

Supporting Information for

Organocatalyzed enantioselective one-pot three-component access to indoloquinolizidines by a Michael addition-Pictet-Spengler sequence

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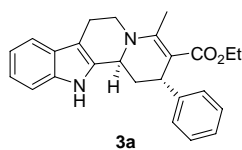
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General Information: Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm silica gel plates visualized with UV light and/or by staining with ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) or iodine. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel H (10-40 μ). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM500 (500MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS, coupling constants (J) in Hz. Optical rotations were taken on JASCO P1030. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on Bruker ApeXIII 7.0 TESLA FTMS. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral HPLC using a Waters instrument.

General Procedure for Multicatalytic Cascade Michael/Benzoin Reaction:

Step 1: To a mixture of catalyst **A** or **B** (0.01 mmol) and benzoic acid (0.01 mmol) in toluene (0.2 mL) was added β -ketone ester (0.1 mmol) under an atmosphere of N₂. Followed by the addition of α,β -unsaturated aldehyde (0.2 mmol). The reaction was followed by TLC. **Step 2:** After full conversion of β -ketone ester, the reaction mixture was diluted with toluene (2 mL). Then tryptamine (0.2 mmol) and benzoic acid (0.2 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 50 °C for 12-24h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EA (20 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL), brine (10 mL) sequentially. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to afford a crude product which was purified by flash silica gel chromatography.



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3a**):

The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 12h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 12h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a white powder (78% yield, 92% ee):

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.16 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.40 (m, 3H), 3.90-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.29 (dt, J = 12.5 Hz and 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (td, J = 12.5 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

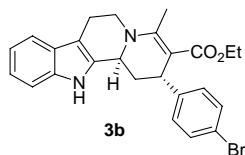
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.1, 154.9, 147.1, 136.1, 134.1, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.0, 121.7,

119.6, 118.0, 110.9, 109.1, 96.8, 58.9, 49.6, 44.8, 38.1, 36.0, 22.4, 17.6, 14.3.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 140.0 (c 0.70, CHCl_3).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)^+$ 387.2064, found 387.2067.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 10.77 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 28.06 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-ethyl

2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3b**):

The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 24h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 20h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (76% yield, 93% ee):

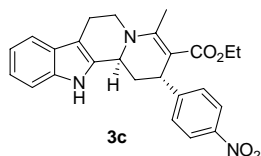
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500M): δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.16 (m, 5H), 4.31-4.36 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.28 (m, 2H), 3.90-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.14-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.26 (ddd, J = 13 Hz 3.5 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (td, J = 13 Hz and 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125M): δ 168.9, 155.2, 146.3, 136.2, 133.8, 131.4, 129.7, 122.0, 119.8, 118.2, 111.0, 109.3, 96.4, 59.1, 49.6, 44.9, 37.9, 36.0, 22.5, 17.6, 14.4.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 183.4 (c 0.65, CHCl_3).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Br})^+$ 465.1194, found 465.1172.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 7.82 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 30.76 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-ethyl

4-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3c**):

The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 48h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (91% yield, 93% ee):

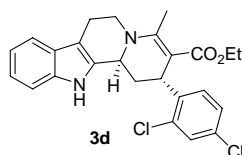
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500M): δ 8.15 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.42 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.18-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.76 -2.94 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.15 (td, J = 12.5 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125M): δ 168.6, 155.8, 155.4, 146.5, 136.3, 133.3, 129.2, 128.8, 126.8, 124.5, 123.7, 122.2, 119.9, 118.3, 111.1, 109.5, 95.6, 59.2, 49.6, 45.0, 38.6, 35.8, 22.4, 17.6, 14.4.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 96.0 (c 0.33, CHCl_3).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4)^+$ 432.1909, found 432.1918.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 16.18 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 45.13 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*α*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3d**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 48h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (86% yield, 95% ee):

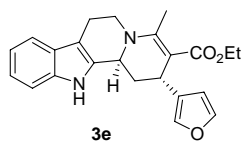
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.19 (m, 4H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 13 Hz and 2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.16-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.15 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 6 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 168.6, 155.8, 142.6, 136.2, 133.9, 133.6, 132.4, 130.7, 129.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.8, 122.1, 119.9, 118.2, 111.1, 109.4, 96.2, 59.2, 49.7, 44.9, 35.3, 33.1, 22.5, 17.6, 14.3.

[α]_D²⁵ 81.6 (*c* 1.75, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₂Cl₂)⁺ 455.1289, found 455.1287.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): *t*_R = 9.44 min (minor enantiomer), *t*_R = 28.50 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

2-(furan-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*α*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3e**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 24h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (93% yield, 88% ee):

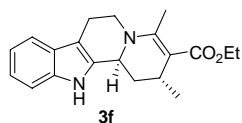
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.27-6.30 (m, 1H), 5.96-5.99 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.40 (m, 3H), 4.00-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 1H), 1.91 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.0, 159.2, 154.9, 141.2, 136.2, 134.0, 126.9, 122.1, 119.9, 118.2, 111.1, 110.3, 109.2, 106.6, 95.4, 59.2, 50.6, 44.9, 32.7, 32.4, 22.5, 17.7, 14.6.

[α]_D²⁵ 19.2 (*c* 0.31, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₃H₂₅N₂O₃)⁺ 377.1857, found 377.1859.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): *t*_R = 13.44 min (minor enantiomer), *t*_R = 38.10 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-ethyl 2,4-dimethyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*α*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3f**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 24h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50

°C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow oil (56% yield, 81% ee):

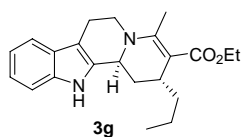
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.52-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.30 (m, 3H), 3.06-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.05-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.81 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.5, 153.1, 136.2, 134.6, 127.0, 121.9, 119.8, 118.2, 111.1, 109.1, 101.1, 59.1, 49.8, 44.9, 34.8, 26.5, 22.5, 22.2, 17.7, 14.7.

[α]_D²⁵ -45.1 (*c* 1.7, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₀H₂₅N₂O₂)⁺ 325.1923, found 325.1910.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 11.07 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 19.37 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

4-methyl-2-propyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3α]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3g**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 48h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (68% yield, 85% ee):

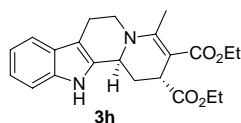
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.19 (m, 2H), 4.49-4.55 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.28 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.70 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.45-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.6, 152.8, 136.1, 134.7, 126.9, 121.8, 119.7, 118.1, 110.9, 108.9, 100.3, 59.0, 50.0, 45.0, 38.2, 36.1, 31.2, 30.9, 22.5, 20.4, 17.6, 14.6, 14.2.

[α]_D²⁵ -44.8 (*c* 1.50, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₂Na)⁺ 375.2054, found 375.2043.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 9.36 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 17.79 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-Diethyl 4-methyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3α]quinolizine-2,3-dicarboxylate (**3h**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 2h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 18h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (59% yield, 69% ee):

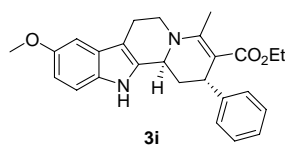
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.52-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.30 (m, 3H), 3.83-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.88 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 175.9, 168.8, 155.0, 136.3, 133.5, 126.8, 122.1, 119.8, 118.3, 111.2, 109.2, 93.8, 60.9, 59.4, 51.0, 44.8, 38.9, 30.5, 22.4, 17.5, 14.6, 14.3.

[α]_D²⁵ 83.7 (*c* 0.33, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₂H₂₇N₂O₄)⁺ 383.1973, found 383.1965.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 13.03 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 32.37 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

9-methoxy-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate

(**3i**): The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 24h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 2h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (70% yield, 94% ee):

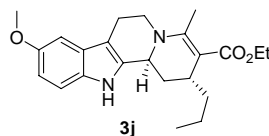
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.10 -7.33 (m, 6H), 6.90-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.24 -4.38 (m, 3H), 3.90-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.12-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.68 -2.76 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.06 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.1, 154.8, 154.3, 147.2, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 126.1, 122.1, 111.6, 109.1, 93.8, 100.5, 97.0, 59.1, 56.1, 49.7, 44.9, 38.2, 36.1, 30.5, 22.6, 17.7, 14.4.

[α]_D²⁵ 119.4 (*c* 1.05, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₆H₂₉N₂O₃)⁺ 417.2188, found 417.2173.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 16.32 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 42.91 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-ethyl

9-methoxy-4-methyl-2-propyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate

(**3j**): The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 48h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 1h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (93% yield, 93% ee):

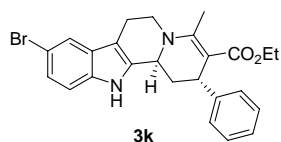
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 9 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.30 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.23 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 13 Hz, 5 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.6, 154.2, 152.7, 135.6, 131.1, 127.4, 111.6, 111.5, 108.8, 100.4, 100.3, 58.9, 55.9, 50.1, 45.0, 38.2, 31.3, 30.9, 22.5, 20.4, 17.6, 14.6, 14.3.

[α]_D²⁵ -22.8 (*c* 1.60, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₃H₃₁N₂O₃)⁺ 383.2323, found 383.2329.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 16.30 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 35.88 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Ethyl

9-bromo-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3k**):

The reaction was carried out at 10 °C for 24h using **B** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 20h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (67% yield, 94% ee):

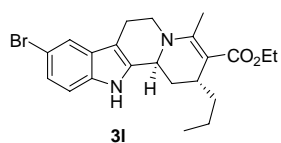
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 4.22 -4.35 (m, 3H), 3.89-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.19 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.28 (ddd, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 3.5 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.59 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.1, 154.8, 146.9, 135.6, 134.8, 131.1, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 124.6, 120.8, 112.9, 112.4, 108.8, 97.2, 59.1, 49.6, 44.8, 38.2, 35.9, 22.4, 17.7, 14.4.

[α]_D²⁵ 59.6 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₂Br)⁺ 465.1194, found 465.1172.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 12.66 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 38.74 min (major enantiomer).



(2*R*,12*bS*)-ethyl

9-bromo-4-methyl-2-propyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate

(**3l**): The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 48h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 18h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (57% yield, 92% ee):

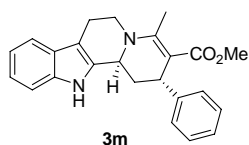
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.25 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.27 (m, 3H), 3.10-3.18 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.93-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 13 Hz, 4 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.45-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 169.5, 152.5, 136.1, 134.7, 128.7, 124.5, 120.8, 112.9, 112.3, 108.7, 100.6, 59.1, 49.9, 44.8, 38.1, 31.2, 30.9, 22.3, 20.4, 17.6, 14.6, 14.2.

[α]_D²⁵ 55.3 (*c* 1.15, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₂Br)⁺ 431.1321, found 431.1328.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 11.89 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 27.29 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Methyl

4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12b-hexahydroindolo[2,3a]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3m**): The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 24h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (95% yield, 92% ee):

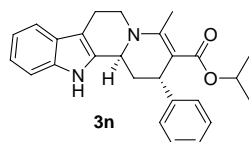
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 13 Hz and 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29-4.31 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.32 (ddd, *J* = 13 Hz, 3.5 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 155.1, 146.7, 139.6, 136.1, 134.1, 128.5, 127.9, 126.9, 126.2, 121.9, 119.8, 118.2, 111.0, 109.2, 96.3, 50.8, 49.7, 45.0, 37.9, 36.2, 22.6, 17.6.

[α]_D²⁵ 38.3 (*c* 1.05, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₂)⁺ 373.1903, found 373.1910.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 12.23 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 39.82 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-Isopropyl

4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12b-hexahydroindolo[2,3a]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3n**): The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 24h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 20h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (95% yield, 96% ee):

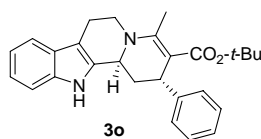
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.07-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.84 (m, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.35 (m, 3H), 3.15-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.07 (td, *J* = 13 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125M): δ 168.7, 154.8, 147.6, 139.6, 136.2, 134.2, 128.3, 128.1, 126.9, 126.0, 121.8, 119.7, 118.1, 111.0, 109.2, 97.8, 65.8, 49.5, 44.8, 38.5, 36.1, 22.5, 22.3, 21.5, 17.7.

[α]_D²⁵ -85.9 (*c* 0.19, CHCl₃).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (C₂₆H₂₉N₂O₂)⁺ 401.2219, found 401.2223.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_R = 10.21 min (minor enantiomer), t_R = 21.80 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-*t*-butyl

4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,6,7,12,12b-hexahydroindolo[2,3a]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3o**): The reaction was carried out at -15 °C for 72h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 24h at 50 °C (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (73% yield, 96% ee):

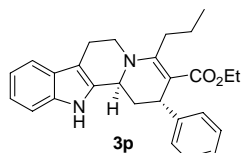
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500M): δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.07-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.34 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.08 (td, *J* = 12.5 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125M): δ 168.8, 154.3, 147.9, 136.2, 134.2, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 126.0, 121.9, 119.8, 118.2, 110.9, 109.3, 99.5, 49.4, 44.7, 39.1, 36.3, 28.3, 22.5, 17.8.

$[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}}$ 78.4 (c 0.60, CHCl_3).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)^+$ 415.2385, found 415.2380.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_{R} = 8.91 min (minor enantiomer), t_{R} = 12.87 min (major enantiomer).



(2*S*,12*bS*)-ethyl

2-phenyl-4-propyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate (**3p**): The reaction was carried out at $-15\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 20h at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (92% yield, 94% ee):

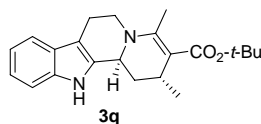
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500M): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.35 (m, 3H), 4.18-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.96 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.36-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.95 (m, 3H), 2.26-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.07 (td, J = 13 Hz and 5 Hz, 1H), 1.83-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.14 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125M): δ 168.6, 159.1, 147.3, 136.2, 134.2, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 126.1, 121.9, 119.7, 118.1, 111.0, 109.2, 95.8, 58.9, 49.6, 44.6, 38.1, 36.2, 31.8, 22.8, 14.4.

$[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}}$ 62.3 (c 0.80, CHCl_3).

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)^+$ 415.2374, found 415.2380.

HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak ADH, Hexane : Isopropanol = 4 : 1, Flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t_{R} = 9.76 min (minor enantiomer), t_{R} = 61.16 min (major enantiomer).



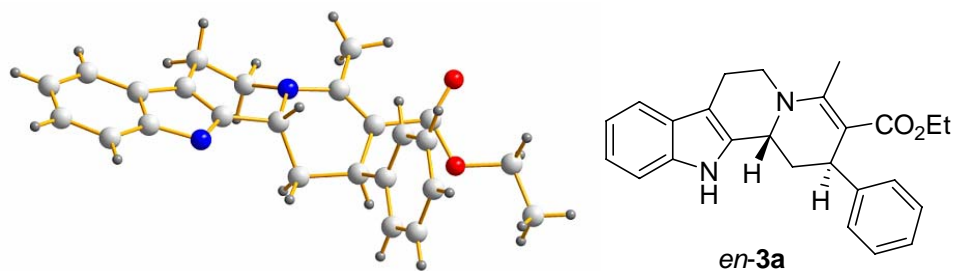
(2*S*,12*bS*)-*t*-butyl 2,4-dimethyl-1,2,6,7,12,12*b*-hexahydroindolo[2,3*a*]quinolizine-3-carboxylate^{10a} (**3q**): The reaction was carried out at $-15\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24h using **A** as catalyst (step 1) and stirred for 20h at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (step 2), the title product was isolated as a yellow solid (51% yield, 80% ee):

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500M): δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.11-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.96-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.00-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.81 (td, J = 12.5 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H).

$[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}}$ -11.4 (c 0.95, CHCl_3).

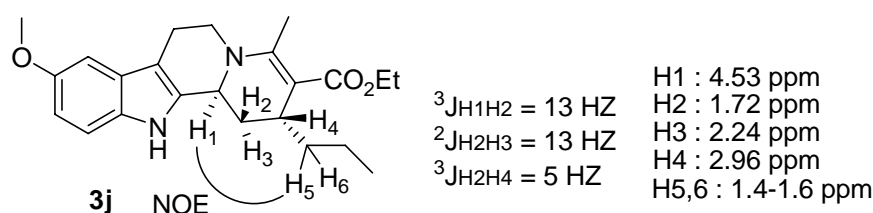
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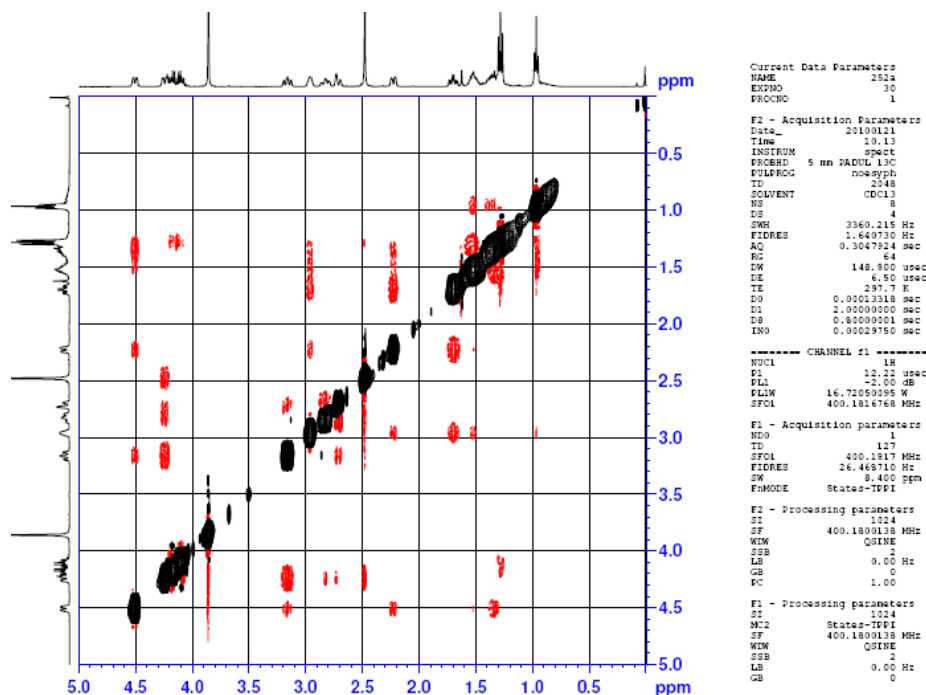
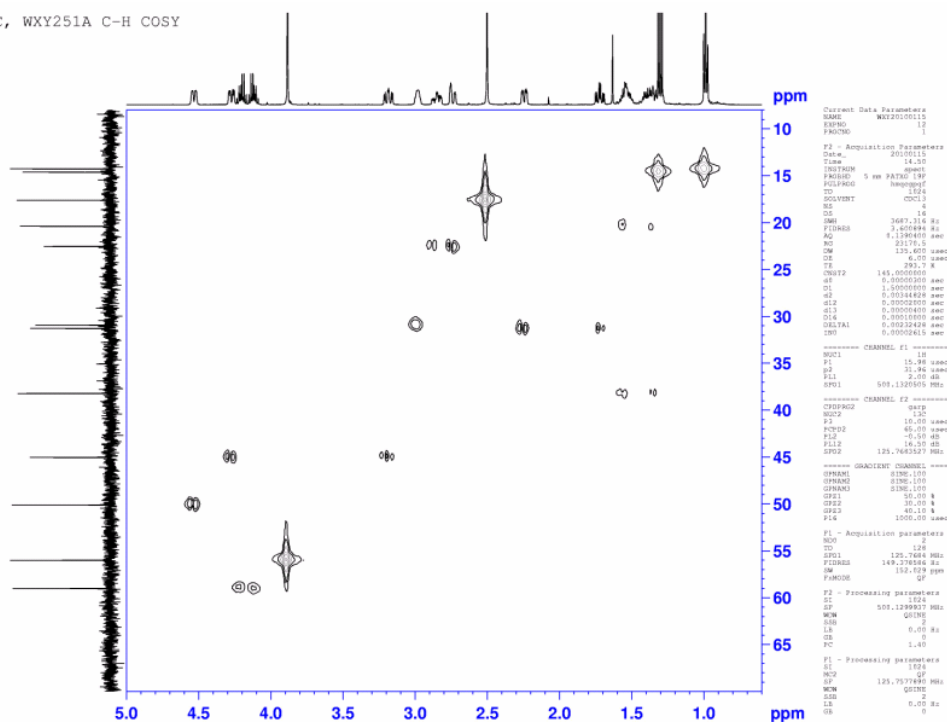


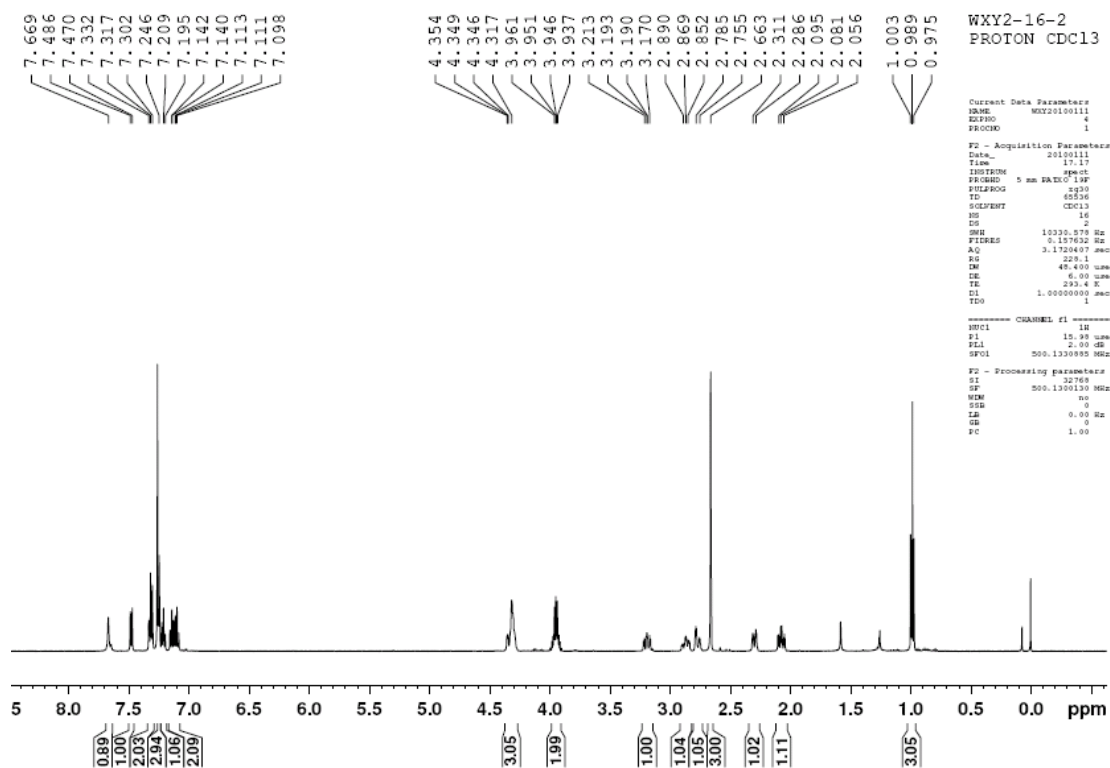
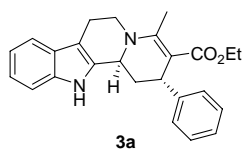
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F(000)	410
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Limiting indices	-8<=h<=10, -9<=k<=9, -18<=l<=12
Reflections collected / unique	5268 / 3536 [R(int) = 0.0305]
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Max. and min. transmission	0.9880 and 0.9786
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3536 / 1 / 265
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
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Determination of relative configuration of **3j**:



HMQC, WXY251A C-H COSY





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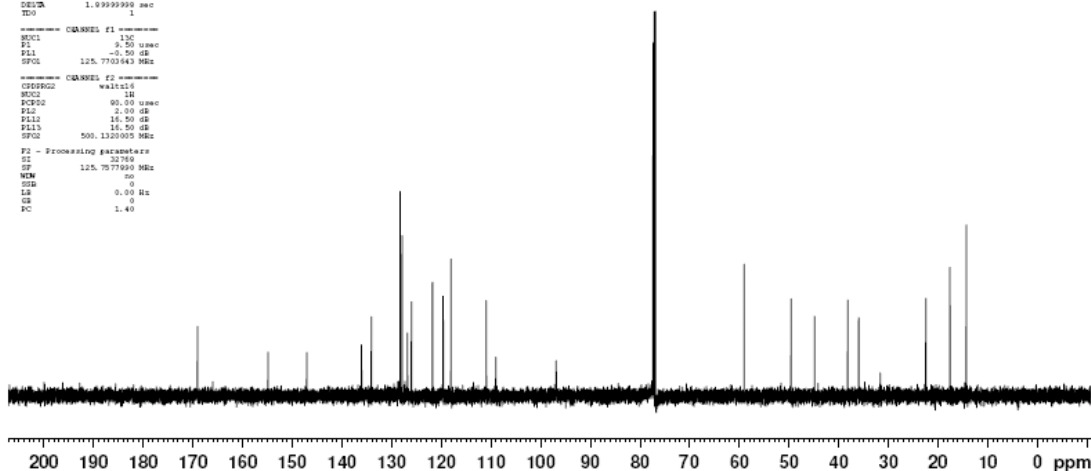
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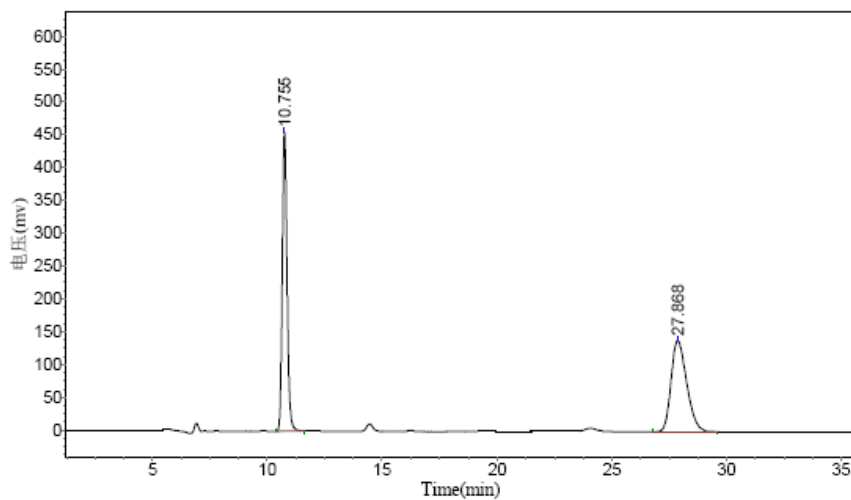
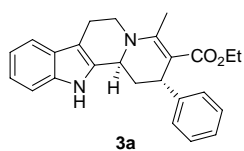
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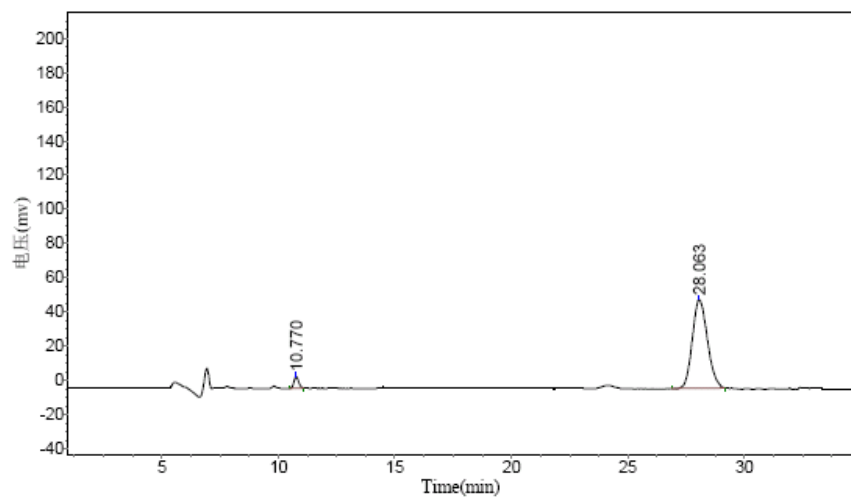
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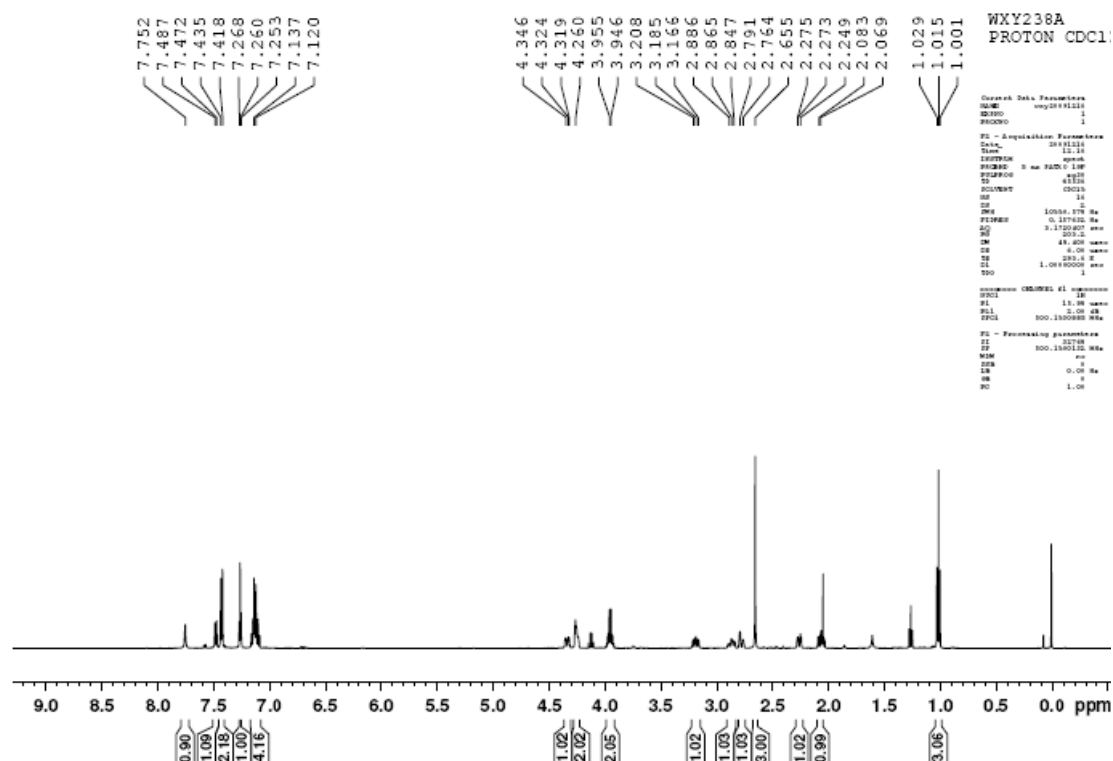
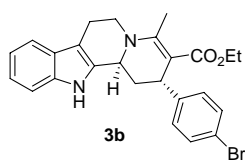
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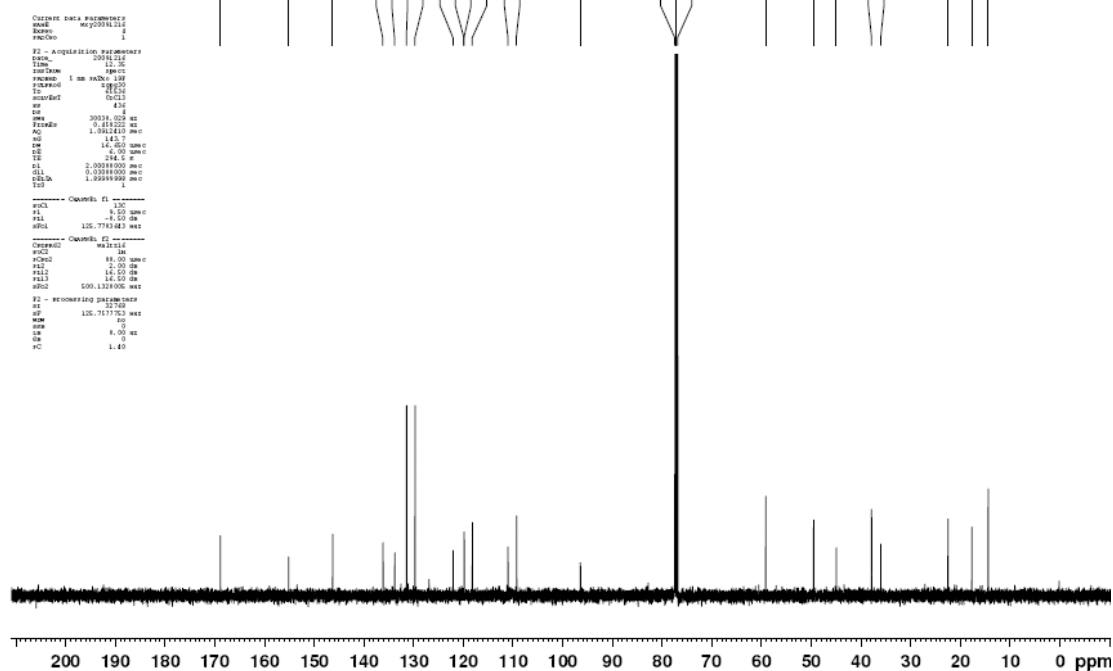


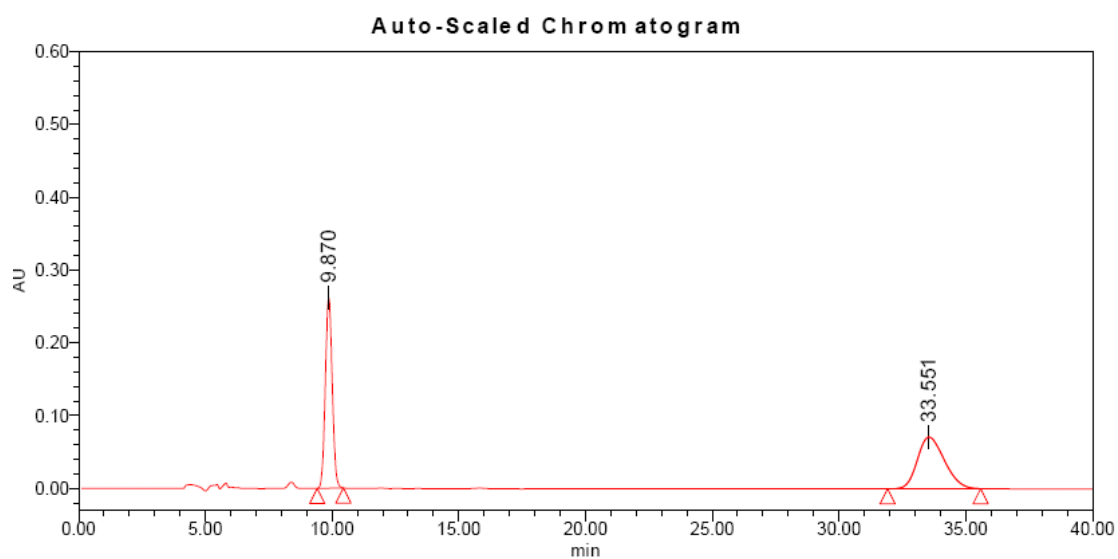
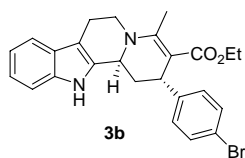
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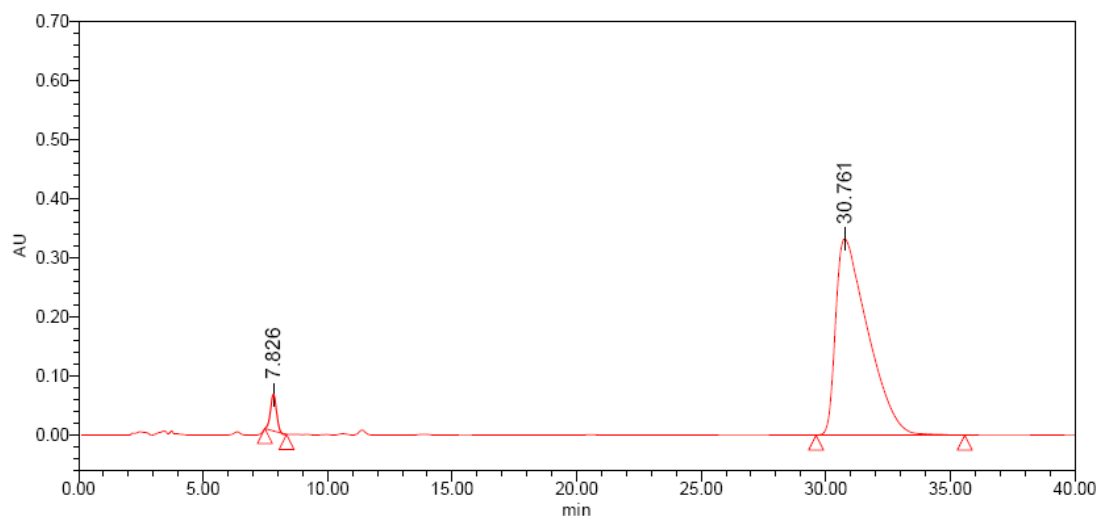
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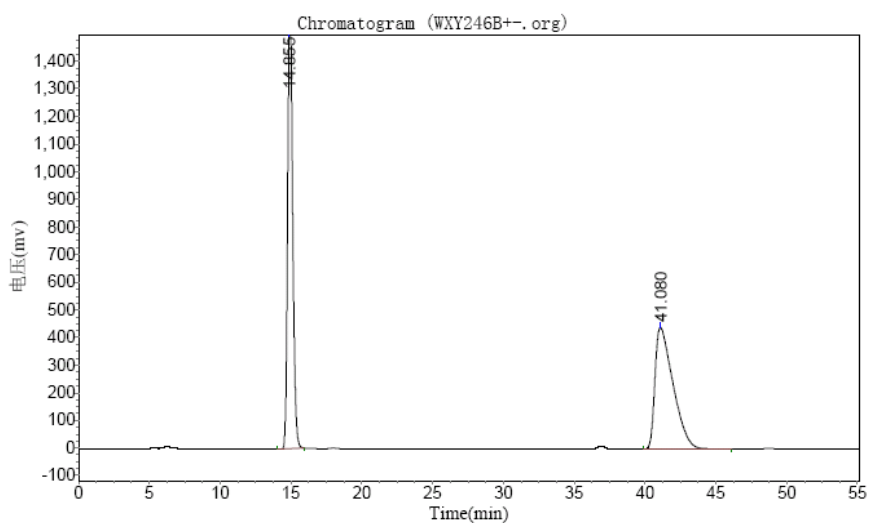
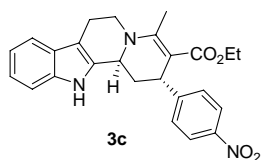
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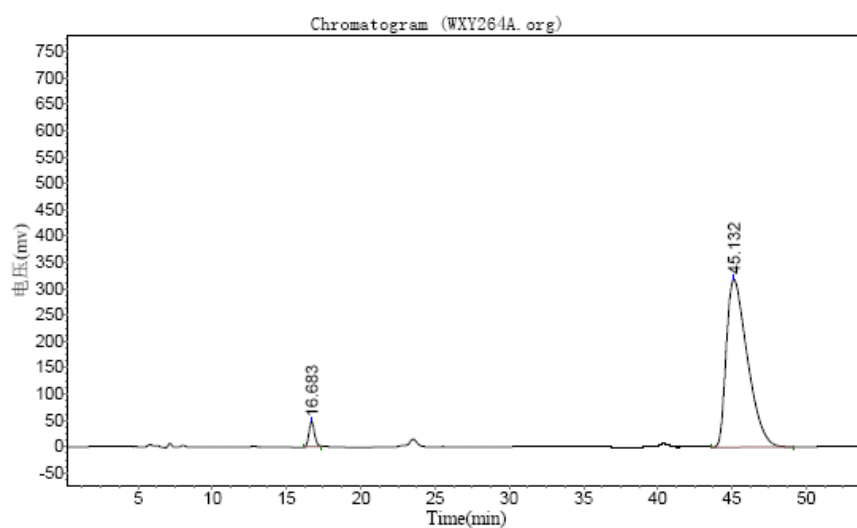
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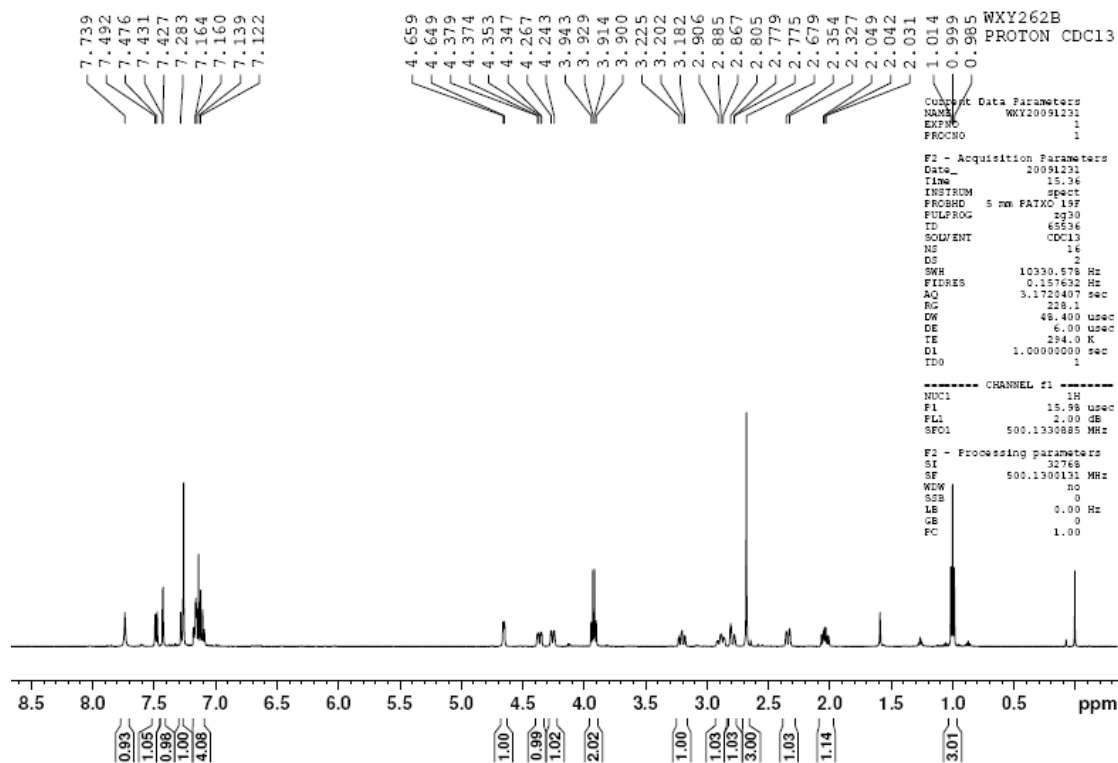
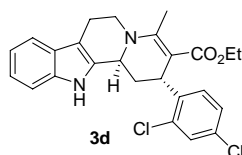
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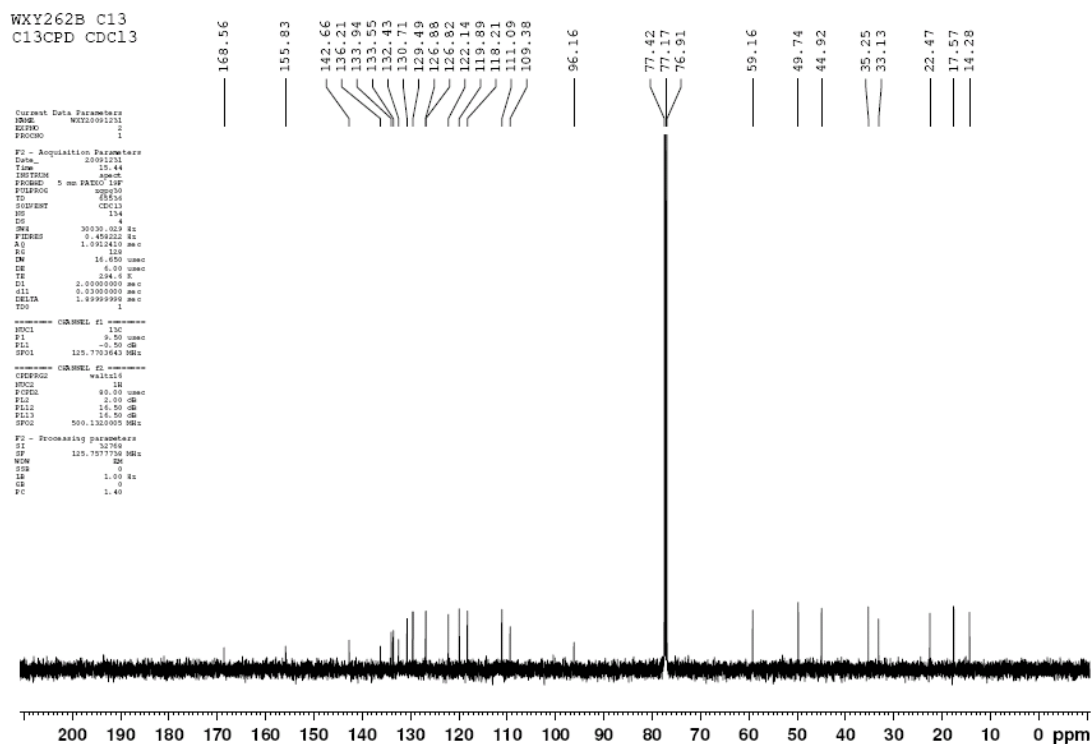


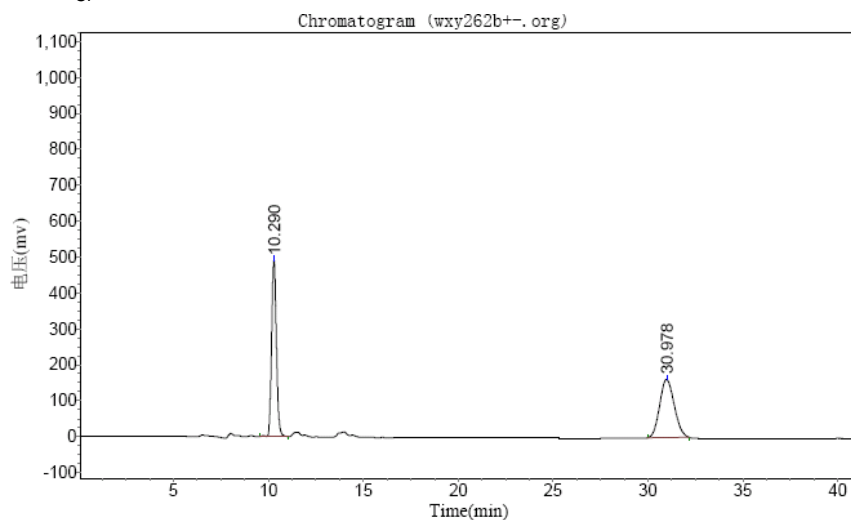
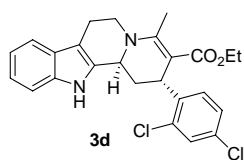
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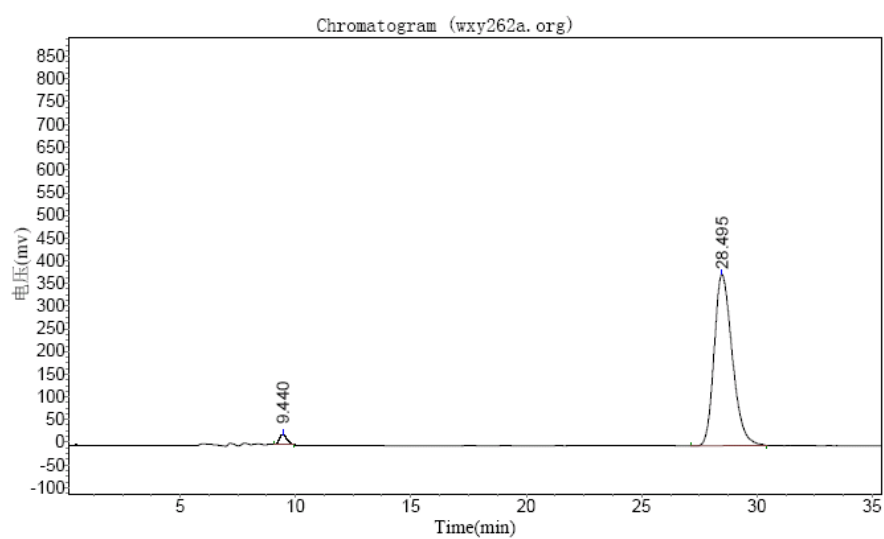
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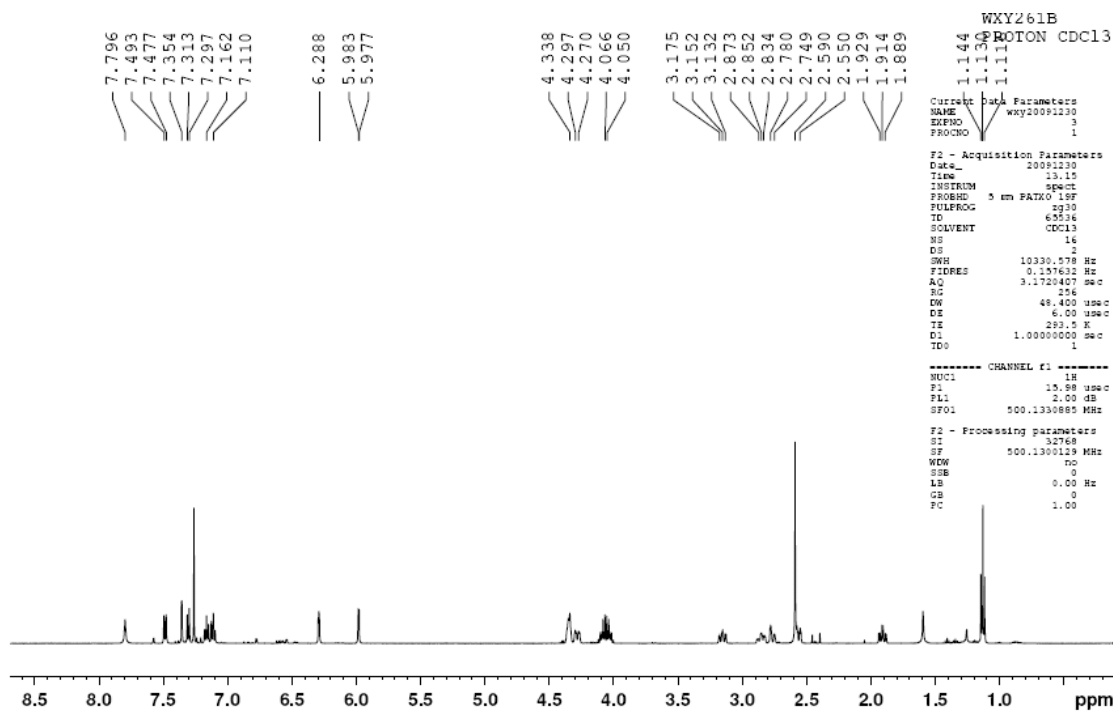
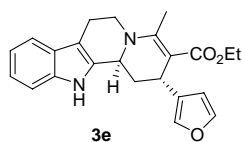
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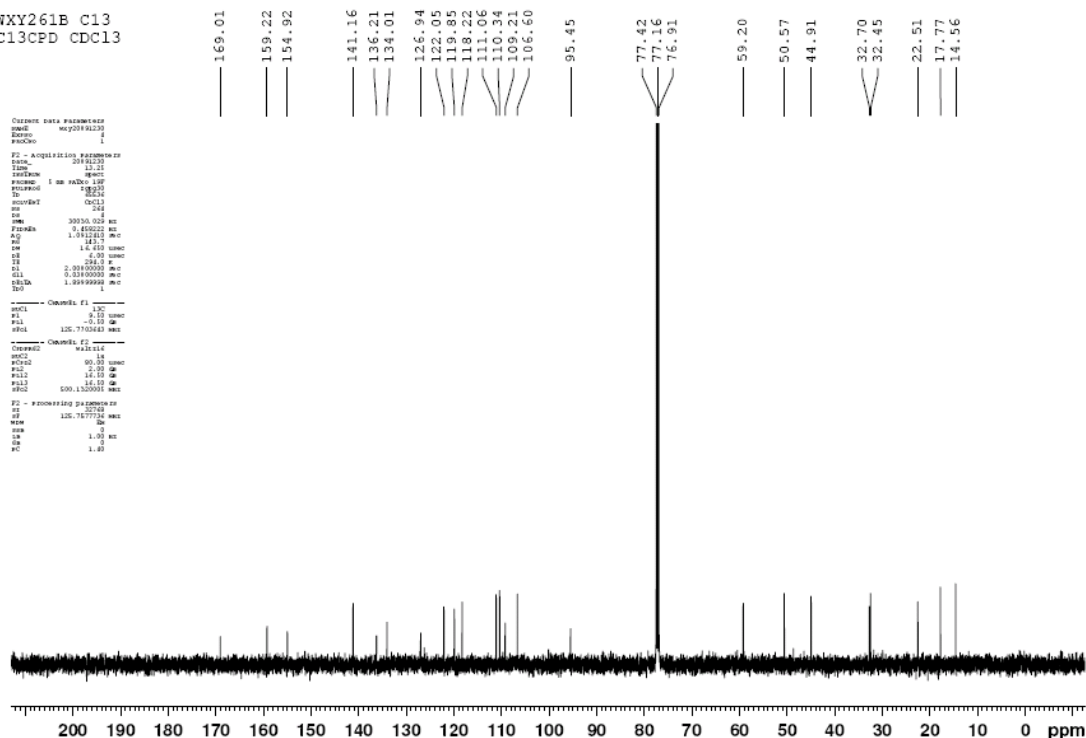


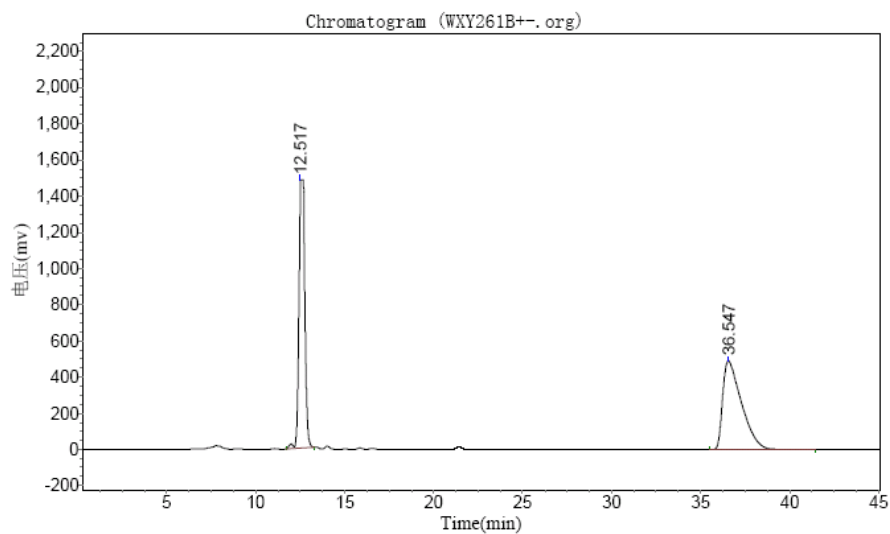
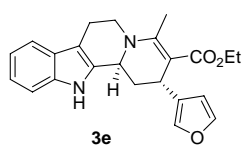
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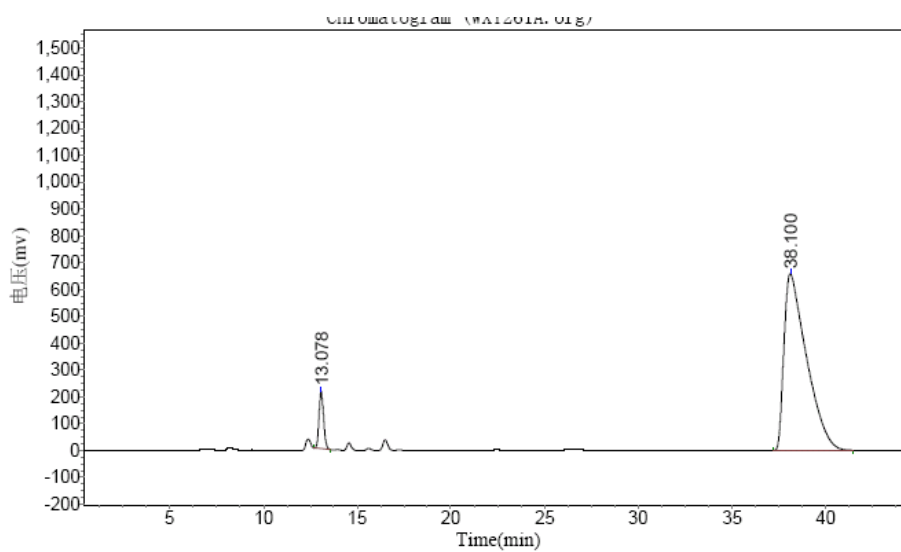
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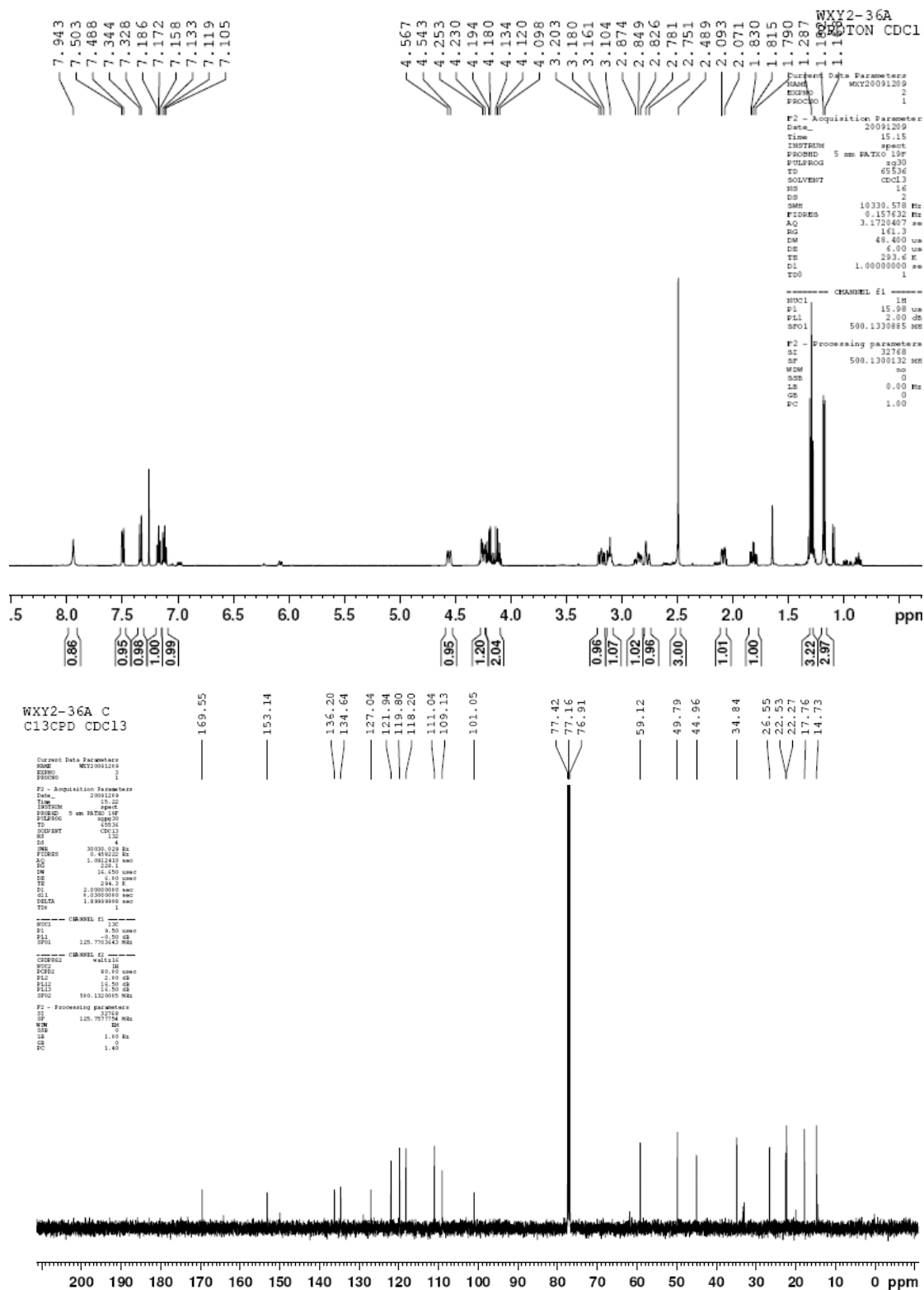
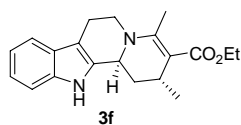
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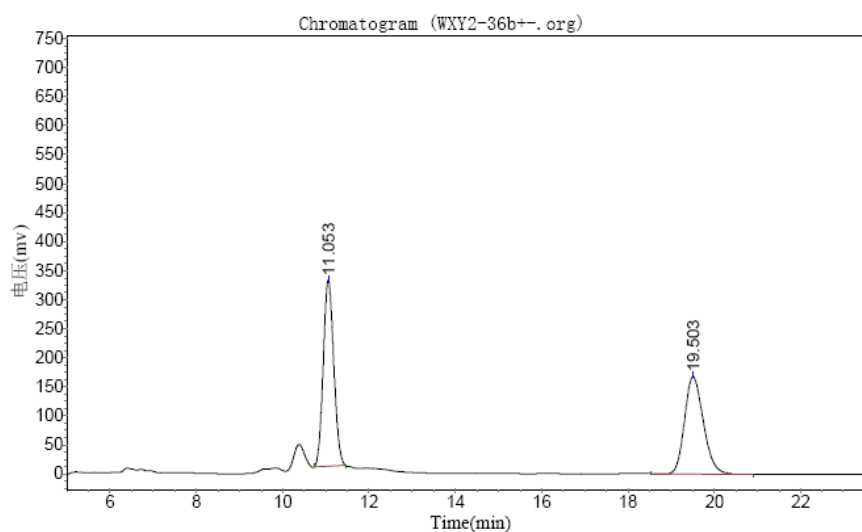
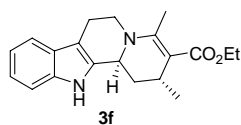
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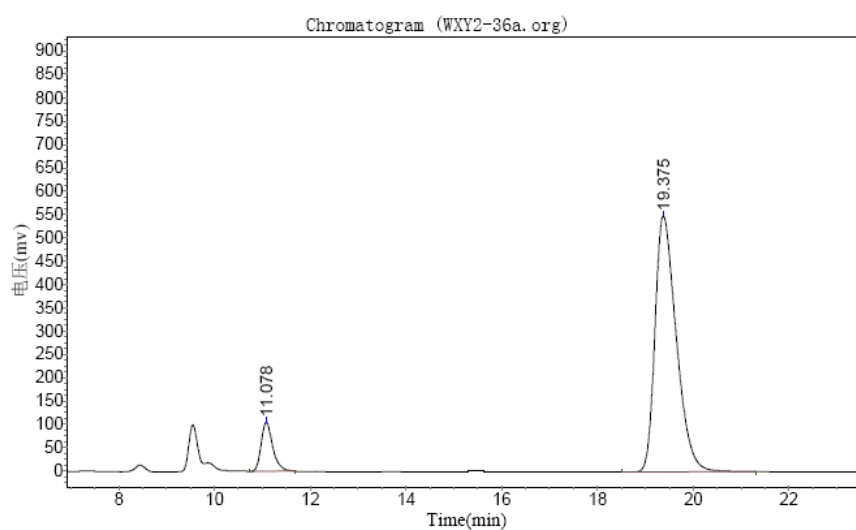
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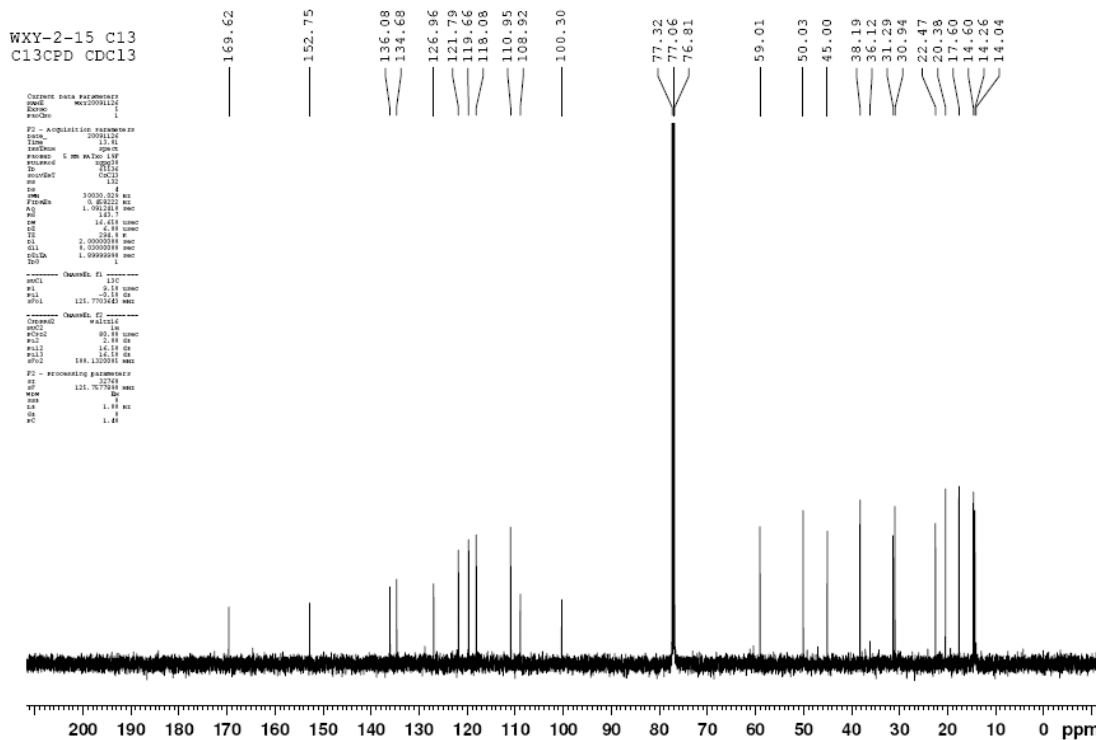
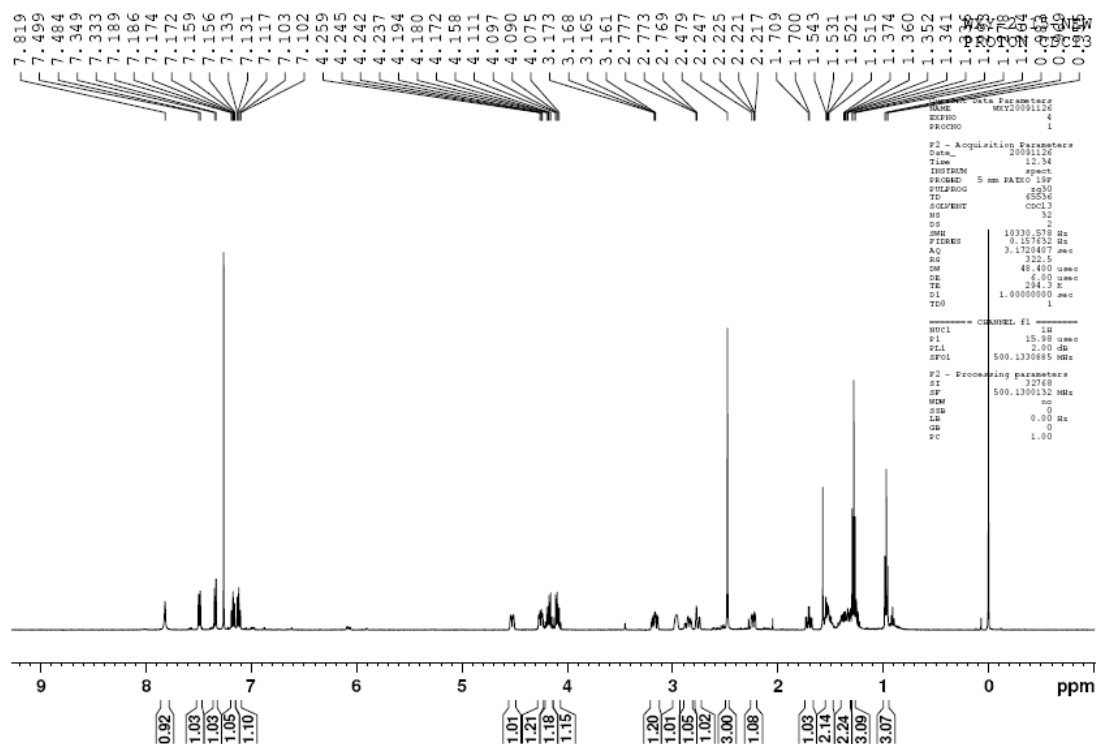
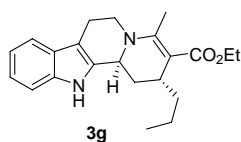
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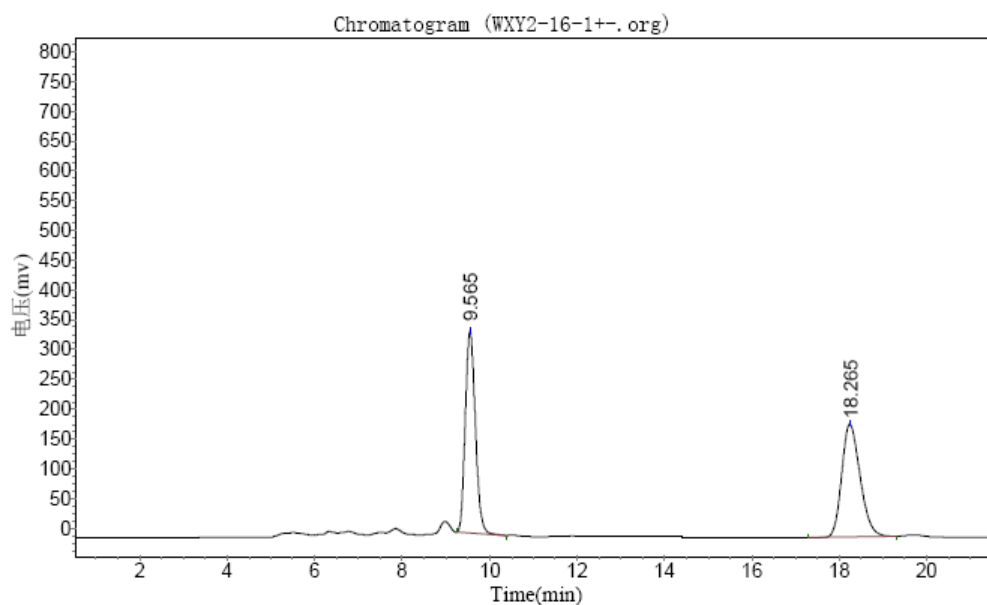
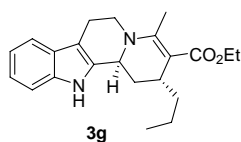
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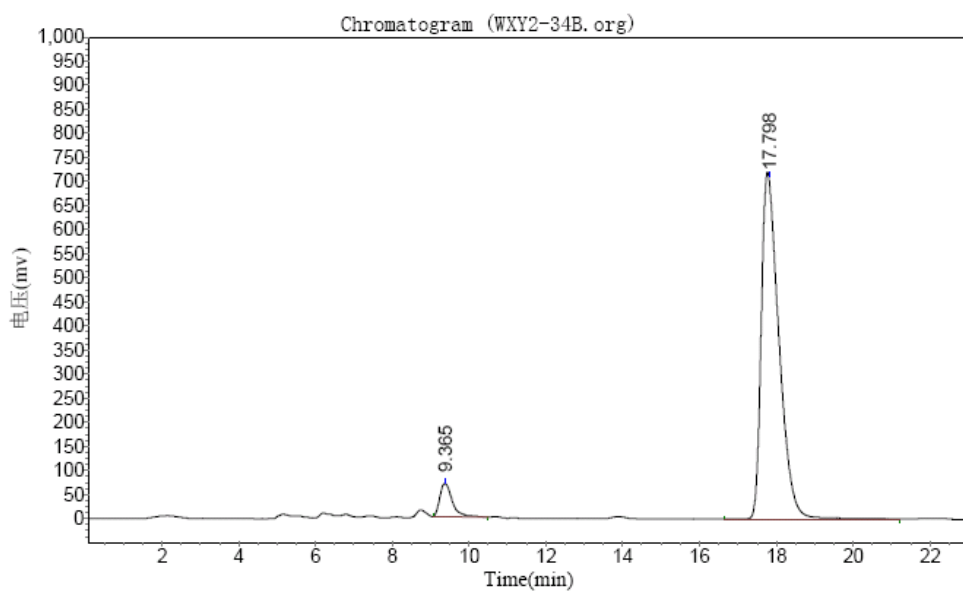
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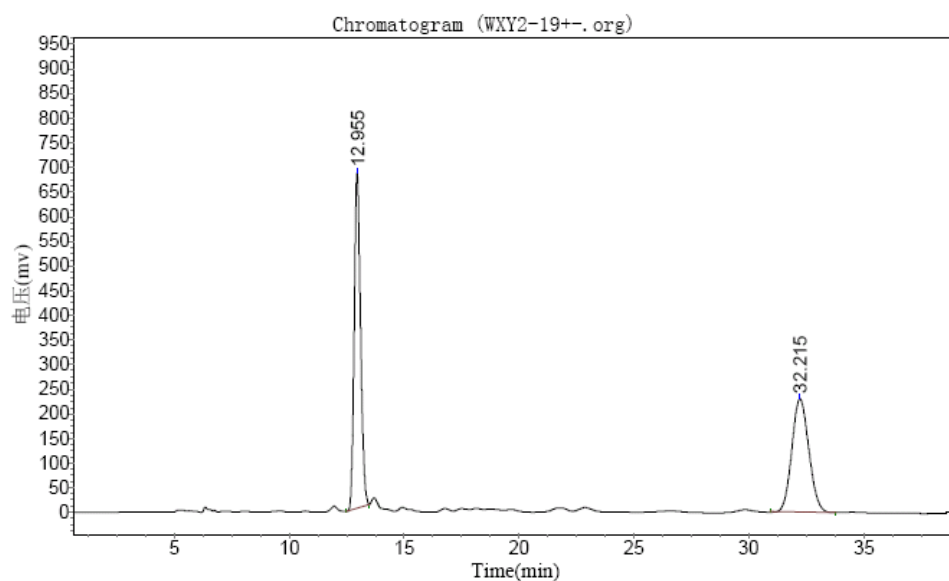
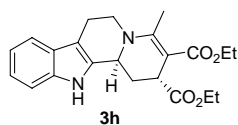
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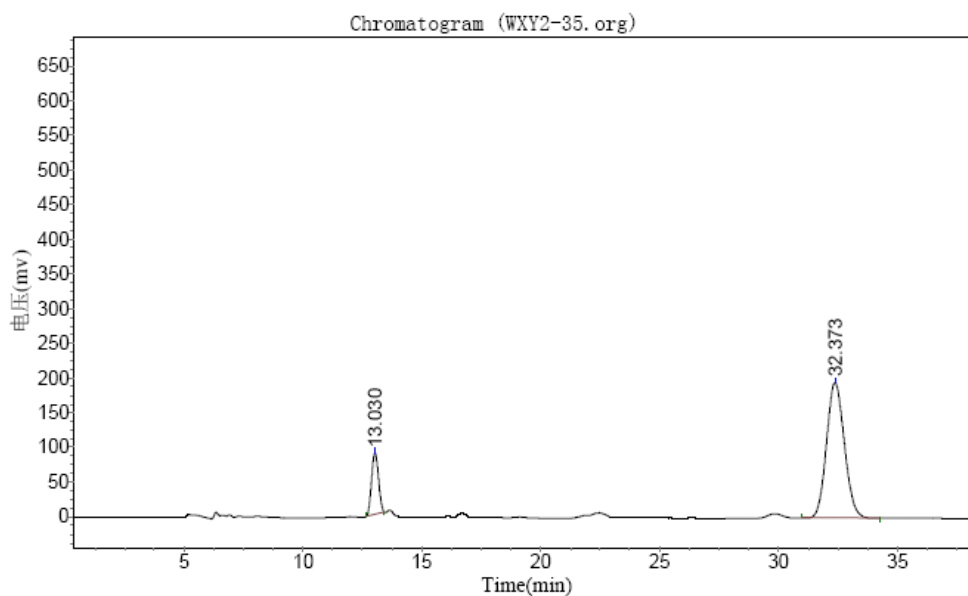
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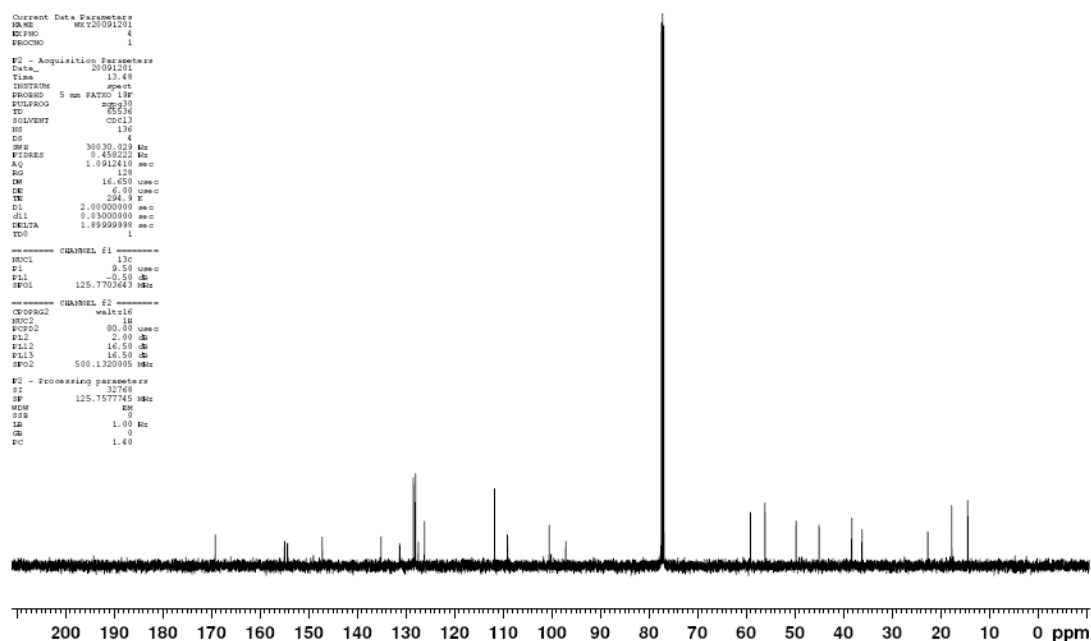
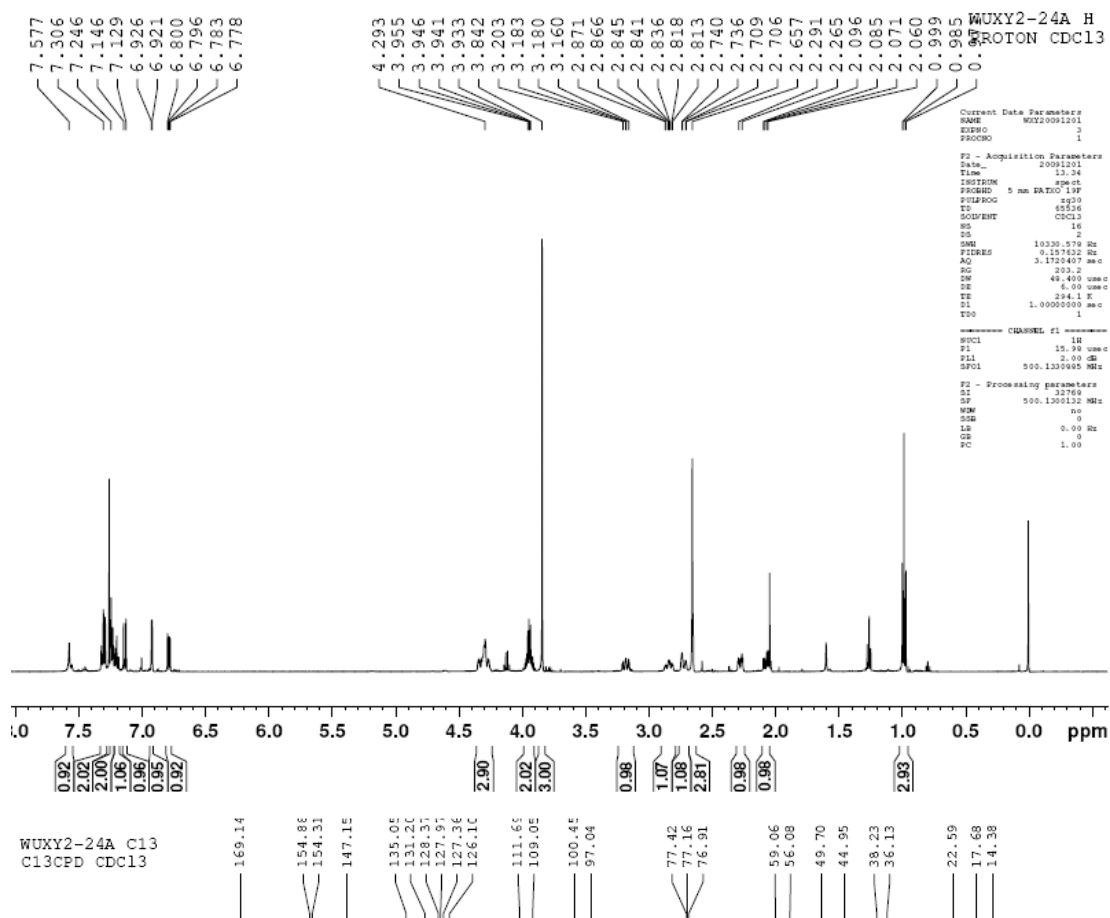
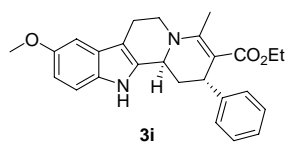
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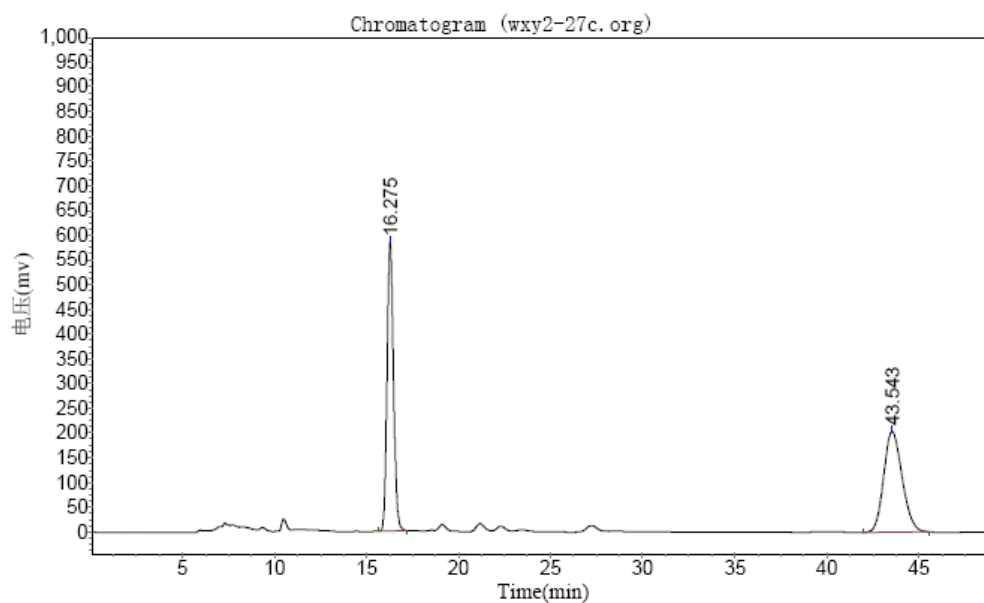
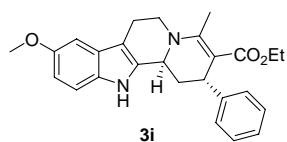
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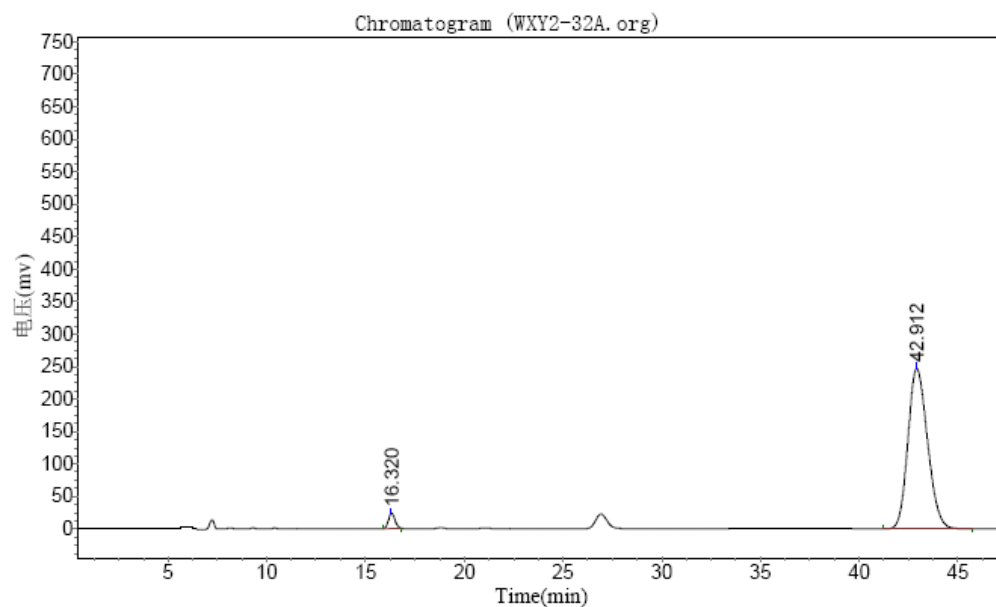
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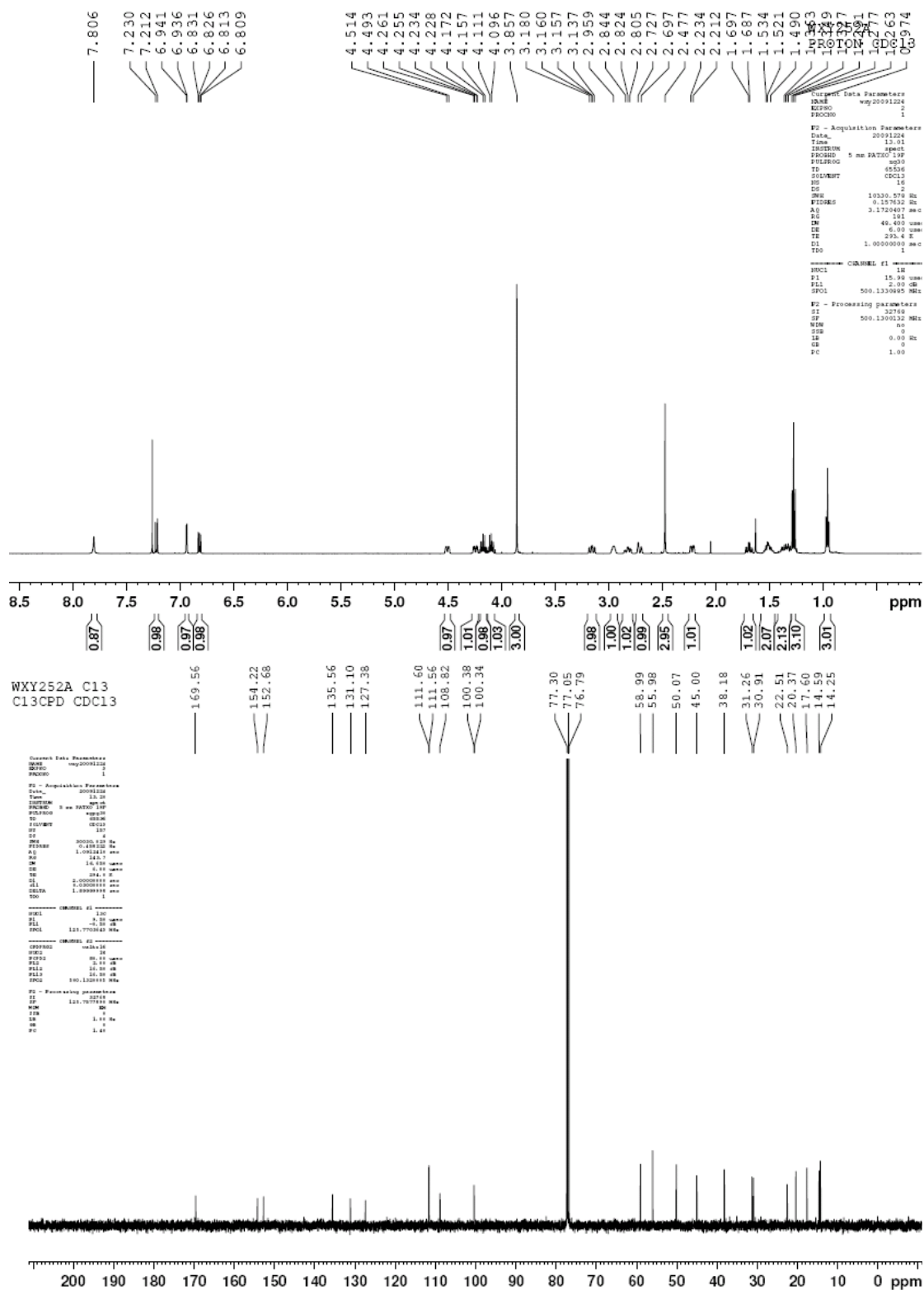
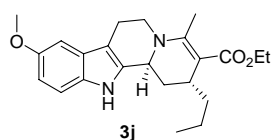
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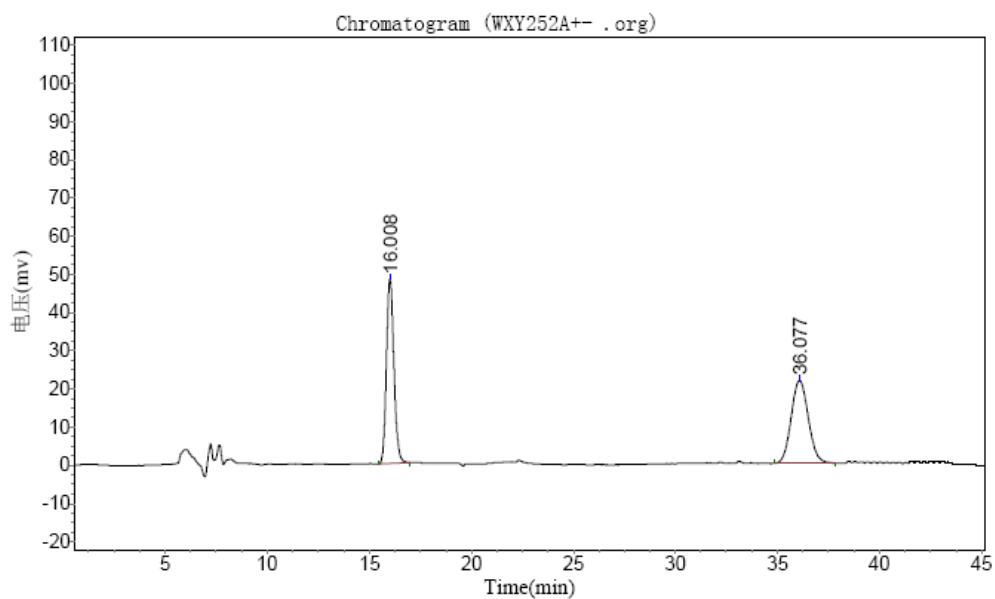
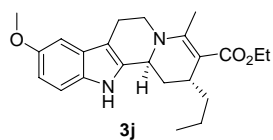
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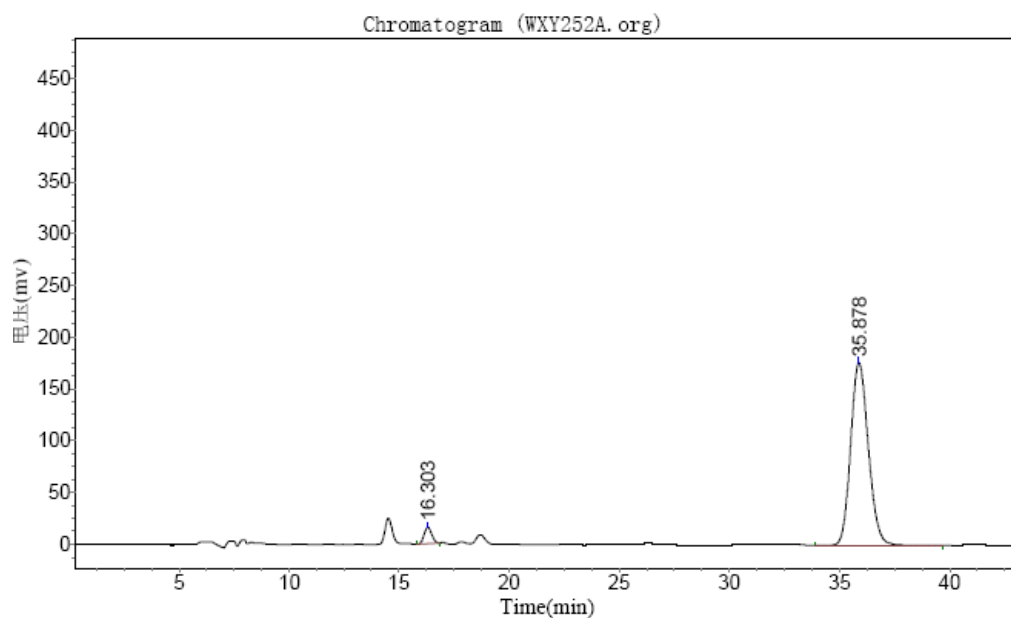
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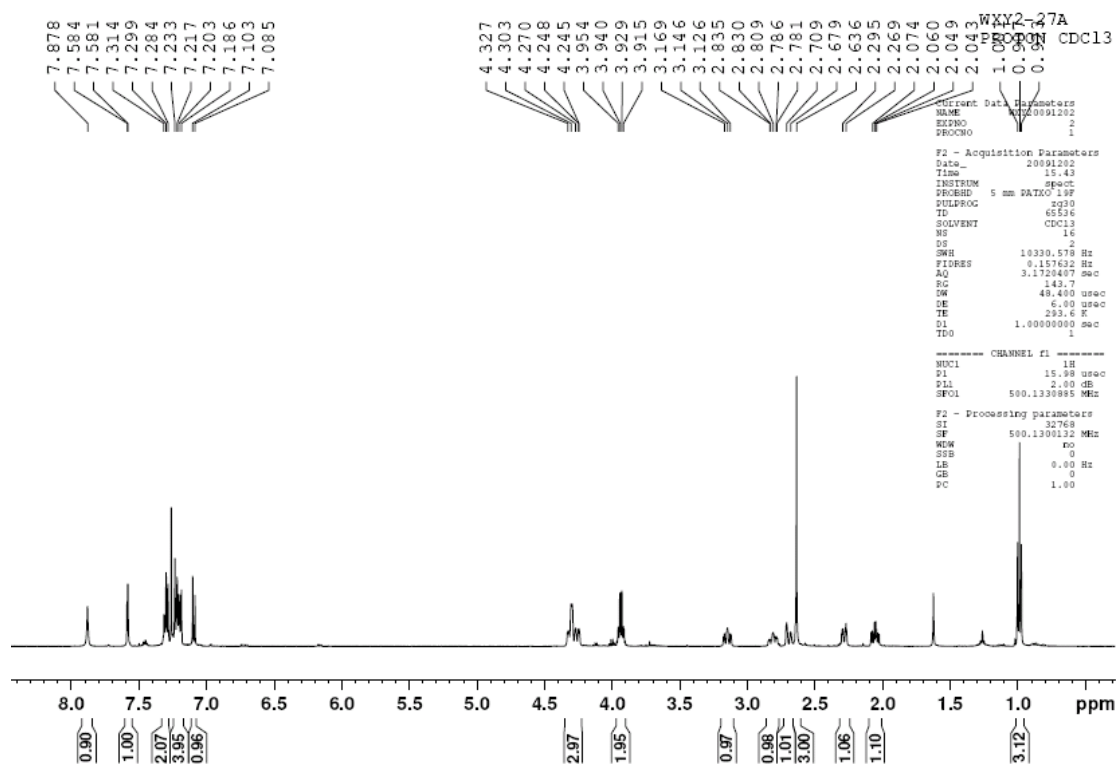
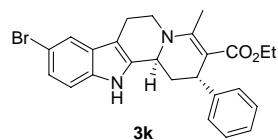
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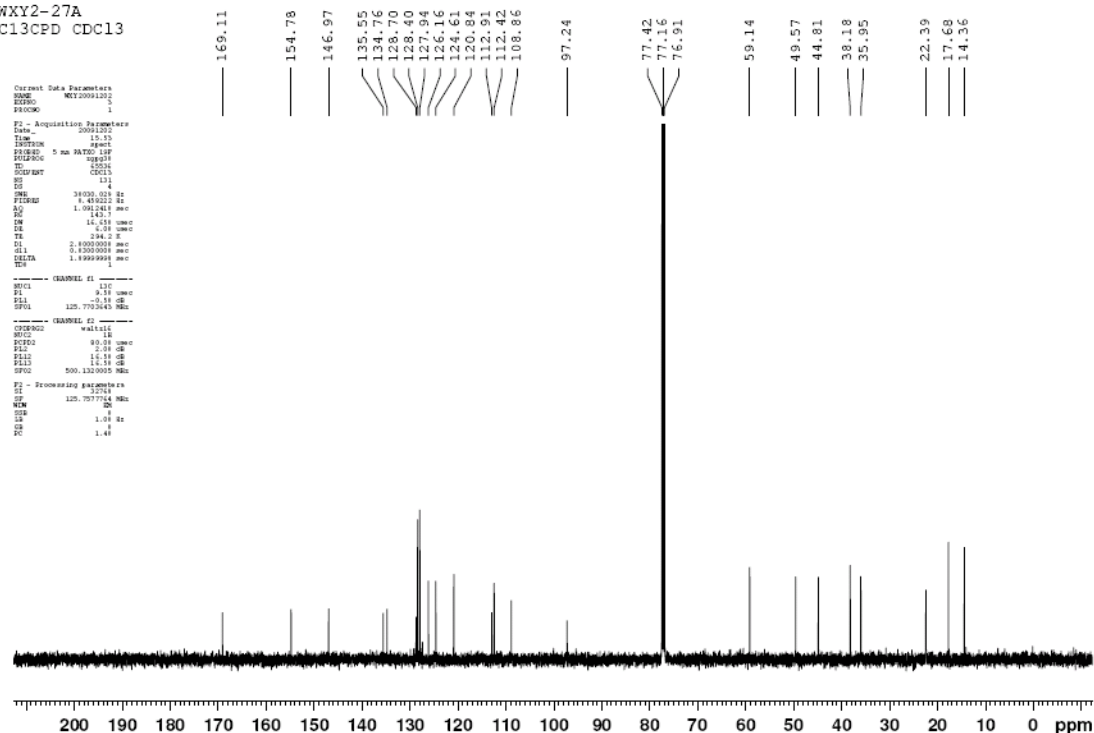


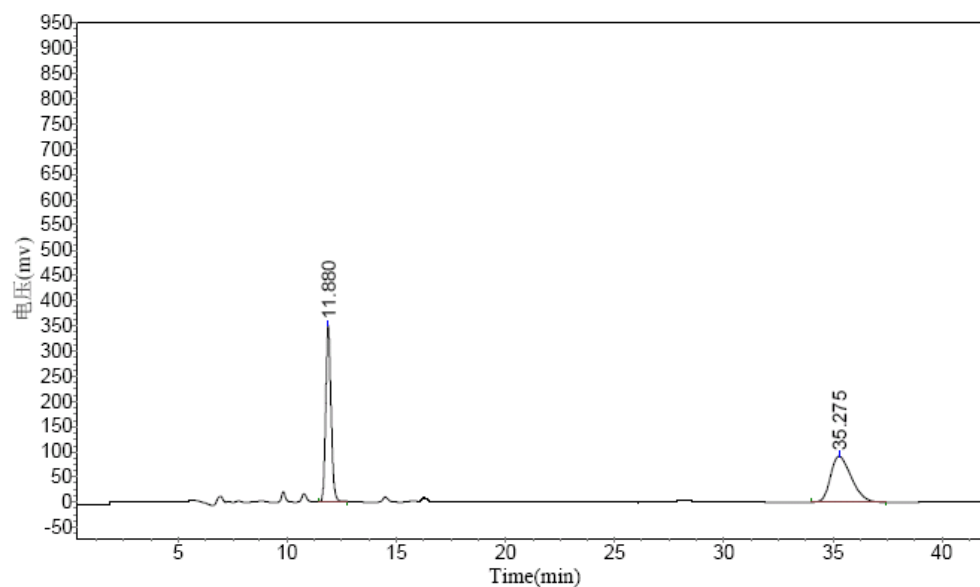
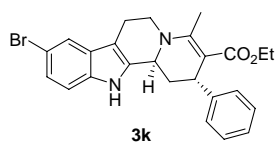
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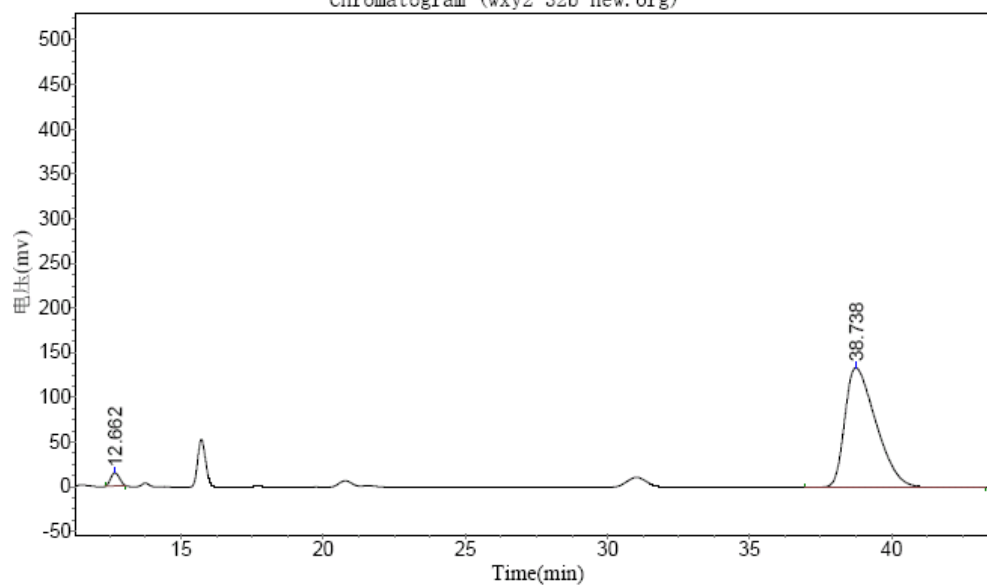




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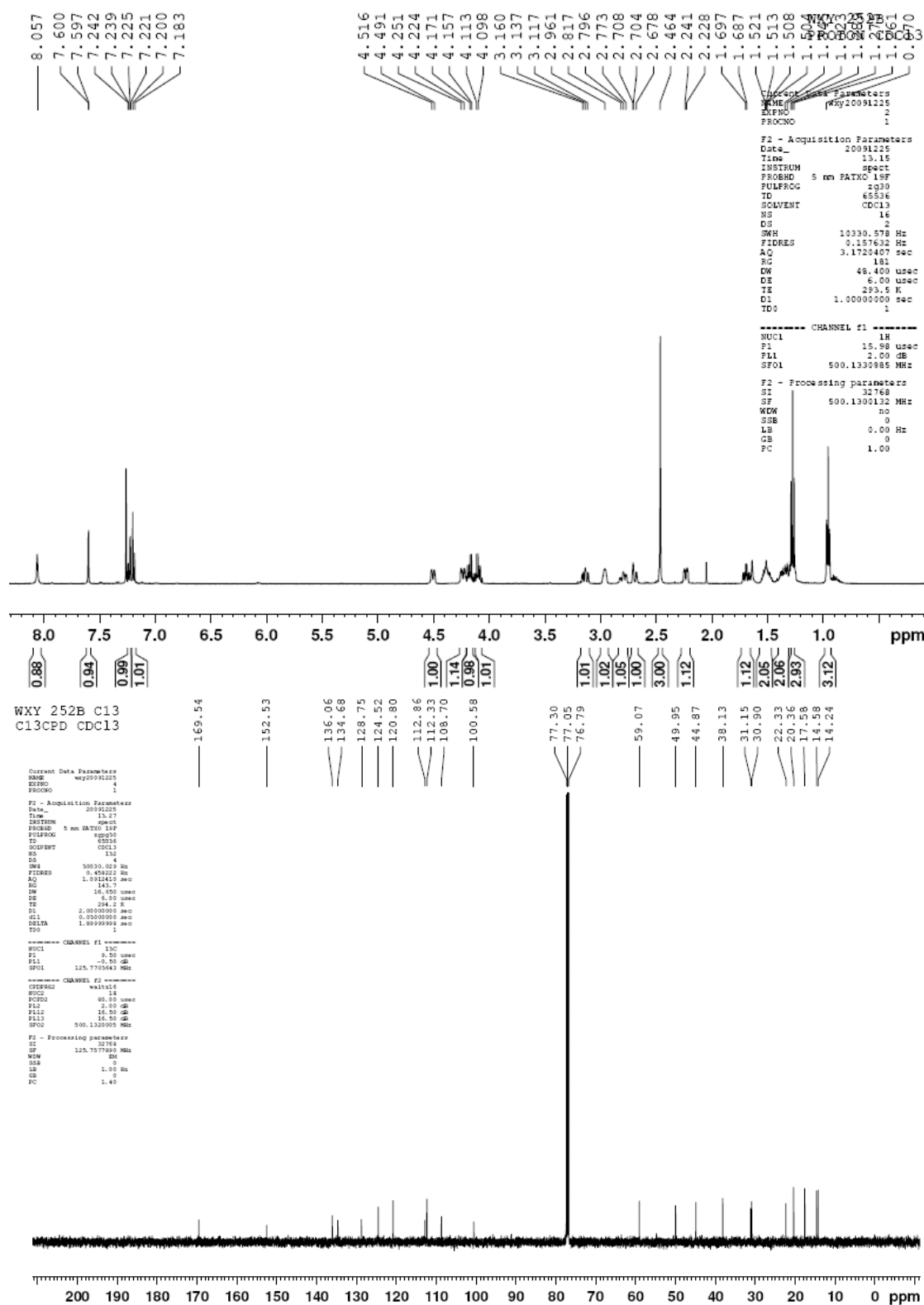
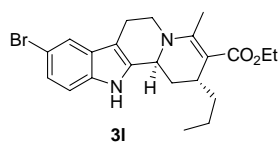
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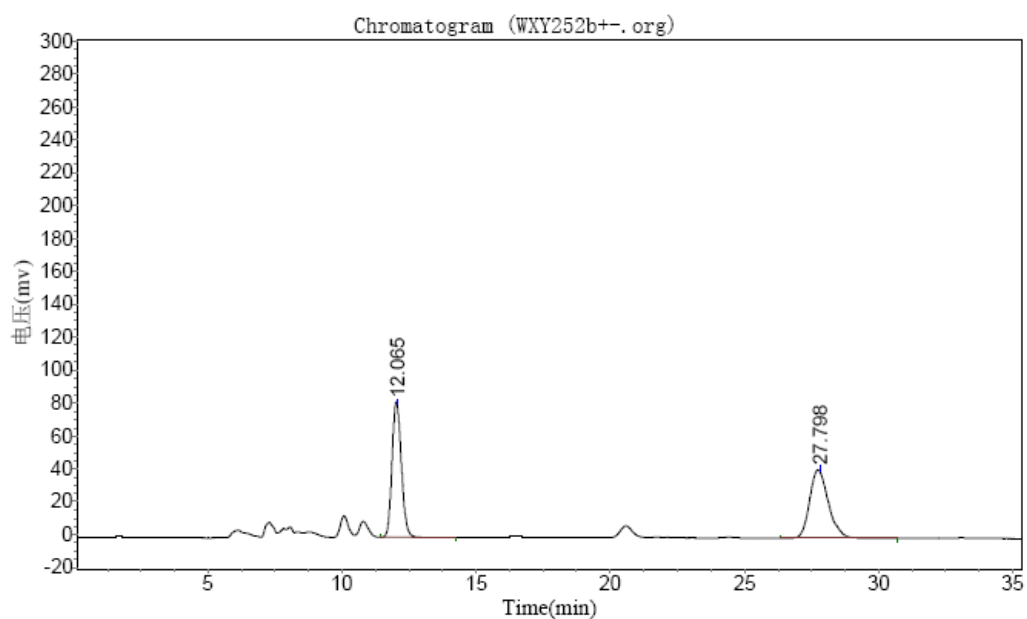
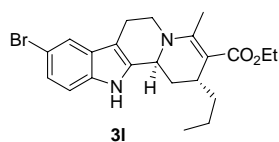
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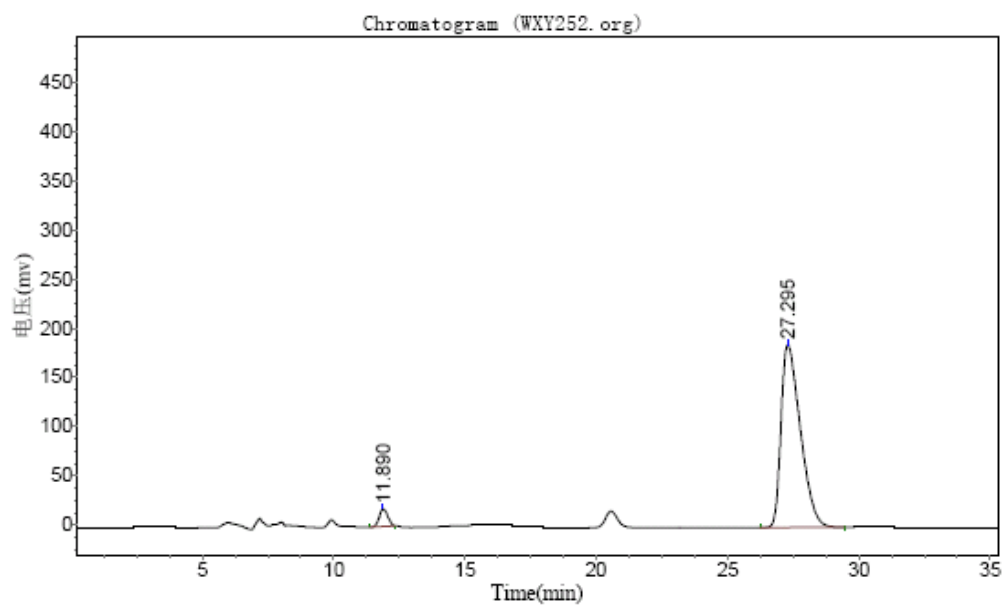
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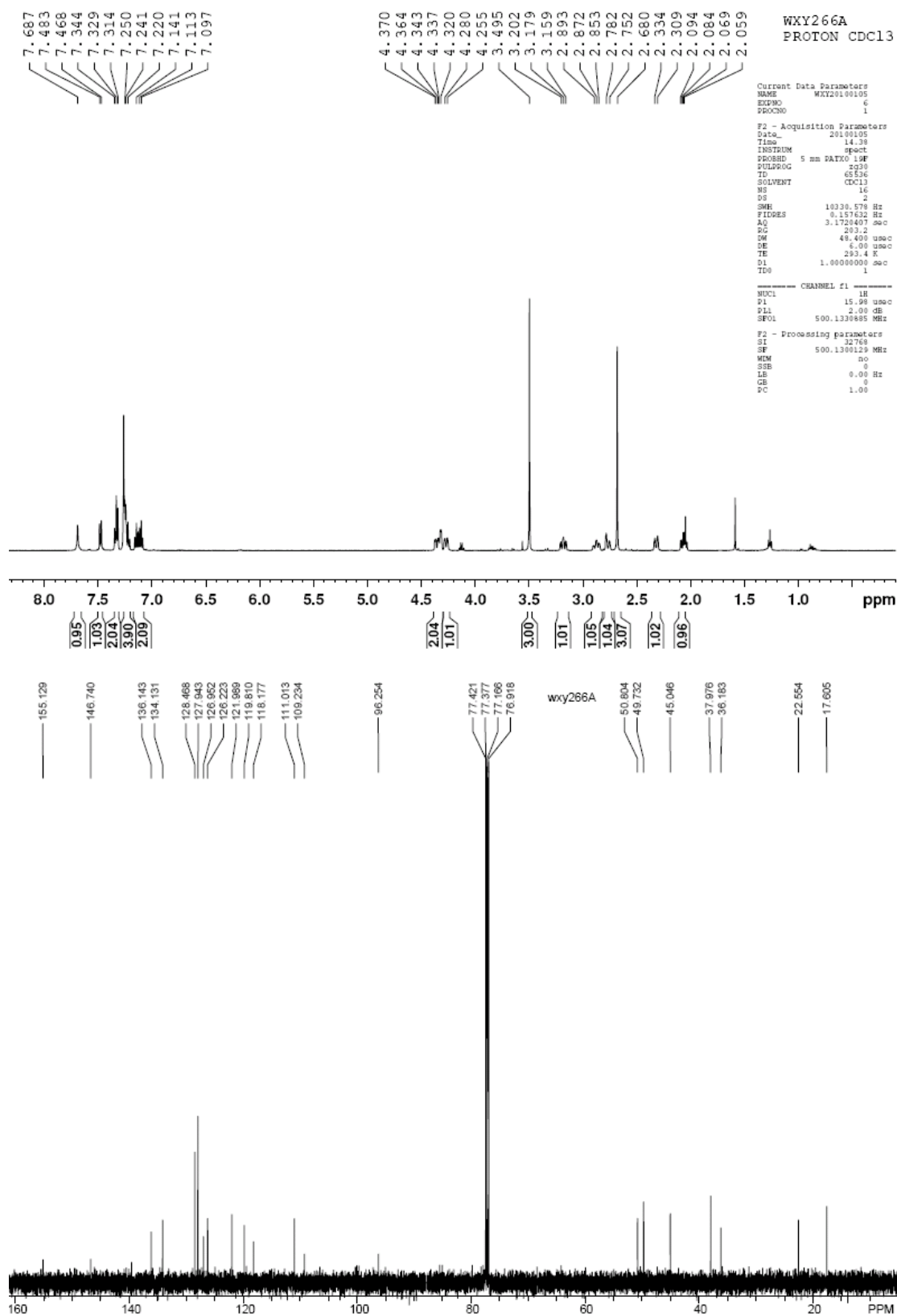
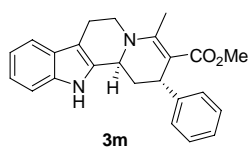
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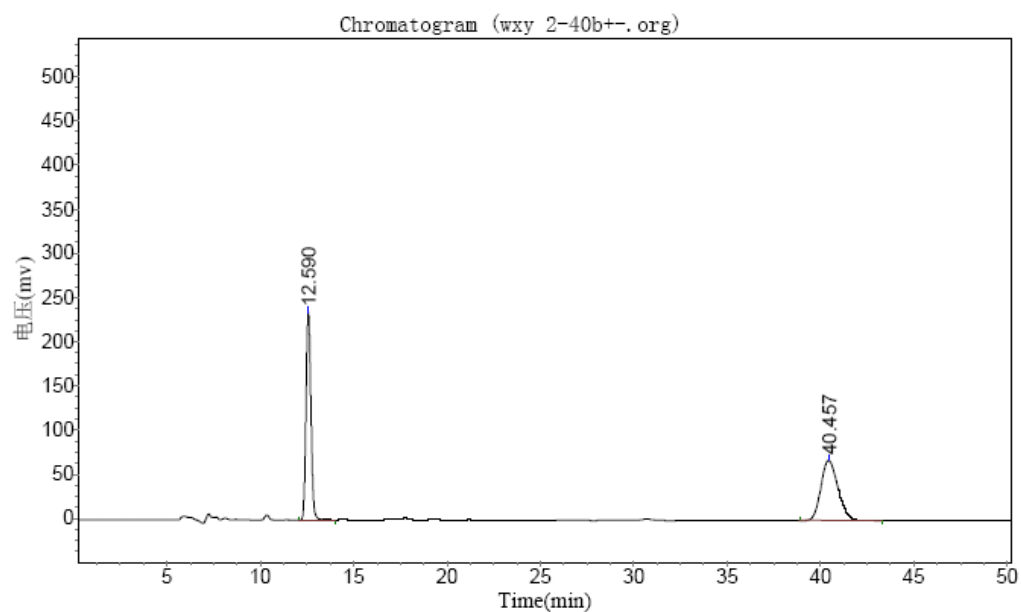
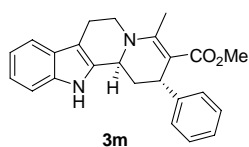
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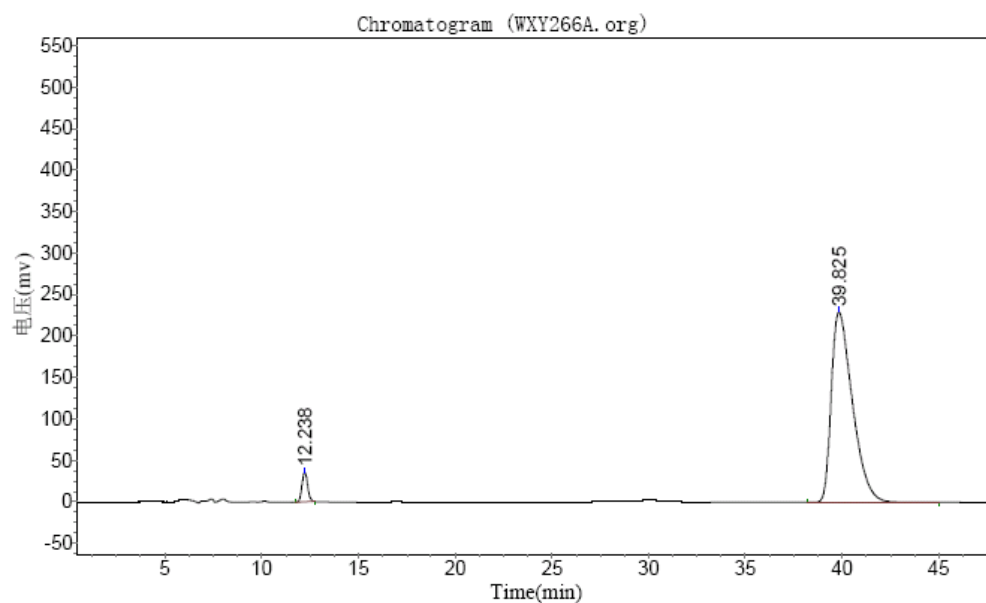
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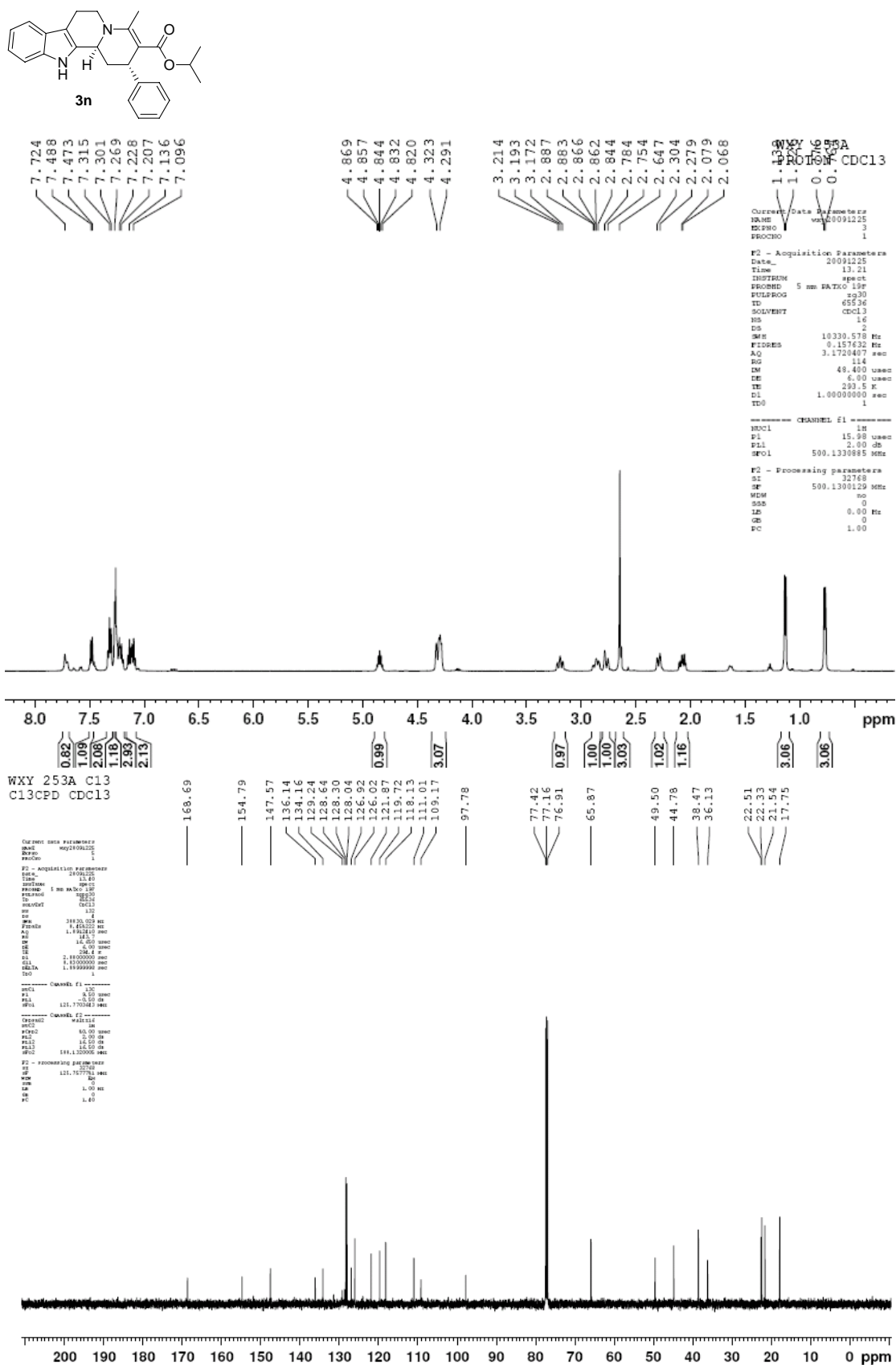
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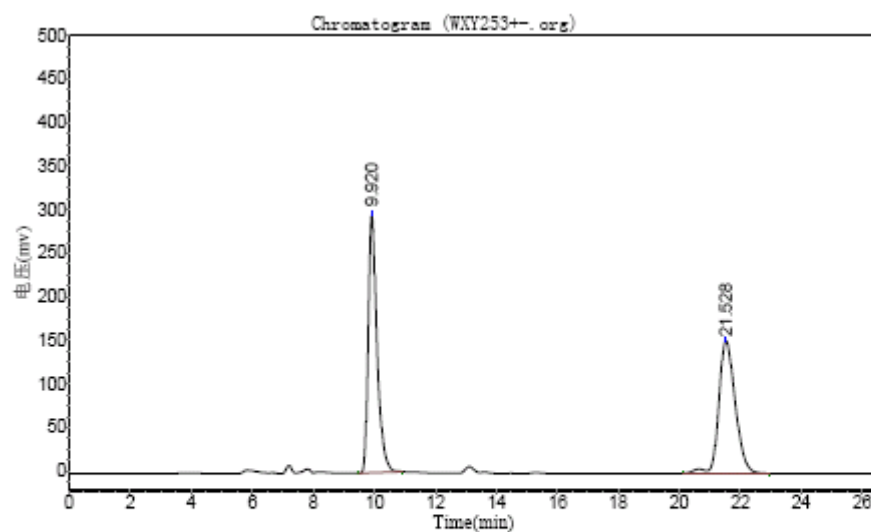
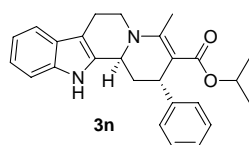
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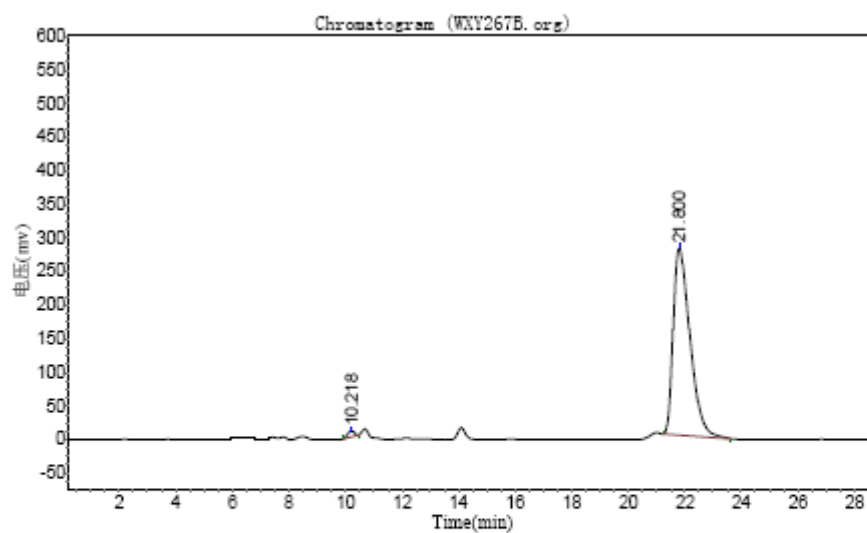
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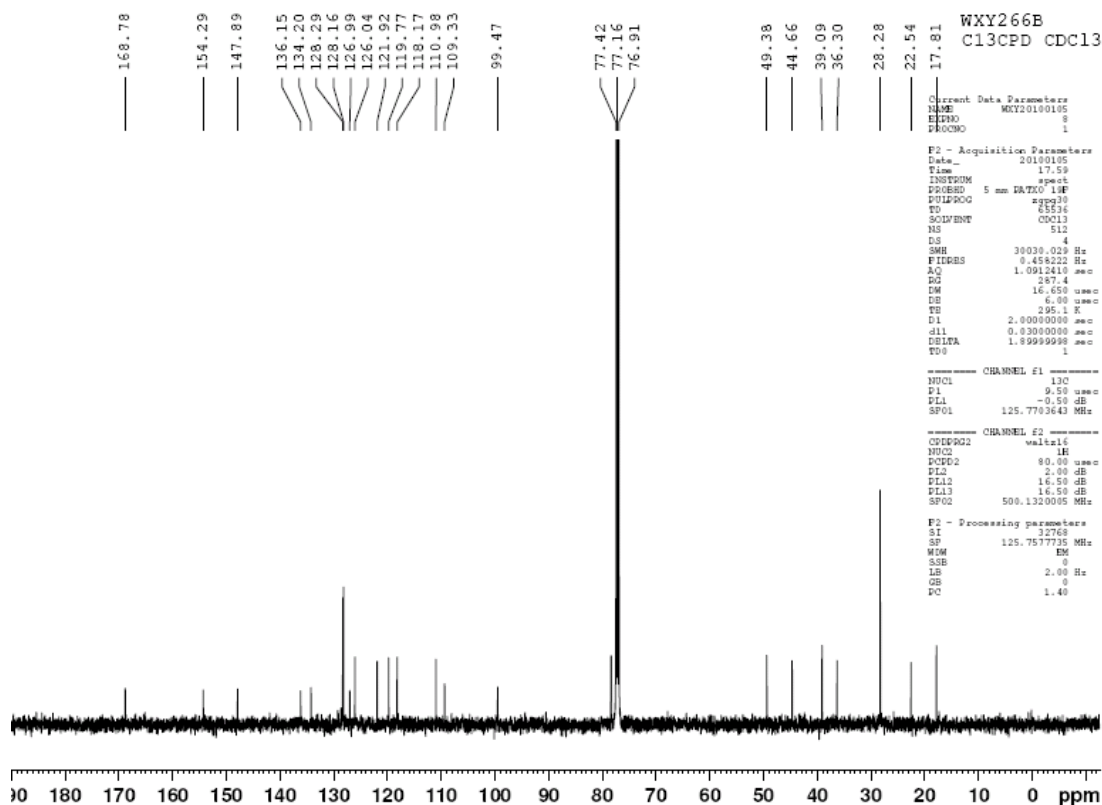
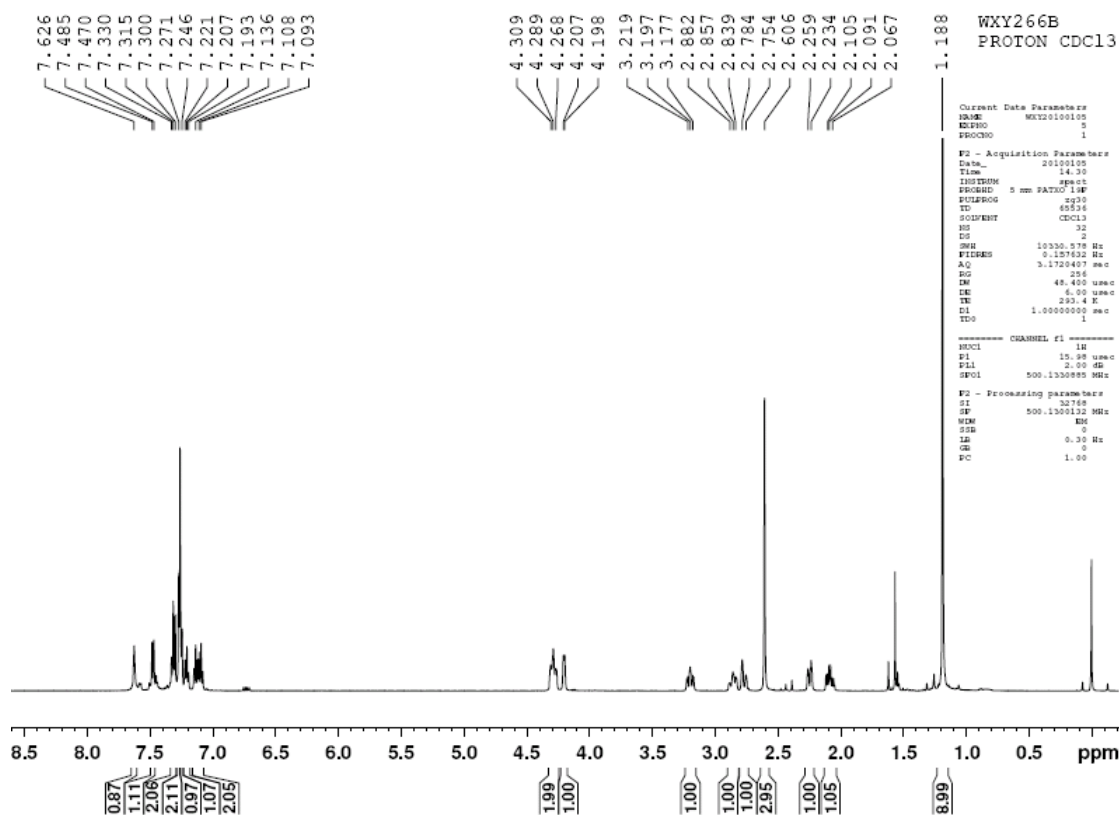
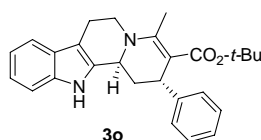
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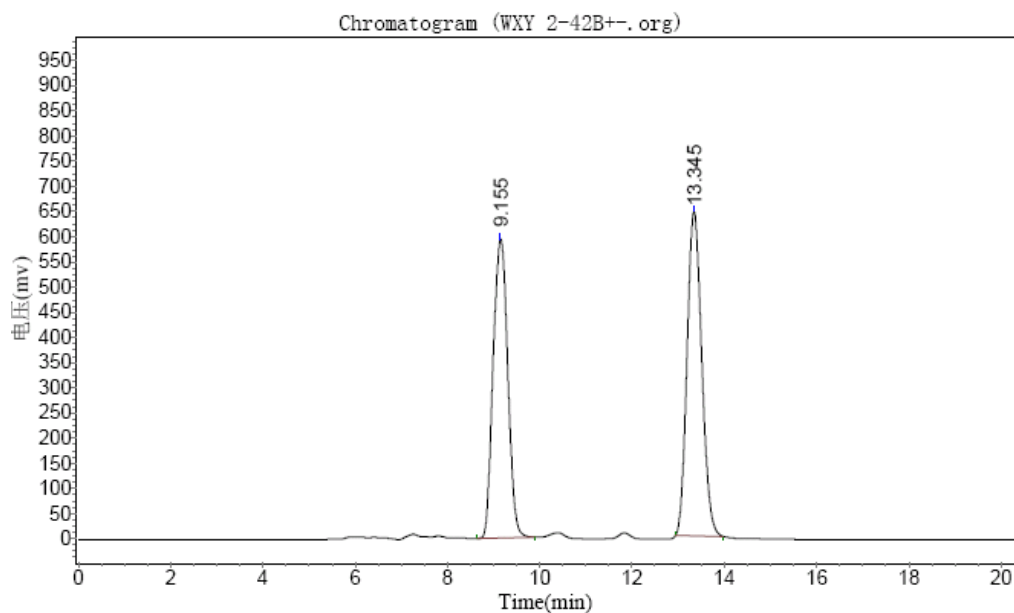
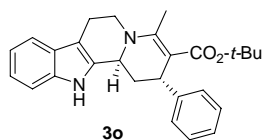
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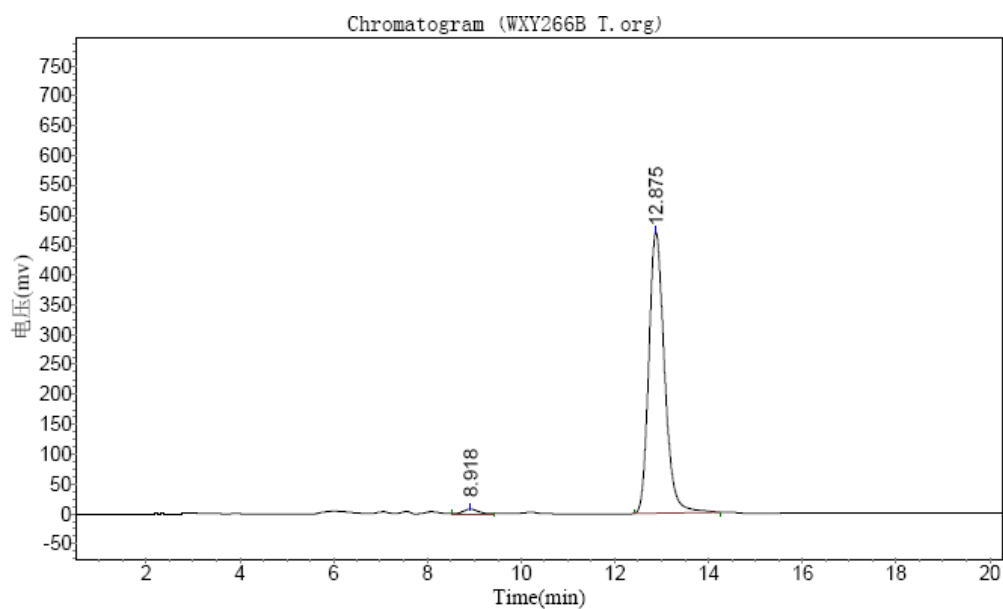
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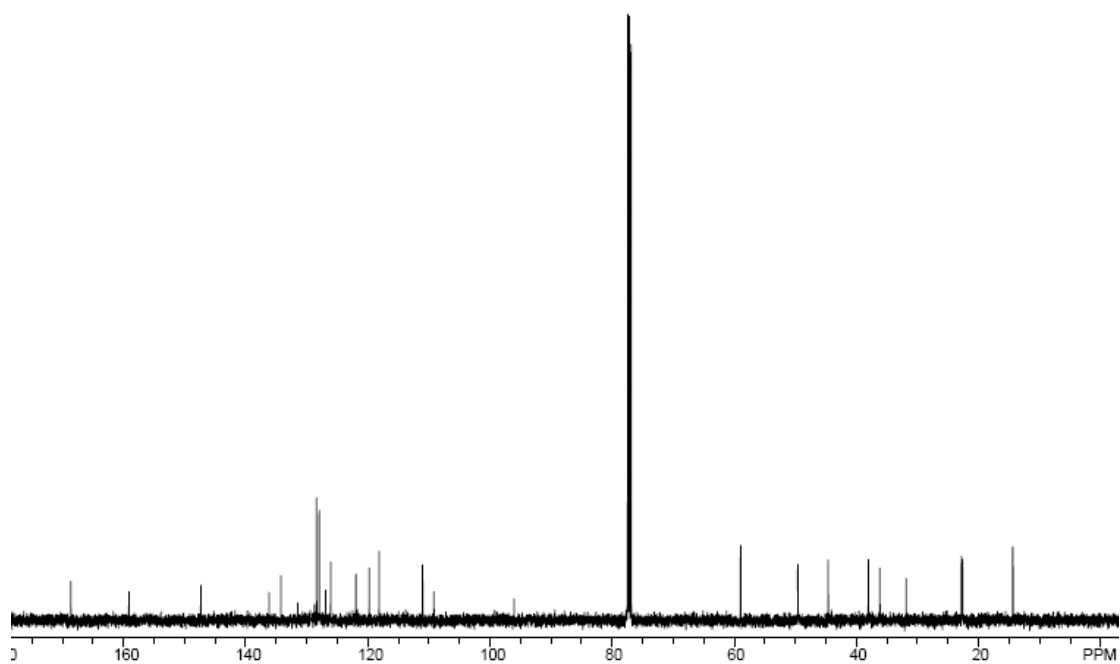
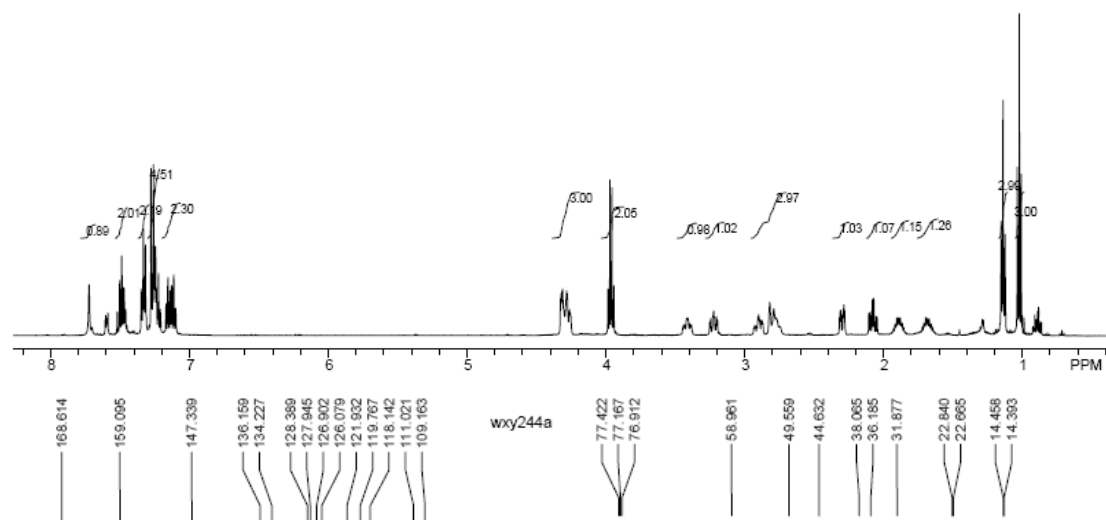
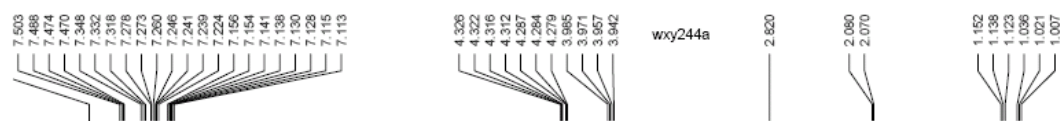
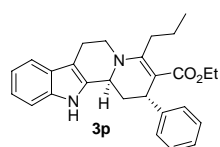
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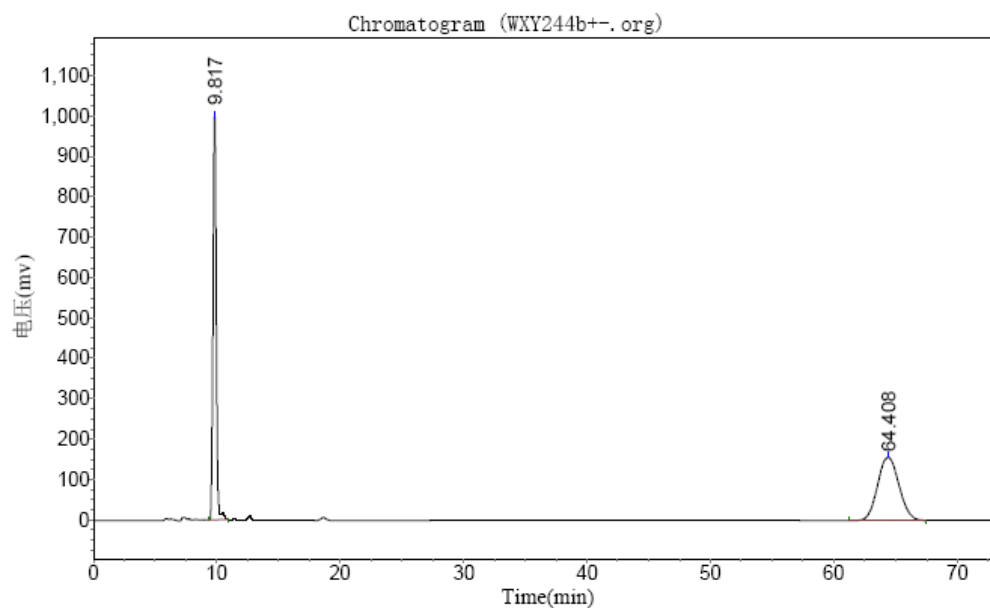
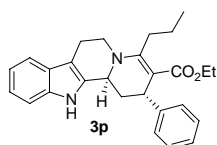
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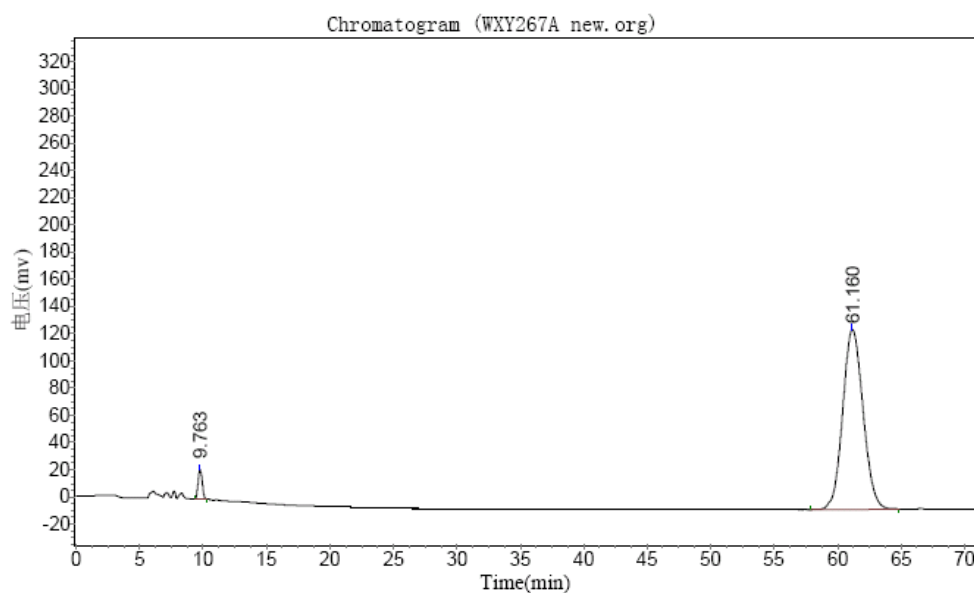
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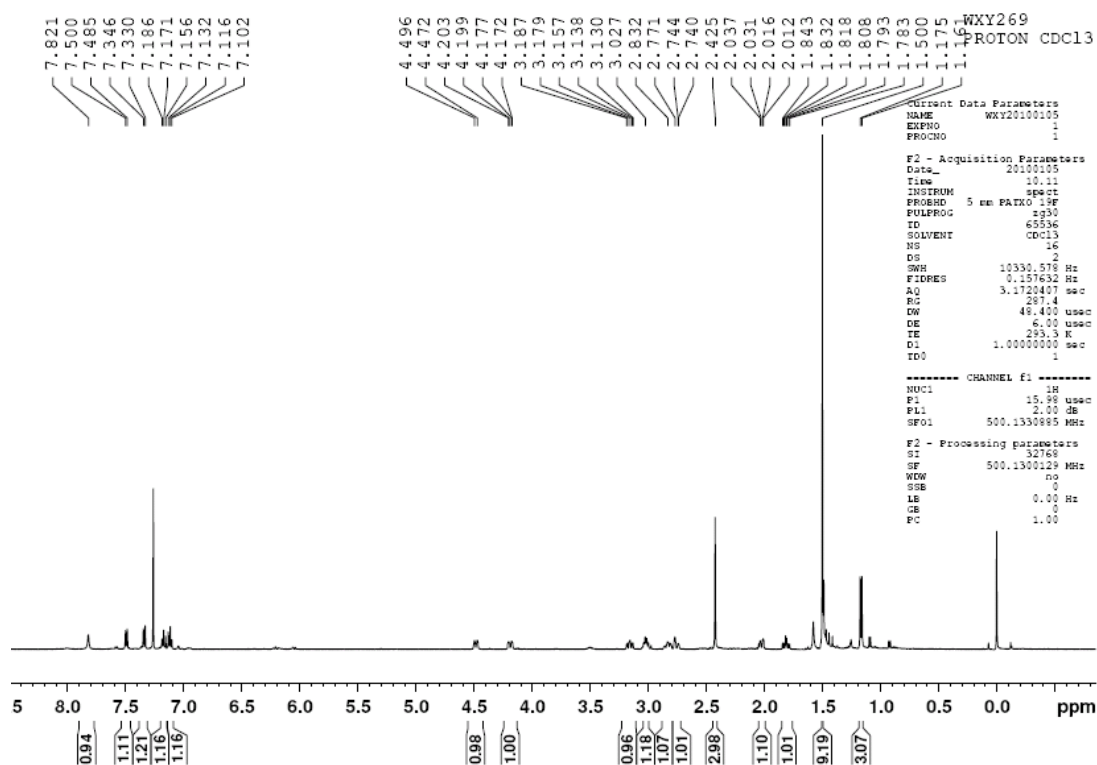
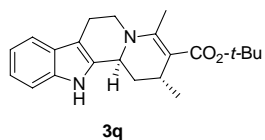
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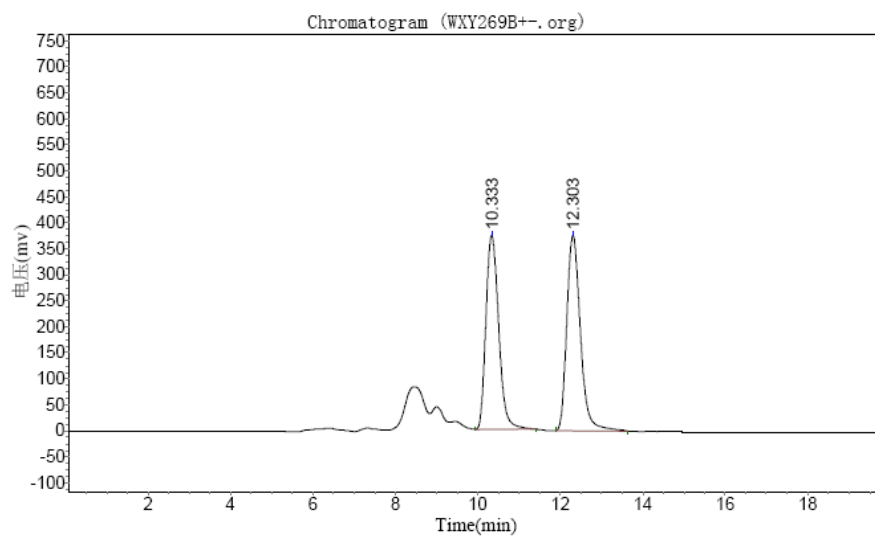
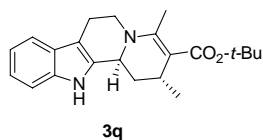
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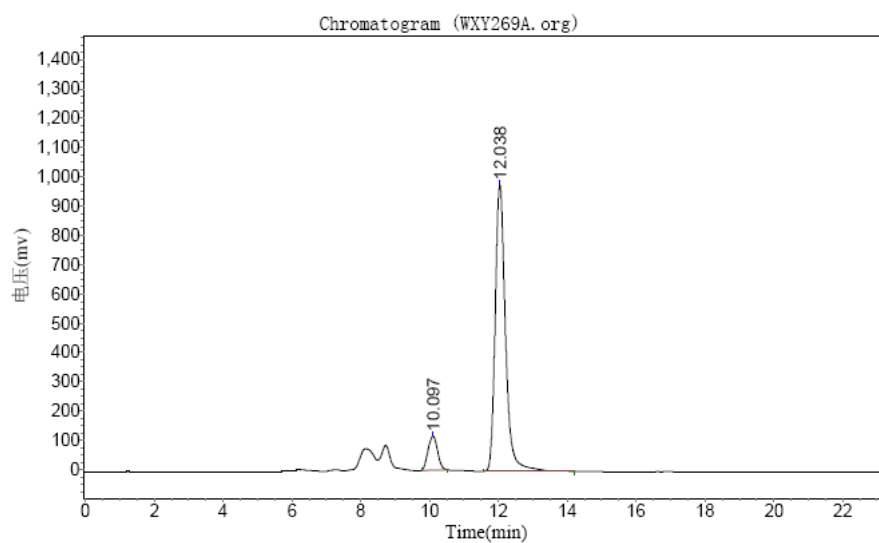
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Peak ID	Ret Time	Height	Area	Conc.
	10.333	372825.344	8012541.500	48.1830
	12.303	375958.688	8616841.000	51.8170
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Peak ID	Ret Time	Height	Area	Conc.
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