

Supplementary Information

Rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric addition of arylboronic acids to 2*H*-chromenes leading to 3-arylchromane derivatives

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1. General

All anaerobic and moisture-sensitive manipulation were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under predried nitrogen. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM ECA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR). Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced to the residual peaks of CDCl₃ (δ 7.26) for ¹H NMR and CDCl₃ (δ 77.00) for ¹³C NMR. The following abbreviations are used; s, singlet: d, doublet: t, triplet: q, quartet: quint, quintet: m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a JEOL AccuTOF LC-plus JMS-T100LP spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on JASCO P-2200 polarimeter. Preparative thin-layer chromatography was performed with Silica Gel 70 PF₂₅₄ (Wako). Alumina (active 200) for column chromatography was purchased from Nacalai Tesque.

2. Materials

Dehydrated solvents were purchased and used after deoxygenated by bubbling N₂. Rhodium complexes [Rh(OH)((S,S)-Ph-tfb*)]₂, [Rh(OH)((S,S)-Bn-tfb*)]₂, and [Rh(OH)((S,S)-Fc-tfb*)]₂ were prepared according to the reported procedures.¹ Compounds **2a–j** were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received.

3. Preparation of alkenes 1

Compound **1a** (CAS: 254-04-6),² **1b** (CAS: 457628-47-6),³ **1c** (CAS: 16336-27-9),³ **1d** (CAS: 18385-84-7),³ **1e** (CAS: 1015938-77-8),³ **1f** (CAS: 42969-79-9),³ **1g** (CAS: 90448-25-2),³ **1i** (CAS: 10174-55-7),⁴ **1j** (CAS: 254-37-5),⁵ **1k** (CAS: 2733-79-1), and **1n** (CAS: 18385-89-2)⁶ were prepared according to the reported procedures. Compound **1h** was prepared according to the procedure for **1b**. Compounds **1l** and **1m** was purchased and used as received.

4. Procedure for rhodium-catalyzed addition of *p*-tolylboronic acid (**2a**) to 2*H*-chromene (**1a**) (Table 1)

A rhodium complex (5 mol% of Rh) and *p*-tolylboronic acid (**2a**) (271.9 mg, 2.0 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube under N₂. Then, 1,4-dioxane (0.40 mL) and 2*H*-chromene (**1a**) (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) were added to the tube successively, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 20 h. The mixture was passed through a short column of alumina with CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The ee was measured by chiral HPLC analysis after isolation of the product by preparative TLC on silica gel eluted with EtOAc/hexane (1:50).

5. Procedure for rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric addition of arylboronic acids **2** to chromene derivatives **1** (Table 2 and Scheme 3)

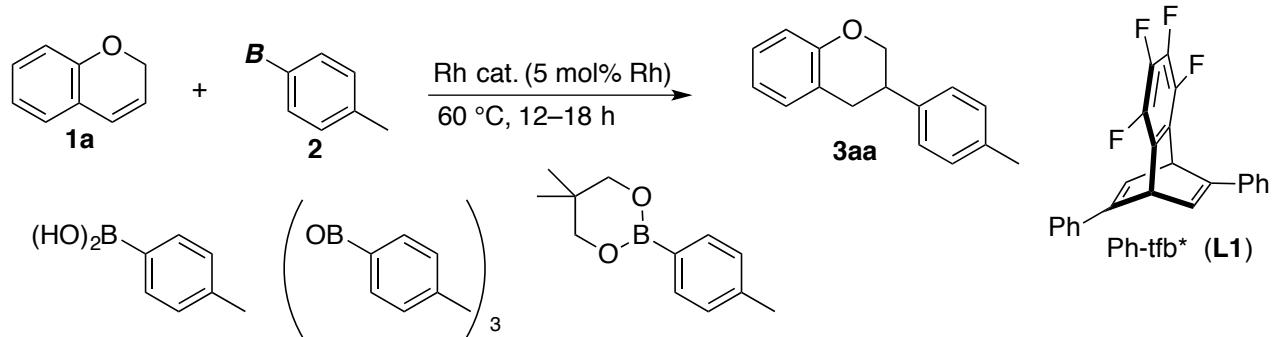
[Rh(OH)((S,S)-L1)]₂ (5.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol% of Rh) and arylboronic acid **2** (2.0 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube under N₂. Then, 1,4-dioxane (0.40 mL) and chromene **1** (0.20 mmol) were added to the tube successively, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 20 h. The mixture was passed through a short column of alumina with CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent, and the

solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel eluted with EtOAc/hexane (1:10–1:50). The ee was measured by chiral HPLC analysis after isolation of the products.

6. Results of the reactions under several reaction conditions

Effects of bases, solvents, ligands, and proton sources are shown in Table S1.

Table S1. Rh-catalyzed addition of **2** to **1a**

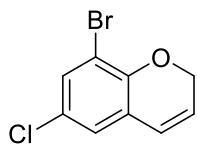


entry	catalyst	solvent	boron reagent	note	yield (%) ^b
1	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	1,4-dioxane	2a	at 80 °C	17
2	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (9:1)	2a	at 80 °C	17
3	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (9:1)	2a''	at 80 °C	17
4	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/ <i>t</i> -amyl alcohol (1:1)	2a	at 80 °C	20
5	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/ <i>t</i> -amyl alcohol (1:1)	2a''	at 80 °C	48
6	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/methanol (1:1)	2a''	at 80 °C	22
7	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/ <i>t</i> -amyl alcohol (1:1)	2a''		33
8	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/H ₂ O (20:1)	2a''	NaHCO ₃ (1 equiv.)	33
9	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/ <i>t</i> -amyl alcohol (1:1)	2a'		42
10	[Rh(OH)(cod)] ₂	toluene/methanol (1:1)	2a'		16
11	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane	2a		47 (96% ee) ^c
12	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane	2a	Et ₃ N (1 equiv.)	45
13	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	toluene/ <i>t</i> -amyl alcohol (1:1)	2a'		24
14	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (7.5 equiv.)	2a''		49
15	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (7.5 equiv.)	2a'		42
16	[Rh(OH)((<i>R,R</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (1.5 equiv.)	2a'		46
17 ^d	[Rh(OH)((<i>S,S</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane	2a		45 ^e (97% ee) ^c
18 ^e	[Rh(OH)((<i>S,S</i>)- L1)] ₂	1,4-dioxane	2a		67 ^e (97% ee) ^c

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.10 mmol), **2** (2.5 equiv. of B), and Rh catalyst (5 mol% of Rh) in solvent (0.4 mL) at 60 °C for 12–18 h. ^bDetermined by ¹H NMR. ^cDetermined by HPLC analysis with a chiral stationary phase column: Chiralcel OB-H.

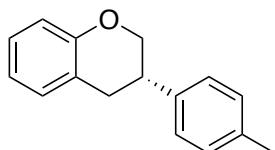
^dThe reaction of **1a** (0.20 mmol) with **2a** (0.50 mmol) for 20 h. ^eIsolated yield. ^fThe reaction of **1a** (0.20 mmol) with **2a** (2.0 mmol) for 20 h.

7. Characterization of the substrate and products



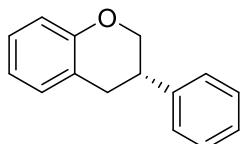
1h

Compound 1h (Scheme 3: colorless solid). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.95 (dd, $J = 3.5, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dt, $J = 10.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 66.5, 109.9, 123.2, 123.7, 124.2, 125.4, 126.1, 131.6, 149.4. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7^{79}\text{Br}^{35}\text{ClO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 244.9369, found 244.9372.



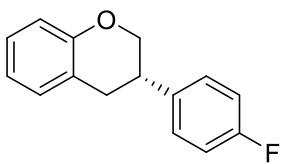
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Compound 3aa (Table 1, entry 2: colorless solid, 29.9 mg, 67% yield, 97% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 13.7$ min (major), $t_2 = 20.2$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -3$ (c 0.71, CHCl_3) for 97% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.00 (ddd, $J = 16.0, 6.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 16.0, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (tdd, $J = 10.5, 6.2, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 3.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.24 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 32.4, 38.1, 71.0, 116.5, 120.3, 122.0, 127.2, 127.4, 129.4, 129.8, 136.7, 138.2, 154.3. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 225.1279, found 225.1270.



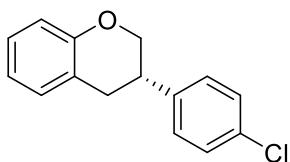
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Compound 3ab (Table 2, entry 1: colorless solid, 29.4 mg, 70% yield, 96% ee, CAS: 20879-06-5). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 24.8$ min (major), $t_2 = 31.3$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -6$ (c 1.20, CHCl_3) for 96% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.98–3.14 (m, 2H), 3.26 (tdd, $J = 10.5, 6.2, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 3.7, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.08–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H).



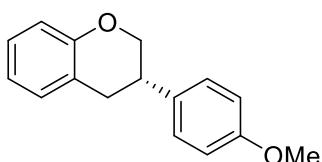
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Compound 3ac (Table 2, entry 2: colorless solid, 25.1 mg, 55% yield, 97% ee, CAS: 2128324-29-6). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 27.4 min (major), t_2 = 32.0 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ +0.7 (c 0.69, CHCl₃) for 97% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.99–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.21–3.31 (m, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.93 (m, 2H), 7.01–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.25 (m, 2H).



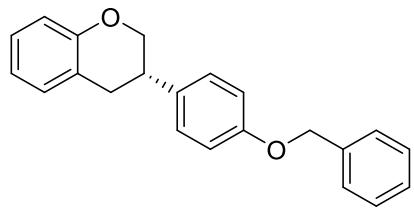
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Compound 3ad (Table 2, entry 3: colorless solid, 28.6 mg, 59% yield, 94% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 19.5 min (major), t_2 = 26.9 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ +3 (c 0.78, CHCl₃) for 94% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.98–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.18–3.30 (m, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.92 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 38.0, 70.5, 116.6, 120.5, 121.5, 127.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.7, 132.8, 139.8, 154.2. HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄³⁵ClO (M+H)⁺ 245.0733, found 245.0736.



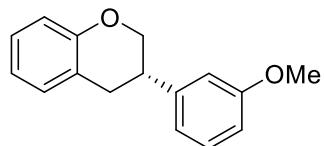
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Compound 3ae (Table 2, entry 4: colorless solid, 34.3 mg, 72% yield, 95% ee, CAS: 169125-23-9). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 10:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 23.4 min (major), t_2 = 27.7 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -2 (c 0.43, CHCl₃) for 95% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.99 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 16.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (tdd, J = 10.5, 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.99 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (ddd, J = 10.5, 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.93 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H).



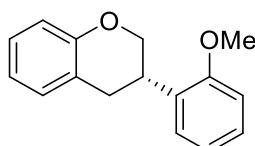
3af

Compound 3af (Table 2, entry 5: colorless solid, 34.6 mg, 55% yield, 97% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, hexane/CHCl₃ = 9:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t₁ = 24.5 min (major), t₂ = 28.3 min (minor)): [α]²⁵_D -3 (*c* 0.73, CHCl₃) for 97% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.95–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.21 (tdd, *J* = 10.5, 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 6.88 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.48 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.5, 37.7, 70.0, 71.0, 115.1, 116.5, 120.3, 122.0, 127.39, 127.44, 128.0, 128.3, 128.6, 129.8, 133.6, 137.0, 154.3, 157.8. HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁O₂ (M+H)⁺ 317.1542, found 317.1538.



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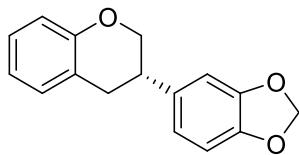
Compound 3ag (Table 2, entry 6: pale yellow solid, 21.6 mg, 45% yield, 95% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t₁ = 24.8 min (major), t₂ = 28.5 min (minor)): [α]²⁵_D -2 (*c* 0.68, CHCl₃) for 95% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.97–3.13 (m, 2H), 3.24 (tdd, *J* = 10.8, 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 3.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.92 (m, 5H), 7.08–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 38.6, 55.2, 70.8, 112.0, 113.5, 116.5, 119.6, 120.4, 121.9, 127.4, 129.8, 142.9, 154.2, 159.8. HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₂ (M+H)⁺ 241.1229, found 241.1219.



3ah

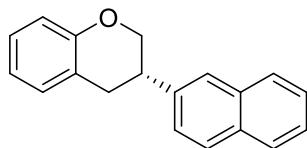
Compound 3ah (Table 2, entry 7: pale yellow solid, 21.7 mg, 45% yield, 95% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 10:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t₁ = 19.1 min (major), t₂ = 21.7 min (minor)): [α]²⁵_D +7 (*c* 0.57, CHCl₃) for 95% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.98 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 5.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (tdd, *J* = 10.6, 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 3.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85–

6.99 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.30 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 30.9, 31.9, 55.3, 69.9, 110.5, 116.5, 120.2, 120.7, 122.4, 127.1, 127.3, 127.9, 129.4, 129.8, 154.4, 157.3. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 241.1229, found 241.1227.



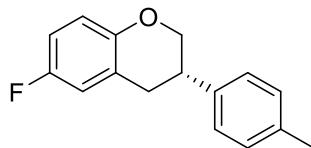
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Compound 3ai (Table 2, entry 8: colorless solid, 25.9 mg, 53% yield, 96% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 10:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 27.8 min (major), t_2 = 30.8 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D +2$ (c 0.54, CHCl_3) for 96% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.94–3.06 (m, 2H), 3.14–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.97 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 6.69–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83–6.91 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 32.6, 38.3, 71.0, 101.0, 107.7, 108.5, 116.5, 120.35, 120.38, 121.8, 127.4, 129.7, 135.2, 146.5, 147.9, 154.2. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 255.1021, found 255.1021.



3aj

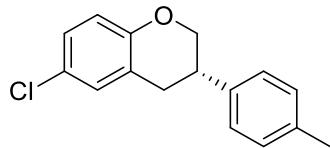
Compound 3aj (Table 2, entry 9: colorless solid, 27.9 mg, 54% yield, 92% ee, CAS: 2128324-32-1). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 28.3 min (major), t_2 = 40.3 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D +19$ (c 1.01, CHCl_3) for 92% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.11 (dd, J = 16.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 16.0, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38–3.48 (m, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dt, J = 10.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87–6.93 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.81–7.86 (m, 3H).



3ba

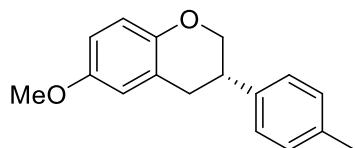
Compound 3ba (Scheme 3: pale yellow solid, 37.1 mg, 77% yield, 92% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 10.9 min (major), t_2 = 13.4 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -9$ (c 1.09, CHCl_3) for 92% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.93–3.09 (m, 2H), 3.21 (tdd, J = 10.5, 6.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, J = 10.5

Hz, 1H), 4.33 (ddd, J = 10.5, 3.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.87 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 32.5, 37.8, 71.0, 114.1 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23$ Hz), 117.3 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8$ Hz), 123.1 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8$ Hz), 127.2, 129.5, 136.8, 137.9, 150.3, 156.7 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 237$ Hz). HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 243.1185, found 243.1180.



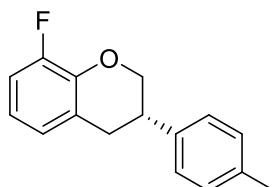
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Compound 3ca (Scheme 3: pale yellow solid, 39.1 mg, 76% yield, 97% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 11.9$ min (major), $t_2 = 13.4$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -0.8$ (c 0.82, CHCl_3) for 97% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.93–3.08 (m, 2H), 3.20 (tdd, J = 10.8, 6.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (ddd, J = 10.8, 3.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 32.2, 37.7, 71.0, 117.8, 123.6, 125.0, 127.2, 127.3, 129.2, 129.5, 136.9, 137.7, 152.9. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}^{35}\text{ClO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 259.0890, found 259.0896.



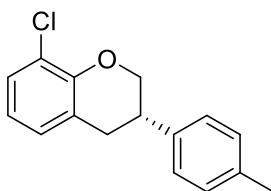
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Compound 3da (Scheme 3: colorless solid, 26.3 mg, 52% yield, 96% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 19.1$ min (major), $t_2 = 23.9$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -3$ (c 0.86, CHCl_3) for 96% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.98 (ddd, J = 16.0, 5.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 16.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (tdd, J = 10.5, 5.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.98 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (ddd, J = 10.5, 3.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 32.7, 38.2, 55.7, 70.9, 113.4, 114.2, 117.1, 122.6, 127.2, 129.4, 136.7, 138.3, 148.3, 153.3. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2 (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 255.1385, found 255.1383.



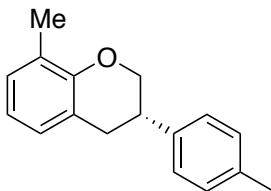
3ea

Compound 3ea (Scheme 3: pale yellow solid, 29.4 mg, 61% yield, 96% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 27.7$ min (major), $t_2 = 34.4$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -5$ (*c* 1.30, CHCl₃) for 96% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.97–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.24 (tdd, *J* = 10.5, 5.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 3.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.98 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 32.1, 37.8, 71.1, 113.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 18 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8 Hz), 124.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 10 Hz), 124.7, 127.2, 129.5, 136.9, 137.6, 142.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11 Hz), 151.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 243 Hz). HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₆H₁₆FO (M+H)⁺ 243.1185, found 243.1194.



3fa

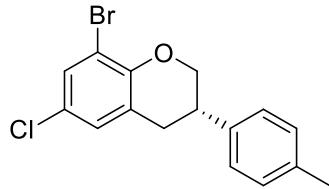
Compound 3fa (Scheme 3: pale yellow solid, 30.0 mg, 58% yield, 95% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 29.4$ min (major), $t_2 = 35.4$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -31$ (*c* 1.14, CHCl₃) for 95% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.01 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 5.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (tdd, *J* = 10.7, 5.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 3.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.0, 32.5, 37.8, 71.6, 120.4, 121.4, 123.8, 127.2, 128.0, 128.1, 129.5, 136.9, 137.5, 149.9. HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₆H₁₆³⁵ClO (M+H)⁺ 259.0890, found 259.0890.



3ga

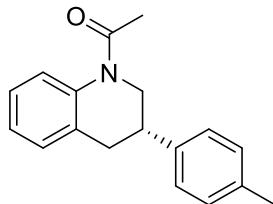
Compound 3ga (Scheme 3: colorless solid, 24.7 mg, 52% yield, 97% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 18.1$ min (major), $t_2 = 22.5$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_D -14$ (*c* 0.77, CHCl₃) for 97% ee (*S*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.00 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 6.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (tdd, *J* = 10.8, 6.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 3.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.2

Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 16.1, 21.0, 32.6, 38.2, 71.1, 119.7, 121.5, 125.7, 127.2, 127.3, 128.5, 129.4, 136.6, 138.4, 152.4. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 239.1436, found 239.1436.



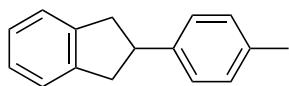
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Compound 3ha (Scheme 3: pale yellow solid, 49.6 mg, 73% yield, 92% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OB-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 23.0 min (major), t_2 = 28.8 min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}\text{D}$ -19 (c 1.02, CHCl_3) for 92% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.97 (ddd, J = 16.4, 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 16.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (tdd, J = 10.8, 5.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ddd, J = 10.8, 3.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 2.8 Hz 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 32.4, 37.5, 71.8, 111.0, 124.8, 125.1, 127.1, 128.5, 129.6, 130.5, 136.9, 137.1, 149.7. HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{Br}^{79}\text{ClO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 336.9995, found 336.9990.



3ia

Compound 3ia (Scheme 3: colorless solid, 40.6 mg, 76% yield, 97% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiraldak IB, hexane/ CHCl_3 = 4:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, t_1 = 33.4 min (minor), t_2 = 34.2 min (major)): $[\alpha]^{25}\text{D}$ +26 (c 0.98, CHCl_3) for 97% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.86–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.23 (m, 2H), 3.65 (dd, J = 12.6, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (br s, 1H), 7.09–7.26 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.0, 23.2, 34.8, 41.2, 49.2 (br), 124.5, 125.1, 126.1, 127.0, 128.7, 129.4, 132.2 (br), 136.6, 139.0 (br), 139.7, 170.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 288.1364, found 288.1362.



3ma

Compound 3ma (CAS: 80393-27-7, colorless solid, 9.2 mg, 22% yield). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (quint, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.26 (m, 6H).

8. Synthesis of *(–)(S)-equol* (**4**)

A mixture of $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})((S,S)\text{-L1})_2$ (5.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol% of Rh) and *p*-methoxyphenylboronic acid (**2e**) (101 mg, 0.66 mmol), and chromene **1n** (32.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.40 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h. Then, **2e** (101 mg, 0.66 mmol) was added to the mixture every 1 h twice, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 18 h. The mixture was passed through a short column of alumina with CH_2Cl_2 as an eluent, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel eluted with EtOAc/hexane (1:20) to give **3ne** (23.0 mg, 43% yield). **Compound 3ne**⁷ (Scheme 4: colorless solid, 92% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 9:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 44.0$ min (major), $t_2 = 54.9$ min (minor)): $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} -14$ (*c* 0.94, CHCl_3) for 92% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.89–3.01 (m, 2H), 3.18 (tdd, *J* = 9.7, 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

A mixture of compound **3ne** (19.0 mg, 0.070 mmol) and pyridinium chloride (203.1 mg, 1.8 mmol) was heated at 160 °C for 48 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethyl acetate and water were added to the mixture. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel eluted with EtOAc/hexane (3:1) to give **4** as a colorless solid (12.2 mg, 72% yield). **Compound 4**: $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} -15$ (*c* 0.94, EtOH) for 92% ee (*S*). ^1H NMR (acetone-*d*₆) δ 2.77–2.94 (m, 2H), 3.06 (tdd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (br s, 1H), 8.27 (br s, 1H). The ee of obtained compound **4** was determined by chiral HPLC analysis of compound **3ne**, which was derived from **4** as shown below.

Compound **4** (11.4 mg, 0.047 mmol), potassium carbonate (15.6 mg, 0.11 mmol), iodomethane (7.1 μL , 0.11 mmol), and acetone (0.2 mL) were placed in a Schlenk tube under N_2 , and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight. The mixture was passed through a short silica gel pad with EtOAc as an eluent, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel eluted with EtOAc/hexane (1:10) to give **3ne** (12.3 mg, 97% yield, 92% ee). The ee was measured by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 9:1, flow 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, $t_1 = 39.9$ min (major), $t_2 = 50.1$ min (minor)).

9. Deuterium-labeling experiments

Procedure for eqn (1)

p-Tolylboroxine (**2a'**) (117.9 mg, 0.33 mmol), D_2O (1 mmol, 18 μL), and 1,4-dioxane (0.20 mL) were placed in a Schlenk tube under N_2 , and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})((S,S)\text{-L1})_2$ (2.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5 mol% of Rh) and 2*H*-chromene (**1a**) (13.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to the tube successively, and the mixture was

stirred at 60 °C for 20 h. The mixture was passed through a short column of alumina with CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent. The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel [hexane/EtOAc (50:1)]. The deuterium contents of the product was determined by ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂). ²H NMR (CH₂Cl₂) was also measured to determine the position of the deuterium incorporation.

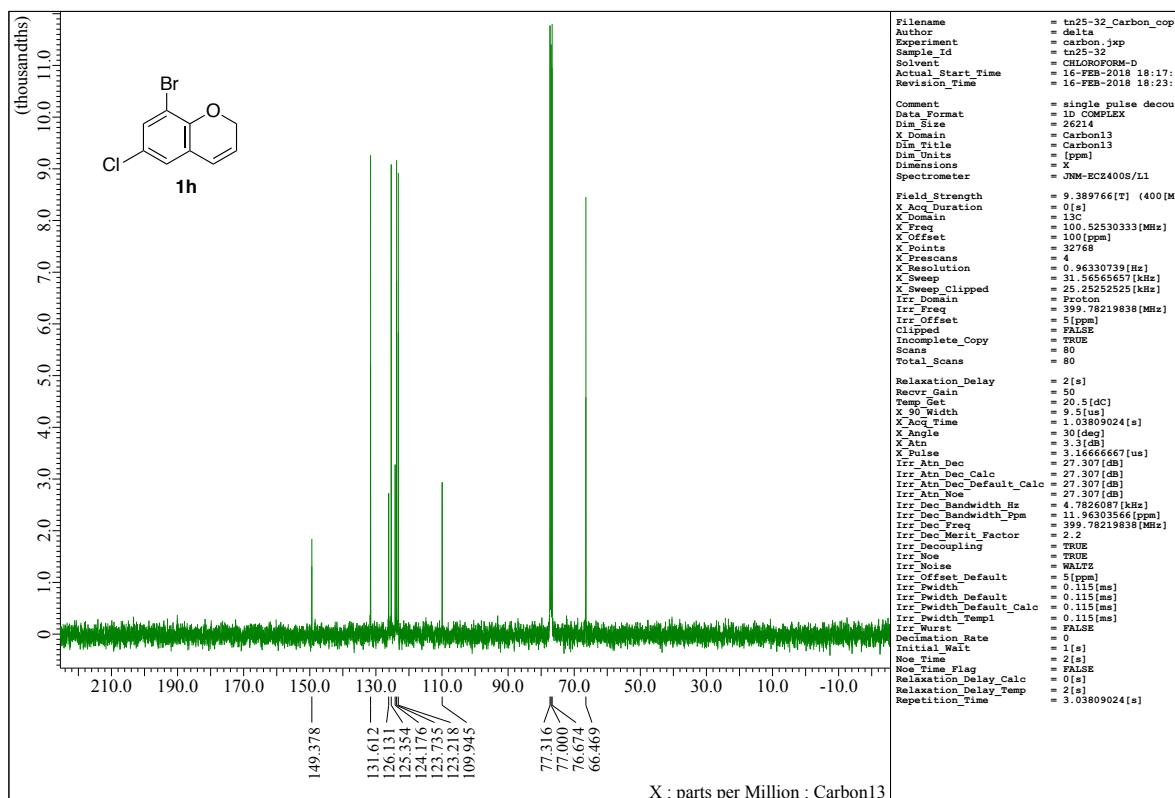
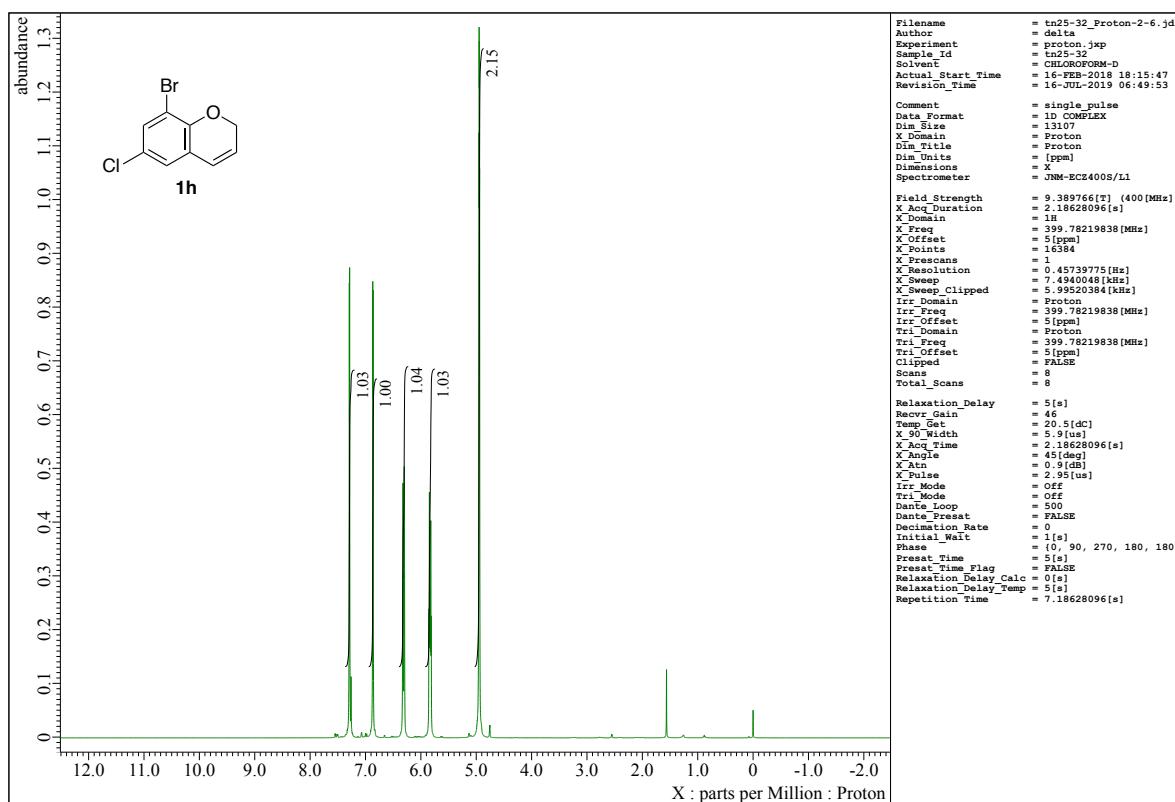
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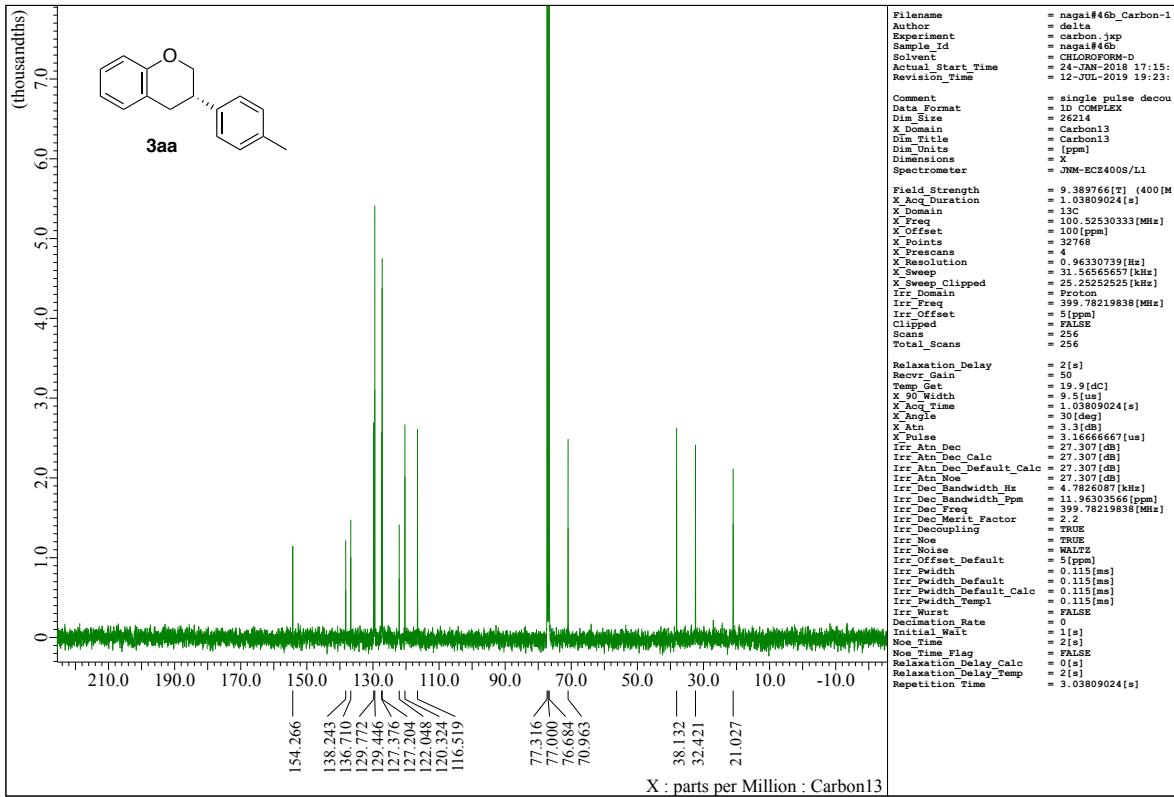
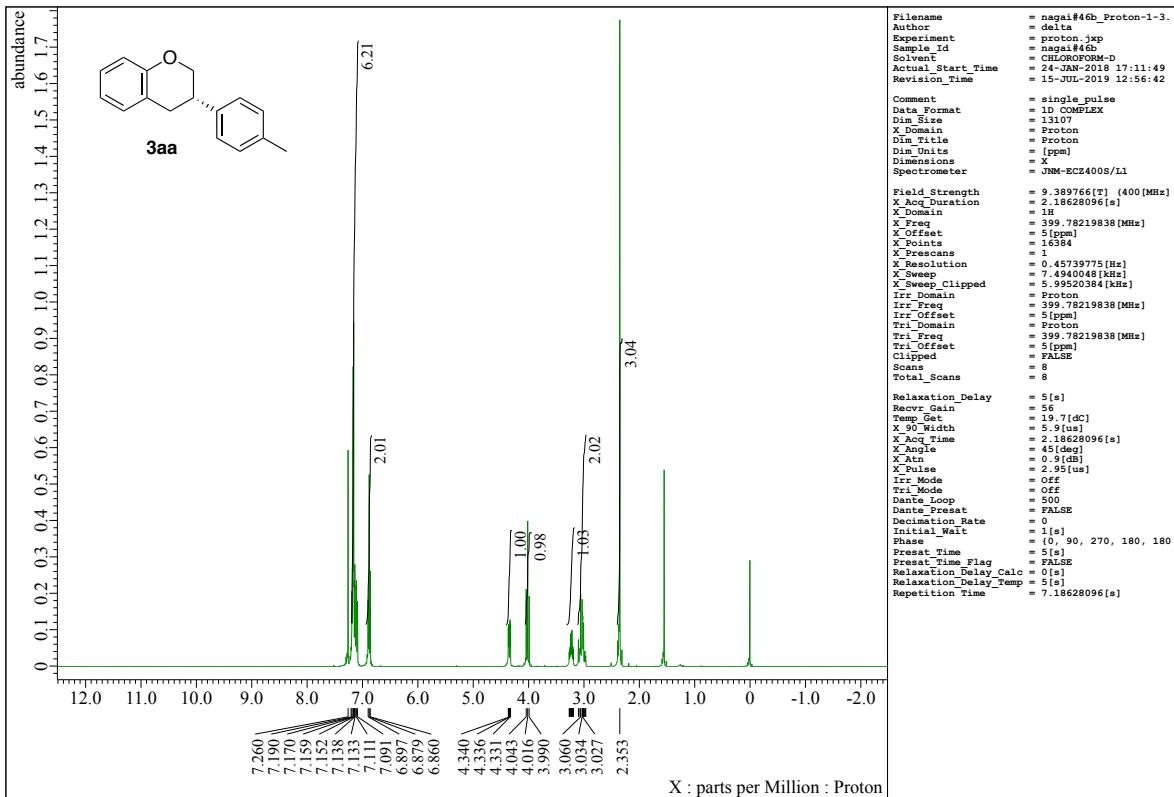
[Rh(OH)((S,S)-**L1**)]₂ (2.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5 mol% of Rh) and **2b-d₅** (126.9 mg, 1.0 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube under N₂. Then, 1,4-dioxane (0.20 mL) and 2*H*-chromene (**1a**) (13.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to the tube successively, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 20 h. The mixture was passed through a short column of alumina with CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent. The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel [hexane/EtOAc (20:1)]. The deuterium contents of the product was determined by ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂). ²H NMR (CH₂Cl₂) was also measured to determine the position of the deuterium incorporation.

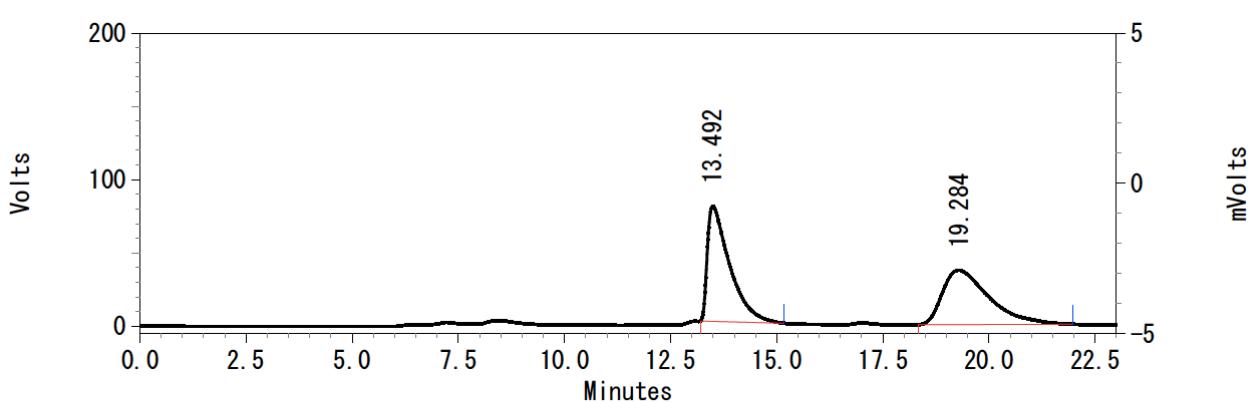
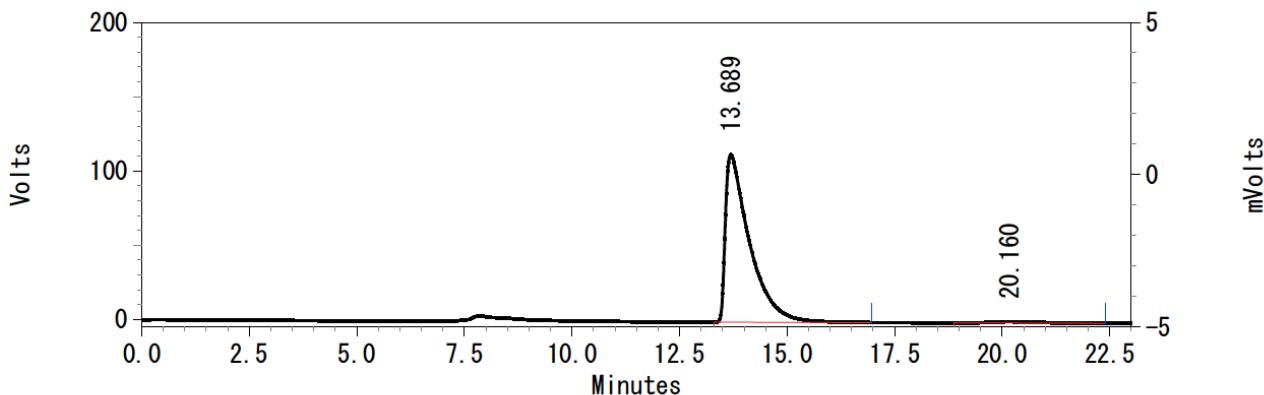
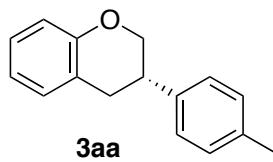
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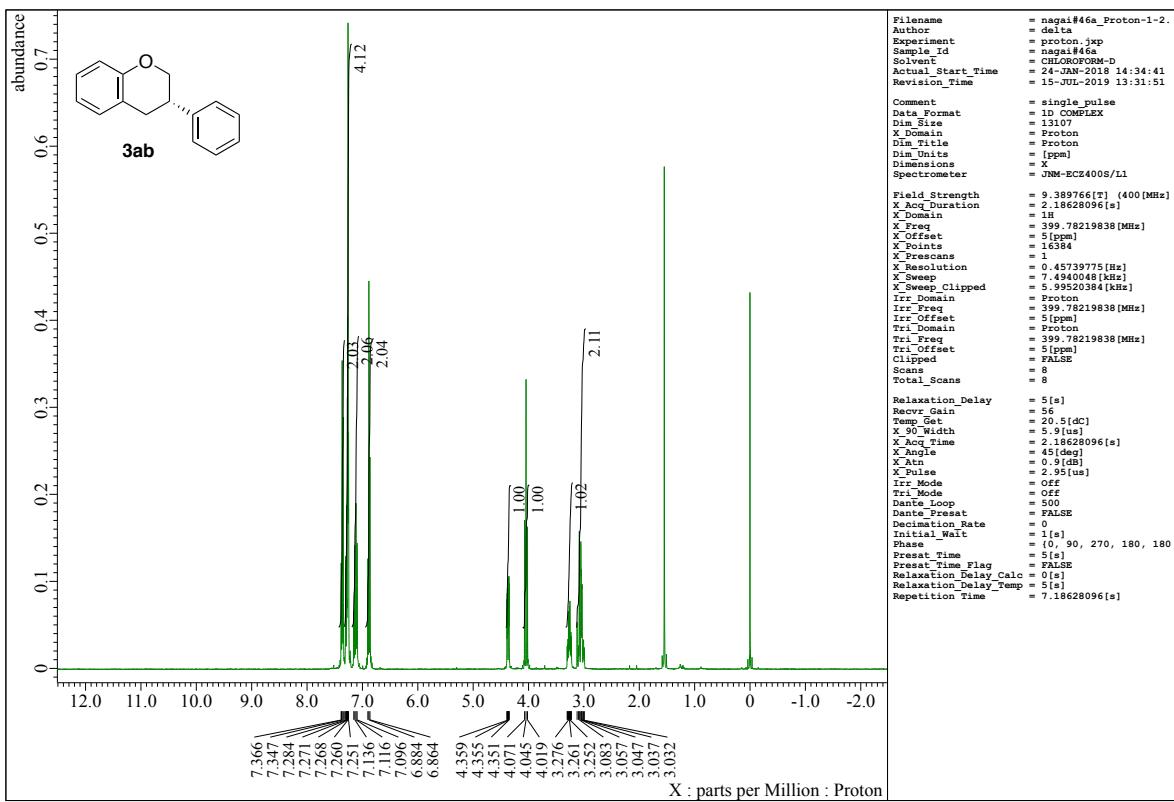
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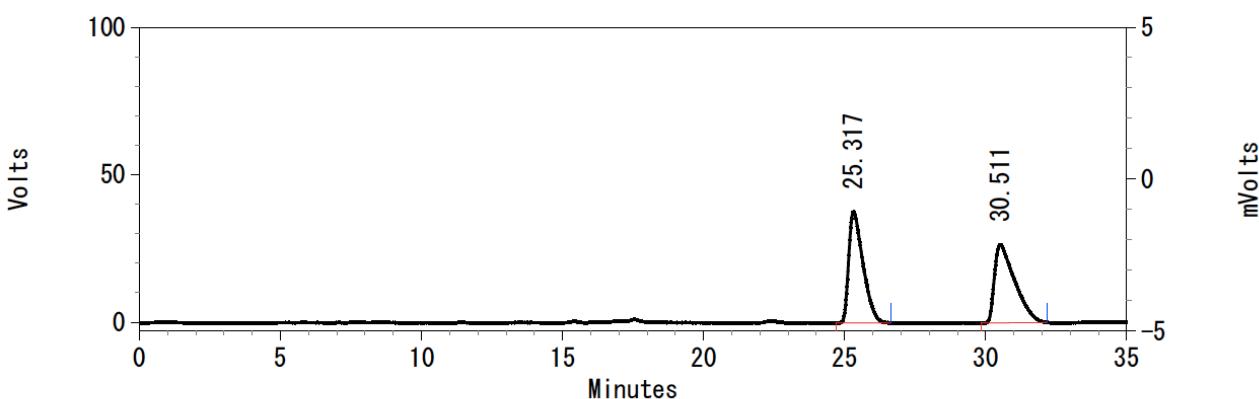
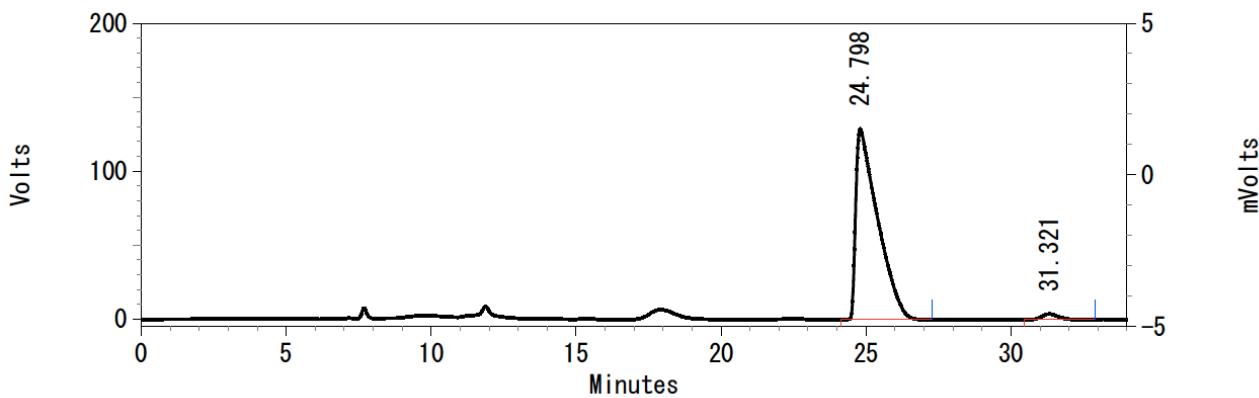
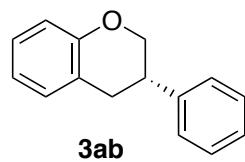
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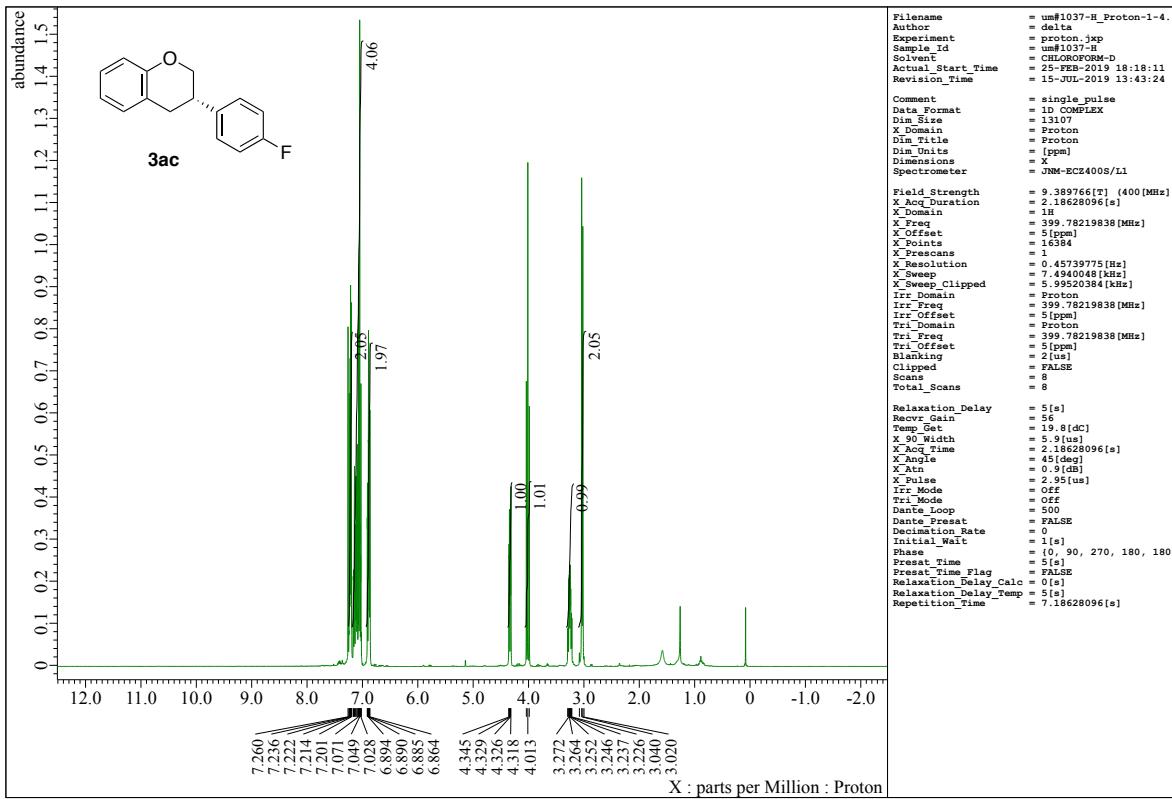


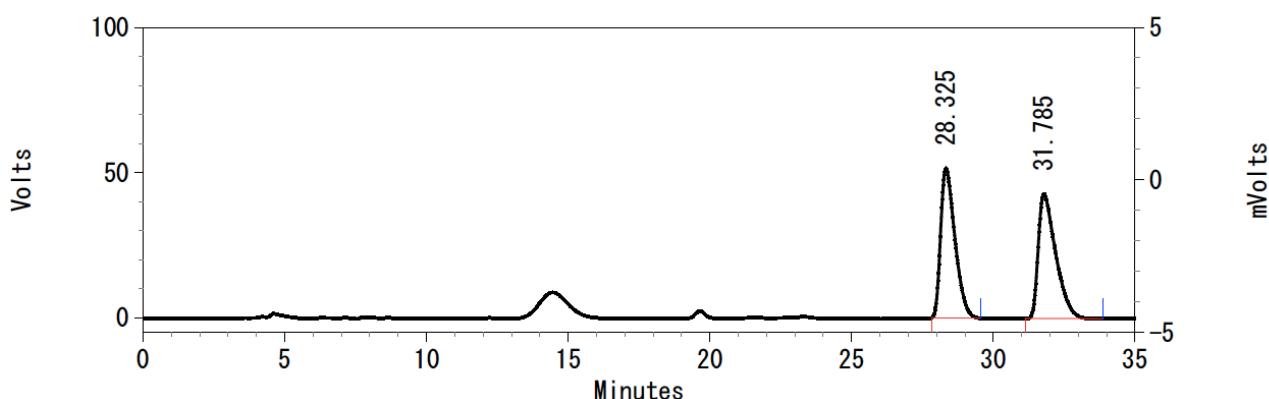
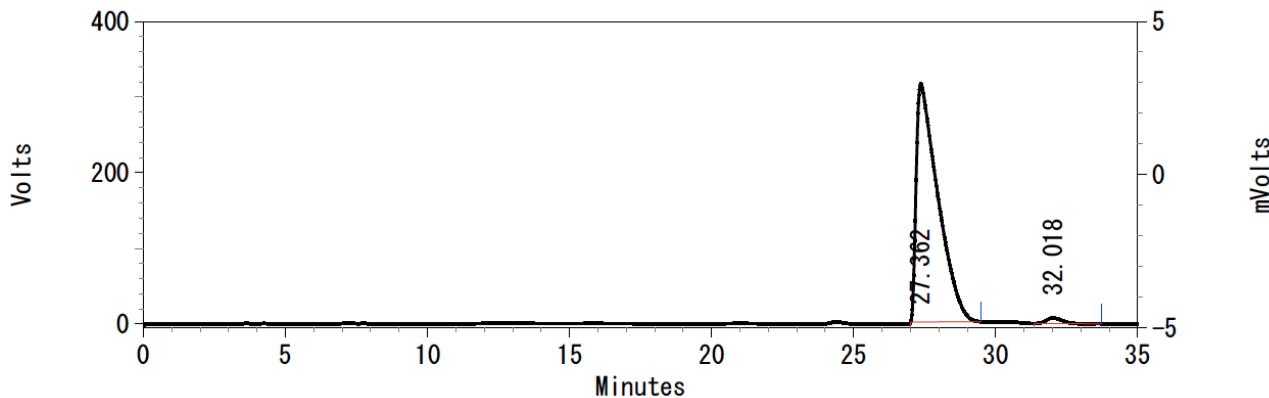
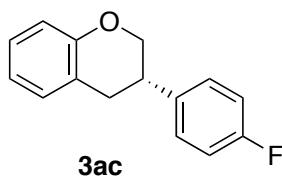


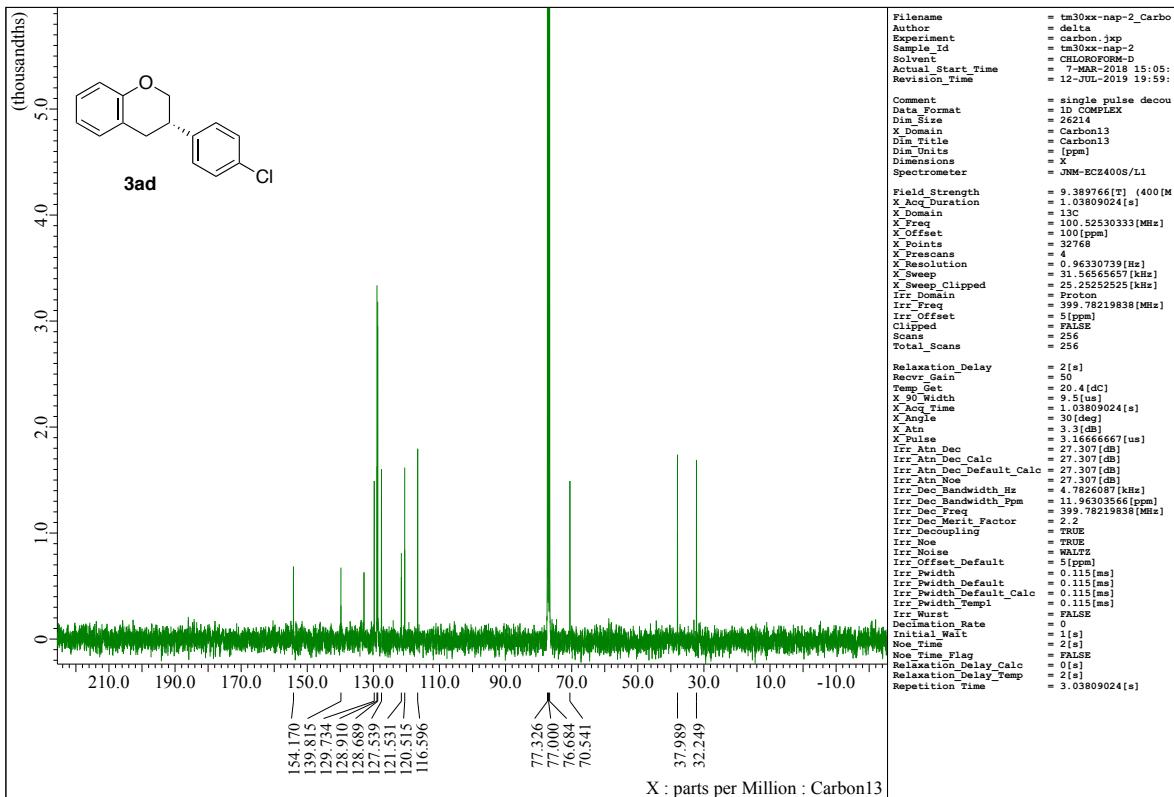
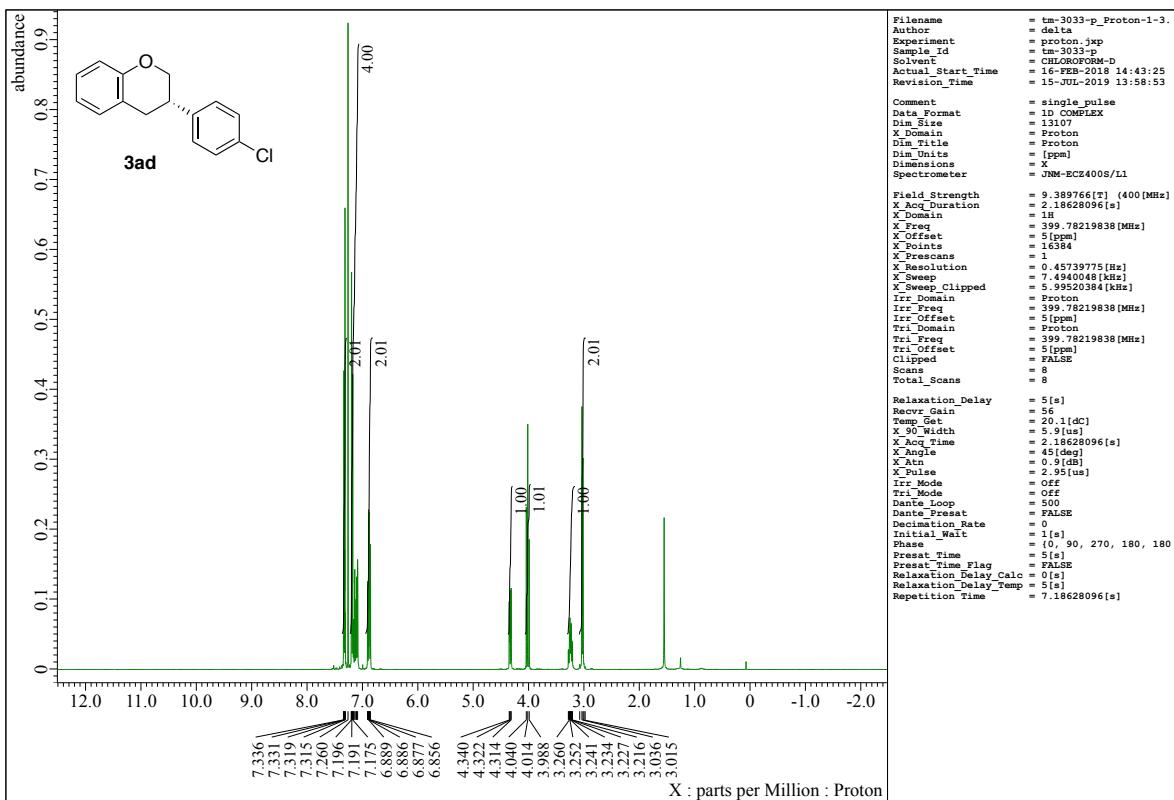


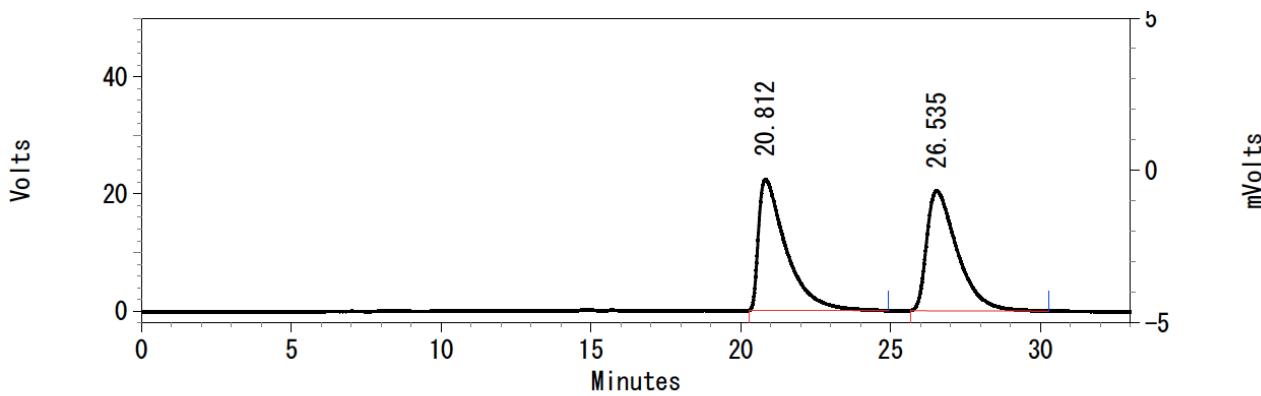
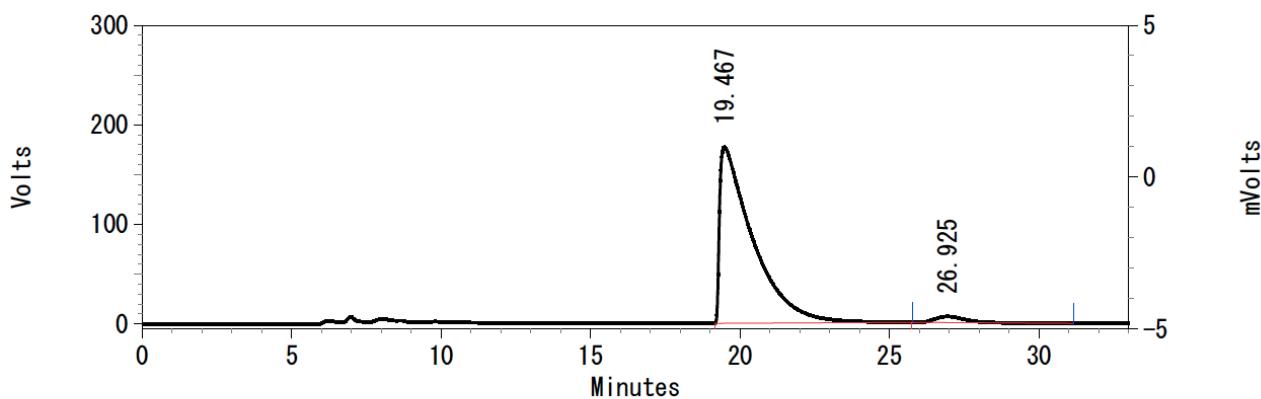
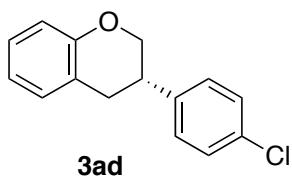


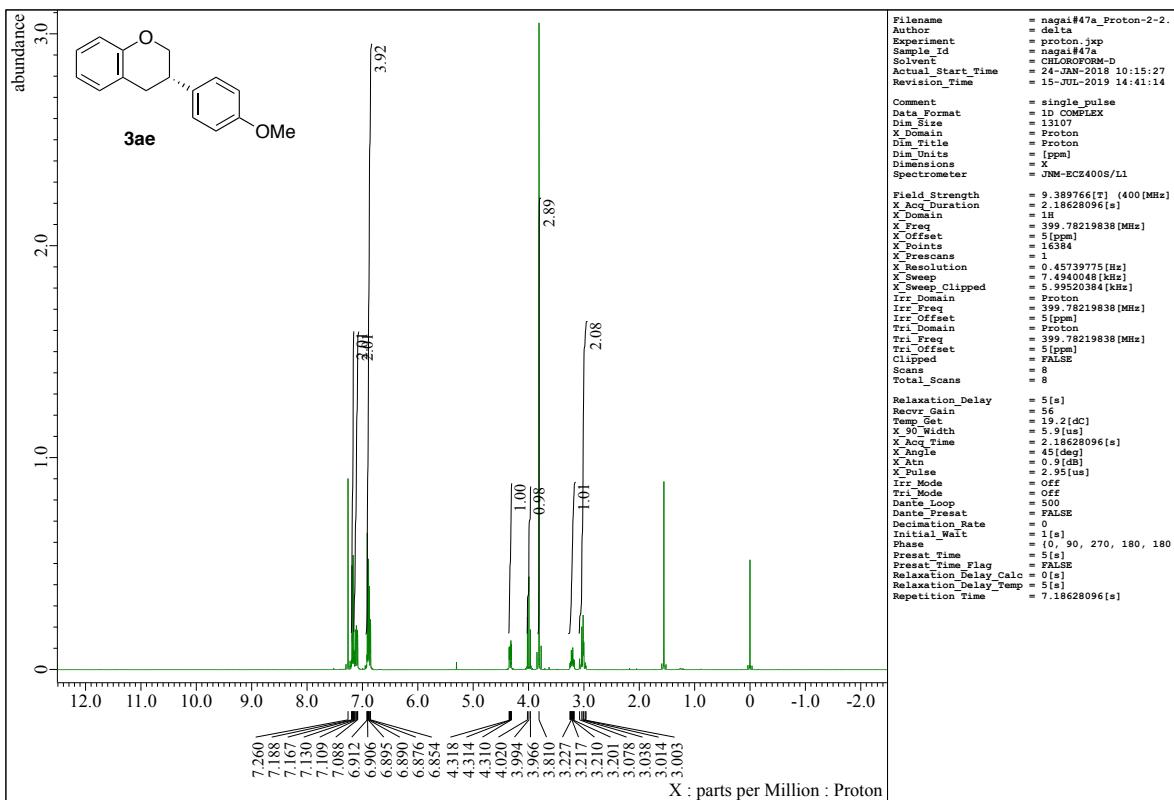


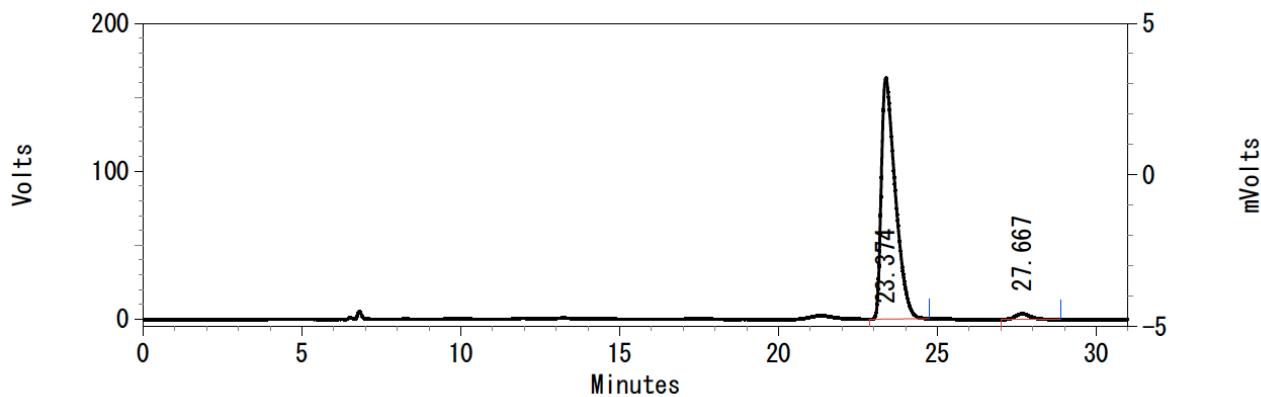
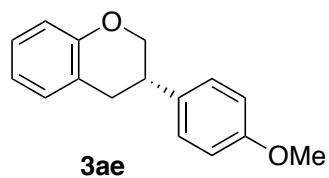






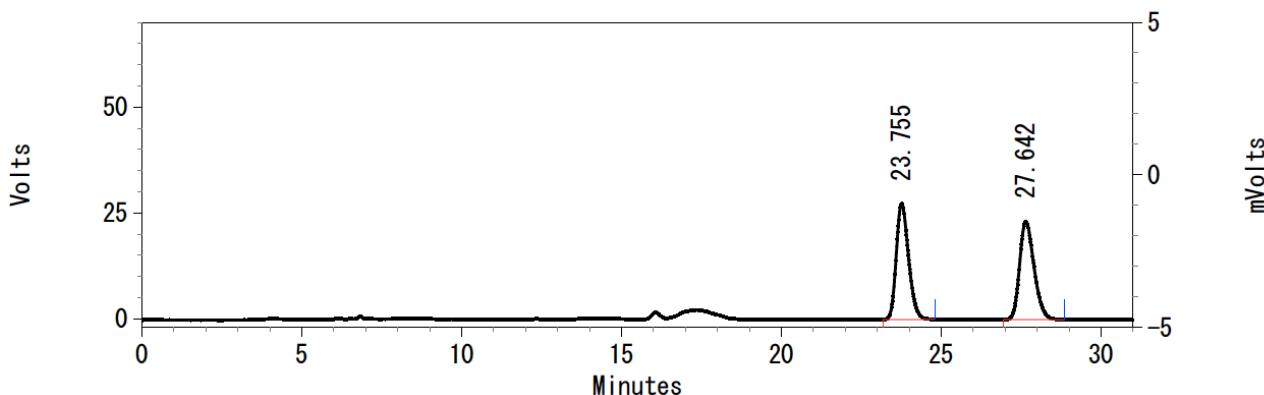






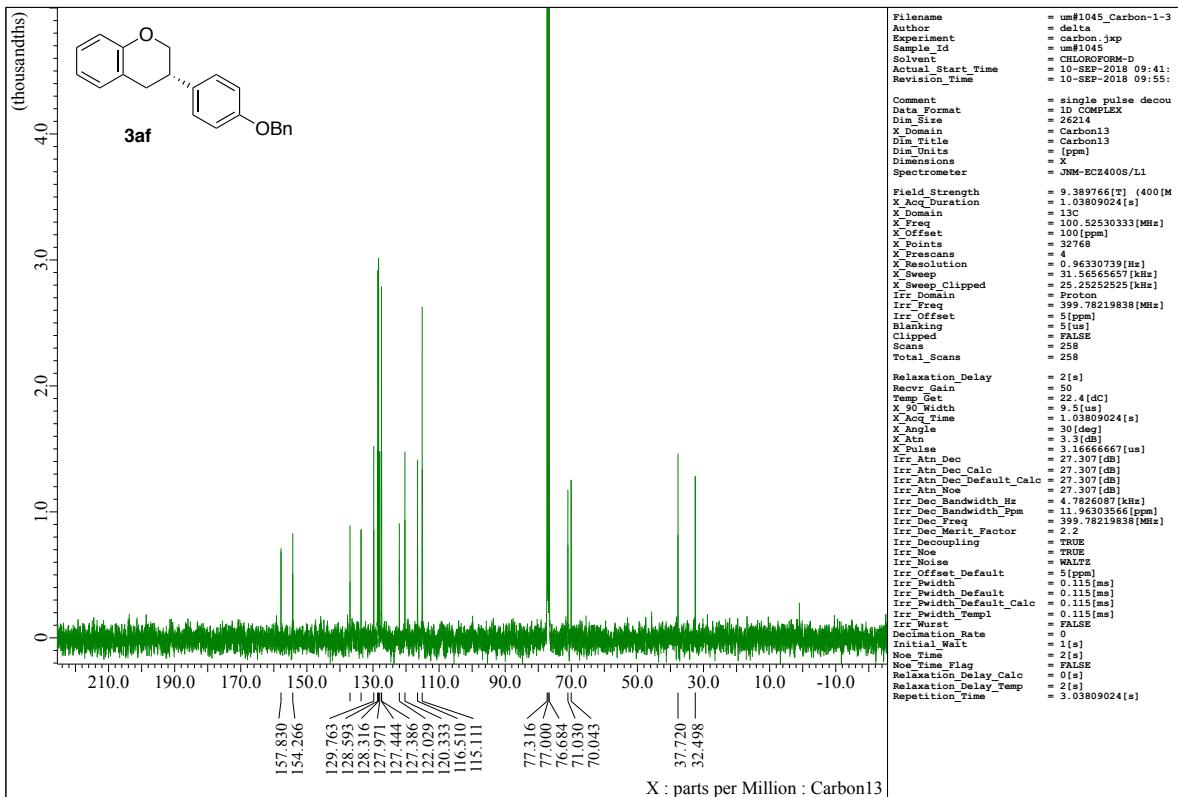
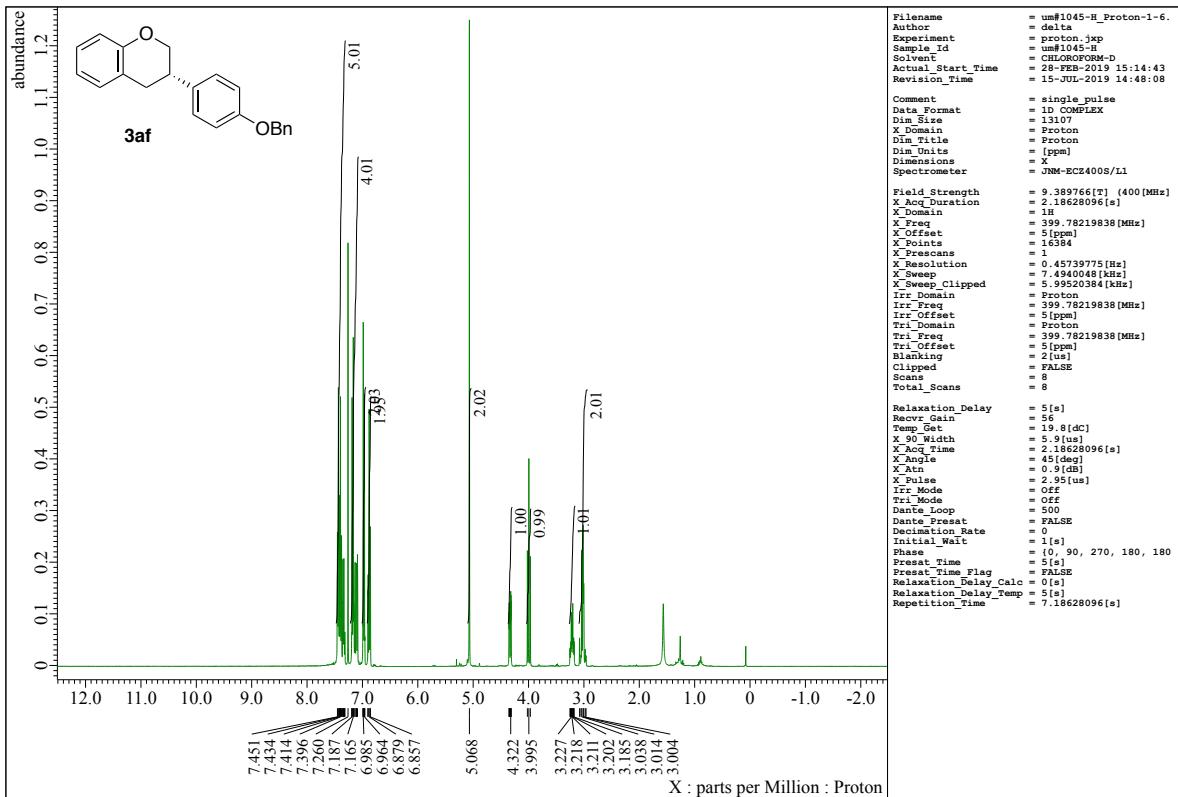
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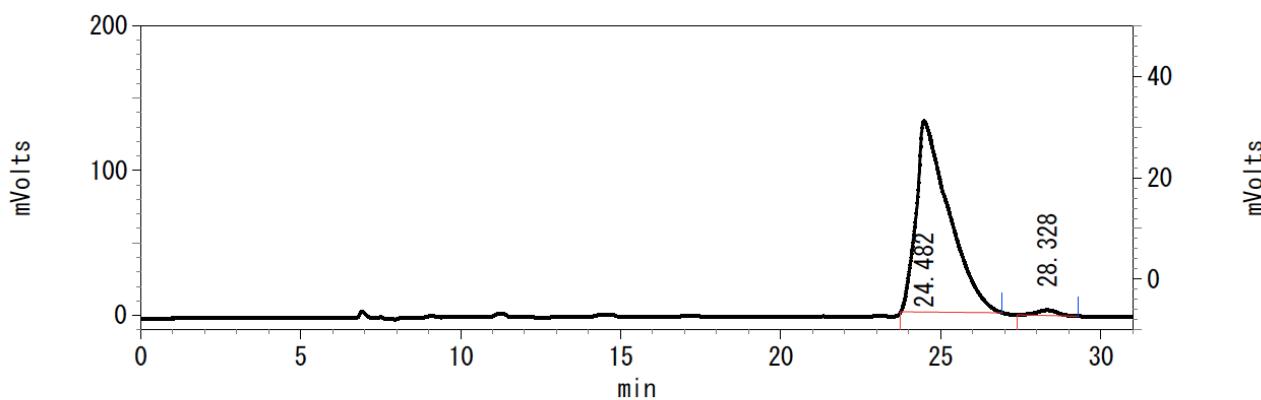
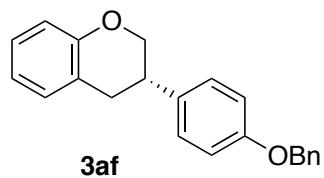
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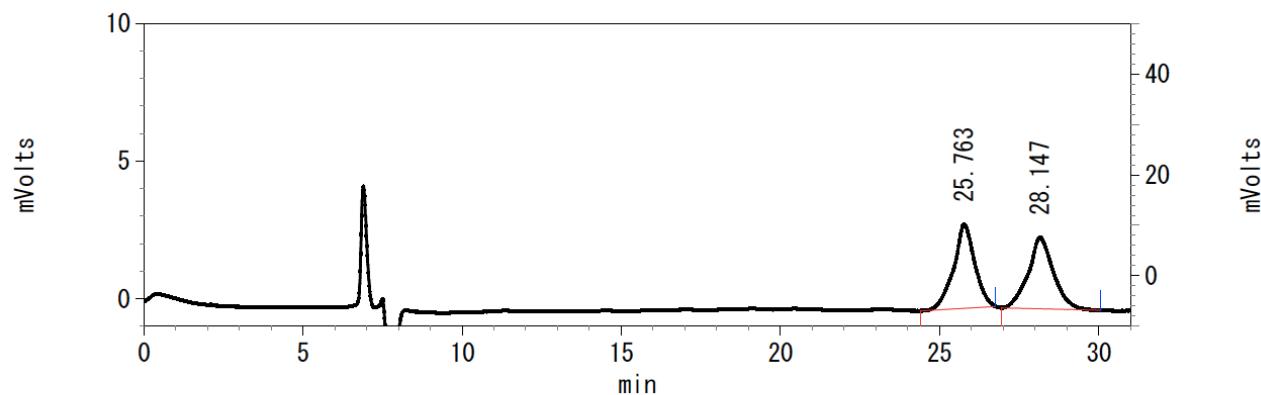
UV-970 Results

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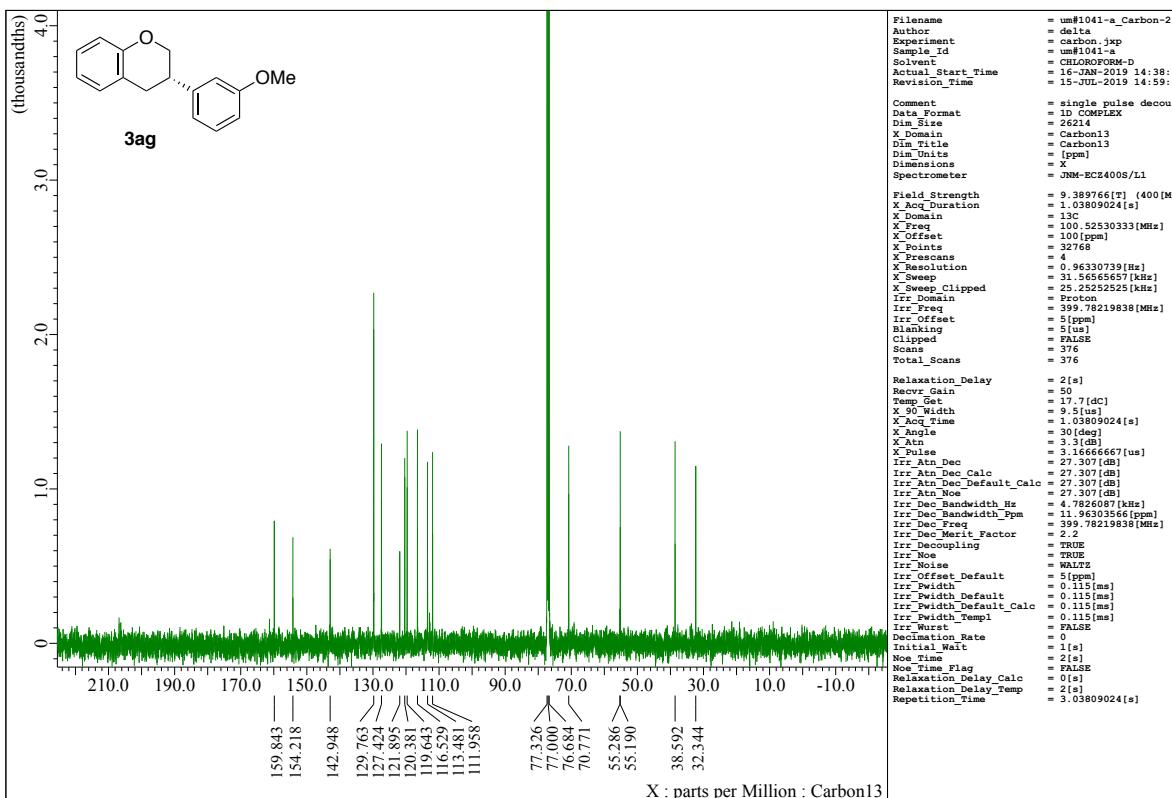
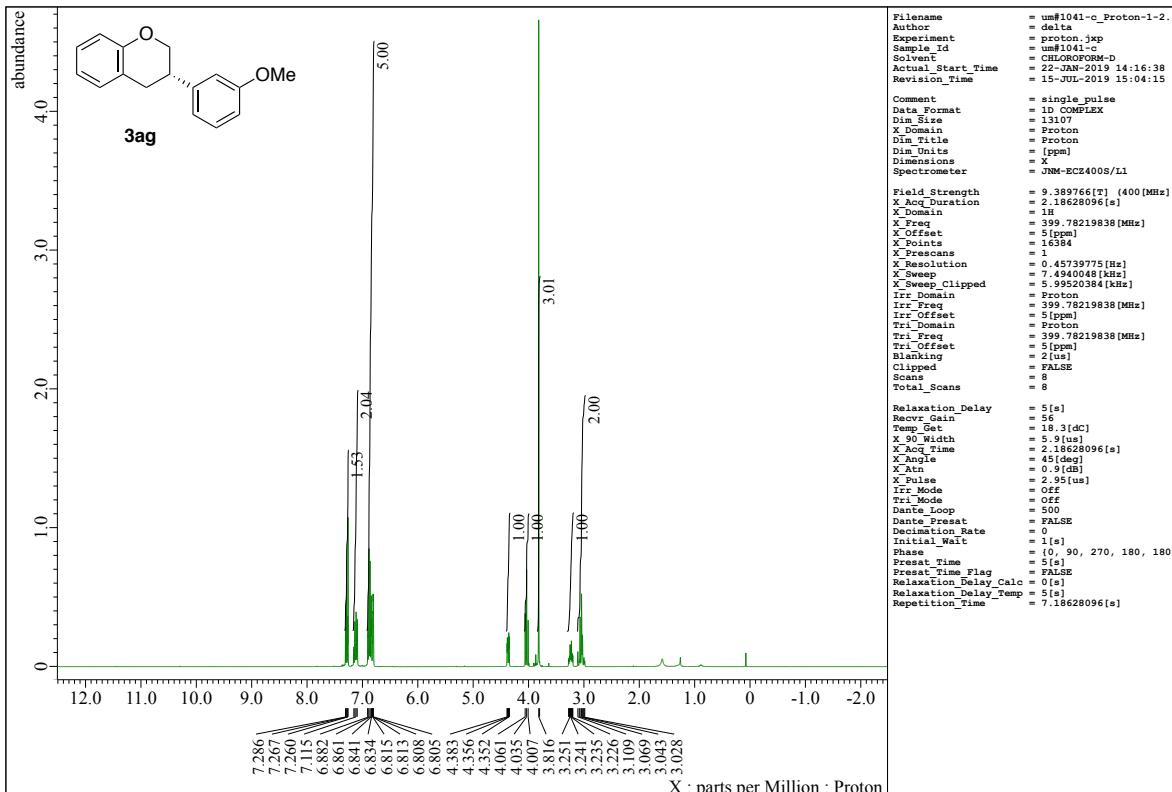


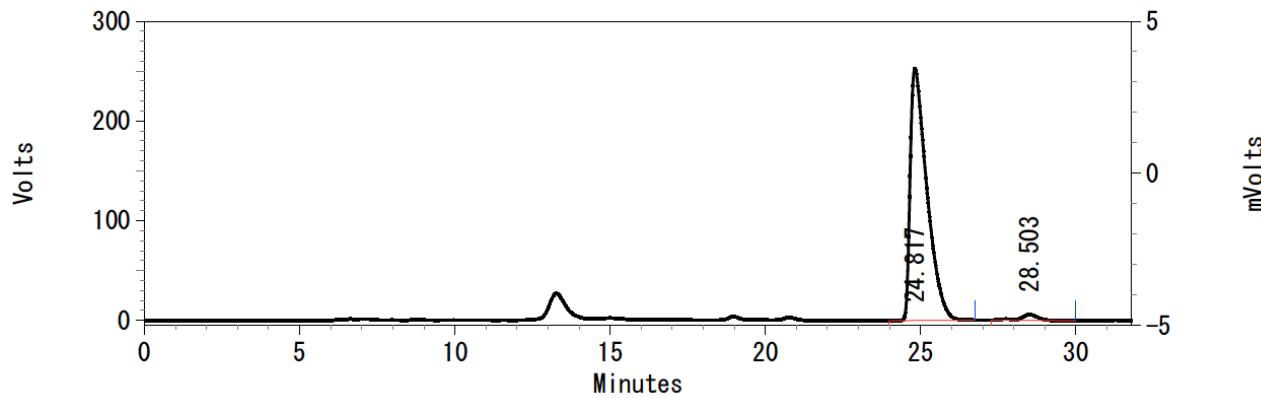
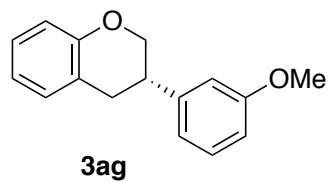


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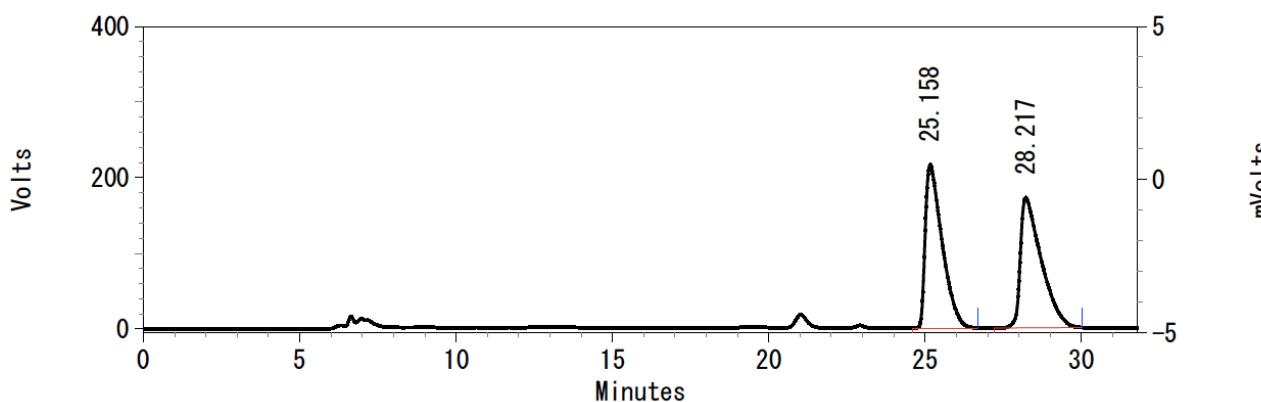
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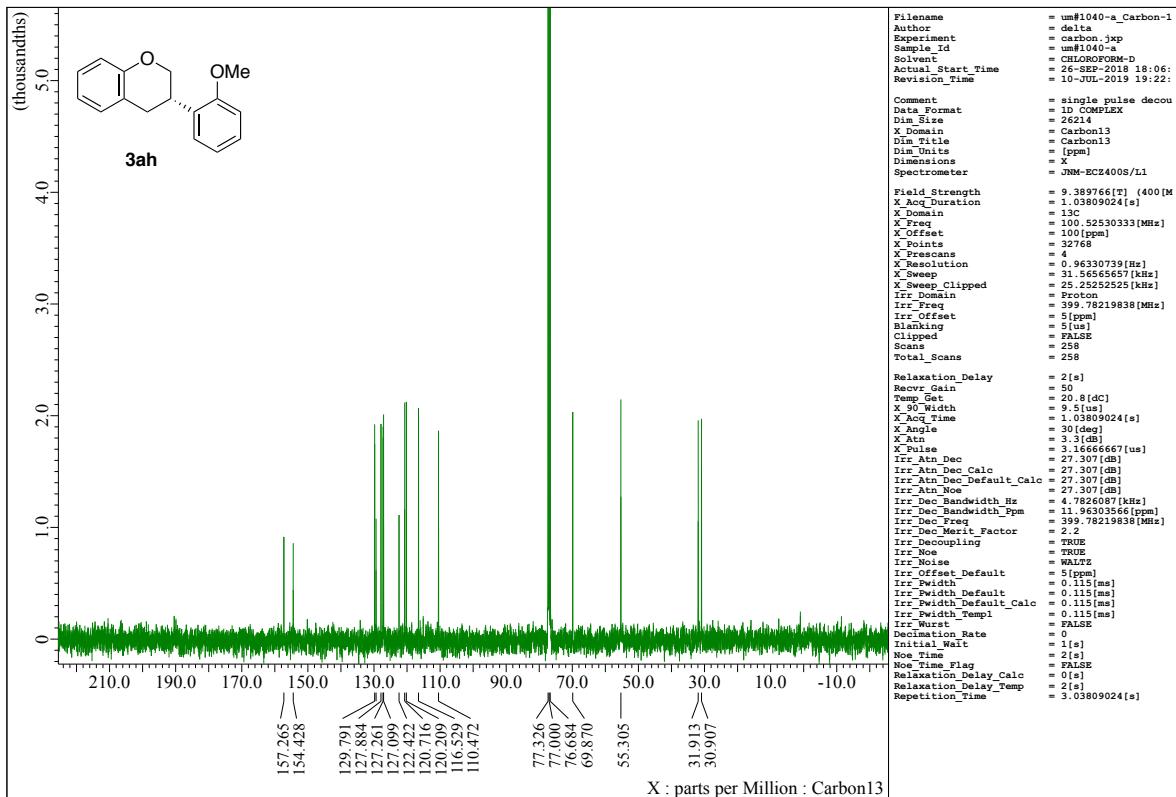
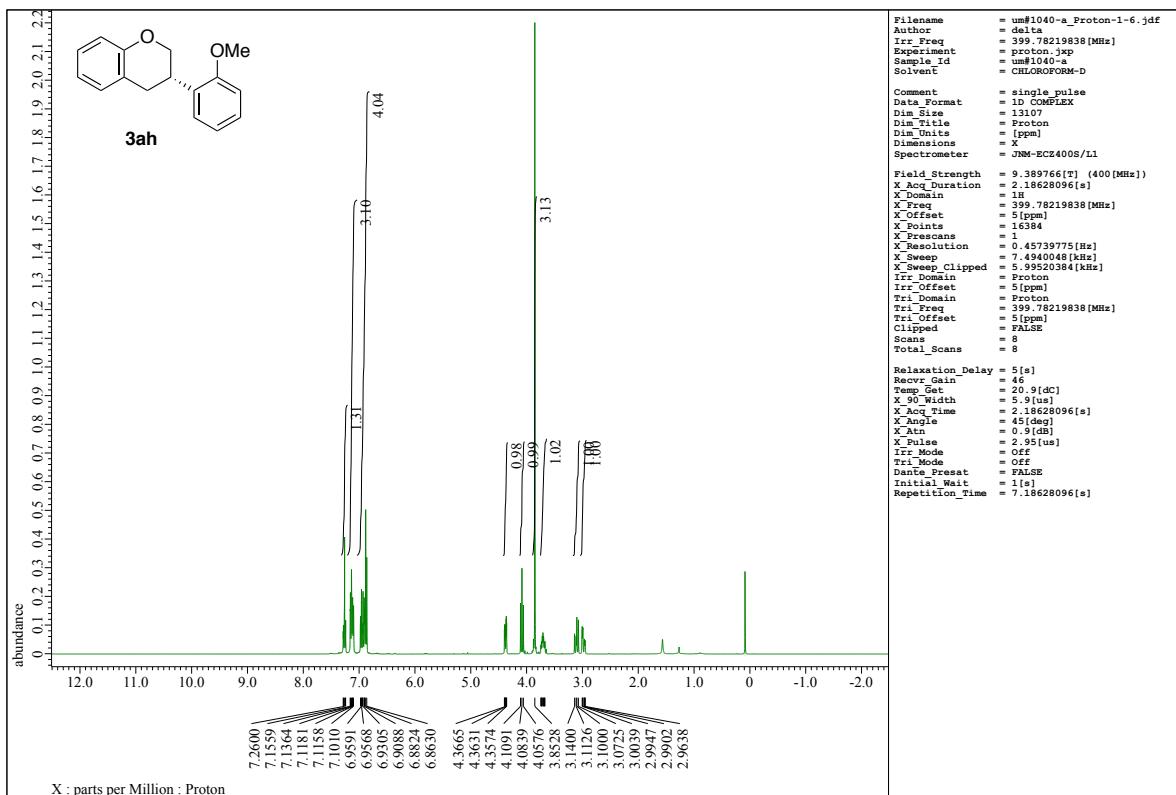
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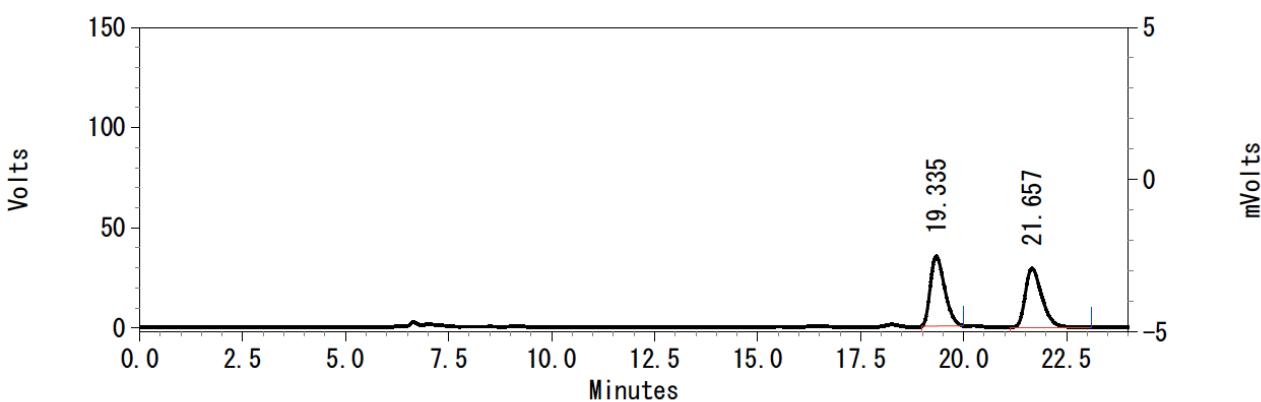
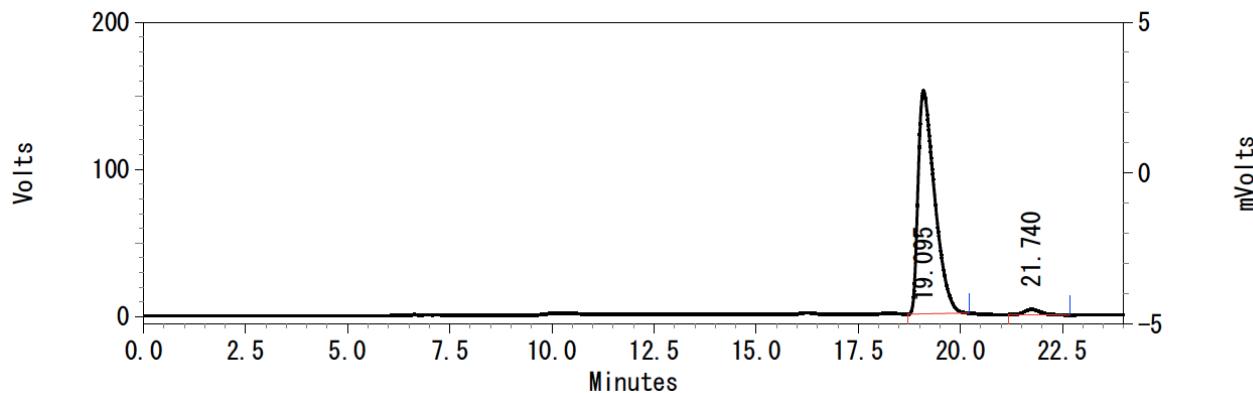
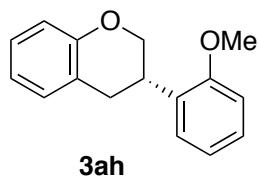
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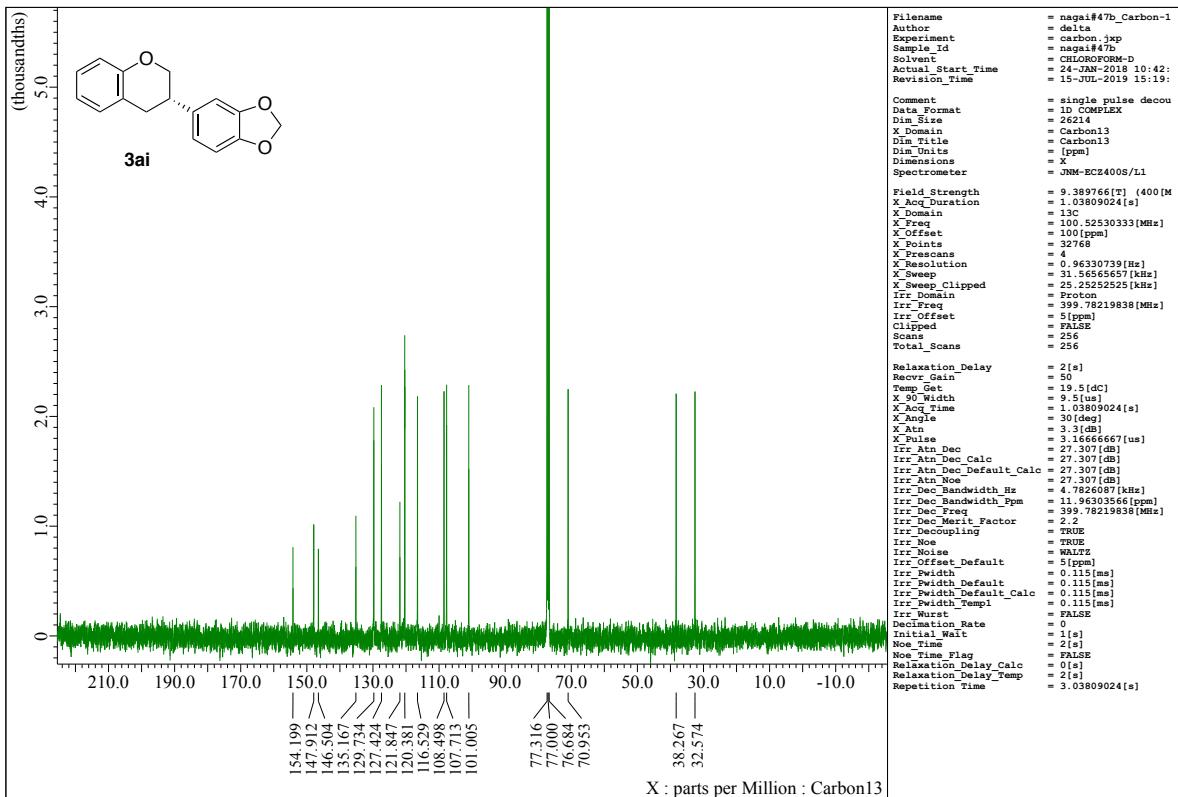
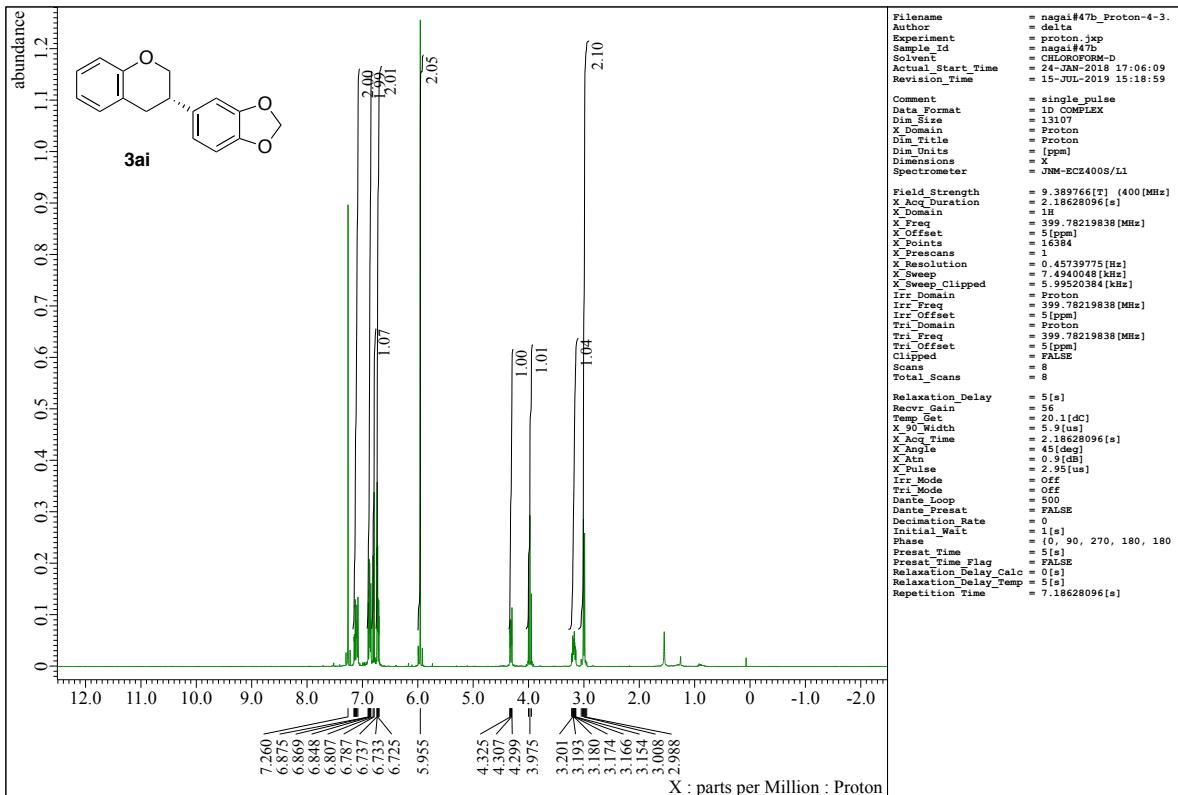


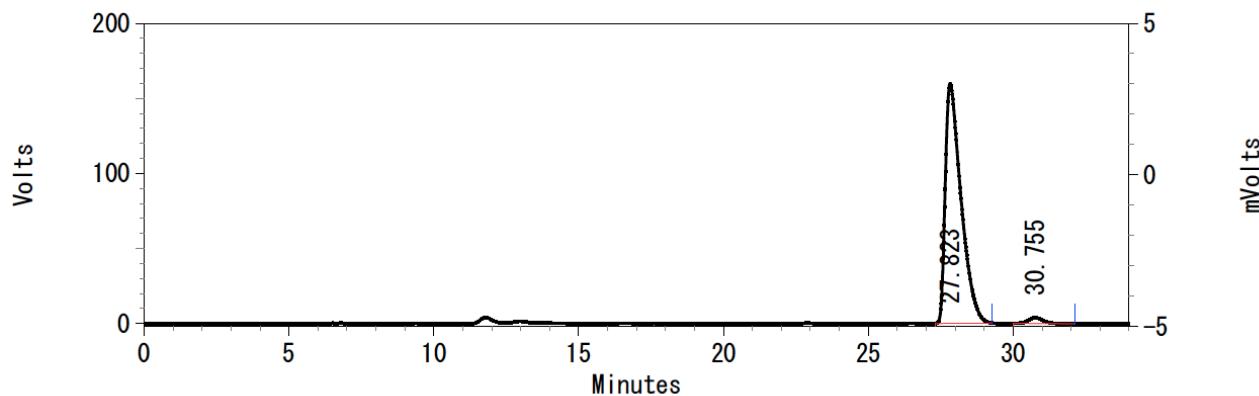
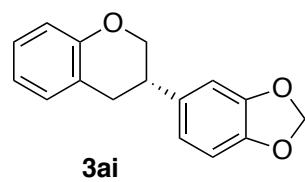
UV Results

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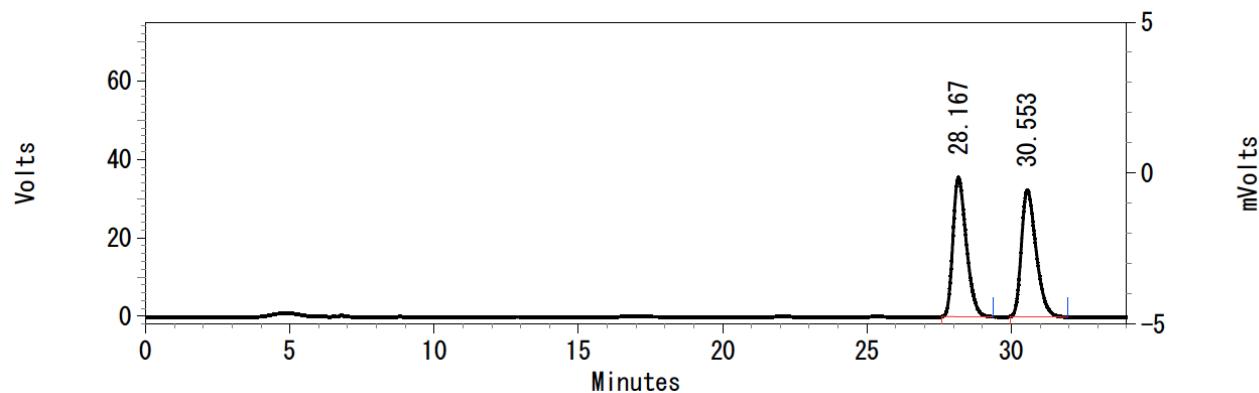




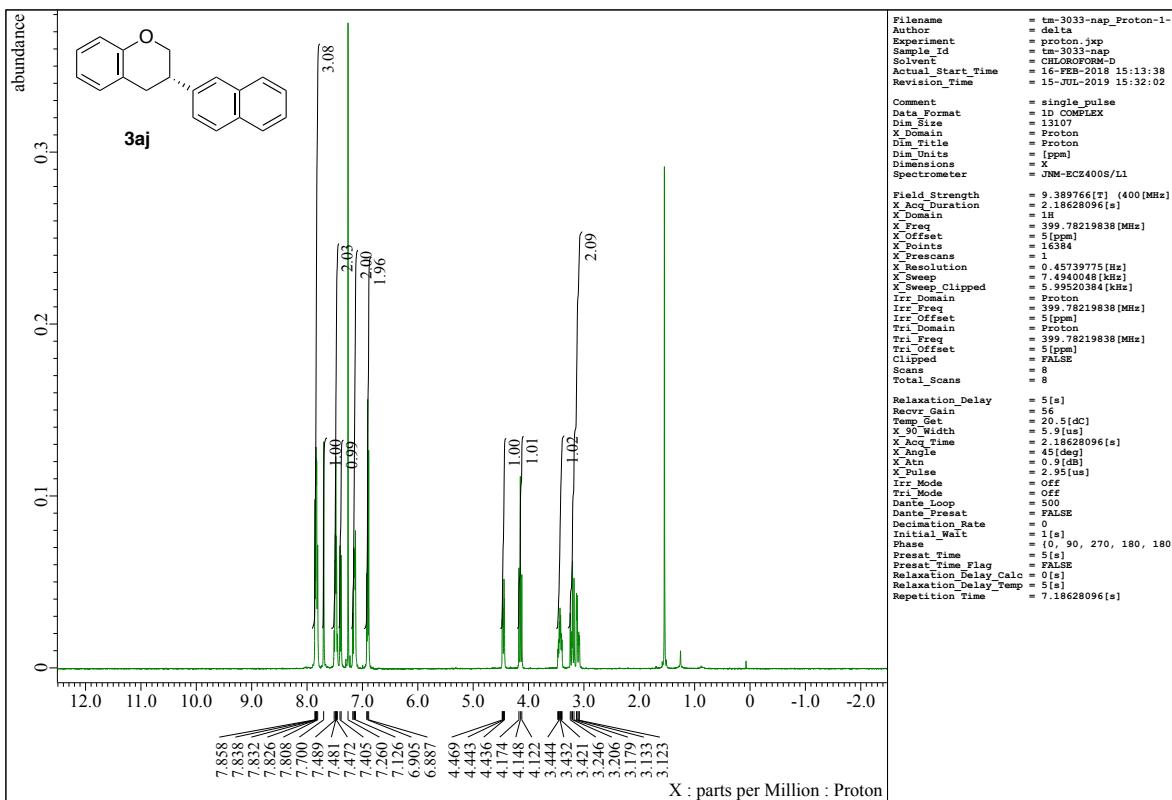


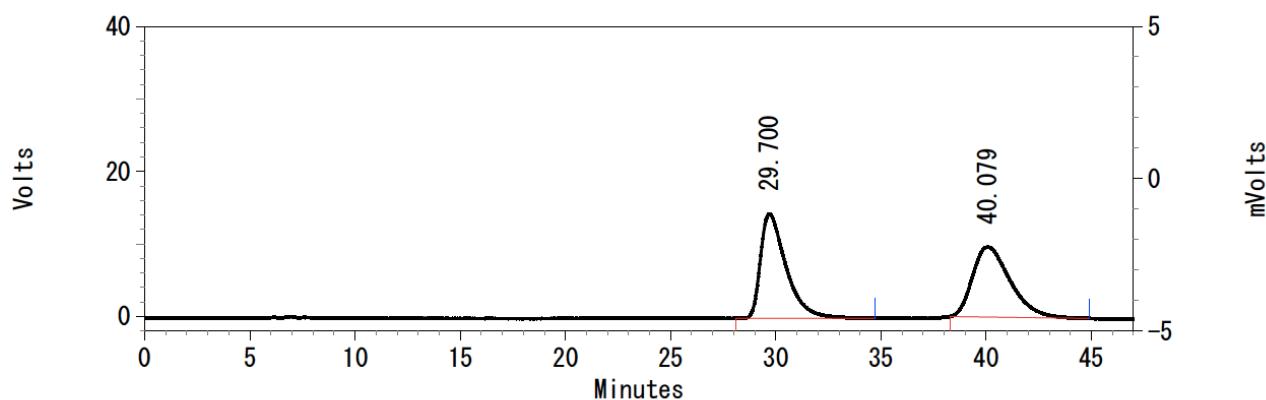
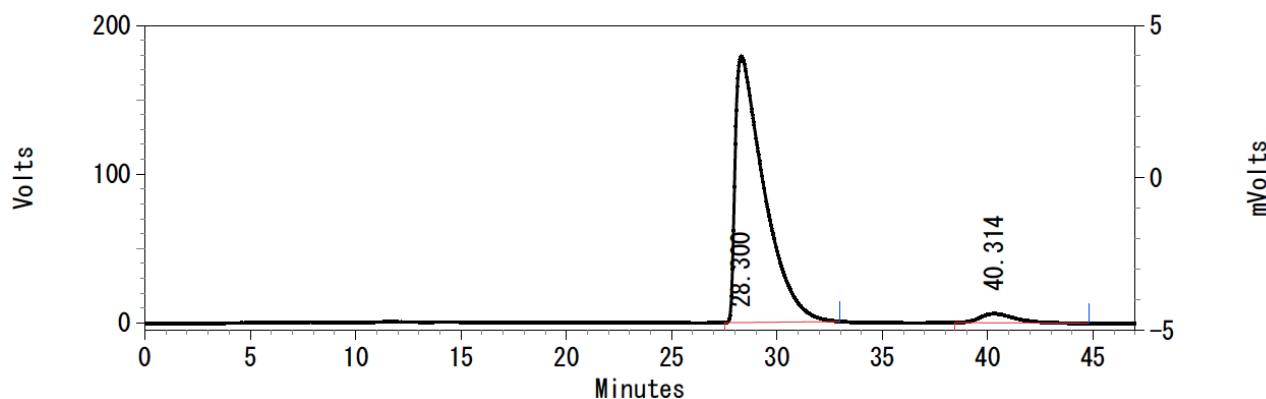
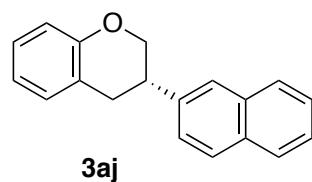


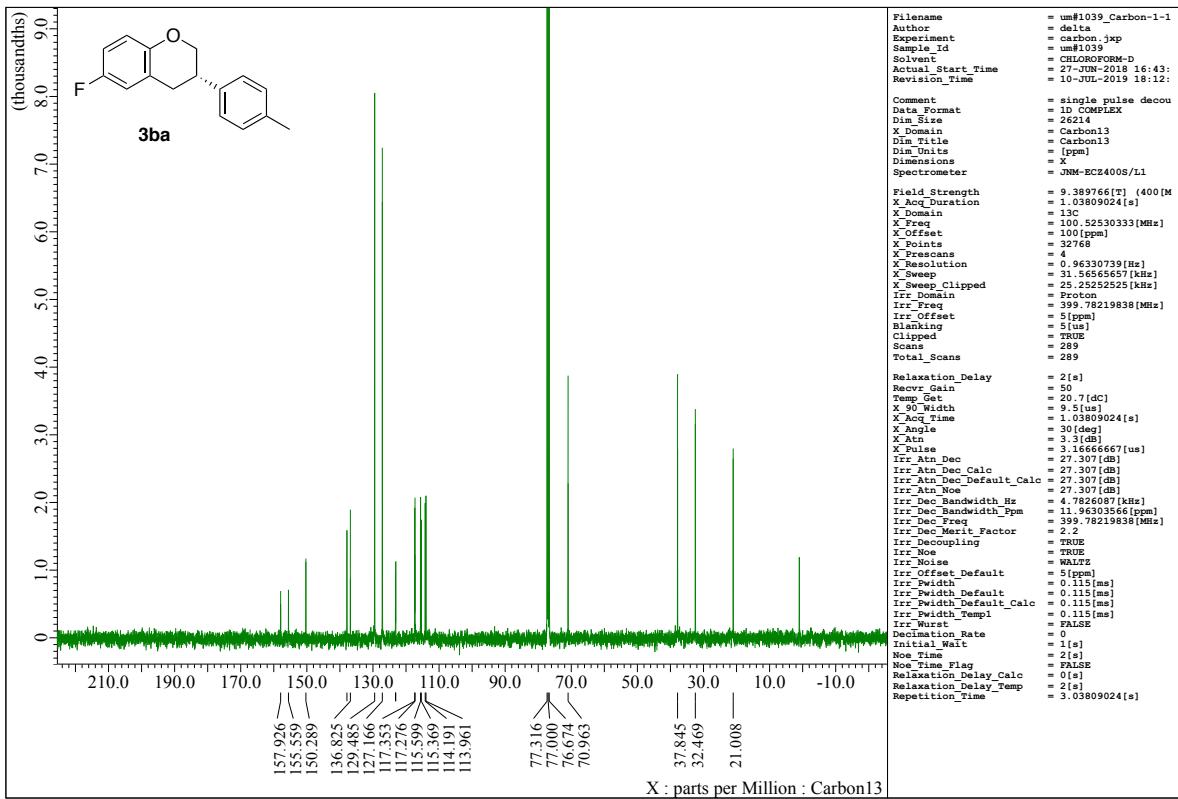
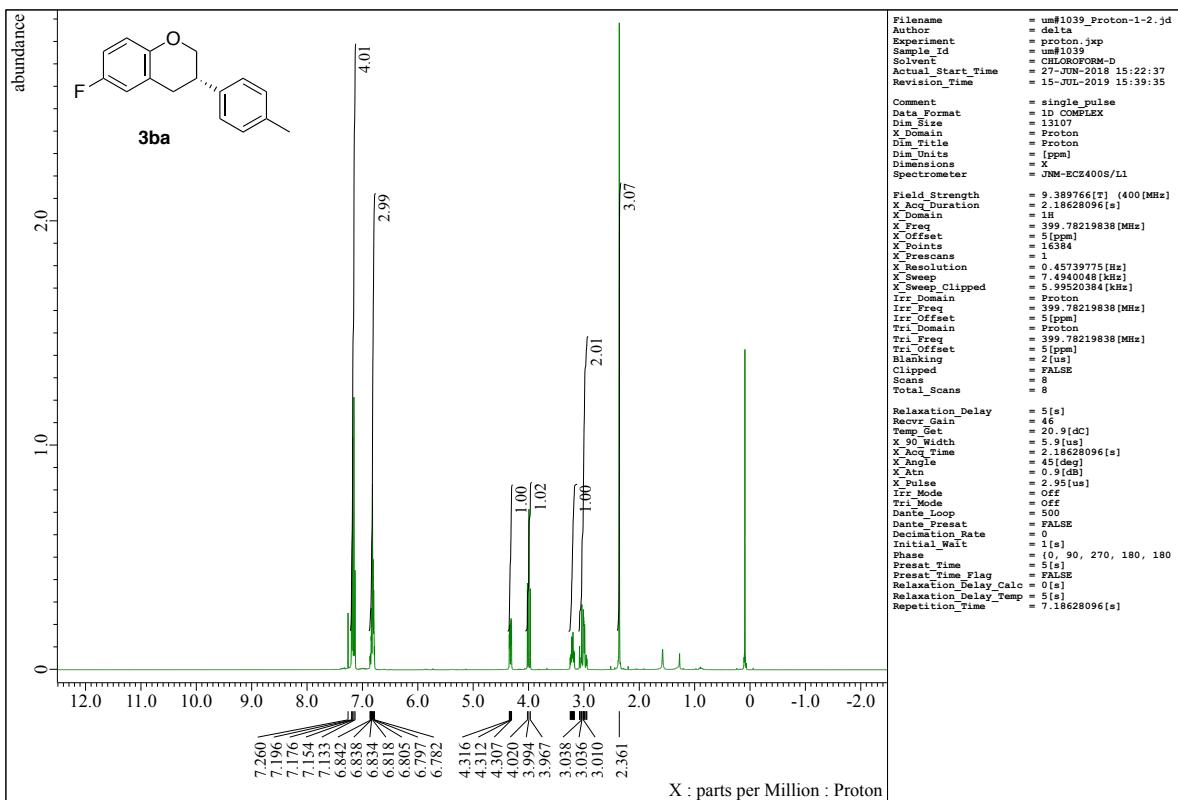
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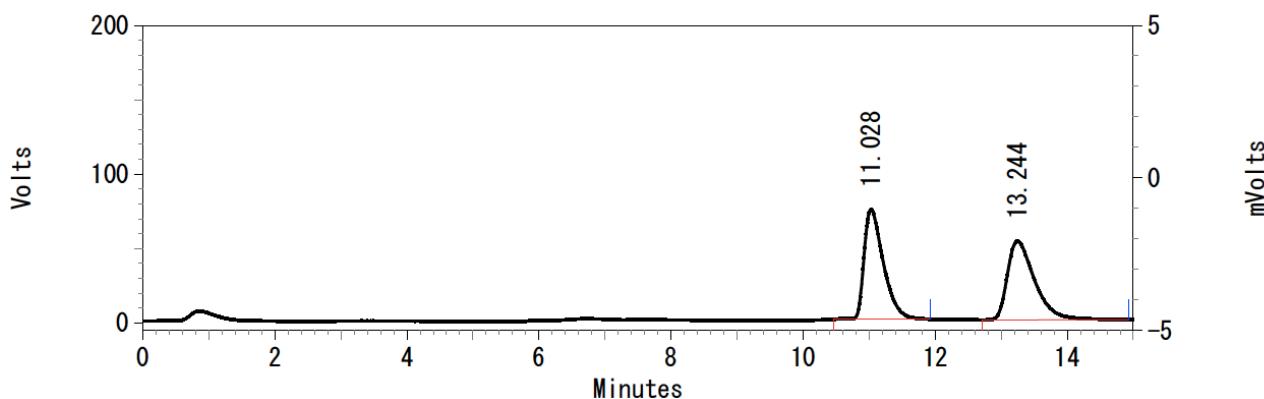
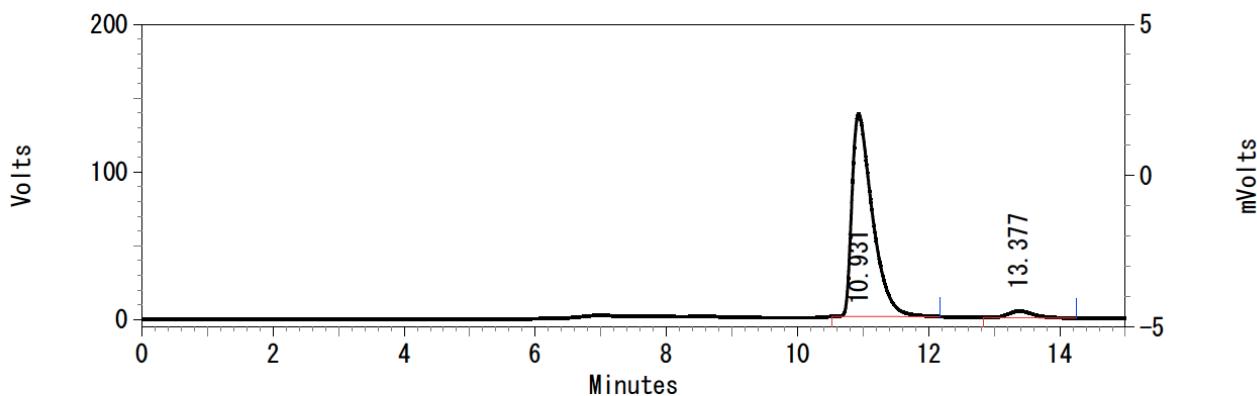
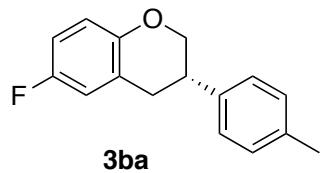


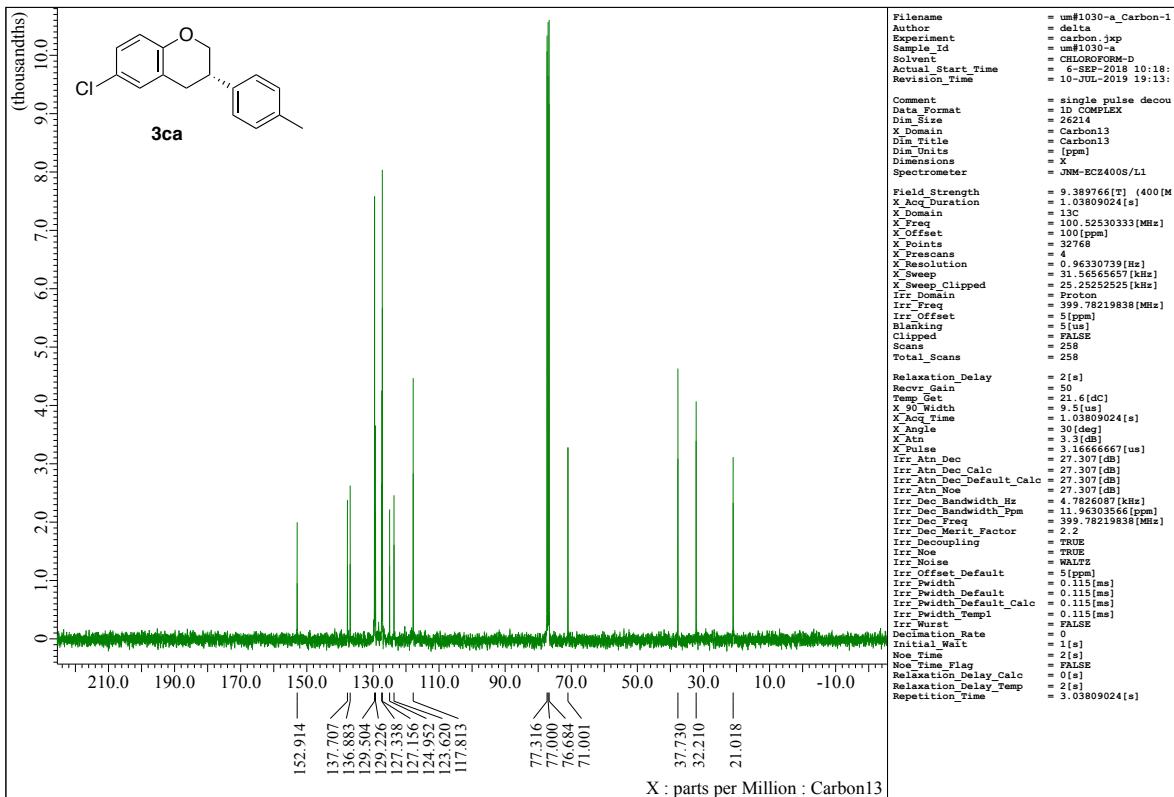
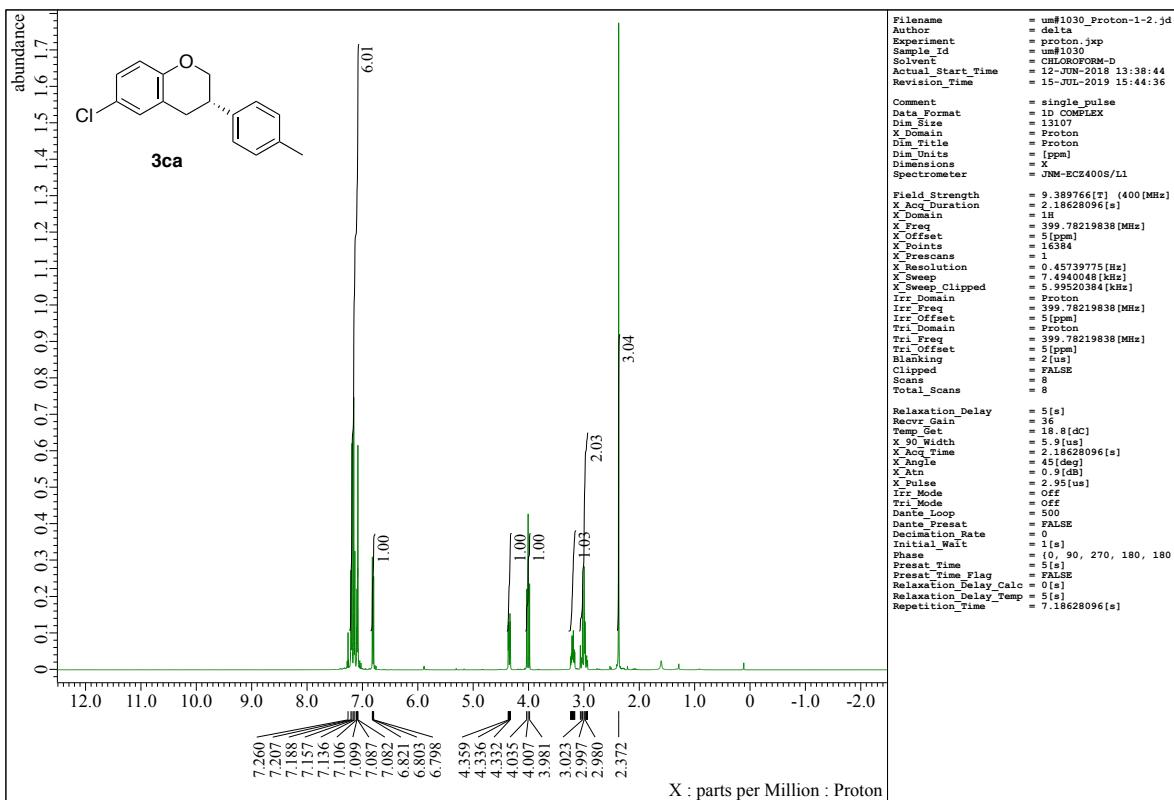
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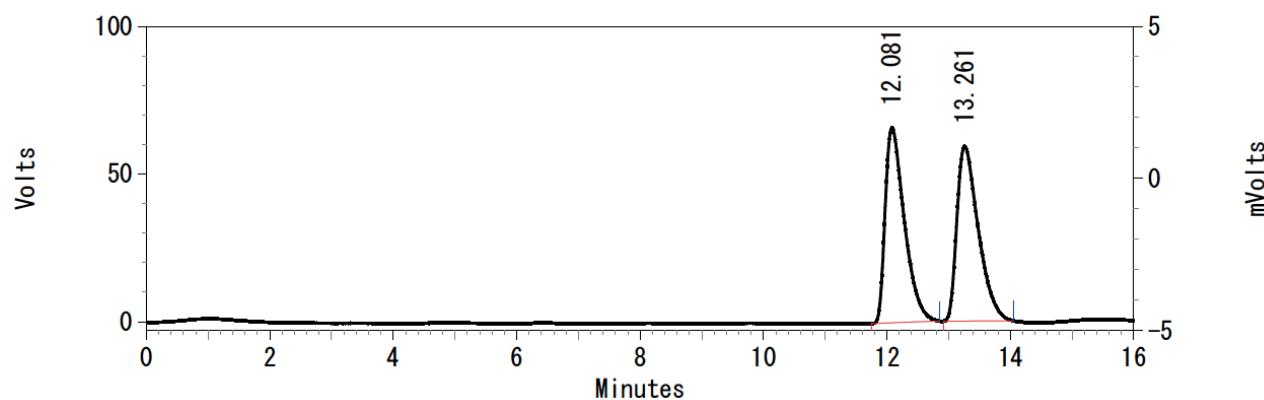
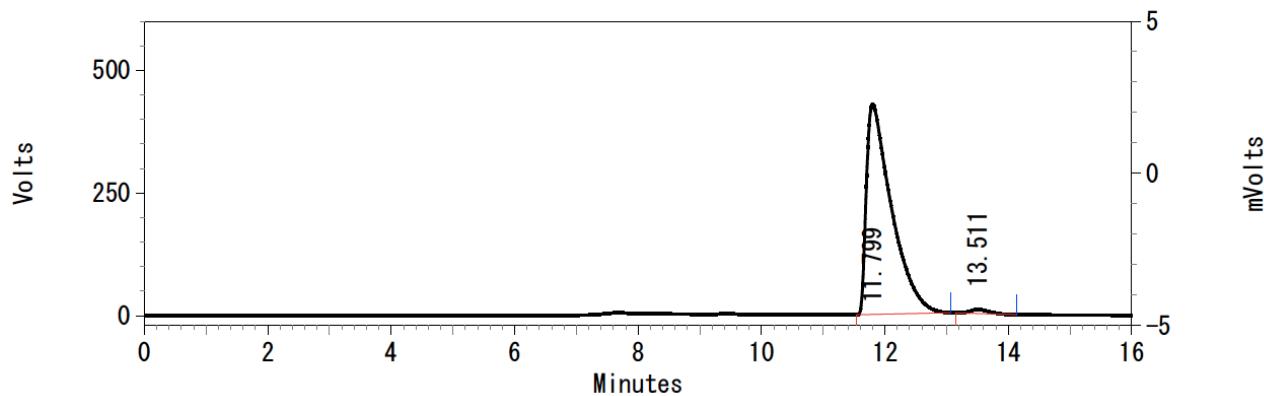
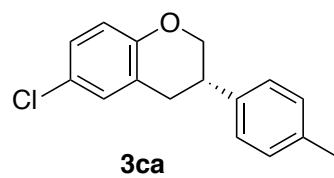


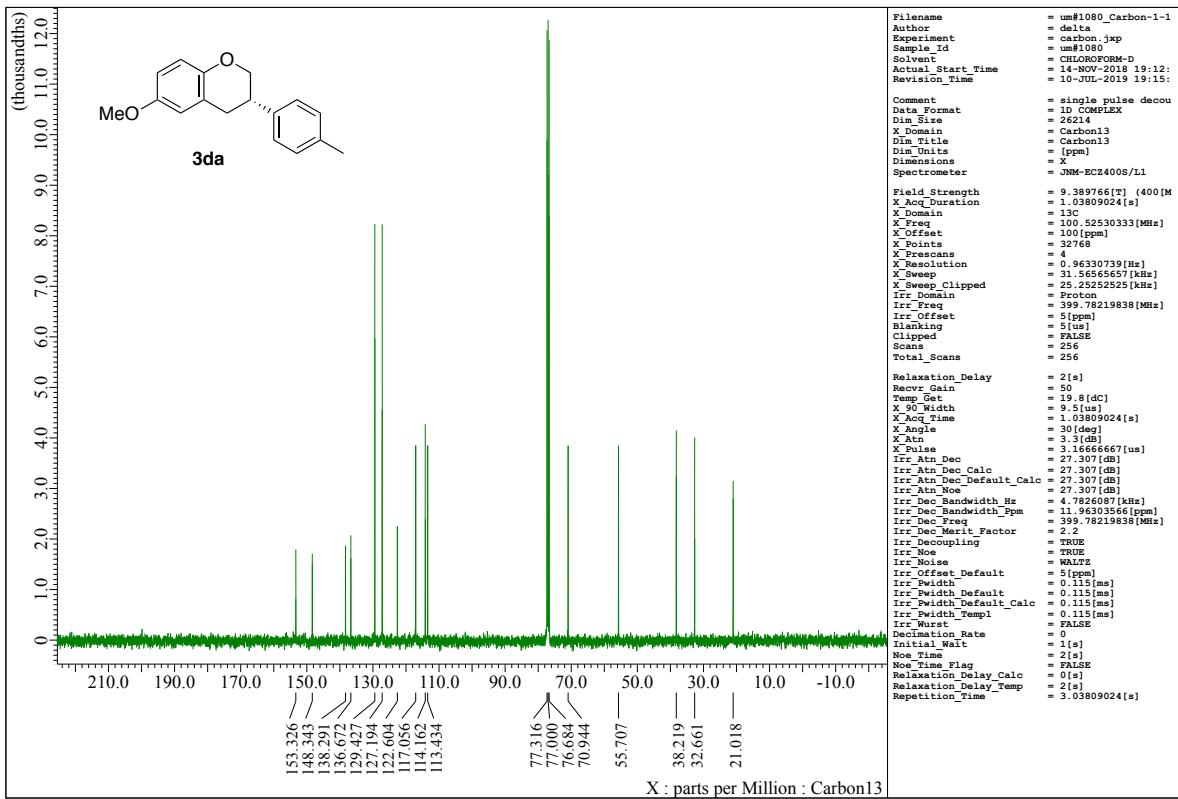
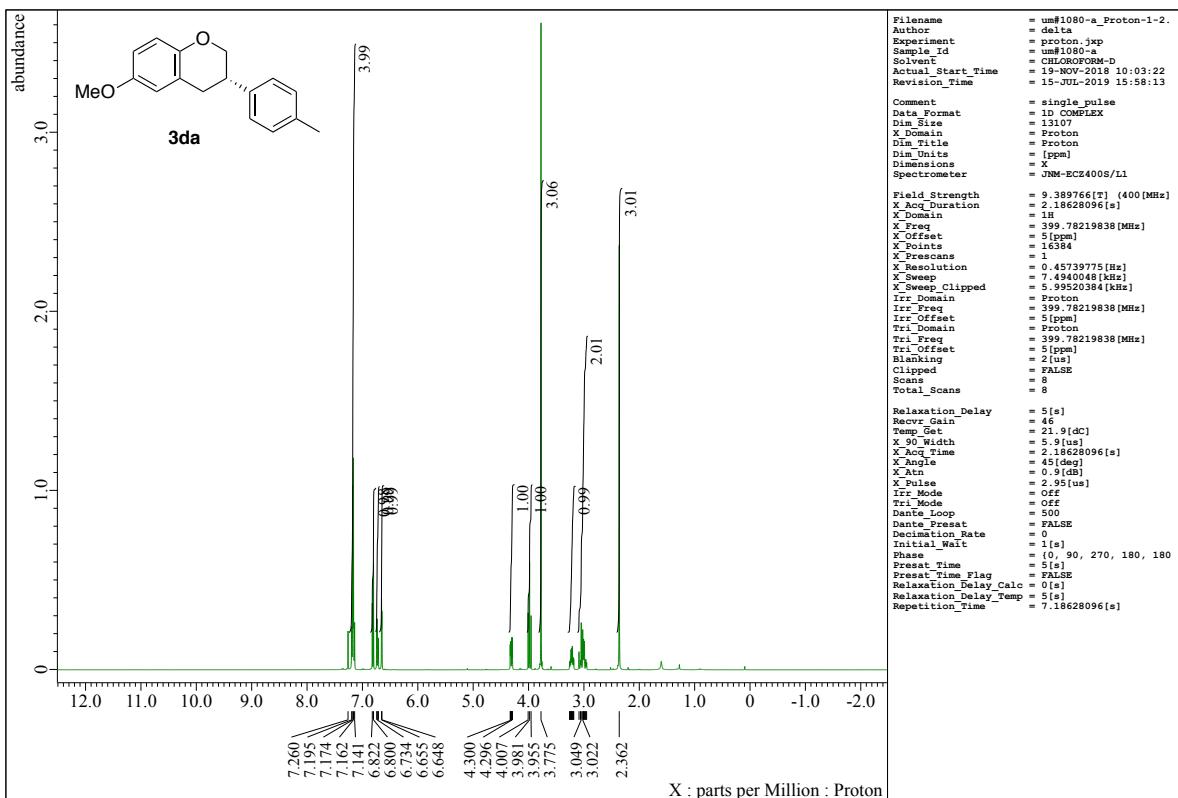


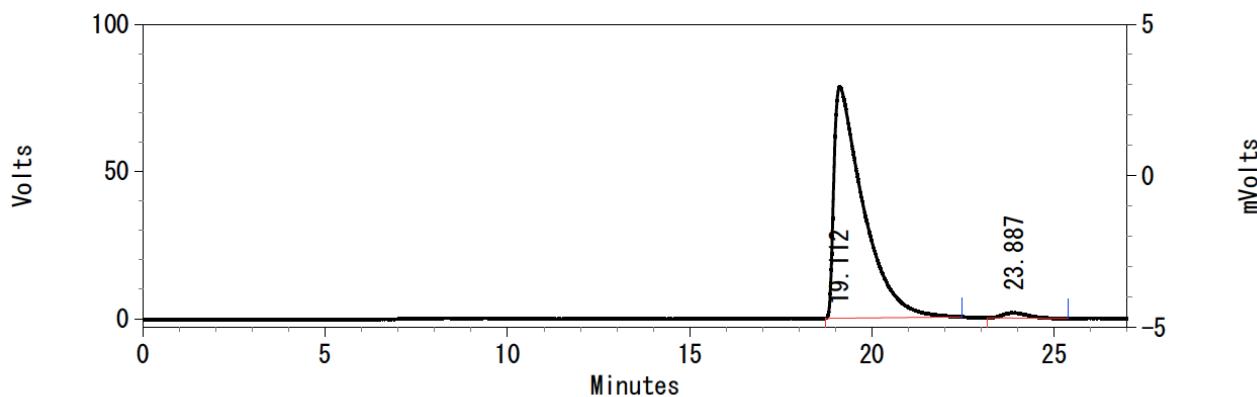
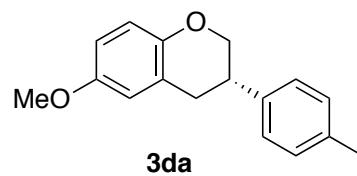






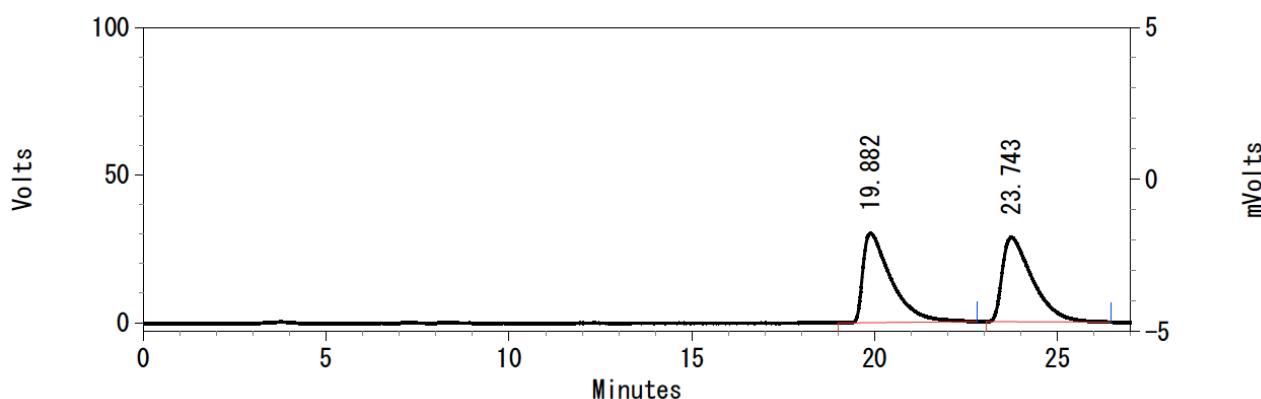






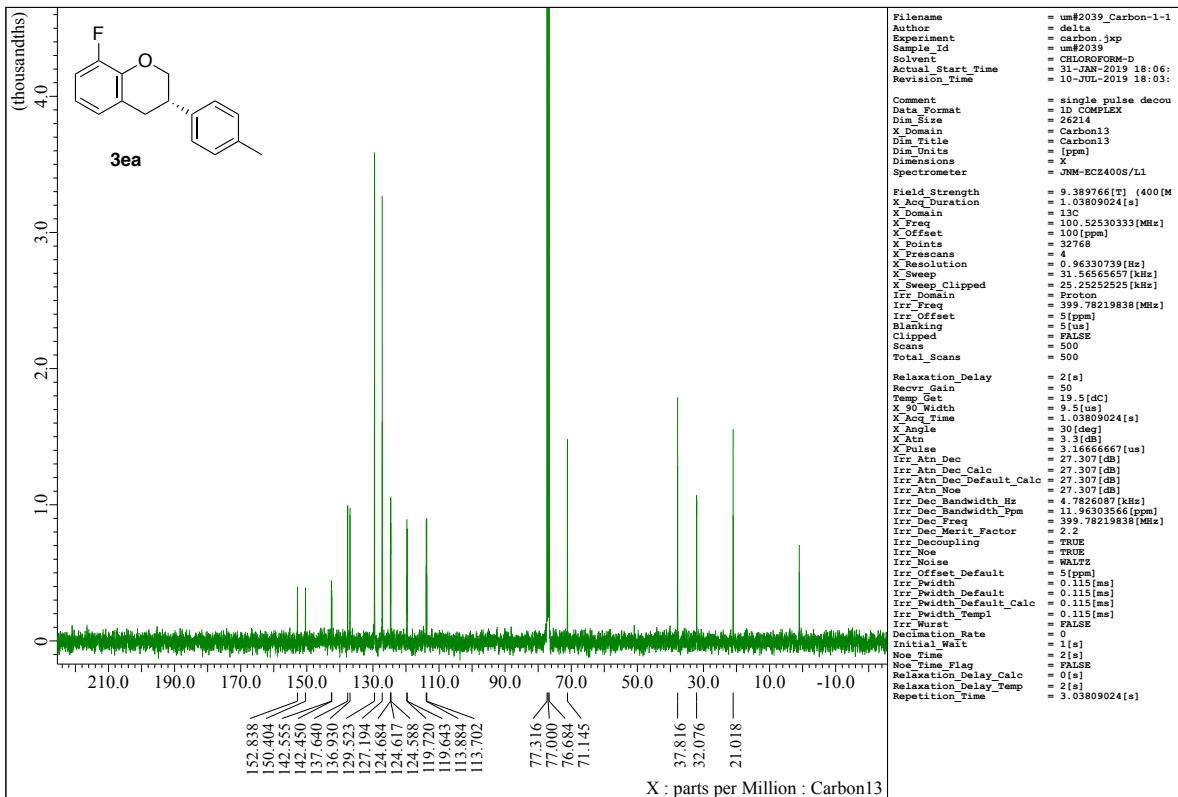
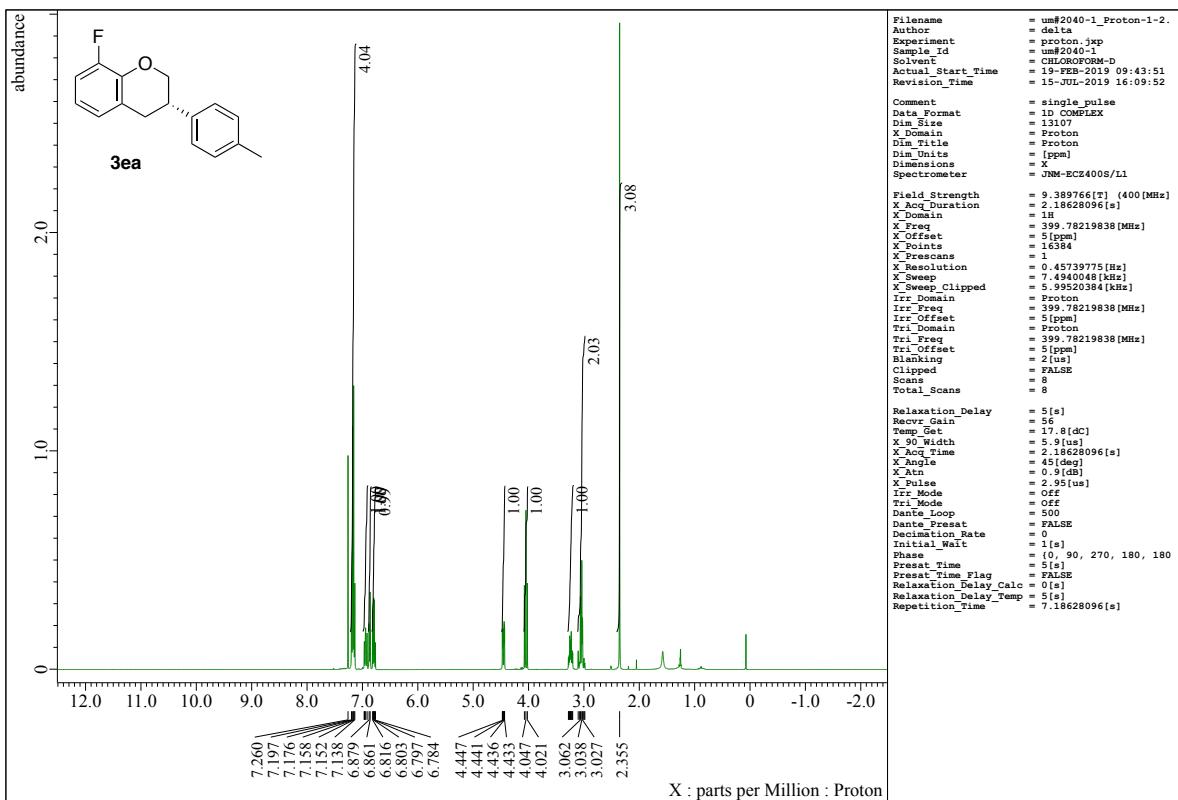
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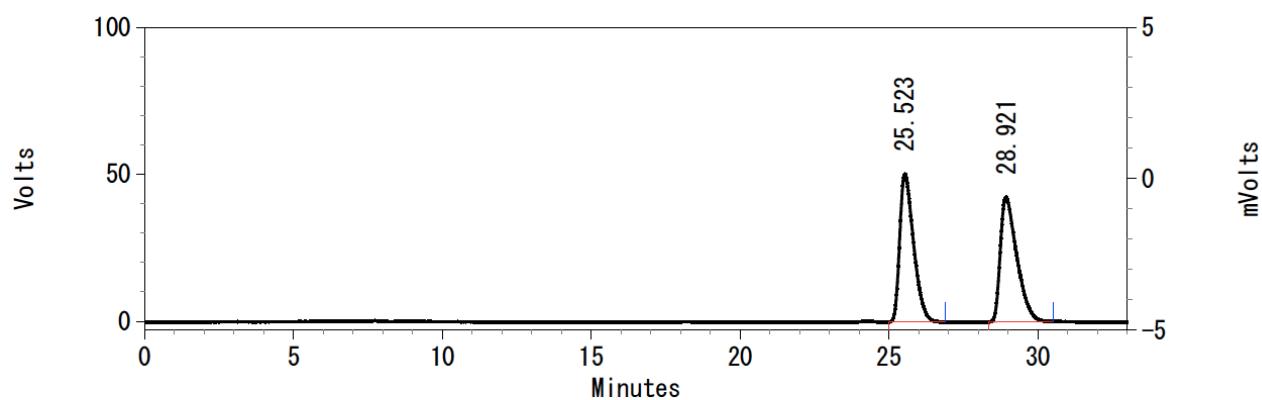
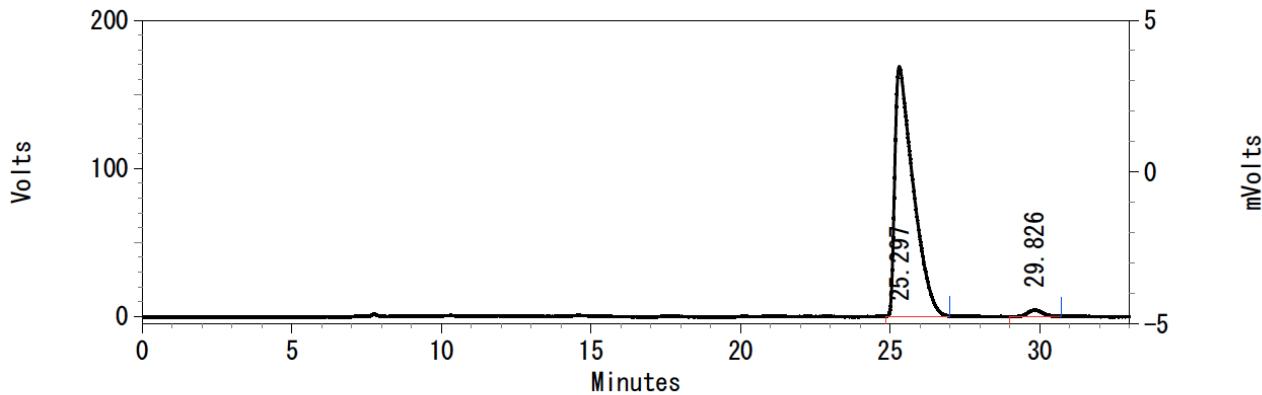
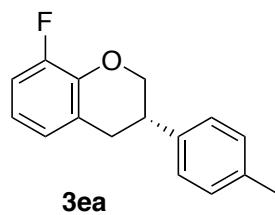
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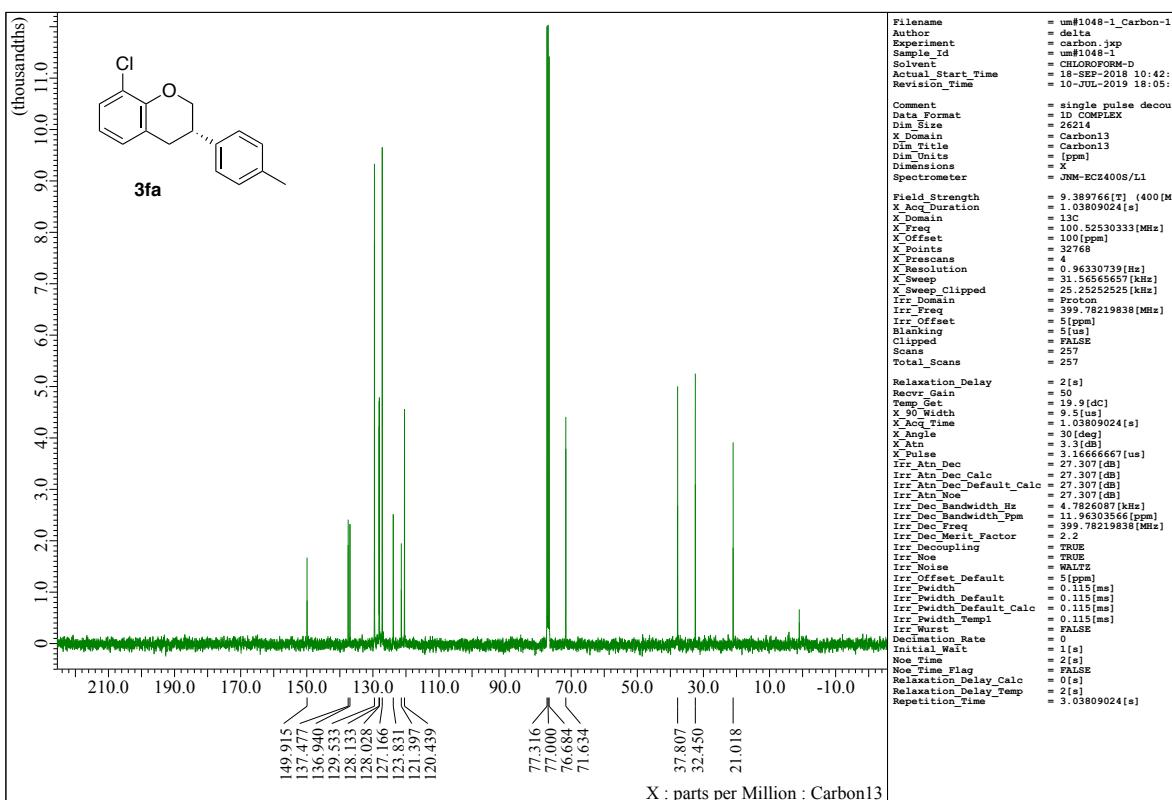
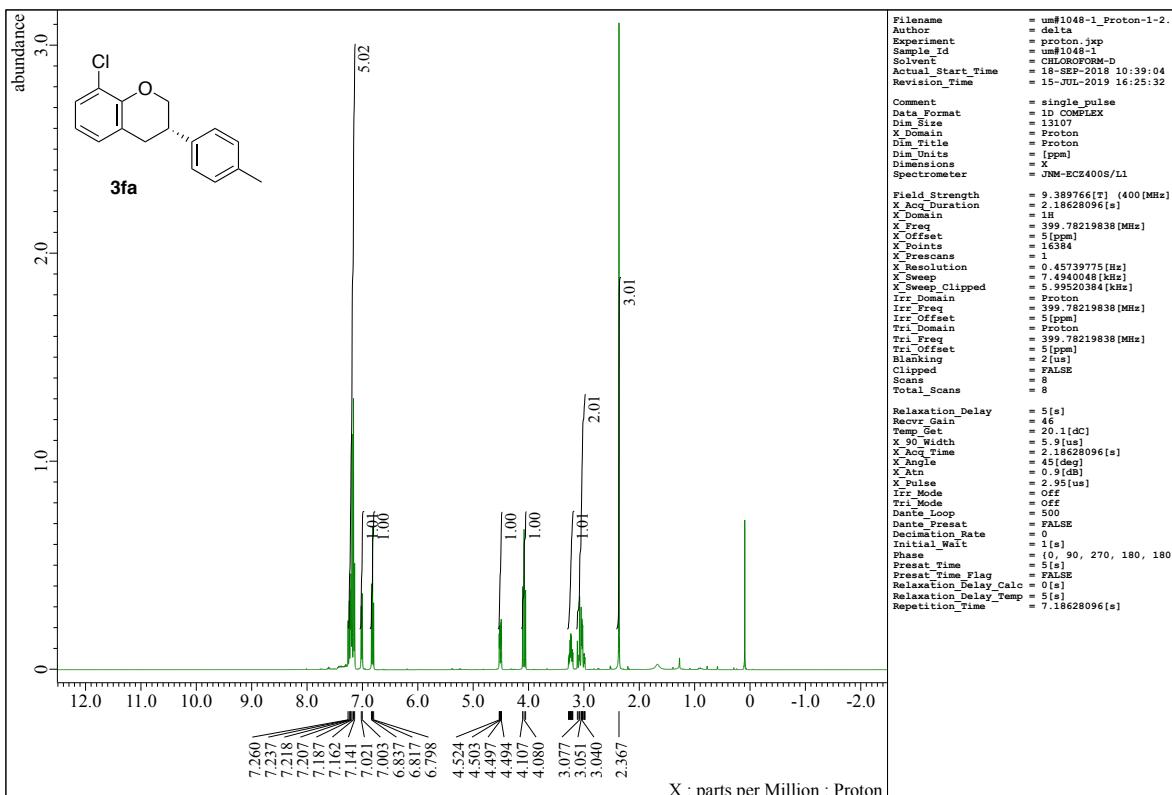


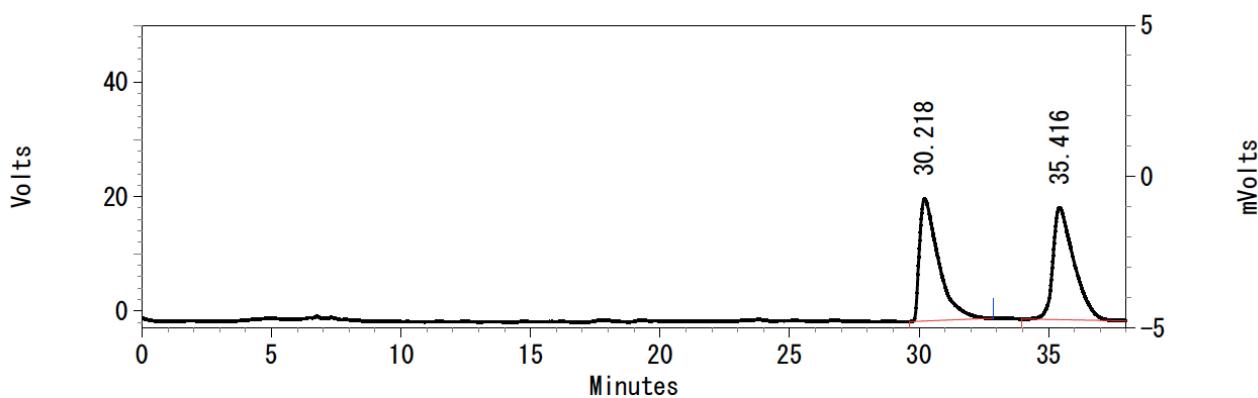
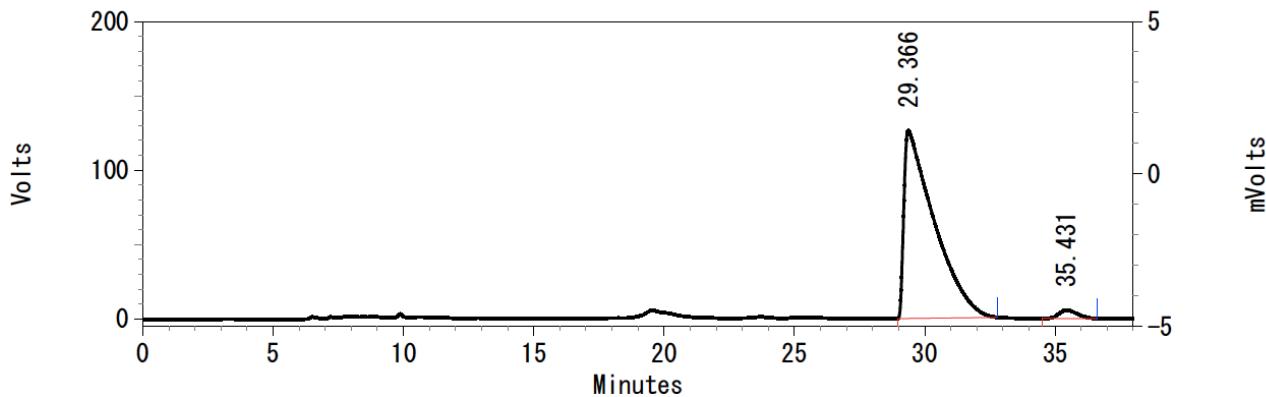
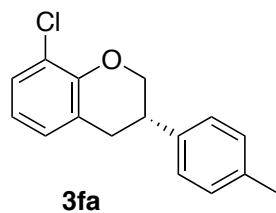
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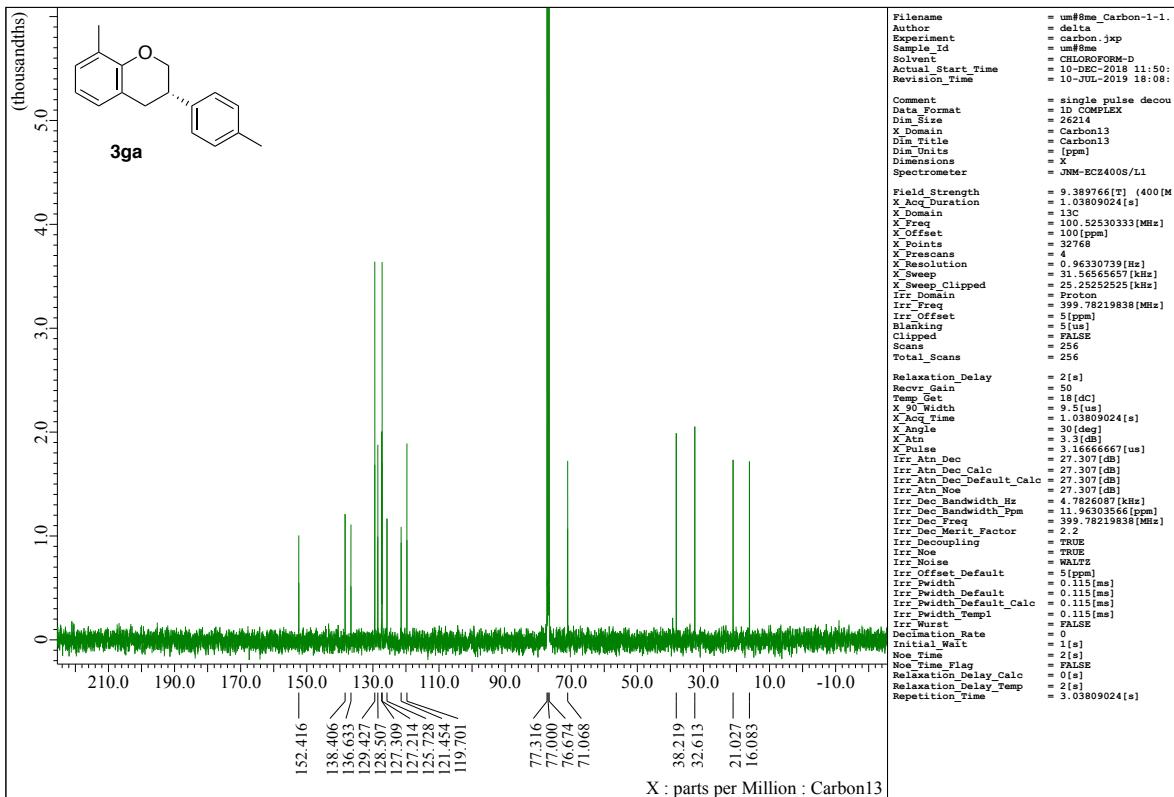
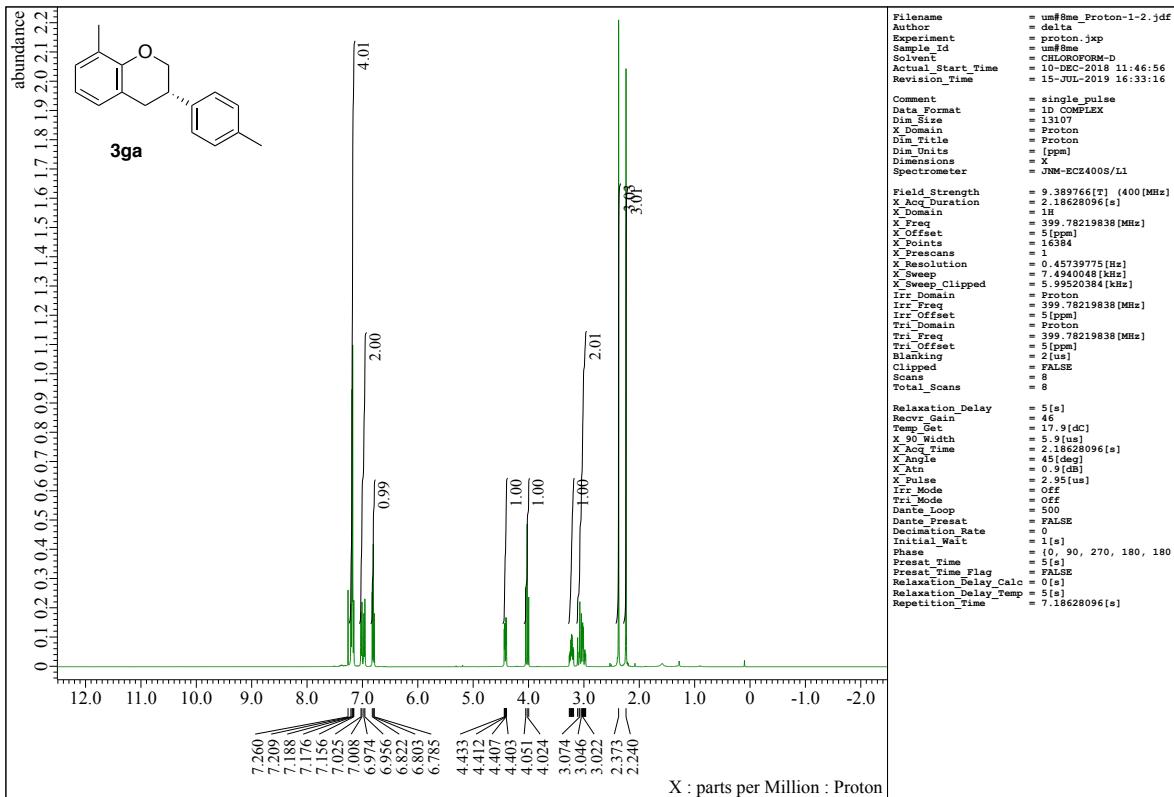
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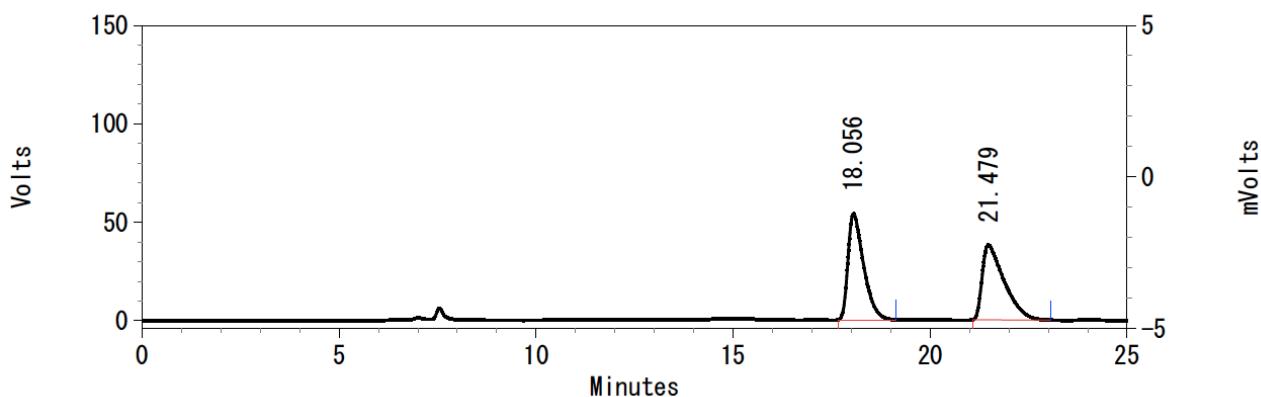
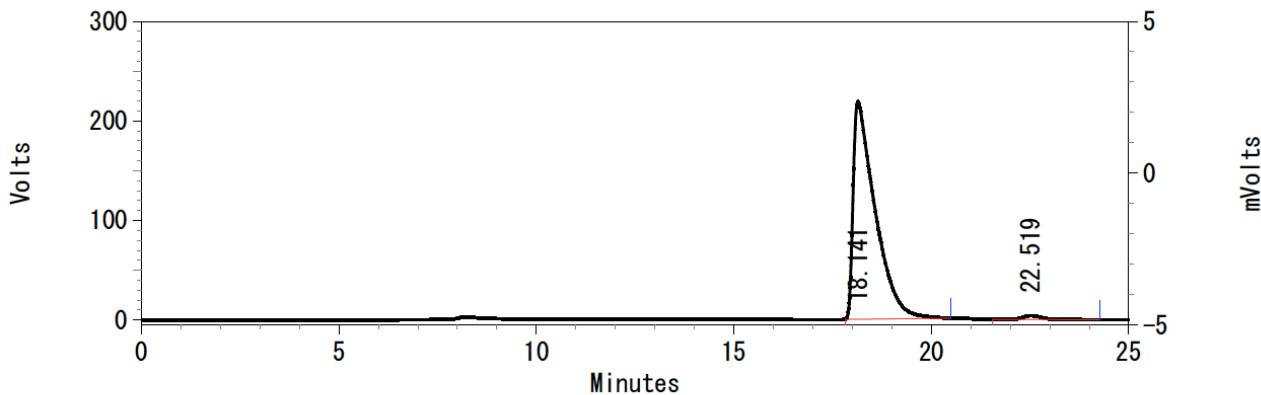
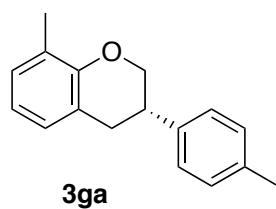


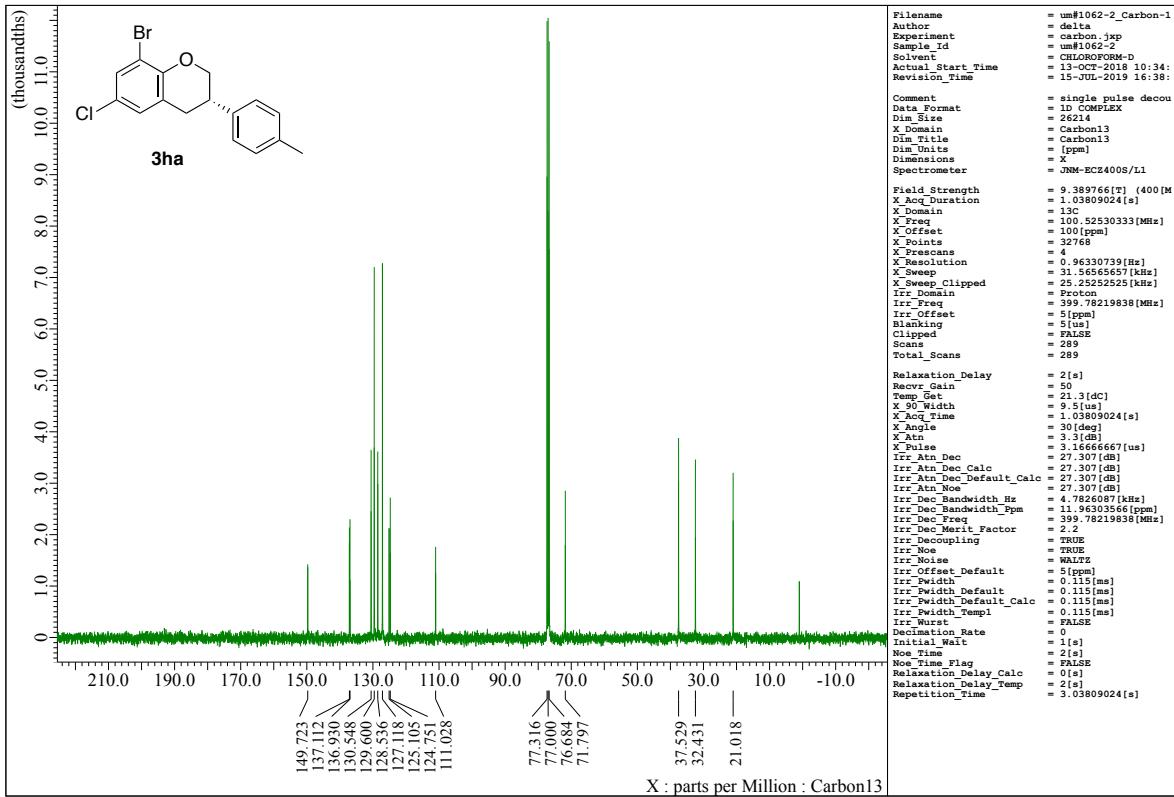
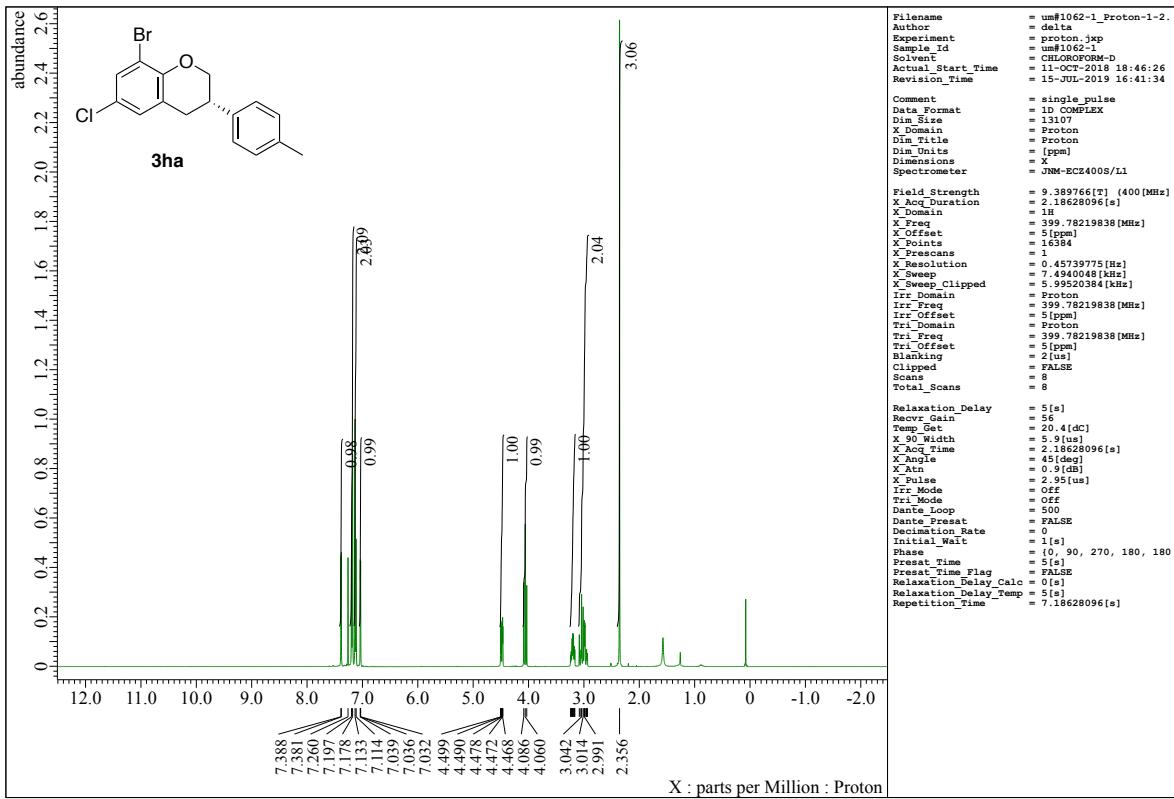


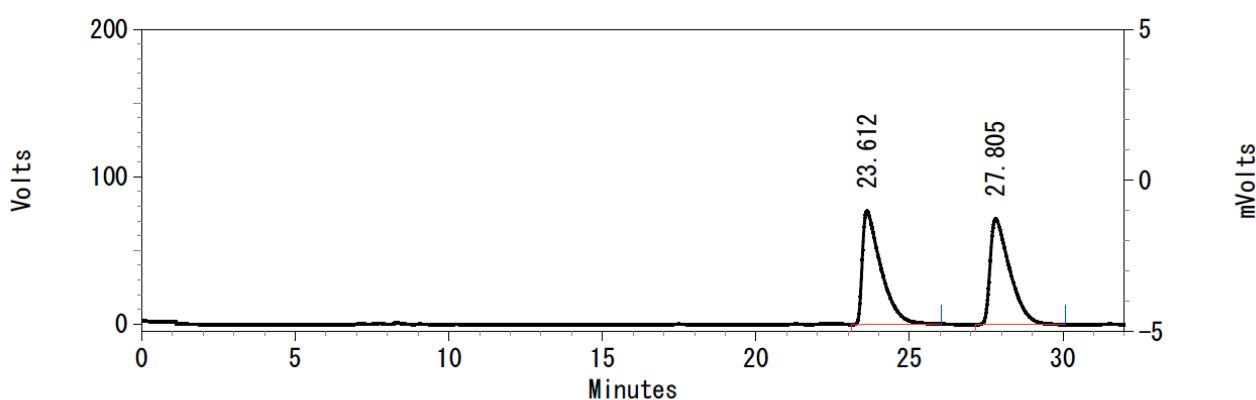
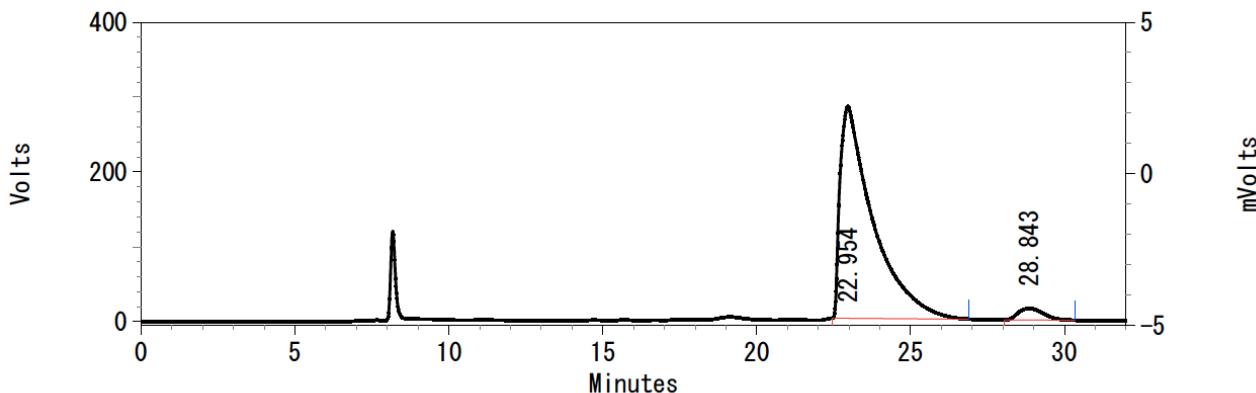
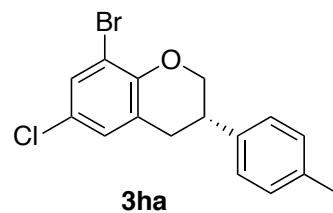


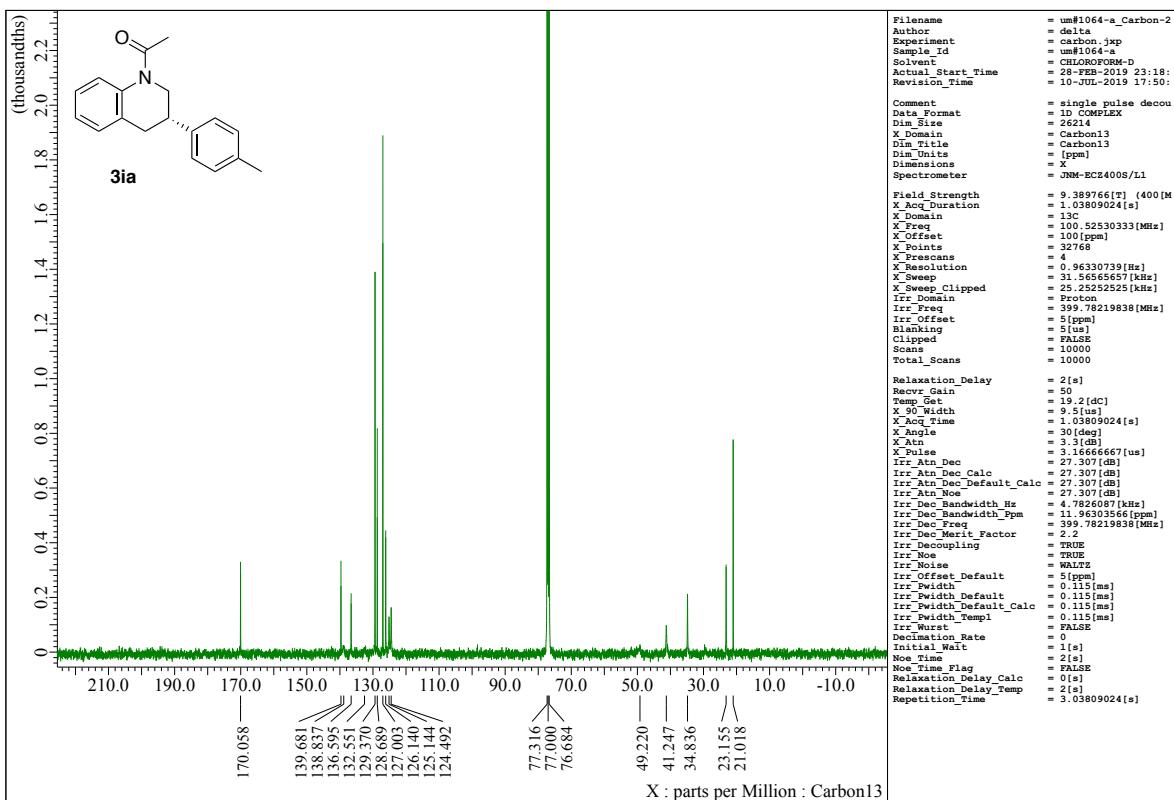
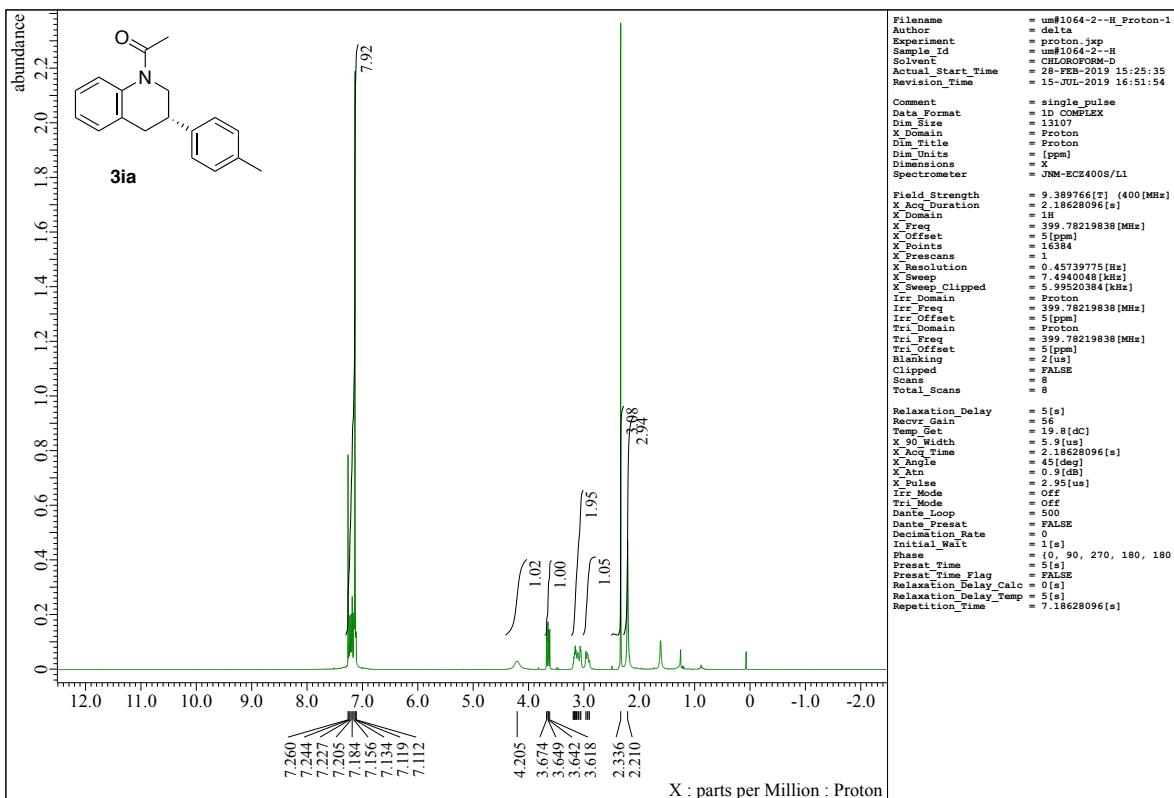


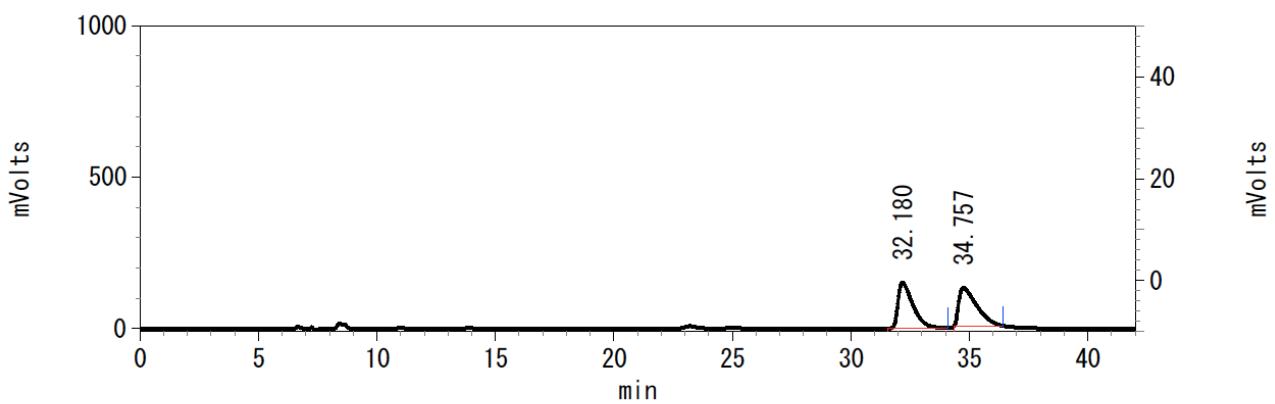
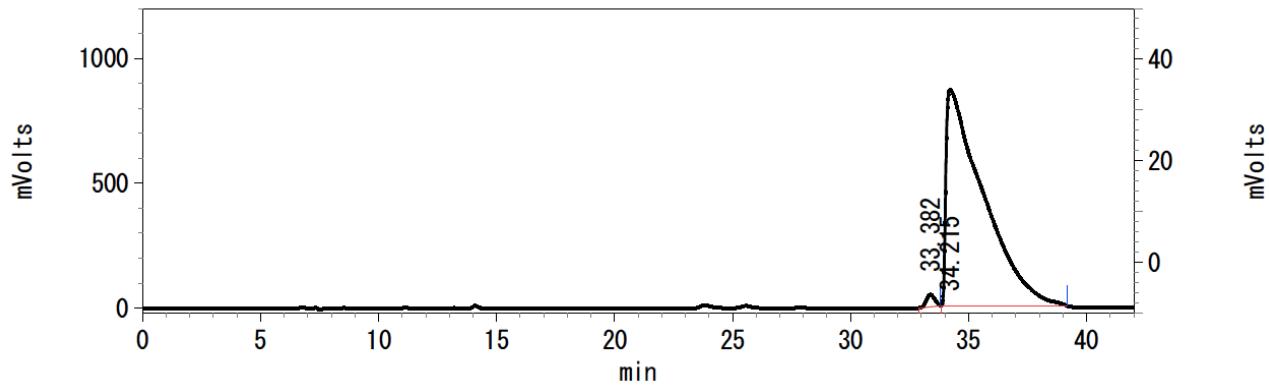
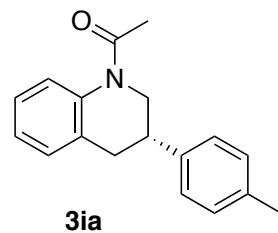


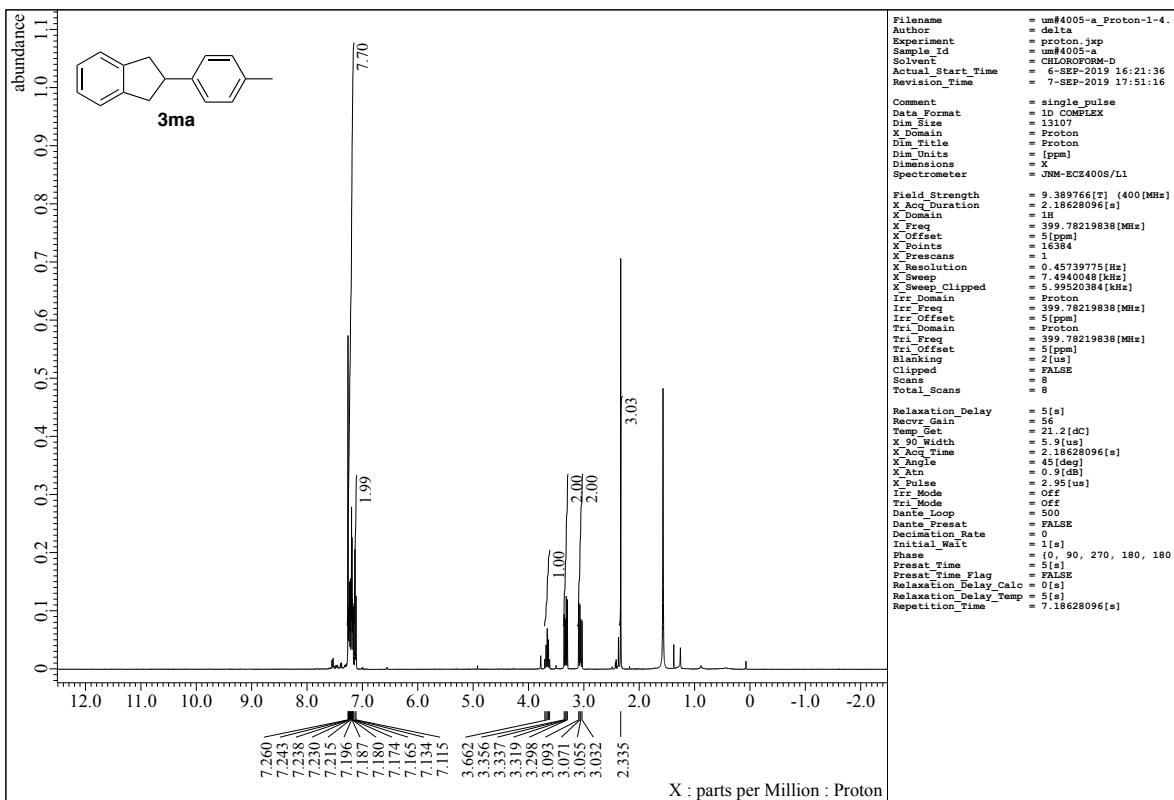


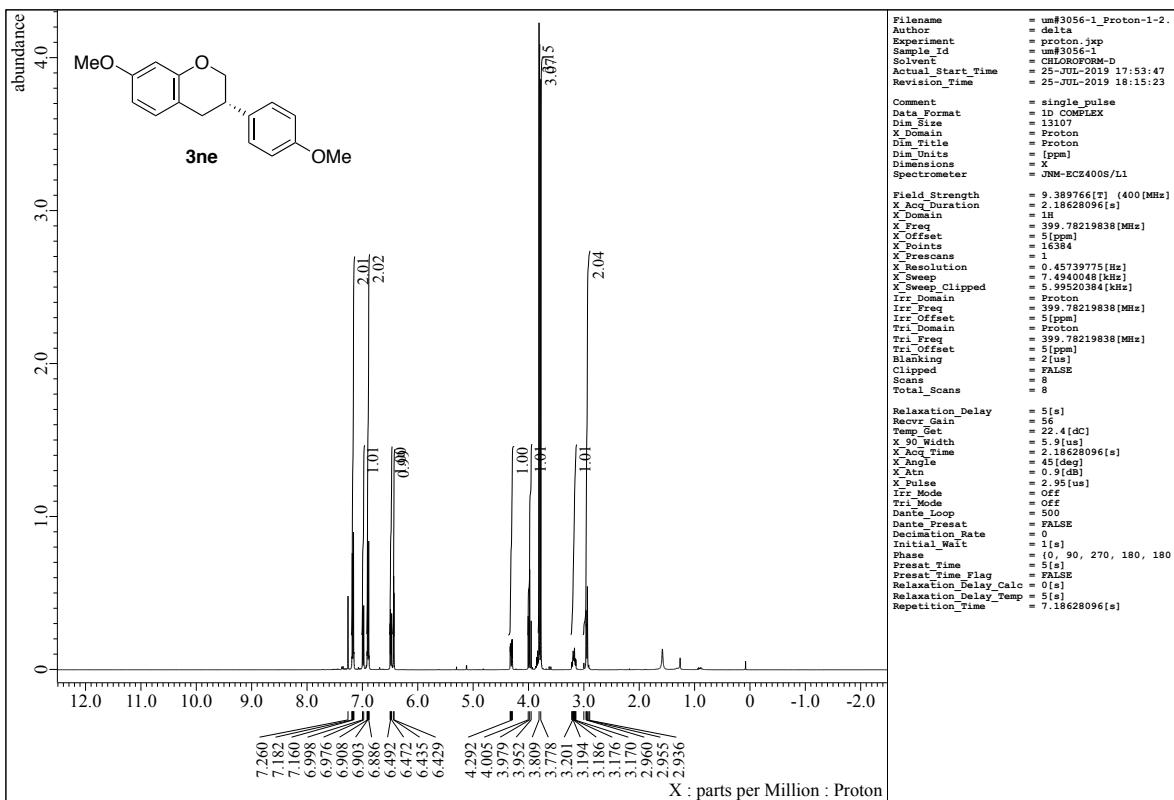


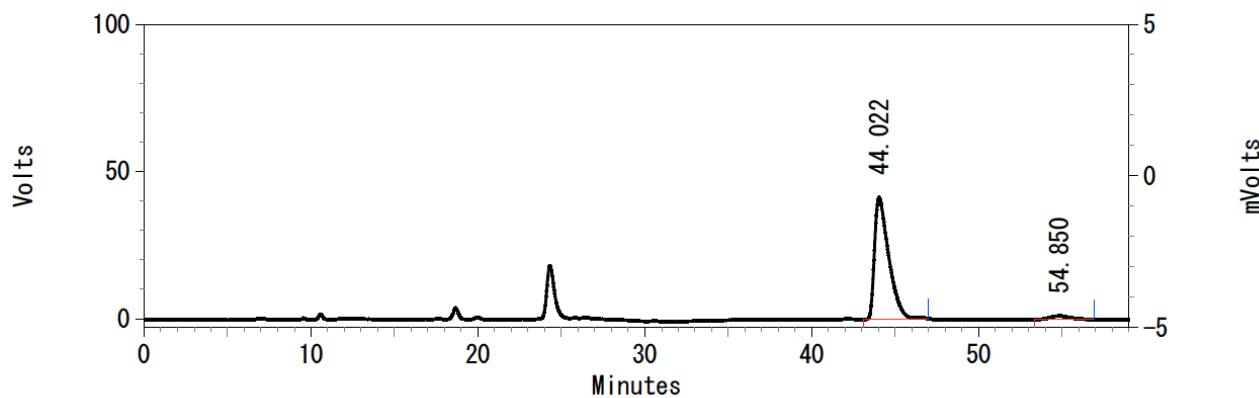
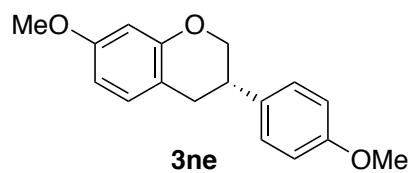






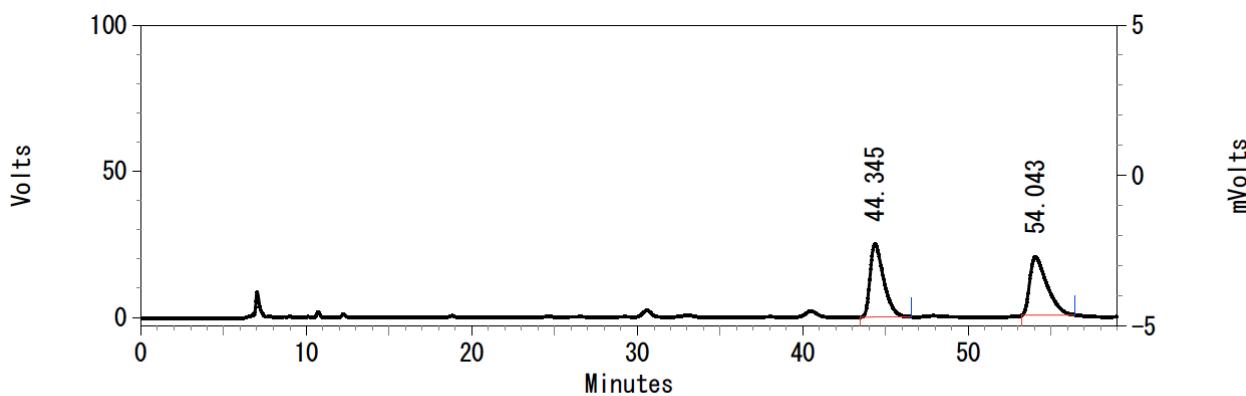






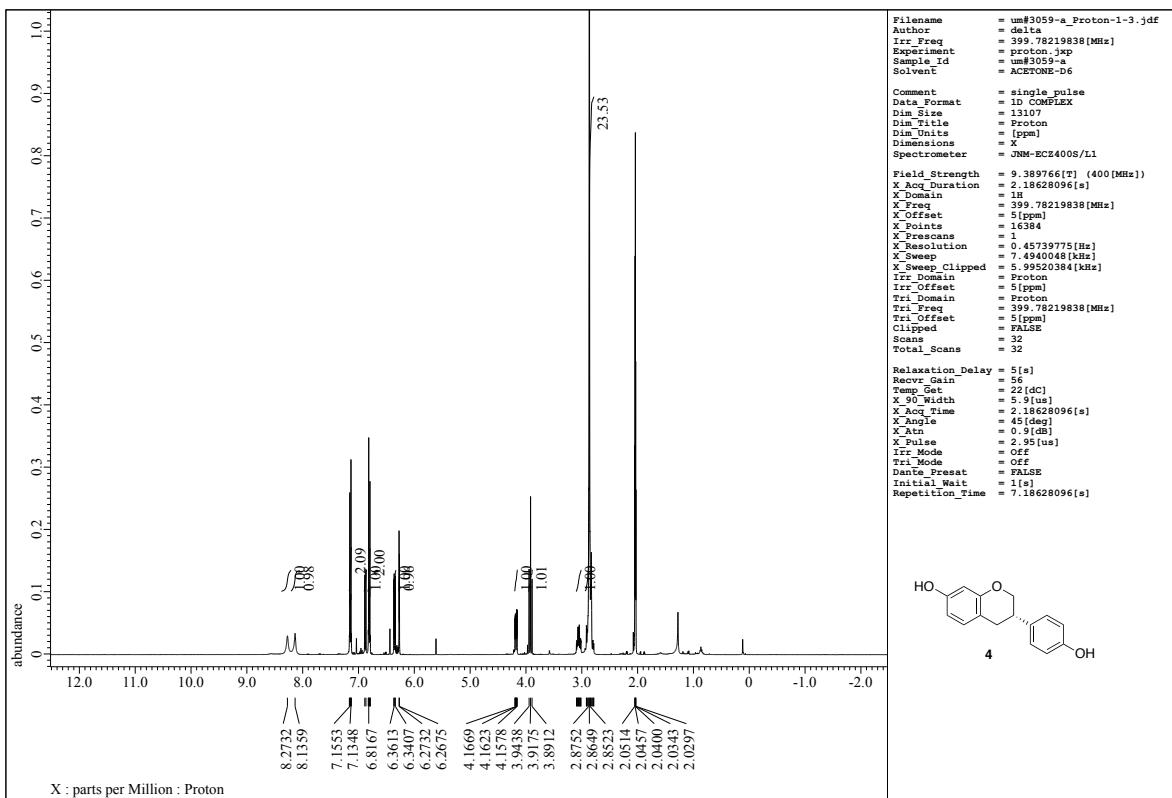
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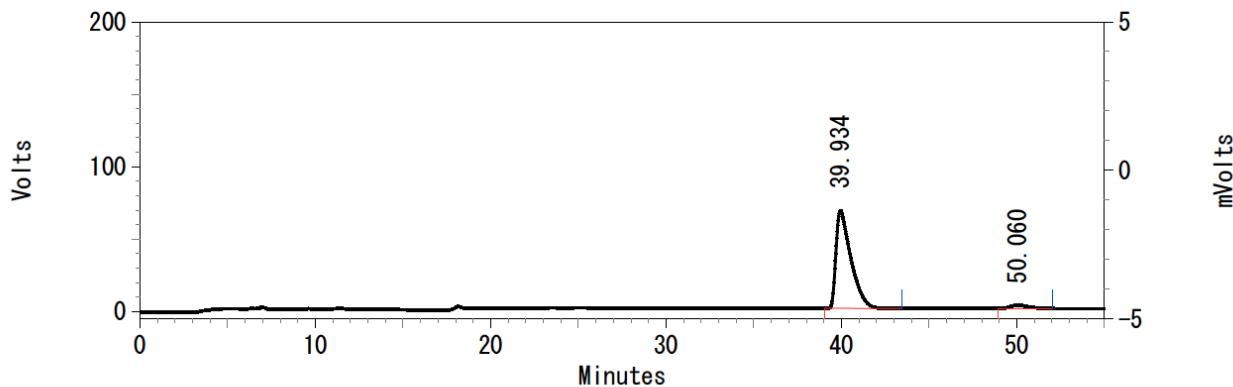
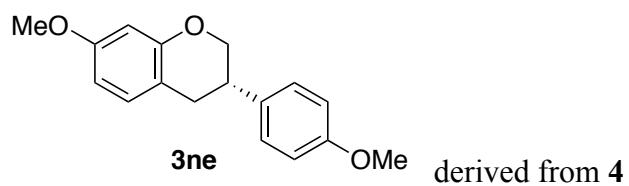
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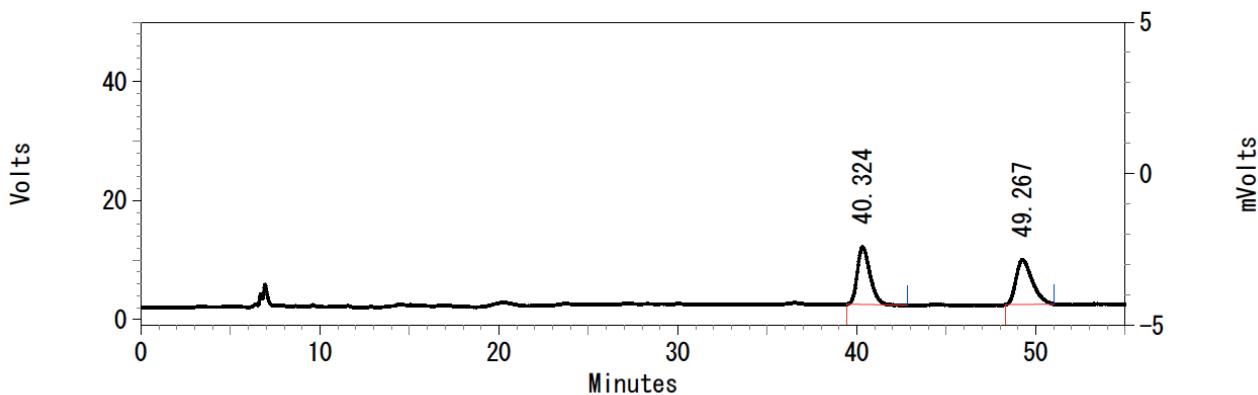
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2	54.043	1441708	50.402	19980
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UV-970 Results

Pk #	Retention Time	Area	Area Percent	Height
1	39.934	3981789	95.842	67596
2	50.060	172734	4.158	2345
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UV-970 Results

Pk #	Retention Time	Area	Area Percent	Height
1	40.324	472941	49.826	9661
2	49.267	476243	50.174	7521
Totals		949184	100.000	17182

