

Asymmetric Assembly of 2-Oxindole and α -Angelica Lactone Units to Construct Vicinal Quaternary Chiral Centers

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1. General Methods

NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate, acetone, ethyl ether and petroleum ether (PE) (EtOAc/PE, Acetone/PE or ethyl ether/PE). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (Varian) and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Varian). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.27$ ppm) for ^1H NMR and relative to the central CDCl_3 resonance ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. Coupling constants are given in Hz. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm at 20 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD, AS and Chiralcel OD columns. Mesitylene was distilled from CaH_2 . All other chemicals were used without purification as commercially available. Catalysts **1a–1f**¹ were prepared according to the literature procedures. Morita–Baylis–Hillman carbonates of isatins² and α -angelica lactone³ were prepared according to the literature procedures.

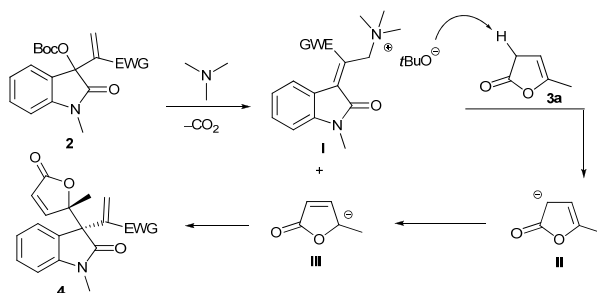
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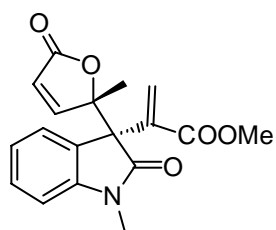
2. The proposed catalytic mechanism

As showing in the following scheme, the tertiary amine catalyst could attack the MBH carbonate **2**, which would generate the ammonium ion **I** and *t*-butoxy anion. Subsequently, the strong Brønsted base would deprotonate the acidic C-H of α -angelica lactone **3a**, affording the anion **II**. Then, the isomerized anion **III** would attack the electrophilic ion **I** to deliver the allylic product **4** after the elimination of the tertiary amine catalyst.

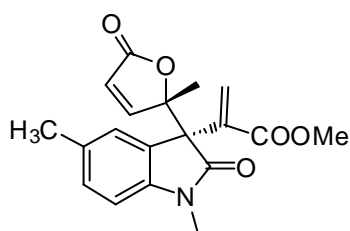


3. General procedure for assembly of MBH carbonates and α -angelica lactone

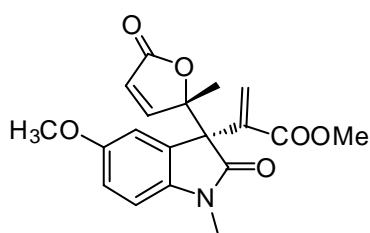
To a solution of MBH carbonate **2** (34.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), α -angelica lactone **3a** (19.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å MS (20 mg) and R-BINOL (3.0 mg) in mesitylene (0.5 mL) was added catalyst **1a** (3.2 mg, 10 mol%) at -10 °C. The mixture was kept at the temperature until the consumption of **2a**, which was monitored by TLC analysis. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/petroleum ether = 1:5) gave **4**.



4a, 80% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +8.5$ ($c = 0.4$ in CHCl_3); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 26.532 min, t (minor) = 18.793 min.]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.26$ (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.6$, 171.6, 165.6, 157.1, 143.6, 136.9, 131.1, 129.2, 127.1, 125.0, 122.7, 122.4, 108.1, 89.7, 59.9, 52.3, 26.6, 19.1 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 350.1004, found 350.1002.

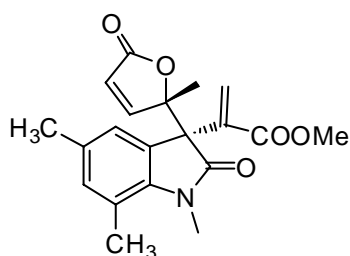


4d, 90% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +41.0$ ($c = 0.4$ in CHCl_3); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.910 min, t (minor) = 8.967 min.]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.04$ (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.5$, 171.6, 165.7, 157.2, 141.1, 137.0, 132.3, 131.0, 129.5, 127.1, 125.8, 122.4, 107.8, 89.7, 60.0, 52.3, 26.6, 21.0, 19.1 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 364.1161, found 364.1156.

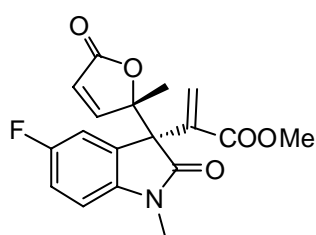


4e, 90% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +26.8$ ($c = 0.5$ in CHCl_3); 89% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 18.740 min, t (minor) = 11.663 min.]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.03$ (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C

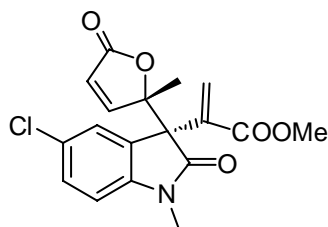
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.2, 171.7, 165.6, 157.3, 155.7, 136.9, 131.2, 128.3, 122.4, 114.7, 111.3, 108.6, 89.6, 60.2, 55.7, 52.3, 26.7, 19.1 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NO₆+Na 380.1110, found 380.1109.



4f, 88% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +27.2 (c = 0.5 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 12.660 min, t (minor) = 6.586 min]; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.05 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.2, 171.6, 165.7, 157.3, 138.8, 137.2, 133.5, 131.9, 130.8, 127.6, 123.7, 122.3, 119.1, 89.7, 59.5, 52.2, 23.0, 20.6, 19.2, 18.8 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₅+Na 378.1317, found 378.1316.

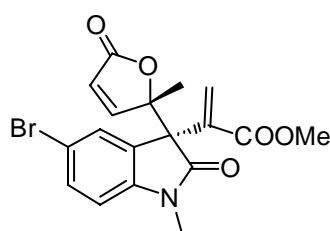


4g, 80% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +8.0 (c = 0.2 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 13.872 min, t (minor) = 8.391 min]; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.06 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.2, 171.2, 165.5, 158.8 (d, $^1J_{C,F}$ = 240.8 Hz), 157.0, 139.6, 136.6, 131.6, 128.8 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 8.4 Hz), 122.5, 115.6 (d, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 23.6 Hz), 113.2 (d, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 25.0 Hz), 108.6 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 8.0 Hz), 89.4, 60.1, 52.4, 26.8, 19.2 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆FNO₅+Na 368.0910, found 368.0903.

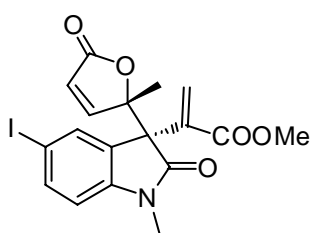


4h, 83% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +45.2 (c = 0.4 in CHCl₃); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 28.473 min, t (minor) = 16.415 min]; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.23 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H),

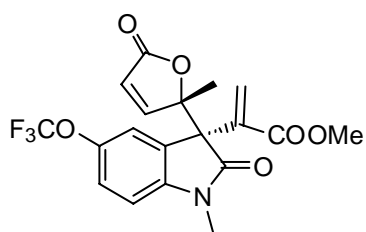
5.76 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.2, 171.1, 165.5, 156.8, 142.2, 136.5, 131.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 125.4, 122.7, 109.0, 89.3, 52.4, 26.8, 25.3, 19.2$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 384.0615, found 384.0612.



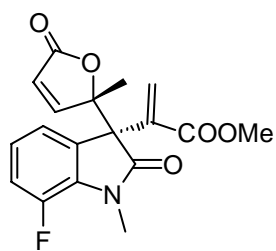
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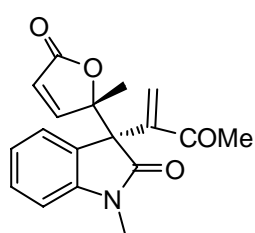
4j, 90% yield; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +60.6$ ($c = 0.5$ in CHCl_3); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 20.384 min, t (minor) = 10.854 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.58$ (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.0, 171.1, 165.5, 156.6, 143.4, 138.1, 136.5, 133.6, 131.7, 129.3, 122.8, 110.1, 89.2, 85.0, 52.4, 26.7, 19.1$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{INO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 475.9971, found 475.9981.



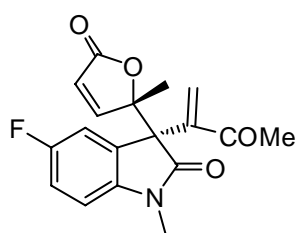
4k, 83% yield; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +12.0$ ($c = 0.2$ in CHCl_3); 86% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.291 min, t (minor) = 8.201 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.13$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.3, 170.9, 165.6, 156.7, 144.4, 142.3, 136.4, 131.8, 128.7, 122.6, 122.5, 119.0, 108.5, 89.2, 60.0, 52.4, 26.8, 19.2$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_6 + \text{Na}$ 434.0827, found 434.0828.



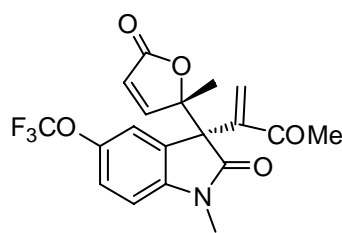
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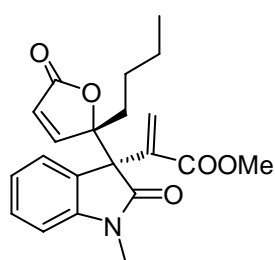
4m, 80% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +29.2$ ($c = 0.5$ in CHCl_3); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 31.230 min, t (minor) = 21.196 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.22$ (td, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.68 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.0, 176.0, 171.6, 157.2, 146.2, 143.6, 131.3, 129.1, 127.2, 124.6, 122.5, 122.3, 108.1, 89.6, 77.2, 26.6, 25.9, 19.0$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}$ 334.1055, found 334.1054.



4n, 73% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +6.5$ ($c = 0.4$ in CHCl_3); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 14.320 min, t (minor) = 10.904 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.06$ (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.0, 175.7, 171.3, 158.7$ (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}} = 240.5$ Hz), 157.0, 145.9, 139.6, 131.8, 128.9, 122.5, 115.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 23.1$ Hz), 112.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 25.4$ Hz), 108.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}} = 7.9$ Hz), 89.3, 26.8, 25.9, 24.4, 19.1 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_4 + \text{Na}$ 352.0961, found 352.0960.

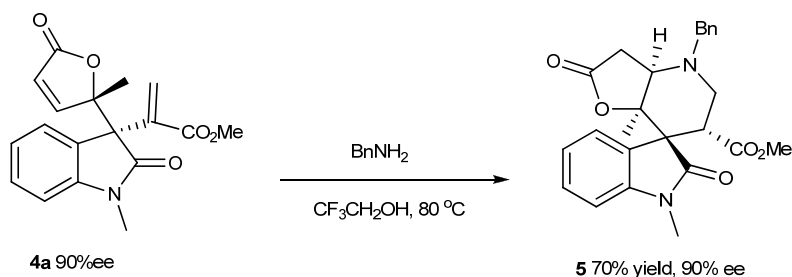


4o, 80% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +2.2$ ($c = 0.4$ in CHCl_3); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 60/40, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 11.253 min, t (minor) = 8.685 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.12$ (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.0, 175.8, 170.9, 156.8, 145.8, 142.3, 132.0, 128.8, 122.6, 122.3, 118.7, 108.5, 89.2, 77.2, 59.7, 26.9, 25.9, 19.1$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 418.0878, found 418.0878.



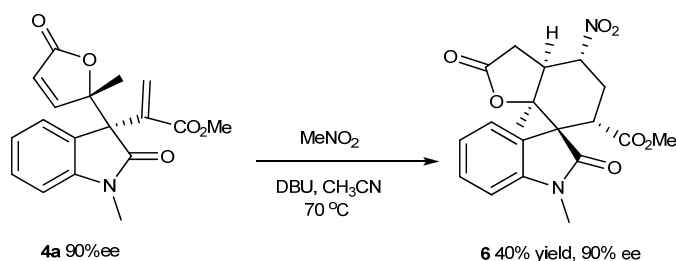
4p, 70% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +30.4$ ($c = 0.5$ in CHCl_3); dr = 83:17 (by ^1H NMR analysis); for major isomer: 80% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 5.937 min, t (minor) = 5.417 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.25$ (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.73 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.24 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.89 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 175.7, 172.1, 165.8, 155.6, 143.5, 137.0, 131.1, 129.2, 127.3, 125.0, 123.6, 122.7, 108.0, 92.4, 60.5, 52.3, 29.4, 26.6, 25.2, 22.6, 13.9$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5 + \text{Na}$ 392.1474, found 392.1475.

Synthetic transformations of allylic product **4a**

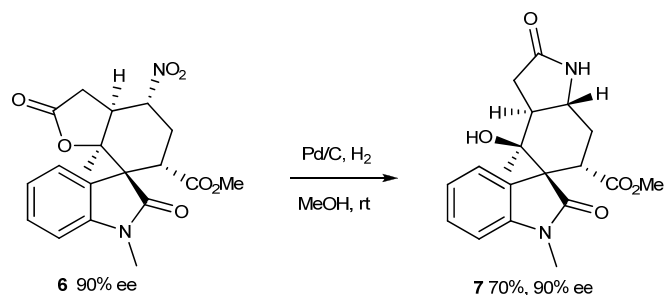


A solution of **4a** (65.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 90% ee) and BnNH_2 (110 μL , 1.00 mmol) in $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ (0.5 mL) was stirred at 80 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 hours. Then Boc_2O (436 mg, 2.00 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred at rt until the consumption of excess BnNH_2 . After removing the solvent, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/AcOEt = 2:1) to afford the product **5** as a colorless oil

(61.0 mg, 70% yield). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9.2$ ($c = 0.9$ in CHCl_3); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.195 min, t (minor) = 14.046 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.54$ (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 6H), 6.97 (td, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.0, 175.8, 170.9, 156.8, 145.8, 142.3, 132.0, 128.8, 122.6, 122.3, 118.7, 108.5, 89.2, 77.2, 59.7, 26.9, 25.9, 19.1$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{H}$ 435.1920, found 435.1920. The relative configuration has been established by 2D NMR and NOE analysis.

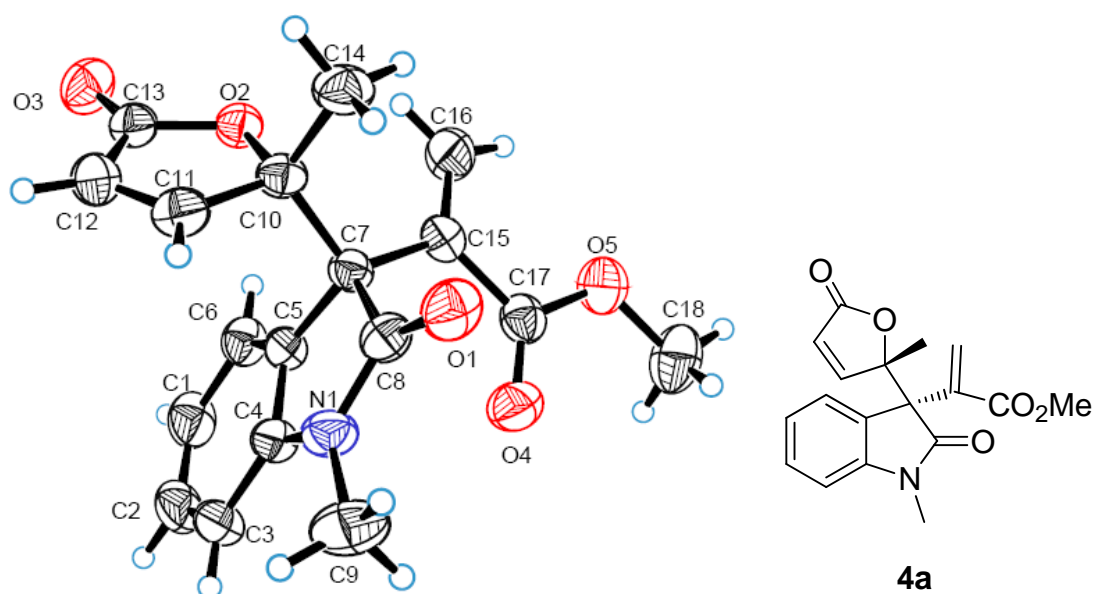


A solution of **4a** (50.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 90% ee), MeNO_2 (1.50 mmol, 80 μL) and DBU (0.07 mmol, 11.4 mg) in CH_3CN (0.5 mL) was refluxed until the consumption of **4a** (5 h). Then the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/AcOEt = 2:1) to give **6** as a white solid (23.0 mg, 40% yield). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +5.5$ ($c = 0.9$ in CHCl_3); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OD, n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 60/40, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 26.963 min, t (minor) = 19.554 min]; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.42$ (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (m, 1H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 174.2, 172.7, 169.8, 145.0, 129.8, 126.5, 124.5, 122.7, 109.0, 86.0, 85.8, 53.3, 52.4, 42.9, 42.2, 35.4, 27.1, 26.7, 22.7$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7 + \text{Na}$ 411.1168, found 411.1167. The relative configuration has been established by 2D NMR and NOE analysis.



A solution of compound **6** (44.0 mg, 0.11 mmol, 90% ee) and Pd/C (10%, 5.0 mg) in MeOH was stirred at room temperature under H₂ atmosphere until the consumption of **6** (7 h). Then the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with methanol. The combined filtrates were evaporated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 50:1) to give **7** as a white solid (27.5 mg, 70% yield). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +16.0$ ($c = 0.1$ in CHCl₃); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60/40, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 14.526 min, t (minor) = 8.835 min]; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (bs, 1H), 3.57 (dd, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.92-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.58 (m, 3H), 2.35 (dt, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.3, 175.0, 171.4, 145.0, 129.2, 127.8, 124.9, 122.5, 108.5, 86.8, 60.8, 53.9, 52.0, 43.1, 40.2, 36.2, 26.6, 26.3, 21.8 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₅+K 397.1166, found 397.1164.

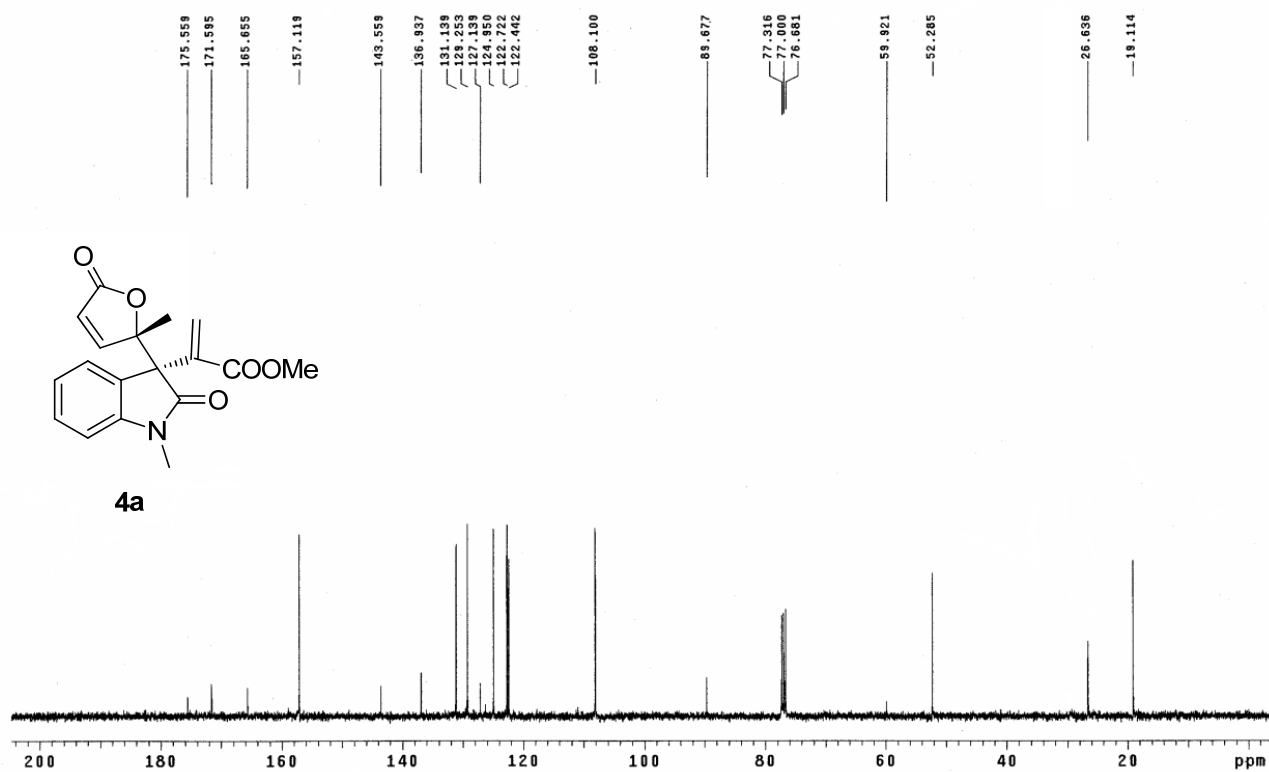
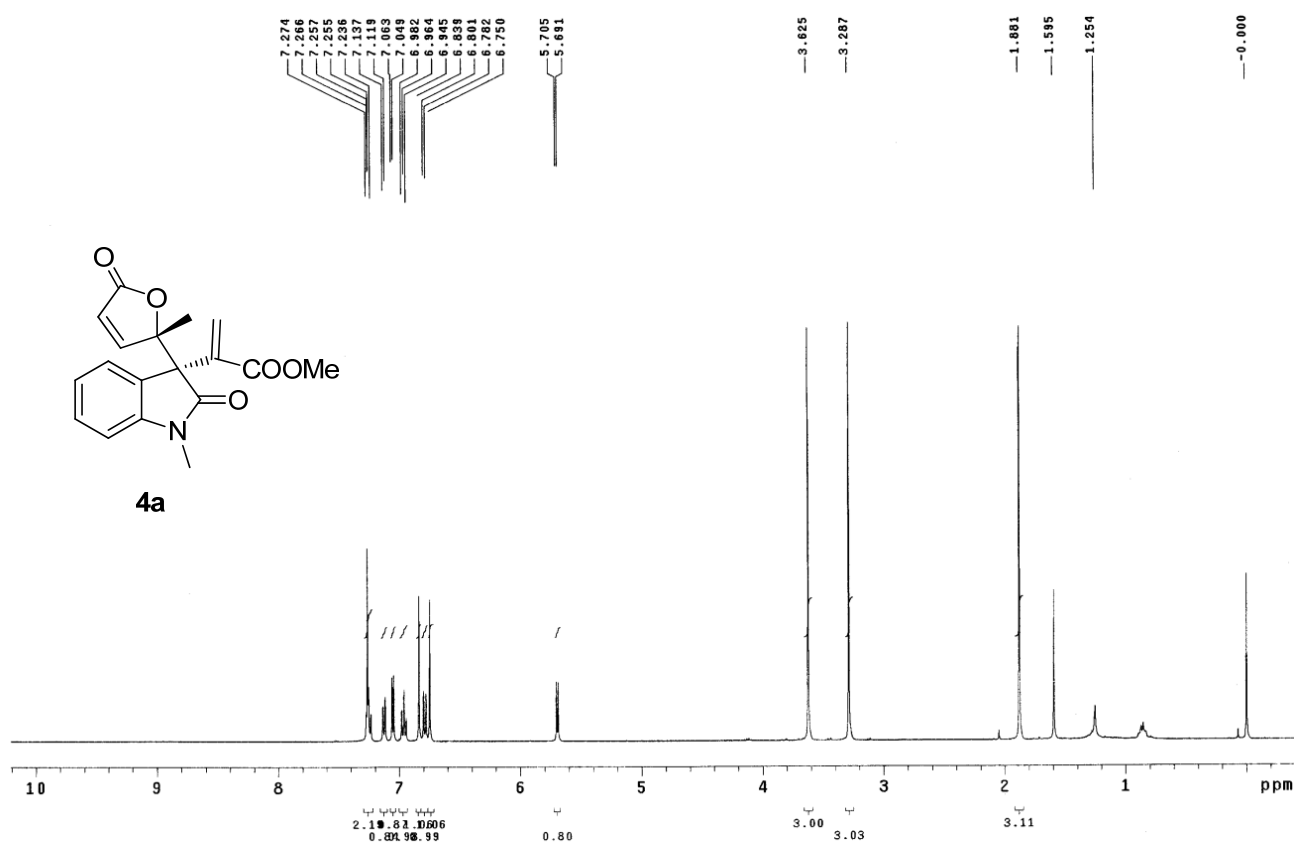
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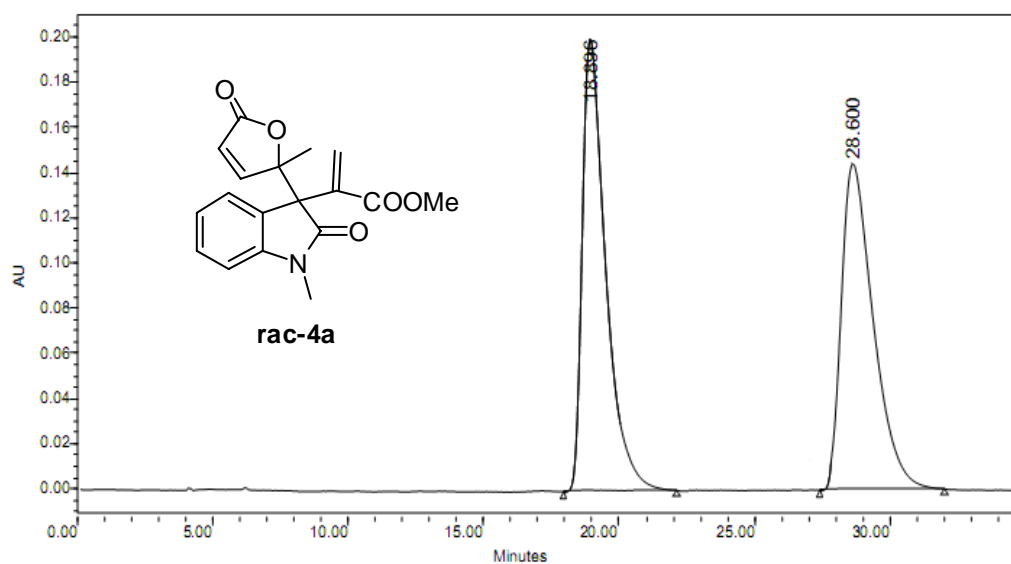


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Crystal system	Orthorhombic
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a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	8.923(5), 12.210(5), 15.345(5)
α/°, β/°, γ/°	90.000(5), 90.000(5), 90.000(5)
Volume/Å ³	1671.8(13)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /mg/mm ³	1.300
m/mm ⁻¹	0.795
F(000)	688
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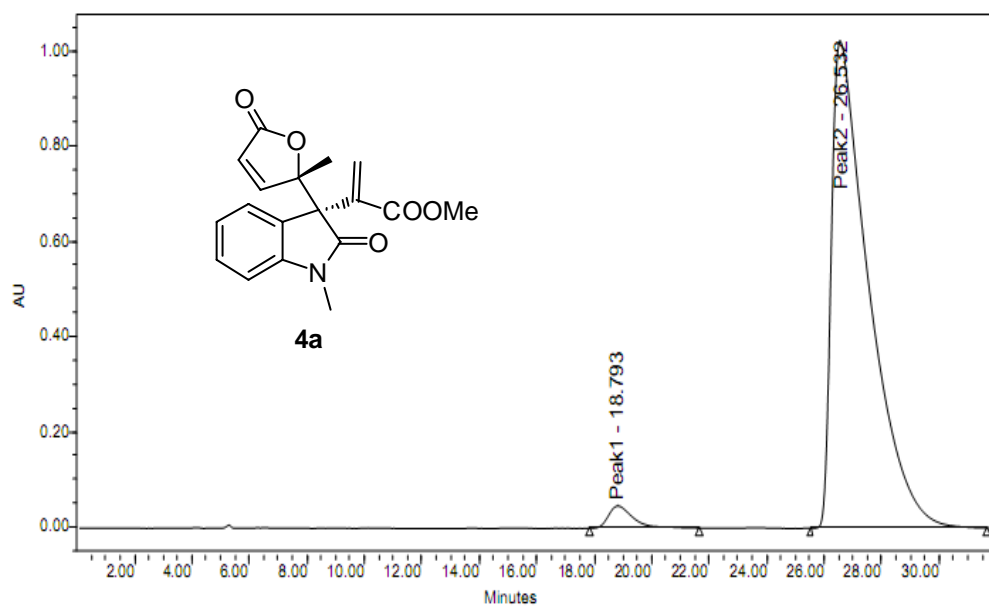
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5. NMR spectra and HPLC chromatograms

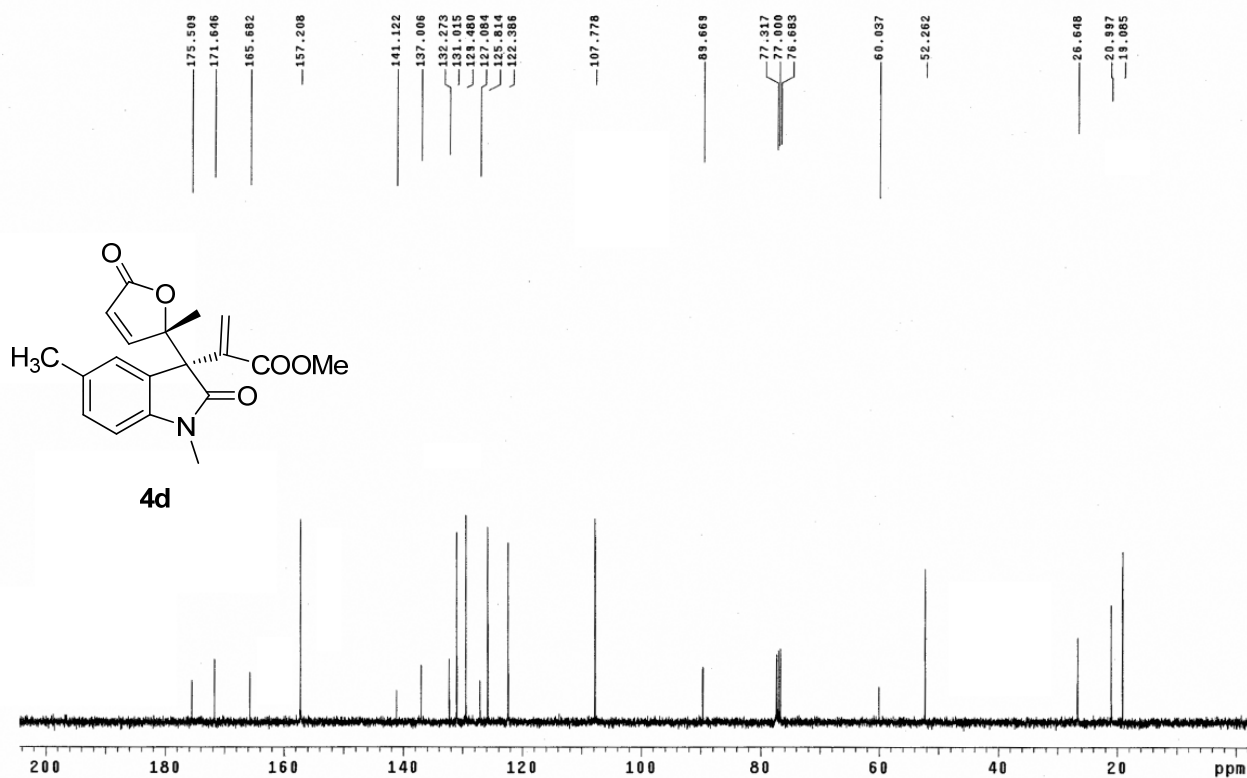
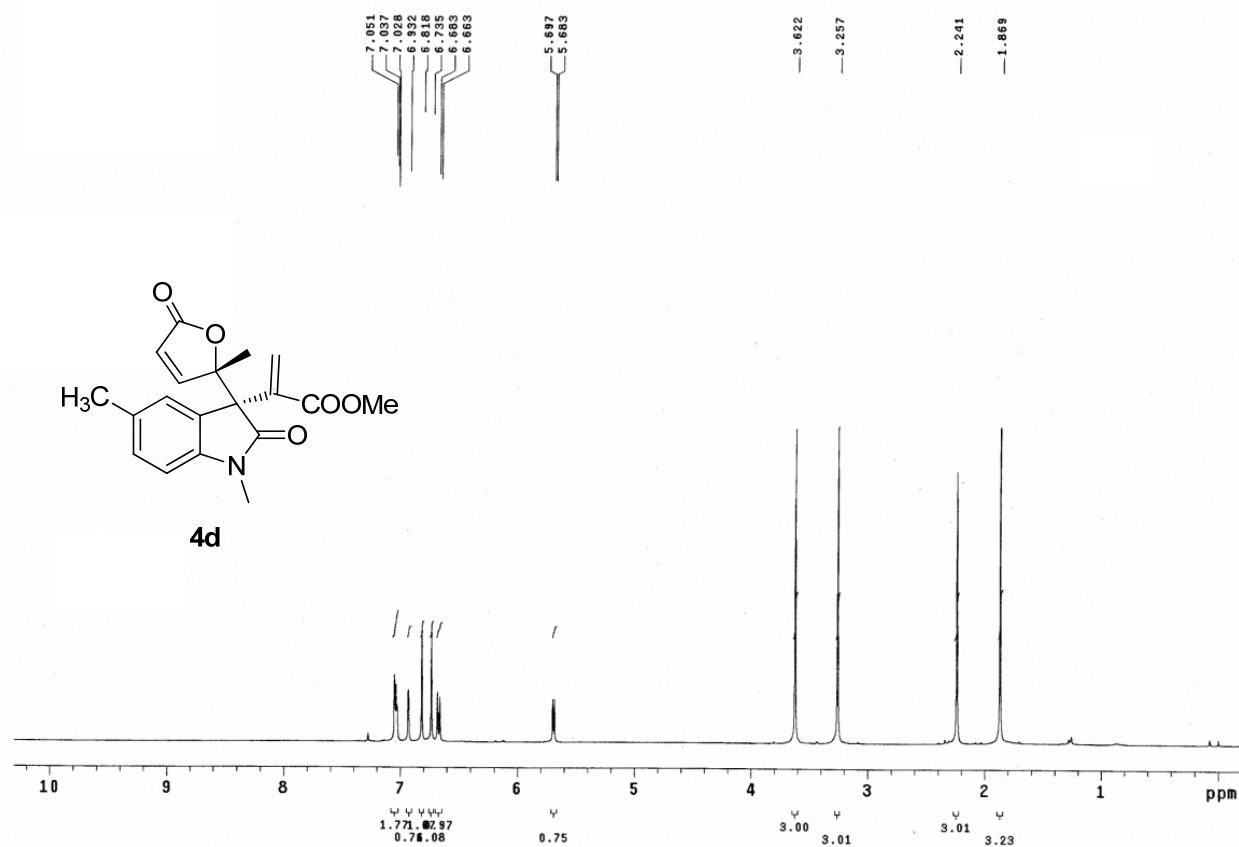


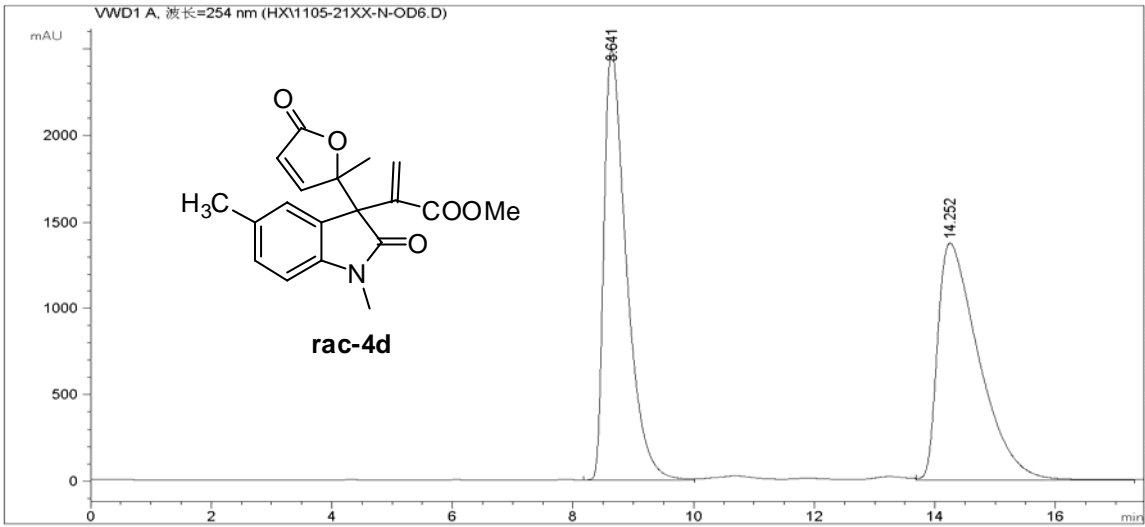


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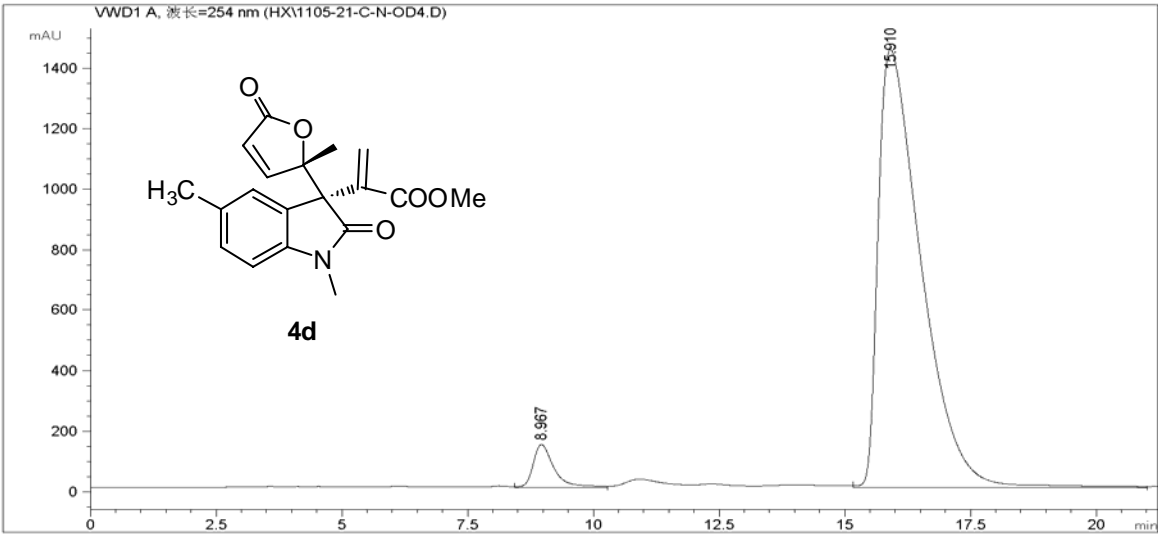


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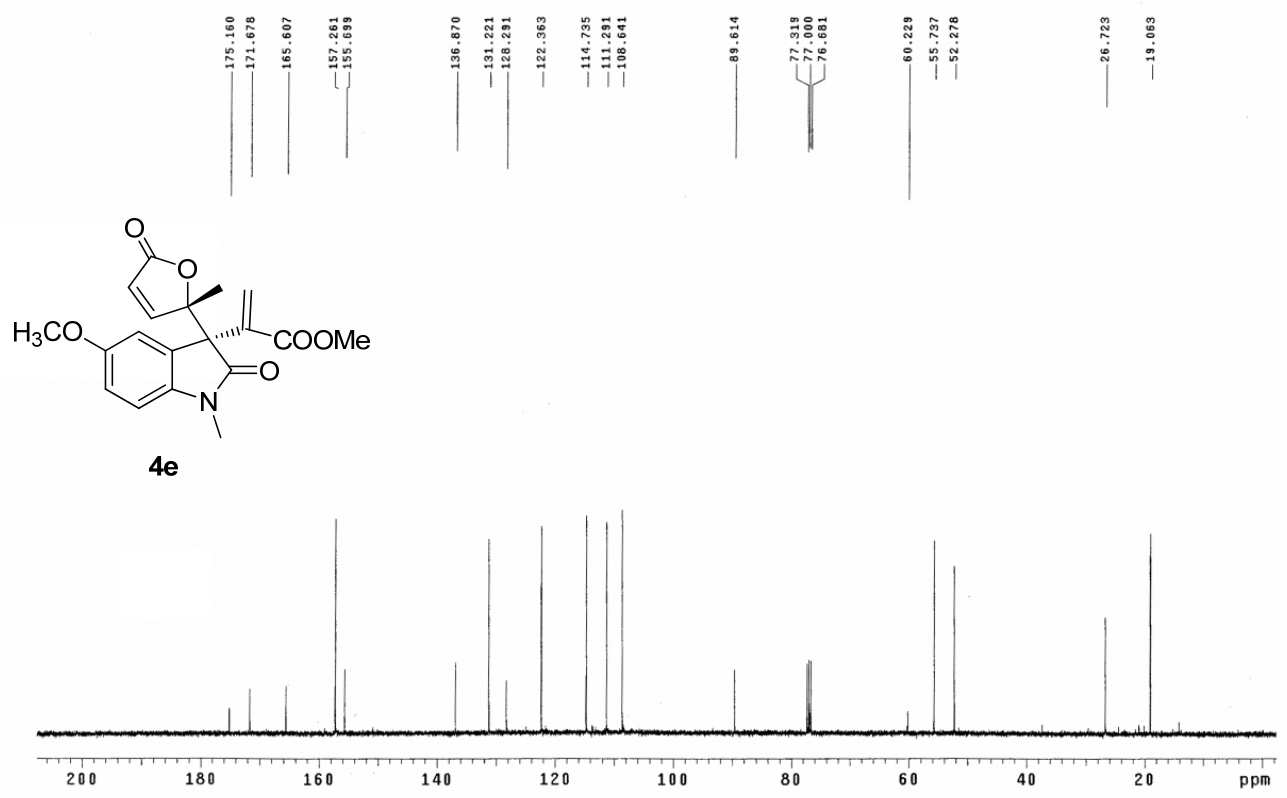
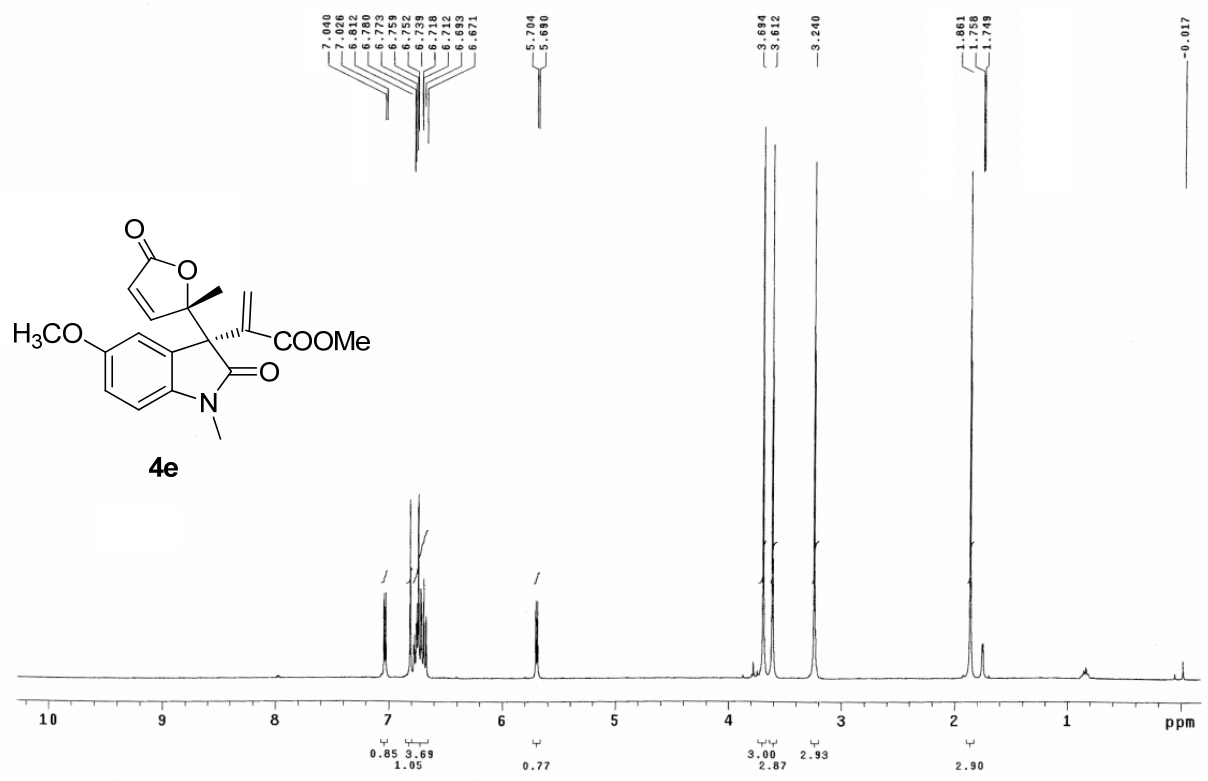


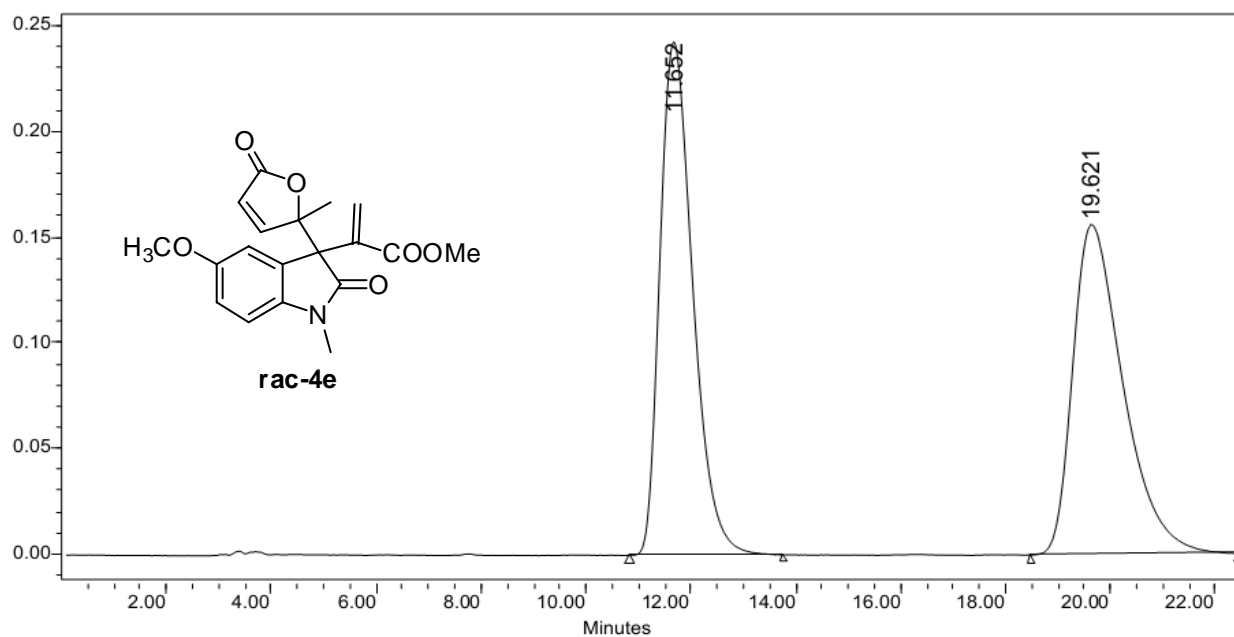


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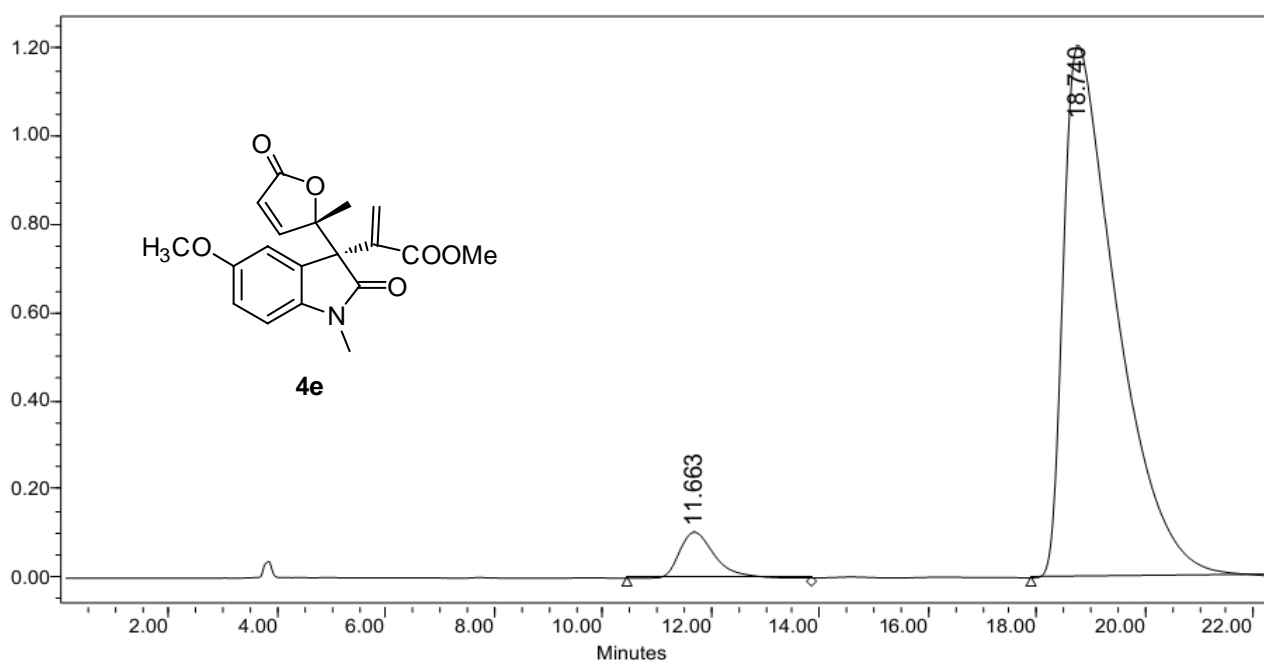


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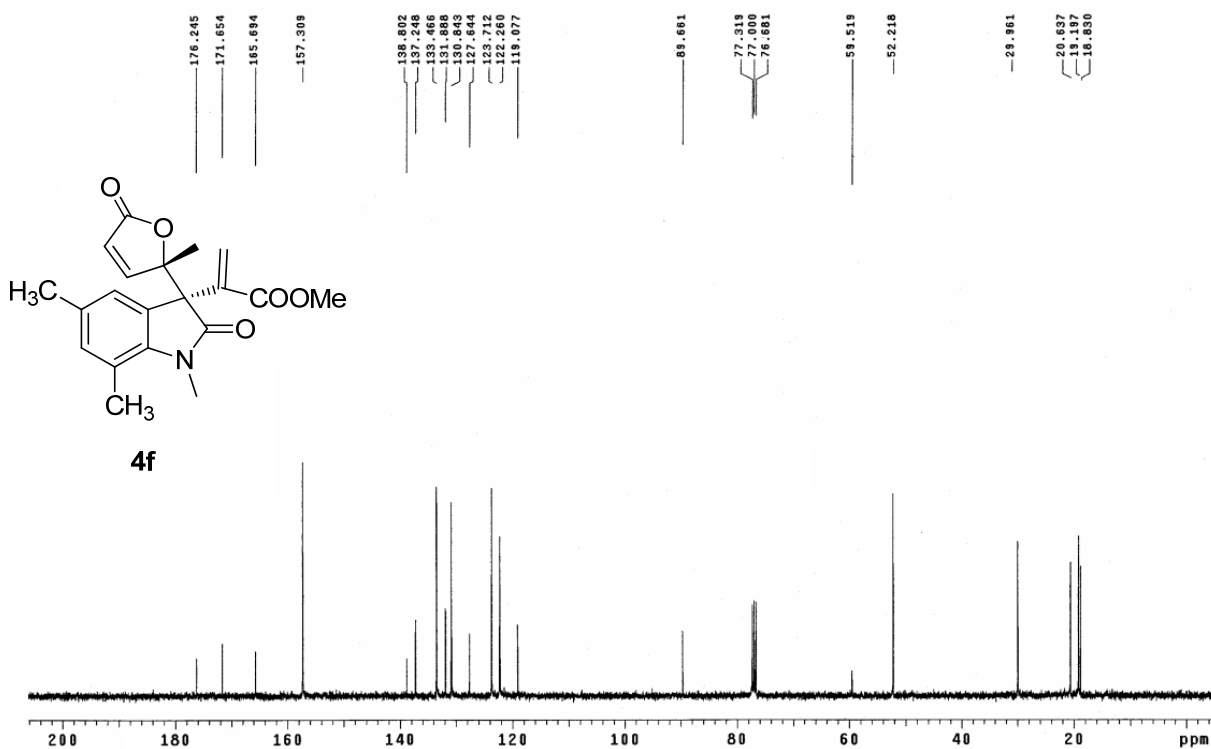
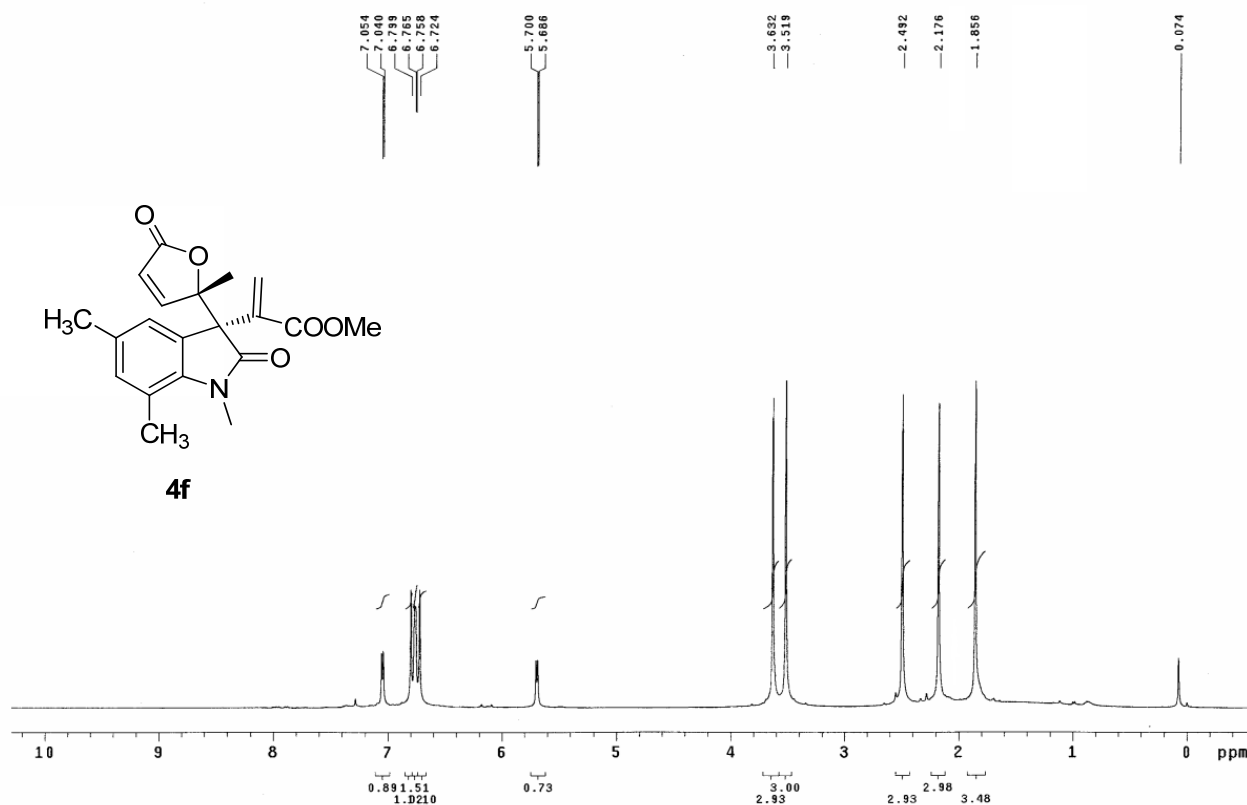


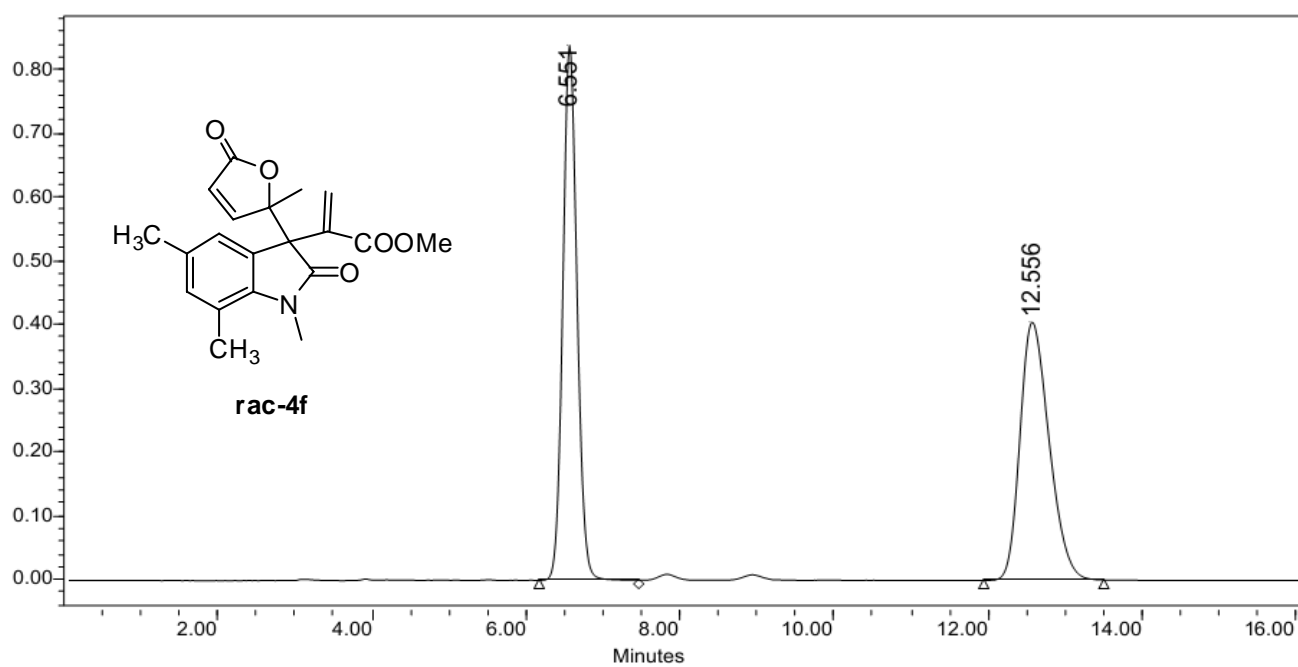


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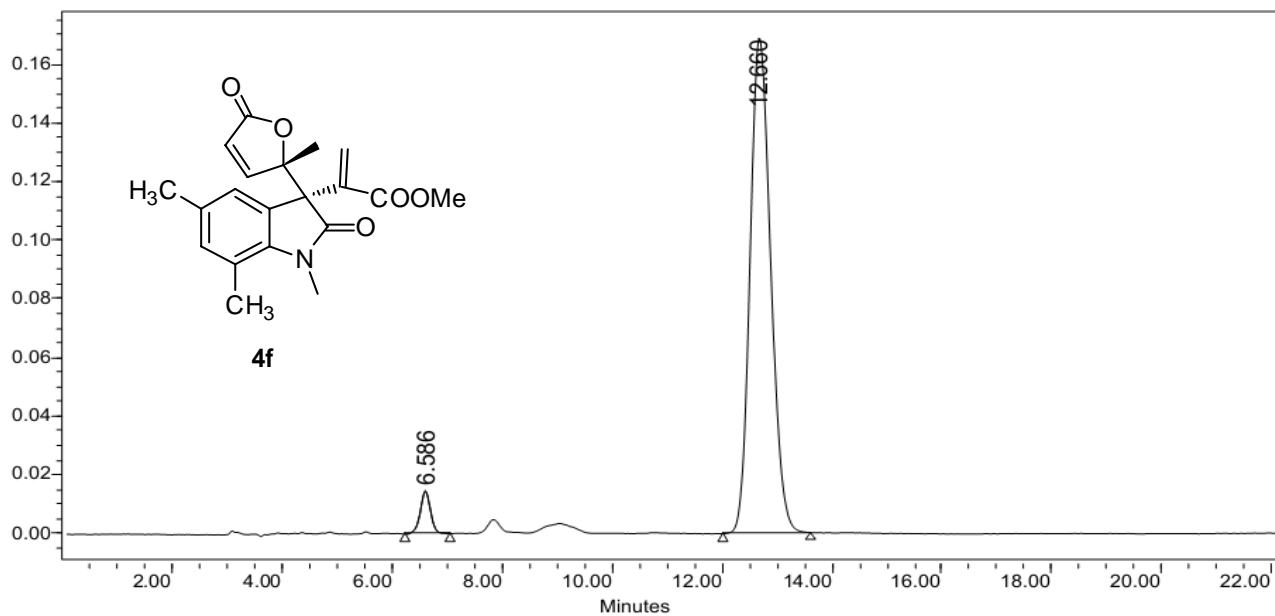


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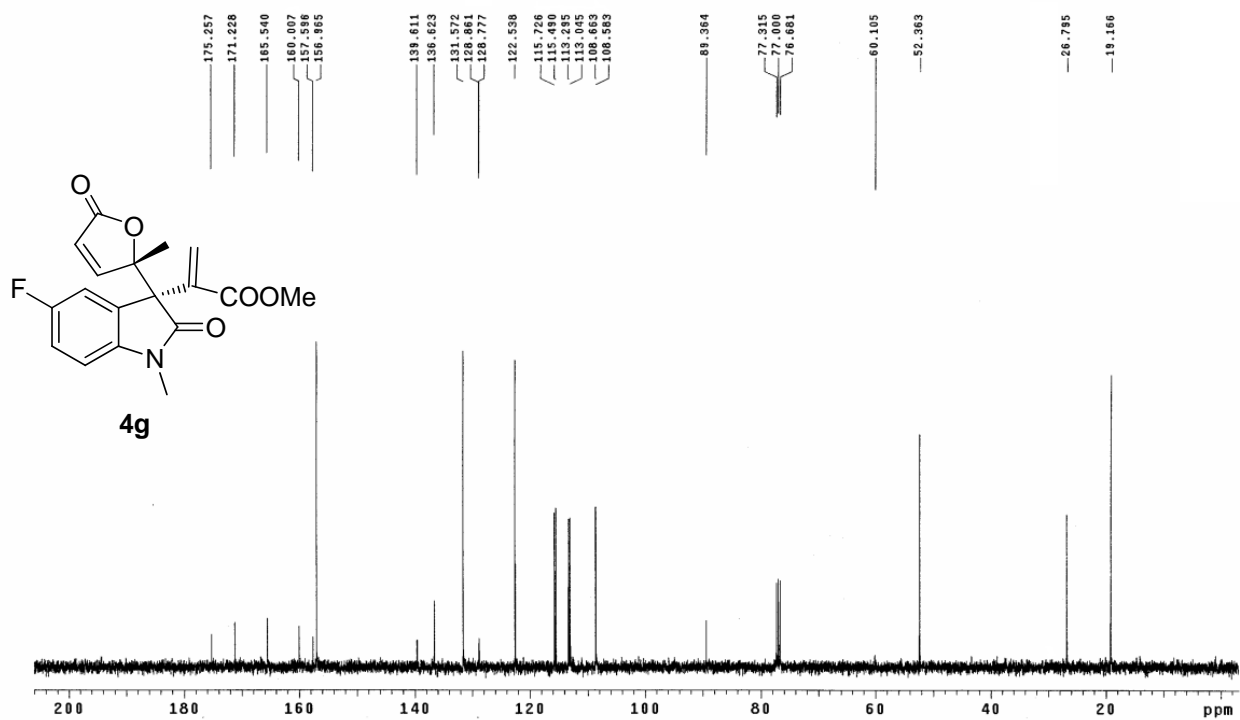
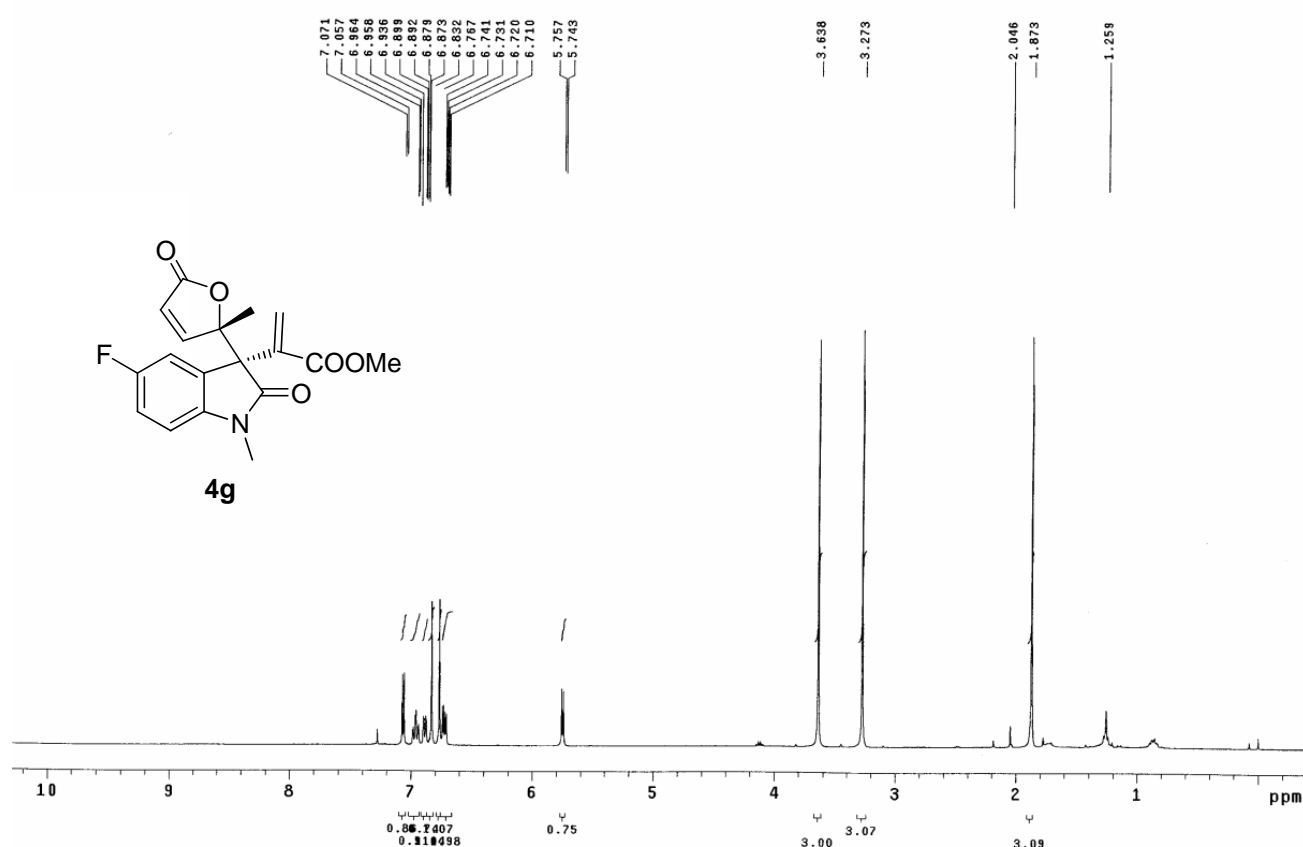


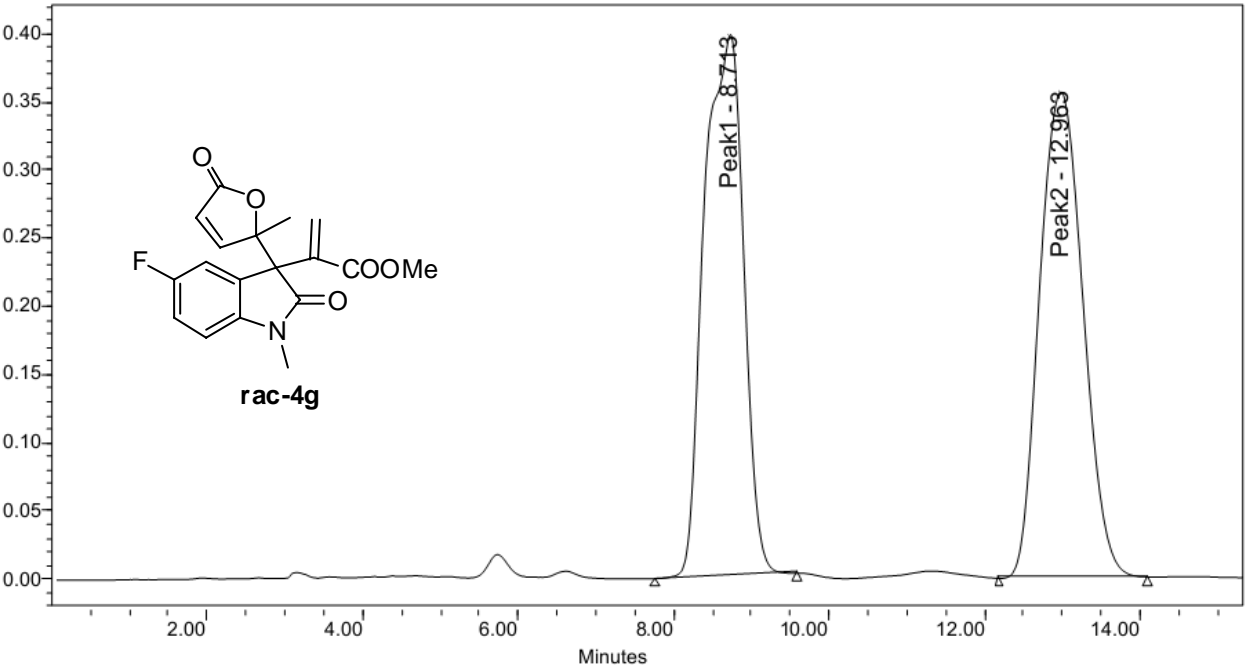


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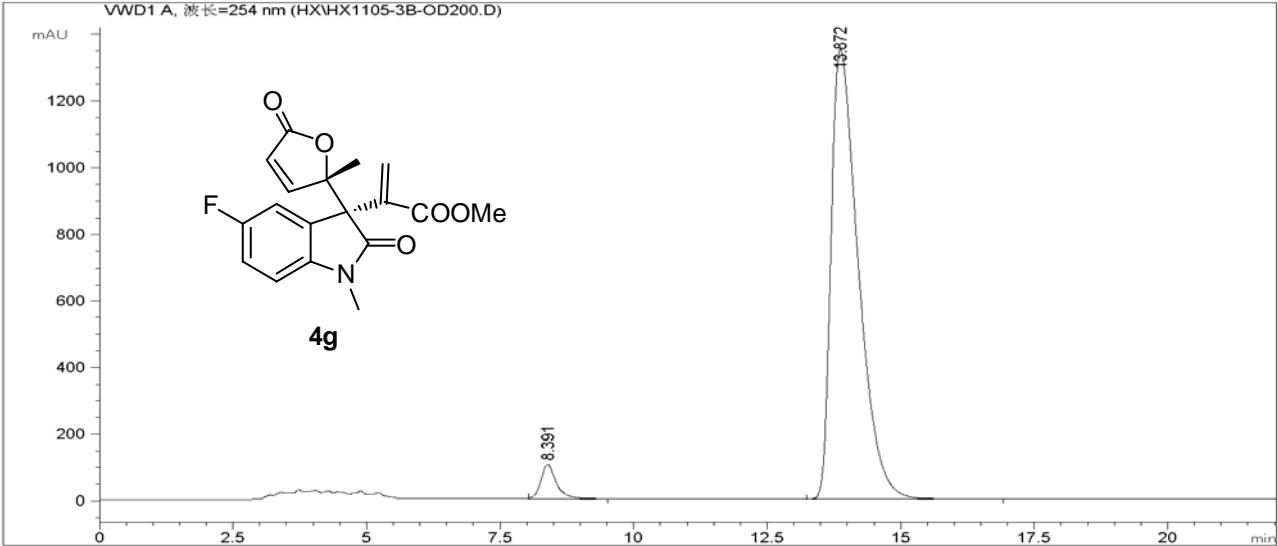


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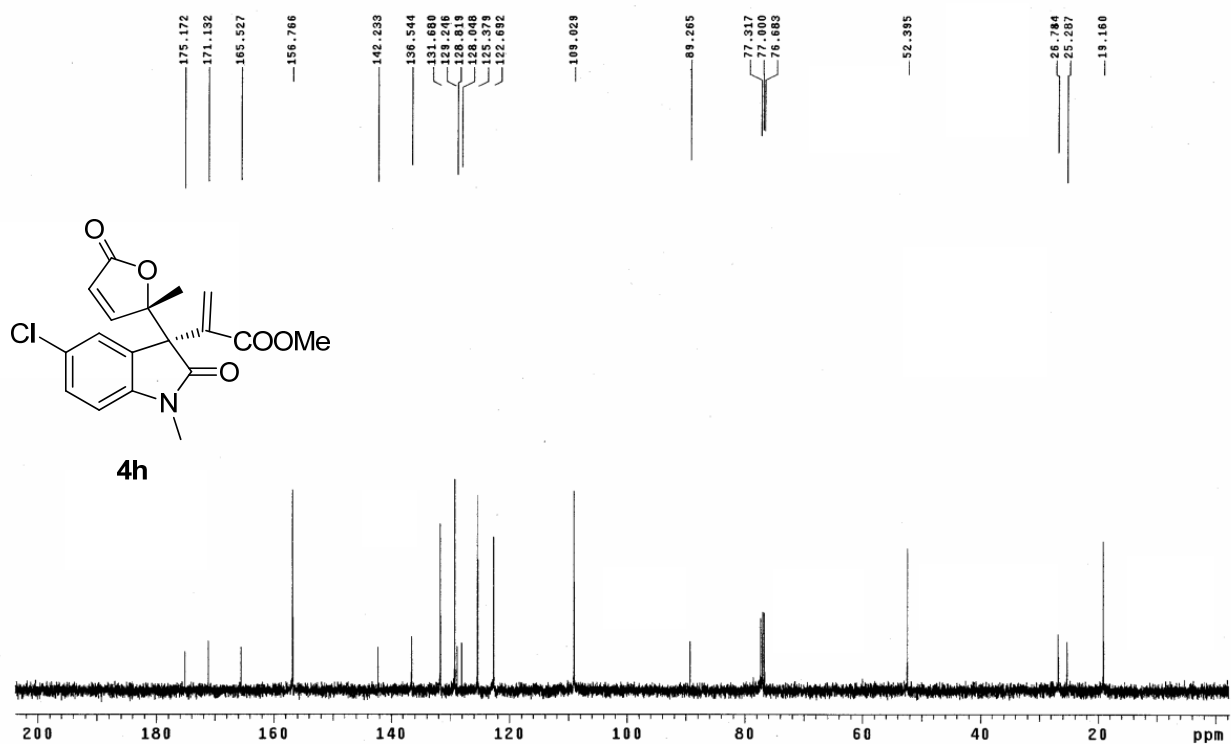
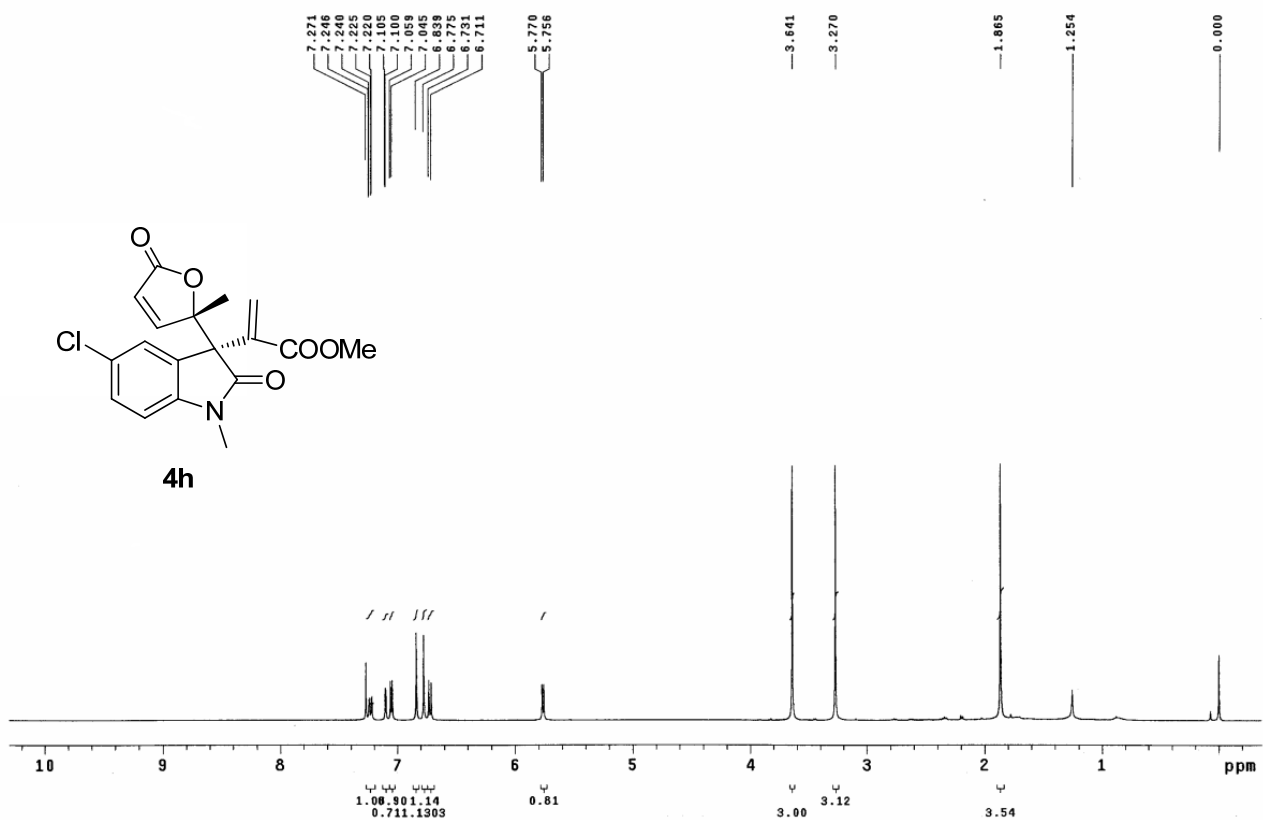


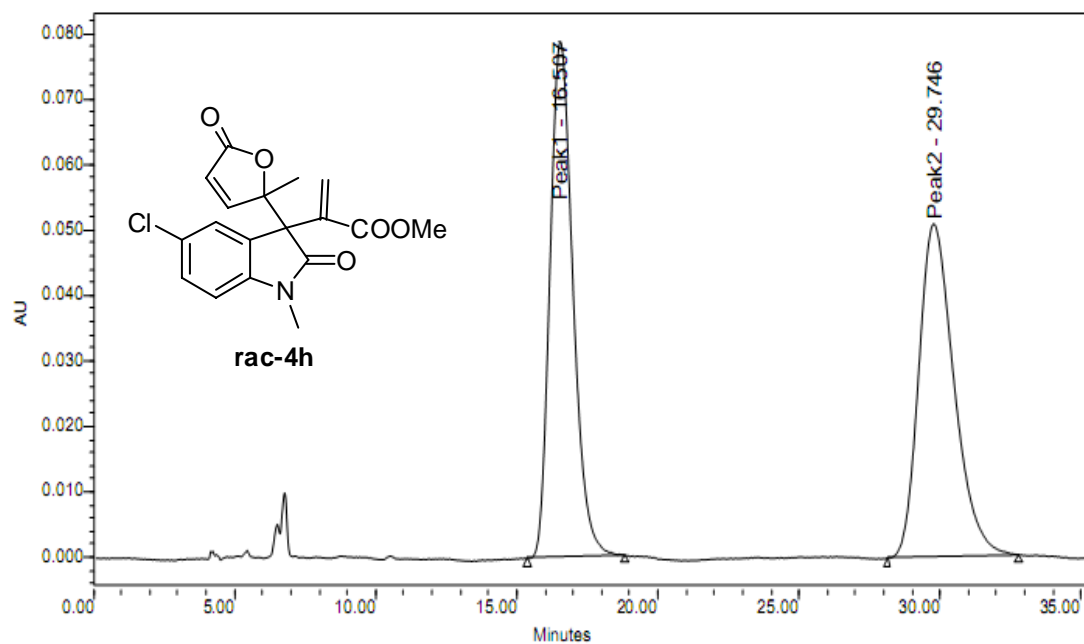


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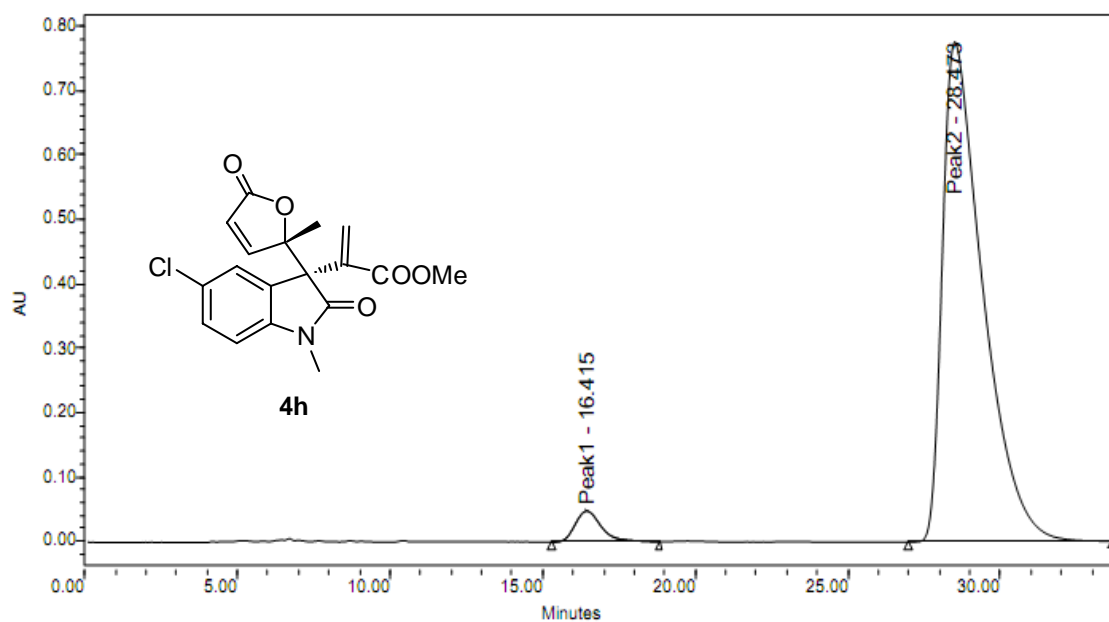


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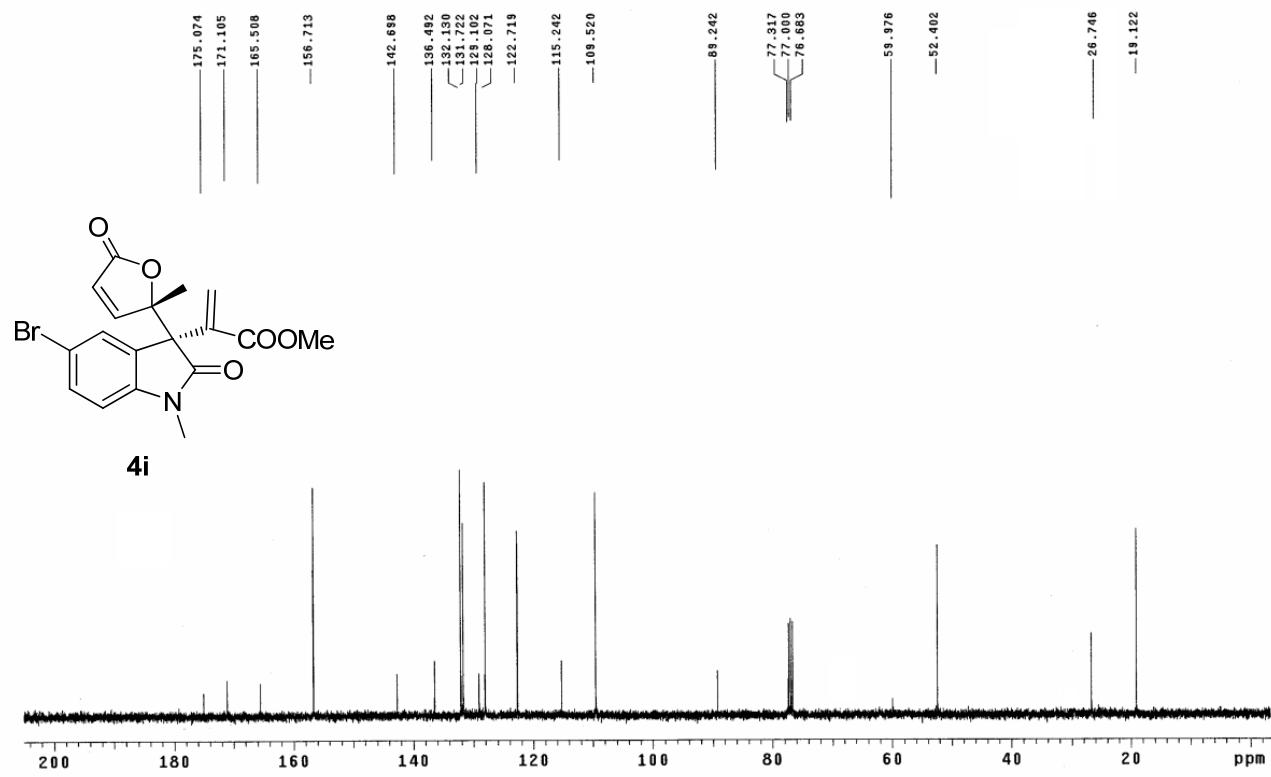
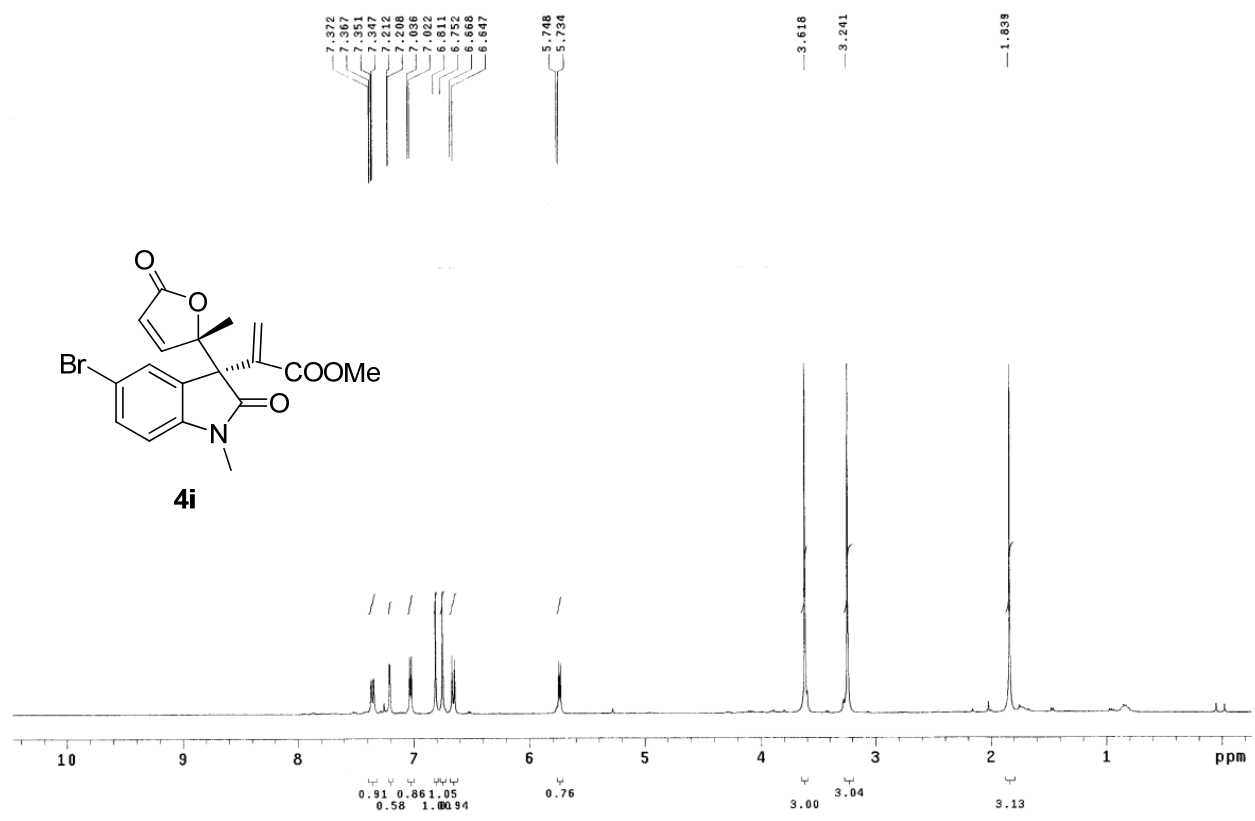


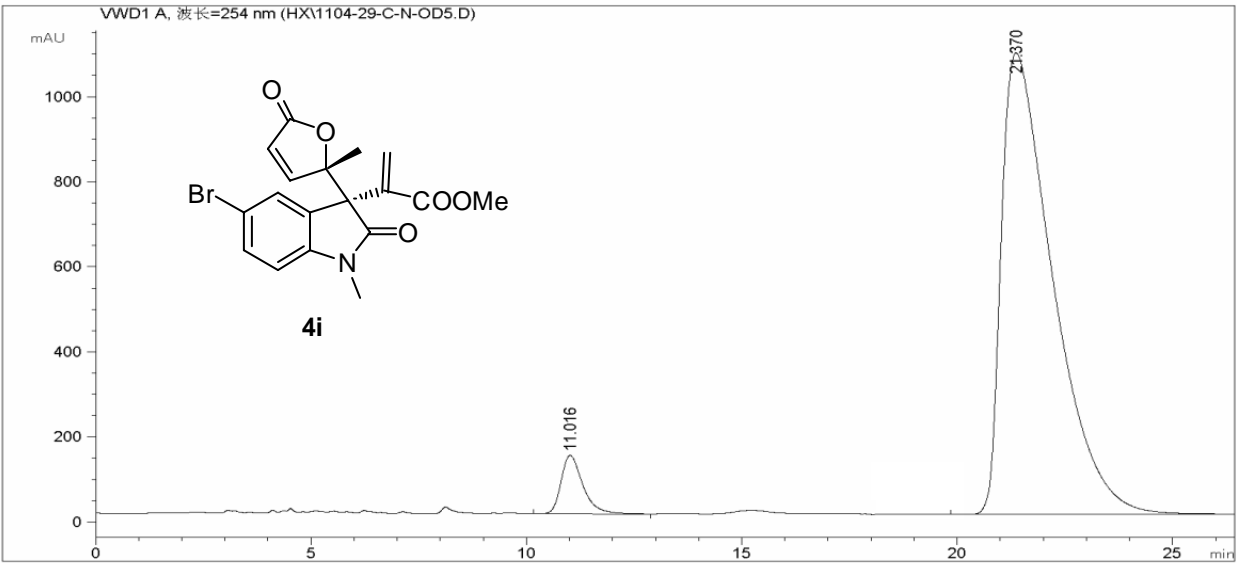
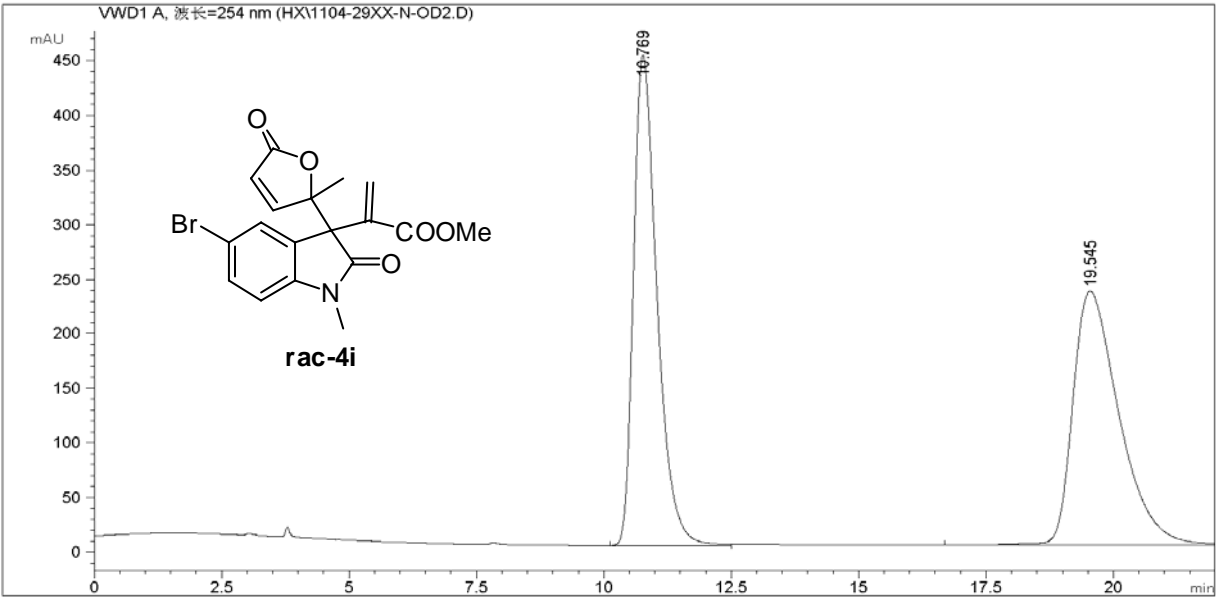


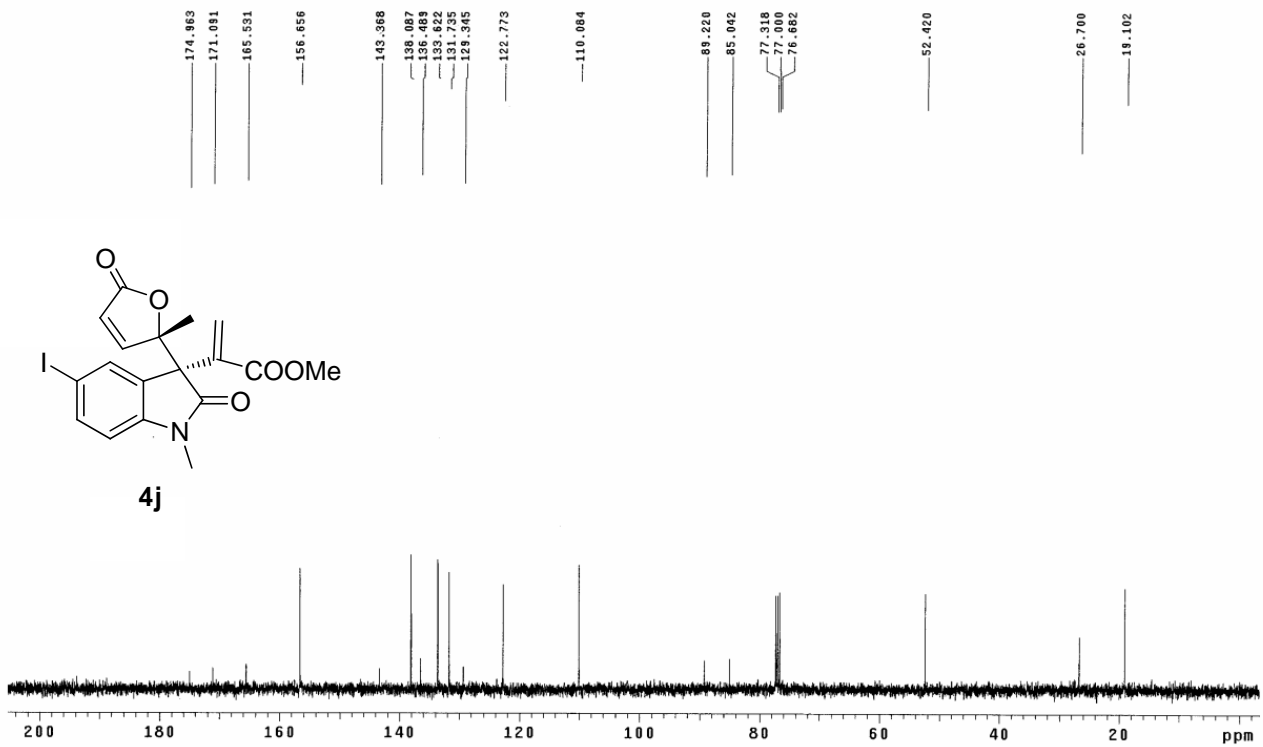
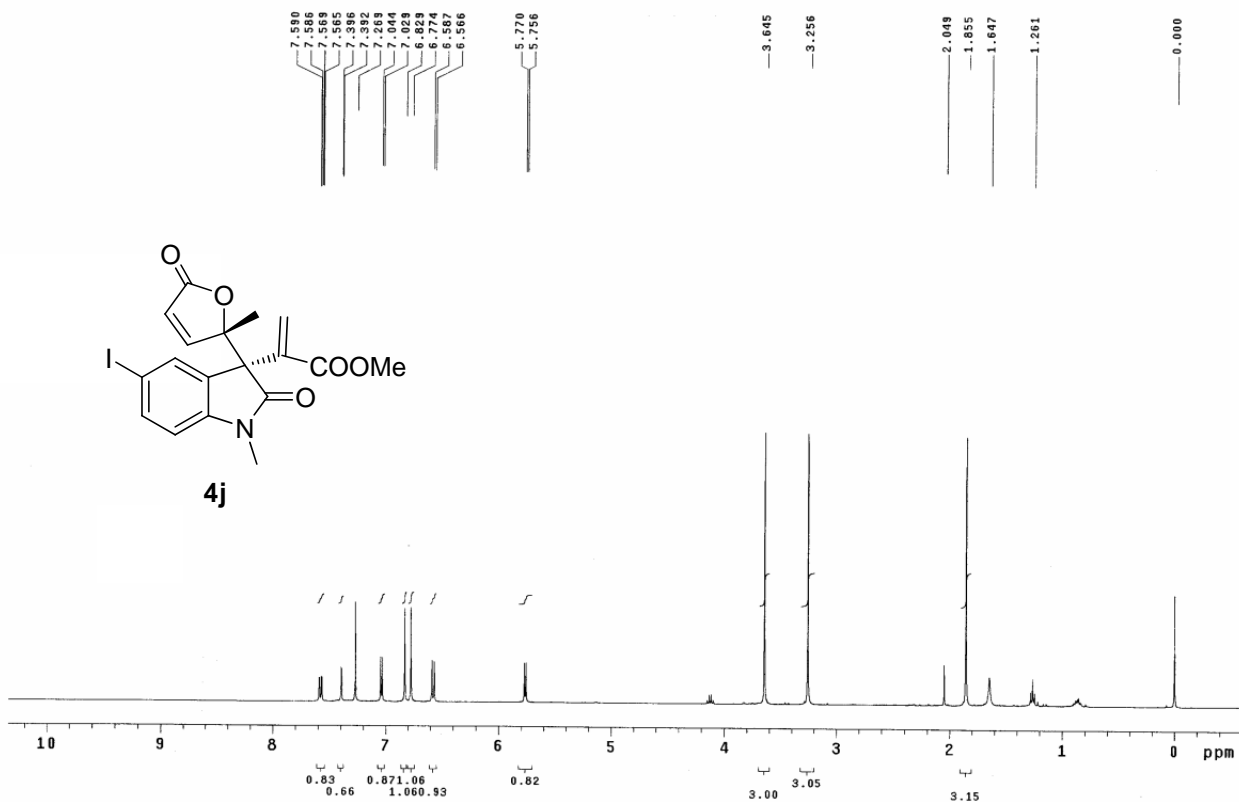
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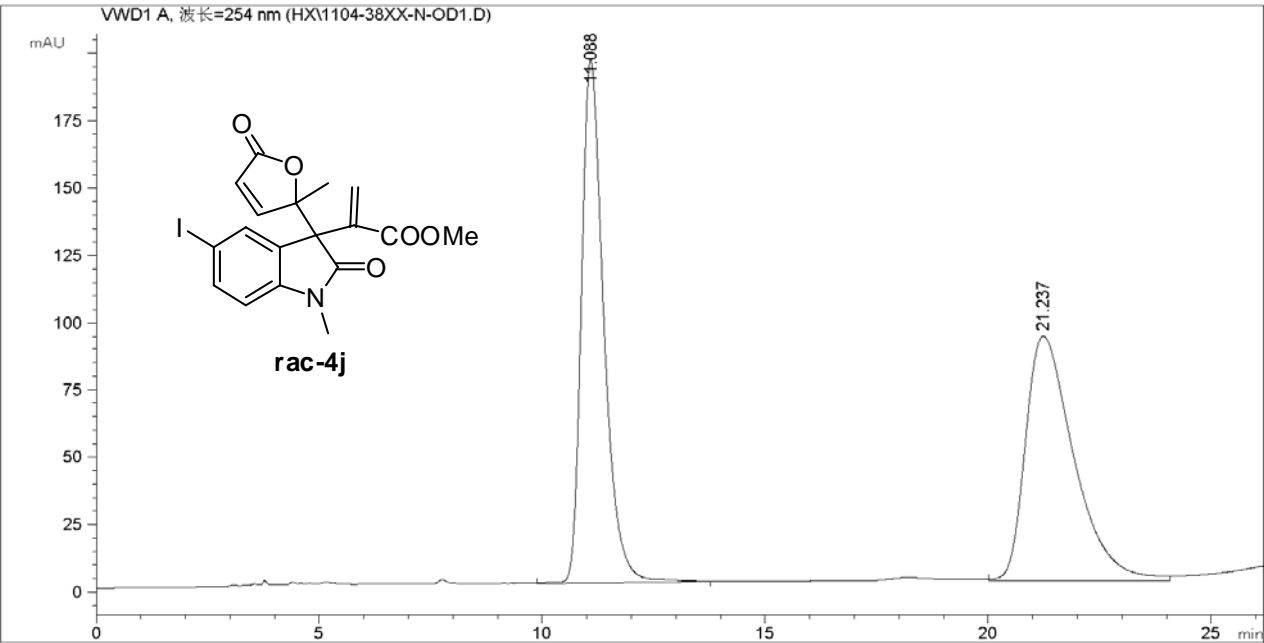


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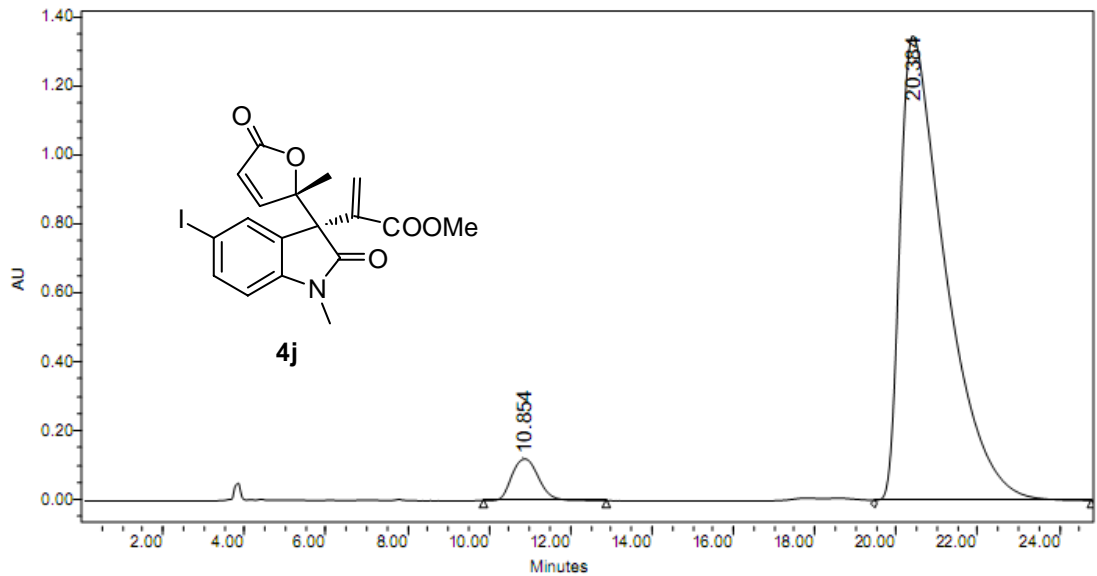




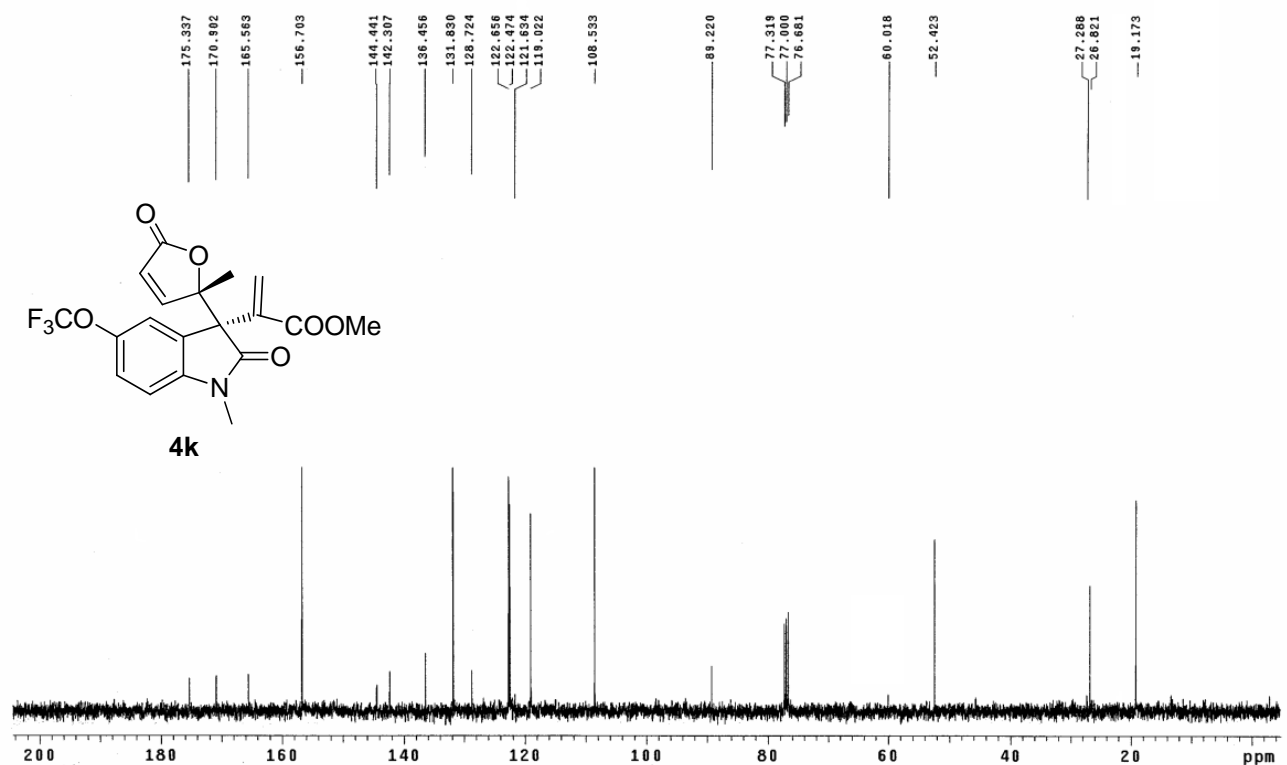
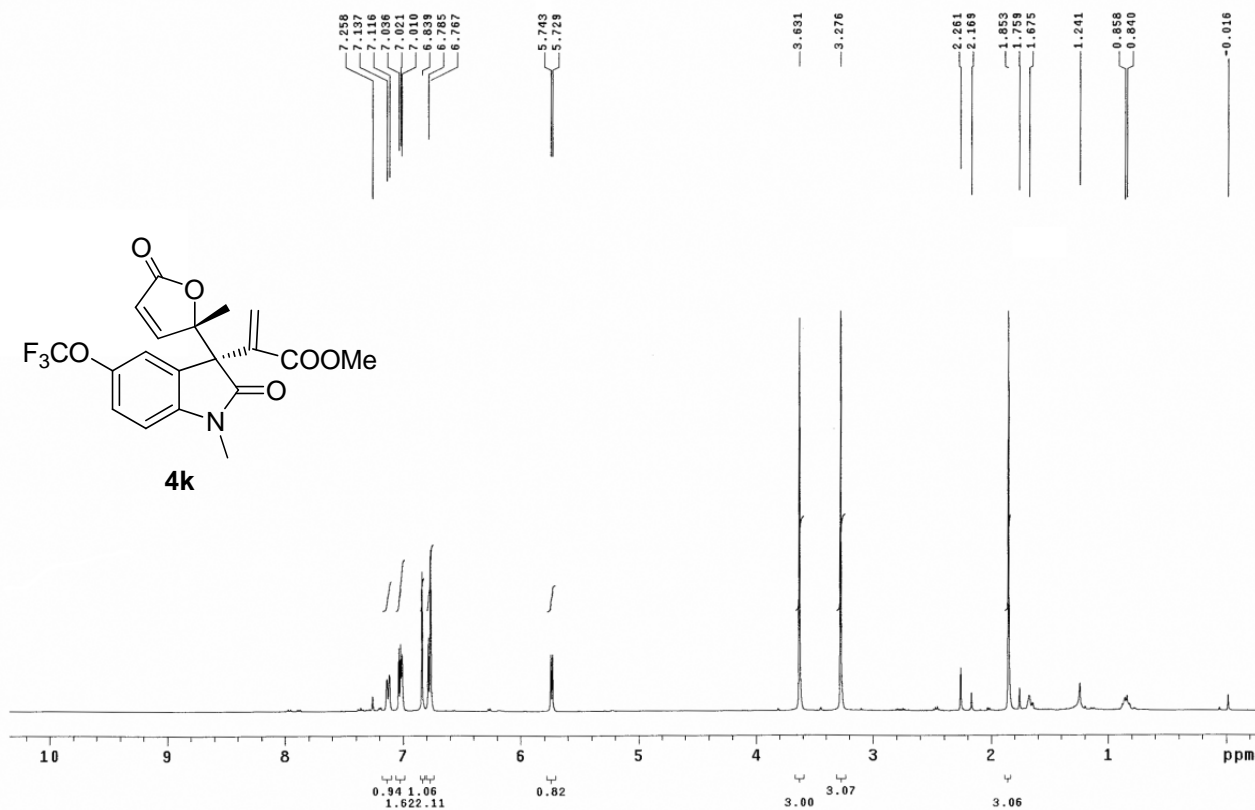


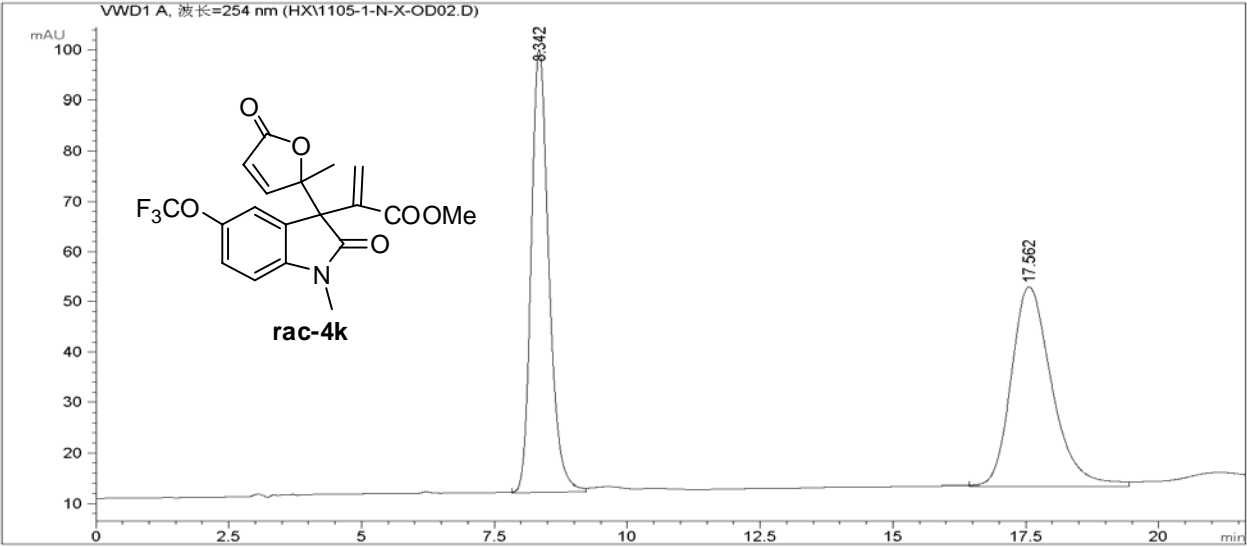


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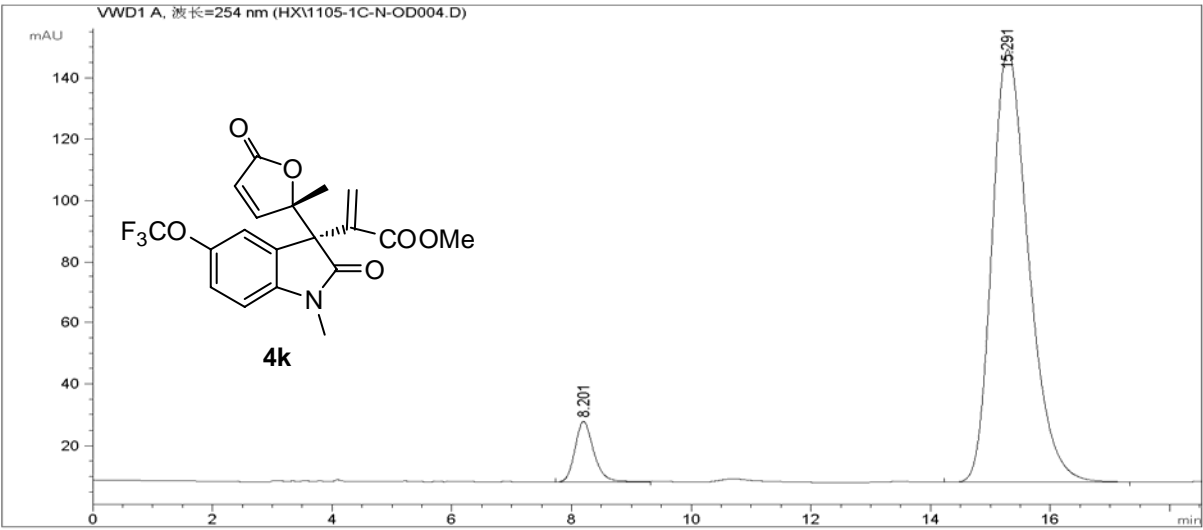


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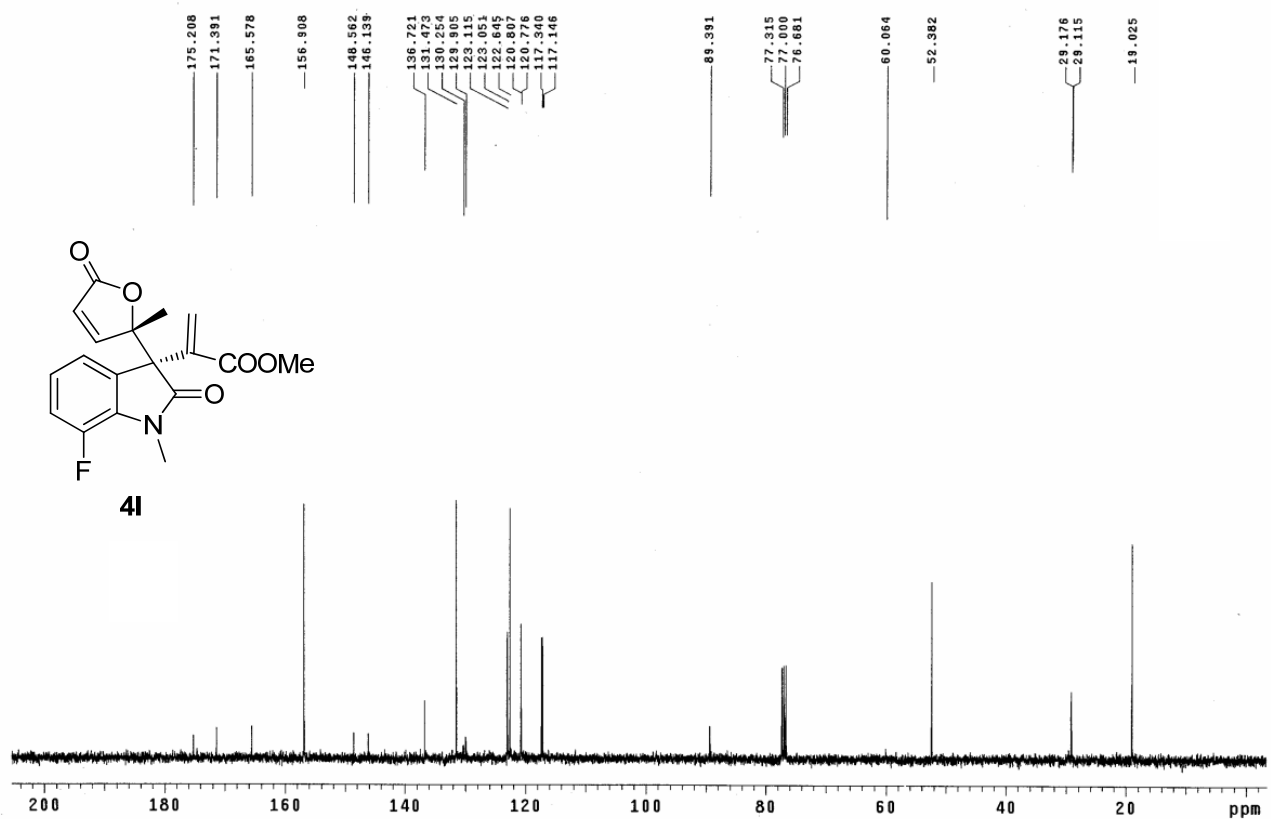
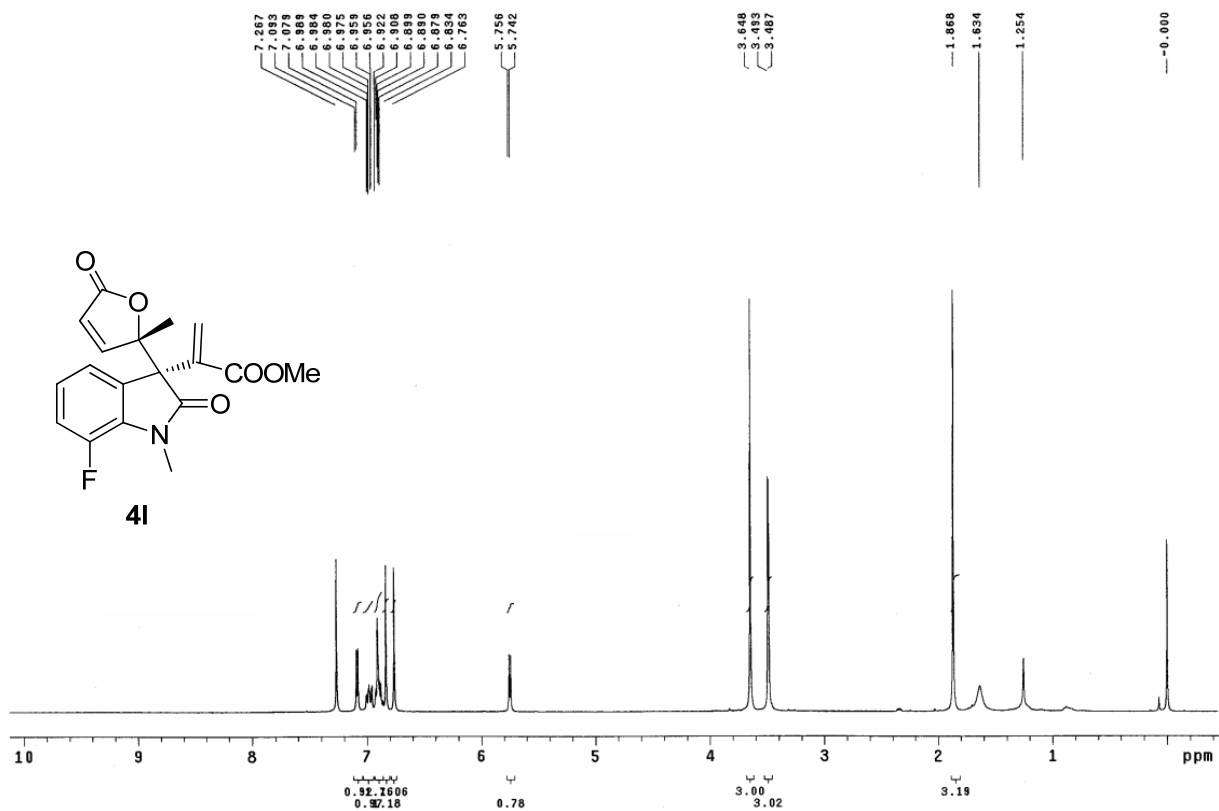


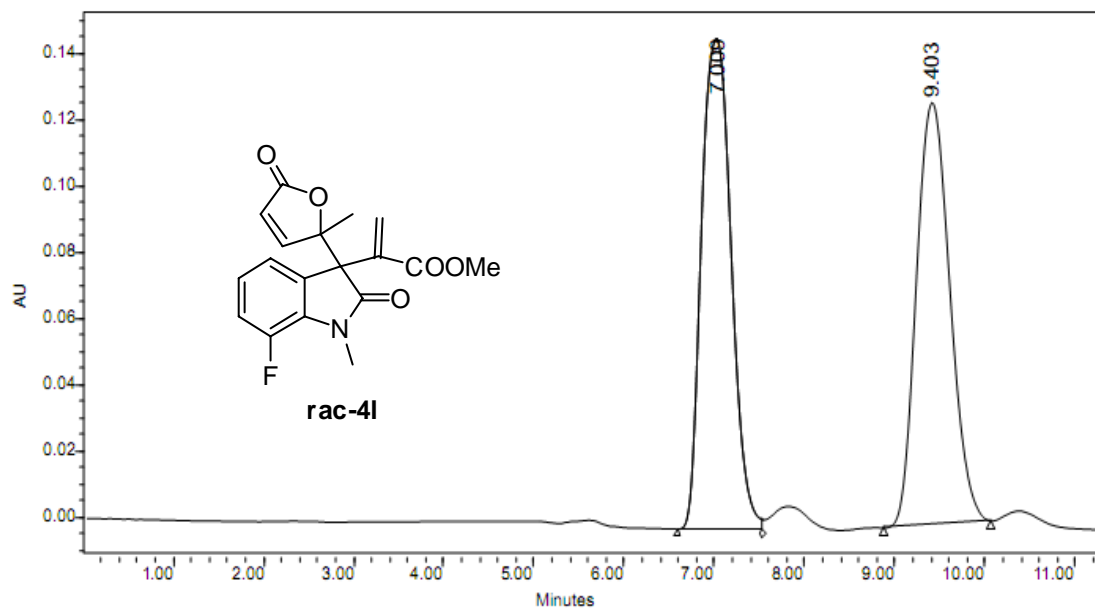


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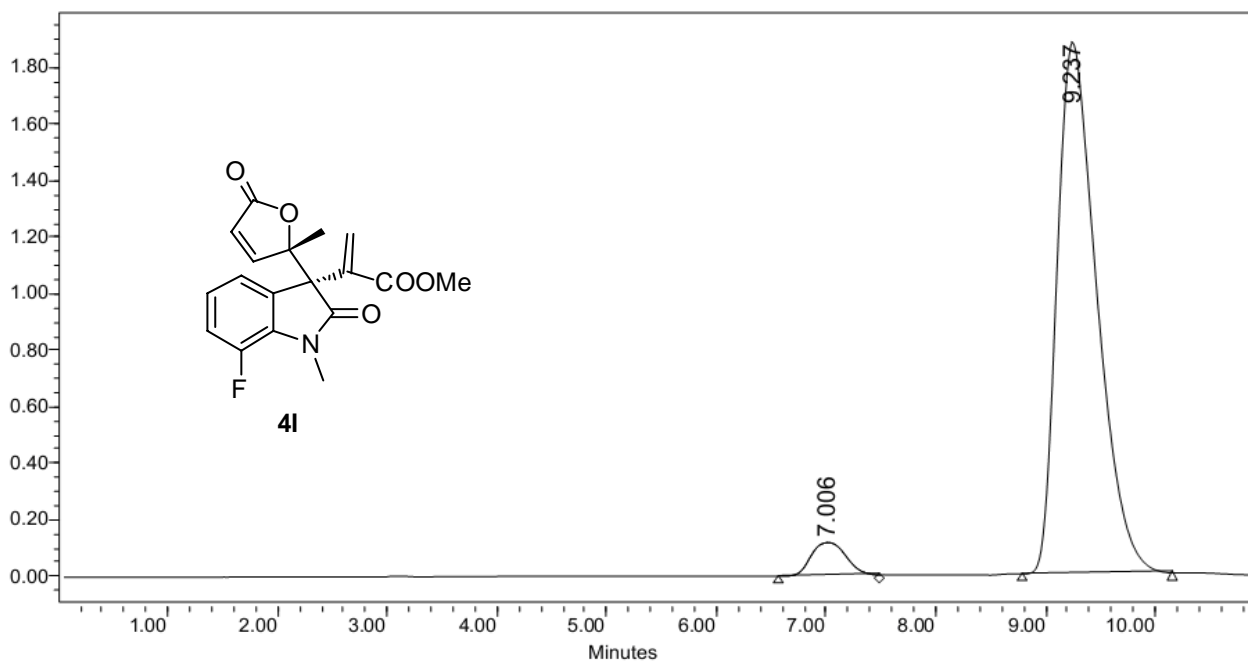


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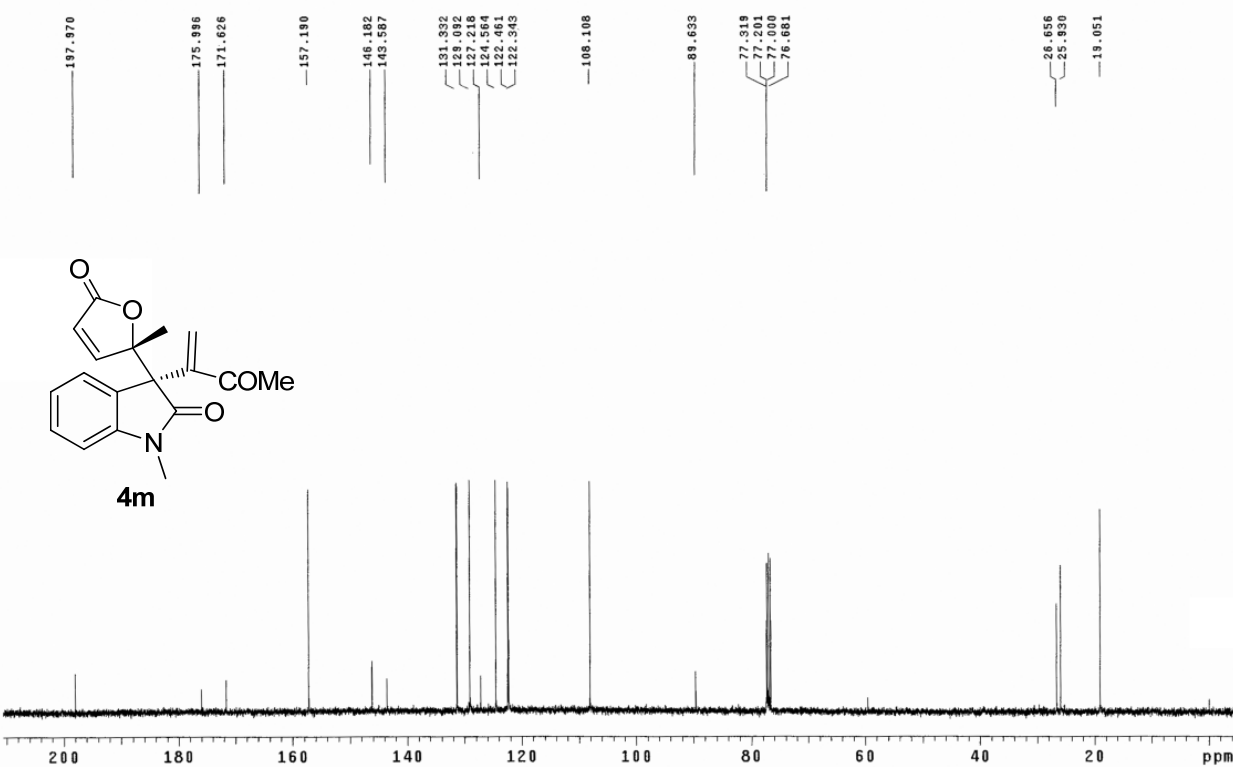
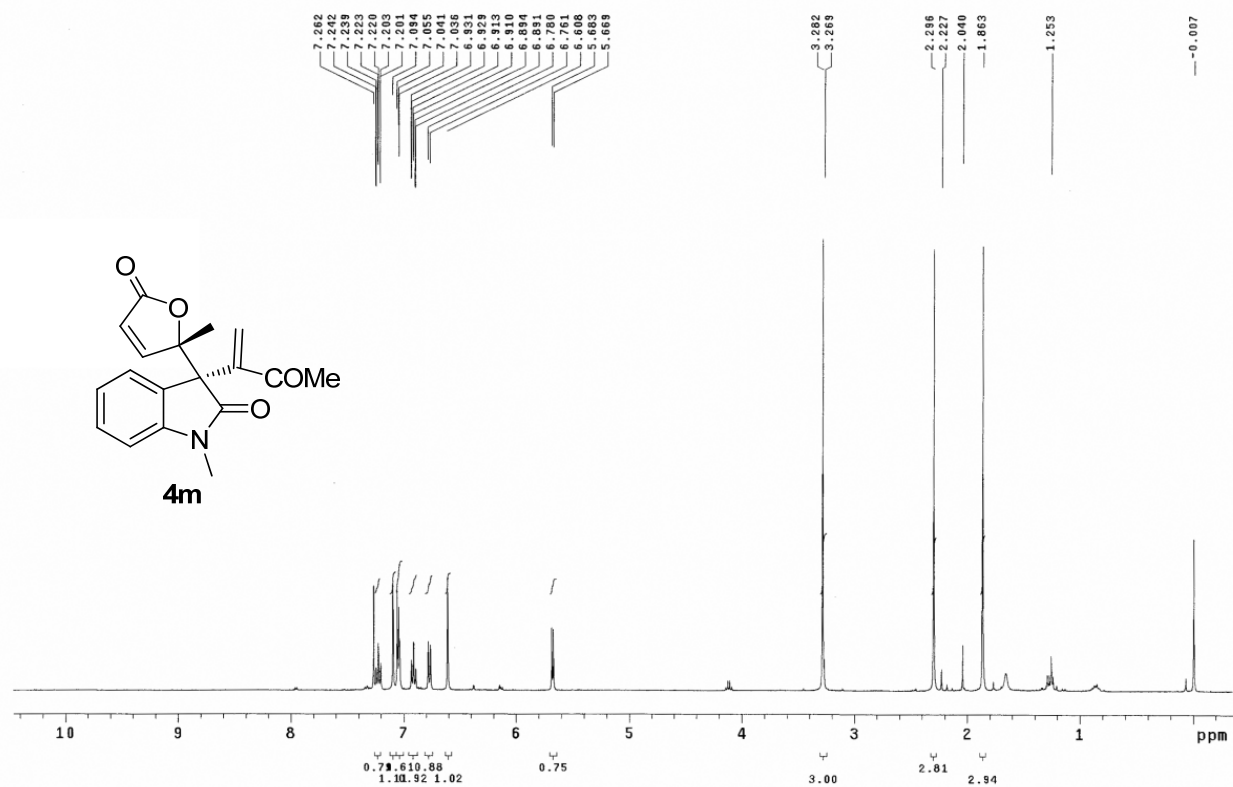


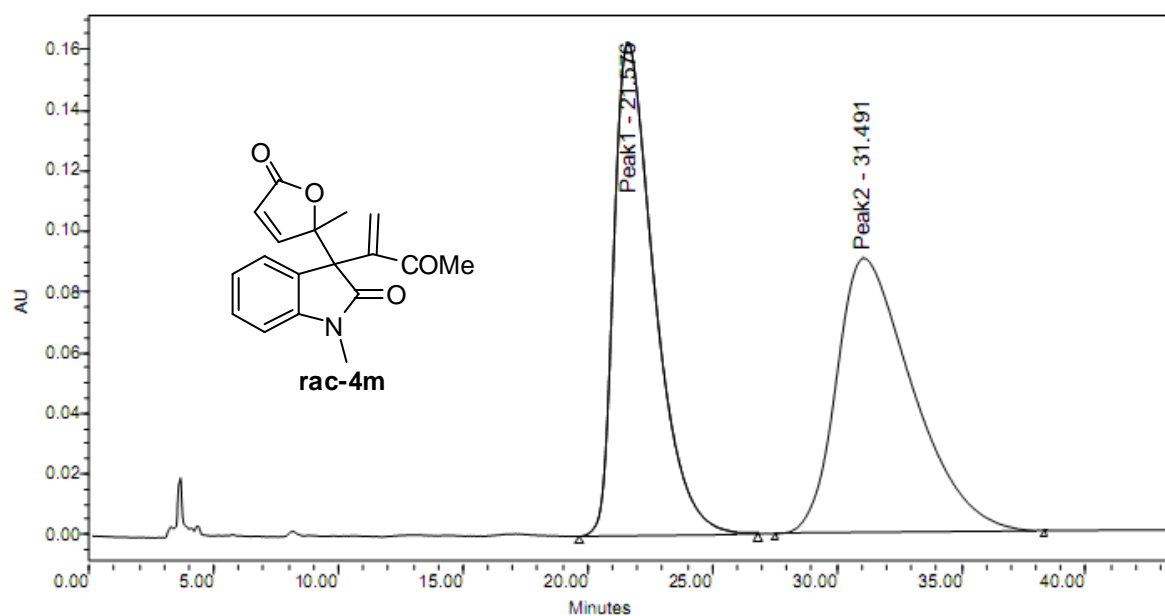


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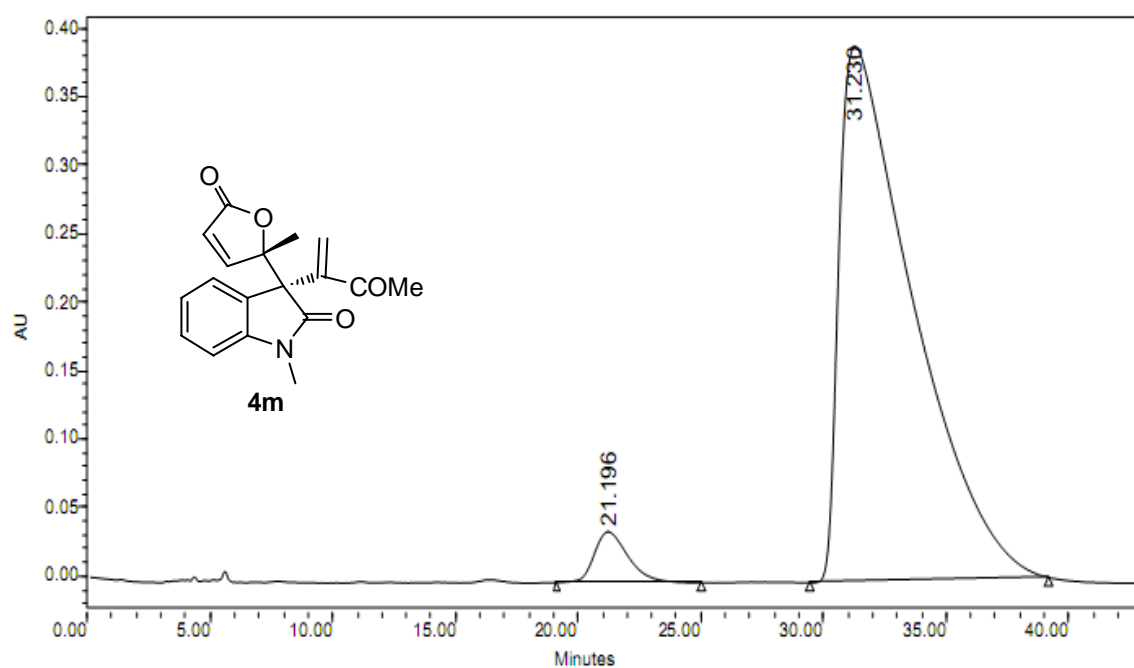


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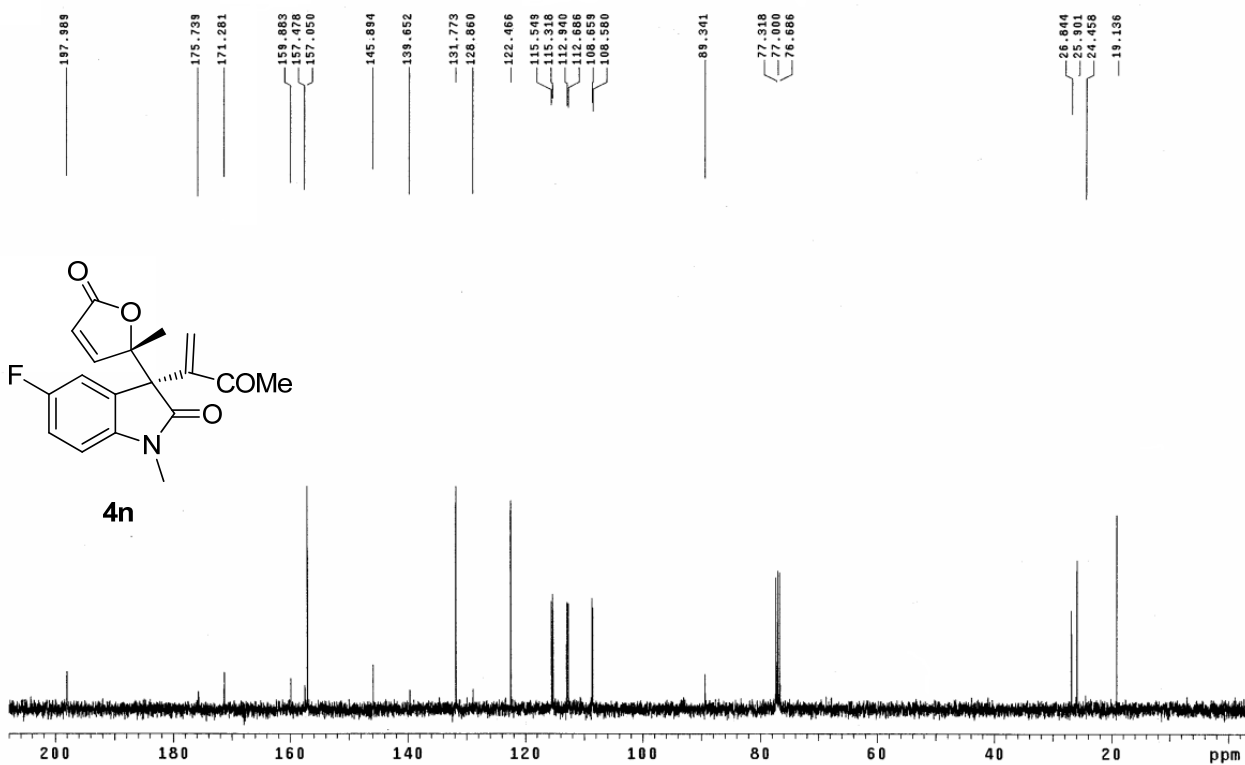
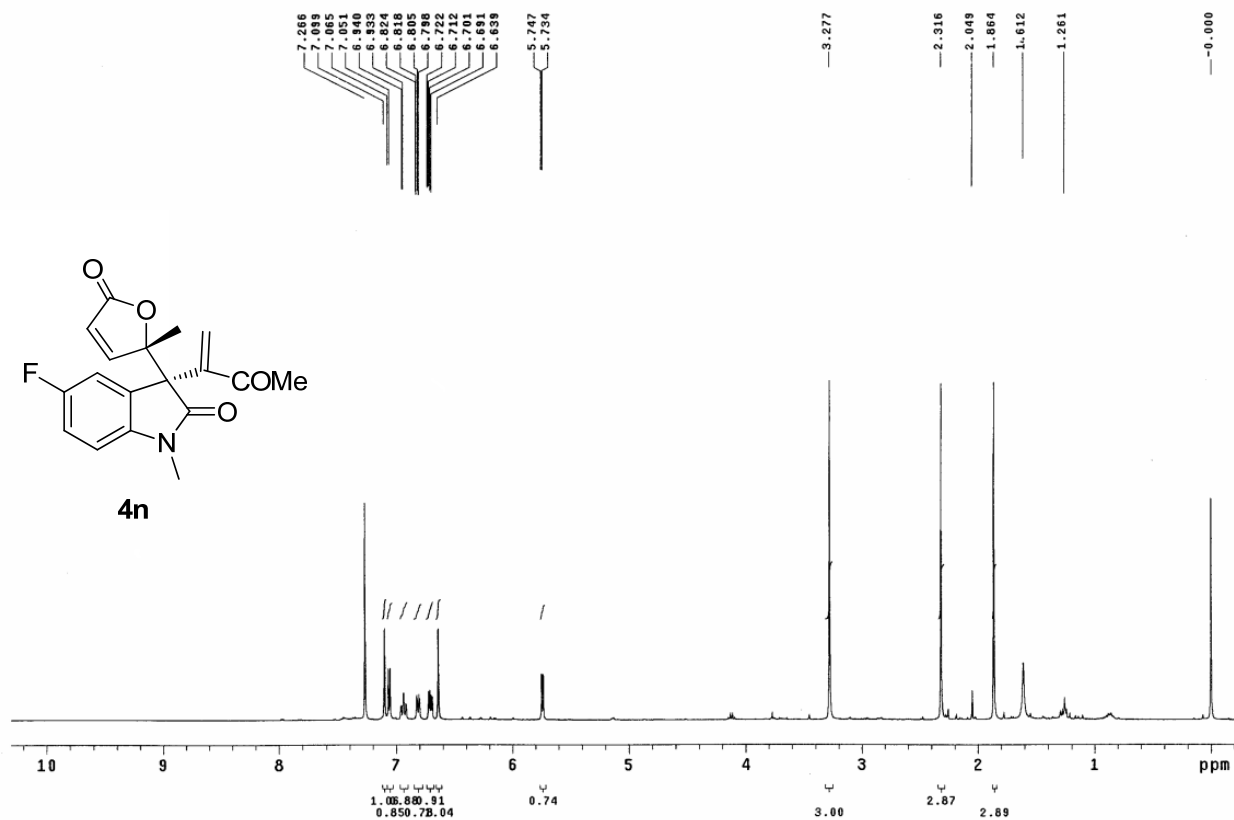


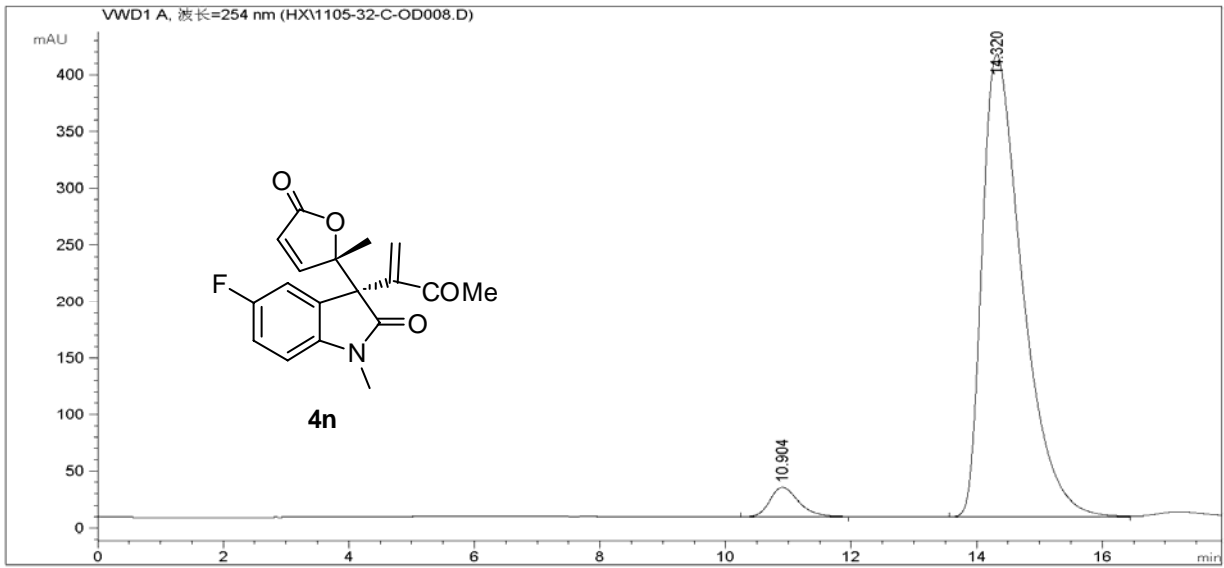
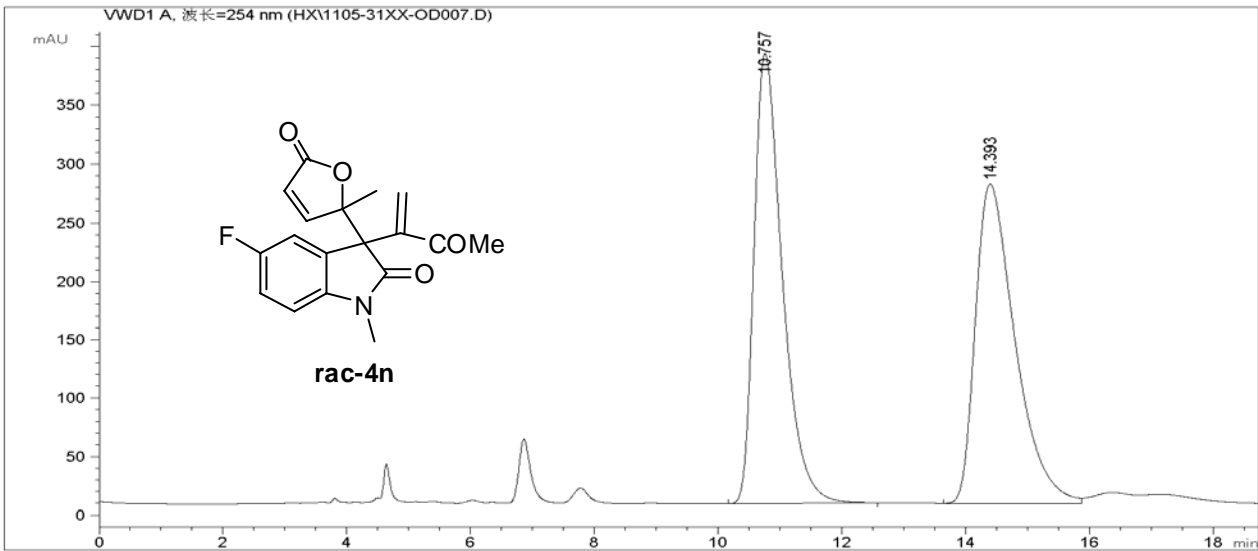


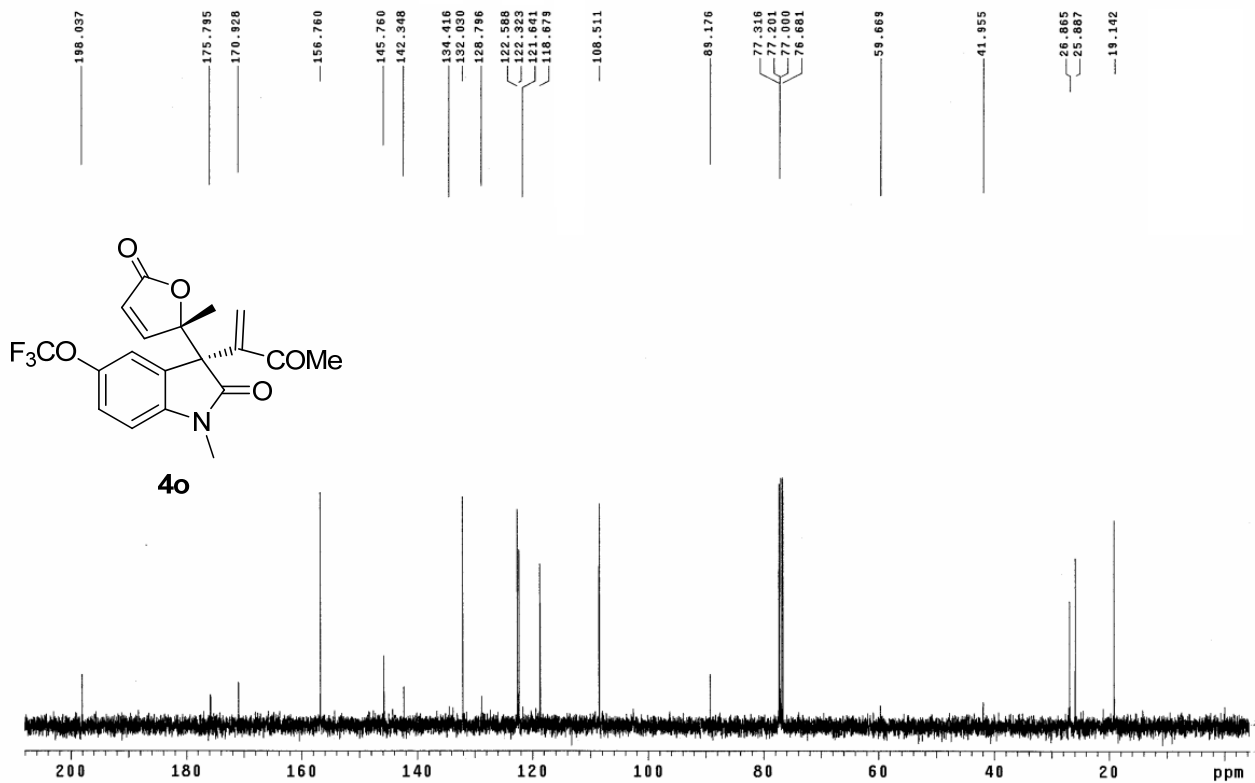
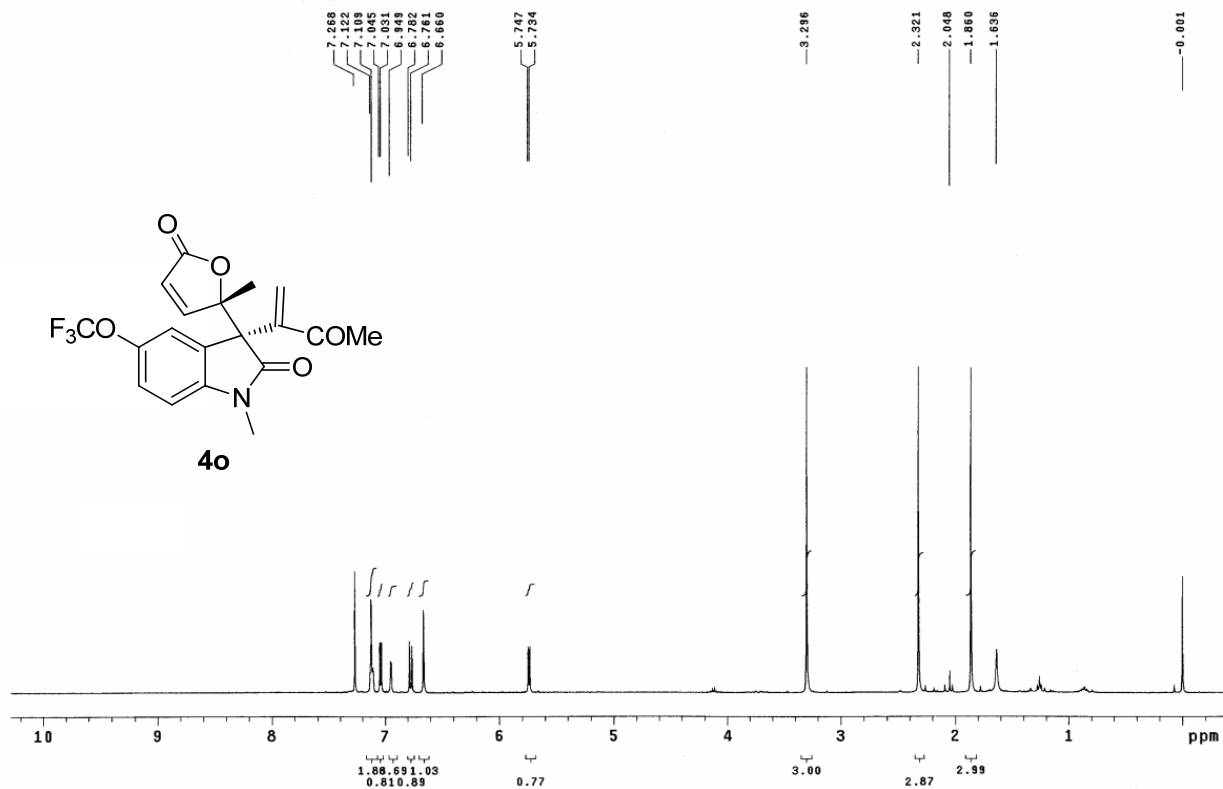
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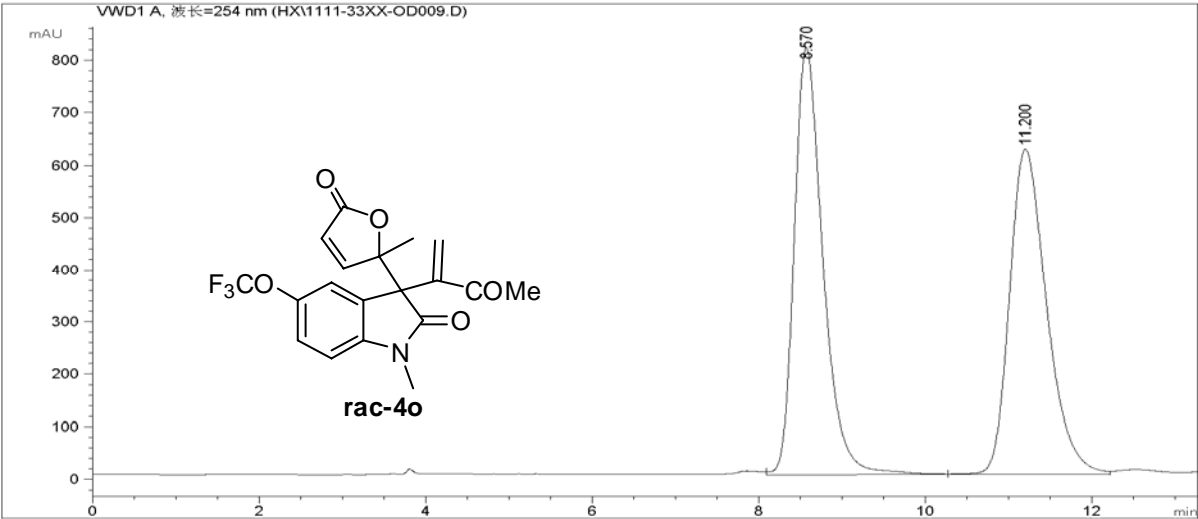


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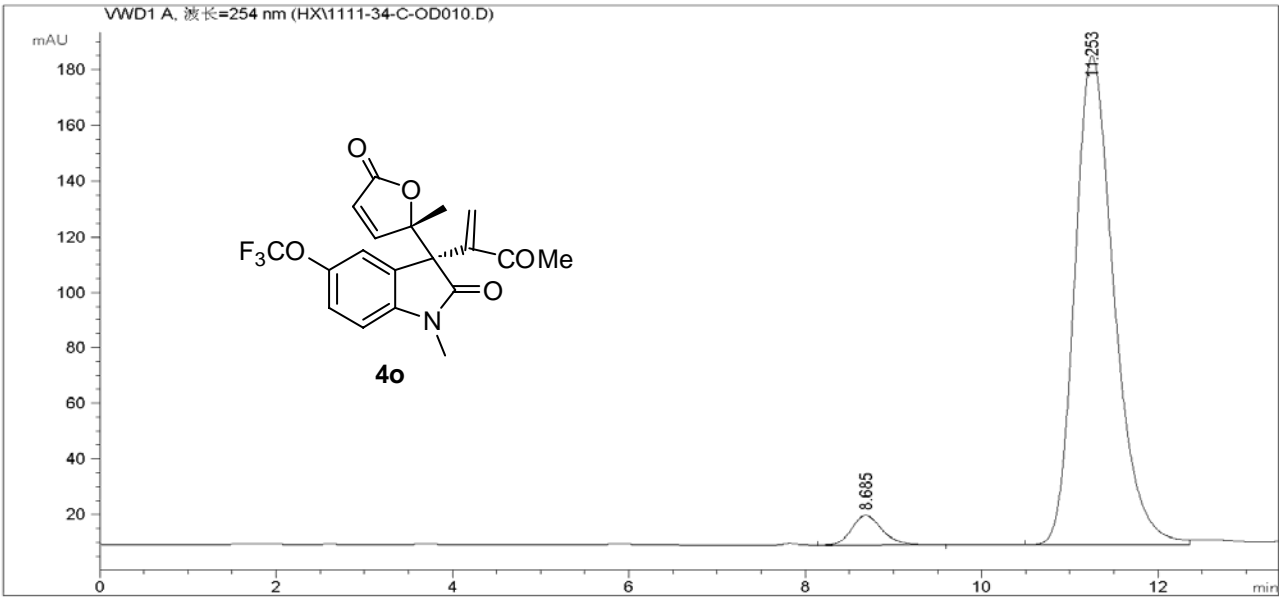




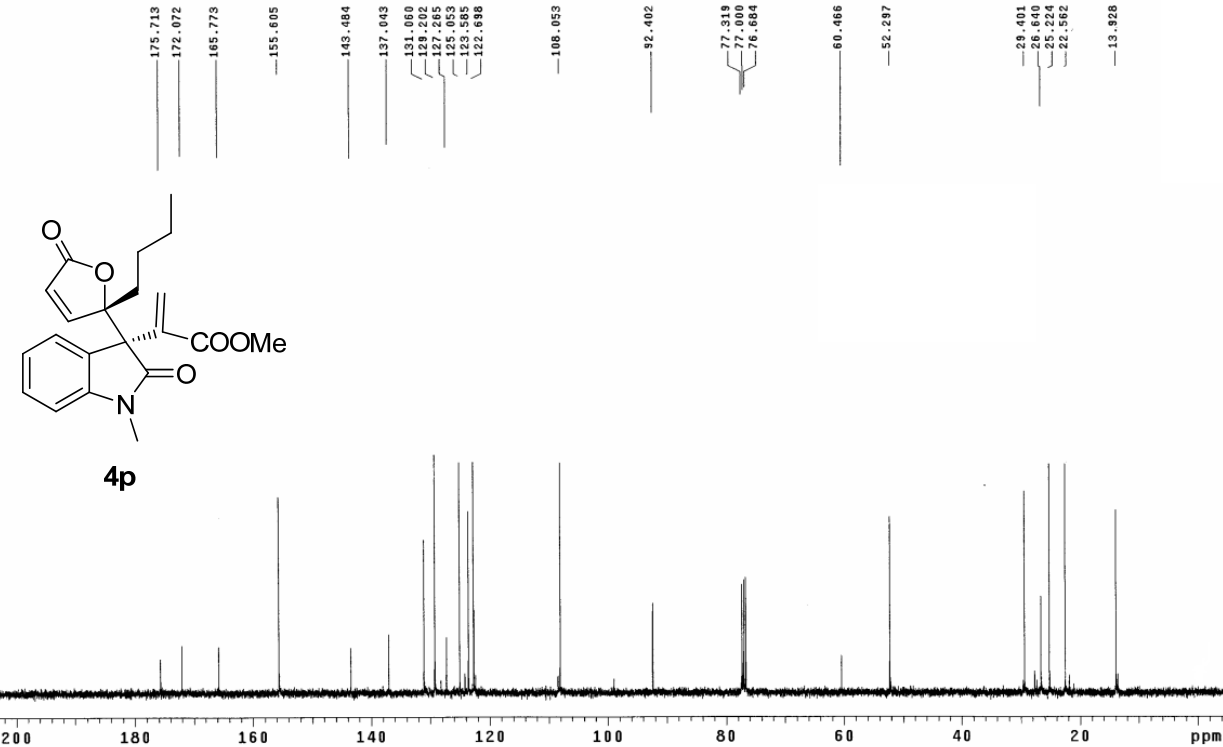
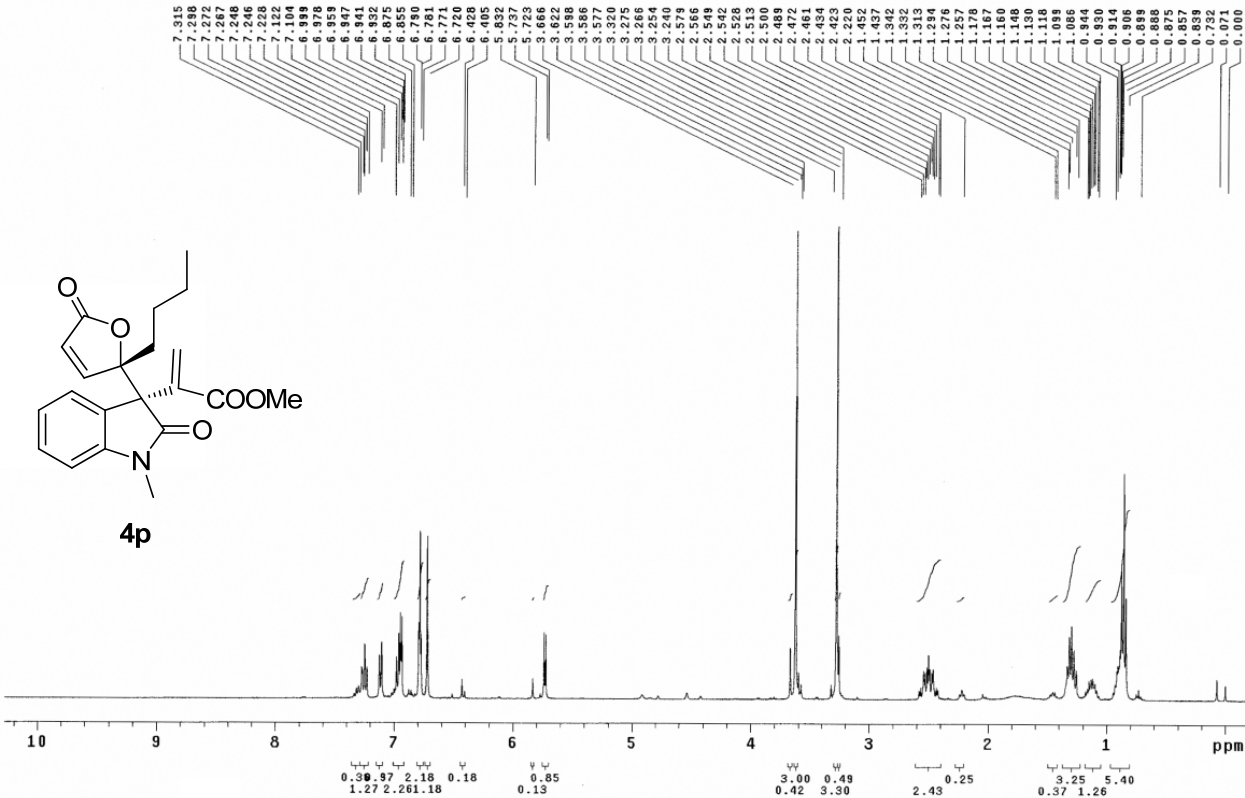


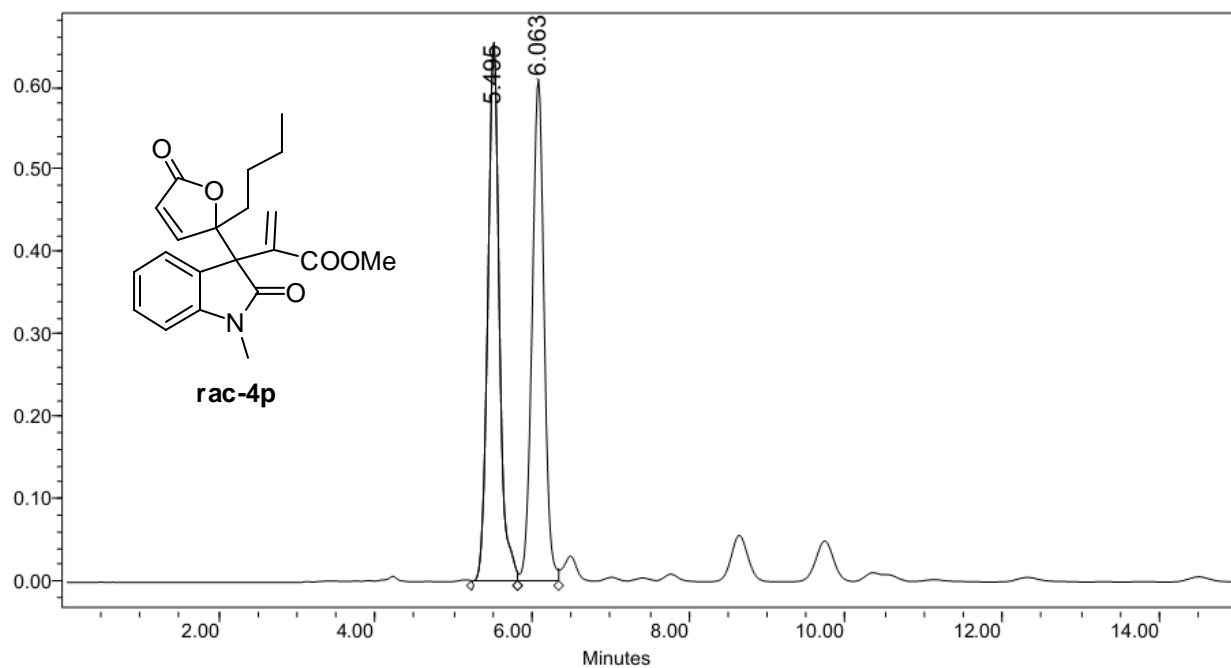


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1	8.570	VV	0.3675	1.95446e4	814.02753	50.3948
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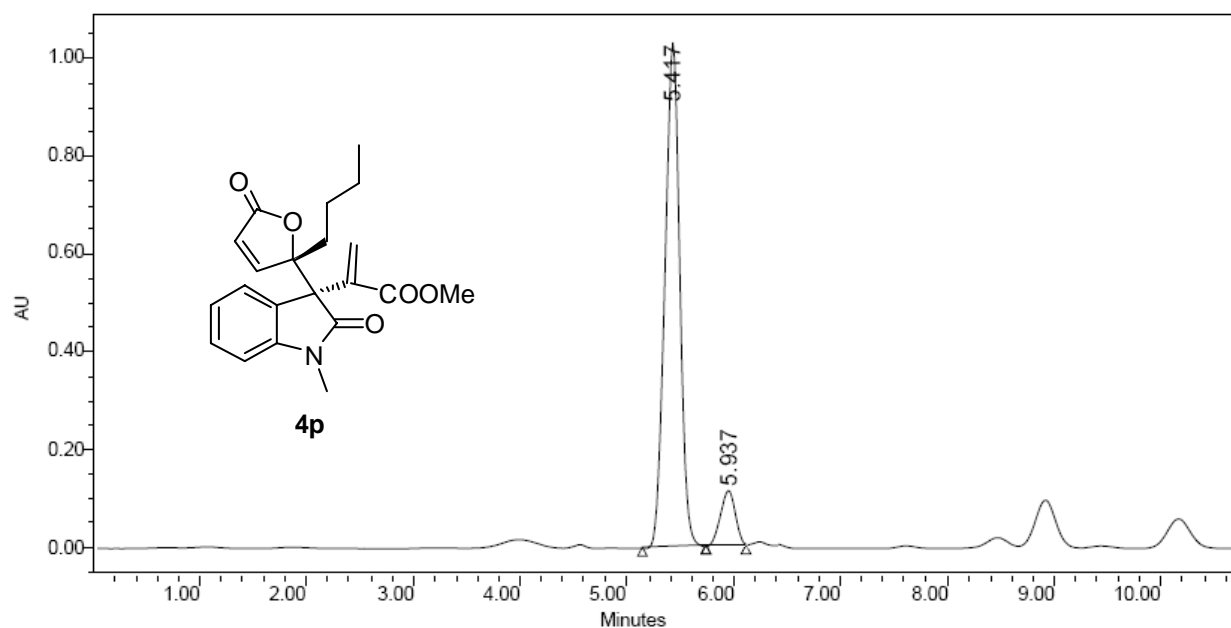


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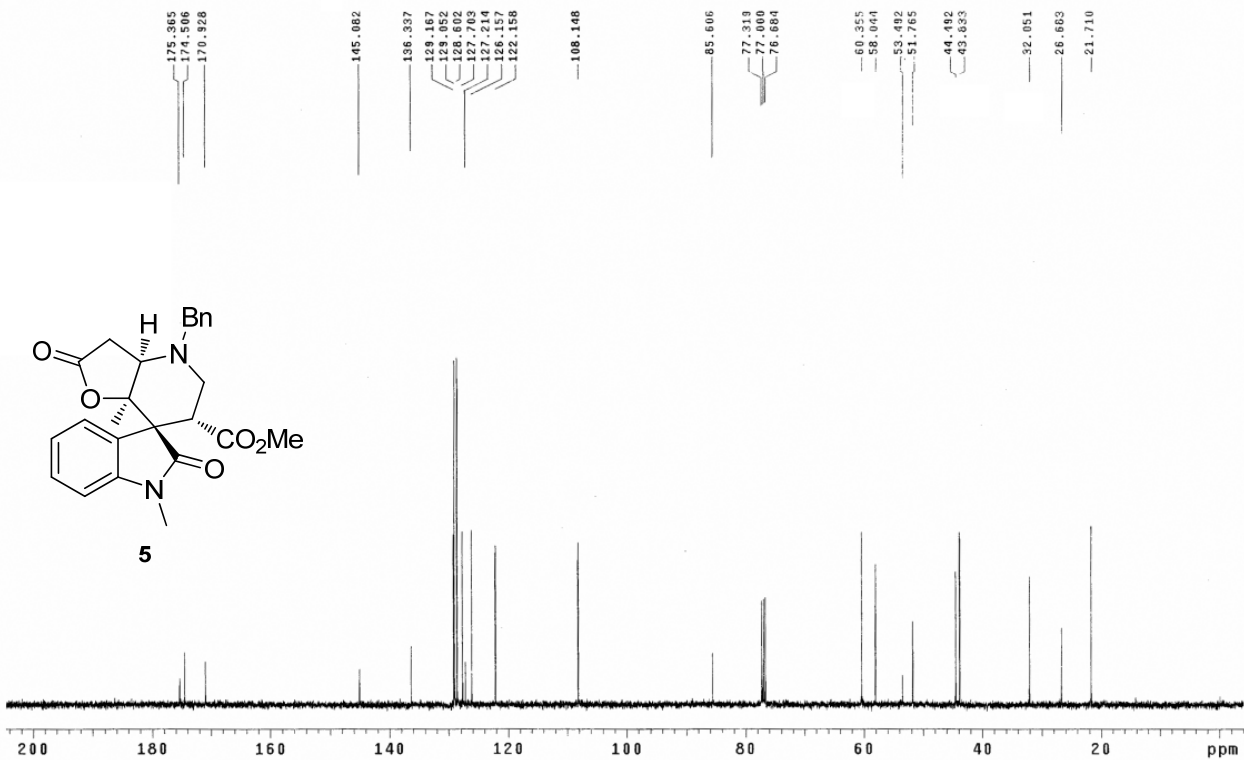
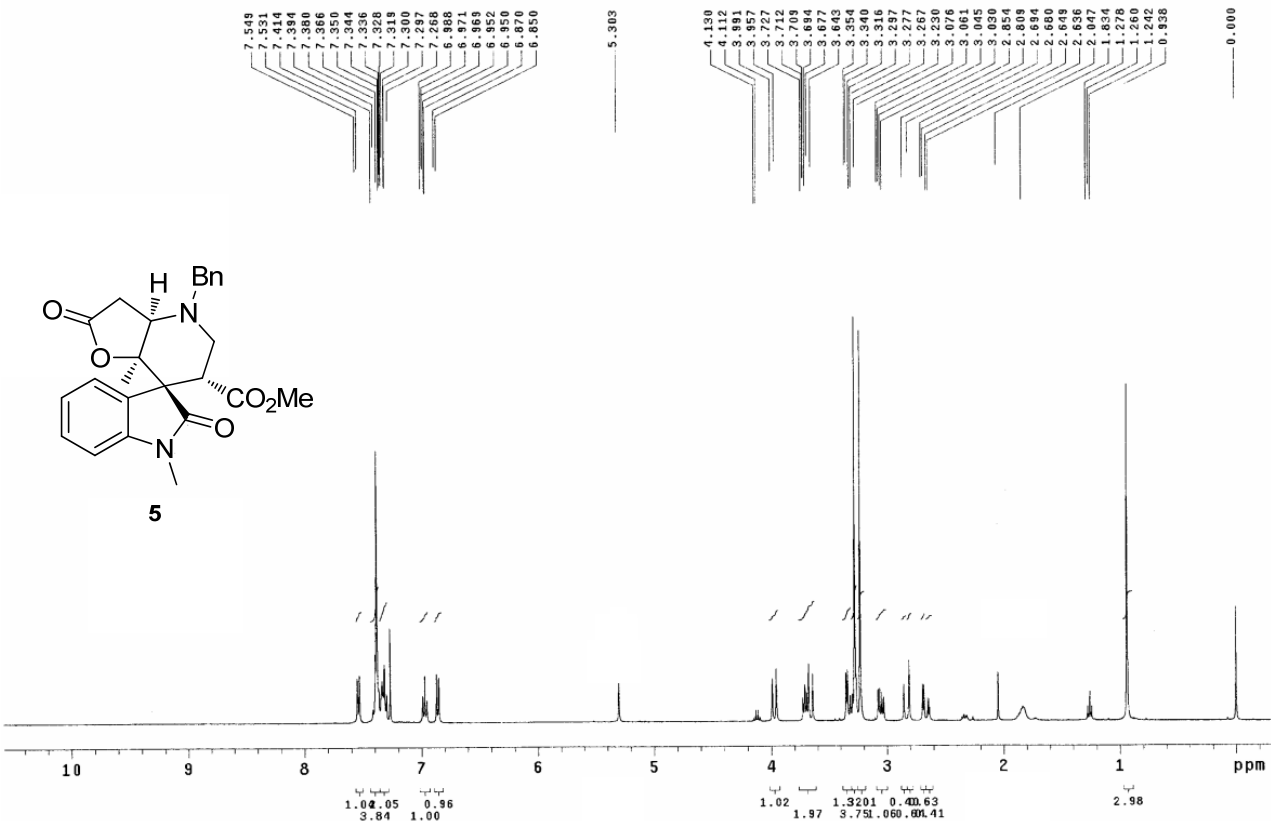


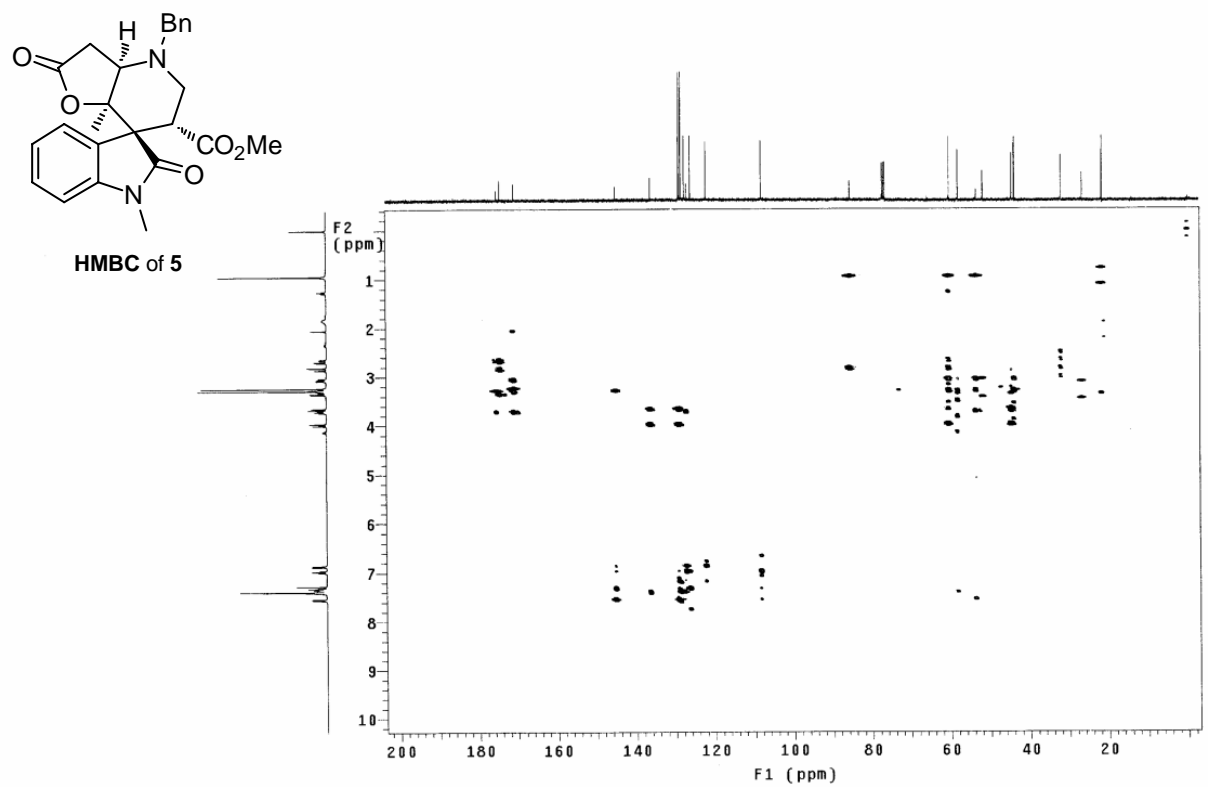
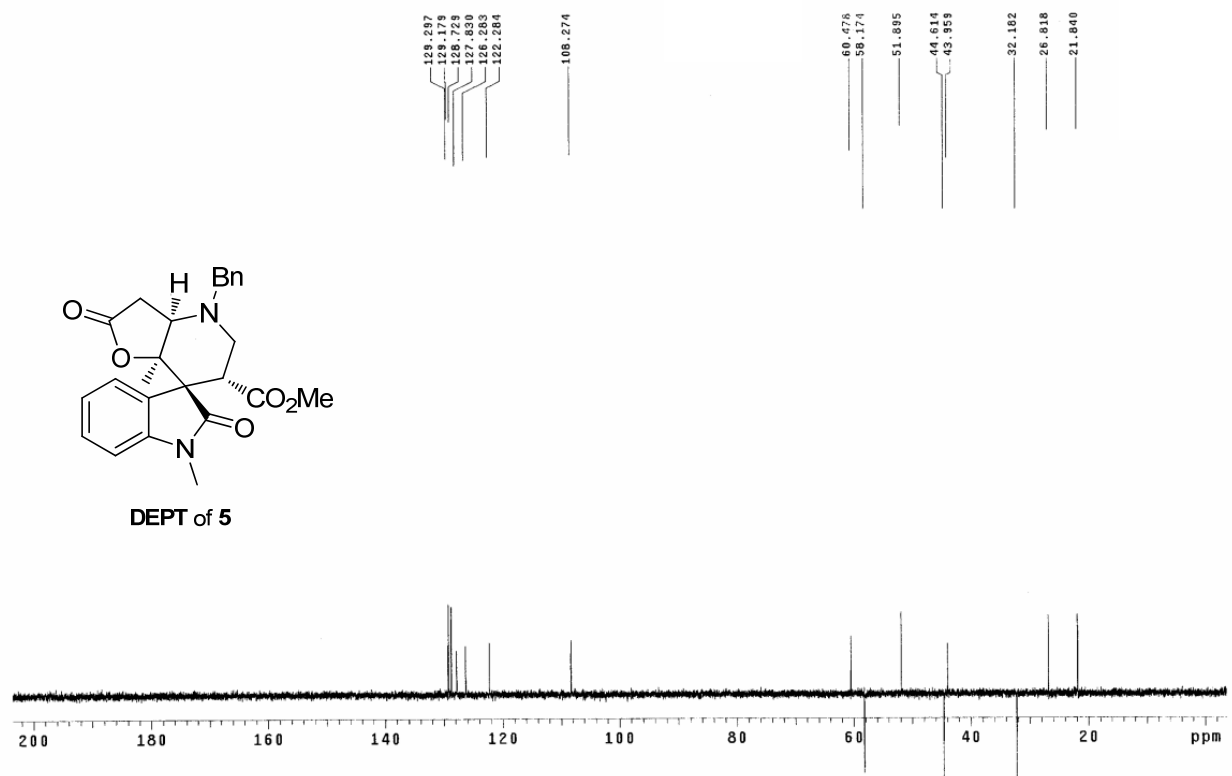


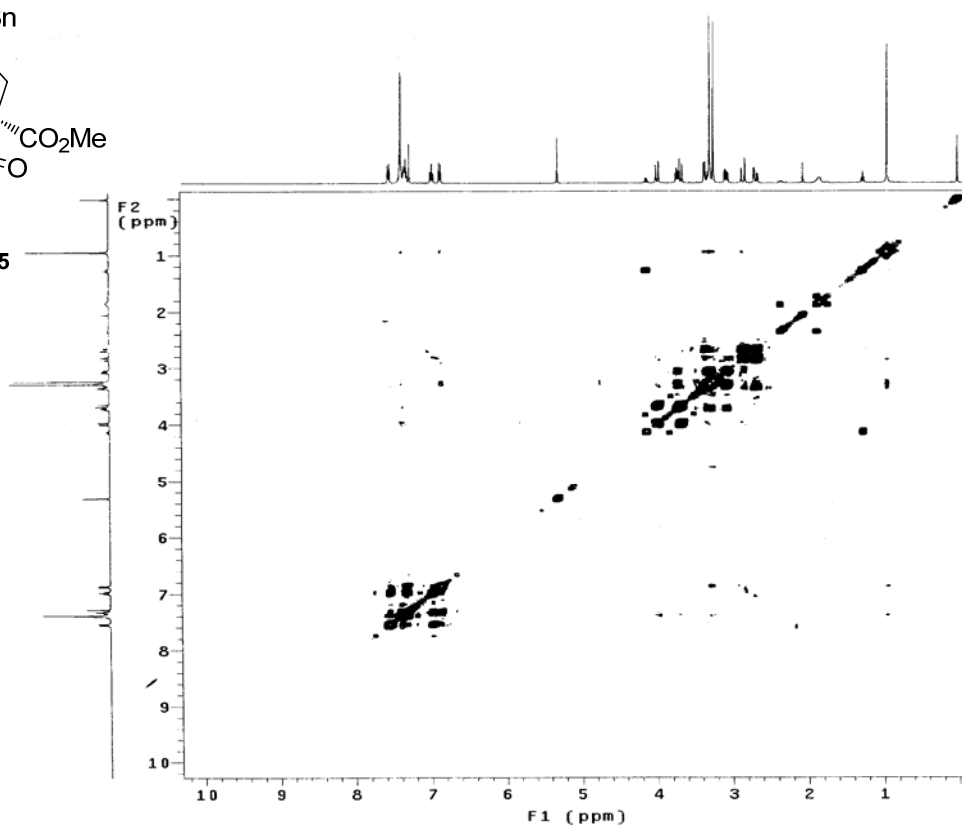
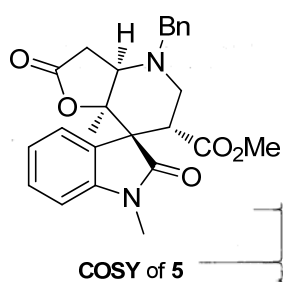
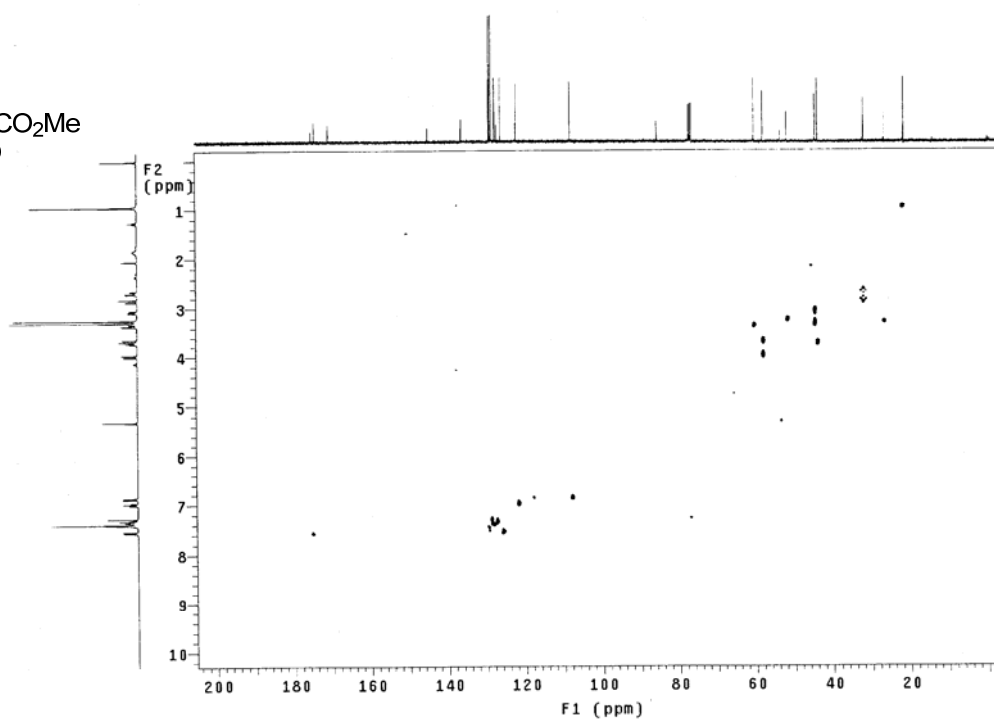
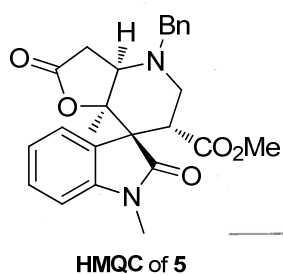
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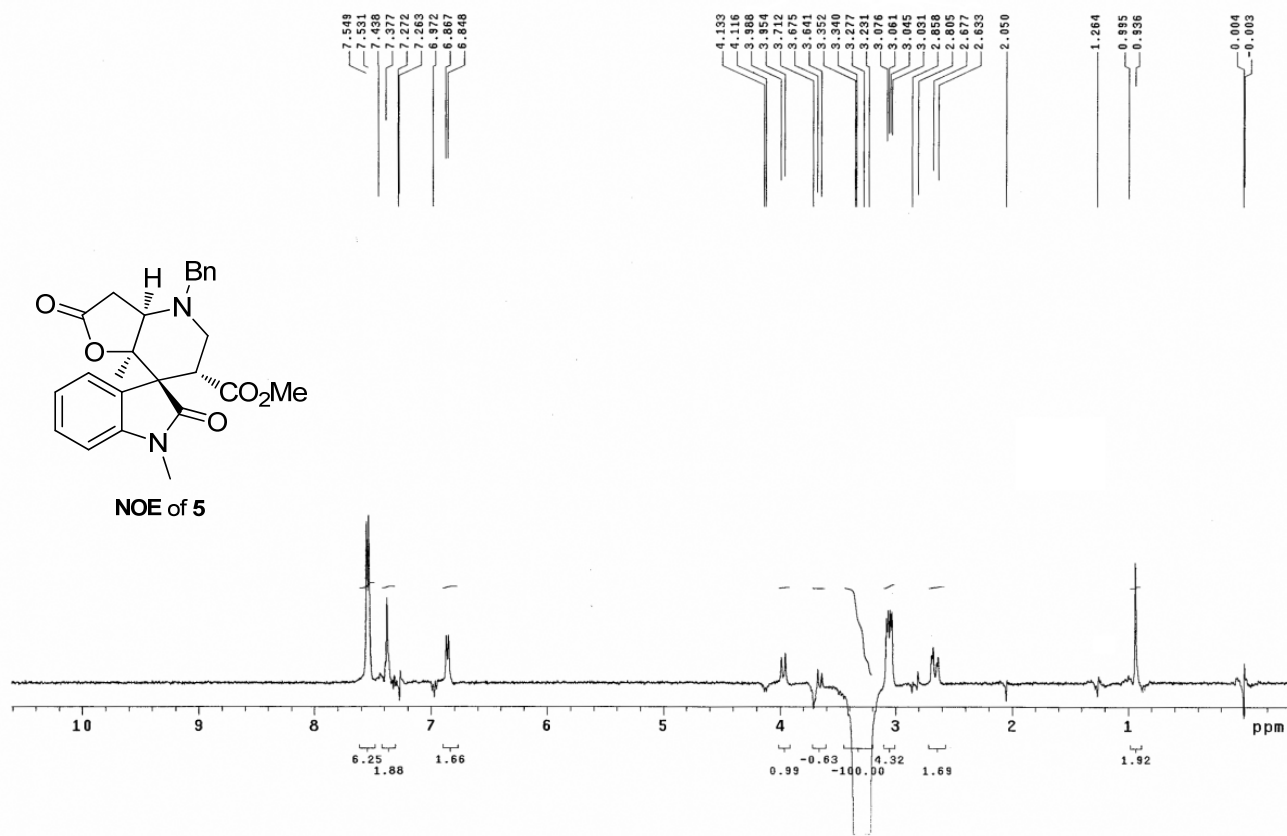
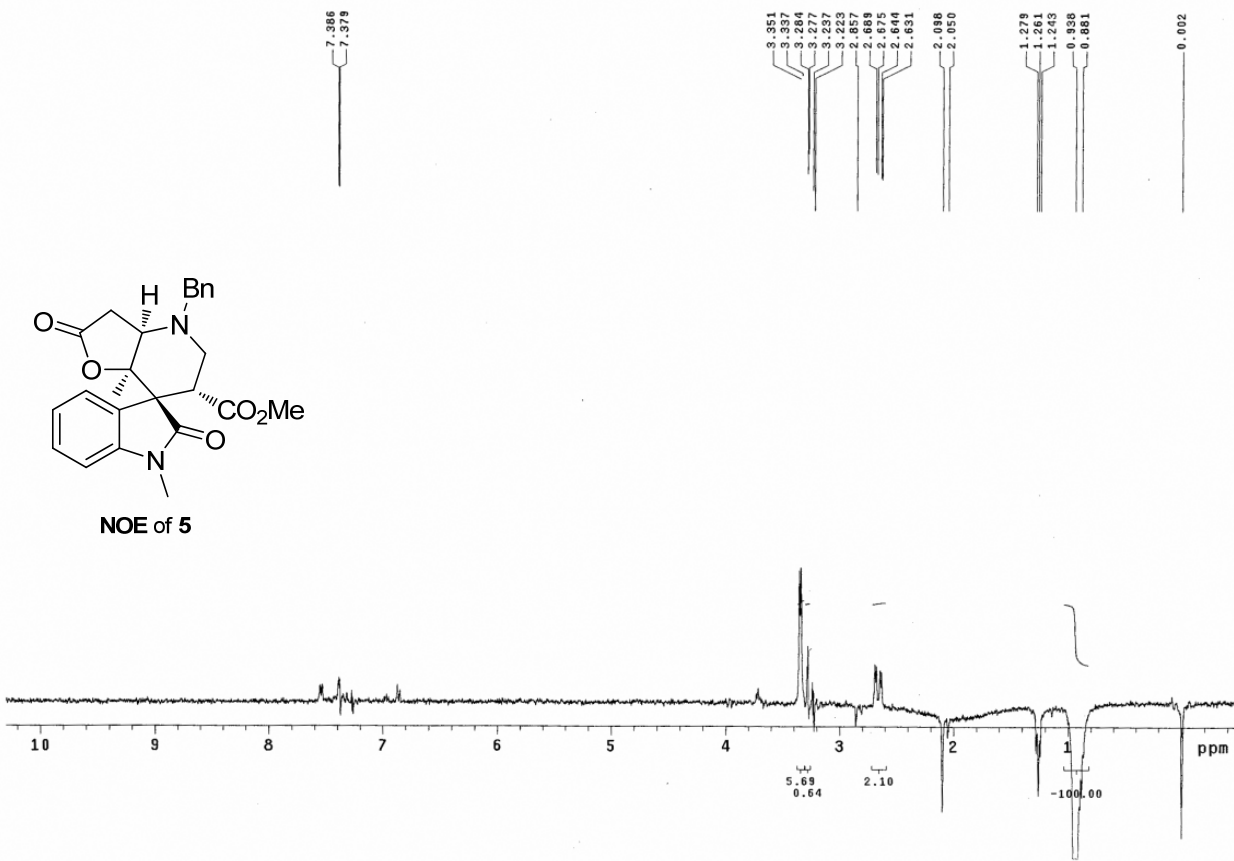


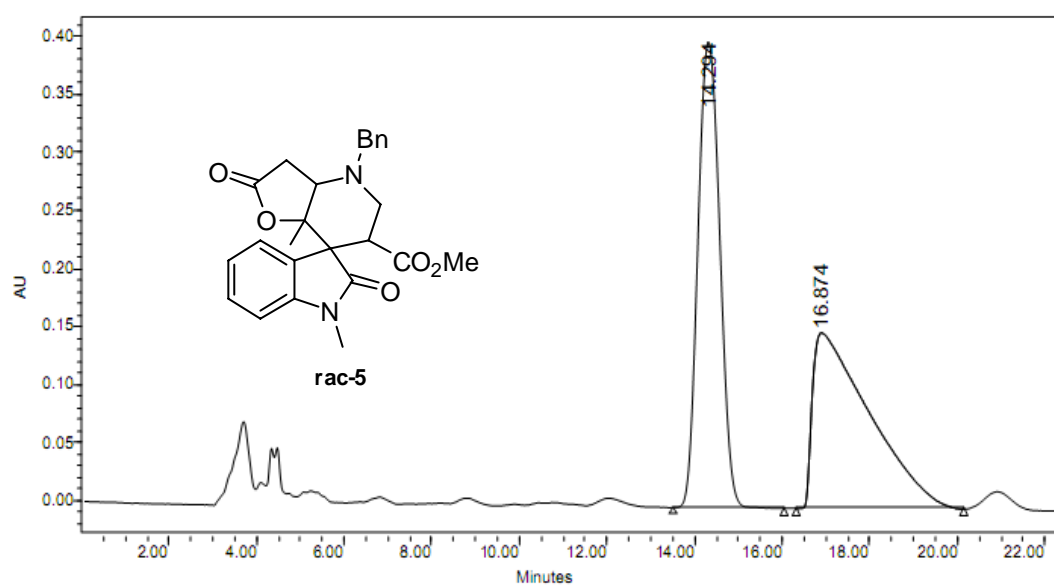
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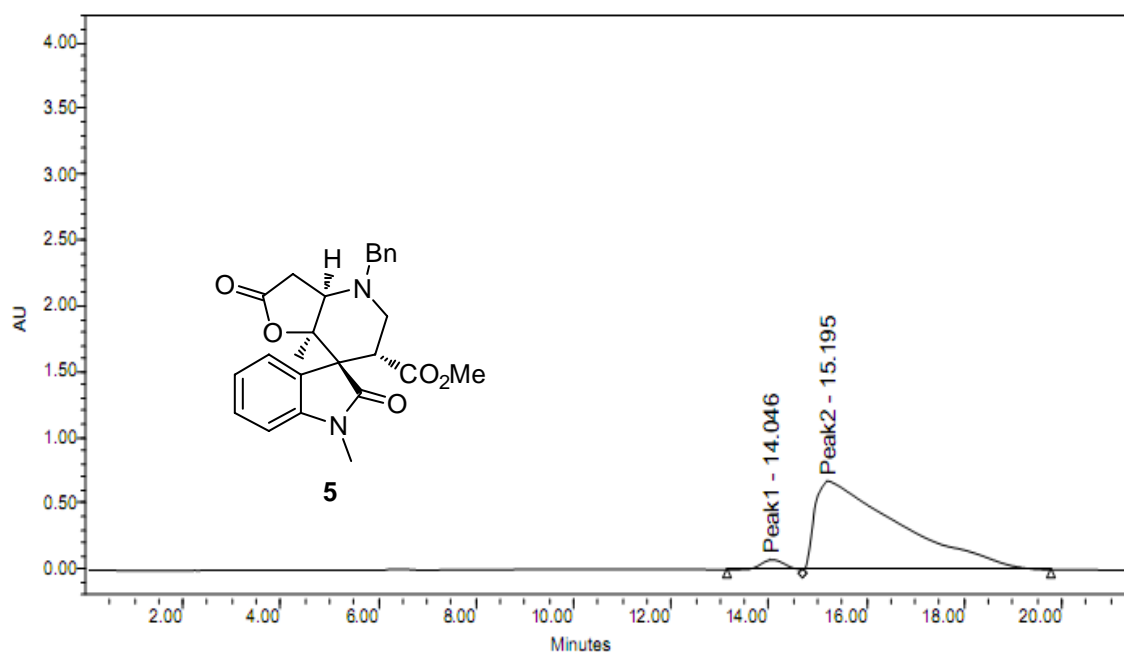




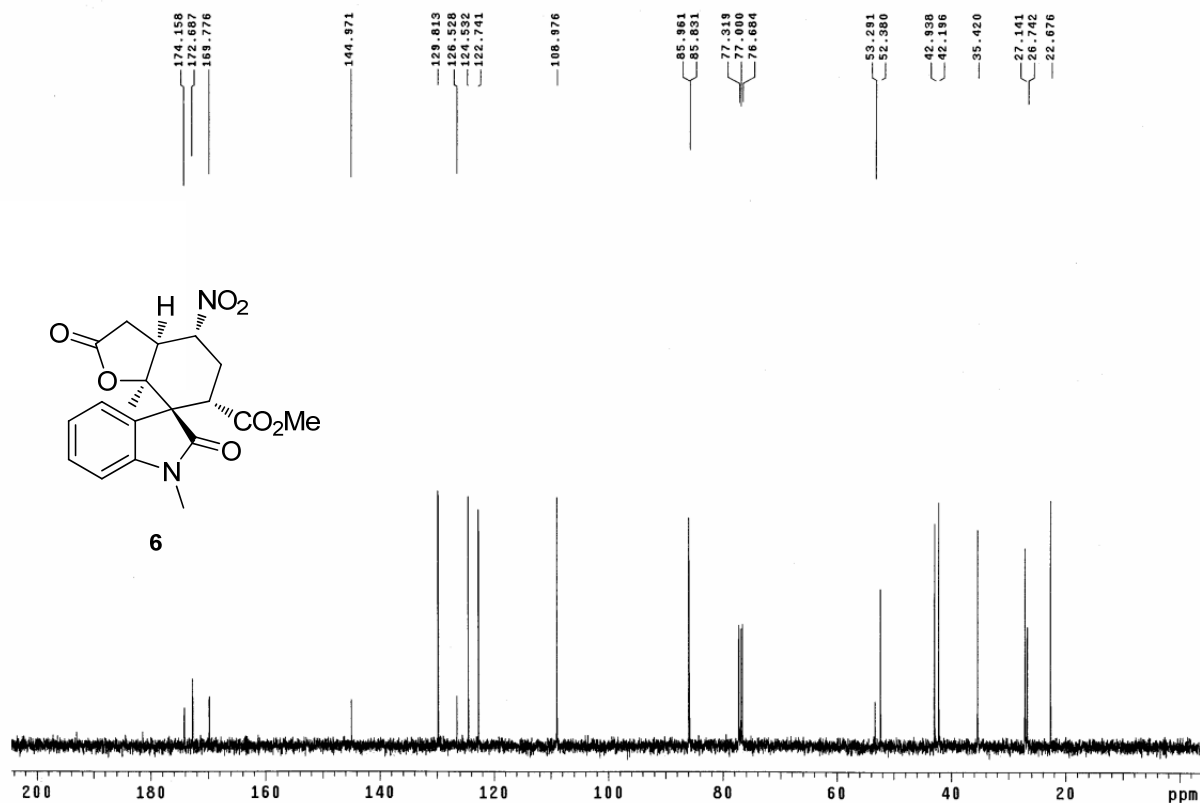
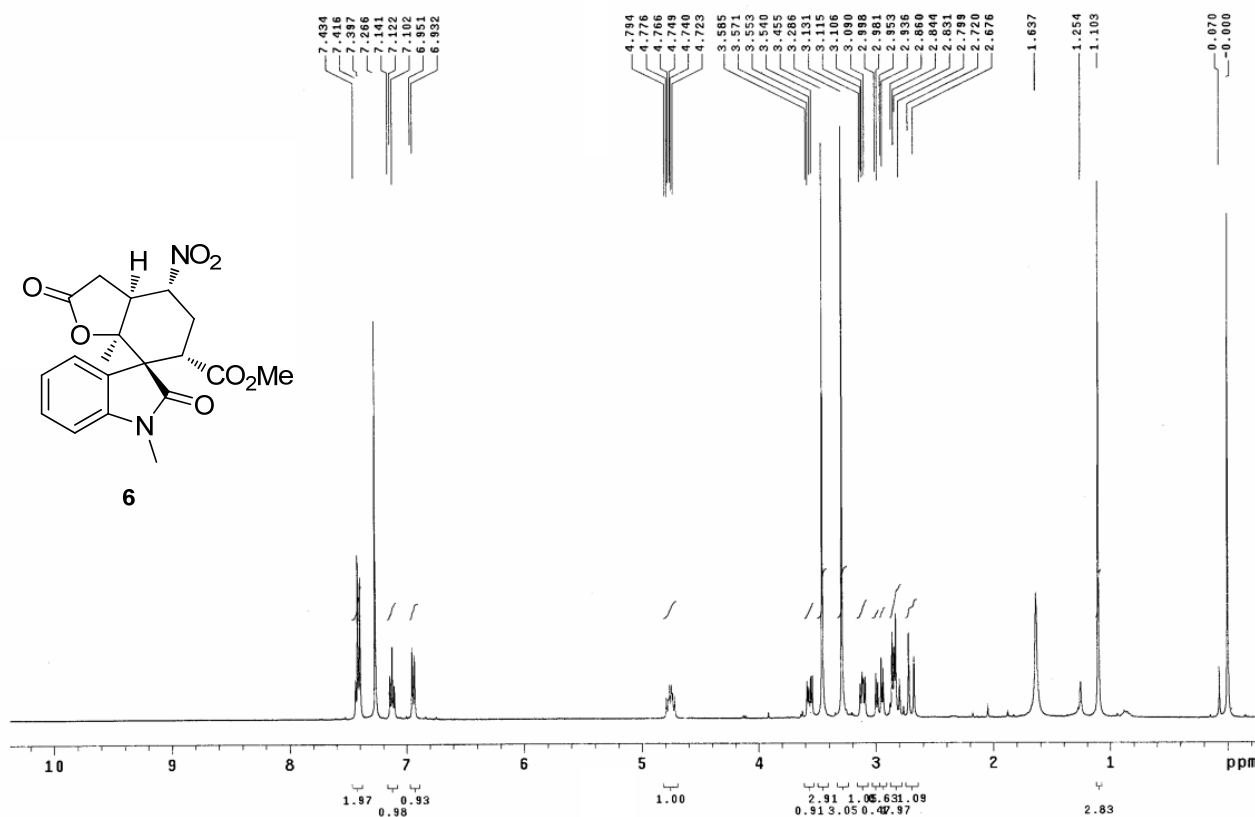


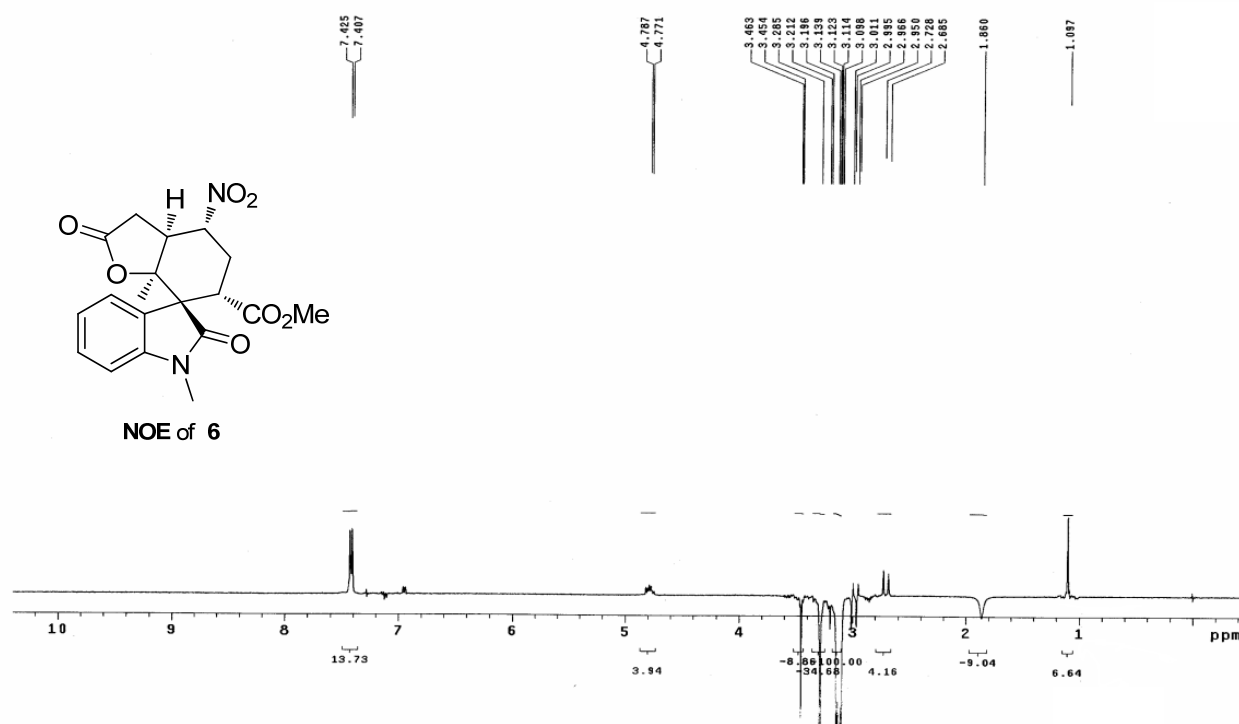
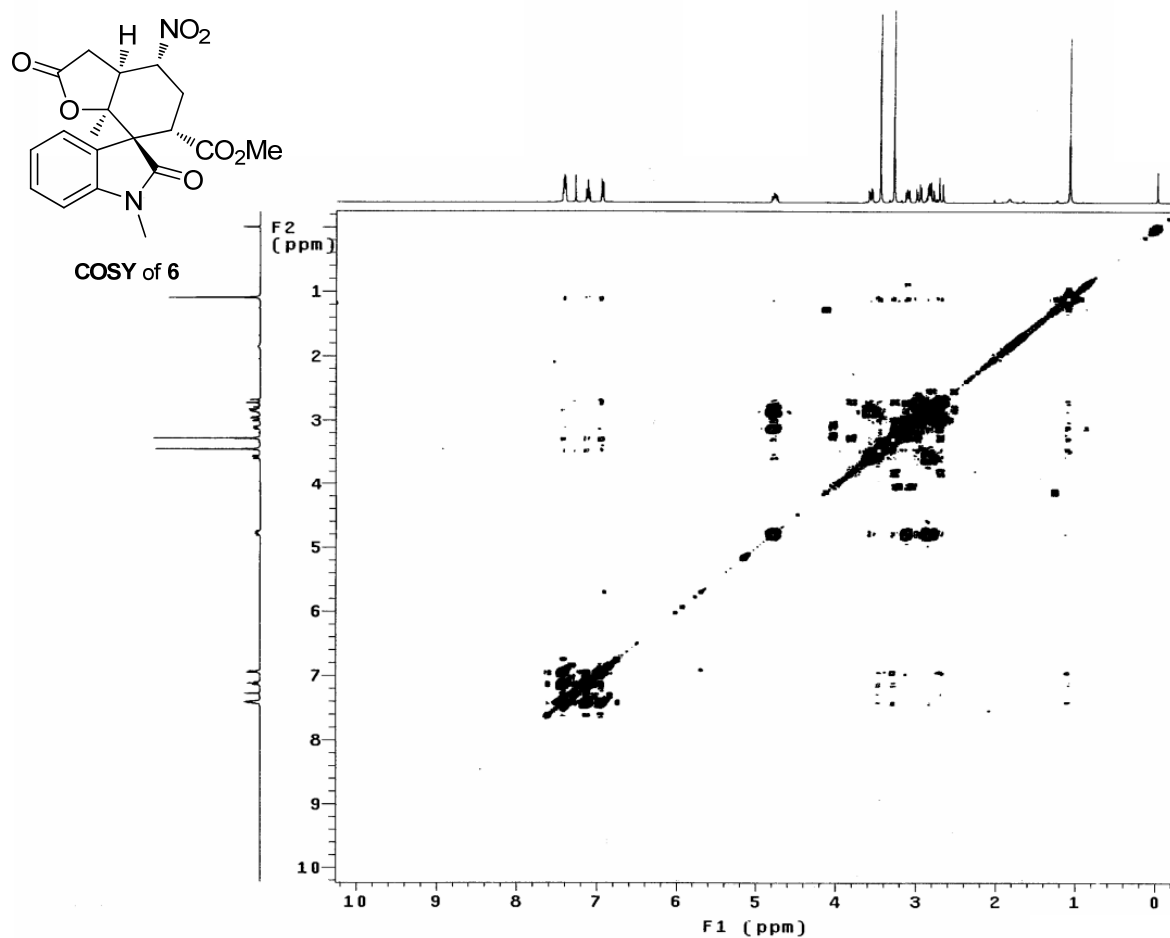


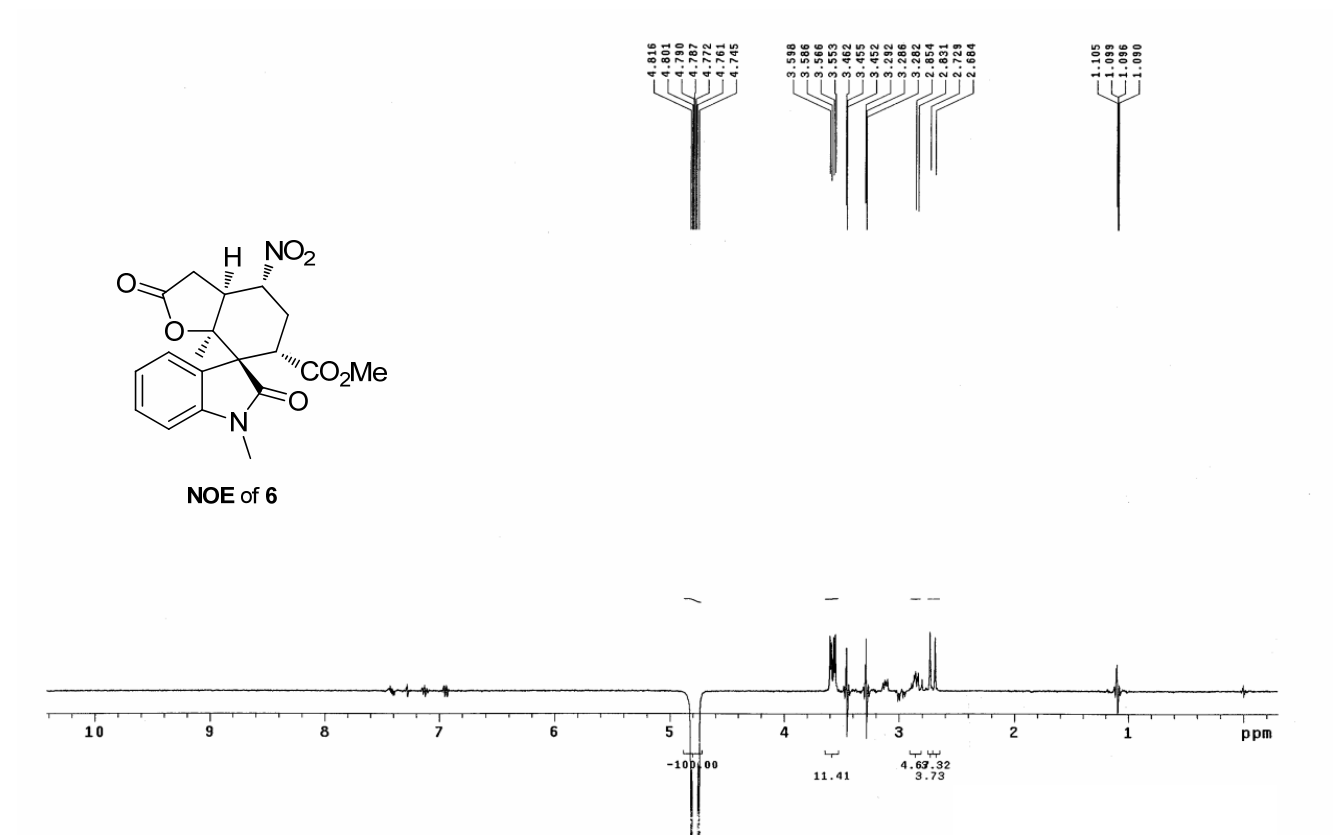
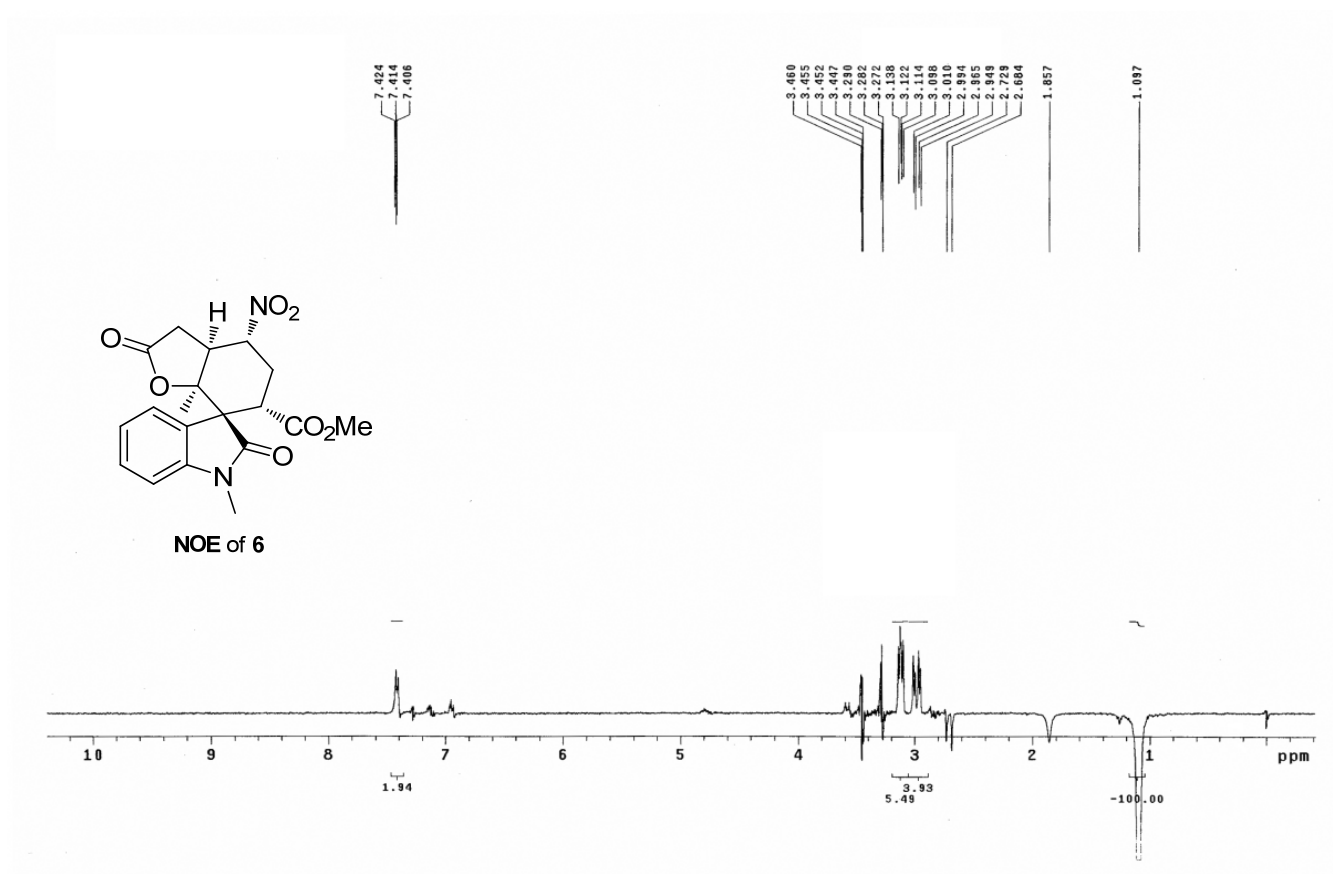
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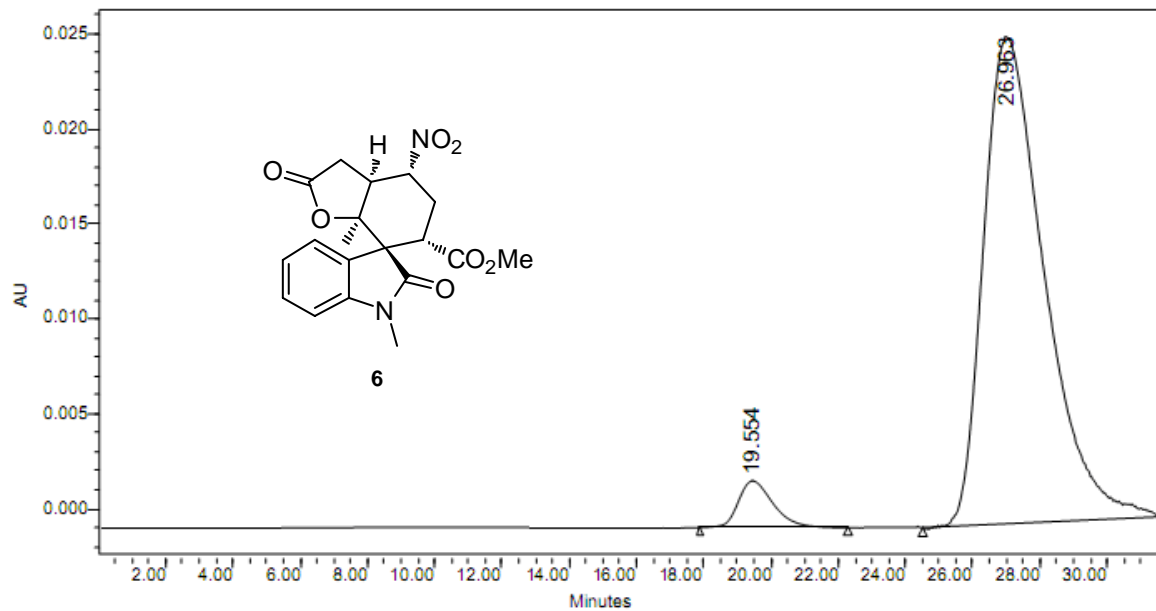
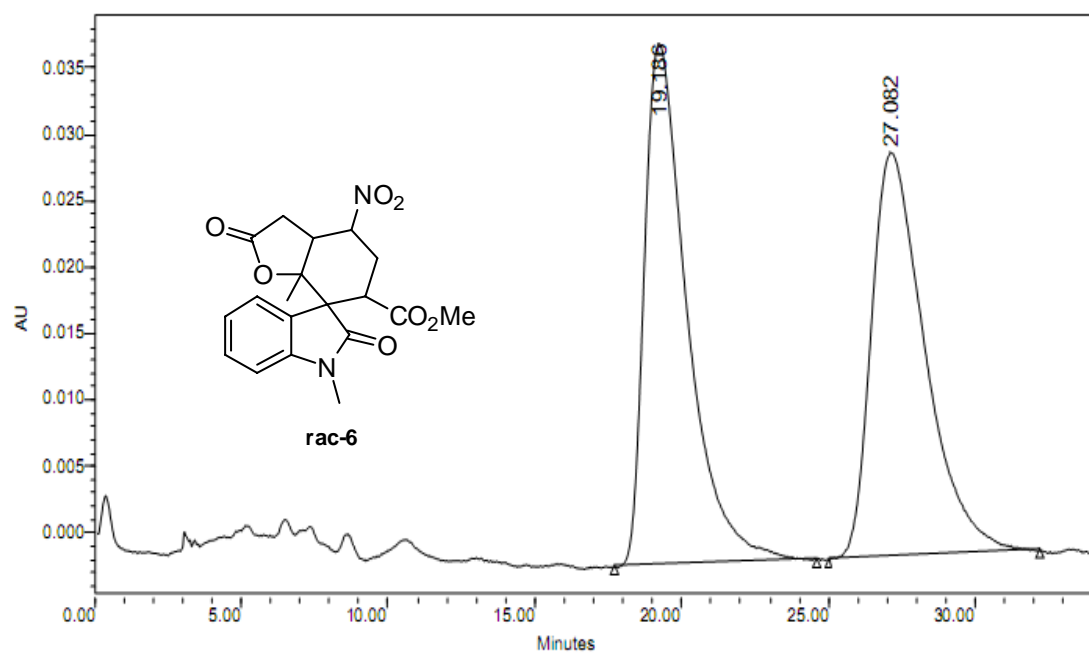


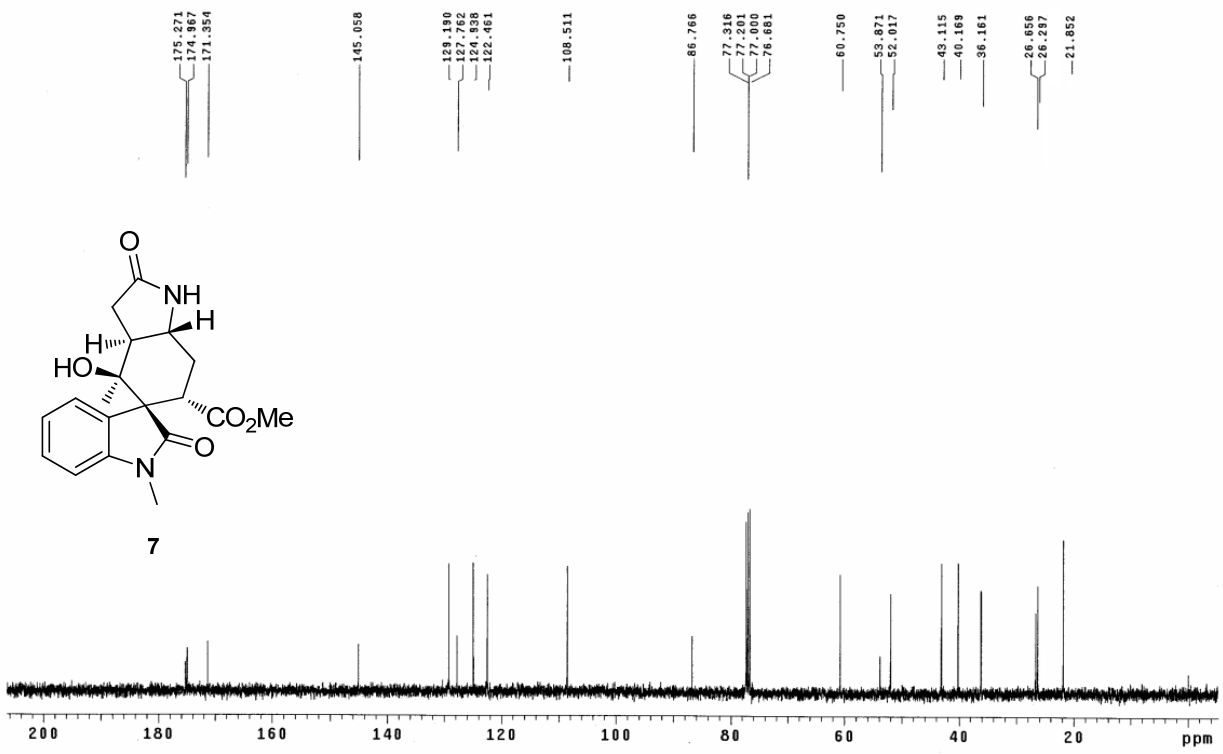
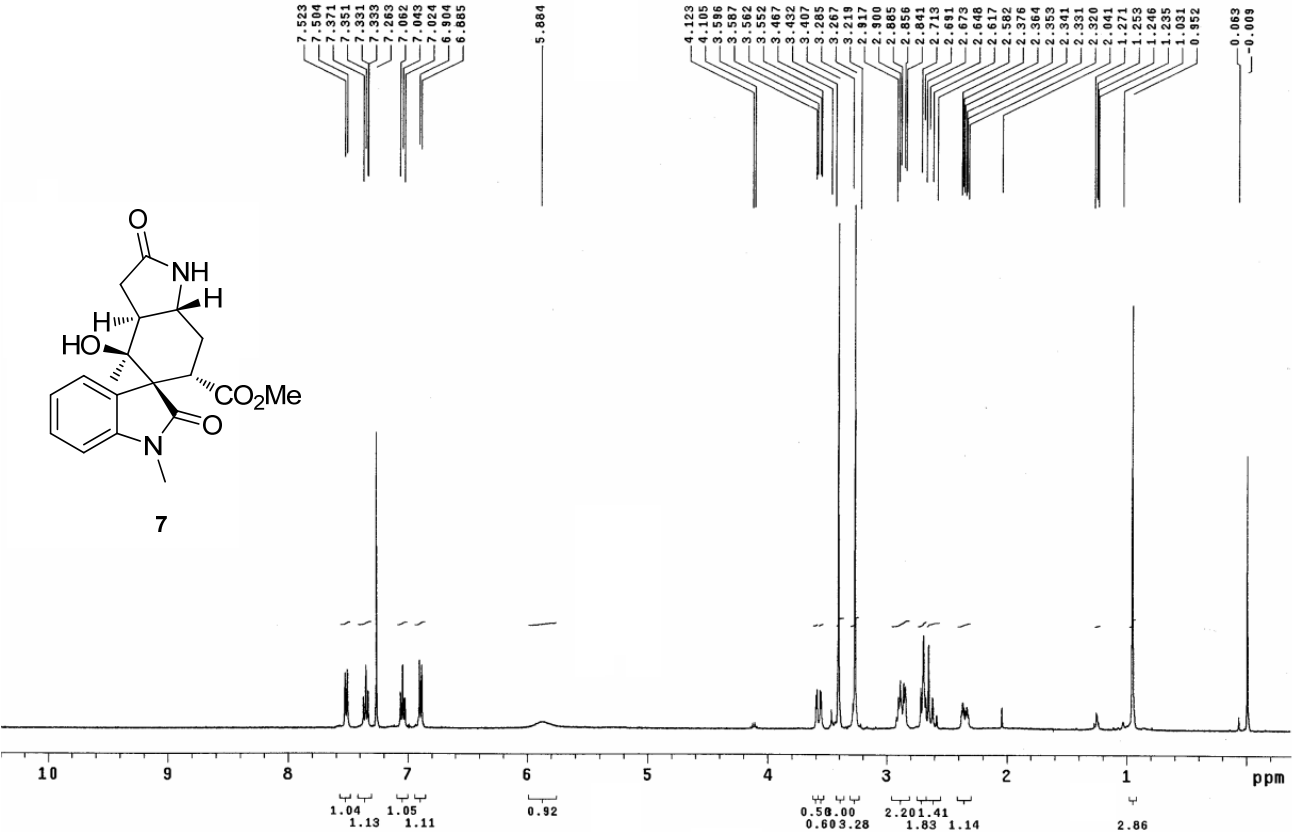
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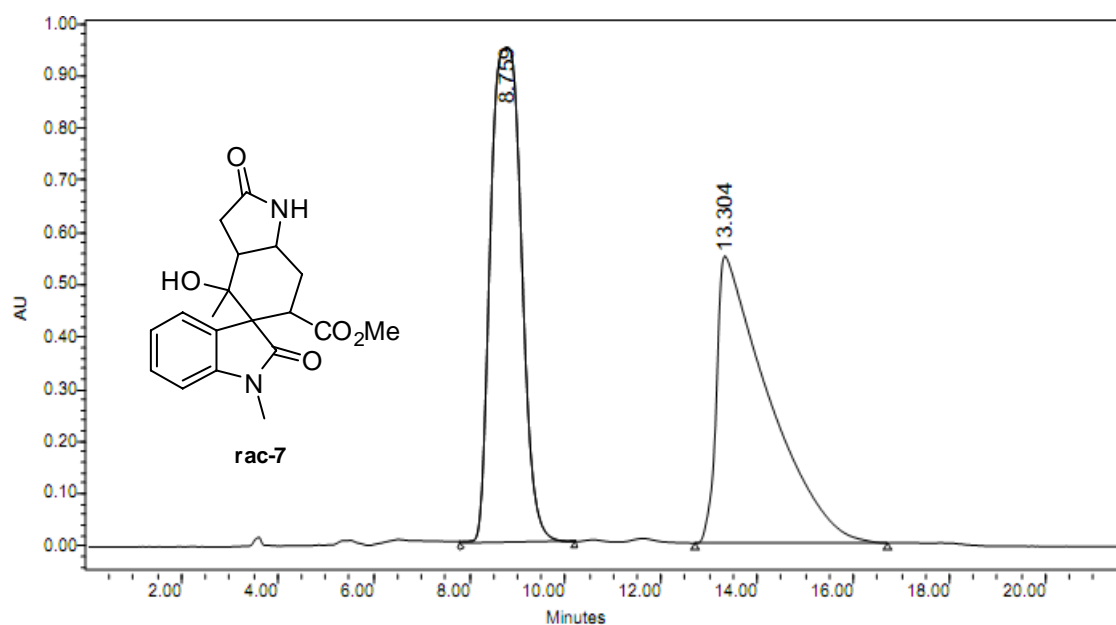




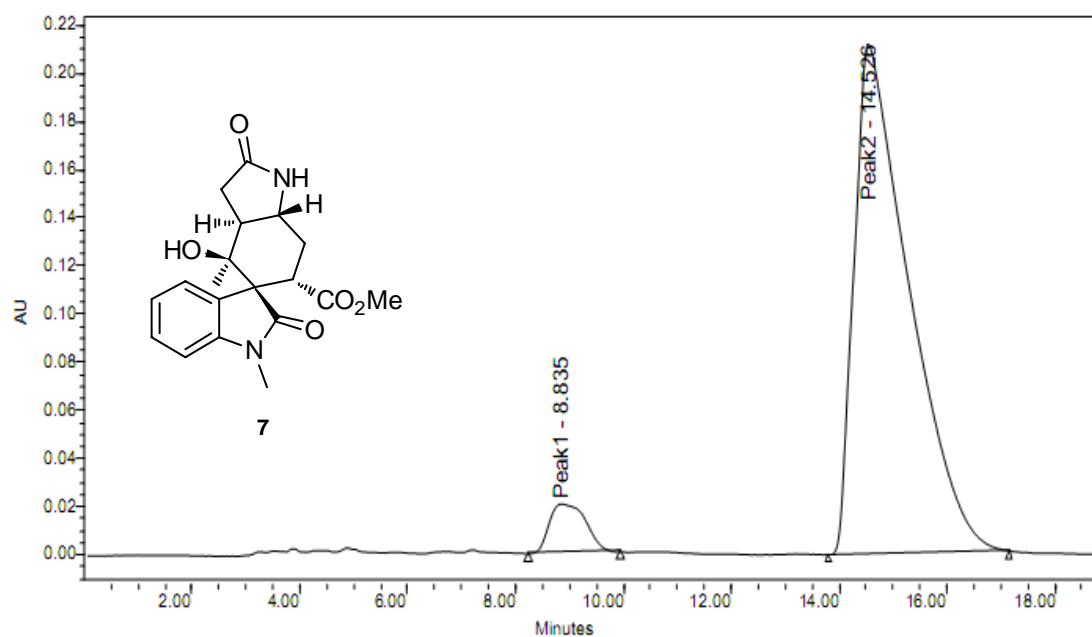








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1	8.835	829175	5.27	18790	8.17
2	14.526	14914555	94.73	211273	91.83