

Organocatalytic Cascade Reactions: Diversity-Oriented Synthesis for the Construction of Hydroisoquinoline Scaffolds

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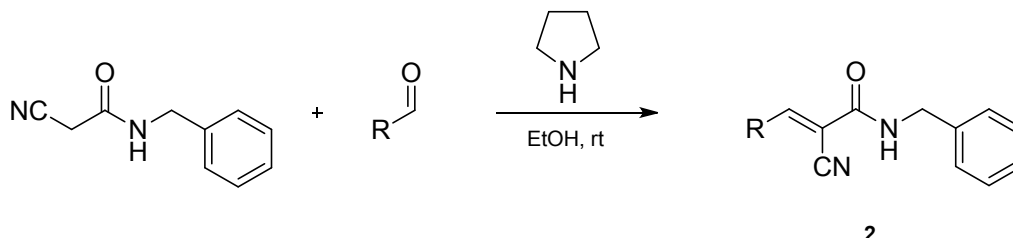
1. GENERAL METHODS

The NMR spectra were acquired on a Varian AS 400 spectrometer, running at 400 MHz for ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C . Chemical Shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (CDCl_3 , 7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR and 77.0 for ^{13}C NMR). The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity in NMR spectra: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; bs, broad singlet; bd, broad doublet. ^{13}C NMR spectra were acquired on a broad band decoupled mode. Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker MicroTOF-Q High performance LC-MS system. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated aluminum-backed plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized by ultraviolet irradiation or KMnO_4 stain. Optical rotations were measured on a Bellingham+Stanley ADP440+ polarimeter and $[\alpha]_D$ values are given in $\text{deg}\cdot\text{cm}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{dm}^{-1}$; concentration c is listed in $\text{g}\cdot(100\text{ mL})^{-1}$. The enantiomeric excess (ee) of the products were determined by Ultra Performance Convergence Chromatography (UPC²) using Daicel Chiralpak IA-3, IB-3, IC-3 and ID-3 columns as chiral stationary phases. Unless otherwise noted, analytical grade solvents and commercially reagents were used without further purification. For flash chromatography (FC) silica gel (SiO_2 60, 230-400 mesh, Fluka) was used. Racemic samples were prepared using a mixture of enantiomers of **3g** (20 mol%) in combination with *p*-nitrobenzoic acid (20 mol%) in dioxane.

2. STARTING MATERIALS

Dienals **1a**, **m**, **o-q** and **n**, **r** were prepared from the corresponding alkenyl bromides following the procedure reported by Cacchi *et al.*¹ Aldehyde **1d,h** were prepared according the procedure reported in literature.²

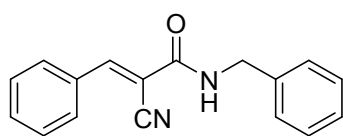
2.1 Synthesis of cyanoacrylamides



General procedure

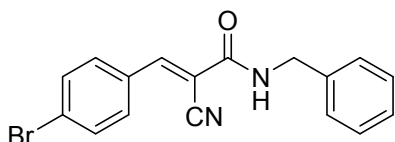
To a solution of *N*-benzyl-2-cyanoacetamide³ (11.4 mmol) in EtOH (35 mL) was added pyrrolidine (20 mol%) followed by the addition of the aldehyde (11.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred vigorously at rt. After 1 h the solvent was removed and the obtained solid was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂:pentane.

(*E*)-*N*-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylamide **2a**



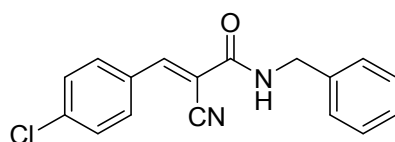
Following the general procedure the compound **2a** was obtained in 90% yield as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.74 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 153.6, 137.4, 133.1, 132.0, 130.9 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.2 (3C), 117.2, 104.1, 44.8. HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂OH⁺ 263.1179 [M+H]⁺, found 263.1177.

(*E*)-*N*-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylamide **2b**



Following the general procedure the compound **2b** was obtained in 78% yield as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.65 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 152.2, 137.2, 132.9 (2C), 132.2 (2C), 130.9, 129.2 (2C), 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 128.0, 117.0, 104.7, 45.0. HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₁₃BrN₂OH⁺ 341.0286 [M+H]⁺, found 341.0286.

(*E*)-*N*-Benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide **2c**



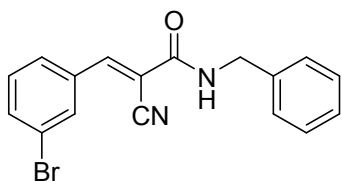
Following the general procedure the compound **2c** was obtained in 86% yield as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.70 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 152.0, 139.4, 137.3, 132.1 (2C), 130.5, 129.9 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 117.0, 104.6, 44.9. HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₁₃ClN₂OH⁺ 297.0789 [M+H]⁺, found 297.0791.

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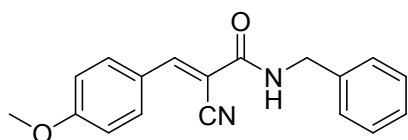
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(E)-N-Benzyl-3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide 2d



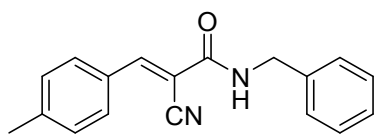
Following the general procedure the compound **2d** was obtained in 76% yield as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.01 (bs, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 6.71 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 151.8, 137.2, 135.8, 133.9, 133.6, 131.0, 129.2 (2C), 129.0, 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 123.6, 116.7, 105.7, 44.9. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{OH}^+$ 341.0284 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 341.0282.

(E)-N-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide 2e



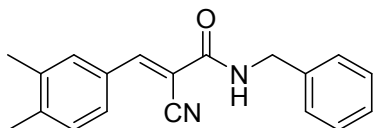
Following the general procedure the compound **2e** was obtained in 95% yield as a pale green solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7, 161.1, 153.0, 137.6, 133.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.2, 124.9, 118.0, 115.0 (2C), 100.5, 55.9, 44.8. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{H}^+$ 293.1285 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 293.1288.

(E)-N-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(p-tolyl)acrylamide 2f



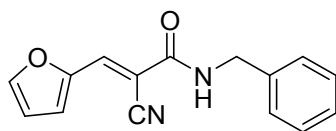
Following the general procedure the compound **2f** was obtained in 88% yield as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 6.65 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 153.6, 144.4, 137.5, 131.1 (2C), 130.3 (2C), 129.4, 129.2 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 117.6, 102.7, 77.2, 44.9, 22.1. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OH}^+$ 277.1335 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 277.1335.

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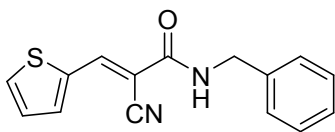
Following the general procedure the compound **2g** was obtained in 62% yield as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.69 (bs, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 153.8, 143.2, 138.0, 137.5, 132.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.2 (2C), 128.7, 128.2 (2C), 128.2, 117.6, 102.4, 44.8, 20.5, 20.0. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OH}^+$ 291.1492 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 291.1495.

(E)-N-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylamide 2h



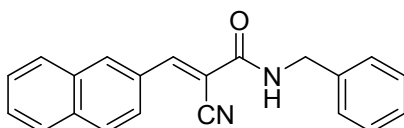
Following the general procedure the compound **2h** was obtained in 59% yield as a red solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.72 (bs, 1H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (bs, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 149.3, 148.0, 137.9, 137.4, 129.2 (2C), 128.2 (3C), 121.5, 117.0, 113.8, 100.0, 44.8. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{H}^+$ 253.0972 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 253.0973.

(E)-N-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylamide **2i**



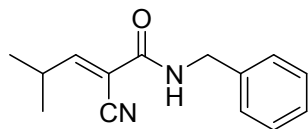
Following the general procedure the compound **2i** was obtained in 91% yield as a gray solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (bs, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 145.4, 137.5, 136.9, 136.6, 134.4, 129.2 (2C), 128.8, 128.2 (3C), 117.3, 100.6, 44.8. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{OSH}^+$ 269.0743 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 269.0742.

(E)-N-Benzyl-2-cyano-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylamide **2j**



Following the general procedure the compound **2j** was obtained in 90% yield as a pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.96 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.77 (bs, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 153.5, 137.4, 135.5, 133.9, 133.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2 (2C), 129.1, 128.2 (4C), 128.1, 127.4, 125.3, 117.5, 103.8, 44.9. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OH}^+$ 313.1335 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 313.1338.

(E)-N-benzyl-2-cyano-4-methylpent-2-enamide **2k**



Following the general procedure the compound **2k** was obtained in 40% yield as a pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.46 (bs, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.04, 159.56, 137.15, 128.87 (2C), 127.93 (2C), 127.90, 115.00, 108.07, 44.31, 31.74, 21.46 (2C). HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OH}^+$ 229.1335 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 229.1335.

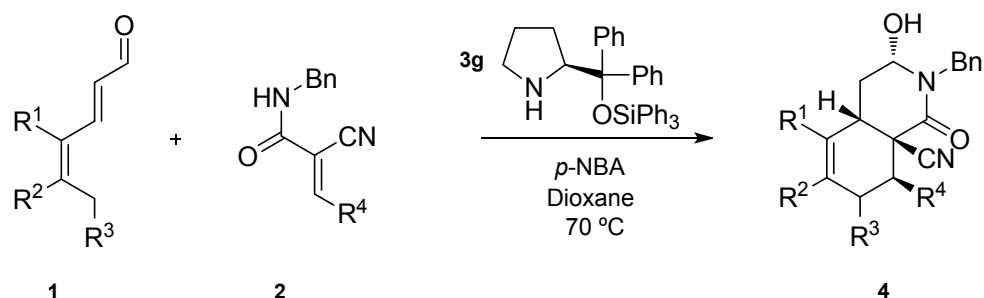
2.2 Synthesis of the catalysts.

Catalysts **3a-d** are commercially available, while the catalysts **3e-f** were synthesized according to the procedure reported in the literature.⁴

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3. PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTS

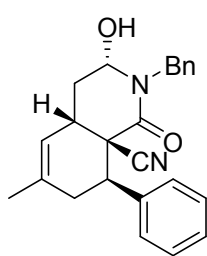
3.1 Organocatalytic asymmetric Diels-Alder-aldol reactions of cyanoacrylamides with 2,4-dienals.



General procedure

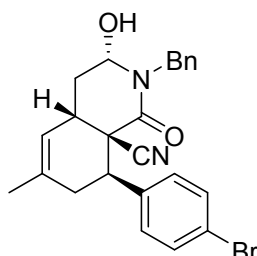
A normal glass vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with the catalyst (0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in dioxane (0.5 mL). The aldehyde **1** was added (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by the cyanoacrylamide **2** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) and *p*-nitrobenzoic acid (0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C until the reaction was complete and then directly purified by FC on silica gel to afford the corresponding adduct.

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile **4a**



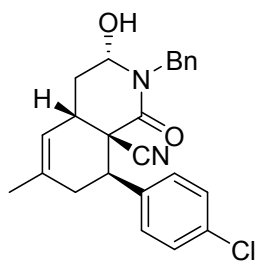
Following the general procedure the compound **4a** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 80% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -61.2 (c 0.95, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 10H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (bs, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (bd, *J* = 21.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.8, 136.9, 129.1 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.6, 128.2, 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 121.9, 119.4, 79.5, 48.4, 47.8, 41.9, 32.8, 32.7, 32.2, 23.9. HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₂H⁺ 373.1911 [M+H]⁺, found 373.1911. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.73 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.15 min (95% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-8-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile **4b**



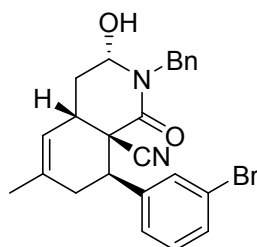
Following the general procedure the compound **4b** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 69% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -8.9 (c 1.65, (CH₃)₂CO). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 2.54 (bs, 1H), 2.35 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 164.3, 139.5, 137.8, 136.9, 132.2 (2C), 131.2 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 122.7, 122.4, 119.7, 79.4, 48.5, 48.0, 41.8, 33.2, 33.0, 32.3, 23.3. HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₃BrN₂O₂H⁺ 451.1016 [M+H]⁺, found 451.1017. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.72 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.17 min (93% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-8-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4c



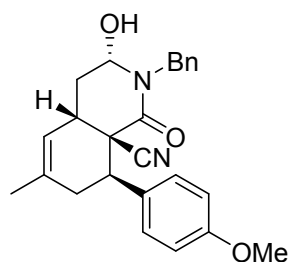
Following the general procedure the compound **4c** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 79% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -58.3 (*c* 0.49, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 9H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (bs, 1H), 2.52 (bd, *J* = 19.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 138.8, 138.3, 136.8, 134.2, 130.4 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.0, 122.0, 119.3, 79.5, 48.4, 47.6, 41.4, 32.8, 32.7, 32.2, 23.9. HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₃ClN₂O₂H⁺ 407.1521 [M+H]⁺, found 407.1523. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.70 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.65 min (94% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-8-(3-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4d



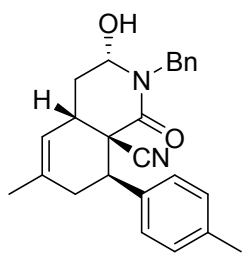
Following the general procedure the compound **4d** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 85:15) in 64% yield as a light brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -46.0 (*c* 0.84, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.16 (m, 9H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (bs, 1H), 2.62 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.44 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 142.0, 138.4, 136.6, 131.4, 131.3, 130.2, 129.0 (2C), 128.0 (3C), 127.9, 122.8, 121.9, 119.0, 79.3, 48.3, 47.4, 41.5, 32.7, 32.5, 31.9, 23.7. HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₃BrN₂O₂H⁺ 451.1016 [M+H]⁺, found 451.1013. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.18 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.22 min (91% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-8-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4e



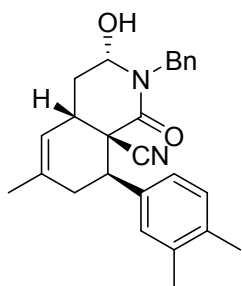
Following the general procedure the compound **4e** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 80% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -42.3 (*c* 0.95, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.78 (bs, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 159.5, 139.0, 136.9, 131.8, 130.1 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.9, 121.9, 119.6, 114.2 (2C), 79.6, 55.5, 48.3, 48.0, 41.2, 32.9, 32.7, 32.4, 23.9. HRMS calc. for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₃H⁺ 403.2016 [M+H]⁺, found 403.2015. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.82 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.28 min (96% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-8-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4f



Following the general procedure the compound **4f** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 60% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -44.2$ (c 0.7, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (bs, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.1, 137.9, 136.9, 136.8, 129.5 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.0, 121.9, 119.5, 79.6, 48.3, 47.9, 41.6, 32.9, 32.7, 32.3, 23.9, 21.4. HRMS calc. for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 387.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 387.2068. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.63 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.07 min (96% ee).

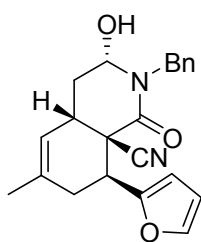
(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-8-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4g



Following the general procedure the compound **4g** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 8:2) in 74% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -52.9$ (c 0.76, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.03 (m, 8H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (bs, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (bd, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.0, 137.1, 136.8, 136.7, 136.4, 130.3, 129.9, 128.9 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.8, 125.9, 121.7, 119.4, 79.4, 48.2, 47.7, 41.4, 32.7, 32.6, 32.2, 23.8, 20.1, 19.5. HRMS calc. for C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₂H⁺ 401.2224

[M+H]⁺, found 401.2227. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.30 min; *t*_{minor} = 6.03 min (93% ee).

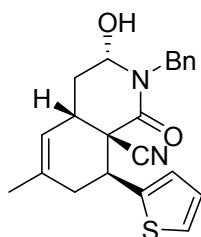
(3*S*,4*aS*,8*S*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-8-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4h



Following the general procedure the compound **4h** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 85:15) in 73% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -54.0$ (c 0.73, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 2.96 (bs, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 153.2, 142.3, 137.4, 136.6, 128.9 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.8, 120.9, 119.2, 110.52, 108.2, 79.4, 48.1, 46.5, 37.1, 33.7, 32.6, 30.8, 23.8. HRMS calc. for

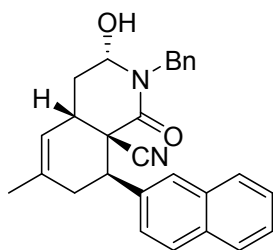
C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₃H⁺ 363.1703 [M+H]⁺, found 363.1706. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.91 min; *t*_{minor} = 7.16 min (93% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*S*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-oxo-8-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4i



Following the general procedure the compound **4i** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 74% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -52.6 (c 0.86, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (bs, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 141.4, 138.0, 136.7, 129.1 (2C), 128.3, 128.3 (2C), 128.1, 126.9, 125.2, 122.3, 119.5, 79.5, 48.4, 47.9, 39.1, 33.4, 33.2, 32.6, 24.1. HRMS calc. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂SH⁺ 379.1475 [M+H]⁺, found 379.1475. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 3.89 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.90 min (95% ee).

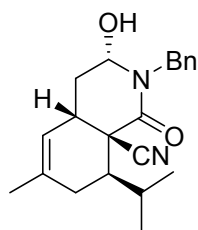
(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-8-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4j



Following the general procedure the compound **4j** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 80% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -9.7 (c 1.23, (CH₃)₂CO). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (bs, 1H), 2.66 (bd, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.1, 137.4, 136.9, 133.6, 133.2, 129.1 (2C), 128.5, 128.4, 128.2 (2C), 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 127.1, 126.4, 126.4, 122.1, 119.4, 79.6, 48.4, 47.9, 42.0, 32.9, 32.8, 32.4, 24.0. HRMS calc. for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 423.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 423.2065. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH 80:20, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 5.35 min; *t*_{minor} = 13.79 min (97% ee).

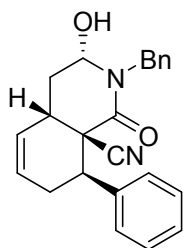
(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aR*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-8-isopropyl-6-methyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4k



Following the general procedure the compound **4k** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 85:15) in 48% yield as a brown oil. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ 29.2 (c 0.40, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dt, *J* = 11.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (bs, 1H), 2.68 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 138.6, 136.8, 128.9 (2C),

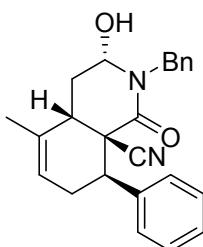
128.2 (2C), 127.8, 120.7, 120.3, 79.1, 47.9 (2C), 41.5, 34.8, 33.4, 28.7, 27.3, 24.0, 23.7, 18.8. HRMS calc. for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 339.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 339.2067. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 5.04 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.26 min (70% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-1-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4l



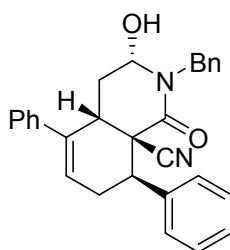
Following the general procedure the compound **4l** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 78% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -33.3 (*c* 1.23, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 6.20 – 6.10 (m, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (bs, 1H), 2.64 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.7, 136.7, 130.7, 129.1 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 128.0, 127.9, 119.3, 79.3, 48.2, 48.0, 41.3, 32.8, 32.4, 27.5. HRMS calc. for C₂₃H₂₂N₂O₂H⁺ 359.1754 [M+H]⁺, found 359.1755. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.11 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.69 min (94% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aS*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4m



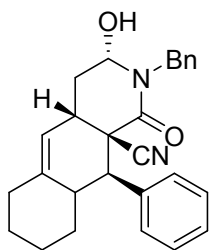
Following the general procedure the compound **4m** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 77% yield as a dark brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -34.1 (*c* 1.08, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.49 (m, 4H), 2.35 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 139.4, 137.0, 133.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.2, 128.0, 124.9, 119.6, 79.2, 50.0, 47.9, 41.6, 38.1, 31.4, 28.9, 21.9. HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₂H⁺ 373.1911 [M+H]⁺, found 373.1910. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.75 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.03 min (96% ee).

(3*S*,4*aS*,8*R*,8*aR*)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-1-oxo-5,8-diphenyl-2,3,4,4*a*,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8*a*(1*H*)-carbonitrile 4n



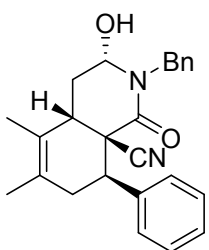
Following the general procedure the compound **4n** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 75:25) in 75% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -38.3 (*c* 1.03, (CH₃)₂CO). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 11H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dt, *J* = 19.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.3, 139.2, 138.7, 137.9, 136.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0 (2C), 127.9 (3C), 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 125.7 (2C), 124.6, 119.5, 78.9, 59.8, 50.7, 46.4, 40.1, 37.2, 34.0, 31.2, 20.8, 14.1. HRMS calc. for C₂₉H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 435.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 435.2070. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH 80:20, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 7.59 min; *t*_{minor} = 8.88 min (98% ee).

(3S,4aS,10R,10aS)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-1-oxo-10-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-decahydrobenzo[g]isoquinoline-10a(1H)-carbonitrile 4o



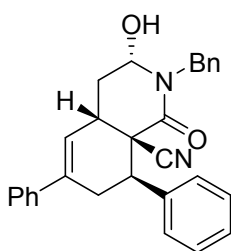
Following the general procedure the compound **4o** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 8:2) in 48% yield as a white foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -46.9 (c 0.64, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.18 (m, 10H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.85 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.41 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (br d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.08 (m, 2H), 0.93 (qd, *J* = 12.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 144.5, 139.3, 137.0, 128.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.0, 127.7, 119.6, 118.3, 79.6, 49.1, 48.8, 47.9, 42.8, 35.6, 35.0, 34.8, 34.1, 27.8, 26.4. HRMS calc. for C₂₇H₂₈N₂O₂H⁺ 413.2224 [M+H]⁺, found 413.2226. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 5.26 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.76 min (93% ee).

(3S,4aS,8R,8aR)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-5,6-dimethyl-1-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8a(1H)-carbonitrile 4p



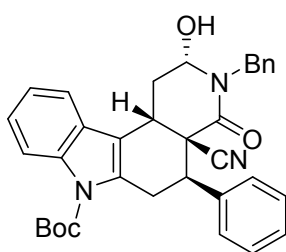
Following the general procedure the compound **4p** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 8:2) in 74% yield as a white foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -47.3 (c 0.63, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.20 (m, 10H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (br s, 1H), 2.49–2.26 (m, 3H), 2.12–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 139.2, 136.9, 129.9, 128.8 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.0, 127.7, 125.1, 119.6, 79.2, 50.2, 47.7, 41.8, 39.5, 35.2, 31.9, 19.7, 17.2. HRMS calc. for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 387.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 387.2070. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.82 min; *t*_{minor} = 5.23 min (91% ee).

(3S,4aS,8R,8aS)-2-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-1-oxo-6,8-diphenyl-2,3,4,4a,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-8a(1H)-carbonitrile 4q



Following the general procedure the compound **4q** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 66% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -80.6 (c 0.95, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.20 (m, 15H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 139.7, 139.6, 139.3, 136.8, 129.1 (4C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.7, 128.3, 128.0 (2C), 127.9, 125.6 (2C), 124.1, 119.4, 79.6, 48.9, 47.8, 42.0, 33.1, 33.0, 29.5. HRMS calc. for C₂₉H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ 435.2067 [M+H]⁺, found 435.2074. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; *t*_{major} = 4.10 min; *t*_{minor} = 4.61 min (94% ee).

tert-butyl (2S,4aR,5R,11cS)-3-Benzyl-4a-cyano-2-hydroxy-4-oxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,11c-octahydro-7H-pyrido[3,4-c]carbazole-7-carboxylate 4r

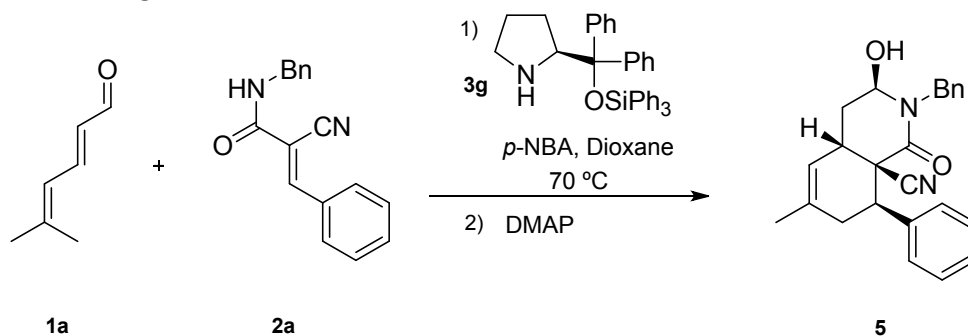


Following the general procedure the compound **4r** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer after FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 7:3) in 56% yield as a brown foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -127.4$ (c 0.96, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.14 (m, 12H), 5.09 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.39 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.37 (m, 3H), 2.97 (bs, 1H), 2.74 (dt, J = 8.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5, 150.2, 138.8, 136.8 (2C), 135.8, 129.0 (7C), 128.9 (3C), 128.5,

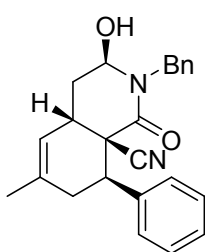
128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 125.2, 123.7, 119.2, 116.4, 114.2, 85.3, 78.8, 77.5, 49.6, 48.1, 42.6, 28.5 (3C). HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{H}^+$ 548.2544 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 548.2543. UPC² IC-3, CO_2/iPrOH 80:20, 3 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, 40 $^\circ\text{C}$, 120 bar; t_{major} = 6.90 min; t_{minor} = 4.60 min (96% ee).

3.2 Synthetic transformations

a) Inversion of the configuration at C-3

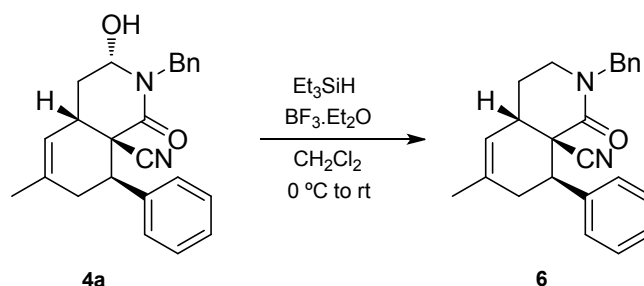


A normal glass vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with the catalyst (0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in dioxane (0.5 mL), the aldehyde **1a** was added (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by the cyanoacrylamide **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) and *p*-nitrobenzoic acid (0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv). After 3 h of stirring at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$, DMAP (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the mixture was allowed stirring for an additional 20 h. When the reaction was complete, the crude product was directly purified by FC on silica gel to afford the corresponding adduct.

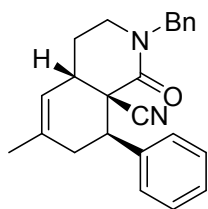


Following the general procedure the compound **5** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer in 82% yield as a golden foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -20.7$ (c 1.1, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (ddd, J = 21.0, 9.0, 4.4 Hz, 8H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (bs, 1H), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.23 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.00 (ddd, J = 14.0, 8.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4, 139.8, 138.0, 136.8, 129.1 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.7 (4C), 128.1, 127.8, 120.4, 119.7, 77.7, 67.4, 48.1, 45.8, 42.7, 34.9, 32.2, 23.3. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{H}^+$ 373.1911 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 373.1907. UPC² IC-3, CO_2/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, 40 $^\circ\text{C}$, 120 bar; t_{major} = 5.05 min; t_{minor} = 5.39 min (96% ee).

b) Reduction of the adduct 4a

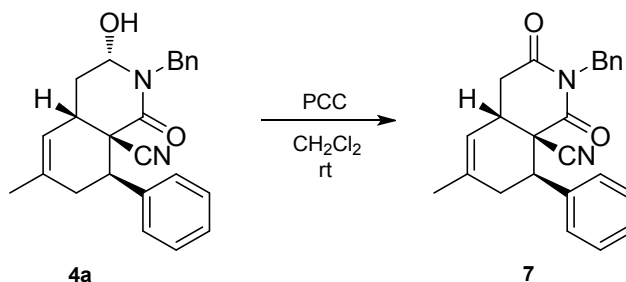


To a solution of adduct **4a** (0.141 mmol, 1 equiv) in 0.5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0°C , was added Et_3SiH (0.282 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (0.564 mmol, 4 equiv). The mixture was stirred starting at 0°C to rt for 75 min. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 , the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained solid was recrystallized from Et_2O .

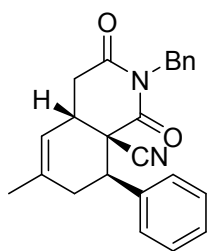


Following the procedure the compound **6** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer in 86% yield as a brown solid. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -21.1$ (c 1, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.98 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.65 (bs, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 18.9, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 140.3, 138.6, 136.6, 129.2 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.0, 127.9 (3C), 120.7, 120.2, 51.8, 47.8, 44.7, 42.2, 33.5, 32.5, 25.2, 23.6. HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ 357.1961 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 357.1963. UPC² IC-3, CO_2/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, $3\text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, 40°C , 120 bar; $t_{\text{major}} = 6.12$ min; $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.13$ min (94% ee).

c) Oxidation of the adduct 4a



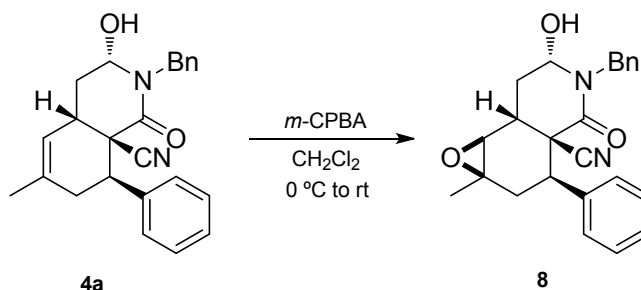
CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) was added to an argon flushed vial containing compound **4a** (0.04 mmol, 1 equiv) and PCC (0.06 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at rt followed by filtration over silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 85:15) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the pure product.



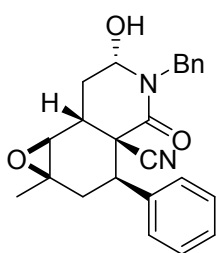
Following the general procedure the compound **7** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer in 99% yield as a white foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ 1.5 (c 0.80, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.34 (br d, J = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (d, J = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 166.6, 139.7, 138.7, 136.4, 128.9 (4C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 128.2 (2C), 127.7, 120.1, 117.2, 48.1, 44.0, 42.2, 36.3, 32.4, 30.8, 23.1.

HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₂H⁺ 371.1754 [M+H]⁺, found 371.1755. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/iPrOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; t_{major} = 3.71 min; t_{minor} = 4.27 min (92% ee).

d) Epoxidation of adduct **4a**



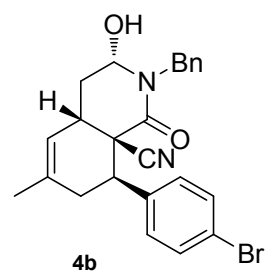
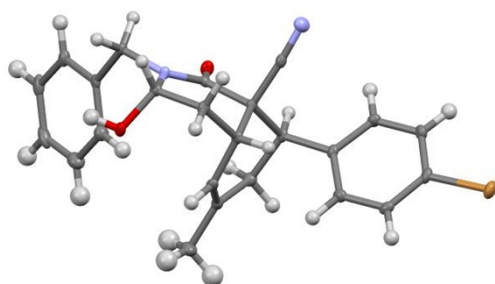
A solution of *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid ($\leq 77\%$, 0.161 mmol, 2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL), was added at 0 °C to a stirred solution of compound **4a** (0.080 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h, starting at 0 °C and increasing the temperature to r.t. When the reaction was complete, water was added and extracted with CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was directly purified by FC on silica gel (pentane:EtOAc 6:4) to afford the pure product.



Following the procedure the compound **8** was obtained as a single diastereoisomer in 72% yield as a white foam. $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ -16.2 (c 0.48, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 5.24 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (ddd, J = 12.3, 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.19 (dt, J = 15.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, J = 16.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 139.8, 136.9, 129.3 (2C), 129.1 (4C), 128.3 (3C), 127.9, 119.1, 77.7, 62.9, 61.9, 47.5, 46.1, 40.0, 32.1, 31.2, 31.0, 24.2.

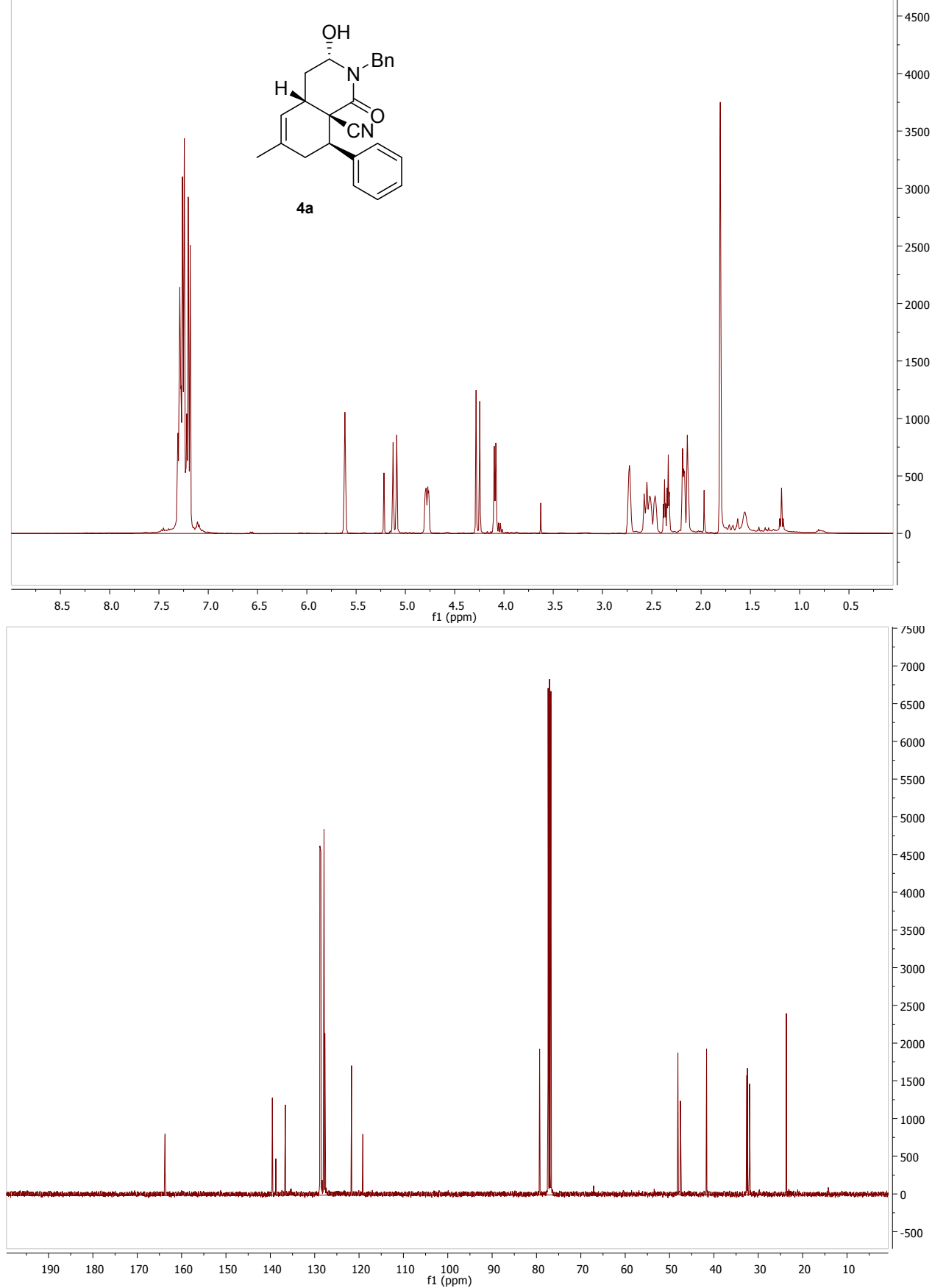
HRMS calc. for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₃H⁺ 389.1860 [M+H]⁺, found 389.1859. UPC² IC-3, CO₂/MeOH Gradient 99:1 to 60:40, 3 mL·min⁻¹, 40 °C, 120 bar; t_{major} = 3.50 min; t_{minor} = 3.58 min (96% ee).

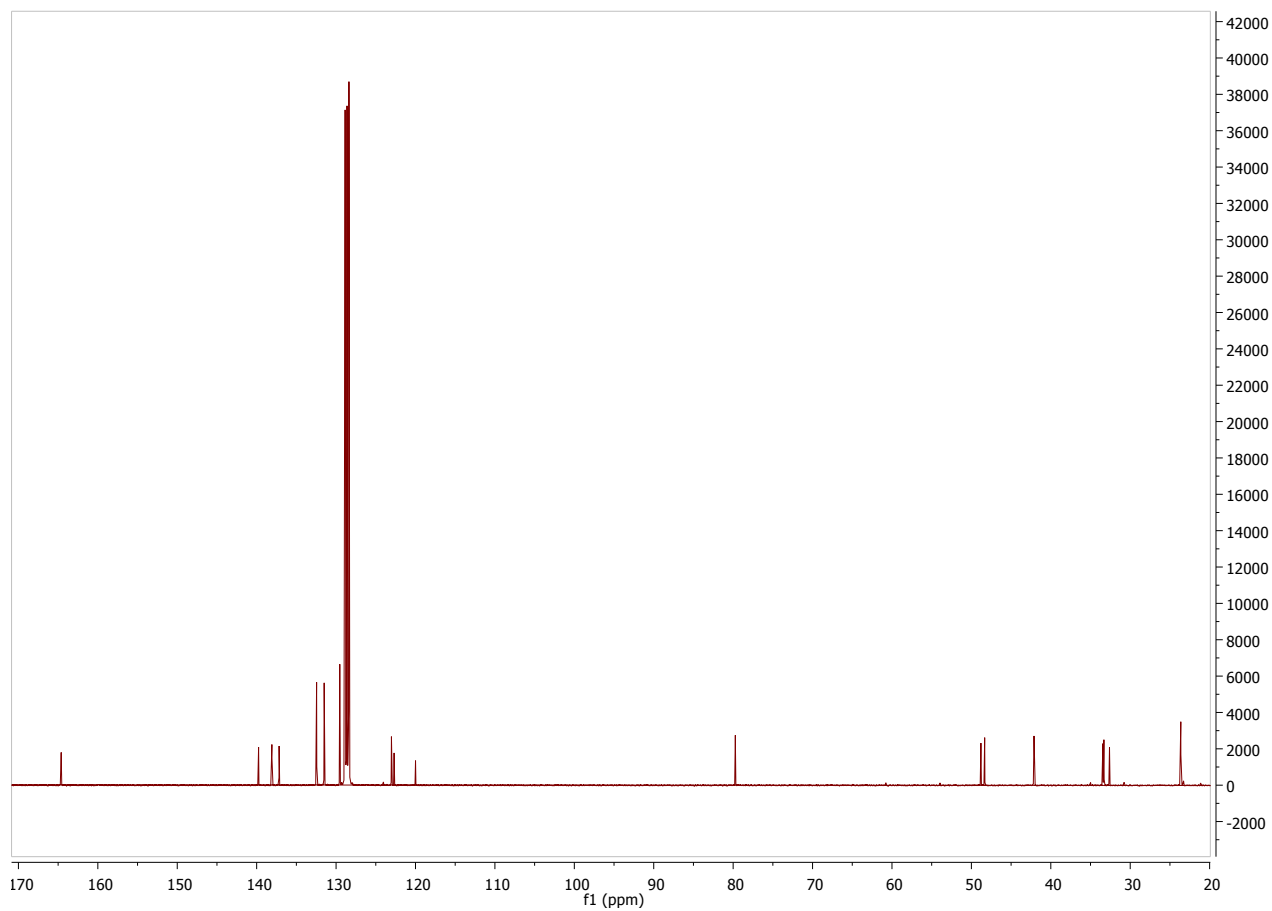
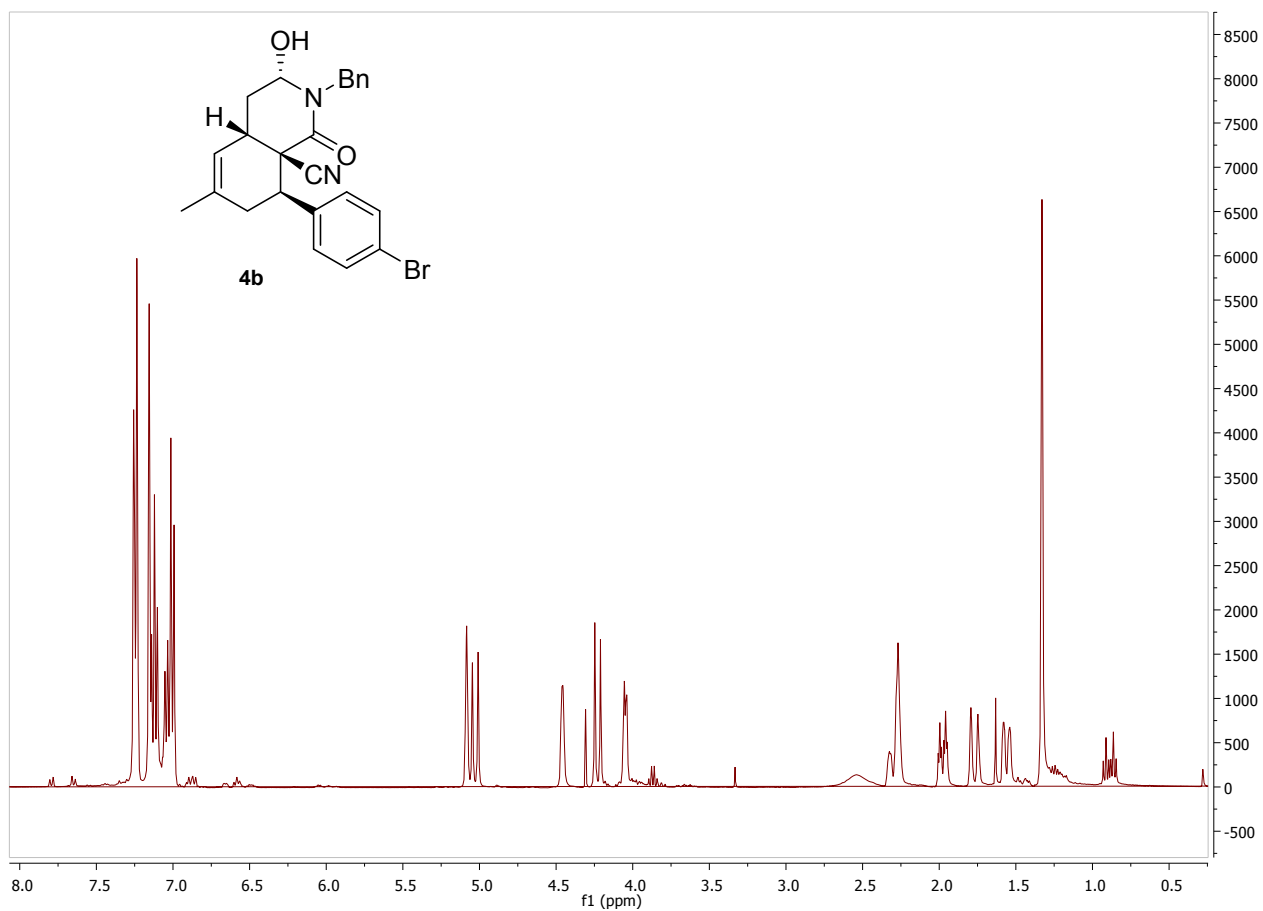
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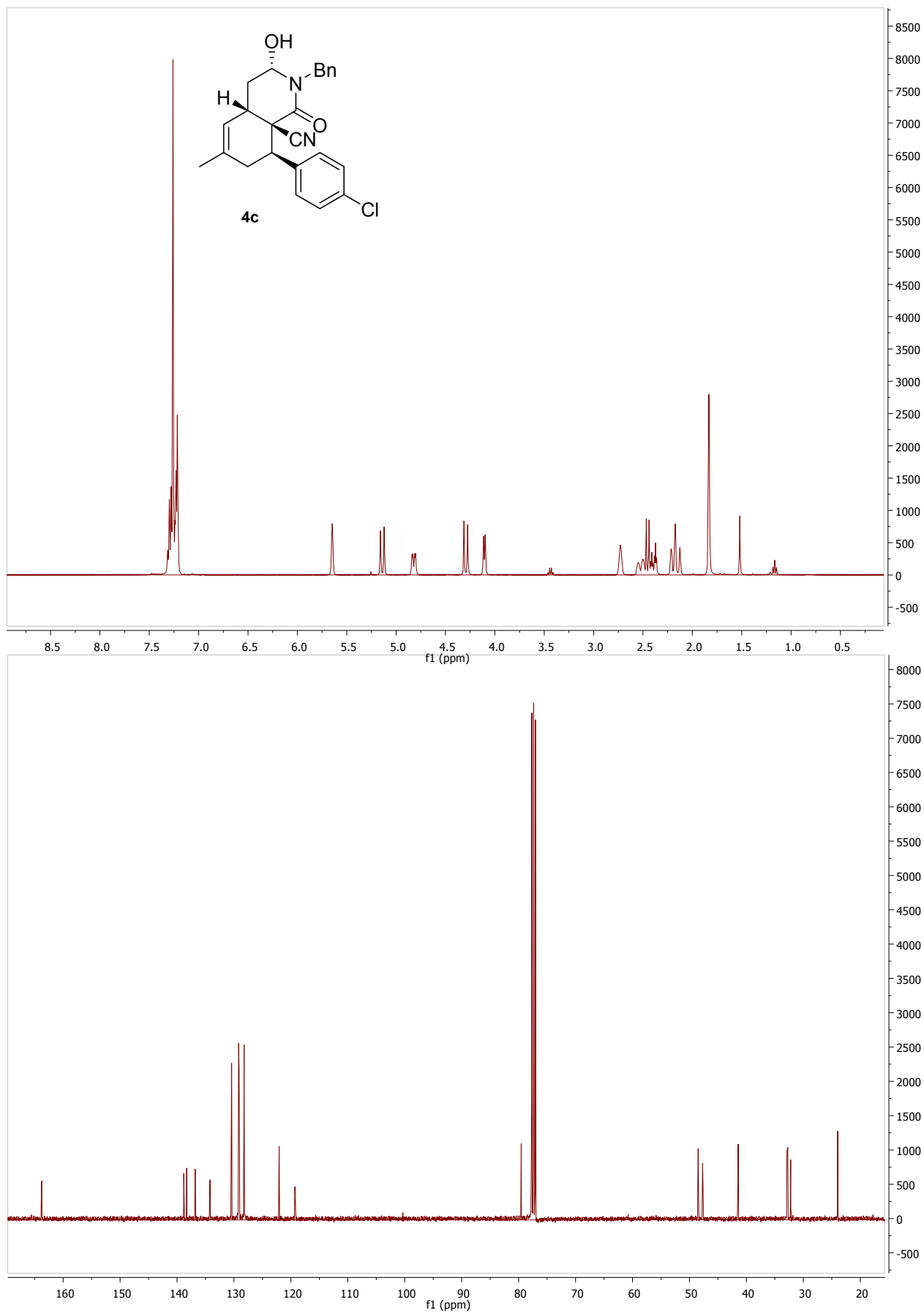


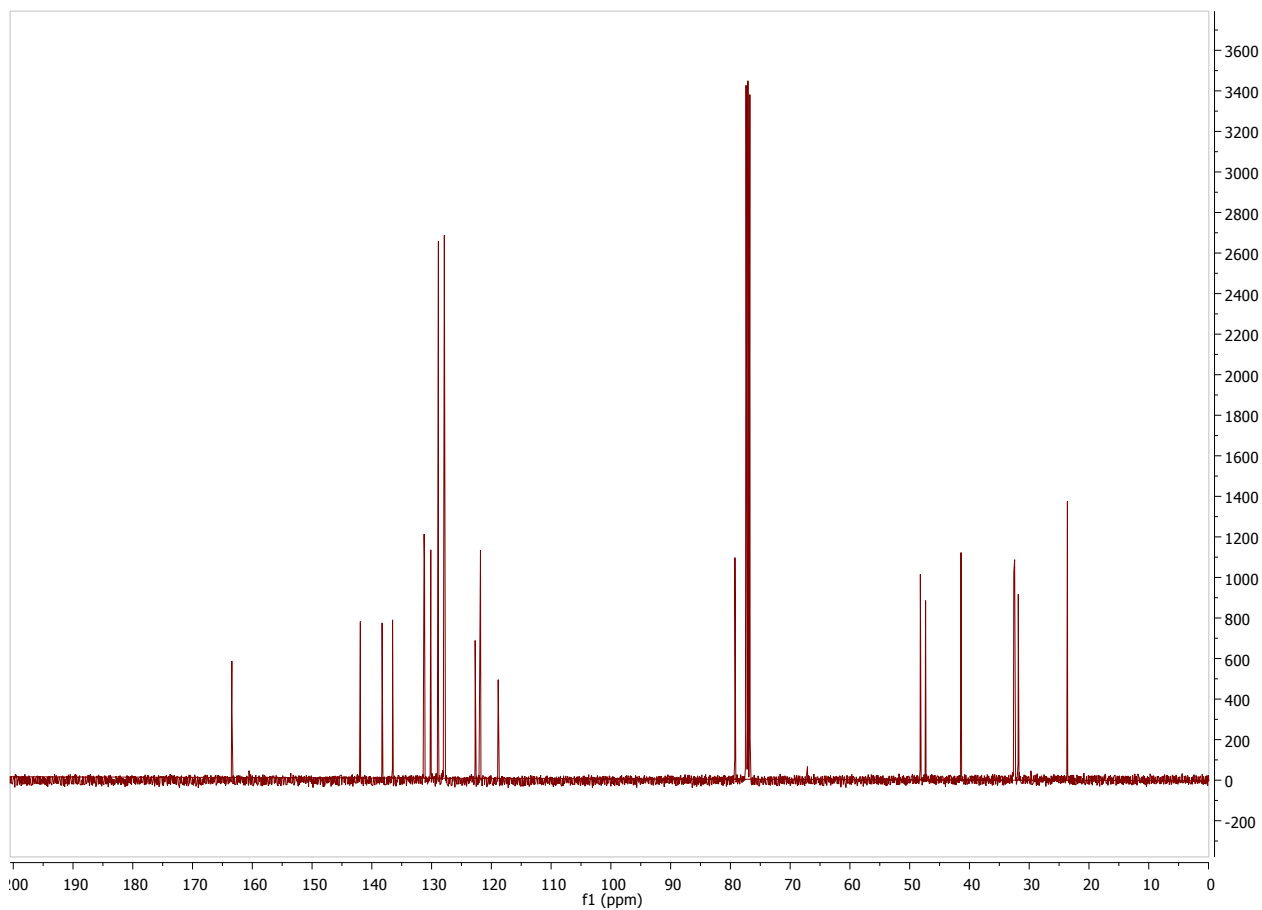
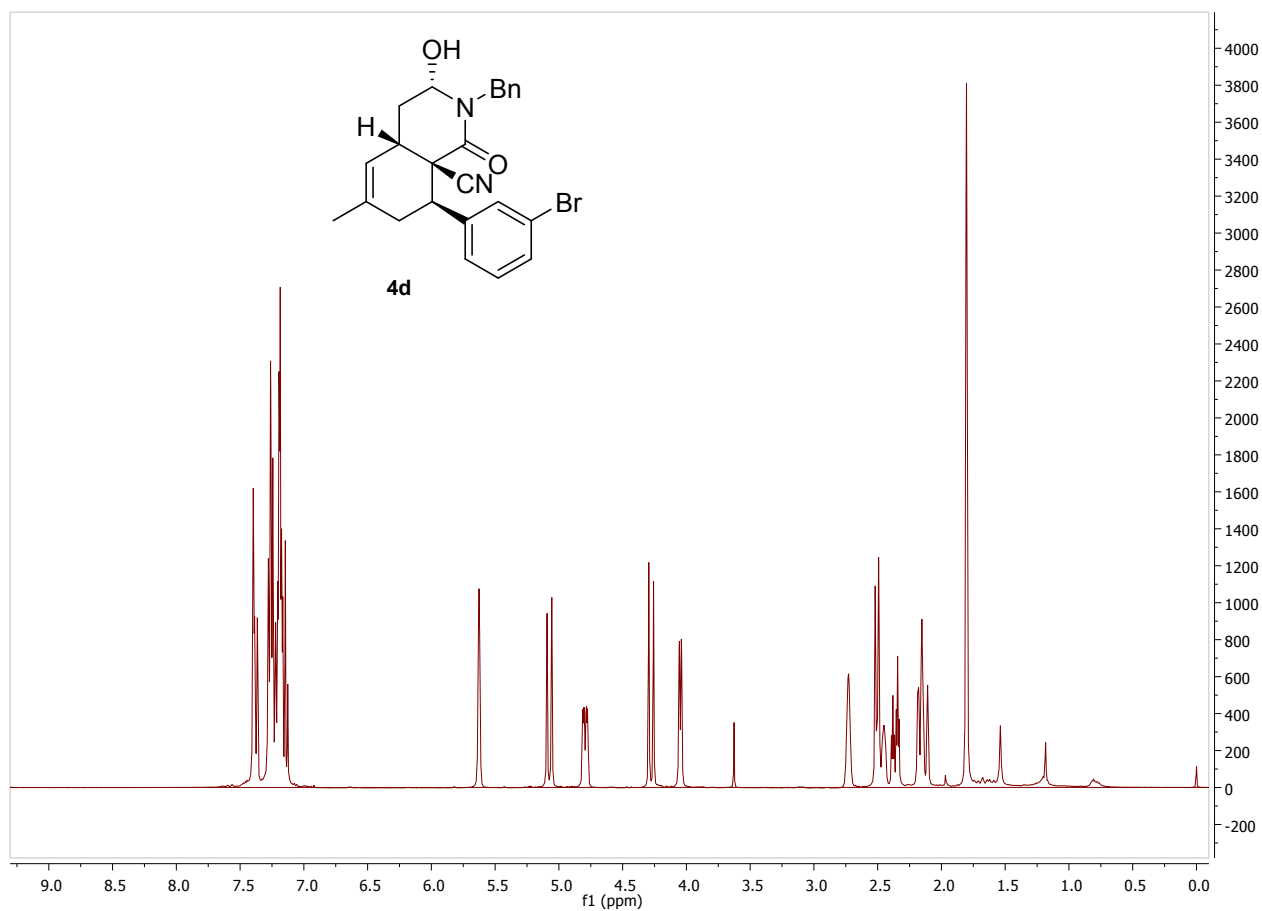
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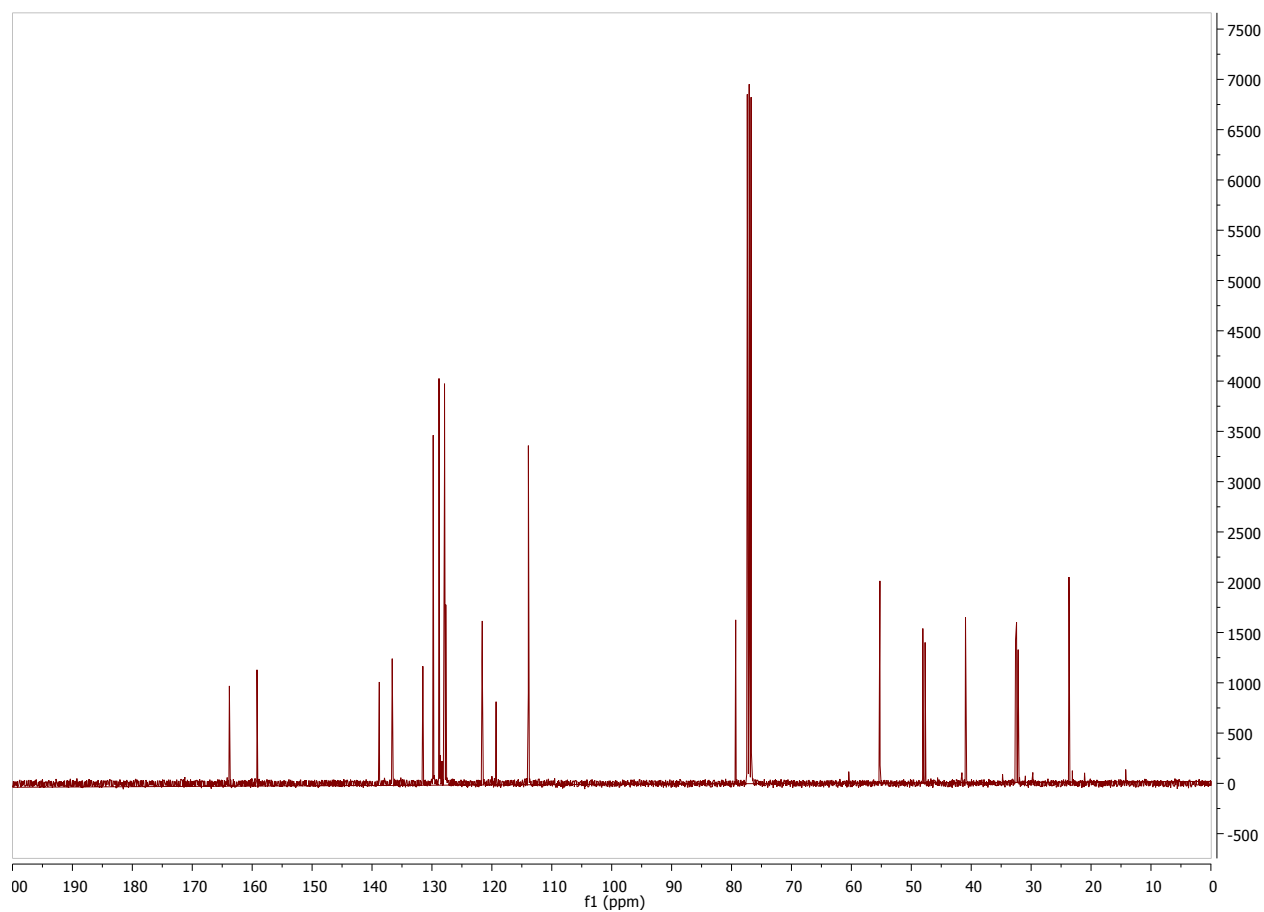
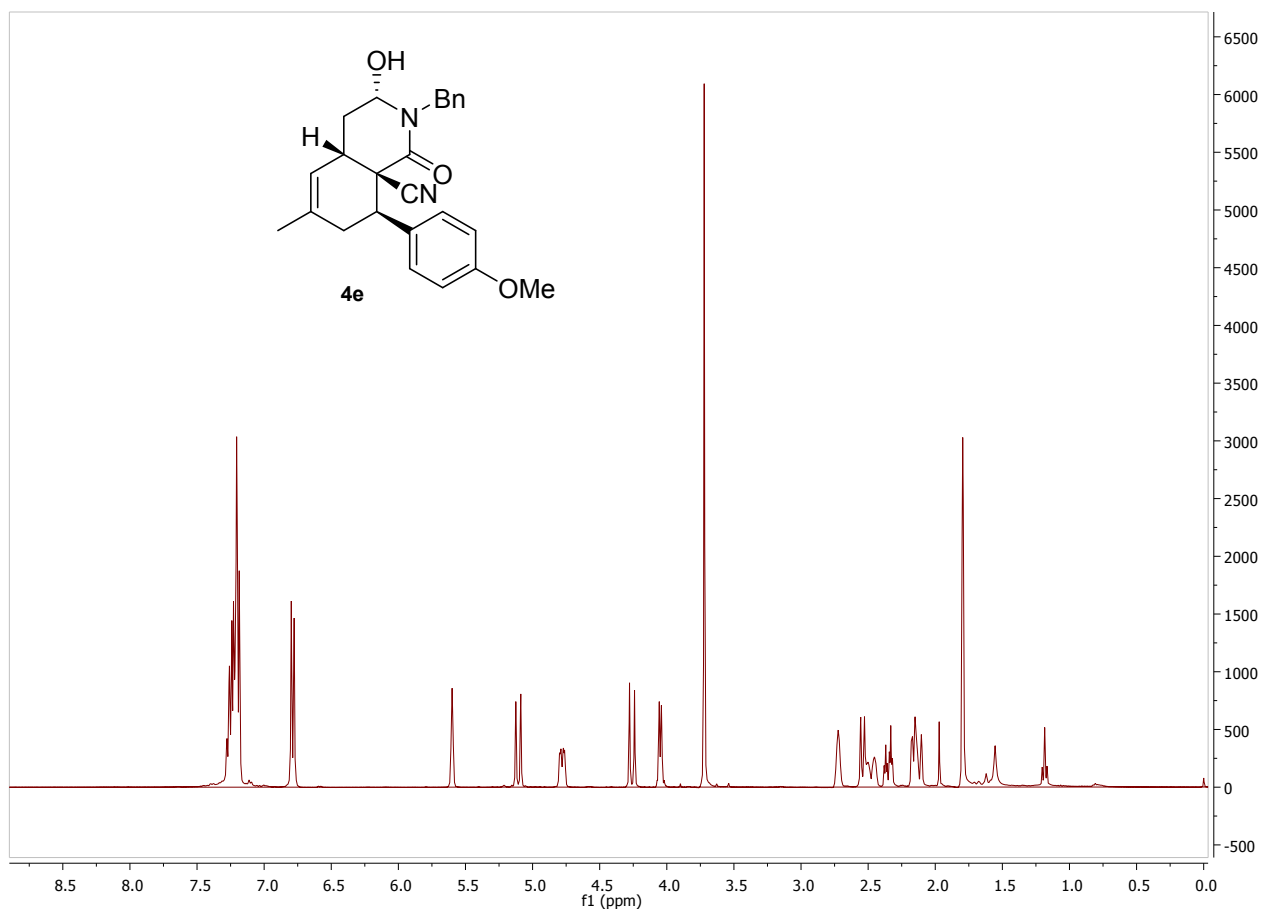
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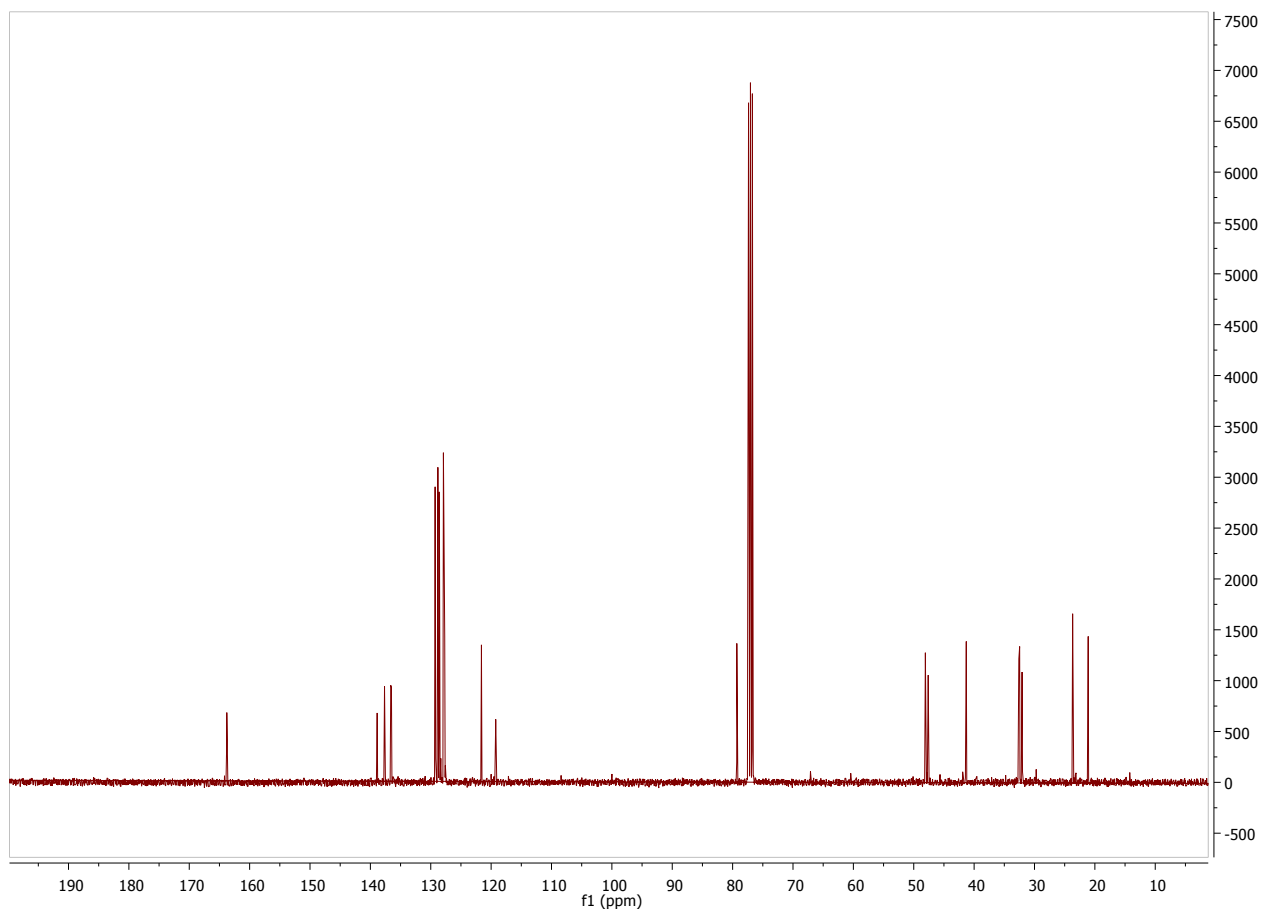
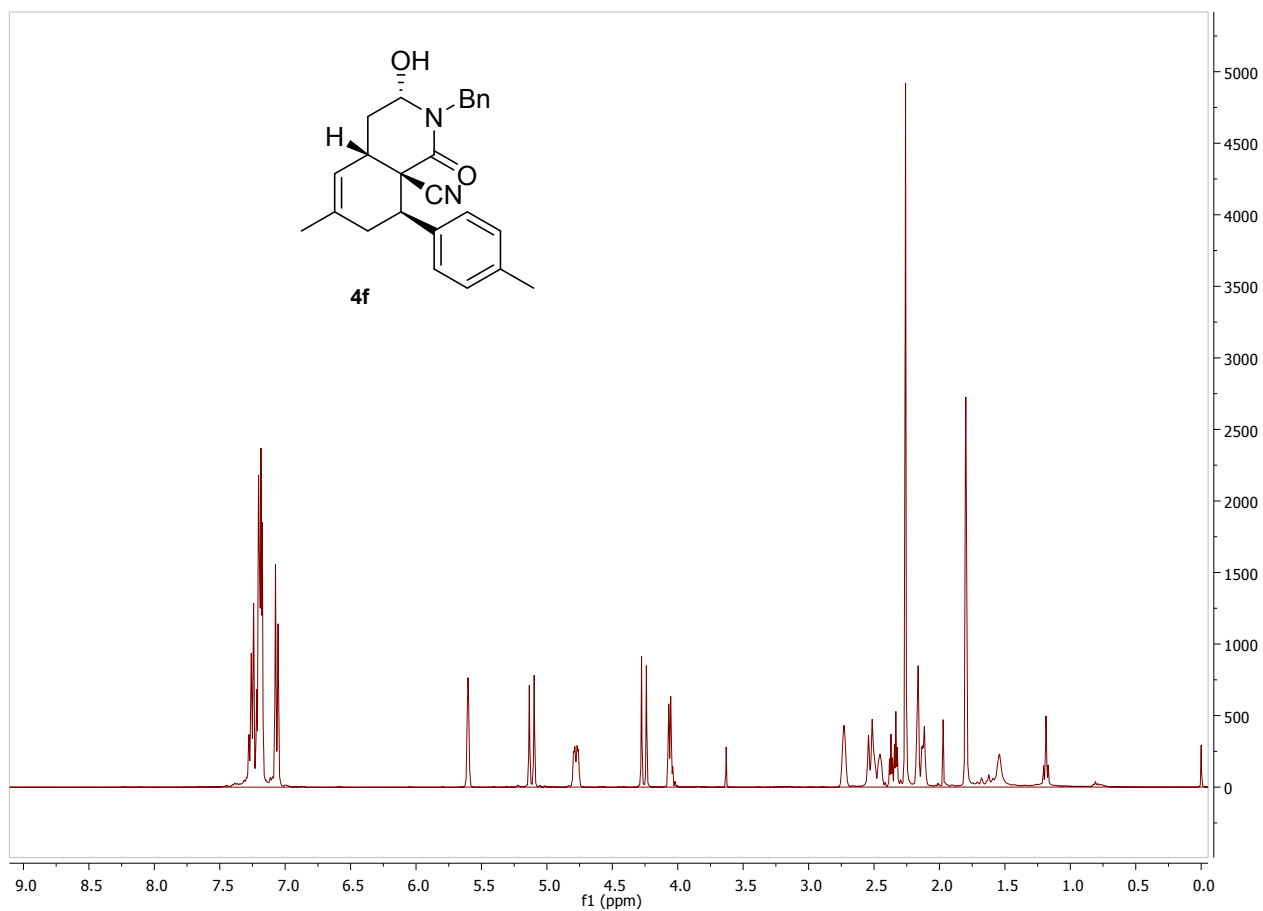


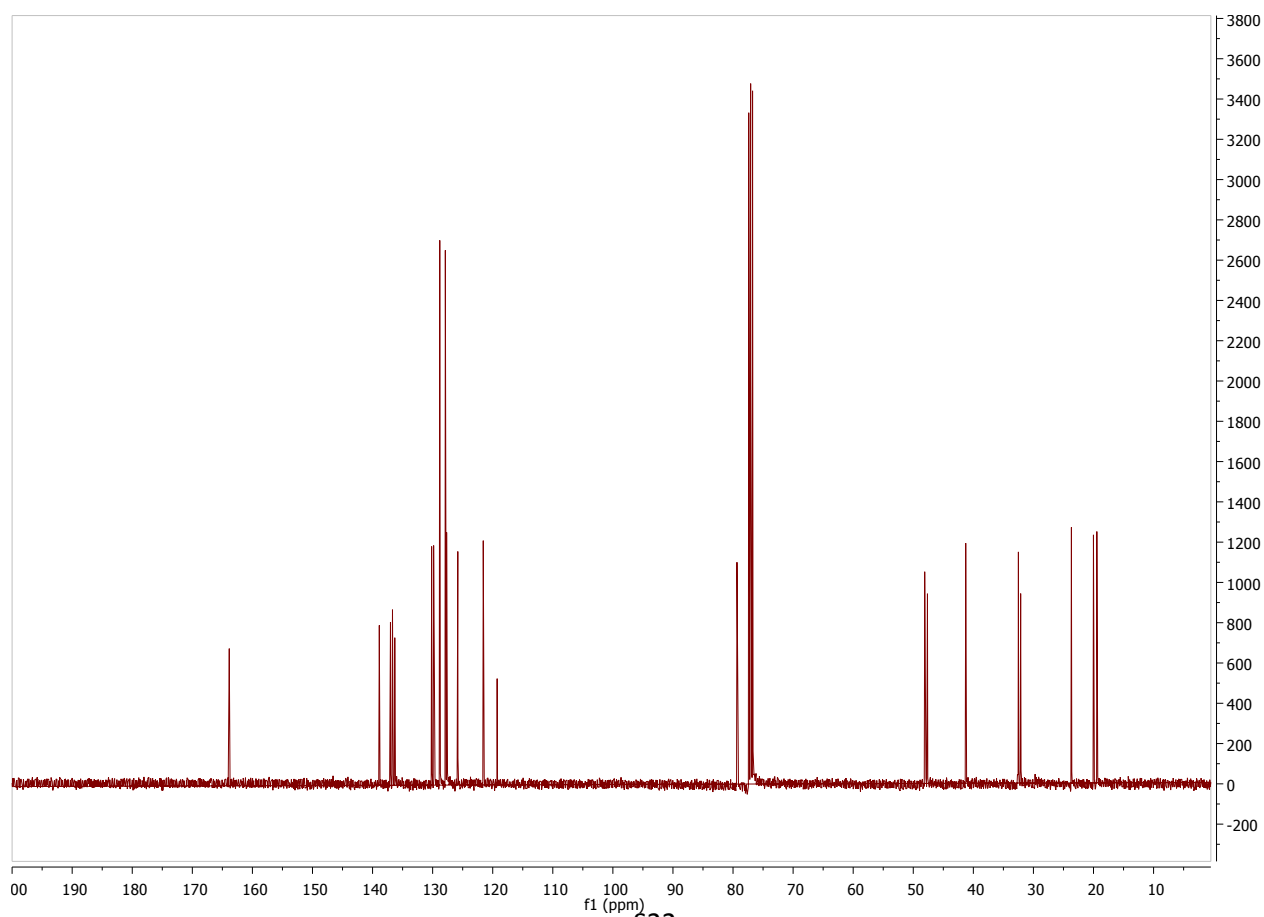
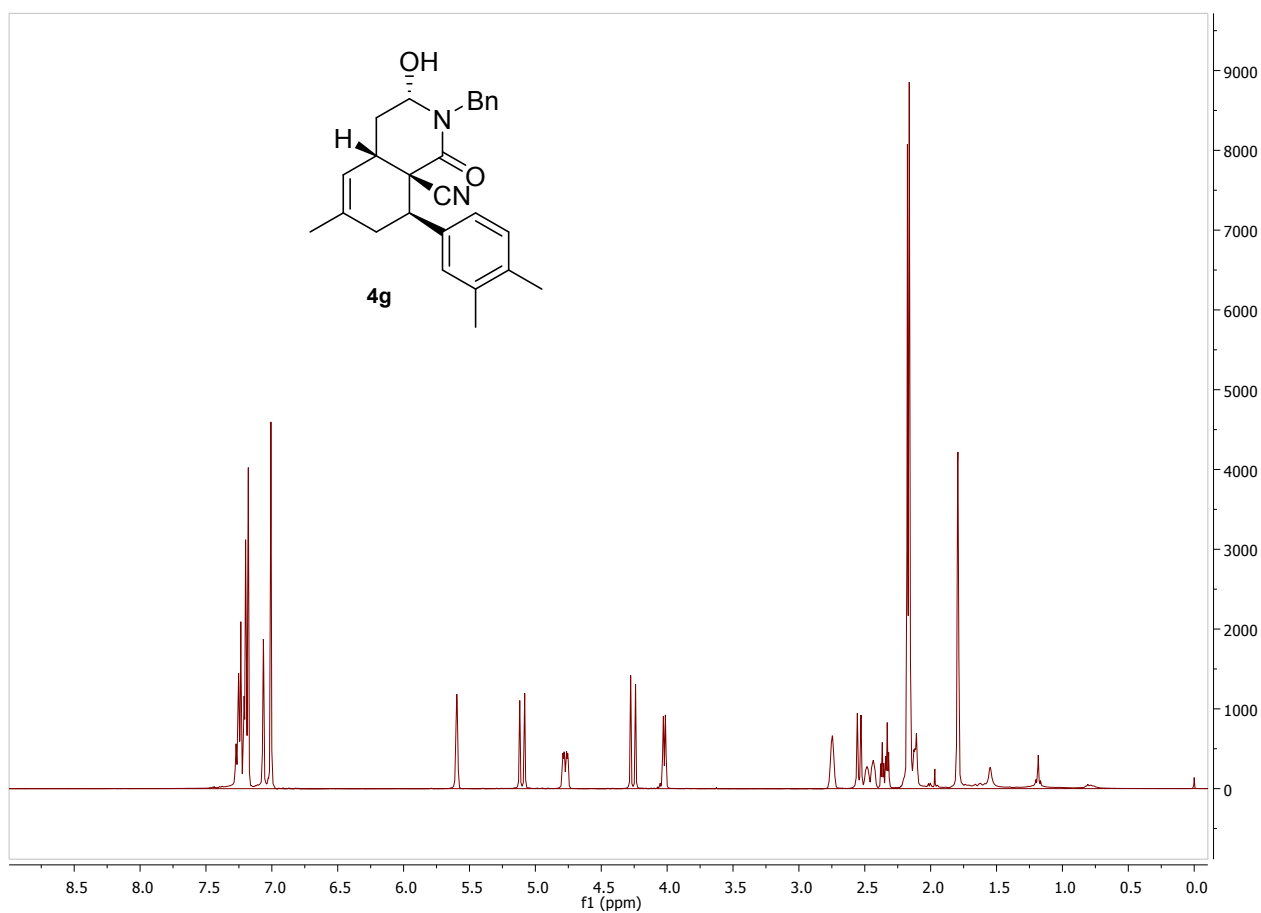


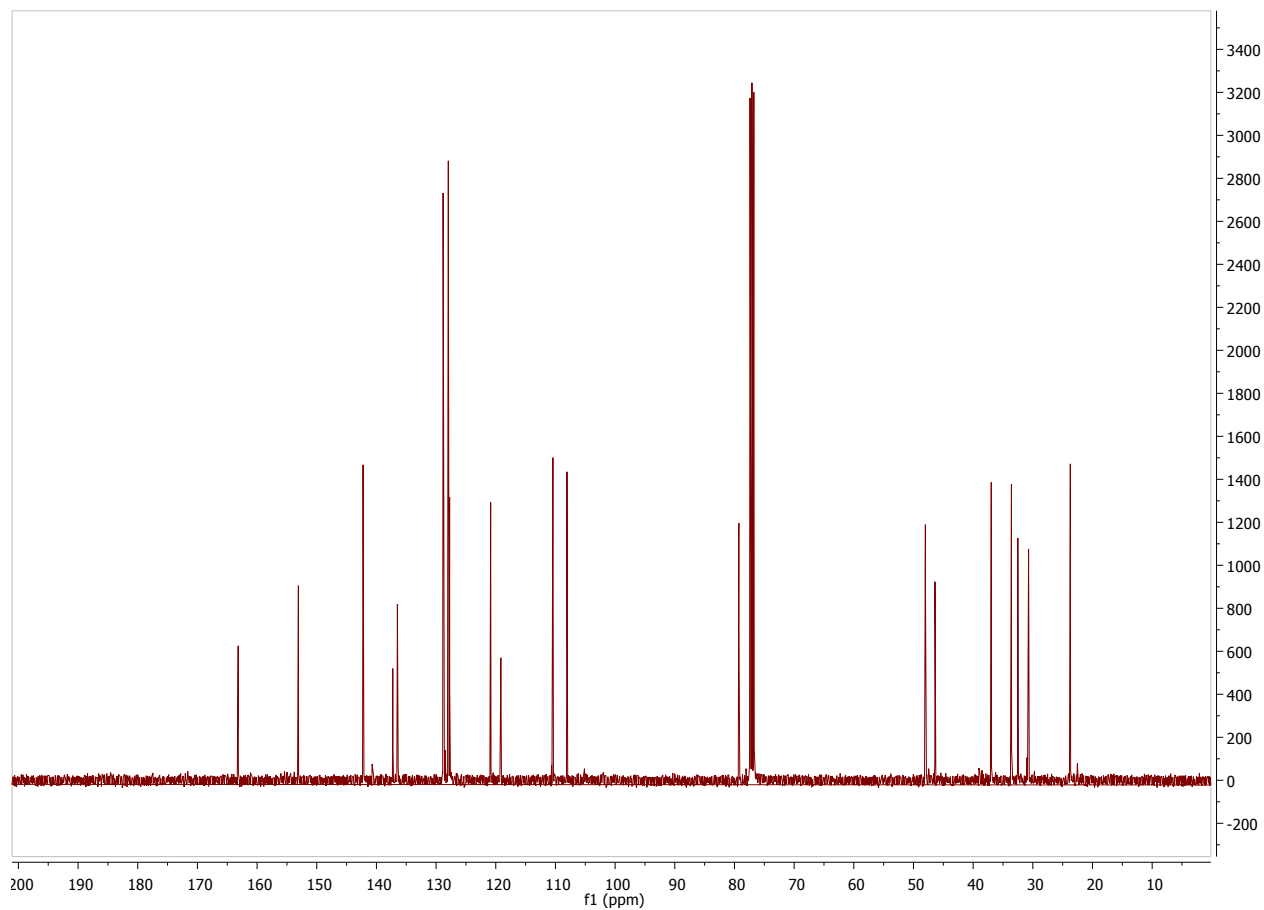
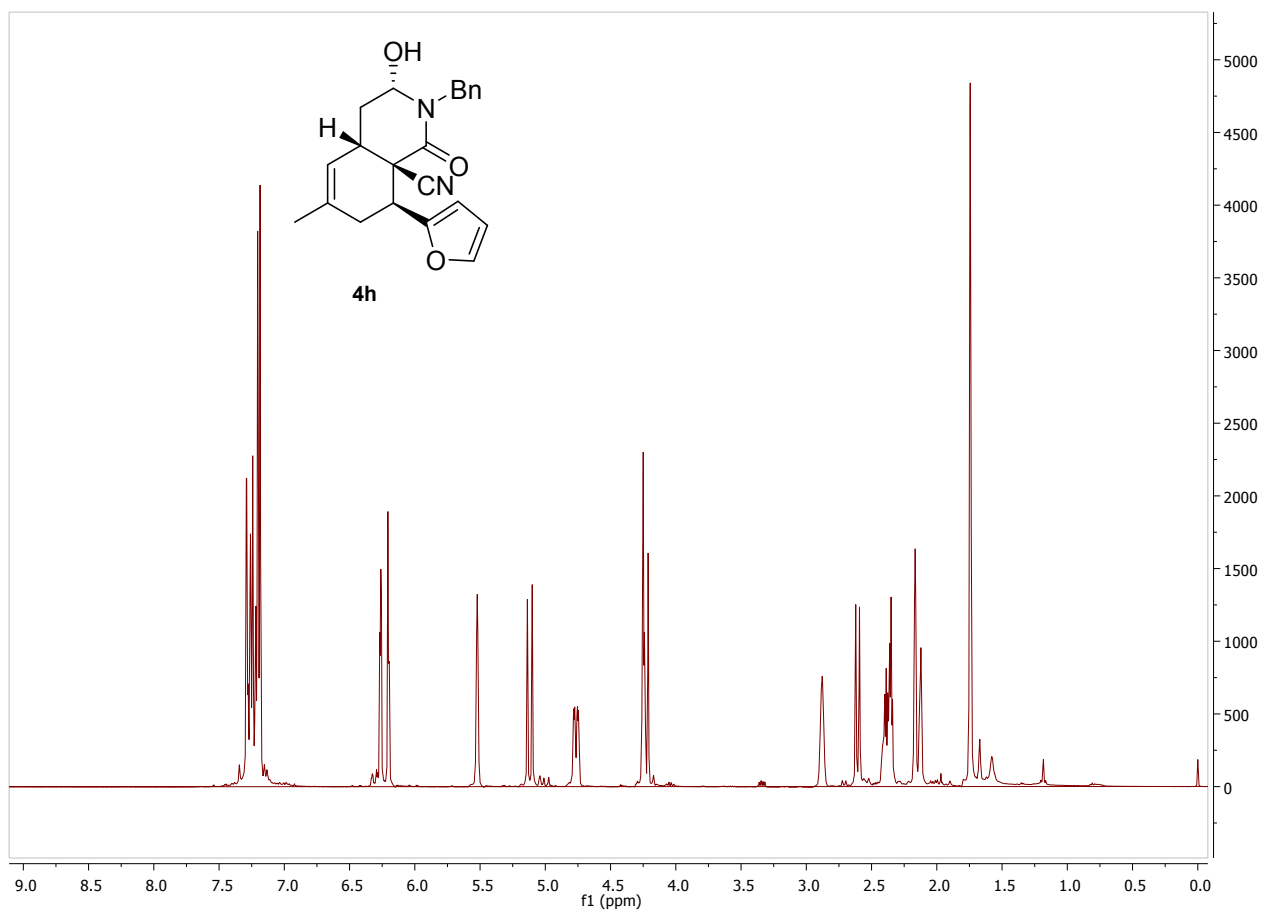


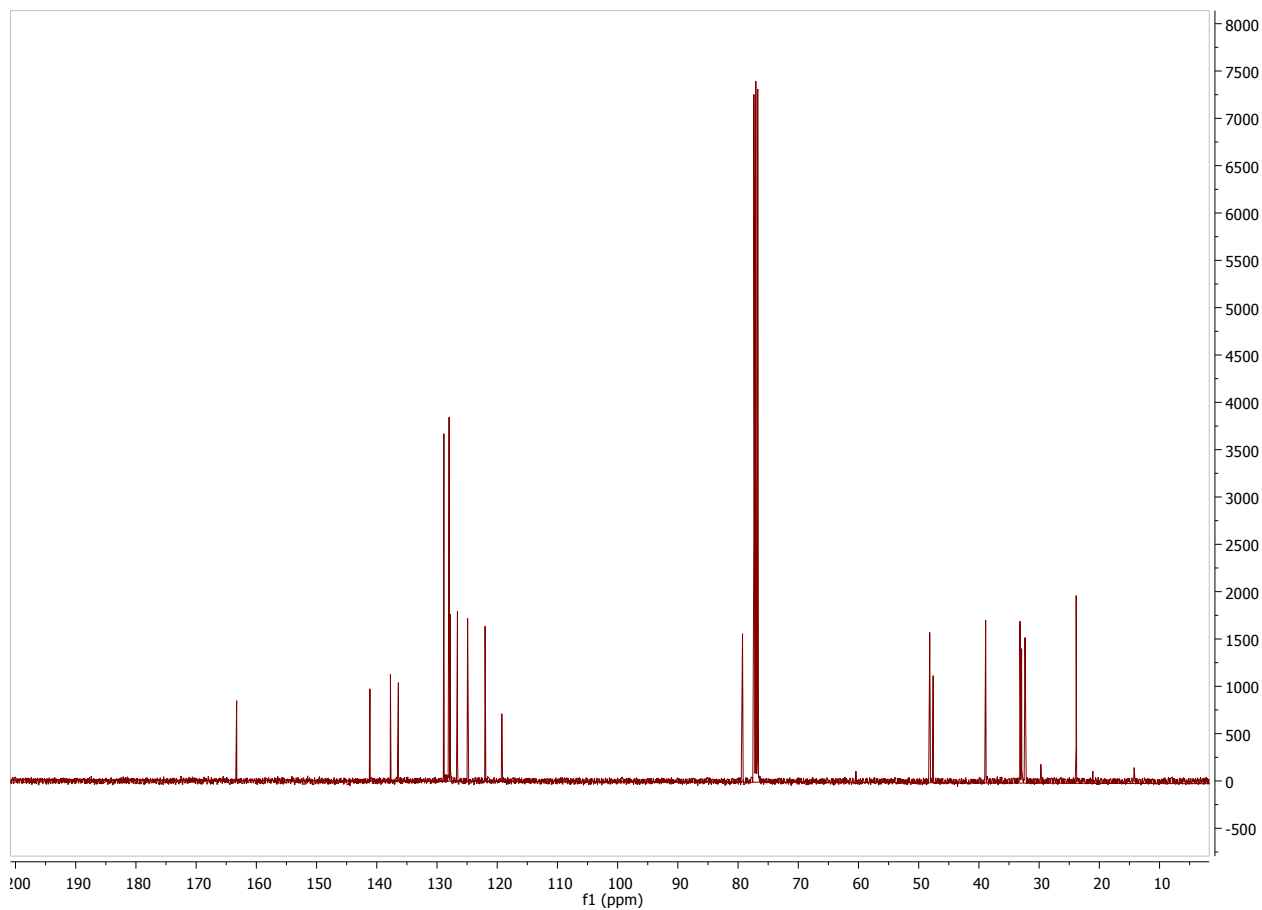
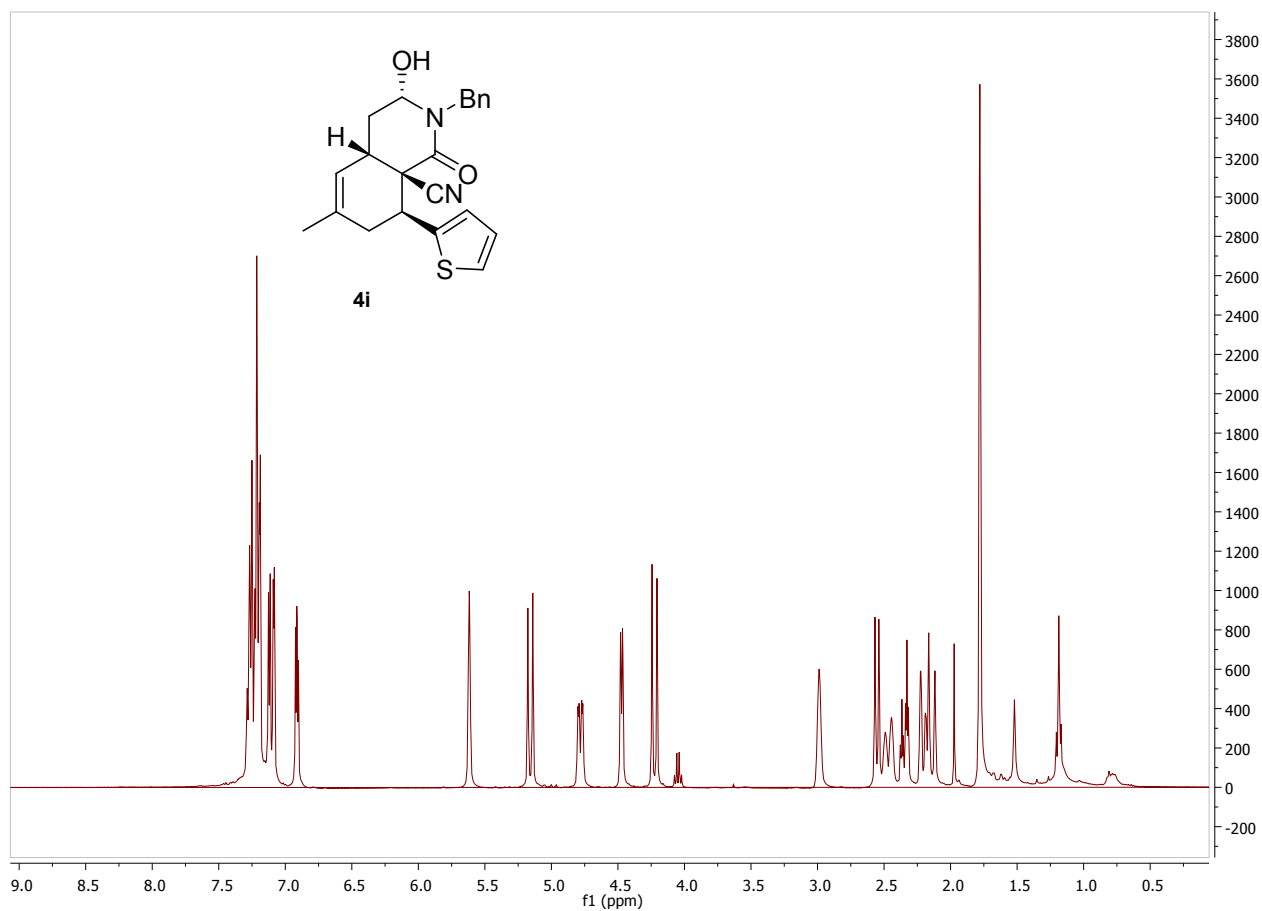


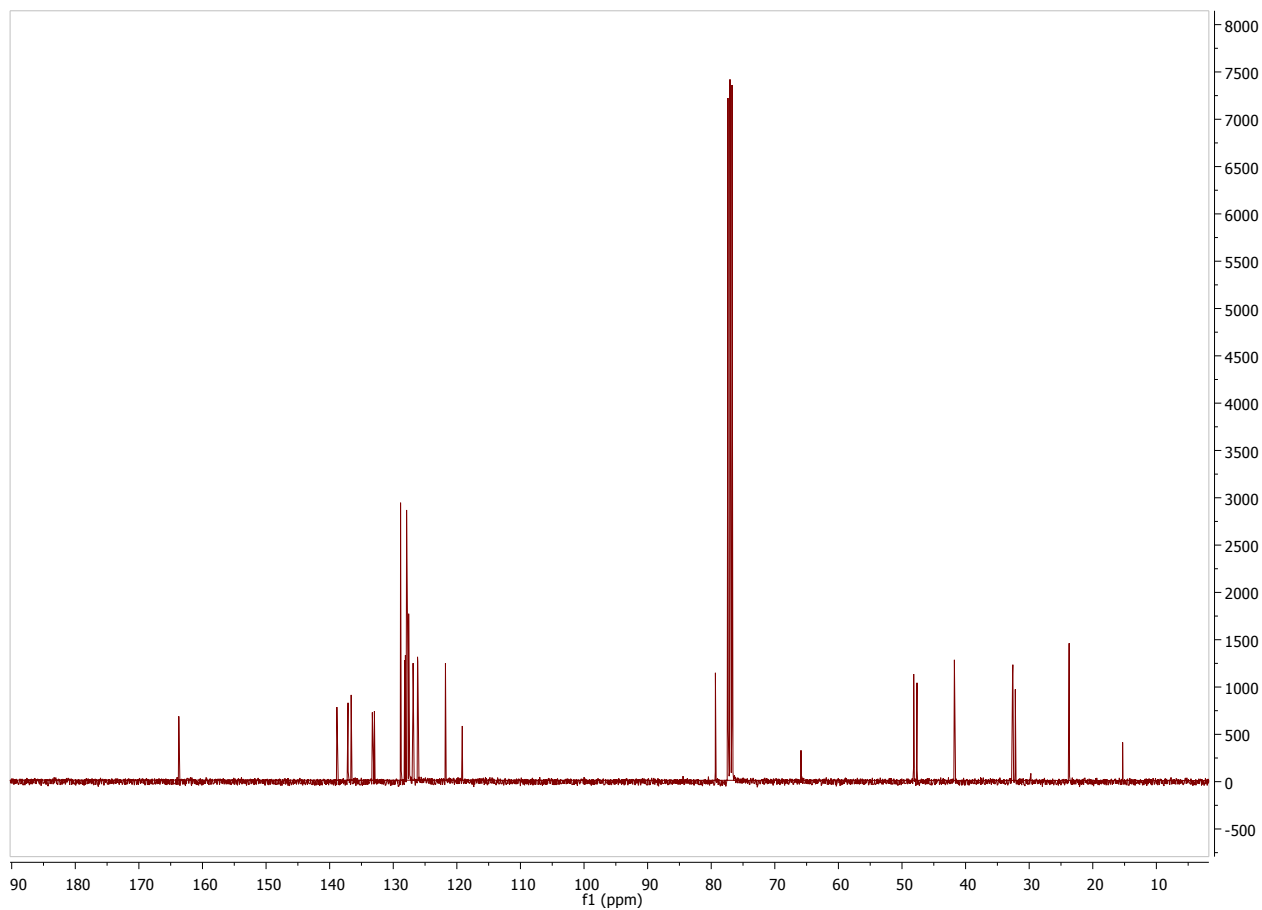
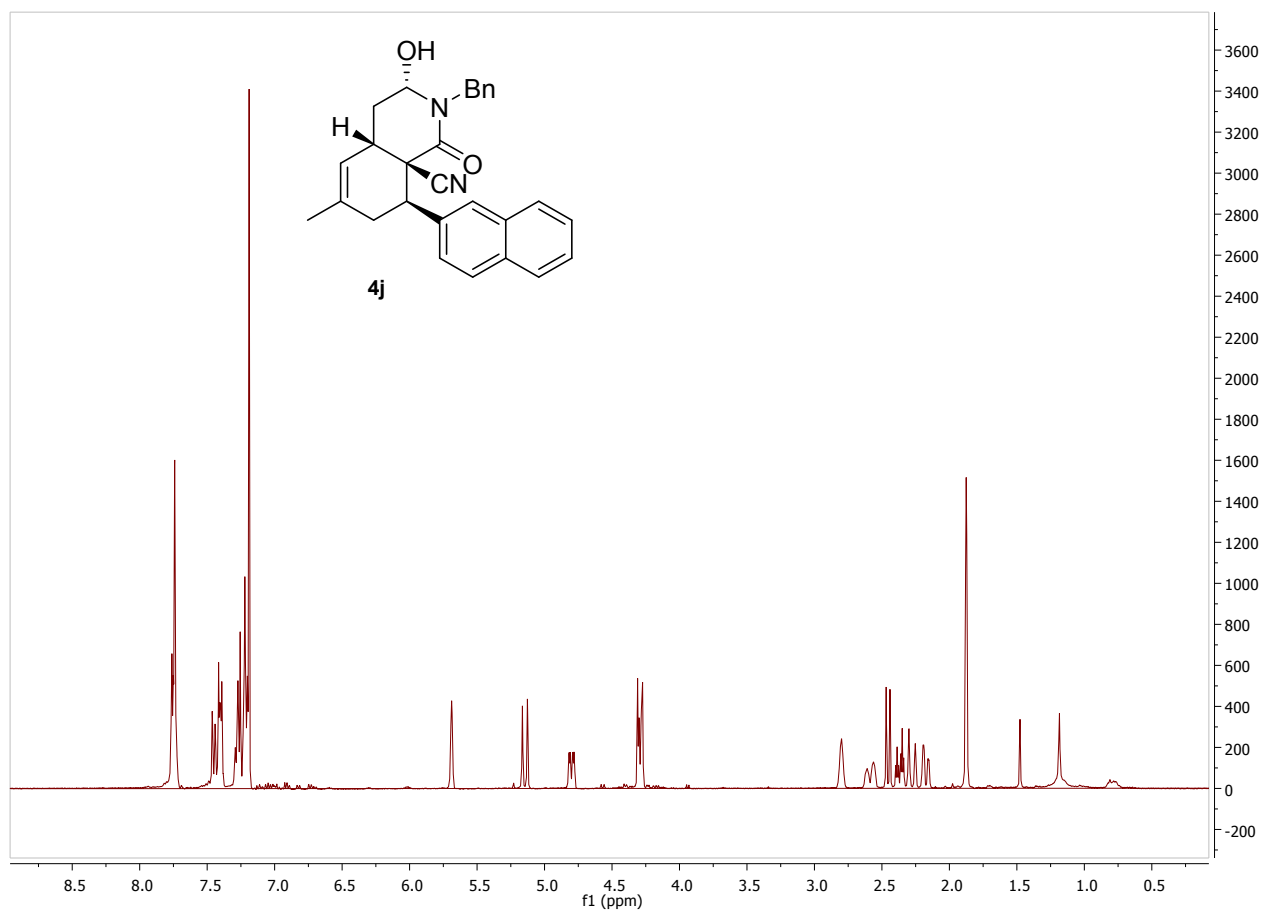


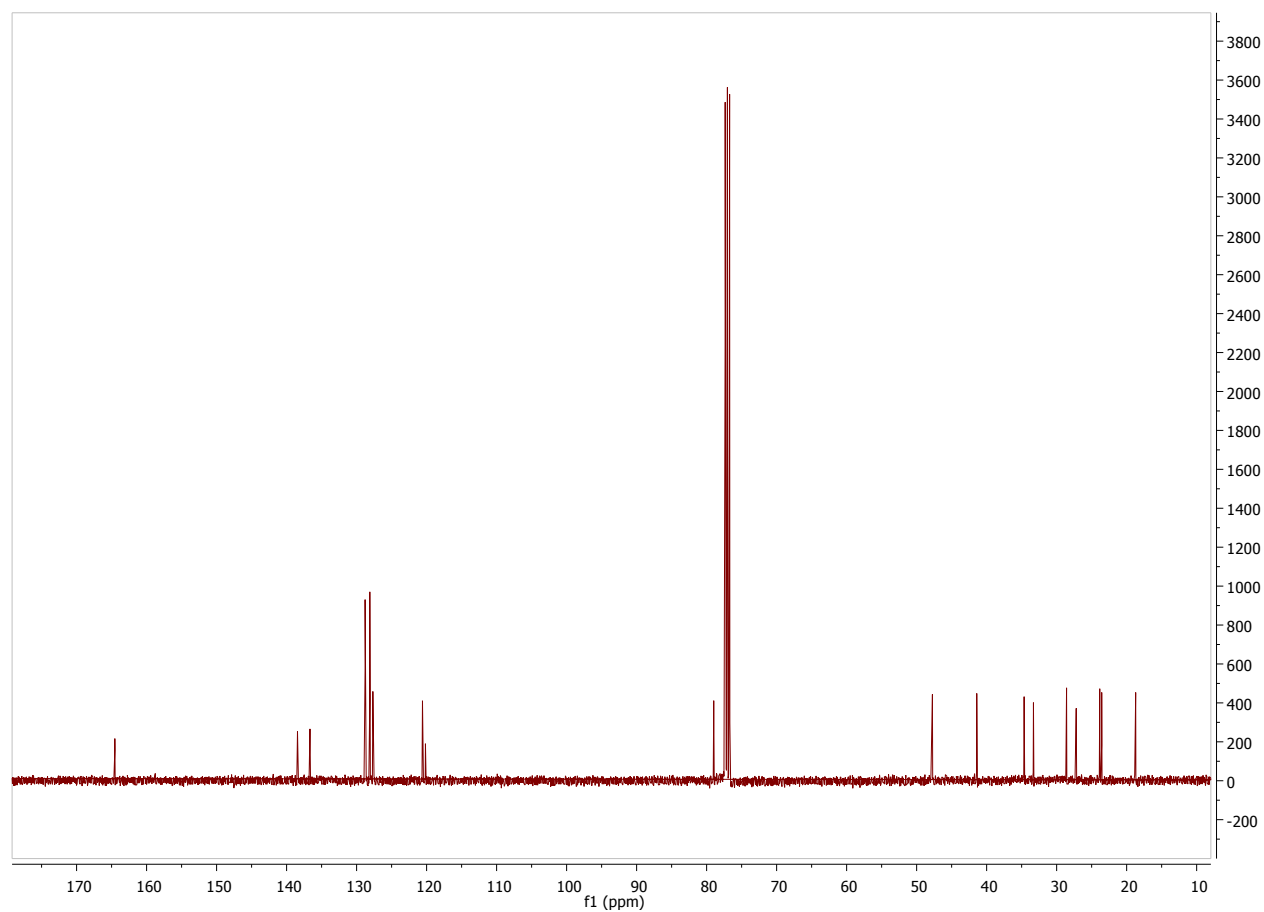
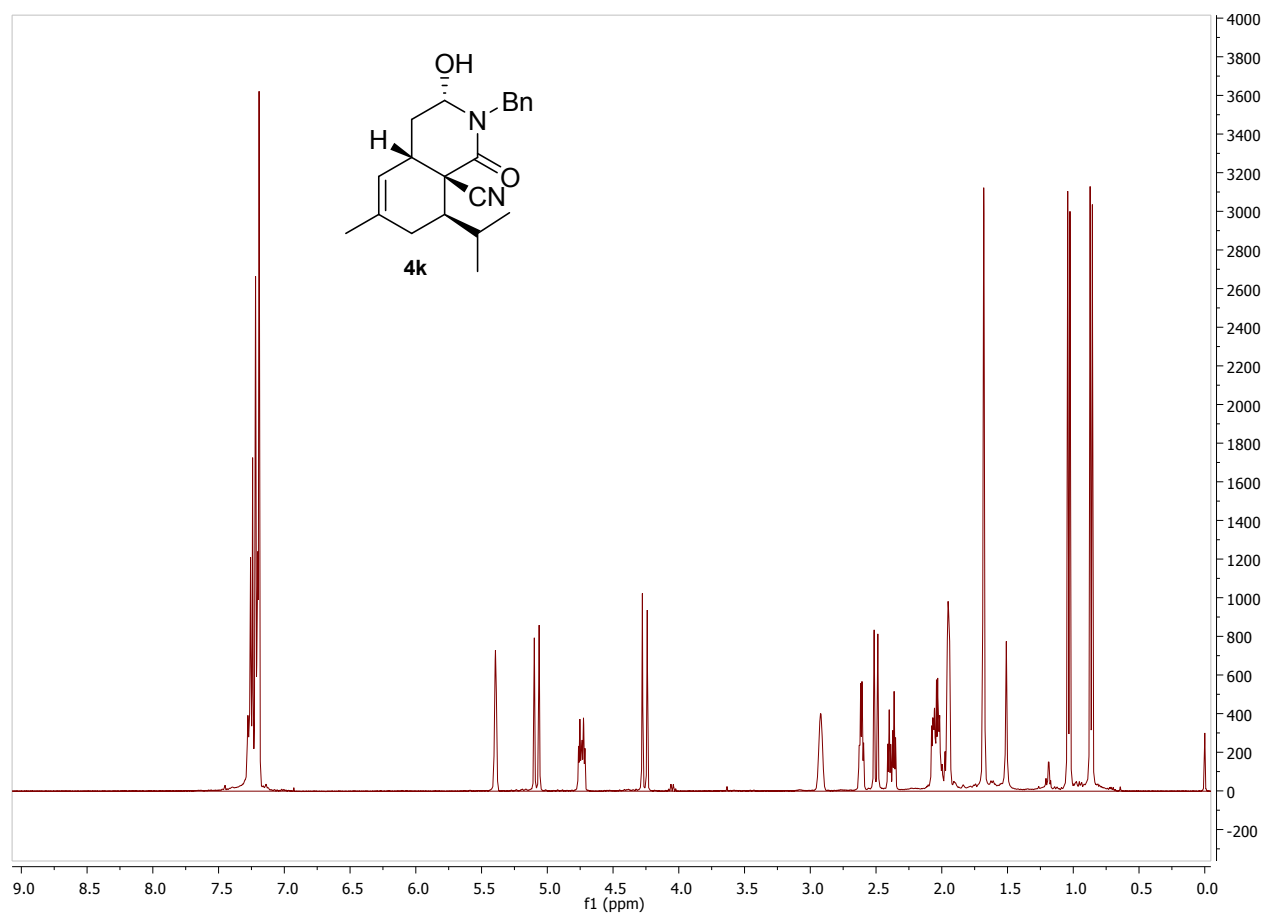


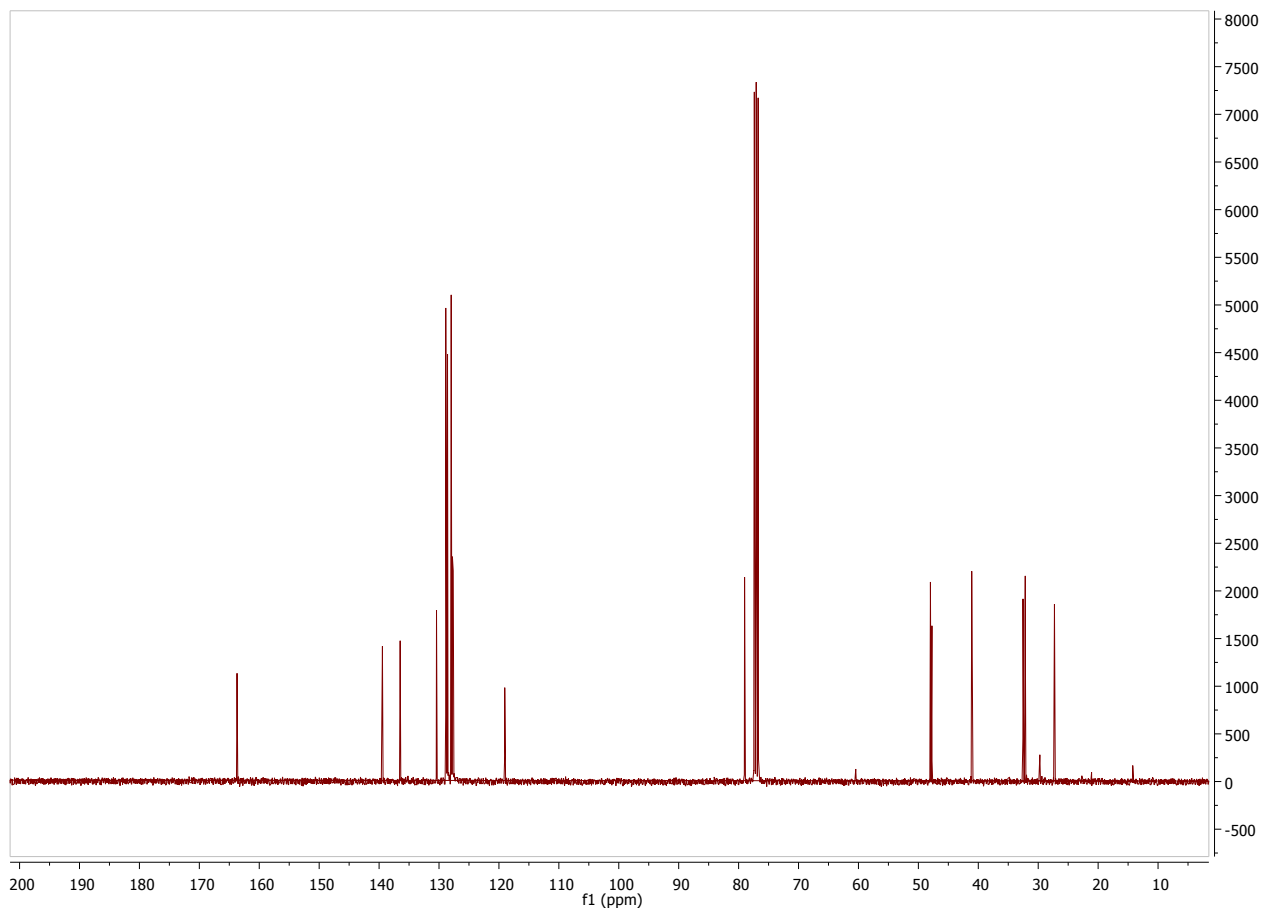
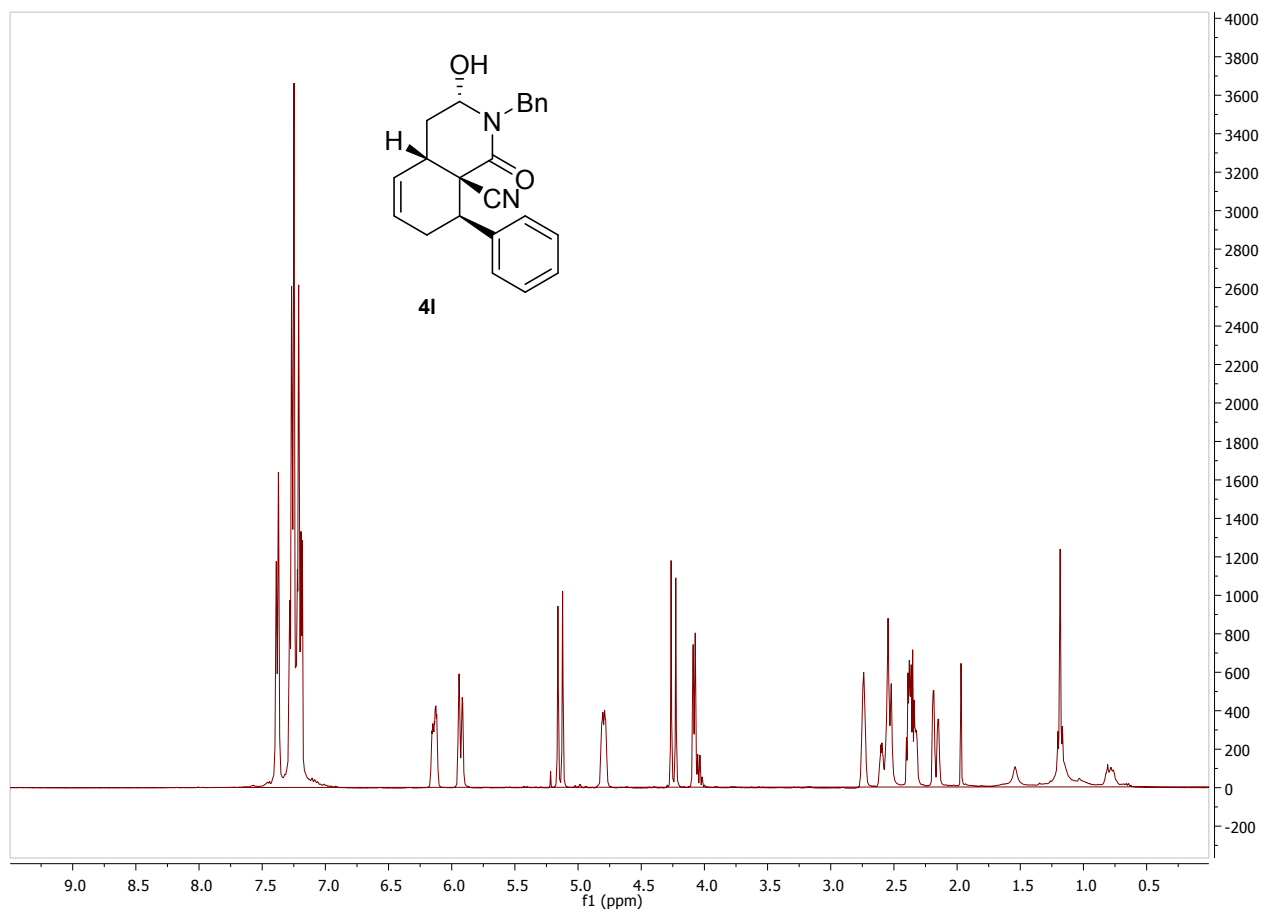


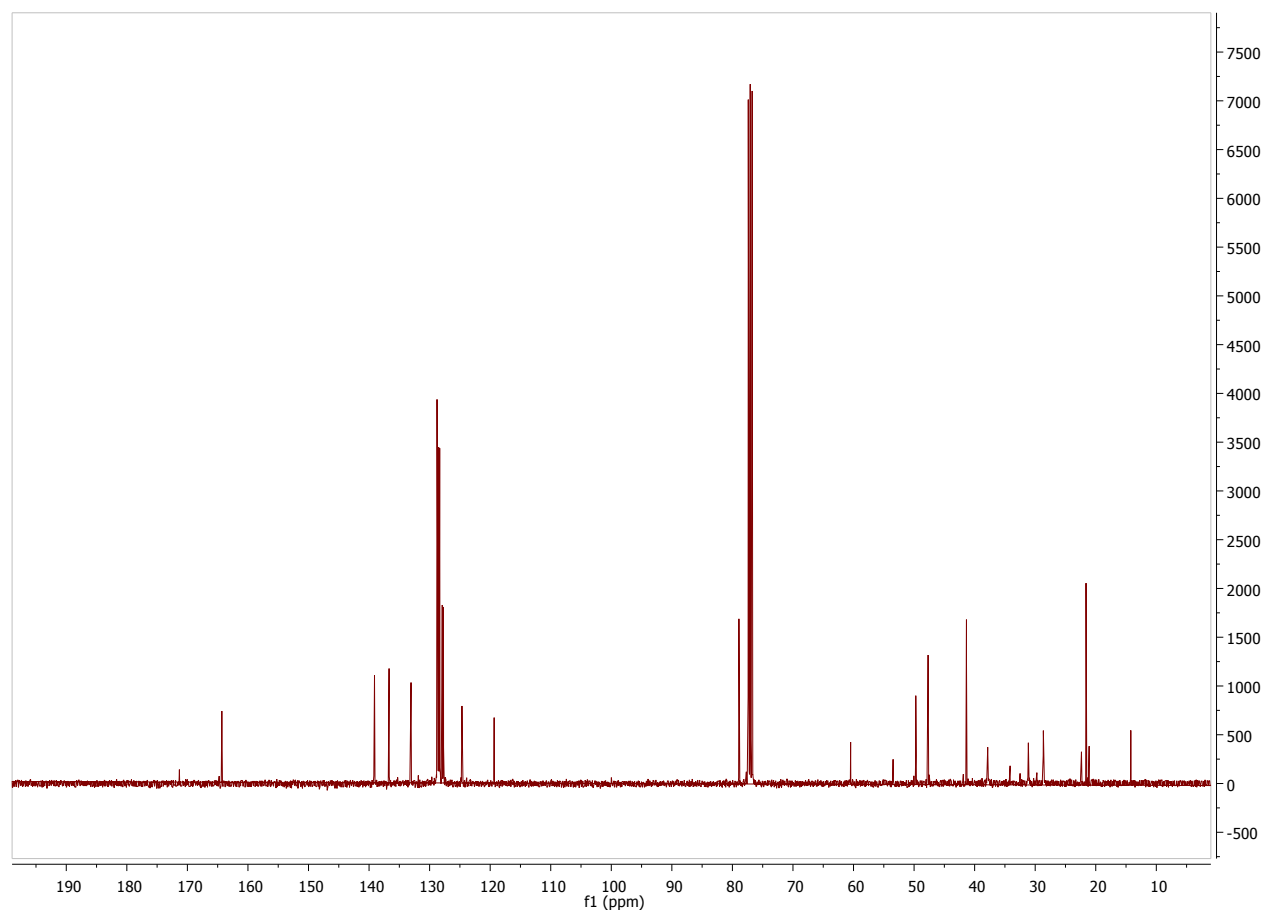
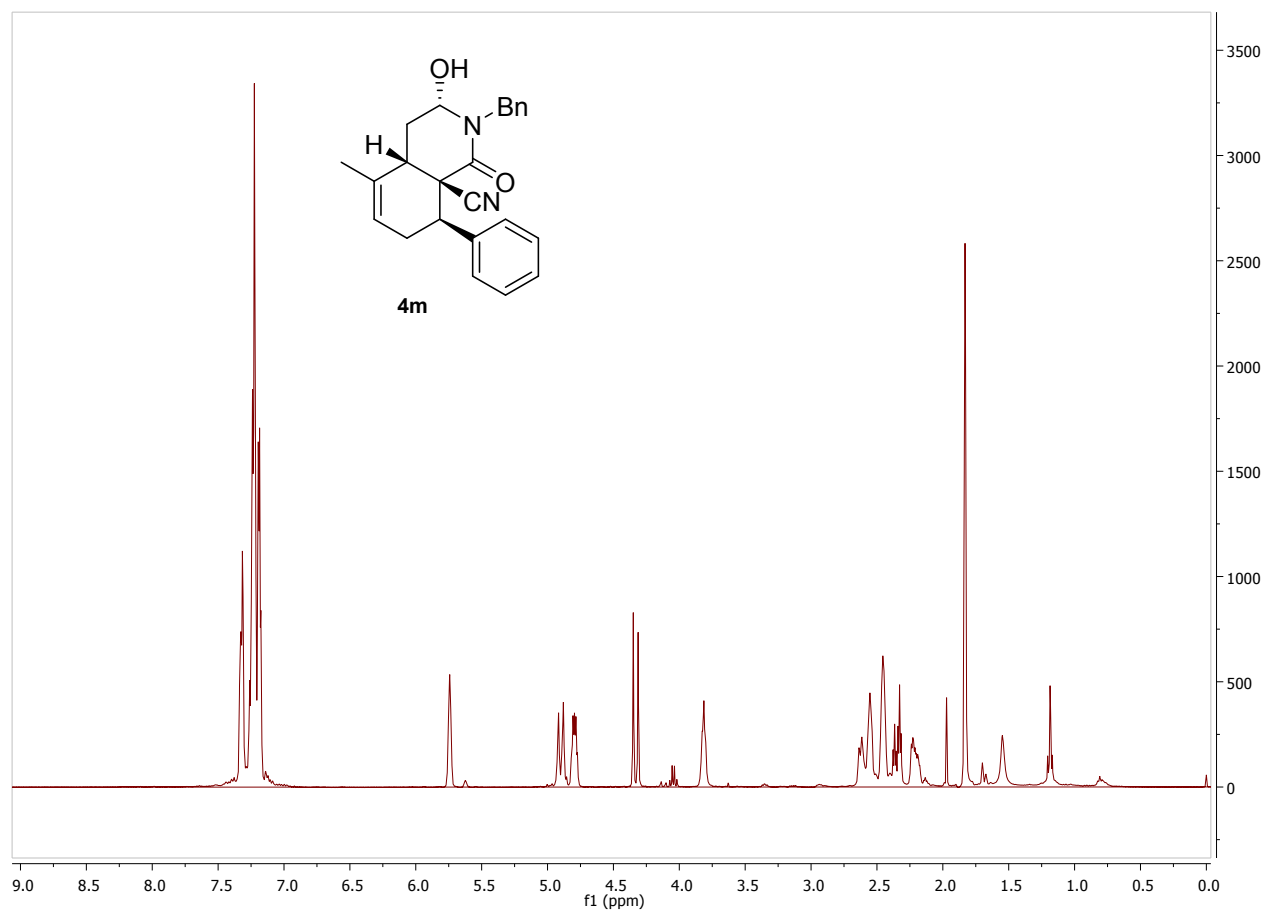


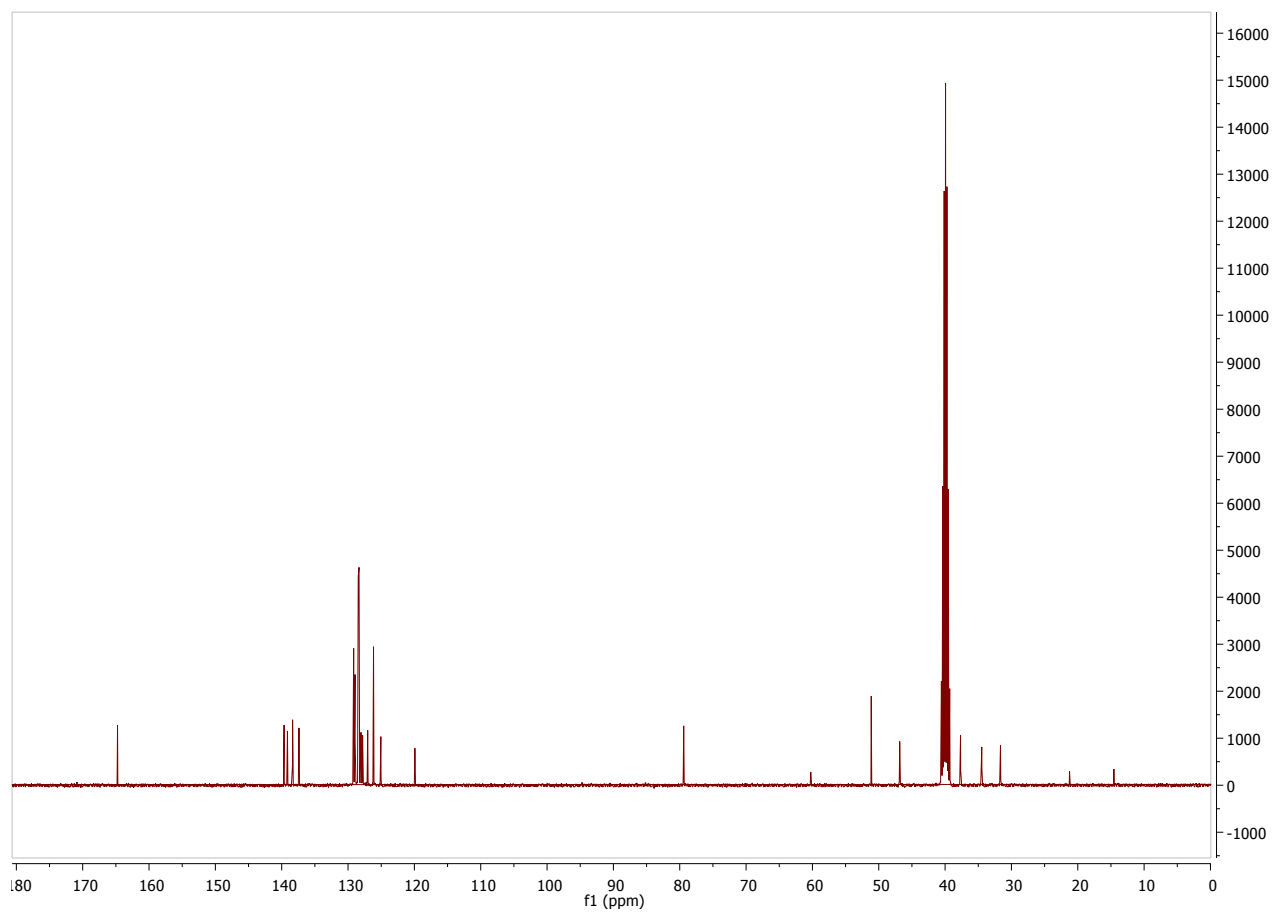
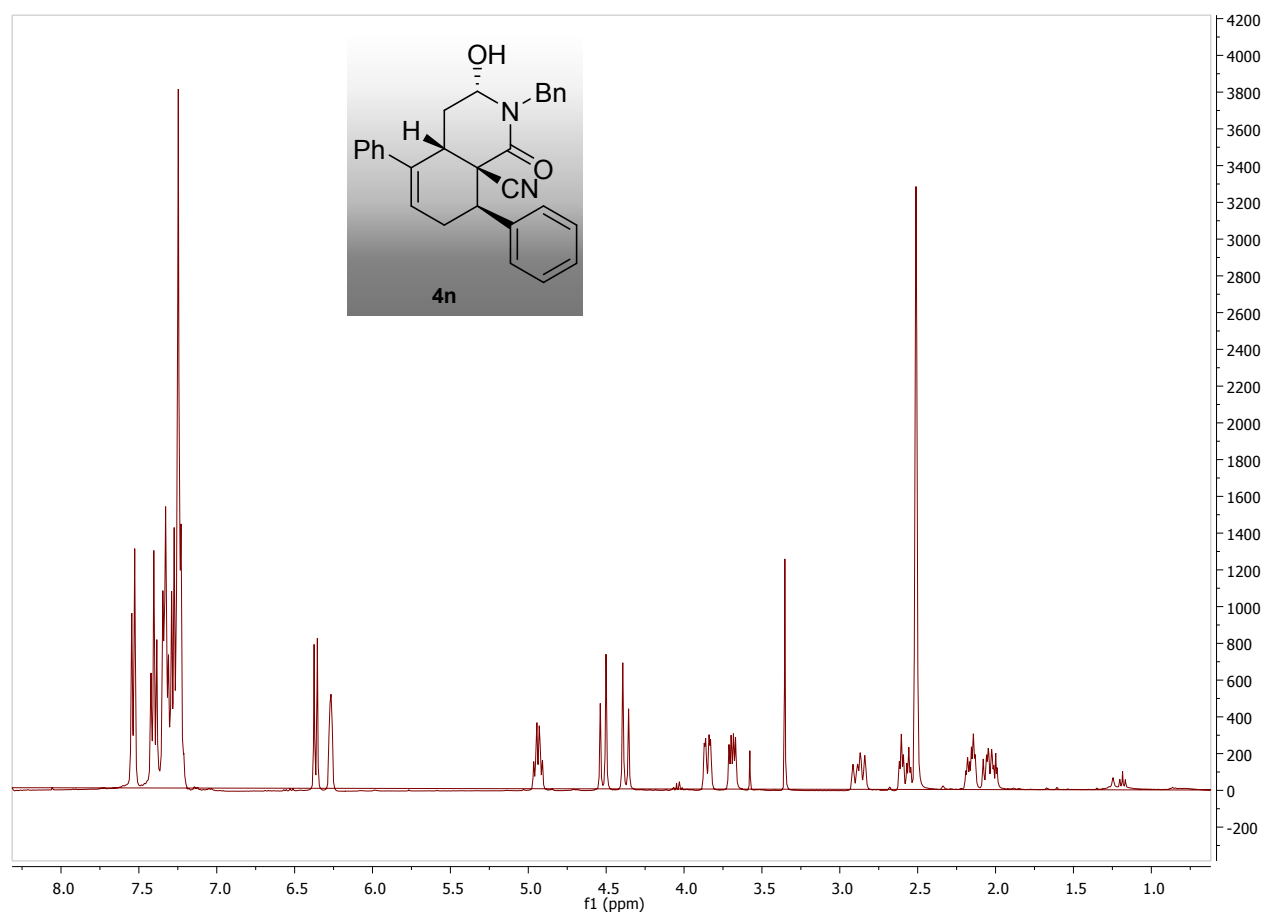


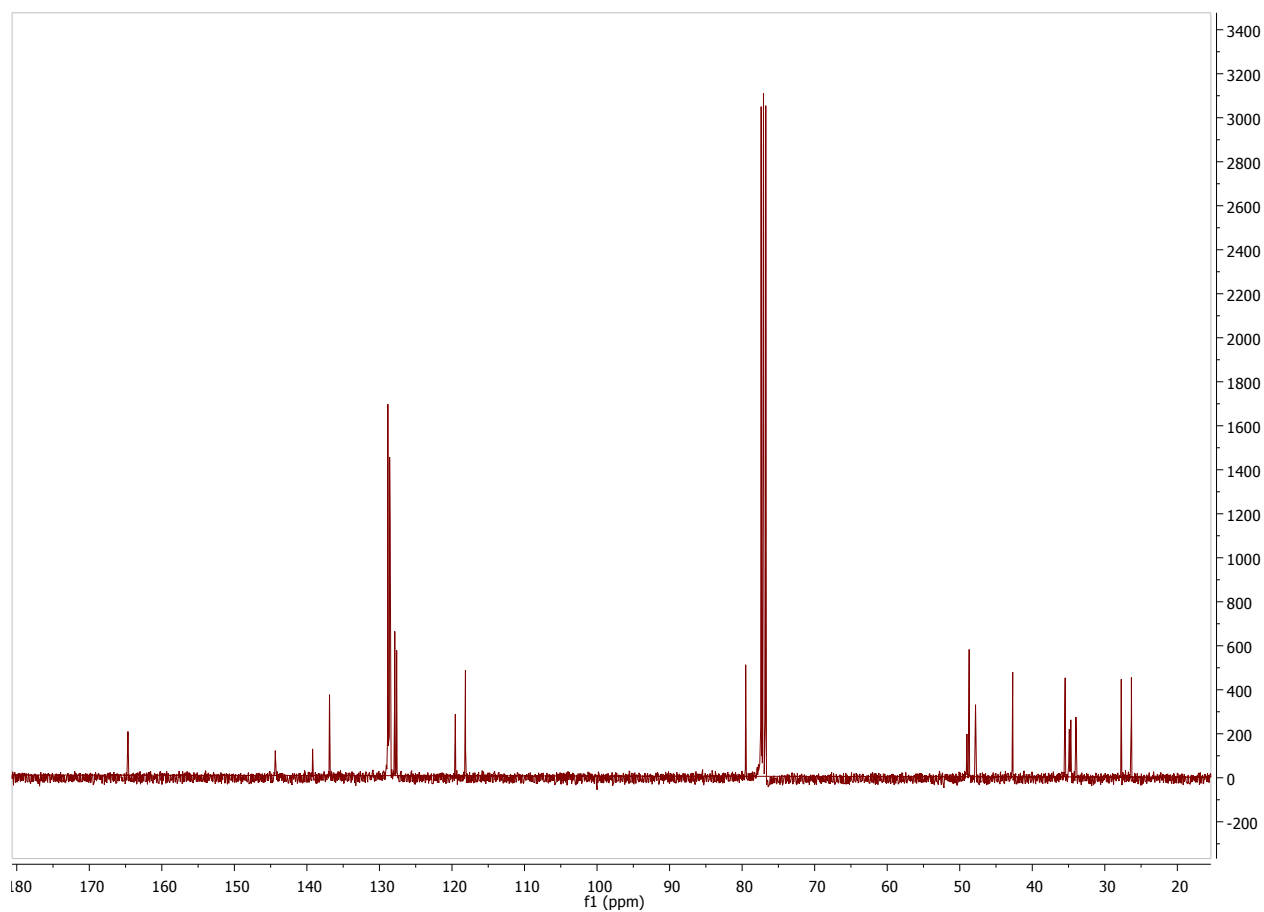
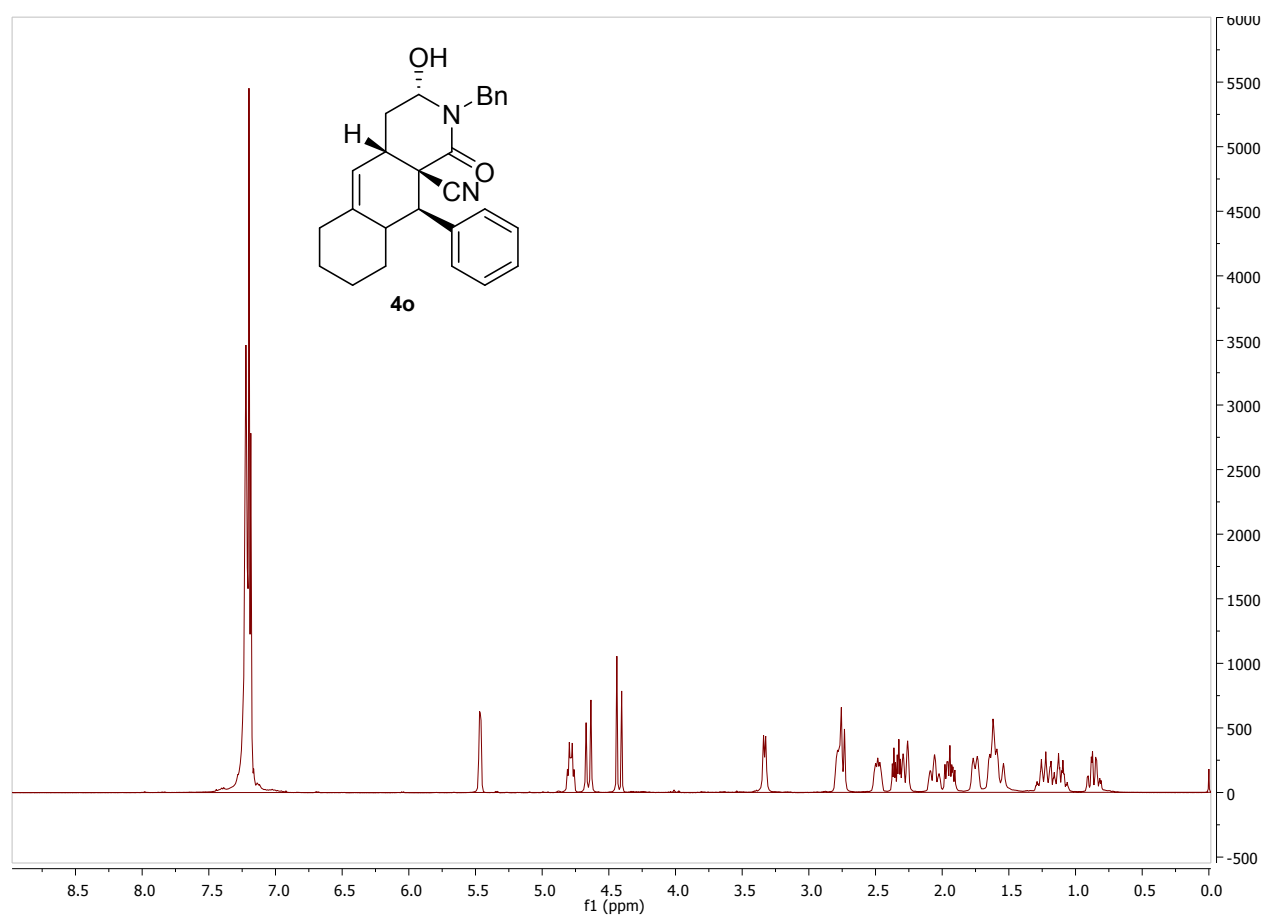


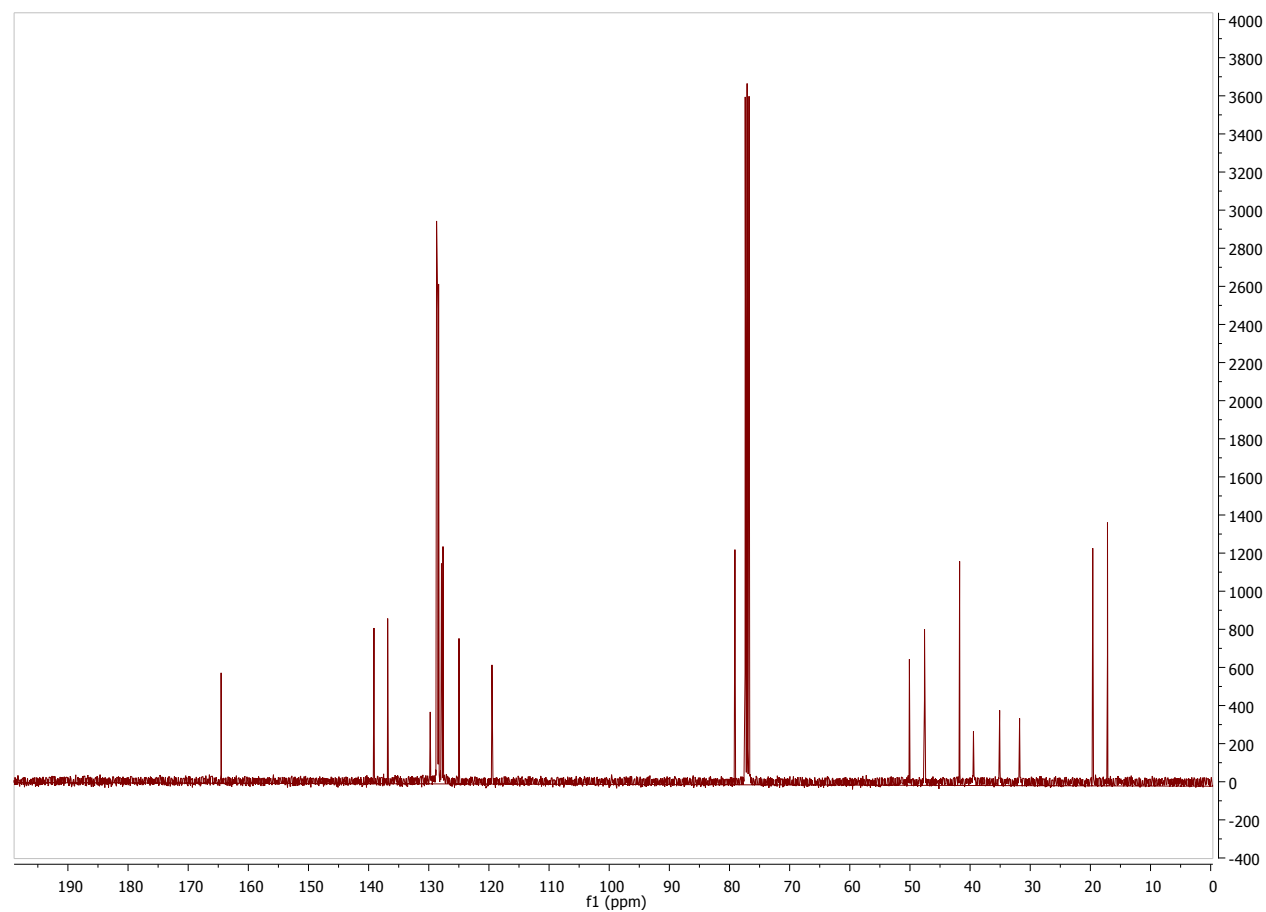
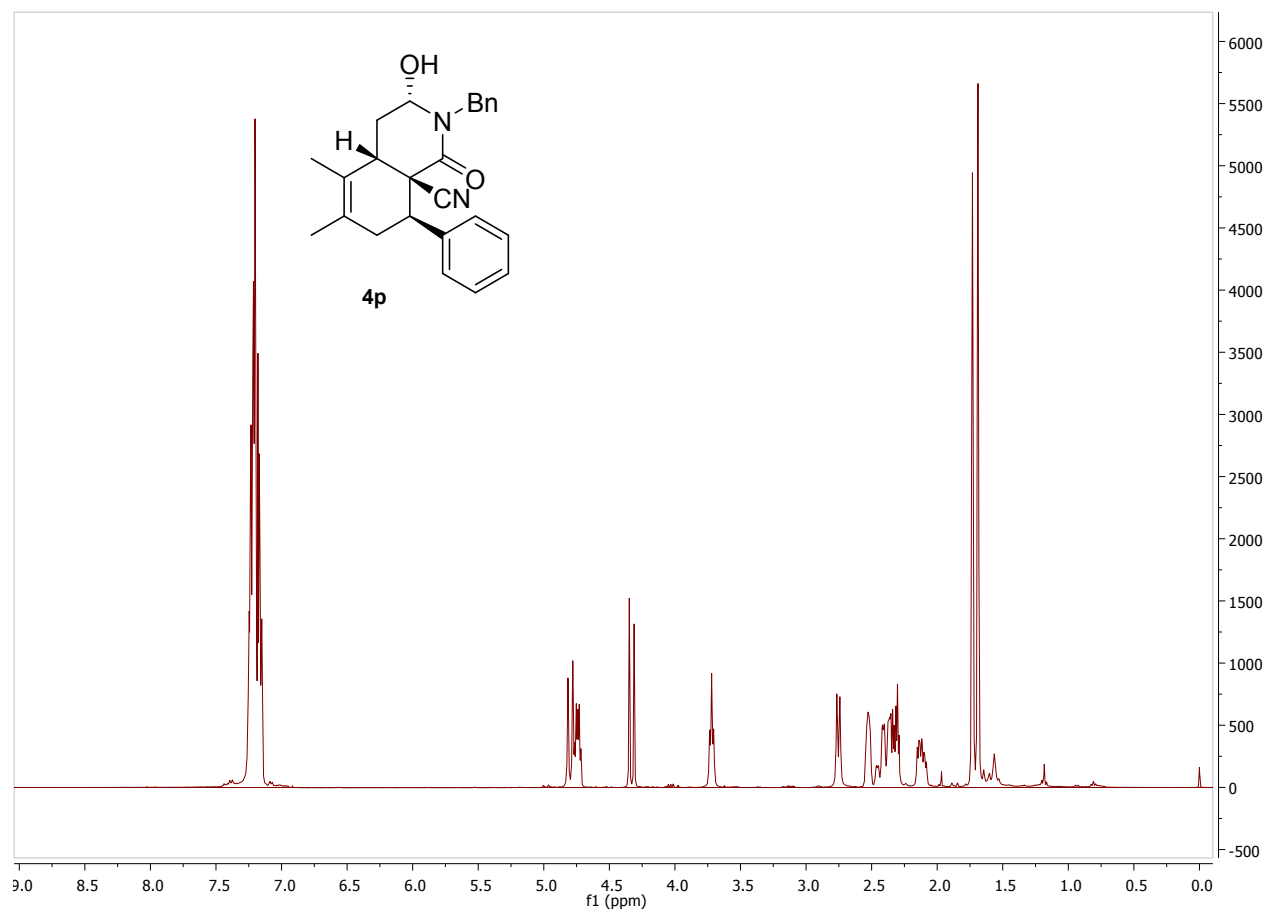


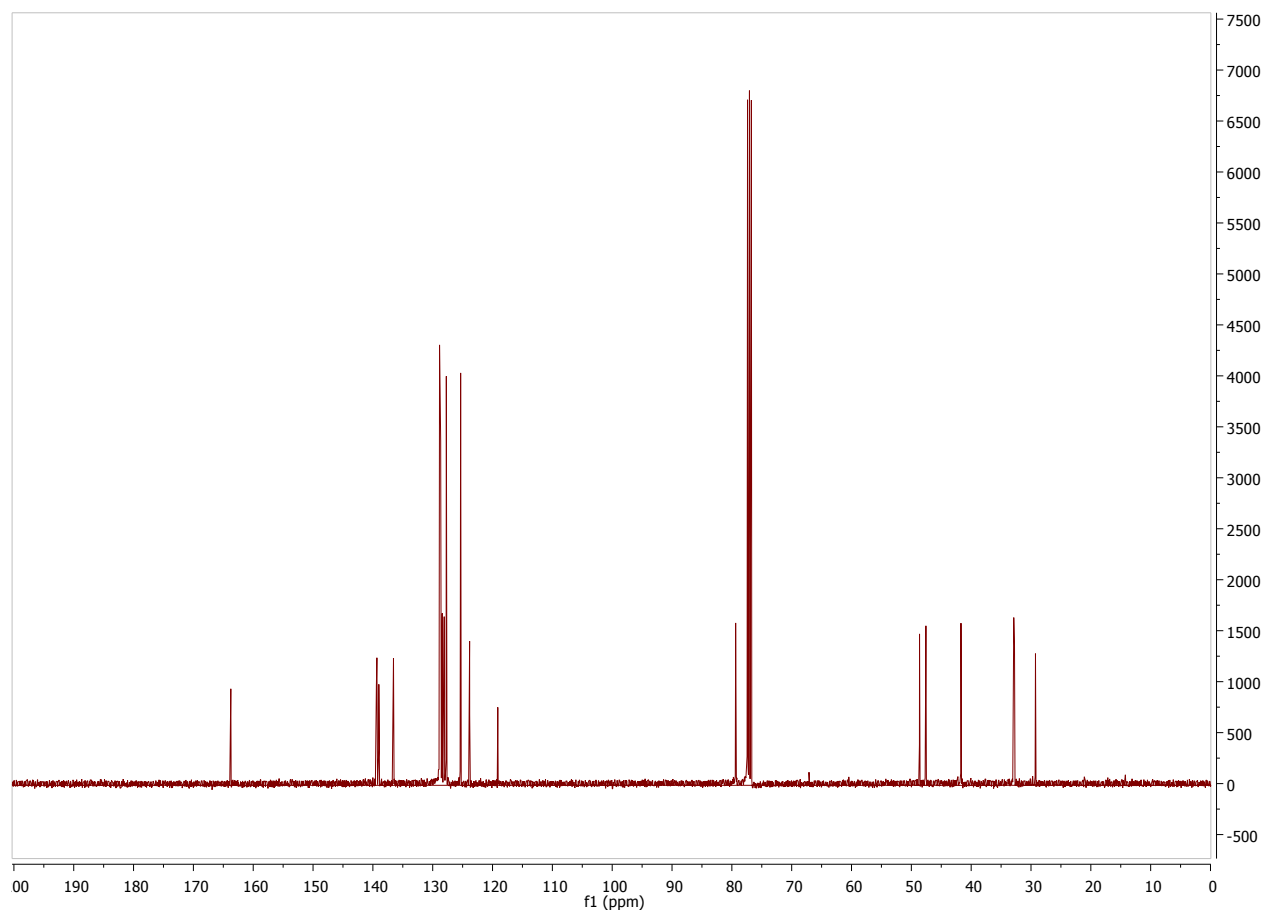
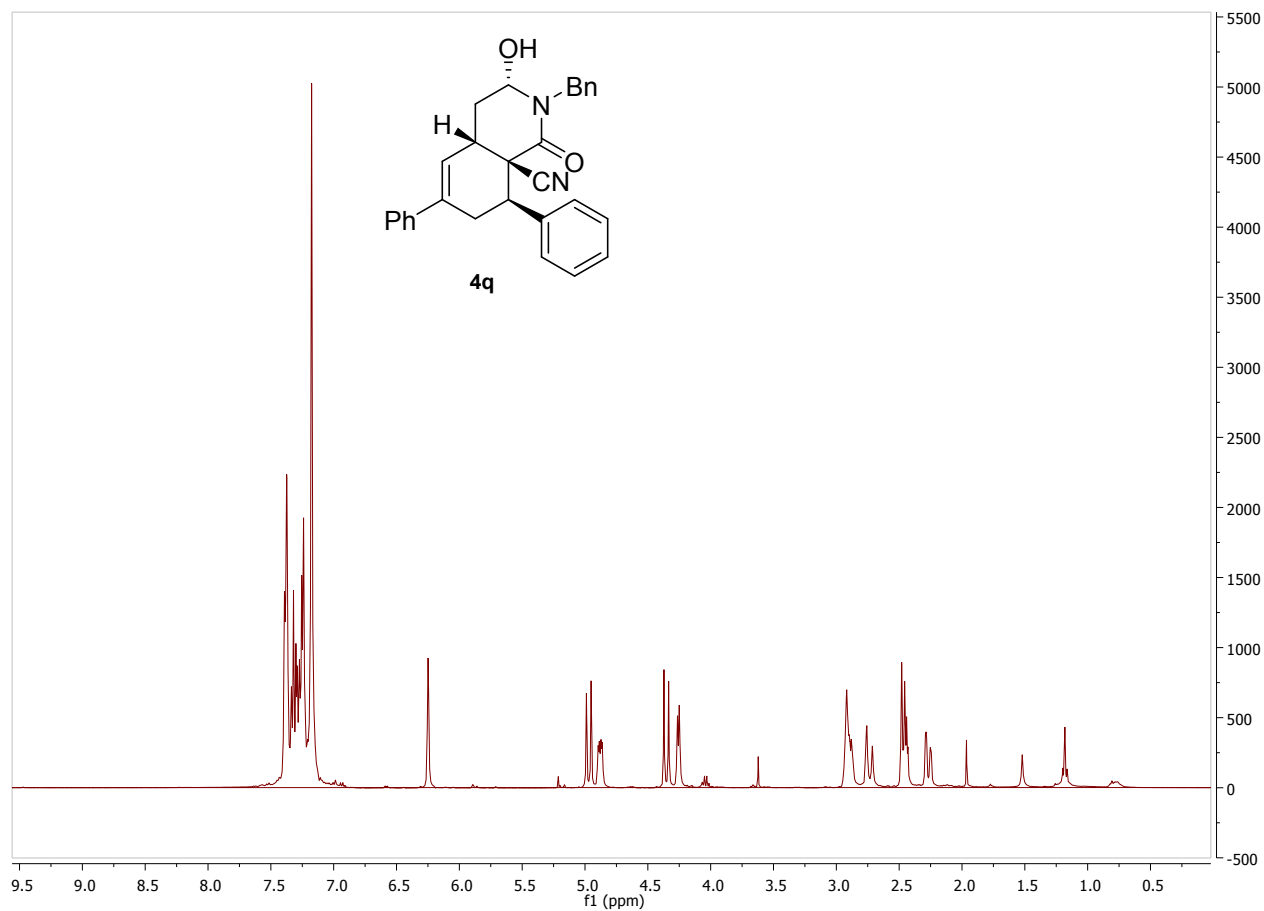


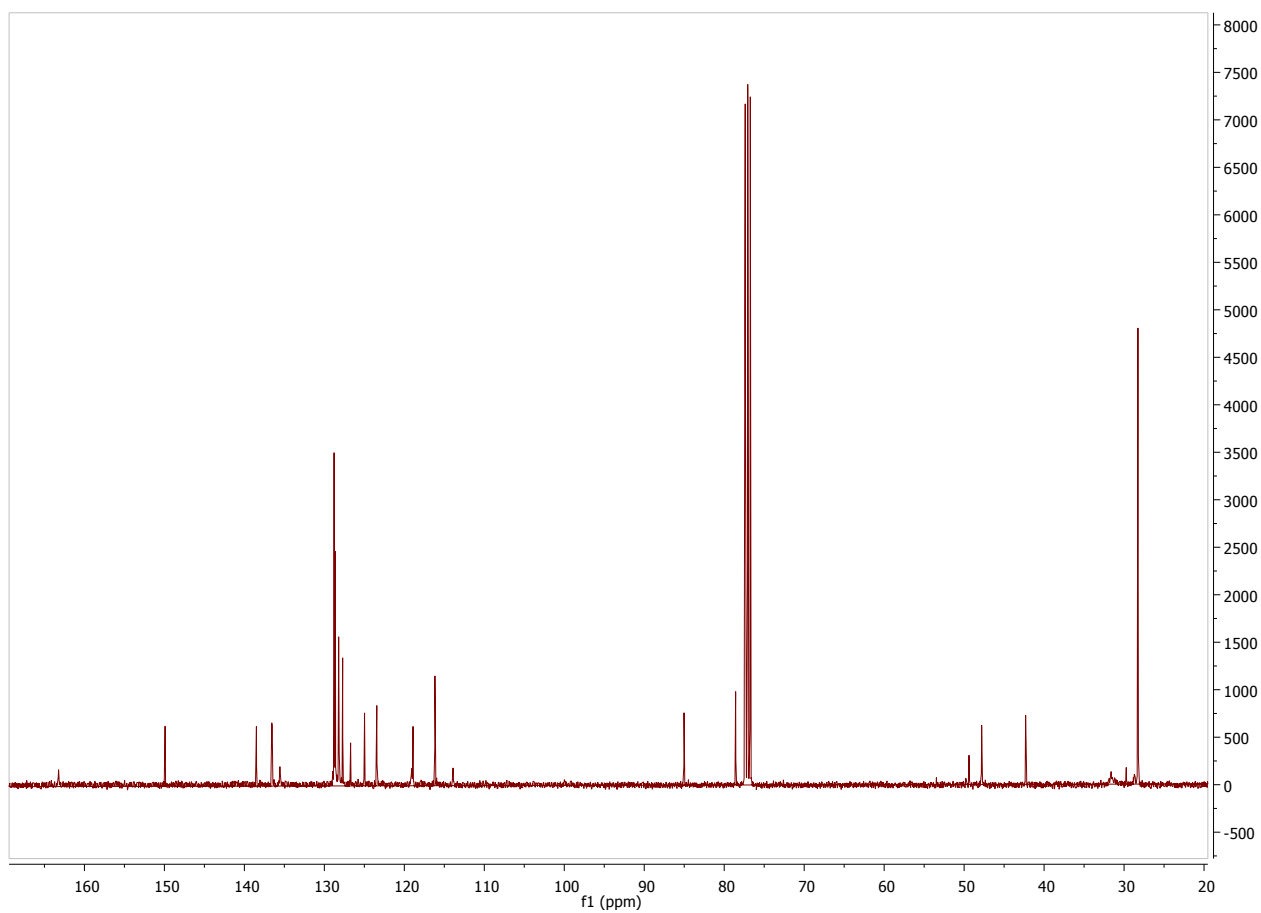
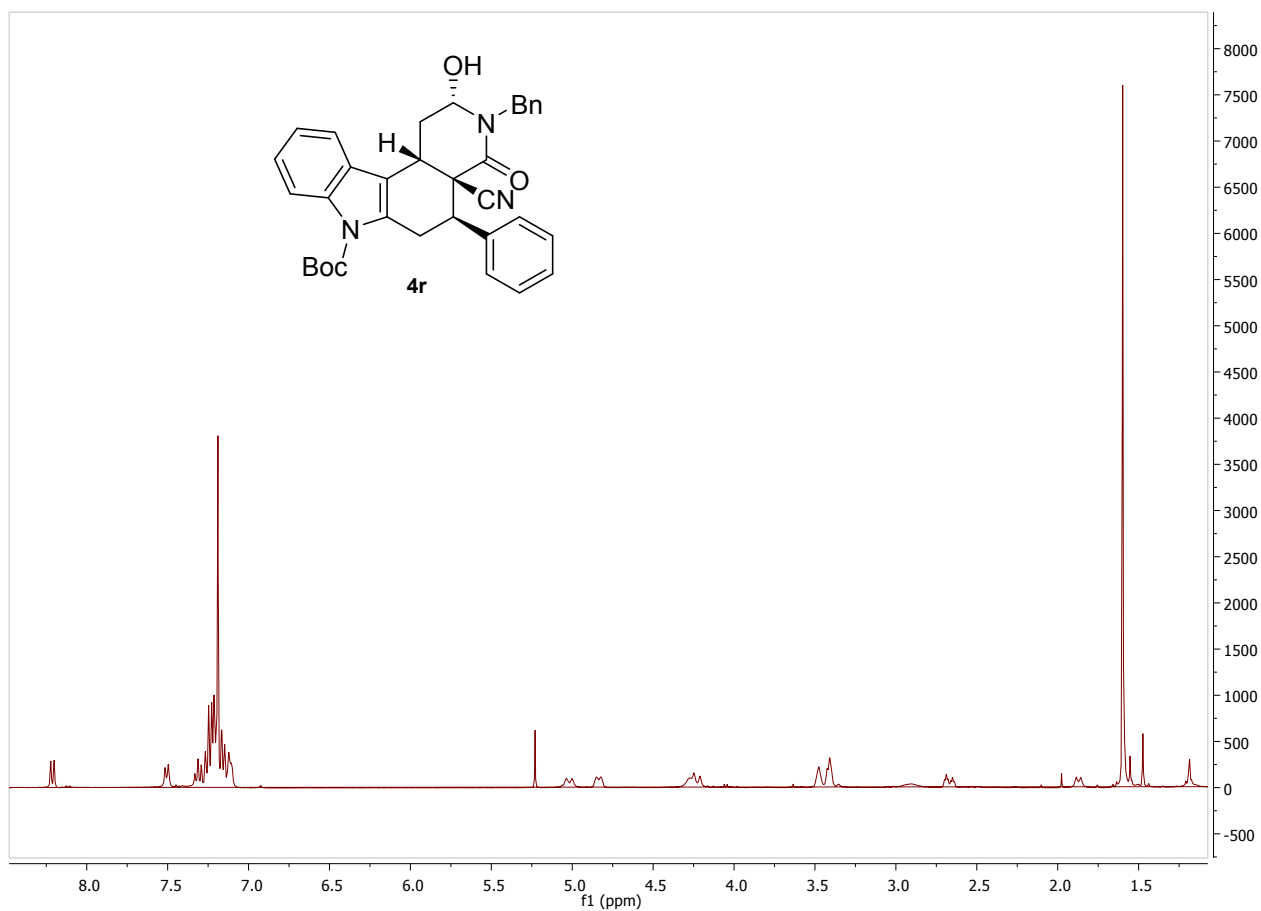


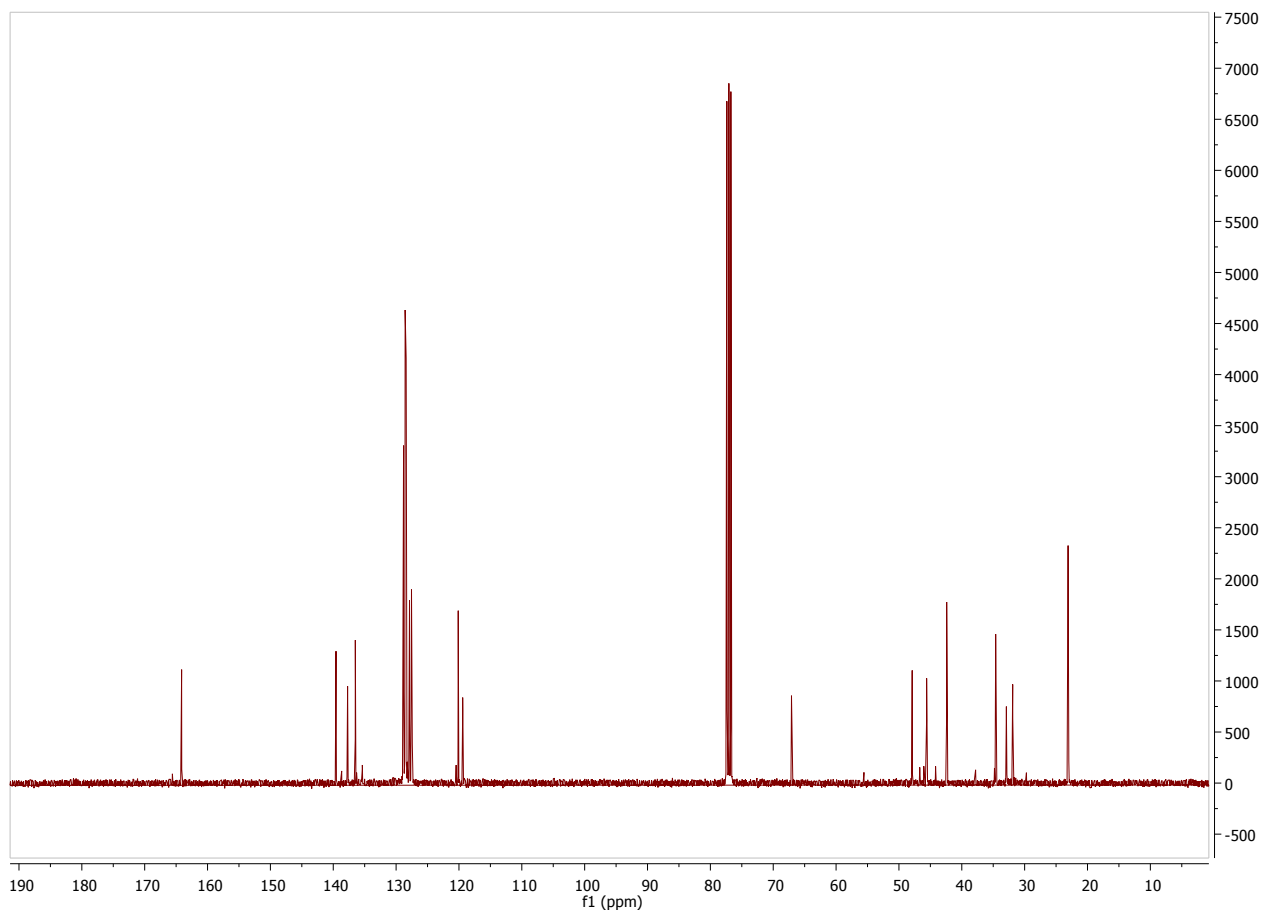
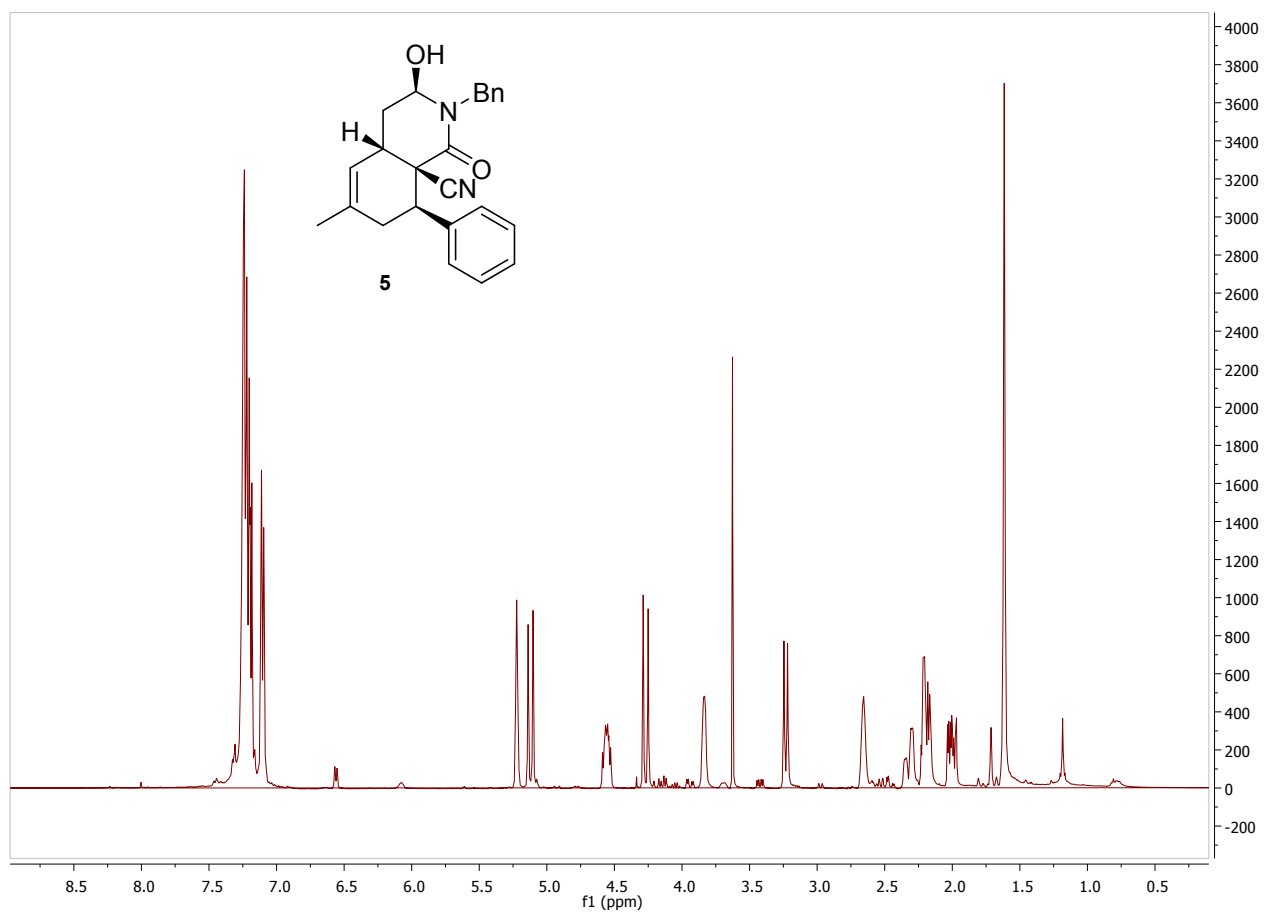


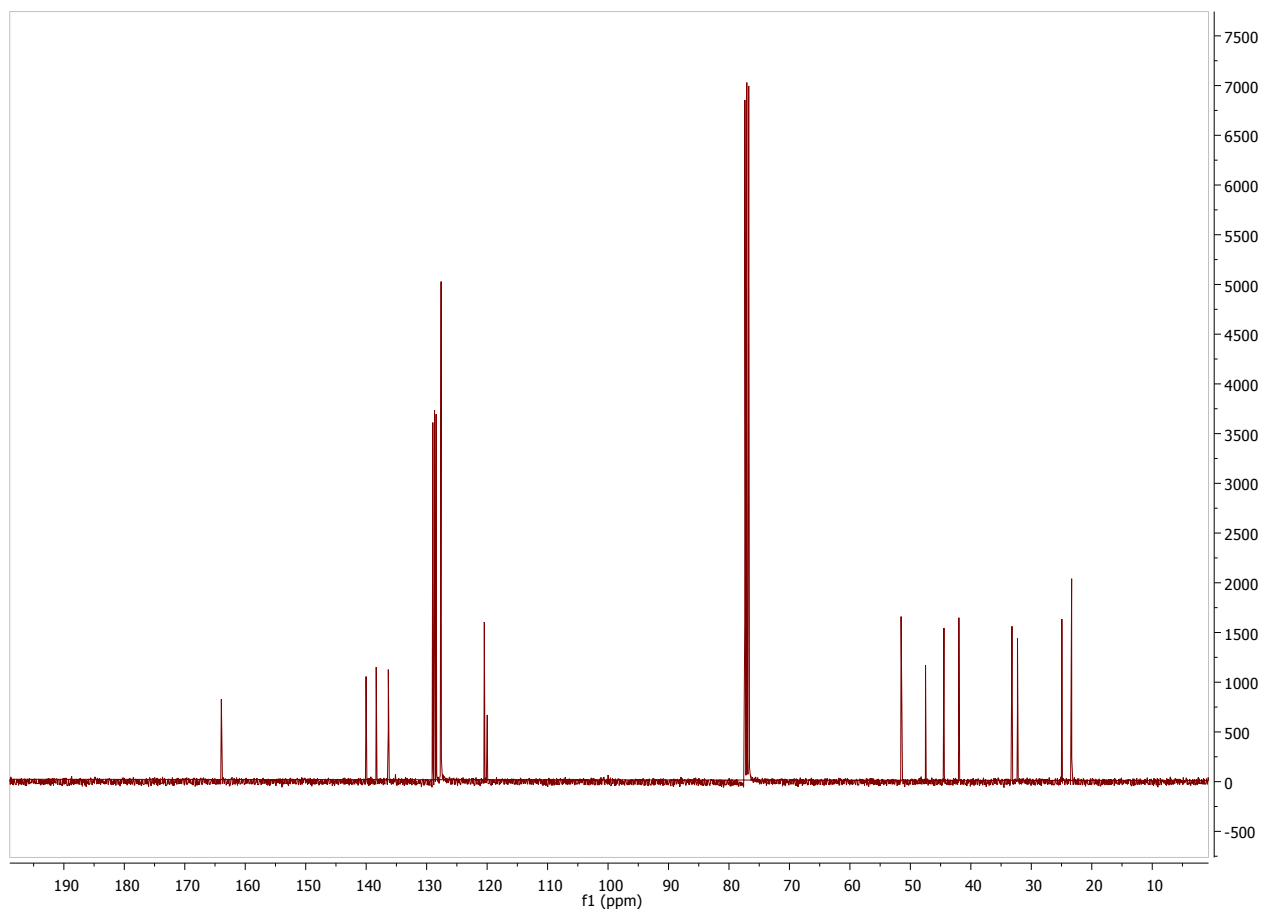
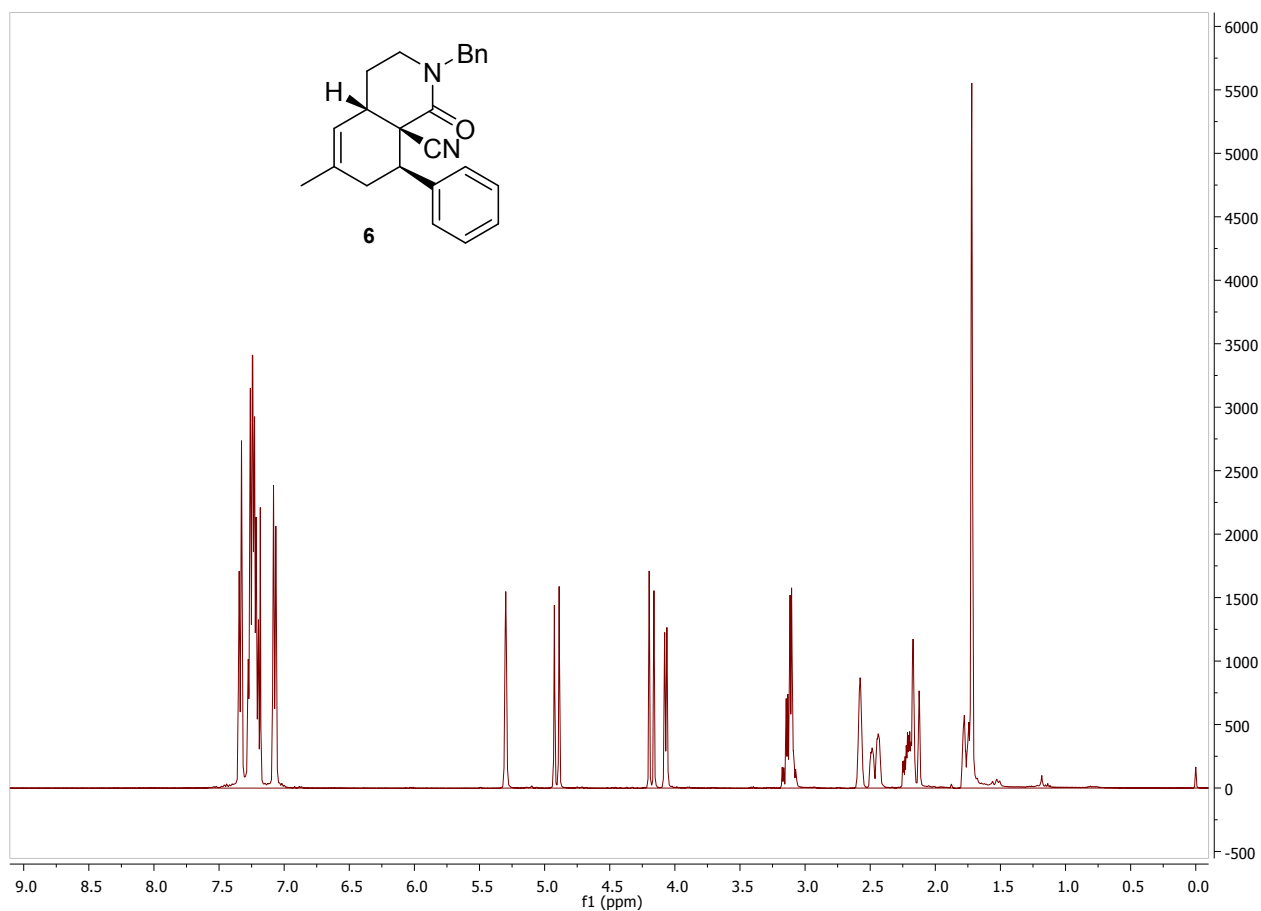


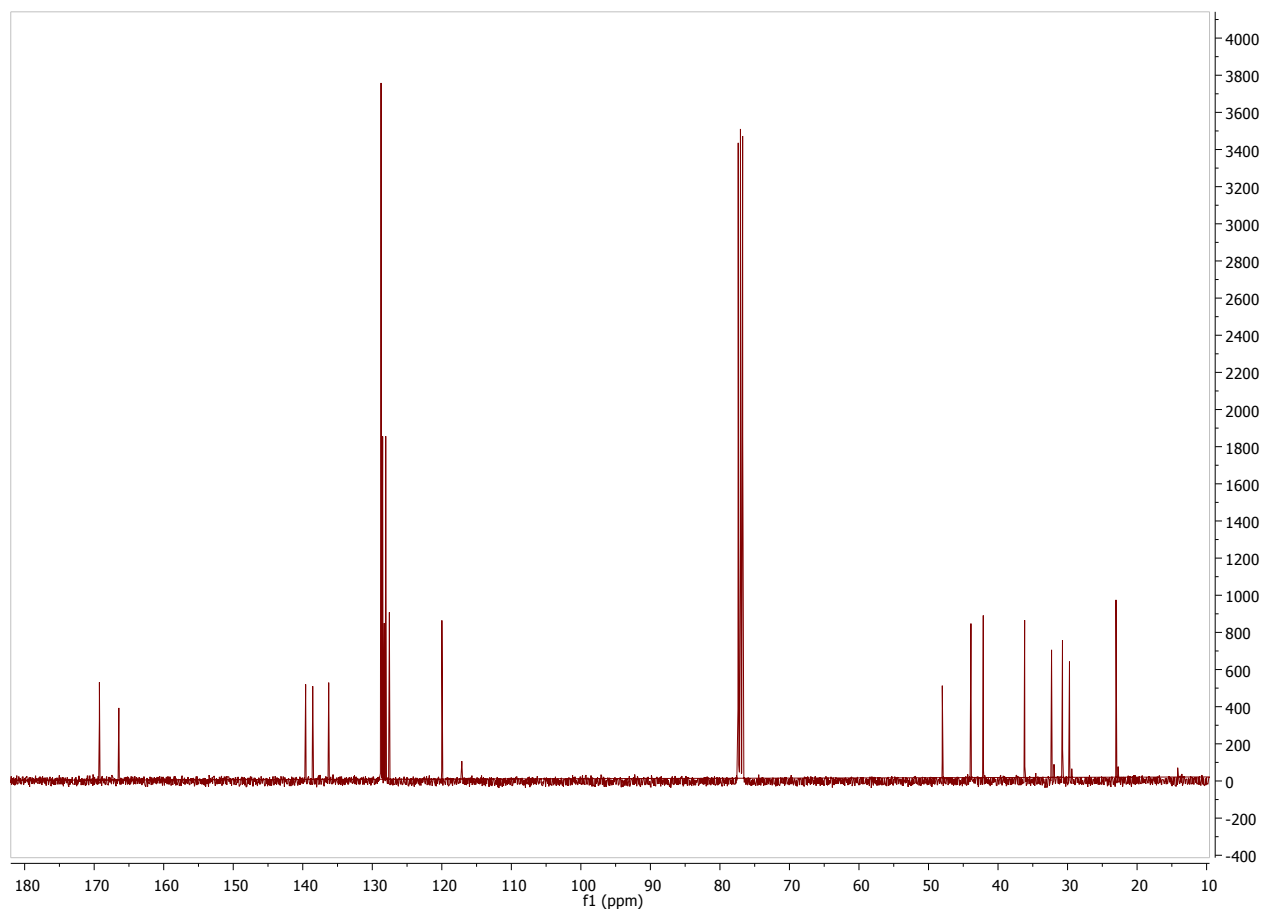
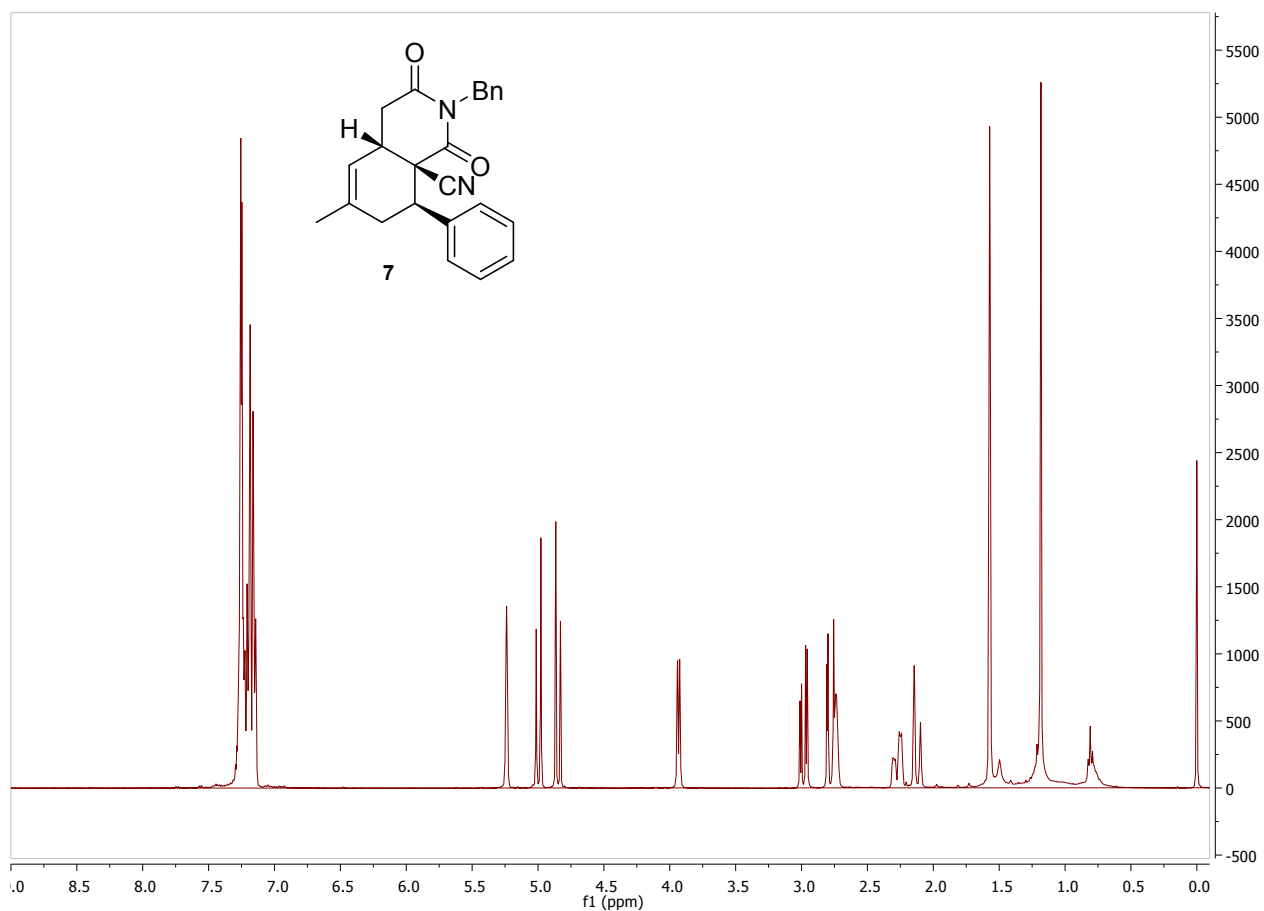


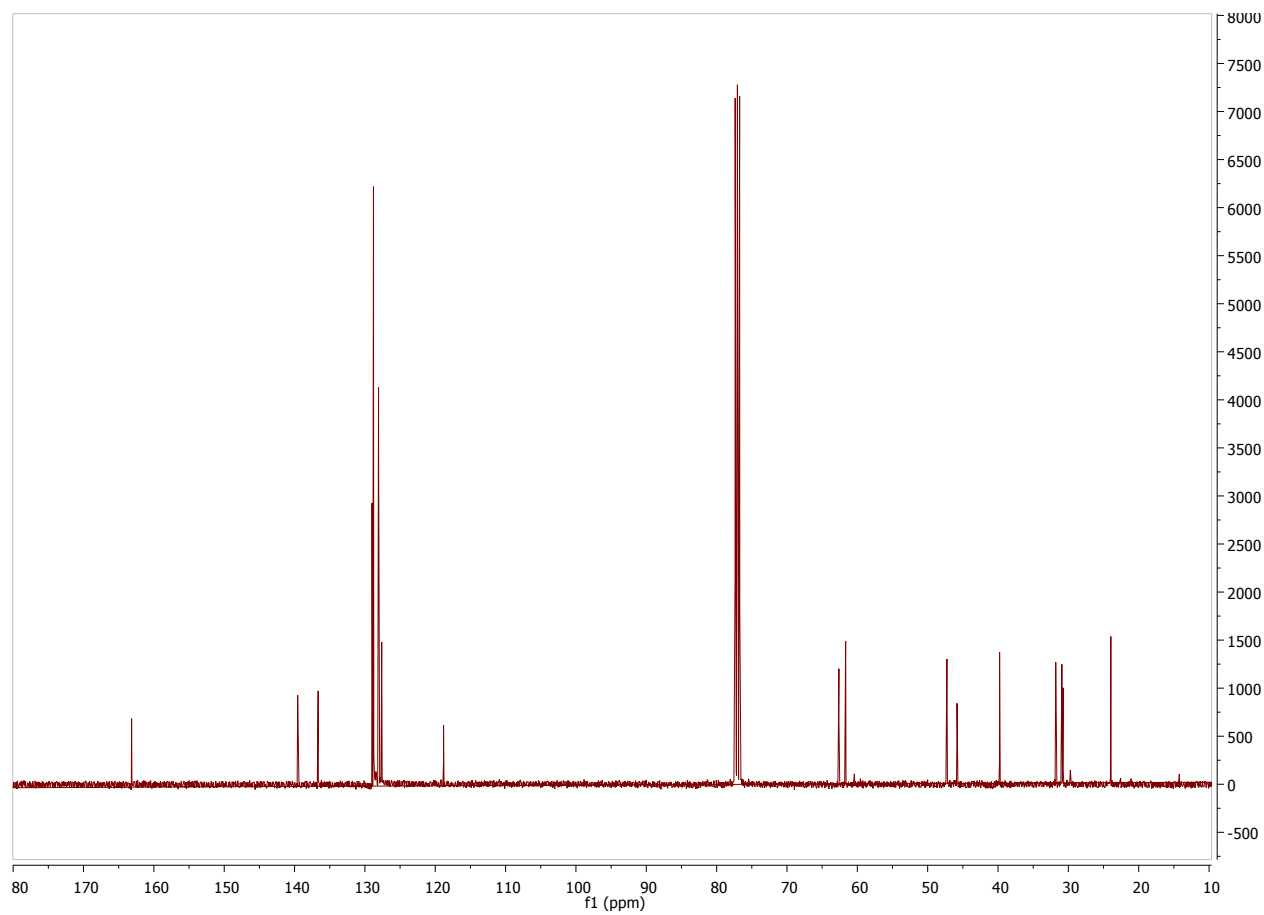
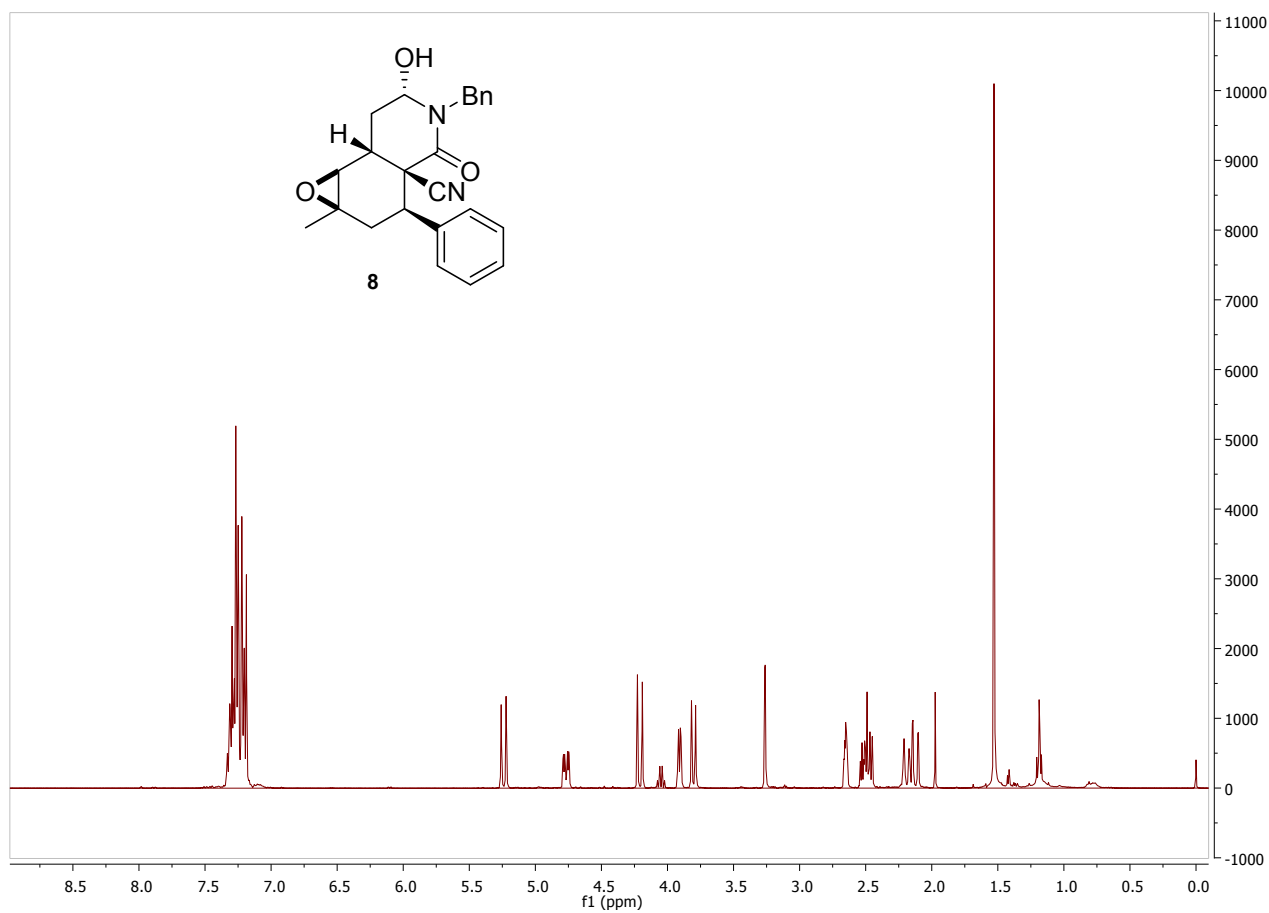




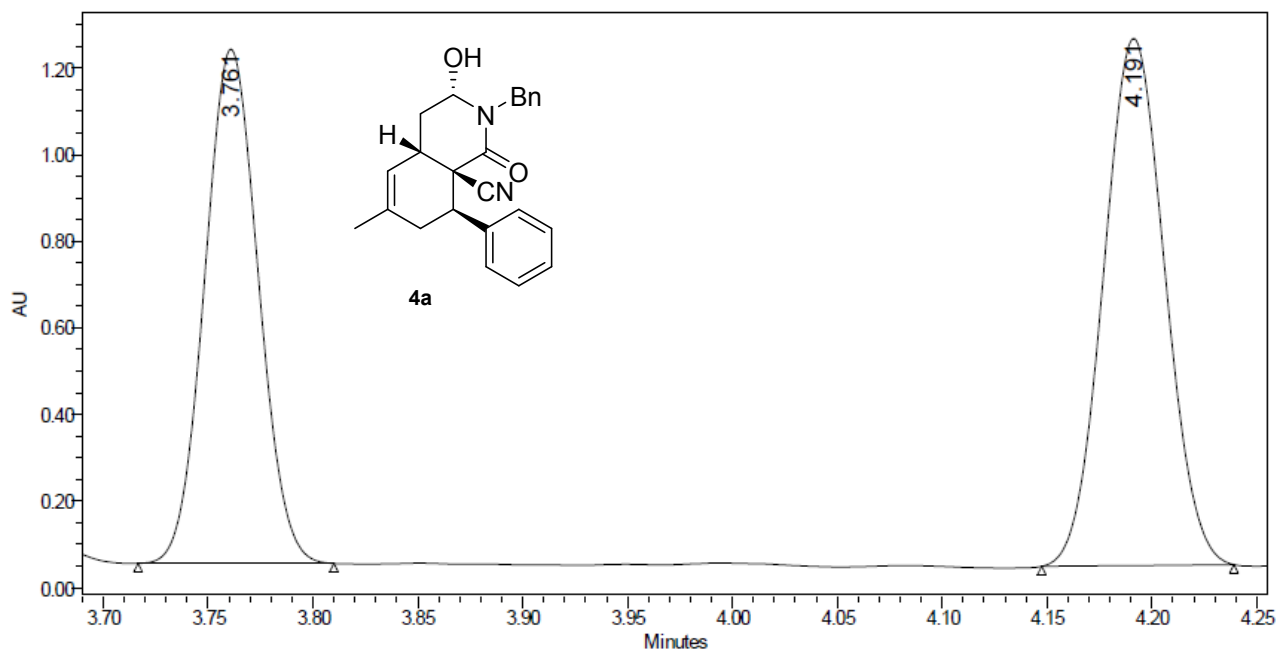




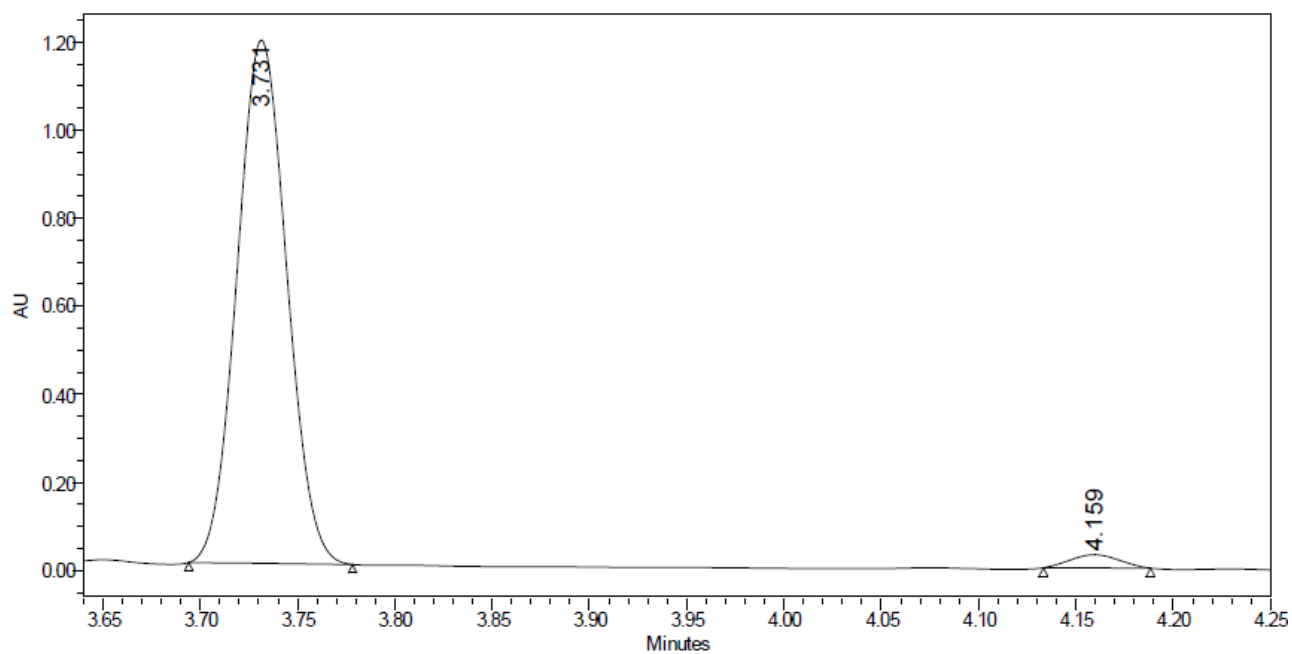




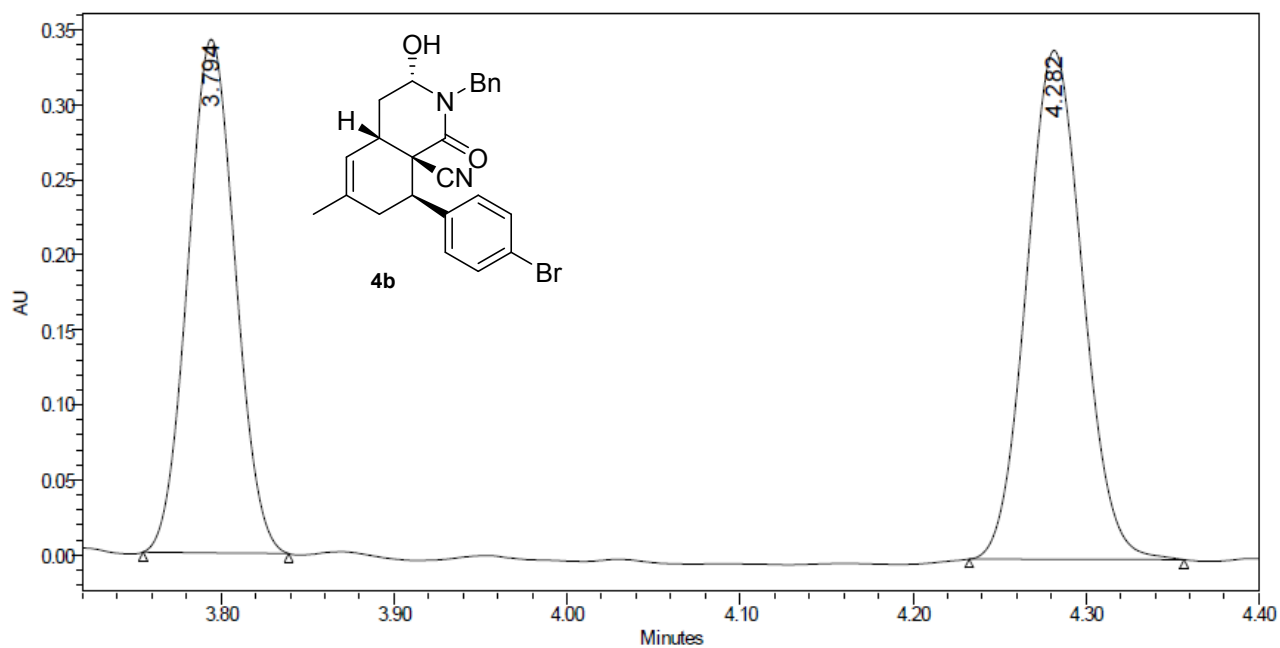
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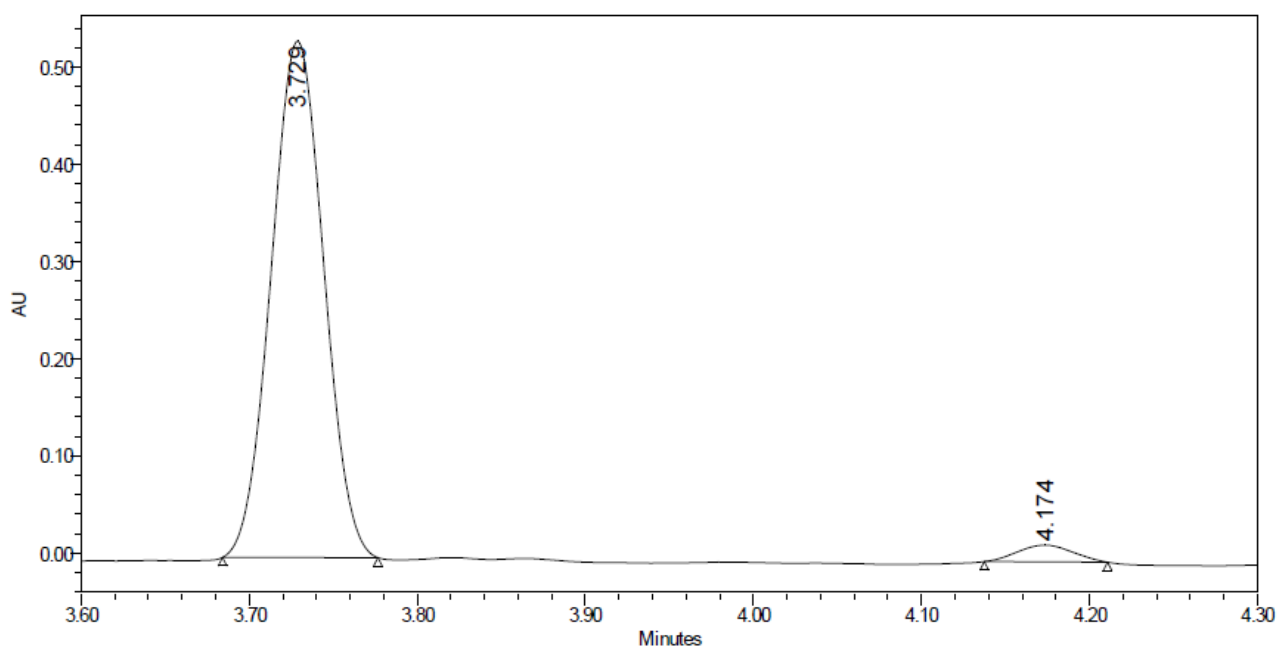
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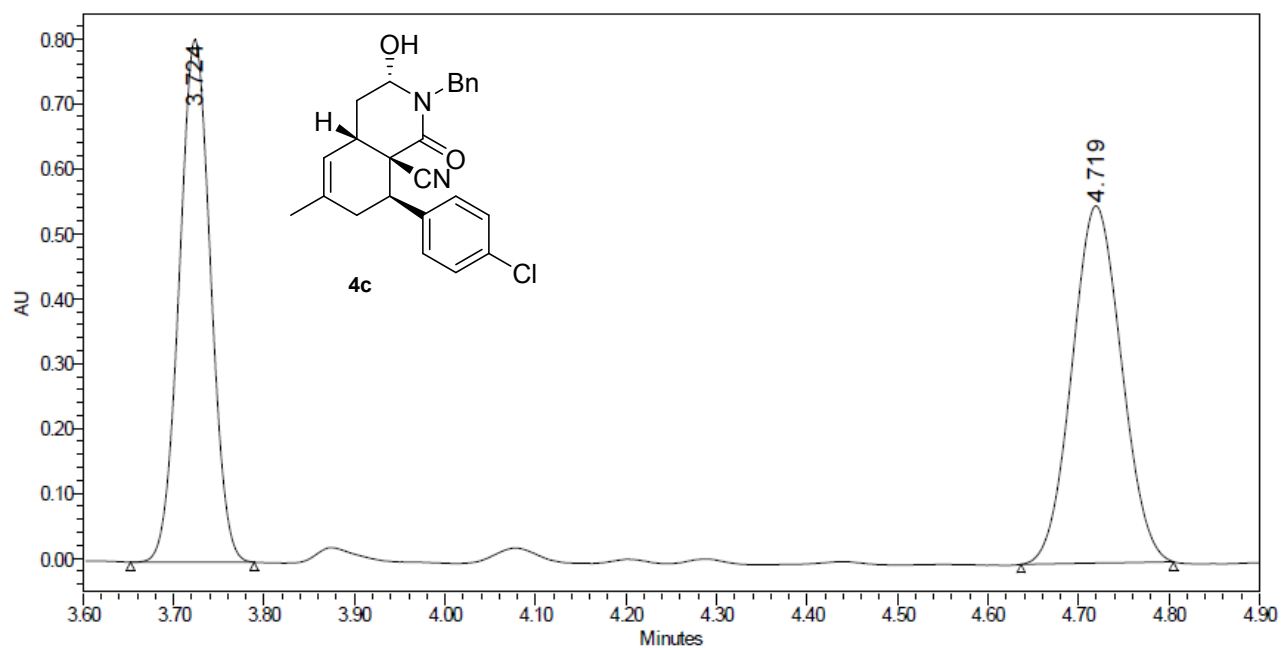
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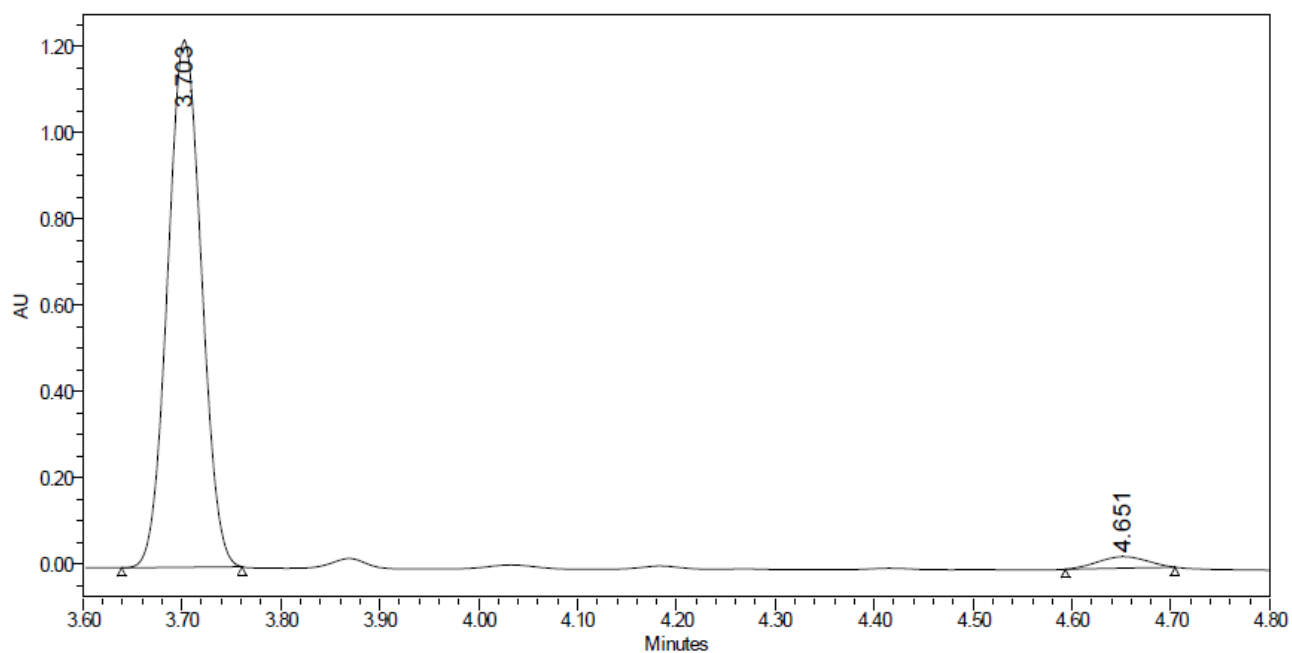
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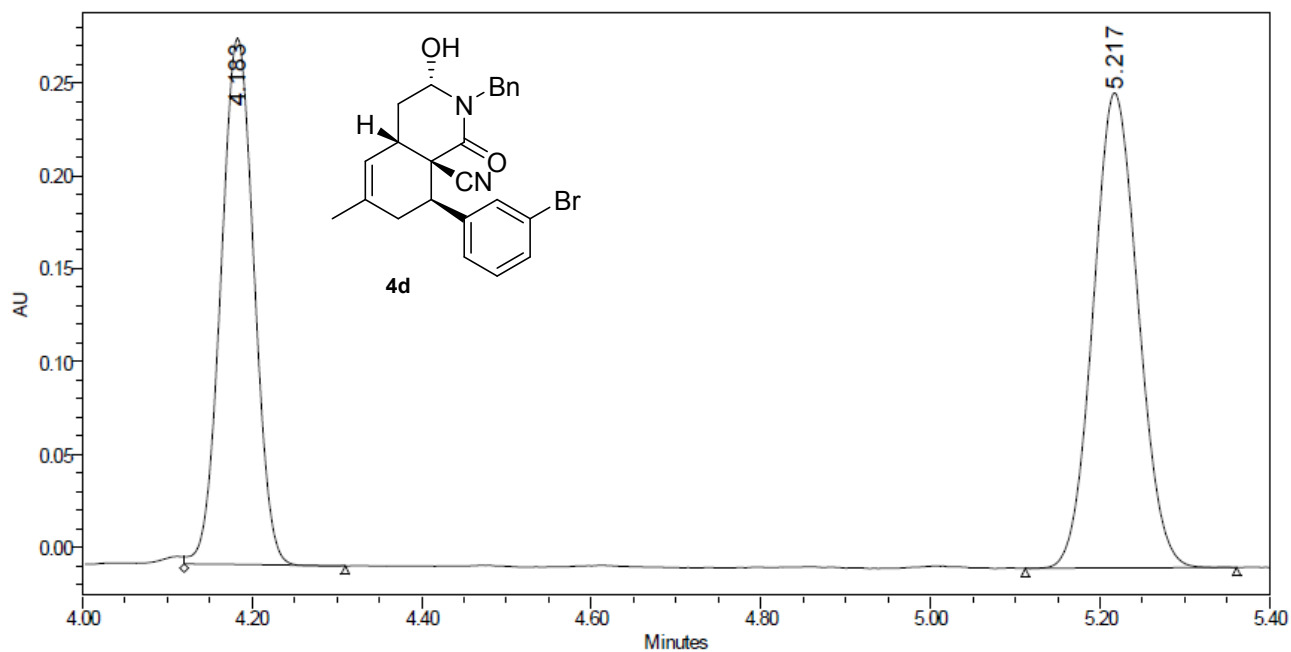
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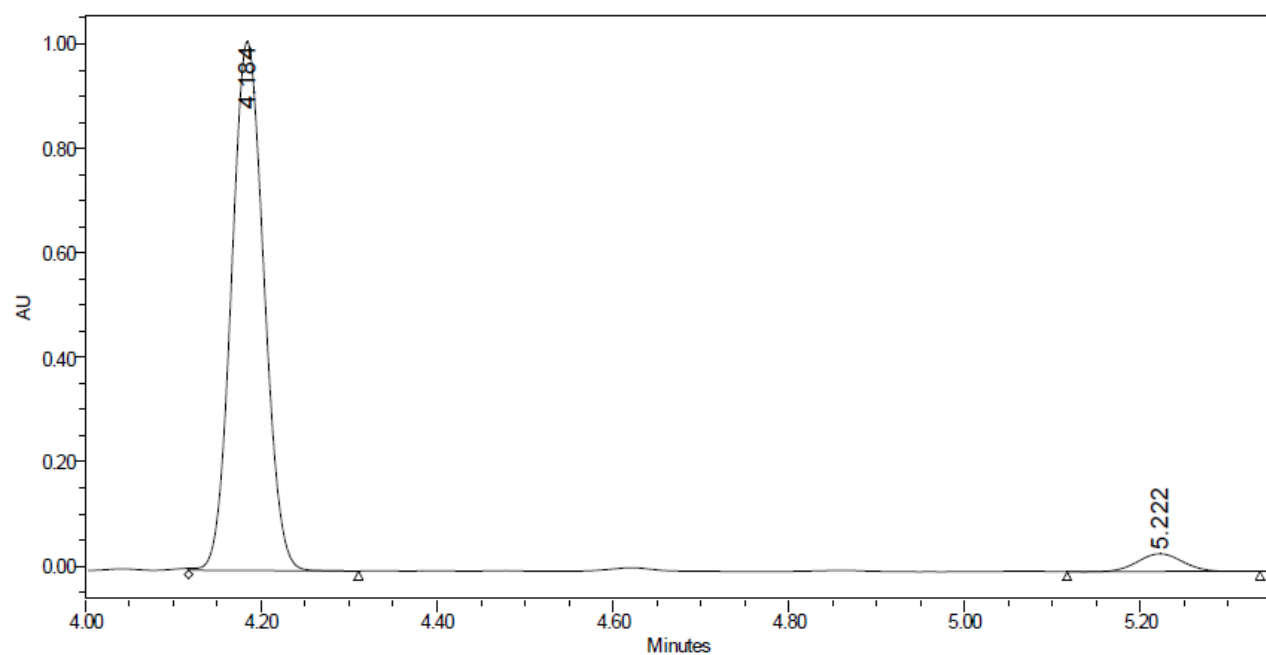
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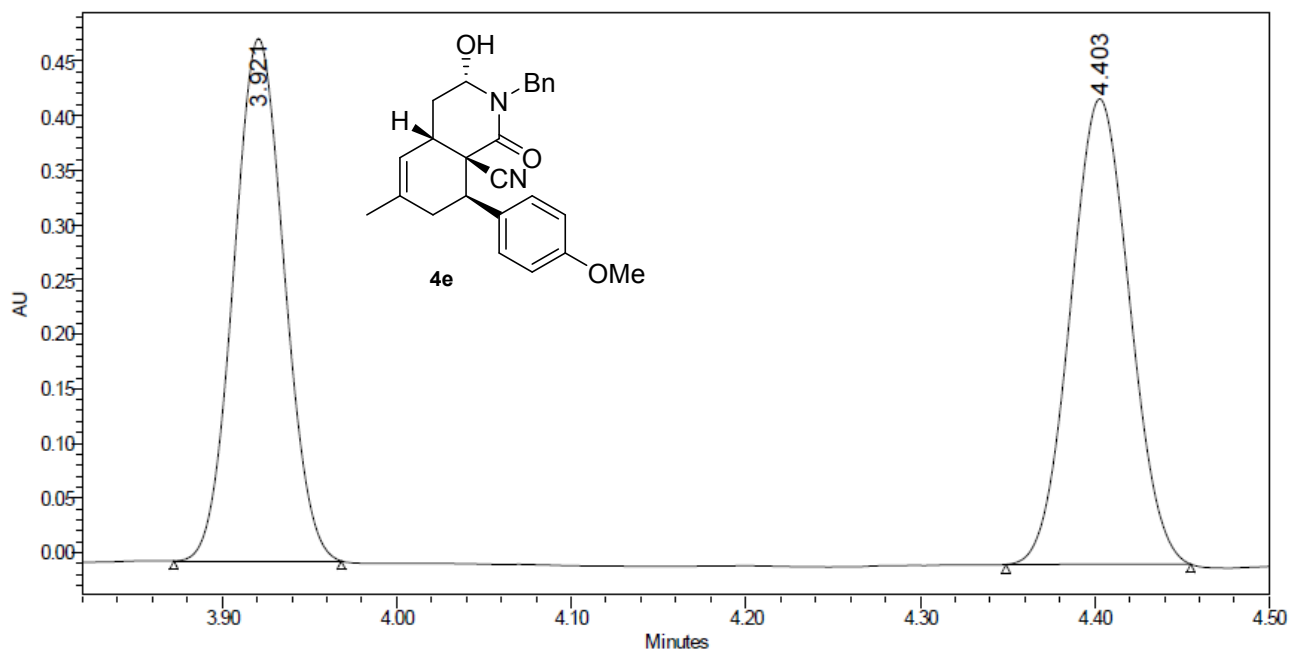
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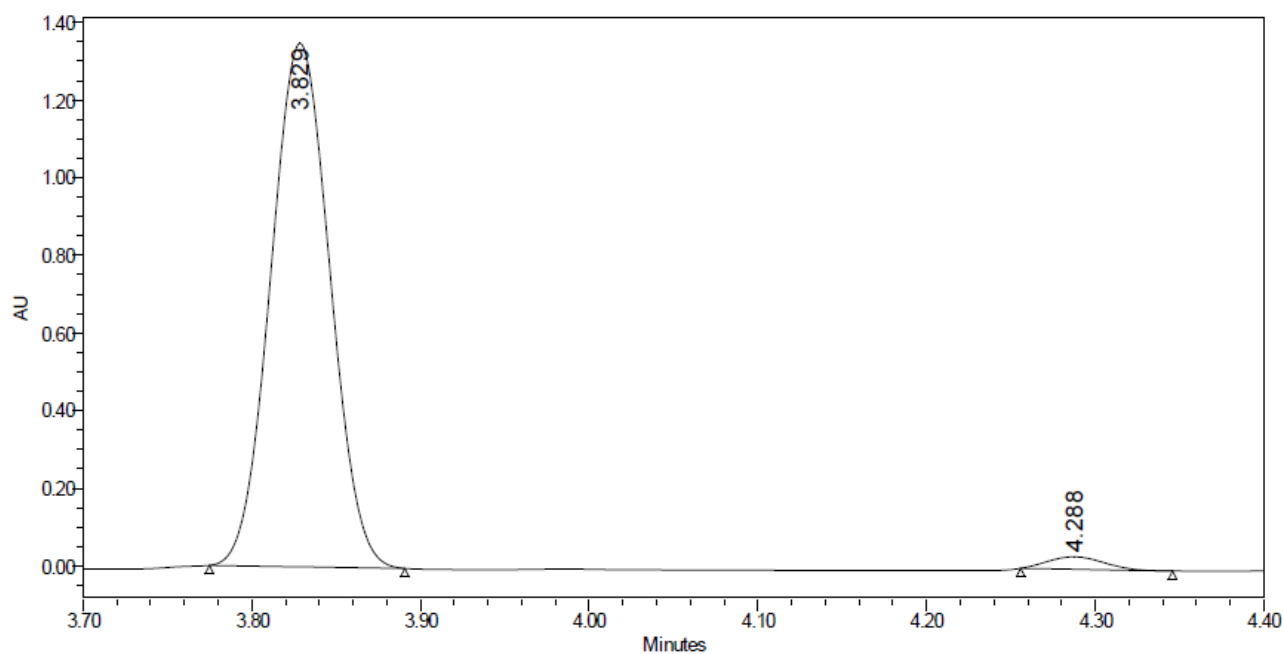
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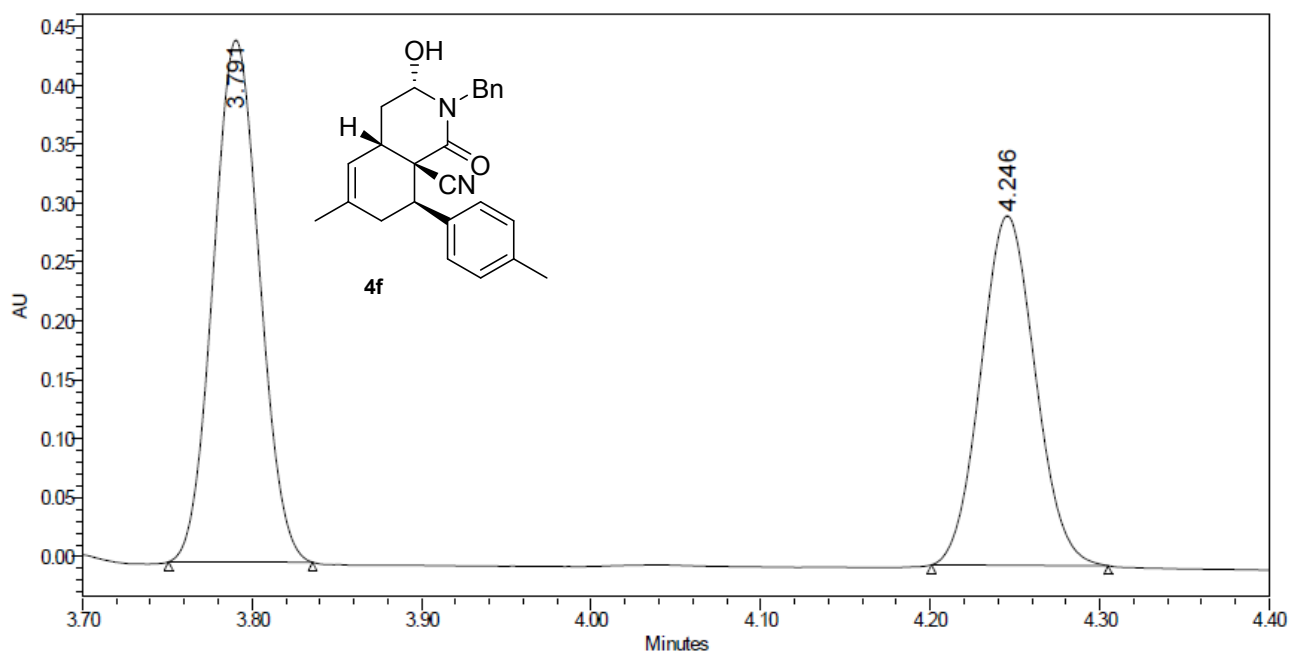
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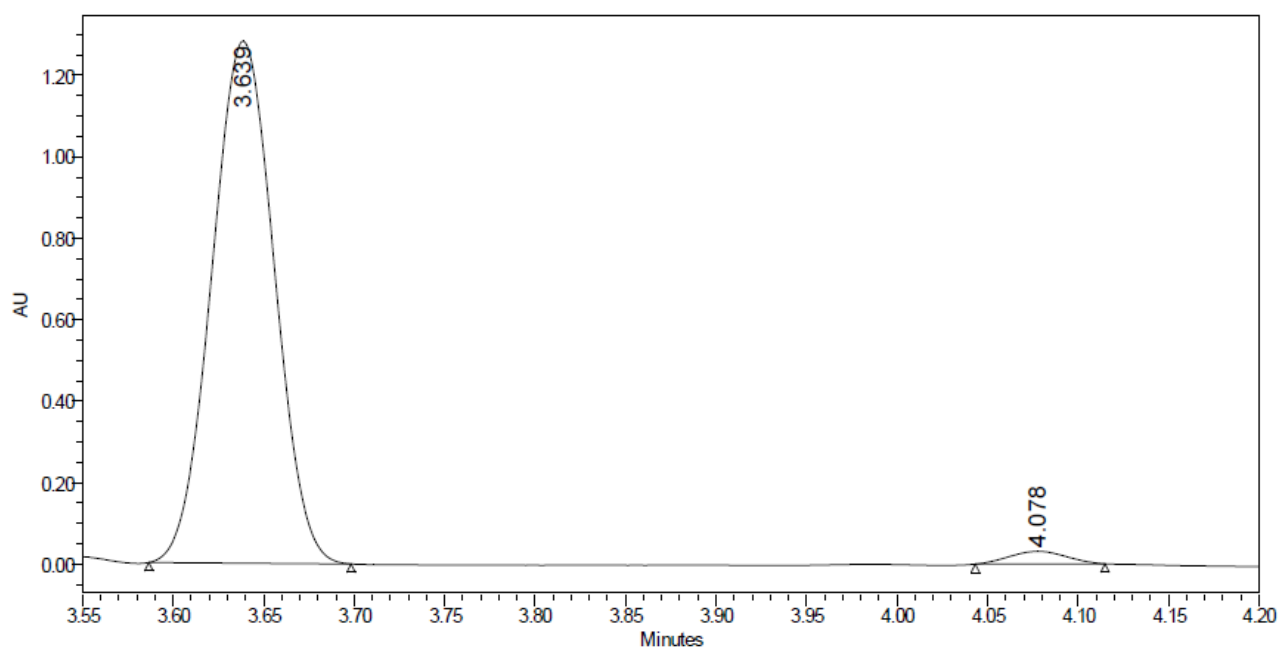
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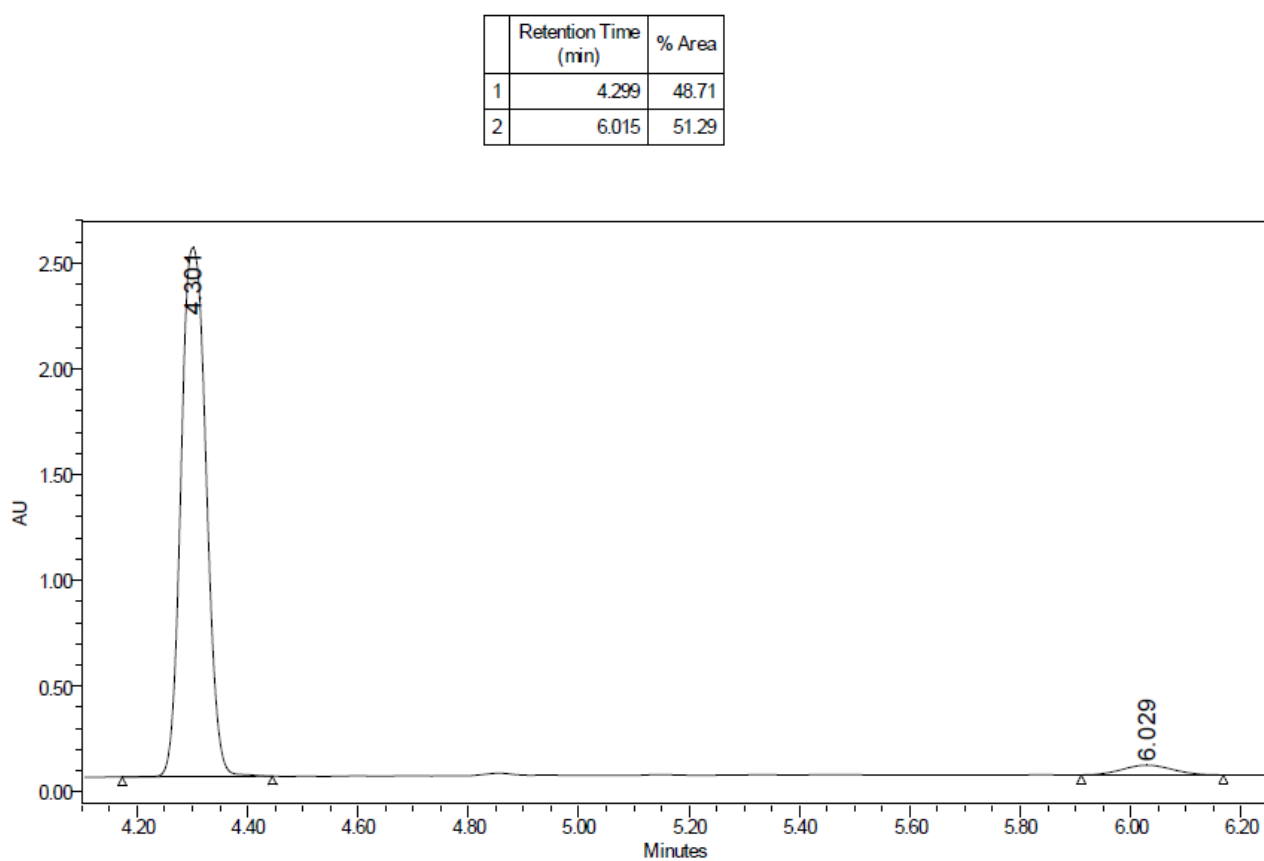
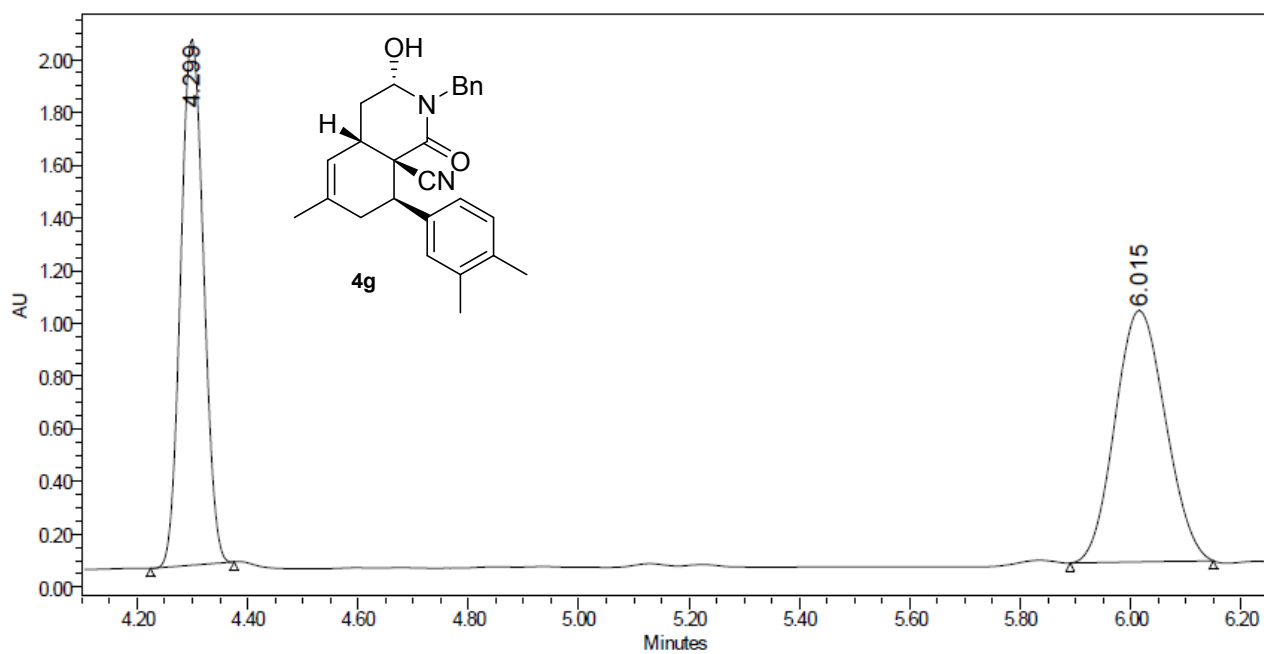
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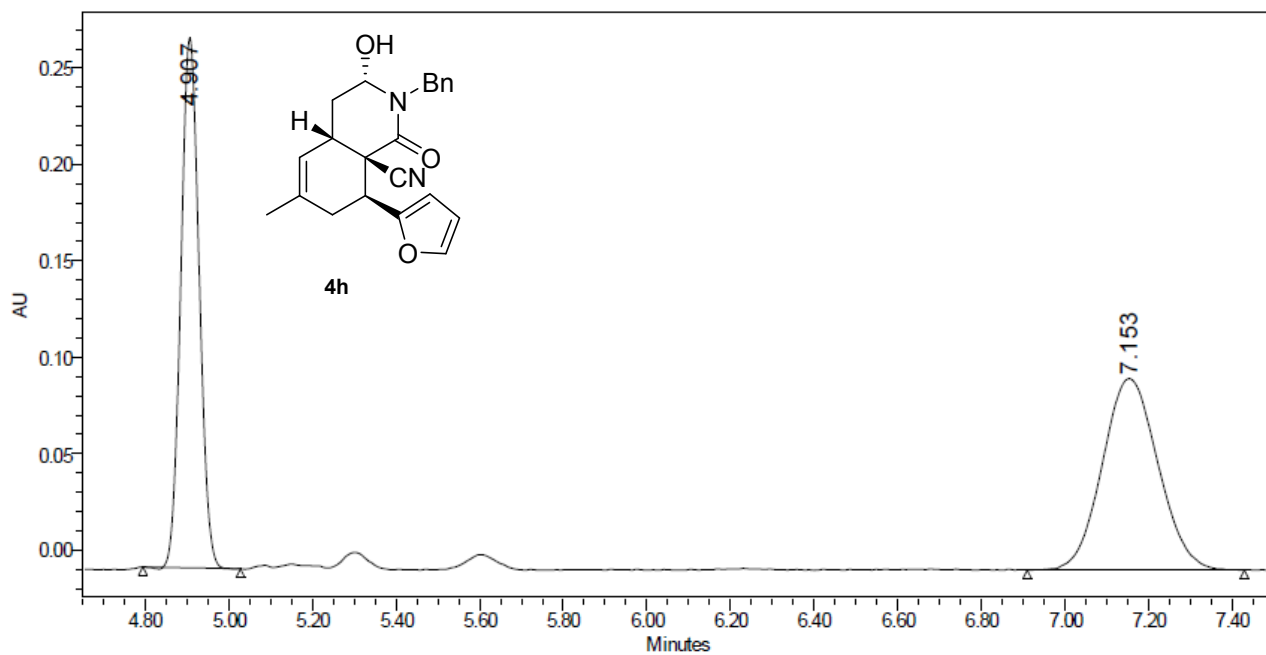


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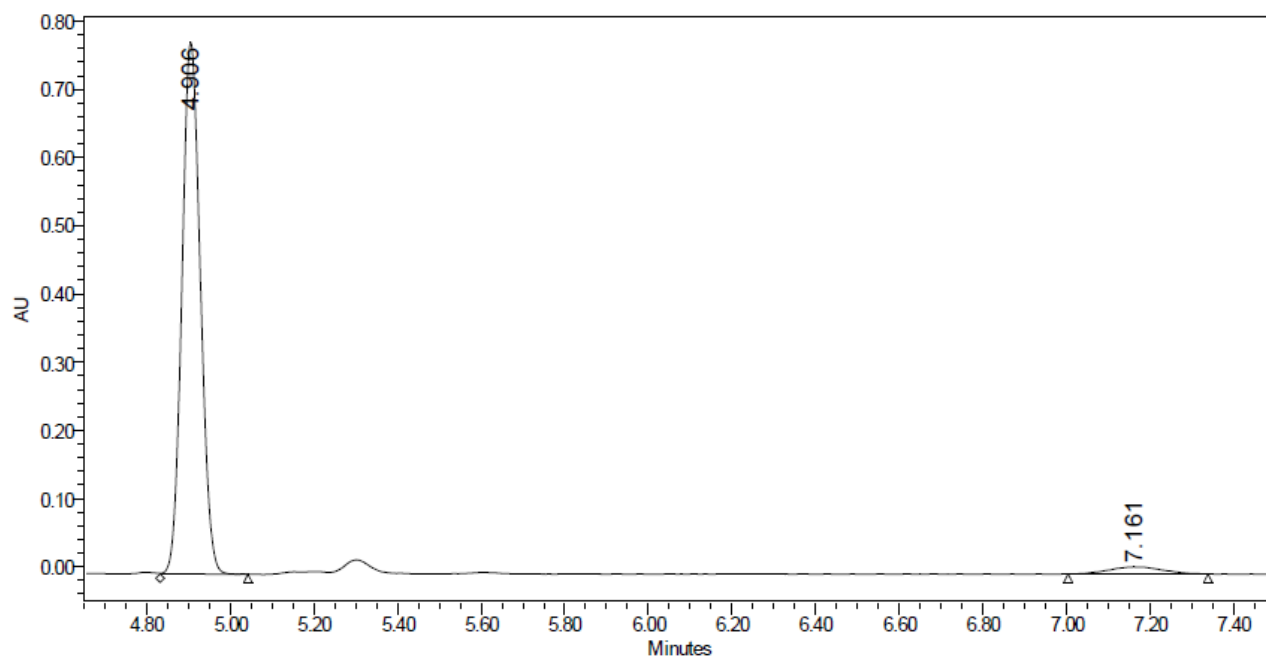


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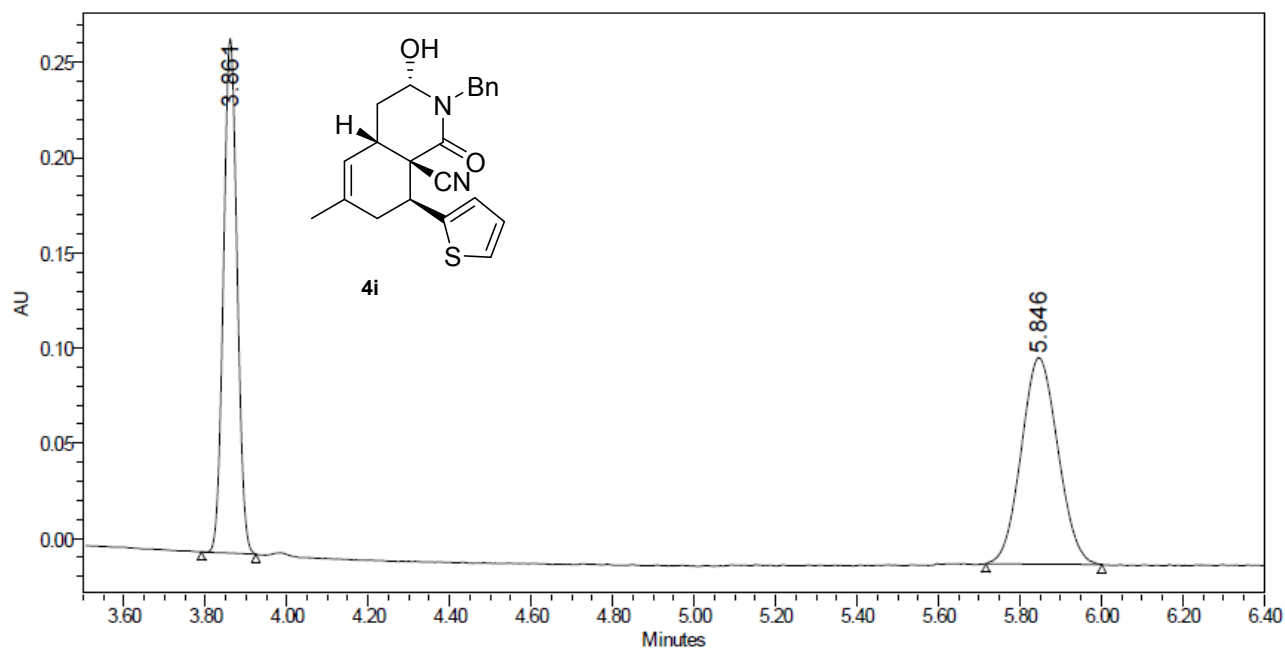




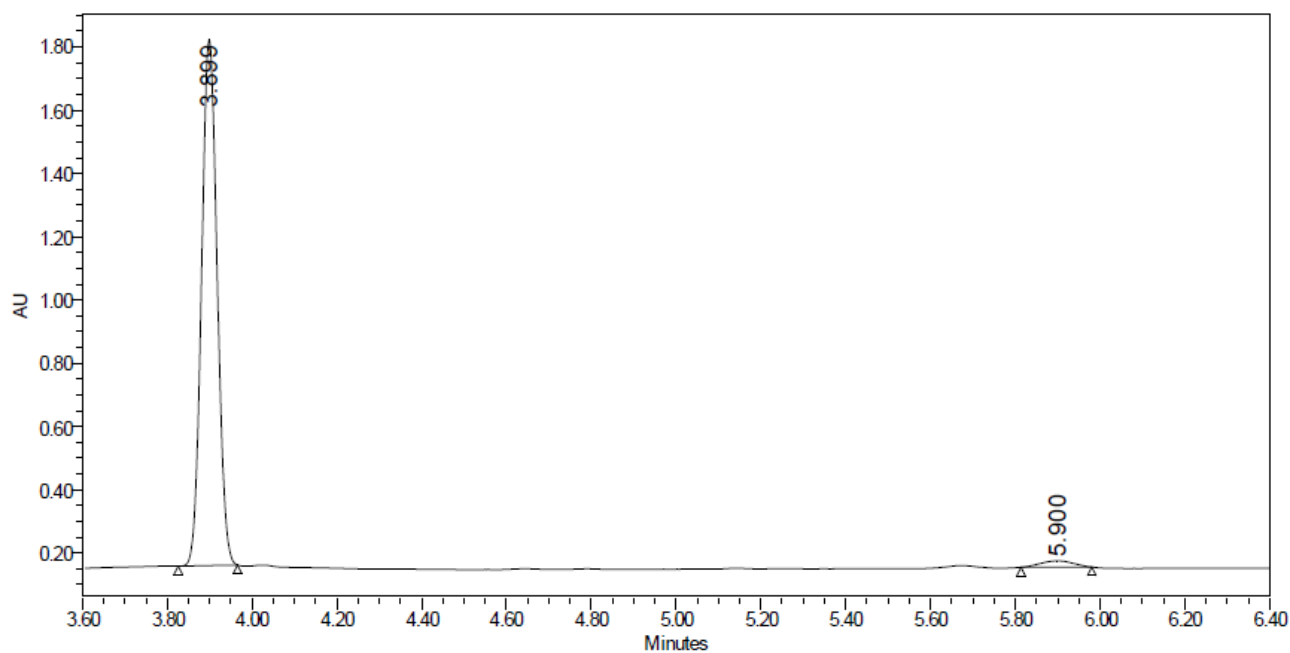
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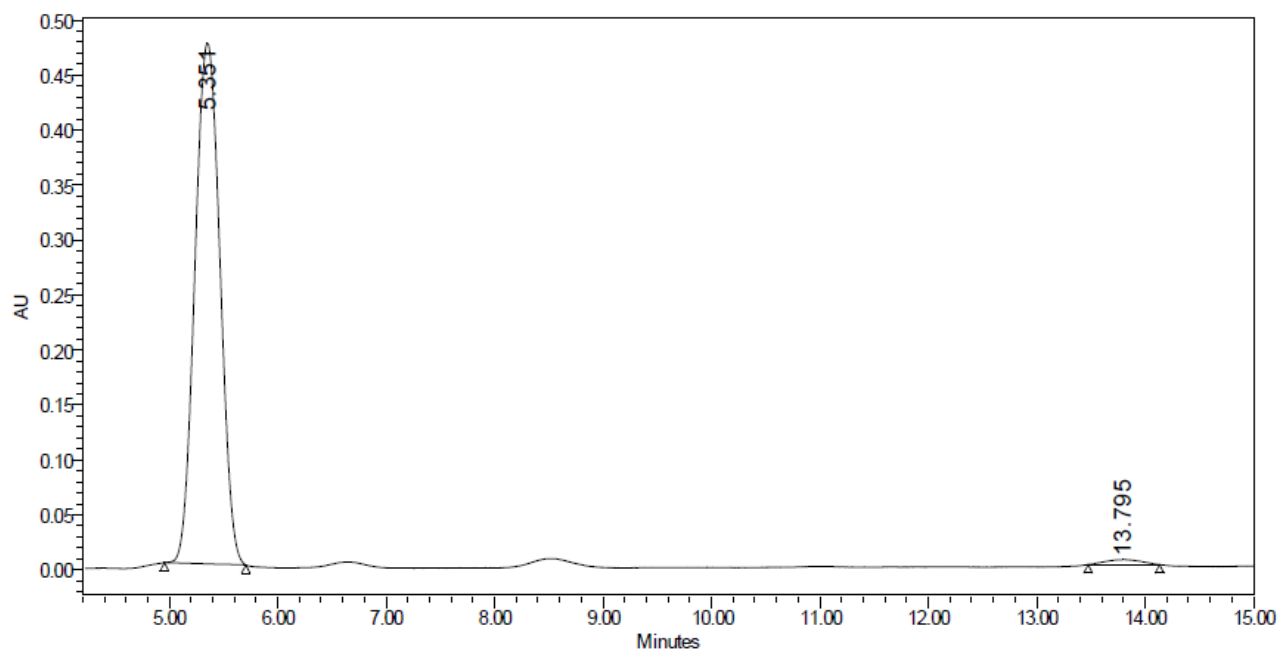
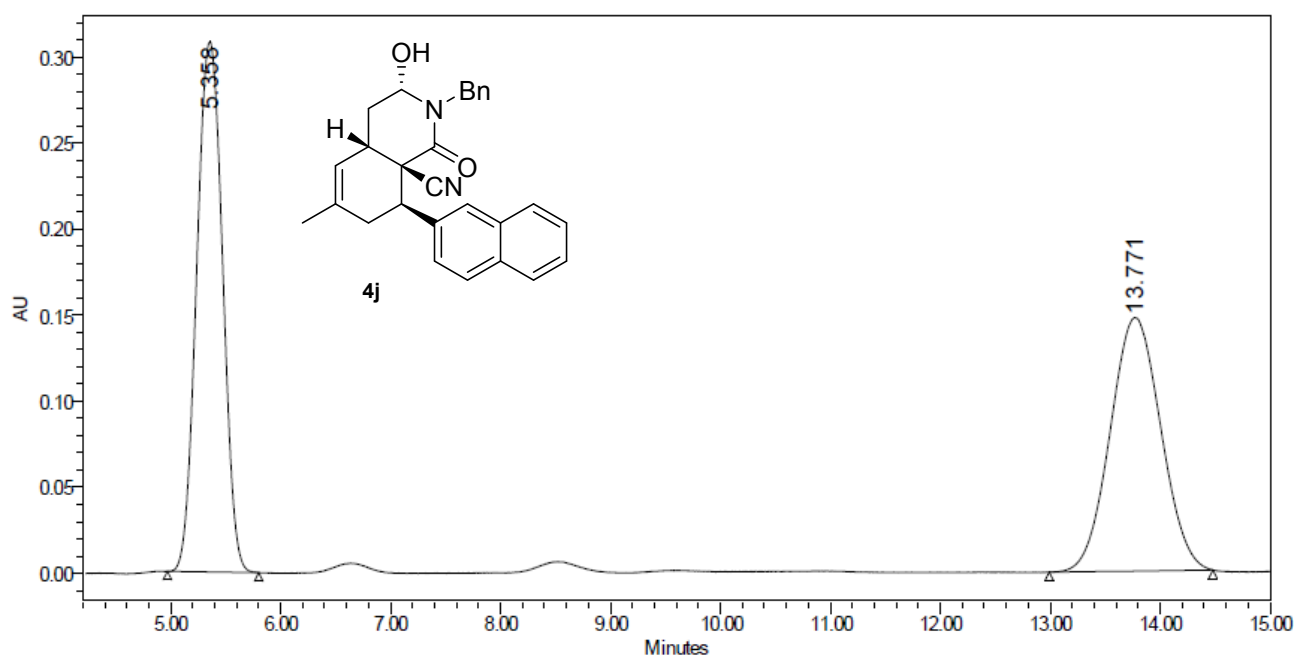
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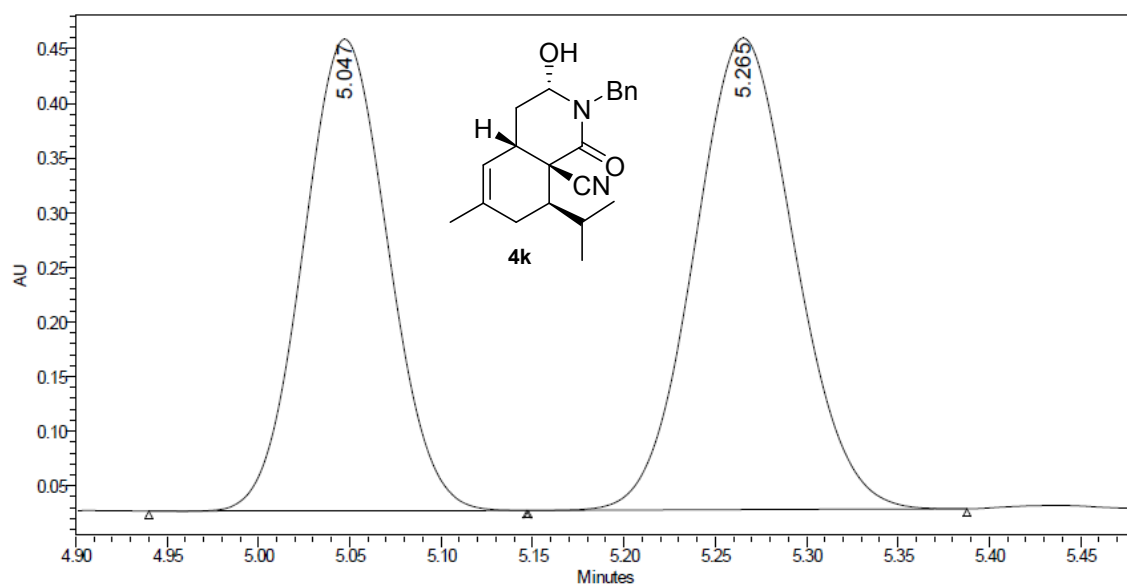


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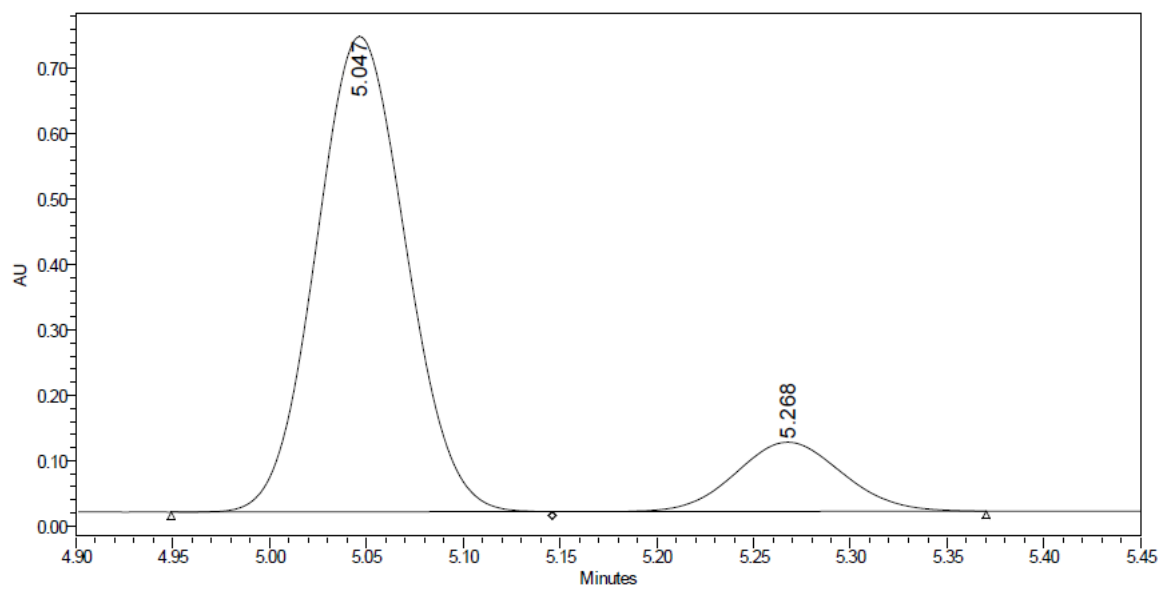


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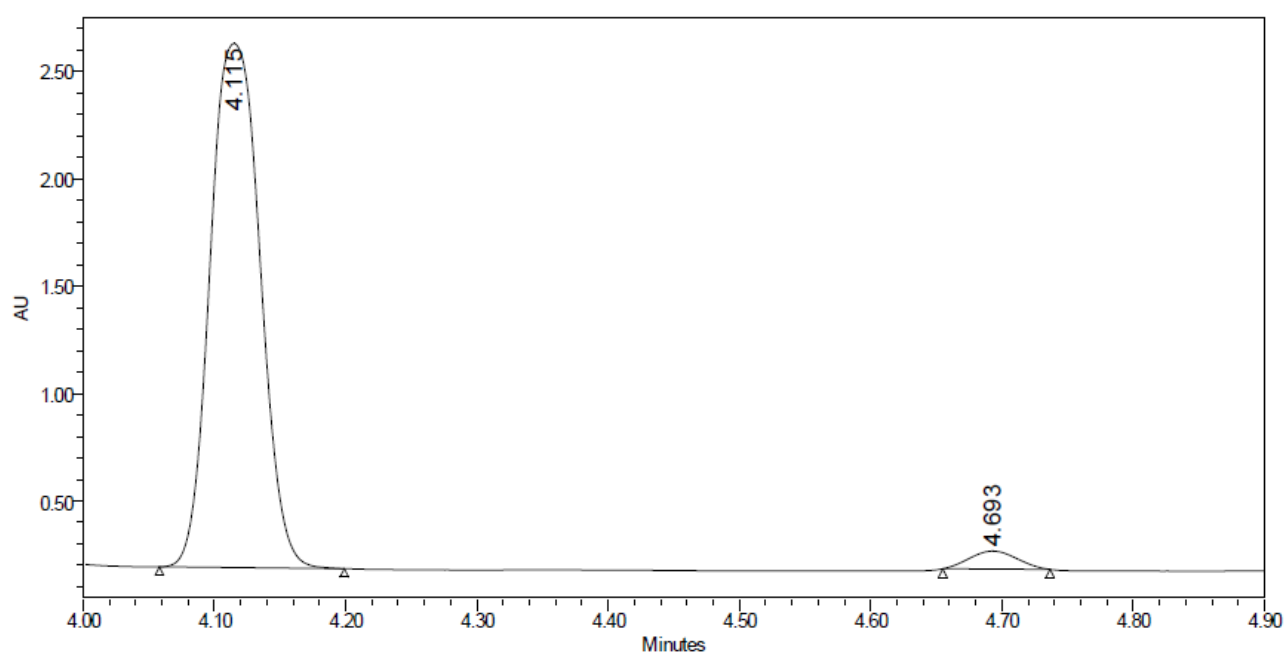
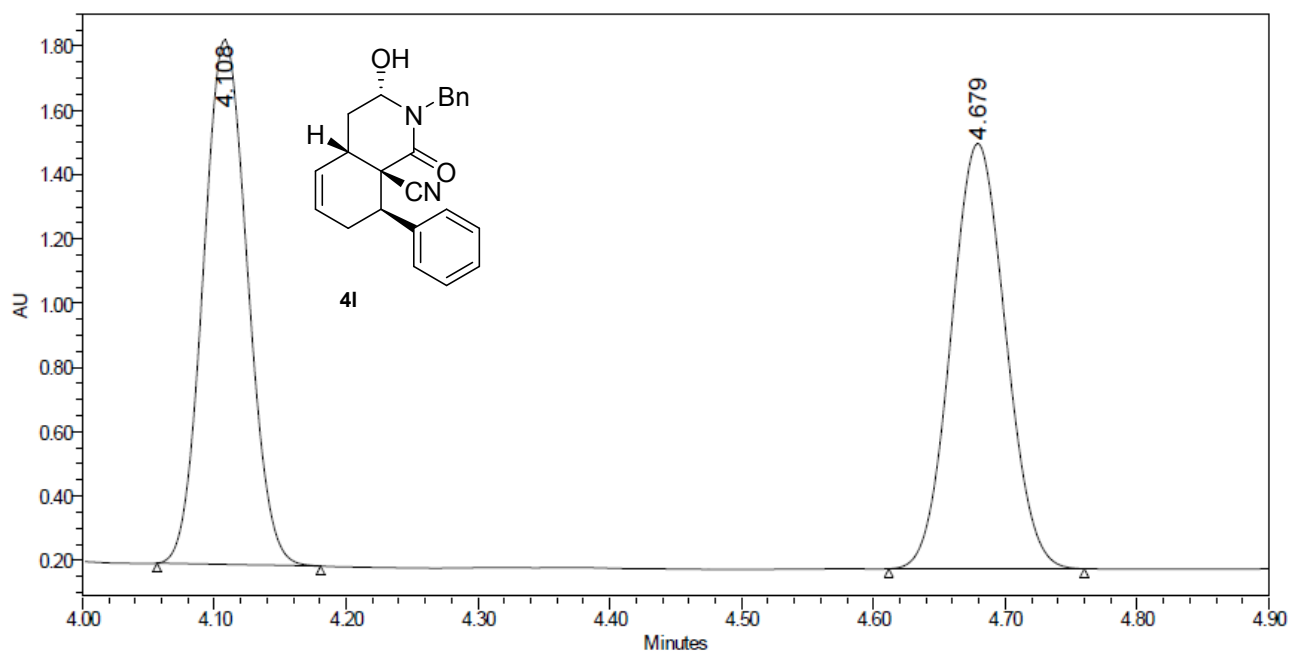


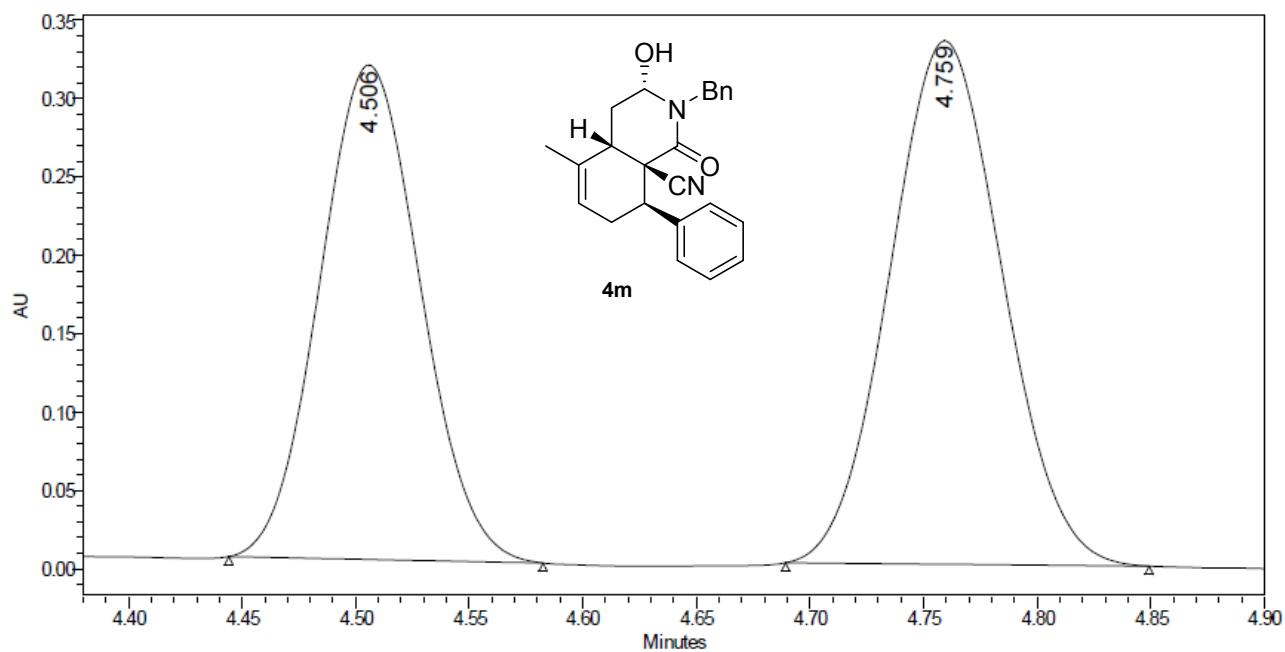


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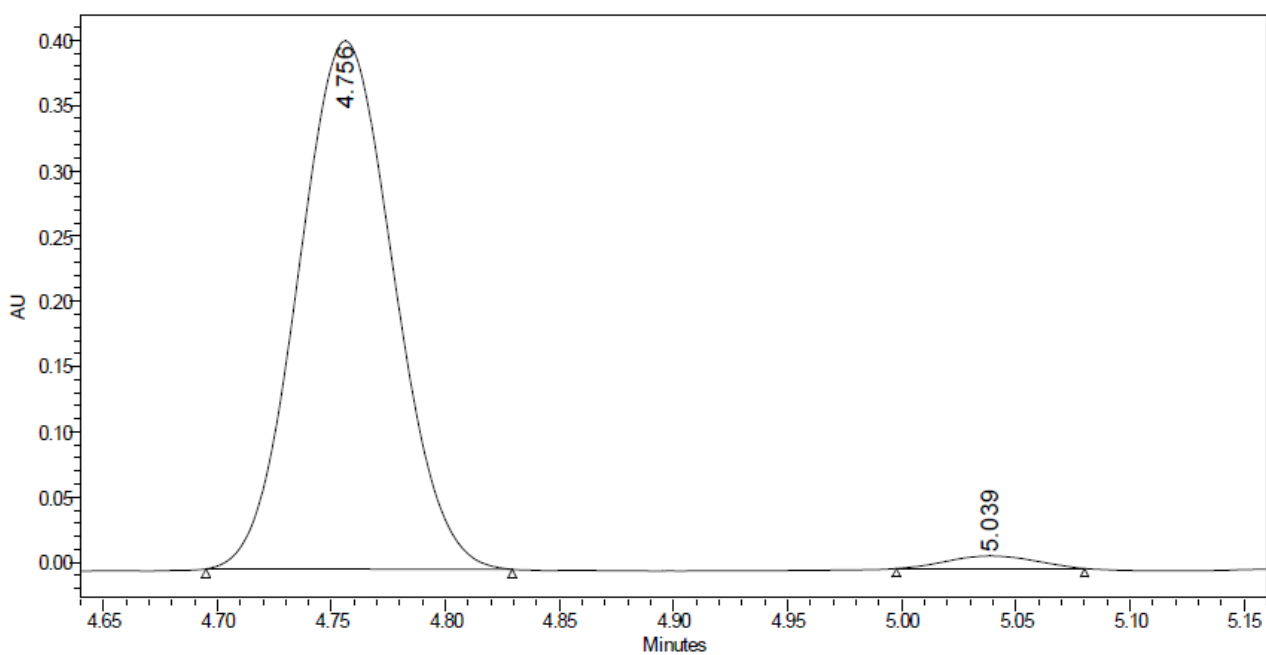


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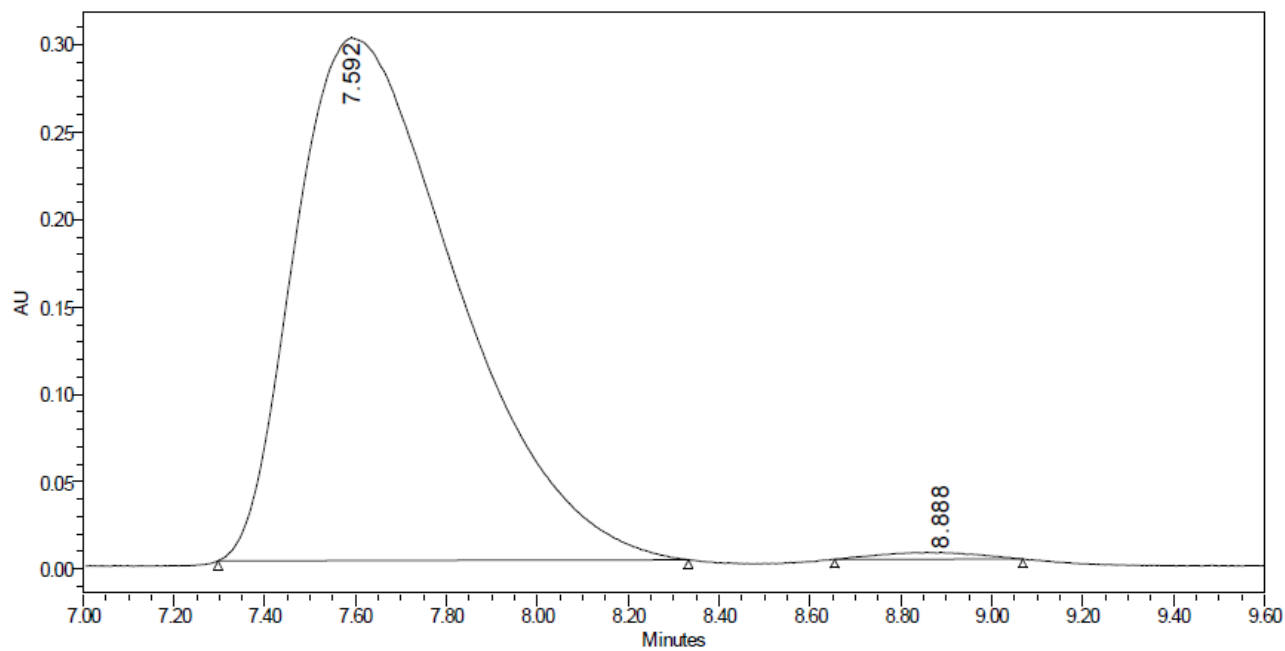
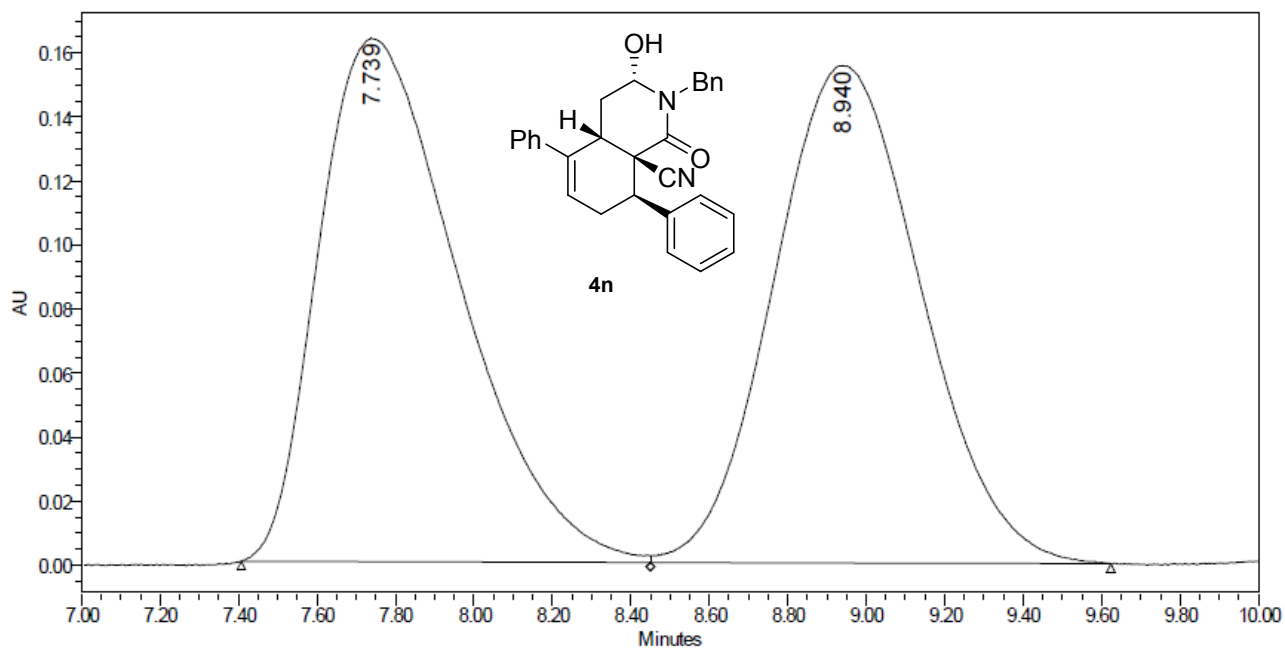


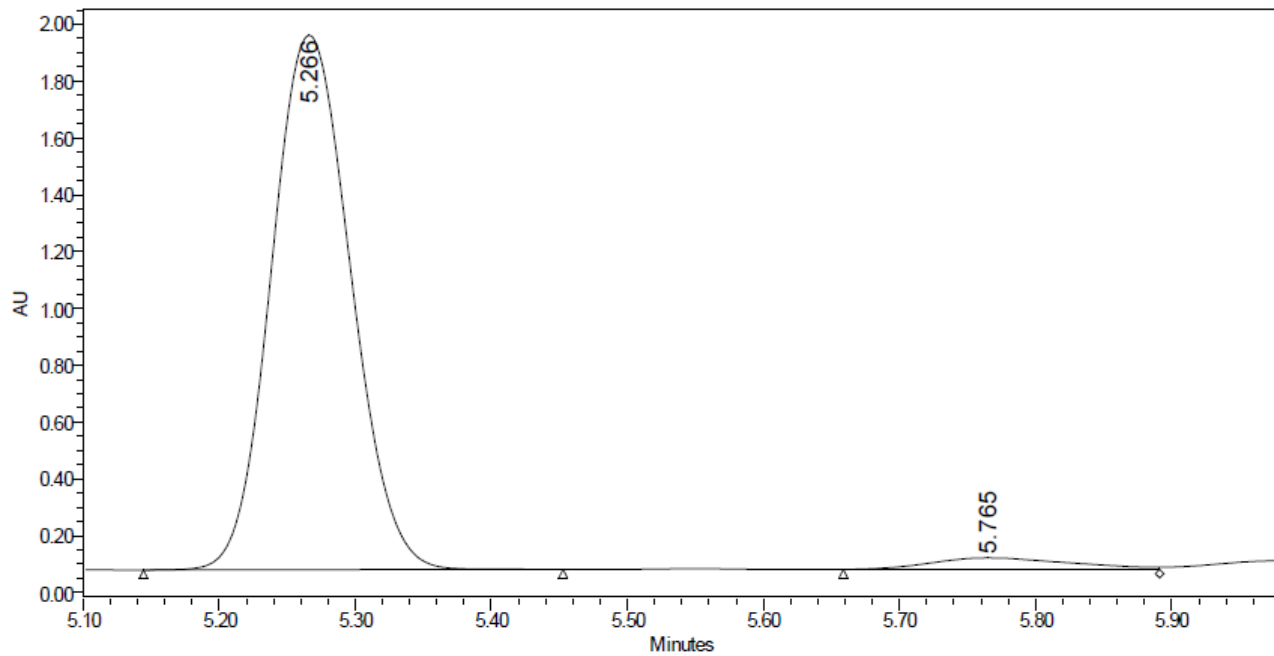
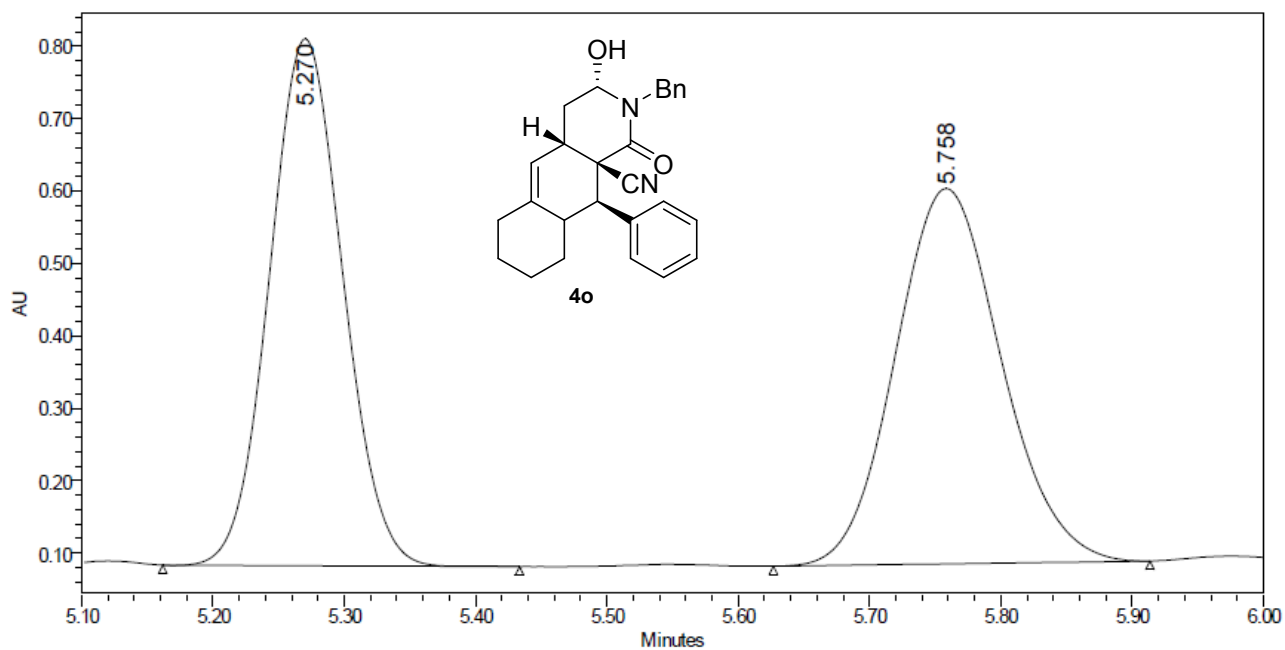


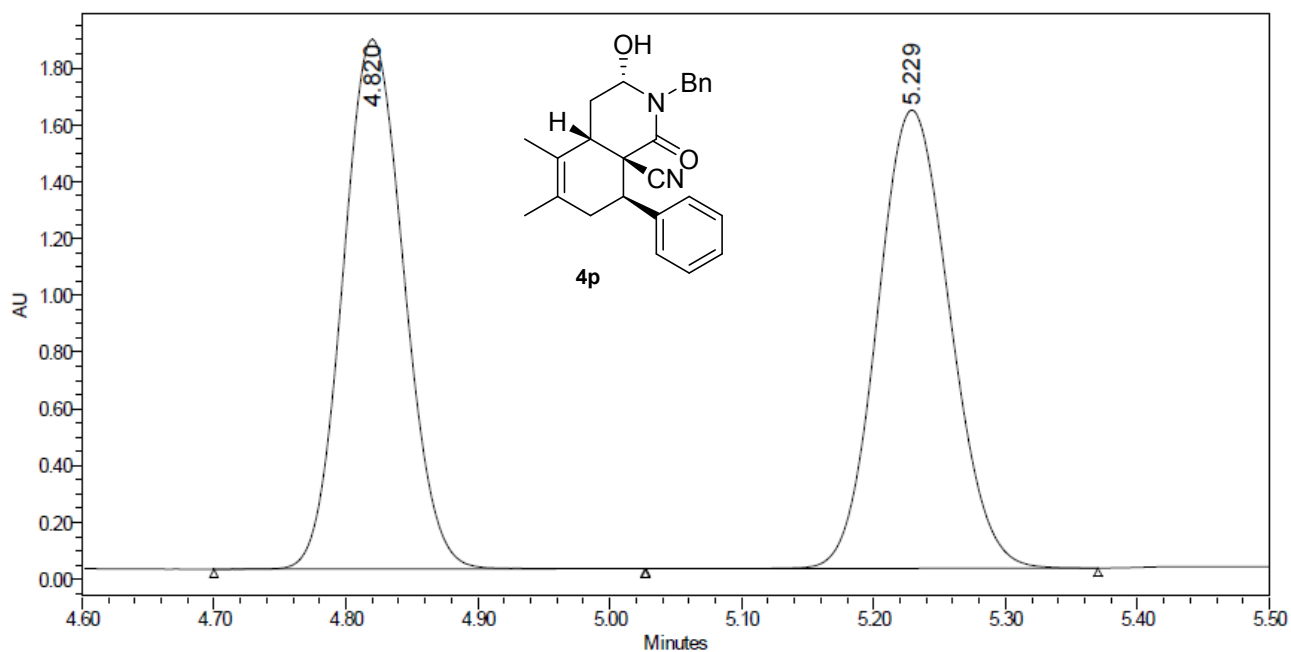
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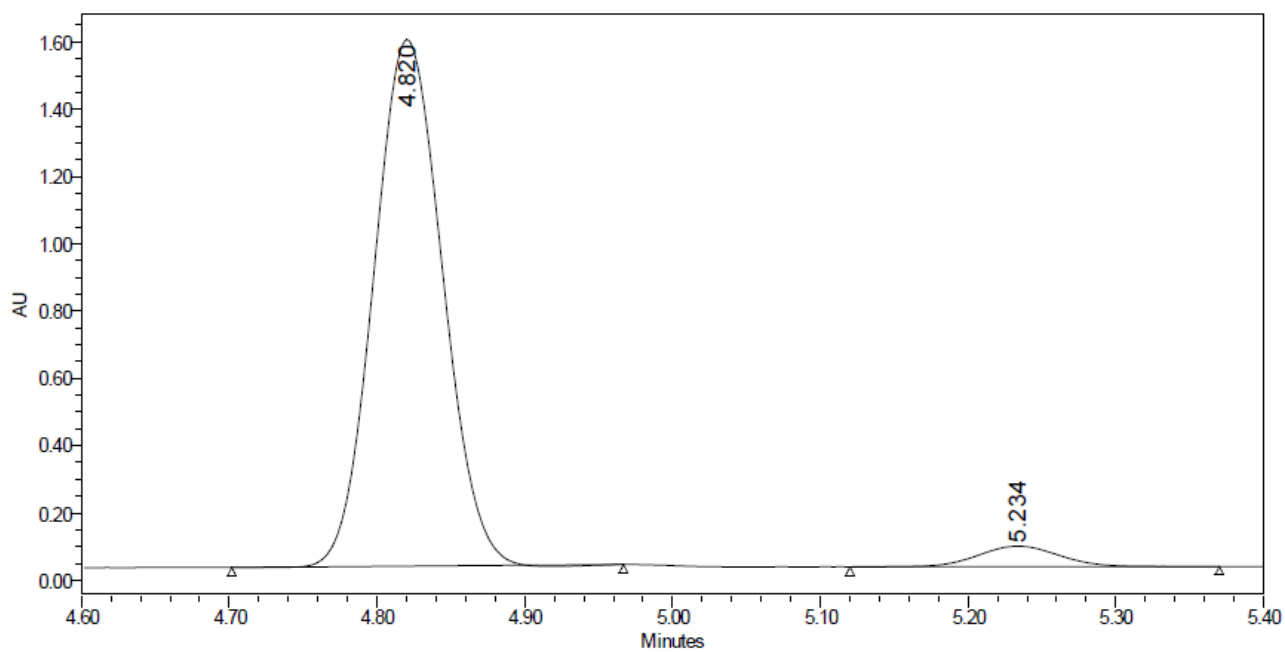
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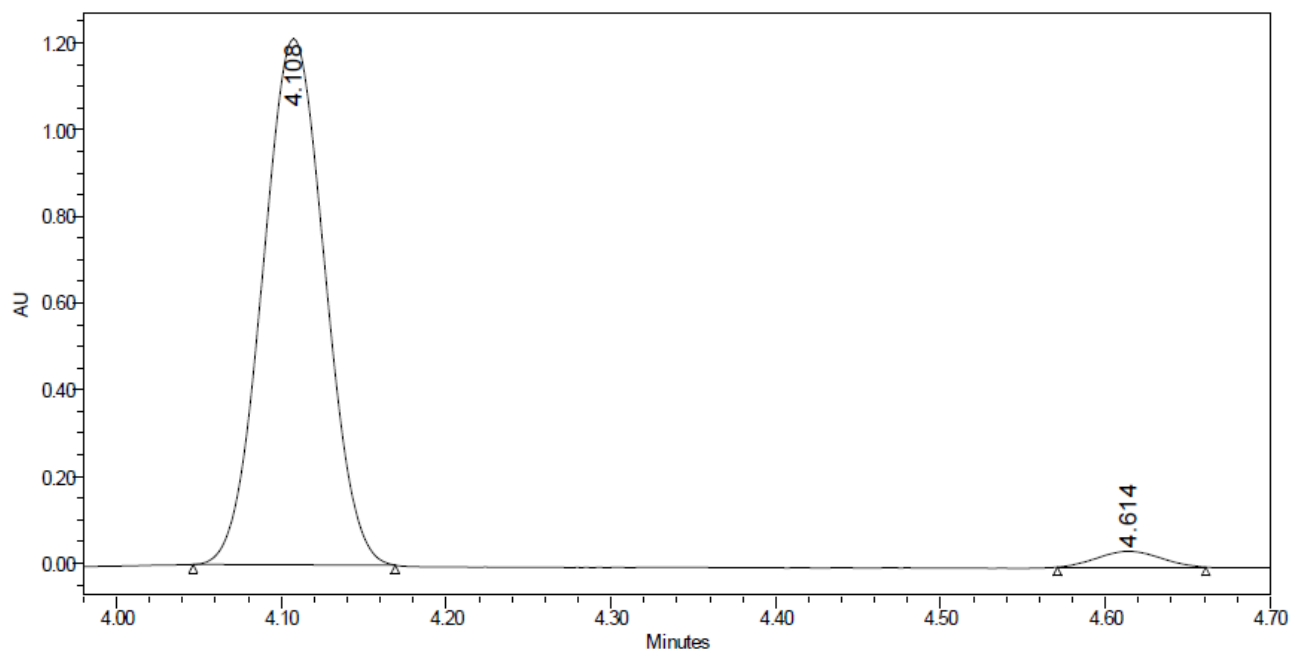
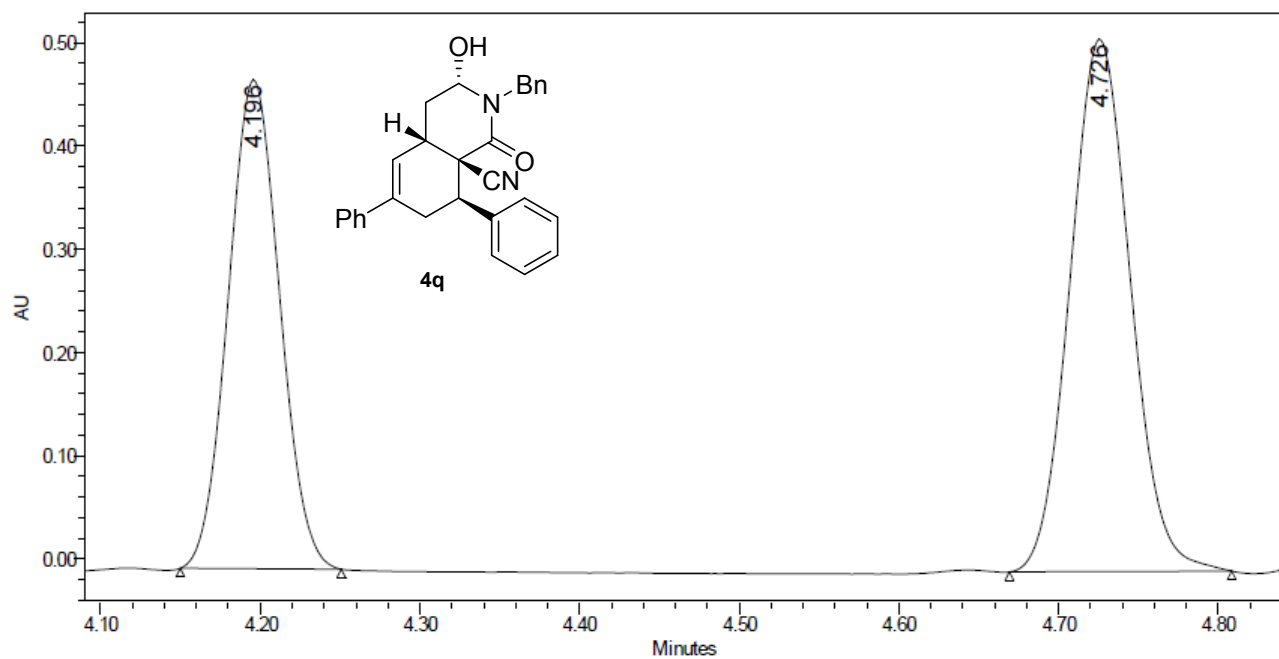


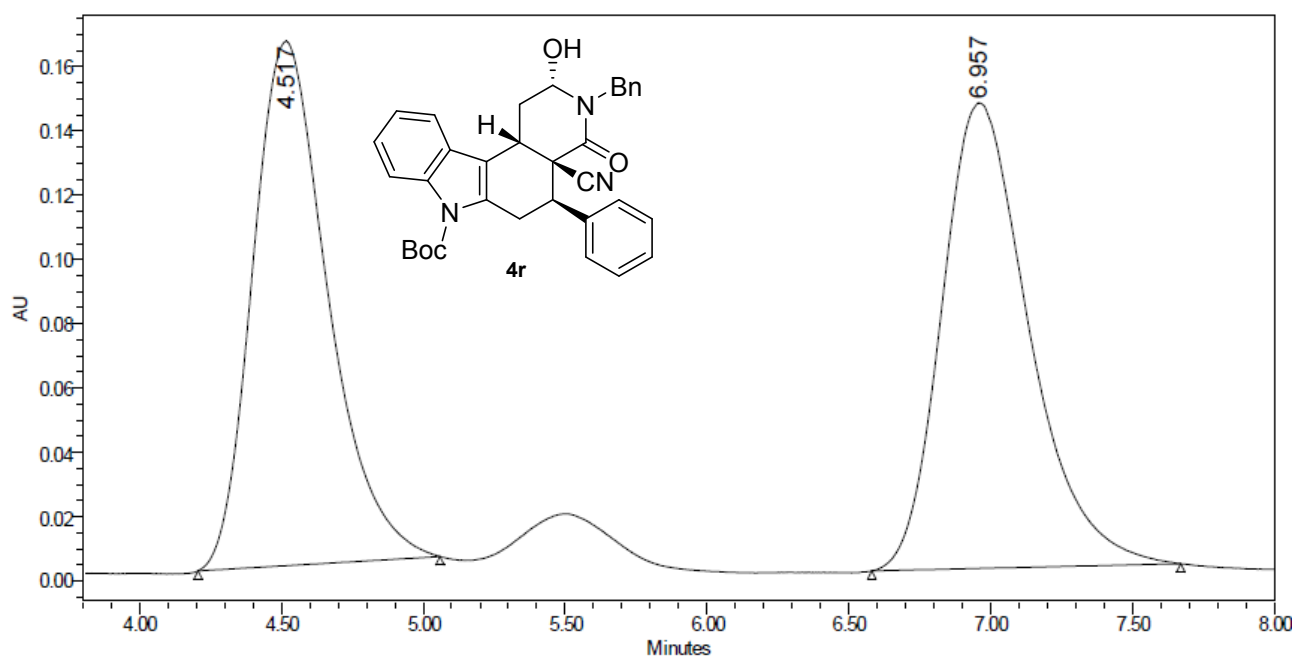


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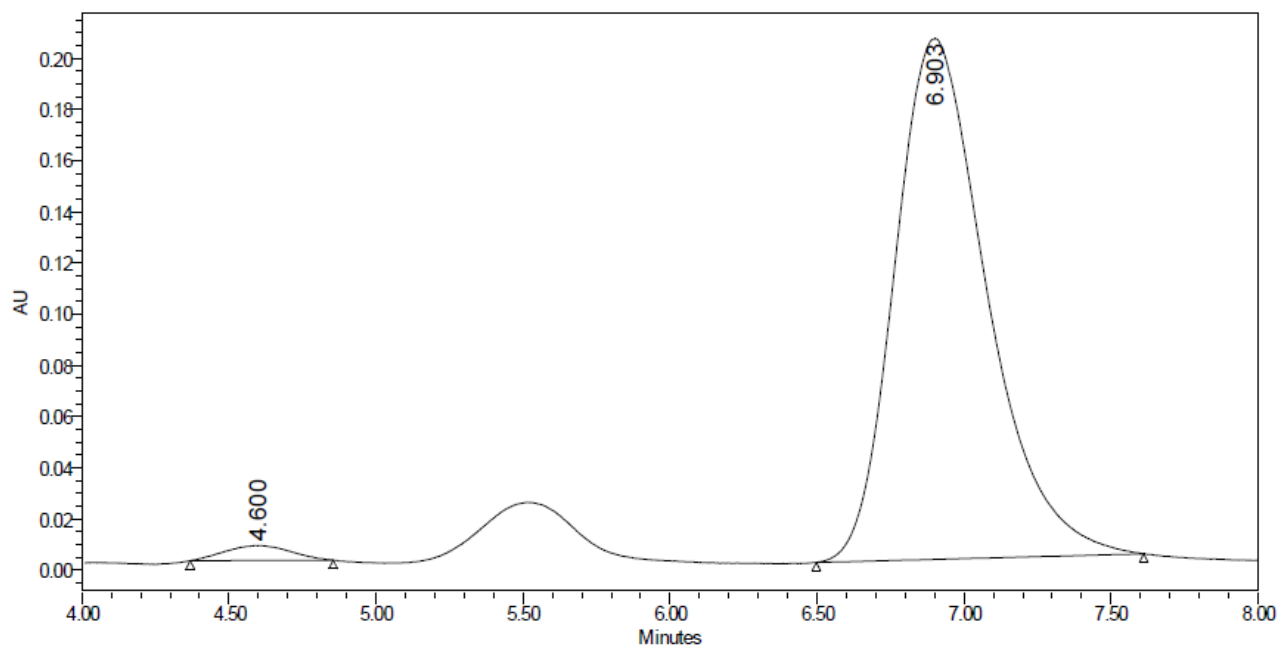


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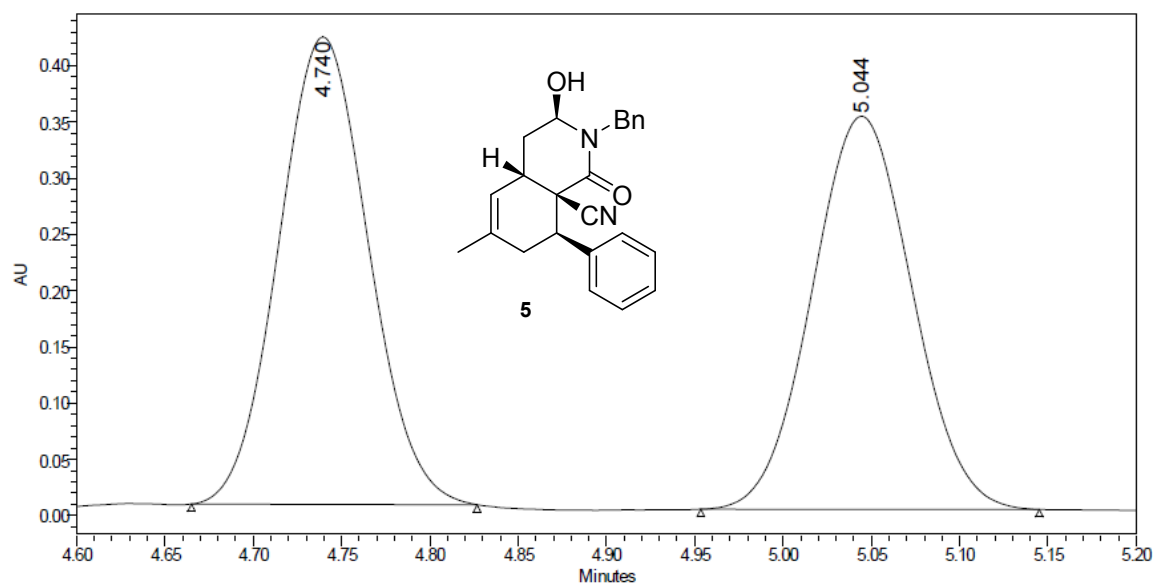




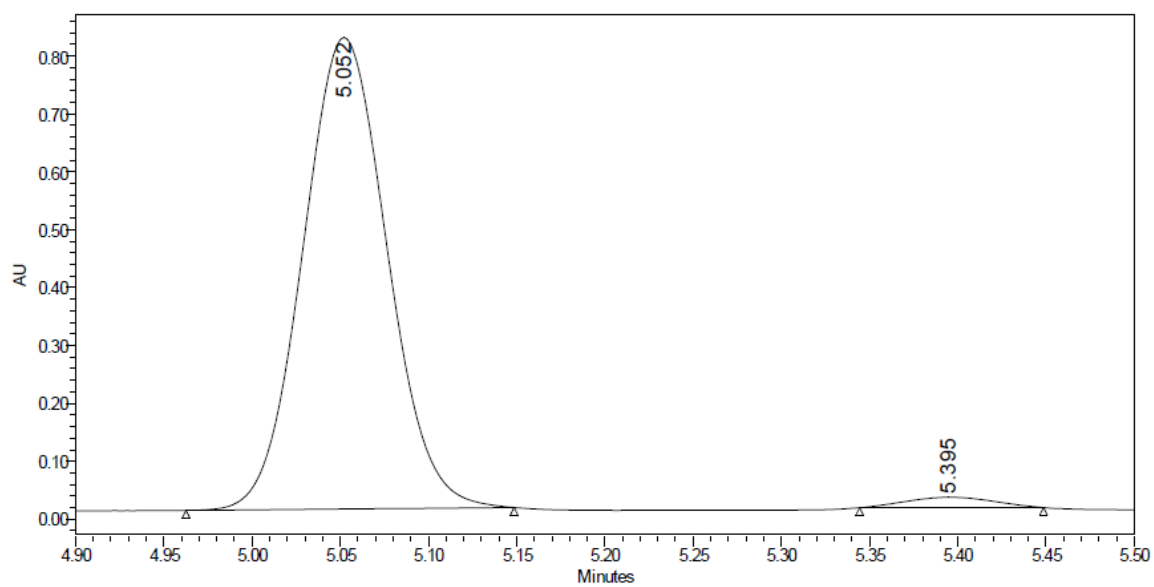
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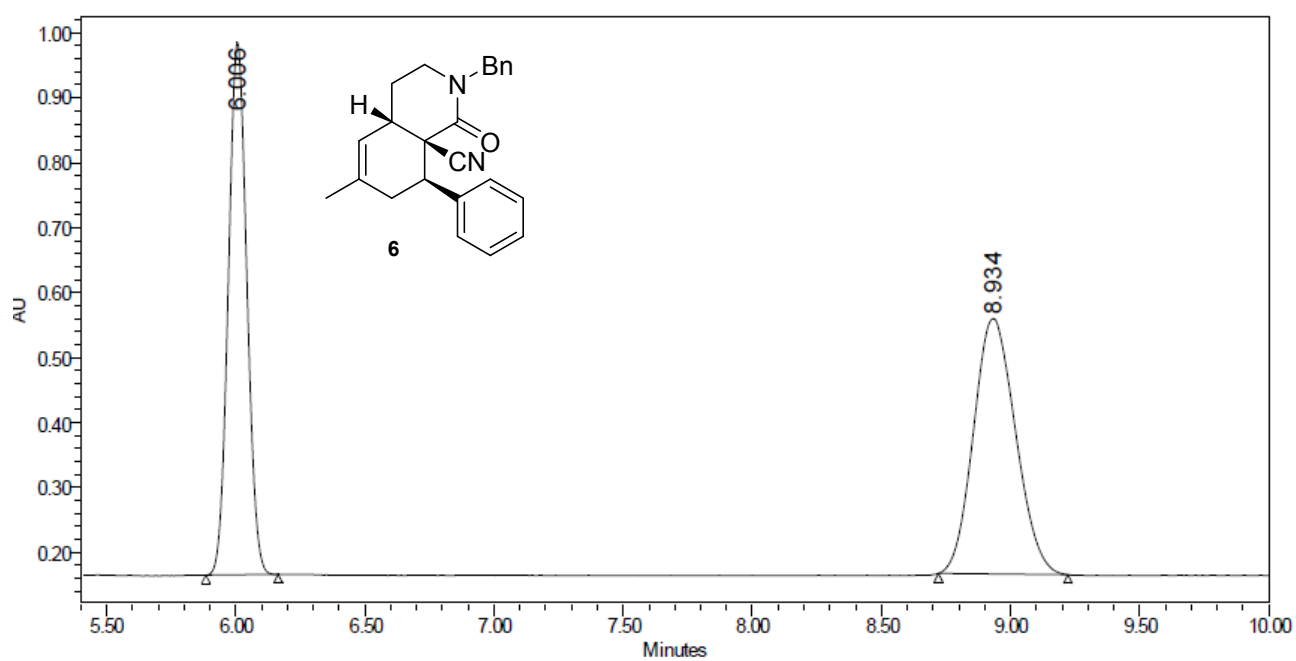
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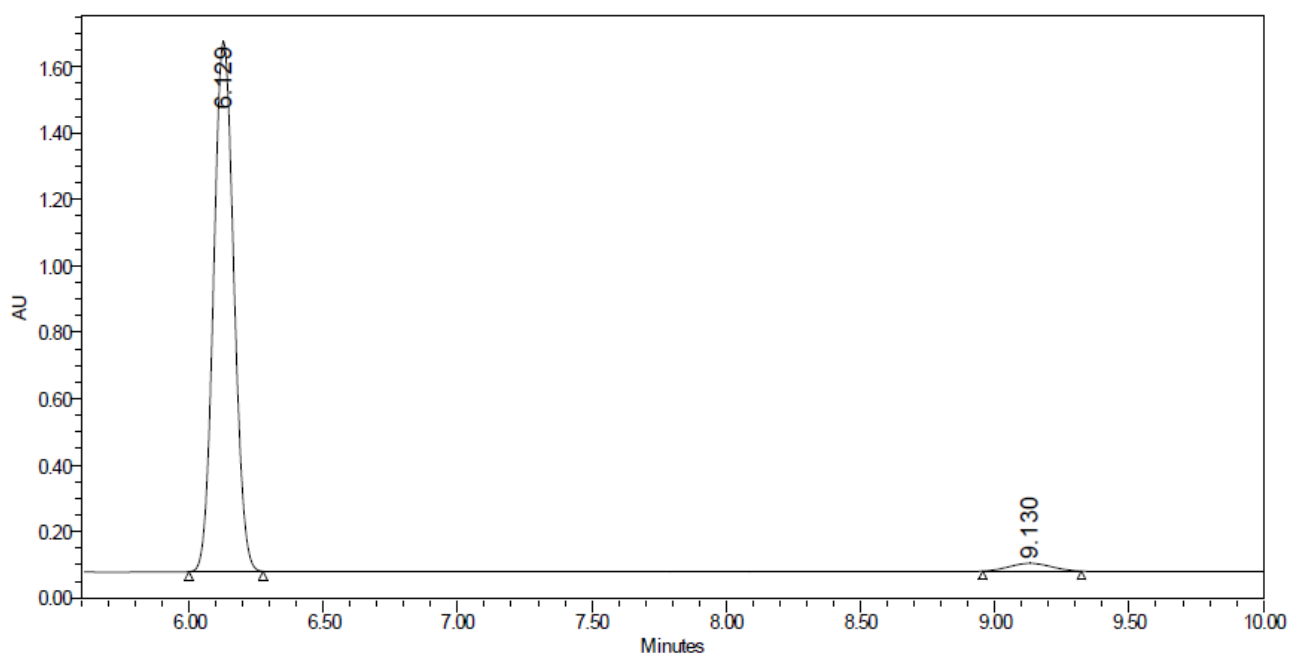
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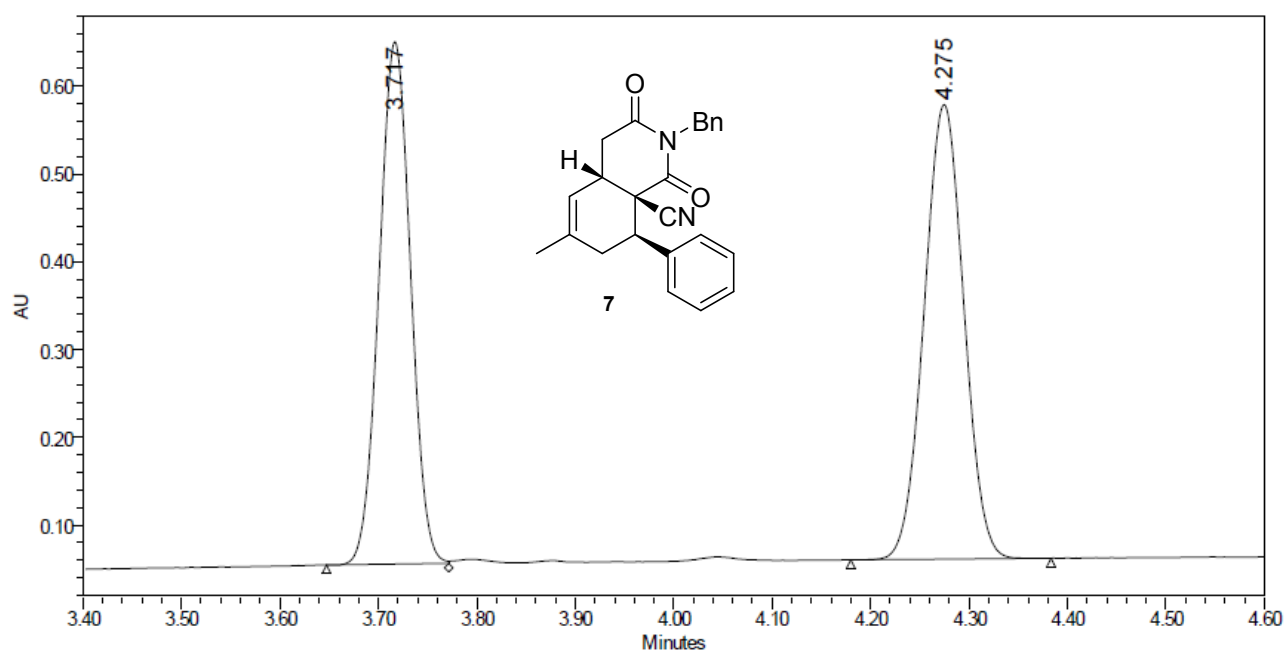
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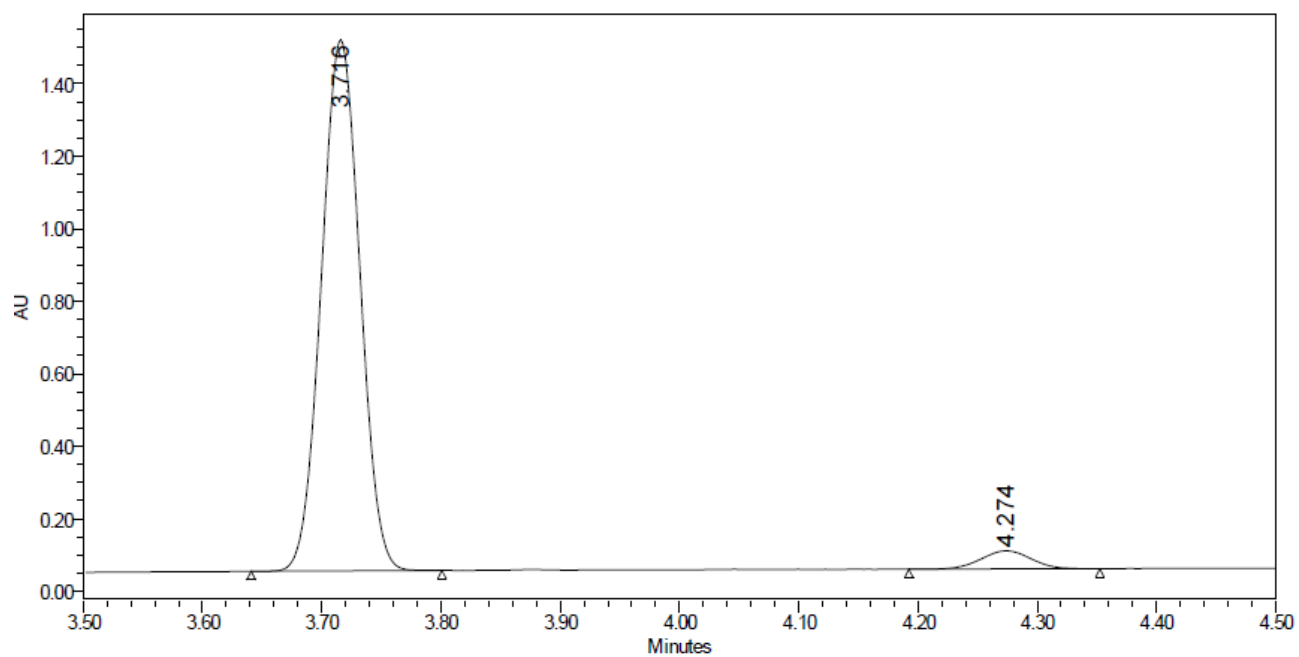
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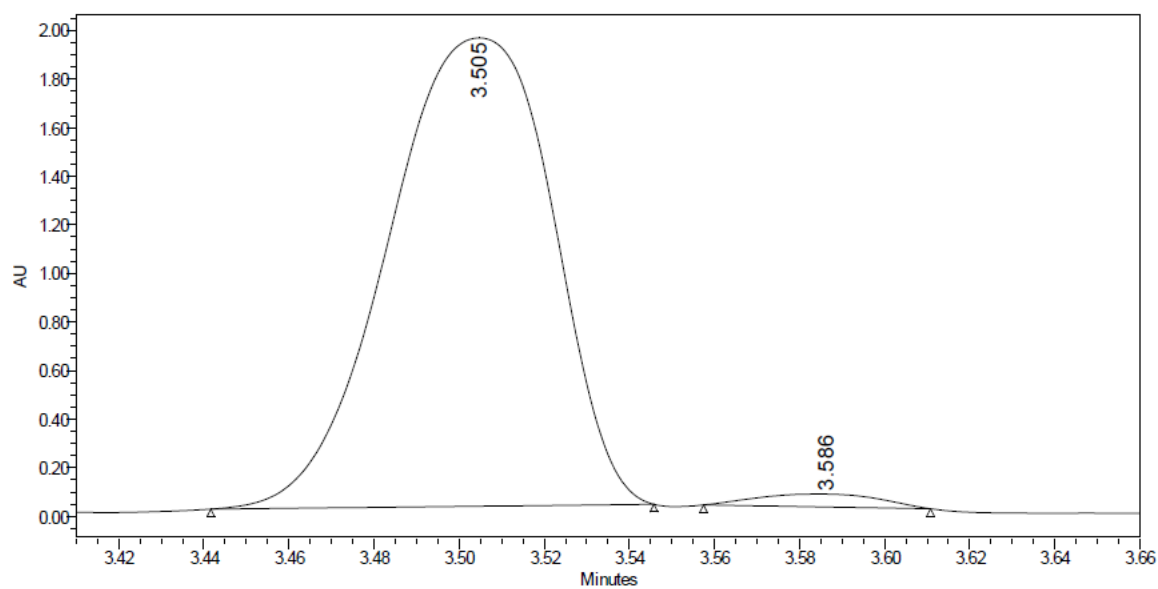
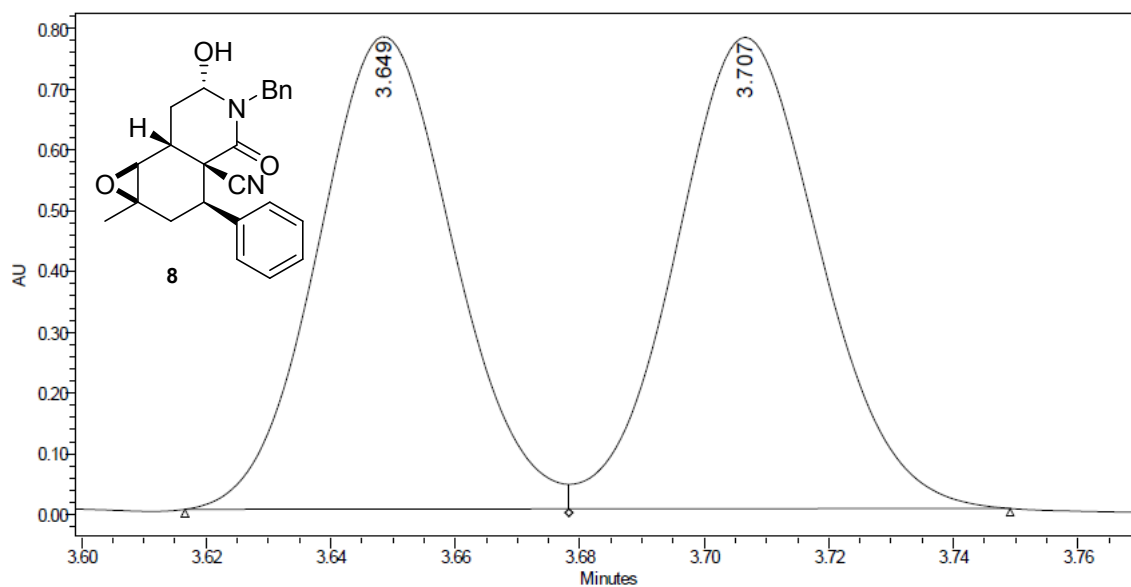
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2	9.130	2.91



	Retention Time (min)	% Area
1	3.717	47.69
2	4.275	52.31



	Retention Time (min)	% Area
1	3.716	95.79
2	4.274	4.21



	Retention Time (min)	% Area
1	3.505	97.99
2	3.586	2.01