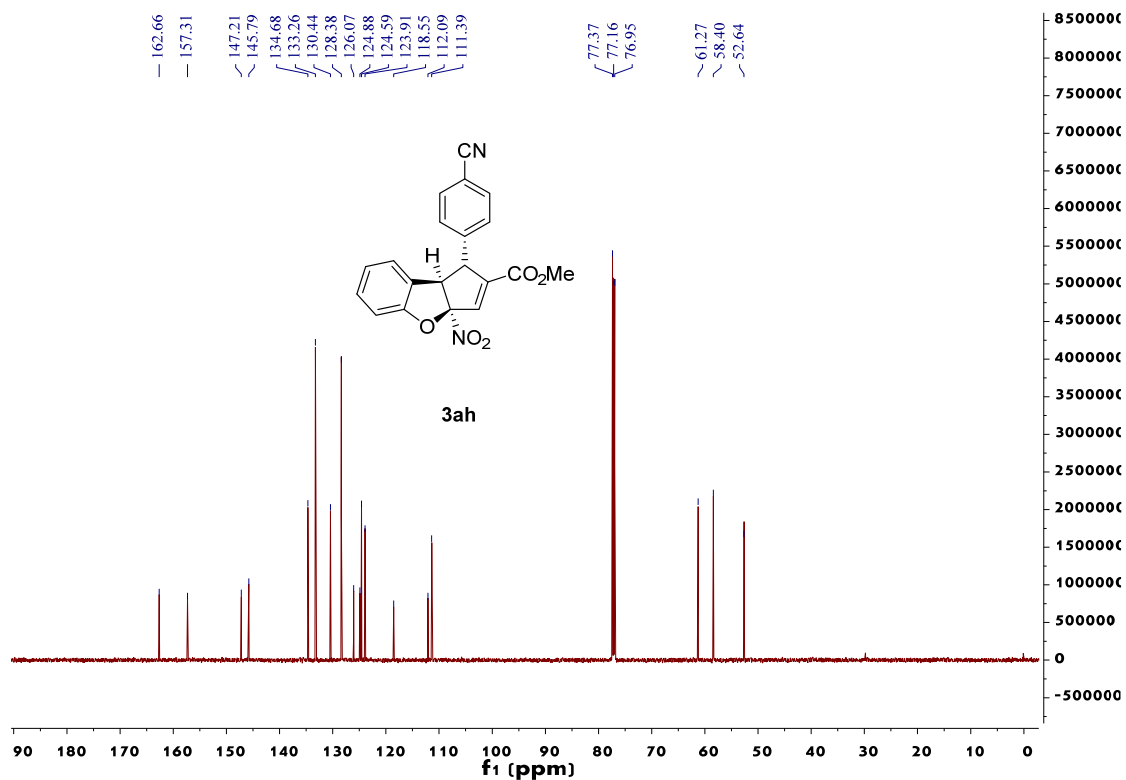
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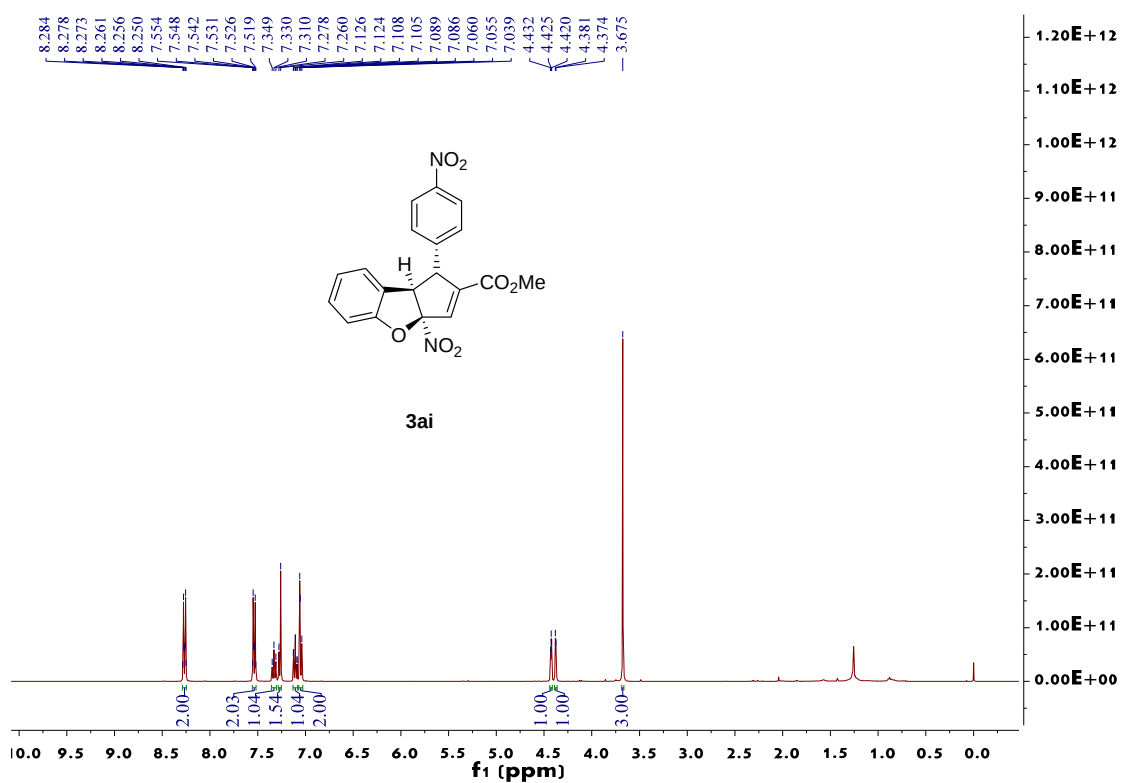
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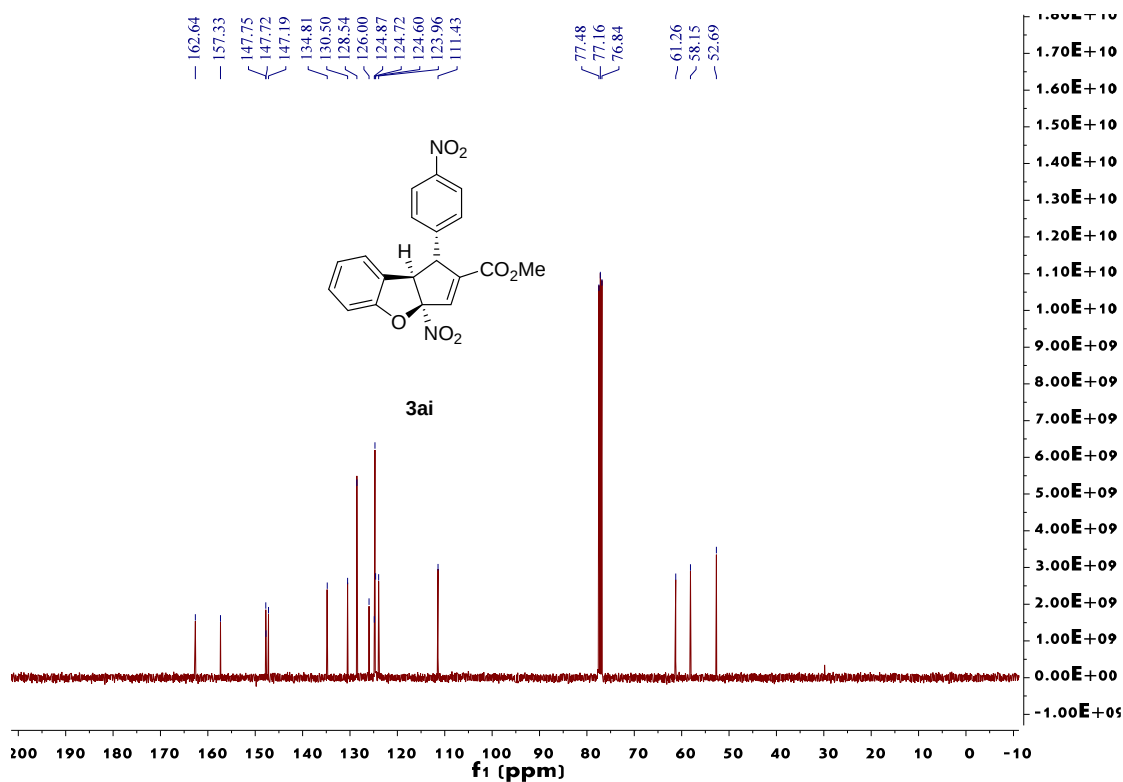
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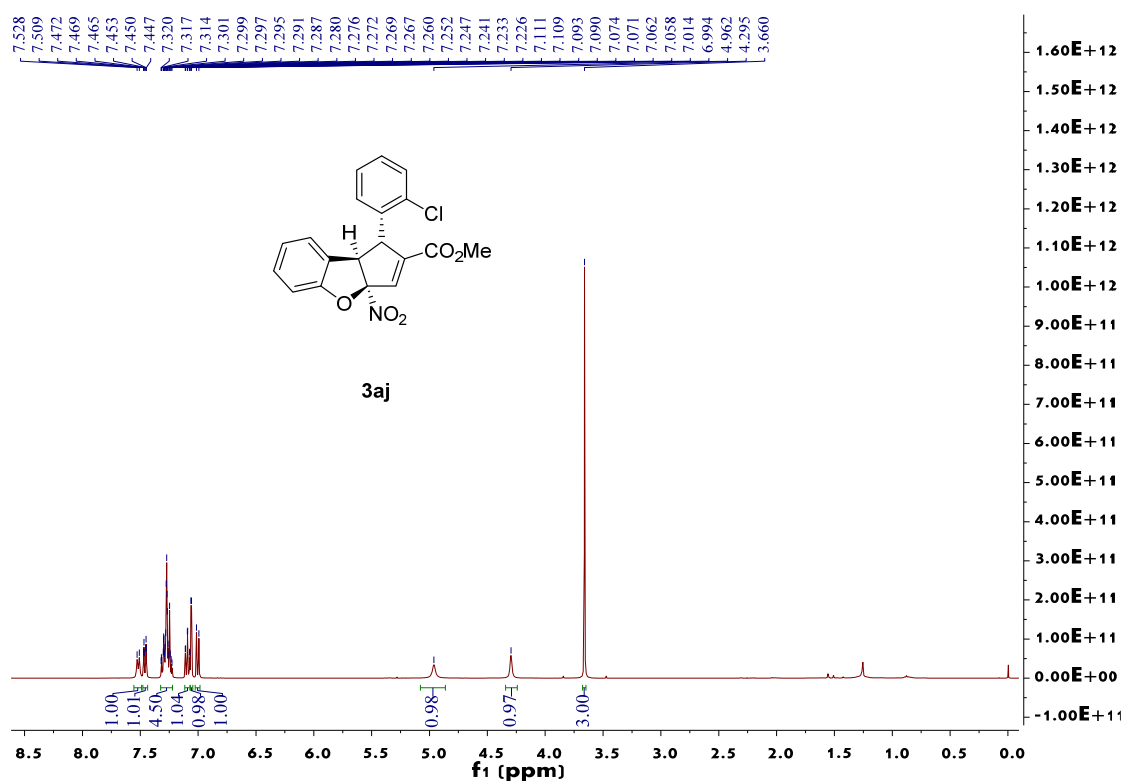
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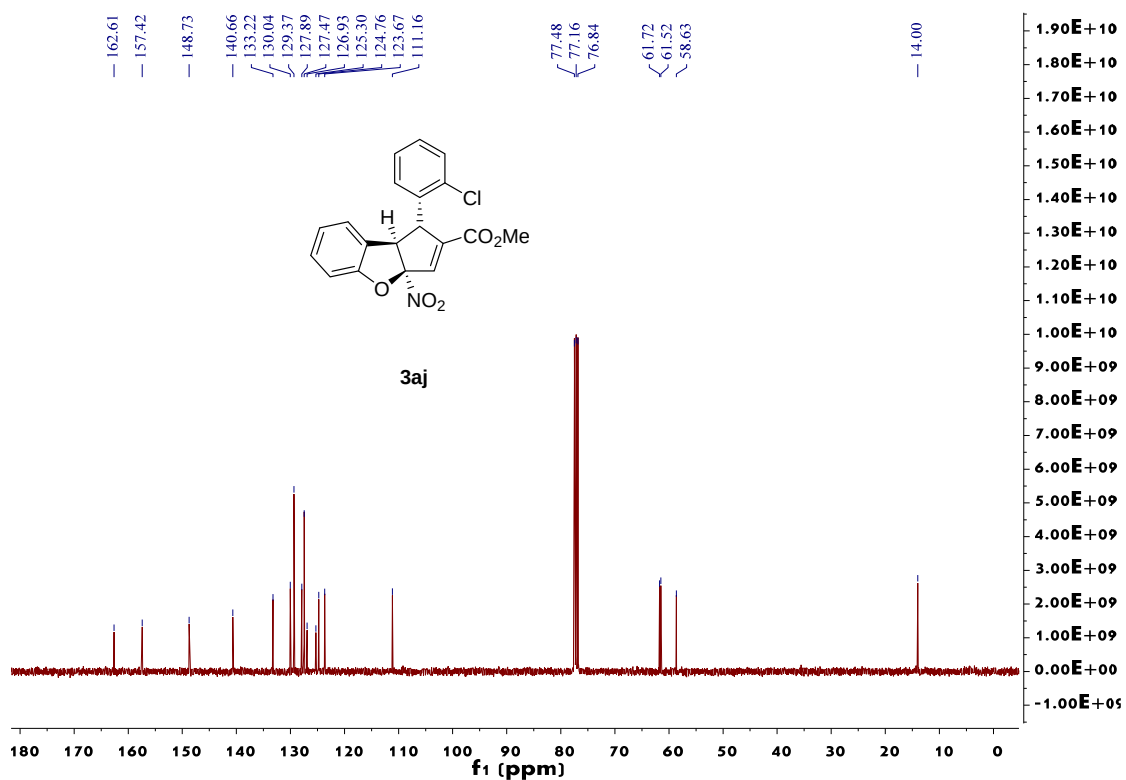
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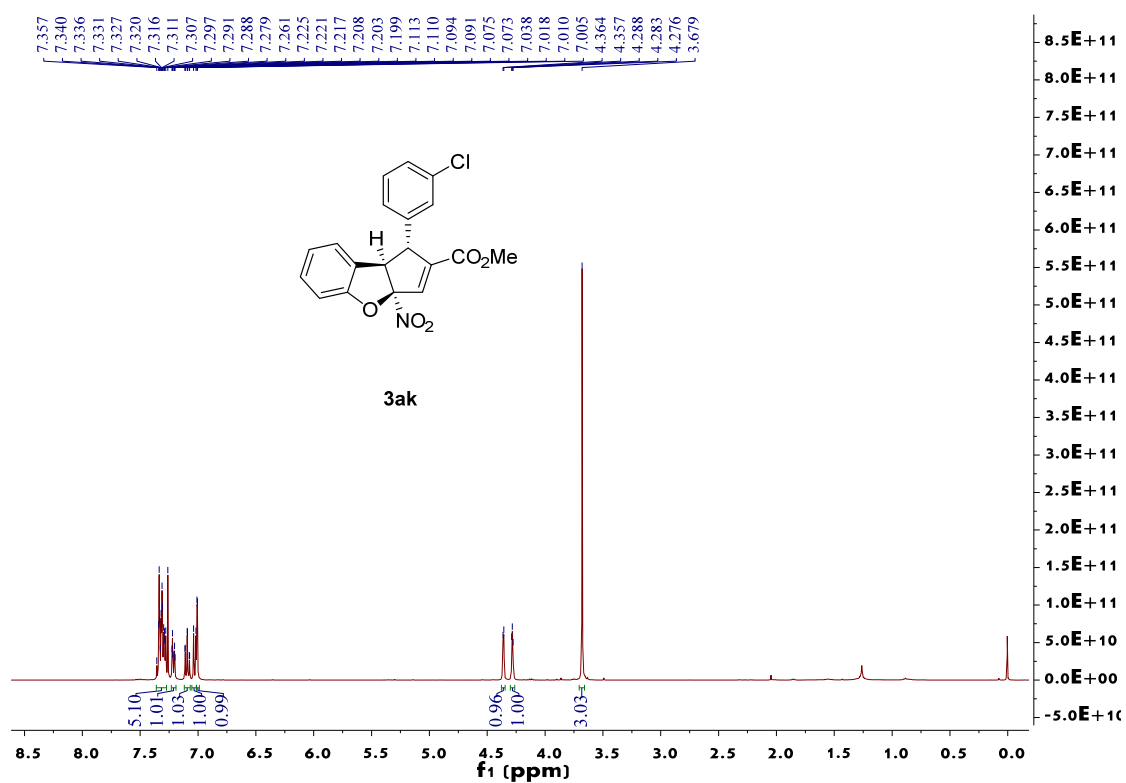
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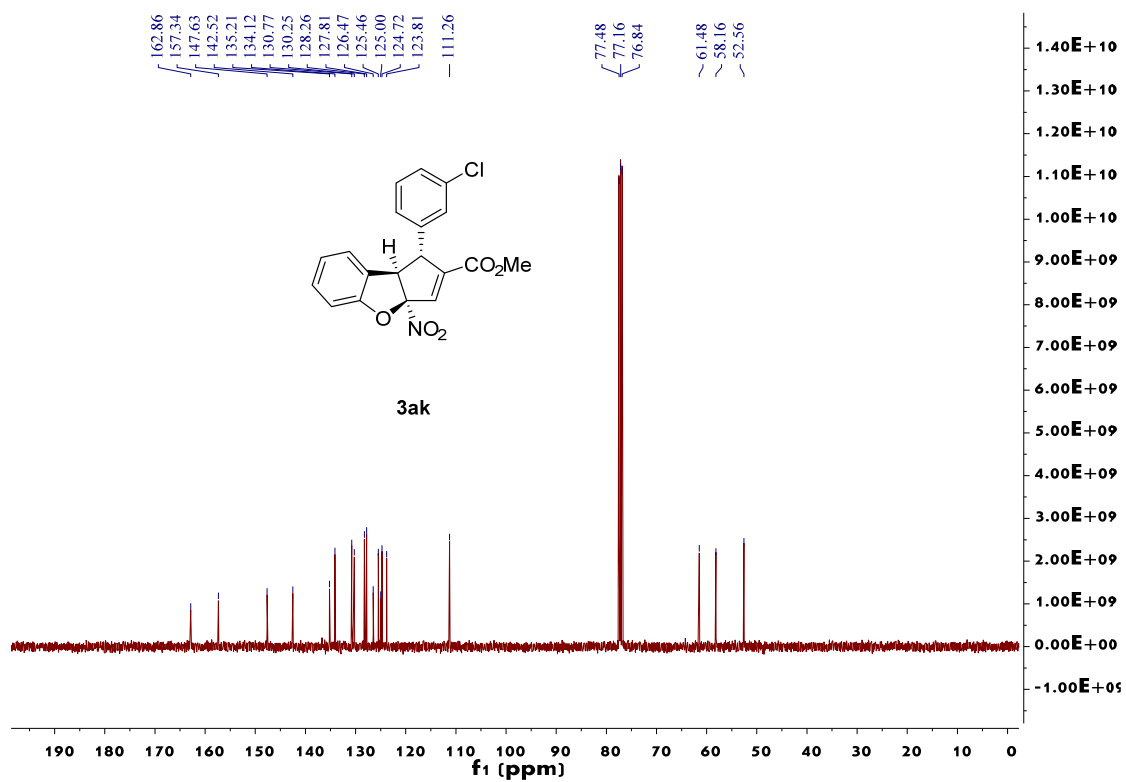
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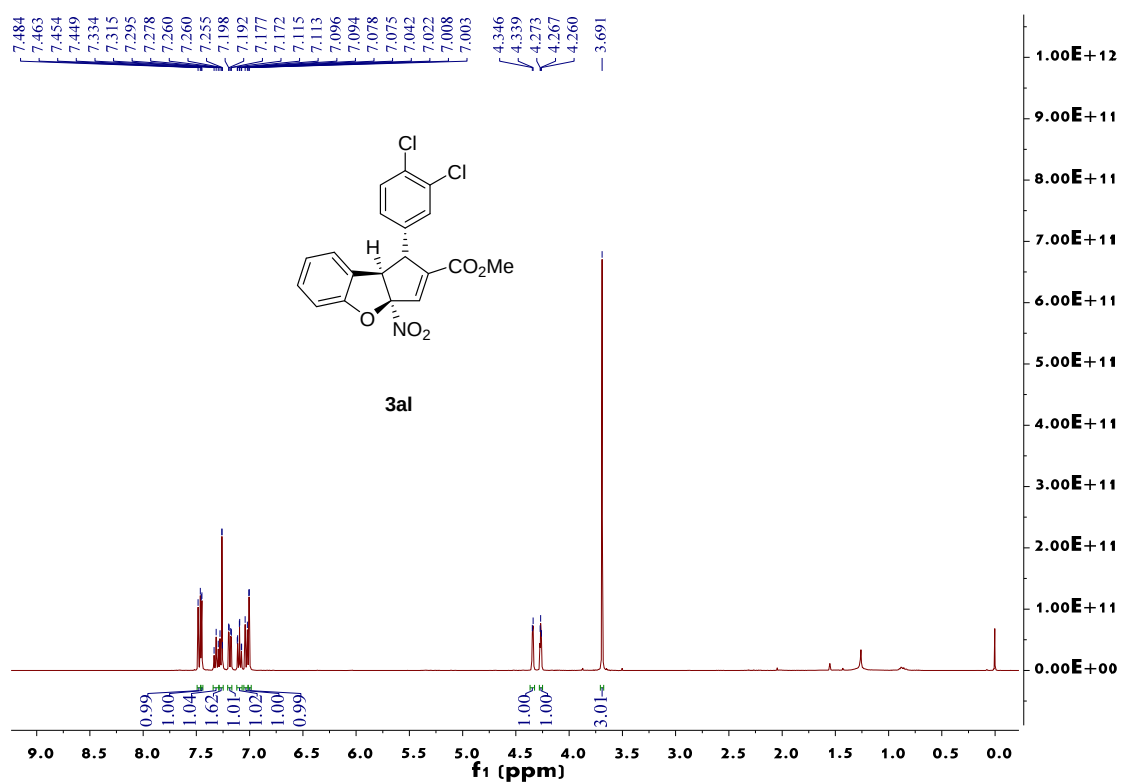
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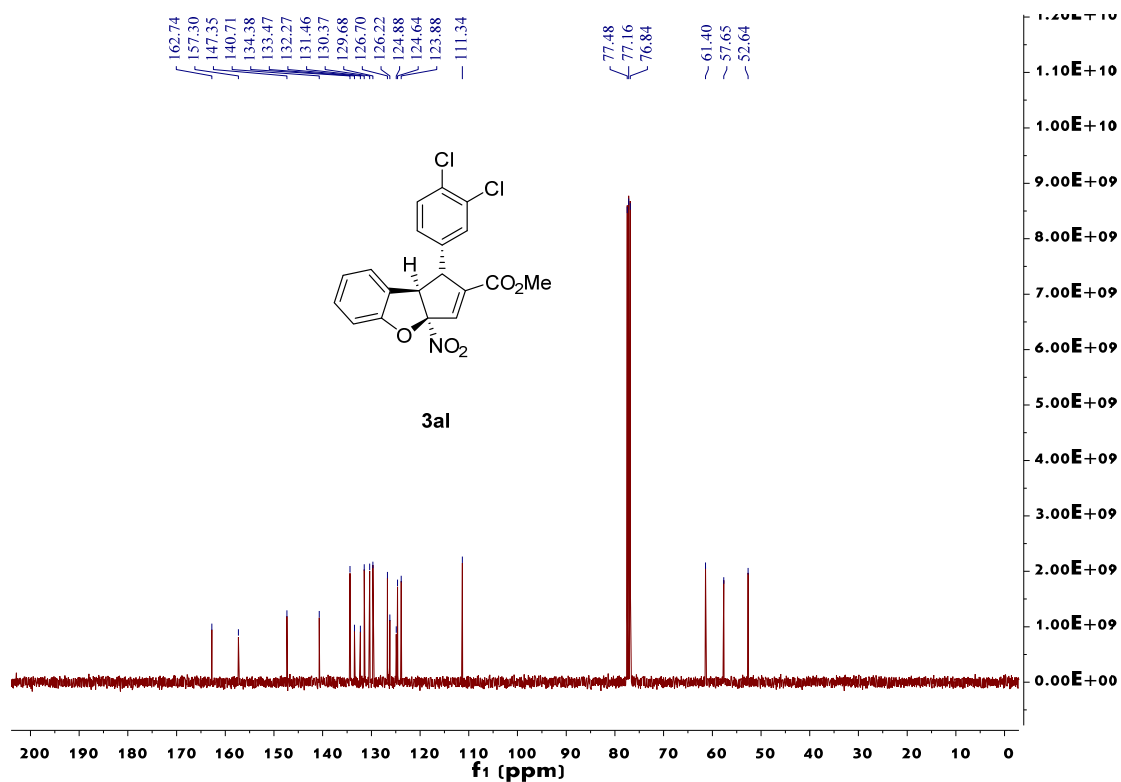
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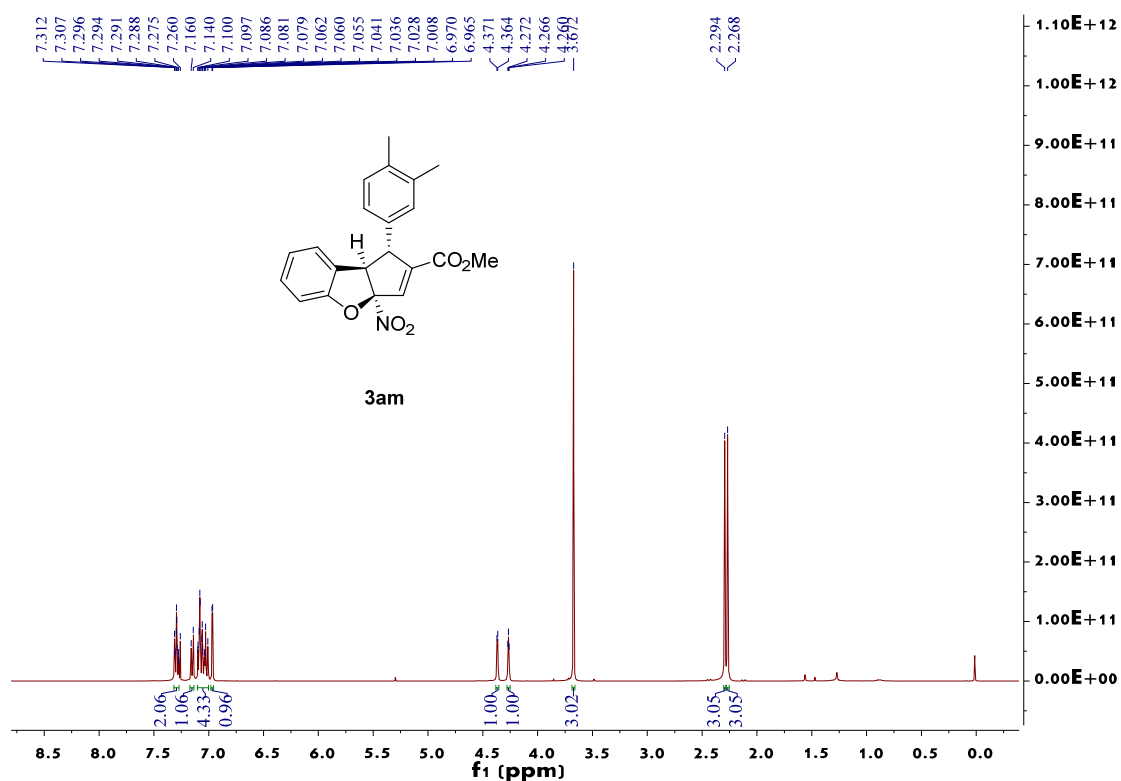
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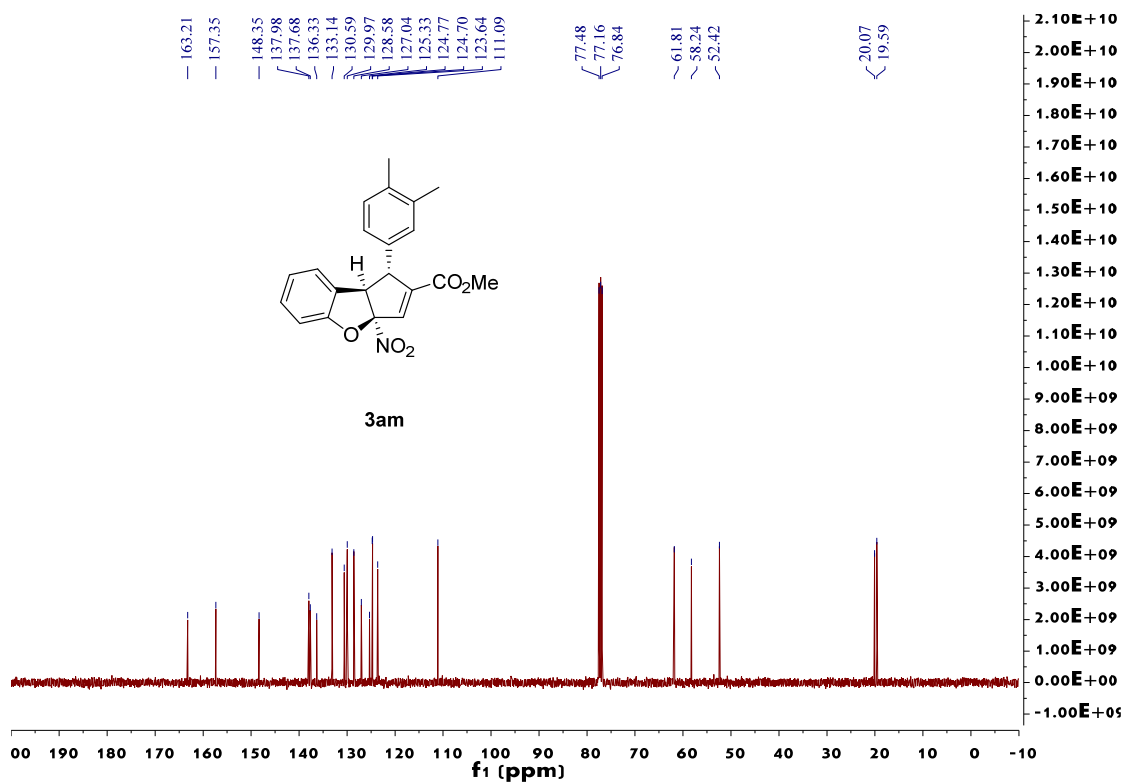
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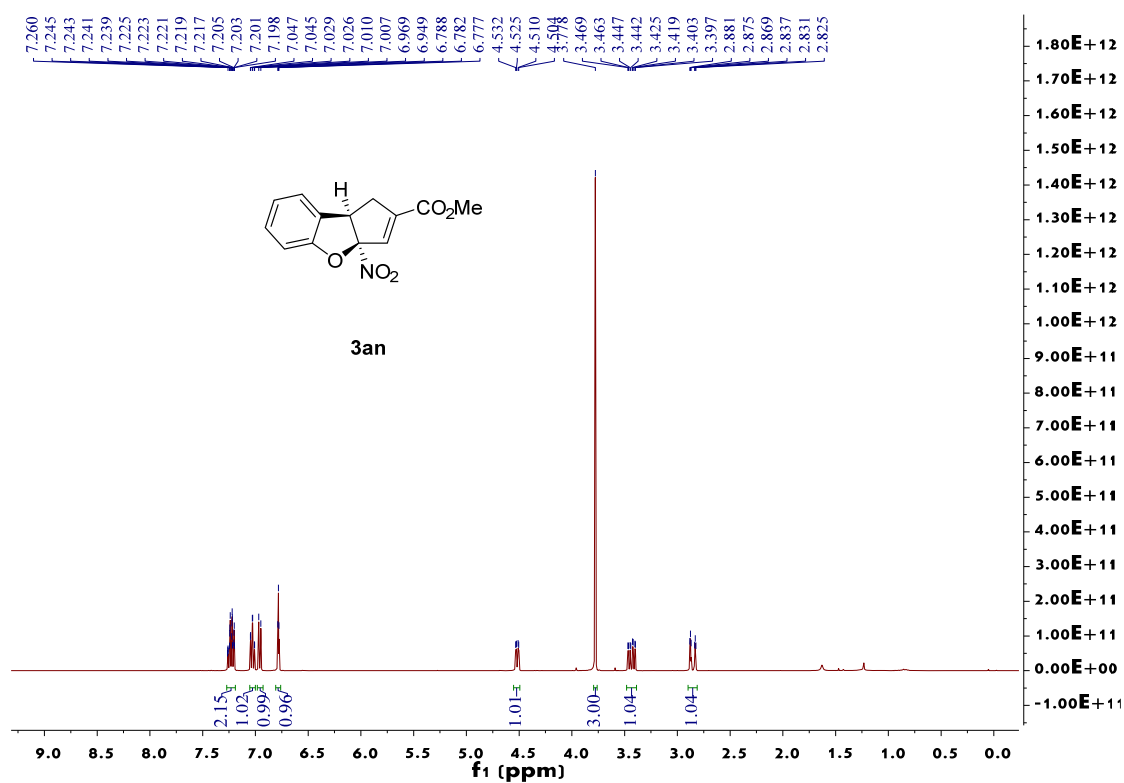
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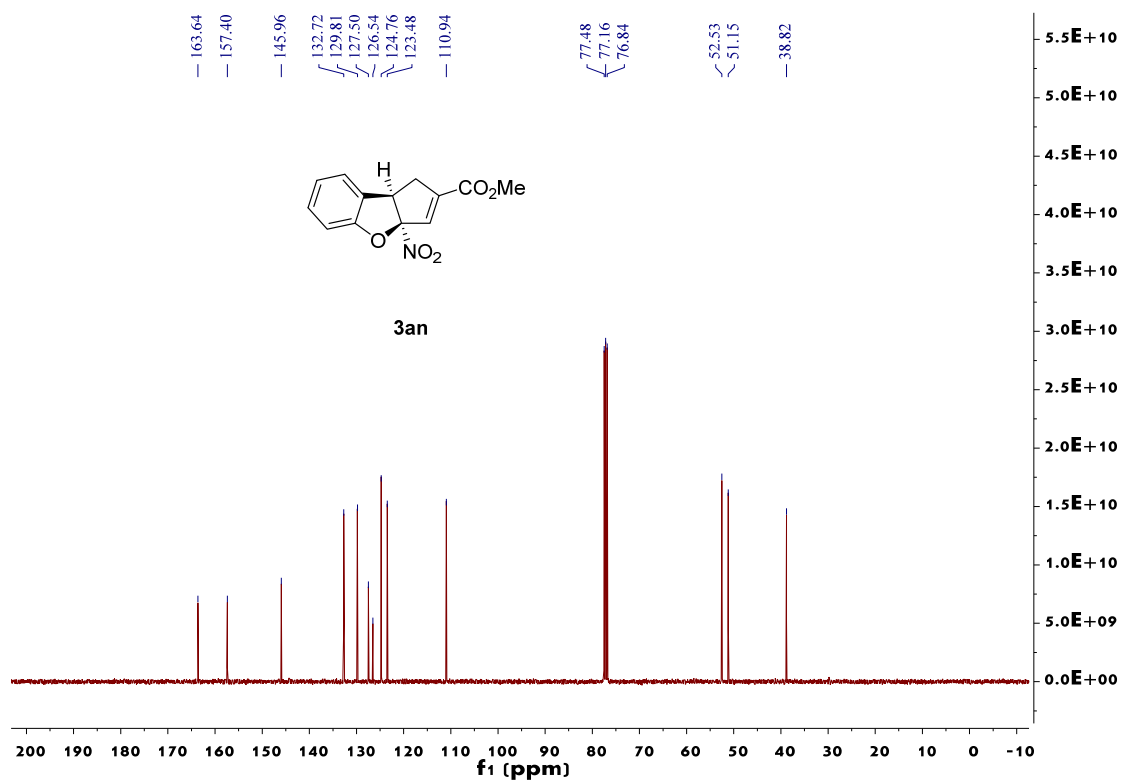
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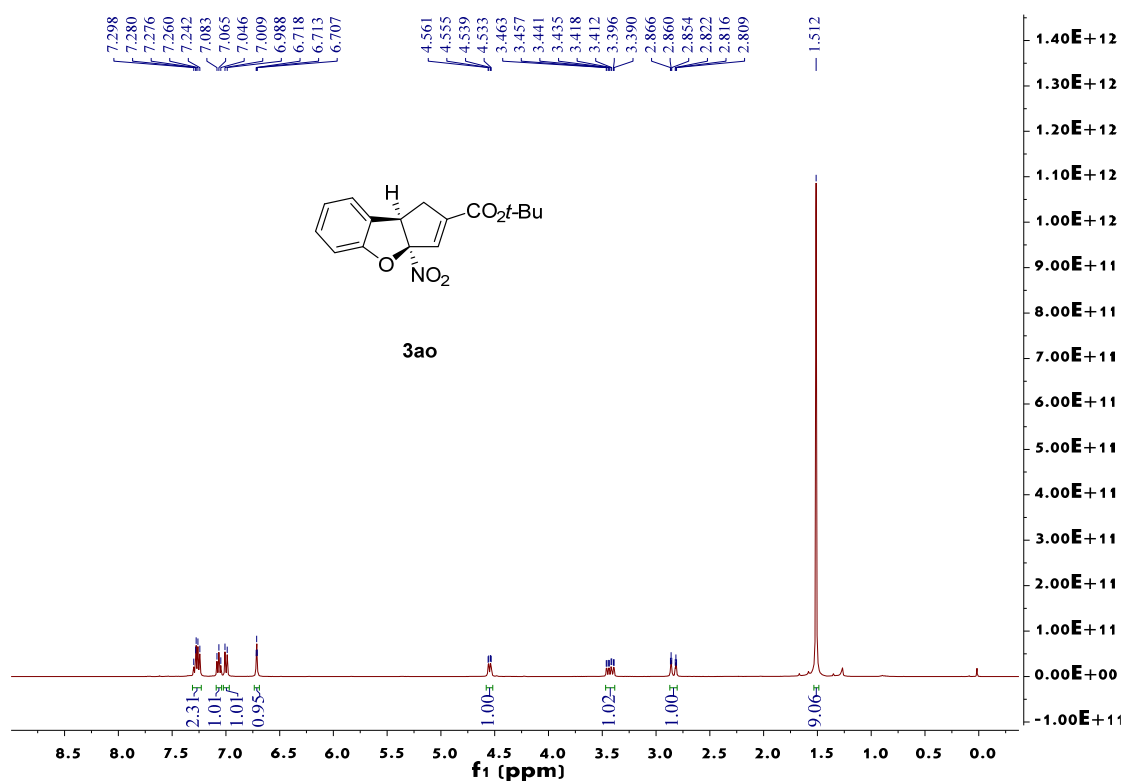


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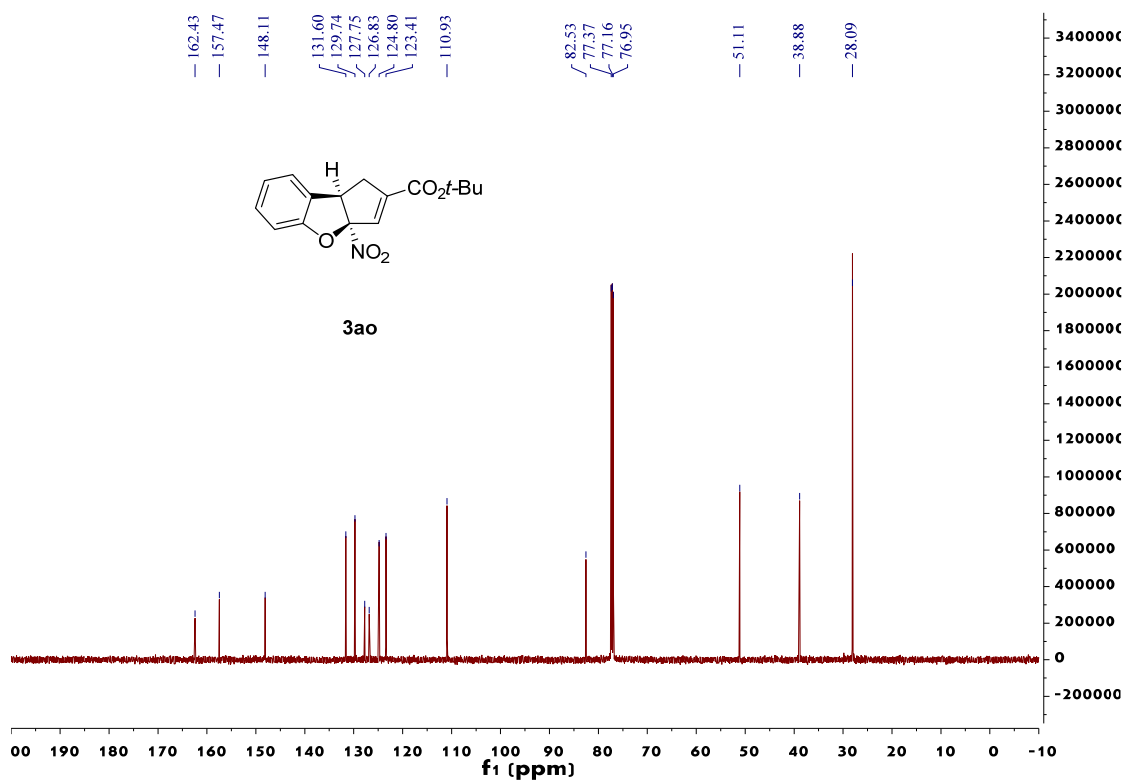




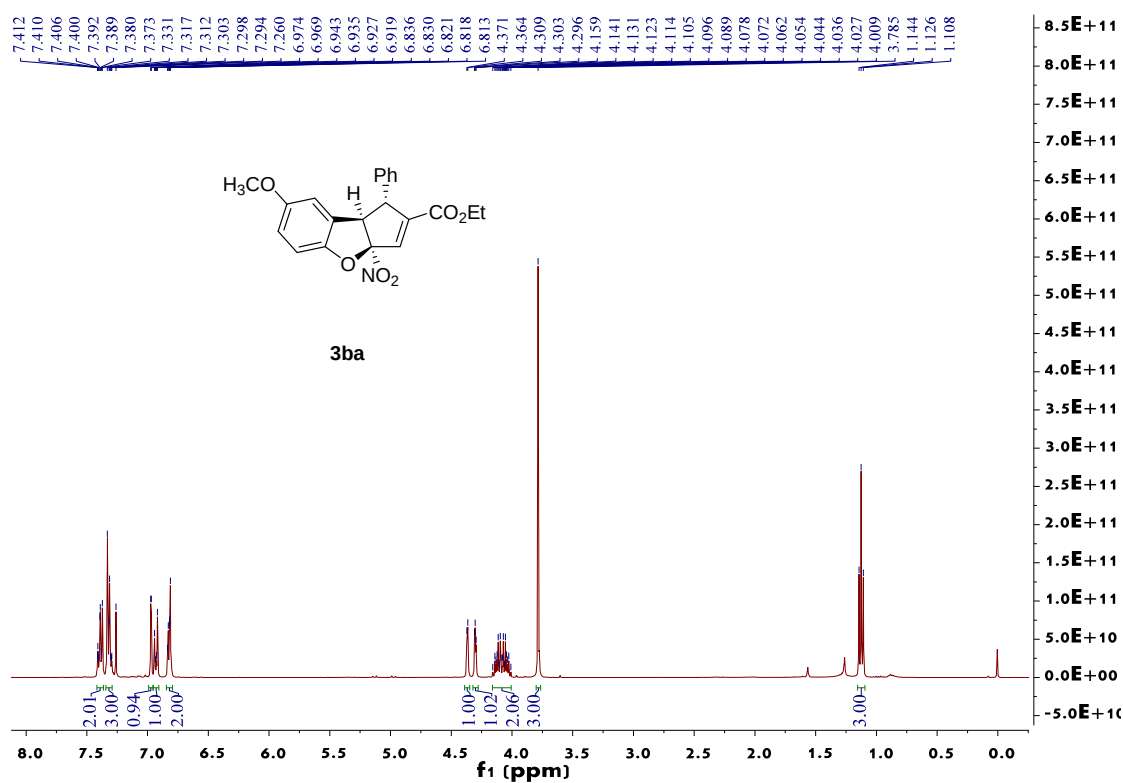
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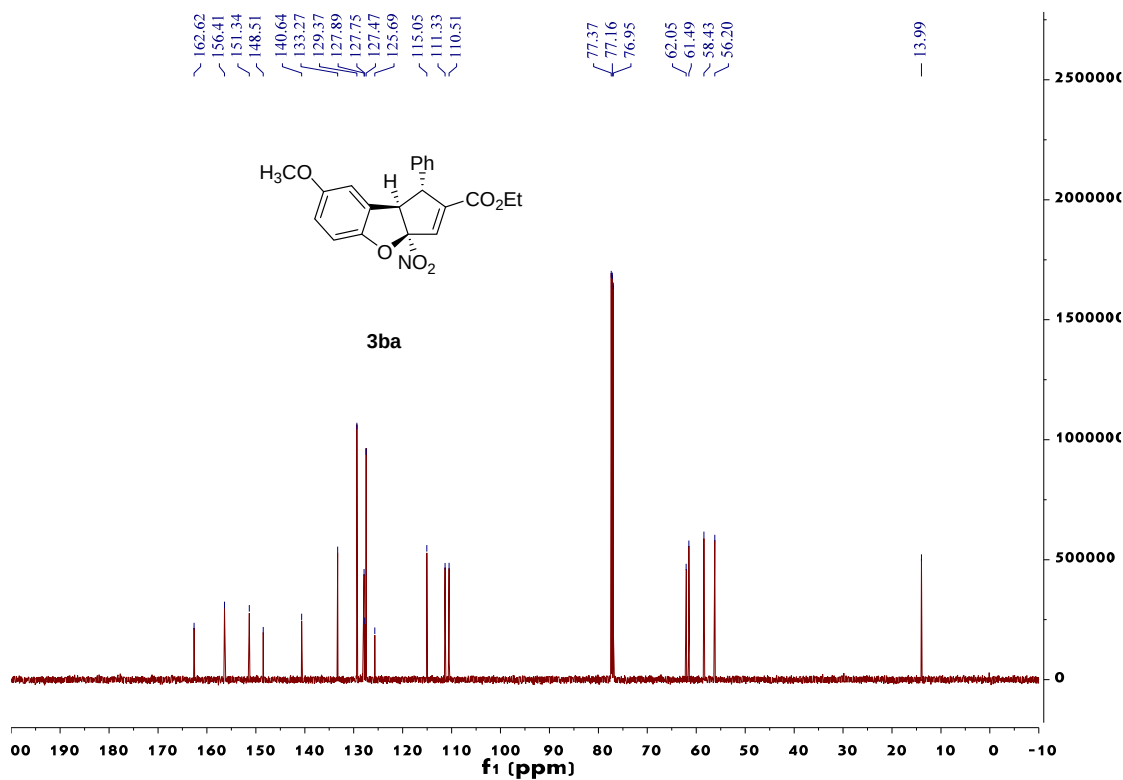
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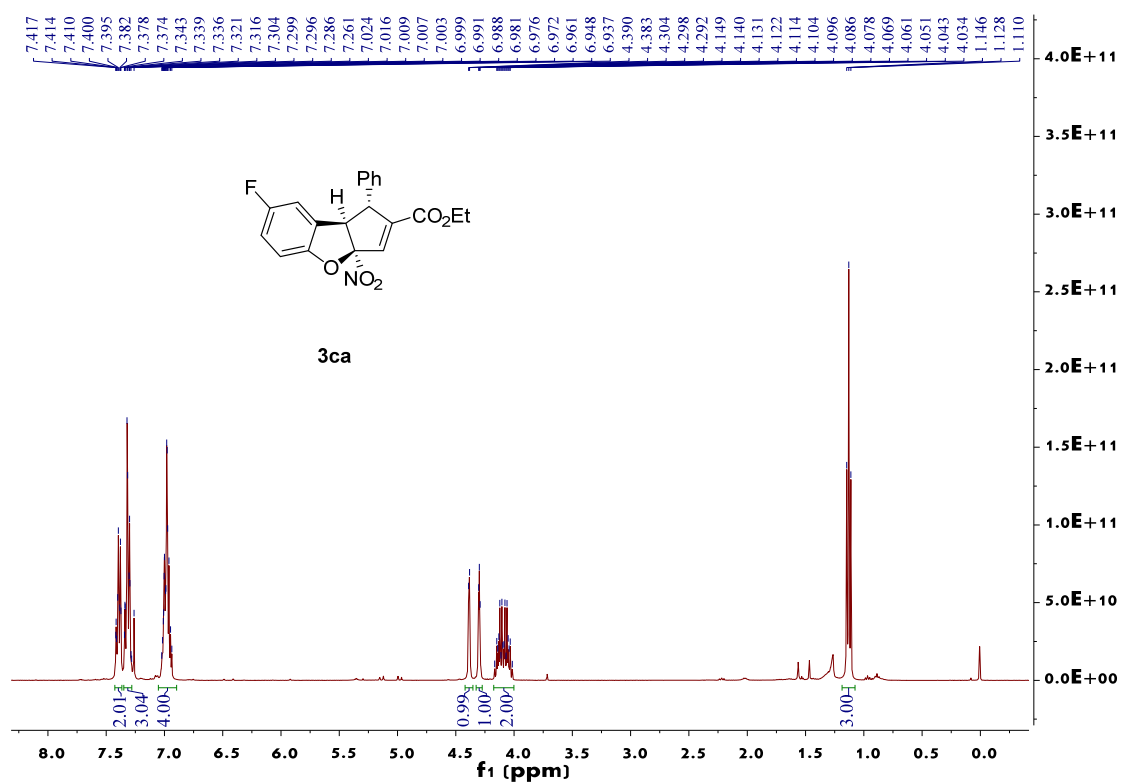
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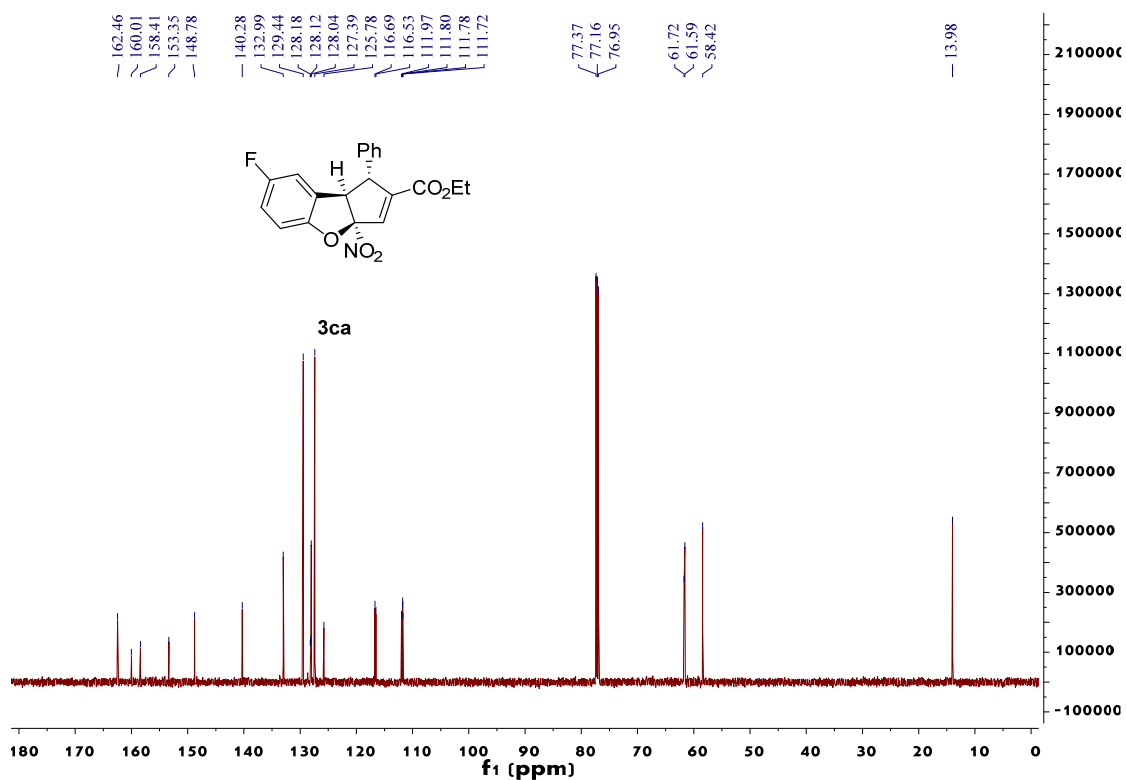
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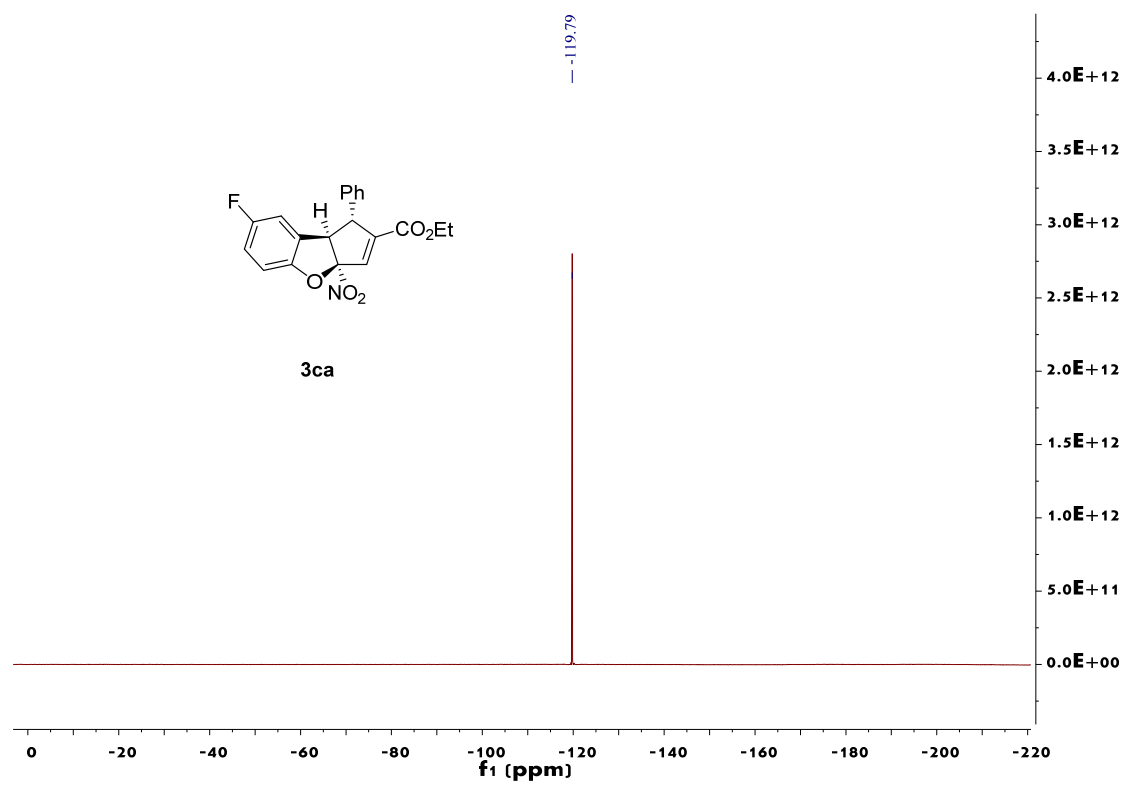
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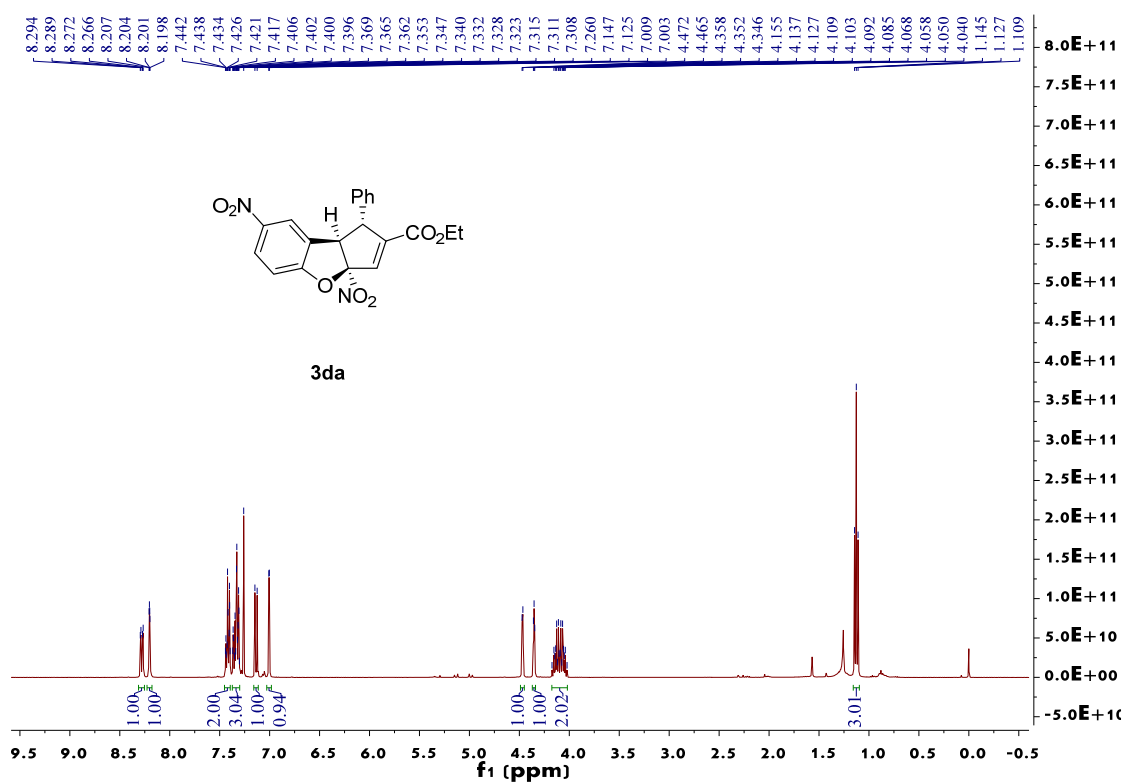
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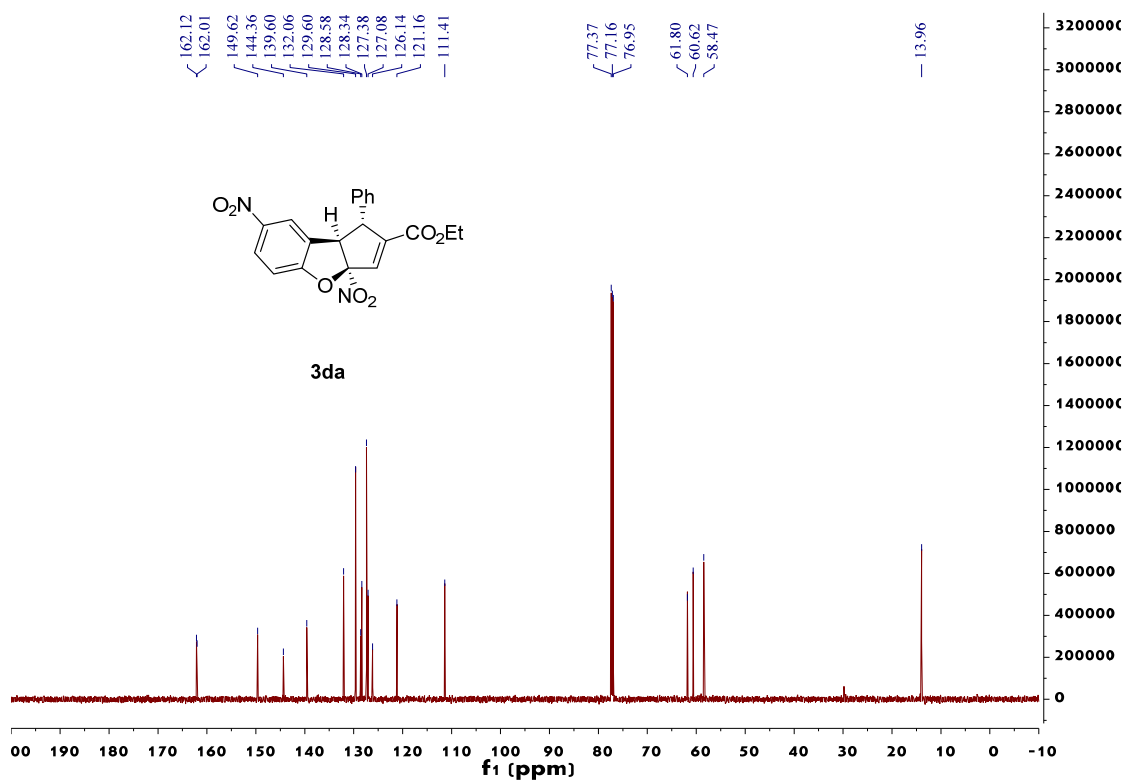
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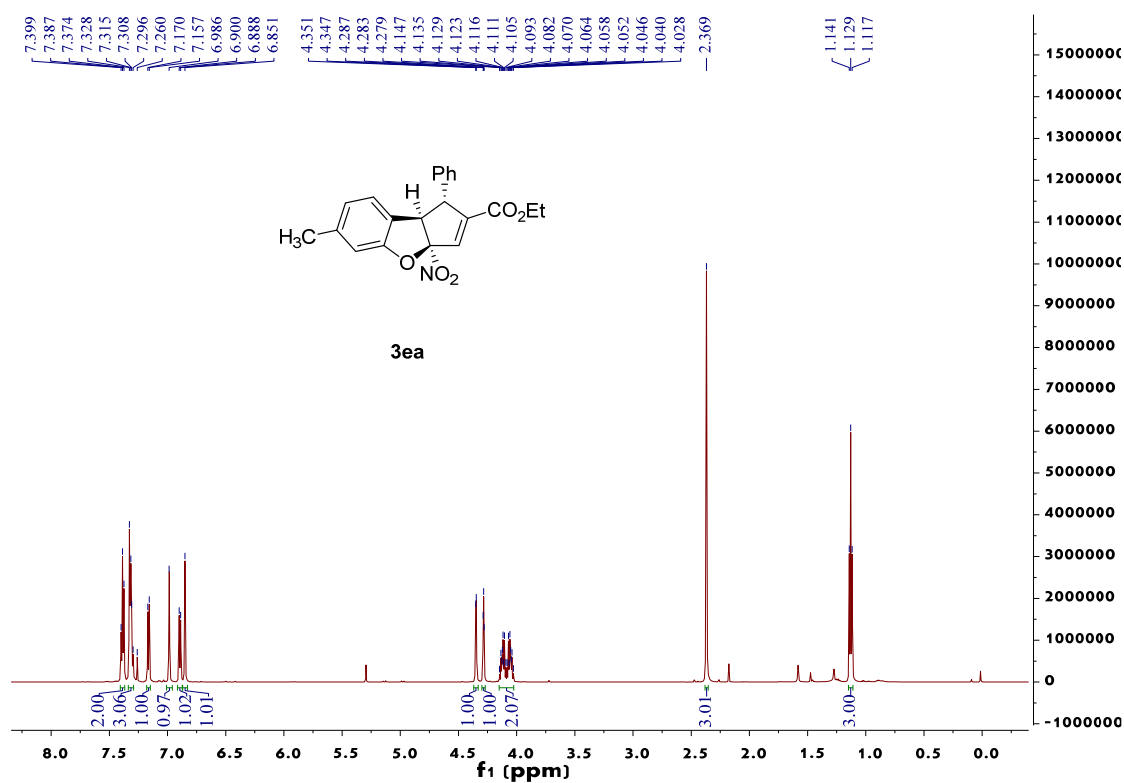
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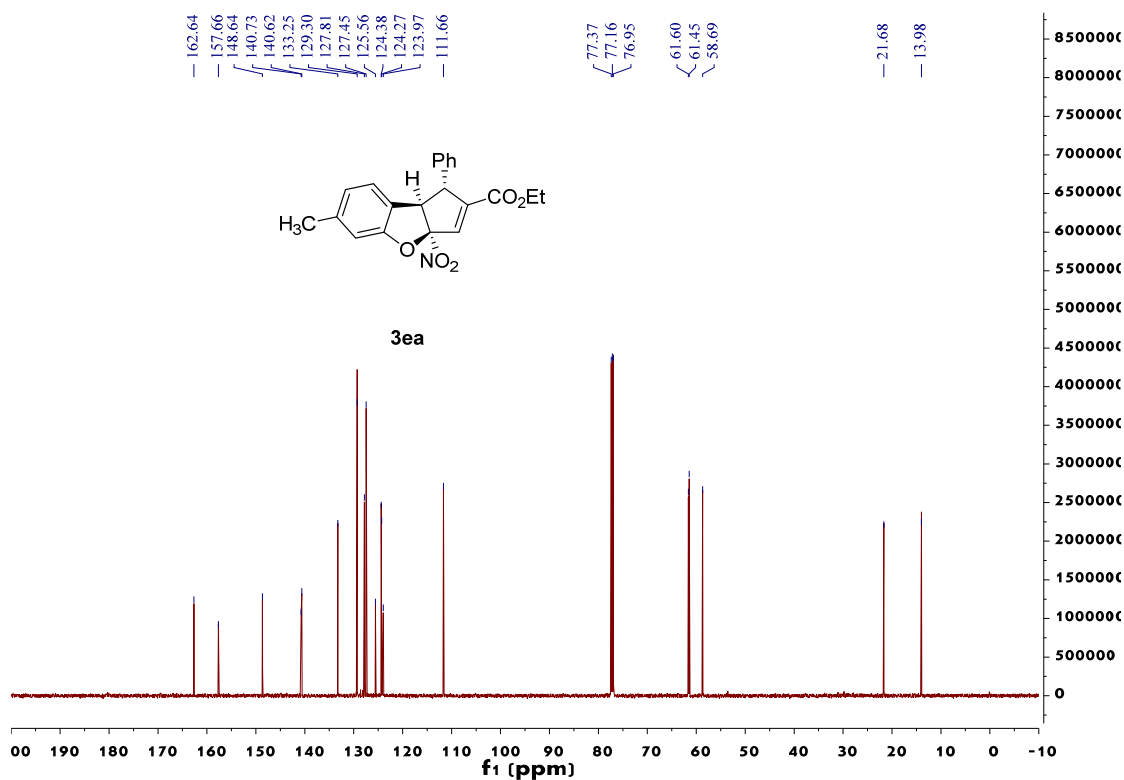
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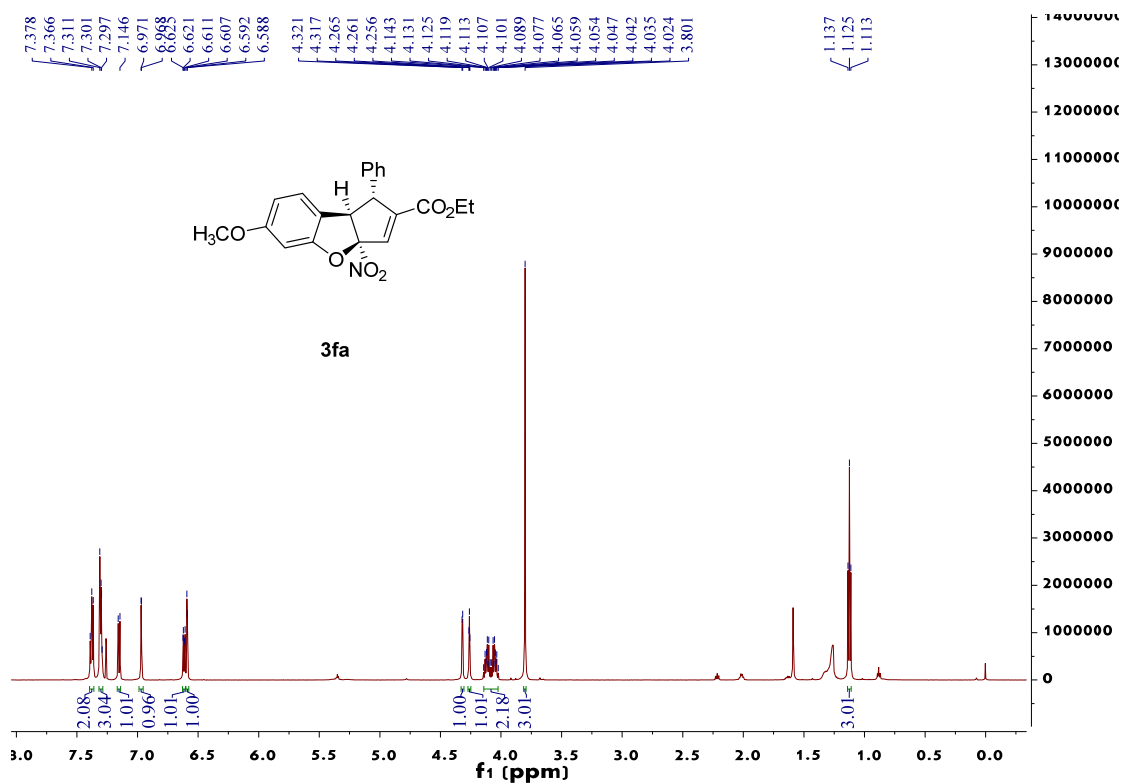
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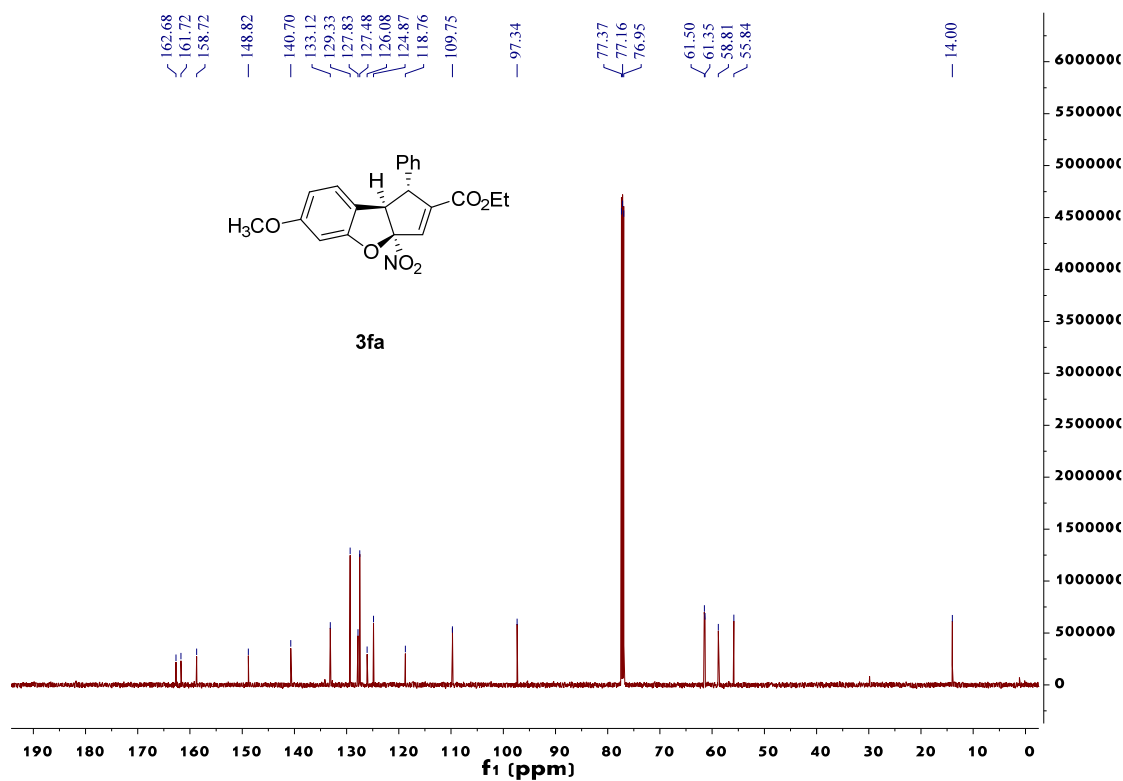
# <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3ea



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3fa



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3fa



Chemical structure of **3ga** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a tricyclic compound with a benzene ring fused to a five-membered ring containing a methoxy group (H<sub>3</sub>CO) and a nitro group (NO<sub>2</sub>). This five-membered ring is further fused to a five-membered ring containing a phenyl group (Ph) and an ethyl ester group (CO<sub>2</sub>Et).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **3ga**. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm (f<sub>1</sub>), ranging from 0.0 to 8.0. The y-axis represents the intensity, ranging from 0.00E+00 to 1.30E+12. The spectrum shows several peaks, with integration values provided below the baseline.

Integration values (from left to right): 2.00, 3.00, 1.06, 0.95, 0.97, 0.97, 0.97, 0.97, 1.00, 2.08, 2.91, 3.01.

**3ga**

CCOC(=O)C1=C(C(=C1)C2=CC=CC=C2)[C@H](O1)C(=C(C=C1)C(=O)OC)C3=CC=CC=C3

Chemical structure of **3ga** is shown. The structure is a complex polycyclic molecule featuring a benzene ring fused to a five-membered ring containing an oxygen atom and a nitro group (NO<sub>2</sub>). This five-membered ring is further fused to a six-membered ring containing a phenyl group (Ph) and an ethyl ester group (CO<sub>2</sub>Et). The molecule also contains a methoxy group (H<sub>3</sub>CO).

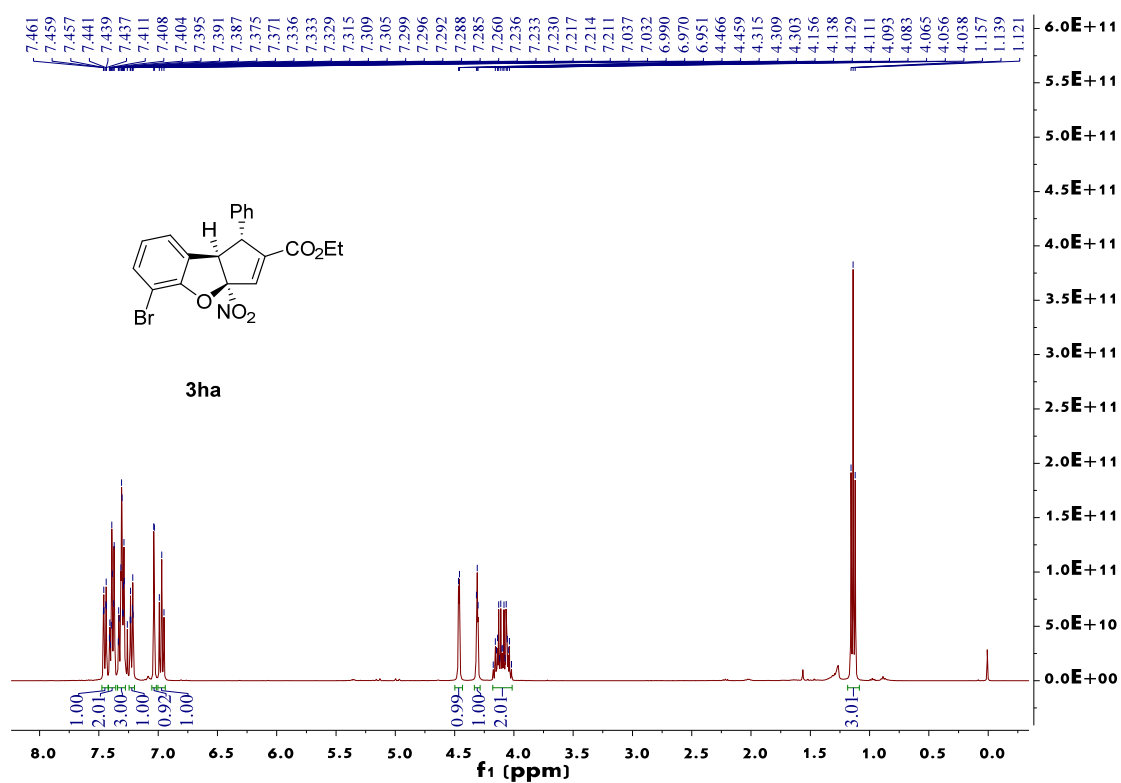
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Chemical shifts (ppm) are listed above the spectrum:

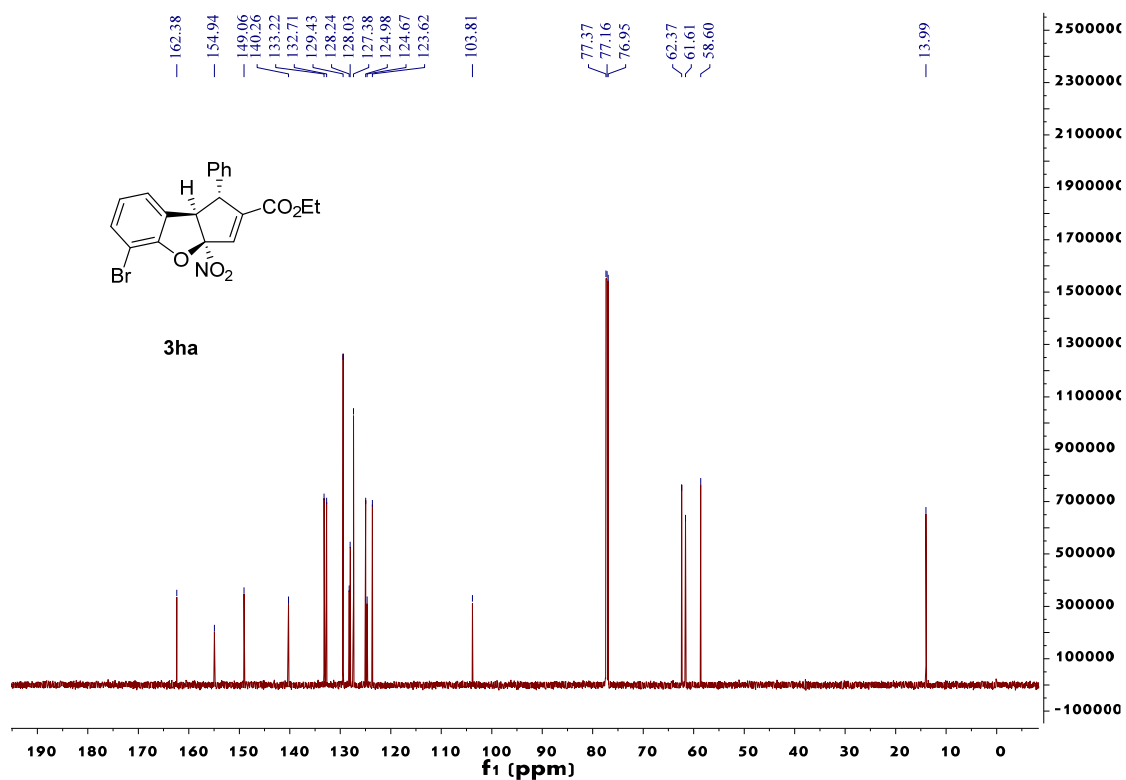
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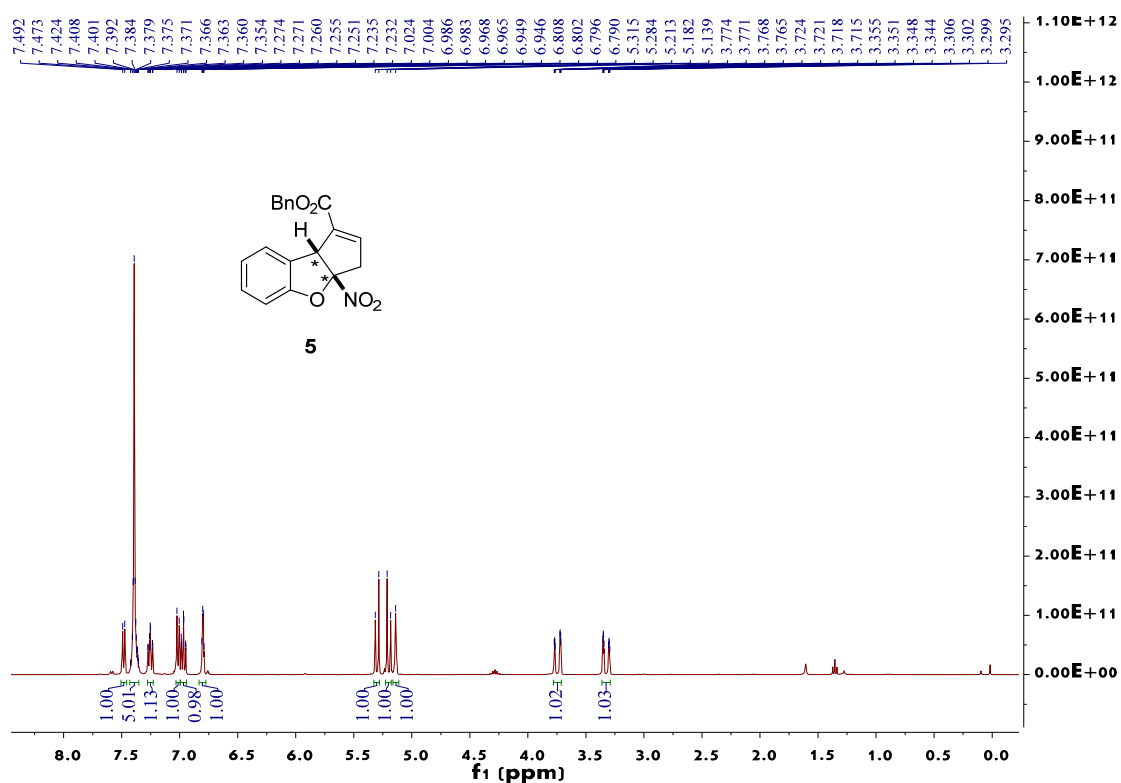
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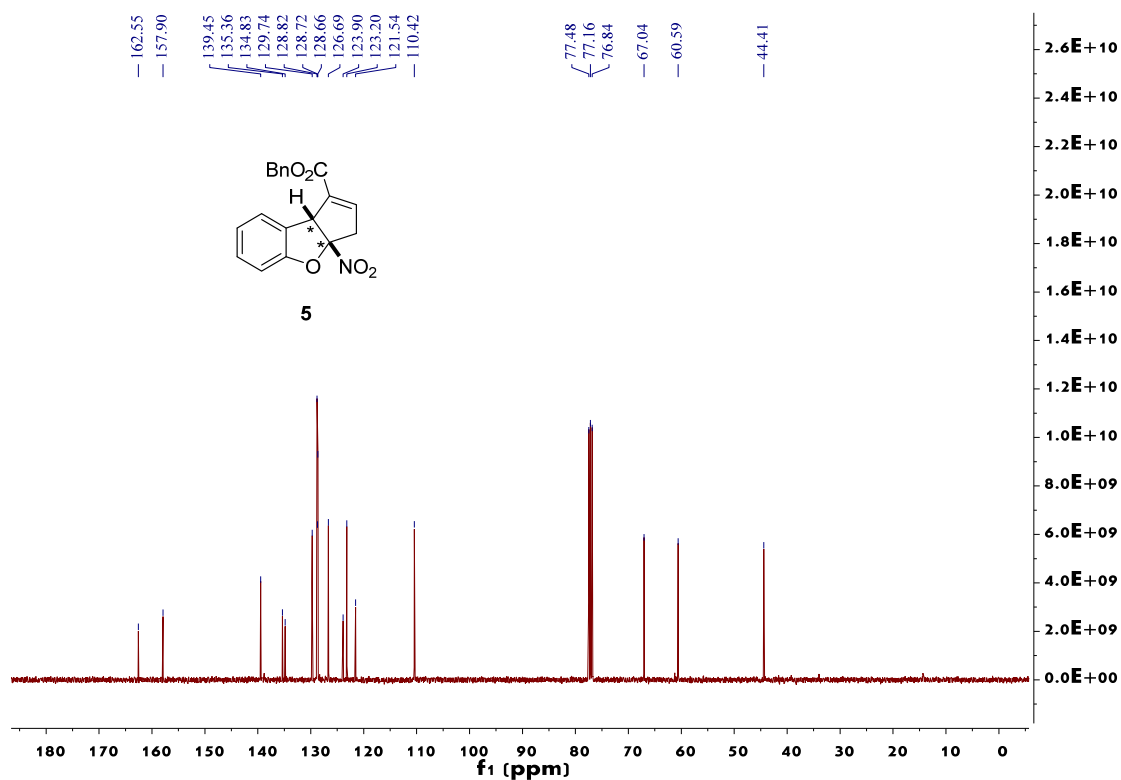
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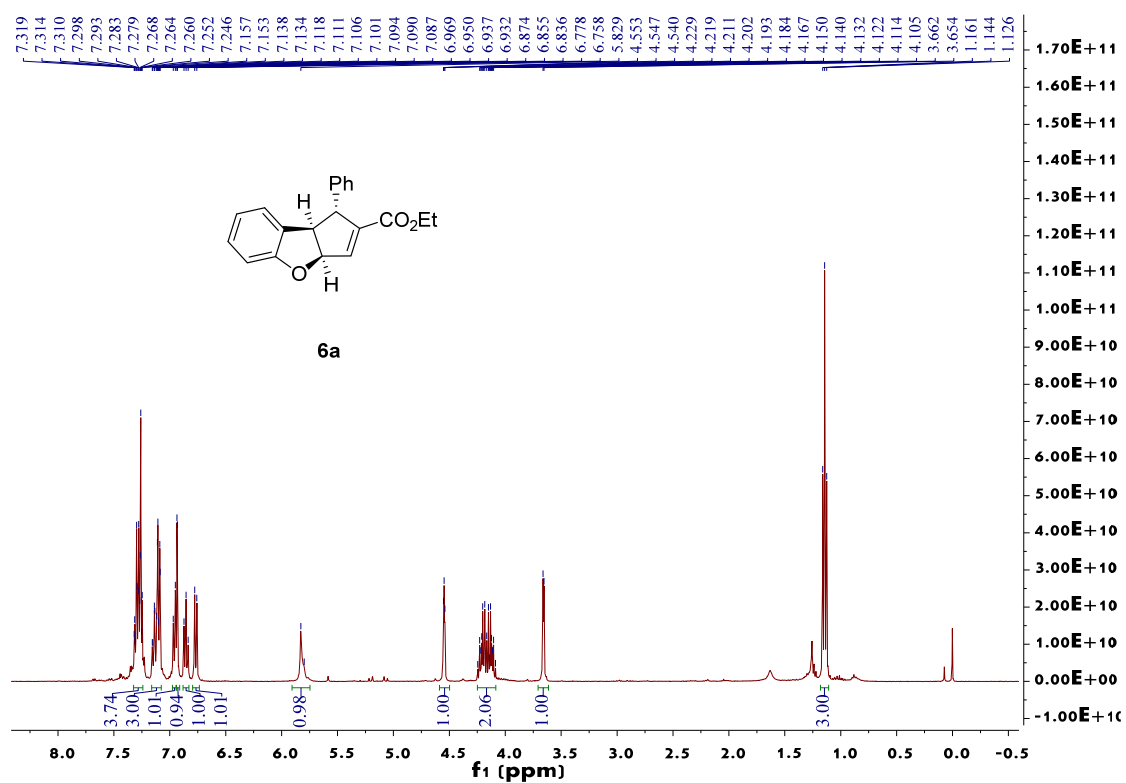
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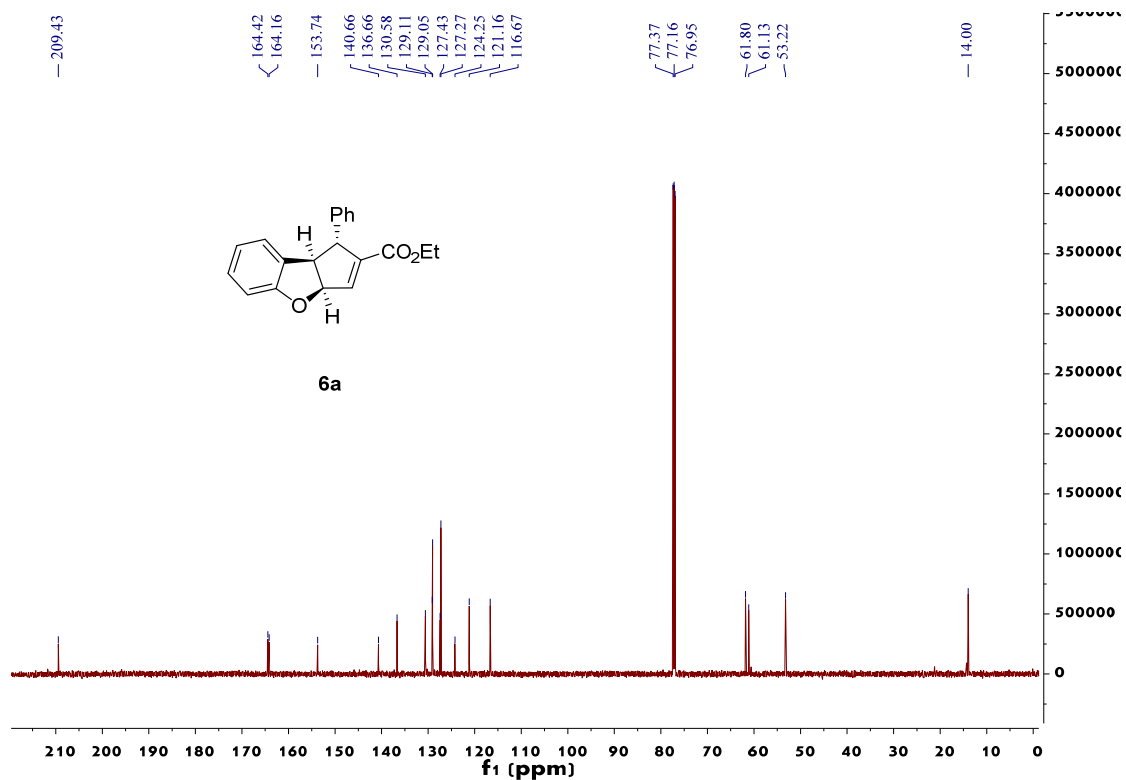
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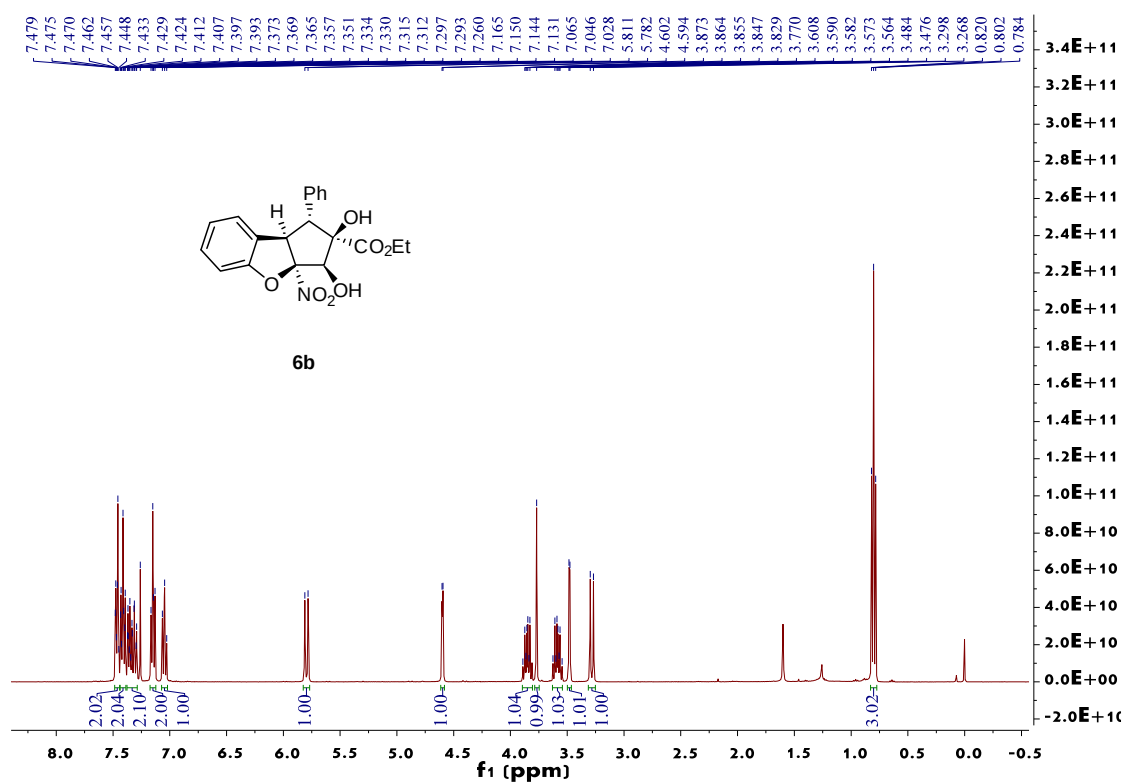
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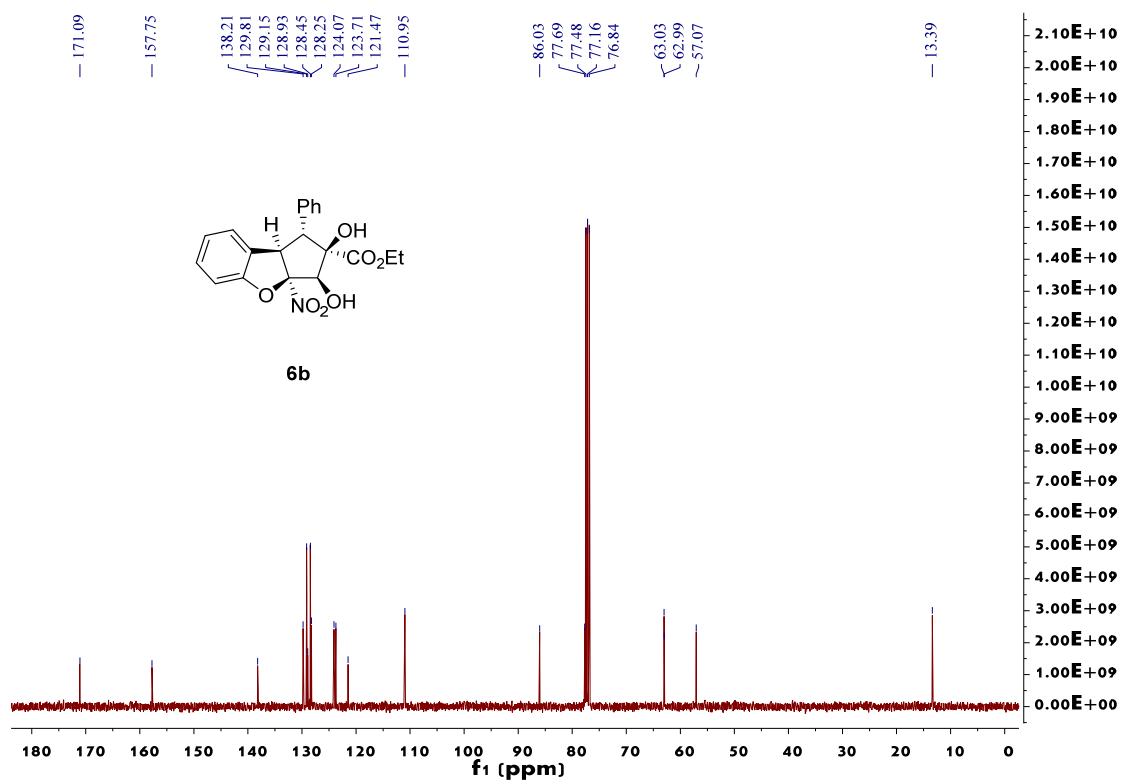
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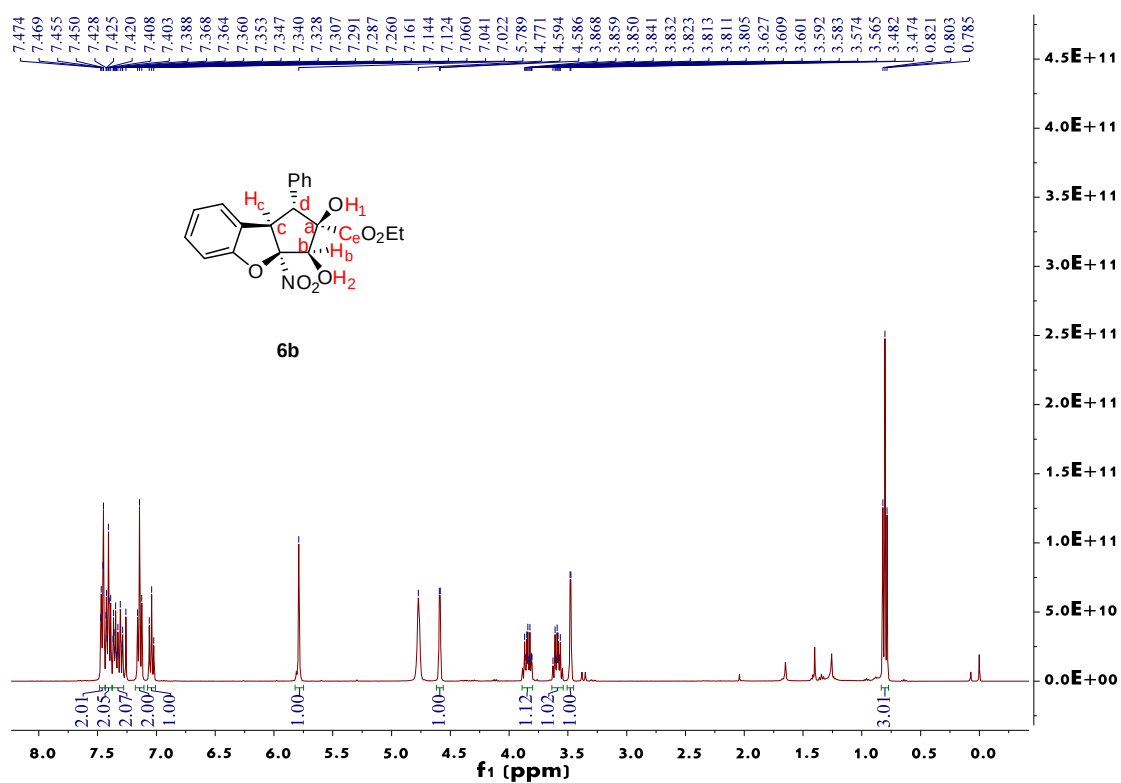
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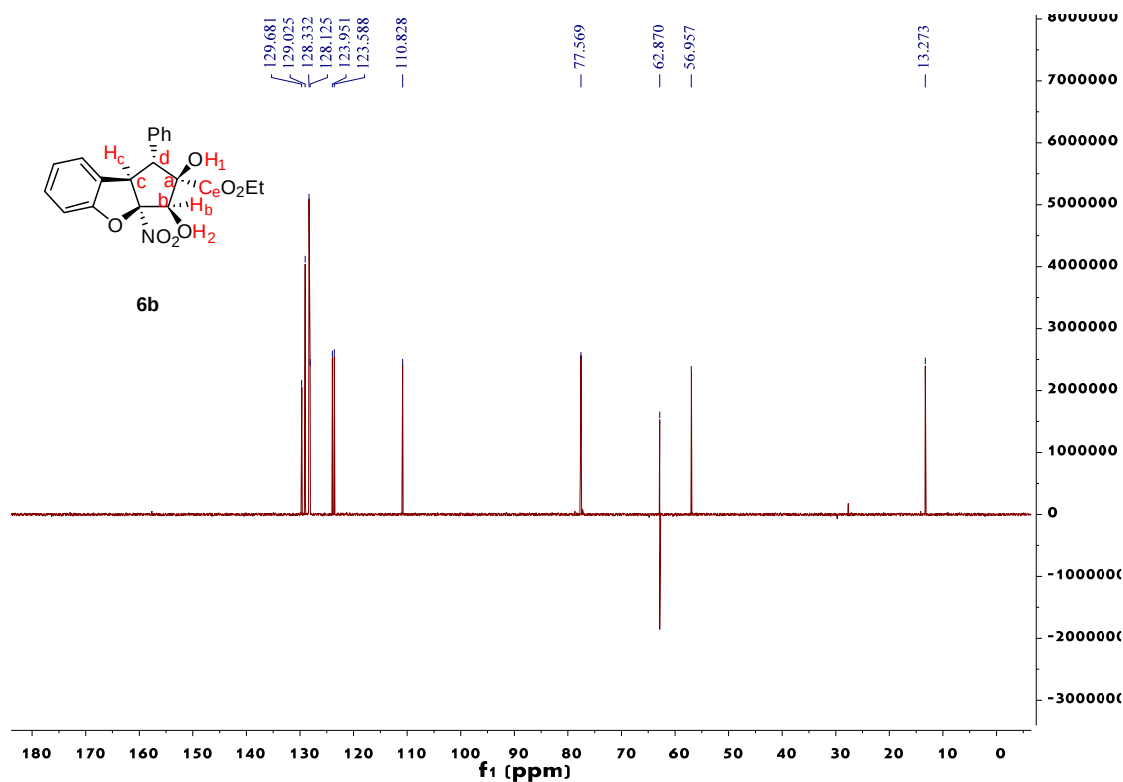
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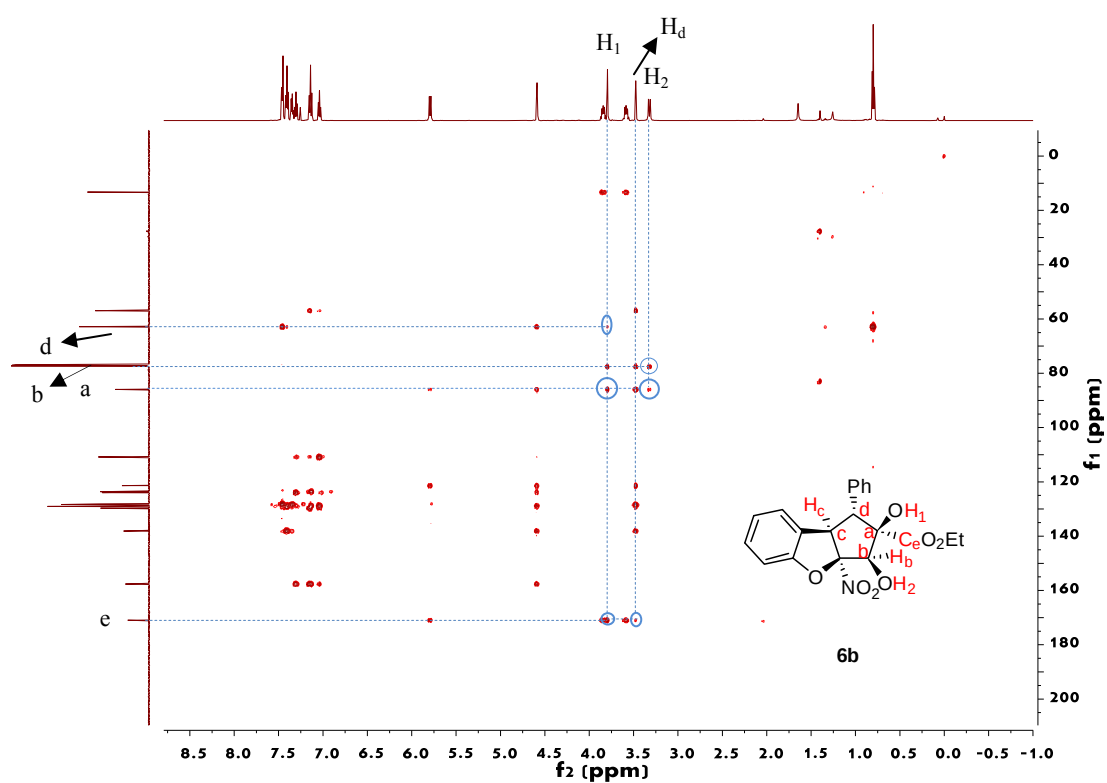
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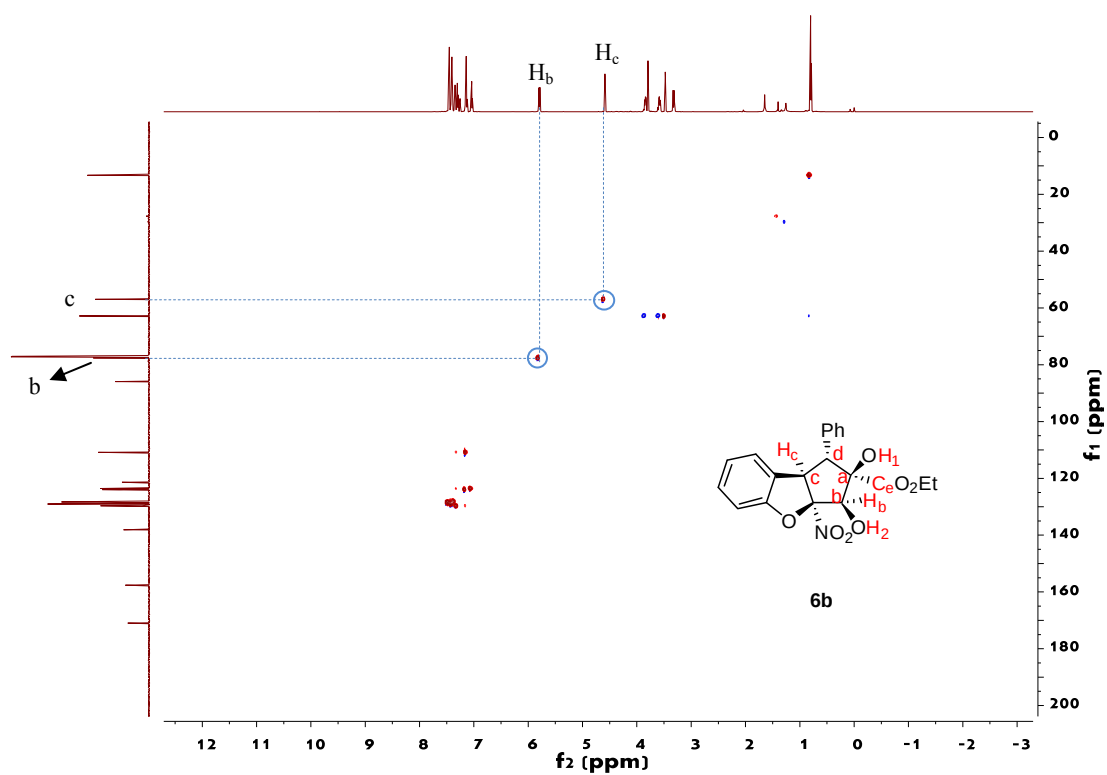
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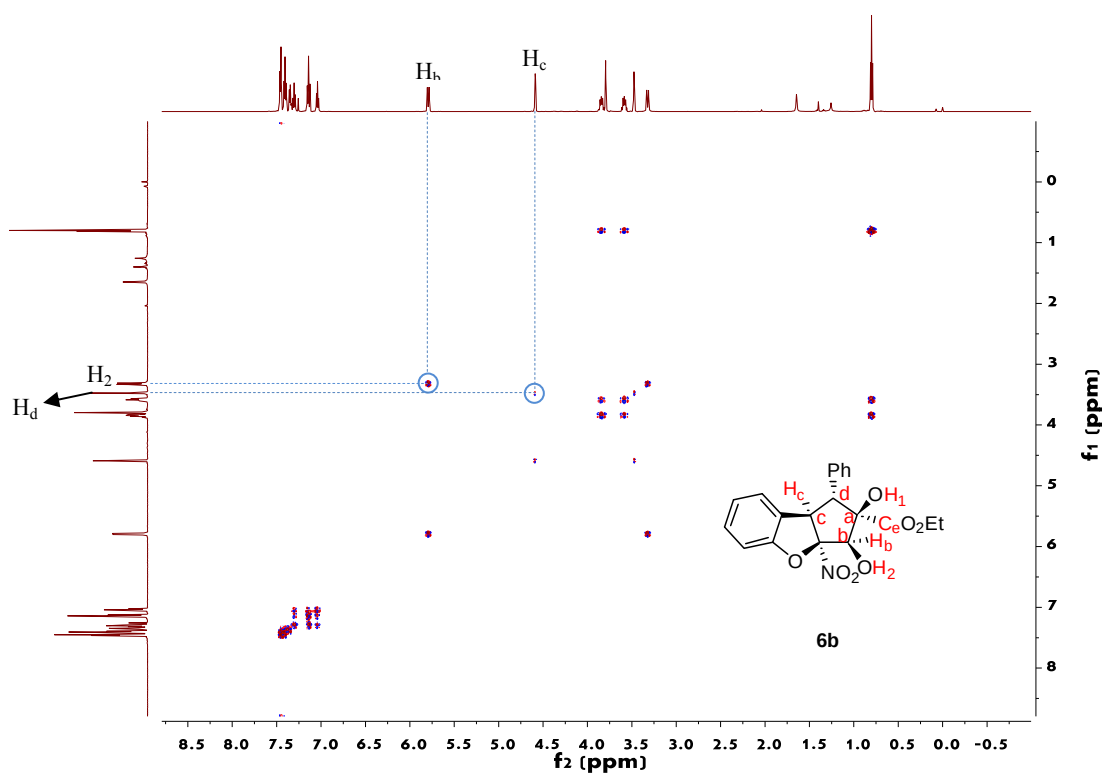
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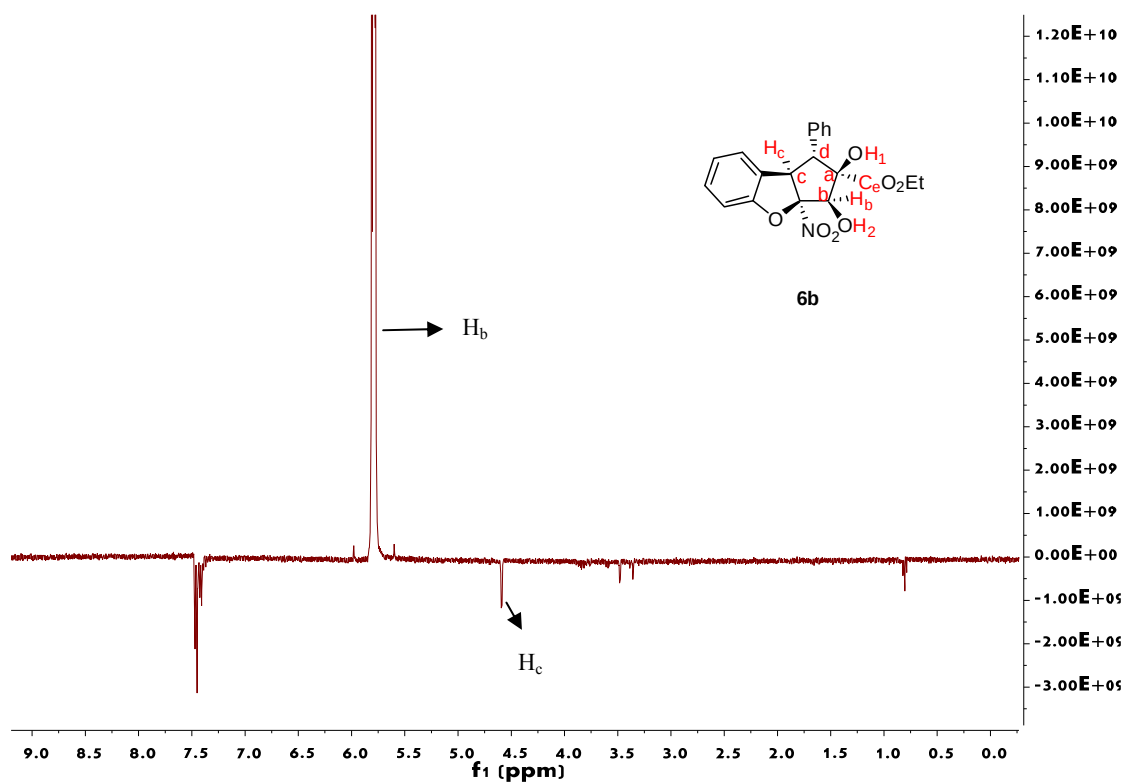
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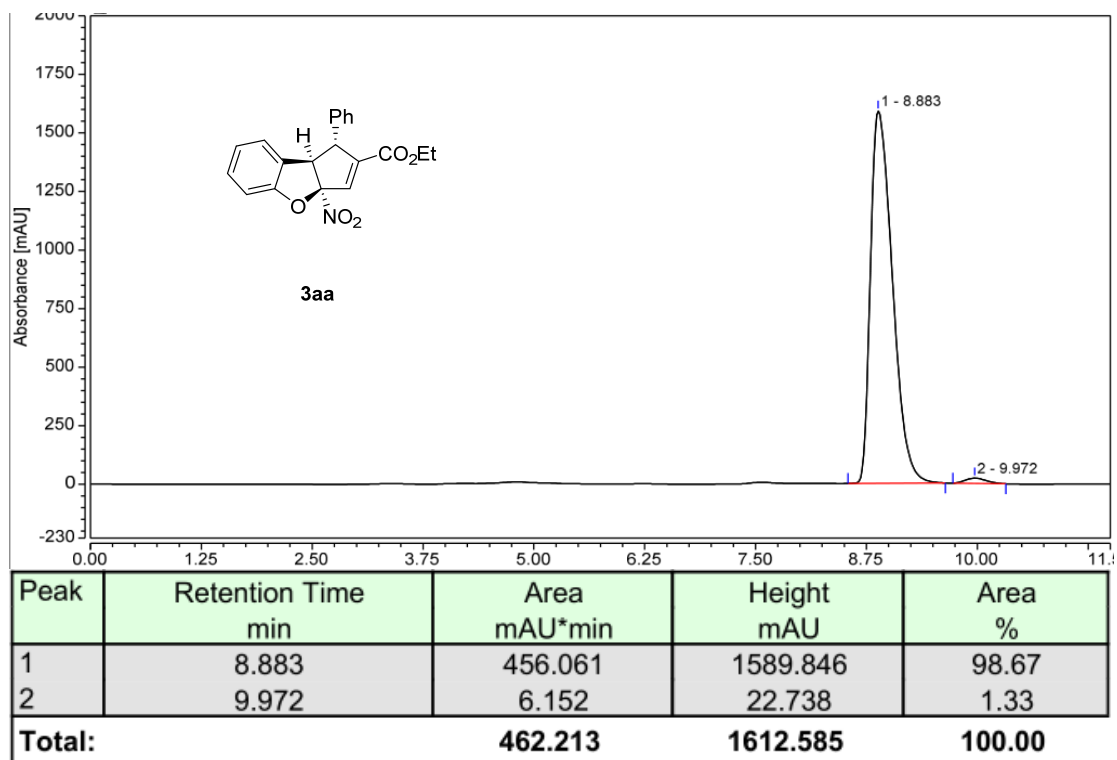
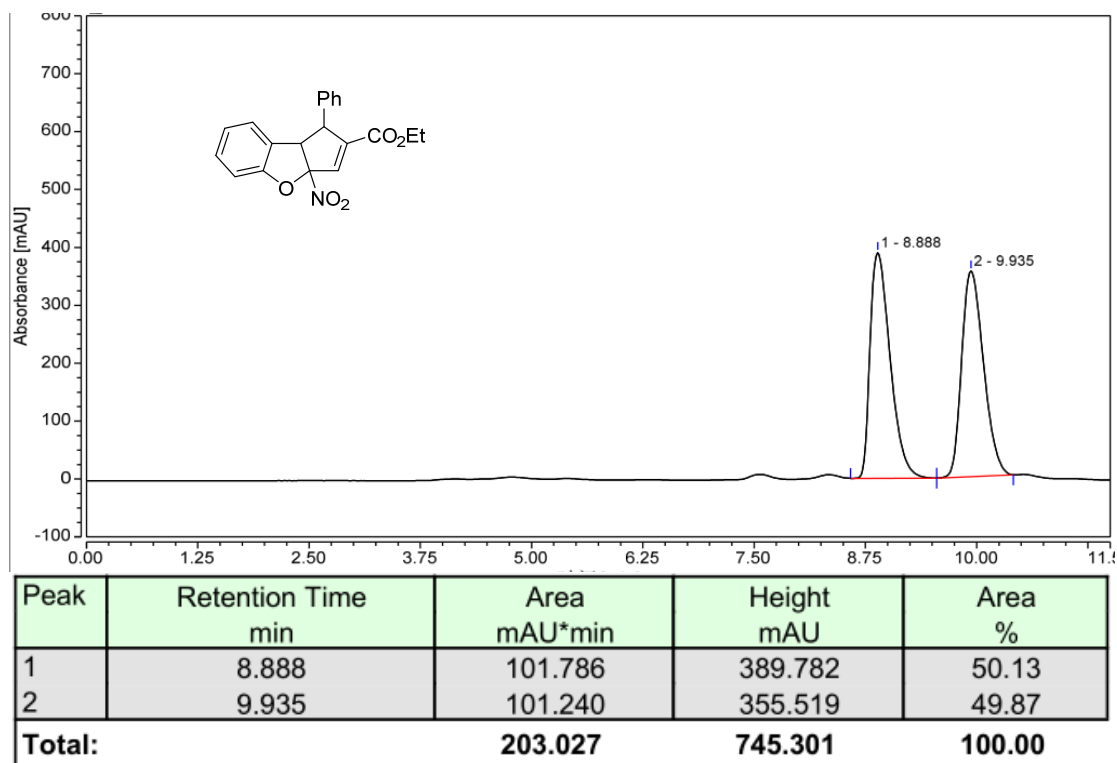
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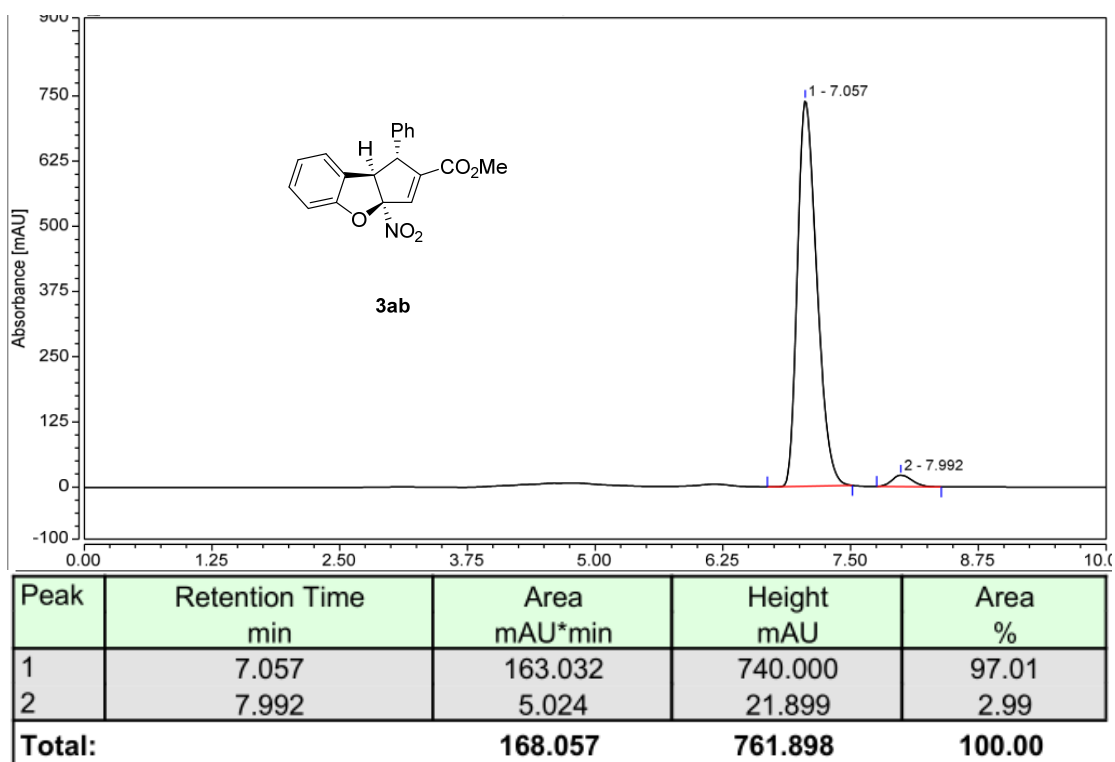
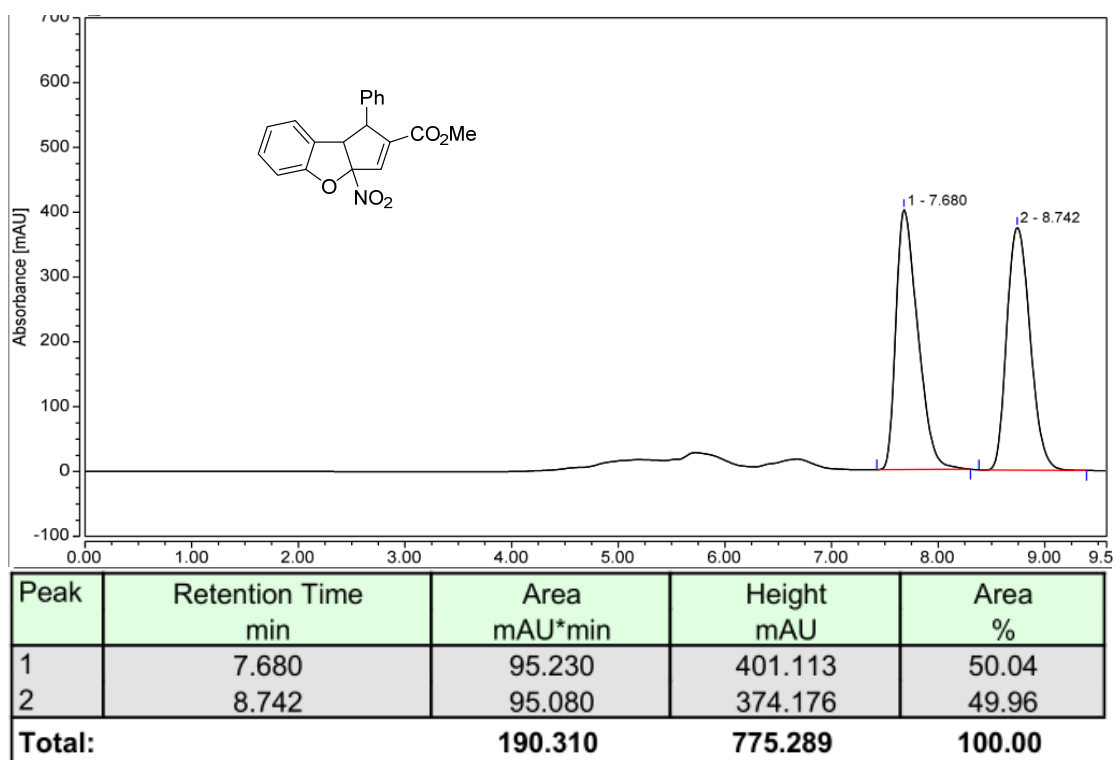
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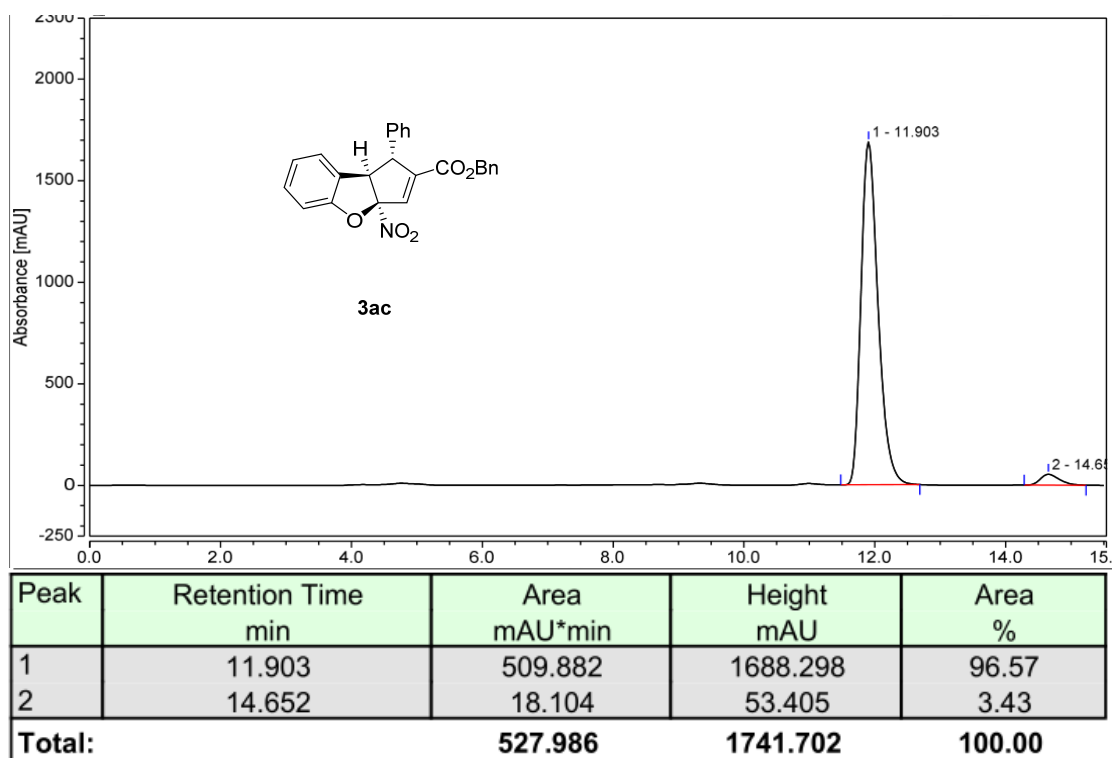
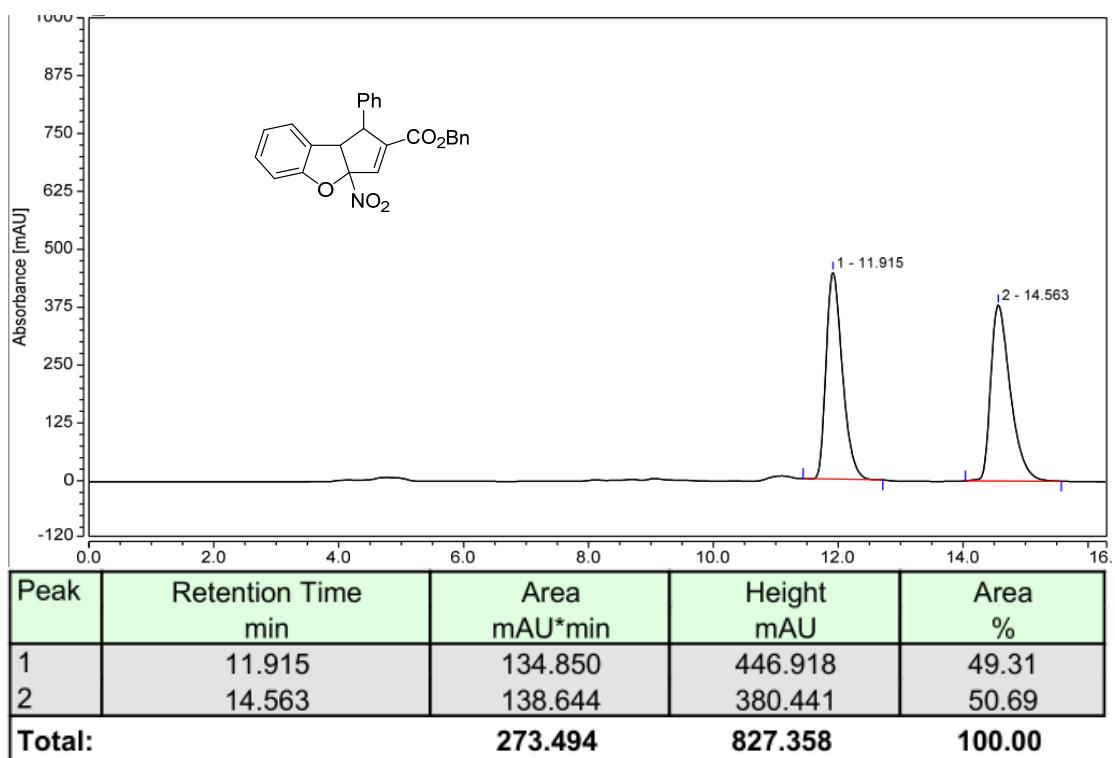


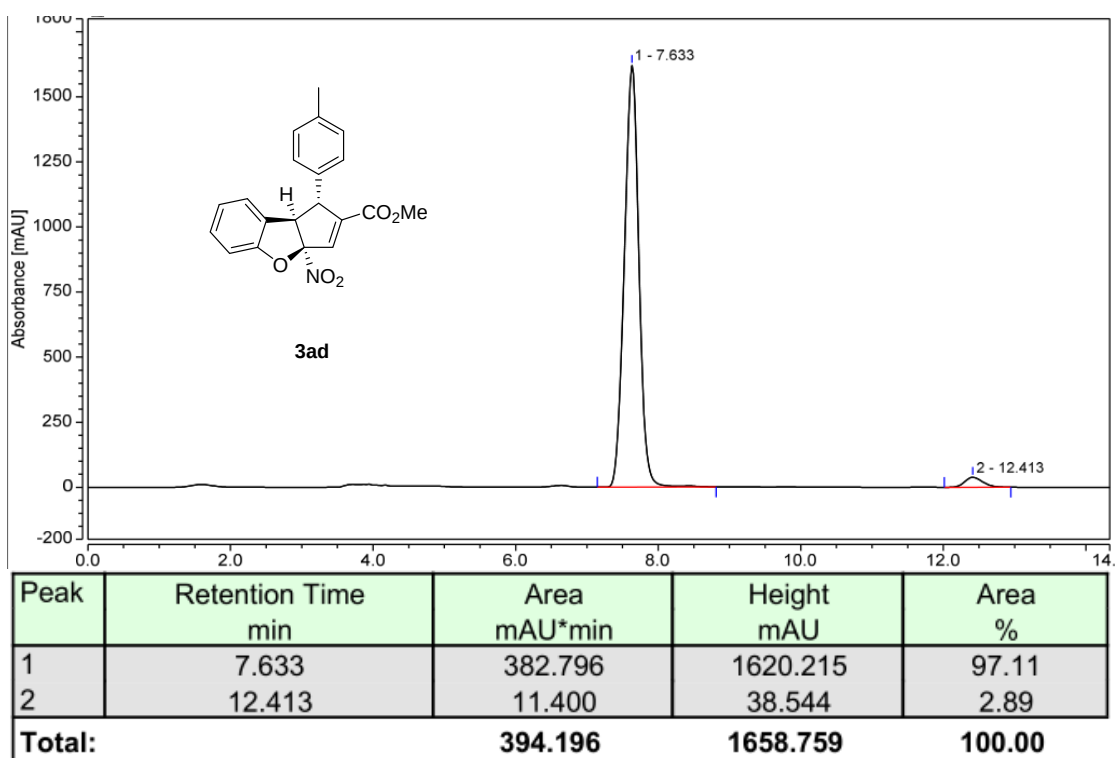
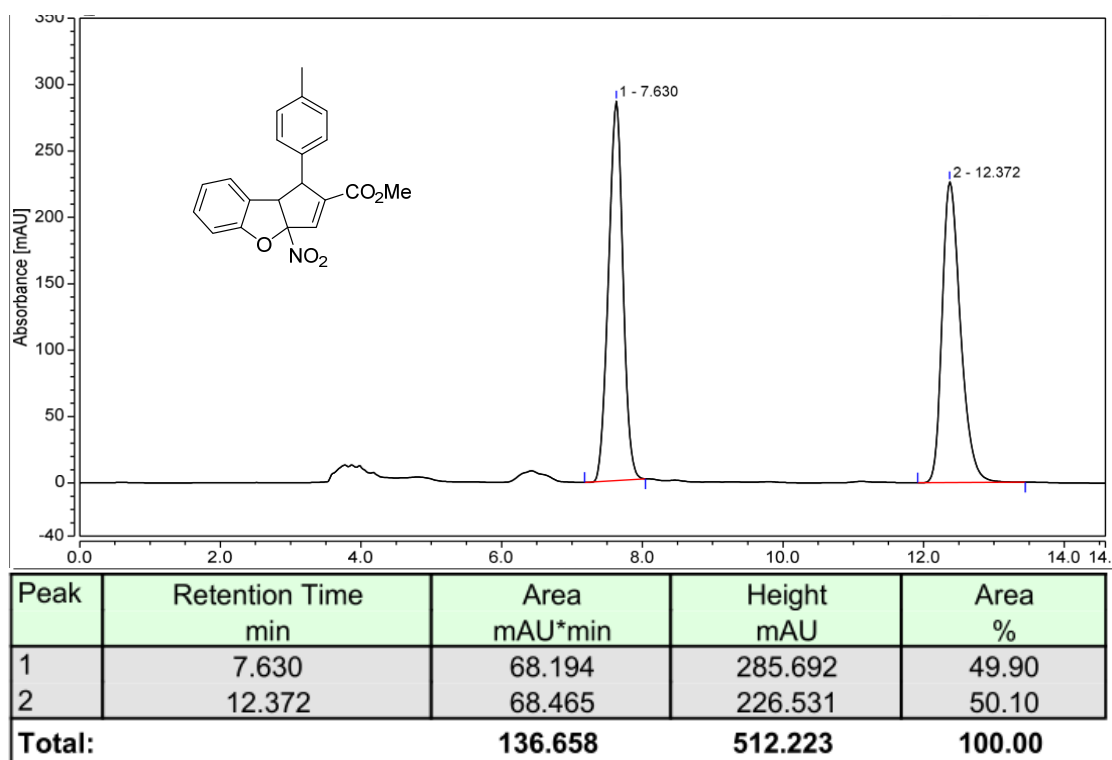
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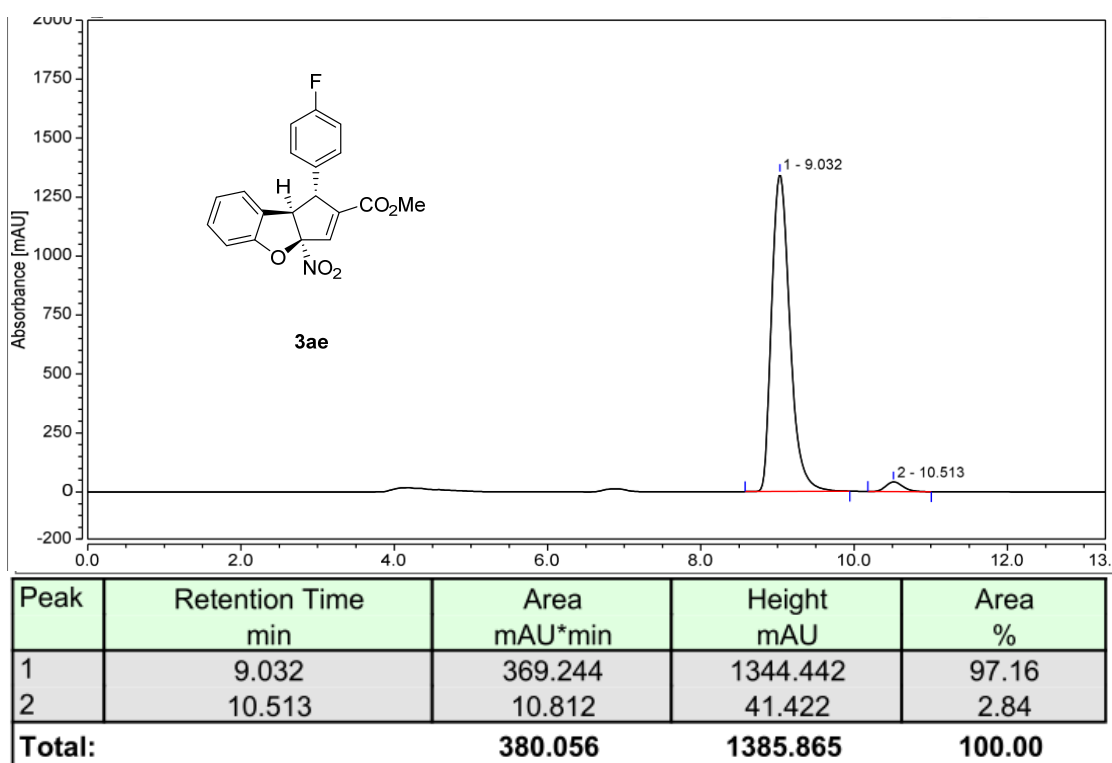
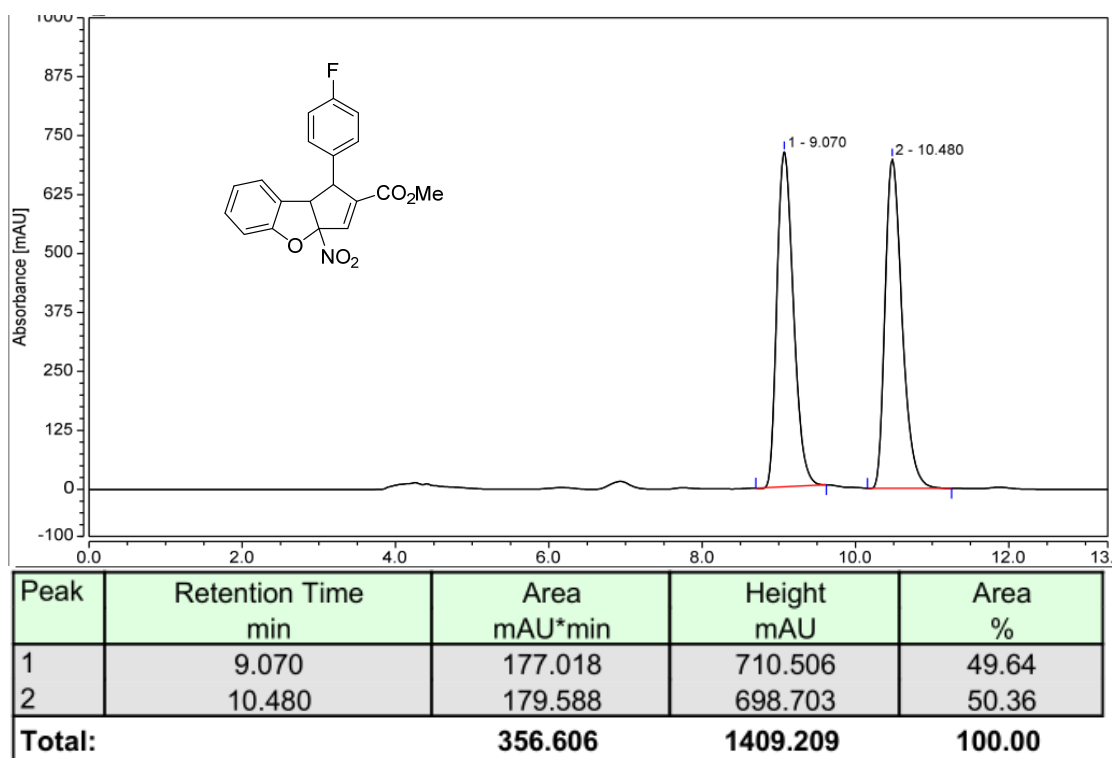


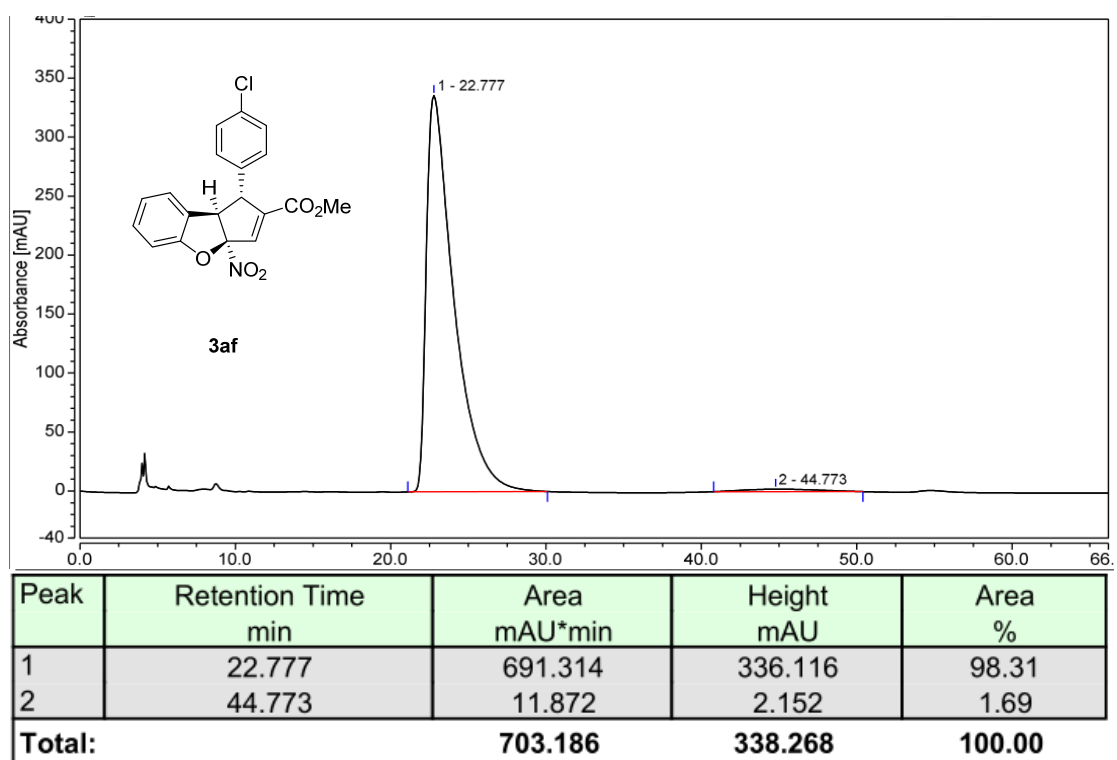
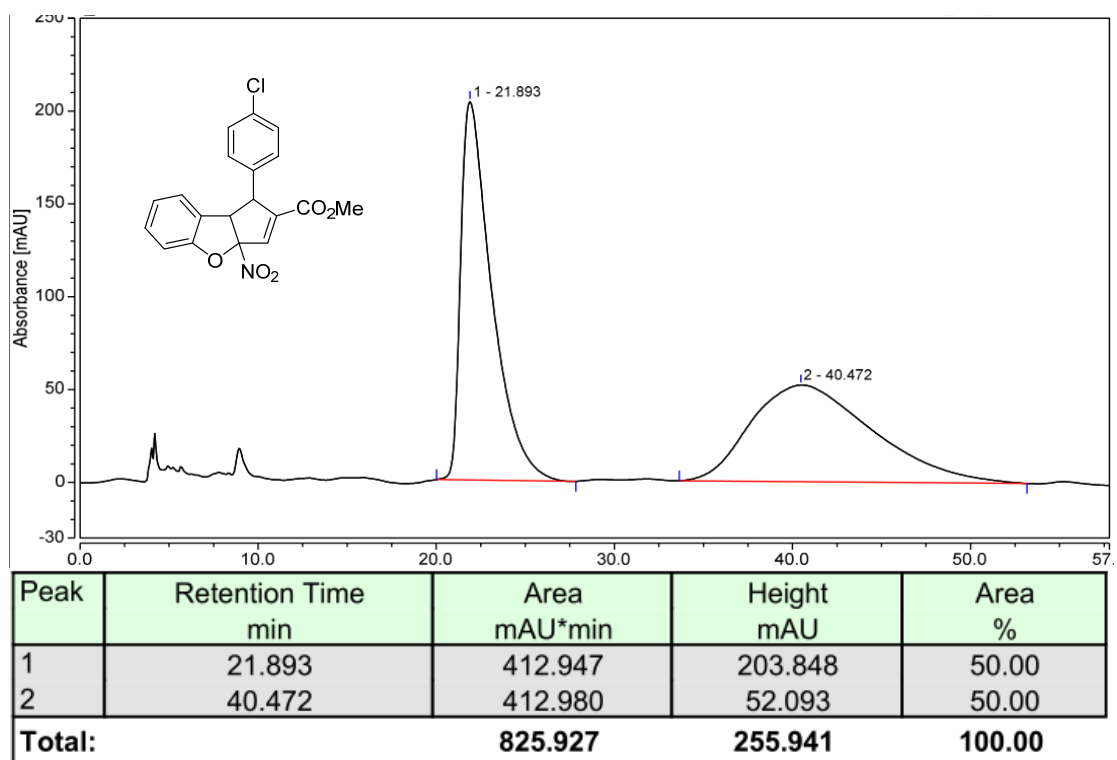


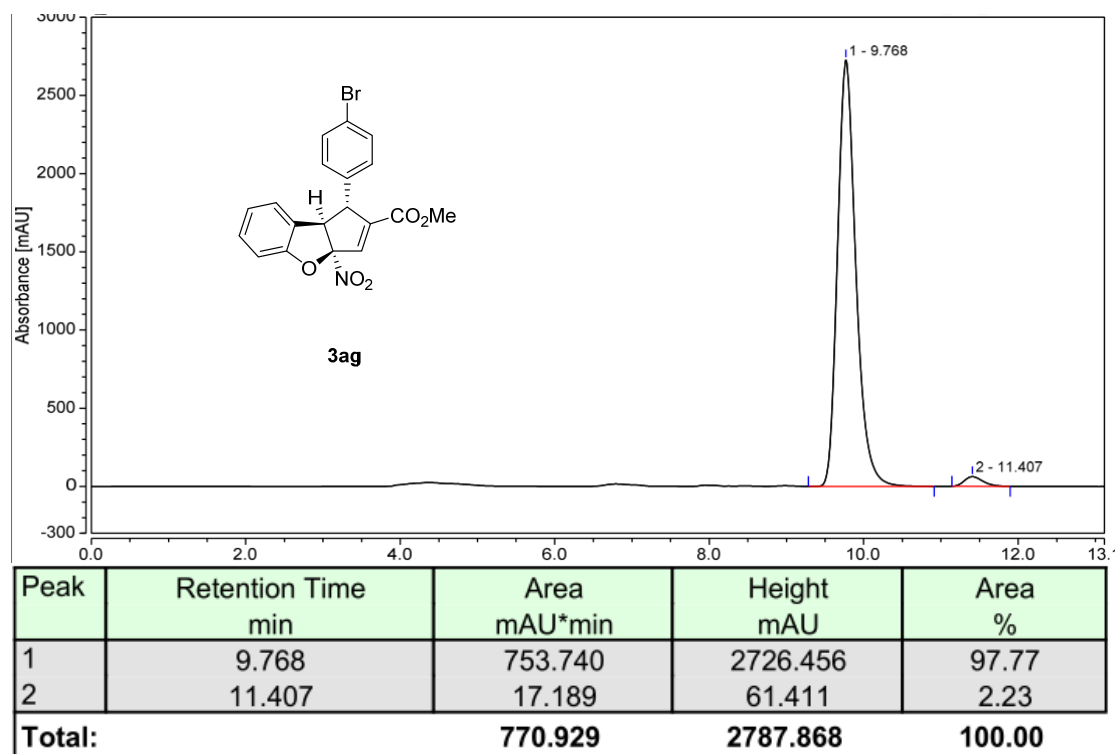
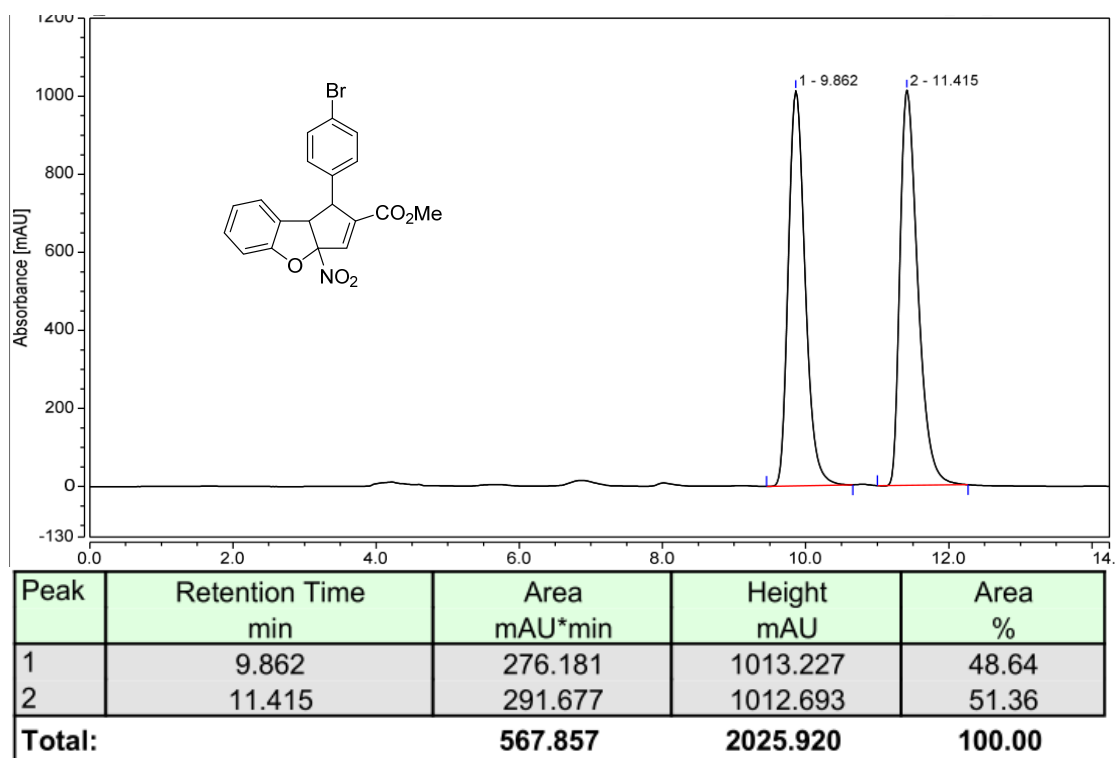


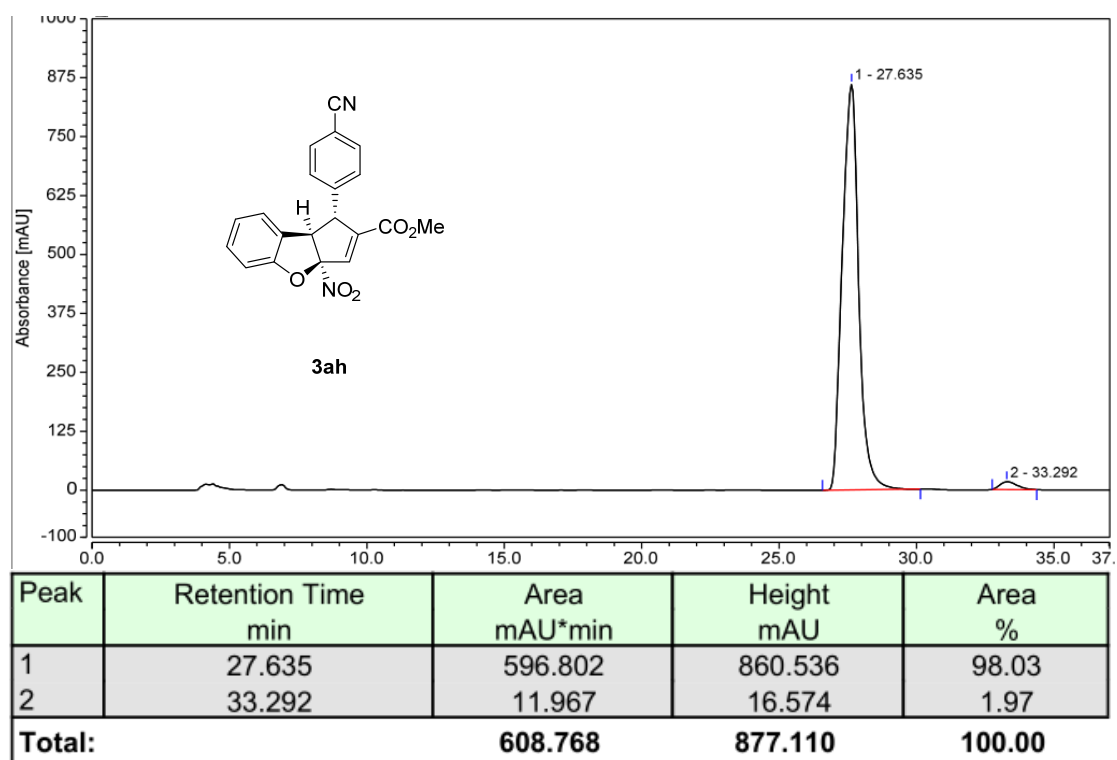
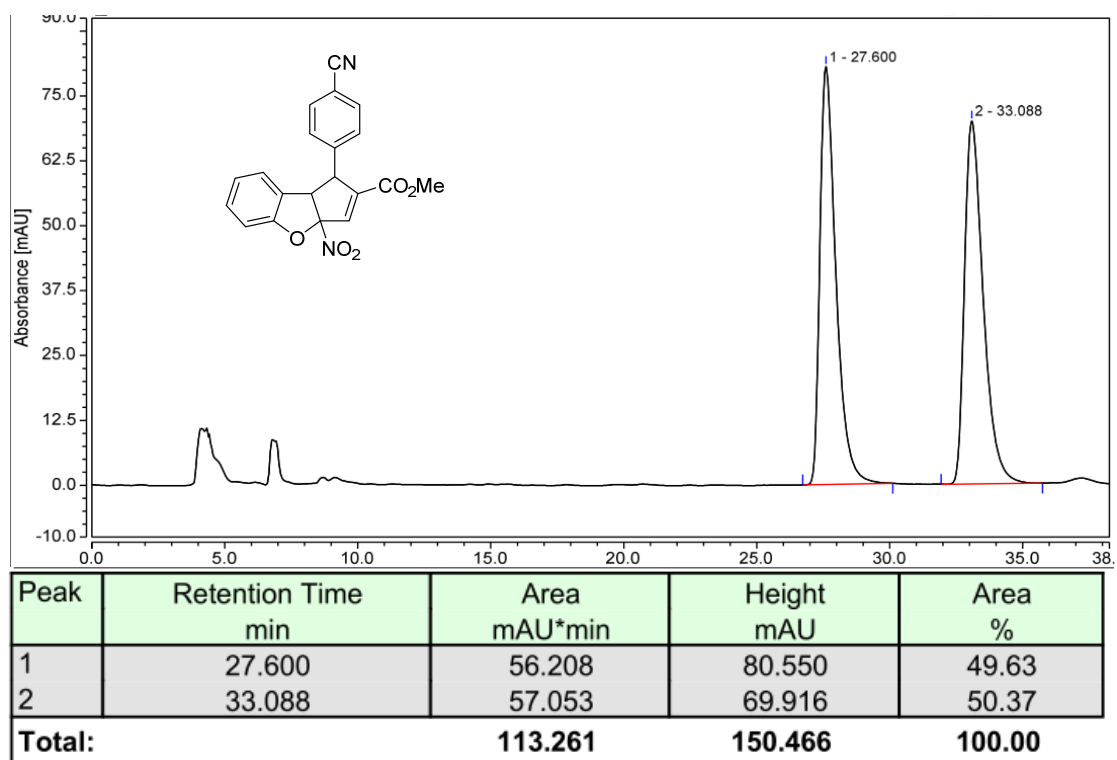


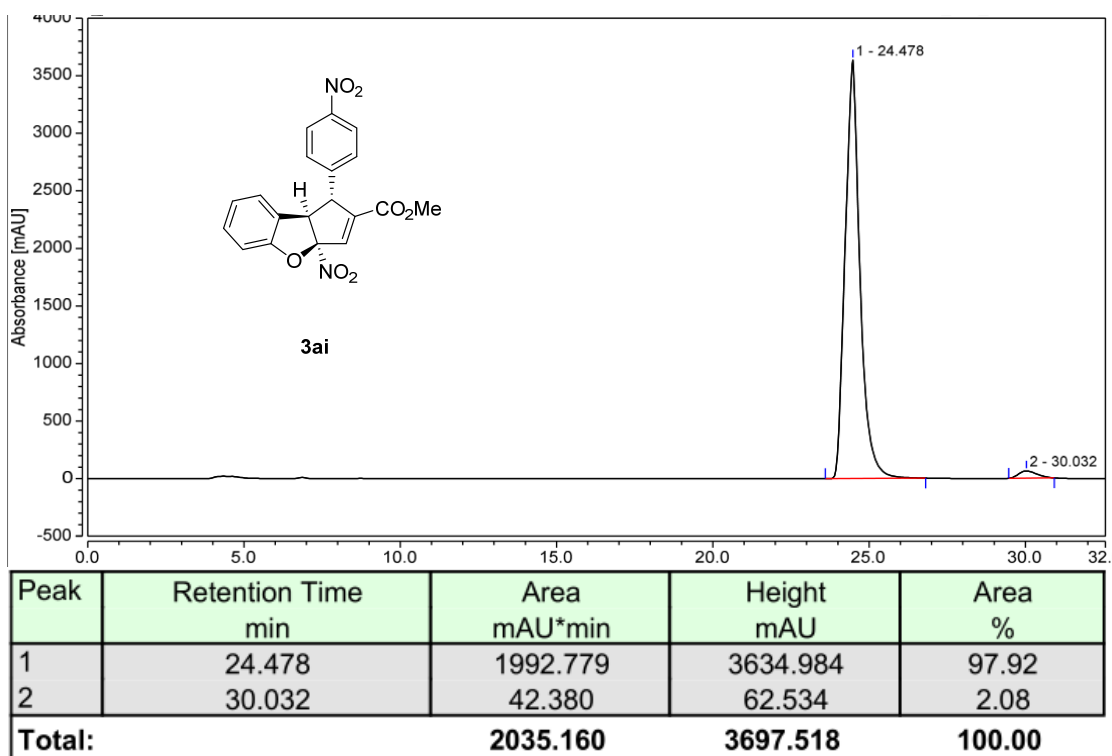
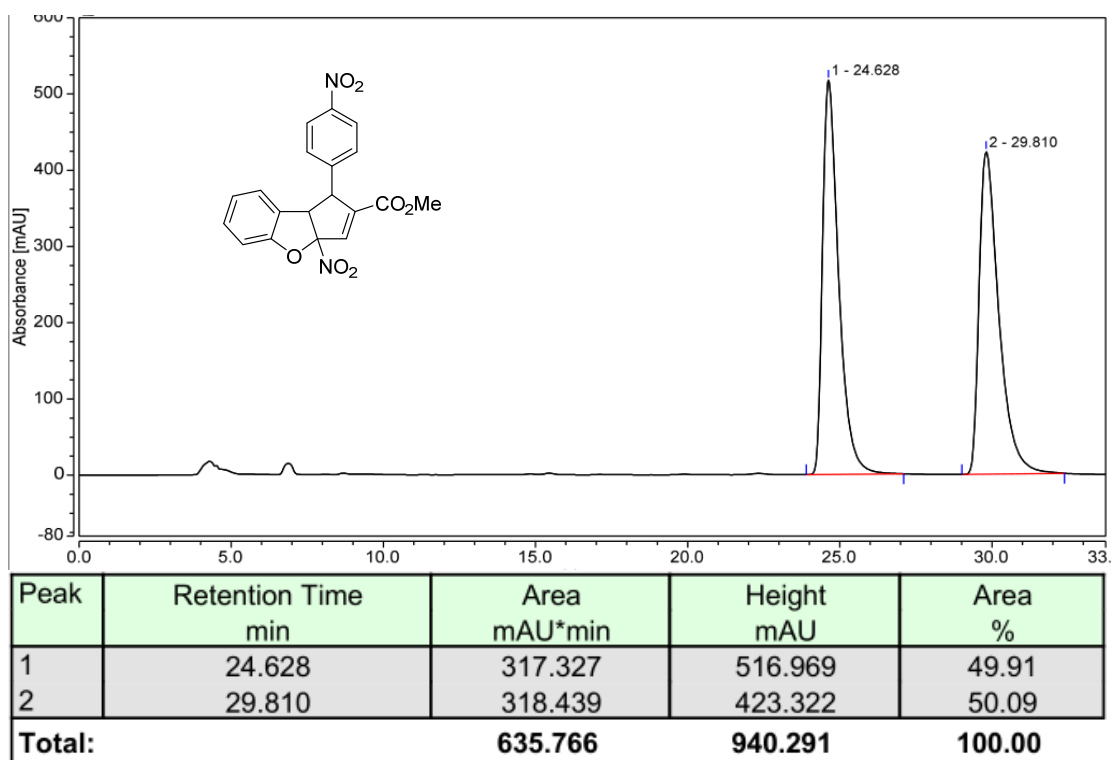




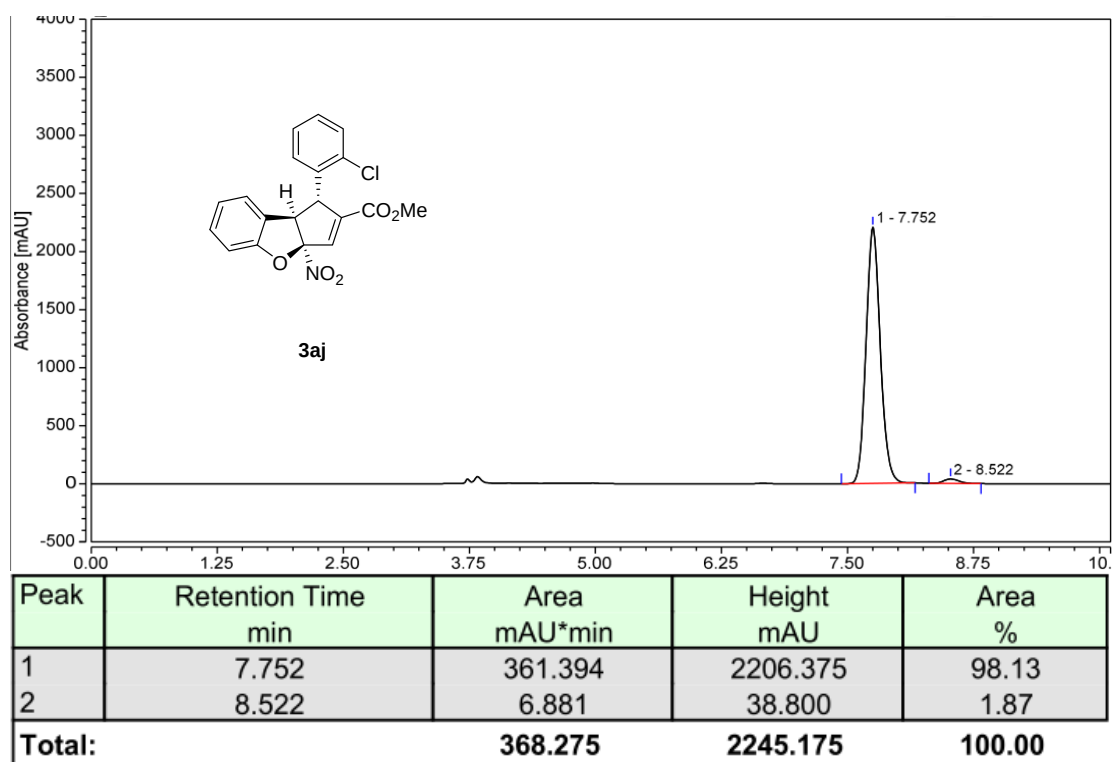
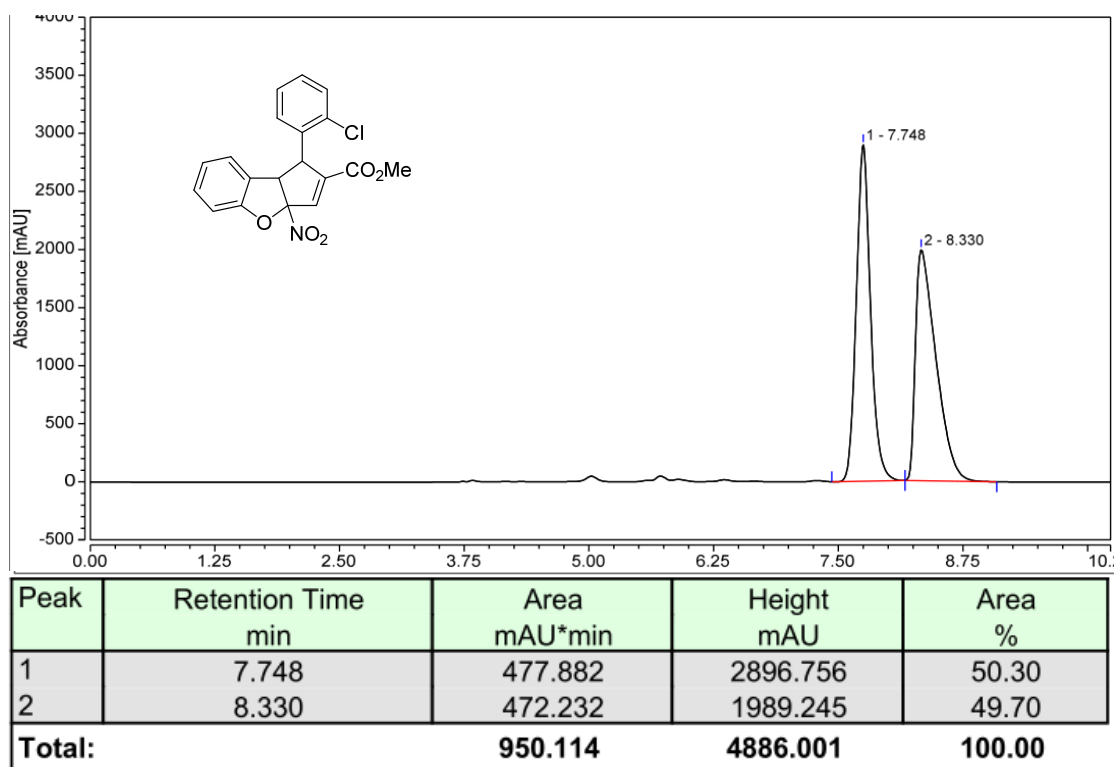


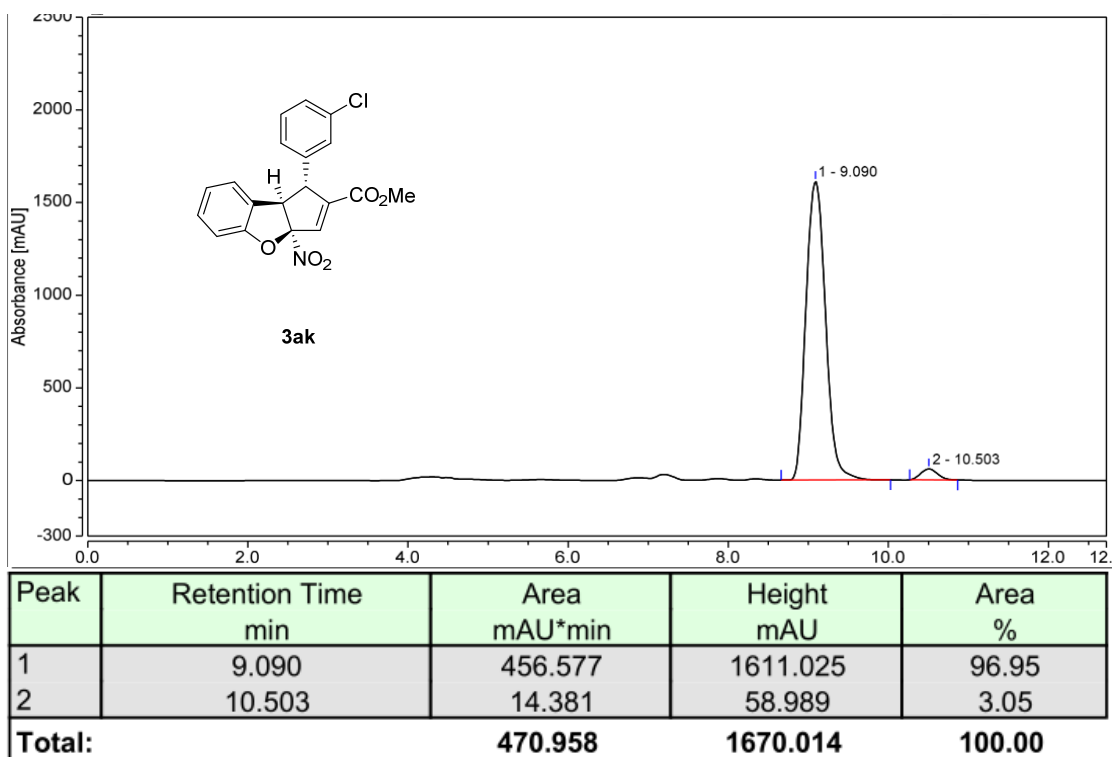
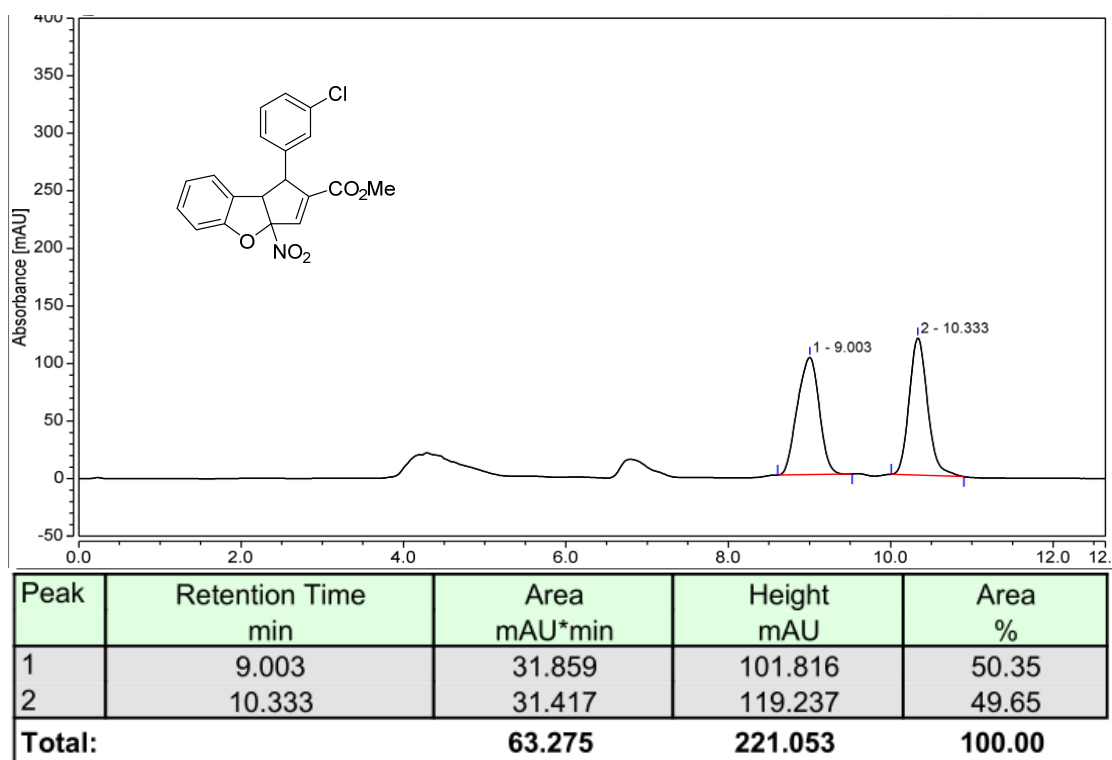


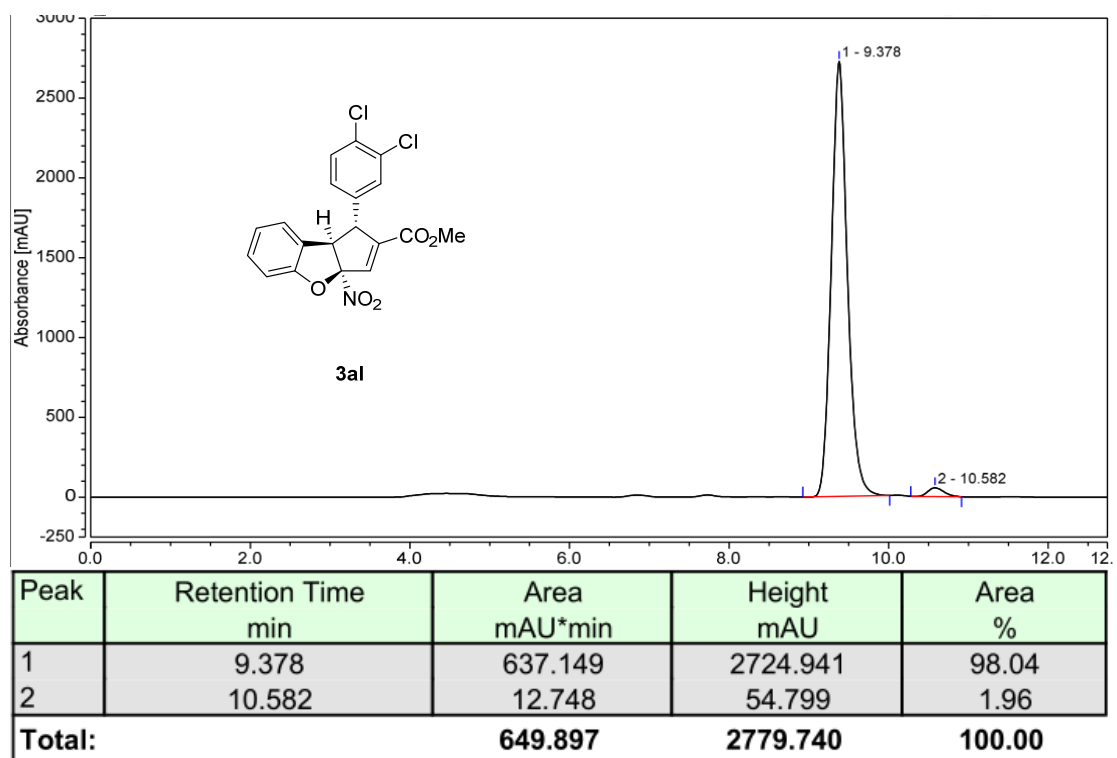
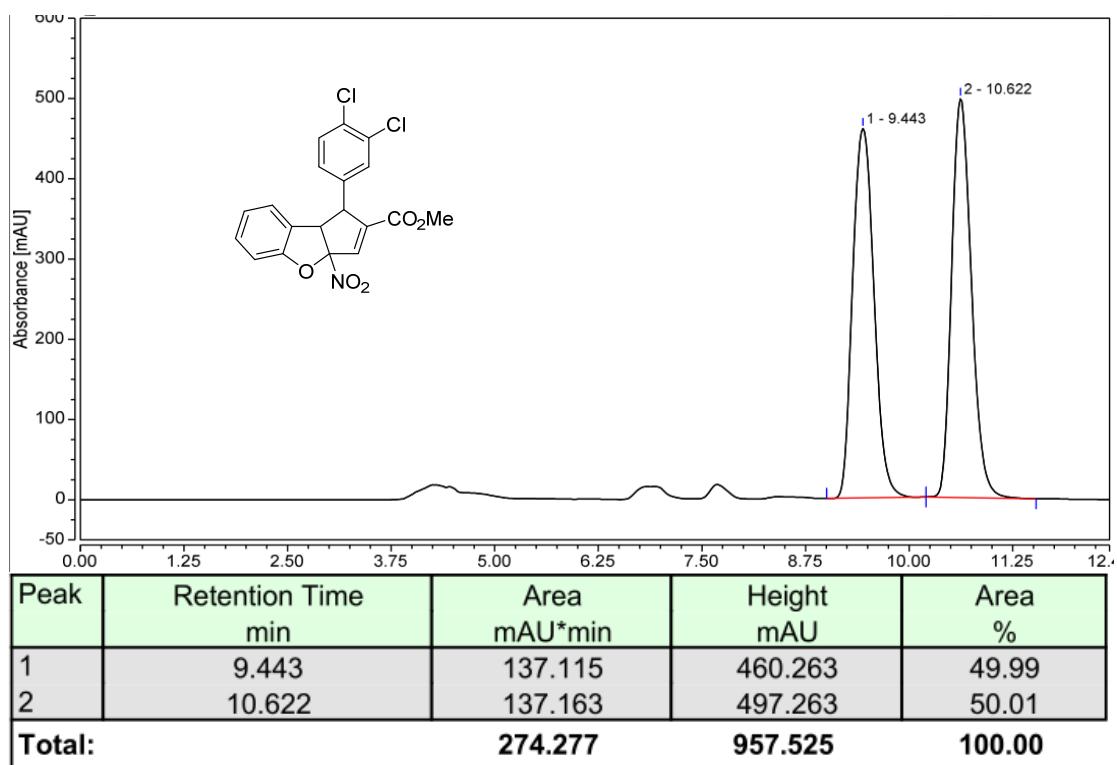


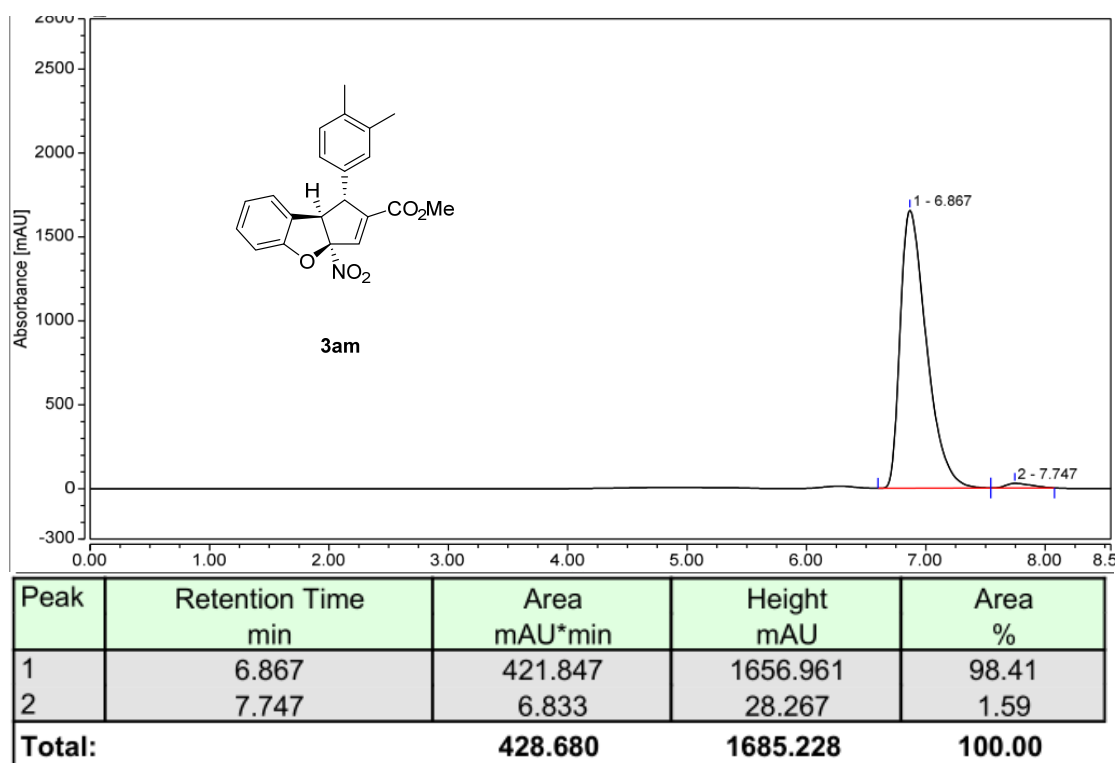
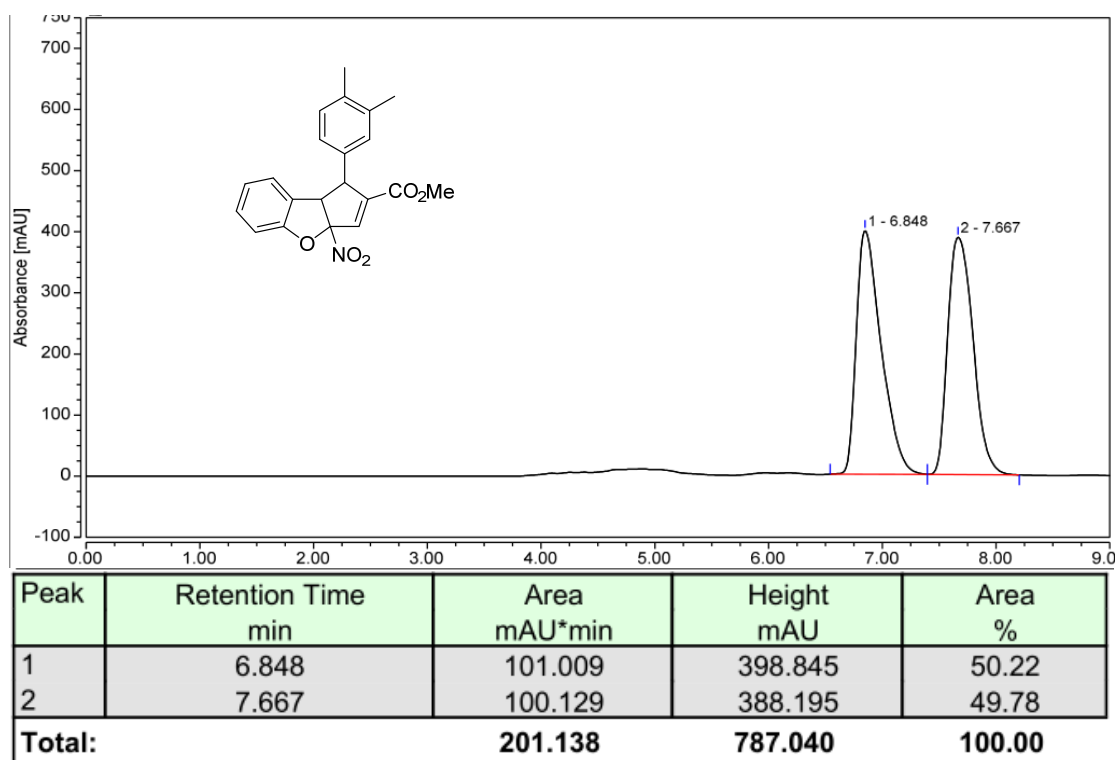


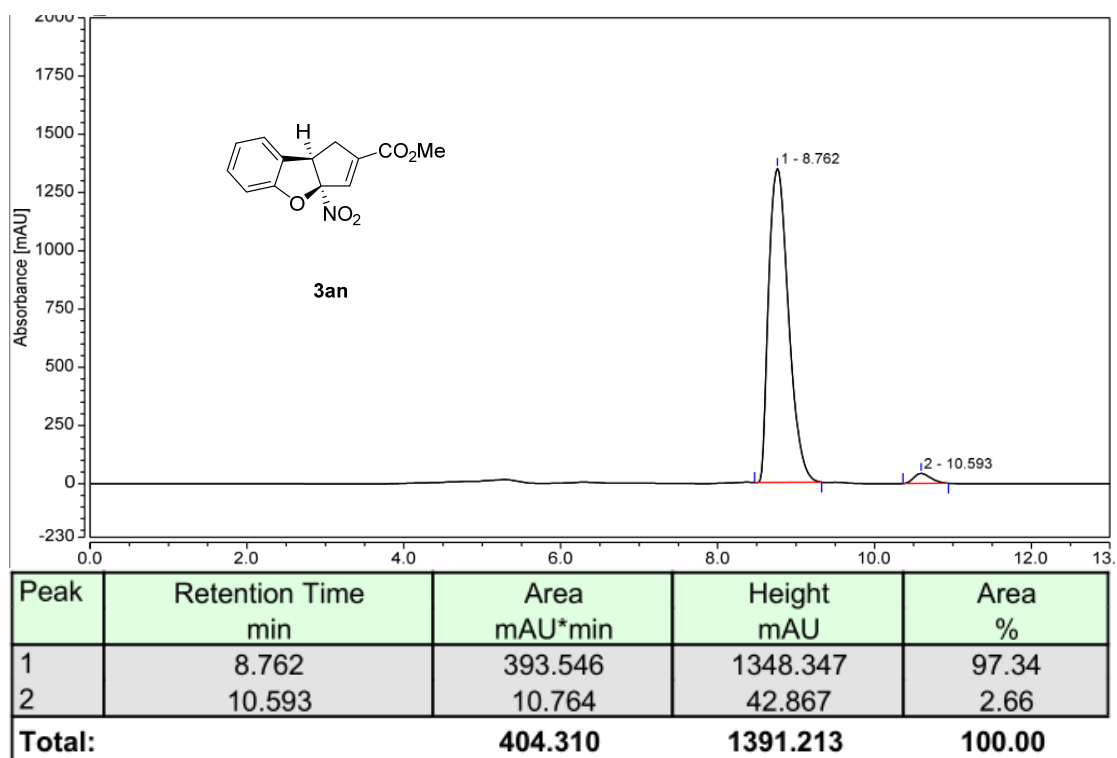
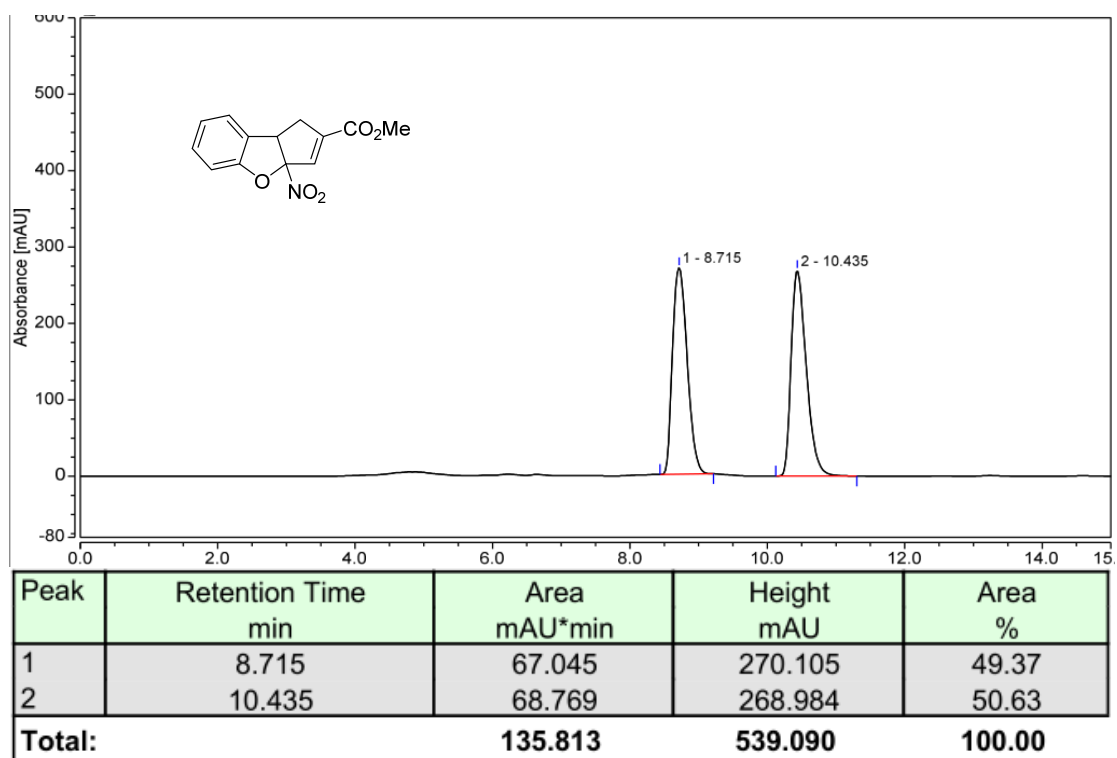


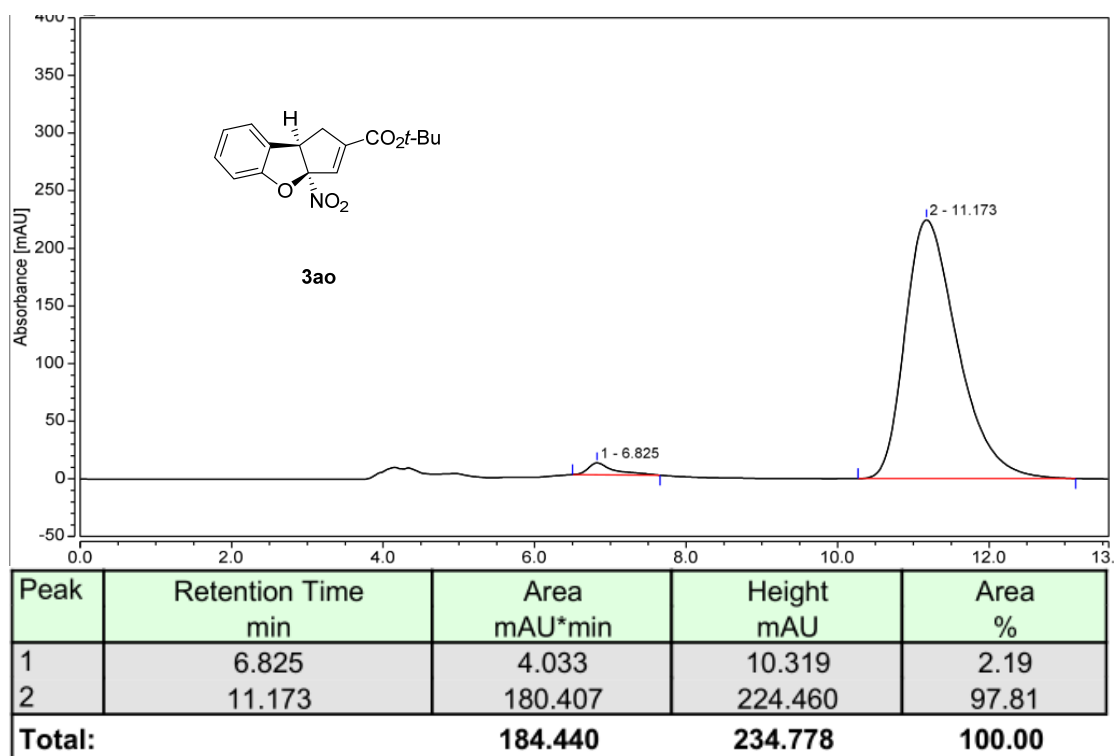
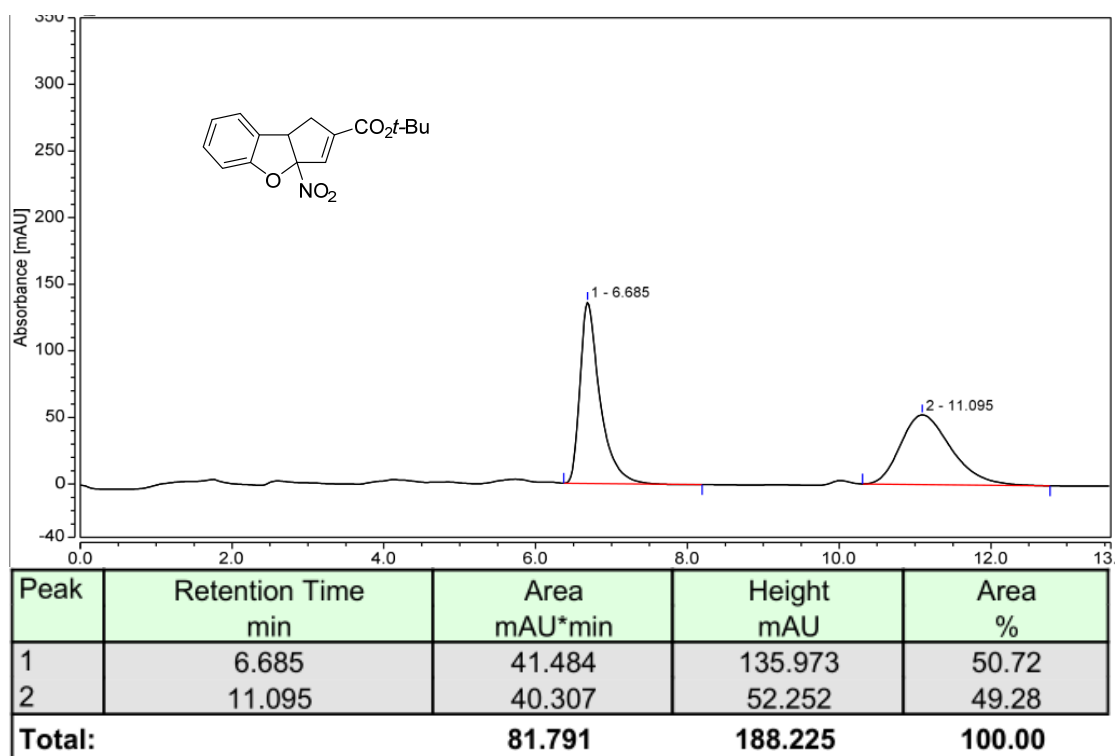


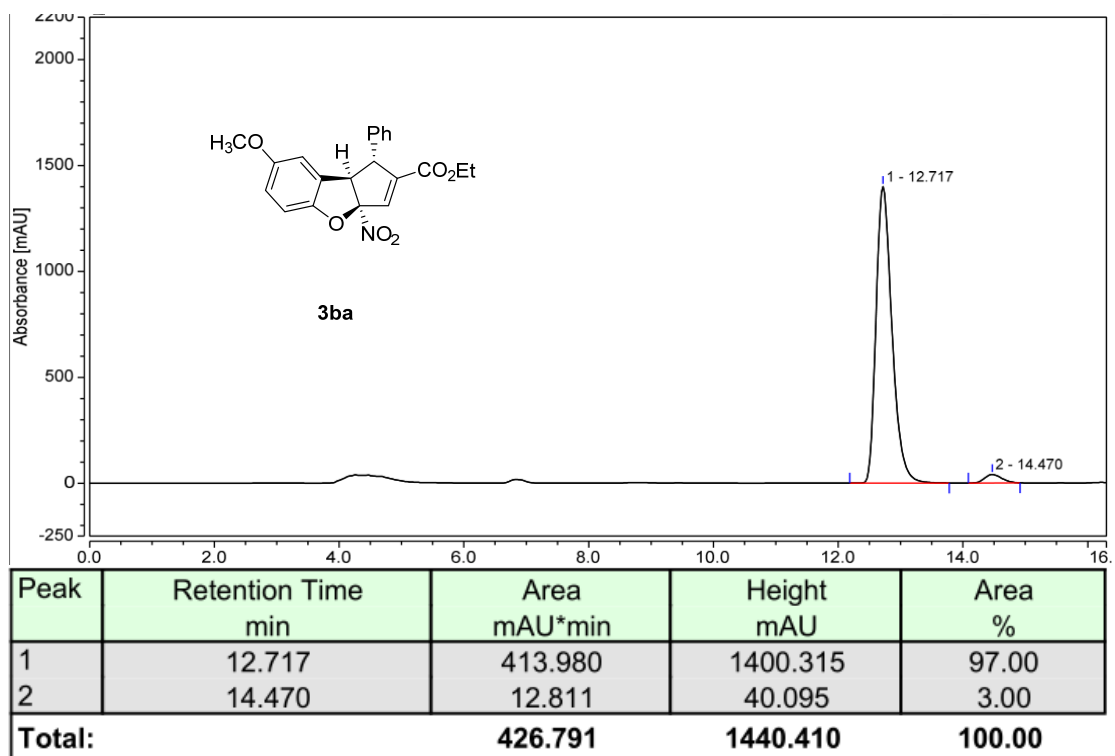
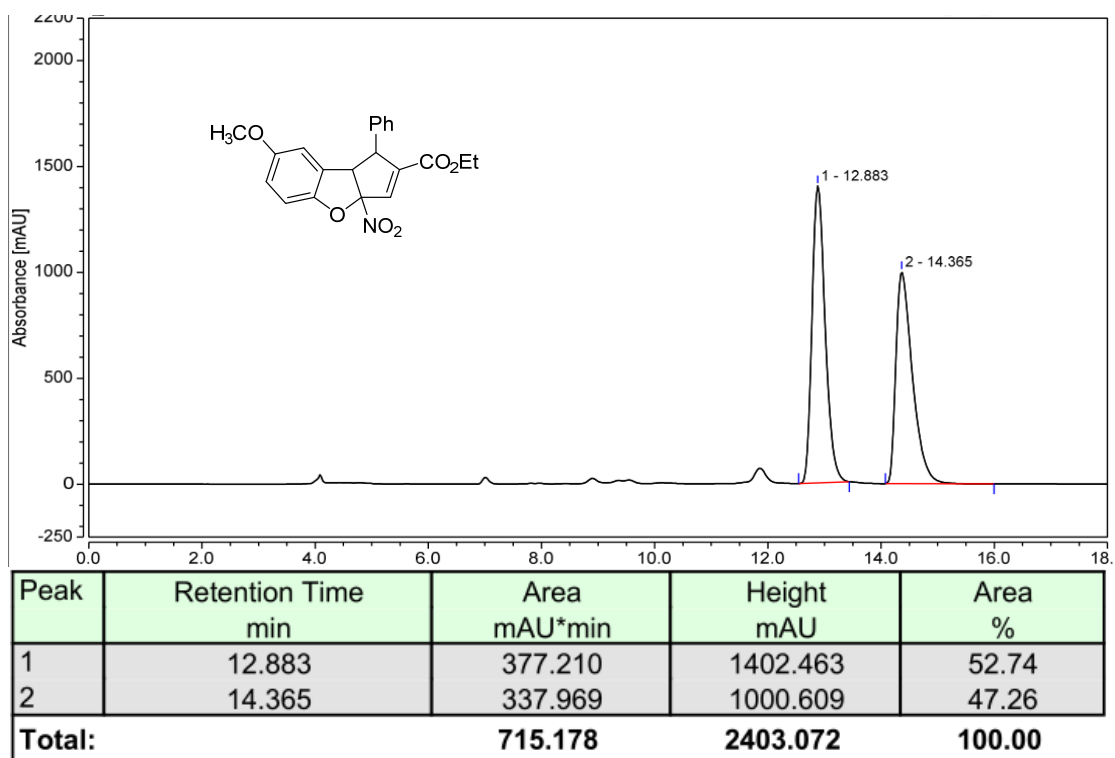


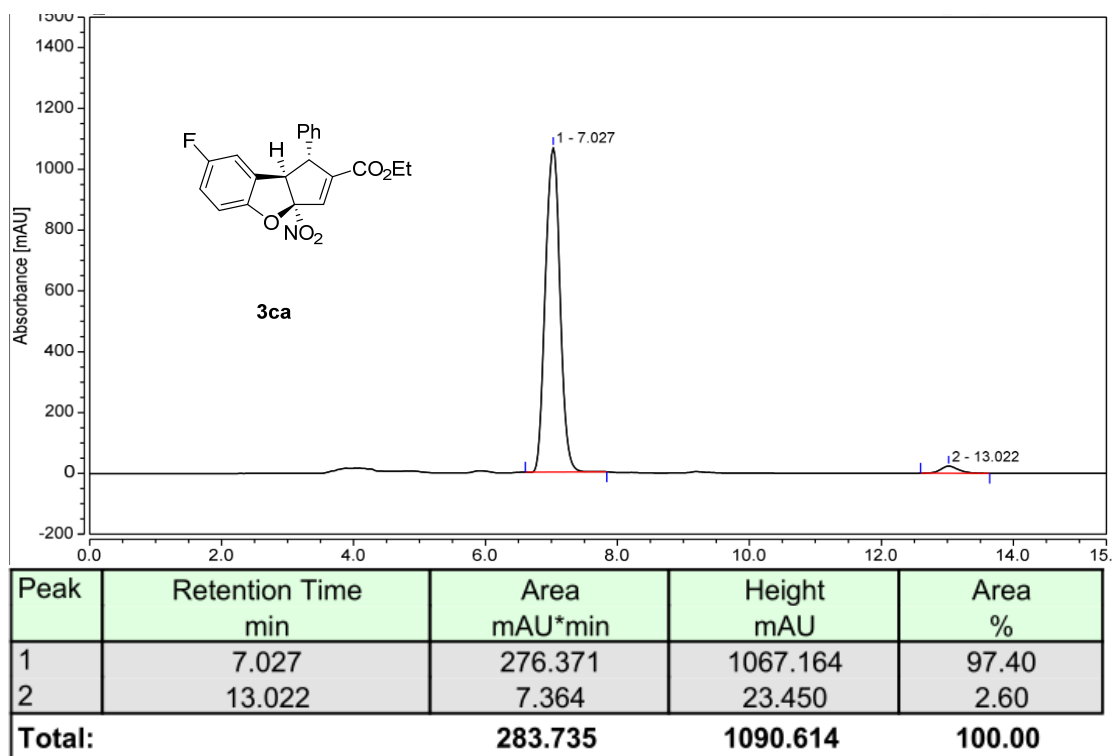
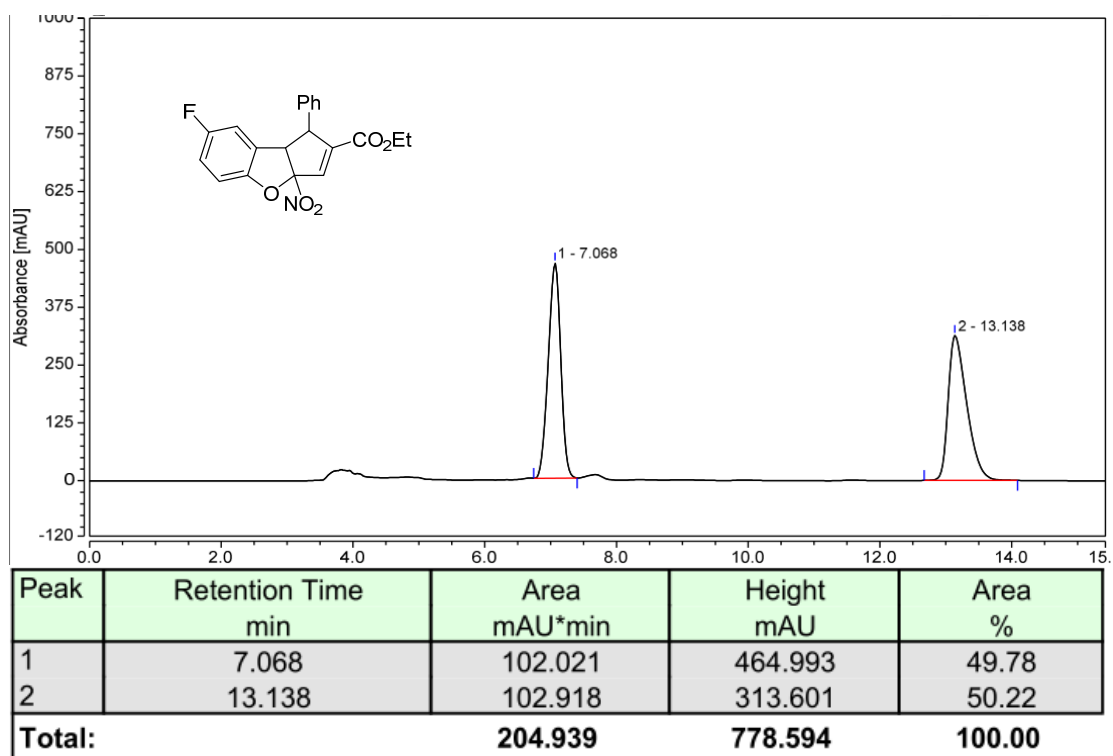




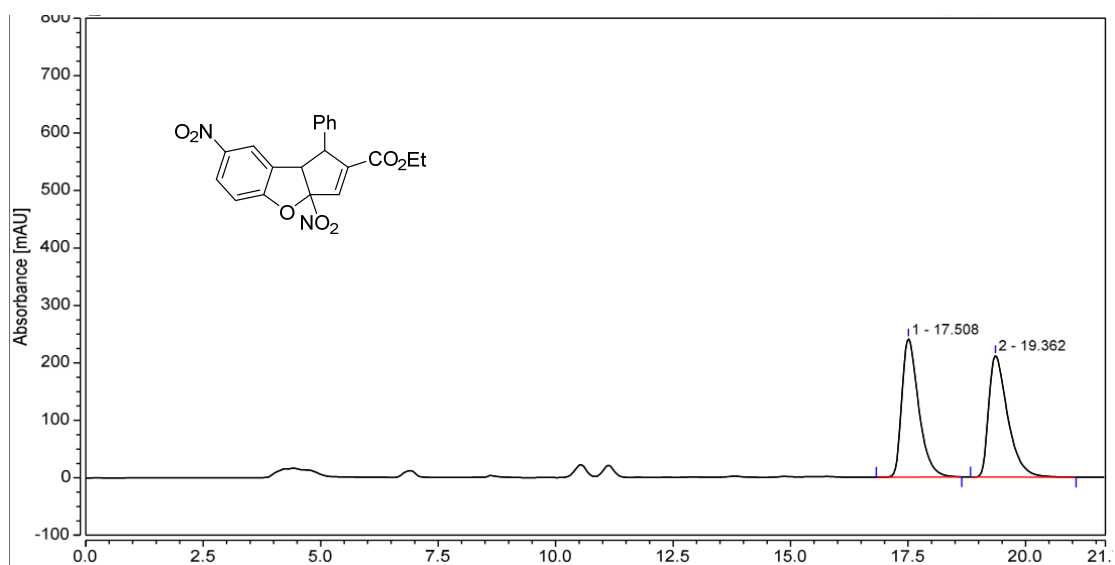




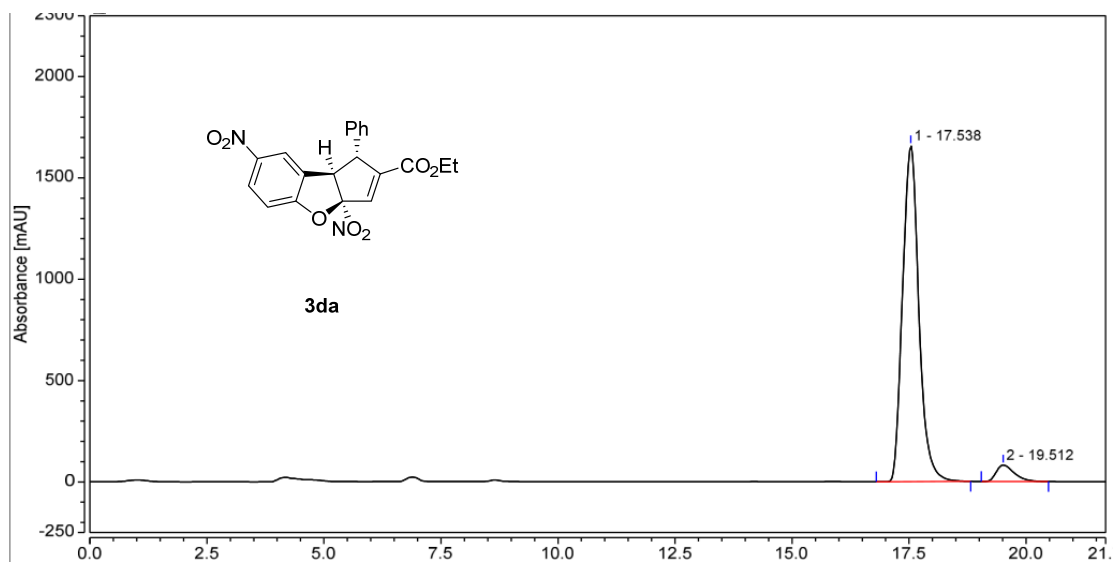








| Peak          | Retention Time<br>min | Area<br>mAU*min | Height<br>mAU  | Area<br>%     |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1             | 17.508                | 100.521         | 240.642        | 50.26         |
| 2             | 19.362                | 99.488          | 211.171        | 49.74         |
| <b>Total:</b> |                       | <b>200.010</b>  | <b>451.813</b> | <b>100.00</b> |



| Peak          | Retention Time<br>min | Area<br>mAU*min | Height<br>mAU   | Area<br>%     |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1             | 17.538                | 668.944         | 1657.780        | 94.81         |
| 2             | 19.512                | 36.594          | 81.267          | 5.19          |
| <b>Total:</b> |                       | <b>705.538</b>  | <b>1739.047</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

