

# Design rigid-featured chiral bipyridine-2NO tetradentate ligands: application in asymmetric catalysis

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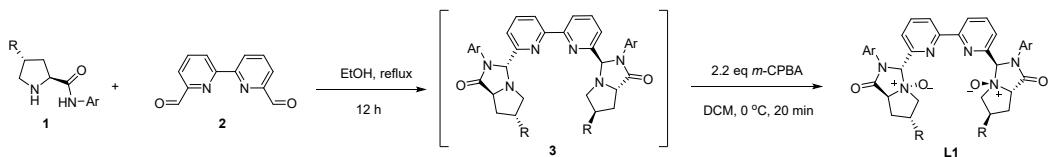
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## 1. General information

Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using UV light to visualize the course of reaction. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Melting points were measured on an electrothermal digital melting point apparatus.

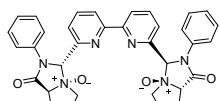
## 2. General procedure for preparation of chiral bipyridine-2NO ligands L1



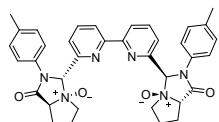
**General procedure A**-In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, bipyridine-dicarbaldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) and optically pure 4-hydroxyprolinamide or prolinamide **1** (2.4 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were added. Then, ethanol (6.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3**.

For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral *N,N'*-dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 3.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (2.2 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the bipyridine-2NO ligand **L1**.

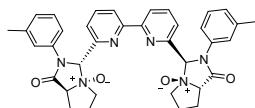
## 3. Characterization data of bipyridine-2NO ligands L1



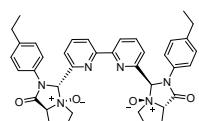
**L1a** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 263.1-263.9 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -40.6$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 53%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.66 (m, 6H), 3.91-3.95 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.76 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.70-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.97-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.38-8.40 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 35.5, 70.0, 76.3, 76.7, 88.1, 122.2, 122.9, 126.8, 127.7, 128.9, 135.3, 138.2, 149.8, 155.2, 168.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 611.2376; Found: 611.2372.



**L1b** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 223.2-224.9 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -84.3$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 52%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.22-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.66 (m, 6H), 3.92-3.96 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.78 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.97-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 19.6, 22.5, 24.6, 71.0, 76.9, 87.9, 121.9, 122.9, 127.6, 129.4, 132.8, 136.9, 138.2, 150.3, 155.1, 169.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 639.2687; Found: 639.2676.

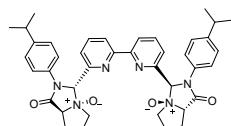


**L1c** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 257.9-258.6 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -64.3$  (*c* 0.60 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 50%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.22-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.65 (m, 6H), 3.91-3.95 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.76 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.70-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.98-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.39-8.41 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 20.0, 22.4, 24.6, 70.9, 77.0, 87.9, 119.9, 121.9, 123.5, 127.5, 128.7, 135.3, 138.1, 139.2, 150.3, 155.1, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 639.2690; Found: 639.2689.

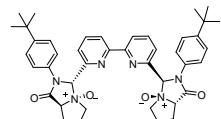


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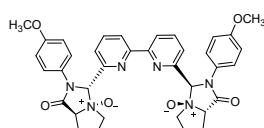
89.5 (*c* 0.60 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 48%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 1.00-1.04 (m, 6H), 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.65 (m, 10H), 3.92-3.96 (m, 2H), 4.15-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.78 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.69-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.98-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.40-8.43 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 14.5, 22.4, 24.6, 27.8, 71.0, 77.0, 87.9, 121.9, 123.0, 127.6, 128.3, 133.0, 138.2, 143.3, 150.3, 155.1, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 667.3001; Found: 667.2991.



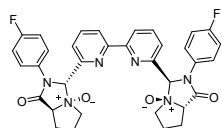
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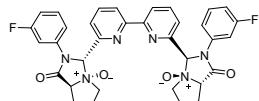
**L1f** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 247.0-247.9 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -86.7 (*c* 0.60 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 53%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 1.11 (s, 18H), 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.66 (m, 6H), 3.95-3.99 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.77-4.80 (m, 2H), 6.77 (s, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.99-8.03 (m, 2H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.5, 24.7, 30.3, 34.0, 71.0, 76.9, 87.8, 122.0, 122.4, 125.9, 127.6, 132.9, 138.3, 149.8, 150.4, 155.2, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 723.3629; Found: 723.3629.



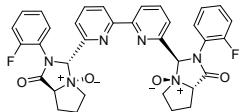
**L1g** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 257.1-258.2 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -110.6$  (*c* 0.60 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 53%, 15:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.24-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.63 (m, 6H), 3.66 (s, 6H), 3.91-3.95 (m, 2H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 6.77-6.79 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.98-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.5, 54.5, 71.0, 76.9, 88.4, 114.1, 121.8, 125.2, 127.6, 127.8, 138.1, 150.3, 155.1, 158.7, 169.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 671.2581; Found: 671.2565.



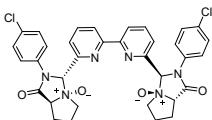
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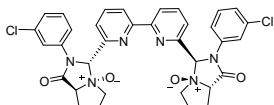
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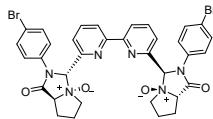
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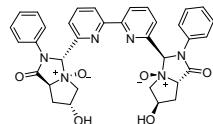
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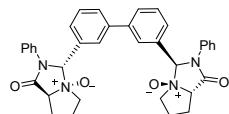
**L11** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 260.5-261.7 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +97.6$  (*c* 0.20 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 49%, 18:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.25-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.69 (m, 6H), 3.93-3.97 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.78 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.02-8.06 (m, 2H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.7, 71.0, 76.8, 87.2, 120.4, 122.1, 122.5, 126.4, 127.7, 130.2, 134.4, 136.8, 138.3, 150.0, 155.2, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 679.1598; Found: 679.1595.



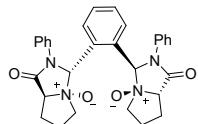
**L1m** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 260.9-261.6 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -80.2$  (*c* 0.60 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 51%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.68 (m, 6H), 3.92-3.96 (m, 2H), 4.15-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.75 (m, 2H), 6.81 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.01-8.04 (m, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.7, 71.0, 76.8, 87.3, 119.5, 122.1, 124.0, 127.7, 131.9, 134.7, 138.3, 150.1, 155.1, 169.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 767.0579; Found: 767.0561.



**L1n** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 248.2-248.8 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -21.9$  (*c* 0.20 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 51%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.65-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.91 (m, 2H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.42-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97-5.00 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.97-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 35.5, 70.0, 76.3, 76.7, 88.1, 122.2, 122.9, 126.8, 127.7, 128.9, 135.3, 138.2, 149.8, 155.2, 168.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 643.2271; Found: 643.2262.

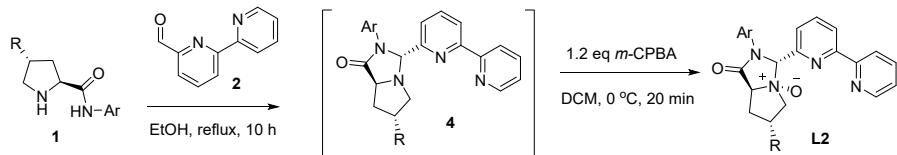


**L4a** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 195.8-196.2 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +6.8$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 37%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.20-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.59 (m, 6H), 3.83-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.99-4.06 (m, 2H), 4.48-4.51 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 8H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.2, 70.6, 76.4, 88.5, 122.6, 126.6, 128.8, 129.0, 129.1, 131.3, 135.6, 140.6, 167.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 609.2472; Found: 609.2467.



**L6a** (Prepared according to general procedure A): White solid, M.p. 180.6-181.2 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +26.8$  ( $c$  0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 41%, 12:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.33-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.64 (m, 6H), 4.18-4.33 (m, 4H), 4.89-4.93 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.59 (m, 8H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.1, 24.3, 69.3, 73.4, 85.7, 121.7, 126.6, 126.7, 129.0, 130.0, 130.8, 131.3, 165.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 533.2159; Found: 533.2156.

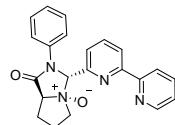
#### 4. General procedure for preparation of chiral bipyridine-NO ligands L2



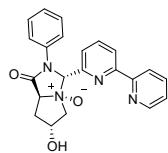
In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, bipyridine-carbaldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) and optically pure 4-hydroxyprolinamide or prolinamide **1** (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added. Then, anhydrous ethanol (8.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **4**.

For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral *N,N'*-dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **4** was added 3.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (1.2 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the bipyridine-NO ligand **L2**.

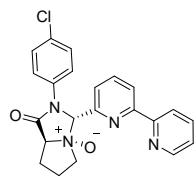
#### 5. Characterization data of bipyridine-NO ligands L2



**L2a:** White solid, M.p. 181.9-182.2 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -40.9$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 52%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.23-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.65 (m, 3H), 3.93-3.97 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.77-4.80 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.97-8.00 (m, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.43-8.45 (m, 1H), 8.61-8.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.5, 70.9, 76.8, 87.8, 120.9, 121.8, 122.9, 124.3, 126.8, 127.2, 129.0, 135.5, 137.4, 137.9, 148.9, 150.0, 155.0, 155.8, 169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 395.1478; Found: 395.1478.

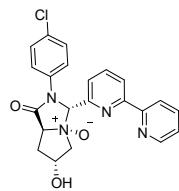


**L2b:** White solid, M.p. 183.1-183.9 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -113.6$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 50%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.64-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.92 (m, 1H), 3.98-4.01 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.69 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.03 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.97-8.01 (m, 1H), 8.33-8.36 (m, 1H), 8.44-8.46 (m, 1H), 8.62-8.64 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 35.5, 70.0, 76.4, 76.6, 88.2, 120.9, 122.0, 123.0, 124.3, 126.8, 127.4, 128.9, 135.3, 137.4, 138.0, 148.9, 149.5, 155.0, 155.9, 168.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 411.1428; Found: 411.1427.

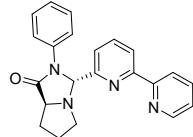


**L2c:** White solid, M.p. 185.7-186.6 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -87.5$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 52%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.25-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.65 (m, 3H), 3.93-3.97 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.79 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.99-8.03 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.33 (m, 1H), 8.44-8.46 (m, 1H), 8.61-8.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 22.4, 24.6, 70.9, 76.7, 87.5, 120.9, 122.0, 124.1, 124.3, 127.3, 129.0, 132.0, 134.3, 137.4, 138.0, 149.0, 149.8, 154.9, 155.9,

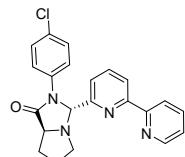
169.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{19}ClN_4NaO_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 429.1089; Found: 429.1095.



**L2d:** White solid, M.p. 187.6-188.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -51.2$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); overall yield 51%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 2.66-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.92 (m, 1H), 3.98-4.01 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.70 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.03 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.99-8.03 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.33 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.47 (m, 1H), 8.62-8.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 35.5, 70.0, 76.4, 76.5, 87.9, 120.9, 122.1, 124.2, 124.4, 127.5, 129.0, 132.0, 134.1, 137.4, 138.1, 149.0, 149.3, 154.9, 156.0, 168.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{19}ClN_4NaO_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 445.1038; Found: 445.1039.



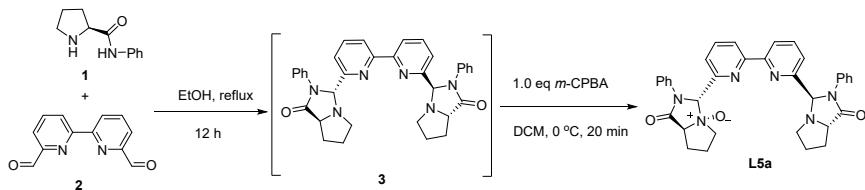
**4a:** White solid, M.p. 183.9-185.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +39.3$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); yield 81%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz) δ: 1.82-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.30 (m, 2H), 3.05-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.49 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.37 (m, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H), 8.25-8.31 (m, 2H), 8.59-8.61 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ: 24.4, 27.4, 55.8, 65.1, 84.1, 120.3, 121.1, 121.9, 122.6, 124.1, 125.7, 128.7, 137.0, 137.4, 138.3, 148.8, 155.4, 155.6, 157.0, 175.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{20}N_4NaO$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 379.1529; Found: 379.1532.



**4c:** White solid, M.p. 186.4-187.9 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +47.0$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); yield 81%, >20:1 dr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 1.79-1.88 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.46 (m, 1H), 4.19-4.22 (m, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H),

7.68-7.75 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.55-8.57 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 23.9, 26.7, 55.4, 63.8, 83.3, 119.6, 119.7, 120.3, 121.6, 123.0, 128.0, 129.3, 135.3, 136.0, 137.3, 148.0, 154.4, 155.3, 155.8, 174.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_4\text{NaO} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 413.1140; Found: 413.1135.

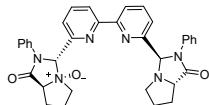
## 6. General procedure for preparation of chiral ligand L5a



In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, bipyridine-dicarbaldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) and optically pure prolinamide **1** (2.4 mmol, 2.4 equiv) were added. Then, ethanol (6.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3**.

For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral *N,N'*-dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 3.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (1.0 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the chiral ligand **L5a**.

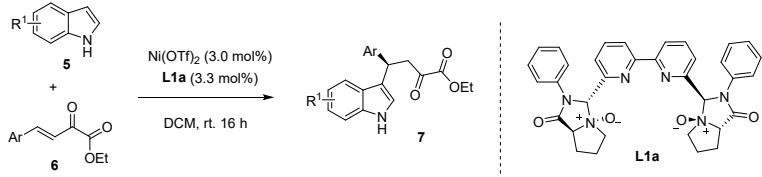
## 7. Characterization data of chiral ligand L5a



**L5a:** White solid, M.p. 238.2-238.8 °C,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -56.4$  ( $c$  0.60,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); yield 36%, 12:1 dr;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.84-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.96 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.28 (m, 3H), 2.46-2.61 (m, 3H), 3.03-3.09 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.91-3.95 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.32 (m, 1H), 4.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.97 (m,

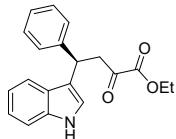
1H), 8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 22.4, 24.4, 24.5, 27.4, 55.7, 65.0, 70.9, 76.8, 84.1, 87.8, 120.2, 121.9, 122.2, 122.5, 123.0, 125.6, 126.8, 127.3, 128.6, 128.9, 135.4, 137.1, 137.9, 138.5, 150.0, 154.9, 155.5, 157.2, 169.4, 175.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{NaO}_3$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 595.2481; Found: 595.2492.

## 8. Catalytic asymmetric synthesis of compounds 7

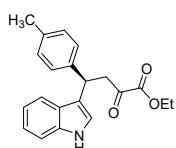


In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the mixture of  $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.0 mol %), **L1a** (3.3 mol %) in 3.0 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added **5** (0.30 mmol), and **6** (0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h and was directly loaded onto a silica gel and purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product **7**, using hexane/EtOAc (10/1, v/v) as the eluent.

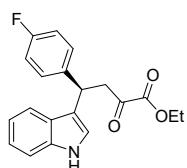
## 9. Characterization data of compounds 7



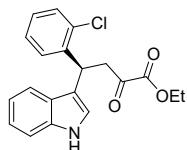
**7a:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 94.6-95.2 °C, 93% yield, 99% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -26.0$  ( $c$  0.71,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm;  $\tau_{major}$  = 30.64 min;  $\tau_{minor}$  = 39.17 min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.16-1.20 (m, 3H), 3.48-3.63 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.81-4.85 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 36.8, 44.6, 61.5, 110.2, 118.3, 118.4, 121.2, 125.5, 126.7, 127.5, 135.5, 142.2, 159.9, 192.1.



**7b:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 111.7-112.2 °C, 85% yield, 94% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -76.0$  (*c* 0.57, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IA column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 14.98$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 19.82$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.15-1.19 (m, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.14 (m, 2H), 4.77-4.81 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.99 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.8, 19.9, 36.4, 44.7, 61.4, 110.1, 118.3, 118.4, 121.1, 126.6, 128.2, 135.0, 135.5, 139.2, 160.0, 192.3.

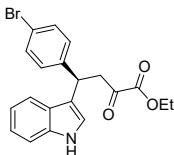


**7c:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 109.7-110.3 °C, 85% yield, 94% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.0$  (*c* 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IA column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 15.28$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 22.12$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.17-1.21 (m, 3H), 3.45-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.79-4.83 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.87 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.8, 36.0, 44.6, 61.5, 110.2, 114.3 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 117.0, 118.3 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 28.0 Hz), 120.5, 121.3, 125.2, 128.2 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 135.6, 137.9, 138.0, 159.9, 160.6 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 243.3 Hz), 192.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1163; Found: 362.1158.

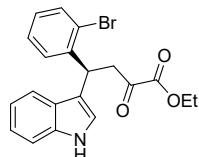


**7d:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 110.5-111.1 °C, 92% yield, 97% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -21.1$  (*c* 0.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IB column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 27.59$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 34.96$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.17-1.21 (m, 3H), 3.36-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.18 (m, 1H), 5.34-5.37 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.00-

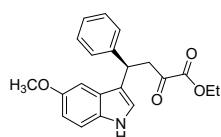
7.12 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (br s, 1H);  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 33.2, 43.6, 61.5, 110.2, 115.7, 118.3, 118.5, 121.2, 121.3,  
125.4, 126.0, 126.9, 128.0, 128.7, 132.4, 135.5, 139.5, 159.9, 191.8.



**7e:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 103.6-104.2 °C, 93% yield, 99% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -28.2$  ( $c$  0.60,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IB column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm;  $\tau_{major} = 23.16$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 12.46$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.21-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.76 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.73 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.44 (m, 7H), 10.94 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 36.9, 45.1, 62.3, 111.9, 117.1, 118.9, 119.0, 119.5, 121.6, 122.6, 126.5, 130.4, 131.5, 136.9, 144.4, 161.0, 193.0.

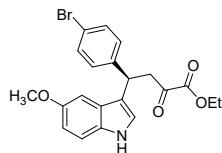


**7f:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 91.7-92.9 °C, 90% yield, 97% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -25.7$  ( $c$  0.30,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IB column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm;  $\tau_{major} = 15.01$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 18.49$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.19-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.34-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 2H), 5.32-5.36 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 8.01 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 36.0, 43.7, 61.5, 110.2, 115.9, 118.4, 118.6, 121.1, 121.4, 123.2, 125.5, 126.7, 127.2, 128.2, 132.0, 135.5, 141.1, 159.9, 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNNaO}_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 422.0362; Found: 422.0362.

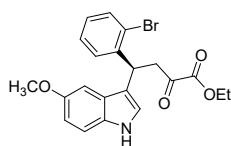


**7g:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 87.9-

88.7 °C, 90% yield, 95% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -51.3$  (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IE column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 32.24$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 39.12$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.19-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.53-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.75 (m, 4H), 4.15-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.67-4.71 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 10.74 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 37.5, 45.4, 55.8, 62.3, 101.2, 111.4, 112.5, 117.4, 123.2, 126.5, 127.0, 128.1, 128.7, 132.0, 144.8, 153.4, 161.1, 193.3.

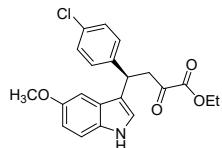


**7h:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 103.8-104.6 °C, 93% yield, 96% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -46.0$  (*c* 0.27, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IF column (97/3 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 42.95$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 59.98$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.21-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.75 (m, 4H), 4.16-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.65-4.69 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 2H), 10.77 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 36.8, 45.1, 55.8, 62.3, 101.2, 111.5, 112.6, 116.9, 119.5, 123.3, 126.8, 130.4, 131.5, 132.0, 144.3, 153.4, 161.0, 193.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 452.0468; Found: 452.0474.

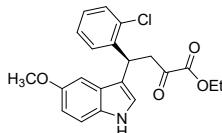


**7i:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 101.7-102.9 °C, 93% yield, 92% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -40.3$  (*c* 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak ID column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 9.84$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 14.91$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.18-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.33-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.19 (m, 2H), 5.26-5.30 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.97 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.6, 35.6, 43.5, 54.5, 61.3, 100.0, 110.6, 111.1, 115.5, 121.4, 122.9, 125.6, 126.5, 126.9, 127.9, 130.3, 131.7, 140.9, 152.6, 159.6, 191.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 452.0468;

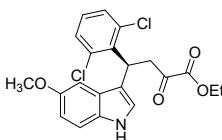
Found: 452.0464.



**7j:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 90.9-91.6 °C, 92% yield, 91% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -34.1$  ( $c$  0.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldapak ID column (90/10 hexane/i-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 14.46$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 21.64$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.21-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.75 (m, 4H), 4.16-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.67-4.70 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.69-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 2H), 10.77 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 36.8, 45.1, 55.8, 62.3, 101.2, 111.5, 112.5, 117.0, 123.3, 126.8, 128.6, 130.0, 131.0, 132.0, 143.9, 153.4, 161.0, 193.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 408.0973; Found: 408.0973.

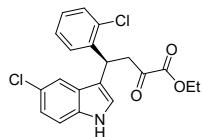


**7k:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 89.9-90.6 °C, 93% yield, 92% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -36.1$  ( $c$  0.24, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldapak ID column (85/15 hexane/i-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 9.59$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 13.82$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.19-1.22 (m, 3H), 3.36-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.14-4.19 (m, 1H), 5.29-5.32 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.93 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 33.1, 43.5, 54.7, 61.5, 100.2, 110.9, 111.4, 121.6, 125.9, 126.1, 126.9, 128.0, 128.7, 130.6, 132.4, 139.5, 152.9, 159.9, 191.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 408.0973; Found: 408.0973.

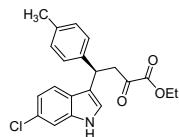


**7l:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 91.3-92.2 °C, 87% yield, 95% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -50.2$  ( $c$  0.27, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);

The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 10.91$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 18.15$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.20-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.35-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 4.15-4.20 (m, 2H), 5.32-5.35 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.97 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.7, 33.8, 43.1, 54.6, 61.4, 99.9, 110.7, 111.3, 115.0, 121.5, 125.5, 125.9, 126.1, 127.5, 130.4, 130.5, 132.1, 141.8, 152.8, 159.6, 191.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNaO}_4$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 442.0583; Found: 442.0586.

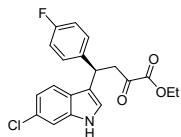


**7m:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 111.3-112.9 °C, 93% yield, 92% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -39.2$  ( $c$  0.31,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (97/3 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 16.49$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 18.34$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.22-1.25 (m, 3H), 3.49-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.83 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.24 (m, 2H), 5.18-5.22 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.44 (m, 5H), 11.14 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 19.0, 38.3, 49.3, 67.1, 116.4, 121.4, 124.2, 124.9, 129.3, 130.1, 131.3, 132.6, 133.2, 134.4, 134.6, 137.6, 141.9, 146.2, 165.5, 197.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNaO}_3$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 412.0478; Found: 412.0477.

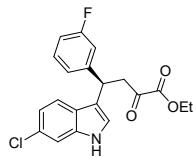


**7n:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 98.1-99.5 °C, 89% yield, 91% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -30.2$  ( $c$  0.19,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 19.28$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 17.69$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.18-1.22 (m, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.59 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.77 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.98 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 11.8, 18.9, 35.2, 43.5, 60.5, 109.0, 118.1, 118.2, 120.0, 125.5, 127.2, 134.2, 134.8, 134.8, 137.9, 158.9, 191.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for

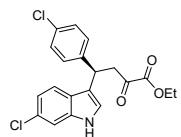
$C_{21}H_{20}ClNNaO_3 [M+Na]^+$ : 392.1024; Found: 392.1027.



**7o:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 100.6-101.9 °C, 88% yield, 90% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -37.5$  ( $c$  0.17, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IE column (95/5 hexane/i-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 15.85$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 14.34$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.21-1.25 (m, 3H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.76 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.74 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.94 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 5H), 11.08 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 19.0, 41.2, 50.1, 67.0, 116.3, 120.1 (d,  $J_{CF} = 21.0$  Hz), 122.6, 123.9, 125.2, 128.5, 130.1, 131.2, 134.6 (d,  $J_{CF} = 7.8$  Hz), 142.0, 145.6, 165.7, 165.9 (d,  $J_{CF} = 240.1$  Hz), 197.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClFNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 396.0773; Found: 396.0780.

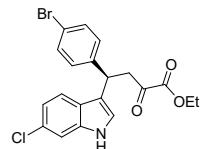


**7p:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 101.6-102.7 °C, 92% yield, 91% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -41.2$  ( $c$  0.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IC column (97/3 hexane/i-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 17.17$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 14.59$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.20-1.23 (m, 3H), 3.44-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.77-4.81 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.96 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.23 (m, 3H), 8.06 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 36.2, 44.3, 61.7, 110.2, 112.7 (d,  $J_{CF} = 21.2$  Hz), 113.6 (d,  $J_{CF} = 20.2$  Hz), 116.8, 119.1, 119.4, 121.1, 122.4, 123.8, 127.4, 129.0 (d,  $J_{CF} = 8.1$  Hz), 135.9, 144.6, 144.7, 159.8, 161.9 (d,  $J_{CF} = 241.3$  Hz), 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClFNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 396.0773; Found: 396.0770.

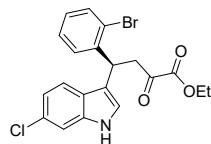


**7q:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 102.4-103.5 °C, 89% yield, 91% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -43.3$  ( $c$  0.47, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiraldak IE column (95/5 hexane/i-PrOH; flow

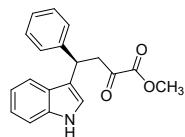
rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 17.26$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 15.02$  min);  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.22-1.25 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.77 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.74 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 5H), 11.10 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 19.0, 41.3, 49.9, 67.1, 116.3, 122.3, 124.0, 125.1, 128.6, 130.1, 131.2, 133.4, 134.8, 135.9, 142.0, 148.4, 165.6, 197.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 396.0773; Found: 396.0780.



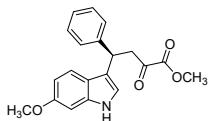
**7r:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 107.1-108.9 °C, 92% yield, 91% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -21.0$  (*c* 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IE column (95/5 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 19.41$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 16.46$  min);  $^1H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.22-1.25 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.76 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.68-4.72 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.44 (m, 7H), 11.10 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 36.6, 45.1, 62.3, 111.5, 117.5, 119.3, 119.6, 120.4, 123.8, 125.3, 126.5, 130.4, 131.6, 137.2, 144.1, 160.9, 192.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrClNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 455.9973; Found: 455.9978.



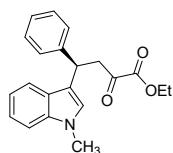
**7s:** Light yellow solid, M.p. 110.7-111.6 °C, 89% yield, 97% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -17.2$  (*c* 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (97/3 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 14.39$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 16.20$  min);  $^1H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.20-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.32-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.63 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 2H), 5.27-5.31 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.99 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 1H), 8.10 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 12.9, 35.8, 43.6, 61.7, 110.1, 116.1, 119.2, 119.3, 121.7, 123.1, 124.0, 126.7, 127.3, 127.4, 128.0, 132.1, 135.8, 140.8, 159.9, 191.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrClNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 455.9973; Found: 455.9971.



**7t:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 101.7-102.5 °C, 89% yield, 90% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.0$  (*c* 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (90/10 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 9.50$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 8.82$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 3.55-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.76 (m, 4H), 4.69-4.73 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.91 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.39 (m, 7H), 10.89 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 37.4, 45.5, 53.1, 111.9, 117.7, 118.8, 119.1, 121.5, 122.5, 126.5, 126.6, 128.1, 128.7, 136.8, 144.9, 161.4, 192.8.



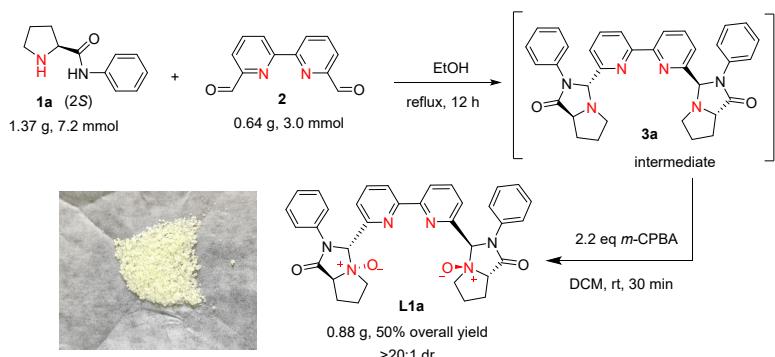
**7u:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 121.3-122.8 °C, 90% yield, 94% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.5$  (*c* 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC column (97/3 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 25.10$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 20.79$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 3.54-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.76 (m, 7H), 4.66-4.70 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 10.73 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 37.4, 45.4, 53.1, 55.8, 101.2, 111.4, 112.5, 117.4, 123.2, 126.5, 127.0, 128.1, 128.7, 132.0, 144.8, 153.3, 161.5, 192.8.



**7w:** Product in accordance with literature characterization data<sup>1</sup>. Light yellow solid, M.p. 80.0-81.7 °C, 68% yield, 52% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -15.6$  (*c* 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); The ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IA column (85/15 hexane/*i*-PrOH; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min;  $\lambda = 254$  nm;  $\tau_{major} = 15.67$  min;  $\tau_{minor} = 14.84$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.20-1.24 (m, 3H), 3.55-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.74 (m, 4H), 4.16-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.70-4.73 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-

$d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.2, 32.8, 37.3, 45.4, 62.3, 110.1, 117.0, 118.9, 119.3, 121.7, 126.6, 126.9, 127.0, 128.1, 128.7, 137.2, 144.8, 160.9, 193.0.

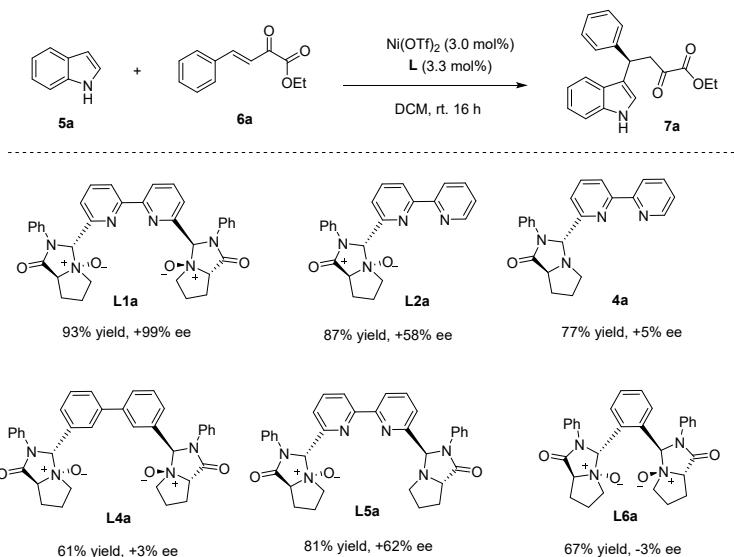
## 10. The gram scale synthesis of the bipyridine-2NO ligand L1a



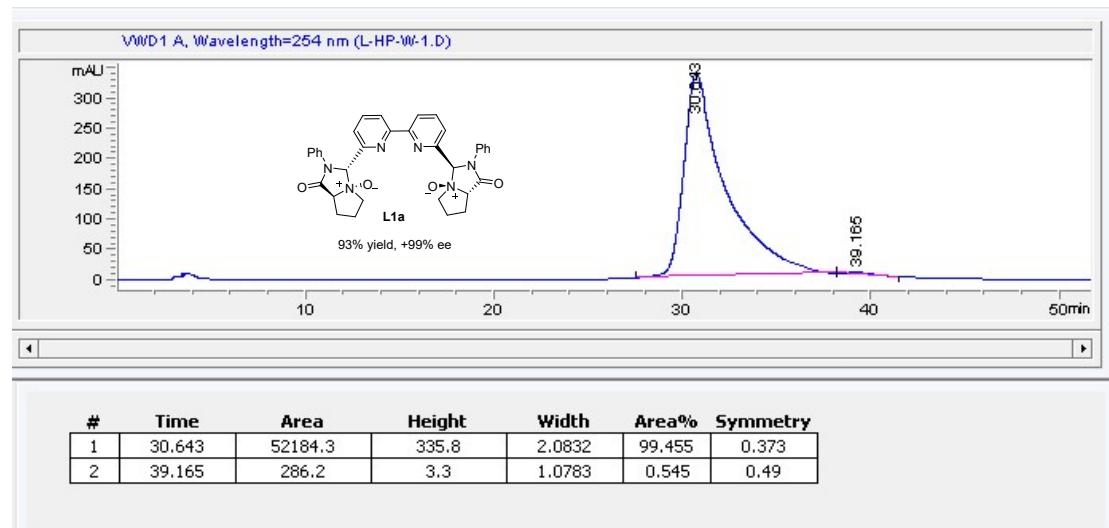
In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, bipyridine-dicarbaldehyde **2** (0.64 g, 3.0 mmol) and optically pure prolinamide **1a** (1.37 g, 7.2 mmol) were added. Then, anhydrous ethanol (30.0 mL) was added and the reaction was heated with stirring at reflux for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the intermediate **3a**.

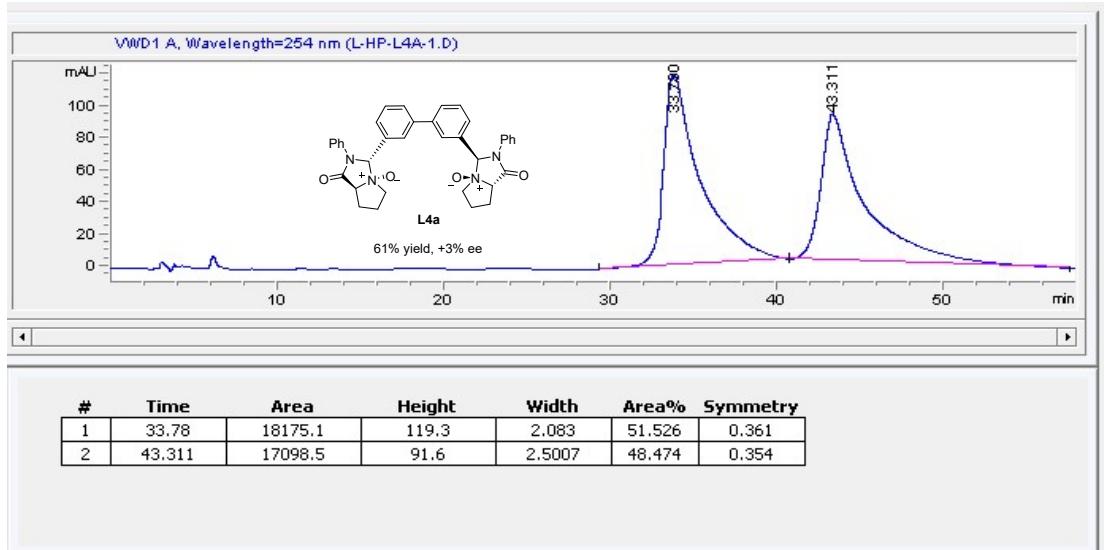
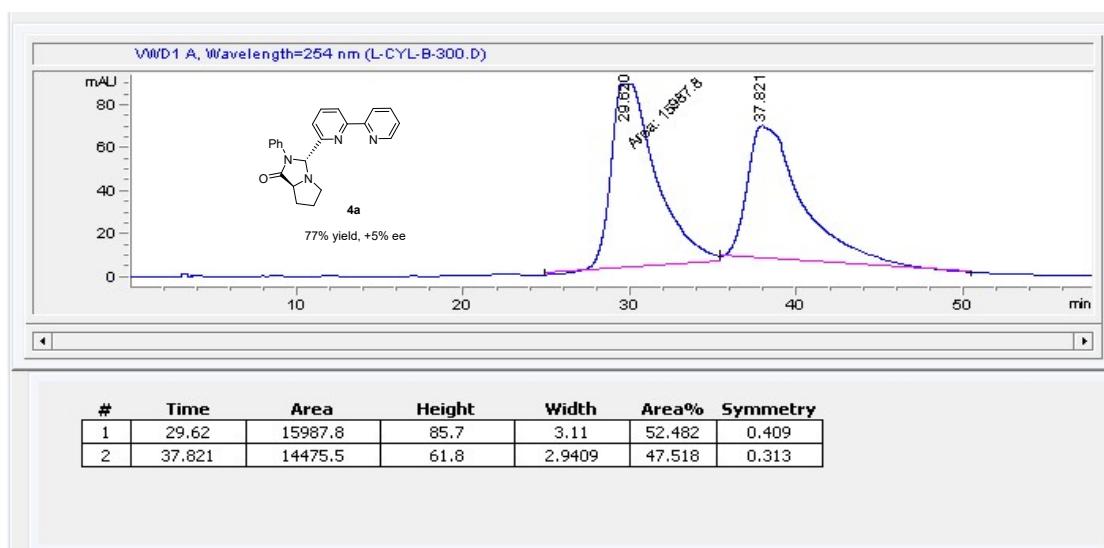
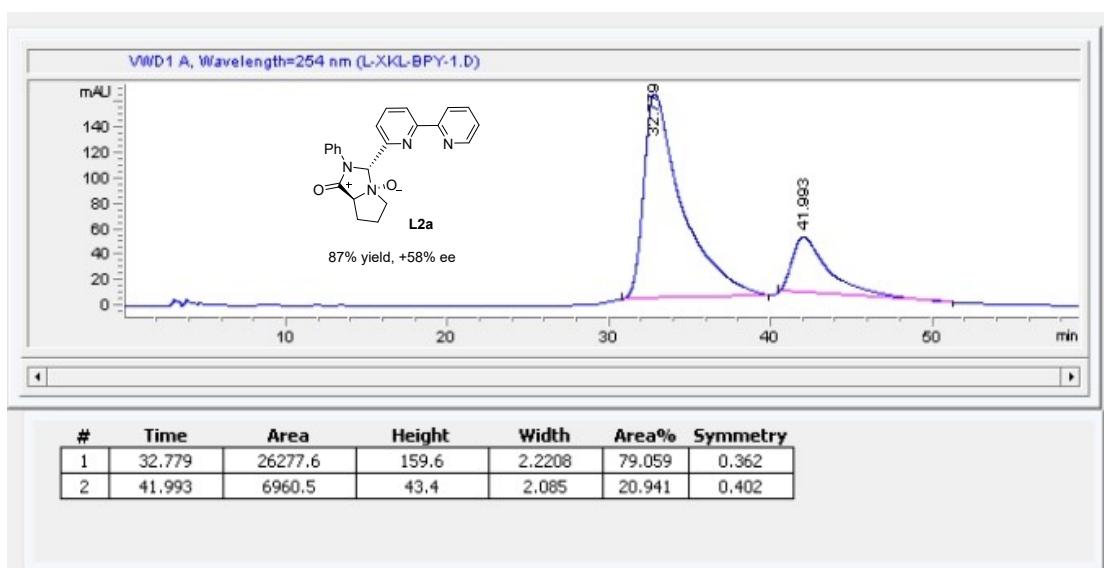
For the oxidation step, see: X. Liu, L. Lin and X. Feng, Chiral *N,N'*-dioxide ligands: synthesis, coordination chemistry and asymmetric catalysis, *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2014, **1**, 298-302. In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the intermediate **3** was added 20.0 mL of DCM and *m*-CPBA (2.2 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the aftertreatment residue was purified by flash column chromatography to furnish the bipyridine-2NO ligand **L1a** (0.88 g, 50% overall yield, >20:1 dr).

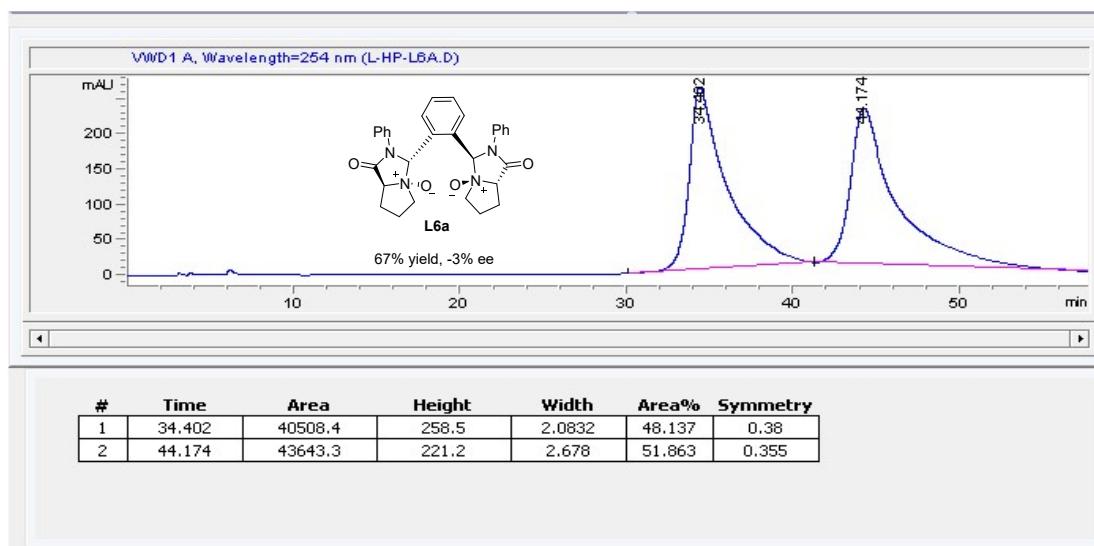
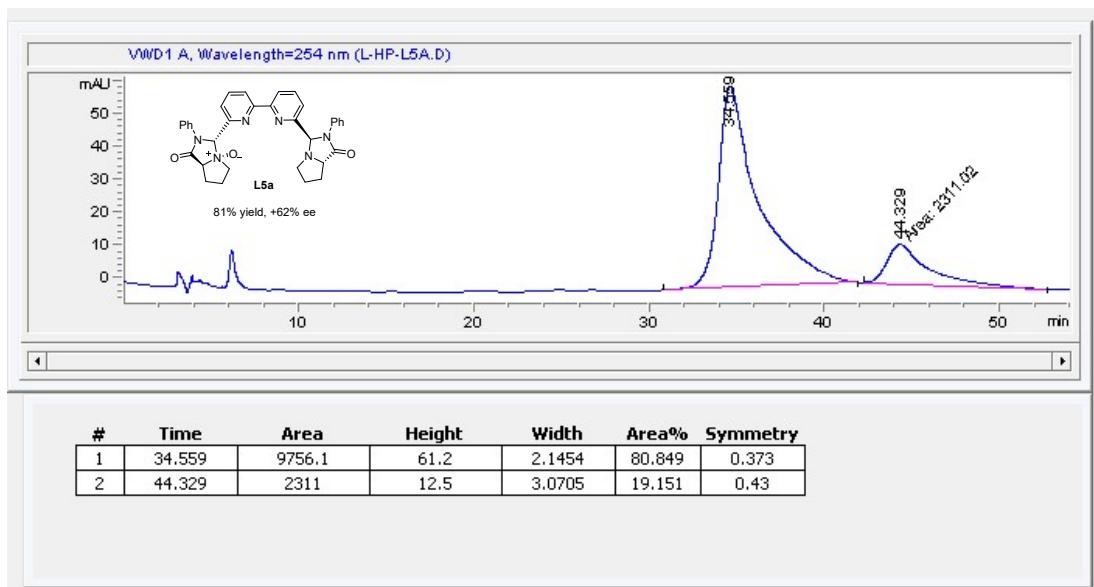
## 11. Control experiments and HPLC spectra for compound 7a



In a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the mixture of  $\text{Ni}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.0 mol %), **L** (3.3 mol %) in 3.0 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added **5** (0.30 mmol), and **6** (0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h and was directly loaded onto a silica gel and purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product **7a**, using hexane/EtOAc (10/1, v/v) as the eluent.



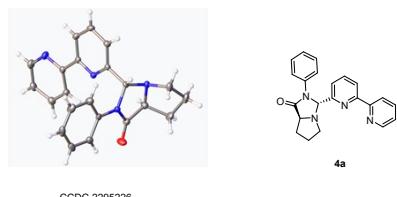




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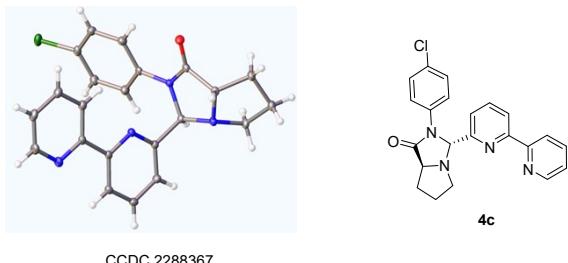
**13. X-ray crystal data for compounds 4a, 4c and 7e**



**Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 4a**

Identification code	<b>4a</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O
Formula weight	356.42
Temperature/K	126(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	6.83171(10), 16.1053(2), 16.2446(2)
α/°, β/°, γ/°,	90, 90, 90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1787.34(4)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.325
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.668
F(000)	752.0
Radiation	Cu Kα ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.13 × 0.11
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.73 to 154.122
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 6, -20 ≤ k ≤ 17, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	15544
Independent reflections	3620 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0266$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0133$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3620/0/245
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.063
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0283$ , $wR_2 = 0.0711$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0285$ , $wR_2 = 0.0712$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.18/-0.15
Flack parameter	0.04(11)/-0.01(5)

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O ( $M=356.42$  g/mol): orthorhombic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub> (no. 19),  $a = 6.83171(10)$  Å,  $b = 16.1053(2)$  Å,  $c = 16.2446(2)$  Å,  $V = 1787.34(4)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $T = 126(10)$  K,  $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 0.668$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.325$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 15544 reflections measured ( $7.73^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 154.122^\circ$ ), 3620 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0266$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0133$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0283 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.0712 (all data).

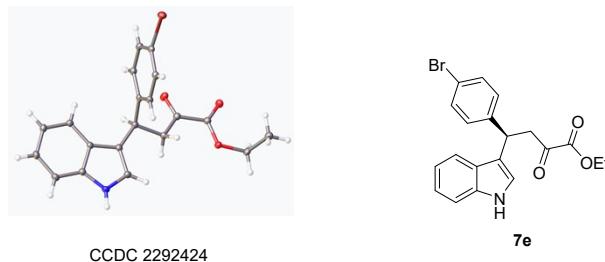


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**Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 4c**

Identification code	<b>4c</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O
Formula weight	390.86
Temperature/K	120.01(11)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	6.01670(10), 16.8651(2), 18.0753(2)
α/°, β/°, γ/°,	90, 90, 90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1834.14(4)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.415
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.012
F(000)	816.0
Radiation	Cu Kα ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.1 × 0.08
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.168 to 148.652
Index ranges	-3 ≤ h ≤ 7, -21 ≤ k ≤ 20, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	9702
Independent reflections	3654 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0319$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0346$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3654/0/253
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0288$ , $wR_2 = 0.0754$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0301$ , $wR_2 = 0.0763$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.20/-0.26
Flack parameter	0.018(7)/0.014(70)

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O ( $M=390.86$  g/mol): orthorhombic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub> (no. 19),  $a = 6.01670(10)$  Å,  $b = 16.8651(2)$  Å,  $c = 18.0753(2)$  Å,  $V = 1834.14(4)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $T = 120.01(11)$  K,  $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 2.012$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.415$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 9702 reflections measured ( $7.168^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 148.652^\circ$ ), 3654 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0319$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0346$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0288 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.0763 (all data).



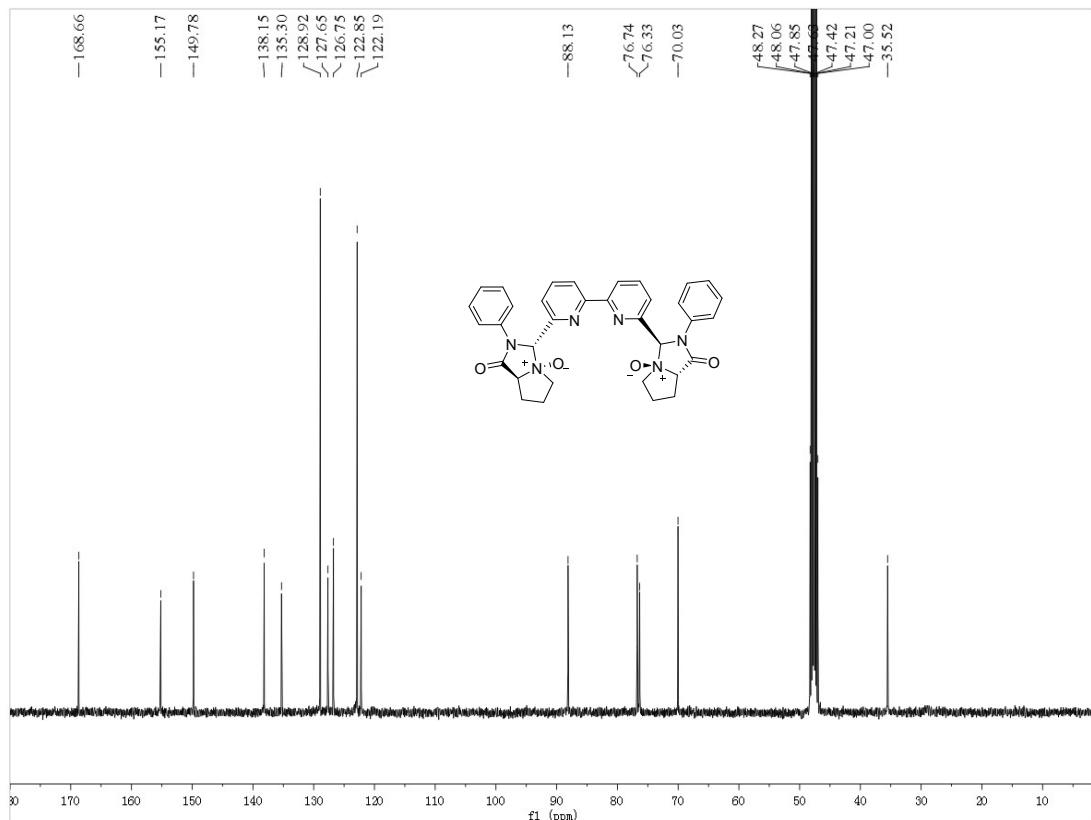
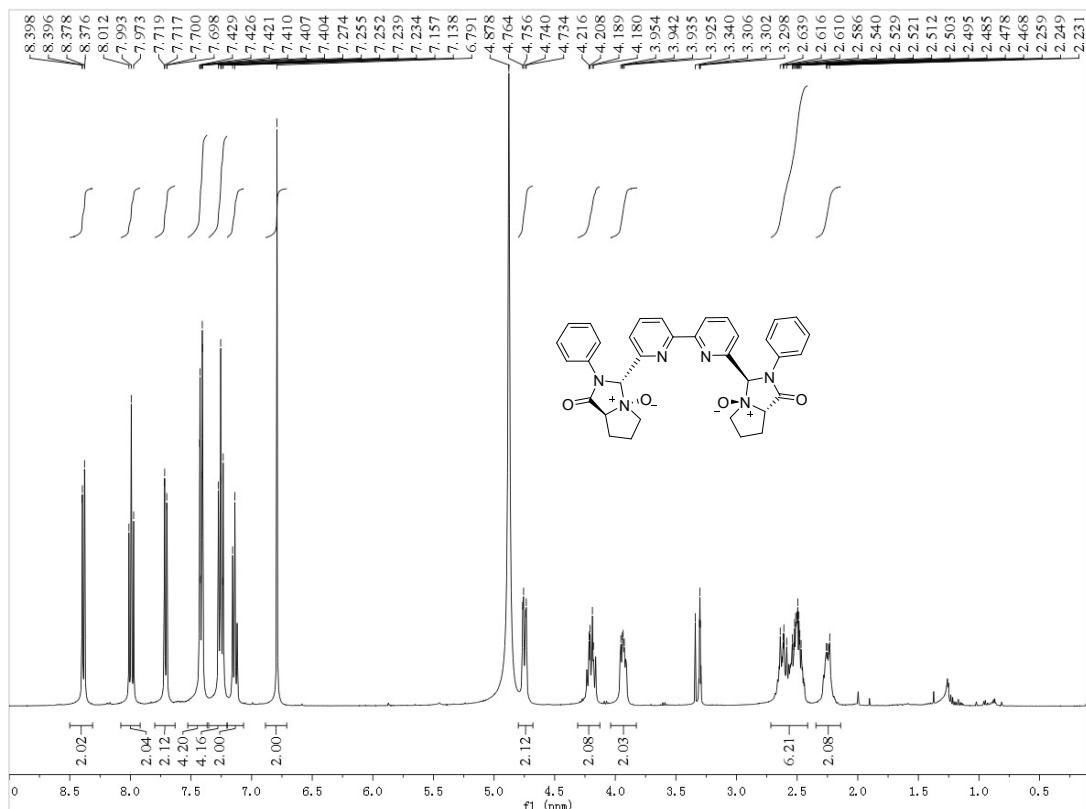
**Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinement for **7e****

Identification code	<b>7e</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> BrNO <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	400.26
Temperature/K	99.99(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å, b/Å, c/Å	9.49786(7), 12.22987(9), 14.93872(11)
α/°, β/°, γ/°,	90, 90, 90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1735.25(2)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.532
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.387
F(000)	816.0
Radiation	Cu Kα ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.11
2Θ range for data collection/°	9.346 to 143.776
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 11, -15 ≤ k ≤ 14, -17 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected	8067
Independent reflections	3324 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0191$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0217$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3324/5/231
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.063
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0209$ , $wR_2 = 0.0560$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0211$ , $wR_2 = 0.0561$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.40/-0.36
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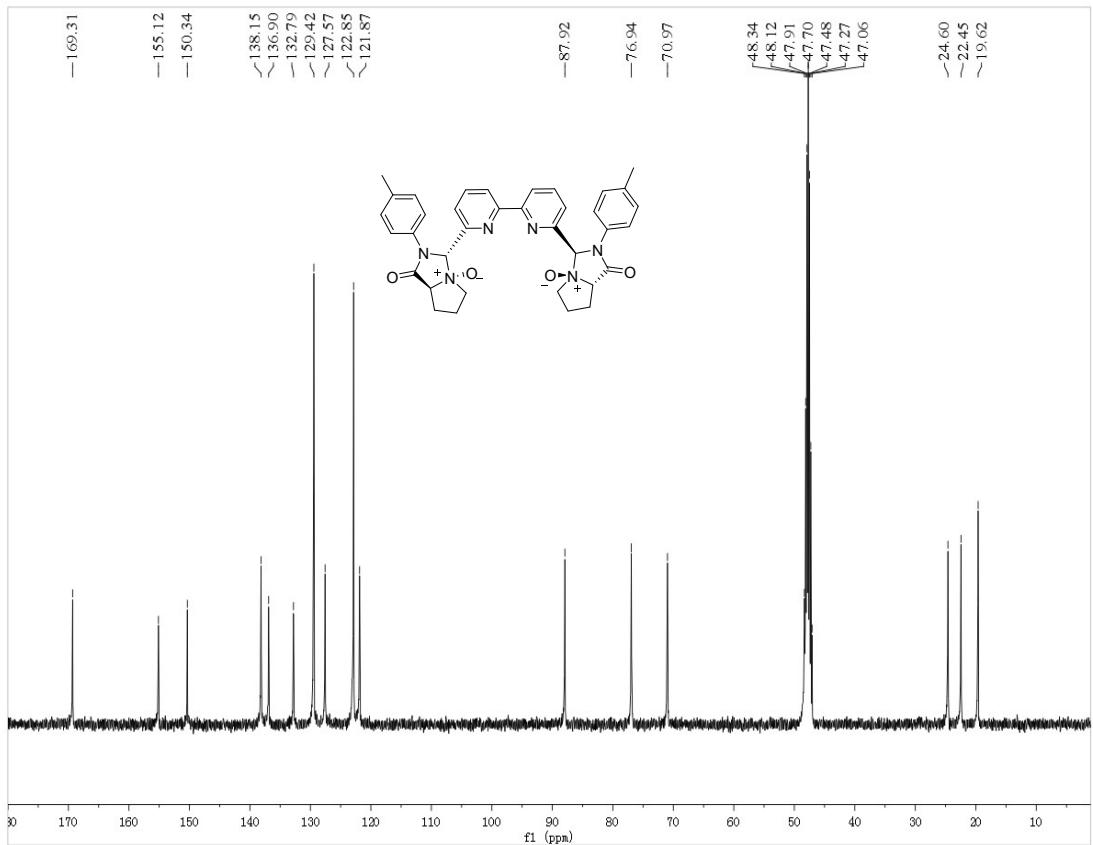
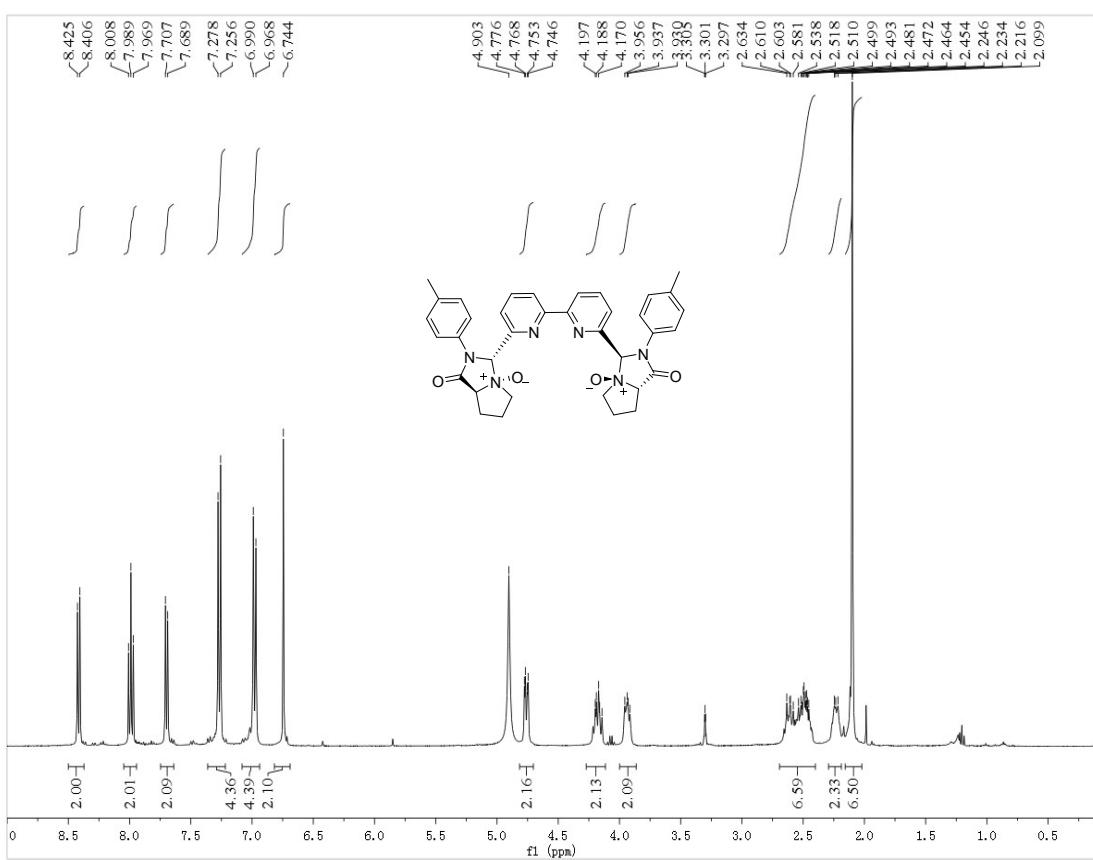
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**14. The copies of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and HPLC spectra for compounds L, 4 and 7**

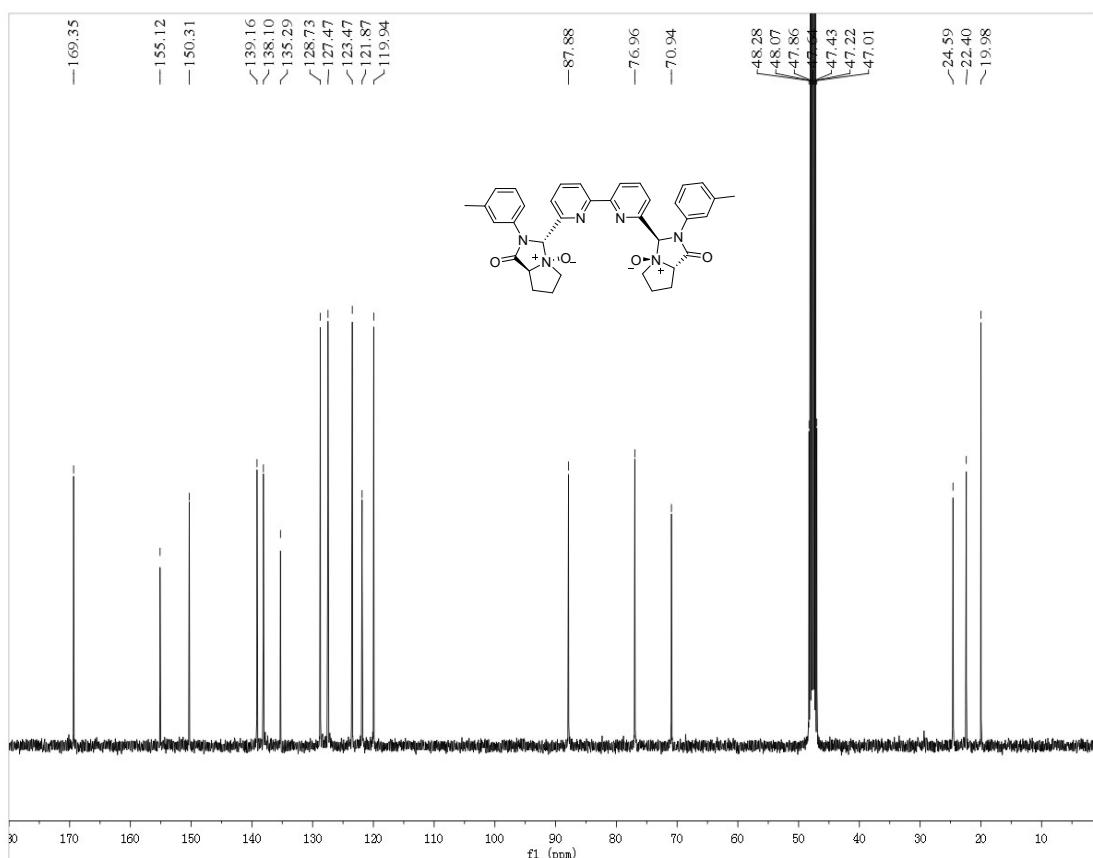
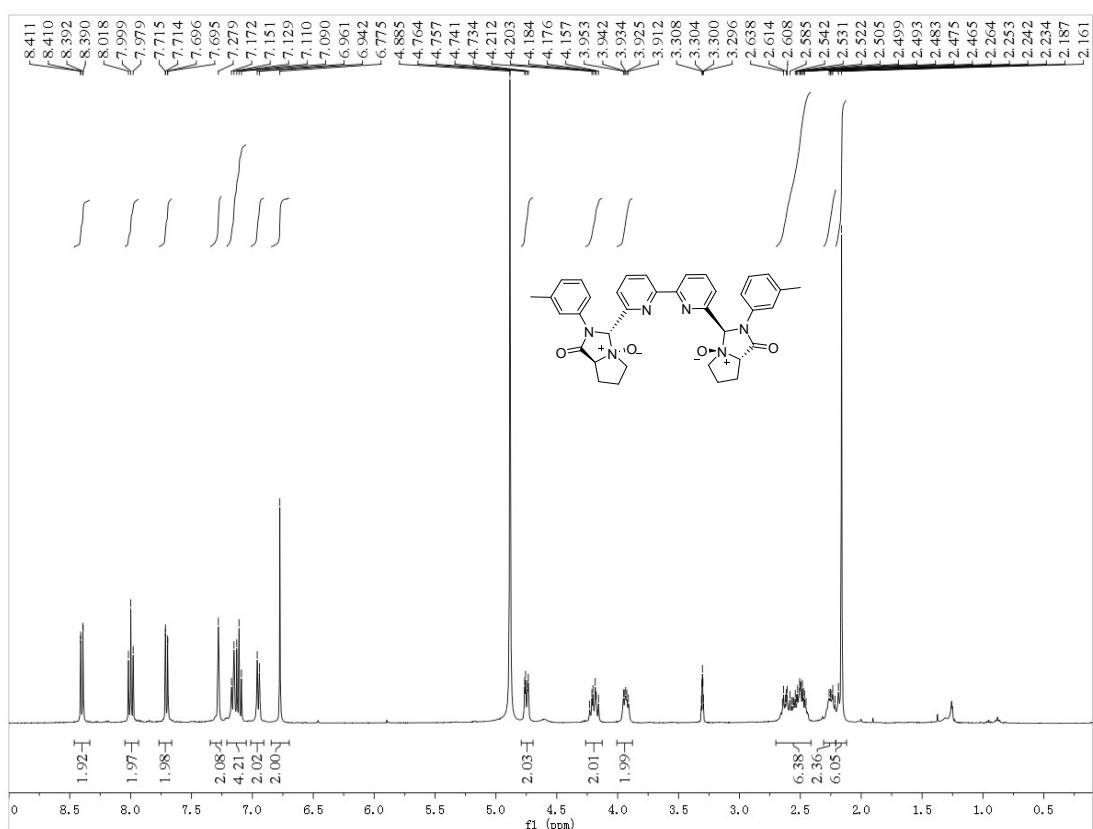
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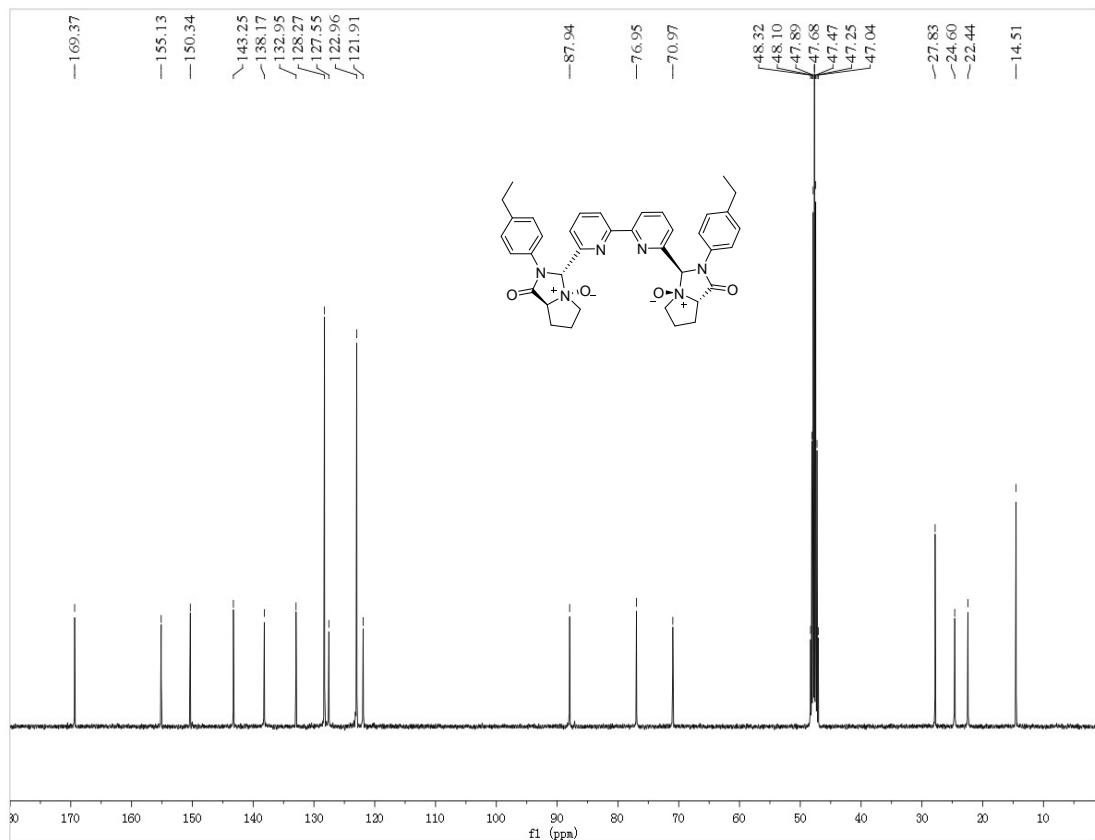
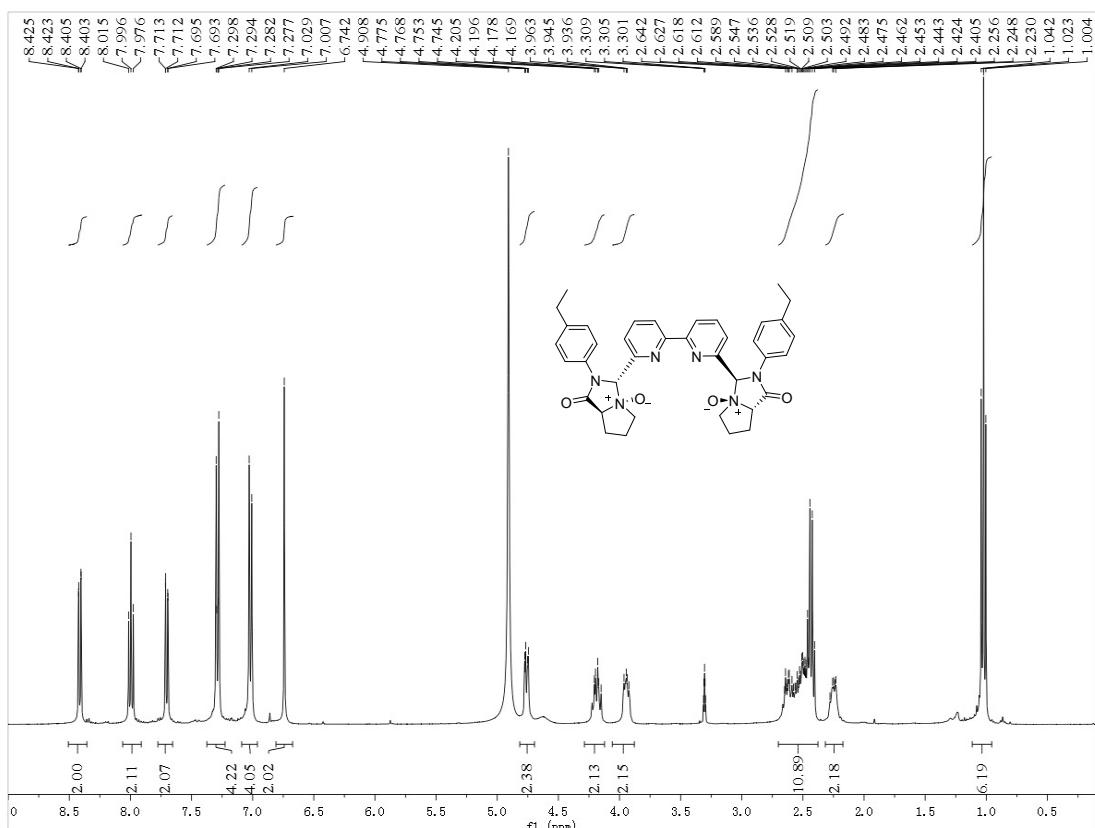
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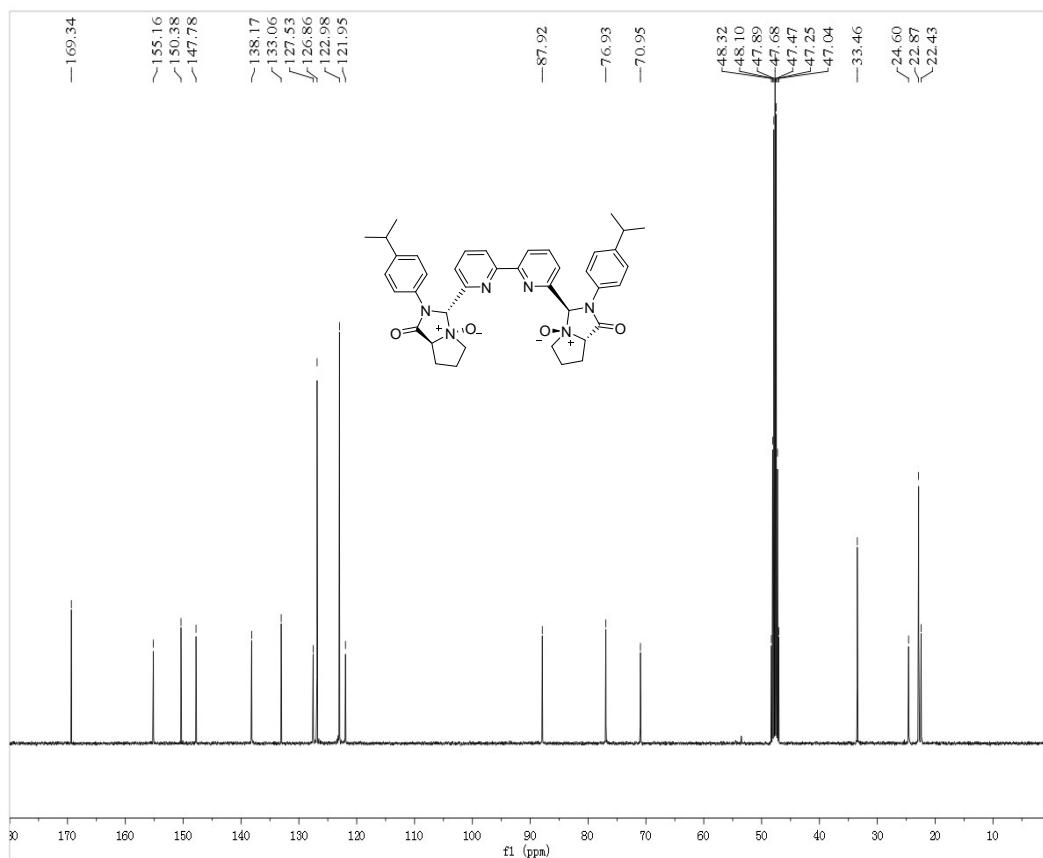
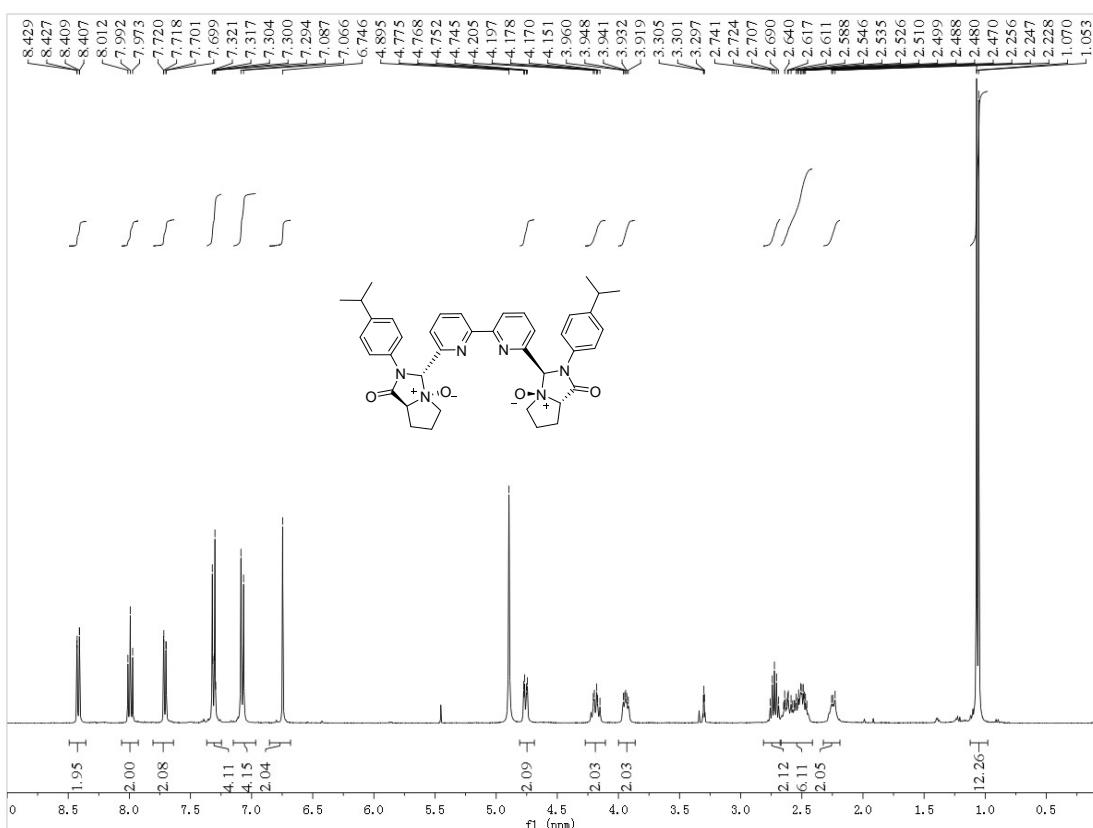
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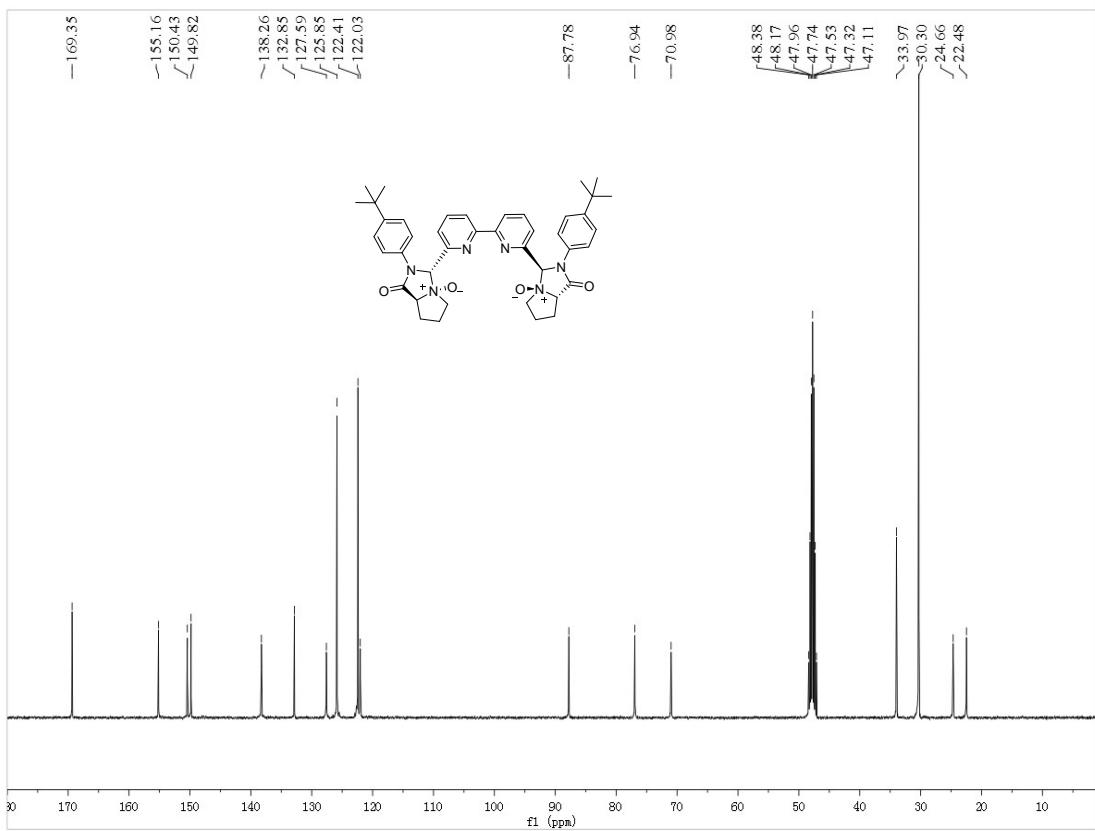
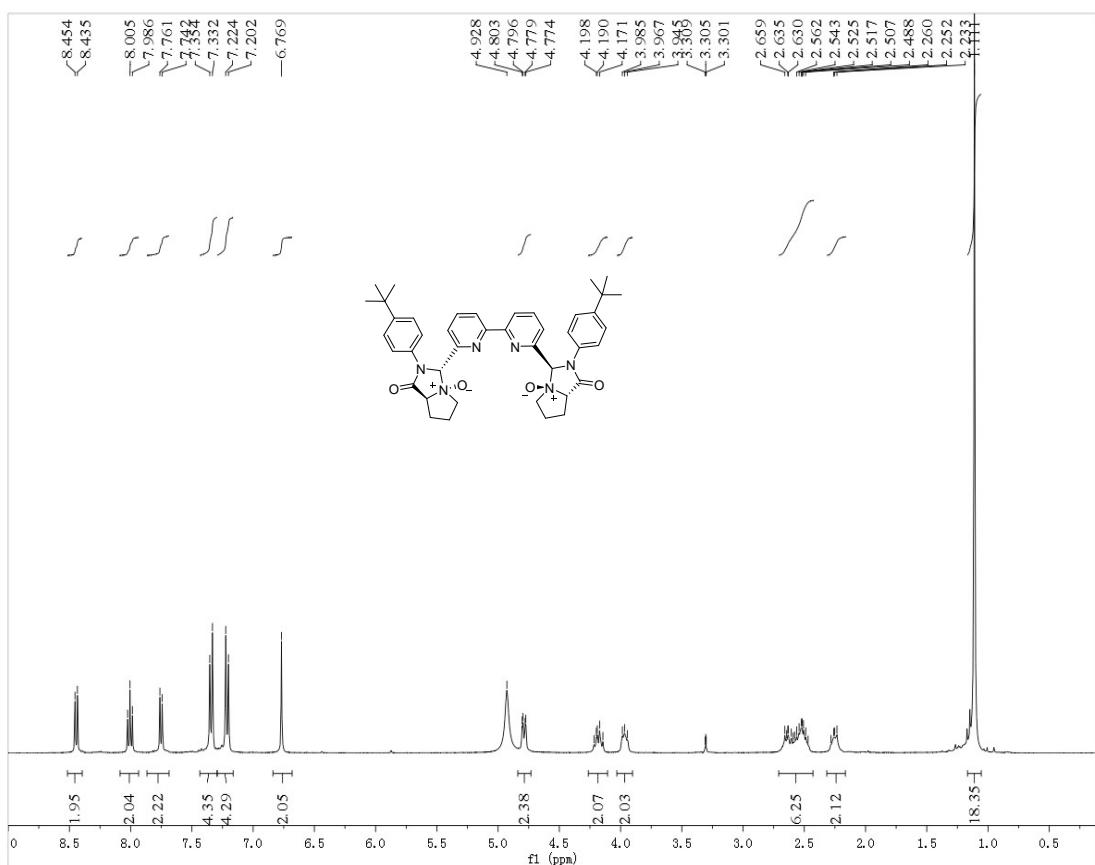
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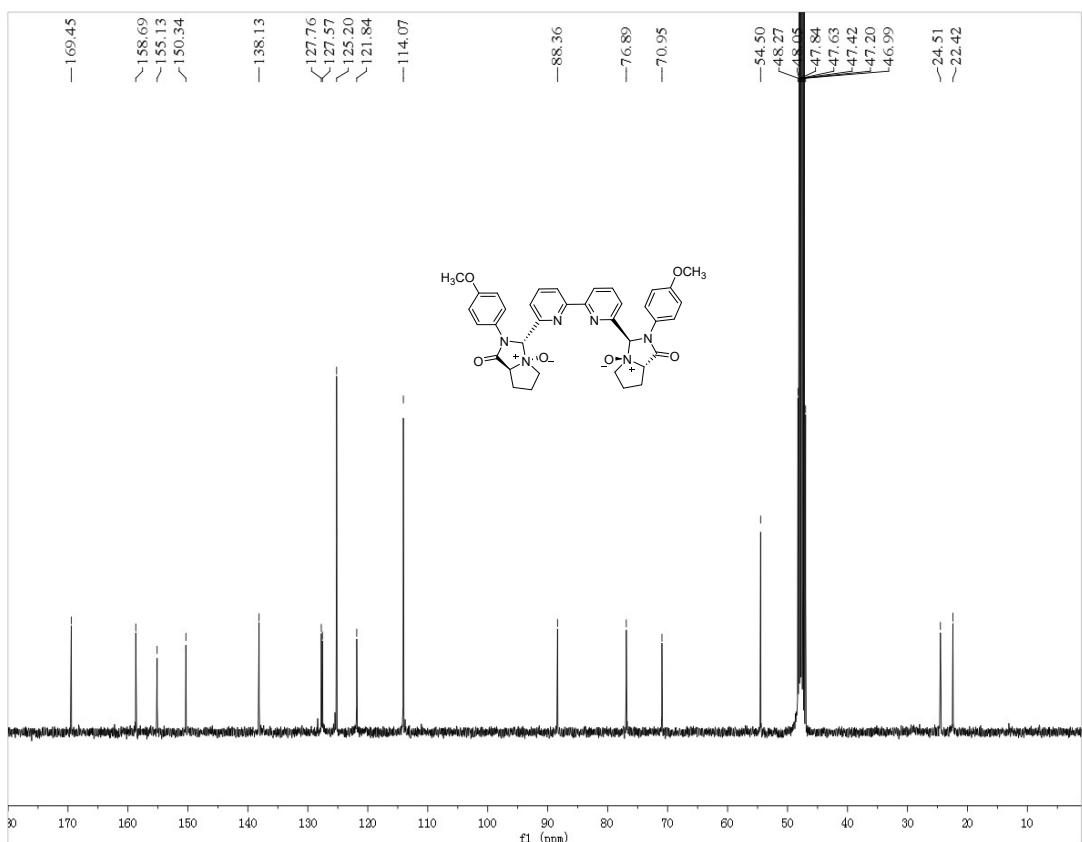
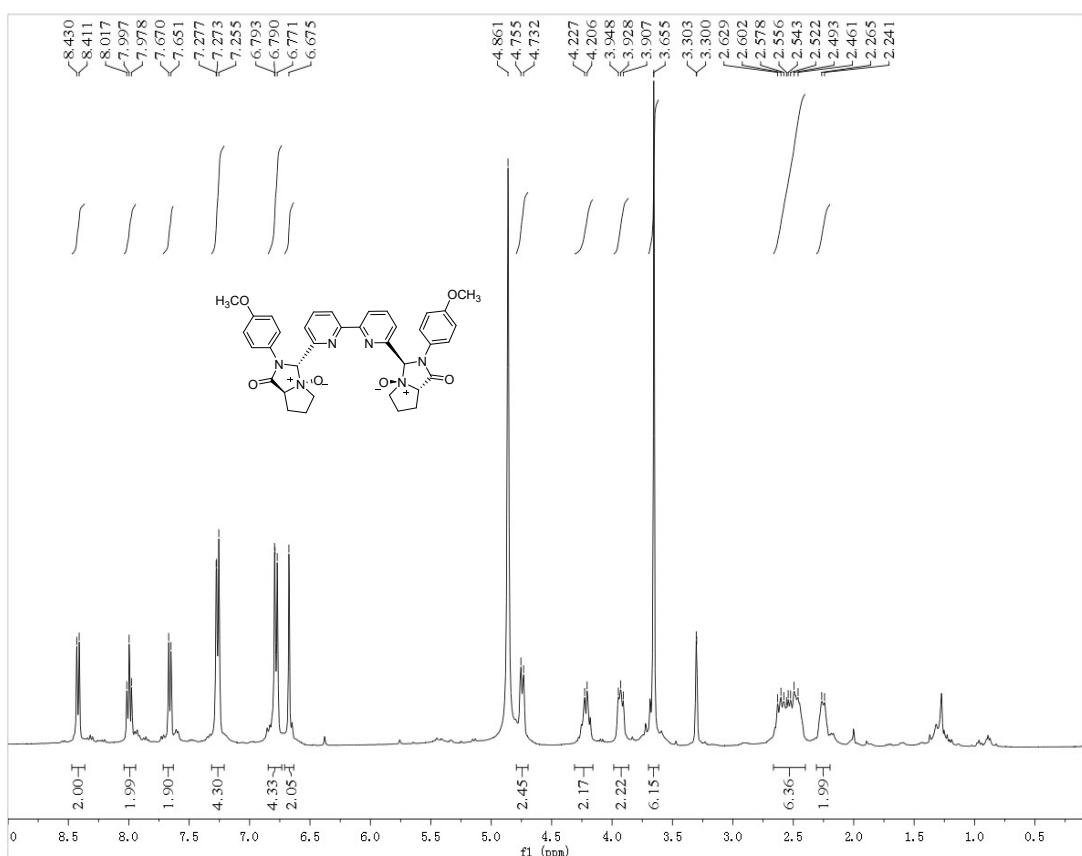
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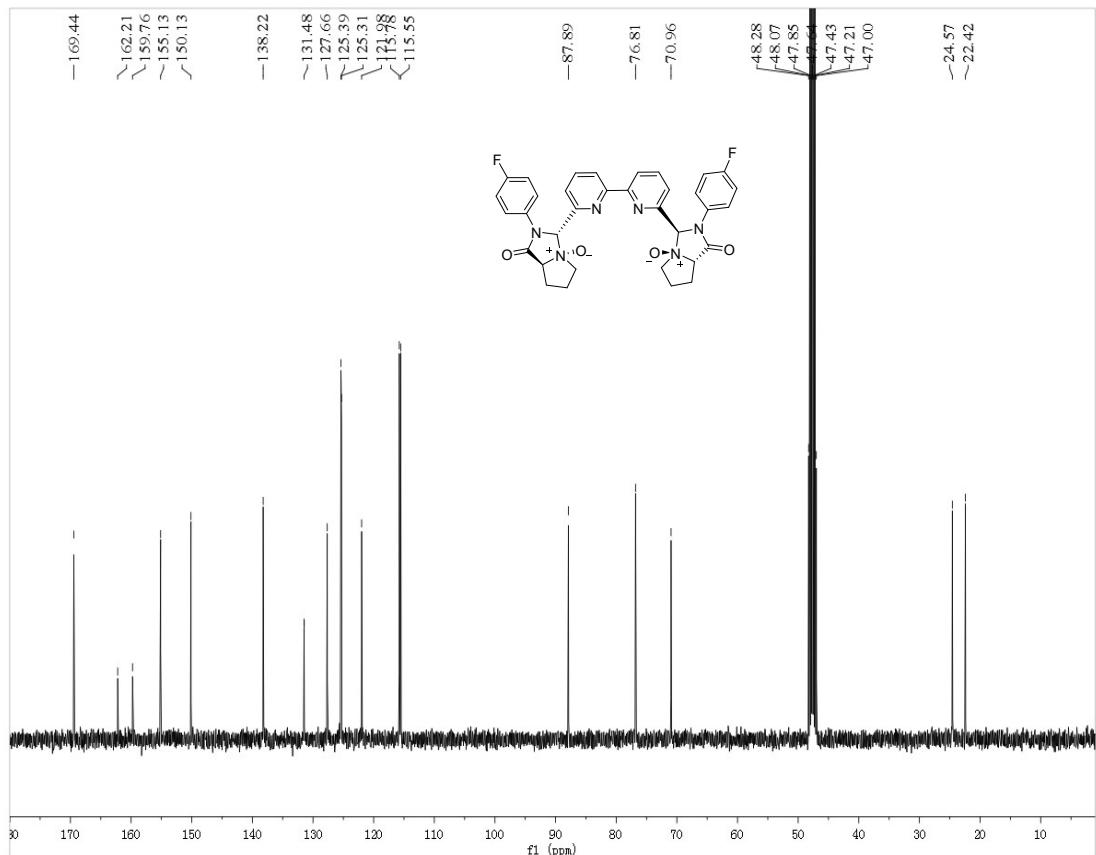
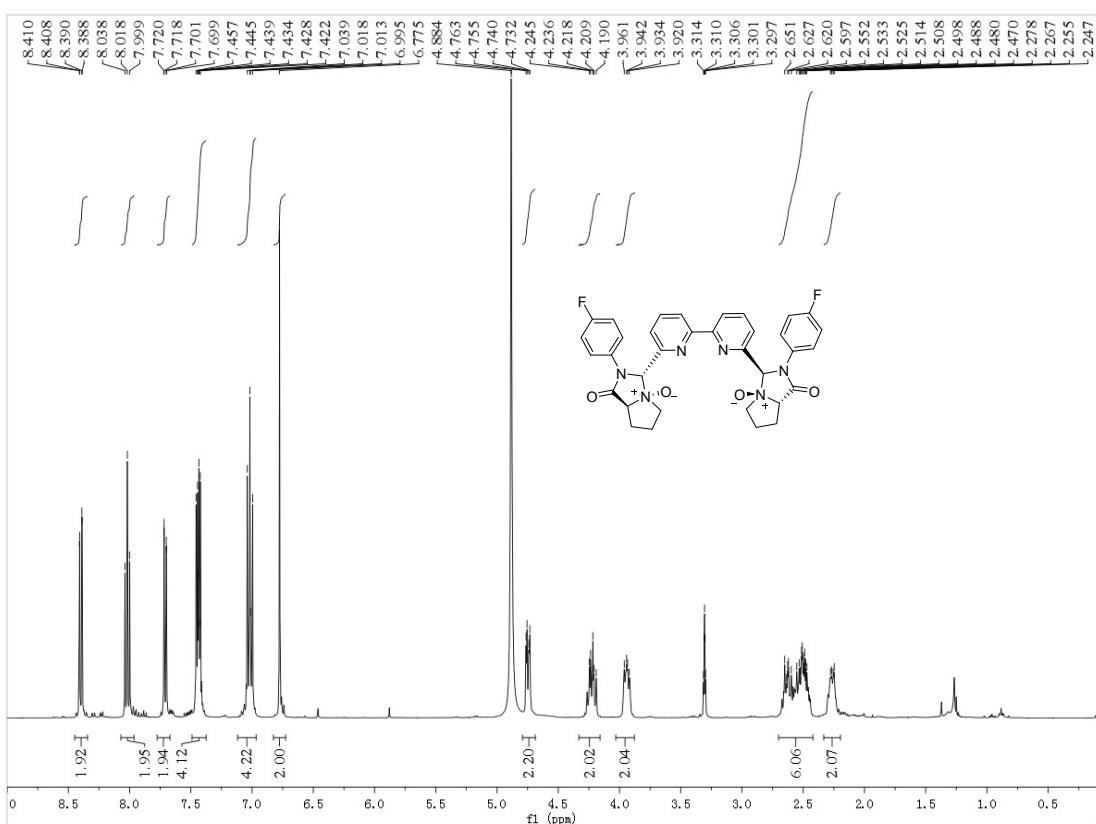
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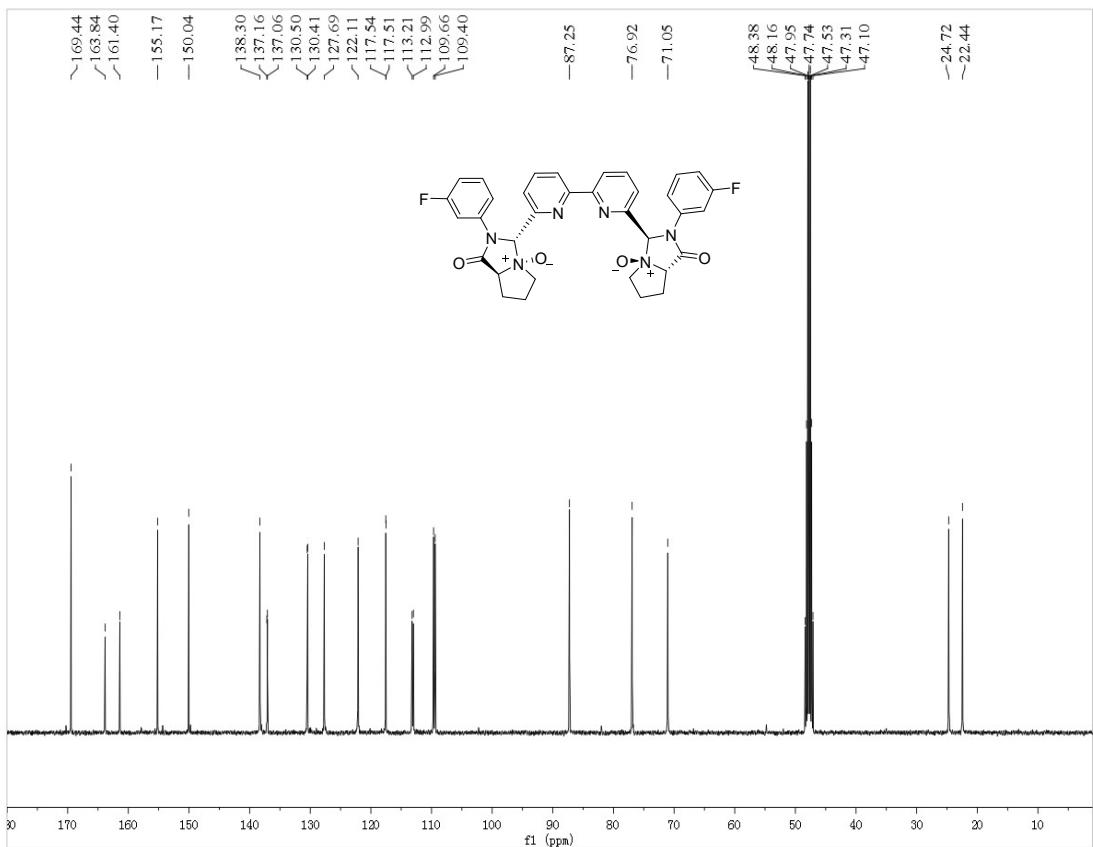
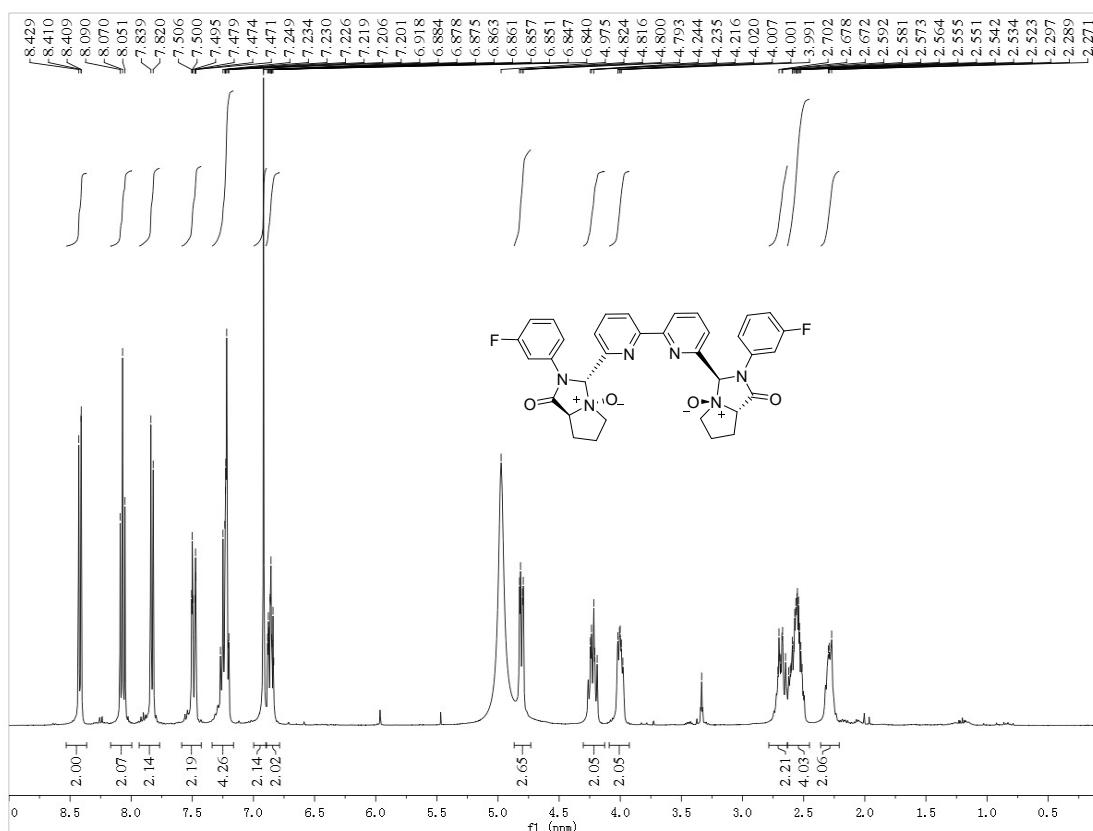
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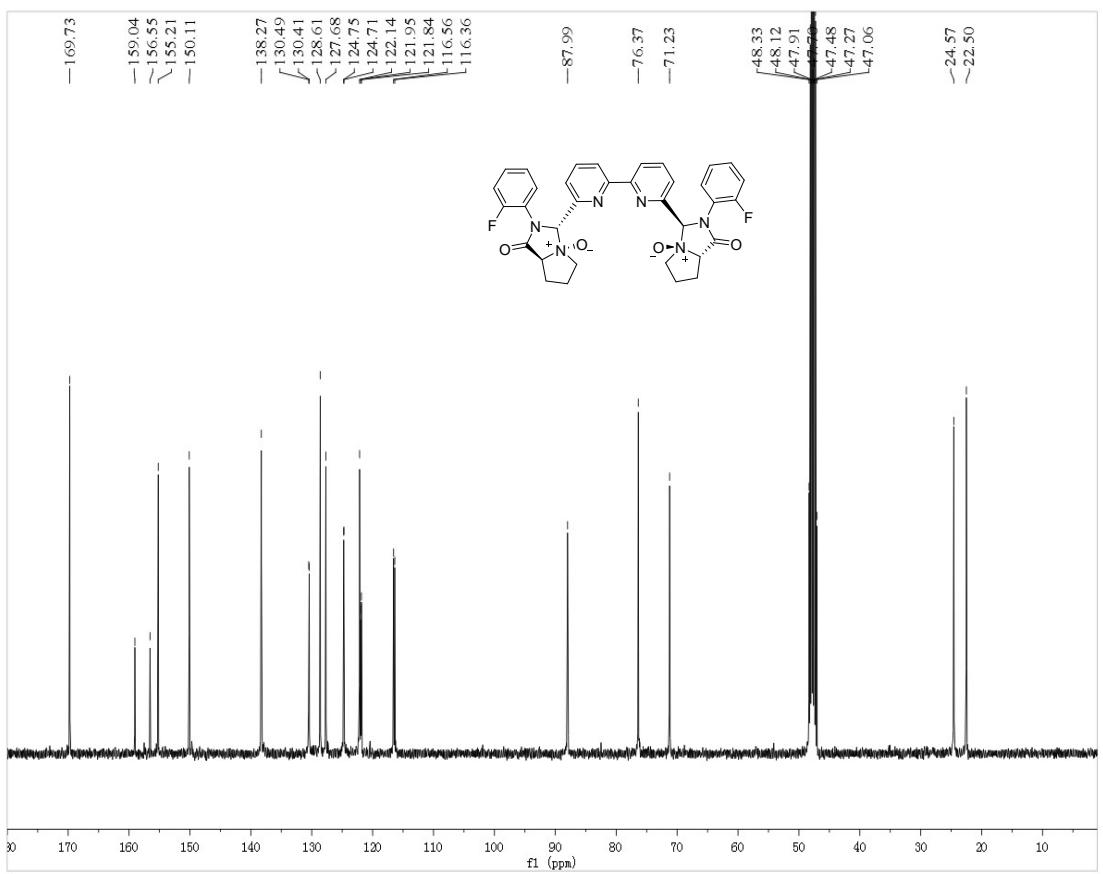
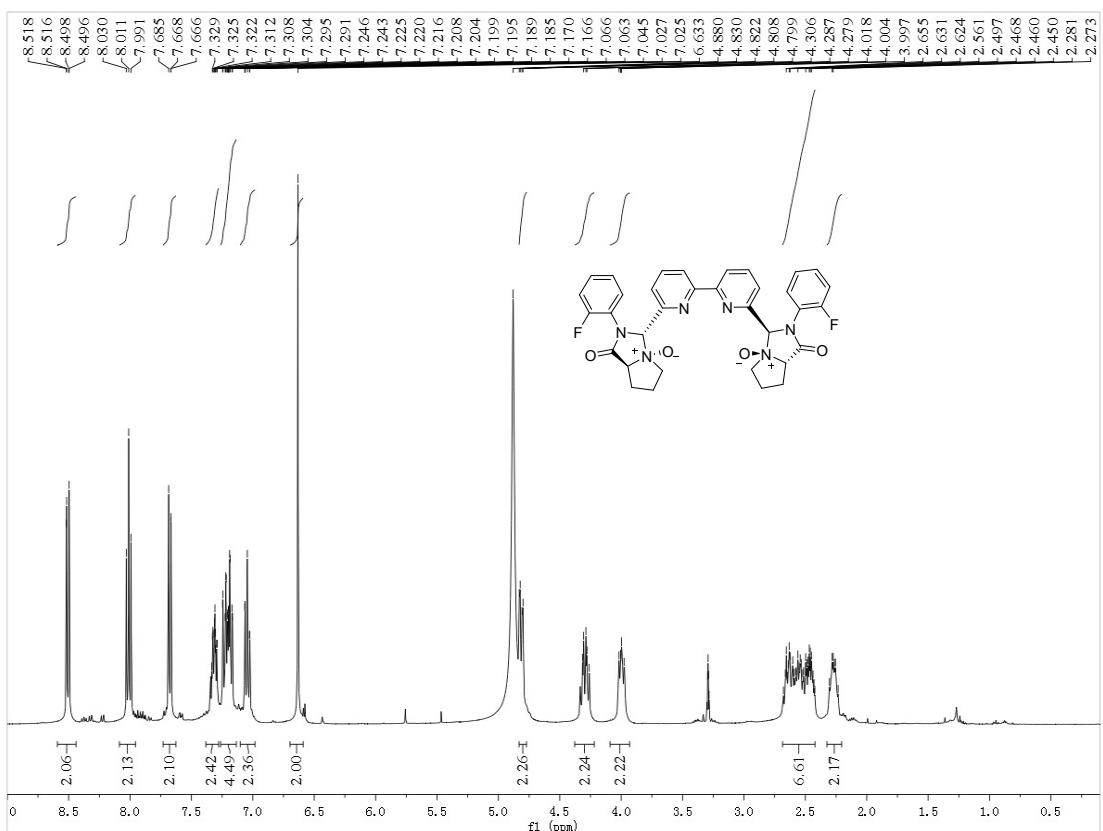
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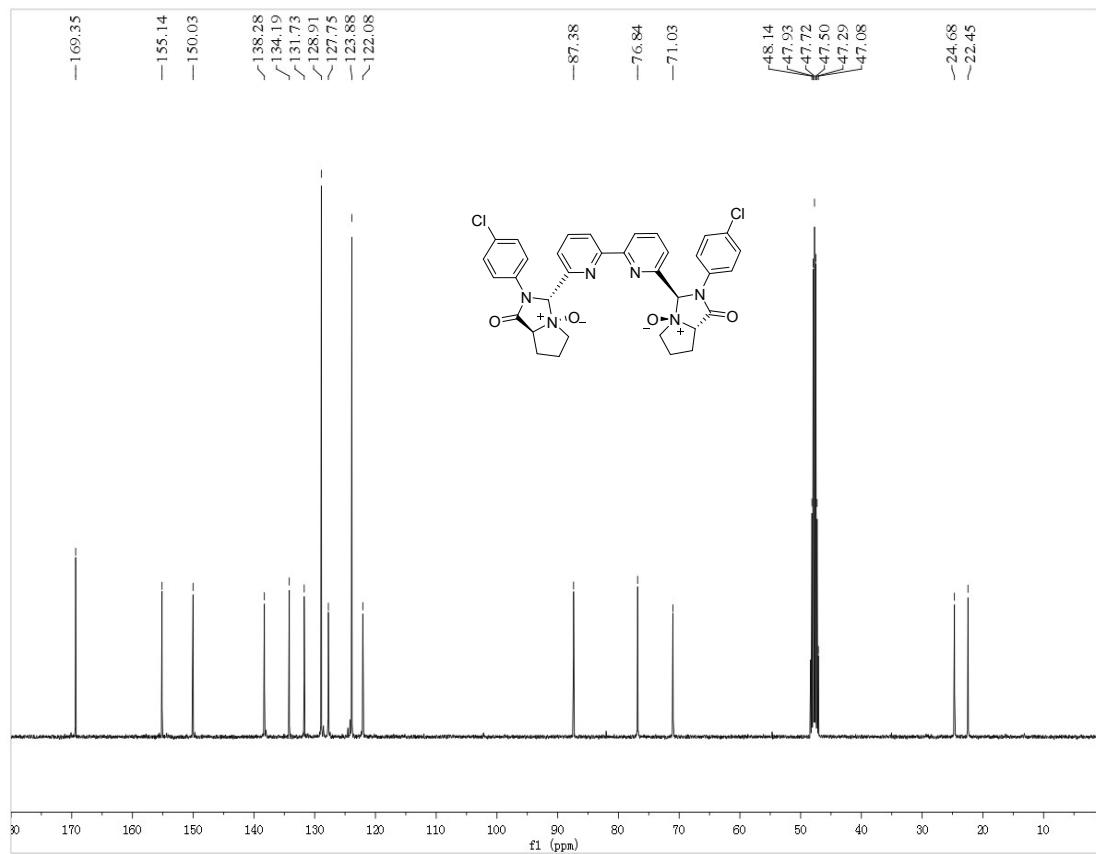
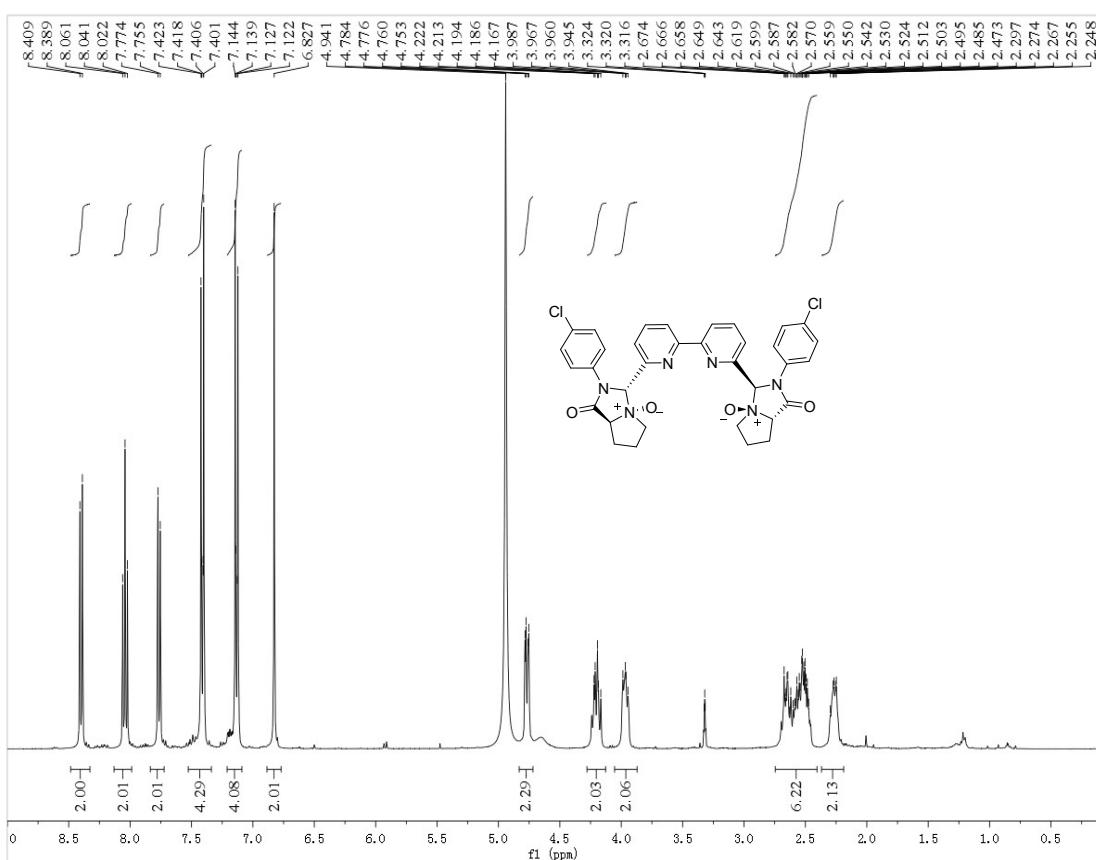
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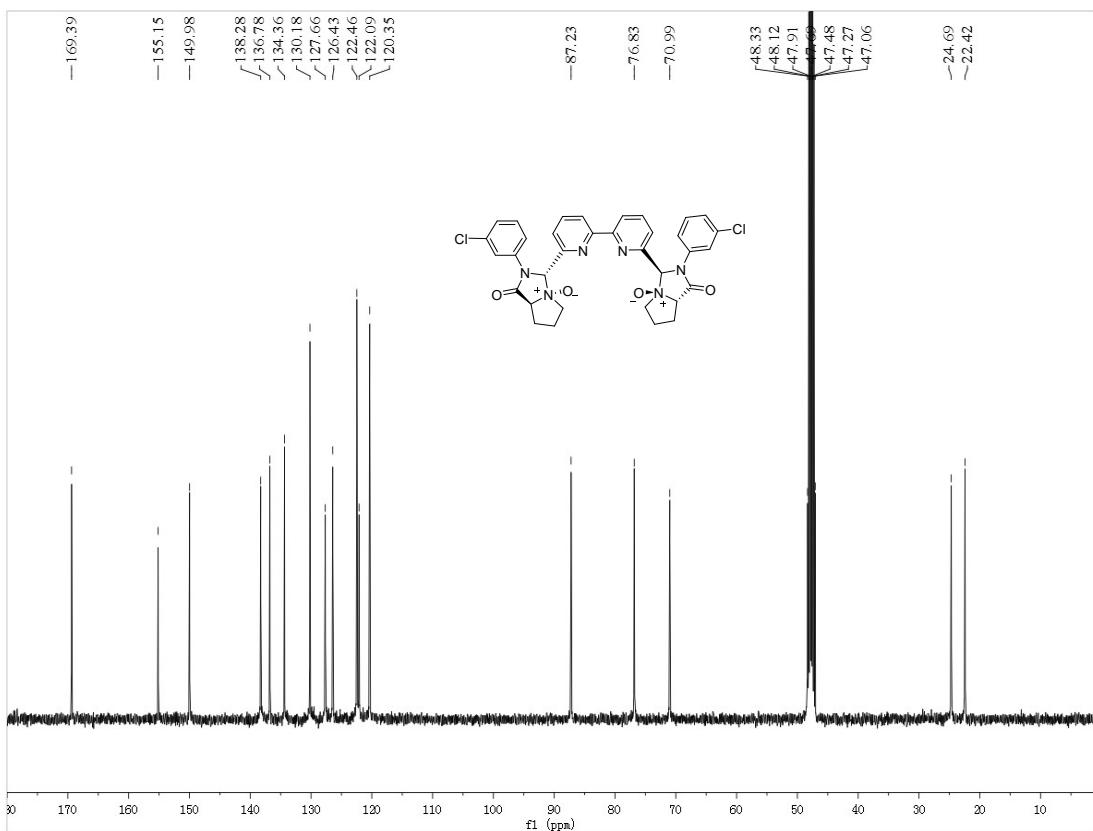
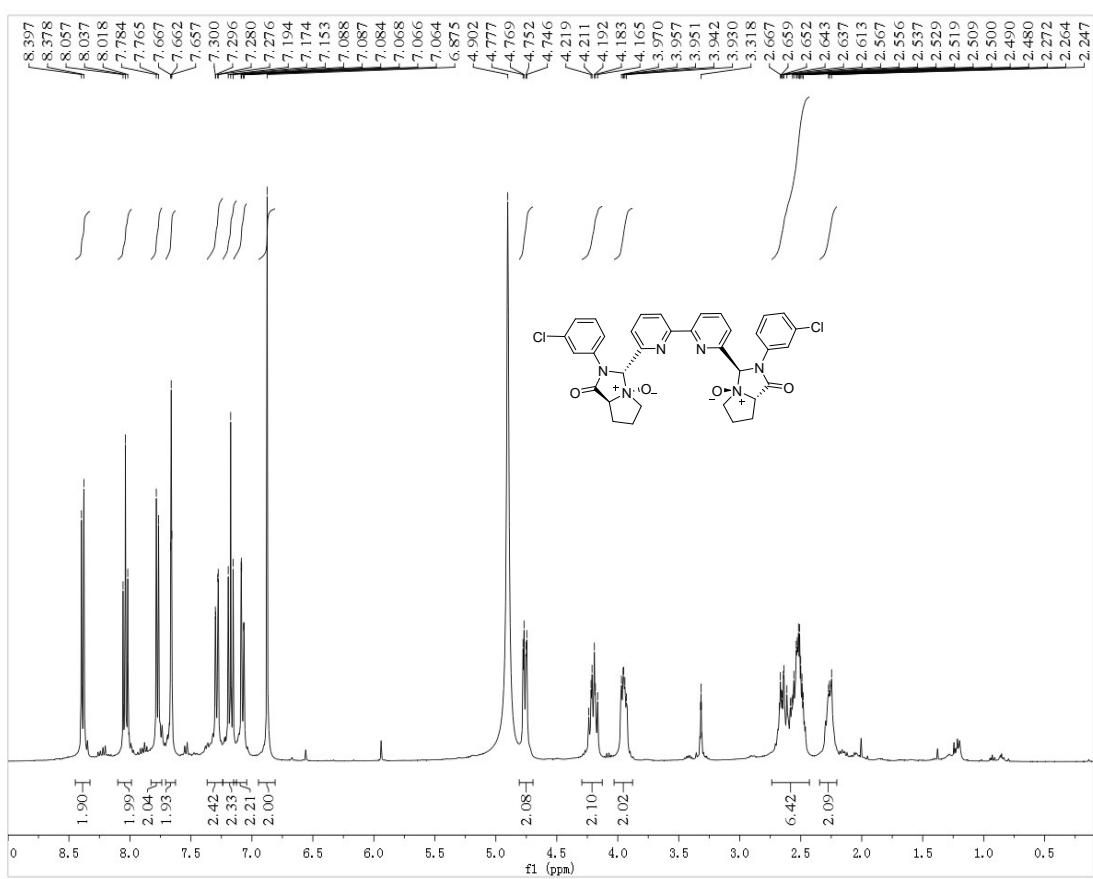
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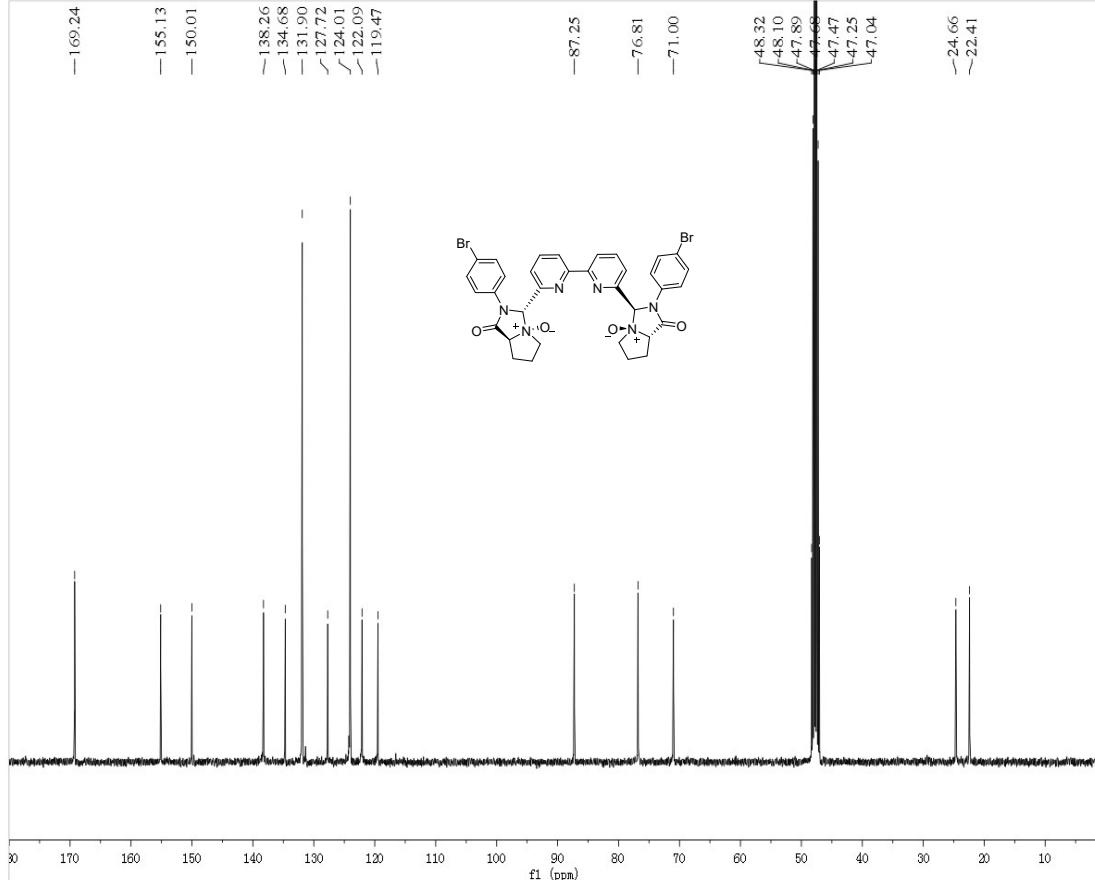
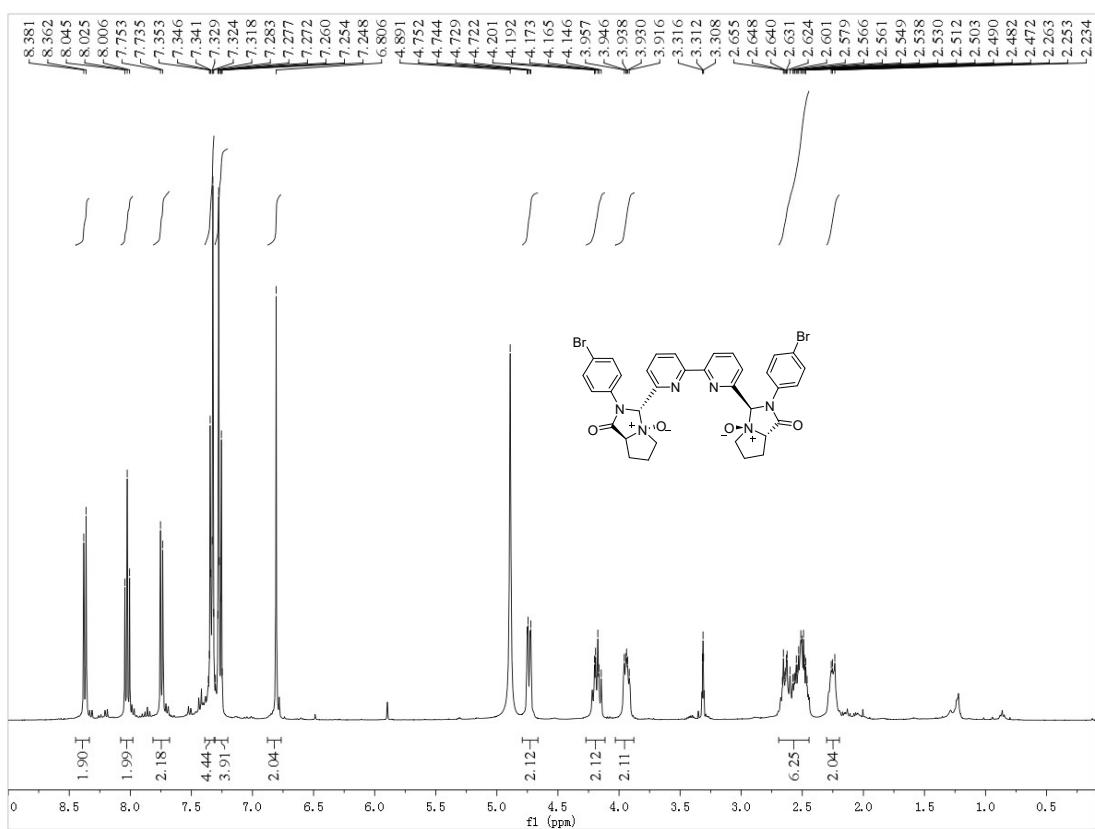
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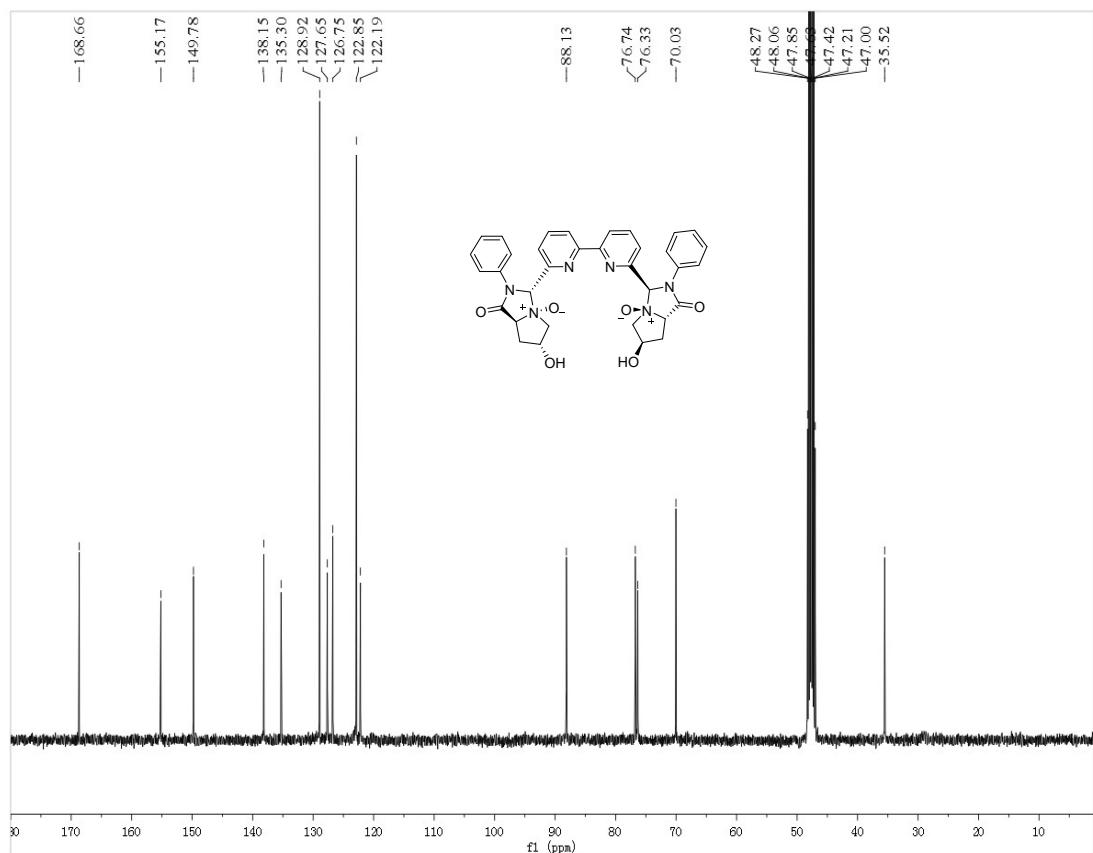
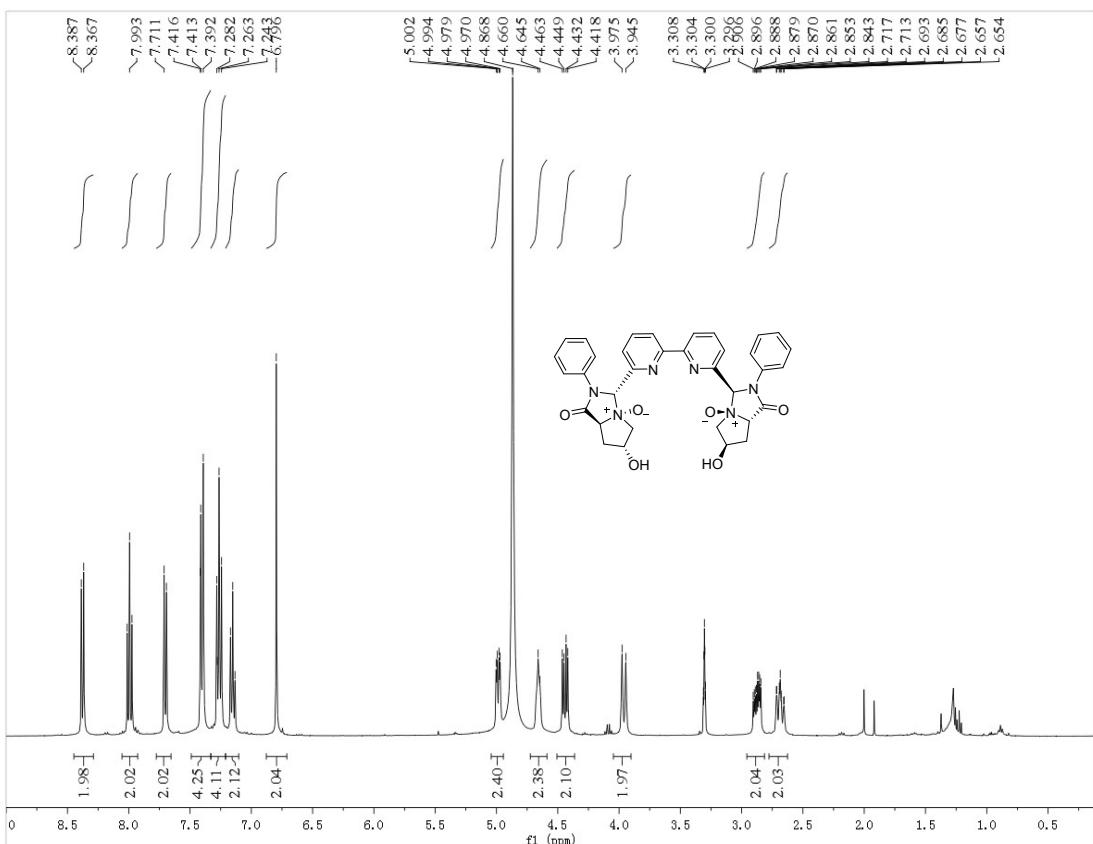
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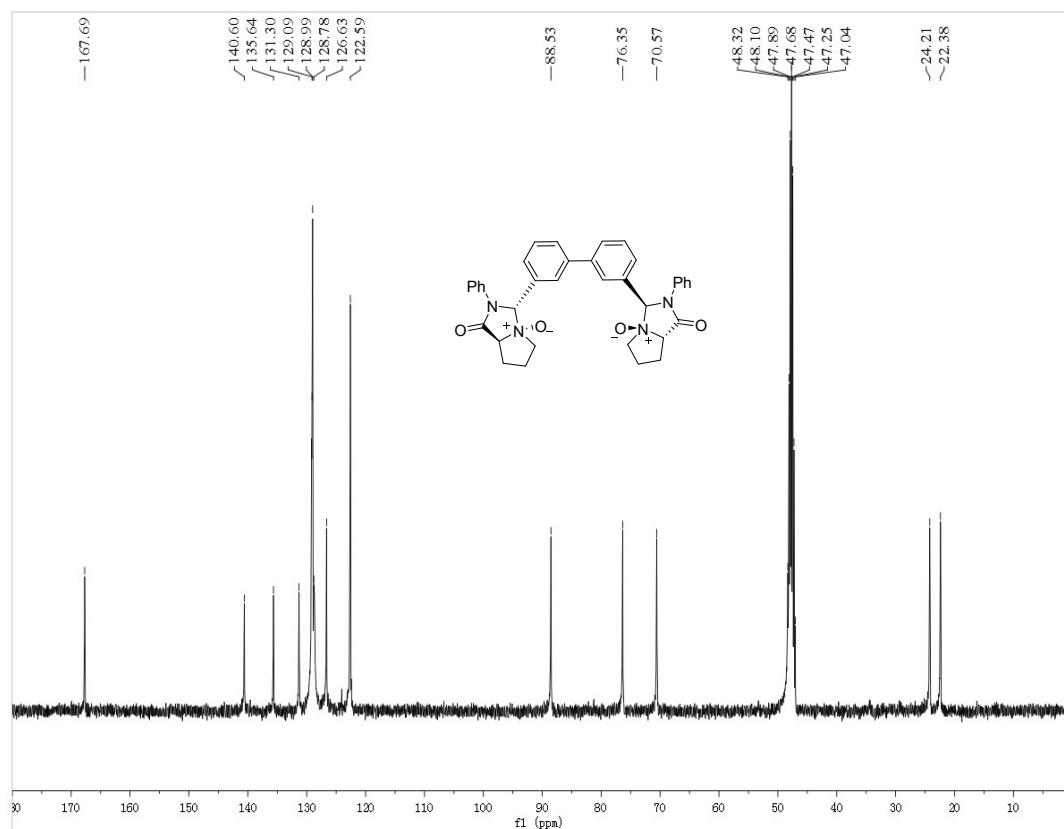
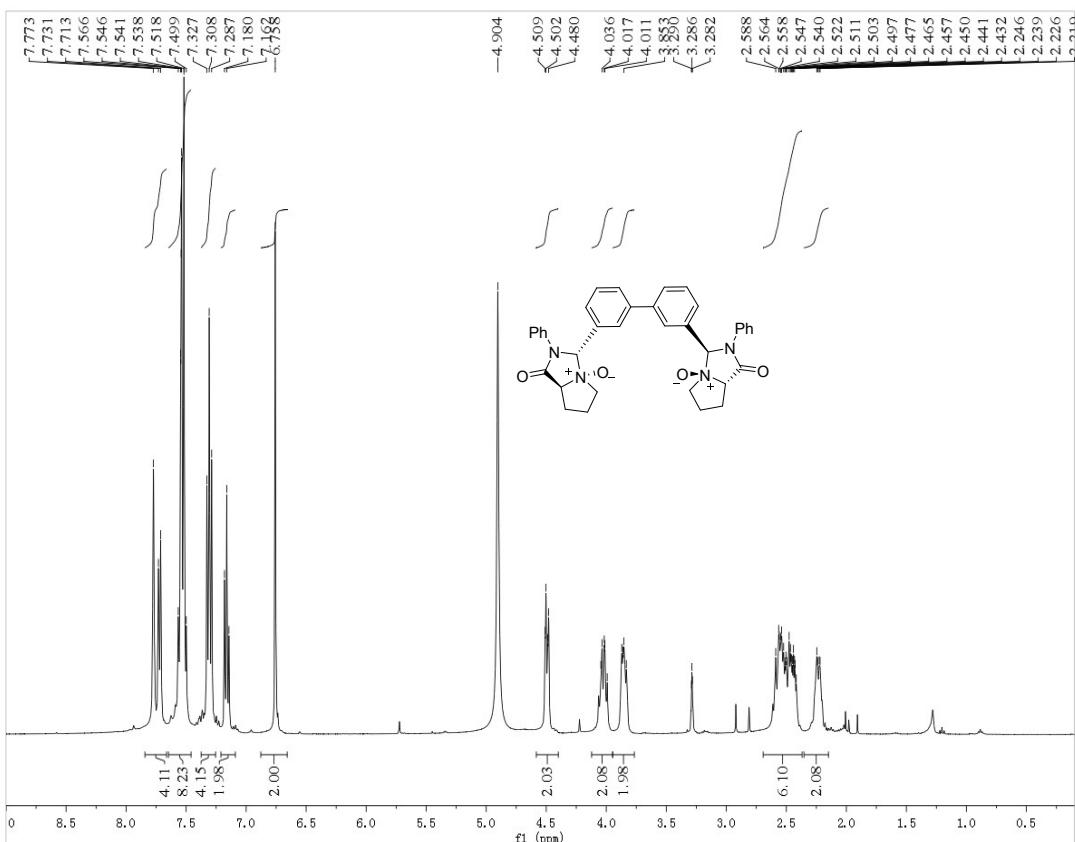
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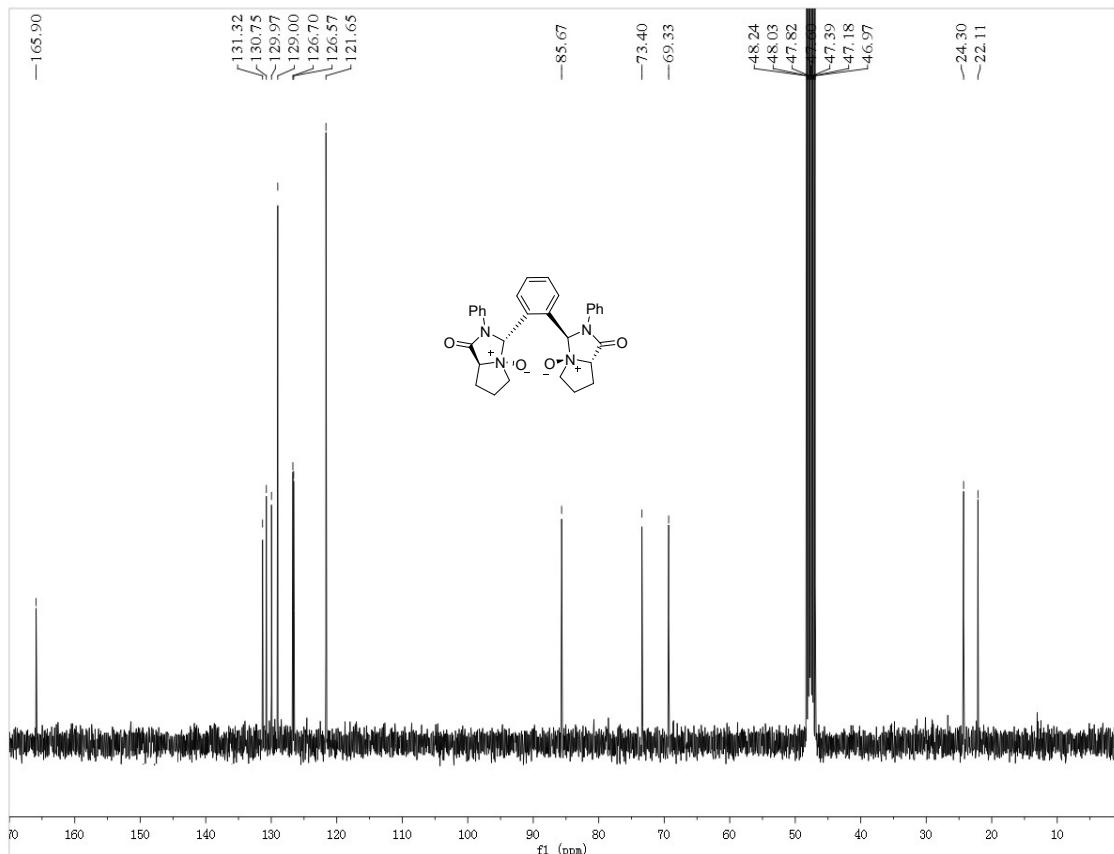
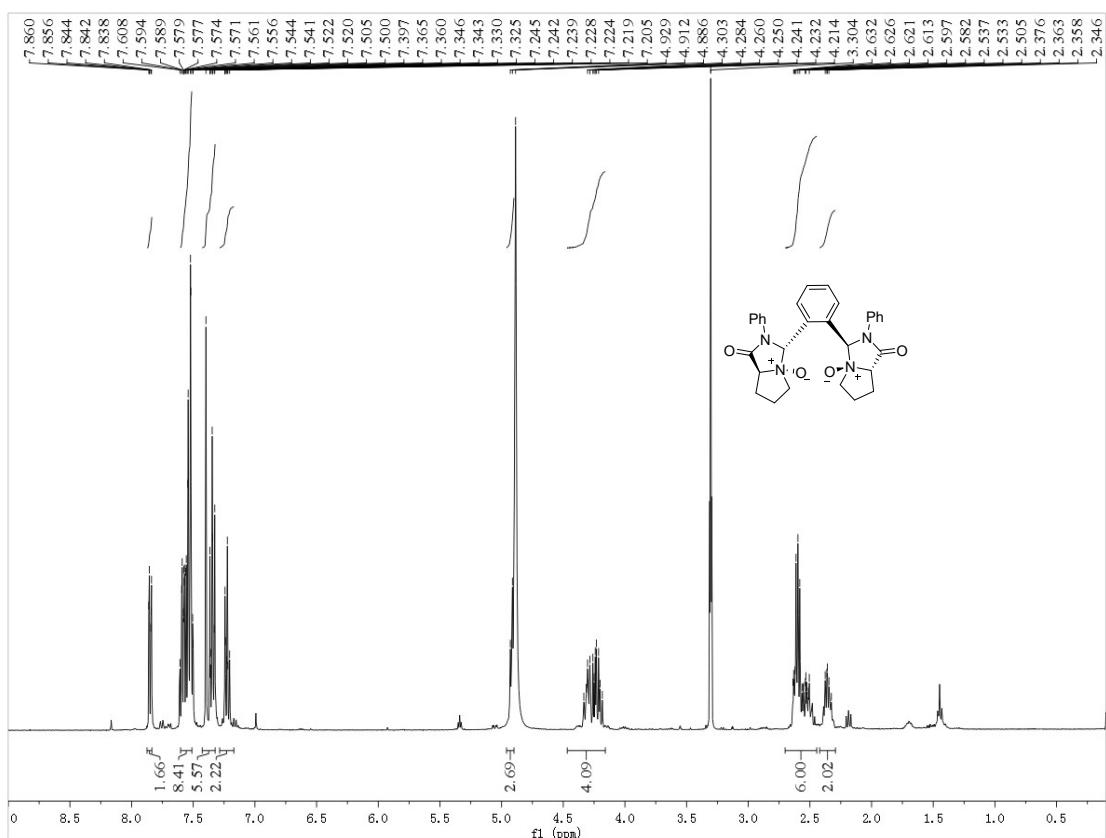
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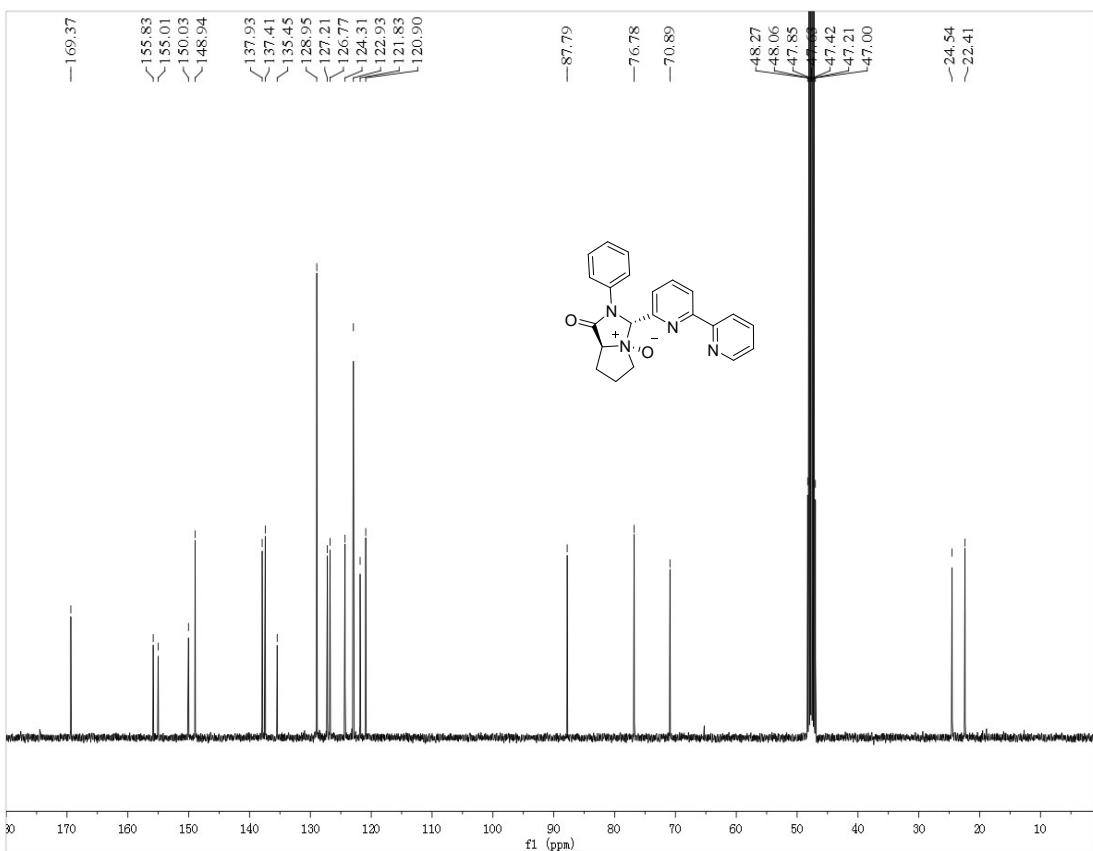
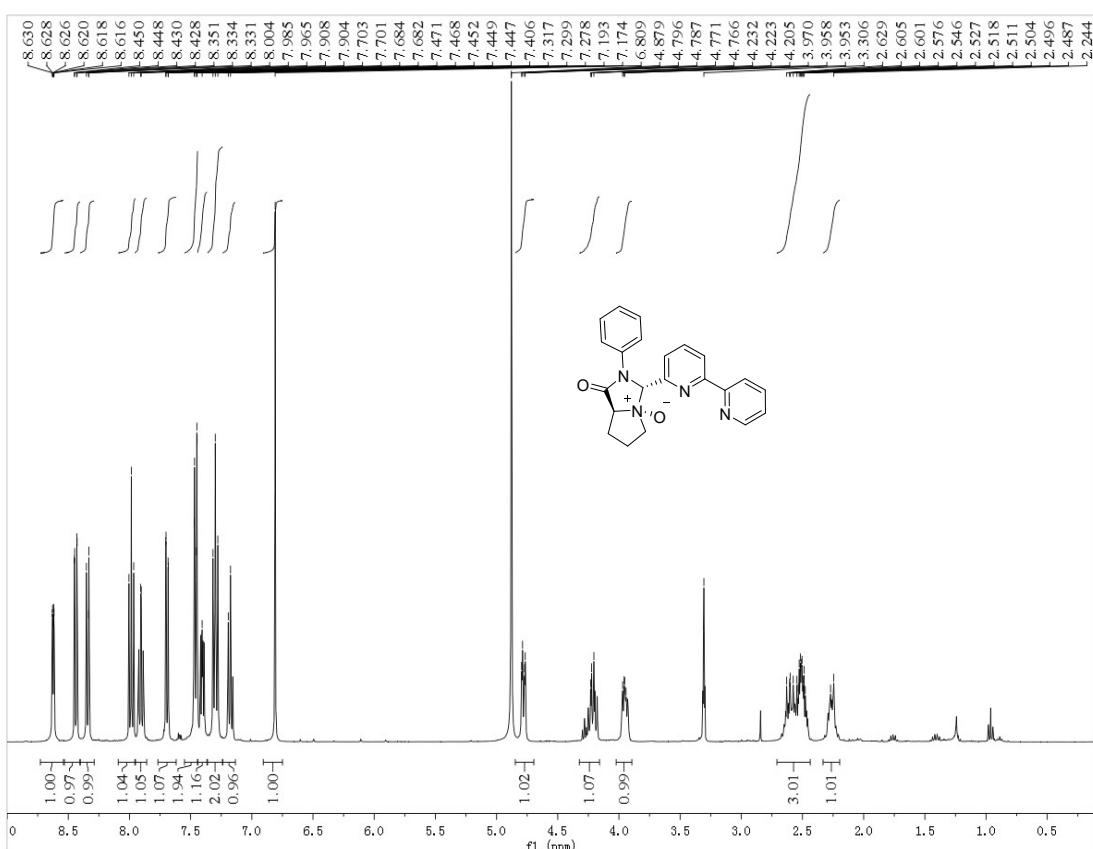
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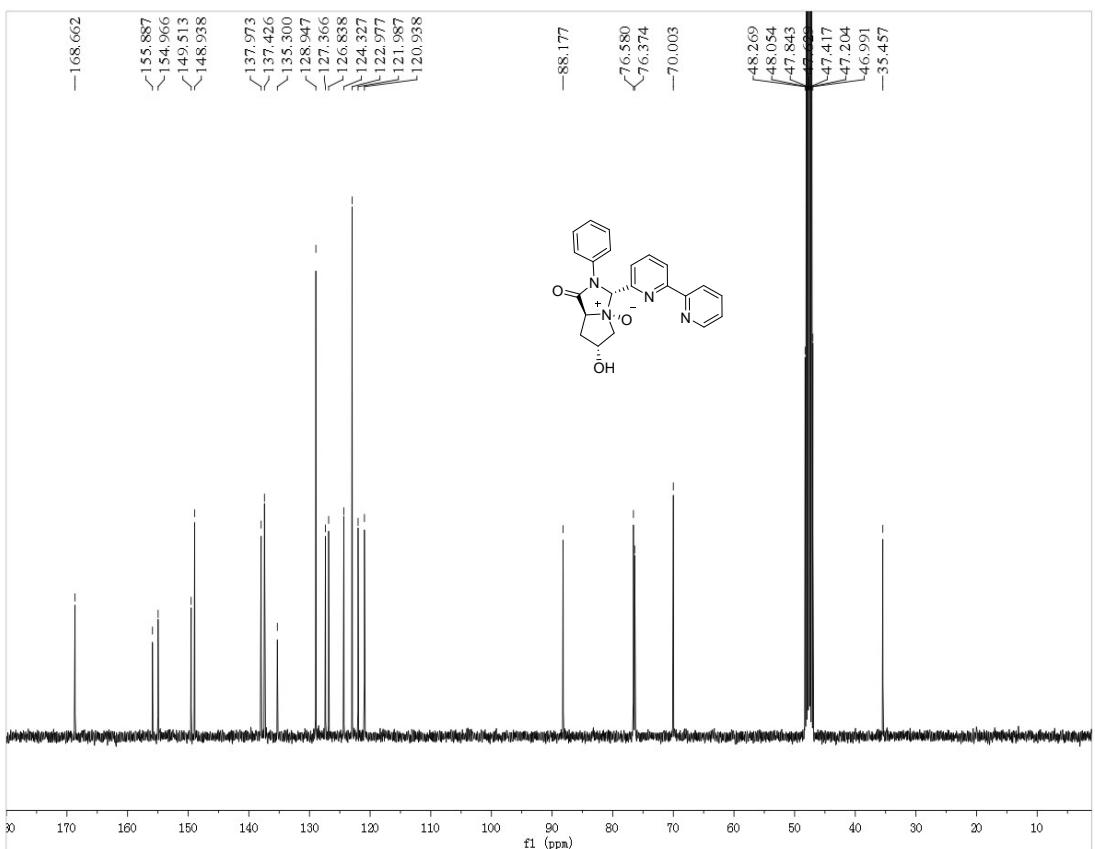
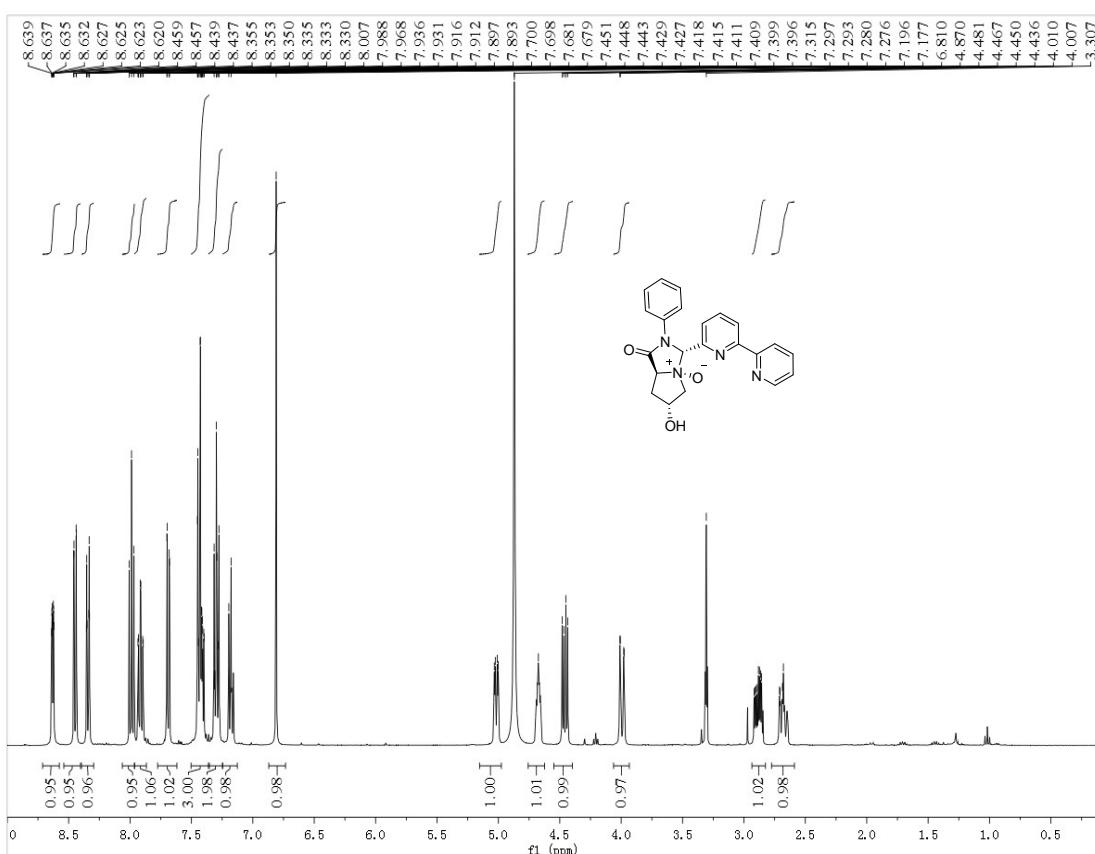
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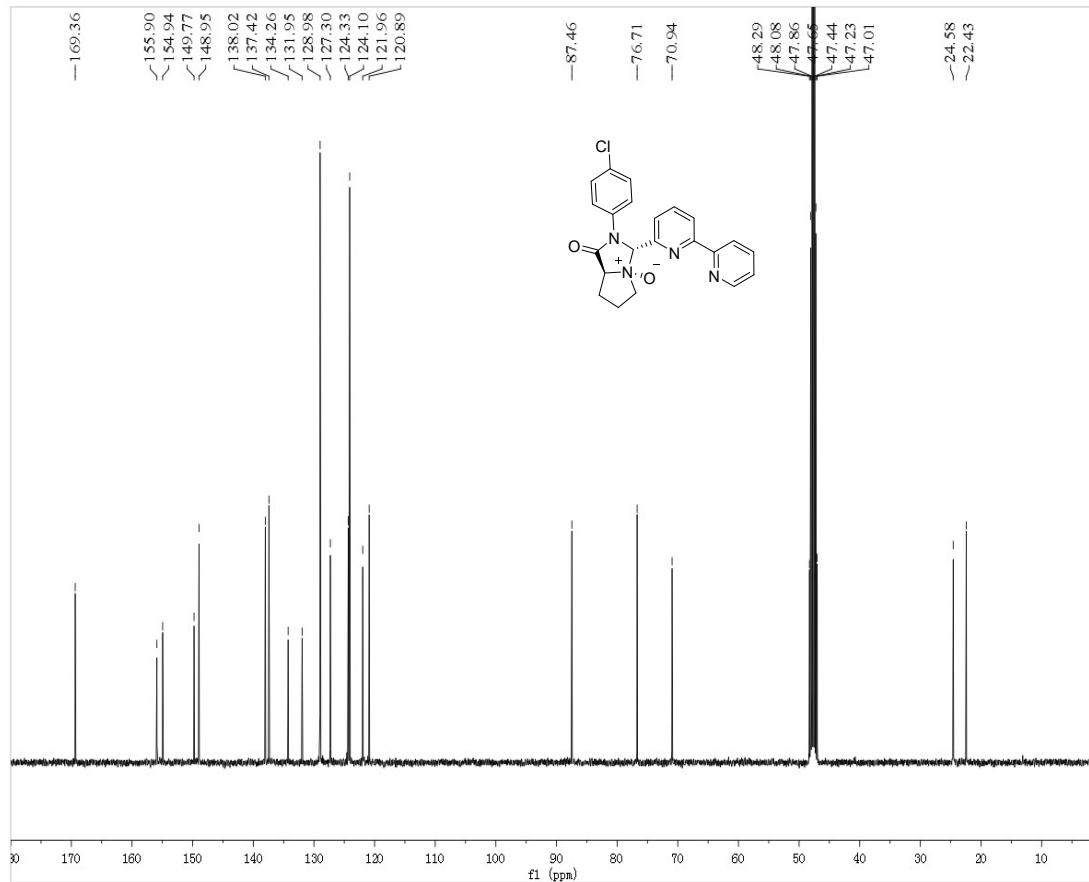
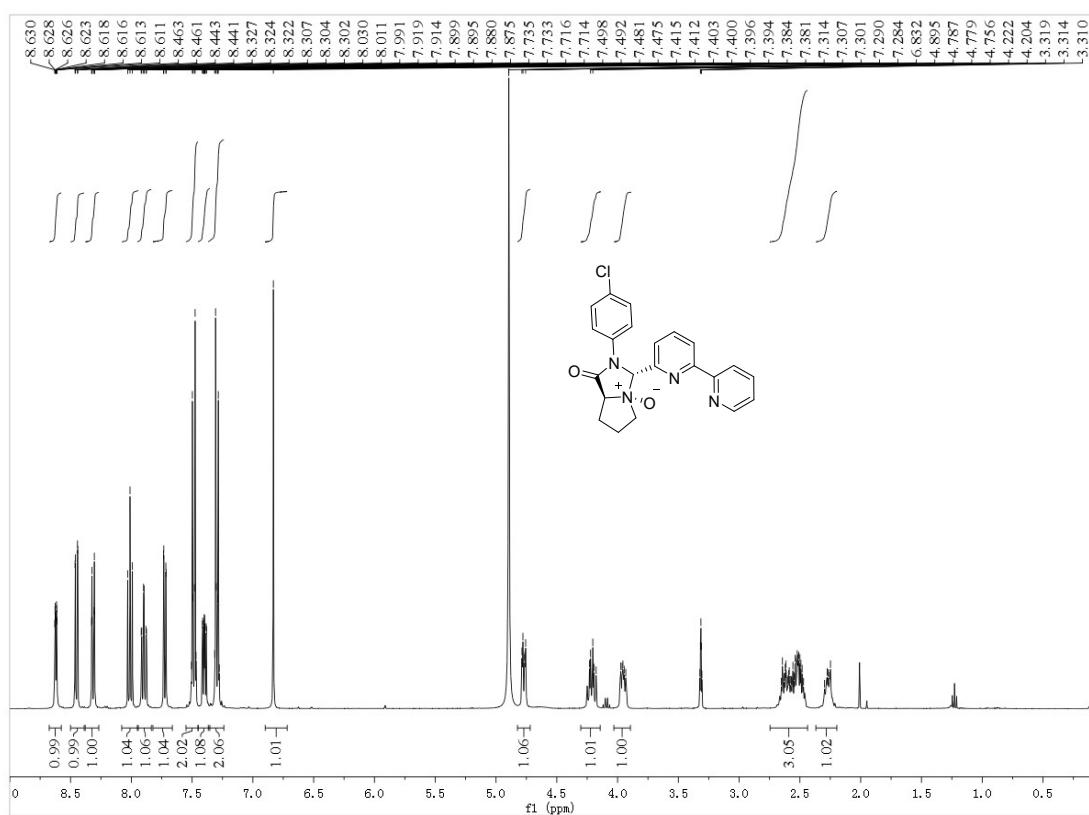
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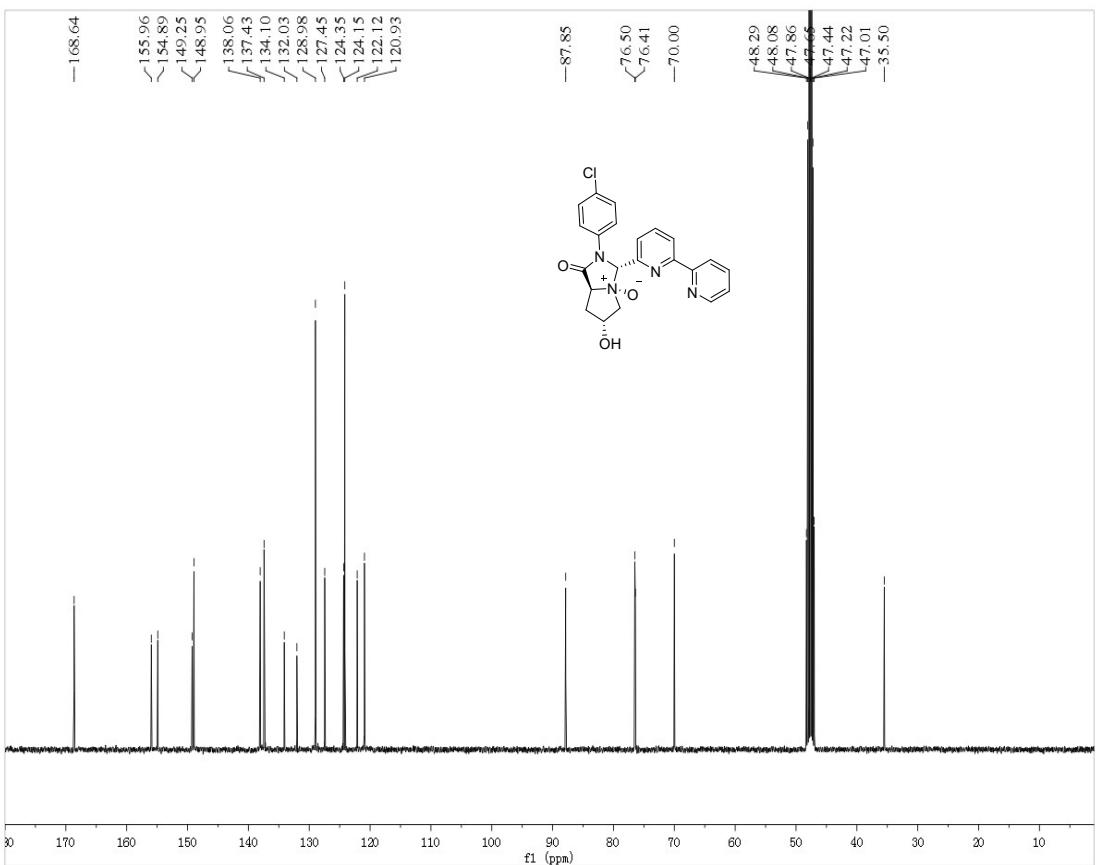
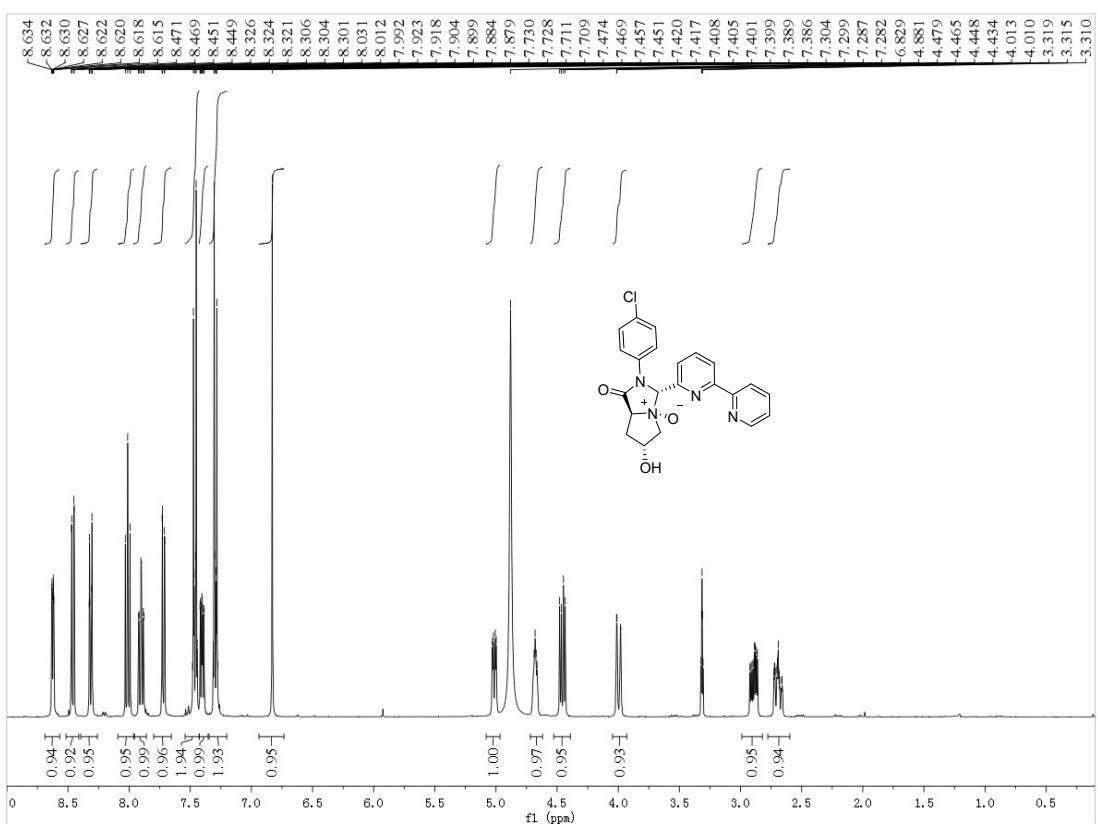
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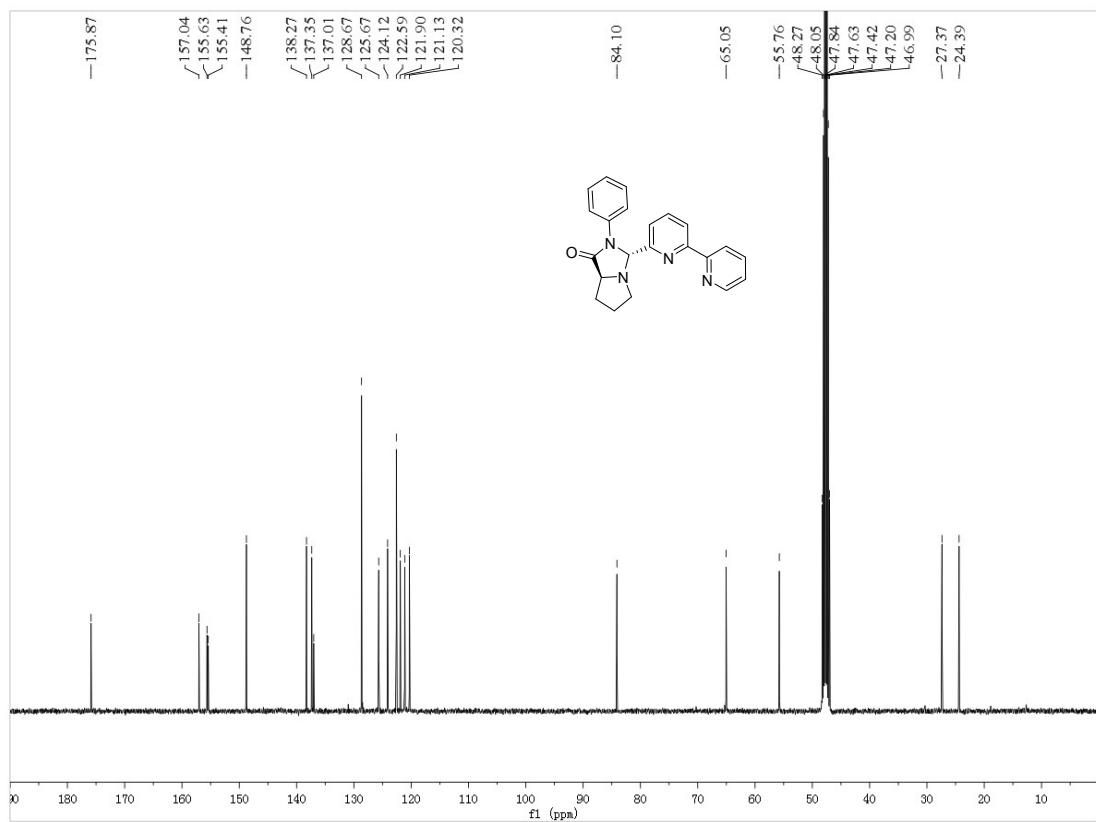
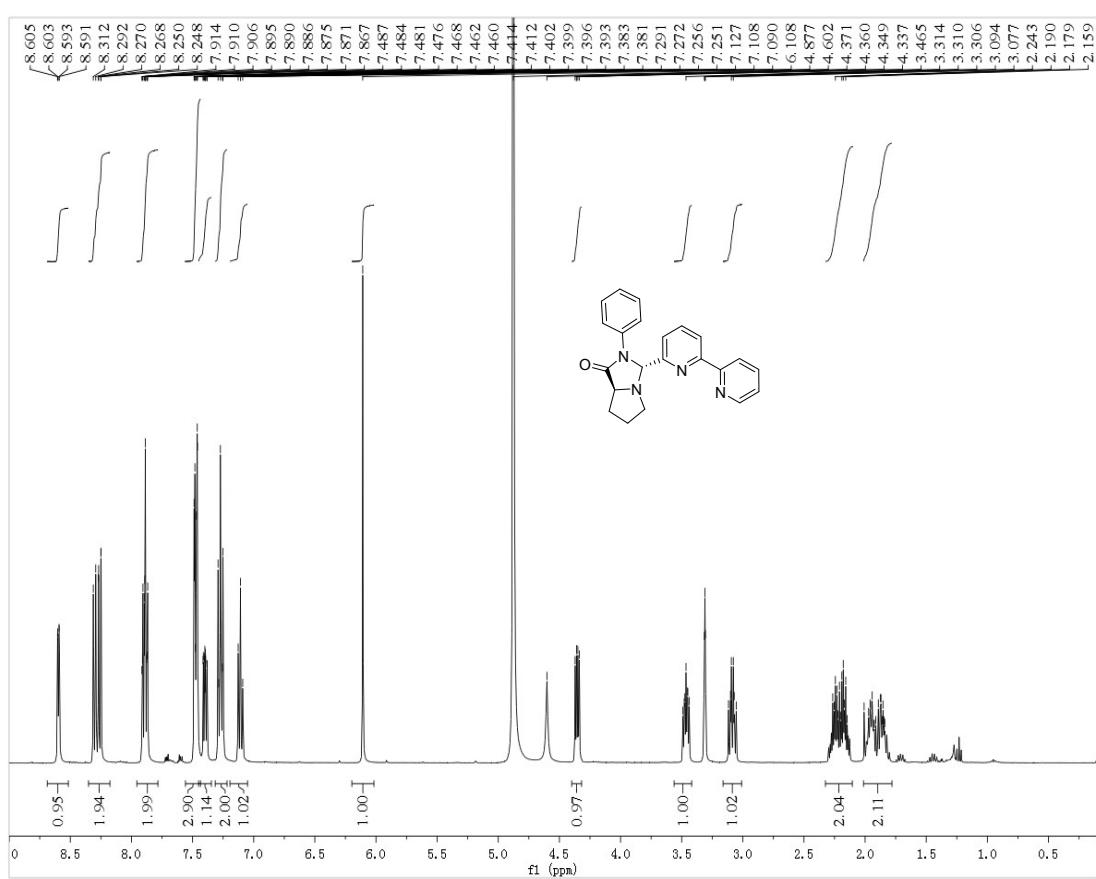
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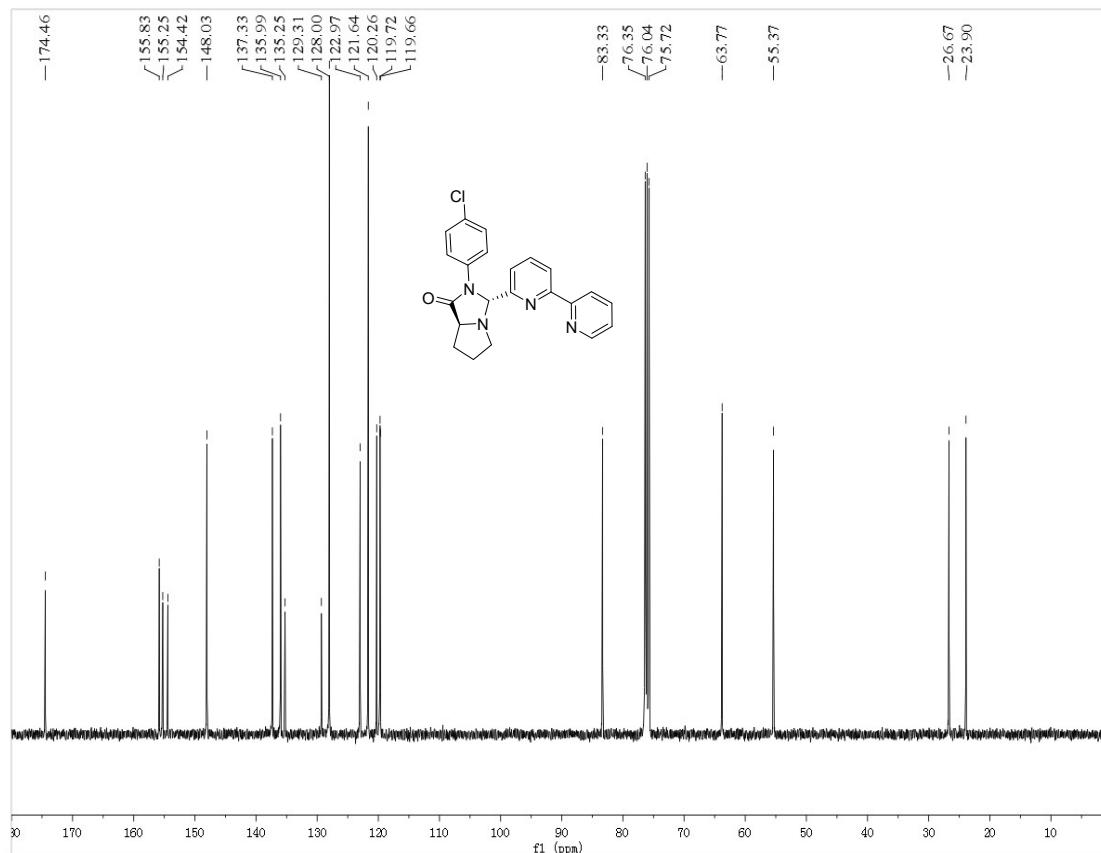
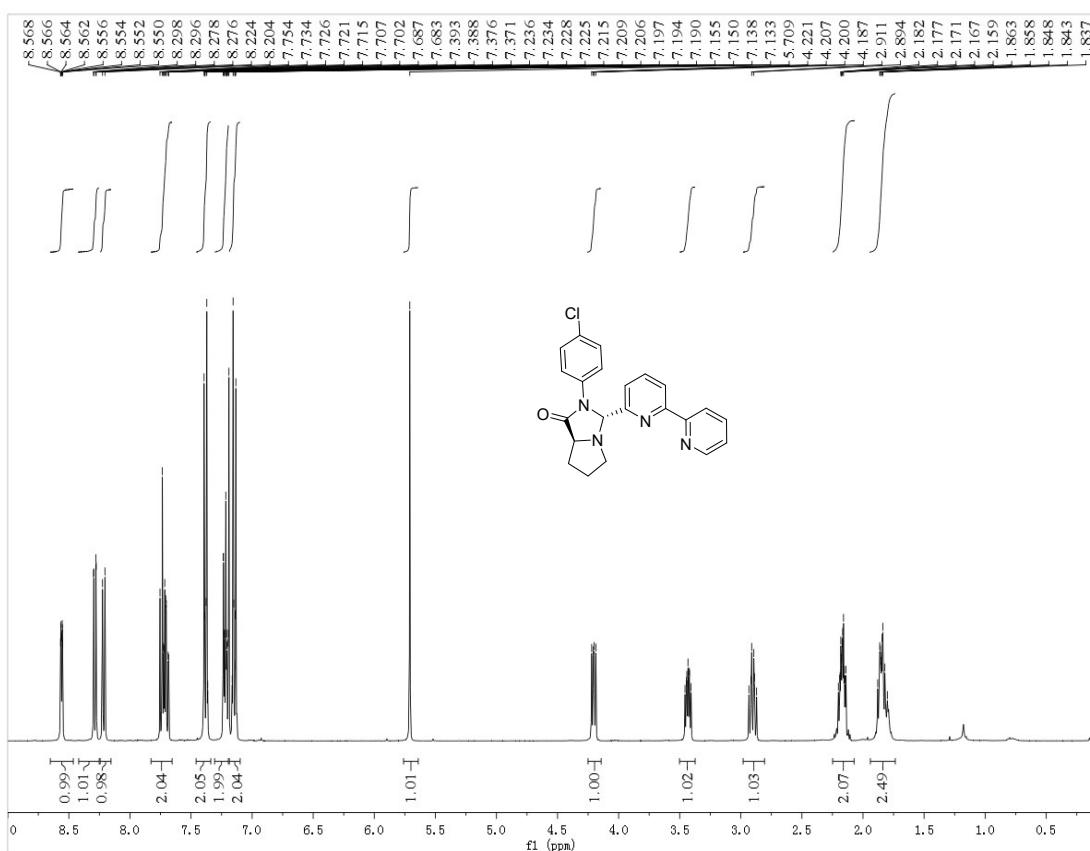
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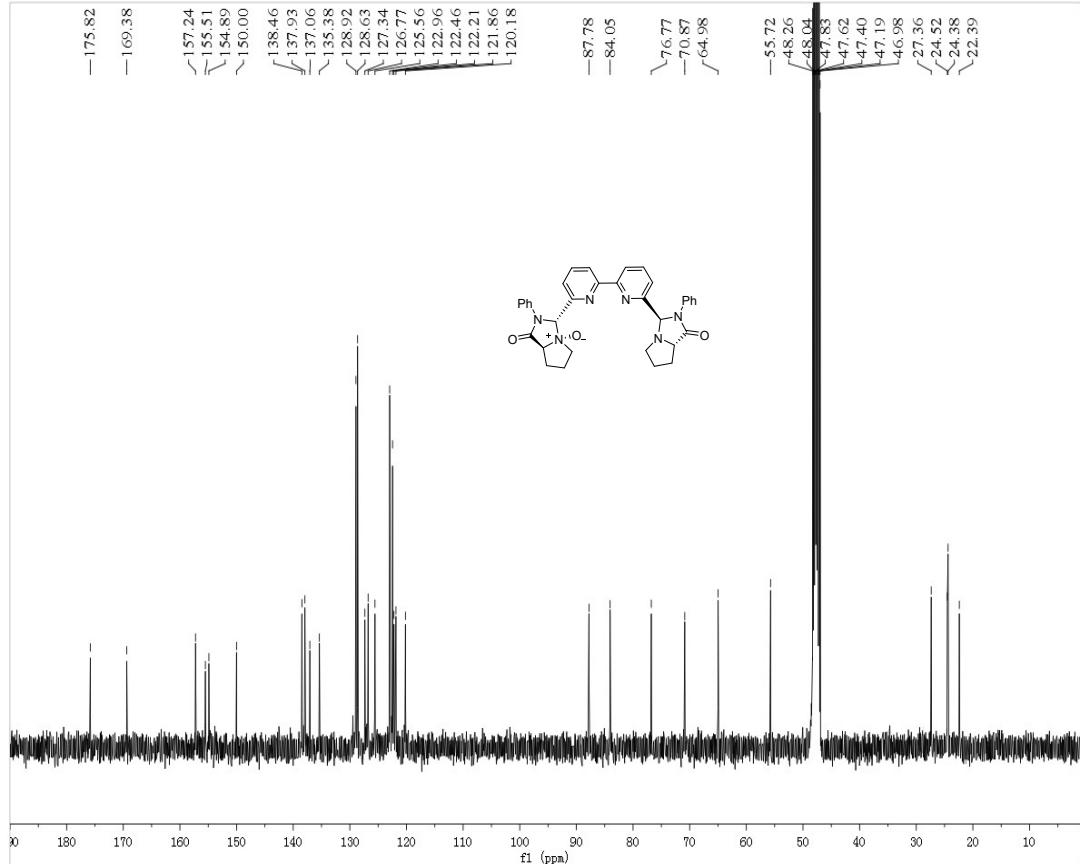
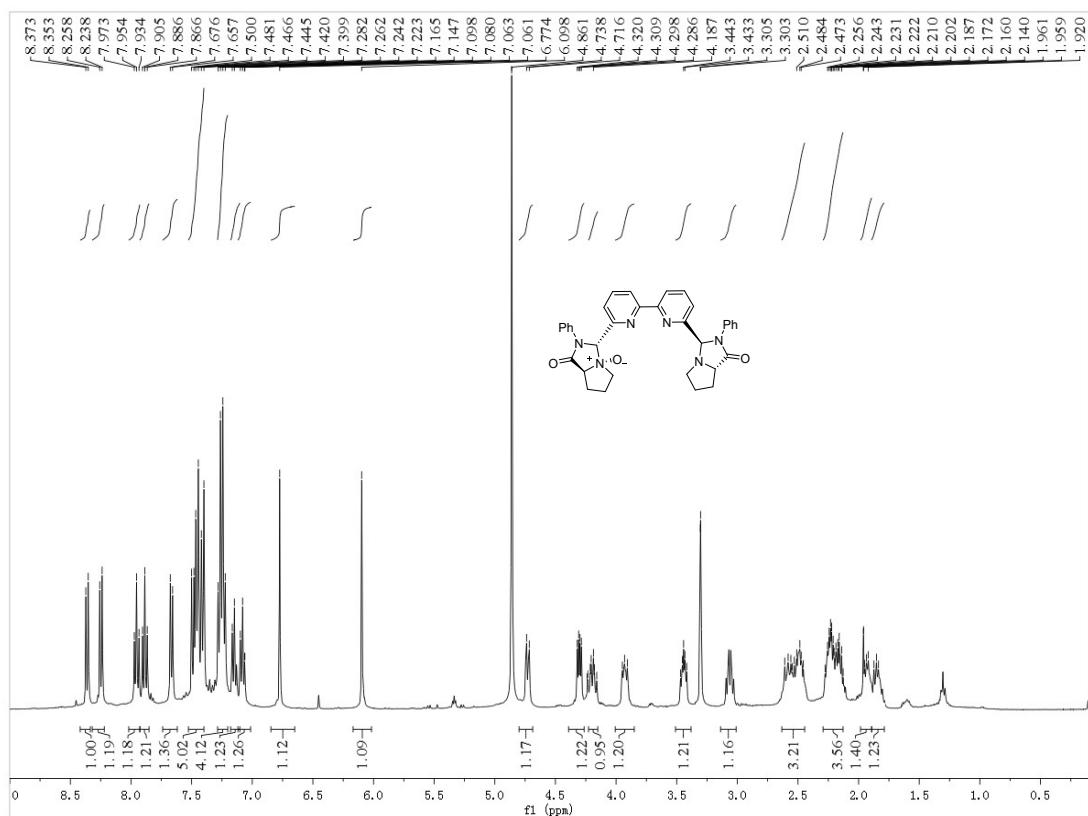
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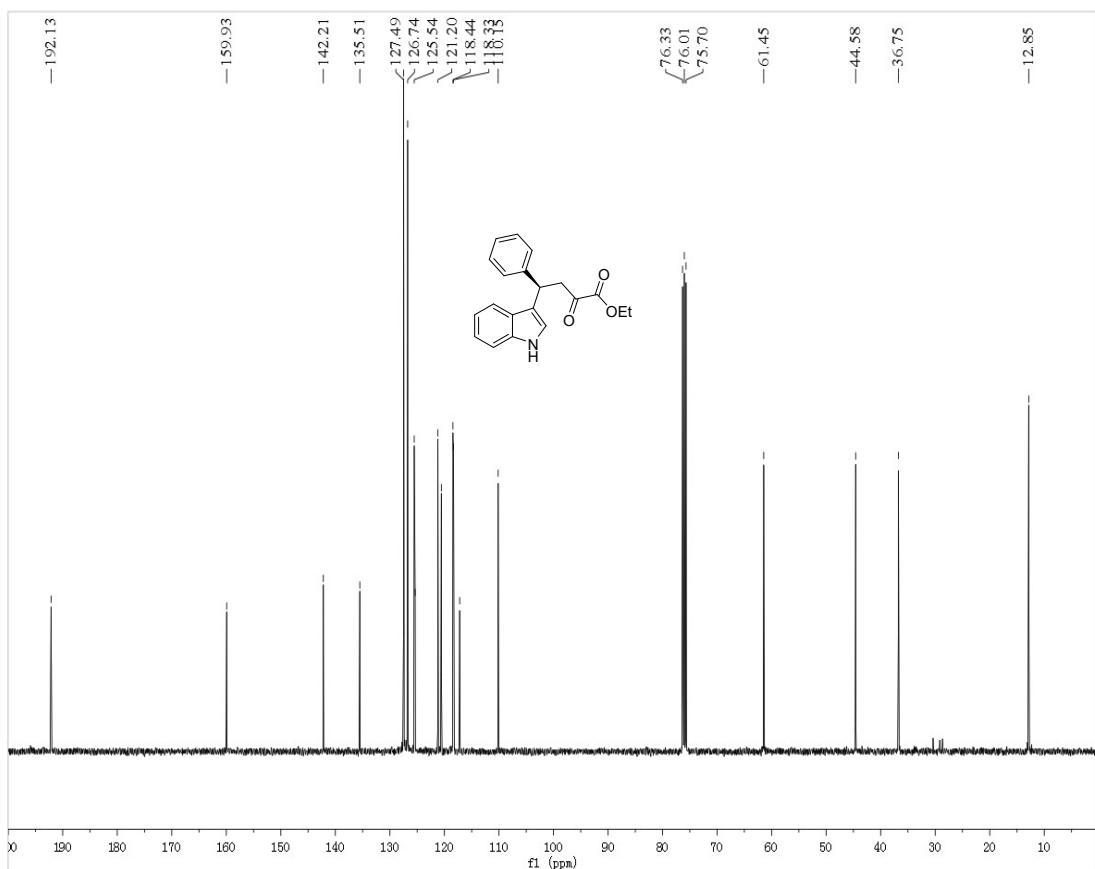
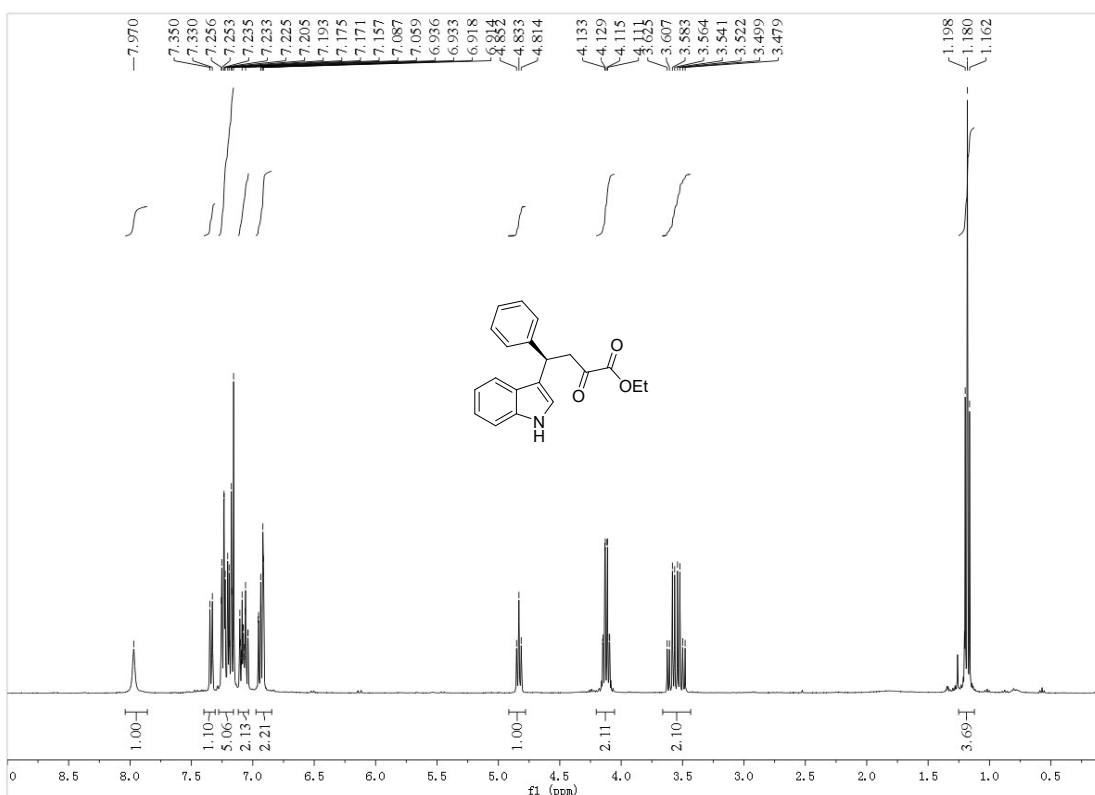
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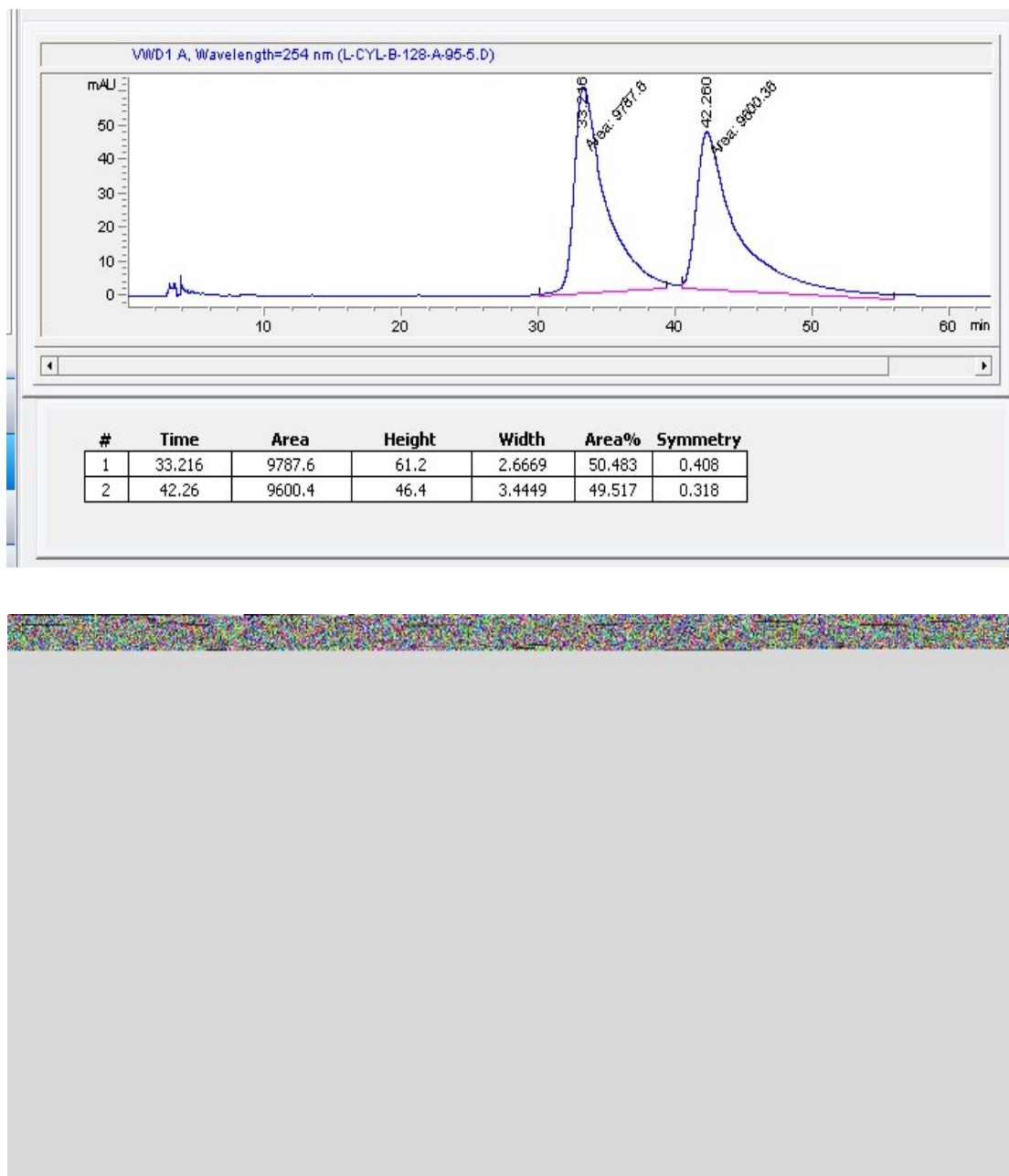
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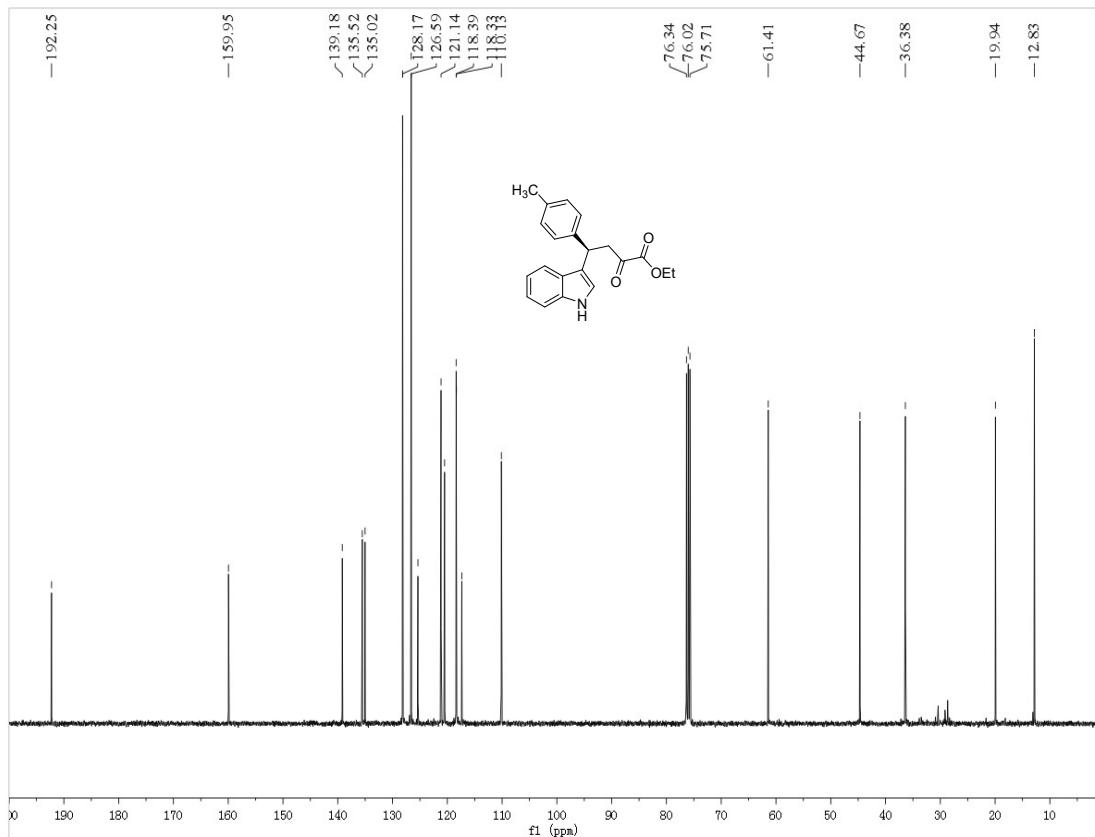
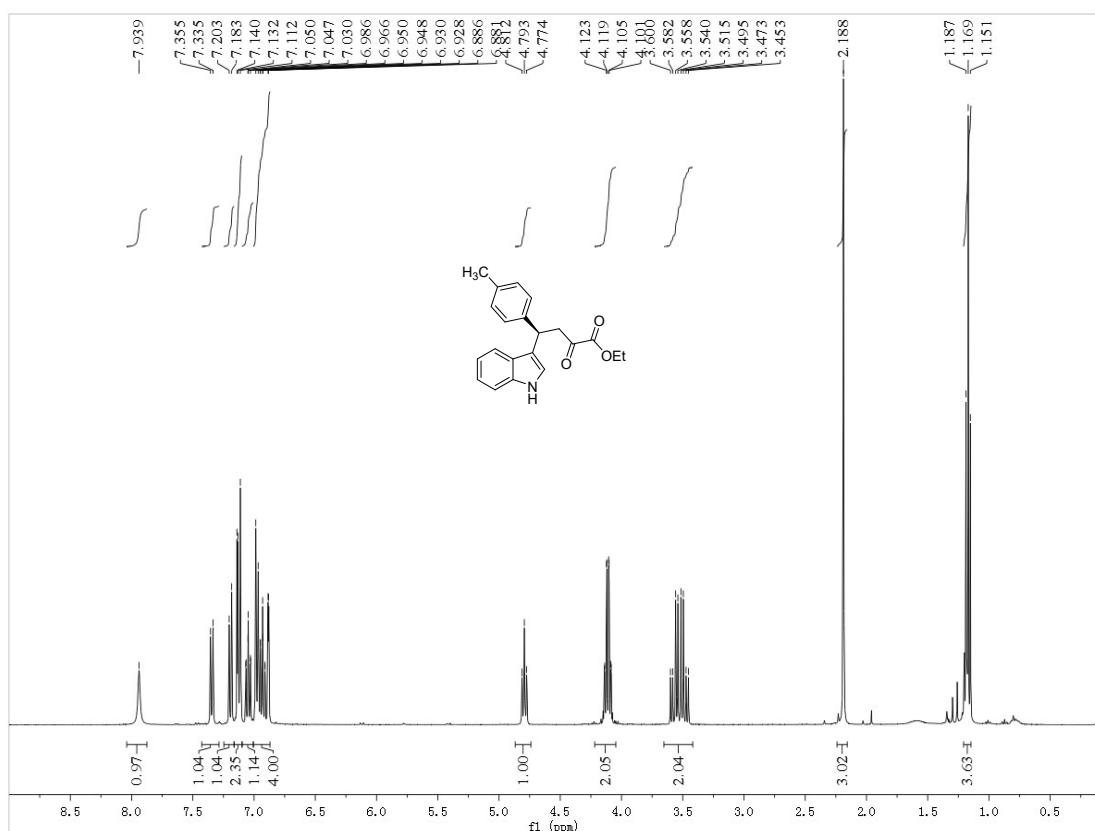
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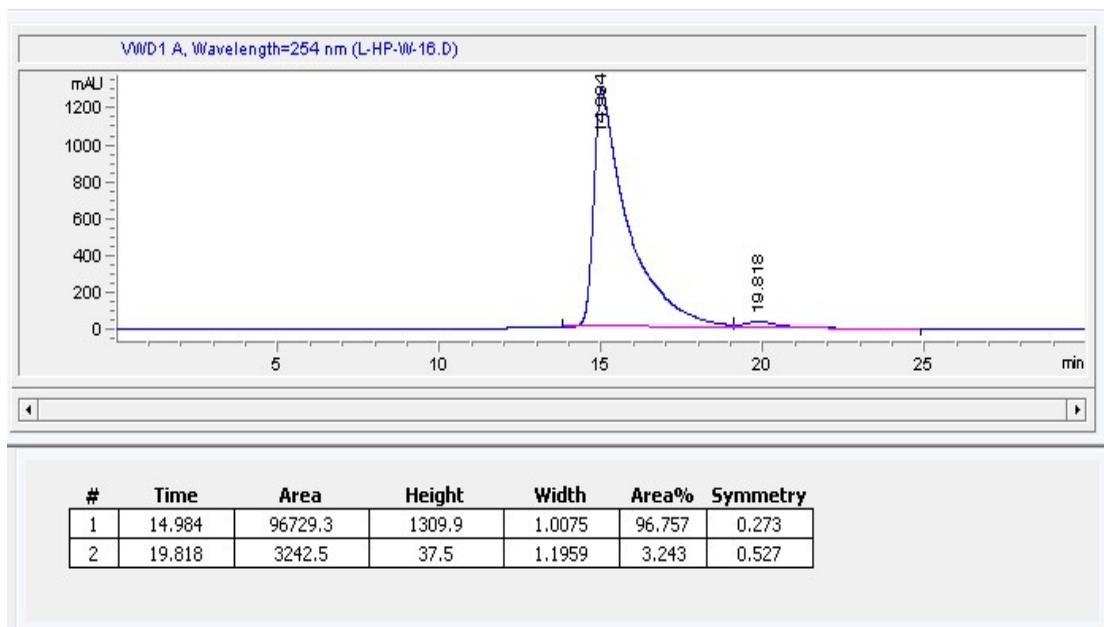
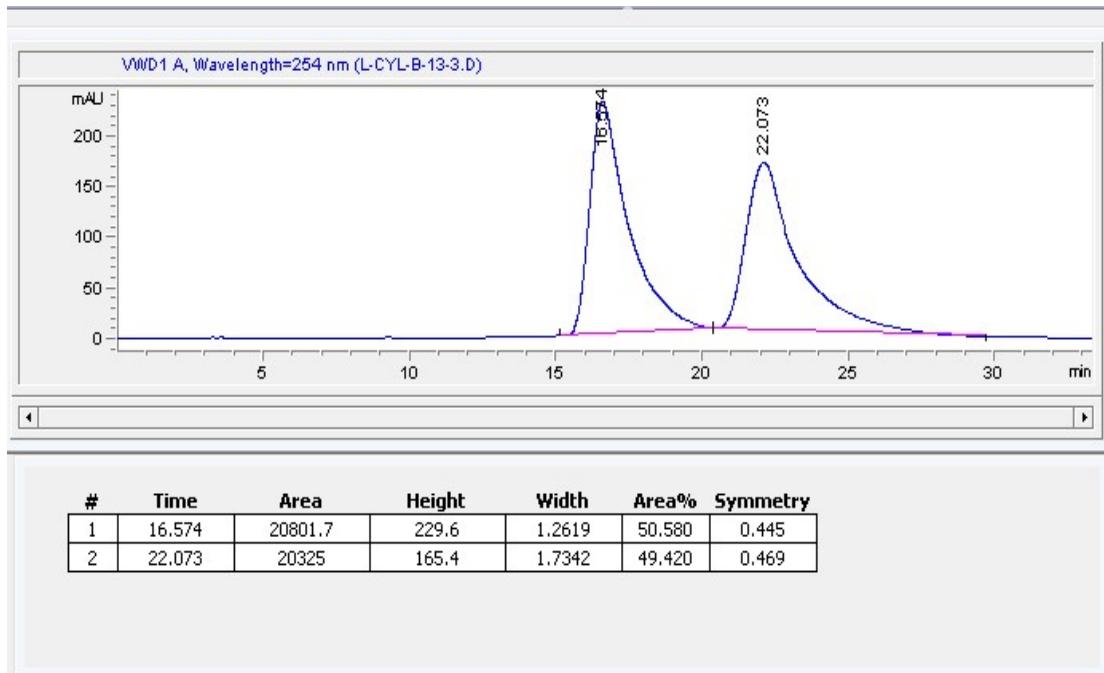
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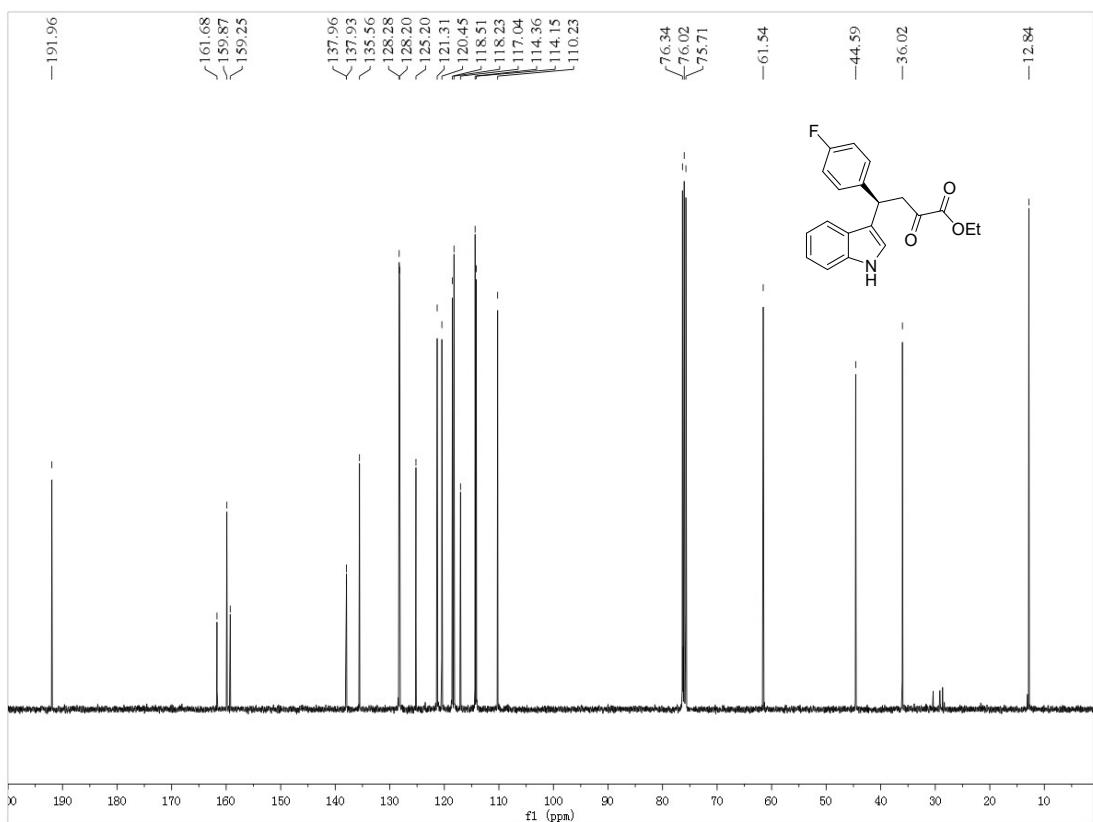
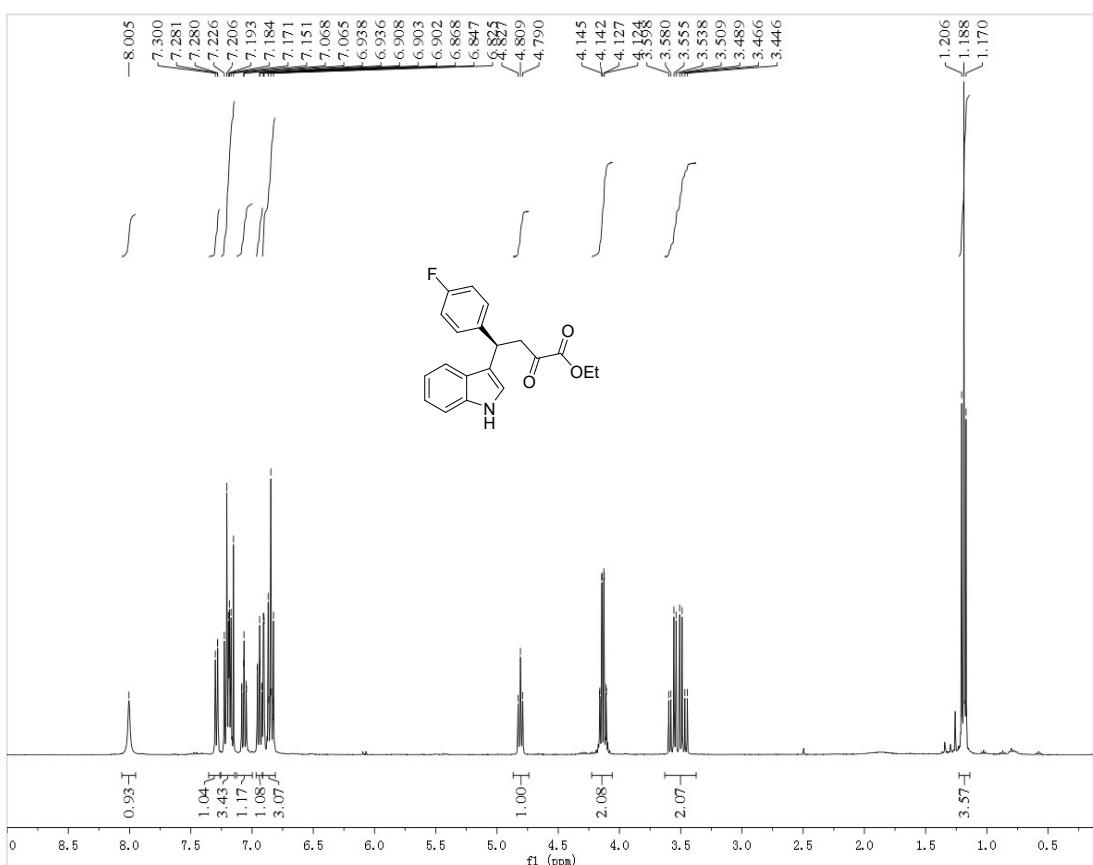
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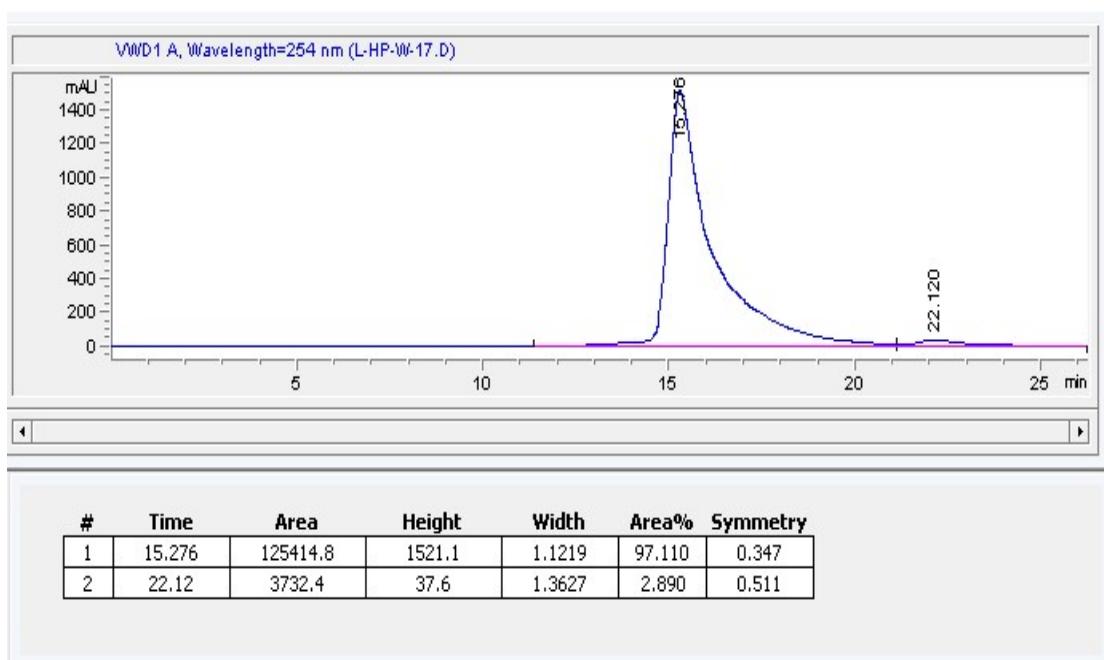
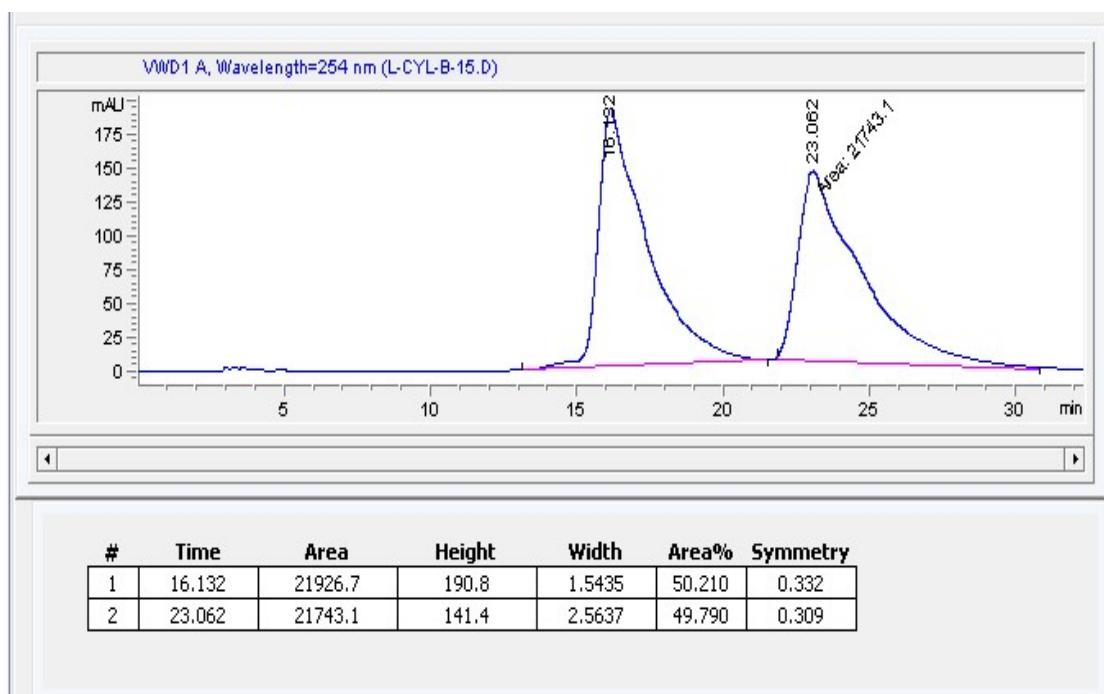
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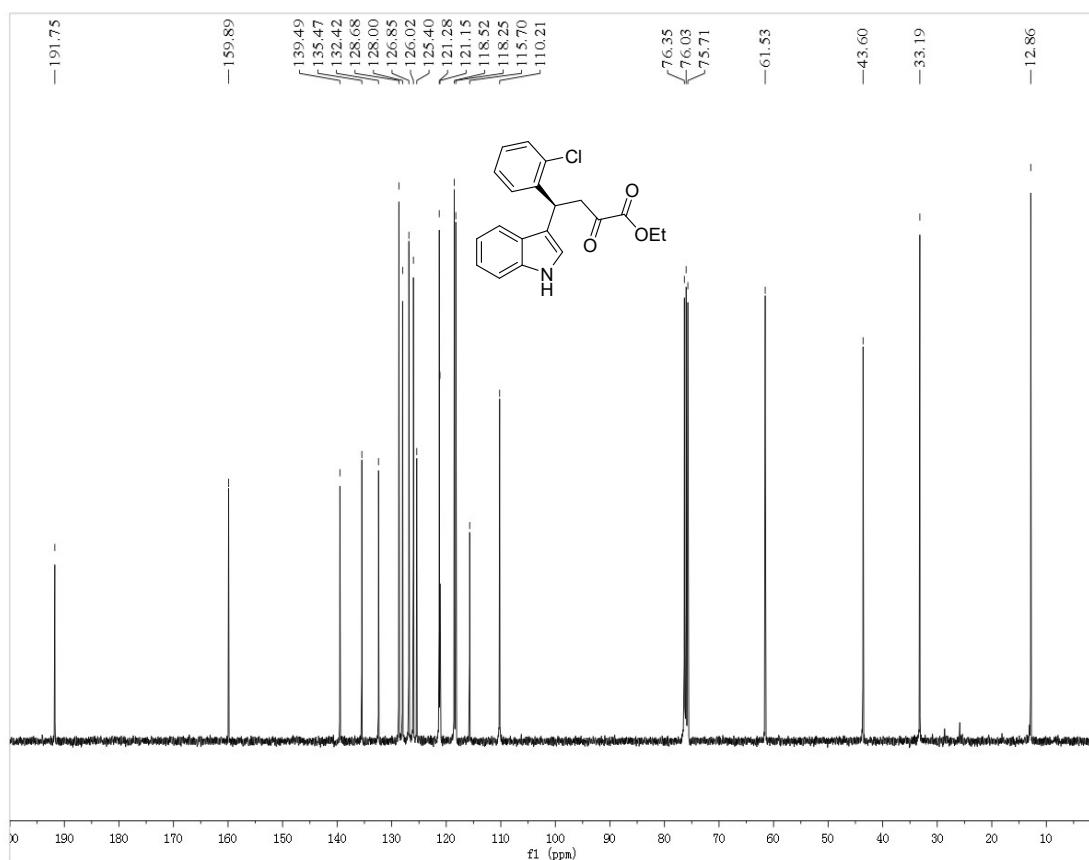
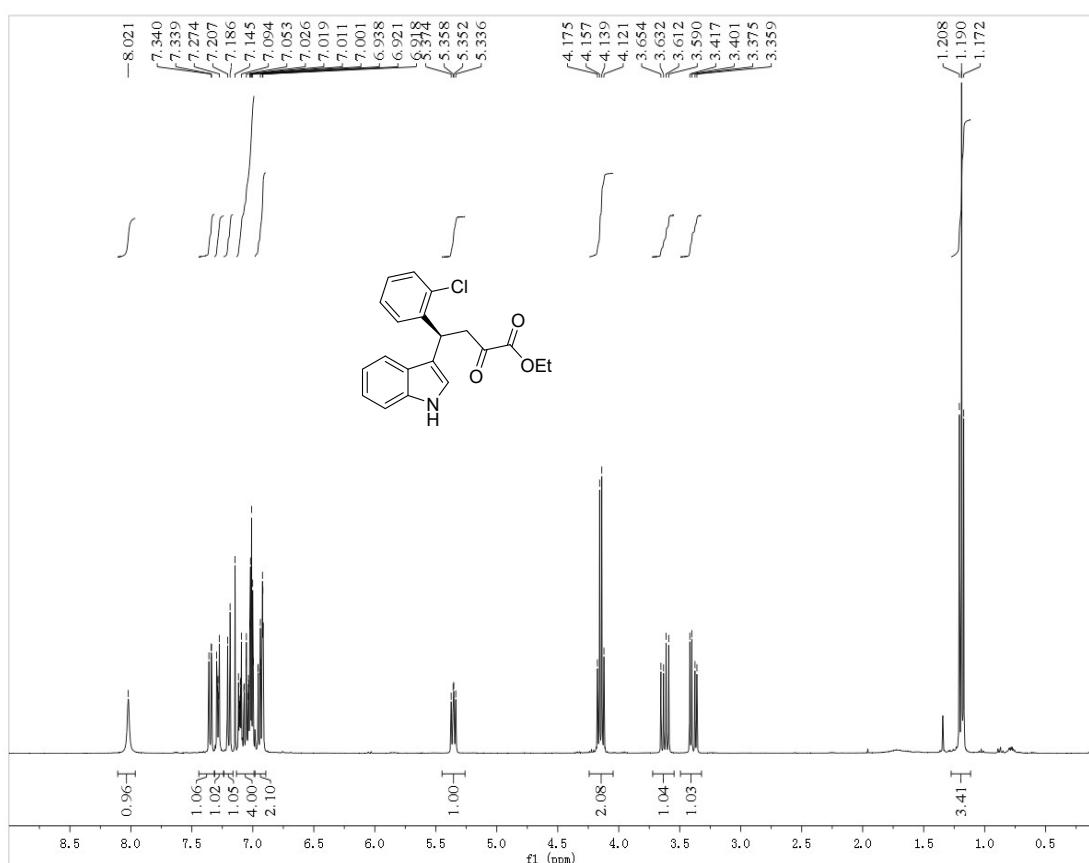
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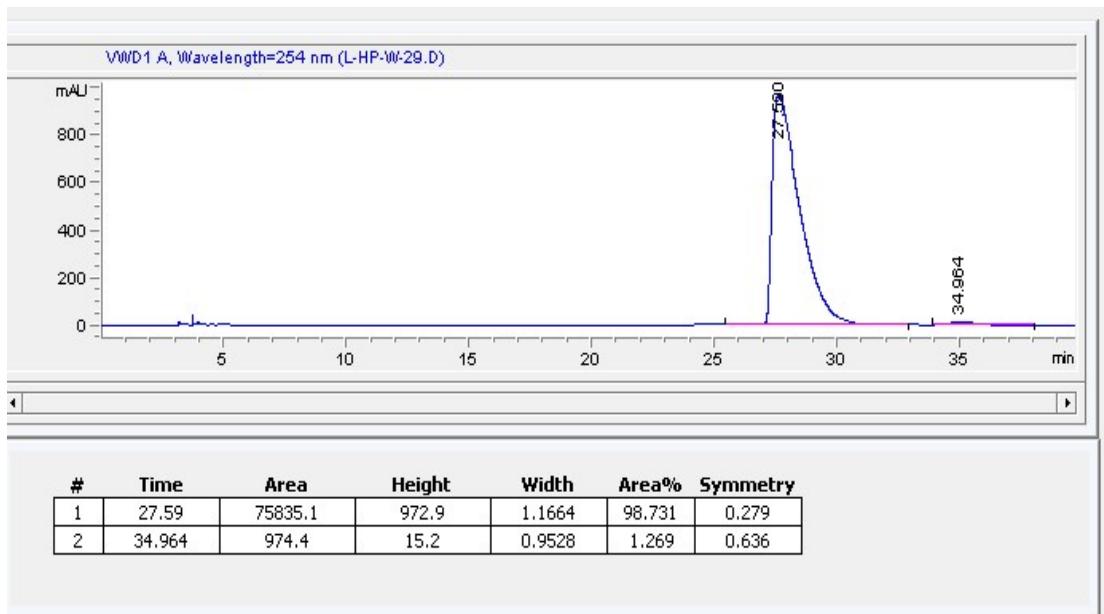
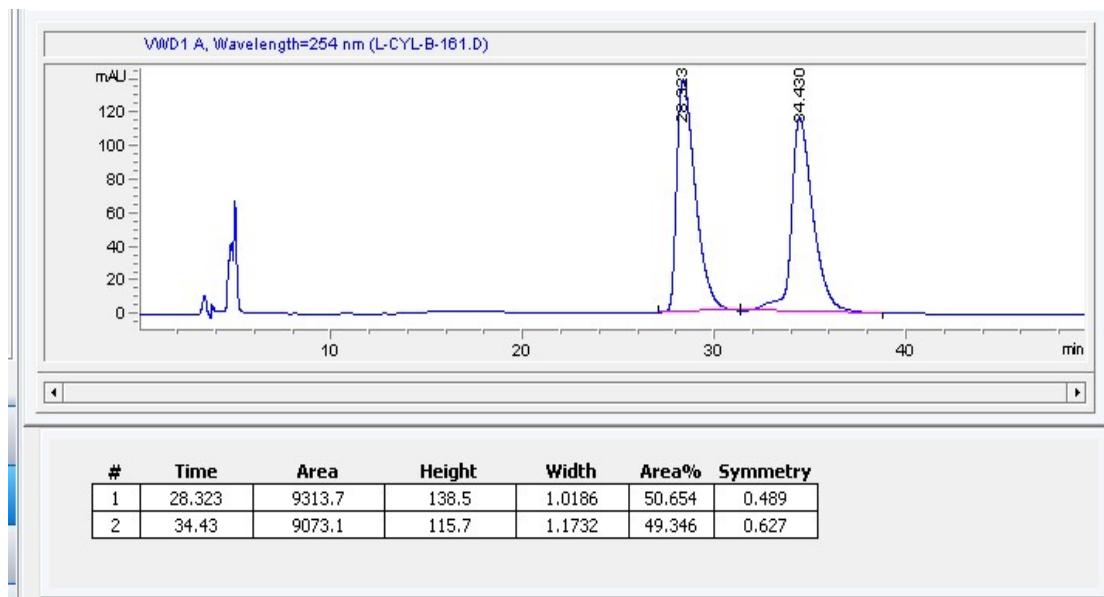
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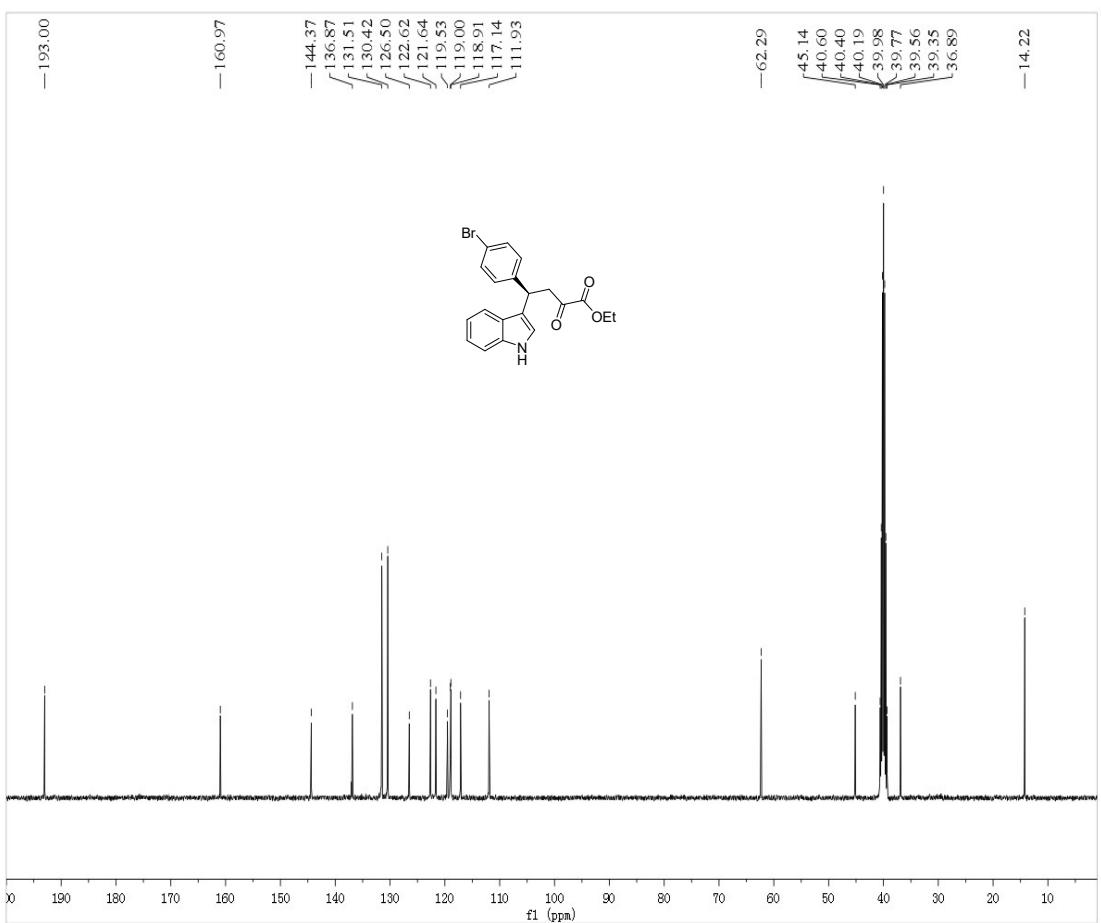
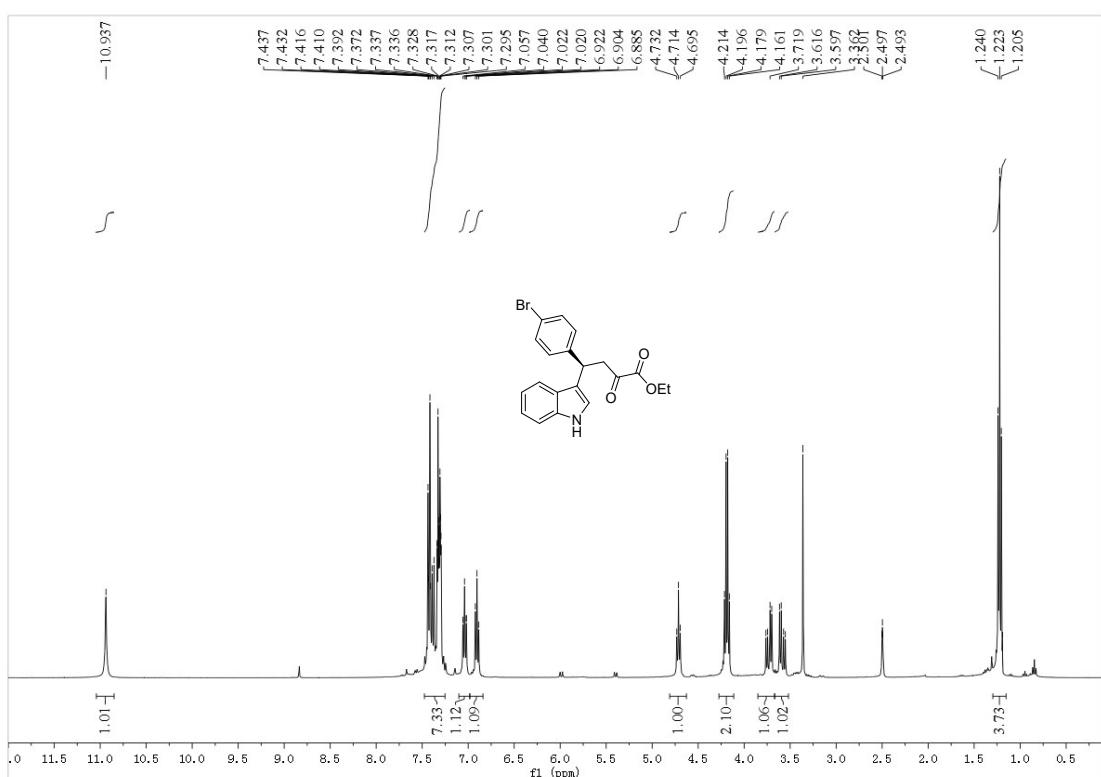
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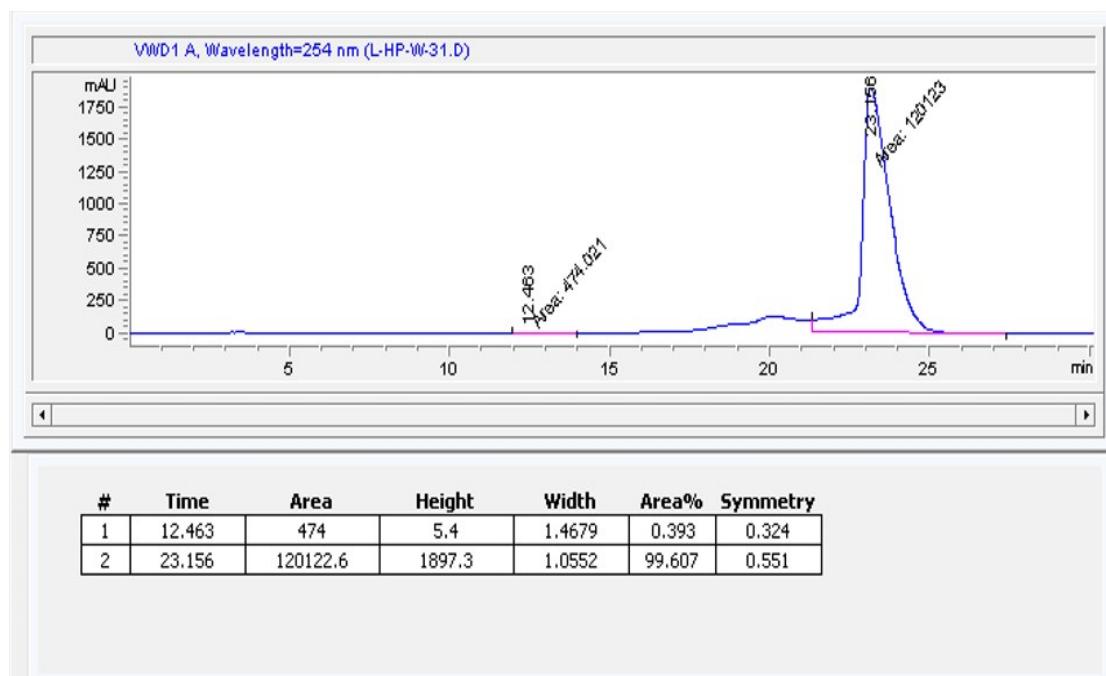
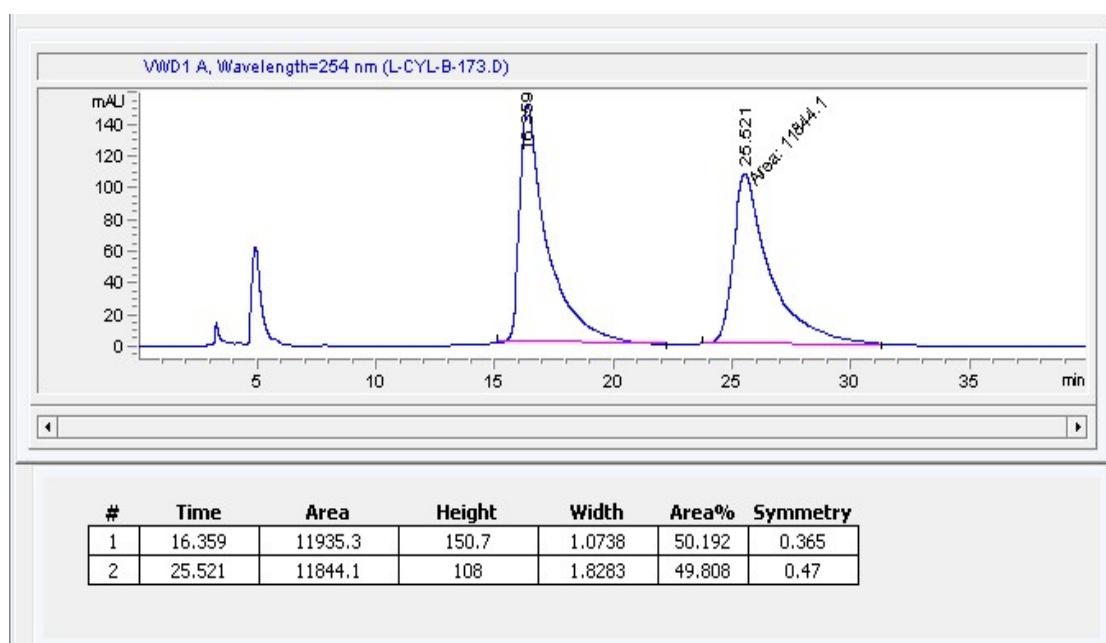
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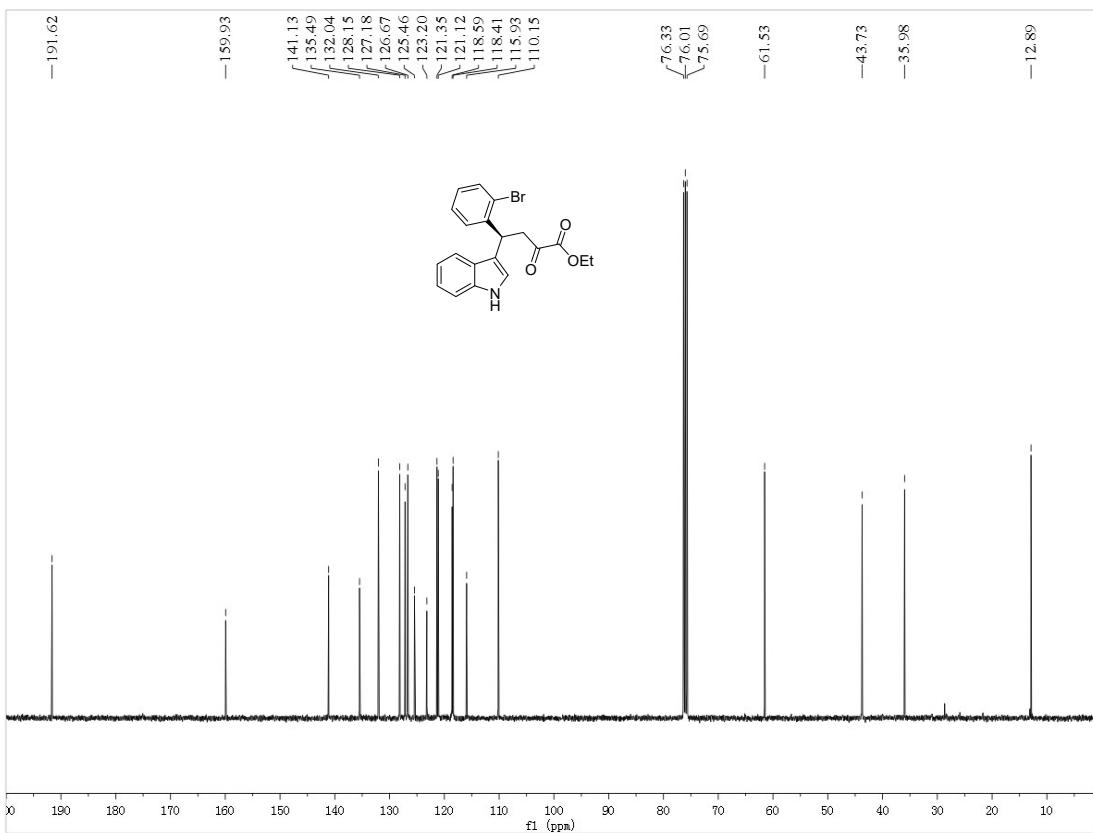
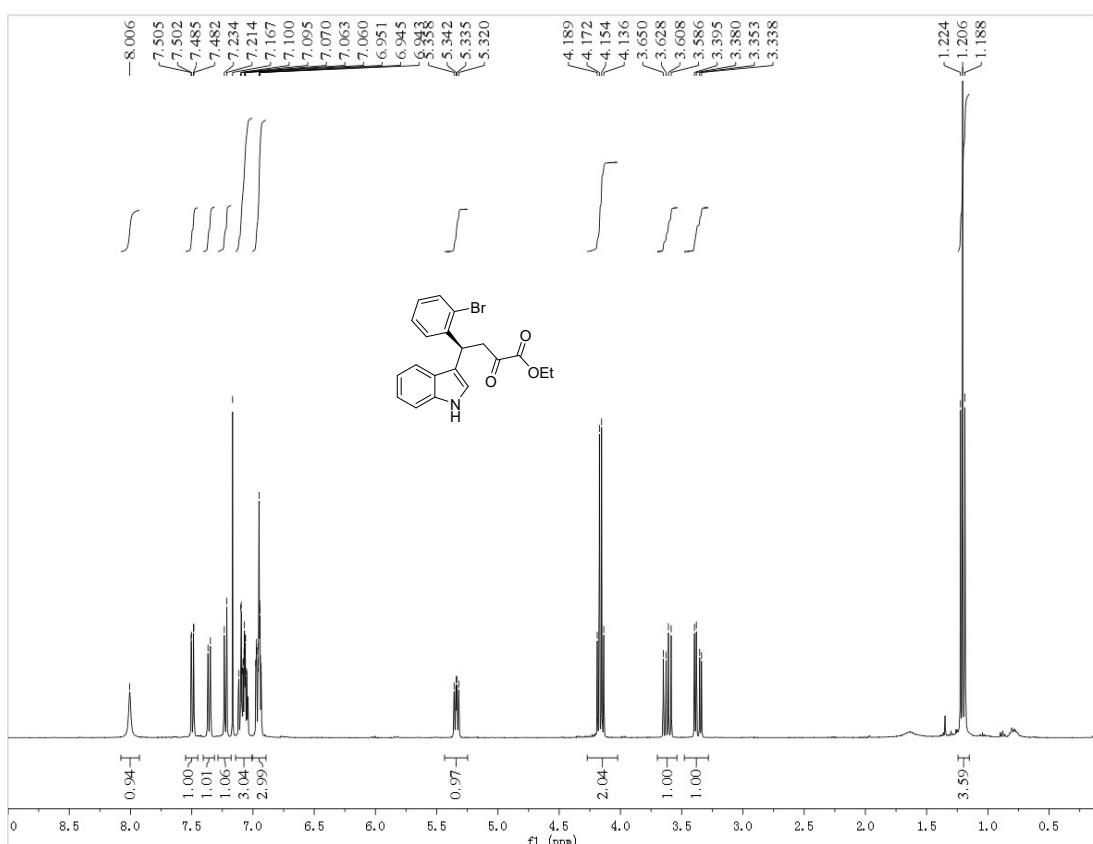
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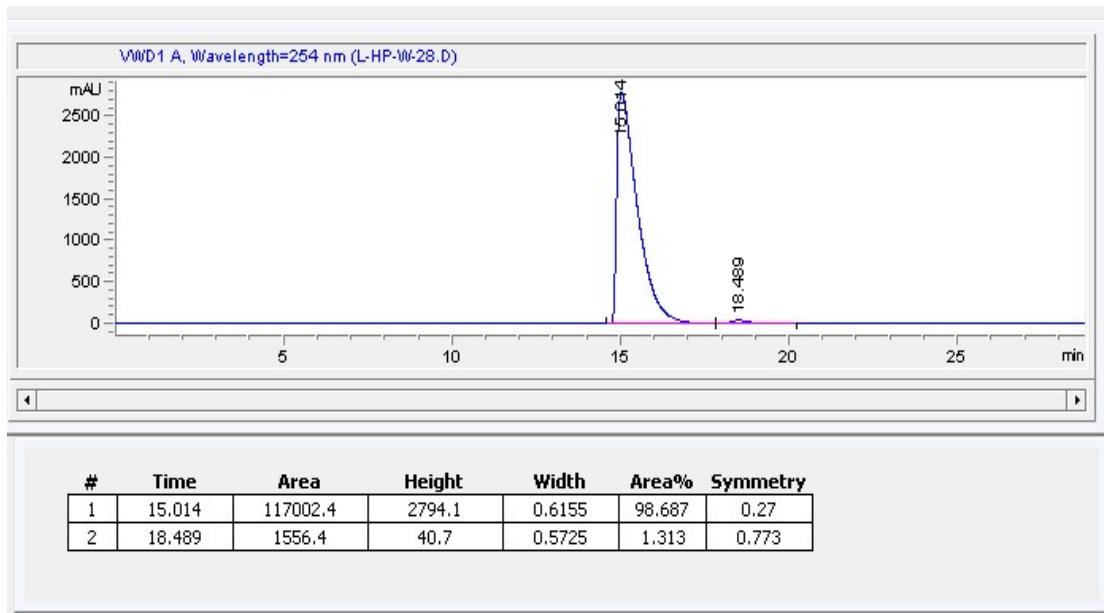
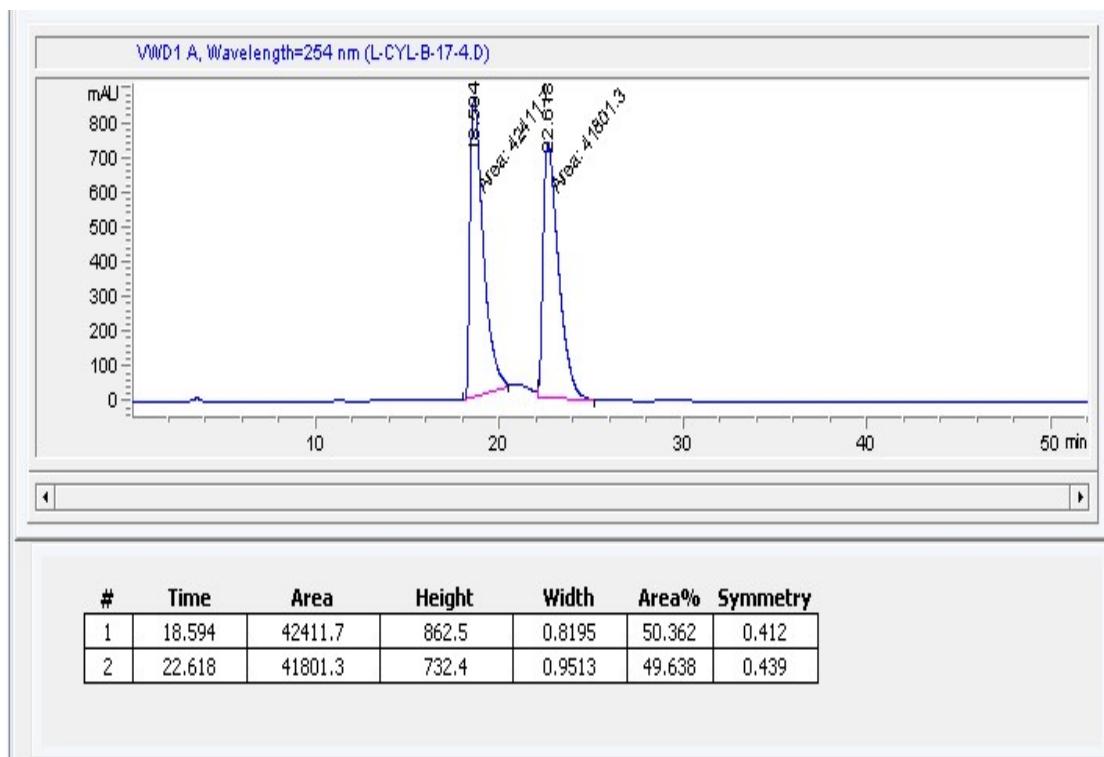
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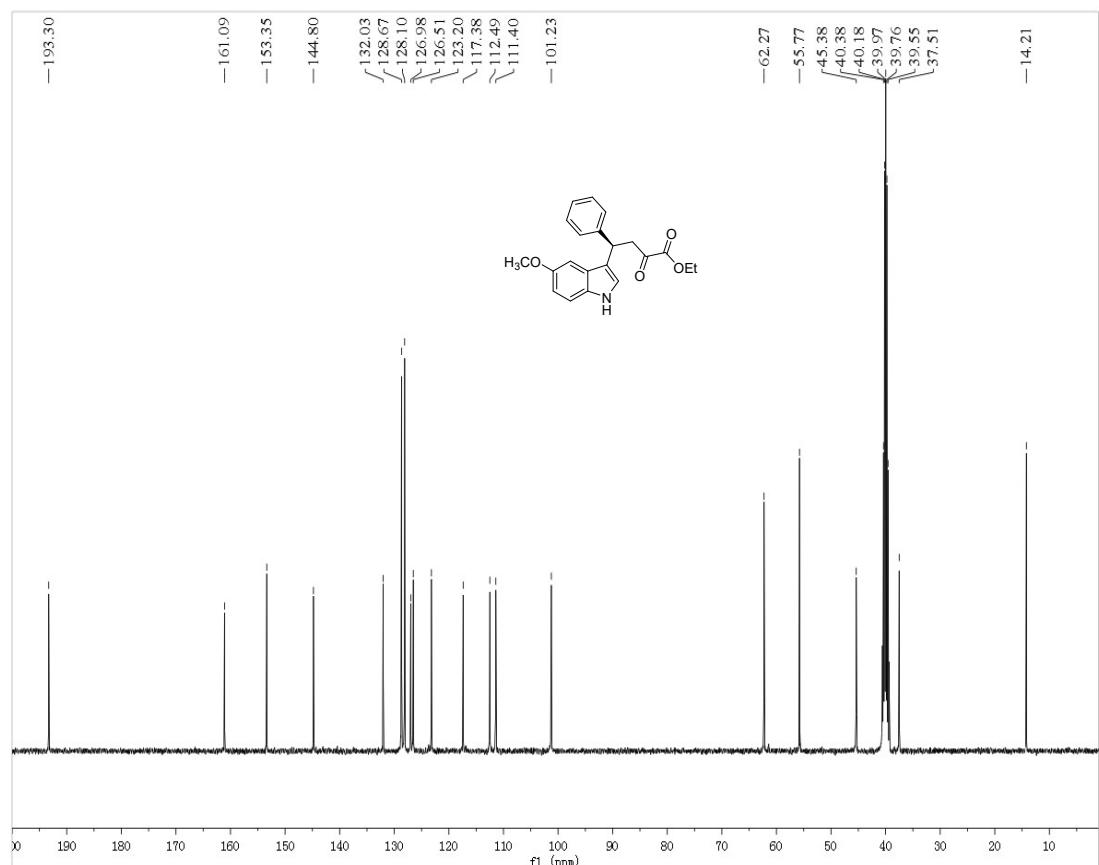
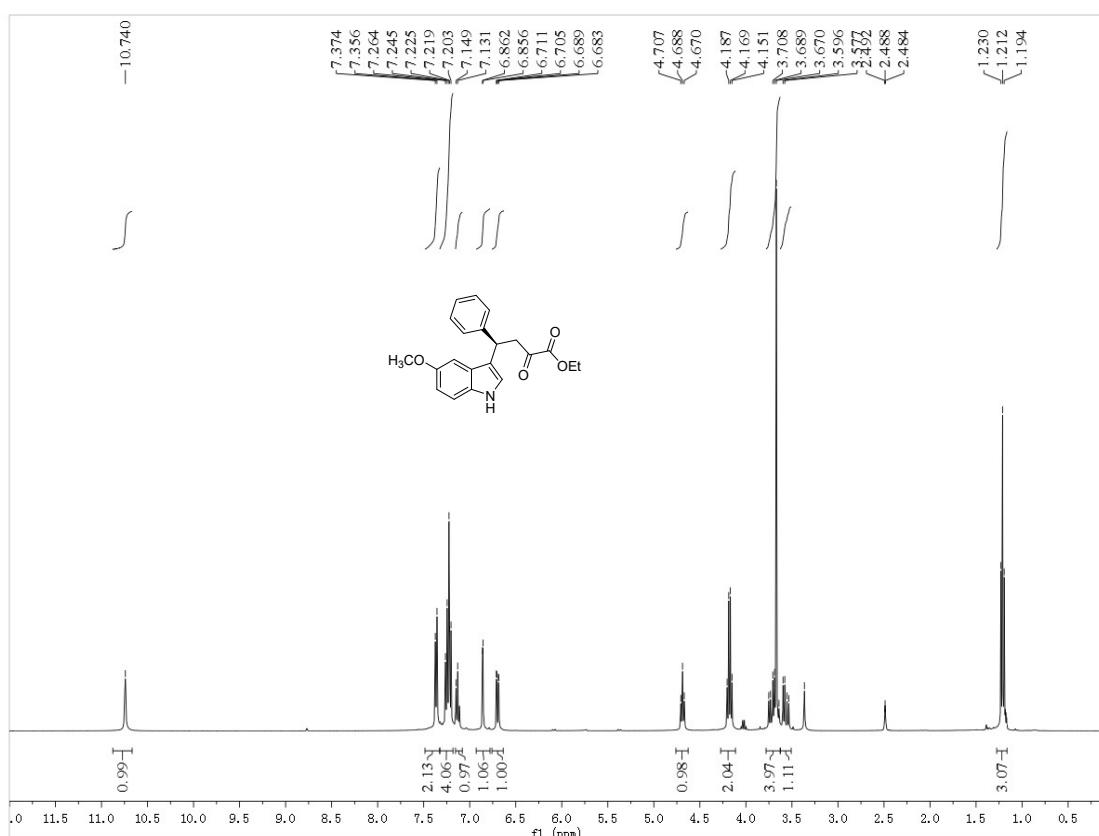
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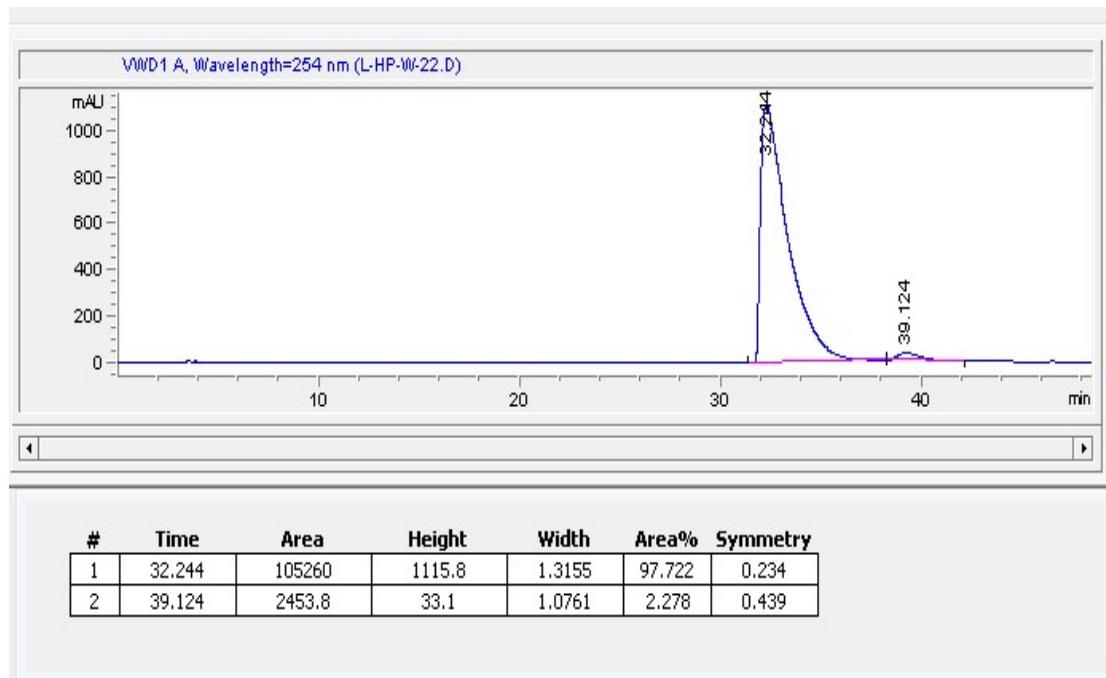
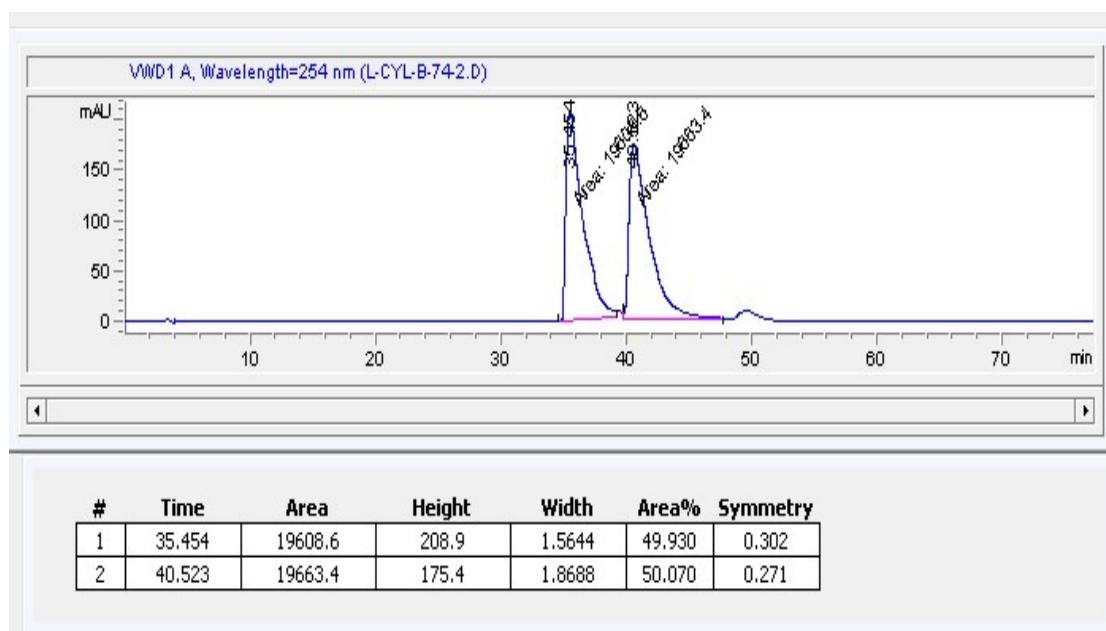
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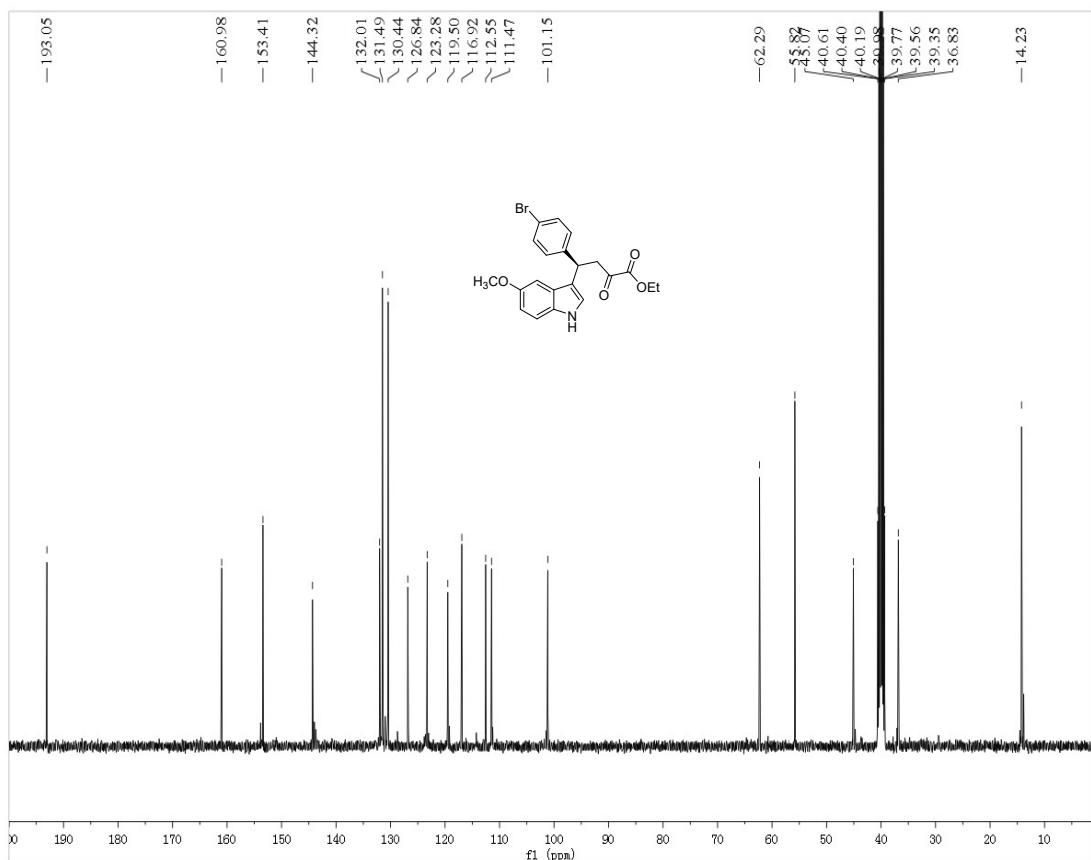
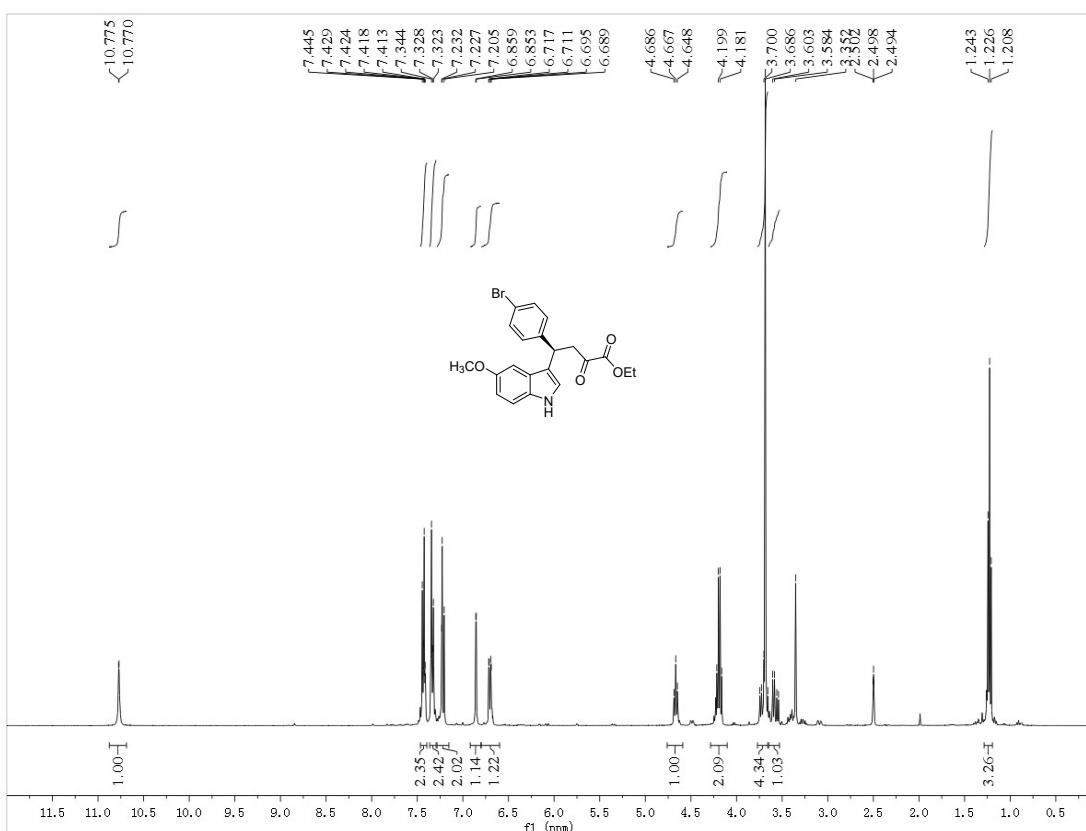
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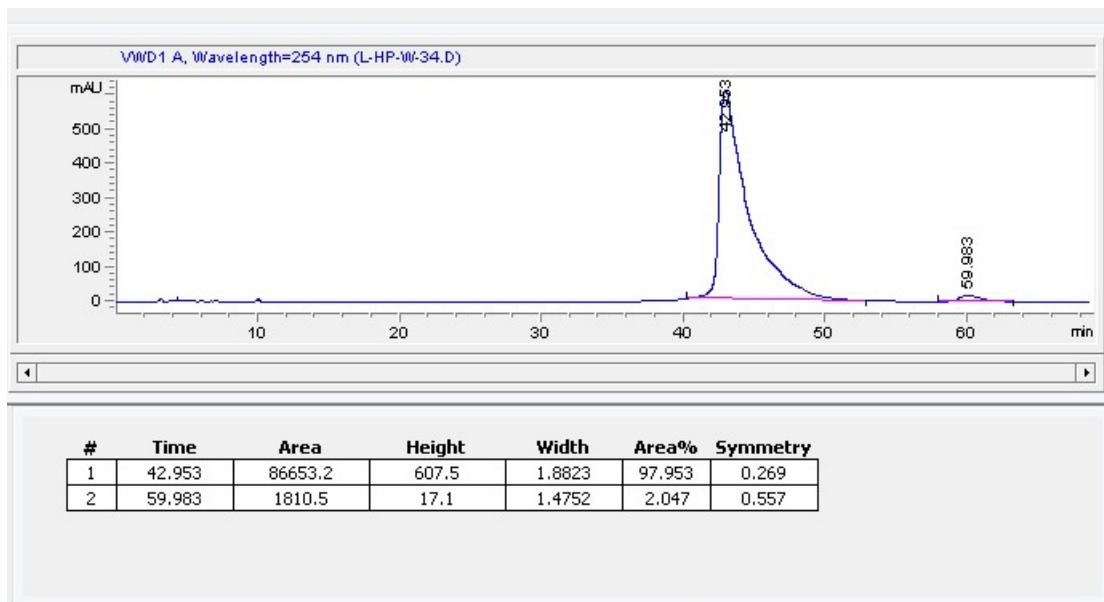
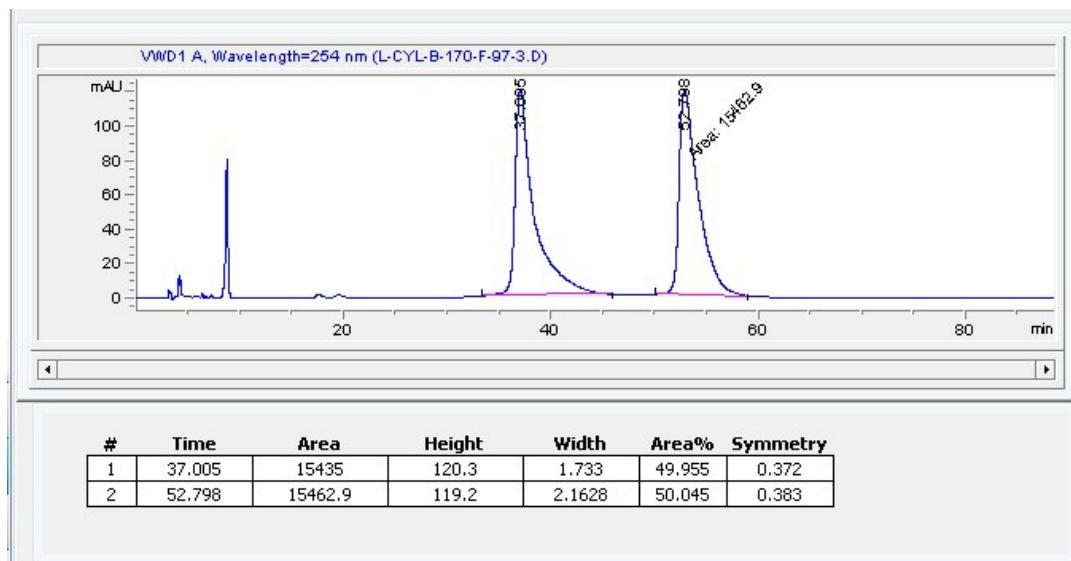
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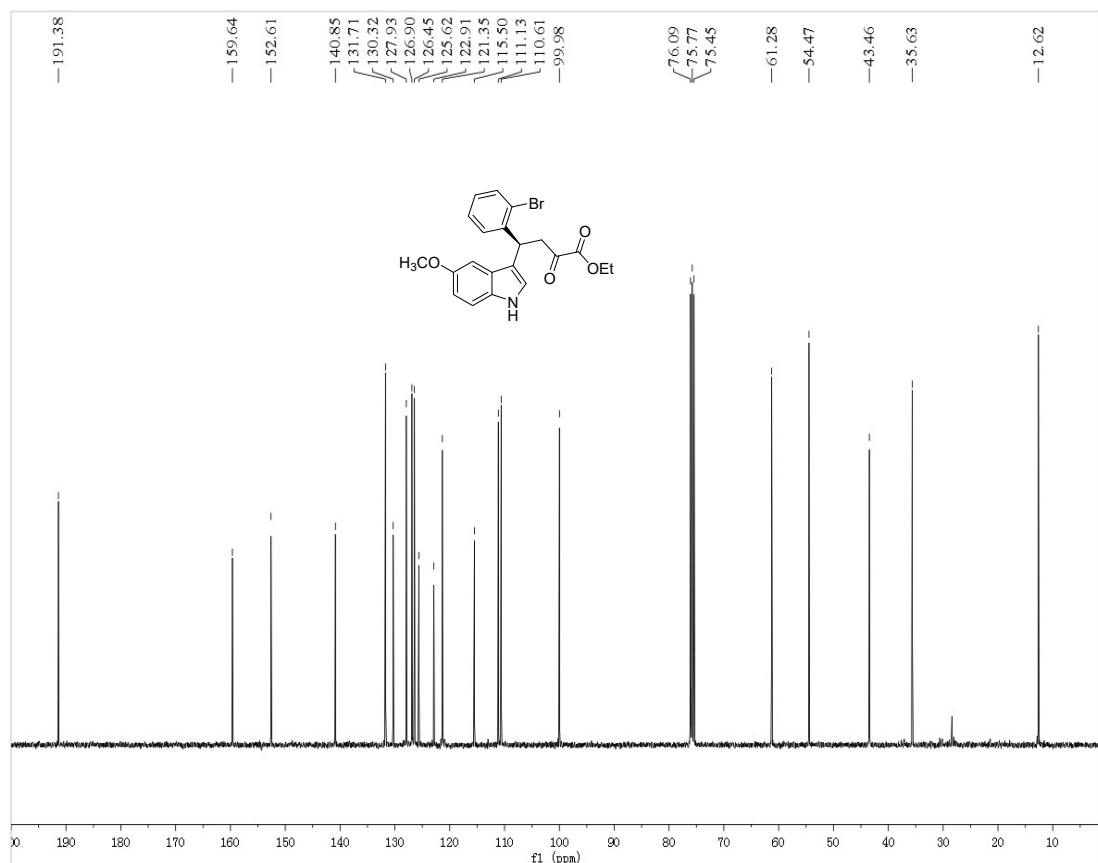
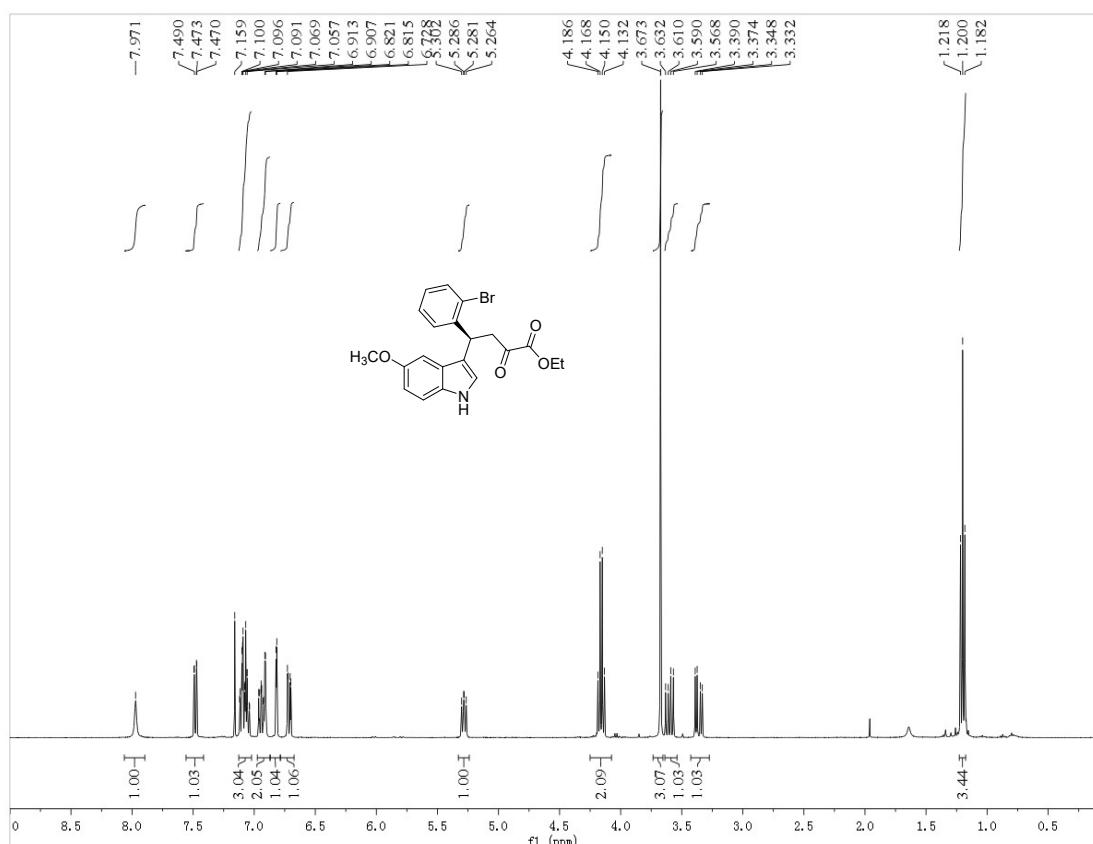
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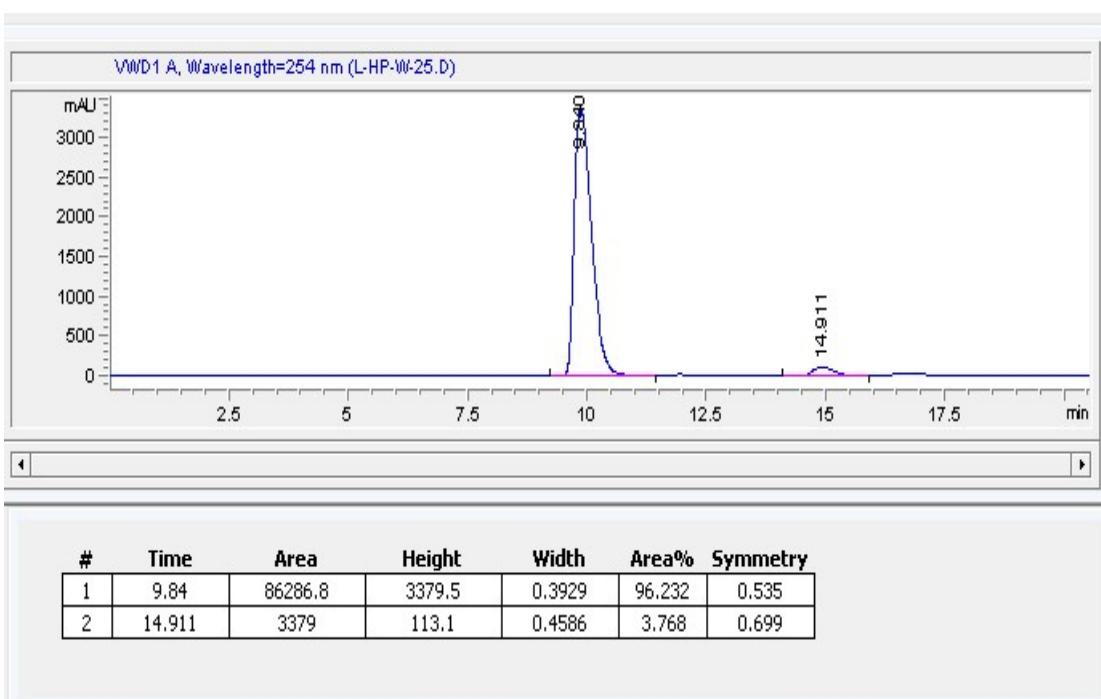
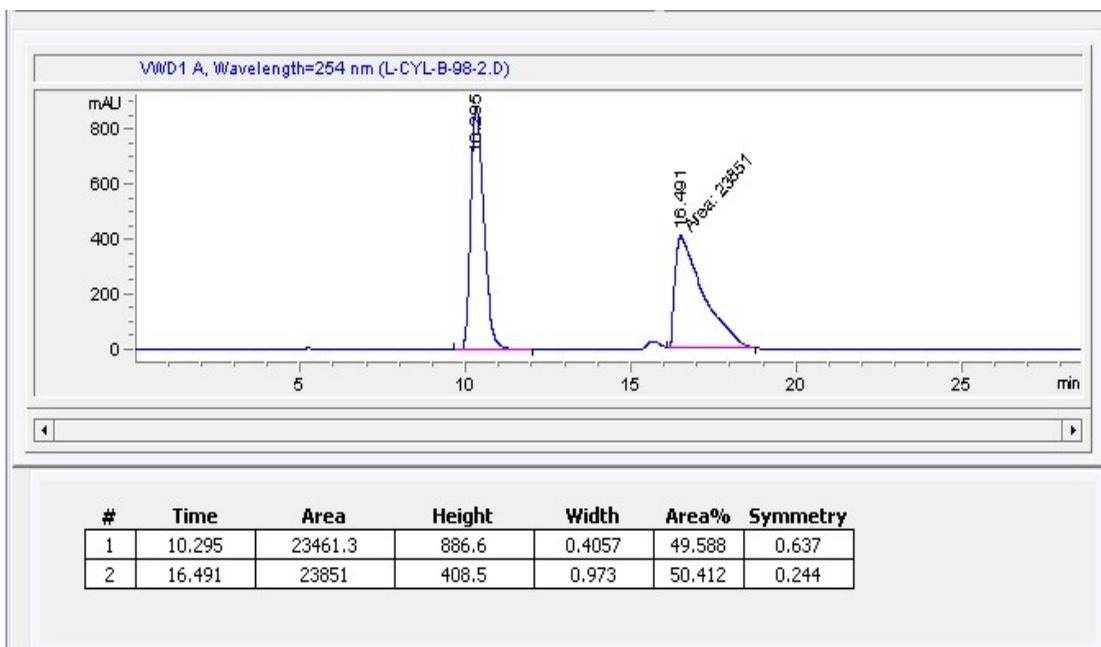
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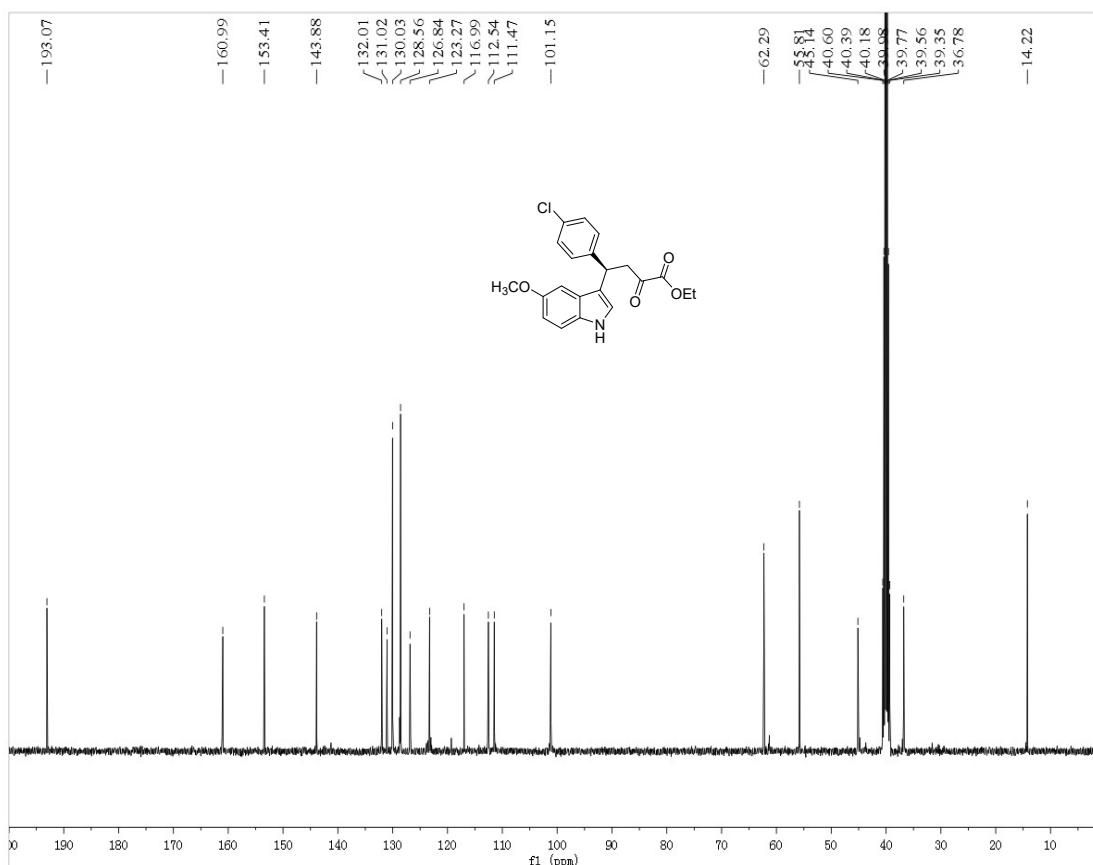
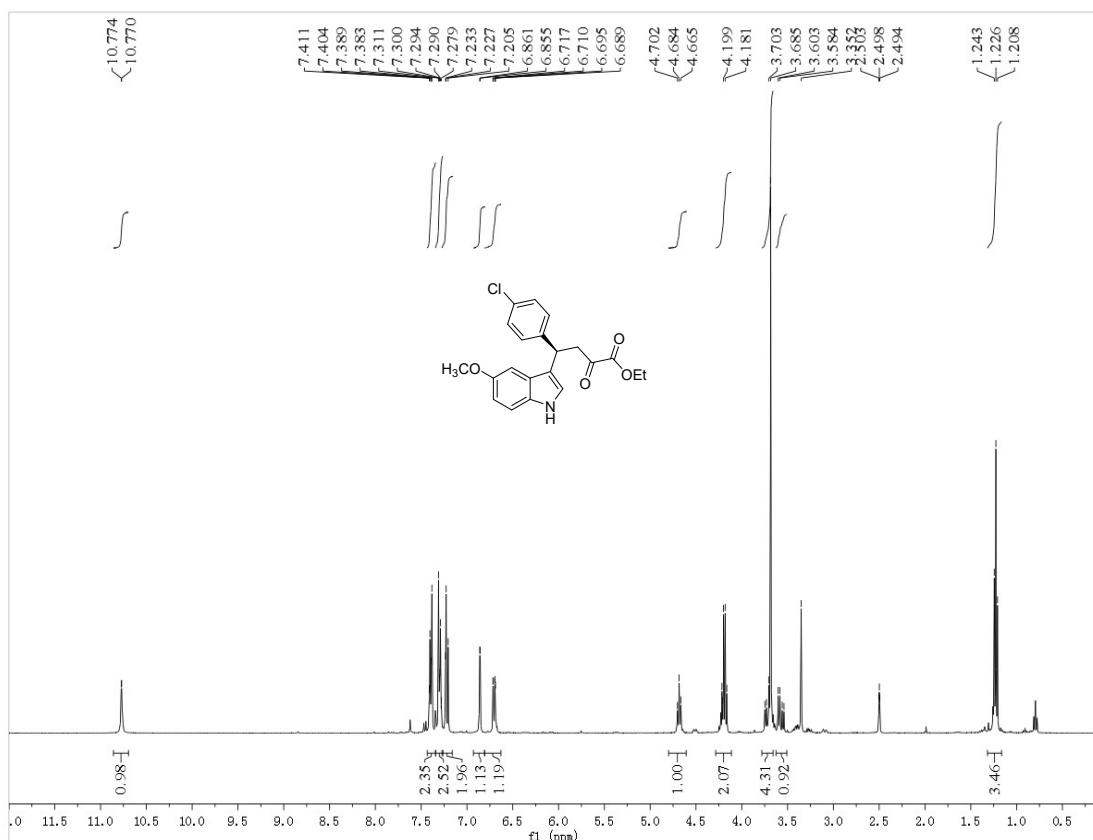
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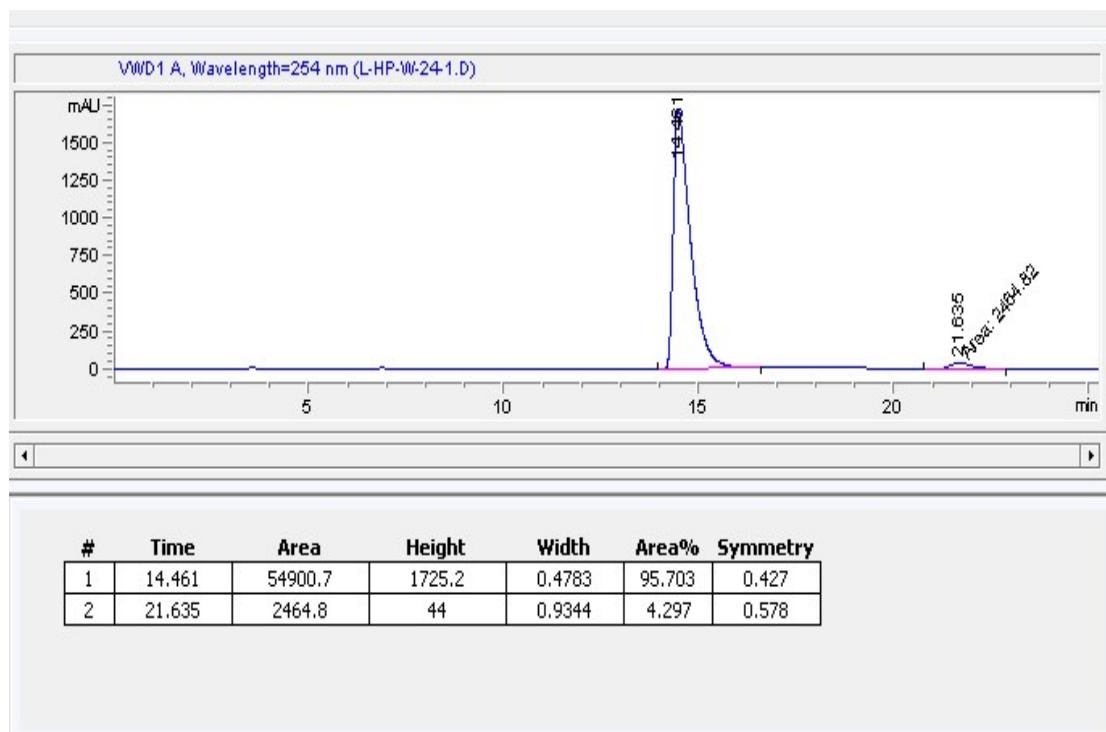
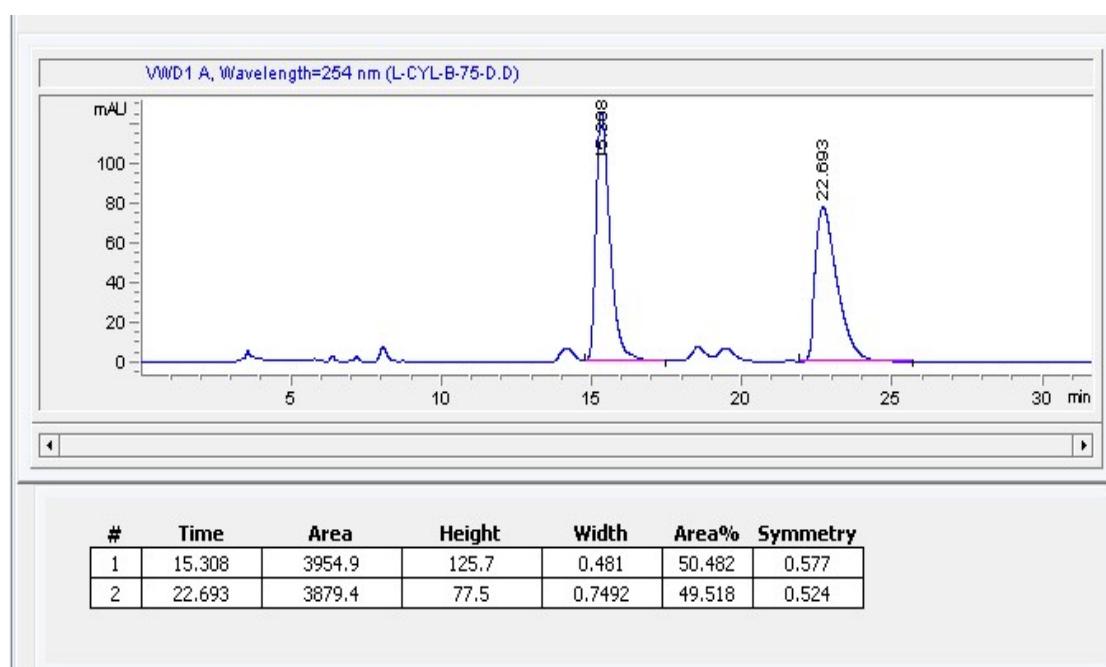
### HPLC of 7i



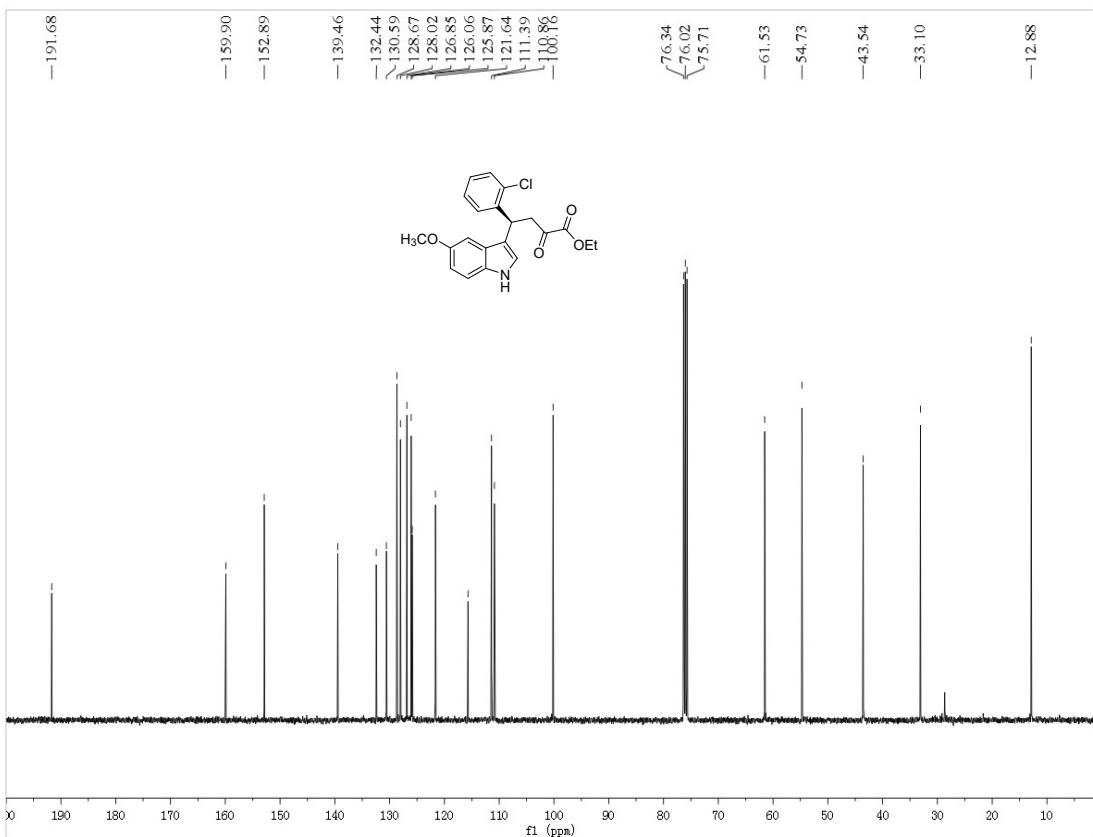
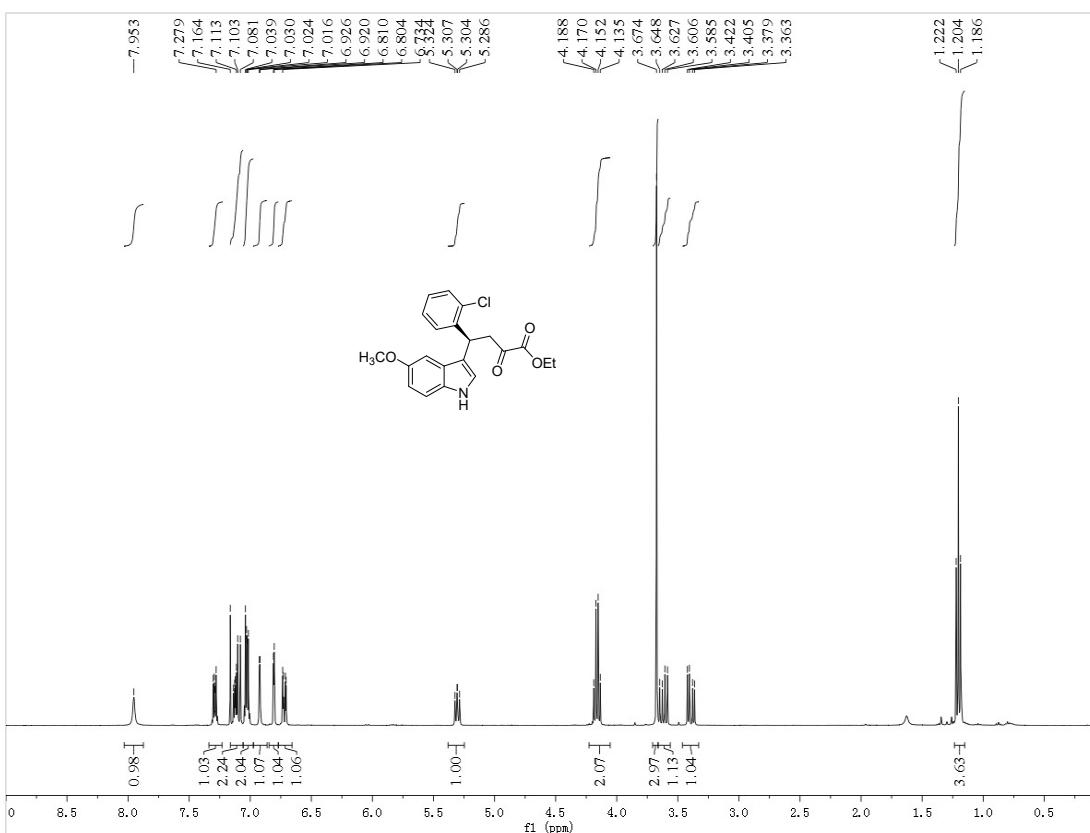
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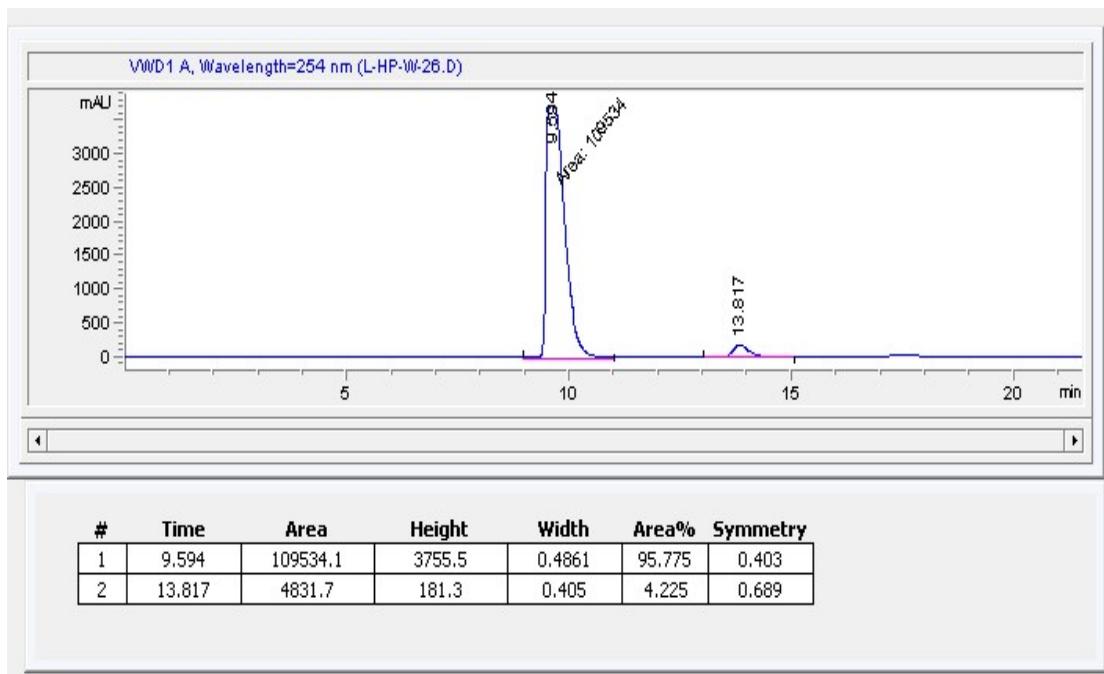
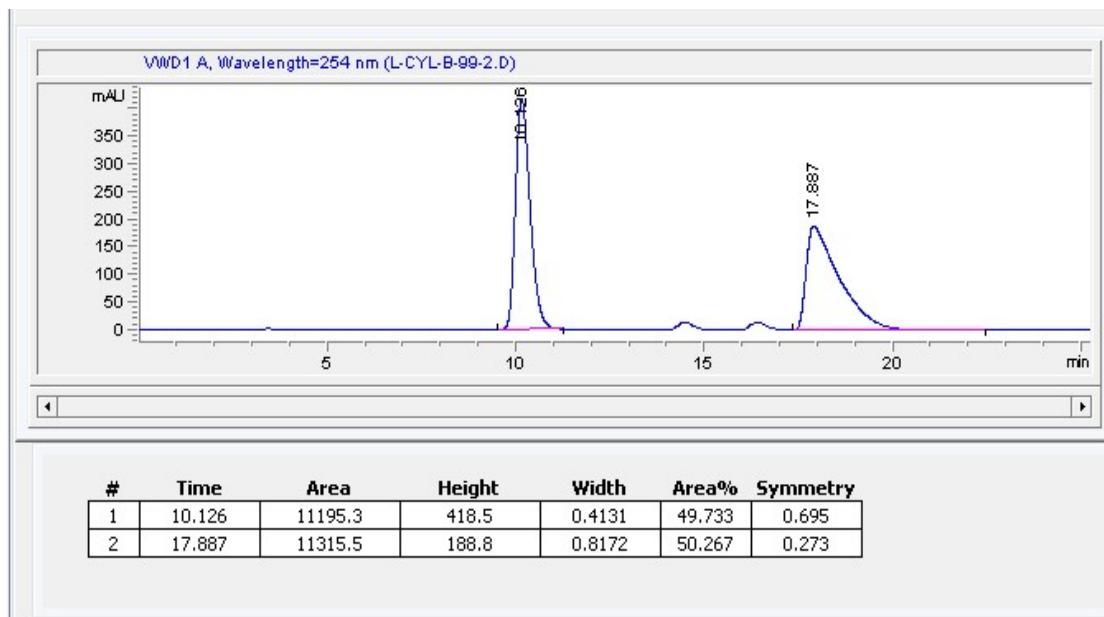
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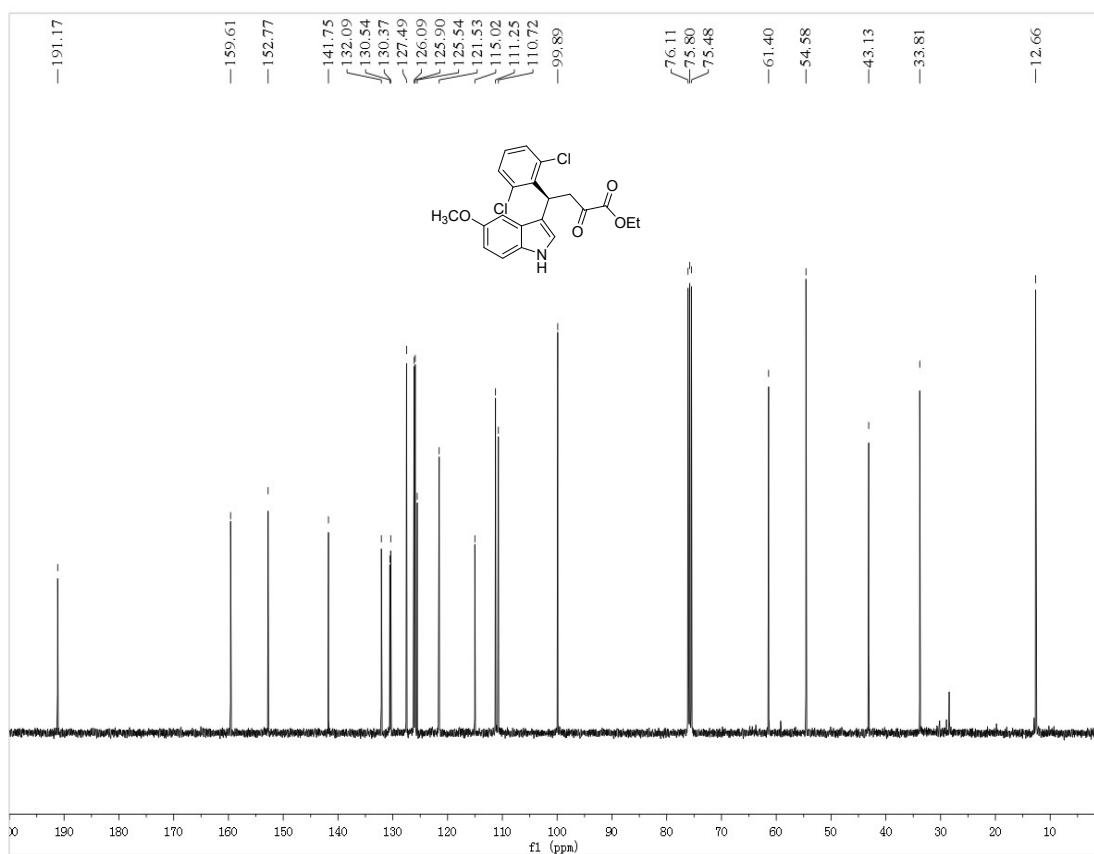
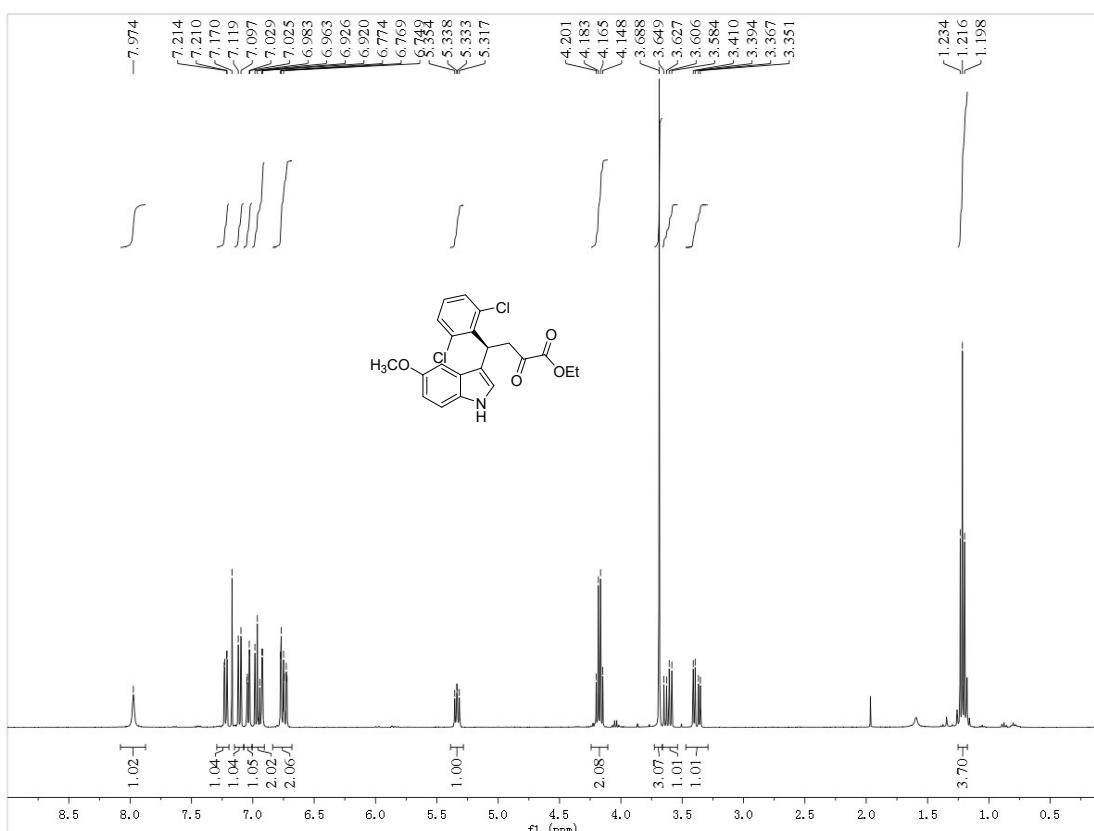
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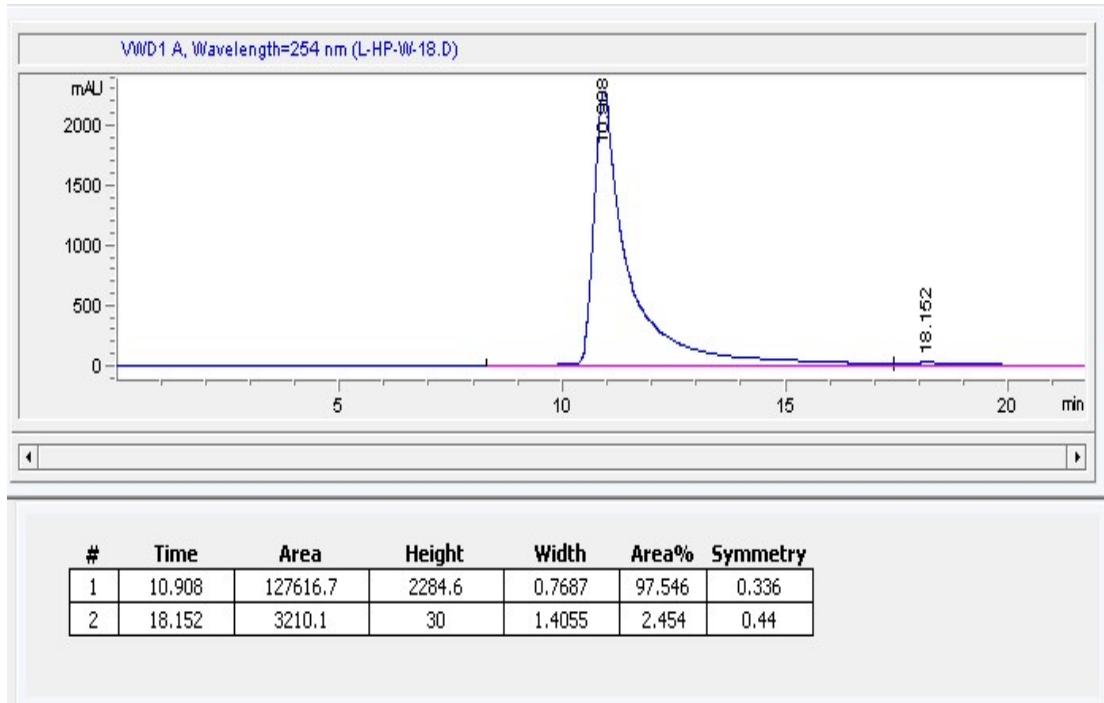
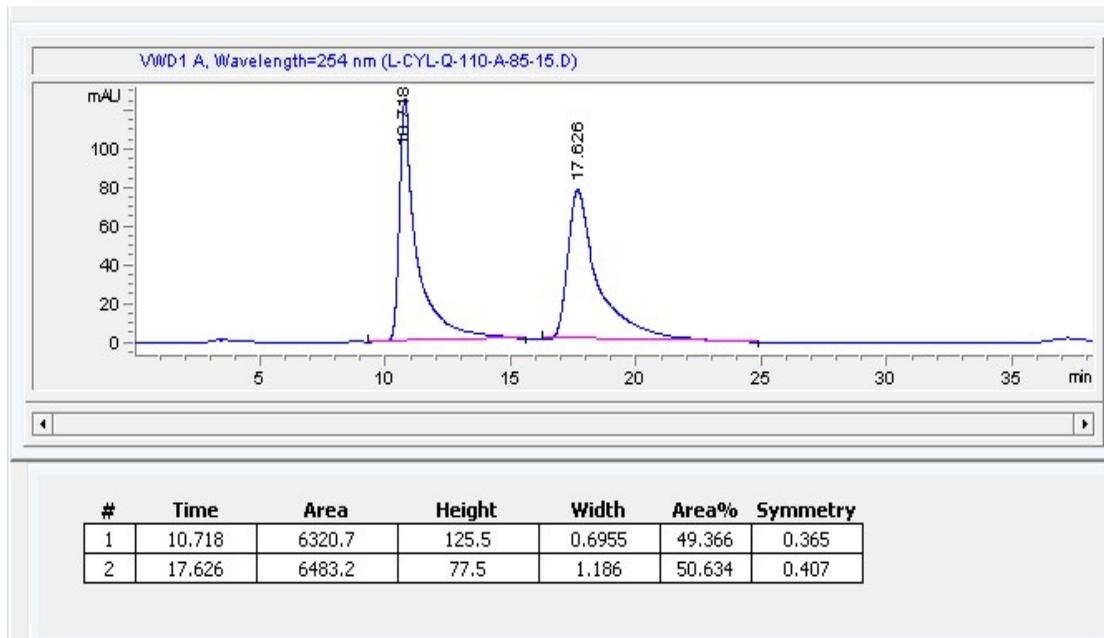
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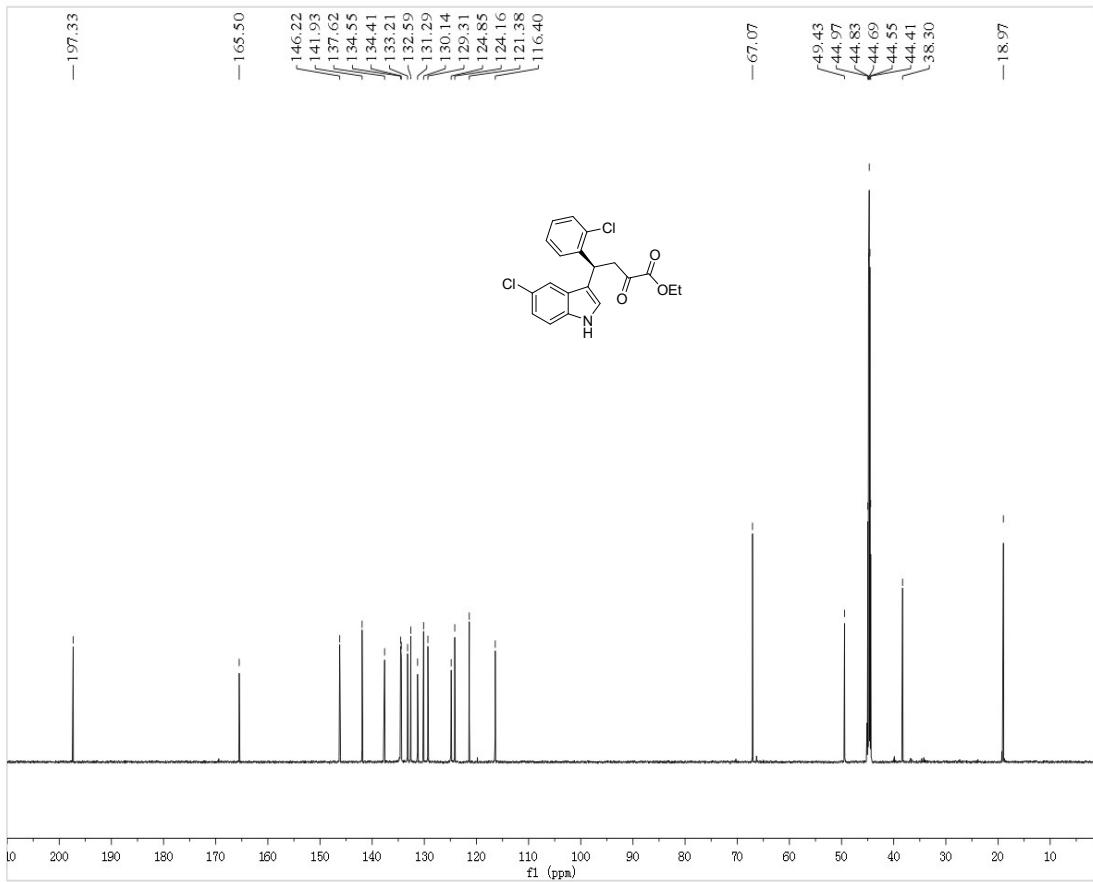
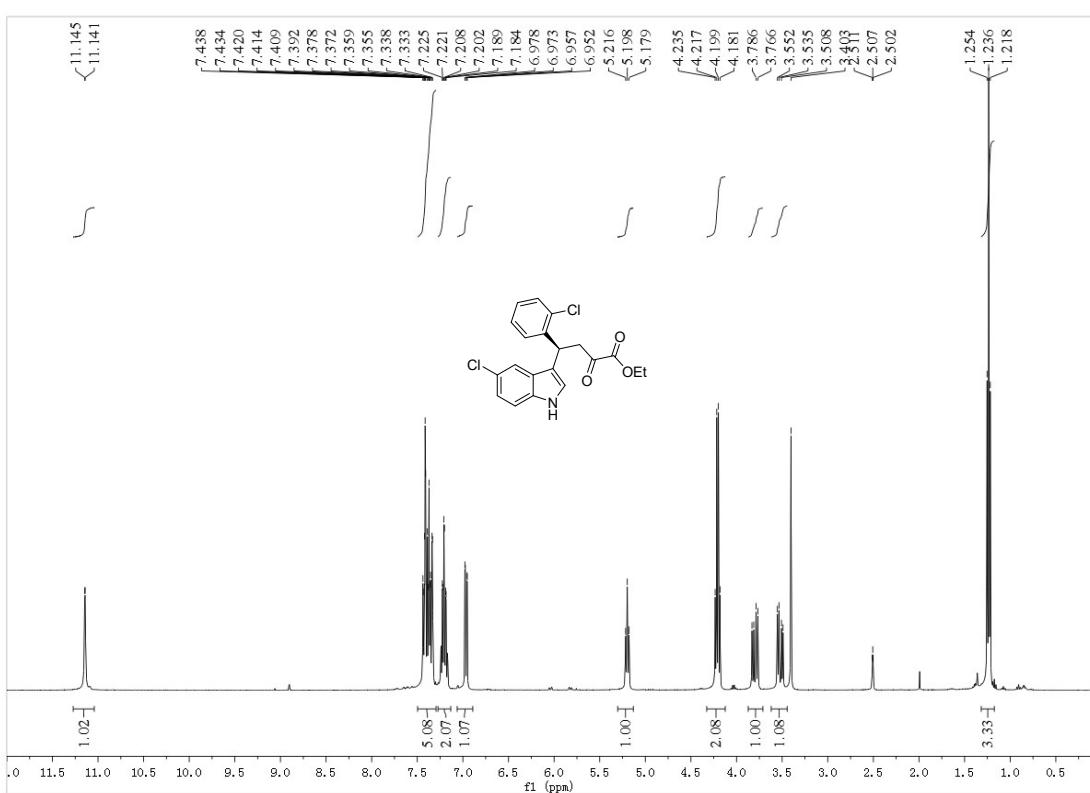
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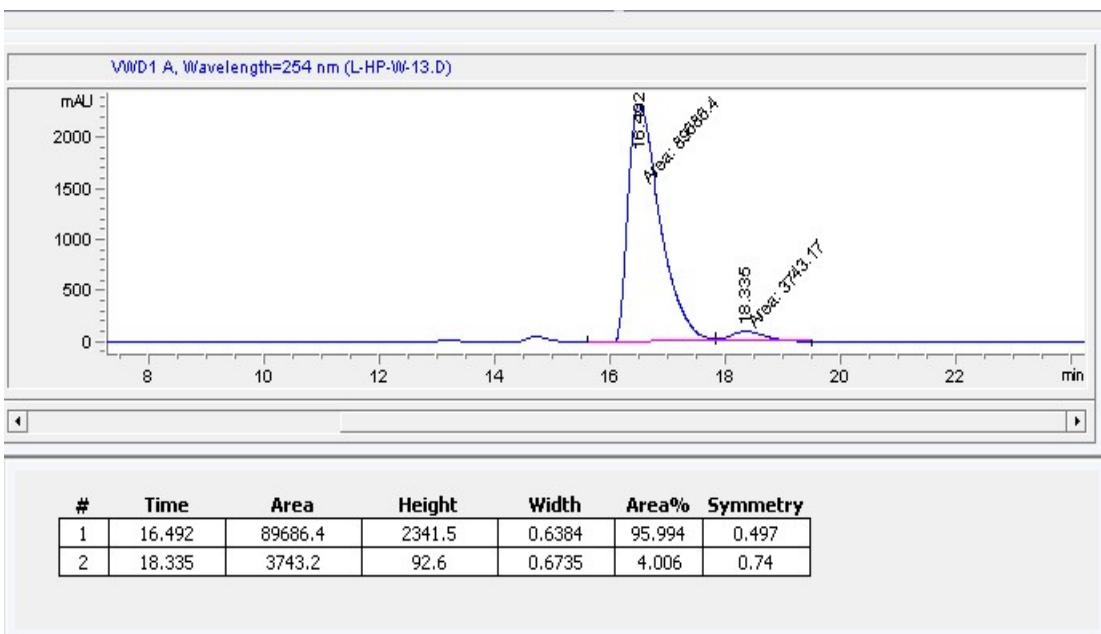
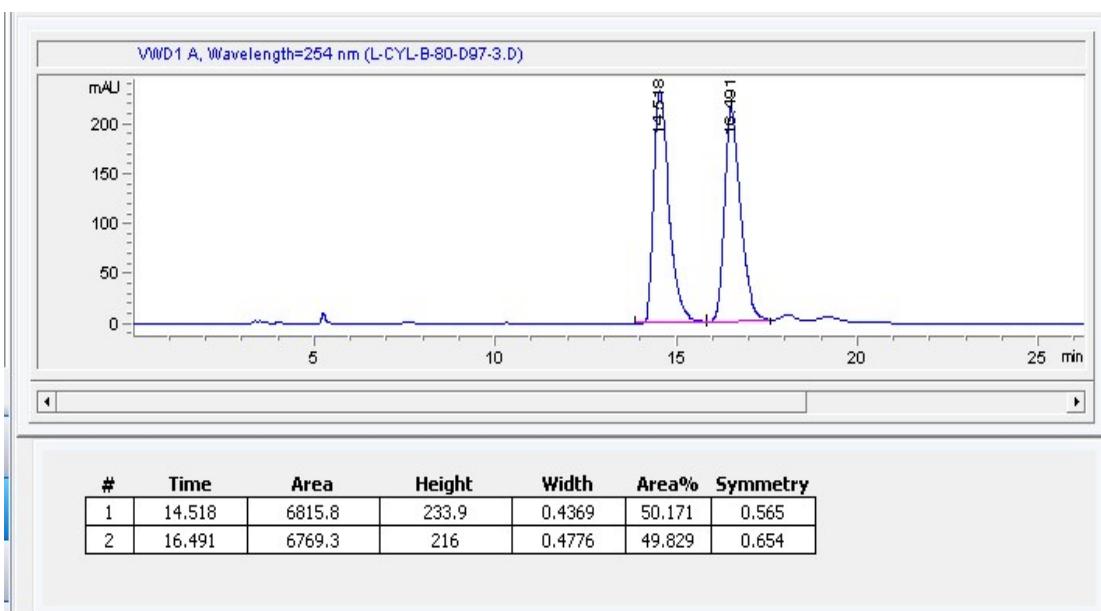
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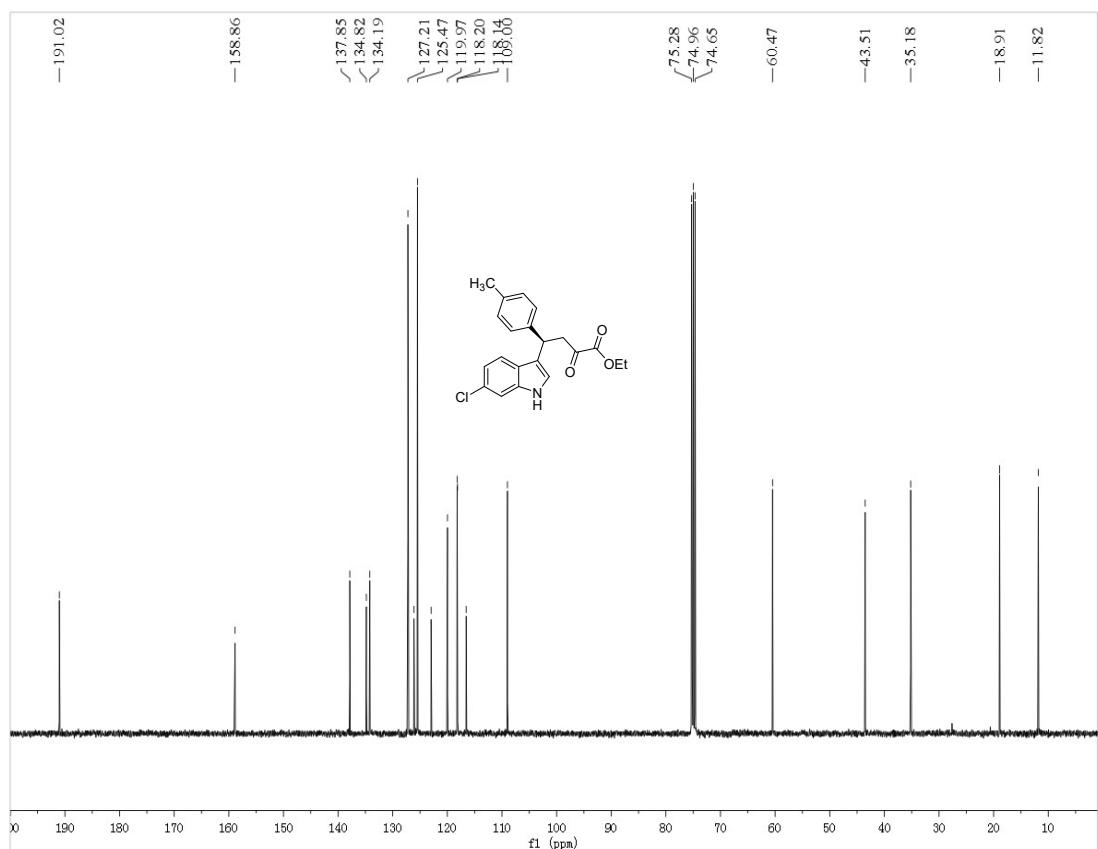
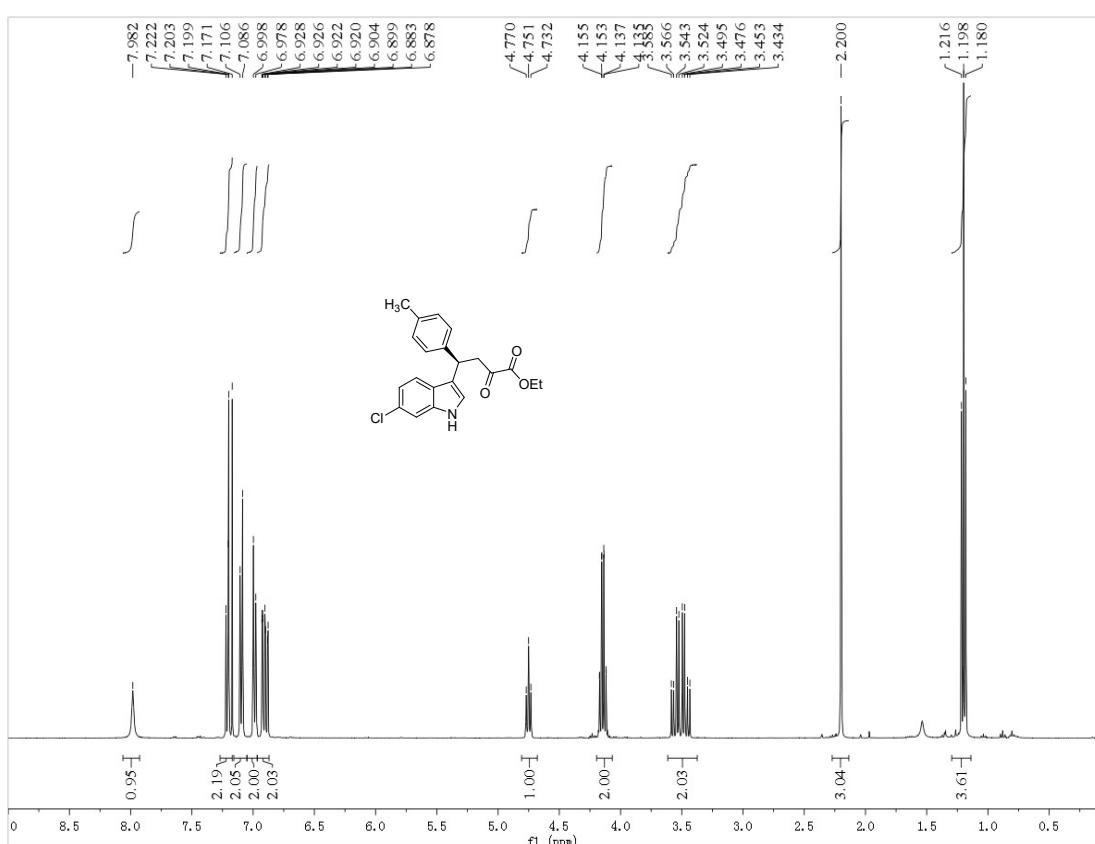
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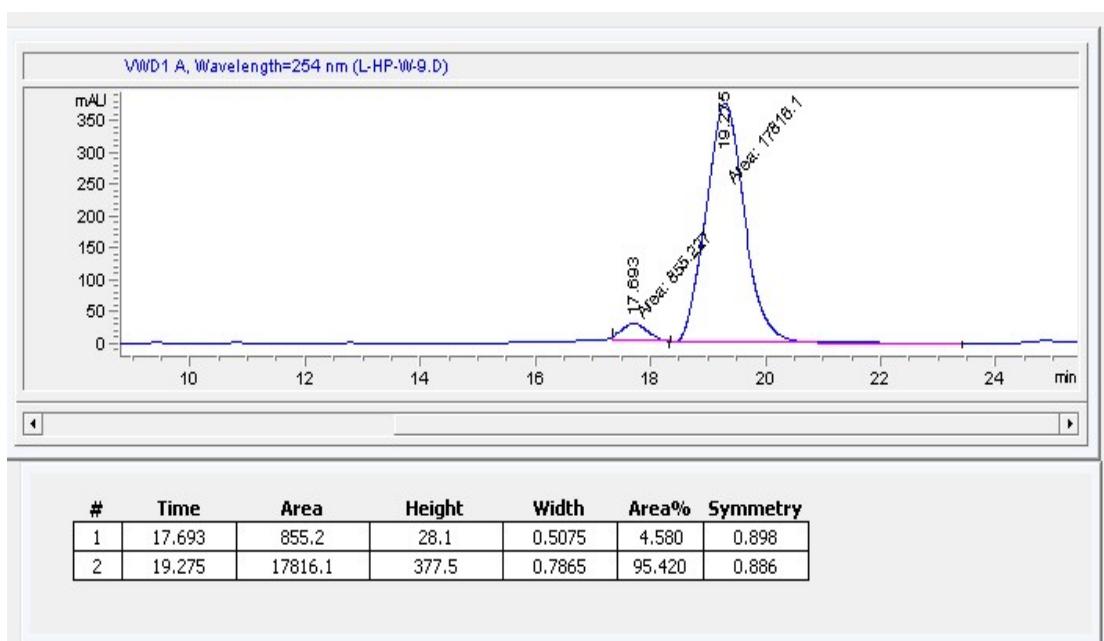
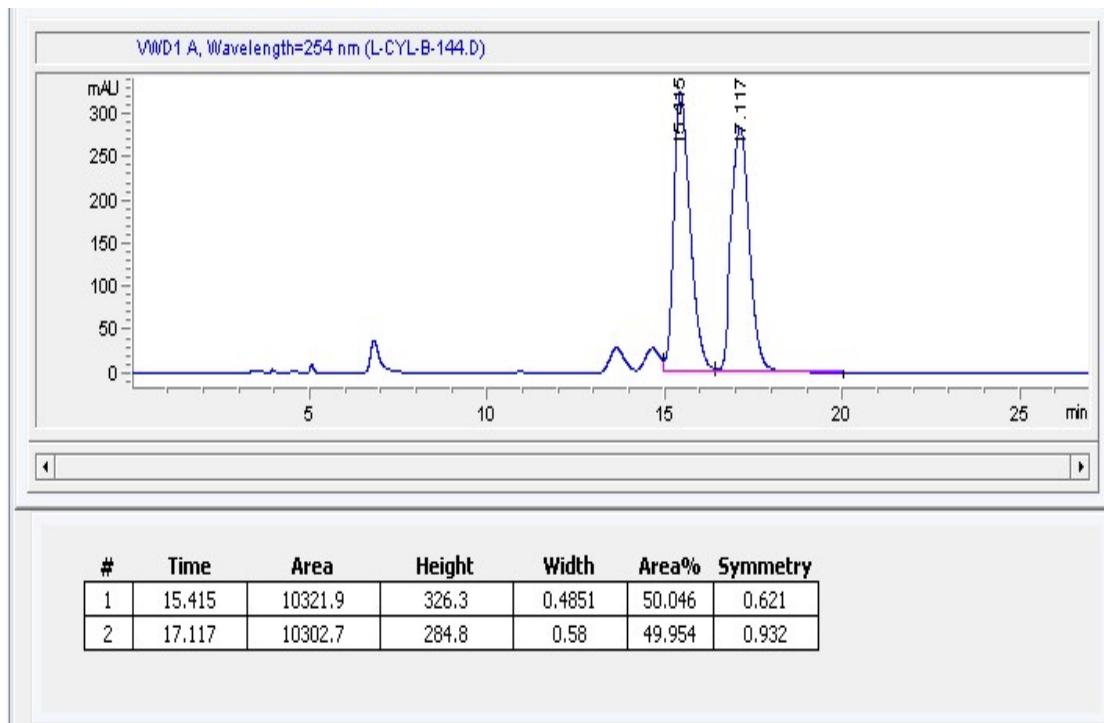
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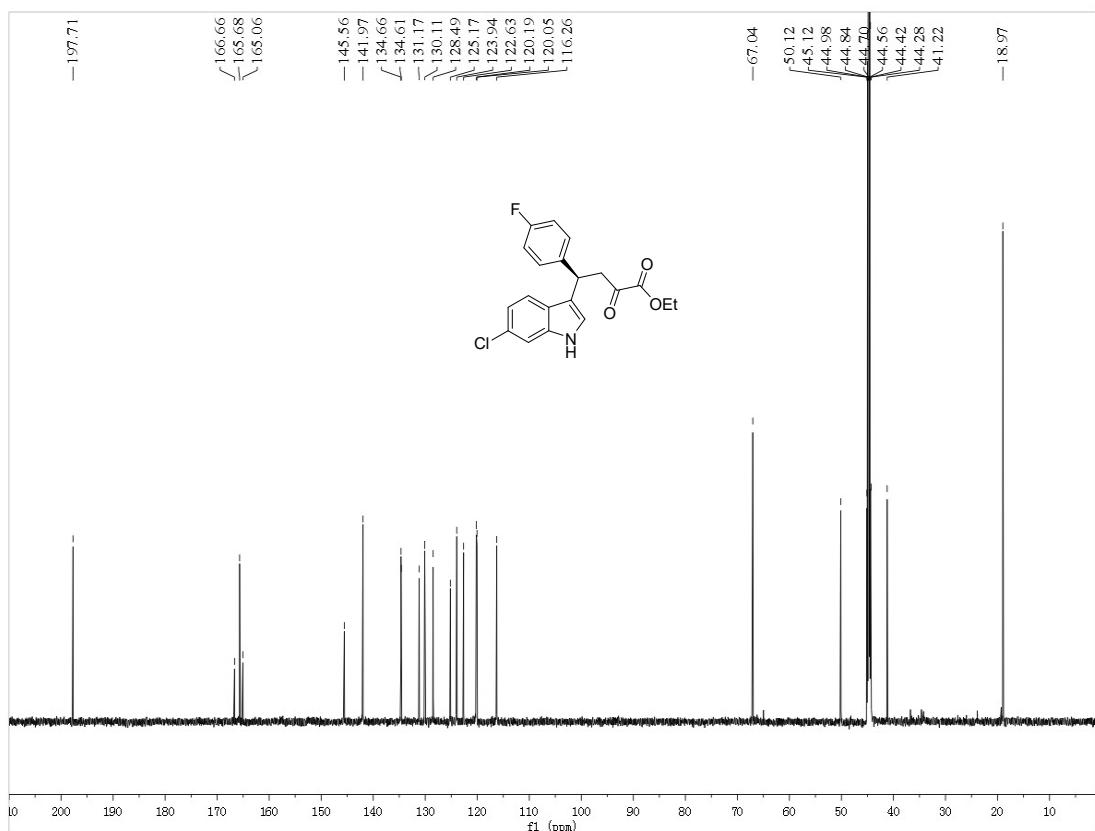
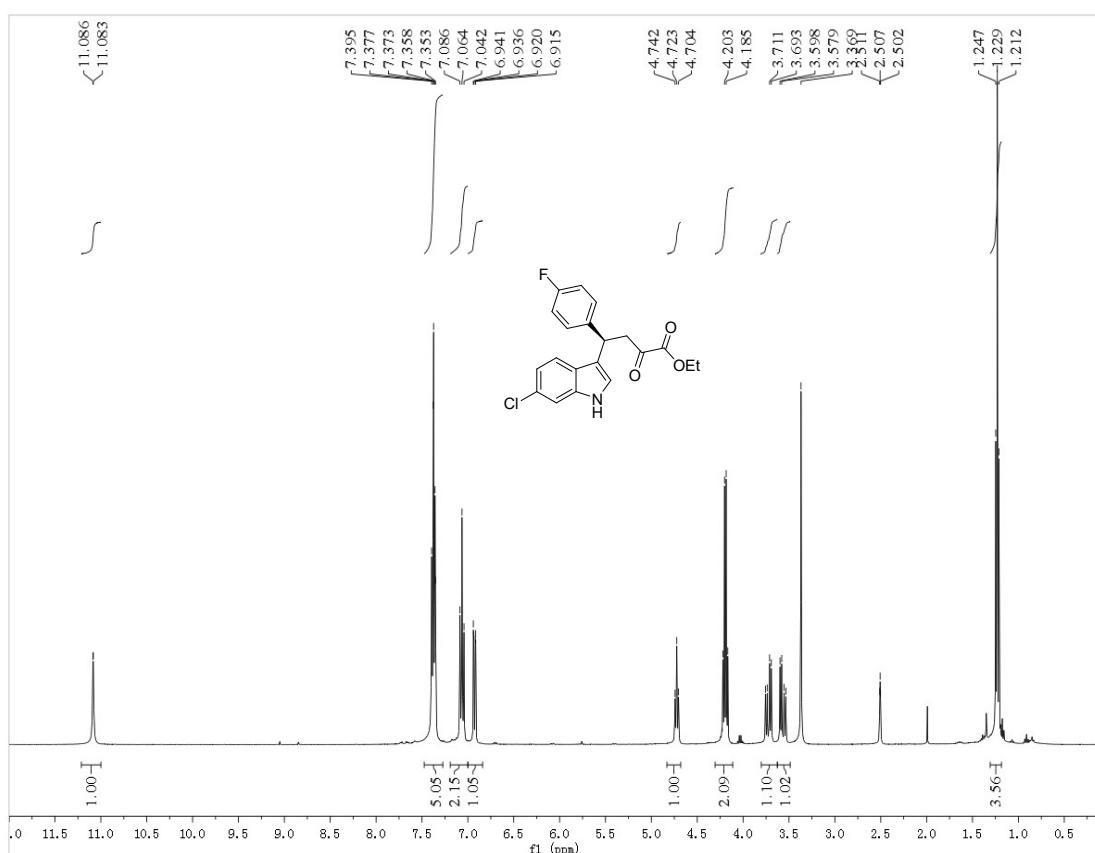
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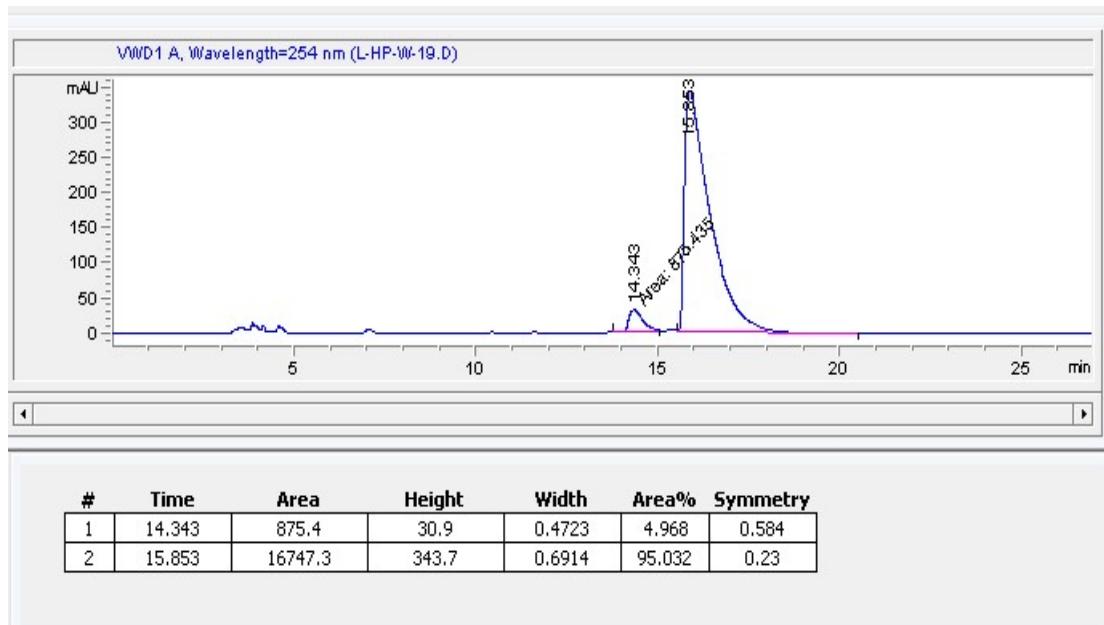
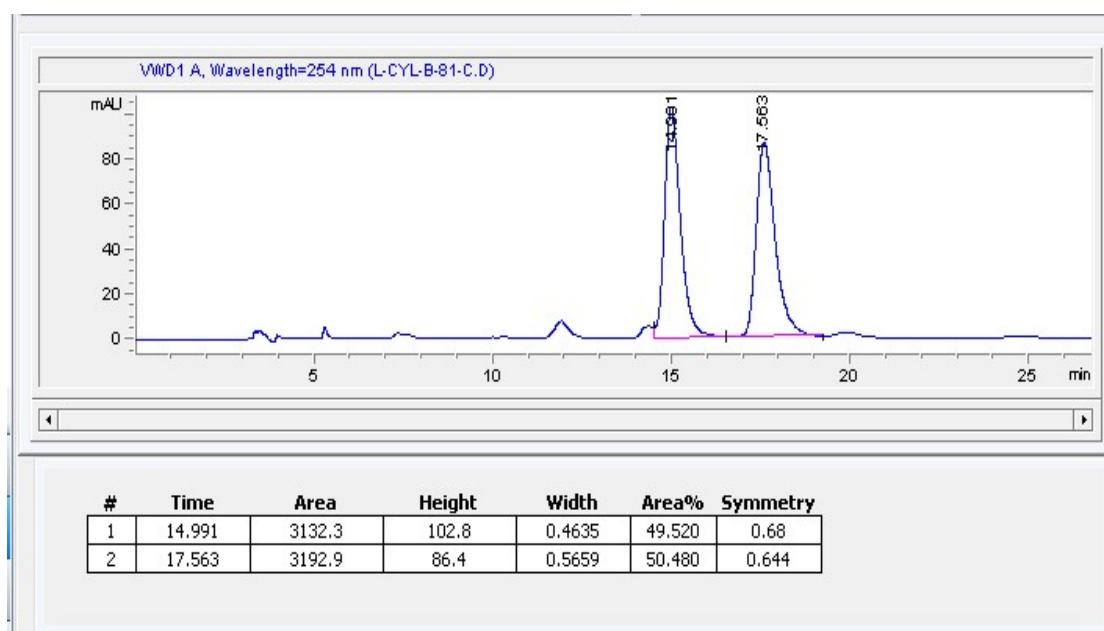
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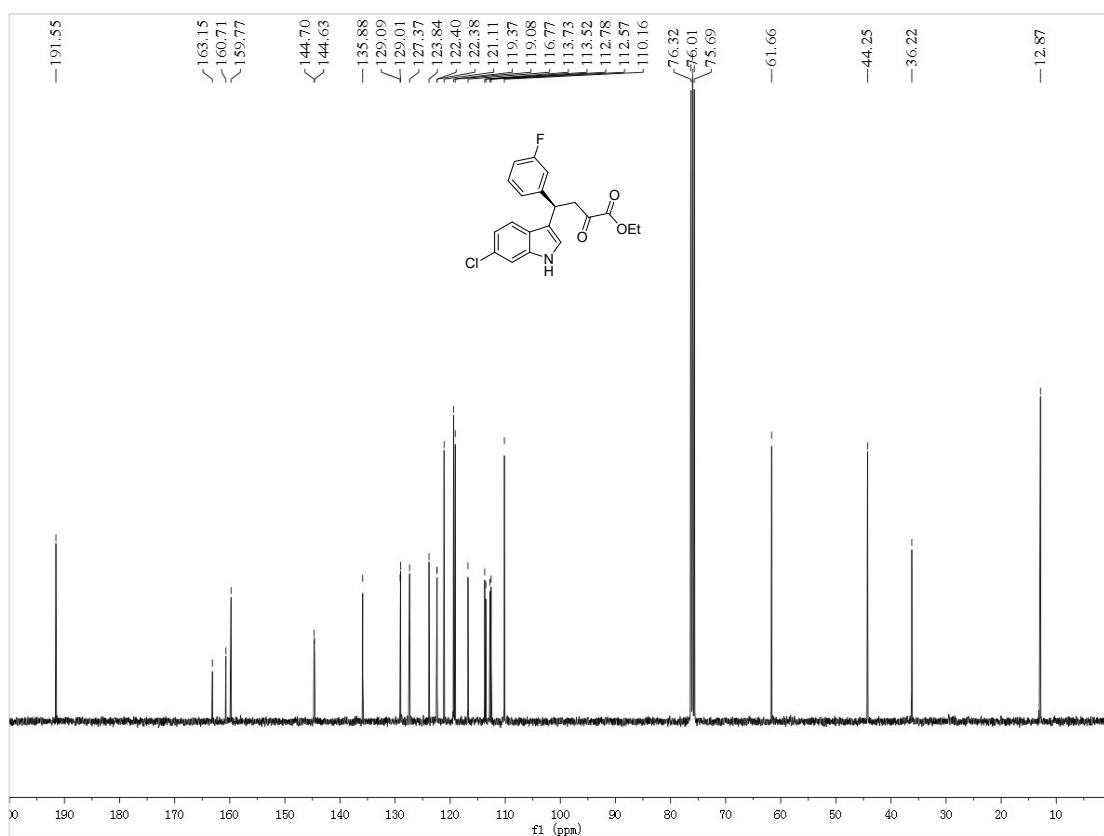
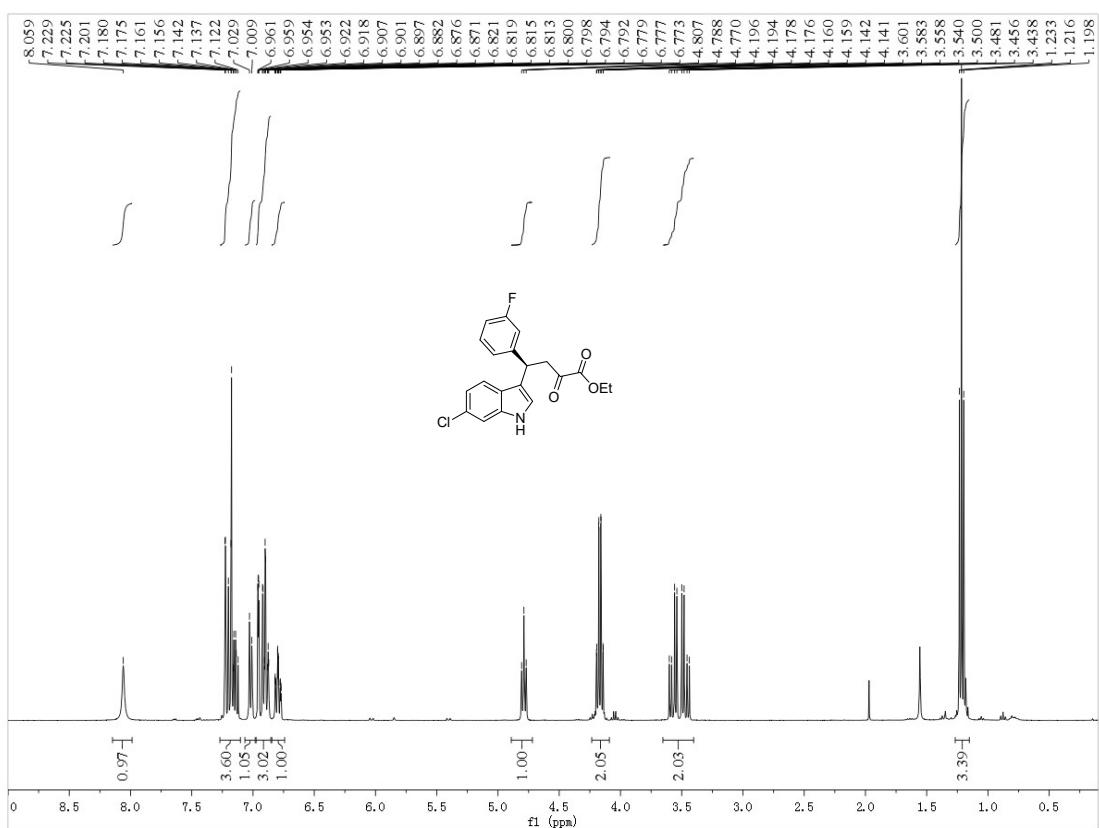
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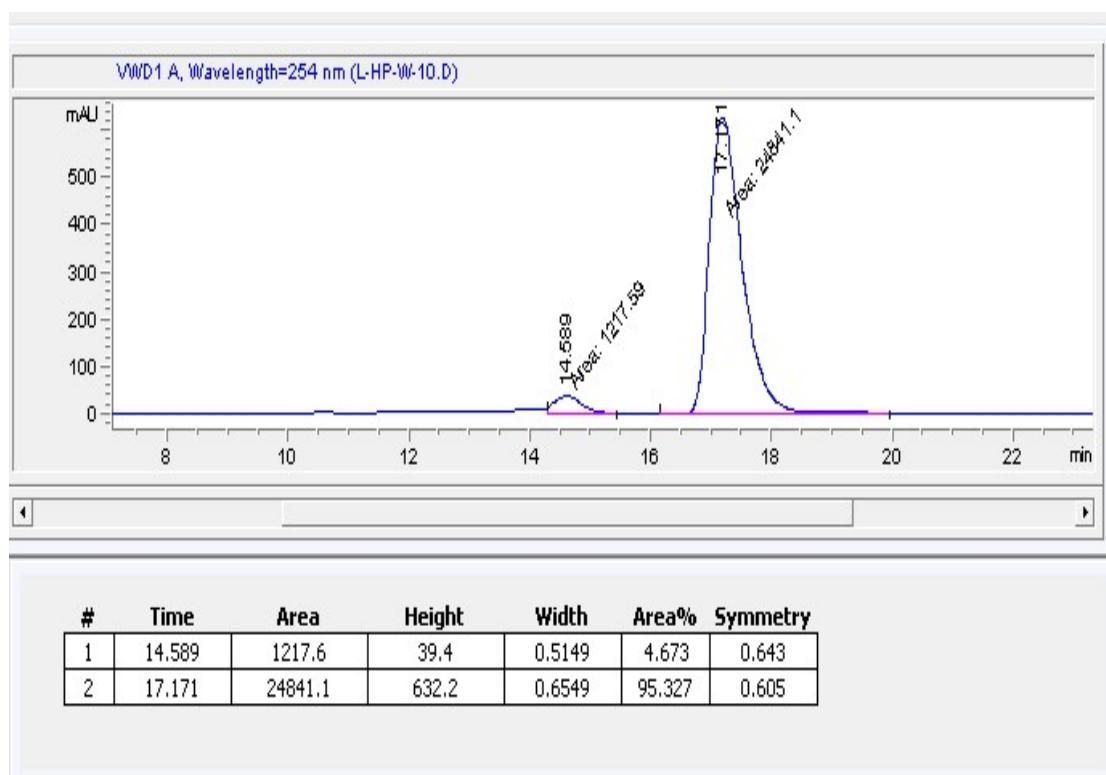
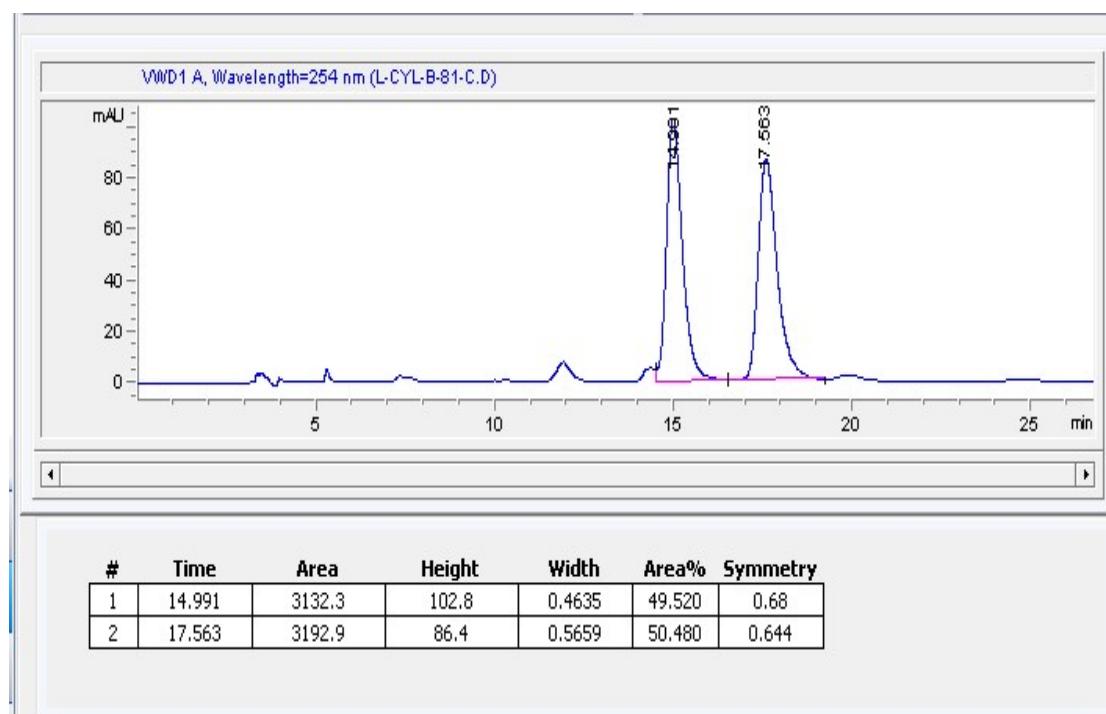
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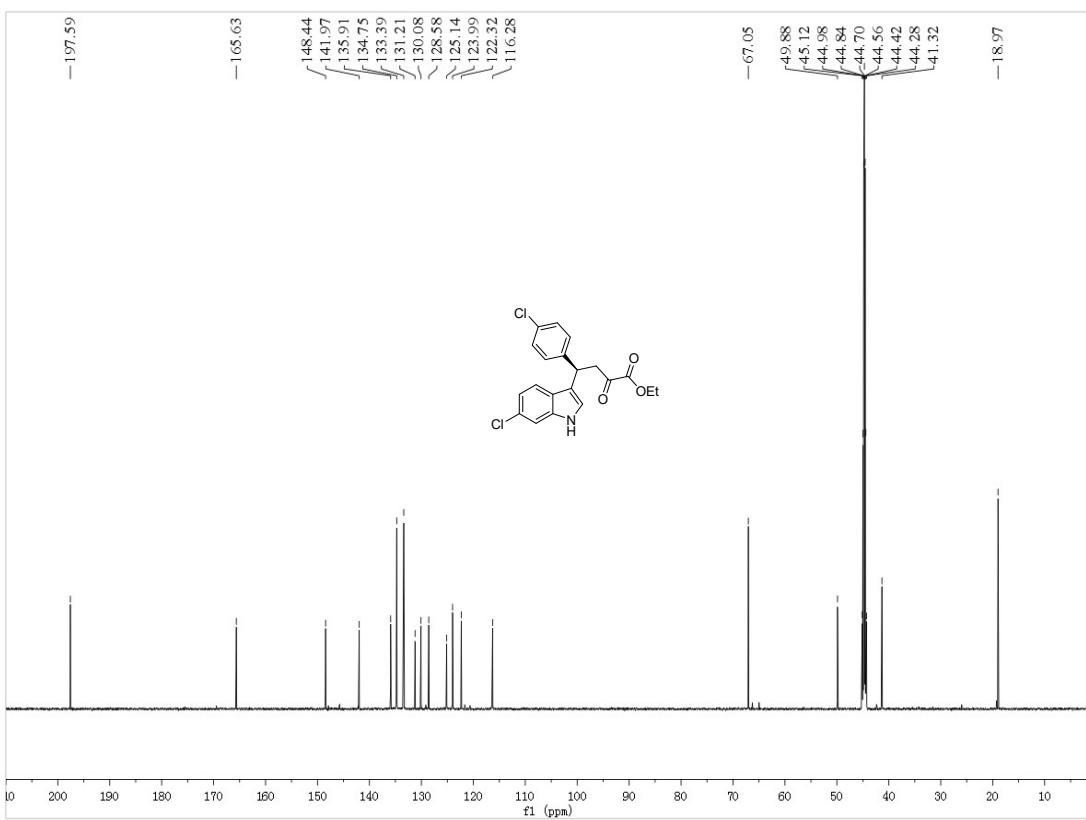
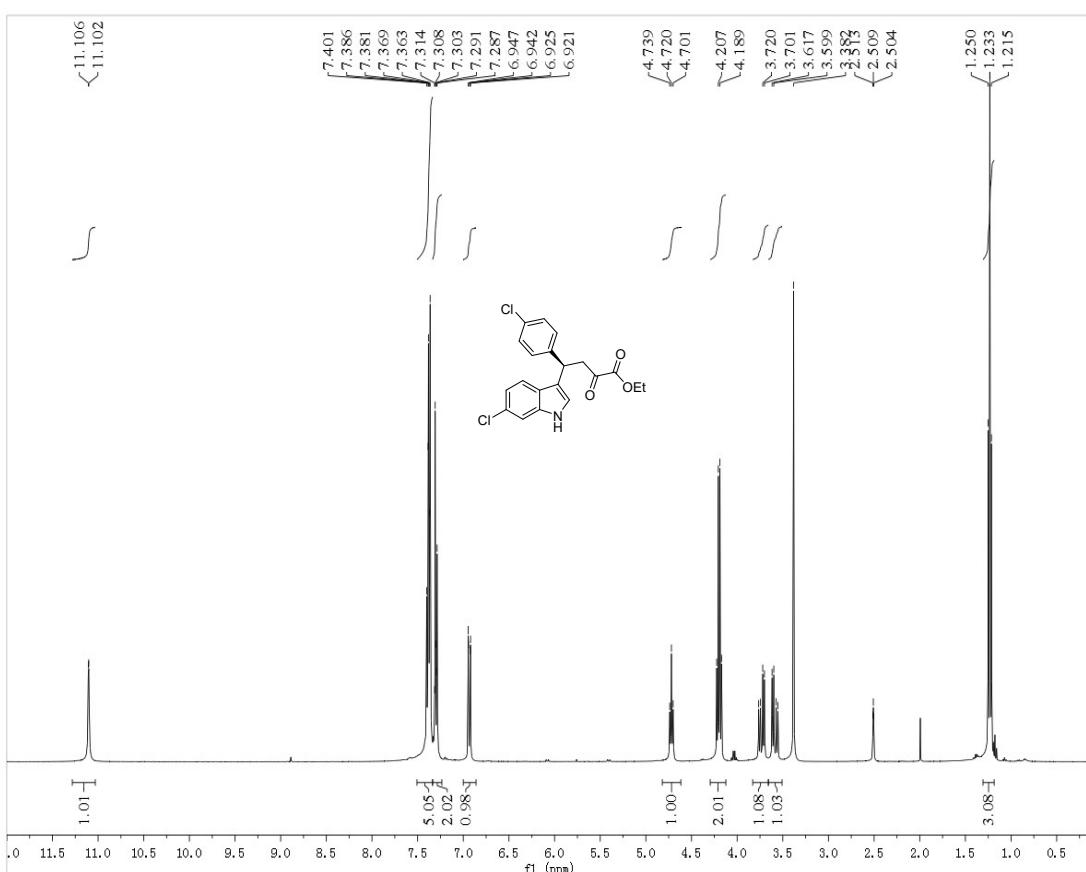
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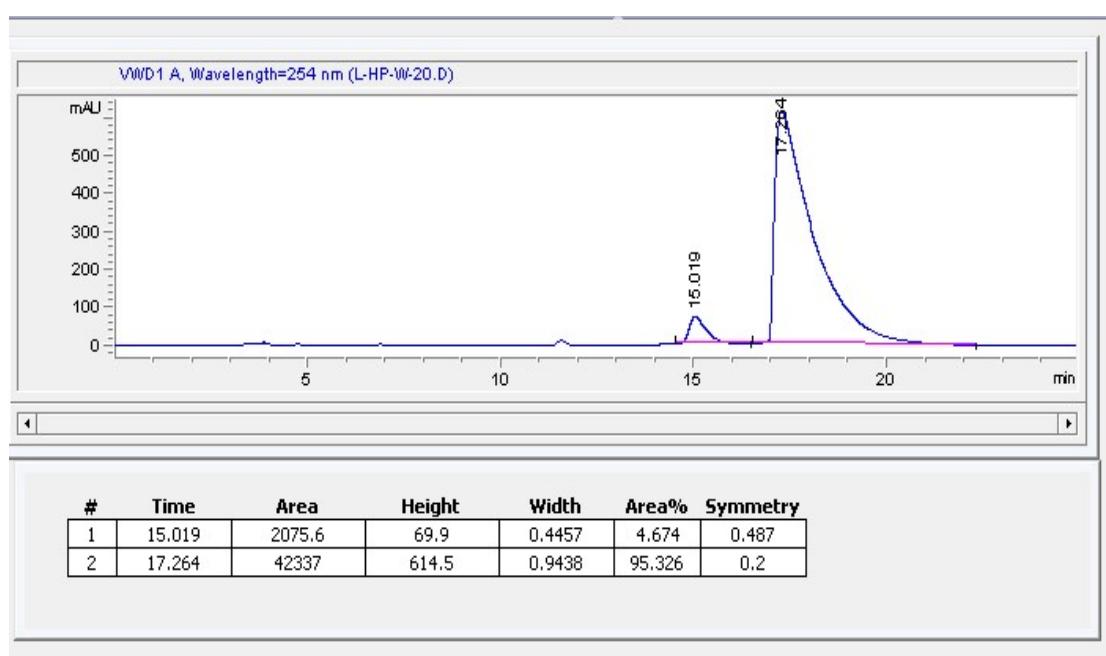
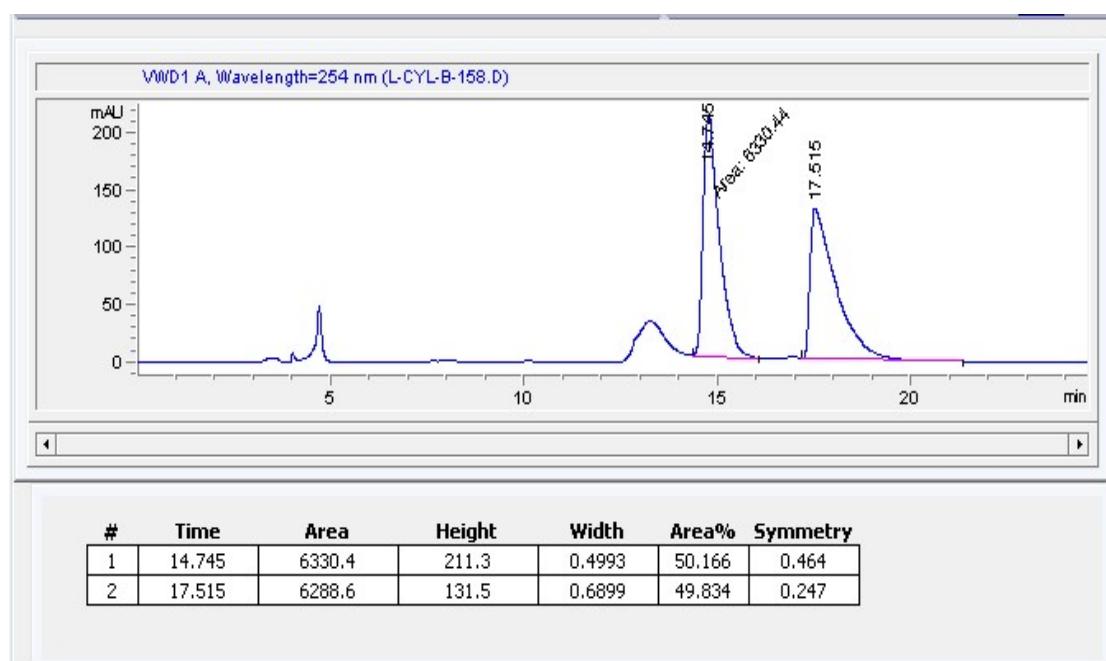
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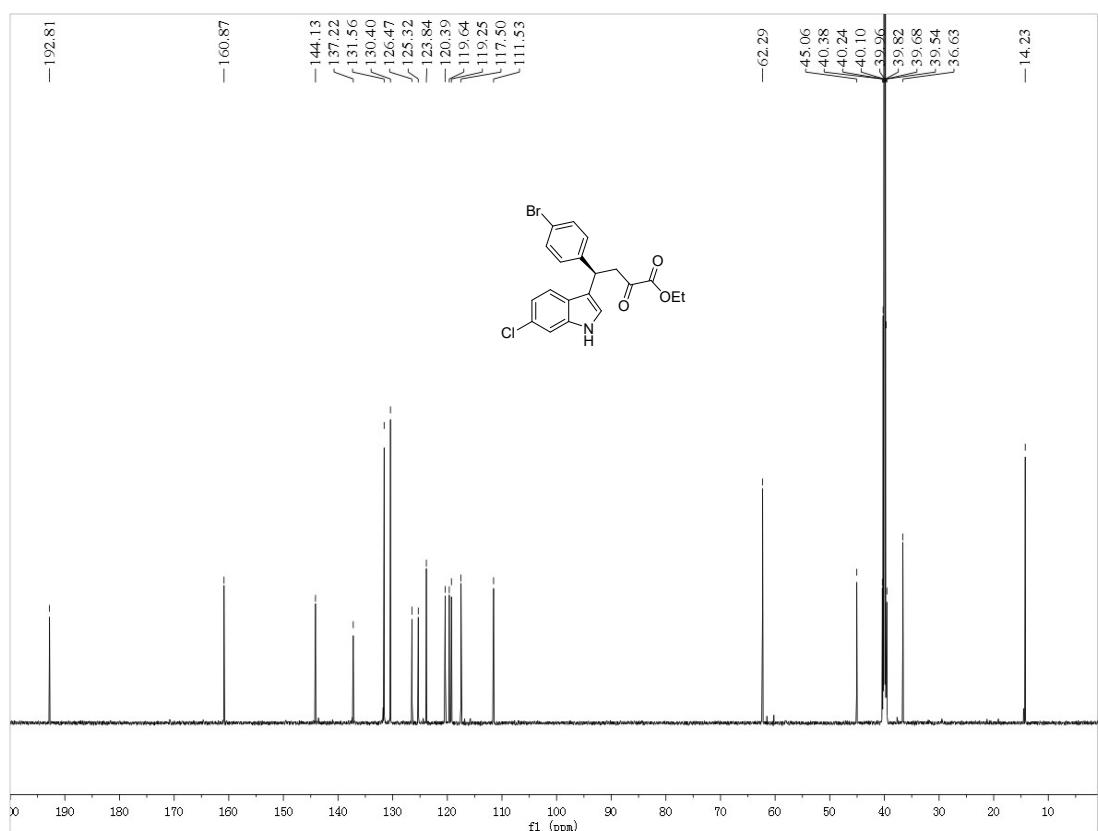
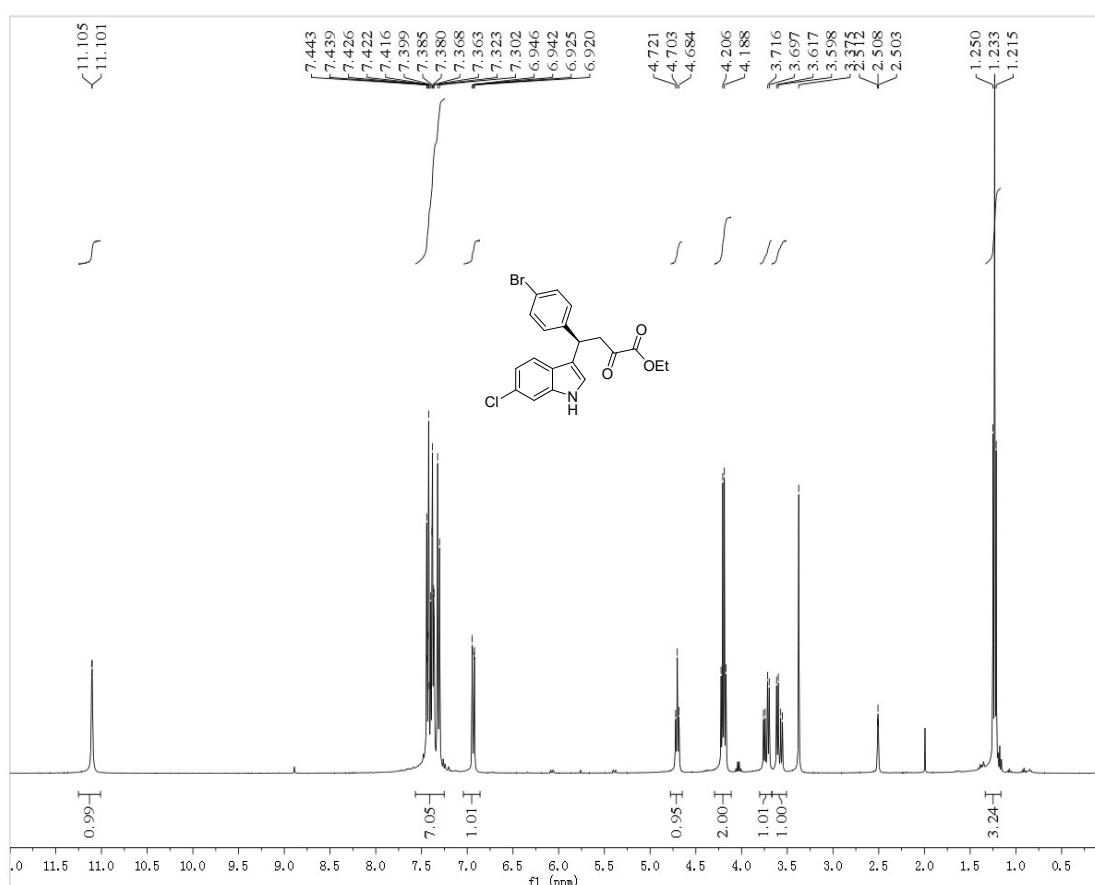
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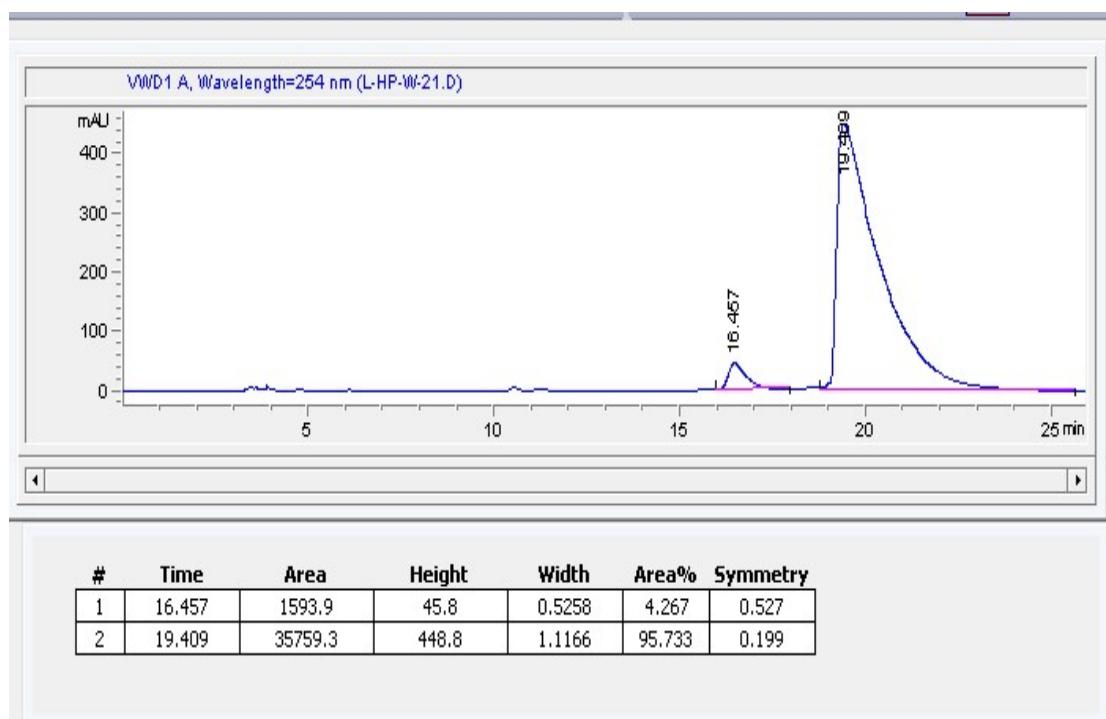
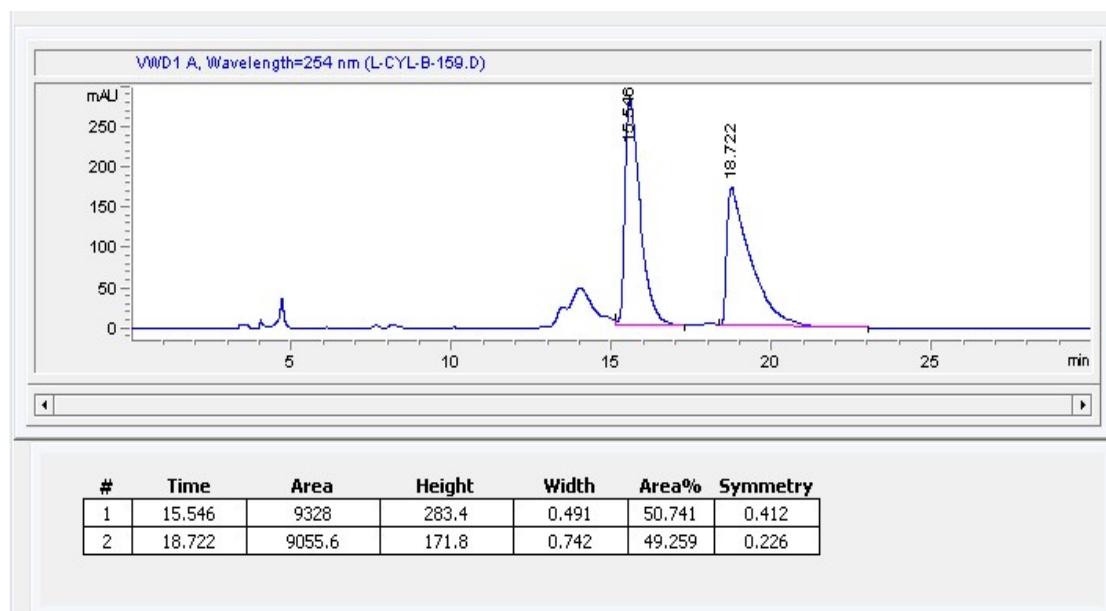
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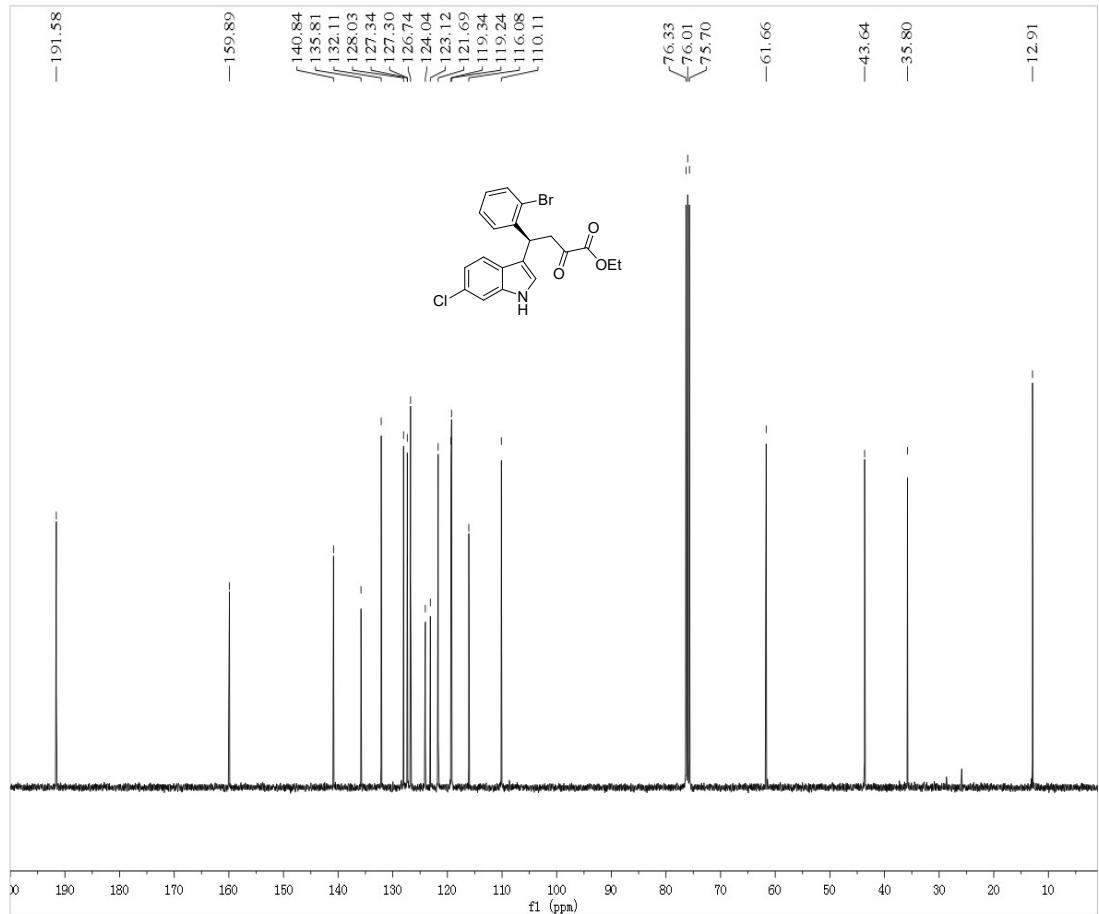
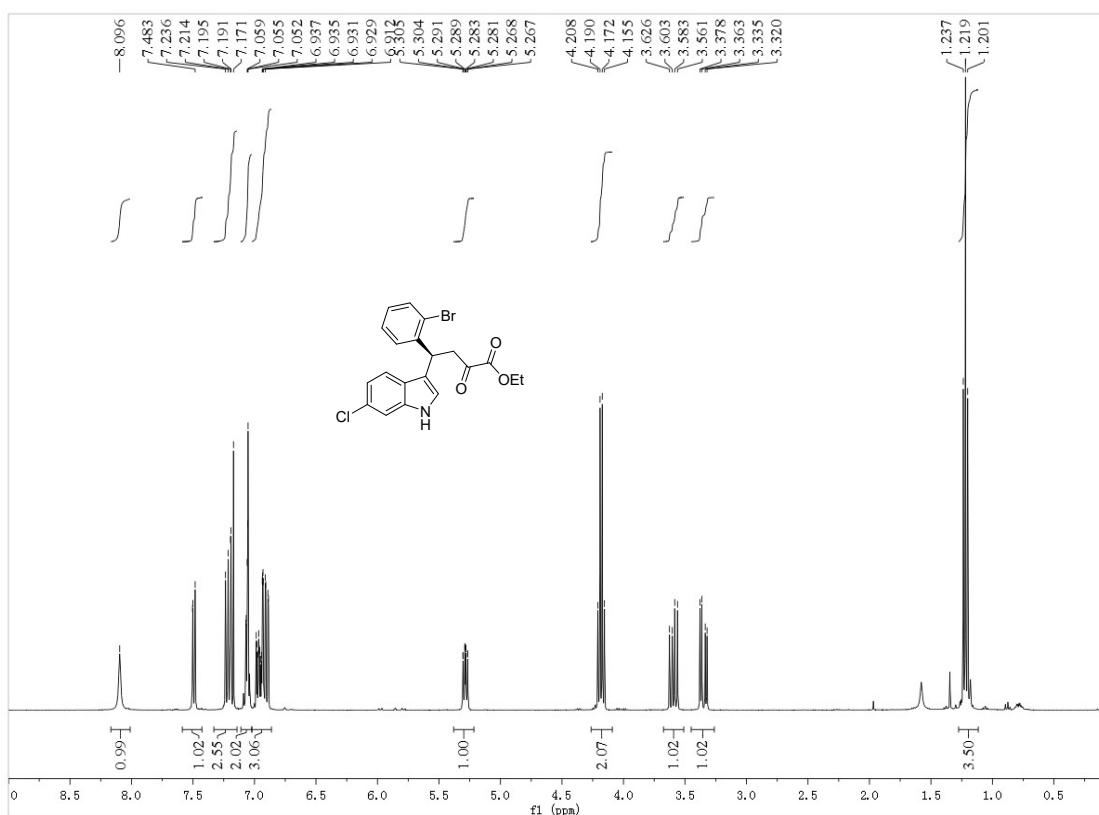
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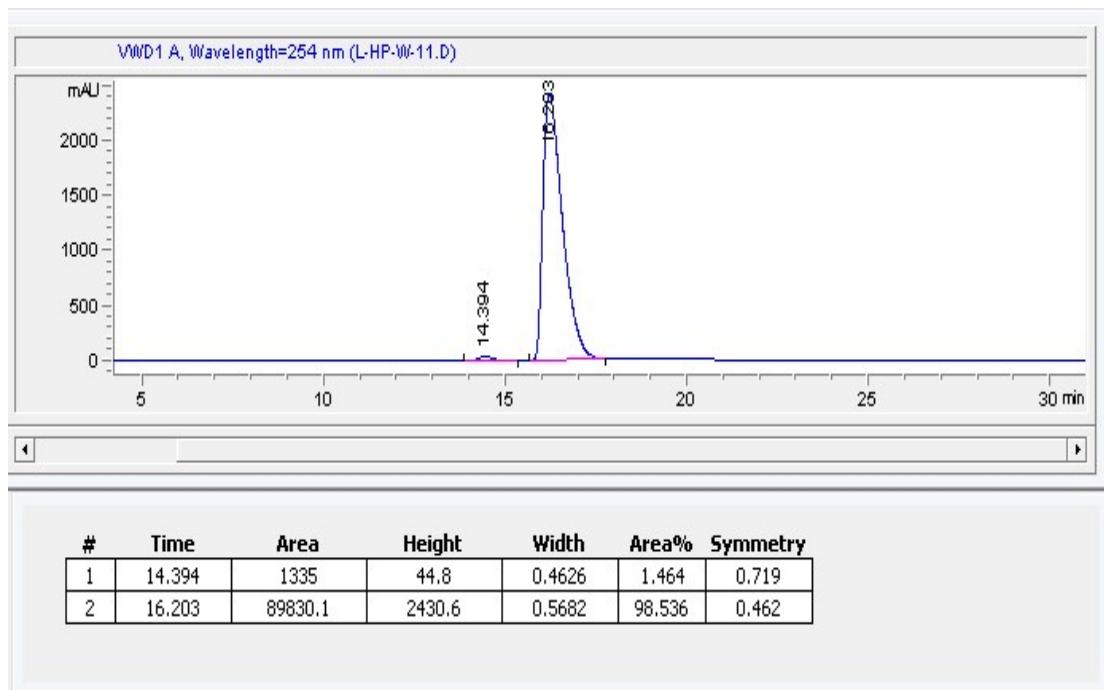
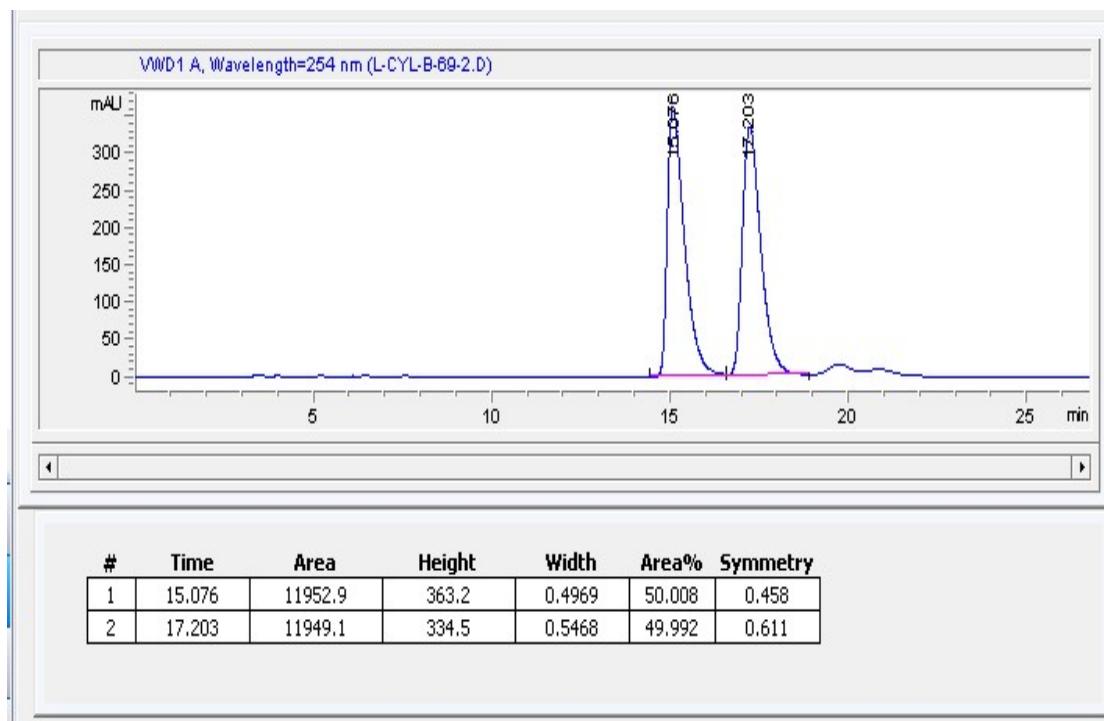
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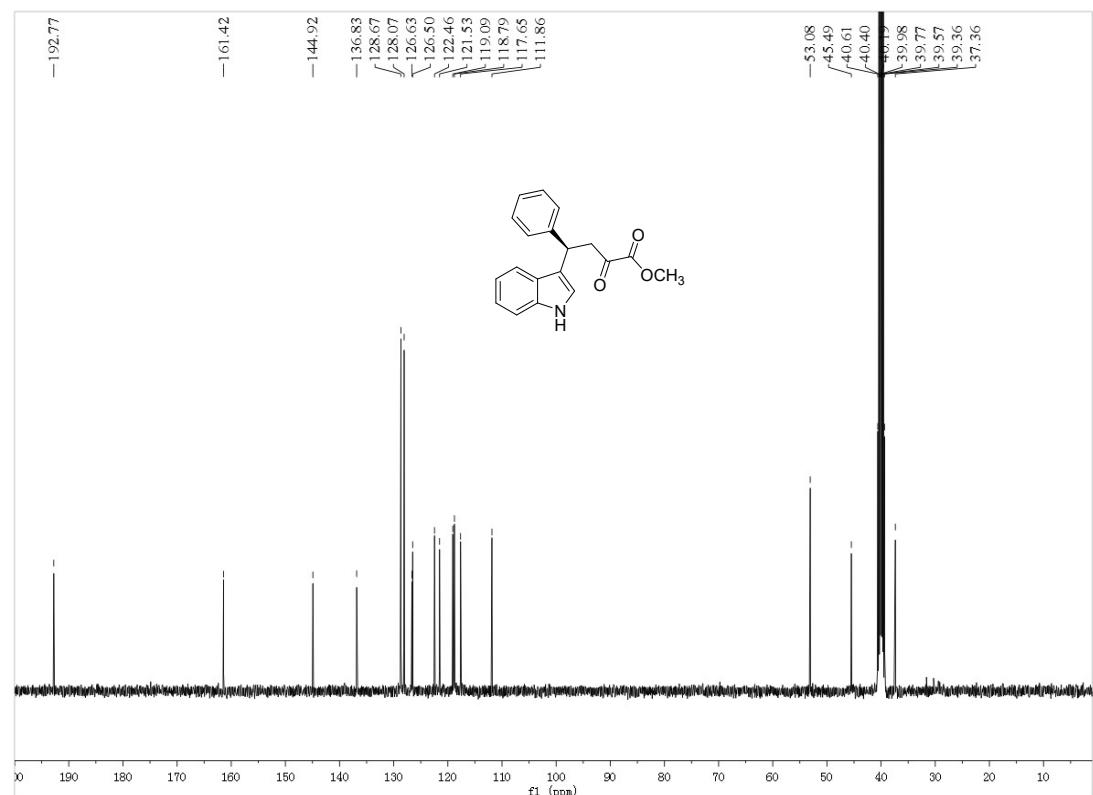
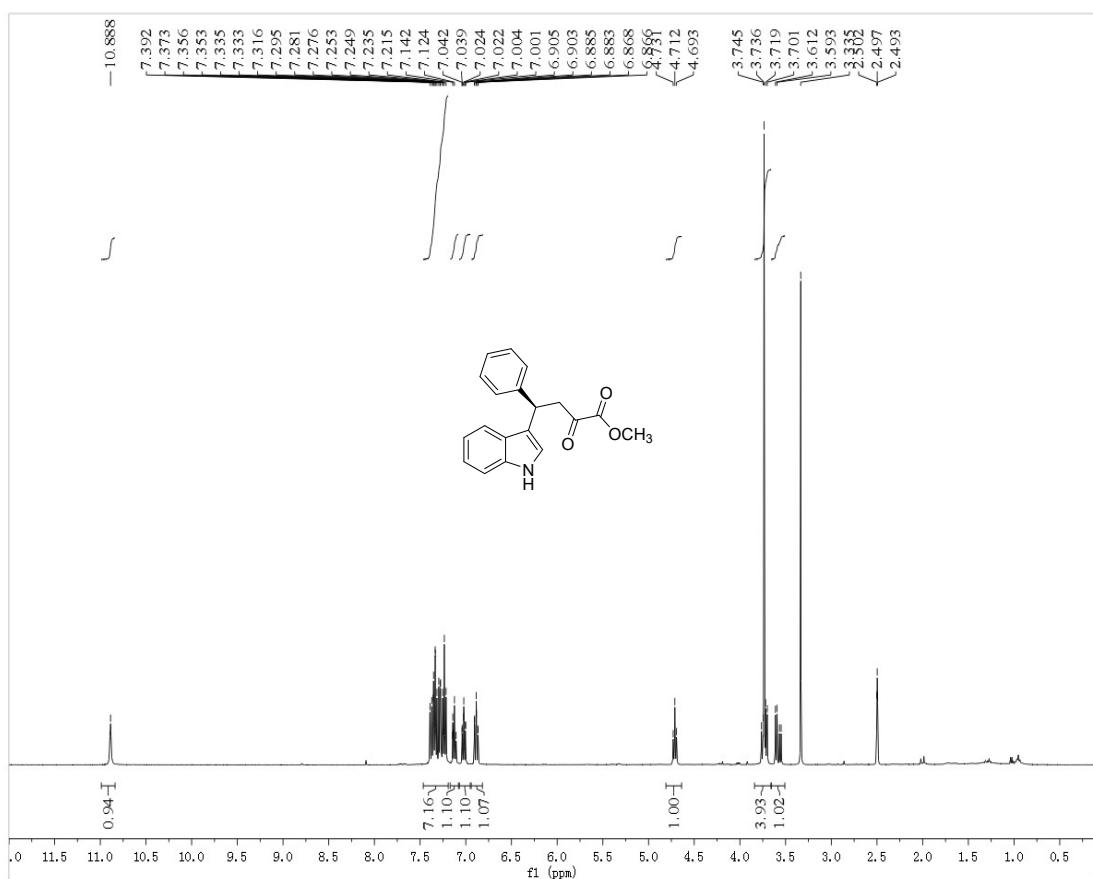
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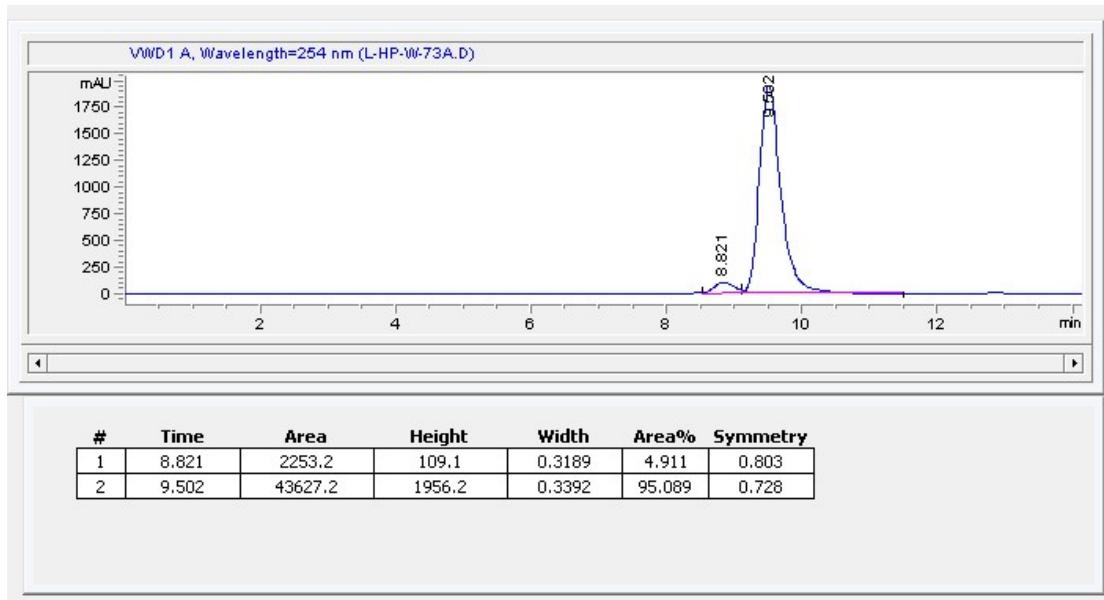
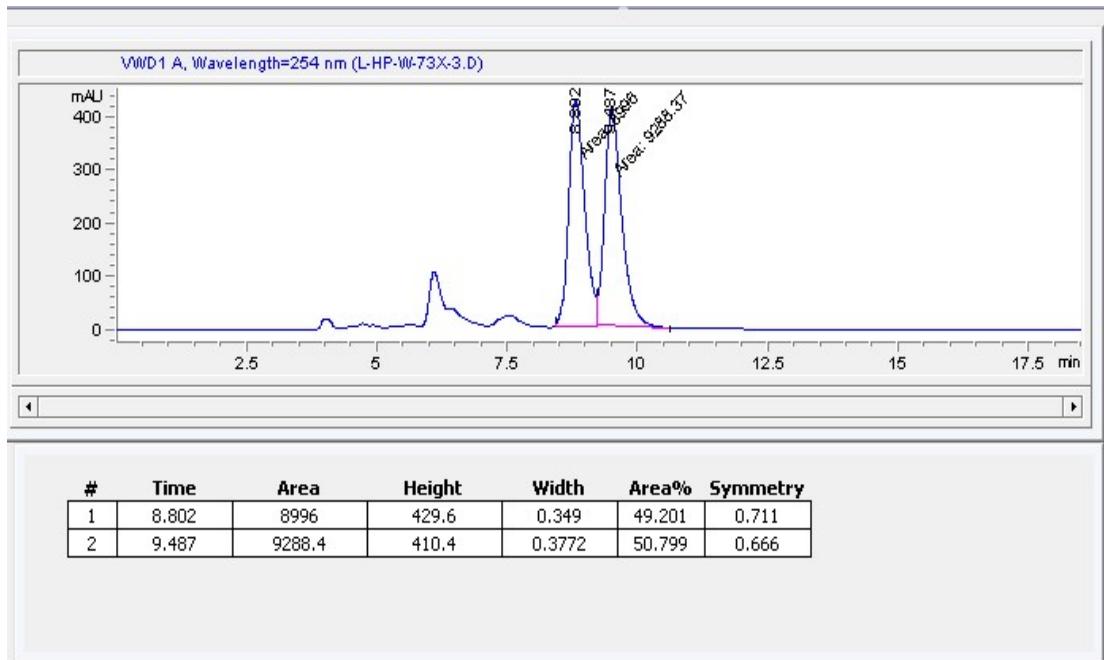
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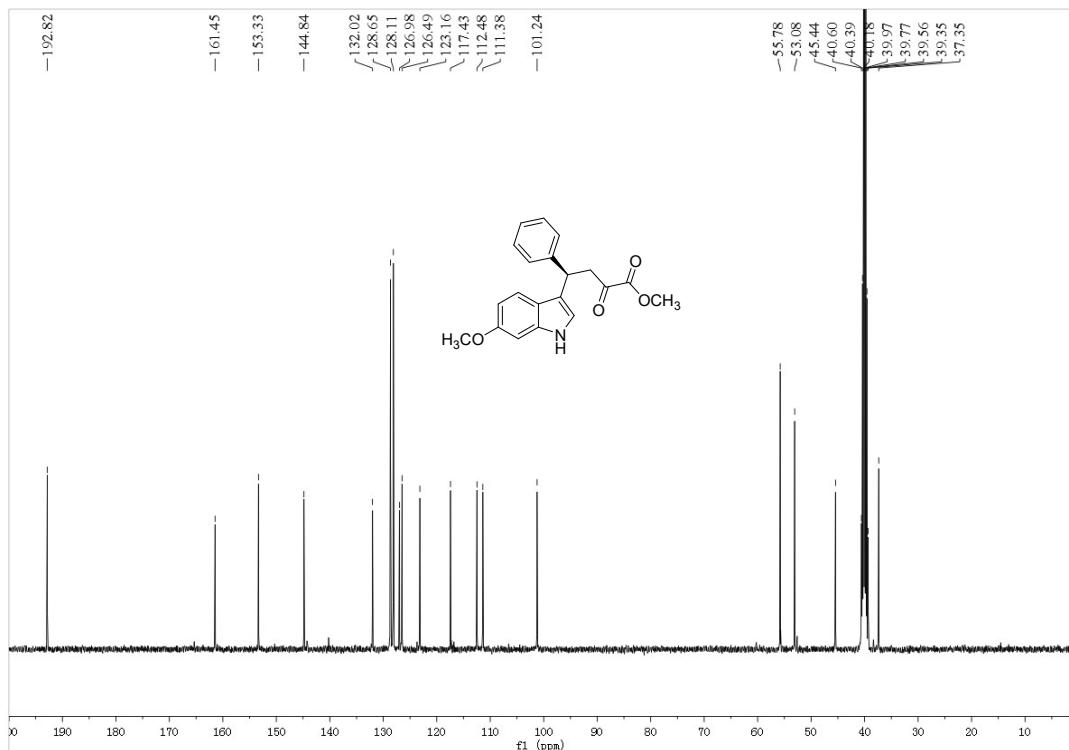
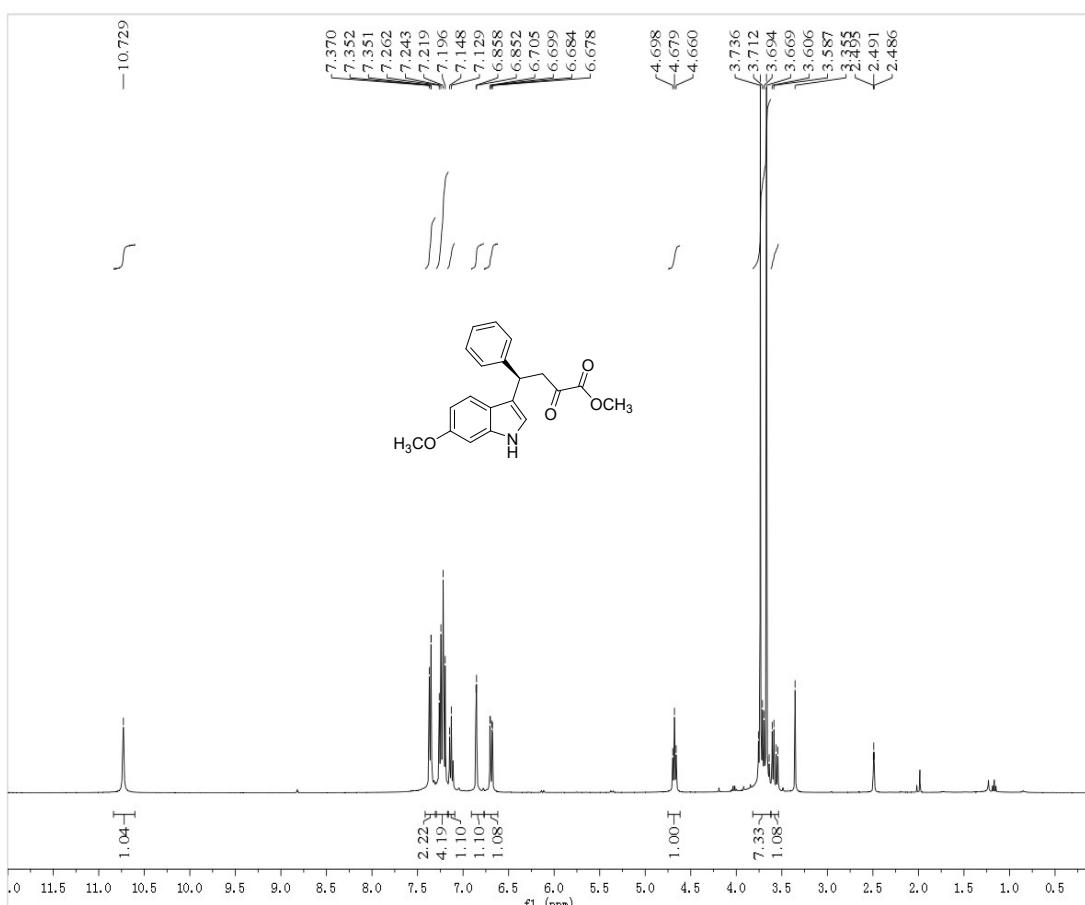
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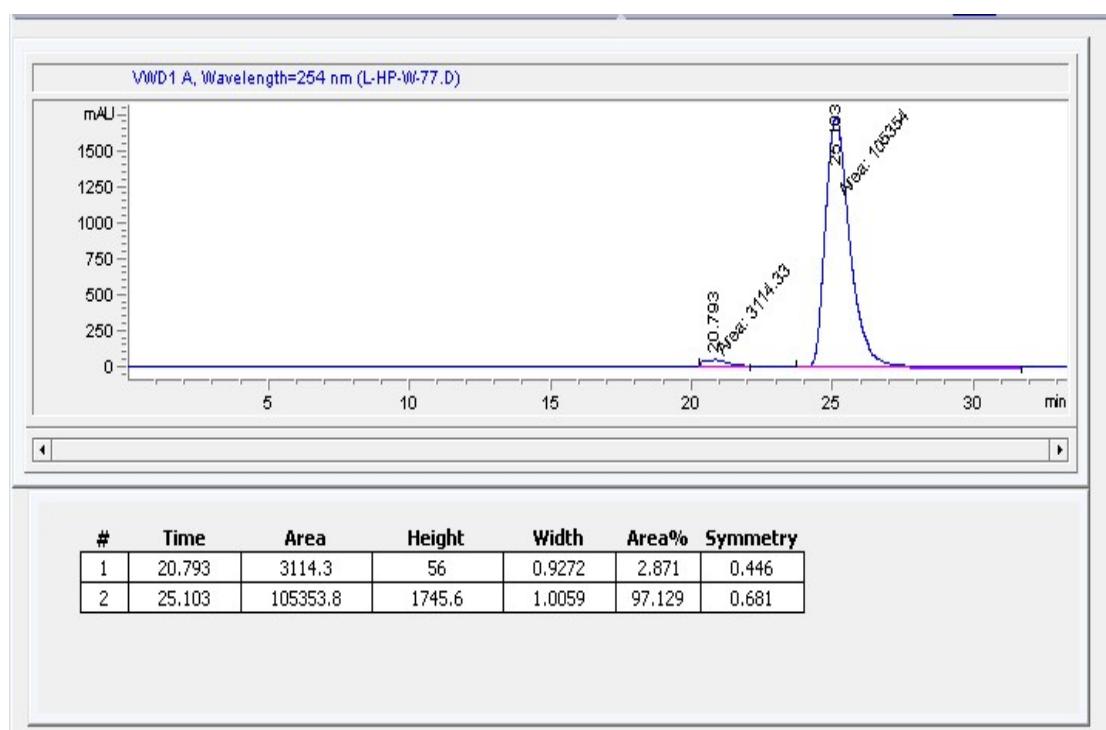
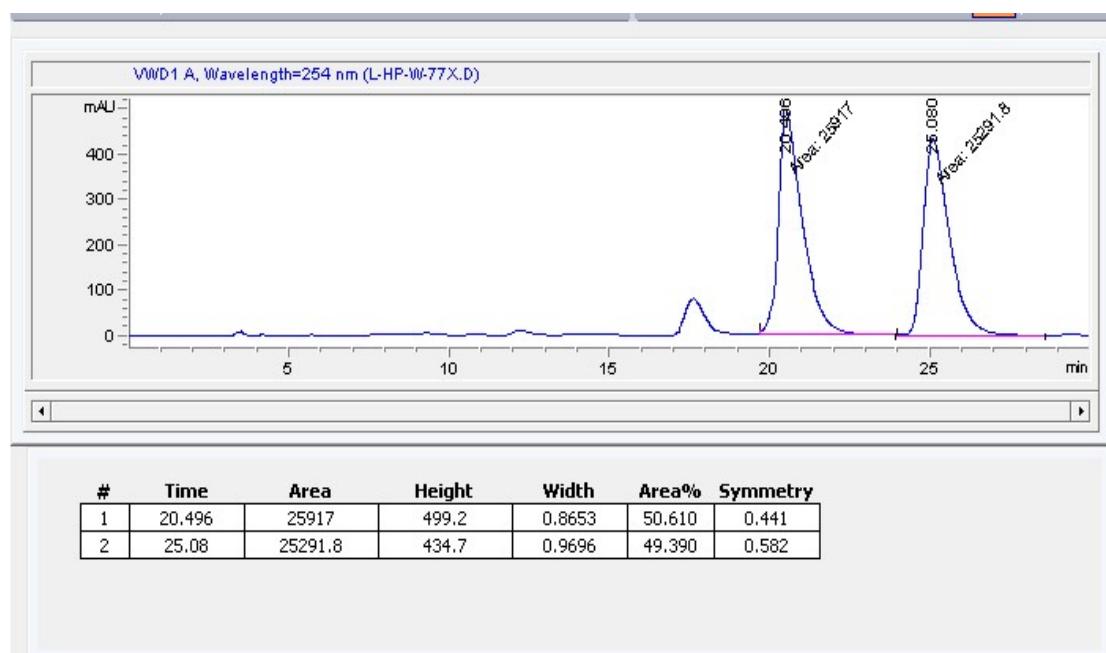
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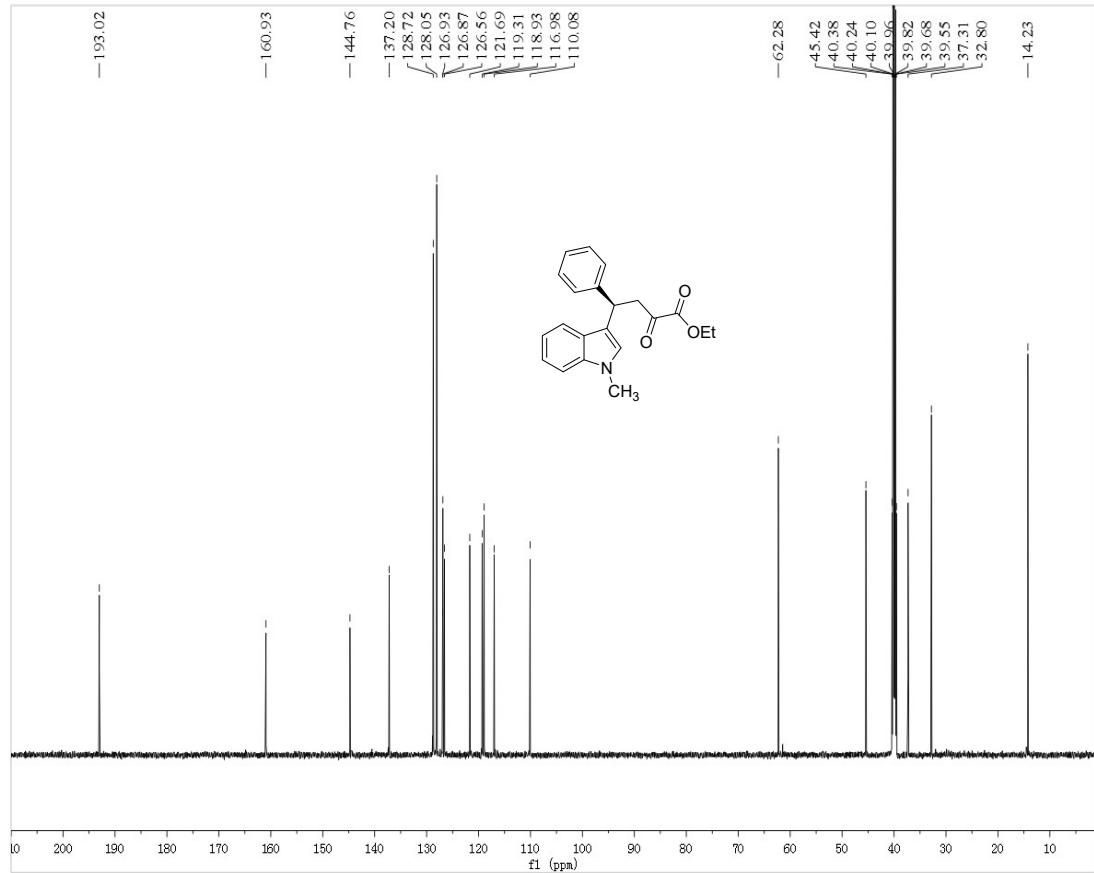
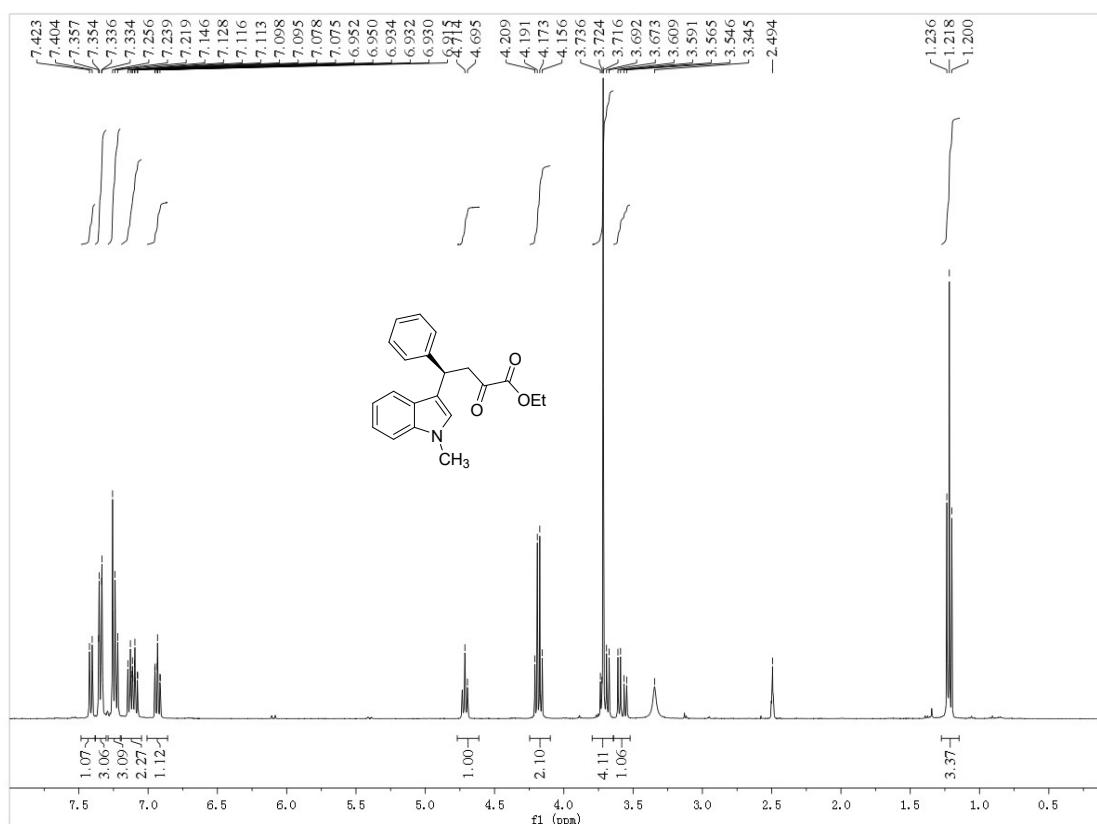
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### HPLC of 7u



**<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 7w**



### HPLC of 7w

