

Supporting Information

**Organocatalyzed Asymmetric Formal [3+2] Cycloaddition of Isocyanoacetates  
with N-Itaconimides: A Facile Access to Optically Active Spiropyrrolidine  
Succinimide Derivatives**

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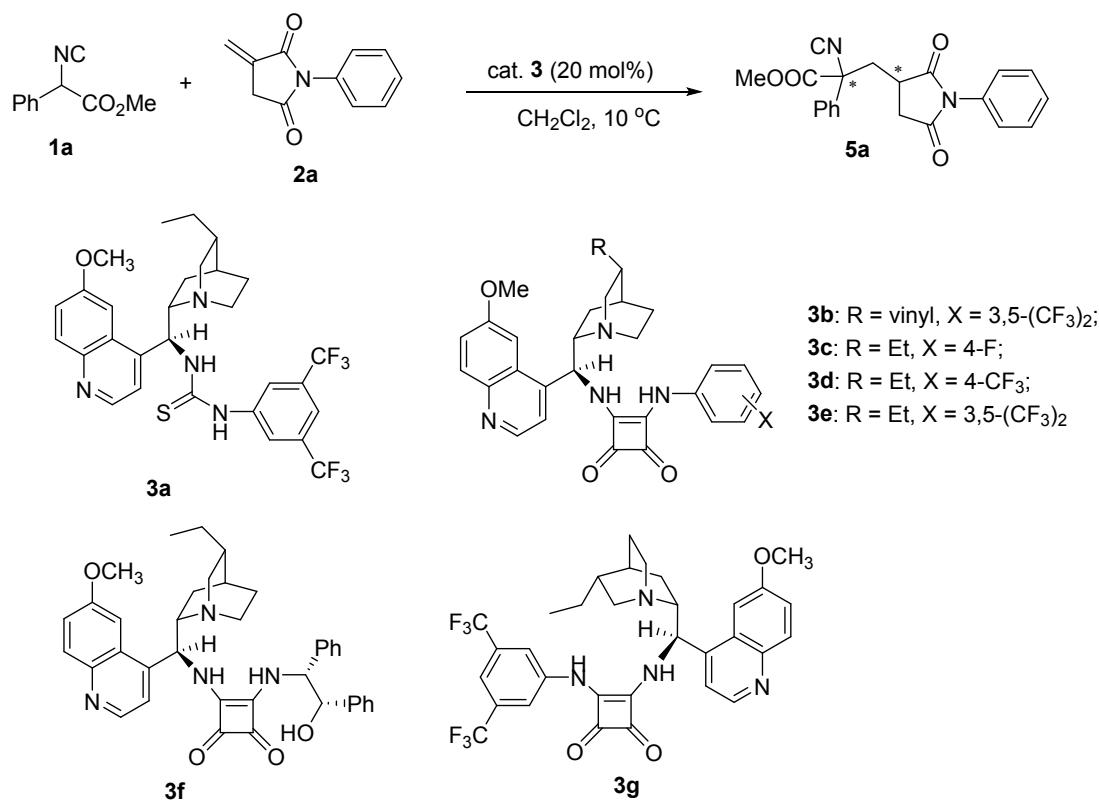
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**1. Optimization Reaction Conditions of Michael Addition of  $\alpha$ -Phenyl Isocyanoacetate **1a** to *N*-Phenyl Itaconimide **2a****

**Table S1. Catalysts screening<sup>a</sup>**



Entry	Cat.	t (h)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	dr <sup>c</sup>	ee (%) <sup>d</sup>
1	<b>3a</b>	96	62	4.8:1	91
2	<b>3b</b>	96	59	2:1	53
3	<b>3c</b>	94	52	9:1	97
4	<b>3d</b>	90	61	10:1	97
5	<b>3e</b>	90	63	10:1	99
6	<b>3f</b>	120	45	6.1:1	95
7	<b>3g</b>	90	58	6.5:1	-97

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out with *N*-phenyl itaconimide **2a** (0.10 mmol), isocyanoacetate **1a** (0.20 mmol) and cat. **3** (20 mol%) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 mL) at  $10^\circ\text{C}$ . <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of purified product. <sup>d</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

**Table S2. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>**

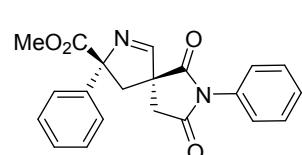
Entry	solvent	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (%)	dr (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	10	90	60	9:1	99
2	DCE	10	90	54	9:1	99
3	TCE	10	90	57	3.3:1	99
4	THF	10	99	51	5:1	85
5	toluene	10	120	41	9:1	97
6	MeCN	10	96	66	1.7:1	31
7	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	r.t.	90	62	6:1	99
8	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0	97	54	11:1	99
9 <sup>d</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	90	59	10:1	99
10 <sup>e</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	90	61	10:1	99
11 <sup>f</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	94	58	10:1	99
12 <sup>g</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	94	62	10:1	99
13 <sup>h</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	86	55	9:1	99
14 <sup>i</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	90	60	9.8:1	99
15 <sup>j</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10	98	45	11.5:1	99

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out with itaconimide **2a** (0.10 mmol), isocyanoacetate **1a** (0.20 mmol) and cat. **3e** (20 mol%) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) at 10 °C. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of purified product. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup> 0.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was used. <sup>e</sup> 2.0 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was used. <sup>f</sup> 30 mg of 3 Å molecular sieves was added. <sup>g</sup> 30 mg of 4 Å molecular sieves was added. <sup>h</sup> **2a:** **1a** = 1:3. <sup>i</sup> **2a:** **1a** = 1:1.2. <sup>j</sup> 10 mol% of catalyst.

## 2. General Procedure for the Asymmetric Formal [3+2] Cycloaddition Reaction of Isocyanoacetates 1 with *N*-Itaconimides 2 Catalyzed by 3e.

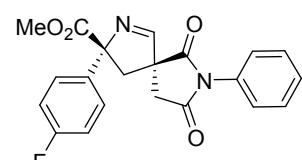
To a solution of isocyanoacetates **1** (0.20 mmol), *N*-itaconimides **2** (0.40 mmol) in 2.0 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added catalyst **3e** (20 mol%). The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 5-8 days until the reaction completed (monitored by TLC). After concentration, the residue was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1~3:1 as eluent) to furnish the corresponding products **4**.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 6,8-dioxo-3,7-diphenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4a).*



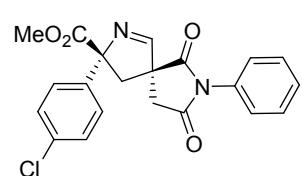
White solid; yield: 58.2 mg (80%); mp 217.3-218.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -55.8$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (99% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 42.30 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 54.86 min); 9:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.5, 172.4, 166.4, 142.2, 132.5, 128.9, 128.63, 128.59, 127.8, 127.3, 125.8, 86.2, 60.9, 52.6, 45.2, 38.0; IR (Film) v 1714, 1499, 1448, 1387, 1265, 1191, 1127 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 363.1339; Found 363.1340.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4b).*



White solid; yield 59.3 mg (78%); mp 219.5-220.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -46.6$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (97% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 36.34 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 48.02 min); 7:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.7, 172.5, 166.8, 161.8 (d, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 138.5 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 127.4, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 85.7, 61.1, 52.8, 45.3, 38.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 376 MHz)  $\delta$  -113.7; IR (Film) v 1736, 1708, 1507, 1398, 1260, 1198, 1144, 1074, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 381.1245; Found 381.1245.

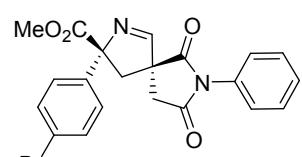
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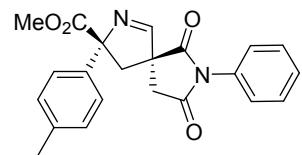
White solid; yield 60.2 mg (76%); mp 234.0-234.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -51.4$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)

(98% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 43.24$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 77.35$  min); 10:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.93 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 7H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.6, 172.3, 167.0, 141.2, 132.8, 132.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 85.8, 61.1, 52.8, 45.1, 38.0; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1738, 1709, 1498, 1399, 1258, 1199, 1144, 1093, 1015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M-H]<sup>-</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$  395.0804; Found 395.0801.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4d).*

 White solid; yield 72.3 mg (82%); mp 222.6-223.4 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -49.0$  (*c* 1.00,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) (98% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 50.30$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 106.90$  min); 15:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.1, 174.5, 172.0, 166.9, 141.5, 132.5, 131.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.2, 121.2, 85.7, 61.0, 52.7, 44.9, 38.0; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1735, 1713, 1499, 1384, 1257, 1190, 1068, 1014  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$  441.0444; Found 441.0442.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4e).*

 White solid; yield 50.4 mg (67%); mp 208.0-210.2 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -50.2$  (*c* 1.00,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) (97% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (5/1 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 70.58$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 113.23$  min); 10:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.64 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d,  $J = 18.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.4, 172.5, 166.1, 139.3, 137.0, 132.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 125.7, 86.0, 60.8, 52.4, 45.1, 38.1, 20.7; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1740, 1710, 1499, 1456, 1399, 1301, 1257, 1197, 1143, 1078, 1022  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  377.1496; Found 377.1495.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4f).*

White solid; yield 43.1 mg (55%); mp 191.6-193.4 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -84.6$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (80/20 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 70.94 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 116.18 min); 5:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  175.4, 173.3, 172.5, 164.0, 159.5, 133.4, 131.5, 129.3, 129.0, 126.9, 126.3, 114.2, 86.2, 60.5, 55.4, 53.3, 46.4, 38.5; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1738, 1710, 1511, 1500, 1398, 1300, 1255, 1185, 1143, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 393.1445; Found 393.1442.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4g).*

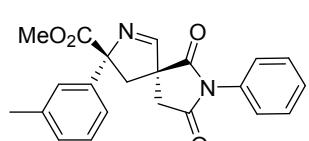
White solid; yield 54.7 mg (72%); mp 222.4-223.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -52.8$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (98% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 41.63 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 54.91 min); 6:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.93 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.1, 174.5, 172.0, 167.1, 162.1 (d, *J* = 234.5 Hz), 144.8 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 132.5, 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 122.0 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 20.7 Hz), 112.9 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 85.7, 61.0, 52.7, 45.0, 37.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 376 MHz)  $\delta$  -111.5; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1736, 1709, 1501, 1398, 1260, 1199, 1144, 1074, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 381.1245; Found 381.1245.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 3-(3-bromophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4h).*

White solid; yield 71.4 mg (81%); mp 218.7-219.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -42.6$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (97% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 47.55 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 61.12 min); 5:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.73 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.0, 174.5, 172.0, 167.2, 144.7, S6

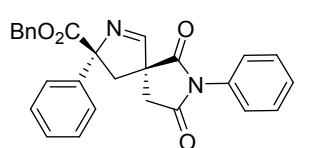
132.5, 130.9, 130.8, 128.9, 128.62, 128.57, 127.2, 125.1, 121.9, 85.6, 61.0, 52.8, 44.9, 37.9; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1738, 1713, 1490, 1447, 1384, 1257, 1189, 1069, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 441.0444; Found 441.0455.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-3-(m-tolyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4i).*



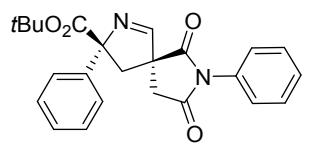
White solid; yield 51.1 mg (68%); mp 215.2-216.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -55.4 (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (95% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 37.53 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 45.49 min); 6:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.13 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.5, 172.5, 166.2, 142.2, 137.8, 132.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.3, 122.9, 86.1, 60.9, 52.5, 45.1, 38.0, 21.3; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1739, 1710, 1499, 1455, 1399, 1257, 1197, 1143, 1105, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 377.1496; Found 377.1492.

*(2R,4R)-Benzyl 6,8-dioxo-3,7-diphenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4k).*



White solid; yield 48.2 mg (55%); mp 204.8-205.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -53.6 (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 97.45 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 82.61 min); 20:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  175.2, 173.1, 171.2, 164.0, 141.1, 135.4, 131.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.2, 125.7, 86.7, 67.5, 60.4, 46.0, 38.4; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1728, 1705, 1621, 1500, 1454, 1446, 1397, 1252, 1212, 1189, 1144, 1024 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 439.1652; Found 439.1650.

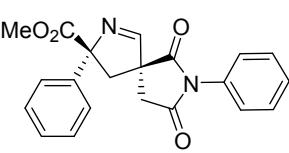
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White solid; yield 53.3 mg (33%); mp 193.9-194.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -60.6 (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (96% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralcel OD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 35.54 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 32.51 min).

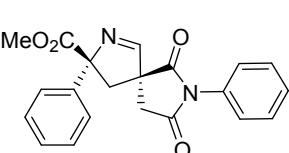
min); 17:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 3H), 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d,  $J$  = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  175.3, 173.2, 170.2, 163.4, 141.8, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 126.2, 125.5, 87.2, 82.4, 60.2, 45.8, 38.5, 27.7; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1711, 1500, 1447, 1395, 1298, 1261, 1202, 1189, 1165, 1142, 1058, 1031  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  405.1809; Found 405.1806.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4n).*



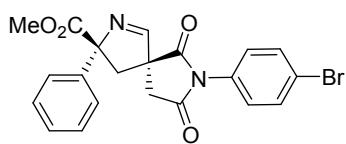
White solid; yield 50.2 mg (66%); mp 216.1-217.2 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -43.6 (*c* 1.00,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) (99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 103.10$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 124.80$  min); 10:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 7H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.1, 174.4, 172.3, 166.2, 161.5 (d,  $J$  = 243.9 Hz), 142.1, 129.3 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 128.5, 127.7, 125.7, 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 22.7 Hz), 86.1, 60.7, 52.4, 45.1, 37.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 376 MHz)  $\delta$  -113.0; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1736, 1709, 1505, 1398, 1260, 1199, 1158, 1144, 1074, 1014  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$  381.1245; Found 381.1243.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4o).*



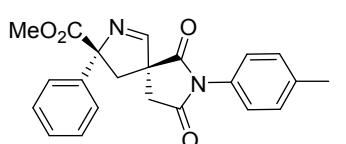
White solid; yield 60.3 mg (76%); mp 235.2-236.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -35.2 (*c* 1.00,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) (99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 103.76$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 128.10$  min); 9:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.1, 174.3, 172.4, 166.3, 142.2, 133.1, 131.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 126.1, 125.8, 86.2, 60.9, 52.6, 45.2, 38.1; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1738, 1710, 1490, 1399, 1258, 1199, 1144, 1093, 1075, 1015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$  397.0950; Found 397.0949.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(4-bromophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4p).*



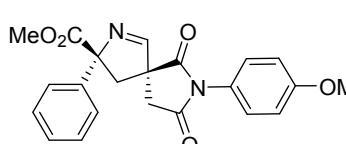
White solid; yield 64.4 mg (73%); mp 219.5-220.2 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -27.2$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (>99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 75.02$  min); 10:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.0, 174.3, 172.4, 166.3, 142.2, 132.0, 131.8, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 125.8, 121.5, 86.1, 60.9, 52.6, 45.2, 38.1; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1738, 1712, 1490, 1446, 1384, 1257, 1191, 1142, 1068, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 441.0444; Found 441.0442.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-7-(p-tolyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4g).*



White solid; yield 54.1 mg (72%); mp 210.3-211.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -54.6$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (94% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 47.56$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 41.90$  min); 5:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.90 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.3, 174.5, 172.4, 166.4, 142.2, 138.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 125.8, 86.1, 60.8, 52.5, 45.1, 38.0, 20.8; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1736, 1710, 1499, 1399, 1257, 1185, 1142, 1105, 1077, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 377.1496; Found 377.1493.

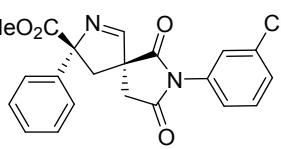
*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4r).*



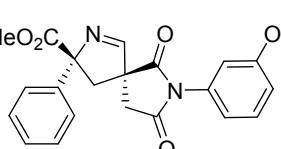
White solid; yield 55.8 mg (71%); mp 193.4-194.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -79.2$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (96% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda = 230$  nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 67.41$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 98.88$  min); 5:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.4, 174.7, 172.4, 166.4, 159.1, 142.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 125.8, 125.0, 114.2, 86.1, 60.8, 55.5, 52.5, 45.1, 37.9; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1739, 1710, 1511, 1500, 1455, 1398, 1300, 1254, 1185, 1143, 1077,

1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 393.1445; Found 393.1443.

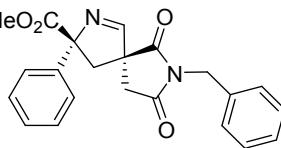
*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(3-chlorophenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4s).*

 White solid; yield 47.6 mg (60%); mp 192.2-193.0 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -37.6 (c 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (90% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min; λ = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 34.33 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 41.99 min); 3:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz, major isomer) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz) δ 176.0, 174.3, 172.4, 166.2, 142.2, 133.8, 133.0, 130.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 86.2, 60.9, 52.6, 45.2, 38.1; IR (Film) ν 1738, 1710, 1399, 1257, 1199, 1143, 1093, 1075, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 397.0950; Found 397.0947.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4t).*

 White solid; yield 55.0 mg (70%); mp 190.6-191.2 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -76.2 (c 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (> 99% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min; λ = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 64.39 min); 4:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz, major isomer) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz) δ 176.2, 174.4, 172.5, 166.4, 159.6, 142.2, 133.6, 129.8, 128.6, 127.8, 125.8, 119.5, 114.2, 113.2, 86.2, 60.9, 55.5, 52.6, 45.2, 38.1; IR (Film) ν 1738, 1711, 1603, 1588, 1492, 1454, 1391, 1284, 1257, 1196, 1132, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 393.1445; Found 393.1442.

*(2R,4R)-Methyl 7-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-3-phenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4u).*

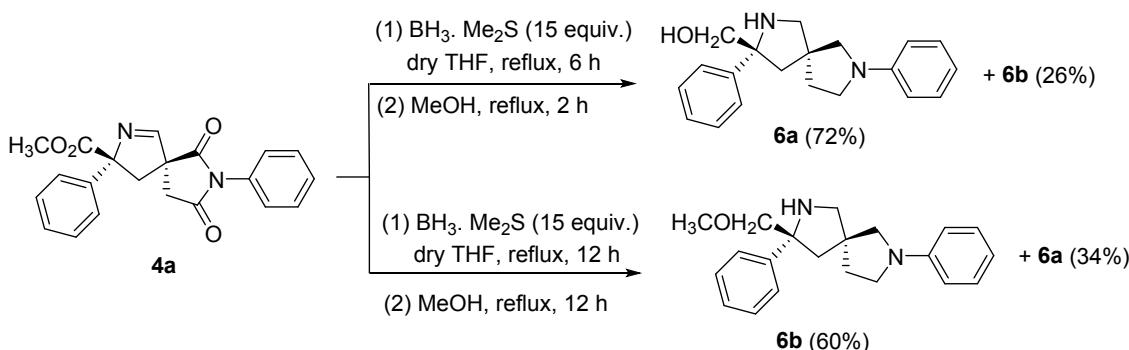
 White solid; yield 45.7 mg (60%); mp 226.5-227.8 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -69.6 (c 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (98% ee); the ee was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralpak AD-H column (75/25 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min; λ = 230 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 28.64 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 36.35 min); >20:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz, major isomer) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.36

(m, 3H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.29 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  176.9, 175.2, 172.4, 166.1, 142.1, 135.9, 128.62, 128.57, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 125.8, 86.2, 60.8, 52.6, 44.7, 42.1, 37.7; IR (Film)  $\nu$  1762, 1740, 1702, 1494, 1432, 1396, 1345, 1261, 1171 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 377.1496; Found 377.1493.

*Methyl (R)-2-isocyano-3-((R)-1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-2-phenylpropanoate (5b):*

Light yellow oil; yield 40.8 mg (68%);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -62.0$  (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (96% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiraldak IC-H column (85/15 hexane/i-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 230 nm;  $t_{\text{major}} = 50.05$  min;  $t_{\text{minor}} = 58.43$  min); 6:1 *dr*;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, major isomer)  $\delta$  7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.20 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.47 (dd,  $J$  = 18.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd,  $J$  = 18.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd,  $J$  = 18.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  178.8, 176.4, 167.3, 162.0, 134.7, 129.4, 129.3, 124.9, 79.2, 69.8, 54.2, 36.6, 34.8, 24.5; IR (Film)  $\nu$  2135, 1745, 1696, 1561, 1437, 1279, 1256, 1117 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> 323.1002; Found 323.1005.

### 3. Synthetic Transformation of Product 4a



To the solution of **4a** (0.2 mmol, 72.4 mg) in dry THF (5 mL) was added BH<sub>3</sub>·Me<sub>2</sub>S (15 equiv.) dropwise at 0°C under argon. The resulting slurry was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h and then the solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with dilute HCl. After neutralized by sat. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, the resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for three times (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in MeOH and refluxed for 2 h, concentrated, and then purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 2:1) to obtain compound **6a** as major product.

*((3R,5S)-3,7-Diphenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]nonan-3-yl)methanol (6a).* Light yellow oil; yield 44.3 mg (72%);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -20.6 (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (99% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralcel OD-H column (70/30 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 10.94 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 15.72 min); >20:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, major isomer)  $\delta$  7.43-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32-3.26 (m, 3H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.18 (m, 3H), 1.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  147.8, 145.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.0, 125.8, 115.7, 111.5, 69.4, 68.9, 58.8, 56.7, 50.2, 47.2, 46.2, 37.4; IR (Film)  $\nu$  3342, 1667, 1598, 1506, 1483, 1369, 1261, 1186, 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 309.1967; Found 309.1990.

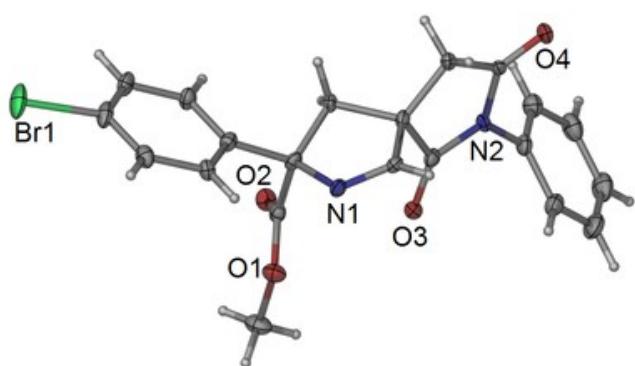
To the solution of **4a** (0.2 mmol, 72.4 mg) in dry THF (5 mL) was added BH<sub>3</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>S (15 equiv.) dropwise at 0°C under argon. The resulting slurry was stirred at 65 °C for 12 h and then the solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with dilute HCl. After neutralized by sat. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, the resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for three times (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in MeOH and refluxed for 12 h, concentrated, and then purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) to obtain compound **6b** as major product.

*(5S,8R)-8-(Methoxymethyl)-2,8-diphenyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]nonane (6b).* Light yellow oil; yield 38.6 mg (60%);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -26.0 (*c* 1.00, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (98% *ee*); the *ee* was determined by HPLC analysis with a Chiralcel OD-H column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; 0.8 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; *t*<sub>major</sub> = 13.35 min; *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 21.62 min); >20:1 *dr*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, major isomer)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.31 (m, 2H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28-2.20 (m, 4H), 2.04 (td, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  147.9, 145.9, 129.2, 128.2, 126.7, 126.3, 115.5, 111.4, 79.2, 68.9, 59.3, 59.0, 57.3, 51.1, 47.3, 46.7, 37.1; IR (Film)  $\nu$  3326, 1597, 1507, 1483, 1448, 1369, 1192, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 323.2123; Found 323.2159.

#### 4. X-Ray Crystal Data of Compound 4d

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **4d** (CCDC 1909456).

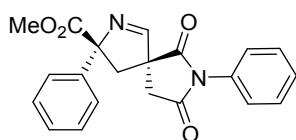
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Formula weight	560.64	
Temperature	293(2)	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.3229(3)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$ .
	$b = 6.20240(10)$ Å	$\beta = 115.145(3)^\circ$ .
	$c = 15.4655(4)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$ .
Volume	$1156.87(5)$ Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.609 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	5.890 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	564	
Crystal size	0.36 x 0.06 x 0.04 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	5.7210 to 74.2650°	
Index ranges	-16<=h<=16, -7<=k<=7, -19<=l<=19	
Reflections collected	23138	
Independent reflections	4644 [R(int) = 0.0832]	
Data / restraints / parameters	4644 / 1 / 290	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.093	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0424, wR2 = 0.1112	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0443, wR2 = 0.1096	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.232 and -0.737 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



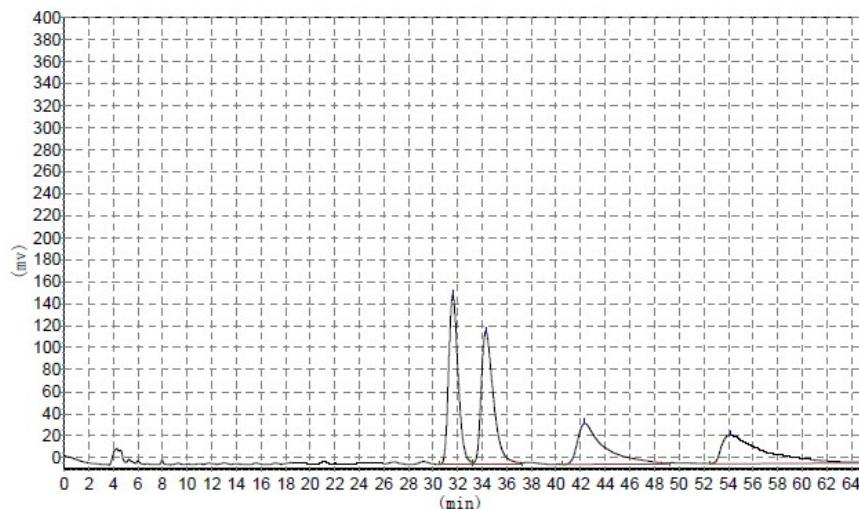
**Figure S1.** ORTEP plot of the X-ray crystal structure of **4d**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

## 5. Copies of HPLC Analysis Spectra of Compounds 4 and 6

### 4a (Table 3, entry 1)

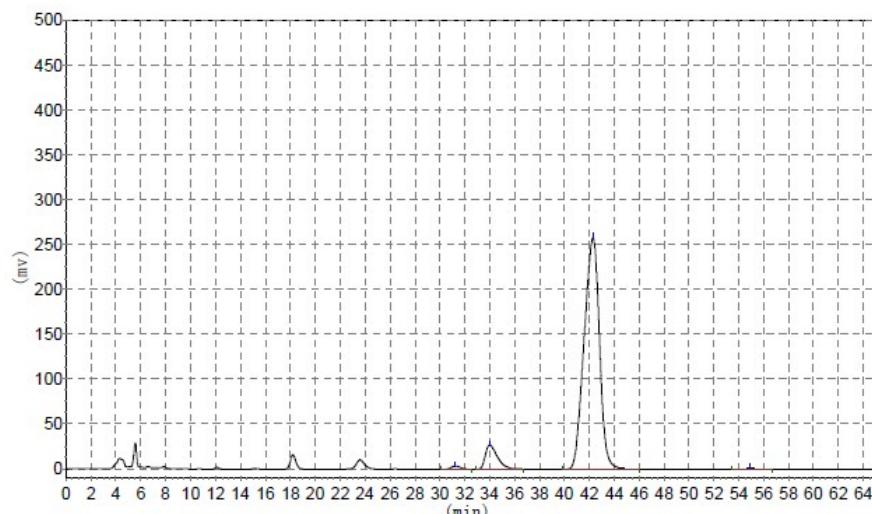


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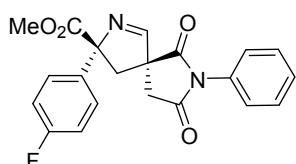
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3	42.332	37194.117	5707667.500	20.2990
4	54.198	26189.795	5684487.000	20.2165
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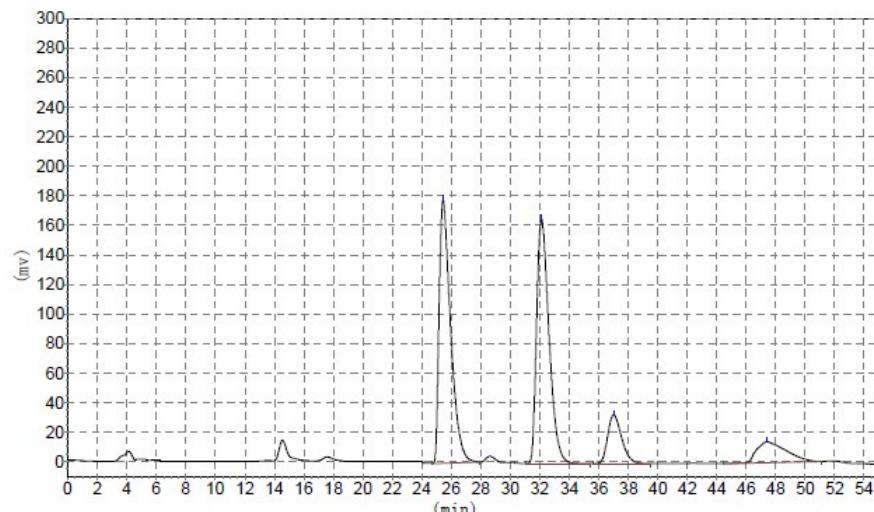


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3	42.297	257961.625	22114764.000	91.3461
4	54.855	974.679	91303.203	0.3771
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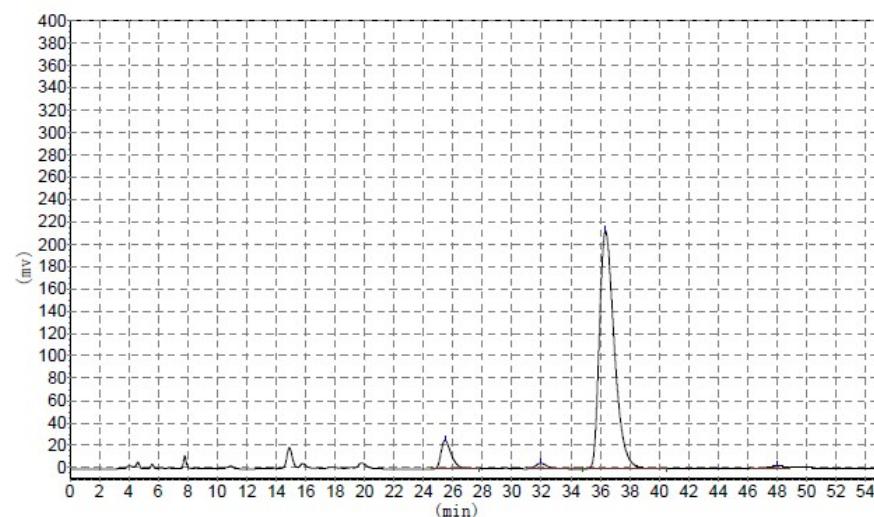


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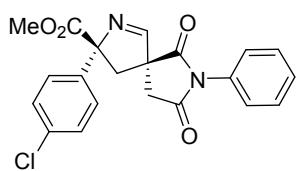
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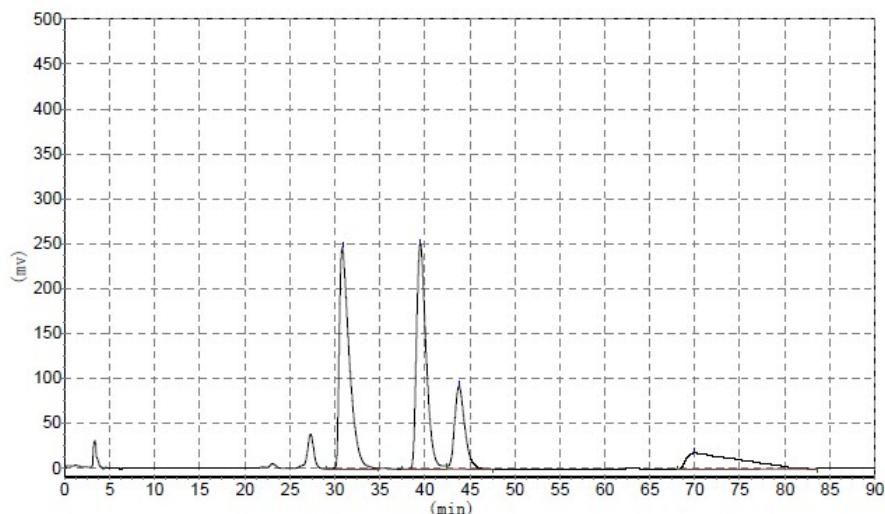


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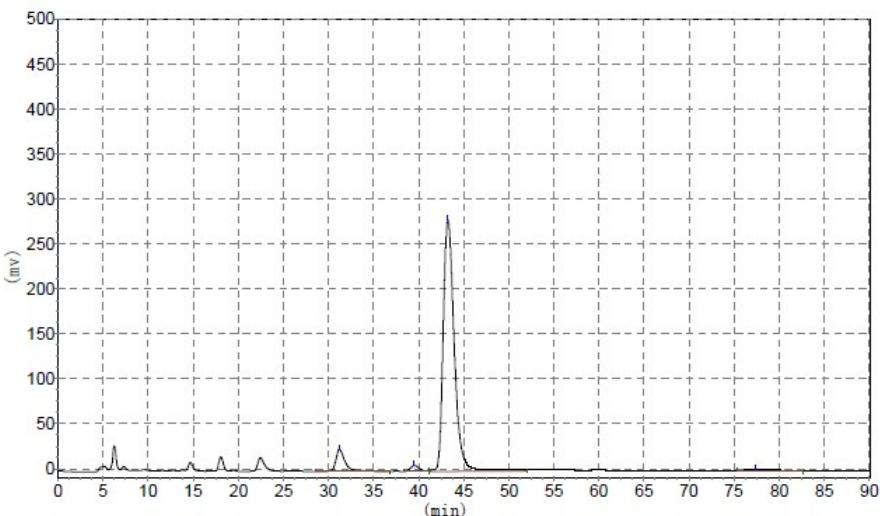


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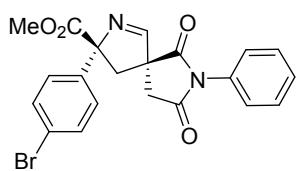
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3	43.777	92378.750	7314045.500	13.3404
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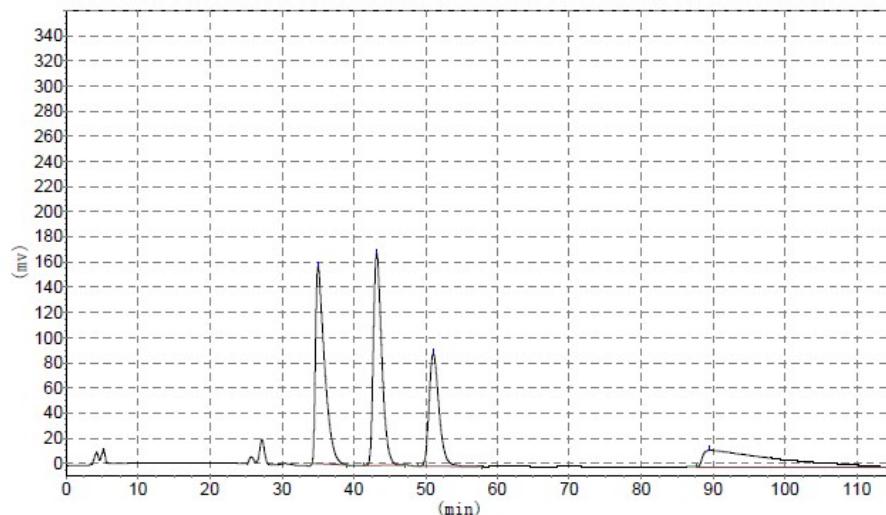


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3	43.237	279583.094	23813354.000	90.8838
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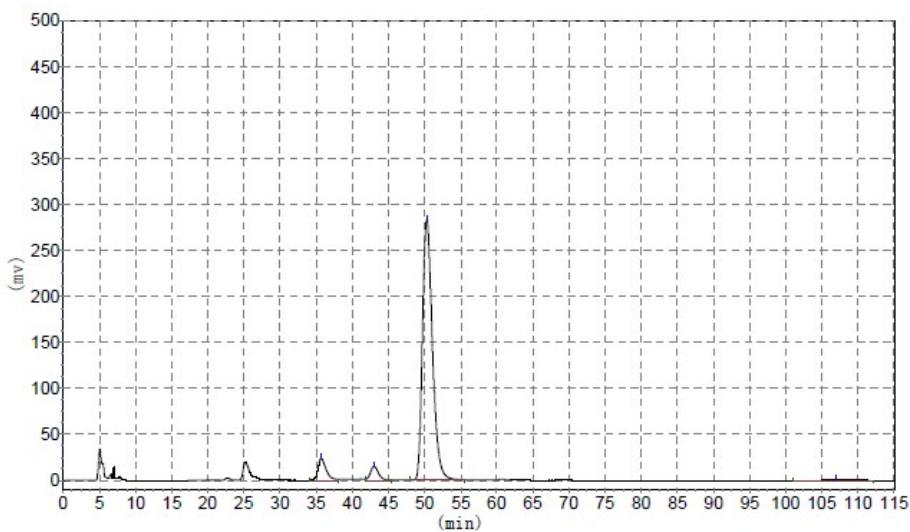


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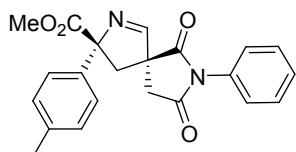
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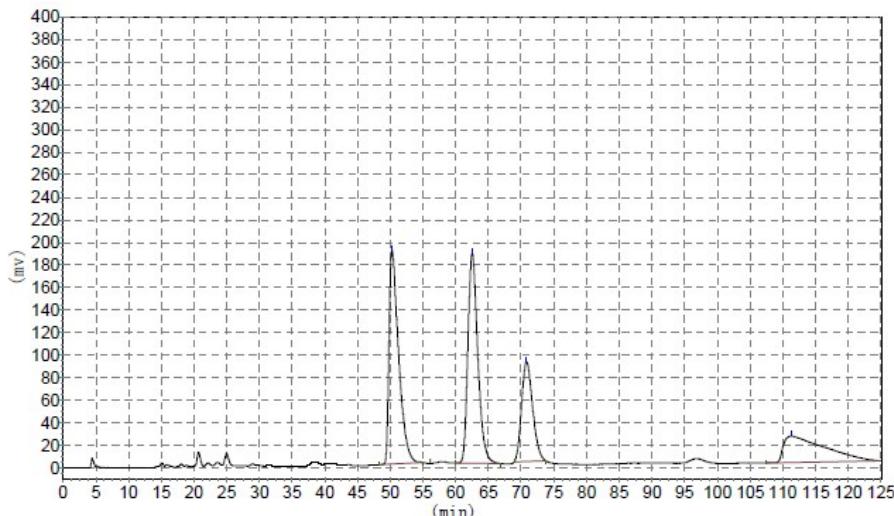


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4	106.903	1116.855	255248.797	0.8438
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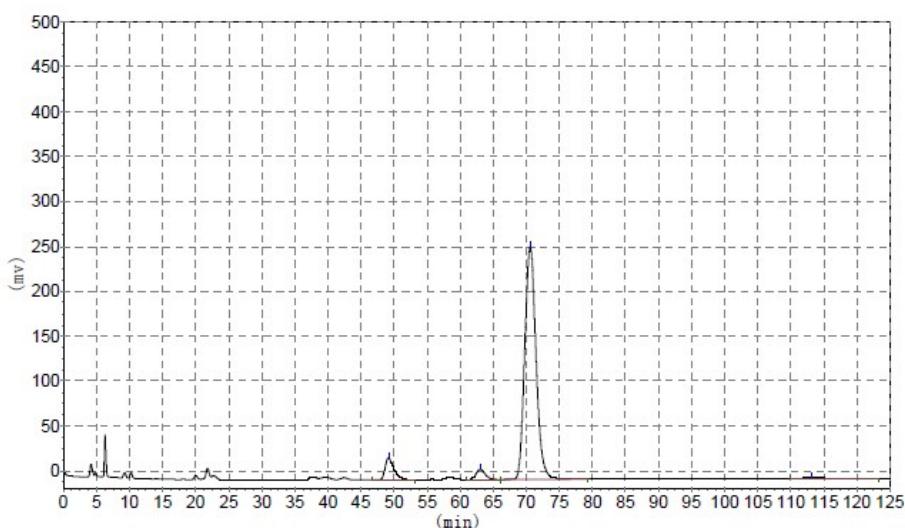
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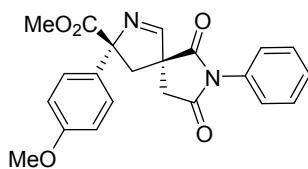
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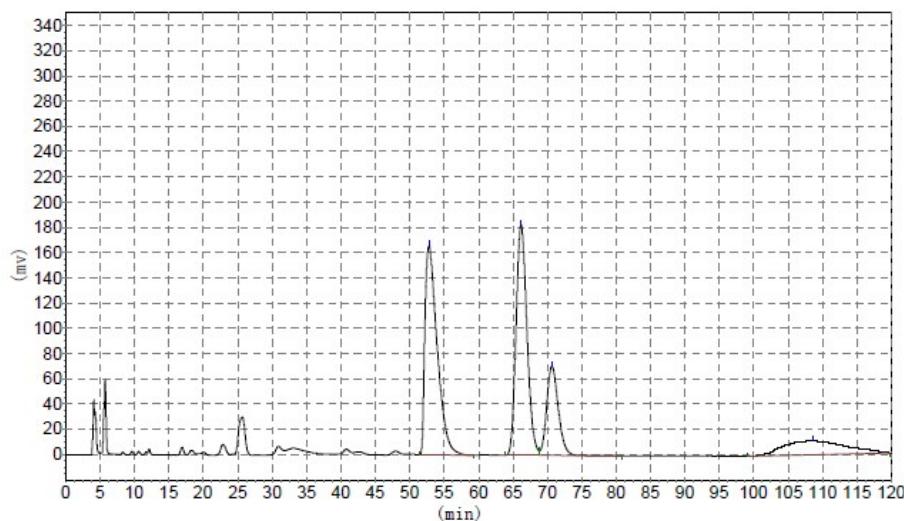
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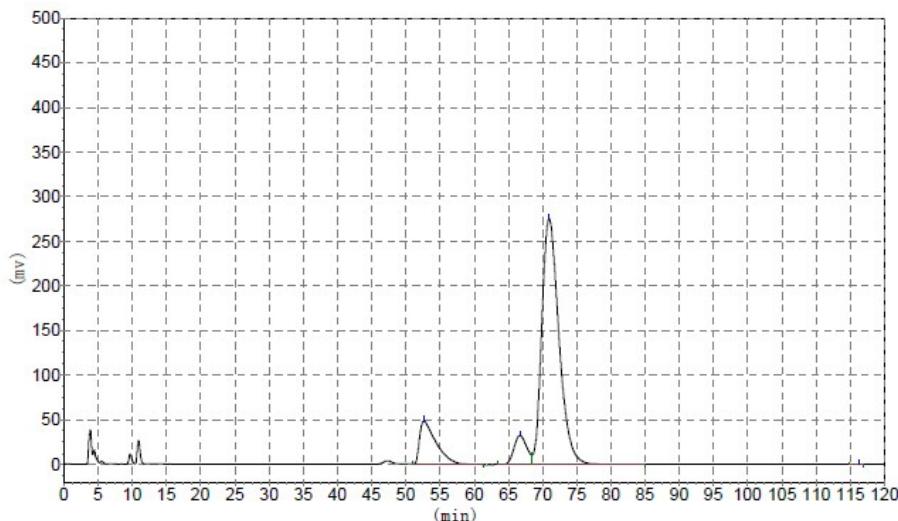


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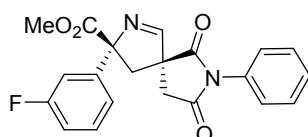
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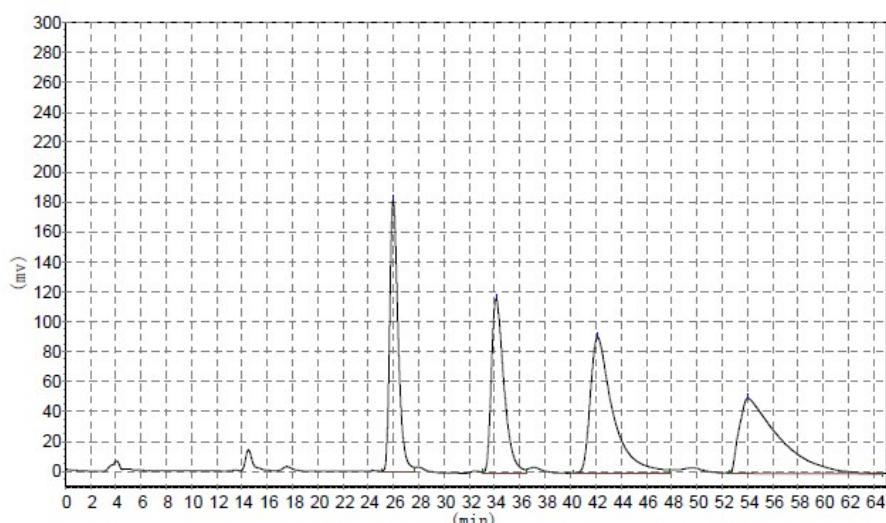


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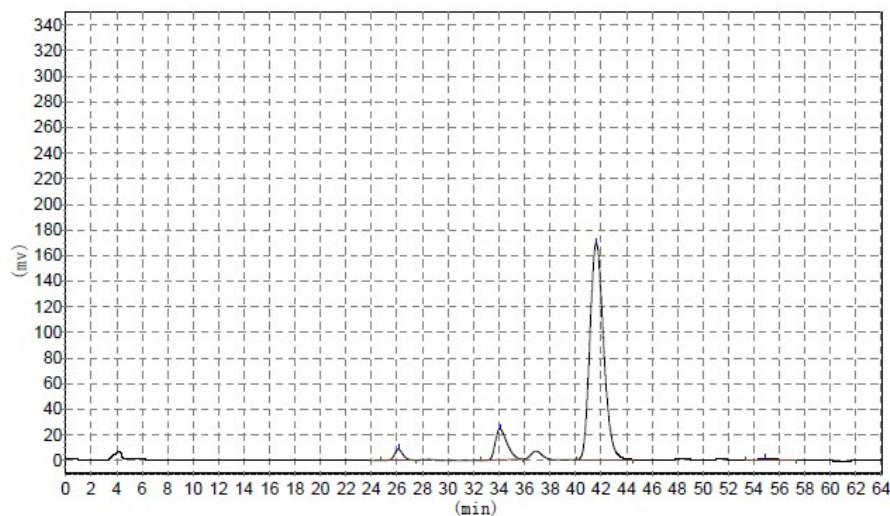


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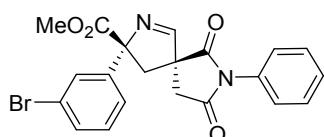
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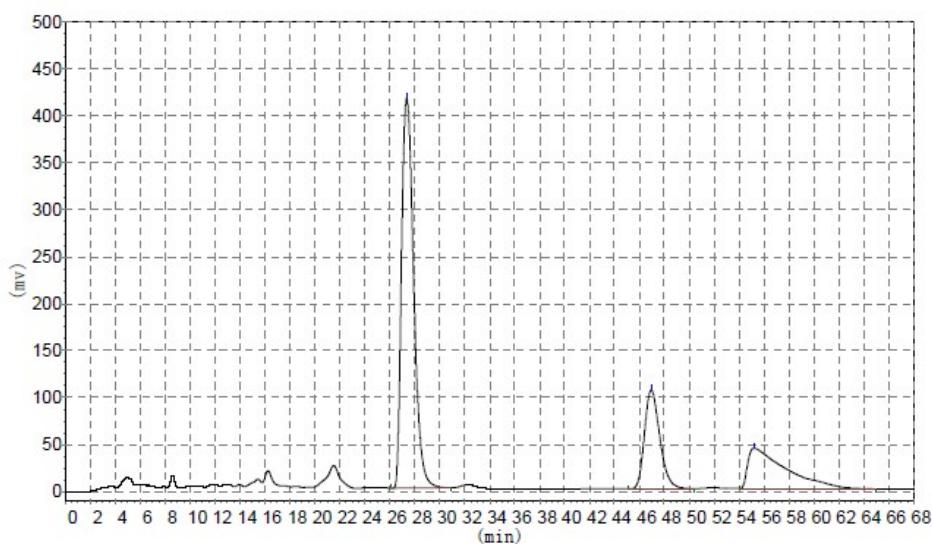


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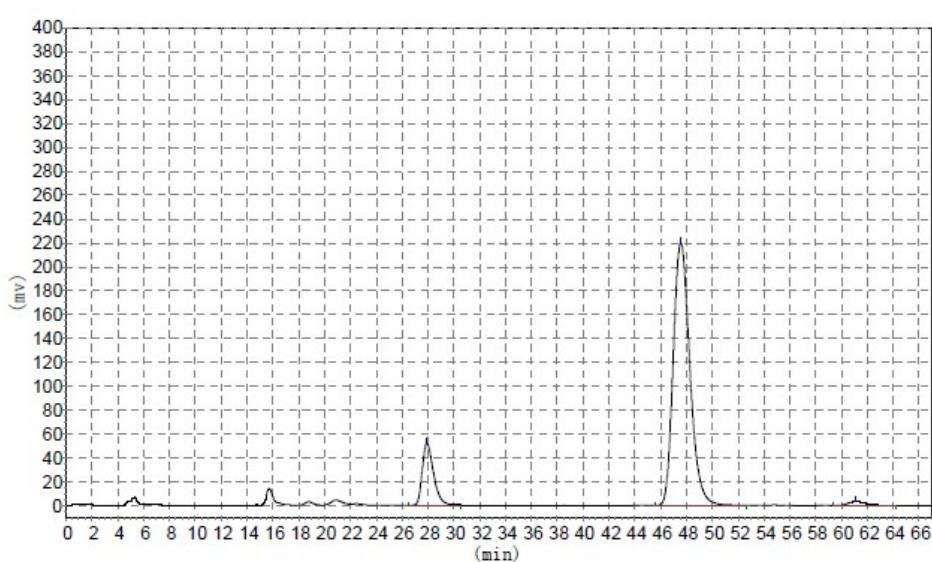
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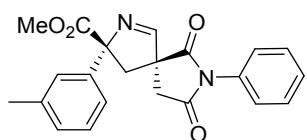
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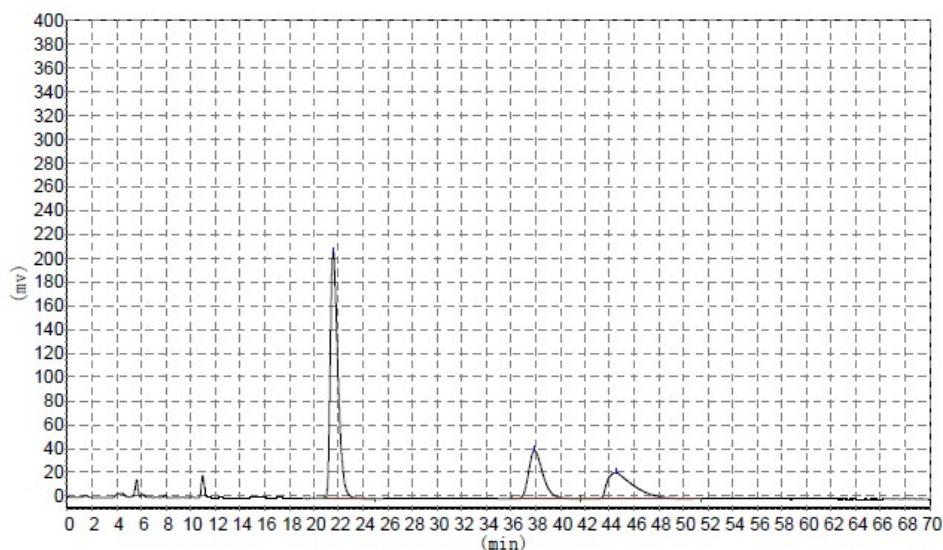
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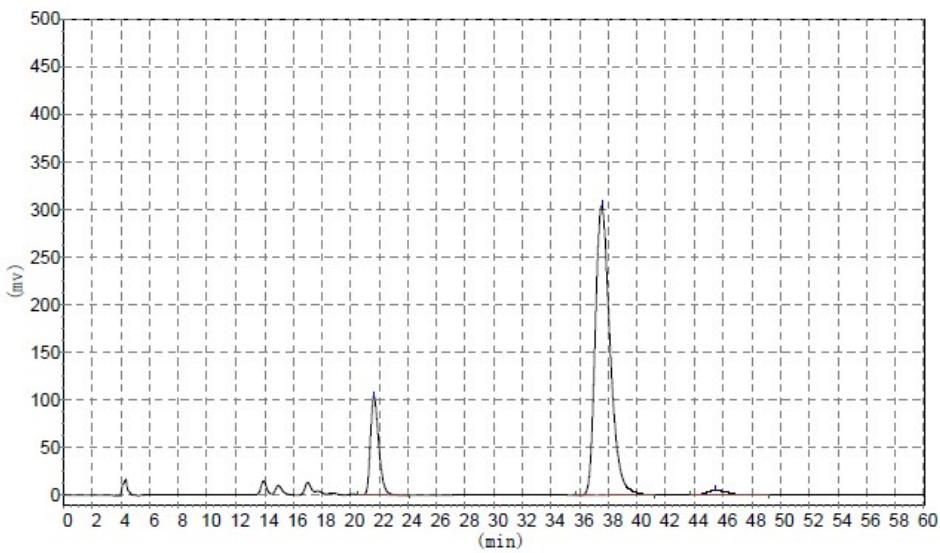


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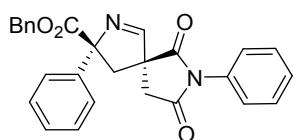
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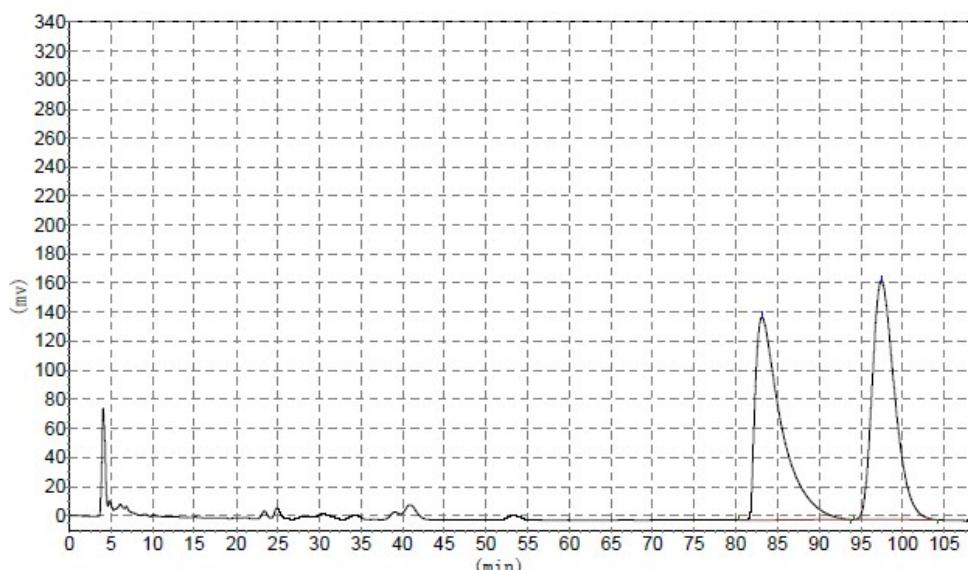


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3	45.493	5264.083	548232.625	2.0749
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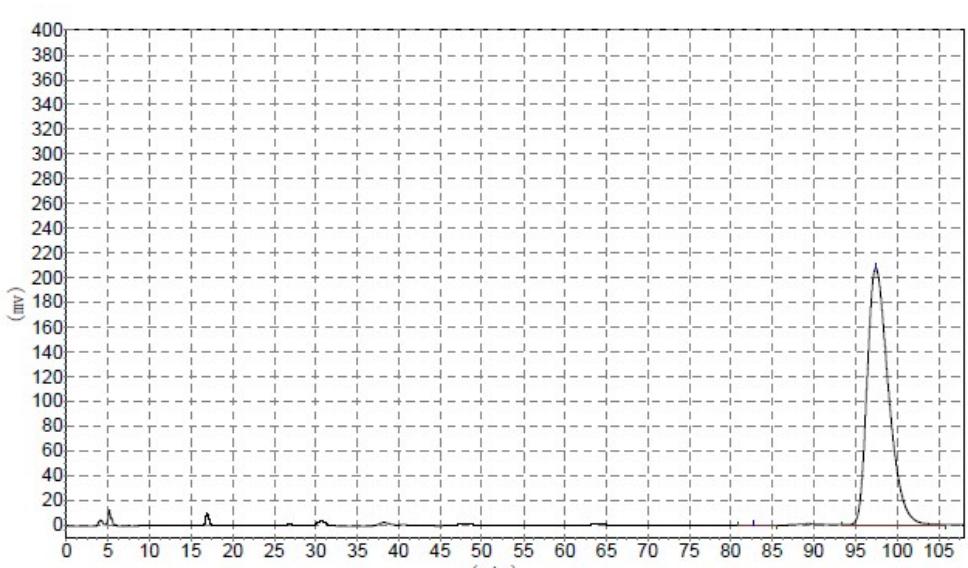
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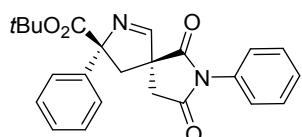
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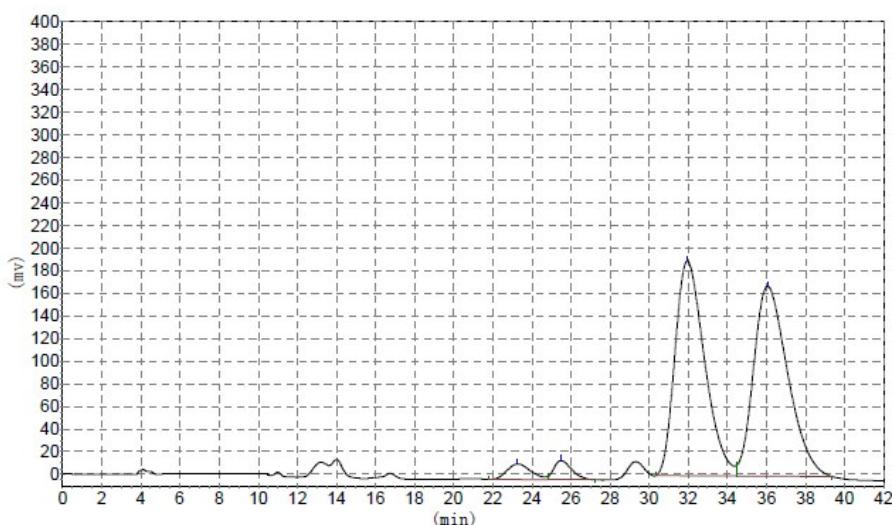
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**4l (Table 3, entry 12)**

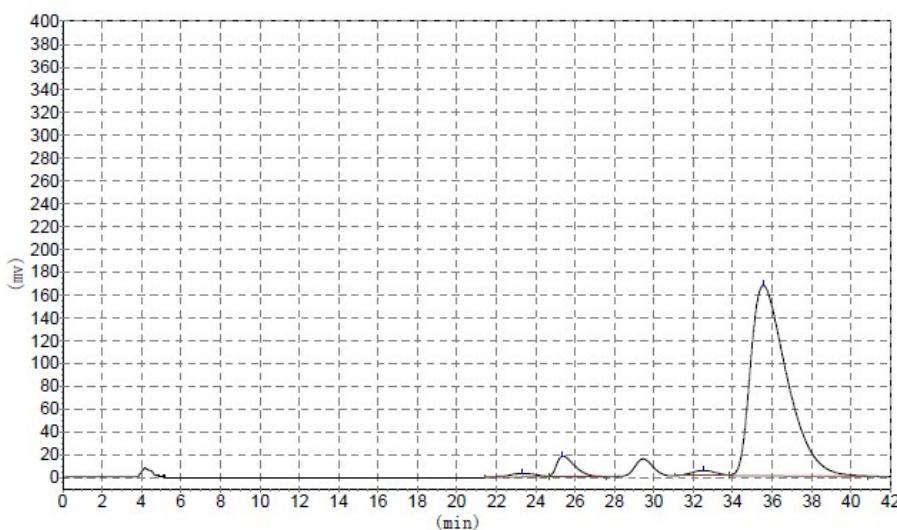


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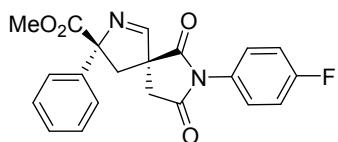
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3	31.953	189812.828	20011708.000	46.9701
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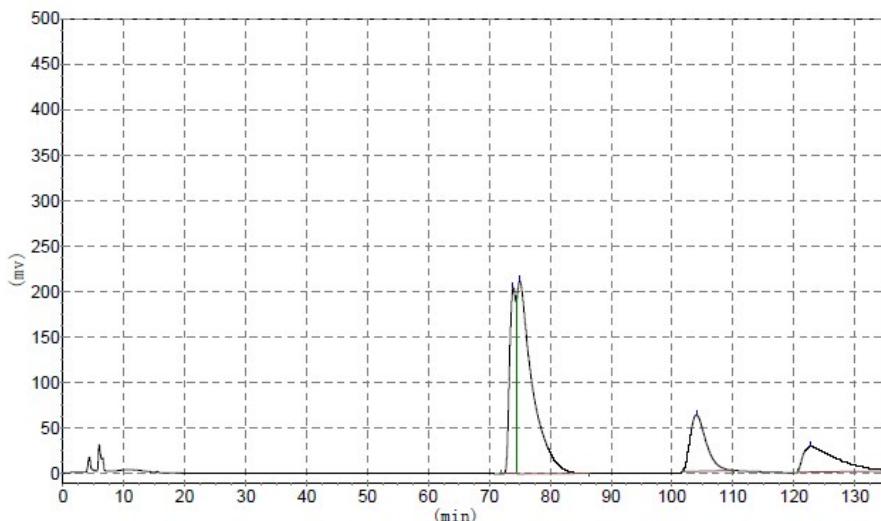


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2	25.375	18360.941	1183227.625	5.0832
3	32.513	4601.725	414376.313	1.7802
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**4n (Table 4, entry 1)**

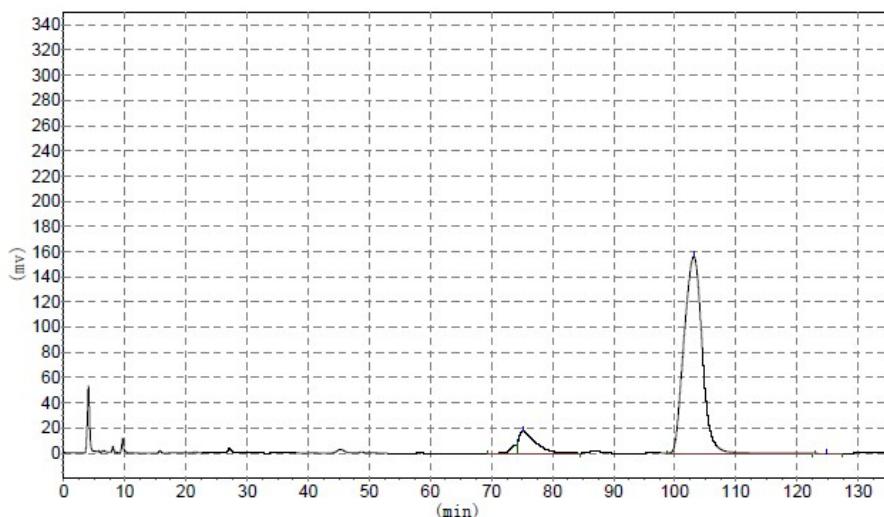


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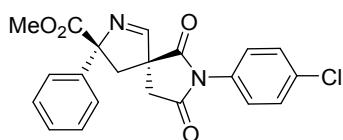
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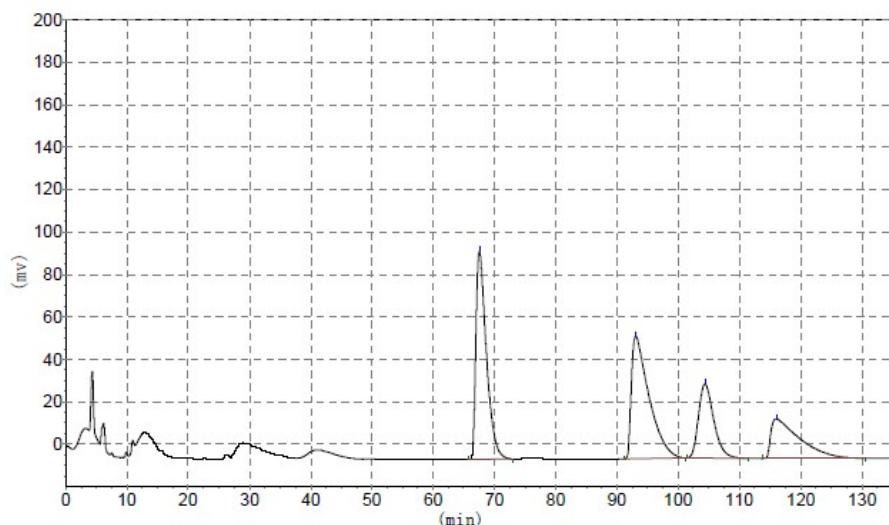


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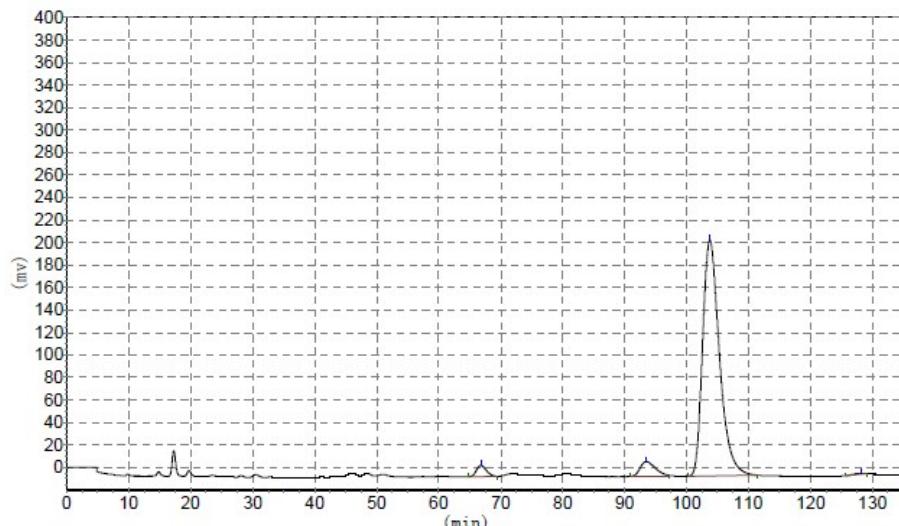


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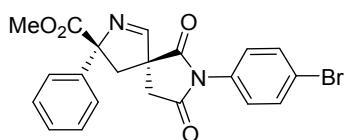
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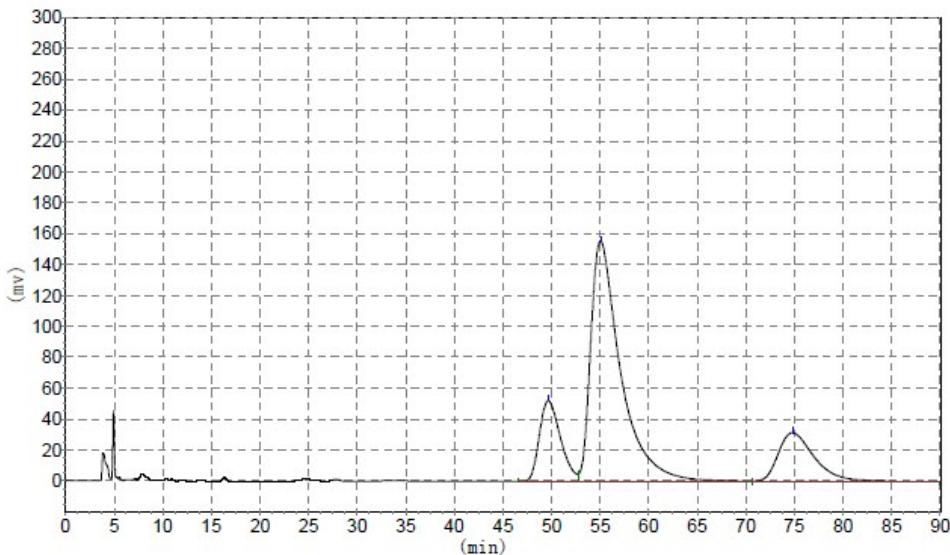


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3	103.758	209587.656	39418560.000	92.0063
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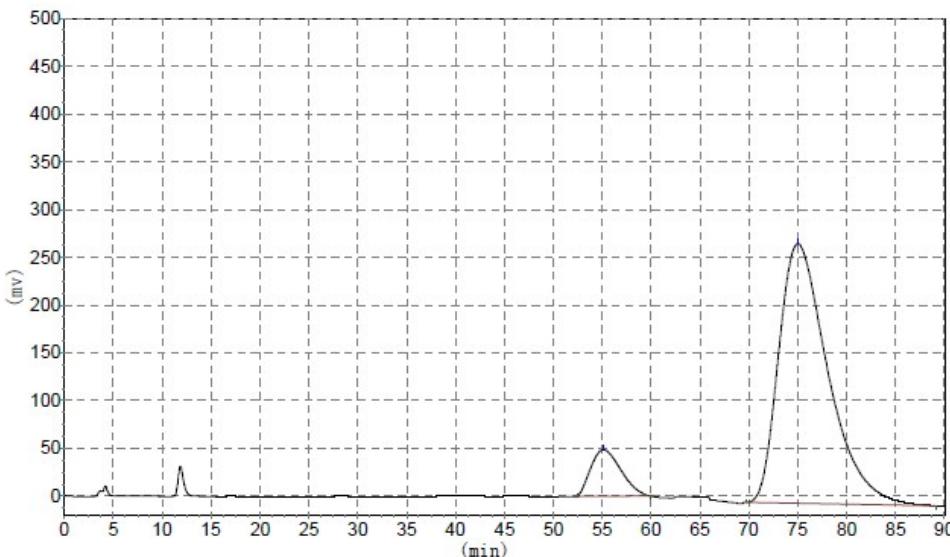


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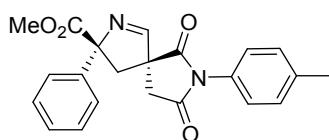
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3	74.790	31435.391	8074849.500	16.4316
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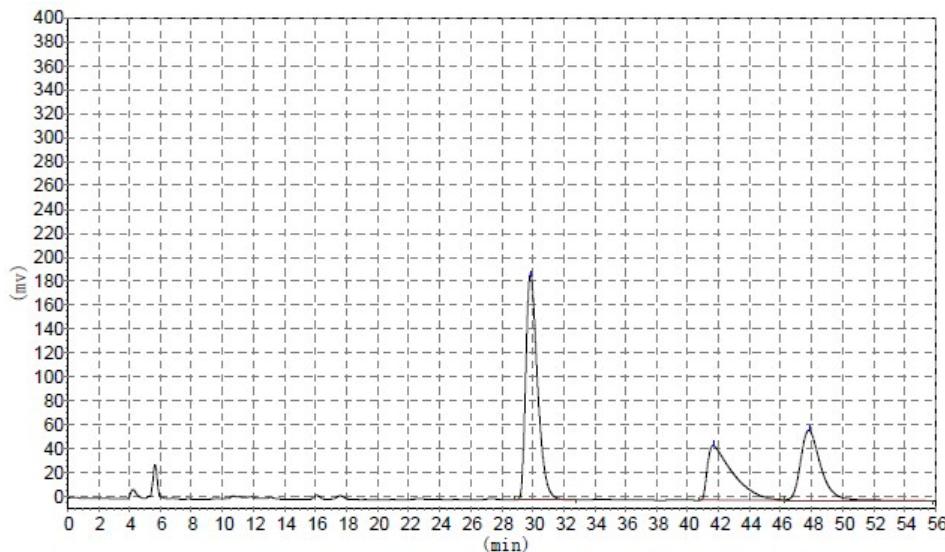


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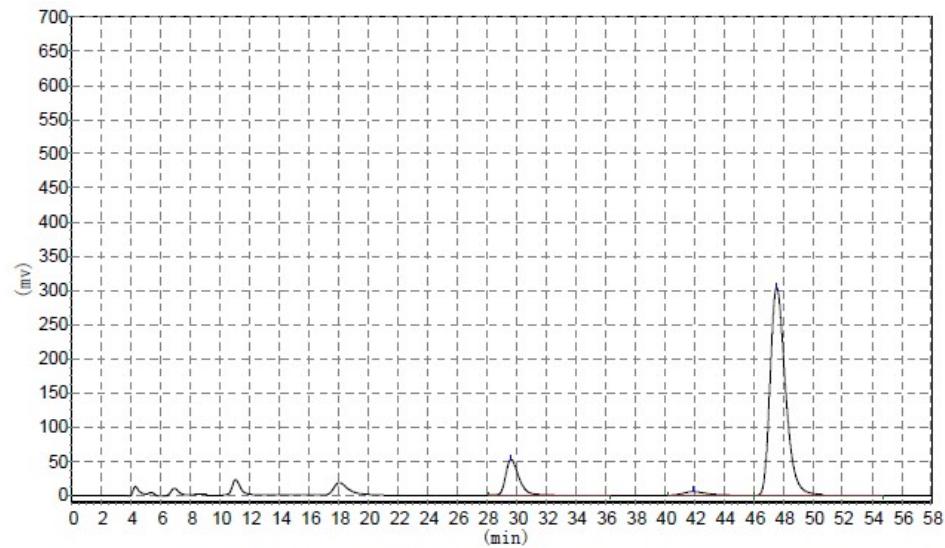


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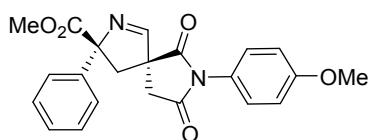
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3	58550.133	5227768.000	25.6848
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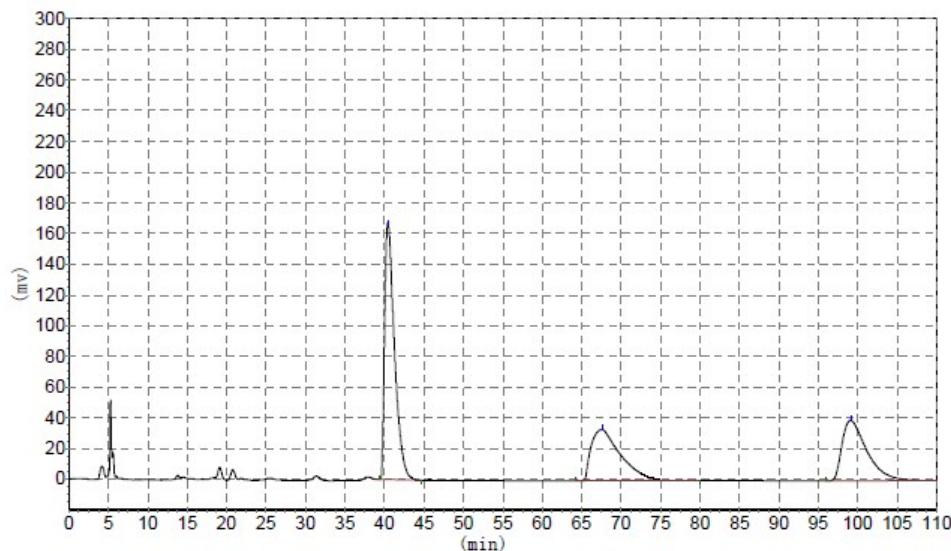


Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
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2	5492.313	624854.125	2.4239
3	304296.969	21839954.000	84.7192
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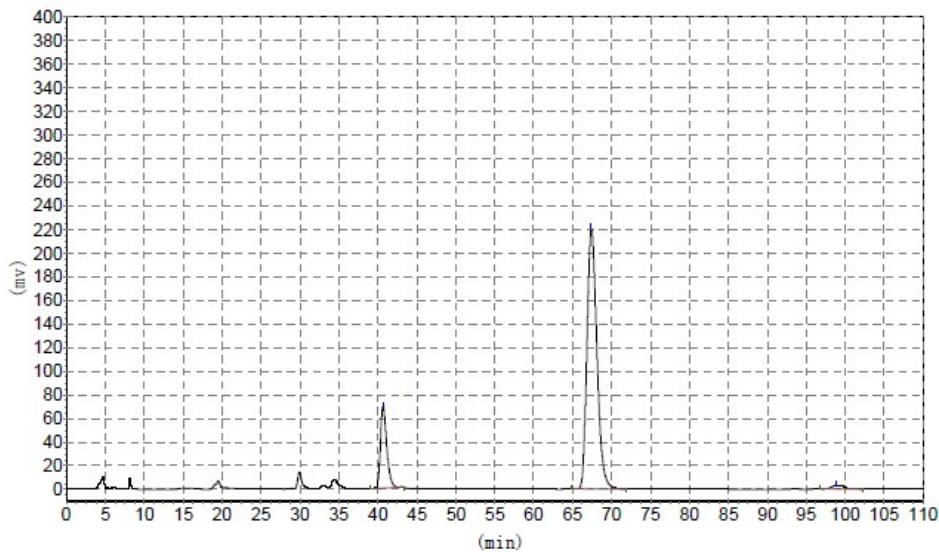


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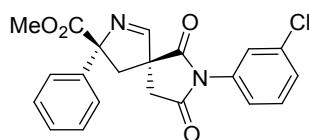
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2	67.582	33420.172	8751329.000	27.2100
3	99.182	39464.215	8676457.000	26.9772
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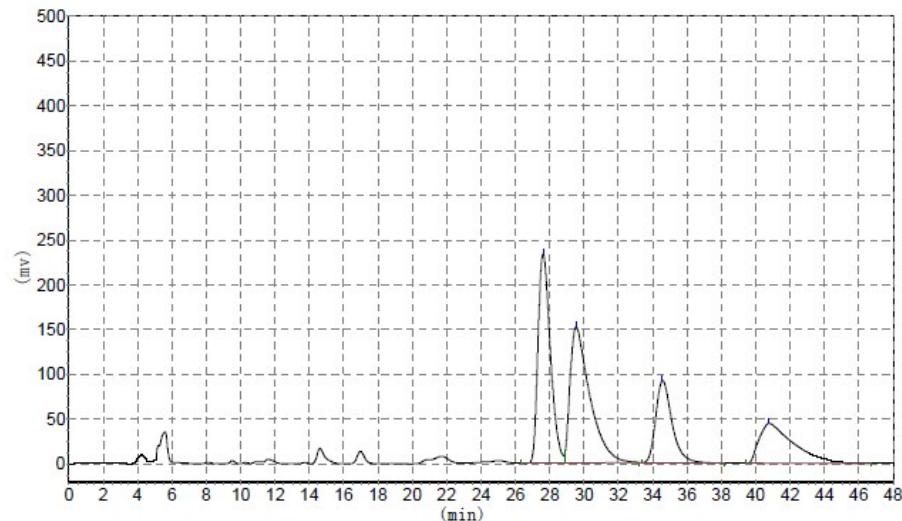


	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	40.652	68961.180	3889175.500	16.2886
2	67.410	220405.609	19640948.000	82.2600
3	98.880	3163.151	346551.813	1.4514
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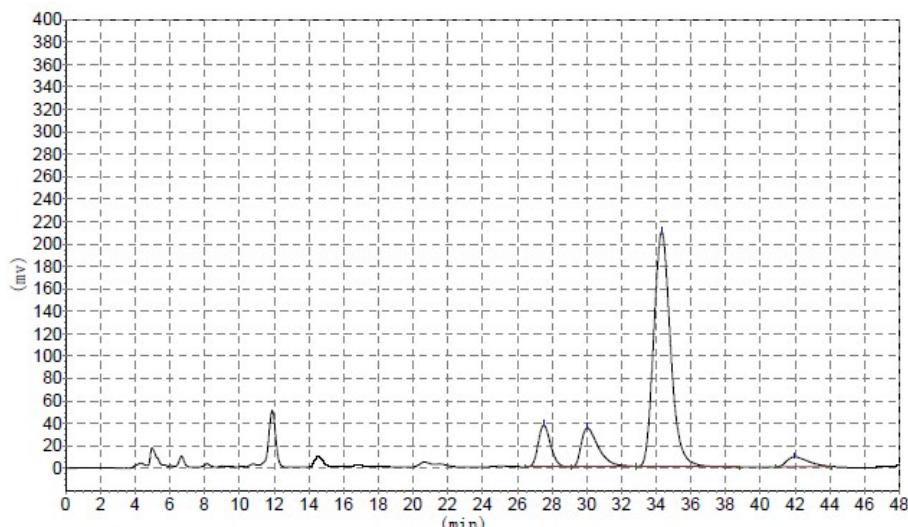


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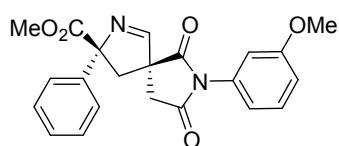
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1	27.613	233280.328	11706223.000	32.5198
2	29.535	151850.906	12061943.000	33.5080
3	34.572	92106.453	6116046.500	16.9903
4	40.768	44477.320	6112985.000	16.9818
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**Chiral**

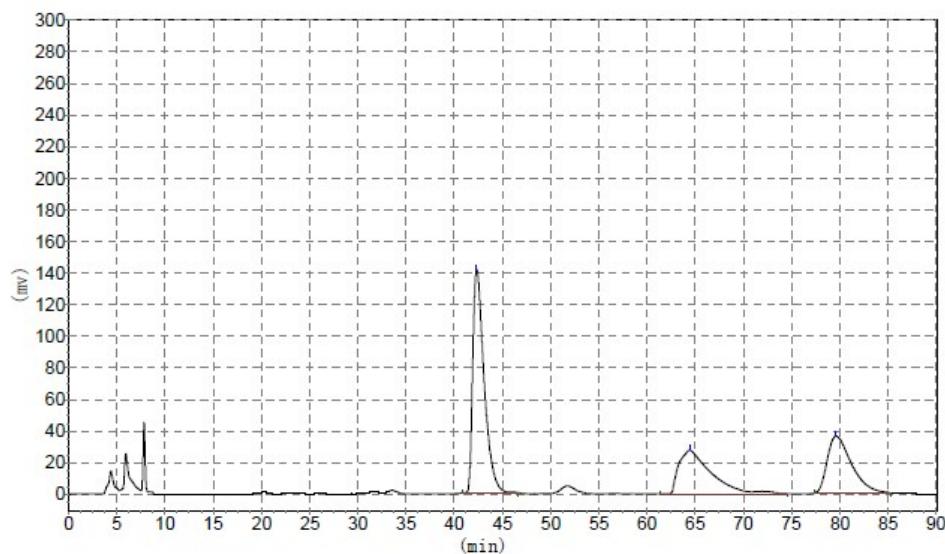


	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	27.535	37305.121	1863199.000	9.6929
2	30.043	34817.625	2464022.750	12.8186
3	34.333	209592.219	14134456.000	73.5317
4	41.987	8816.754	760581.563	3.9568
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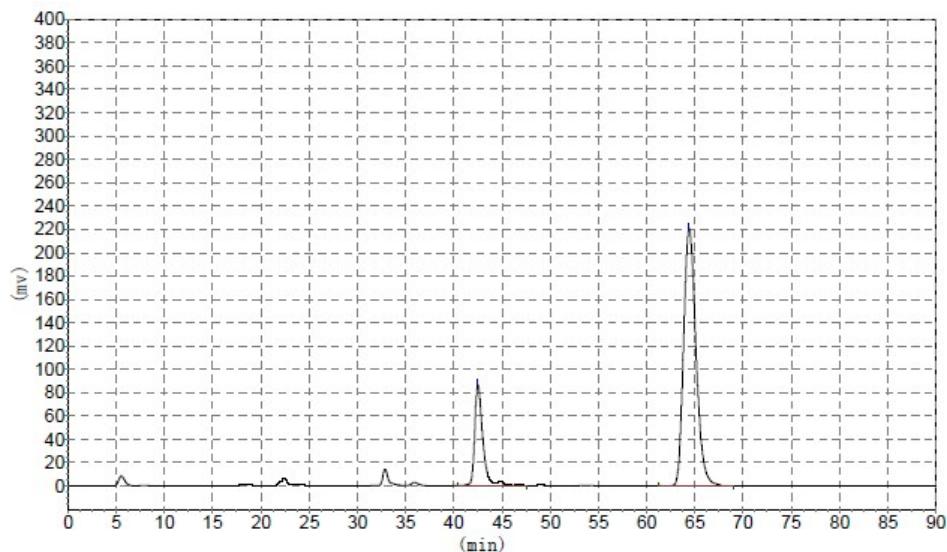


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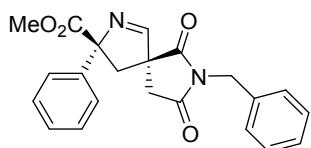
	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	42.315	141201.531	11552185.000	43.4299
2	64.397	27483.164	6359936.000	23.9099
3	79.613	35896.031	6210495.000	23.3481
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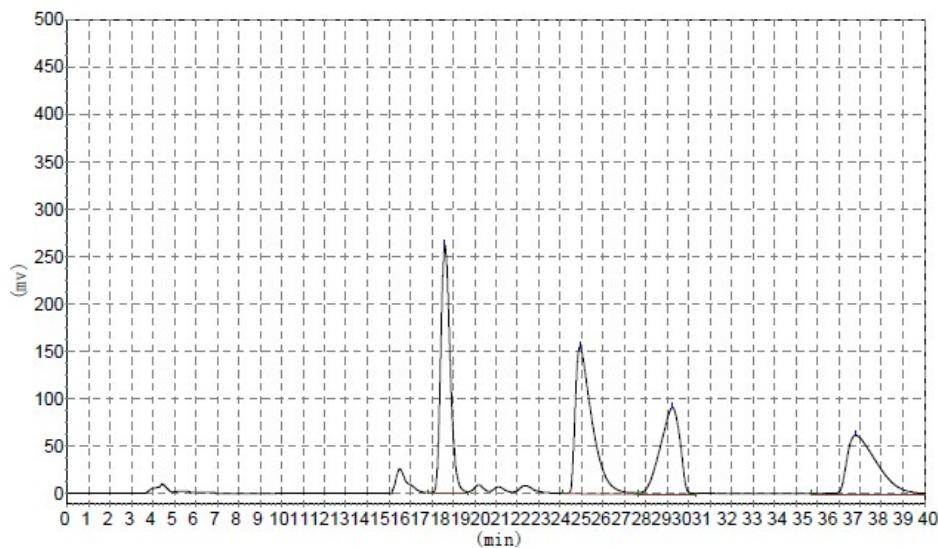


	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	42.482	86216.125	5063314.500	20.4915
2	64.393	220421.656	19646074.000	79.5085
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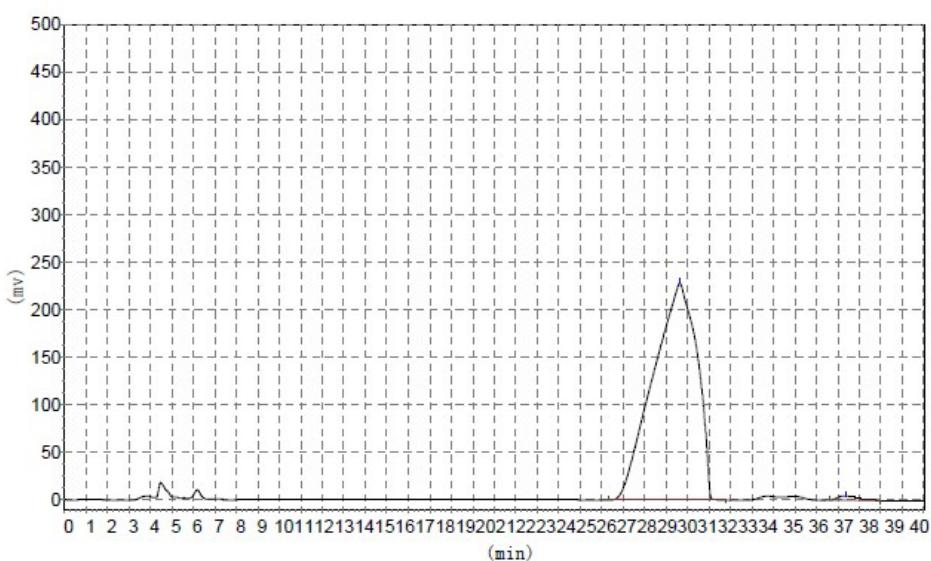
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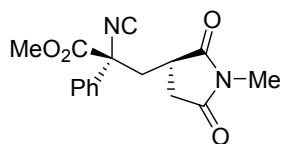
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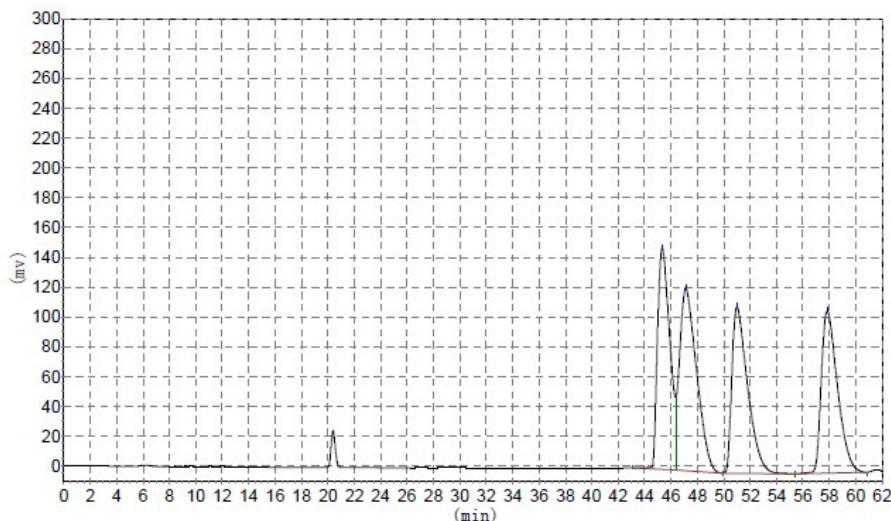
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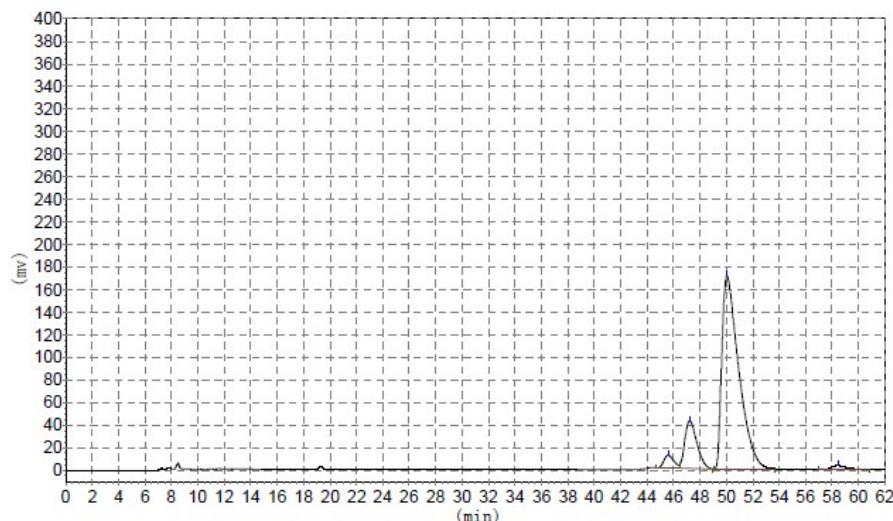


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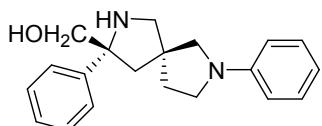
	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	45.365	148486.156	9716581.000	24.6941
2	47.165	122505.313	11058268.000	28.1039
3	51.032	111422.242	9272898.000	23.5665
4	57.898	108511.359	9300110.000	23.6356
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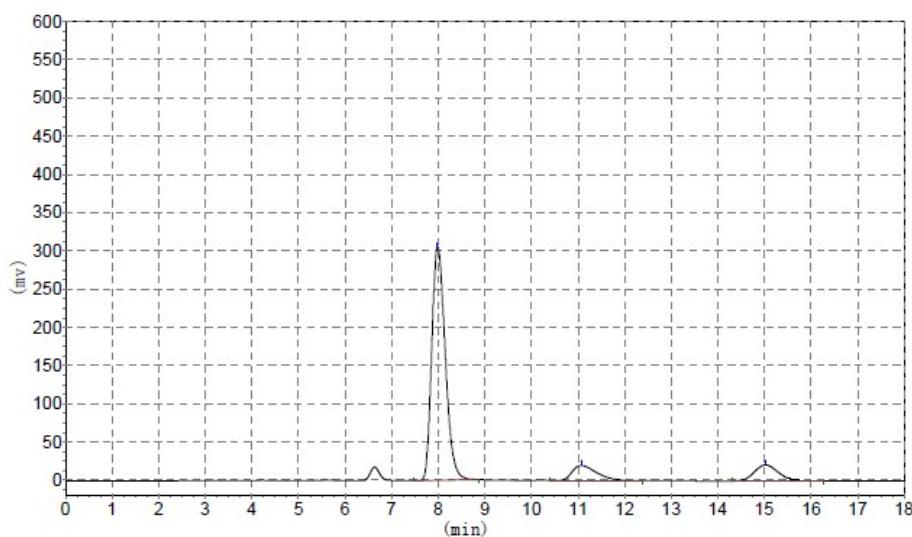


	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	45.595	11344.293	596353.125	3.1865
2	47.222	42212.438	2691395.250	14.3809
3	50.053	170978.391	15157123.000	80.9887
4	58.427	3677.818	270242.313	1.4440
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**6a (Scheme 3)**

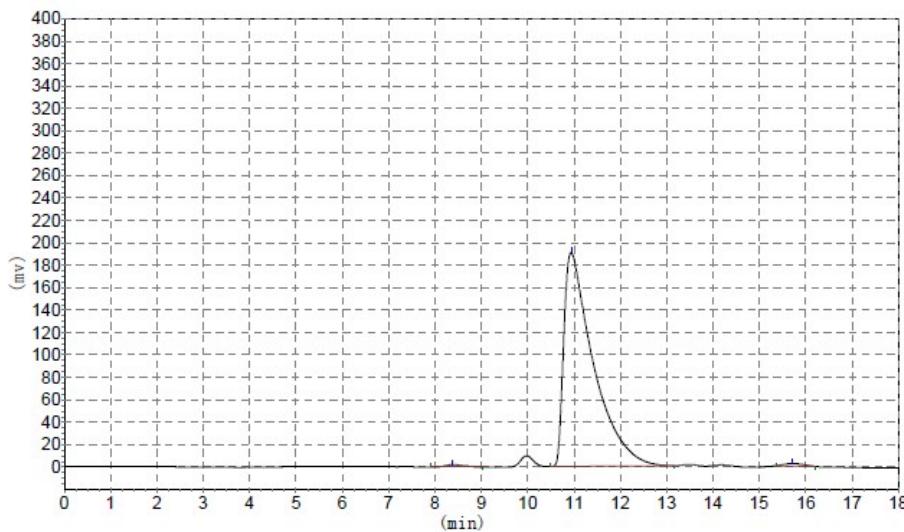


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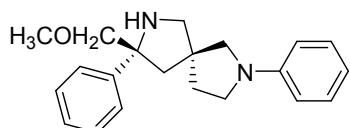
	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	7.988	305286.750	6135550.500	80.4896
2	11.070	19773.064	729692.500	9.5725
3	15.025	21030.848	757538.750	9.9378
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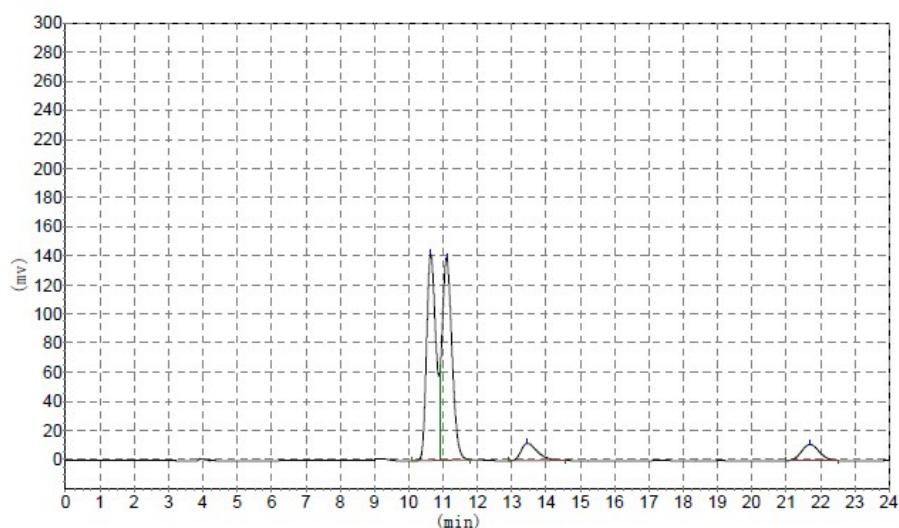


	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	8.385	2149.348	58969.551	0.6883
2	10.938	190845.734	8447273.000	98.6023
3	15.720	2144.435	60775.102	0.7094
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**6b (Scheme 3)**

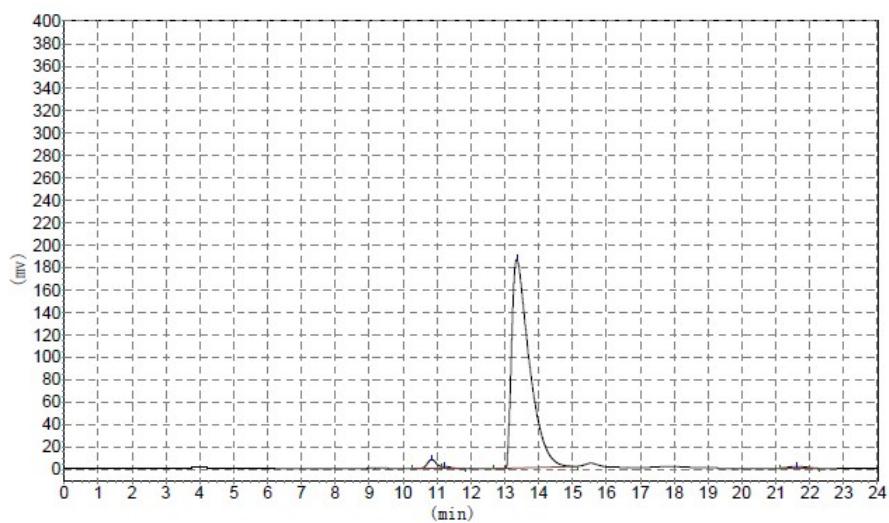


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	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	10.643	141654.391	2728025.750	43.4988
2	11.103	139056.234	2737021.250	43.6422
3	13.463	11935.667	396898.750	6.3286
4	21.695	11209.421	409554.500	6.5304
Total		303855.713	6271500.250	100.0000

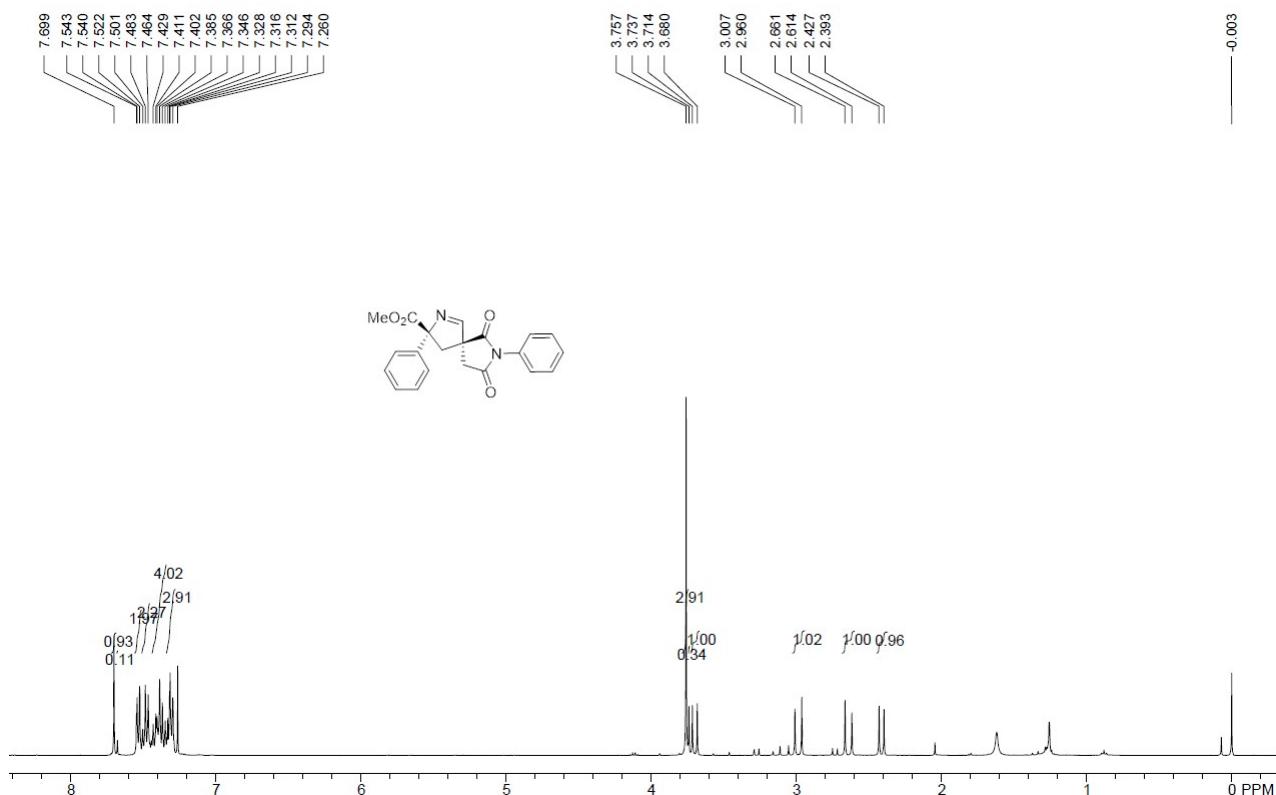
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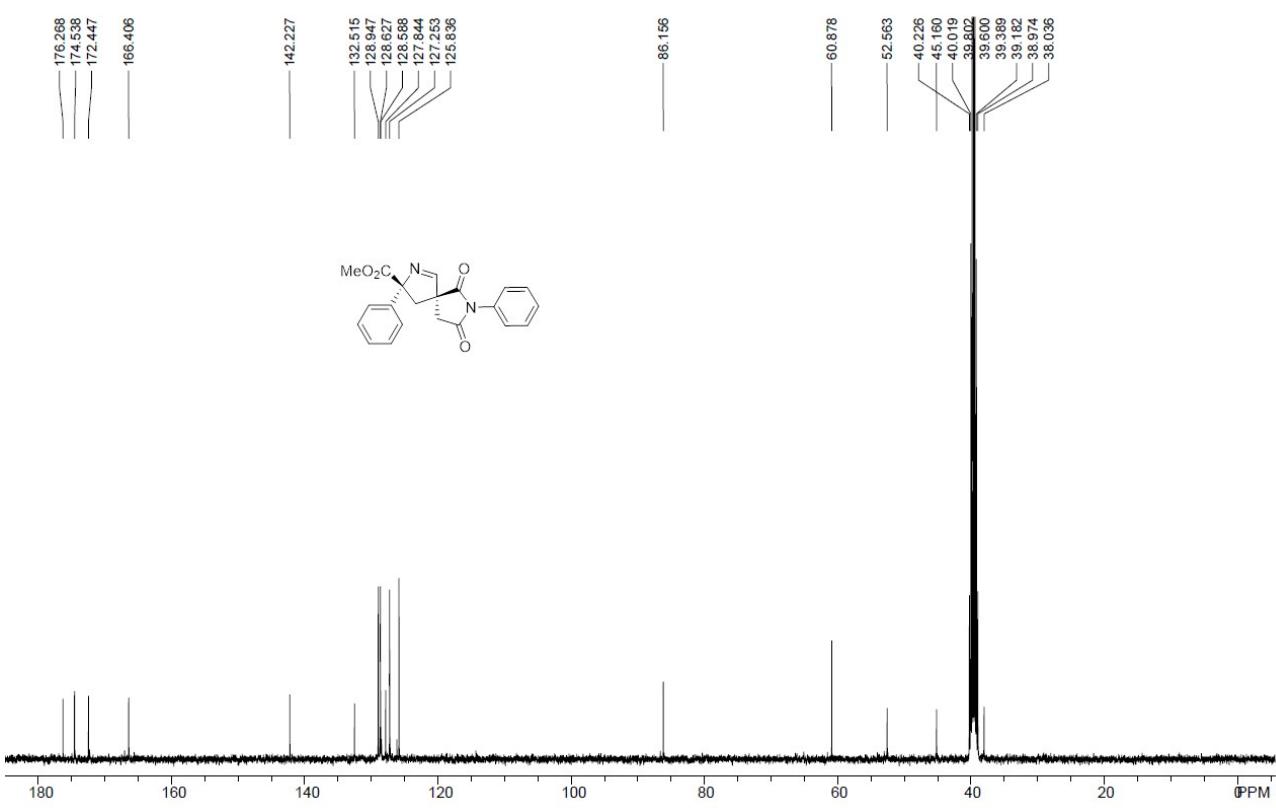
	Retention time	Height	Area	Area %
1	10.840	8111.668	156334.438	2.2302
2	11.230	1891.657	34500.027	0.4922
3	13.352	186452.313	6753637.000	96.3466
4	21.617	1682.312	65257.305	0.9310
Total		198137.949	7009728.770	100.0000

## 6. Copies of NMR Spectra for the Compounds 4 and 6

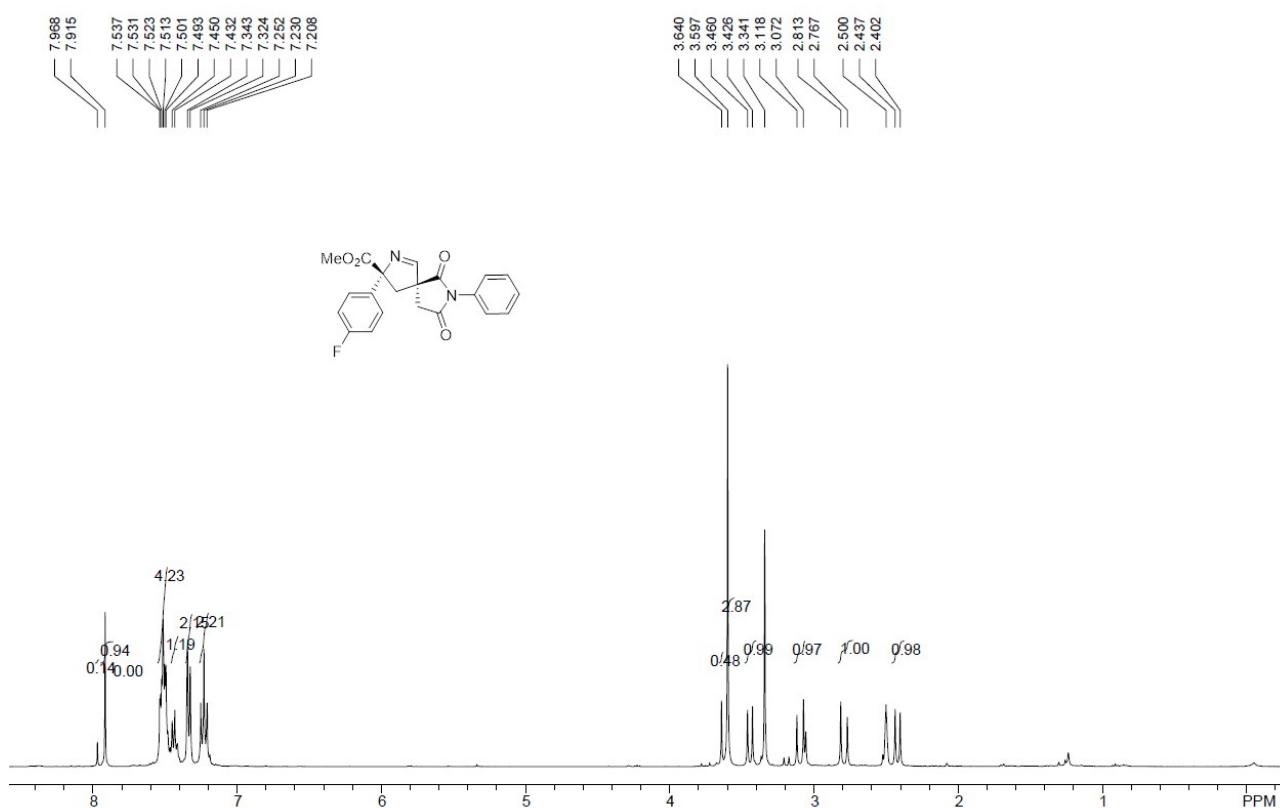
<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **4a**



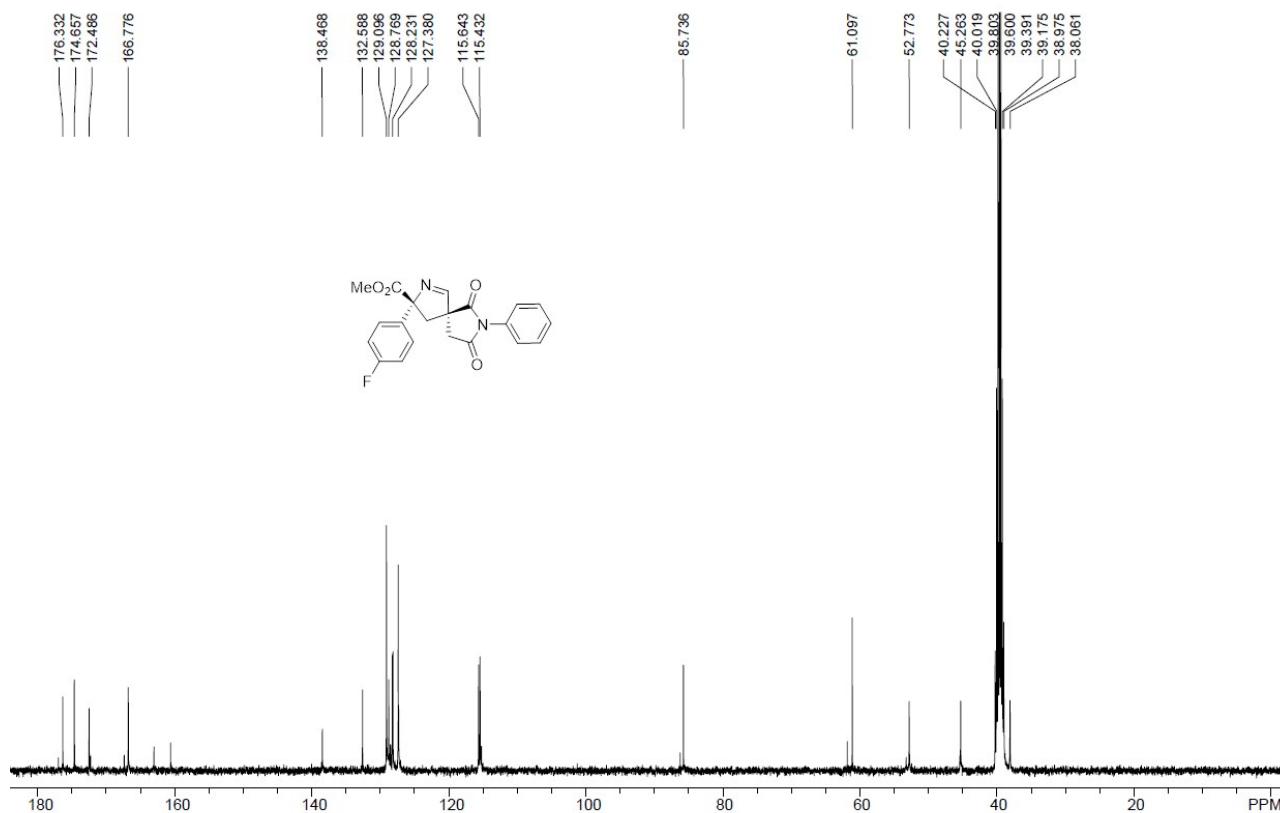
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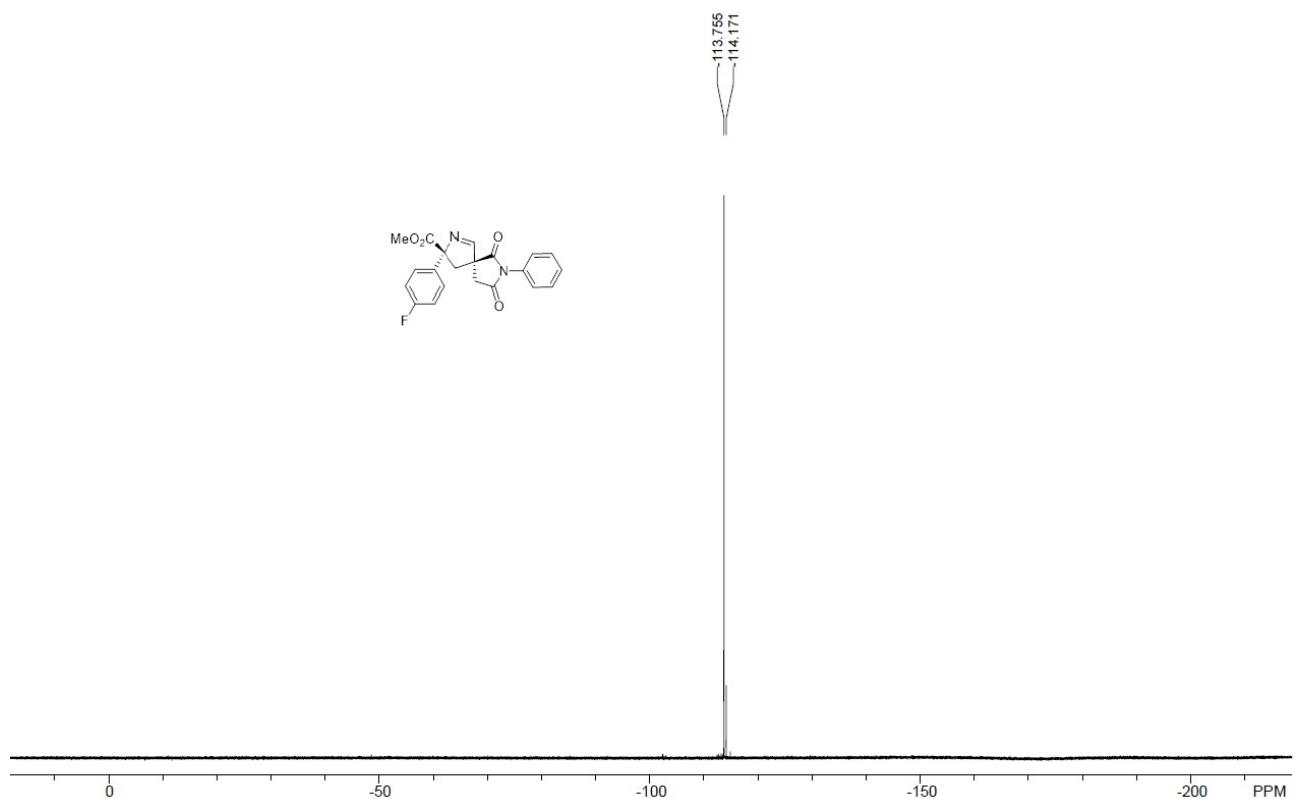
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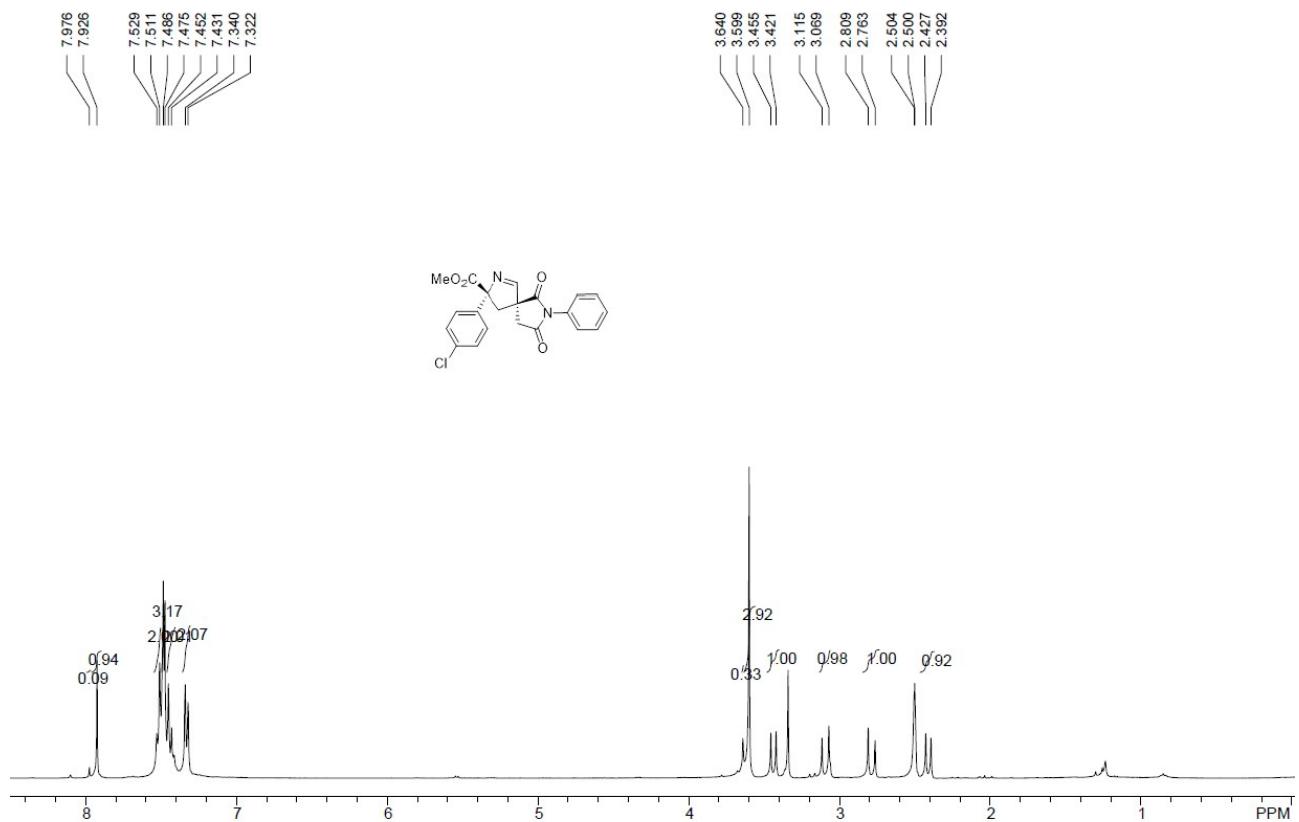
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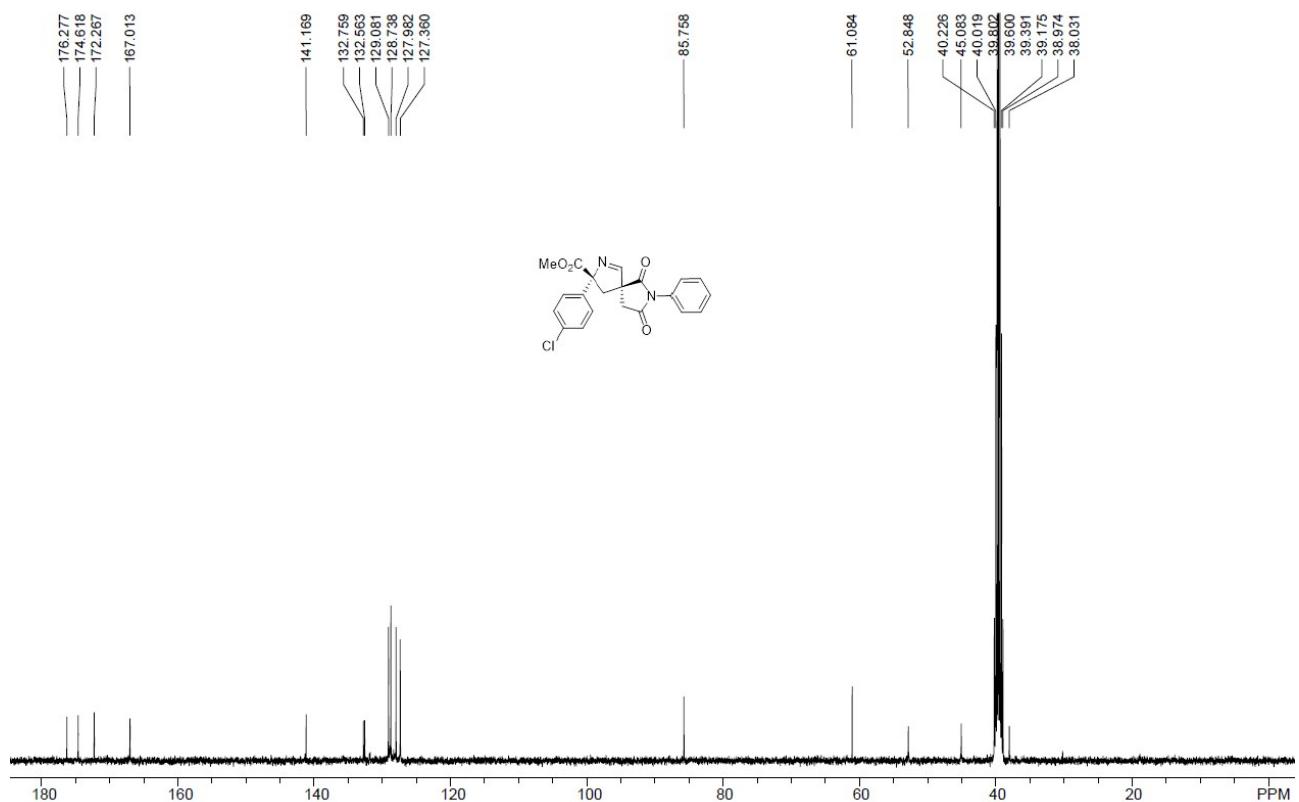
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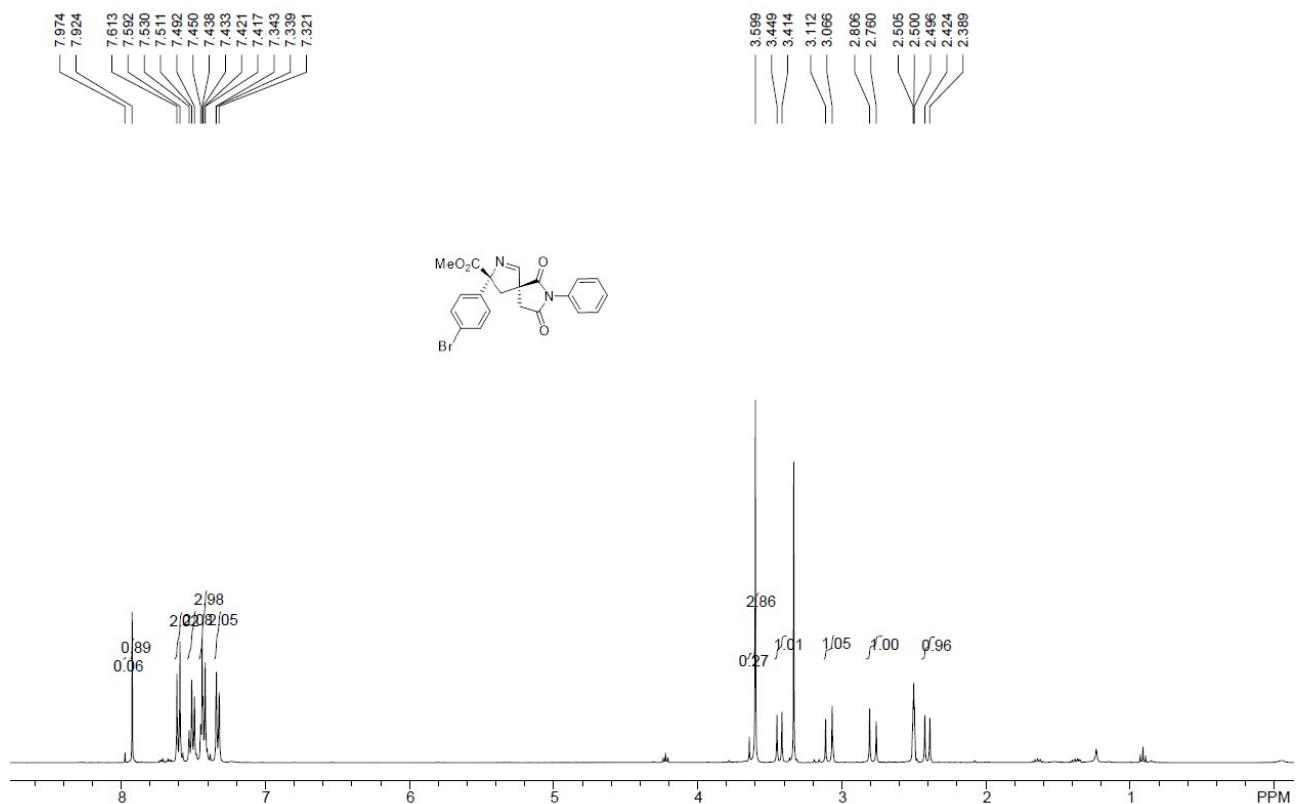
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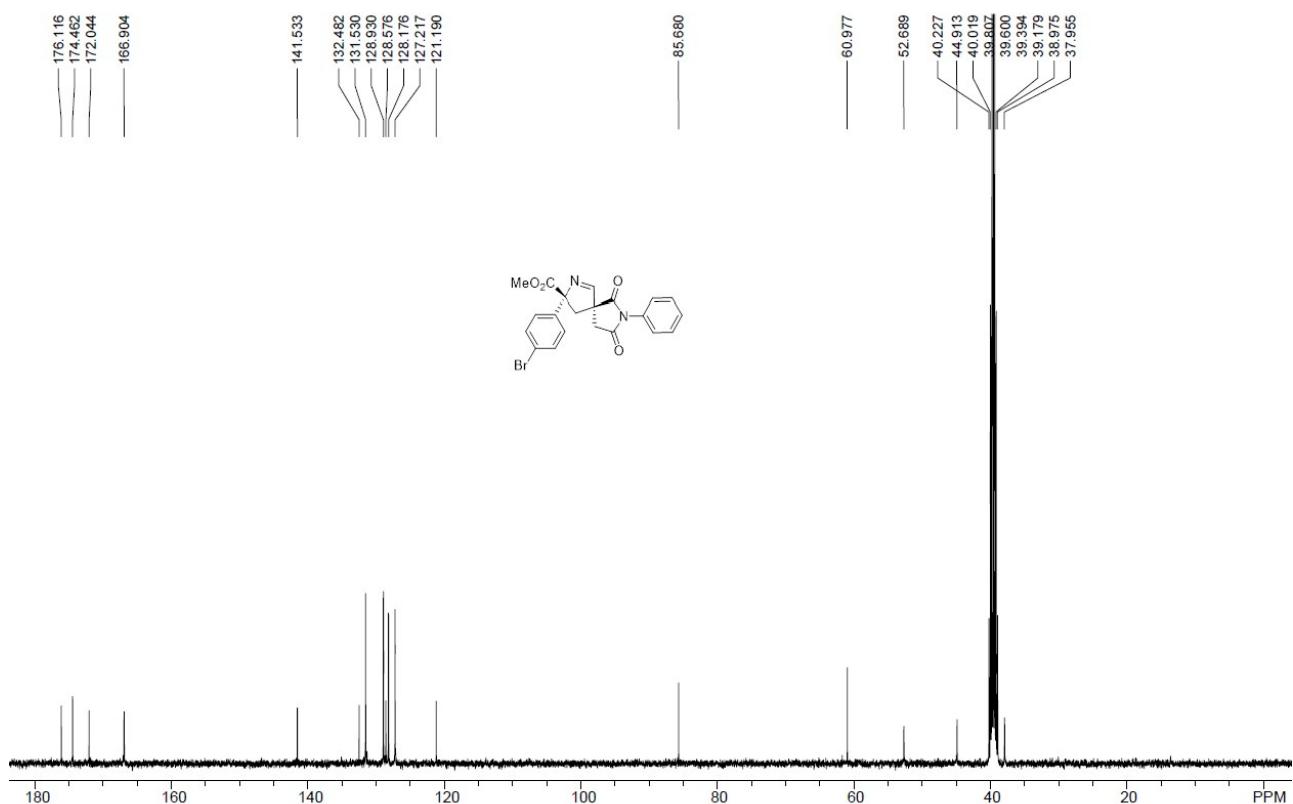
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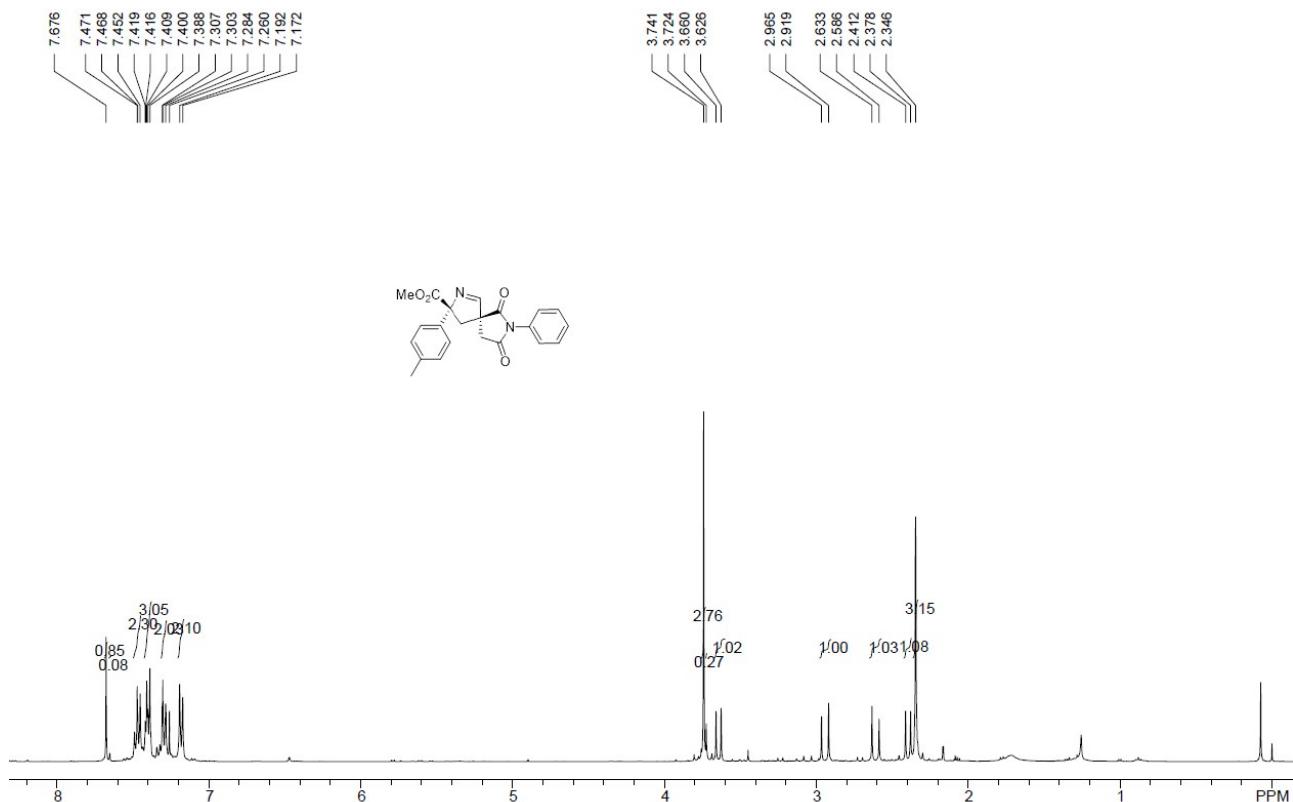
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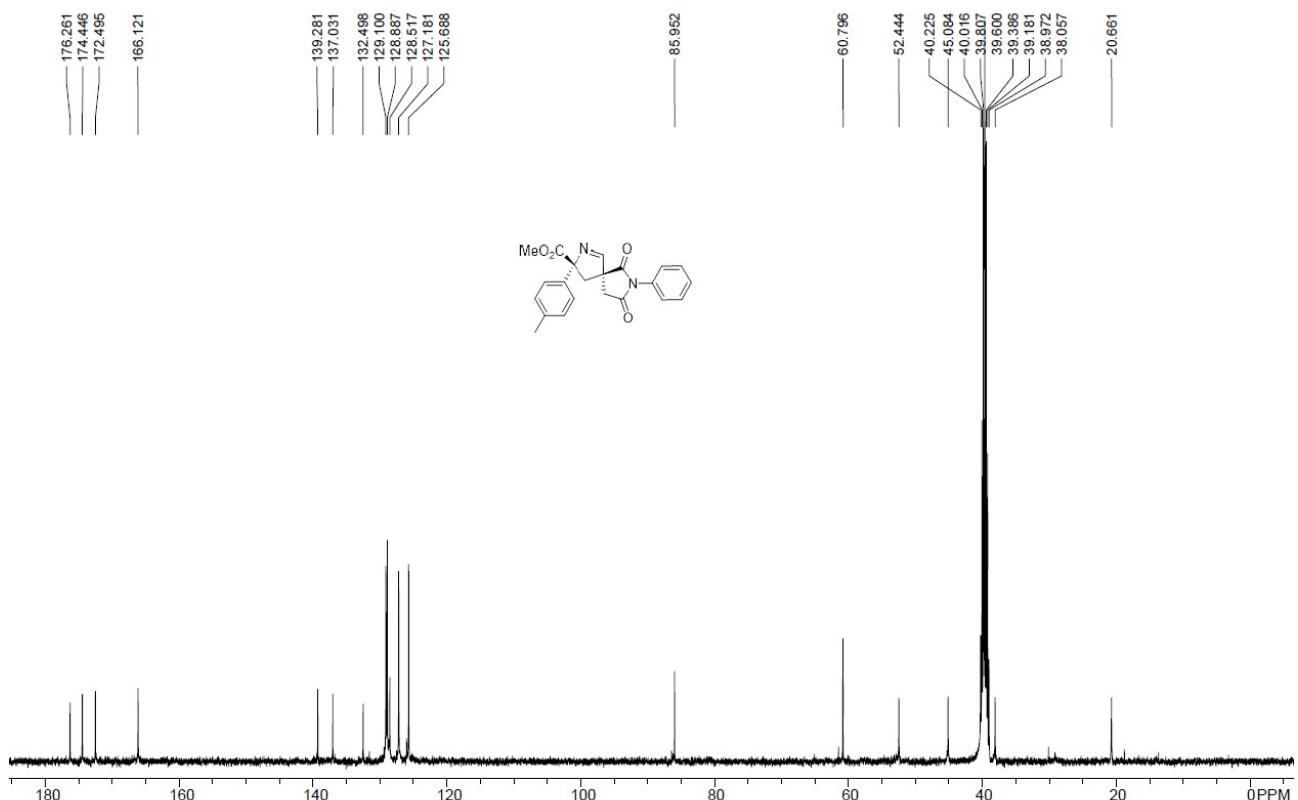
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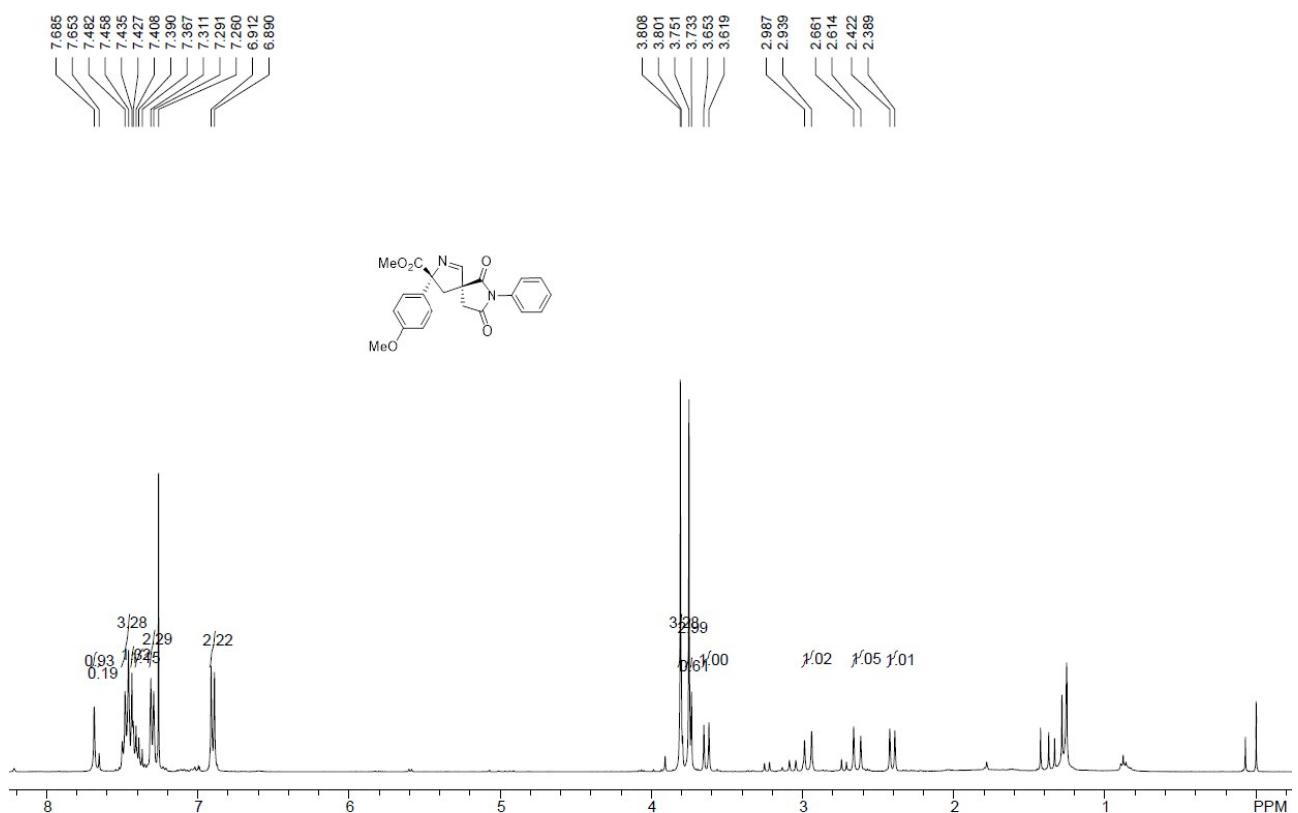
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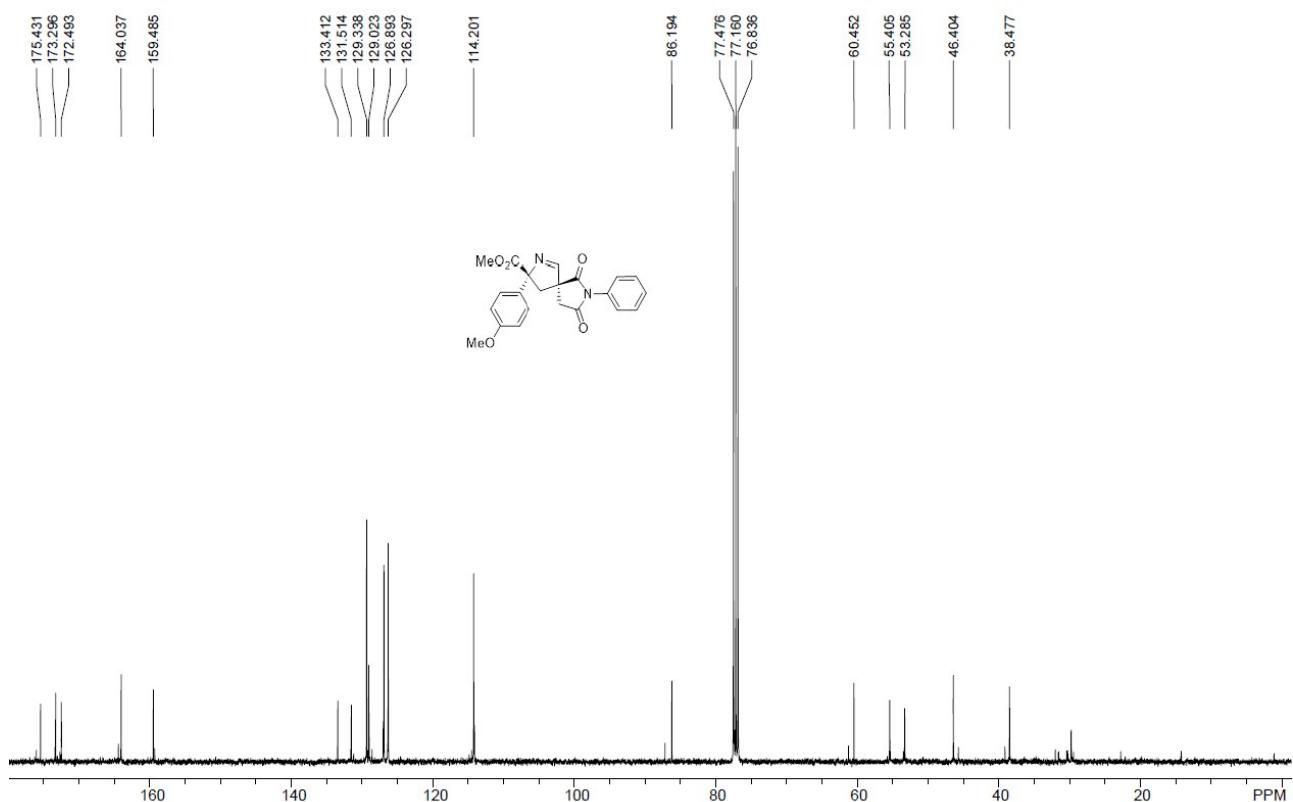
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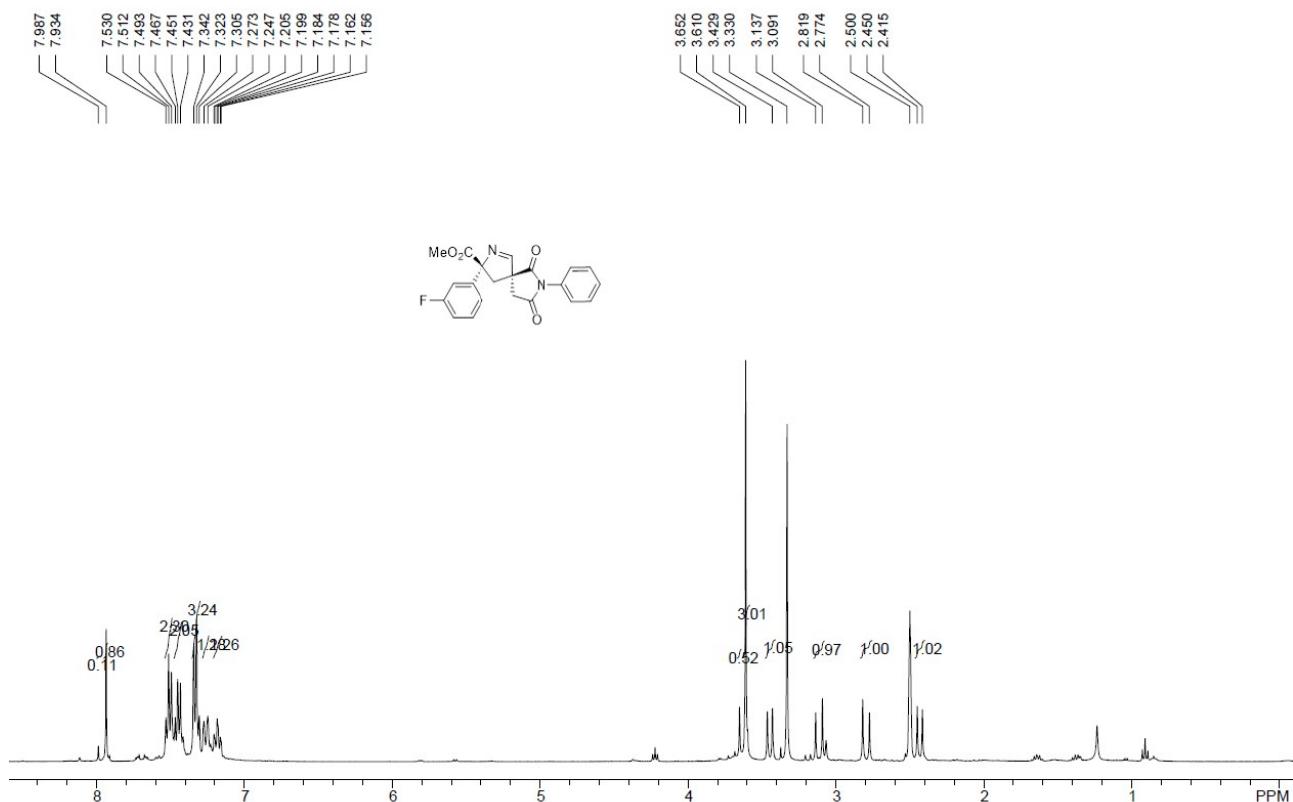
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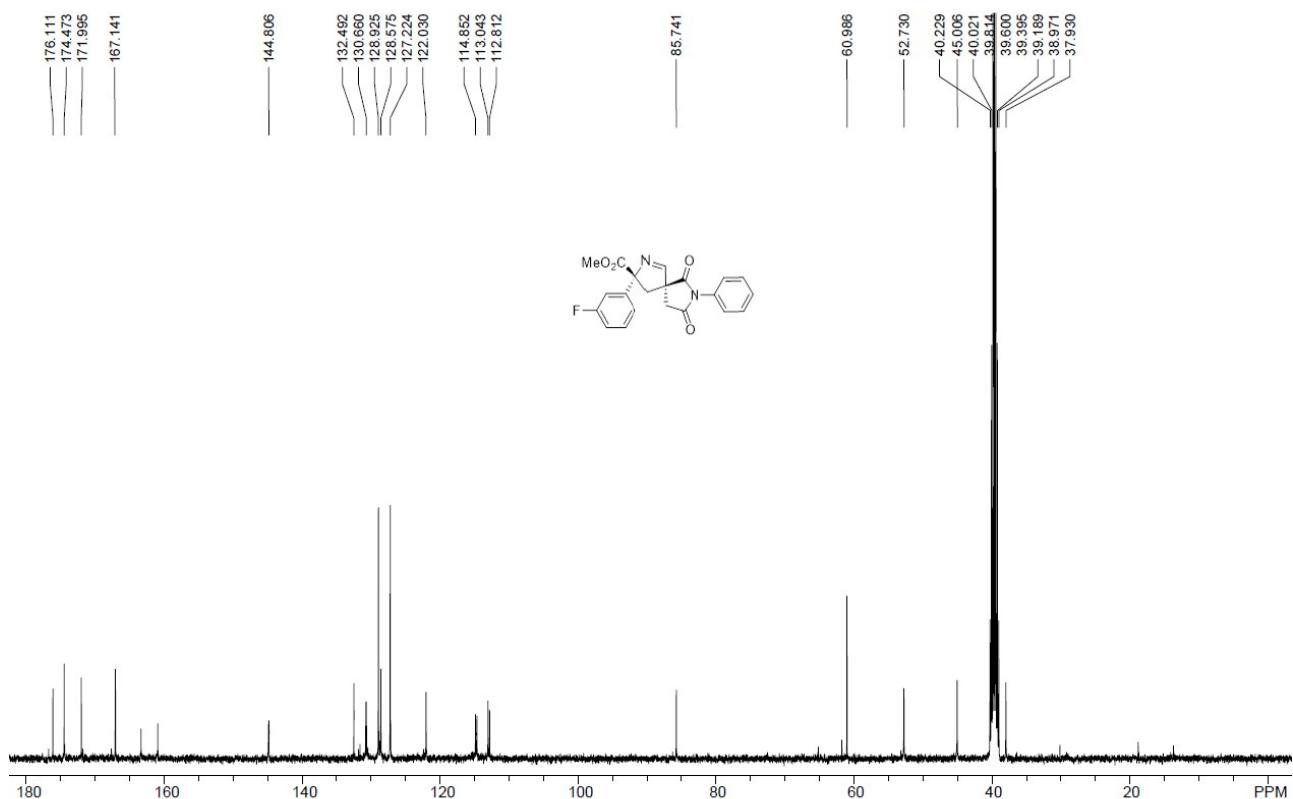
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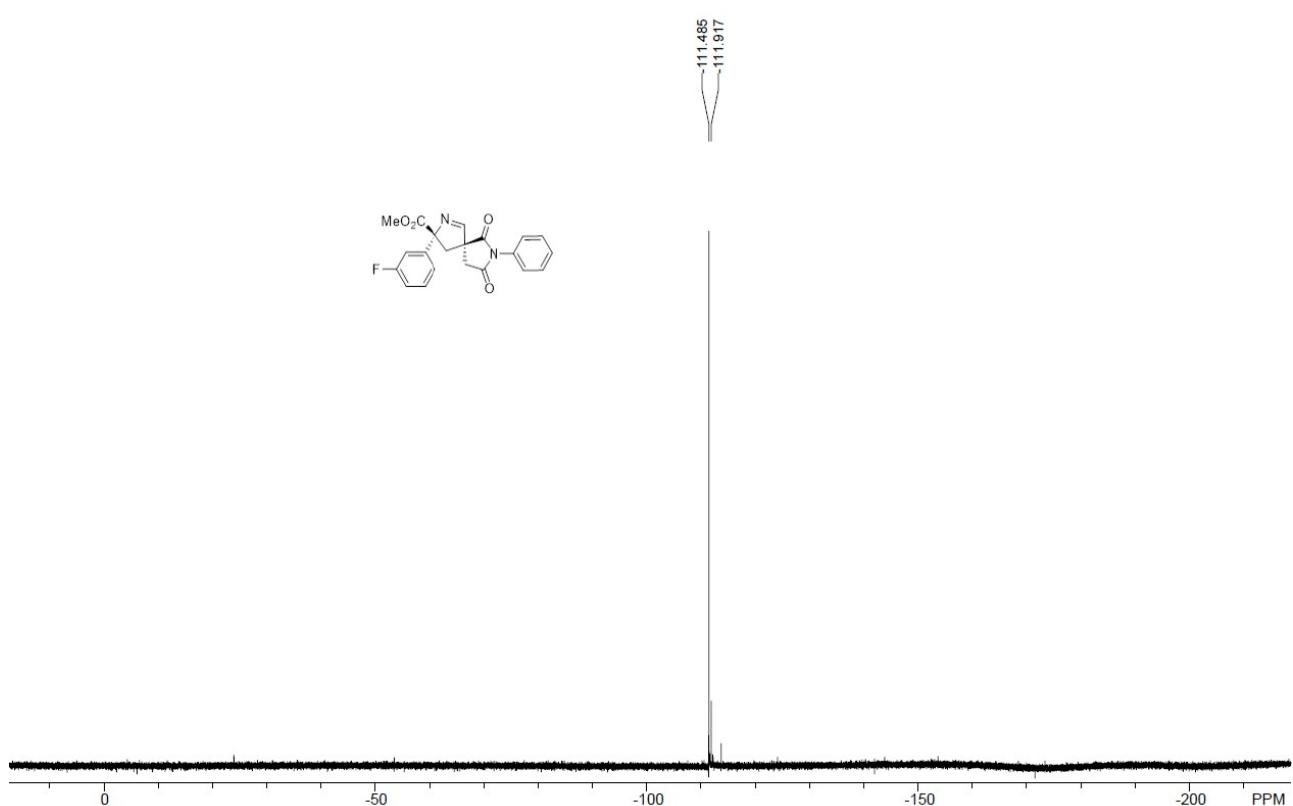
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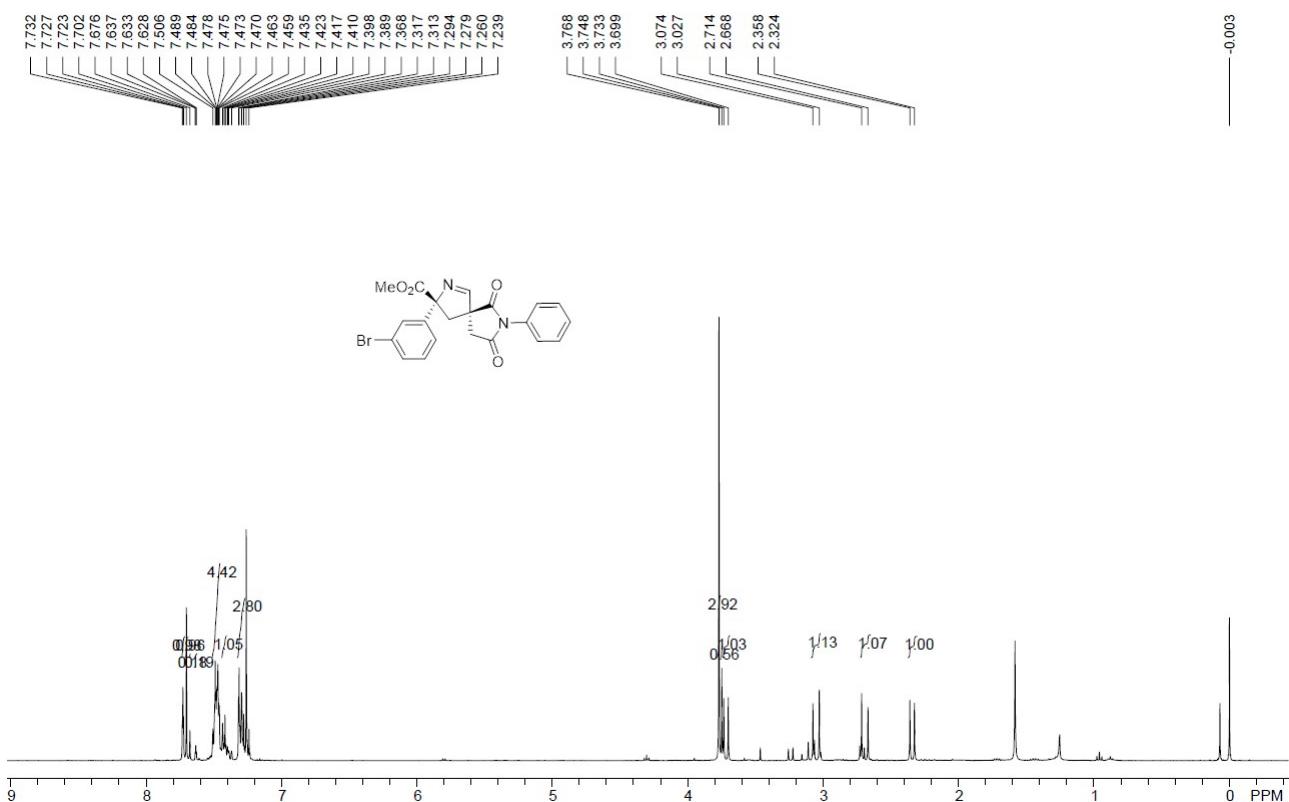
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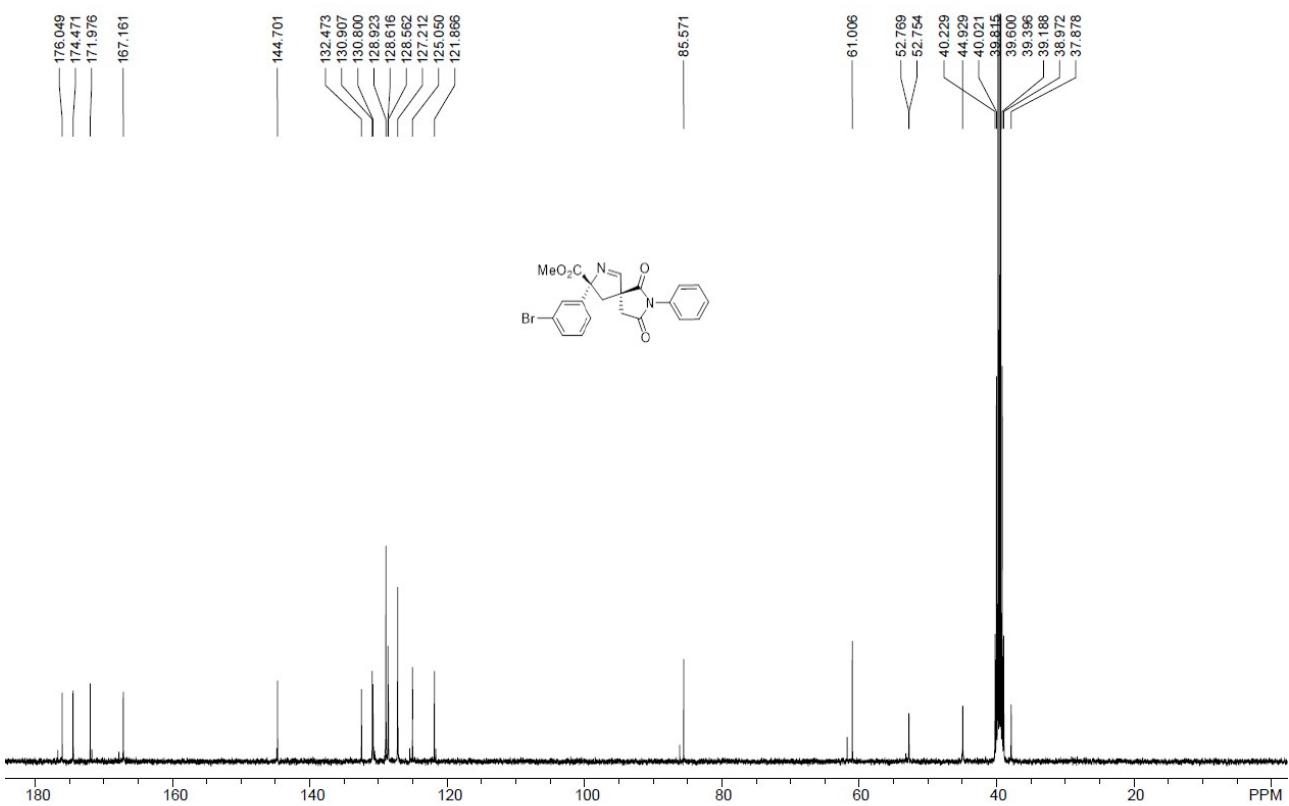
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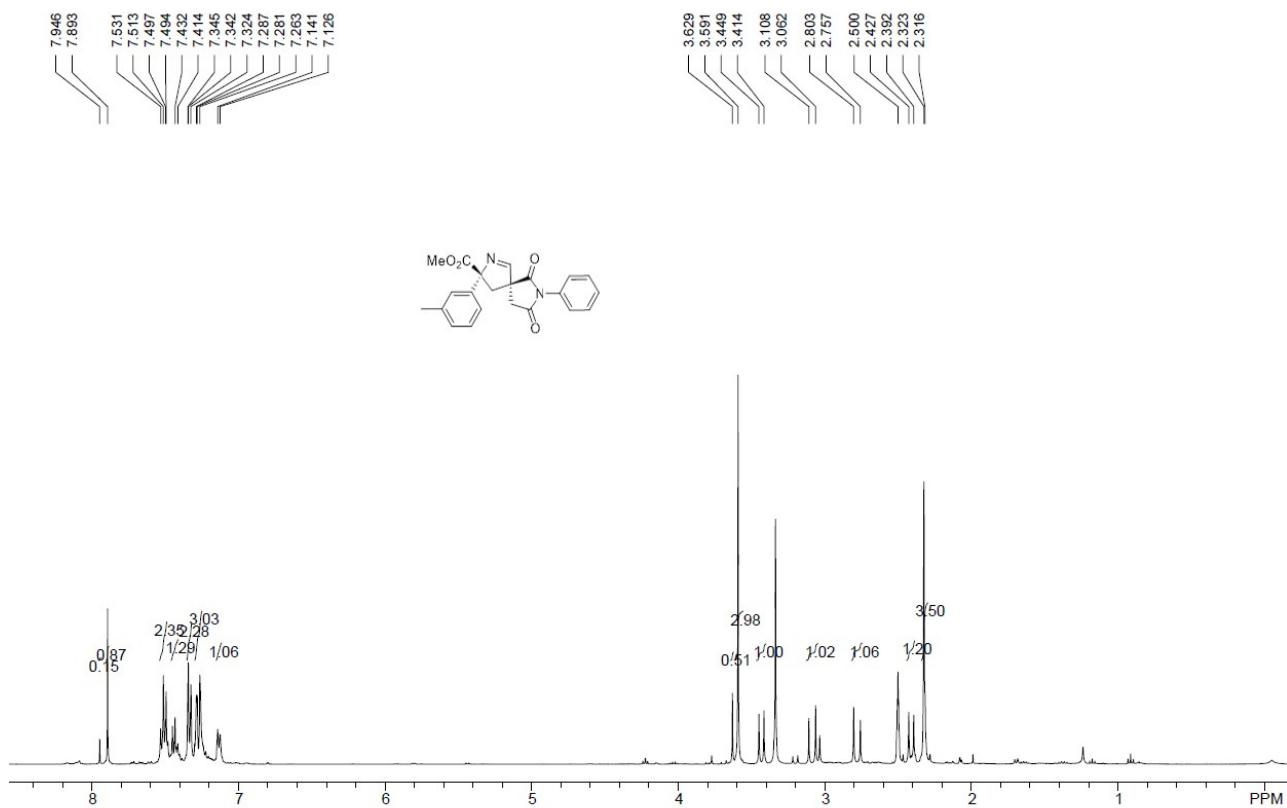
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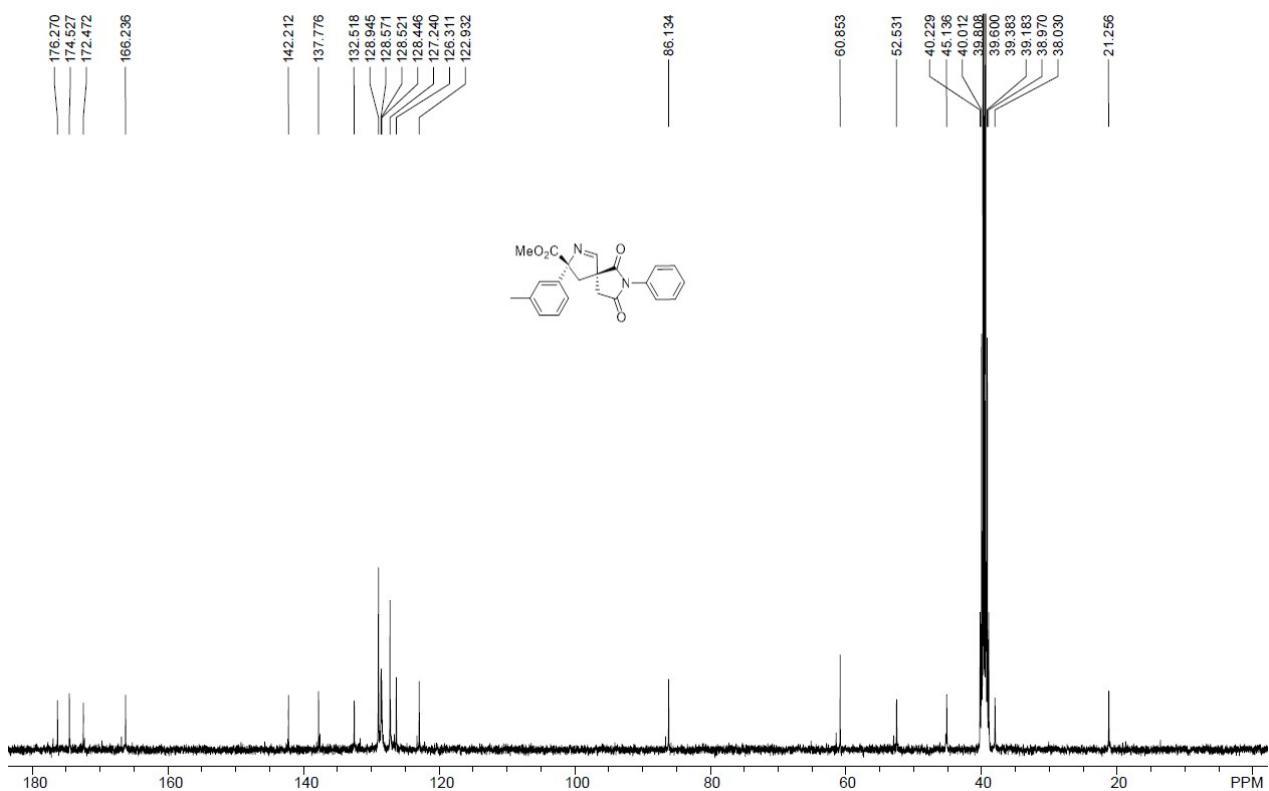
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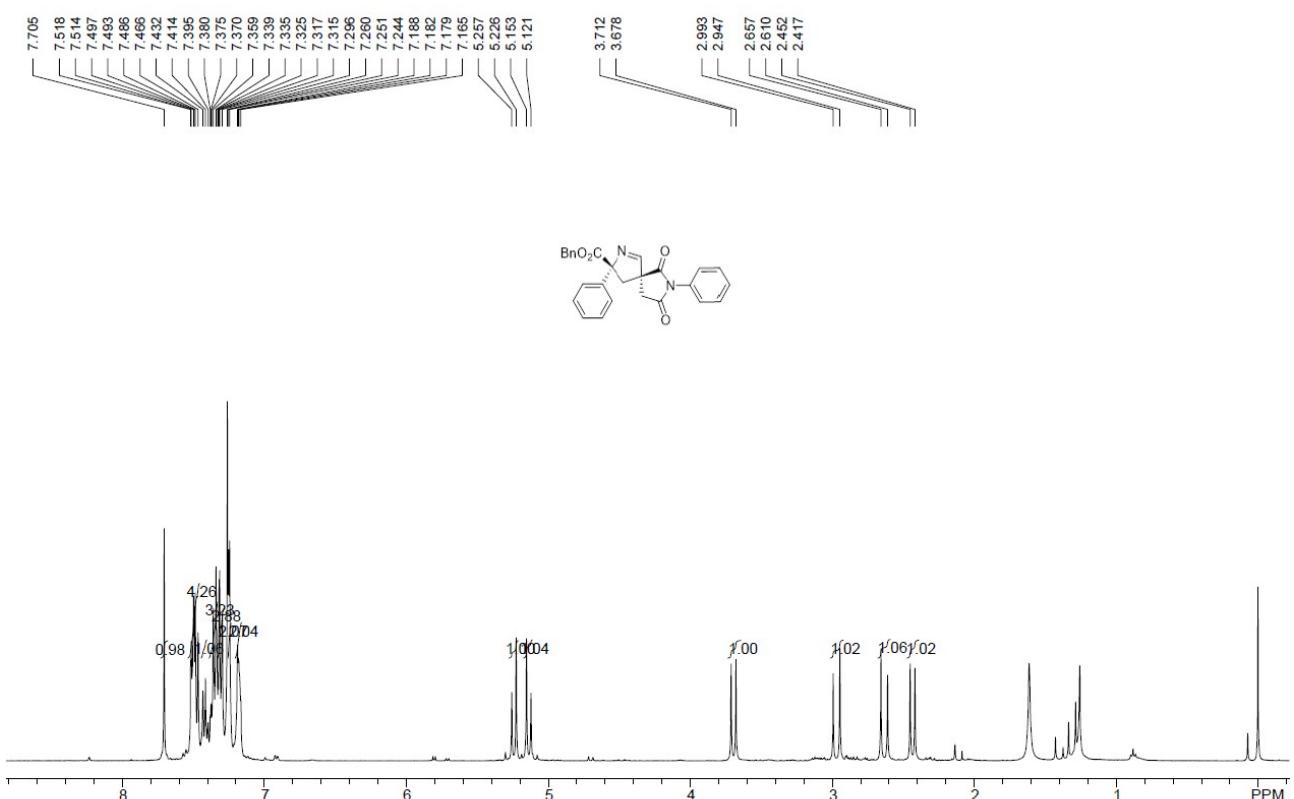
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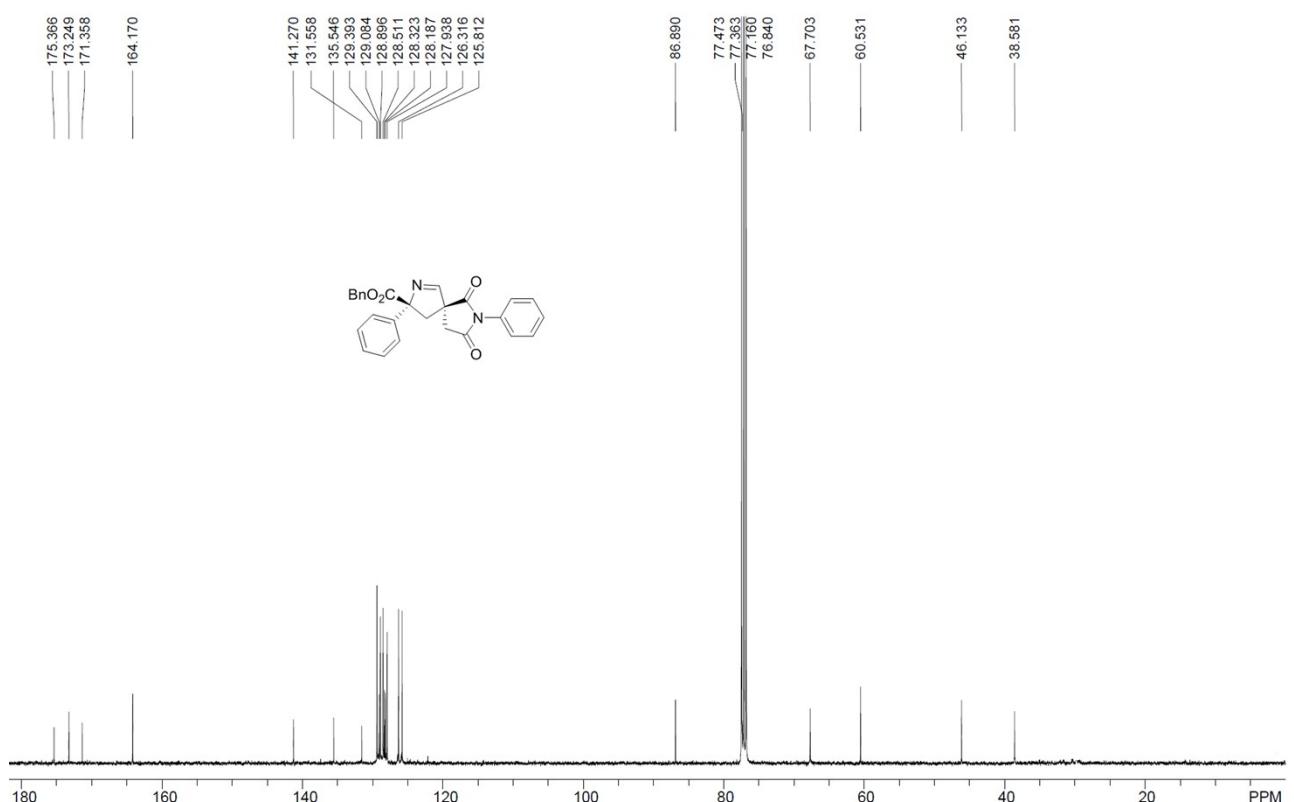
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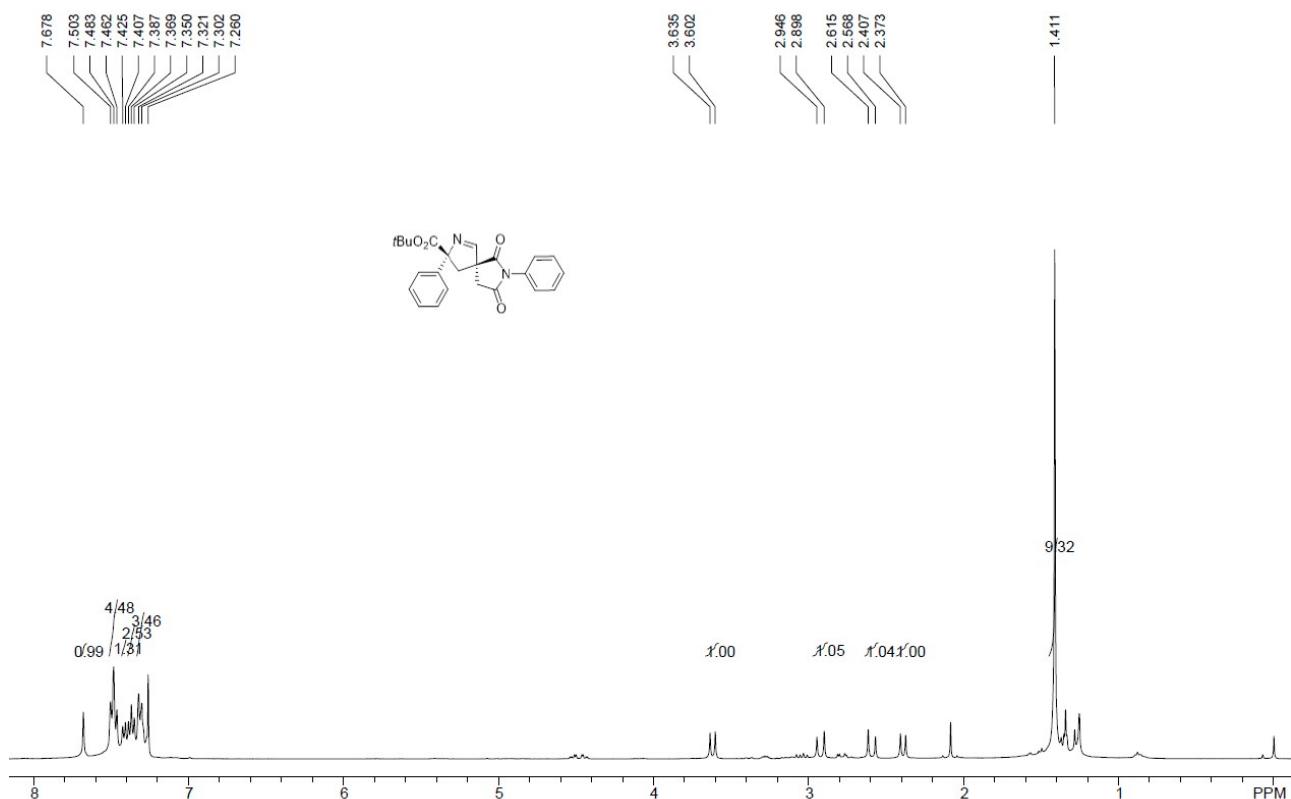
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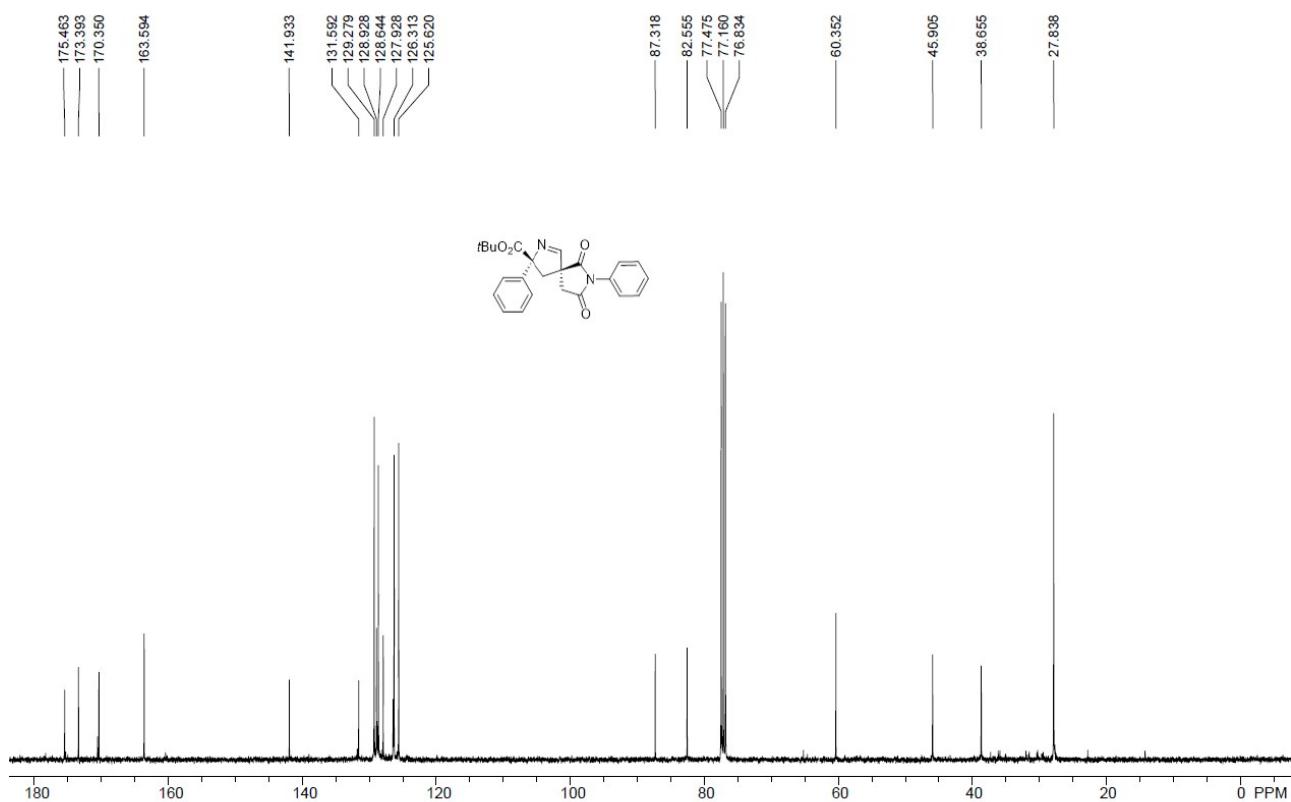
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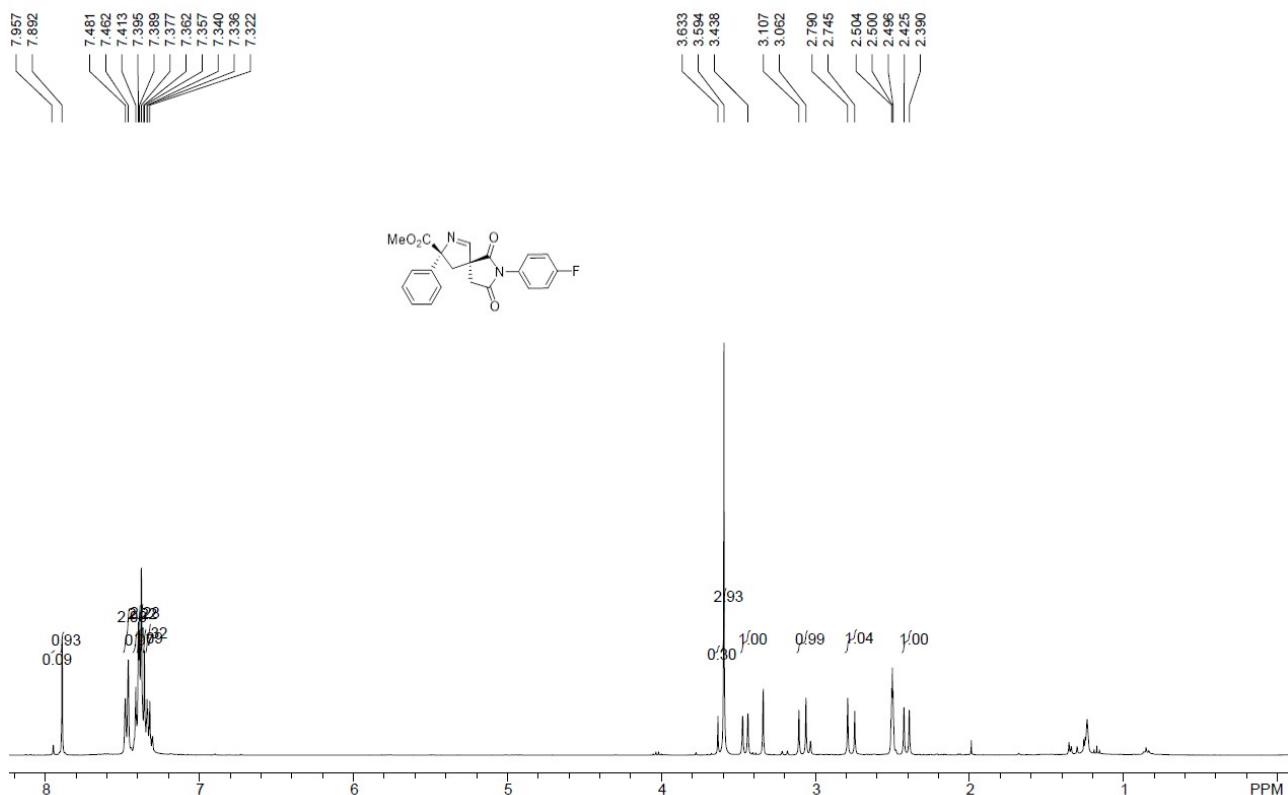
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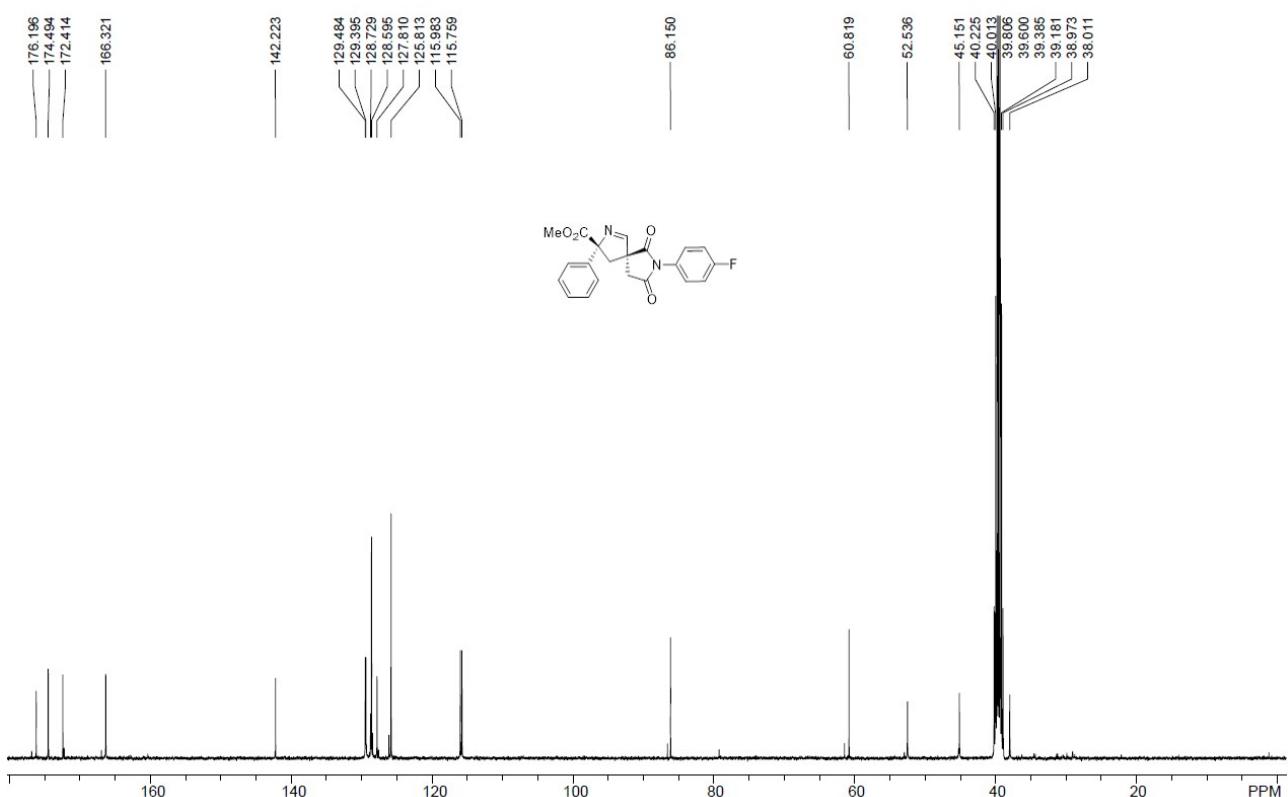
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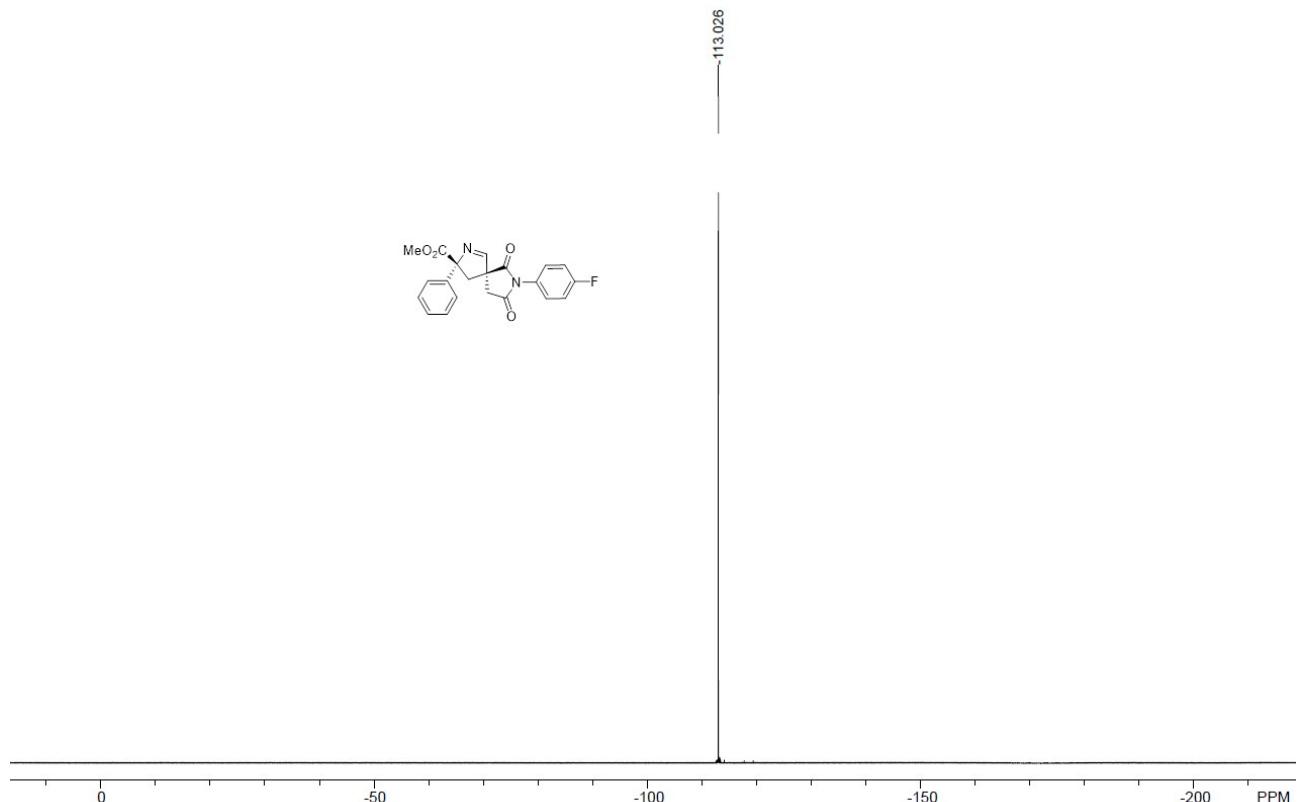
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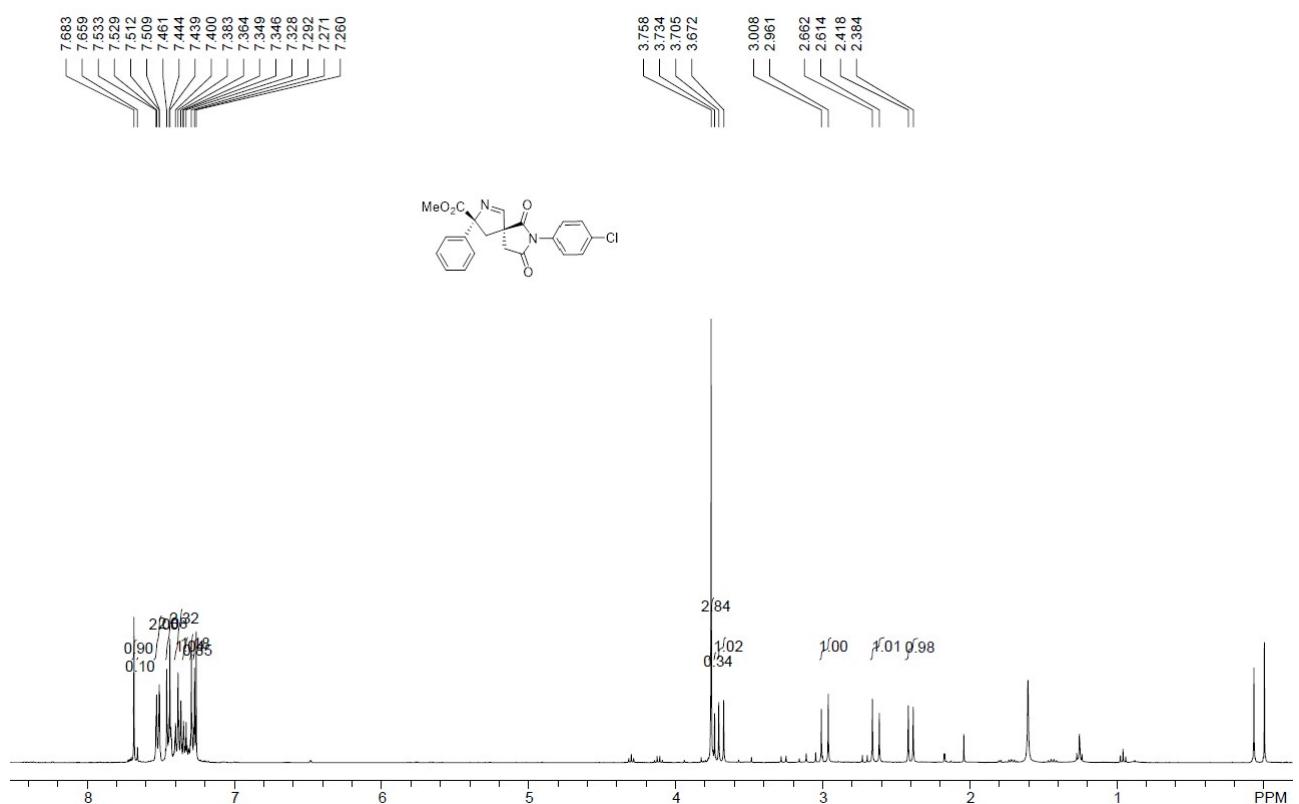
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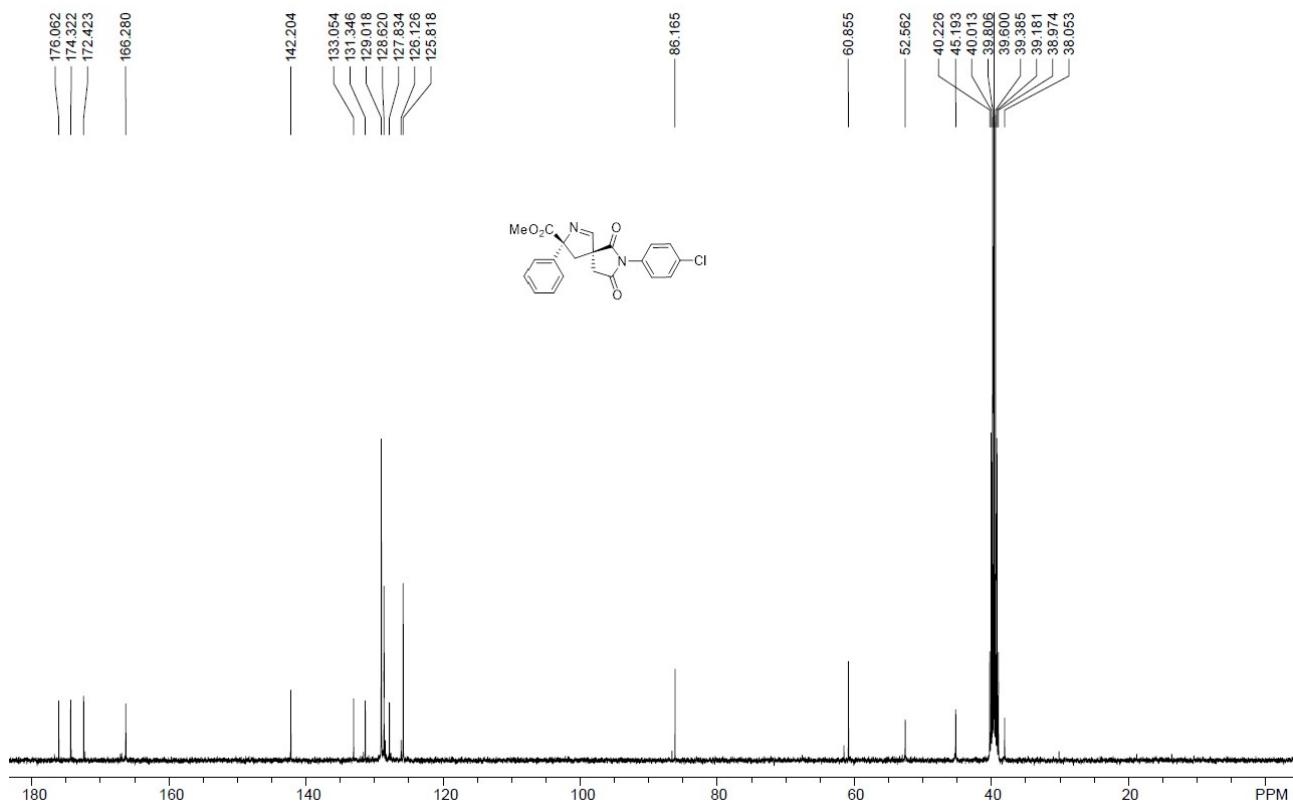
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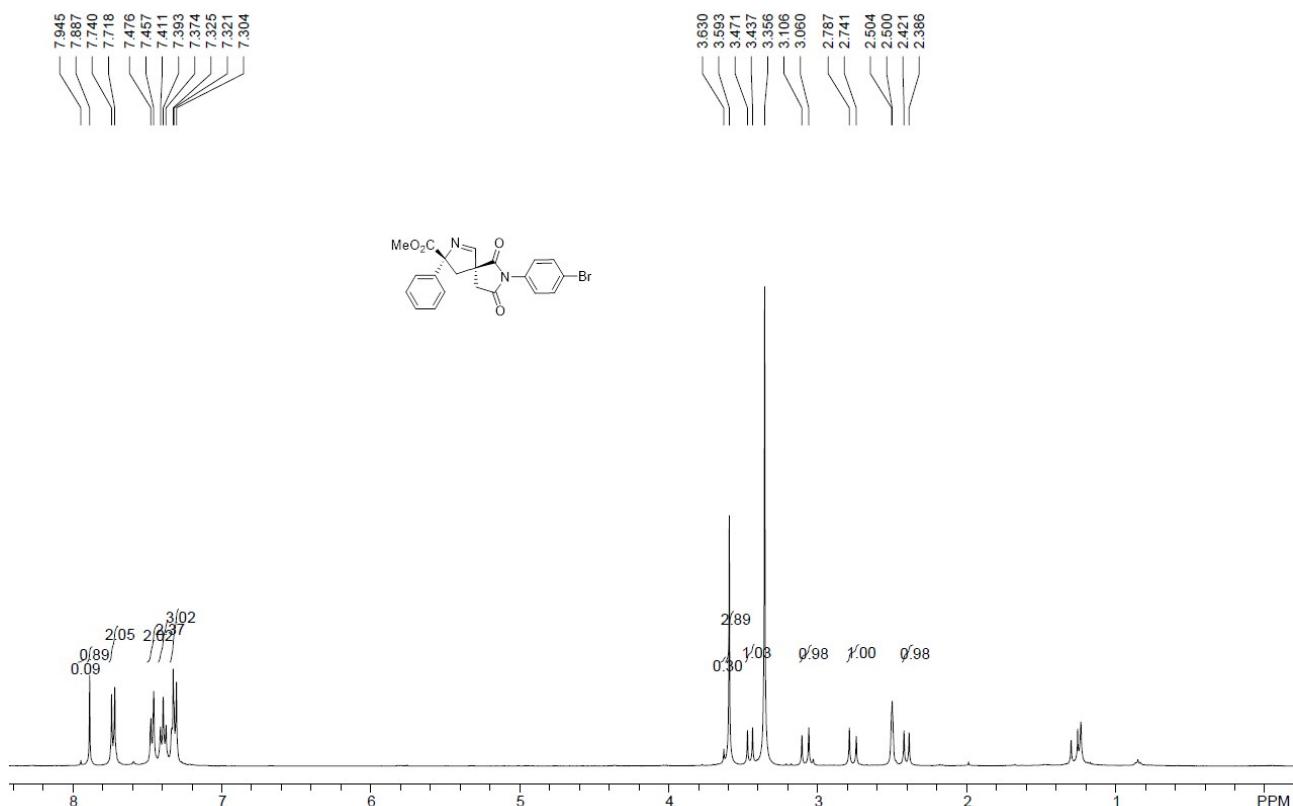
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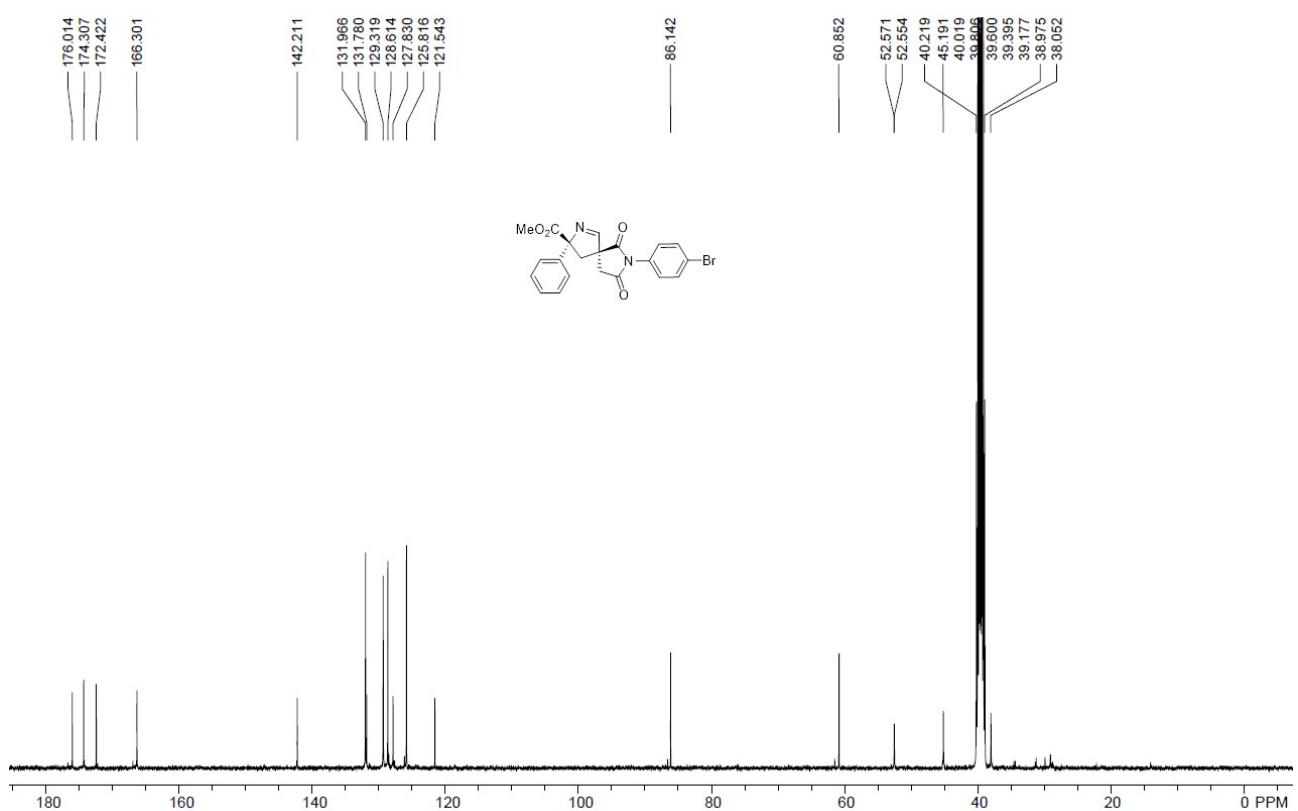
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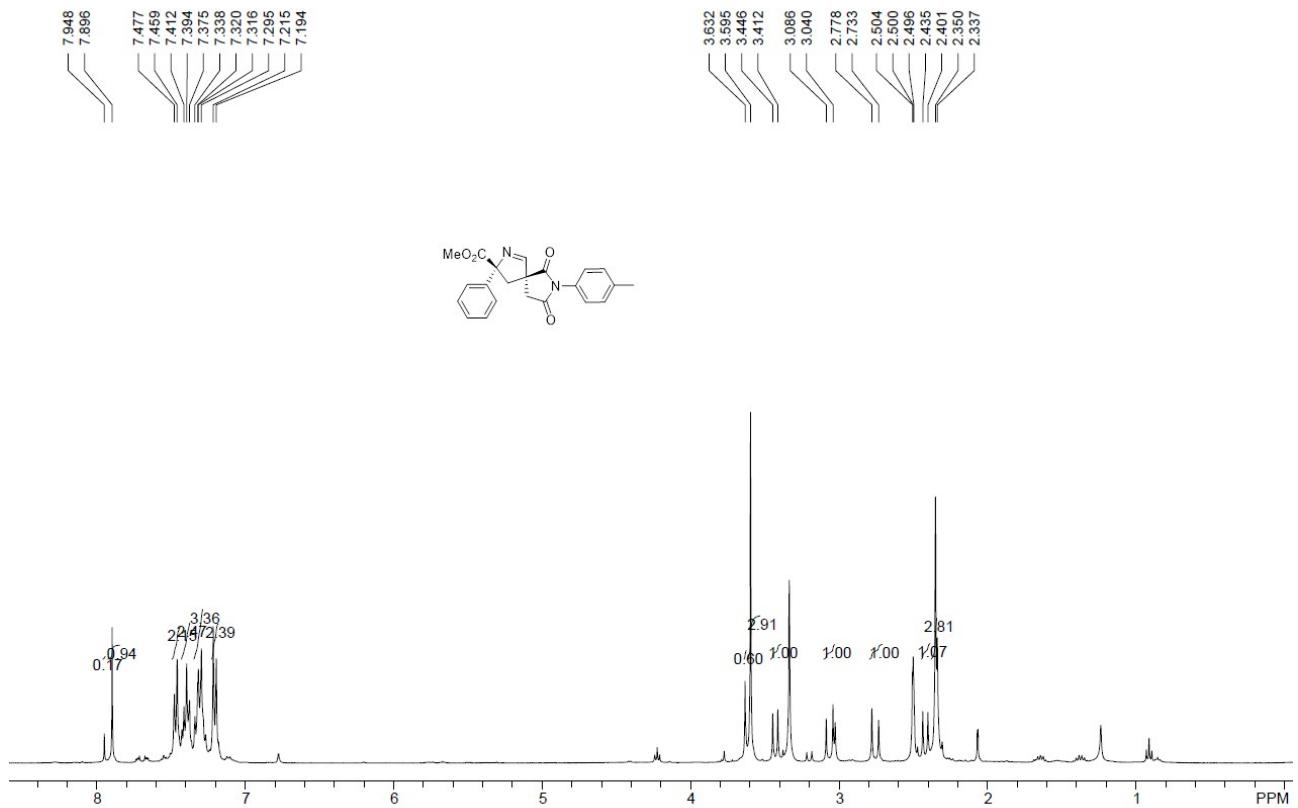
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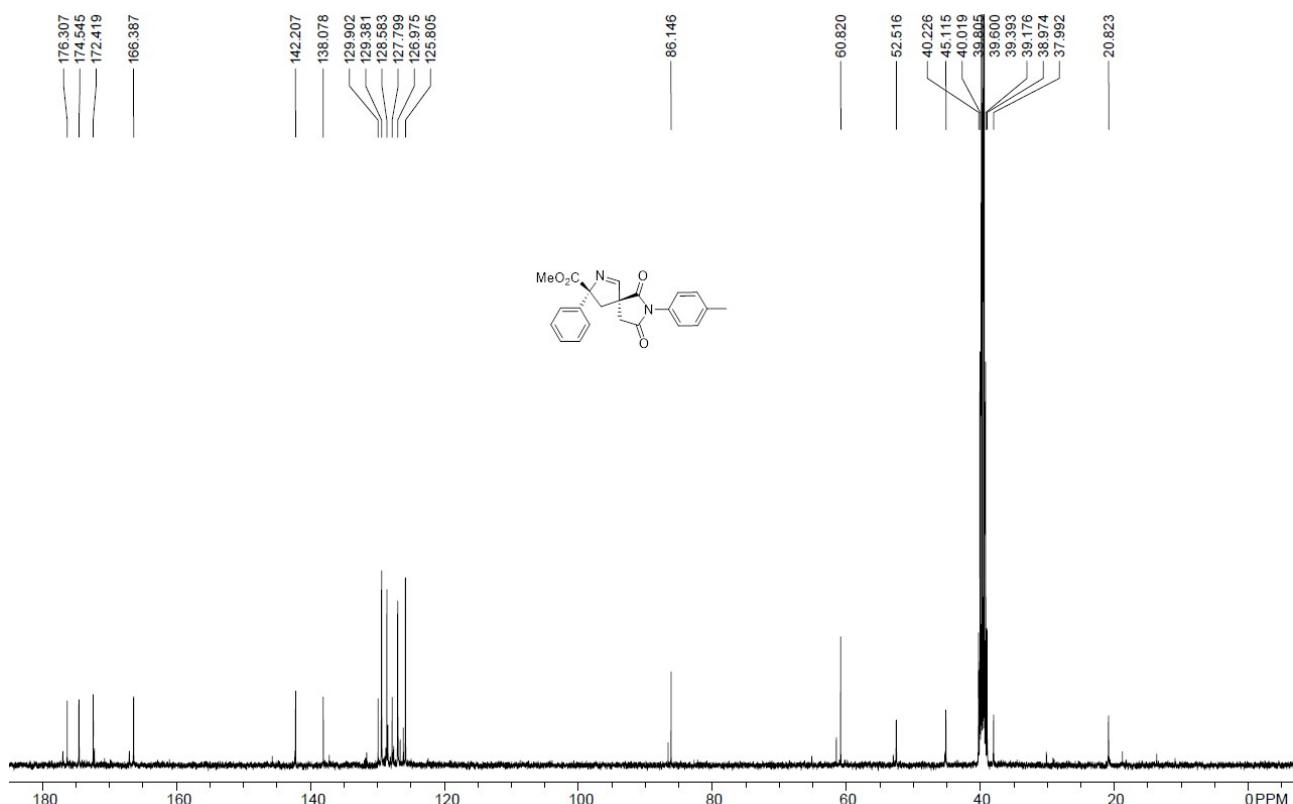
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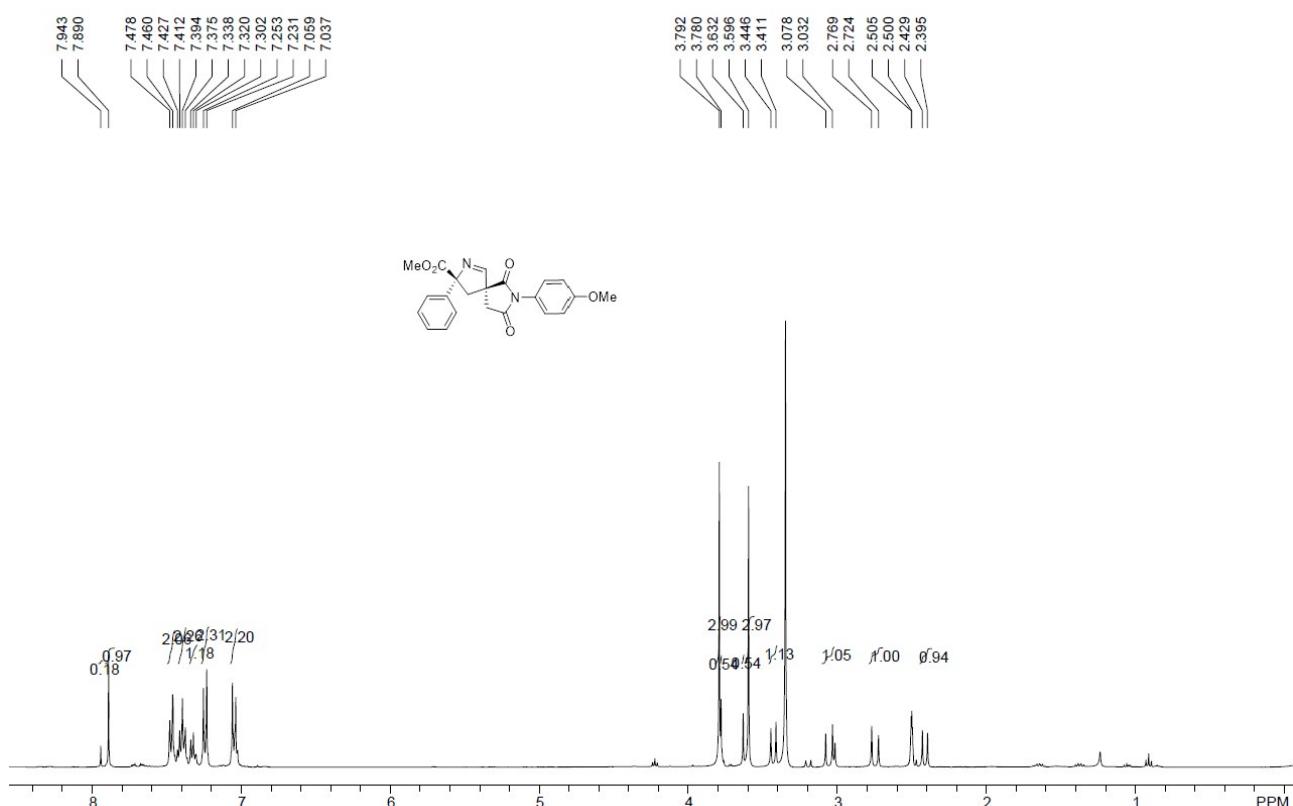
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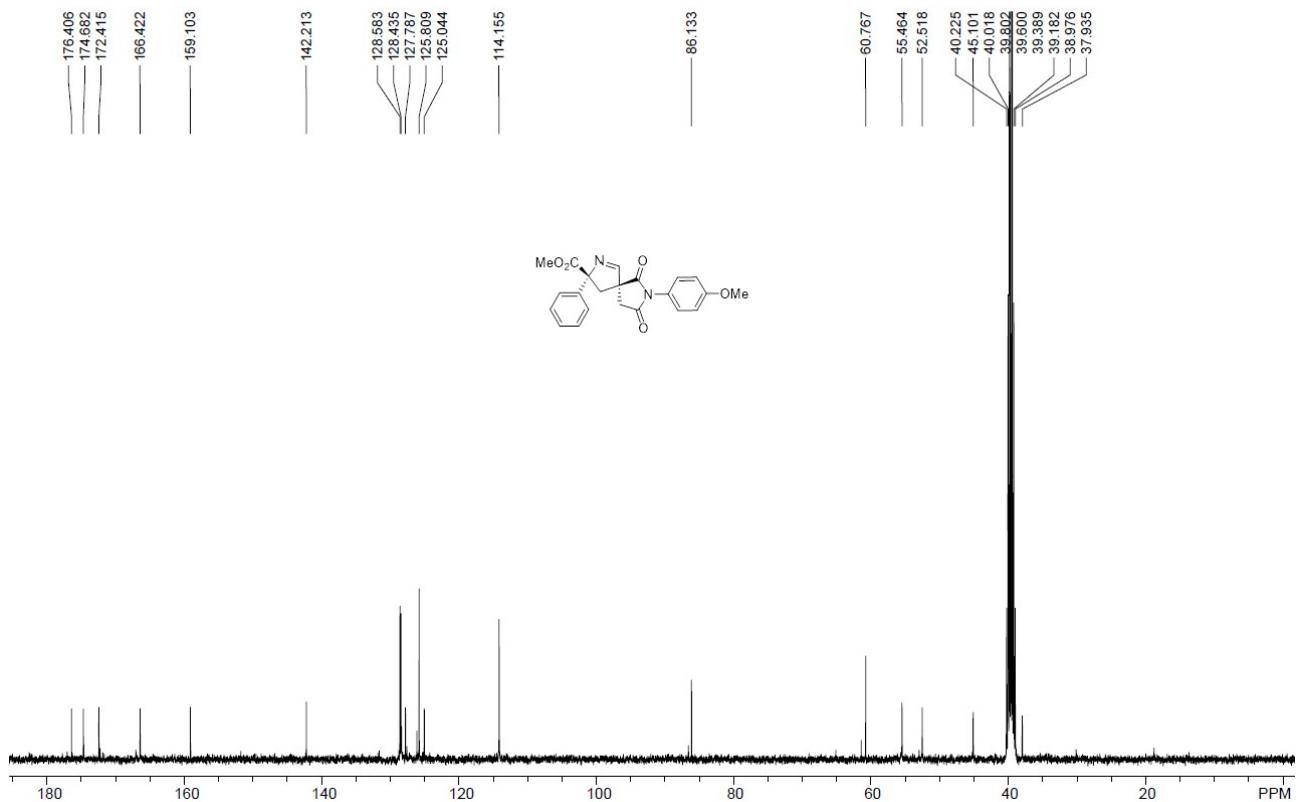
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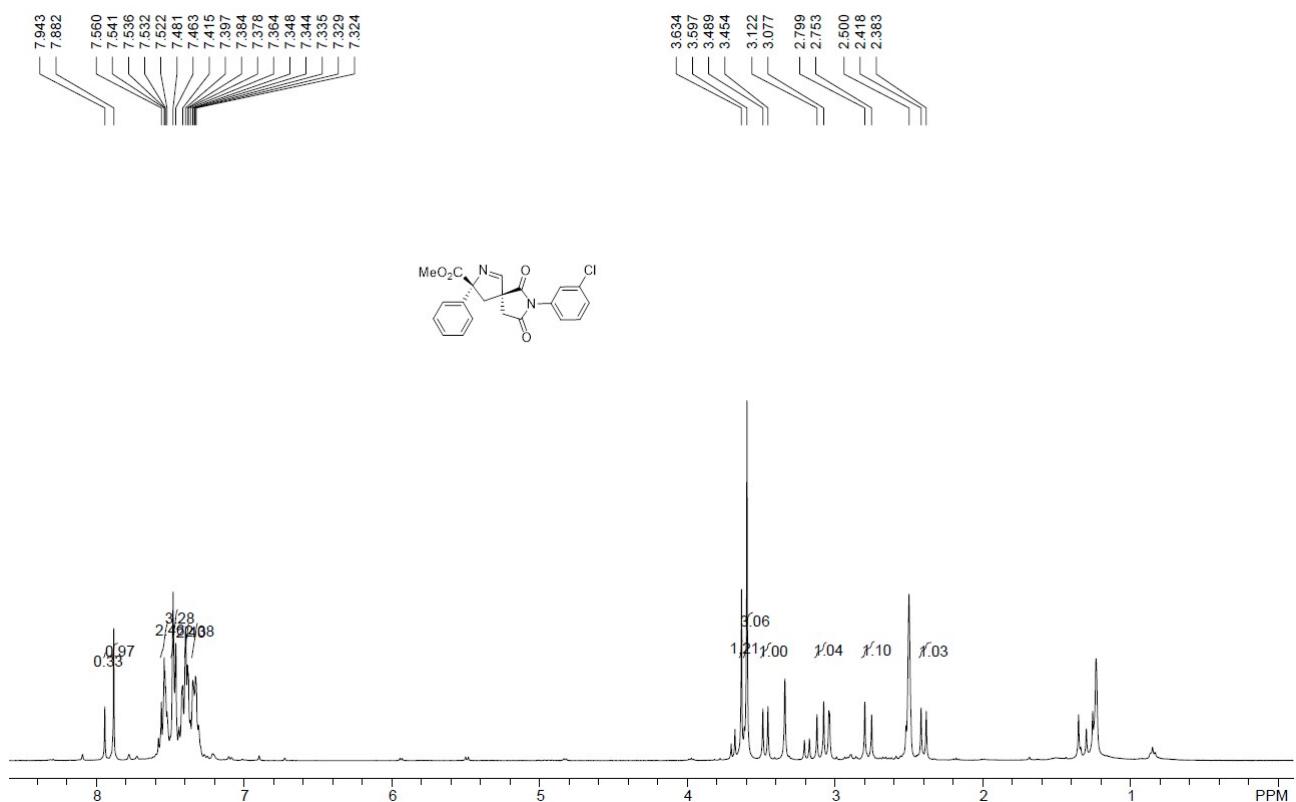
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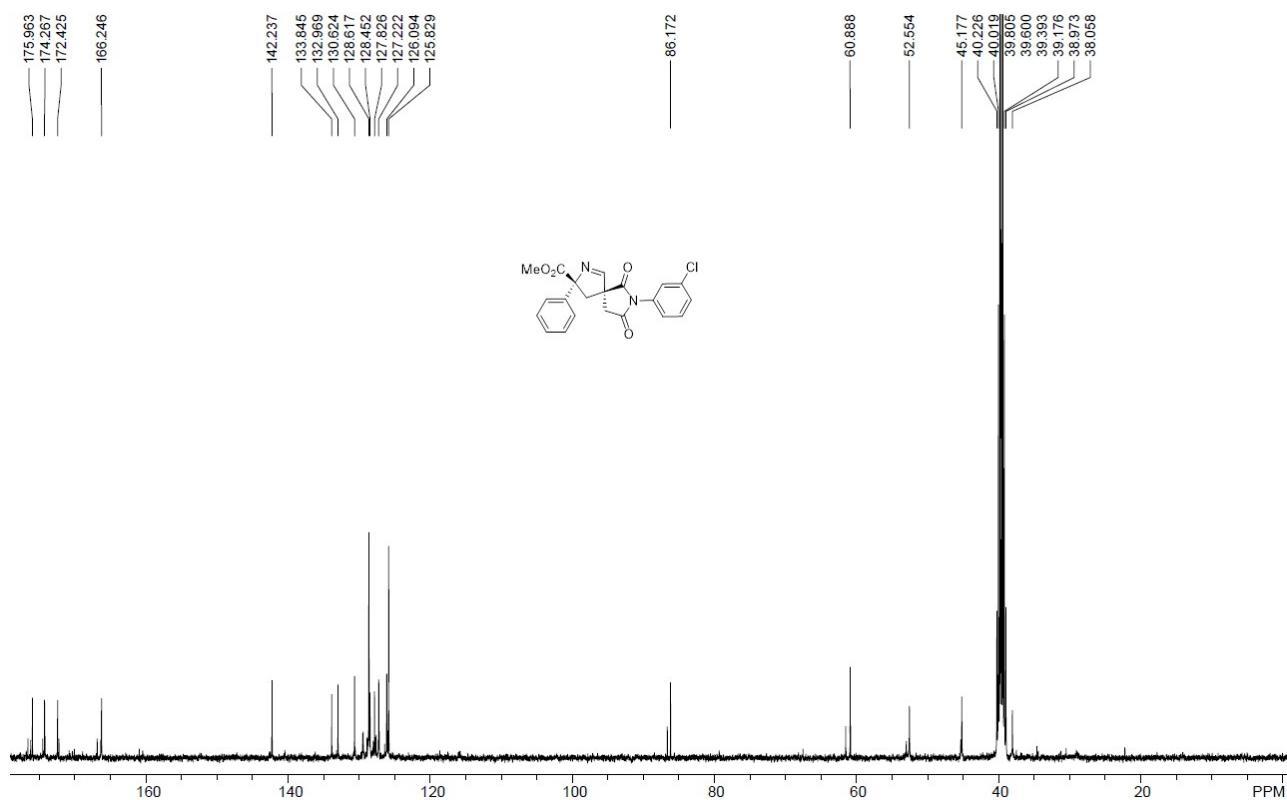
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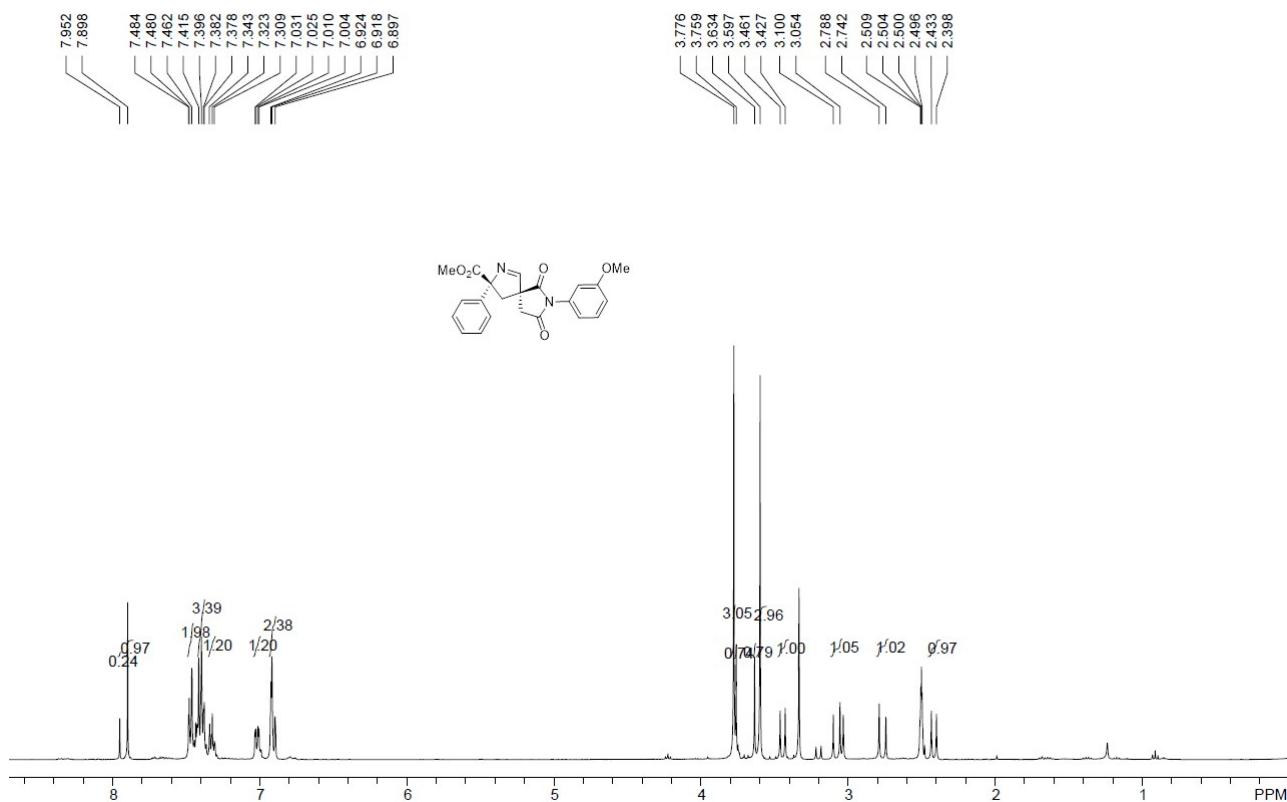
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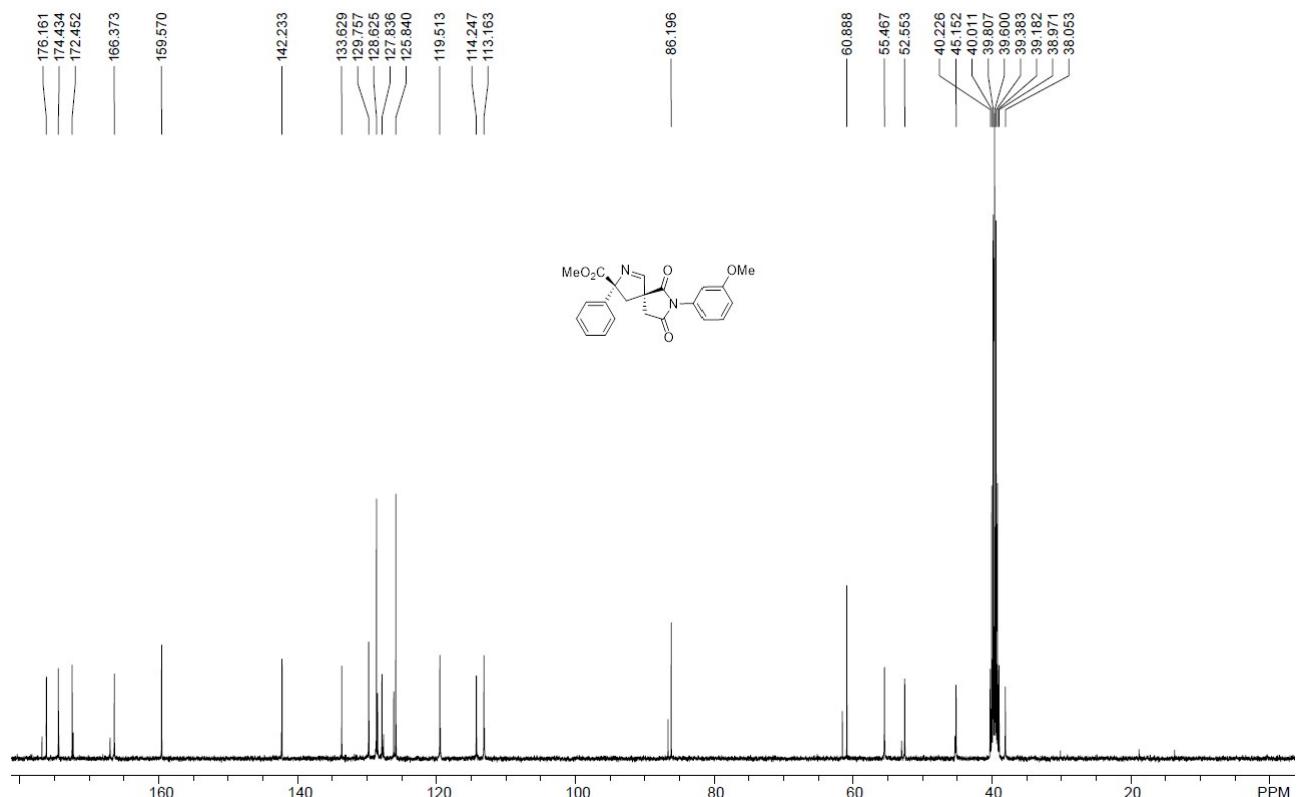
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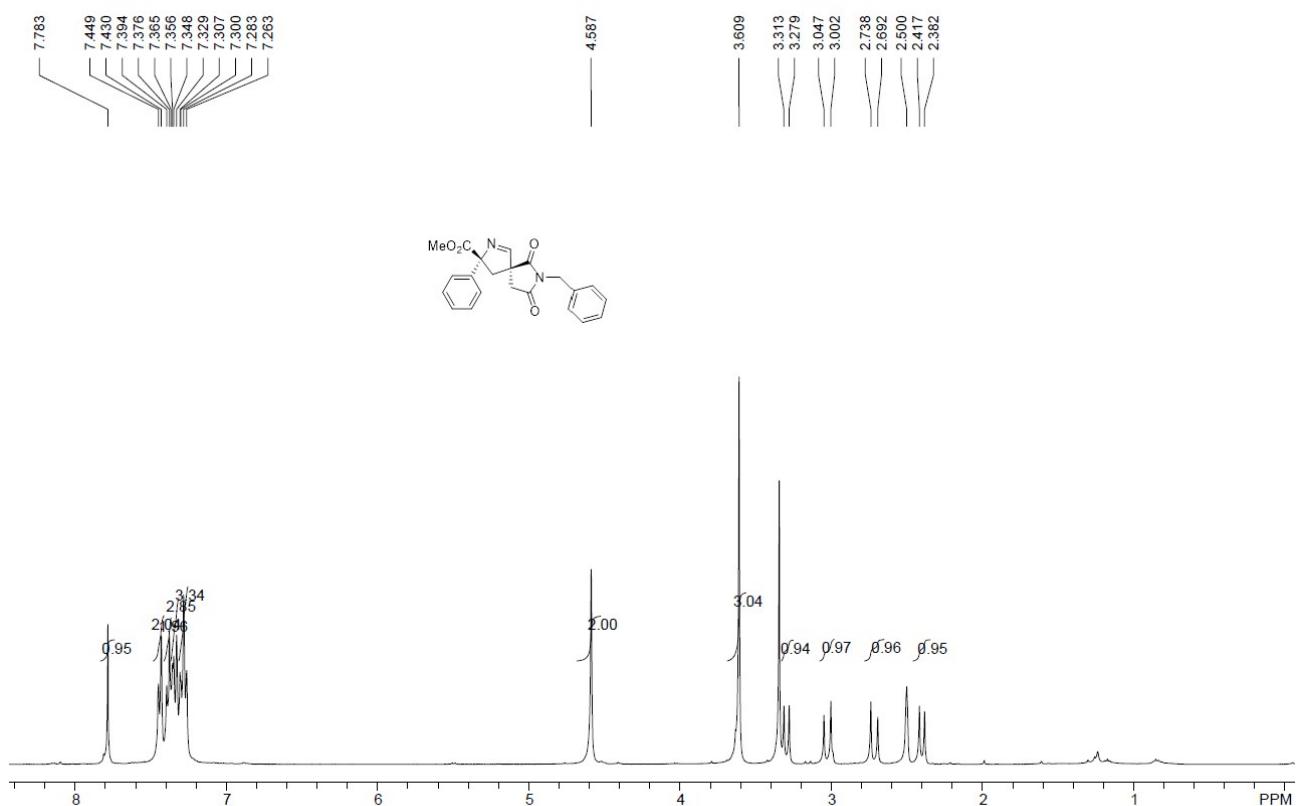
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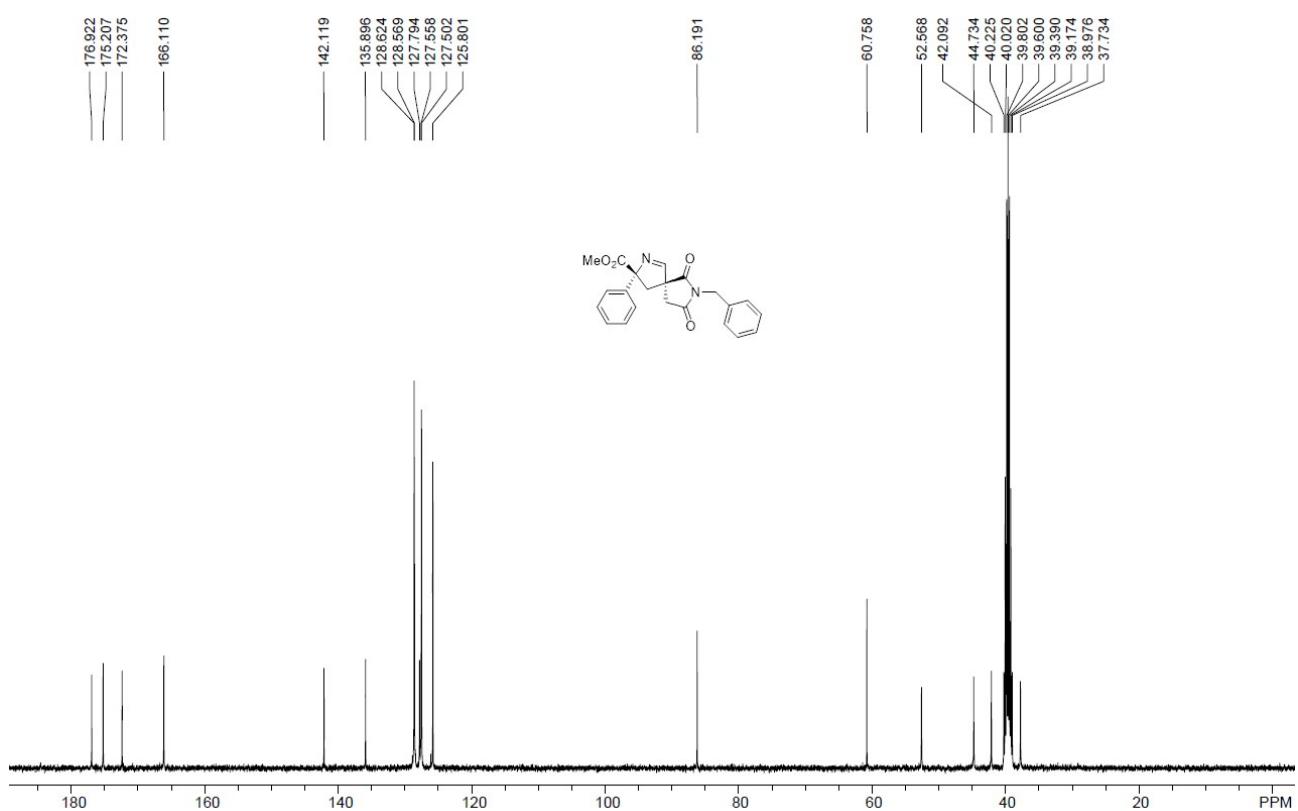
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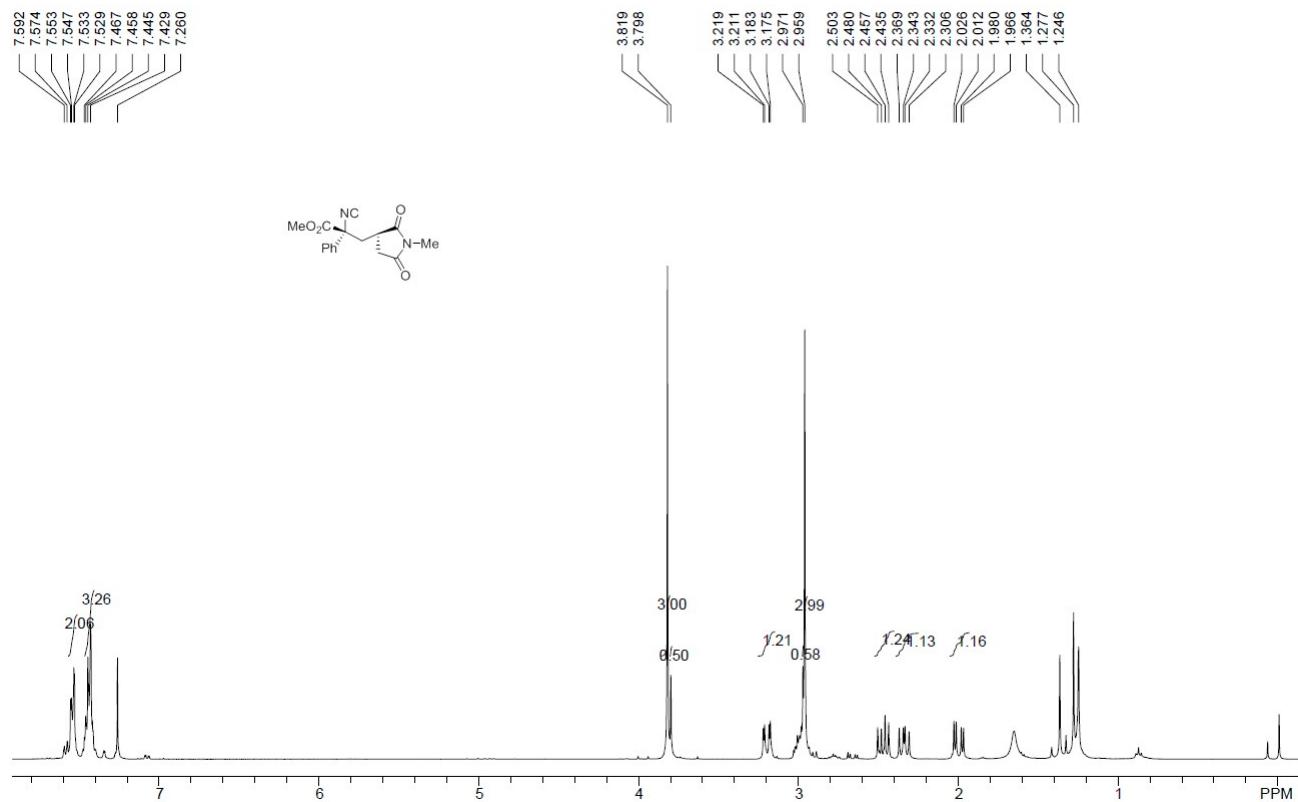
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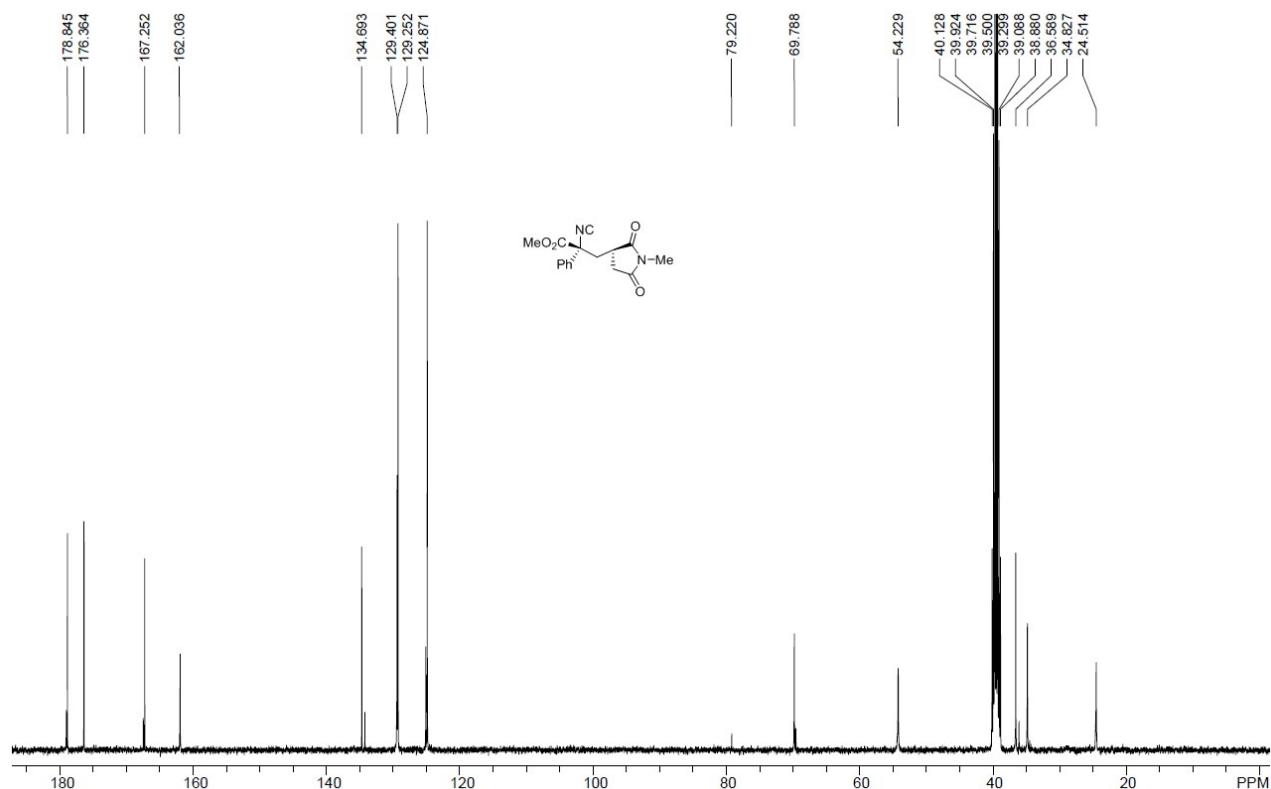
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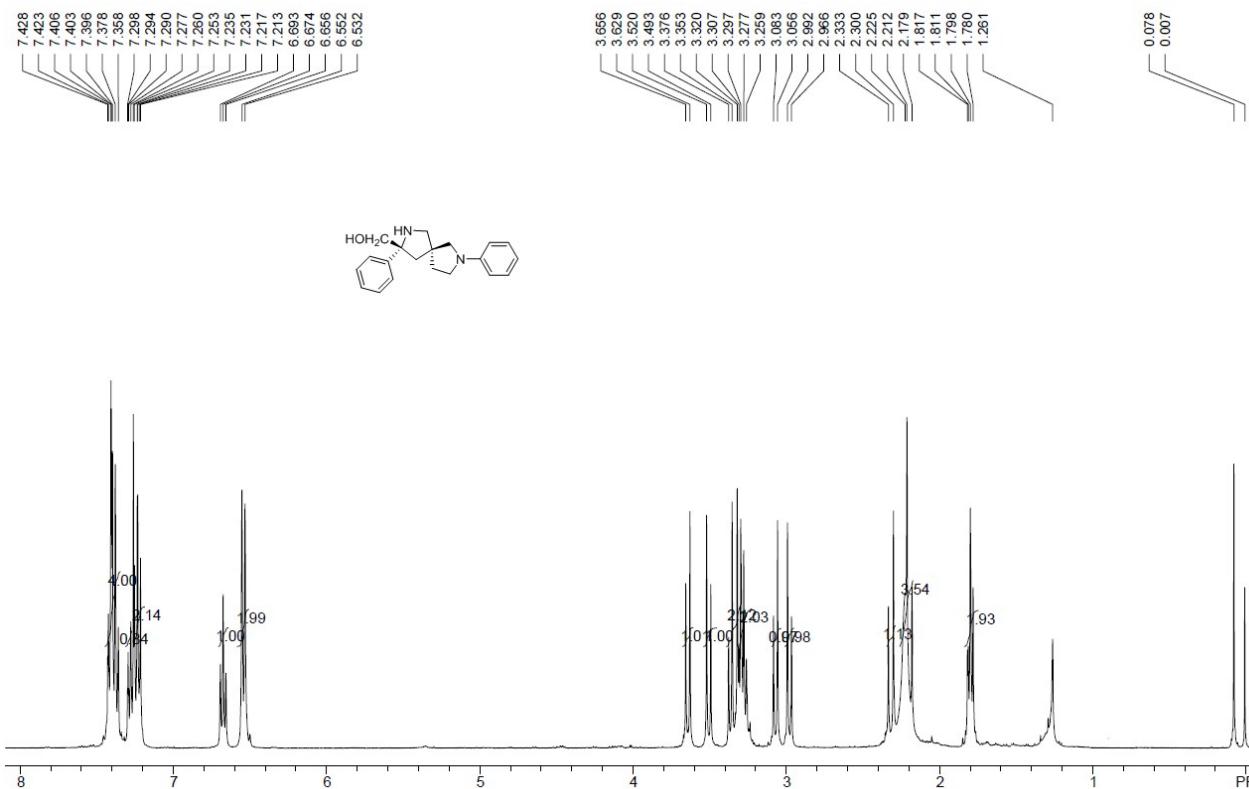
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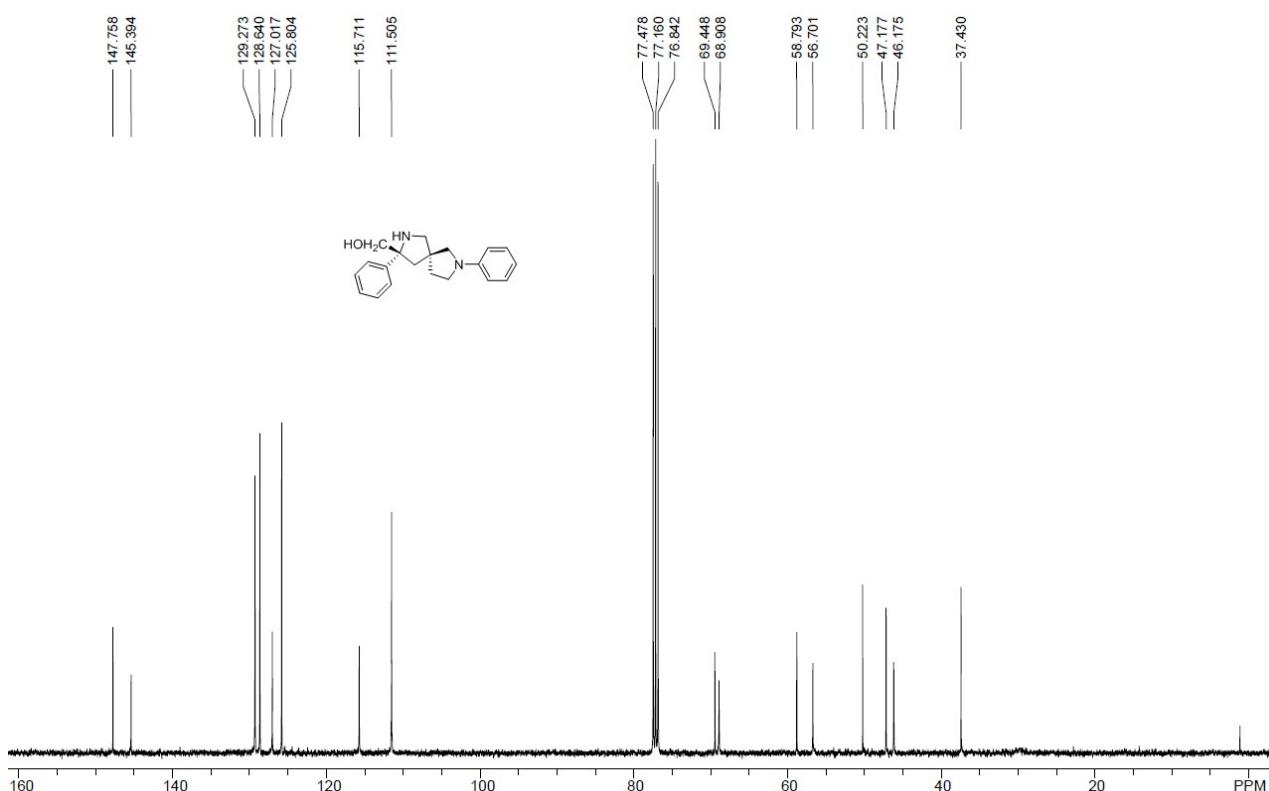
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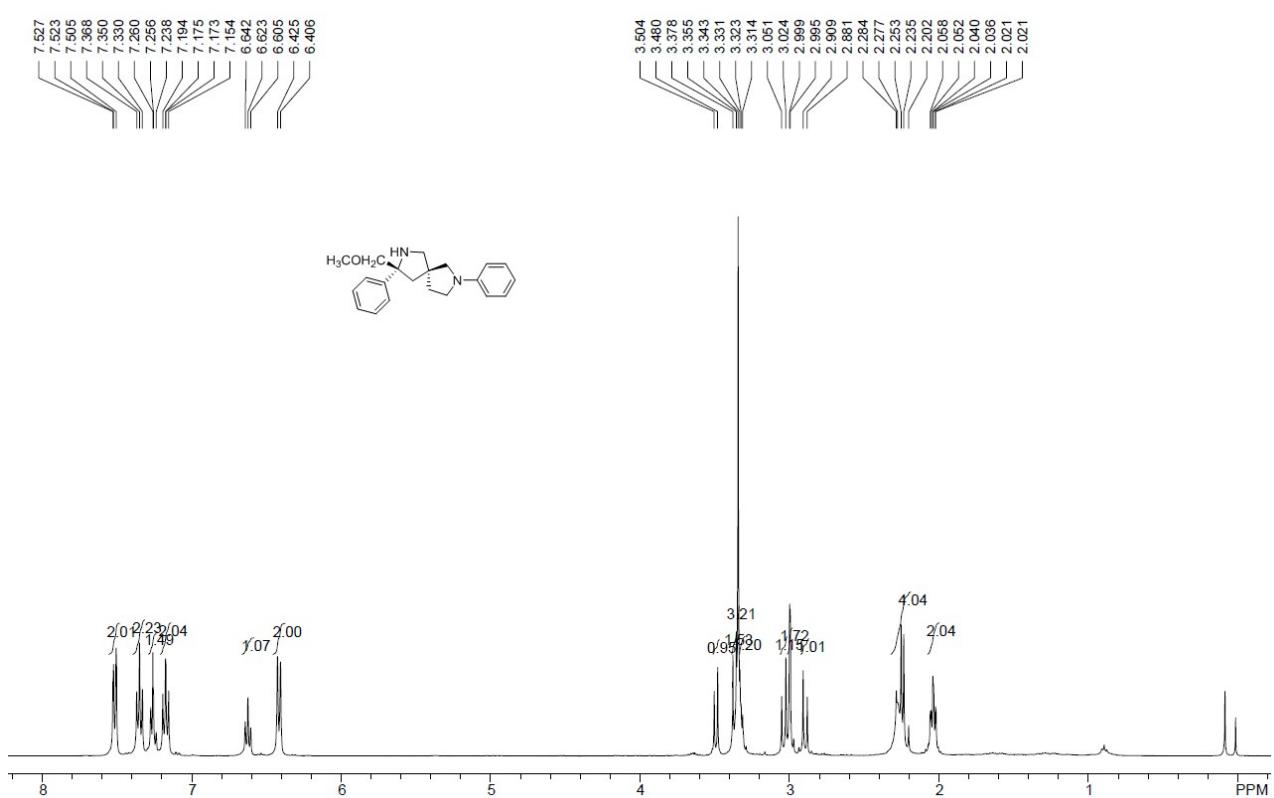
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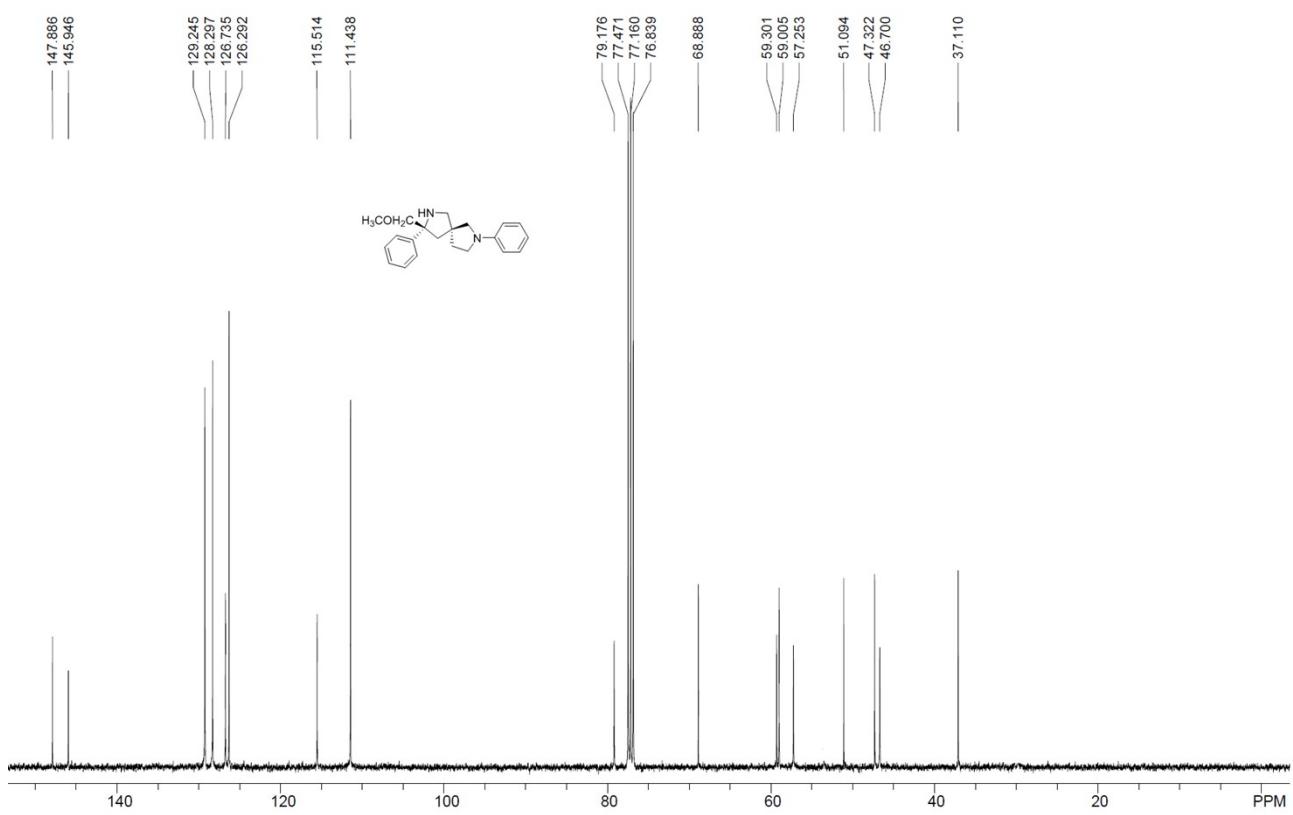
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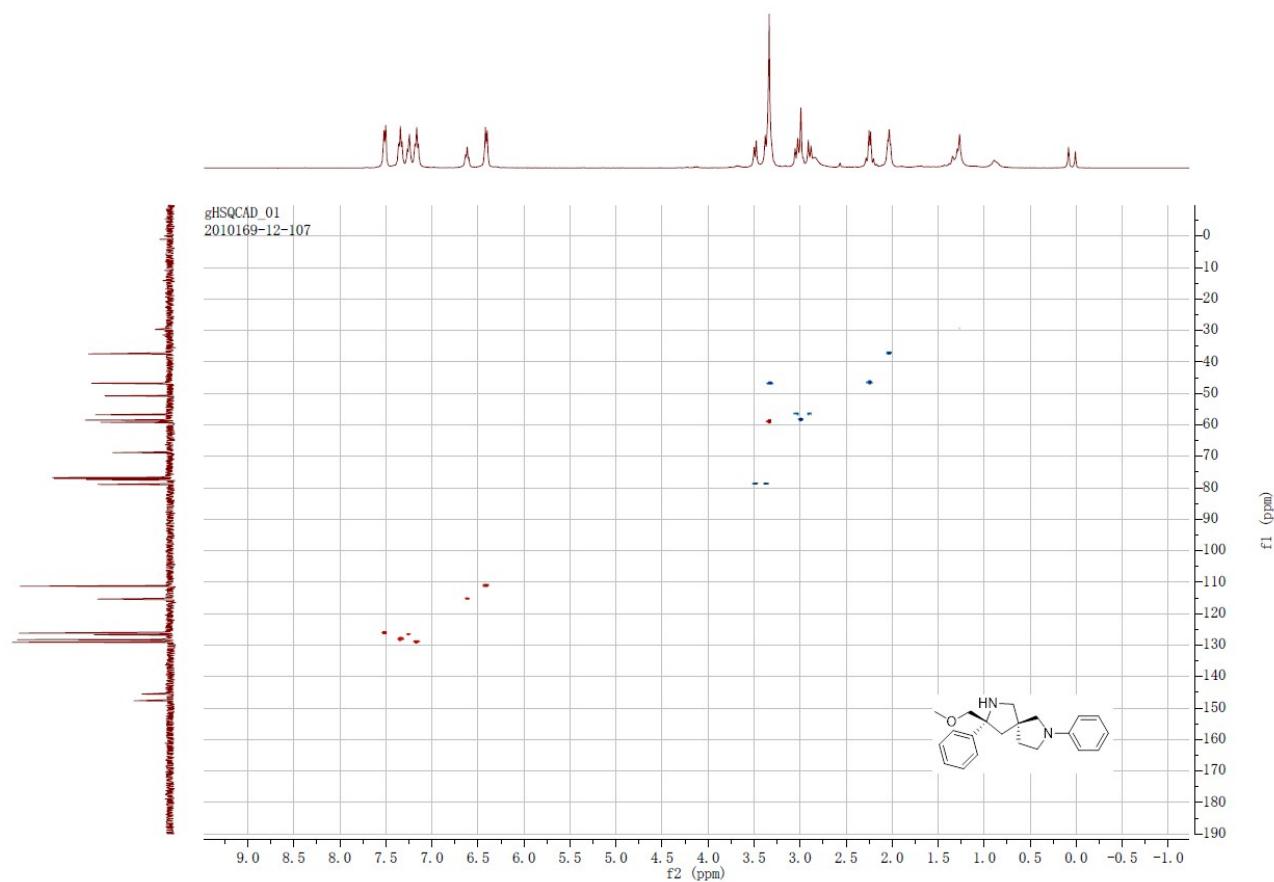
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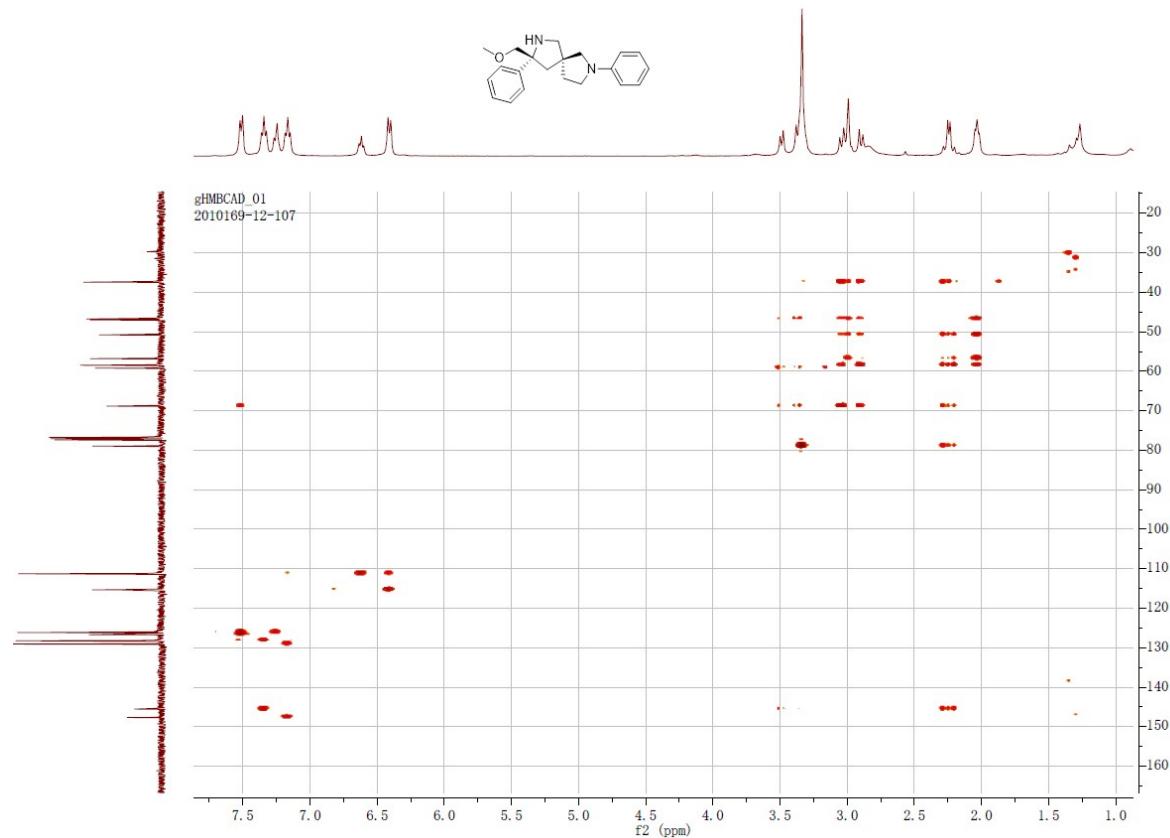
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HSQC of **6b**



### HMBC of **6b**



### Extension HMBC of **6b**

