

## Chiral Magnesium(II)-Catalyzed Asymmetric Ring-Opening of *meso*-Aziridines with Primary Alcohols.

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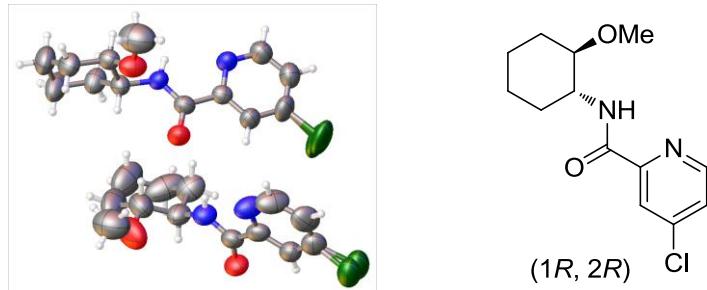
### 1. General remarks

Commercial reagents were used as received with the following exceptions. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was dried over powdered CaH<sub>2</sub> and distilled under nitrogen just before use. CH<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>ClCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CHCl<sub>2</sub>CHCl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, PhCH<sub>3</sub> and PhCl were directly distilled before use. Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*) were determined by HPLC analysis using the corresponding commercial chiral column as stated in the experimental procedures at 23 °C with UV detector at 254 nm. Optical rotations were reported as follows: [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> (c g/100 mL, in solvent). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ = 7.26). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration and assignment. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were collected on commercial instruments (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are

reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta = 77.0$ ). HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI Source).

## 2. Determination of the absolute configuration of **3b** by X-ray crystallography

The absolute configuration of the optically active product **3b** was determined by X-ray chromatography analysis.



Single crystal of **3b** [ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_2$ ] was obtained by recrystallization in petroleum ether/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The absolute configuration of **3b** is (1*R*, 2*R*). CCDC 991793 contains the supplementary crystallographic data which can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

## 3. General procedures for chiral *N,N'*-dioxide preparation

The *N,N'*-dioxide ligands **L1–L8** were synthesized by the same procedure in the literature<sup>1</sup>.

## 4. Preparation of the racemic **3a–3v**

A reaction tube was charged with aziridine **1** (0.1 mmol), alcohol (0.2 mL). Then,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.2 mL) and  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mol %) was added. After stirring at 35 °C for 4 h, the pure racemic product **3** was obtained directly by silica gel chromatography (Eluent: petroleum ether/AcOEt 4:1 to pure AcOEt).

## 5. General procedures for the catalytic asymmetric reaction

General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric reaction: A dry reaction tube was charged with **L3**-Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10–30 mol% catalyst loading) and **1** (0.1 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. Then, *p*-xylene (0.5 or 0.4 or 0.2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 20 minutes. Finally, alcohol (0.5 – 2.5 mmol) was added under stirring at the indicated temperature (35 °C, 50 °C). The reaction mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature for 1–5 days. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (Eluent: petroleum ether/AcOEt 4:1, pure AcOEt) on silica gel to afford the products. The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with Chiralcel OD-H, Chiralcel IC, Chiralcel IA, Chiralcel AS-H, Chiralcel Lux 5u Cellulose-2 or Chiralcel IE.

## 6. Extra optimization of the reaction conditions

### (1) Screen of other Lewis acids

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Metal	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	30	21
2	Mg(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	24	45
3	Sn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	90	0
4	Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O	25	7
5	Gd(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	27	5
6	Zn(NTf <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<5	10
7	Ni(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	60	11
8	Mg(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	34	35
9	Ca(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	27	35
10	Ba(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	9	0

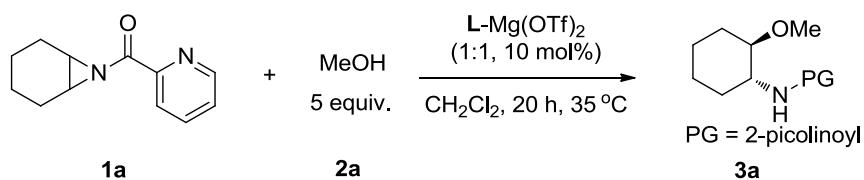
<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with L1–Metal (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol, PG = 2-picolinoyl), in MeOH (0.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield of **3a**, **1a** was completely consumed. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

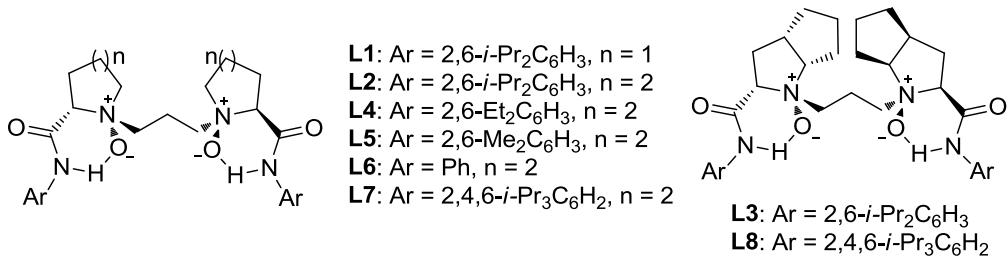
## (2) Survey the amount of methanol

Entry <sup>a</sup>	x equiv.	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	1.0	6	68
2	2.0	38	68
3	3.0	63	68
4	4.0	76	68
5 <sup>d</sup>	5.0	78	68

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with L1–Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol), MeOH (x equiv.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H). <sup>d</sup> **1a** was completely consumed.

## (3) Screen of *N,N'*-dioxide ligands

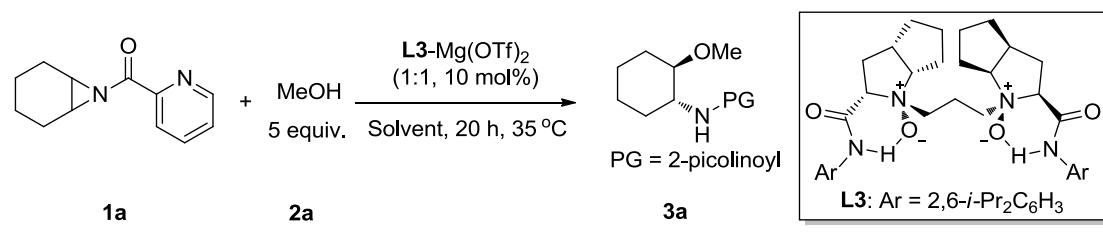




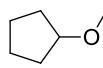
Entry <sup>a</sup>	Ligand	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	<b>L1</b>	78	68
2	<b>L2</b>	64	56
3	<b>L3</b>	88	78
4	<b>L4</b>	44	35
5	<b>L5</b>	28	23
6	<b>L6</b>	21	-10
7	<b>L7</b>	65	28
8	<b>L8</b>	56	56

<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **L**-Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol), MeOH (0.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

#### (4) Screen of solvent effects

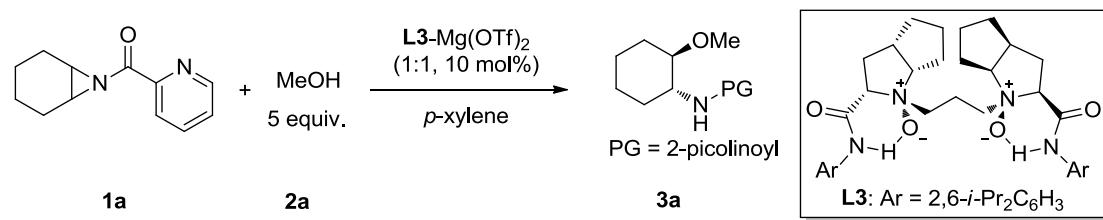


Entry <sup>a</sup>	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	88	78
2	Cl <sub>3</sub> CCH <sub>3</sub>	82	72
3	CH <sub>2</sub> ClCH <sub>2</sub> Cl	83	79
4	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	66	76
5	PhCl	99	77
6	CHCl <sub>2</sub> CHCl <sub>2</sub>	75	69
7	CHCl <sub>2</sub> CHCl	90	77
8	EtOAc	91	73

9	THF	99	78
10	Et <sub>2</sub> O	99	81
11	<sup>t</sup> BuOMe	99	78
12	PhOMe	98	72
13	2-Me-THF	91	71
14	1,4-dioxane	20	72
15		93	80
16	Toluene	99	79
17	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	99	78
18	PhF	96	70
19	mesitylene	99	77
20 <sup>d</sup>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	99	90
21 <sup>d</sup>	benzene	78	81
22 <sup>d</sup>	<i>o</i> -xylene	92	90
23 <sup>d</sup>	<i>m</i> -xylene	89	92
24 <sup>d</sup>	<i>p</i> -xylene	96	92
25 <sup>d,e</sup>	<i>p</i> -xylene	88	94

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **L3**–Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol), MeOH (0.5 mmol) in solvent (0.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H). <sup>d</sup> In solvent (0.5 mL) for 21 hours. <sup>e</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol) was added.

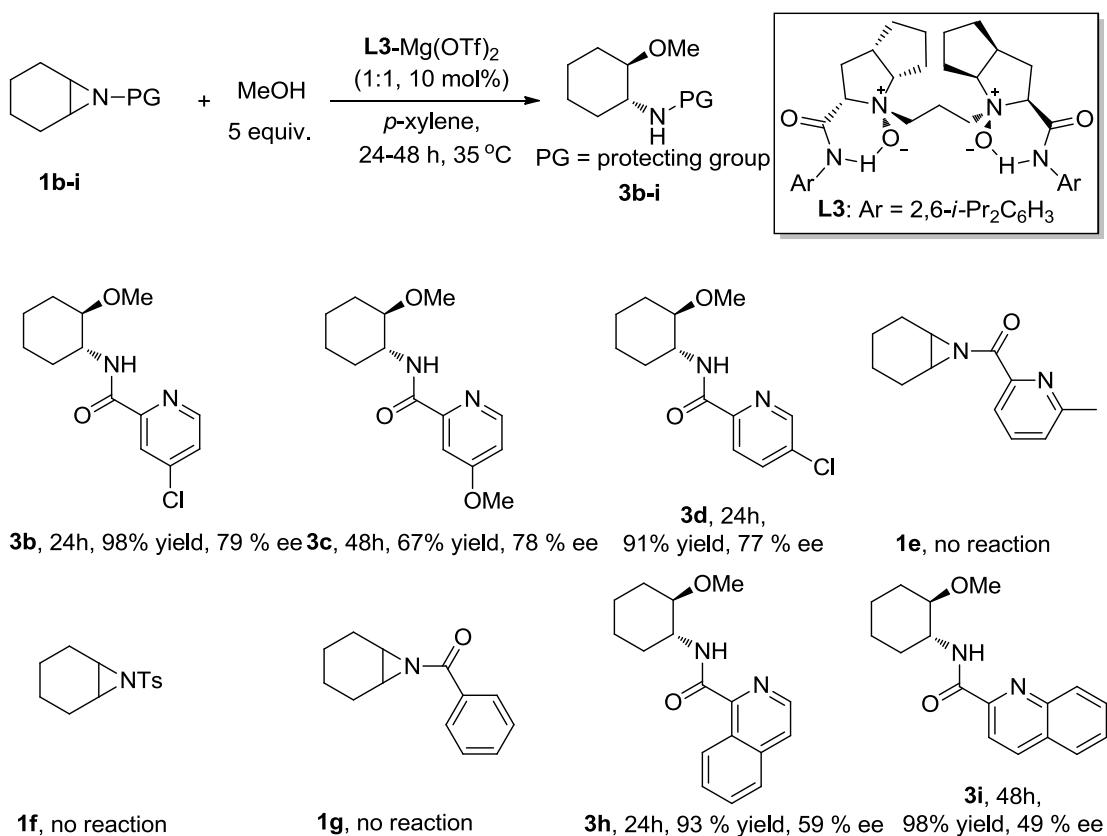
### (5) Screen of the reaction temperature



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	50	8.5	92	91
2	35	21	96	92
3	20	26	93	82

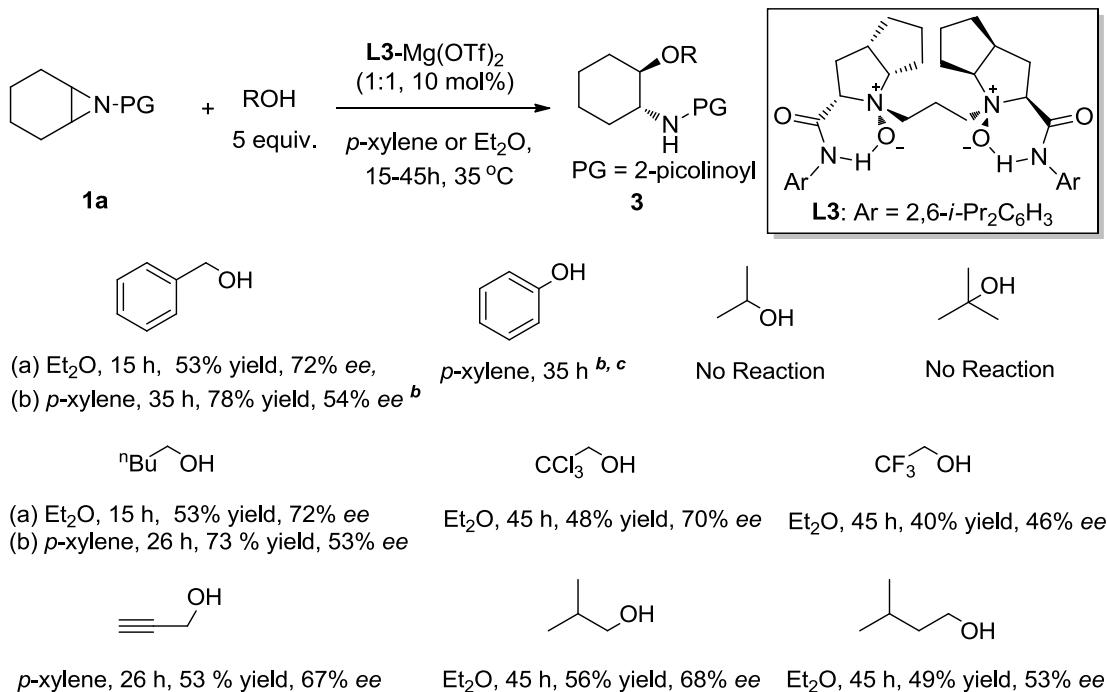
<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **L3**–Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol), MeOH (0.5 mmol) in *p*-xylene (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at the indicated temperature for the indicated time. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

**(6) Screen of the protecting groups**



**Fig. 1** Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **L3**–Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1** (0.1 mmol), MeOH (0.5 mmol) in *p*-xylene (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for the indicated time.

**(7) Substrate scope of the other unsuccessful alcohols<sup>a</sup>**

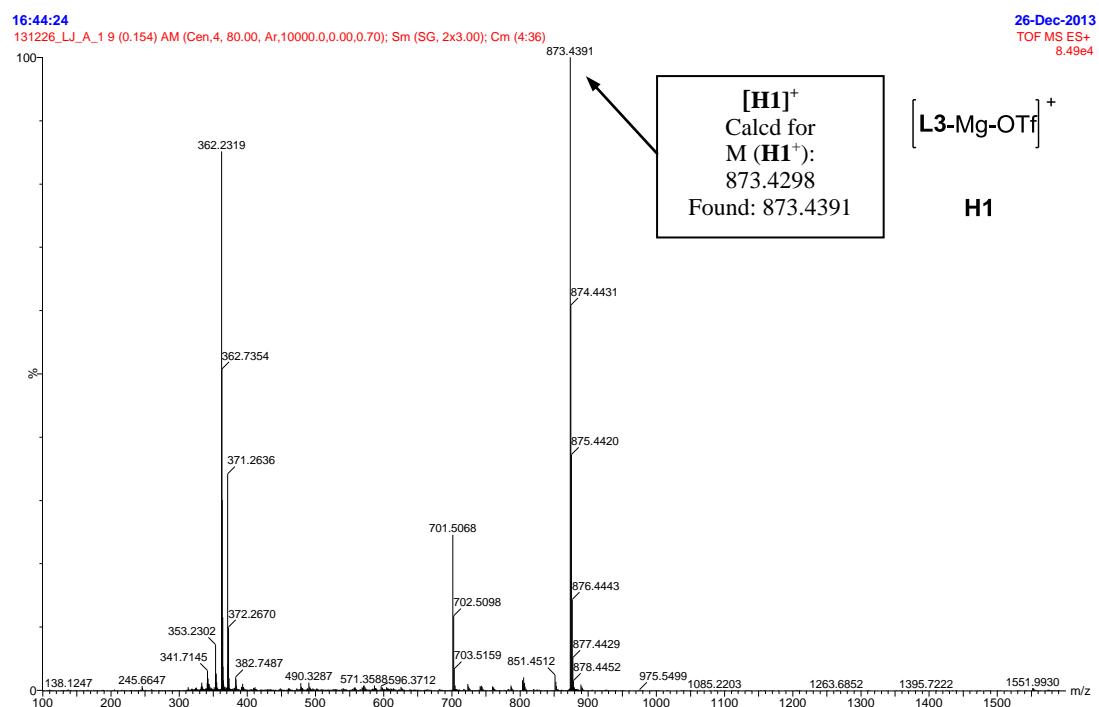


**Fig. 2** <sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **L3**–Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 10 mol%), **1a** (0.1 mmol),

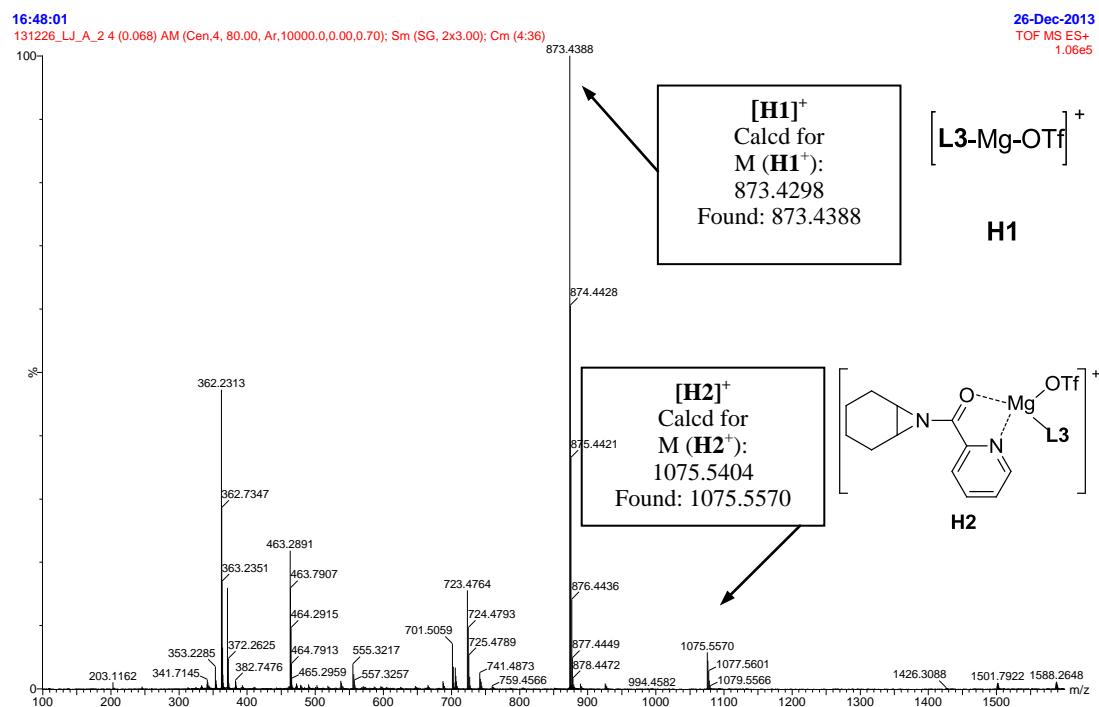
alcohol (0.5 mmol) in *p*-xylene or Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for the indicated time. <sup>b</sup> At 50 °C. <sup>c</sup> No amino ether product was obtained but phenyl picolinate (14% yield) was obtained.

## 7. HRMS analysis

### a) The mixture of **L3** and Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1:1)

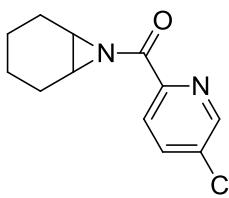


### b) The mixture of **L3**, Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> and **1a** (1:1:1)



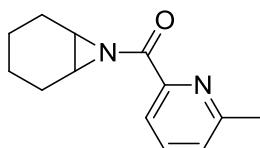
## 8. Characterization of the new substrates and products

### 7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-7-yl(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)methanone (**1d**)



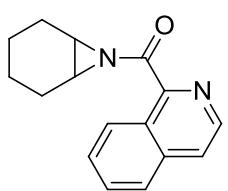
White solid, mp 75 – 76 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.64 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.29 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 176.6, 149.1, 148.3, 136.4, 135.1, 124.8, 37.5, 23.7, 20.1.

### 7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-7-yl(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methanone (**1e**)



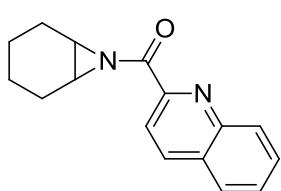
White solid, mp 43 – 44 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 178.1, 158.2, 150.3, 136.9, 126.0, 121.1, 37.3, 24.6, 23.8, 20.1.

### 7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-7-yl(isoquinolin-1-yl)methanone (**1h**)



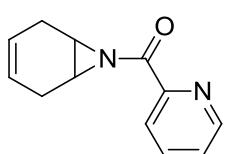
White solid, mp 59 – 60 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 178.5, 152.6, 141.6, 136.8, 130.4, 128.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 123.1, 37.4, 23.7, 20.0.

### 7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-7-yl(quinolin-2-yl)methanone (**1i**)



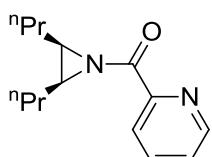
White solid, mp 74 – 75 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 177.8, 150.7, 147.4, 136.8, 130.8, 129.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.6, 120.3, 37.5, 23.9, 20.2.

### 7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-3-en-7-yl(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (**1n**)



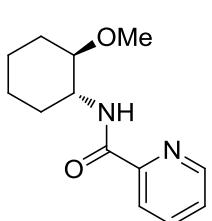
White solid, mp 60 – 61 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.68 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.83 (d,  $J$  = 18.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 177.1, 151.0, 149.2, 136.7, 126.3, 123.8, 122.4, 36.4, 24.0.

### ((*cis*)-2,3-dipropylaziridin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (**1s**)



Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.70 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 2H), 1.67 – 1.45 (m, 6H), 1.11 – 0.88 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 178.2, 151.0, 149.1, 136.7, 126.3, 123.9, 42.5, 29.8, 20.6, 14.0.

### *N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-methoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (**3a**)

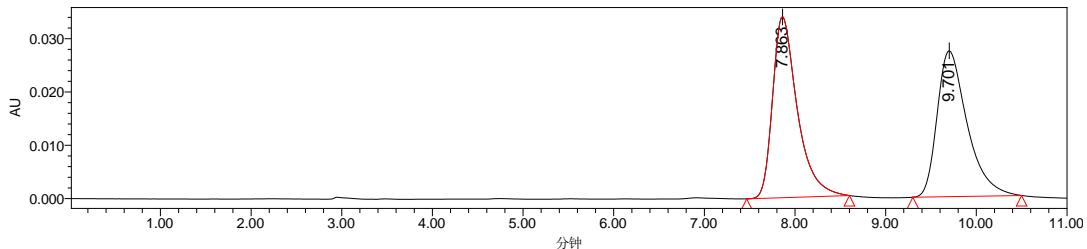


21h, yield 22.5 mg, 96%; white solid, mp 94 – 95 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 7.68 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 9.58 min, *ee* = 92%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  = -35.6 ( $c$  = 0.45, in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

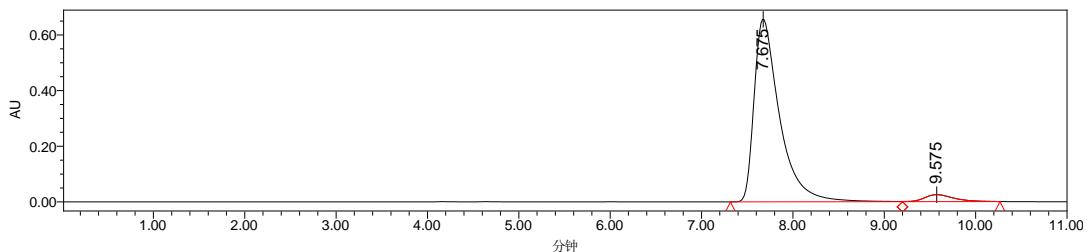
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.55 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 4.06 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 3.29 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.28 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 164.0, 150.2, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 81.1, 56.1, 52.1, 30.9, 29.2, 23.9, 23.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 257.1266, Found 257.1260.

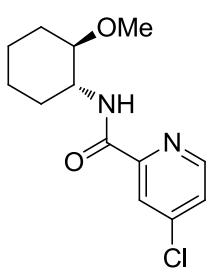


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1	7.863	641629	50.53	33970
2	9.701	628206	49.47	27375



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	7.675	12714712	95.81	658450
2	9.575	556091	4.19	25119

#### 4-chloro-N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-methoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3b)

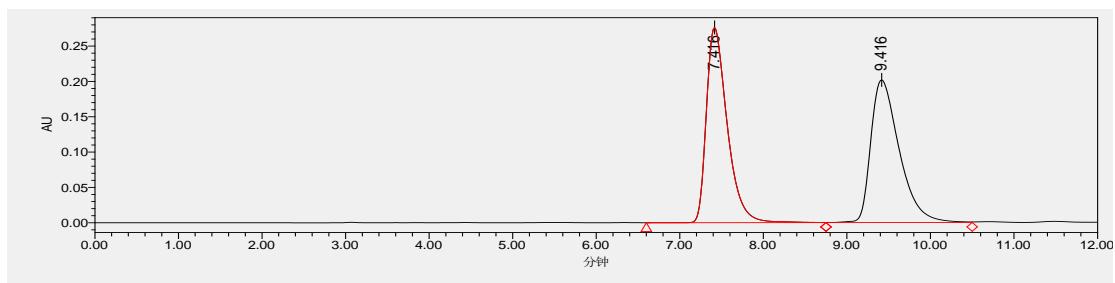


24h, yield 26.3 mg, 98%; white solid, mp 68 – 69 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm) *t*<sub>r</sub> (major) = 7.41 min, *t*<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 9.49 min, *ee* = 79%. [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = -29.3 (*c* = 0.80, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 96 % *ee*).

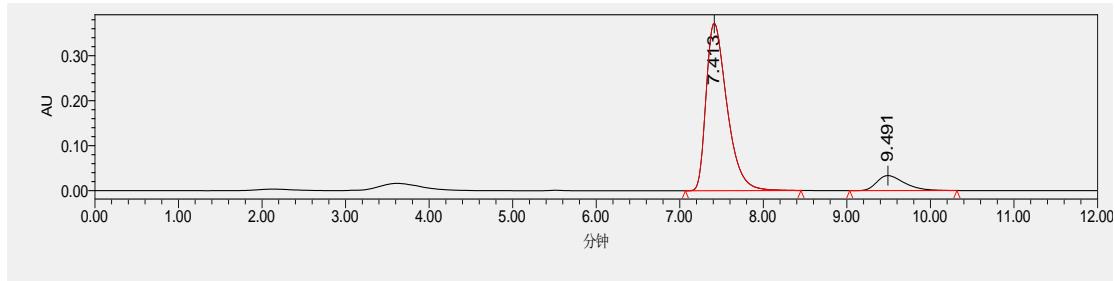
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.45 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.07 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.27 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.22 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 162.8, 151.7, 148.9, 145.8, 126.2, 122.9, 81.1, 56.1, 52.5, 30.9, 29.3, 24.0, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sup>34.9689</sup>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 291.0876, Found 291.0878.

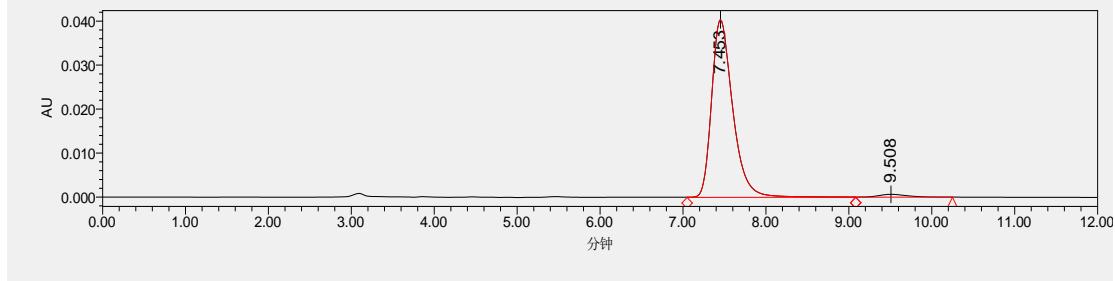


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1	7.416	4783757	50.03	276240
2	9.416	4778283	49.97	201931



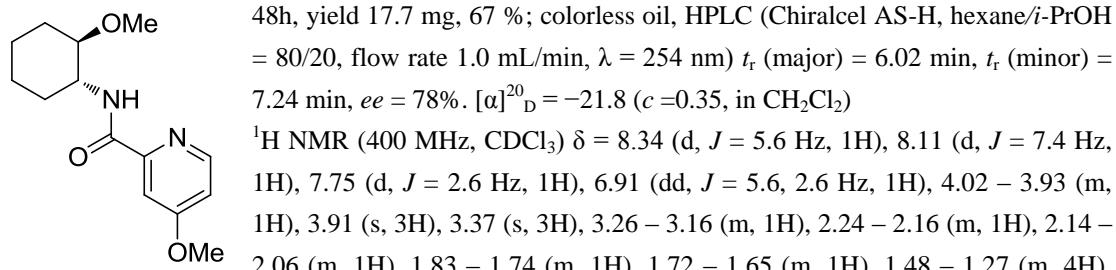
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2	9.491	770623	10.66	33515

After single recrystallization, 96 % ee was obtained.



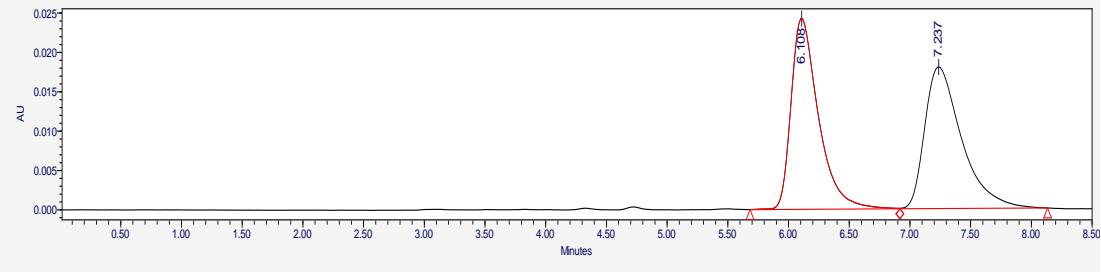
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#### *trans*-4-methoxy-N-(2-methoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3c)

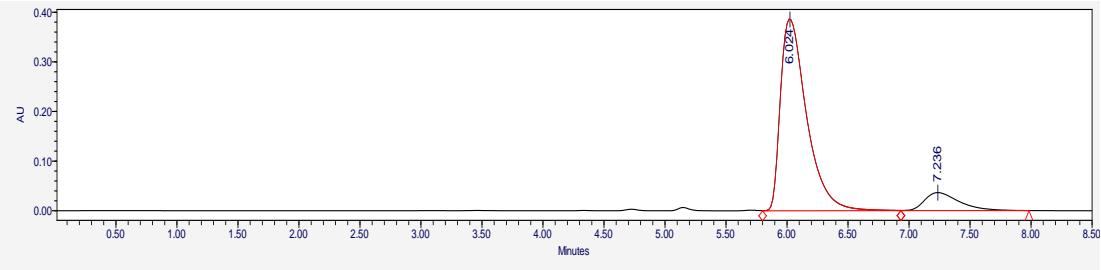


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 166.9, 163.9, 152.3, 149.1, 112.9, 107.3, 81.1, 56.2, 55.5, 52.2, 30.9, 29.2, 23.9, 23.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3^+$  ([M]+ $\text{Na}^+$ ) = 287.1372, Found 287.1375.



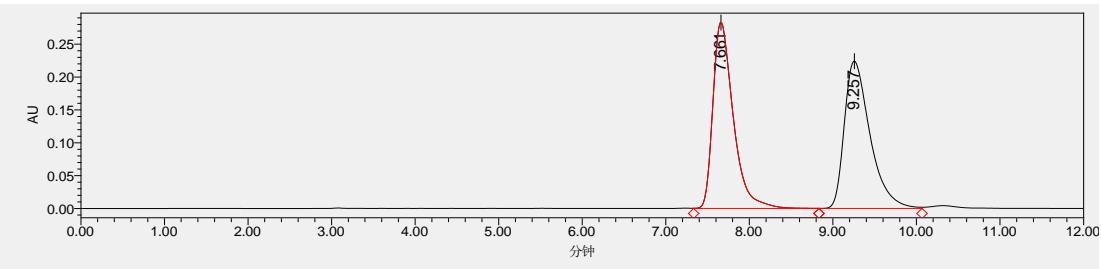
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2	7.237	380017	50.00	18020



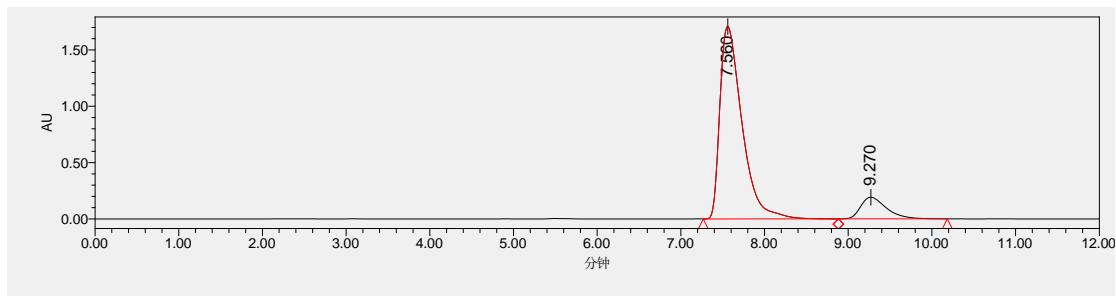
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1	6.024	5759461	88.92	387421
2	7.236	717984	11.08	36437

***trans*-5-chloro-N-(2-methoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3d)**

24h, yield 24.4 mg, 91%; colorless oil, HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 7.56 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 9.27 min,  $ee = 77\%$ .  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -24.4$  ( $c = 0.49$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.26 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.26 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 163.1, 148.4, 147.0, 137.0, 134.8, 123.3, 81.1, 56.1, 52.4, 31.0, 29.2, 24.0, 23.6.  
 HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}^{34,9689}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2^+$  ([M]+ $\text{Na}^+$ ) = 291.0876, Found 291.0878.

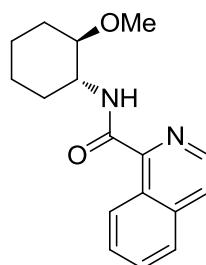


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1	7.661	4795028	50.07	283345
2	9.257	4780796	49.93	224318



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	7.560	31311272	88.41	1709321
2	9.270	4104090	11.59	192223

*trans-N-(2-methoxycyclohexyl)isoquinoline-1-carboxamide (3h)*

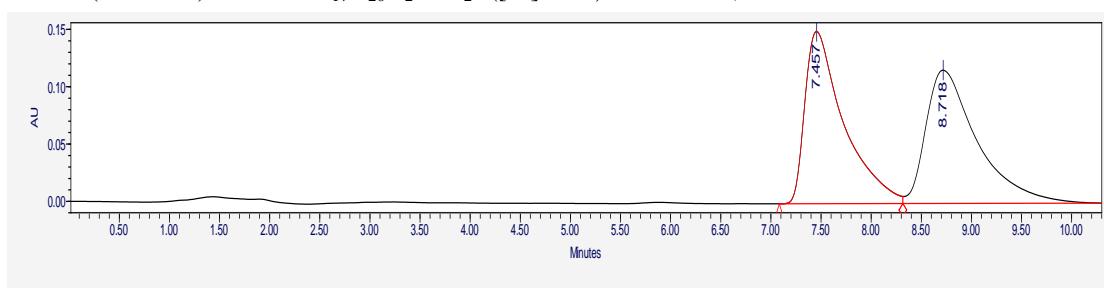


24h, yield 26.3 mg, 93%; colorless oil, HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 7.48 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.89 min, ee = 59%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -17.5$  ( $c = 0.53$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

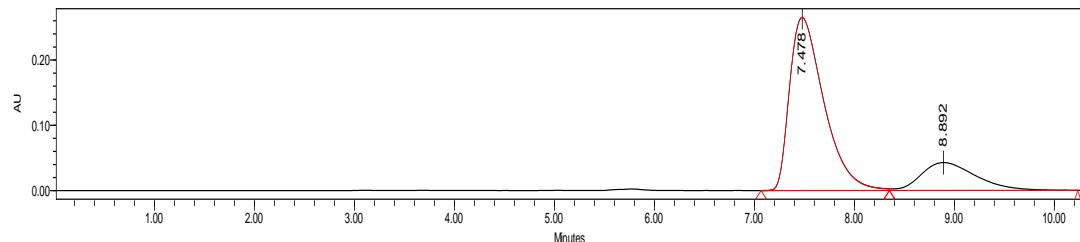
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.29 (m, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 165.8, 148.6, 140.2, 137.4, 130.4, 128.5, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 124.2, 81.2, 56.2, 52.2, 30.9, 29.3, 24.1, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2^+$  ([M]+Na $^+$ ) = 307.1422, Found 307.1425.

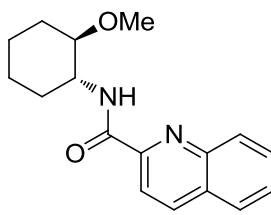


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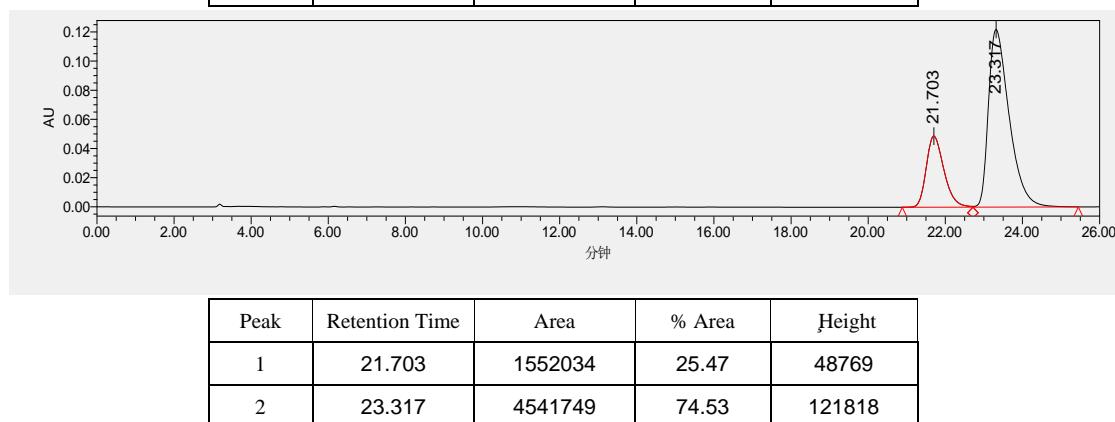
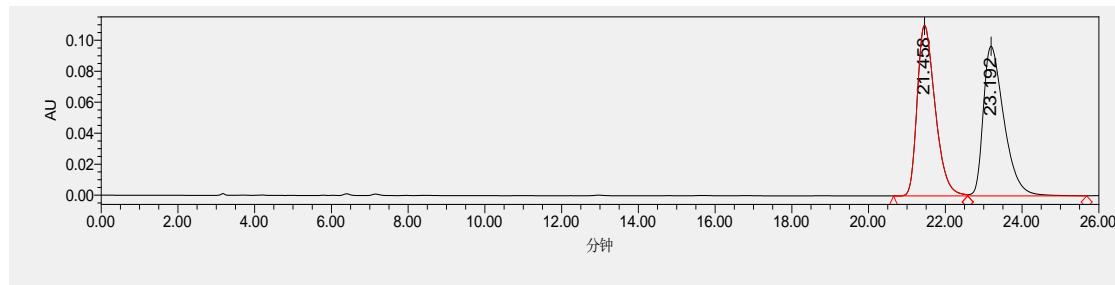


Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	7.478	6324654	79.61	265193
2	8.892	1620308	20.39	42716

*trans-N-(2-methoxycyclohexyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (3i)*



48h, yield 27.7 mg, 98%; colorless oil, HPLC (Chiralcel IE, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 23.32 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 21.70 min,  $ee$  = 49%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  = -17.5 ( $c$  = 0.53, in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.43 – 8.25 (m, 3H), 8.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.37 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.33 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.31 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 164.2, 150.1, 146.4, 137.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 127.8, 119.0, 81.2, 56.2, 52.4, 31.0, 29.4, 24.1, 23.7.  
HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2^+$  ([M]+Na $^+$ ) = 307.1422, Found 307.1428.

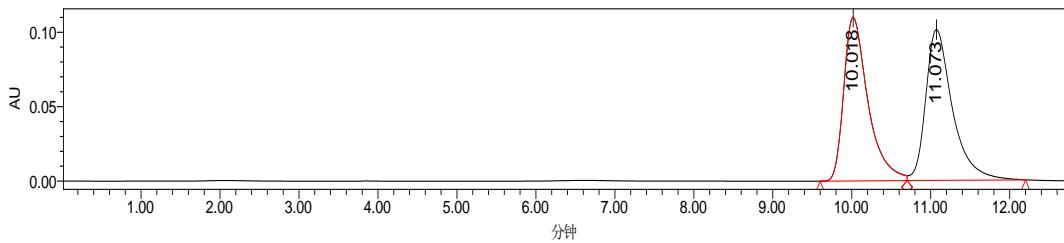


#### *N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-ethoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3j)*

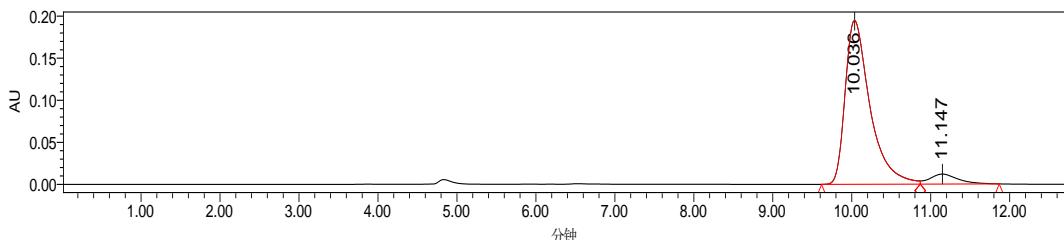
24h, yield 21.4 mg, 87%; yellow oil; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.8 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 10.04 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 11.15 min,  $ee$  = 87%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  = -49.5 ( $c$  = 0.43, in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.72 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.31 (td,  $J$  = 9.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 163.9, 150.3, 148.0, 137.3, 125.9, 122.1, 79.5, 64.0, 52.5, 30.8, 30.2, 23.9, 23.7, 15.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2^+$  ([M]+Na $^+$ ) = 271.1422, Found 271.1419.

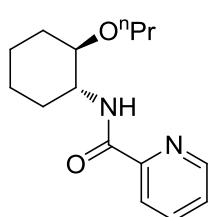


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1	10.018	2344362	49.56	110049
2	11.073	2386145	50.44	101430



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	10.036	4253900	93.57	194963
2	11.147	292268	6.43	11873

**N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-propoxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3k)**

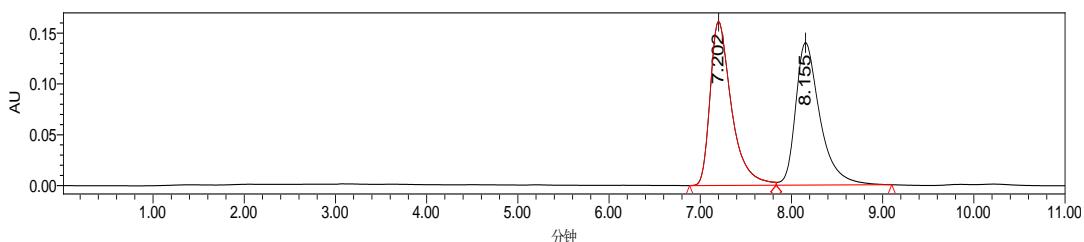


35h, yield 23.6 mg, 90%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/i-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 7.19 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.16 min, *ee* = 88%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -47.5$  ( $c$  = 0.47, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

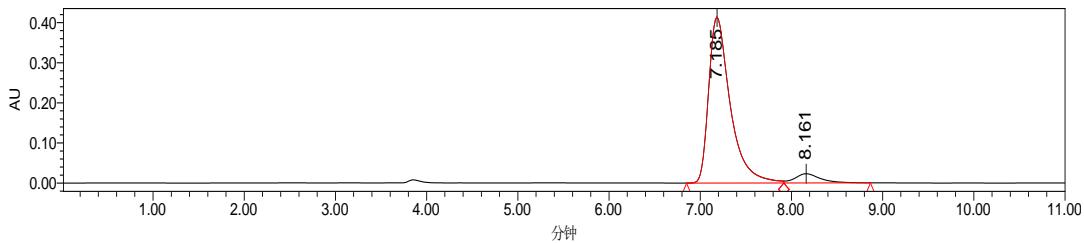
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.54 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.01 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.0, 150.30, 147.9, 137.3, 125.9, 122.1, 79.8, 70.4, 52.5, 30.8, 30.1, 23.9, 23.7, 23.3, 10.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 285.1579, Found 285.1578.



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1	7.202	2622920	50.31	161505
2	8.155	2590435	49.69	140340



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1	7.185	6788363	93.90	413966
2	8.161	441291	6.10	23020

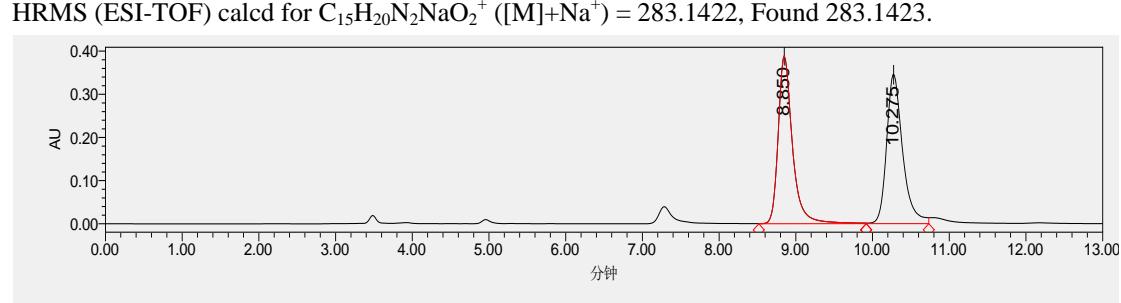
**N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(allyloxy)cyclohexyl)picolinamide (3l)**

16h, yield 23.2 mg, 89%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 10.30 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.91 min, *ee* = 92%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -37.3$  ( $c = 0.46$ , in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

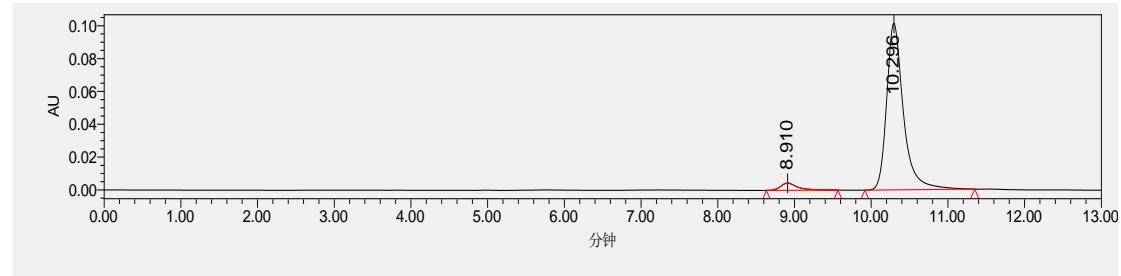
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 6.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddd,  $J$  = 22.2, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.18 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.36 (td,  $J$  = 9.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.60 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.27 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.9, 150.3, 147.9, 137.3, 135.4, 126.0, 122.2, 116.5, 79.0, 69.6, 52.3, 30.8, 30.0, 23.8, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 283.1422, Found 283.1423.



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	8.850	5029939	50.04	388961
2	10.275	5021779	49.96	346617



Peak	RetTime	Area	% Area	Height
1	8.910	67498	4.19	4400
2	10.296	1542129	95.81	101613

**trans-N-(2-methoxycyclopentyl)picolinamide (3m)**

48h, yield 17.8 mg, 81%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 10.296 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.910 min, *ee* = 95.8%.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 6.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddd,  $J$  = 22.2, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.18 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.36 (td,  $J$  = 9.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.60 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.27 (m, 4H).

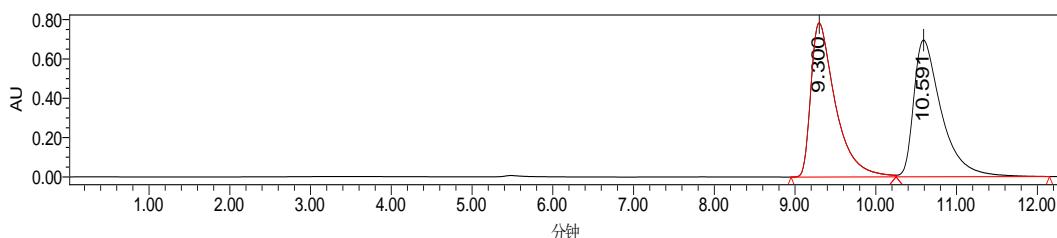
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.9, 150.3, 147.9, 137.3, 135.4, 126.0, 122.2, 116.5, 79.0, 69.6, 52.3, 30.8, 30.0, 23.8, 23.6.

95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 9.32 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 10.69 min,  $ee = 91\%$ .  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -12.9$  ( $c = 0.36$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

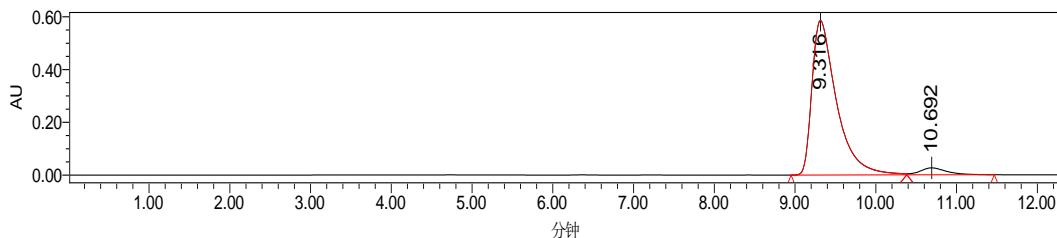
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.54 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.66 – 1.53 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 163.8, 149.0, 148.0, 137.4, 126.1, 122.1, 87.1, 57.0, 55.3, 30.8, 30.5, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+ ([\text{M}]+\text{H}^+)$  = 221.1290, Found 221.1287.



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	9.300	16487159	49.88	784469
2	10.591	16564707	50.12	696154



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	9.316	12392393	95.31	586390
2	10.692	609321	4.69	26358

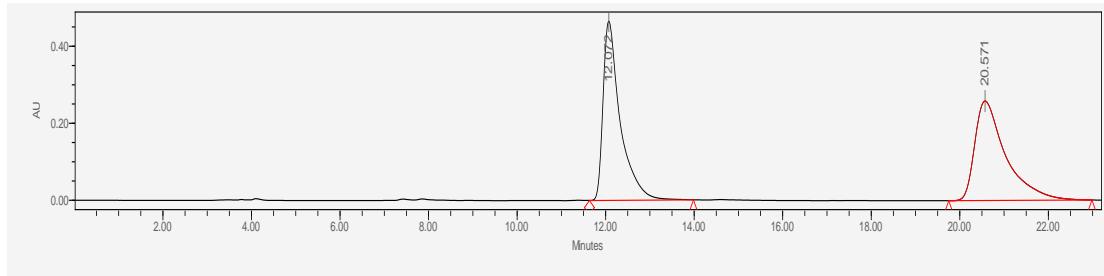
#### *N-((1*R*,6*R*)-6-methoxycyclohex-3-en-1-yl)picolinamide (3n)*

75h, yield 20.4 mg, 88%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel IC, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 12.13 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 20.17 min,  $ee = 83\%$ .  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -77.0$  ( $c = 0.41$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

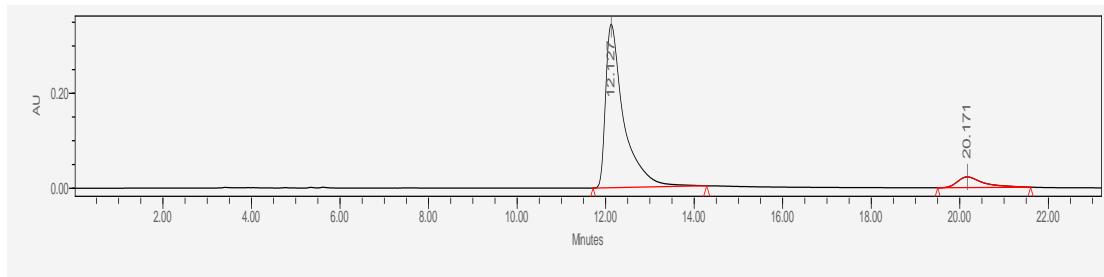
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.85 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 5.78 – 5.59 (m, 2H), 4.47 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 164.2, 150.0, 148.1, 137.3, 126.1, 124.3, 124.2, 122.2, 76.1, 56.6, 46.8, 28.9, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+ ([\text{M}]+\text{H}^+)$  = 233.1290, Found 233.1286.

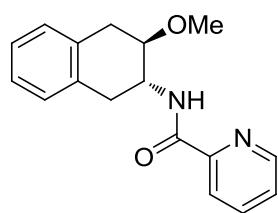


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1	12.072	12483600	49.92	465978
2	20.571	12522676	50.08	258336



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	12.127	9773915	91.38	344921
2	20.171	921703	8.62	22575

**N-((2*R*,3*R*)-3-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)picolinamide (3o)**

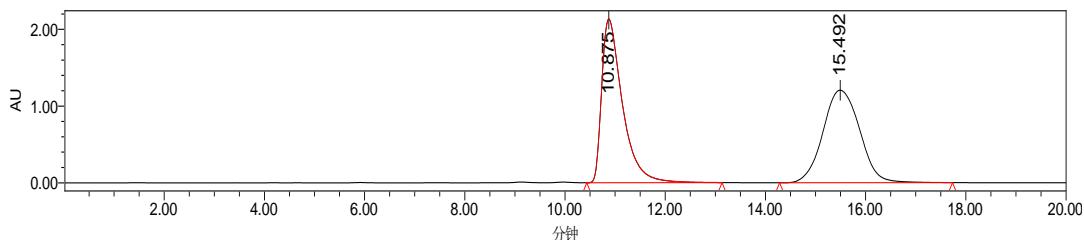


93h, yield 24.3 mg, 86%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 15.41 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 11.13 min, ee = 76%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -57.8$  ( $c = 0.49$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

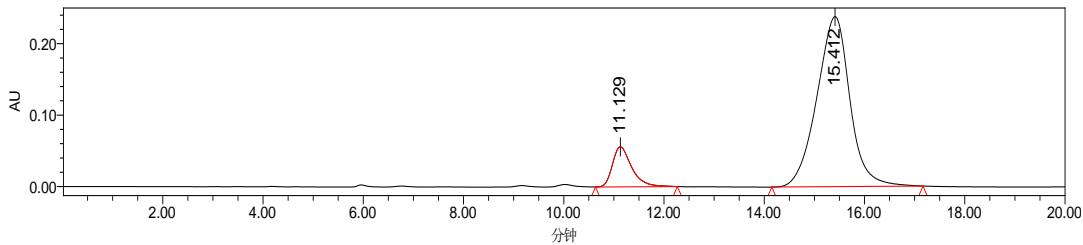
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.46 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 4.56 (dt,  $J$  = 13.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd,  $J$  = 11.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 3.18 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd,  $J$  = 16.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 164.3, 149.8, 148.1, 137.3, 133.4, 133.3, 129.3, 129.2, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 122.2, 76.9, 56.6, 48.0, 32.6, 31.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2^+$  ([M]+ $\text{Na}^+$ ) = 305.1266, Found 305.1263.

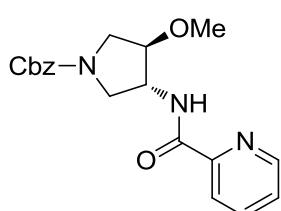


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1	10.875	61229742	49.92	2136044
2	15.492	61428813	50.08	1205860



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	11.129	1491198	12.04	56104
2	15.412	10895701	87.96	238000

***trans*-Benzyl 3-methoxy-4-(picolinamido)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3p)**

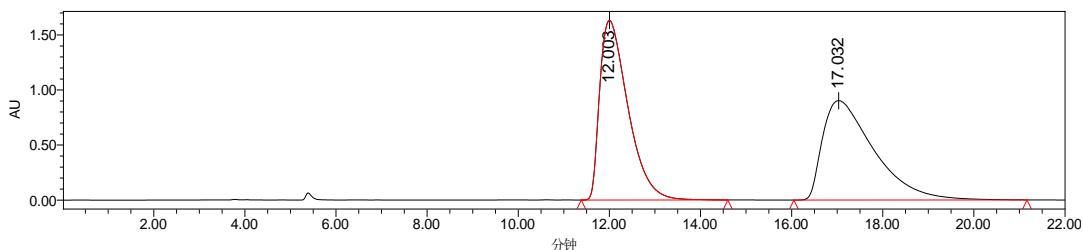


49h, yield 26.6 mg, 75%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$ )  $t_r$  (major) = 12.41 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 18.10 min,  $ee = 80\%$ .  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = +22.4$  ( $c = 0.53$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

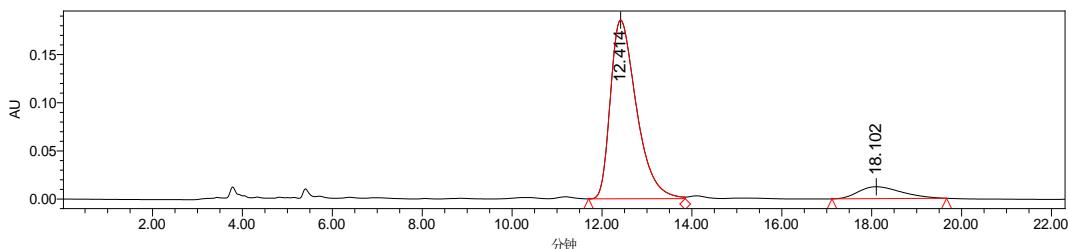
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.50 (d,  $J = 3.6 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 8.27 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.81 (t,  $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 3.95 (d,  $J = 11.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.85 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 5.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.74 – 3.51 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d,  $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 164.3/164.2 (rotamer), 154.91/154.89 (rotamer), 149.1, 148.1, 137.4, 136.60/136.57 (rotamer), 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 126.5, 122.1, 83.1/82.2 (rotamer), 66.9, 57.1, 53.1/52.2 (rotamer), 49.71/49.68 (rotamer), 49.5/49.4 (rotamer).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4^+ ([M]+\text{H}^+)$  = 356.1610, Found 356.1607.

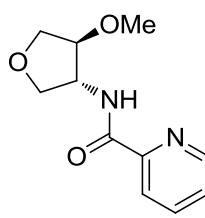


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2	17.032	70564884	50.12	902317



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	12.414	7464001	90.01	185584
2	18.102	828419	9.99	12381

***trans*-N-(4-methoxytetrahydrofuran-3-yl)picolinamide (3q)**

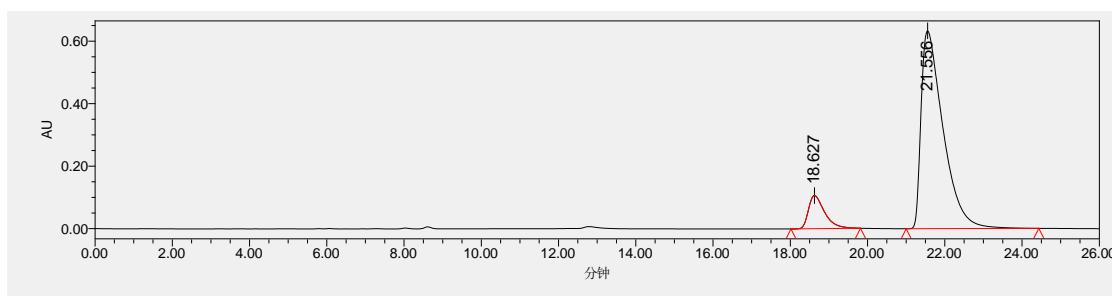
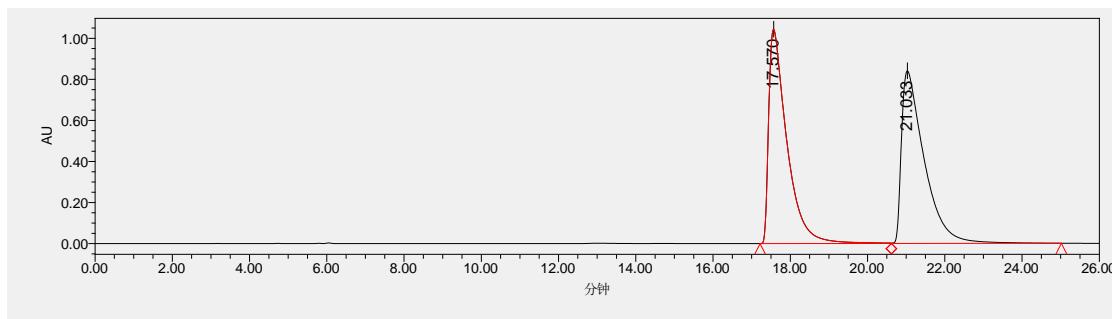


118h, yield 14.6 mg, 66%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel IE, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 21.56 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 18.63 min, *ee* = 78%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  = + 7.2 ( $c$  = 0.29, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

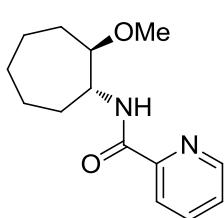
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.29 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.87 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.68 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.76 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.0, 149.3, 148.1, 137.4, 126.4, 122.1, 86.1, 72.3, 71.4, 57.5, 54.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 245.0902, Found 245.0901.



#### *trans*-N-(2-methoxycycloheptyl)picolinamide (3r)

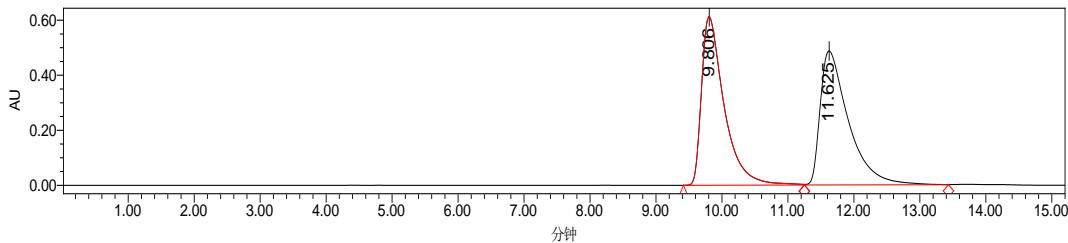


118h, yield 15.4 mg, 62%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 9.91 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 11.97 min, *ee* = 75%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  = -16.6 ( $c$  = 0.31, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

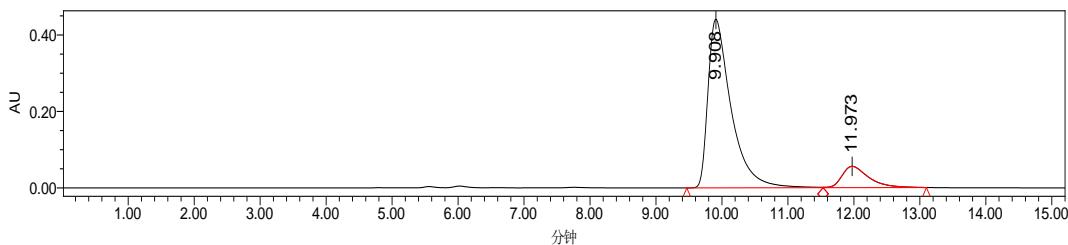
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.30 (m, 4H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.59 – 1.42 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.6, 150.2, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 84.4, 56.5, 54.4, 30.55, 29.2, 28.5, 23.9, 22.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+H<sup>+</sup>) = 249.1603, Found 249.1603.

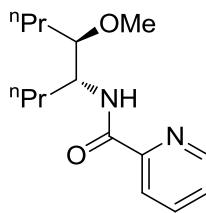


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2	11.625	14483800	49.91	487622



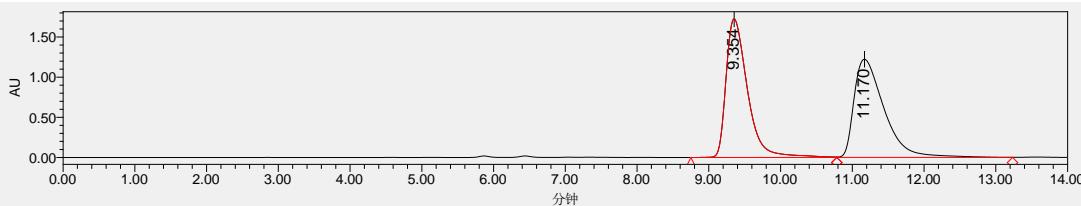
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1	9.908	10728615	87.35	441874
2	11.973	1553952	12.65	55774

***trans-N-(5-methoxyoctan-4-yl)picolinamide (3s)***

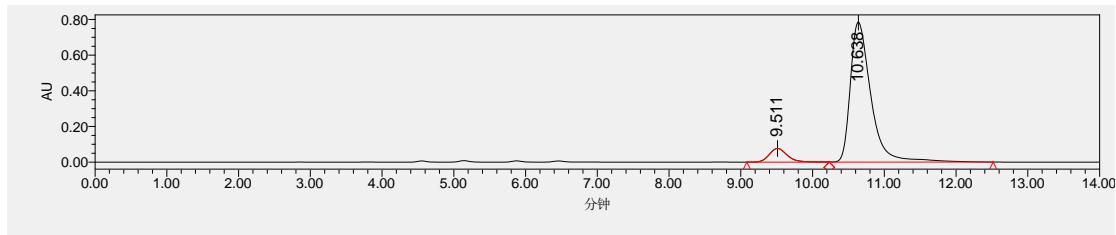
 65h, yield 23.1 mg, 88%; colorless oil; HPLC (Chiralcel Lux 5u Cellulose-2, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 10.64 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 9.51 min, *ee* = 84%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -1.3$  (*c* = 0.47, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.25 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 5H), 0.91 – 0.74 (m, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.1, 145.0, 148.1, 137.1, 125.9, 122.2, 82.5, 58.6, 51.0, 34.6, 33.0, 19.6, 19.1, 14.2, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+H<sup>+</sup>) = 265.1916, Found 265.1915.

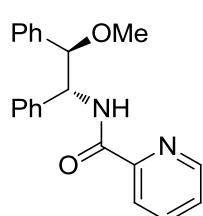


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1	9.354	35731478	50.16	1728407
2	11.170	35503105	49.84	1223519



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	9.511	1348352	7.95	76947
2	10.638	15616576	92.05	786706

***trans-N-(2-methoxy-1,2-diphenylethyl)picolinamide (3t)***

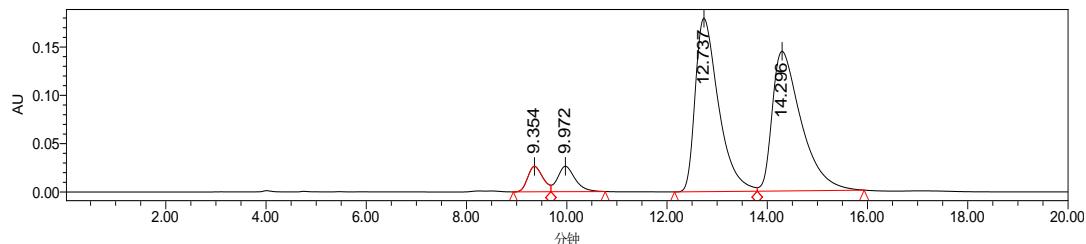


118h, yield 22.7 mg, 68%, dr = 99/1; white solid; mp 102 – 103 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 12.86 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 14.60 min, *ee* = 57%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -22.0$  ( $c = 0.45$ , in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

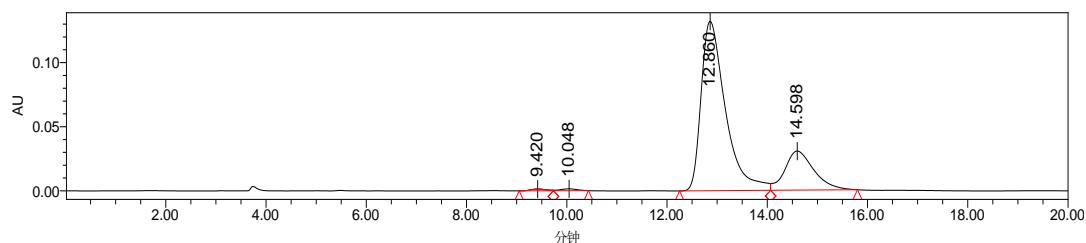
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 5.21 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 163.8, 149.9, 148.2, 140.3, 138.7, 137.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.34, 127.32, 127.1, 126.1, 122.3, 86.0, 58.8, 57.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ([M]+ $\text{H}^+$ ) = 333.1603, Found 333.1608.



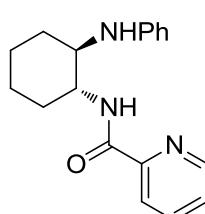
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1	9.354	554567	4.34	26396
2	9.972	637584	4.99	26348
3	12.737	5787280	45.31	179442
4	14.296	5794162	45.36	144450



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	9.420	29465	0.51	1403
2	10.048	33656	0.59	1471
3	12.860	4447720	77.49	132225

4	14.598	1229126	21.41	30489
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***trans-N-(2-(phenylamino)cyclohexyl)picolinamide (3u)***

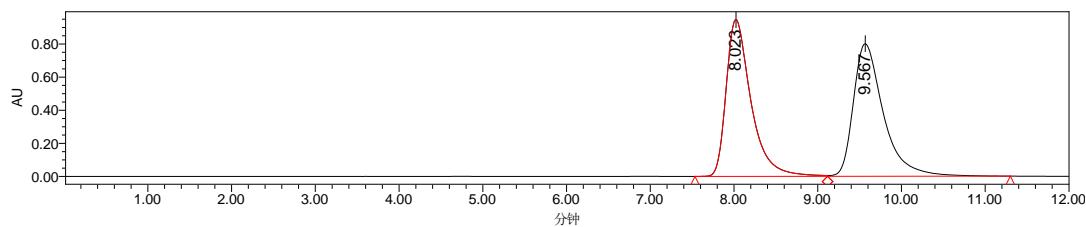


Reacted in 0.5 mL *p*-xylene for 18h, yield 28.7 mg, 97%; light yellow solid; mp 100 – 101 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 9.70 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 8.16 min, *ee* = 95%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -5.6$  ( $c = 0.57$ , in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

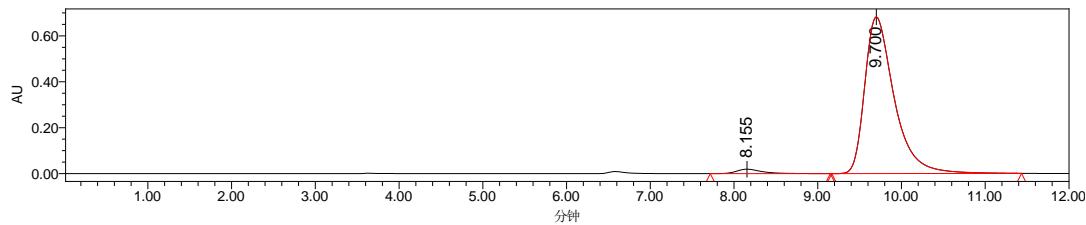
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.46 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.63 – 6.46 (m, 3H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.14 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.33 (d,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 165.0, 149.6, 148.0, 147.7, 137.3, 129.2, 126.2, 122.3, 116.5, 112.7, 58.4, 52.8, 32.6, 32.4, 25.0, 24.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M]+H<sup>+</sup>) = 296.1763, Found 296.1757.

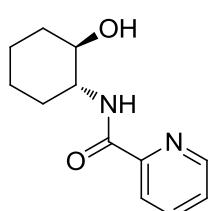


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1	8.023	19526622	49.52	948078
2	9.567	19902133	50.48	800881



Peak	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height
1	8.155	407723	2.39	19356
2	9.700	16678054	97.61	682750

***N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3v, 92 % ee)***

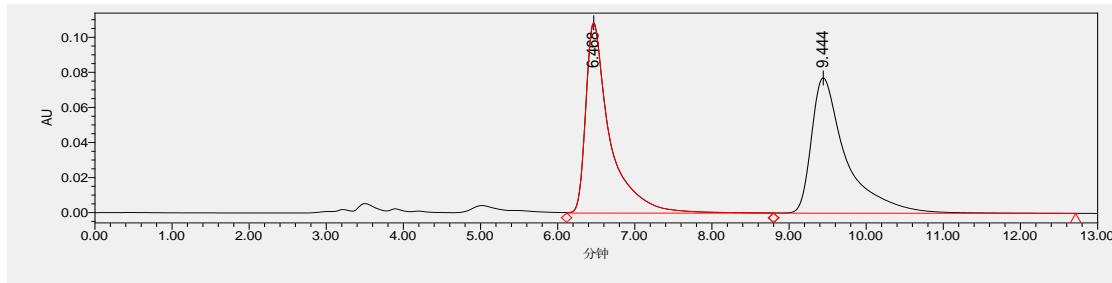


Reacted in 0.2 mL *p*-xylene for 118h, yield 11.0 mg, 50 %; white solid; mp 116 – 117 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm)  $t_r$  (major) = 9.47 min,  $t_r$  (minor) = 6.50 min, *ee* = 92%.  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = + 1.9$  ( $c = 0.22$ , in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

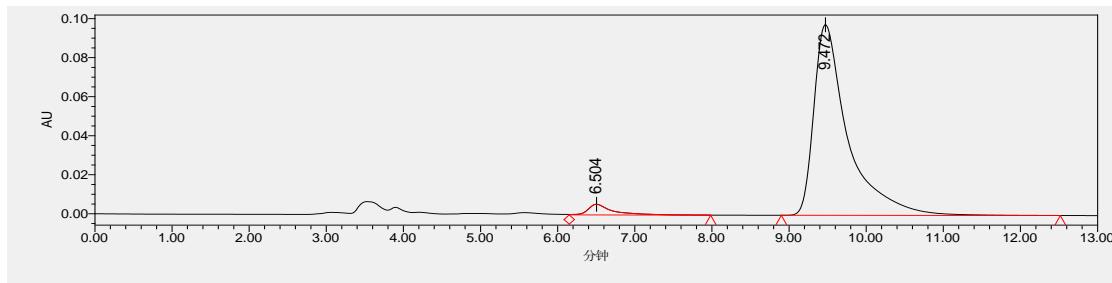
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.53 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 3.58 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.76 (s, 2H), 1.49 – 1.28 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 165.6, 149.5, 148.0, 137.4, 126.3, 122.5, 75.2, 55.8, 34.3, 31.5, 24.6, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]+Na<sup>+</sup>) = 243.1109, Found 243.1108.



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1	6.468	2363505	49.44	108597
2	9.444	2416589	50.56	77208

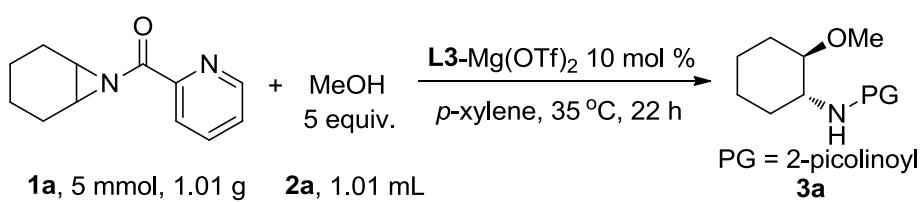


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2	9.472	2988210	96.12	97780

## 9. References

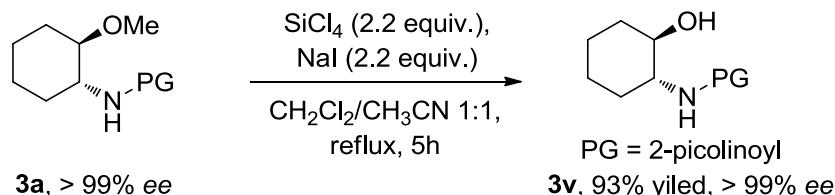
<sup>1</sup> (a) Y. H. Wen, X. Huang, J. L. Huang, Y. Xiong, B. Qin, X. M. Feng, *Synlett.*, 2005, 2445; (b) D. J. Shang, J. G. Xin, Y. L. Liu, X. Zhou, X. H. Liu and X. M. Feng, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2008, **73**, 630; (c) X. Li, X. H. Liu, Y. Z. Fu, L. j. Wang, L. Zhou and X. M. Feng, *Chem.-Eur. J.*, 2008, **14**, 4796.

## 10. Experimental procedure for the scale-up reaction and transformations of the product.



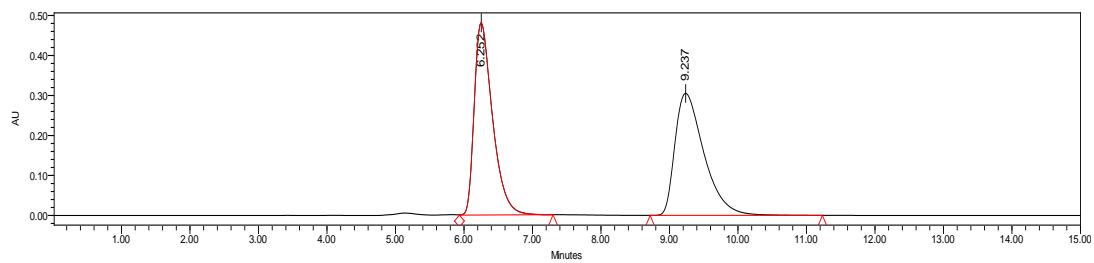
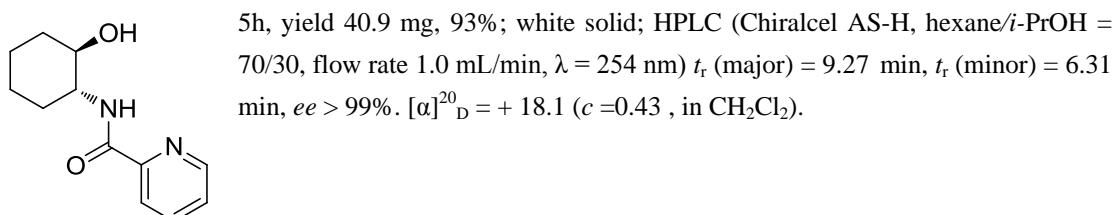
A 50 mL round-bottom flask was charged with Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol, 160 mg), **L3** (0.5 mmol, 350 mg) and **1a** (5.0 mmol, 1.01g) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then, *p*-xylene (25 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 20 minutes. Finally, methanol (25.0 mmol, 1.01 mL) were added under stirring at 35 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 22 hours. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (Eluent: petroleum ether/AcOEt 2:1) on silica gel to afford the desired product **3a** (1.12 g, 96% yield, 90% ee). And the optical pure product **3a** (57 %

yield, >99% ee) was obtained through single recrystallization.

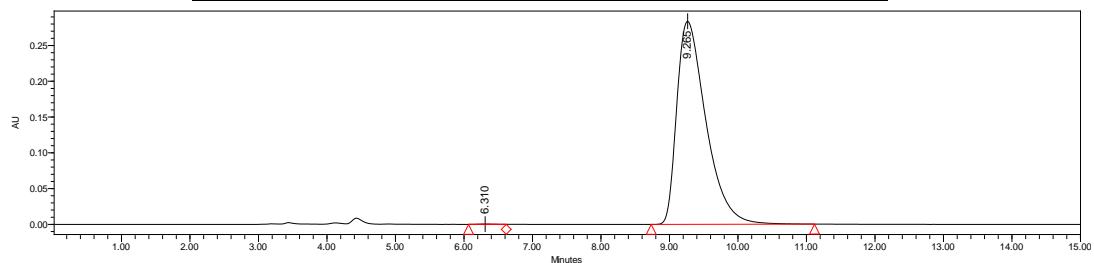


**3a** (46.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and sodium iodide (66.0 mg, 0.44 mmol) was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1:1, 0.2 mL). Silicon tetrachloride (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.44 mmol) was added and heated under reflux for 5 hours. The mixture is then hydrolyzed by adding 10% sodium hydroxide solution (1 mL) and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate) on silica gel to give product **3v** (40.9 mg, 93% yield, >99% ee).

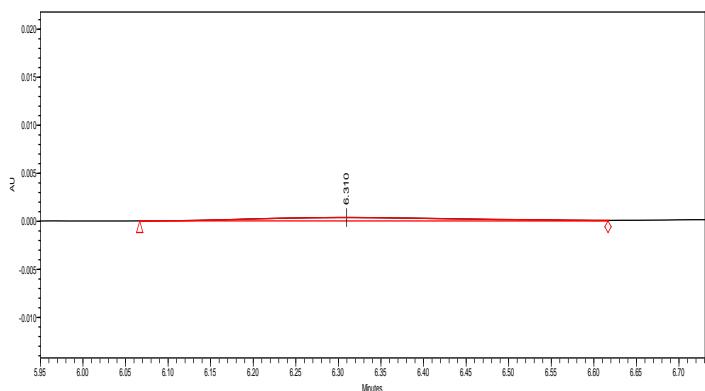
**N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxycyclohexyl)picolinamide (3v, > 99% ee)**



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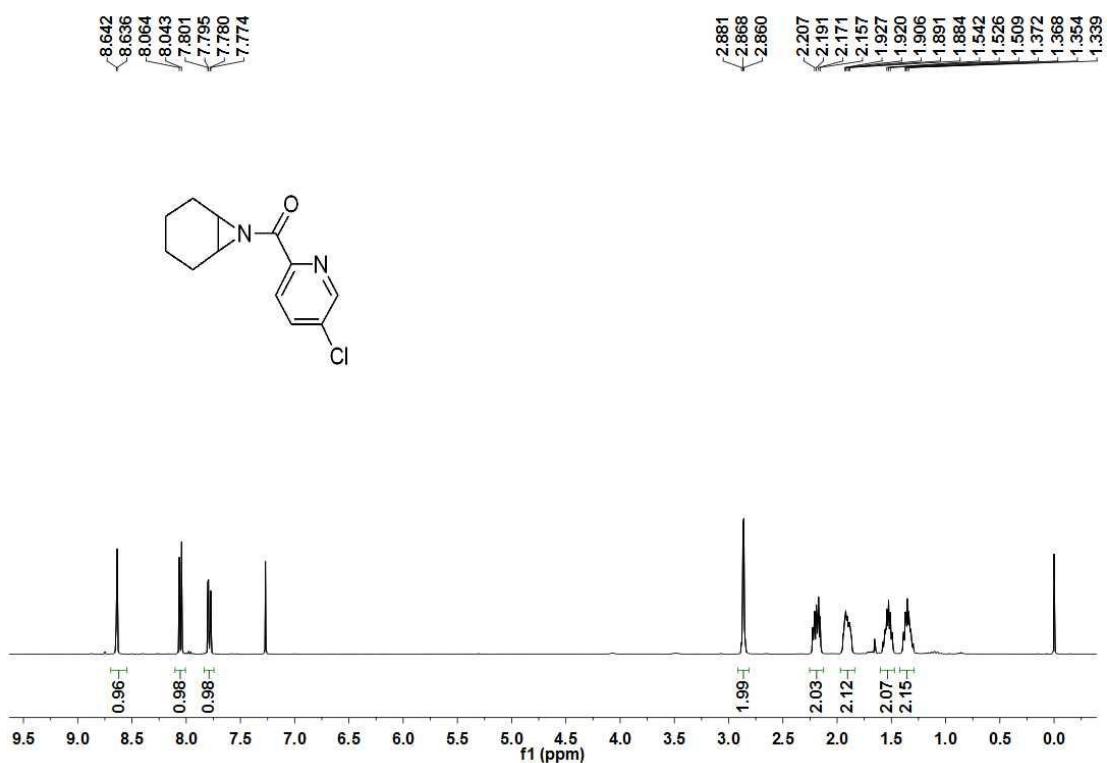


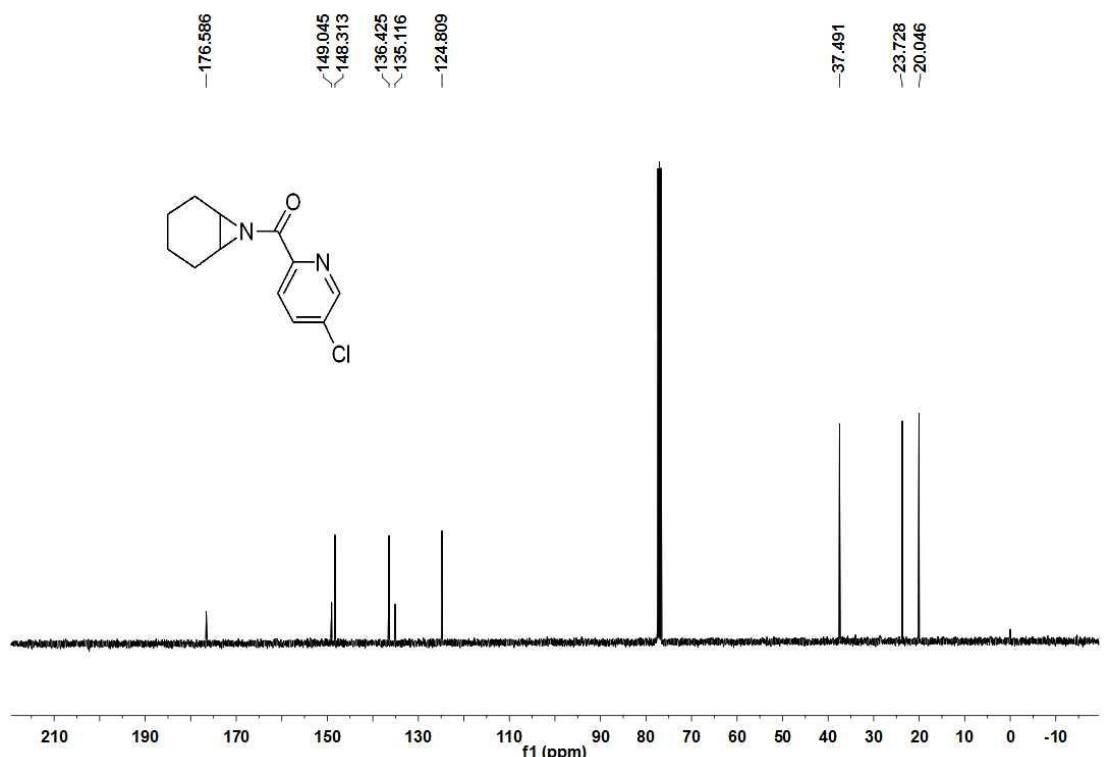
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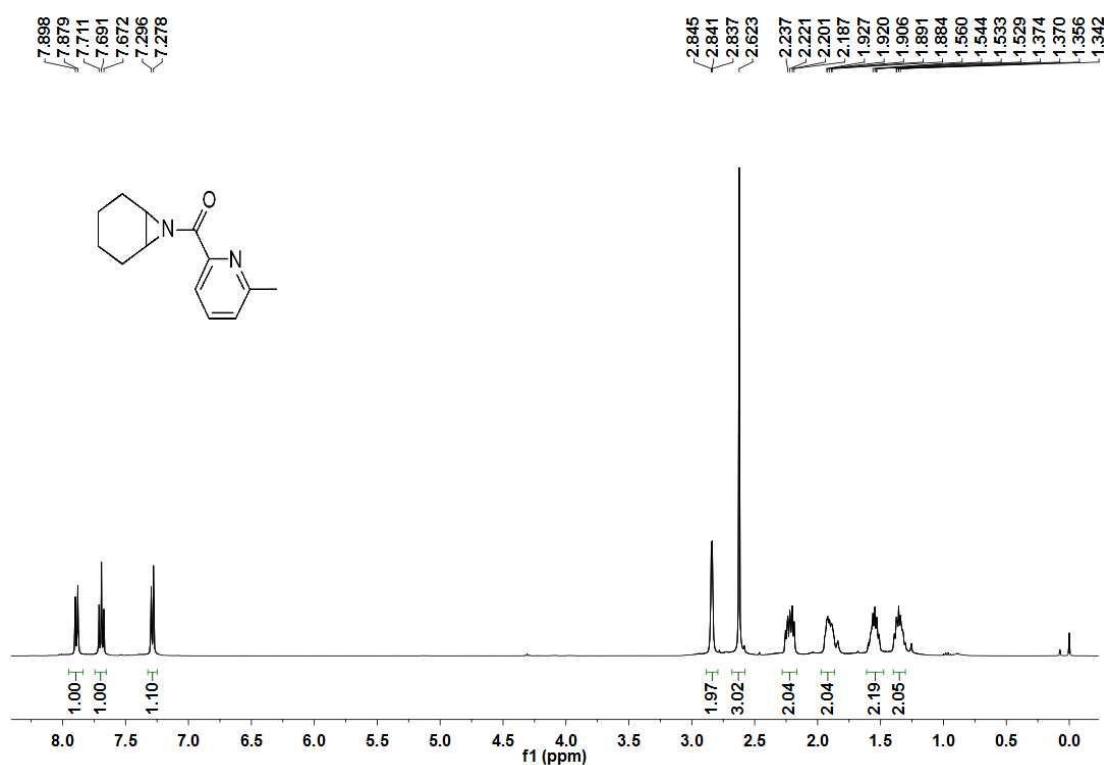
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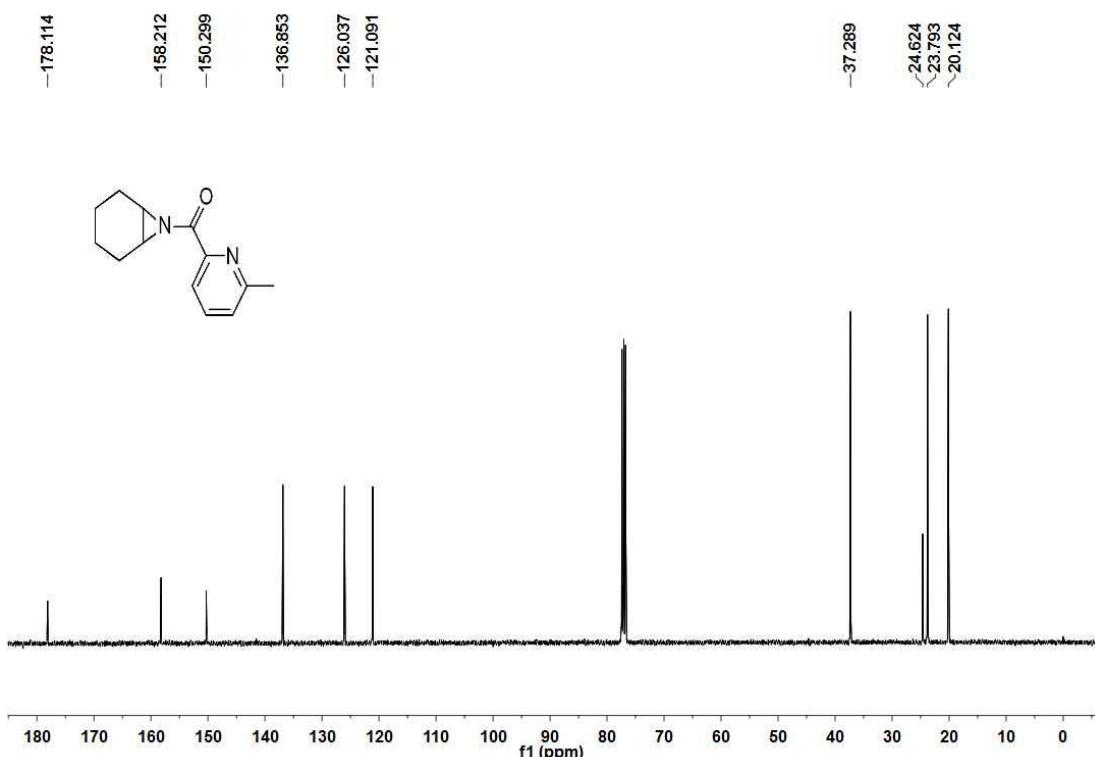
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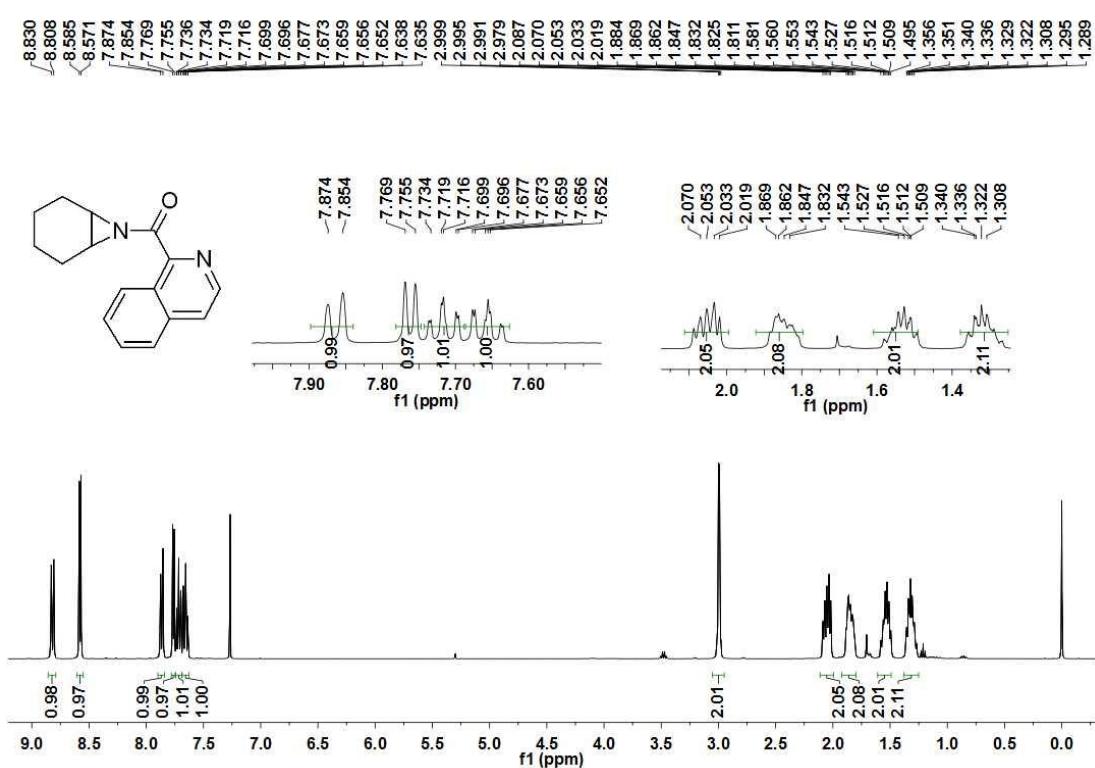


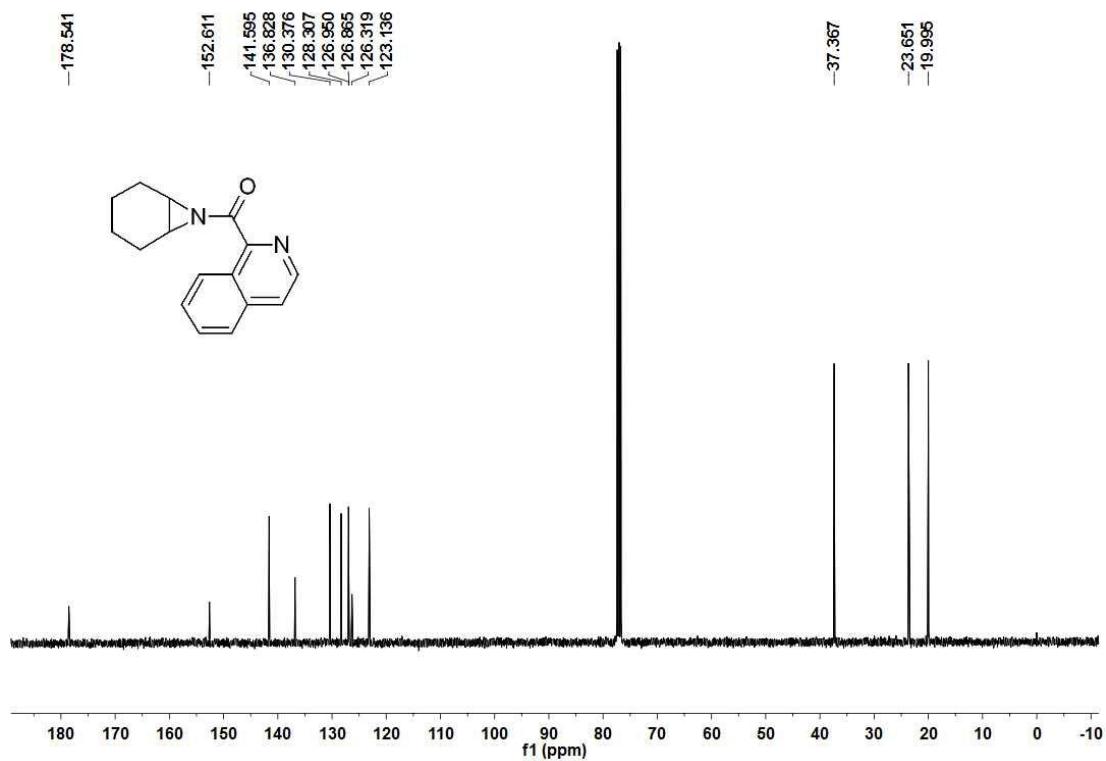
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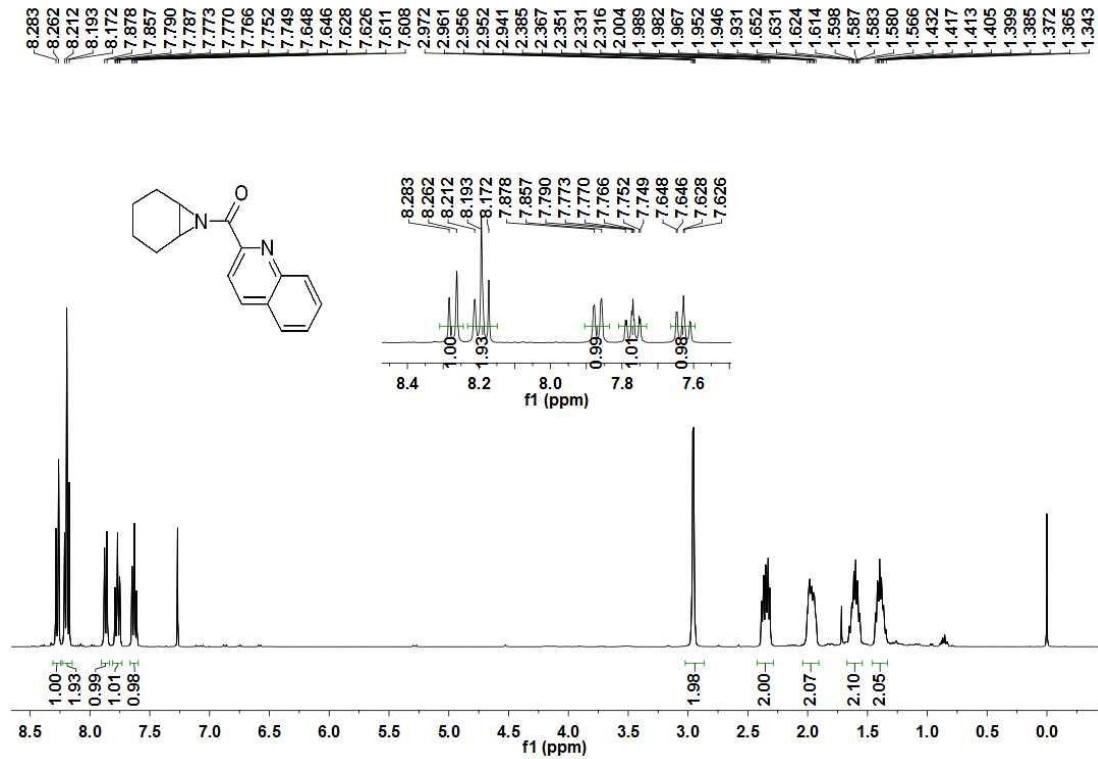


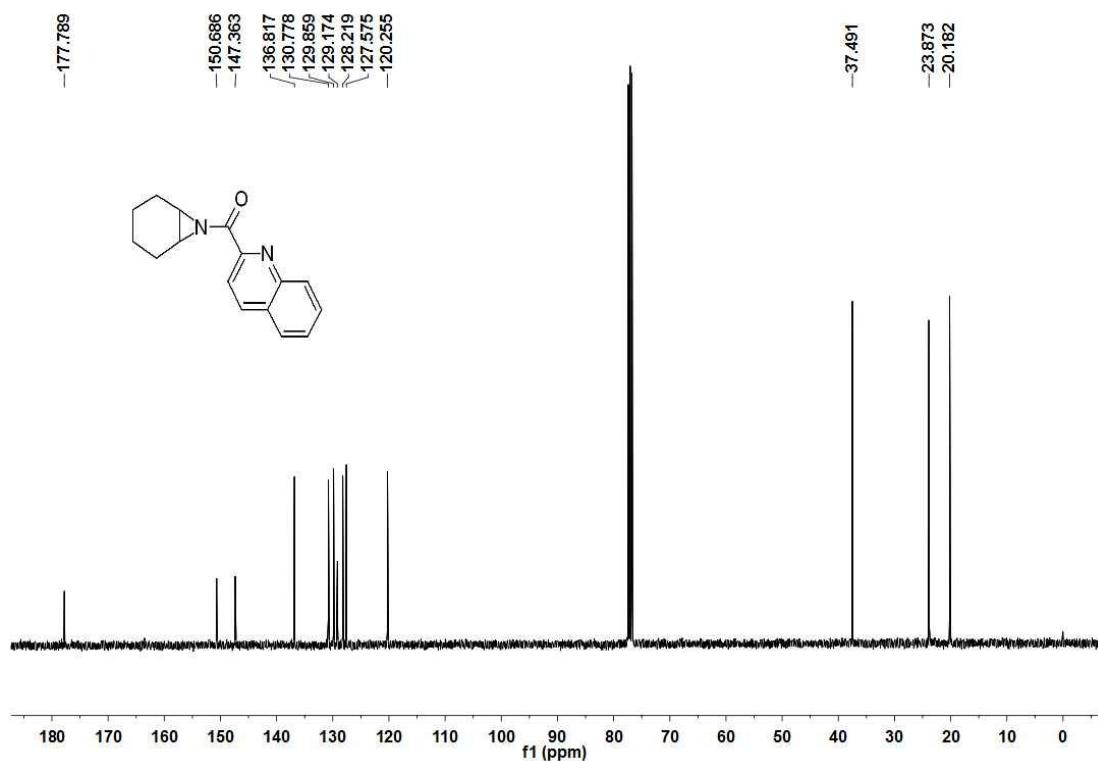
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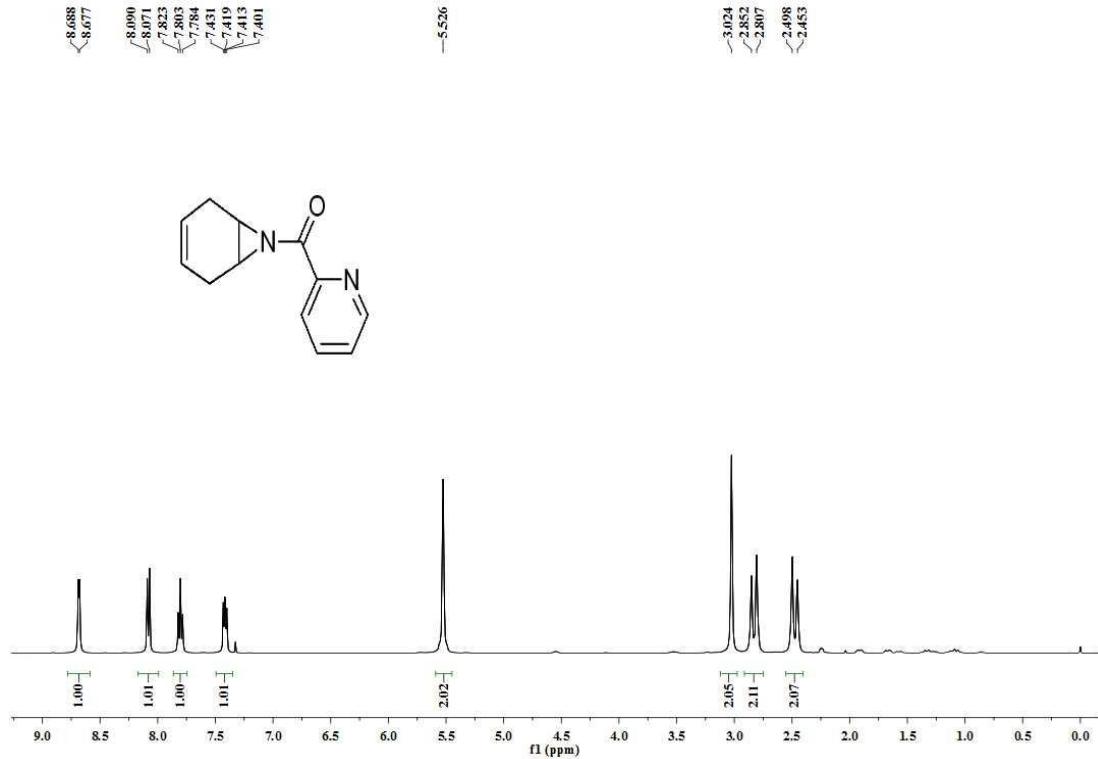


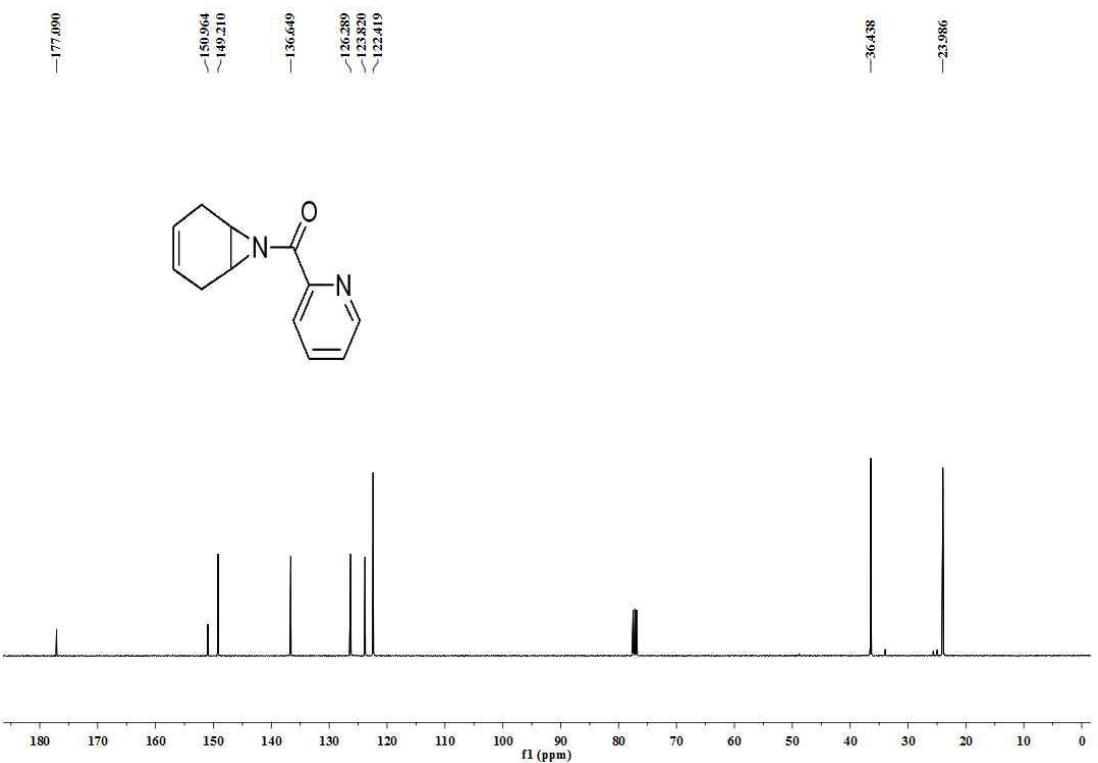
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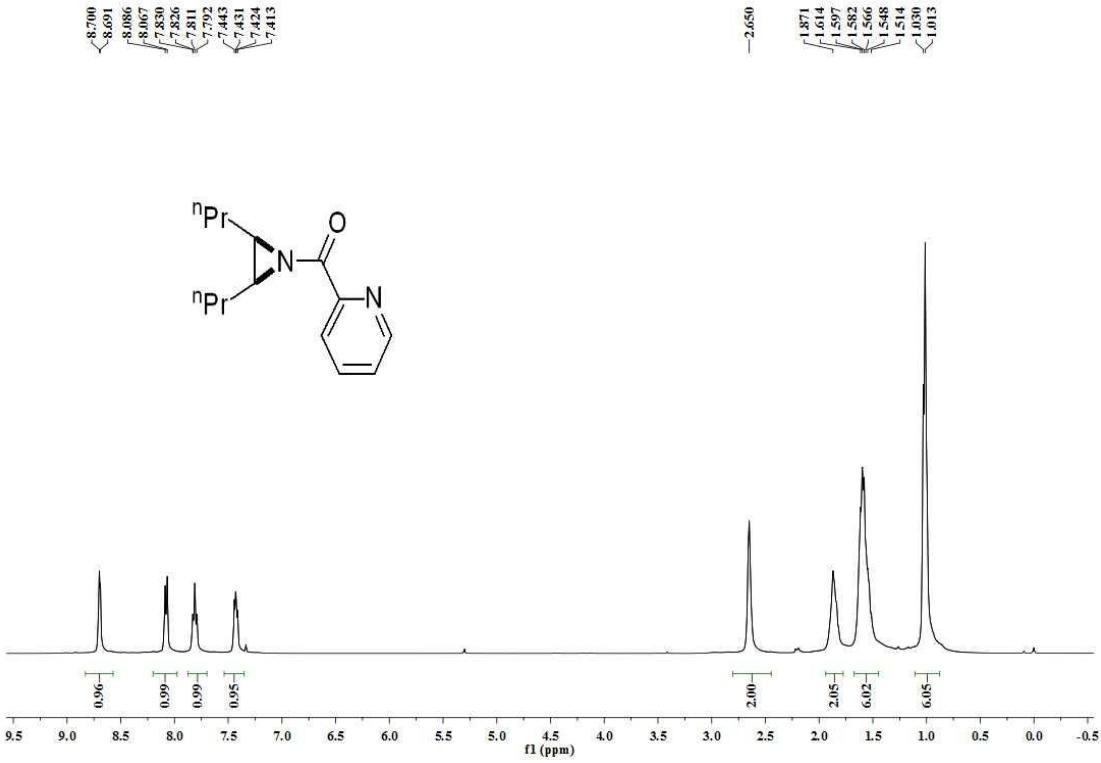


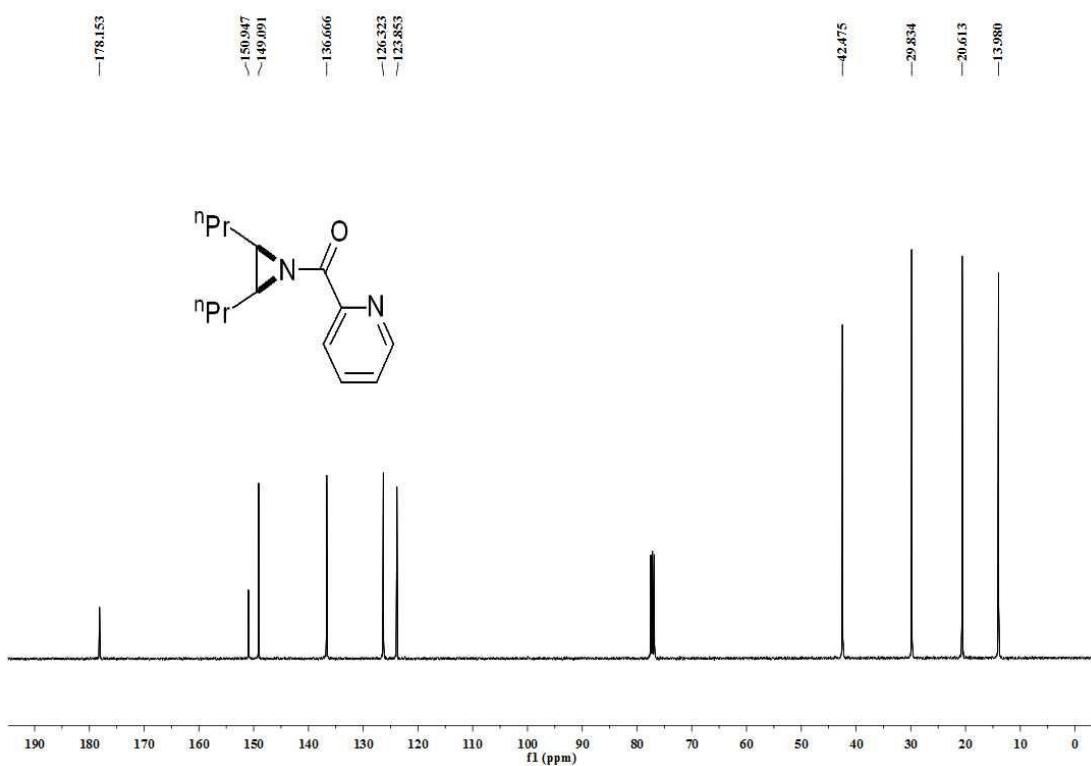
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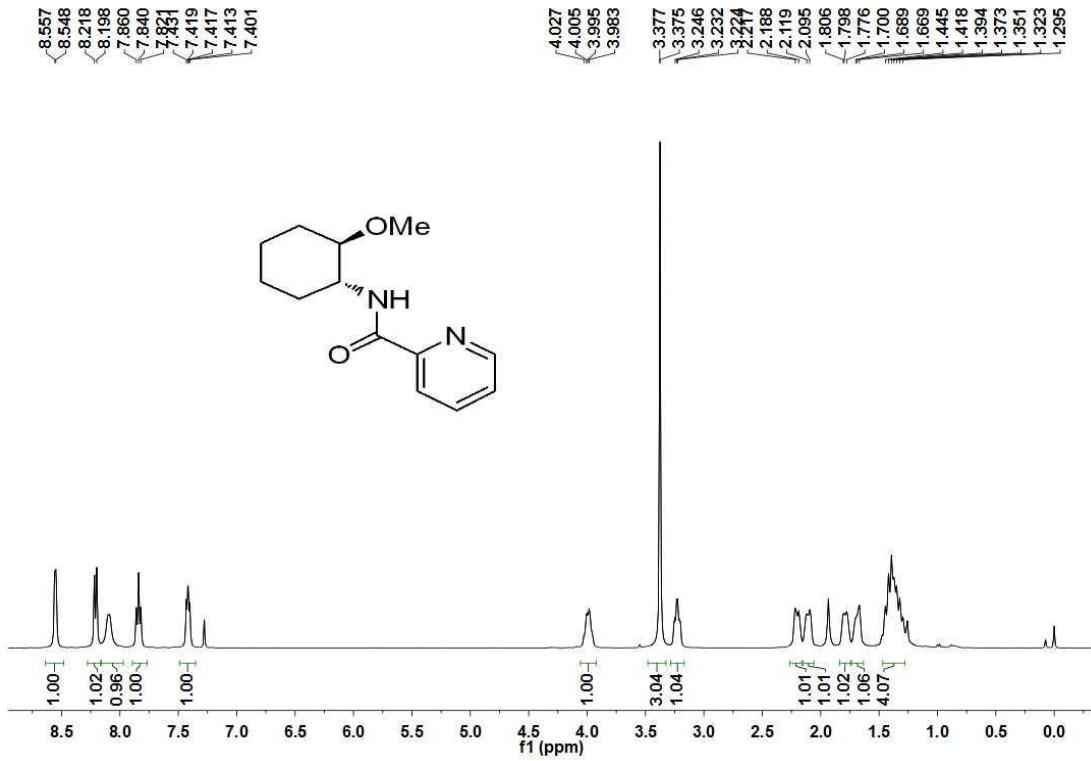


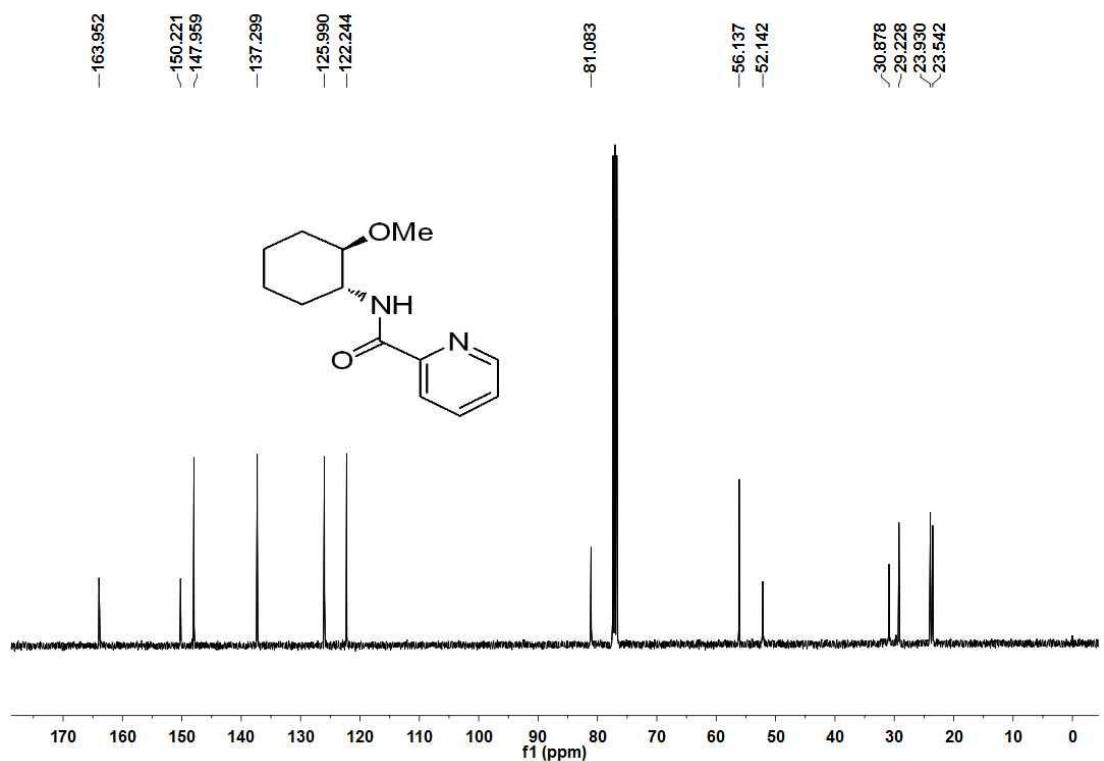
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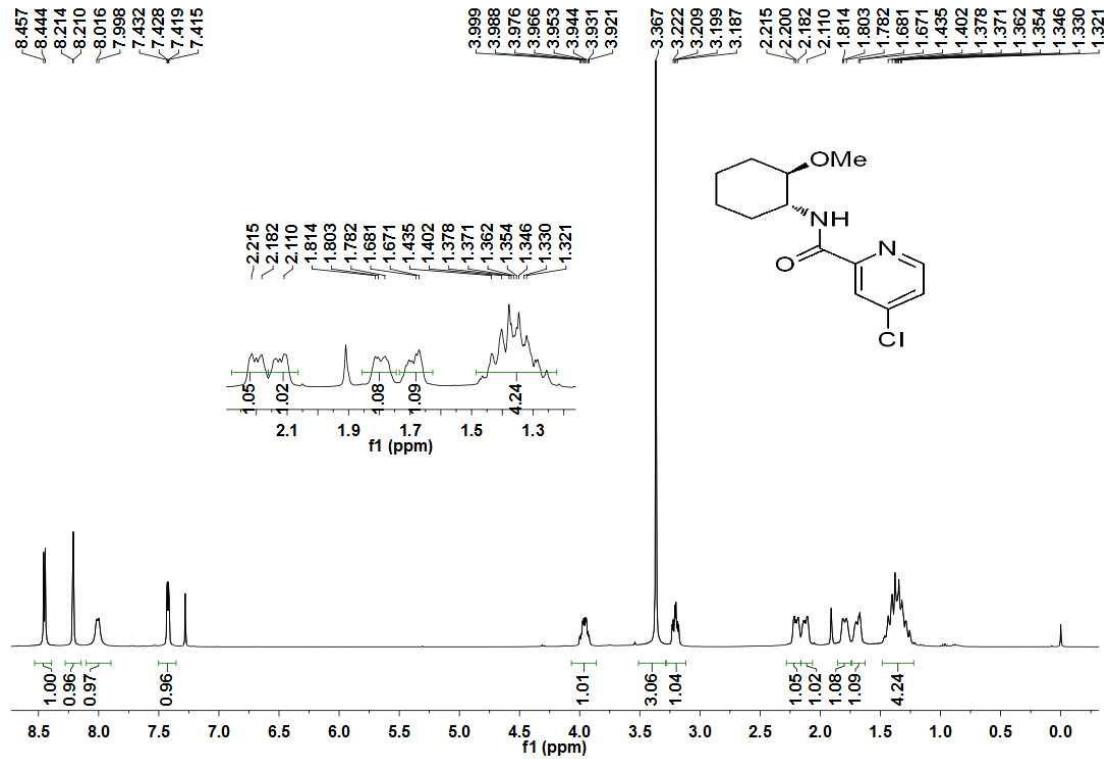


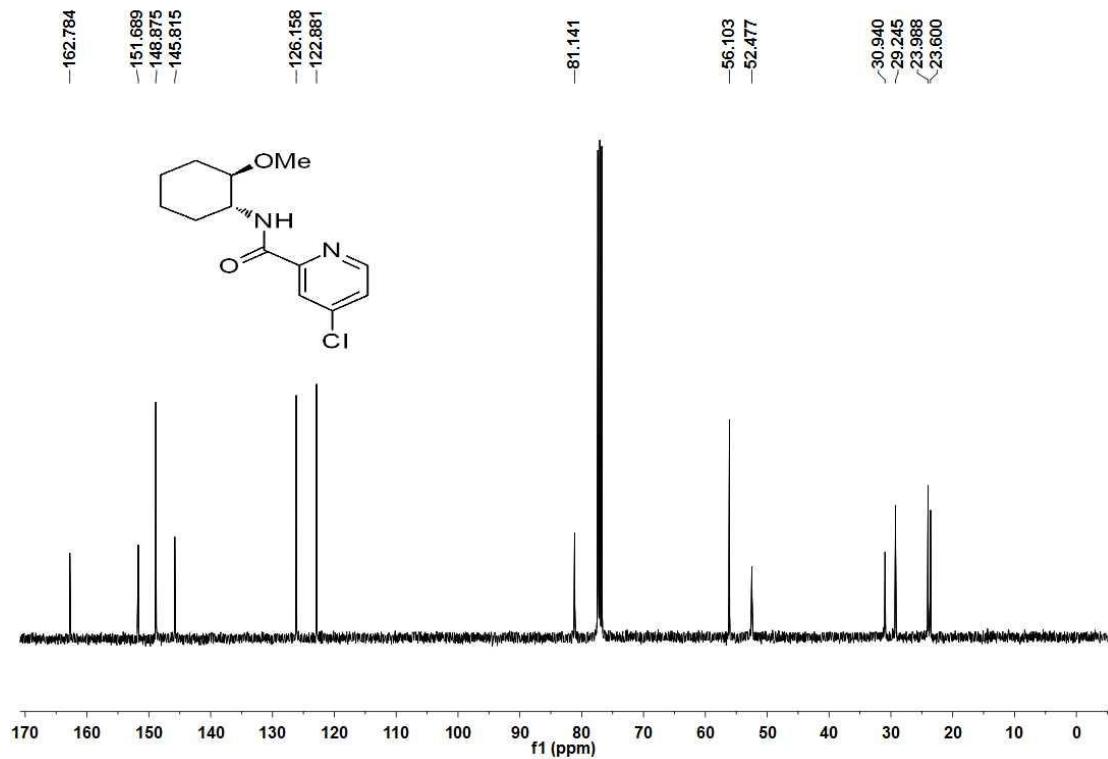
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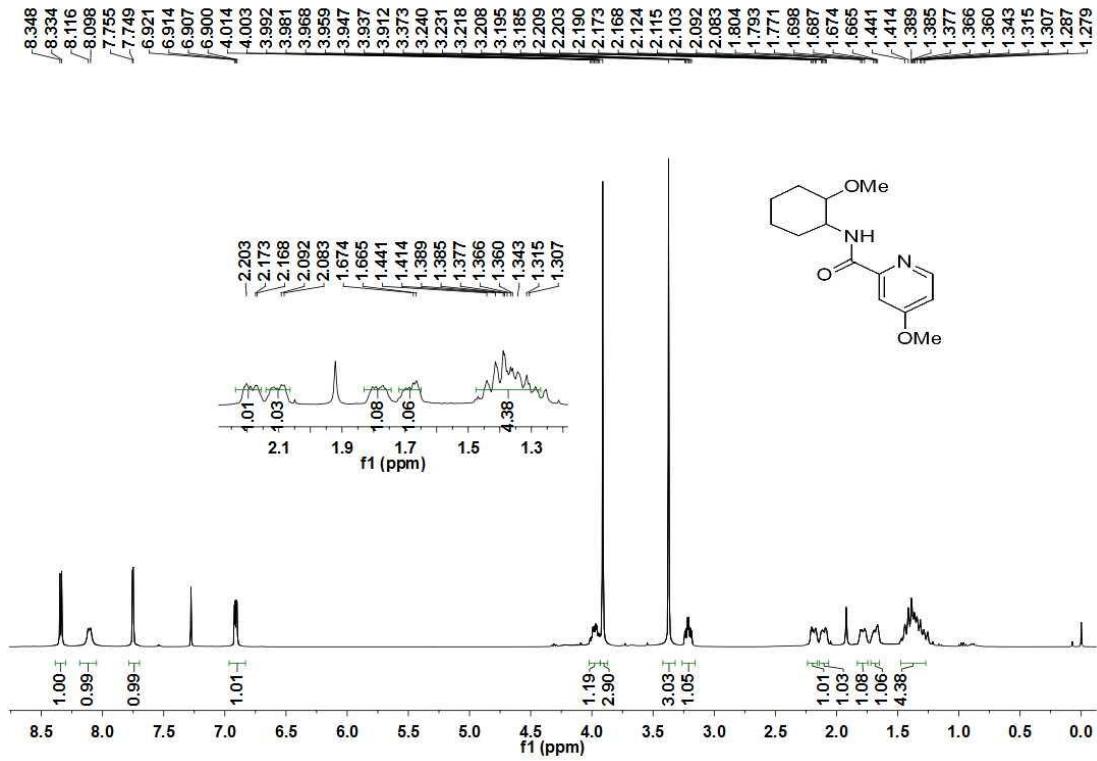


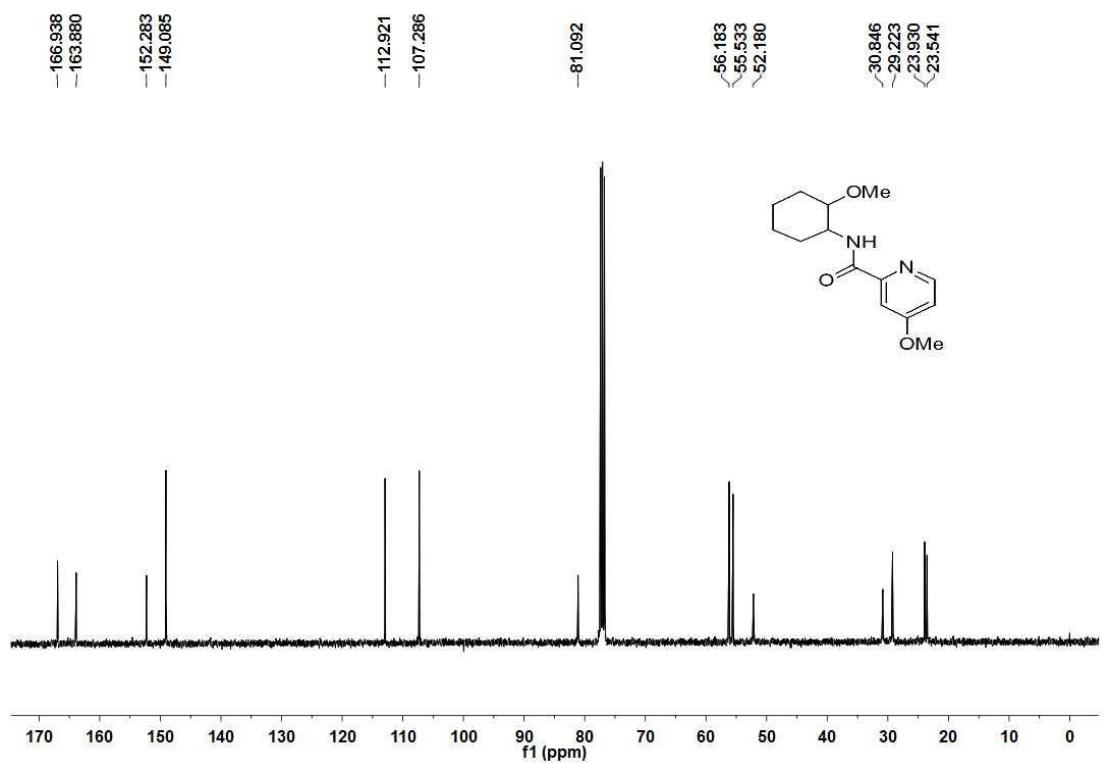
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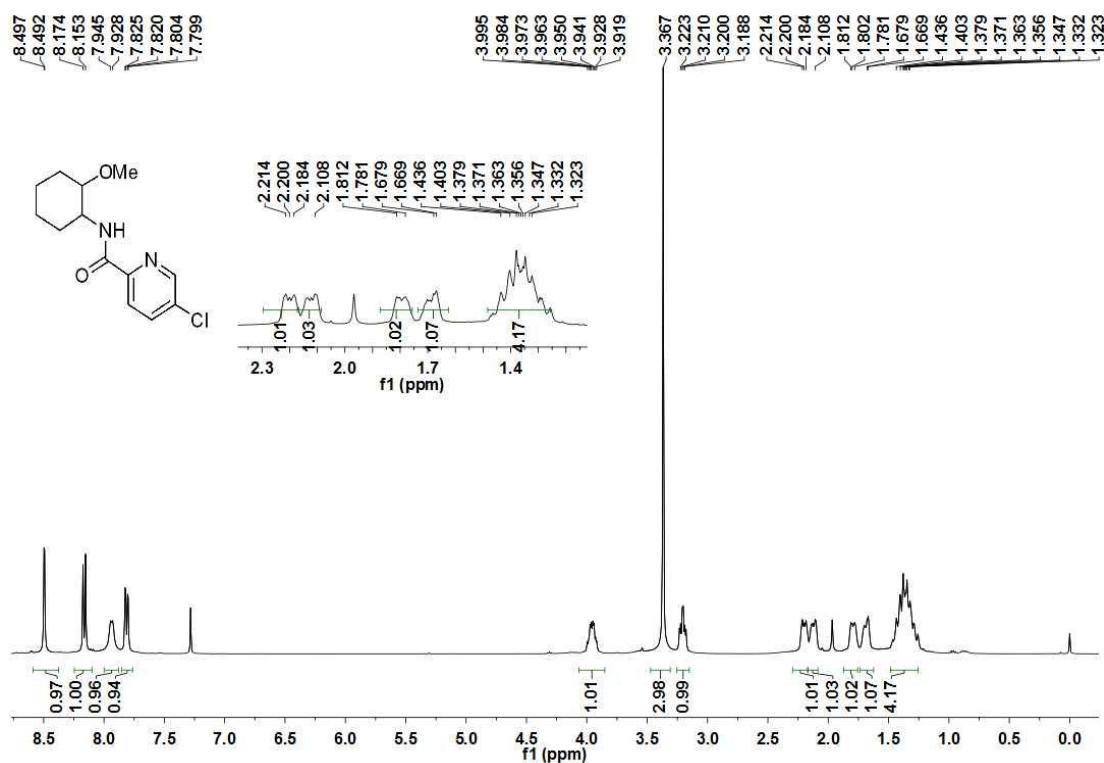


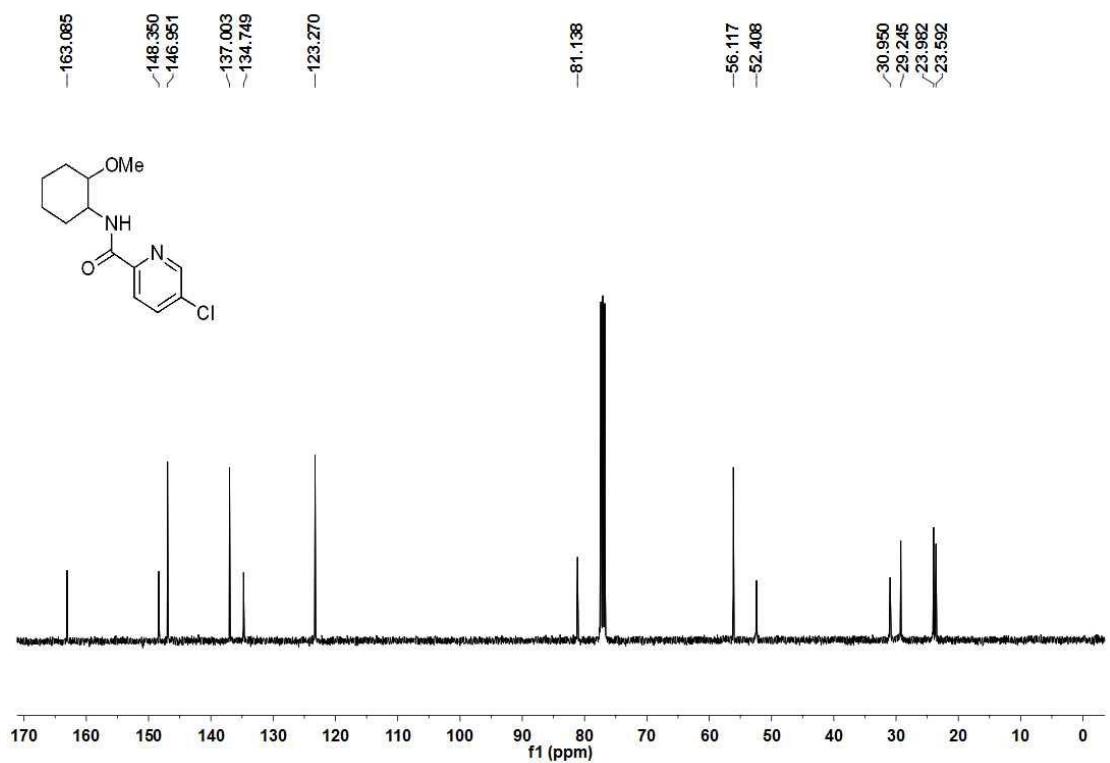
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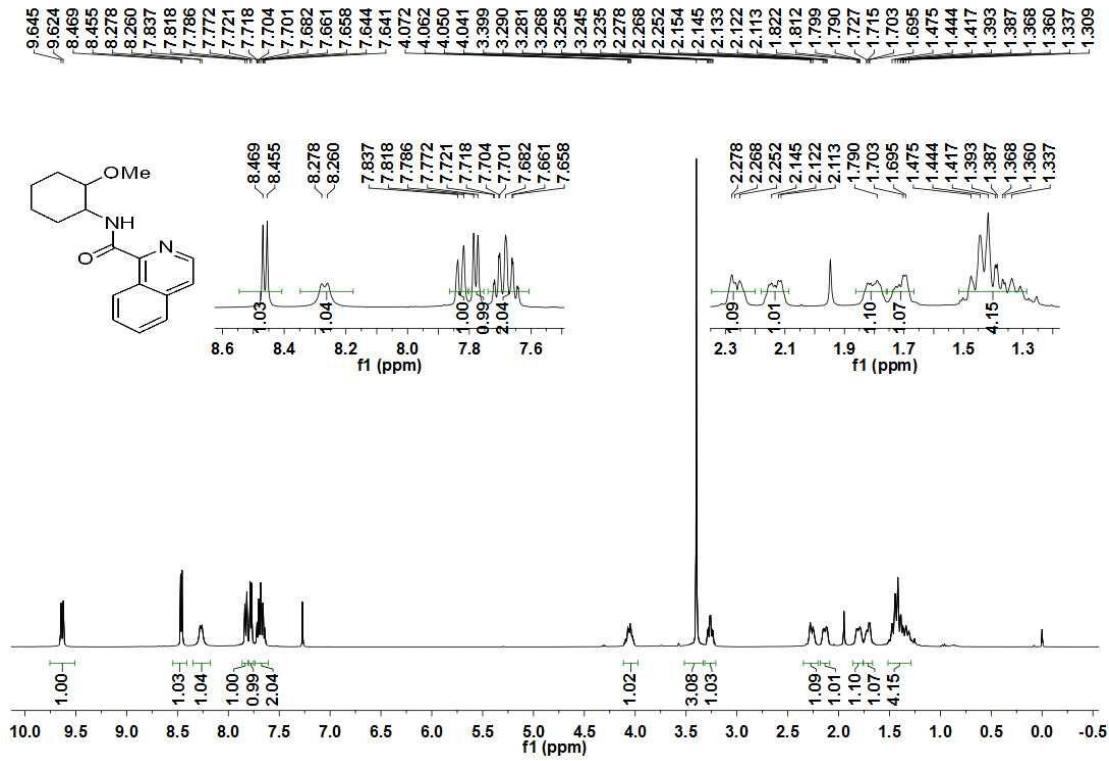


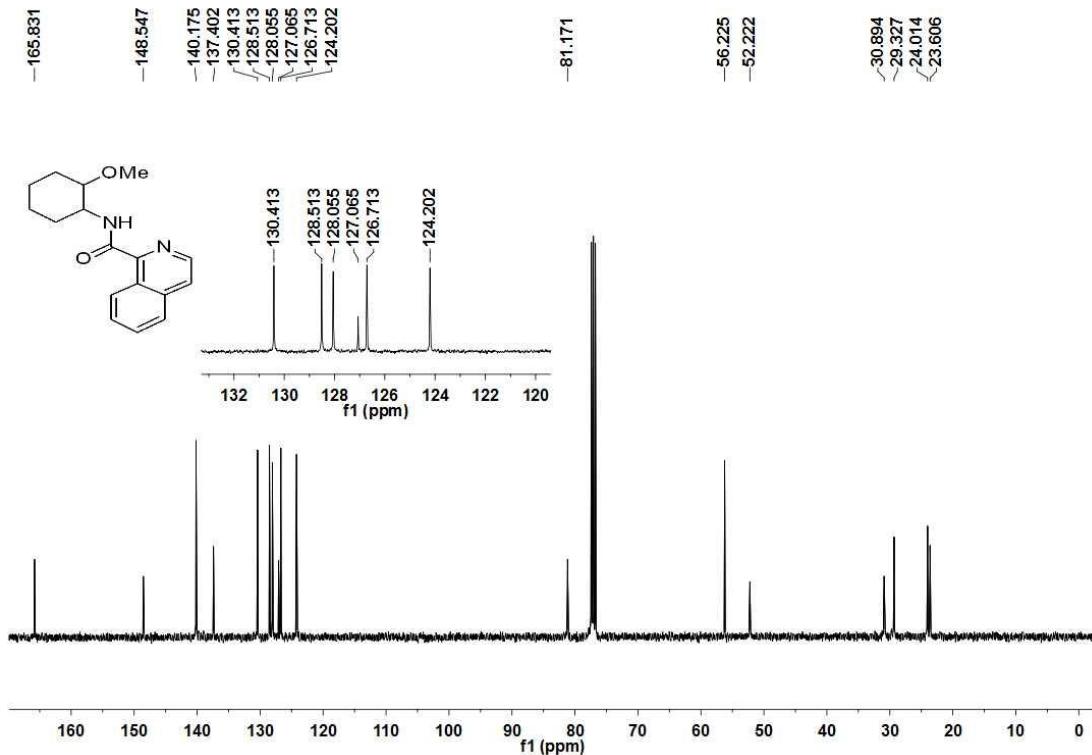
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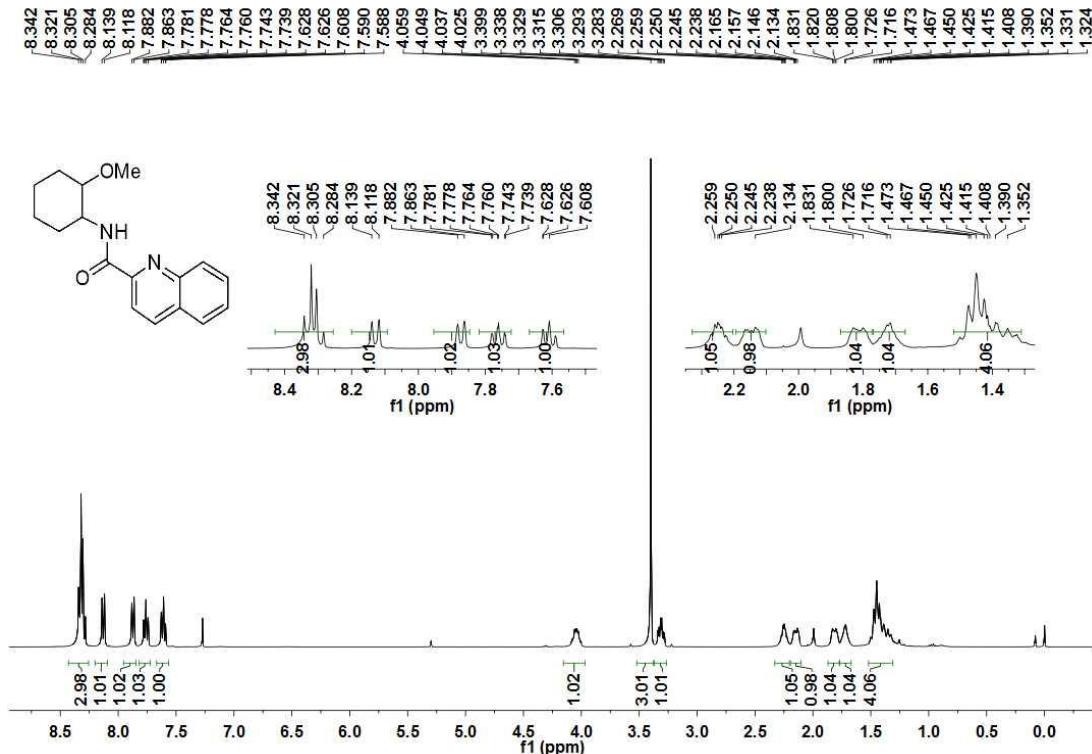


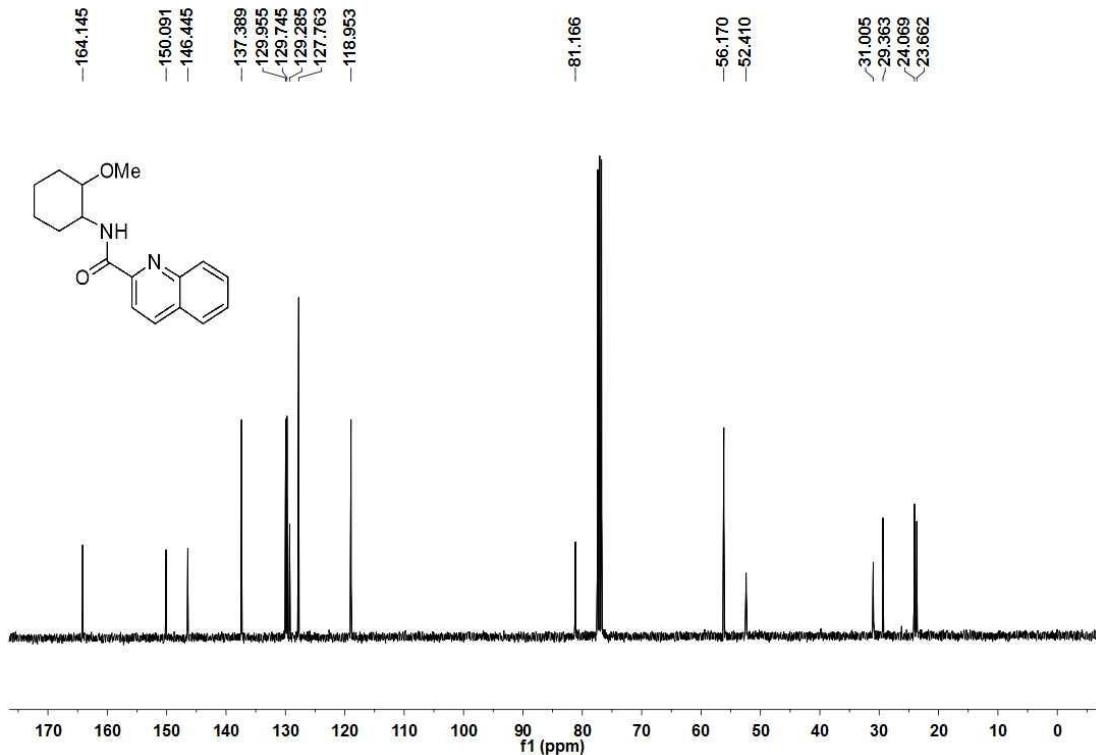
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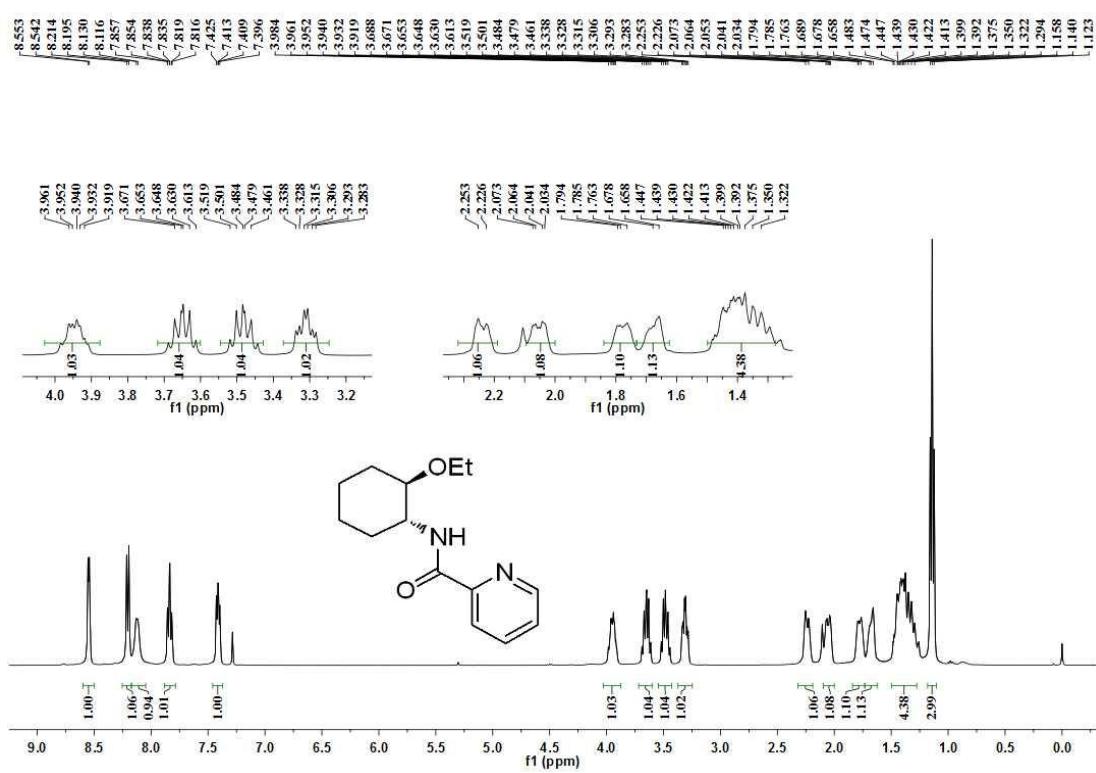


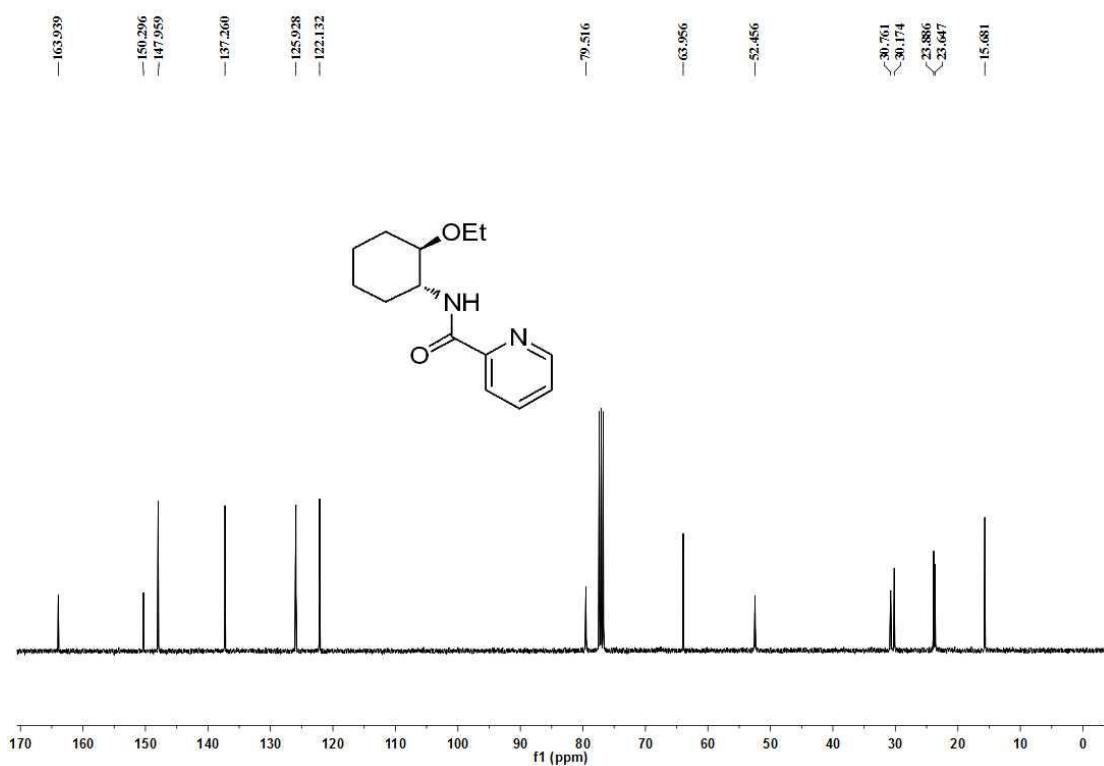
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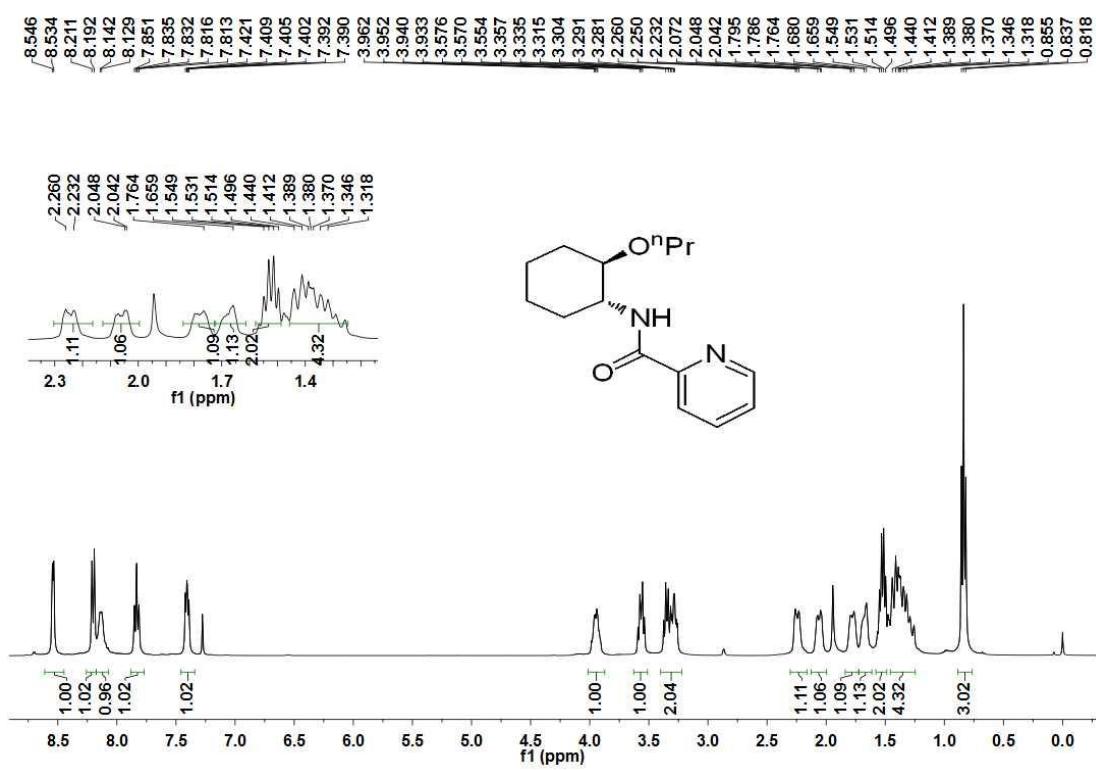


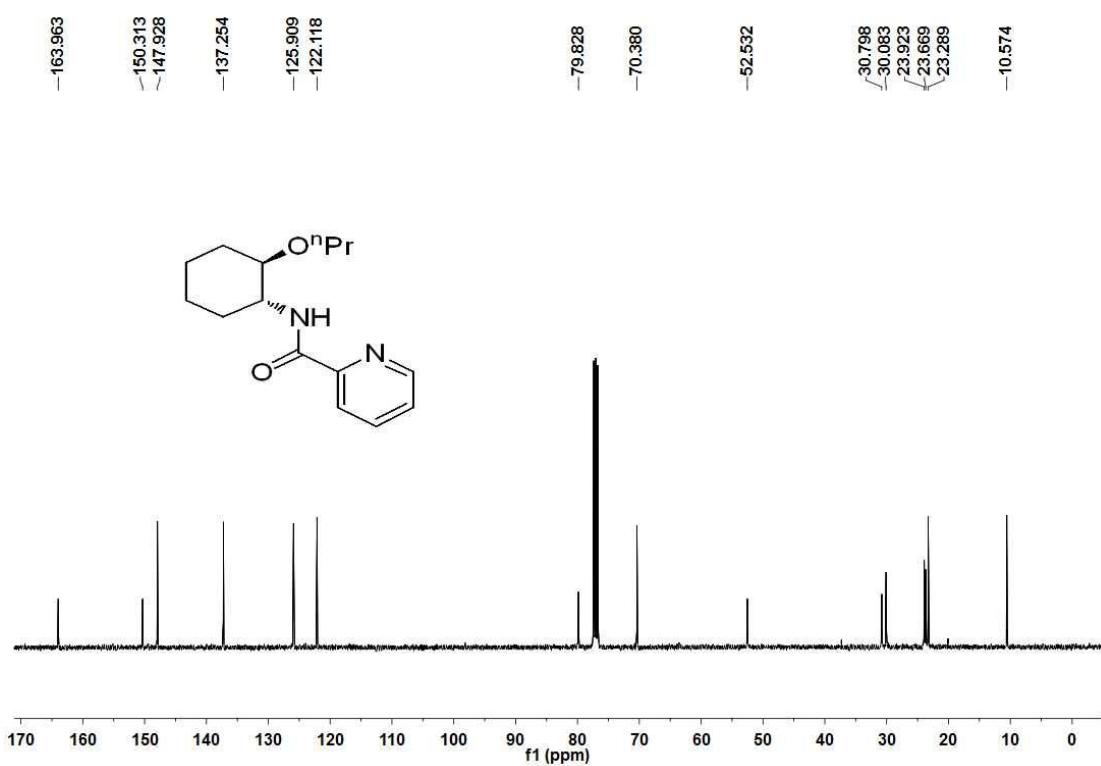
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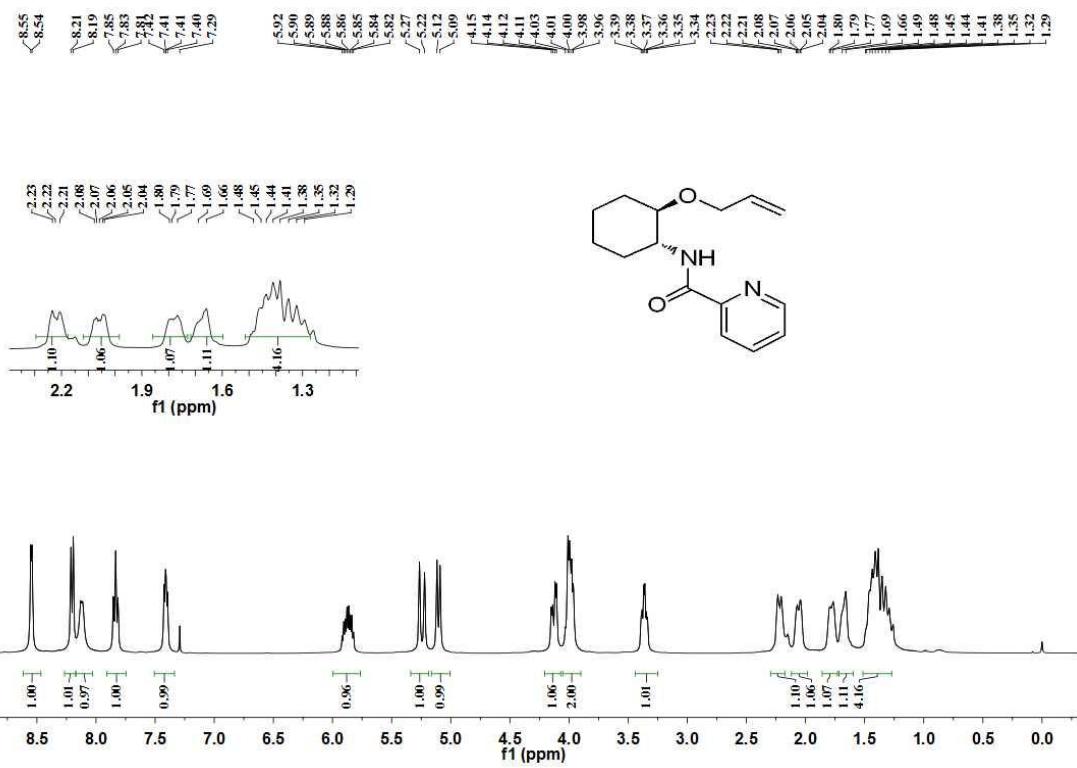


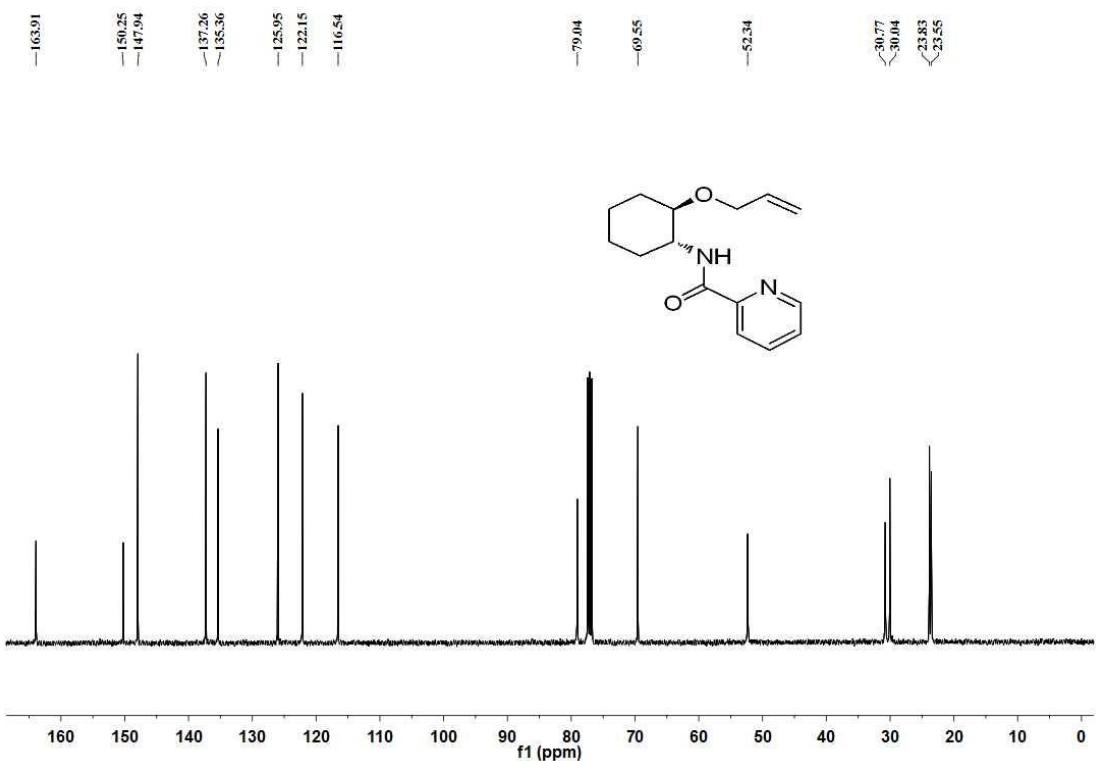
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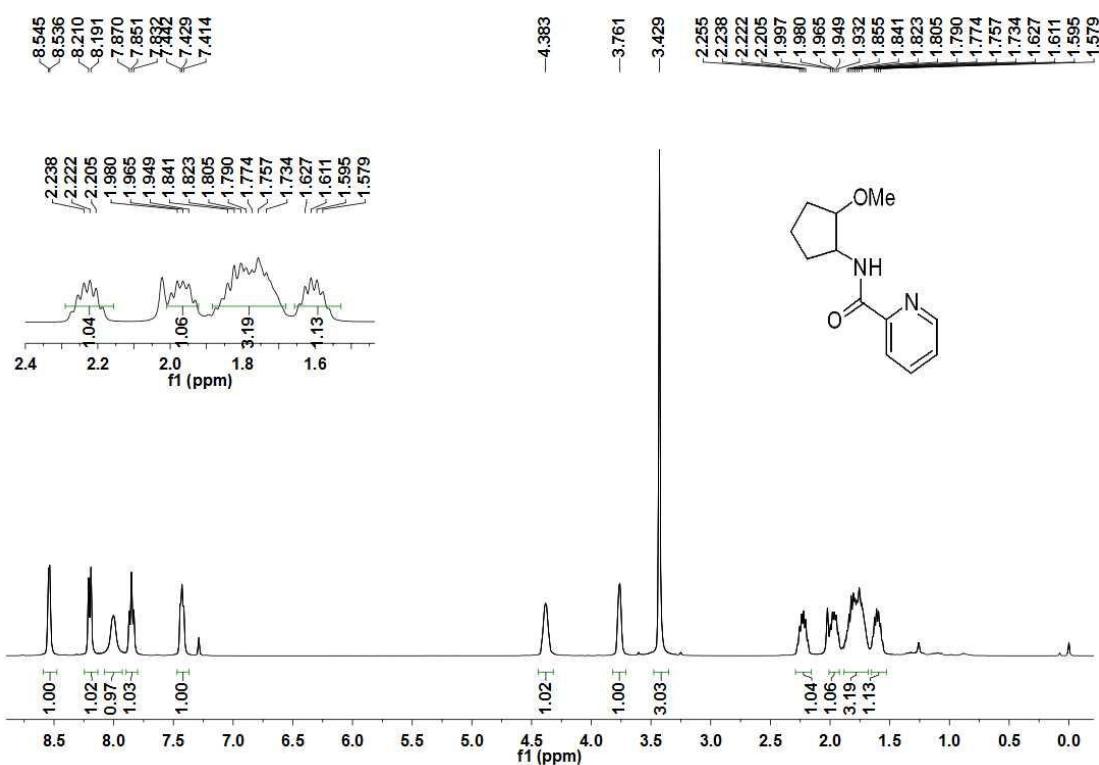


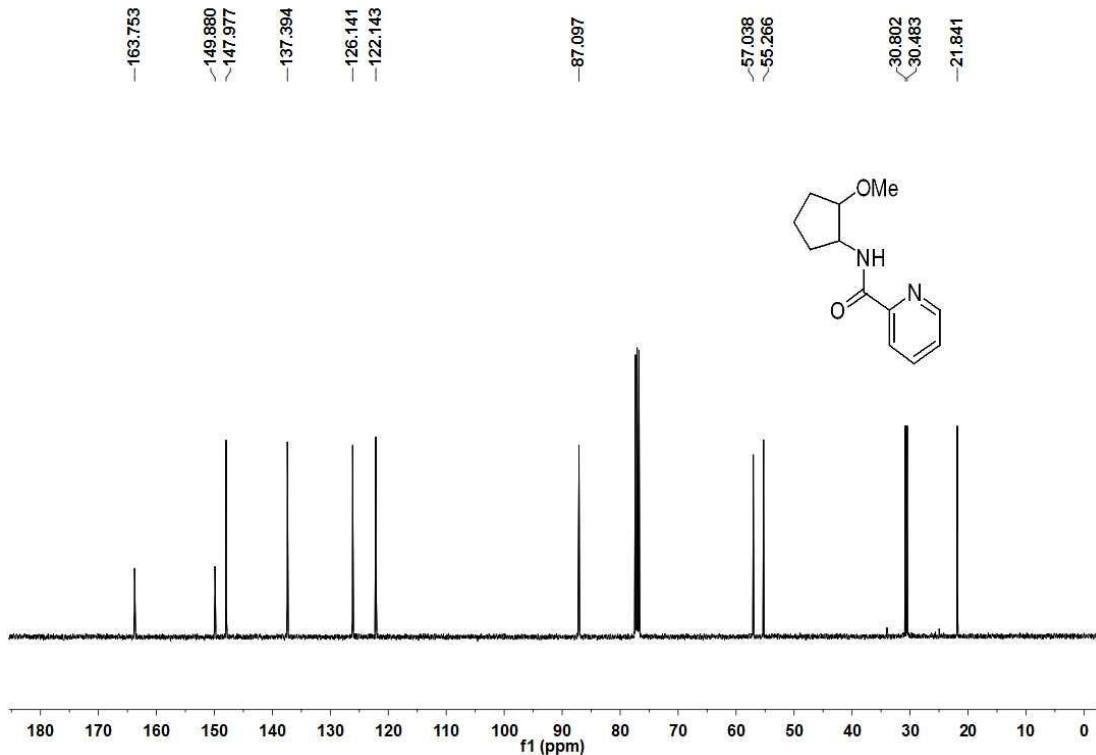
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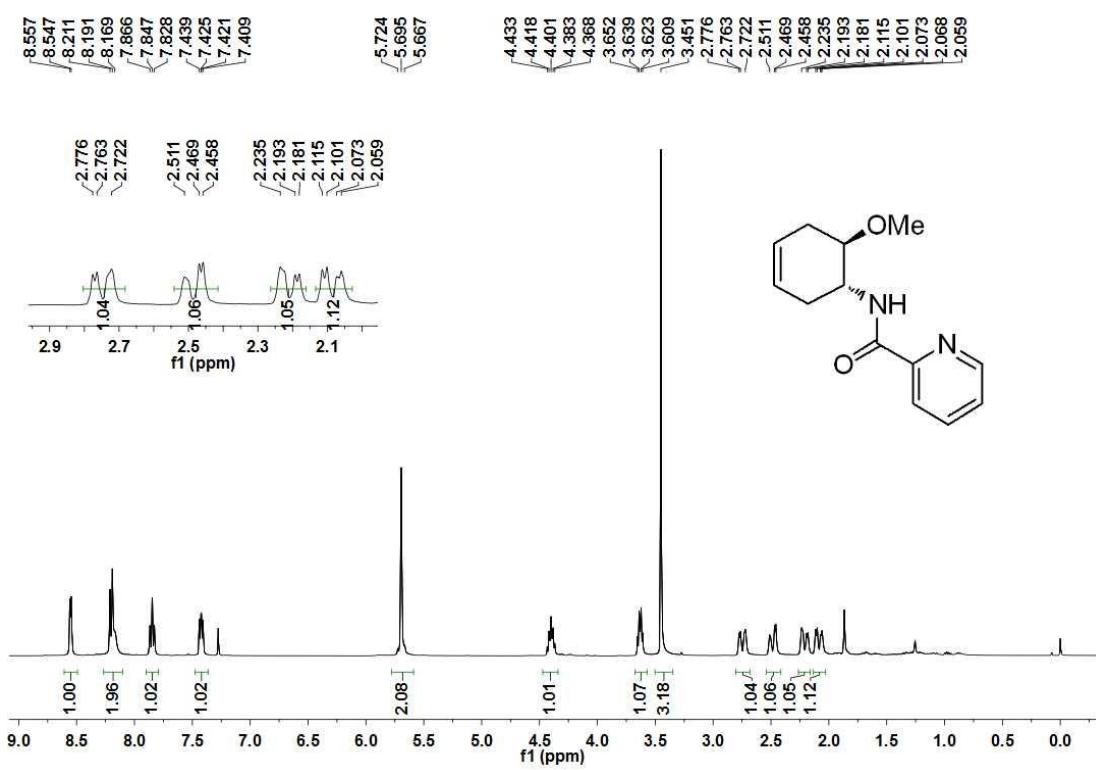


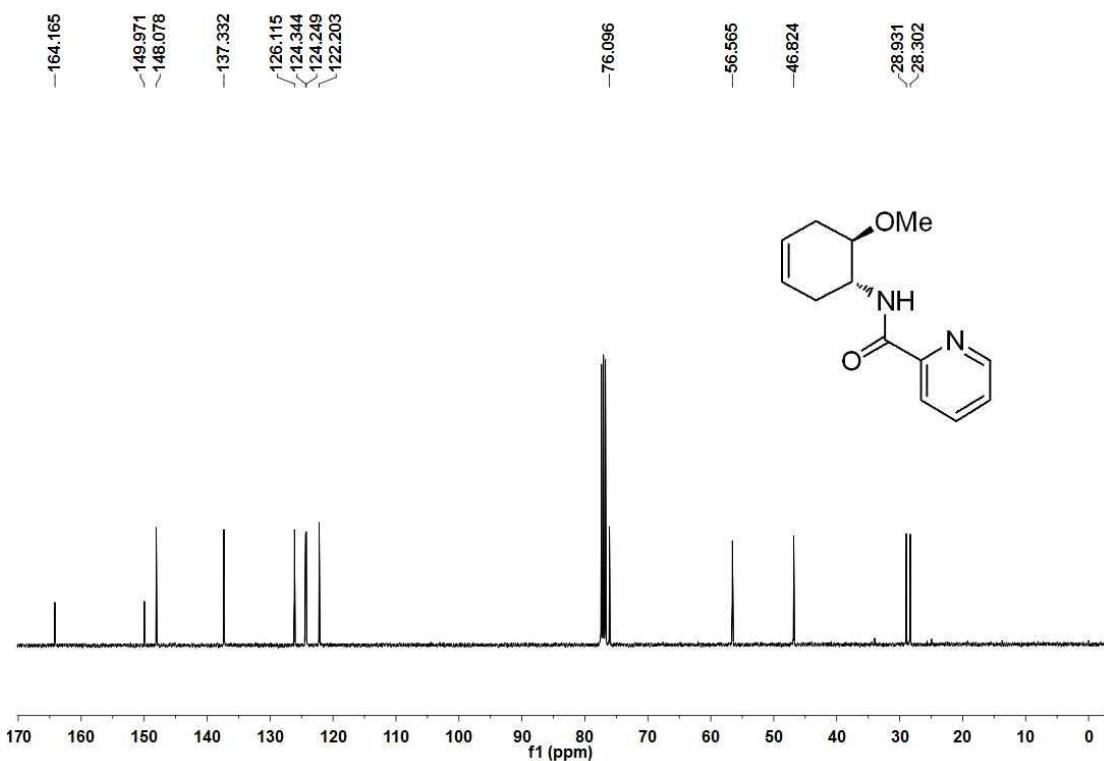
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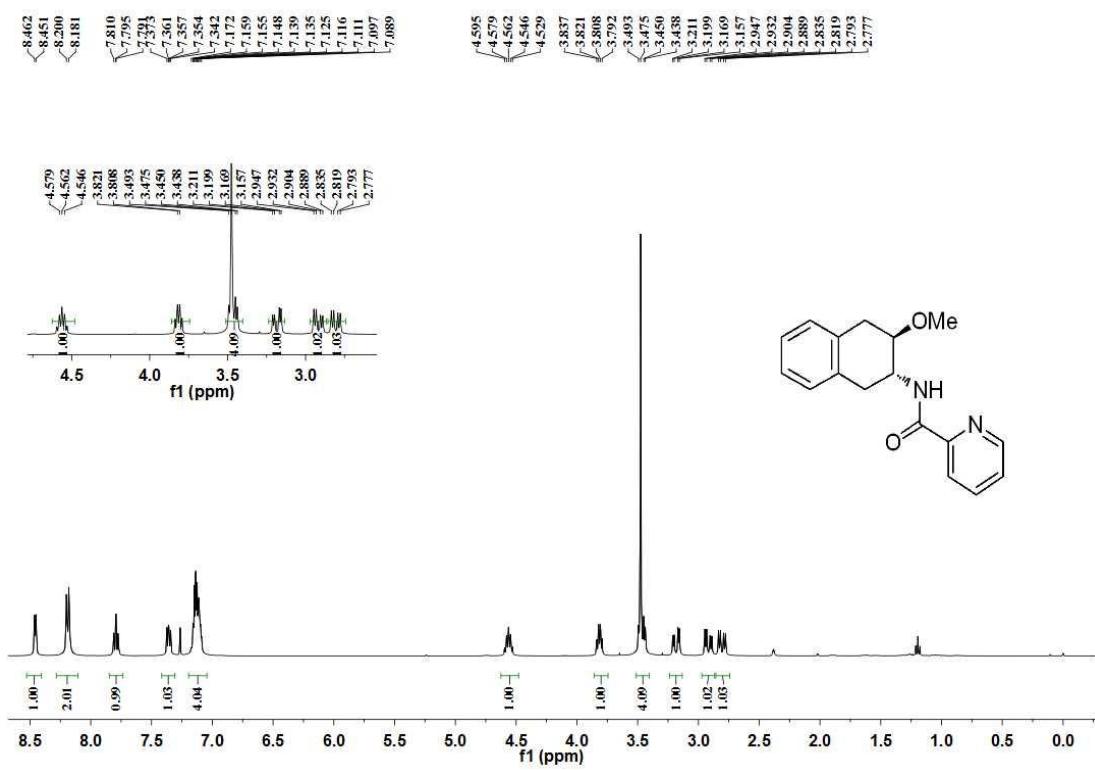


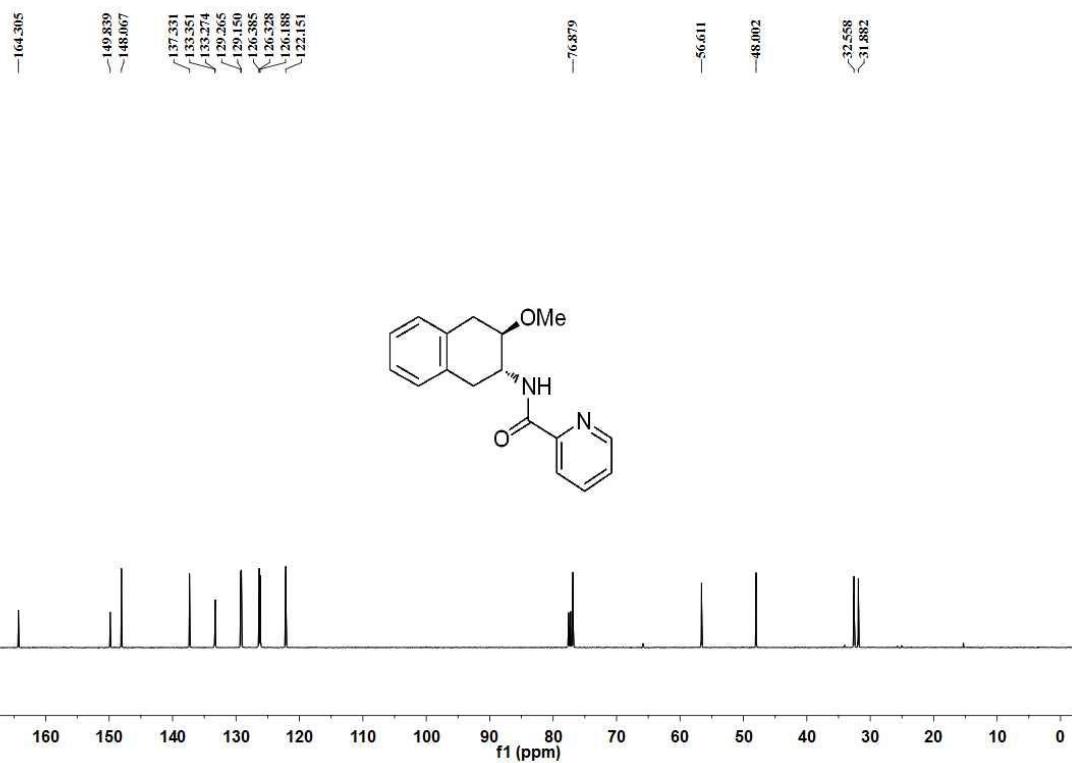
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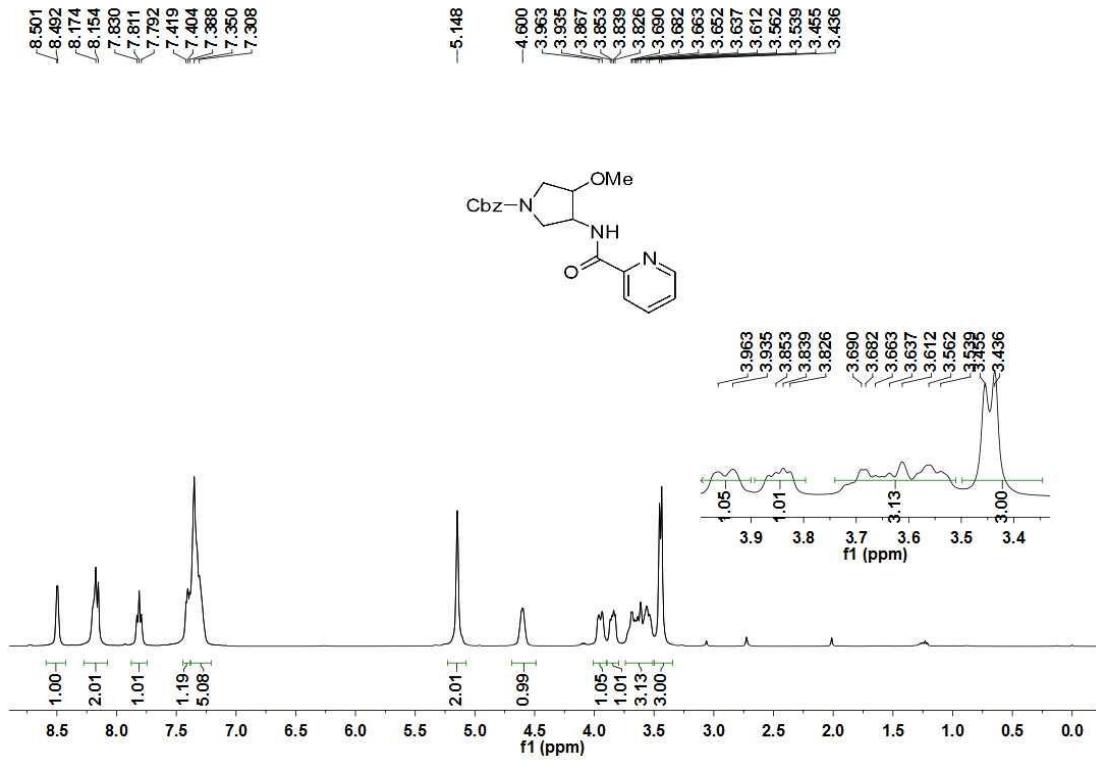


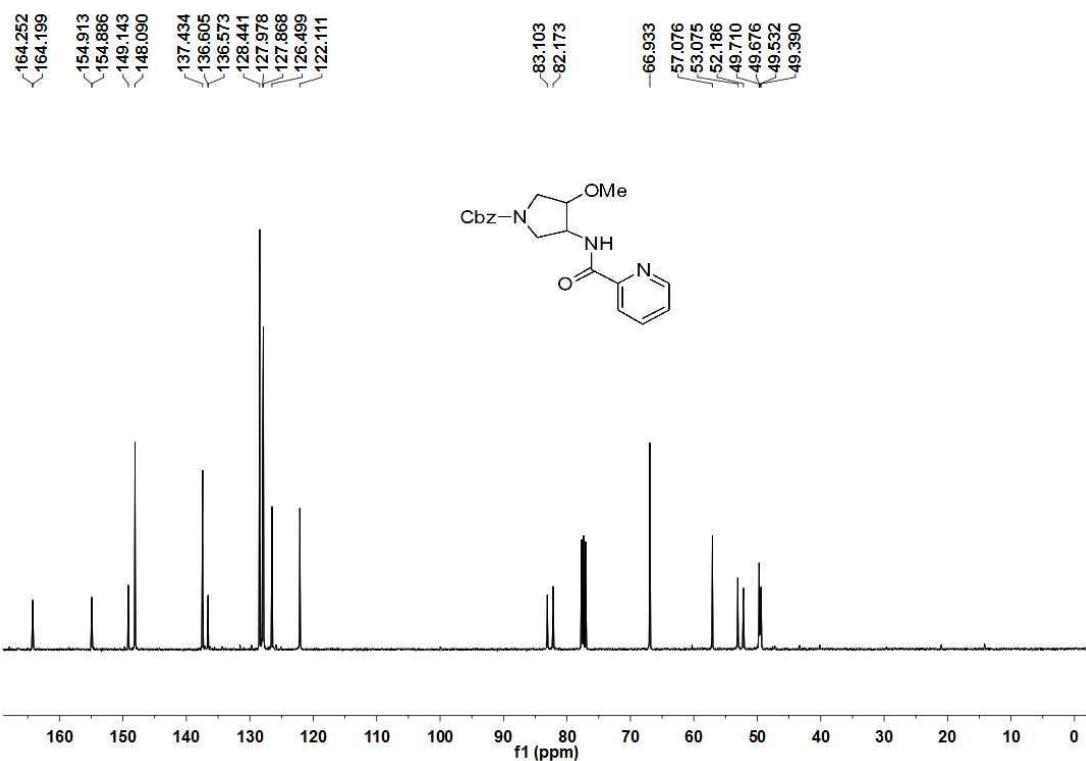
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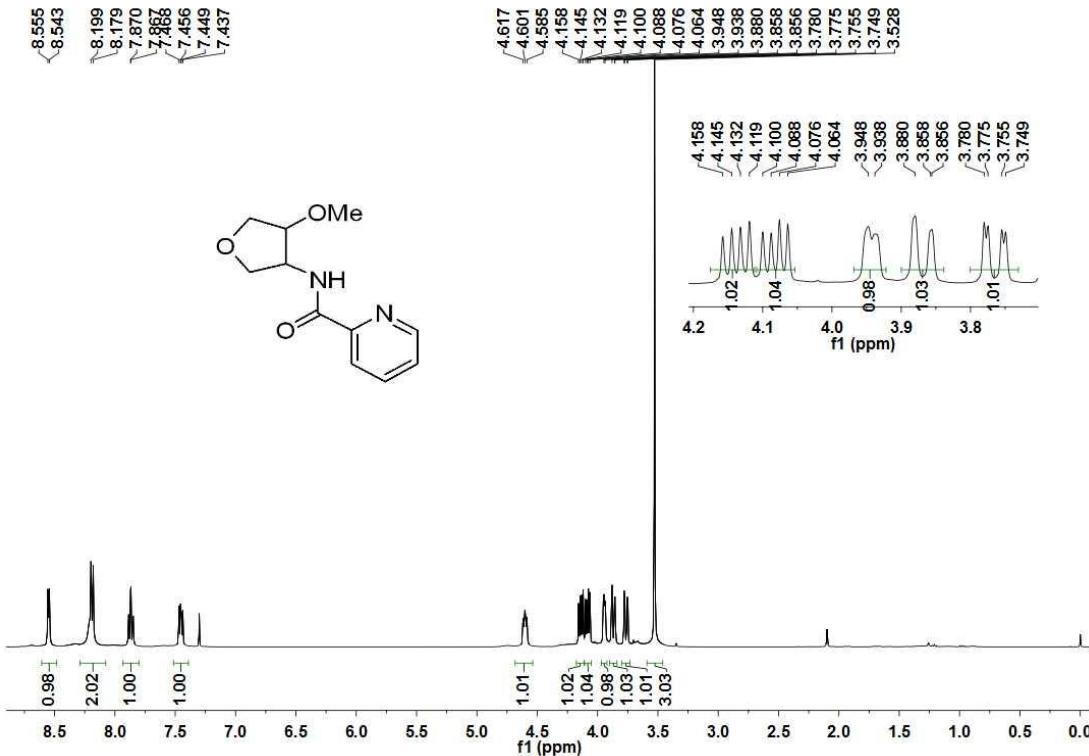


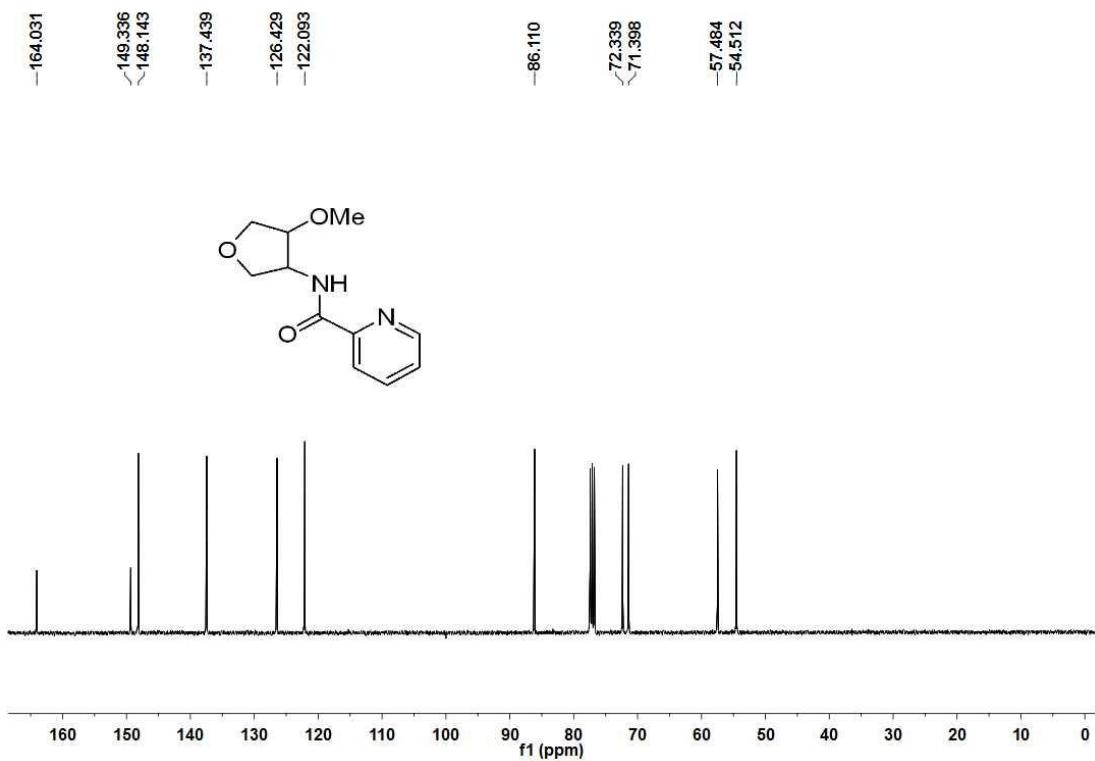
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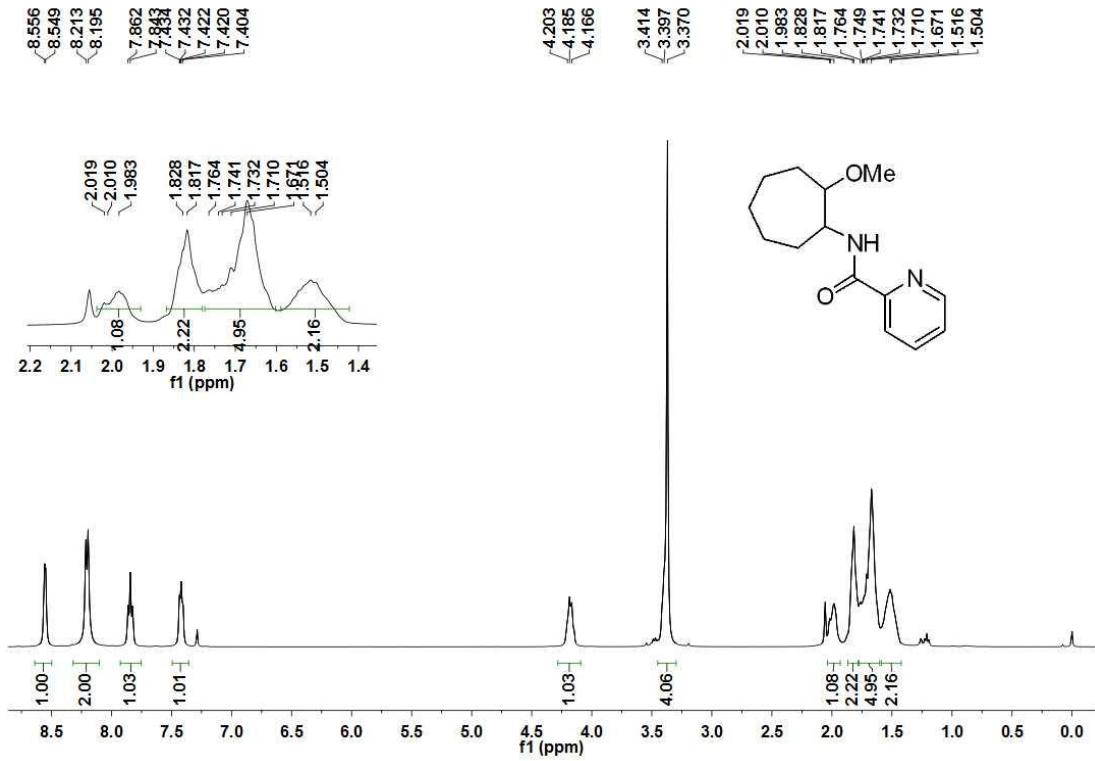


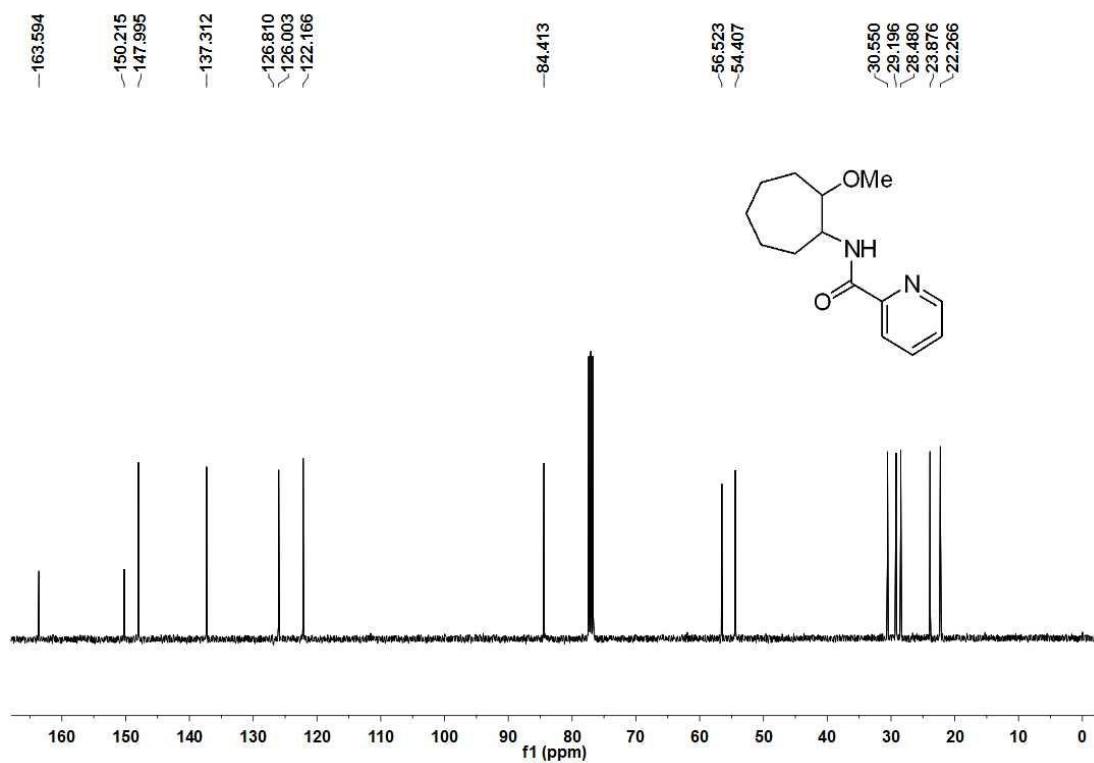
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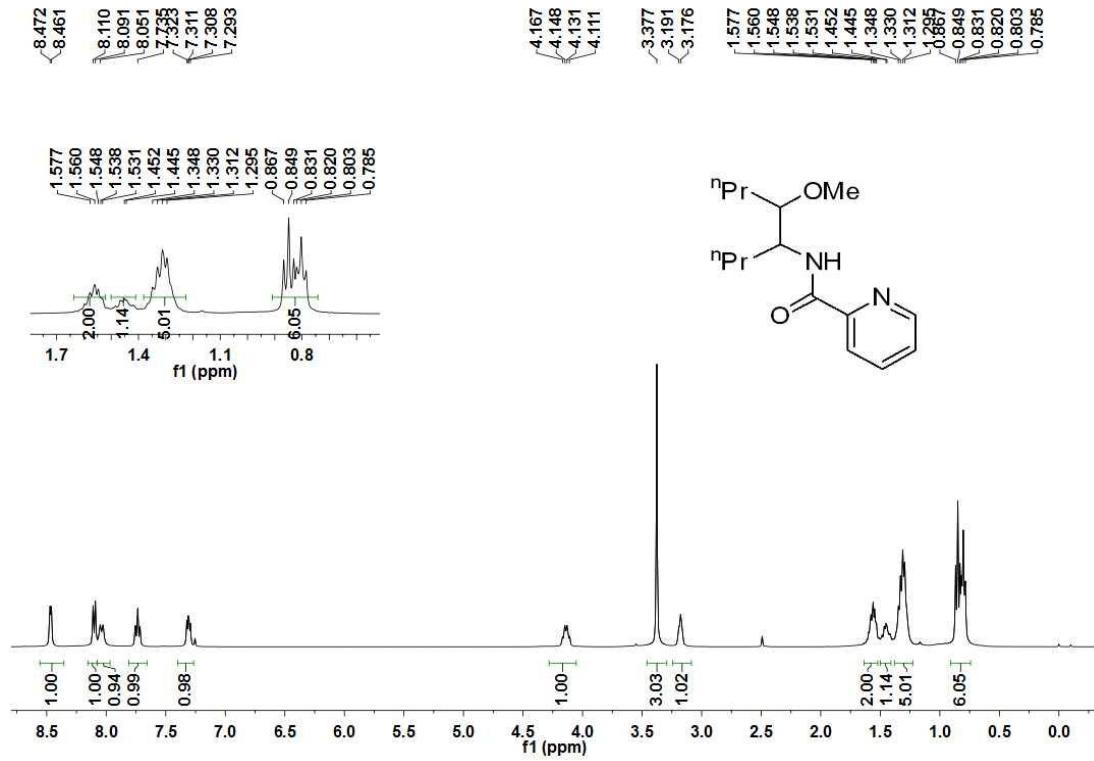


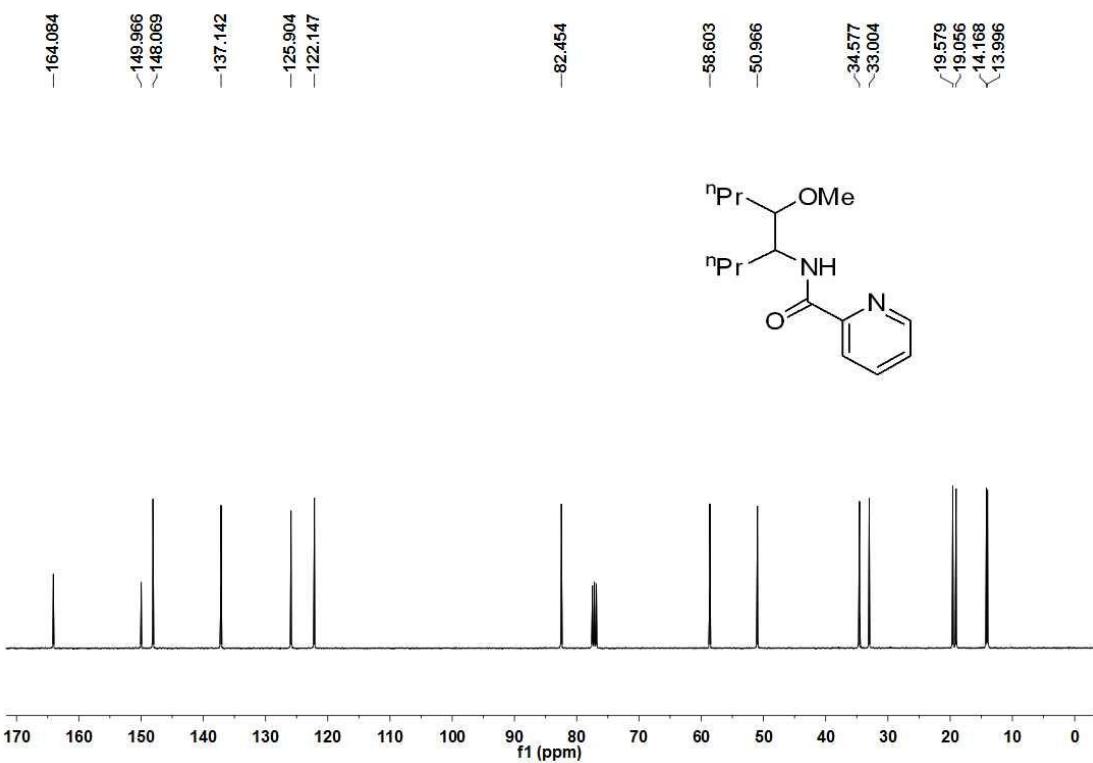
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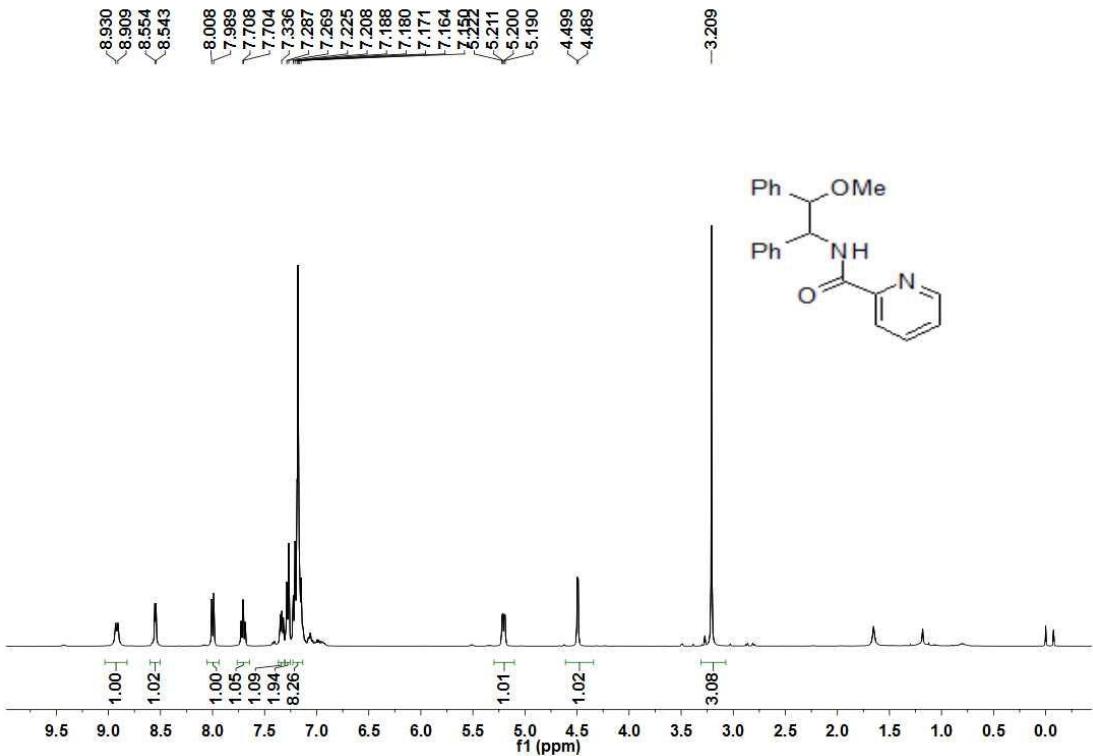


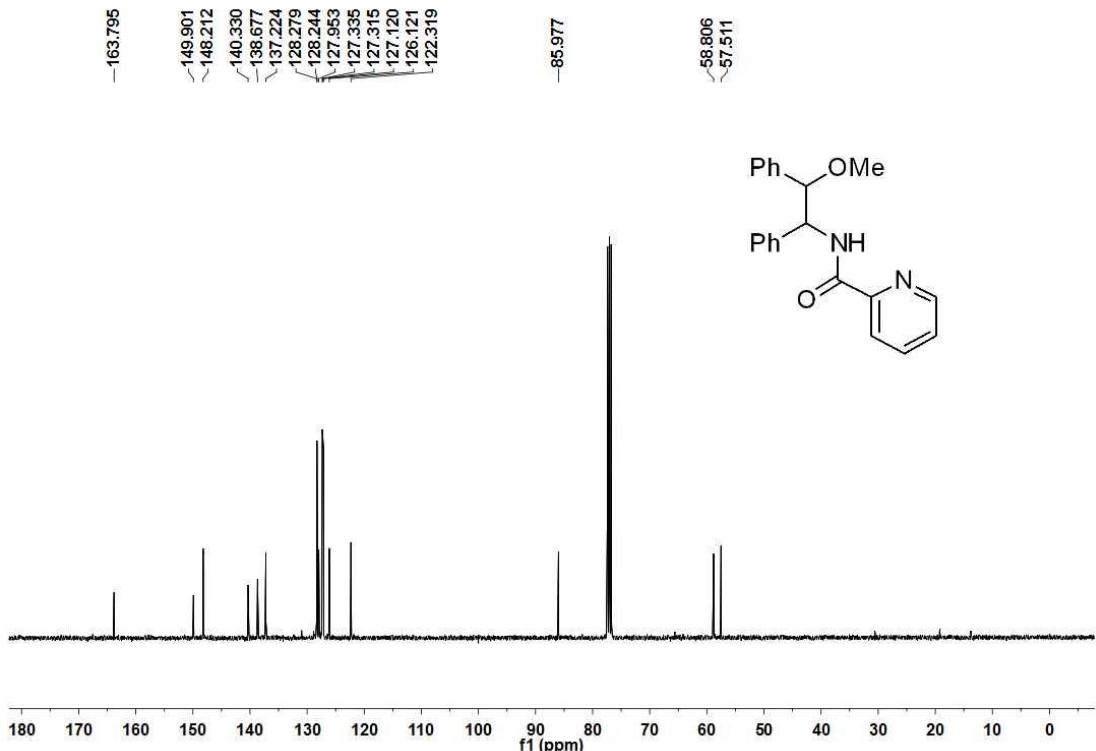
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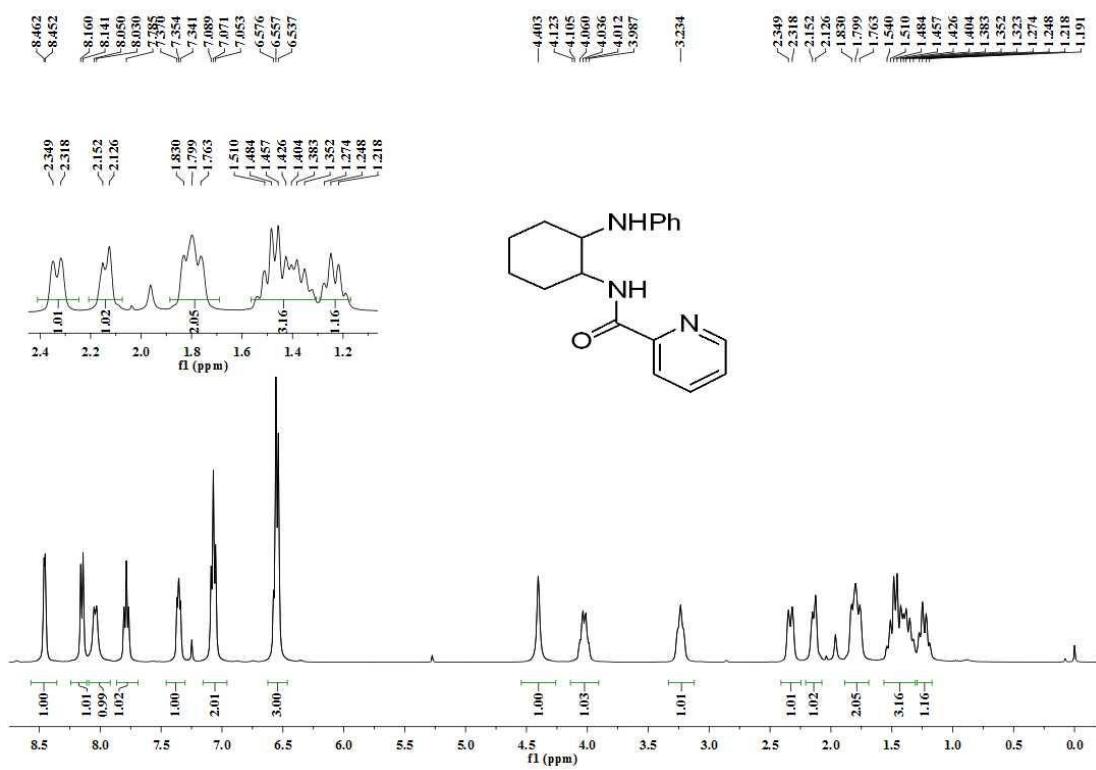


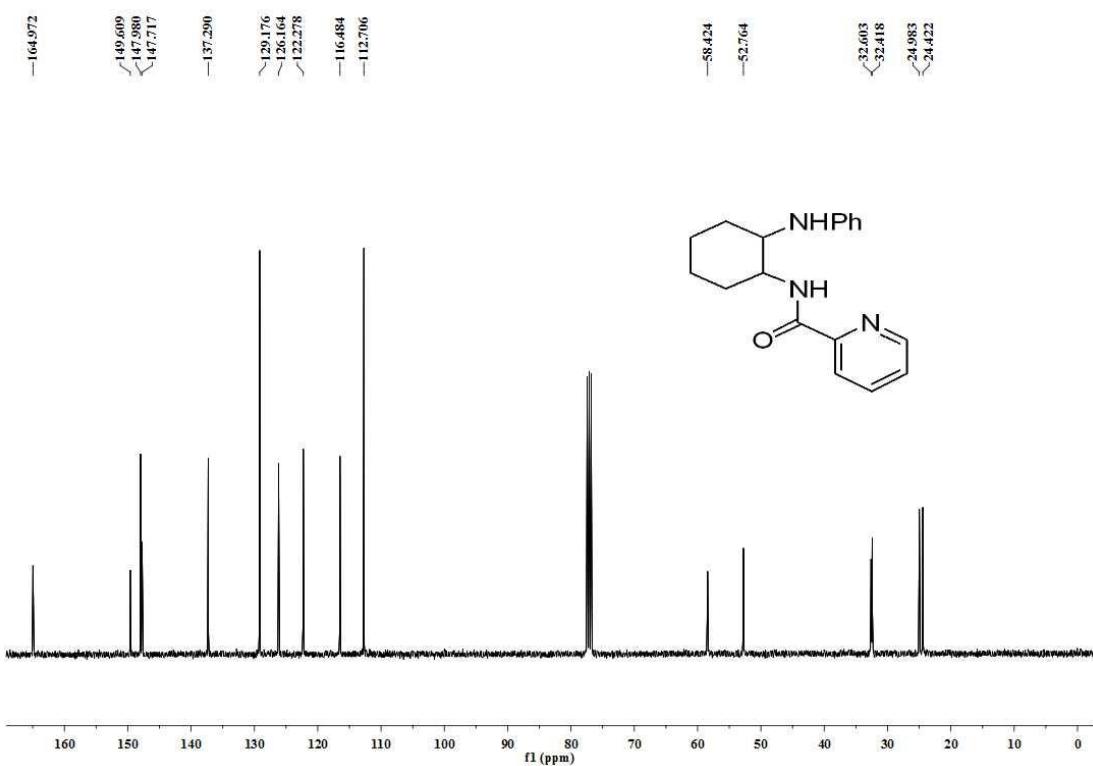
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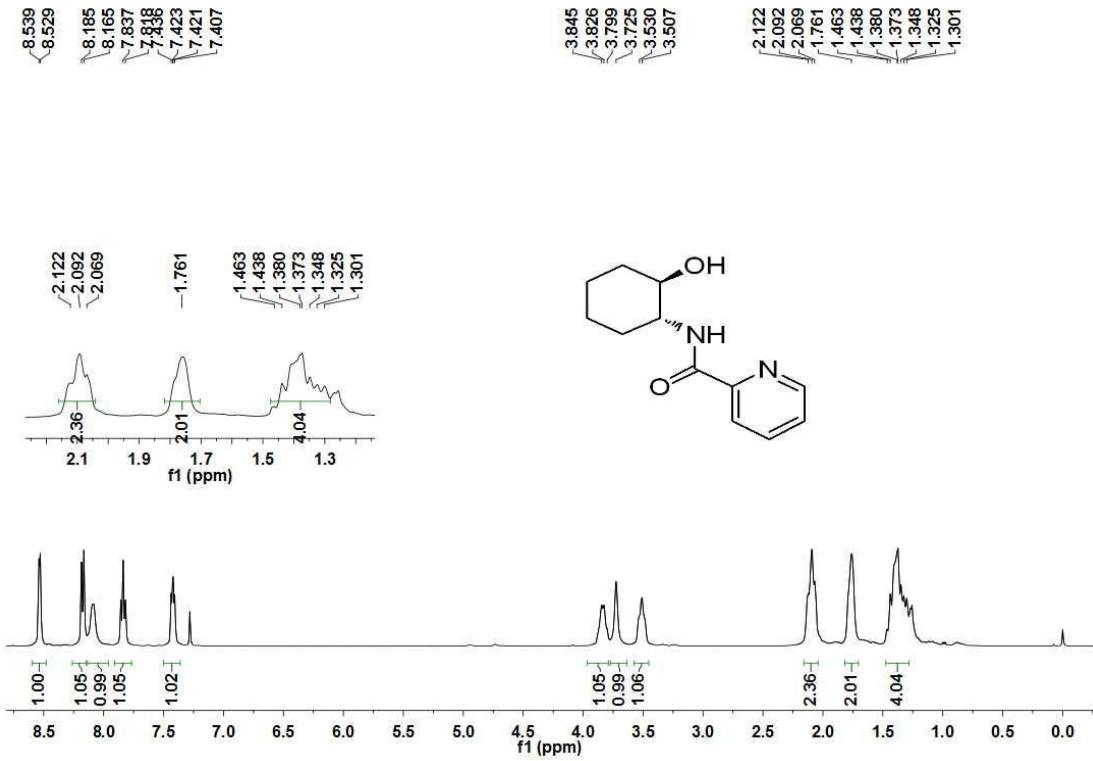


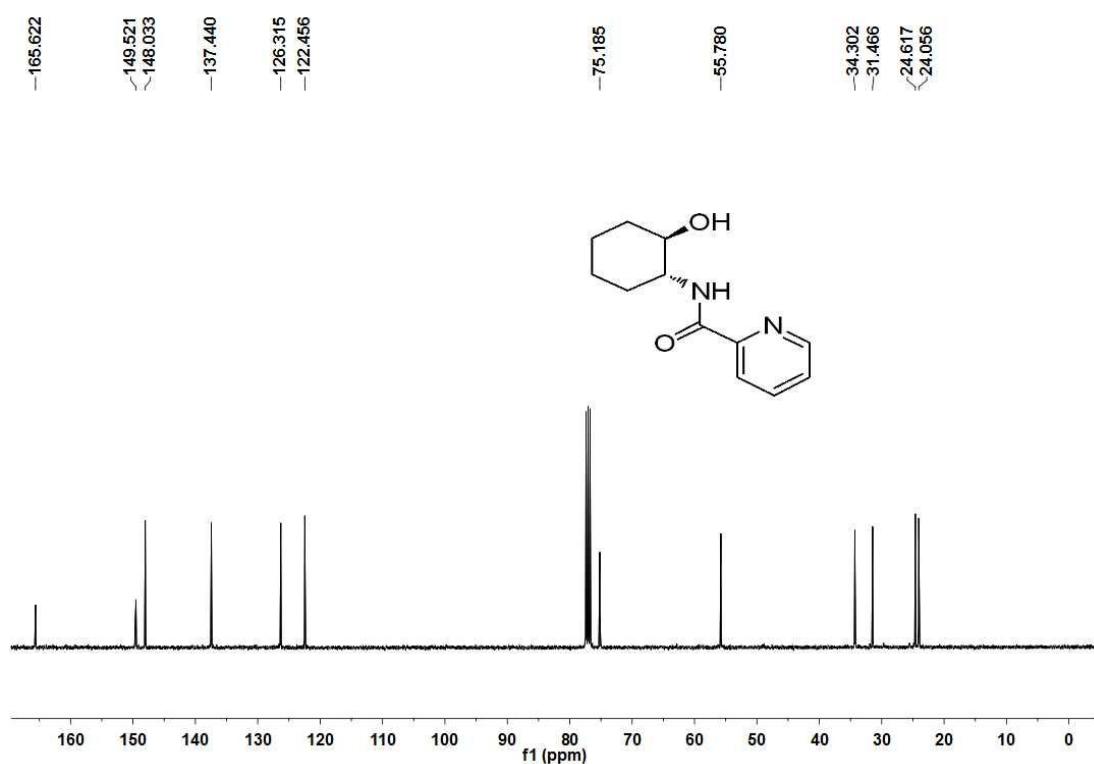
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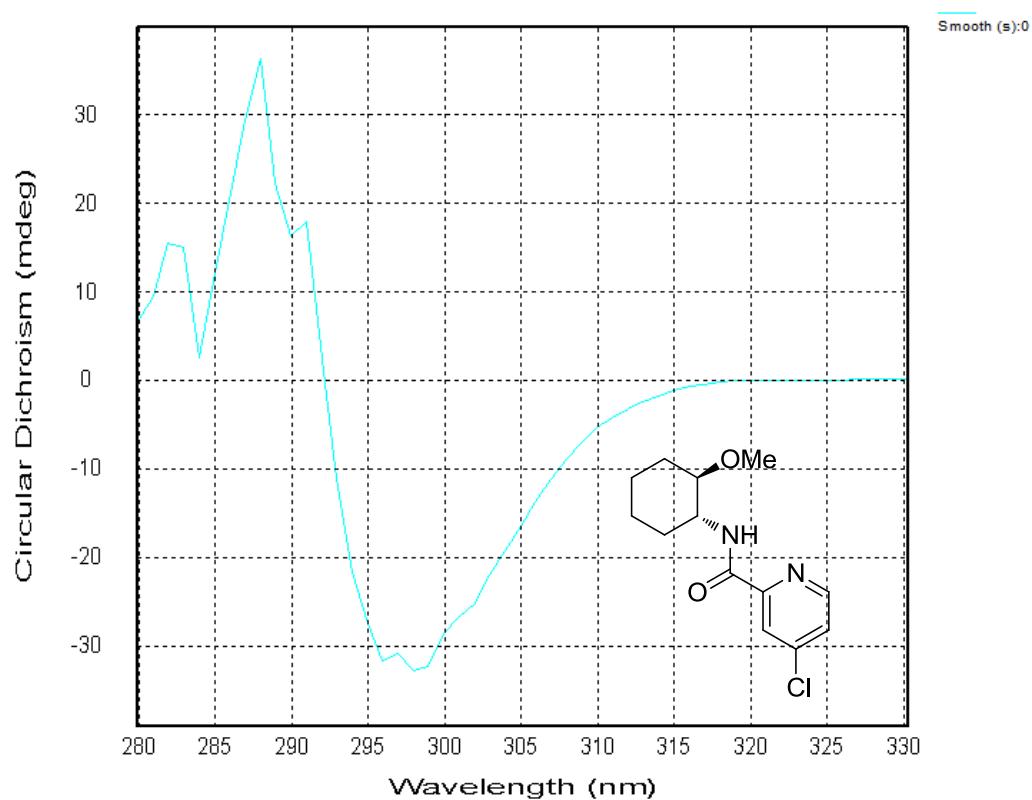
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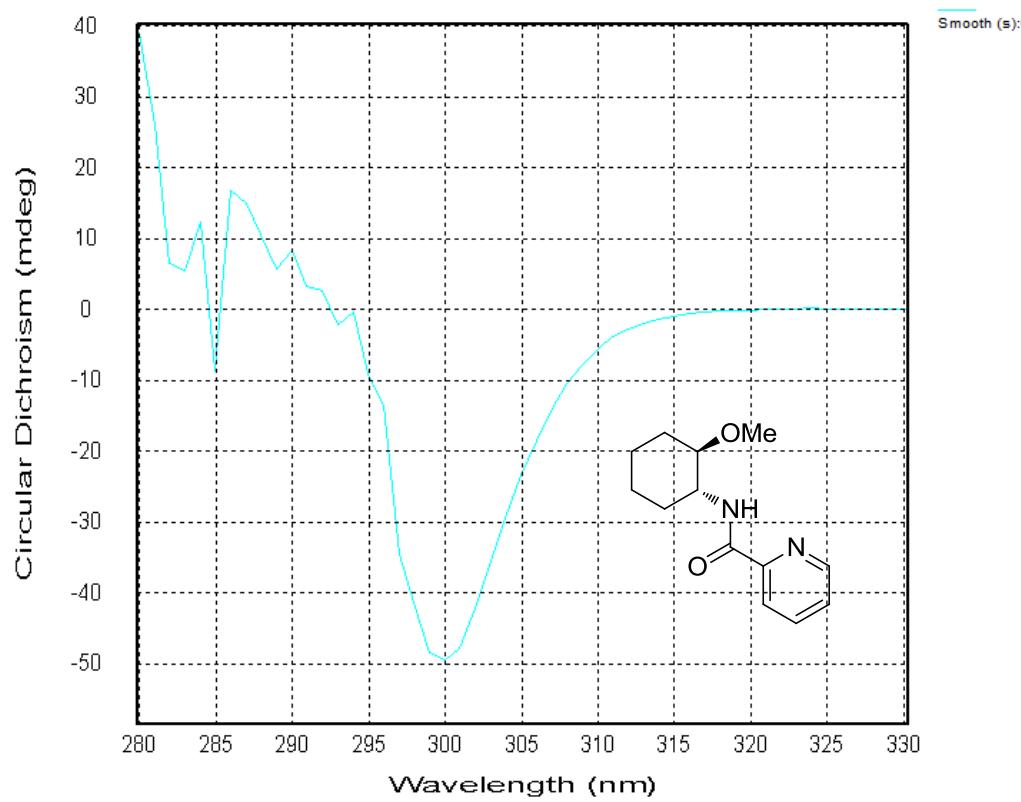


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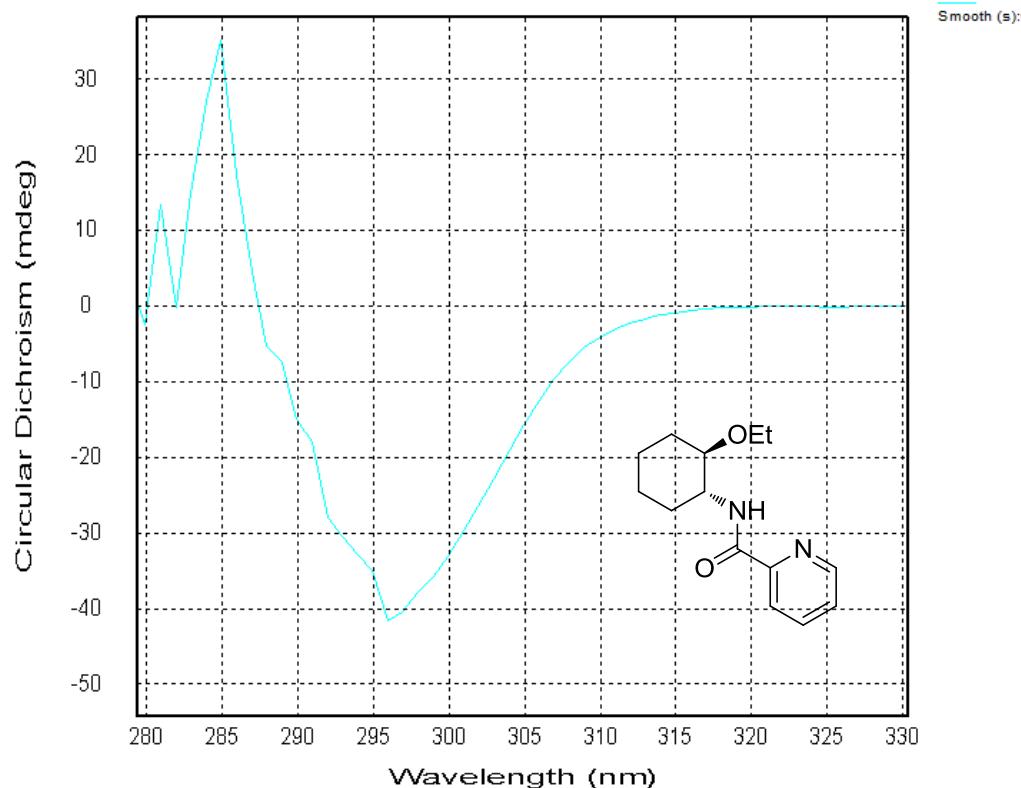
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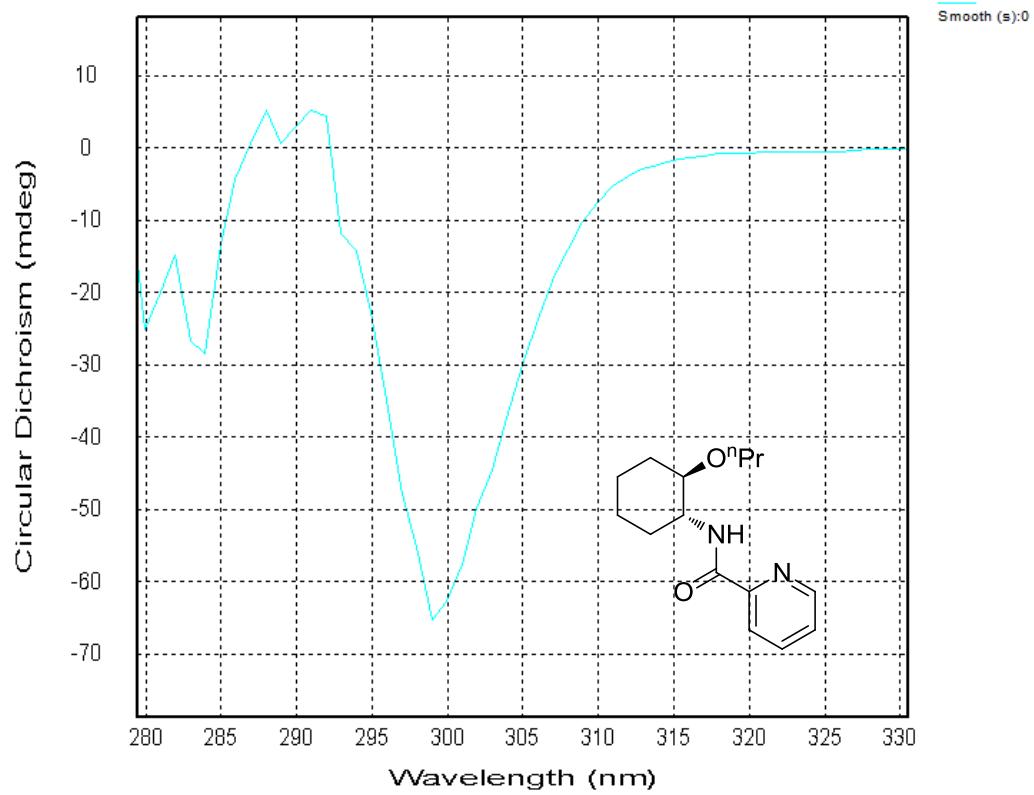
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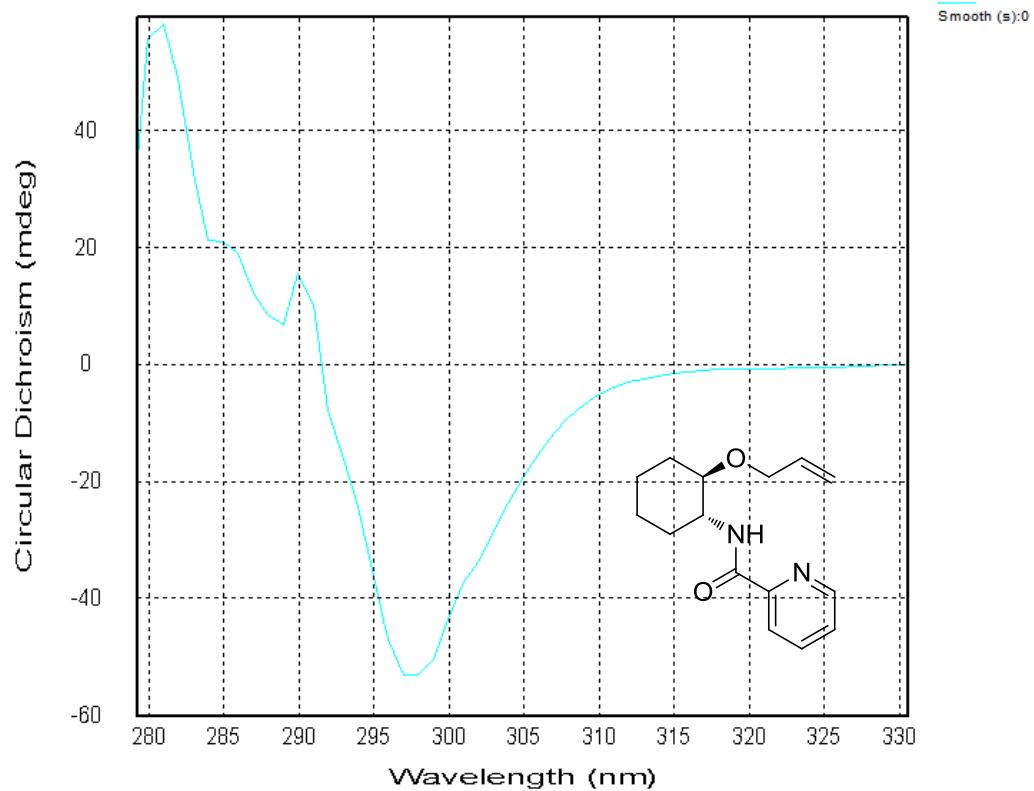
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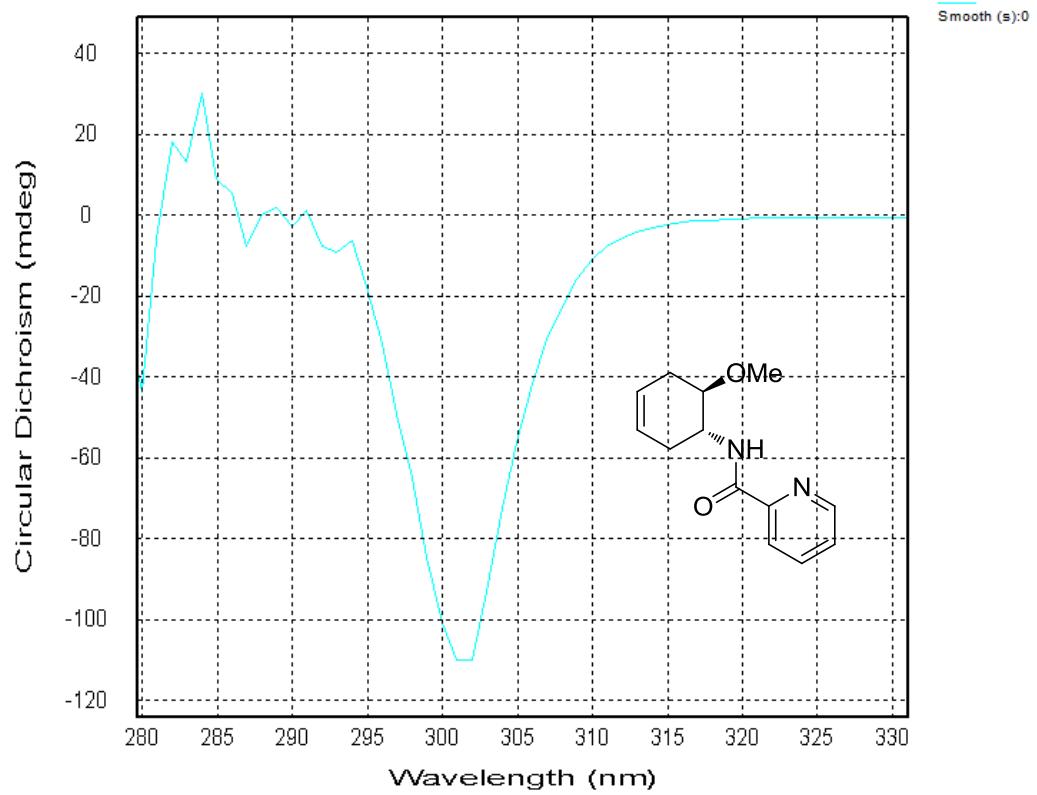


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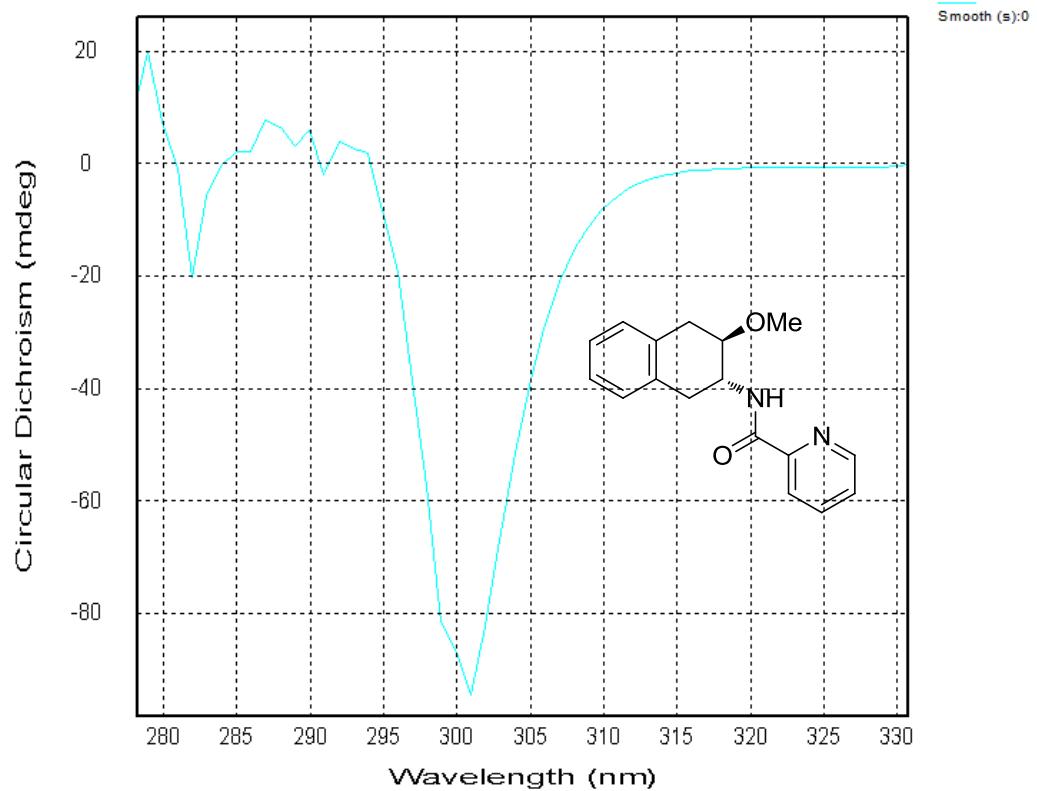


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