

Highly enantioselective Michael reaction of 2-oxindoles to vinyl selenone in RTILs catalyzed by a cinchona alkaloid-based thiourea

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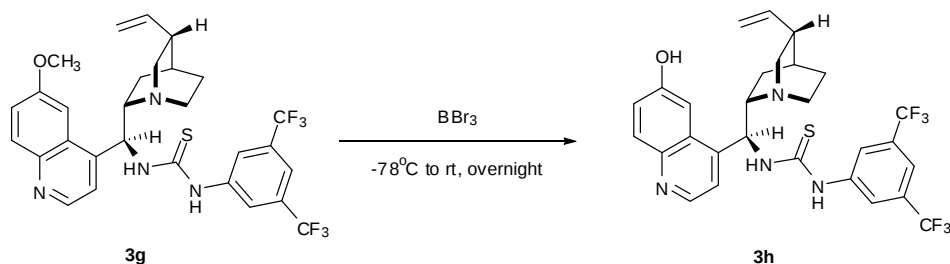
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1. General methods

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Cinchona alkaloid based catalysts **3c-3e** and **3g-3i** and all the substrates were prepared according to original or modified literature procedures. All reactions were carried out directly in air atmosphere, unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s= singlet, d= doublet, t= triplet, q= quartet, h= heptet, m= multiplet, br= broad. All first-order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted are designated as multiplet (m) or broad (br). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker tensor 27 infrared spectrometer. Melting points were measured on Beijing Tech X-4 apparatus without correction. Mass spectra were obtained using electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured using a 1 mL cell with a 1 dm path length and are reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c in g per 100 mL of solvent). HPLC analysis was performed using ChiralPak columns purchased. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh). TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates.

2. Experimental section

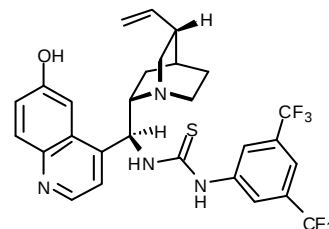
2.1. synthesis of catalyst **3h**¹



To the solution of **3g**² (1.19g, 2mmol) in dry DCM (20mL), BBr_3 (20mL, 1mol/L in dry DCM) was added at -78°C . The reaction was slowly warmed to rt and stirred overnight. Then the mixture was quenched with 40mL H_2O and neutralized with excess aqueous ammonia. The system was extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 50\text{mL}$). The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (DCM/MeOH/ $\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$: 100/5/1) offered the title product (0.7g, 60% yield).

1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((S)-(6-hydroxyquinolin-4-yl)((2S,4S,8R)-8-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)thiourea (3h): yellowish solid. yield 60%. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$

-176.0 (c 0.5, MeOH). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, MeOH): δ 8.51-8.53 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), δ 8.03 (s, 2H), δ 7.80-7.83 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), δ 7.50 (s, 1H), δ 7.41-7.43 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), δ 7.26-7.30 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), δ 6.13-6.16 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), δ 5.65-5.77 (m, 1H), δ 4.85-4.95 (m, 2H), δ 3.18-3.40 (m, 4H), δ 2.70-2.83 (m, 2H), δ 2.29 (br, 1H), δ 1.56-1.73 (m, 3H), δ 1.24-1.32 (m, 1H), 0.87-0.94 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, MeOH): δ 182.4, 157.8, 147.6, 147.4, 144.3, 140.3, 142.1, 132.7 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 33.0$ Hz), 131.3, 130.5, 124.7 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 270.8$ Hz), 123.7, 123.5, 120.8 (m), 117.8, 115.3, 107.0, 62.1, 56.4 (2C, overlapping), 42.7, 40.4, 28.6, 28.2, 26.2. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 3250, 1620, 1511, 1384, 1279, 1182, 1134. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 581.1804; found: 581.1792.



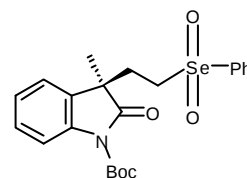
2.2. General procedure for the Michael addition of 2-oxindoles with selenone 2

To the mixture of 2-oxindoles (0.2mmol) and selenone 2 (0.2 mmol, 43 mg) in 0.5 mL [bpy][BF₄], catalyst **3i** (0.02 mmol, 11.3 mg) was added. Then, the reaction system was stirred for about 4h at room temperature. The system was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. FC (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 1: 1-1.5) afforded target products.

(R)-tert-butyl 3-methyl-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4a): white solid.

yield 88%, ee 95%. [α]_D²⁰ -8.0 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 85-87 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90-7.93 (overlapping: s, 1H; d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), δ 7.81-7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.71-7.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), δ 7.62-7.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 7.31-7.36 (m, 1H), δ 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), δ 3.29-3.39 (m, 1H), δ 3.14-3.23 (m, 1H), δ 2.33-2.52 (m, 2H), δ 1.64 (s, 9H), δ 1.46 (s, 3H).

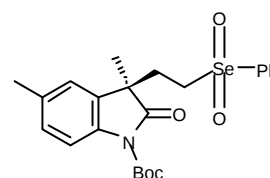
¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.3, 148.8, 140.9, 138.8, 134.5, 130.4, 129.0, 127.0, 125.2, 122.5, 115.4, 85.0, 54.8, 47.6, 30.4, 28.1, 24.1. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 1790, 1763, 1728, 1150, 937, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NNaO₅Se [M+Na]⁺ 486.0791; found: 486.0786. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 mL·min⁻¹, t_R = 31.9 min (major), 35.8 min (minor)].



(R)-tert-butyl 3,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4b): white solid.

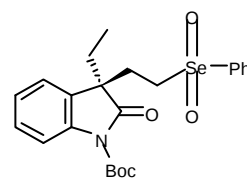
yield 84%, ee 91%. [α]_D²⁰ +17.4 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 68-69 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90-7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.63-7.76 (m, 4H), δ 7.11-7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ 7.00 (s, 1H), δ 3.28-3.38 (m, 1H), δ 3.14-3.28 (m, 1H), δ 2.30-2.51 (m, 5H), δ 1.63 (s, 9H), δ 1.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.5, 148.8, 140.8, 136.3, 135.6, 134.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.5, 127.1, 123.1, 115.2, 84.8, 54.8, 47.7, 30.5, 28.1, 24.2, 21.1. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 1789, 1763, 1730, 1155, 939, 886. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₂₇NNaO₅Se [M+Na]⁺ 500.0948; found: 500.0945. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 mL·min⁻¹, t_R = 23.2 min (major), 44.1 min (minor)].



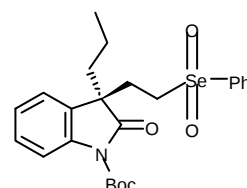
(R)-tert-butyl 3-ethyl-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4c): white solid.

yield 86%, ee 94%. [α]_D²⁰ +2.0 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 150-151 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89-7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 7.80-7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.64-7.71 (m, 3H), δ 7.32-7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.15-7.24 (m, 2H), δ 3.26-3.36 (m, 1H), δ 3.07-3.15 (m, 1H), δ 2.35-2.51 (m, 2H), δ 1.96-2.03 (m, 1H), δ 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), δ 1.64 (s, 9H), δ 0.61-0.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.0, 148.7, 140.8, 139.8, 134.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.0, 125.2, 122.8, 115.2, 85.0, 54.7, 52.7, 31.5, 29.6, 28.1, 8.4. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 1789, 1753, 1737, 1154, 927, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₂₇NNaO₅Se [M+Na]⁺ 500.0948; found: 500.0948. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (94:6), 20°C, 1 mL·min⁻¹, t_R = 49.1 min (major), 57.8 min (minor)].



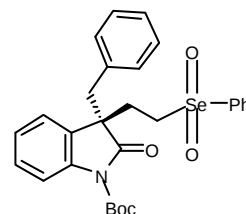
(R)-tert-butyl 2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)-3-propylindoline-1-carboxylate (4d): white solid.

yield 86%, ee 88%. [α]_D²⁰ +2.0 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 137-138 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89-7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 7.79-7.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), δ 7.71-7.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), δ 7.62-7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.31-7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.15-7.24 (m, 2H), δ 3.26-3.32 (m, 1H), δ 3.07-3.17 (m, 1H), δ 2.37-2.47 (m, 2H), δ 1.87-1.95 (m, 1H), δ 1.68-1.78



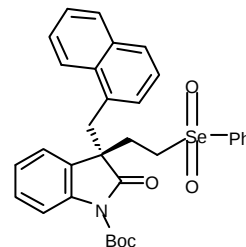
(m, 1H), δ 1.64 (s, 9H), δ 0.83-1.07 (m, 2H), δ 0.75-0.80 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 177.1, 148.7, 140.8, 139.6, 134.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.7, 127.0, 125.2, 122.7, 115.2, 85.0, 54.6, 52.2, 40.5, 29.9, 28.1, 17.4, 13.9. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1789, 1758, 1737, 1151, 928, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 514.1105; found: 514.1105. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (94:6), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 32.2 min (major), 56.2 min (minor)].

(R)-tert-butyl 3-benzyl-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4e): white solid. yield 91%, ee 88%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ +12.2 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 149-150 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90-7.93 (overlapping: s, 1H; d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.71-7.76 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.62-7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.53-7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.13-7.28 (m, 3H), δ 7.00-7.09 (m, 3H), δ 6.72-6.74 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), δ 3.26-3.34 (m, 1H), δ 3.16-3.20 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.00-3.10 (m, 2H), δ 2.55-2.67 (m, 2H), δ 1.54 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.4, 148.2, 140.9, 139.7, 134.5, 133.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 127.1, 124.8, 123.3, 115.1, 84.6, 54.8, 53.9, 45.3, 28.7, 28.0, 22.3, 14.4. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1789, 1738, 1150, 932, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 562.1105; found: 562.1101. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 30.7 min (major), 39.7 min (minor)].

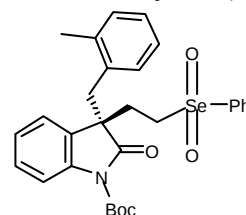


(R)-tert-butyl

3-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4f): white solid. yield 86%, ee 88%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -9.0 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 153-155 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.86-7.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.60-7.72 (m, 6H), δ 7.53-7.56 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), δ 7.30-7.40 (m, 2H), δ 7.14-7.26 (m, 2H), δ 6.98-7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 6.91-6.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), δ 3.67-3.71 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), δ 3.48-3.53 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), δ 3.24-3.29 (m, 1H), δ 2.93-3.01 (m, 1H), δ 2.75-2.82 (m, 1H), δ 2.60-2.66 (m, 1H), δ 1.45 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.7, 148.3, 140.8, 139.6, 134.5, 133.6, 132.1, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 125.6, 125.4, 124.6, 124.6, 124.0, 123.9, 115.0, 84.5, 55.0, 53.8, 40.8, 28.4, 27.8. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1766, 1727, 1150, 939, 887. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 612.1262; found: 612.1250. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 35.1 min (major), 48.5 min (minor)].

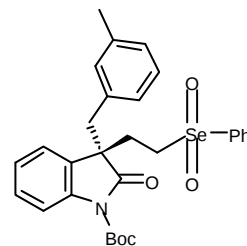


(R)-tert-butyl 3-(2-methylbenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4g): white solid. yield 86%, ee 91%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ +7.6 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 64-66 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90-7.93 (overlapping: s, 1H; d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), δ 7.62-7.73 (m, 4H), δ 7.25-7.31 (m, 2H), δ 6.92-7.14 (m, 5H), δ 6.70-6.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 3.18-3.28 (m, 2H), δ 2.97-3.10 (m, 2H), δ 2.58-2.70 (m, 2H), δ 1.93 (s, 3H), δ 1.56 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.7, 148.4, 140.9, 139.7, 137.1, 134.5, 132.3, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.2, 127.3, 127.3, 127.0, 125.4, 124.7, 123.6, 115.1, 84.6, 54.8, 53.4, 41.2, 28.2, 28.0, 19.7. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1789, 1762, 1732, 1150, 940, 886. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 576.1262; found: 576.1254. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 25.6 min (major), 38.1 min (minor)].

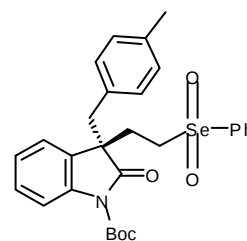


(R)-tert-butyl 3-(3-methylbenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4h): white solid. yield 90%, ee 91%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ +12.0 (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 148-149 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88-7.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 7.71-7.76 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.62-7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H),

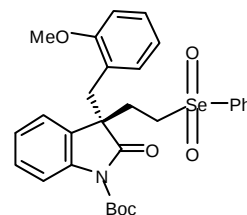
δ 7.55-7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.12-7.25 (m, 3H), δ 6.90-6.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.50-6.55 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 3.25-3.35 (m, 1H), δ 2.96-3.15 (m, 3H), δ 2.49-2.70 (m, 2H), δ 2.13 (s, 3H), δ 1.45 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.5, 148.3, 140.9, 139.7, 137.4, 134.5, 133.7, 130.5, 130.4, 129.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.8, 124.7, 123.4, 115.1, 84.5, 54.8, 53.9, 45.2, 28.6, 28.0, 21.1. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1766, 1727, 1149, 938, 886. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 576.1262; found: 576.1256. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 24.9 min (major), 33.8 min (minor)].



(R)-tert-butyl 3-(4-methylbenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4i): white solid. yield 86%, ee 85%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +10.2$ (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 147-148 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90-7.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 7.56-7.73 (m, 4H), δ 7.12-7.26 (m, 3H), δ 6.83-6.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ 6.61-6.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 3.25-3.35 (m, 1H), δ 2.97-3.14 (m, 3H), δ 2.49-2.69 (m, 2H), δ 2.20 (s, 3H), δ 1.54 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.5, 148.3, 140.9, 139.7, 136.6, 134.5, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 124.8, 123.4, 115.1, 84.5, 54.8, 53.9, 44.8, 28.6, 27.9, 21.0. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1789, 1739, 1153, 929, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_5\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 576.1262; found: 576.1252. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 29.3 min (major), 37.1 min (minor)].

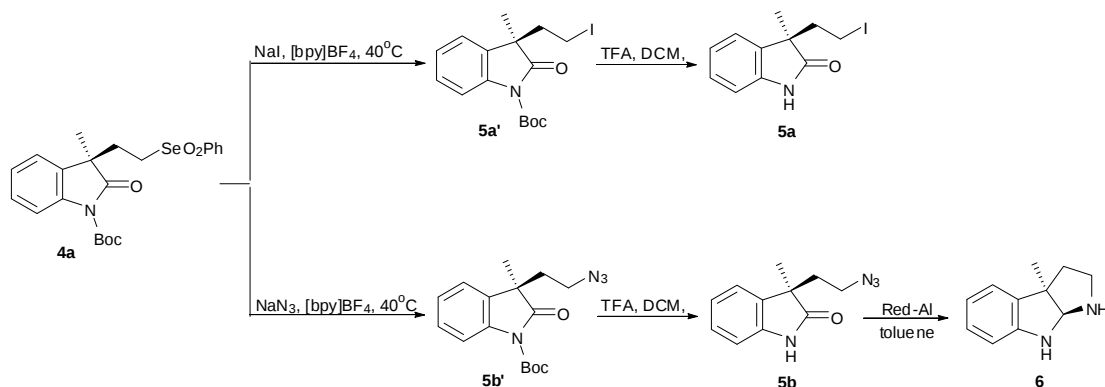


(R)-tert-butyl 3-(2-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4j): white solid. yield 80%, ee 90%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +32.8$ (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 138-139 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.89-7.92 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.60-7.75 (m, 4H), δ 7.18-7.23 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 7.04-7.13 (m, 2H), δ 6.96-6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), δ 6.82-6.84 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), δ 6.69-6.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 6.61-6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ 3.54 (s, 3H), δ 3.30-3.39 (m, 2H), δ 3.00-3.12 (m, 2H), δ 2.59-2.70 (m, 1H), δ 2.44-2.53 (m, 1H), δ 1.60 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.9, 157.4, 148.6, 140.9, 139.3, 134.4, 131.5, 130.3, 128.7, 128.7, 127.7, 127.0, 124.2, 124.0, 122.8, 119.9, 114.7, 110.1, 84.5, 55.1, 54.7, 53.2, 38.0, 28.6, 28.1. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1789, 1760, 1731, 1150, 939, 995. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_6\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 592.1211; found: 592.1206. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (92:8), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 36.2 min (major), 45.9 min (minor)].



(R)-tert-butyl 3-(3-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(2-(phenylselenonyl)ethyl)indoline-1-carboxylate (4k): white solid. yield 80%, ee 90%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +13.0$ (c 0.5, DCM). m.p. 149-150 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90-7.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.56-7.75 (m, 4H), δ 7.18-7.28 (m, 3H), δ 6.92-6.97 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 6.62-6.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), δ 6.33-6.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 6.23 (s, 1H), δ 3.57 (s, 3H), δ 3.26-3.36 (m, 1H), δ 2.98-3.18 (m, 3H), δ 2.51-2.71 (m, 2H), δ 1.54 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.4, 159.0, 148.3, 140.9, 139.8, 135.2, 134.5, 130.4, 129.2, 128.8, 127.4, 127.1, 124.8, 123.3, 122.1, 115.2, 114.6, 113.4, 84.6, 55.0, 54.7, 53.9, 45.3, 28.8, 27.9. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 1788, 1737, 1154, 929, 883. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_6\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 592.1211; found: 592.1204. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, t_{R} = 38.5 min (major), 47.9 min (minor)].

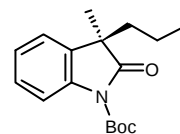
2.3. Derivation of 4a



2.3.1. synthesis of 5a

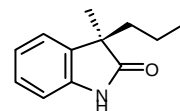
To the mixture of **4a** (0.2 mmol, 92.6 mg) and NaI (0.6mmol, 90mg), [bpy][BF₄] (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction system was stirred for about 8h at 40°C. The reaction was then extracted with ethyl acetate, and organic phase collected was concentrated. FC (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 20: 1) offered **5a'**.

(R)-tert-butyl 3-(2-iodoethyl)-3-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (5a'): colorless liquid. yield 90%. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -33.9 (*c* 1.25, DCM). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85-7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), δ 7.28-7.36 (m, 1H), δ 7.19-7.21 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), δ 2.85-2.94 (m, 1H), δ 2.71-2.80 (m, 1H), δ 2.54-2.64 (m, 1H), δ 2.31-2.41 (m, 1H), δ 1.66 (s, 9H), δ 1.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.8, 149.1, 139.1, 131.1, 128.5, 124.8, 122.4, 115.3, 84.6, 50.5, 43.4, 28.1, 24.4, -2.5. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 1792, 1764, 1731, 1350, 1294, 1150. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₀INNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 424.0380; found: 424.0376.



To the solution of **5a'** in DCM (2ml), TFA (0.2ml) was added. The reaction system was stirred for 0.5h at rt. After remove solvent, FC (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4: 1) offered **5a**.

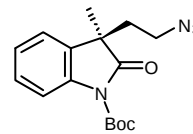
(R)-3-(2-iodoethyl)-3-methylindolin-2-one (5a): white solid. yield 95%, ee 93%. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -18.0 (*c* 0.4, DCM). m.p. 132-133 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.94 (s, 1H), δ 7.17-7.26 (m, 2H), δ 7.05-7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 6.95-6.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), δ 2.88-2.97 (m, 1H), δ 2.71-2.79 (m, 1H), δ 2.51-2.61 (m, 1H), δ 2.33-2.43 (m, 1H), δ 1.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.0, 140.4, 132.7, 128.3, 122.9 (2C, overlapping), 110.2, 50.8, 42.7, 23.5, -2.1. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 3196, 1709, 1670, 1623, 1472, 1210. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₂INNaO [M+Na]⁺ 323.9856; found: 323.9853. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AS-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C, 1 mL·min⁻¹, *t_R* = 20.6 min (minor), 32.5 min (major)].



2.3.2. synthesis of 6

To the mixture of **4b** (0.2 mmol, 92.6 mg) and NaN₃ (0.6mmol, 39mg), [bpy][BF₄] (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction system was stirred for about 8h at 40°C. The reaction was then extracted with ethyl acetate, and organic phase collected was concentrated. FC (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 10: 1) offered **5b'** as a colorless liquid.

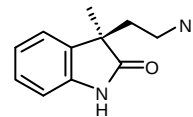
(R)-tert-butyl 3-(2-azidoethyl)-3-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (5b'): colorless liquid. yield 87%, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +20.5 (*c* 0.73, DCM). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86-7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), δ 7.28-7.35 (m, 1H), δ 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H), δ 2.94-3.11 (m, 2H), δ 2.27-2.37 (m, 1H), δ 1.96-2.05 (m, 1H), δ 1.65 (m, 9H), δ 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.3, 149.3, 139.1, 131.3, 128.5, 124.7, 122.4, 115.3, 84.1, 47.4, 47.0, 37.6, 28.1, 25.2. IR $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr, film, cm⁻¹): 2098, 1792, 1767, 1730, 1350, 1293, 1151. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 339.1428; found: 339.1422.



To the solution of **5b'** in DCM (2ml), TFA (0.2ml) was added. The reaction system was stirred for 0.5h

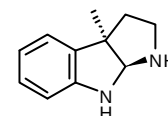
at rt. After remove solvent, FC (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4: 1) offered **5b**.

(R)-3-(2-azidoethyl)-3-methylindolin-2-one (5b): colorless liquid. yield 95%, ee 93%. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +41.7$ (c 1.8, DCM). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.39 (s, 1H), δ 7.16-7.26 (m, 2H), δ 7.04-7.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), δ 6.97-7.00 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), δ 3.02-3.07 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), δ 2.25-2.35 (m, 1H), δ 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), δ 1.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 182.9, 140.5, 133.0, 128.3, 122.8, 122.7, 110.4, 47.5, 47.3, 36.6, 24.3. IR ν_{max} (KBr, film, cm^{-1}): 3215, 2098, 1712, 1620, 1472, 1335. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 239.0903; found: 239.0901. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AS-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C , $1\text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, $t_R = 35.4$ min (minor), 70.4 min (major)].



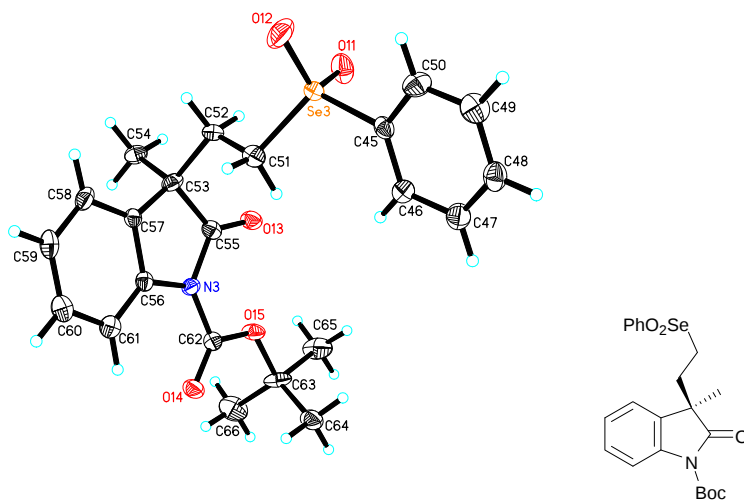
Under N_2 atmosphere and the ice bath, Red-Al (70 wt% in toluene, 1.2mL, 4.3mmol) was added slowly to the solution of **5b** (90mg, 0.42mmol) in 4mL dry toluene. After stirred for 1.5h at room temperature, the reaction was heated to 100°C and maintained for 17h. The system then cooled to rt and was quenched with 10mL saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 . Removed the solid by filtration, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 15\text{mL}$). The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (DCM/MeOH/ $\text{NH}_3\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O} = 100/10/1$) offered **6** as the oil (53mg, 73% yield).

(3aR, 8aS)-3a-methyl-1, 2, 3, 3a, 8, 8a-hexahydropyrrolo[2, 3-b]indole: yellowish liquid, yield 73%, ee 96%, $[\alpha]_D^{20} +132.1$ (c 1.1, DCM). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.01-7.07 (m, 2H), δ 6.72-6.77 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), δ 6.55-6.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), δ 4.86 (s, 1H), δ 4.13 (br, 2H), δ 3.03-3.08 (m, 1H), δ 2.74-2.83 (m, 1H), δ 2.01-2.12 (m, 1H), δ 1.83-1.93 (m, 1H), δ 1.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75.0 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.6, 135.2, 127.8, 123.1, 118.8, 108.6, 85.0, 54.0, 45.8, 42.5, 26.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 175.1230; found: 175.1225. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AS-H, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 20°C , $0.5\text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, $t_R = 15.3$ min (major), 33.1 min (minor)].



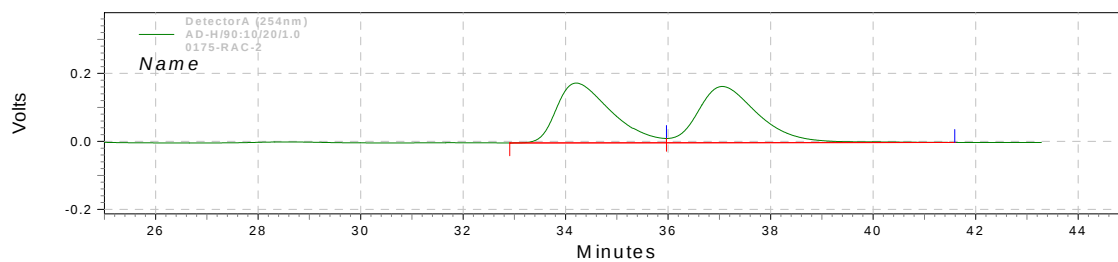
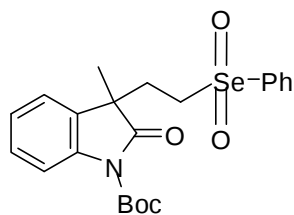
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3. Crystal data for 4a

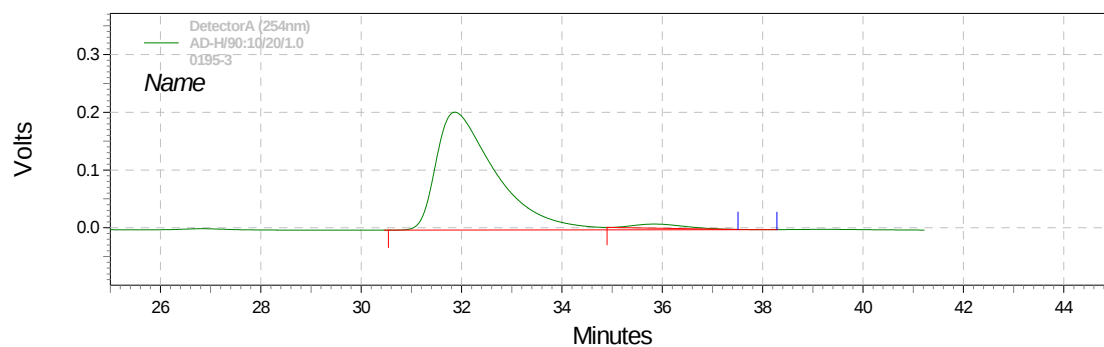
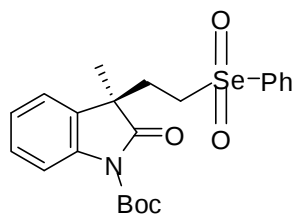


Crystal data for **4a**: $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, $M = 423.36$, monoclinic, $a = 10.358(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.587(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 19.790(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 101.80(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 2642.1(15) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 173(2) \text{ K}$, space group $P2_1$, $Z = 2$, 50547 reflections measured, 15407 independent reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0847$). The final R_1 values were 0.0642 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1319 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_1 values were 0.0759 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1419 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.109. CCDC number: CCDC 802111.

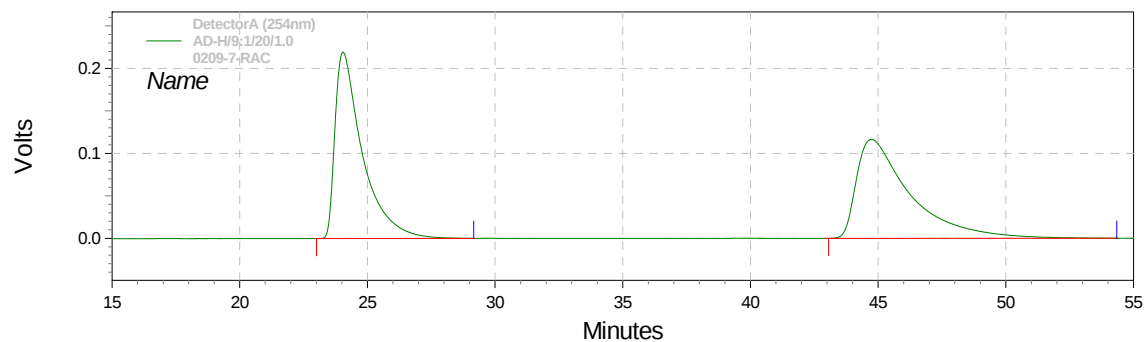
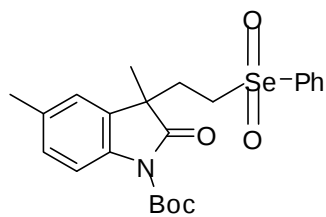
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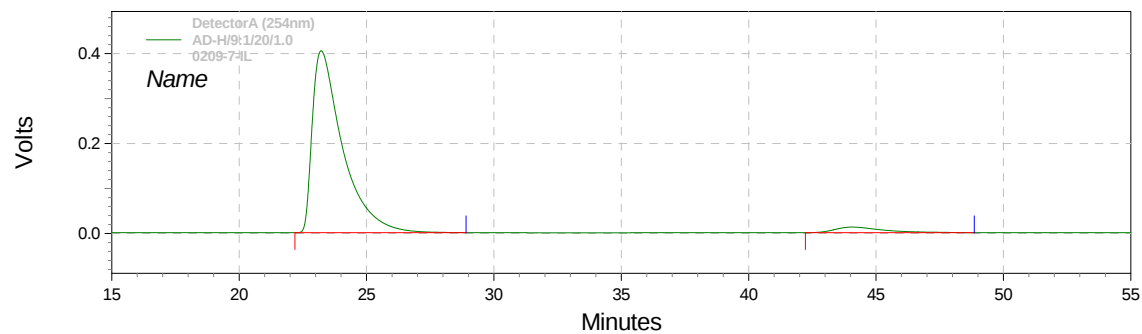
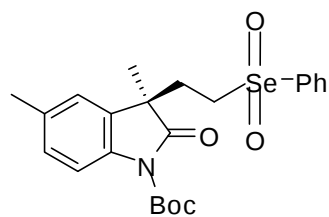
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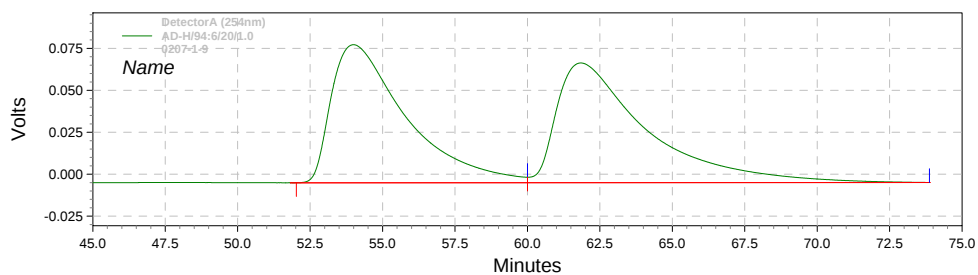
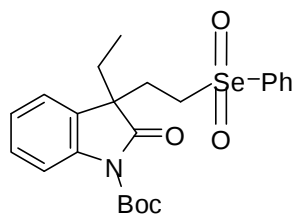
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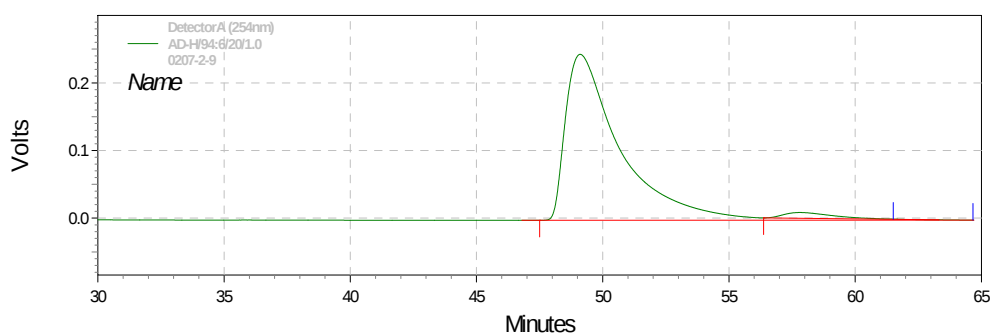
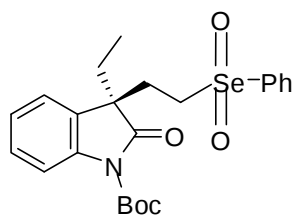
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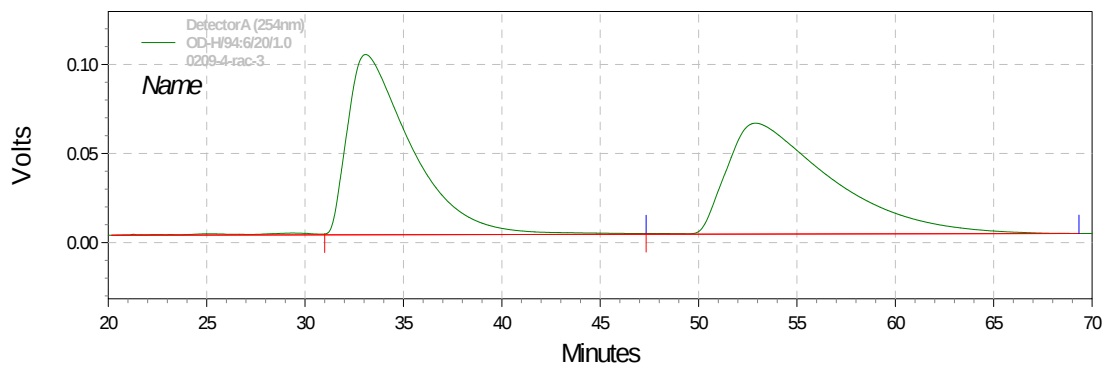
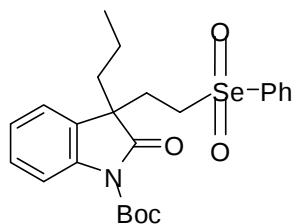
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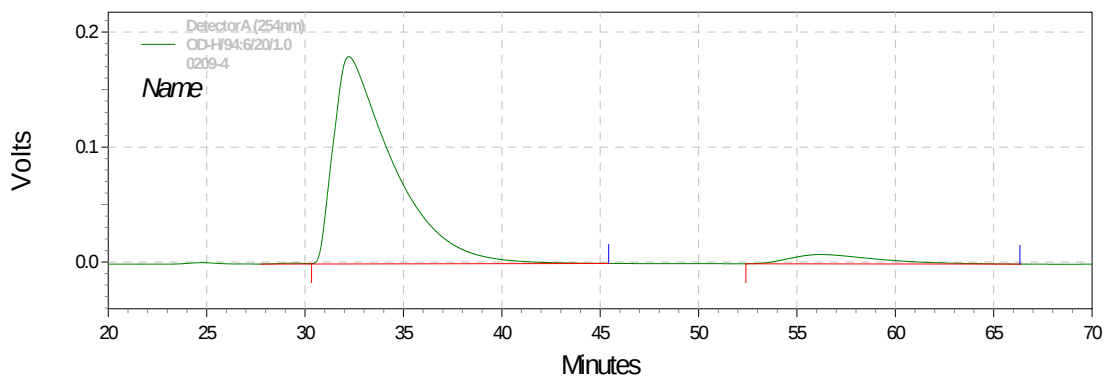
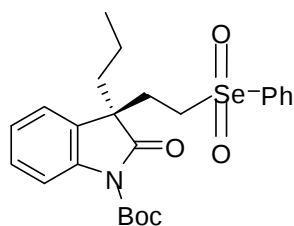
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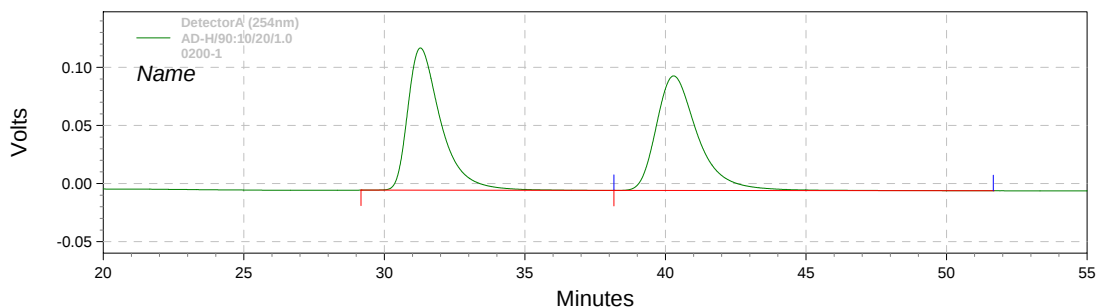
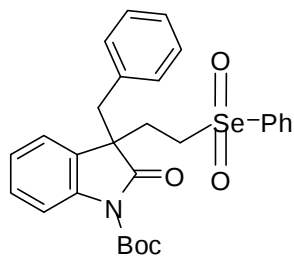
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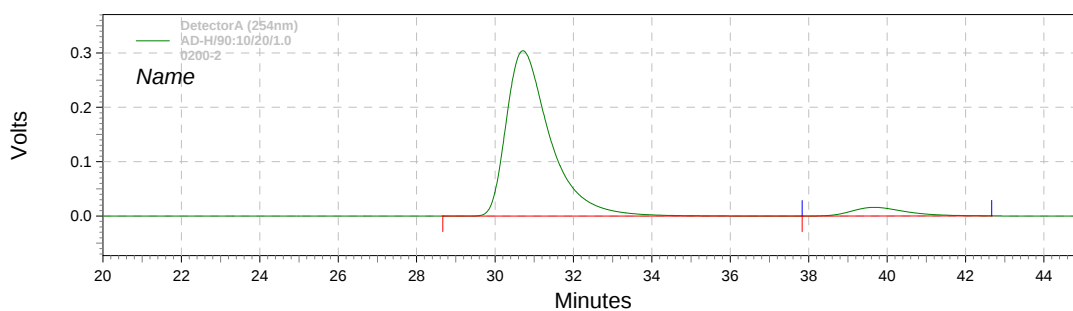
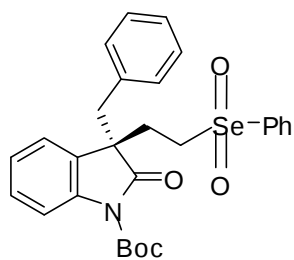
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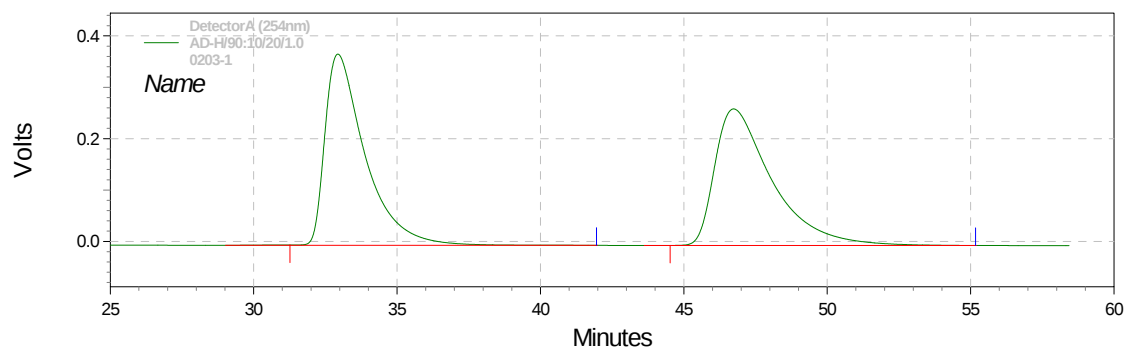
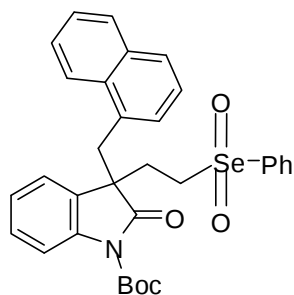
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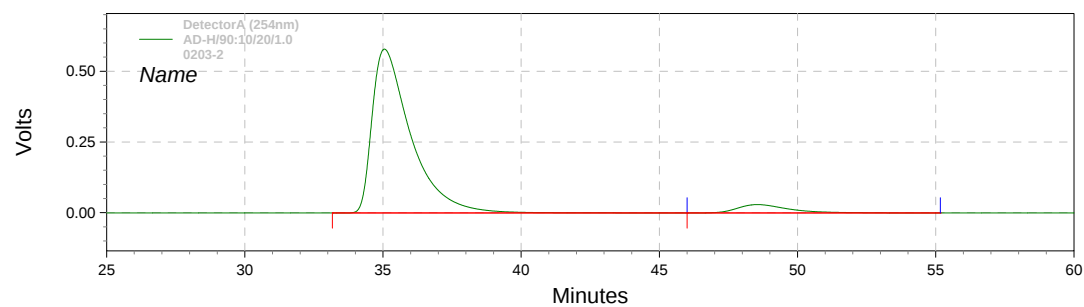
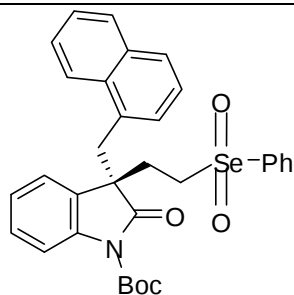
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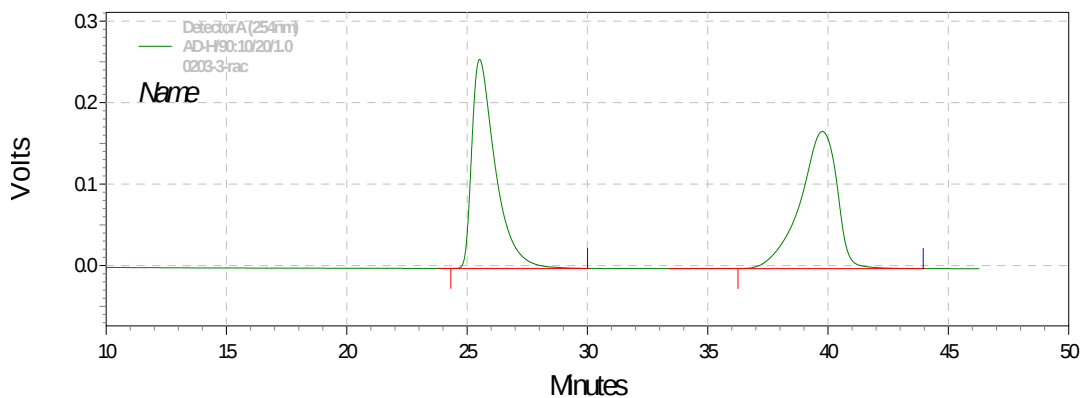
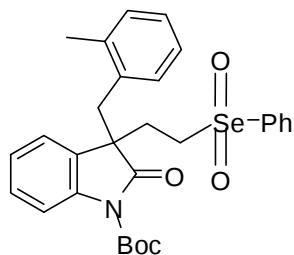
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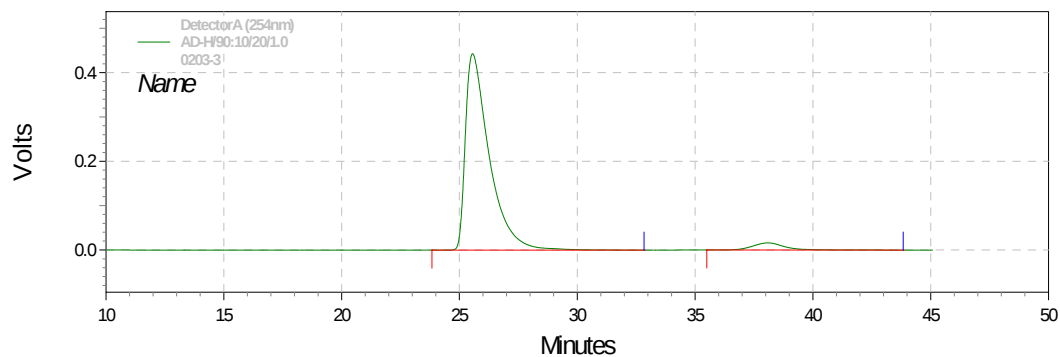
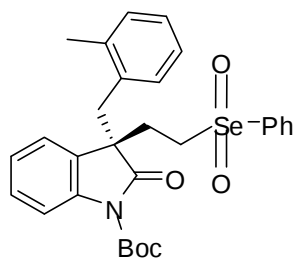
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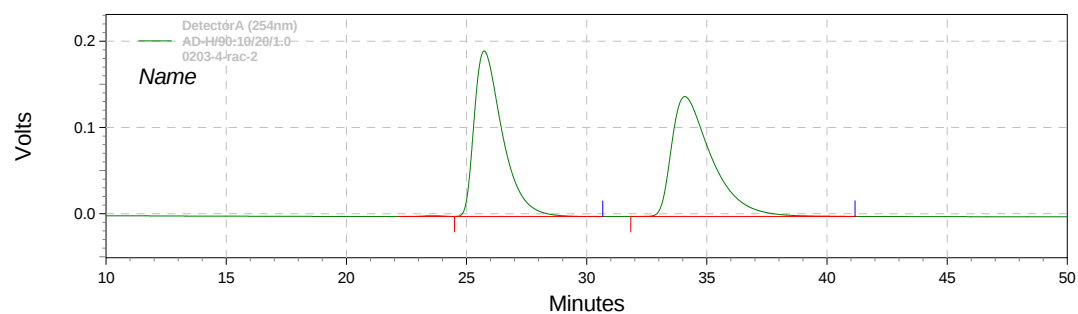
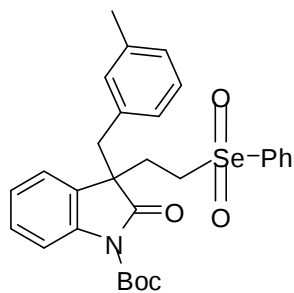
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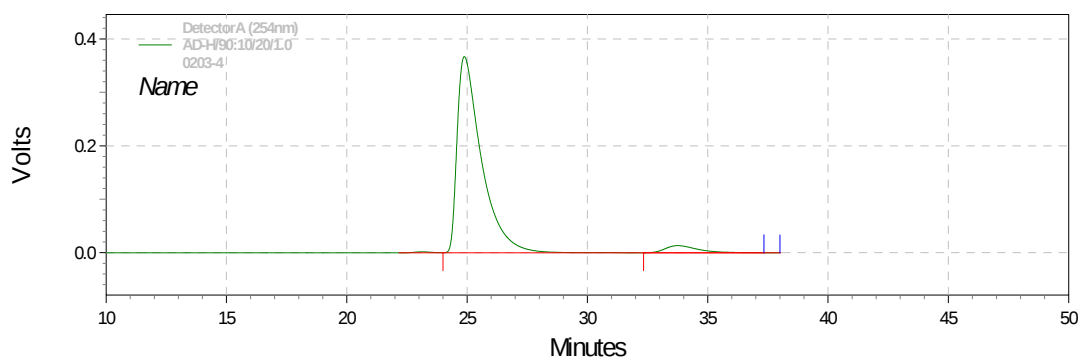
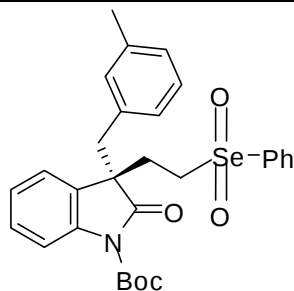
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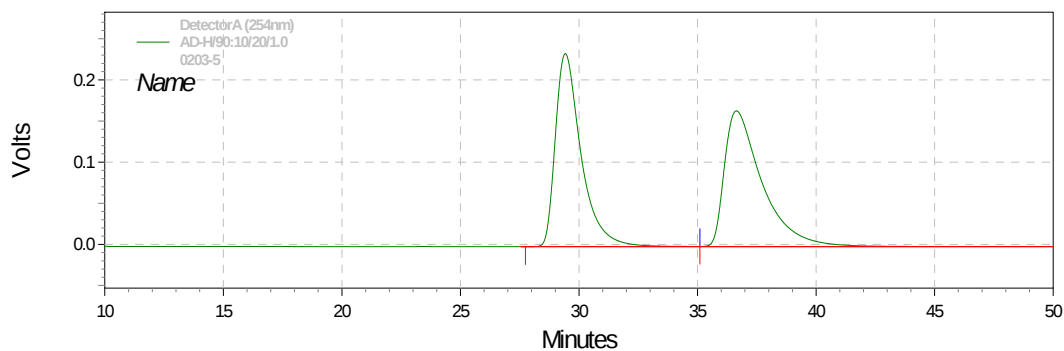
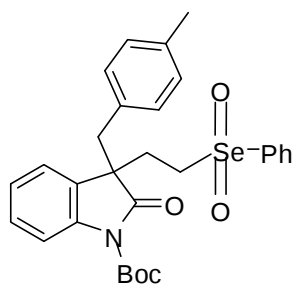
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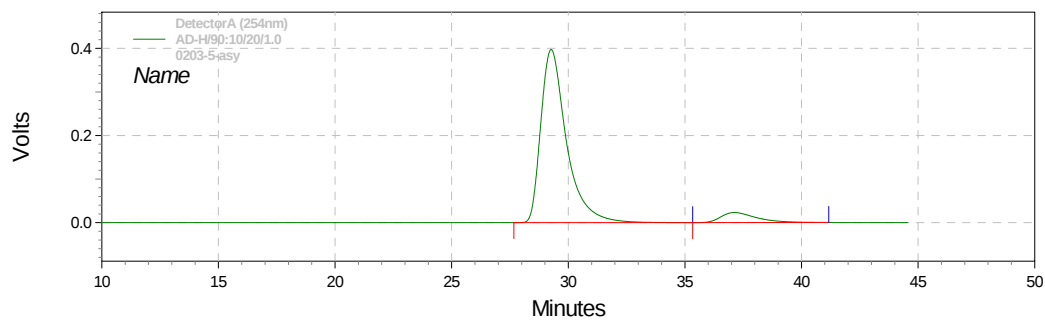
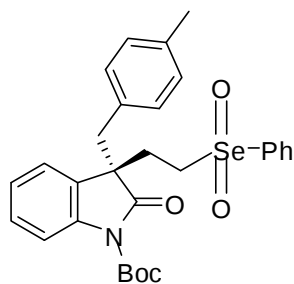
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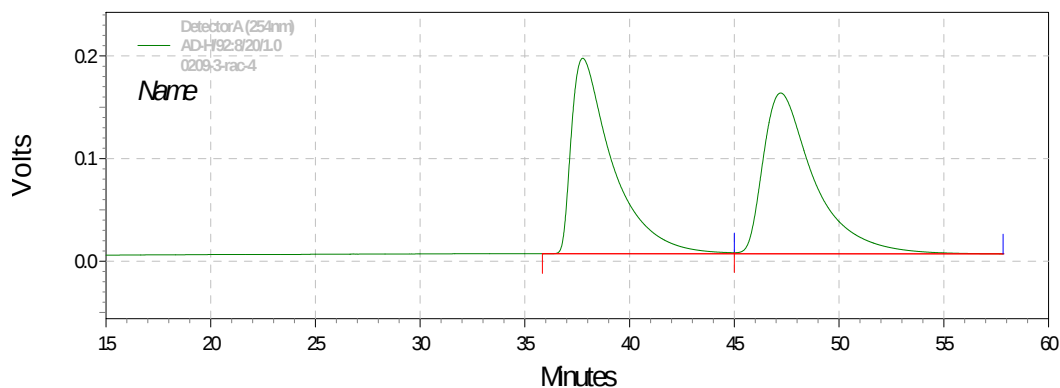
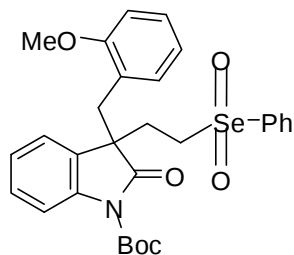
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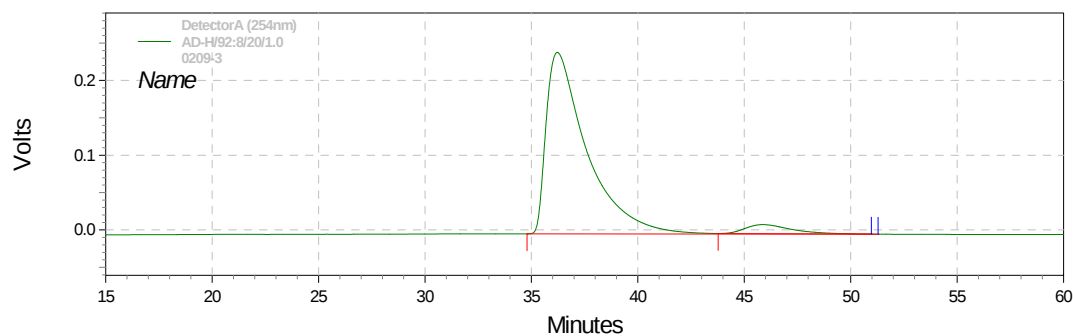
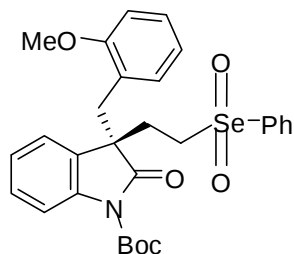
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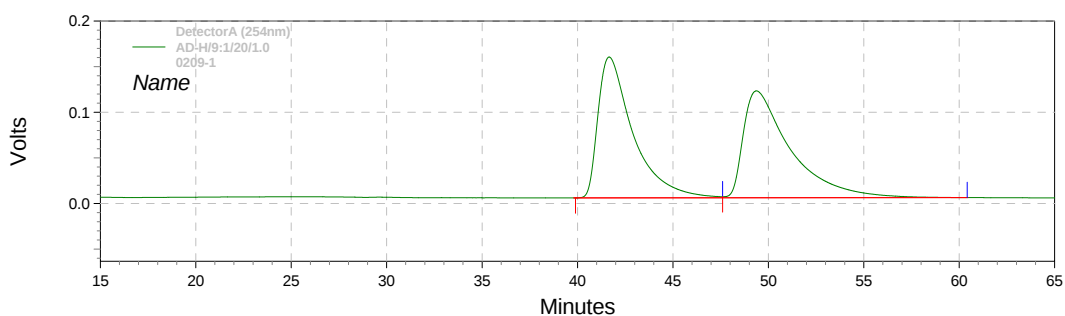
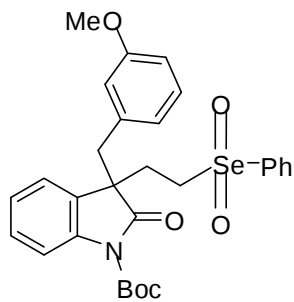
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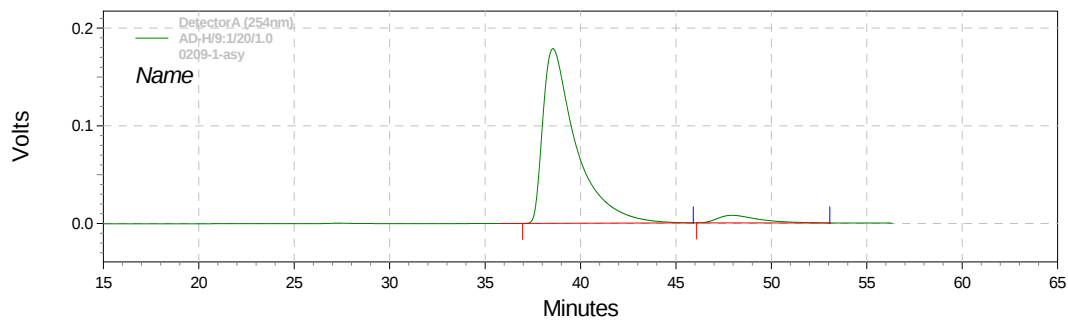
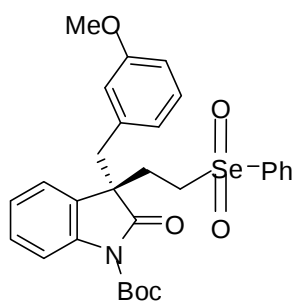
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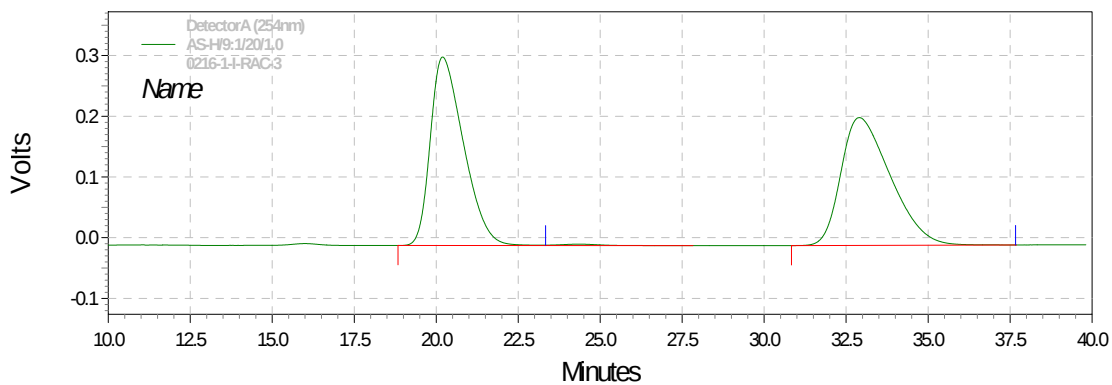
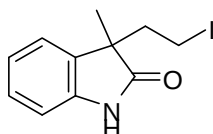
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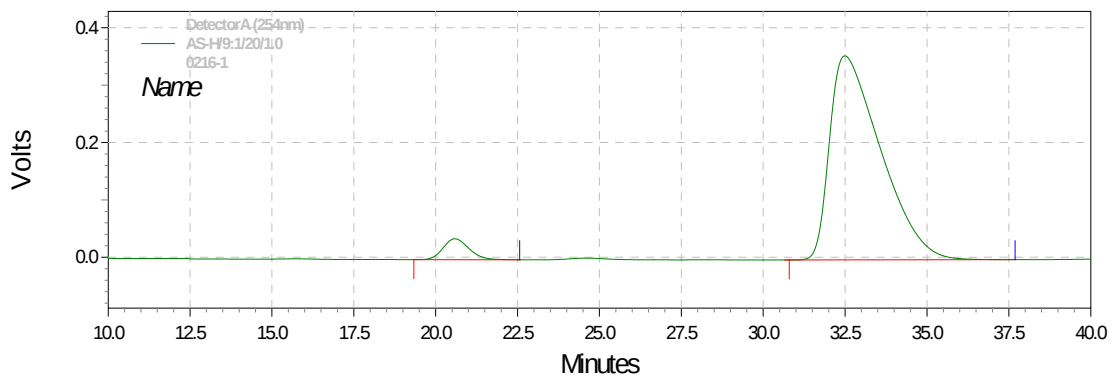
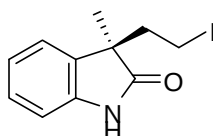
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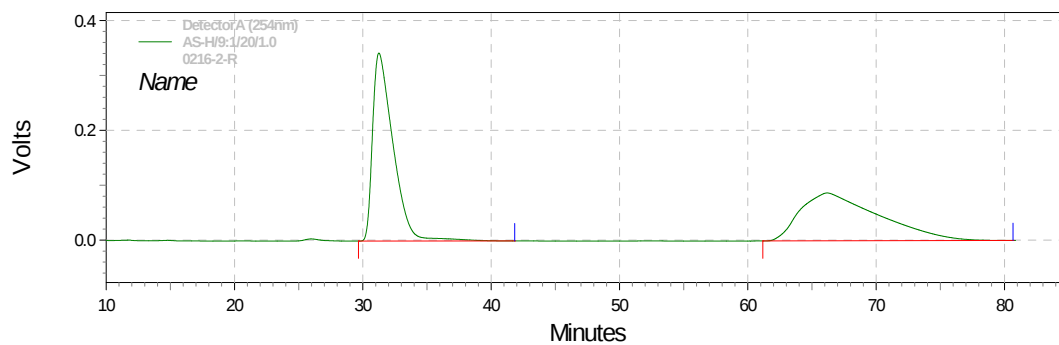
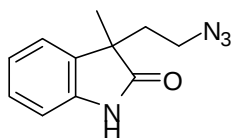
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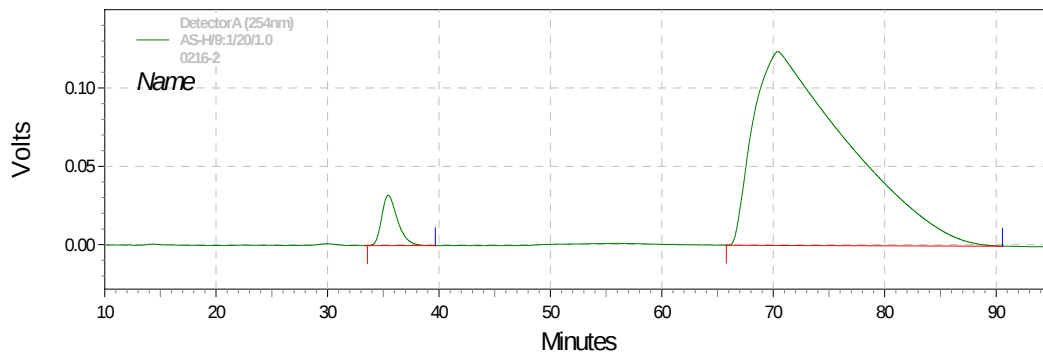
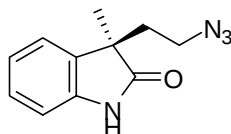
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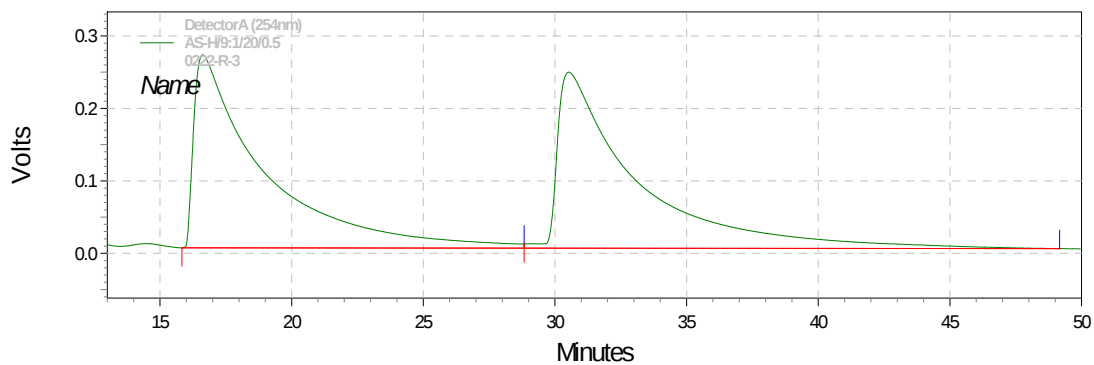
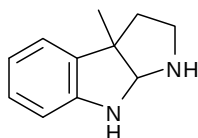
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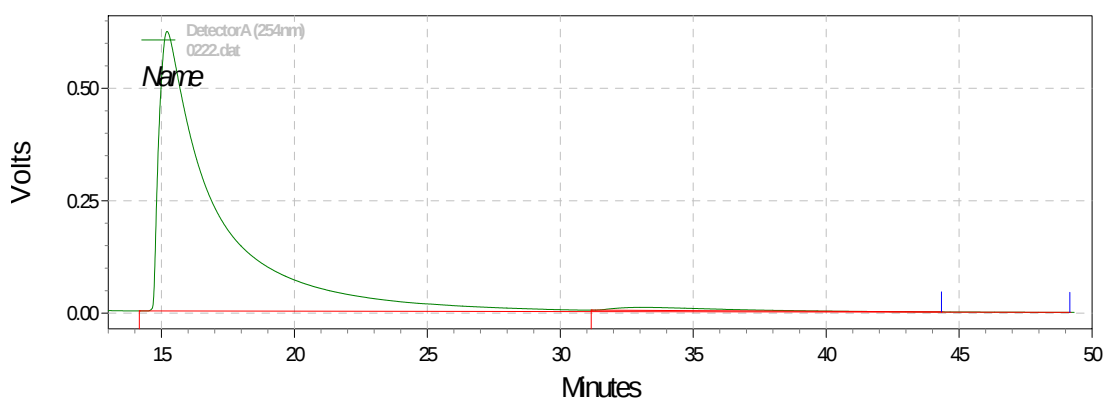
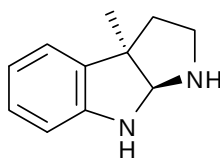
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