

Supporting Information

Copper(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric [3 + 3] Annulation Involving Aziridines to Construct Tetrahydro- β -carbolines

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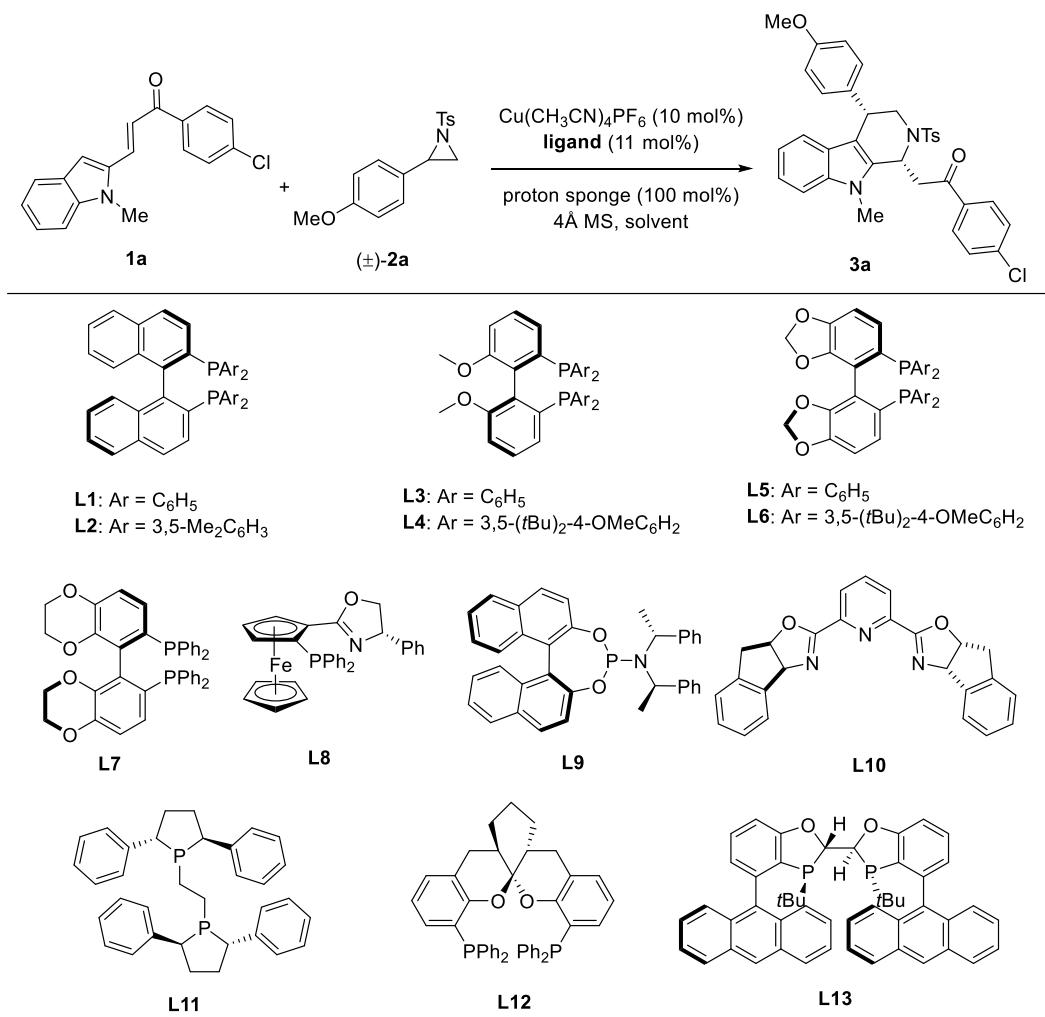
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1. General information

¹H NMR spectrum were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0.0 ppm as a standard. The spectra are interpreted as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, coupling constant (s) J are reported in Hz and relative integrations are reported. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.06 ppm as a standard. Optical rotations were measured on an AUTOPOL V. Diastereomeric ratios were determined by analysis of ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by analysis of HPLC traces, obtained by using Chiralpak IA columns with hexane and isopropanol or ethyl acetate as solvents. (Chiralpak IA columns were purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries, LTD.) Melting points were obtained in open capillary tubes using SGW X-4 micro melting point apparatus which were uncorrected. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters GCT Premier mass spectrometer using EI-TOF (electron ionization-time of flight). Commercially available materials purchased from Adamas-beta, TCI or Energy Chemical and were used as received. Substituted 2-vinylindoles¹ and aziridines² were prepared according to the literature procedures.

2. Optimization study



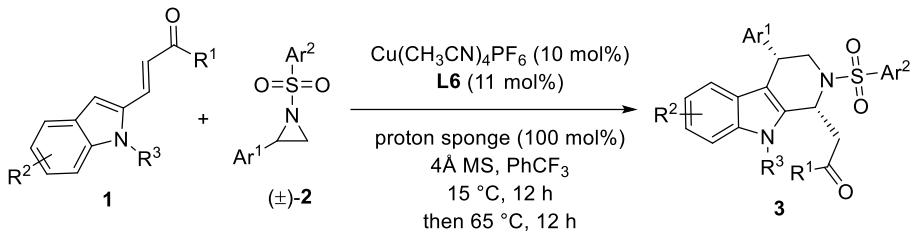
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4	L4	toluene	84	>20:1	68
5	L5	toluene	47	5:1	45
6	L6	toluene	80	>20:1	84
7	L7	toluene	57	13:1	25
8	L8	toluene	27	>20:1	-10
9	L9	toluene	34	6:1	-10
10	L10	toluene	12	20:1	-10
11	L11	toluene	38	11.7:1	64
12	L12	toluene	19	10:1	11

13	L13	toluene	17	9:1	-33
14 ^[e]	L6	toluene	68	>20:1	91
15 ^[f]	L6	toluene	93	>20:1	90
16 ^[g]	L6	toluene	57	>20:1	94
17 ^[h]	L6	toluene	75	>20:1	93
18 ^[i]	L6	toluene	N.P.	/	/
19	L6	DCE	67	12.5:1	92
20	L6	MeCN	N.P.	/	/
21	L6	Mesitylene	72	>20:1	82
22	L6	CHCl ₃	66	>20:1	88
23	L6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	63	13:1	89
24	L6	THF	N.P.	/	/
25	L6	xylene	74	>20:1	82
26	L6	PhCF ₃	95	12:1	92
27 ^[g]	L6	PhCF ₃	62	>20:1	95
28 ^[h]	L6	PhCF ₃	95	>20:1	94
29 ^[i]	L6	PhCF ₃	N.P.	/	/

[a] Unless others stated, reactions were performed with **1a** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent with activated powdered 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg) added at 65 °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield.

[c] Determined by ¹H NMR analysis. [d] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [e] Reaction was conducted at 25 °C for 24 h. [f] Reaction was conducted at 25 °C for 12 h, then at 65 °C for 12 h. [g] Reaction was conducted at 15 °C for 24 h. [h] Reaction was conducted at 15 °C for 12 h, then at 65 °C for 12 h. [i] Reaction was conducted at 0 °C for 24 h. N.P. = no product.

3. Preparation and characterization data of chiral tetrahydro- β -carbolines



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (0.01 mmol), ligand **L6** (0.011 mmol) and activated powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) were dissolved in 1.0 mL of dry PhCF_3 and stirred at room temperature for about 30 min. Then, substituted 2-vinylindoles **1** (0.1 mmol), aziridines **2** (0.2 mmol), and proton sponge (21.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to the resulting mixture, and the mixture was stirred at 15 °C for 12 h, then stirred at 65 °C for 12 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford products **3**.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3a)

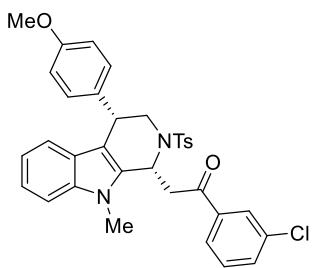
56.9 mg, 95% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 164–166 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, $J = 7.6, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 158.8, 143.4, 140.1, 137.5, 137.3, 135.1, 135.0, 133.2, 129.7 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.8, 121.9, 120.2, 119.3, 114.1 (2C), 110.3, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.3, 43.9, 39.0, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}]^+$: 598.1688, found: 598.1697; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +17.2$ (*c* 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 94% ee, >20:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) $t_R = 11.30$ min (major), 18.52 min (minor).

1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3b)

34.2 mg, 57% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 133–135 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 5H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, $J = 8.3, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, $J = 10.7, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 17.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 14.3, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.1, 158.7, 143.5, 138.9, 137.4, 137.2, 134.9, 133.2, 132.3, 130.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.2(4), 127.1(6) (2C), 125.8, 121.8, 120.1, 119.2,

114.1 (2C), 110.2, 108.9, 55.3, 48.5, 48.2, 48.1, 38.6, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 598.1688, found: 598.1696; [α]_D²⁵ = +19.8 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 91% ee, >20:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.23 min (major), 11.00 min (minor).

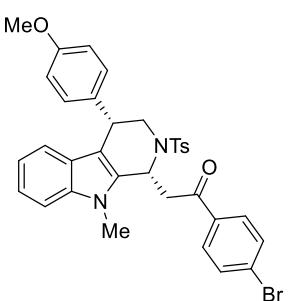
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55.7 mg, 93% yield, light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 158.7, 143.4, 138.1, 137.5, 137.3, 135.1, 135.0, 133.5, 133.1, 130.0, 129.5 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.4, 127.0 (2C), 126.4, 125.8, 121.9, 120.2, 119.3, 114.1 (2C), 110.4, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.1, 44.0, 39.2, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 598.1688, found: 598.1688; [α]_D²⁵ = +21.2 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 94% ee, 10:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.22 min (major), 12.43 min (minor).

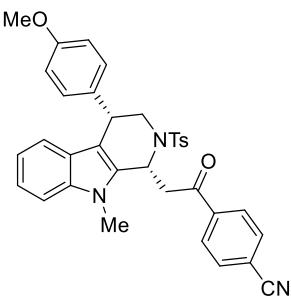
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50.2 mg, 78% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 140–142 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 158.7, 143.4, 137.5, 137.3, 135.3, 135.1, 133.1, 132.0 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.9, 127.0 (2C),

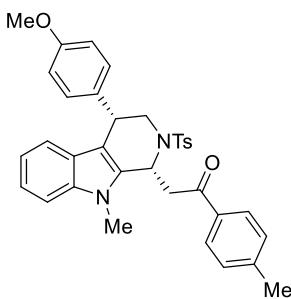
125.8, 121.8, 120.2, 119.3, 114.1 (2C), 110.3, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.3, 43.8, 39.0, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁⁷⁹BrN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 642.1182, found: 642.1184; calcd for C₃₄H₃₁⁸¹BrN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 644.1162, found: 644.1168; [α]_D²⁵ = +24.2 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 94% ee, 6:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.45 min (major), 15.25 min (minor).

4-(*(1R,4S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)acetylbenzonitrile (3e**)**



24.8 mg, 42% yield, light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.8 Hz, 3H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.22 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 158.8, 143.6, 139.6, 137.5, 137.1, 134.6, 132.9, 132.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.7, 122.0, 120.2, 119.4, 117.8, 116.7, 114.1 (2C), 110.4, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.3, 44.2, 38.8, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₅H₃₁N₃O₄S [M]⁺: 589.2030, found: 589.2036; [α]_D²⁵ = +53.5 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 95% ee, 12.5:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 18.09 min (major), 31.84 min (minor).

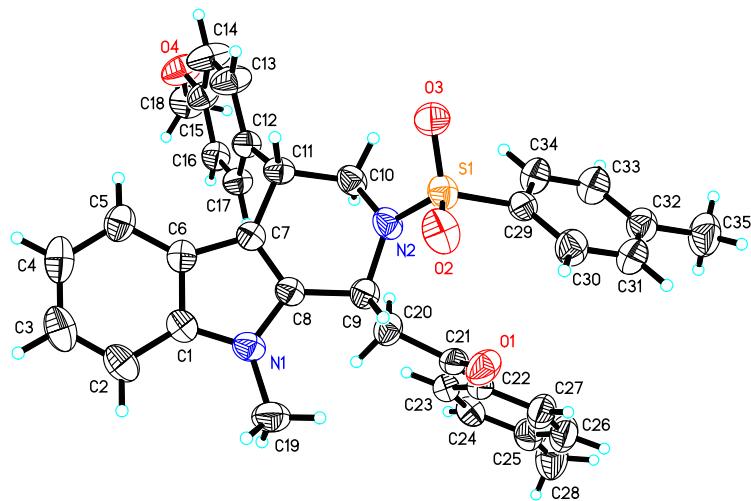
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49.2 mg, 85% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 167–169 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.6, 158.7, 144.5, 143.2, 137.4, 137.3, 135.5, 134.1, 133.3, 129.4 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.8, 121.7, 120.1, 119.2, 114.1 (2C), 110.1, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.1, 43.8, 39.1, 30.0, 21.7, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₄S [M]⁺: 578.2234, found: 578.2238; [α]_D²⁵ = +31.9 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 93% ee, 14:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.93 min (major), 13.94 min (minor).

The X-ray data for compound 3f

Compound **3f** with 96% ee was obtained by recrystallization from ethyl acetate and petroleum ether, which was suspended in hexane in a screw-top vial. Drops of DCE were added with shaking until all the compound has dissolved. The lid was then loosely screwed on the vial, and a single crystal was obtained by natural volatilization at room temperature. The data set was collected by a Bruker APEX-II CCD at 293(2) K equipped with micro-focus Mo radiation source (K α = 0.71073 Å). Applied with face-indexed numerical absorption correction, the structure solution was solved and refinement was processed by SHELXTL program package. Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized below. CCDC 2007786 contains the supplementary crystallographic data, and can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.

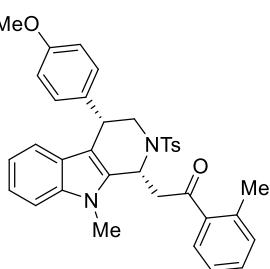


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Independent reflections	5948 [R(int) = 0.0276]	
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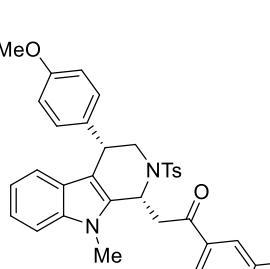
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Absolute structure parameter	-0.03(2)
Extinction coefficient	0.054(12)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.139 and -0.158 e. \AA^{-3}

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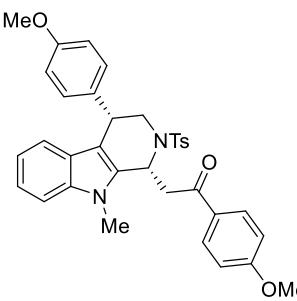
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2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-one (3h)



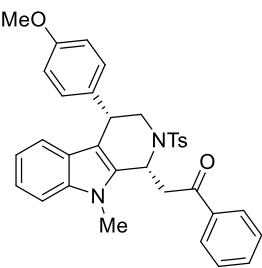
 56.7 mg, 98% yield, light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 158.7, 143.2, 138.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.6, 135.5, 134.3, 133.3, 129.3(9) (2C), 129.3(5) (2C), 128.8, 128.6, 127.1 (2C), 125.8, 125.5, 121.7, 120.2, 119.2, 114.1 (2C), 110.1, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.0, 44.0, 39.1, 30.0, 21.3(9), 21.3(7); **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₄S [M]⁺: 578.2234, found: 578.2242; [α]_D²⁵ = +21.9 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 91% ee, 14:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiraldak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.47 min (major), 11.54 min (minor).

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3i)



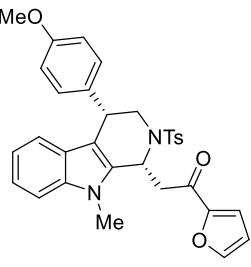
53.5 mg, 90% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 172–174 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.82 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 – 6.01 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 163.9, 158.7, 143.2, 137.4, 137.3, 135.5, 133.3, 130.7 (2C), 129.7, 129.3(5) (2C), 129.3(3) (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.8, 121.7, 120.1, 119.2, 114.1 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 110.1, 108.9, 55.5, 55.3, 48.4, 48.3, 43.5, 39.1, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₅S [M]⁺: 594.2183, found: 594.2190; [α]_D²⁵ = +51.1 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 94% ee, 11:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 12.75 min (major), 17.90 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3j)



50.3 mg, 89% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 124–126 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.22 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 158.7, 143.3, 137.5, 137.3, 136.6, 135.4, 133.6, 133.3, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.8, 121.8, 120.2, 119.2, 114.1 (2C), 110.2, 108.9, 55.3, 48.4, 48.1, 43.9, 39.1, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₂O₄S [M]⁺: 564.2077, found: 564.2078; [α]_D²⁵ = +17.1 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 93% ee, 12.5:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.26 min (major), 13.62 min (minor).

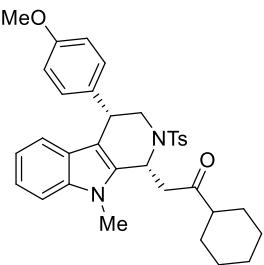
1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3k)



48.3 mg, 87% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 125–127 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.1, 158.7, 152.7, 146.7, 143.3, 137.4, 137.2, 135.0, 133.3, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.8, 121.8, 120.2, 119.2, 117.8, 114.1 (2C), 112.7, 110.3, 108.9, 55.3, 48.3, 48.0, 44.0, 38.9, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₂O₅S [M]⁺: 554.1870, found: 554.1878; [α]_D²⁵ = +28.6 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 91% ee, 14:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0

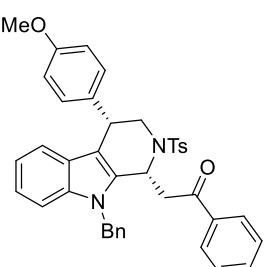
mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 12.82 min (major), 18.14 min (minor).

1-Cyclohexyl-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3l)



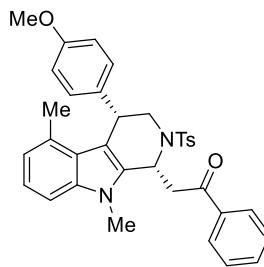
52.5 mg, 92% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 147–149 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.85 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (dd, J = 7.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.70 (dd, J = 16.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.24 (m, 4H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.15 (m, 5H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.4, 158.7, 143.4, 137.4, 135.4, 133.3, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.8, 121.7, 120.1, 119.2, 114.0 (2C), 109.9, 108.8, 55.3, 51.3, 48.2, 47.7, 46.1, 38.8, 29.8, 28.1, 27.8, 25.8, 25.6, 25.5, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}]^+$: 570.2547, found: 570.2551; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +21.1$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 92% ee, 17:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 6.97 min (major), 10.83 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-9-Benzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3m)



38.4 mg, 60% yield, light yellow oil; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 3H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.27 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, J = 16.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 16.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1, 158.7, 143.2, 137.4, 137.3, 137.2, 136.5, 135.4, 133.3, 133.2, 129.3(9) (2C), 129.3(6) (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.2, 126.0, 122.1, 120.4, 119.4, 114.1 (2C), 111.1, 109.7, 55.3, 48.3, 48.1, 46.7, 44.1, 39.1, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}]^+$: 640.2390, found: 640.2393; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +36.3$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 89% ee, 6:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.84 min (major), 12.53 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,9-dimethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3n)



50.9 mg, 88% yield, light yellow oil; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.27 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1, 158.5, 143.4, 137.7, 136.9, 136.6, 136.4, 135.4, 133.6, 130.9, 129.1 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.2, 122.0, 121.2, 114.2 (2C), 109.9, 106.6, 55.3, 49.0, 48.5, 43.9, 39.1, 30.0, 21.3, 20.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z):

calcd for $C_{35}H_{34}N_2O_4S$ [M] $^+$: 578.2234, found: 578.2237; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +18.0$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 93% ee, >20:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.91 min (major), 13.28 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-6-Methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3o)

56.5 mg, 95% yield, light yellow oil, m.p. 146–148 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.22 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 196.0, 158.7, 153.6, 143.2, 137.3, 136.5, 136.0, 133.5, 133.1, 132.8, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.2, 114.1 (2C), 111.2, 109.7, 109.5, 102.7, 55.7, 55.3, 48.4, 48.1, 43.9, 39.1, 30.1, 21.4.; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for $C_{35}H_{34}N_2O_5S$ [M] $^+$: 594.2183, found: 594.2186; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -10.4$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 94% ee, 10:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 11.09 min (major), 15.22 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-6-Bromo-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3p)

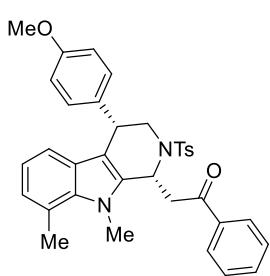
56.0 mg, 87% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 167–169 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.20 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 195.8, 158.8, 143.4, 137.1, 136.7, 136.4, 136.1, 133.7, 132.7, 129.4 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.5, 127.0 (2C), 124.6, 122.4, 114.3 (2C), 112.6, 110.4, 109.8, 55.3, 48.4, 47.9, 43.7, 38.8, 30.1, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for $C_{34}H_{31}{^{79}Br}N_2O_4S$ [M] $^+$: 642.1182, found: 642.1190; calcd for $C_{34}H_{31}{^{81}Br}N_2O_4S$ [M] $^+$: 644.1162, found: 644.1161; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -33.7$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); 93% ee, 11:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.56 min (major), 15.28 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-7-Chloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3q)

46.1 mg, 77% yield, light yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.19 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 195.8, 158.8, 143.4,

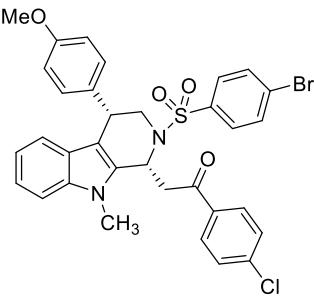
137.9, 137.2, 136.4, 136.2, 133.6, 132.9, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8, 127.1 (2C), 124.4, 120.9, 119.9, 114.2 (2C), 110.5, 109.1, 55.3, 48.3, 47.9, 43.7, 39.0, 30.1, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 598.1688, found: 598.1691; [α]_D²⁵ = +18.8 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 91% ee, 10:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 8.86 min (major), 15.49 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-8,9-dimethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3r)



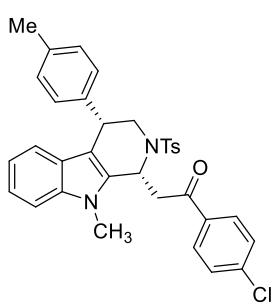
52.7 mg, 91% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 130–132 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 158.6, 143.3, 137.3, 136.6, 136.5, 136.0, 133.5, 133.4, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.7, 124.9, 120.9, 119.3, 118.3, 114.1 (2C), 110.3, 55.3, 48.3, 48.1, 43.8, 39.1, 33.1, 21.4, 20.3; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₄S [M]⁺: 578.2234, found: 578.2237; [α]_D²⁵ = +42.0 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 94% ee, 11:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethyl acetate = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.20 min (major), 13.87 min (minor).

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-2-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethan-1-one (3s)



57.8 mg, 87% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 171–173 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.92 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 8.07, 2.83 Hz, 1H), 4.29 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 2.32 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 16.67, 2.94 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 158.9, 140.5, 139.5, 137.5, 134.8, 134.7, 132.9, 132.1 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.6, 125.7, 122.1, 120.3, 119.5, 114.2 (2C), 110.4, 109.0, 55.4, 48.6, 48.4, 43.6, 39.4, 30.1.; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₃H₂₈⁷⁹BrClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 662.0636, found: 662.0643; calcd for C₃₃H₂₈⁸¹BrClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 664.0616, found: 664.0613; [α]_D²⁵ = +33.5 (c 0.20, CH₂Cl₂); 94% ee, 5:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 12.44 min (major), 22.88 min (minor).

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-9-methyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3t)

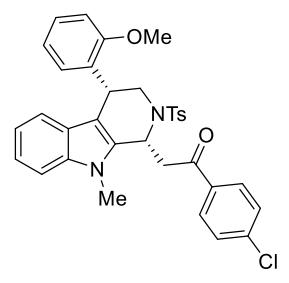


52.4 mg, 90% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 183–185 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.21 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.08 Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.90 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, *J* = 7.78, 3.11 Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 143.5, 140.2, 138.2, 137.6, 137.3, 136.9, 135.2, 135.0, 129.8 (2C), 129.5(3) (2C), 129.5(1) (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.8, 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 121.9, 120.3, 119.4, 110.2, 109.0, 48.5, 48.4, 43.9, 39.5, 30.1, 21.5, 21.3; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₃S [M]⁺: 582.1738, found: 582.1747; [α]_D²⁵ = +30.0 (*c* 0.20, CH₂Cl₂); 87% ee, 10:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiraldak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.15 min (major), 13.02 min (minor).

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3u)

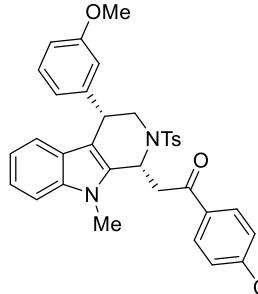
36.2 mg, 60% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 225–227 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.66 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 143.6, 140.3, 139.8, 137.6, 137.2, 135.4, 134.9, 133.0, 129.8 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.6, 122.1, 120.0, 119.5, 109.5, 109.1, 48.3, 48.3, 43.8, 39.5, 30.1, 21.5; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₃H₂₈C₂N₂O₃S [M]⁺: 602.1192, found: 602.1201; [α]_D²⁵ = +37.0 (*c* 0.20, CH₂Cl₂); 96% ee, 12:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiraldak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 11.30 min (major), 17.83 min (minor).

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3v)



28.8 mg, 48% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 175–177 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 157.6, 143.3, 140.1, 137.4, 137.2, 135.3, 135.1, 129.8 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.0 (2C), 125.7, 121.7, 120.7, 120.3, 119.1, 110.6, 109.5, 108.9, 55.6, 48.6, 46.0, 43.9, 32.4, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 598.1688, found: 598.1690; [α]_D²⁵ = +17.8 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 60% ee, 20:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiraldak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 9.72 min (major), 19.97 min (minor).

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((1*R*,4*S*)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-9-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3w)



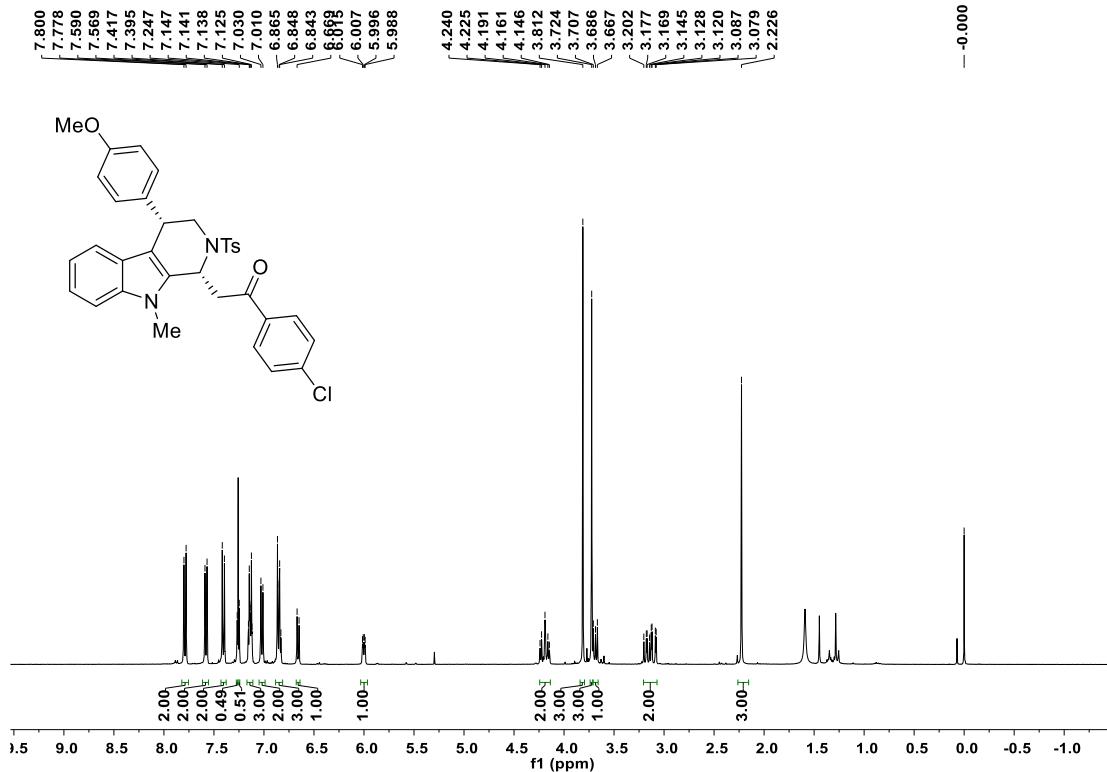
30.0 mg, 50% yield, light yellow solid, m.p. 191–193 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 159.9, 143.5, 142.9, 140.1, 137.5, 137.2, 135.1, 134.9, 129.7, 129.7 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.7, 121.9, 120.7, 120.2, 119.3, 114.5, 112.1, 109.8, 108.9, 55.3, 48.3, 48.2, 43.8, 39.9, 30.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (EI, m/z): calcd for C₃₄H₃₁ClN₂O₄S [M]⁺: 598.1688, found: 598.1692; [α]_D²⁵ = +22.3 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); 69% ee, 10:1 dr; **HPLC** (Chiralpak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) t_R = 11.15 min (major), 18.38 min (minor).

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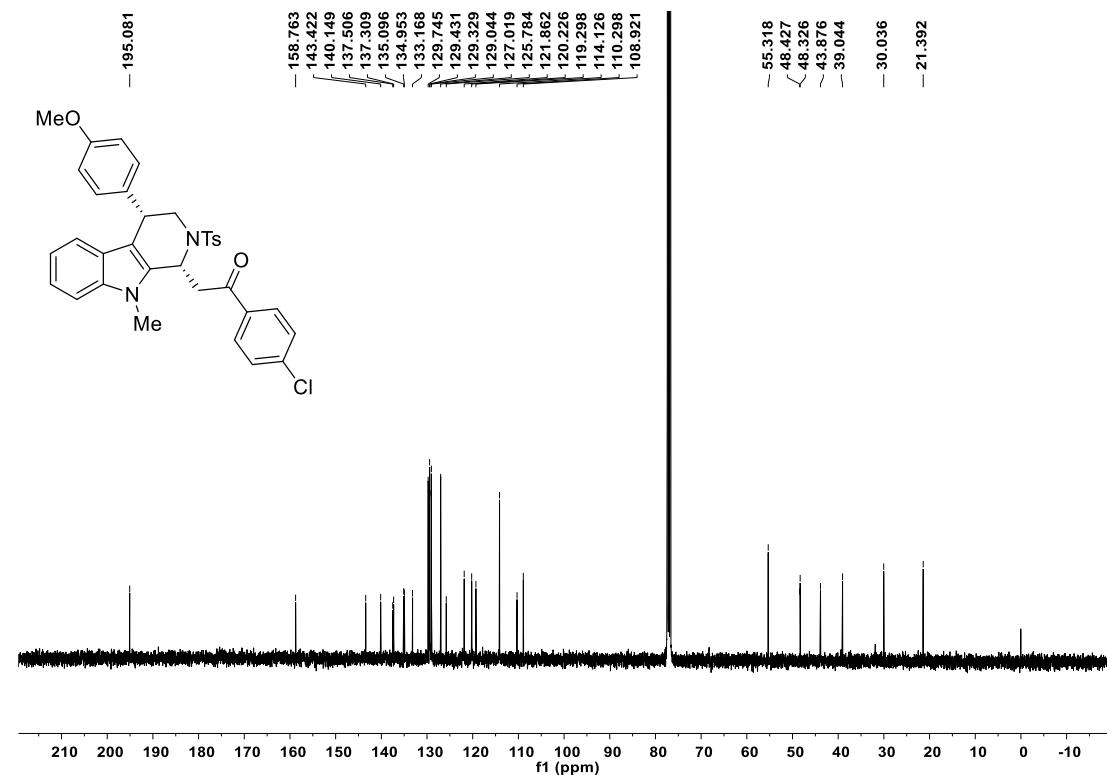
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5. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra

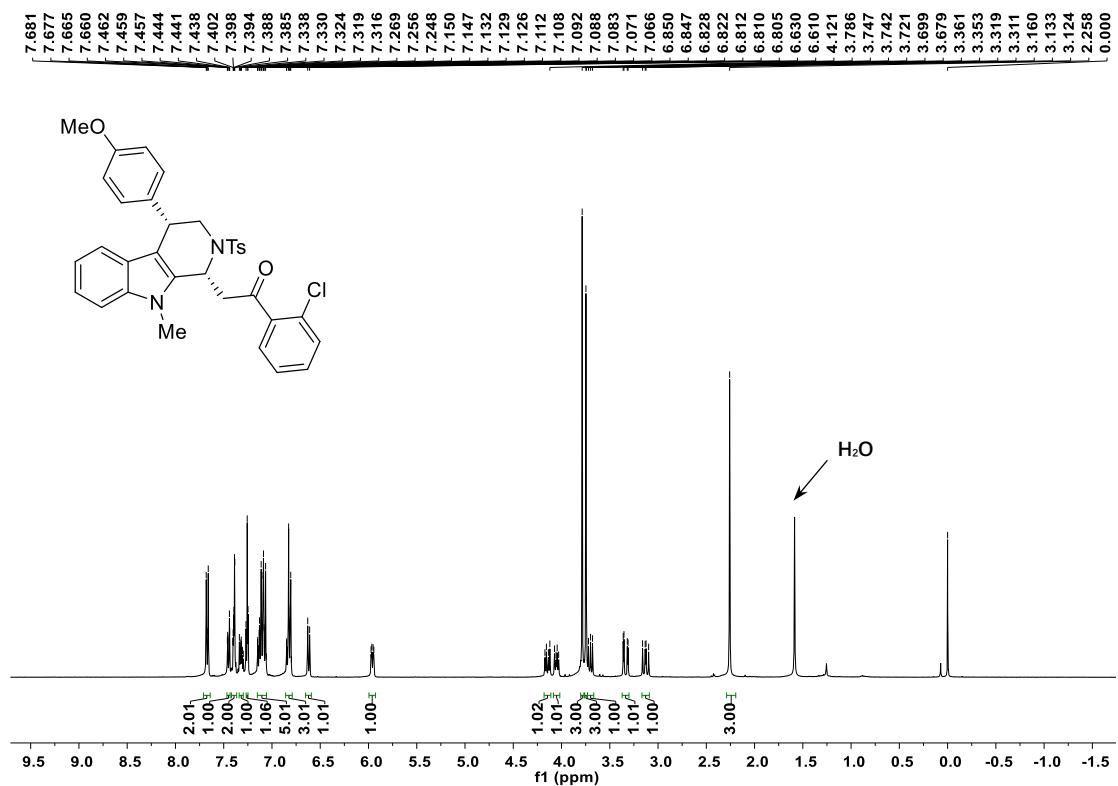
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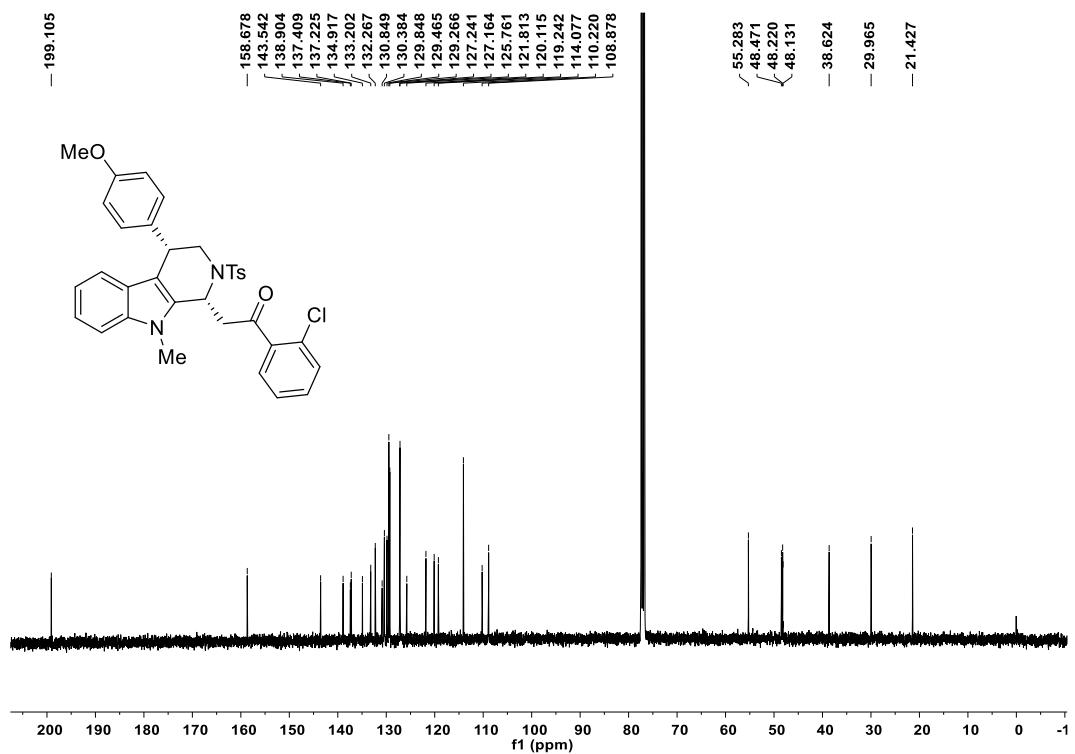
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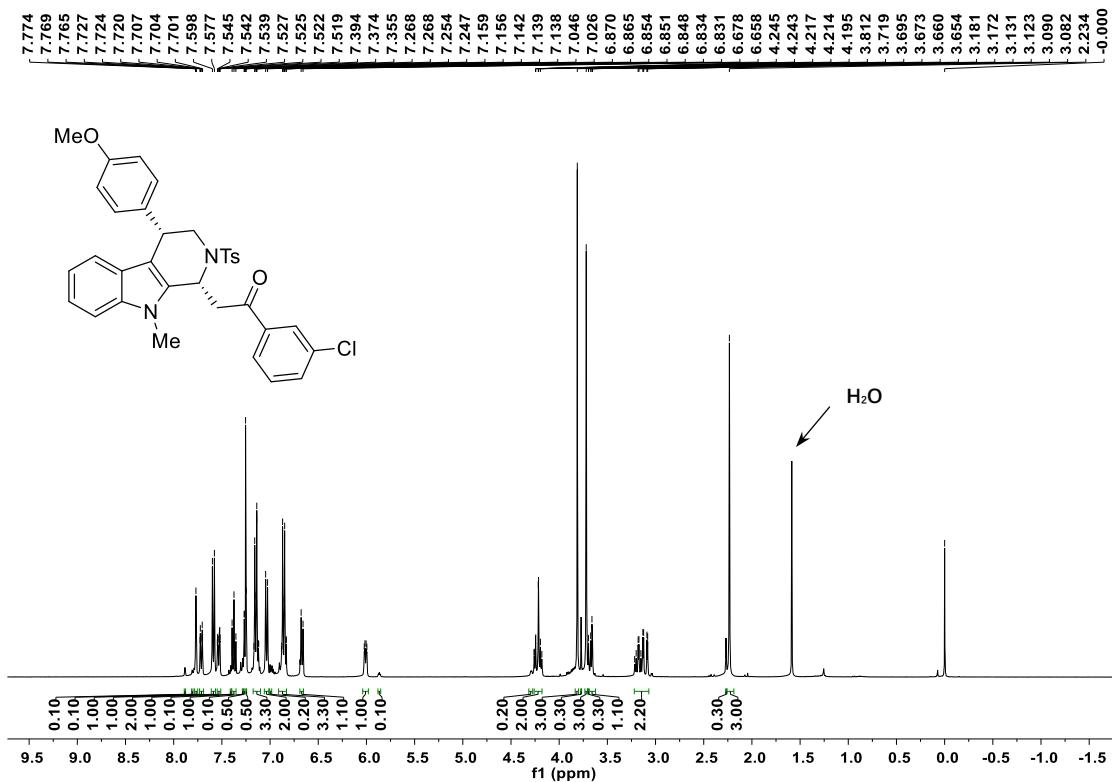
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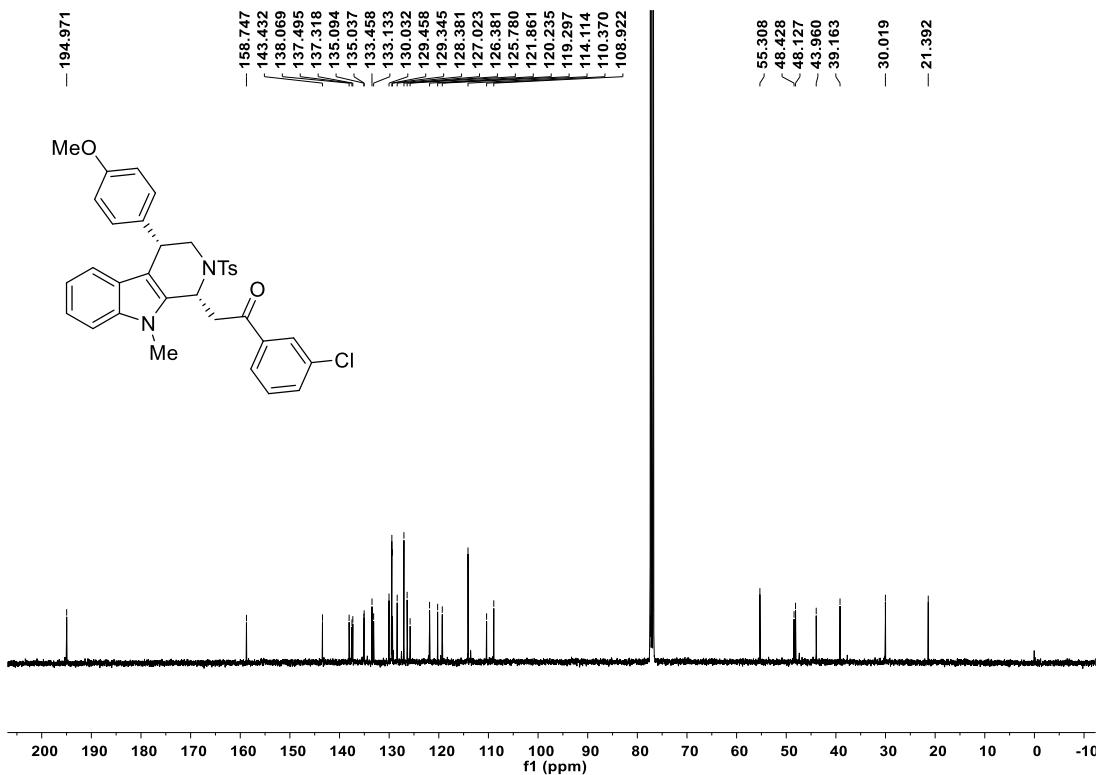
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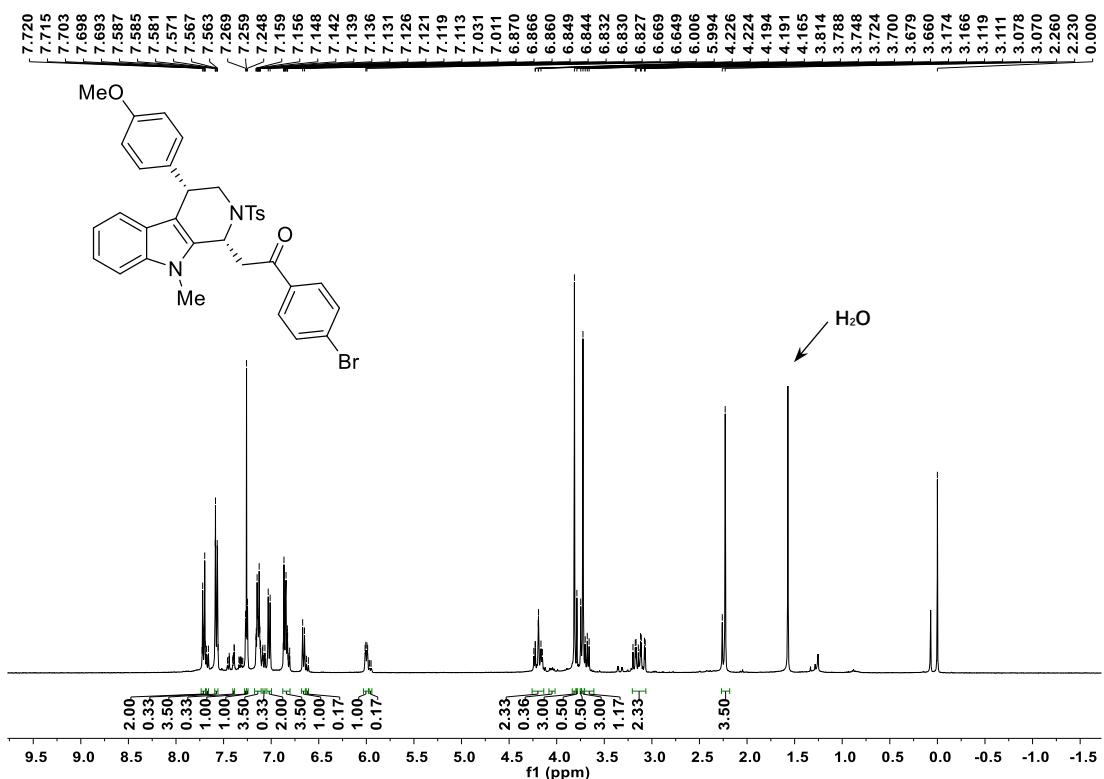
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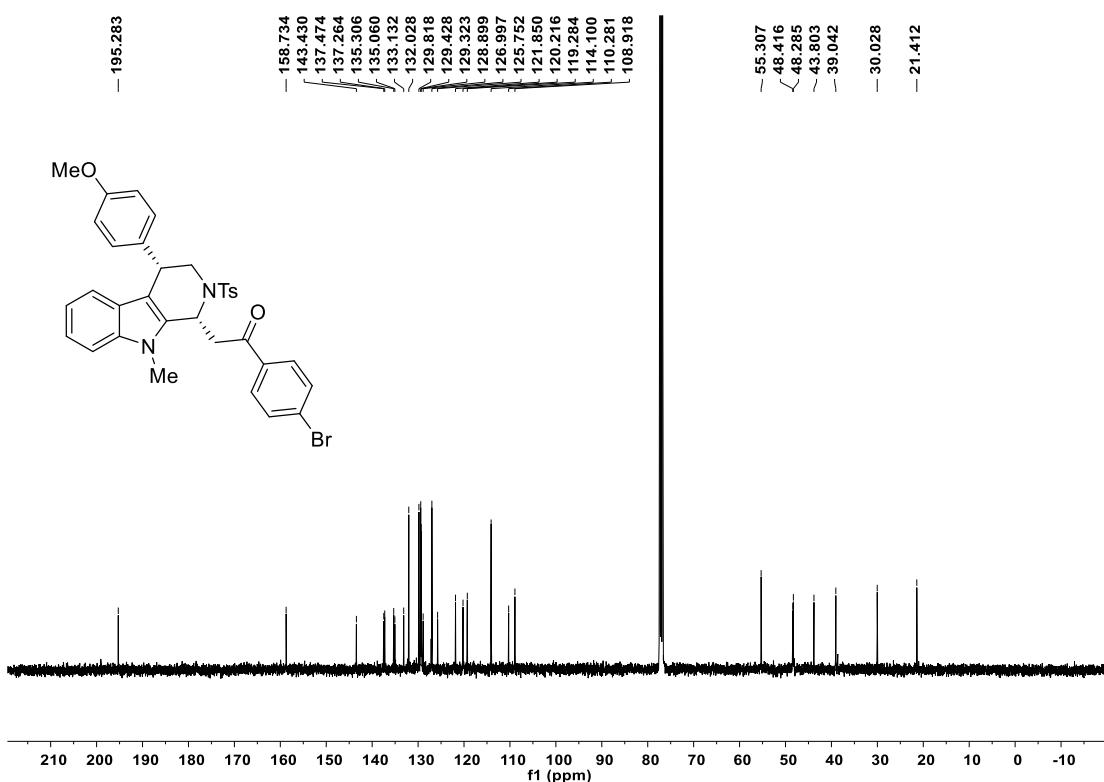
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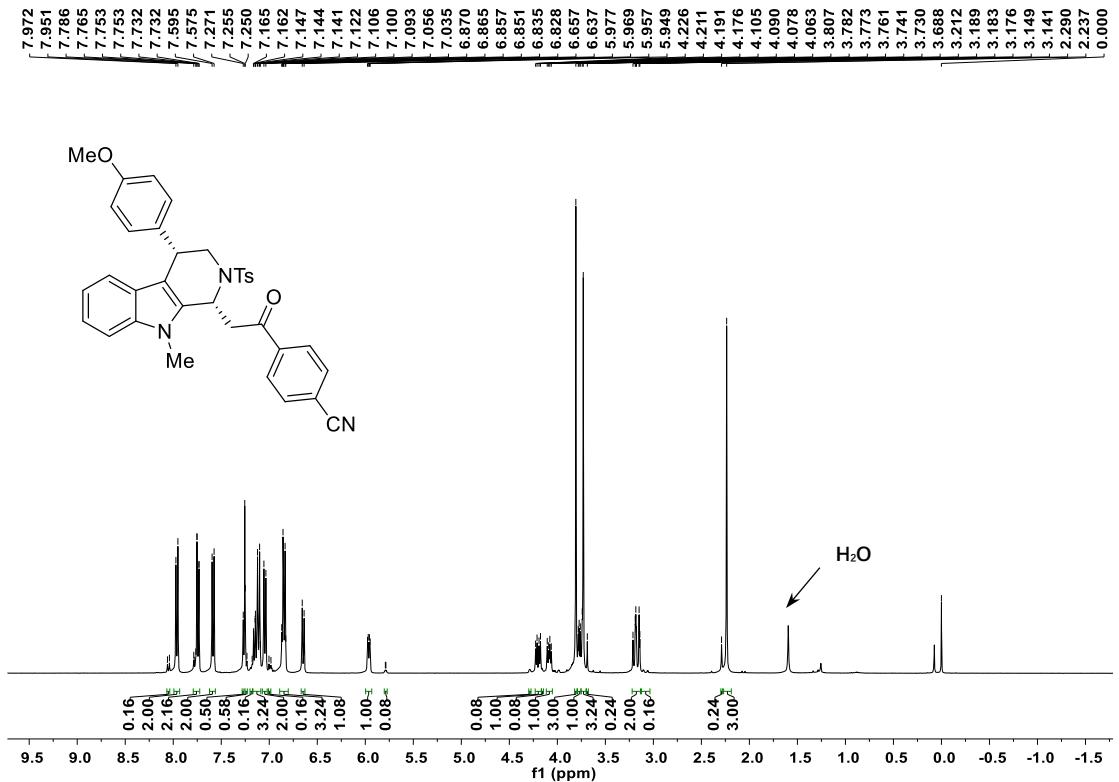
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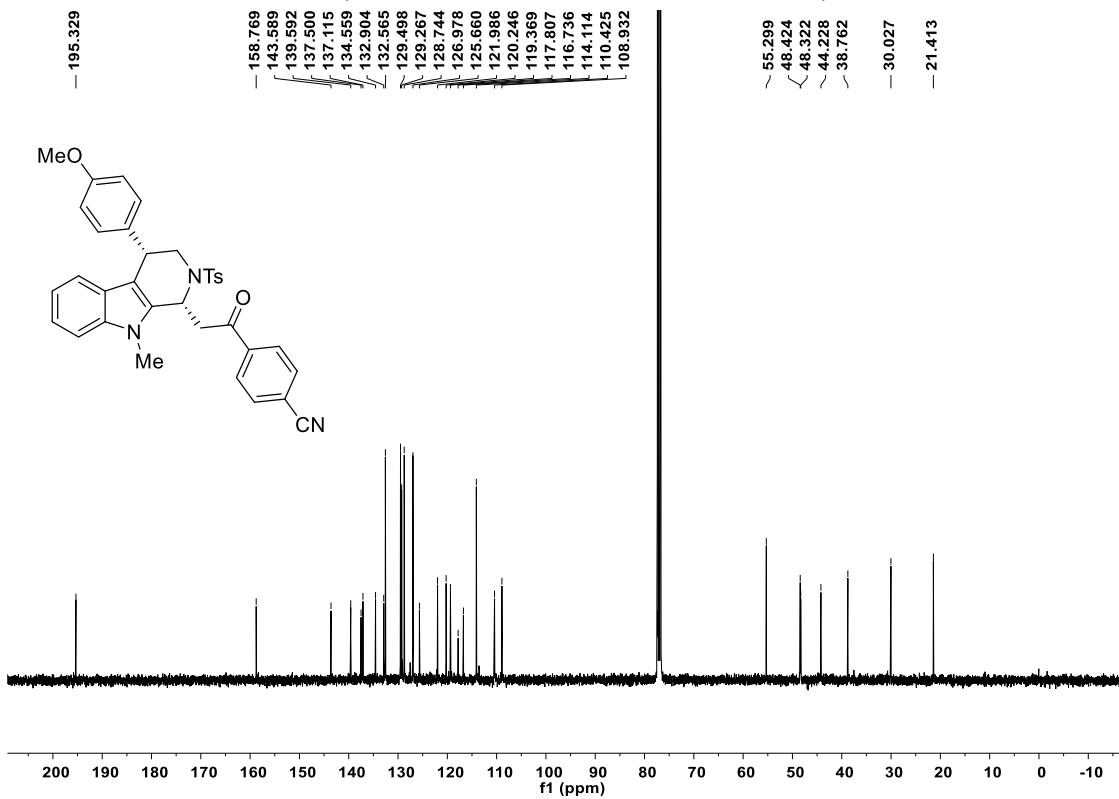
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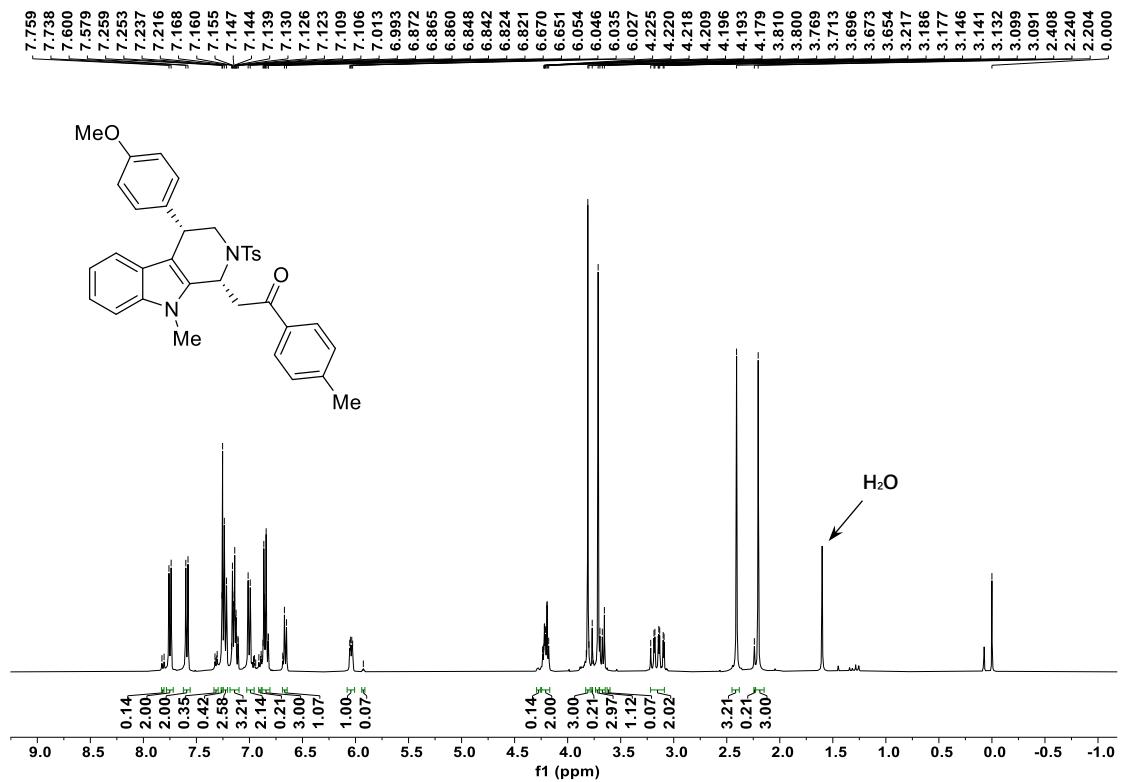
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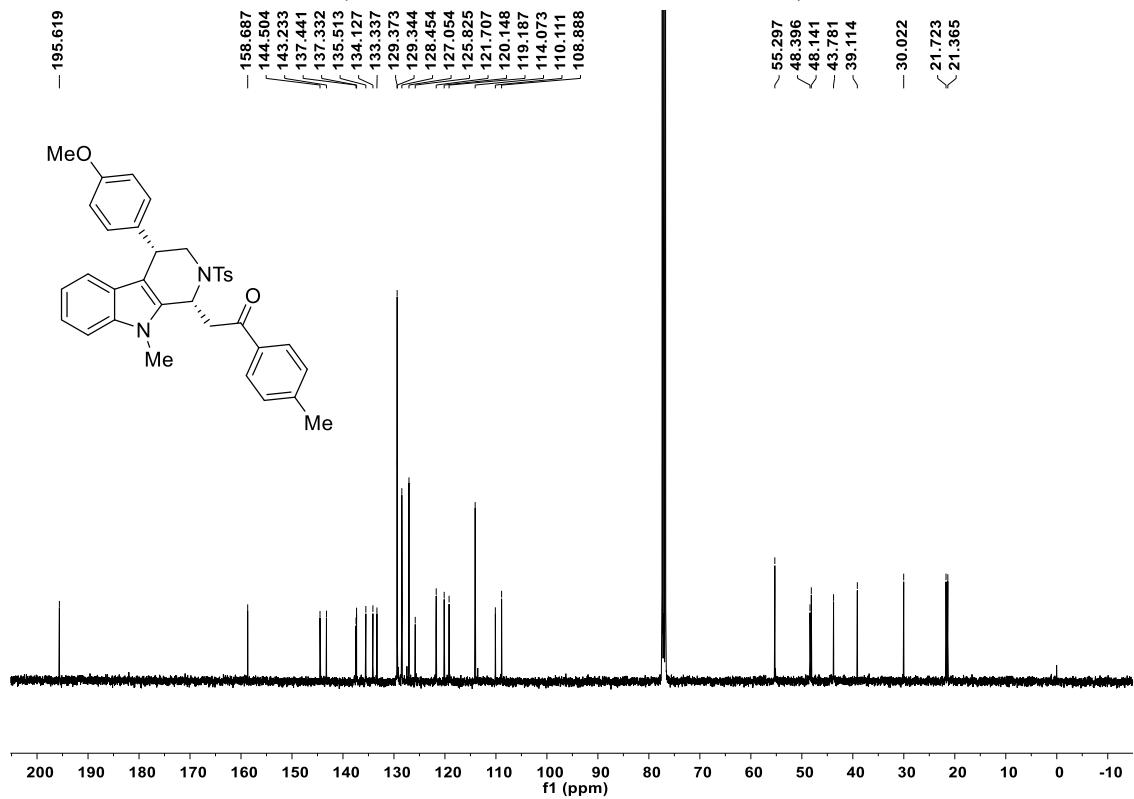
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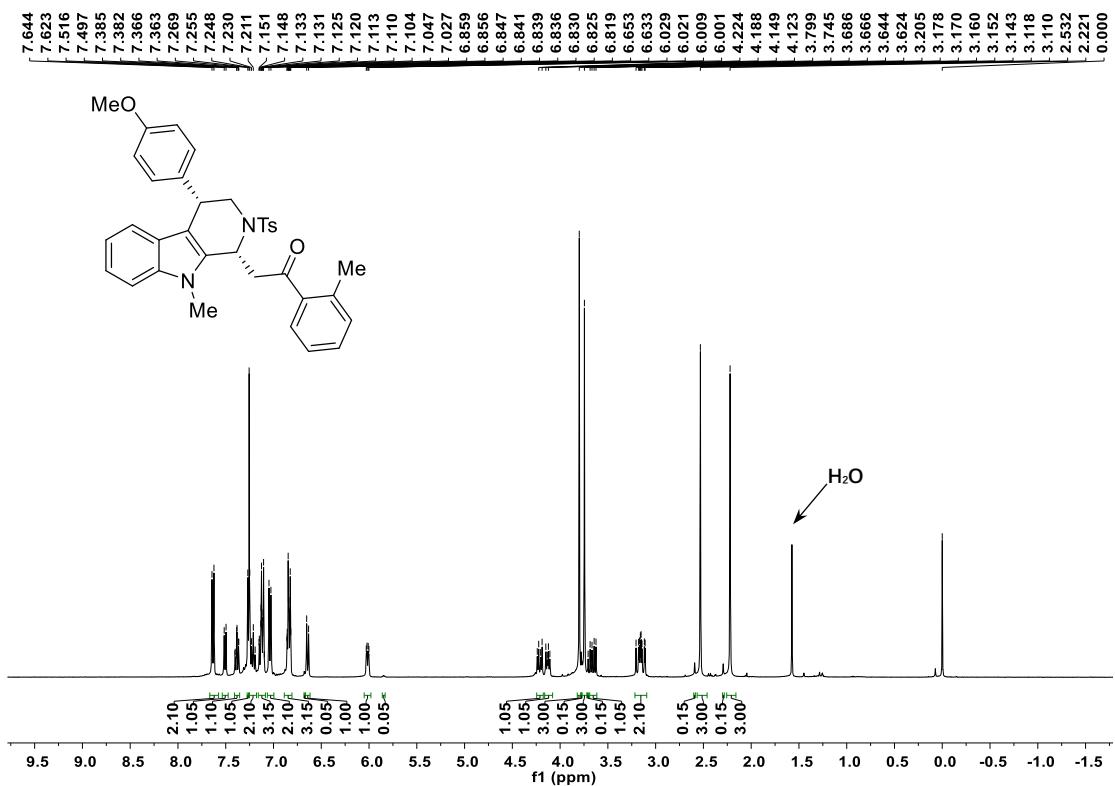
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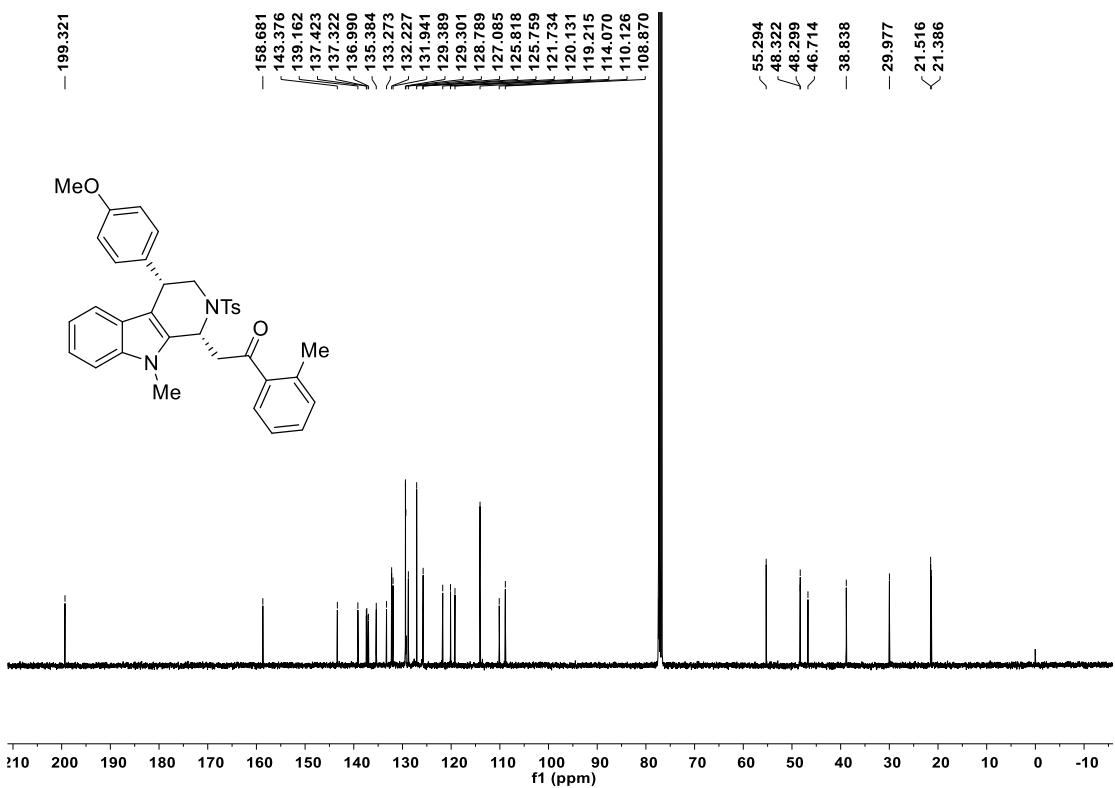
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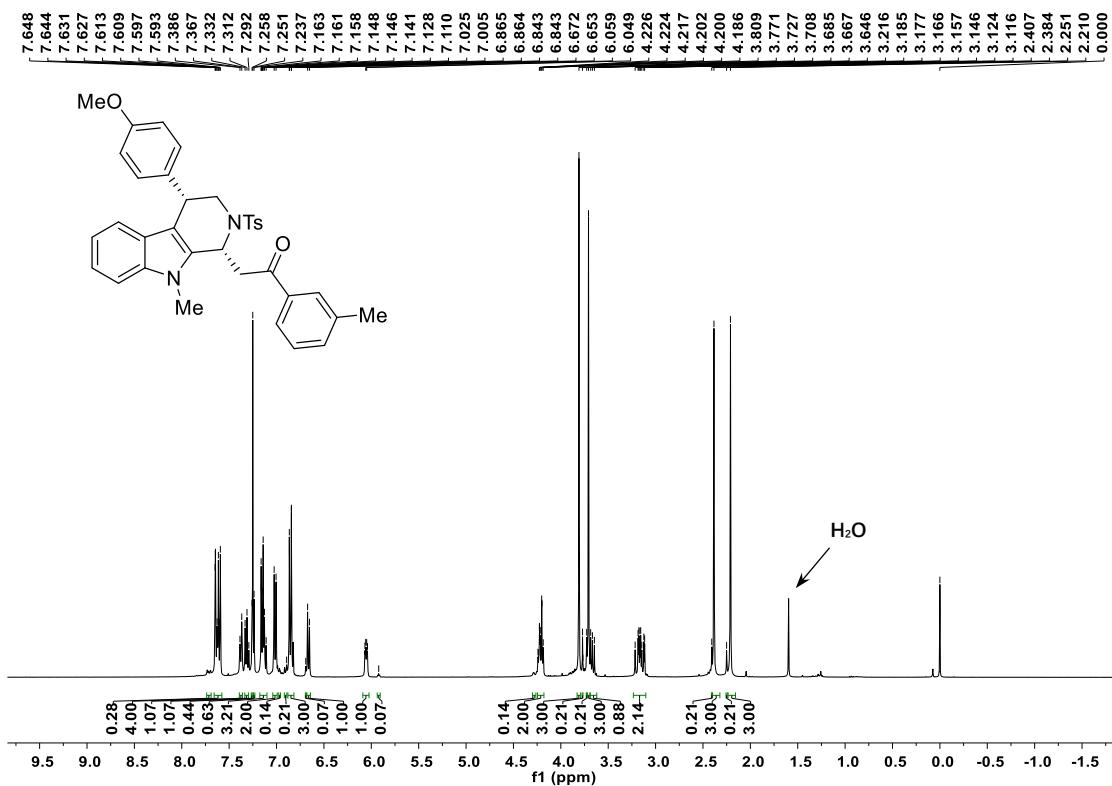
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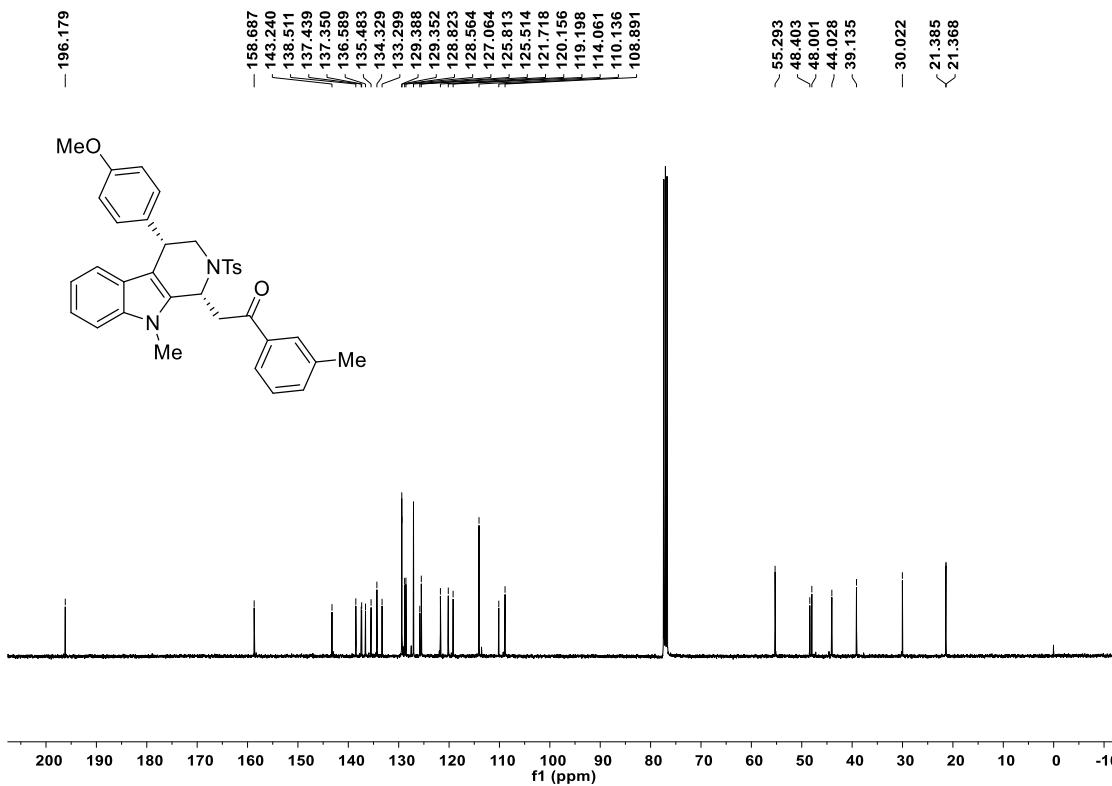
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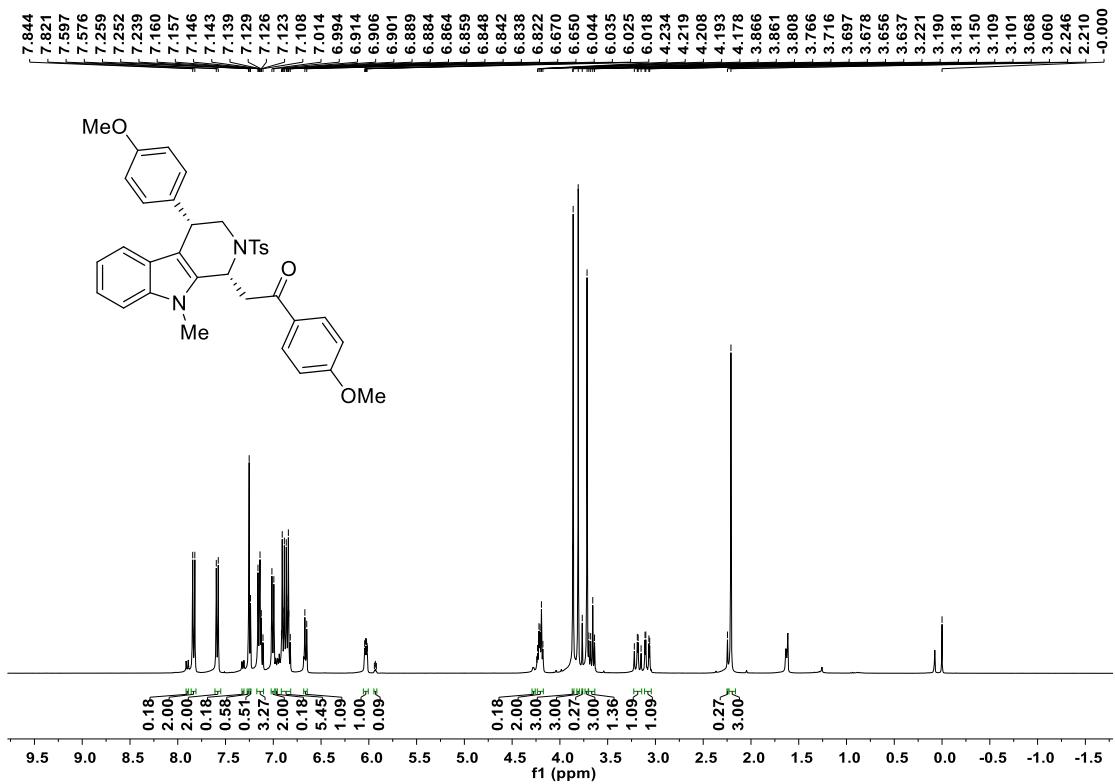
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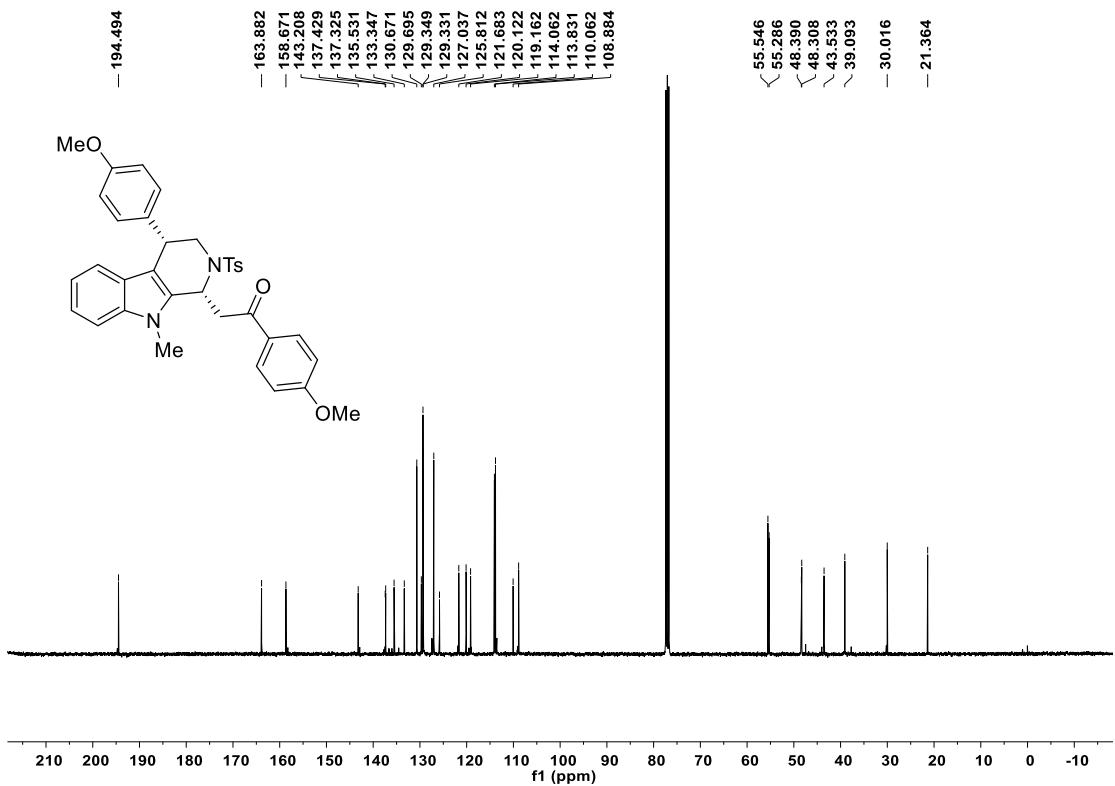
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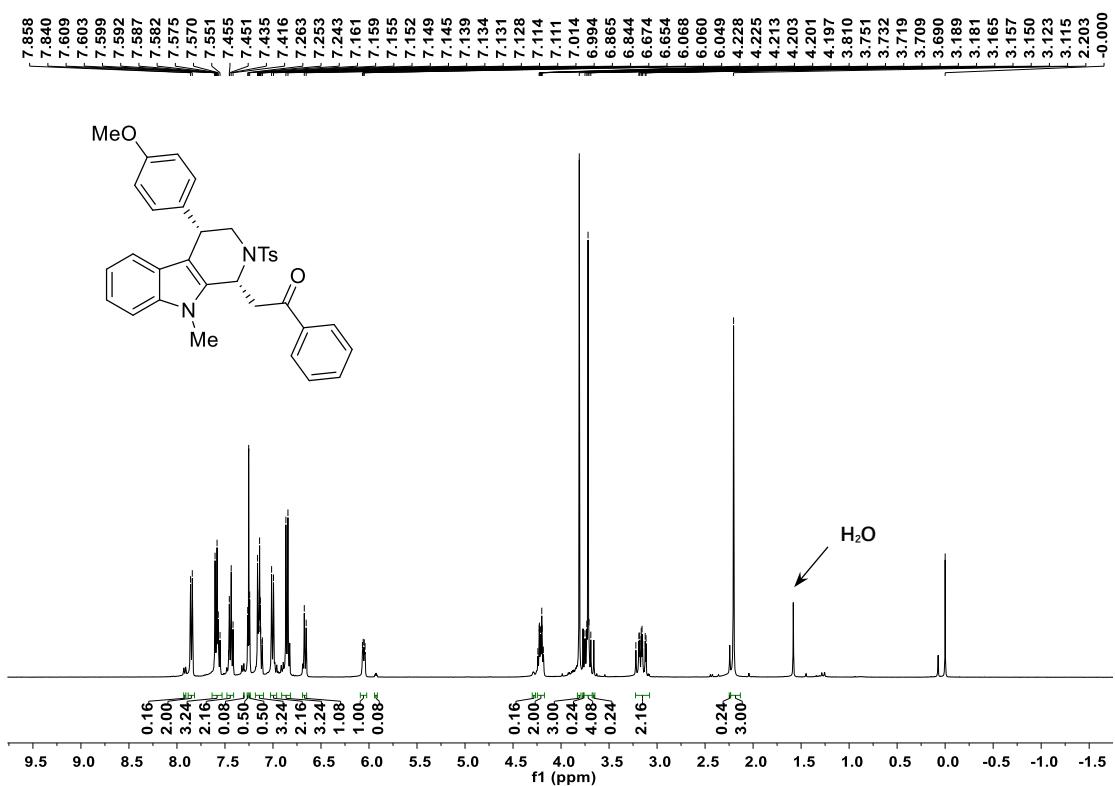
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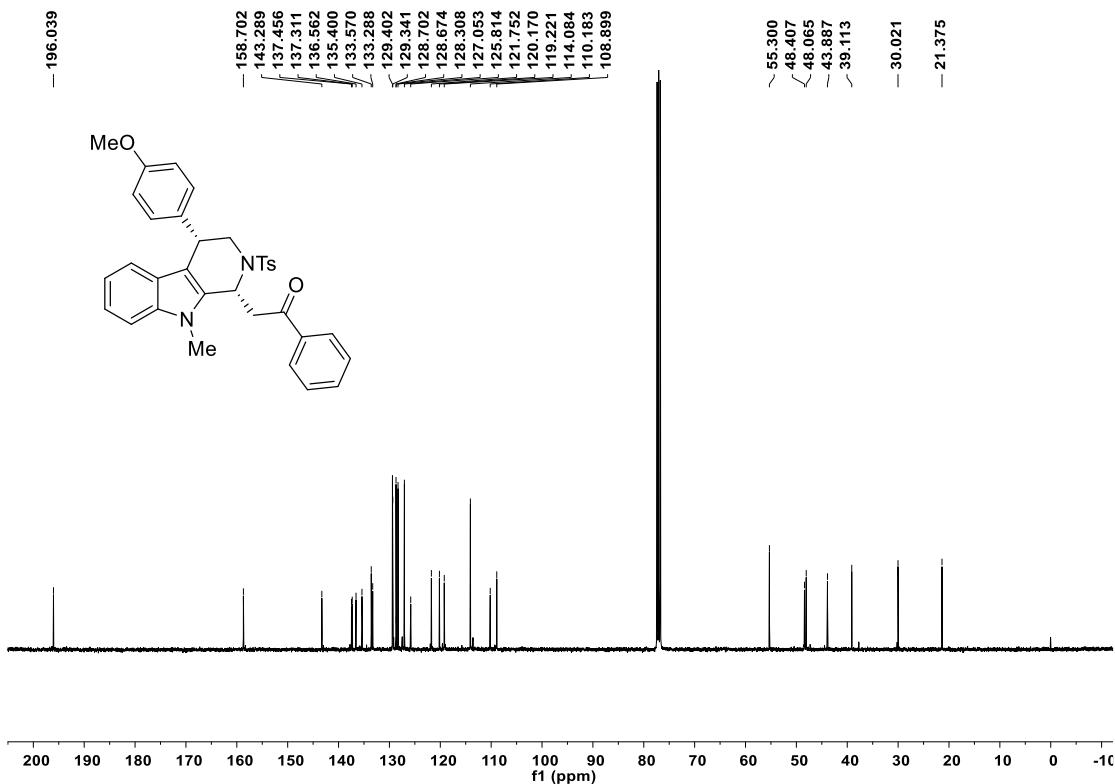
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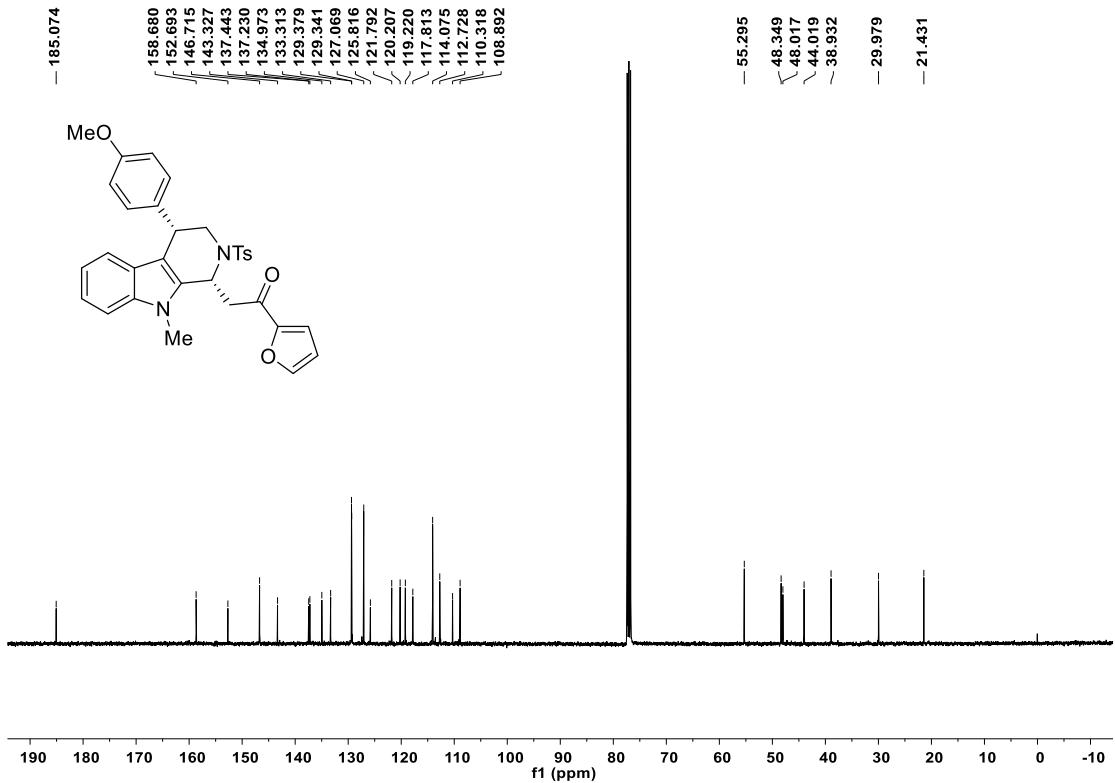
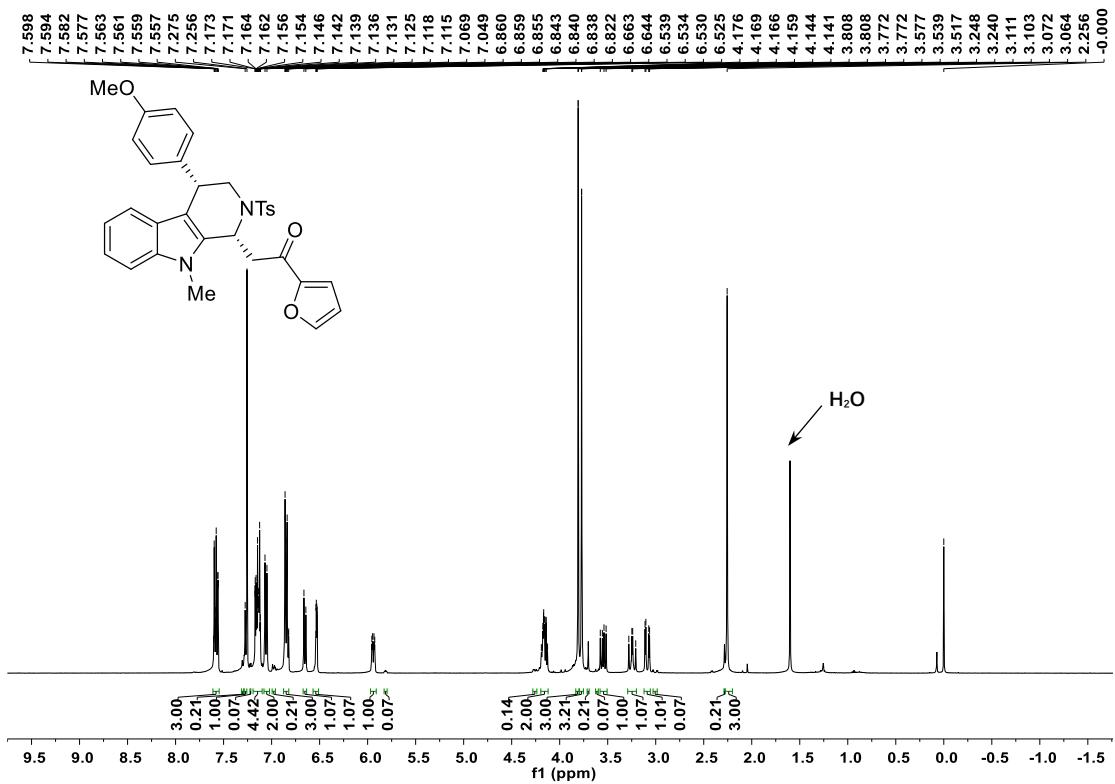
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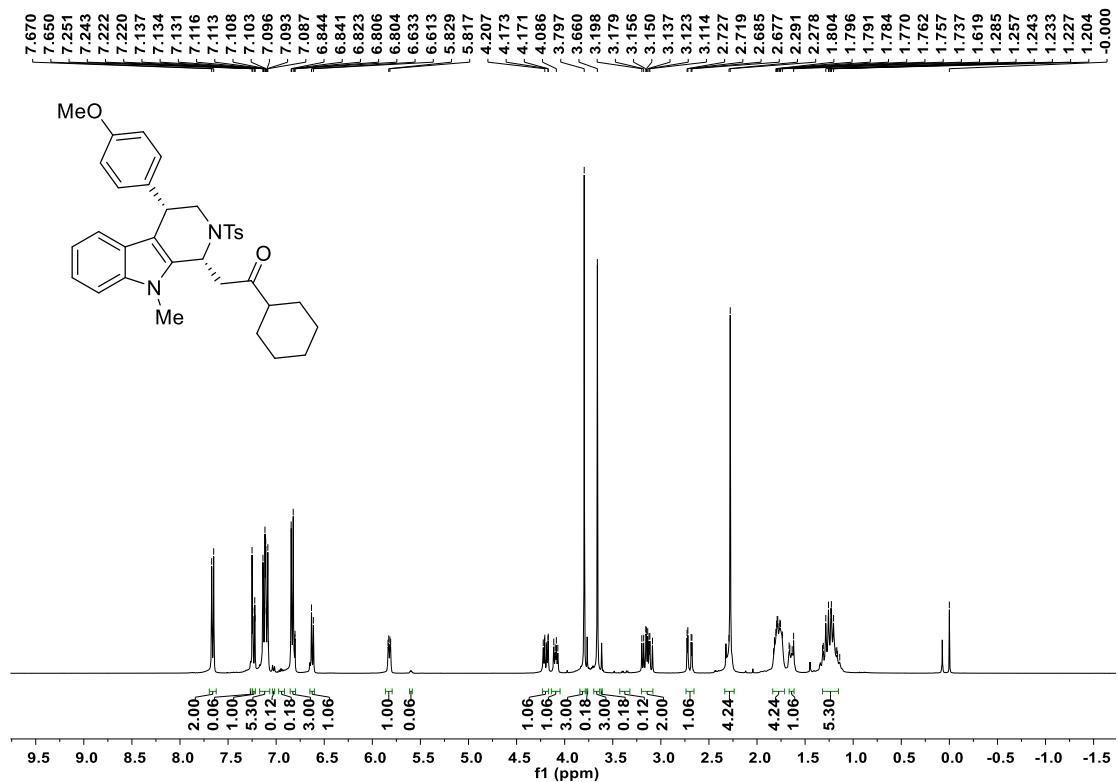
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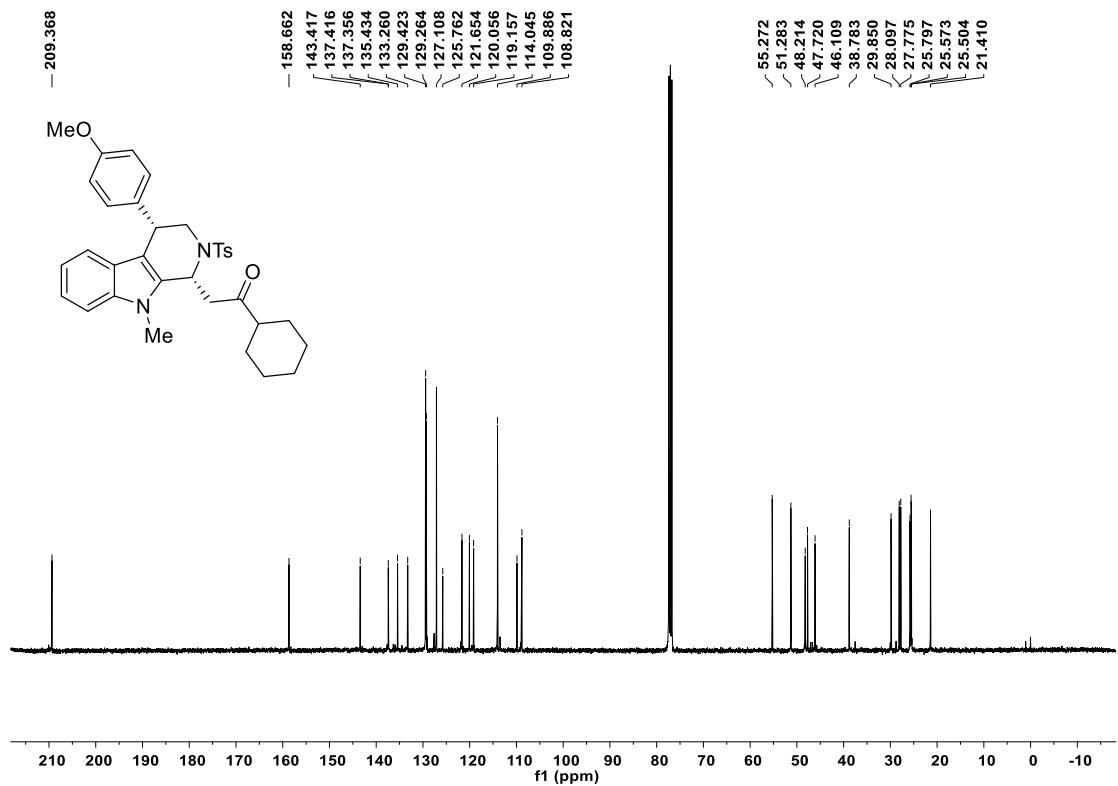
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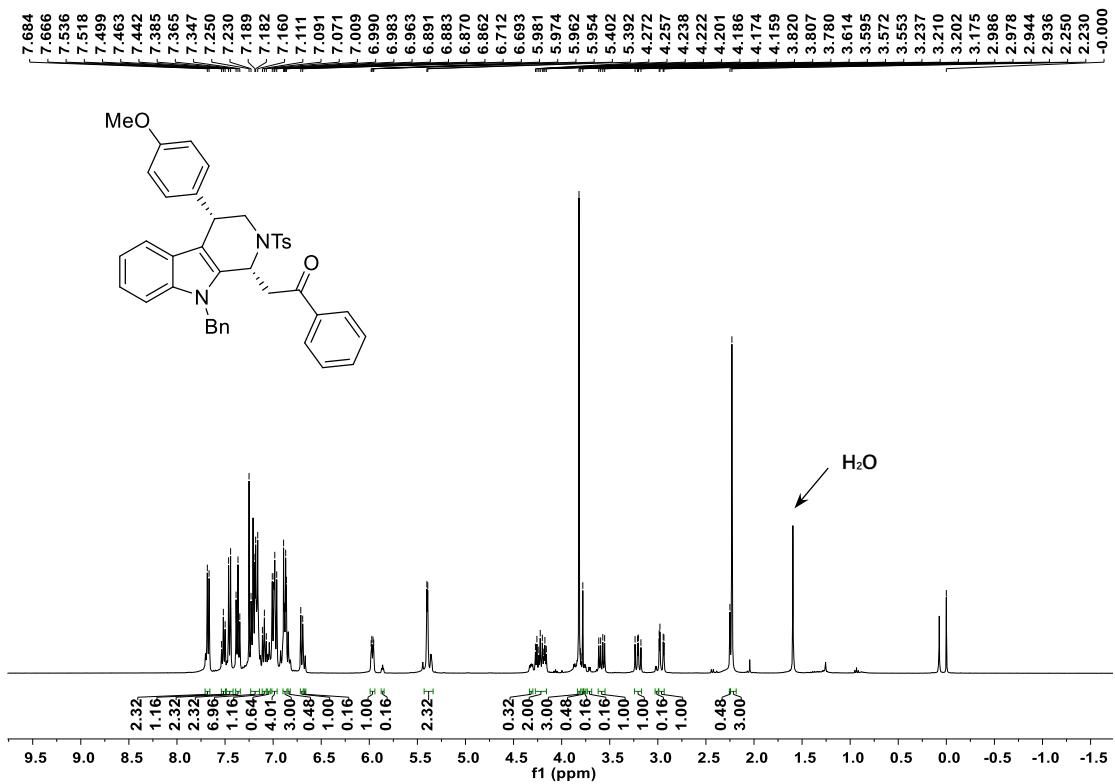
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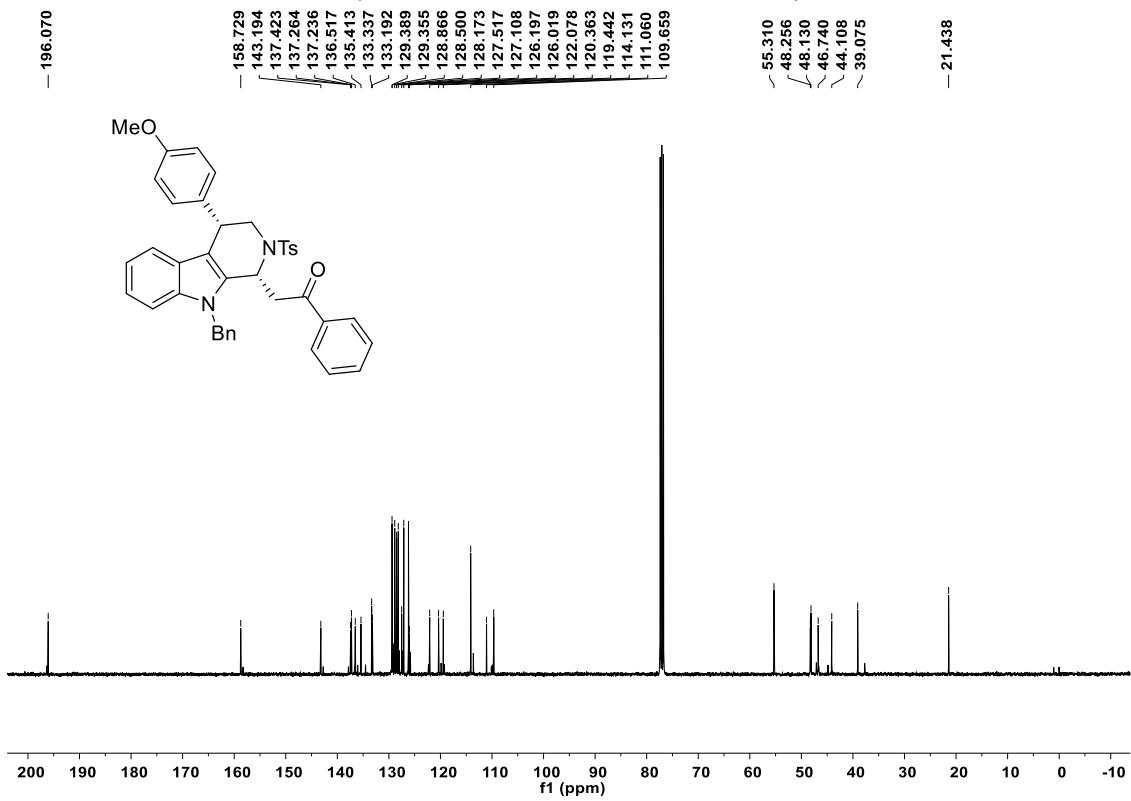
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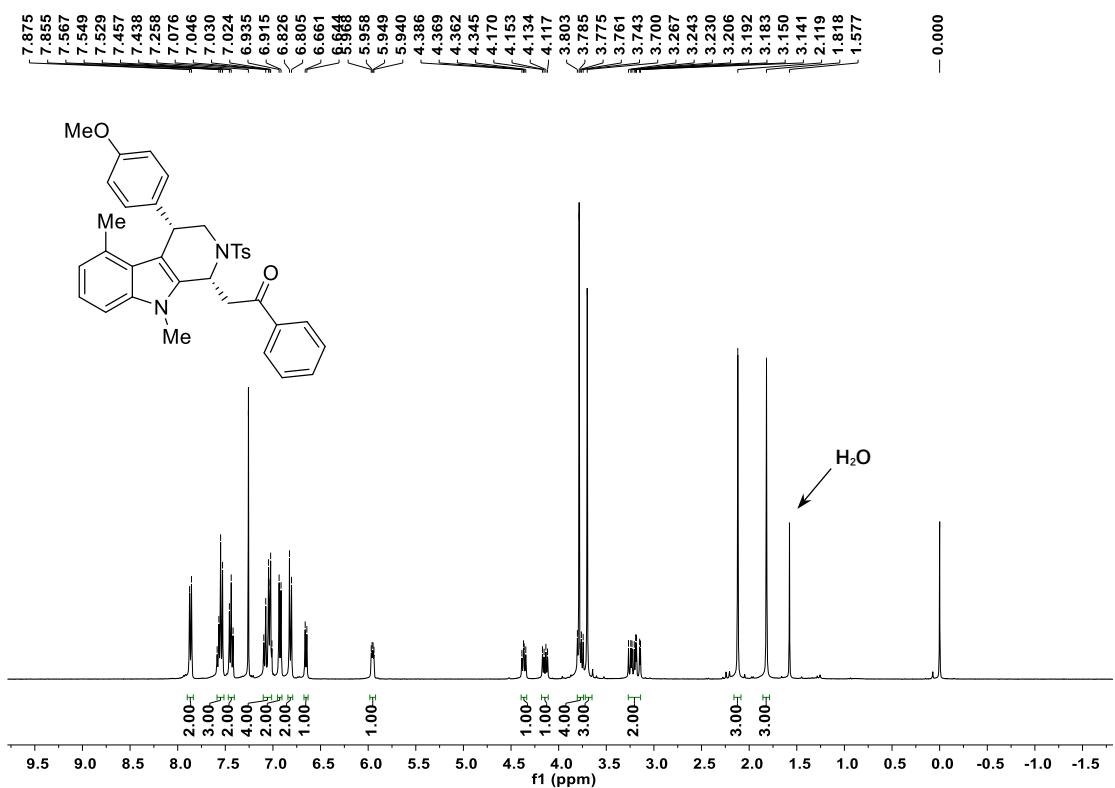
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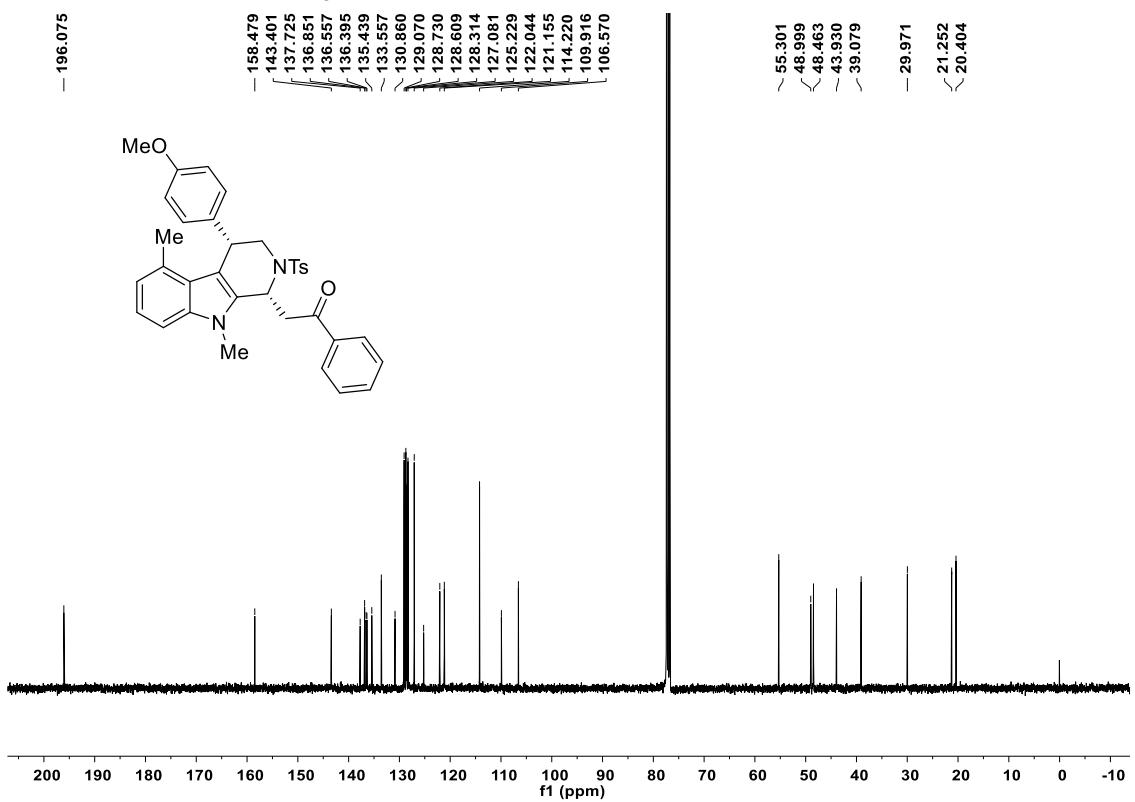
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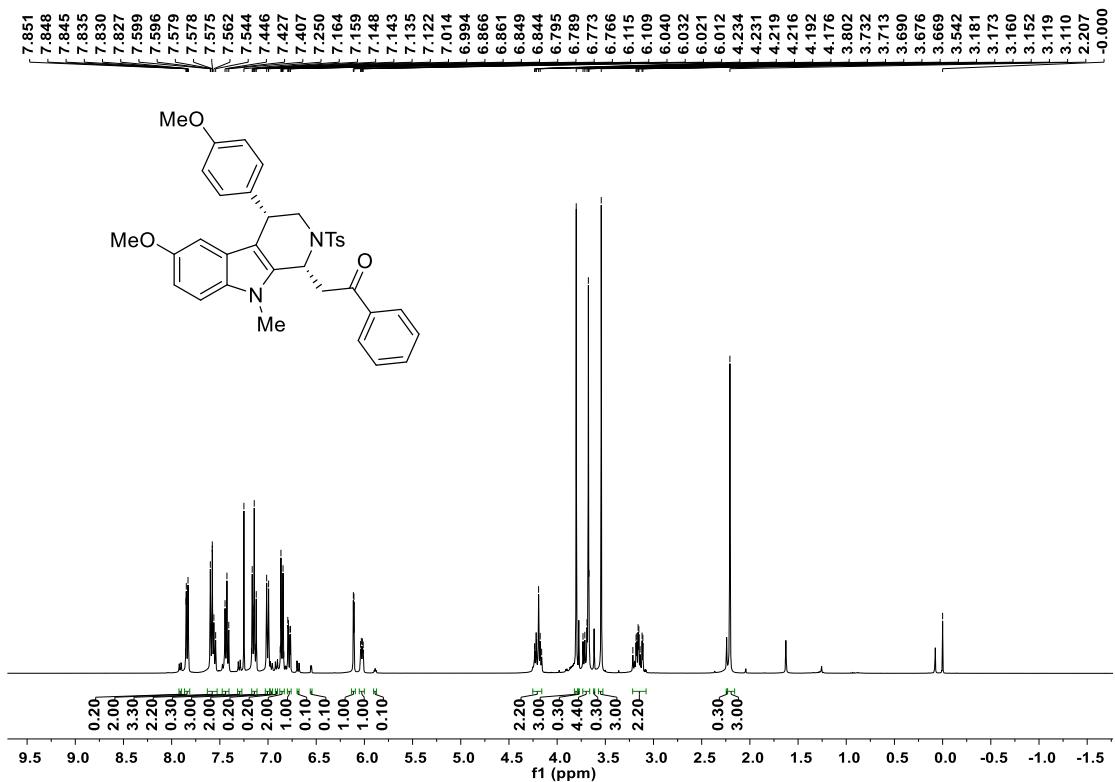
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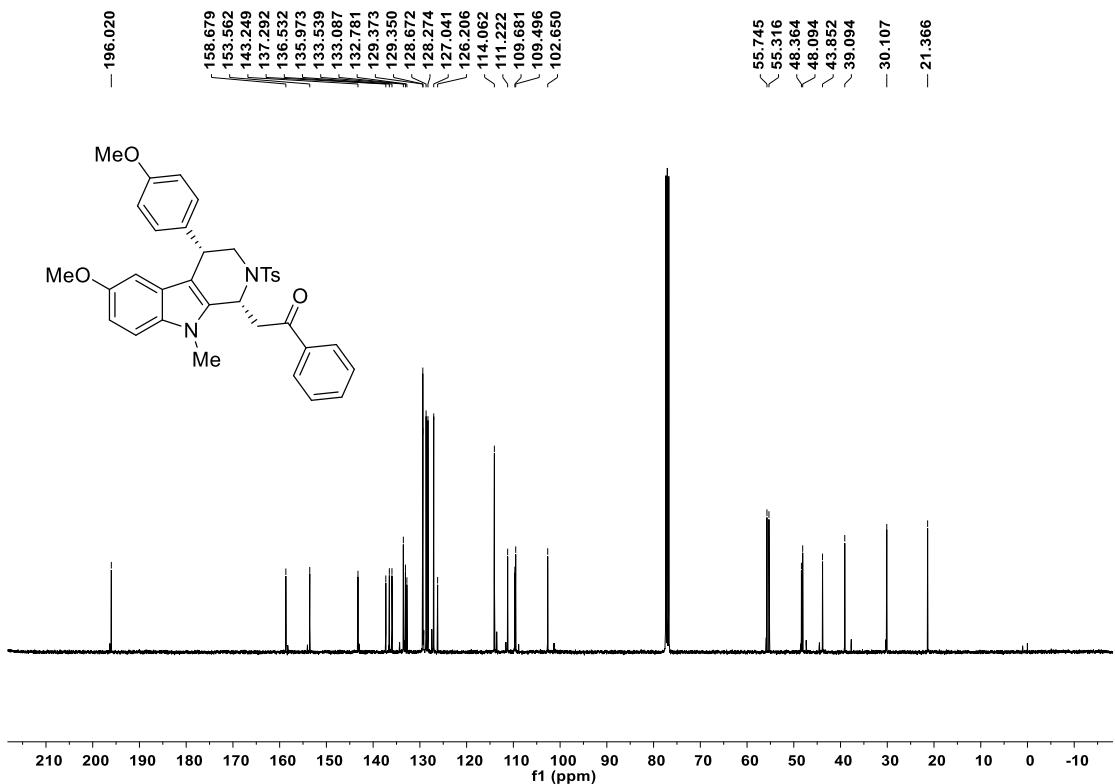
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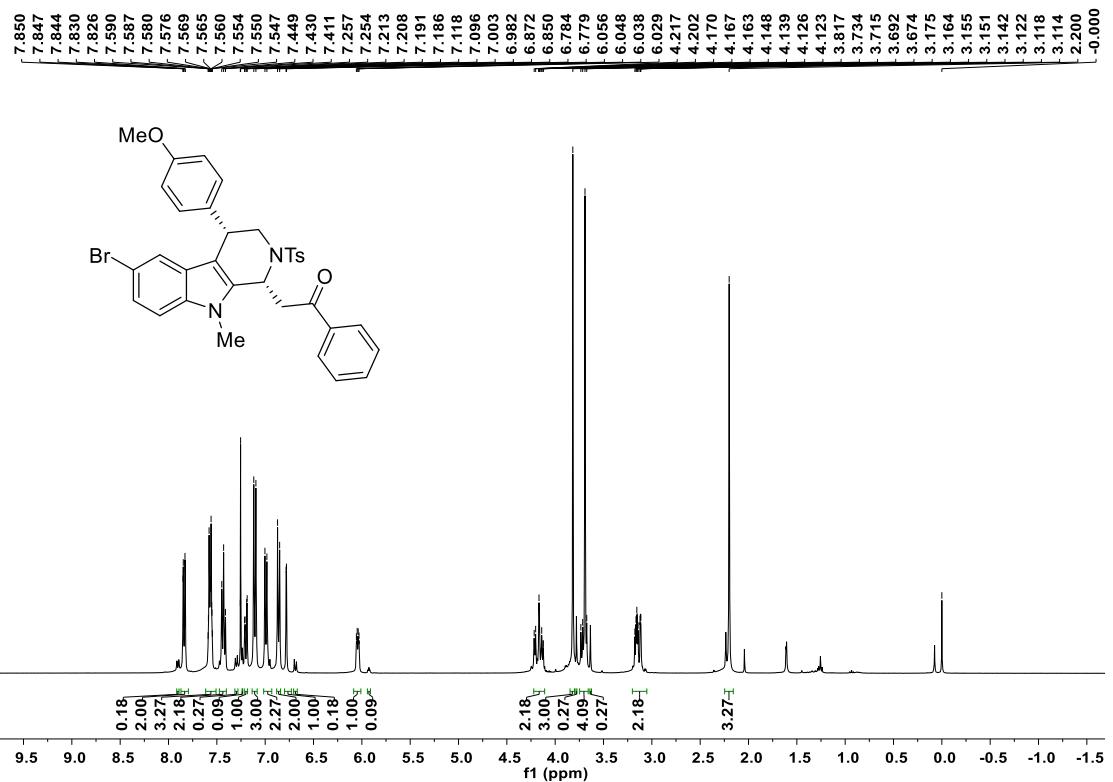
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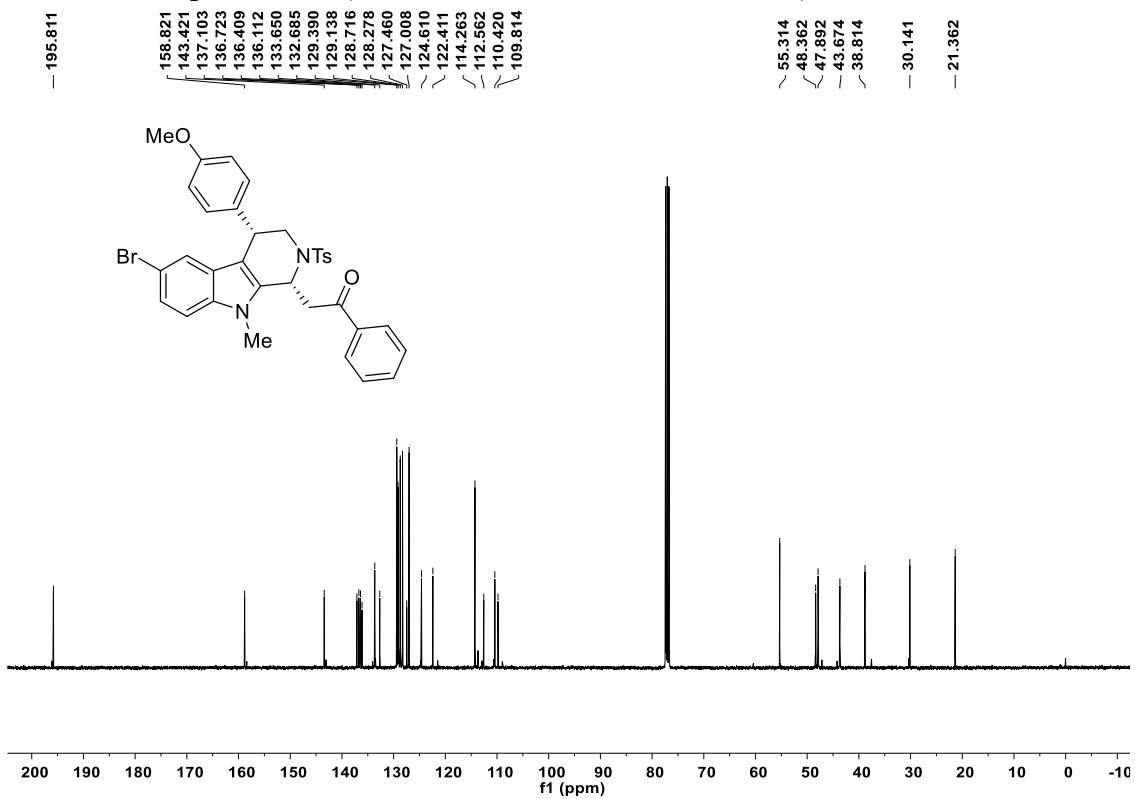
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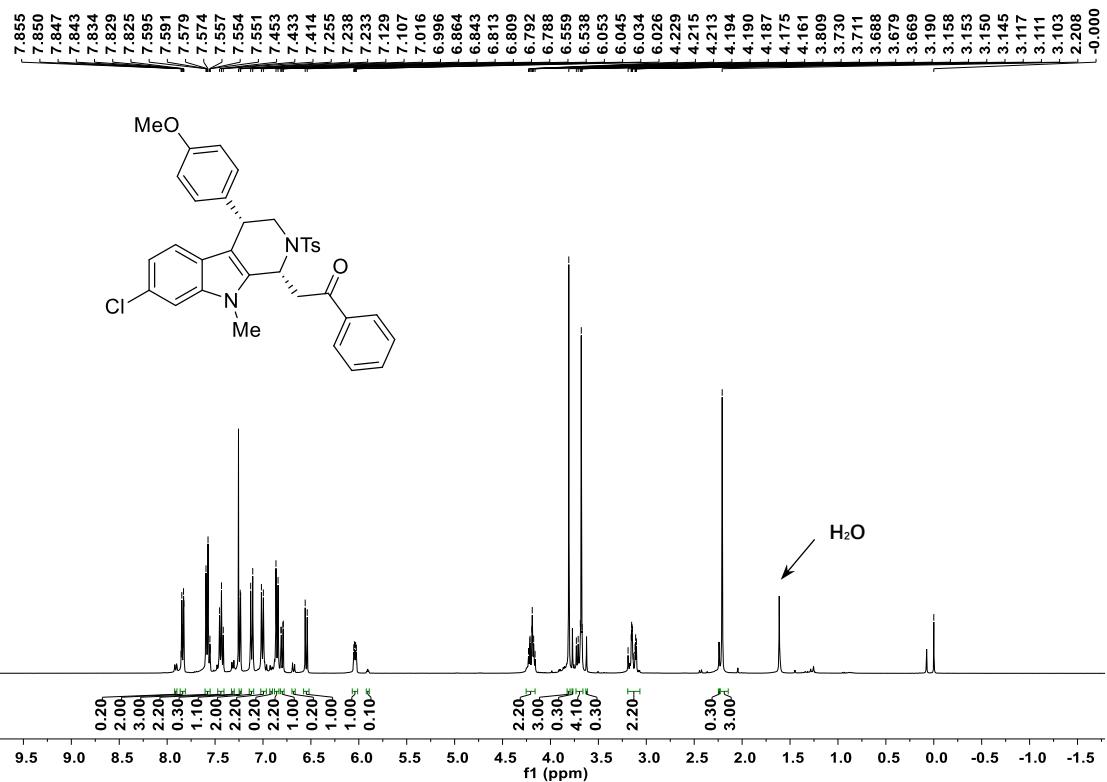
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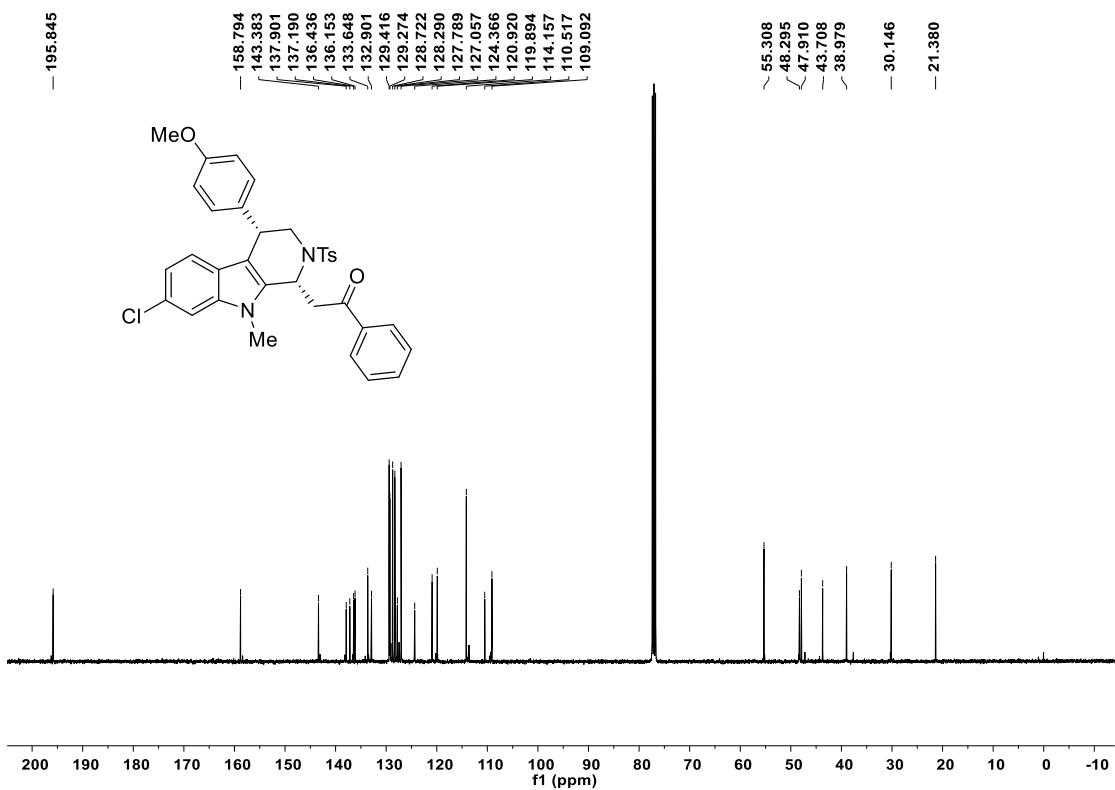
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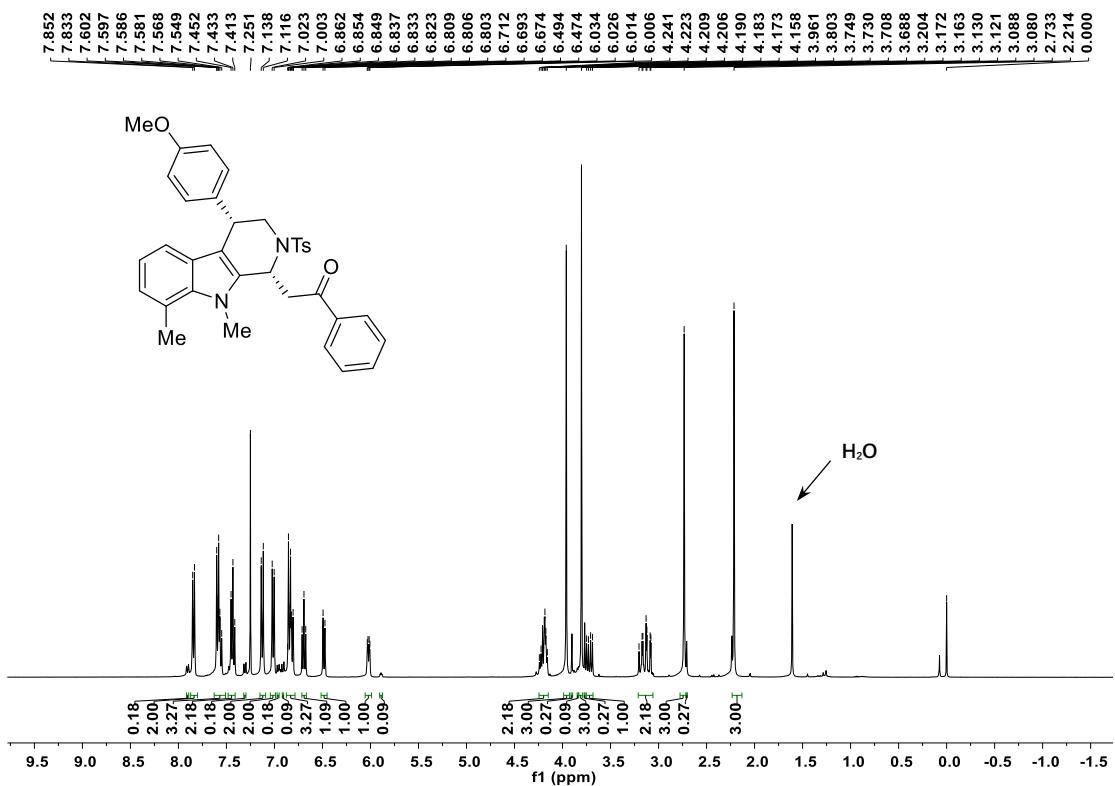
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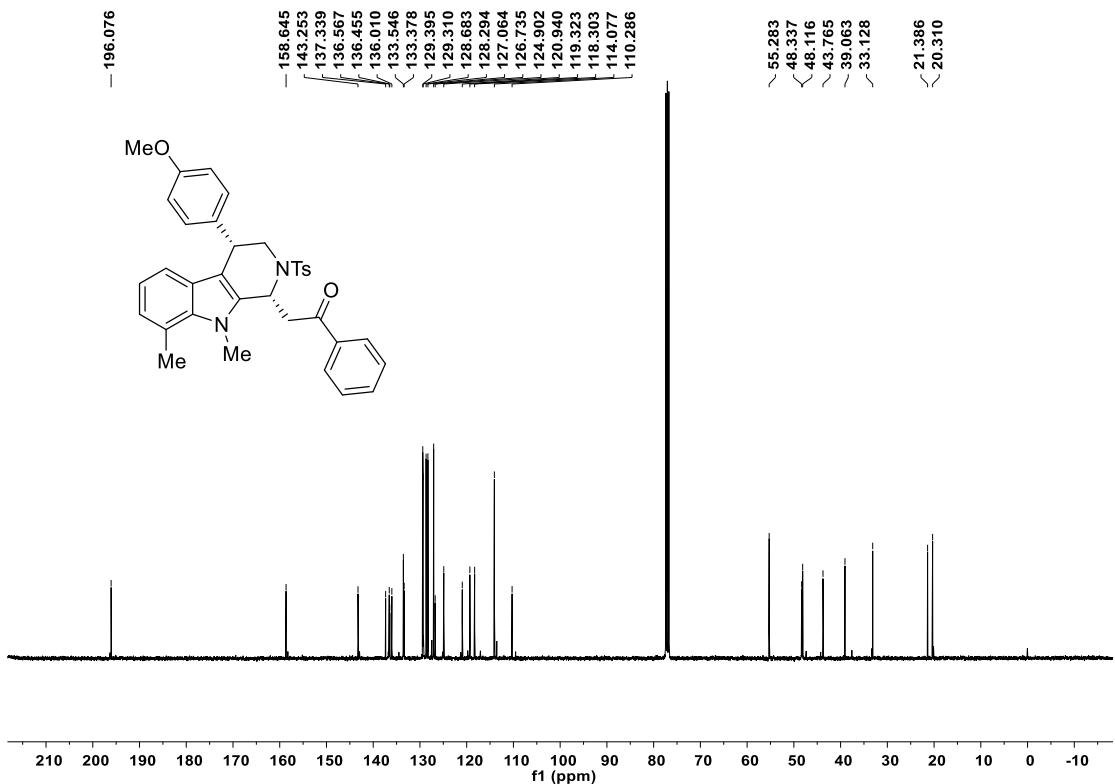
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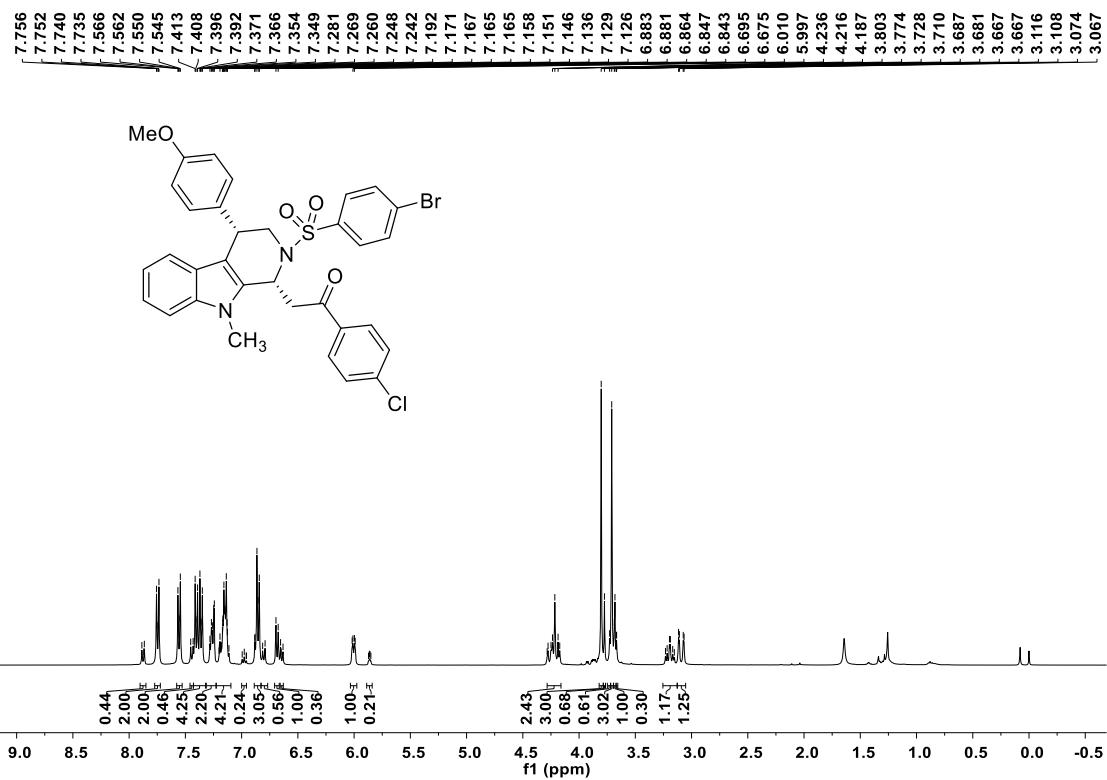
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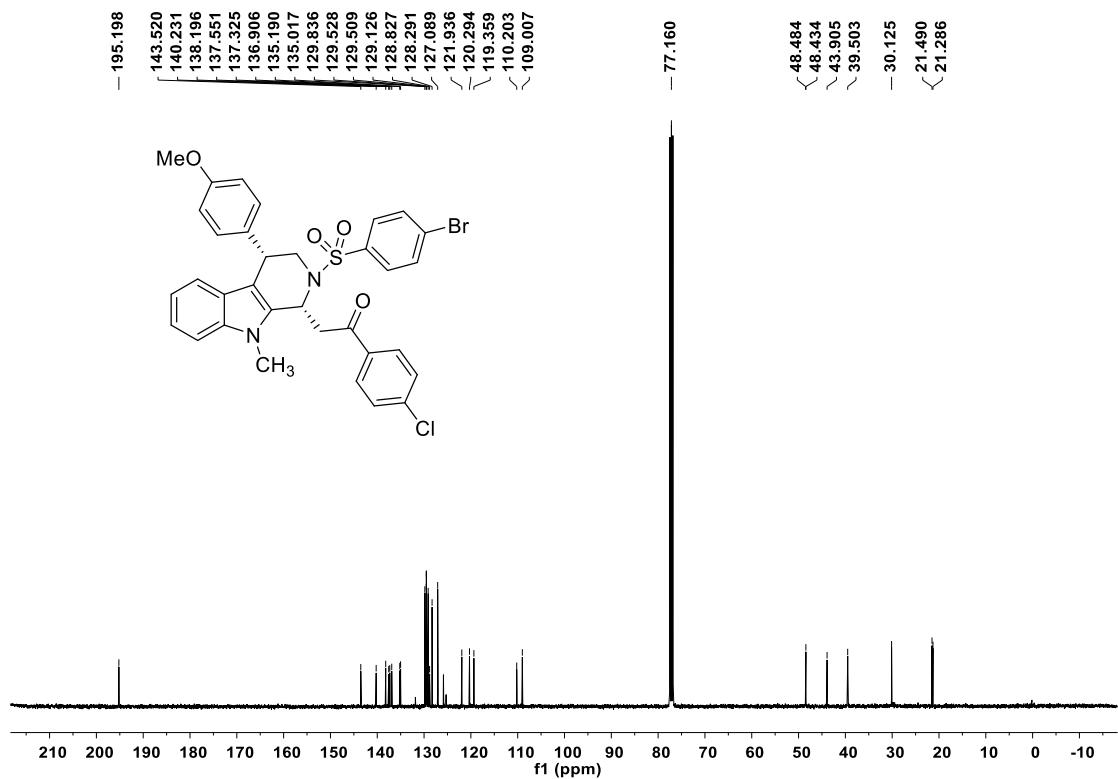
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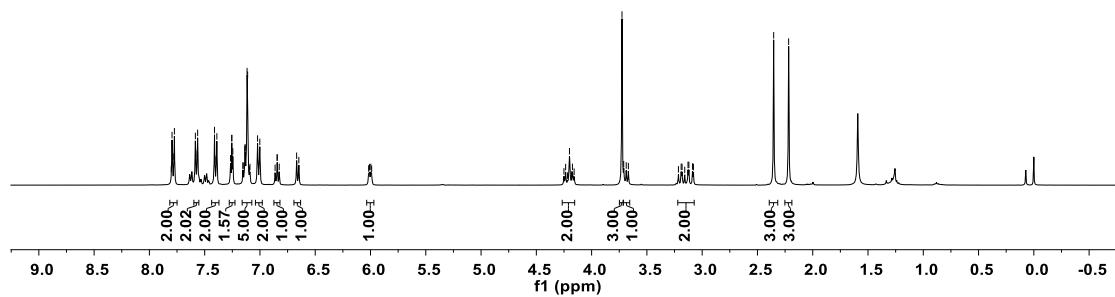
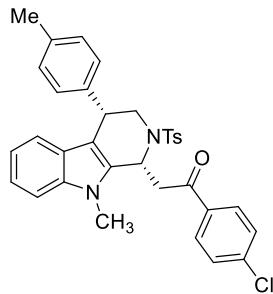
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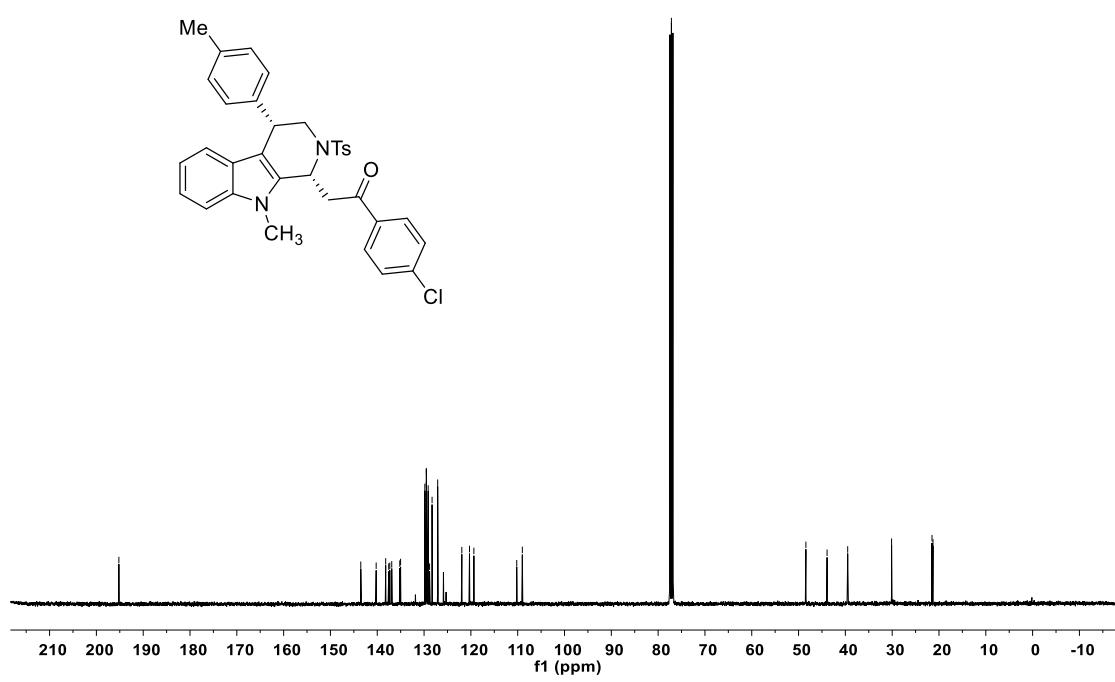
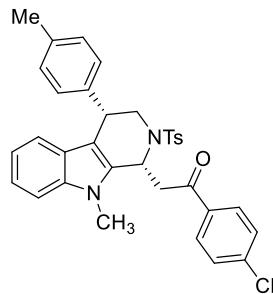
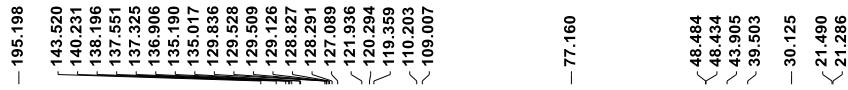
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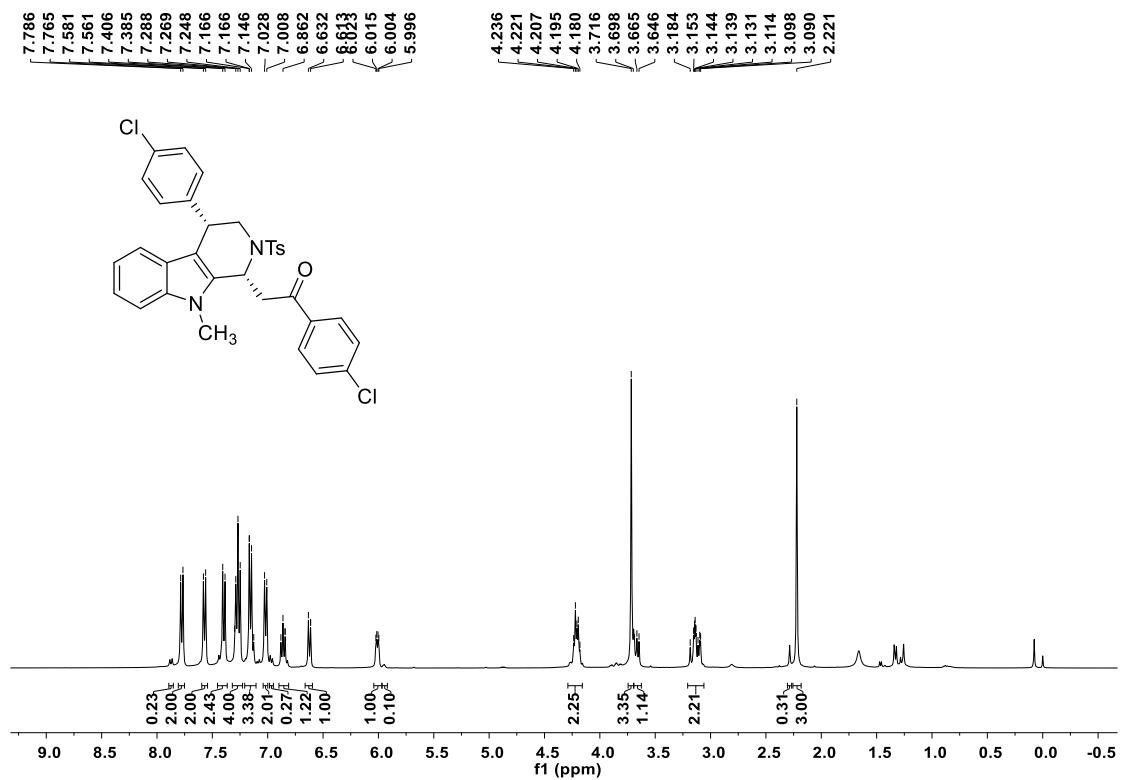
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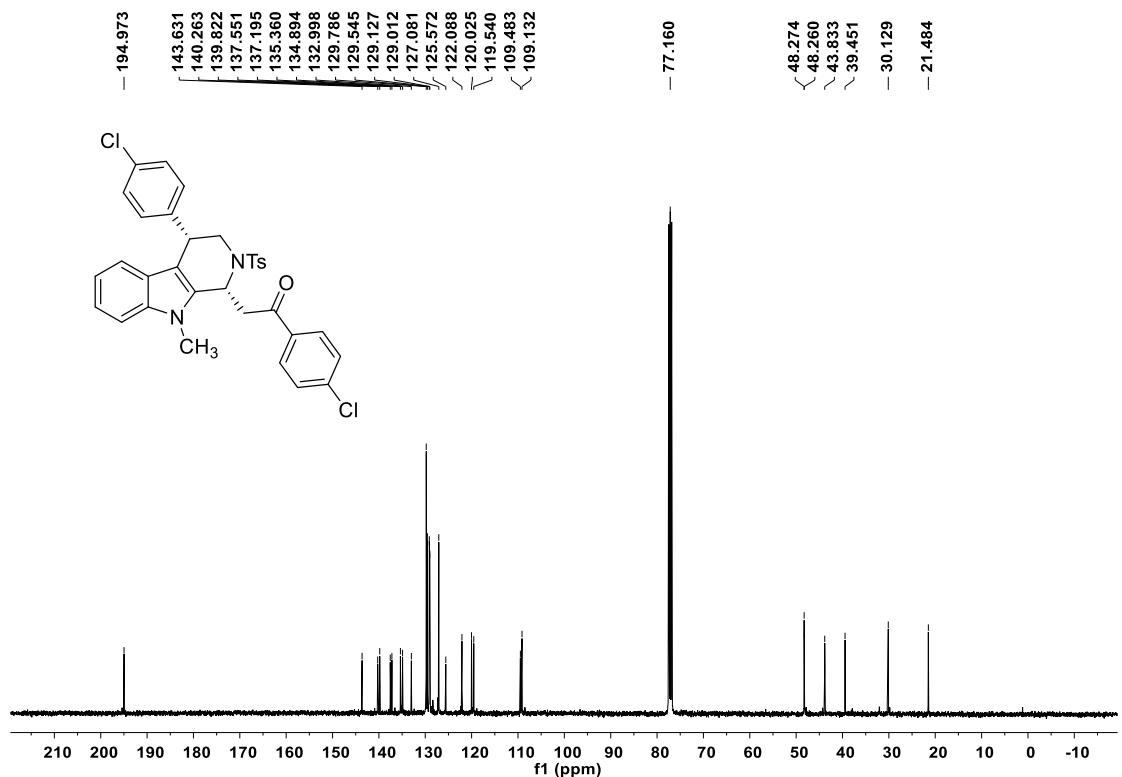
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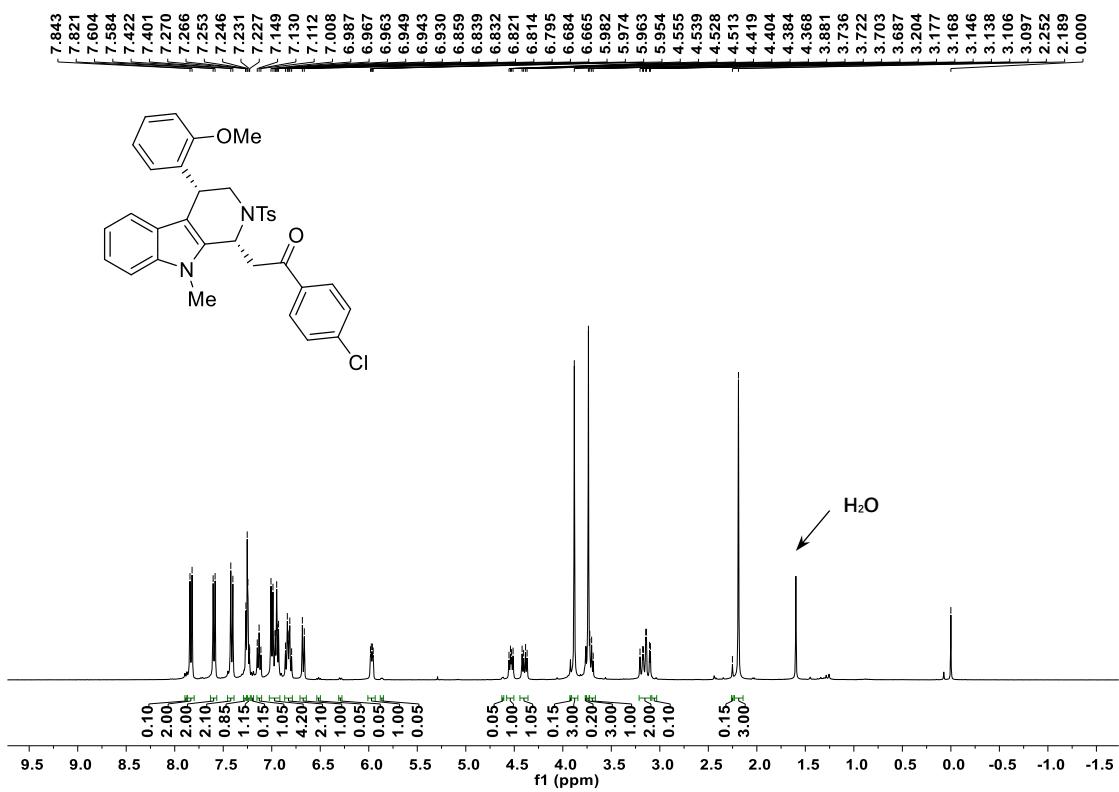
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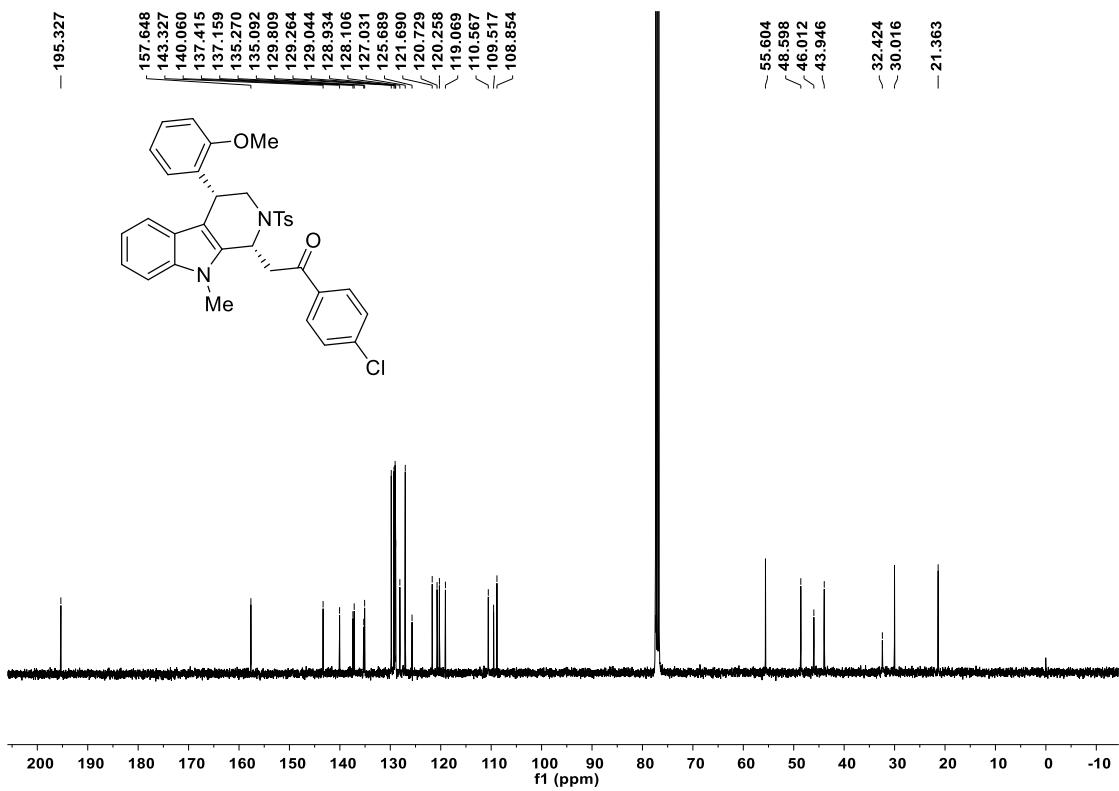
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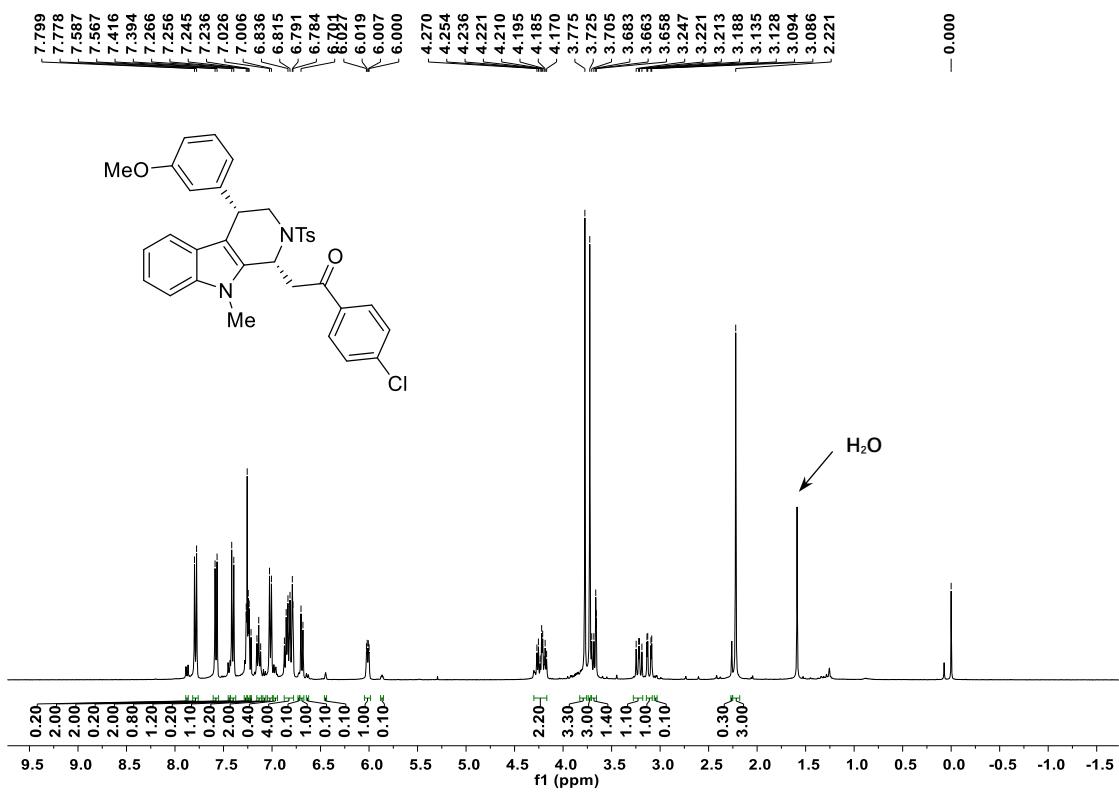
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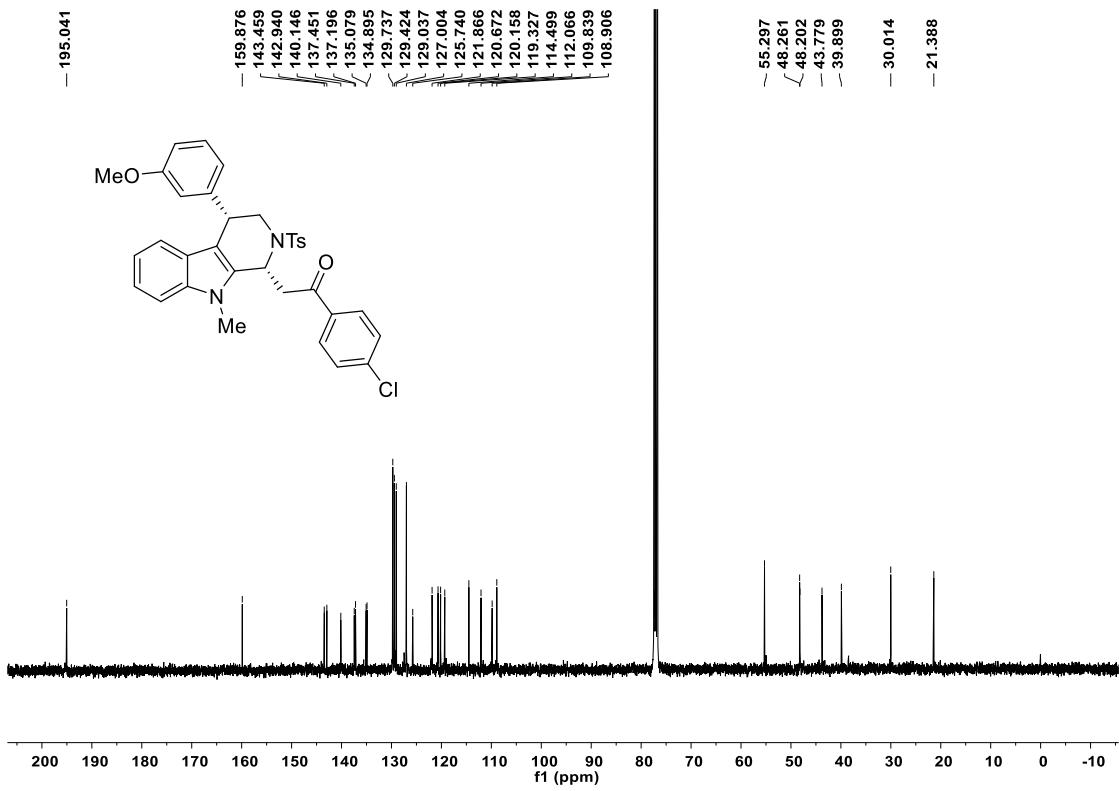
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¹H NMR of **3w** in CDCl₃ (a mixture of diastereomers, 10:1 dr)

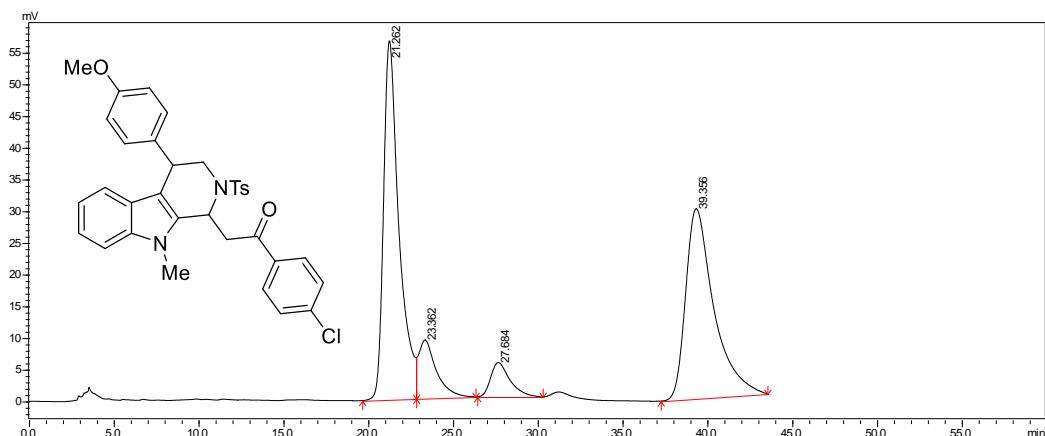


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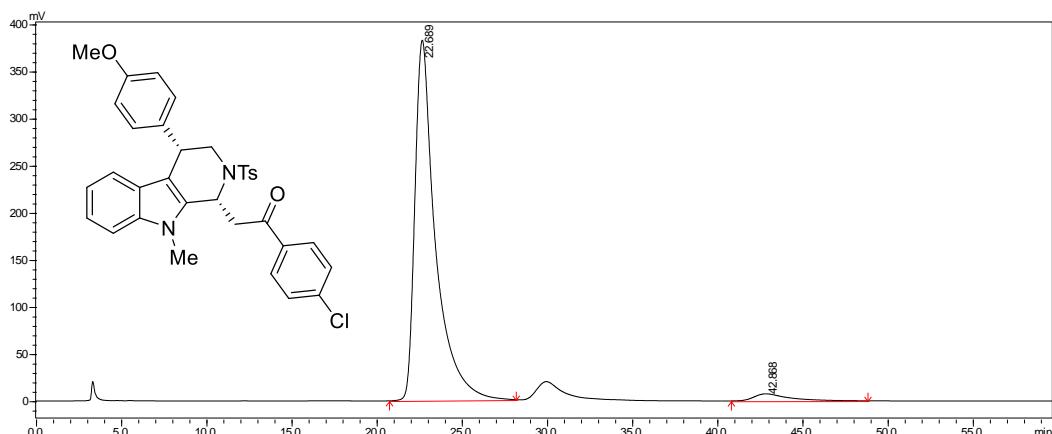


6. HPLC chromatograms

HPLC chromatogram of compound **3a** (94% ee)

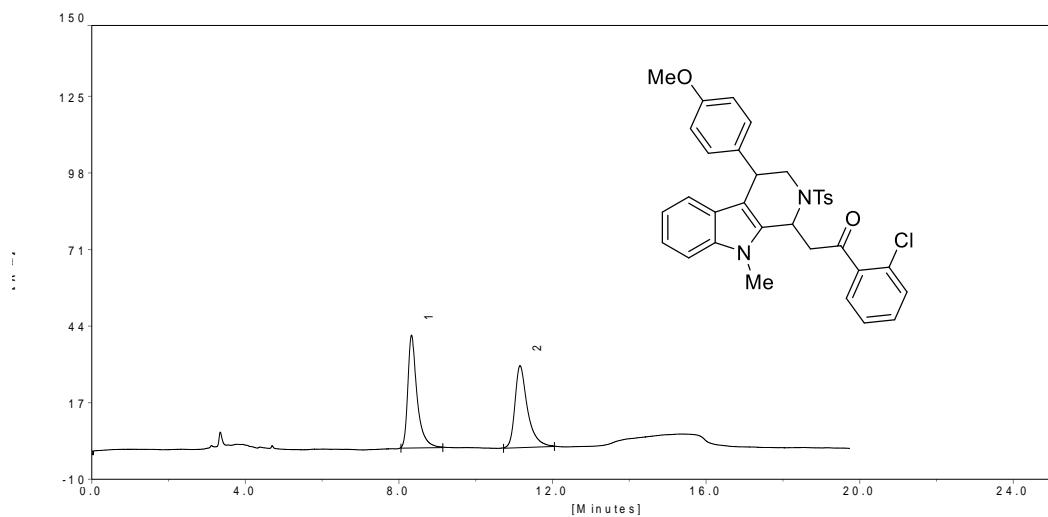


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	21.262	56589	3572754	43.845
2	23.362	9229	686093	8.420
3	27.684	5401	424928	5.215
4	39.356	29961	3464855	42.521

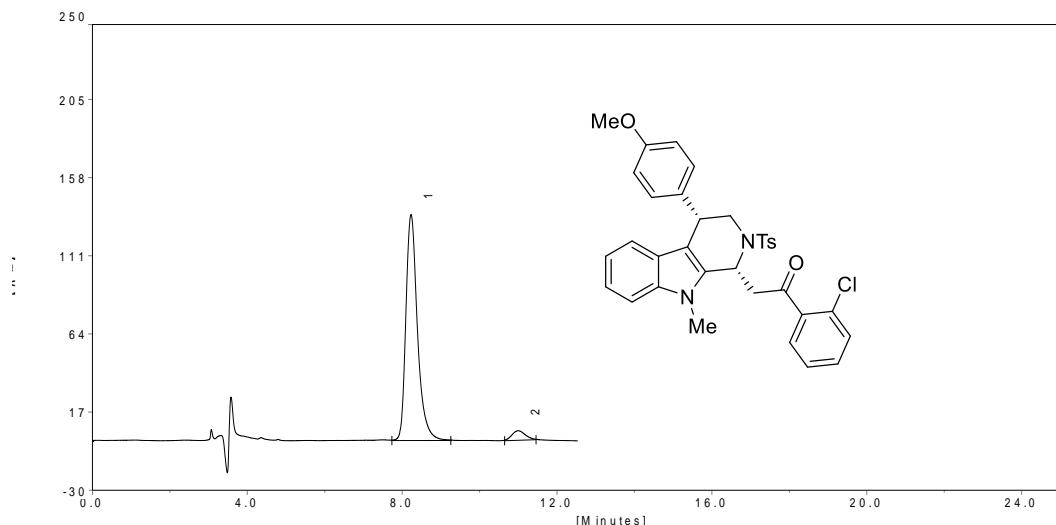


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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3b** (91% ee)

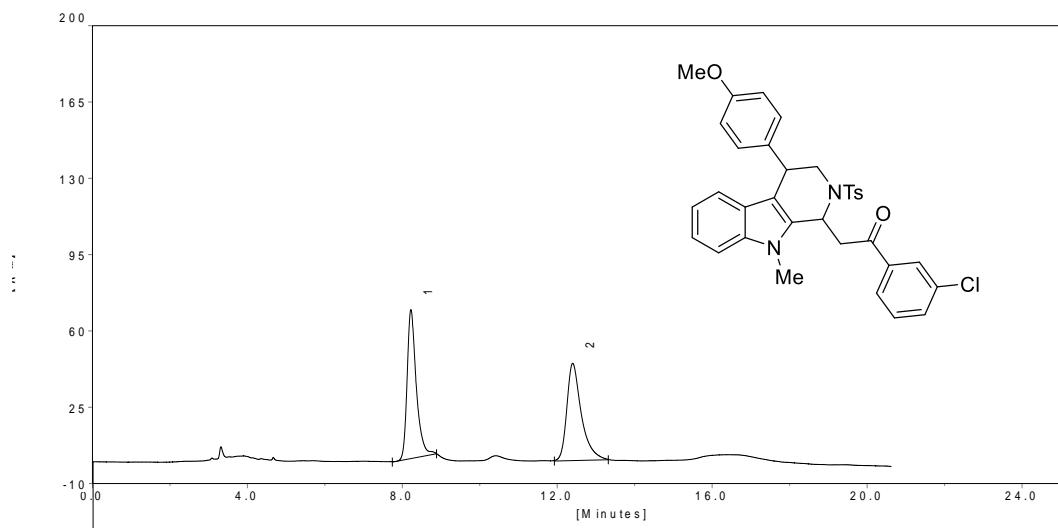


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	8.32833	39.68	658.64	50.4002
2	11.15500	28.79	648.18	49.5998

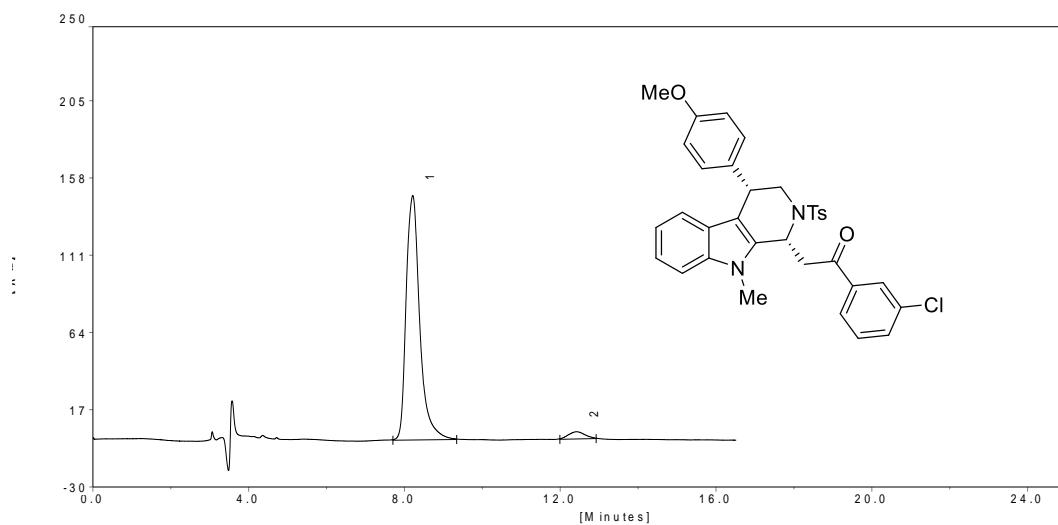


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	8.23083	135.66	2797.19	95.7101
2	10.99667	5.49	125.38	4.2899

HPLC chromatogram of compound **3c** (94% ee)

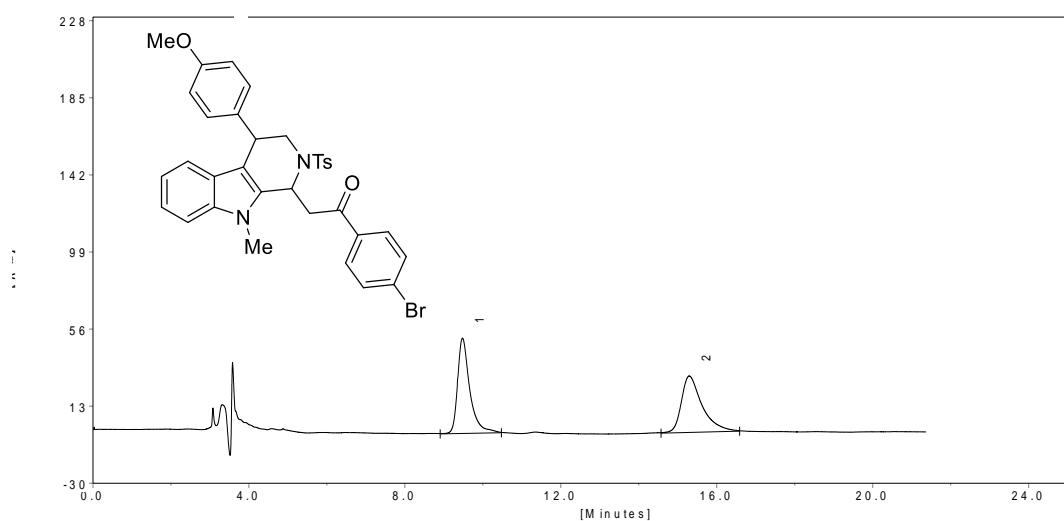


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μV)	Area ($\mu\text{V.sec}$)	Area (%)
1	8.22167	68.12	1106.63	49.2063
2	12.39750	44.42	1142.33	50.7937

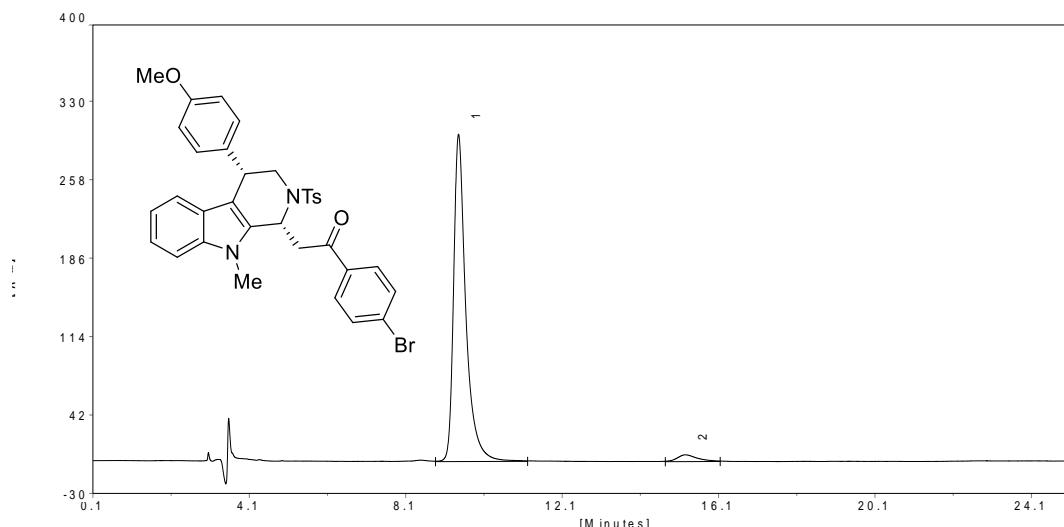


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μV)	Area ($\mu\text{V.sec}$)	Area (%)
1	8.21500	148.50	3582.91	96.8629
2	12.42667	4.1	116.04	3.1371

HPLC chromatogram of compound **3d** (94% ee)

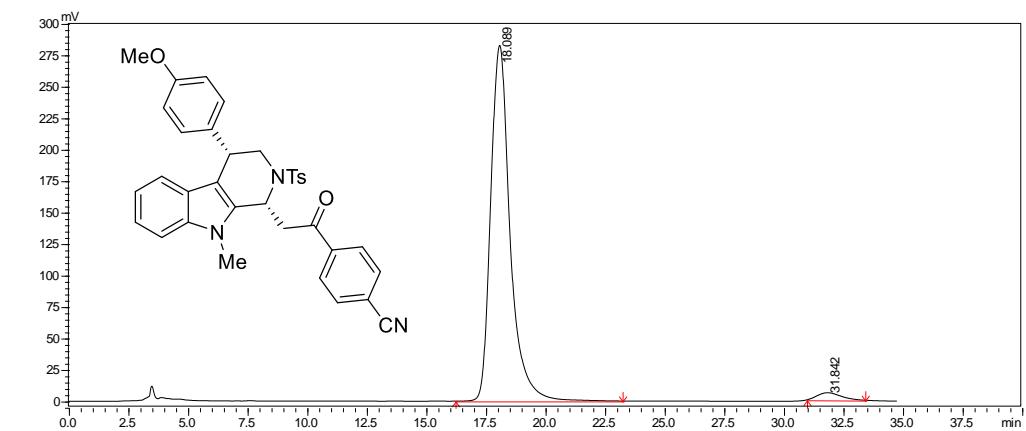
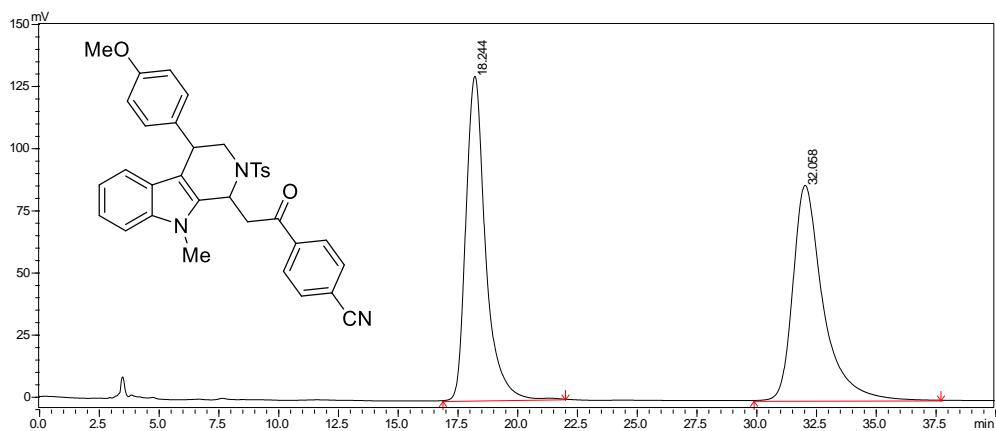


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	9.47750	52.96	1136.40	50.0876
2	15.29000	31.22	1132.42	49.9124

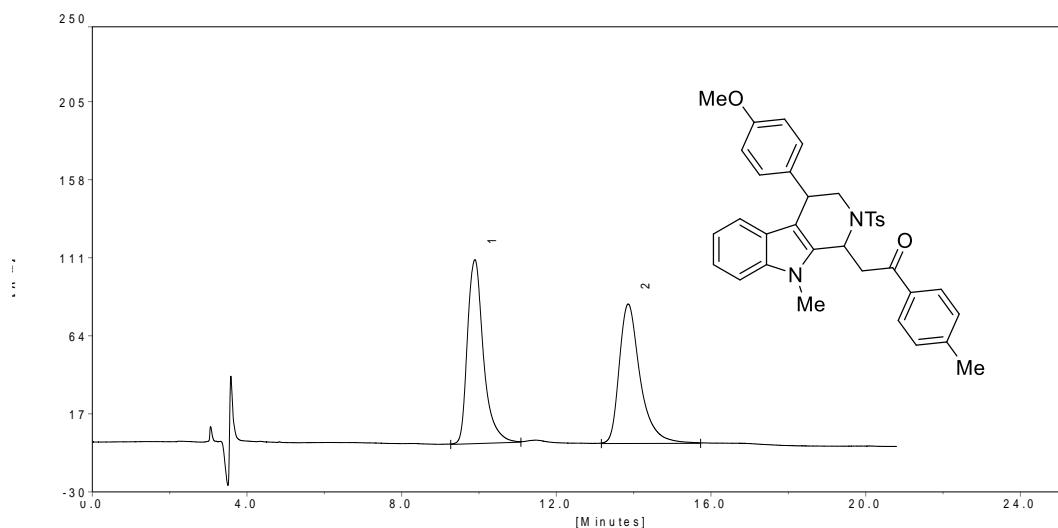


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	9.45250	300.14	6490.53	97.1084
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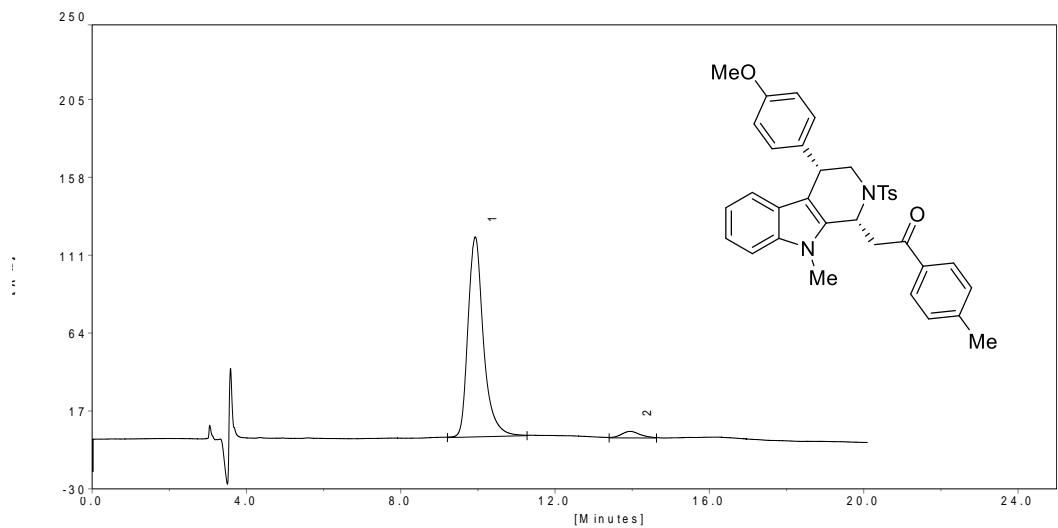
HPLC chromatogram of compound **3e** (95% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3f** (93% ee)

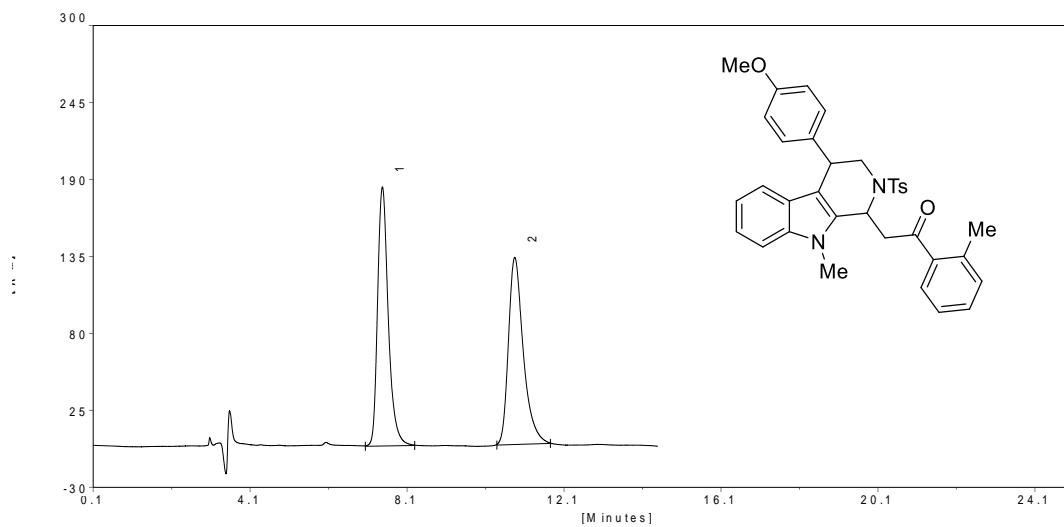


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
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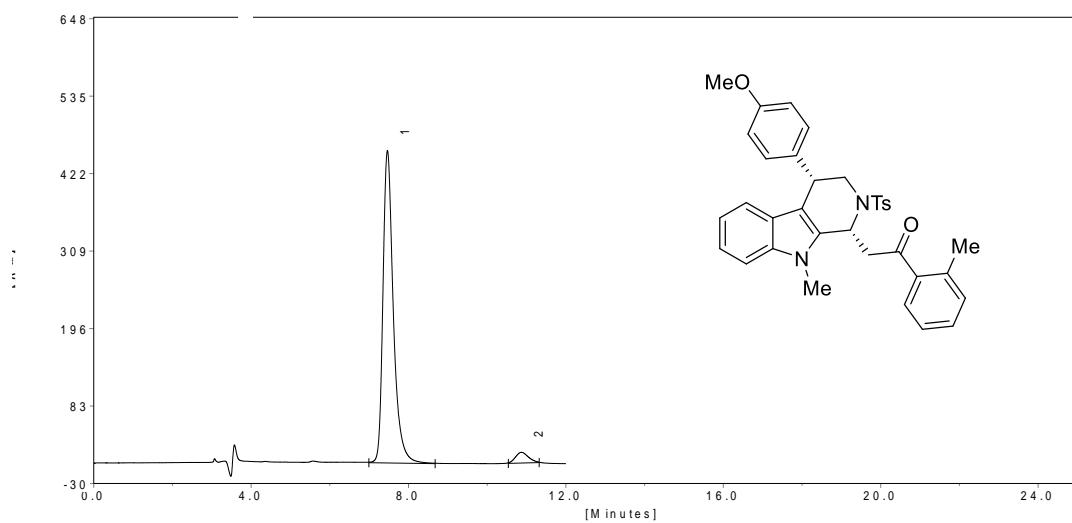


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1	9.93250	120.50	3332.84	96.6480
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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3g** (92% ee)

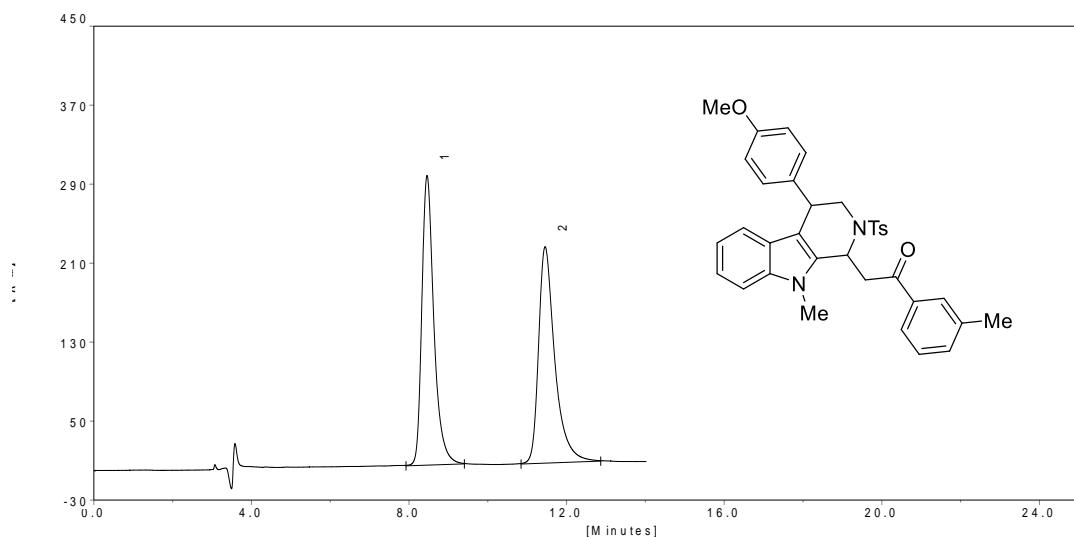


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μV)	Area (μV.sec)	Area (%)
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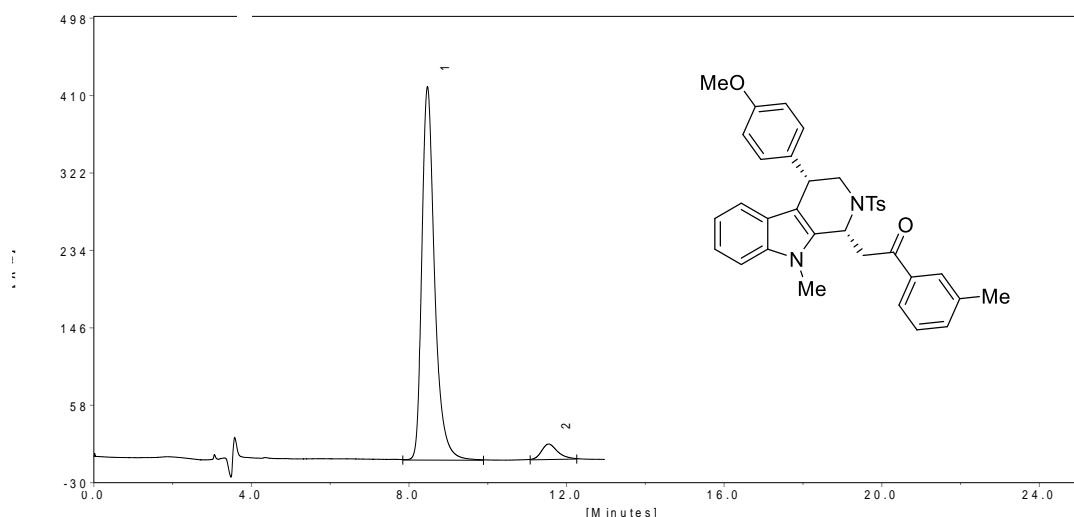


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1	7.46500	455.20	8297.99	96.1813
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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3h** (91% ee)

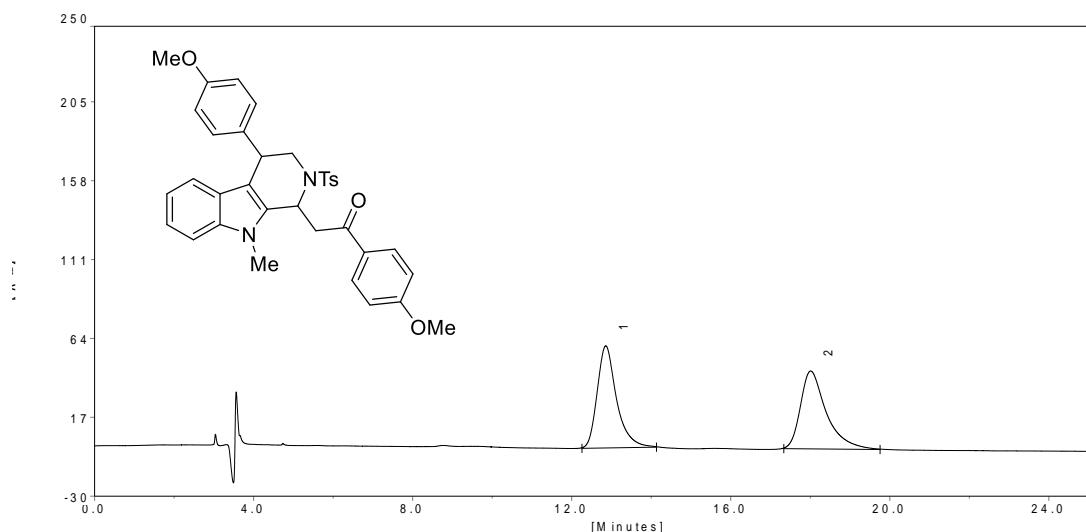


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μV)	Area (μV.sec)	Area (%)
1	8.45833	293.00	6201.94	49.8837
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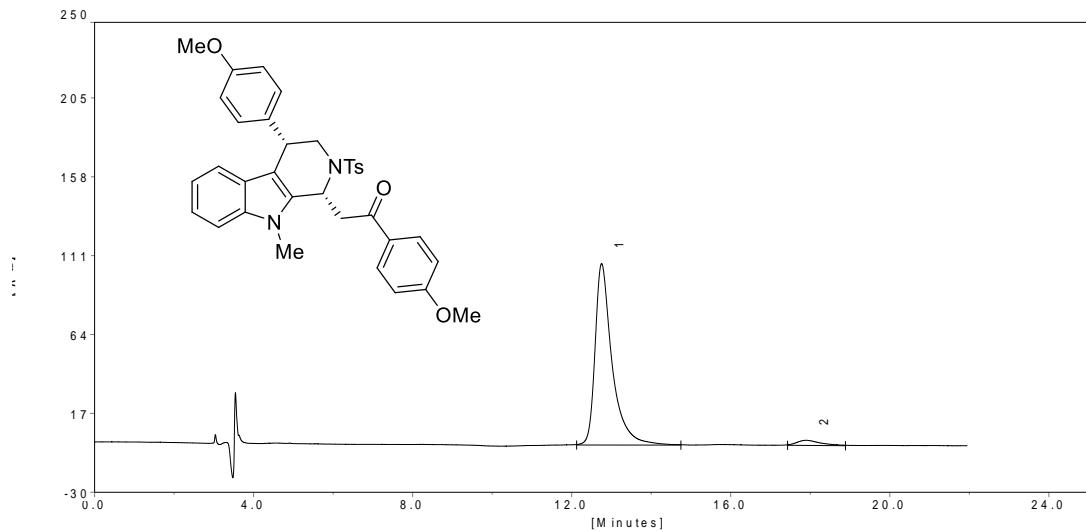


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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3i** (94% ee)

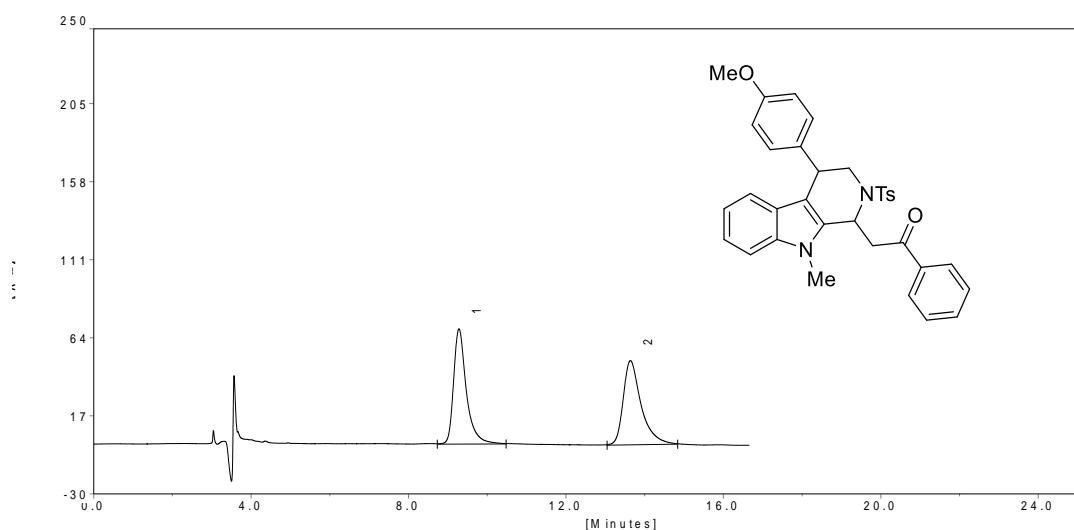


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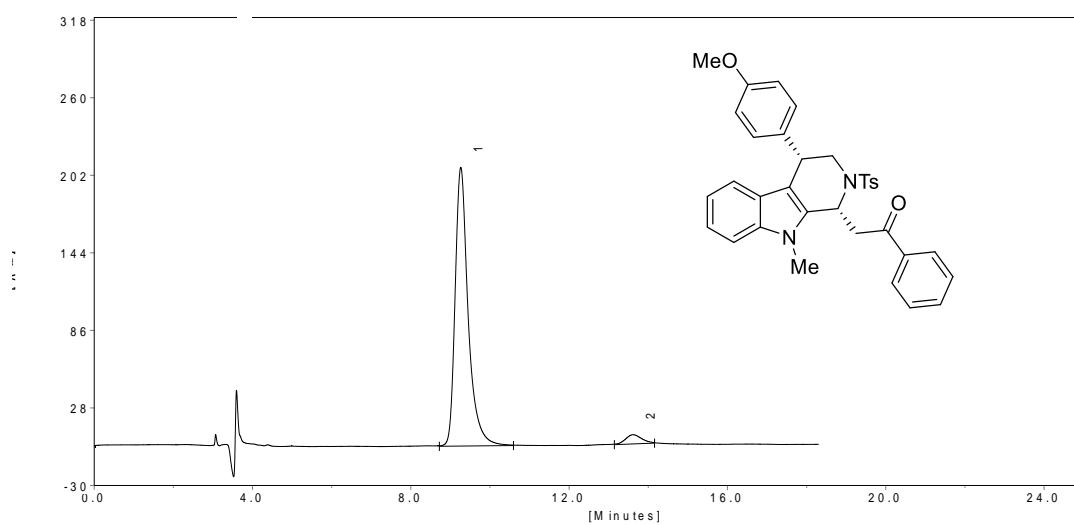


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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3j** (93% ee)

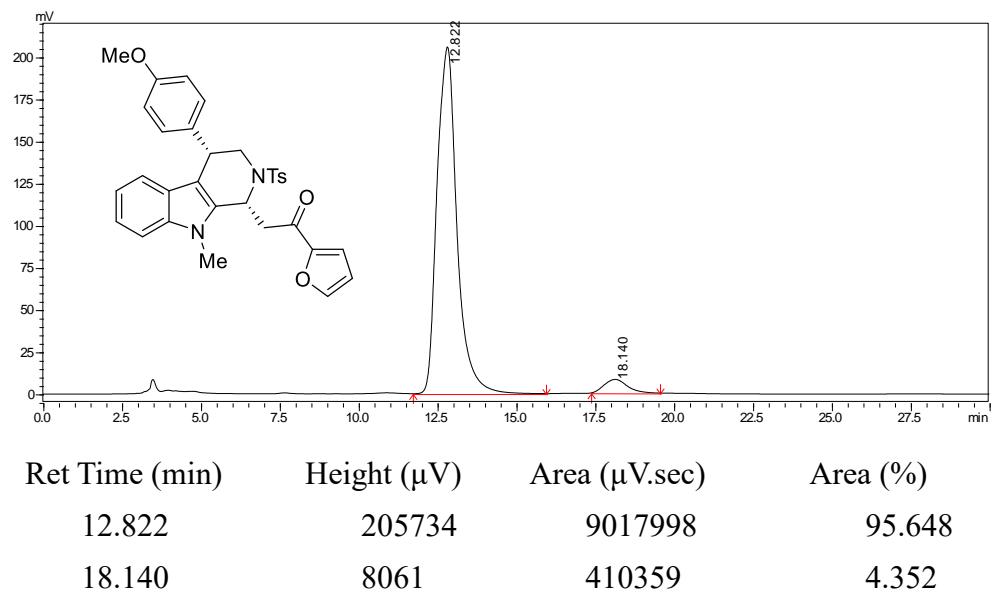
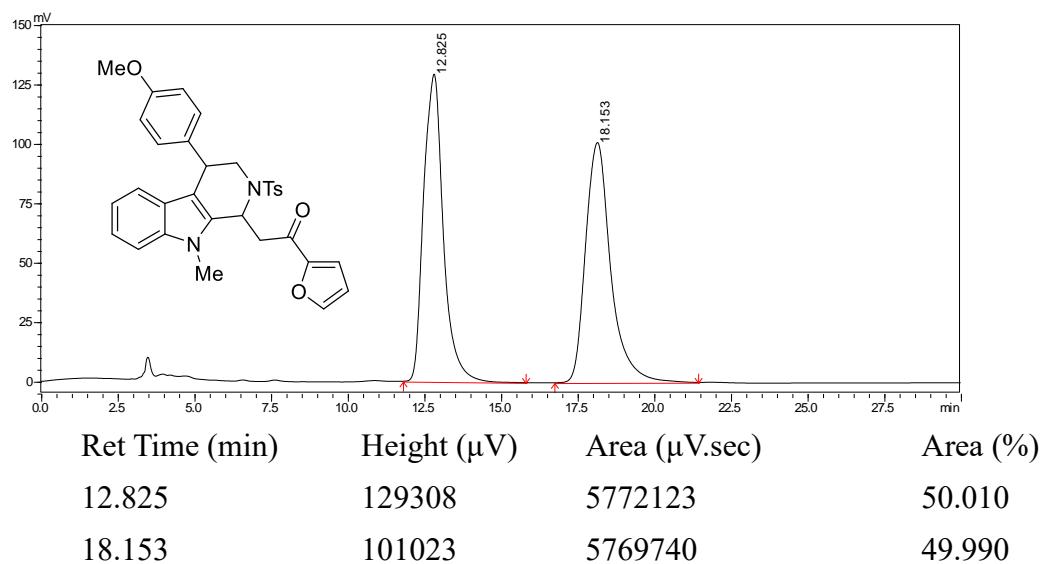


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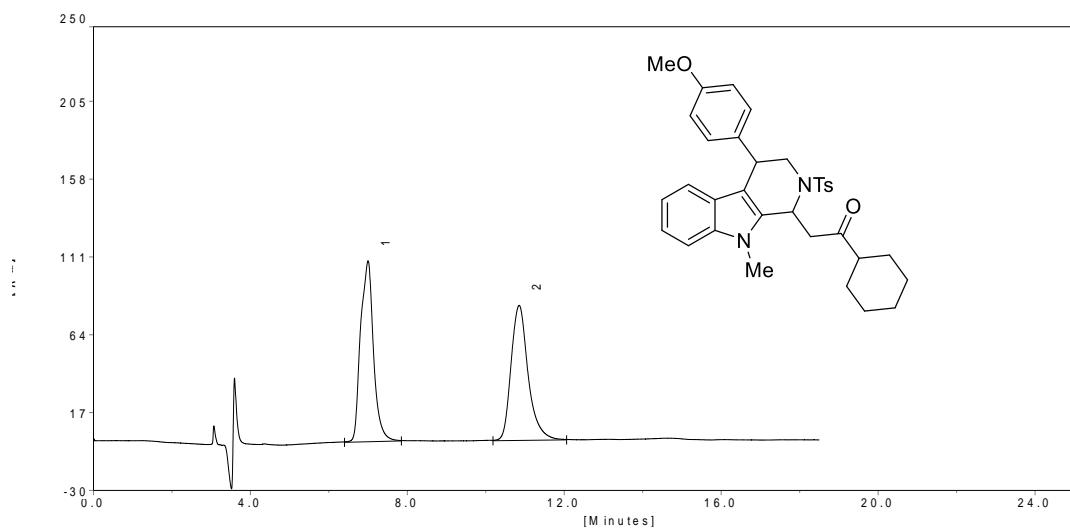


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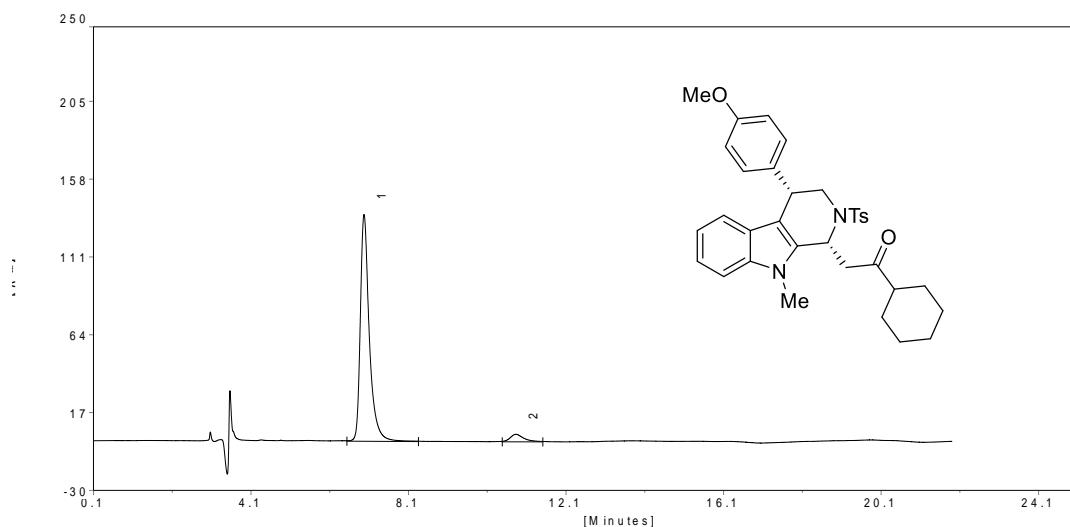
HPLC chromatogram of compound **3k** (91% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3l** (92% ee)

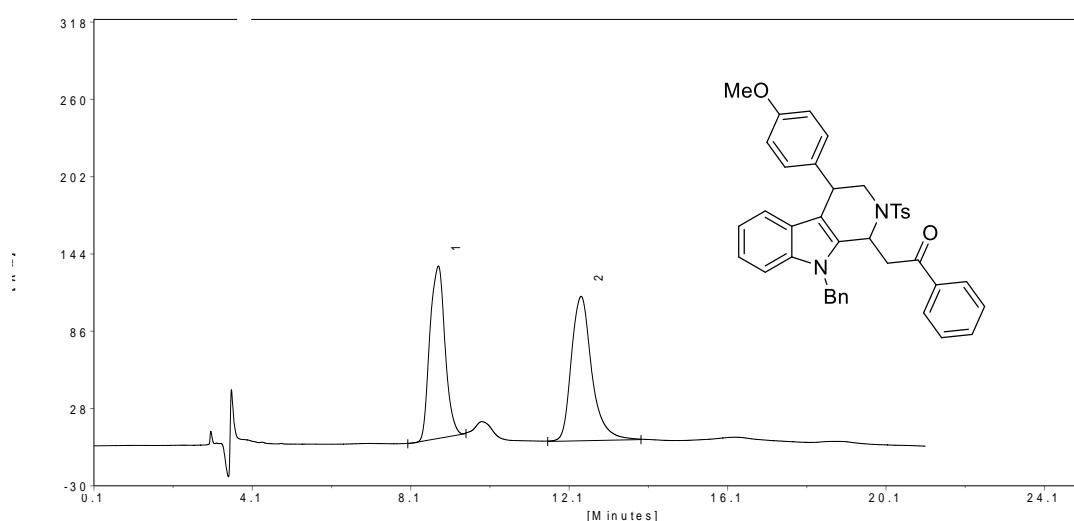


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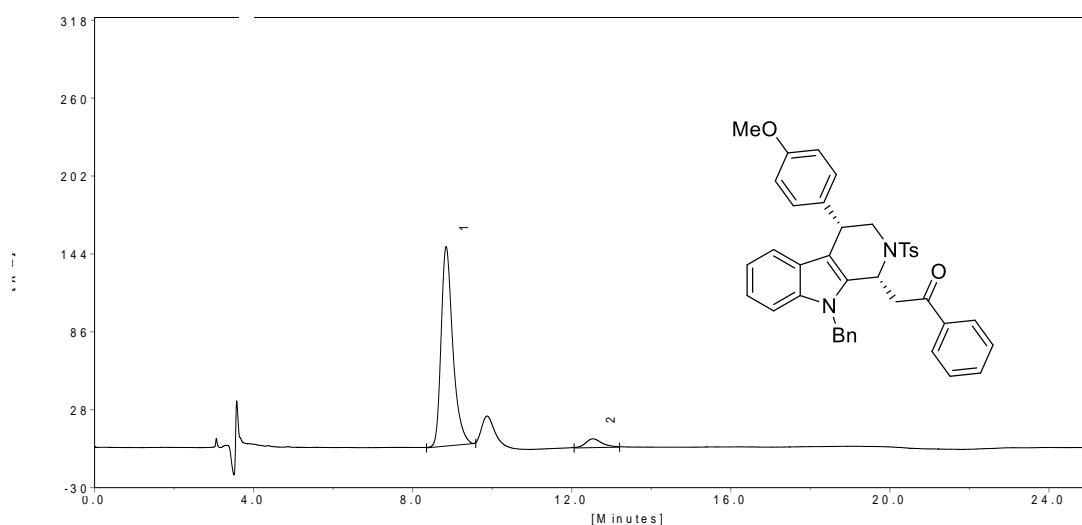


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1	6.97250	136.80	2153.41	95.7685
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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3m** (89% ee)

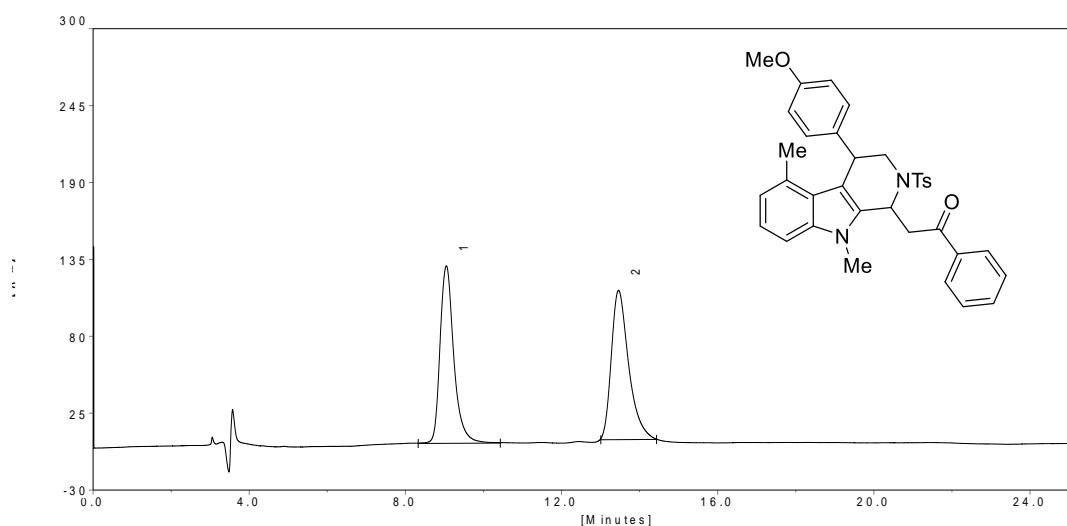


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
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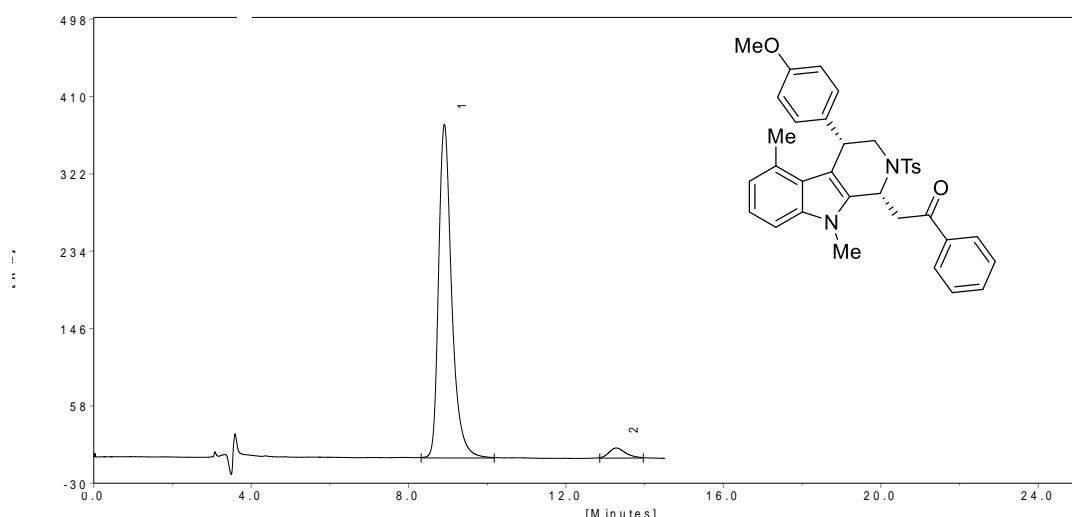


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1	8.84167	148.21	3011.36	94.7043
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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3n** (93% ee)

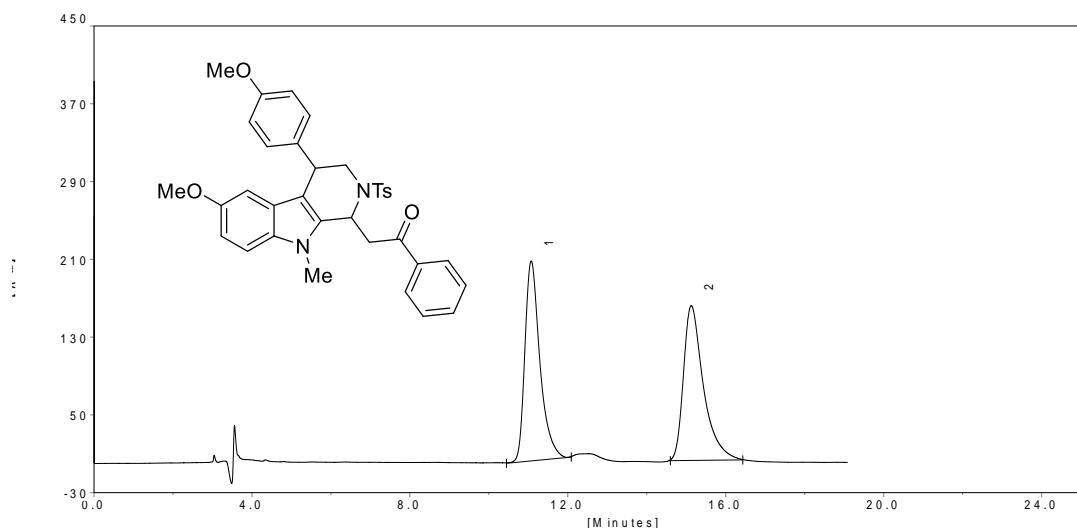


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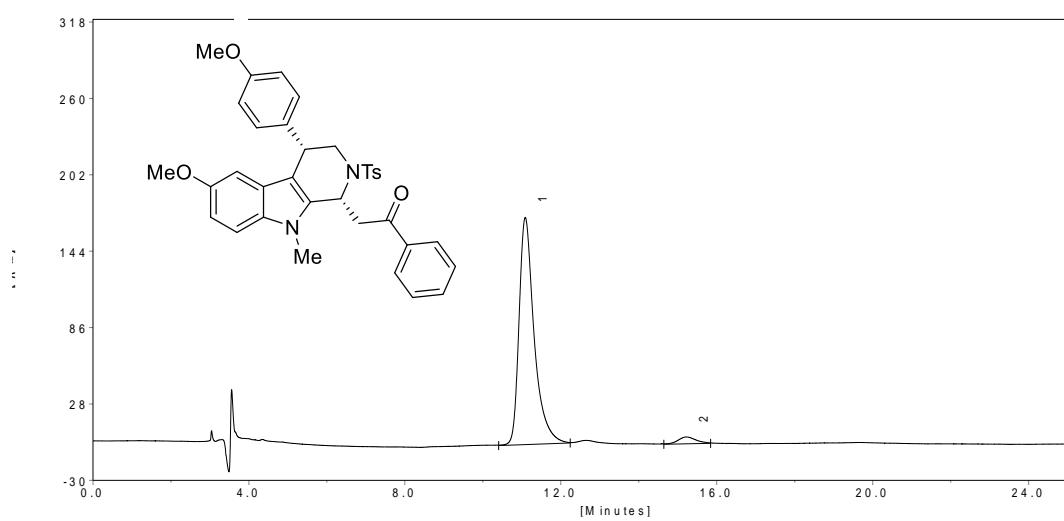


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μV)	Area ($\mu\text{V.sec}$)	Area (%)
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HPLC chromatogram of compound **3o** (94% ee)

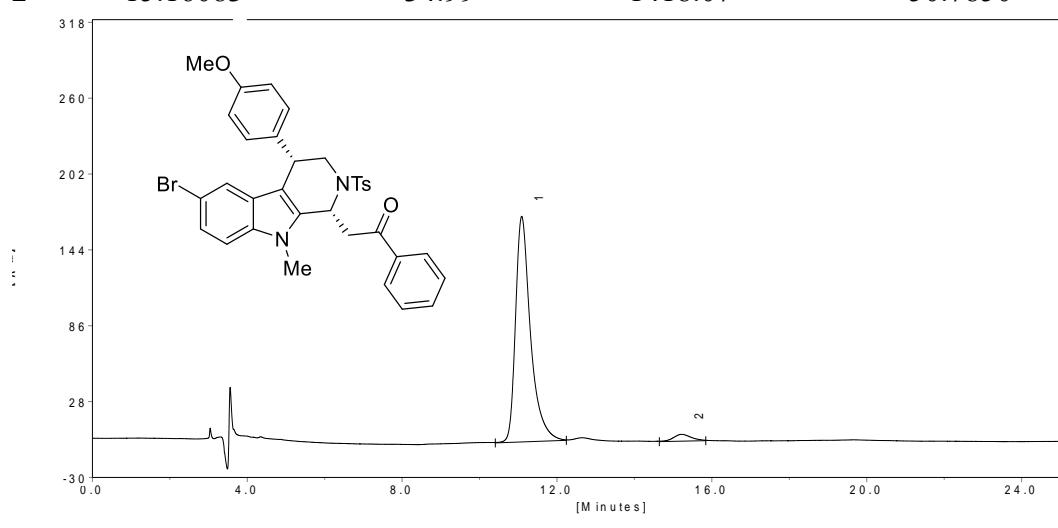
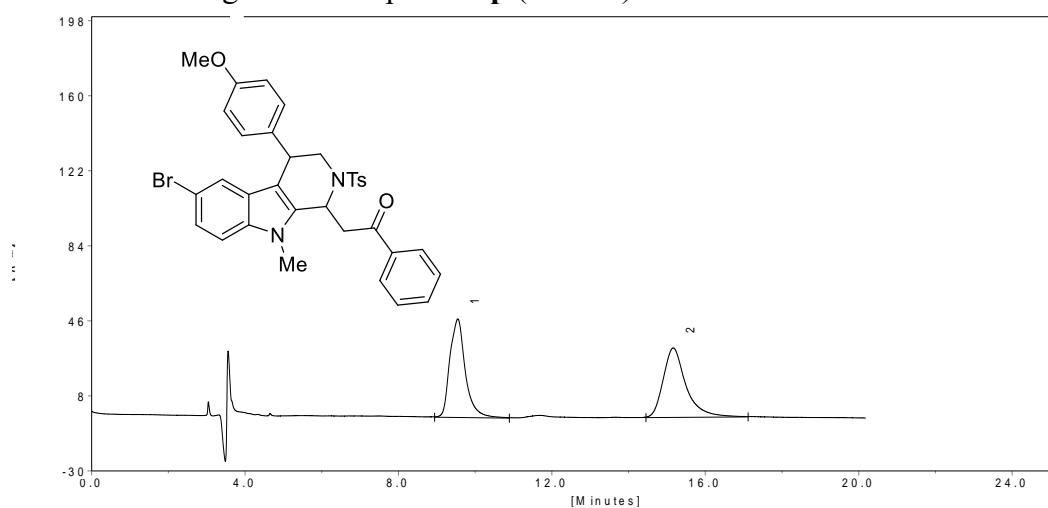


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1	11.07333	205.22	5380.43	49.3030
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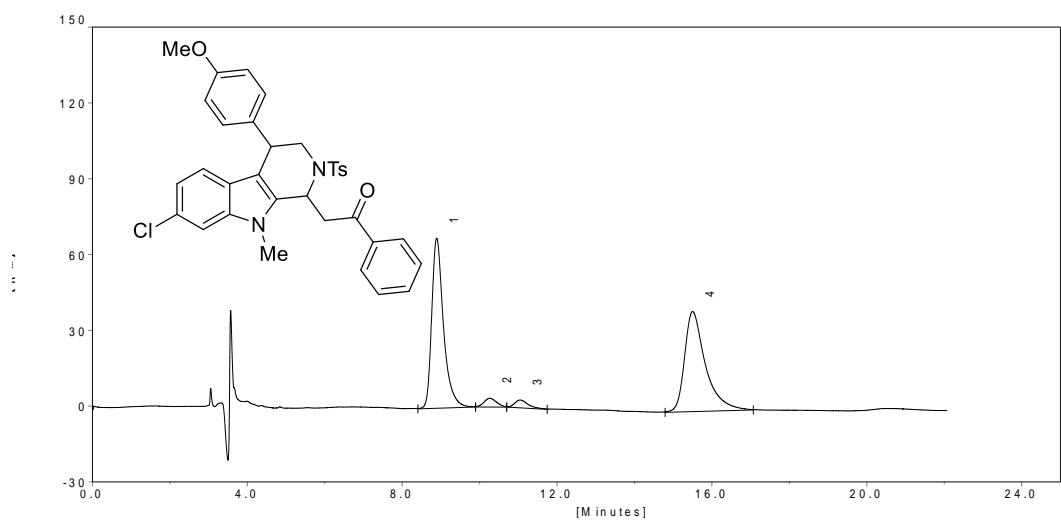


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1	11.08917	172.22	4602.48	96.9515
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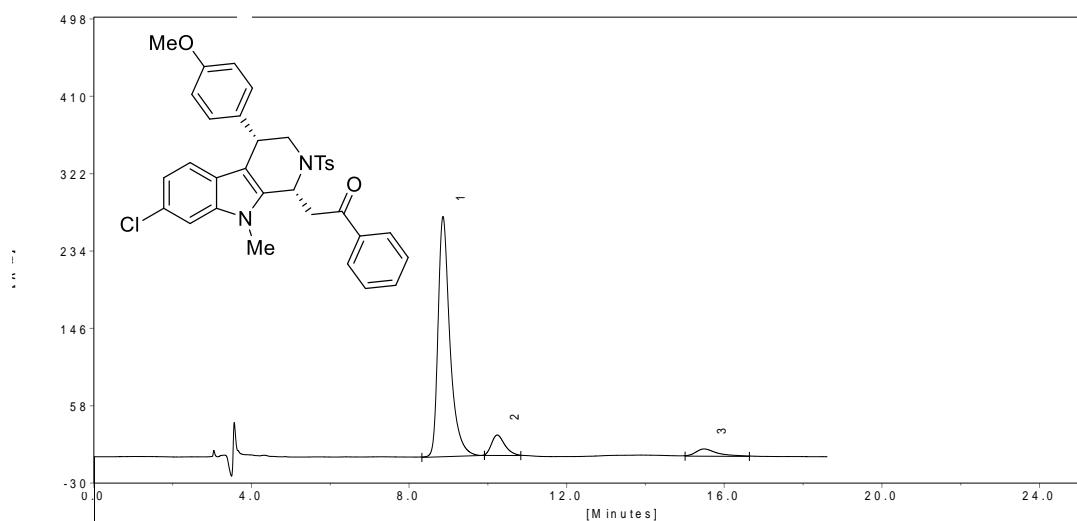
HPLC chromatogram of compound **3p** (93% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3q** (91% ee)

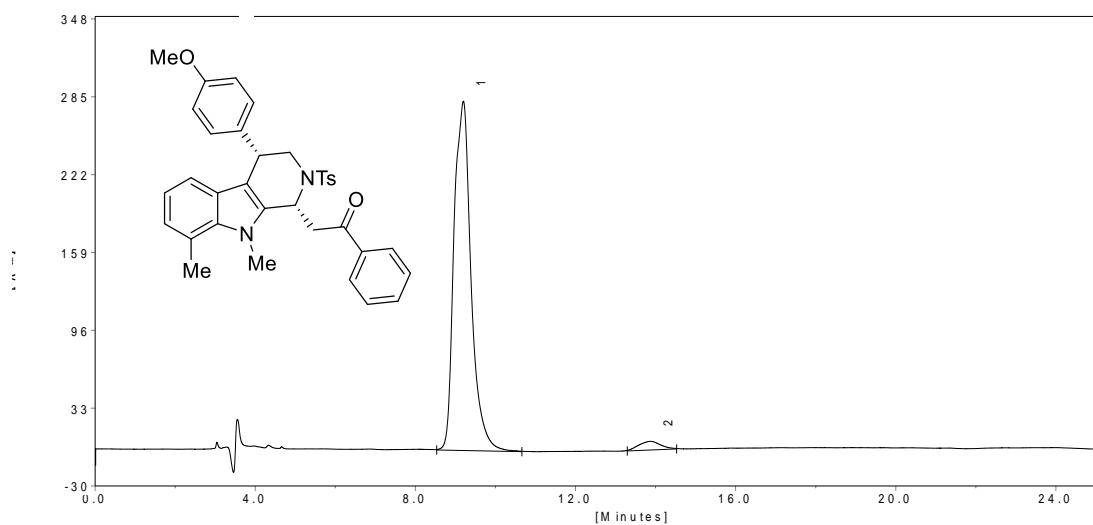
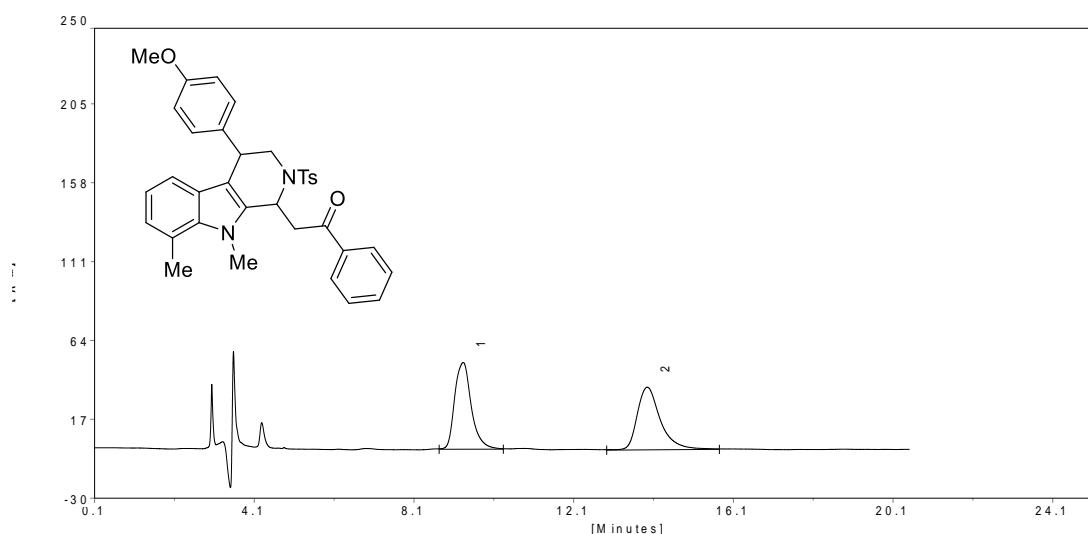


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	8.89333	67.15	1405.87	46.8250
2	10.26000	3.30	70.46	2.3469
3	11.04583	2.97	66.64	2.2195
4	15.50500	39.44	1459.42	48.6086

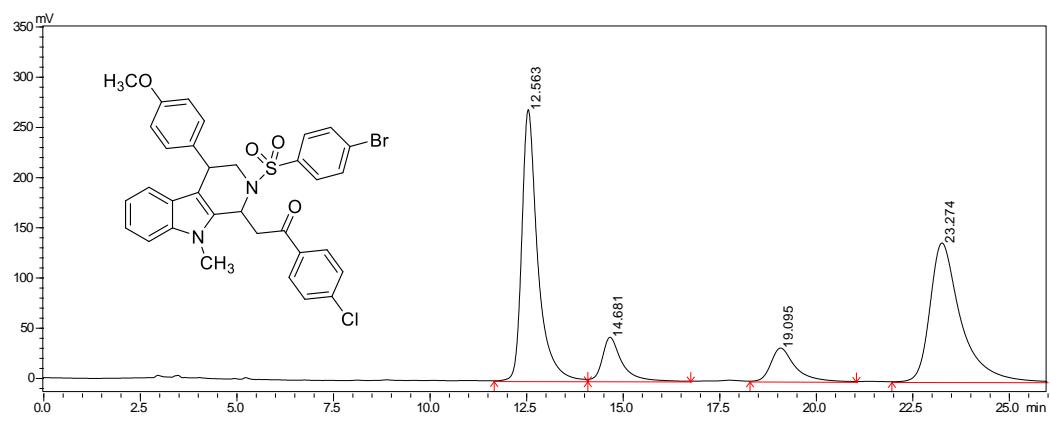


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	8.86167	272.78	5663.76	87.6911
2	10.23750	22.82	521.43	8.0733
3	15.48500	7.82	273.57	4.2357

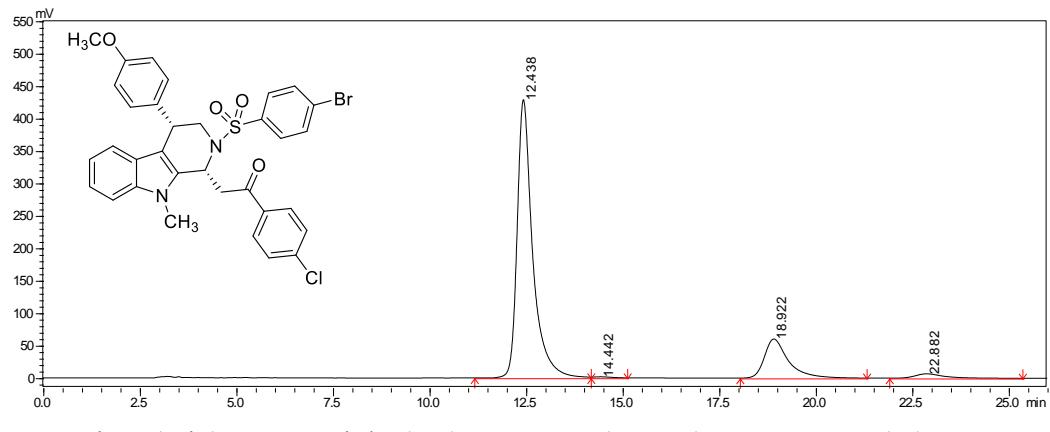
HPLC chromatogram of compound **3r** (94% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3s** (94% ee)

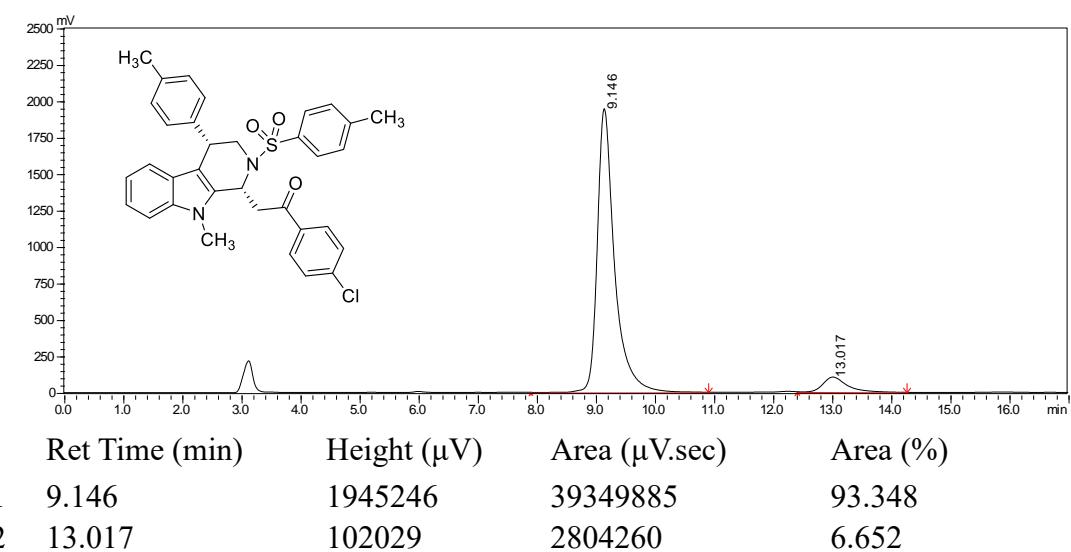
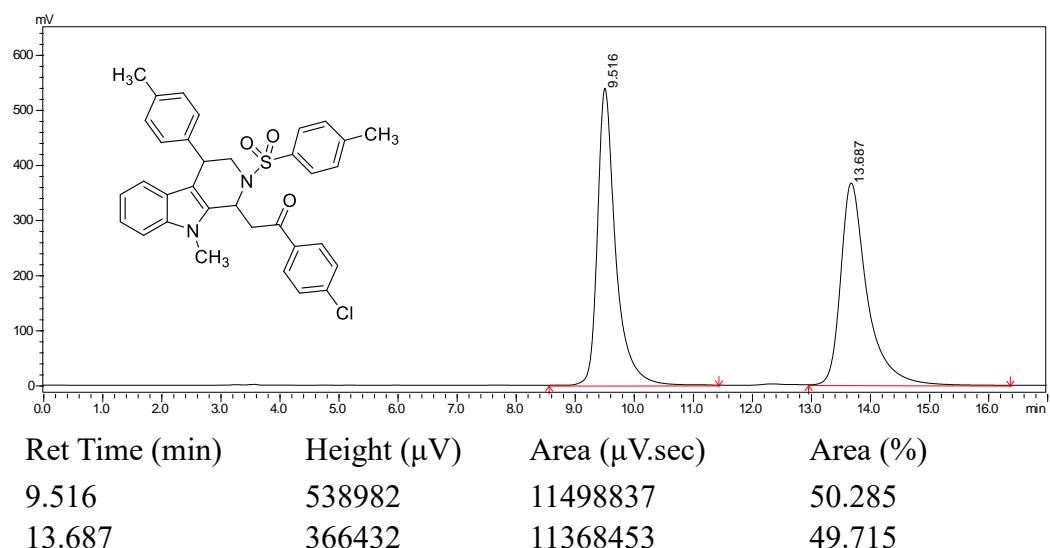


	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	12.563	270057	7723129	42.202
2	14.681	43578	1522921	8.322
3	19.095	33047	1411586	7.713
4	23.274	138222	7642778	41.763

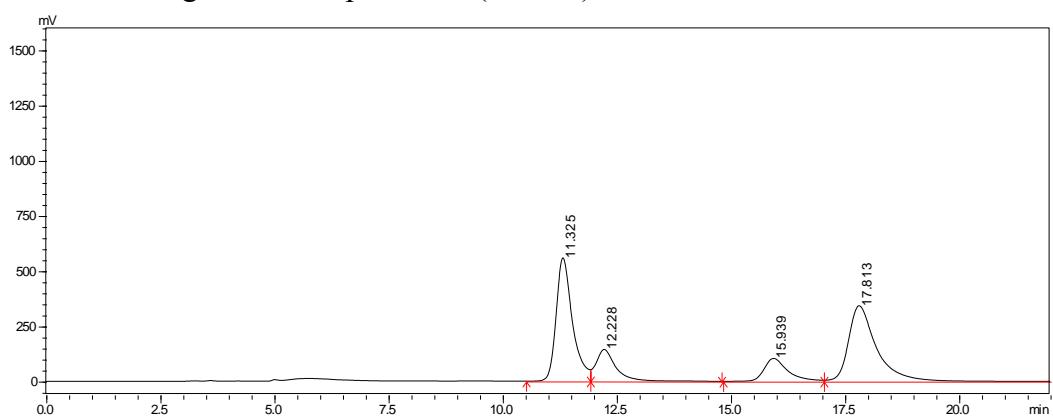


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1	12.438	428797	11949014	79.972
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3	18.922	60262	2595801	17.373
4	22.882	6704	344562	2.306

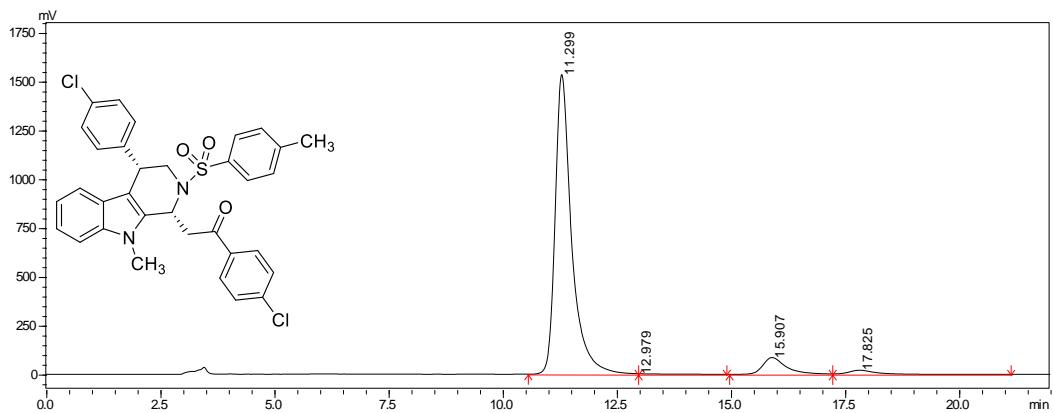
HPLC chromatogram of compound **3t** (87% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3u** (96% ee)

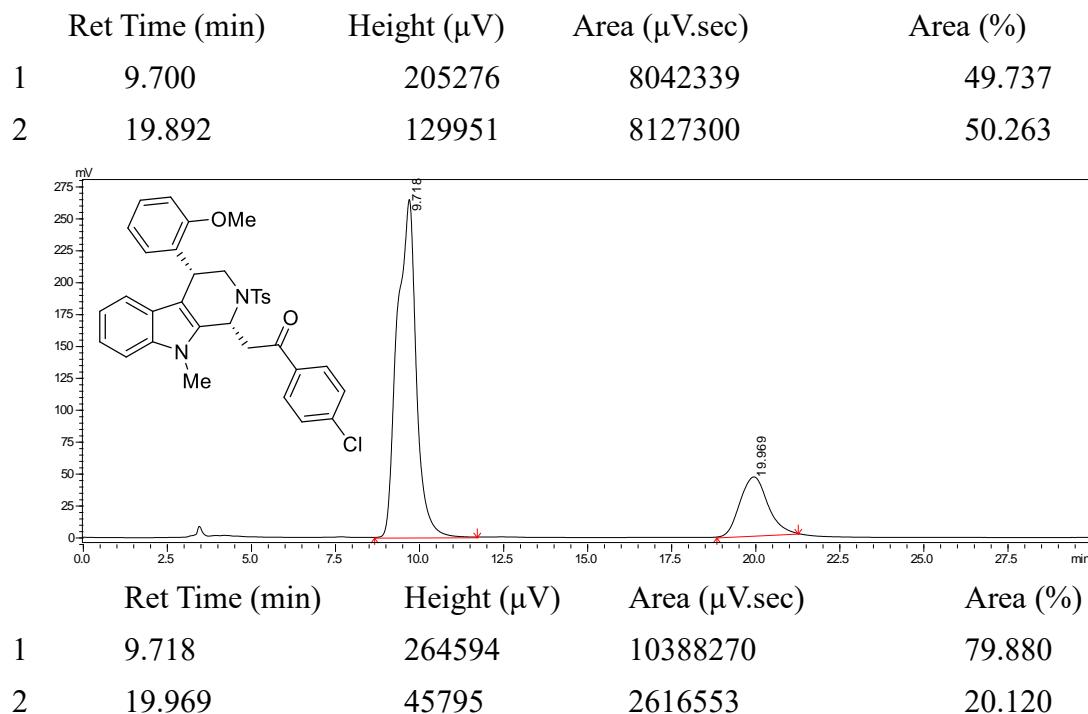
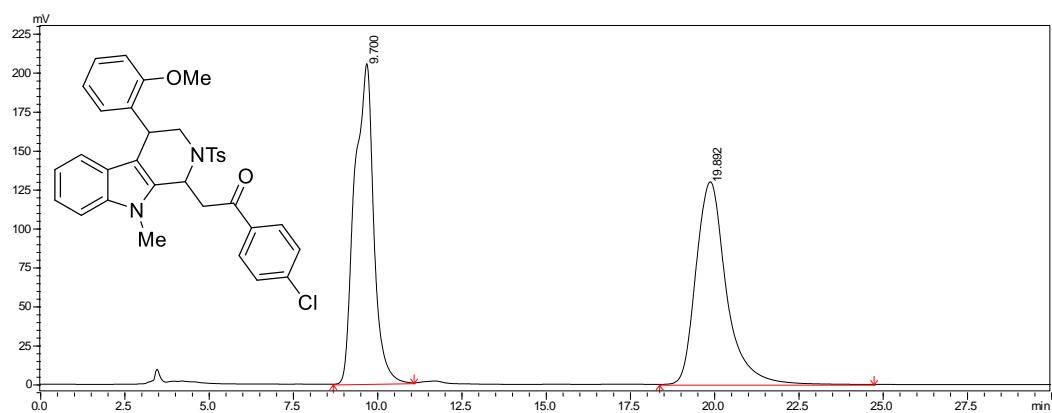


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1	11.325	558311	13892261	37.929
2	12.228	144130	4407309	12.033
3	15.939	103685	3742353	10.217
4	17.813	342323	14585379	39.821



	Ret Time (min)	Height (μ V)	Area (μ V.sec)	Area (%)
1	11.299	1534316	38639559	90.527
2	12.979	2744	90162	0.211
3	15.907	85838	3064569	7.180
4	17.825	21002	888480	2.082

HPLC chromatogram of compound **3v** (60% ee)



HPLC chromatogram of compound **3w** (69% ee)

