

Enantioselective Prins Cyclization: BINOL-Derived Phosphoric Acid and CuCl, a Synergistic Catalysis

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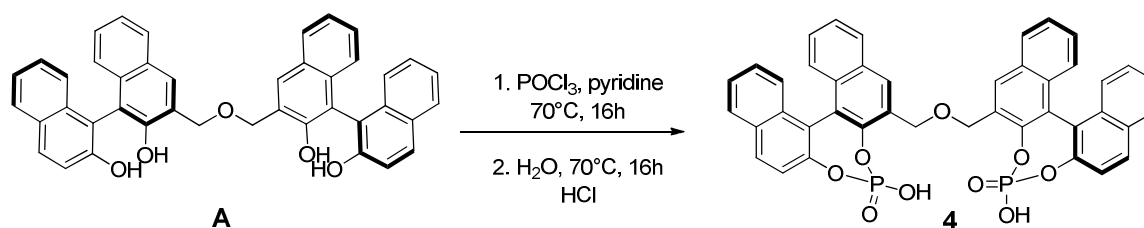
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I – General Informations

All the reactions were performed in dried glassware, under argon atmosphere, and sealed with a rubber septum. Reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. - TLC analyses were performed using precoated Merck TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Purifications by column chromatography on silica gel were performed using Merck Silica Gel 60(70-230 mesh) and purifications by preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel using Merck Silica Gel 60 PF₂₅₄. Petroleum ether (PE) used for purifications was the low boiling point fraction (40-60 °C). - ¹H NMR and ¹³C spectra were recorded on a Bruker DMX 500 or a Bruker Avance 300 instrument using TMS and CDCl₃ respectively as internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relatively to TMS and residual solvent as an internal standards. The following abbreviations are used for multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; dd, doublet of doublets; td, triplet of doublets; m, multiplet. Carbon multiplicities were determined by Jmod experiments. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). - HRMS analyses were obtained using a Waters Q-TOF 2 or a Micromass ZABSpec TOF or a Bruker Micro-TOF Q II or a LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument for ESI. X-ray crystallographic data were collected on an APEXII crystal diffractometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Model 341 polarimeter. Melting points were obtained on a hot bench. Analytical high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Shimadzu Prominence equipped with diode array UV detectors, using Daicel Chiralpak IA and IC. – The catalyst and the homoallylic alcohol were prepared according to the same procedure as previously described in the literature.

II - Preparation and NMR data of the catalyst **4**¹



In a flame-dried round-bottom flask under Ar atmosphere, **A**² (1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 12 mL of pyridine and POCl₃ (3 eq) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 16 h, then H₂O (2 mL) was added at r.t. and the resulting suspension was stirred additional 24 h at 70 °C. CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added and the organic phase was washed with 6N HCl (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), then the combined organic phases were washed again with 6N HCl (30 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, finally the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH : 10/1) to yield a white solid which was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and washed with 6N HCl (10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give pure **4** as a white solid (656 mg, 89% yield).

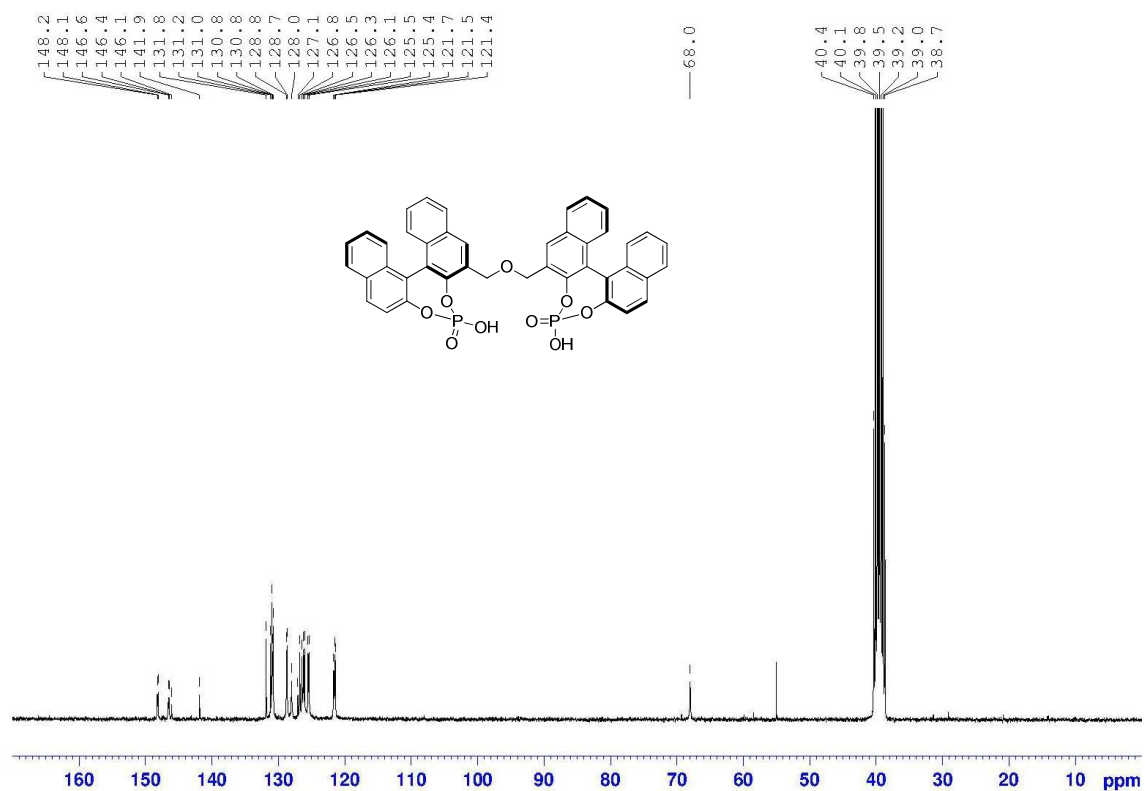
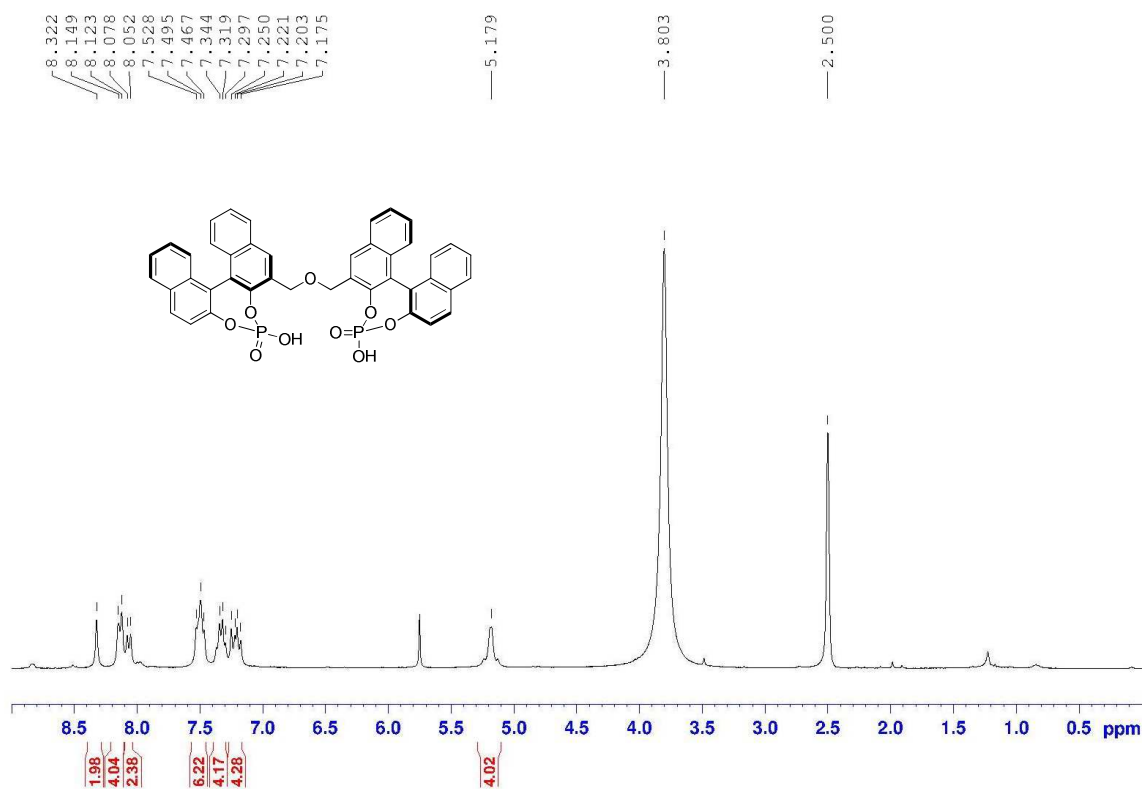
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ = 8.32 (s, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 4H), 5.17 (s, 4H) ppm;

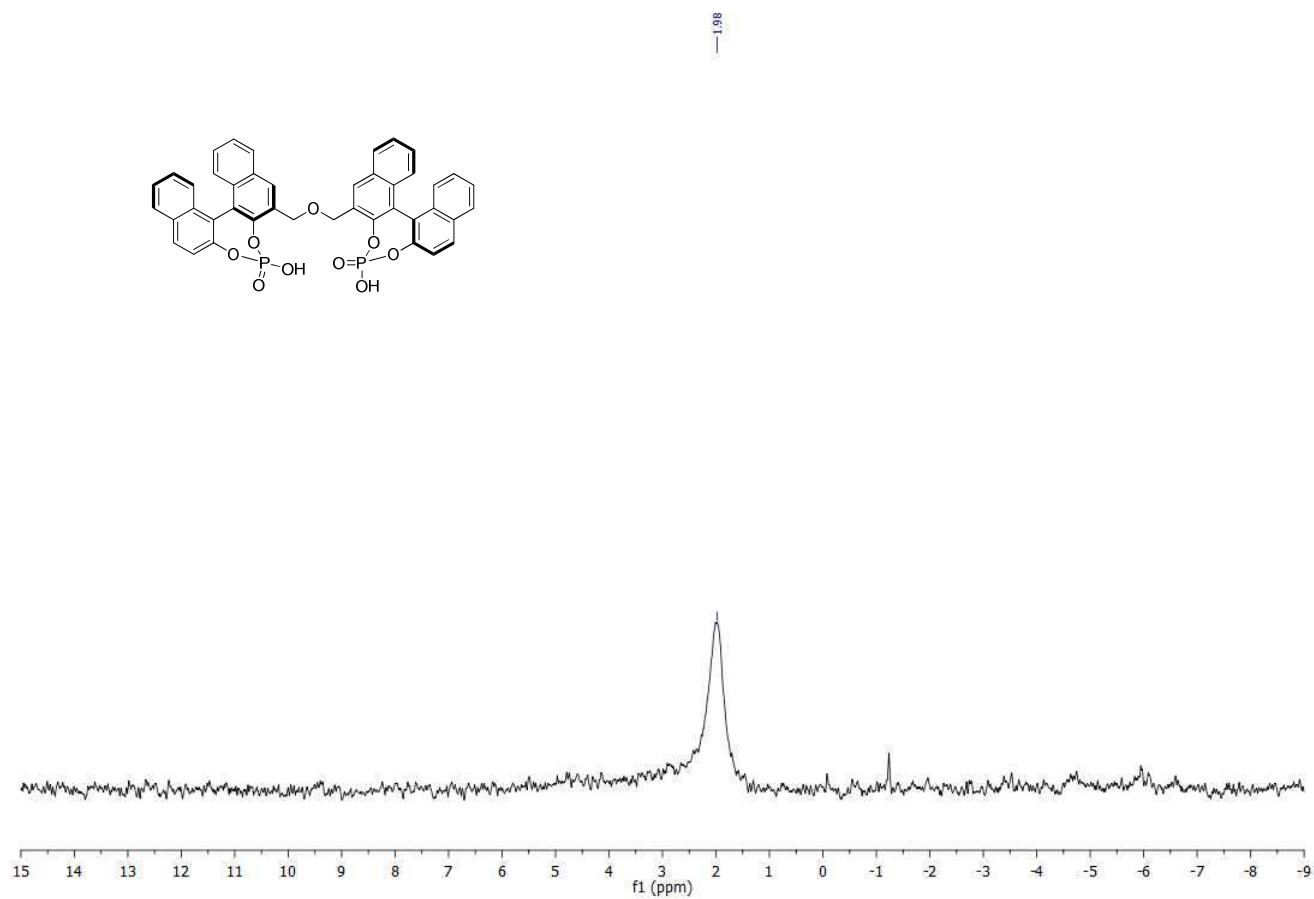
¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ = 148.2, 148.1, 146.6, 146.4, 146.1, 141.9, 131.8, 131.2, 131.0, 130.8, 130.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 126.1, 125.5, 125.4, 121.7, 121.5, 121.4, 68.0 (CH₂) ppm ppm.

³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO) δ = 1.98 ppm

¹ Chen, X.-H.; Zhang, W.-Q.; Gong, L.-Z. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 5652.

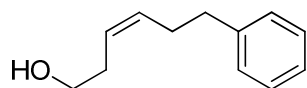
² Matsunaga, S.; Das, J.; Roels, J.; Vogl, E. M.; Yamamoto, N.; Iida, T.; Yamaguchi, K.; Shibasaki, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 2252.





III - NMR data of the homoallylic alcohol (Z)-1

(Z)-6-phenylhex-3-en-1-ol (Z)-1

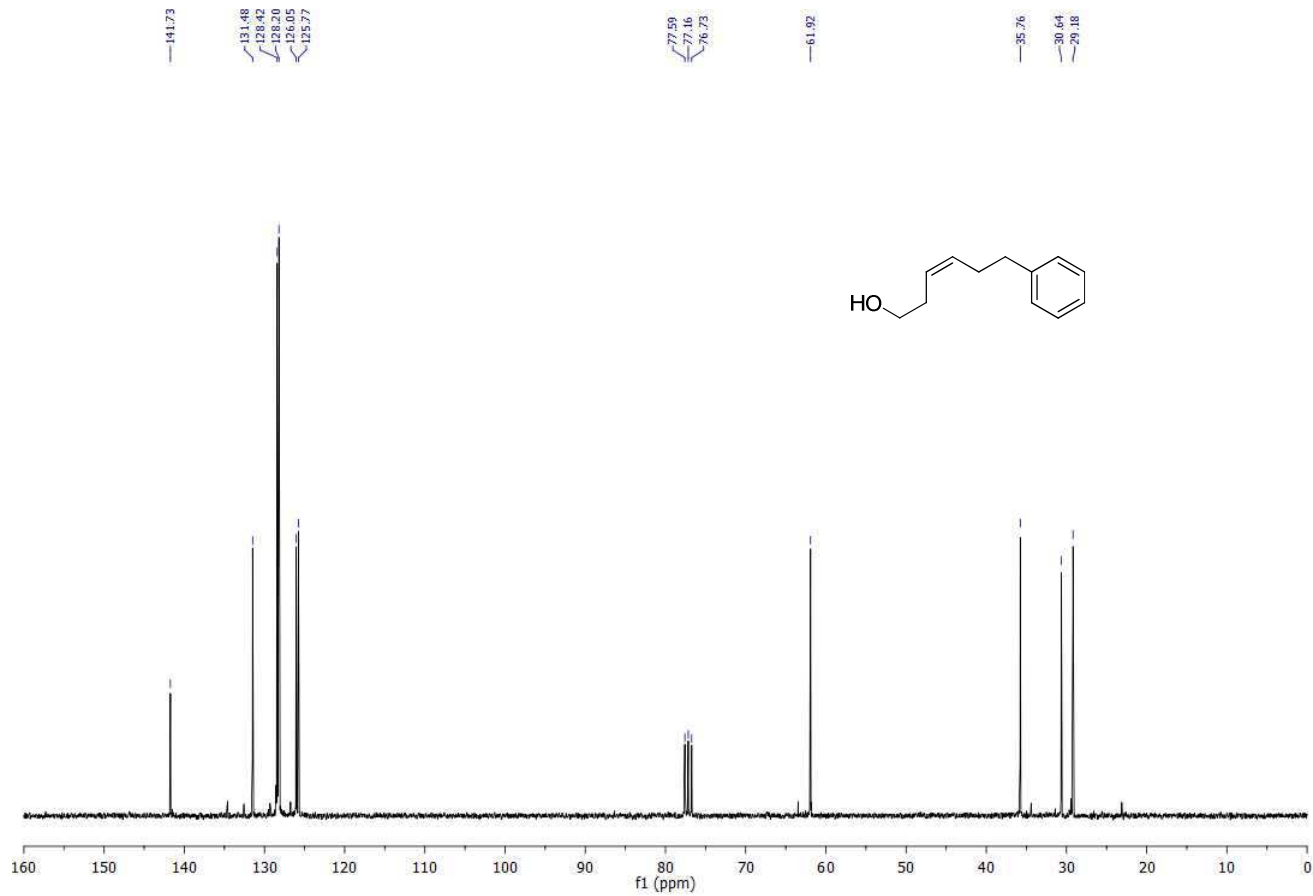
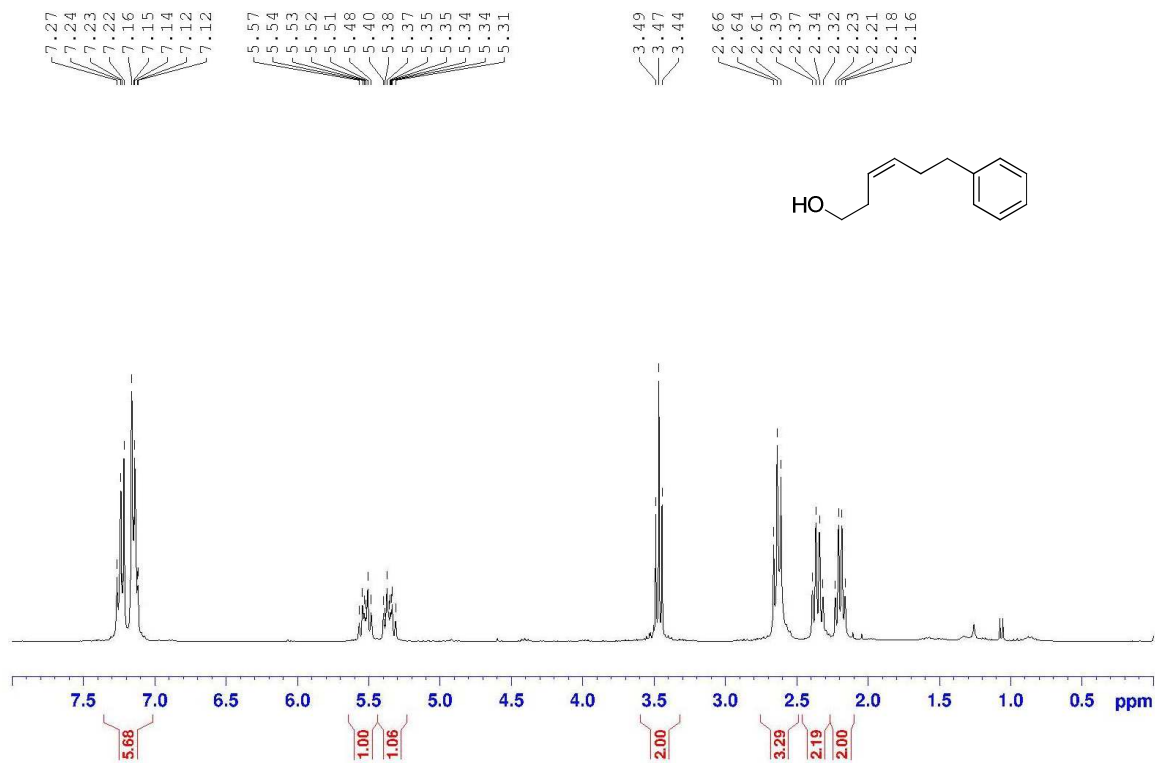


The title compound was obtained in 90% yield as a colorless liquid according to the literature.³

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.26-7.11 (m, 5H), 5.56-5.48 (m, 1H), 5.39-5.31 (m, 1H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.16 (m, 2H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.7 (C), 131.4 (CH), 128.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 61.9 (CH₂), 35.7 (CH₂), 30.6 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂) ppm.

³ Subba Reddy, B. V.; Borkar, P. ; Yadav, J. S.; Sridhar, B.; Grée, R. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, 76, 7677.



IV – Optimization studies: Lewis Acid variation

Entry	Lewis Acid	time	Yield (%)	e.r
1	Cu(OTf) ₂	22h	24	80:20
2	TMSOTf	22h	59	50:50
3	Zn(OTf) ₂	5days	26	50:50
4	Ni(OTf) ₂	22h	70	50:50
5	AgOTf	22h	57	50:50
6	LiOTf	40h	61	50:50
7	Bi(OTf) ₃	22h	26	50:50
8	MgCl ₂	5days	-	-
9	MgBr ₂	5days	-	-
10	CuCl	22h	70	80:20
11	CuBr	40h	39	79:21
12	CuI	5days	17	75:25
13	CuCl ₂	22h	65	79:21

V - Optimization studies: solvent effect

Entry	solvent	time	Yield (%)	e.r.
1	DCE	22h	70	80:20
2	DCM ^[a]	22h	69	77:23
3	CHCl ₃	40h	38	70:30
4	CCl ₄	40h	31	62:38
5	toluene	40h	52	58:42
6	EtOAc	40h	34	75:25
7	Et ₂ O ^[a]	22h	41	75:25
8	DIPE	40h	48	75:25
9	THF	5days	-	-
10	dioxane	5days	-	-

[a] Sealed vial

VI – General procedure for the racemic tandem Prins/Friedel-Crafts cyclization.

To a stirring solution of homoallylic alcohol **(Z)**-**1** (1 eq, 0.1 mmol) and aldehyde (1.2 eq, 0.12 mmol) in dry dichloromethane DCM (0.1 M, 1 mL) was added trifluoromethane sulfonic acid TfOH (0.3 eq, 0.03 mmol). The obtained mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere at room temperature for 16 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purification of the residue over silica gel (Petroleum Ether/Diethyl Ether : 5/2) provided the desired product as single diastereomer between 52% and 92% yield.

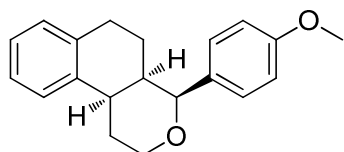
VII – General procedure for the enantioselective tandem Prins/Friedel-Crafts cyclization.

In a flame-dried tube under argon atmosphere catalyst **4** (0.1 eq, 0.01 mmol, 7mg), CuCl (0.1 eq, 0.01 mmol, 1mg) were charged together with dry dichloroethane DCE (0.1 M, 1 mL). To this suspension the homoallylic alcohol **(Z)**-**1** (1 eq, 0.1 mmol) and the aldehyde (1.2 eq, 0.12 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere at 40 °C for 22 h and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified over silica gel (Petroleum Ether/Diethyl Ether : 5/2) providing the desired product **5** as single diastereomer.

VIII - ^1H , ^{13}C NMR data and HPLC data of compounds 5

(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene

5a



Obtained as a white solid,
16 mg, 70% yield, dr > 95:5;

M.p. 135-138 °C;

$[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -1.7 (c 1.0, CHCl_3);

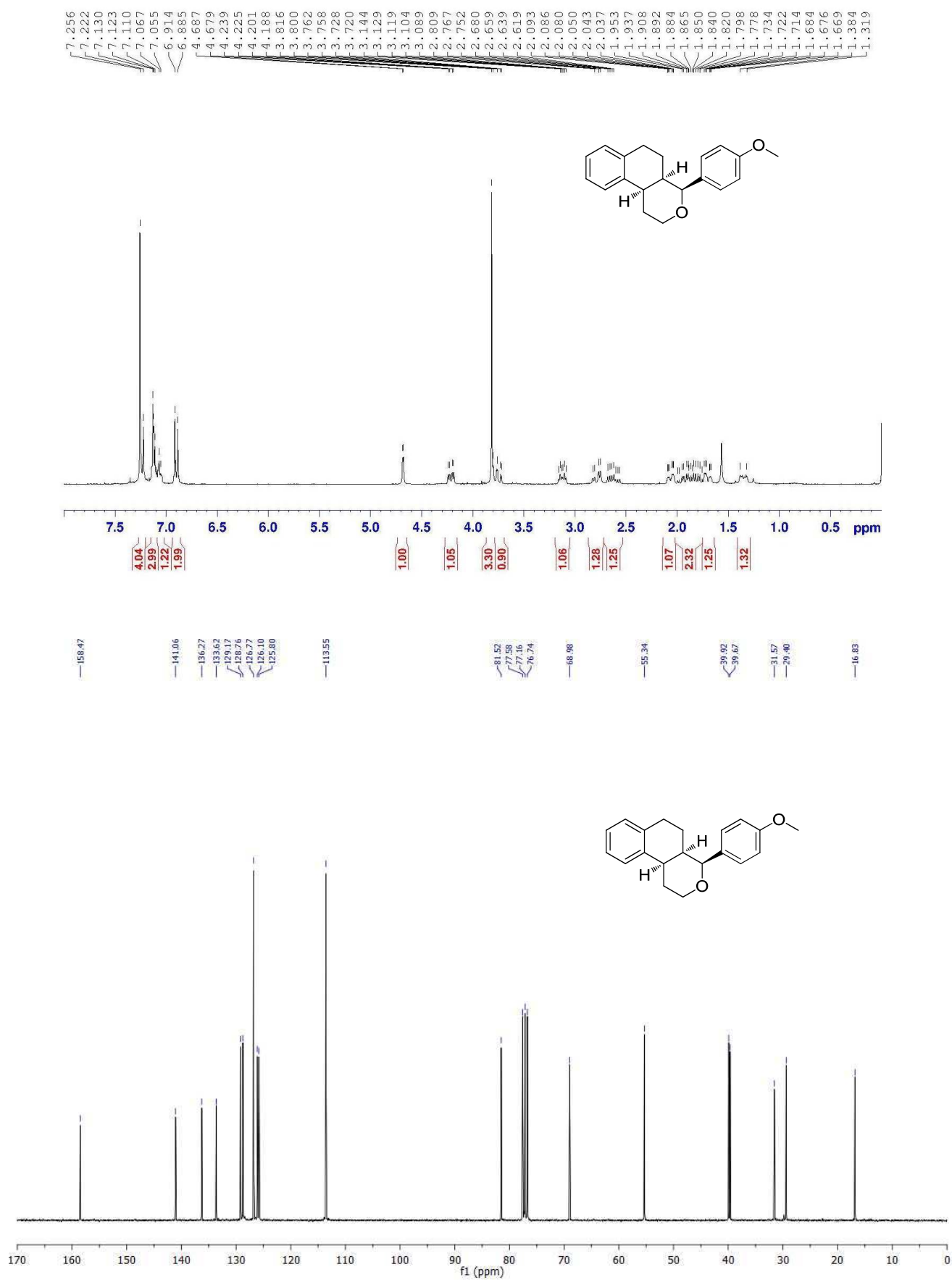
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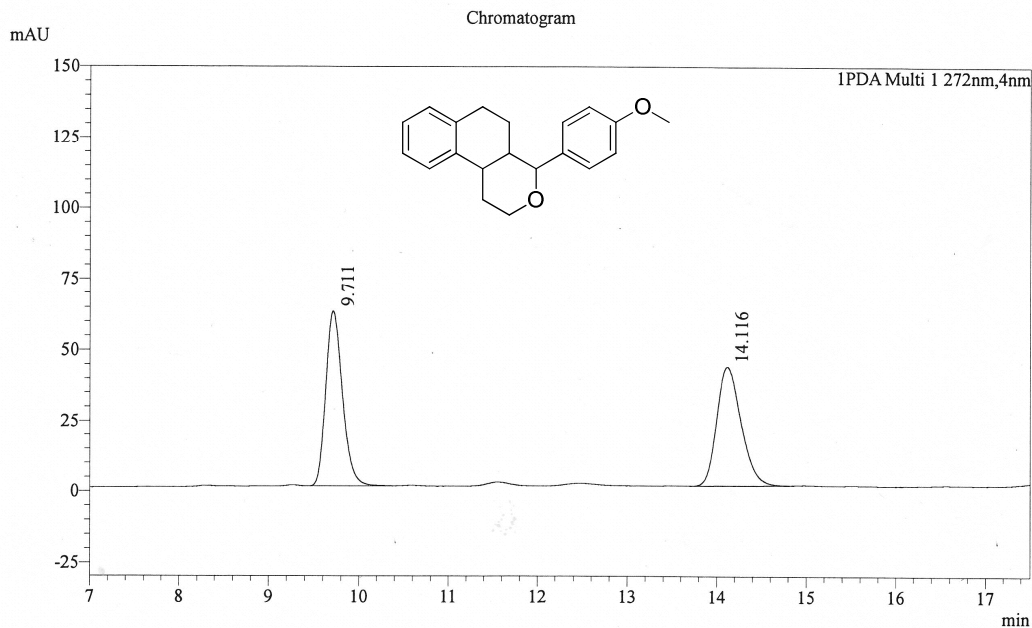
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IA, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 272 nm): major isomer: t_R = 8.8 min, minor isomer: t_R = 13.5 min, 79:21 e.r.;

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 1H) ppm;

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 158.4 (C), 141.0 (C), 136.2 (C), 133.6 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 113.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 81.5 (CH), 68.9 (CH_2), 55.3 (CH_3), 39.9 (CH), 39.6 (CH), 31.5 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 16.8 (CH_2) ppm.



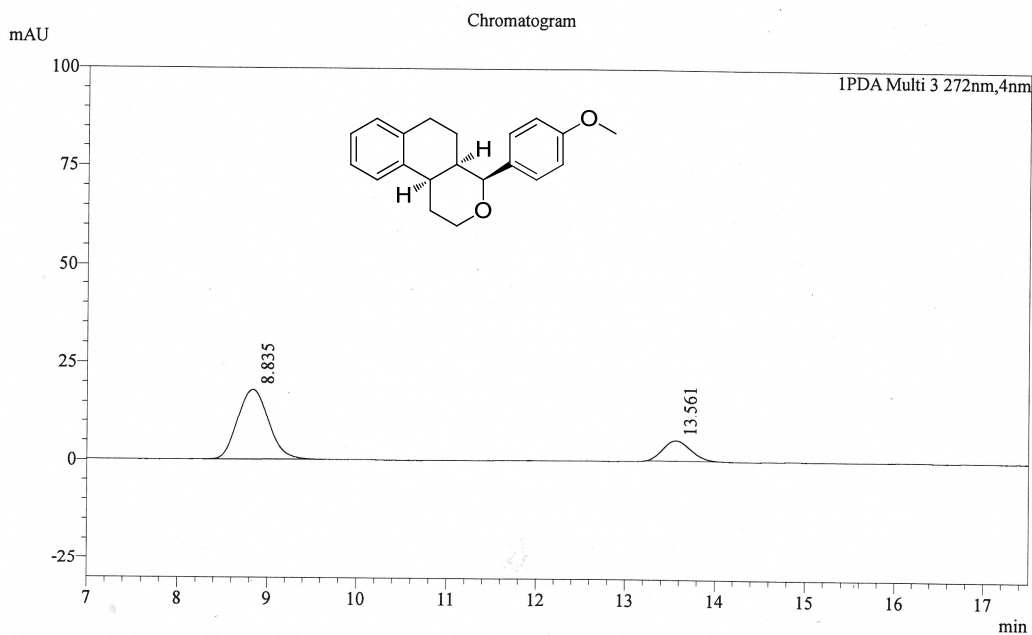
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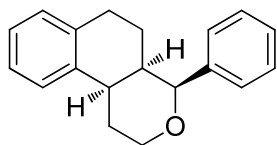


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(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-phenyl-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene 5b



Obtained as a colorless oil,
19 mg, 73% yield, dr > 95:5;
 $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -4.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃);

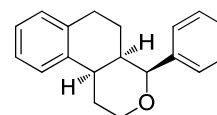
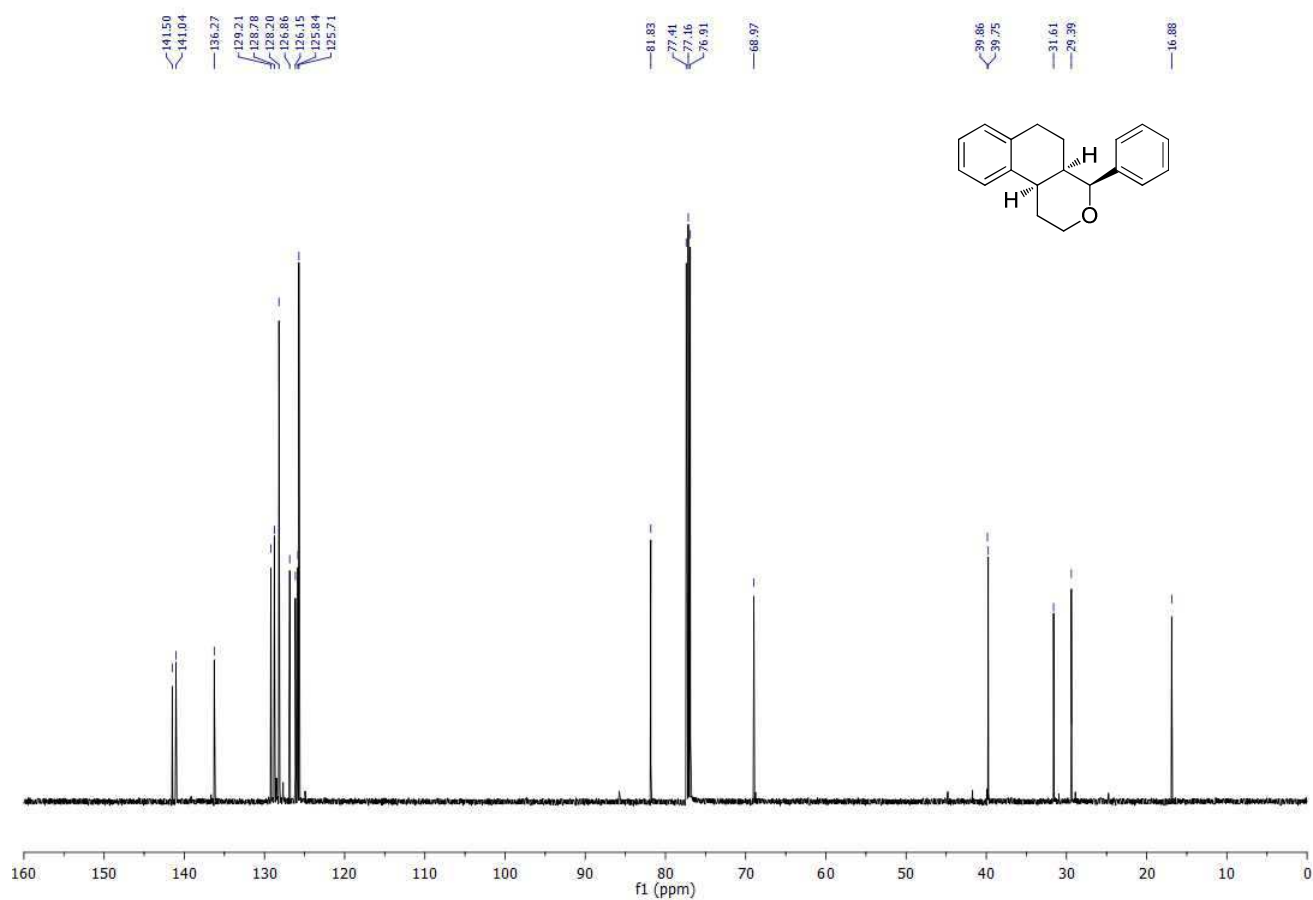
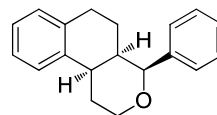
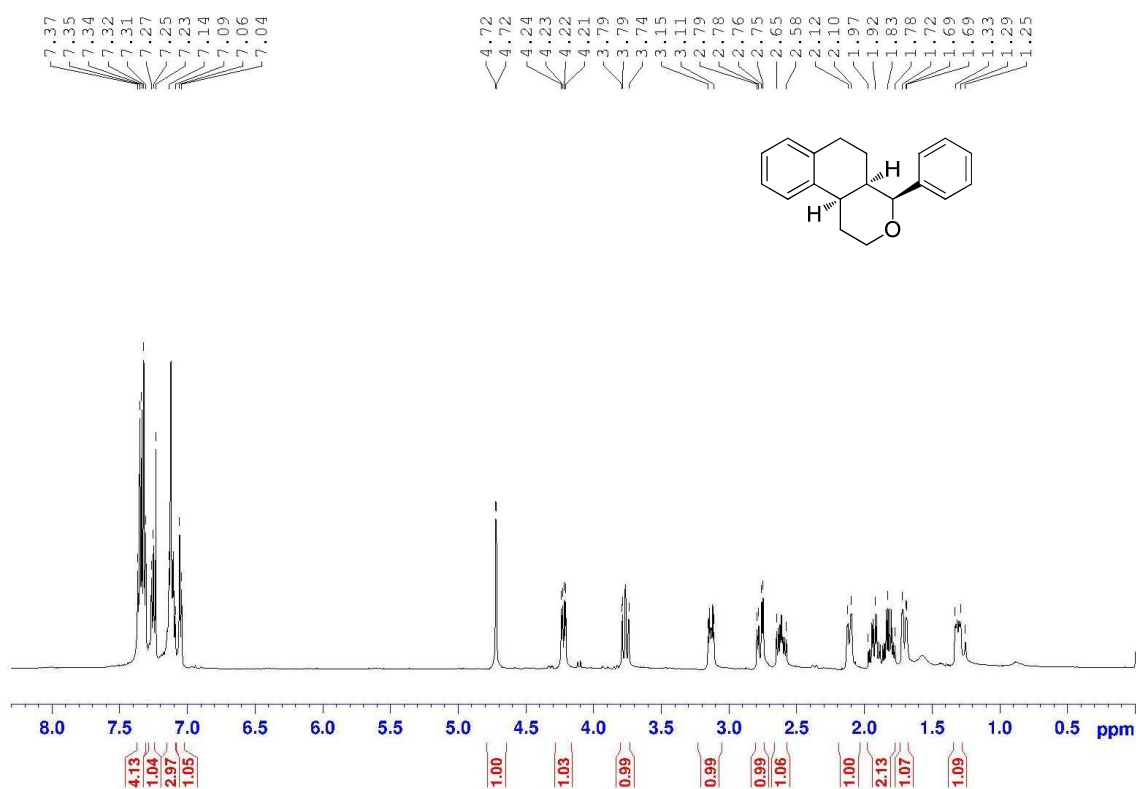
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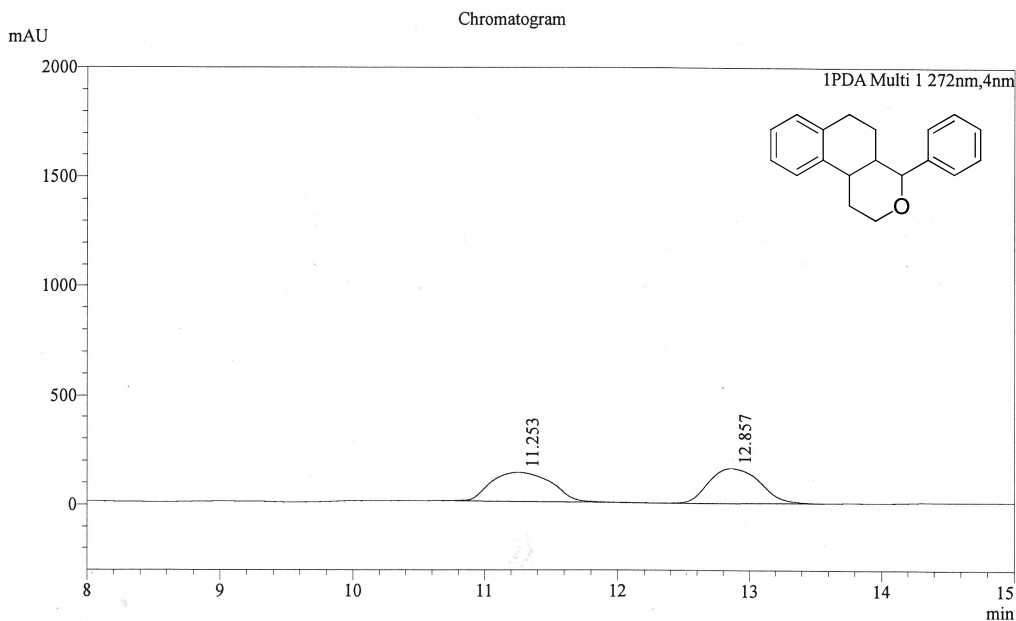
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.97-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.5 (C), 141.0 (C), 136.2 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.2 (2 × CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 125.7 (2 × CH), 81.8 (CH), 68.9 (CH₂), 39.8 (CH), 39.7 (CH), 31.6 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 16.8 (CH₂) ppm.



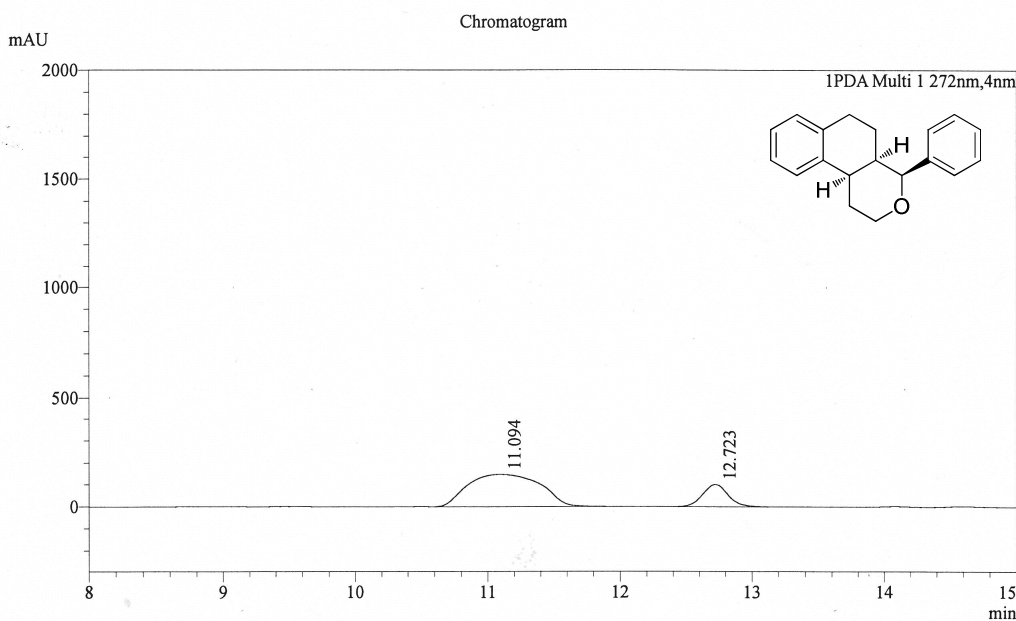
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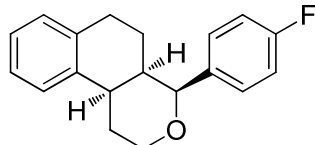
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(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene

5c



Obtained as a white solid,
19 mg, 68% yield, dr > 95:5;
M.p. 78-81 °C;
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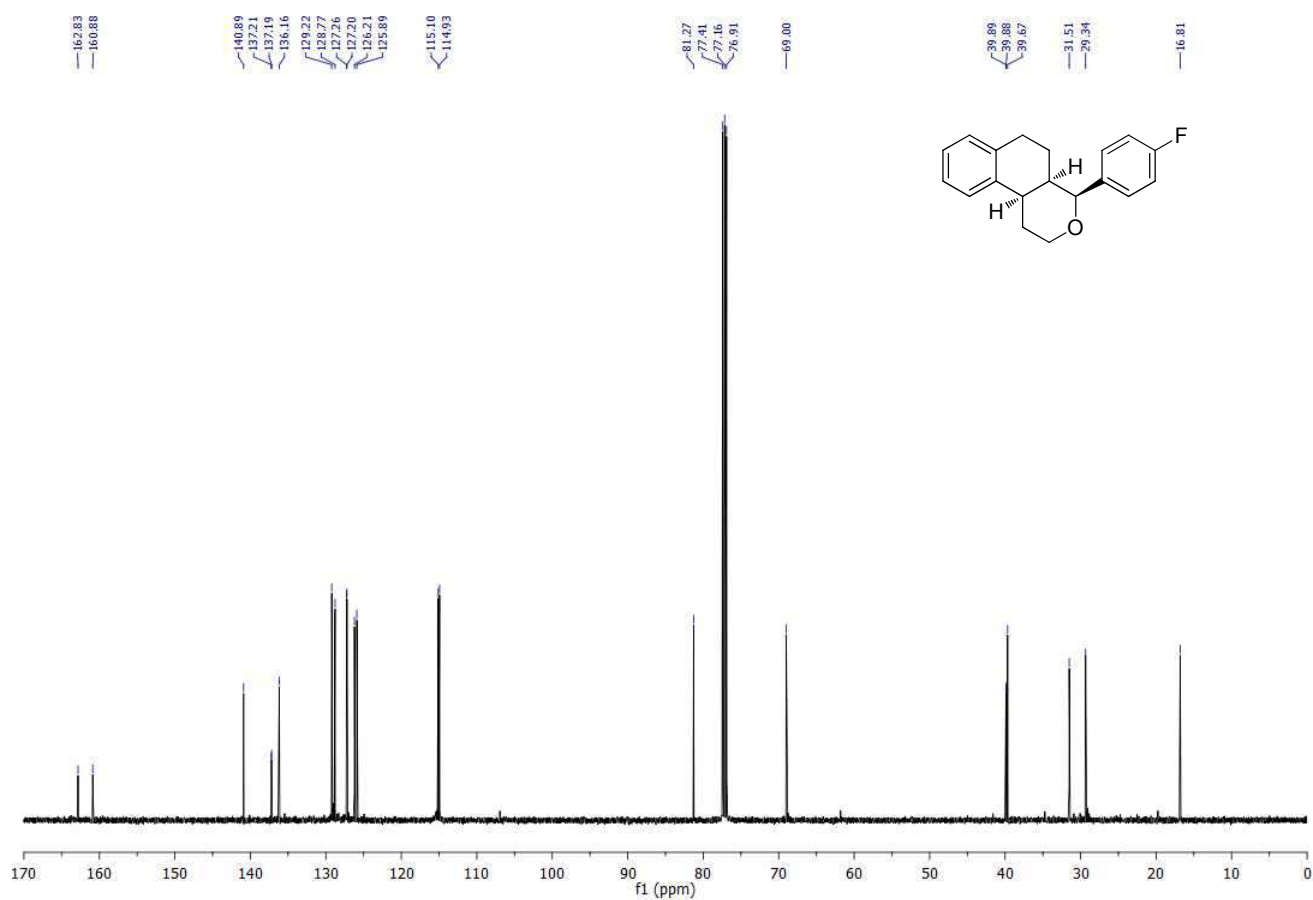
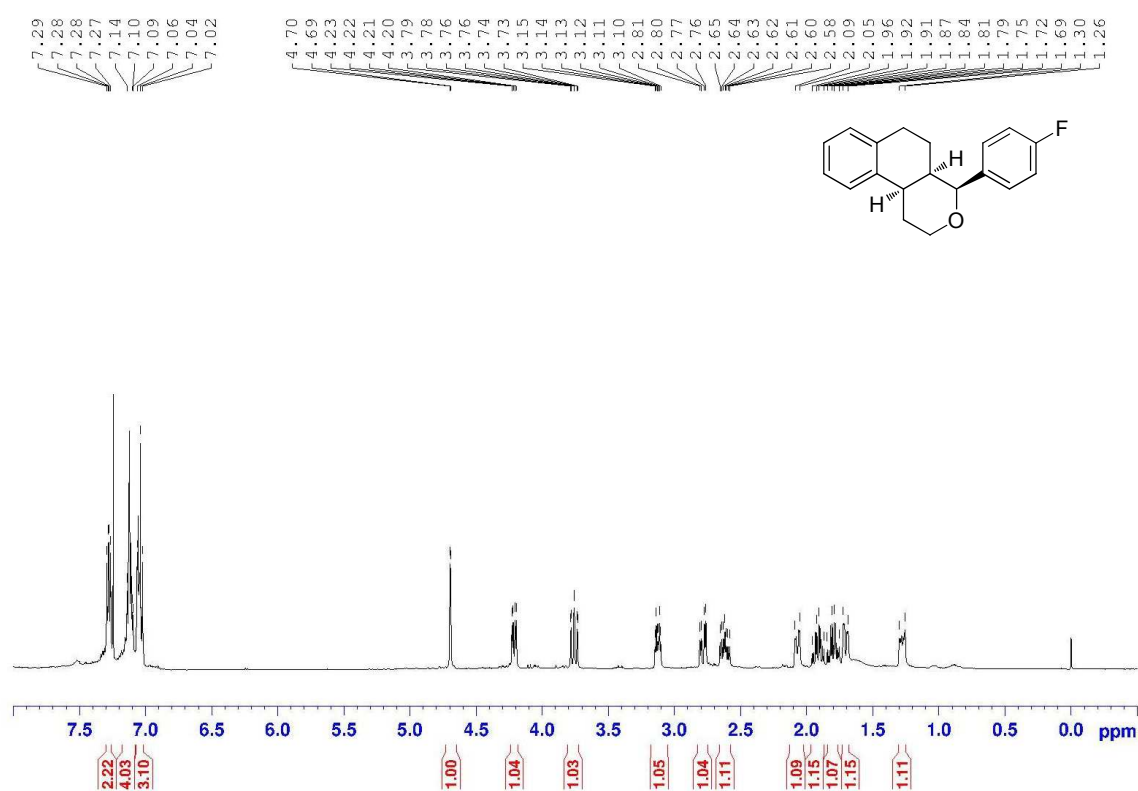
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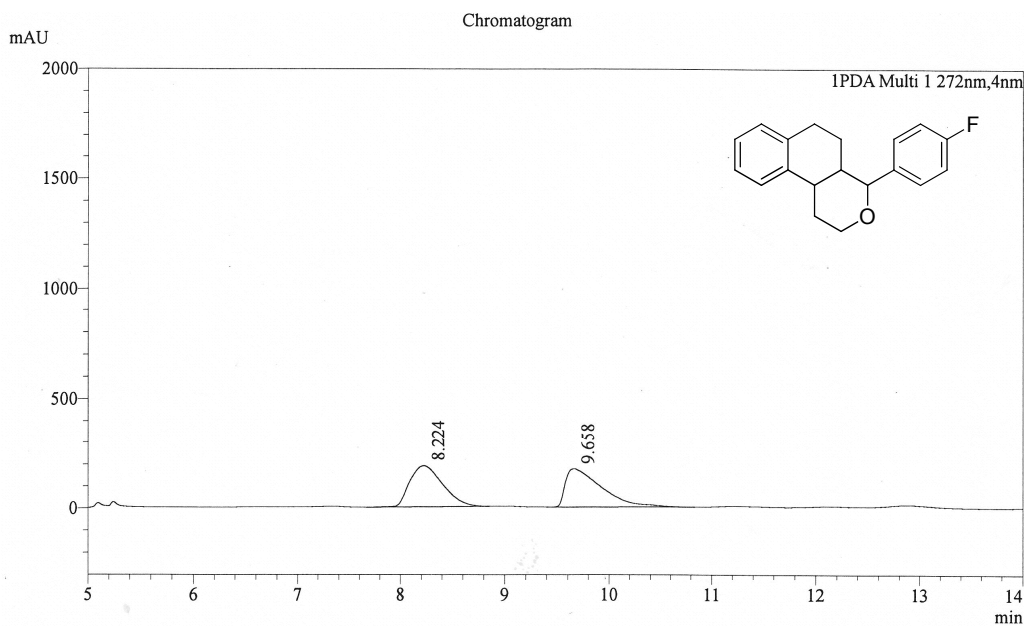
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 3H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (td, *J* = 12.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dt, *J* = 12.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.26 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.8 (d, *J* = 250 Hz, C), 140.8 (C), 137.2 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, C), 136.1 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.2 (d, *J* = 8 Hz 2 × CH), 126.2 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 115.5 (d, *J* = 21 Hz, 2 × CH), 81.2 (CH), 69.0 (CH₂), 39.8 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, CH), 39.6 (CH), 31.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 16.8 (CH₂) ppm.



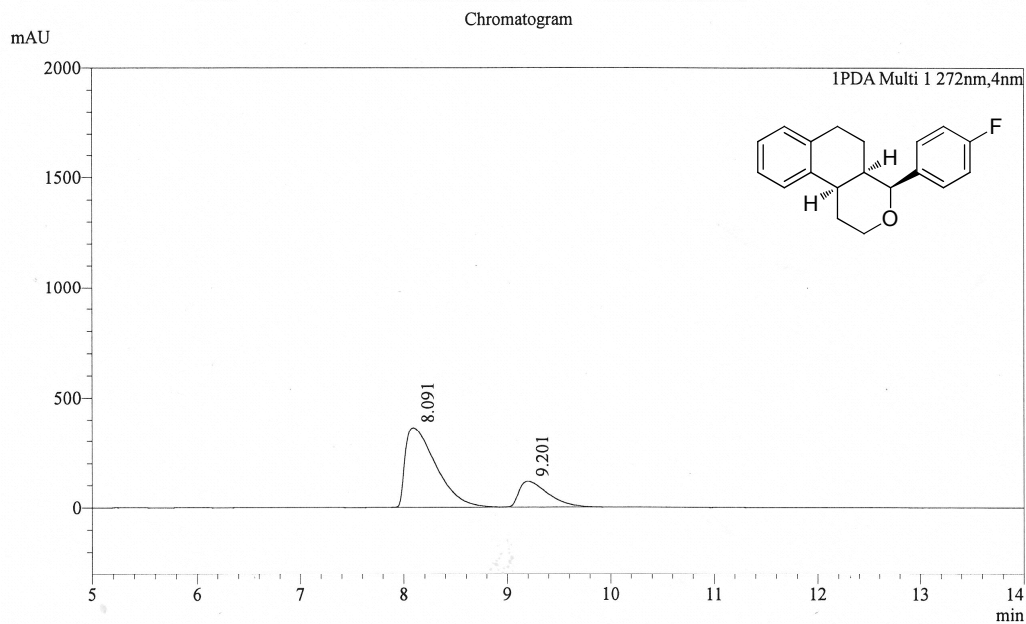
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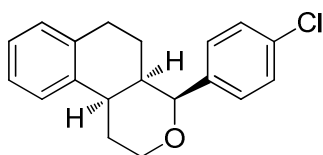
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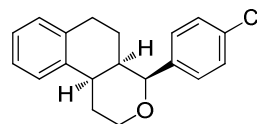
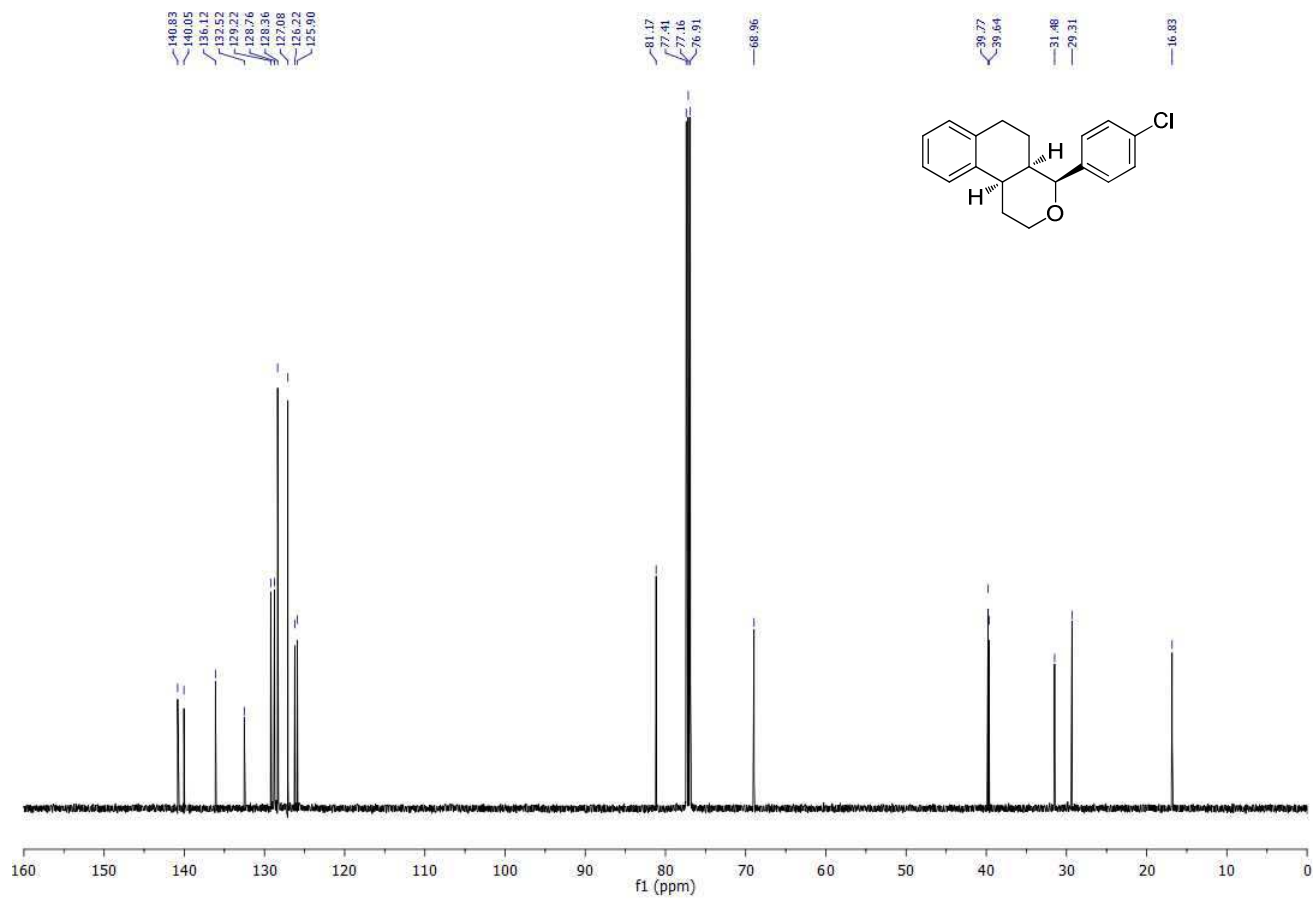
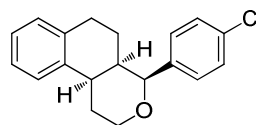
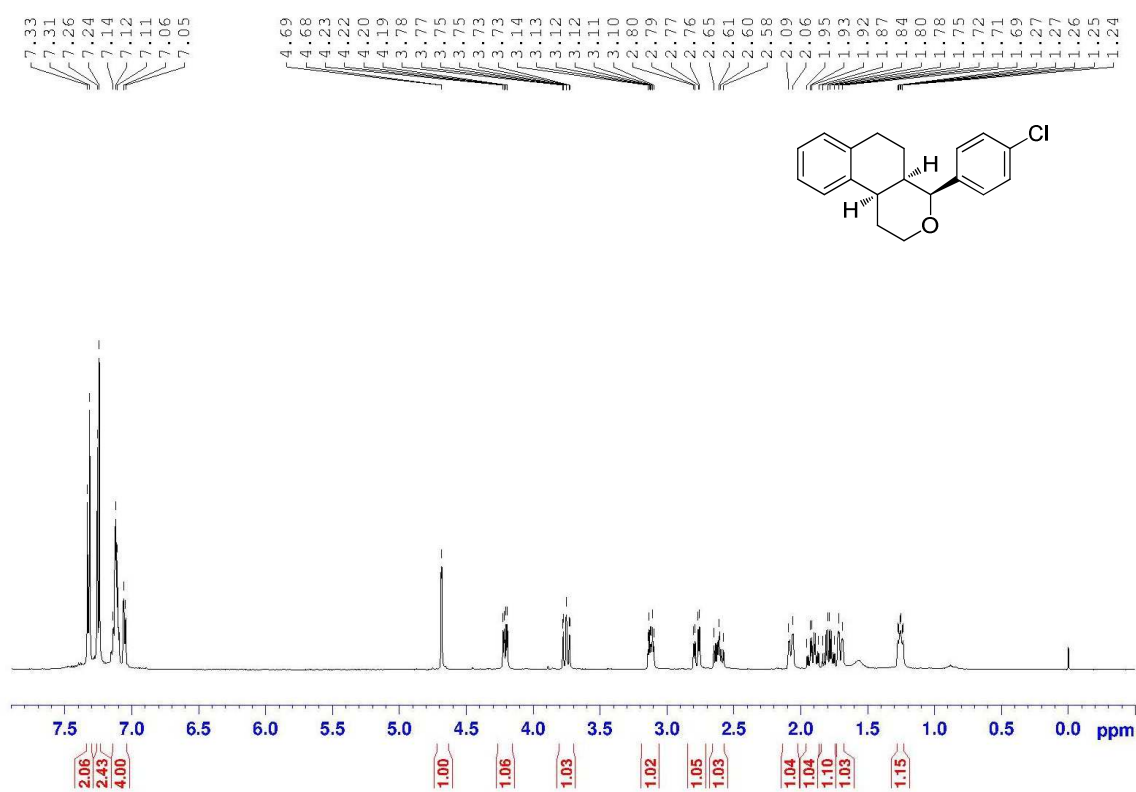
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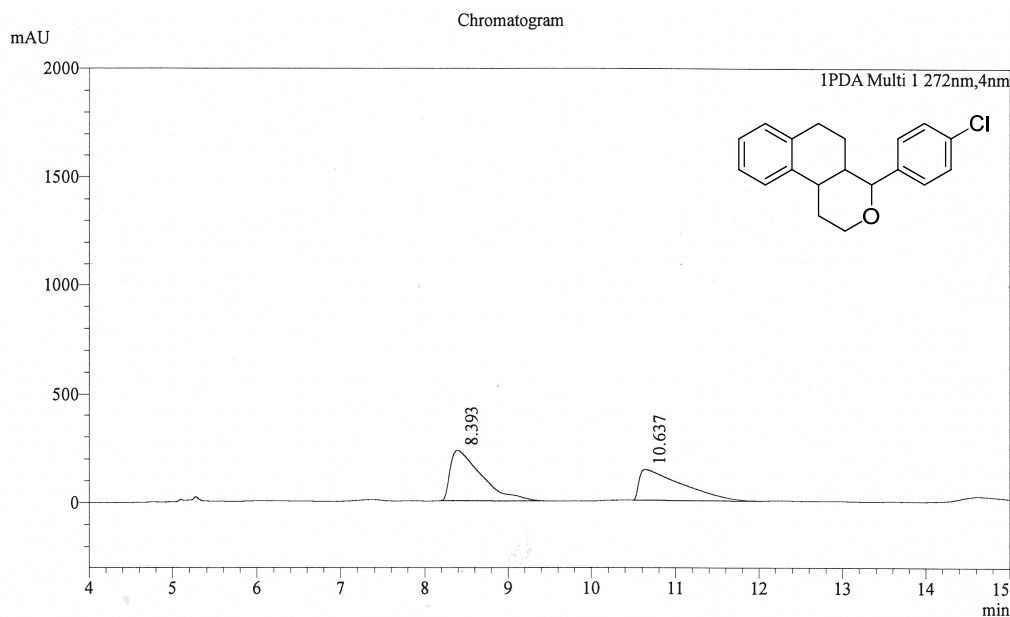
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major isomer: t_R = 8.3 min, minor isomer: t_R = 10.0 min, 76:24 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 4H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (td, *J* = 12.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.24 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.8 (C), 140.0 (C), 136.1 (C), 132.5 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 127.0 (2 × CH), 126.2 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 81.1 (CH), 68.9 (CH₂), 39.7 (CH), 39.6 (CH), 31.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 16.8 (CH₂) ppm.



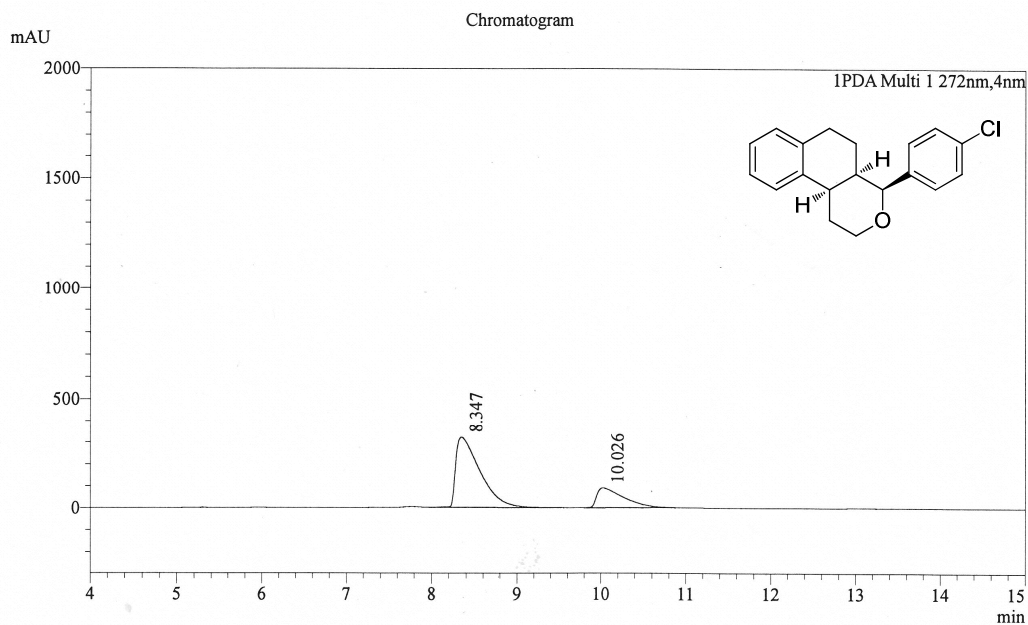
Chiralpak IA, Heptane/iPrOH = 99.5/0.5, 0.8 mL/min, 272 nm



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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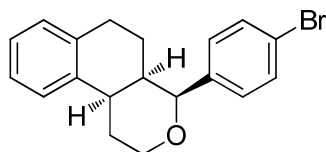
Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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2	10.026	89893	1983203	23.887
Total		411216	8302495	100.000

(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene

5e



Obtained as a white solid,

21 mg, 62% yield, dr > 95:5;

M.p. 116-119 °C;

[α]_D²³ -1.8 (c 0.5, CHCl₃);

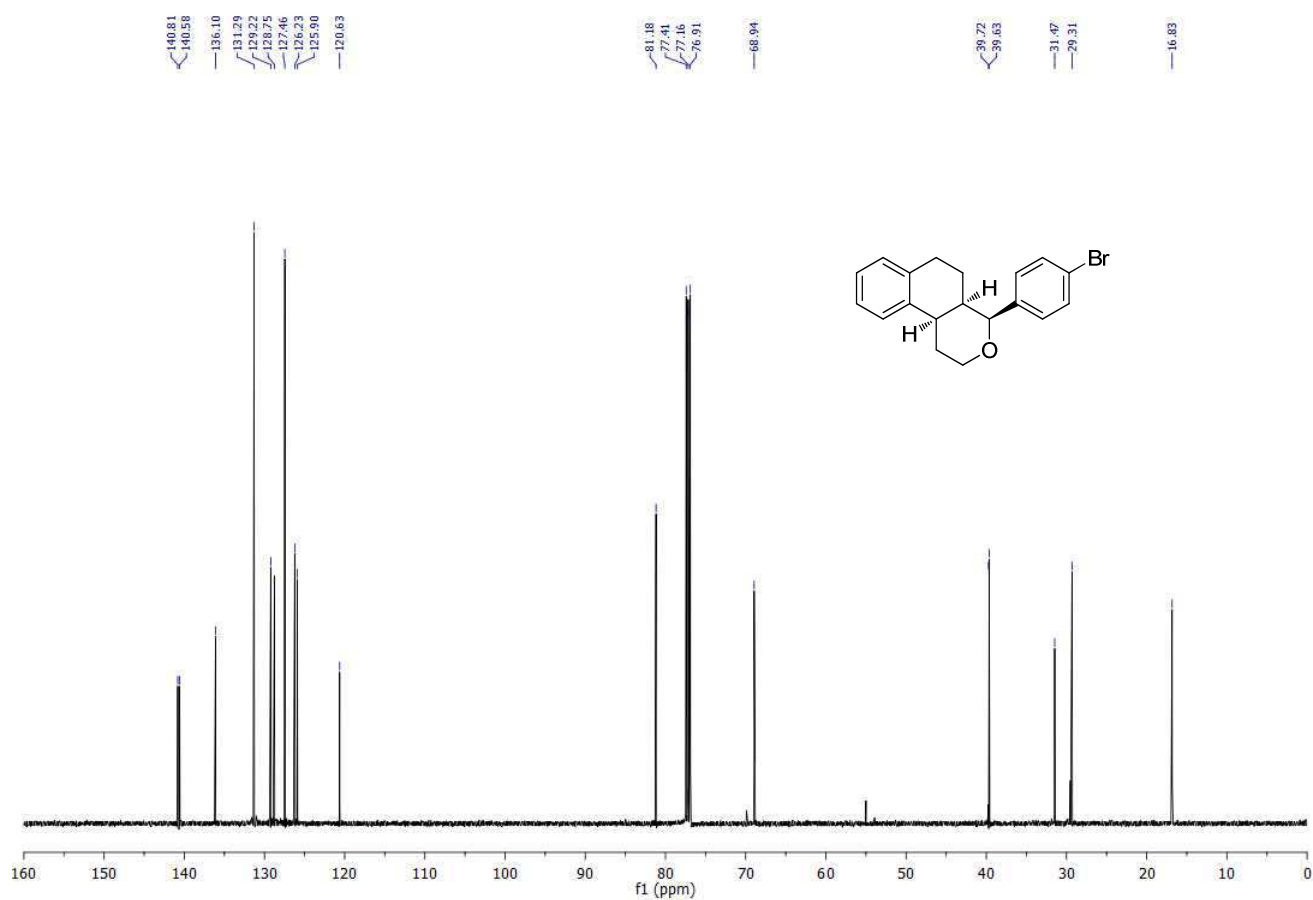
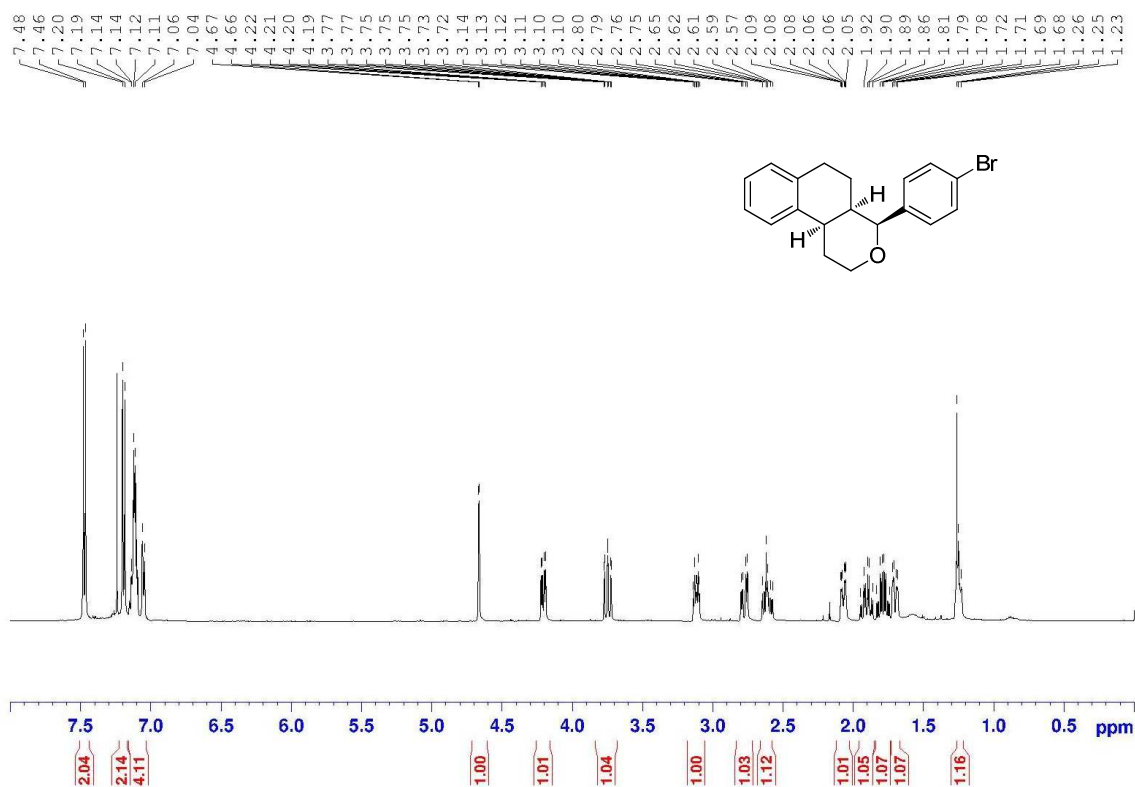
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2941, 2840, 1486, 1085, 1072, 1009, 764, 742, 727;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₈BrO [M-H]⁺ 341.0541, found 341.0545;

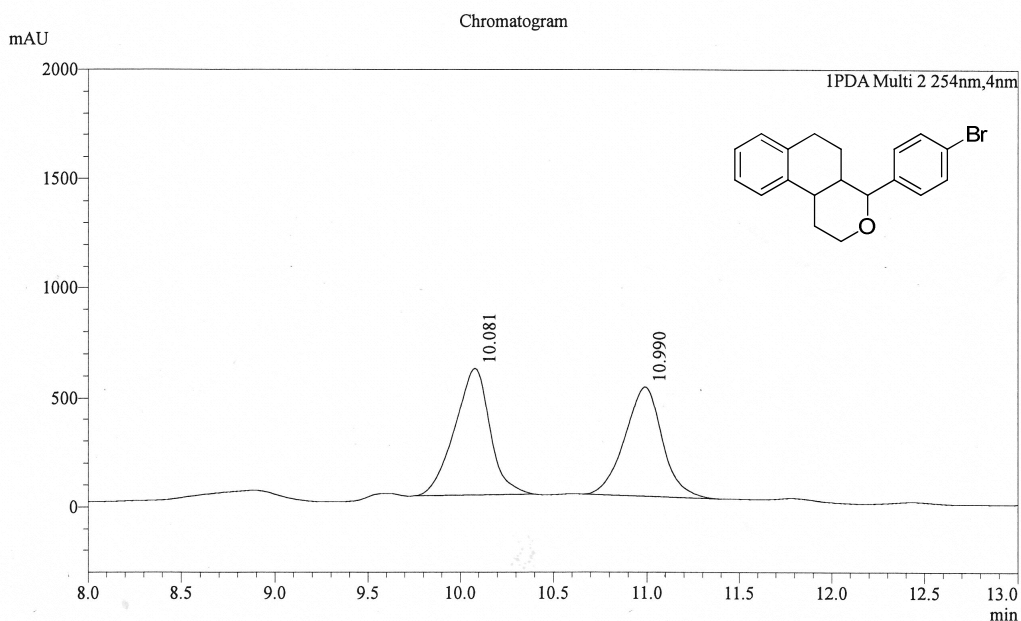
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm): major isomer: t_R = 10.8 min, minor isomer: t_R = 12.1 min, 80:20 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.04 (m, 4H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.17 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.8 (C), 140.5 (C), 136.1 (C), 131.2 (2 × CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.4 (2 × CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 120.6 (C), 81.1 (CH), 68.9 (CH₂), 39.7 (CH), 39.6 (CH), 31.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 16.8 (CH₂) ppm.



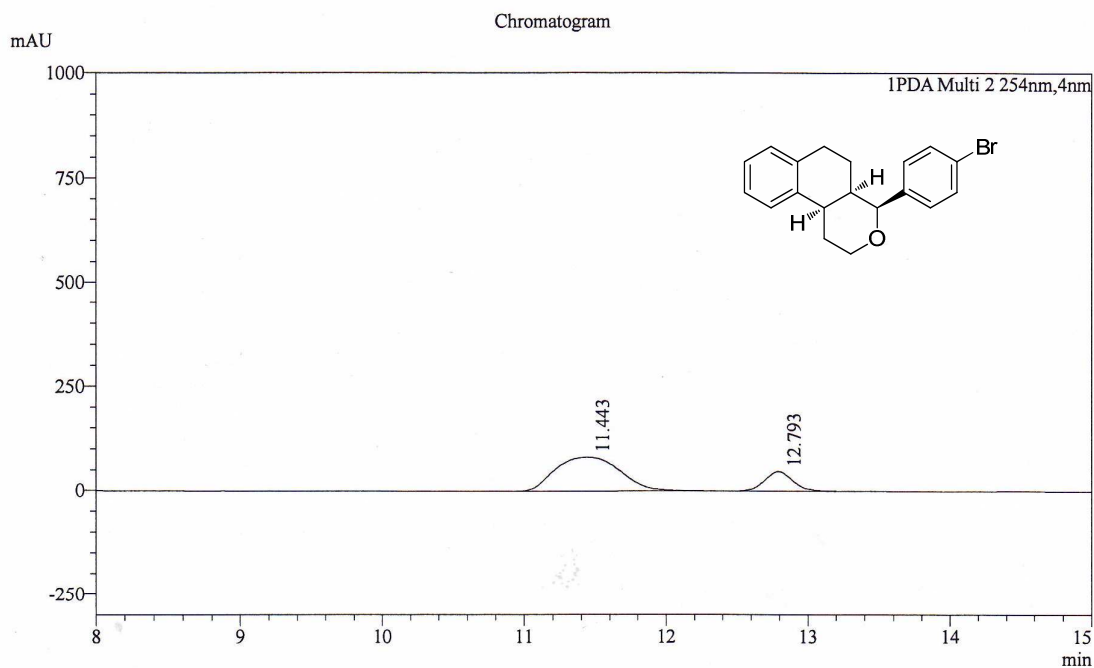
Chiralpak IC Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99/1, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm



Peak Table

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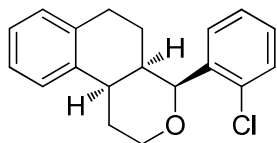


Peak Table

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1	11.443	82007	2624817	79.569
2	12.793	47902	673987	20.431
Total		129909	3298804	100.000

(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene 5f



Obtained as a white solid,

18 mg, 62% yield, dr > 95:5;

M.p. 110-113 °C;

[α]²³_D +1.3 (c 1.4, CHCl₃);

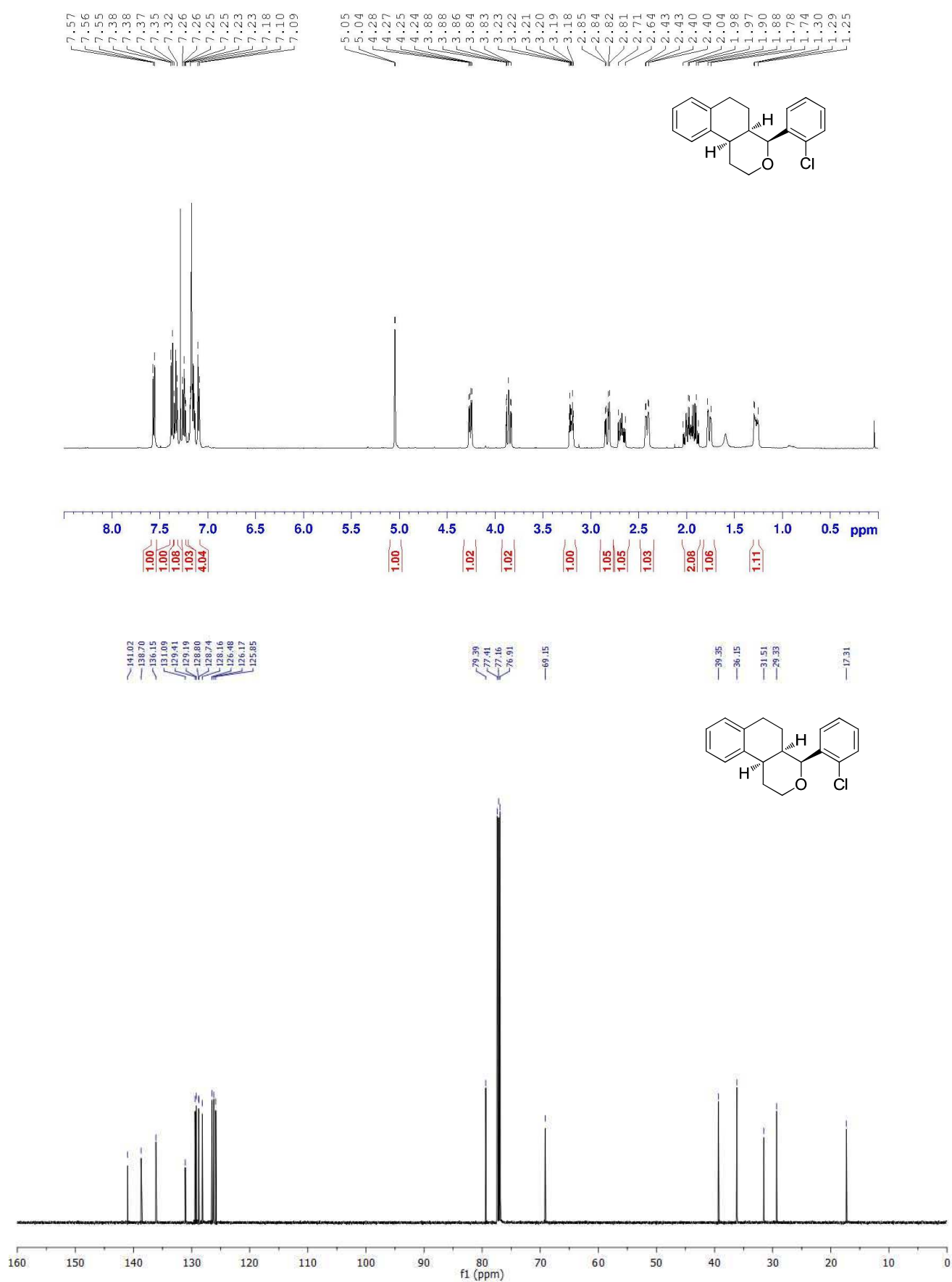
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2939, 2841, 1436, 1137, 1096, 1084, 1032, 1018, 759, 743, 705;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₂₀ClO [$M+H$]⁺ 299.12027, found 299.1187;

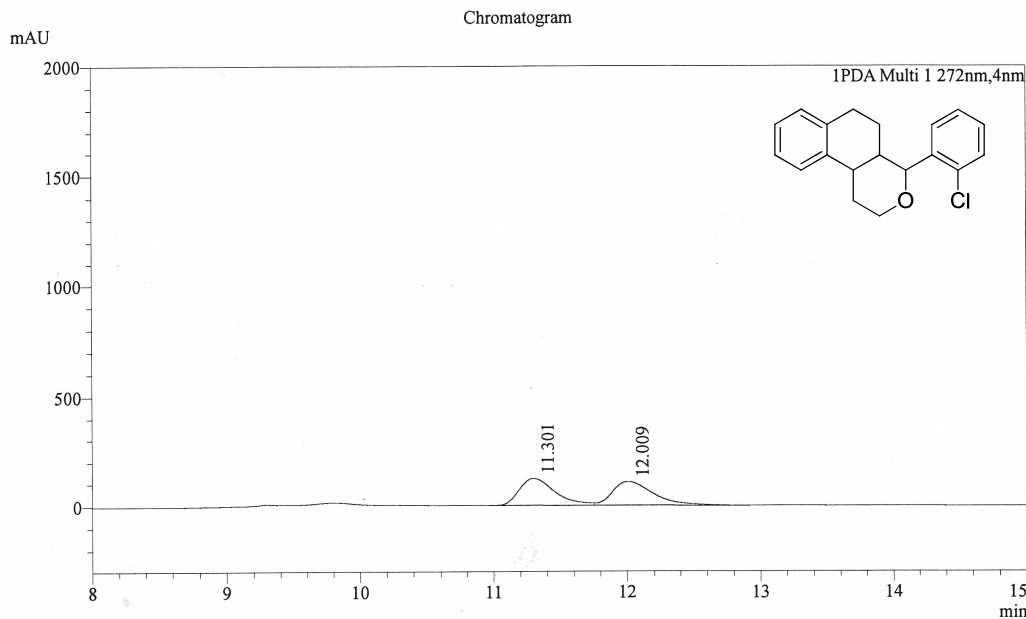
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.4 mL/min, 272 nm): major isomer: *t*_R = 11.2 min, minor isomer: *t*_R = 11.9 min, 72:28 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (td, *J* = 12.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dt, *J* = 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.25 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.0 (C), 138.7 (C), 136.1 (C), 131.0 (C), 129.4 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 79.3 (CH), 69.1 (CH₂), 39.5 (CH), 36.1 (CH), 31.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 17.3 (CH₂) ppm.



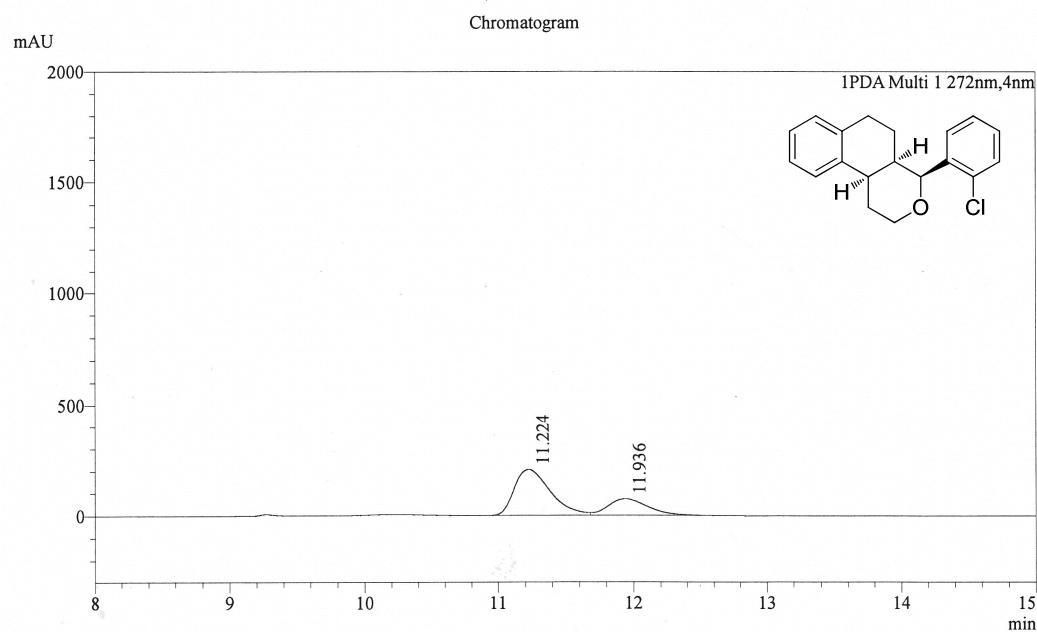
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Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Area	Area%
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2	12.009	107505	2266731	49.859
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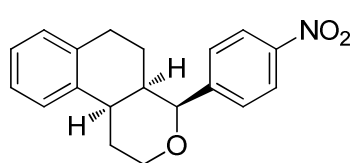


Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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1	11.224	207032	3842130	71.528
2	11.936	74245	1529393	28.472
Total		281277	5371523	100.000

(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene 5g



Obtained as a yellow solid,
19 mg, 63% yield, dr > 95:5;
M.p. 185-188 °C;
[α]²³_D -0.8 (c 0.7, CHCl₃);

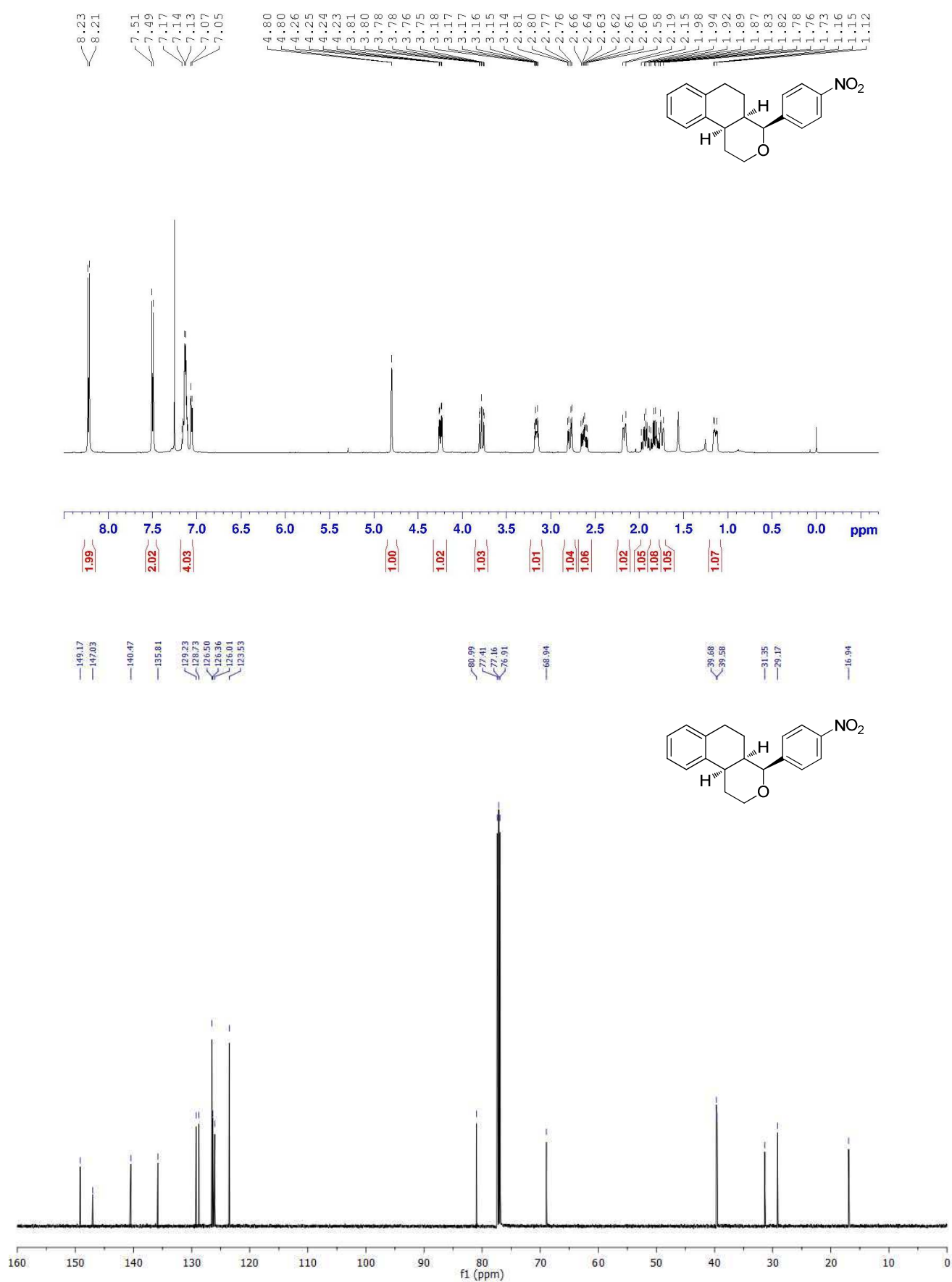
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2938, 2848, 1513, 1340, 1097, 1087, 874, 759, 738, 710;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 310.14432, found 310.1440;

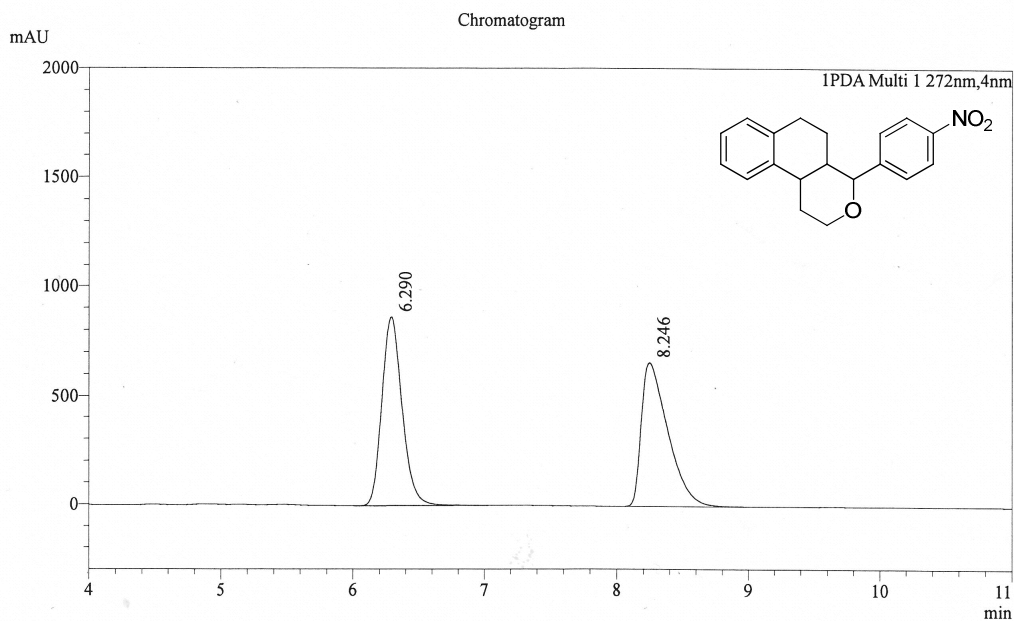
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IA, Heptane/iPrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 272 nm): major isomer: t_R = 6.3 min, minor isomer: t_R = 8.3 min, 67:33 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 4H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dt, *J* = 12.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.16-1.12 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.1 (C), 147.3 (C), 140.4 (C), 135.8 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.5 (2 × CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 123.5 (2 × CH), 80.9 (CH), 68.9 (CH₂), 39.6 (CH), 39.5 (CH), 31.3 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 16.9 (CH₂) ppm.



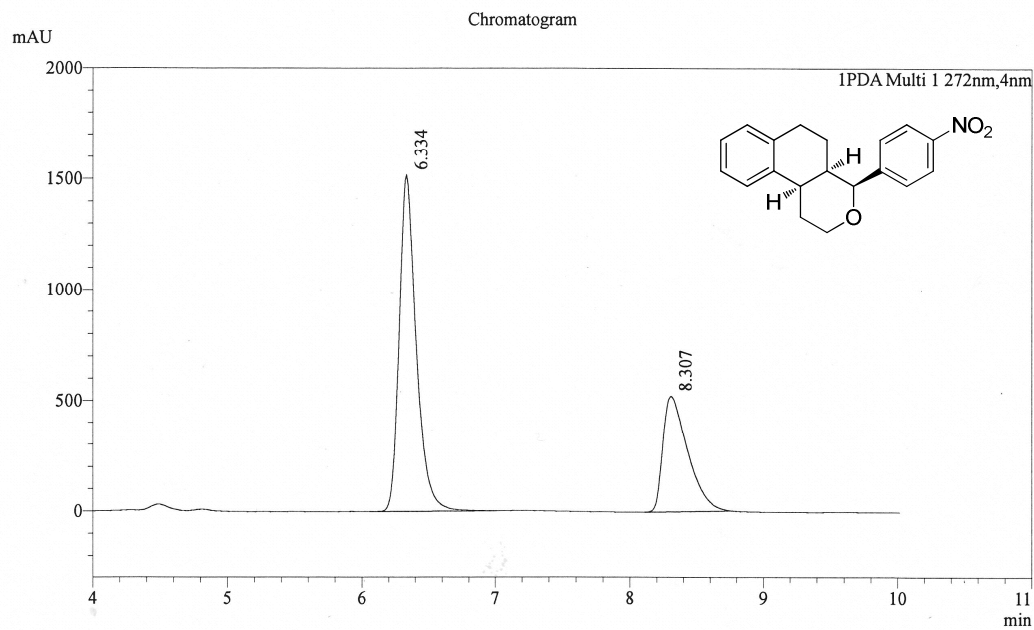
Chiralpak IA, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99.0/10.0, 1 mL/min, 272 nm



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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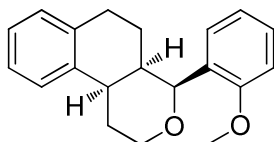
Peak Table

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1	6.334	1517671	13529053	66.615
2	8.307	523751	6780258	33.385
Total		2041421	20309312	100.000

(4*S*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene

5h



Obtained as a white solid,

22 mg, 76% yield, dr > 95:5;

M.p. 112-115 °C;

[α]²³_D +6.3 (c 0.9, CHCl₃);

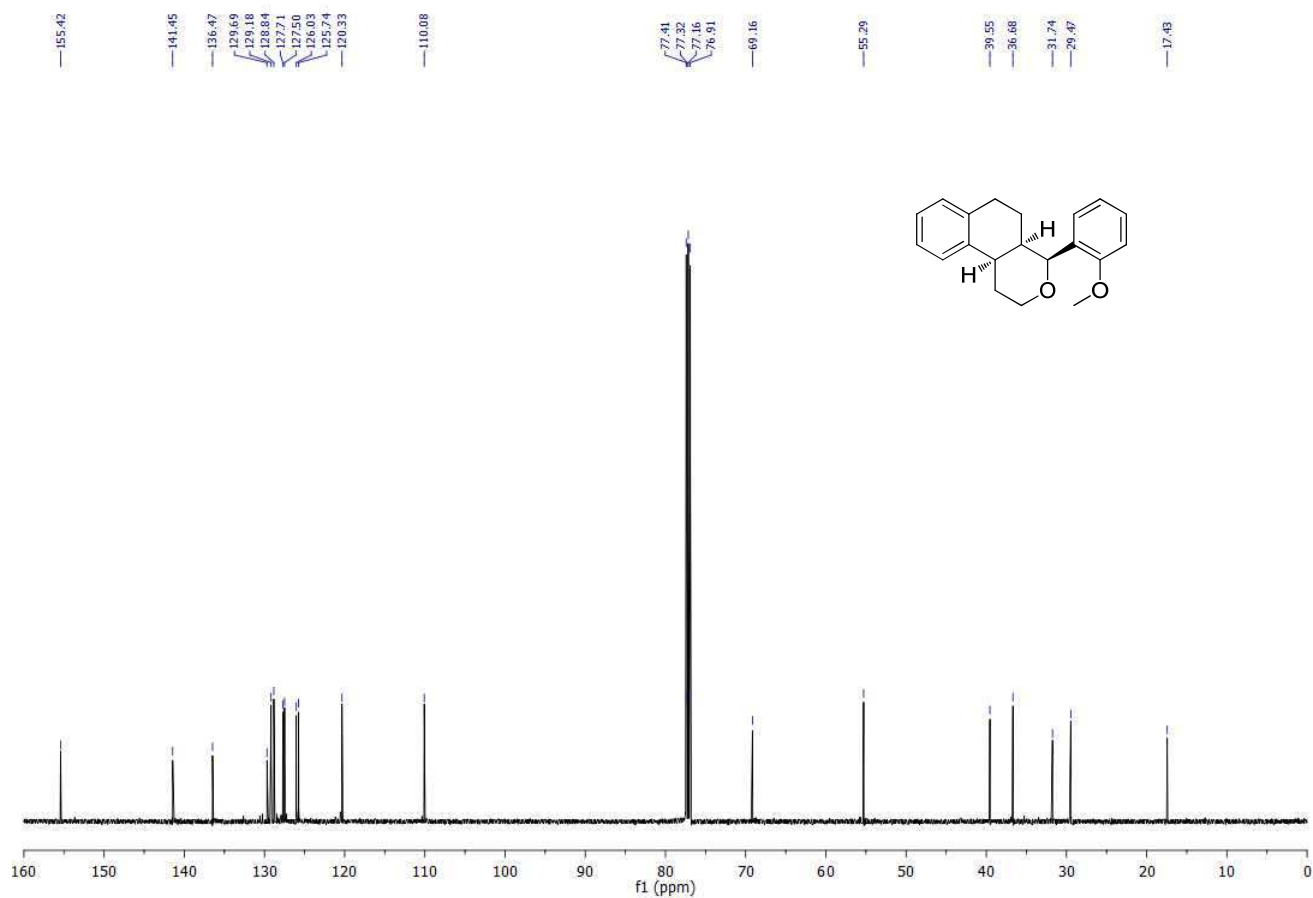
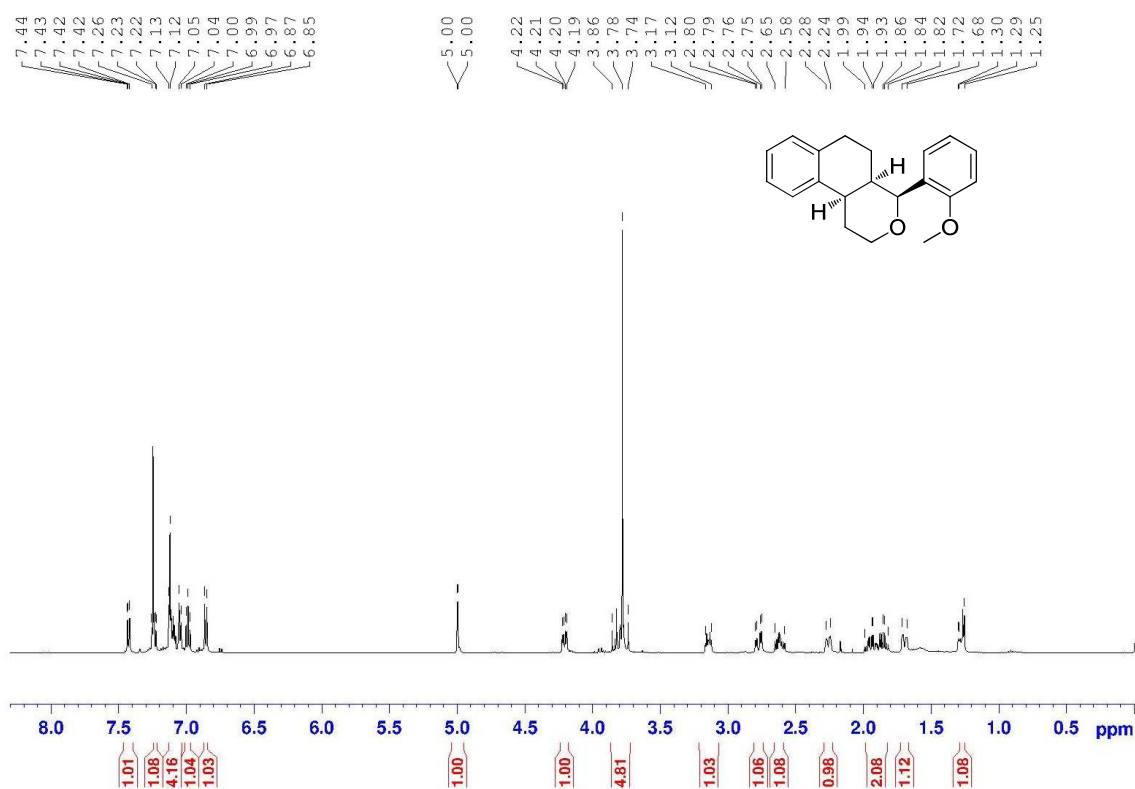
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2938, 2835, 1490, 1461, 1237, 1090, 1045, 1025, 750, 734;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₂₀H₂₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 295.16981, found 295.1697;

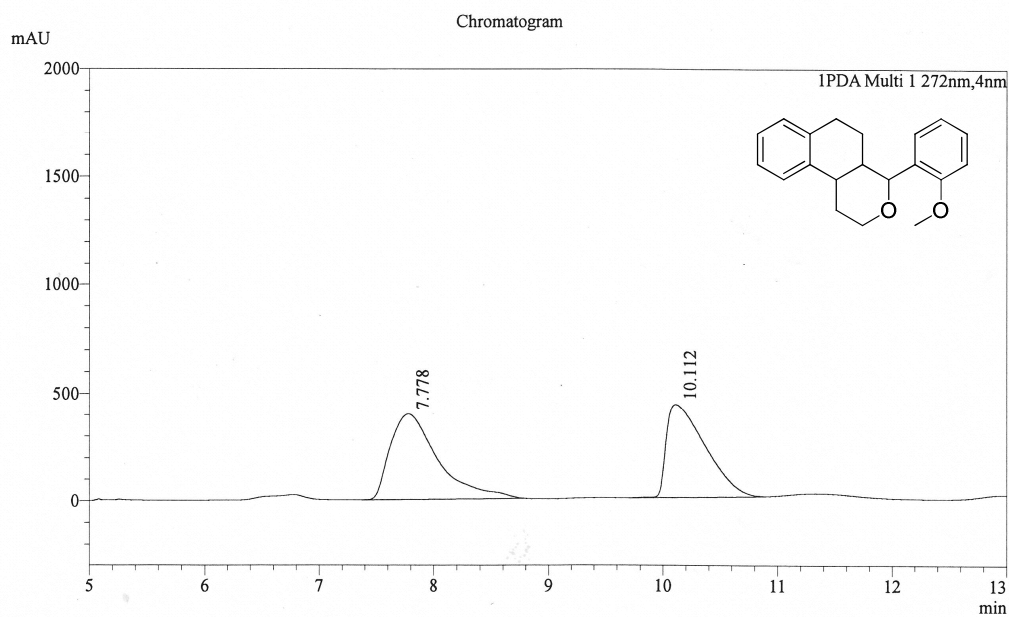
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IA, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99.5/0.5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, 272 nm):
minor isomer: t_R = 7.5 min, major isomer: t_R = 9.3 min, 41:59 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.17-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.25 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 155.4 (C), 141.5 (C), 136.4 (C), 129.6 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 110.0 (CH), 77.3 (CH), 69.1 (CH₂), 55.2 (CH₃), 39.5 (CH), 36.6 (CH), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 17.4 (CH₂) ppm.



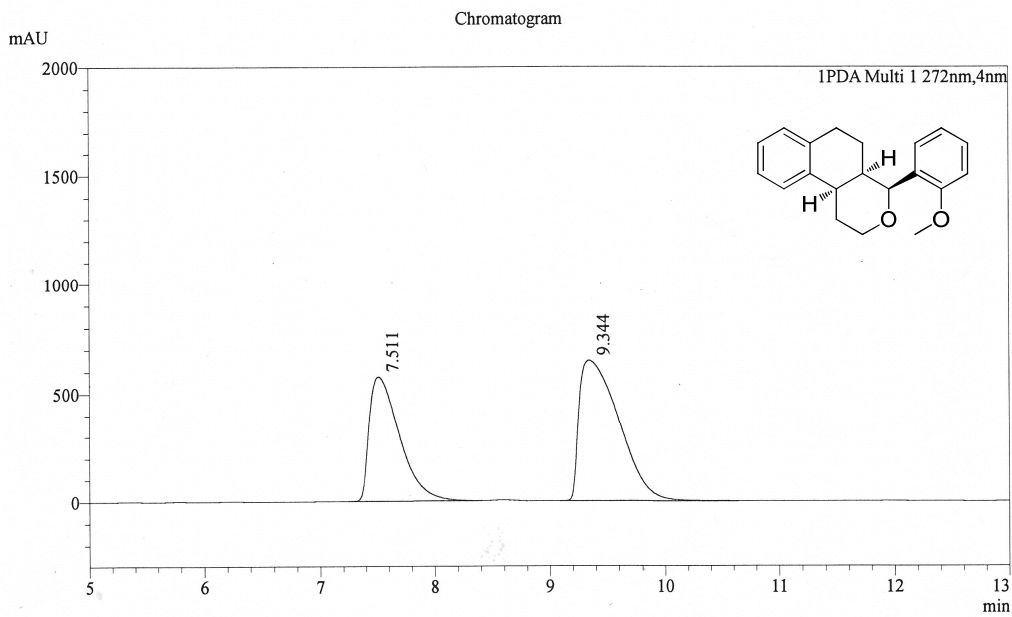
Chiralpak IA, Heptane/iPrOH = 99.5/0.5, 0.8 mL/min, 272 nm



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Area	Area%
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2	10.112	434986	10157657	46.909
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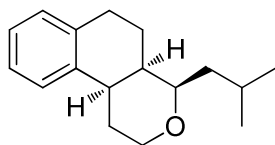


Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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1	7.511	574612	10667723	40.764
2	9.344	647273	15501789	59.236
Total		1221885	26169511	100.000

(4*R*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-isobutyl-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene 5i



Obtained as a colorless liquid,

15 mg, 63% yield, dr > 95:5;

$[\alpha]_D^{23} +2.6$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃);

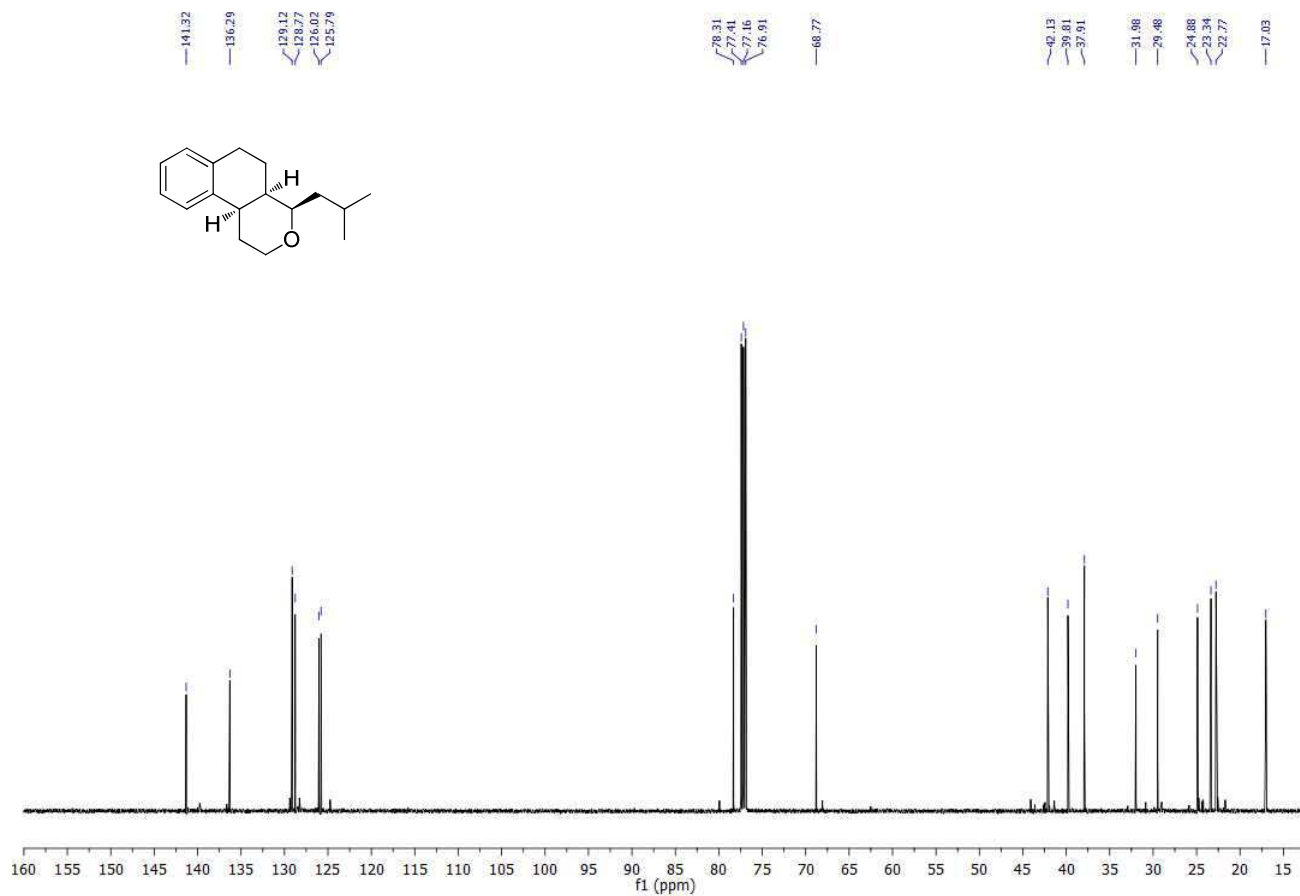
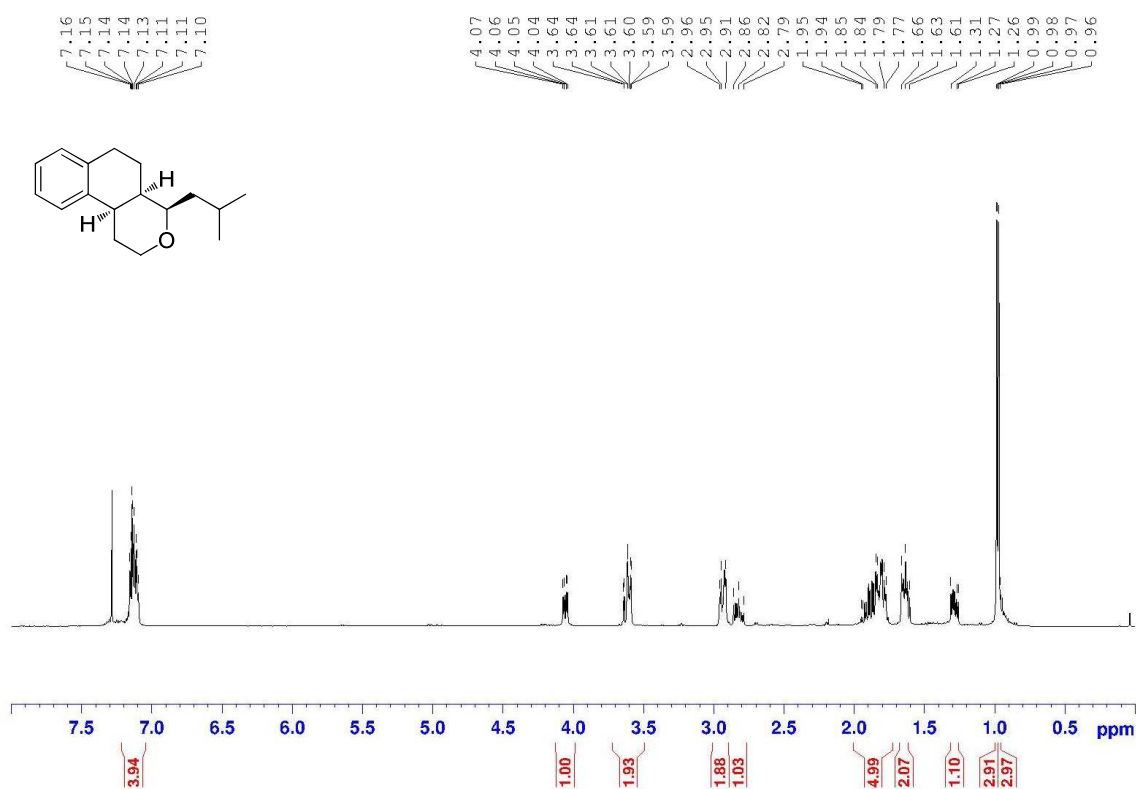
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2950, 2867, 1463, 1368, 1098, 1086, 764, 741;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₂₅O [M+H]⁺ 245.19054, found 245.1905;

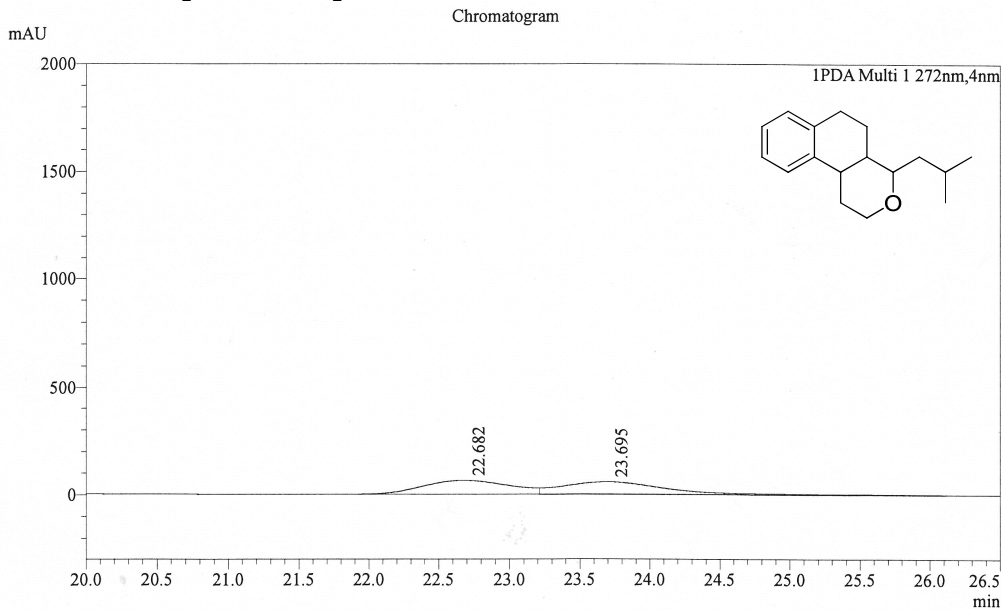
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99.5/0.5, flow rate = 0.2 mL/min, 272 nm):
minor isomer: t_R = 22.4 min, major isomer: t_R = 23.3 min, 35:65 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.16-7.10 (m, 4H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.86-2.79 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.77 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.26 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.3 (C), 136.2 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 78.3 (CH), 68.7 (CH₂), 42.1 (CH₂), 39.8 (CH), 37.9 (CH), 31.9 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH), 23.3 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₃), 17.0 (CH₂) ppm.



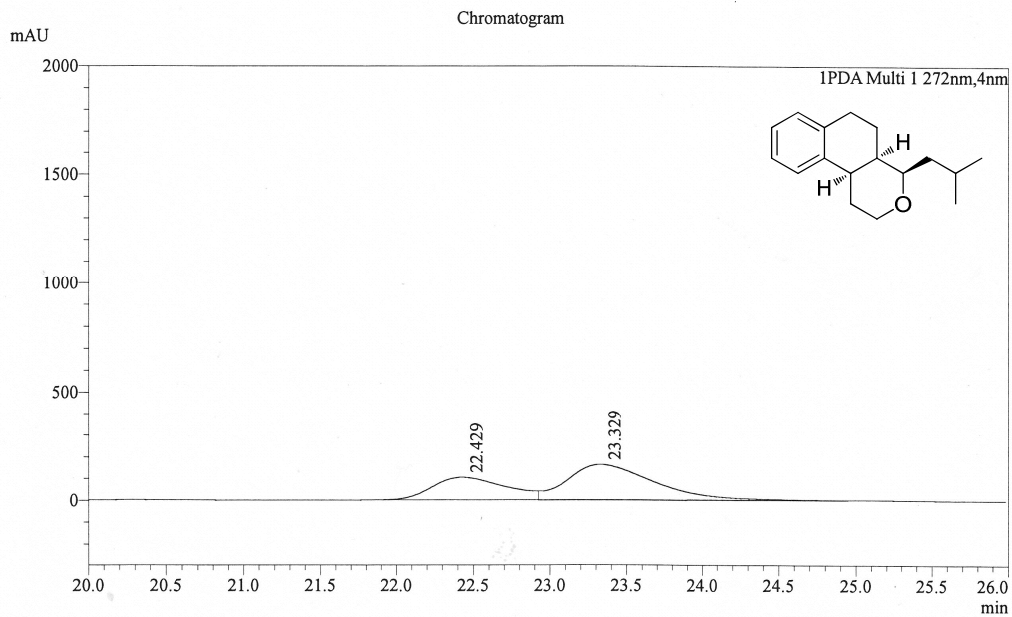
Chiralpak IC, Heptane/iPrOH = 99.5/0.5, 0.2 mL/min, 272 nm



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

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2	23.695	56695	2960922	51.848
Total		120514	5710768	100.000

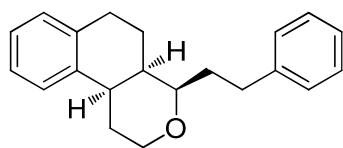


Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Area	Area%
1	22.429	104374	3487382	35.149
2	23.329	163020	6434464	64.851
Total		267395	9921846	100.000

(4*R*,4*aR*,10*bR*)-4-phenethyl-2,4,4*a*,5,6,10*b*-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromene 5j



Obtained as a white solid,

21 mg, 72% yield, dr > 95:5;

M.p. 96-99 °C;

[α]²³_D +0.4 (c 1.1, CHCl₃);

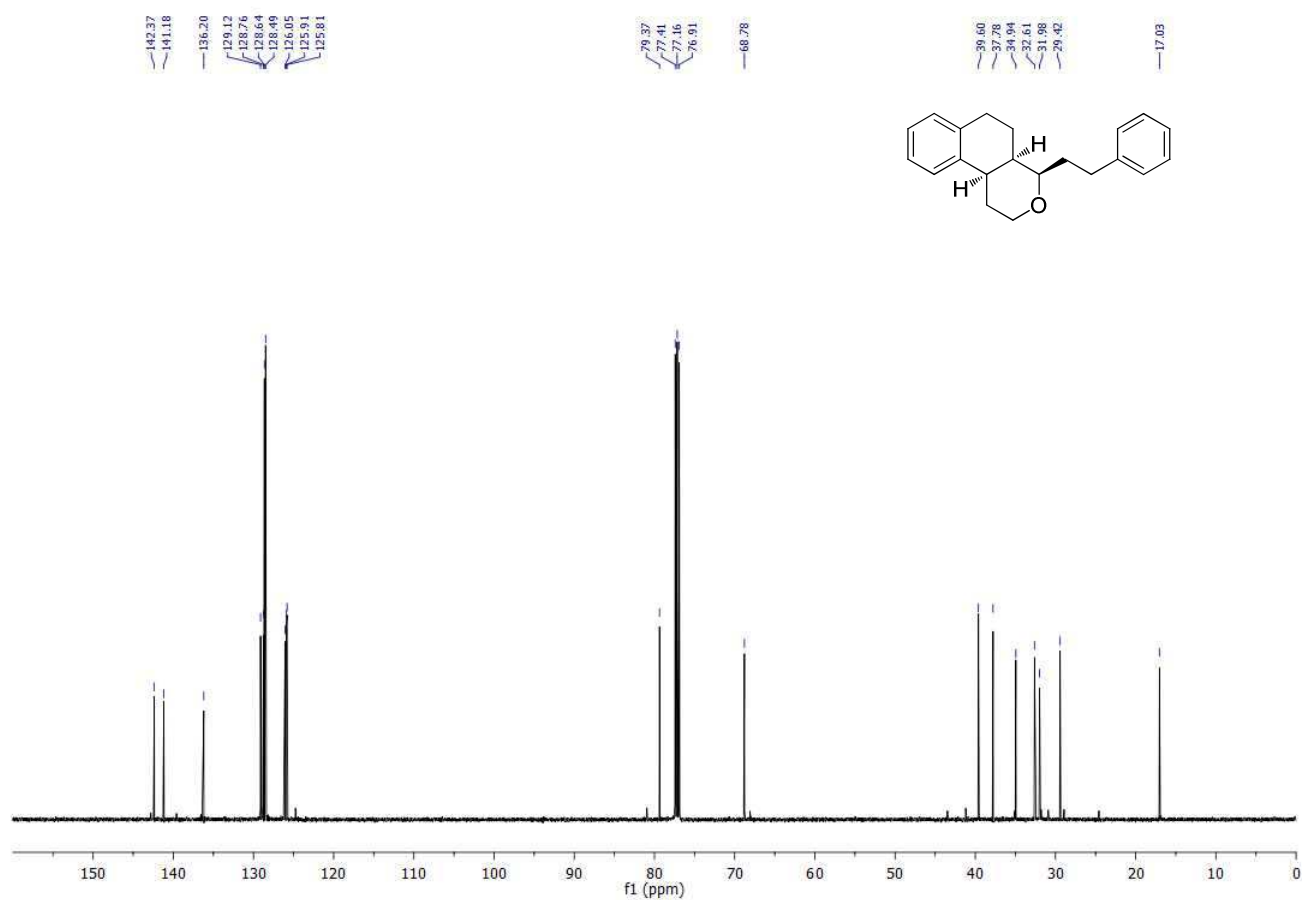
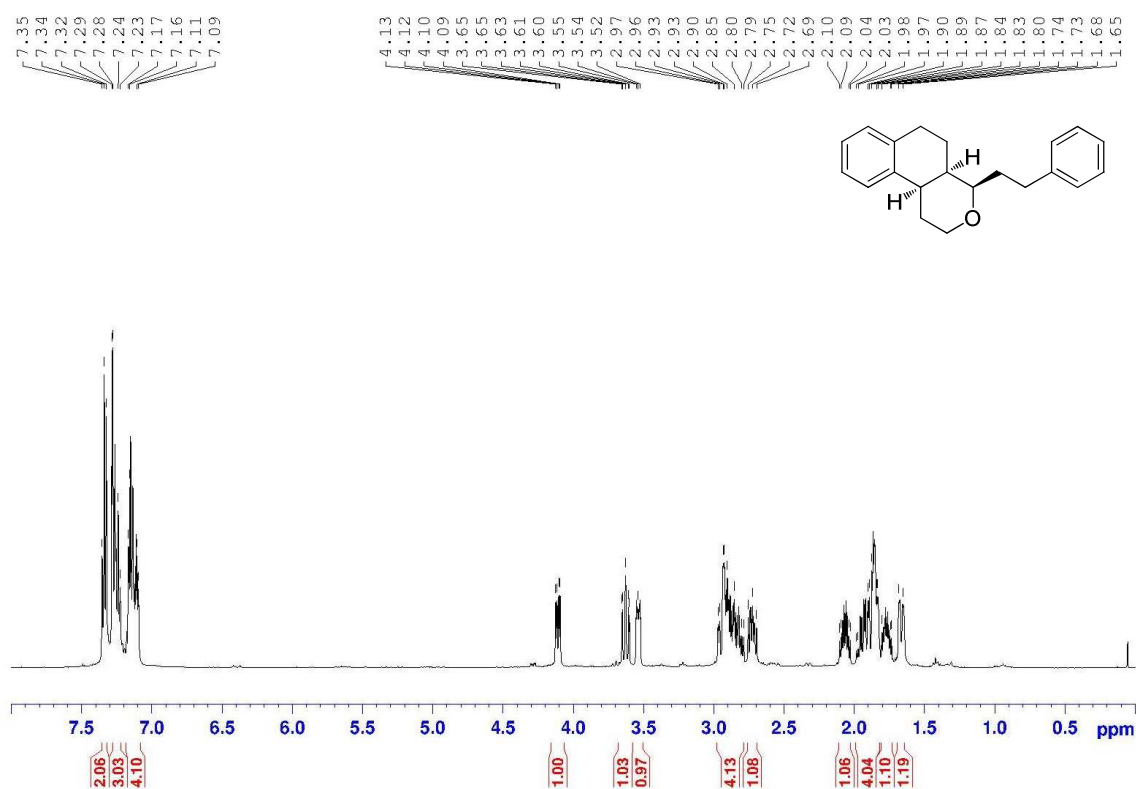
IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3024, 2939, 1736, 1493, 1453, 1369, 1085, 740, 698;

ESI-HRMS calculated for C₂₁H₂₅O [M+H]⁺ 293.19054, found 293.1901;

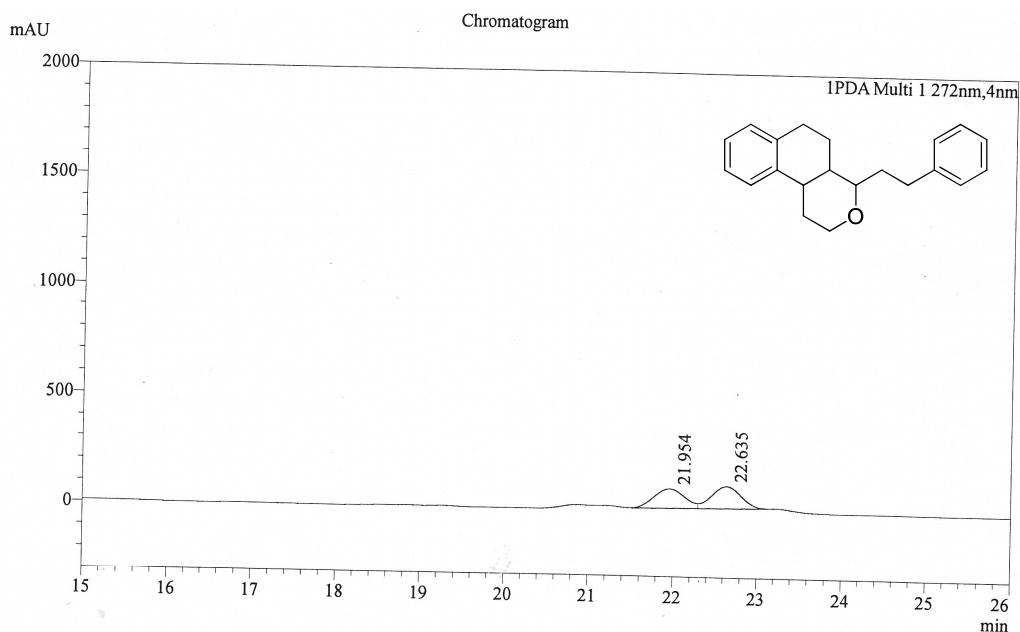
Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC, Heptane/*i*PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.3 mL/min, 272 nm): minor isomer: t_R = 21.9 min, major isomer: t_R = 22.6 min, 40:60 e.r.;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 4H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.79 (m, 4H), 2.75-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.65 (m, 1H) ppm;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 142.3 (C), 141.1 (C), 136.2 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 79.3 (CH), 68.7 (CH₂), 39.6 (CH), 37.7 (CH), 34.9 (CH₂), 32.6 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 17.0 (CH₂) ppm.



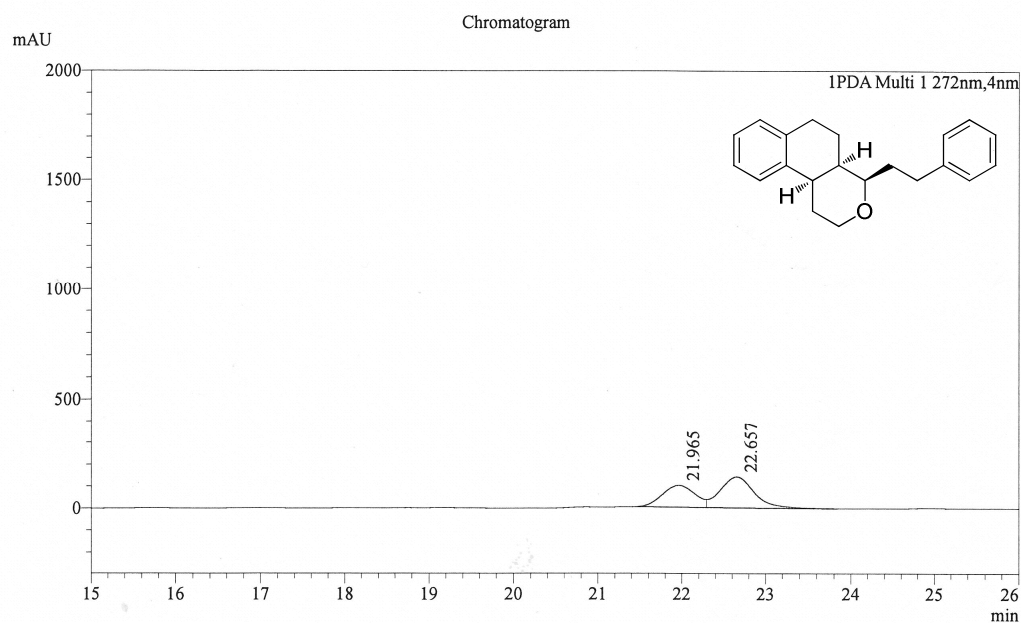
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Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Area	Area%
1	21.954	87463	2206590	47.527
2	22.635	100138	2436241	52.473
Total		187601	4642831	100.000



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 272nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Area	Area%
1	21.965	99588	2714597	40.345
2	22.657	141773	4013835	59.655
Total		241362	6728432	100.000

IX - X-ray data for 5e

The crystal structure presented herein was solved from a colourless plate suitable to X-ray single crystal diffraction, obtained by slow diffusion of heptane in a dichloromethane solution.

Results for compound 5e: (C₁₉ H₁₉ Br O); $M = 343.25$. APEXII, Bruker-AXS diffractometer, Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$), $T = 150(2) \text{ K}$; orthorhombic $P 2_1 2_1 2_1$ (I.T.#19), $a = 9.8879(6)$, $b = 12.4088(9)$, $c = 13.0415(9) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 1600.15(19) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $d = 1.425 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$, $\mu = 2.565 \text{ mm}^{-1}$. The structure was solved by direct methods using the *SIR97* program [1], and then refined with full-matrix least-square methods based on F^2 (*SHELXL-97*) [2] with the aid of the *WINGX* [3] program. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. H atoms were finally included in their calculated positions. A final refinement on F^2 with 3674 unique intensities and 190 parameters converged at $\omega R(F^2) = 0.0663$ ($R(F) = 0.0333$) for 3181 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$.

The scattering contribution from the bromide atom was exploited to assign the absolute configuration of the chiral centres, C7 (S), C11 (R), C12 (R), unambiguously from the value of the Flack parameter, [4] 0.000(7).

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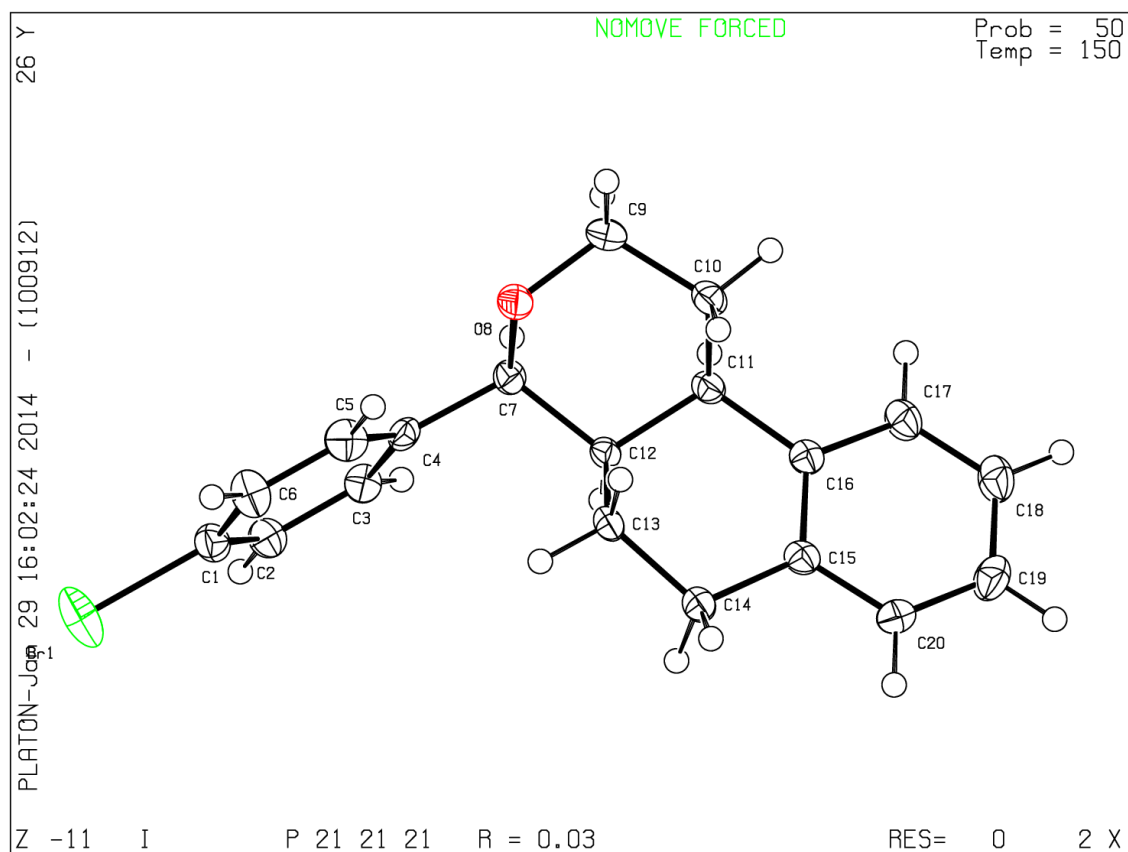


Figure ORTEP plot of (5e). Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability.