Supporting Information

# Harmonization of an incompatible aqueous Aldol condensation/oxa-Michael addition/reduction cascade process over a core-shell-structured thermoresponsive catalyst

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#### Experimental

**1. General:** All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive reagents or intermediates were carried out in oven-dried glassware using standard Schlenk techniques. All commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI Chemicals, Acros Organics, or ABCR in the highest purity grade and used without further purification.

2. Characterization: Ru loading amounts in the catalysts were analyzed using an inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometer (ICP-OES, Varian VISTA-MPX). Molecular weights and molecular weight distributions were determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) equipped with Waters 1515 pump and Waters 2414 differential refractive index detector (set at 30 °C), employing a series of three linear Styragel columns (HR1, HR2, and HR4) at an oven temperature of 45 °C. The eluent was DMF at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. A series of low polydispersity polystyrene standards were employed for calibration. Solid-state NMR experiments were explored on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer at a magnetic field strength of 9.4 T with <sup>1</sup>H frequency of 400.1 MHz, and <sup>13</sup>C frequency of 100.5 MHz with 4 mm rotor at two spinning frequencies of 5.5 kHz and 8.0 kHz, TPPM decoupling is applied in the during the acquisition period. <sup>1</sup>H cross-polarization in the solid-state NMR experiments was employed using a contact time of 2 ms and pulse lengths of 4µs. Liquid-state NMR (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were performed on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer at a magnetic field strength of 9.4 T with a <sup>1</sup>H frequency of 400 MHz and a <sup>13</sup>C frequency of 100 MHz. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = single, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, brs = broad single, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT 4200S, a Bruker Daltonics Micro Tof, and a Waters-Micromass Quatro LCZ (ESI); peaks are given in m/z (% of basis peak).

**3.** General procedure for the Aldol condensation/oxa-Michael addition process. A typical procedure was as follows: The base (0.12 mmol of DBU salt-loadings based on ICP analysis), **4aa** (0.10 mmol), **5aa** (0.12 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol), and/or 2.50 mol% of additive in 4.0 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O/<sup>i</sup>PrOH (v/v = 1:3) were added sequentially to a 10.0 mL round–bottom flask purged with nitrogen in turn. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, the aqueous solution was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 3.0 mL). The combined Et<sub>2</sub>O was washed with brine twice and dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the evaporation of Et<sub>2</sub>O, the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford **6aa** as a white solid.

**4. General procedure for the DKR-ATH process.** A typical procedure was as follows: The catalyst (2.50 mol% of Ru-loading), **6aa** (0.10 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol), and/or additive (0.12 mmol) in 4.0 mL of  $H_2O/^i$ PrOH (v/v = 1:3) were added sequentially to a 10.0 mL round-bottom flask purged with nitrogen in turn at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 18 h. After completion of the reaction, The aqueous solution was extracted by  $Et_2O$  (3 × 3.0 mL). The combined  $Et_2O$  was washed with brine twice and dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the evaporation of  $Et_2O$ , the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford (*S*,*S*)-**7aa** as a white solid.

**5.** Reusability of catalyst 3 in the Aldol/addition/DKR-ATH cascade process of 4aa and 5aa. A typical procedure was as follows: The catalyst 3 (0.12 mmol of DBU saltloadings and 2.50 mol% of Ru-loadings based on ICP analyses), 1.0 equivalent of 4aa, 1.20 equivalent of 5aa, and 10.0 equivalent of HCOONa in 4.0 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O/<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH (v/v = 1:3), and the mixture stirred at 70 °C for the first 12 h followed at 40 °C for 10 h. After completion of the reaction, the heterogeneous catalyst was separated for the recycling experiment. The aqueous solution was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 3.0 mL). The combined Et<sub>2</sub>O was washed with brine twice and dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the evaporation of Et<sub>2</sub>O, the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford (*S*,*S*)-7aa.

#### 6. Deuterium experiments

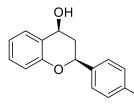
**6.1** A typical procedure for the aldol/addition reaction of **4aa** and **5aa**- $d_1$  in deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD is as follows: The catalyst **3** (0.12 mmol of DBU salt-loadings based on ICP analysis), **4aa** (0.10 mmol), **5aa** (0.12 mmol), and HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol) in 4.0 mL of D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (v/v = 1:3) were added sequentially to a 10.0 mL round-bottom flask purged with nitrogen in turn. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, the aqueous solution was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 3.0 mL). The combined Et<sub>2</sub>O was washed with brine twice and dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the evaporation of Et<sub>2</sub>O, the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the desired product **6aa** in a 95% isolated yield.

**6.2** A typical procedure for the DKR-ATH reaction of **6aa** in deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD is as follows: The catalyst **3** (0.12 mmol of DBU salt-loadings and 2.50 mol% of Ru based on ICP analyses), **6aa** (0.10 mmol), and HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol) in 4.0 mL of D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (v/v = 1:3) were added sequentially to a 10.0 mL round-bottom flask purged with nitrogen in turn. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 18 h. After completion of the reaction, The aqueous solution was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 3.0 mL). The combined Et<sub>2</sub>O was washed with brine twice and dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the evaporation of Et<sub>2</sub>O, the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford (*S*,*S*)-**7aa**-*d*<sub>3</sub> in a 93% isolated yield.

### 9. Data of chiral products.

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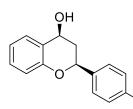
7aa: (2S,4S)-2-(4-bromophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 91% yield, 99% ee, 37/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 – 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 1.94 (m, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  155.77, 141.95, 132.66, 129.69, 128.22, 127.62, 122.65, 121.87, 117.34, 77.61, 66.12, 41.05. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>]

calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OBr^+$  287.00660; found 287.00698. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

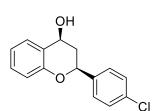
7ab: (2S,4S)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 86% yield, 99% ee, 39/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.51 – 6.79 (m, 8H), 5.16 (dd, J = 12.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.00 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 165.08, 162.64, 155.86, 138.63 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.67, 129.18, 129.10, 128.21, 127.60, 121.80, 117.33, 116.30, 116.08, 77.65, 66.19,

41.10. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OF^+$  227.08667; found 227.08615. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

7ac: (2S,4S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 92% yield, 99% ee, 17/1



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*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 – 6.84 (m, 8H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 1.93 (m, 2H) .<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$ 154.36, 140.02, 133.26, 128.28, 128.23, 127.36, 126.81, 126.20, 120.45, 115.92, 76.16, 64.71, 39.65. HRMS (APCI):

m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OCl^+$  243.05712; found 243.05752. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

7ad: (2S,4S)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 87% yield, 99% ee,OH14/1dr. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.53 – 6.84 (m,8H), 5.20 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (ddt, J = 10.8, 6.2,

0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 1.95 (m, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.27, 143.58, 134.02, 129.72, 128.31, 127.60, 126.81, 126.20, 125.71, 124.04, 120.50, 115.94,

76.08, 64.66, 39.70. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OCl^+$  243.05712; found 243.05627. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

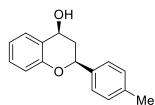
**7ae:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-(2-chlorophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 82% yield, 99% *ee*, 37/1dr. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (ddt, *J* = 10.8, 6.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 1.92 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  154.10, 142.05, 132.02, 131.20, 130.30, 128.35, 127.77, 126.85, 126.16, 125.51,

120.62, 115.94, 75.45, 64.55, 39.50. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OCl^+$  243.05712; found 243.05739. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

**7af:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-phenylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 86% yield, 99% *ee*, 23/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  7.53 – 6.82 (m, 9H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 – 5.06 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.01 (m, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  154.58, 141.18, 128.24, 128.13, 127.64, 126.78, 126.25, 125.73, 120.31, 115.93, 76.96, 64.87, 39.80. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sup>+</sup>

209.09609; found 209.09560. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25  $^{\circ}$ C).

7ag: (2S,4S)-2-(p-tolyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 90% yield, 99% ee, 21/1 dr. <sup>1</sup>H

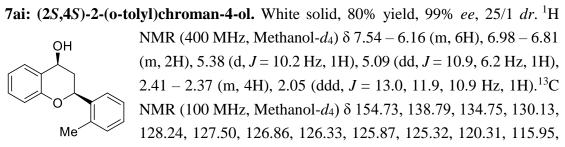


NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.52 – 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.14 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 10.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.05 (ddd, J = 13.0, 12.0, 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.65, 138.16, 137.48, 128.69, 128.20, 126.77, 126.24, 125.74, 120.23, 115.90,

76.88, 64.91, 39.71, 19.81. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 223.11174; found 223.11207. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

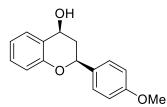
**7ah:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-(m-tolyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 83% yield, 99% *ee*, 20/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.51 – 6.79 (m, 8H), 5.03 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 10.1, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.33 (m, 4H), 2.02 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 12.1, 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) $\delta$  158.56, 144.99, 141.83, 132.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 132.04, 130.79, 130.37, 130.20, 126.83, 124.28, 119.95,

80.95, 68.86, 43.70, 24.20. HRMS(APCI) calcd. for [M-OH<sup>+</sup>]:  $C_{16}H_{15}O^+$  223.11174 found 223.11210. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).



74.01, 65.00, 38.14, 17.68. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{15}O^+$  223.11174; found 223.11112. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

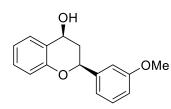
7aj: (2S,4S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 85% yield, 99% ee,



35/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.28 – 6.78 (m, 8H), 5.14 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.41 – 2.03 (m, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 159.61, 154.68, 133.14, 128.19, 127.17, 126.78, 126.22, 120.22, 115.89, 113.45, 76.71, 64.95, 54.32, 39.56. HRMS(APCI) calcd. for

[M-OH<sup>+</sup>]:  $C_{16}H_{15}O_2^+$  239.10666 found 239.10698. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

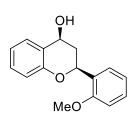
7ak: (2S,4S)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 83% yield, 99% ee,



21/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta\delta$  7.47 – 6.76 (m, 8H), 5.12– 5.03 (m, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.40 – 2.00(m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  160.58, 155.65, 134.11, 129.16, 128.13, 127.74, 127.19, 121.18, 116.86, 114.41, 77.67, 65.92, 55.29, 40.53. HRMS

(APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{15}O_2^+$  239.10666; found 239.10522. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

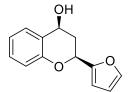
7al: (2S,4S)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 79% yield, 99% ee,



>50/1 dr. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dtd, J = 62.1, 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 5.49 (dd, J = 11.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.46 (ddd, J = 12.8, 6.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dt, J = 12.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  155.93,

154.77, 129.23, 128.49, 128.17, 126.79, 126.36, 125.80, 120.33, 120.19, 115.95, 110.21, 71.56, 64.93, 54.55, 38.34. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{15}O_2^+$  239.10666; found 239.10588. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

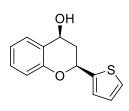
**7am:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-(furan-2-yl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 86% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.52 – 6.42 (m, 7H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 1.9 Hz,



1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 10.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.21 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  155.79, 154.98, 144.28, 130.07, 128.62, 127.84, 122.22, 117.66, 111.75, 109.09, 71.82, 66.18, 37.24. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>

199.07536; found 199.07475. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25  $^{\circ}$ C).

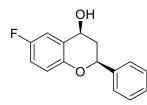
7an: (2S,4S)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 85% yield, 99% ee, >50/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 – 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.16 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.05 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 12.0, 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  154.15, 143.94, 128.26, 126.82, 126.15, 126.10, 124.82, 124.43, 120.50, 115.89, 72.78, 64.51, 39.79. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for

 $C_{13}H_{11}OS^+$  215.05251; found 215.05165. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

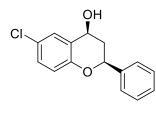
7ao: (2S,4S)-6-fluoro-2-phenylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 88% yield, 99% ee, >50/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*4) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  7.46 – 6.78 (m, 8H), 5.17 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 1.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*4)  $\delta$  162.33, 159.98, 154.60 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 144.90, 132.09, 131.67 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 129.65, 121.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 118.75 (d, *J* = 23.6

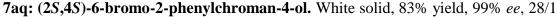
Hz), 116.57 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 81.07, 68.68, 43.30. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OF<sup>+</sup> 227.08667; found 227.08701. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

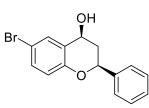
7ap: (2S,4S)-6-chloro-2-phenylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 85% yield, 99% ee, 37/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 – 6.78 (m, 8H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (ddt, *J* = 11.0, 6.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 1.96(m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  157.22, 144.71, 132.18, 132.11, 132.05, 131.71, 130.45, 129.66, 129.07, 121.51, 81.18, 68.49, 43.18. HRMS (APCI):

m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OCl^+$  243.05712; found 243.05721. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

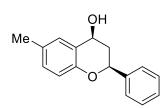




*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 6.72 (m, 8H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  153.76, 140.70, 131.08, 129.55, 128.74, 128.20, 127.80, 125.75, 118.04, 112.31, 77.24,

64.51, 39.17. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}OBr^+$  287.00660; found 287.00711. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

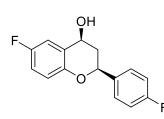
7ar: (2S,4S)-6-methyl-2-phenylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 73% yield, 99% ee, 46/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 – 6.71 (m, 8H), 5.12 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.39 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 6.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.03 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 12.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  152.40, 141.28, 129.51, 128.84, 128.12, 127.60, 127.02, 125.80, 125.74, 115.75,

76.87, 64.93, 39.91, 19.40. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{15}O^+$  223.11174; found 223.11115. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

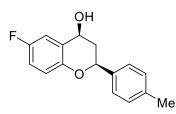
7as: (2S,4S)-6-fluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 89% yield, 99%



*ee*, 23/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 – 6.78 (m, 7H), 5.16 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 1.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  165.08, 162.64, 159.81, 157.45, 151.91 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 138.35 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.08, 118.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 116.23 (dd, *J* = 22.7, 4.2 Hz), 114.07 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 77.80, 66.04, 40.62. HRMS (APCI): m/z

[M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{11}OF_2^+$  245.07725; found 245.07672. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

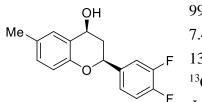
**7at:** (2*S*,4*S*)-6-fluoro-2-(p-tolyl)chroman-4-ol. White solid, 95% yield, 99% *ee*,  $>50/1 \ dr$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 2H),



5.12 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 4.99 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.36 (m, 4H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 13.0, 12.0, 10.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  158.36, 156.00, 150.73 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 137.75 (d, J = 38.5 Hz), 128.72, 127.74, 125.73, 117.06, 114.78 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 112.62 (d,

J = 23.9 Hz), 77.05, 64.78, 39.26, 19.82. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OF<sup>+</sup> 241.10232; found 241.10170. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

7au: (2S,4S)-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-6-methylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 76% yield,



99% *ee*, 36/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.41 – 6.70 (m, 6H), 5.14 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 2.40 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 6.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  155.95, 155.30 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 154.81 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 152.85 (d, *J* = 12.7

Hz), 152.36 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 142.87 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.8 Hz), 133.72, 132.83, 130.97, 129.66, 126.08 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.6 Hz), 120.91, 79.45 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 68.59, 43.67, 23.29. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 259.09290; found 259.09218. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

**7ba:** (2*R*,4*S*)-2-methylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 82% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dqd, *J* = 12.6, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dt, *J* = 12.9, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  154.57, 128.05, 126.84, 126.04,

119.89, 115.71, 71.15, 64.48, 39.06, 20.44. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{11}O^+$  147.08044; found 147.08010. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

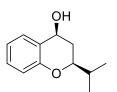
**7bb:** (2*R*,4*S*)-2-ethylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 81% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.72 (m, 4H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.62, 128.06, 126.80, 126.30,

119.83, 115.73, 76.04, 64.64, 36.84, 28.24, 8.39. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{13}O^+$  161.09609; found 161.09570. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

**7bc:** (2*R*,4*S*)-2-propylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 85% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dddd, *J* = 11.6, 7.6, 4.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.60, 128.05,

126.82, 126.29, 119.83, 115.74, 74.57, 64.61, 37.57, 37.34, 17.99, 12.99. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{15}O^+$  175.11174; Found 175.11104. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 ℃).

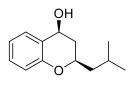
7bd: (2S,4S)-2-isopropylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 83% yield, 99% ee, 19/1 dr. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.72 (m, 4H), 3.89 (ddd, J = 11.7, 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (ddd, J = 12.8, 6.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (pd, J = 6.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dt, J = 12.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.77, 128.04,

126.65, 126.40, 119.75, 115.70, 79.45, 65.01, 34.03, 32.31, 17.07, 16.66. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 175.1117; found 175.1119. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/i-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

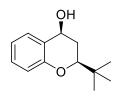
**7be:** (2R,4S)-2-isobutylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 88% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.91 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dddd, J = 11.3, 8.7, 4.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (ddd, J = 12.9, 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.46 - 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.00 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  154.56, 128.05, 126.87, 126.30, 119.87, 115.77, 73.04, 64.54, 44.59, 37.88, 24.05, 22.26, 21.19. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 189.12739; found 189.12656. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/i-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

7bf: (2S,4S)-2-(tert-butyl)-chroman-4-ol. White solid, 95% yield, 99% ee, >50/1



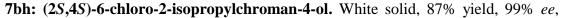
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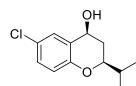
 $dr.^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 4.87 (s, 4H), 3.75 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddd, J = 12.6, 6.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (td, J = 12.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 154.95, 128.05, 126.47, 126.44, 119.71, 115.67, 82.31, 65.43, 33.49, 32.23, 24.70. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-

OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 189.12739; found 189.12626. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25  $^{\circ}$ C).

7bg: (2R,4S)-6-chloro-2-methylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 91% yield, 99% ee, 35/1 dr. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 4.85 OH (dd, J = 11.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 -1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, 'Ме Methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  153.30, 128.03, 127.93, 126.55, 124.68, 117.33,

71.54, 64.17, 38.54, 20.32. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OCl<sup>+</sup> 181.0415; found 181.0418. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

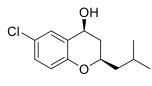




45/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 4.84 (ddt, *J* = 11.0, 6.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (heptd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 11.8, 10.9)

Hz, 1H), 1.05 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  153.47, 128.38, 127.92, 126.38, 124.55, 117.30, 79.78, 64.67, 33.57, 32.25, 17.05, 16.57. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OCl<sup>+</sup> 209.07277; found 209.07227. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

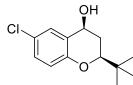
7bi: (2R,4S)-6-chloro-2-isobutylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 86% yield, 99% ee, 21/1



*dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 4.87 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.21 (dddd, *J* = 11.3, 8.6, 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.43 (m, 3H), 0.99 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.4 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  153.26, 128.29,

127.92, 126.56, 124.65, 117.37, 73.44, 64.22, 44.45, 37.37, 24.03, 22.22, 21.14. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{15}OCl^+$  223.0884; found 223.0885. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

**7bj:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-(tert-butyl)-6-chlorochroman-4-ol. White solid, 93% yield, 99% *ee*, 42/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.79



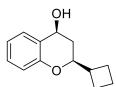
(dd, J = 12.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 - 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.04 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  153.61, 128.42, 127.91, 126.22, 124.52, 117.24, 82.67, 65.04, 33.48, 31.76, 24.59. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OCl<sup>+</sup> 223.0884; found

223.0885. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

**7bk:** (2*S*,4*S*)-6-bromo-2-isopropylchroman-4-ol White solid, 85% yield, 99%  $ee, 16/1 dr. {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{Methanol}-d_4) \delta 7.55 - 6.66 (m, 3\text{H}), 4.85 (ddt, <math>J = 11.0, 6.3, 1.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.93 - 3.89 (m, 1\text{H}), 2.25 (s, 1\text{H}), 1.93 (pd, <math>J = 6.9, 5.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.69 (ddd, J = 12.8, 11.8, 11.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.07 - 1.03 (m, 6\text{H}). {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{Methanol}-d_4) \delta 153.96, 130.87, 129.41, 128.93, 117.77, 111.68, 153.96, 130.87, 129.41, 128.93, 117.77, 111.68, 11.0 \text{ Hz}, 11.0 \text{ Hz}, 12.9, 110.93 (m, 110.93) (m, 110.93)$ 

79.79, 64.61, 33.54, 32.25, 17.05, 16.57. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{14}OBr^+$  253.02225; found 253.02227. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

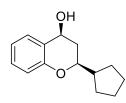
**7bl:** (2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyclobutylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 76% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.43 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.86 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.01 (ddd, J = 11.5, 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 7H), 1.56 (dt, J = 12.8, 11.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.62, 128.07, 126.75, 126.31, 119.79, 115.74,

77.90, 64.56, 39.69, 34.47, 23.77, 23.06, 17.66. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{15}O^+$  187.11174; found 187.11112. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

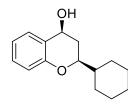
7bm: (2S,4S)-2-cyclopentylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 81% yield, 99% ee, 42/1 dr.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.40 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  154.71, 128.05, 126.74, 126.35, 119.75, 115.75, 78.59, 64.69, 44.56, 36.31, 28.21, 25.19 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz). HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>]

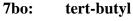
calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{17}O^+$  201.12739; found 201.12656. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

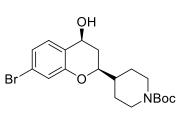
7bn: (2S,4S)-2-cyclohexylchroman-4-ol. White solid, 88% yield, 99% ee, 16/1 dr. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.44 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 4.88 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, J = 11.7, 5.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (ddd, J = 12.7, 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dtt, J = 13.4, 4.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.12 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.77, 128.03, 126.67, 126.43, 119.73, 115.71, 78.94, 65.05,

42.32, 34.22, 28.23, 27.91, 26.29, 25.96, 25.89. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 215.14304; found 215.14213. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

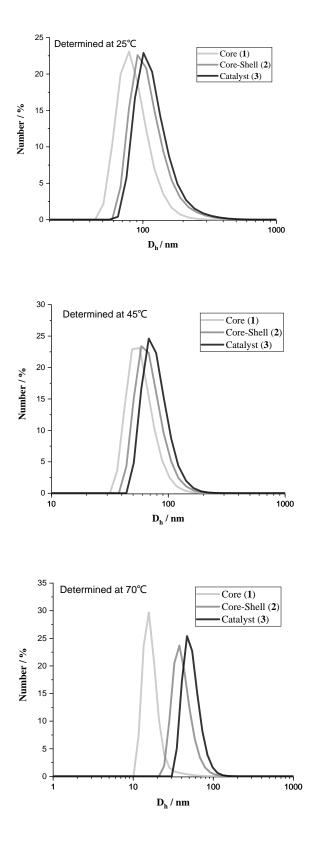




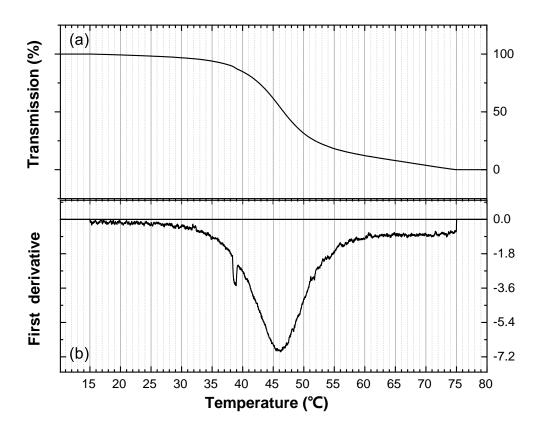
4-((2*S*,4*S*)-7-bromo-4-hydroxychroman-2-yl)piperidine-1-carboxylate. White solid, 78% yield, 99% *ee*, >50/1 *dr*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.34 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.26 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 6.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d,

J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.78 - 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.49 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 9H), 1.44 - 1.26 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  155.33, 155.13, 128.44, 125.92, 123.01, 120.83, 118.65, 79.65, 78.61, 64.33, 40.37, 33.79, 27.35, 27.00. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M-OH<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NBr<sup>+</sup> 394.10123; found 394.10060. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, elute: Hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, detector: 210 nm, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

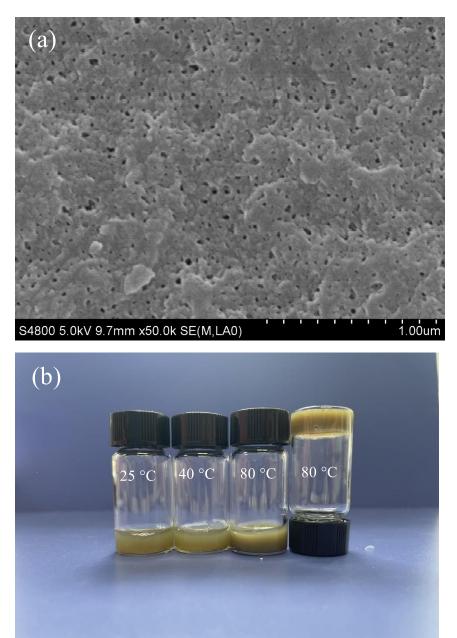
Figure 1. DLS traces of 1 (green) and 2 (red) and catalyst 3 (blue) indicated at 25, 45, and 70  $\,^\circ\!\!.$ 



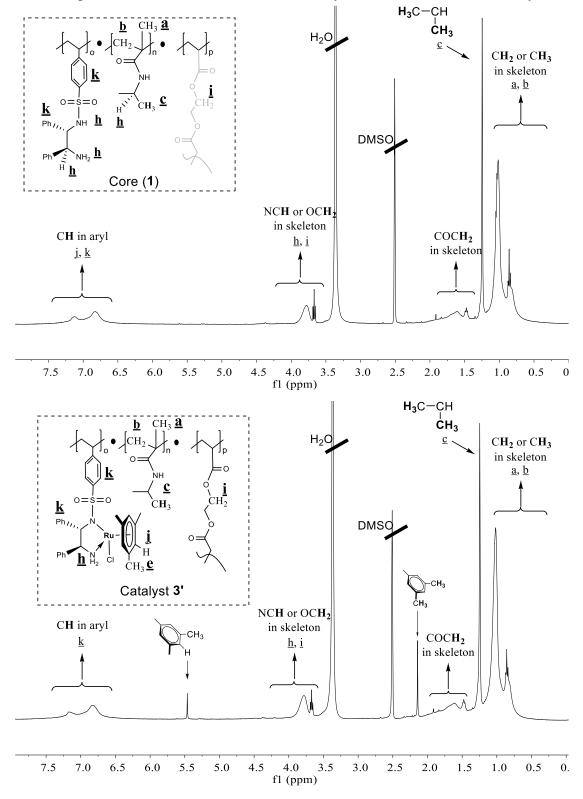
**Figure S2**. Temperature-dependent transmittance of **3** using a turbidity measurement (a) This turbidity measurement was performed on a custom-modified Tepper turbidity photometer TP1-D at a wavelength of 670 nm, a cell path length of 10 mm, and magnetic stirring. The heating program started at a high temperature, and it was cooled to 10  $\degree$  at a constant cooling rate of 1.0  $\degree$ /min. (b) Temperature-dependent transmittance for the determination of the the volume phase transition temperature (VPTT) as the temperature corresponding to the transmittance decrease at the wavelength of 680 nm).



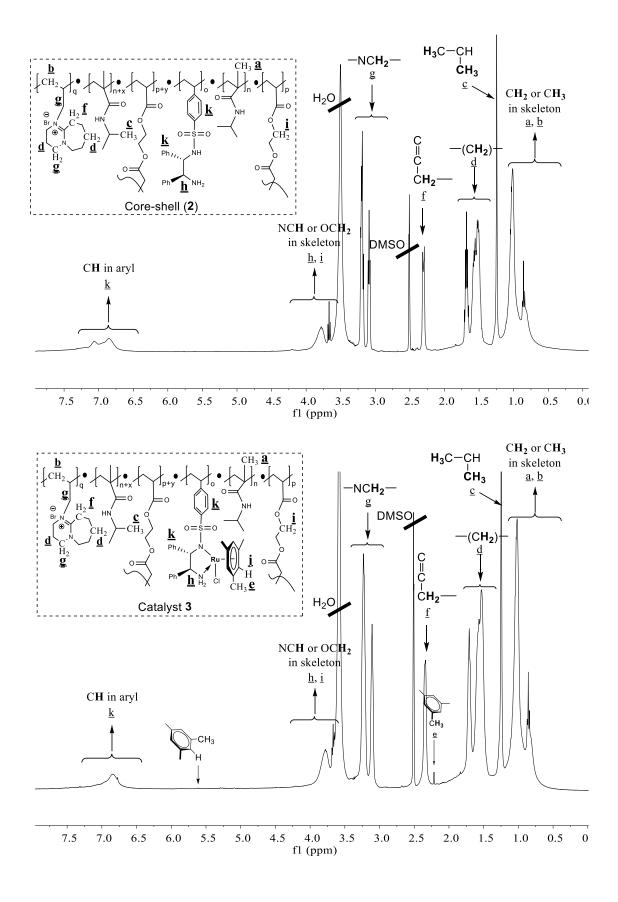
**Figure S3.** The SEM images and dispersive situations of catalyst **3**. (a) The scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of catalyst **3**. (b) The dispersive situations of catalyst **3** at indicated 25, 40, and 80 °C in  $H_2O/^i$ PrOH (v/v = 1:3) system.



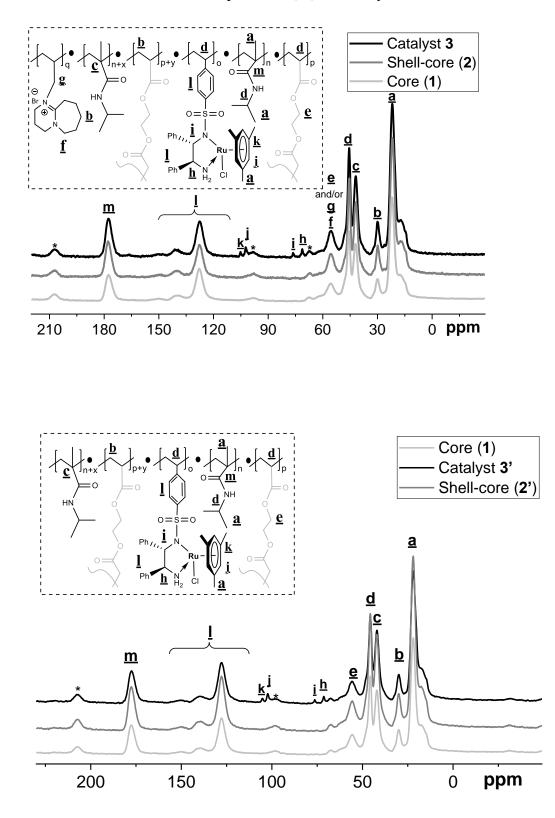
**Figure S4.** The NMR spectra. (a) The liquid-state <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of **1-2**, catalysts **3** and **3'**. (b) The solid-state <sup>13</sup>C MAS NMR spectra of **1-2**, and catalysts **3** and **3'**.



(a) The liquid-state <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of the core (1), catalyst **3'**, core-shell (2), and catalyst **3**.



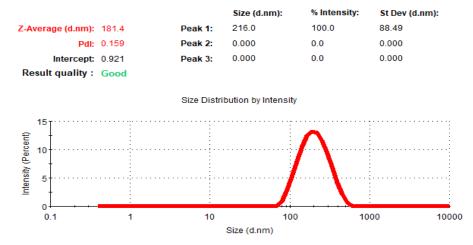
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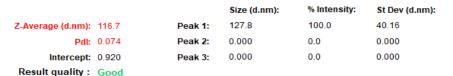
(b) Solid-state <sup>13</sup>C MAS NMR spectra of 1, 2, and catalysts 3 and 3'.

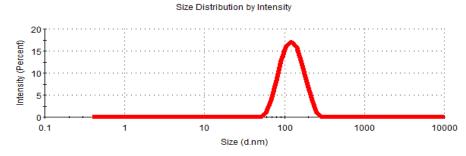
Figure S5. Average hydrodynamic diameters distribution measurement of **3**. **Run 1.** 

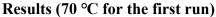
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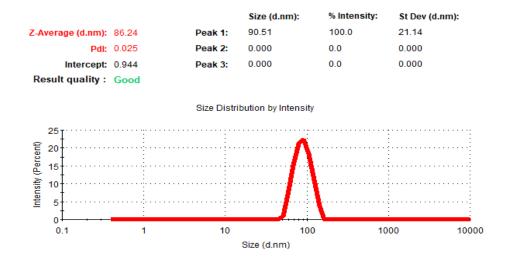


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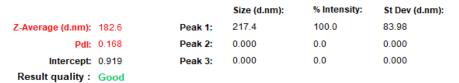




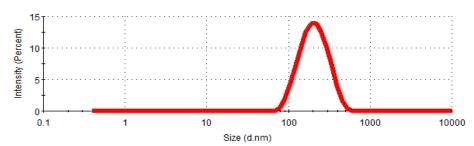




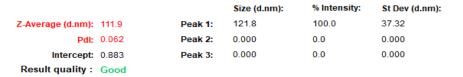
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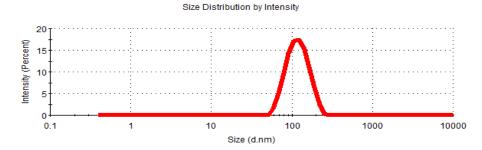


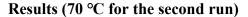
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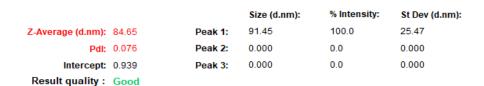


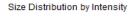
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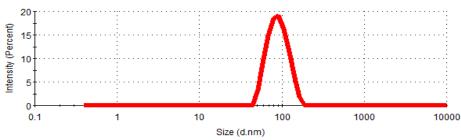




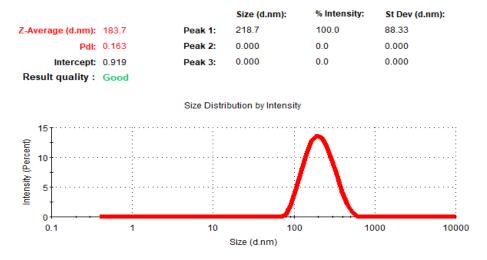






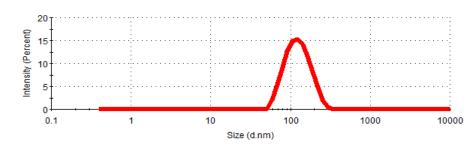


# Run 3. Results (25 °C for the third run)



# Results (45 °C for the third run)

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Intercept:	0.880	Peak 3:	0.000	0.0	0.000
Result quality :	Good				

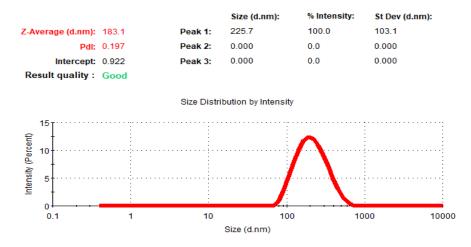


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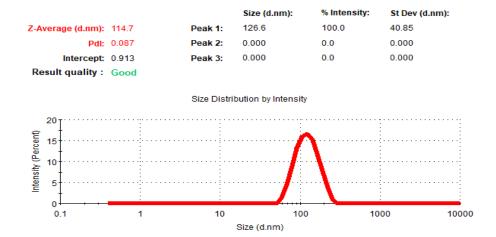


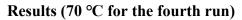


# Run 4. Results (25 °C for the fourth run)



#### Results (45 °C for the fourth run)



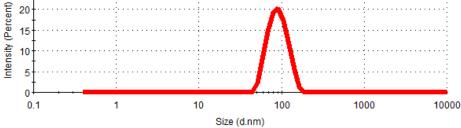


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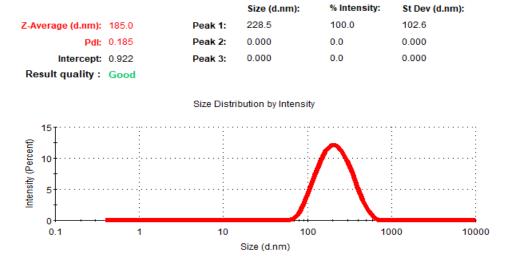
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			Size (d.nm):	% Intensity:	St Dev (d.nm):
Z-Average (d.nm):	85.69	Peak 1:	91.76	100.0	24.29
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Intercept:	0.941	Peak 3:	0.000	0.0	0.000
Result quality :	Good				

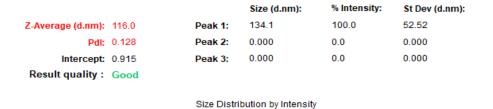


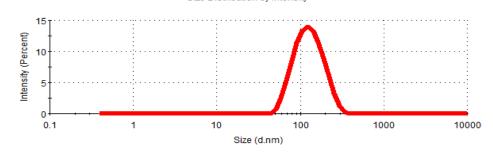


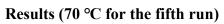
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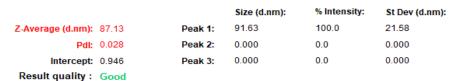


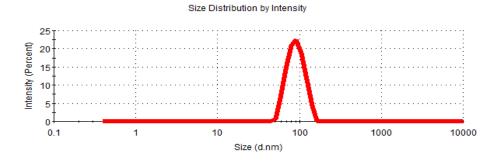
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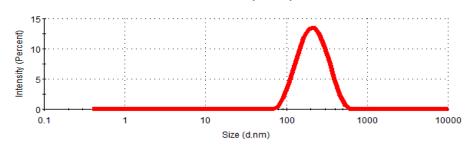




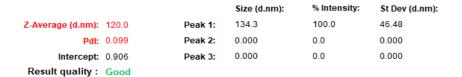


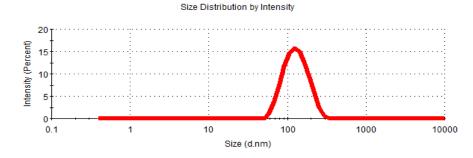
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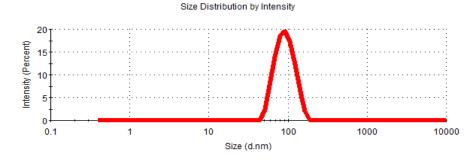
# Results (45 °C for the sixth run)





# Results (70 °C for the sixth run)

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Z-Average (d.nm):	86.91	Peak 1:	93.14	100.0	25.35
Pdl:	0.053	Peak 2:	0.000	0.0	0.000
Intercept:	0.941	Peak 3:	0.000	0.0	0.000
Result quality :	Good				



	4aa $+$ $Br$ $5aa$ $ base$ $ 6aa$ $Br$									
Entry	Base	Solvent(s)	C	h	Yield (%) of <b>6aa</b>					
1	allylDBU	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	70	12	98					
2	allylDBU	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH-H <sub>2</sub> O (4:1)	70	12	98					
3	allylDBU	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH-H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	70	12	91					
4	allylDBU	<sup>i</sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	70	12	98					
5	allylDBU	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	65	12	92					
6	allylDBU	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	75	12	98					
7	DBU	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	70	12	76					
8	DABCO	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	70	12	45					
9	NEt <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1)	70	12	52					

Table S1. Optimizing reaction conditions for the Aldol/addition reaction.<sup>a</sup>

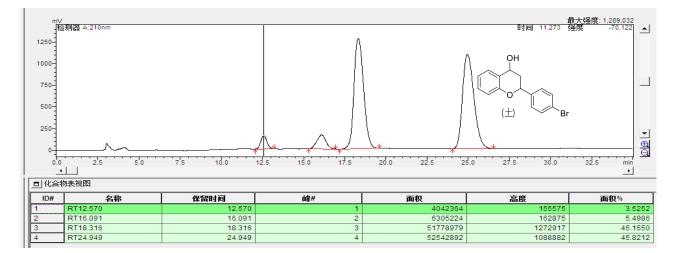
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: base (0.12 mmol of base), **4aa** (0.10 mmol), **5aa** (0.12 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol), and 4.0 mL of solvent. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR yield.

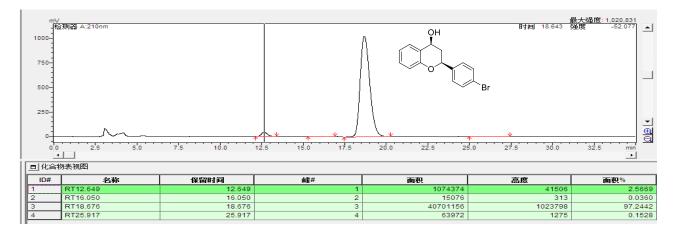
		O O Gaa	Catalyst <b>3</b> or MesRuTsDPEN HCOONa, DBU H <sub>2</sub> O/ <sup>/</sup> PrOH (1/3)	ОН (S,S)-7аа	Br		
Entry	Catalyst	H-resource	e, Solvent, base	°C	h	%Yield	%ee/dr
1	MesRuTsDPEN	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), NEt <sub>3</sub>	40	18	98	99/1:1
2	MesRuTsDPEN	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), DBU	40	18	98	99/16:1
3	MesRuTsDPEN	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), DABCO	40	18	98	99/4:1
4	MesRuTsDPEN	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), allylDBU	J 40	18	96	99/16:1
5	3	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), allylDBU	J 40	18	95	99/37:1
6	3	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), allylDBU	J 35	18	90	99/37:1
7	3	HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, <sup><i>i</i></sup>	PrOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (3:1), allylDBU	J 45	18	99	99/20:1

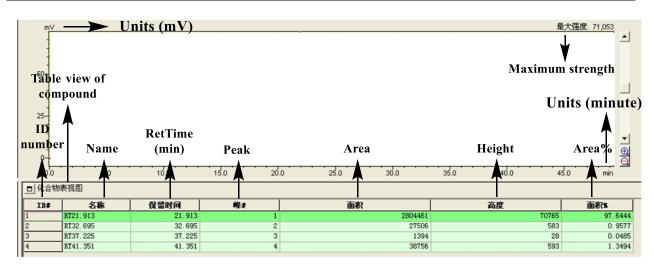
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: catalyst (2.50 mol% of Ru-loading), **6aa** (0.10 mmol), base (0.12 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (1.0 mmol), and 4.0 mL of the mixed H<sub>2</sub>O/<sup>i</sup>PrOH co-solvents. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR yield, the %*ee/dr* values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

# Figure S6. HPLC analyses of chiral products

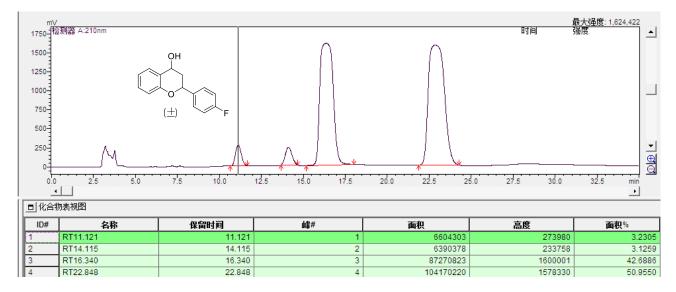
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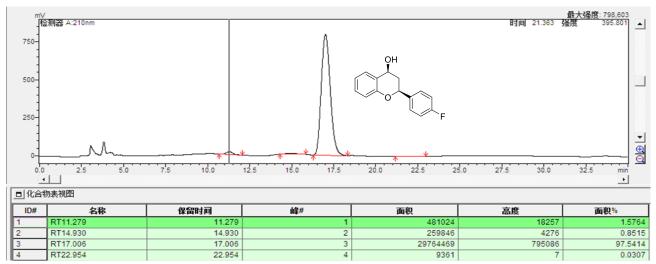


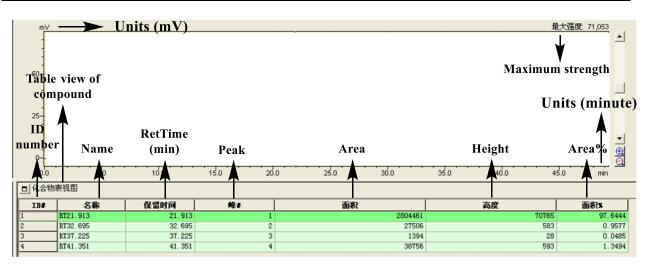




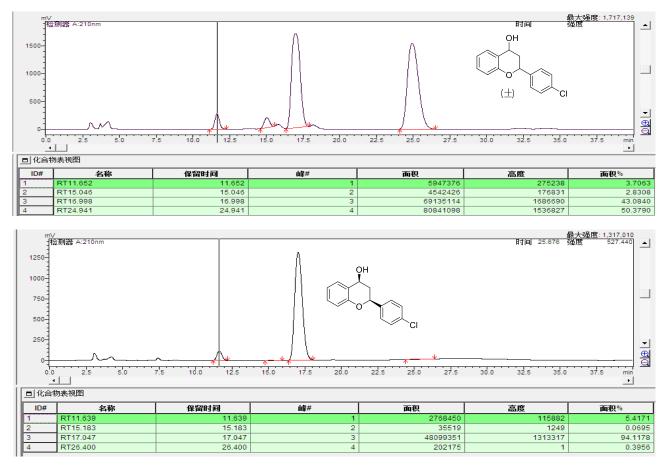
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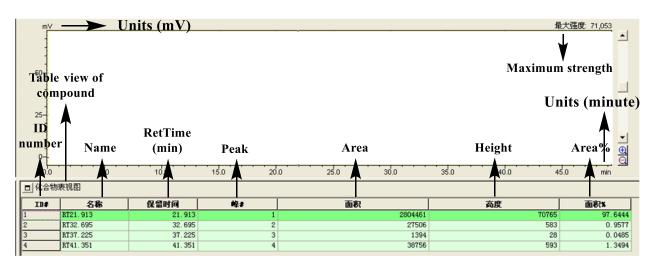




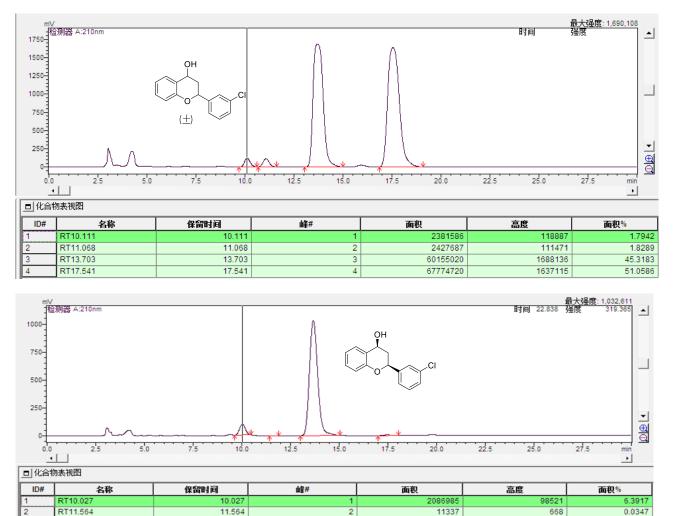
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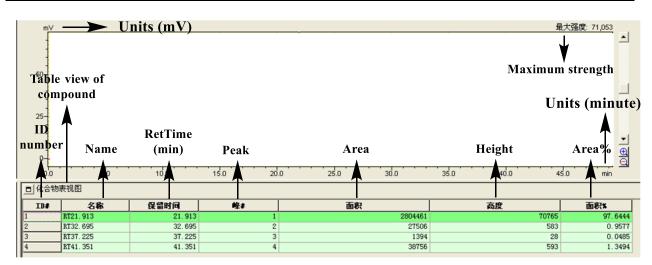
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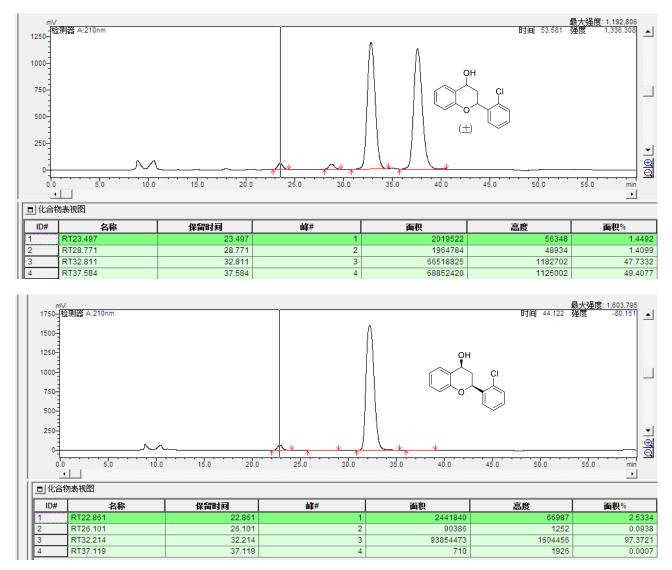
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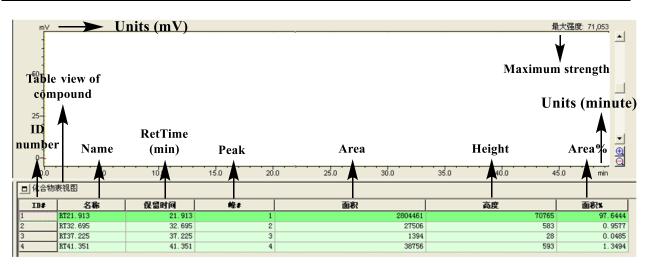
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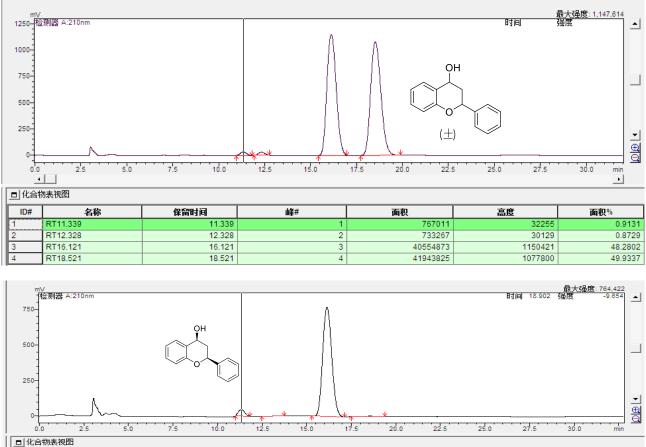


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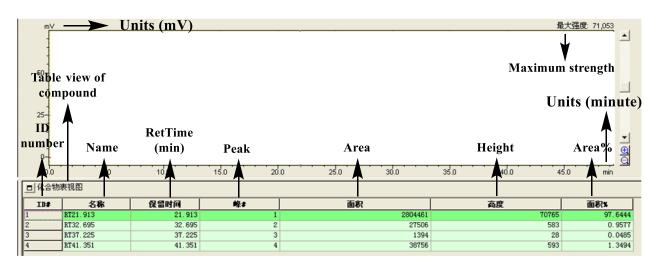


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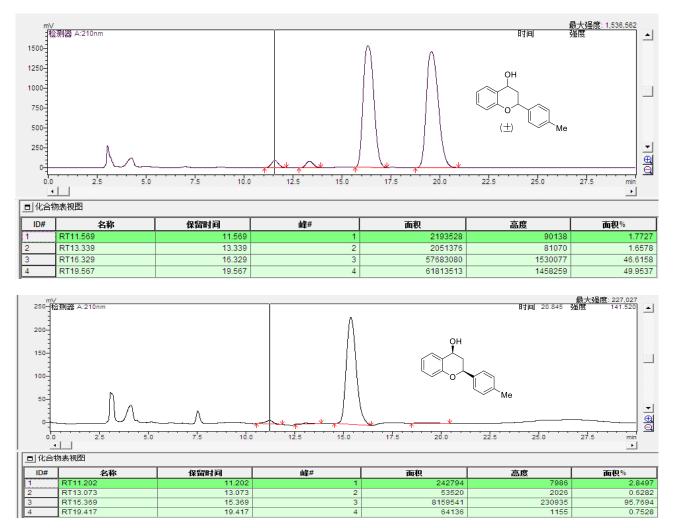
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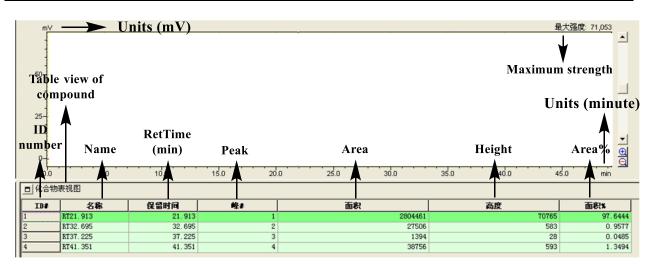


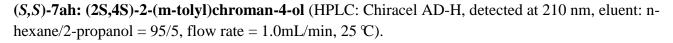
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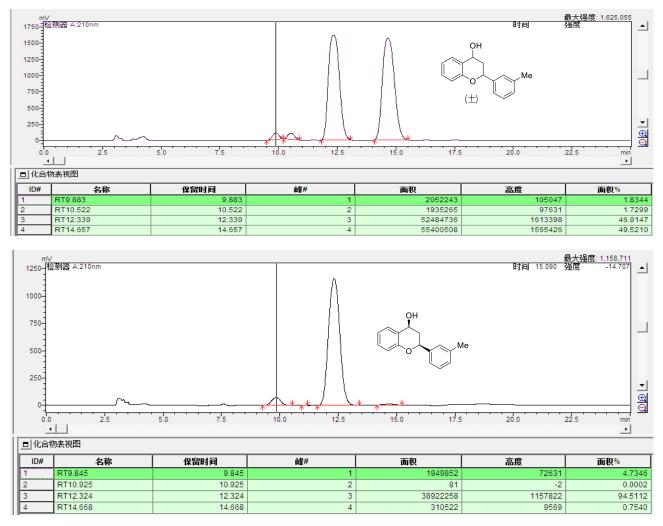


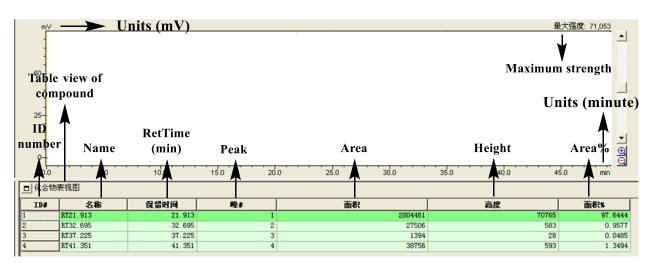
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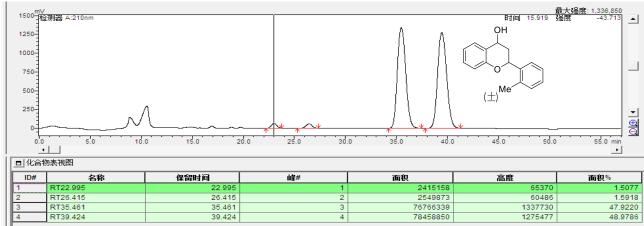


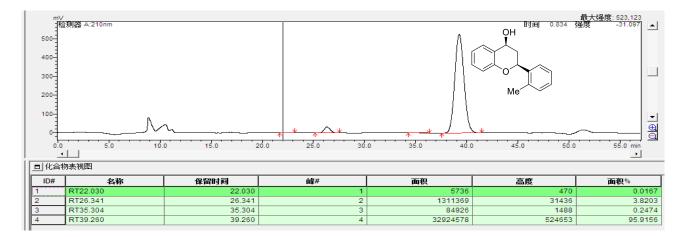






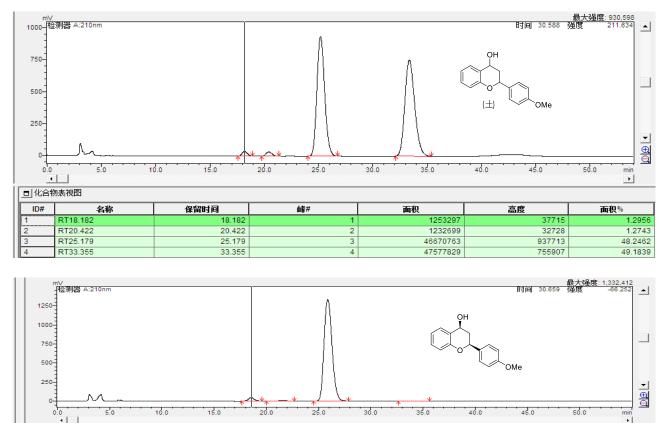
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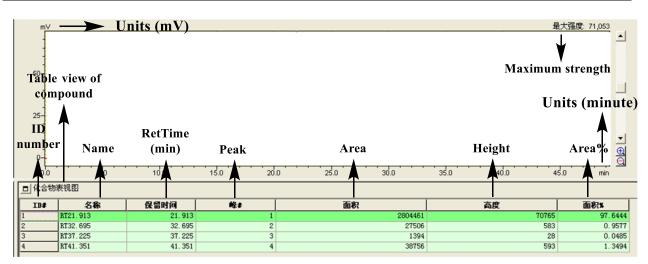


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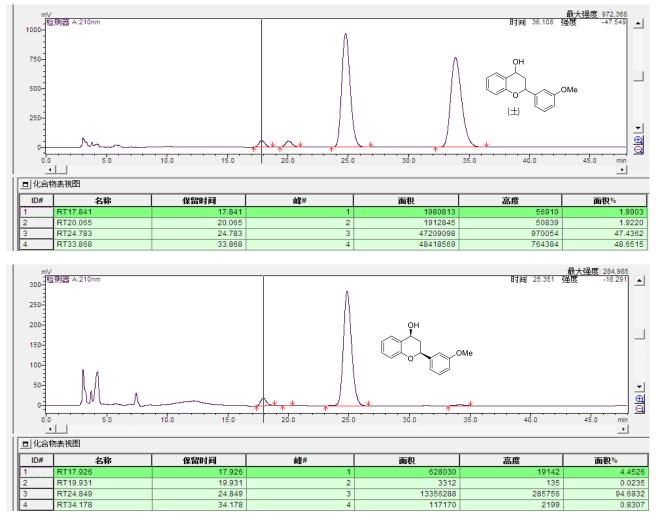
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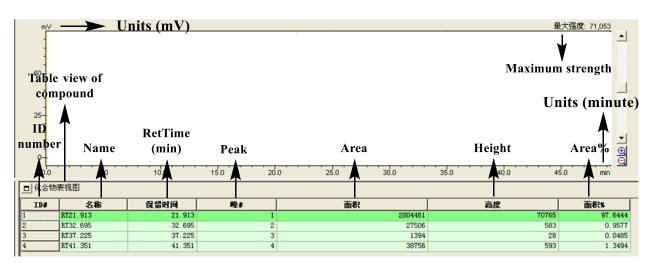


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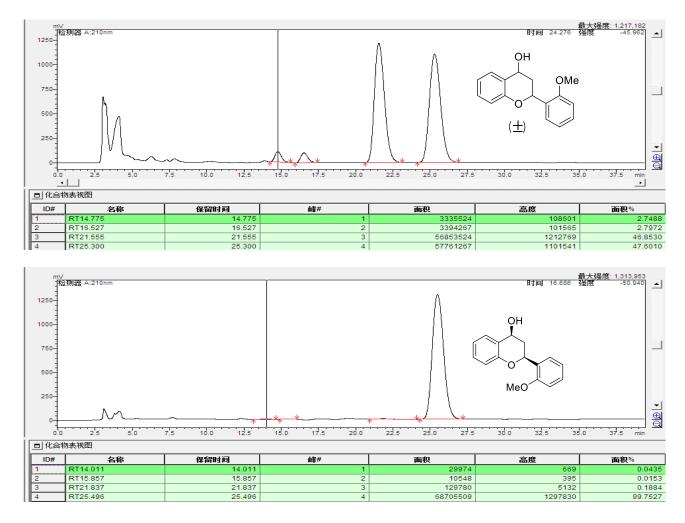


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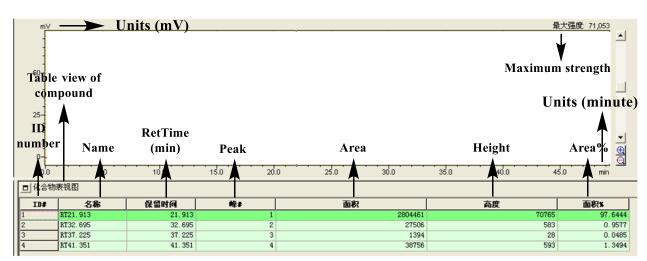




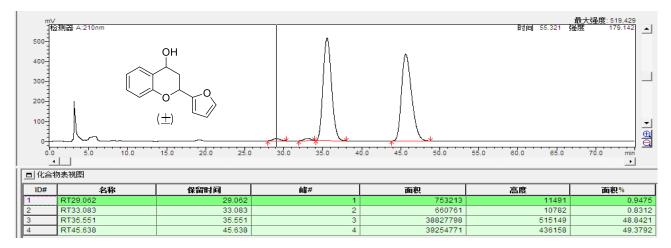
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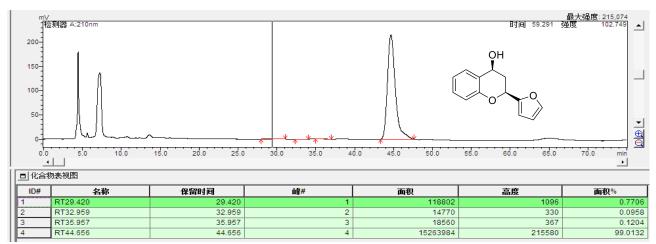


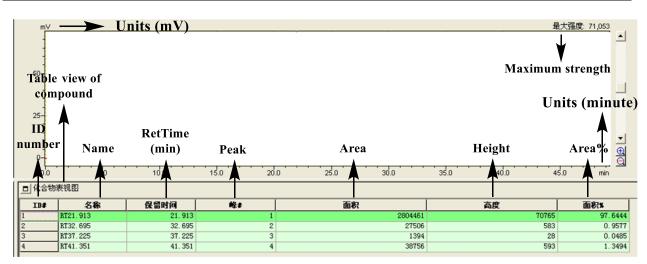
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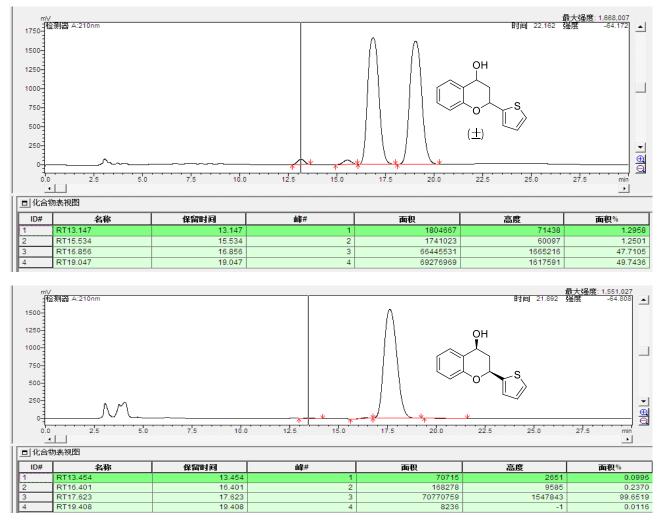
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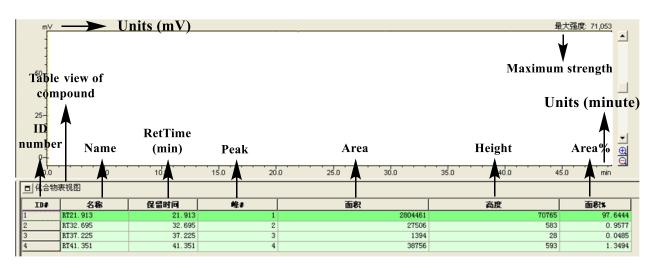




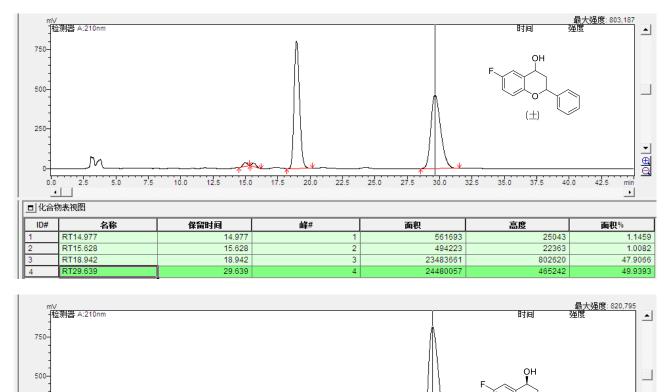


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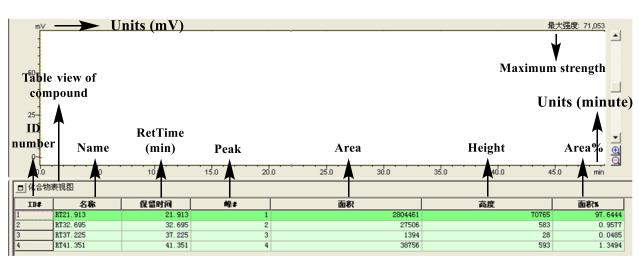
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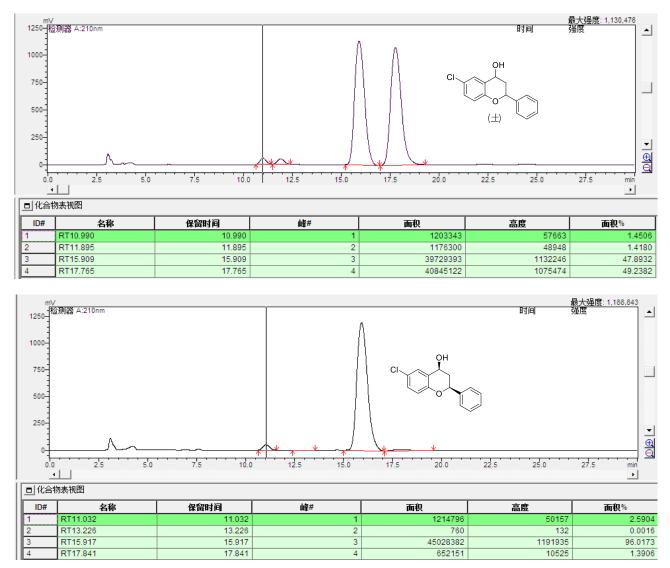
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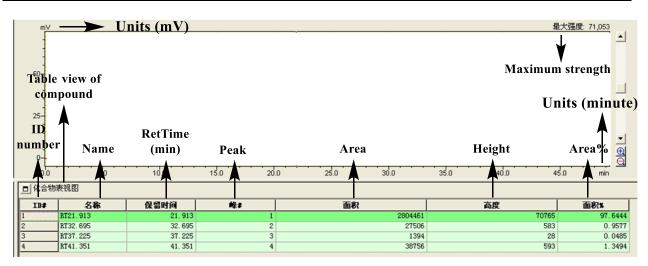
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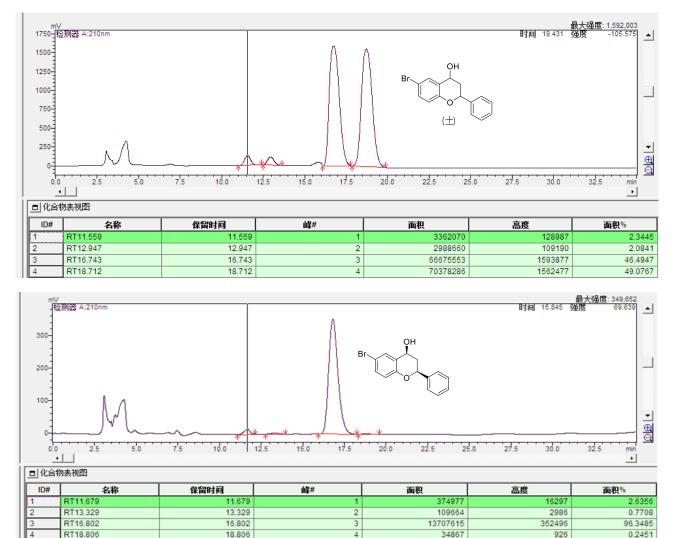
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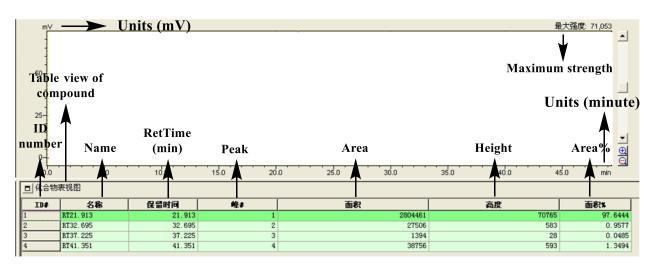
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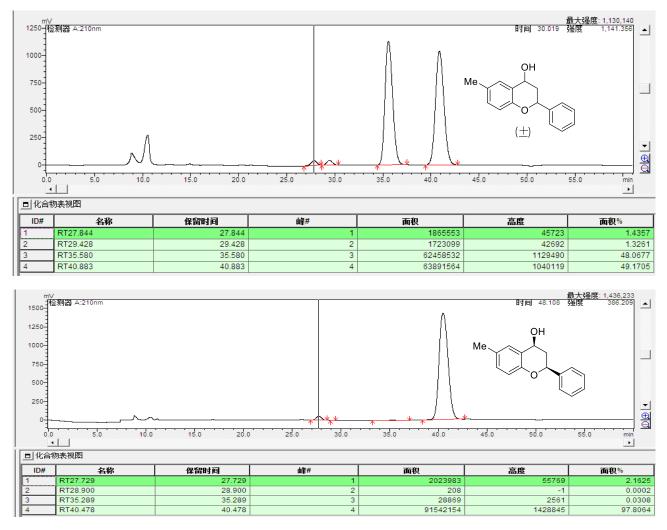


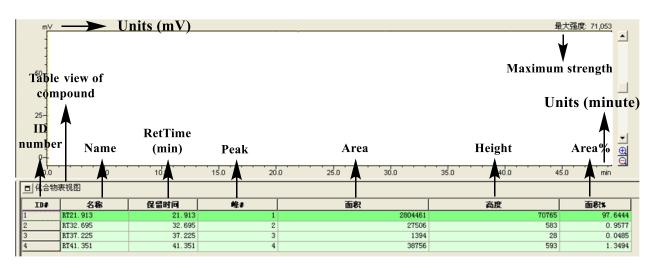
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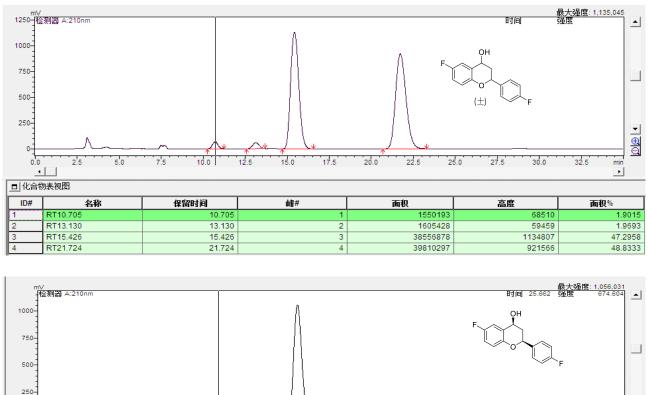


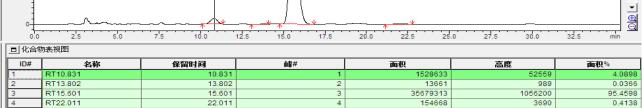
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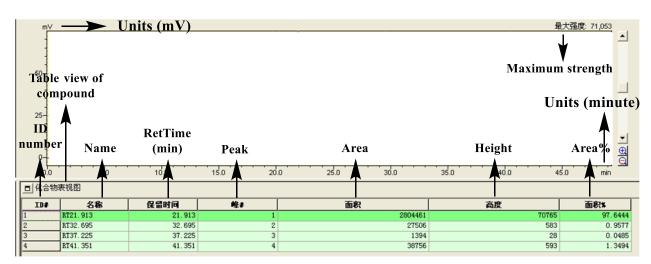




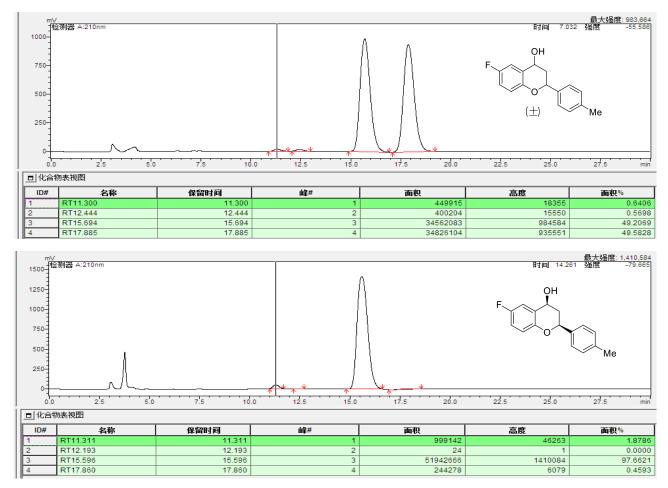
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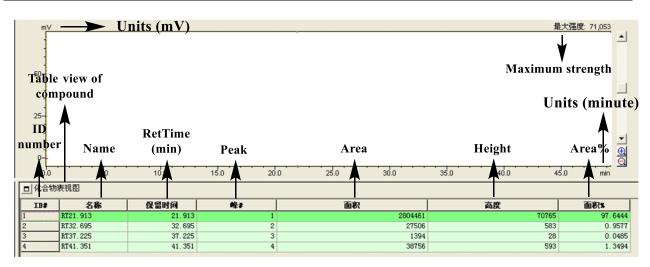




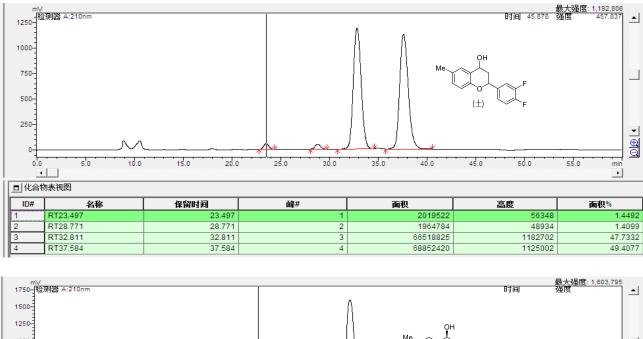
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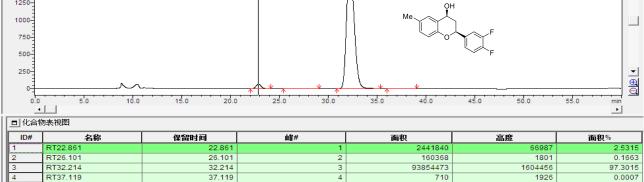


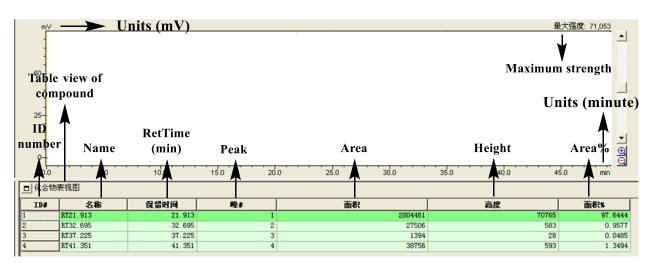
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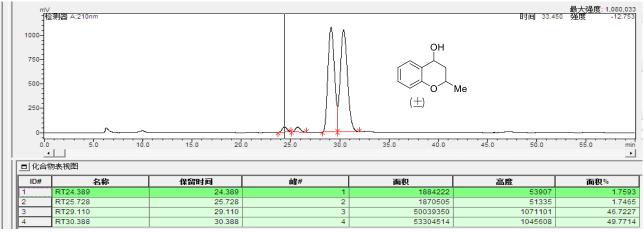
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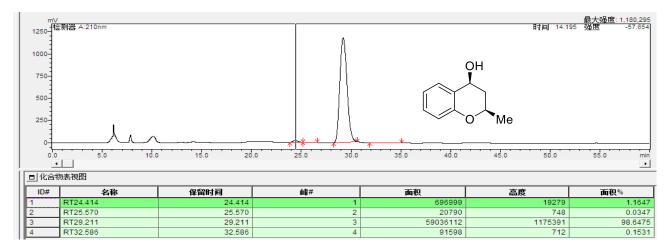


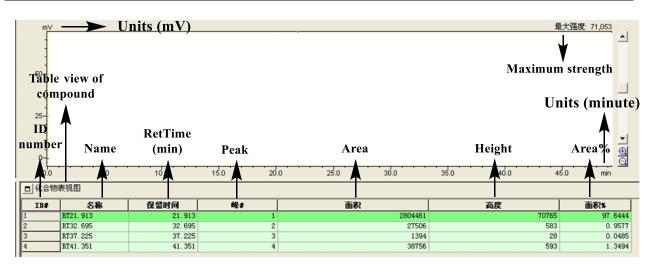




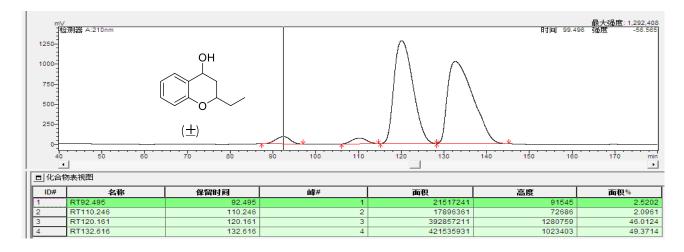
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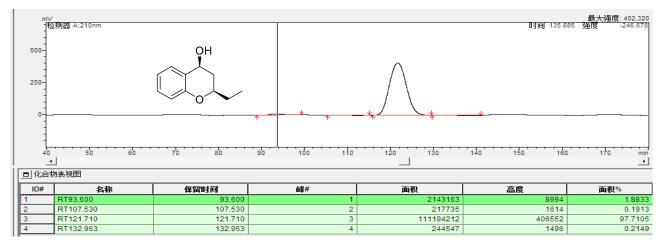


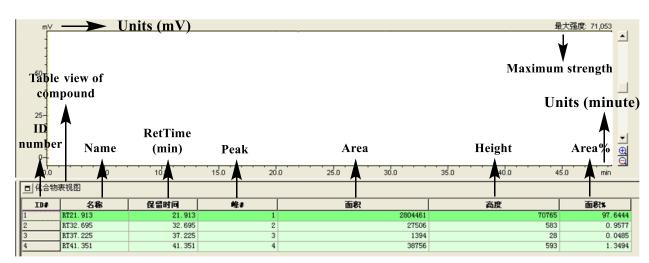




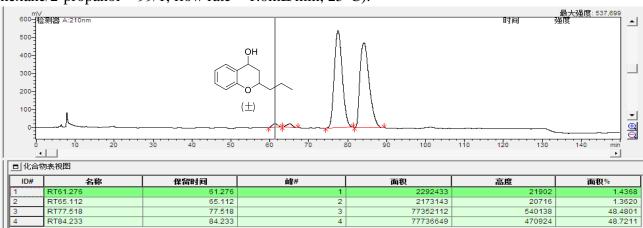
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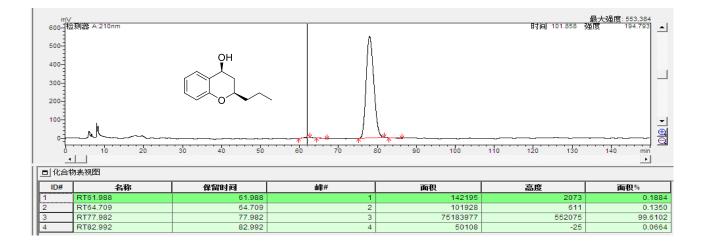


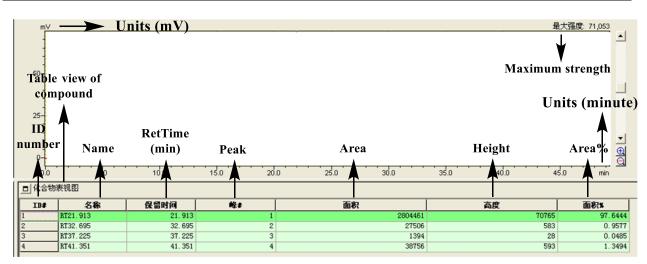




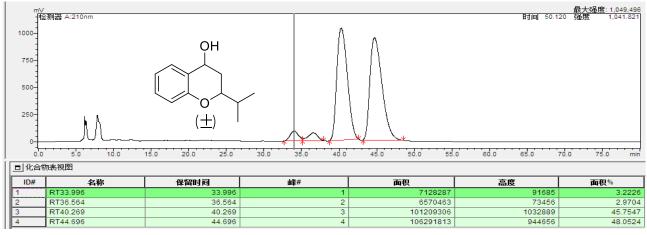
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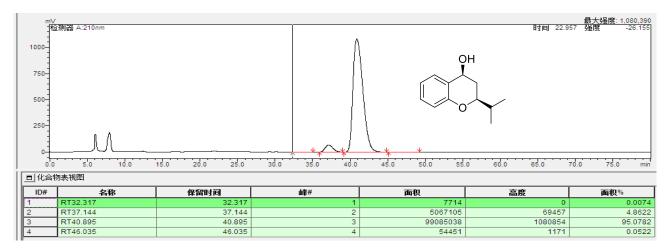


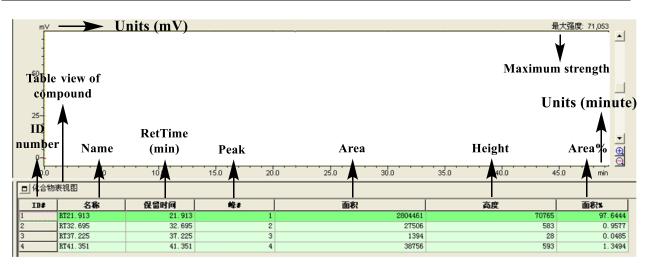




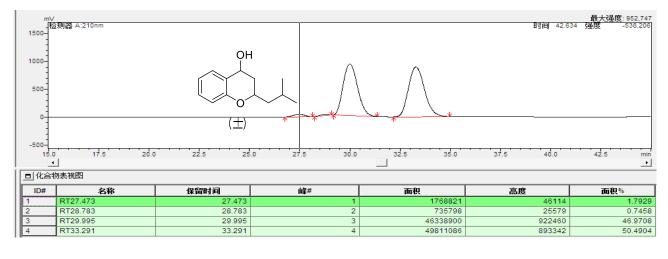
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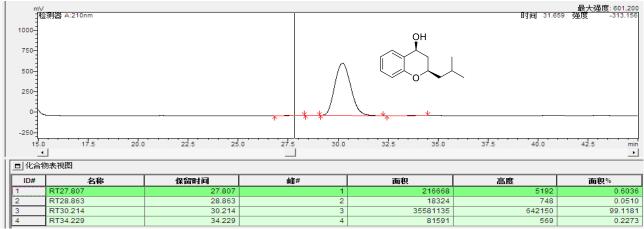


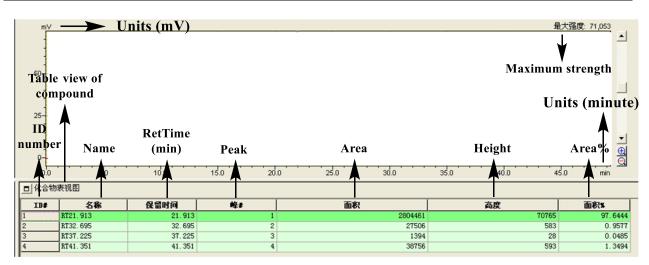


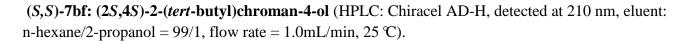


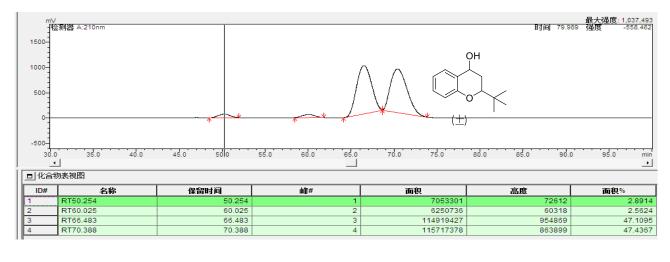
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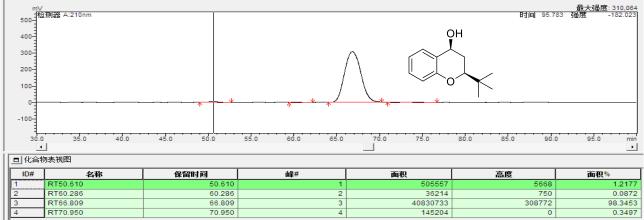


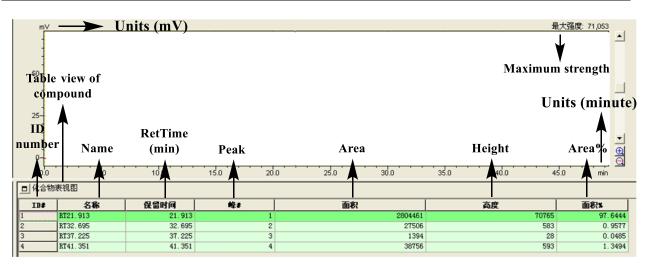




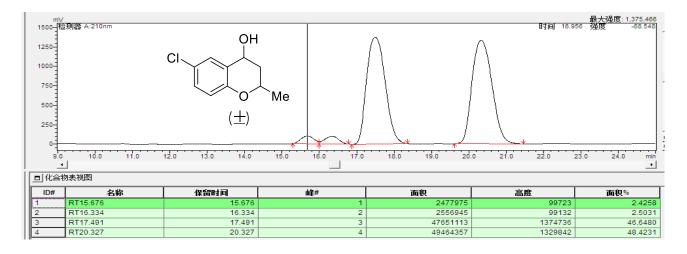


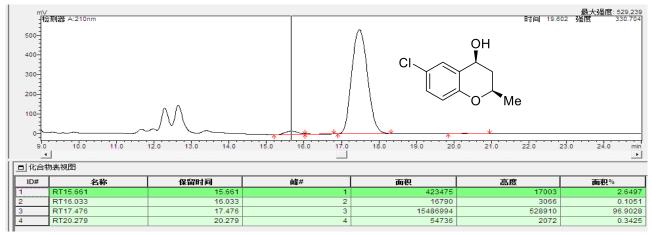


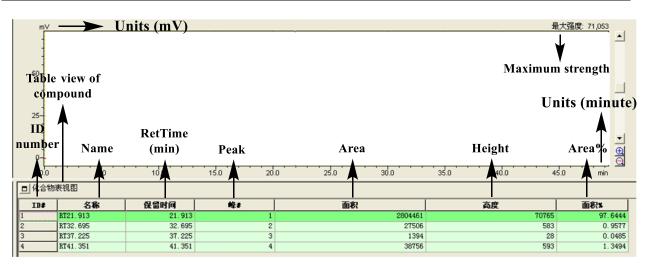




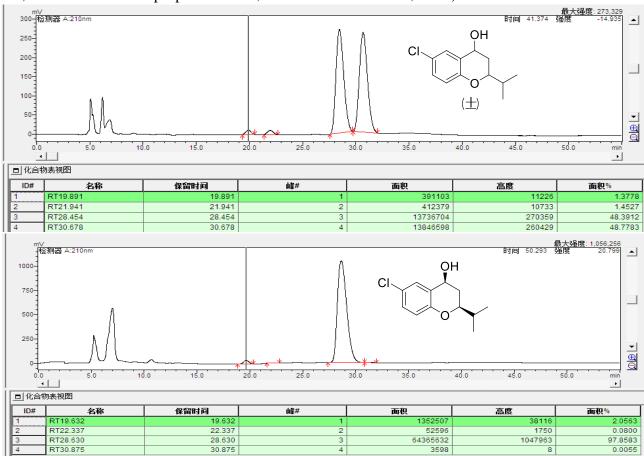
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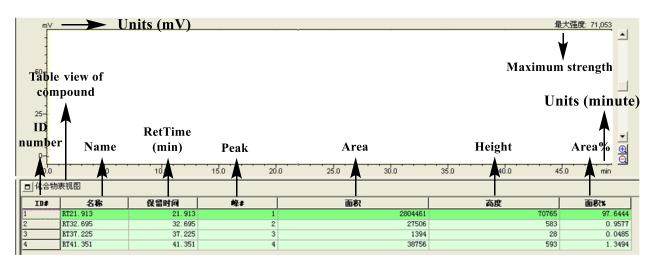




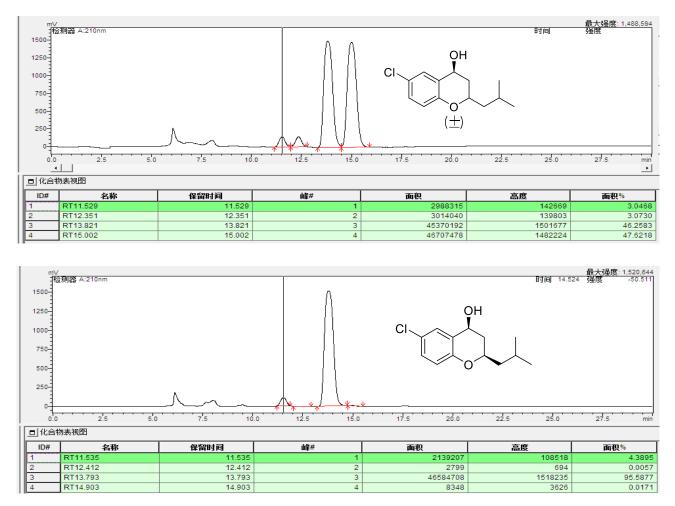
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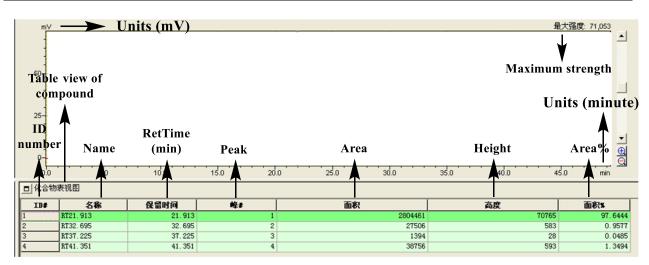


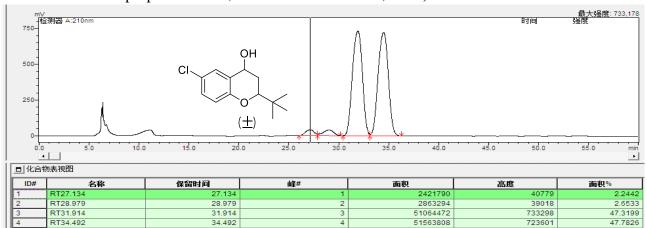
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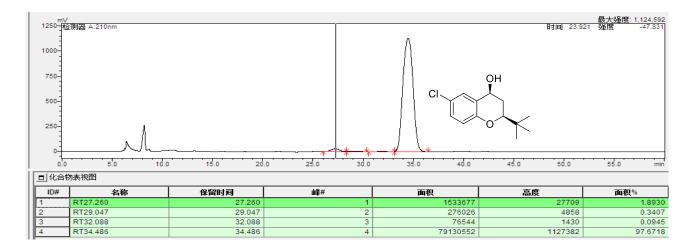
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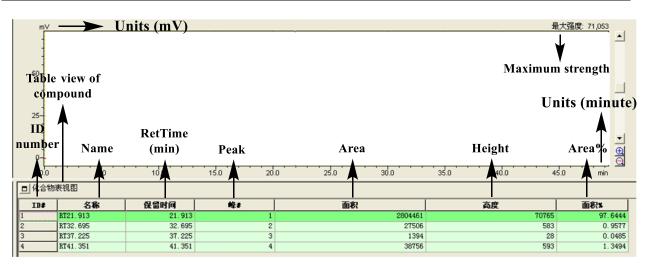


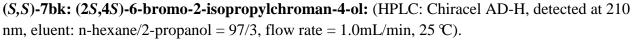


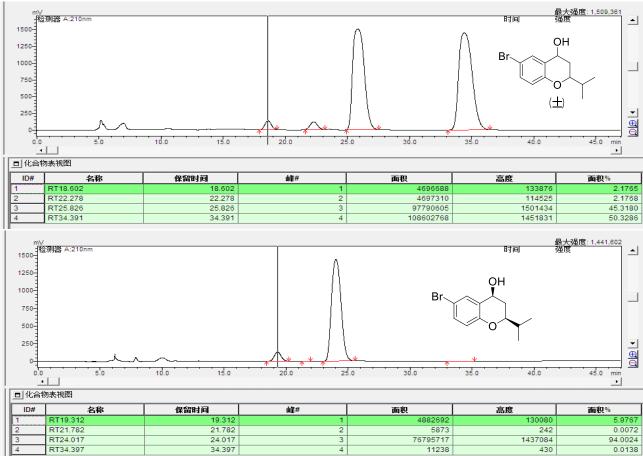


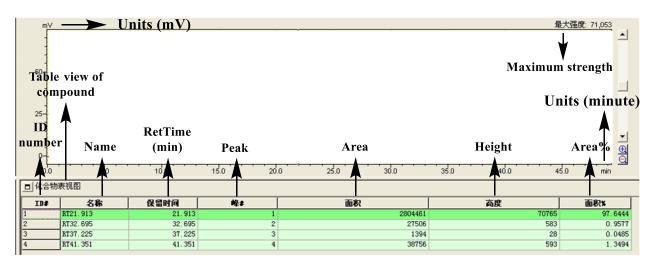
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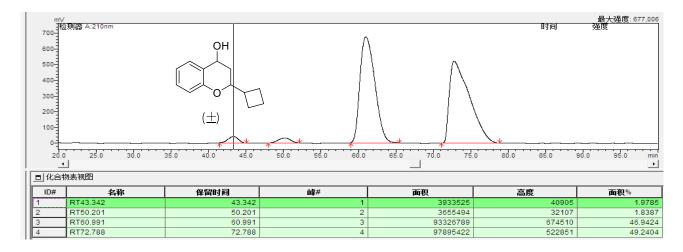


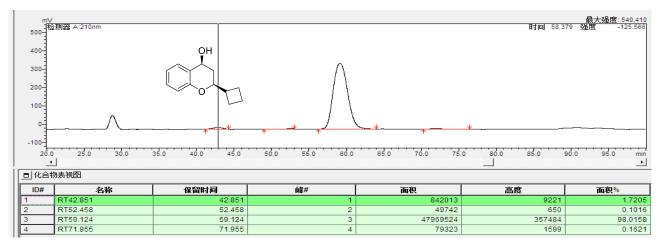


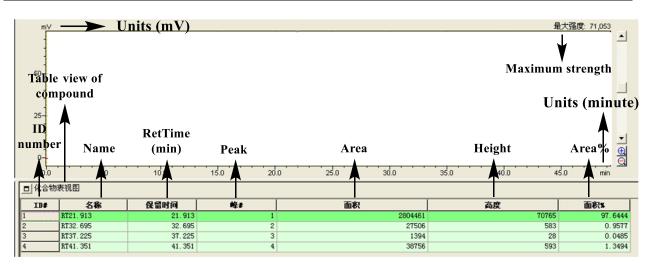




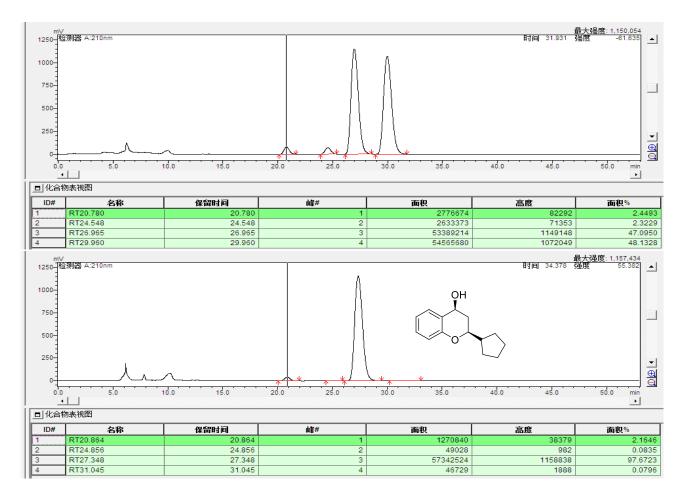
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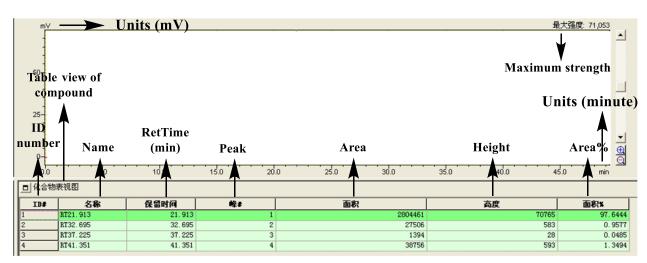




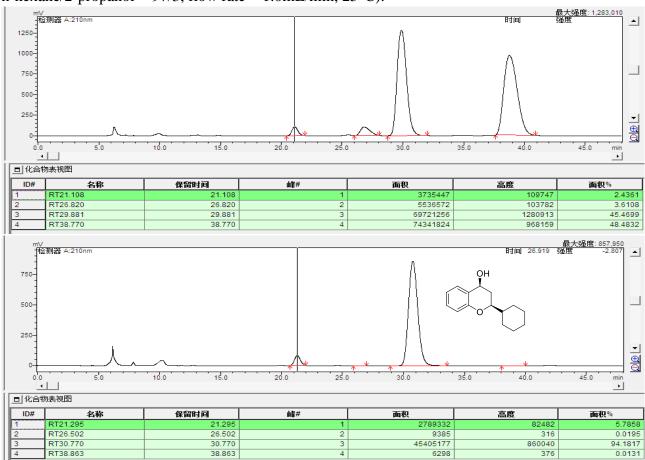


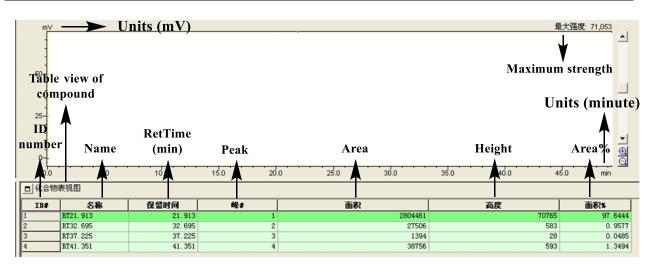
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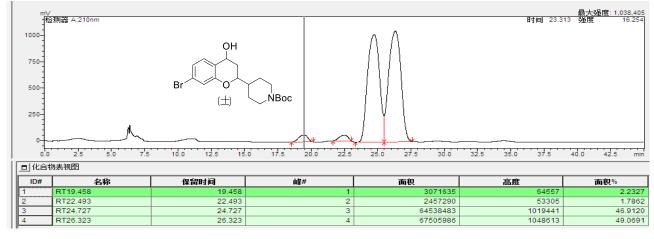


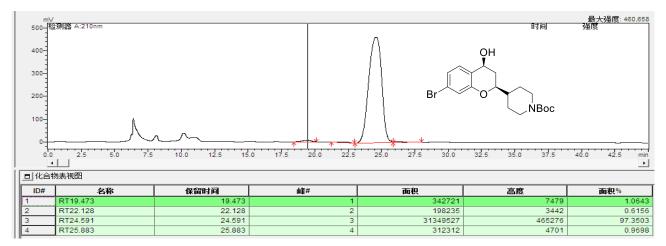
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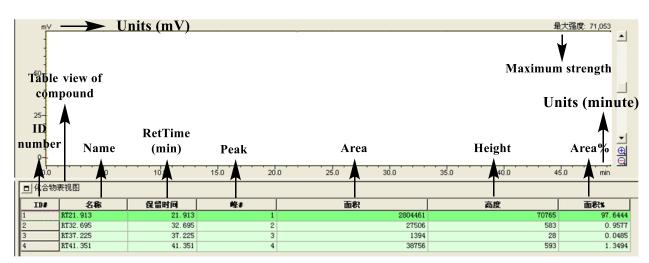
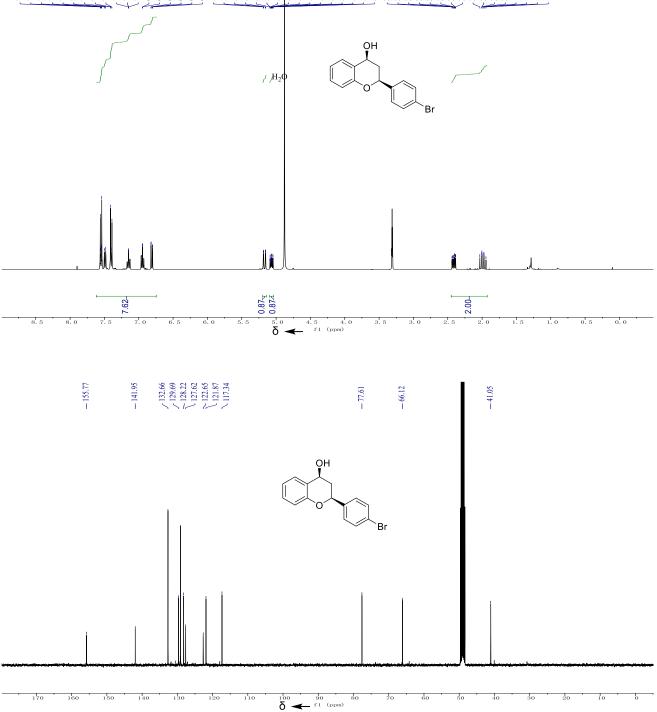
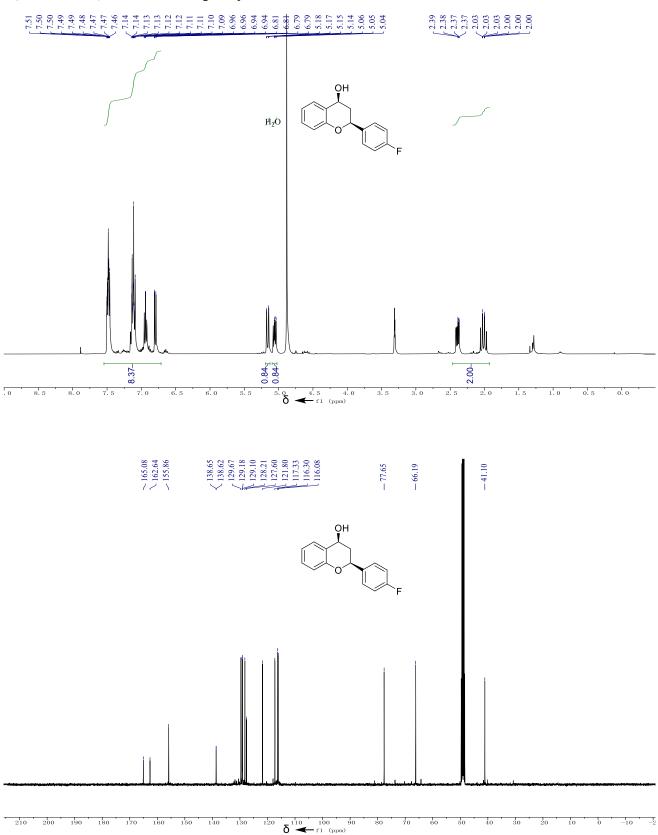


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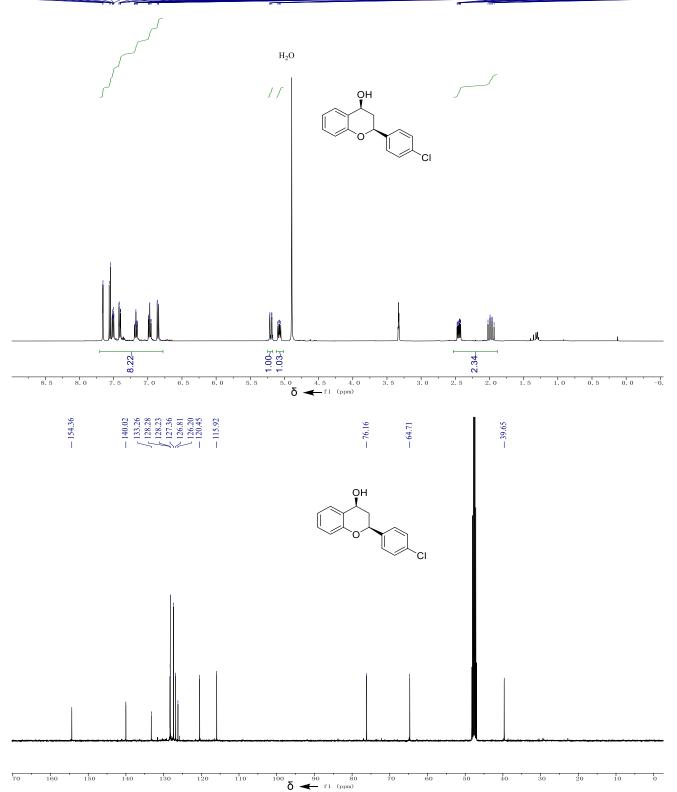
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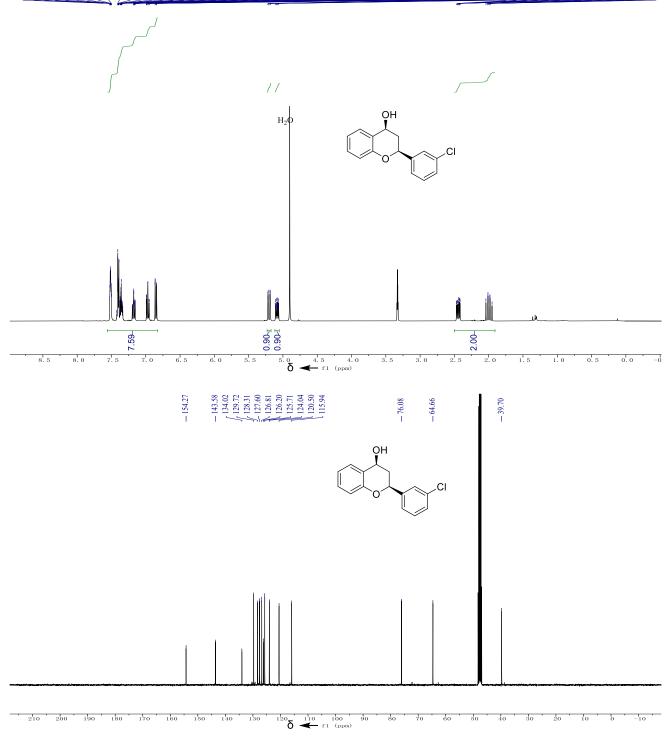
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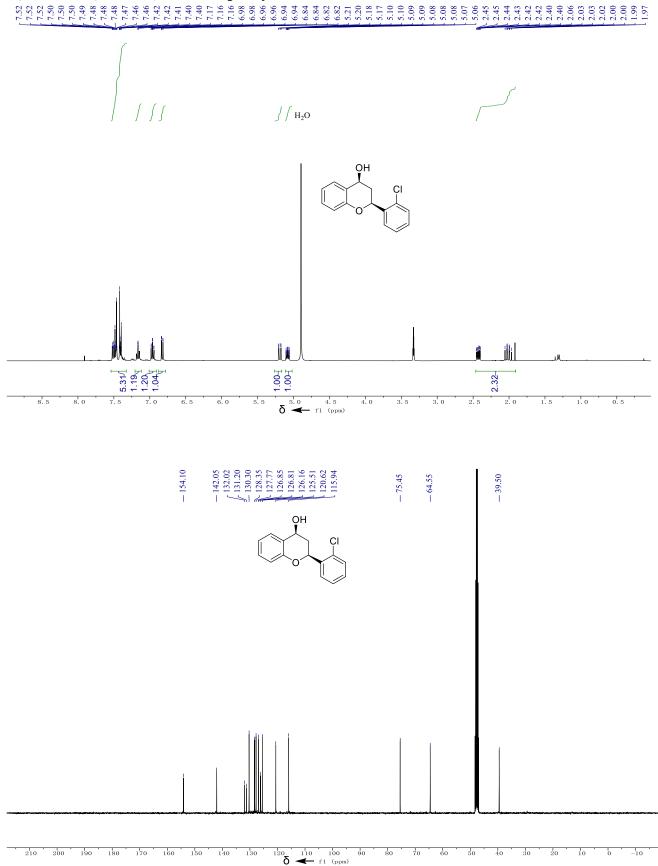


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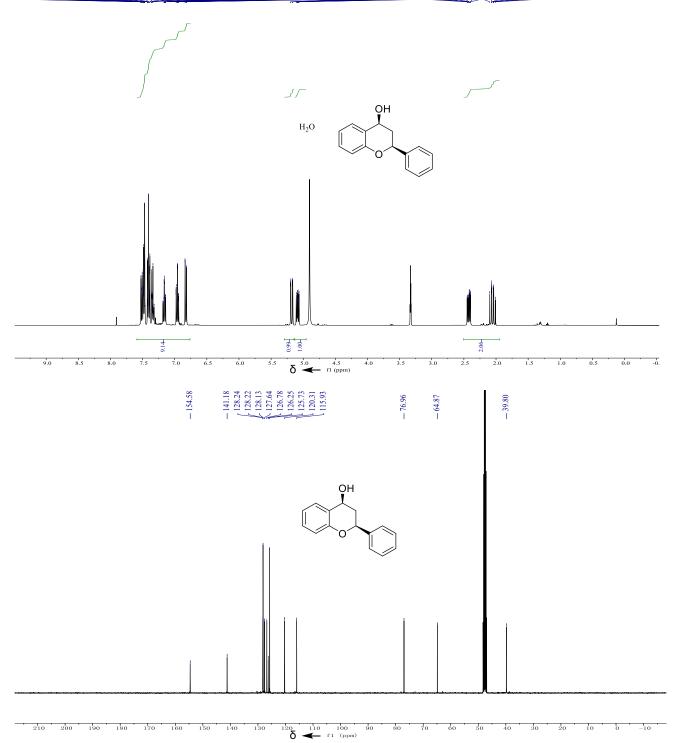
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# (S,S)-7ae:(2S,4S)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)chroman-4-ol.

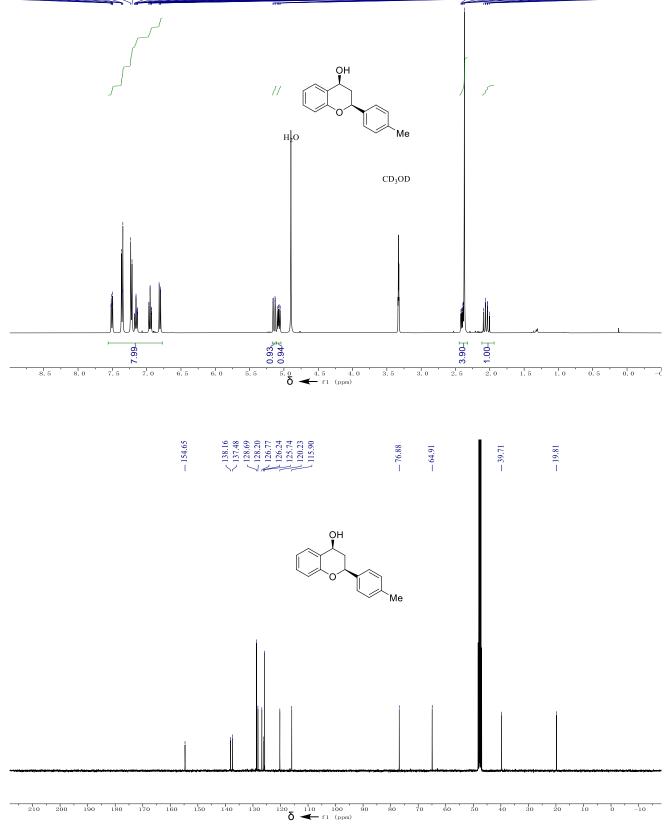


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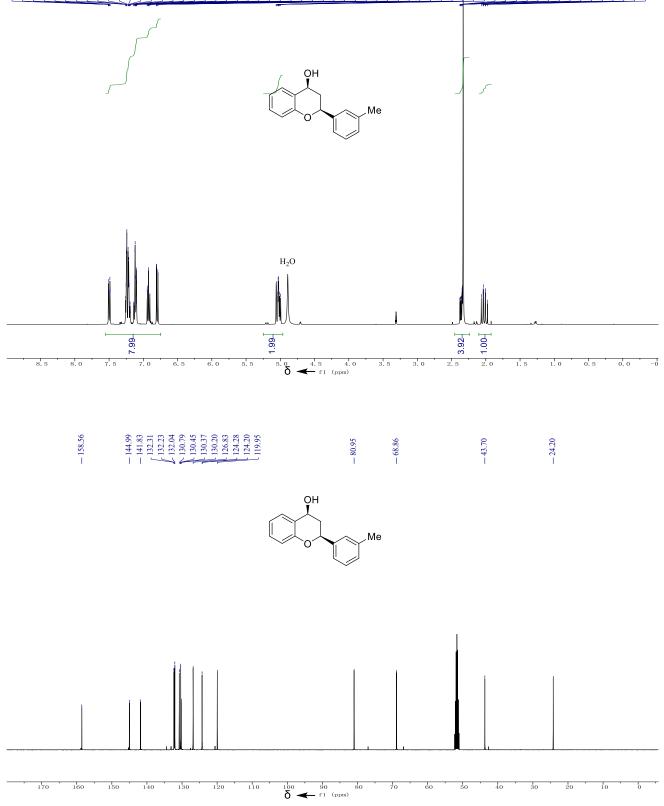
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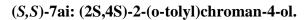


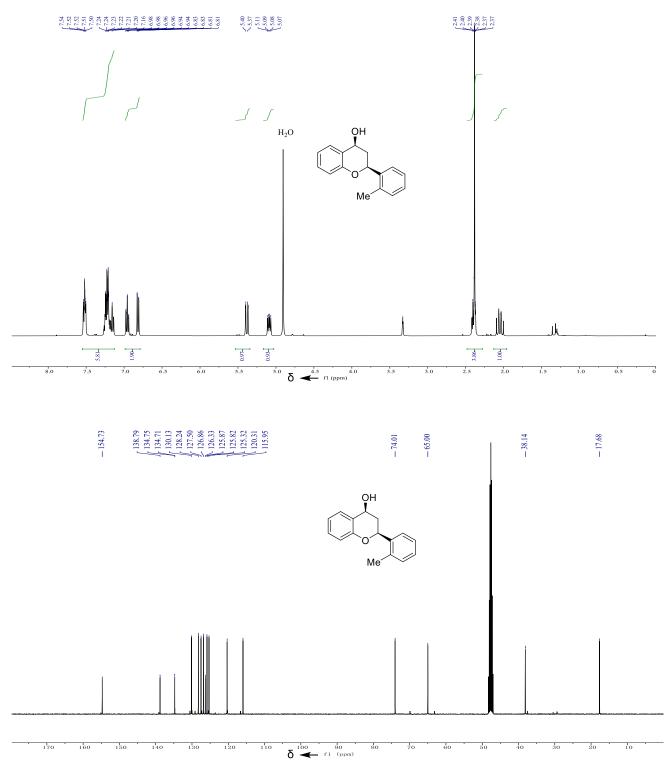


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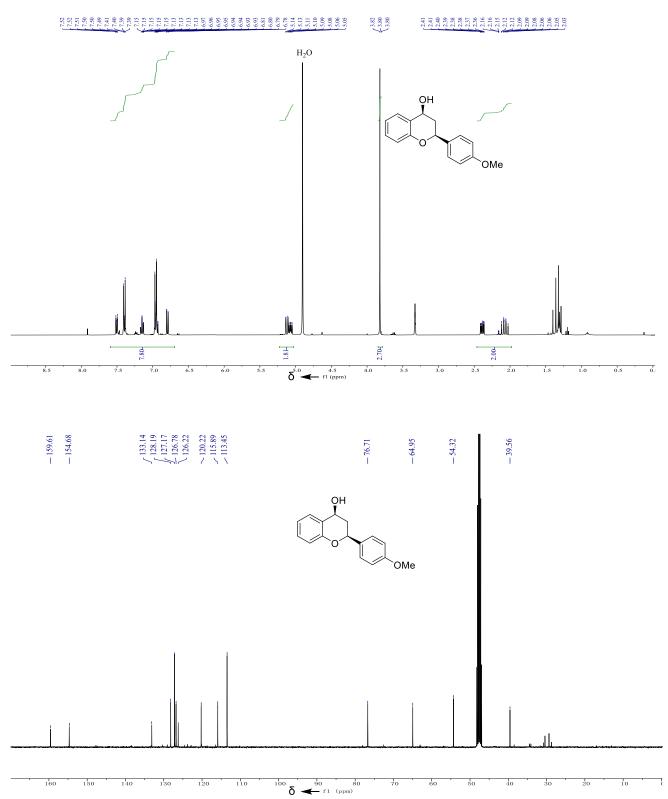
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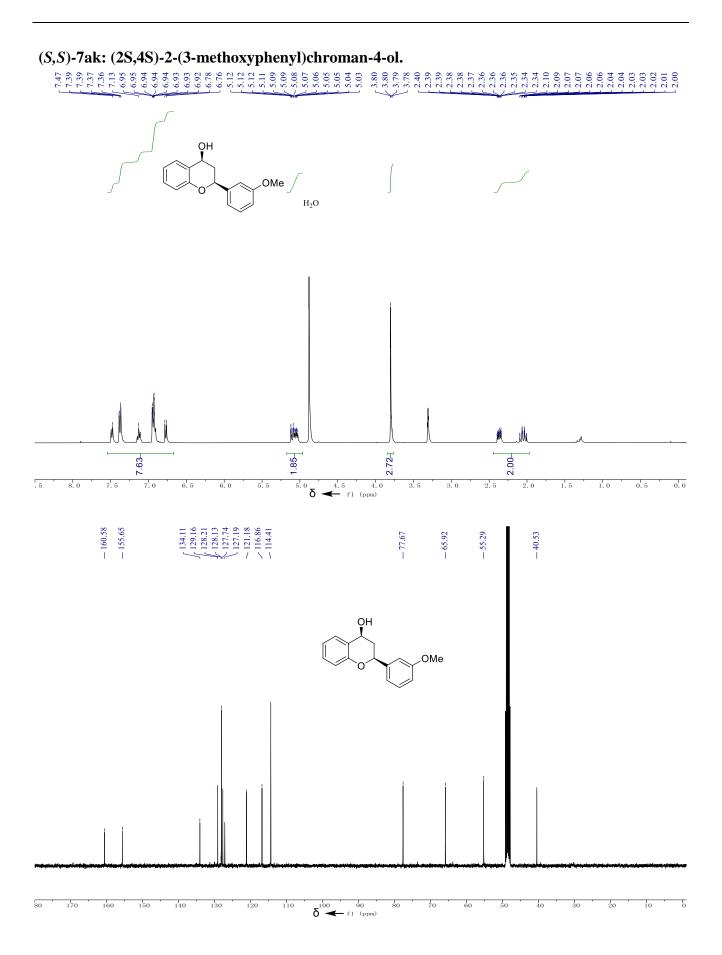




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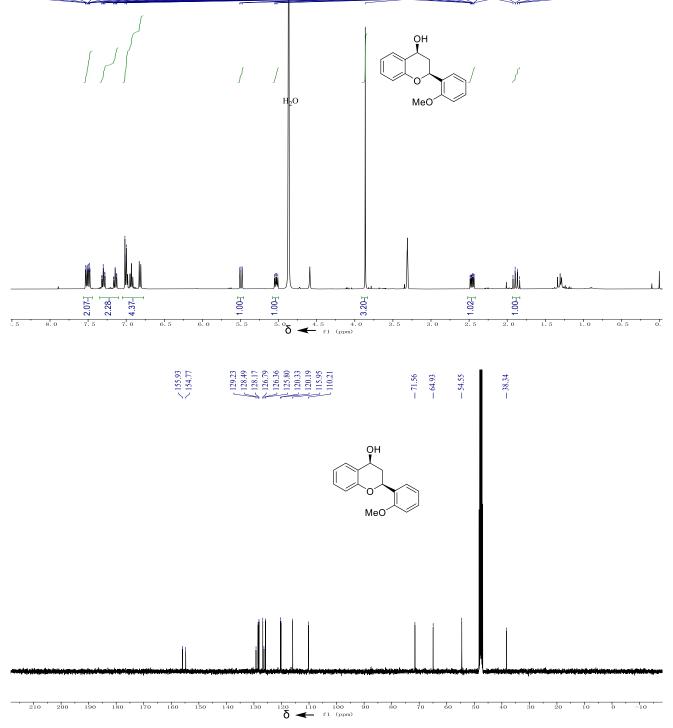


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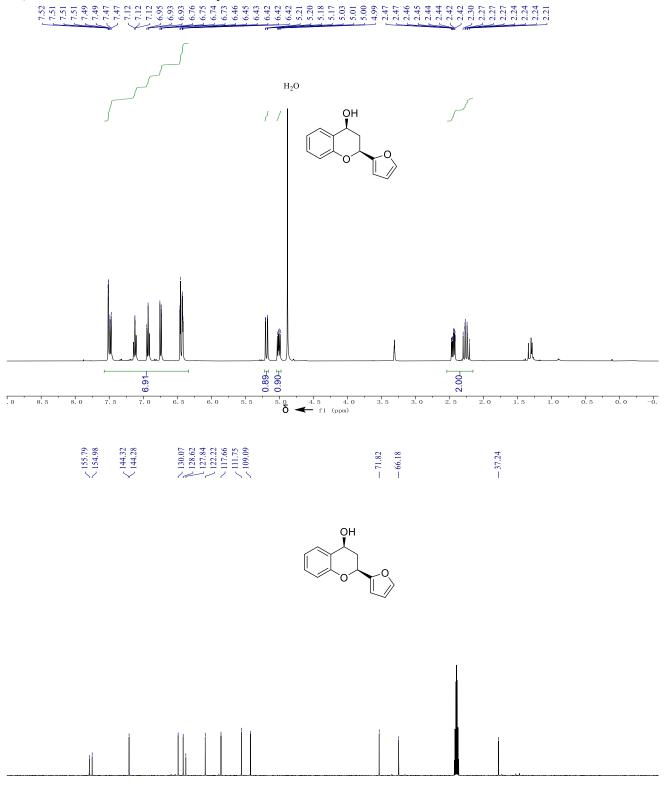


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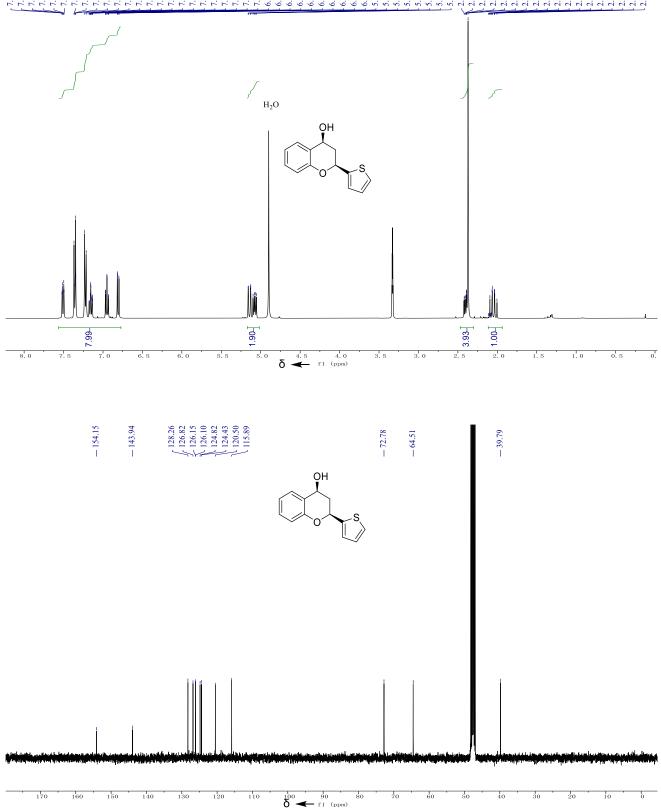


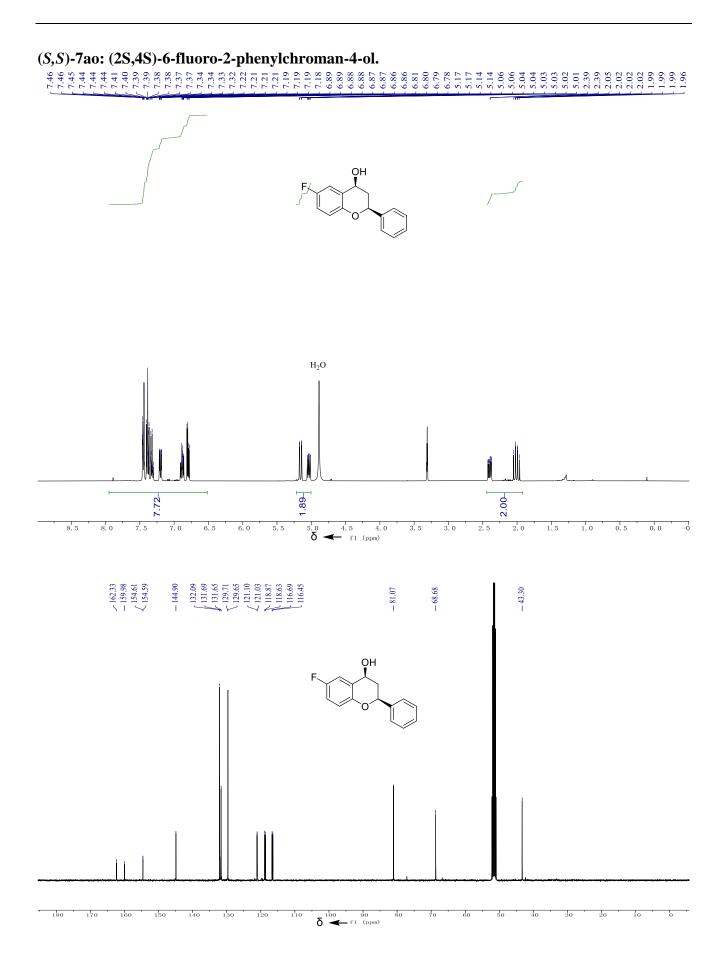
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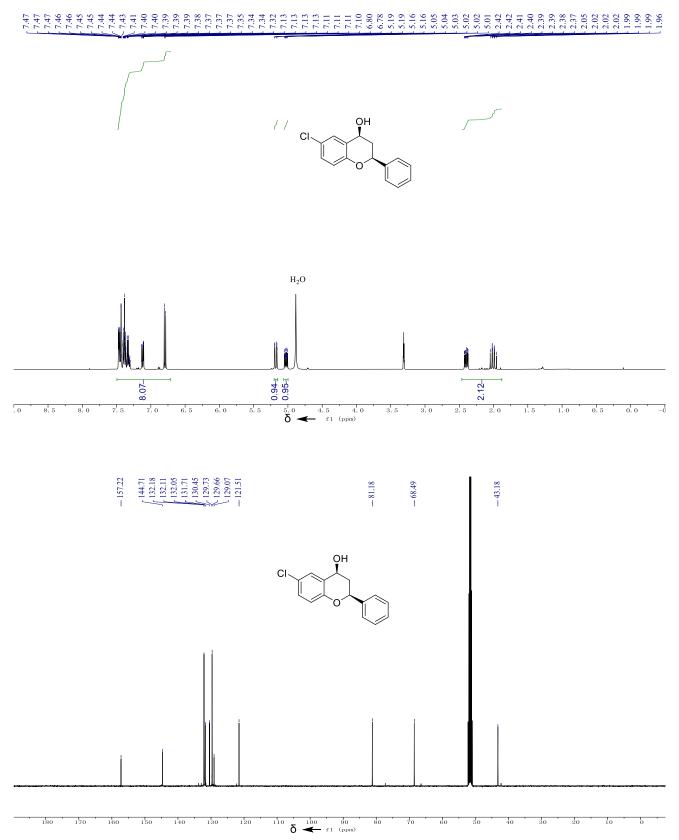
<sup>100</sup>δ ← <sup>90</sup><sup>80</sup><sup>80</sup>

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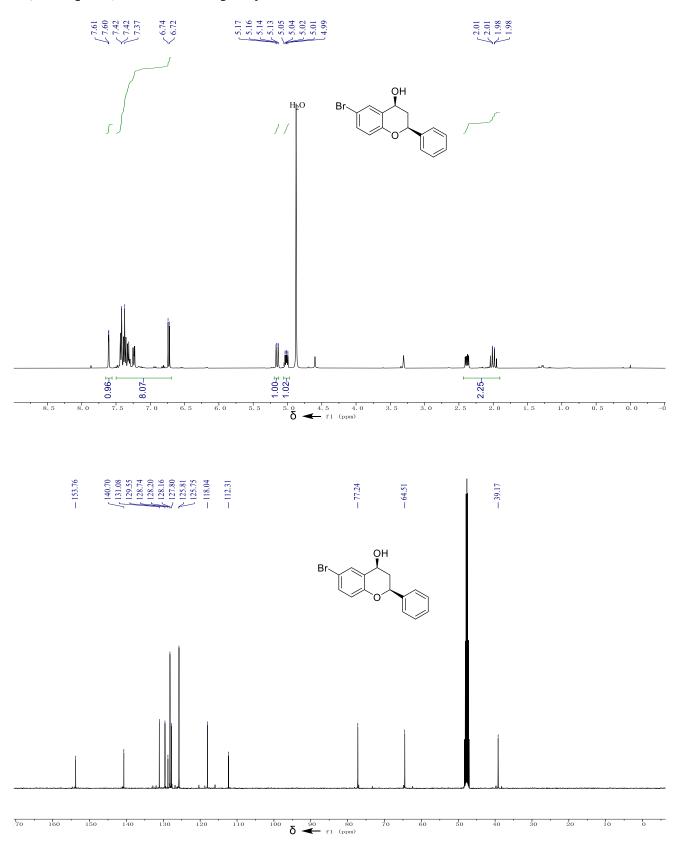


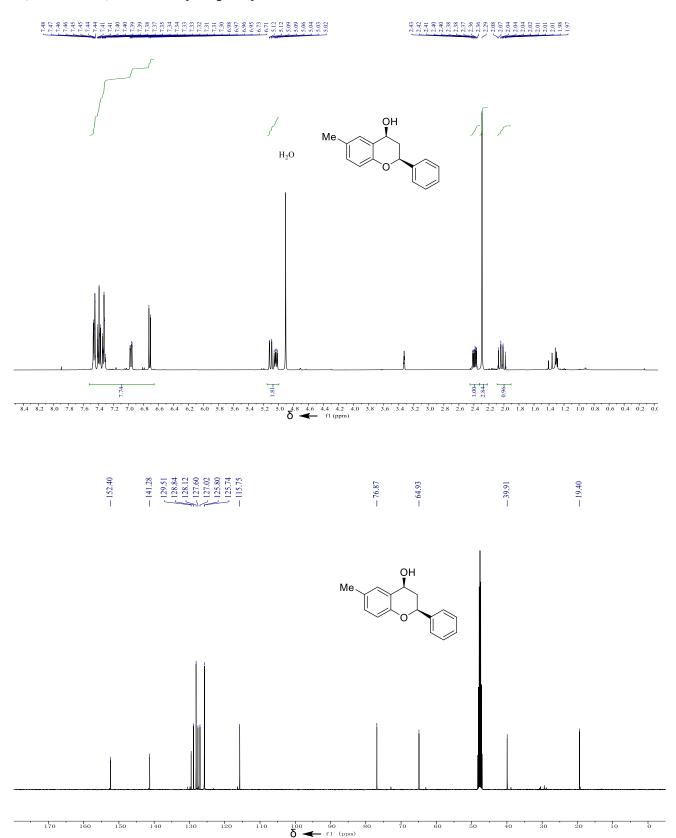


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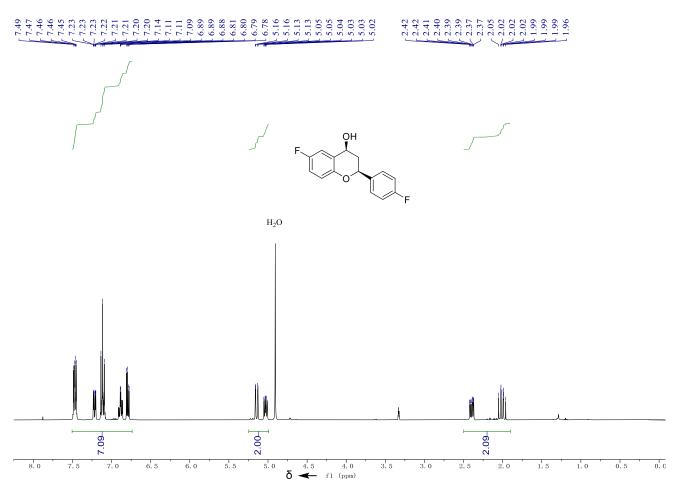
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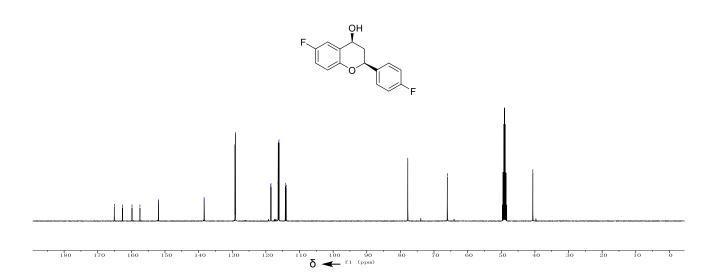


## (S,S)-7ar: (2S,4S)-6-methyl-2-phenylchroman-4-ol.

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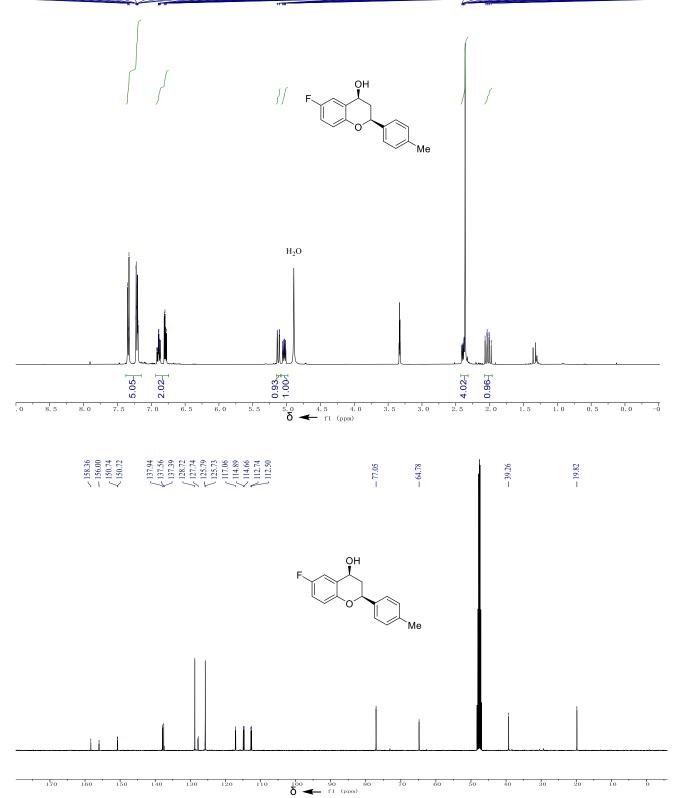


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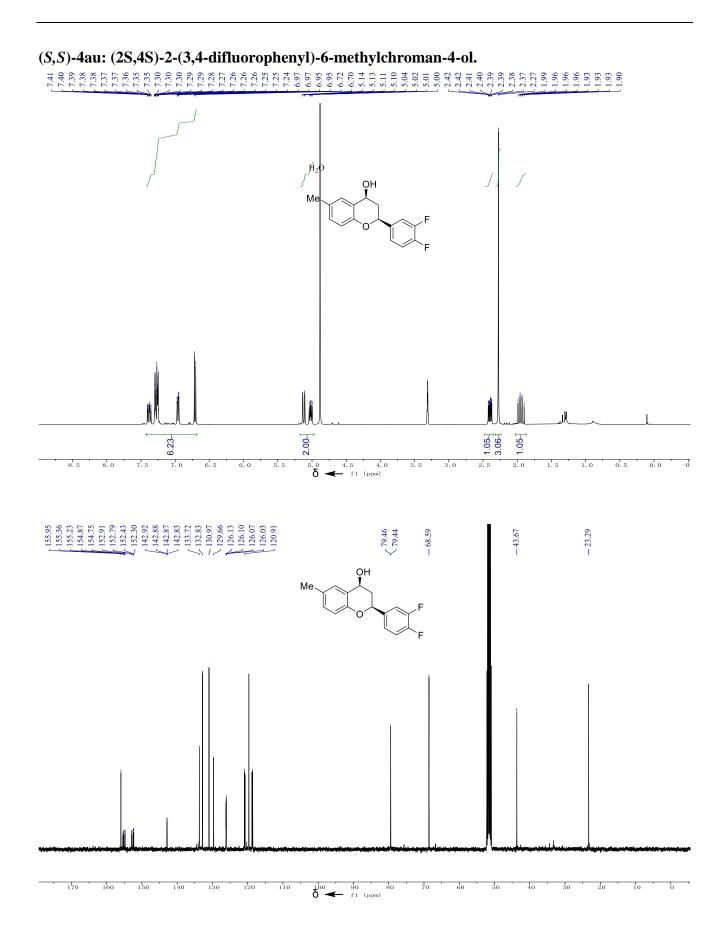


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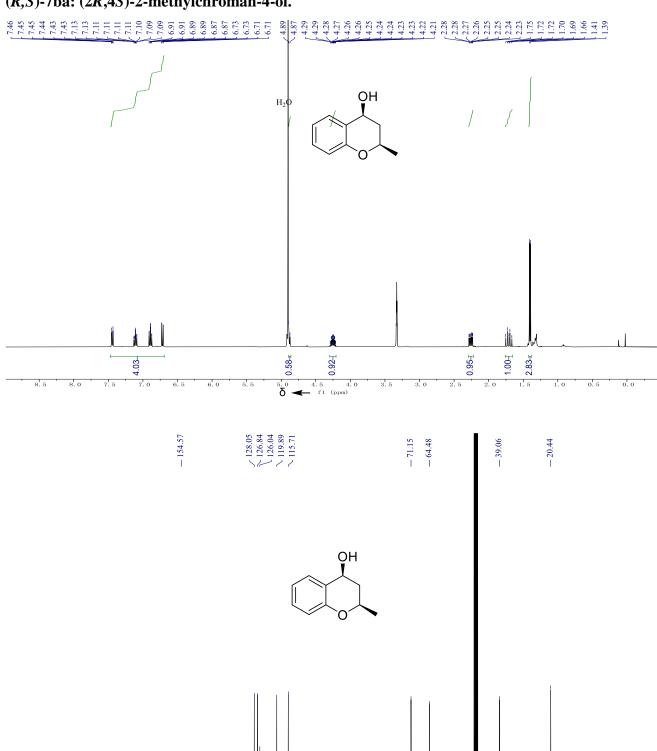


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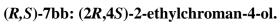


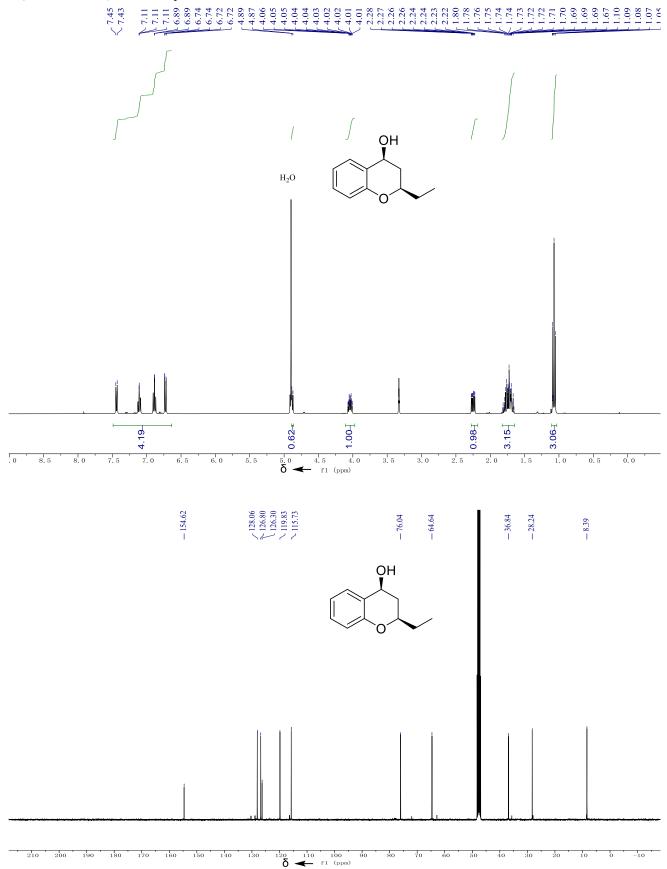
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### (R,S)-7ba: (2R,4S)-2-methylchroman-4-ol.

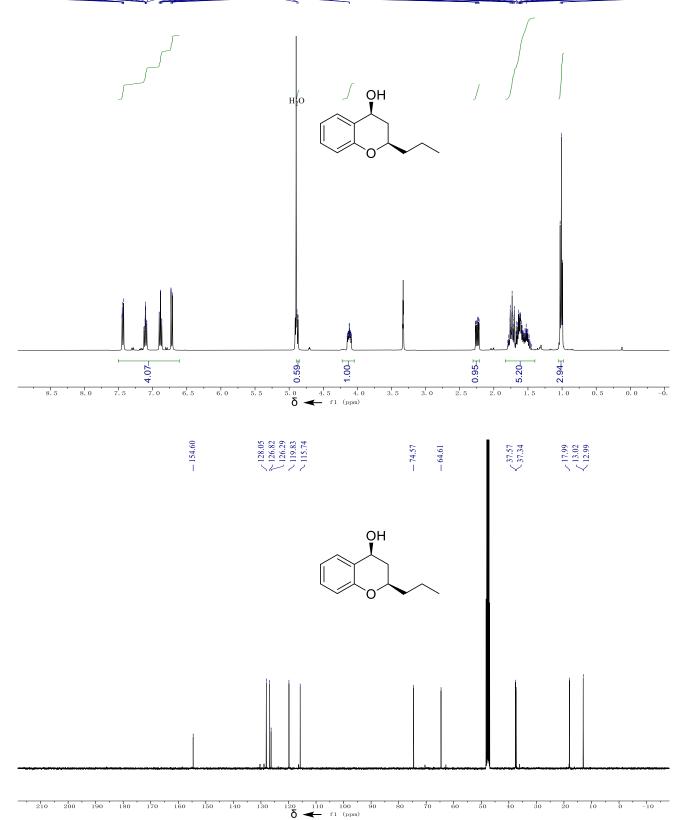


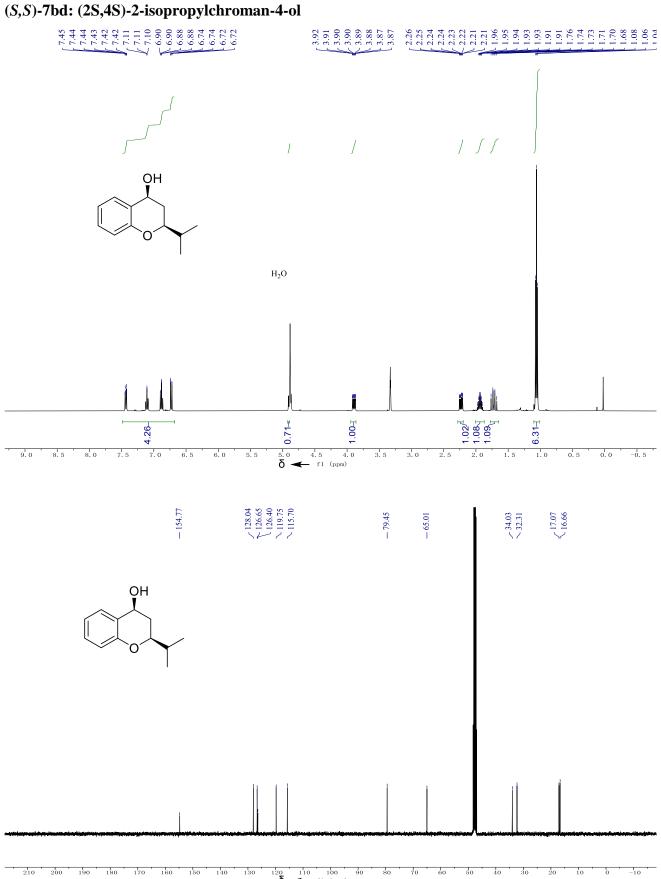
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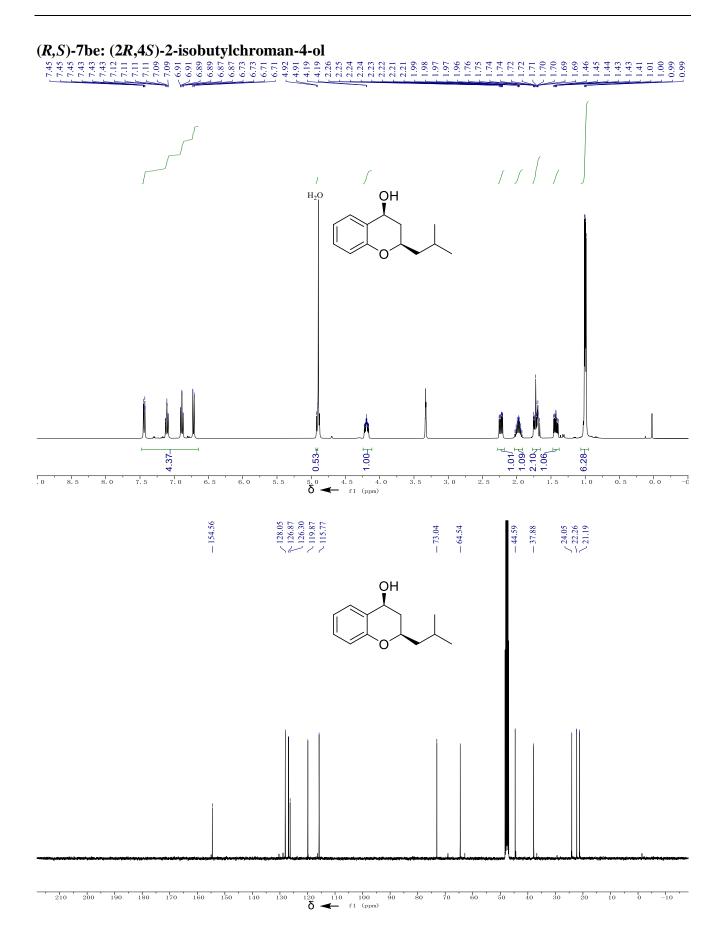


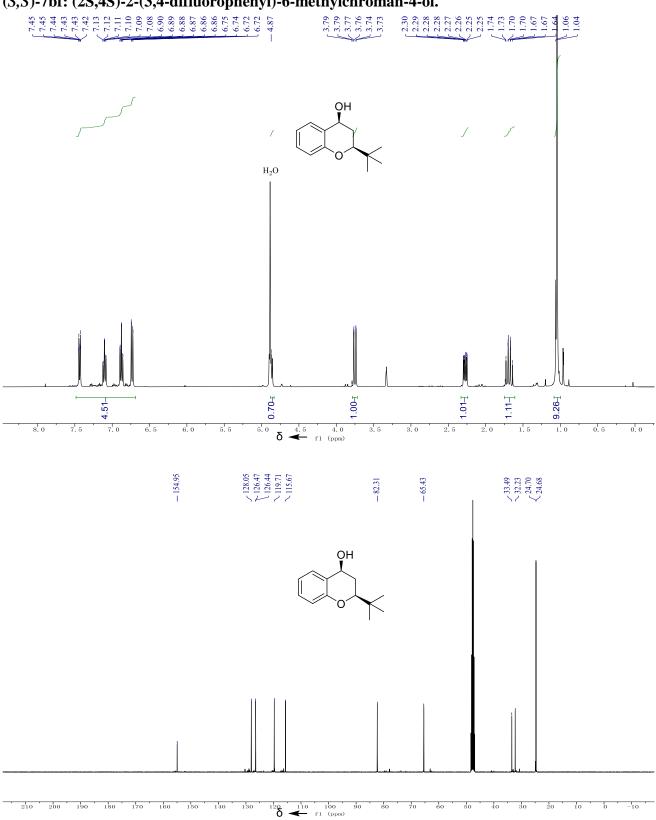
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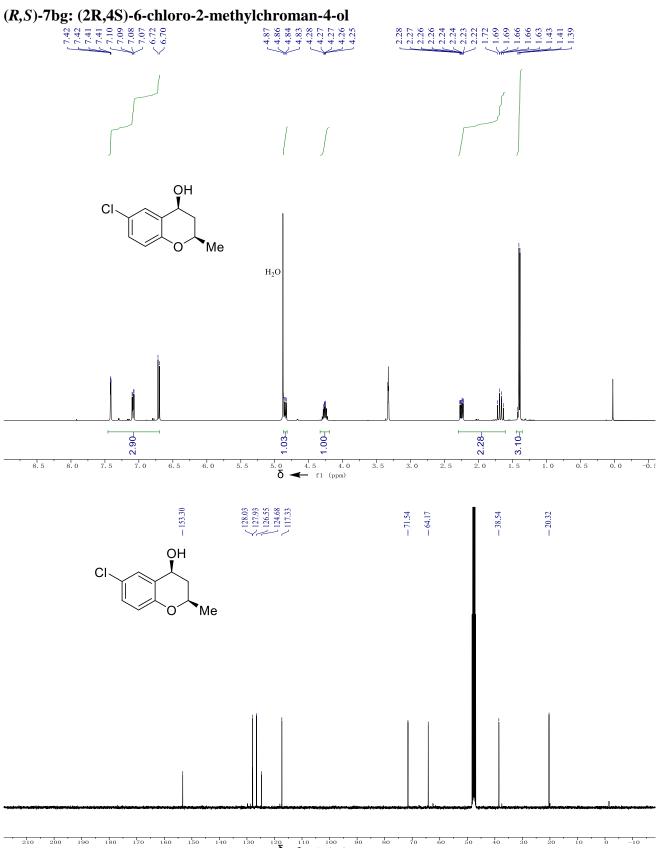


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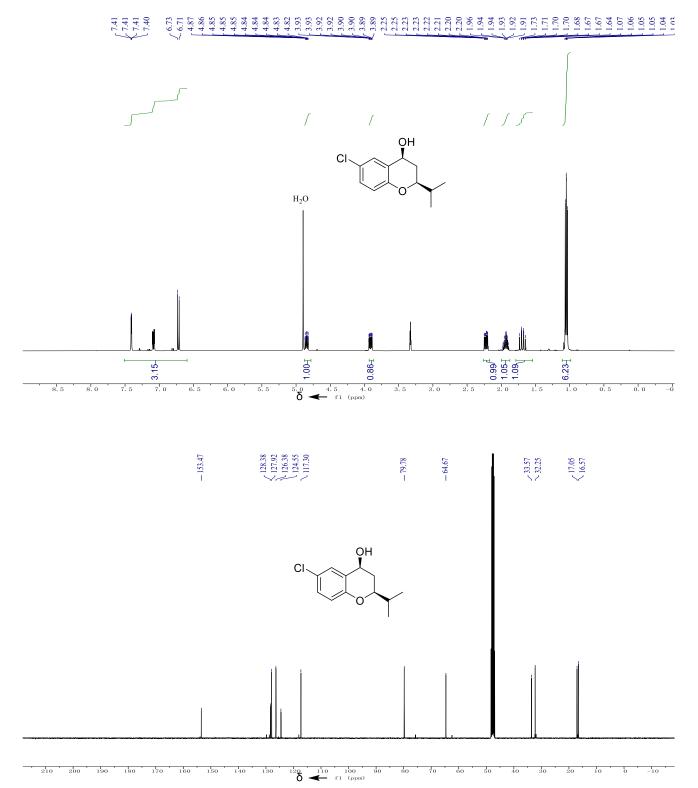


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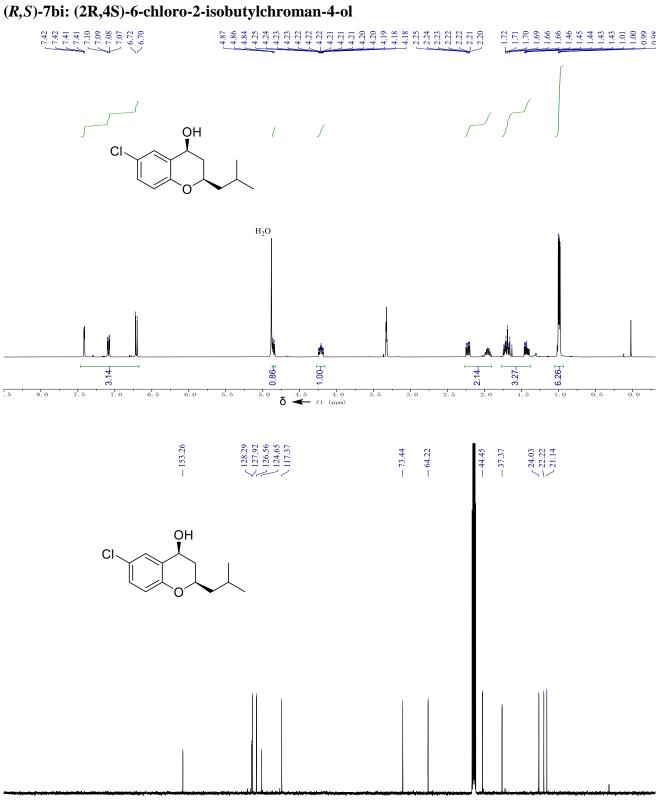


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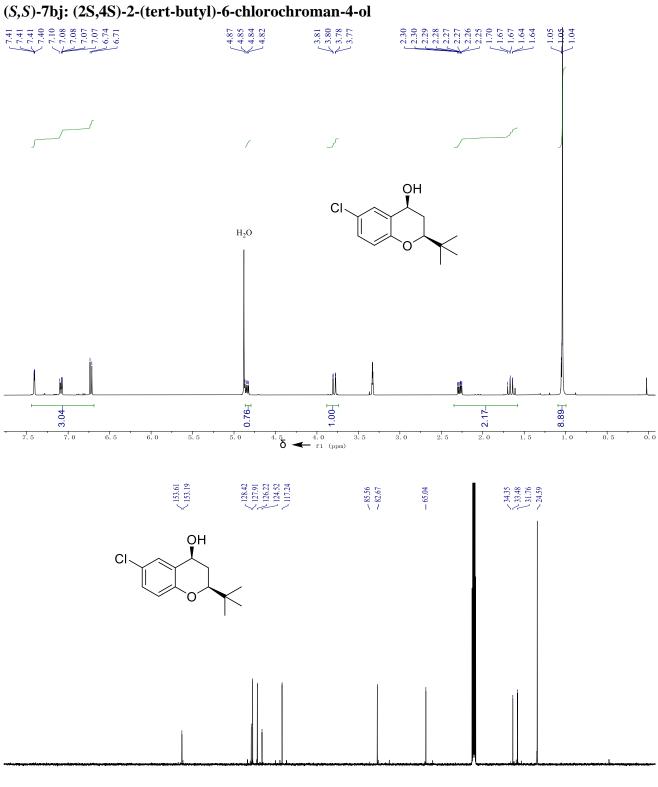
(S,S)-4bh: (2S,4S)-6-chloro-2-isopropylchroman-4-ol.



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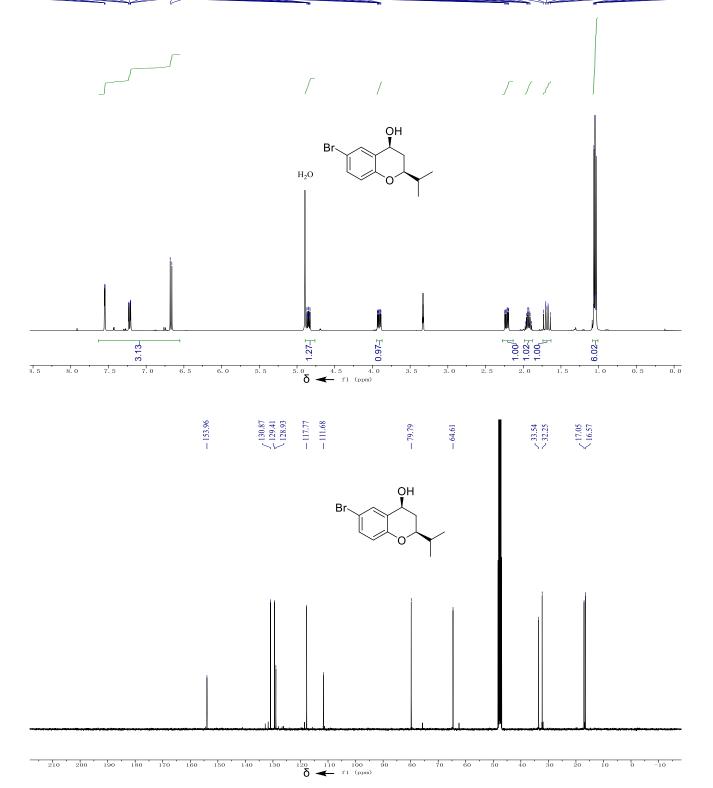


120 110 100 δ ← f1 (ppm) -10

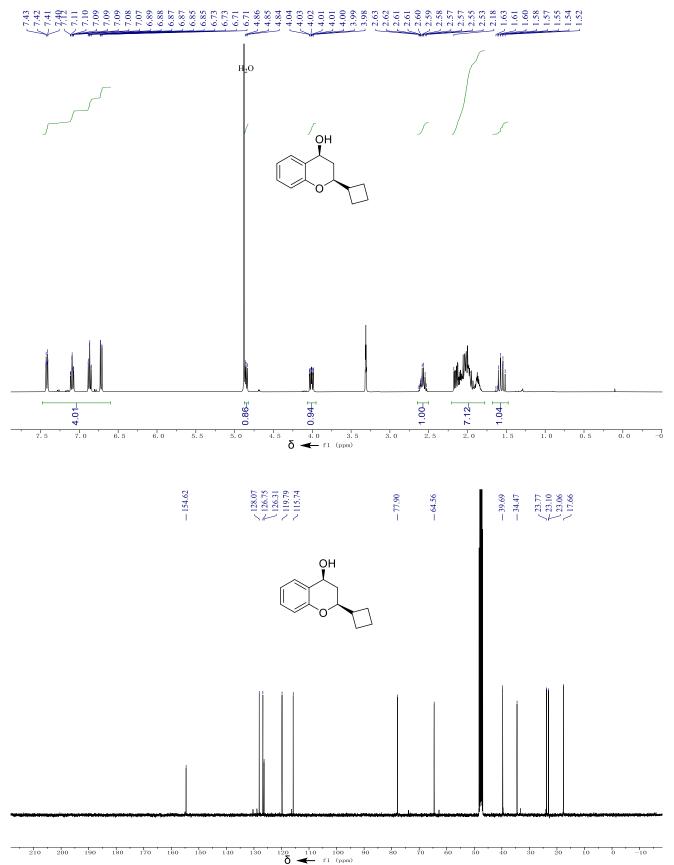


210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 δ 🗲 f1 (ppm)

## (S,S)-7bk: (2S,4S)-6-bromo-2-isopropylchroman-4-ol.



### (S,S)-7bl: (2S,4S)-2-cyclobutylchroman-4-ol.



## (S,S)-7bm: (2S,4S)-2-cyclopentylchroman-4-ol.

210 200

190 180 170 160

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<sup>120</sup>δ <sup>110</sup> f<sup>100</sup> f<sup>100</sup> (ppm)

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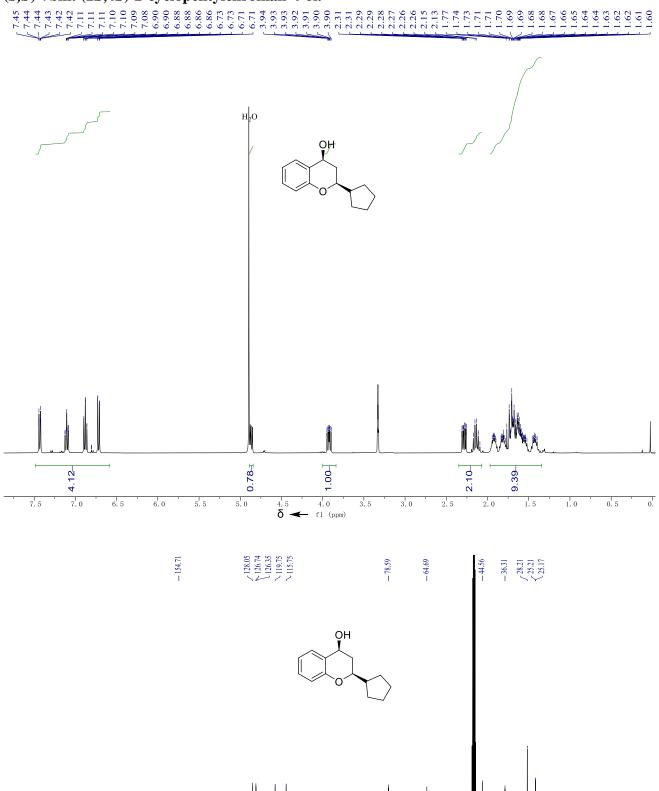
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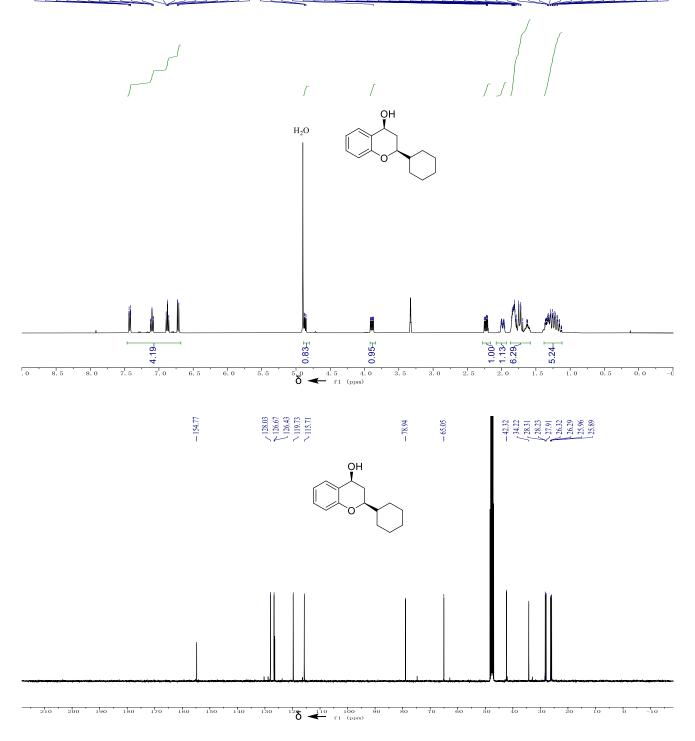
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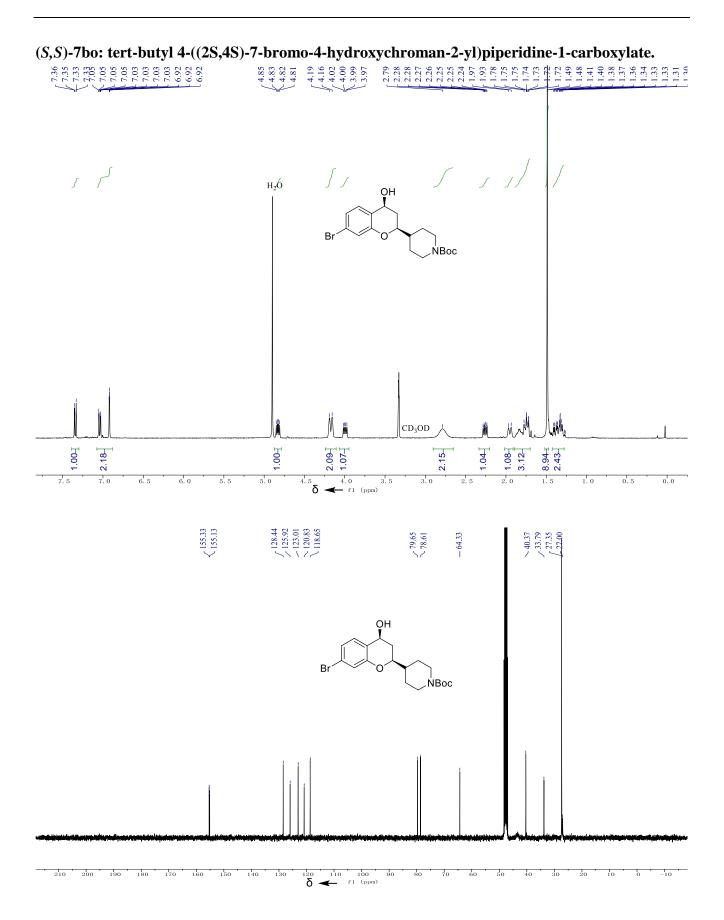
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## (S,S)-7bn: (2S,4S)-2-cyclohexylchroman-4-ol.

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## **Table S3.** The single-crystal structure data of (*S*,*S*)-7ah.

Bond precision:		C-C = 0.0126 A			Wavelength=0.71073				
Cell:	a=11.9068(1	bes (17) b=4.8812 (7)		c=22.71	c=22.718(4)				
	alpha=90	beta=	beta=94.231(4) g		gamma=90				
Temperature:	293 K								
	Calc	culated			Reported				
Volume	1316	6.8(4)			1316.8(3)				
Space group	P 21			P 21					
Hall group	Р 2у	<sup>7</sup> b		P 2yb					
Moiety formul	a C16	H16 02		?					
Sum formula	C16	H16 02		C16 H16 02					
Mr	240.	29		240.29					
Dx,g cm-3	1.21	.2		1.212					
Ζ	4			4					
Mu (mm-1)	0.07	'9		0.079					
F000 51		0		512.0					
F000'	512.	24							
h,k,lmax	14,5	5, 27		14, 5, 27					
Nref	4639	4639[ 2619]			4440				
Tmin, Tmax 0.993		3, 0. 996			0. 550, 0. 746				
Tmin' 0.985									
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.550 Tmax=0.746 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN									
Data completeness= 1.70/0.96 Theta(max)= 24.998									
R(reflections)= 0.0702( 2296)					wR2(reflections)= 0.2035(4440)				
S = 1.041		Npar= 340	)						

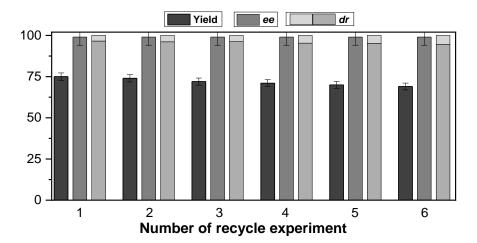
## Datablock: (2S,4S)-2-(m-tolyl)chroman-4-ol ((S,S)-7ah).

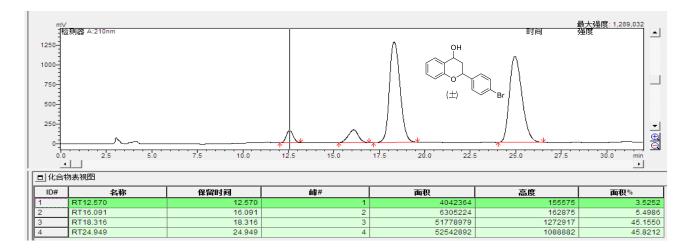
ОН 0 + + + + + CHO 4aa 5aa	O Catalyst 3 H₂O/PrOH 70 °C	40 °C →	OH C 7aa Br		Cata catalys (middle	hexane (upper) t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t
Entry	1	2	3	4	5	6
%Yield	75	74	72	71	70	69
%ee	99	99	99	99	99	99
dr	28	25	25	20	20	17

 Table S4. Reusability of catalyst (for the Aldol condensation /oxa-addition/reduction cascade of 4aa and 5aa).

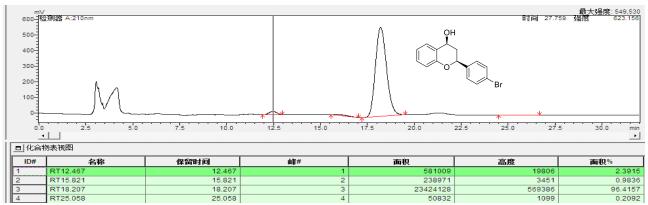
Reaction conditions: Catalyst **3** (0.12 mmol of DBU salt-loadings and 2.50 mol% of Ru-loadings based on ICP analyses), 1.0 equivalent of **4aa**, 1.20 equivalent of **5aa**, and 10.0 equivalent of HCOONa in 4.0 mL of  $H_2O/^i$ PrOH (v/v = 1:3), and the mixture stirred at 70 °C for the first 12 h followed at 40 °C for 10 h. Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis, and *ee* and *dr* values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

**Figure S8**. Reusability of catalyst **3** in the Aldol condensation /oxa-addition/reduction cascade process of **4aa** and **5aa** (The error bars represent the standard deviation).

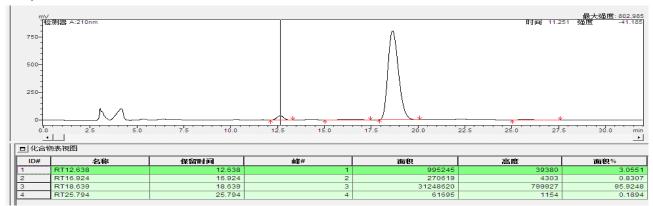




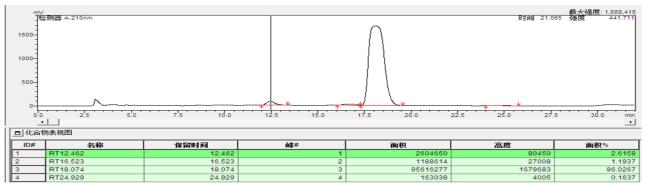
Recycle 1.



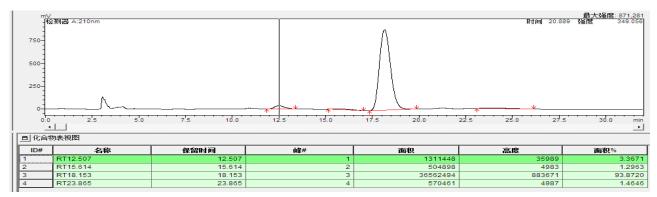
#### Recycle 2.



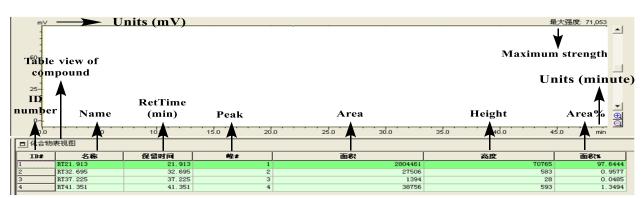
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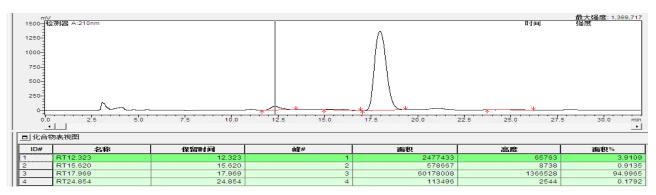
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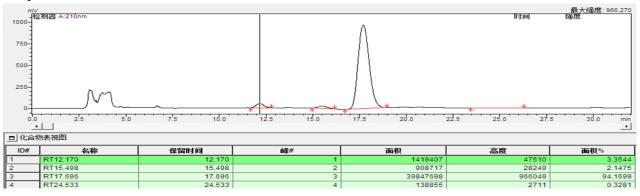
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## Recycle 5.



#### Recycle 6.



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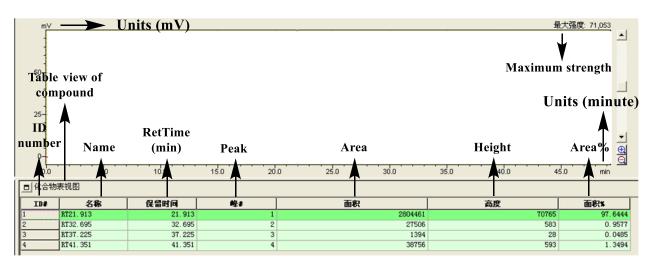
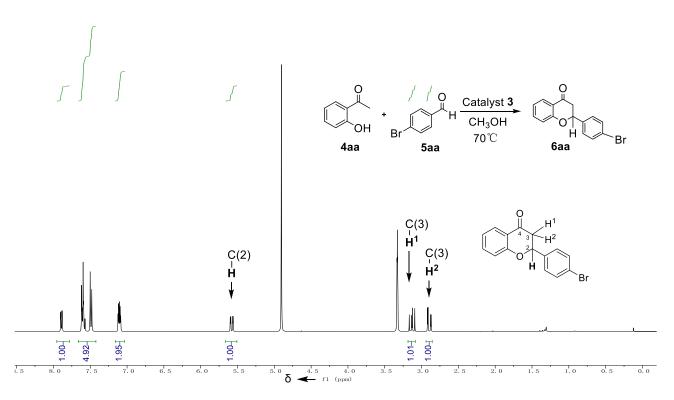
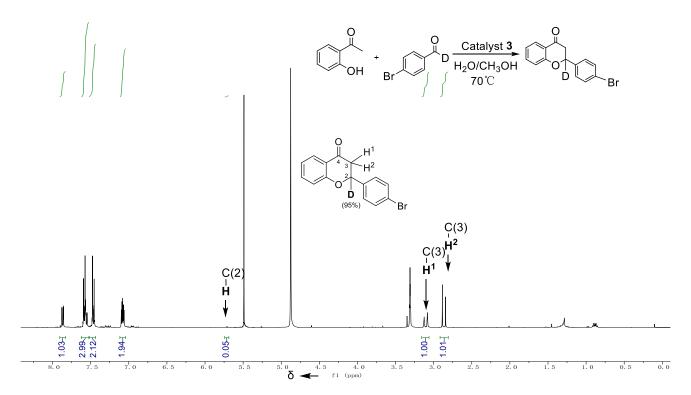


Figure S9. Contrastive <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra for deuterium labeling experiments.

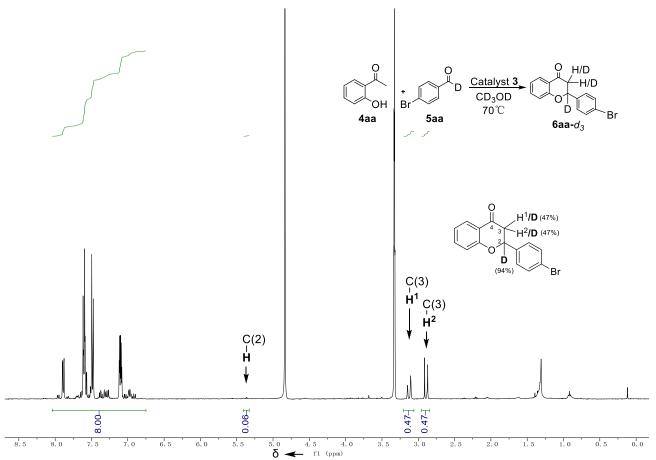
(a) The standard <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **6aa** in the normal reaction of **4aa** and **5aa**.



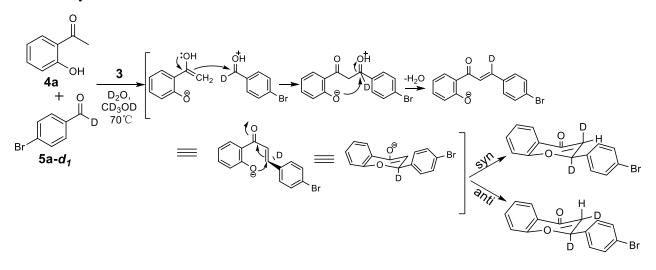
(b) The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **6aa**- $d_1$  in the deuterium labeling reaction of **4aa** and **5aa**- $d_1$  in H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>OH.



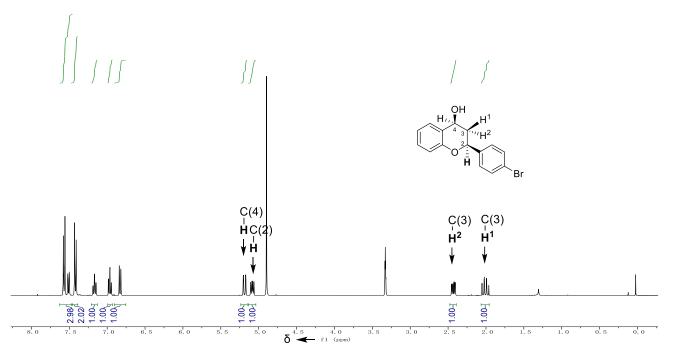
(c) The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **6aa**- $d_3$  in the deuterium labeling reaction of **4aa** and **5aa**- $d_1$  reaction in deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



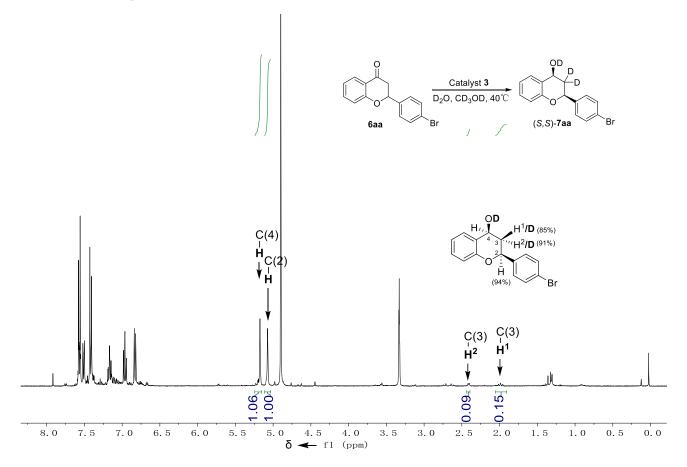
**Explanation:** Through the comparison of the above three <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, it easily arrivals at a conclusion below. The Aldol condensation of **4aa** and **5aa** generates deuterated chalcone. The intramolecular conjugate addition (oxa-Michael cyclization) affords **6aa**- $d_3$  with equal attacks from both *syn*-face and *anti*-face of the double bond, leading to the same deuterium ratio that is possibly abstracted by D<sup>+</sup> from D<sub>2</sub>O.



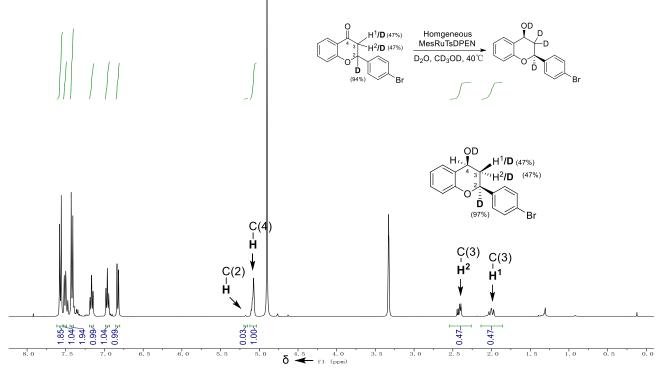
(d) The standard <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of (S,S)-7aa.



(e) The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **7aa**- $d_3$  in the reaction of **6aa** in deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



(f) The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **7aa**- $d_4$  in the deuterium labeling reaction (control reaction) of **6aa**- $d_3$  with homogeneous MesRuTsDPEN as a catalyst in the deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



(g) The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **7aa**- $d_4$  in the deuterium labeling reaction (control reaction) of **6aa**- $d_3$  with **3** as a catalyst in the deuterated D<sub>2</sub>O/CD<sub>3</sub>OD.

