

Supporting Information for

**Chiral Brønsted Acid-Catalyzed Dynamic Kinetic Resolution
of Atropisomeric *ortho*-Formyl Naphthamides**

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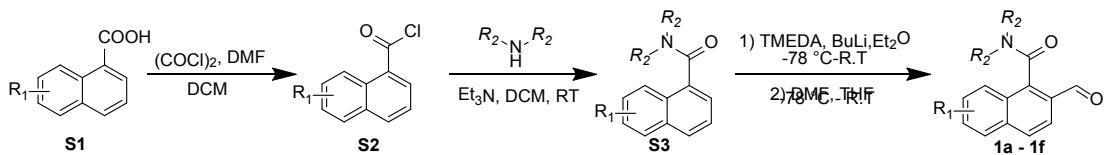
1. General information

Experimental: All reactions were set up under inert atmosphere utilizing glassware that was flame-dried and cooled under vacuum. All non-aqueous manipulations were using standard Schlenk techniques. Reactions were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed plates was performed under UV light (254 nm) or KMnO₄ stain. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed on SYNTHWARE 40-63 μm silica gel.

Instrumentation: All NMR spectra were run at 400 MHz (¹H NMR) or 100 MHz (¹³C NMR/³¹P NMR) in CDCl₃, Methanol-*d*₄or *d*₆-DMSO solution. ¹H NMR spectra were internally referenced to TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were internally referenced to the residual solvent signal. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m= multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (J) were reported in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker MicrOTOF-QII mass instrument (ESI).

Materials: Unless otherwise indicated, starting catalysts and materials were obtained from Sigma Aldrich, TCI, Alfa Aesar, Adamas or Acros. Moreover, commercially available reagents were used without additional purification.

2. Synthesis and characterization data of amide naphthaldehyde



A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 1-naphthoic acid **S1** (20 mmol), dry DCM (30 mL) and catalytic amount of DMF. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 5 minutes. Then $(\text{COCl})_2$ (1.3 equiv.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford acid chloride **S2** quantitatively which was used directly without further purification for the next step.

To a solution of amine (1.3 equiv.) and Et_3N (1.5 equiv.) in dry DCM (30 mL), acid chloride **S2** (1.0 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then water (40 mL) was added and aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (3×30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (30 mL) solution followed by water (30 mL). After that, the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mass was purified by recrystal to give **S3**.

Under N_2 , a solution of **S3** (10 mmol) and dry TMEDA (20 mmol, 2 equiv) in 20 mL of Et_2O was cooled to -78 °C, and $n\text{-BuLi}$ (1.2 equiv) was slowly added. After complete addition, the resulting mixture was stirred for about 1 h at room temperature. Then dry THF (20 ml) and dry DMF (1.4 equiv) were slowly added at -78 °C under N_2 and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then water (40 mL) was added and aqueous layer was extracted with EA (3×30 mL). After that, the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mass was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give **1a-1f**.

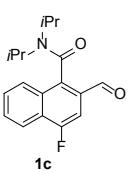
2-formyl-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (1a) :

1a 2.1 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 4:1), 76% yield, white solid, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.3 (s, 1H), 8.0 (dd, $J = 11.4, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.9 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.6 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.7 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.8 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.0 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.4, 166.9, 142.0, 136.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.0, 122.5, 51.5, 46.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.3, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ [M+H]: 284.1651, found: 284.1650.

2-formyl-N,N-diisopropyl-4-methyl-1-naphthamide (1b) :

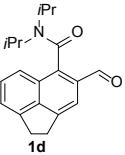
1b 2.4 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 4:1), 80% yield, white solid, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.3 (s, 1H), 8.0 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.0 – 8.0 (m, 1H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.7 – 7.6 (m, 1H), 7.6 – 7.6 (m, 1H), 3.7 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.7 (t, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.8 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.0 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.8, 179.6, 167.4, 140.9, 135.8, 135.6, 129.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 124.8, 122.7, 51.6, 46.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.5, 19.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$ [M+H]: 298.1807, found: 298.1808.

4-fluoro-2-formyl-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (1c) :



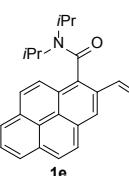
2.4 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 3:1), 79% yield, white solid, **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.3 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.2 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.0 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.8 – 7.7 (m, 2H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.7 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.3, 166.4, 158.7 (d, *J* = 255.5 Hz), 138.7, 131.0 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 129.9, 129.4 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 128.8, 126.9 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 126.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 121.4 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 105.5 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 51.7, 46.9, 20.8, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁FNO₂ [M+H]: 302.1556, found: 302.1559.

4-formyl-N,N-diisopropyl-1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-5-carboxamide (1d) :



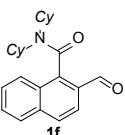
The compound is prepared as reported in literature.^[1] A solution of 5-bromo-1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene (20 mmol) in 200 mL of THF was cooled to -78 °C under N₂, and *n*-BuLi (1.2 equiv) was slowly added. After complete addition, the resulting yellow mixture was stirred for about 20 min at -78 °C. Excess dry ice pellets were dropped through the neck of the Schlenk flask against the N₂ flow, turning the mixture to milky white. It was stirred until it warmed up to room temperature, then acidified to pH = 6 with H₂SO₄, and extracted with Et₂O (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were extracted with 1 M NaOH (2 x 50 mL). The combined aqueous extracts were acidified with conc HCl, yielding an off-white precipitate, which was filtered and recrystallized from EtOH to give 1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-5-carboxylic acid as an off-white solid. The next step is the same as **1a**. 1.6 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 4:1), 51% yield, white solid, **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.3 (s, 1H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.4 – 3.3 (m, 4H), 1.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.1, 167.3, 146.9, 146.4, 142.1, 138.9, 131.0, 129.5, 127.6, 123.3, 121.4, 115.9, 51.6, 46.7, 30.5, 30.1, 20.9, 20.8, 20.6, 20.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]: 310.1807, found: 310.1805.

2-formyl-N,N-diisopropyl-4,8-dihydronaphthalene-1-carboxamide (1e) :



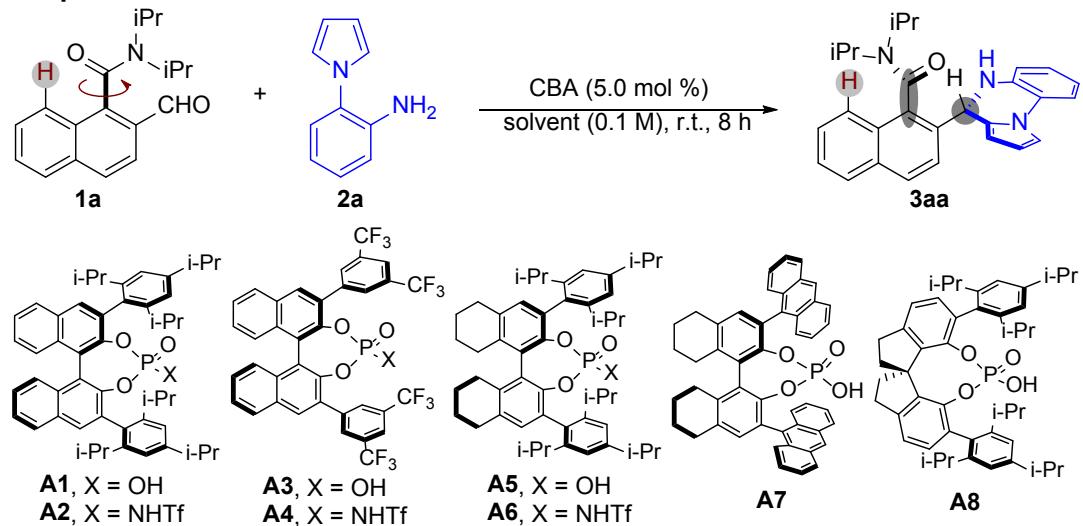
2.4 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 3:1), 69% yield, yellow solid, **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.5 (s, 1H), 8.6 (s, 1H), 8.1 – 8.1 (m, 4H), 8.0 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 3.7 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.4 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.9 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 6.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.4, 167.9, 135.0, 131.9, 131.6, 130.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.2, 124.1, 51.6, 46.7, 20.8, 20.4, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₄H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]: 358.1807, found: 358.1807.

N,N-dicyclohexyl-2-formyl-1-naphthamide (1f) :



2.6 g (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE/EA = 4:1), 72% yield, white solid, **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.3 (s, 1H), 8.0 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.9 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 3.2 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.0 – 2.8 (m, 3H), 2.0 – 1.9 (m, 3H), 1.8 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.6 – 1.5 (m, 6H), 1.4 (dq, *J* = 15.6, 9.8, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 0.9 (qt, *J* = 13.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 0.7 (qt, *J* = 13.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 0.6 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 13.7, 8.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.5, 167.1, 142.5, 136.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.6, 126.1, 122.3, 60.4, 56.8, 31.1, 30.8, 30.0, 29.7, 26.6, 26.6, 25.4, 25.3, 25.3, 24.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀NO₂ [M+H]: 364.2277, found: 364.2273.

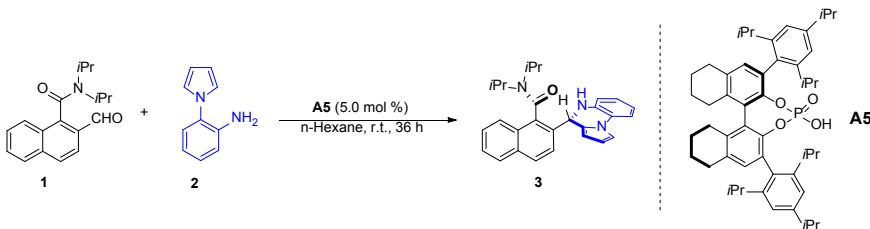
3. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions.^a



entry	CBA	solvent	yield (%) ^b	d.r. ^c	e.r. ^d
1	A1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	91	>20:1	52:48
2	A2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	56	>20:1	70:30
3	A3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	95	>20:1	52:48
4	A4	CH ₂ Cl ₂	96	>20:1	53:47
5	A5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	92	>20:1	71:29
6	A6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	95	>20:1	58:42
7	A7	CH ₂ Cl ₂	95	>20:1	53:47
8	A8	CH ₂ Cl ₂	91	>20:1	50:50
9	A5	THF	89	>20:1	72:28
10	A5	toluene	92	>20:1	70:30
11	A5	xylene	90	>20:1	70:30
12	A5	CHCl ₃	93	>20:1	70:30
13	A5	CCl ₄	93	>20:1	70:30
14	A5	Et ₂ O	72	>20:1	70:30
15	A5	MTBE	69	>20:1	69:31
16 ^e	A5	n-hexane	98	>20:1	93:7
17 ^f	A5	n-hexane	98	12:1	93:7
18 ^{e,g}	A5	n-hexane	86	>20:1	76:23

^a Reaction conditions: amide naphthaldehyde **1a** (0.1 mmol), 2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline **2a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), catalysts **A1-8** (5.0 mol %) was stirred for 8 h in solvent (1.0 mL, 0.1 M) at room temperature under N₂. ^b Isolated yield. ^c The d.r. value was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^d The e.r. value was determined by chiral HPLC analysis. ^e The reaction completed with 36 h. ^f 2.5 mol % of **A5** used and more than 72 h was needed for the reaction accomplishment. ^g 100 mg of 4 Å molecular sieves was added. Additionally, we didn't try other chiral phosphoric acids with smaller substituents.

4. Synthesis and characterization data of products

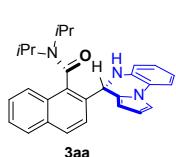


Amide naphthaldehyde **1** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl) aniline **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), chiral phosphoric acid **A5** (5.0 mol%) was stirred in *n*-hexane (1.0 mL, 0.1 M) at room temperature under N₂. Upon reaction completion, reaction solvent was removed and the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether / ethyl acetate as eluents to afford the desired products **3aa-an**, **3ba-fa**, **3bh-3fh**.

Gram-scale reaction: 1

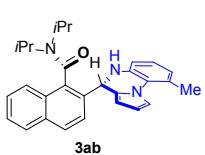
Under a nitrogen atmosphere, amide naphthaldehyde **1a** (3.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl) aniline **2a** (5.63 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), chiral phosphoric acid **A5** (5.0 mol%) was stirred in *n*-hexane (25 mL) at room temperature. Upon reaction completion, reaction solvent was removed and the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 8:1) to give pure product **3aa** (1.5 g, 96% yield, >20:1 d.r., 90:10 e.r.).

(aS,S)-2-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (**3aa**) :



40.6 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 96% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 93:7 e.r. (based on 0.1 mmol scale. Table 1, entry 16). When the reaction scaled up to gram-scale, 1.5 g of **3aa** was isolated in 96% yield with >20:1 d.r. and 90:10 e.r. (Scheme 2). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.2 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.0 – 6.9 (m, 1H), 6.9 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.3 – 6.2 (m, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 – 5.6 (m, 1H), 4.3 (s, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.9, 135.8, 134.4, 133.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.4, 125.2, 124.7, 119.3, 115.3, 114.7, 114.3, 110.6, 107.2, 54.4, 51.5, 46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₈H₂₉N₃O [M+H]: 423.2311, found: 423.2313. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t_R* (minor) = 10.93 min, *t_R* (major) = 16.17 min.

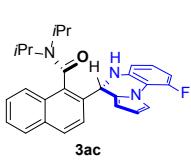
(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(9-methyl-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (**3ab**) :



42.8 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 98% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 92:8 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.3 – 7.3 (m, 1H), 6.9 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.5 – 5.5 (m, 1H), 4.4 (s, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.6 (s, 3H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 138.4, 134.7, 133.4, 132.2, 132.1, 130.0, 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 125.7, 125.4, 124.6, 123.8, 119.1, 114.1, 109.3, 105.6, 55.0, 51.6, 46.4, 21.5, 20.8, 20.5, 20.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for

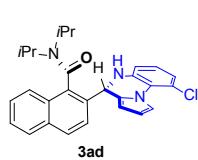
$C_{29}H_{31}N_3O$ [M+H]: 437.2467, found: 437.2469. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 9.41 min, t_R (major) = 15.80 min.

(aS,S)-2-(9-fluoro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ac) :



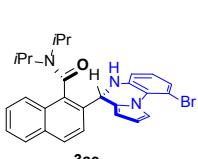
41.1 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 93% yield, white solid, 18:1 d.r., 86:14 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 6.9 (td, J = 8.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (dd, J = 12.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.6 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, J = 36.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.9, 153.1 (d, J = 244.7 Hz), 138.5 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 134.5, 133.4, 132.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.4, 124.5 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 119.4 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 114.4, 111.0, 110.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 107.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 106.6, 54.7, 51.6, 46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{28}H_{28}FN_3O$ [M+H]: 441.2216, found: 441.2218. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 50/50, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 8.07 min, t_R (major) = 11.35 min.

(aS,S)-2-(9-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ad) :



44.8 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 98% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 87.5:12.5 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.0 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.0 – 6.8 (m, 2H), 6.7 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.5 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.7 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, J = 33.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 139.7, 134.6, 133.6, 133.4, 131.5, 130.1, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 125.4, 125.1, 123.6, 122.6, 122.5, 119.8, 114.6, 109.6, 106.2, 55.0, 51.7, 46.4, 20.8, 20.5, 20.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{28}H_{28}ClN_3O$ [M+H]: 457.1921, found: 457.1923. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (major) = 7.52 min, t_R (minor) = 8.49 min.

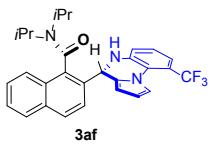
(aS,S)-2-(9-bromo-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ae) :



49.1 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 98% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 92:8 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.1 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.1 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.8 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.5 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.7 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, J = 31.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 140.0, 134.5, 133.3, 131.9, 131.3, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.0, 125.5, 125.3, 125.0, 119.5, 115.3, 110.6, 109.2, 106.2, 55.0, 51.7, 46.4, 20.7, 20.5, 20.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{28}H_{28}BrN_3O$ [M+H]: 501.1416, found: 501.1415. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 7.71 min, t_R (major) = 15.30 min.

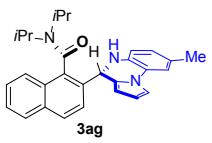
(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(9-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (3af) :

(3af) :



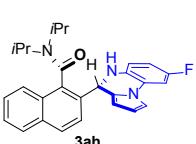
47.5 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 6/1), 97% yield, white solid, 6:1 d.r., 90.5:9.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.4 – 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.2 – 7.2 (m, 1H), 7.1 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.5 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.0 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, *J* = 30.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.6 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.3, 139.7, 134.6, 133.4, 133.0, 132.4, 131.1, 130.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 125.0 (q, *J* = 256.5 Hz), 125.4, 124.4, 120.9, 119.7, 118.8, 118.8, 110.7, 106.4, 55.0, 51.8, 46.5, 20.8, 20.5, 20.4, 20.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₉H₂₈F₃N₃O [M+H]: 491.2184, found: 491.2186. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 5.33 min, *t*_R (major) = 9.95 min.

(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(8-methyl-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (3ag) :



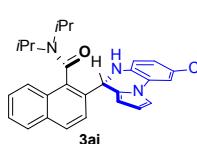
42.4 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 97% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 94:6 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.8 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.7 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (dq, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.3 – 7.2 (m, 2H), 7.2 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.3 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 – 5.7 (m, 2H), 4.7 (s, 1H), 3.7 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 1.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.6, 135.7, 134.6, 133.0, 132.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 124.7, 115.8, 115.0, 114.2, 110.0, 106.0, 53.1, 51.5, 46.4, 21.2, 20.9, 20.7, 20.7, 20.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₉H₃₁N₃O [M+H]: 437.2467, found: 437.2466. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 13.71 min, *t*_R (major) = 20.54 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8-fluoro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ah) :



42.7 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 97% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 90:10 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.1 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.7 – 6.6 (m, 2H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 – 5.6 (m, 1H), 4.3 (s, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.9, 156.7 (d, *J* = 236.7 Hz), 134.5, 133.4, 132.9, 132.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 125.7 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 125.4, 115.7 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 114.5, 111.2, 110.8 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 107.5, 102.6 (d, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 54.6, 51.5, 46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₈H₂₈FN₃O [M+H]: 441.2216, found: 441.2217. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 95/5, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 28.07 min, *t*_R (major) = 31.93 min.

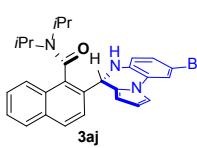
(aS,S)-2-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ai) :



44.7 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 98% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 97:3 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.5 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, *J* = 29.9, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.9, 134.4, 134.3, 133.3, 132.8, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 124.4, 123.8, 116.1, 115.0, 114.5, 111.3, 107.6, 54.6, 51.6,

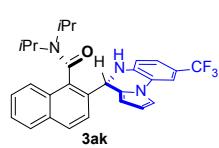
46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{28}H_{28}ClN_3O$ [M+H]: 457.1921, found: 457.1924. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 8.77 min, t_R (major) = 9.79 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8-bromo-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3aj) :



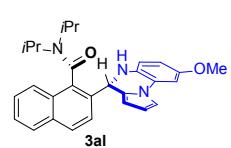
46.6 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 93% yield, white solid, 16:1 d.r., 96.5:3.5 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.4 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.5 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, J = 29.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 168.9, 134.8, 134.2, 133.3, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 117.7, 116.5, 114.5, 111.3, 110.6, 107.6, 54.5, 51.5, 46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{28}H_{28}BrN_3O$ [M+H]: 501.1416, found: 501.1415. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 10.85 min, t_R (major) = 17.56 min.

(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(8-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (3ak) :



44.7 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 91% yield, white solid, 10:1 d.r., 85:15 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 4H), 7.2 – 7.1 (m, 2H), 6.8 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.9 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, J = 26.1, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 168.9, 138.4, 134.1, 133.4, 132.6, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.2, 125.4, 124.4, 122.1 (q, J = 230.3 Hz), 121.9, 120.7, 114.8, 114.5, 111.8, 111.6, 107.9, 54.5, 51.6, 46.5, 20.9, 20.7, 20.5, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{29}H_{28}F_3N_3O$ [M+H]: 491.2184, found: 491.2185. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 7.27 min, t_R (major) = 11.03 min.

(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(8-methoxy-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (3al) :



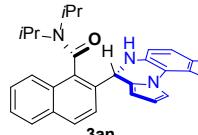
43.9 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 10/1), 97% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 81:19 e.r. (>99.5:0.5 e.r. recrsl.). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.1 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.6 – 6.6 (m, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.7 (s, 1H), 5.6 – 5.6 (m, 1H), 4.1 (s, 1H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.7 – 3.6 (m, 1H), 3.5 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 – 1.5 (m, 3H), 1.0 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 169.0, 153.6, 134.6, 133.4, 133.3, 129.9, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 116.0, 114.4, 110.8, 109.7, 107.2, 102.0, 56.0, 54.8, 51.5, 46.4, 21.0, 20.7, 20.6, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{29}H_{31}N_3O_2$ [M+H]: 453.2416, found: 453.2416. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 12.63 min, t_R (major) = 14.45 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8,9-dimethyl-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3am) :



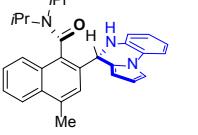
42.7 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 95% yield, white solid, 13:1 d.r., 91.5:8.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.2 – 7.2 (m, 1H), 6.8 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.5 (s, 1H), 5.4 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (s, 1H), 3.6 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.7 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.2, 136.9, 134.7, 133.4, 132.7, 132.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.2, 126.8, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 125.5, 125.4, 119.7, 113.2, 109.0, 105.3, 55.2, 51.7, 46.4, 20.8, 20.5, 20.4, 20.1, 17.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₃₀H₃₃N₃O [M+H]: 451.2624, found: 451.2627. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 9.28 min, *t*_R (major) = 16.71 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8,9-difluoro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3an) :



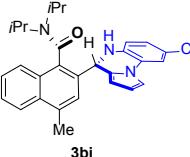
44.1 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 96% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 89.5:10.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.4 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.8 – 6.7 (m, 1H), 6.4 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 4.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.7 (s, 1H), 5.6 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.5 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dp, *J* = 27.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.9, 145.2 (d, *J* = 225.0 Hz), 134.6, 133.8, 133.4, 132.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.4, 125.4, 119.2 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 111.5 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 111.1 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 109.4 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 109.3, 109.2 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 106.9, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 54.8, 51.6, 46.4, 20.9, 20.6, 20.6, 20.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₈H₂₇F₂N₃O [M+H]: 459.2122, found: 459.2124. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 9.31 min, *t*_R (major) = 13.17 min.

(aS,S)-2-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-4-methyl-1-naphthamide (3ba) :



42.8 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 98% yield, white solid, 13:1 d.r., 82:18 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 6.5, 4.2 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.84 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.20 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.64 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 135.8, 135.0, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 130.0, 129.1, 126.8, 126.5, 126.0, 125.2, 124.7, 124.4, 119.3, 115.3, 114.8, 114.3, 110.6, 107.2, 54.4, 51.4, 46.3, 20.9, 20.7, 20.5, 20.5, 19.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₉H₃₁N₃O [M+H]: 437.2467, found: 437.2465. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t*_R (minor) = 5.77 min, *t*_R (major) = 7.73 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-4-methyl-1-naphthamide (3bi) :



46.5 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 99% yield, white solid, 10:1 d.r., 88:12 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.0 – 8.0 (m, 1H), 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 1H), 7.5 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.4 (s, 1H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.7 (dt, *J* = 2.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (s, 1H), 3.6 (p, *J* =

6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 135.0, 134.5, 133.0, 132.7, 132.2, 130.0, 128.9, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 124.7, 124.6, 124.4, 124.3, 123.8, 116.0, 114.9, 114.4, 111.2, 107.6, 54.5, 51.5, 46.3, 20.8, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, 19.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [M+H]: 471.2077, found: 471.2077. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 50/50, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_{R} (major) = 9.05 min, t_{R} (minor) = 14.71 min.

(aS,S)-2-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-4-fluoro-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ca) :

43.2 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 98% yield, white solid, 5:1 d.r., 82:18 e.r. (94:6 e.r.). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.1 – 8.0 (m, 1H), 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 1H), 7.6 (pd, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.4 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.0 – 6.9 (m, 2H), 6.8 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.3 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (dt, J = 4.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.0 – 4.8 (m, 1H), 3.7 (dp, J = 33.0, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.8 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.9 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.0, 158.5 (d, J = 253.5 Hz), 136.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 134.9, 130.7, 130.7, 130.6, 127.9, 126.9 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 125.0, 124.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 124.6, 123.5 (d, J = 17.2 Hz), 121.0 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 119.0, 115.8, 114.5, 114.5, 110.3, 109.4 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 106.2, 77.3, 52.8, 51.6, 46.5, 21.2, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ [M+H]: 441.2216, found: 441.2217. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_{R} (minor) = 9.02 min, t_{R} (major) = 10.17 min (enantiomer t_{R} (minor) = 6.02 min, t_{R} (major) = 11.59 min).

(aS,S)-2-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-4-fluoro-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (3ci) :

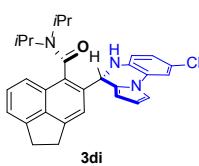
43.7 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 6/1), 92% yield, white solid, 3:1 d.r. 95:5 e.r. (99.5:0.5 e.r.). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.1 – 8.1 (m, 1H), 7.9 – 7.8 (m, 1H), 7.6 (q, J = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.3 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.1 – 7.1 (m, 1H), 6.9 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.8 – 5.7 (m, 1H), 4.4 (s, 1H), 3.5 (dq, J = 27.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.2, 158.4 (d, J = 253.2 Hz), 134.1, 133.6, 131.4, (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 125.7, 125.3, 124.8, 124.5, 124.0, 123.8, 120.9 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 116.2, 115.0, 114.6, 111.4, 109.4, 107.7, 54.4, 51.6, 46.5, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClFN}_3\text{O}$ [M+H]: 475.1827, found: 475.1829. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 70/30, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_{R} (minor) = 8.04 min, t_{R} (major) = 8.91 min (enantiomer t_{R} (major) = 4.46 min).

(aS,S)-4-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-5-carboxamide (3da) :

43.9 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 8/1), 98% yield, white solid, 3:1 d.r., 82:18 e.r. (96:4 e.r.). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.4 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.4 – 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.3 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.2 – 7.2 (m, 2H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 6.8 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.3 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 – 5.7 (m, 1H), 4.9 (s, 1H), 3.7 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.3 – 3.2 (m, 2H), 3.2 – 3.1 (m, 2H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.6 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (dd, J = 12.8, 6.7 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.9, 146.7, 146.3, 138.8, 138.1, 135.5, 130.6, 128.8, 128.1,

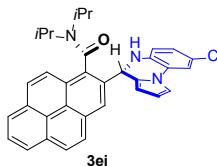
127.4, 124.9, 124.7, 120.2, 120.1, 119.3, 118.7, 115.8, 114.4, 114.2, 110.2, 106.1, 53.4, 51.6, 46.4, 30.5, 30.4, 30.3, 21.4, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{30}H_{31}N_3O$ [M+H]: 449.2467, found: 449.2469. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 4.72 min, t_R (major) = 9.66 min (enantiomer t_R (major) = 15.37 min, t_R (minor) = 22.94 min).

(aS,S)-4-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene-5-carboxamide (3di) :



47.3 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 98% yield, white solid, 10:1 d.r., 98:2 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.81 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dt, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.21 (m, 4H), 1.74 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.9, 146.8, 146.4, 138.8, 137.8, 134.0, 130.5, 129.0, 127.9, 127.4, 125.3, 124.6, 123.1, 120.3, 120.0, 119.0, 116.6, 114.7, 114.3, 110.9, 106.5, 53.3, 51.7, 46.4, 30.5, 30.4, 21.4, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{30}H_{30}ClN_3O$ [M+H]: 483.2077, found: 483.2078. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 4.65 min, t_R (major) = 9.67 min.

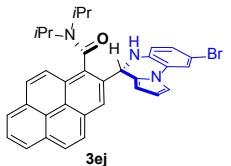
(aS,S)-2-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropylpyrene-1-carboxamide (3ei) :



51.2 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 96% yield, yellow solid, >20:1 d.r., 90:10 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.2 – 8.1 (m, 3H), 8.0 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.0 – 7.9 (m, 2H), 7.8 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.4 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.8 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.1 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.9 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.7 (pd, J = 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.9 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 170.2, 136.1, 133.7, 131.9, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 125.5, 124.7, 124.4, 124.4, 124.1, 123.8, 123.4, 116.9, 114.7, 114.5, 111.0, 106.5, 77.3, 53.2, 51.8, 46.6, 21.1, 20.7, 20.7, 20.7. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{34}H_{30}ClN_3O$ [M+H]: 531.2077, found: 531.2076. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (major) = 9.71 min, t_R (minor) = 12.61 min.

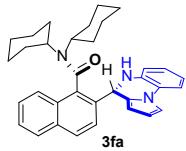
(aS,S)-2-(8-bromo-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropylpyrene-1-carboxamide

(3ej) :



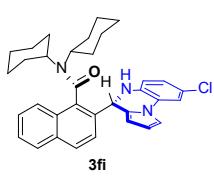
54.3 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 94% yield, yellow solid, >20:1 d.r., 83:17 e.r. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.1 – 8.1 (m, 3H), 8.0 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.0 – 7.9 (m, 2H), 7.8 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.5 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.1 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.9 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.7 (h, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.9 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.7 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 170.3, 136.1, 134.1, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 124.4, 124.4, 124.1, 123.8, 117.4, 117.3, 114.5, 111.0, 110.2, 106.6, 77.3, 53.2, 51.8, 46.6, 21.1, 20.8, 20.7, 20.7. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for $C_{34}H_{30}BrN_3O$ [M+H]: 575.1572, found: 575.1573. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 70/30, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (major) = 7.77 min, t_R (minor) = 9.74 min.

(aS,S)-N,N-dicyclohexyl-2-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (3fa) :



48.3 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 96% yield, white solid, >20:1 d.r., 88.5:11.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 (dt, *J* = 29.5, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.0 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.8 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.2 (s, 1H), 3.2 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.1 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.0 – 2.9 (m, 1H), 2.7 (q, *J* = 13.0, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.0 – 1.7 (m, 4H), 1.7 – 1.1 (m, 10H), 1.0 – 0.7 (m, 3H), 0.6 (q, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 135.8, 134.7, 133.4, 132.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 124.7, 119.4, 115.2, 114.8, 114.3, 110.8, 107.0, 60.4, 56.6, 54.6, 31.3, 31.3, 30.0, 29.9, 26.8, 26.7, 25.8, 25.5, 25.4, 25.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₃₄H₃₇N₃O [M+H]: 503.2937, found: 503.2935. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t_R* (major) = 10.98 min, *t_R* (minor) = 13.56 min.

(aS,S)-2-(8-chloro-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-dicyclohexyl-1-naphthamide (3fi) :



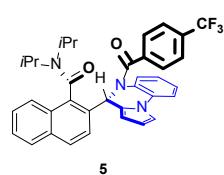
53.2 mg (Flash column chromatography eluent, PE:EA = 7/1), 99% yield, white solid, 10:1 d.r., 83:17 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.1 – 7.1 (m, 1H), 6.9 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (s, 1H), 3.1 (dd, *J* = 26.5, 11.9, 7.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (td, *J* = 12.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.7 (td, *J* = 12.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.9 – 1.7 (m, 3H), 1.5 – 1.3 (m, 12H), 0.9 – 0.7 (m, 2H), 0.6 – 0.5 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.1, 134.6, 134.4, 133.3, 132.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 125.9, 125.5, 124.3, 123.9, 116.1, 115.0, 114.5, 111.4, 107.4, 60.4, 56.6, 54.7, 31.3, 31.1, 30.0, 29.9, 26.8, 26.6, 25.8, 25.5, 25.4, 25.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₃₄H₃₆ClN₃O [M+H]: 537.2547, found: 537.2545. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, hexane/iPrOH = 60/40, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, *t_R* (major) = 11.50 min, *t_R* (minor) = 14.12 min.

(aS)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (4) :

The compound is prepared as reported in literature.^[2] The reaction mixture of **3aa** (0.1 mmol) and KMnO₄ (2.0 equiv.) in acetone (1.0 mL) solvent was stirred at 0 °C until the completely substrates consumption. The reaction mixture was suspended in water and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The collected organic phases were dried and concentrated under vacuum to obtain a solid residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) to provide the corresponding products **4** as white solid. 38.8 mg, yield 92%, 91.5:8.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.0 – 8.0 (m, 2H), 8.0 – 7.9 (m, 4H), 7.8 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (ddd, *J* = 22.2, 7.3, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.5 – 7.4 (m, 1H), 6.8 – 6.8 (m, 2H), 3.8 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.3 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.6 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.8 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.0, 154.1, 136.0, 135.7, 133.8, 131.8, 130.4, 130.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.1, 114.4, 114.0, 113.7, 109.8, 51.2, 45.9, 21.4, 20.7, 20.2, 20.0. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₂₈H₂₈N₃O [M+H]: 422.2232,

found: 422.2235. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (minor) = 11.88 min, t_R (major) = 26.37 min.

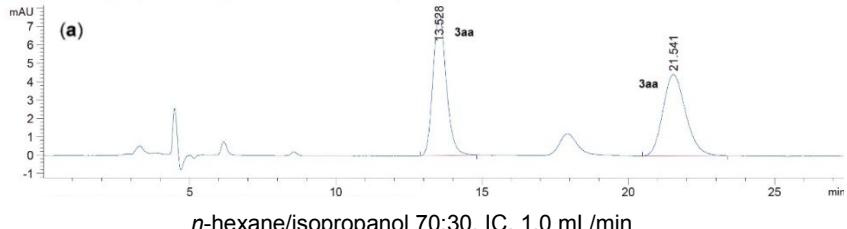
(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (5) :



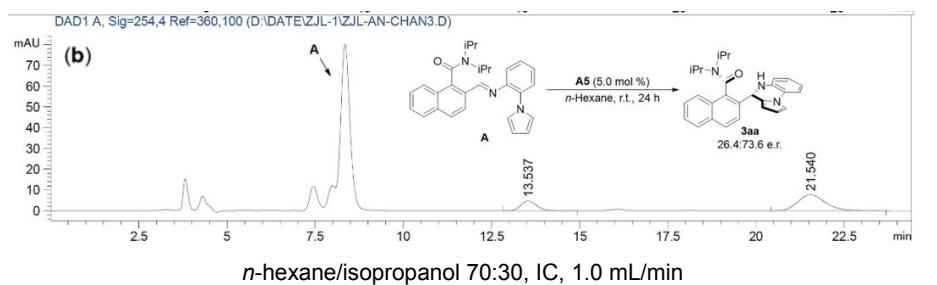
The compound is prepared as reported in literature.^[3] To a solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol) in dry DCM (1 mL), in the presence of DIPEA (0.5 mmol), was added dropwise at 0 °C benzoylchloride (0.2 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h. At the end of the reaction, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was suspended in water and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The collected organic concentrated under reduced pressure to provide a crude residue that was purified by a silica gel flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10:1) to afford the pure compound **5** as a white solid. 56.6 mg, yield 95%, >20:1 d.r., >99.5:0.5 e.r. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.9 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.5 – 7.4 (m, 9H), 7.2 – 7.2 (m, 2H), 6.9 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.8 – 6.8 (m, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.3 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.8 (dq, *J* = 12.4, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.9 – 1.8 (m, 6H), 1.4 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.4, 168.1, 138.9, 134.3, 133.4, 132.5, 132.2, 131.9, 130.5, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.2 (dd, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J* = 273.7 Hz), 123.7, 116.0, 114.1, 111.8, 109.3, 52.6, 51.6, 46.7, 21.2, 21.1, 21.0, 20.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. for C₃₆H₃₃F₃N₃O₂ [M+H]: 596.2524, found: 596.2527. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, hexane/iPrOH = 80/20, Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R (major) = 5.47 min.

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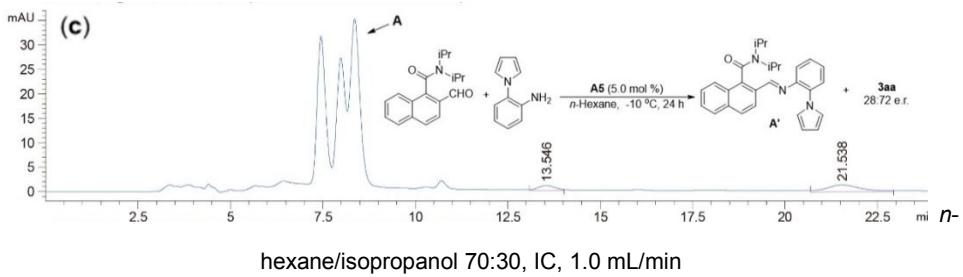
5. Mechanistic study



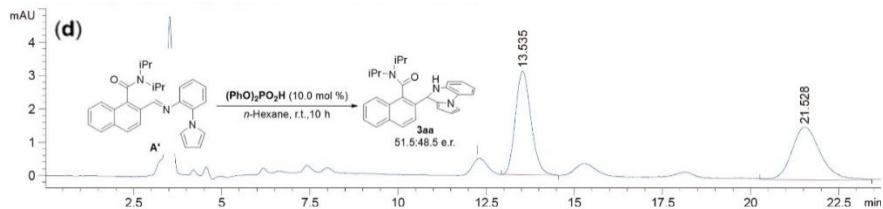
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1	13.528	0.4870	244.1	7.7	50.368
2	21.541	0.7867	240.5	4.4	49.632



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1	13.537	0.4801	151.1	4.7	26.384
2	21.540	0.8202	421.6	7.7	73.616

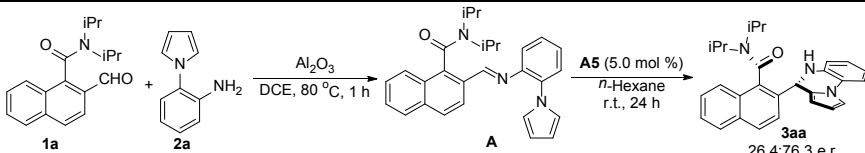


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1	13.546	0.5554	34.9	1.1	27.959
2	21.538	1.0727	89.9	1.4	72.041



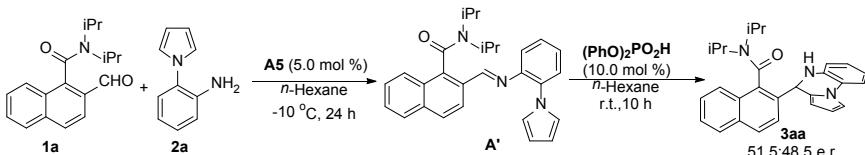
n-hexane/isopropanol 70:30, IC, 1.0 mL/min

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Width [min]	Area [mAU's]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.535	0.4675	95.9	3.1	51.504
2	21.528	0.9500	90.4	1.6	48.496



The solution of **1a** (0.5 mmol) and **2a** (0.5 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) was added Al₂O₃ (1.0 g) and then stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. After filtrating off Al₂O₃ the organic solvent was evaporated and the crude mixture purified by flash chromatography by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate= 7:1) to afford the reaction intermediate **A** (40% yield).

(b) Intermediate **A** was subjected into the standard reaction conditions and the reaction proceeded successfully to deliver the desired ring-closing axially chiral product **3aa** with 76.3:26.4 e.r. and >25:1 d.r. value, although a mixture of **1a**, **2a**, **A**, and **3aa** was finally detected.



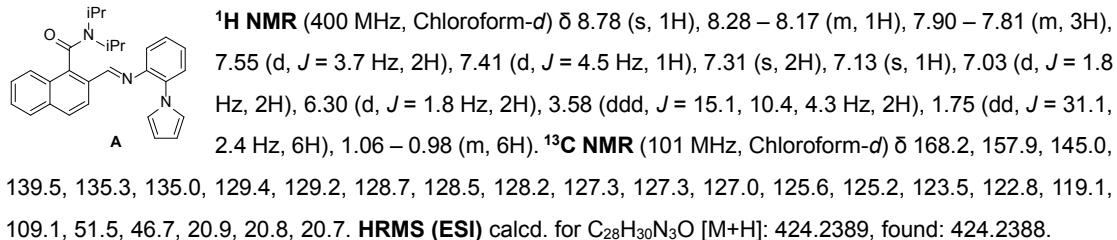
(c) The reaction of **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and chiral acid catalyst **A5** (5.0 mol %) were stirred in *n*-hexane (2.0 mL, 0.1 M) at -10 °C under N₂ for 24 h. The start materials of **1a** and **2a** of less than 50% was reacted to synthesize the intermediate **A'** and trace amount of **3aa** with 72:28 e.r. value.

(d) Then the intermediate **A'** (0.025 mmol) was catalyzed by racemic phosphoric acid (10.0 mol%) in *n*-hexane at r.t. under N₂ for 10 h. The desired product **3aa** was finally separated as a racemic mixture with only 51.5:48.5 e.r. value.

Racemic mixture of **3aa** was obtained from intermediate **A'**, which generated from substrates **1a** and **2a** by chiral phosphoric acid (PA) **A5** under the optimized reaction conditions. This phenomenon indicated that the intermediate **A'**, similar as substrate **1a**, might undergo fast racemization due to lower rotational barrier or only a racemic intermediate obtained. So, the second reaction step was of importance to the chirality control of this transformation. Undoubtedly, optically active compound **3aa** with 26.4:73.6 e.r. was obtained from racemic intermediate **A** implied again that the imine could be chirally recognized by chiral catalyst and the second step was very indispensable for the chiral recognition. However, the e.r. value from **A** by chiral **A5** was lower than that from start material **1a** and **2a** directly under the standard reaction conditions (26.4:73.6 vs 90:10), probably resulted from the fact that the compound **1a** could be recognized by chiral catalyst to generate axially chiral intermediate **A'** followed immediately by ring-closing reaction to deliver the final product **3aa**. This possible of the interaction between aldehyde **1a** and phosphoric acid **A5** was partly demonstrated by similar recognition of imine **A'** by chiral catalyst, which was benefit for total chiral control by two steps to compose the chiral product **3aa** with high enantioselectivity. In conclusion, the mixed structure of imine and chiral PA via H-bond formed from aldehyde **1a** by asymmetric catalysis using chiral PA might be more efficient than racemic imine for the chiral control of the final product **3aa**, probably due to the chiral imine was initially formed from the first step. But the chiral imine was not stable enough to synthesize the final chiral product **3aa** in absence of chiral catalyst. The preliminary results imply that CPA catalyst might have chiral recognition for each step in the cascade reaction and the synergistic effect would benefit the final enantioselectivity. **Further investigation failed by**

virtue of the challenging: (1) the imine and final product could not be separated by silica gel; (2) the imine was not stable enough to be separated cleanly; (3) the intermediate imine could not be separated by HPLC, same as the start aldehyde **1a**.

2-((2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)phenyl)imino)methyl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (**A**):



6. Stability examination^[1]

Approximately 1 mg of an enantioenriched sample was dissolved in the toluene solvent and heated at the specified temperature. The change in enantiomeric excess over time was monitored via chiral HPLC.

This data was plotted as ($\ln[ee_0/ee]$) versus time (seconds), where: ee_0 = enantiomeric excess at time = 0. The gradient of this graph corresponds to the racemization constant, $K_{\text{racemization}}$, at the specified temperature. The rate constant for enantiomerization, $k_{\text{enantiomerization}}$, is related to the racemization rate constant according to the following equation:

$$k_{\text{enantiomerization}} = \frac{k_{\text{racemization}}}{2}$$

The barrier to rotation, $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{\text{enantiomerization}}$, was subsequently calculated using the following form of the Eyring equation:

$$\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{\text{enantiomerization}} = RT_1 \ln \frac{K_B T_1}{h k_{\text{enantiomerization}}}$$

Where: R = Gas constant = $8.31454 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, h = Planck constant = $6.62608 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$, k_B = Boltzmann constant = $1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, and T_1 = temperature racemization studies were conducted at, in Kelvin.

Employing the hypothesis that $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{\text{enantiomerization}}$ is independent of temperature, it is possible to extrapolate the racemization constant to other temperatures, in this case 25 °C, according to the following relationship:

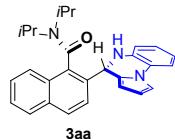
$$k_{\text{racemization at } 25^\circ\text{C}} = 2 \cdot k_{\text{enantiomerization at } 25^\circ\text{C}} = 2 \cdot \frac{k_B T_2}{h} \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{\text{enantiomerization}}}{RT_2}\right)}$$

Where $T_2 = 298.15 \text{ K}$ (25 °C)

The half-life at 25 °C is calculated as follows:

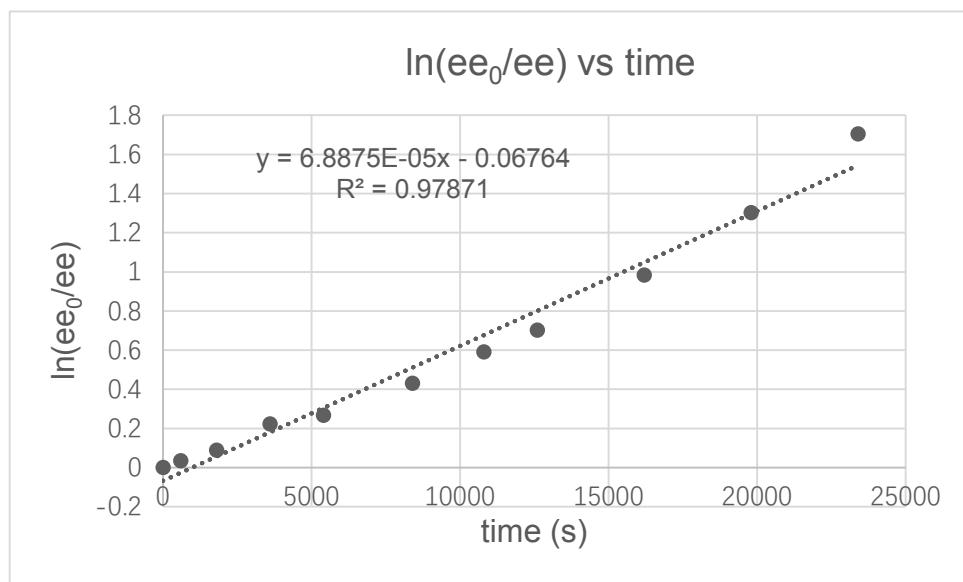
$$t_{1/2 \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}} = \frac{\ln 2}{k_{\text{racemization}}}$$

(aS,S)-2-(4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-N,N-diisopropyl-1-naphthamide (**3aa**) :



Solvent: toluene, Temperature: 50 °C

Time (seconds)	Enantiomeric Excess (ee)	First Order Racemization ($\ln[ee_0/ee]$)
0	100	0
600	96.6	0.03459
1800	91.6	0.08774
3600	80.1	0.22189
5400	76.6	0.26657
8400	65	0.43078
10800	55.4	0.59059
12600	49.6	0.70118
16200	37.4	0.98349
19800	27.2	1.30195
23400	18.2	1.70375



$$K_{\text{racemization}} (50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 6.8875 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

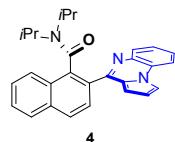
$$K_{\text{enantiomerization}} (50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 3.4438 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{enantiomerization}} = 106.98 \text{ KJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$K_{\text{racemization}} (25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 2.2556 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

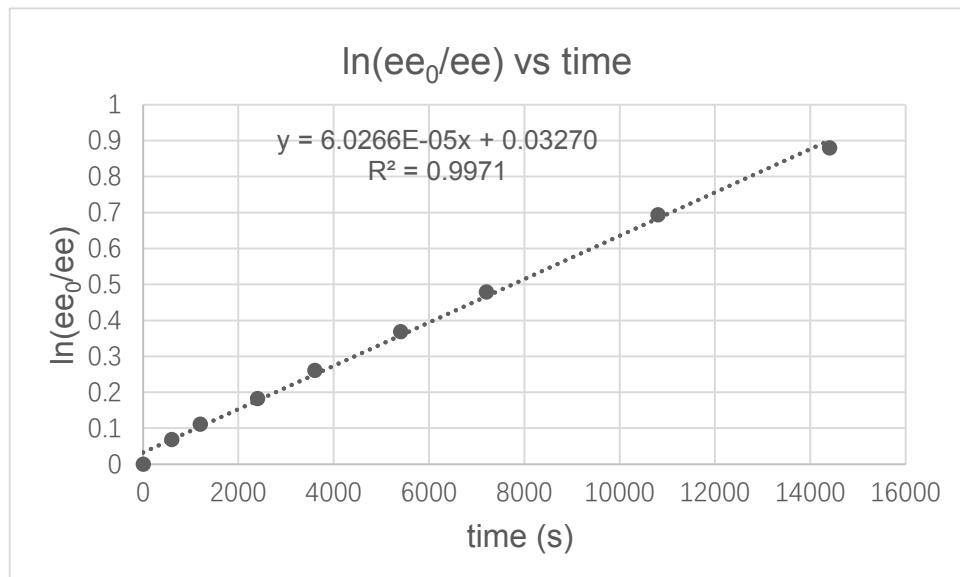
$$t_{1/2} (25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 3.57 \text{ days}$$

(aS)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (**4**) :



Solvent: toluene, Temperature: 30 °C

Time (seconds)	Enantiomeric Excess (ee)	First Order Racemization ($\ln[ee_0/ee]$)
0	63.6	0
600	59.4	0.06832
1200	56.9	0.11132
2400	53	0.18232
3600	49	0.26079
5400	44	0.36842
7200	39.4	0.47885
10800	31.8	0.69315
14400	26.4	0.87925



$$K_{\text{racemization}} (30^\circ\text{C}) = 6.0266 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

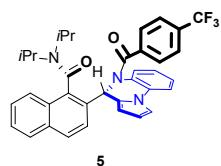
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$$\Delta G_{\text{enantiomerization}} = 100.53 \text{ KJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

Kracemization (25°C) = $3.0364 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$

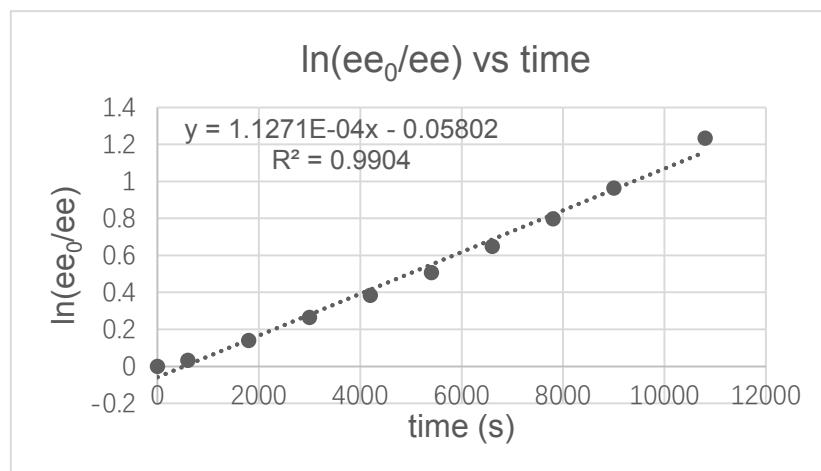
$t_{1/2}$ (25°C) = 6.34 h

(aS,S)-N,N-diisopropyl-2-(5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-4,5-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)-1-naphthamide (**5**) :



Solvent: toluene, Temperature: 60°C

Time (seconds)	Enantiomeric Excess (ee)	First Order Racemization ($\ln[ee_0/ee]$)
0	90.6	0
600	87.8	0.03139
1800	78.8	0.13954
3000	69.6	0.26369
4200	61.8	0.38255
5400	54.6	0.50642
6600	47.4	0.64783
7800	40.8	0.79777
9000	34.6	0.9626
10800	26.4	1.23309



$K_{\text{racemization}} (60^{\circ}\text{C}) = 1.1271 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$K_{\text{enantiomerization}} (60^{\circ}\text{C}) = 5.6355 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$

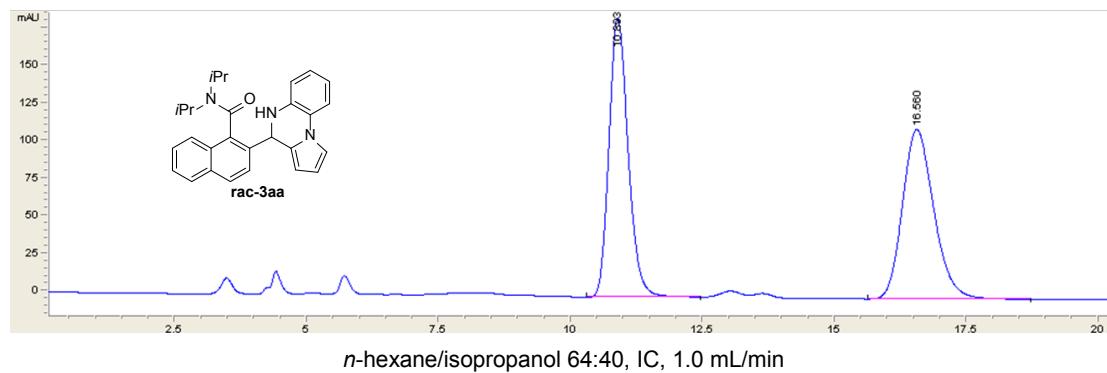
$\Delta G_{\text{enantiomerization}} = 109.01 \text{ KJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

Kracemization (25°C) = $9.9423 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$

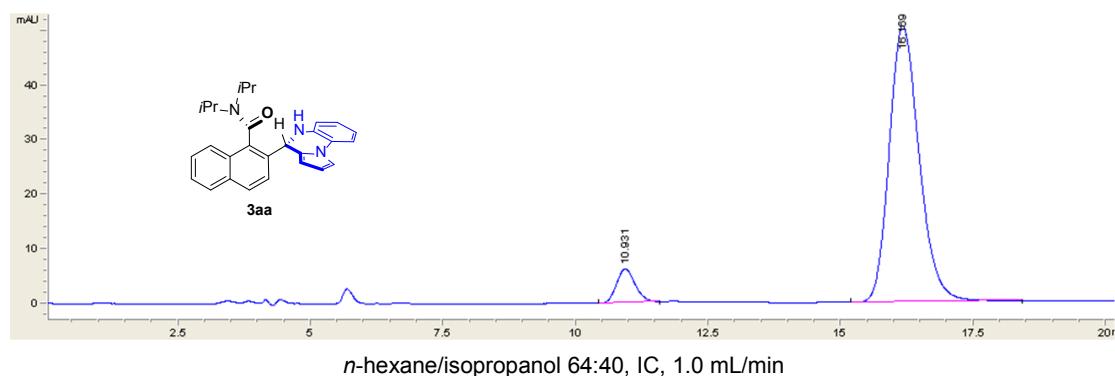
$t_{1/2}$ (25°C) = 8.07 days

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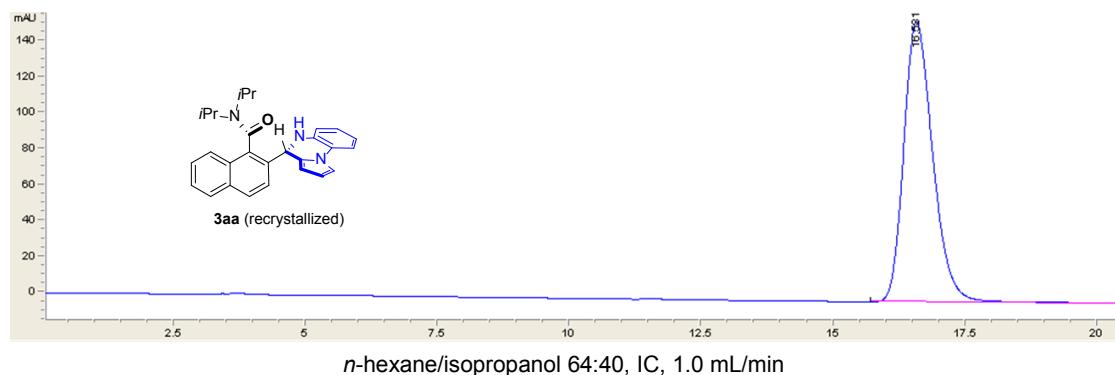
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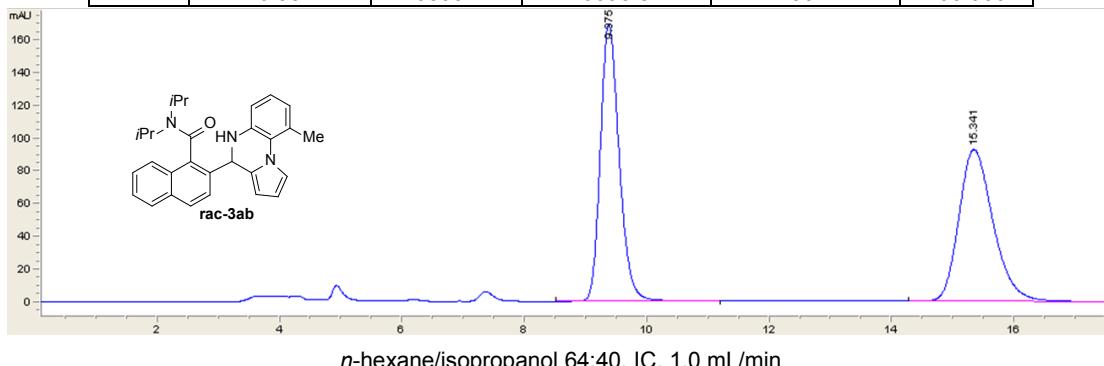
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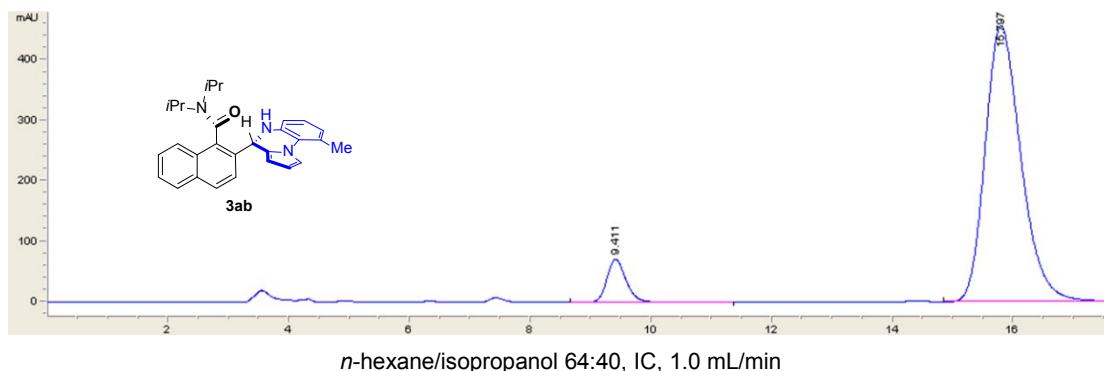
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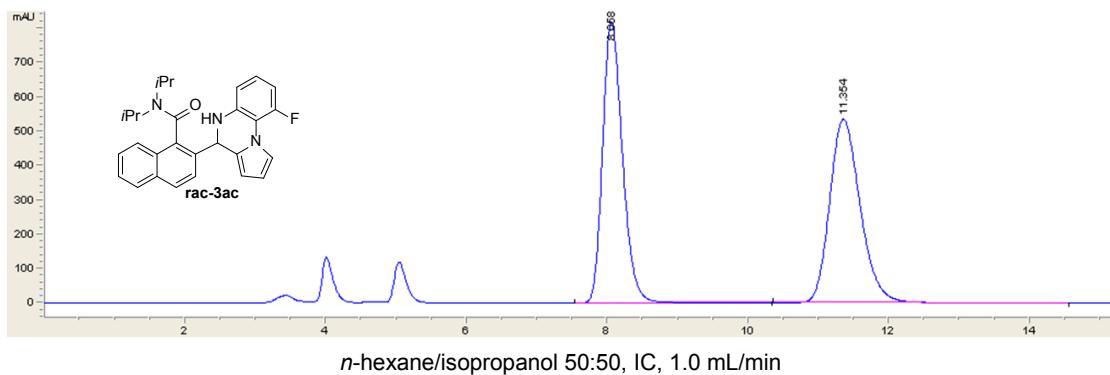
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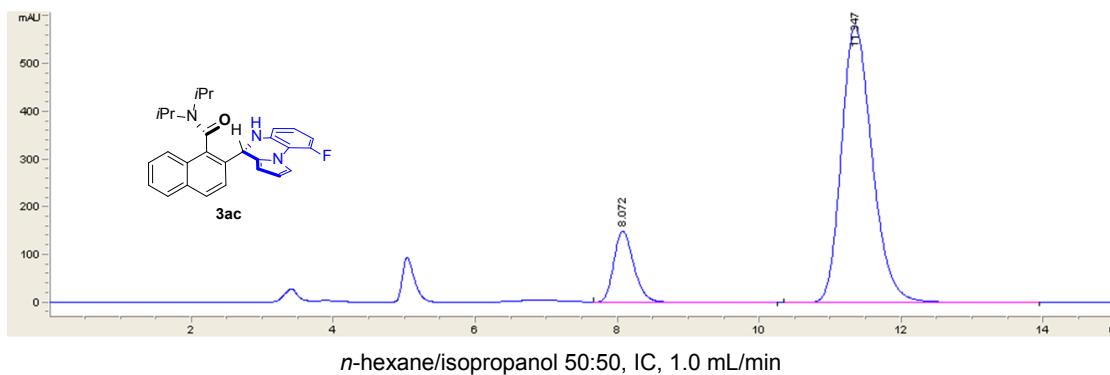
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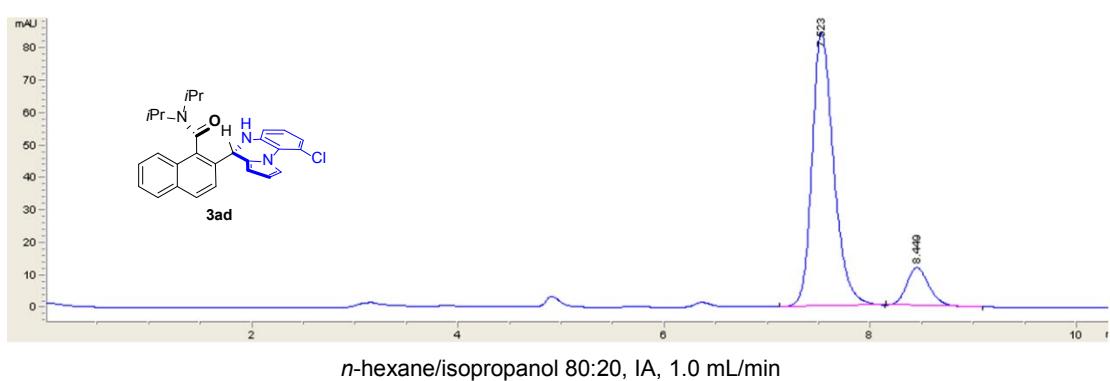
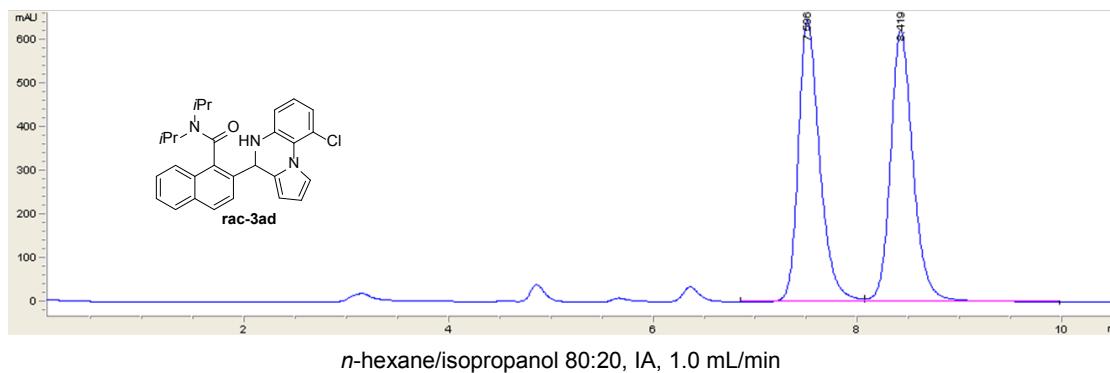
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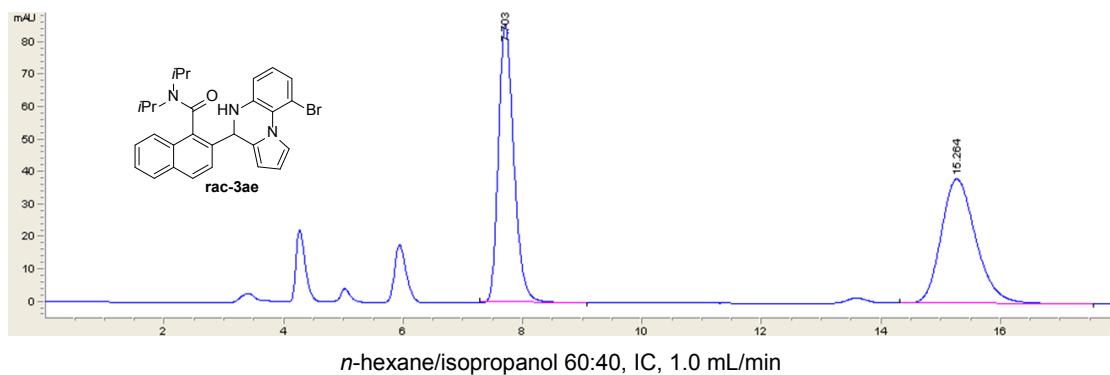


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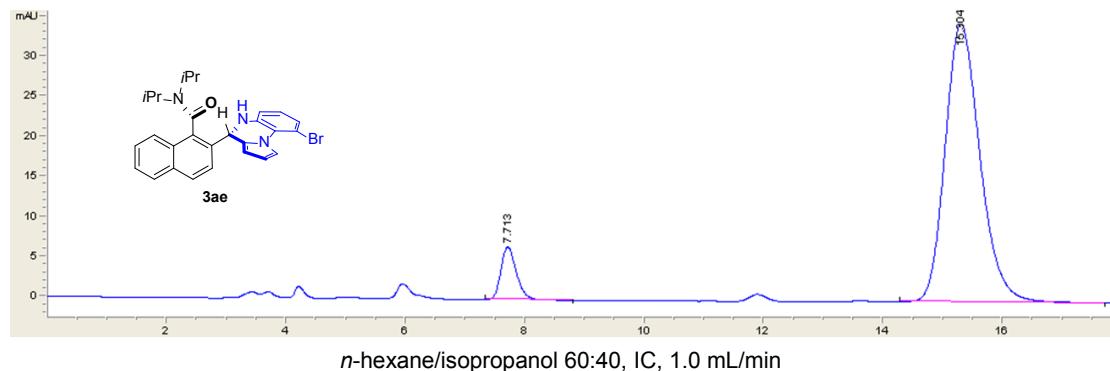


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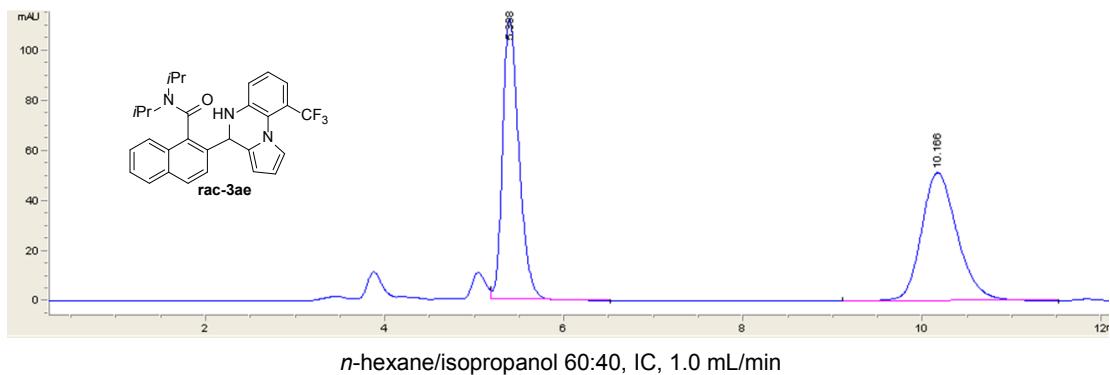




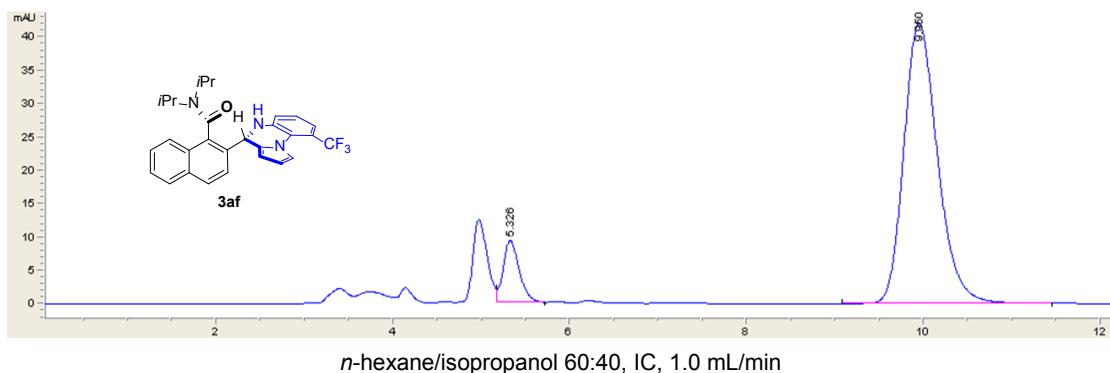
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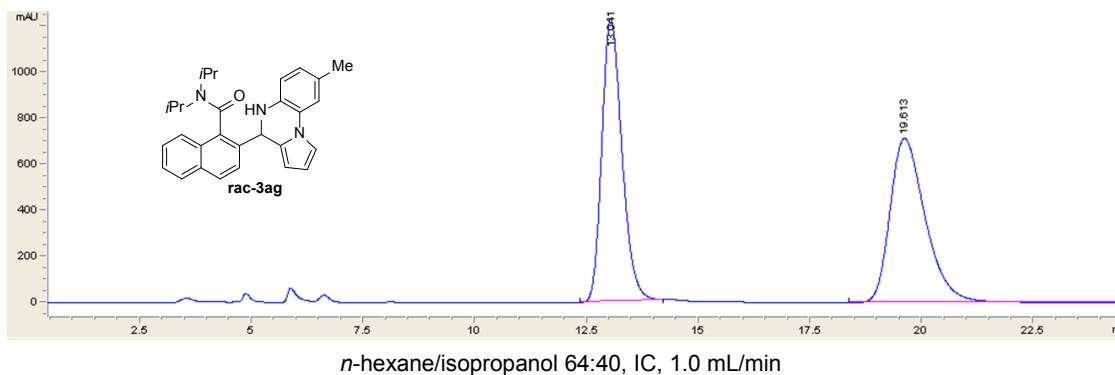
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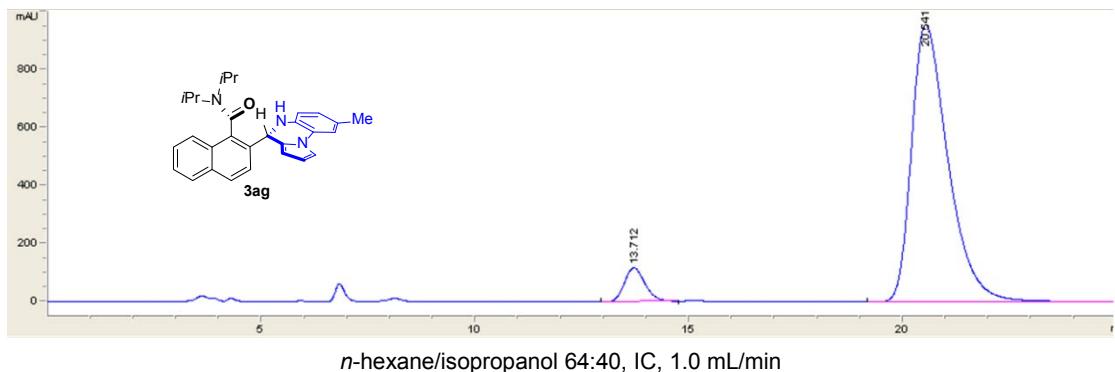


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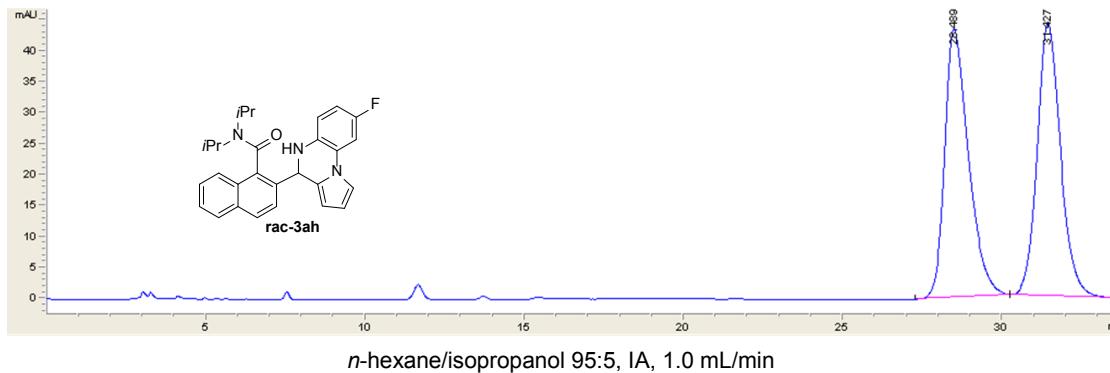
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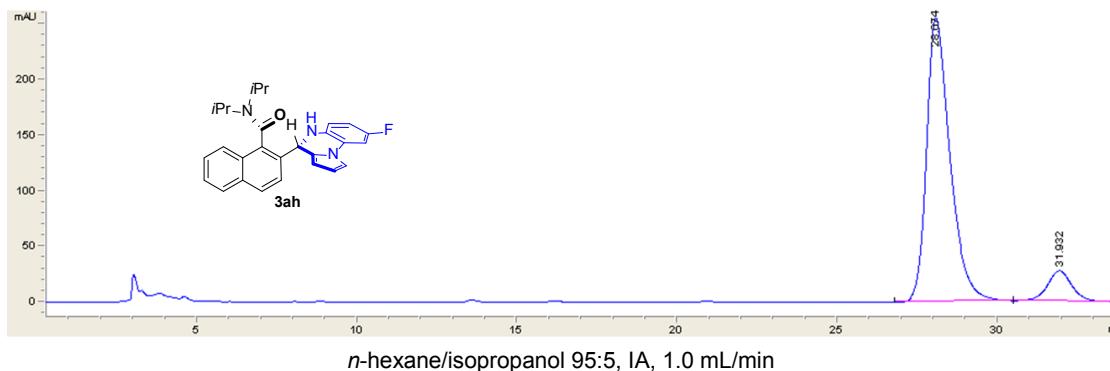


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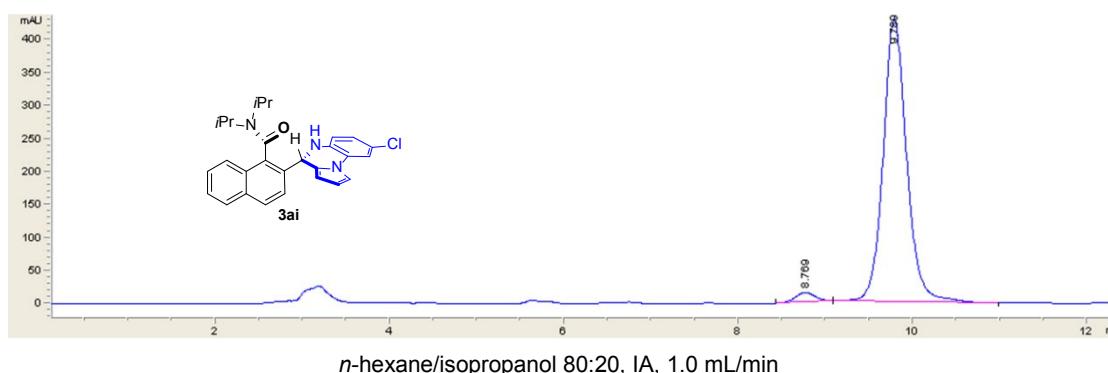
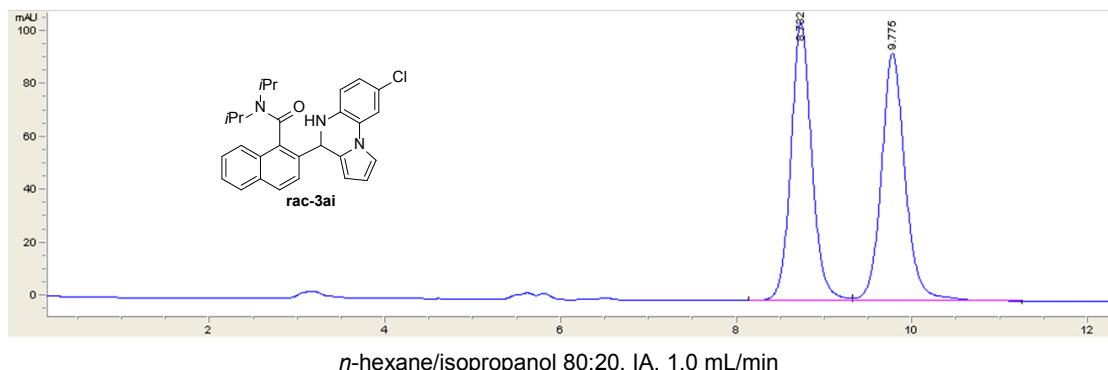
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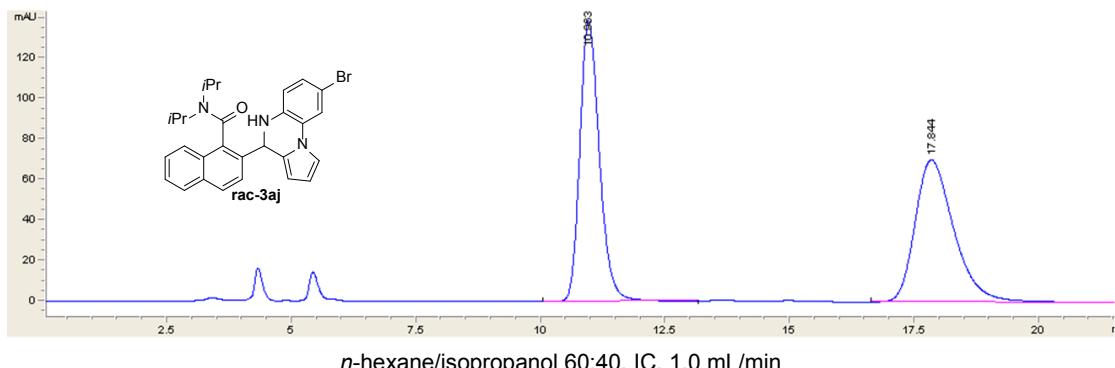


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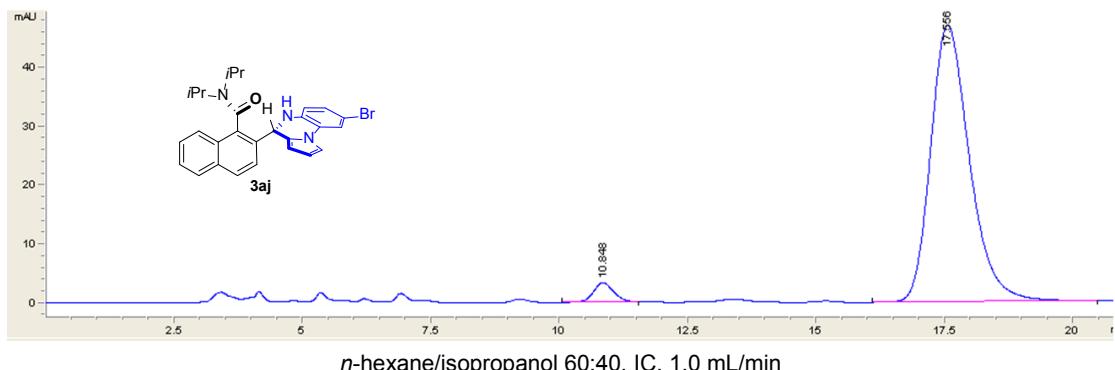


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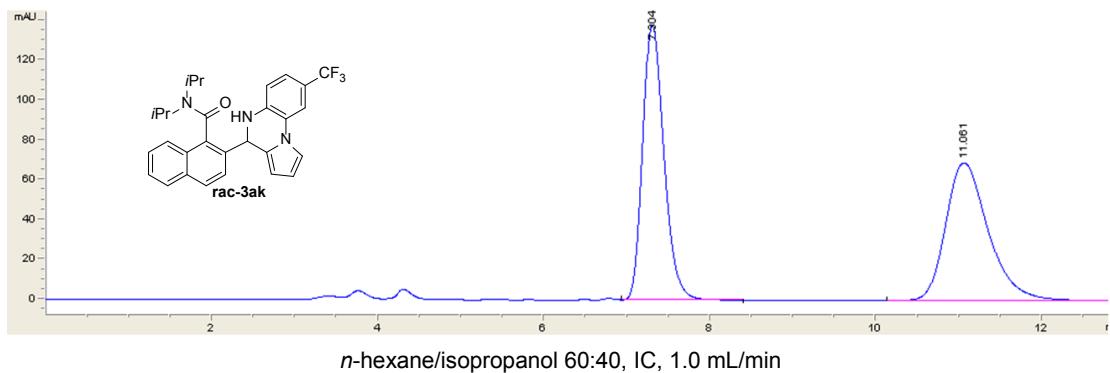




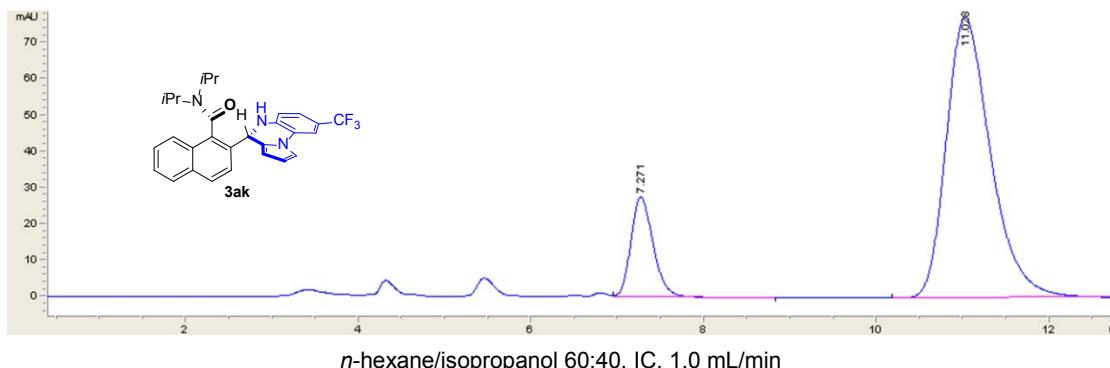
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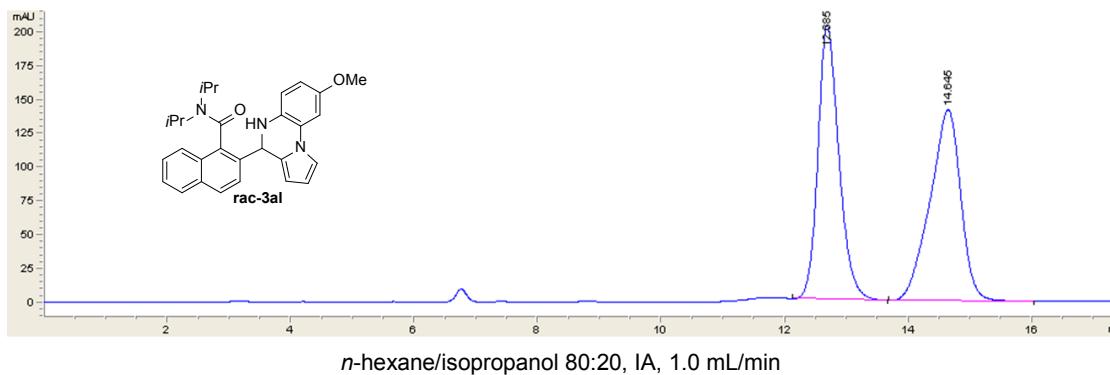
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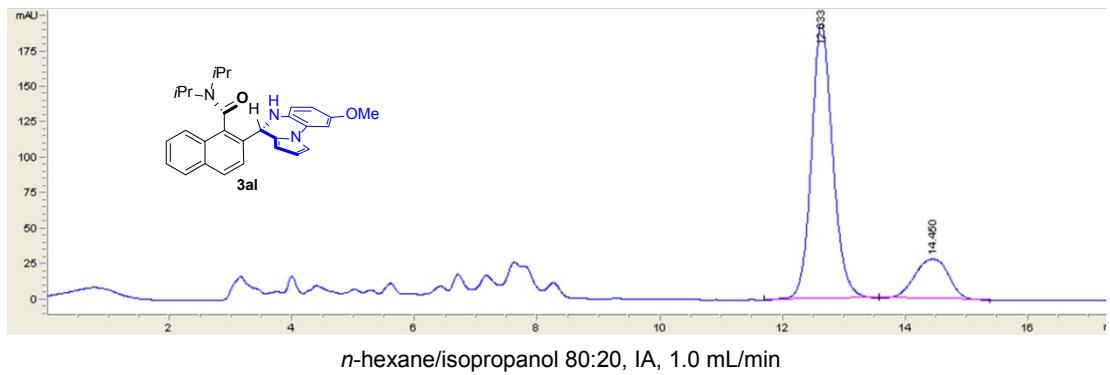
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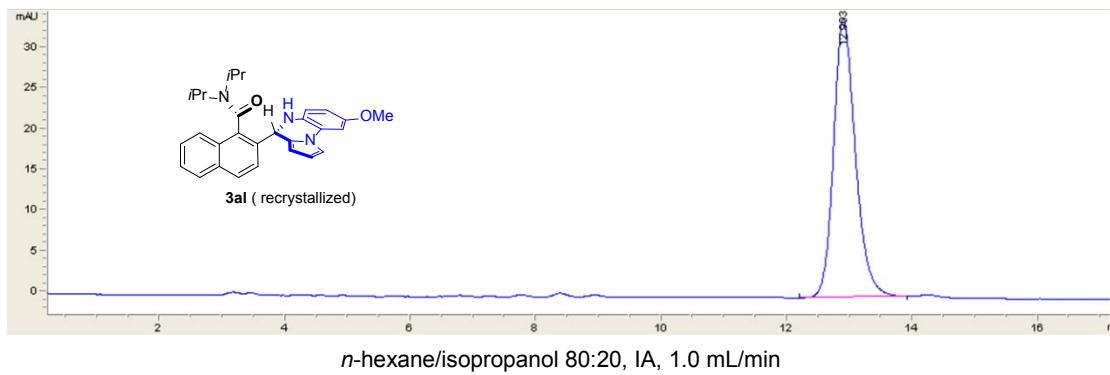
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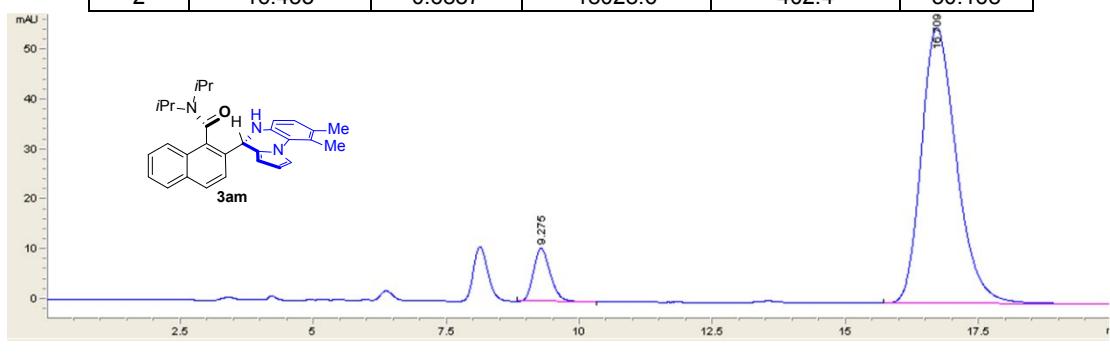
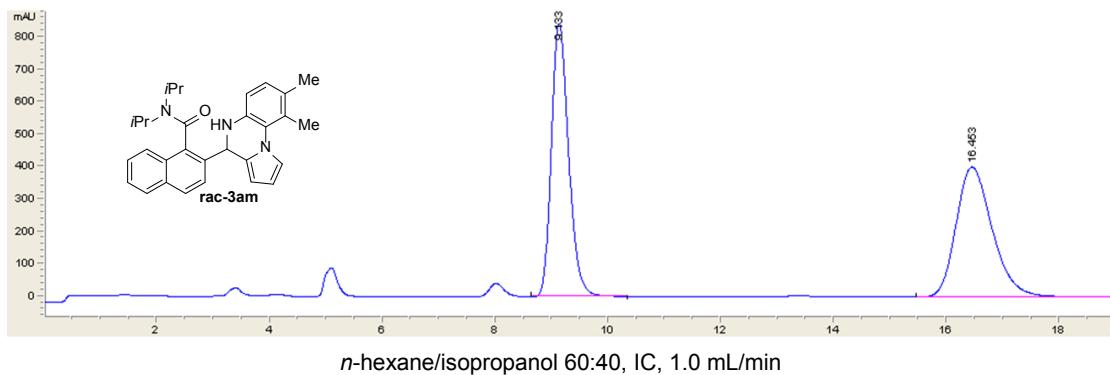
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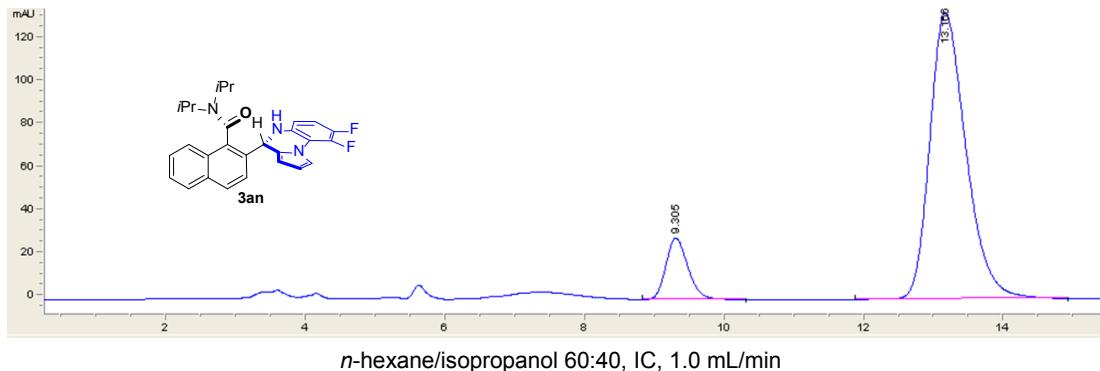
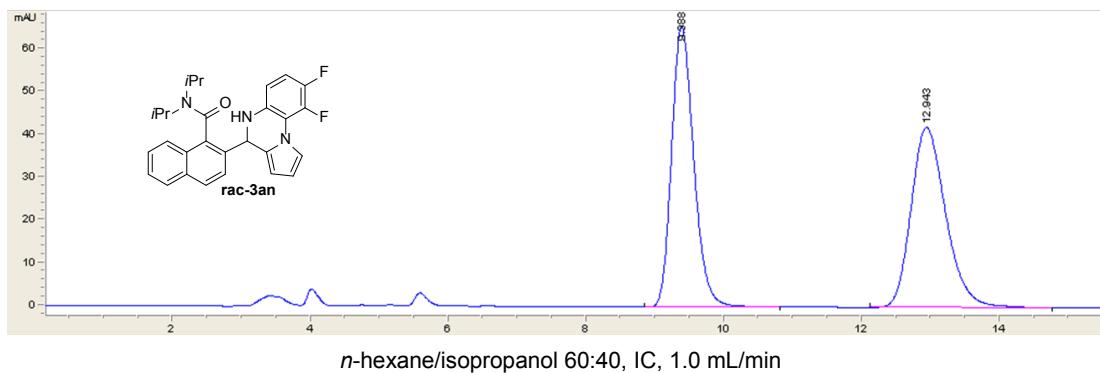


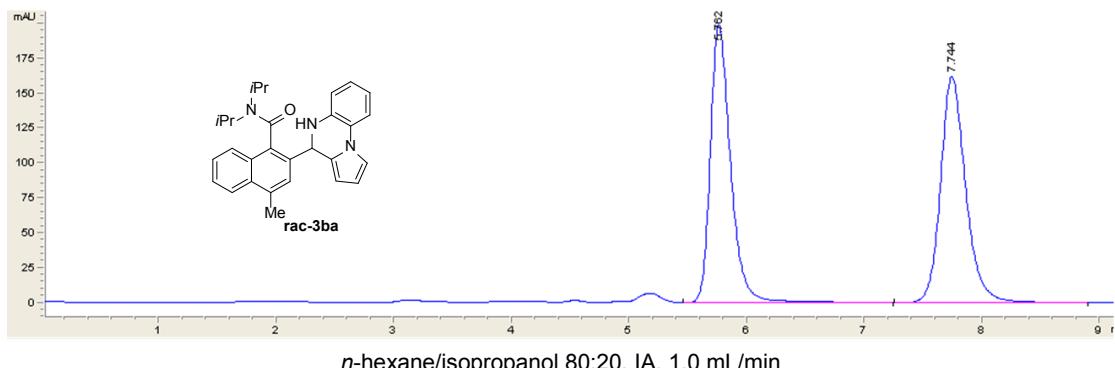
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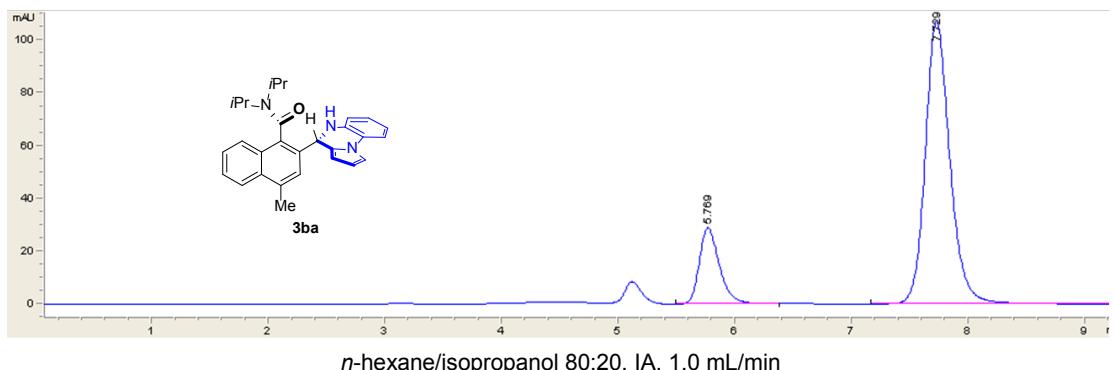
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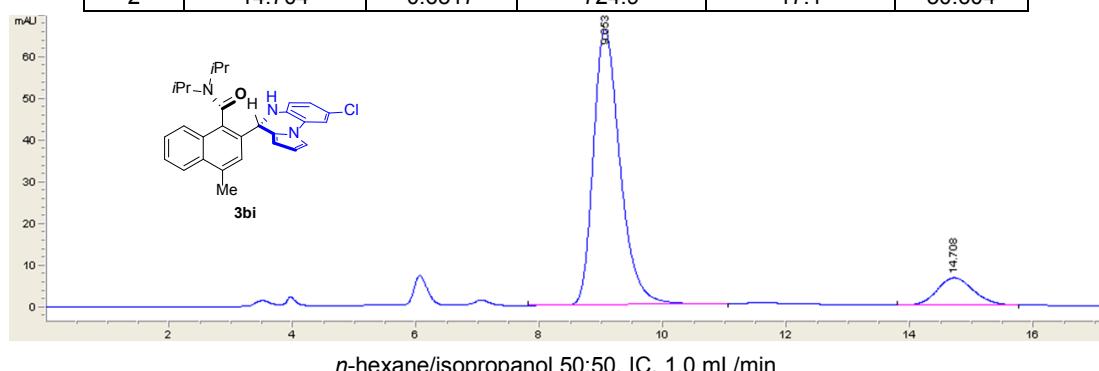
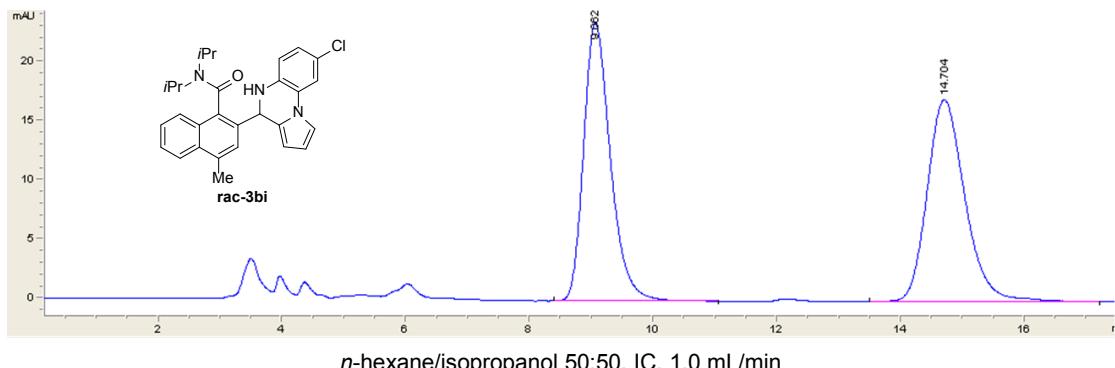


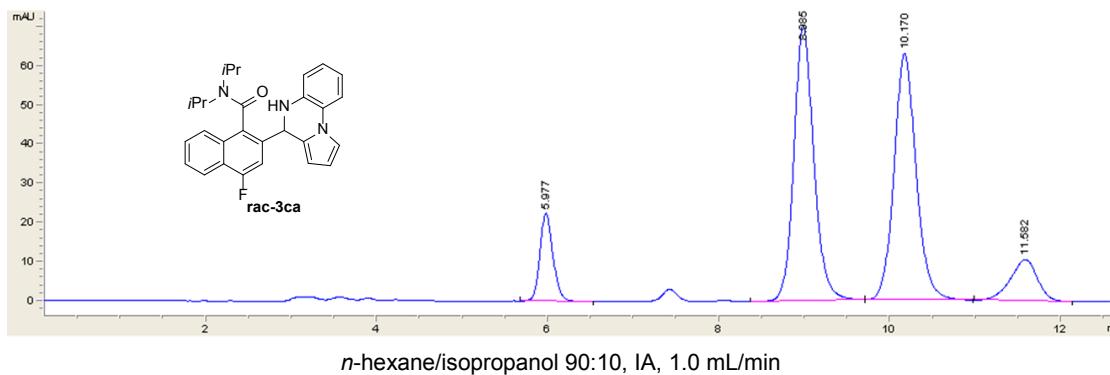


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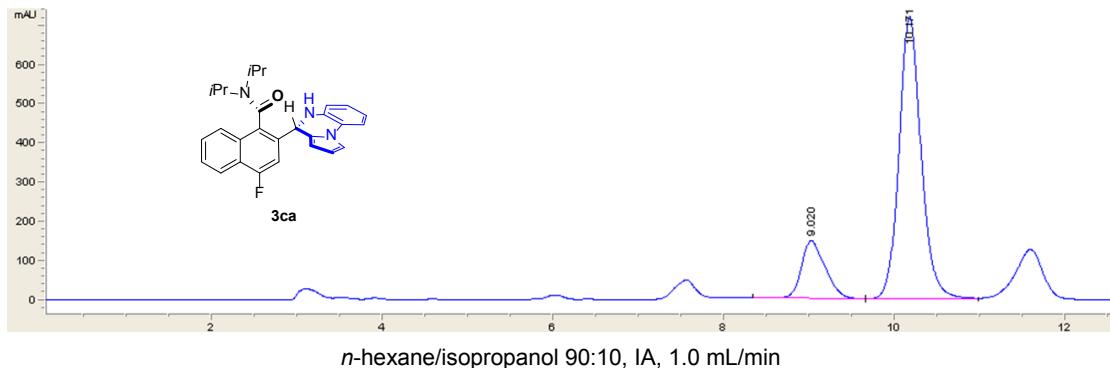


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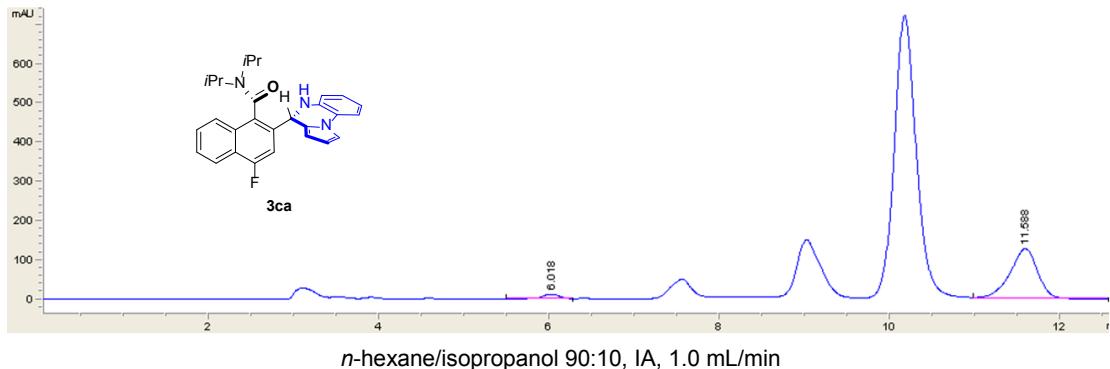




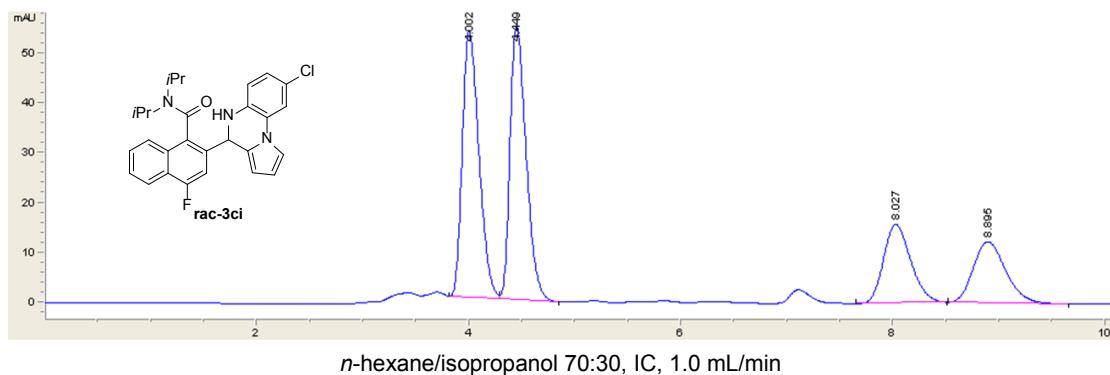
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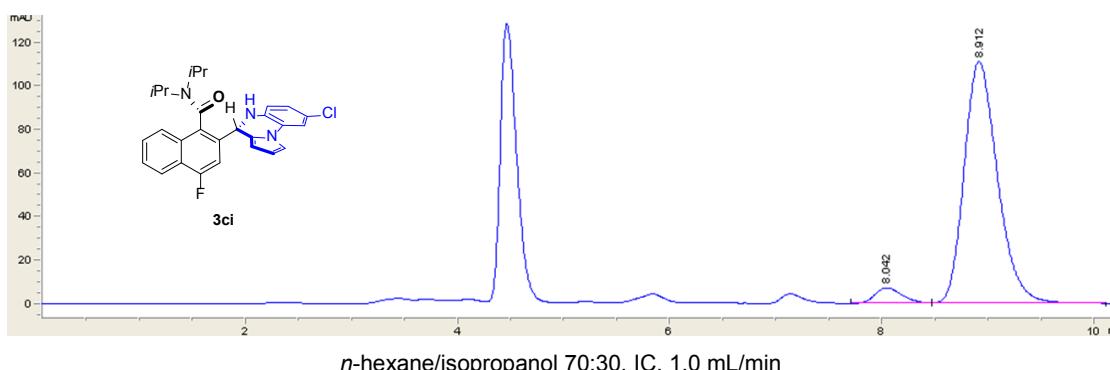
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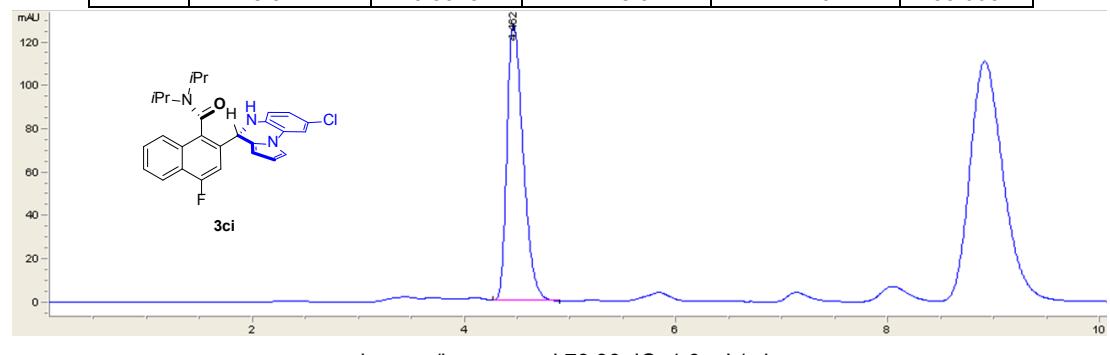
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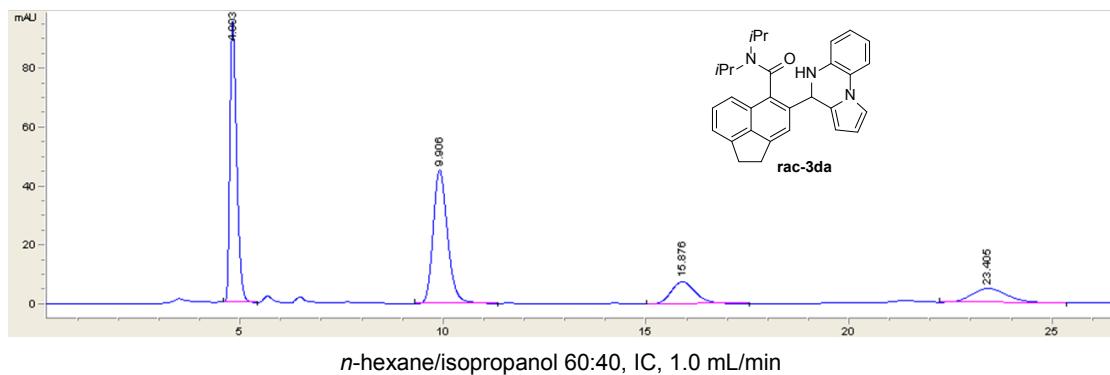
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2	4.449	0.1647	579.2	55.1	33.937
3	8.027	0.2782	281.6	15.8	16.497
4	8.895	0.3294	260.6	12.3	15.269



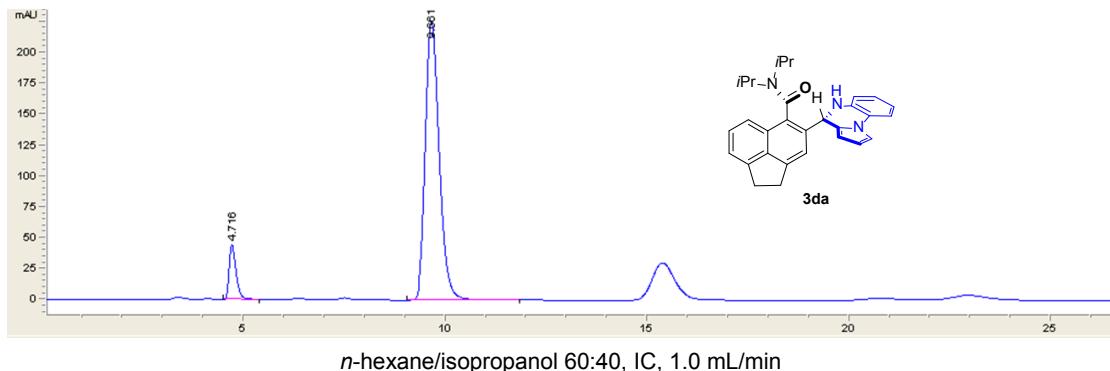
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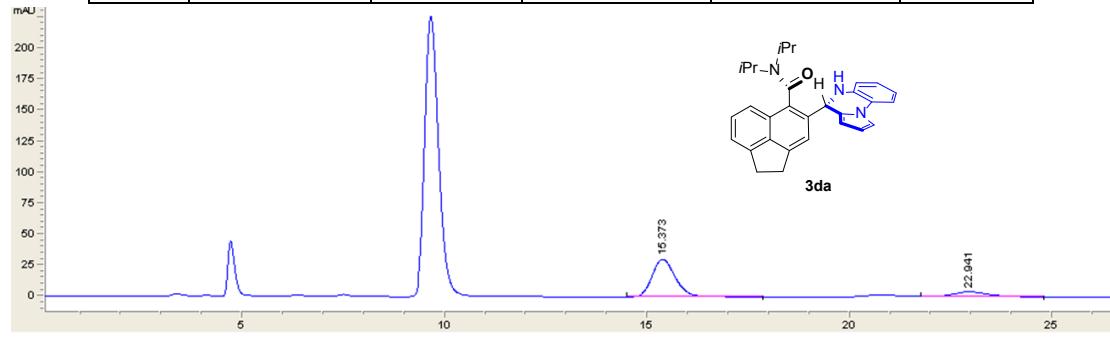
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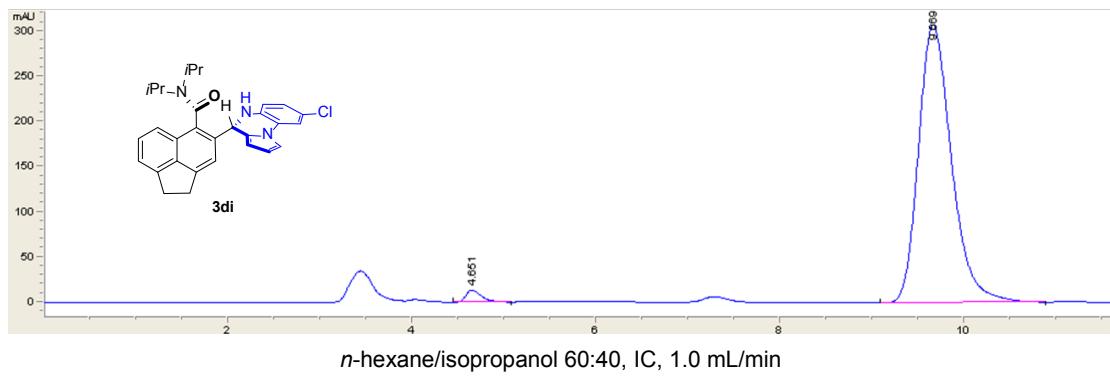
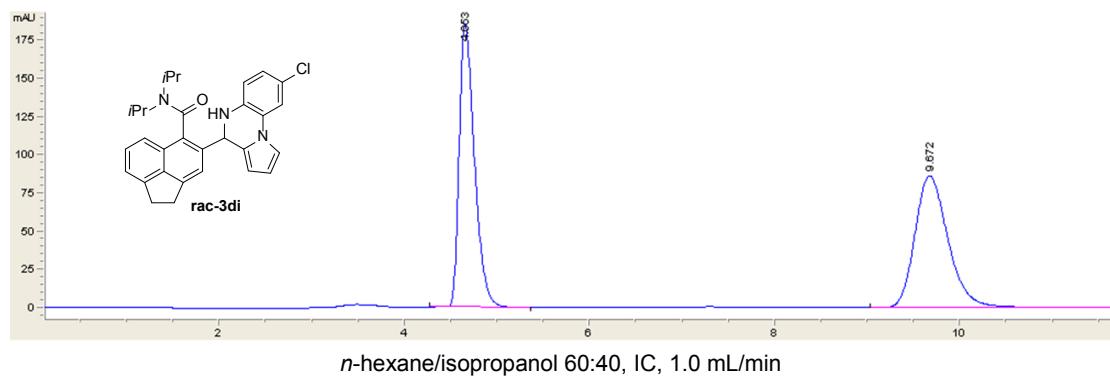
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2	9.906	0.3766	1104.4	45.3	39.558
3	15.876	0.6306	307.2	7.5	11.002
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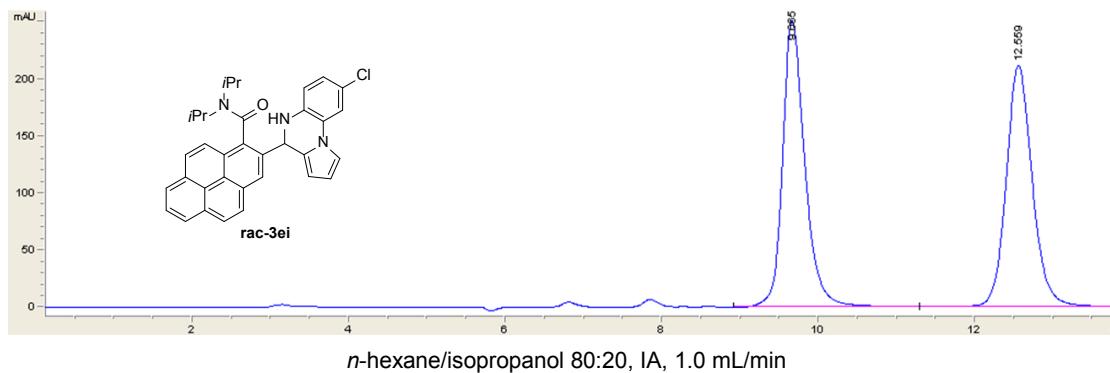


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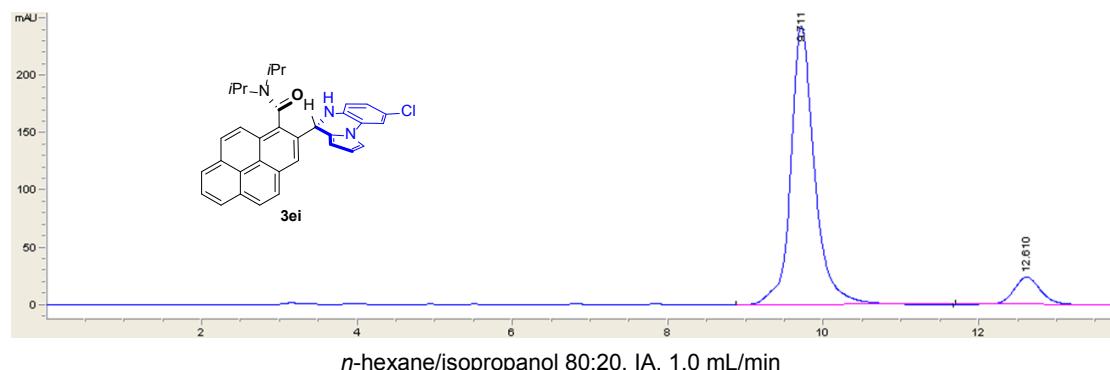


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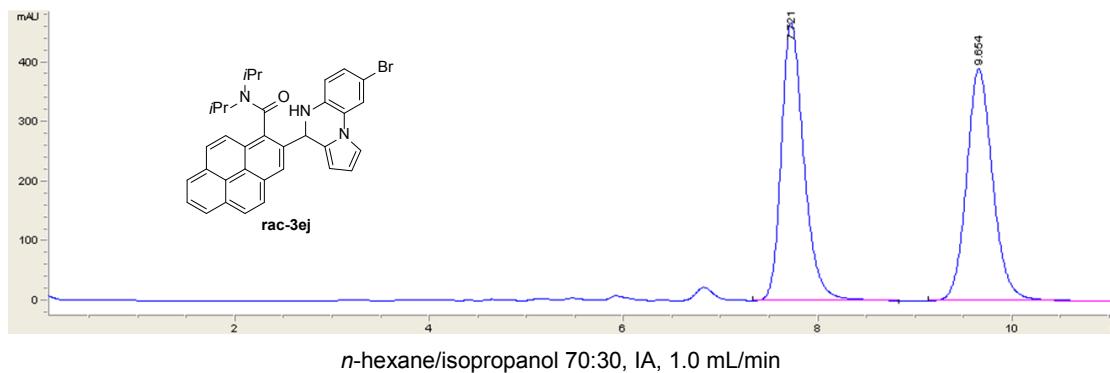




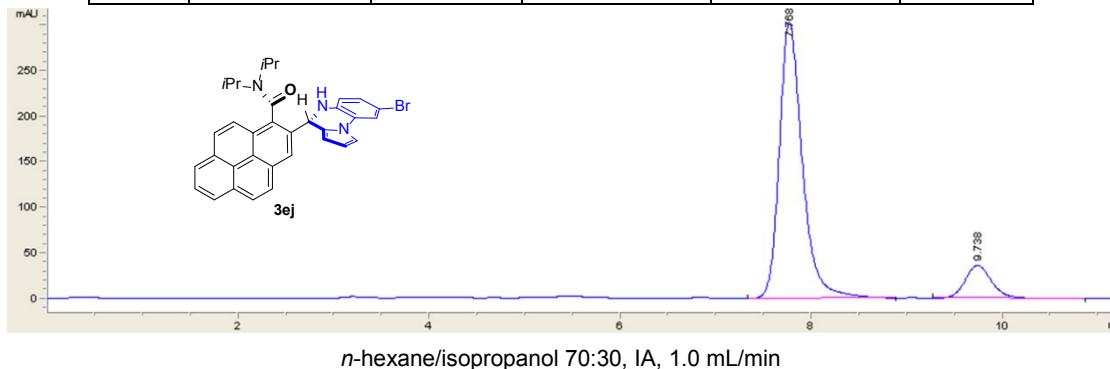
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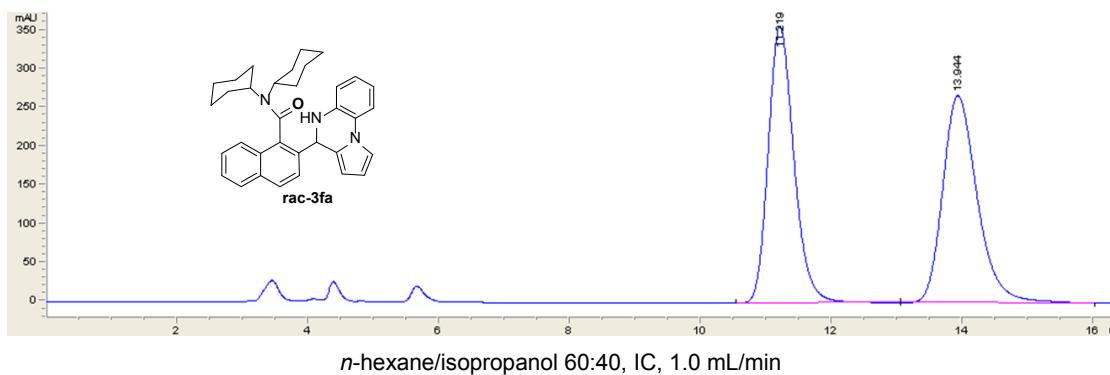
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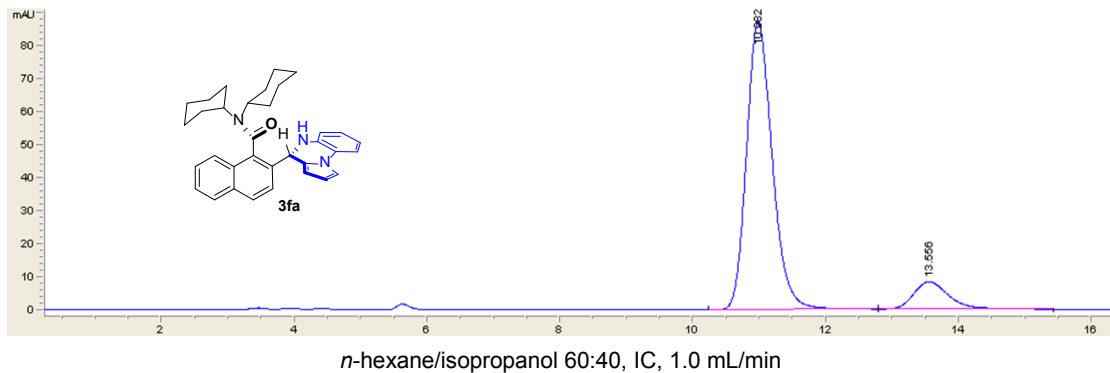
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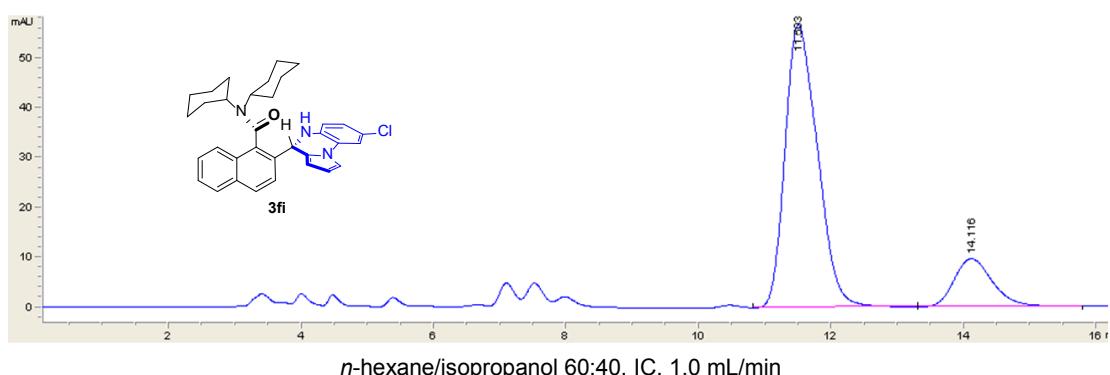
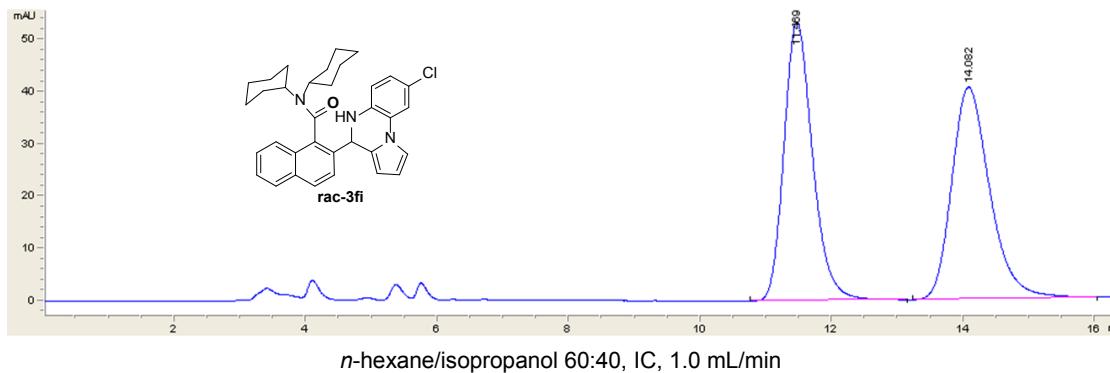
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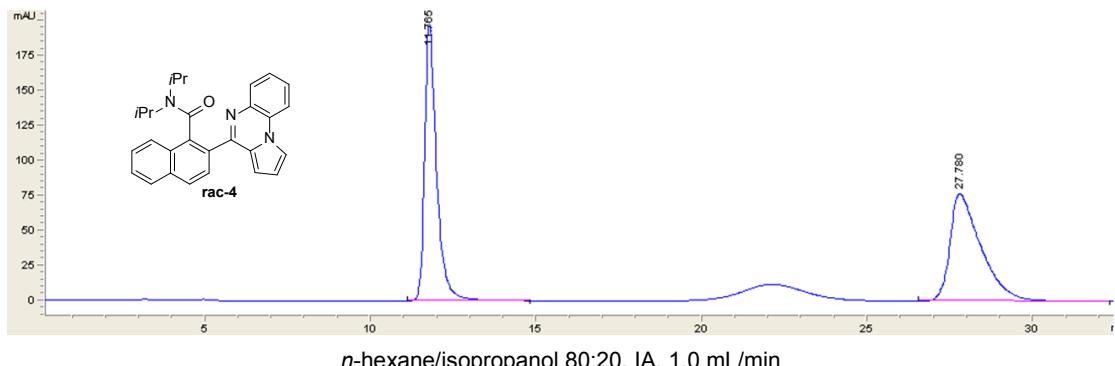


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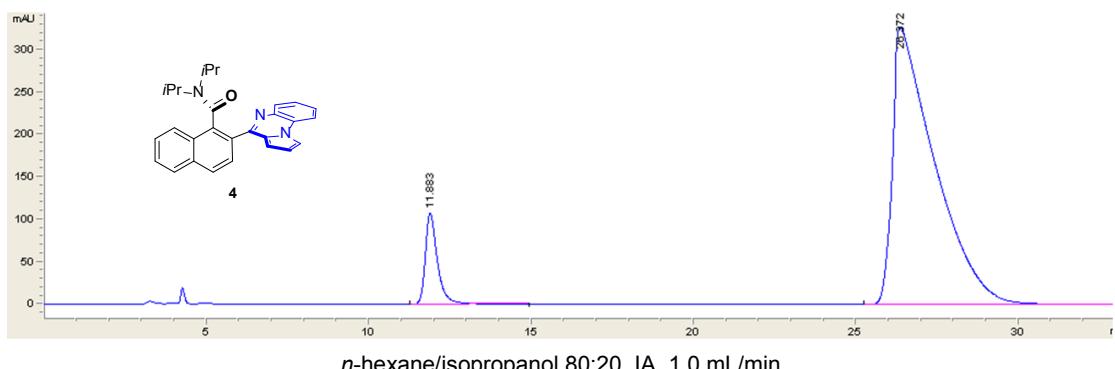


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2	13.556	0.5689	306.6	8.3	11.561

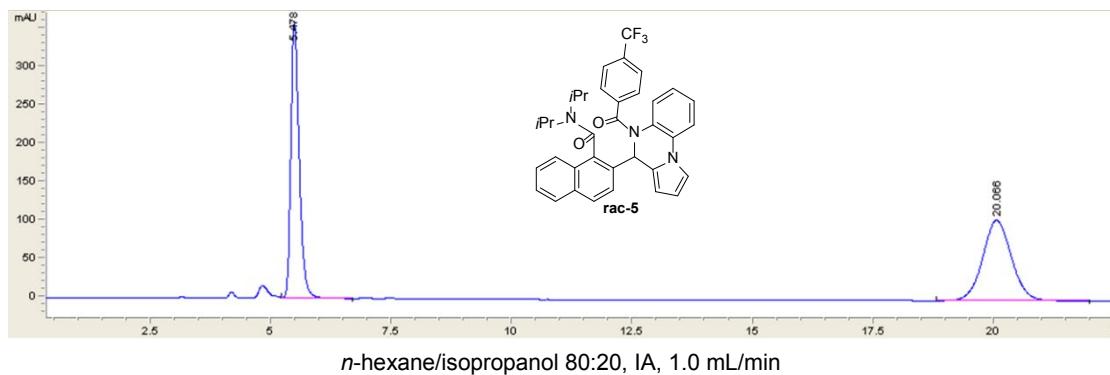




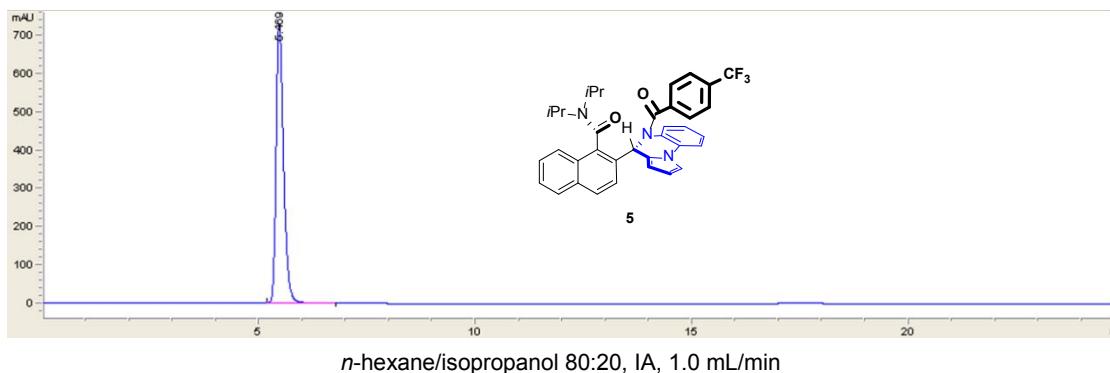
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1	11.765	0.3763	4990.2	197.8	49.965
2	27.780	0.9278	4997.2	76.9	50.035



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1	11.883	0.3830	2756.0	107.5	8.468
2	26.372	1.2517	29789.1	327.3	91.532



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1	5.478	0.1857	4392.5	361.6	50.120
2	20.066	0.6382	4371.6	104.9	49.880



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1	5.469	0.1845	8817.1	732.3	100.000

8.¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

