

# Supporting Information

## Enantioselective Synthesis of Spiro [indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo [1,2-*b*] phthalazine] Derivatives *via* Organocatalytic Three-Component Cascade Reaction

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## 1. General Information

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded respectively on a Bruker spectrometer at 500/400 MHz and 125/100 MHz, using DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> as a solvent. The chemical shifts were reported in ppm, and the residual nondeuterated solvent as internal standard (2.5 and 39.5 ppm, respectively). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a triple TOF 5600+ mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ionization (ESI†) source in the positive-ion mode. The enantiomeric excess (ee) values of the products were determined by chiral HPLC, using Daicel Chiralpak IA-H, AS-H, AD-H, and Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, OJ-H columns (4.6 mm, 250 mm). The reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). Purifications by column chromatography were conducted over silica gel (200–300 mesh). The catalysts **1a–1i** were purchased from Daicel Chiral Technologies (China)

## 2. Experimental Procedures

### General procedure for the asymmetric Knoevenagel/Michael/cyclization reaction of isatins, malononitrile or cyanoacetates and phthalhydrazide

To a solution of isatins **2** (0.10 mmol), malononitrile or cyanoacetates **3** (0.10 mmol), and phthalhydrazide (0.10 mmol) and **1c** (0.01 mmol), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours (TLC). After the reaction was finished, the crude mixture was directly loaded onto a column packed with silica gel with hexane/EtOAc (2:1) as eluent to afford the 23 chiral compounds **4a-w**. Among of 23 products, there are 8 new compounds. The measured <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of known compounds were consistent with the corresponding data in the literature.<sup>[1]</sup>

**(S)-3'-amino-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4a)** (known compound lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 270.8–271.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.94 (s, 1H), 8.35–8.28 (m, 3H), 8.11 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -7.9 (c 0.45, MeOH)(98% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), *t*<sub>R</sub> = 14.7 min (major),

24.1 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-4-chloro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4b)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1b</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 300.2-301.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 2H), 8.36 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.15 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 91.7 (c 0.52, MeOH)(96% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 24.9 min (major), 36.4 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-4-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4c)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1b</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 308.9-309.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.25 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 2H), 8.39 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.19 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 92.7 (c 0.58, MeOH)(92% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane: <sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 25.9 min (major), 36.5 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-fluoro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4d)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1b</sup>): light yellow green solid, m.p.: 257.0-258.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.97 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 2H), 8.34 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -19.0 (c 0.49, MeOH)(98% ee); HPLC (Chiraldak AD-H, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 18.3 min (major), 31.5 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-chloro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4e)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow green solid, m.p.: 324.6-325.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.35 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 47.5 (c 0.50, MeOH)(94% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 18.6 min (major), 27.8 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-**

**pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4f)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow green solid, m.p.: 349.9-350.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.31 (dd, *J*= 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.82 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J*= 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>= 48.2 (c 0.54, MeOH)(98% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak OJ, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub>= 11.7 min (major), 15.4 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-nitro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4g)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow green solid, m.p.: 280.6-281.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.68 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J*= 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.37 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 8.07 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>= 165.0 (c 0.57, MeOH)(93% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub>= 18.6 min (major), 47.9 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-methyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4h)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 277.2-278.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.39 – 8.27 (m, 3H), 8.11 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J*= 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J*= 8.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>= 38.9(c 0.49, MeOH)(99% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub>= 18.8 min (major), 25.6 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-methoxy-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4i)** : light yellow solid, m.p.: 251.0-251.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.74 (s, 1H), 8.43 – 8.25 (m, 3H), 8.09 – 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J*= 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.4, 156.4, 155.6, 152.5, 151.7, 135.3, 135.1, 134.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 115.4, 114.4, 111.1, 110.8, 70.2, 60.4, 55.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> : 410.0860, found 410.0866; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>= 38.8 (c 0.43, MeOH)(96% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AS, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub>= 40.8 min (major), 47.1 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-6-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-**

**pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4j)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1b</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 257.9-258.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 2H), 8.33 – 8.22 (m, 1H), 8.11 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -13.5 (c 0.35, MeOH)(97% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 18.7 min (major), 32.2 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-fluoro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4k)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 206.3-207.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.52 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.35 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.4, 156.3, 152.7, 151.8, 147.5, 145.5, 135.1, 134.5, 129.2 (d, *J*=12.9 Hz), 128.7, 128.2 (d, *J*= 3.8 Hz), 127.7 (d, *J*= 3.9 Hz), 127.0, 123.5(d, *J*= 5.5 Hz), 120.8, 117.5 (d, *J*= 17.0 Hz), 114.3, 69.7, 59.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 398.0660, found 398.0665; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -16.3 (c 0.40, MeOH)(90% ee); HPLC (Chiraldak AS, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 21.6 min (minor), 34.7 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-chloro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4l)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 275.7-276.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.44 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 – 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.6, 156.3, 152.6, 151.9, 139.8, 135.1, 134.5, 130.5, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 123.9, 123.4, 114.5, 114.3, 70.1, 59.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 414.0364, found 414.0370; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -122.5 (c 0.56, MeOH)(91% ee); HPLC (Chiraldak AS, hexane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 13.0 min (minor), 19.2 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4m)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 204.1-205.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.29 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.35 – 8.26

(m, 1H), 8.15 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.52 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 4.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.6, 156.3, 152.6, 151.9, 141.5, 135.1, 134.5, 133.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 124.2, 123.9, 114.3, 102.7, 70.3, 59.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$  457.9859, found 457.9855;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -253.3$  (c 0.51, MeOH)(98% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AS, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 13.4 min (minor), 21.3 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-methyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4n)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 187.5–188.5 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.96 (s, 1H), 8.41 – 8.24 (m, 3H), 8.11 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.28 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dt,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  173.0, 156.3, 152.5, 151.7, 140.7, 135.1, 134.4, 131.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 125.1, 122.4, 121.9, 119.5, 114.4, 70.1, 60.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$  394.0911, found 394.0915;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -42.0$  (c 0.46, MeOH)(95% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AS, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 12.6 min (minor), 27.2 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-nitro-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4o)**: light brown solid, m.p.: 212.6–213.5 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.77 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 2H), 8.36 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.15 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.00 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  173.0, 156.3, 152.7, 152.1, 138.2, 135.1, 134.5, 131.3, 131.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 125.4, 122.8, 114.0, 68.2, 58.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_6\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$  425.0605, found 425.0608;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -41.5$  (c 0.52, MeOH)(93% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 24.1 min (minor), 39.8 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-1-methyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4p)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): white solid, m.p.: 282.8–284.0 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (s, 2H), 8.33 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H);  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} =$

-4.6 (c 0.35, MeOH)(>99% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak OJ, hexane:*i*PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 17.9 min (major), 27.2 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-1-benzyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4q)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light brown solid, m.p.: 264.6-265.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.42 (s, 2H), 8.35 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 1H), 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 – 4.95 (m, 2H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -4.6 (c 0.33, MeOH)(88% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane:*i*PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 26.0 min (minor), 42.8 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-chloro-1-benzyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-carbonitrile (4r)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 253.7-254.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.37 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 171.1, 156.5, 152.7, 152.1, 141.3, 135.1, 135.1, 134.5, 130.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 124.9, 114.3, 111.3, 69.2, 59.2, 43.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 504.0834, found 504.0838; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 52.0 (c 0.50, MeOH)(92% ee); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane:*i*PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 44.2 min (minor), 60.5 min (major).

**(S)-3'-amino-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-methyl acetate (4s)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 317.6-318.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.73 (s, 1H), 8.36 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -51.0 (c -0.34, MeOH) (91% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane:*i*PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 45.7 min (major), 49.8 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-ethyl acetate (4t)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.:

284.5-285.3 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.74 (s, 1H), 8.37 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 8.02 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (td,  $J$  = 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt,  $J$  = 7.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.0, 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H);  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -0.5$  (c 0.42, MeOH)(98% ee); HPLC (Chiralcel OJ, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R = 14.4$  min (major), 26.1 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-5-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-ethyl acetate (4u)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1a</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 330.8-331.8 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.89 (s, 1H), 8.34 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 8.09 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 32.9$  (c 0.47, MeOH)(99% ee); HPLC (Chiraldpak AD, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R = 31.4$  min (major), 43.1 min (minor).

**(S)-3'-amino-7-bromo-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-ethyl acetate (4v)**: light yellow solid, m.p.: 242.9–243.9 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.41 – 8.32 (m, 1H), 8.28 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 7.92 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dt,  $J$  = 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 0.94 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.1, 157.0, 153.4, 141.0, 134.9, 134.0, 132.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 124.2, 122.4, 103.3, 71.4, 59.8, 13.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$  505.0118, found 505.013;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -265.4$  (c 0.62, MeOH)(99% ee); HPLC (Chiraldpak IA, hexane: $i\text{PrOH}$  = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm),  $t_R = 20.5$  min (minor), 56.9 min (major).

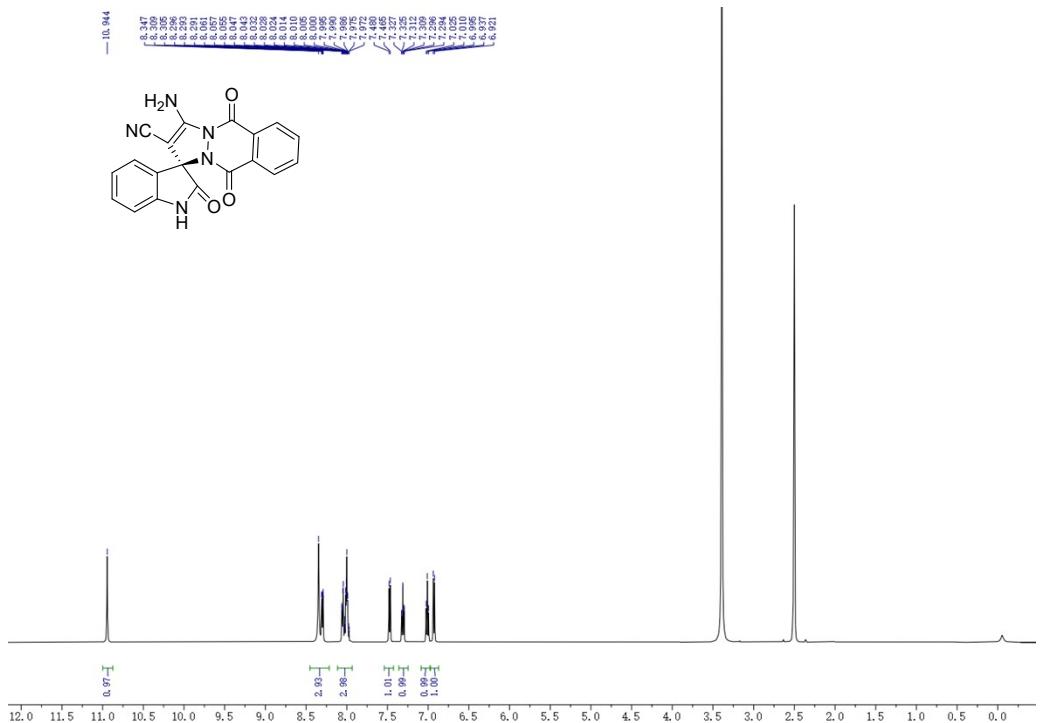
**(S)-3'-amino-1-methyl-2,5',10'-trioxo-5',10'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine]-2'-ethyl acetate (4w)** (known compound, lit.<sup>1c</sup>): light yellow solid, m.p.: 287.5-288.4 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.33 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 14.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 0.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 3H);  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -226.2$  (c 0.51, MeOH)(99%

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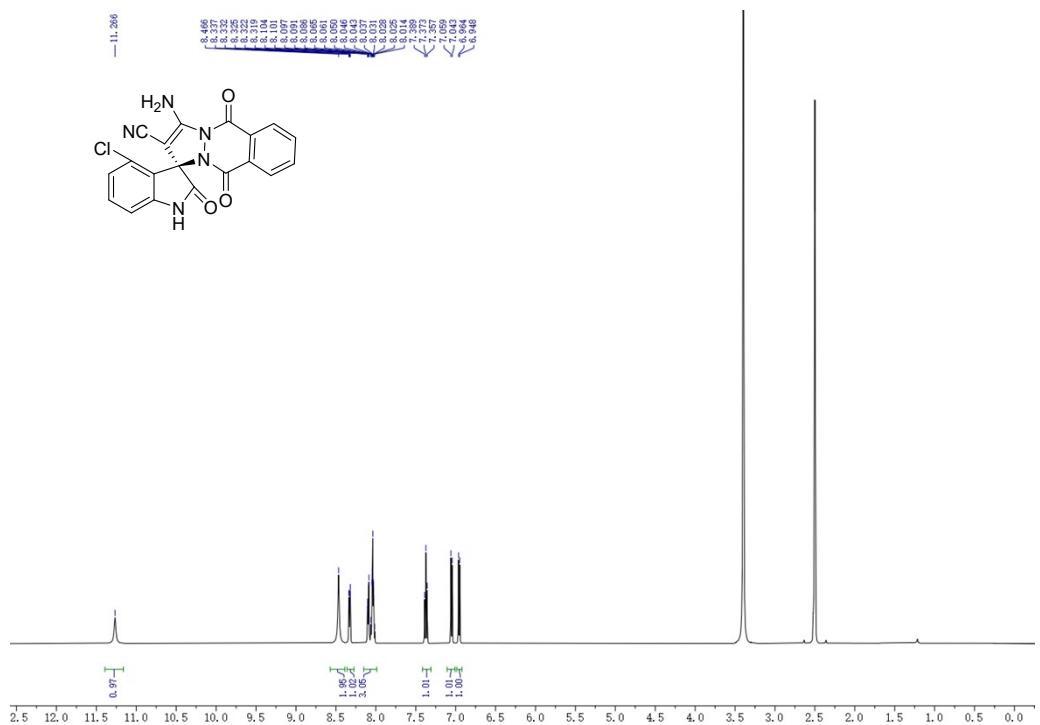
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### 3. $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

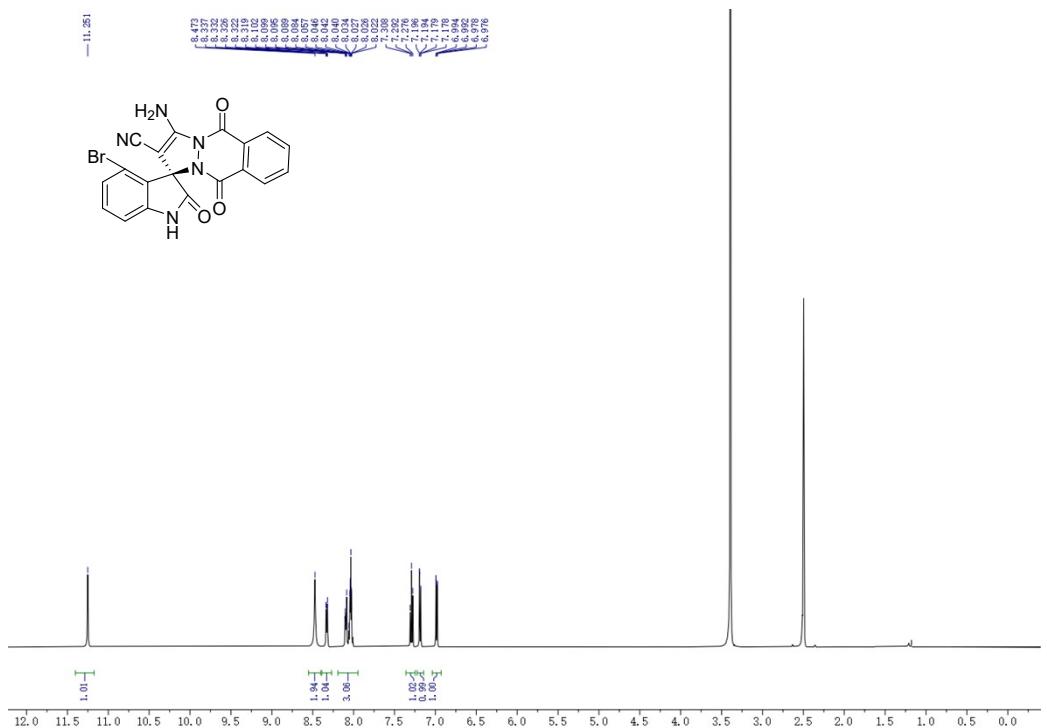
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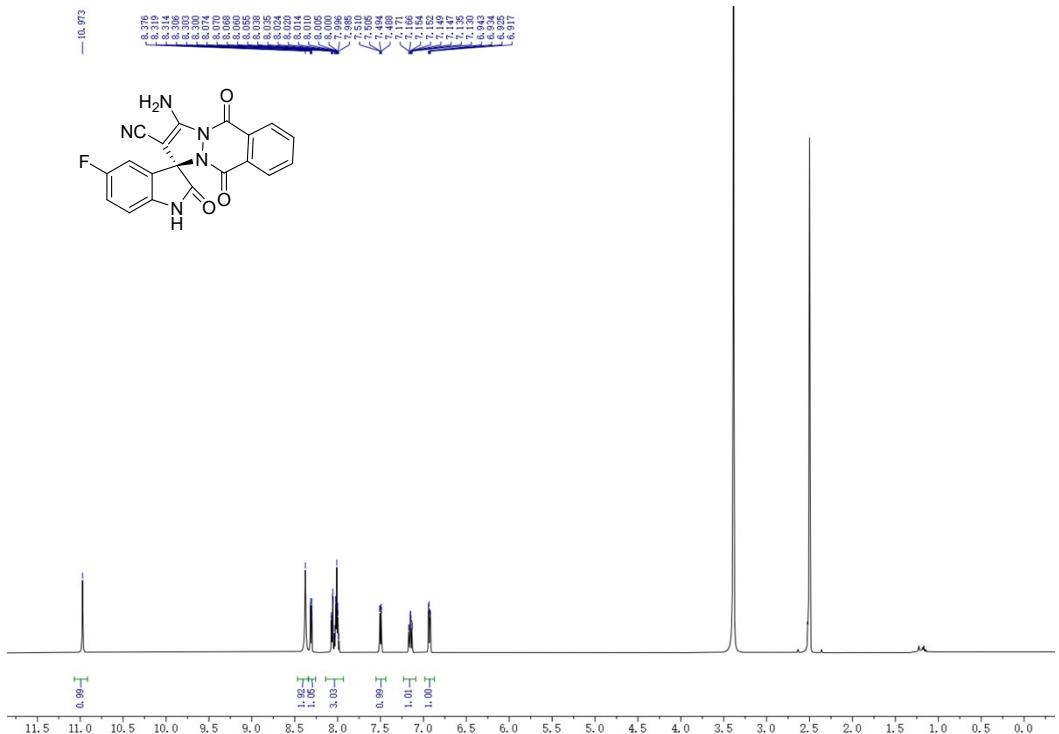
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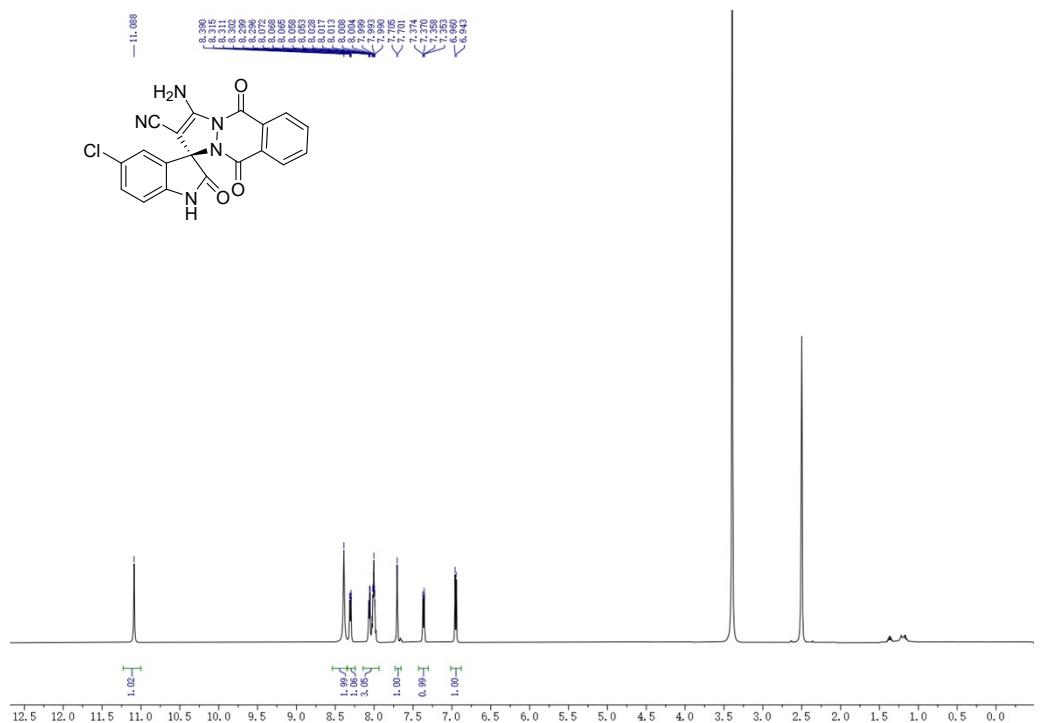
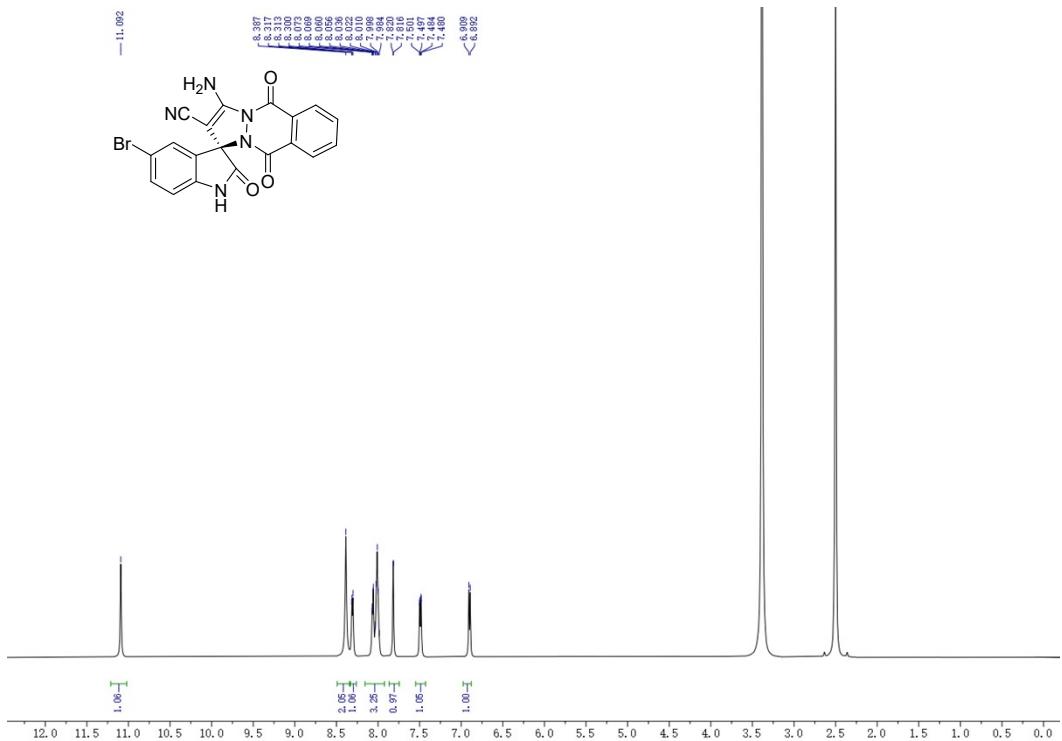


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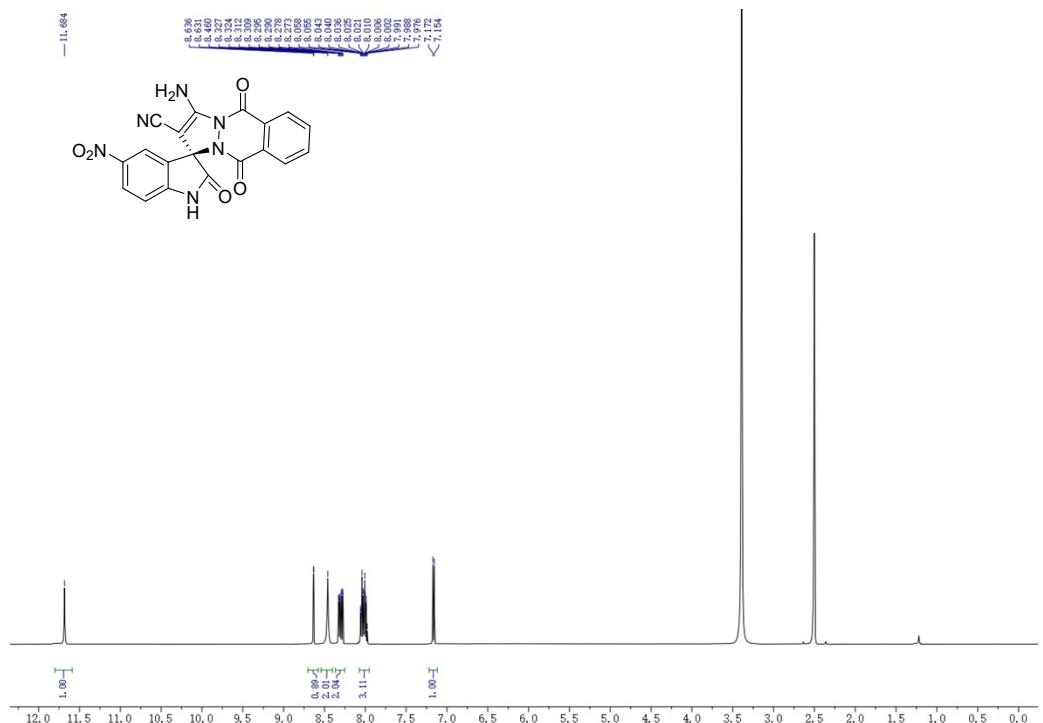


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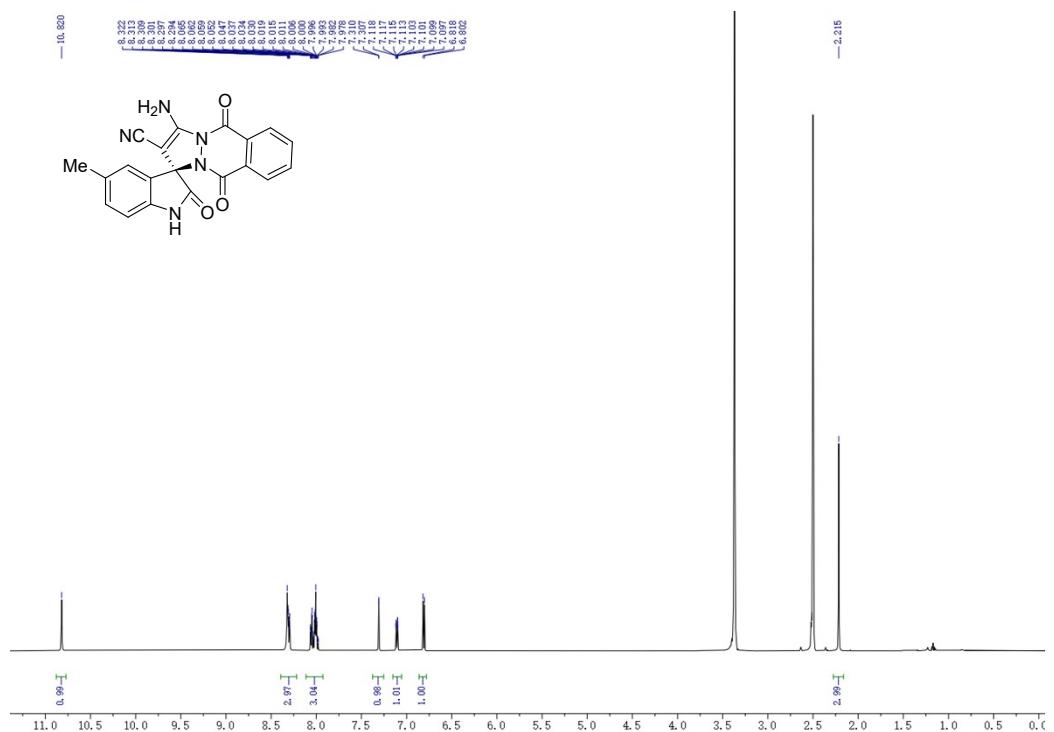


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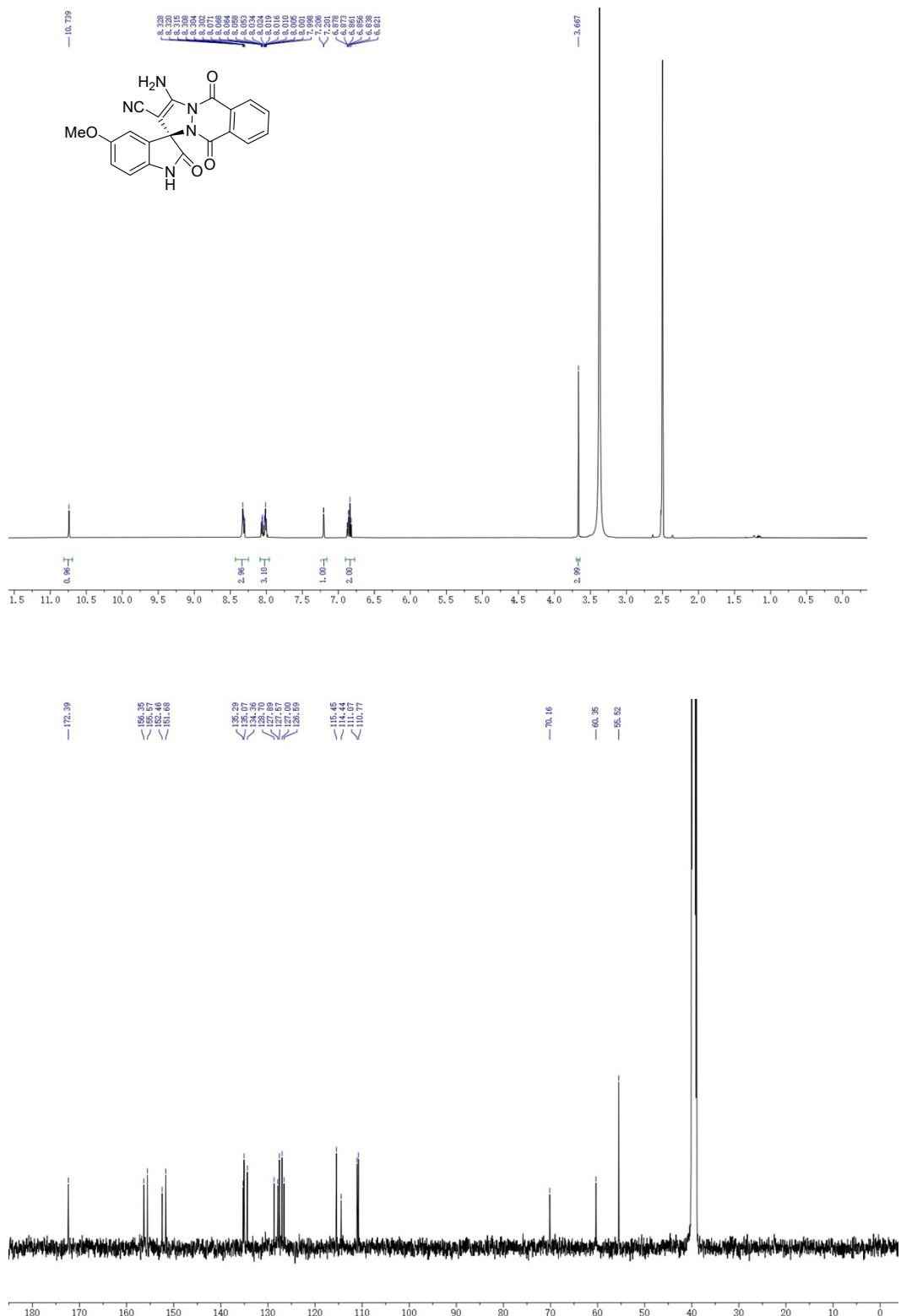
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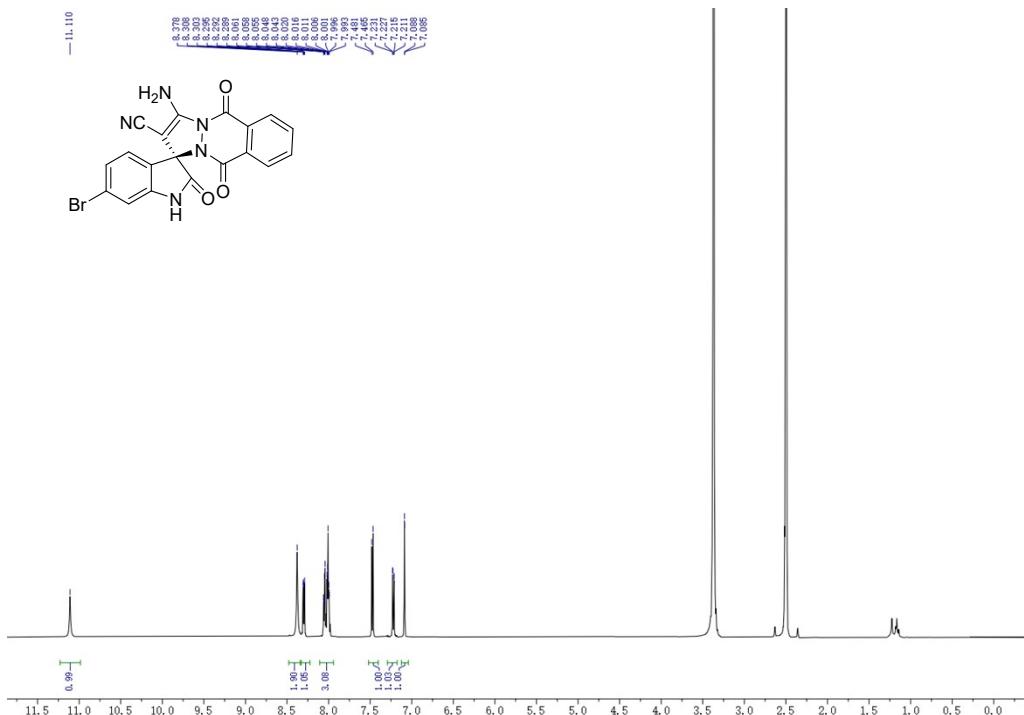
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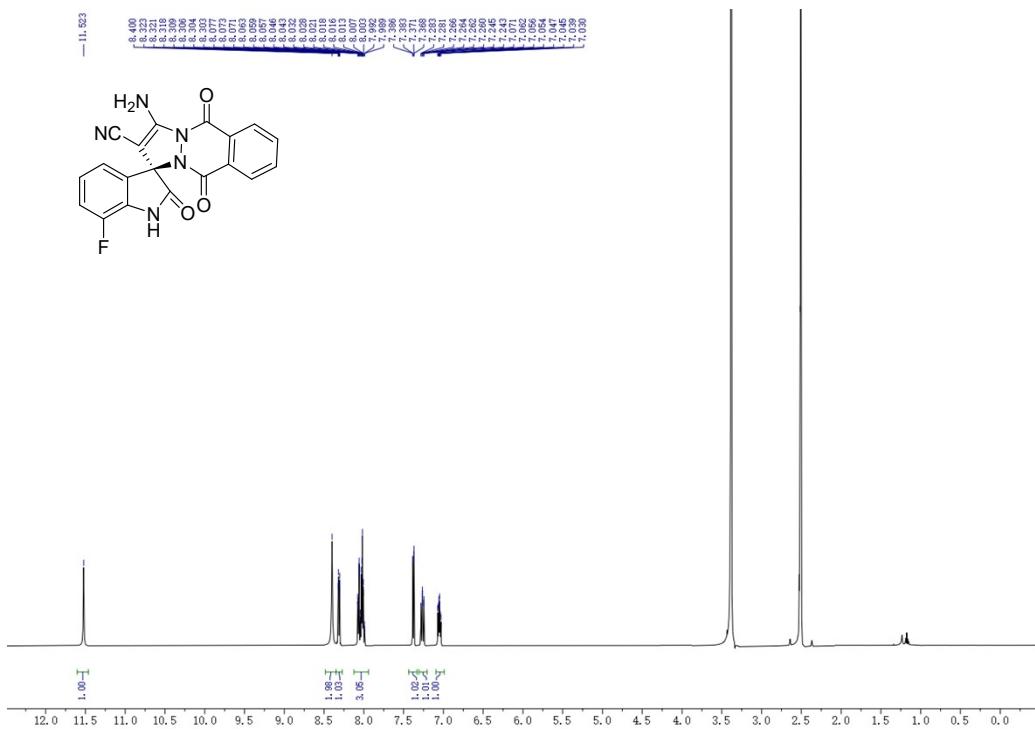
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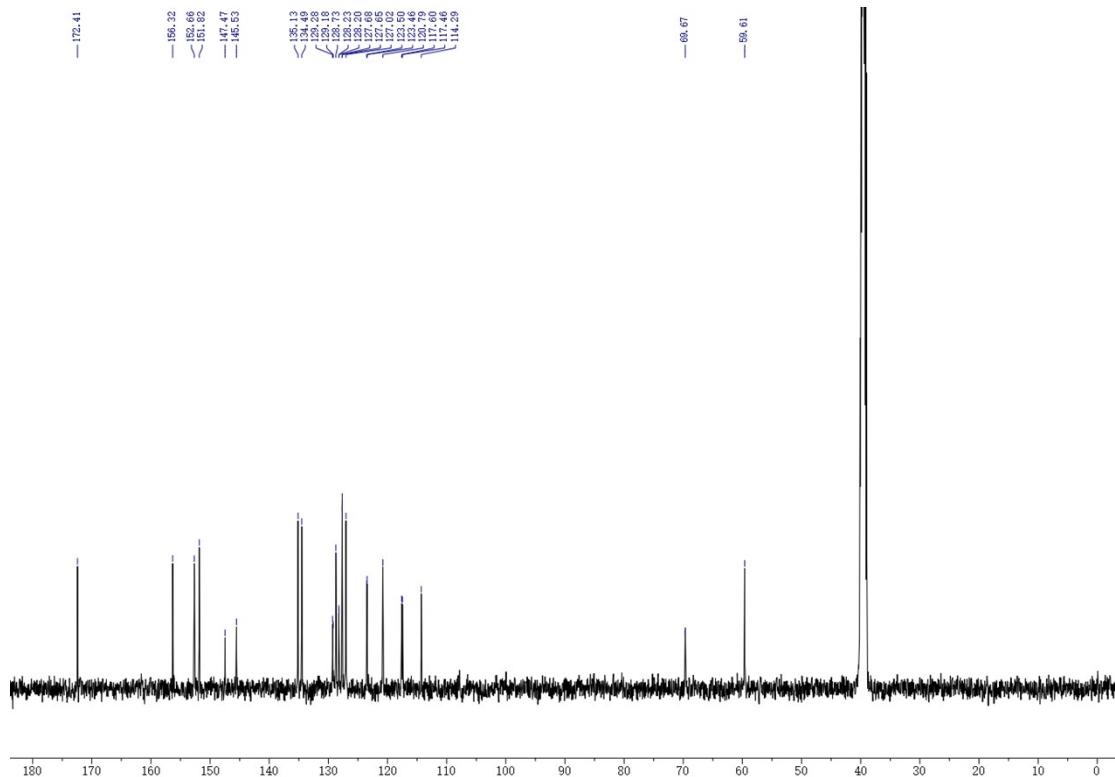


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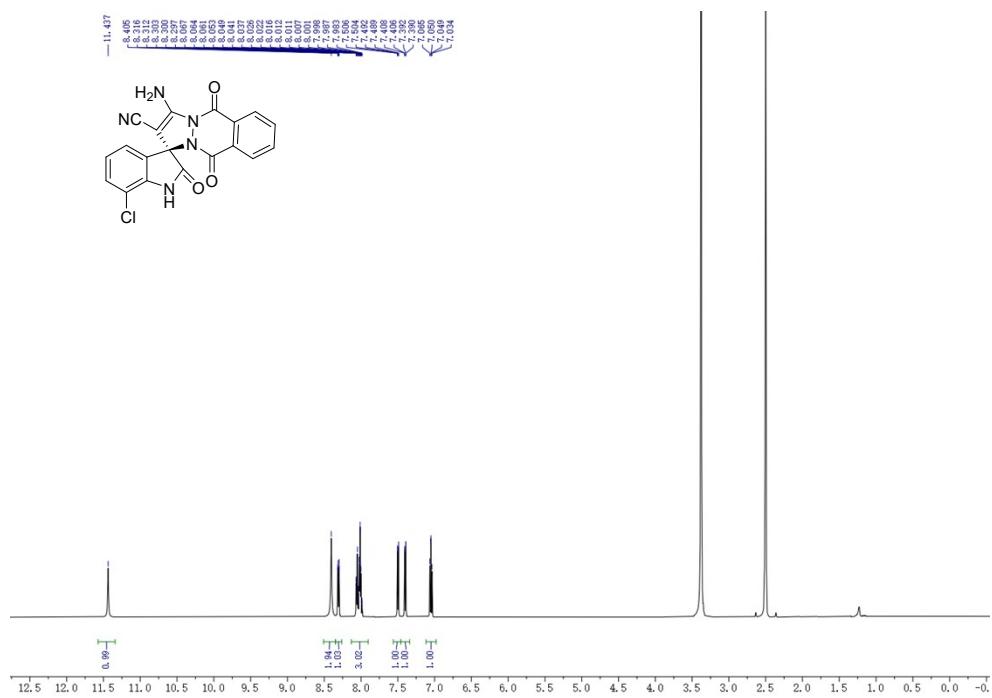


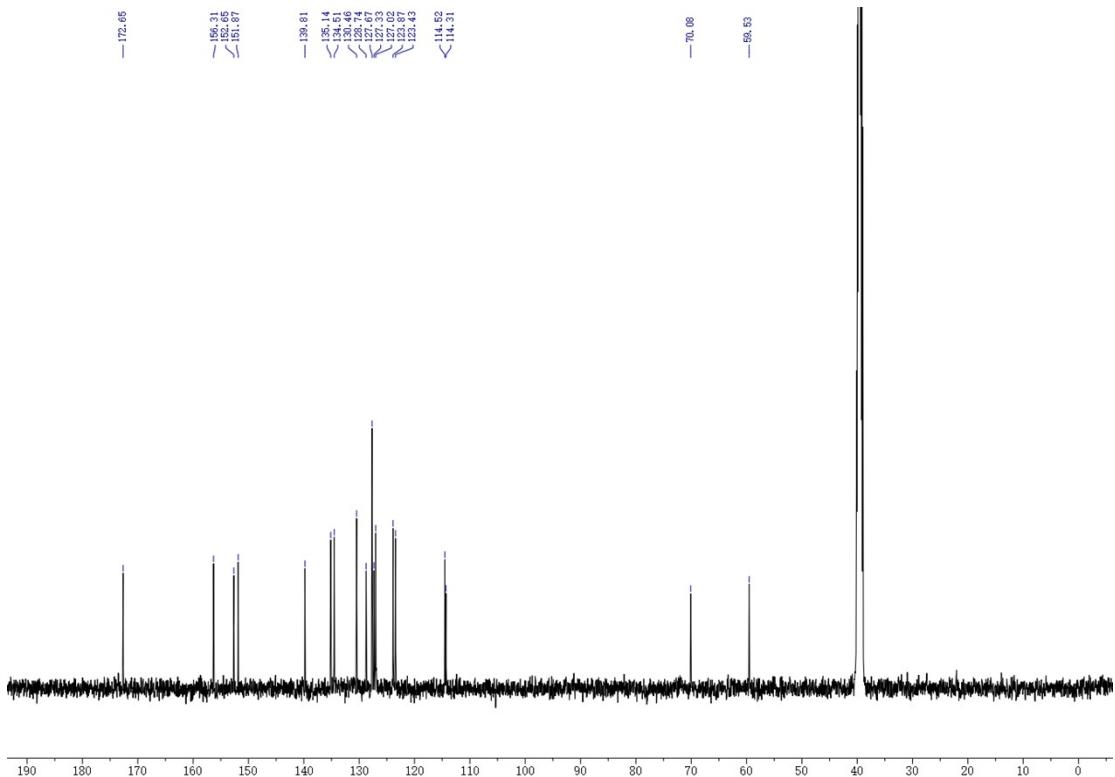
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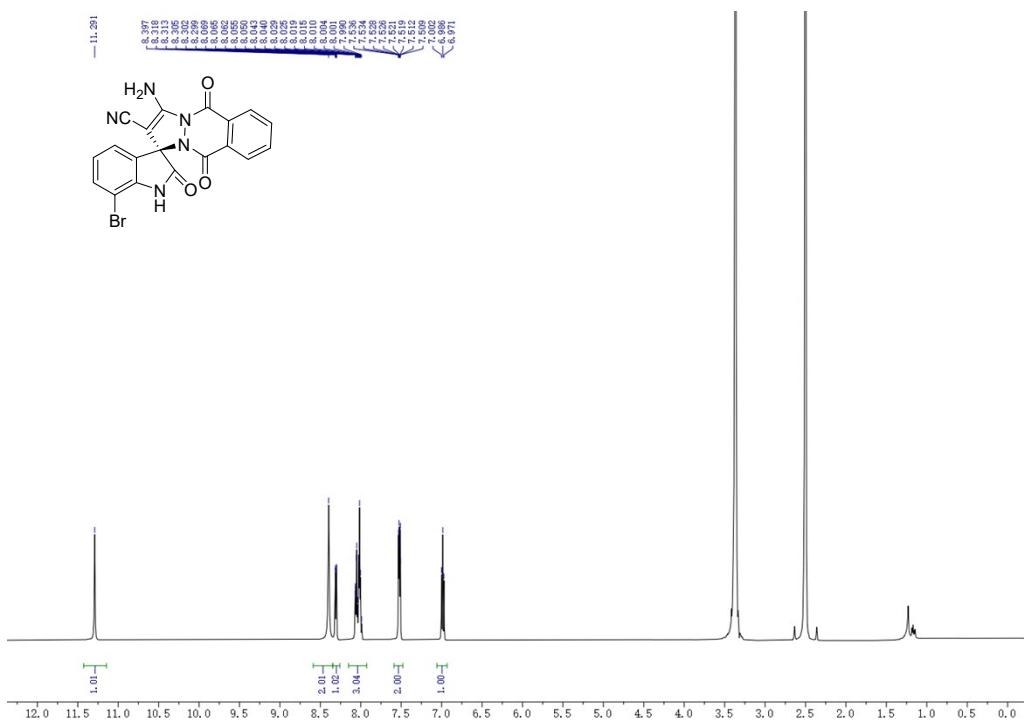


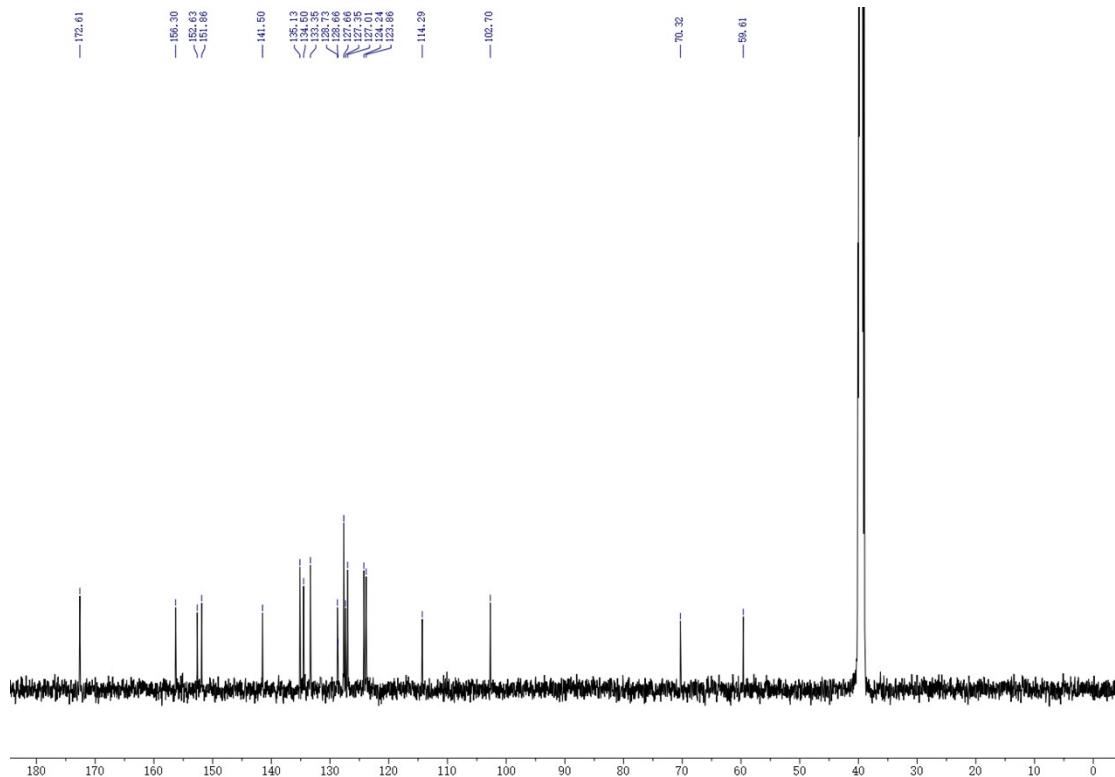
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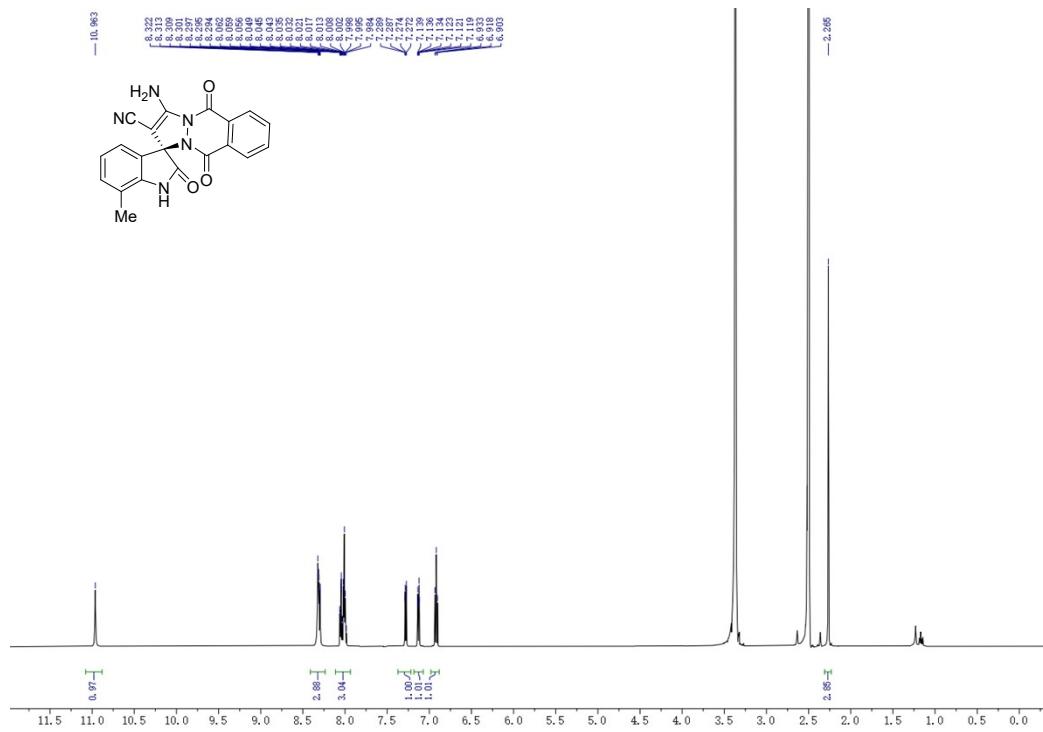
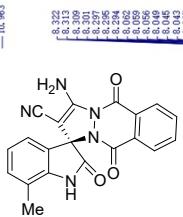


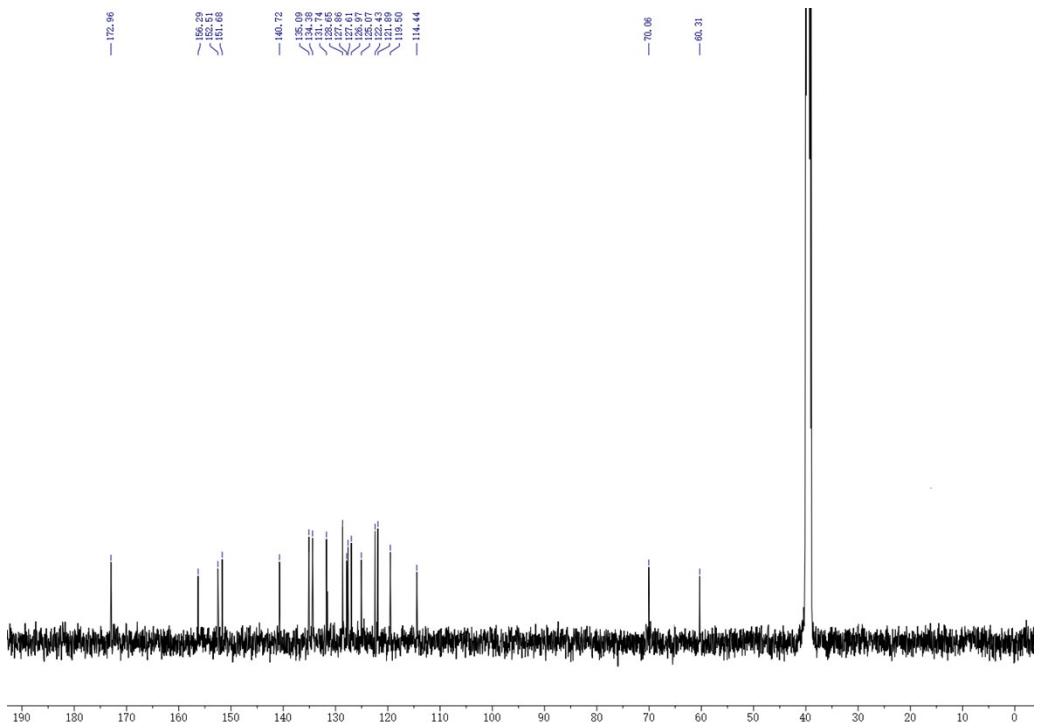
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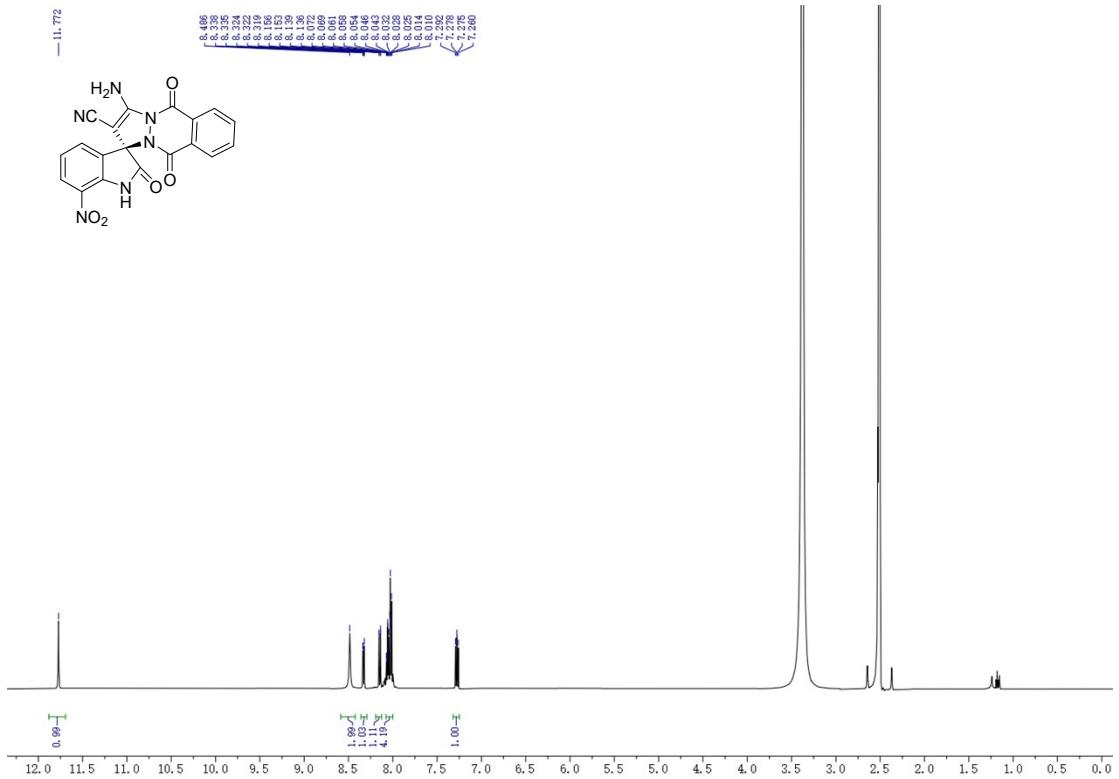


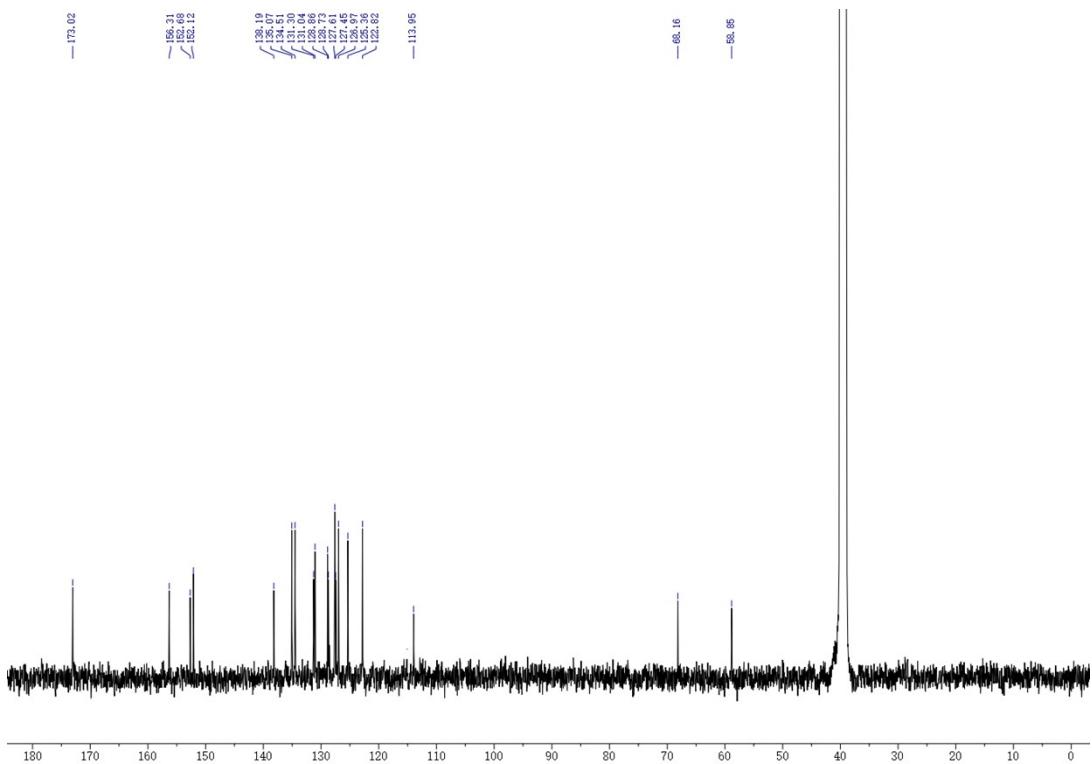
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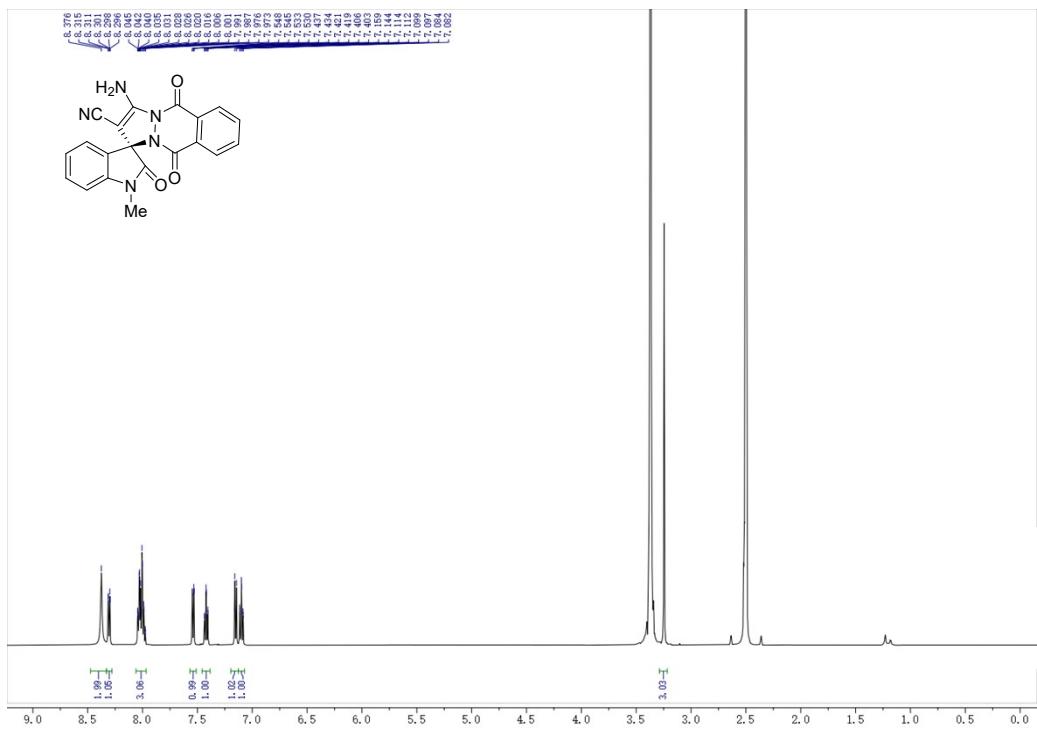


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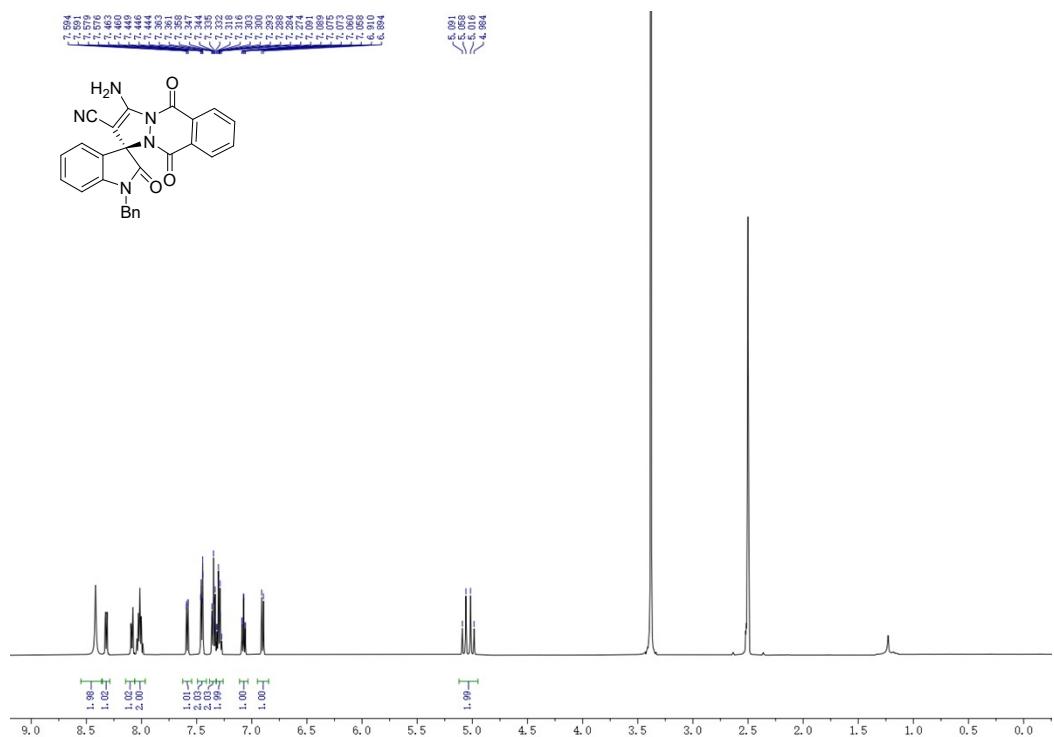




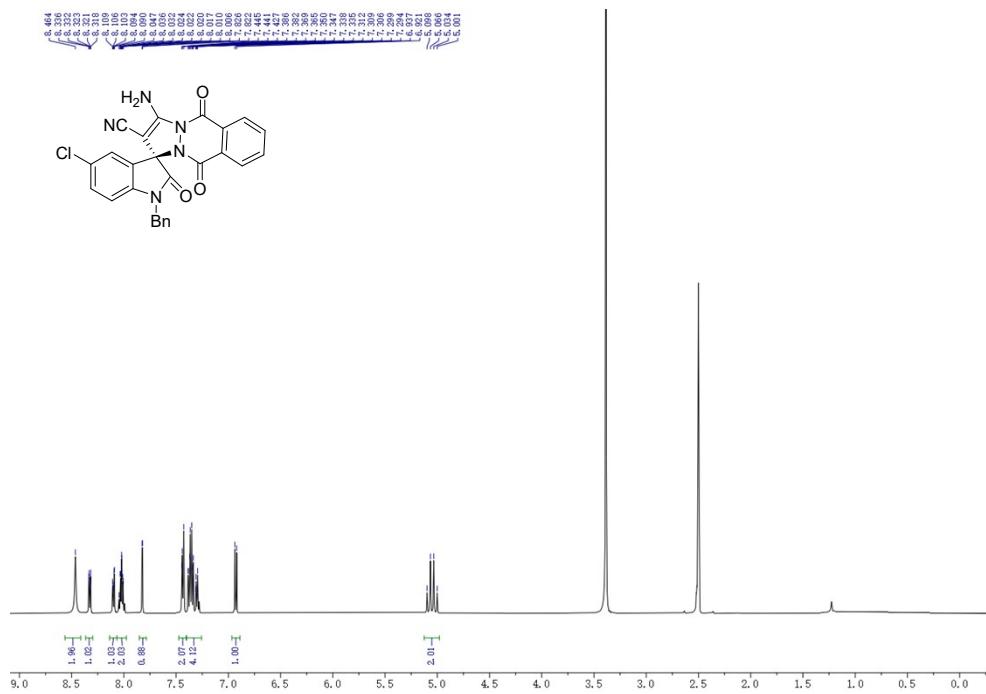
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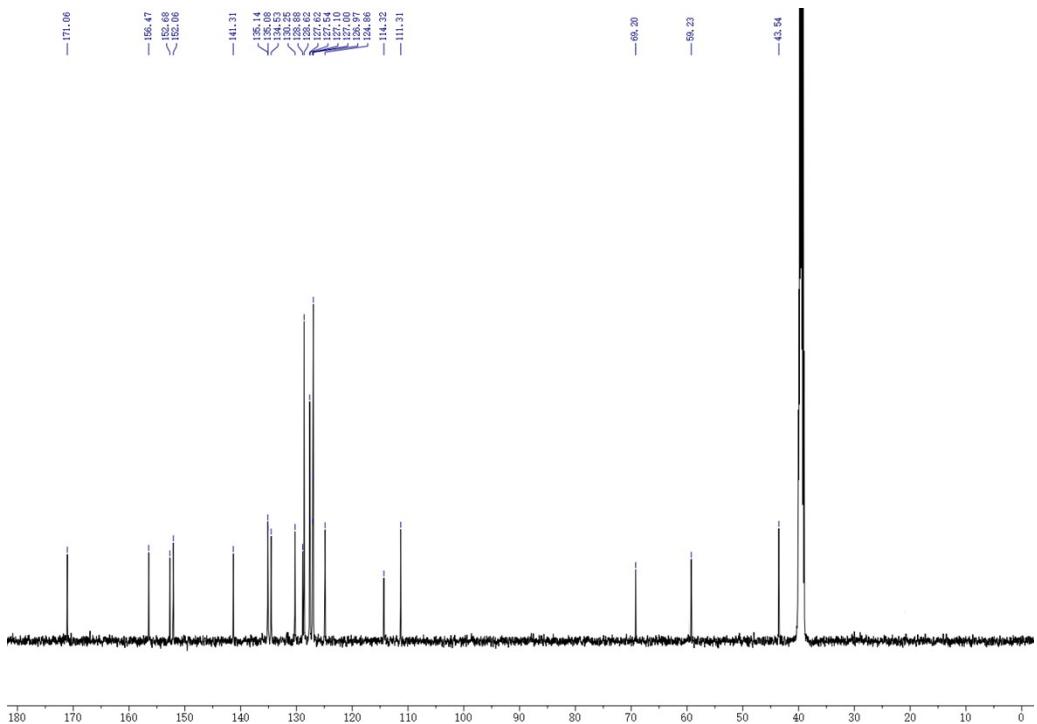


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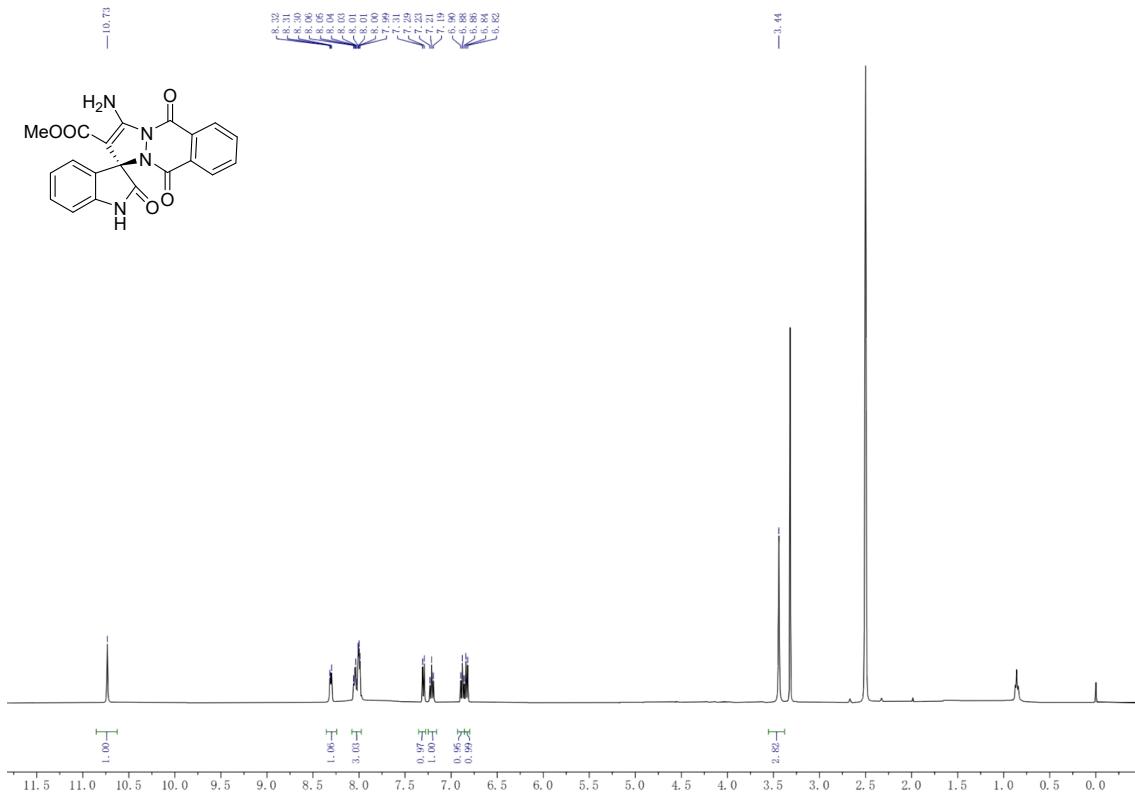


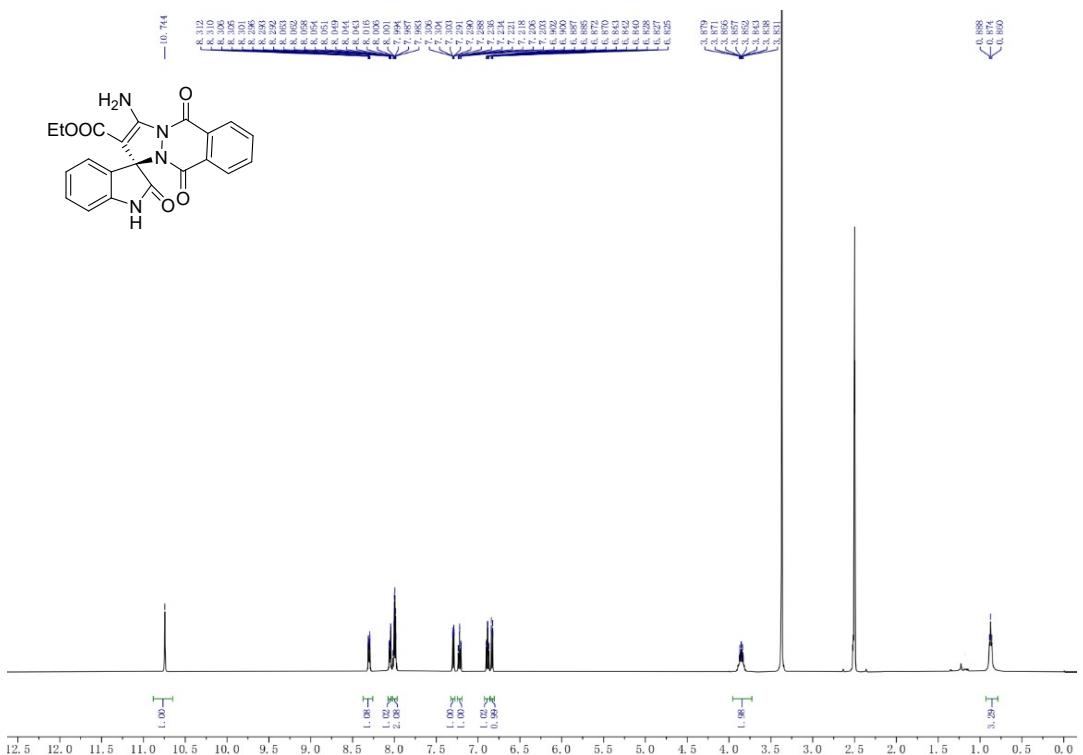
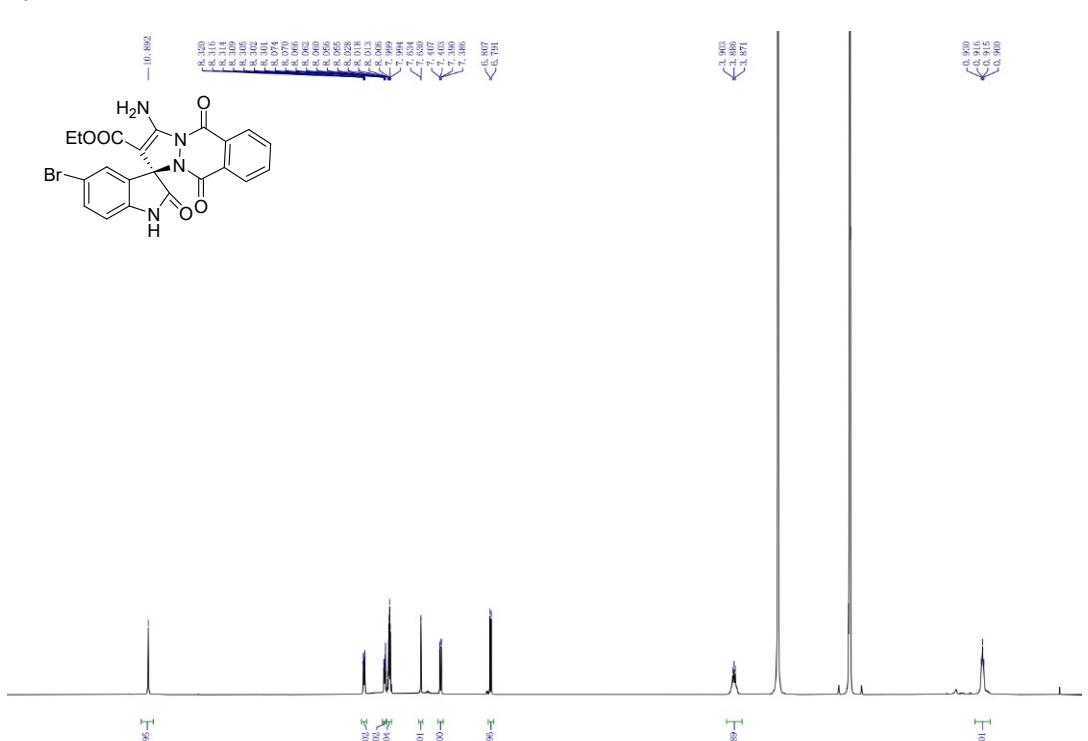
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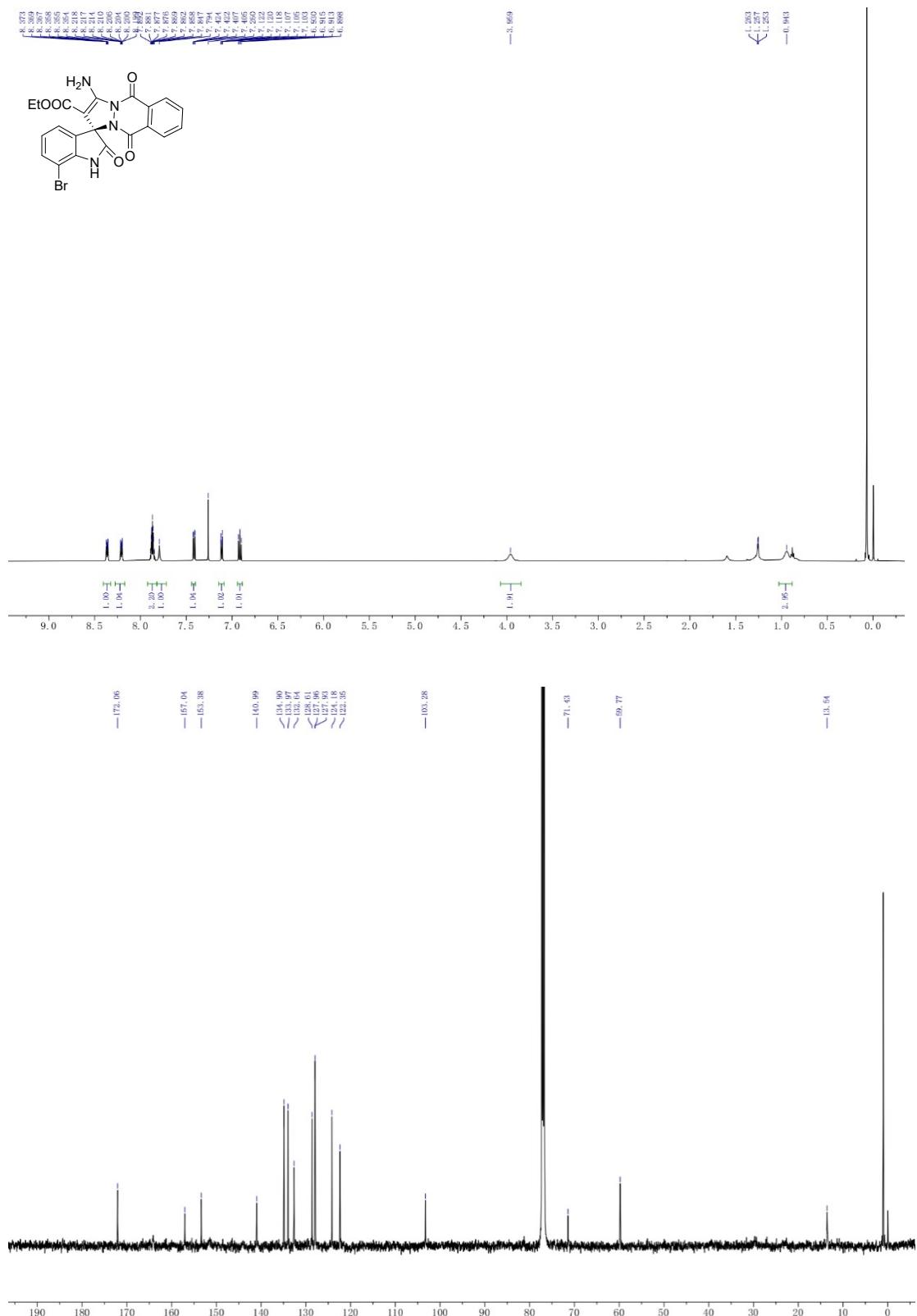


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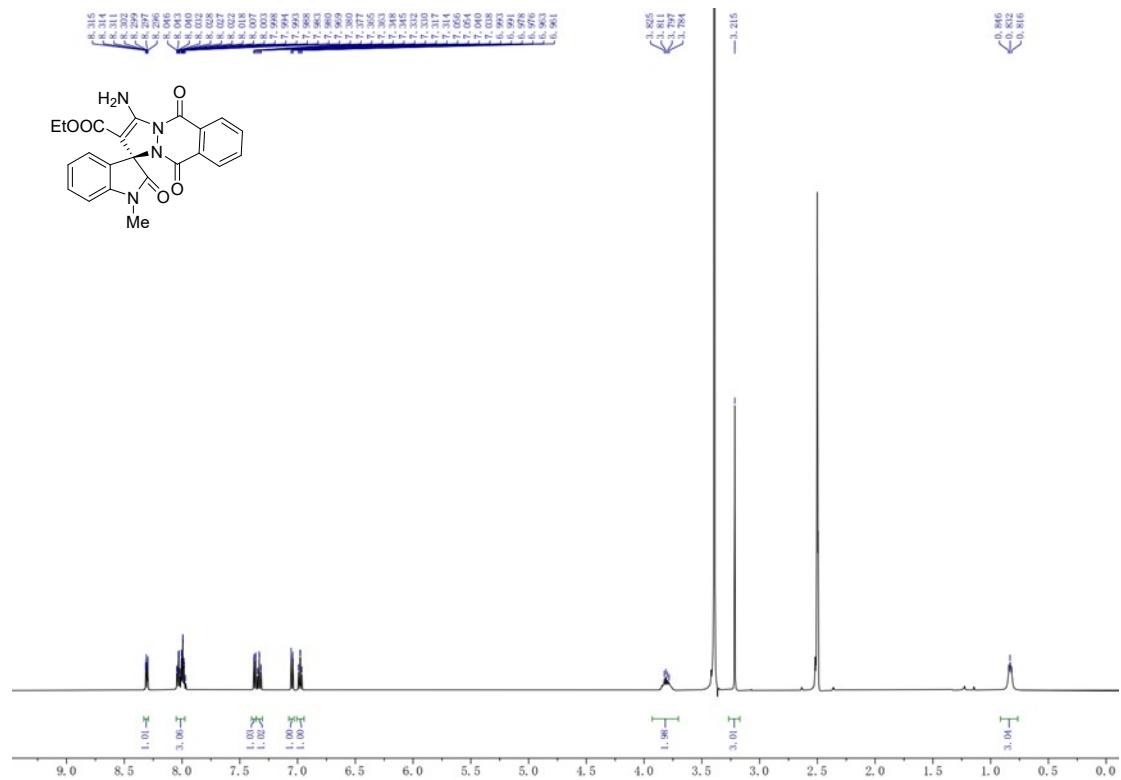


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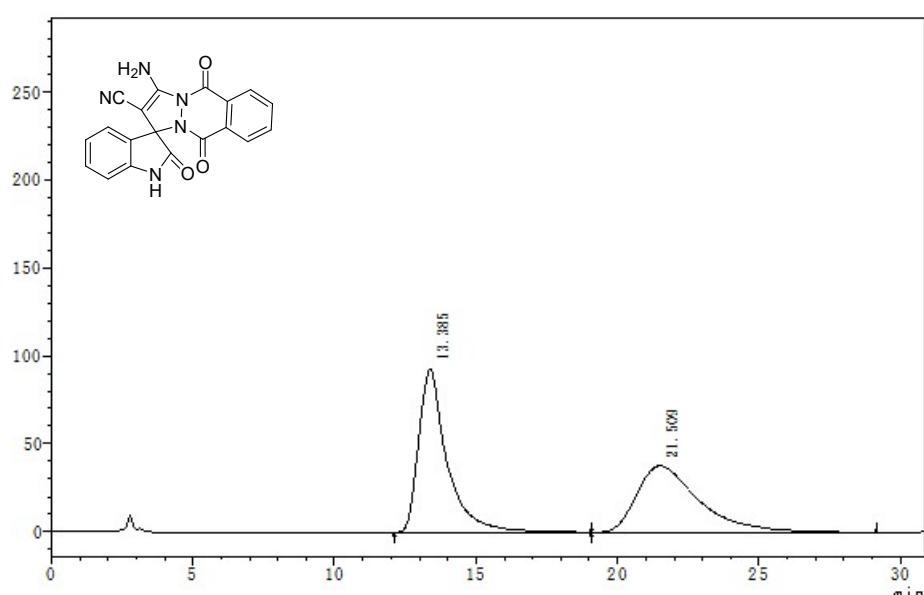
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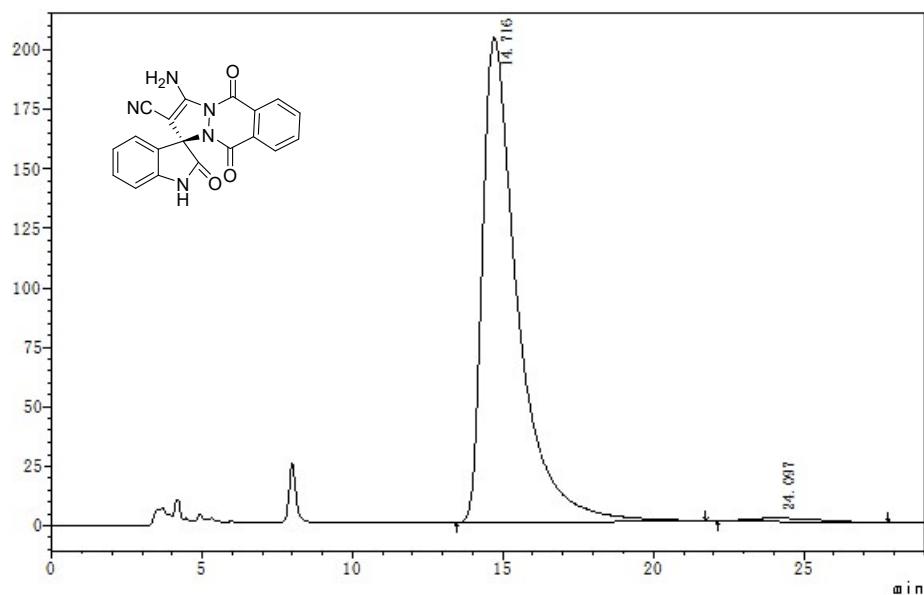
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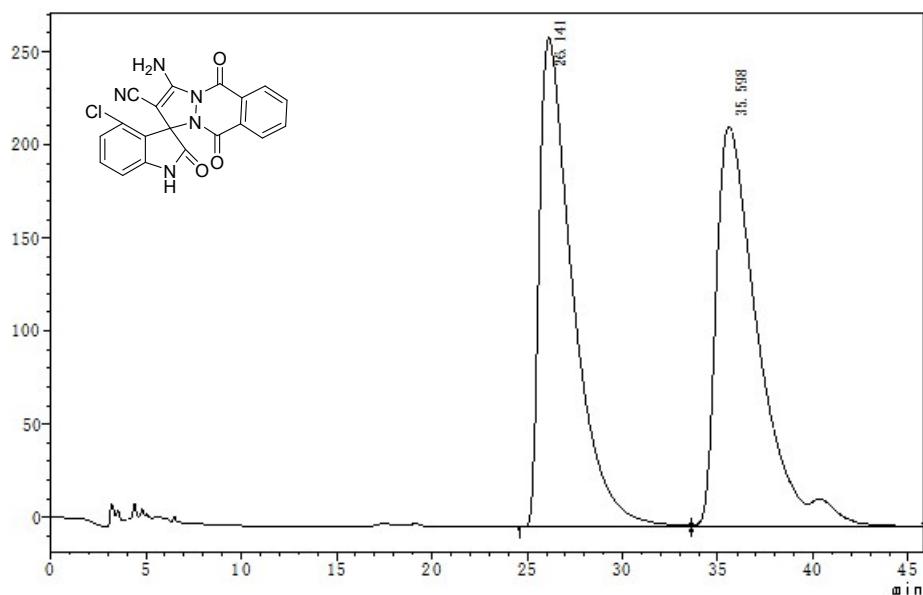
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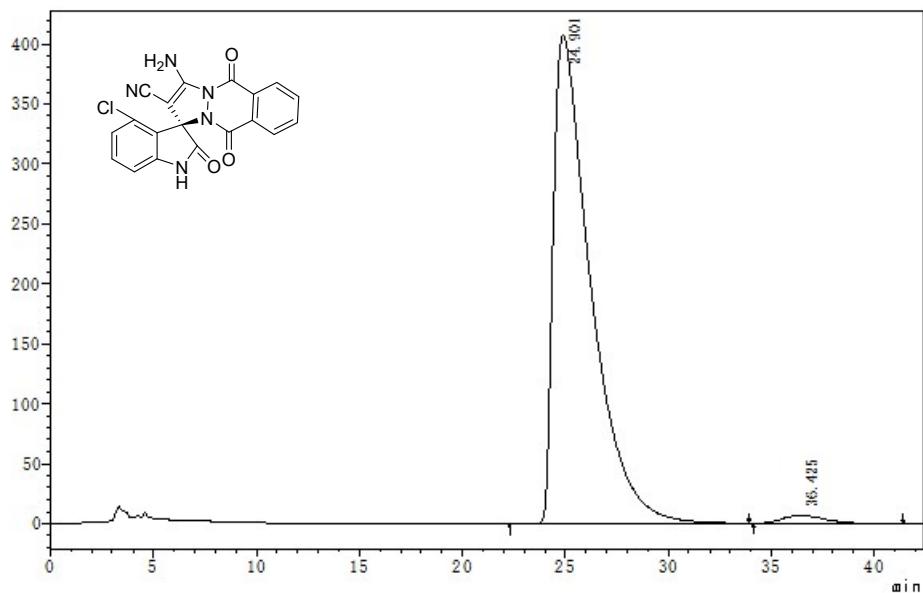
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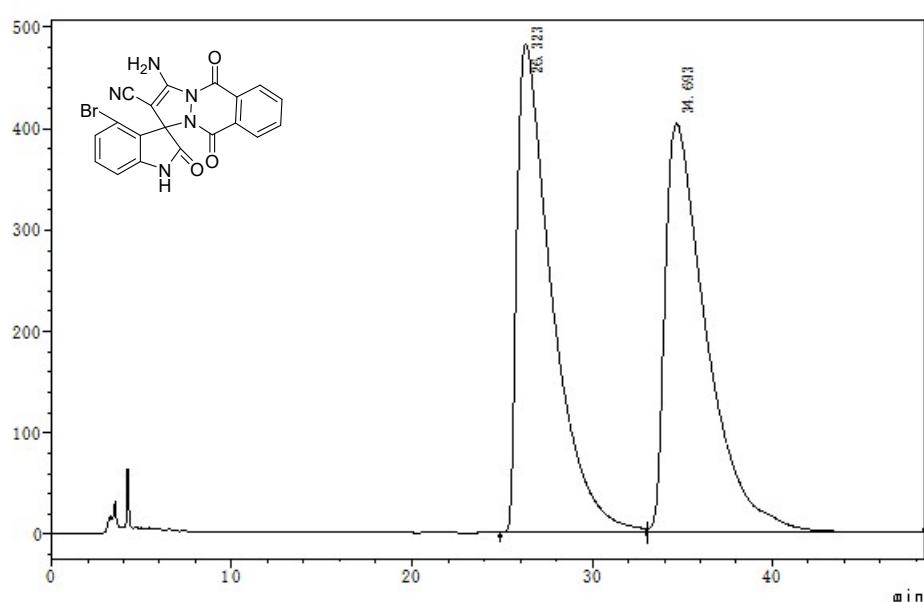
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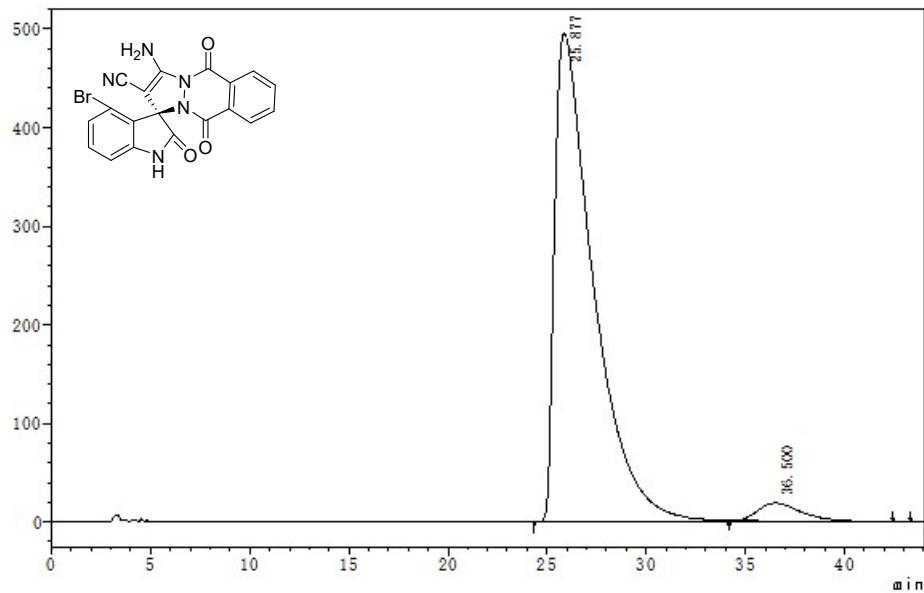
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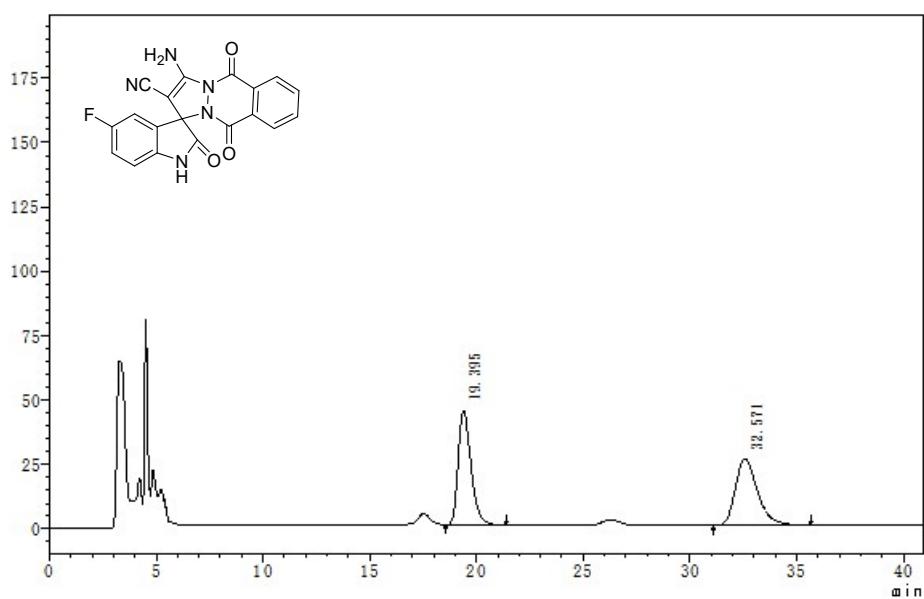
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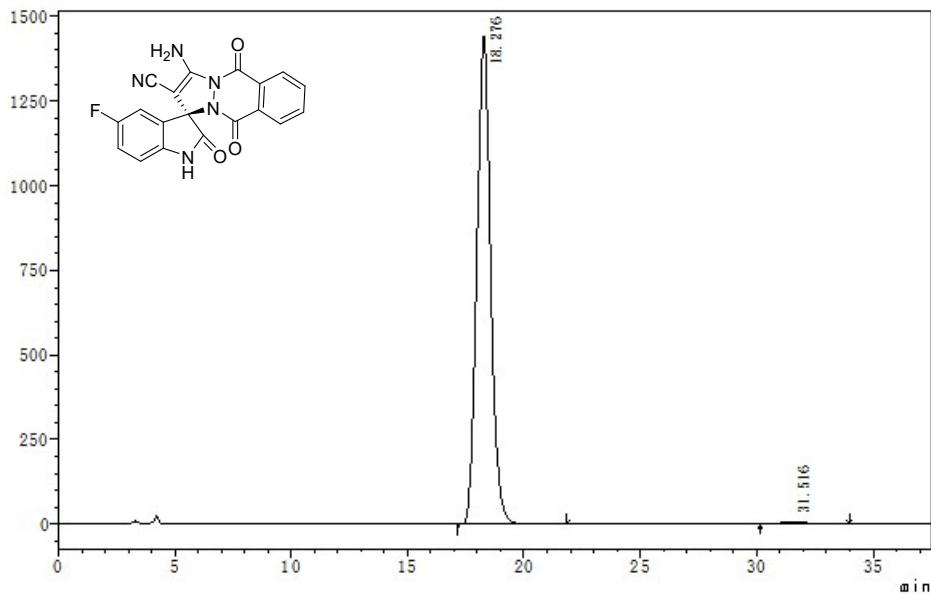
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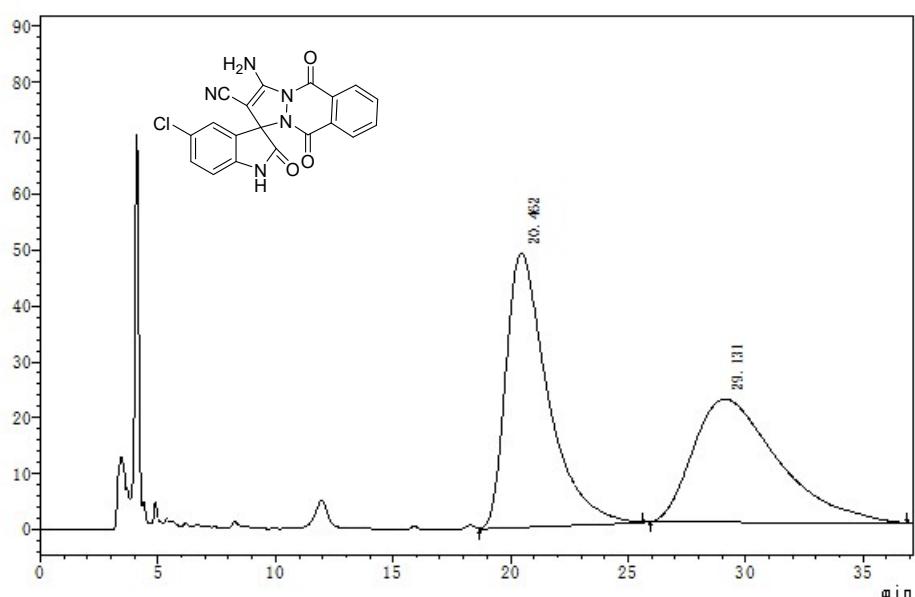
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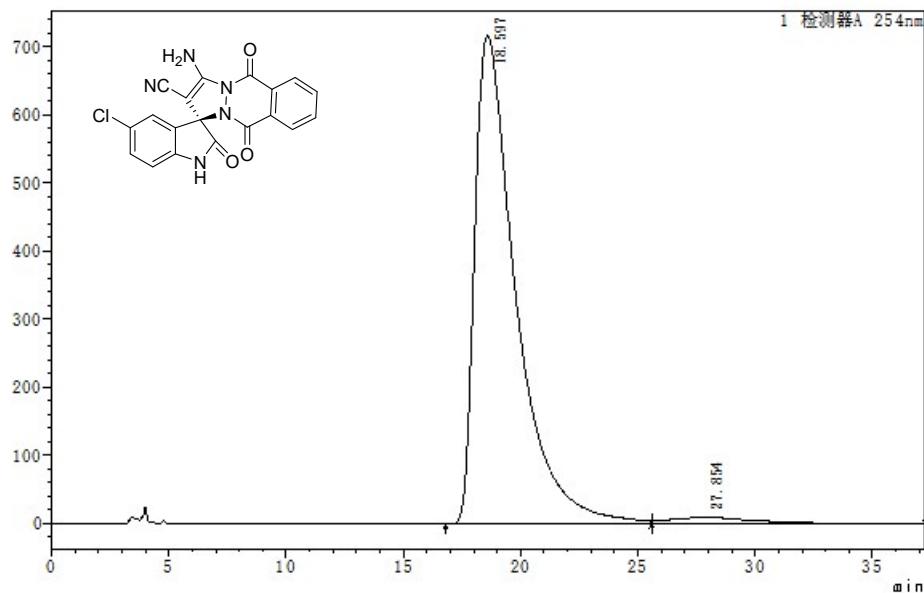
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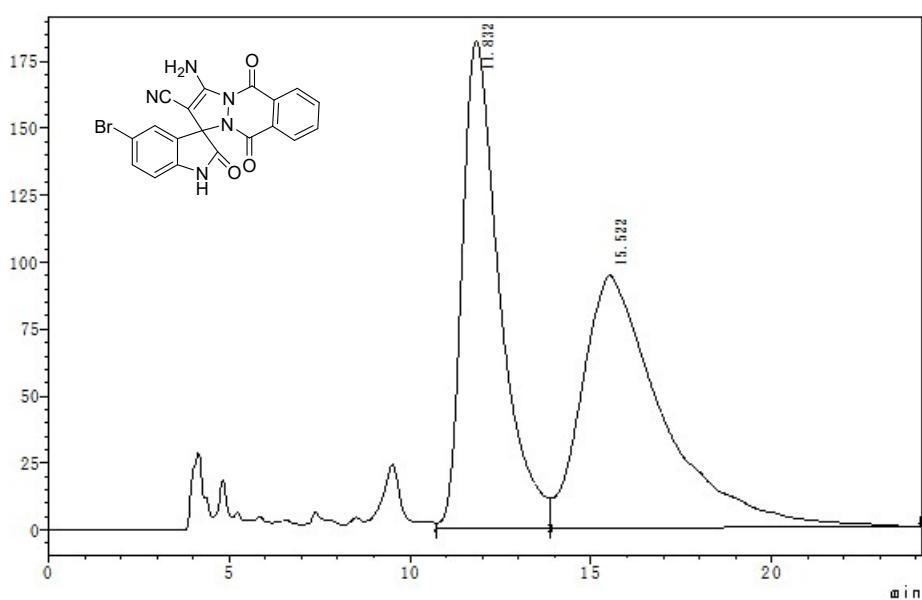
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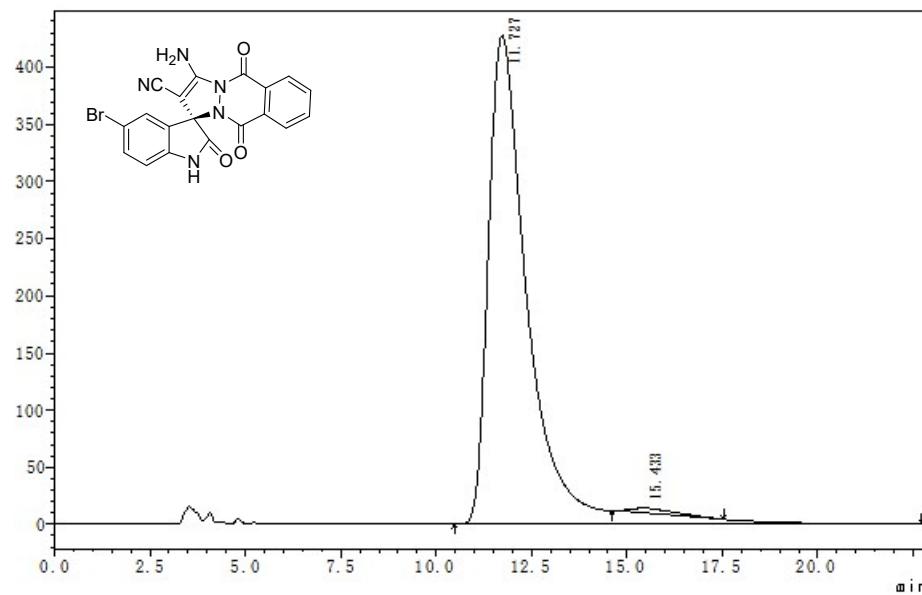
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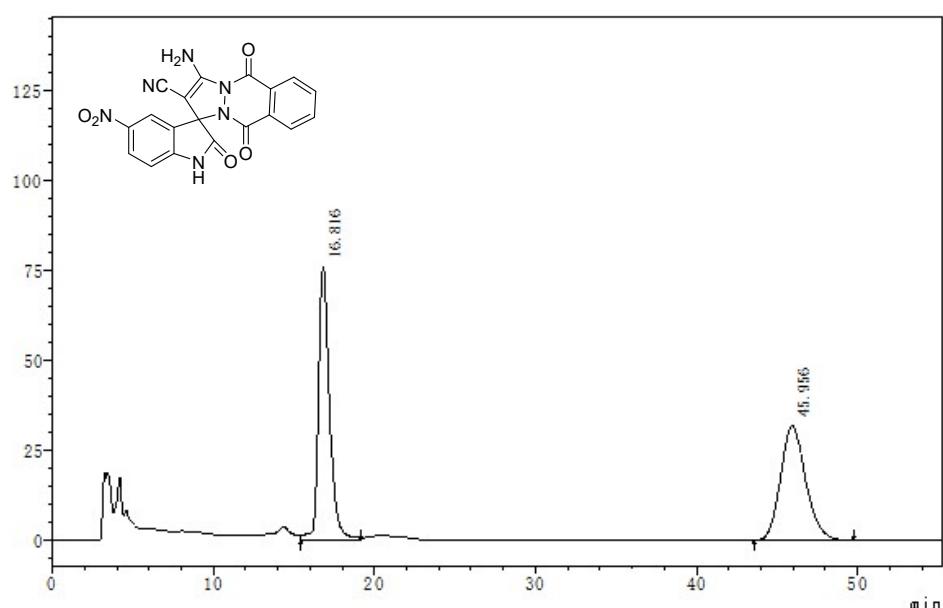
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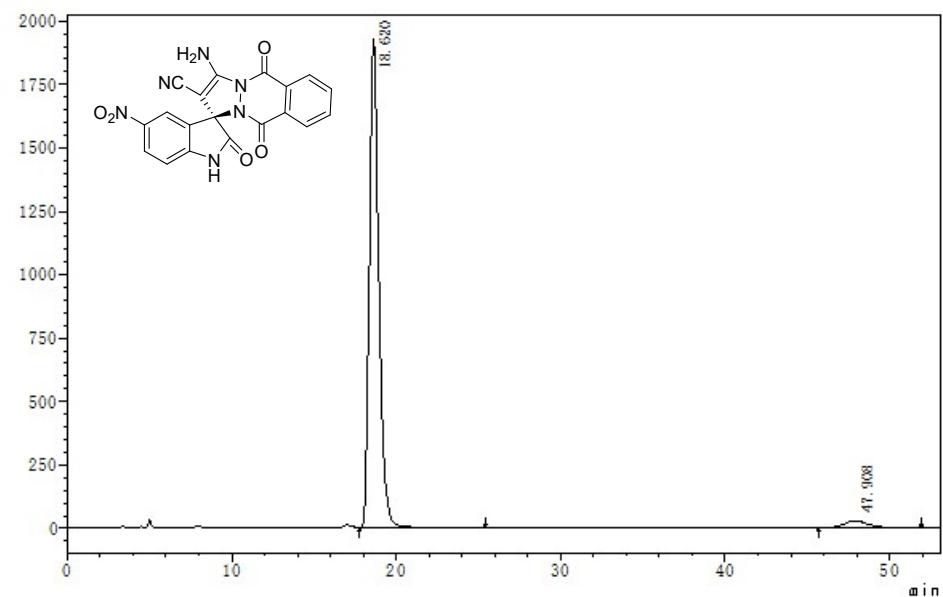
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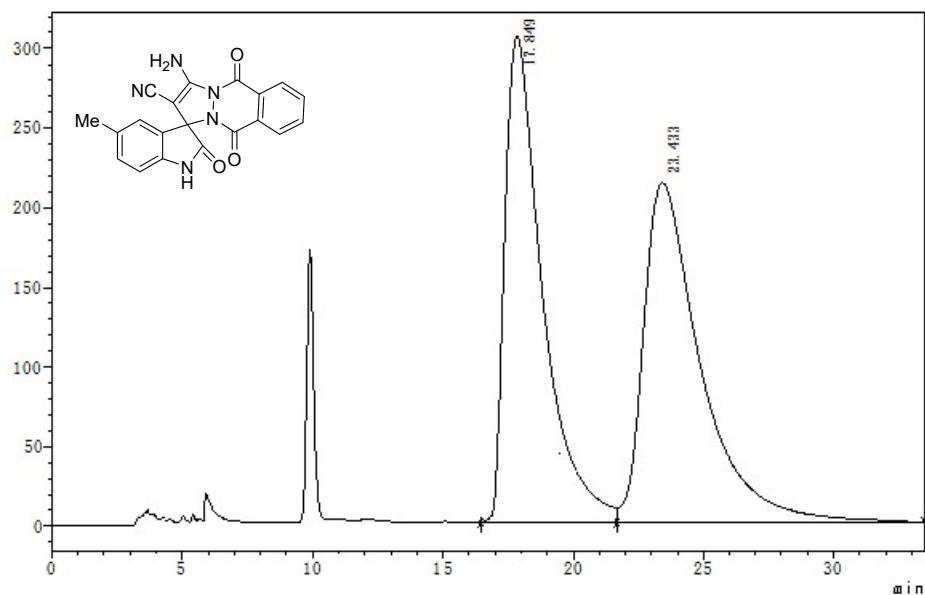


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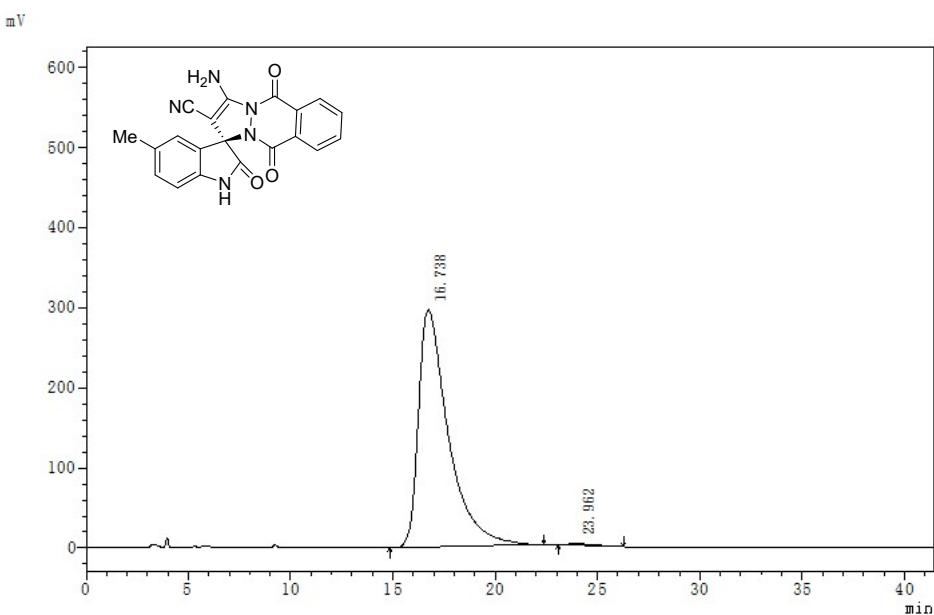
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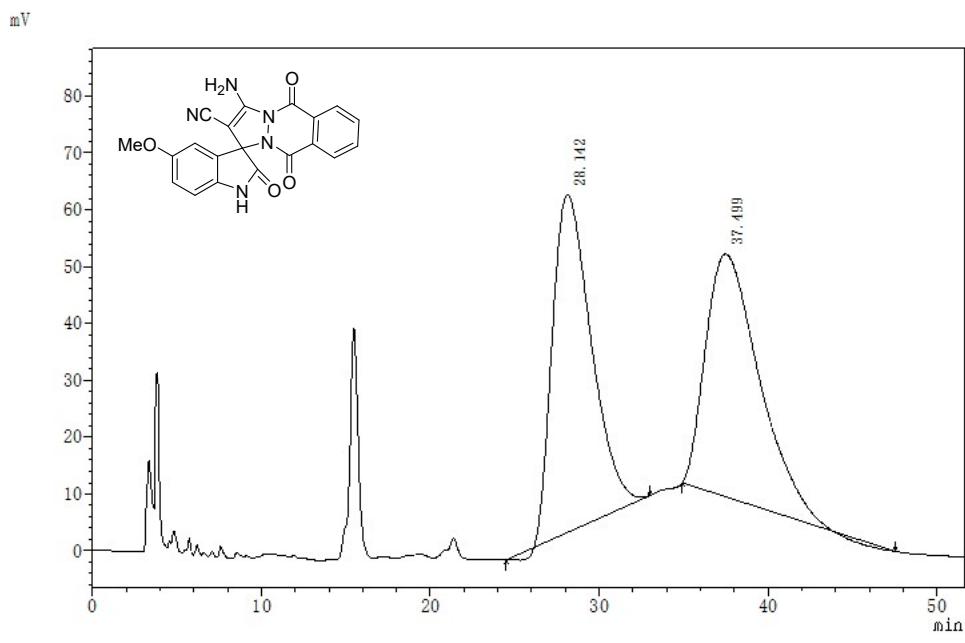
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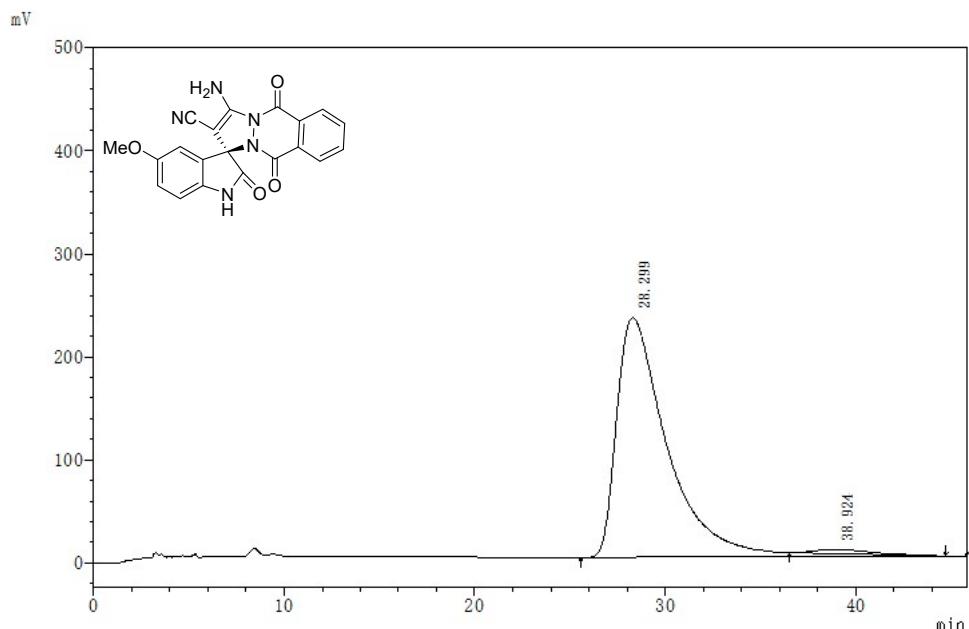


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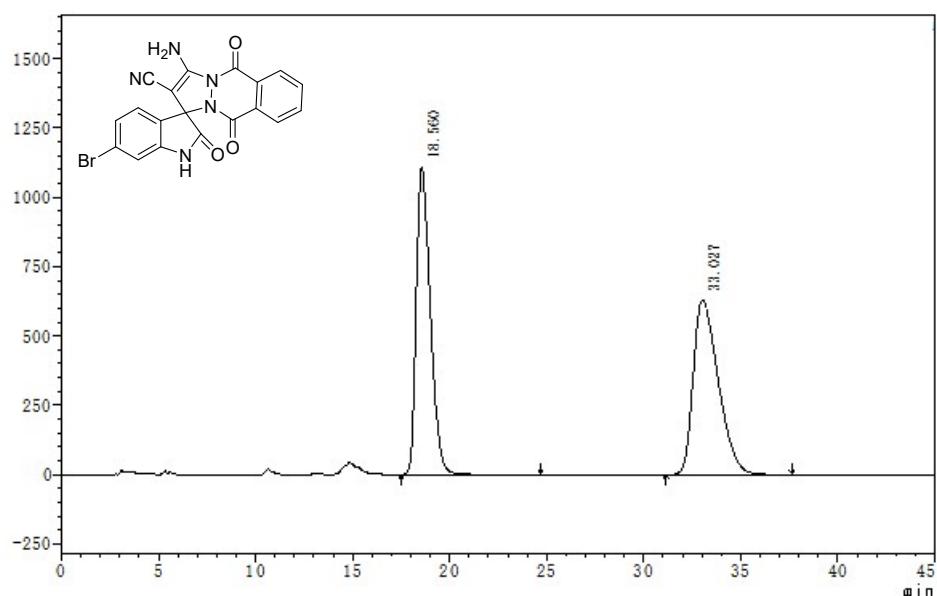
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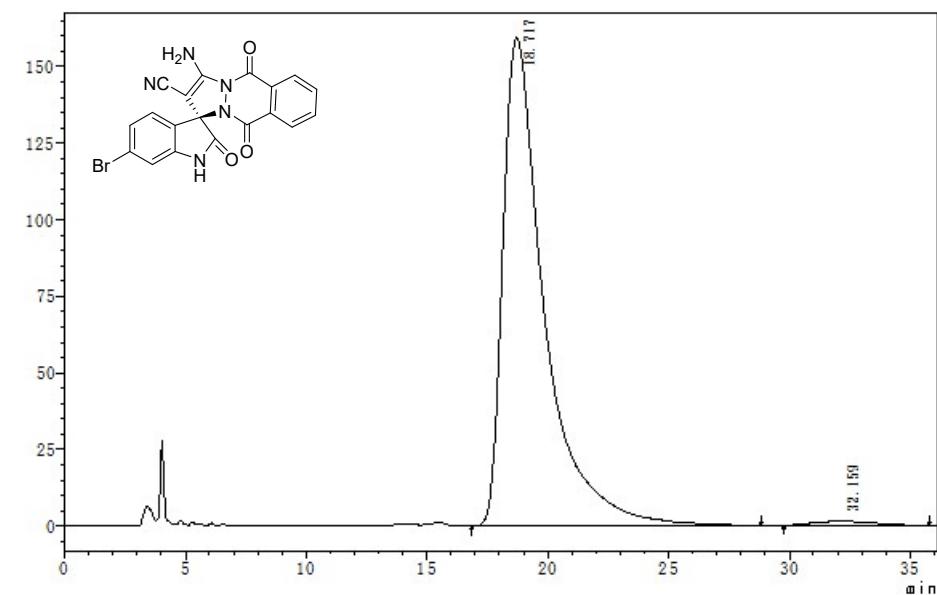
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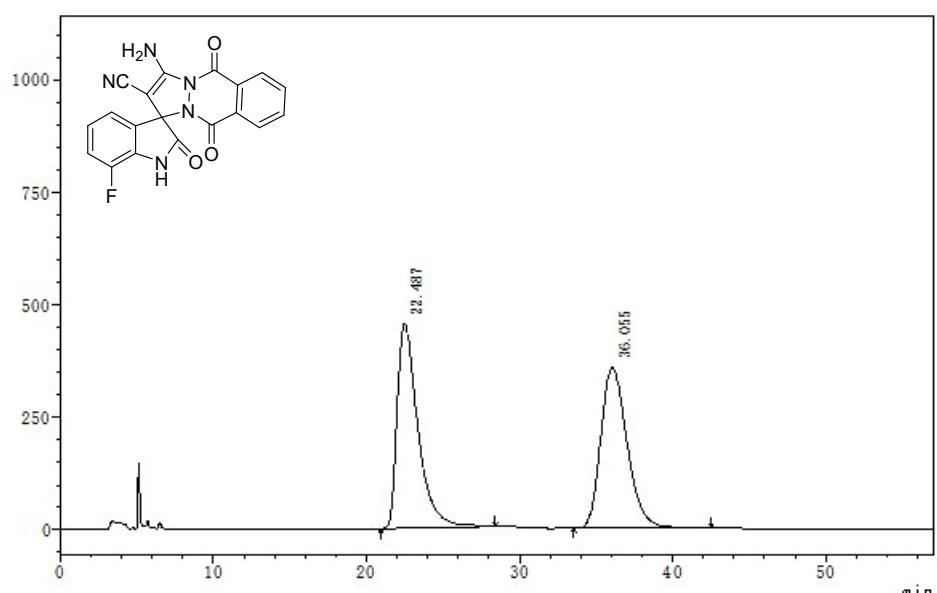
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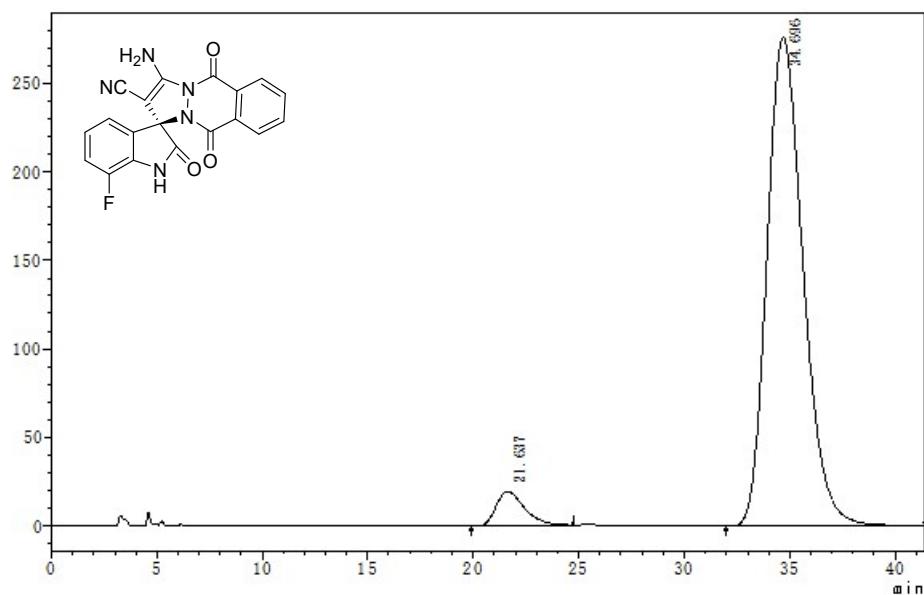
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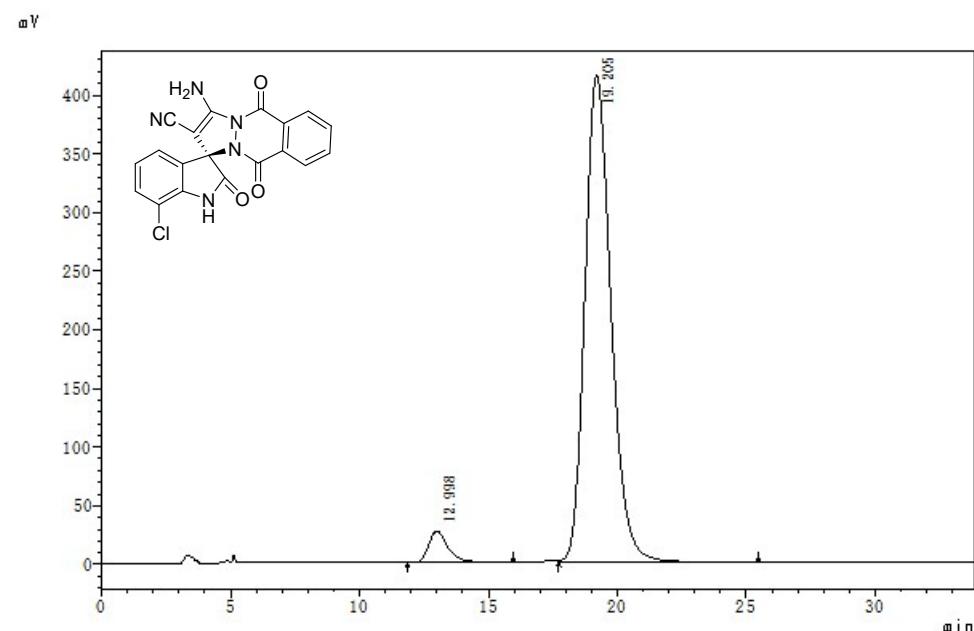
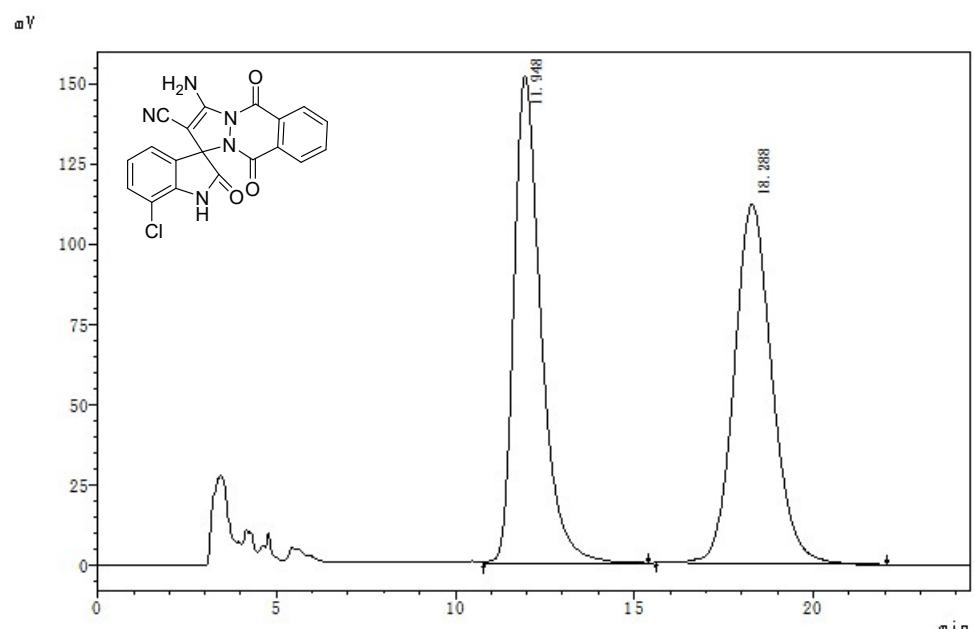
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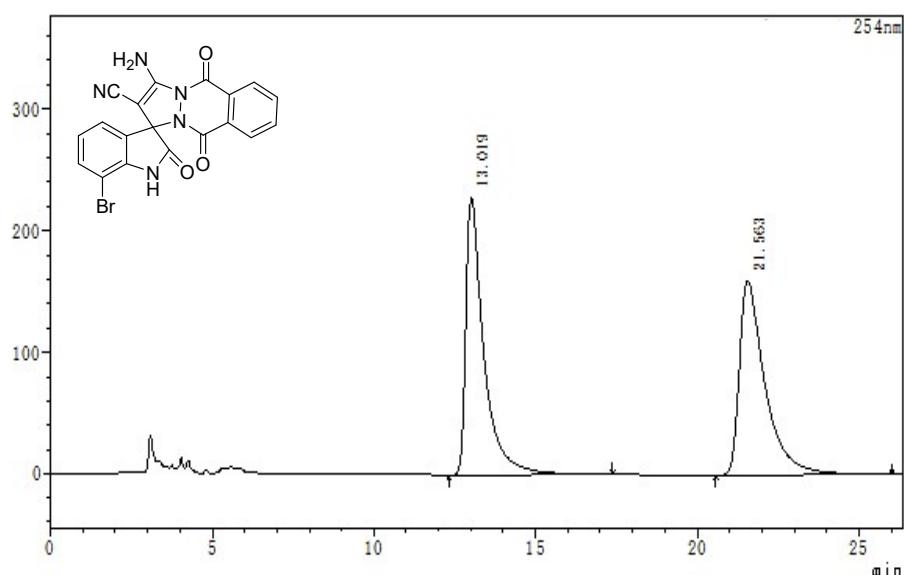
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4I



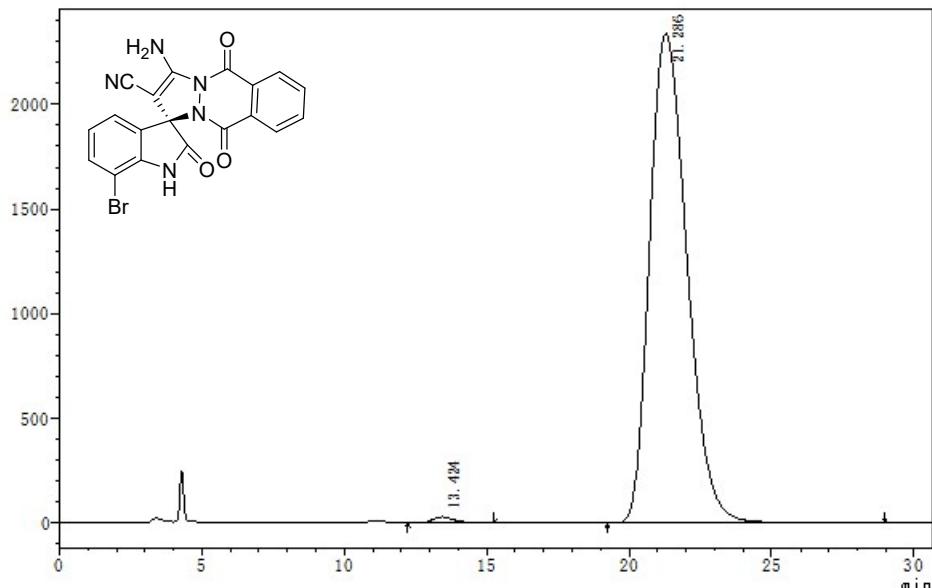
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ms



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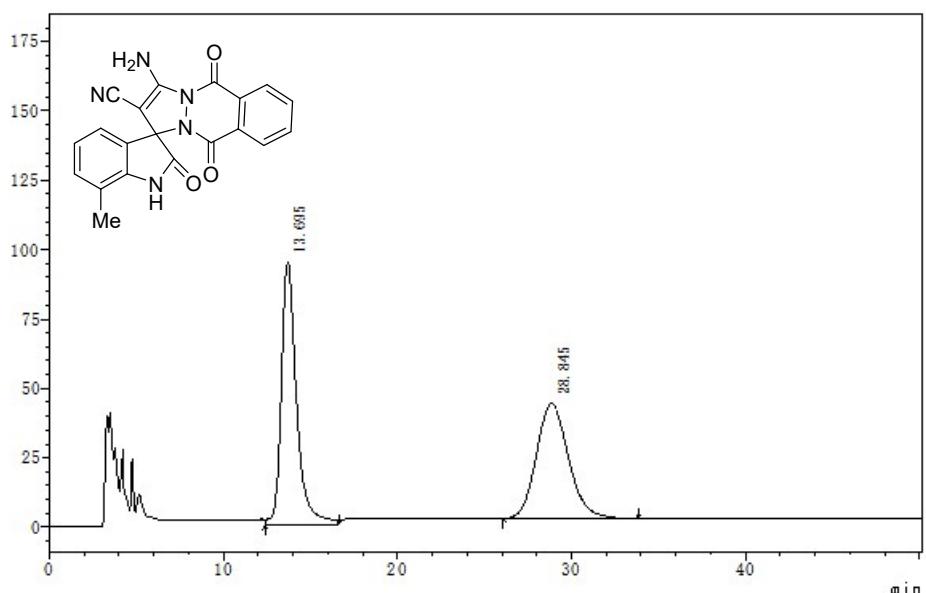
ms



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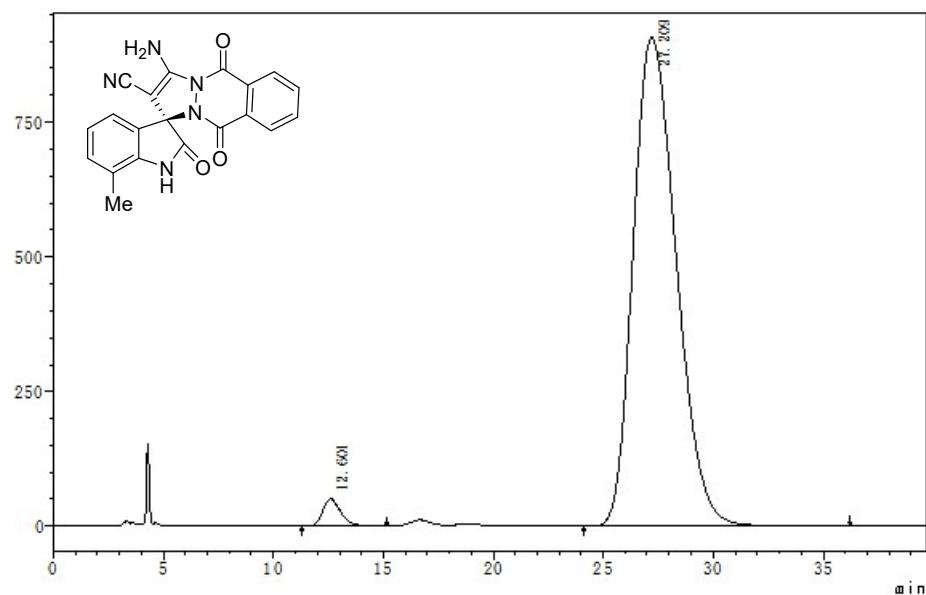
**4n**

msV



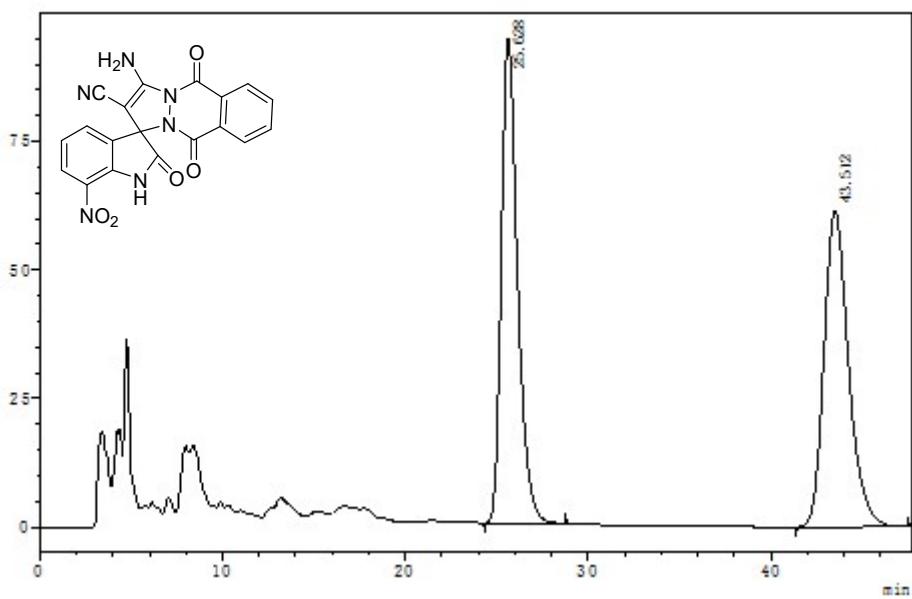
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2	28.845	5266161	41227	47.664
Total		11048470	135890	100.000

msV

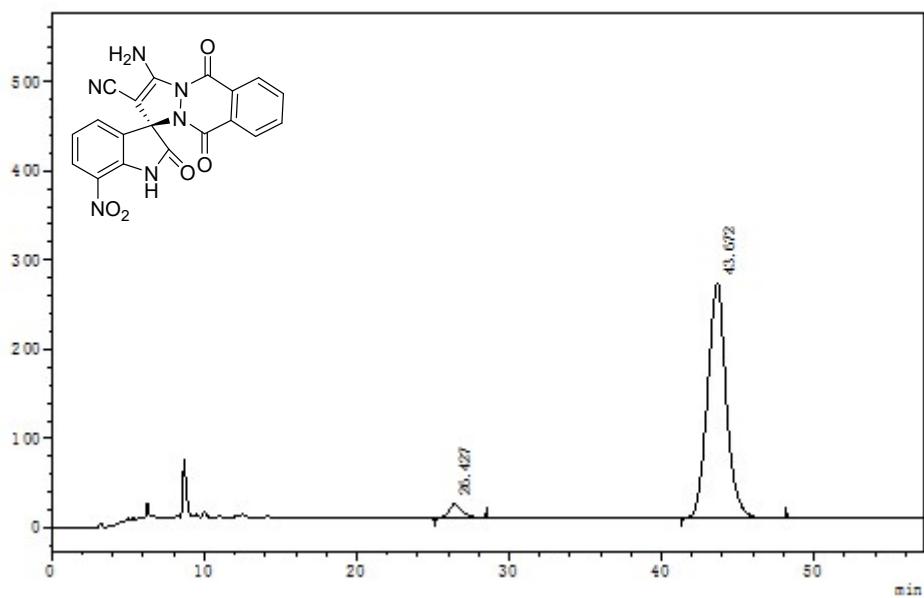


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2	27.209	123493803	907200	97.631
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mV

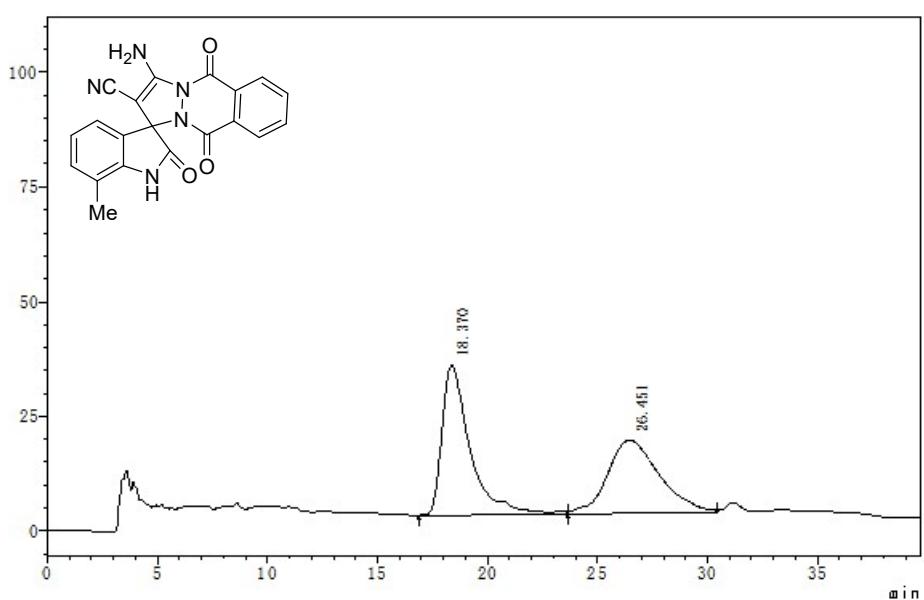


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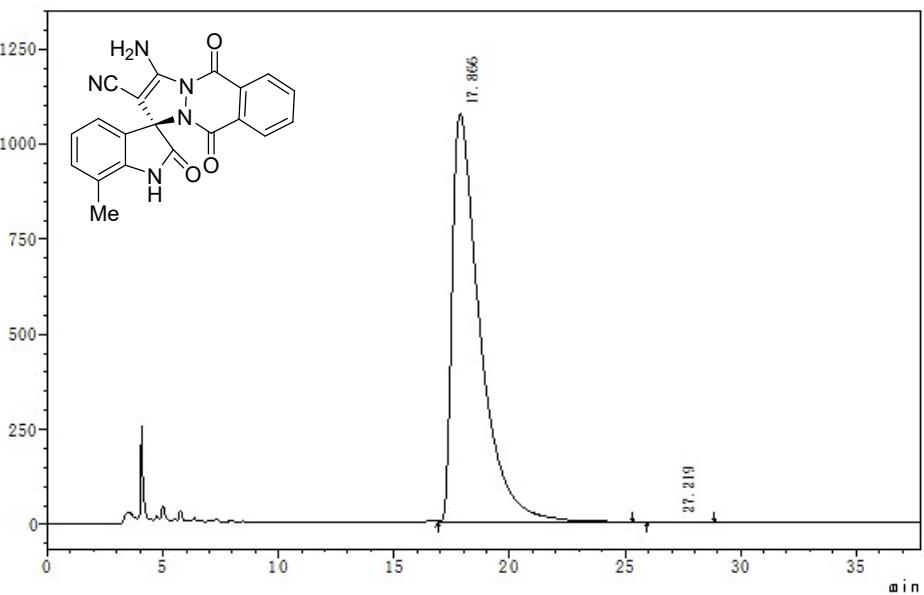


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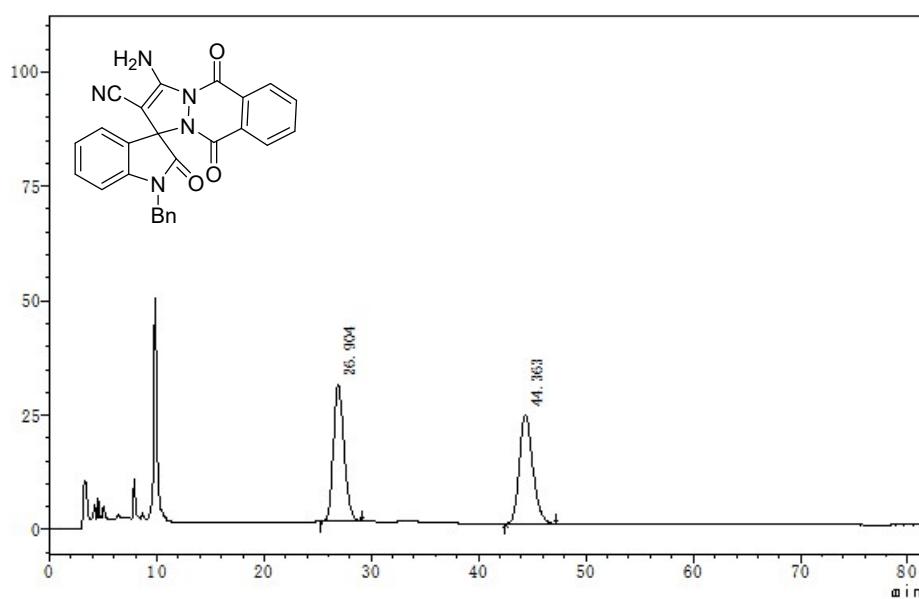
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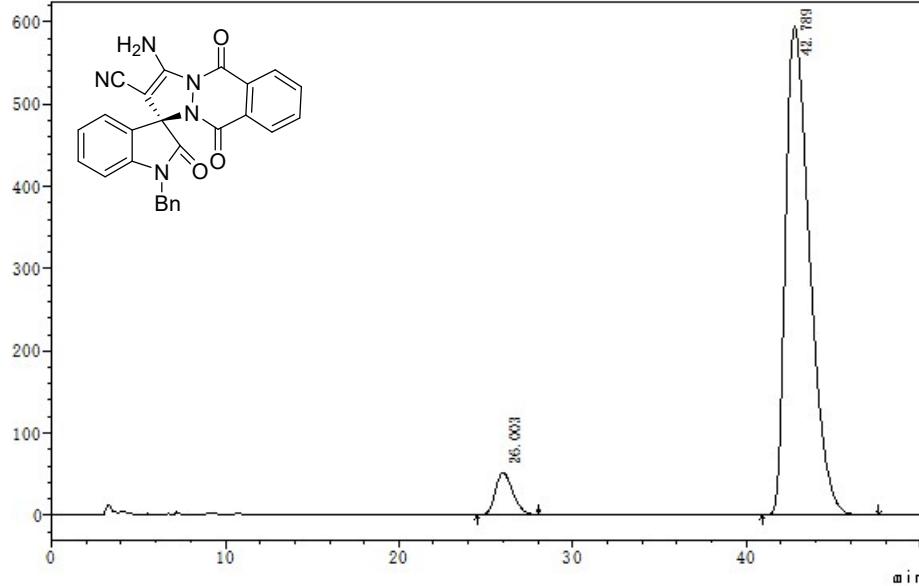
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1	17.866	90064463	1073639	99.861
2	27.219	125317	1236	0.139
Total		90189779	1074875	100.000

**4q**

αV

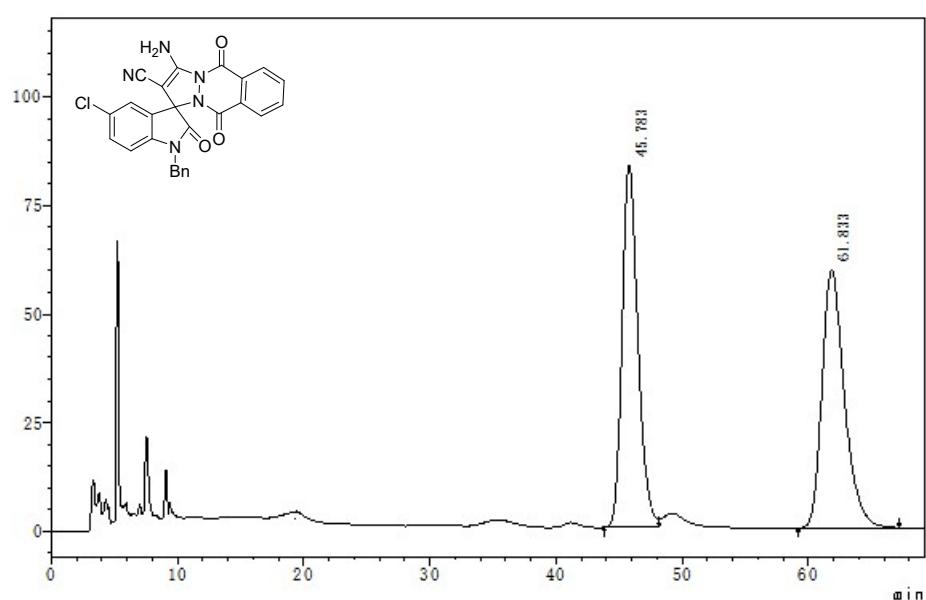


αV



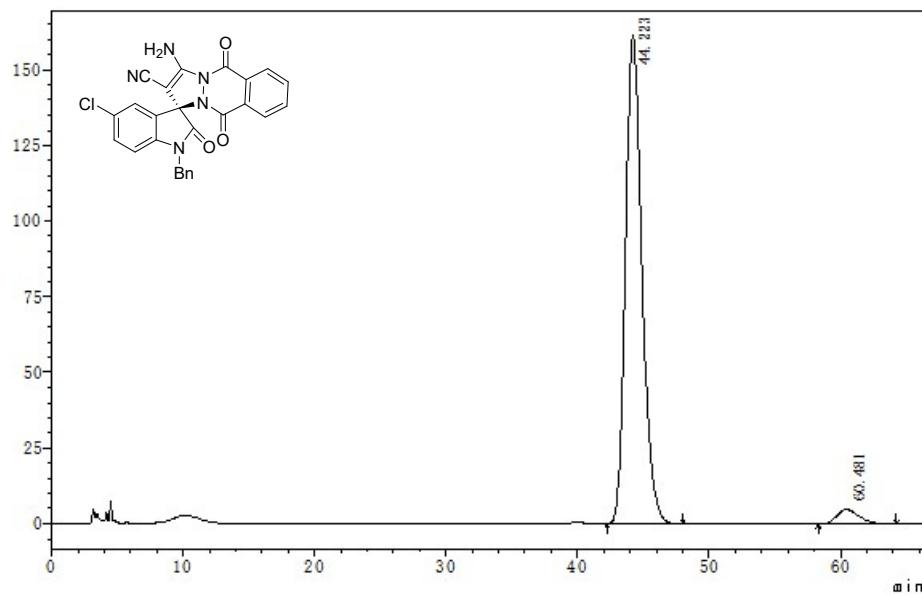
**4r**

mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	45.783	7249101	83141	49.840
2	61.833	7295604	59309	50.160
Total		14544706	142450	100.000

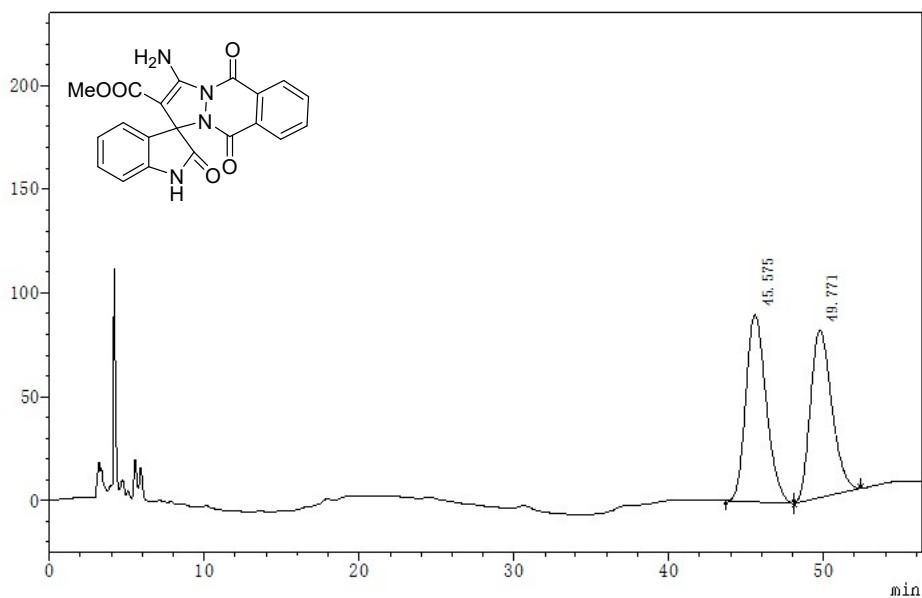
mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	44.223	14019639	161382	95.907
2	60.481	598275	4901	4.093
Total		14617914	166283	100.000

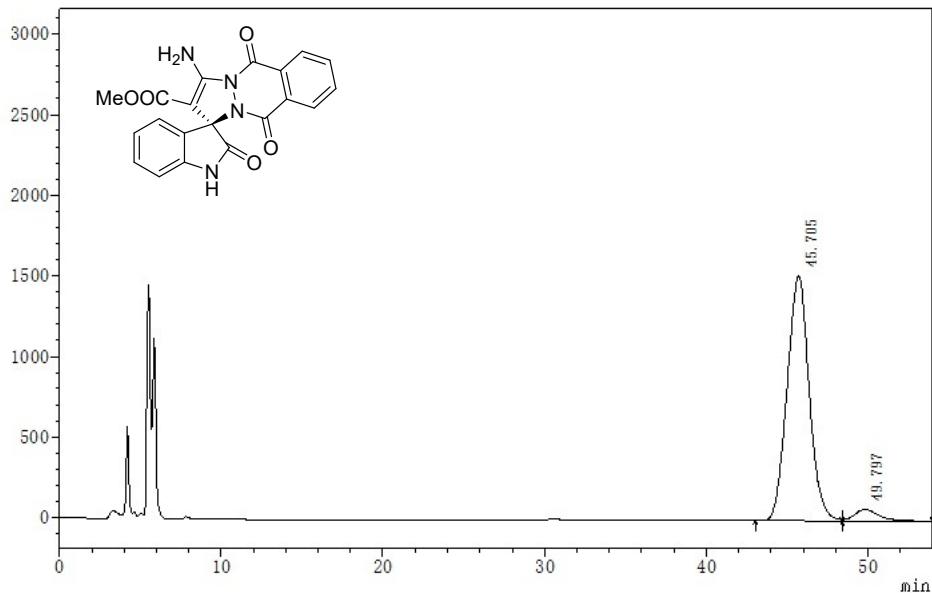
**4s**

mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	45.575	8262056	90078	51.656
2	49.771	7732317	80583	48.344
Total		15994373	170661	100.000

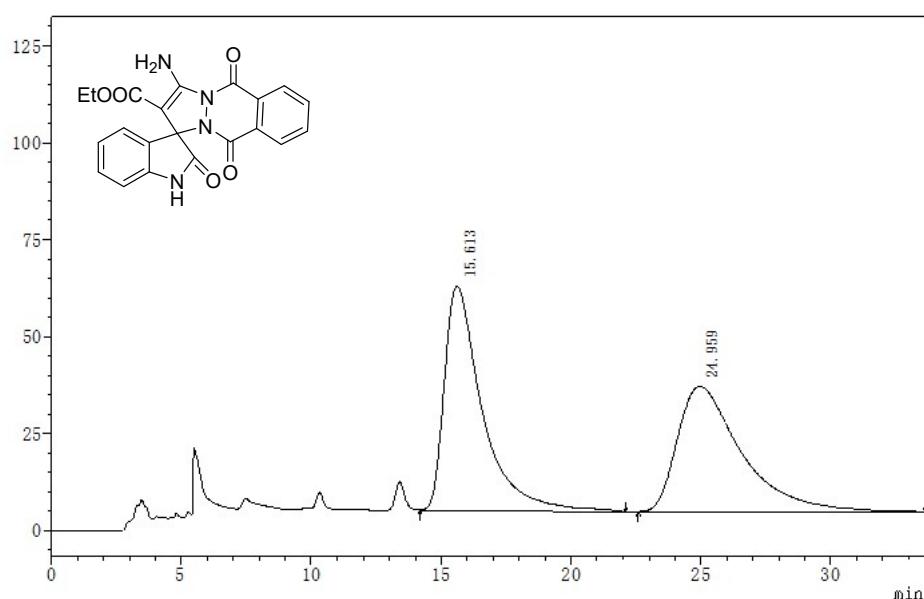
mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	45.705	143921098	1520289	95.314
2	49.797	7075651	70456	4.686
Total		150996749	1590745	100.000

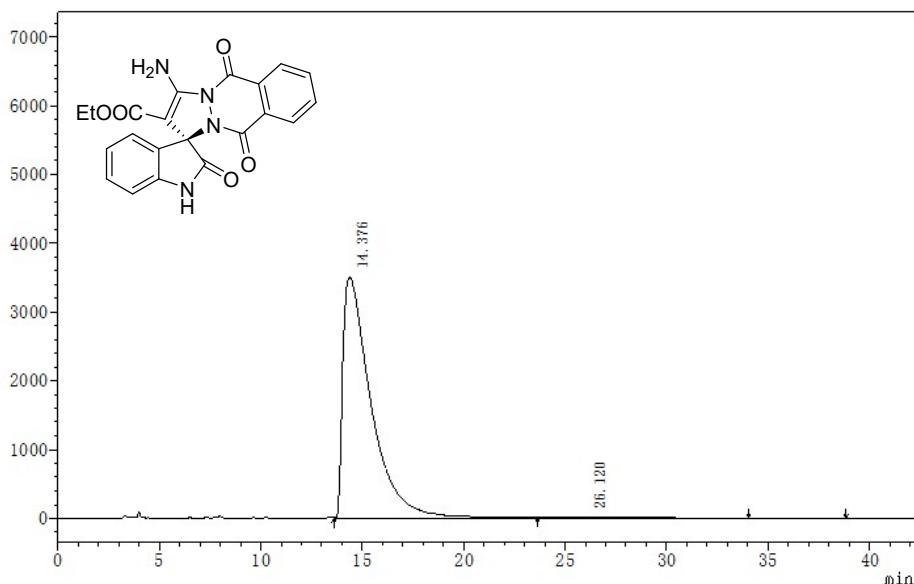
**4t**

mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	15.613	5907935	57942	51.470
2	24.959	5570569	32348	48.530
Total		11478504	90289	100.000

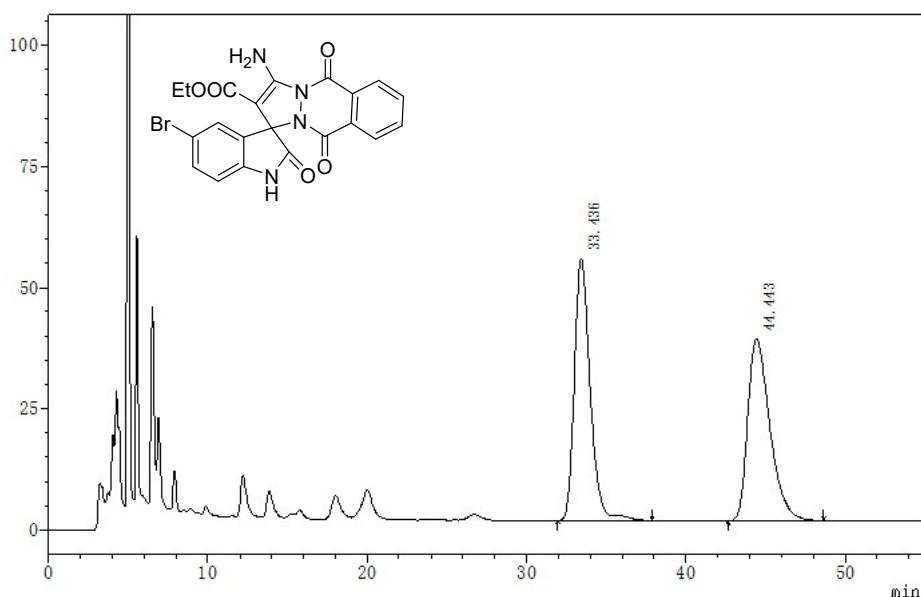
mV



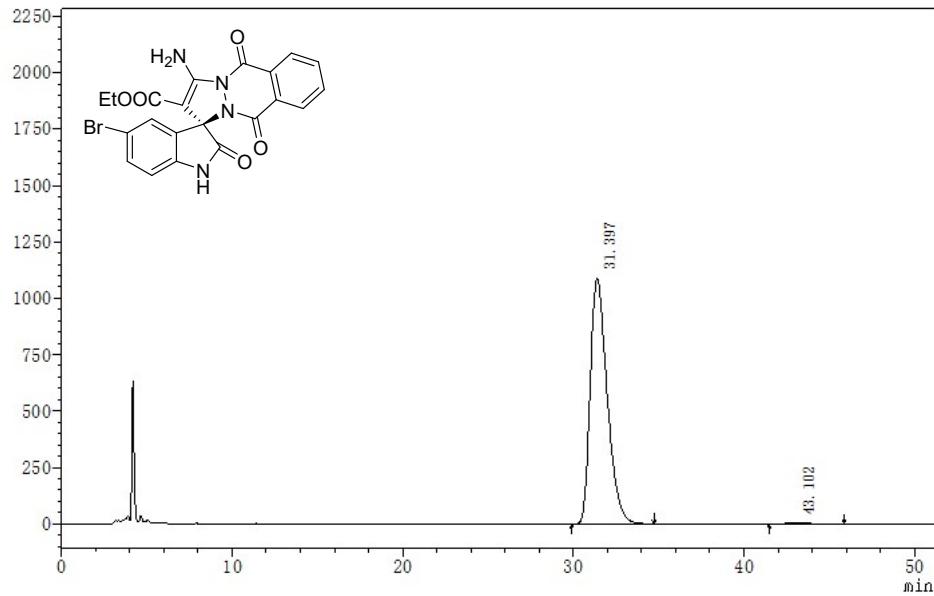
	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	14.376	343528384	3505480	98.996
2	26.120	3483001	14149	1.004
Total		347011385	3519629	100.000

**4u**

mV

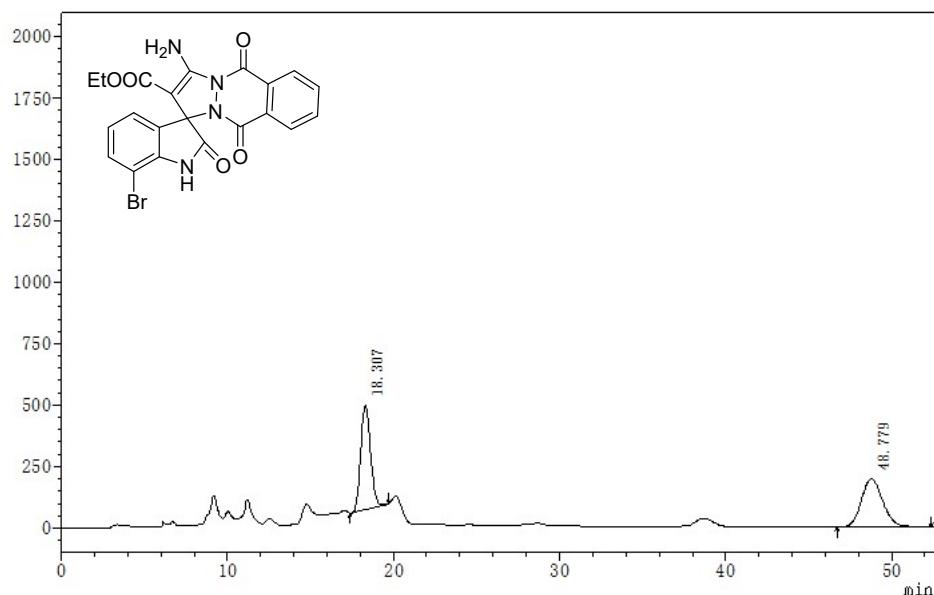


mV



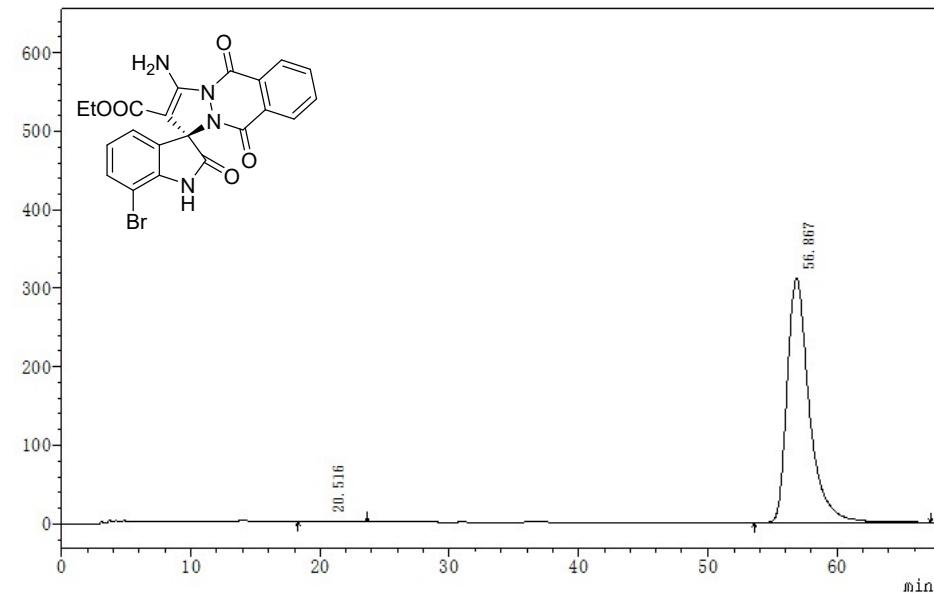
**4v**

mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	18.307	17477173	424233	49.680
2	48.779	17702304	197137	50.320
Total		35179477	621370	100.000

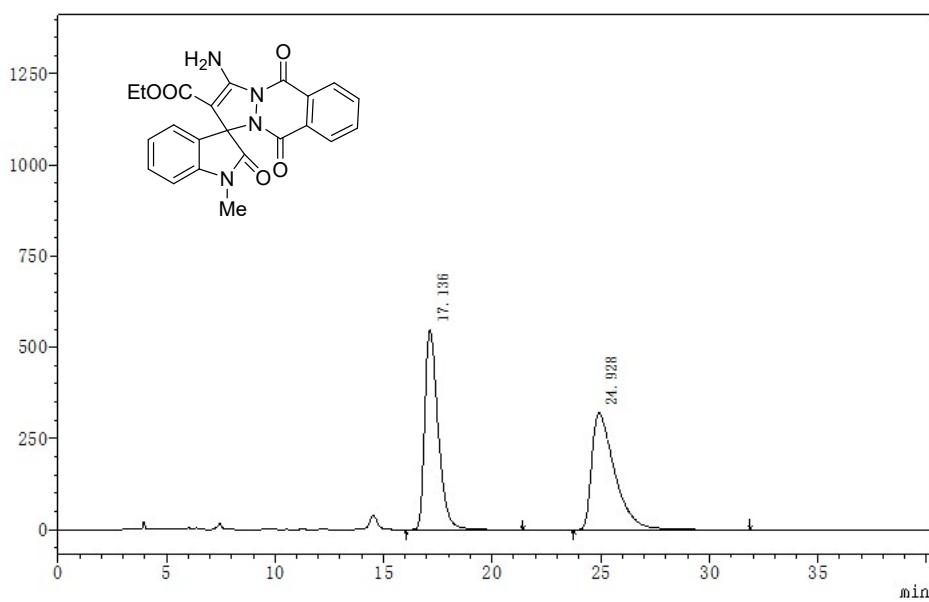
mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	20.516	203559	1096	0.544
2	56.867	37245728	310737	99.456
Total		37449287	311833	100.000

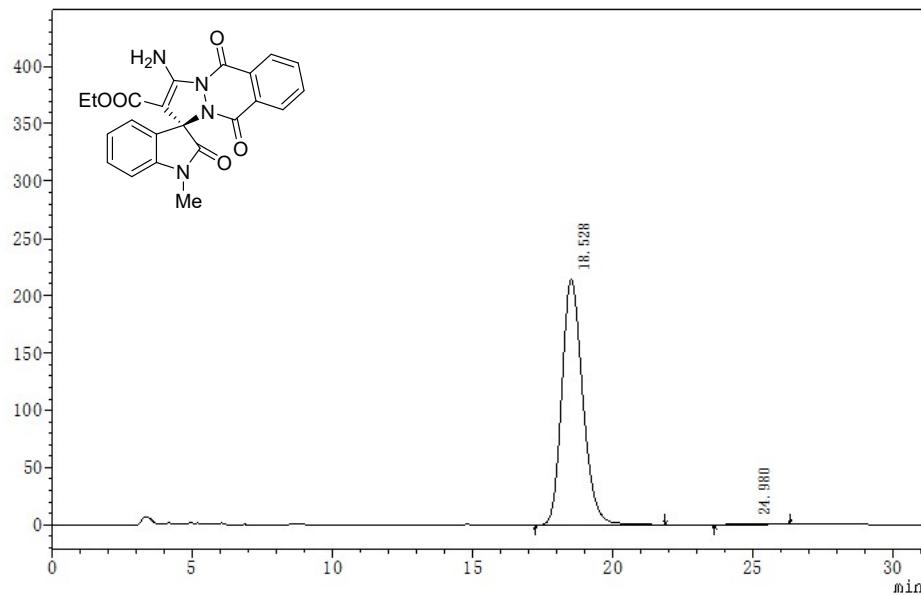
**4w**

mV



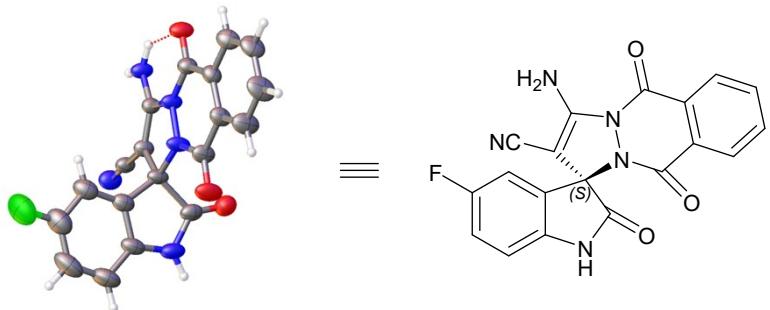
	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	17.136	23464291	546458	49.866
2	24.928	23590743	320518	50.134
Total		47055034	866976	100.000

mV



	Retention Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	18.528	11070710	213913	99.538
2	24.980	51393	700	0.462
Total		11122103	214613	100.000

## 5. X-Ray crystal data of compound 4d



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**Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 4d.**

Identification code	<b>4d</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>19.92</sub> H <sub>11.83</sub> Cl <sub>1.83</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	453.20
Temperature/K	173.00
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	16.7979(6)
b/Å	22.4214(9)
c/Å	35.2924(11)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	13292.3(8)
Z	24
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.359
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.802
F(000)	5532.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.13 × 0.12 × 0.08
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54178)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.374 to 127.538
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 19, -22 ≤ k ≤ 25, -40 ≤ l ≤ 36
Reflections collected	51175
Independent reflections	20901 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0419, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0553]
Data/restraints/parameters	20901/477/1927
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.045
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0649, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1716
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0725, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1803
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.86/-0.67
Flack parameter	0.05(3)