

## Supporting Information

### Organocatalytic asymmetric synthesis of multifunctionalized $\alpha$ -carboline-spirooxindole hybrids that suppressed proliferation in colorectal cancer cell lines

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## 1. General methods and materials

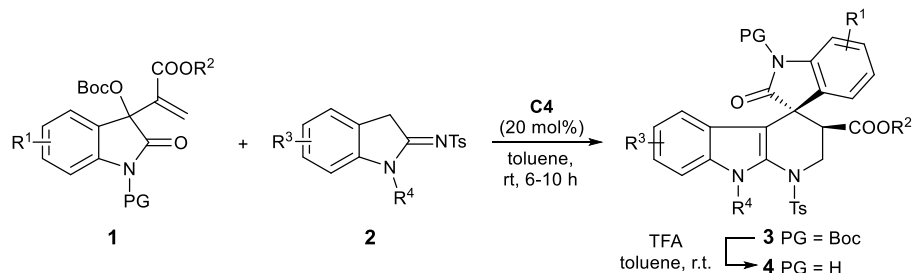
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 600, 700 MHz, or JEOL 600 NMR instrument (at 600 or 700 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, and at 150, or 175 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm, and are referenced using residual protium in the NMR solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: δ = 7.26 ppm (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>: δ = 2.49 ppm (DMSO)). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were given using DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the internal standard (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>: δ = 39.52 ppm; CDCl<sub>3</sub>: δ = 77.00 ppm). Enantiomeric ratio (er) was determined by comparing HPLC analyses of products on chiral columns with results obtained using authentic racemates. Enantiomeric ratio (er) was determined by comparing HPLC analyses of products on chiral columns with results obtained using authentic racemates. The following Daicel Chiralpak columns were used: IA (250 x 4.6 mm), IC (250 x 4.6 mm) or IE (250 x 4.6 mm). UV detection was performed at 254 nm. Optical rotation values were measured with instruments operating at λ = 589 nm, corresponding to the sodium D line at 25 °C. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Agilent P/N G1969-90010. High-resolution mass spectra were reported for the molecular ion [M+H]<sup>+</sup> or [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. Melting points were recorded on BUCHI Melting Point M-565 instrument. X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out on an Agilent Gemini and the data obtained were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. UV detection was performed at 254 nm. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates; products were visualized using UV light. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (400–500 mesh) using an eluent of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. isatin-derived MBH carbonates **1**<sup>[1]</sup>, indolin-2-imines **2**<sup>[2]</sup> and catalysts<sup>[3]</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures.

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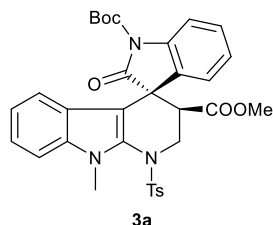
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## 2. General procedure for the synthesis of 4



A mixture of **1** (0.1 mmol) and **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added **C4** (0.02 mmol, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 6-10 hours until the complete consumption of **1** (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 15:1 to 10:1) to give the protected spirooxindole- $\alpha$ -carboline derivative **3**. To a solution of **3** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TEA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for about 1 h. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 5:1 to 3:1) to give the deprotected spirooxindole- $\alpha$ -carboline derivative **4**, which was dried under vacuum and further analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, HPLC and high-resolution mass spectrometry.

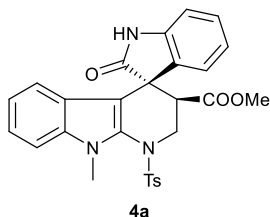
### 1-(tert-butyl) 3'-methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-1,3'-dicarboxylate 3a:



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3a**: 52.2 mg, as a white solid, 85% yield, 93:7 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 190–192 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 89.6$  (c 0.67,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by

HPLC (Chiralpak IE, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 22.73$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 20.54$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.90$  (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.14 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.86 (m, 1H), 6.83–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.83–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.89–3.85 (m, 4H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.00 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 175.27, 169.48, 149.34, 145.20, 139.32, 136.71, 134.25, 133.80, 130.47$  (2C), 129.66, 128.94 (2C), 128.30, 124.69, 123.70, 123.36, 122.42, 120.50, 117.76, 114.82, 110.07, 101.89, 84.32, 51.64, 49.88, 46.96, 44.85, 32.90, 28.07, 21.75 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 638.1937; found 638.1936.

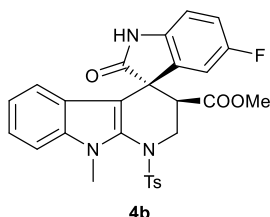
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4a):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3a**. To a solution of **3a** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel

(petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4a**: 43.5 mg, as a white solid, 84% yield, 92:8 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 259–261 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 135.8$  (c 0.75, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 32.02$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 19.83$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.79$  (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 178.51, 170.00, 145.56, 142.49, 136.26, 134.58, 133.88, 131.34, 130.93$  (2C), 129.21, 128.53 (2C), 124.88, 123.54, 122.42, 121.98, 120.35, 117.74, 110.74, 109.74, 102.43, 51.79, 49.70, 47.02, 44.79, 32.46, 21.68 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 538.1413; found 538.1411.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-5-fluoro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4b):**

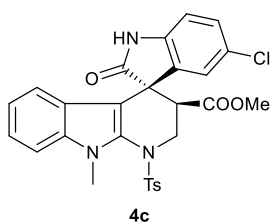


A mixture of **1b** (45.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3b**. To a solution of **3b** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel

(petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4b**: 40.7 mg, as a white solid, 76% yield, 90:10 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 234–235 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 109.4$  (c 0.65, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 23.21$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.54$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.82$  (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.03–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.89–6.86 (m, 1H), 6.68–6.65 (m, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H),

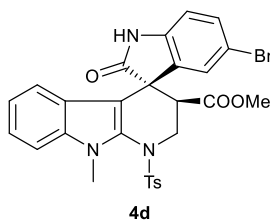
3.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 177.99, 169.42, 157.79$  (d,  $J_{CF} = 235.4$  Hz), 145.12, 138.31, 135.80, 134.08, 133.60, 132.55 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 130.47 (2C), 128.06 (2C), 122.97, 122.01, 120.01, 117.04, 115.07 (d,  $J = 23.3$  Hz), 112.44 (d,  $J = 24.7$  Hz), 110.37, 110.04 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 101.39, 51.47, 49.73, 46.26, 44.21, 32.03, 21.21 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (658 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = -121.57$  ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 556.1318; found 556.1316.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-5-chloro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4c):**



A mixture of **1c** (46.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3c**. To a solution of **3c** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4c**: 43.6 mg, as a white solid, 79% yield, 89:11 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 204–206 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 85.6$  (c 0.82,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 23.06$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.95$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (700 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.86$  (s, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H); 6.81 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.28 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.24, 169.86, 145.57, 141.49, 136.27, 134.57, 134.19, 133.36, 130.93$  (2C), 129.20, 128.50 (2C), 126.09, 125.06, 123.40, 122.49, 120.52, 117.44, 111.20, 110.88, 101.68, 51.98, 49.98, 46.74, 44.72, 32.52, 21.67 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 572.1023; found 572.1023.

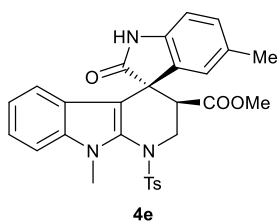
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-5-bromo-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4d):**



A mixture of **1d** (51.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3d**. To a solution of **3d** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for

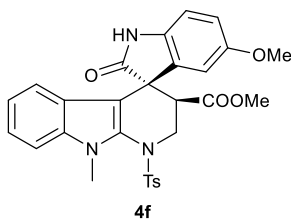
1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4d**: 45.8 mg, as a white solid, 77% yield, 90:10 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 263–264 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 110.4$  (c 0.60, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IE, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 34.52$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 19.52$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, *d*-DMSO)**:  $\delta = 10.94$  (s, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.37–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 178.19, 169.92, 145.62, 141.96, 136.33, 134.66, 134.27, 133.79, 132.15, 130.99$  (2C), 128.55 (2C), 127.73, 123.47, 122.55, 120.60, 117.50, 113.89, 111.79, 110.96, 101.71, 52.05, 50.00, 46.80, 44.83, 32.59, 21.73 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 616.0518; found 616.0518; Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 618.0497; found 618.0502.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-5,9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido-[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4e):**



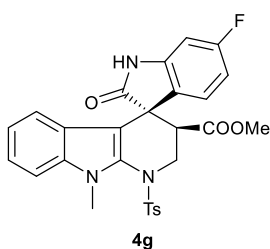
A mixture of **1e** (44.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 9 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3e**. To a solution of **3e** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4e**: 46.2 mg, as a white solid, 87% yield, 87:13 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 247–249 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 83.5$  (c 0.40, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 27.05$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 13.82$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.67$  (s, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.85–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.79 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 178.01, 169.56, 145.06, 139.58, 135.80, 134.15, 133.36, 130.93$  (2C), 130.45, 130.30, 129.00 (2C), 128.03, 124.84, 123.12, 121.92, 119.87, 117.37, 110.26, 109.01, 102.09, 51.33, 49.26, 46.58, 44.28, 32.03, 21.20, 20.49 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 552.1569; found 552.1569.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-5-methoxy-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4f):**



A mixture of **1f** (46.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 10 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) gave the protected product **3f**. To a solution of **3f** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1) gave the deprotected product **4f**: 48.6 mg, as a white solid, 89% yield, 88:12 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 226–227 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 80.9$  (c 0.74, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 36.90$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 10.92$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 10.59$  (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.84 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.73 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.58 (m 1H), 4.14–4.11 (m, 1H), 4.04–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.39–3.37 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 177.90, 169.56, 154.63, 145.04, 135.78, 135.36, 134.20, 133.42, 132.18, 130.44$  (2C), 128.03 (2C), 123.13, 121.89, 119.86, 117.33, 113.01, 111.81, 110.24, 109.53, 101.95, 55.40, 51.35, 49.67, 46.44, 44.32, 32.00, 21.20 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 568.1518; found 568.1521.

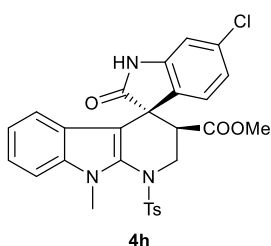
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6-fluoro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido-[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4g):**



A mixture of **1g** (45.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3g**. To a solution of **3g** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4g**: 42.3 mg, as a white solid, 79% yield, 95:5 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 237–239 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 126.7$  (c 0.78, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 45.00$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 29.55$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 10.96$  (s, 1H), 7.87–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.66–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.56–

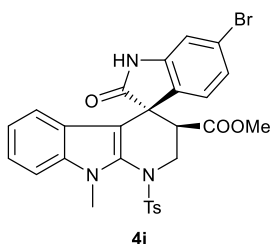
6.53 (m, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.34–3.33 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.87, 169.90, 162.78$  (d,  $J = 241.2$  Hz), 145.59, 144.19 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz), 136.28, 134.52, 133.99, 130.94 (2C), 128.53 (2C), 127.24, 126.44 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 123.42, 122.49, 120.49, 117.55, 110.84, 108.08 (d,  $J = 22.1$  Hz), 102.12, 98.03 (d,  $J = 26.8$  Hz), 51.93, 49.32, 46.87, 44.83, 32.49, 21.67 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (658 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = -111.80$  ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 556.1318; found 556.1318.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6-chloro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4h):**



A mixture of **1h** (46.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3h**. To a solution of **3h** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4h**: 40.6 mg, as a white solid, 74% yield, 88:12 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 233–234 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 77.5$  (c 0.85,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 47.06$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 37.73$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (700 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.93$  (s, 1H), 7.82–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t,  $J_1 = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.76–6.74 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.12 (m, 1H), 3.96–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.32–3.30 (m, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.49, 169.83, 145.62, 144.05, 136.26, 134.48, 134.02, 133.44, 130.94$  (2C), 130.28, 128.52 (2C), 126.38, 123.36, 122.53, 121.74, 120.58, 117.50, 110.87, 109.93, 101.80, 52.01, 49.42, 46.85, 44.73, 32.50, 21.67 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 572.1023; found 572.1024.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6-bromo-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4i):**

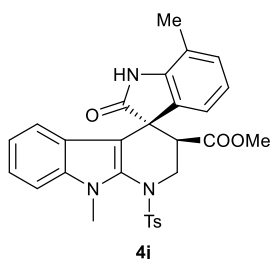


A mixture of **1i** (51.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3i**. To a solution of **3i** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for



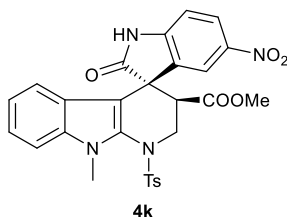
1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4i**: 46.8 mg, as a white solid, 79% yield, 86:14 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 234–236 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 96.6$  (c 0.80, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 46.35$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 40.26$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.95$  (s, 1H), 7.86–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 178.35, 169.81, 169.81, 145.62, 144.22, 136.25, 134.48, 134.02, 130.95$  (2C), 130.72, 128.53 (2C), 126.74, 124.63, 123.35, 122.53, 121.81, 120.59, 117.50, 112.65, 110.87, 101.72, 52.02, 49.48, 46.85, 44.66, 32.51, 21.67 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 616.0518; found 616.0518; Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 618.0497; found 618.0503.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-7,9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido-[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4j):**



A mixture of **1j** (44.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3j**. To a solution of **3j** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4j**: 47.6 mg, as a white solid, 90% yield, 96:4 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 260–261 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 129.4$  (c 0.68, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 20.04$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.93$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.82$  (s, 1H), 7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz 1H), 6.64–6.62 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 11.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.40–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 179.08, 170.01, 145.56, 141.05, 136.23, 134.60, 133.79, 130.96$  (2C), 130.94, 130.33, 128.52 (2C), 123.59, 122.40, 122.13, 121.90, 120.35, 119.05, 117.86, 110.68, 102.55, 51.68, 49.94, 46.97, 45.00, 32.39, 21.66, 16.99 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 552.1569; found 552.1569.

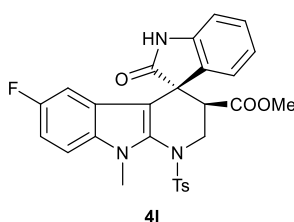
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-9'-methyl-5-nitro-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4k):**



A mixture of **1k** (47.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 6 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1) gave the protected product **3k**. To a solution of **3k** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature

for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) gave the deprotected product **4k**: 42.5 mg, as a white solid, 76% yield, 88:12 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 257–259 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 89.4$  (c 0.69, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 32.62$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 45.30$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 9.27$  (s, 1H), 8.12–8.10 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89–3.86 (m, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 179.73, 169.35, 146.67, 145.55, 143.47, 136.66, 134.37, 134.16, 132.41, 130.53$  (2C), 128.50 (2C), 126.14, 123.01, 122.87, 120.84, 120.09, 117.27, 110.48, 109.69, 99.93, 52.16, 49.88, 46.95, 44.53, 32.88, 21.94 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 583.1263; found 583.1262.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6'-fluoro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4l):**

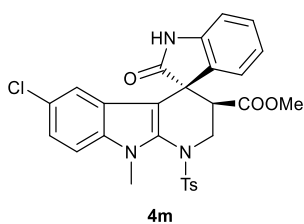


A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2b** (38.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3l**. To a solution of **3l** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room

temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4l**: 44.4 mg, as a white solid, 83% yield, 92:8 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 243–245 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 104.8$  (c 0.91, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.05$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 25.69$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.58$  (s, 1H), 7.72–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.82 (m, 4H), 6.43 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.86 (m, 4H),

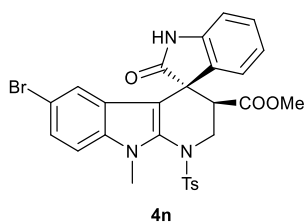
3.13 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 179.07, 169.71, 158.02$  (d,  $J = 234.5$  Hz), 145.34, 140.41, 135.56, 133.97, 133.28, 130.68 (2C), 130.41, 129.07, 128.54 (2C), 124.26, 123.66 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 123.00, 110.89 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 110.61 (d,  $J = 24.2$  Hz), 109.68, 103.25 (d,  $J = 24.2$  Hz), 101.36 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 51.57, 49.69, 47.02, 43.87, 33.12, 21.82 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (658 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = -123.14$  ppm. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 556.1318; found 556.1315.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6'-chloro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4m):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2c** (40.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3m**. To a solution of **3m** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4m**: 46.8 mg, as a white solid, 85% yield, 93:7 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 254–256 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 90.5$  (c 0.84,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.68$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 25.95$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (700 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.84$  (s, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 3H), 7.19 (td,  $J_1 = 7.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.77–6.75 (m, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.33 (m, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta = 177.74, 169.35, 145.24, 141.87, 134.85, 134.30, 133.96, 130.50$  (2C), 130.47, 129.02, 128.06 (2C), 124.46, 124.42, 124.00, 121.84, 121.75, 116.22, 112.21, 109.35, 101.72, 51.38, 49.03, 46.49, 44.18, 32.28, 21.20 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 572.1023; found 572.1017.

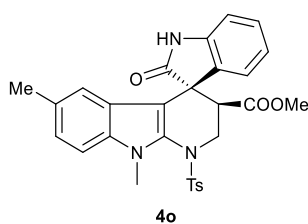
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6'-bromo-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4n):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2d** (45.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3n**. To a solution of **3n** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel

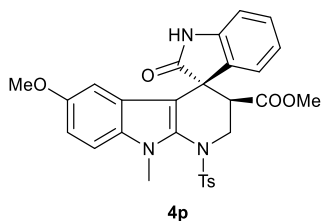
(petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4n**: 46.3 mg, as a white solid, 78% yield, 96:4 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 257–259 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 87.2$  (c 0.83, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.49$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 26.79$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.86$  (s, 1H), 7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.00–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.75 (m, 2H), 4.18 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.38–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 177.73, 169.34, 145.25, 141.87, 134.68, 134.54, 133.94, 130.50$  (2C), 130.47, 129.02, 128.05 (2C), 124.66, 124.46, 124.41, 121.76, 119.26, 112.63, 112.38, 109.33, 101.61, 51.38, 49.03, 46.48, 44.16, 32.27, 21.21 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 616.0518; found 616.0518; Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 618.0497; found 618.0502.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6',9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4o):**



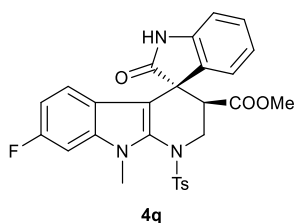
A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2e** (37.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3o**. To a solution of **3o** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4o**: 38.1 mg, as a white solid, 72% yield, 93:7 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 232–233 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 114.9$  (c 0.71, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.80$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 27.84$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 10.74$  (s, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (td,  $J_1 = 7.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.4$  Hz, 3H), 6.73–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 4.16–4.13 (m, 1H), 3.97–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.29 (m, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 178.04, 169.53, 145.04, 142.02, 134.26, 134.11, 133.33, 130.85$  (2C), 130.44, 128.74 (2C), 128.32, 128.01, 124.36, 123.38, 123.27, 121.52, 117.00, 110.05, 109.18, 101.45, 51.31, 49.21, 46.50, 44.22, 32.03, 21.25, 21.20 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 552.1569; found 552.1569.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-6'-methoxy-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4p):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2f** (39.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 9 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) gave the protected product **3p**. To a solution of **3p** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) gave the deprotected product **4p**: 38.7 mg, as a white solid, 71% yield, 94:6 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 259–261 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 109.7$  (c 0.92, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IE, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 80.95$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 48.32$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 10.78$  (s, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.78–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H)ppm; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 178.31, 170.03, 154.09, 145.51, 142.56, 134.59, 134.22, 131.53, 131.22, 130.92$  (2C), 129.19, 128.50 (2C), 124.90, 123.93, 122.06, 111.52, 111.07, 109.55, 102.16, 100.83, 55.51, 51.79, 49.69, 47.05, 44.56, 32.55, 21.67 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 568.1518; found 568.1520.

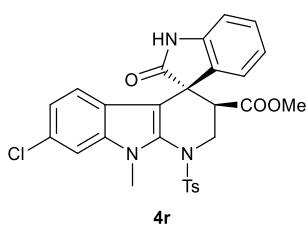
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-7'-fluoro-9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4q):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2g** (38.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3q**. To a solution of **3q** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4q**: 42.1 mg, as a white solid, 79% yield, 89:11 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 229–231 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 115.4$  (c 0.76, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.99$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.01$  min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 10.82$  (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J_1 = 7.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.3$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.76–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J_2 =$

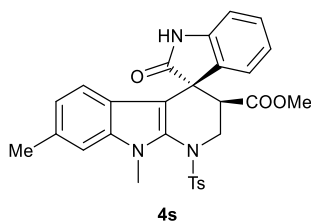
5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.9$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.37, 169.92, 159.59$  (d,  $J = 234.9$  Hz), 145.62, 142.42, 136.46 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz), 134.36, 134.34, 131.18, 130.95 (2C), 129.32, 128.56 (2C), 124.89, 122.07, 120.14, 118.73 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 109.83, 108.69 (d,  $J = 24.3$  Hz), 102.71, 97.65 (d,  $J = 25.7$  Hz), 51.81, 49.61, 46.99, 44.75, 32.68, 21.67 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (658 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = -119.47$  ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 556.1318; found 556.1314.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-7'-chloro-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4r):**



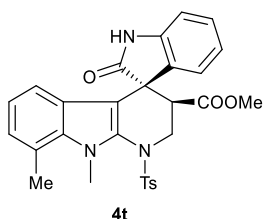
A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2h** (40.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3r**. To a solution of **3r** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4r**: 44.7 mg, as a white solid, 81% yield, 93:7 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 229–230 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 71.54$  (c 0.74,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.07$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.83$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.83$  (s, 1H), 7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd,  $J_1 = 13.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.39–3.38 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.37, 169.94, 145.75, 142.46, 136.79, 134.84, 134.53, 131.17, 131.03$  (2C), 129.42, 128.61 (2C), 127.35, 124.97, 122.27, 122.15, 120.77, 118.97, 110.94, 109.93, 102.82, 51.89, 49.62, 47.05, 44.84, 32.74, 21.74. ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 572.1023; found 572.1018.

**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-7',9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4*s*):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2i** (37.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 9 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3s**. To a solution of **3s** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4s**: 36.7 mg, as a white solid, 69% yield, 91:9 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 202–204 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 79.9$  (c 0.79, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IE, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 63.60$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 37.77$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, *d*-DMSO):**  $\delta = 10.76$  (s, 1H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.15 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.37–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):**  $\delta = 178.59, 170.11, 145.57, 142.52, 136.69, 134.65, 133.25, 131.86, 131.50, 130.98$  (2C), 129.21, 128.57 (2C), 124.88, 122.01, 121.95, 121.44, 117.60, 110.64, 109.76, 102.48, 51.84, 49.75, 47.10, 44.74, 32.41, 21.94, 21.73 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 552.1569; found 552.1568.

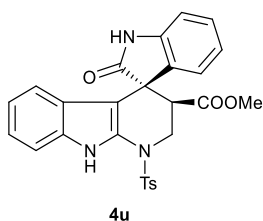
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-8',9'-dimethyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4*t*):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2j** (37.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3t**. To a solution of **3t** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4t**: 39.4 mg, as a white solid, 74% yield, 92:8 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 235–237 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 135.8$  (c 0.68, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 14.33$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 20.56$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):**  $\delta = 10.82$  (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.83

(t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.64–6.62 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H)) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.60$ , 169.54, 145.08, 140.58, 135.76, 134.13, 133.32, 130.49 (2C), 130.47, 129.86, 128.05 (2C), 123.12, 121.92, 121.66, 121.43, 119.88, 118.57, 117.38, 110.21, 102.07, 51.21, 49.47, 46.50, 44.53, 31.92, 21.19, 16.52. ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 552.1569; found 552.1562.

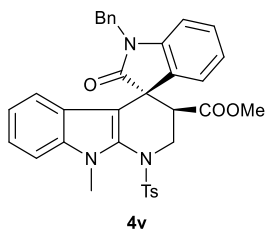
**methyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4u):**



A mixture of **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2k** (34.4 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3u**. To a solution of **3u** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4u**: 36.3 mg, as a white solid, 72% yield, 81:19 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 279–280 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 79.6$  (c 0.54,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 15.16$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.88$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 11.14$  (s, 1H), 10.74 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.16 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.78–6.73 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd,  $J_1 = 13.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 177.81$ , 169.08, 144.76, 141.96, 133.86, 133.68, 131.82, 130.47, 130.38 (2C), 128.64, 127.19 (2C), 124.40, 123.44, 121.48, 121.06, 119.42, 116.57, 111.97, 109.34, 98.23, 59.77, 51.43, 48.87, 44.66, 21.13 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 524.1256; found 524.1253.

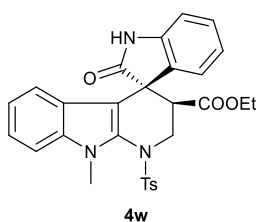


**methyl (3S,3'R)-1-benzyl-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-b]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4v):**



A mixture of **11** (42.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 6 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **4v**: 55.1 mg, as a white solid, 91% yield, 94:6 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 237–239 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 107.4$  (c 1.03, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IE, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 23.57$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 65.54$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 7.70$  (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.69–6.66 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd,  $J_1 = 18.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 15.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.79 (m, 4H), 2.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)**:  $\delta = 177.22, 170.03, 142.88, 136.76, 136.15, 134.47, 134.14, 130.81, 130.53$  (2C), 128.78 (2C), 128.68 (2C), 128.65 (2C), 127.99, 124.15, 123.54, 122.86, 122.36, 120.25, 118.22, 110.04, 108.62, 101.76, 51.48, 49.43, 47.31, 44.86, 44.20, 32.90, 21.90. ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 628.1882; found 628.1880.

**ethyl (3S,3'R)-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-b]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4w):**

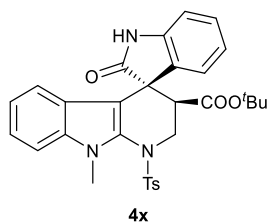


A mixture of **1m** (44.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3w**. To a solution of **3w** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for

1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4w**: 46.5 mg, as a white solid, 88% yield, 94:6 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 232–234 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 91.7$  (c 0.87, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 42.94$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 17.69$  min). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, *d*-DMSO)**:  $\delta = 10.78$  (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (td,  $J_1 = 7.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H); 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz,

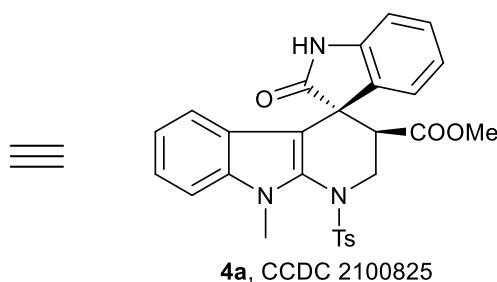
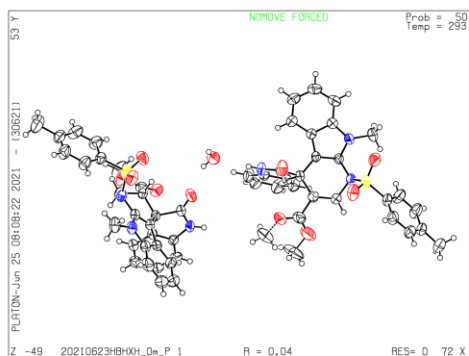
1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.64–3.56 (m, 2H), 3.35 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 0.69–0.67 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.10, 169.11, 145.09, 142.31, 135.78, 134.14, 133.37, 130.87$  (2C), 130.48, 128.72 (2C), 128.05, 124.43, 123.04, 121.92, 121.50, 119.87, 117.29, 110.25, 109.35, 102.06, 60.26, 54.92, 49.18, 46.63, 43.94, 31.95, 21.20, 13.11 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 552.1569; found 552.1569.

**tert-butyl (3*S*,3'*R*)-9'-methyl-2-oxo-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',9'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole]-3'-carboxylate (4x)**



A mixture of **1n** (47.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added **C4** (6.5 mg, 20 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 8 hours. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12/1) gave the protected product **3x**. To a solution of **3x** in toluene (1.0 mL) was added TFA (20.0 mg) at room temperature for 1 hour. After completion, purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) gave the deprotected product **4x**: 45.3 mg, as a white solid, 81% yield, 91:9 er, >20:1 dr; m.p. 235–237 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = 70.4$  (c 0.67,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 2-propanol/*n*-hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 71.05$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 18.37$  min).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.81$  (s, 1H), 7.91–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.83 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.70 (m, 2H), 4.06 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (175 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 178.20, 168.35, 145.11, 142.62, 135.69, 134.20, 133.33, 131.25, 130.51$  (2C), 128.65, 128.02 (2C), 124.39, 123.00, 121.86, 121.53, 119.83, 117.32, 110.18, 109.35, 102.20, 81.11, 49.09, 46.74, 44.41, 31.80, 26.77, 21.18 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 580.1882; found 580.1881.

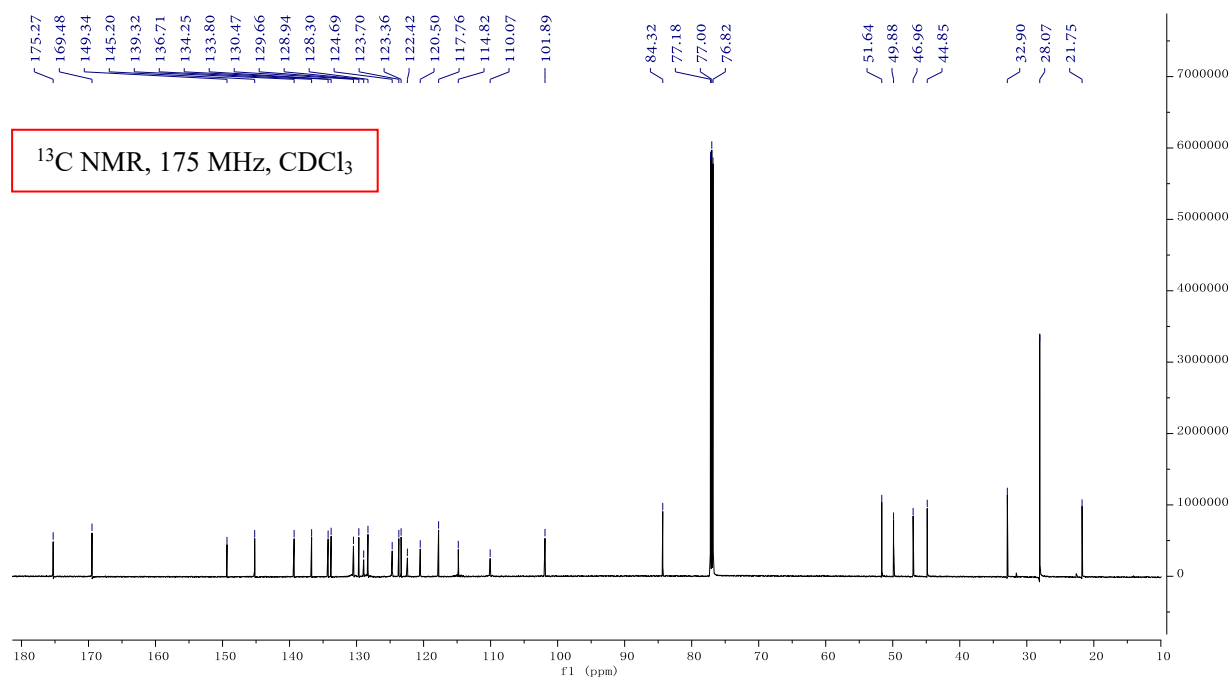
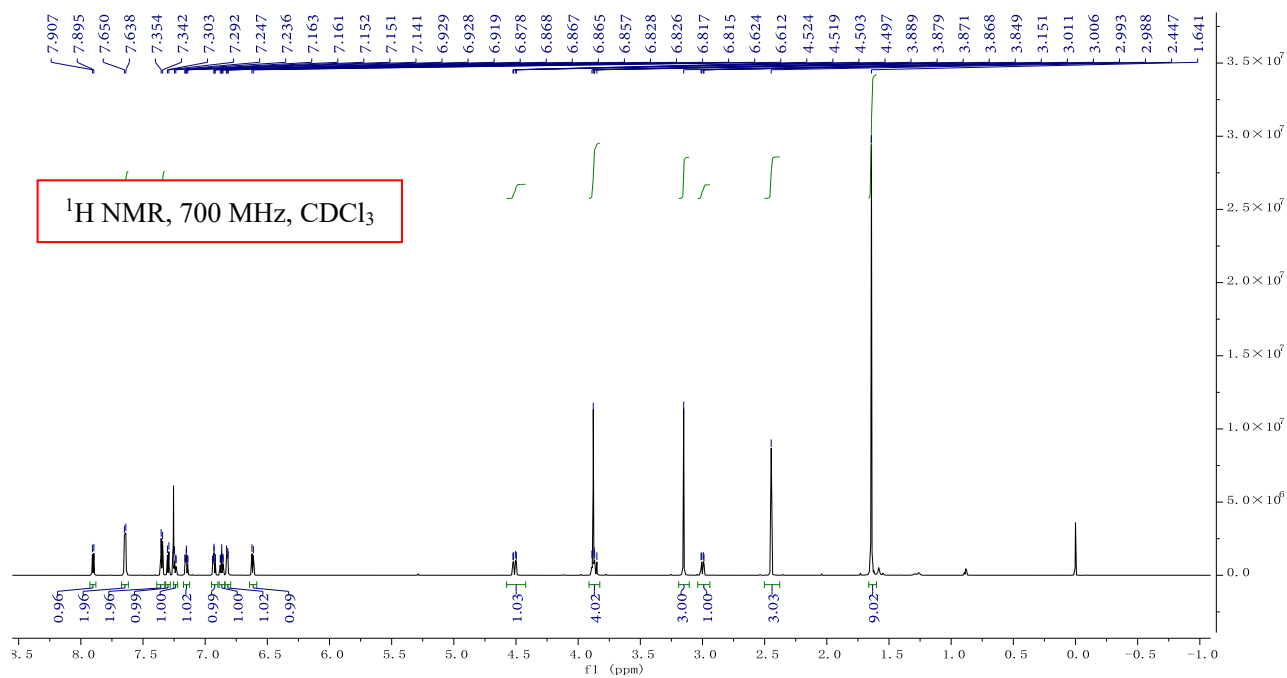
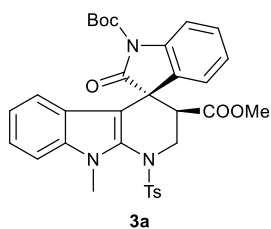
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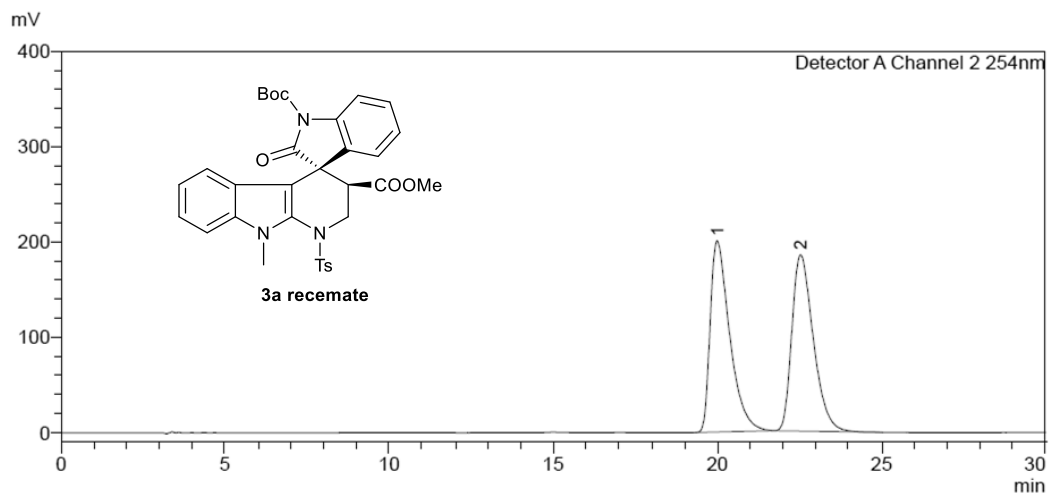


(dimer, connection with a H<sub>2</sub>O molecule)

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Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Refinement program	SHELXL-2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2016)
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	9179 / 3 / 705
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.076
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Absolute structure parameter	0.027(6)
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## 4. NMR and HPLC spectra

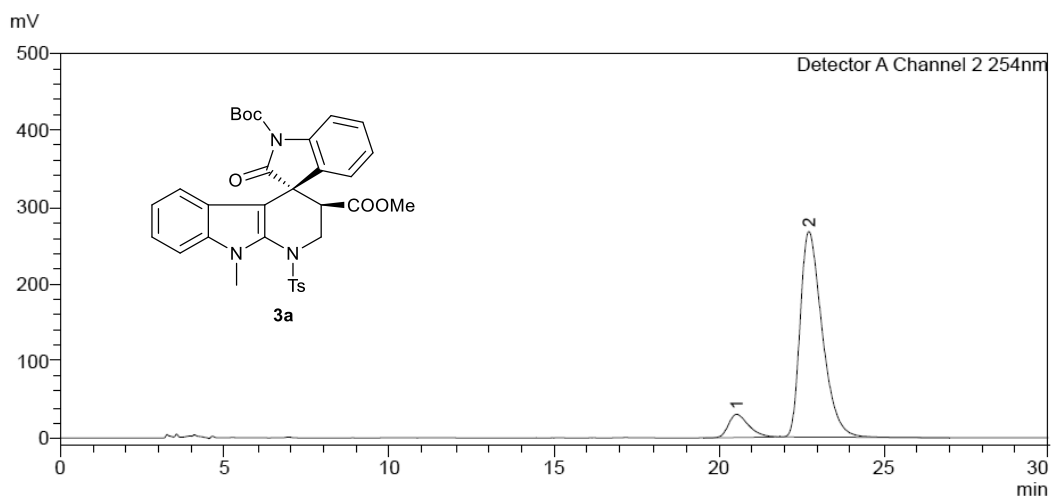




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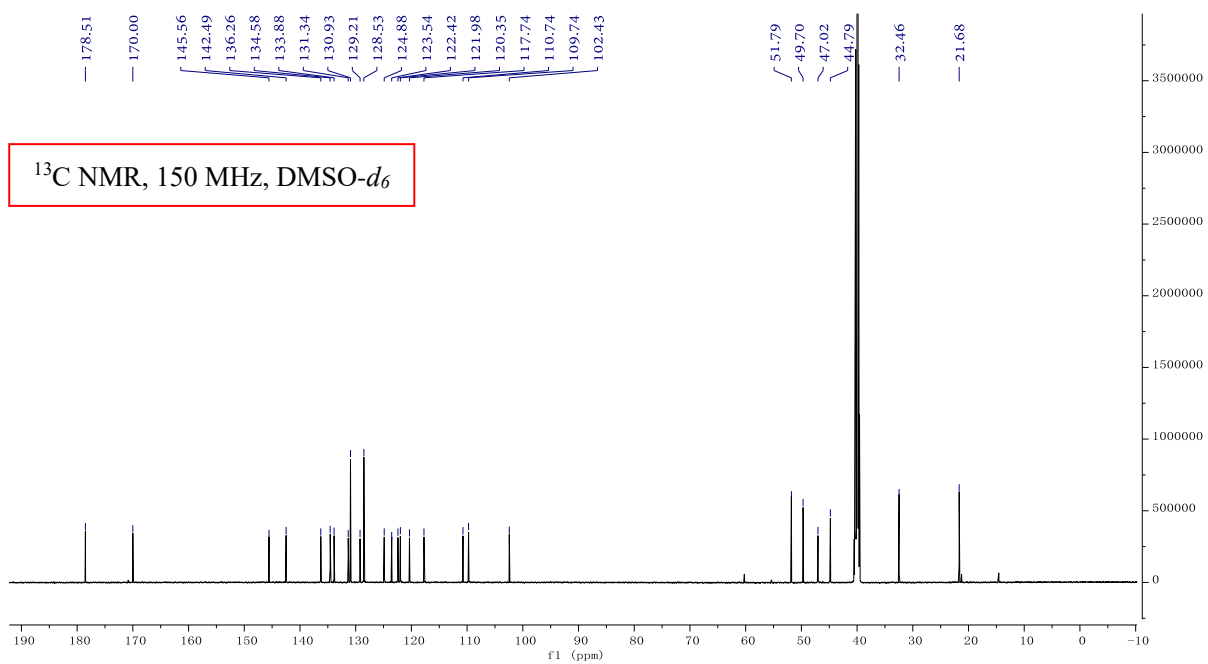
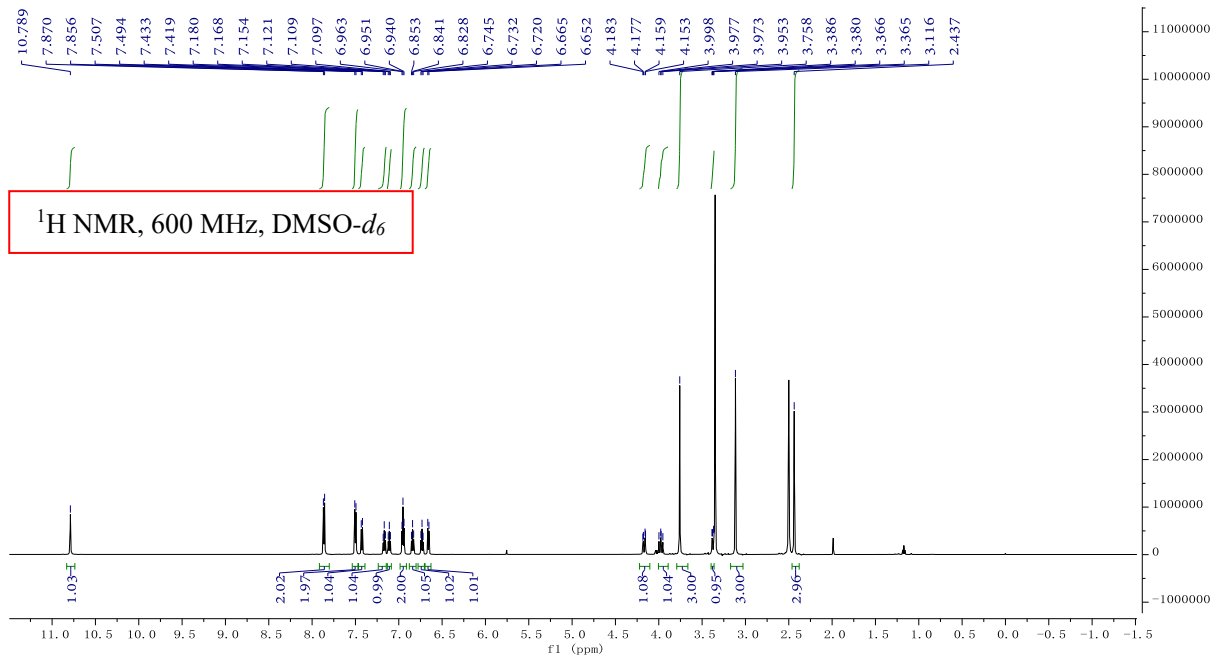
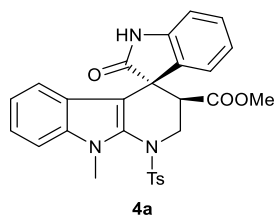
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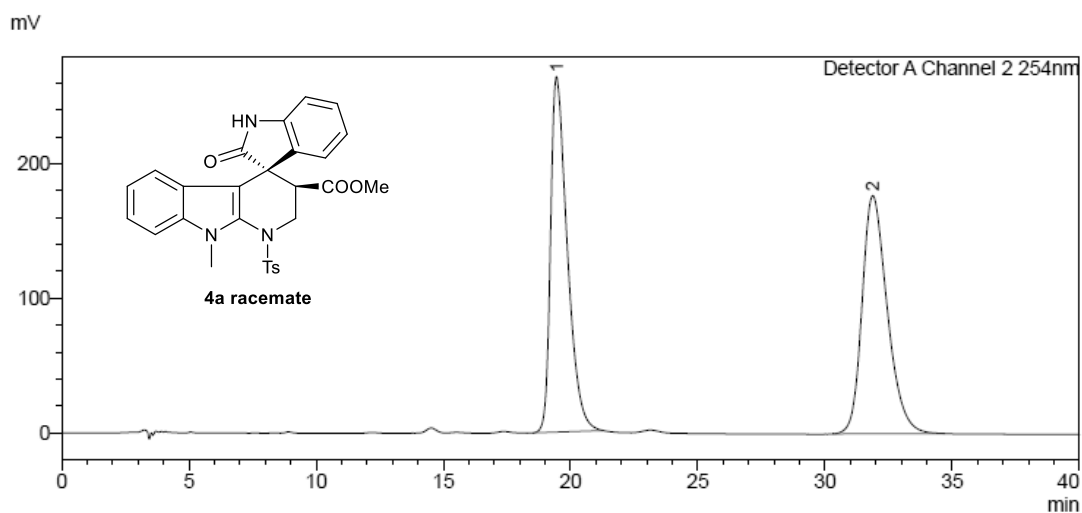


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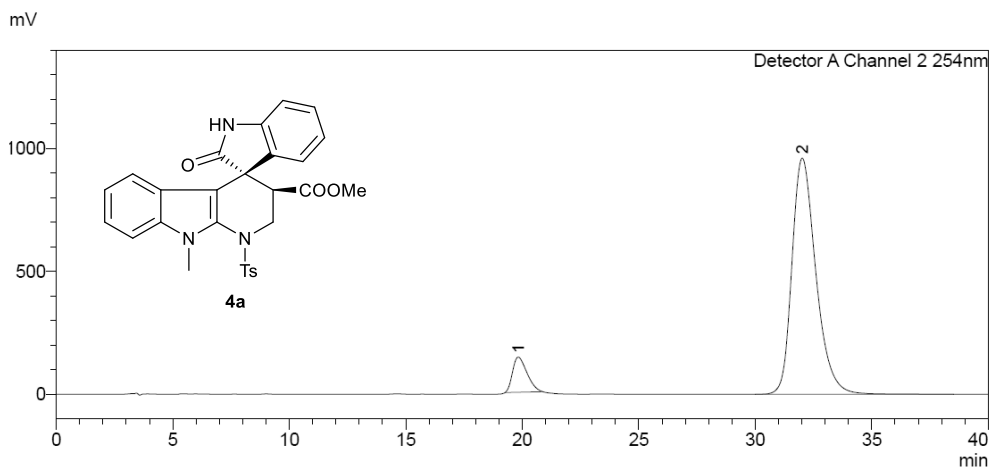




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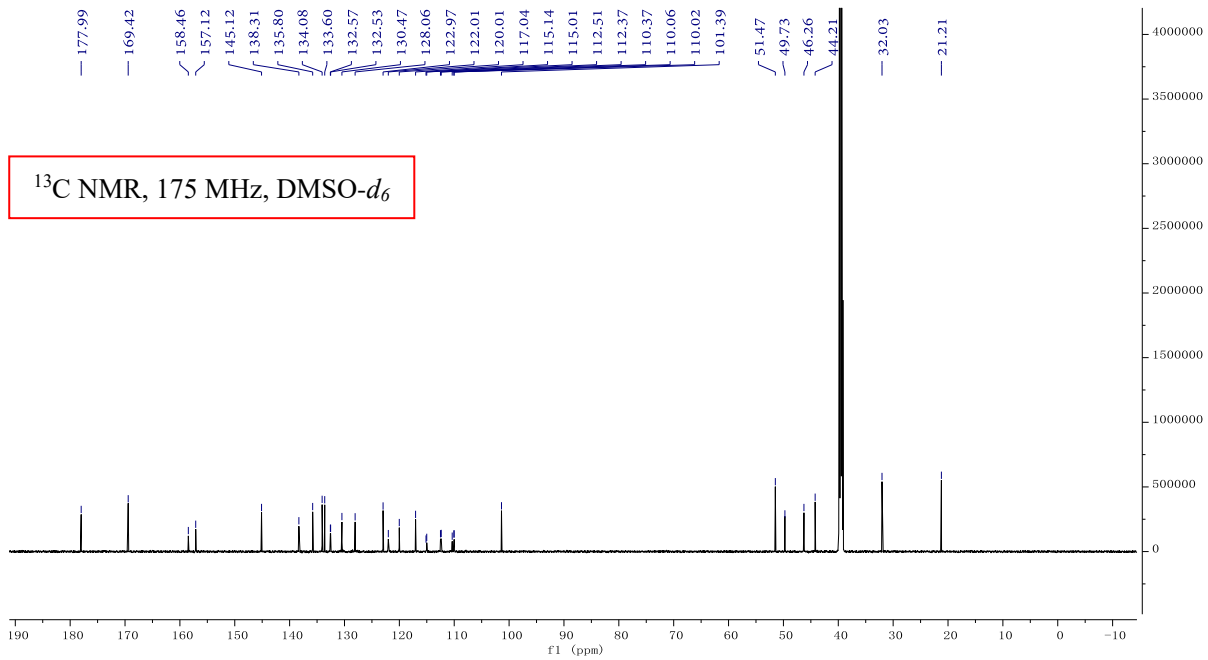
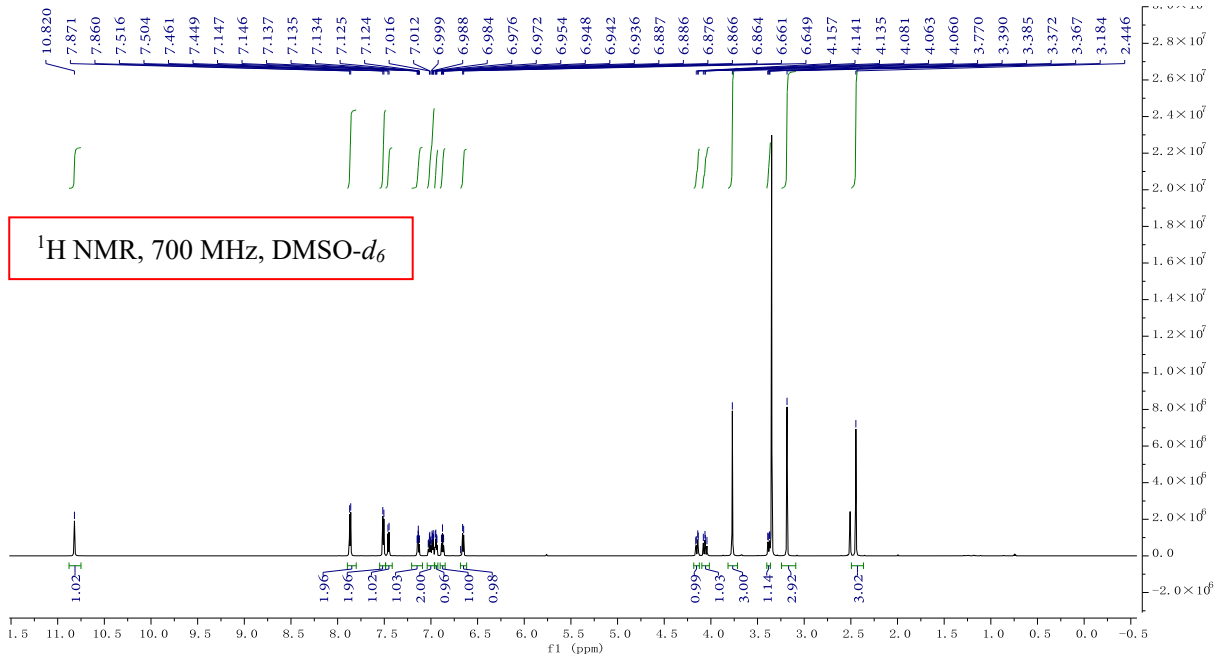
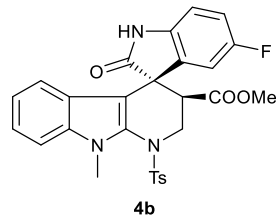
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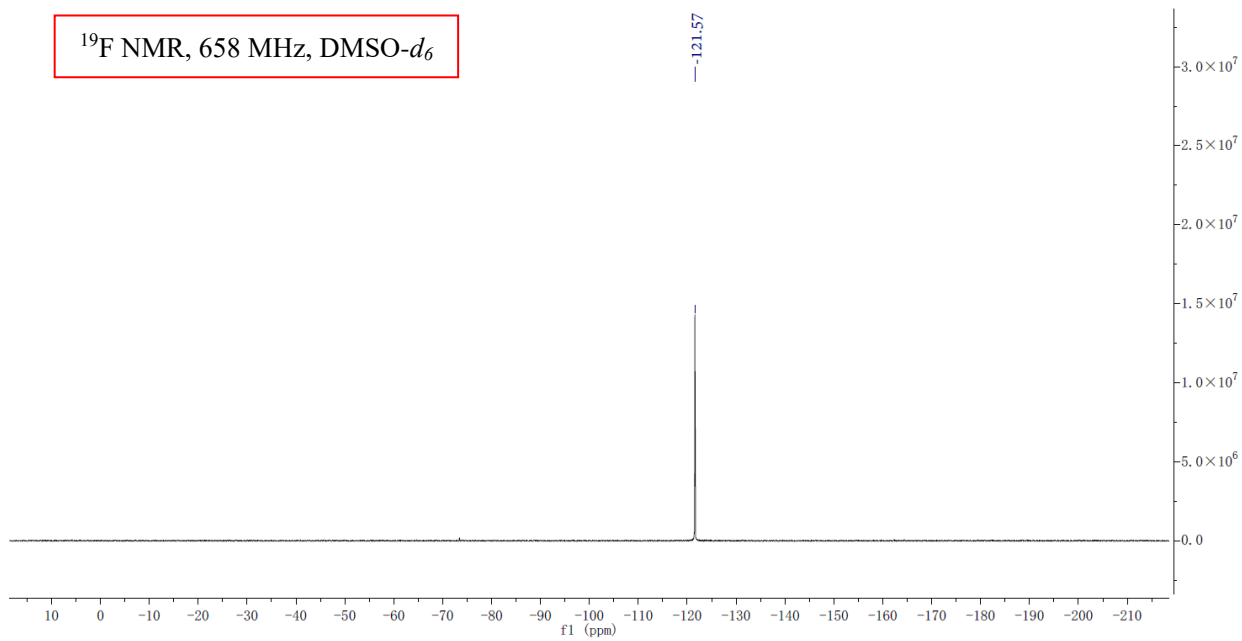
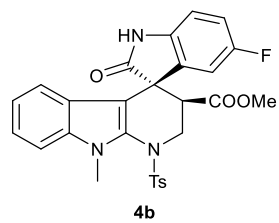
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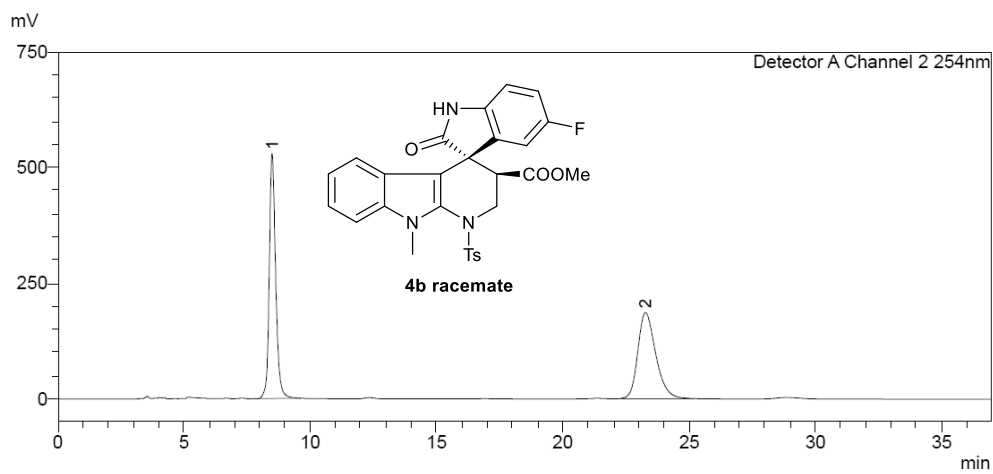
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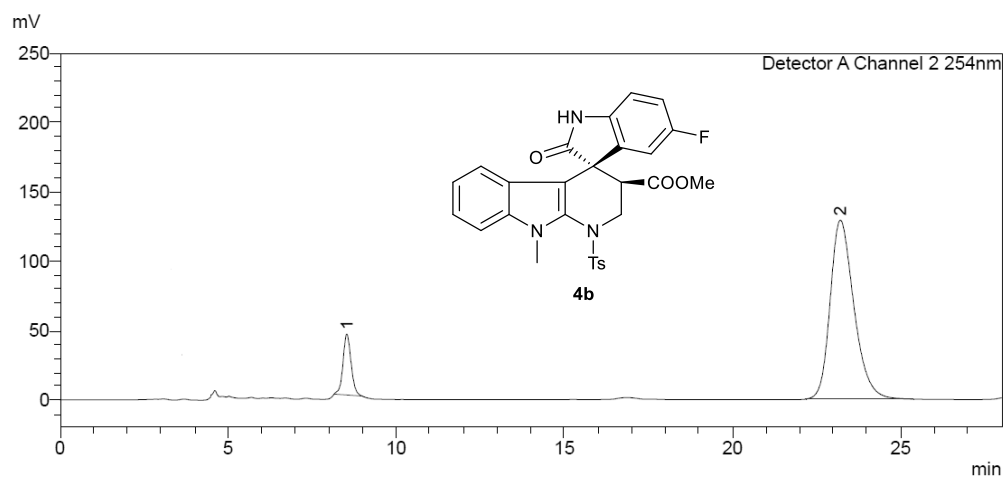




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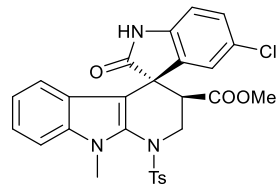
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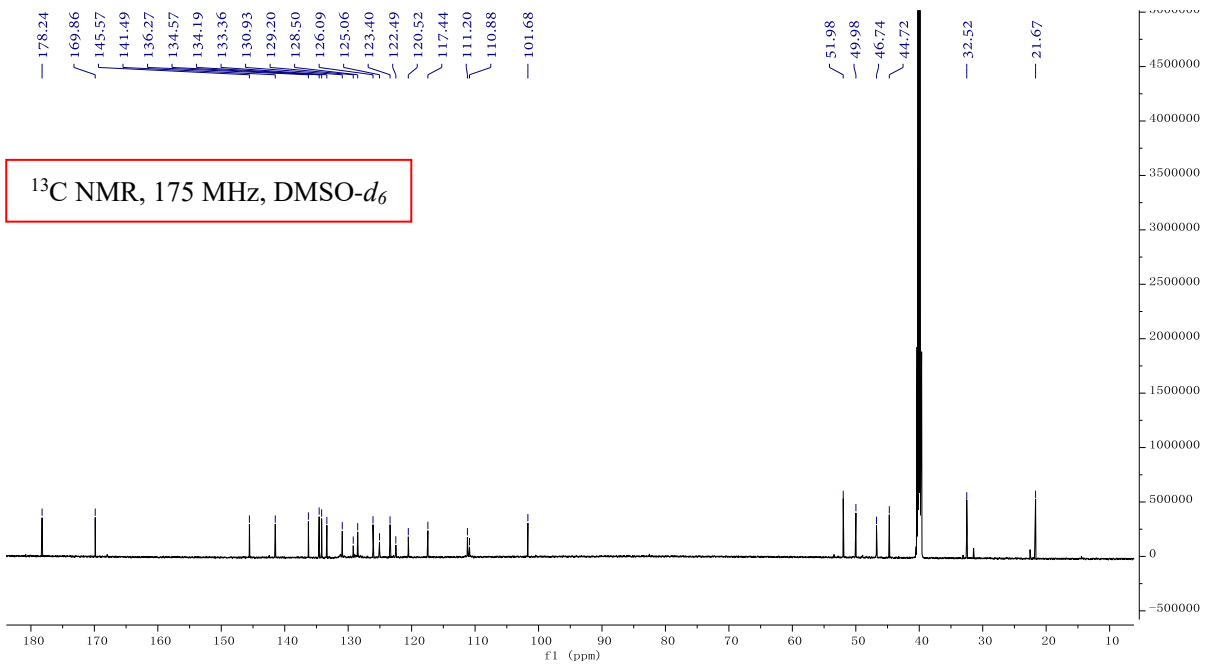
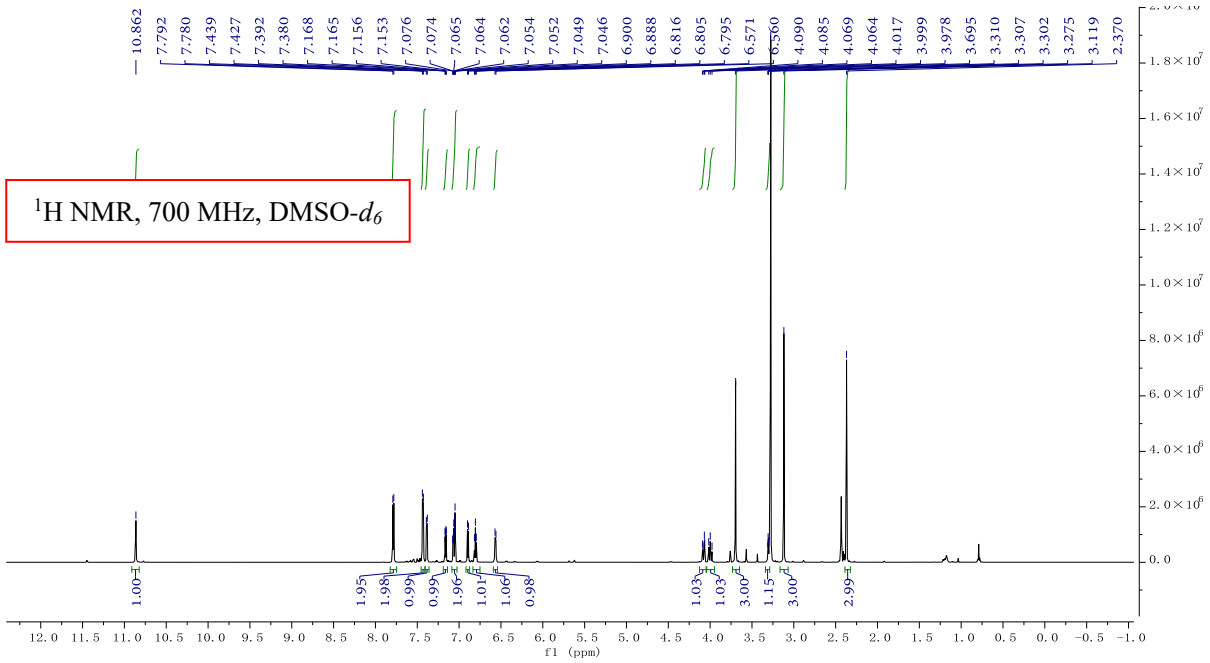
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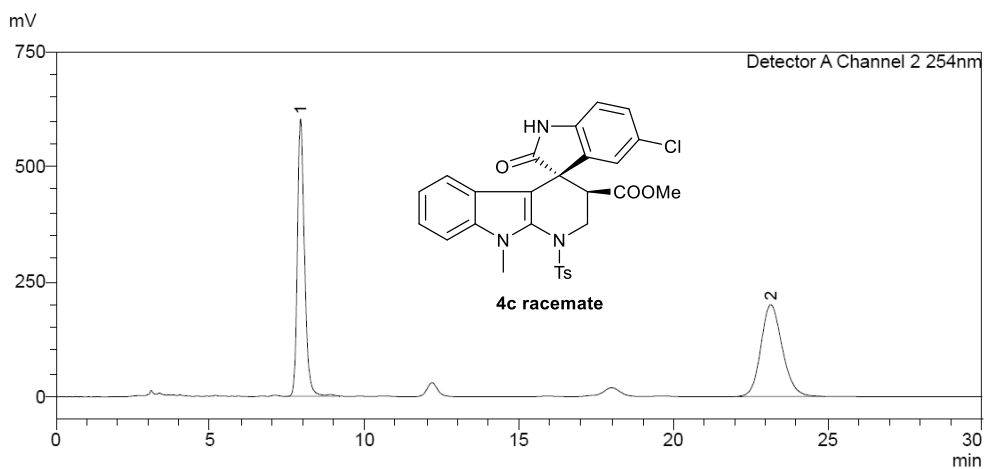
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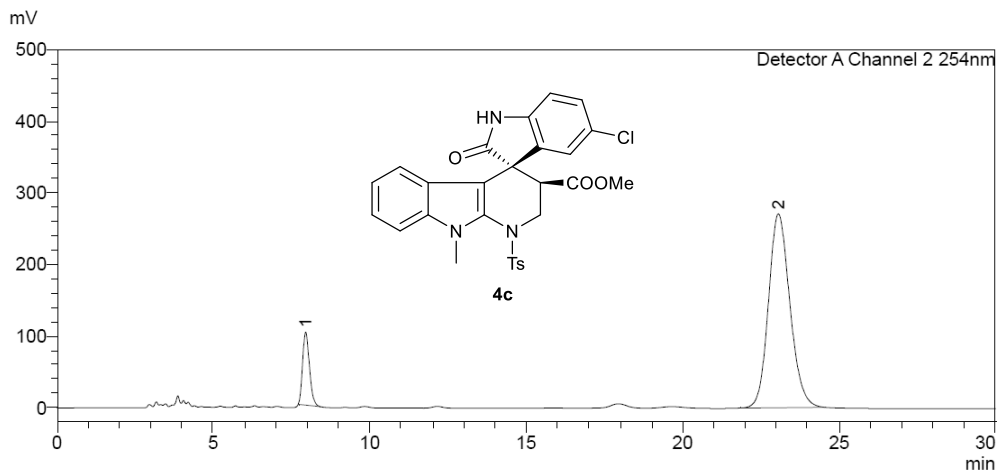




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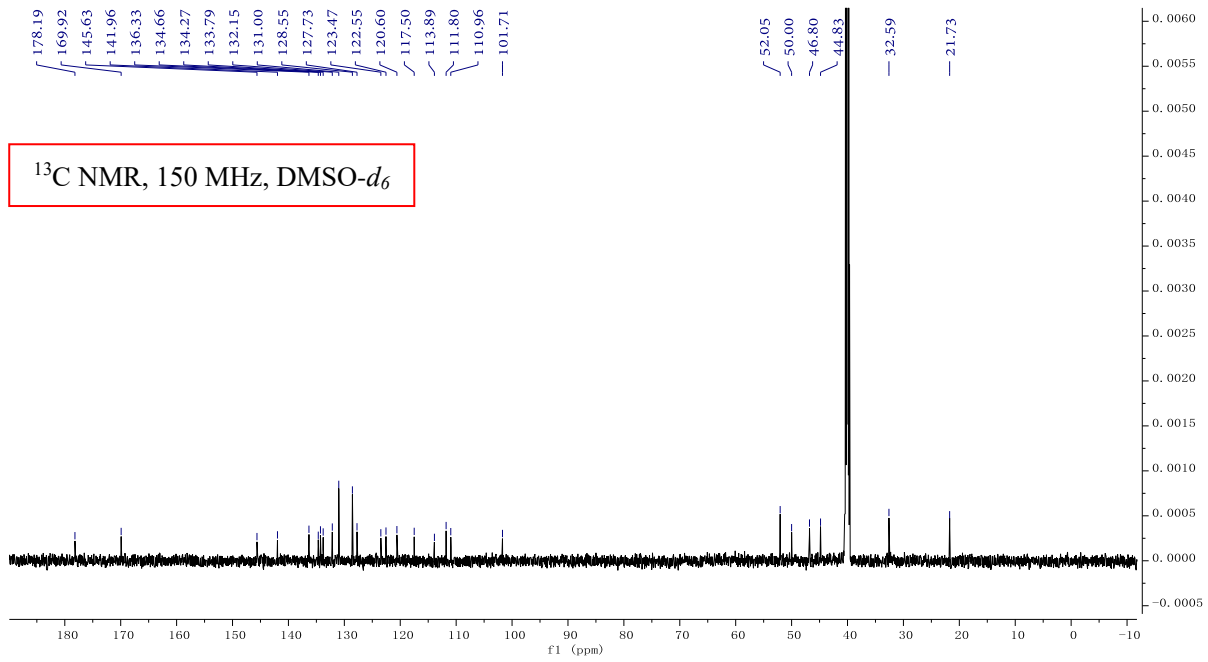
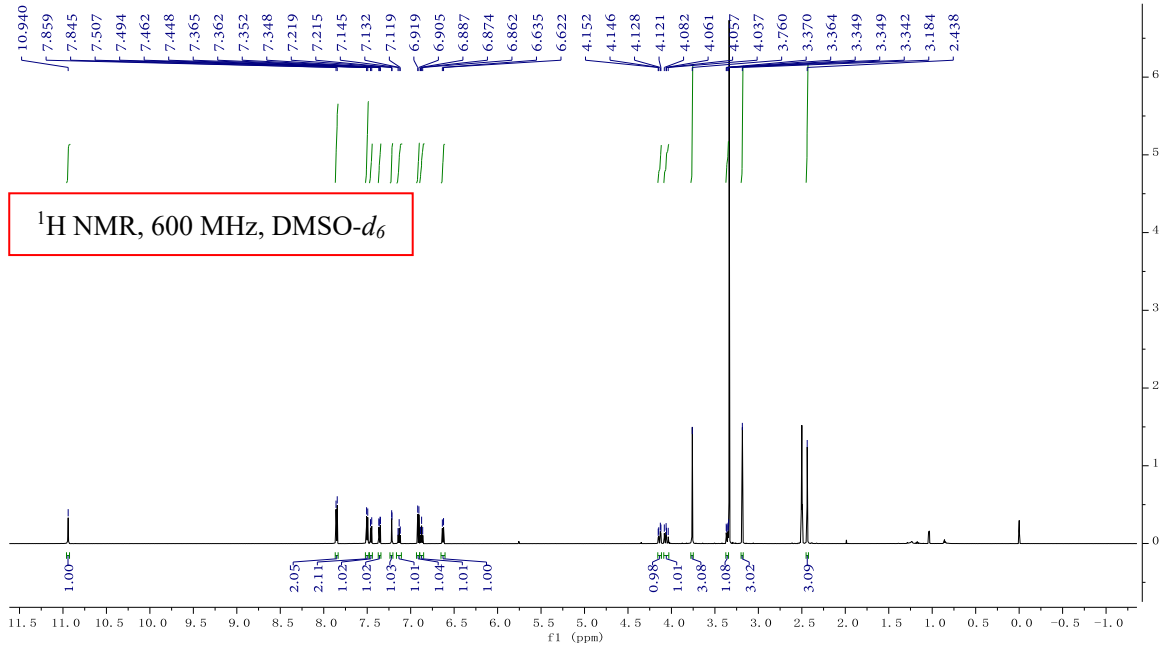
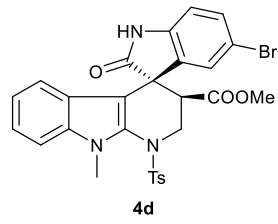
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	23.154	199301	9589829	49.731
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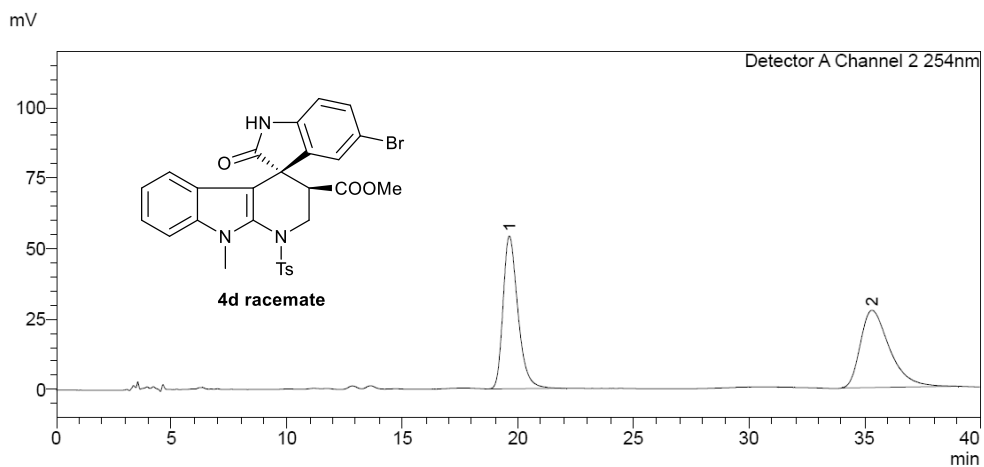


### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	7.953	101668	1542757	10.695
2	23.059	270140	12882223	89.305
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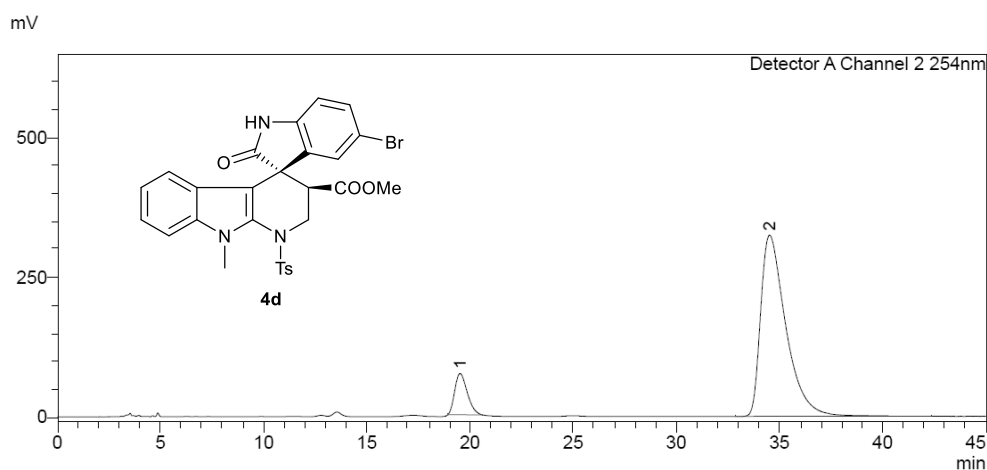




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

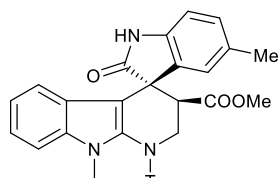
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2	35.342	27359	2409669	49.951
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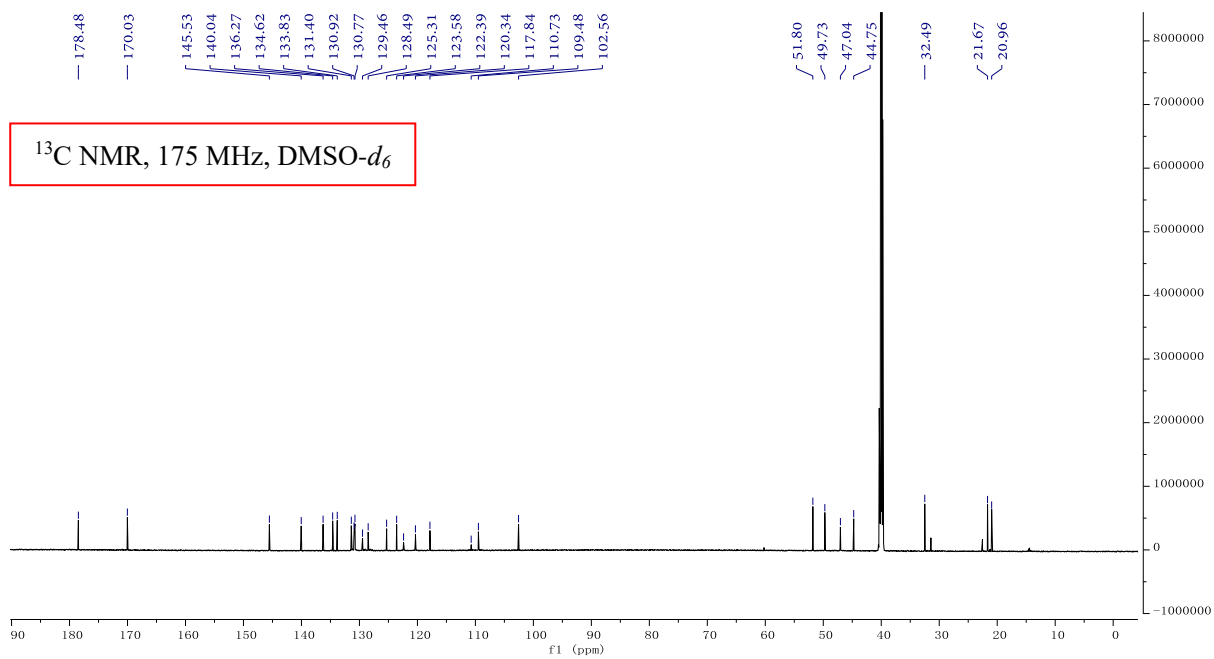
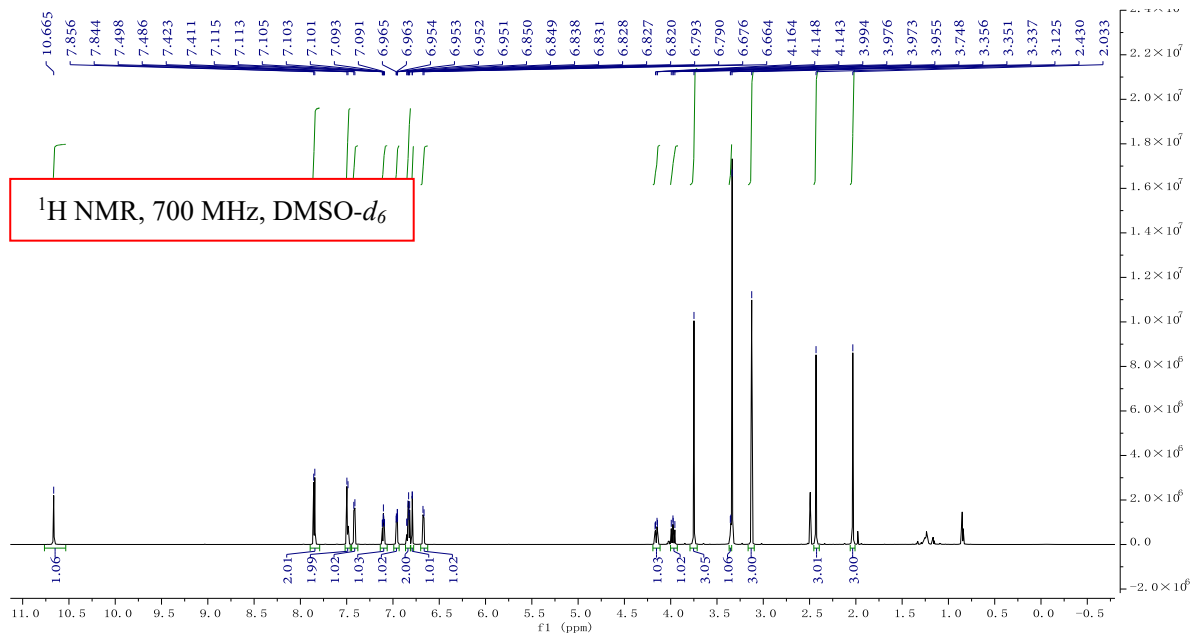
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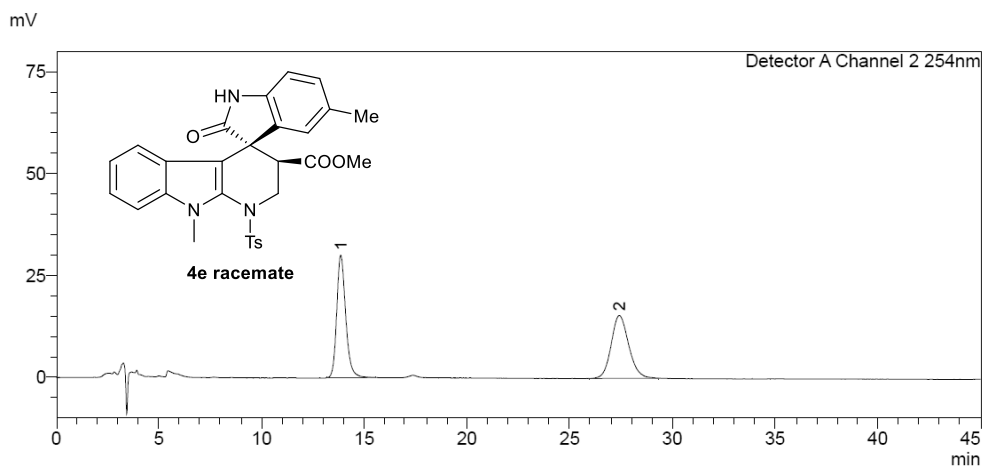
Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	19.523	74005	3119485	10.185
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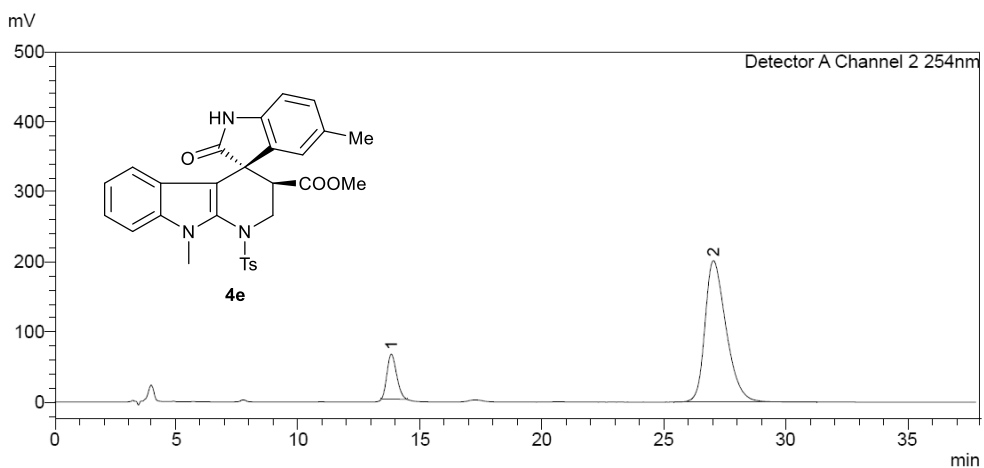




### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	27.422	15398	911479	49.968
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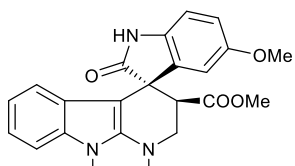


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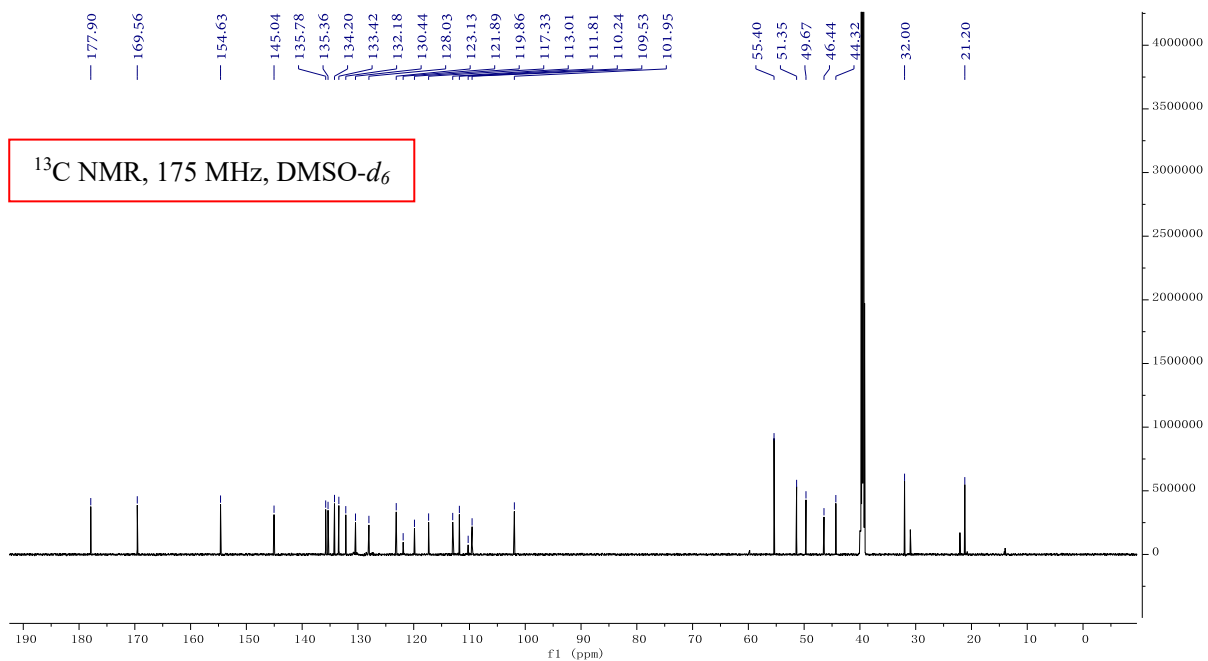
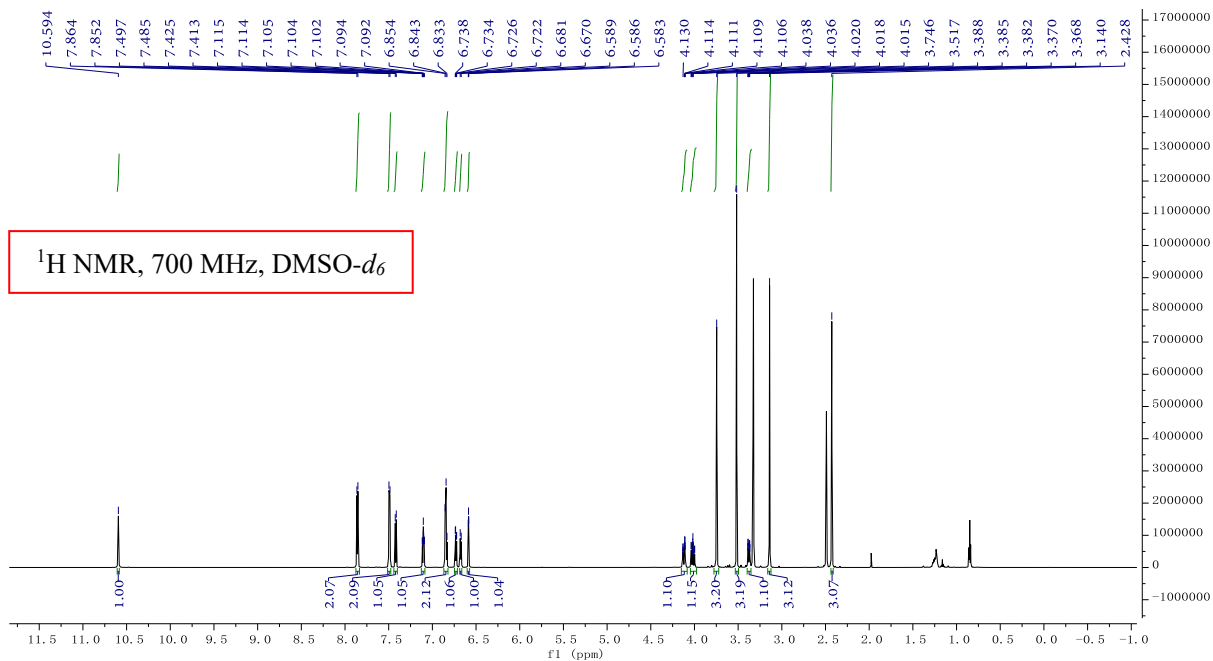
Detector A Channel 2 254nm

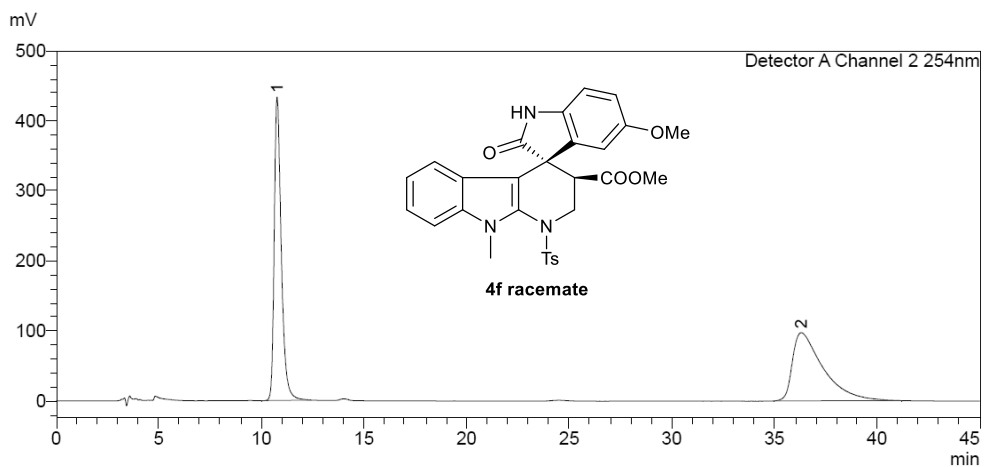
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1	13.823	64052	1751166	12.559
2	27.047	201736	12192562	87.441
Total		265788	13943728	100.000





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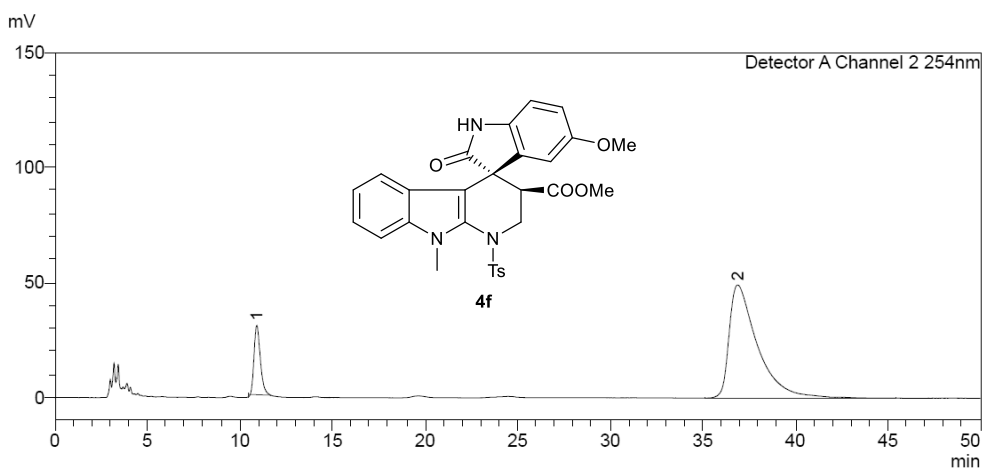




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

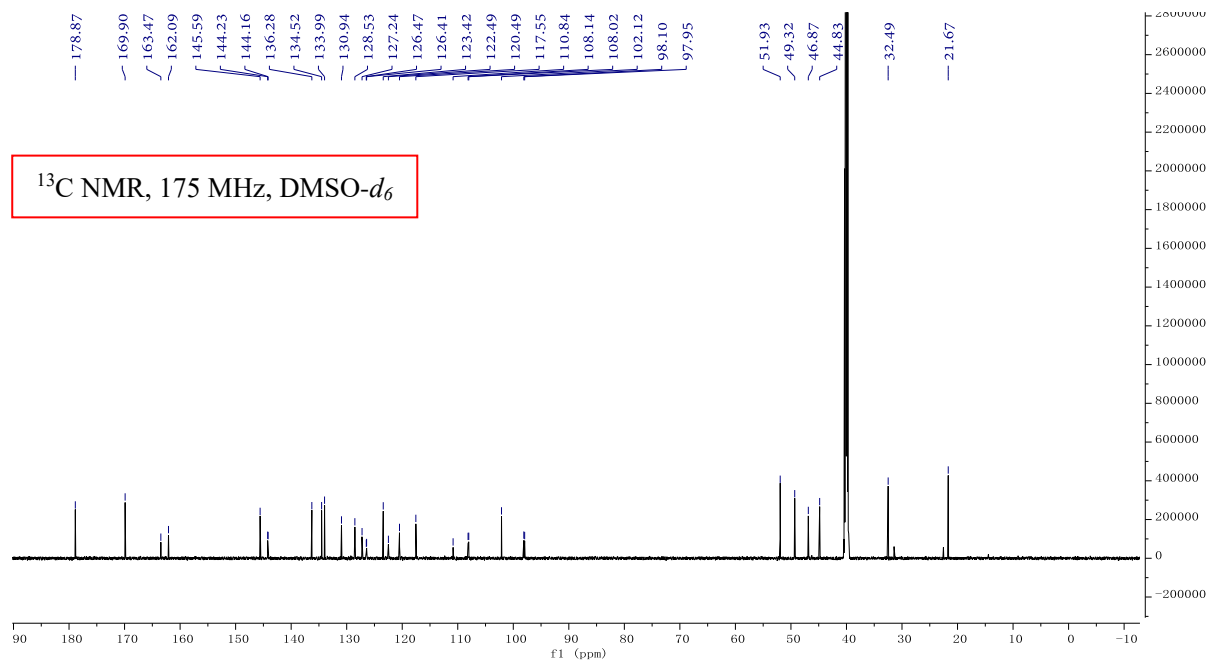
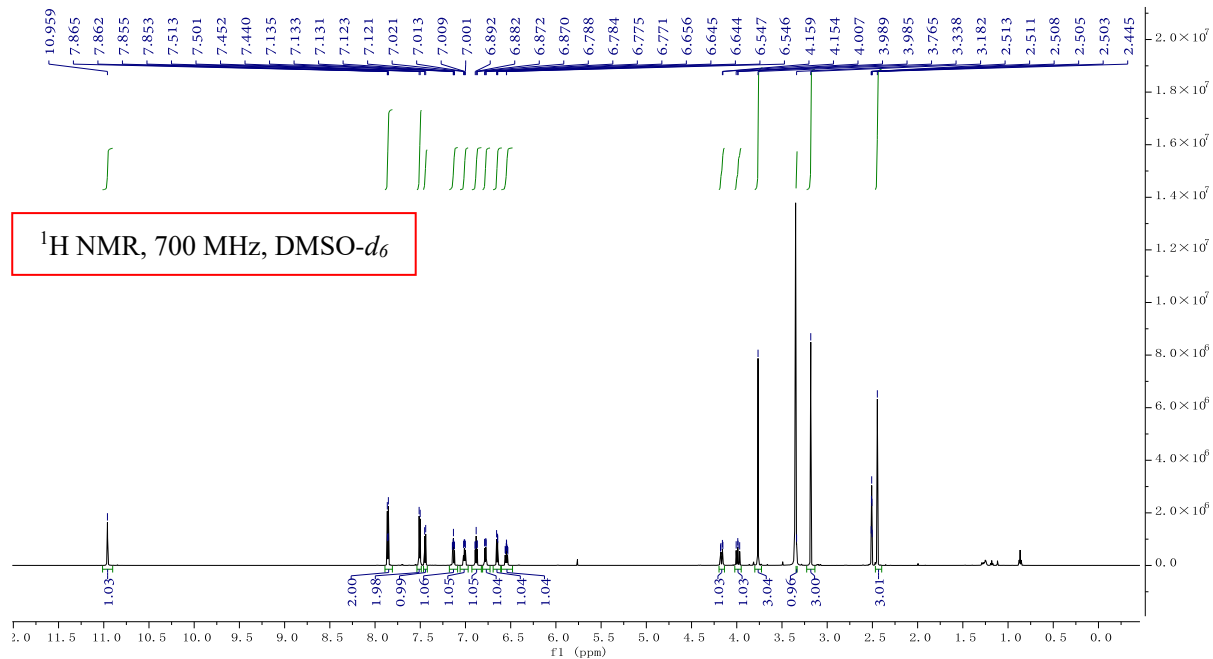
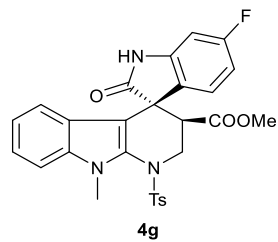
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2	36.308	97294	10078628	49.365
Total		530047	20416526	100.000

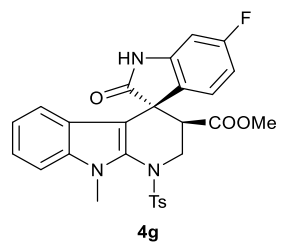


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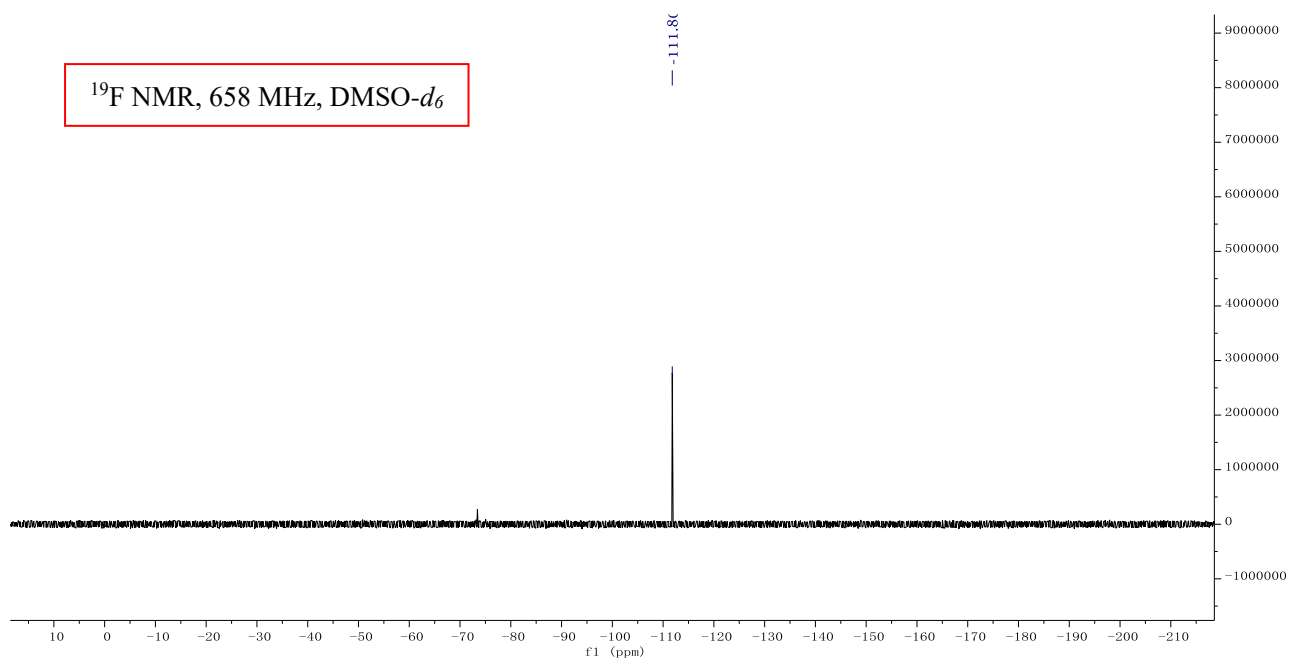
Detector A Channel 2 254nm

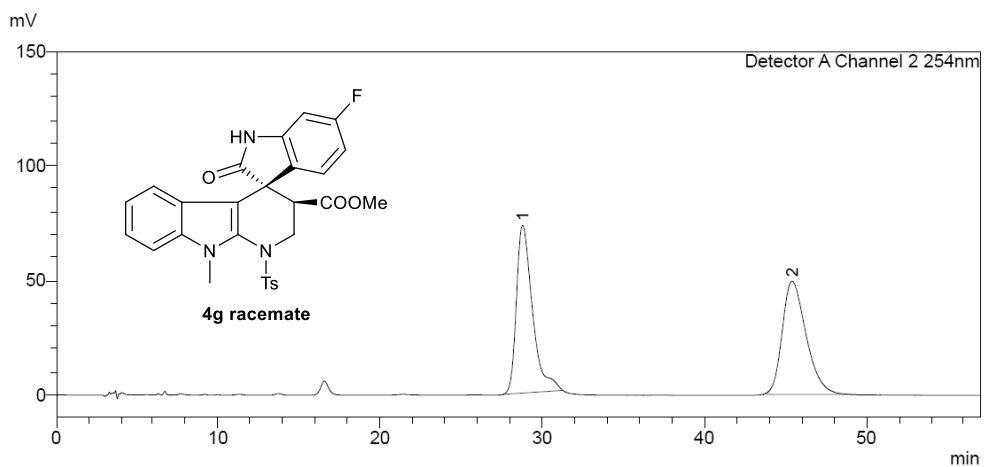
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	10.922	30117	710330	11.969
2	36.894	49172	5224595	88.031
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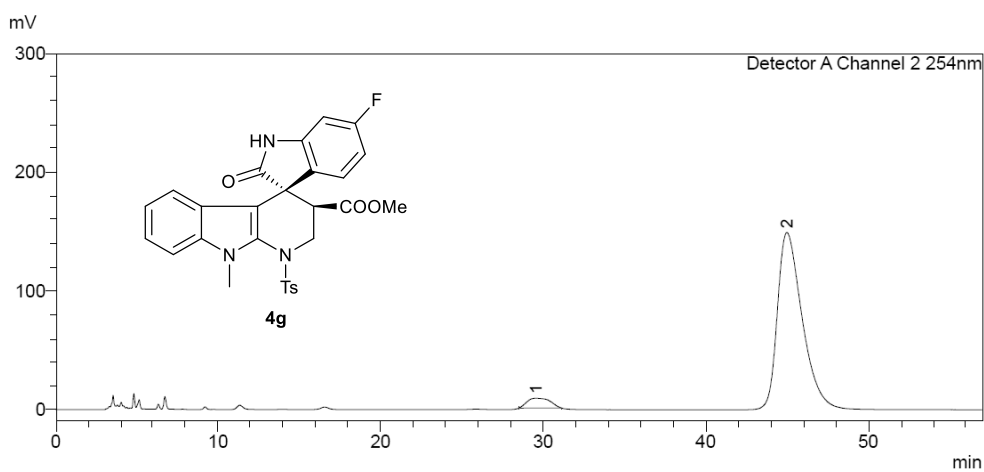




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

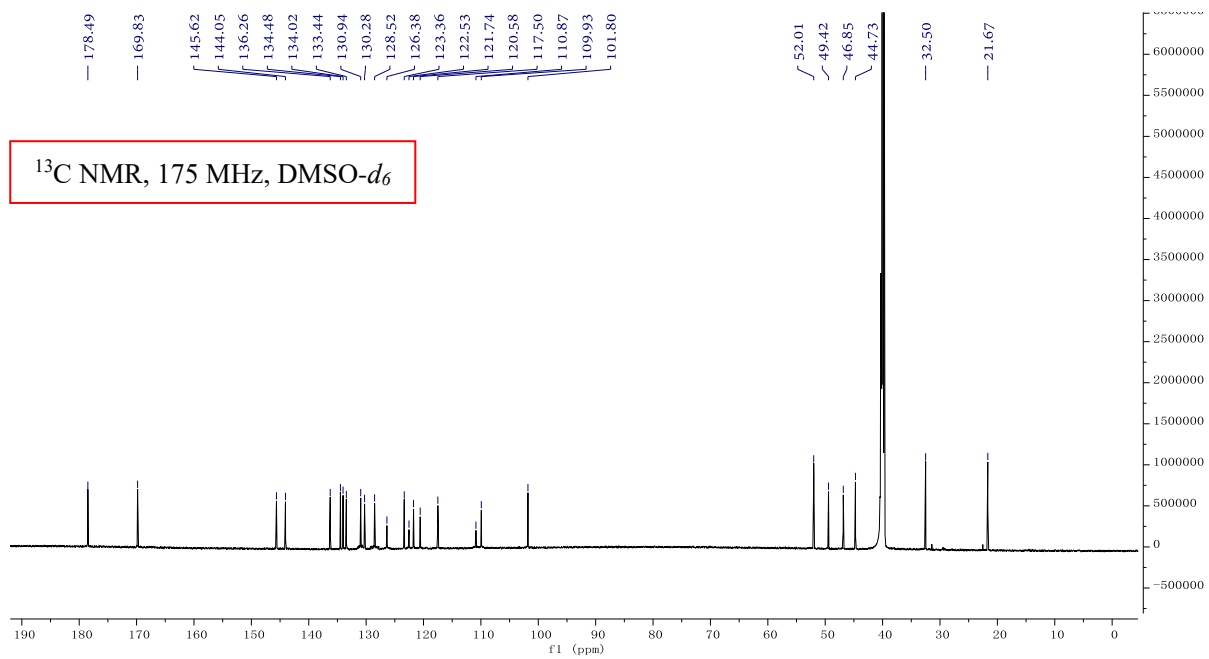
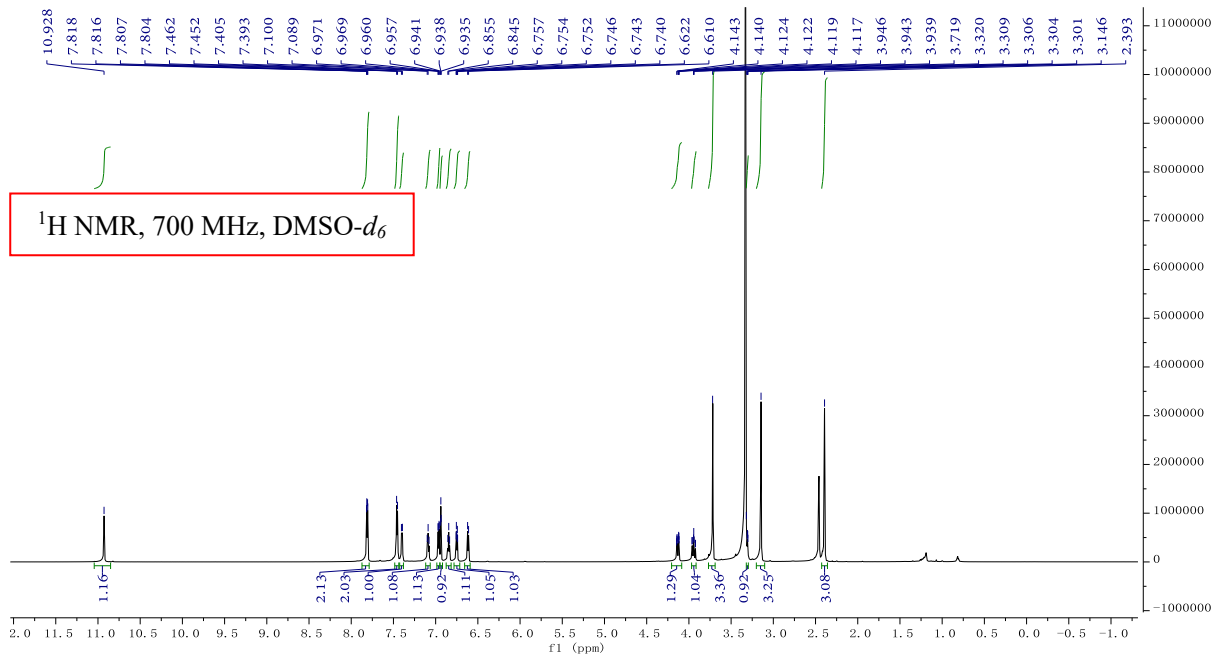
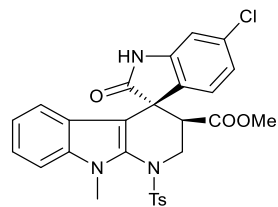
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2	45.428	49440	5075886	50.082
Total		122663	10135156	100.000

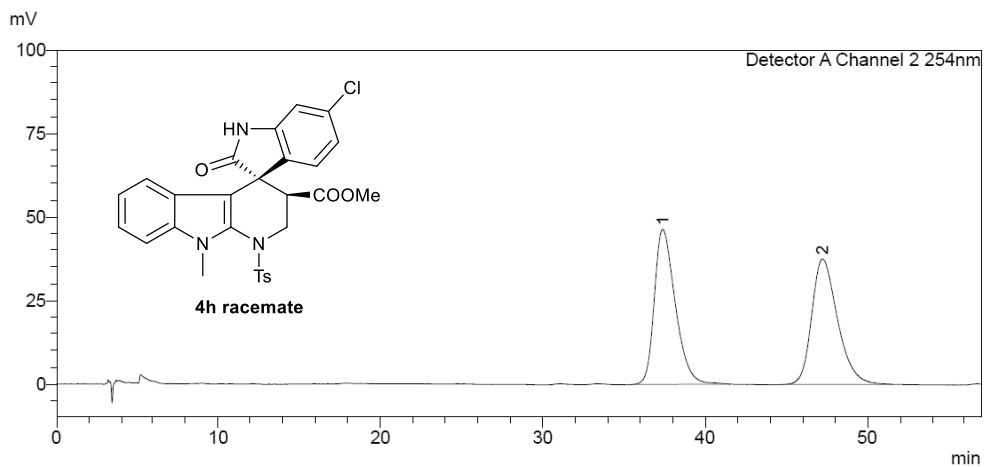


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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

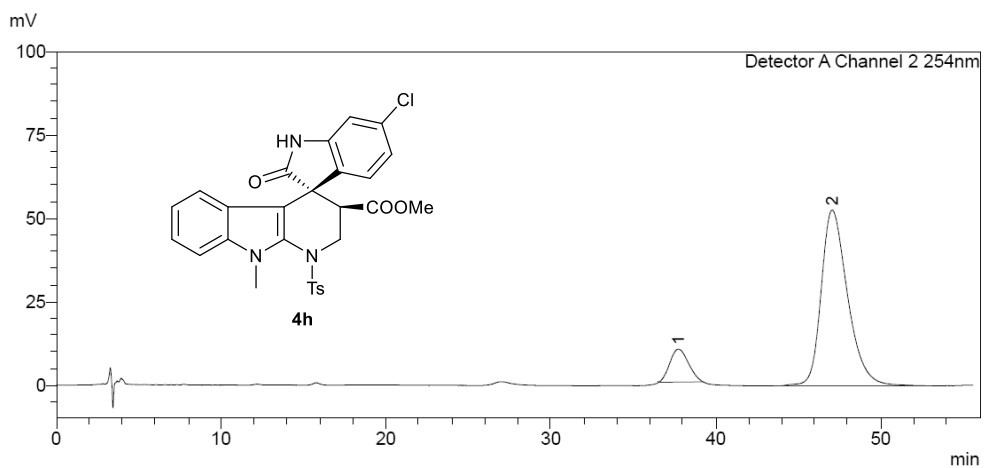
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2	44.998	149327	15958786	95.131
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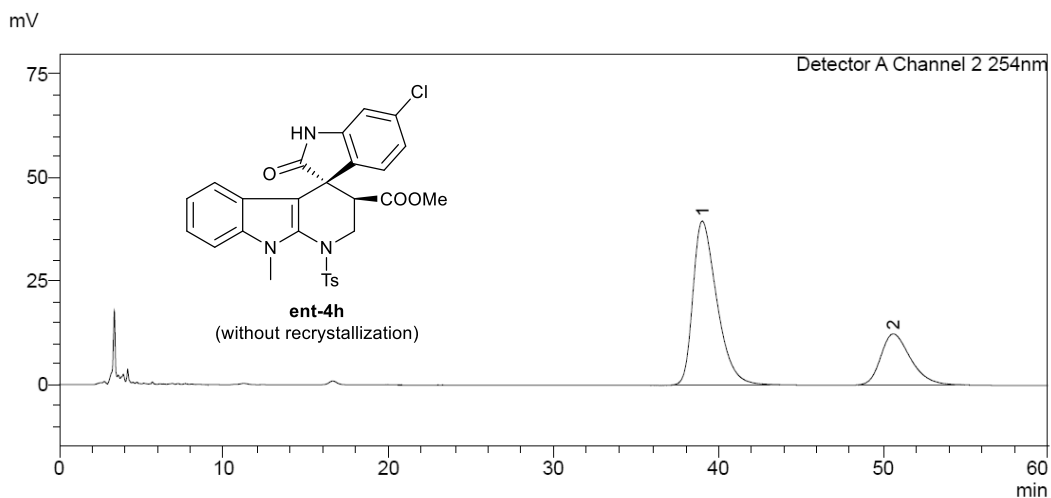
### Peak Analysis Report

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No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	47.252	37527	4153792	49.894
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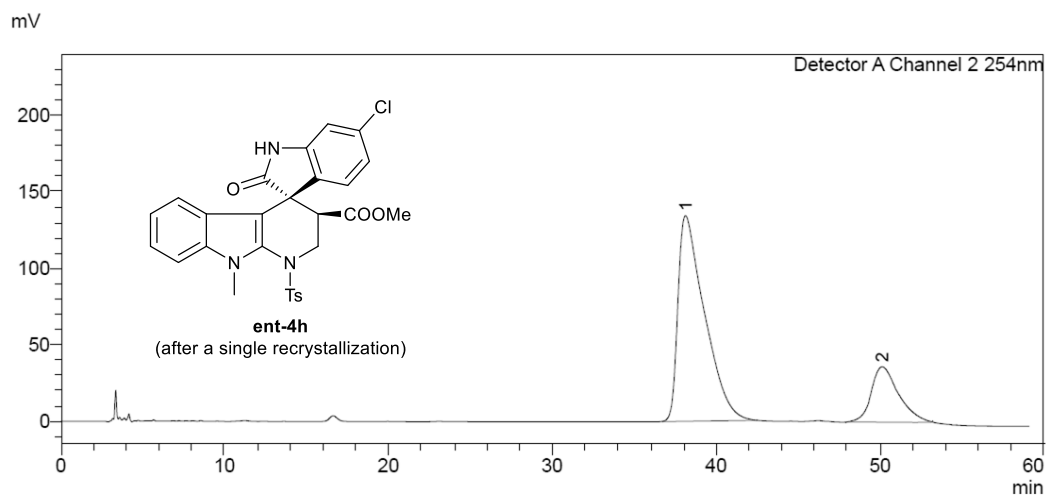
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1	37.734	9921	778510	11.724
2	47.060	52648	5861764	88.276
Total		62568	6640274	100.000



### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	50.600	12377	1555690	28.039
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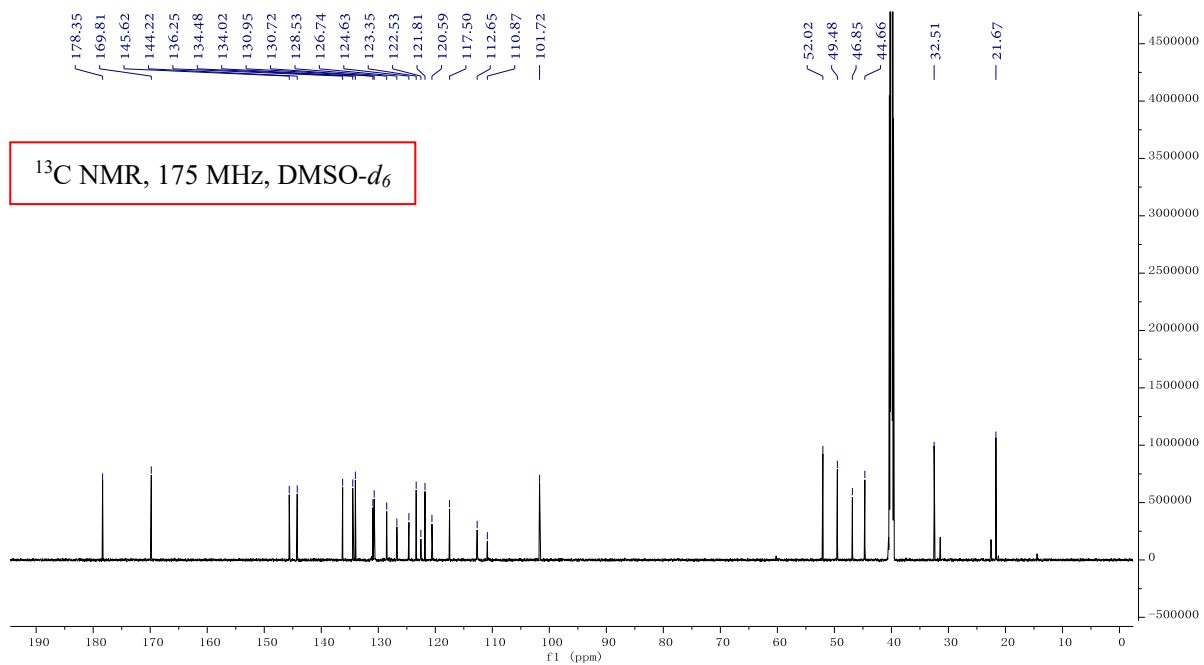
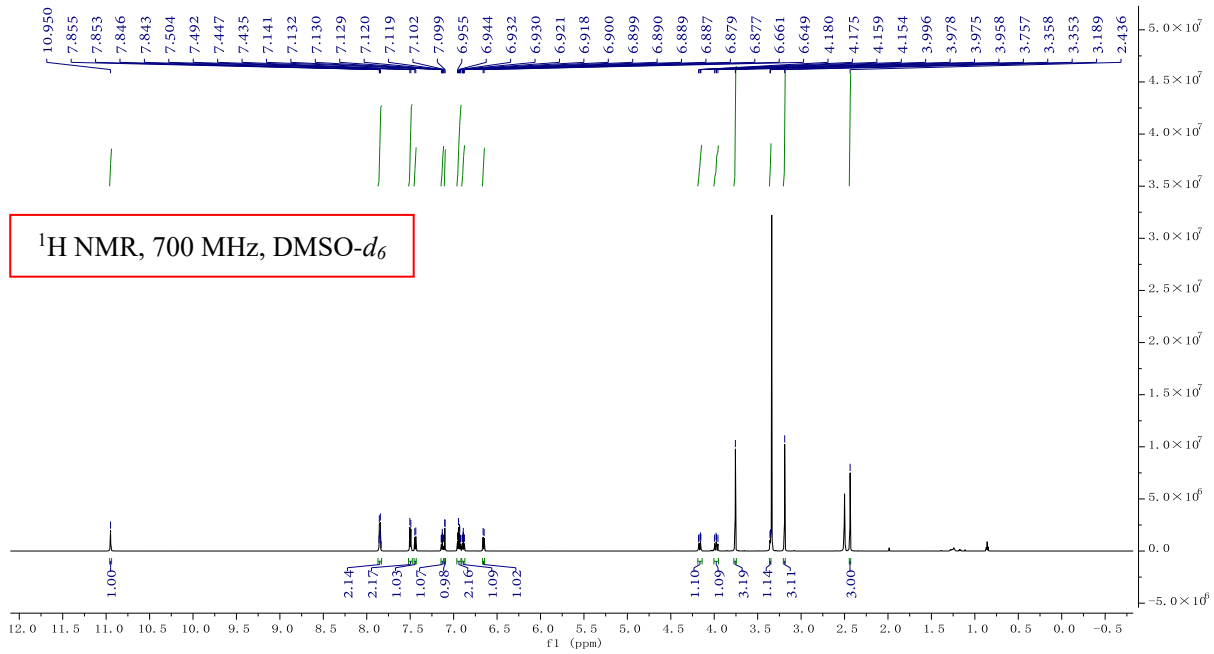
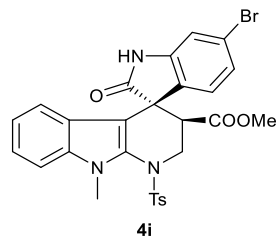


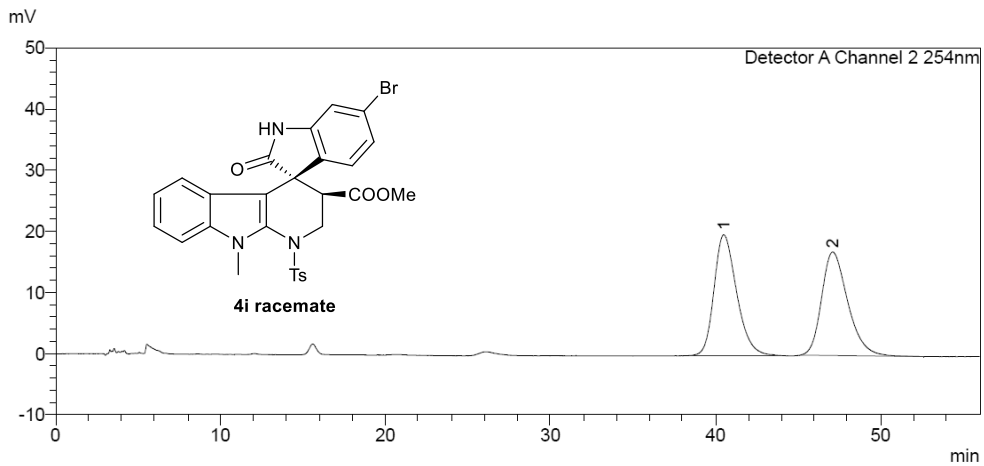
### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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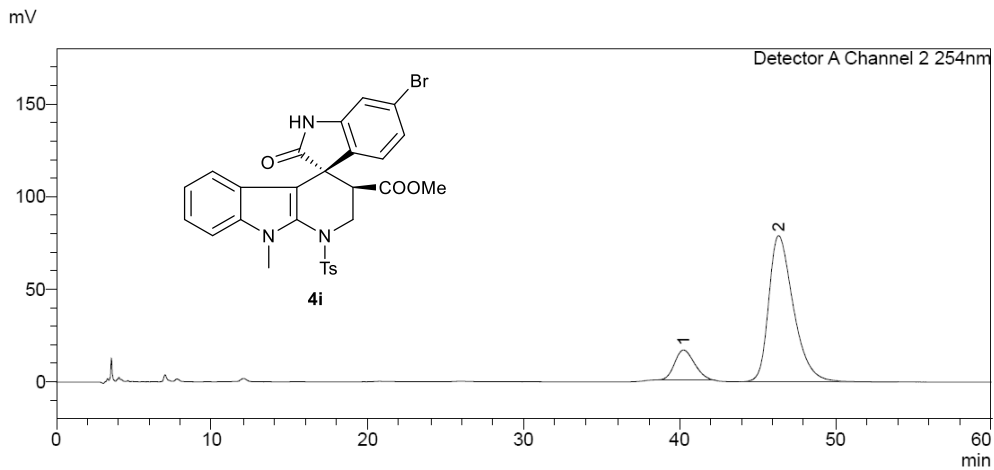




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

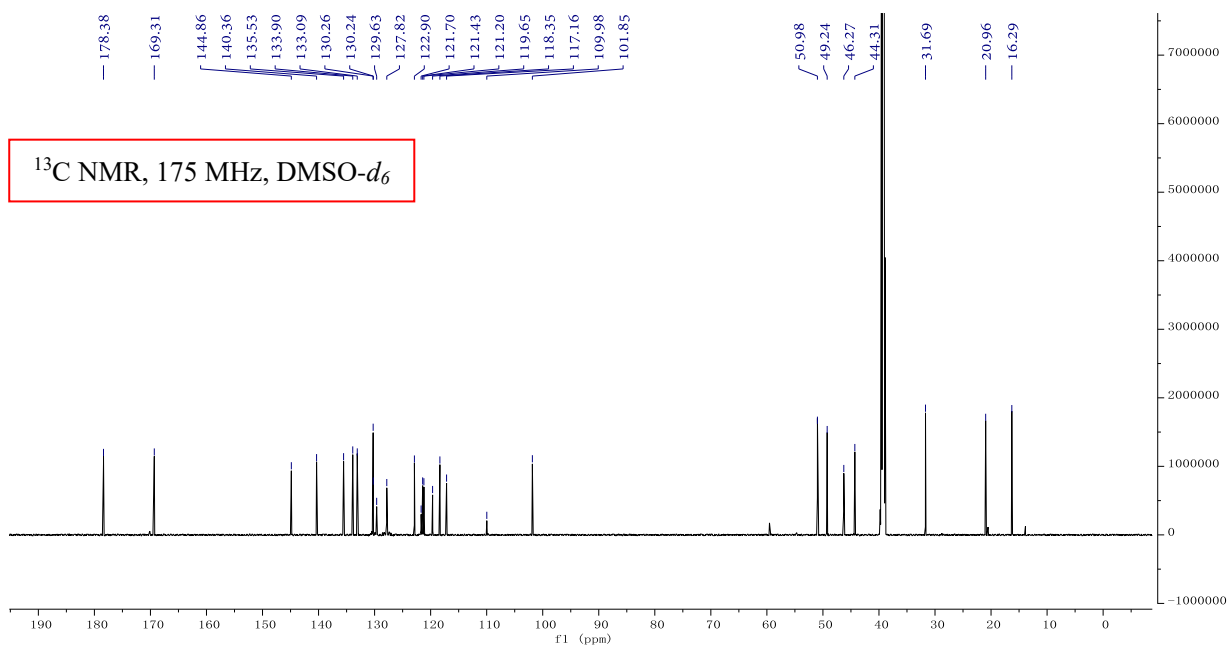
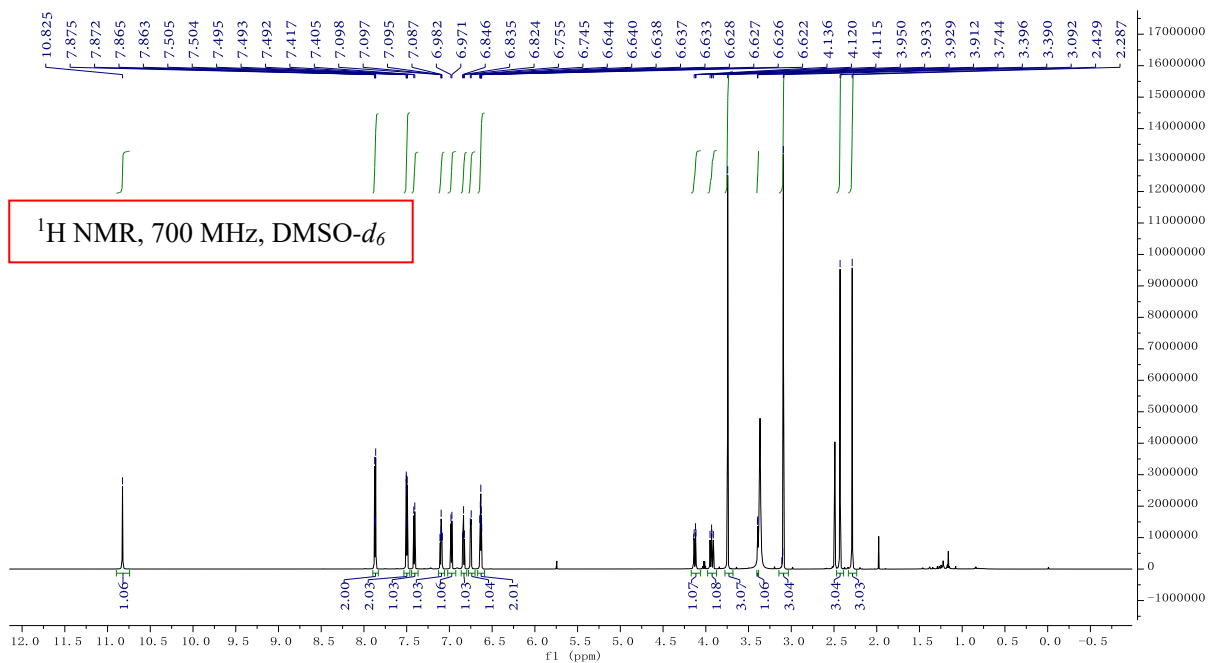
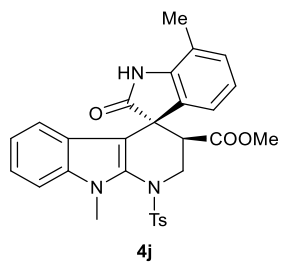
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2	47.093	16874	1859940	49.817
Total		36555	3733553	100.000

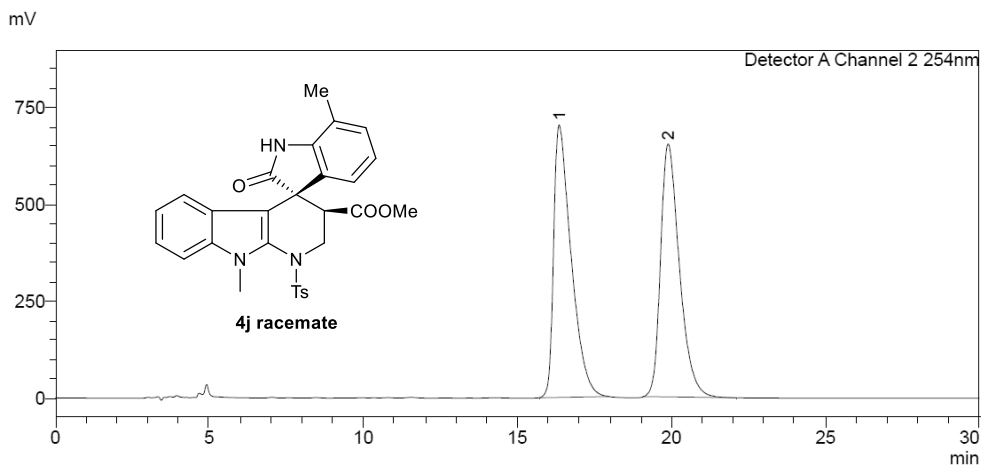


### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	46.353	78751	8667119	85.734
Total		94965	10109285	100.000

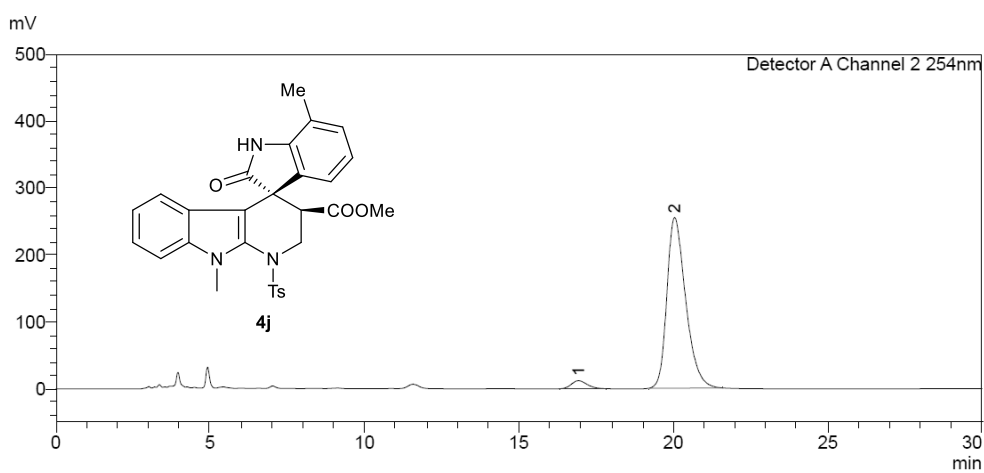




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

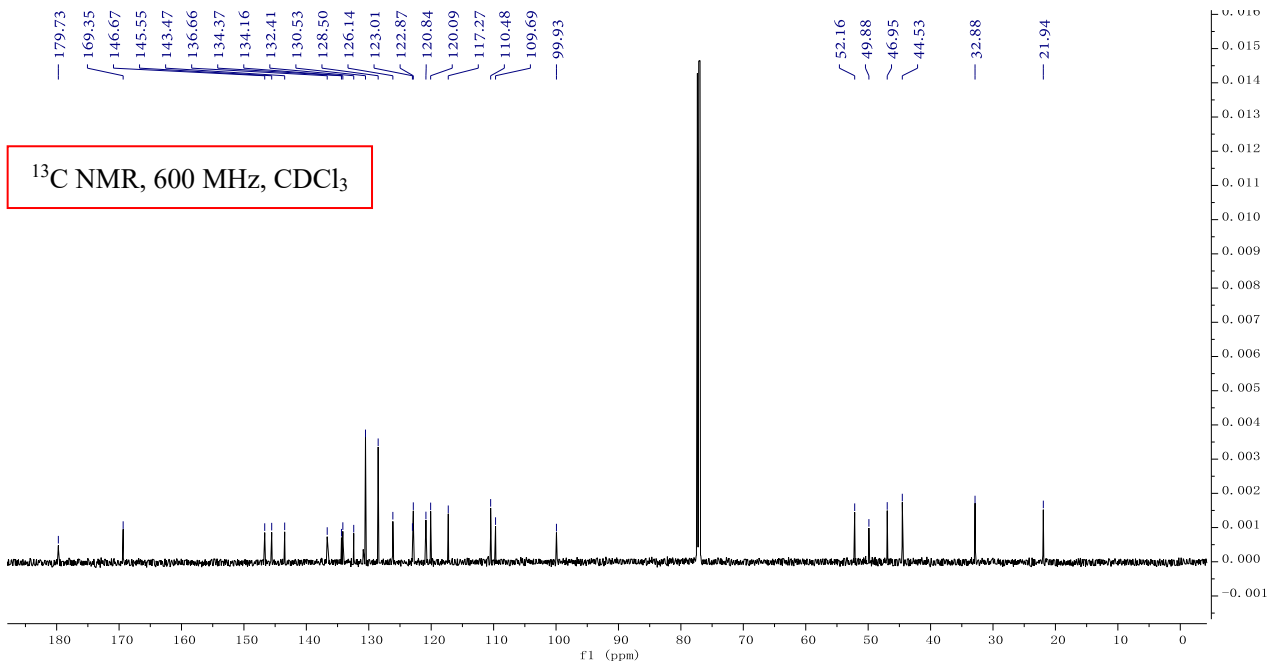
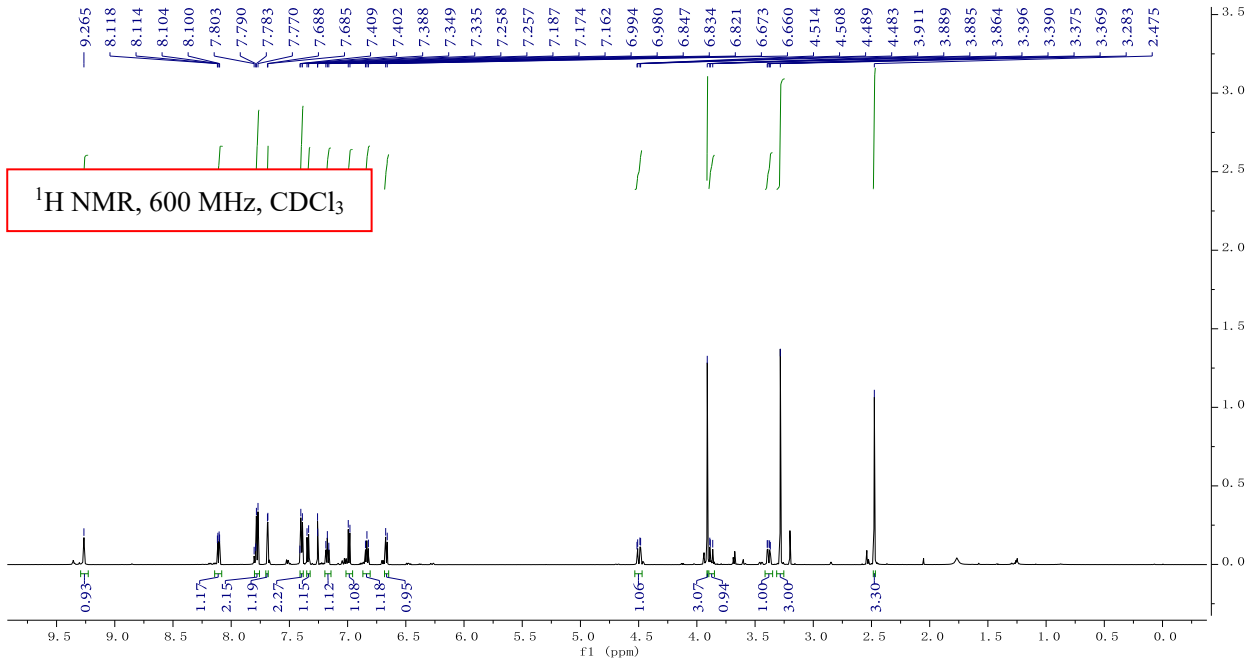
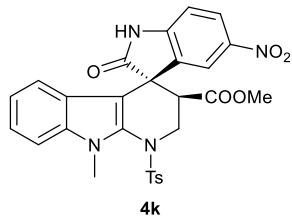
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	19.894	653327	27839306	50.055
Total		1357090	55617499	100.000

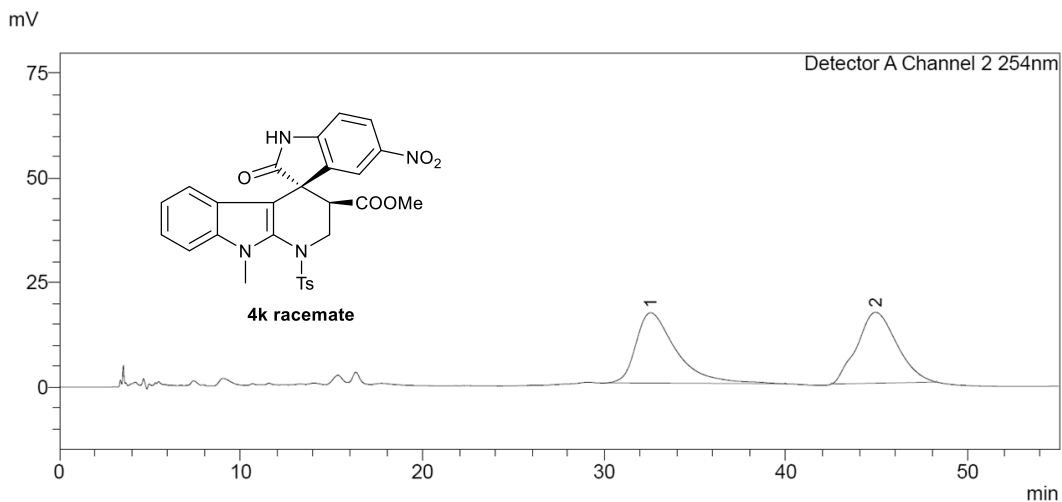


### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	16.930	12067	429846	3.843
2	20.042	254555	10755694	96.157
Total		266621	11185540	100.000

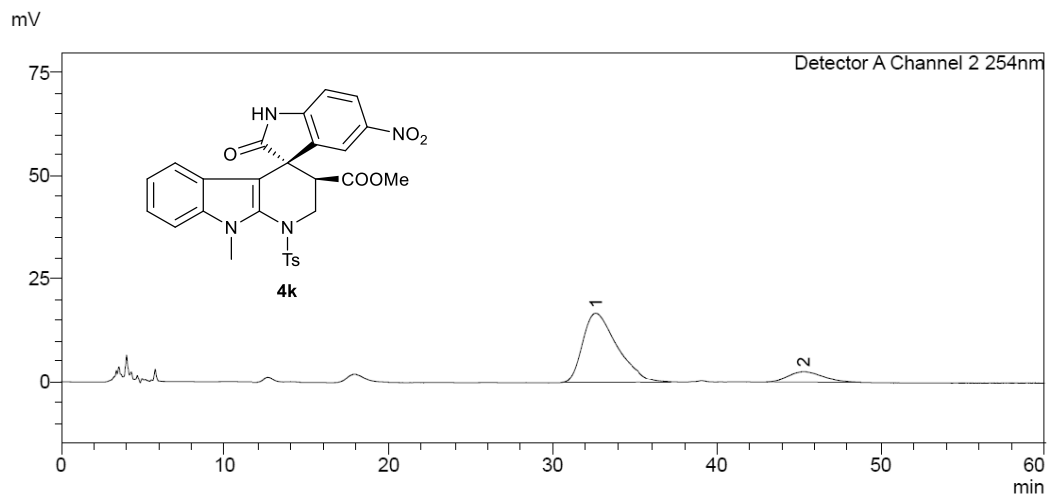




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

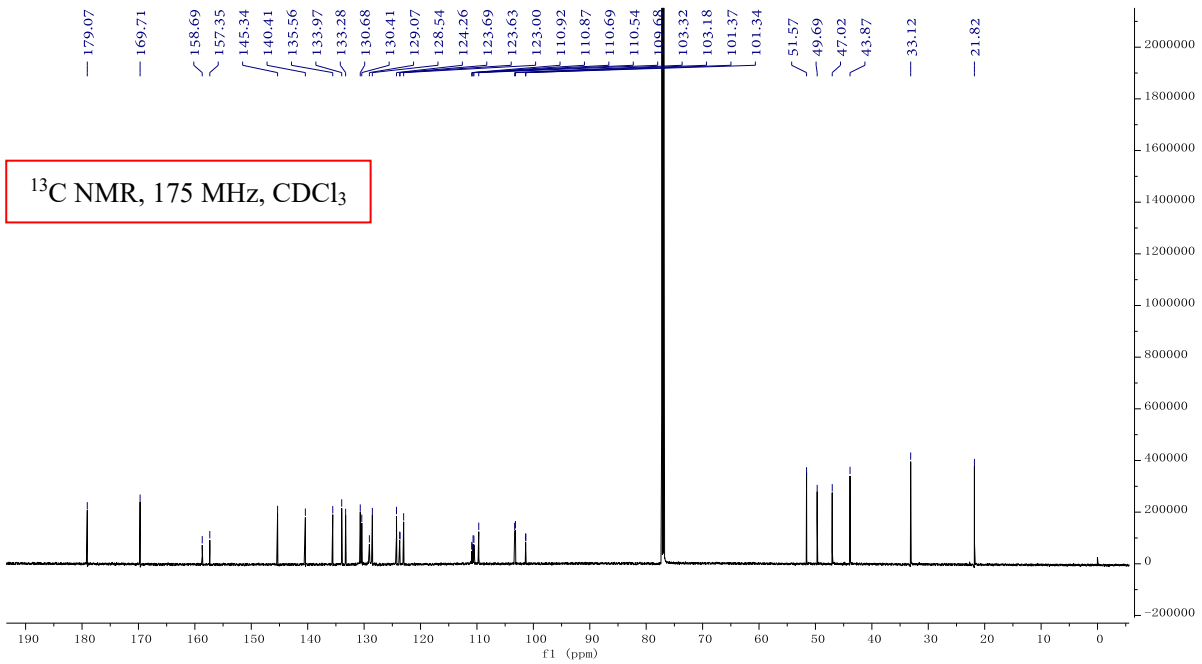
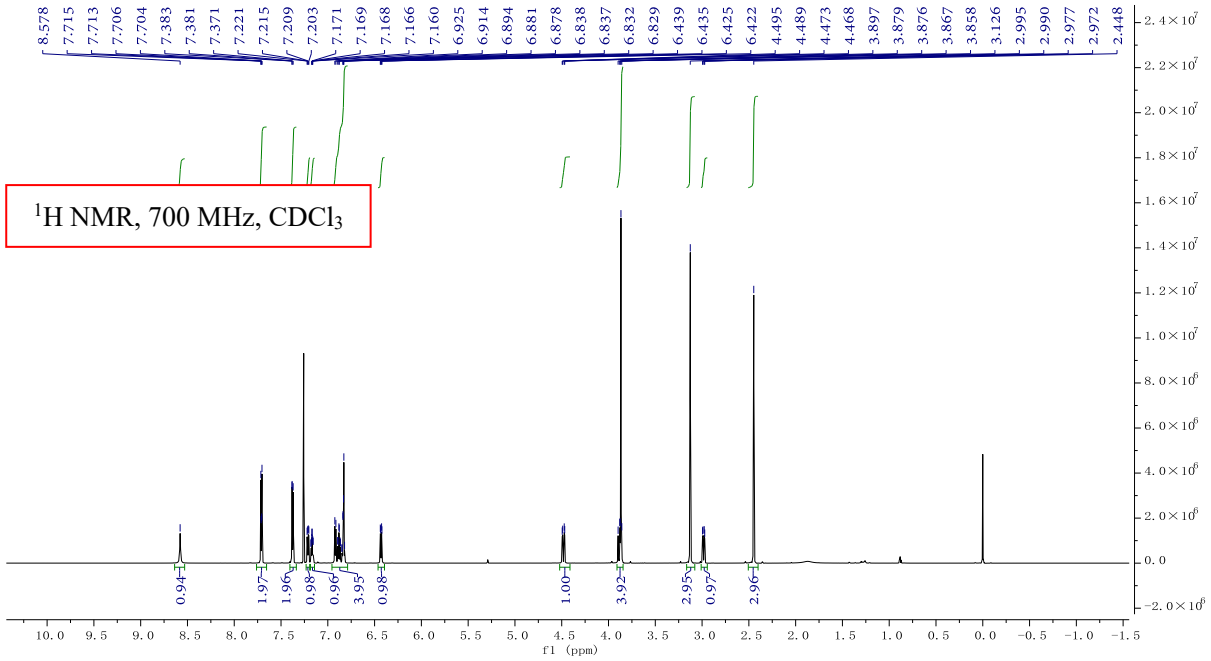
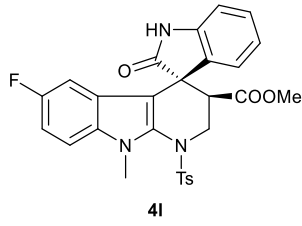
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	32.550	16841	2588131	50.078
2	44.934	16946	2580079	49.922
Total		33787	5168211	100.000

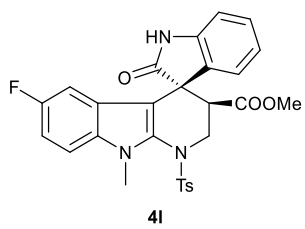


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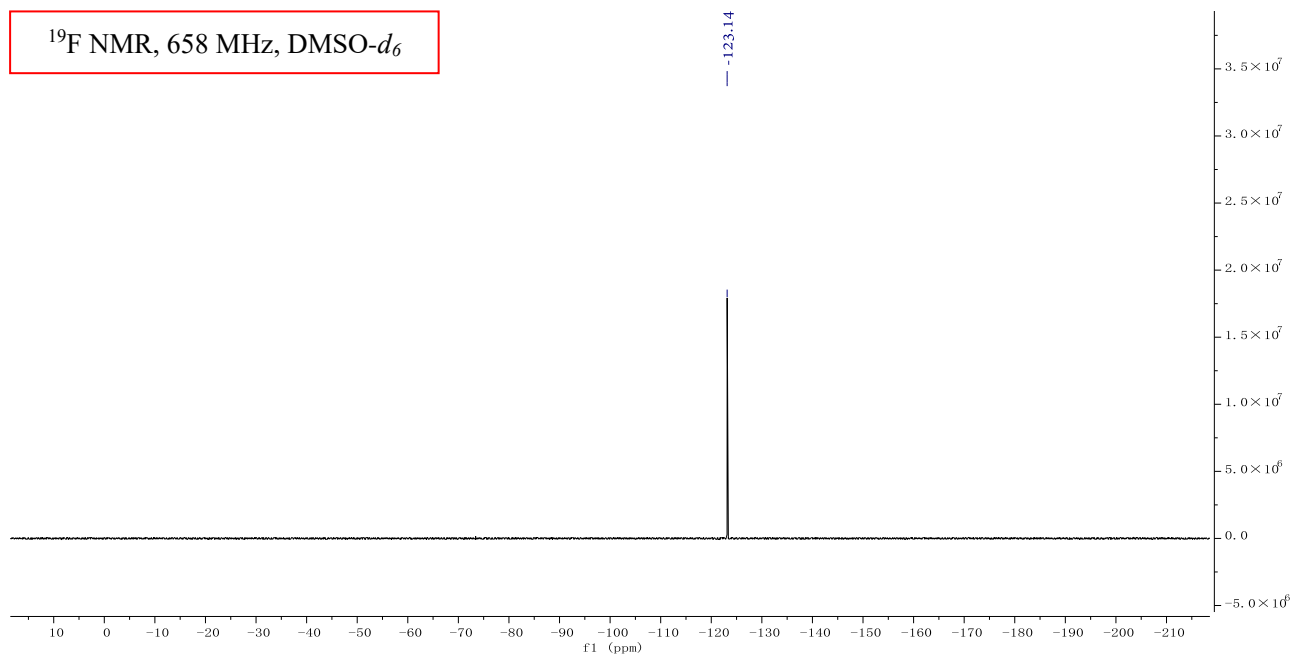
Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	32.622	16753	2743309	88.076
2	45.300	2527	371391	11.924
Total		19280	3114700	100.000

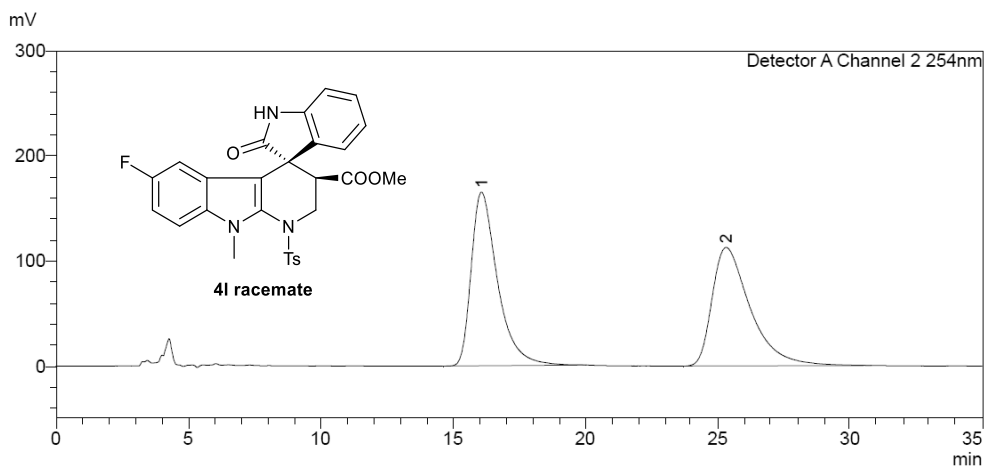




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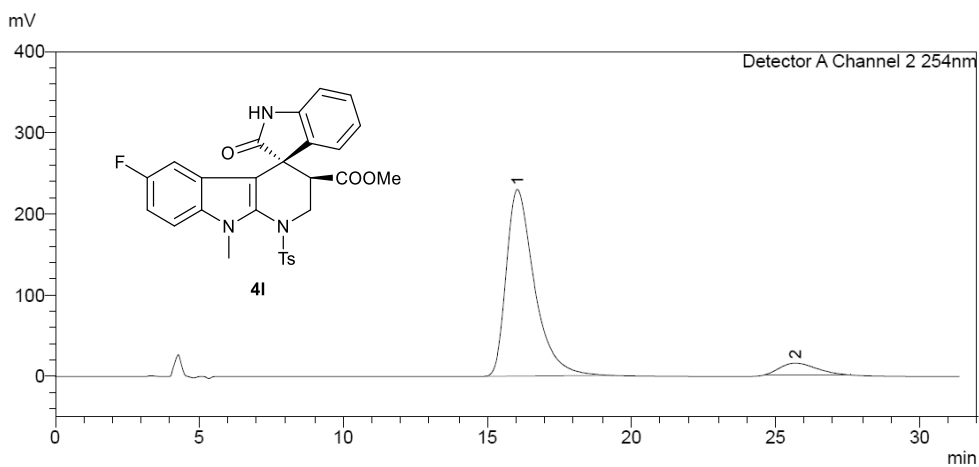






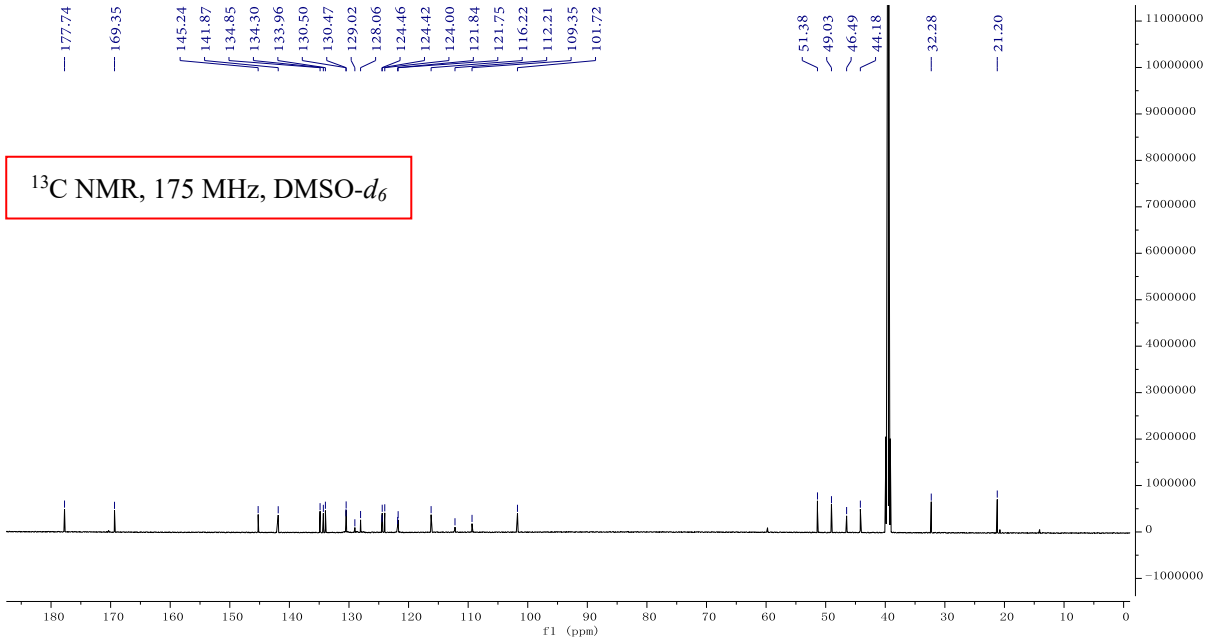
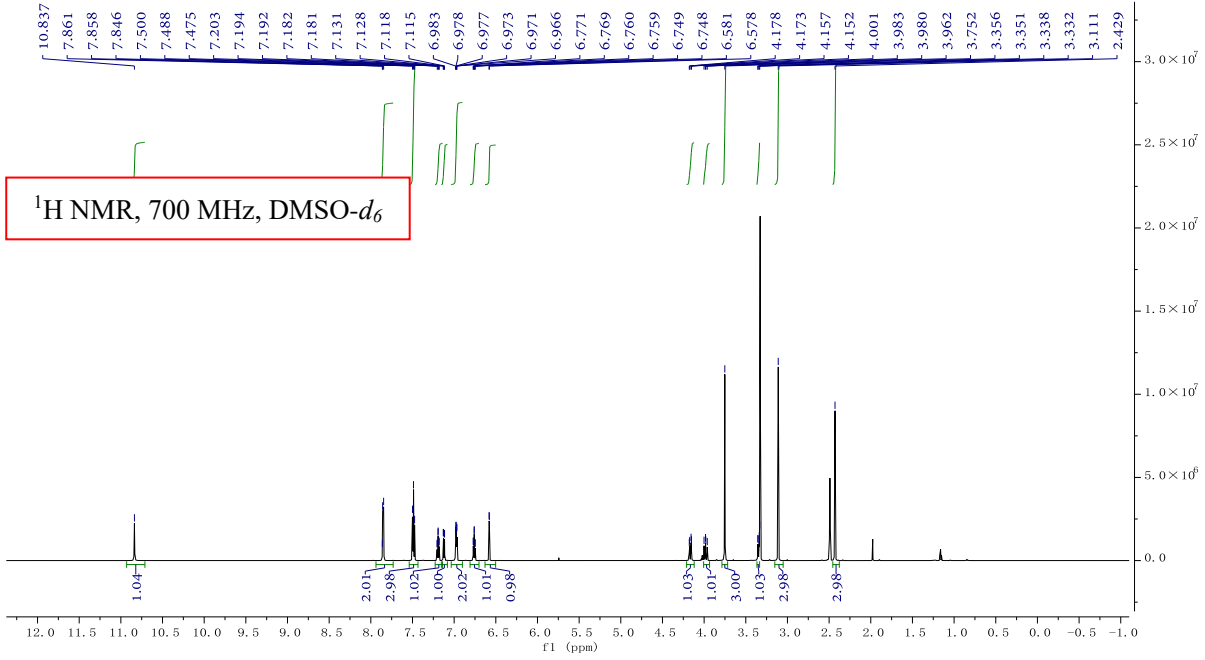
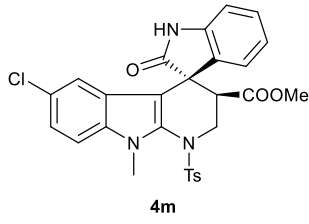
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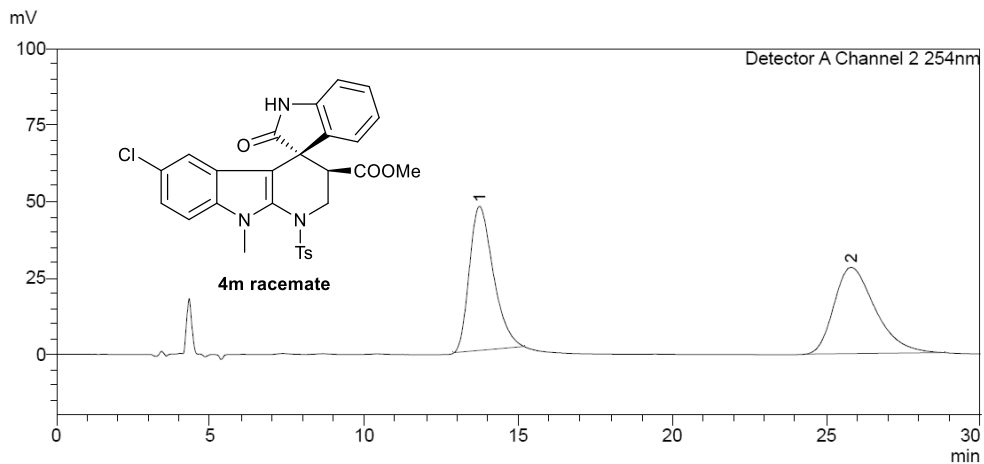
Detector A Channel 2 254nm				
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	16.088	165206	11427945	50.260
2	25.329	112752	11309589	49.740
Total		277958	22737534	100.000



### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm				
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	16.048	229414	15577984	92.438
2	25.691	14552	1274444	7.562
Total		243966	16852428	100.000

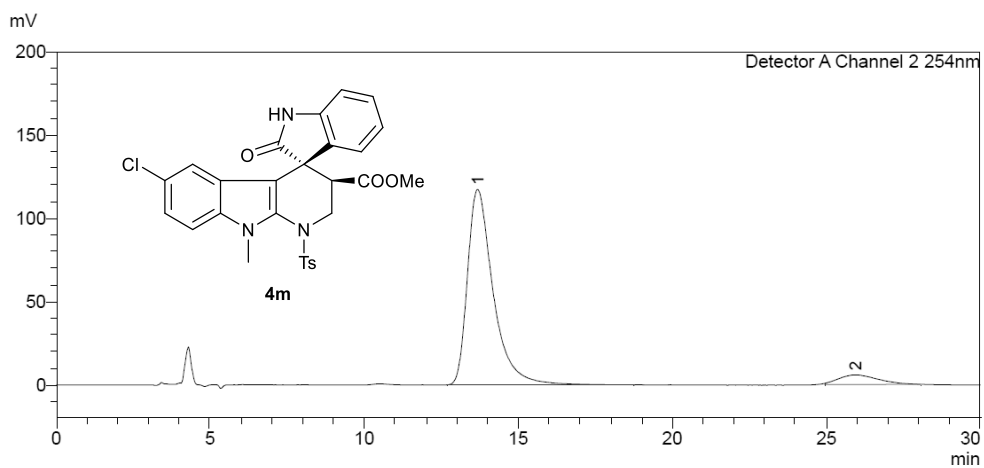




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

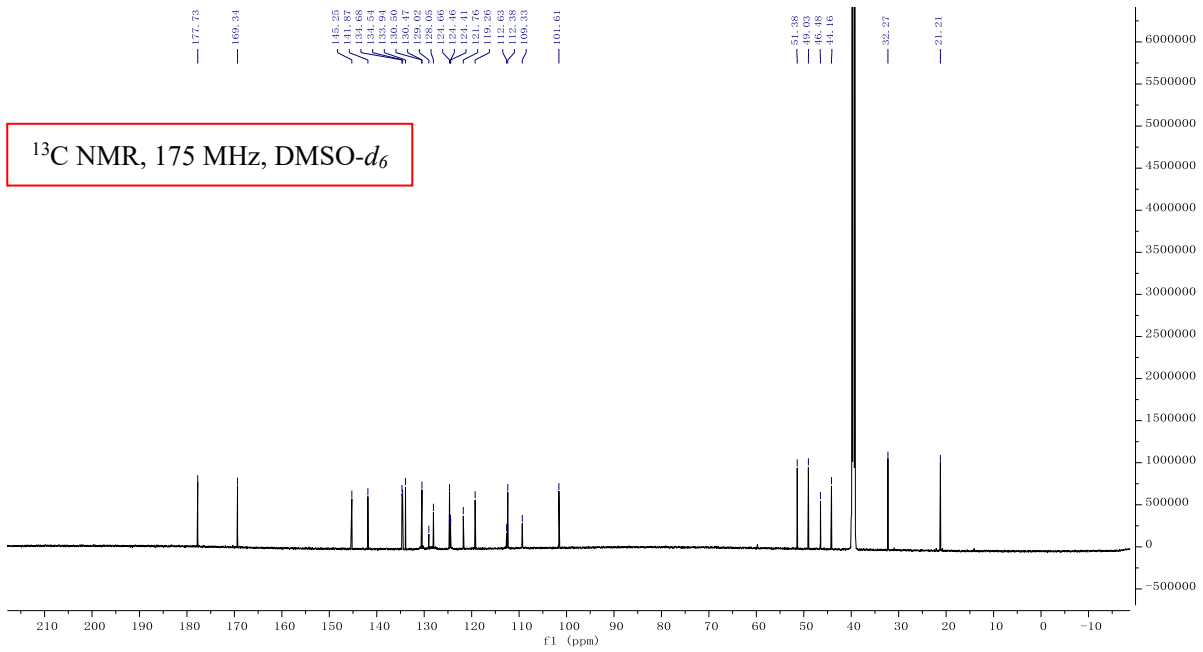
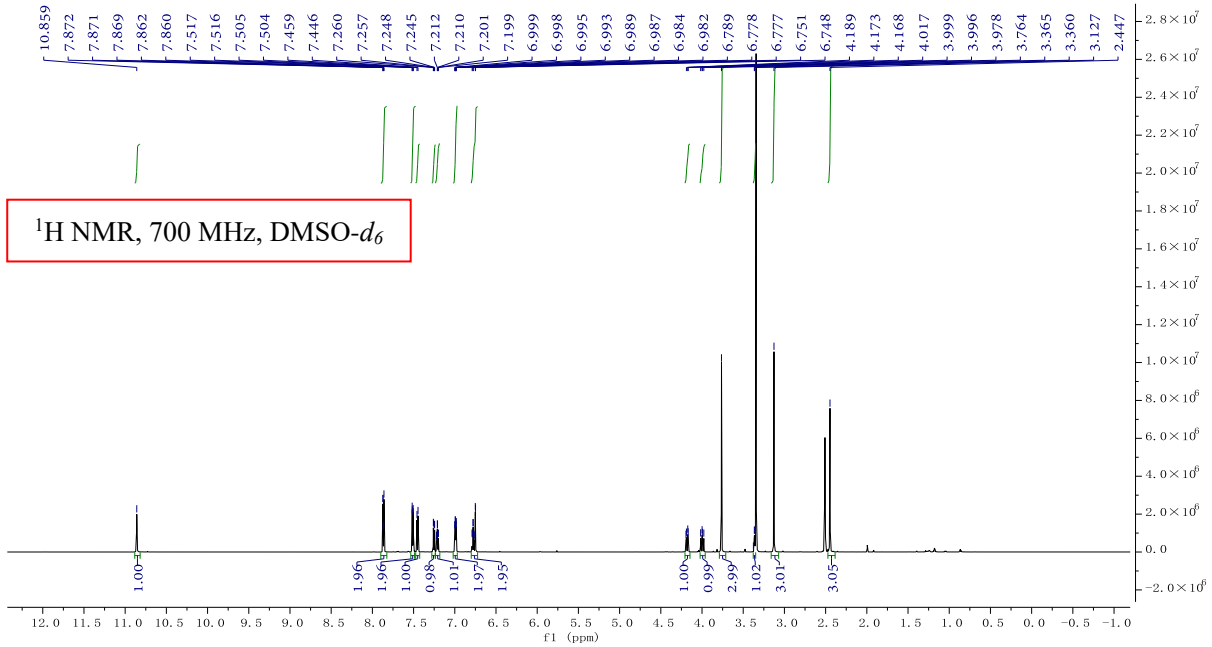
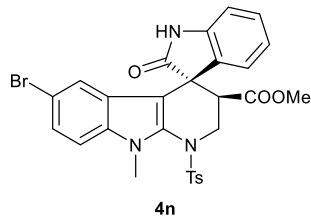
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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Total		75268	5167270	100.000

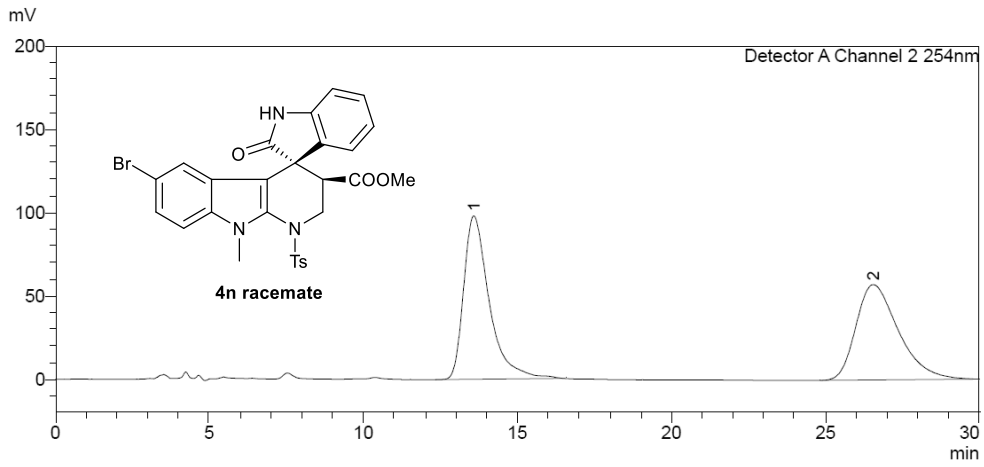


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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

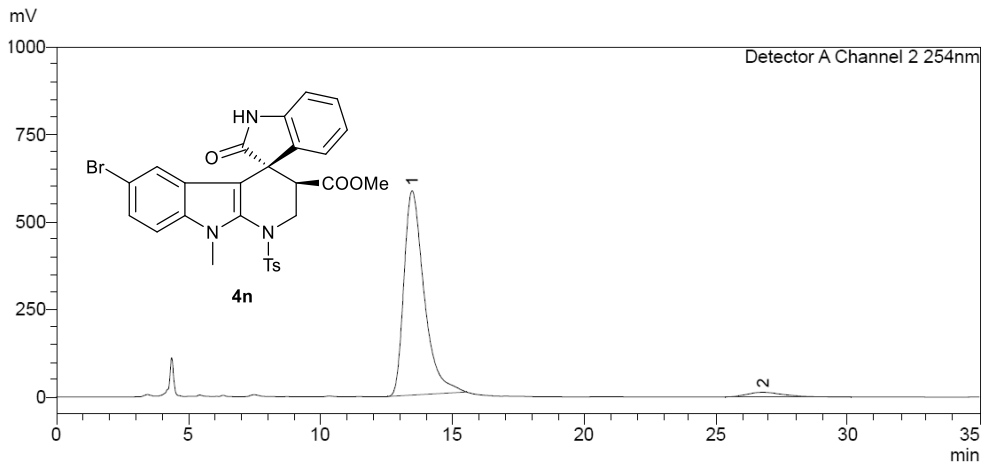
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	25.953	5682	508397	6.939
Total		123016	7327106	100.000





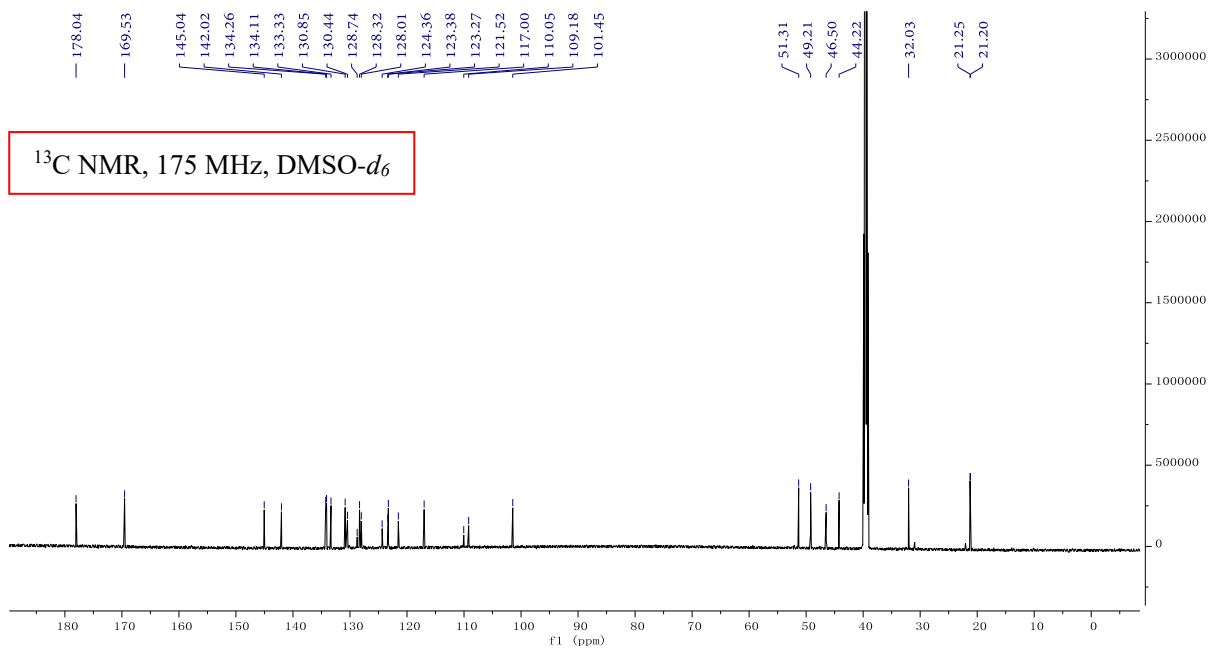
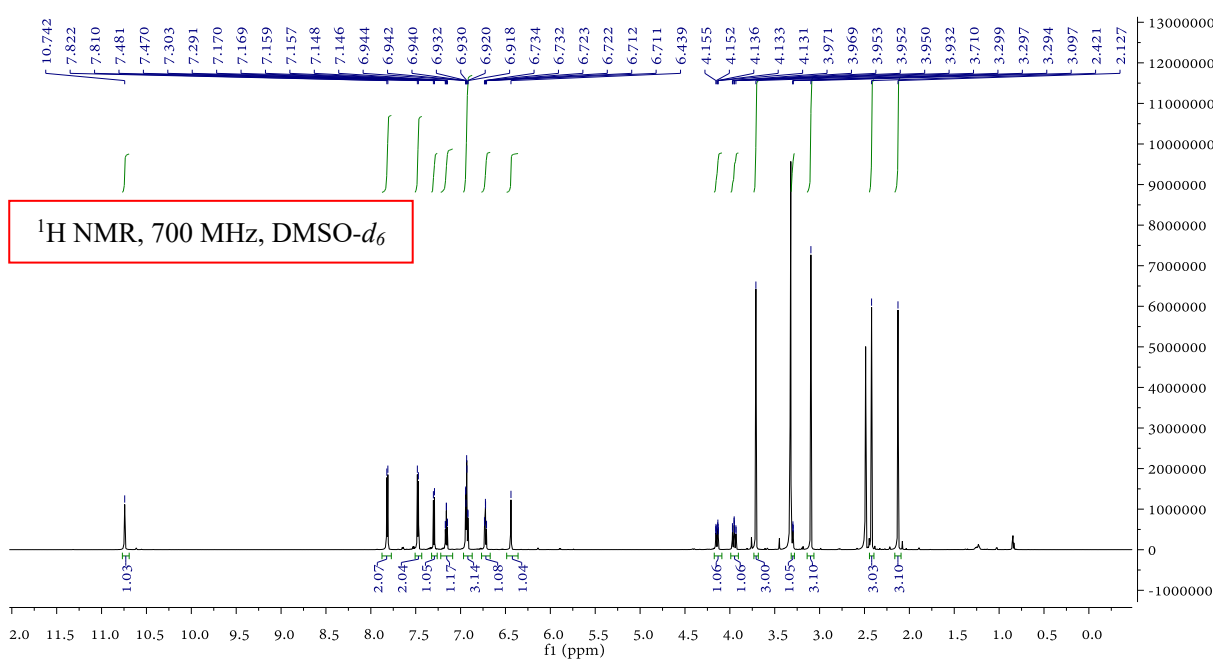
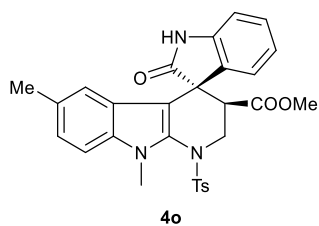
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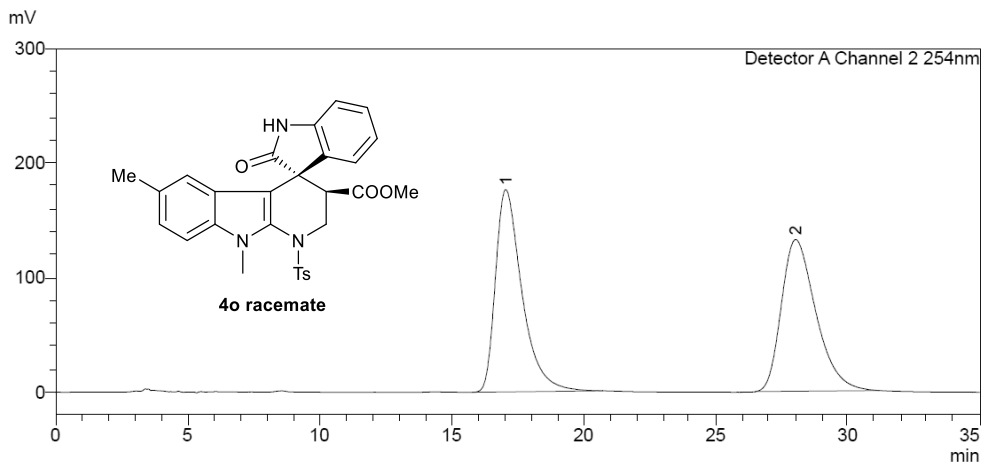
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1	13.585	97936	5672297	50.833
2	26.549	57186	5486373	49.167
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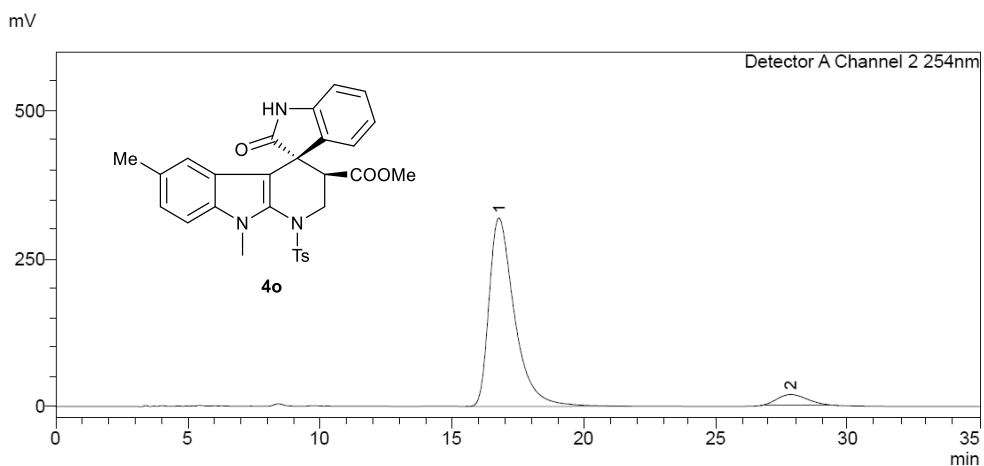
Detector A Channel 2 254nm				
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	13.495	583920	31130269	96.079
2	26.785	12985	1270393	3.921
Total		596905	32400662	100.000





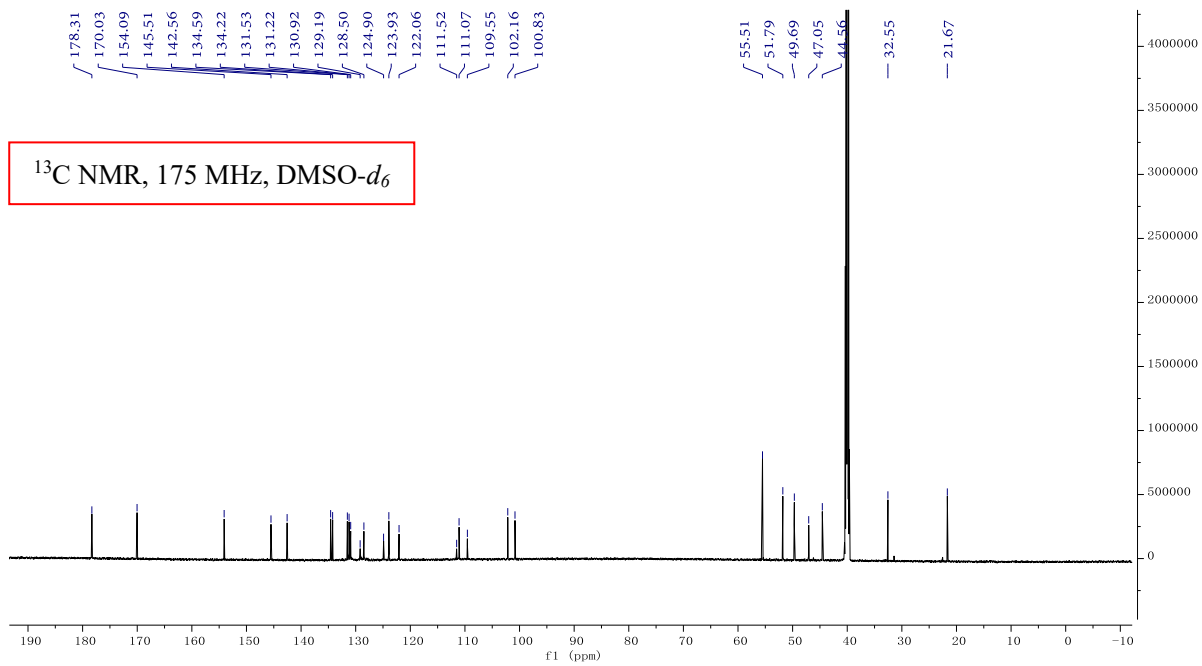
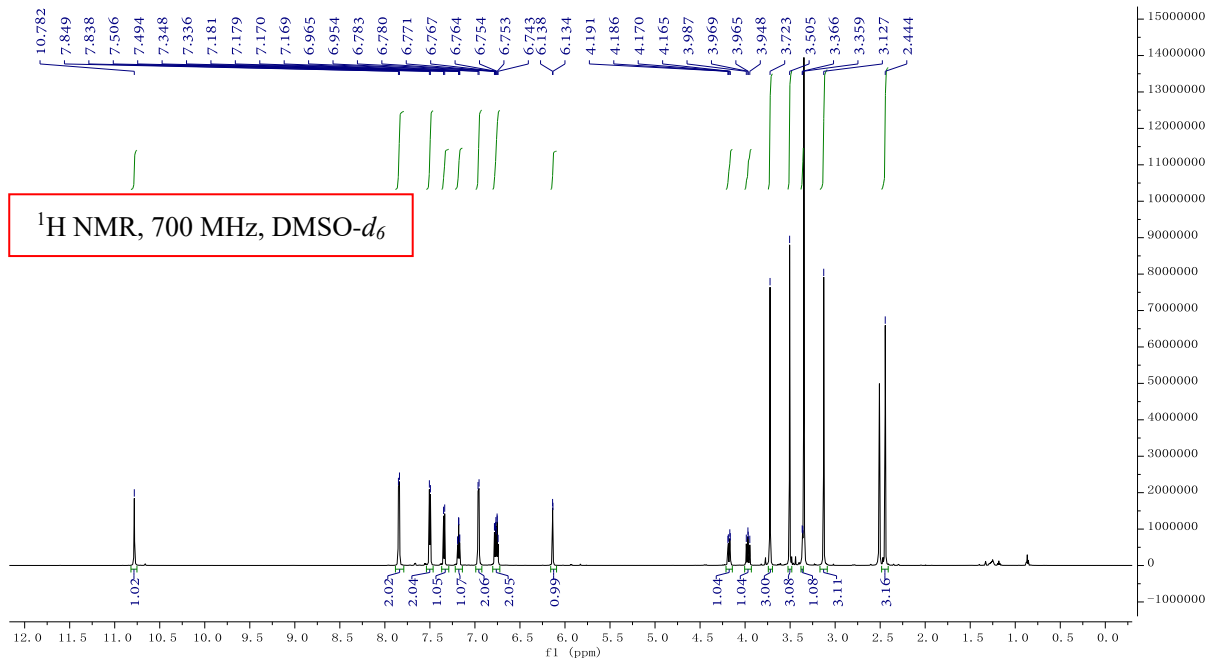
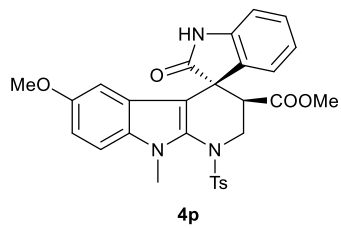
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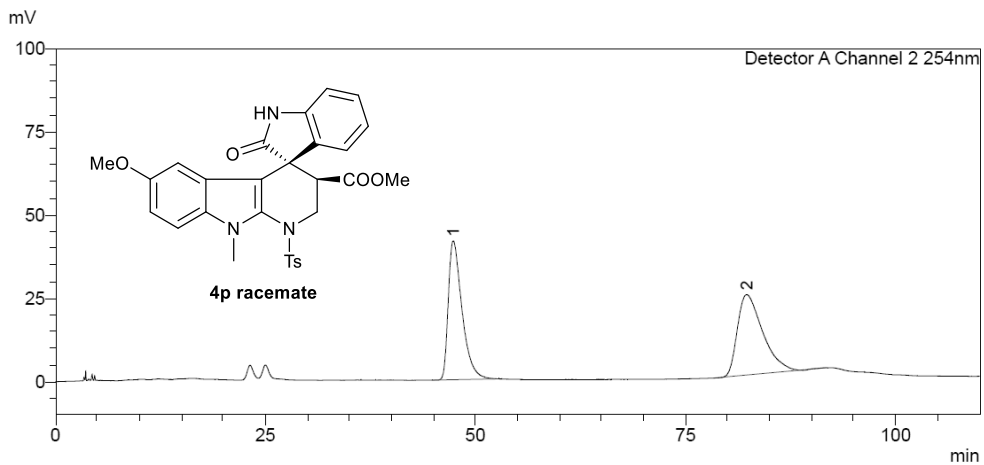


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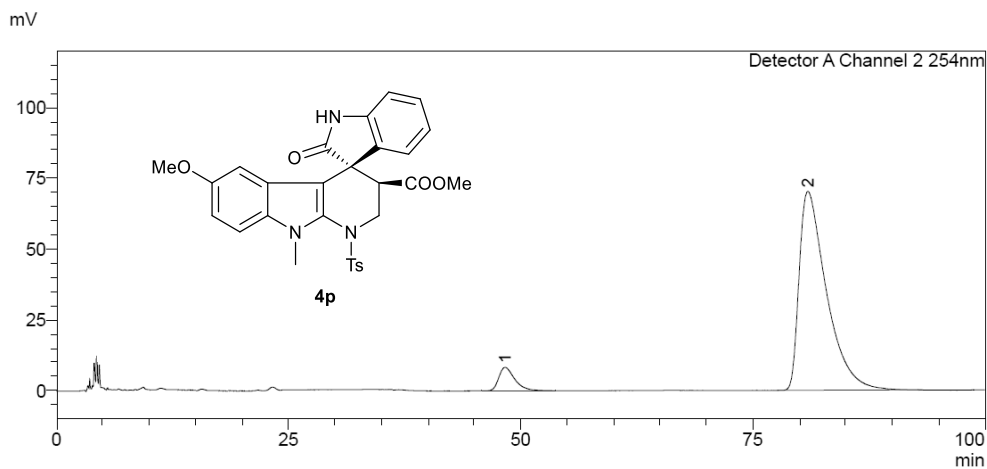




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

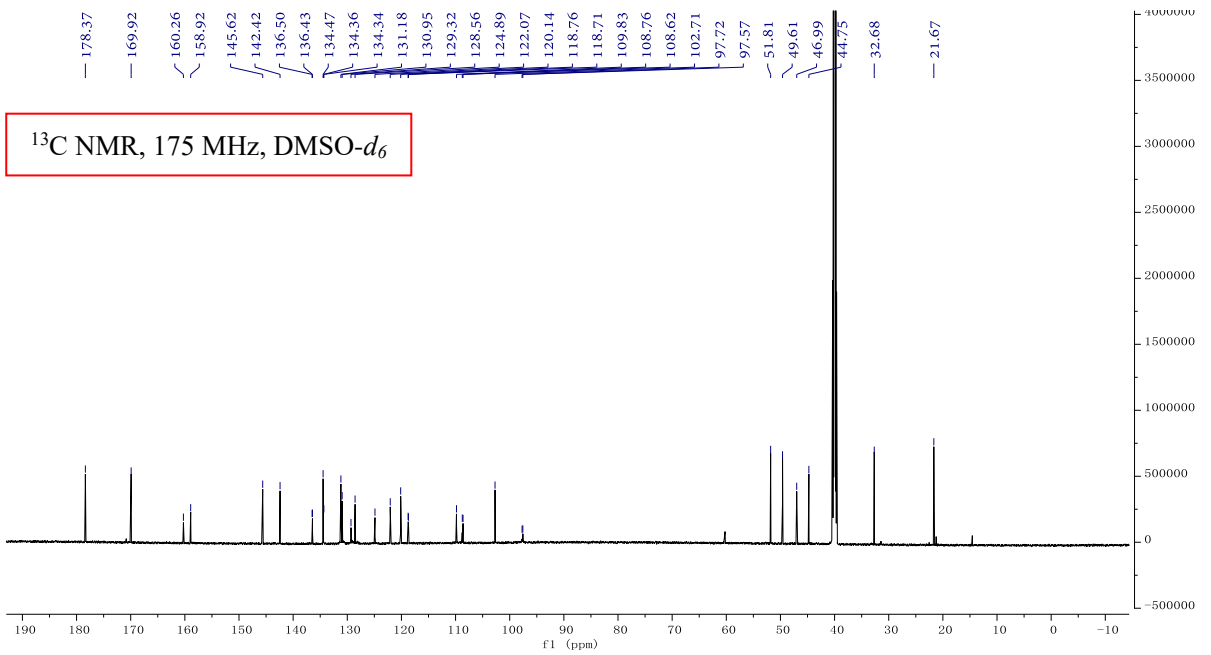
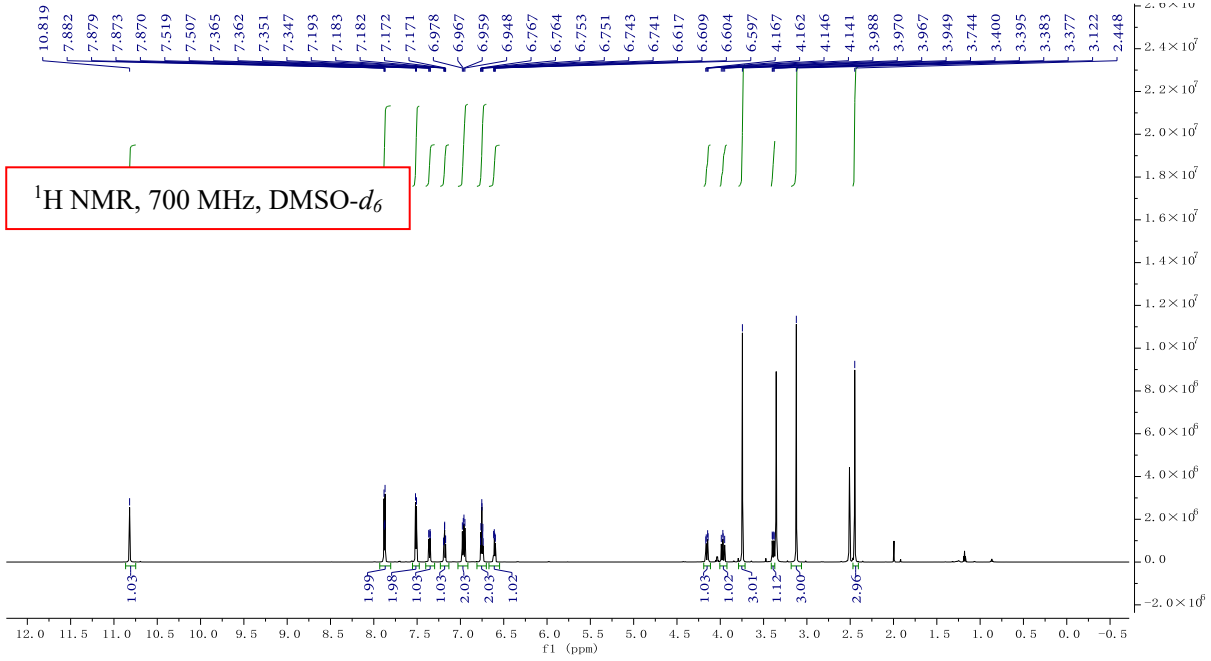
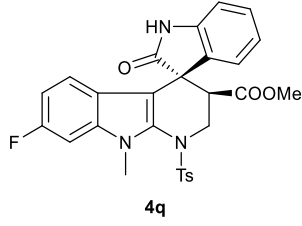
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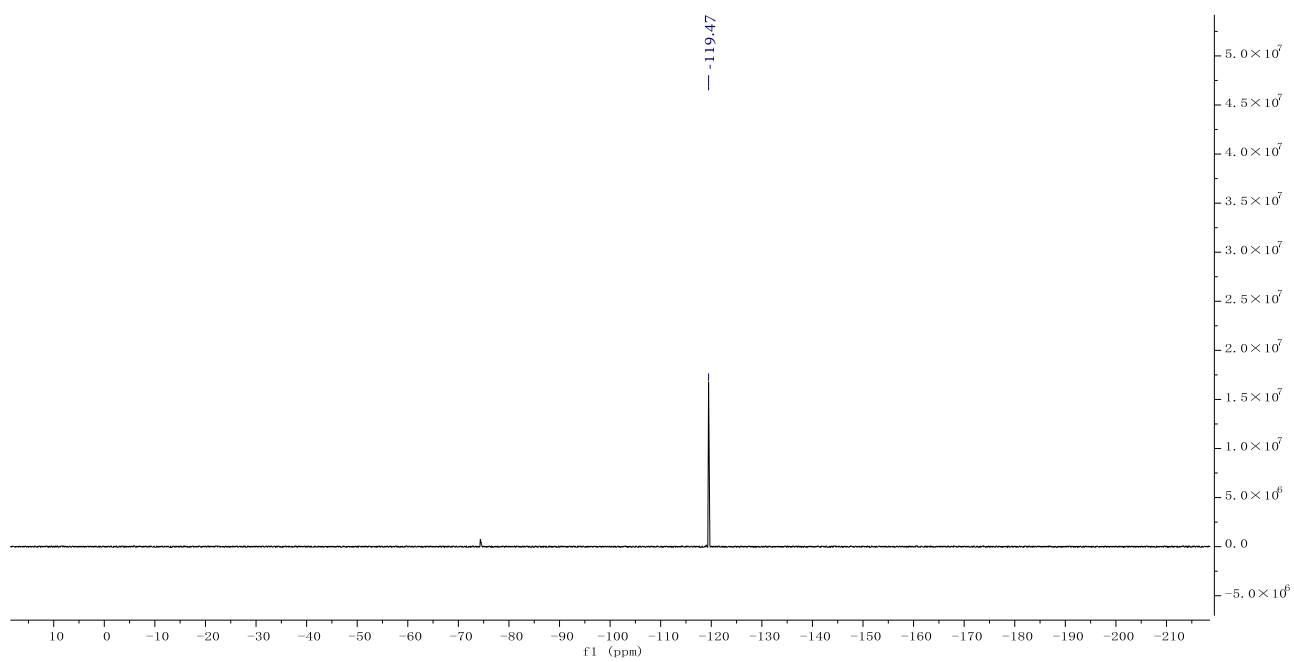
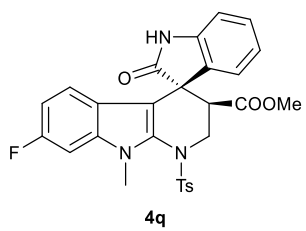


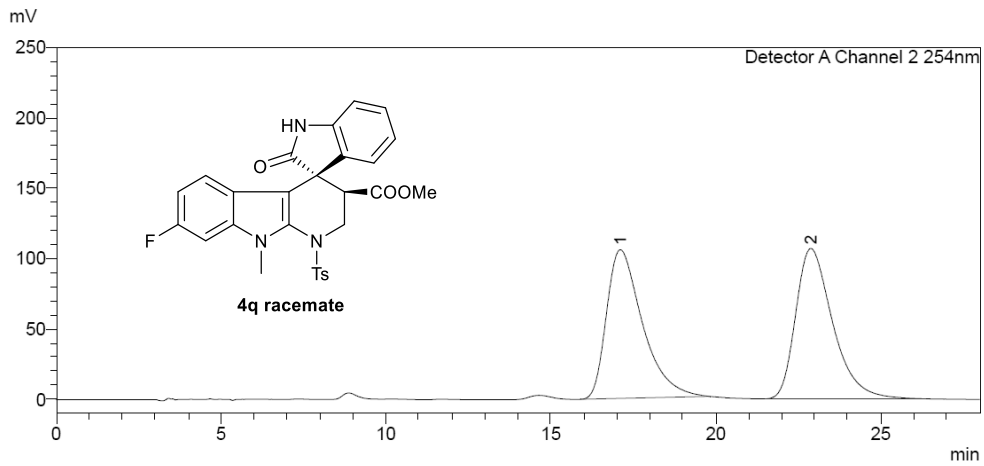
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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

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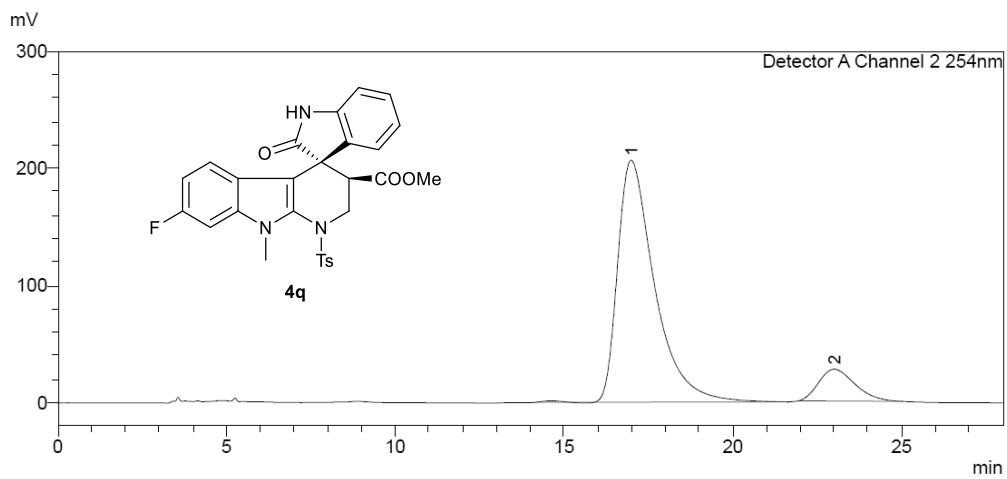






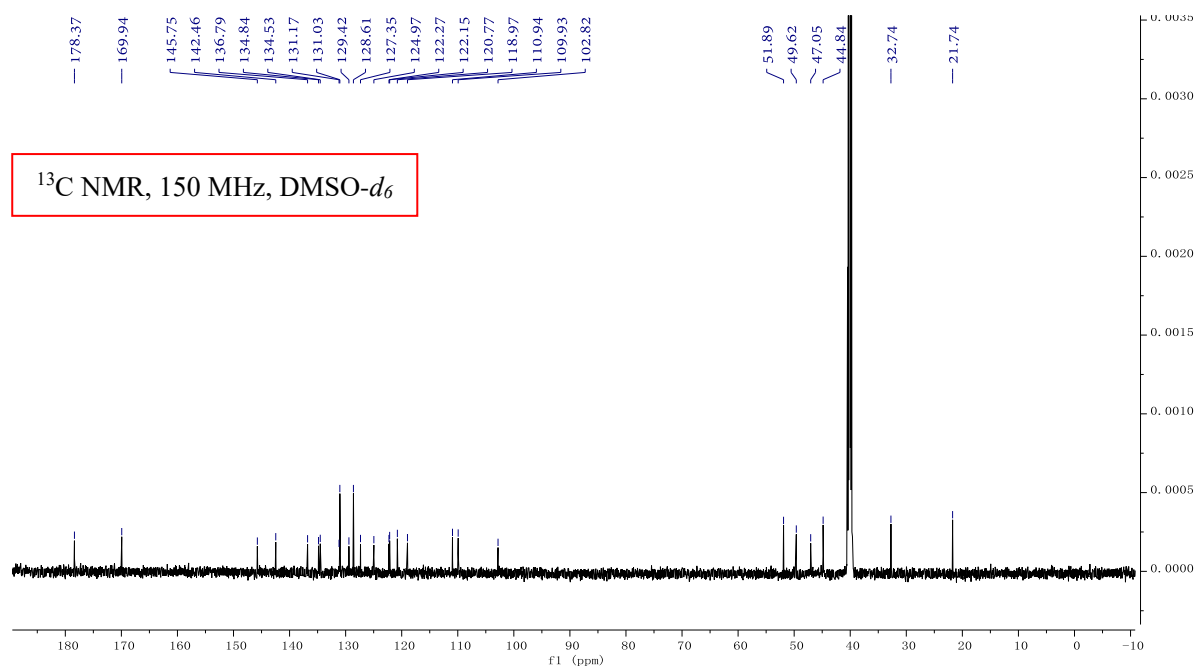
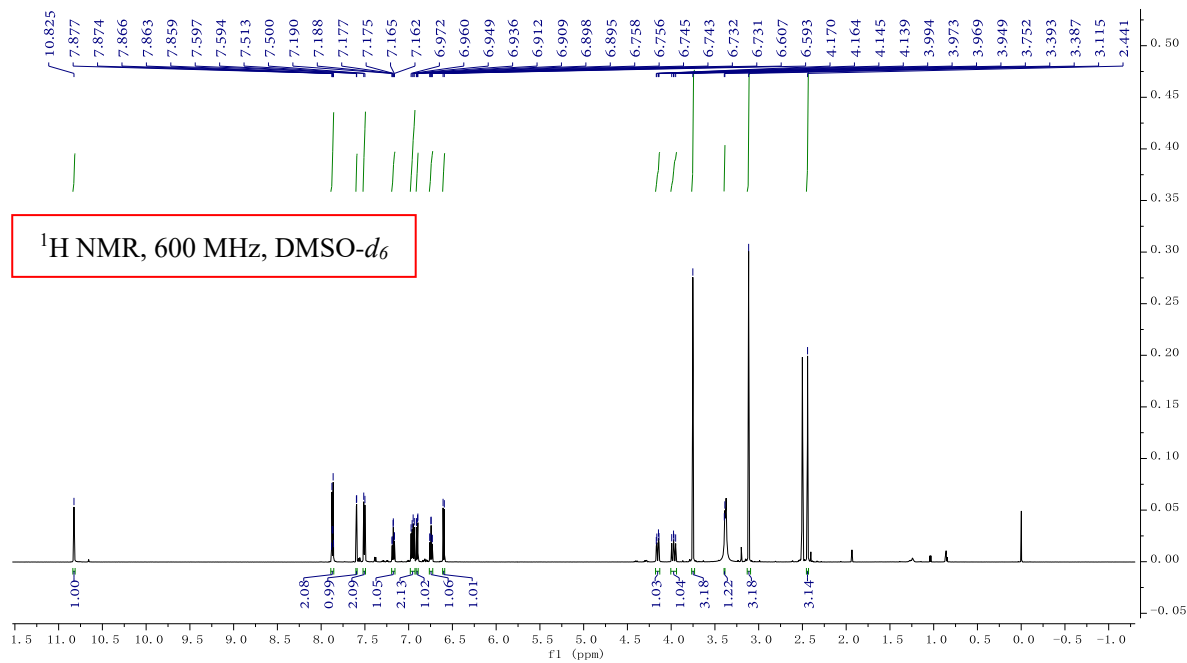
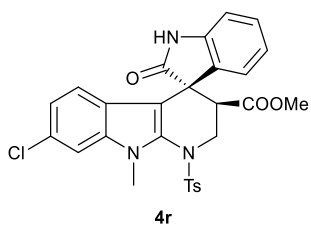
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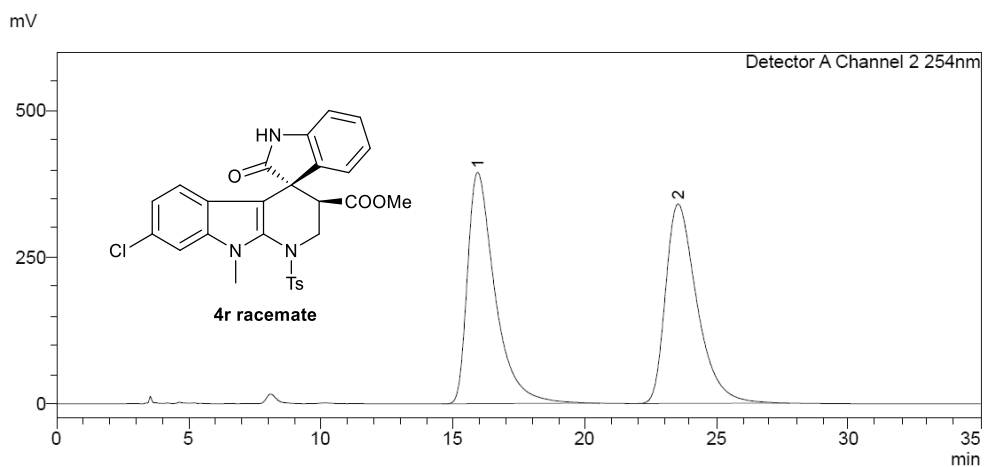
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1	17.108	105470	8010230	49.111
2	22.883	106551	8300070	50.889
Total		212021	16310300	100.000



### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm				
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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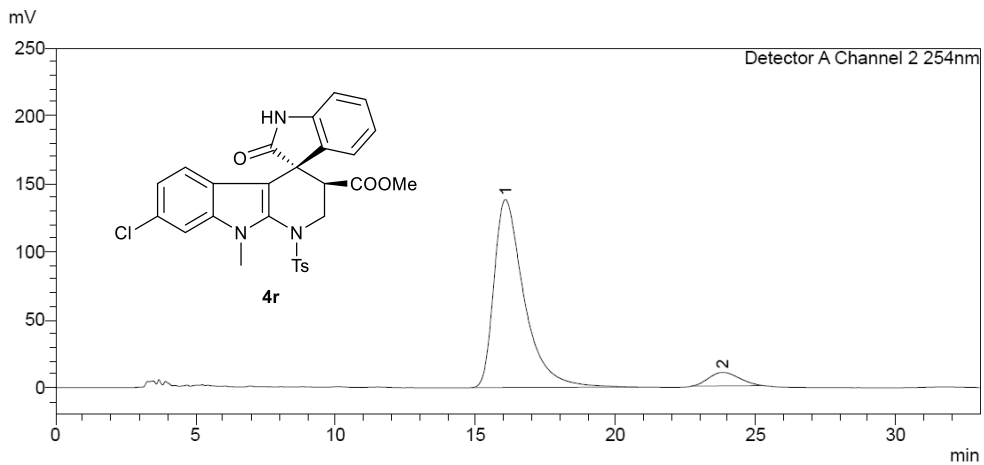




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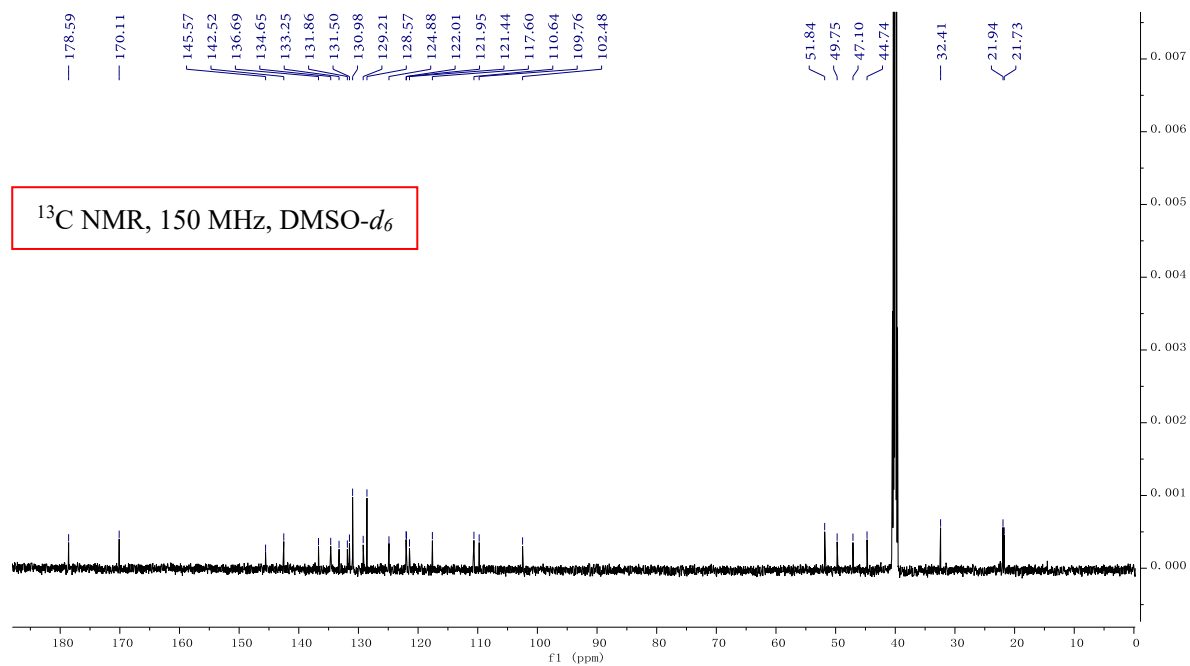
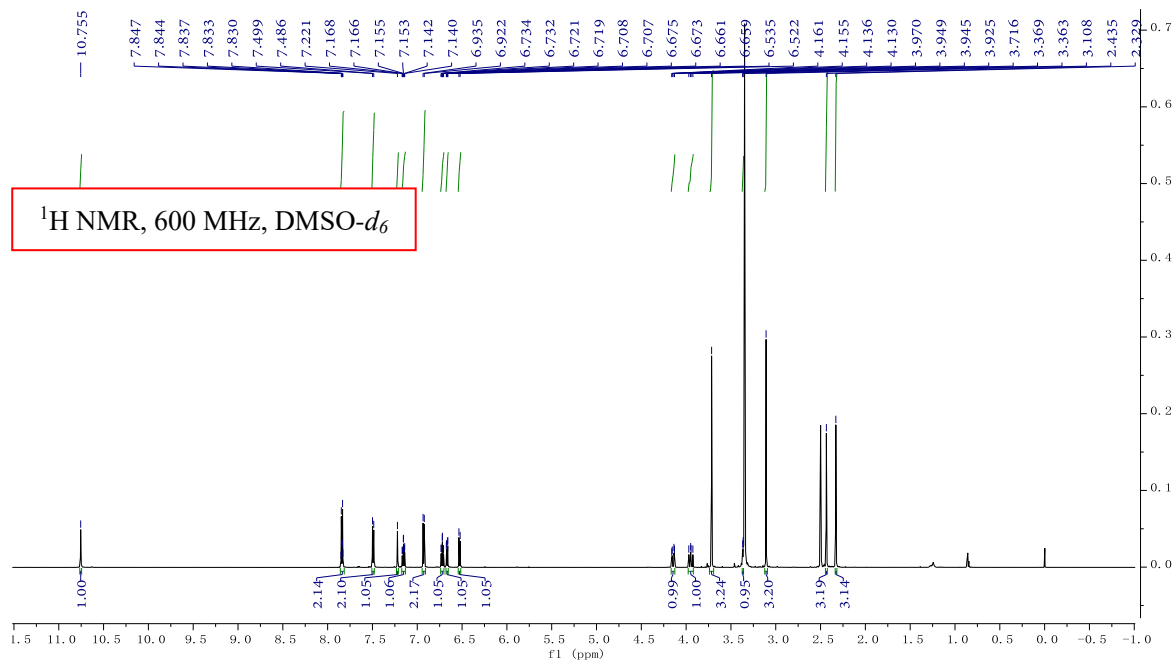
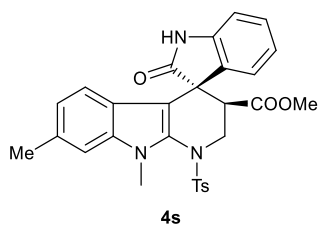
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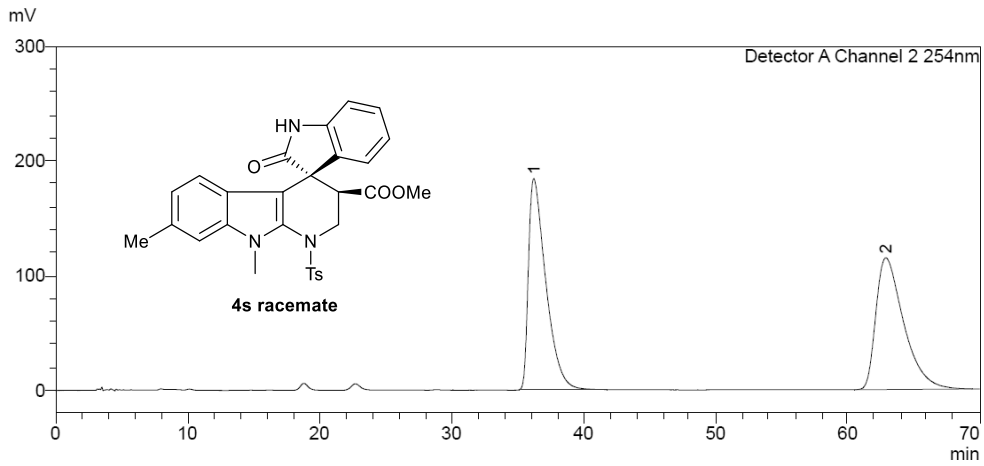


### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

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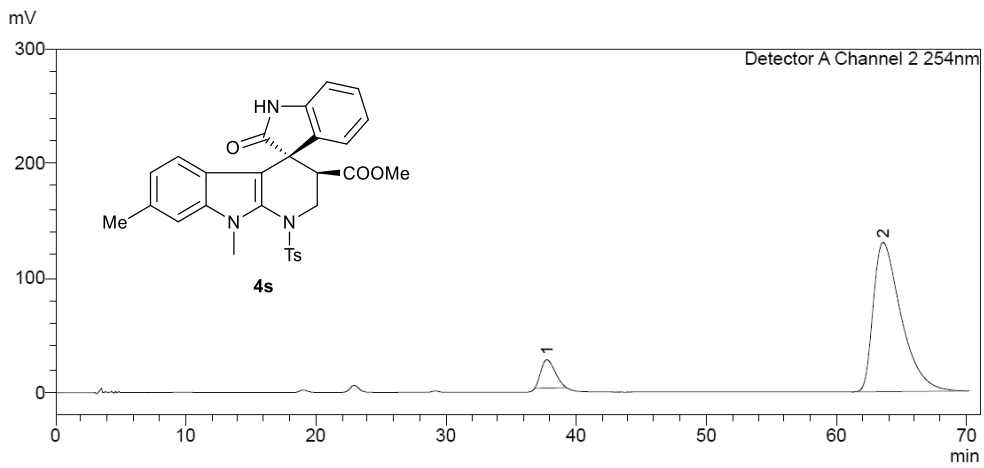




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Detector A Channel 2 254nm

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2	62.901	114766	16796139	49.932
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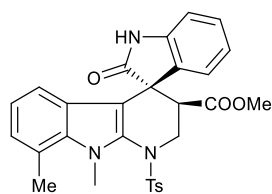


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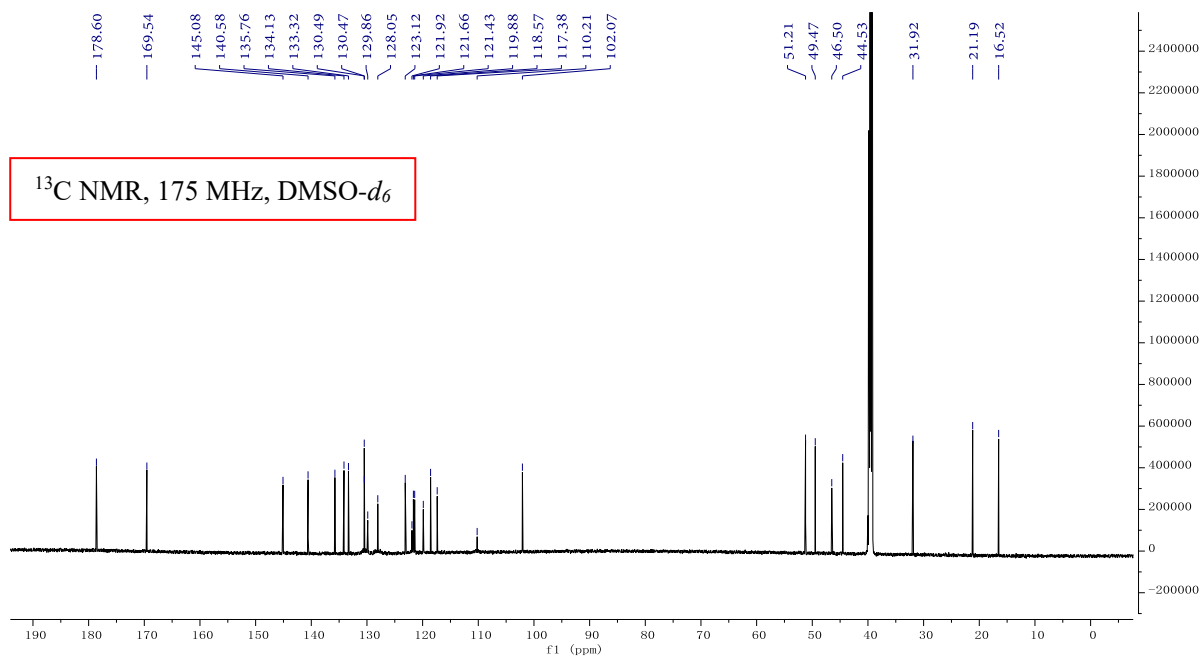
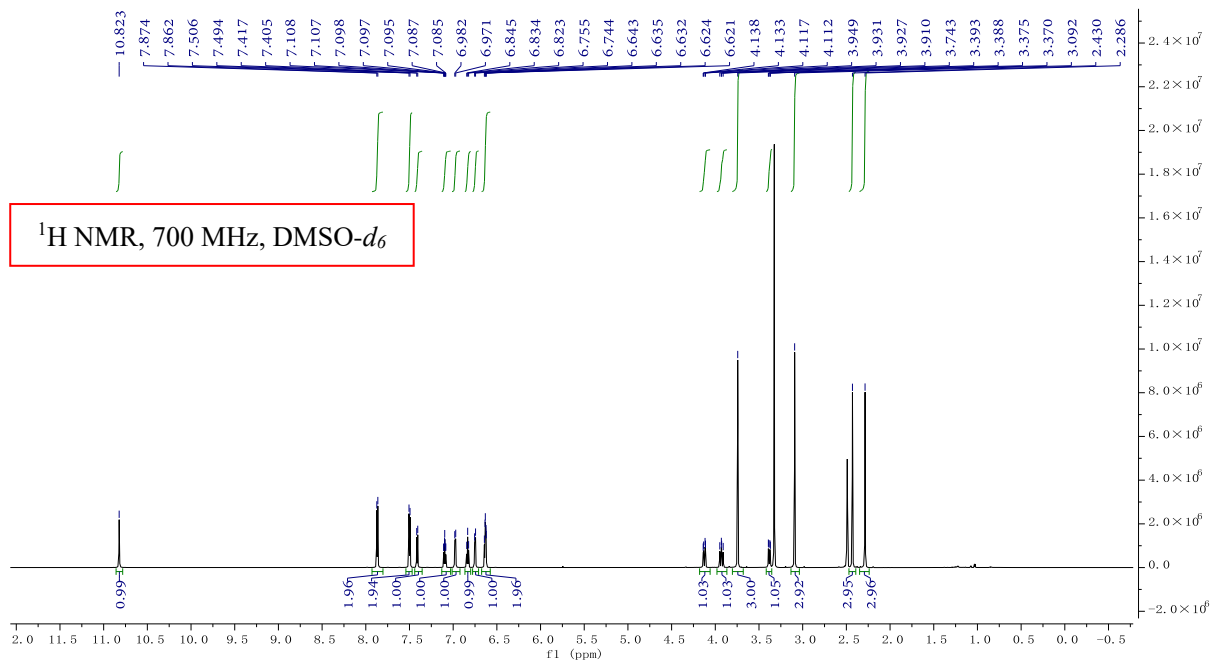
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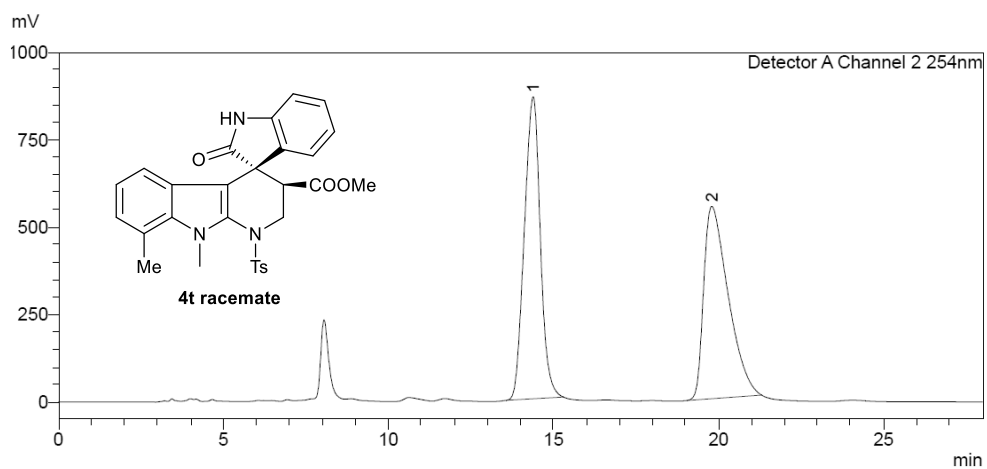
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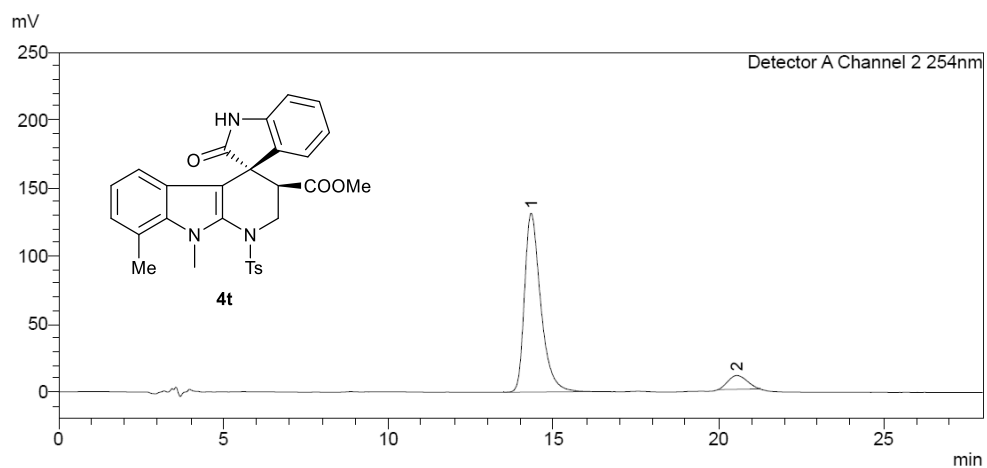




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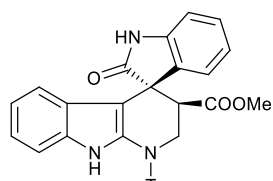
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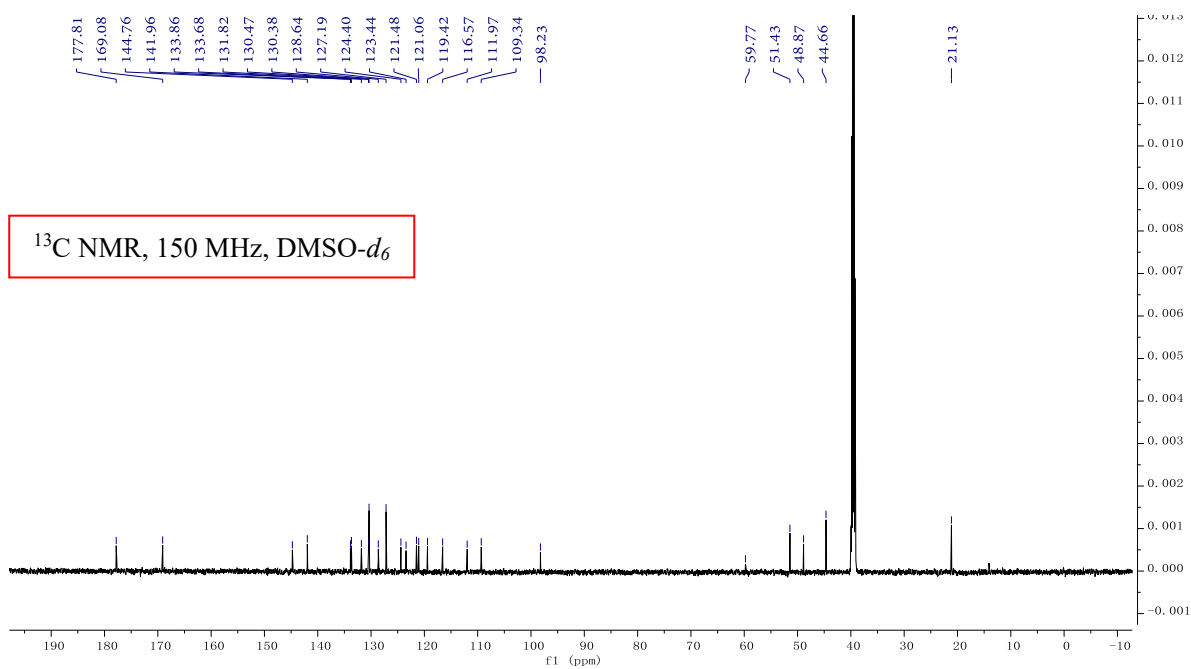
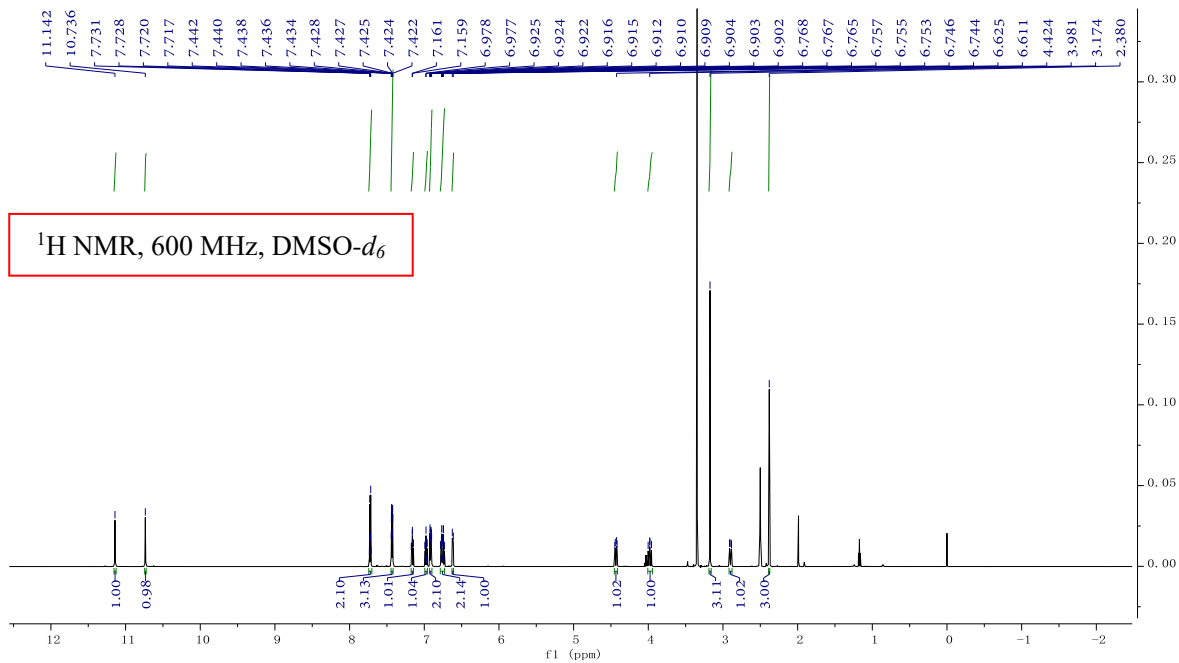
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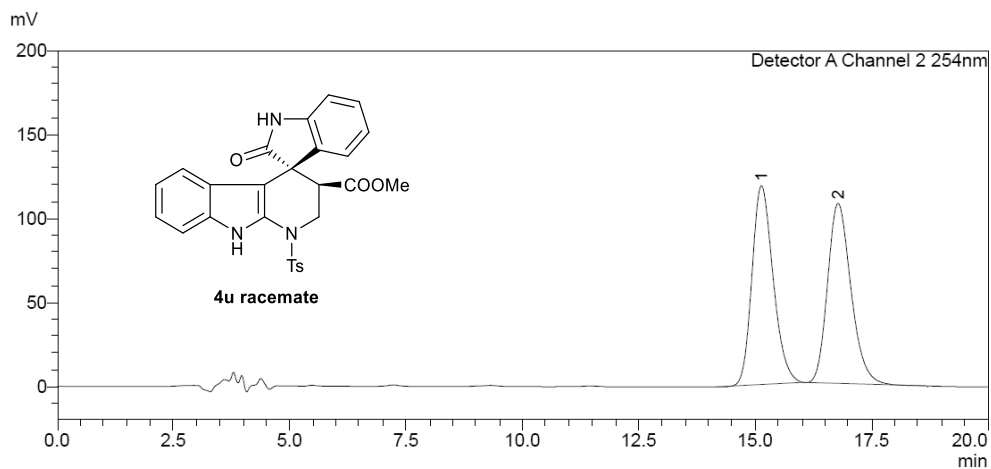
Detector A Channel 2 254nm

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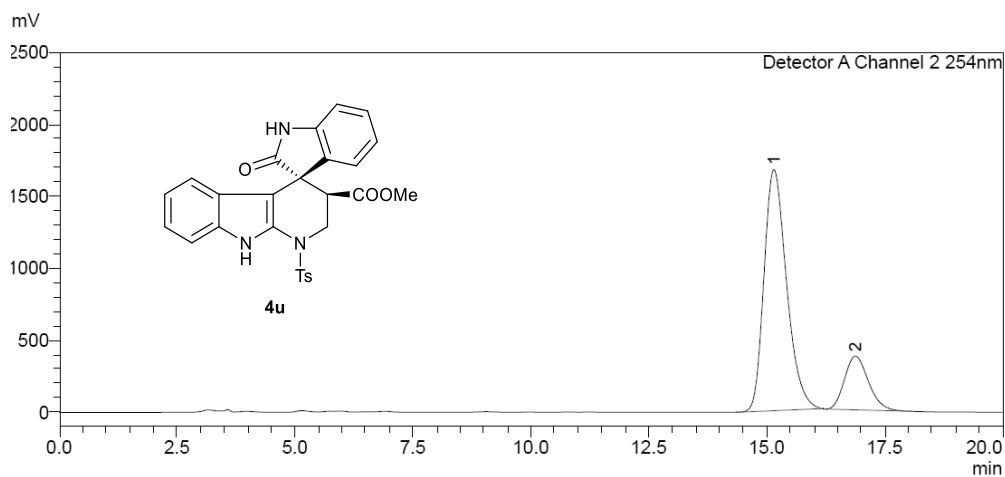
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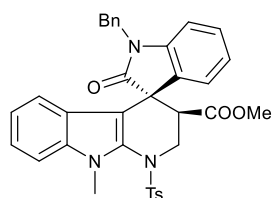
### Peak Analysis Report

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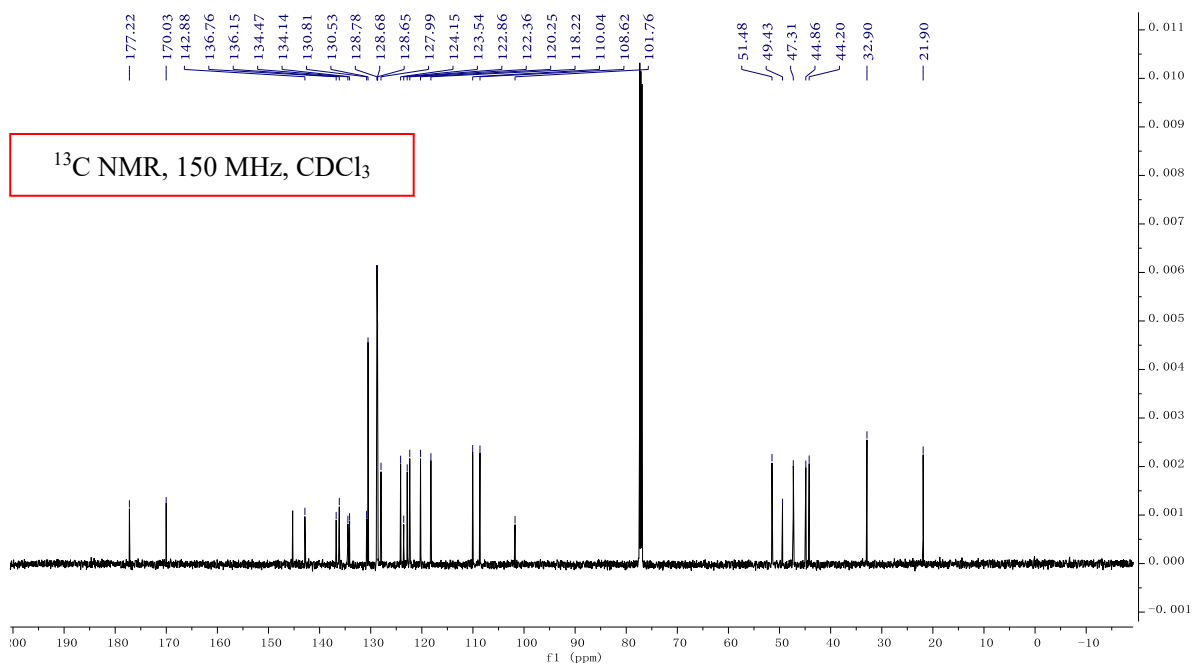
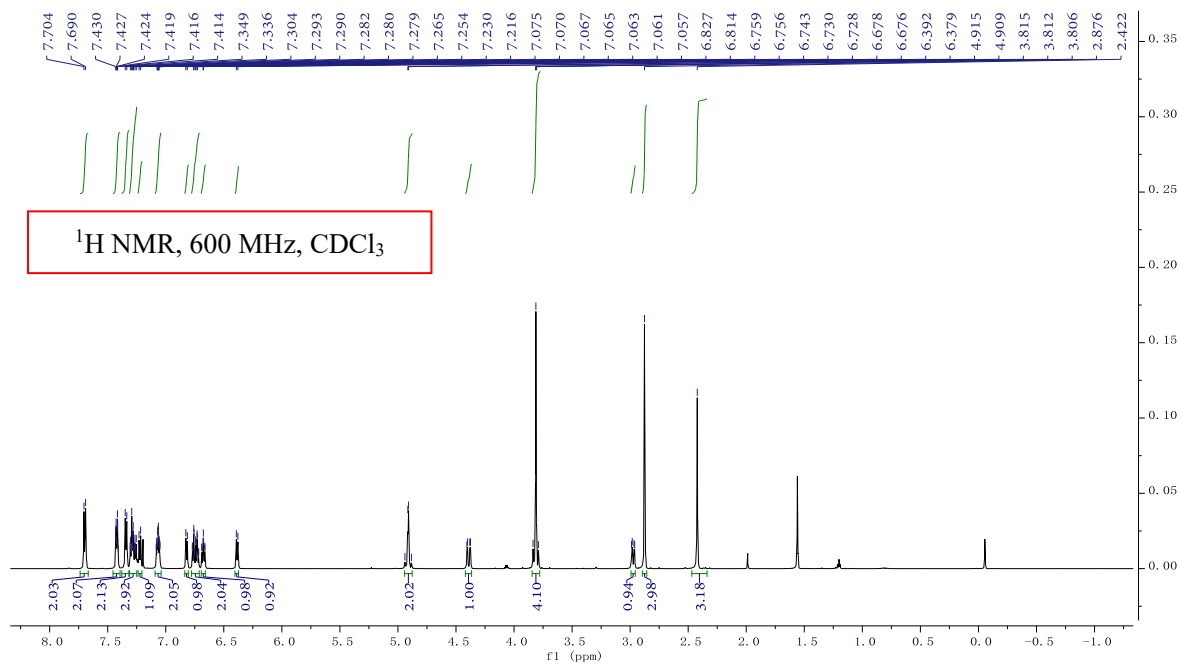


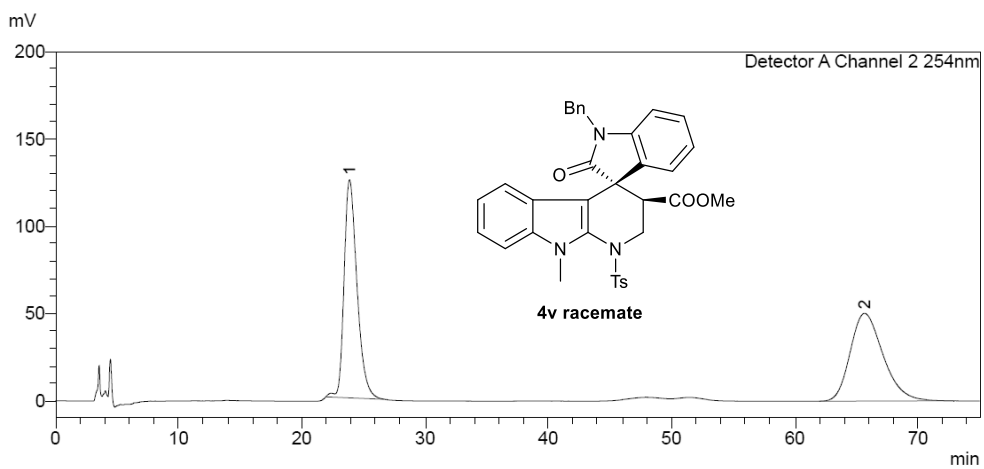
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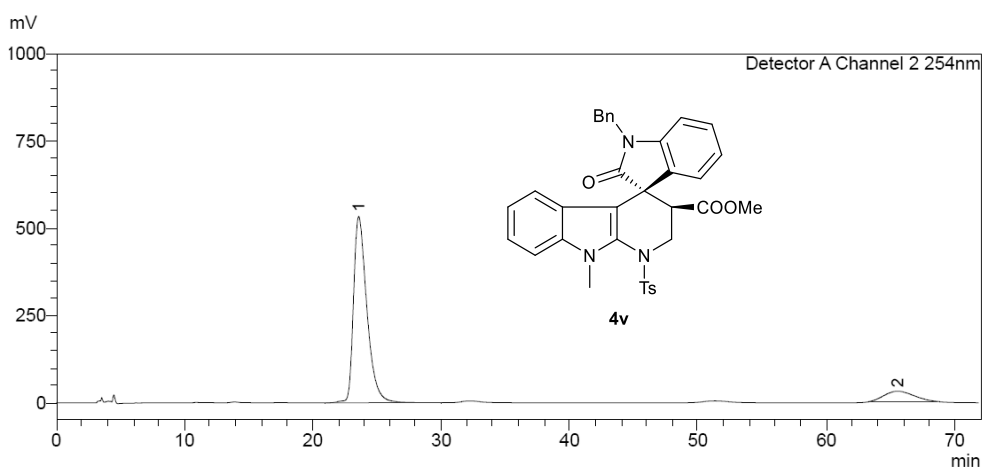




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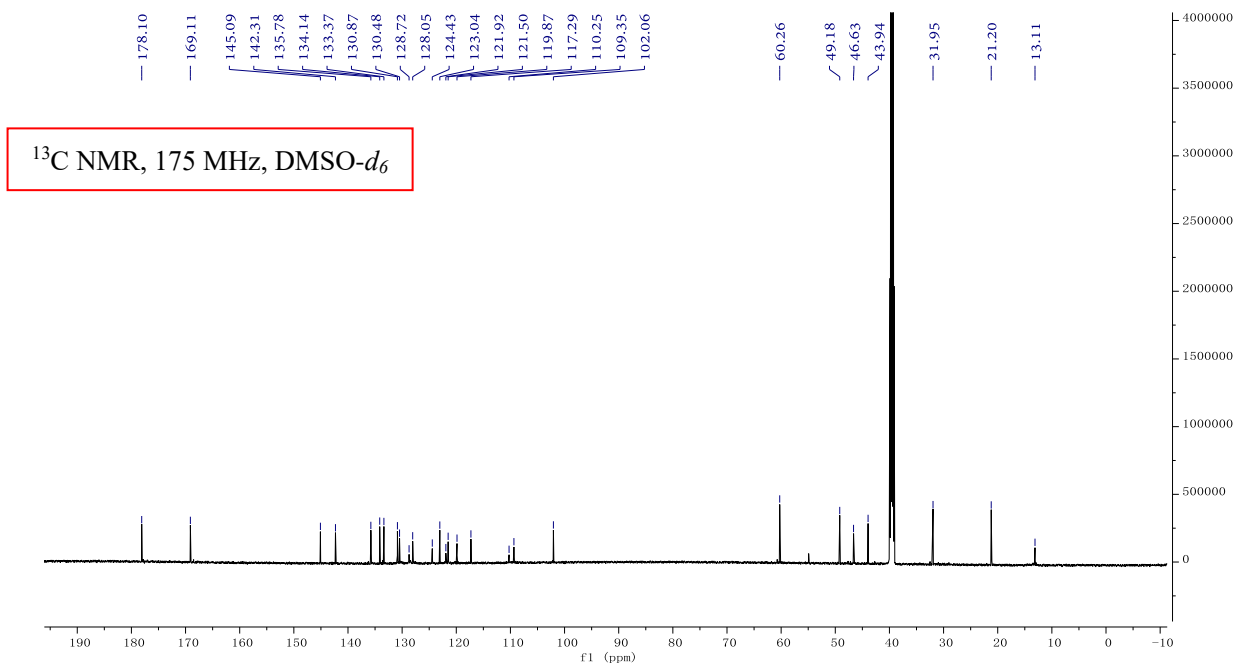
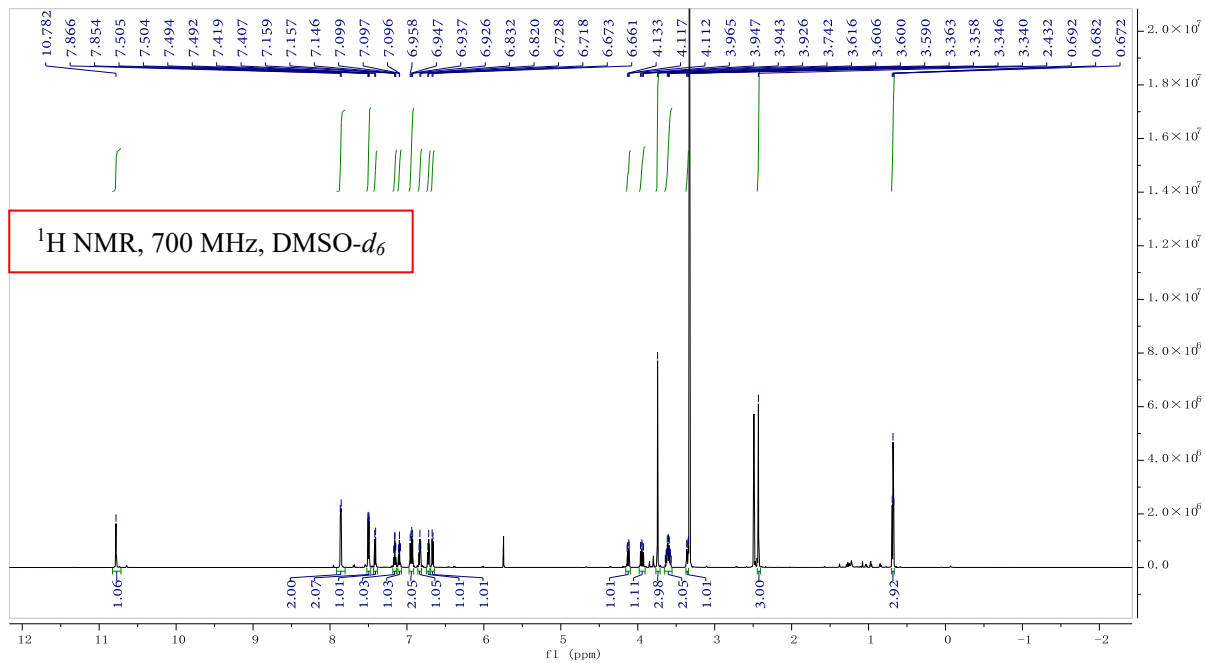
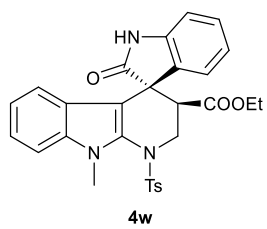
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2	65.666	50231	9323619	50.556
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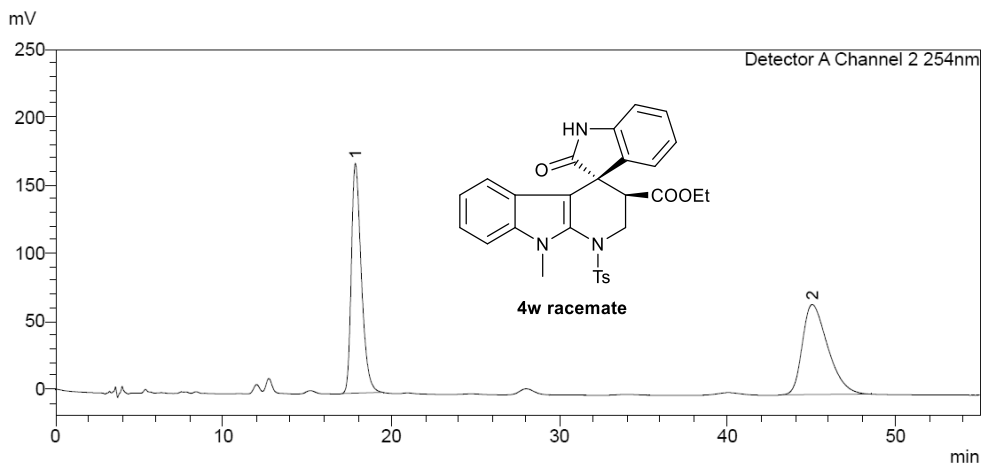


### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	65.542	20862	2500078	6.059
Total		553708	41262228	100.000

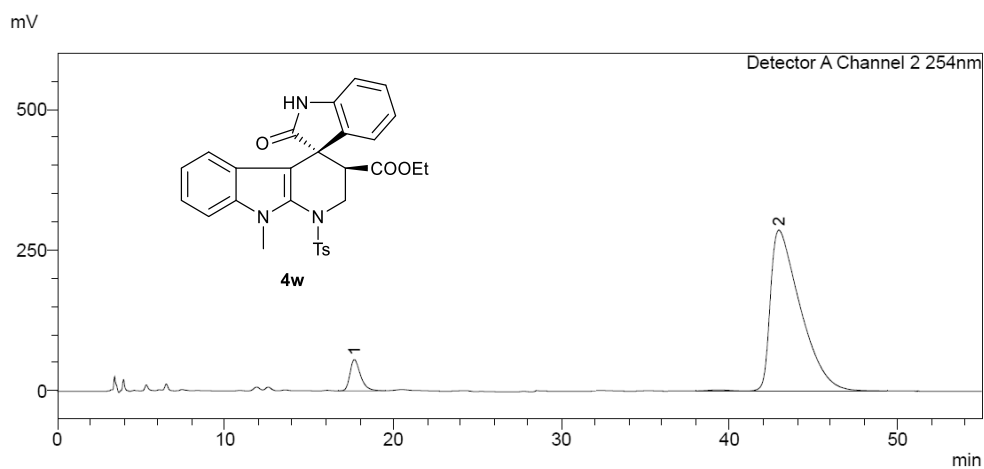




### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
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2	45.046	66321	6976202	49.938
Total		235483	13969622	100.000

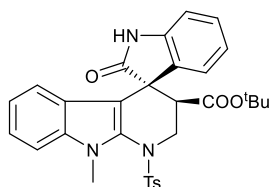


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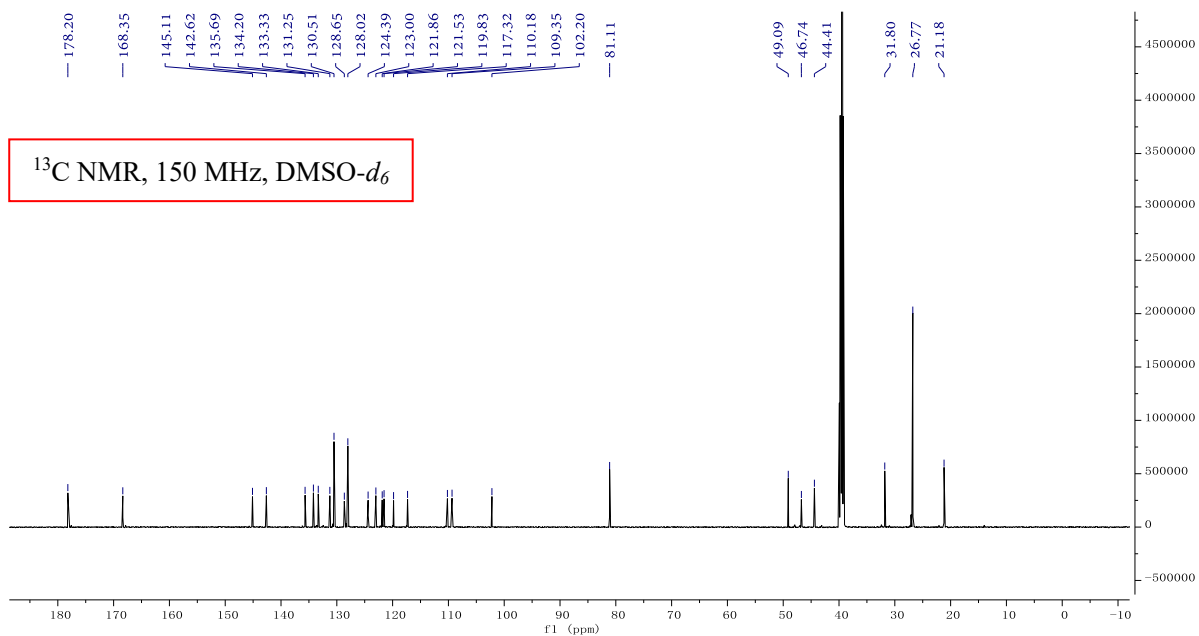
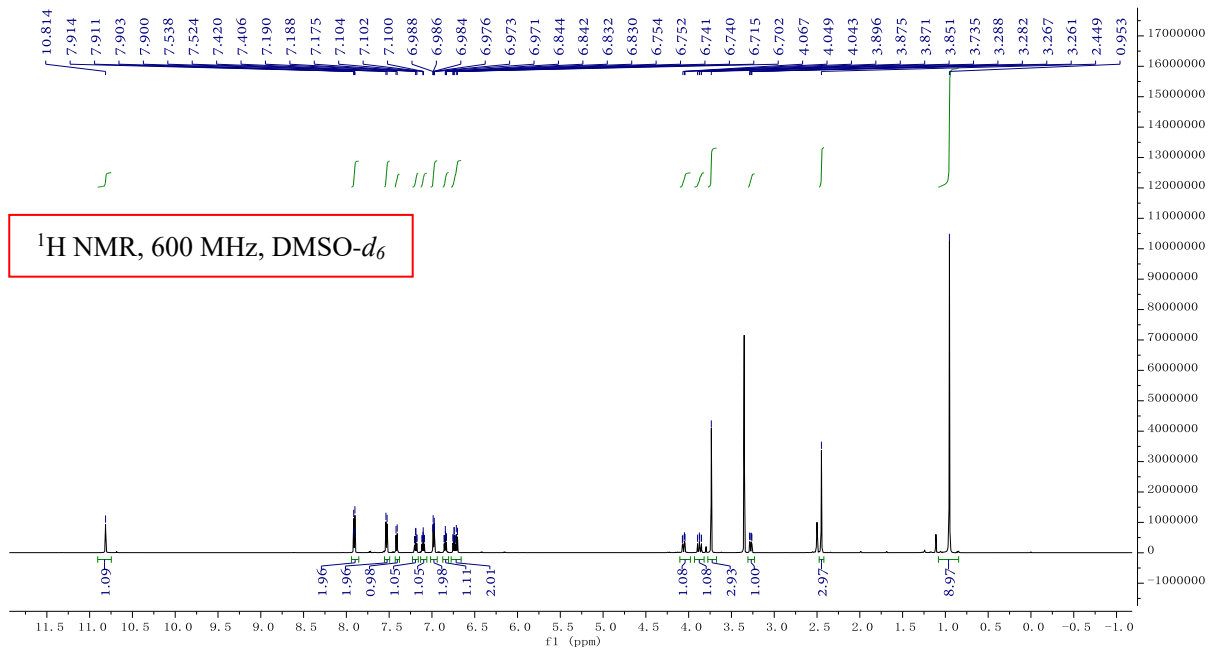
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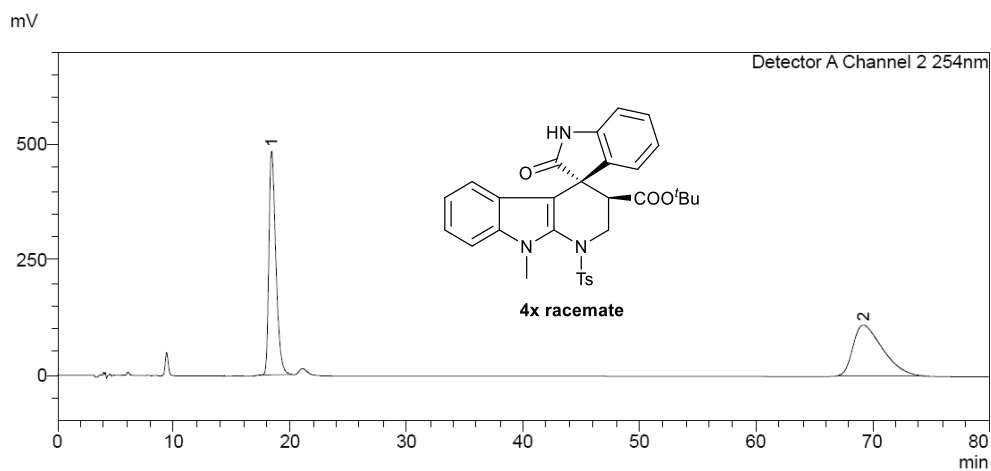
No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	17.688	55506	2426366	6.424
2	42.943	285088	35341049	93.576
Total		340593	37767415	100.000





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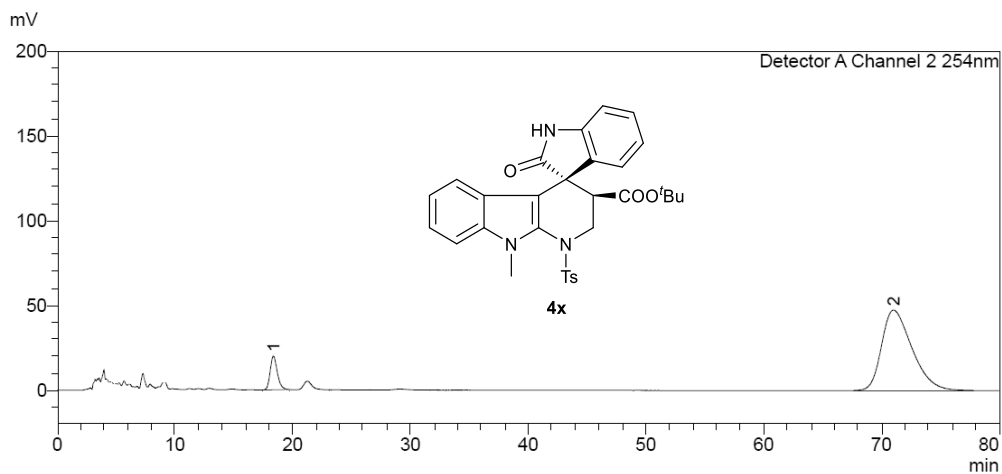




### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	18.419	484769	20006638	50.809
2	69.242	109741	19369261	49.191
Total		594510	39375899	100.000



### Peak Analysis Report

Detector A Channel 2 254nm

No.	Ret. Time	Height (mAu)	Area (mAu*min)	Rel. Area (%)
1	18.366	19820	836220	8.977
2	71.053	47364	8479333	91.023
Total		67183	9315553	100.000

## 5. Experimental procedures and results of bioassays

### Cytotoxicity assay

The cytotoxic effects of synthesized compounds toward colorectal cancer cell lines were determined by the CCK-8 cell proliferation kit. In brief, SW620, SW480 and HCT116 cells were plated in 96-well microplates at a density of  $5 \times 10^3$  cells/well and incubated in a humidified atmosphere with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C for 24h. Test compounds were determined in three independently repeated wells, and 0.1% DMSO was used as the control. After 48h of incubation, 10 μL of the CCK-8 solution was added to each well, followed by incubation for another two hours. Subsequently, the absorbance (OD) of each well was measured at 450nm on a Microplate reader. The inhibition ratios or IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined. All experiments were repeated three times independently.

### Apoptosis assay

HCT116 cells ( $1 \times 10^5$  cells per well) were cultured in the six-well plates and exposed to the test compounds at the indicated concentration for 24 hours. The cells were harvested after trypsin digestion and washed twice by cold PBS. After centrifugation for 5 minutes at 2000g, the supernatant was removed and the cells were resuspended in 400 μL binding buffer, combined with 10 μL AnnexinV-FITC staining buffer and 10 μL of PI, and then incubated at room temperature for 15min in dark. The flow cytometry instrument was used to analyze the stained cells.

### Autophagy assay

HCT116 cells were cultured in a six well plate and when the cell fusion rate reached 60-70%, adenovirus containing LC3-EGFP-mCherry plasmid was added for infection. After incubating with adenovirus for four hours, replaced the cells with fresh medium supplemented with 10%(v/v) FBS and cultured for another 48h to ensure the high efficiency of transfection. After transfection, the cells were incubated with 0.2 μmol/L compound 4h for 12h, and the fluorescent spots in the treated cells were then imaged by confocal laser scanning microscope. For the TEM (Transmission electronic microscopy) analysis, HCT116 cells ( $1 \times 10^5$  cells per well) were seeded in six-well plates and treated with or without compound 4h for 12h. Then cells were harvested and fixed 2 hours at room temperature in 2.5% glutaraldehyde in 0.1 mol/L PBS, and then post-fixed in 1% buffered osmiumtetroxide for 2h. Subsequently, specimens were examined under a transmission electronic microscope.

### Western blotting

HCT116 cells were exposed to various concentration of compound 4h and collected after 24 hours. The cells were washed twice with ice cold PBS and scraped off by the cell scraper, incubated with lysis buffer on ice for 20 minutes. Then the lysates were centrifuged at 12,000g at 4°C for 15min. The BCA protein assay reagents were employed to determine the protein concentration in the supernatant. Equal amounts of protein were resolved using SDS-PAGE and transferred to PVDF membrane. The PVDF membranes were blocked with 5% BSA (Dilute with TBST buffer) at room temperature. Then the PVDF membranes were gently rinsed with TBST buffer and incubated with specific primary antibodies against LC3, SQSTM1, caspase-3, Bax, Bcl-2, Cytochrome C, and GAPDH with gentle rotation overnight. Finally, the membranes were incubated with secondary antibodies for one hour at room temperature and then visualized using an ECL (Enhanced chemiluminescence) kit.

**Table S1. Mean inhibitory ratio @1.0  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ .<sup>a</sup>**

Compd.	HCT116	SW620	SW480	Compd.	HCT116	SW620	SW480
<b>4a</b>	34.82	43.71	44.58	<b>4m</b>	39.56	41.82	30.52
<b>4b</b>	44.1	42.8	37.68	<b>4n</b>	32.21	40.18	20.72
<b>4c</b>	57.82	59.79	54.36	<b>4o</b>	39.72	42.8	38.2
<b>4d</b>	52.83	60.3	55.71	<b>4p</b>	38.82	30.19	39.24
<b>4e</b>	38.98	45.07	48.41	<b>4q</b>	33.04	34.41	26.38
<b>4f</b>	44.62	37.89	44.53	<b>4r</b>	37.84	31.47	34.23
<b>4g</b>	59.96	59.78	54.6	<b>4s</b>	29.04	30.17	38.65
<b>4h</b>	75.7	72.51	71.47	<b>4t</b>	20.9	33.19	37.96
<b>ent-4h</b>	65.64	63.67	60.37	<b>4u</b>	29.77	34.42	37.54
<b>4i</b>	71.45	69.56	70.22	<b>4v</b>	8.16	11.59	16.71
<b>4j</b>	42.93	44.17	45.39	<b>4w</b>	12.21	13.41	13.65
<b>4k</b>	41.87	37.73	40.59	<b>4x</b>	9.6	11.24	13.68
<b>4l</b>	31.98	31.86	28.04				

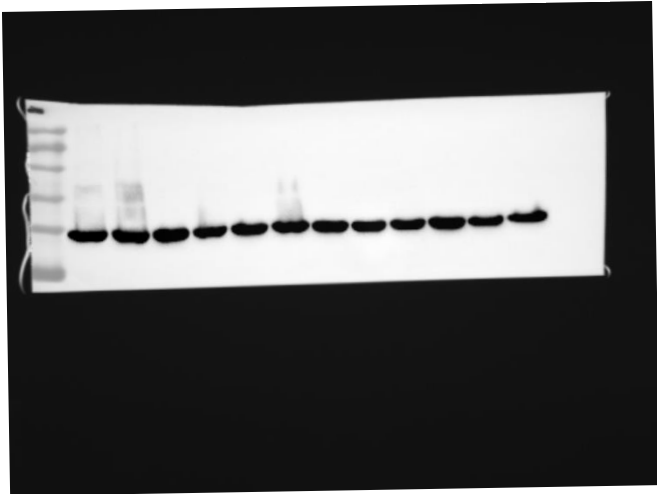
<sup>a</sup> Each compound was tested in triplicate; the data are presented as the mean values.

**Table S2. In vitro antiproliferative activities of compound 4h in combination with autophagy inhibitors.<sup>a</sup>**

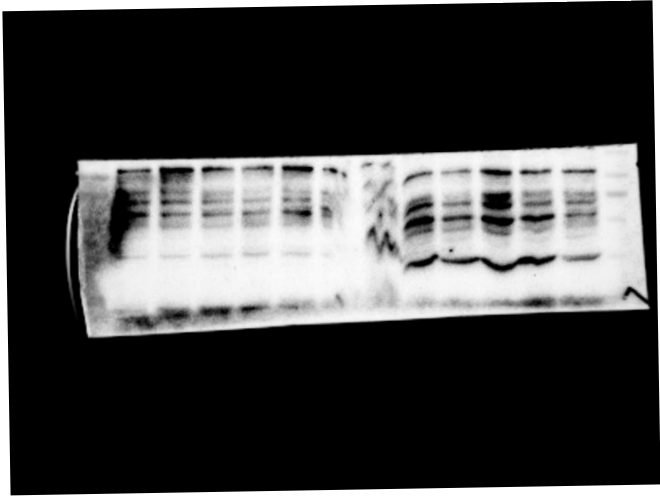
Compd.	HCT116 cell IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )
<b>4h</b>	0.857 $\pm$ 0.43
<b>4h + 3-MA</b>	0.104 $\pm$ 0.056
<b>4h + HCQ</b>	0.101 $\pm$ 0.034
<b>4h + Wortmannin</b>	0.026 $\pm$ 0.007

<sup>a</sup> Each compound was tested in triplicate; the data are presented as the mean values.

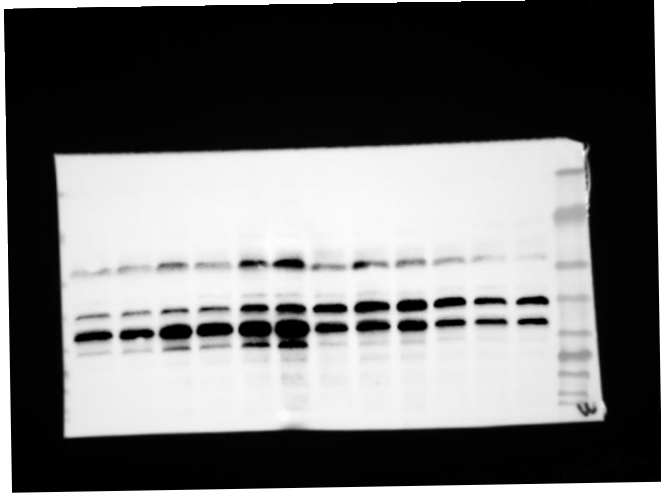
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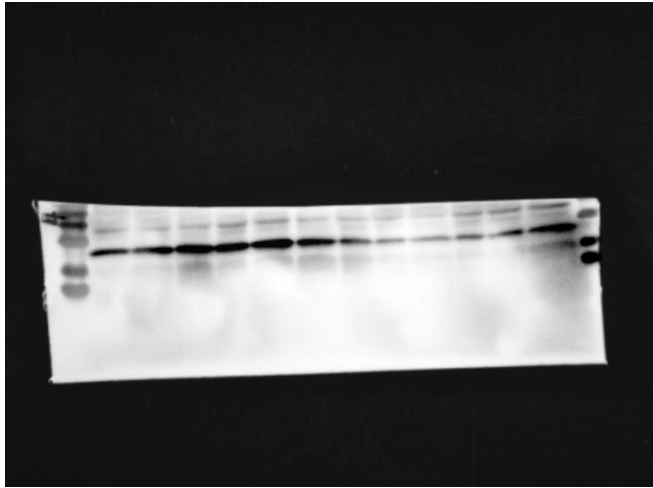
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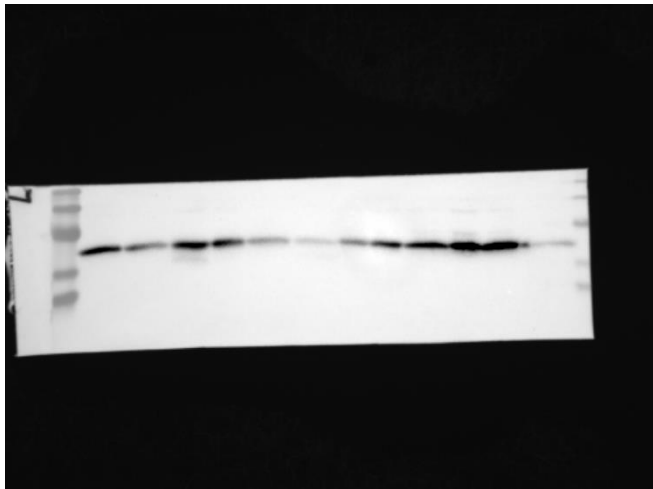
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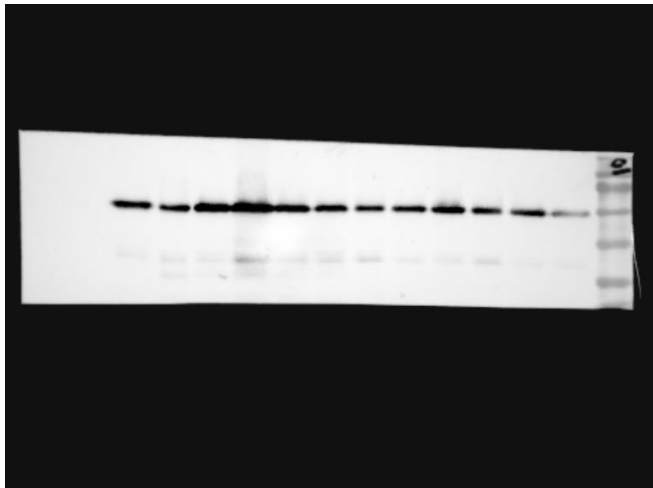
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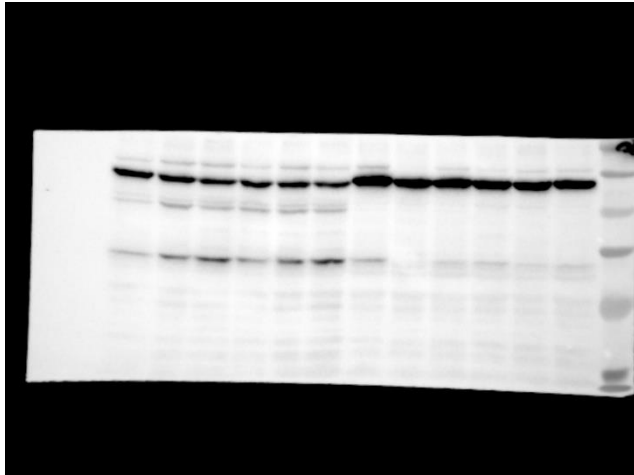
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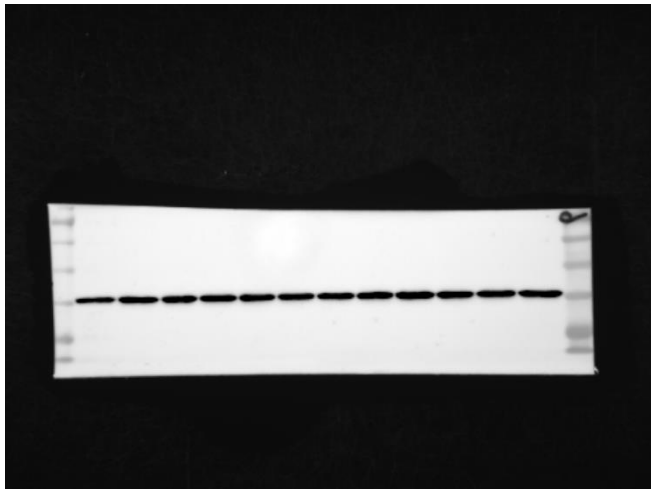
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