

Supporting Information for

**Desymmetrization of Cyclohexadienones via D-Camphor-derived
Triazolium Salts Catalyzed Intramolecular Stetter Reaction**

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General methods. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.

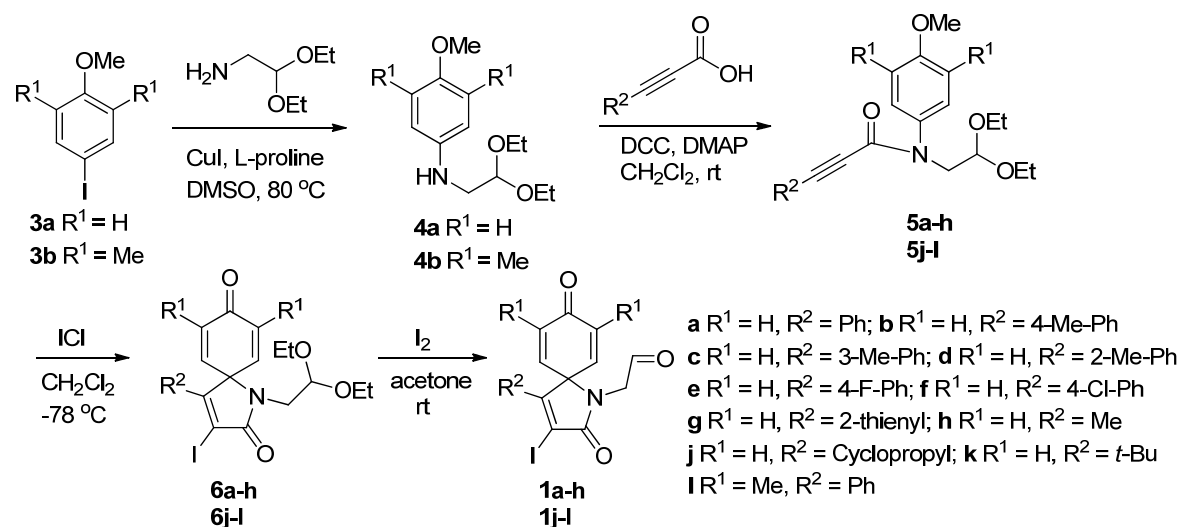
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian instruments (300 MHz and 75 MHz or 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for ^1H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet or unresolved, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

The D-camphor-derived triazolium salt¹, compound **3b**² and 3-substituted-prop-2-ynoic acid³⁻⁴ were prepared according to the reported procedures, compound **3a** is commercially available.

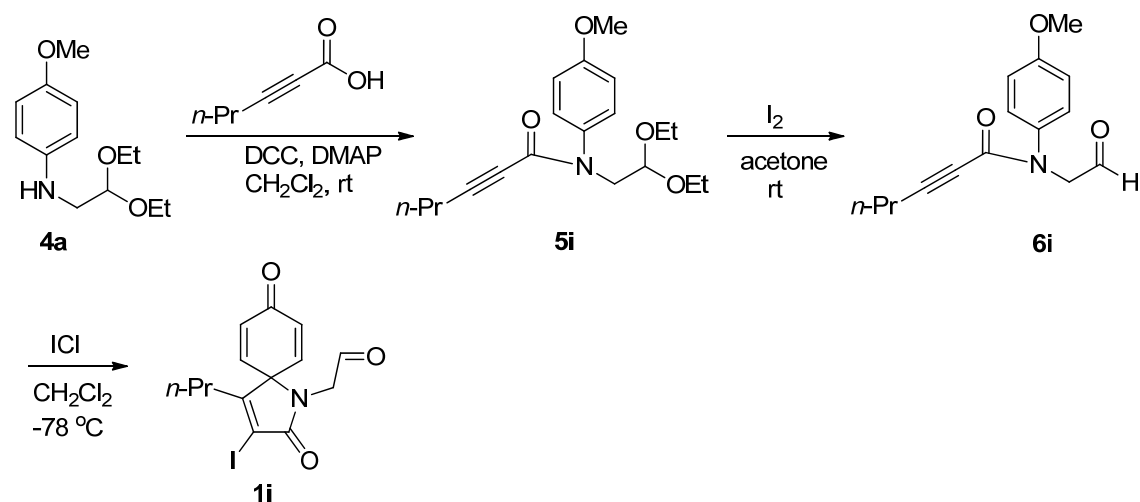
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Substrate synthesis

General procedure for the synthesis of substrates 1a-l



When $R^1 = H, R^2 = n-Pr$, the substrate was synthesized as follows:



1: General procedure for the synthesis of 3-substituted-prop-2-ynoic amide (5)

To a solution of 3-substituted-prop-2-ynoic acid (1.1 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 mol/L), DMAP (0.1 eq) was added, then the solution was cooled to 0 °C. (*N*-4,4-Diethoxyalkyl)-4-methoxyaniline (1 eq) and DCC (1.2 eq) were added sequentially. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature until completion. The precipitated urea was then filtered off by celite and the filtrate was concentrated

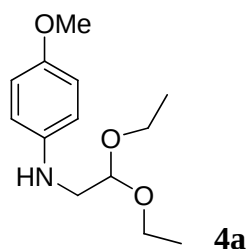
in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compounds.

2: General procedure for dearomatization

ICl (2 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 mol/L) was added to a solution of the diethoxyacetal (1 eq) (method **A**) or the corresponding aldehyde (1 eq) (method **B**) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.03 mol/L) at -78 °C over a period of 30-60 minutes. The resulting solution was stirred for another 10-60 minutes. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), it was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃ solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding iodocyclohexadienone.

3: General procedure for acetal removal⁵

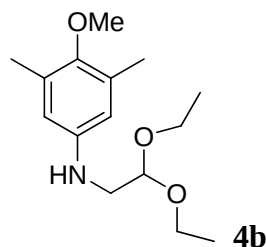
To the solution of acetal (1 eq) in acetone (0.04 mol/L), iodine (10 mol%) was added. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature until completion. The solution was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compounds.



N-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-4-methoxyaniline

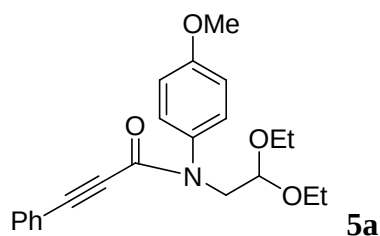
DMSO (15 mL) was added to a mixture of 4-iodoanisole (2.0 g, 8.55 mmol), CuI (163 mg, 0.85 mmol), L-proline (197 mg, 1.71 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (powdered) (2.38 g, 17.1 mmol) in a round bottom flask under argon, then 2,2-diethoxyethanamine (1.86 mL, 12.83 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred under argon at 80 °C for

40h, diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:PE = 1:10) to afford the product as a pale yellow oil (1.67 g, 82% yield); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.67 (m, 5H), 3.61-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 142.0, 114.7, 114.4, 100.9, 62.2, 55.6, 47.3, 15.3; MS (ESI) 240 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For C₁₃H₂₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 240.1594. Found 240.1598.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylaniline**

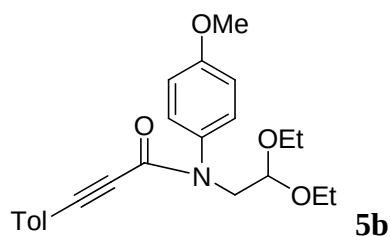
Pale yellow oil (97% yield), following the procedure for **4a**; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (s, 2H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 3H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 3.55-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 143.6, 130.7, 112.7, 100.5, 61.6, 59.3, 46.4, 15.7, 14.9; MS (EI, *m/z*, rel. intensity) 267 ([M]⁺, 34), 164 (98), 103 (100); HRMS (EI) mass calcd. For C₁₅H₂₅NO₃ ([M]⁺): 267.1834. Found 267.1833.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropiolamide**

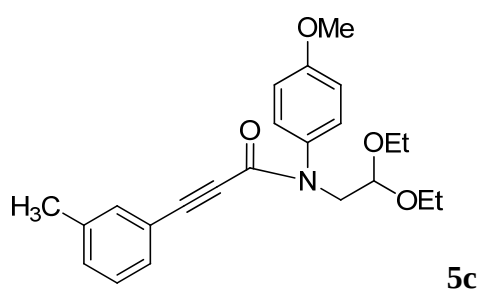
Pale yellow solid, following general procedure **1** (93% yield). M.p. 64-66 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* =

7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.79 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.53-3.43 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 154.4, 134.9, 132.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.0, 120.0, 113.6, 98.9, 90.8, 82.4, 61.7, 55.1, 50.8, 14.9; MS (ESI) 368 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 390.1676. Found 390.1683.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propiolamide**

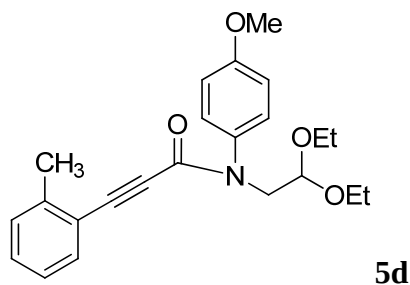
Pale yellow solid (80% yield), following general procedure 1. M.p. 54-56 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 4H), 6.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.84 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.72-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.47 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.9, 154.9, 140.4, 135.4, 132.4, 129.6, 129.0, 117.3, 113.9, 99.2, 91.6, 82.3, 62.0, 55.5, 51.1, 21.5, 15.2; MS (ESI) 382 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 404.1832. Found 404.1840.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(*m*-tolyl)propiolamide**

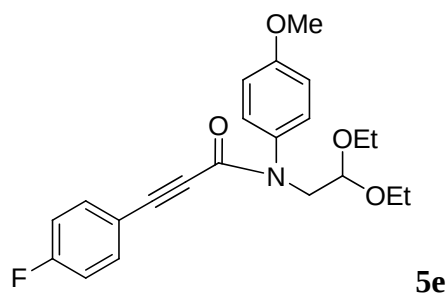
Pale yellow oil (95% yield), following general procedure 1. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 4H), 4.84 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.49 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8,

154.5, 137.7, 135.1, 132.7, 130.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 119.9, 113.7, 99.0, 91.2, 82.2, 61.7, 55.2, 50.8, 20.8, 15.0; MS (ESI) 382 ($[M+H]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{23}H_{27}NaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 404.1832. Found 404.1843.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(*o*-tolyl)propiolamide**

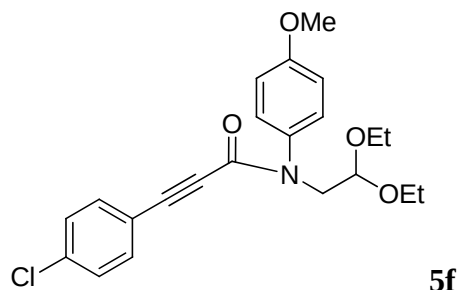
Pale yellow oil (98% yield), following general procedure 1. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.49-3.38 (m, 2H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.0, 154.8, 141.2, 135.3, 133.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 125.4, 120.2, 114.1, 99.2, 99.0, 86.3, 61.9, 55.4, 51.2, 19.8, 15.1; MS (ESI) 404 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{23}H_{27}NaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 404.1832. Found 404.1840.



***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)propiolamide**

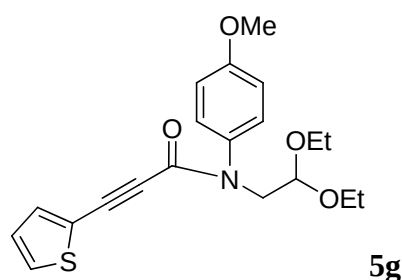
Yellow oil (84% yield), following general procedure 1. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.33 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 4H), 4.84 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.2 (d, J = 250.7 Hz),

158.9, 154.5, 135.1, 134.4 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 129.5, 116.3 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 115.6 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 113.8, 99.0, 90.0, 82.3, 61.9, 55.3, 50.9, 15.1; MS (ESI) 386 ($[M+H]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $C_{22}H_{24}FNaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 408.1582. Found 408.1583.



3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-(2,2-diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)propiolamide

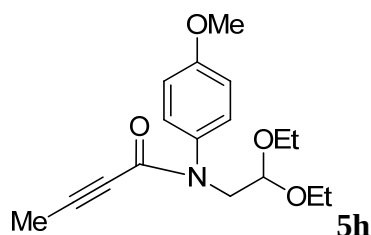
Orange oil (82% yield), following general procedure 1. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.84 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.48 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.6, 153.9, 135.5, 134.6, 133.0, 129.2, 128.2, 118.4, 113.5, 98.7, 89.3, 83.1, 61.4, 54.9, 50.6, 14.8; MS (ESI) 424 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{22}H_{24}ClNaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 424.1286. Found 424.1283.



N-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propiolamide

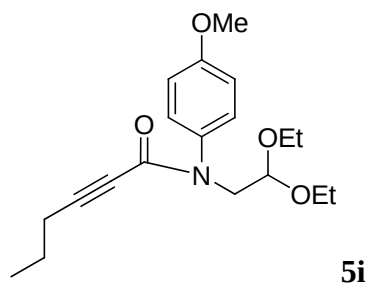
Yellow oil (86% yield), following general procedure 1. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.87 (m, 3H), 4.84 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.478 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.7, 154.0, 134.5, 134.4, 129.9, 129.1, 126.8, 119.6, 113.5, 98.7, 86.4, 84.5, 61.5, 55.0, 50.5, 14.8; MS (ESI)

396 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{20}H_{23}NaNO_4S$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 396.1240. Found 396.1243.



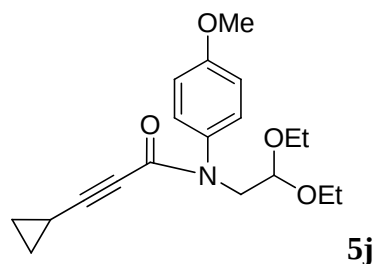
***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-ynamide**

Pale yellow solid (87% yield), following general procedure **1**. M.p. 54-56 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.23 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.68-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.46 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.6, 154.6, 135.2, 129.2, 113.7, 99.1, 90.0, 74.0, 61.9, 55.2, 51.0, 15.1, 3.7; MS (ESI) 328 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{17}H_{23}NaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 328.1519. Found 328.1526.



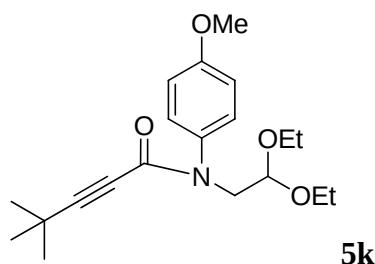
***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-2-ynamide**

Pale yellow oil (84% yield), following general procedure **1**. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.96 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.51-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.52 (m, 5H), 3.40-3.30 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.17 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.06-0.94 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.85 (m, 6H), 0.46-0.40 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.3, 154.0, 134.7, 128.8, 113.2, 98.5, 93.1, 74.5, 61.1, 54.6, 50.2, 20.2, 19.8, 14.5, 12.3; MS (ESI) 356 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{19}H_{27}NaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 356.1832. Found 356.1842.



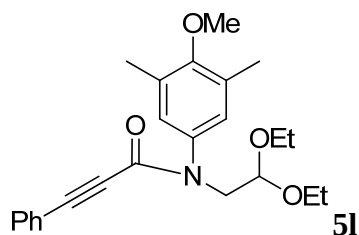
3-Cyclopropyl-*N*-(2,2-diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)propiolamide

Pale yellow oil (81% yield), following general procedure 1. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.03 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.57 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.49-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.27 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 0.79-0.73 (m, 1H), 0.57-0.51 (m, 2H), 0.28-0.23 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 154.2, 135.0, 129.0, 113.3, 98.8, 97.5, 69.6, 61.4, 54.9, 50.4, 14.7, 8.5, -1.1; MS (ESI) 354 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 354.1676. Found 354.1680.



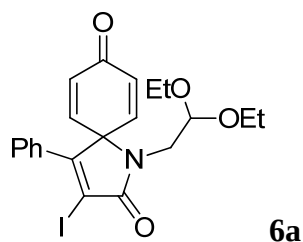
N-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynamide

Pale yellow oil (96% yield), following general procedure 1. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.69-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.47 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.97 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 154.9, 135.5, 129.4, 113.6, 101.1, 99.1, 73.4, 61.6, 55.3, 50.7, 29.5, 27.1, 15.0; MS (ESI) 370 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 370.1989. Found 370.1998.



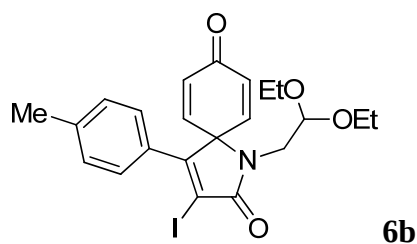
***N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-*N*-(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-phenylpropiolamide**

Pale yellow solid (94% yield), following general procedure **1**. M.p. 64-66 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 4 H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.49 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 153.9, 137.4, 131.8, 130.7, 129.4, 128.1, 127.8, 120.0, 98.8, 90.3, 82.4, 61.5, 59.1, 50.5, 15.5, 14.7; MS (ESI) 418 ([M+Na]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₂₄H₂₉NaNO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 419.1989. Found 418.1997.



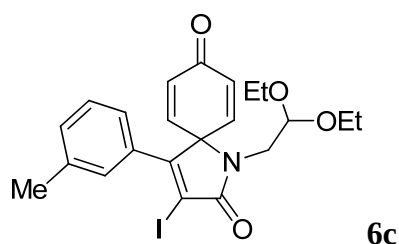
1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

Pale yellow solid (54% yield), following general procedure **2**, method **A**. M.p. 140-142 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.8, 167.8, 158.8, 144.1, 132.4, 131.7, 129.9, 128.4, 127.6, 99.1, 97.9, 71.0, 63.0, 45.1, 15.2; MS (ESI) 502 ([M+Na]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₂₁H₂₂INaNO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 502.0486. Found 502.0496.



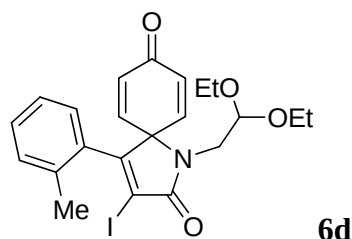
1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-(p-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

Pale yellow solid (45% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 138-140 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (s, 4H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.8, 167.8, 158.7, 144.3, 140.0, 132.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 99.0, 97.3, 70.9, 62.9, 45.0, 21.2, 15.1; MS (ESI) 516 ([M+Na]⁺); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For C₂₂H₂₄INaNO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 516.0642. Found 516.0651.



1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-(m-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

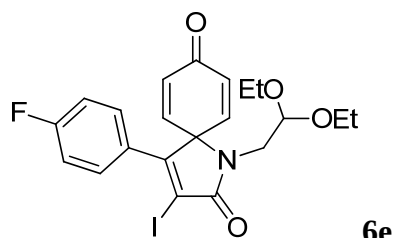
Yellow solid (41% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 128-130 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.36 (m, 2H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.8, 167.8, 159.0, 144.2, 138.1, 132.2, 131.7, 130.6, 128.3, 128.1, 124.5, 99.0, 97.6, 71.0, 62.9, 45.1, 21.2, 15.1; MS (ESI) 516 ([M+Na]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₂₂H₂₄INaNO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 516.0642. Found 516.0660.



6d

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-(o-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

White solid (61% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 123-124 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.47-3.37 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.22-1.17 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.3, 167.2, 159.8, 143.6, 143.5, 135.1, 132.3, 131.5, 130.22, 130.17, 129.2, 127.8, 124.9, 99.8, 98.8, 72.3, 62.6, 45.1, 19.7, 14.9; MS (ESI) 516 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{INaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 516.0642. Found ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) 516.0653.

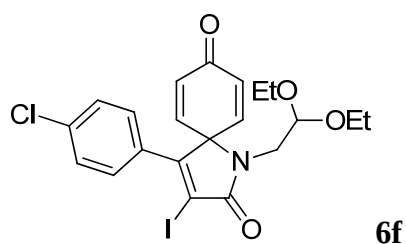


6e

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-iodo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione(jmq6-74)

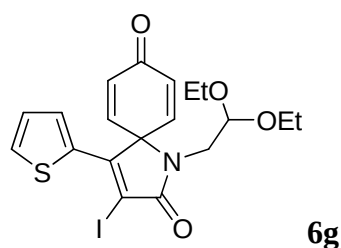
White solid (51% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 143-145 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.89 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.39 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.8, 167.8, 163.4 (d, $J = 250.1$ Hz), 157.9, 144.2, 132.6, 129.9 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 127.9 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 116.0 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 99.2, 98.6, 71.1, 63.2, 45.3,

15.3; MS (ESI) 520 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $C_{21}H_{21}FINaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 520.0392. Found 520.0404.



4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

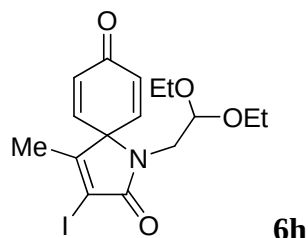
White solid (53% yield), following general procedure **2**, method **A**. M.p. 176-178 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.39 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.7, 167.6, 157.6, 144.0, 136.2, 132.6, 130.2, 129.1, 129.0, 99.1, 98.7, 71.0, 63.1, 45.2, 15.2; MS (ESI) 536 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{21}H_{21}ClINaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 536.0096. Found 536.0105.



1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

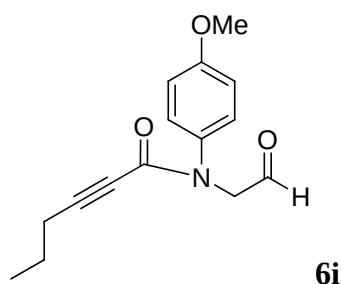
Yellow solid (51% yield), following general procedure **2**, method **A**. M.p. 89-91 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.34 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 184.2, 168.0, 150.2, 145.2, 132.6, 132.4,

129.8, 129.5, 127.4, 99.2, 93.5, 69.7, 63.4, 44.7, 15.2; MS (ESI) 508 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{19}H_{20}INaNO_4S$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 508.0050. Found 508.0056.



1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-4-methyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

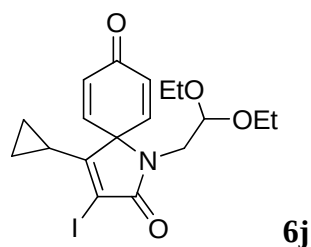
Pale yellow solid (47% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 94-96 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.50 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.37 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.9, 167.7, 156.9, 145.0, 132.1, 99.0, 95.8, 70.8, 62.8, 45.1, 15.2, 15.0; MS (ESI) 440 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{16}H_{20}INaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 440.0329. Found 440.0341.



N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-oxoethyl)hex-2-ynamide

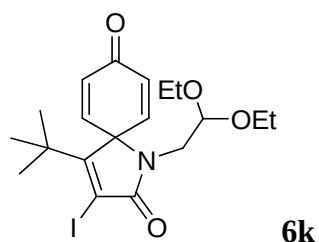
Pale yellow oil (79% yield), following general procedure 3. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.09 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.37-1.25 (m, 2H), 0.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 196.1, 159.3, 155.0, 134.8, 129.2, 114.3, 95.4, 74.3, 58.8, 55.5, 20.9, 20.7, 13.1; MS (ESI) 260 ($[M+H]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For

$C_{15}H_{18}NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): 260.1281. Found 260.1284.



4-Cyclopropyl-1-(2,2-diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

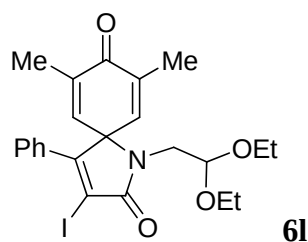
Pale yellow solid (35% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 72-74 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.50 (s, 4H), 4.82 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.31 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.38-1.26 (m, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 0.99-0.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 184.1, 167.9, 158.9, 145.1, 132.0, 99.0, 88.0, 71.4, 62.8, 44.8, 15.0, 11.1, 7.6; MS (ESI) 466 ($[M+Na]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{18}H_{22}INaNO_4$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 466.0486. Found 466.0490.



4-(tert-Butyl)-1-(2,2-diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

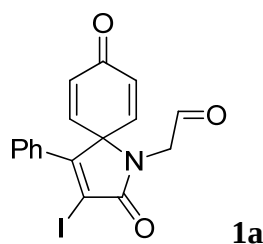
Modified general procedure 2, method A, N-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynamide (1.39 g, 4.0 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 135 mL, ICl (408 μ L, 8.0 mmol) in 80 mL CH_2Cl_2 , stirred for 30 min, then the solution was slowly warmed to room temperature for 12h, quenched with saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 solution and extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:PE, 1:3) to afford the product as a pale yellow

solid (380 mg, 28% yield); M.p. 148-150 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.50 (s, 4H), 4.82 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.2, 168.2, 166.1, 145.0, 132.2, 99.1, 96.1, 70.5, 63.3, 43.9, 36.0, 28.4, 15.2; MS (ESI) 482 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{INaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 482.0799. Found 482.0801.



1-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)-3-iodo-7,9-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione

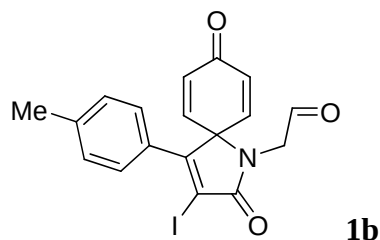
Pale yellow solid (54% yield), following general procedure 2, method A. M.p. 153-155 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 4.80 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.41 (m, 2H), 3.26 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.3, 167.8, 160.0, 139.0, 138.8, 132.2, 129.6, 128.3, 127.5, 99.4, 96.9, 71.5, 63.0, 45.1, 16.0, 15.3; MS (ESI) 530 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{INaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 530.0799. Found 530.0798.



2-(3-Iodo-2,8-dioxo-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

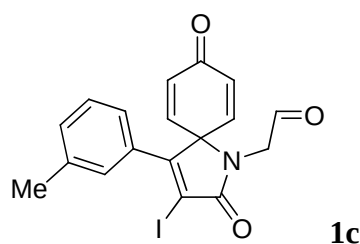
Pale yellow solid (86% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 93-95 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 194.9, 183.5, 167.5, 159.3, 143.1, 133.0, 131.6, 130.2, 128.6, 127.5, 96.9, 70.1, 50.5; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2919, 1694, 1667, 1628, 1383, 1112, 1059, 724, 698; MS (ESI) 406 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 405.9935. Found 405.9939.



2-(3-Iodo-2,8-dioxo-4-(p-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

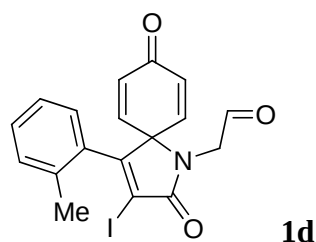
White solid (96% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 163-164 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.21 (m, 4H), 6.63 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 183.6, 167.6, 159.2, 143.3, 140.5, 132.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 96.3, 70.0, 50.5, 21.3; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2921, 2854, 1733, 1699, 1667, 1627, 1507, 1386, 1060, 998, 873, 823, 749; MS (ESI) 420 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_3$ 420.0091 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$). Found 420.0083.



2-(3-Iodo-2,8-dioxo-4-(m-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

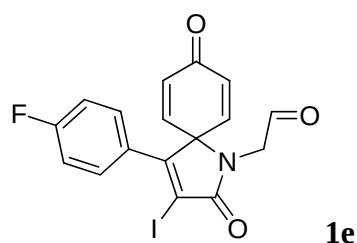
White solid (72% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 80-82 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.9, 183.6, 167.6, 159.6, 143.2, 138.4, 132.9, 131.5, 131.0, 128.5, 128.1, 124.5, 96.7, 70.1, 50.5, 21.3; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2922, 2854, 1733, 1700, 1668, 1629, 1507, 1385, 1061, 874, 823, 750; MS (ESI) 420 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS

(MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{18}H_{15}INO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): 420.0091. Found 420.0105.



2-(3-Iodo-2,8-dioxo-4-(o-tolyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

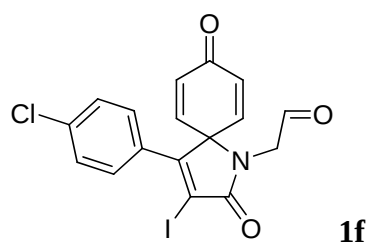
White solid (67% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 210-211 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 198.3, 183.8, 167.4, 160.0, 144.2, 144.0, 135.5, 132.5, 132.0, 131.0, 130.4, 129.4, 128.4, 125.2, 100.8, 71.7, 50.9, 19.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2921, 1738, 1700, 1663, 1626, 1423, 1381, 1115, 1059, 741, 700; MS (ESI) 420 ($[M+H]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $C_{18}H_{15}INO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): 420.0091. Found 420.0101.



2-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-iodo-2,8-dioxo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

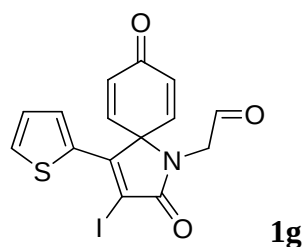
White solid (96% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 186-188 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.7, 183.4, 167.4, 163.5 (d, J = 250.7 Hz), 158.3, 143.1, 133.1, 129.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 127.6 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 97.5, 70.1, 50.6; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2920, 2127, 1706, 1663, 1627, 1503, 1383, 1231, 1159, 1062, 843; MS (ESI) 478 ($[M+CH_3OH+Na]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $C_{18}H_{15}FINaNO_4$ ($[M+CH_3OH$

+Na]⁺): 477.9922. Found 477.9918.



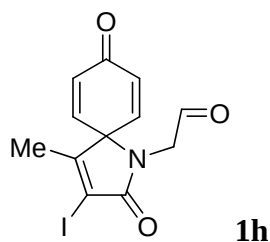
2-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-iodo-2,8-dioxo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

White solid (82% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 180-181 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 182.3, 167.2, 158.0, 142.9, 136.2, 133.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 97.6, 69.9, 50.5; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2912, 1704, 1668, 1626, 1385, 1091; MS (ESI) 440 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₁₇H₁₂ClINO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 439.9567. Found 439.9562.



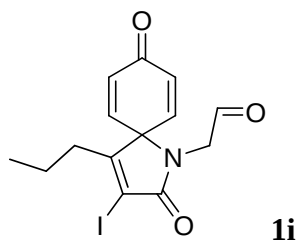
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Yellow solid (81% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 165-167 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 183.6, 167.4, 150.3, 144.2, 132.6, 132.1, 129.8, 129.6, 127.4, 91.8, 68.6, 49.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2919, 1665, 1628, 1383, 1062, 711; MS (ESI) 410 ([M-H]⁻); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₁₅H₁₁INO₃S ([M+H]⁺): 411.9499. Found 411.9514.



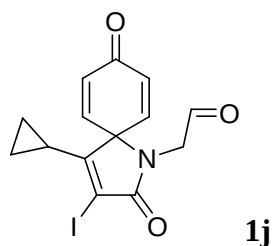
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Pale yellow solid (96% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 92-94 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 4H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.3, 183.5, 167.4, 157.8, 143.7, 132.8, 94.9, 70.0, 50.6, 15.3; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2923, 1733, 1690, 1665, 1626, 1387, 1063; MS (ESI) 344 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (ESI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}_3$ 343.9778 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$). Found 343.9785.



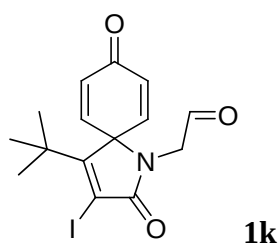
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White solid (54% yield), following general procedure 2, method B. M.p. 150-152 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.55 (s, 1H), 6.53-6.45 (m, 4H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 183.8, 167.6, 161.2, 143.6, 132.9, 95.4, 70.2, 50.6, 31.5, 21.6, 14.2; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2926, 2853, 1699, 1667, 1626, 1414, 1385, 1307, 1058, 850; MS (ESI) 372 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 372.0091. Found 372.0103.



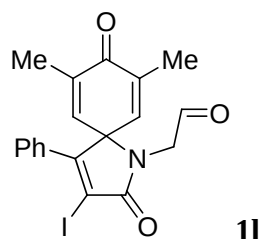
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Yellow solid (81% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 166-168 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (s, 1H), 6.55-6.48 (m, 4H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 1.38-1.36 (m, 3H), 1.02-0.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 183.9, 167.8, 160.2, 144.1, 132.9, 88.0, 70.5, 50.4, 11.9, 8.0; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2921, 2857, 1737, 1699, 1666, 1627, 1414, 1384, 1308, 1058, 1110; MS (ESI) 368 ([M-H]⁻); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₁₄H₁₃INO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 369.9935. Found 369.9938.



2-(4-(tert-Butyl)-3-iodo-2,8-dioxo-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)acetaldehyde

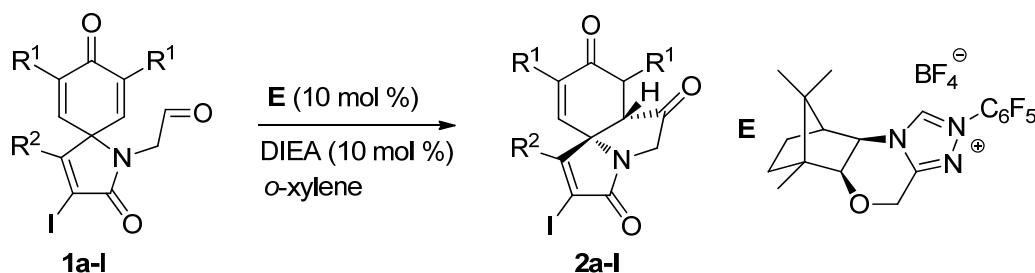
Pale yellow solid (67% yield), following general procedure 3. M.p. 187-189 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 183.8, 167.8, 166.9, 144.3, 132.2, 95.2, 69.6, 49.2, 36.0, 28.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2944, 2866, 1723, 1694, 1664, 1625, 1417, 1390, 1307, 1052, 1009, 878, 850, 796, 750; MS (ESI) 384 ([M-H]⁻); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₁₅H₁₇INO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 386.0248. Found 386.0256.



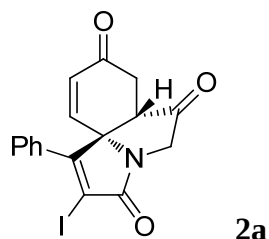
**2-(3-Iodo-7,9-dimethyl-2,8-dioxo-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-1-yl)
acetaldehyde**

Off white solid (96% yield), following general procedure **3**. M.p. 214-216 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 1.85 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 184.9, 167.3, 160.3, 140.0, 137.5, 131.8, 129.8, 128.4, 127.3, 95.8, 70.5, 50.3, 15.8; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2920, 2838, 1729, 1692, 1668, 1638, 1388, 1037, 913, 756, 699; MS (ESI) 434 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) mass calcd. For C₁₉H₁₇INO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 434.0248. Found 434.0255.

General procedure for desymmetrization of cyclohexadienones via intramolecular Stetter reaction

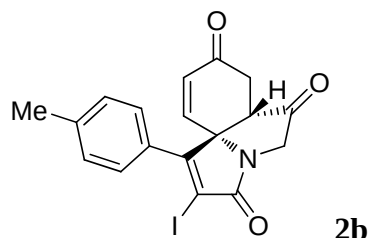


A flame-dried Schlenk tube was cooled to room temperature and filled with argon. To this flask were added triazolium salt **E** (9.7 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), *o*-xylene (2.0 mL), DIEA (3.3 uL, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 20 minutes. The substrate (0.2 mmol) was then added. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product.



(6aS,10aR)-2-Iodo-1-phenyl-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

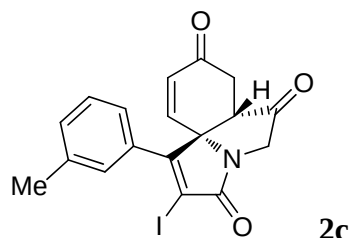
White solid, 81% yield, 91% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.7 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 22.9 min, t (minor) = 30.4 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +94$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 225°C (decomposed). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.20 (d, $J = 9.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 4.45 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.63 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.8, 192.5, 169.5, 164.4, 143.2, 133.7, 132.4, 130.2, 129.1, 127.1, 97.5, 72.4, 50.9, 50.1, 32.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2922, 1765, 1707, 1682, 1632, 1382, 1346, 1255, 1098, 765, 696; MS (ESI) 406 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 405.9935. Found: 405.9947.



(6aS,10aR)-2-Iodo-1-(p-tolyl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

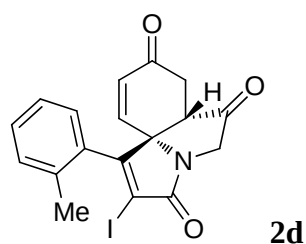
White solid, 55% yield, 80% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 26.4 min, t (minor) = 34.9 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +62$ ($c = 0.2$, CHCl_3). M.p. $174\text{--}176^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (d, $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.63 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.24 (d, $J = 9.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 4.47 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 18.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.96 (d, $J = 17.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.86 (d, $J = 5.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.16 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.9, 192.6, 169.7, 164.6, 143.4, 140.6, 133.7, 129.8, 129.4,

127.0, 97.0, 72.5, 51.2, 50.2, 32.8, 21.4; IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2921, 1766, 1633, 1381, 1078, 778, 694; MS (ESI) 420 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 420.0091. Found: ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 420.0103.



(6aS,10aR)-2-Iodo-1-(m-tolyl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

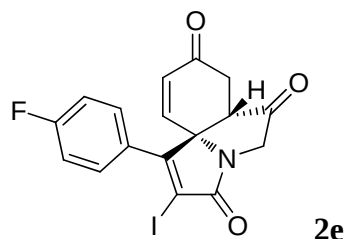
Pale yellow solid, 60% yield, 71% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 24.7 min, t (minor) = 30.1 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +75$ ($c = 0.2$, CHCl_3). M.p. 176-178 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 10.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.22 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 4.47 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.97 (d, $J = 18.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.87 (d, $J = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.8, 192.6, 169.7, 164.8, 143.3, 139.0, 133.7, 132.4, 131.1, 129.1, 127.6, 124.1, 97.3, 72.5, 51.1, 50.2, 32.8, 21.4; IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2922, 2853, 1768, 1672, 1634, 1382, 1256, 1092, 777, 691; MS (ESI) 420 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 420.0091. Found: 420.0106.



(6aS,10aR)-2-Iodo-1-(o-tolyl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

White solid, 52% yield, 89% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t_{R} (major) = 22.8, 27.7 min, t_{R} (minor) = 34.9, 39.3 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +110$ ($c = 0.2$, CH_2Cl_2). M.p. 227-229 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz,

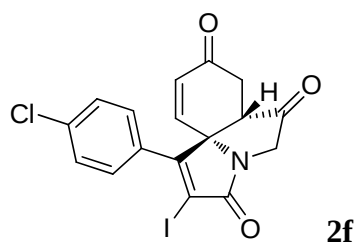
CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 2H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.49 (dd, J = 18.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.02 (dd, J = 17.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.65, 208.64, 208.37, 192.3, 192.2, 169.29, 169.27, 165.9, 164.9, 143.1, 135.3, 134.3, 133.8, 133.3, 131.8, 131.3, 131.2, 131.0, 130.2, 129.9, 127.6, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 99.65, 99.55, 73.4, 73.1, 51.3, 51.0, 50.2, 50.1, 32.9, 32.1, 20.0, 19.8; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2922, 1767, 1685, 1623, 1363, 1255, 1083, 986, 765, 693; MS (ESI) 420 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅INO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 420.0091. Found: 420.0102.



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-iodo-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

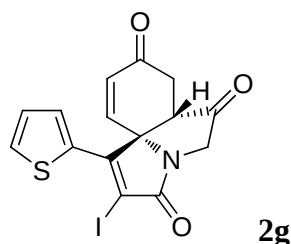
White solid, 55% yield, 84% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, ν = 0.8 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 30.3 min, t (minor) = 38.6 min]; [α]_D²⁰ = +128 (c = 0.1, CHCl₃). M.p. 195-197 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, J = 18.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, J = 18.0, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 192.2, 169.4, 163.5 (d, J = 251.0 Hz), 162.3, 143.1, 134.0, 129.4 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 116.6 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 98.2 (d, J = 0.7 Hz), 72.4 (d, J = 0.8 Hz), 51.1, 50.2, 32.7, 25.3; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 2921, 2853, 1765, 1707, 1638, 1504, 1382, 1346, 1232, 1160, 1099, 985, 848, 784, 697; MS (ESI) 424 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FINO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 423.9840.

Found: 423.9848.



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5*H*)-trione

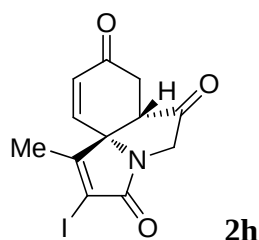
Pale yellow solid, 54% yield, 86% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane /2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 33.8 min, t (minor) = 42.3 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +105$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 107-109 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.26 (d, $J = 9.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.48 (d, $J = 18.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.00 (d, $J = 17.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.84 (d, $J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.16 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.4, 192.1, 169.3, 163.1, 142.9, 136.7, 134.1, 130.8, 129.7, 128.6, 98.4, 72.4, 51.2, 50.2, 32.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2920, 1767, 1683, 1633, 1428, 1380, 1092, 876, 615; MS (ESI) 440 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClINO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 439.9545. Found: 439.9557.



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-2-Iodo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5*H*)-trione

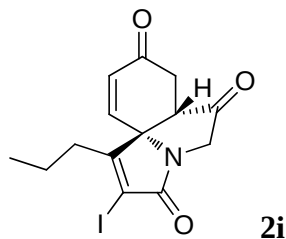
Yellow solid, 54% yield, 75% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 39.1 min, t (minor) = 64.9 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +70$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 201-202 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80

(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 10.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, $J = 19.2, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, $J = 18.4, 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.2, 192.9, 170.0, 155.6, 144.1, 134.6, 133.0, 130.2, 130.0, 127.9, 93.9, 72.2, 51.2, 50.0, 33.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2920, 2850, 1766, 1692, 1675, 1631, 1384, 1254, 1096, 712; MS (ESI) 412 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}_3\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 410.9499. Found: 411.9510.



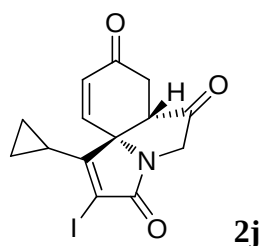
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White solid, 58% yield, 86% ee [Daicel Chiralpak IC, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 50.3 min, t (minor) = 69.9 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +182$ ($c = 0.2$, CHCl_3). M.p. 83-85 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.42 (dd, $J = 10.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dt, $J = 17.1, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.8, 192.4, 170.0, 163.0, 144.2, 133.8, 96.0, 71.8, 50.8, 50.2, 32.6, 17.1; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 2921, 2848, 1766, 1683, 1633, 1383, 1259, 1104; MS (ESI) 365 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{INaNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 365.9598. Found: 365.9603.



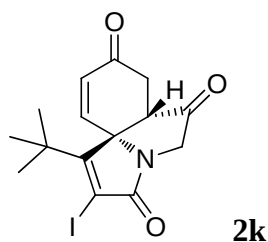
(6aS,10aR)-2-Iodo-1-propyl-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

Pale yellow solid, 60% yield, 85% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 19.4 min, t (minor) = 23.7 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +236$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 186-187 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.41 (dd, $J = 10.4, 1.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.28 (d, $J = 10.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J = 18.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.58 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.21 (dt, $J = 16.8, 4.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.77-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.9, 192.5, 169.9, 166.4, 144.2, 133.5, 96.2, 71.9, 50.7, 49.9, 32.84, 32.83, 21.7, 14.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2924, 1768, 1696, 1634, 1260, 1079, 778, 693; MS (ESI) 372 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 372.0091. Found: 372.0105.



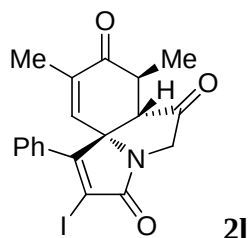
(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-Cyclopropyl-2-iodo-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5*H*)-trione

White solid, 85% yield, 88% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 25.2 min, t (minor) = 33.1 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +177$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 201-203 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.47 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.57 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.23 (d, $J = 17.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.89-2.77 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.05 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.1, 192.8, 170.3, 164.9, 144.6, 133.6, 87.6, 72.9, 51.0, 50.1, 32.8, 11.9, 8.2, 7.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2921, 1763, 1698, 1677, 1638, 1382, 1355, 1258, 1208, 1099, 1029, 779, 761, 714; MS (ESI) 370 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 369.9935. Found: 369.9942.



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-(tert-Butyl)-2-iodo-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

White solid, 75% yield, 94% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 23.4 min, t (minor) = 30.8 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +153$ ($c = 0.2$, CHCl_3). M.p. 203-205 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.50 (dd, $J = 10.5, 1.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J = 19.2, 0.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.50 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.23 (d, $J = 18.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.09-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.88 (d, $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.1, 192.9, 171.5, 169.8, 145.5, 132.9, 96.3, 73.3, 49.6, 48.8, 35.9, 35.0, 29.6; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 2921, 1766, 1703, 1676, 1382, 1250, 1088, 776, 694; MS (ESI) 386 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{INO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 386.0248. Found: 386.0260.

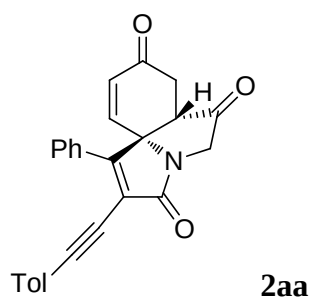
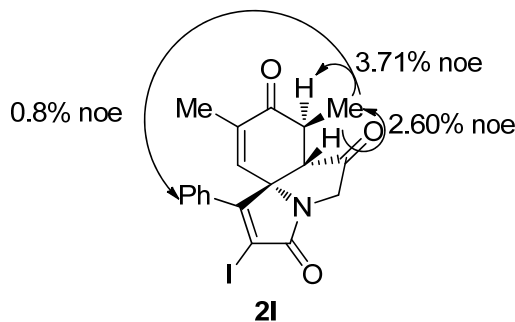


(6a*S*,7*S*,10a*R*)-2-Iodo-7,9-dimethyl-1-phenyl-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

White solid, 9% yield, 99% ee [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 22.0 min, t (minor) = 70.4 min]; M.p. 215-217 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 18.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.08 (q, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.41 (d, $J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 196.6, 169.4, 165.1, 140.5, 137.5, 133.4, 130.2, 129.0, 127.9, 98.4, 73.6, 57.6,

49.8, 37.9, 17.7, 16.7; IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ (cm⁻¹) = 2922, 1764, 1704, 1679, 1625, 1368, 1119, 758, 697; MS (ESI) 434 ([M+H]⁺); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇INO₃ ([M+H]⁺): 434.0248. Found: 434.0256.

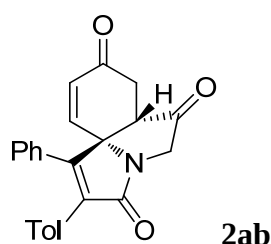
NOE experiment of **2l**:



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-Phenyl-2-(p-tolylethynyl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5*H*)-trione

Under argon, compound **2a** (40.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), CuI (5.7 mg, 0.03 mmol) and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (21.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Then Et₃N/toluene (2mL/2mL) and 4-ethynyltoluene (116.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 48h. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was filtrated over a pad of celite, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:PE, 1:2) affording compound **2aa** as a white solid (30 mg, 76% yield, 98% ee). [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, ν = 0.8 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 20.6 min, t (minor) = 28.0 min]; [α]_D²⁰ = +200 (c = 0.1, CHCl₃). M.p. 186-188 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76

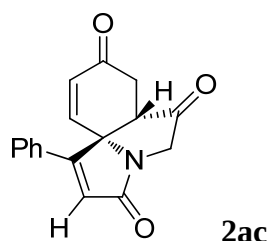
(d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.41-2.36 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 193.0, 169.9, 159.2, 145.0, 139.9, 133.6, 132.0, 131.8, 130.7, 129.2, 129.0, 127.6, 120.1, 118.7, 99.9, 80.0, 69.3, 51.3, 49.6, 33.3, 21.6; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 2918, 2850, 1767, 1717, 1693, 1637, 1413, 1385, 1342, 1211, 1084, 816, 767, 693; MS (ESI) 394 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 394.1438. Found: 394.1447.



(6a*S*,10a*R*)-1-Phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*i*]indole-3,6,8(5*H*)-trione
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Under argon, $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), PPh_3 (12.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), 4-tolylboronic acid (20.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), compound **2a** (40.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (27.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Benzene/ H_2O (5/1, 4.8 mL) was added, and the resulting heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 48 hours at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ($\text{EtOAc}:\text{PE}$, 1:2) to afford compound **2ab** as a white solid (36.0 mg, 97% yield, 98% ee). [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 21.2 min, t (minor) = 29.0 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +193$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. >250 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.20 (dd, $J = 18.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.0,

193.0, 172.0, 154.7, 145.0, 138.9, 134.1, 133.6, 132.7, 129.4, 129.19, 129.16, 129.0, 127.9, 126.8, 68.9, 51.3, 49.8, 33.0, 21.3; IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ (cm^{-1}): 2922, 2852, 1769, 1696, 1635, 1378, 1333, 1085, 775, 696; MS (EI, m/z , rel. intensity) 369 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 312 (56); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 369.1365. Found: 369.1364.



(6aS,10aR)-1-Phenyl-6a,7-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-i]indole-3,6,8(5H)-trione

$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (4 mL/1 mL) was added to a Schlenk tube containing compound **2a** (40.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) equipped with a stir bar, then 10% Pd/C (20 mg, 50% wt) was added. The vial was sealed up, and then it was evacuated and filled with hydrogen (three cycles). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 120h. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was filtrated over a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:PE, 1:2) to afford compound **2ac** as a white solid (26.0 mg, 64% yield, 99% ee). [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 60/40, $\nu = 0.8 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 43.6 min, t (minor) = 70.7 min]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +92$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3). M.p. 183-185 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54-7.43 (m, 5H), 6.75 (d, $J = 9.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 10.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 18.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.56 (d, $J = 19.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 19.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.82 (d, $J = 6.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 18.0, 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.1, 193.1, 172.4, 162.4, 145.3, 133.4, 131.7, 130.9, 129.3, 126.8, 124.1, 70.1, 51.1, 49.2, 33.4; IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2920, 2852, 1762, 1634, 1444, 1380, 1093, 768, 694; MS (EI, m/z , rel. intensity) 279 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 22), 251 (100), 223 (33), 167 (57); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 279.0895. Found: 279.0901.

X-ray of enantiopure (6aS,10aR)-**2a**

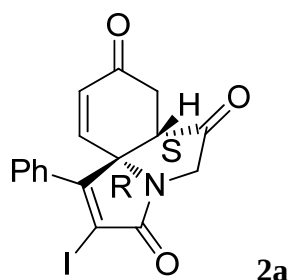
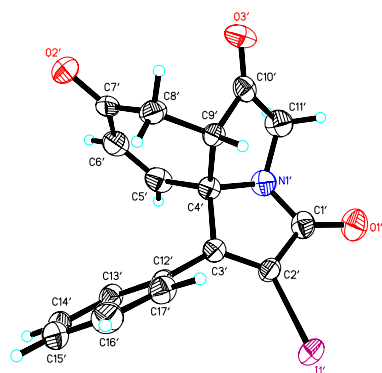
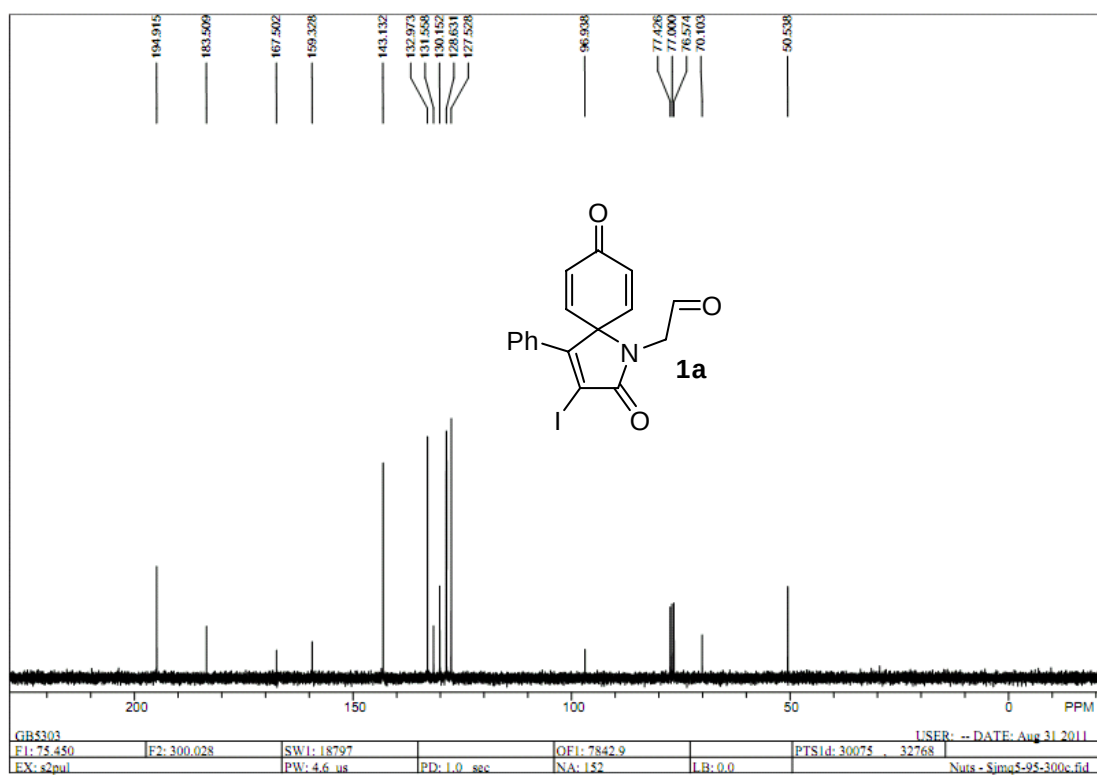
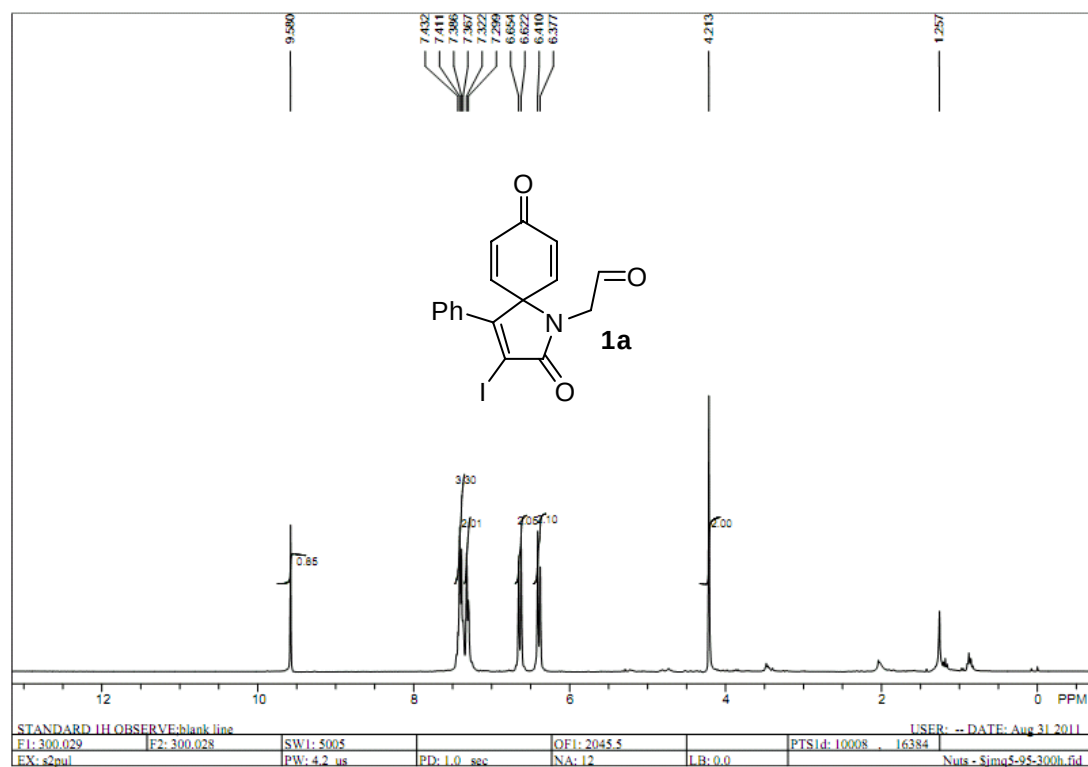
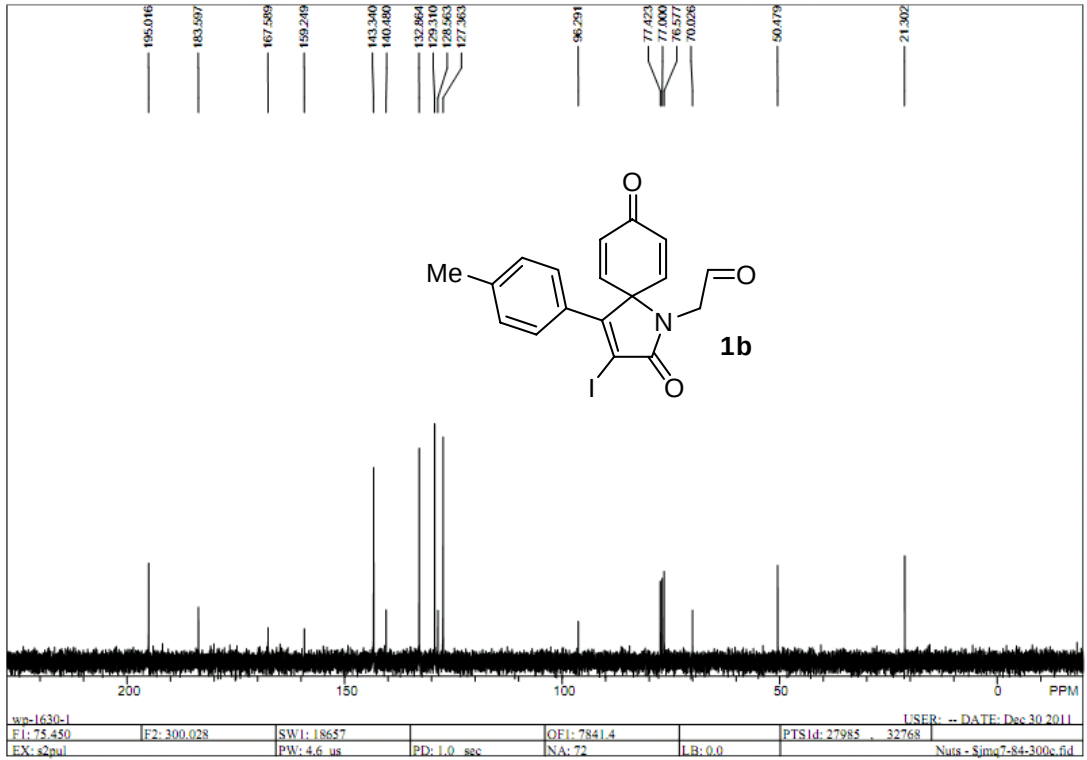
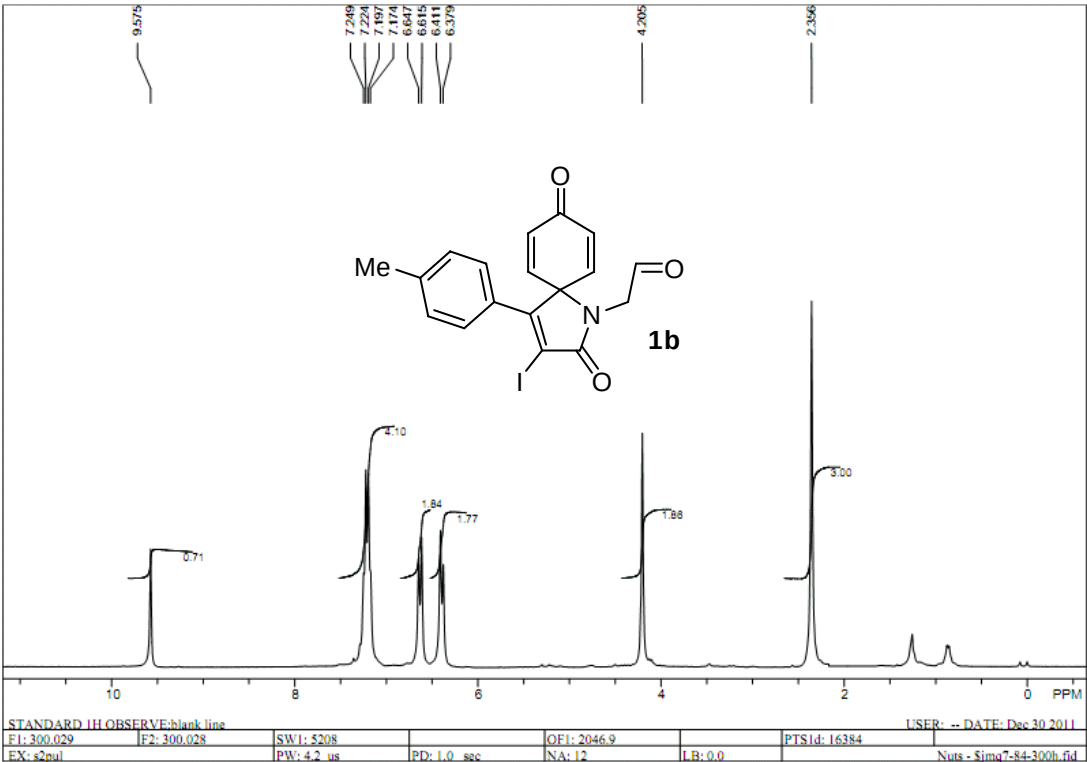


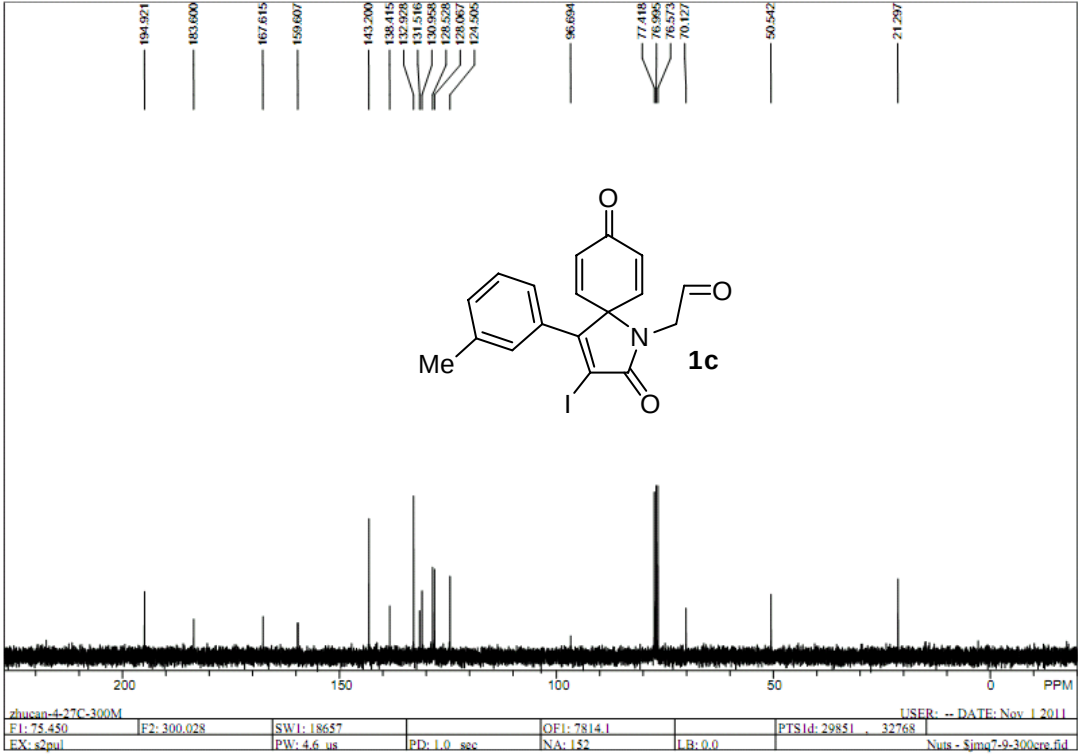
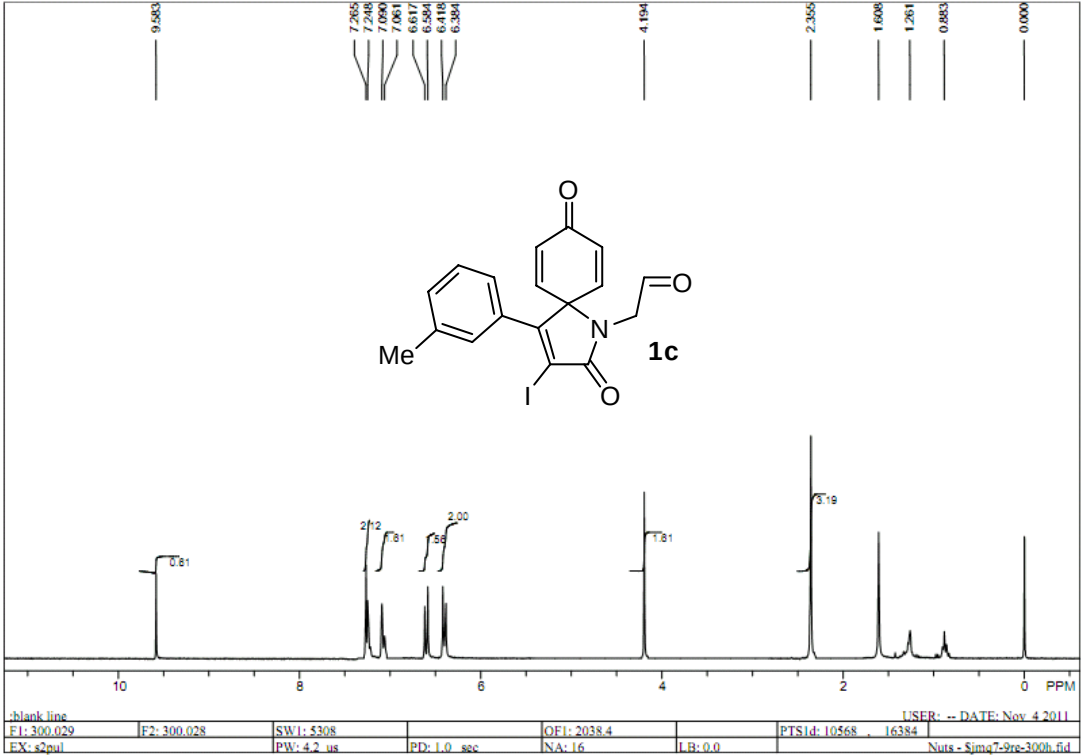
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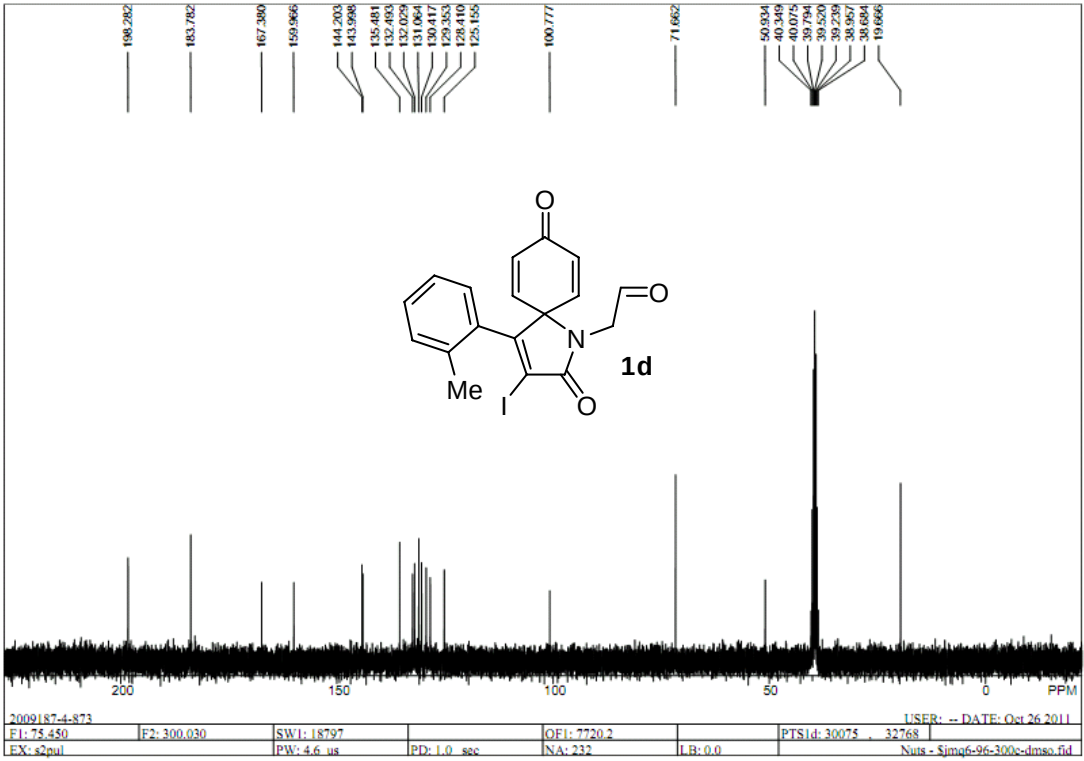
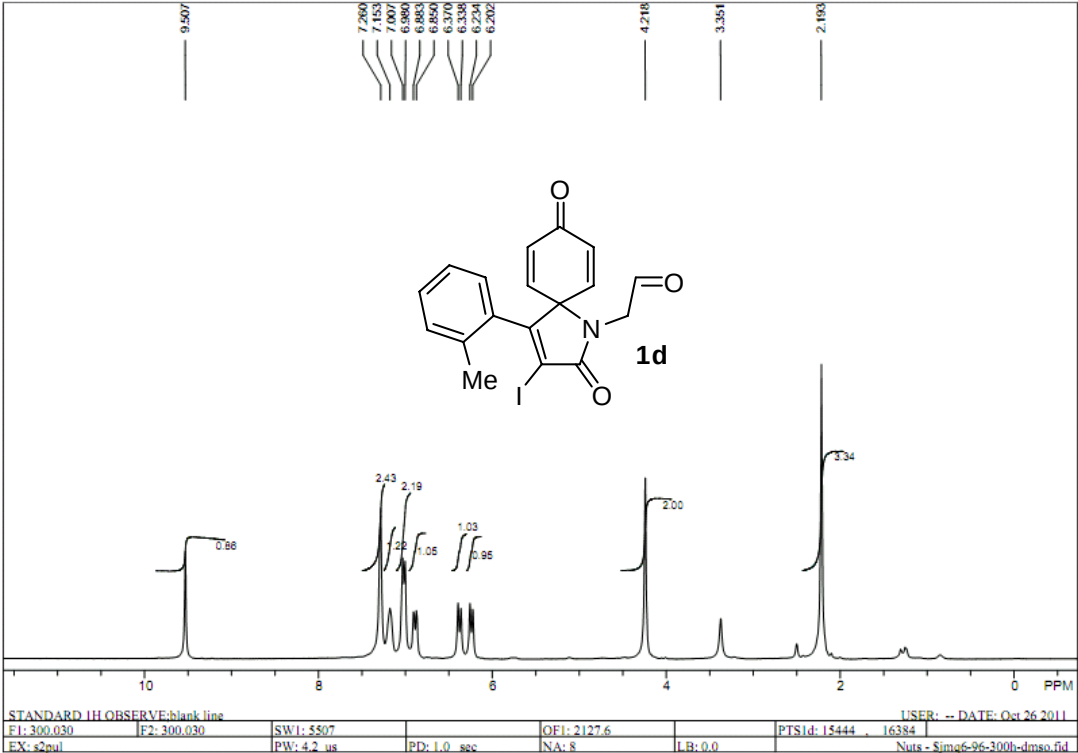
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Data / restraints / parameters	6087 / 0 / 397
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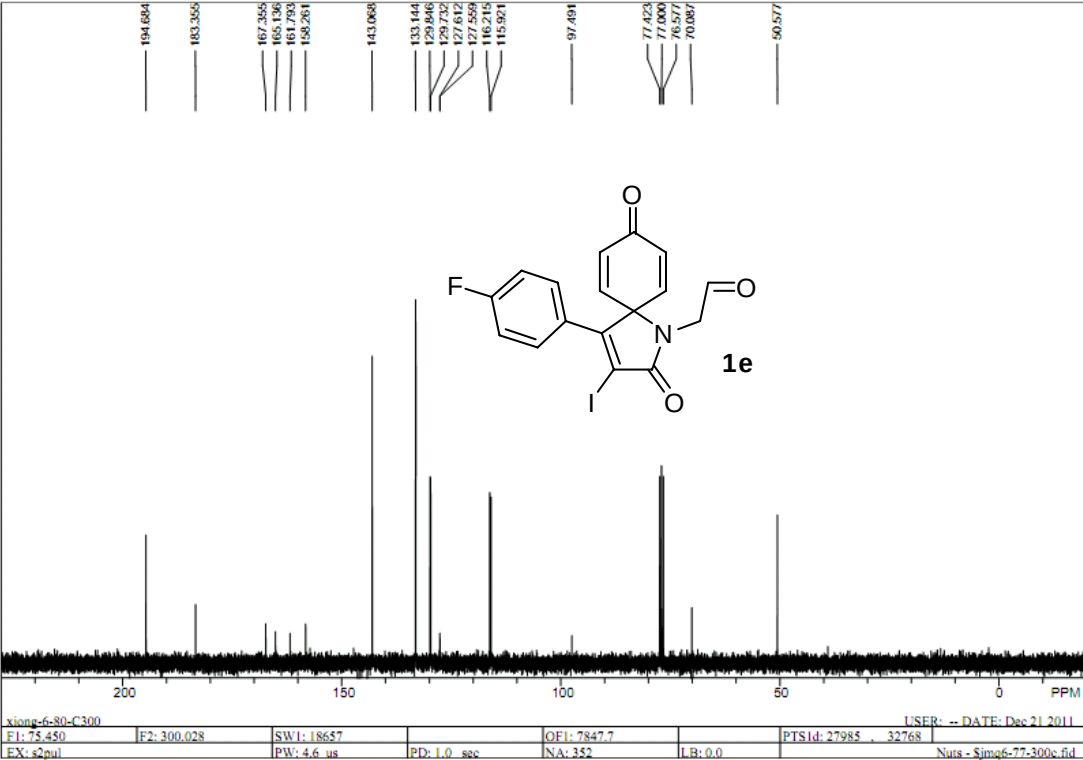
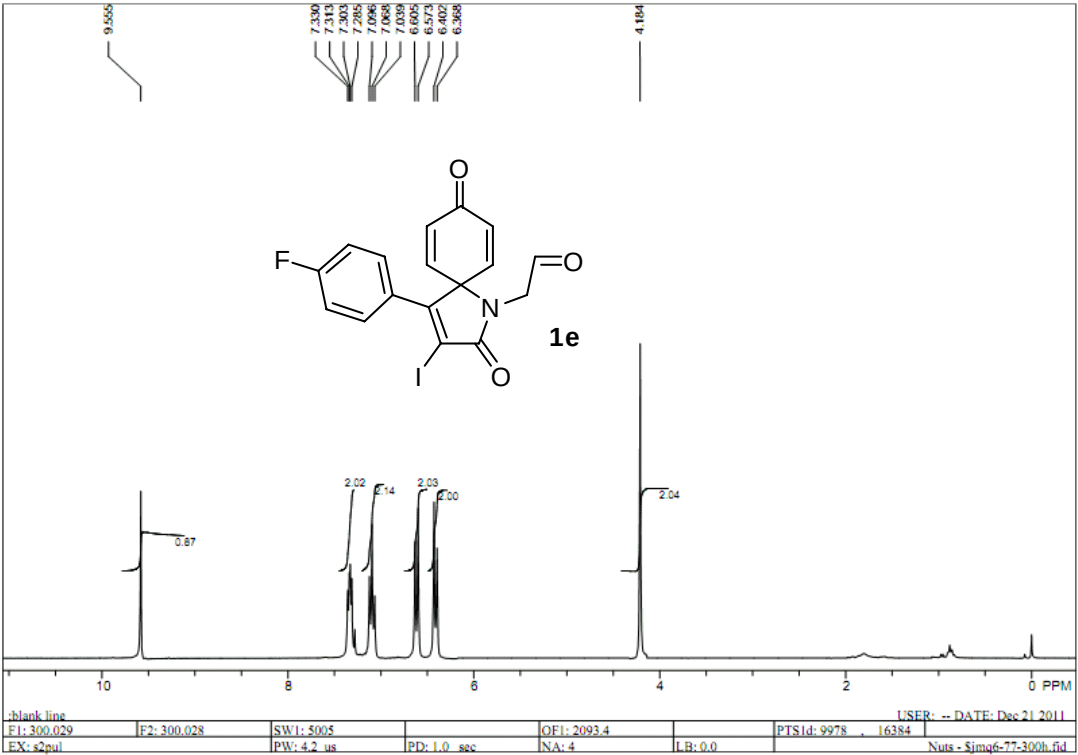
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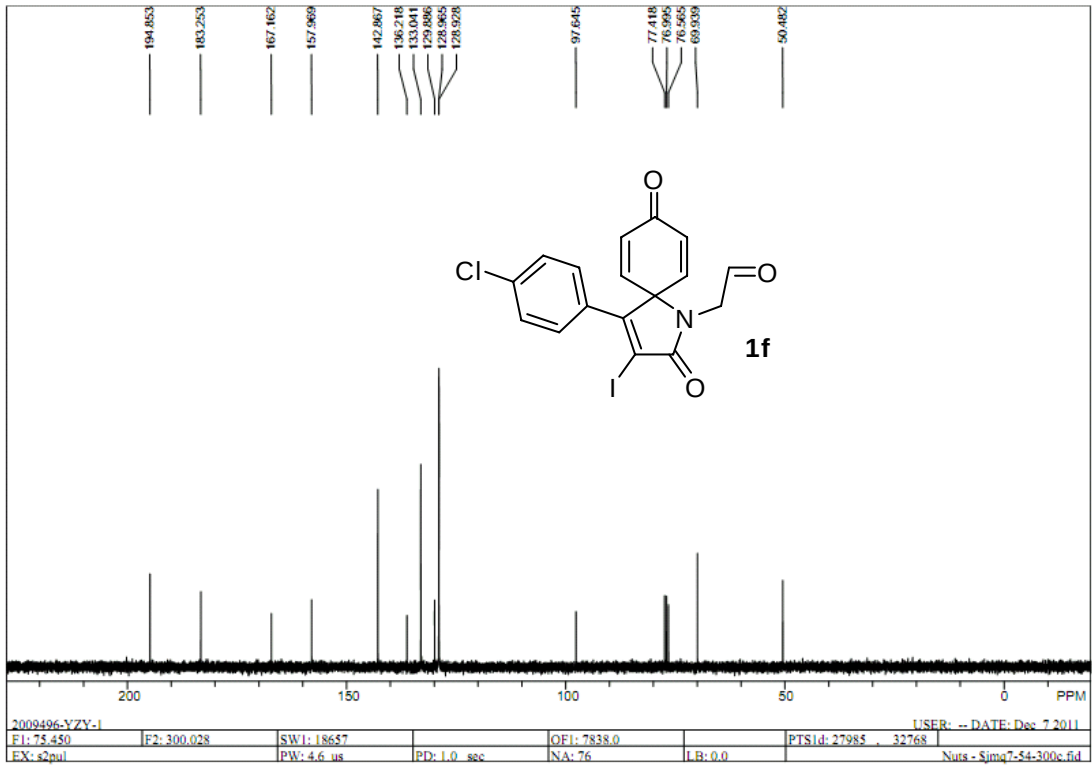
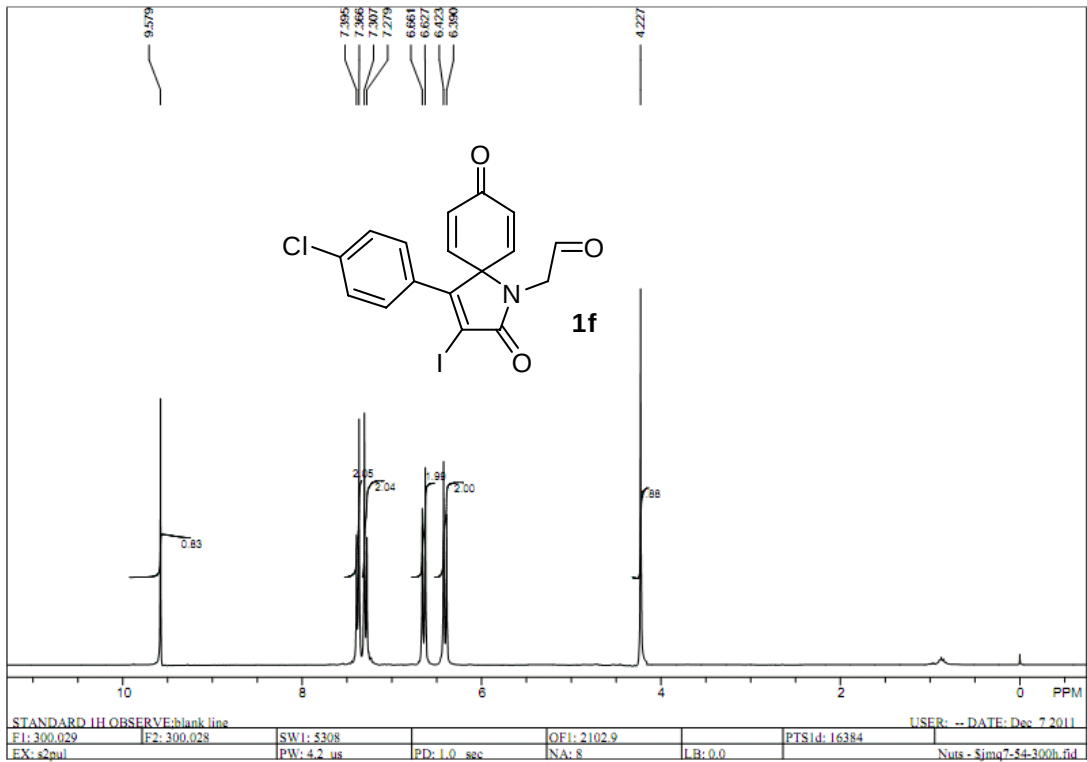


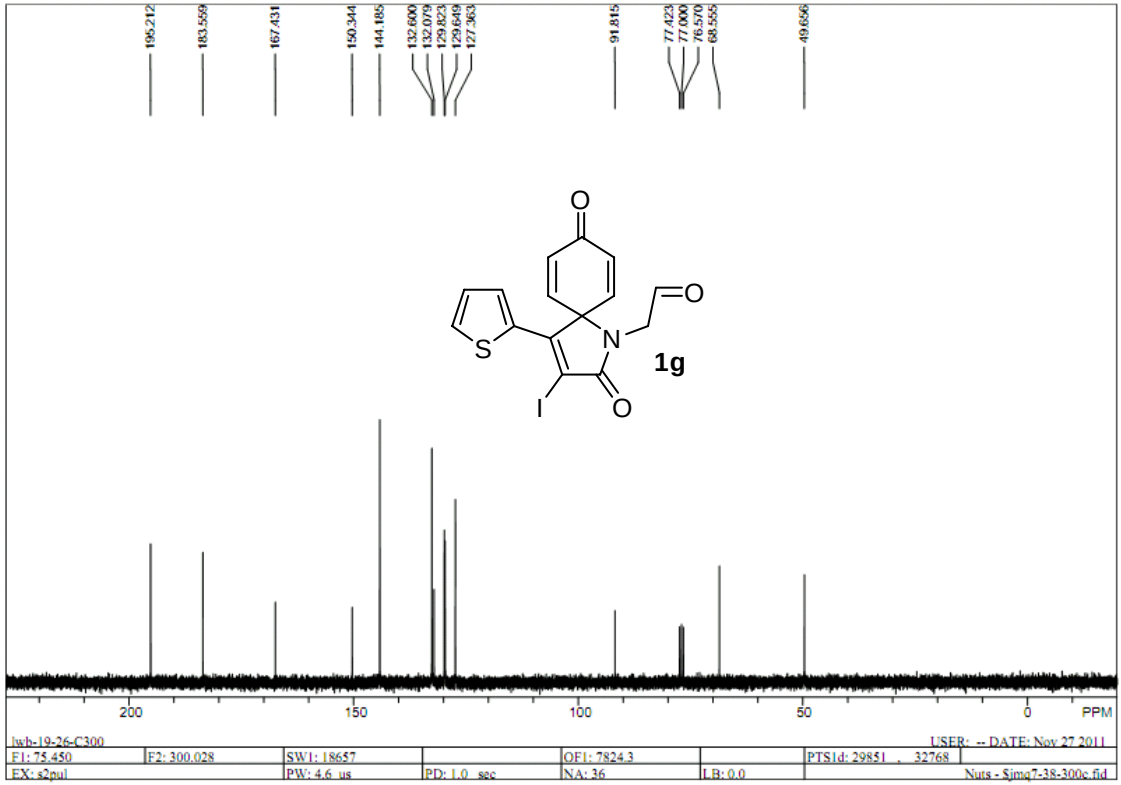
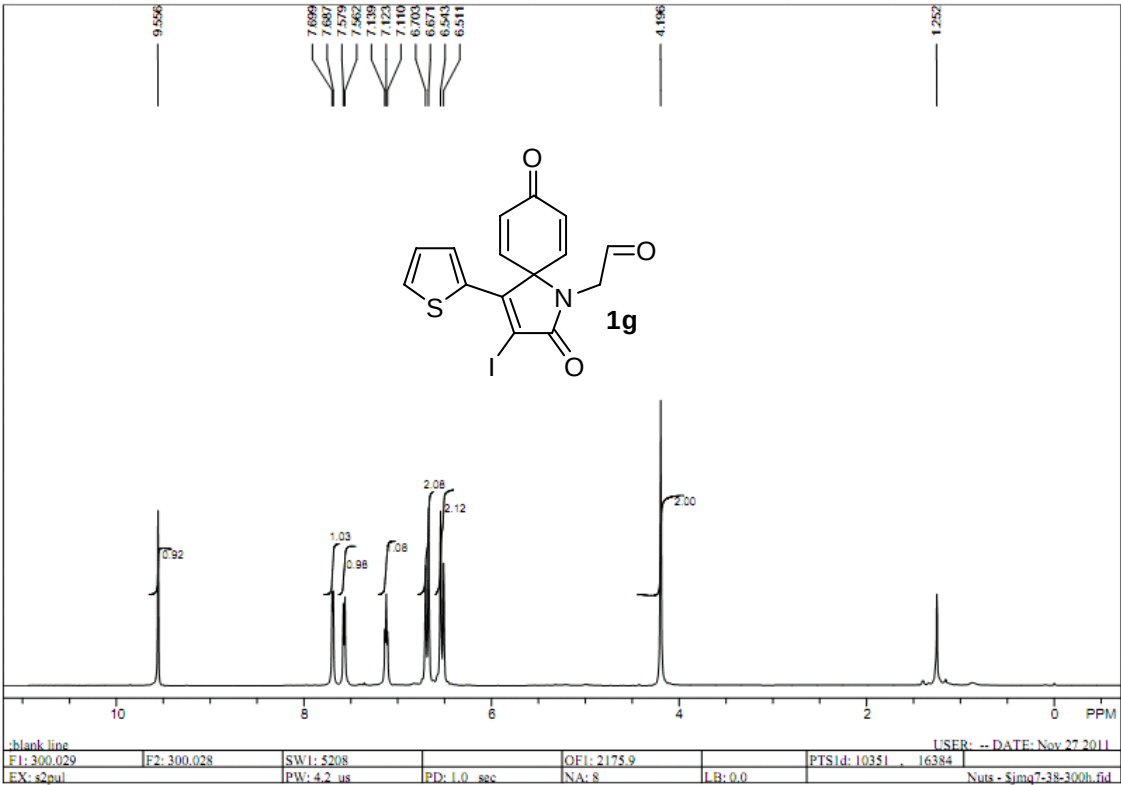


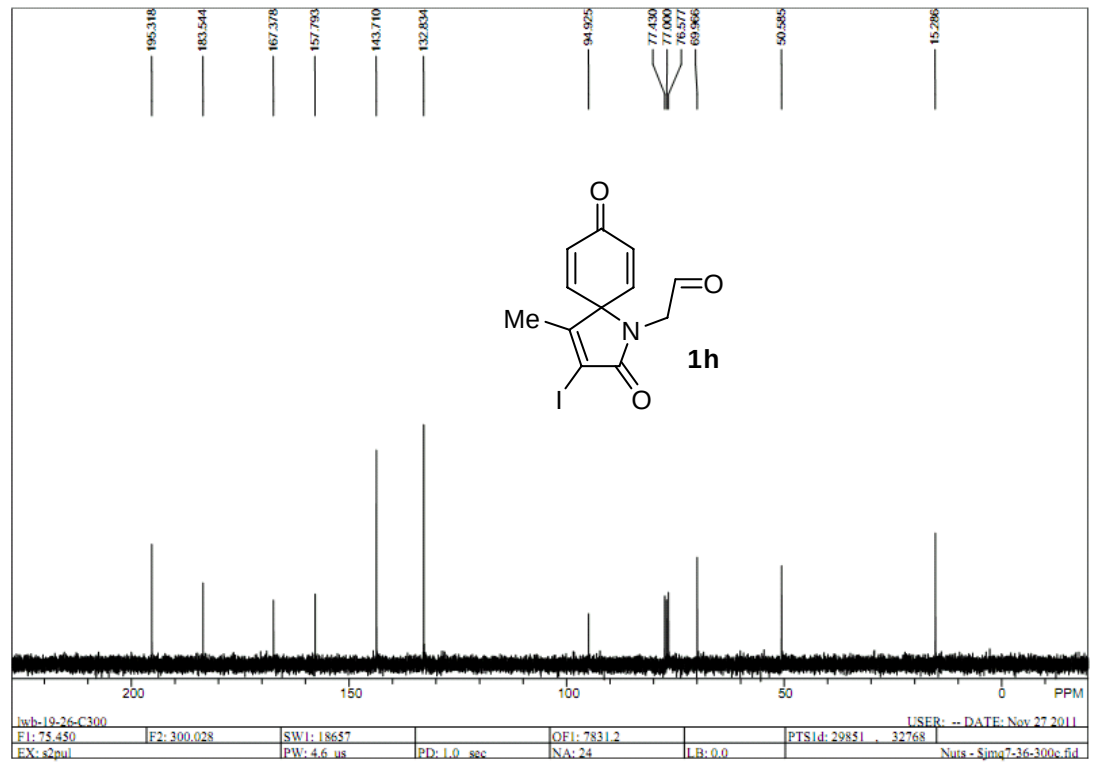
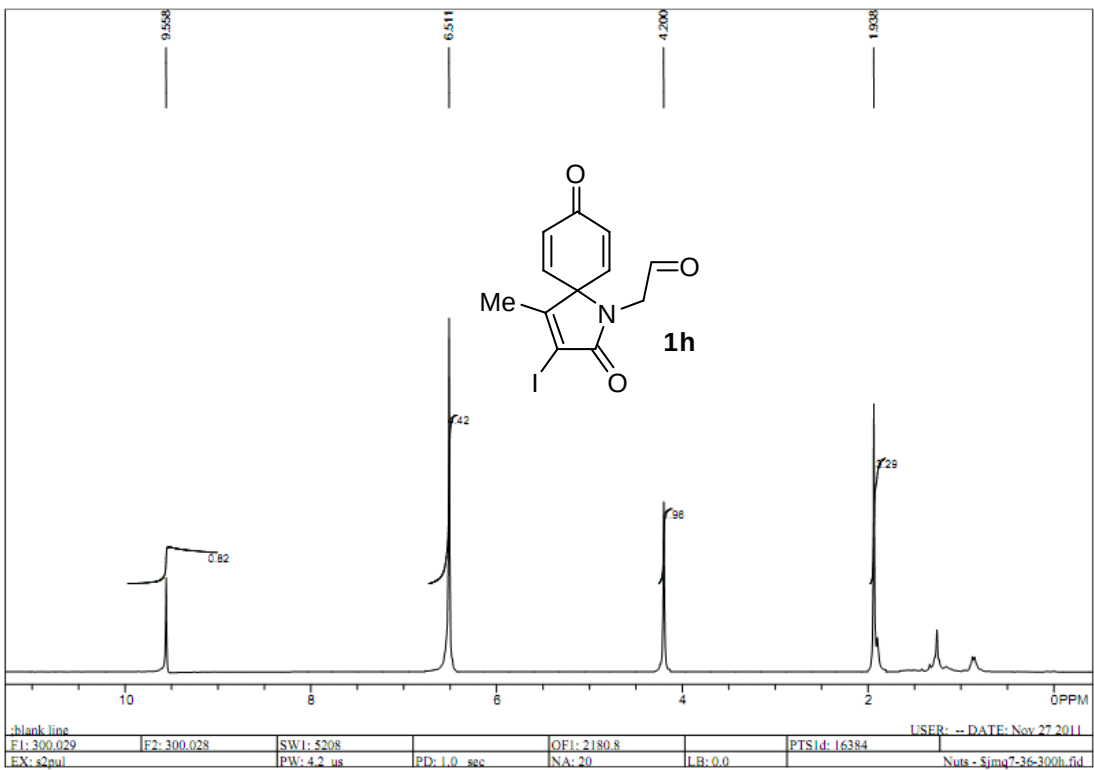


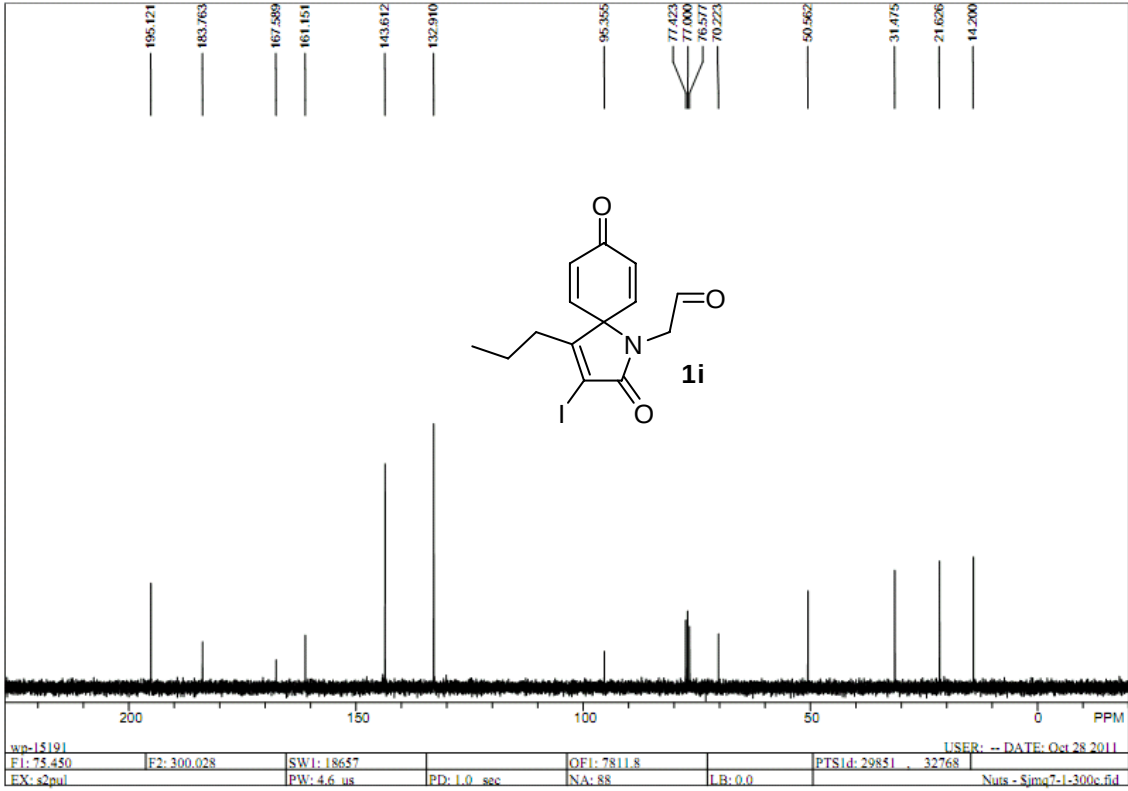
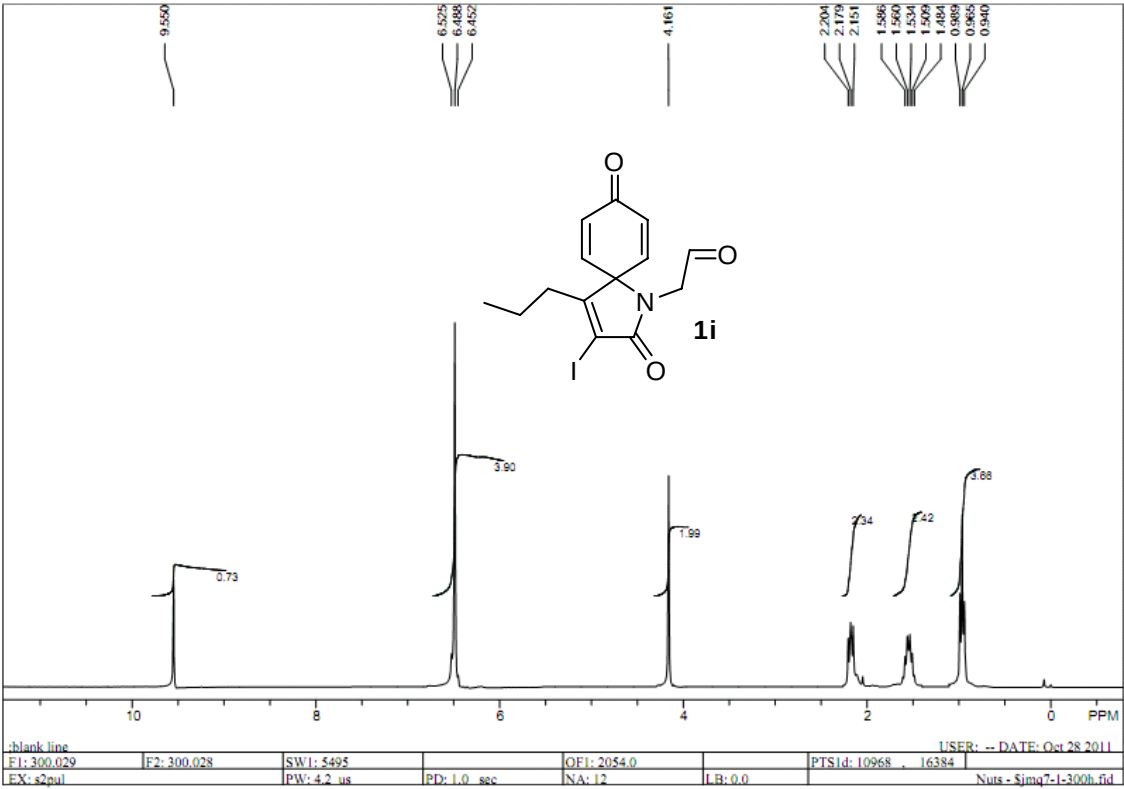


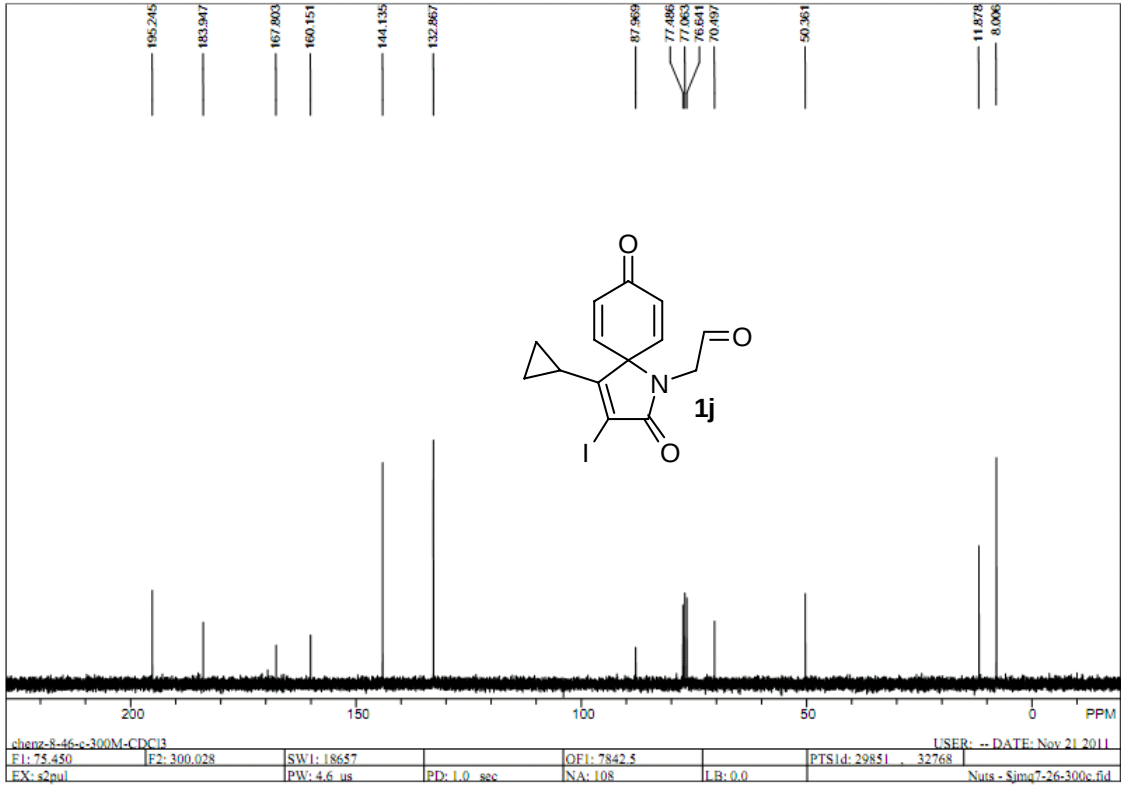
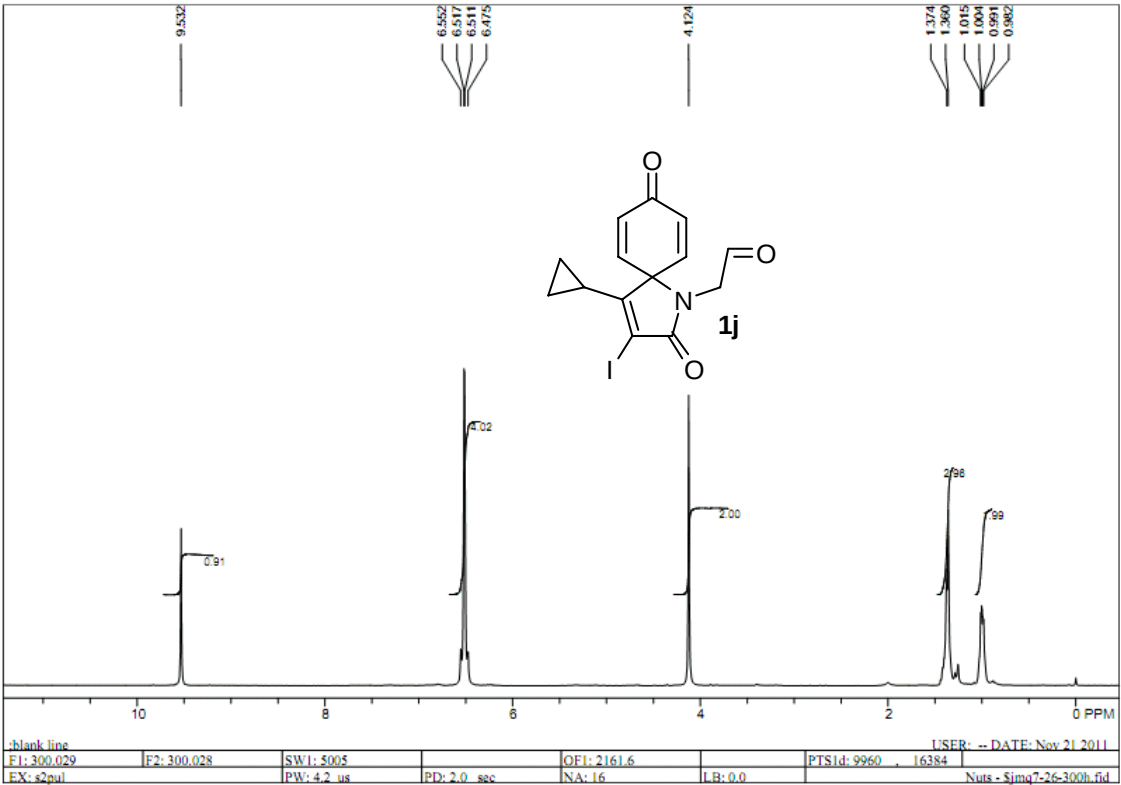


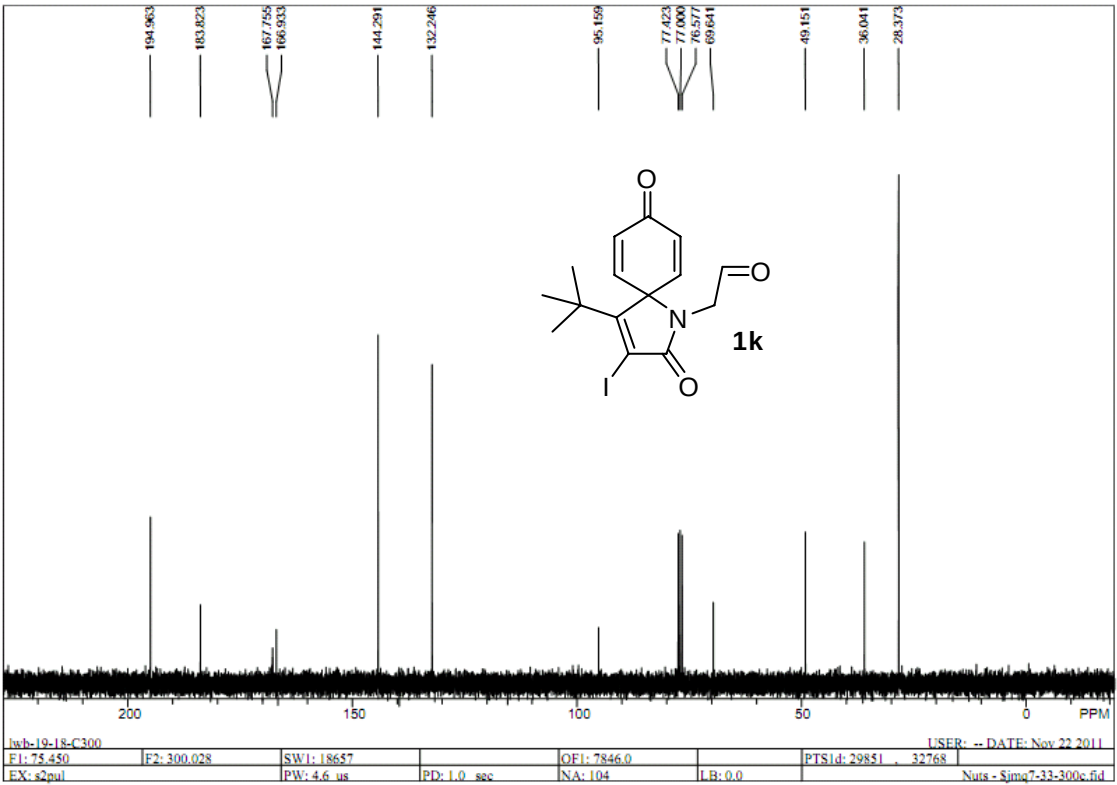
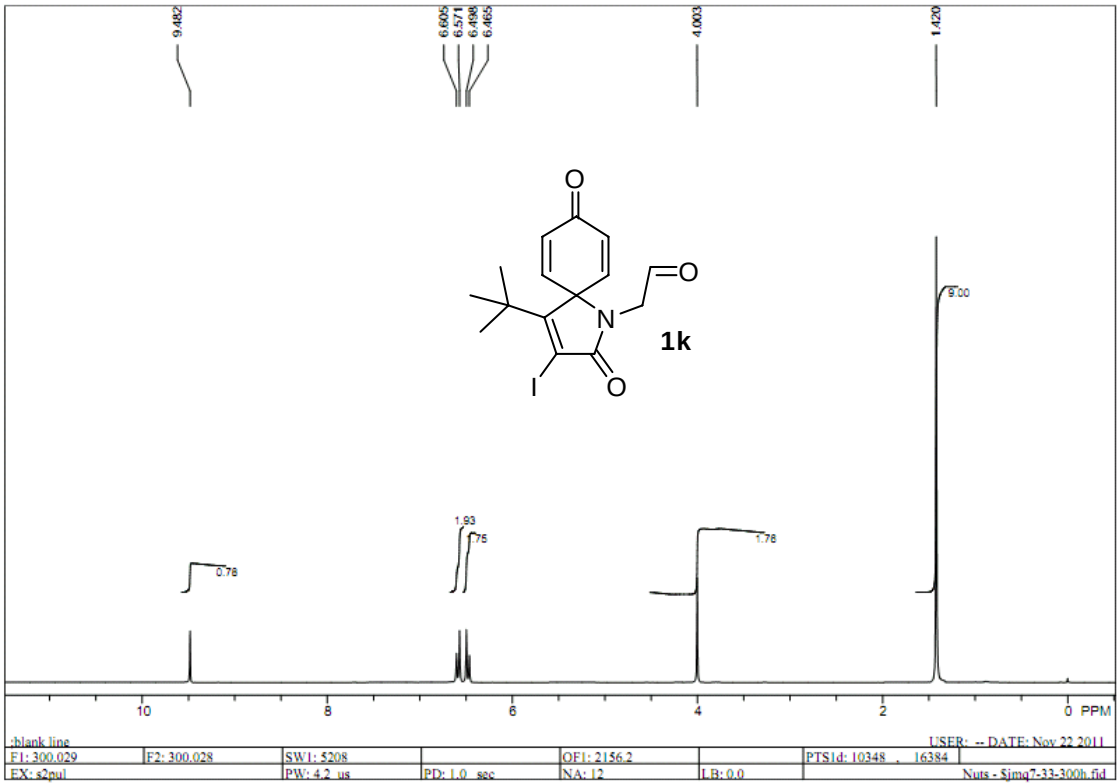


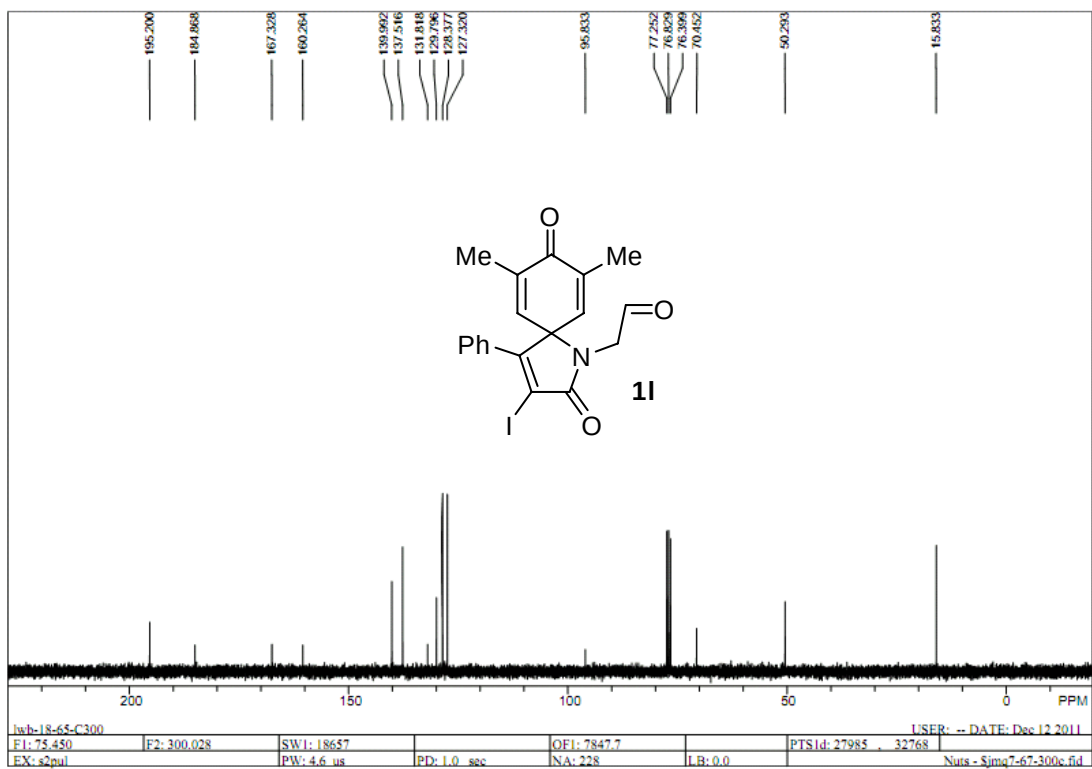
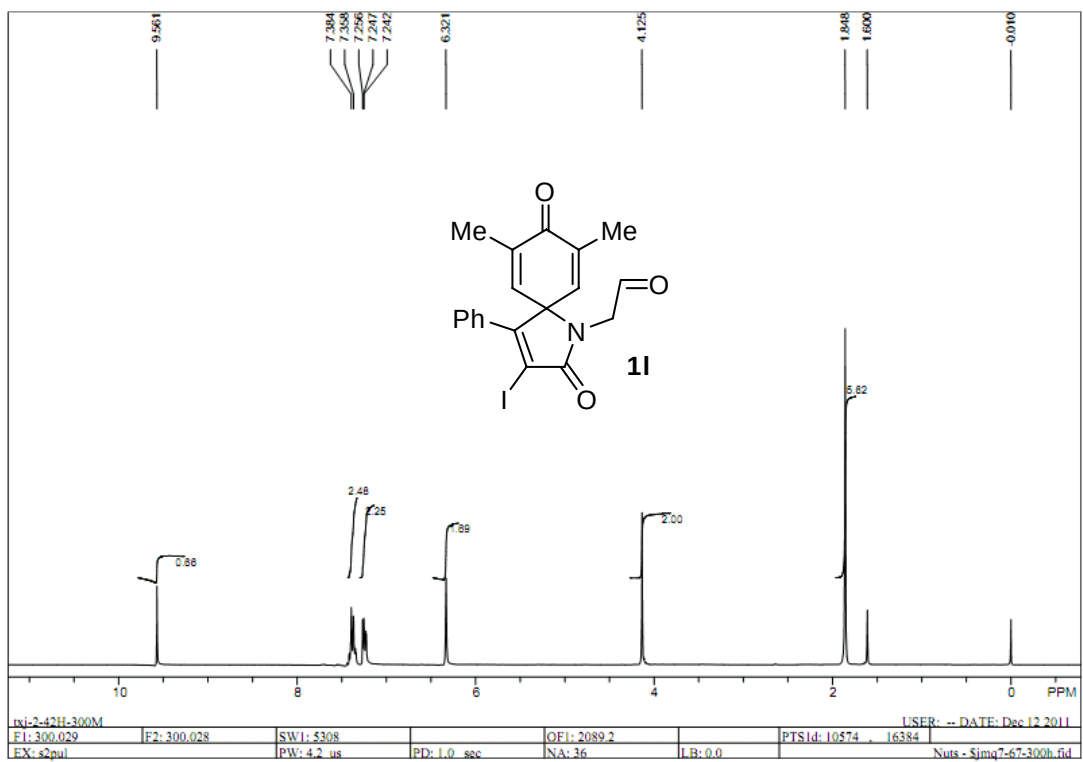


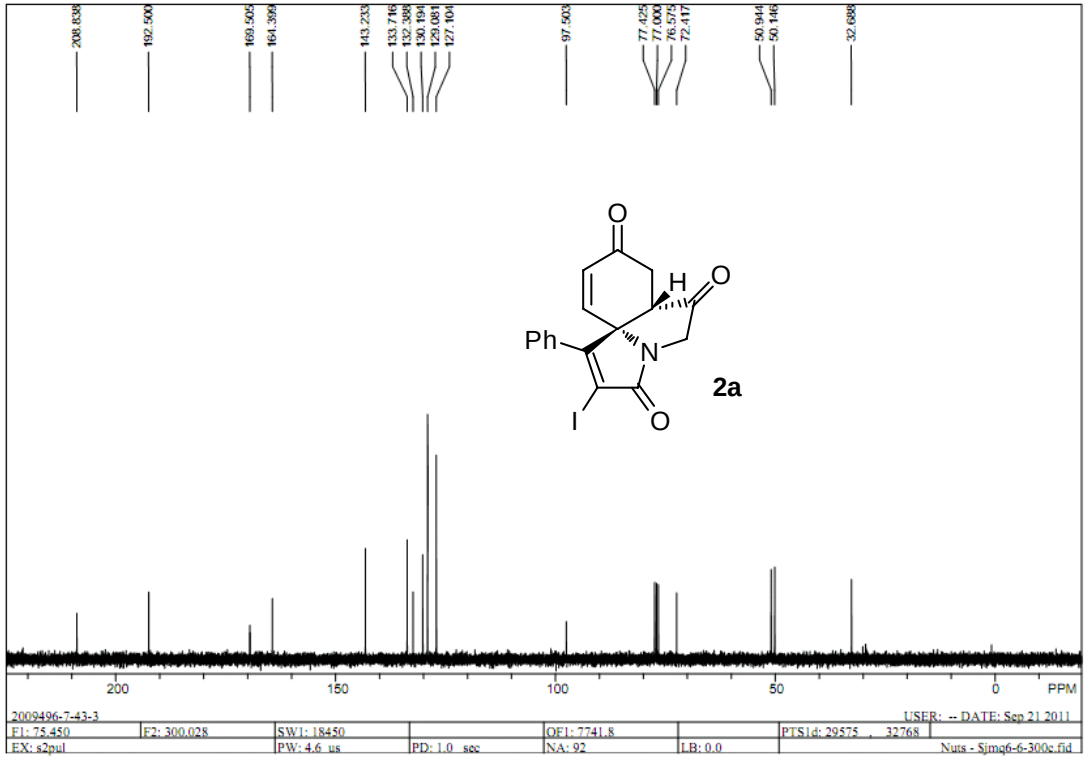
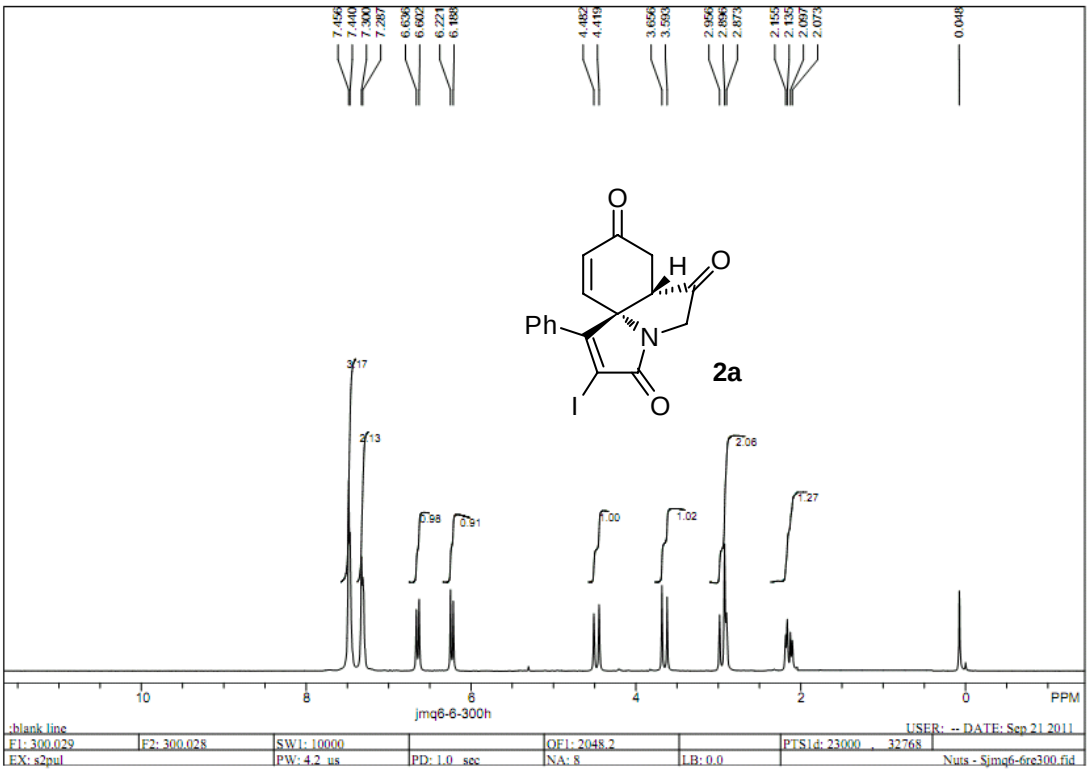


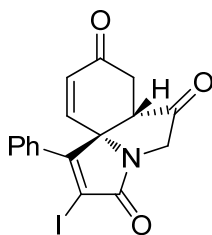




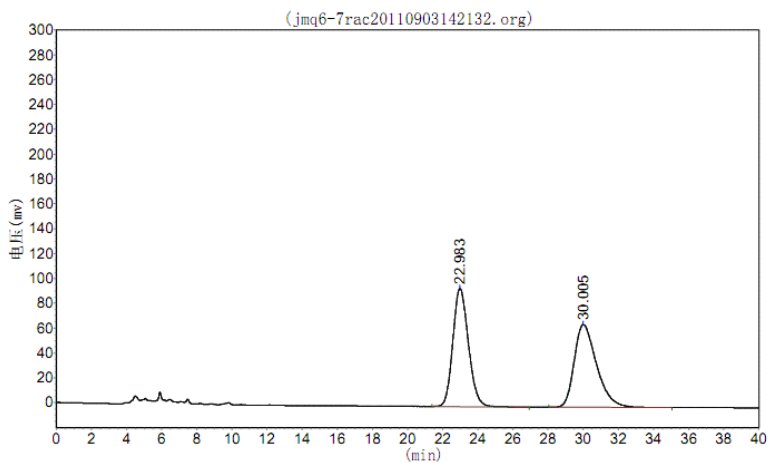




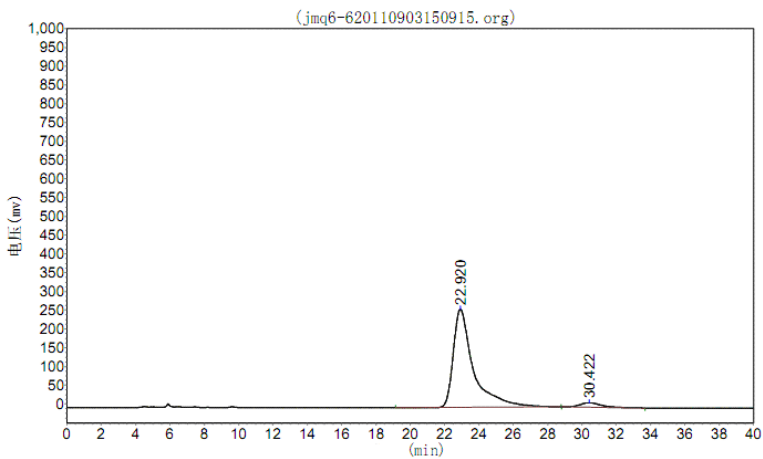




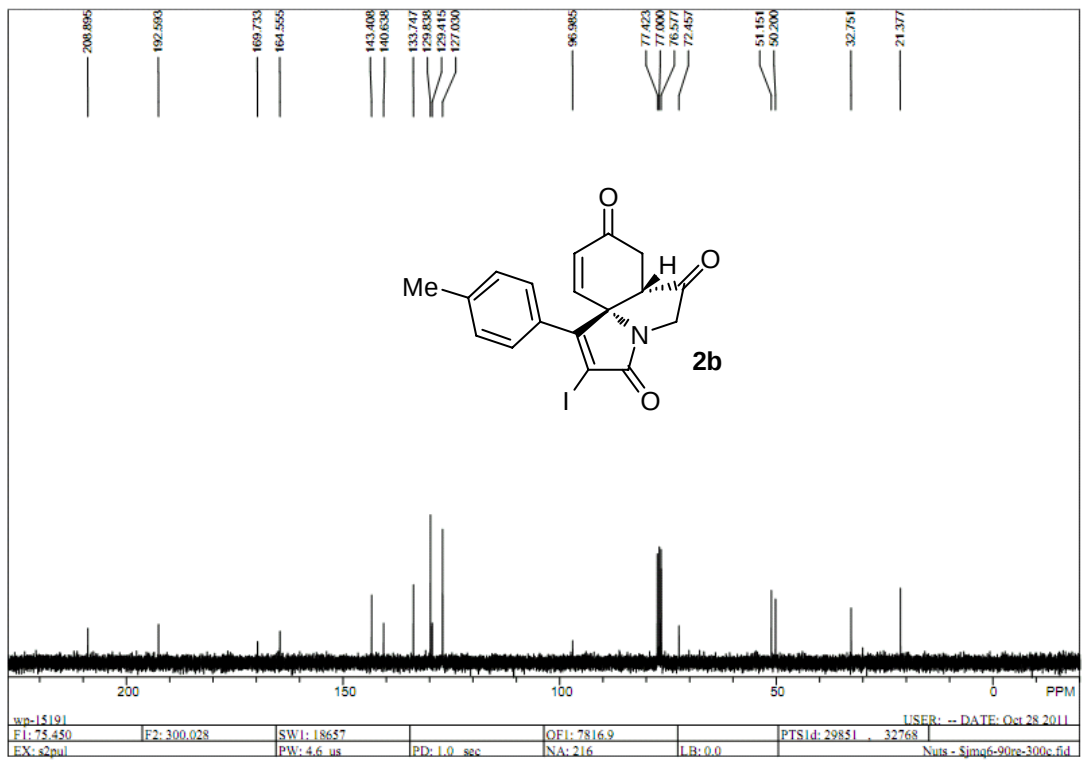
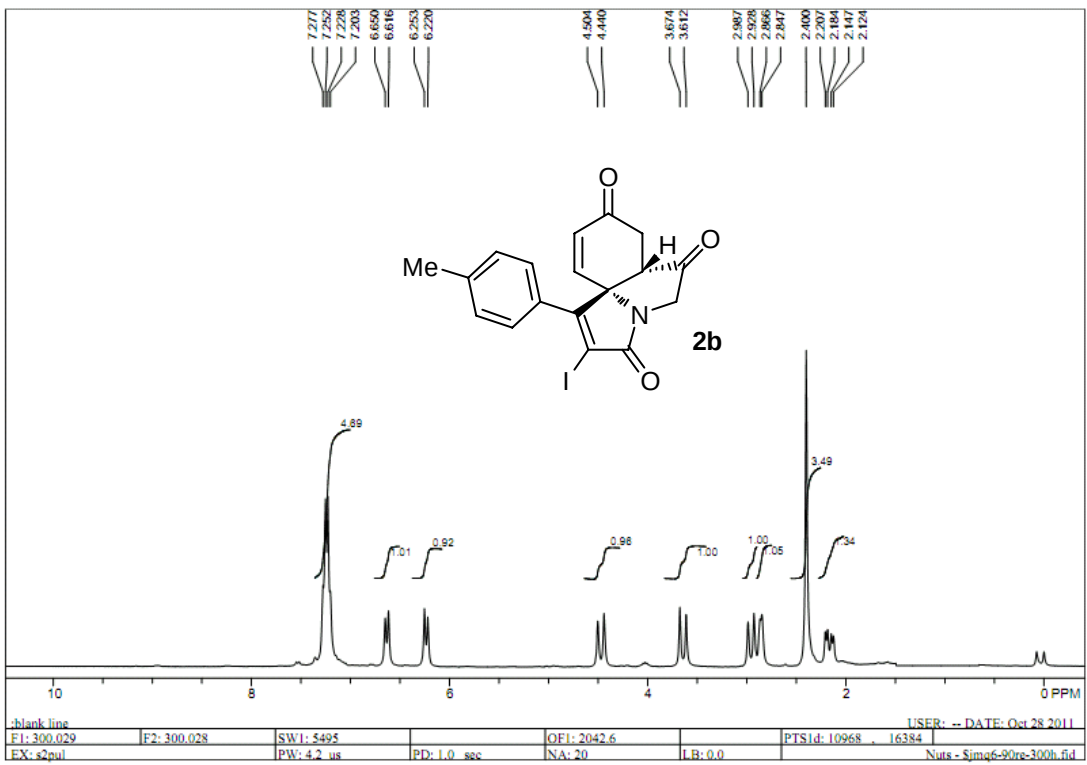
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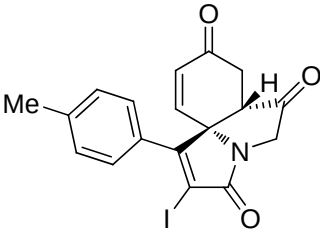


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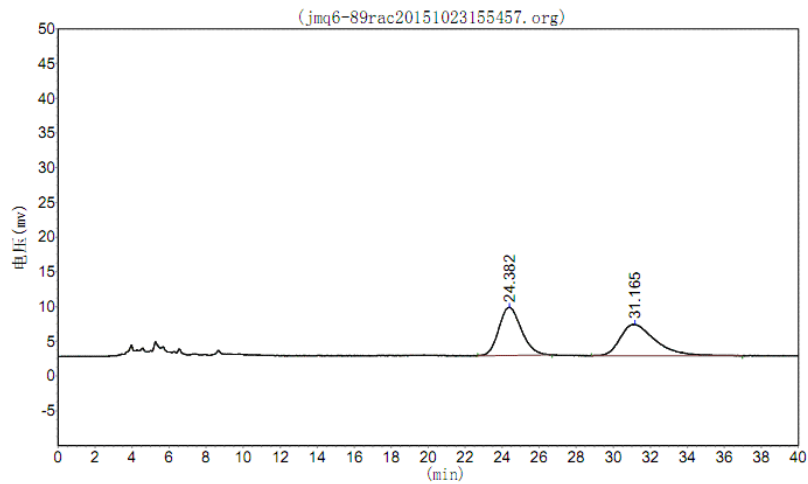


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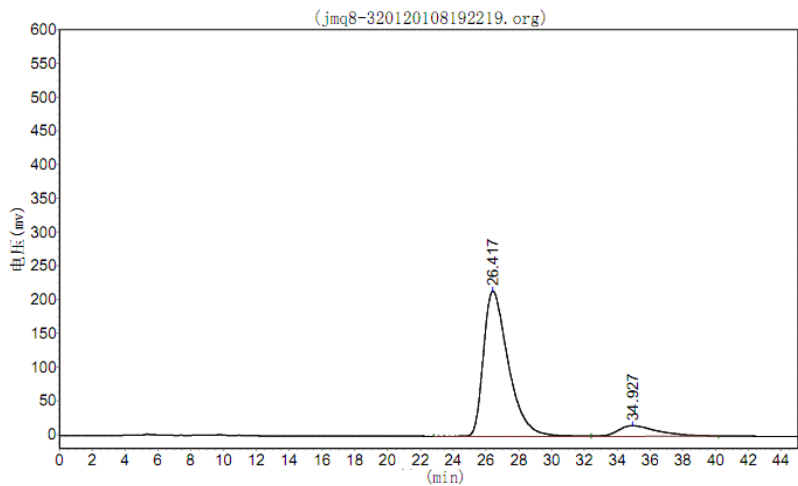




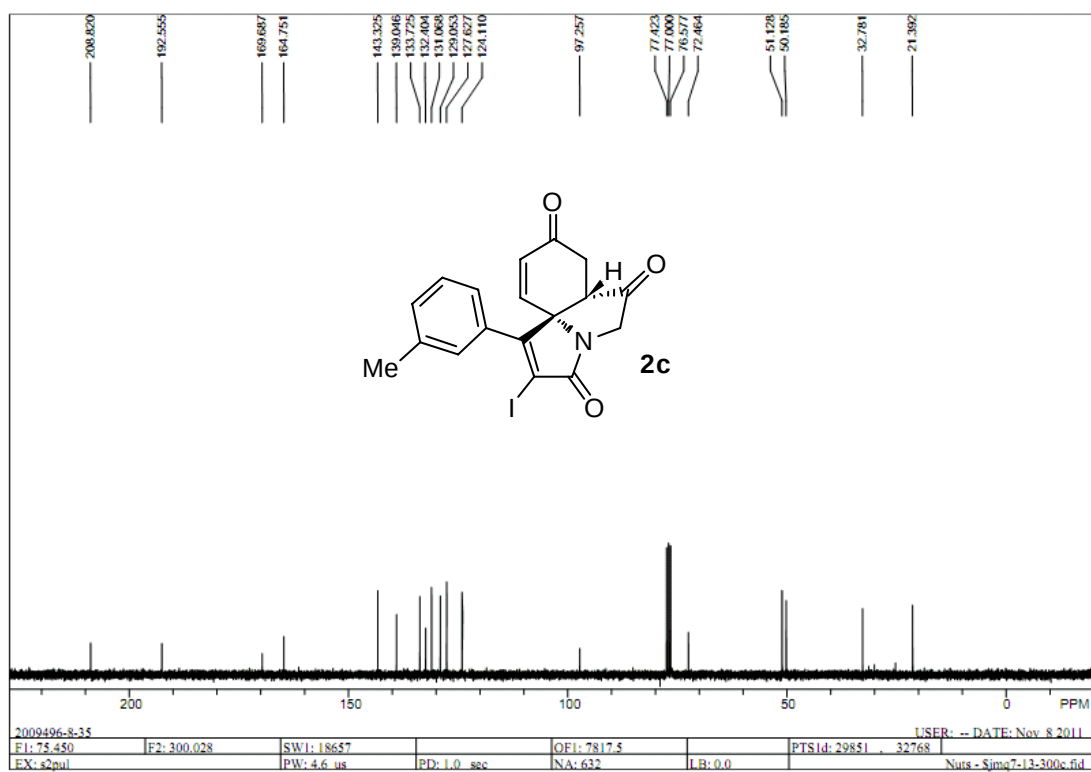
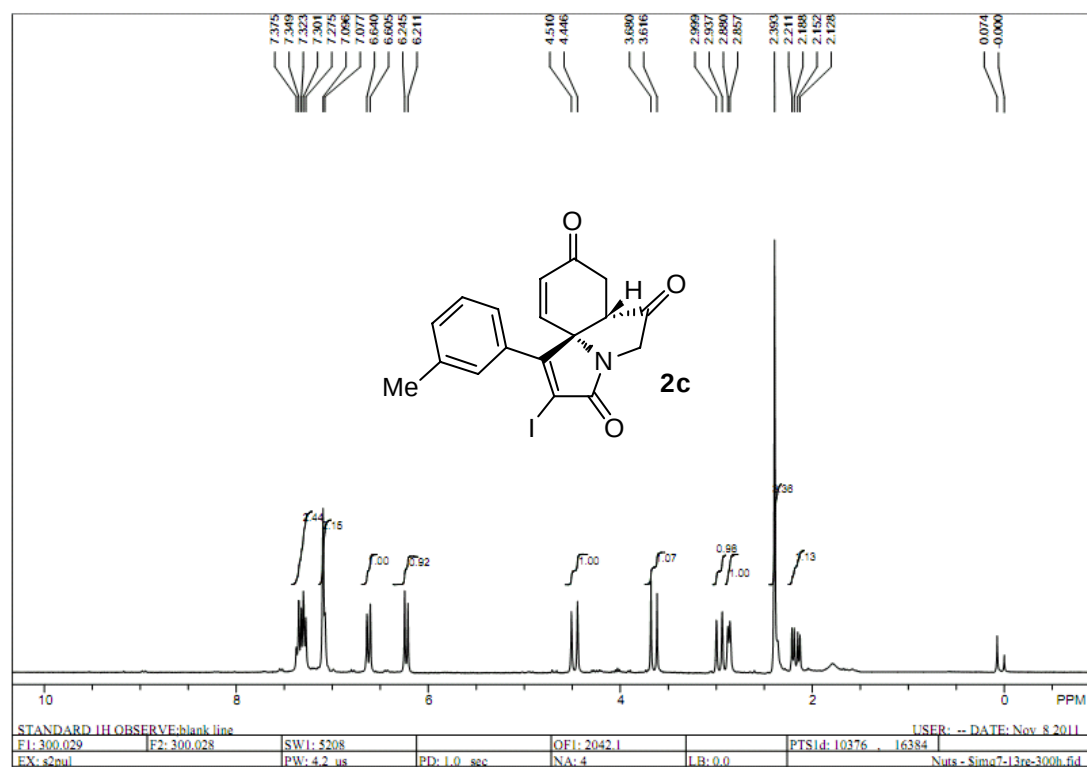
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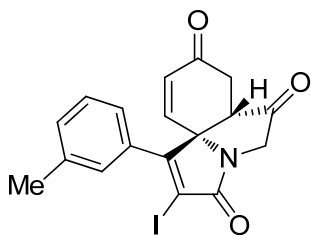


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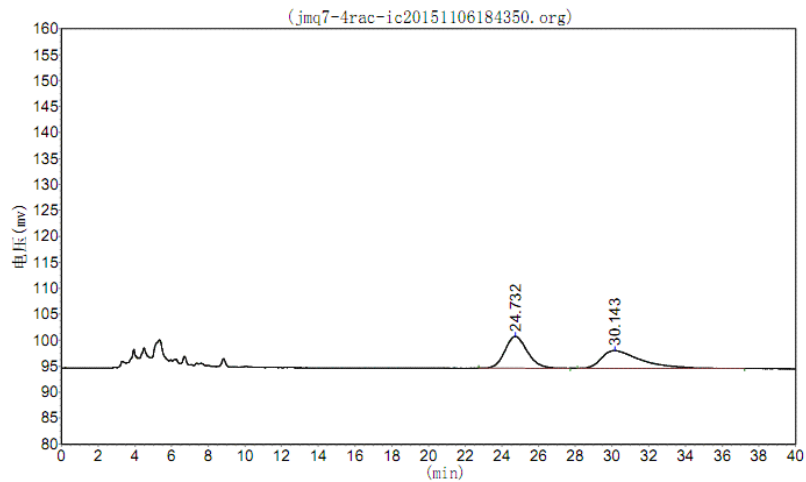


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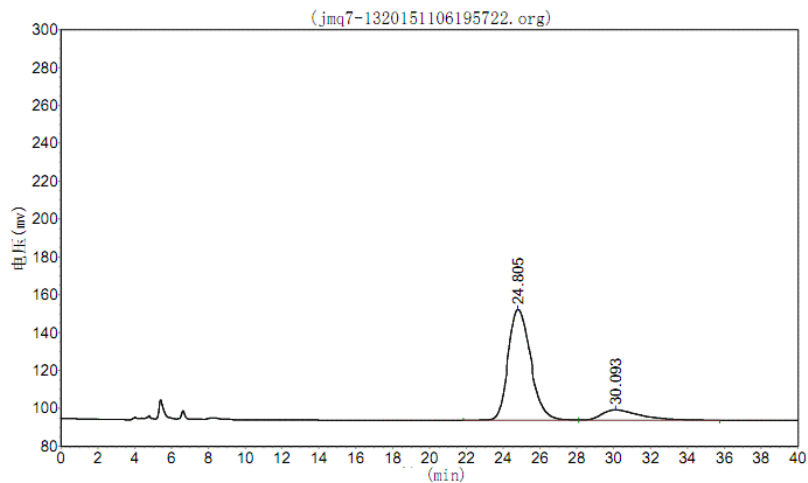




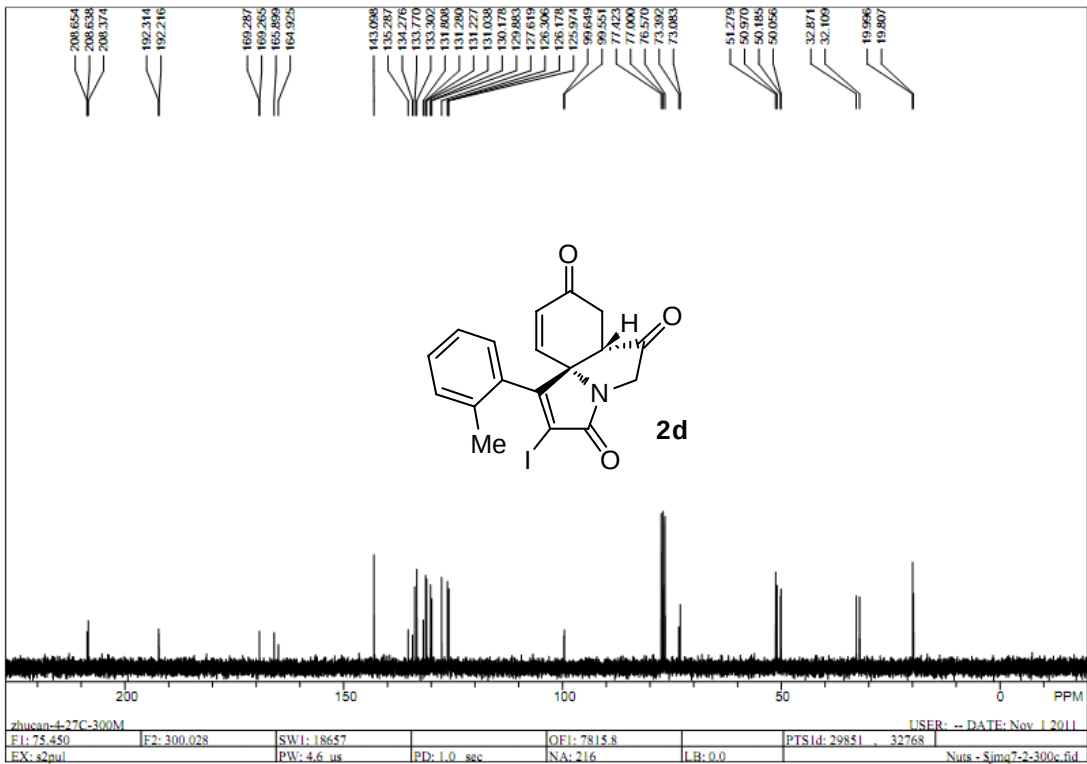
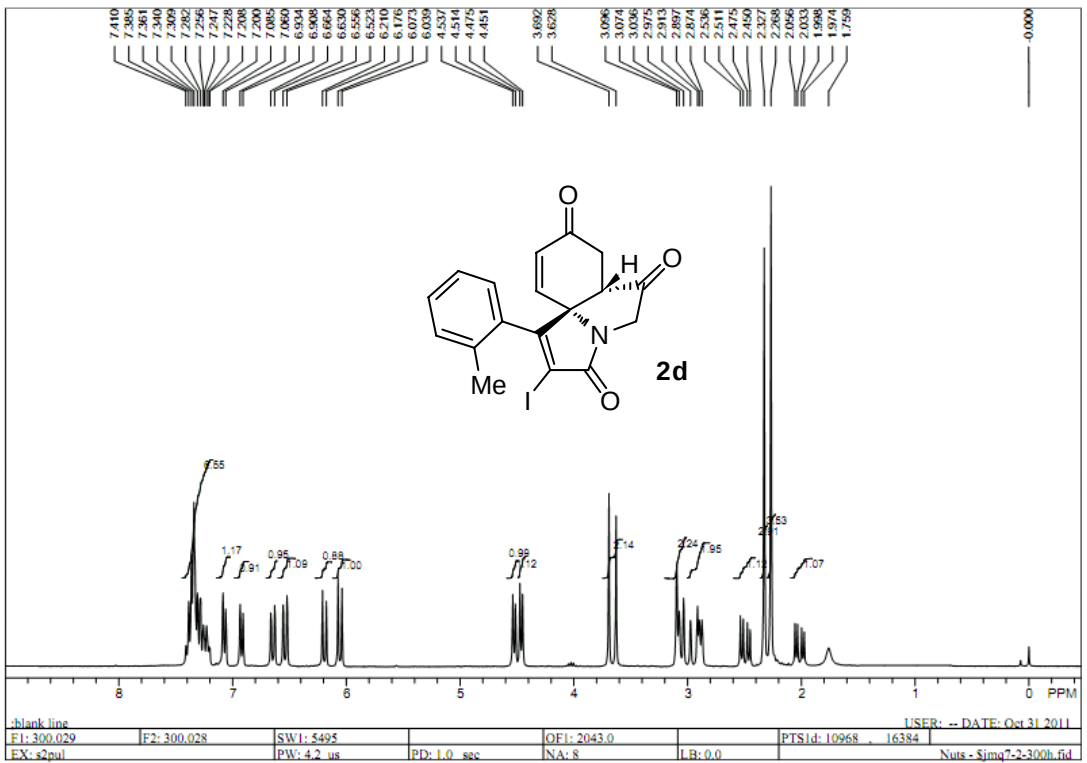
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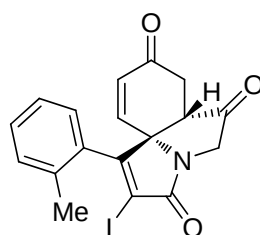


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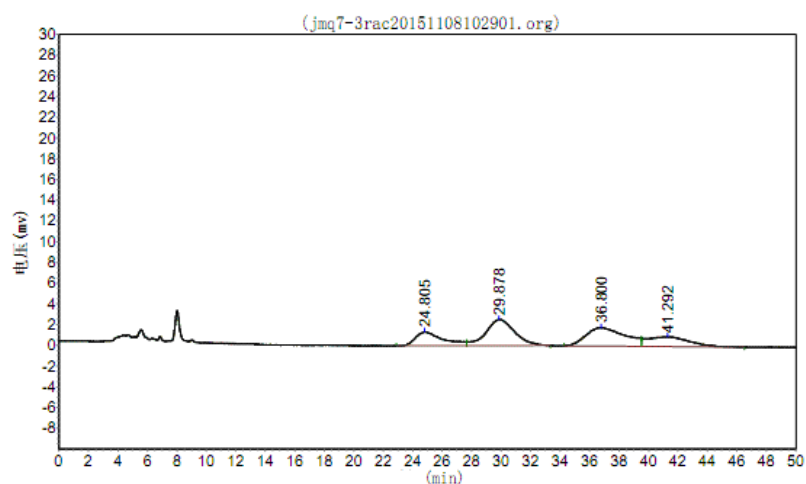


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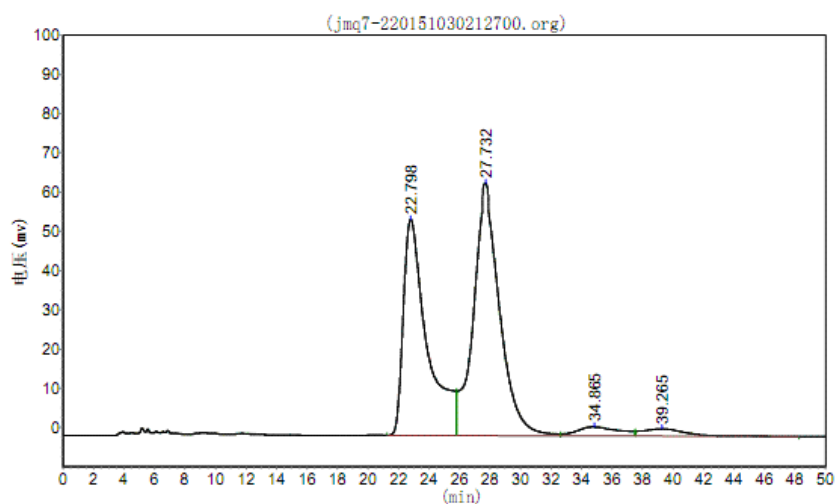




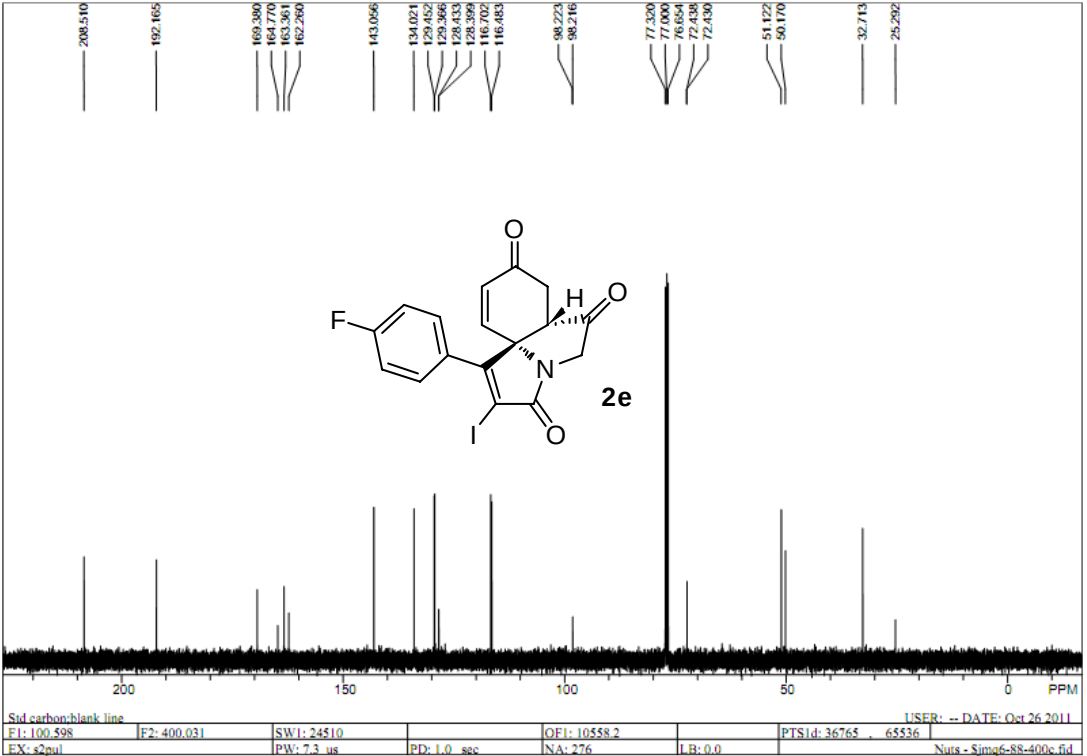
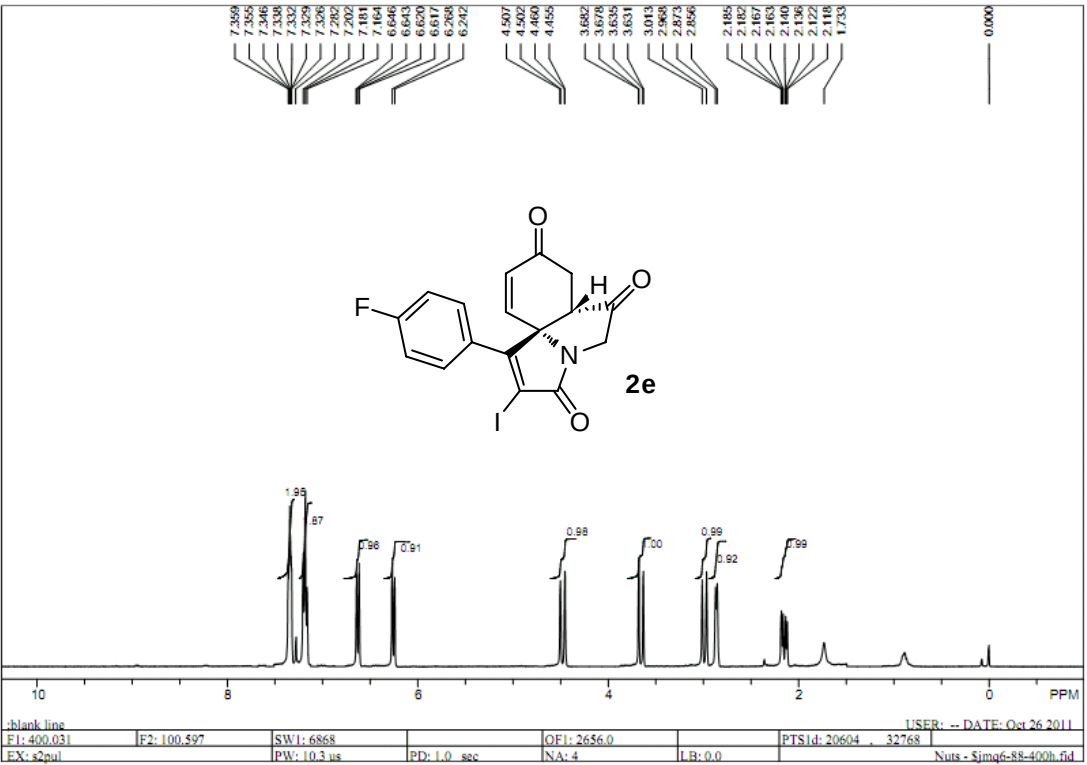
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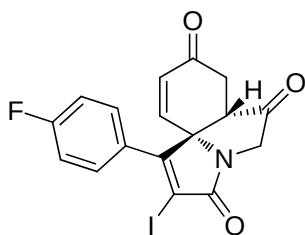


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2	29.878	2514.892	342507.219	33.1517
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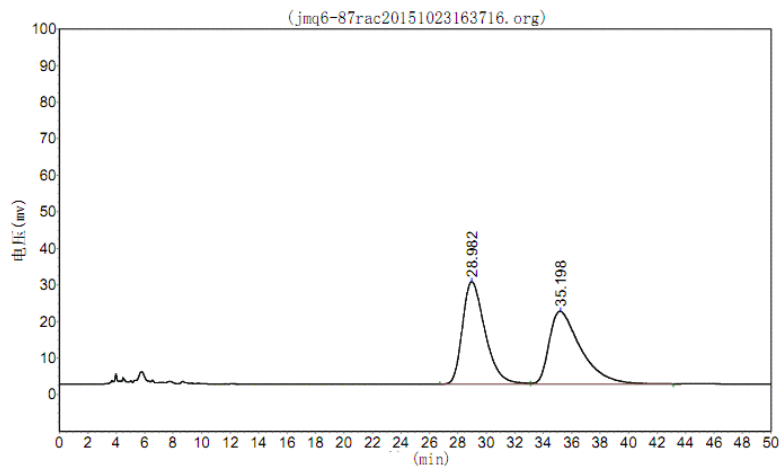


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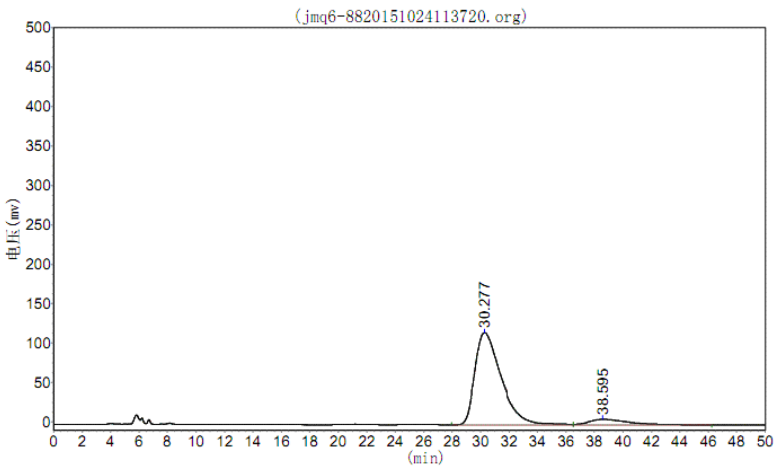




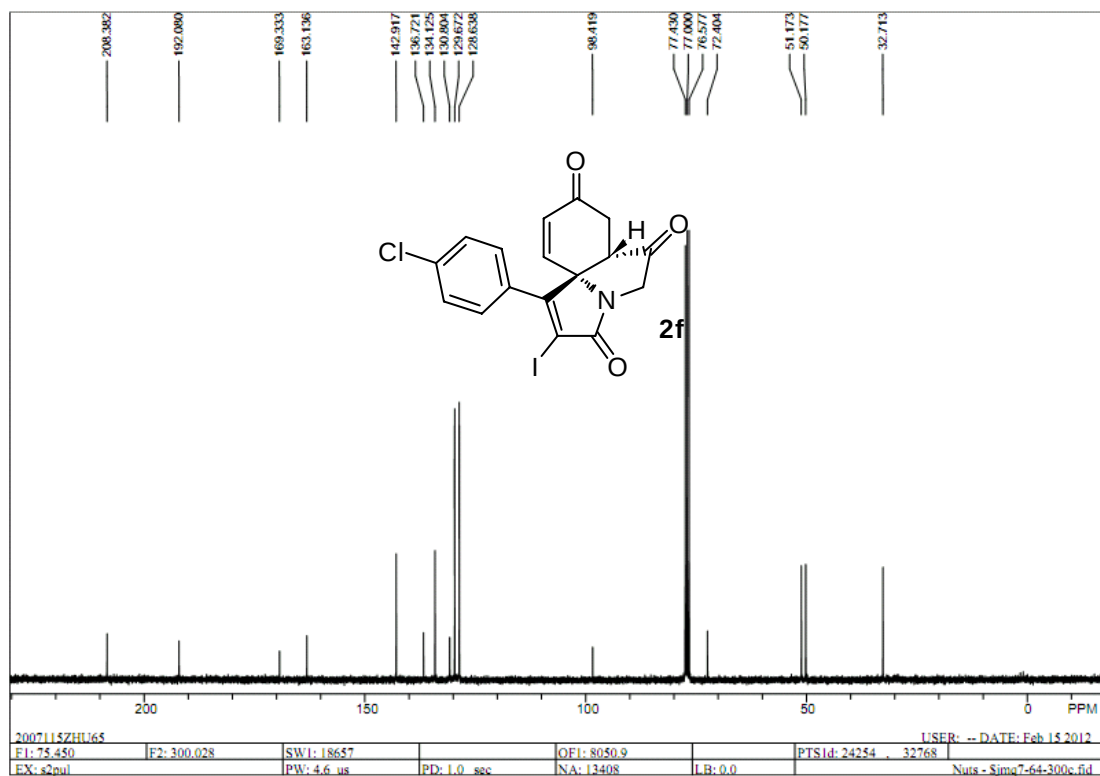
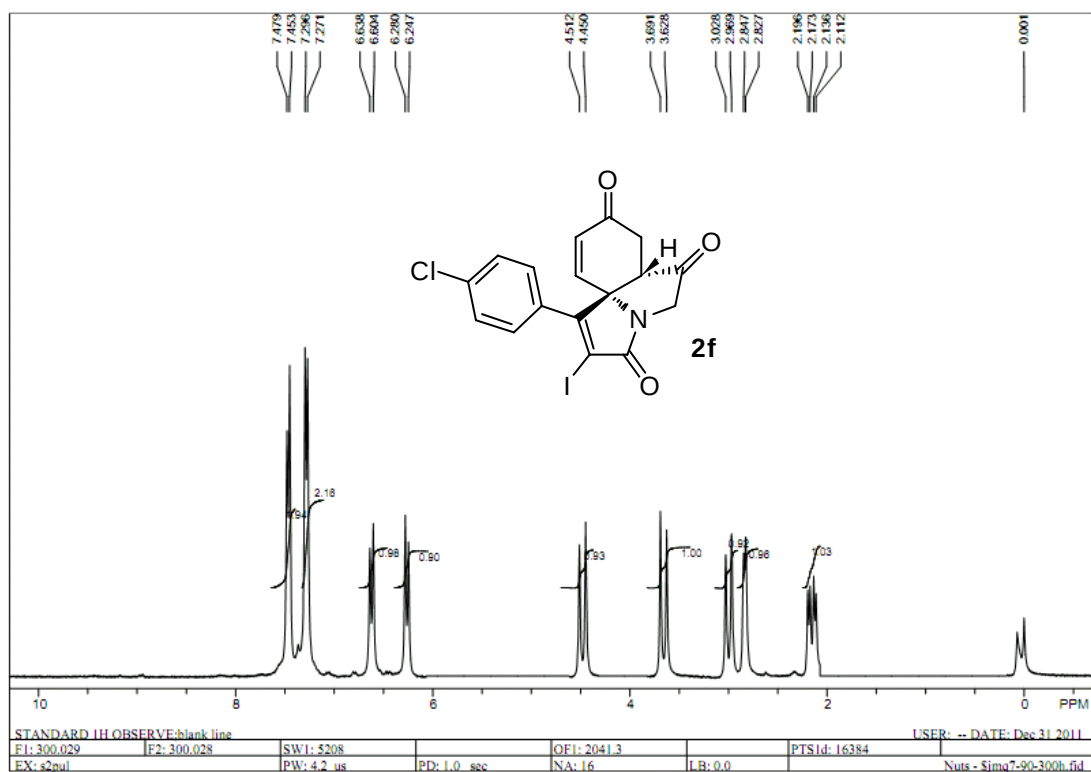
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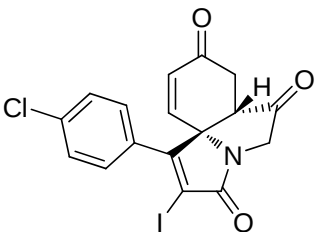


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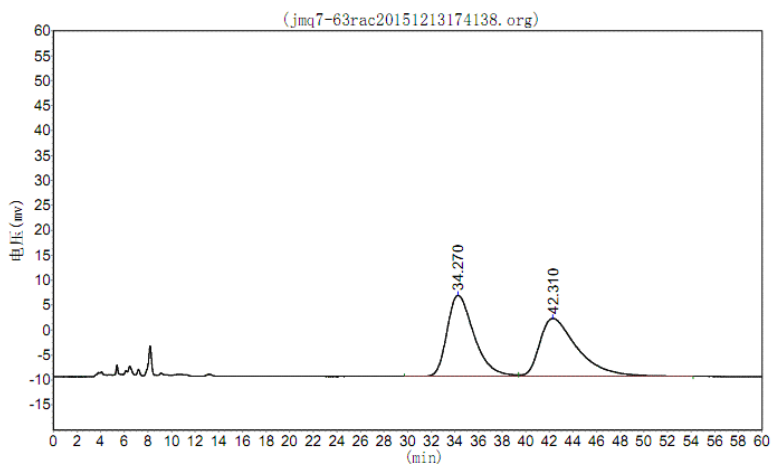


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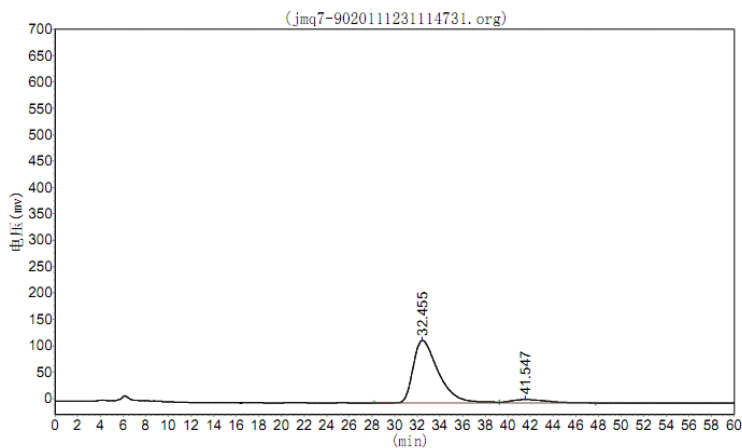




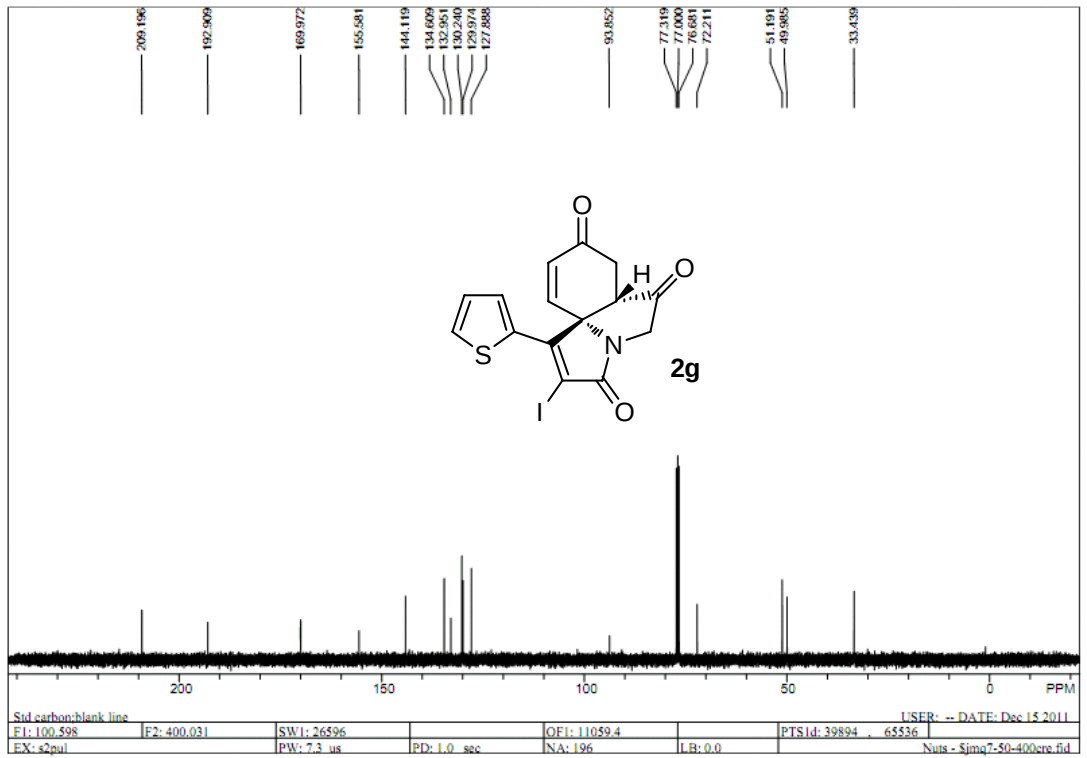
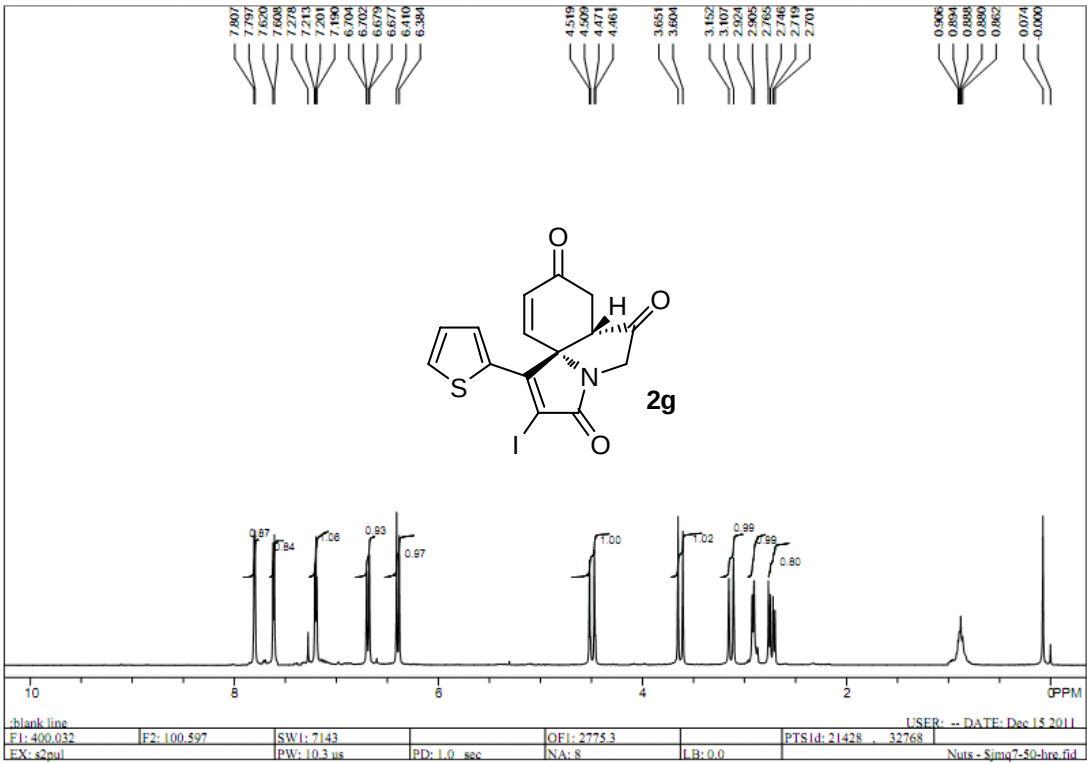
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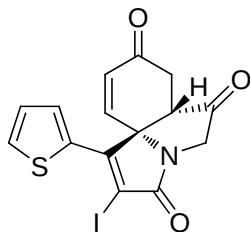


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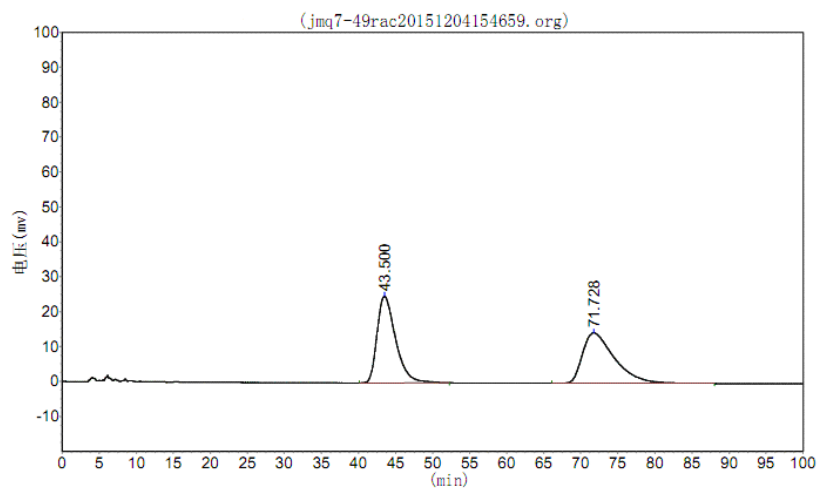


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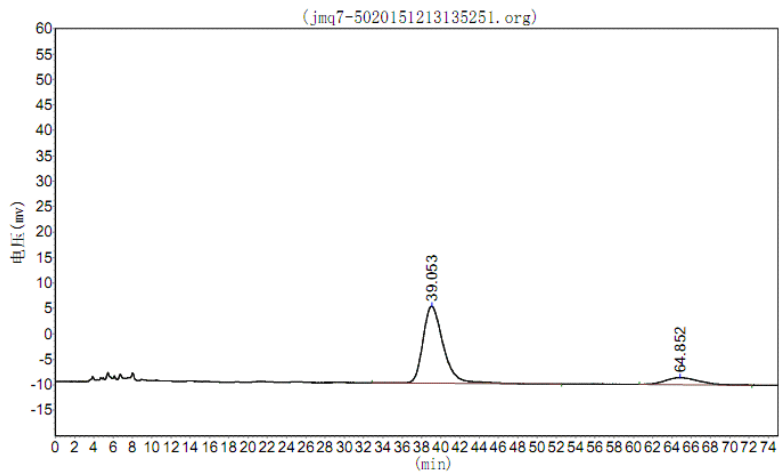




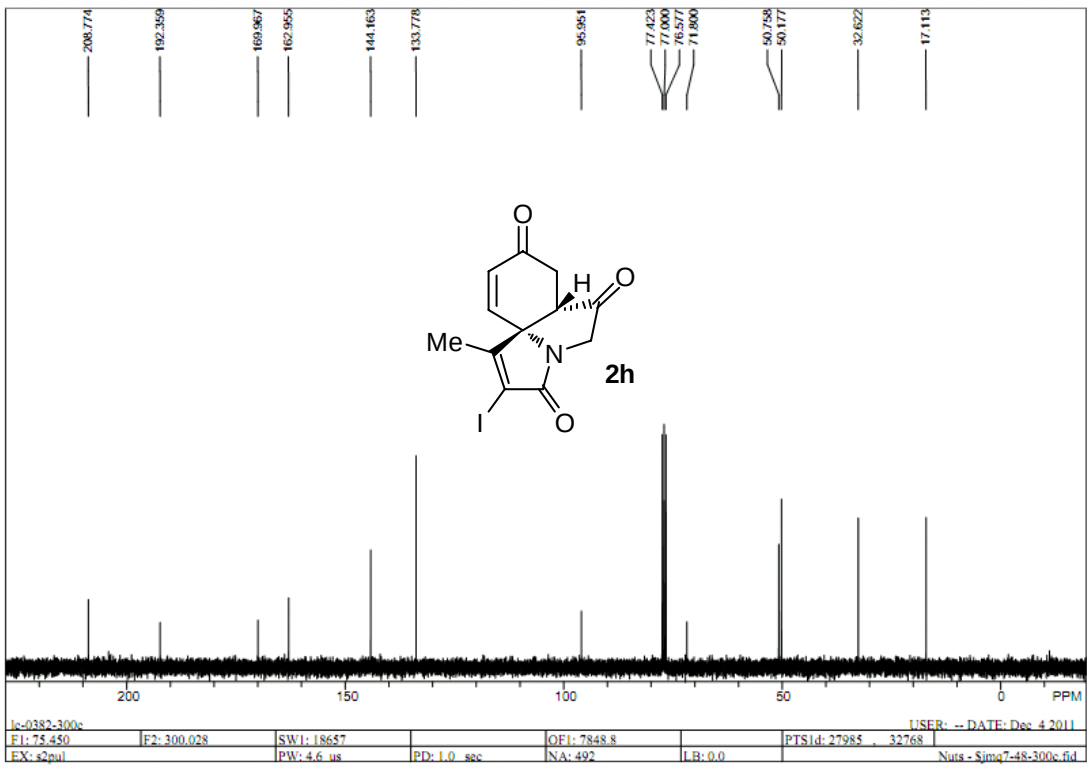
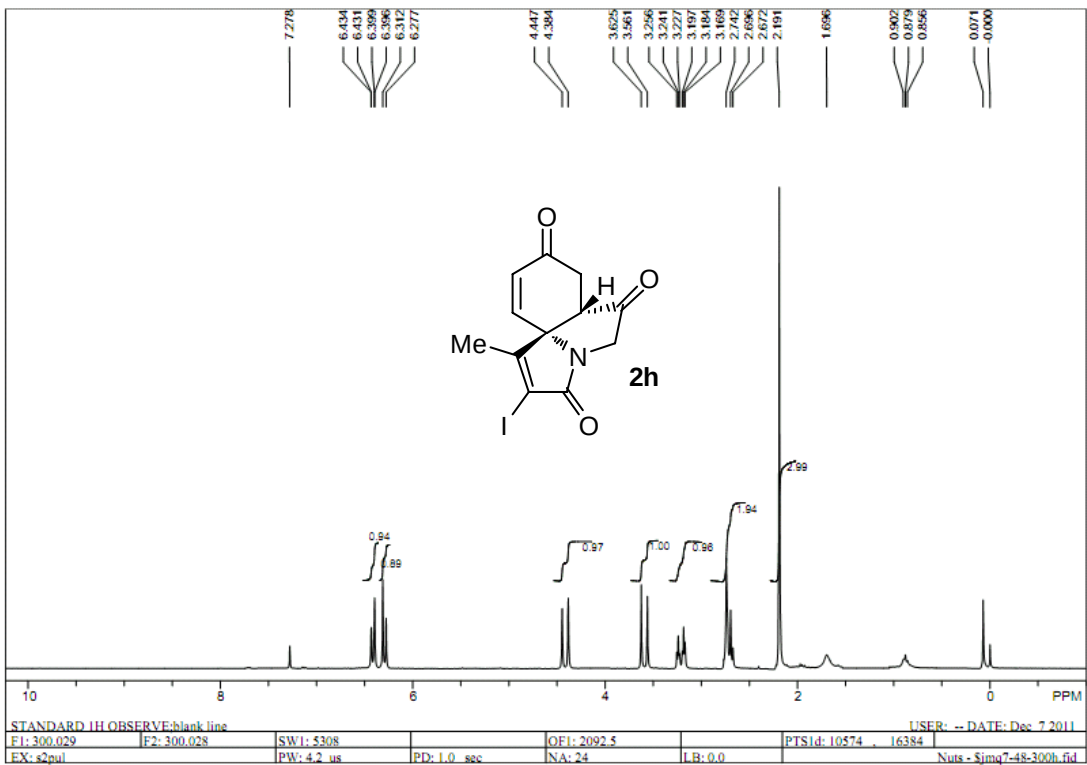
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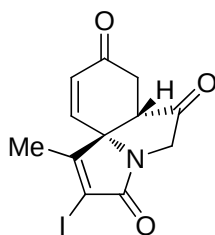


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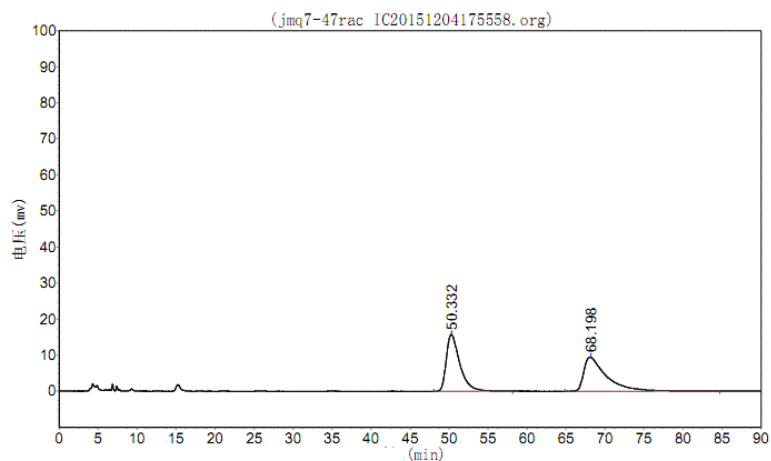


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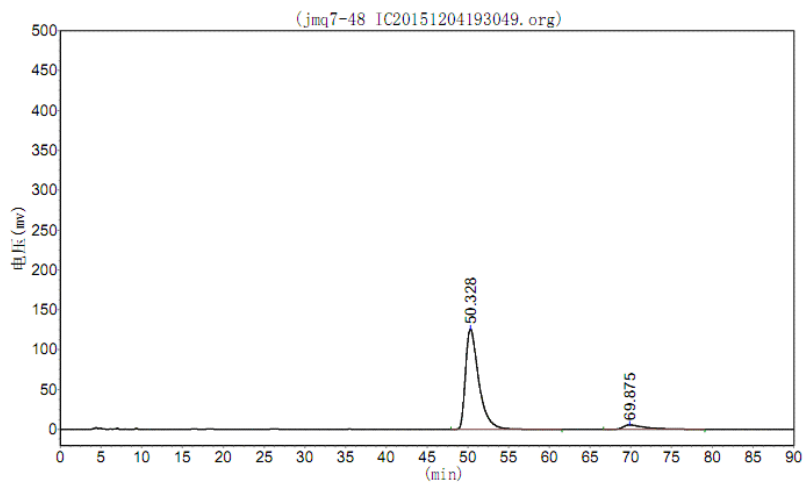




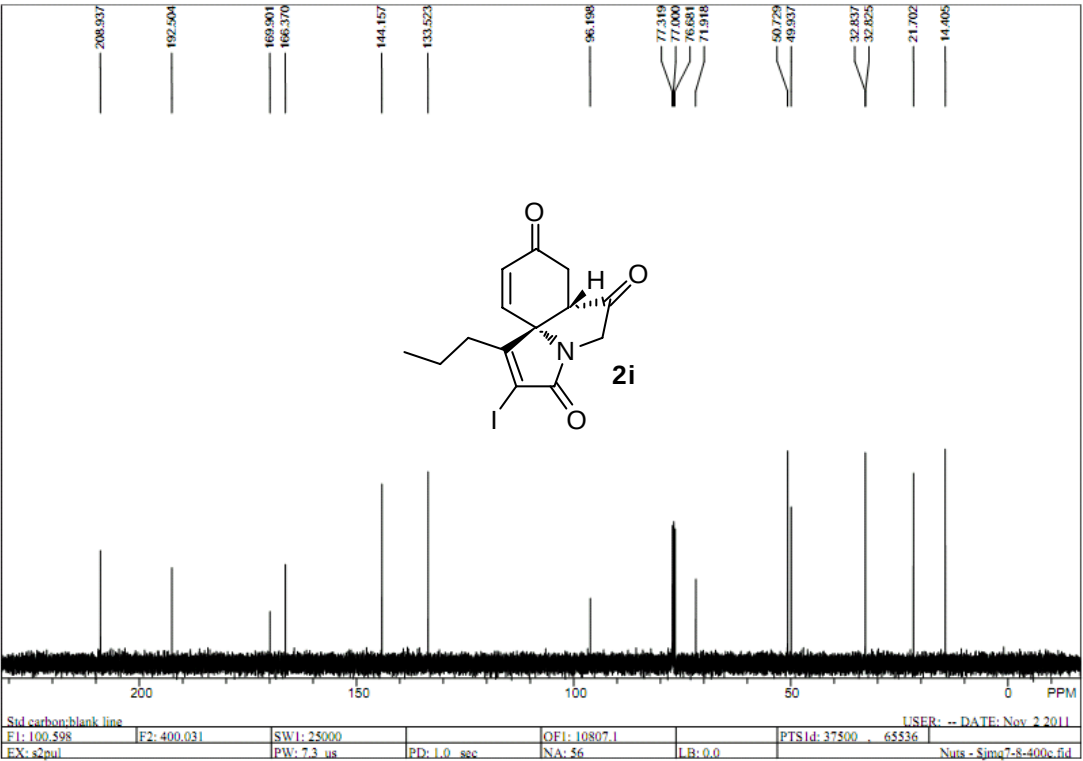
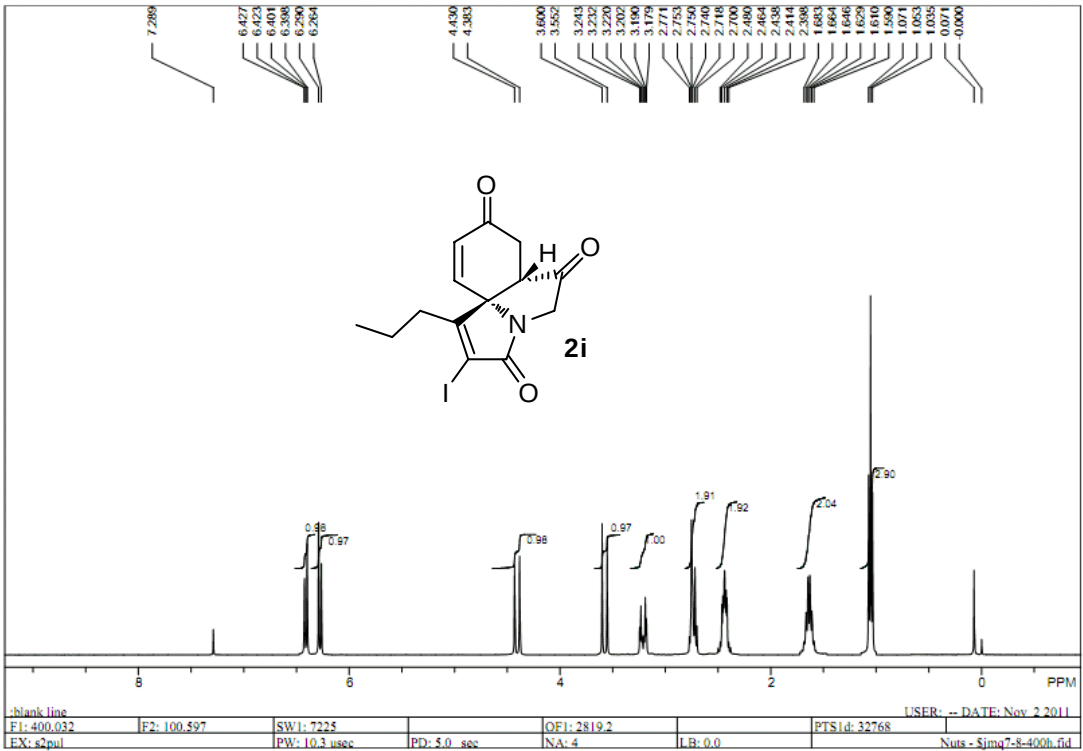
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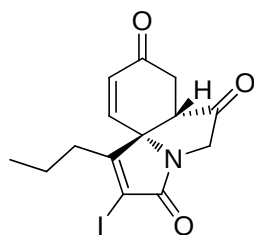


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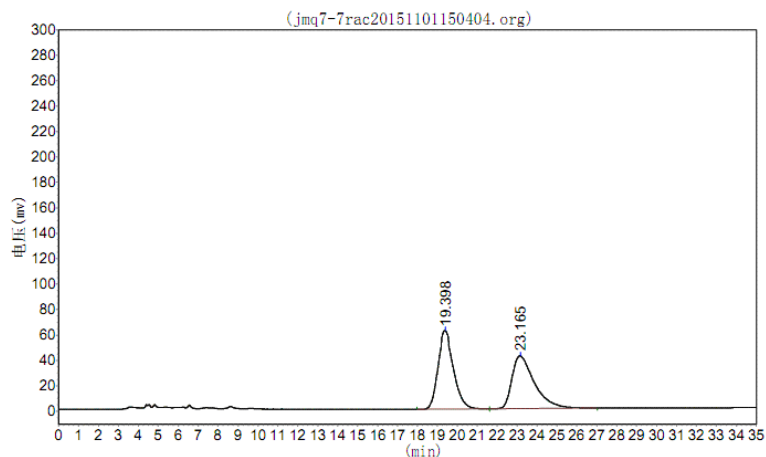


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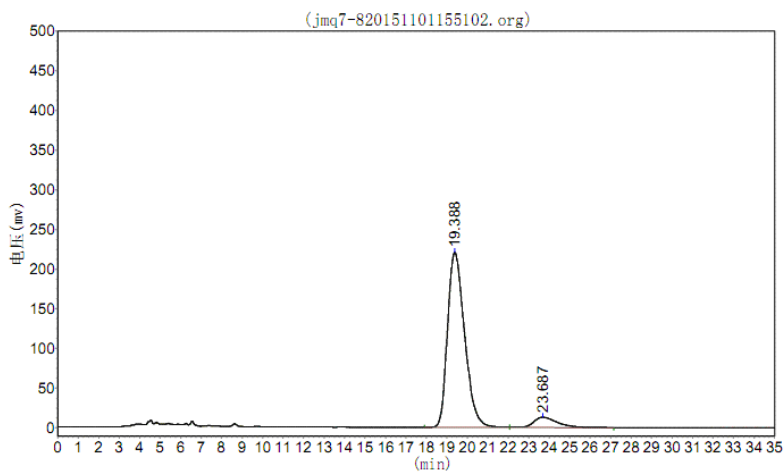




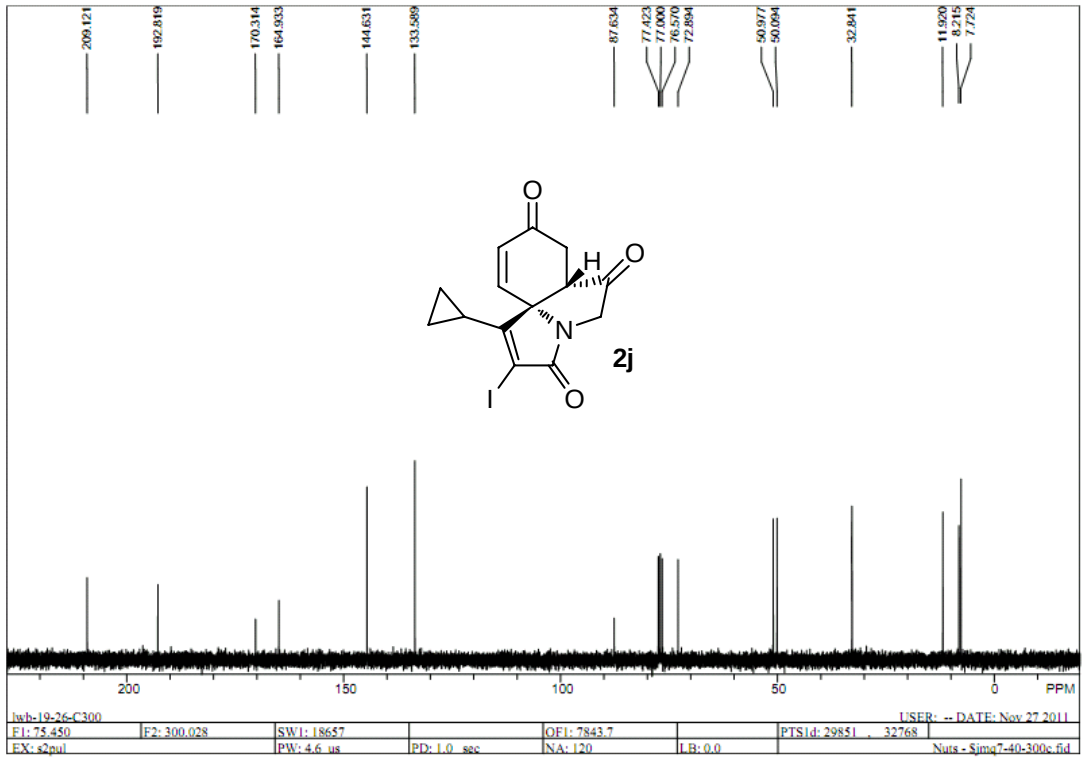
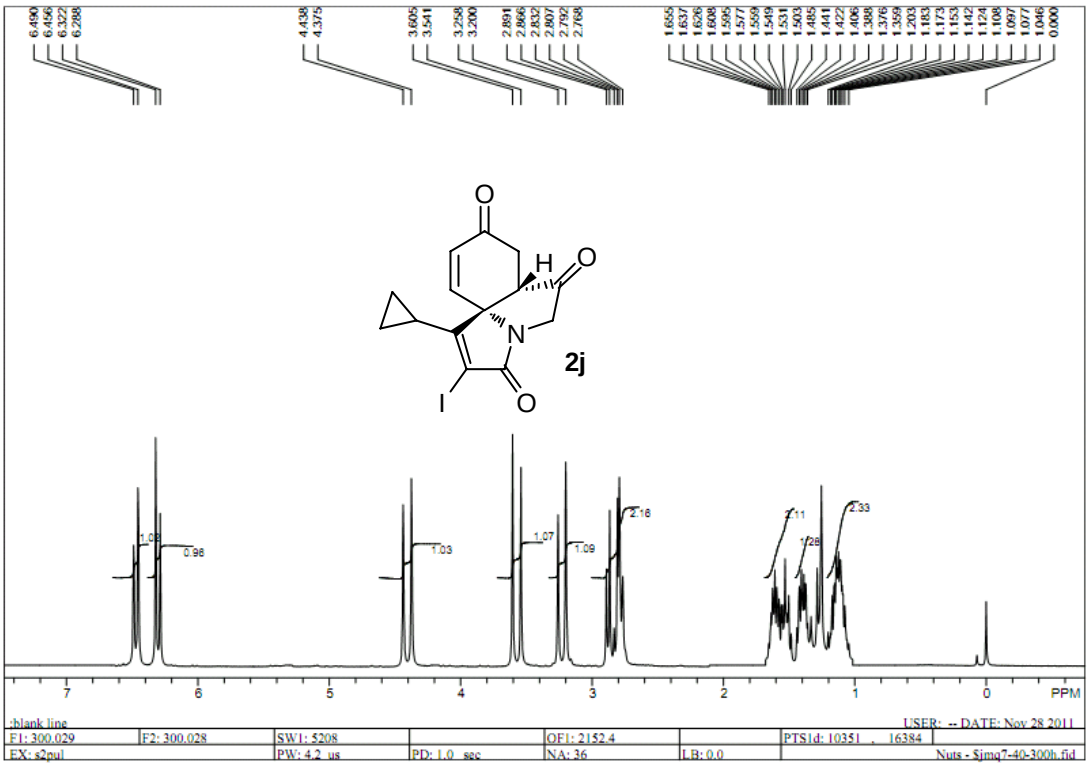
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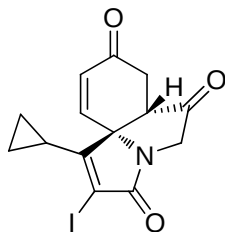


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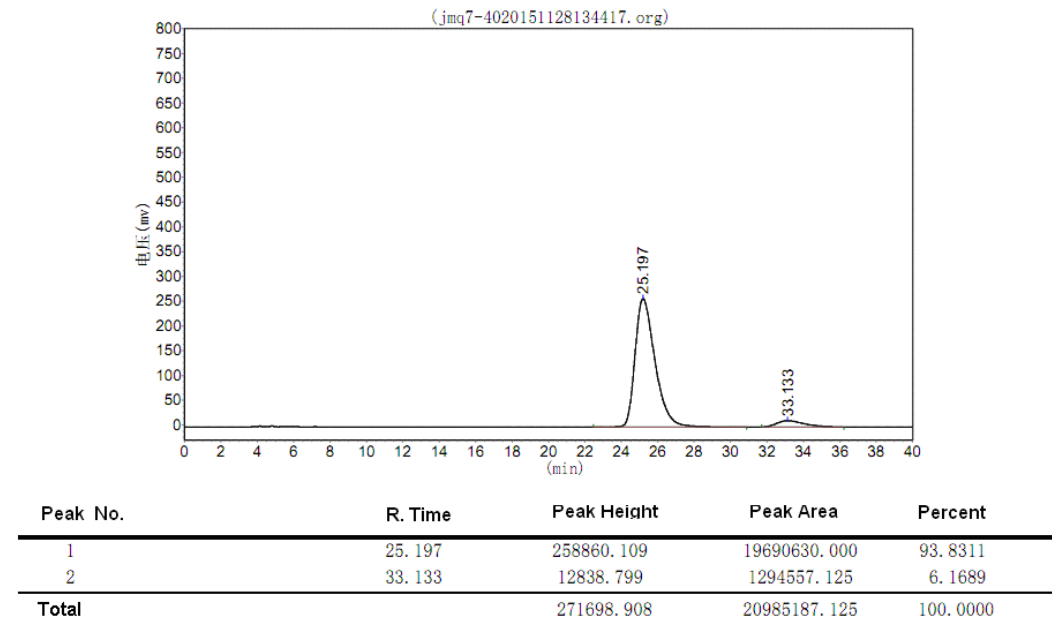
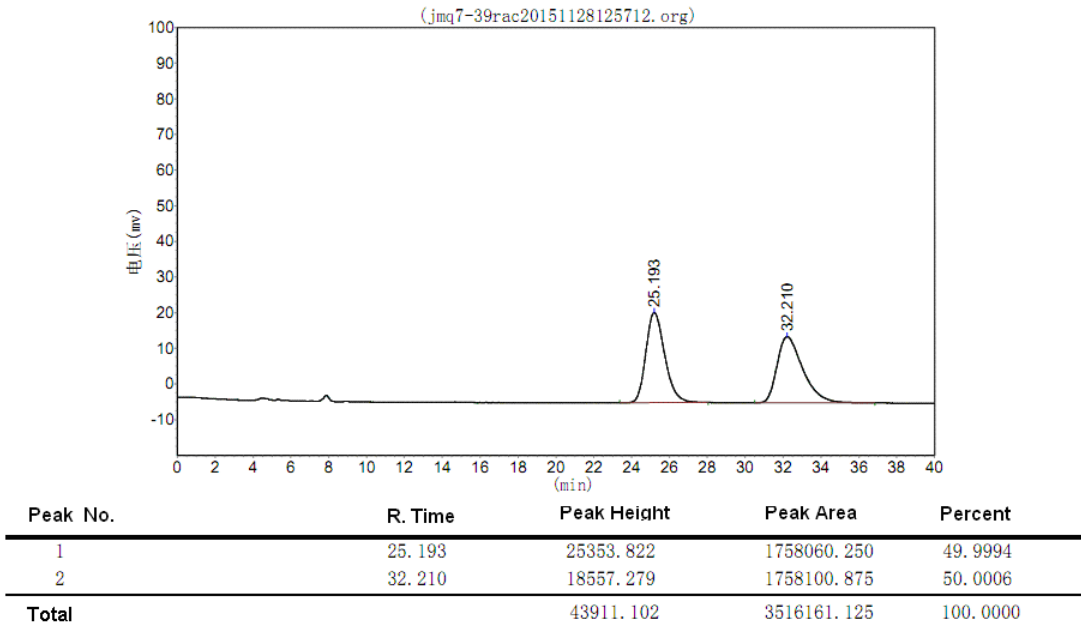


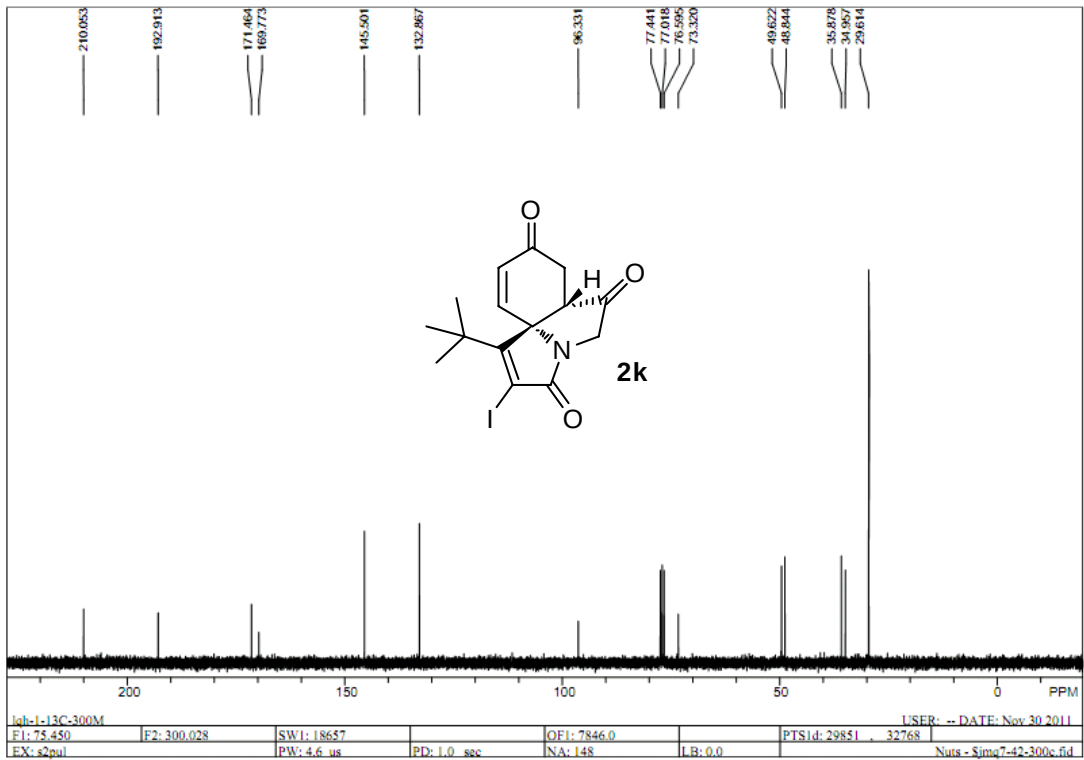
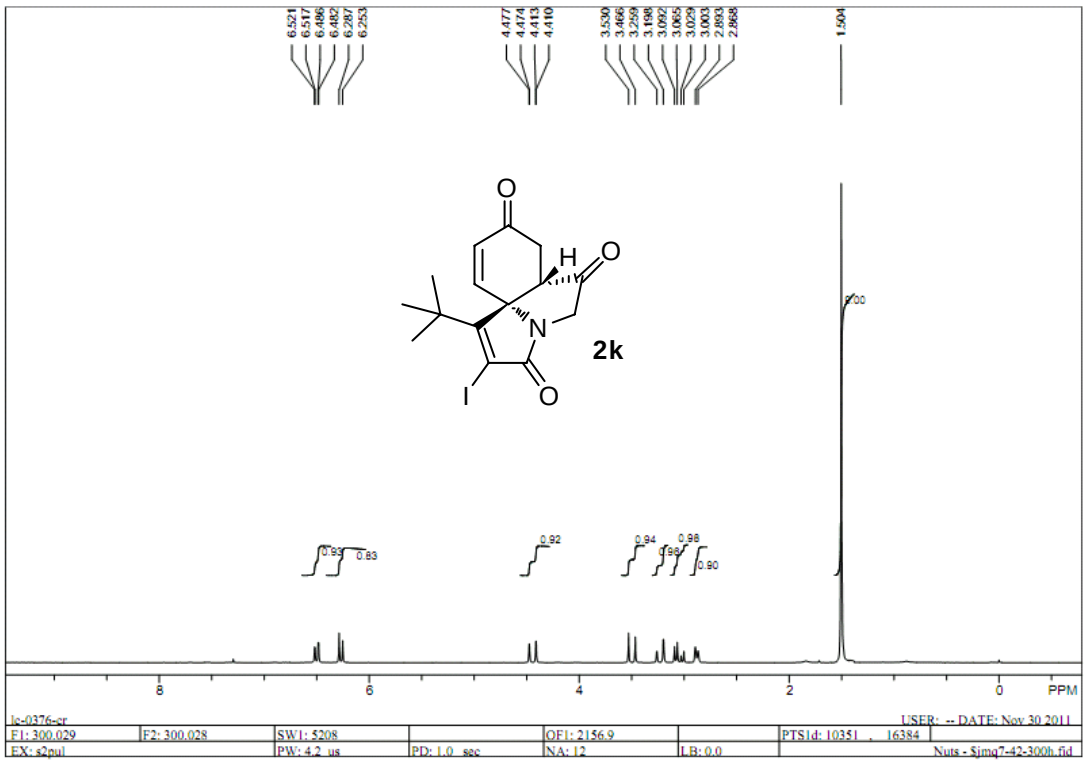
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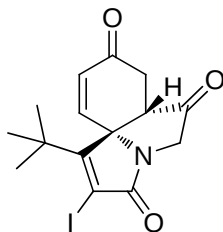




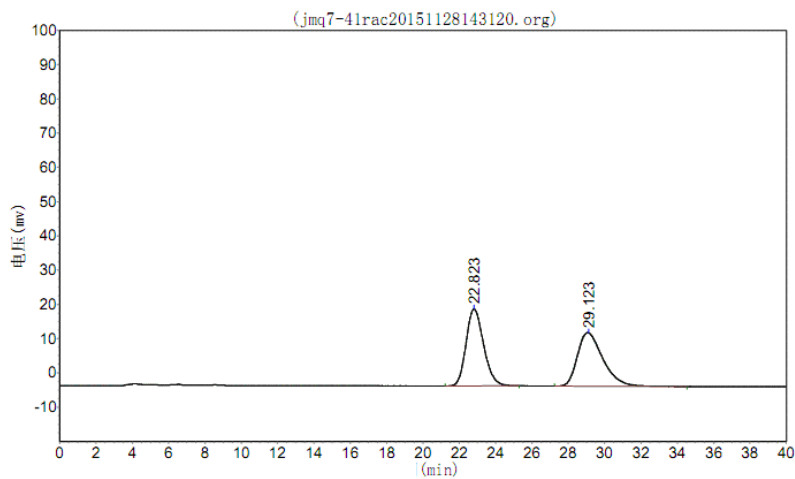
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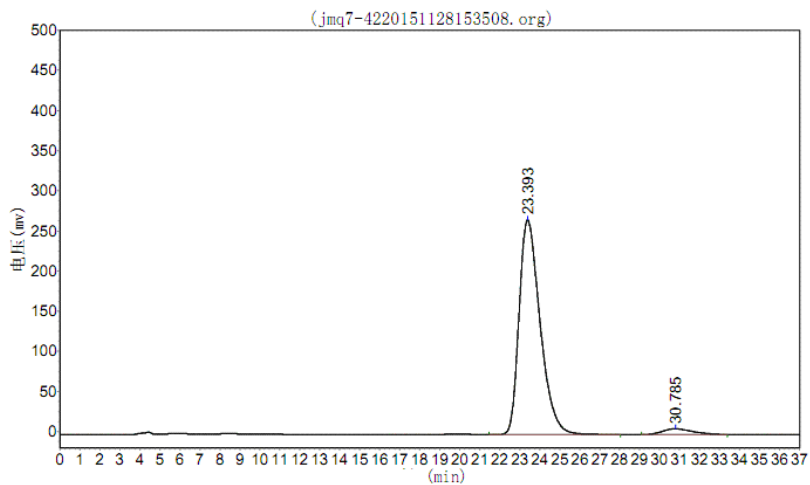




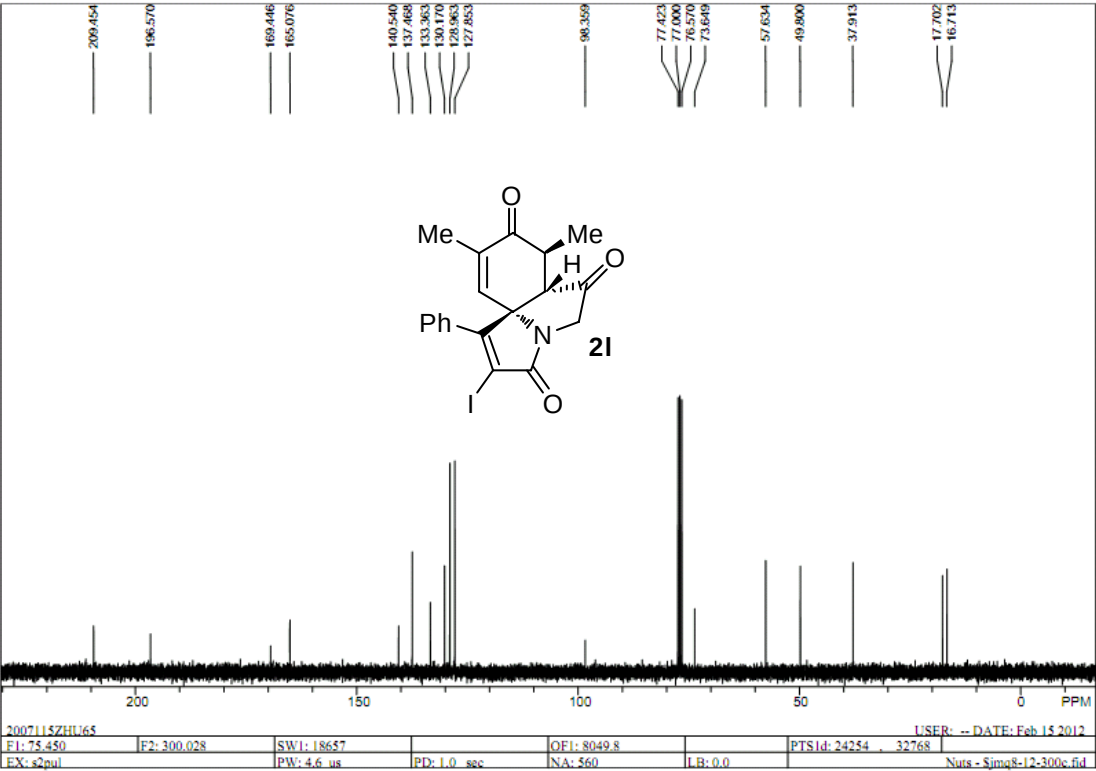
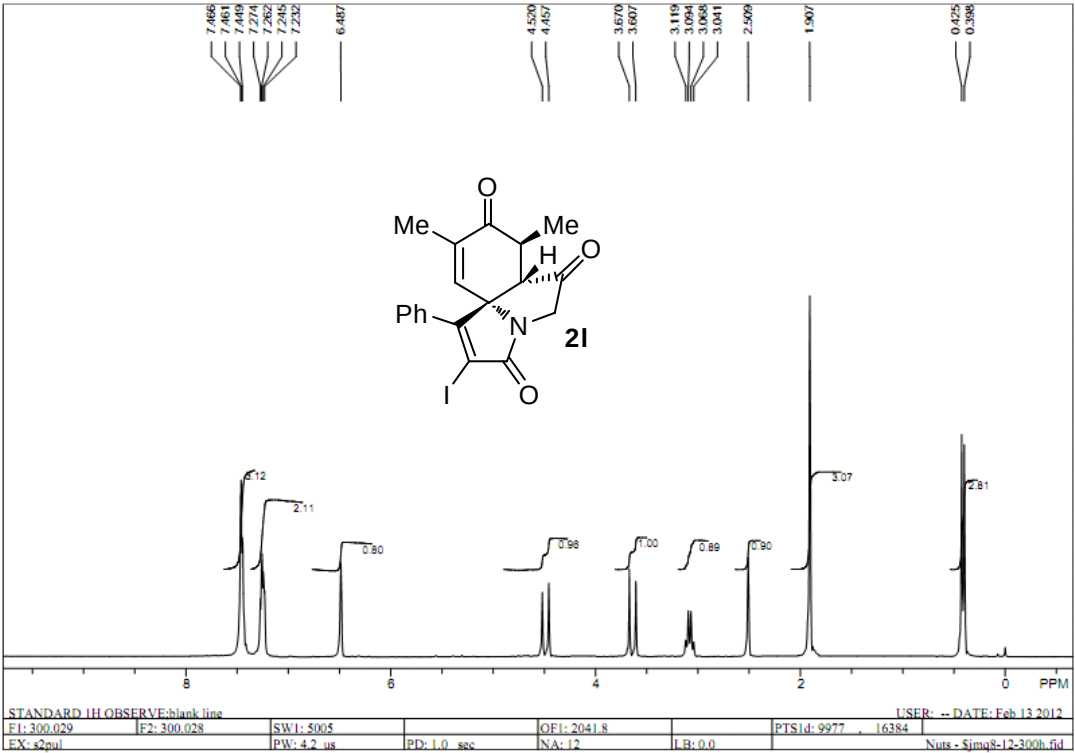
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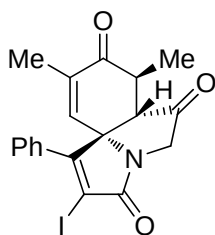


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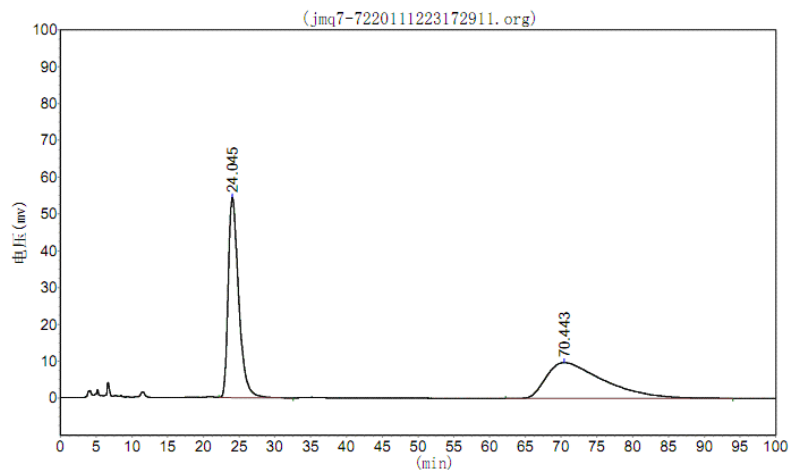


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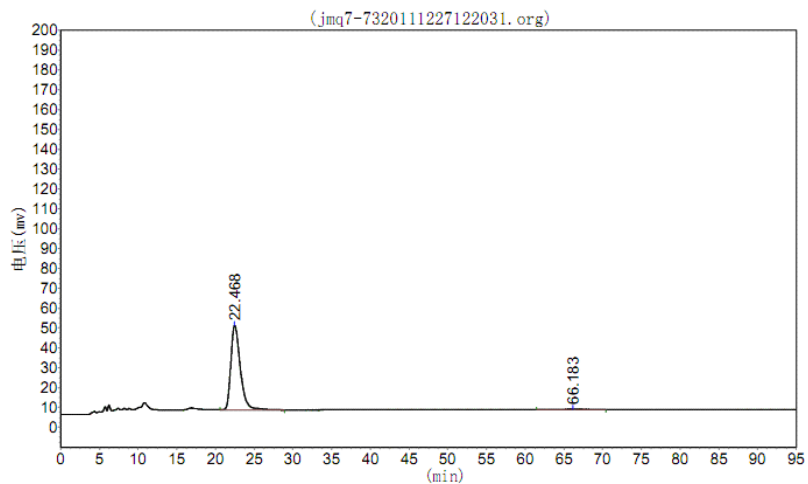




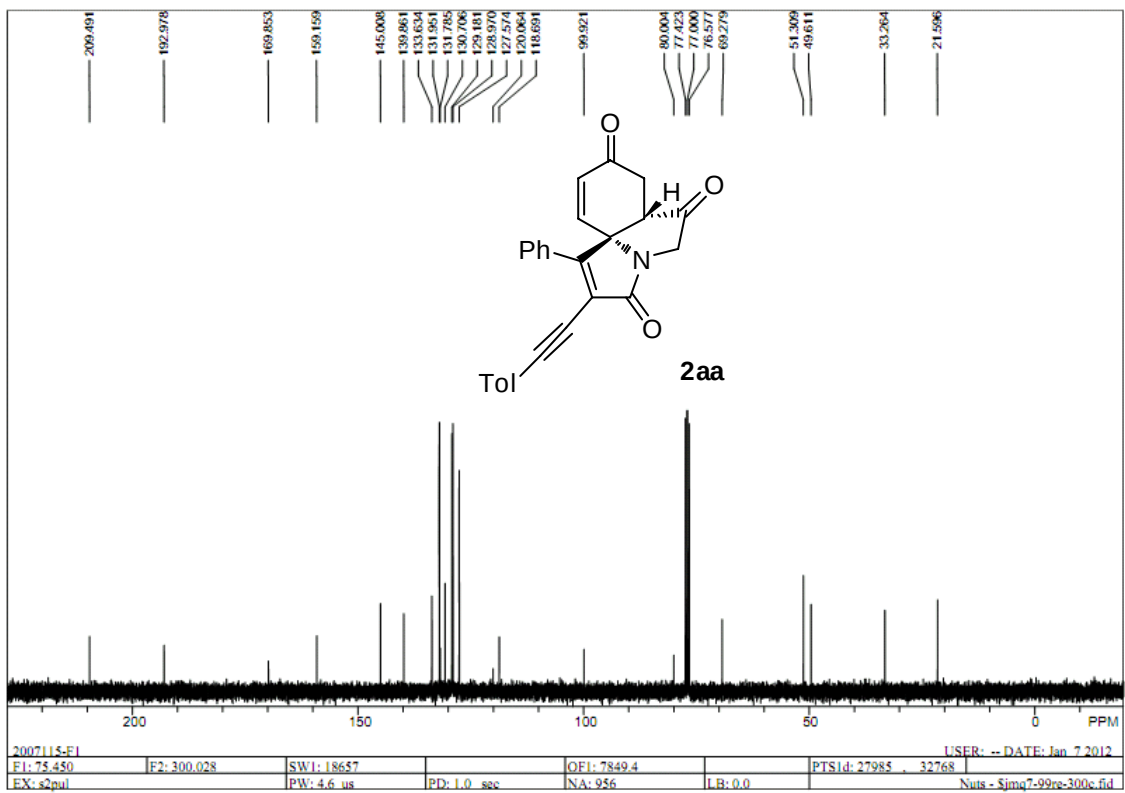
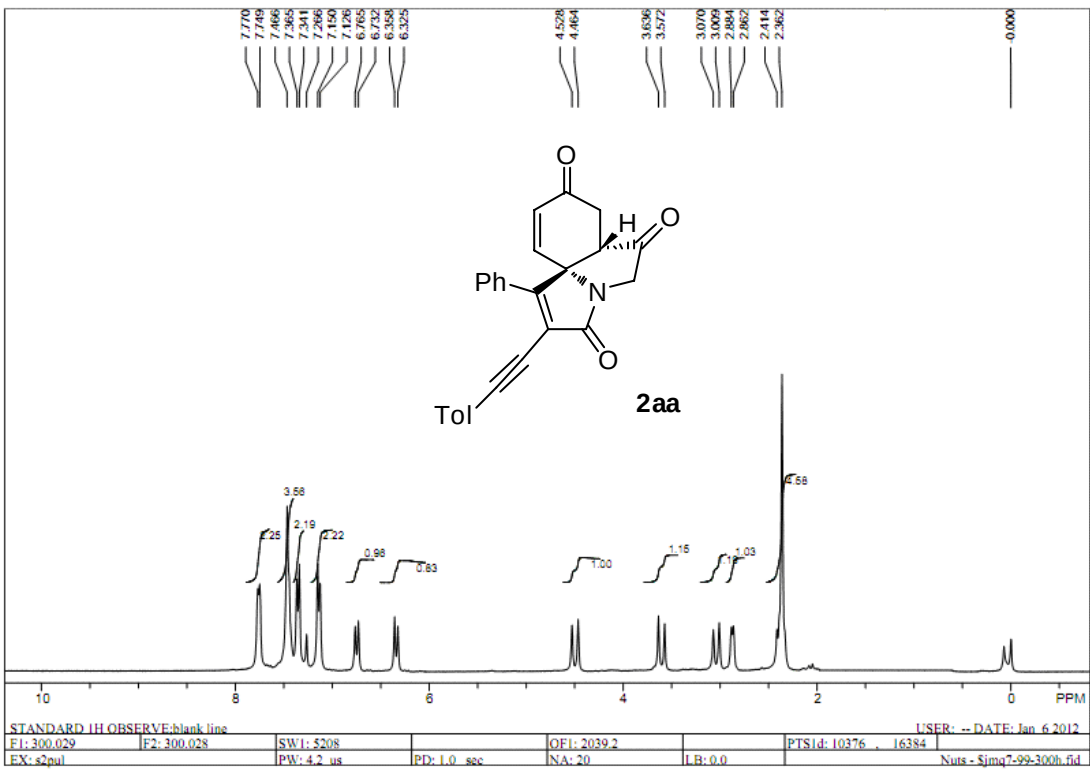
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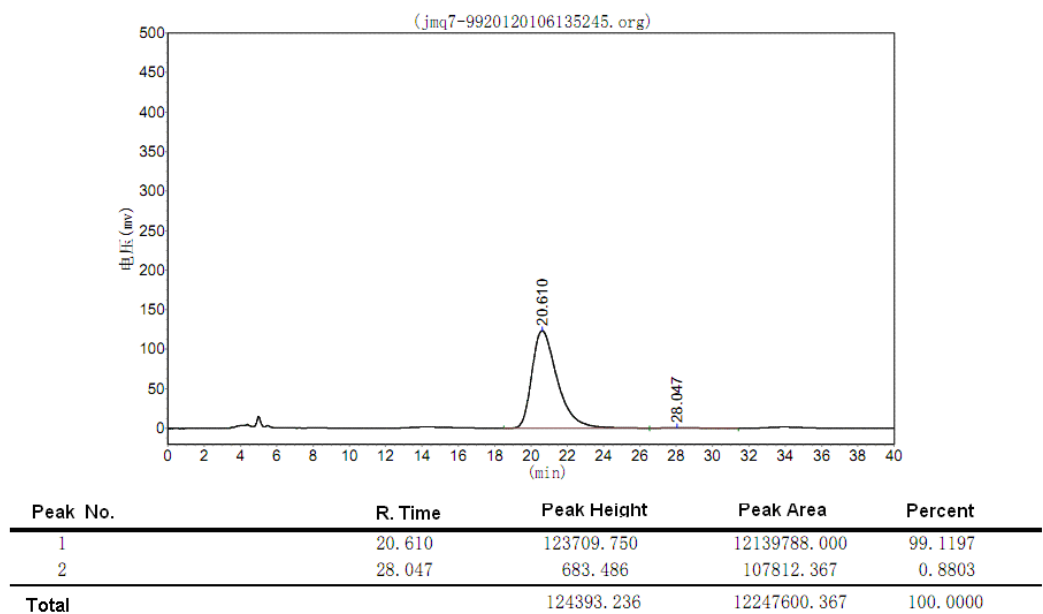
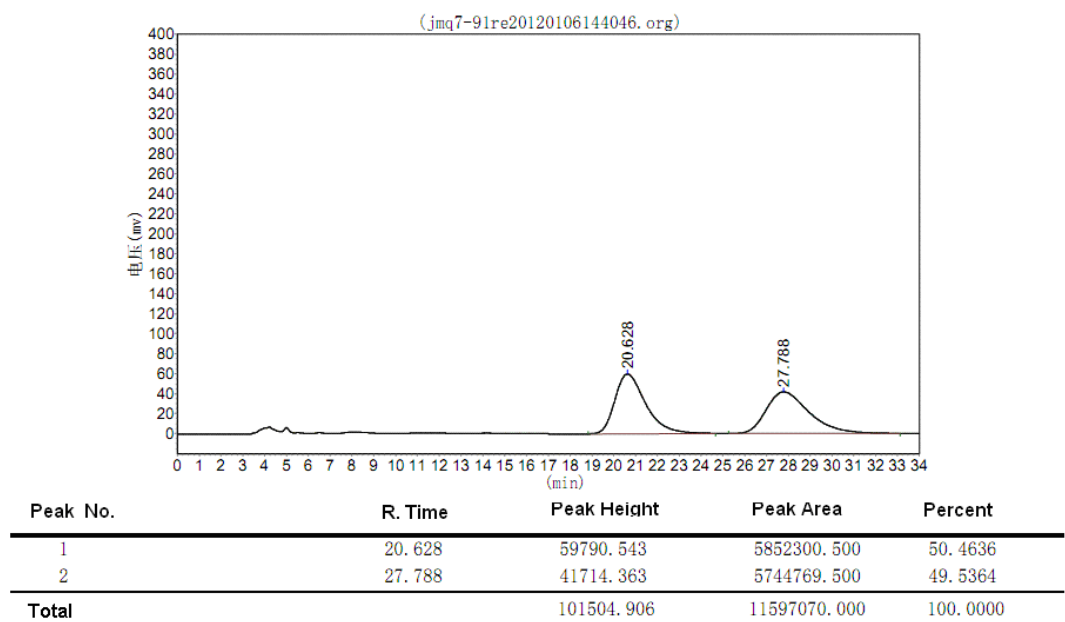
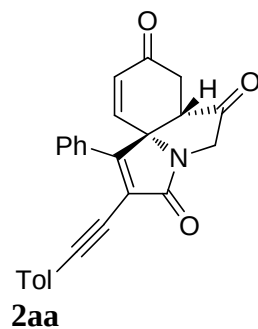


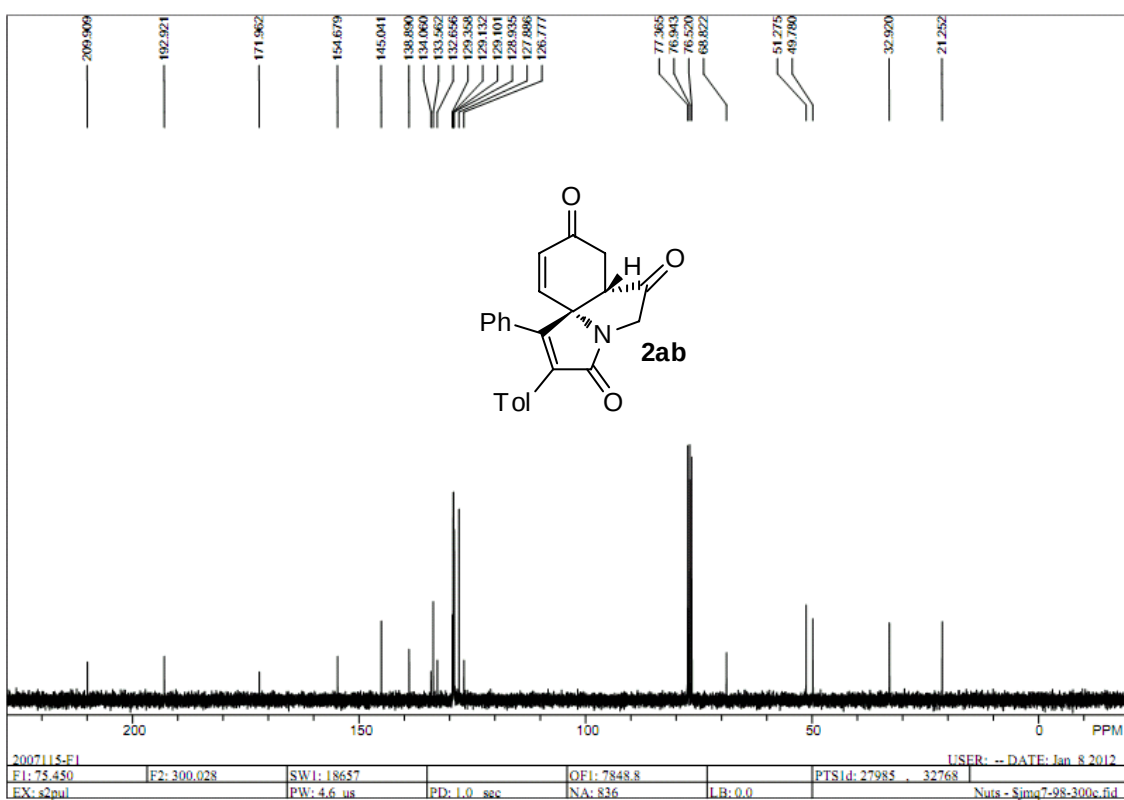
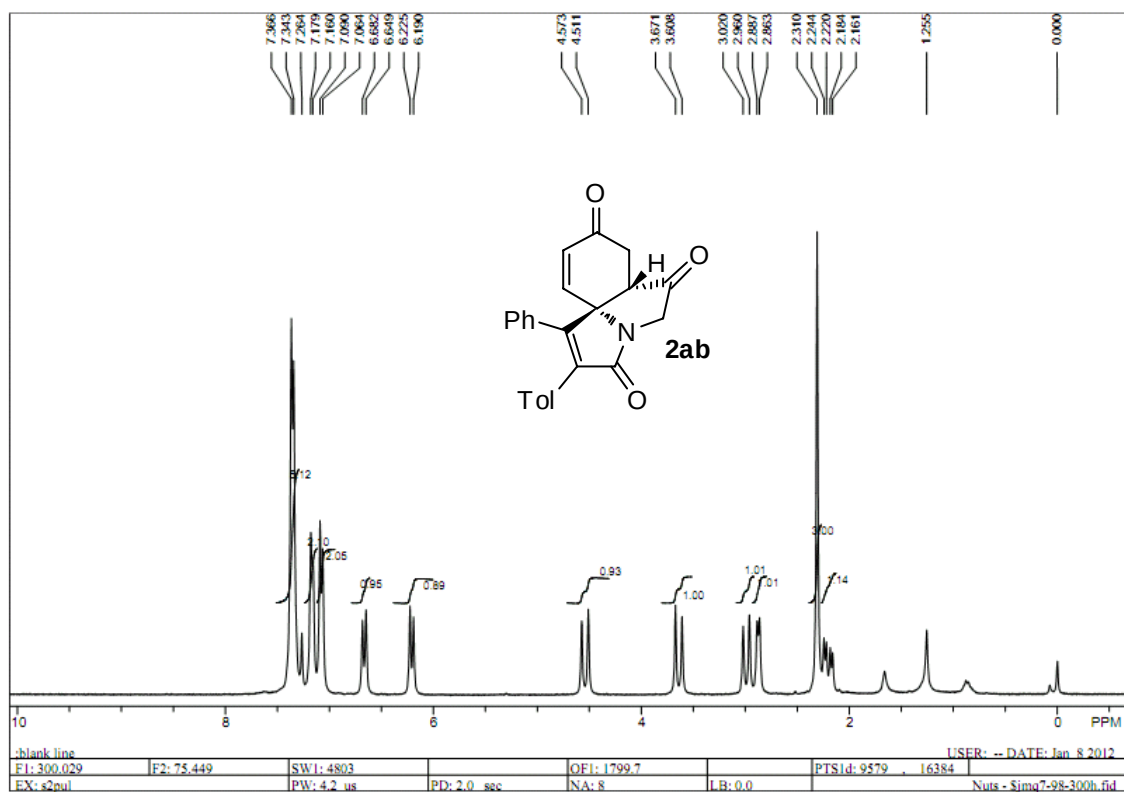
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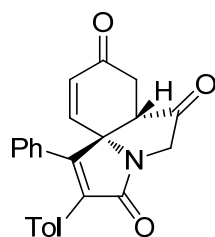


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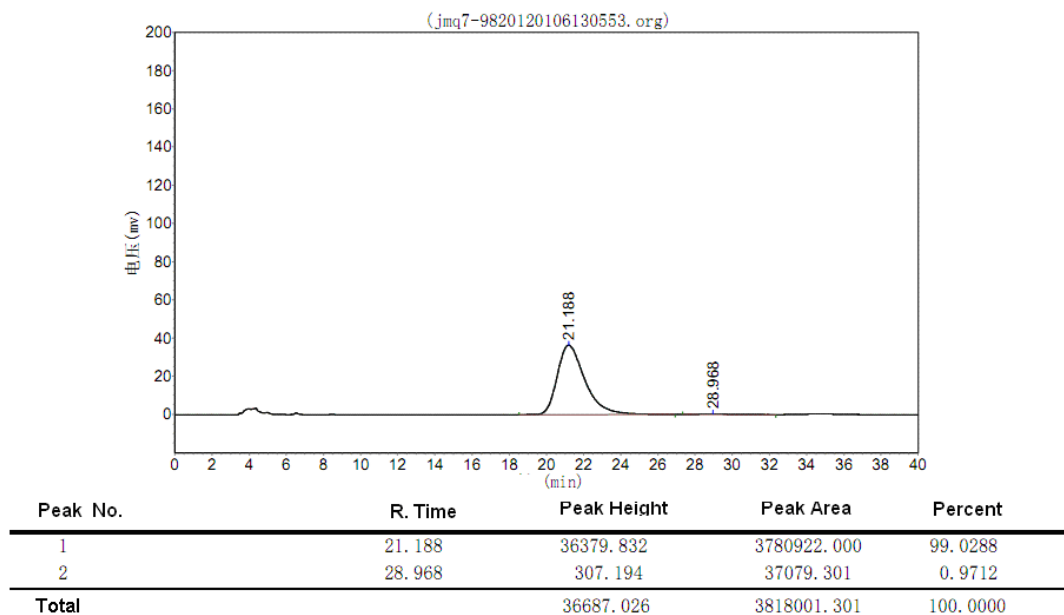
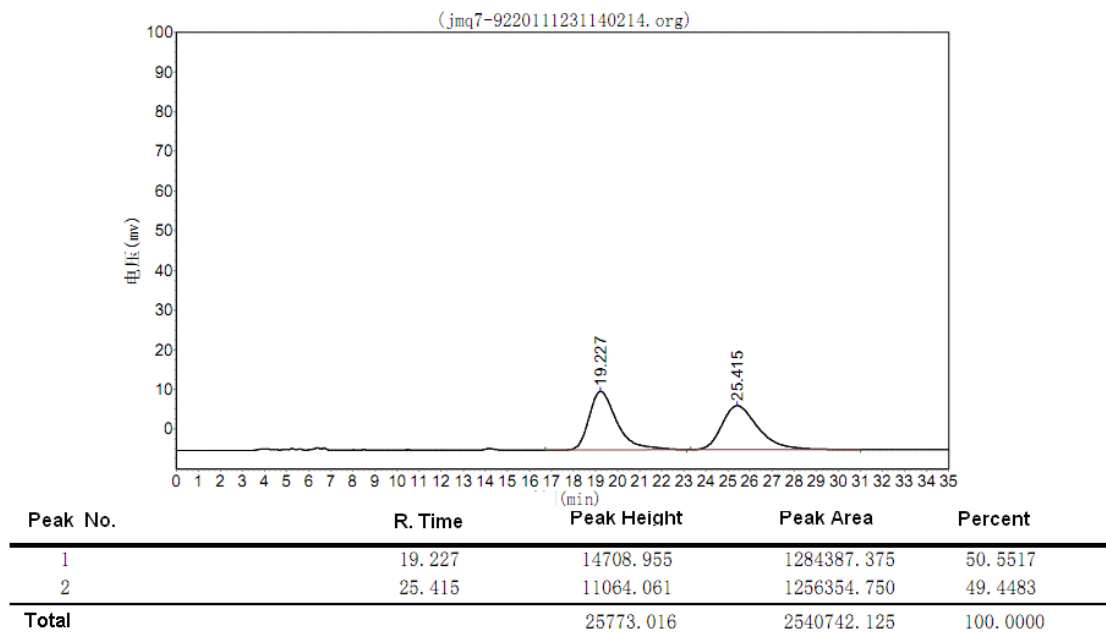


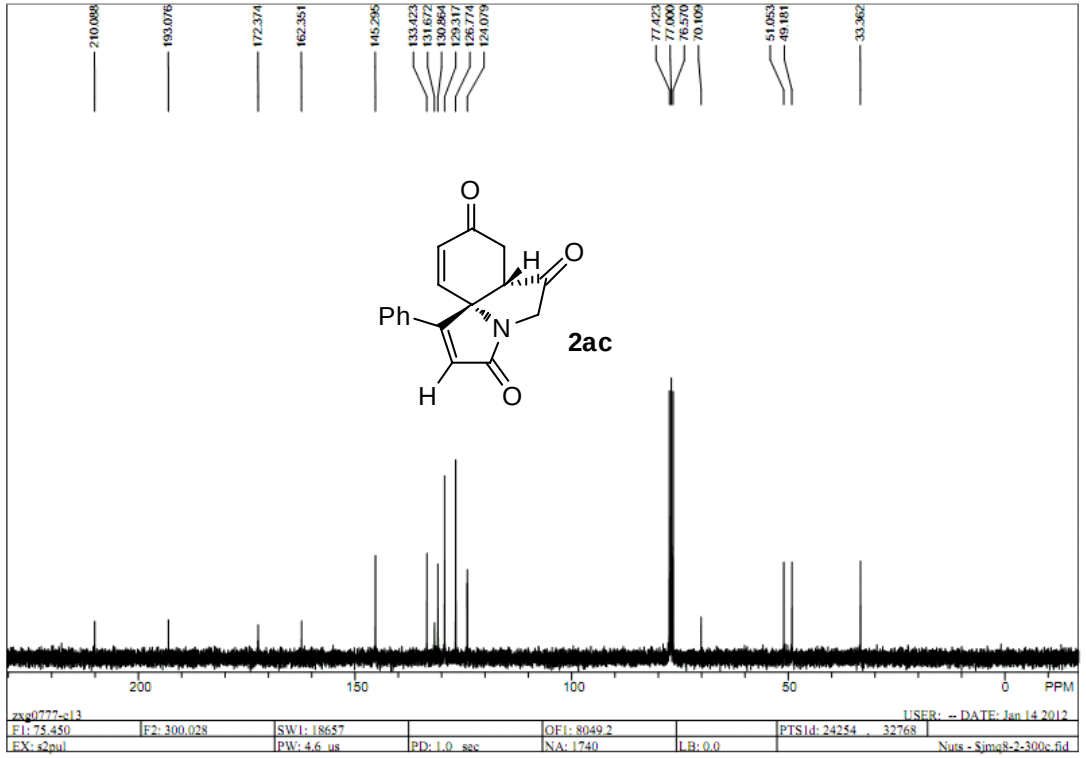
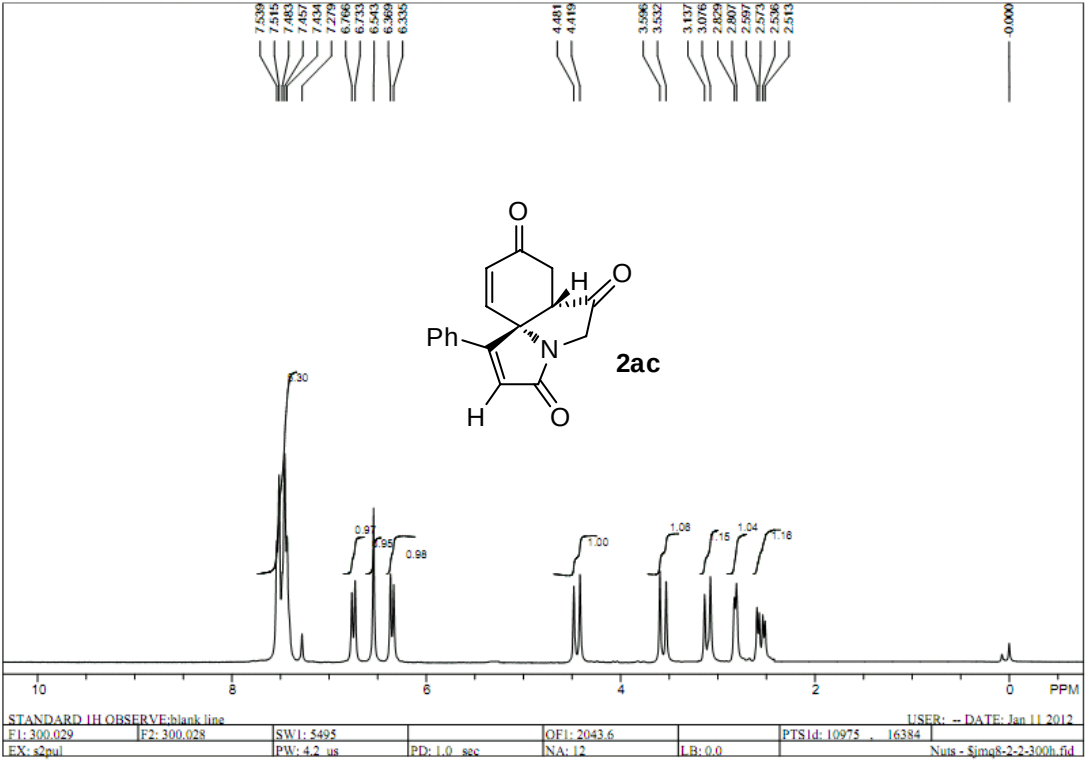


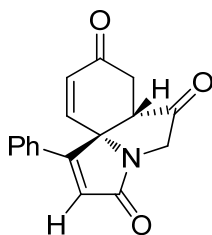




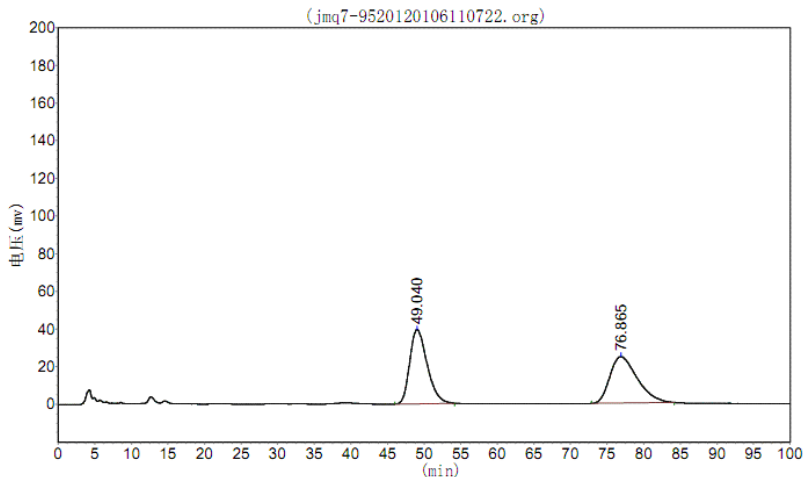
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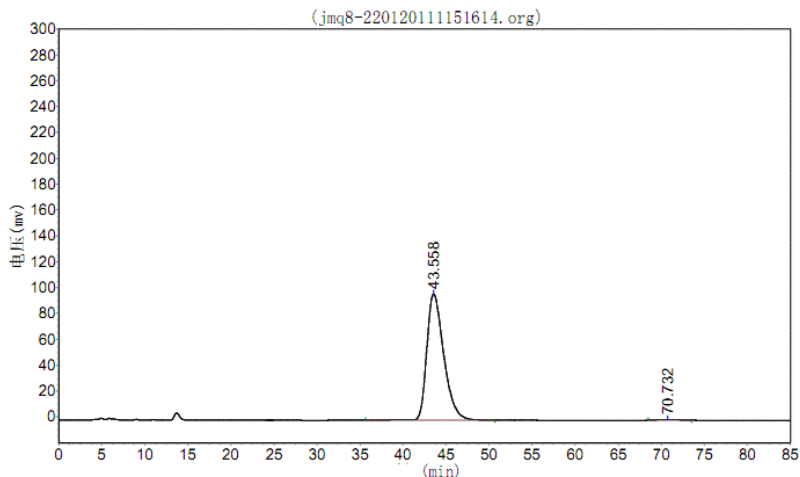




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Peak No.	R. Time	Peak Height	Peak Area	Percent
1	49.040	39408.277	6520712.000	50.3801
2	76.865	24721.996	6422332.000	49.6199
Total		64130.273	12943044.000	100.0000



Peak No.	R. Time	Peak Height	Peak Area	Percent
1	43.558	97660.727	13425020.000	99.2866
2	70.732	578.410	96467.695	0.7134
Total		98239.137	13521487.695	100.0000