Supporting Information

Enantioselective one-pot synthesis of dihydroquinolones

via BINOL-derived Lewis acid catalysis

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were carried out under a positive pressure of argon or nitrogen (balloon pressure) in washed and oven-dried glassware.

1.1 Solvents and Reagents

Tetrahydrofuran, dichloromethane, diethyl ether, methanol, toluene and acetonitrile were purified by pressurized filtration through activated silica columns, employing the method of Grubbs *et al.*¹ Unless otherwise indicated, solvents were used as supplied (analytical or HPLC grade) without further purification. "Petrol" or "petroleum ether" refers to the fraction of petroleum ether boiling in the range 40–60 °C. Where mixtures of solvents are specified, the stated ratios are volume:volume. Triethylamine was distilled over calcium hydride and stored over potassium hydroxide under an inert argon atmosphere. Unless otherwise indicated, all aqueous solutions used were saturated. Reagents were used directly as supplied by major chemical suppliers, or purified by procedures described by Perrin and Armarego.² (*R*)-TRIP (**6**) , (+)-2,2'-Isopropylidenebis[(4R)-4-benzyl-2-oxazoline] (**5**) and 2,6-bis[(3*a*S,8*a*R)-3*a*,8*a*-dihydro-8*H*-indeno[1,2-*d*]oxazolin-2-yl]pyridine (**4**) were purchased from the Sigma Aldrich[®] chemical company.

1.2 Chromatography

Flash column chromatography was carried out using VWR silica gel (40–63 μ m particle size). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was carried out on Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ 0.25 mm precoated aluminium plates. Visualization was carried out under ultra-violet irradiation (254 nm) and by appropriate heating with potassium permanganate, ammonium molybdate or ninhydrin. Potassium permanganate solution was prepared by dissolving potassium permanganate (2.5 g), potassium carbonate (13 g) and sodium hydroxide (0.63 g) in water (250 mL). Ammonium molybdate solution was prepared by dissolving ammonium molybdate (5 g) and ceric sulfate (0.2 g) in 5% aqueous sulfuric acid (100 mL). Ninhydrin solution was prepared by dissolving ninhydrin (0.3 g) in *n*-butanol (100 mL) and adding acetic acid (3 mL).

1.3 NMR Spectroscopy

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV400 (¹H: 400 MHz, ¹³C: 101 MHz, ¹⁹F: 377 MHz), Bruker AVII Cryo 500 (¹H: 500 MHz, ¹³C: 126 MHz), Bruker AVII 500 (¹H: 500 MHz, ¹³C: 126 MHz, ¹⁹F: 470 MHz), Bruker DRX500 (¹H: 500 MHz, ¹³C: 126 MHz, ³¹P: 202 MHz) or Bruker DPX300 (¹H: 300 MHz, ¹³C: 75 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are quoted in ppm, and are referenced to the residual non-deuterated solvent peak. ¹H spectra are reported as follows: ¹H NMR (*spectrometer frequency, solvent*): δ *chemical shift/ppm (multiplicity, number of protons, Jcoupling constant(s), assignment*). ¹³C spectra are reported as follows: ¹³C NMR (*spectrometer frequency, solvent*): δ *chemical shift/ppm (assignment*). Multiplets are abbreviated as follows: br – *broad*; s – *singlet*; d – *doublet*; t – *triplet*; q – *quartet*; hept – *beptet*; m – *multiplet*, and are reported based on appearance rather than interpretation. Compound multiplets are reported in the order of decreasing coupling constant magnitude. Spectral assignment was aided by the results of DEPT, COSY, HMBC, HSQC and NOESY experiments where appropriate. Unless otherwise indicated, spectra were acquired at 298 K.

1.4 IR Spectroscopy

Infra-red spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 FTIR spectrometer equipped with an attenuated total reflectance attachment with internal calibration. Absorbtion maxima (ν_{max}) are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹).

1.5 Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass LCT Premier spectrometer under conditions of electrospray ionization (ESI). Accurate masses (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker MicroTOF and Micromass GCT spectrometers under conditions of ESI and field ionization (FI) respectively. Masses are reported in daltons (Da).

1.6 Melting Points

All melting points were measured on a Reichert melting point stage, and are uncorrected. Solvents are reported in parentheses where solids were purified by recrystallization. Temperatures are reported in °C.

1.7 HPLC

Analytical chiral HPLC was performed on a Dionex Ultimate 3000 HPLC system comprising a Dionex LPG-3400A pump, WPS-3000SL autosampler, TCC-3000SD column compartment and DAD-3000 diode-array detector, equipped with the appropriate Daicel Chiralpak column (dimensions: 0.46 cm \emptyset x 25 cm) and corresponding guard column (0.4 cm \emptyset x 1 cm). Wavelengths (λ) are reported in nm, retention times (t_R) are reported in minutes and solvent flow rates are reported in mL/min.

1.8 Naming, Numbering and Depiction of Compounds

Where given, systematic compound names are those generated by ChemBioDraw Ultra 12.0 following IUPAC conventions. The numbering of atoms for discussion and spectral assignment purposes is arbitrary and not necessarily consistent with the IUPAC names.

1.9 X-ray Crystallography

Crystals were mounted using the oil technique, in perfluoropolyether oil at 150(2) K with a Cryostream N_2 open-flow cooling device. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected using graphite monochromated Mo-Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) using a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer. Series of μ -scans were performed to provide sufficient data to a maximum resolution of 0.77 Å. Data collection and cell refinement were carried out using DENZO-SMN Intensity data were processed and corrected for absorption effects by the multi-scan method, based on multiple scans of identical and Laue equivalent reflections using SCALEPACK (within DENZO-SMN). Structure solution was carried out with direct methods using SuperFlip within the CRYSTALS software suite. Refinement was carried out using full-matrix least-squares within the CRYSTALS suite, on either F2. In general, all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters.

2. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND DATA

2.1 Substrate Synthesis

N,N-Dimethyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropanamide (S1)



This compound was prepared by analogy to a literature procedure.³ A solution of 2-nitrobenzoic acid (1.67 g, 10 mmol) in thionyl chloride (3 mL) was heated to reflux for two hours. The resulting brown solution was cooled to RT and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford the crude acid chloride. *n*-Butyllithium (1.6 M in hexanes, 12.5 mL, 20 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of diisopropylamine (2.82 mL, 20 mmol) in diethyl ether (25 mL) at -78 °C and the mixture allowed to warm to 0 °C for 15 min before cooling back to -78 °C. *N*,*N*-Dimethyl acetamide (1.20 mL, 13 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture, and after 20 min a solution of the crude 2-nitrobenzoyl chloride in diethyl ether (10 mL) was added over 5 min. After a further 30 min the reaction mixture was quenched cautiously with hydrochloric acid (1 *N*, 30 mL) and the organic layer extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 2:1 \rightarrow 1:1) to afford **S1** (870 mg, 38%, 10:7, *ketone:enol*) as a yellow amorphous solid.

Integrals are reported relative to the doublet corresponding to H2_{ketone} at 8.11 ppm.

 δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.42 (0.70 H, s, H11_{enol}), 8.11 (1.00 H, d, *J* 8.2, H2_{ketone}), 7.82 (0.79 H, d, *J* 7.8, H2_{enol}), 7.75 (1.04 H, t, *J* 7.3, H4_{ketone}), 7.68 (0.98 H, d, *J* 7.3, H5_{ketone}), 7.66 – 7.51 (3.34 H, m,

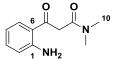
H3_{ketone}, H3_{enol}, H4_{enol} & H5_{enol}), 5.54 (0.72 H, s, H8_{enol}), 4.00 (2.00 H, s, H8_{ketone}), 3.10 (3.01 H, s, H10_{ketone}), 3.04 (4.54 H, s, H10_{ketone}), 2.97 (2.97 H, s, H10^{*}_{ketone}).

 δ_{C} (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 196.3 (C7_{ketone}), 171.6 (C9_{ketone}), 170.1 (C9_{enol}), 148.6 (C1_{enol}), 145.4 (C1_{ketone}), 137.2 (C6_{ketone}), 134.6 (C4_{ketone}), 132.5 (C3_{enol}), 130.9 (C6_{enol}), 130.8 (C3_{ketone}), 130.6 (C4_{enol}/C5_{enol}), 130.0 (C4_{enol}/C5_{enol}), 128.7 (C5_{ketone}), 124.1 (C2_{ketone} & C2_{enol}), 88.6 (C8_{enol}), 48.7 (C8_{ketone}), 37.9 (C10), 35.5 (C10').

 v_{max} (neat): 2937, 1720, 1636, 1526, 1360, 1163, 800, 779 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI+): found 259.0697; C₁₁H₁₂N₂NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ requires 259.0689.

3-(2-Aminophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-3-oxopropanamide (1)



Palladium on activated carbon (10 wt%, 50 mg) was added to a stirred RT solution of nitroarene **S1** (500 mg, 2.43 mmol) in methanol (10 mL). The reaction mixture was purged under vacuum and placed under an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon pressure). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, filtered over Celite® and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by single recrystallization from hot toluene to afford **1** as a yellow crystalline solid (394 mg, 79%).

δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.76 (1H, dd, *J* 8.4, 1.4, H5), 7.28 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.0, 1.4, H3), 6.69–6.64 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 6.30 (2H, br s, NH₂), 4.10 (2H, s, H8), 3.04 (3H, s, H10), 3.02 (3H, s, H10').

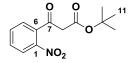
δ_C (CDCl₃, 101 MHz):^{*} 195.8 (C7), 167.7 (C9), 150.8 (C1), 134.9 (C3), 131.7 (C5), 117.3 & 116.0 (C2 & C4), 46.6 (C8), 38.1 (C10), 35.6 (C10^{*}).

HRMS (ESI+): found 229.0954; C₁₁H₁₄N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 229.0947.

 v_{max} (neat): 3440 (NH₂), 3329 (NH₂), 3071 (CH), 2975 (CH), 2933 (CH), 1647 (ketone), 1614 (amide), 1393, 1145, 756 cm⁻¹.

MP: 126-128 °C (toluene).

tert-Butyl 3-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropanoate (S2)



This compound was prepared by analogy to a literature procedure.³ *n*-Butyllithium (1.6 M in hexanes, 30.3 mL, 48.5 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of diisopropylamine (6.84 mL, 48.5 mmol) in diethyl ether (60 mL) at -78 °C. The stirring solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C and was cooled to -78 °C after 15 min. *tert*-Butyl acetate (5.6 mL, 42 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for a further 20 min before adding 2-nitrobenzoyl chloride (4.29 mL, 32.3 mmol). The resulting turbid mixture was stirred for 30 min, hydrochloric acid (1 M aq., 100 mL) was added and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 20:1) to afford **S2** (4.55 g, 53%) as a viscous orange oil composed of a 7:1 mixture of ketone:enol tautomeric forms.[†]

^{*} The ¹³C peak corresponding to C6 was not observed, and is presumed to coincide with another peak.

[†] The ¹H and ¹³C data presented is for the major (ketone) tautomer. The presence of the enol as a minor component is asserted on the basis of characteristic OH (12.45 ppm) and C=CH (5.33) peaks in the ¹H spectrum.

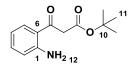
*δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.15 (1H, dd, *J* 8.2, 0.9, H2), 7.75 (1H, td, *J* 7.5, 1.1, H4), 7.63 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 7.5, 1.3, H3), 7.51 (1H, dd, *J* 7.6, 1.3, H5), 3.79 (2H, s, H8), 1.37 (9H, s, H11).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 195.2 (C7), 165.7 (C9), 145.5 (C1), 136.9 (C6), 134.4 (C4), 130.8 (C3), 128.3 (C5), 124.2 (C2), 82.4 (C10), 50.4 (C8), 27.8 (C11).

 v_{max} (neat): 2980 (CH), 2935 (CH), 1731 (ketone), 1703 (ester), 1574 (NO₂), 1346 (NO₂), 1150, 853, 748 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI+): found 288.0843; C₁₃H₁₅NO₅Na, [M+Na]⁺ requires 288.0842.

tert-Butyl 3-(2-aminophenyl)-3-oxopropanoate (S3)



Palladium on activated carbon (10 wt%, 100 mg) was added to a stirred RT solution of nitroarene **S2** (1.0 g, 3.8 mmol) in methanol (20 mL). The reaction mixture was purged under vacuum and placed under an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon pressure). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 2.5 h, filtered over Celite® and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 8:2) to afford aniline **S3** (681 mg, 77%) as a pale yellow oil.^{*}

δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.61 (1H, d, J 7.3, H5), 7.28 (1H, td, J 7.7, 0.5, H3), 6.68-6.62 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 6.28 (2H, br s, H12), 3.87 (2H, s, H8), 1.47 (9H, s, H11).

^{*} This compound is prone to RT decomposition to 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1H)-one, and must be stored at -18 °C under argon.

δ_C (CDCl₃, 101 MHz):^{*} 195.0 (C7), 167.3 (C9), 150.7 (C1), 134.8 (C3), 131.4 (C5), 117.3 & 115.8 (C2 & C4), 81.7 (C10), 48.2 (C8), 28.0 (C11).

HRMS (ESI+): found 258.1106; C₁₃H₁₇NNaO₃, [M+Na]⁺ requires 258.1101.

ν_{max} (film): 3468 (NH₂), 3351 (NH₂), 2979 (CH), 1724 (C=O), 1646 (ester), 1616, 1368, 1138, 947, 748 cm⁻¹.

3-(2-Nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropanenitrile (S4)



This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁴ Acetonitrile (1.74 mL, 33.1 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred -78 °C solution of *n*-butyllithium (1.49 M in hexanes, 22 mL, 33.1 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL). After 1 h methyl-2-nitrobenzoate (2.34 mL, 16.6 mmol) was added dropwise over 15 min, and the resulting mixture was stirred for a further 1 h before warming to -45 °C. After 2 h the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and ammonium chloride (aq., 50 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 5:1 \rightarrow 1:1) to afford nitroarene **S4** (1.34 g, 43%) as a red crystalline solid. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature.*⁵

δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.26 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 7.85 (1H, td, *J* 7.5, 0.8, H4), 7.74 (1H, td, *J* 7.9, 1.9, H3), 7.48 (1H, dd, *J* 7.5, 0.9, H5), 3.91 (2H, s, H8).

^{*} The ¹³C peak corresponding to C6 was not observed.

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 190.0 (C7), 145.1 (C1), 135.2 (C4), 134.7 (C6), 131.9 (C3), 127.6 (C5), 124.7 (C2), 113.3 (C9), 32.5 (C8).

 v_{max} (neat): 2971 (CH), 2908 (CH), 2268 (C≡N), 1718 (C=O), 1524 (NO₂), 1340 (NO₂), 1216, 1004, 743, 702 cm⁻¹.

MP: 88–90 °C (ethyl acetate).

3-(2-Aminophenyl)-3-oxopropanenitrile (S5)



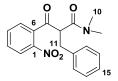
Palladium on activated carbon (10 wt%, 30 mg) was added to a stirred RT solution of nitroarene **S4** (300 mg, 1.58 mmol) in methanol (6 mL). The reaction mixture was purged under vacuum and placed under an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon pressure). After 45 min the reaction mixture was filtered over Celite® and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by passing over a short pad of silica gel, eluting with copious amounts of 1:1 petrol:ethyl acetate, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford aniline **S5** (199 mg, 79%) as a white crystalline solid. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature.*⁶

δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.46 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H5), 7.34 (1H, t, *J* 7.7, H3), 6.72–6.64 (2H, m, H2 & H4) 6.34 (2H, br s, H10), 4.07 (2H, s, H8).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 188.1 (C7), 151.2 (C1), 135.9 (C3), 130.4 (C5), 117.7 (C2/C4), 116.2 (C2/C4), 115.2 (C6/C9), 114.4 (C6/C9), 30.1 (C8).

 v_{max} (neat): 3476 (NH₂), 3364 (NH₂), 2945 (CH), 2258 (C≡N), 1647 (C=O), 1617, 1544, 1451, 1208, 1158, 742 cm⁻¹.

(±)-2-Benzyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropanamide (S6)



This compound was prepared according to a modified literature procedure.⁷ Caesium carbonate (0.759 g, 2.66 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of nitroarene **S1** (550 mg, 2.66 mmol) in acetone (5 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture allowed to warm to RT. Benzyl bromide (275 μ L, 2.66 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (25 mL) and ammonium chloride (aq., 15 mL) was added, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford **S6** (587 mg, 77%) as a viscous yellow oil, which crystallized upon prolonged standing to a yellow solid.

δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.16 (1H, dd, *J* 8.3, 0.8, H2), 7.73 (1H, dt, *J* 7.5, 1.1, H4), 7.60 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 7.5, 1.3, H3), 7.53 (1H, dd, *J* 7.6, 1.3, H5), 7.36–7.16 (5H, m, H13-H15), 4.50–4.44 (1H, m, H8), 3.31 (2H, d, *J* 7.8, H11), 2.75 (3H, s, H10), 2.44 (3H, s, H10').

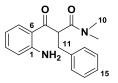
 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 198.2 (C7), 168.8 (C9), 145.1 (C1), 138.1 (C12), 136.9 (C6), 134.6 (C4), 130.3 (C3), 129.0 (C5), 129.0 & 128.5 (C13 & C14), 126.8 (C15), 124.1 (C2), 57.3 (C8), 37.4 (C10), 35.8 (C11), 35.7 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 349.1159; C₁₈H₁₈N₂NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ requires 349.1159.

v_{max} (neat): 3062 (CH), 3030 (CH), 2930 (CH), 1719 (ketone) 1626 (amide), 1526 (NO₂), 1343 (NO₂), 750, 692 cm⁻¹.

MP: 62-66 °C (chloroform).

(±)-3-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-benzyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-oxopropanamide (28)



Palladium on activated carbon (10 wt%, 28 mg) was added to a stirred RT solution of nitroarene **S6** (280 mg, 0.86 mmol) in methanol (5 mL). The reaction mixture was purged under vacuum and placed under an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon pressure). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for two hours, filtered over Celite® and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:2) to afford **28** as a yellow crystalline solid (180 mg, 71%).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.58 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H5), 7.30–7.18 (6H, m, H3, H13-H15), 6.67 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 6.60 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.33 (2H, br s, NH₂), 4.68 (1H, dd, *J* 8.6, 5.3, H8), 3.45 (1H, dd, *J* 13.9, 8.5, H11), 3.22 (1H, dd, *J* 13.9, 5.2, H11'), 2.93 (3H, s, H10), 2.78 (3H, s, H10').

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 197.4 (C7), 169.6 (C9), 151.3 (C1), 139.6 (C12), 134.6 (C3), 130.0 (C5), 129.1 & 129.1 (C13 & C14), 126.5 (C15), 117.7 (C2), 116.6 (C6), 115.8 (C4), 54.5 (C8), 37.1 (C10), 35.9 (C10'), 35.8 (C11).

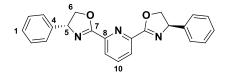
HRMS (ESI+): found 319.1413; C₁₈H₂₀N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 319.1417.

v_{max} (neat): 3433 (NH₂), 3314 (NH₂), 3032 (CH), 2934 (CH), 1651 (ketone), 1614 (amide), 1484, 1257, 749, 696 cm⁻¹.

MP: 103-109 °C (chloroform).

2.2 Synthesis of Catalysts

2,6-Bis(4-(R)-phenyloxazolin-2-yl)pyridine (3)



*This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.*⁸ A stirred neat mixture of (R)-phenylglycinol (4.85 g, 35.4 mmol) and dimethyl-2,6-pyridine dicarboxylate (3.45 g, 17.7 mmol) was heated to 120 °C. After 16 h the crude mixture was allowed to cool to RT and dissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL). Triethylamine (10 mL) and *para*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (6.80 g, 35.4 mmol) were added, and the mixture was heated to reflux. After 20 h the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to RT, and water (20 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo.* The crude solid residue obtained was purified by single recrystallization (ethanol) to afford (R)-phenyl PyBOX **3** (4.63 g, 71%) as a white crystalline solid. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature.*⁹

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.36 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, H9), 7.93 (1H, t, *J* 7.8, H10), 7.41–7.28 (10H, m, H1, H2 & H3), 5.47 (2H, dd, *J* 10.3, 8.6, H5), 4.94 (2H, dd, *J* 10.3, 8.7, H6), 4.44 (2H, t, *J* 8.6, H6^{*}).

δ_C (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 163.5 (C7), 146.8 (C8), 141.7 (C4), 137.5 (C10), 128.8 (C2/C3), 127.8 (C1), 126.8 (C2/C3), 126.3 (C9), 75.5 (C6), 70.4 (C5).

MP: 153-156 °C (ethanol).

(R)-Dimethyl BINOL (S7)



*This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.*¹⁰ Acetone (200 mL) was added to a flask containing (R)-BINOL^{*} (14 g, 49 mmol) and warmed until all of the diol was dissolved. Potassium carbonate (22.8 g, 166 mmol) and iodomethane (18.4 mL, 293 mmol) were added, and the resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 24 h. The mixture was allowed to cool to RT and concentrated *in vacuo* to a volume of approximately 50 mL. Water (500 mL) was added, and the mixture stirred for 8 h at RT. The solid residue was obtained by filtration, and washed with water (3 x 200 mL) to afford **S7** (15.3 g, 99%) as a white powder. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature.*¹⁰

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.00 (2H, d, *J* 9.0, H8), 7.89 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, H3), 7.48 (2H, d, *J* 9.1, H9), 7.34 (2H, ddd, *J* 8.1, 6.8, 1.2, H4), 7.23 (2H, ddd, *J* 8.4, 6.8, 1.4, H5), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, H6), 3.78 (6H, s, H11).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.0 (C10), 134.0 (C2), 129.4 (C8), 129.2 (C7), 127.9 (C3), 126.3 (C5), 125.3 (C6), 123.5 (C4), 119.6 (C1), 114.3 (C9), 56.9 (C11).

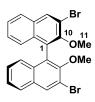
MP = 230-235 °C (diethyl ether/petrol).

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ +56.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

 v_{max} (neat): 3048 (CH), 3021 (CH), 2956 (CH), 2933 (CH), 1619, 1591, 1250, 1065, 811 cm⁻¹.

^{* (}R)-BINOL was purchased from AK Scientific, Union City, CA, USA.

(*R*)-3,3-Dibromo-dimethyl BINOL (S8)



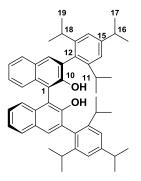
This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹⁰ *n*-Butyllithium (1.6 M in hexanes, 35 mL, 56 mmol) was slowly added to a stirred RT solution of tetramethylenediamine (5.21 mL, 35 mmol) in diethyl ether (250 mL). After 1 h (R)-dimethyl BINOL **S7** (5.0 g, 16 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for a further 3.5 h before cooling to -78 °C. Bromine (4.1 mL, 80 mmol) was added, and the mixture was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirred for a further 20 h. Sodium sulfite (aq., 80 mL) was added, and the biphasic mixture stirred for 1 h, before the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:0 \rightarrow 20:1) and subsequent recrystallization (dichloromethane/petrol), affording (R)-3,3'-dibromo-dimethyl BINOL **S8** as a white crystalline solid (3.33 g, 44%). *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature.*¹⁰

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.28 (2H, s, H8), 7.83 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, H3), 7.43 (2H, ddd, *J* 8.0, 7.1, 1.0, H4), 7.28 (2H, ddd, *J* 8.4, 7.0, 1.3, H5), 7.09 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, H6), 3.52 (6H, s, H11).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 152.5 (C10), 133.1 (C2), 133.0 (C8), 131.4 (C7), 127.1 (C3), 126.9 (C5), 126.5 (C1), 125.9 (C4), 125.8 (C6), 117.5 (C9), 61.1 (C11).

MP: 182-187 °C (dichloromethane/petrol).

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ -14.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).





This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹¹ Mechanically-activated magnesium turnings (1.26 g, 52 mmol) were covered with diethyl ether (\sim 3 mL) and further activated by the addition of a single crystal of iodine. 2-Bromo-1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene (6.86 mL, 26 mmol), diethyl ether (35 mL) and 1,2-dibromoethane (0.1 mL) were added separately and simultaneously *via* syringe in a manner that maintained the exothermic reaction, and the grey solution was heated to reflux for a further 24 h. The resulting Grignard solution was filtered over a pad of cotton wool and used without further purification in the subsequent step.

In a separate flask, dibromoarene **S8** (2.00 g, 4.26 mmol) and bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(II) chloride^{*} (277 mg, 0.42 mmol) were suspended in diethyl ether (25 mL). The Grignard solution was added dropwise to the suspension, and the mixture heated to reflux for 6 h. The resulting brown solution was allowed to cool to RT and hydrochloric acid (1.0 M aq., 30 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 25 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The crude product of the Kumada coupling was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (100 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Boron tribromide (1.0 M in dichloromethane, 29.7 mL,

^{*} This compound was prepared according to L. M. Venanzi, J. Chem. Soc., 1958, 719.

29.7 mmol) was added dropwise, and the resulting clear solution allowed to warm to RT and stirred for a further 24 h. Water (40 mL) was added, and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude brown residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 100:1), and the resulting yellow solid was triturated with hexanes, affording diol **S9** (1.26 g, 43% over two steps) as a white powder. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature*.¹¹

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.89 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, H3), 7.79 (2H, s, H8), 7.42–7.37 (2H, m, H4), 7.36–7.29 (4H, m, H5 & H6), 7.16 (2H, s, H14), 7.14 (2H, s, H14'), 4.94 (2H, s, H11), 2.98 (2H, septet, *J* 6.9, H16), 2.86 (2H, septet, *J* 6.8, H18), 2.71 (2H, septet, *J* 6.8, H18'), 1.33 (12H, d, *J* 6.9, H17), 1.22 (6H, d, *J* 6.8, H19) 1.13 (6H, d, *J* 7.0, H19), 1.11 (6H, d, *J* 7.0, H19'), 1.05 (6H, d, *J* 6.8, H19').

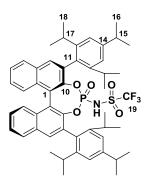
 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 150.6 (C10), 149.1 (C15), 147.8 (C13), 147.7 (C13'), 133.4 (Ar C), 130.6 (C8), 130.4 (Ar C), 129.1 (Ar C), 129.0 (Ar C), 128.2 (C3), 126.6 (C5/C6), 124.5 (C5/C6), 123.8 (C4), 121.2 (C14), 121.2 (C14'), 113.1 (C1), 34.3 (C16), 30.9 (C18), 30.8 (C18'), 24.3 (C17/C19), 24.3 (C17/C19), 24.0 (C17/C19), 23.9 (C17/C19), 23.7 (C17/C19).

MP: 268–274 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 68.9 \ (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3).$

v_{max} (neat): 3524 (OH), 2960 (CH), 2928 (CH), 2869 (CH), 1739, 1364, 1230, 1217, 749 cm⁻¹.

N-Trifylphosphoramide S10



This compound was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹² Triethylamine (707 µL, 5.07 mmol), phosphoryl chloride (81 µL, 0.87 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (177 mg, 1.45 mmol) were added to a stirred RT solution of bis(aryl) BINOL **S9** (500 mg, 0.72 mmol) in dichloromethane (3.5 mL). After 1 h propionitrile (3.5 mL) and trifluoromethanesulfonamide (216 mg, 1.45 mmol) were added, and the mixture heated to 100 °C. After 12 h water (5 mL) was added, and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sodium bicarbonate solution (aq., 5 mL) and hydrochloric acid (4 M, 2 x 5 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The solid residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes: dichloromethane:diethyl ether, 1:1:1), to afford the product as a mixture of the free acid and calcium salt. This residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL), washed with hydrochloric acid (4.0 M aq., 2 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford triflamide **S10** (545 mg, 86%) as a pale orange powder. *Data is consistent with that reported in the literature*.¹² *This compound was obtained as a 10:1 inseperable mixture of the desired* NTPA and phosphoric acid TRIP.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.00–7.95 (4H, m, H3 & H8), 7.57 (2H, t, *J* 7.4, H4), 7.39–7.27 (4H, m, H5 & H6), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* 1.6, H13), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* 0.9, 2 x H13), 7.06 (1H, d, *J* 1.6, H13), 3.00–2.90 (2H, m, 2 x H15), 2.80–2.69 (2H, m, 2 x H17), 2.66 (1H, septet, *J* 6.9, H17), 2.58 (1H,

septet, J 6.7, H17), 1.32–1.24 (15H, m, 12 x H16 & 3 x H18), 1.24–1.13 (12H, m, 12 x H18), 1.11 (3H, d, J 6.8, 3 x H18), 1.00 (3H, d, J 6.8, 3 x H18), 0.96 (3H, d, J 6.8, 3 x H18).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (126 MHz, CDCl₃): 149.7 (C14), 149.1 (C14'), 147.9 (C12), 147.8 (C12), 147.1 (C12), 146.6 (C12), 145.4 (d, *J* 11.0, C10), 144.7 (d, *J* 9.0, C10'), 133.2 (C8), 133.0 (C8'), 132.3 (d, *J* 2.9, C9), 132.1 (C7), 131.6 (C2), 131.2 (C2'), 130.5 (d, *J* 4.4, C9'), 130.1 (C11), 129.9 (C11), 128.4(1) (C3), 128.3(6) (C3'), 127.3 (C6), 126.8 (C5), 126.7 (C5'), 126.4(0) (C4), 126.3(5) (C4'), 121.8 (C13), 121.2 (2 x C13), 121.1 (C1), 120.4 (C13), 118.8 (q, *J* 322, C19), 34.5 (C15), 34.3 (C15'), 31.4 (C17), 31.0(4) (C17), 30.9(7) (C17), 30.5 (C17), 26.9 (C16/C18), 26.7 (C16/C18), 25.4 (C16/C18), 25.1 (C16/C18), 24.1 (C16/C18), 24.0 (C16/C18), 23.9(1) (C16/C18), 23.8(7) (C16/C18), 23.0 (C16/C18), 22.9 (C16/C18), 22.8 (C16/C18), 22.6 (C16/C18).

 $\delta_{\rm F}$ (470 MHz, CDCl₃): 77.4.

 $\delta_{\rm p}$ (202 MHz, CDCl₃): -1.98.

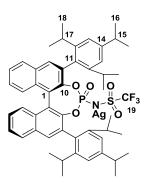
MP: 170–175 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ -24.1 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

 v_{max} (neat): 2961 (CH), 2870 (CH), 1738, 1364, 1227, 975, 751 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ES-): found 882.3572; C₅₁H₅₆F₃NO₅PS, [M-H]⁻ requires 882.3574.

Silver(I) NTPA (S11)



This compound was prepared by analogy to a literature procedure.¹³ Where possible, all steps of this procedure were carried out in the dark. Silver(I) carbonate (31.2 mg, 0.113 mmol) and water (2 mL) were added to a stirred solution of triflamide **S10** (200 mg, 0.226 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL). The resulting biphasic solution was stirred vigorously for 1 h, diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL) and water (5 mL) and the organic layer extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The organic extracts were filtered over Celite® and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford silver salt **S11** (214 mg, 96%) as a pale grey powder which was stored in the dark.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.97 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H3), 7.95 (1H, s, H8), 7.91 (1H, d, *J* 7.9, H3'), 7.90 (1H, s, H8'), 7.53 (1H, t, *J* 7.4, H4), 7.49 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.0, 5.8, 2.2, H4'), 7.36–7.27 (5H, m, 2 x H5, 2 x H6, H13), 7.14 (1H, s, H13), 7.06 (1H, s, H13), 7.03 (1H, s, H13), 3.04–2.94 (1H, m, H15), 2.94–2.85 (2H, m, 2 x H15/H17), 2.85–2.77 (2H, m, 2 x H15/H17), 2.67 (1H, septet, *J* 6.7, H15/H17), 1.34–1.22 (24H, m, 24 x H16/H18), 1.20 (3H, d, *J* 6.7, 3 x H16/H18), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* 6.8, 3 x H16/H18), 1.02 (3H, d, *J* 6.7, 3 x H16/H18), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* 6.8, 3 x H16/H18).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (126 MHz, CDCl₃): 151.4 (C14), 148.5 (C14'), 148.4 (C12), 147.6 (2 x C12), 147.2 (C12), 146.9 (d, *J* 11.0, C10), 145.4 (d, *J* 9.0, C10'), 132.9 (C8), 132.7 (Ar C), 132.3 (Ar C), 132.1 (Ar C), 132.1 (C11), 131.5 (C8'), 131.3 (Ar C), 131.3 (C11'), 130.8 (Ar C), 130.7 (Ar C), 128.3 (C3), 128.1 (C3'), 127.5 (C5), 127.4 (C5'), 126.4 (C6), 126.0 (C6'), 125.8 (C4), 125.5 (C4'), 123.0 (C1), 121.7(3) (C13), 121.6(6) (C13), 121.2 (C1'), 120.4 (2 x C13'), 34.3 (C15), 34.2 (C15'), 31.6 (C17), 31.0

(C17), 30.8 (2 x C17), 26.9 (C16/C18), 26.6 (C16/C18), 25.2 (C16/C18), 25.2 (2 x C16/C18), 24.8 (C16/C18), 24.3 (C16/C18), 24.1 (C16/C18), 24.8 (C16/C18), 23.3 (2 x C16/C18), 22.2 (C16/C18).

 $\delta_{\rm P}$ (202 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.81.

 $\delta_{\rm F}$ (470 MHz, CDCl₃): -77.87.

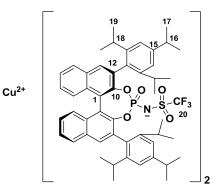
MP: 236–242 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ -38.9 (c = 0.61, CHCl₃).

v_{max} (neat): 2962 (CH), 1364, 1314, 1194, 974 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (MALDI+): found 1010.12; $C_{51}H_{58}AgF_3NO_6PS$, $[M+H_3O]^+$ requires 1010.28; *isotope pattern consistent with Ag(I) salt*.





This compound was prepared by analogy to a literature procedure.¹⁴ Where possible, all steps of this procedure were carried out in the dark. Copper(II) chloride dihydrate (9.5 mg, 0.056 mmol) was added to a stirred RT solution of silver salt **S11** (100 mg, 0.101 mmol) in acetonitrile:dichloromethane (1:1 v/v, 2 mL). After 16 h the reaction mixture was filtered over Celite® and concentrated *in vacuo*. The solid residue was redissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL) and filtered over Celite®, washing

with dichloromethane (1 mL), and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford **7** (72 mg, 78%) as a green/grey solid. *Note that due to the paramagnetic nature of the copper(II) ion it was not possible to carry out NMR analysis of this compound.*

MP: 241–244 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ -33.8 (c = 0.29, CHCl₃).

v_{max} (neat): 2961 (CH), 2871 (CH), 1196, 1146, 999, 751 cm⁻¹.

m/z (ESI⁺):^{*} 1850 ([M+Na]⁺, 71%), 1828 ([M+H]⁺, 53%), 928.3 ([NTPA⁻+2Na]⁺, 100%).

2.3 Synthesis of Dihydroquinolones

General Procedure 1 – Asymmetric Synthesis of Dihydroquinolones

The appropriate aldehyde (2.0 eq.) was added to a stirred -30 °C suspension of the appropriate aniline (1.0 eq.), oven-dried 4 Å molecular sieves (1 mg / 1 mg aniline) and copper catalyst 7 (0.01 eq.) in 1:1 tetrahydrofuran:toluene (v:v, 0.2 M concentration of aniline). After 48 h the product dihydroquinolone was obtained by work-up procedure A or B.[†]

<u>Work-up procedure A</u>. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

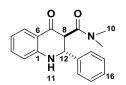
<u>Work-up procedure B.</u> The reaction mixture was poured into dichloromethane (200 mL / mmol aniline) and passed over a short plug of silica gel to remove the catalyst. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

General Procedure 2– Racemic Synthesis of Dihydroquinolones

^{* &}quot;NTPA" refers to the conjugate base anion of the neutral N-trifylphosphoramide **S10**.

[†] Work-up procedure A should be employed where TLC and MS indicate that the reaction has gone to completion, with no residual aniline remaining. Otherwise, work-up procedure B is necessary to prevent further reaction at RT, which would give mis-representative yields and enantioselectivities. Quenching these reactions with acid or base is not possible, since both the free acid and salt forms of the catalyst are active.

N,N-Dimethyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (2)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), benzaldehyde (49 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, dichloromethane:methanol, 100:1). The product dihydroquinolone 2 (64 mg, 90%, 83:17 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

*δ*_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.89 (1H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.5, H5), 7.55 (2H, dd, *J* 7.7, 1.7, H14), 7.39–7.33 (4H, m, H3, H15, H16), 6.79 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.25 (1H, d, *J* 12.9, H12), 4.50 (1H, br s, H11), 4.15 (1H, d, *J* 13.1, H8), 2.87 (3H, s, H10), 2.85 (3H, s, H10').

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): 189.6 (C7), 167.9 (C9), 151.2 (C1), 139.7 (C13), 135.7 (C3), 128.7 (C14), 128.6 (C16), 128.0 (C5), 127.6 (C15), 118.6 (C6), 118.5 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 60.7 (C12), 57.6 (C8), 37.5 (C10), 35.5 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 317.1261; C₁₈H₁₈N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 317.1260.

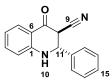
v_{max} (neat): 3282 (NH), 3034 (CH), 2940 (CH), 1659 (ketone), 1632 (amide), 1510, 1481, 1331, 1303, 760, 662 cm⁻¹.

MP: 203–208 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 8.1, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 14.4.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ +60.4 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

4-Oxo-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (8)



Attempted asymmetric synthesis: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline S5 (50 mg, 0.31 mmol), benzaldehyde (64 μ L, 0.62 mmol). Work-up procedure B was employed: chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1). The product dihydroquinolone 8 (49 mg, 63%, racemic, 4:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow crystalline solid. Although the diastereomers were inseparable by column chromatography, a pure sample of the major diastereomer was obtained by single recrystallization (dichloromethane/petrol).

Major (as drawn): δ_H (400 MHz, d6-acetone): 7.78 (1H, d, *J* 7.6, H5), 7.68 (2H, d, *J* 6.5, H13), 7.52–7.41 (4H, m, H3, H14, H15), 7.02 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 6.81 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H4), 6.59 (1H, br s, H10), 4.99 (1H, d, *J* 13.1, H11), 4.55 (1H, d, *J* 13.2, H8).

δ_C (101 MHz, d6-acetone): 184.4 (C7), 152.2 (C1), 138.6 (C12), 136.5 (C3), 129.6 (C15), 129.2 (C14), 128.3 (C13), 127.8 (C5), 118.5 (C4), 117.0 (C6/C9), 116.9 (C2), 115.5 (C6/C9), 60.9 (C11), 48.1 (C8).

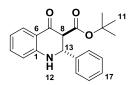
HRMS (ESI+): found 271.0839; C₁₆H₁₂N₂NaO, [M+Na]⁺ requires 271.0842.

 ν_{max} (film): 3350 (NH), 2891 (CH), 2252 (C=N), 1661, 1609, 1481, 1455, 1335, 752, 705 cm⁻¹.

MP: 164-168 °C (dichloromethane/petrol).

HPLC (Chiralpak AS, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}(1) = 8.6$, $t_{\rm R}(2) = 11.4$.

tert-Butyl 4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (9)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 5. Aniline S3 (100 mg, 0.42 mmol), benzaldehyde (86 μ L, 0.84 mmol). *Work-up procedure B* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 20:1). The product dihydroquinolone 9 (47 mg, 34%, 32:68 e.r., >20:1 dr, ~10:1 *ketone:enol*) was obtained as a yellow oil.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.88 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 1.2, H5), 7.51 (2H, dd, *J* 7.6, 1.7, H15), 7.42–7.31 (4H, m, H3, H16 & H17), 6.80 (1H, td, *J* 7.2, 0.7, H4), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* 8.1, H2), 4.97 (1H, d, *J* 13.1, H13), 4.54 (1H, br s, H12), 3.76 (1H, d, *J* 13.1, H8), 1.29 (9H, s, H11).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 189.2 (C7), 167.2 (C9), 150.8 (C1), 138.5 (C14), 135.7 (C3), 128.9 (C17), 128.7 (C16), 127.9 (C5), 127.8 (C15), 118.6 (C4), 118.4 (C6), 115.7 (C2), 81.8 (C10), 61.8 (C8), 60.6 (C13), 27.8 (C11).

HRMS (ESI+): found 346.1402; C₂₀H₂₁NNaO₃, [M+Na]⁺ requires 346.1414.

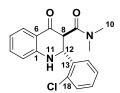
ν_{max} (film): 3342 (NH), 2979 (CH), 2932 (CH), 1725 (C=O), 1665, 1611, 1482, 1334, 1296, 1148, 910, 730 cm⁻¹.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 35.4 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_{3}).$

HPLC (Chiralpak ADH, 5% IPA, 95% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{R}(minor) = 8.2$, $t_{R}(major) = 15.4$.

2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide

(10)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (54 μ L, 0.48 mmol). After 48 h incomplete conversion was observed by TLC analysis. An additional aliquot of o-chlorobenzaldehyde (54 μ L, 0.48 mmol) and catalyst 7 (4.4 mg, 2.4 μ mol) was added, and the reaction stirred for a further 24 h. Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, dichloromethane:methanol, 100:1). The product dihydroquinolone 10 (71 mg, 90%, 61:38 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: Scandium(III) triflate (6 mg, 0.012 mmol) was added to a stirred RT solution of aniline **1** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (27 μ L, 0.24 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL). After 1 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford **10** (34 mg, 86%) as a yellow foam.

*δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.85 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.0, H5), 7.48–7.43 (1H, m, H15), 7.43–7.38 (1H, m, H16), 7.34 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.1, 1.4, H3), 7.29–7.23 (2H, m, H14 & H17), 6.77 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H4), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 5.63 (1H, d, *J* 11.6, H12), 4.58 (1H, s, H11), 4.44 (1H, d, *J* 11.6, H8), 3.07 (3H, s, H10), 2.89 (3H, s, H10³).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃):* 189.4 (C7), 167.4 (C9), 150.9 (C1), 136.6 (C13), 135.8 (C3), 133.9 (C18), 130.6 (C16), 129.6 (C17), 128.7 (C15), 128.0 (C5), 127.2 (C14), 118.3 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 56.5 (C12), 54.5 (C8), 37.7 (C10), 35.7 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 351.0874; C₁₈H₁₇³⁵ClN₂NaO₂, [M(³⁵Cl)+Na]⁺ requires 351.0871.

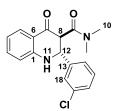
v_{max} (neat): 3328 (NH), 2924 (CH), 2854 (CH), 1639 (ketone), 1608 (amide), 1479, 1324, 1057, 757 cm⁻¹.

MP: 173-175 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): t_R (major) = 7.1, t_R (minor) = 11.0.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ +69.2 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (11)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (54 μ L, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.75% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 11 (66 mg, 83%, 78:22 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

^{*} The ¹³C peak corresponding to C6 was not observed.

Racemic: Scandium(III) triflate (6 mg, 0.012 mmol) was added to a stirred RT solution of aniline **1** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (27 μ L, 0.24 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL). After 1 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford **11** (28 mg, 71%) as a yellow crystalline solid.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.87 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.1, H5), 7.59 (1H, s, H18), 7.42 (1H, dt, *J* 6.7, 1.7, H16), 7.36 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.0, 1.4, H3), 7.33–7.28 (2H, m, H14 & H15), 6.80 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.72 (1H, d, *J* 8.4, H2), 5.23 (1H, d, *J* 13.0, H12), 4.51 (1H, s, H11), 4.10 (1H, d, *J* 12.9, H8), 2.87 (6H, s, H10).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 189.2 (C7), 167.6 (C9), 150.9 (C1), 141.9 (C13), 135.8 (C3), 134.5 (C17), 130.0 (C14/C15), 128.8 (C14/C15), 128.0 (C5), 127.5 (C18), 126.3 (C16), 118.7 (C4), 118.6 (C6), 115.9 (C2), 60.1 (C12), 57.4 (C8), 37.6 (C10), 35.6 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 351.0871; C₁₈H₁₇³⁵ClN₂NaO₂, [M(³⁵Cl)+Na]⁺ requires 351.0871.

 v_{max} (neat): 3282 (NH), 2924 (CH), 2854 (CH), 1632 (ketone), 1608 (amide), 1327, 1162, 747 cm⁻¹.

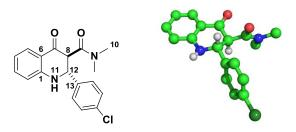
MP: 232–235 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 7.9, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 14.2.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 80.0 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide





Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (72 mg, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.75% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 12 (71 mg, 90%, 68:32 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: Scandium(III) triflate (6 mg, 0.012 mmol) was added to a stirred RT solution of aniline **1** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (27 μ L, 0.24 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL). After 1 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford **12** (31 mg, 79%) as a yellow crystalline solid.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.86 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, H5), 7.49 (2H, d, *J* 7.8, H14), 7.35 (1H, t, *J* 7.7, H3),
7.32 (2H, d, *J* 7.8, H15), 6.80 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H4), 6.72 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.20 (1H, d, *J* 12.9, H12),
4.53 (1H, s, H11), 4.07 (1H, d, *J* 13.1, H8), 2.86 (6H, s, H10).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 189.3 (C7), 167.6 (C9), 151.1 (C1), 138.4 (C13), 135.8 (C3), 134.3 (C16), 129.1 (C14), 128.8 (C15), 128.0 (C5), 118.7 (C4), 118.6 (C6), 115.9 (C2), 60.0 (C12), 57.6 (C8), 37.5 (C10), 35.6 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 351.0866; C₁₈H₁₇³⁵ClN₂NaO₂, [M(³⁵Cl)+Na]⁺ requires 351.0871.

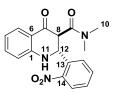
 $v_{\rm max}$ (neat): 3328 (NH), 2924 (CH), 2855 (CH), 1662 (ketone), 1628 , 1607 (amide), 1507, 1484, 1134, 1107, 765 cm $^{-1}$.

MP: 198–200 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 7.5, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 17.8.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ +51.4 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).

N,N-Dimethyl-2-(2-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (13)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (72 mg, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure B* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 13 (14 mg, 17%, 71:29 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 6.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.85 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, H5), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* 8.1, H15), 7.71 (1H, d, *J* 7.8, H18),
7.59 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H17), 7.47 (1H, t, *J* 7.7, H16), 7.38 (1H, t, *J* 7.8, H3), 6.82 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H4),
6.75 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.66 (1H, d, *J* 11.6, H12), 4.80 (1H, d, *J* 11.4, H8), 3.05 (3H, s, H10), 2.88 (3H, s, H10').

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 188.6 (C7), 167.0 (C9), 150.8 & 150.4 (C1 & C14), 135.9 (C3), 133.8 (C13), 132.7 (C17), 129.2 (C18), 129.0 (C16), 127.9 (C5), 124.6 (C15), 119.0 (C4), 118.5 (C6), 116.1 (C2), 55.6 (C8), 55.1 (C12), 37.6 (C10), 35.7 (C10³).

HRMS (ESI+): found 362.1120; C₁₈H₁₇N₃NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ requires 362.1111.

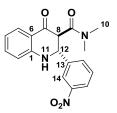
v_{max} (neat): 3361 (NH), 2930 (CH), 1640 (ketone), 1611 (amide), 1528 (NO₂), 1355 (NO₂), 1155, 762 cm⁻¹.

MP: 202–204 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ +61.8 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

HPLC (Chiralpak ODH, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 246$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 9.5, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 13.7.

N,N-Dimethyl-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (14)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (72 mg, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 14 (53 mg, 64%, 71:29 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO): 8.43 (1H, t, J 1.9, H14), 8.20 (1H, ddd, J 8.3, 2.3, 0.9, H16), 8.00 (1H, d, J 7.7, H18), 7.71–7.63 (2H, m, H5 & H17), 7.37 (1H, ddd, J 8.4, 7.0, 1.5, H3), 7.22 (1H, br s, H11), 6.87 (1H, d, J 8.3, H2), 6.70 (1H, t, J 7.6, H4), 5.13 (1H, d, J 13.2, H12), 4.70 (1H, d, J 13.3, H8), 2.84 (3H, s, H10), 2.67 (3H, s, H10).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, d_{δ} -DMSO): 190.2 (C7), 168.4 (C9), 152.7 (C1), 148.4 (C15), 143.3 (C13), 136.3 (C3), 136.0 (C18), 130.7 (C17), 127.6 (C5), 123.9 (C16), 123.9 (C14), 118.2 (C6), 117.8 (C4), 117.1 (C2), 59.8 (C12), 56.2 (C8), 37.8 (C10), 35.7 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 362.1107; C₁₈H₁₇N₃NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ requires 362.1111.

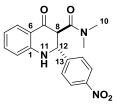
v_{max} (neat): 3262 (NH), 2922 (CH), 2853 (CH), 1664 (ketone), 1625 (amide), 1531 (NO₂), 1347 (NO₂), 766, 731, 705 cm⁻¹.

MP: 231–234 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ +65.5 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

HPLC (Chiralpak ODH, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 12.9, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 21.2.

N,*N*-Dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (15)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (72 mg, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone **15** (60 mg, 73%, 62:38 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.21 (2H, d, *J* 8.8, H15), 7.89 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.4, H5), 7.78 (2H, d, *J* 8.7, H14), 7.40 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 7.2, 1.5, H3), 6.85 (1H, t, *J* 7.2, H4), 6.75 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.39 (1H, d, *J* 12.9, H12), 4.51 (1H, br s, H11), 4.11 (1H, d, *J* 12.9, H8), 2.89 (3H, s, H10), 2.87 (3H, s, H10³).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 188.5 (C7), 167.1 (C9), 150.7 (C1), 148.0 (C16), 147.1 (C13), 136.0 (C3), 128.9 (C14), 128.0 (C5), 123.9 (C15), 119.2 (C4), 118.7 (C6), 116.0 (C2), 60.0 (C12), 57.5 (C8), 37.6 (C10), 35.6 (C10').

HRMS (ESI+): found 362.1115; C₁₈H₁₇N₃NaO₄, [M+Na]⁺ requires 362.1111.

 v_{max} (neat): 3245 (NH), 3058 (CH), 2923 (CH), 2854 (CH), 1665 (ketone), 1630 (amide), 1513 (NO₂), 1480, 1344 (NO₂), 858, 745, 662 cm⁻¹.

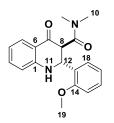
MP: 248-253 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 30.3 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

HPLC (Chiralpak ODH, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 12.3, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 31.6.

2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide

(16)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (65 mg, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure B* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 16 (56 mg, 72%, 56:44 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.78 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.4, H5), 7.28 – 7.18 (3 H, m, H3, H16 & H18), 6.91 – 6.83 (2 H, m, H15 & H17), 6.67 (1 H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.59 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.42 (1 H, d, *J* 11.5, H12), 4.50 (1 H, s, H11), 4.43 (1 H, d, *J* 11.5, H8), 3.79 (3 H, s, H19), 3.01 (3 H, s, H10), 2.83 (3 H, s, H10³).

δ_C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.3 (C7), 168.3 (C9), 157.5 (C14), 151.3 (C1), 135.5 (C3), 129.6 (C16/C18), 128.3 (C16/C18), 127.9 (C5), 127.1 (C12), 120.9 (C17), 118.6 (C6), 117.9 (C4), 115.8 (C2) 111.5 (C15), 55.6 (C19), 54.8 (C12), 53.9 (C8), 37.6 (C10), 35.6 (C10).

 v_{max} (neat): 3312, 2933, 1634, 1610, 1494, 1483, 1248, 756, 731 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found 347.1354; C₁₉H₂₀N₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ requires 347.1366.

MP: 214–216 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.5, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.5.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 38.4 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide

(17)

Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (65 mg, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure B* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 17 (66 mg, 85%, 59:41 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.87 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.3, H5), 7.49 – 7.43 (2 H, m, H14), 7.35 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.5, 7.1, 1.6, H3), 6.92 – 6.84 (2 H, m, H15), 6.78 (1 H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.69 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.18 (1 H, d, *J* 13.0, H12), 4.48 (1 H, br s, H11), 4.11 (1 H, d, *J* 13.0, H8), 3.82 (3 H, s, H17), 2.85 (6 H, s, H10).

δ_C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 189.9 (C7), 168.1 (C9), 159.6 (C16), 151.3 (C1), 135.7 (C3), 131.8 (C13), 128.8 (C14), 128.0 (C5), 118.6 (C6), 118.3 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 114.0 (C15), 60.1 (C12), 57.7 (C8), 55.3 (C17), 37.6 (C10), 35.6 (C10').

 v_{max} (neat): 2206, 2934, 1634, 1610, 1509, 1248, 762, 735 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found 347.1356; C₁₉H₂₀N₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ requires 347.1366.

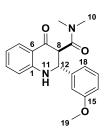
MP: 160–164 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 6.1, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 11.1.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ +19.0 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide

(18)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol),
3-methoxybenzaldehyde (65 mg, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure B was employed:
chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone
18 (58 mg, 75%, 63:37 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.89 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.2, H5), 7.37 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.5, 7.2, 1.6, H3), 7.32 – 7.26 (1 H, m, H17), 7.16 – 7.08 (2 H, m, H, H14 & H18), 6.89 (1 H, dd, *J* 7.9, 2.2, H16), 6.80 (1 H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.72 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.23 (1 H, d, *J* 13.0, H12), 4.54 (1 H, s, H11), 4.16 (1 H, d, *J* 13.0, H8), 3.83 (3 H, s, H19), 2.88 (3 H, s, H10), 2.86 (3 H, s, H10²).

δ_C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 189.7 (C5), 168.0 (C9), 159.8 (C15), 151.1 (C1), 141.4 (C13), 135.7 (C3), 129.8 (C17), 128.0 (C5), 120.0 (C18), 118.5 (C4), 118.5 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 114.1 (C16), 113.0 (C14), 60.6 (C12), 57.5 (C8), 55.3 (C19), 37.6 (C10), 35.6 (C10³).

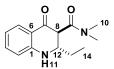
 v_{max} (neat): 3305, 2936, 1633, 1609, 1484, 1260, 1156, 1041, 760, 729 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found 347.1355; C₁₉H₂₀N₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ requires 347.1366.

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): t_R (major) = 6.5, t_R (minor) = 12.1.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 31.1 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-Ethyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (19)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), *n*-butyraldehyde (34 μ L, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 19 (60 mg, 100%, 82:18 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.85 – 7.73 (1 H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.4, H5), 7.33 – 7.27 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.1, 1.4, H3), 6.75 – 6.67 (2 H, m, H2 & H4), 4.44 (1 H, s, H11), 4.09 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.6, 7.3, 3.1, H12), 3.73 (1 H, d, *J* 12.7, H8), 3.07 (3 H, s, H10), 3.06 (3 H, s, H10'), 1.75 (1 H, dqd, *J* 15.2, 7.6, 3.1, H 13), 1.62 (1 H, dp, *J* 14.6, 7.4, H13'), 1.03 (3 H, t, *J* 7.5, H14).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.80 (1H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.4, H5), 7.30 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.1, 1.4, H3), 6.74–6.68 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 4.44 (1H, br s, H11), 4.09 (1H, ddd, *J* 12.6, 7.3, 3.1, H12), 3.73 (1H, d, *J* 12.6, H8), 3.07 (3H, s, H10), 3.06 (3H, s, H10^{*}), 1.75 (1H, dqd, *J* 14.7, 7.3, 3.2, H13), 1.62 (1H, ddq, *J* 14.4, 7.2, 7.2, H13^{*}), 1.03 (3H, t, *J* 7.5, H14). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃):

 v_{max} (neat): 3288, 2970, 2875, 1660, 1625, 1610, 1517, 1483, 1155, 1046, 767 cm⁻¹.

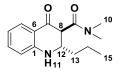
MP: 124–128 °C (dichloromethane).

HRMS (ESI+): found 269.1262; C₁₄H₁₈N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 269.1260.

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.7, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.8.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 278.8 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

N,N-Dimethyl-4-oxo-2-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (20)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), *n*-butyraldehyde (43 μ L, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone **20** (64 mg, 100%, 88:12 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.82 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.2, H5), 7.35 – 7.28 (1 H, m, H3), 6.73 (1 H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.69 (1 H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 4.39 (1 H, s, H11), 4.13 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.5, 7.7, 3.9, H12), 3.72 (1 H,

d, *J* 12.6, H8), 3.08(4) (3 H, s, H10), 3.07(6) (3 H, s, H10'), 1.70 – 1.54 (2 H, m, H13), 1.54 – 1.42 (2 H, m, H14), 0.99 (3 H, t, *J* 7.2, H15).

δ_c (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.2 (C7), 168.6 (C9), 151.1 (C1), 135.5 (C3), 127.9 (C5), 118.6 (C6), 118.0 (C4), 115.9 (C2), 55.4 (C8), 55.1 (C12), 37.7 (C10), 35.7 (C10' & C11), 18.4 (C13), 14.0 (C14).

 v_{max} (neat): 3284, 2959, 2873, 1664, 1611, 1519, 1484, 1198, 1154, 772 cm⁻¹.

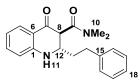
HRMS (ESI+): found 283.1416; C₁₅H₂₀N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 283.1417.

MP: 106–108 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 237$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.4, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 10.0.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 280.3 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

N,N-Dimethyl-4-oxo-2-phenethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (21)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 3-phenypropionaldehyde (64 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 21 (72 mg, 92%, 79:21 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.81 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.4, H5), 7.28–7.37 (3H, m, H3 & H17), 7.27–7.22 (3H, m, H16 & H18), 6.73 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H4), 6.55 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 4.32–4.19 (2H, m, H11 & H12, *H12 appears as a ddd*, *J* 12.4, 7.8, 3.0), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 12.5, H8), 3.06 (3H, s, H10), 3.03 (3H, s, H10'), 2.85 (1H, ddd, *J* 14.0, 8.8, 5.5, H14), 2.79 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.8, 9.0, 7.2, H14'), 2.09–1.90 (2H, m, H13 & H13').

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 190.0 (C7), 168.4 (C9), 151.0 (C1), 141.0 (C15), 135.5 (C3), 128.7 (C16), 128.4 (C17), 127.8 (C5), 126.4 (C18), 118.6 (C6), 118.1 (C4), 115.7 (C2), 55.6 (C12), 55.4 (C8), 37.6 (C10), 35.7 (C10'), 35.0 (C13), 32.1 (C14).

v_{max} (neat): 3325 (NH), 3026 (CH), 2929 (CH), 1629, 1609 (amide), 1483, 1343, 1153, 1114, 754, 699 cm⁻¹.

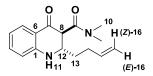
HRMS (ESI+): found 345.1573; C₂₀H₂₂N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 345.1573.

MP: 54–56 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 27.4, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 18.0.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 187.7 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (22)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 4-pentenal (57 μL, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone **22** (65 mg, 98%, 68:32 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.82 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, H5), 73 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.9, 6.6, 1.2, H3), 6.73 (1H, ddt, *J* 8.9, 6.6, 1.2, H3), 6.73 (1H, ddt, *J* 8.0, 7.2, 0.7, H4), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, H2), 5.86 (1H, ddt, *J* 17.0, 10.3, 6.7, H15), 5.12 (1H, d, *J* 17.1, (*Z*)-H16), 5.04 (1H, d, *J* 10.1, (*E*)-H16), 4.50 (1H, br s, H11), 4.17 (1H, ddd, *J* 12.1, 8.5, 3.3, H12), 3.73 (1H, d, *J* 12.5, H8), 3.08 (3H, s, H10), 3.07 (3H, s, H10³), 2.31–2.19 (2H, m, H14), 1.86–1.77 (1H, m, H13), 1.76–1.65 (1H, m, H13³).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 190.0 (C7), 168.5 (C9), 151.1 (C1), 137.6 (C15), 135.5 (C3), 127.9 (C5), 118.6 (C6), 118.1 (C4), 115.8 (C2/C16), 115.7 (C2/C16), 55.3 (C8), 55.2 (C12), 37.7 (C10), 35.7 (C10'), 32.4 (C13), 29.7 (C14).

HRMS (ESI+): found 295.1412; C₁₆H₂₀N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 295.1417.

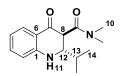
MP: 146–150 °C (dichloromethane).

 v_{max} (neat): 3325 (NH), 3075 (CH), 2927 (CH), 1631, 1610 (amide), 1483, 1346, 1154, 912, 759 cm⁻¹.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0}$ +143.7 (c = 1, CHCl₃).

HPLC (Chiralpak ODH, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.5, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.6.

2-iso-Propyl-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (23)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), *n*-butyraldehyde (44 μ L, 0.48 mmol). *Work-up procedure A* was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 23 (64 mg, 100%, 59:41 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.81 (1H, d, *J* 7.9, H5), 7.31 (1H, t, *J* 8.1, H3), 6.74–6.68 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 4.26 (1H, br s, H11), 4.07 (1H, dd, *J* 12.5, 2.8, H12), 3.84 (1H, d, *J* 12.4, H8), 3.10 (3H, s, H10), 3.07 (3H, s, H10[°]), 2.04 (1H, septet of doublets, *J* 6.9, 2.8, H13), 1.10 (3H, d, *J* 7.1, H14), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, H14[°]).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 190.5 (C7), 168.6 (C9), 151.4 (C1), 135.5 (C3), 127.8 (C5), 118.4 (C6), 117.8 (C4), 115.9 (C2), 59.7 (C12), 53.2 (C8), 37.6 (C10), 35.7 (C10'), 28.9 (C13), 19.7 (C14), 15.7 (C14').

v_{max} (neat): 3319 (NH), 2959 (CH), 2934 (CH), 1663 (ketone), 1631 (amide), 1514, 1484, 1302, 1146, 1094, 769, 755 cm⁻¹.

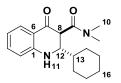
HRMS (ESI+): found 283.1418; C₁₅H₂₀N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 283.1417.

MP: 130–136 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.5, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.7.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 36.5 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-Cyclohexyl-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (24)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (58 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 24 (63 mg, 87%, 90:10 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.81 (1H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.1, H5), 7.31 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H3), 6.74–6.66 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 4.31 (1H, br s, H11), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* 11.1, H12), 3.89 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, H8), 3.10 (3H, s, H10), 3.07 (3H, s, H10'), 1.90–1.57 (6H, m, H13 & 5 x H14/H15/H16), 1.41–1.11 (5H, m, 5 x H14/H15/H16).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (126 MHz, CDCl₃): 190.7 (C7), 168.7 (C9), 151.2 (C1), 135.4 (C3), 127.7 (C5), 118.4 (C6), 117.8 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 59.5 (C12), 52.5 (C8), 39.2 (C13), 37.7 (C10), 35.7 (C10'), 30.4 (C14/C15/C16), 26.7 (C14/C15/C16), 26.4 (C14/C15/C16), 26.3(5) (C14/C15/C16), 26.2(9) (C14/C15/C16).

v_{max} (neat): 3339 (NH), 2927 (CH), 2853 (CH), 1634, 1612 (amide), 1484, 1398, 759, 731 cm⁻¹.

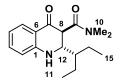
HRMS (ESI+): found 323.1731; C₁₈H₂₄N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 323.1731.

MP: 140-142 °C (dichloromethane).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 334.0$ (*c* = 1, CHCl₃).

HPLC (Chiralpak ODH, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.3, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.8.

N,N-Dimethyl-4-oxo-2-(pentan-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (25)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (59 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 25 (69 mg, 99%, 77% ee, >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.81 (1 H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.3, H5), 7.30 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.4, 7.0, 1.5, H3), 6.74 – 6.66 (2 H, m, H2 & H4), 4.26 (1 H, dd, *J* 12.8, 2.1, H12), 4.22 (1 H, br s, H11), 3.93 (1 H, d, *J* 12.7, H8), 3.09 (3 H, s, H10), 3.07 (3 H, s, H10'), 1.69 – 1.44 (3 H, m, H13 & 2 x H14), 1.40 – 1.15 (2 H, m, 2 x H14), 1.01 (3 H, t, *J* 7.4, H15), 0.95 (3 H, t, *J* 7.4, H15').

δ_c (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.7 (C7), 168.6 (C9), 151.4 (C1), 135.4 (C3), 127.9 (C5), 118.3 (C6), 117.7 (C4), 115.8 (C2), 56.5 (C12), 52.8 (C8), 42.2 (C13), 37.7 (C10), 35.7 (C10'), 23.4 (C14), 21.7 (C14'), 12.7 (C15), 11.8 (C15').

 v_{max} (neat): 3339, 2961, 2874, 1634, 1612, 1509, 1484, 1259, 1150, 758 cm⁻¹.

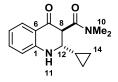
HRMS (ESI): found 311.1721; C₁₇H₁₄N₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ requires 311.1730.

MP: 96–98 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 10.0, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 13.6.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 219.8 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-Cyclopropyl-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (26)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde (36 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 0.5% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 26 (60 mg, 97%, 65:35 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow foam.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.81 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.0, 1.6, H5), 7.30 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.3, 7.0, 1.5, H3), 6.77 – 6.55 (2 H, m, H2 & H4), 4.48 (1 H, s, H11), 3.92 (1 H, d, *J* 12.4, H8), 3.38 (1 H, dd, *J* 12.3, 9.0, H12), 3.14 (3 H, s, H10), 3.07 (3 H, s, H10[°]), 1.09 – 0.89 (1 H, m, H13), 0.64 – 0.51 (3 H, m 3 x H14), 0.39 – 0.26 (1 H, m, H14).

δ_C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 188.3 (C7), 166.6 (C9), 148.9 (C1), 133.4 (C5), 125.8 (C3), 116.3 (C6), 115.8 (C4), 113.5 (C2), 58.0 (C12), 54.3 (C8), 35.8 (C10), 33.6 (C10'), 13.7 (C13), 1.1 (C14), 0.0 (C14').

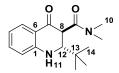
HRMS (ESI+): found 281.1266; C₁₅H₁₈N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 281.1260.

 v_{max} (neat): 3324, 3005, 1637, 1612, 1505, 1483, 757 cm⁻¹.

HPLC (Chiralpak IC, 50% IPA, 50% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 14.2, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 18.5.

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20.0} + 88.8 \ (c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

2-(Tert-butyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (27)



Asymmetric: prepared according to general procedure 1. Aniline 1 (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), pivaldehyde (52 μ L, 0.48 mmol). Work-up procedure A was employed: chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol in dichloromethane). The product dihydroquinolone 27 (62 mg, 94%, 90:10 e.r., >20:1 dr) was obtained as a yellow solid.

Racemic: prepared according to general procedure 2.

δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.67 (1H, dd, *J* 8.3, 1.4, H5), 7.24 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 7.2, 1.3, H3), 6.62–6.56 (2H, m, H2 & H4), 4.60 (1H, br s, H11), 3.96 (1H, d, *J* 5.4, H8), 3.76 (1H, dd, *J* 5.2, 2.1, H12), 3.25 (3H, s, H10), 2.97 (3H, s, H10³), 0.98 (9H, s, H14).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 190.1 (C7), 169.4 (C9), 150.9 (C1), 135.9 (C3), 127.4 (C5), 116.7 (C4), 116.5 (C6), 115.2 (C2), 62.3 (C12), 49.6 (C8), 38.1 (C10), 36.2 (C10'), 29.7 (C13), 26.4 (C14).

 v_{max} (neat): 3343 (NH), 2918 (CH), 1613 (amide), 1529, 1485, 1445, 1143, 1054, 906, 758 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI+): found 297.1572; C₁₆H₂₂N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 297.1573.

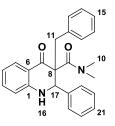
MP: 124-128 °C (dichloromethane).

HPLC (Chiralpak IA, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min⁻¹, $\lambda = 245$): t_R (major) = 7.7, t_R (minor) = 5.6.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0}$ +616.6 (*c* = 0.11, CHCl₃).

(±)-3-Benzyl-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-

carboxamide (29)



Benzaldehyde (7 μ L, 0.07 mmol) was added to a stirred RT solution of aniline **28** (10 mg, 0.033 mmol) and scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (2 mg, 4 μ mol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL). After 16 h the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford dihydroquinolone **29** (9 mg, 69%) as a yellow solid.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 7.74 (1H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.3, H5), 7.40–7.34 (4H, m, H3, H13 & H21), 7.34-7.30 (2H, m, H14), 7.16–7.10 (5H, m, H15, H19, H20), 6.79 (1H, t, *J* 7.6, H4), 6.71 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, H2), 5.37 (1H, s, H17), 4.72 (1H, br s, H16), 3.21 (1H, d, *J* 13.3, H11), 3.14 (1H, d, *J* 13.2 H11'), 2.88 (3H, br s, H10), 2.68 (3H, br s, H10).

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃, 126 MHz):^{*} 168.5 (C9), 149.7 (C1), 137.2 (C12/C18), 137.1 (C12/C18), 135.5 (C3), 131.4 (C19), 128.9 (C21), 128.7 (C13), 128.2 (C5), 127.9 (C14), 127.5 (C20), 126.4 (C15), 118.8 (C6), 118.3 (C4), 115.4 (C2), 63.9 (C8), 63.7 (C17), 38.6 (C10), 37.6 (C10'), 34.8 (C11).

MP: 214-220 °C (ethyl acetate/petrol).

^{*} The ¹³C peak corresponding to C7 was not observed.

HRMS (ESI+): found 407.1714; C₂₅H₂₄N₂NaO₂, [M+Na]⁺ requires 407.1730.

 v_{max} (neat): 3328 (NH), 2924 (CH), 2853 (CH), 1738, 1636, 1609, 1154, 728, 697 cm⁻¹.

3. SCREENING ASYMMETRIC CONDITIONS

_			RT	O O NMe ₂ N ^{'''} Ph 2	
	O N Ph 3			Bn Bn 5	
Entry ⁱ	Solvent ⁱⁱ	Catalyst ⁱⁱⁱ	Ligand (eq.)	Conversion (time) ^{iv}	e.r. ^v
1 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	Sc(OTf) ₃	5 (0.11)	100% (2 h)	50:50
2 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	Sc(OTf) ₃	3 (0.11)	100% (2 h)	50:50
3 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	$Cu(OTf)_2$	5 (0.11)	56% (16 h)	50:50
4 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	$Cu(OTf)_2$	3 (0.11)	49% (16 h)	50:50
5 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	$Zn(OTf)_2$	5 (0.11	0% (16 h)	-
6 ¹⁵	1:1 THF:PhMe	$Zn(OTf)_2$	3 (0.11)	0% (16 h)	-
7 ¹⁶	MeCN	Sc(OTf) ₃	3 (0.2)	100% (20 min)	54:46
8 ¹⁷	CH_2Cl_2	Sc(OTf) ₃ (0.01 eq.)	3 (0.025)	100% (3 h)	50:50
9 ¹⁷	CH_2Cl_2	Sc(OTf) ₃ (0.01 eq.)	4 (0.025)	100% (3 h)	52:48

3.1 Asymmetric Lewis Acidic Conditions

[i] References given where literature procedures were followed. [ii] All reactions were carried out on 25-50 mg scale (aniline) with 2.0 eq. aldehyde at RT. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out using 0.1 eq. catalyst. [iii] In all cases the catalyst and ligand were stirred for 1-3 h in the presence of powdered 3 or 4 Å molecular sieves prior to adding the aniline and aldehyde. [iv] Values determined by ^tH NMR analysis after reaction reached completeness (TLC) or after 16 h. [v] Determined by chiral HPLC.

<u>Entries 1–6.</u> These reactions were carried out by analogy to a literature protocol, according to the following general procedure:¹⁵

A suspension of the appropriate metal triflate (0.012 mmol), the appropriate ligand (0.013 mmol) and 4 Å powdered molecular sieves (30 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) was stirred for 2 h at RT. Amine **1** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) and benzaldehyde (24 μ L, 0.24 mmol) were added. Reaction completeness was monitored approximately by TLC and conversion was determined by ¹H NMR analysis. HPLC analysis was carried out on pure samples of the product **2** isolated by small-scale preparative TLC.

Entry 7. This reaction was carried out by analogy to a literature procedure.¹⁶

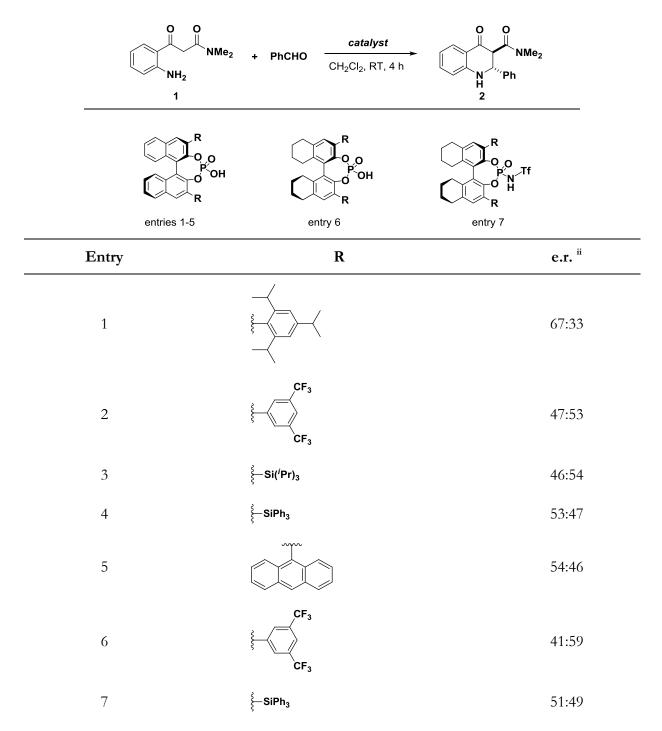
A suspension of scandium(III) triflate (12 mg, 0.024 mmol), (R)-phenylpybox **3** (18 mg, 0.049 mmol) and 3 Å powdered molecular sieves (150 mg) in acetonitrile (3 mL) was stirred vigorously for 80 min. Aniline **1** (50 mg, 0.24 mmol) and benzaldehyde (49 μ L, 0.48 mmol) were added, and the reaction was monitored by TLC. After 20 min TLC indicated consumption of the starting material; the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and ¹H NMR analysis of the crude material indicated complete conversion to the product. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 99:1, dichloromethane:methanol) to afford dihydroquinolone **2** (66 mg, 93%, 54:46 e.r.) as a yellow crystalline solid.

 $E_{ntries 8 \notin 9.}$ These reactions were carried out by analogy to a literature protocol, according to the following general procedure:¹⁷

A suspension of scandium(III) triflate (1.2 mg, 0.0024 mmol), the appropriate ligand (0.060 mmol) and 4 Å powdered molecular sieves (25 mg) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was stirred for 3 h at RT. Aniline **1** (50 mg, 0.24 mmol) and benzaldehyde (49 μ L, 0.48 mmol) were added. Reaction completeness was monitored approximately by TLC and conversion was determined by 'H NMR analysis... HPLC analysis was carried out on pure samples of the product **2** isolated by small-scale preparative TLC.

3.2 Asymmetric Brønsted Acidic Conditions

3.2.1 Catalyst Screening



[i] All reactions were carried out at RT on a 10 mg scale (aniline) with 2.0 eq. benzaldehyde and 5 mol% catalyst in dichloromethane at an aniline concentration of 0.1 M. All reactions went to completion (TLC) after 4 h. Yields not determined. [ii] Determined by chiral HPLC.

	0 0 NMe ₂ + Pt NH ₂ 1	nCHO (5 mol%)	O NMe₂ Ph
Entry ⁱ	Solvent	Aniline conc. / M	e.r. ⁱⁱ
1	CH_2Cl_2	0.05	57:43
2	CH_2Cl_2	0.10	67:33
3	CH_2Cl_2	0.20	56:44
4	MeCN	0.10	54:46
5	MeOH	0.10	47:53 ⁱⁱⁱ
6	THF	0.10	51:49
7	Et ₂ O	0.10	64:46
8	iPr ₂ O	0.10	~60:40 ^{iv}
9	PhMe	0.10	70:30
10	PhCl	0.10	70:30

[i] All reactions were carried out at RT on a 10 mg scale (aniline) with 2.0 eq. benzaldehyde and 5 mol% catalyst, and were analysed after 16 h. Yields not determined. [ii] Determined by chiral HPLC. [iii] Unidentified contaminant present in HPLC trace; ee value may be inaccurate. [iv] ee value approximate due to poor conversion leading to high noise/signal ratio in HPLC trace.

3.3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions for use of Catalyst 7

3.3.1 Temperature Screen

1	OO NMe _{2 +} PhCHO NH ₂	Cu(II) cat. 7 (1 mol%) CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 4 Å MS <i>temperature</i> 2	IMe ₂
Entry ⁱ	Temp. / °C	Conv. / % (time) ⁱⁱ	e.r. ⁱⁱⁱ
1	RT	100 (1 h)	70:30
2	-30	84 (16 h)	70:30
3	-50	25 (16 h)	69:31
4	-78	~5 (48 h)	63:37

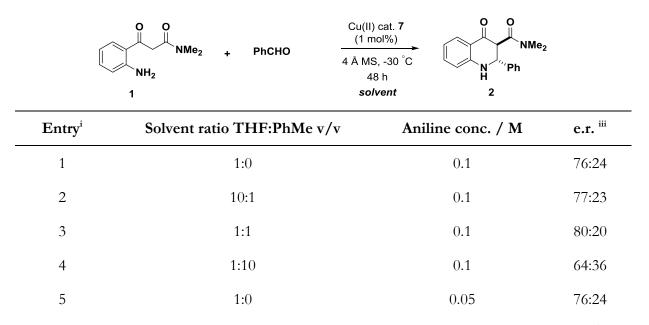
[i] All reactions were carried out on a 25 mg scale (aniline) with 2.0 eq. aldehyde and 1 mol% catalyst 7 at an aniline concentration of 0.1 M. Yields not determined, [ii] Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [iii] Determined by chiral HPLC.

Procedure:

Benzaldehyde (25 μ L, 0.25 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of aniline **1** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol), oven-dried 4 Å molecular sieves (25 mg) and copper catalyst **7** (2.2 mg, 1.2 μ mol) in dichloromethane (1.25 mL) at *the appropriate temperature*. After *the indicated time period* the reaction was diluted with dichloromethane (100 mL) and filtered over a short plug of silica to remove the catalyst, and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR *analysis was carried out on the crude material*. HPLC analysis was carried out on pure samples of the product **2** isolated by small-scale preparative TLC.

O NH 1	O NMe ₂ + PhCHO 2	Cu(II) cat. 7 (1 mol%) 4 Å MS, -30 °C 16 h solvent 2	O NMe₂ Ph
Entry ⁱ	Solvent	Conv. / % ⁱⁱ	e.r. ⁱⁱⁱ
1	CH_2Cl_2	84	70:30
2	MeCN	NR	-
3	PhCl	55	52:48
4	MeOH	NR	-
5	THF	70	76:24

[i] All reactions were carried out on a 25 mg scale (aniline) with 2.0 eq. aldehyde and 1 mol% catalyst 7 at an aniline concentration of 0.1 M in the presence of 4 Å MS, and were analysed after 16 h. Yields not determined. [ii] Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [iii] Determined by chiral HPLC.



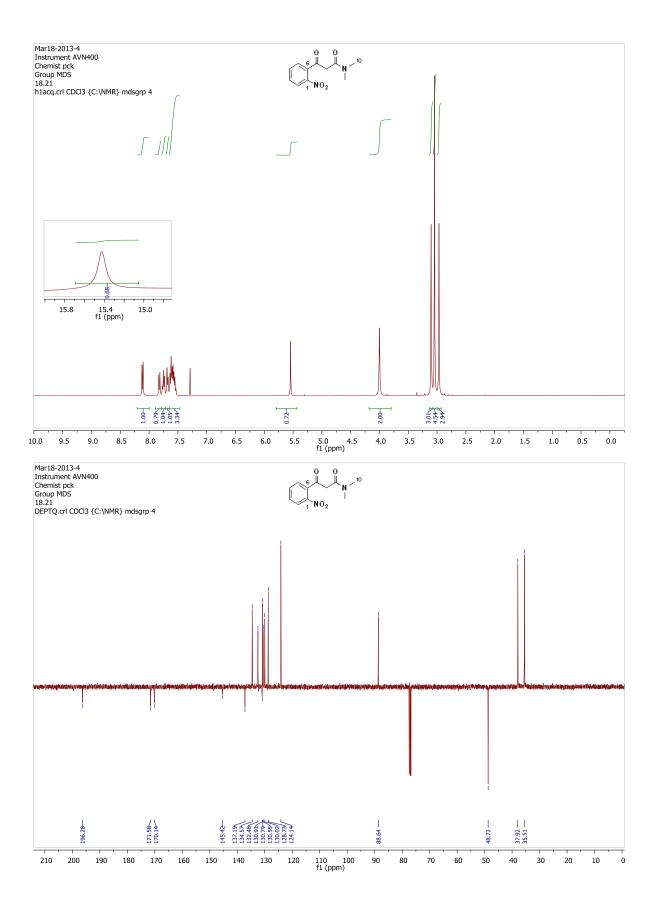
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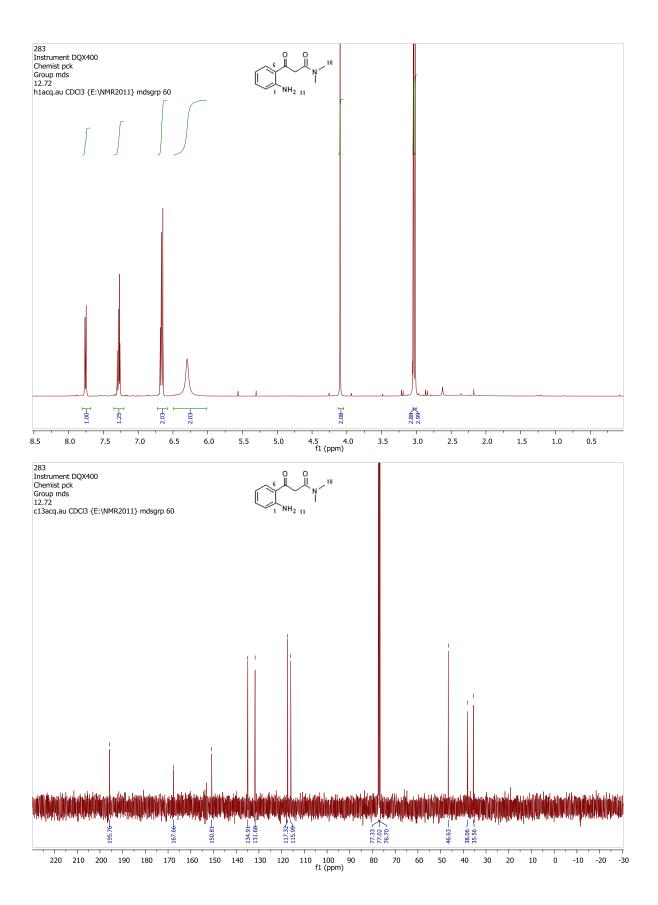
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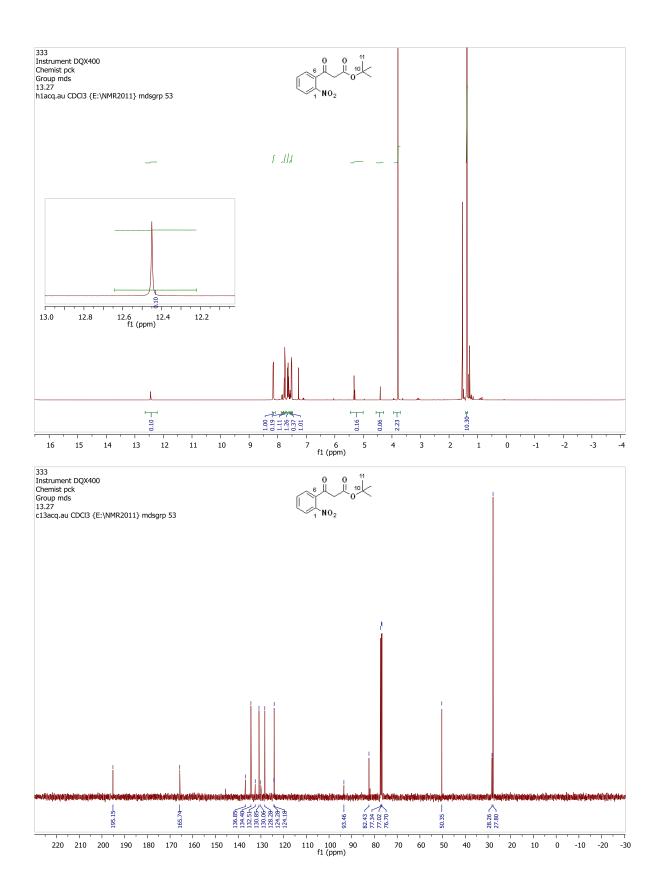
Benzaldehyde (25 μ L, 0.25 mmol) was added to a stirred -30 °C suspension of aniline 1 (25 mg, 0.12 mmol), oven-dried 4 Å molecular sieves (25 mg) and copper catalyst 7 (2.2 mg, 1.2 μ mol) in *the appropriate solvent* at *the indicated concentration*. After *the indicated time period* the reaction was diluted with dichloromethane (100 mL) and filtered over a short plug of silica to remove the catalyst, and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR *analysis was carried out on the crude material*. HPLC *analysis was carried out on pure samples of the product* **2** *isolated by small-scale preparative TLC*.

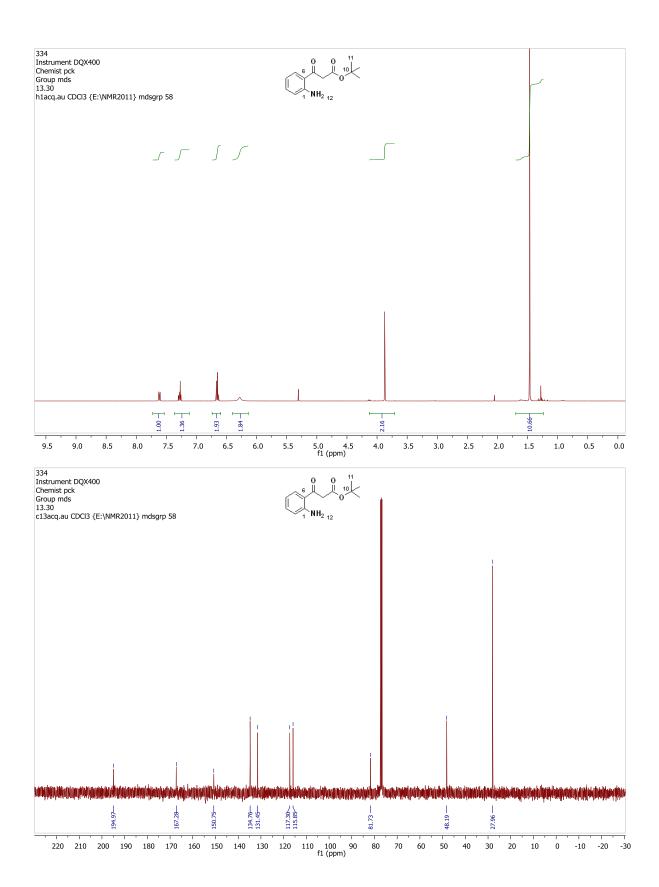
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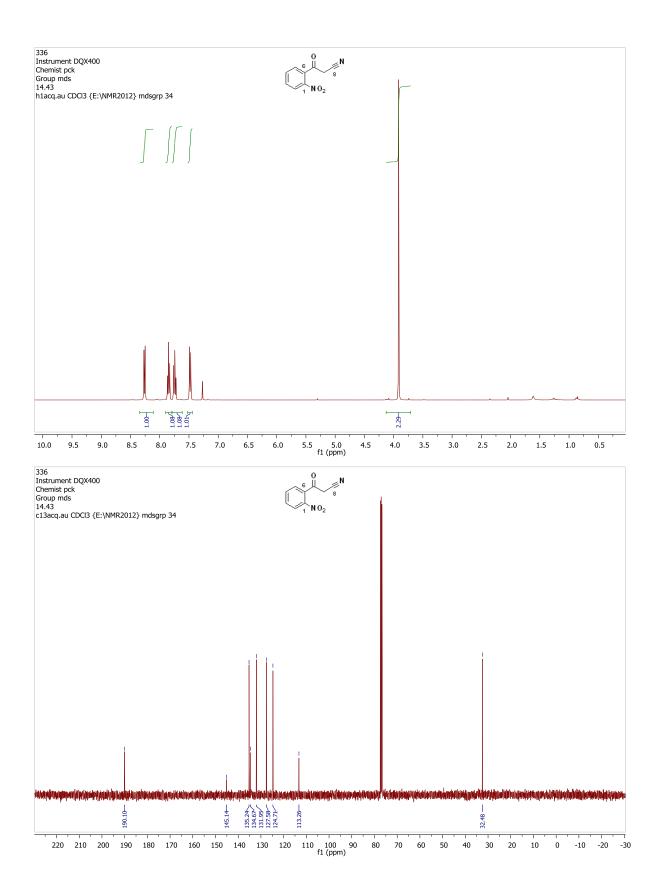
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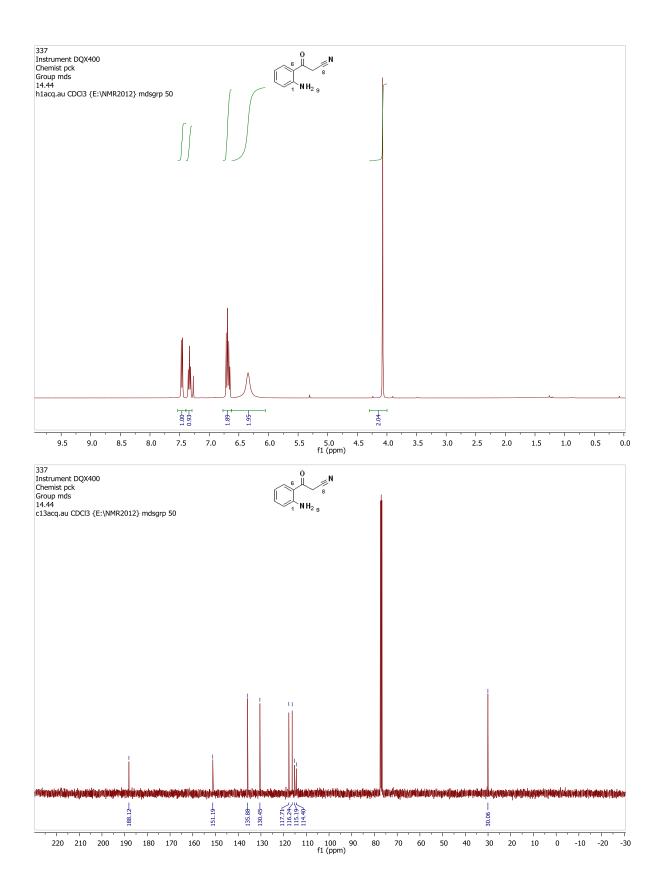


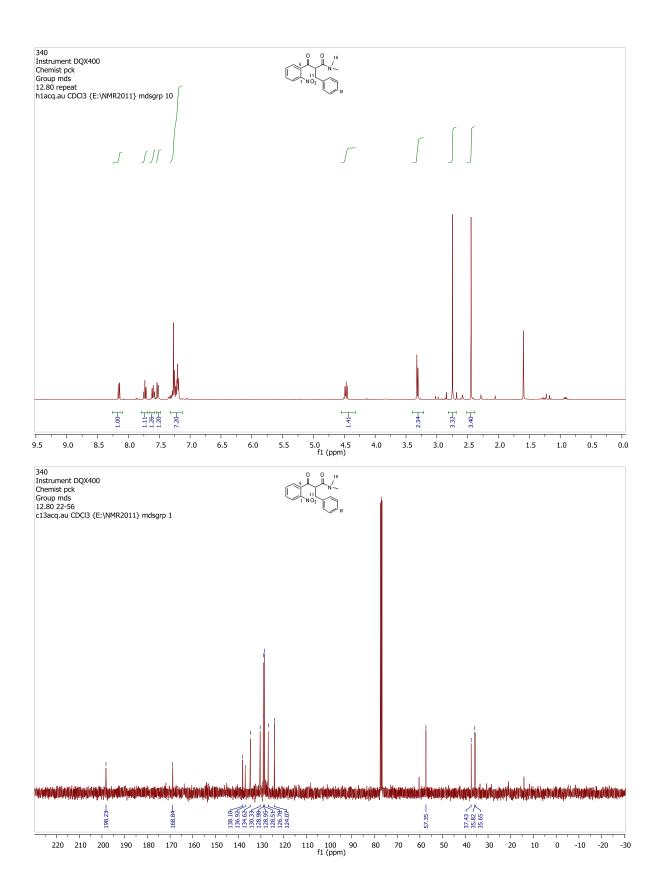


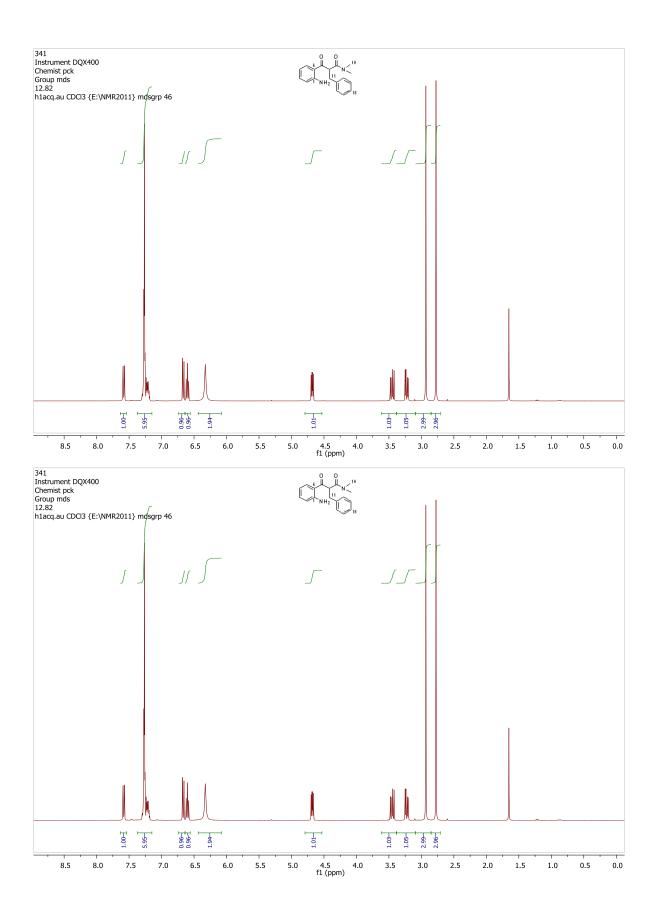




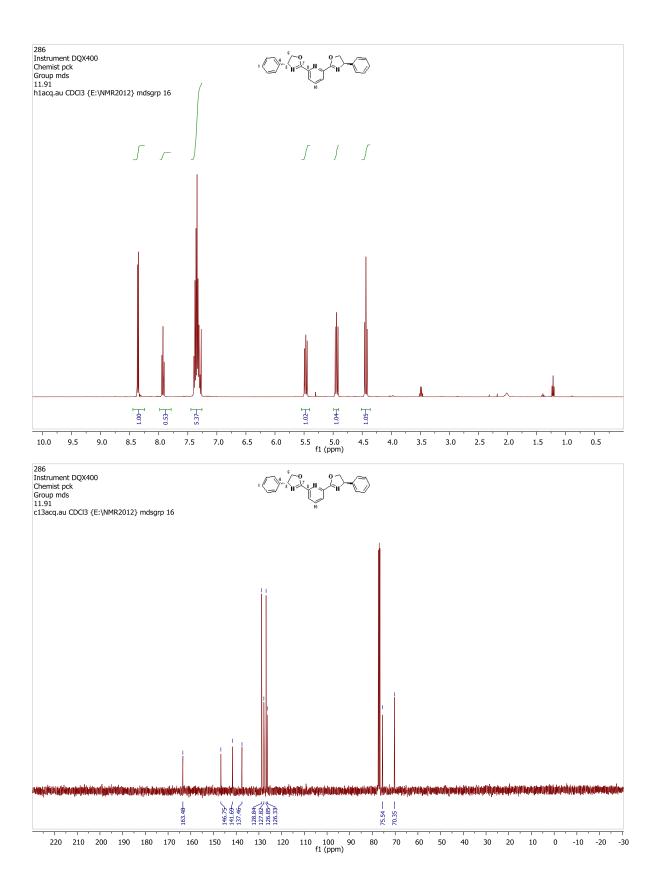




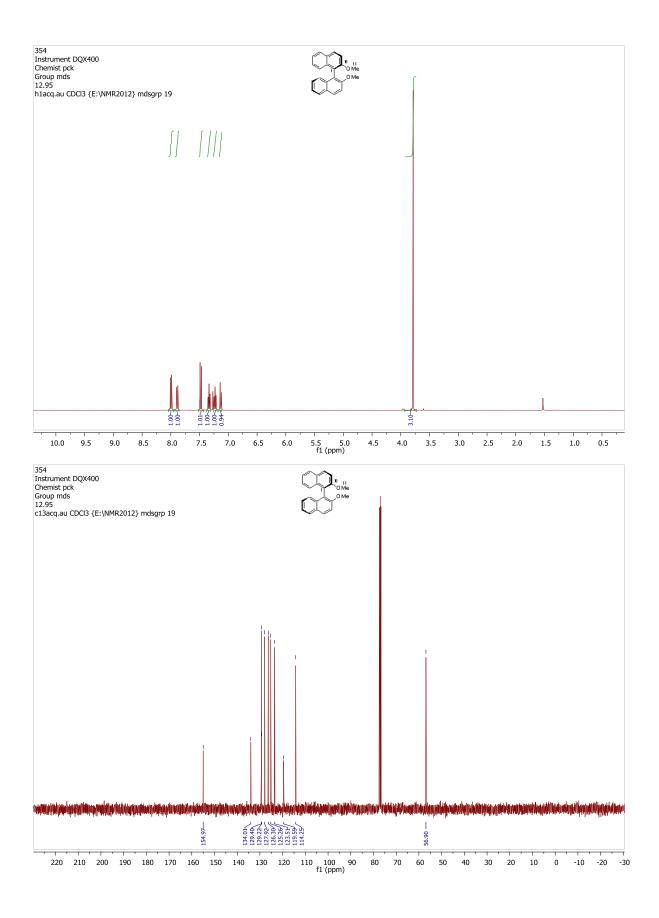


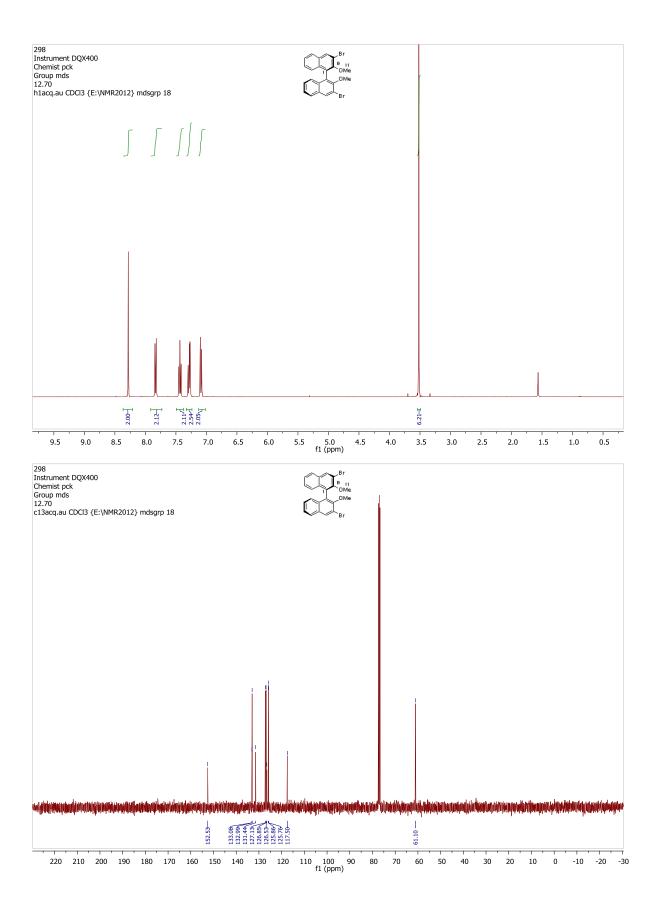


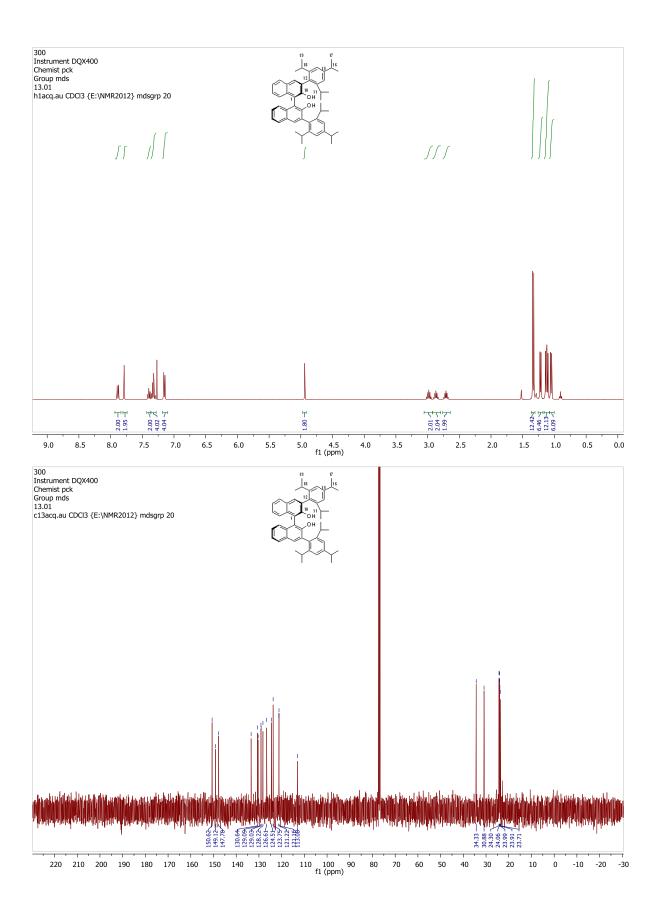
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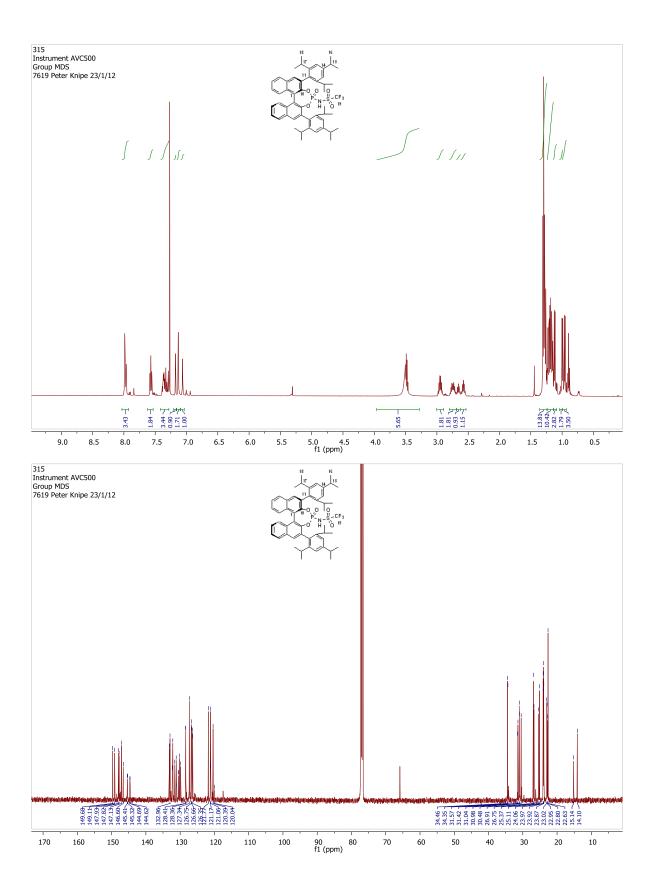
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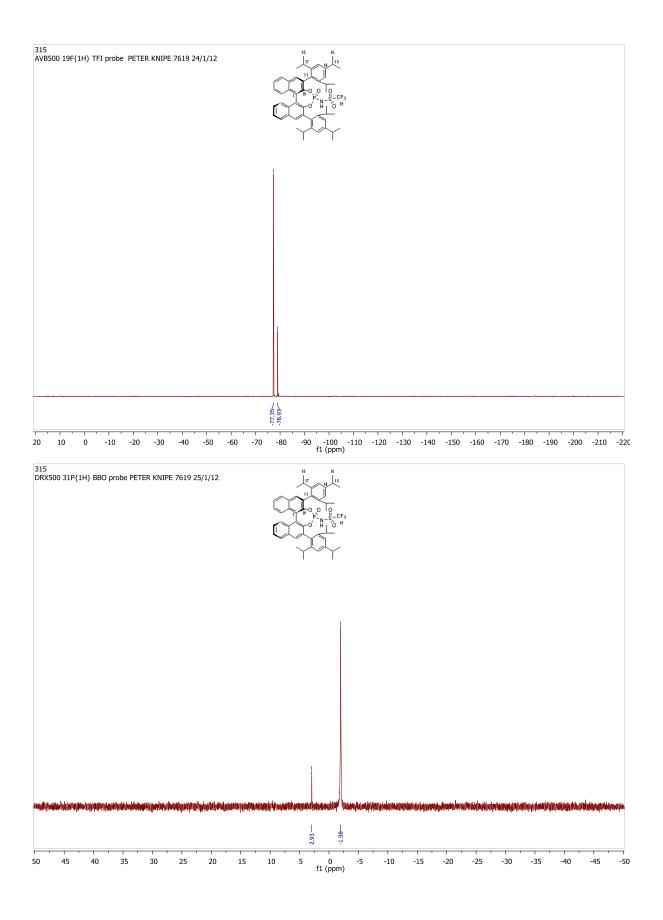


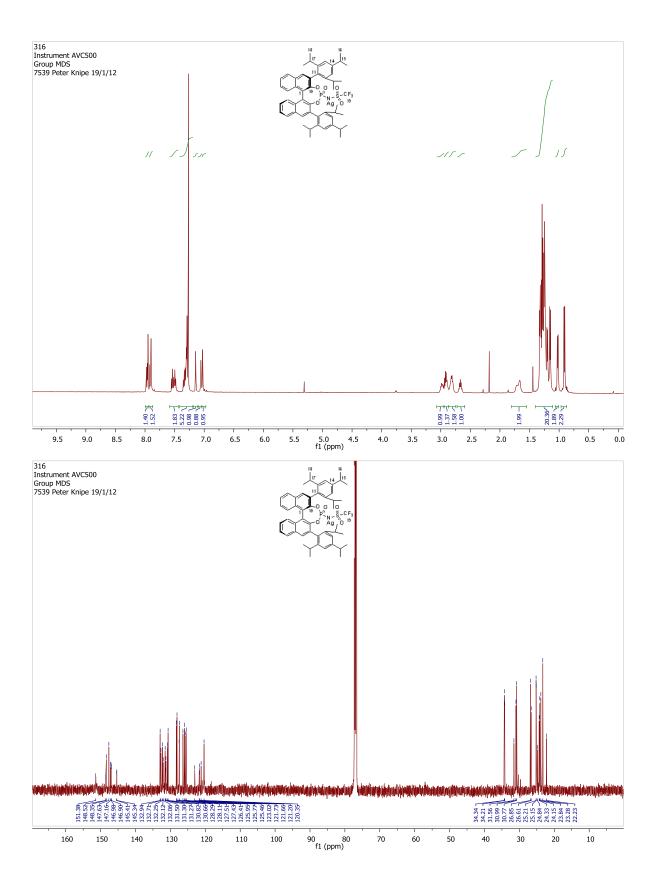




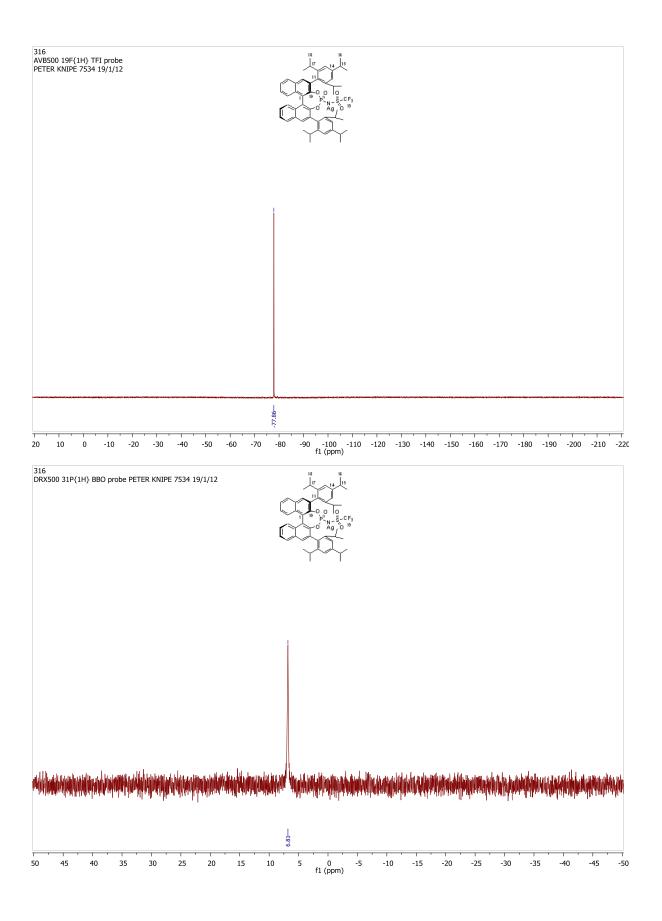
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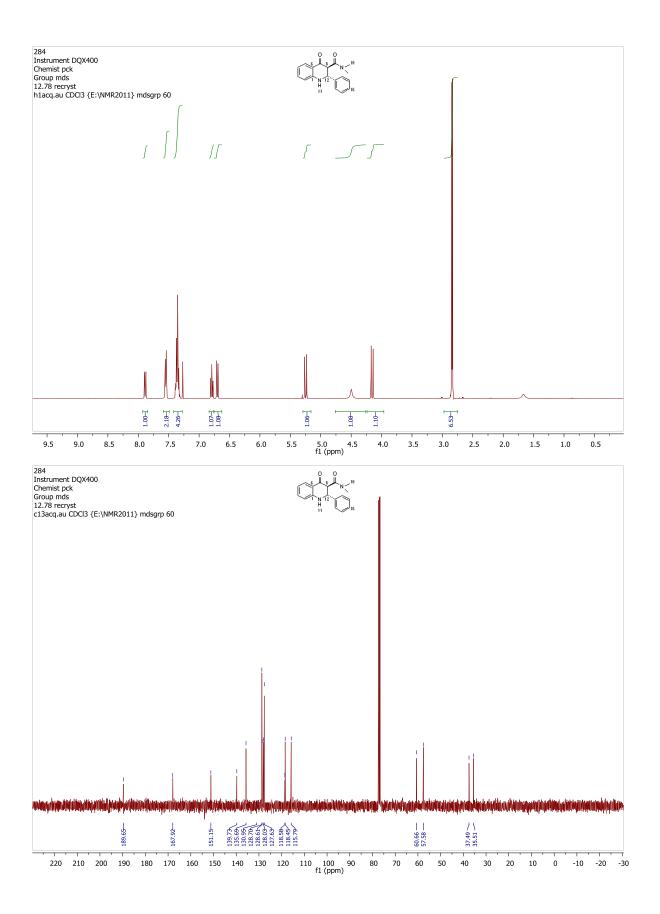


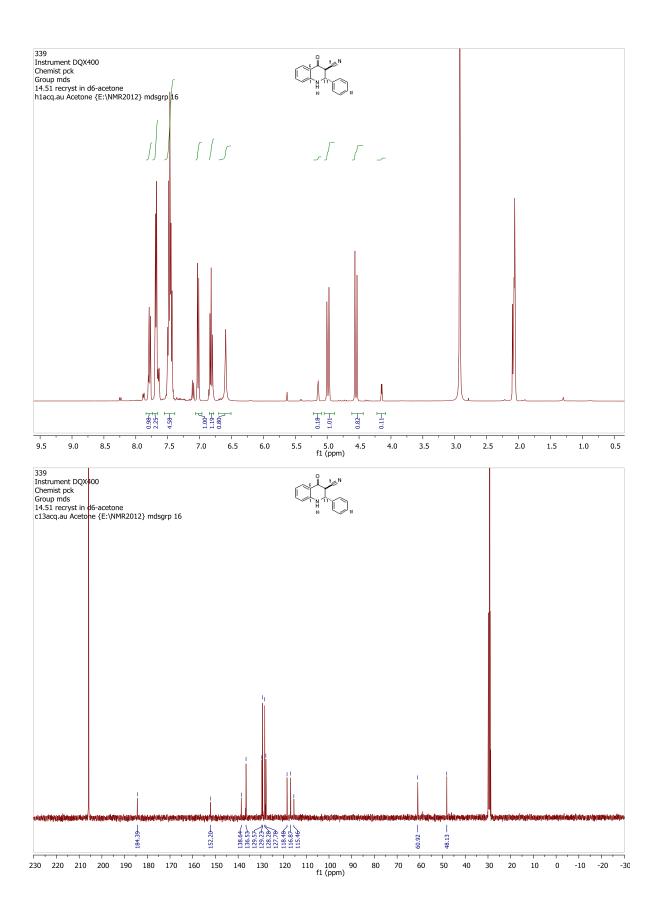


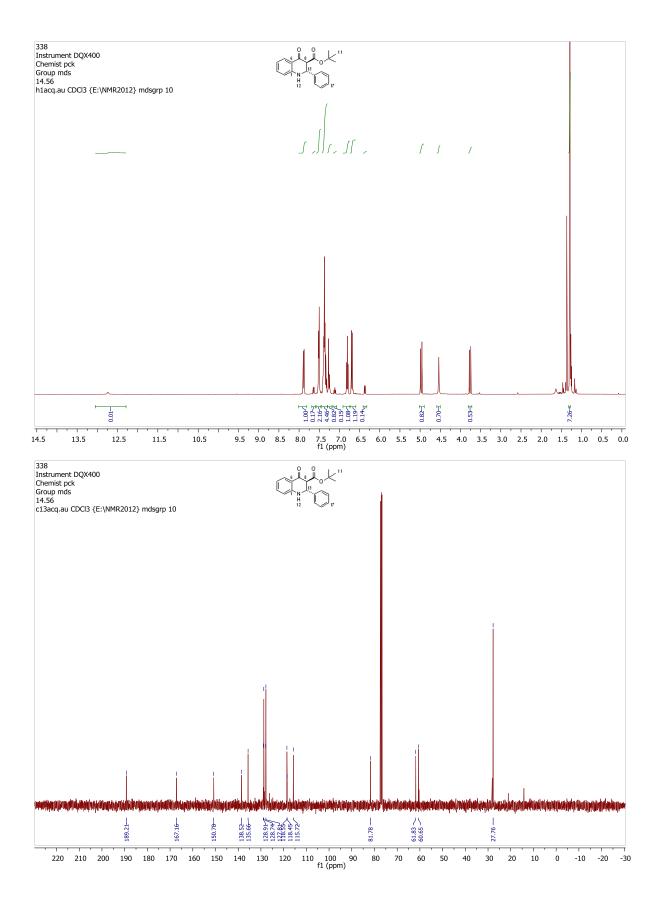
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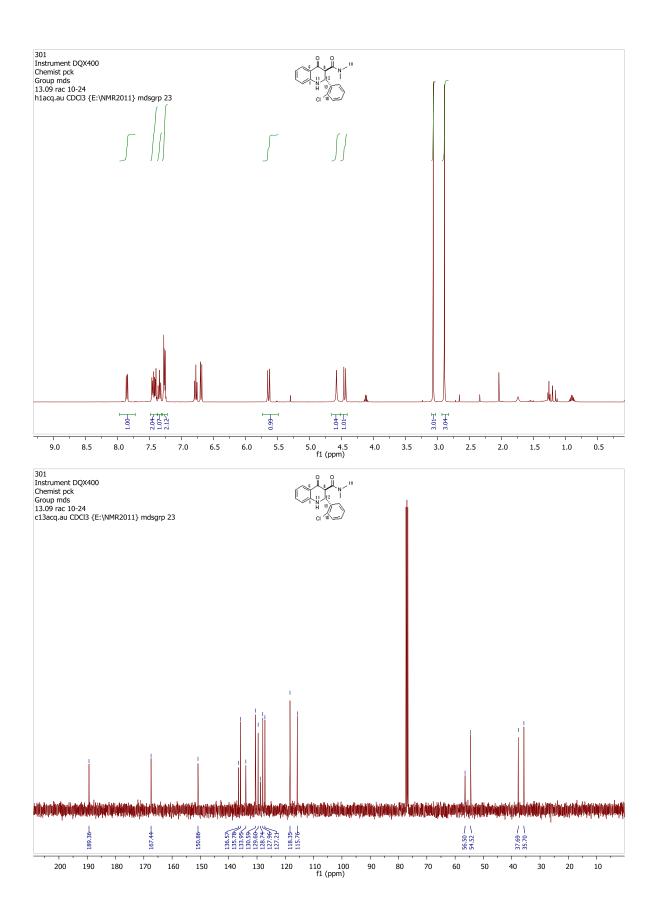


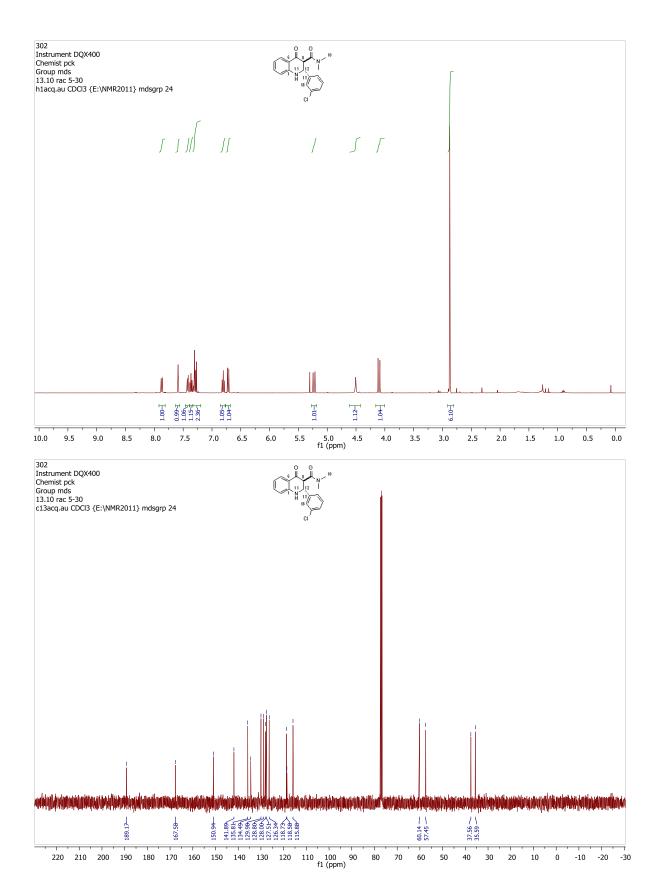
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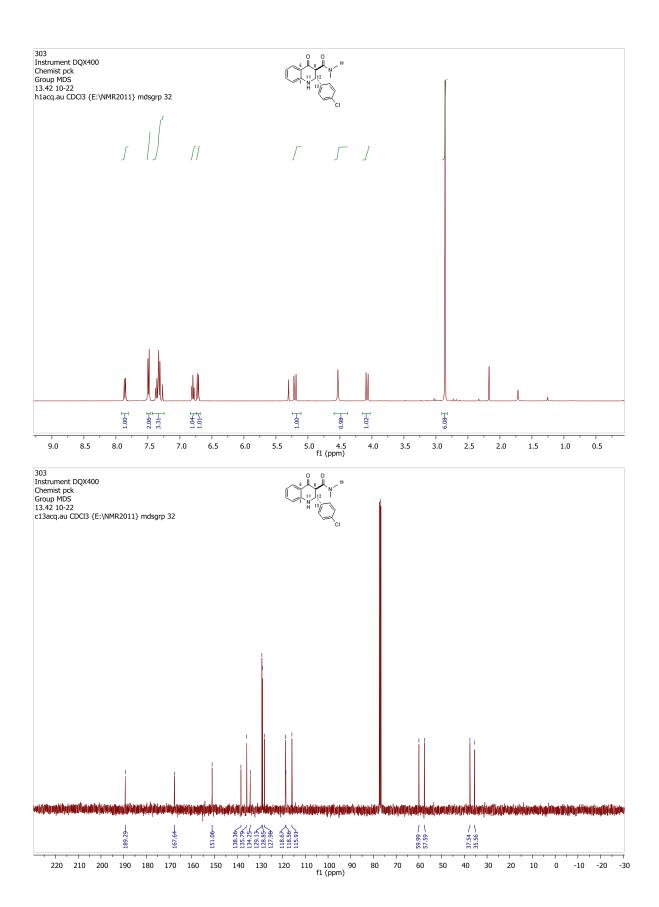


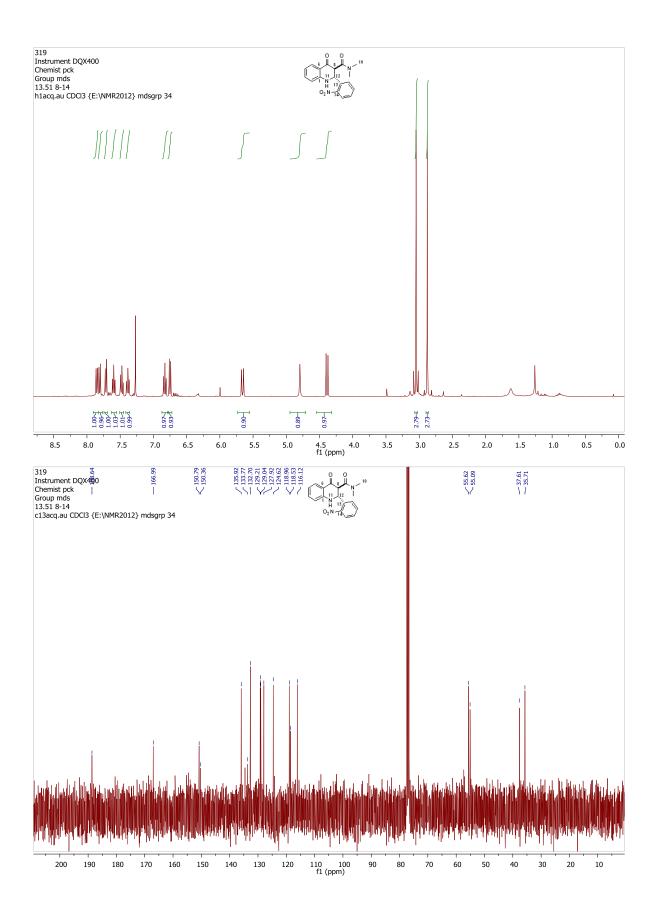


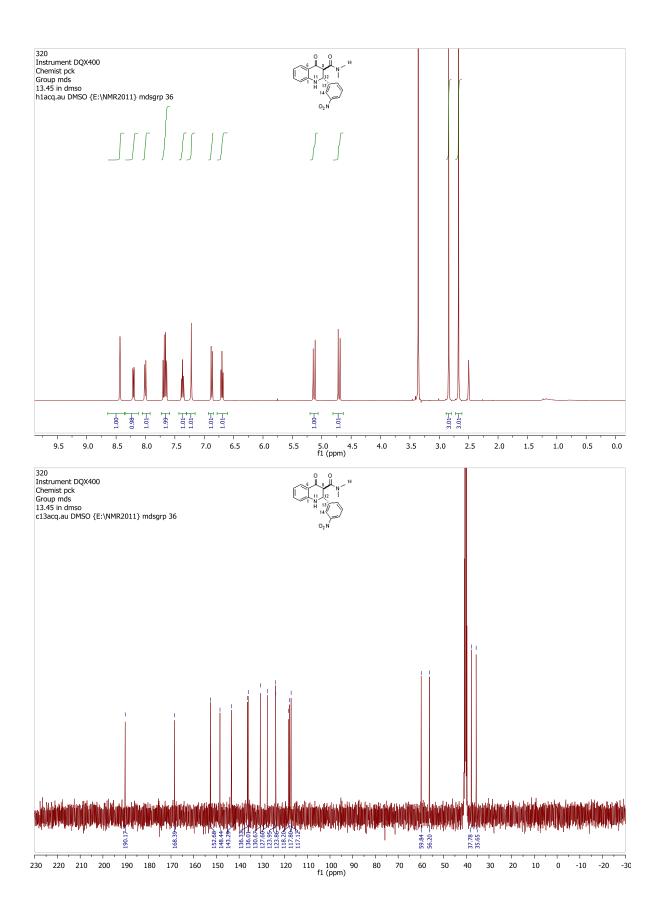


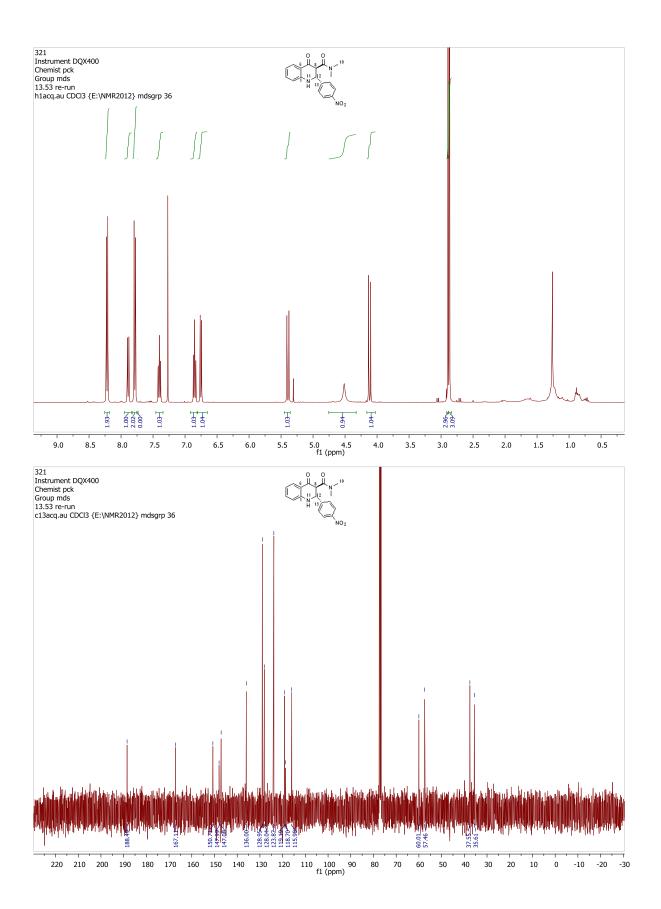


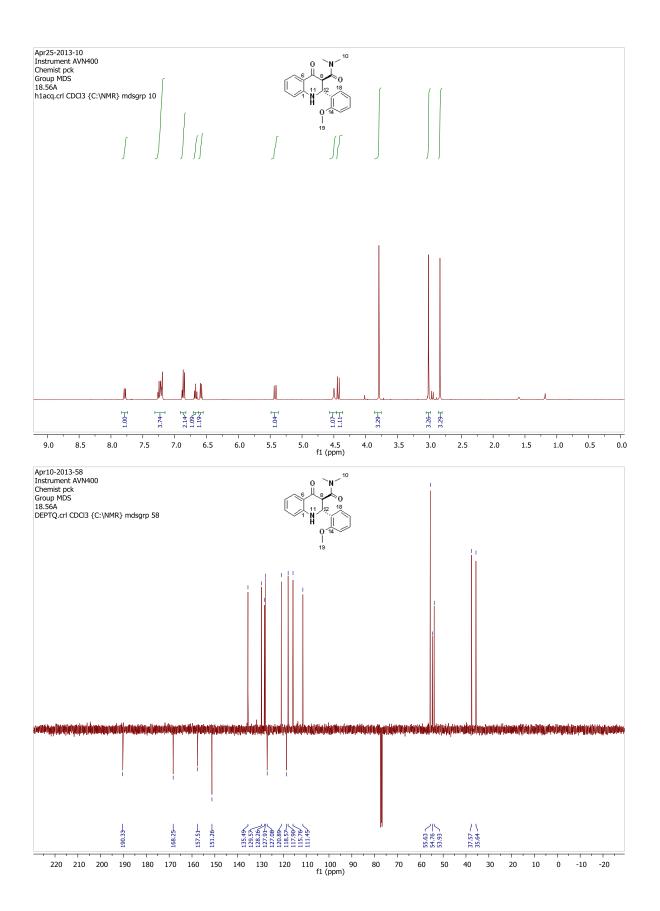


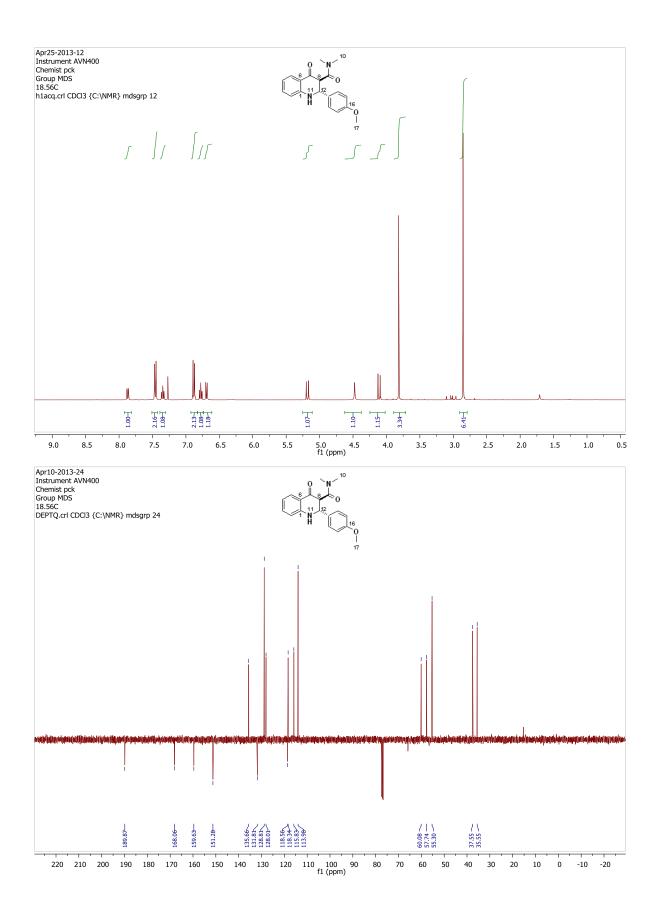


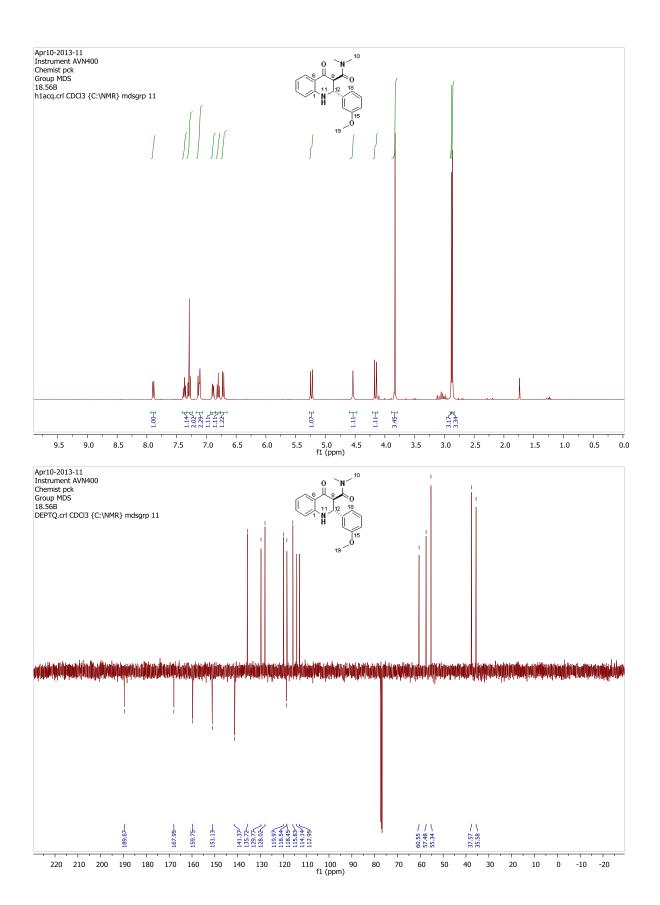


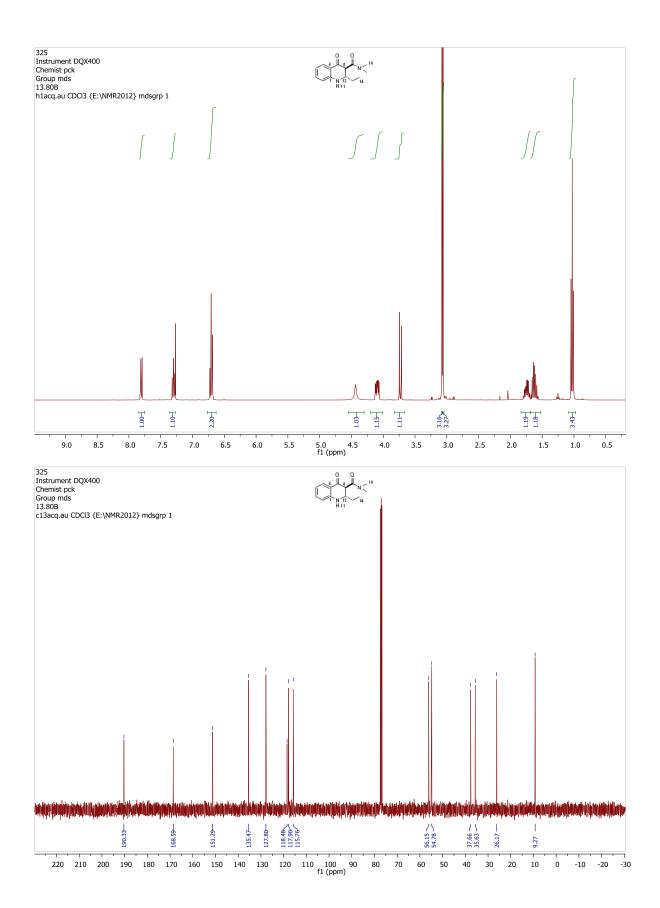


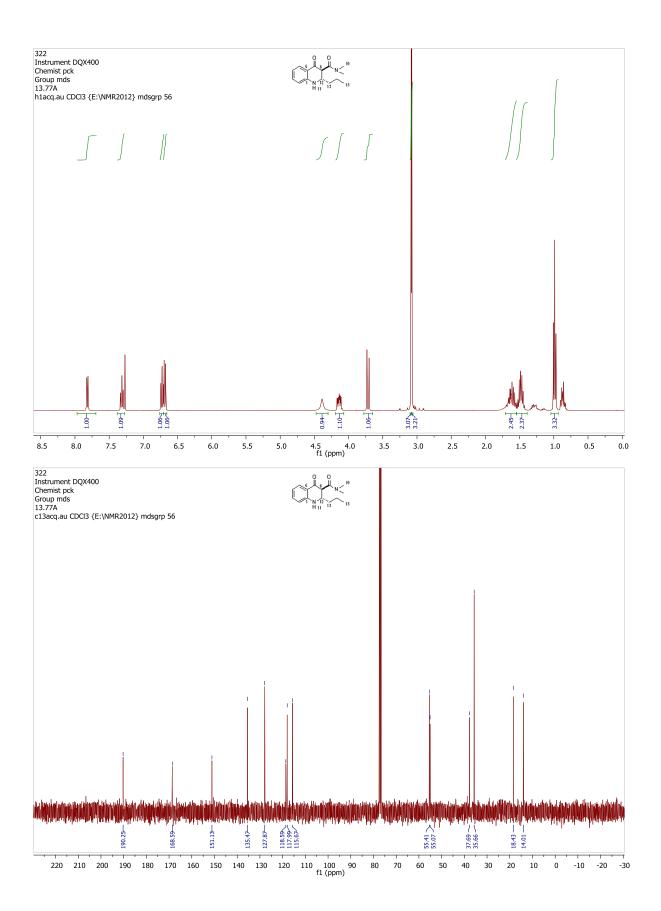


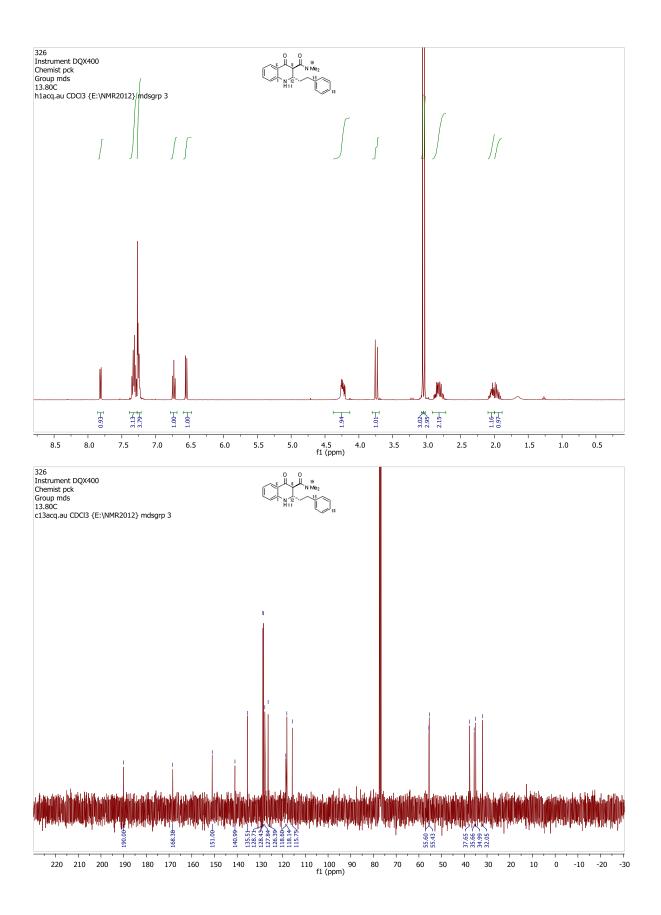


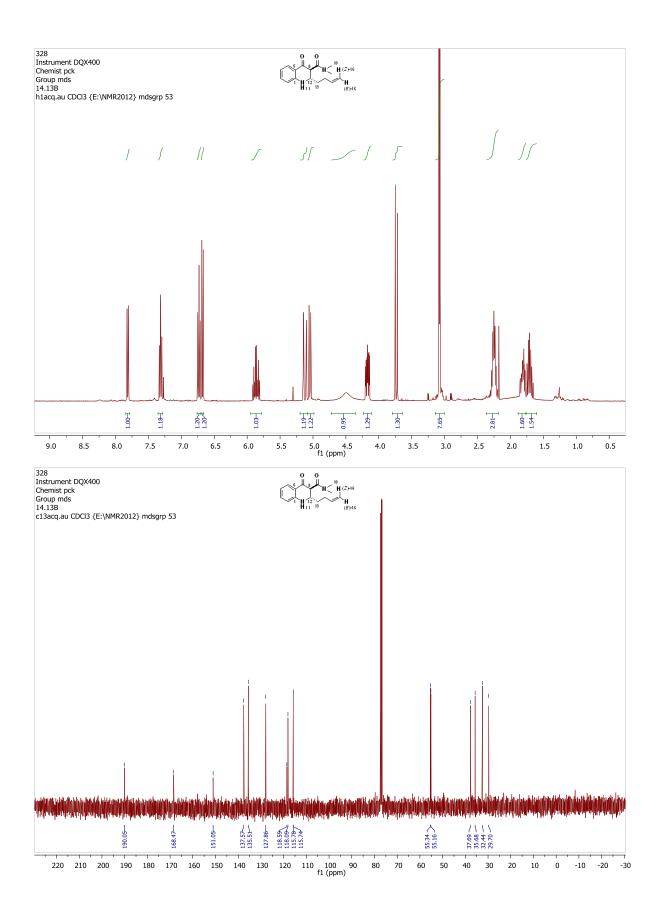


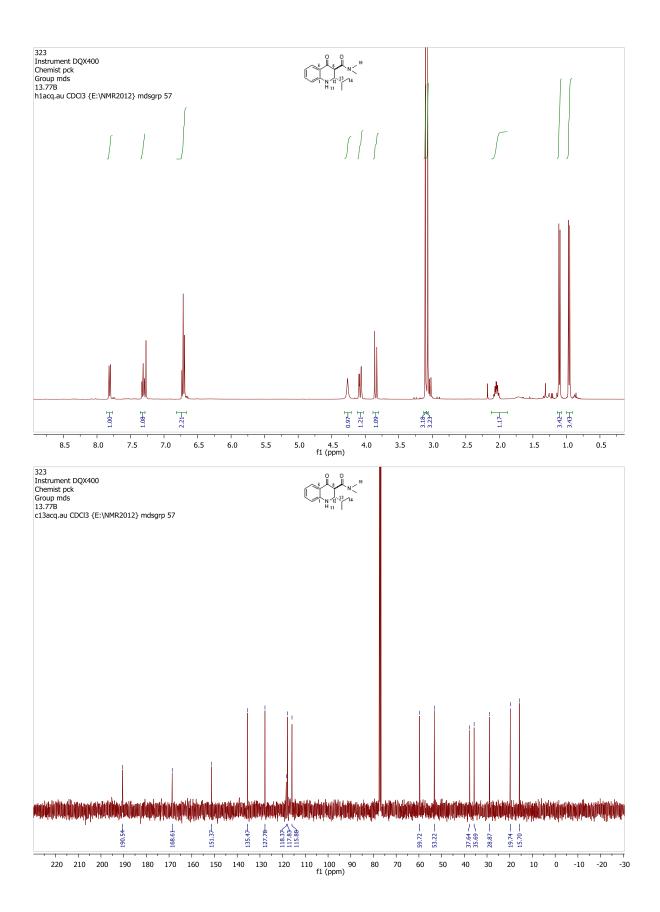


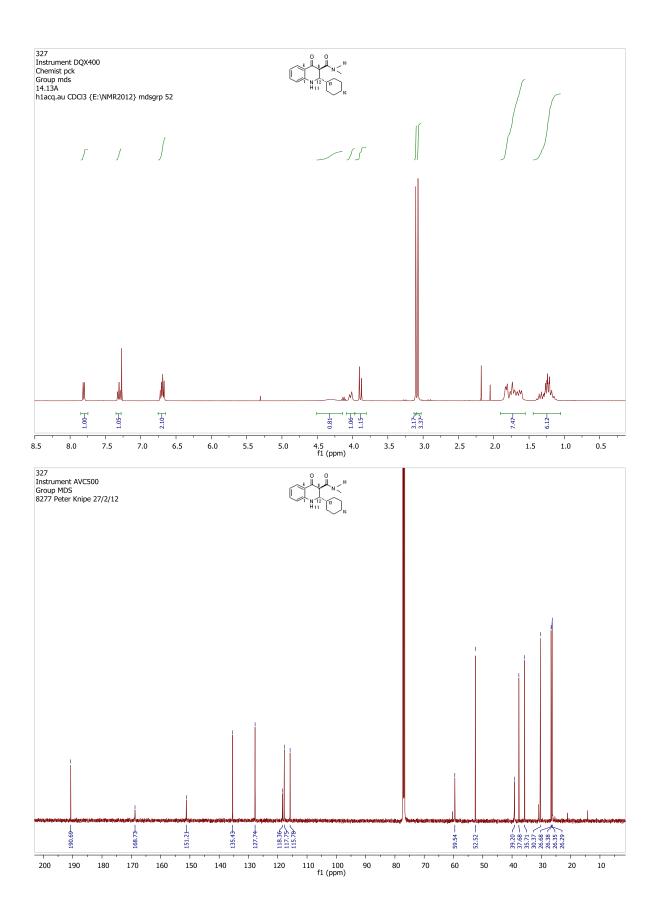


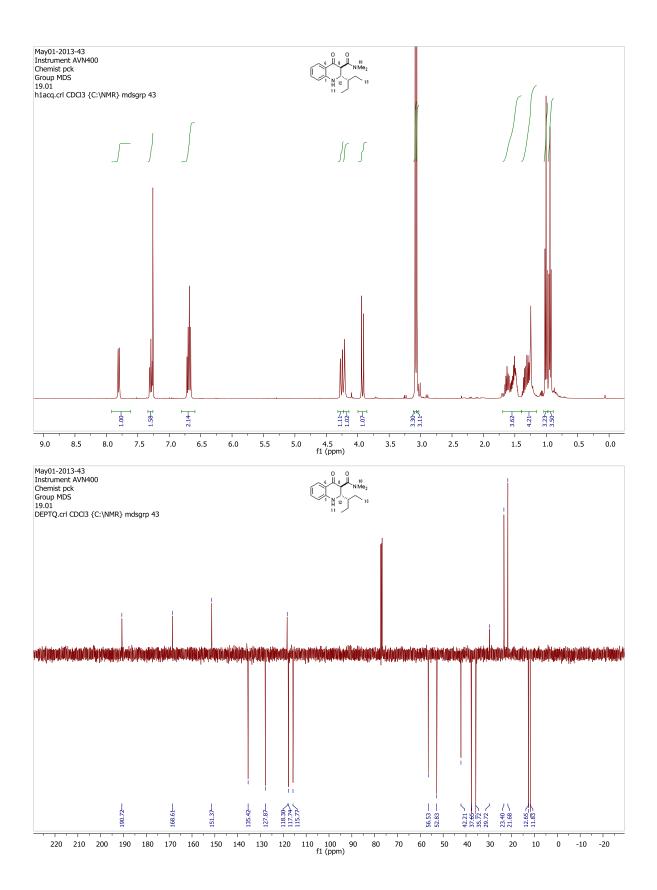


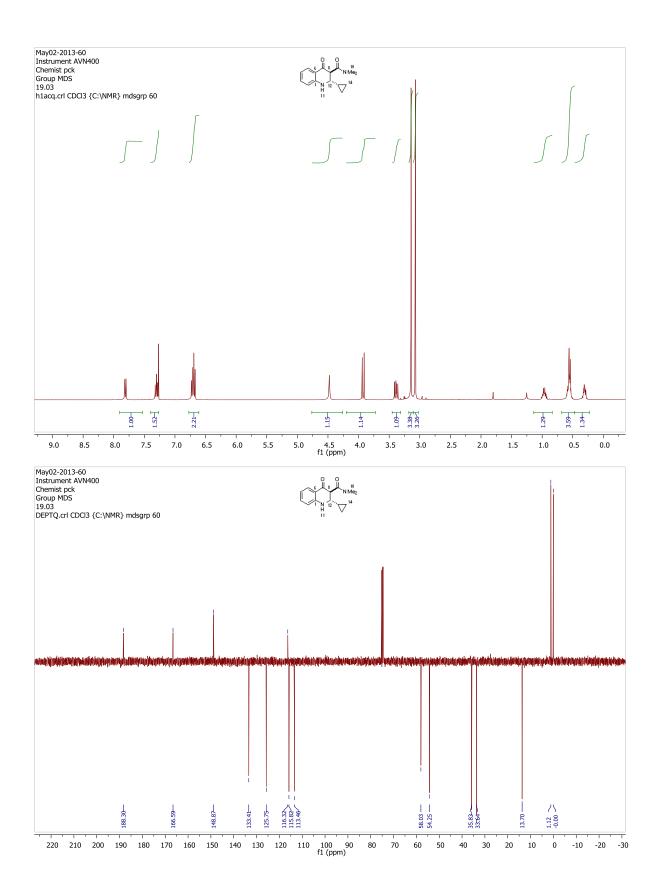


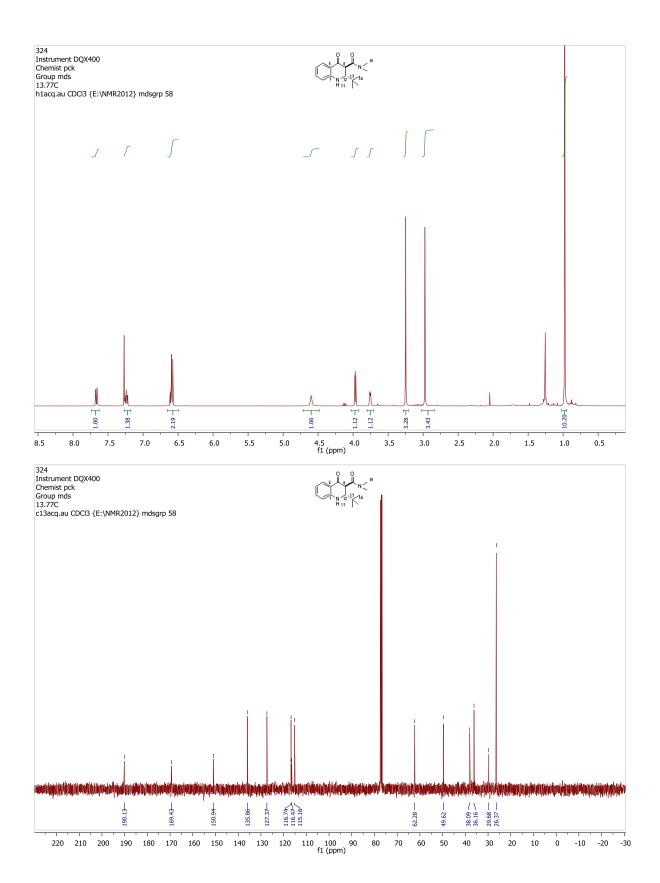


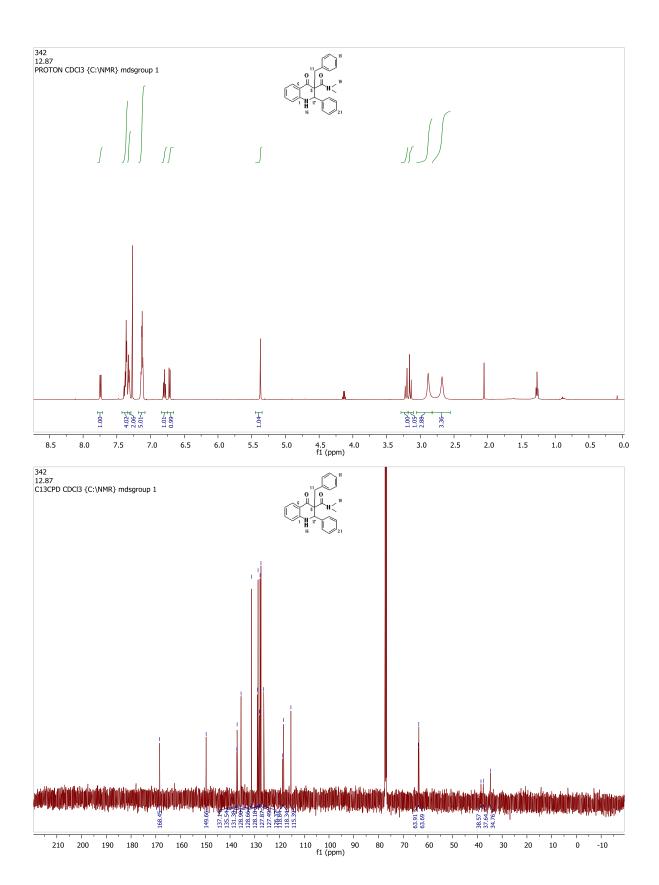




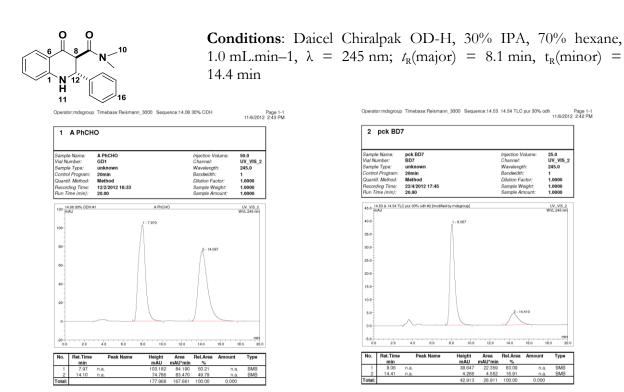




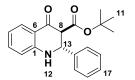




5. HPLC TRACES

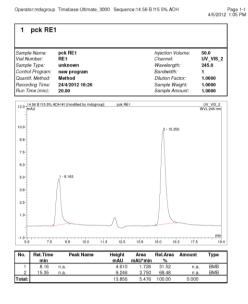


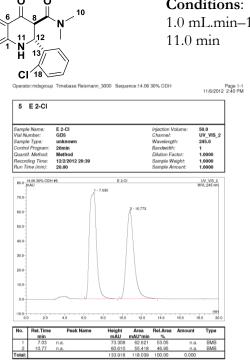
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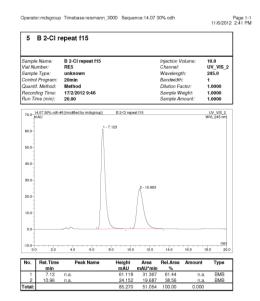
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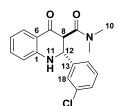
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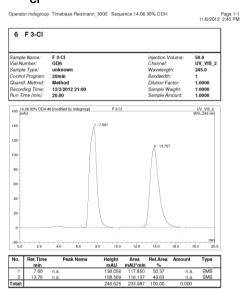


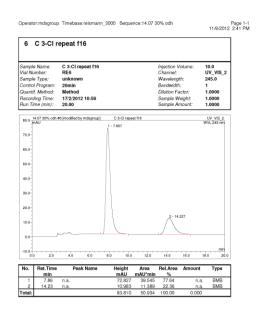
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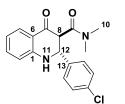




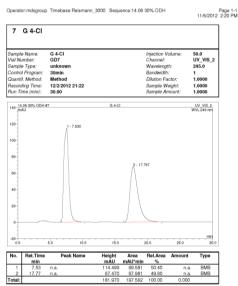
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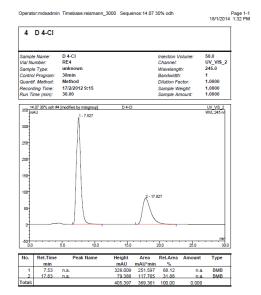




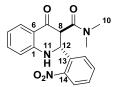


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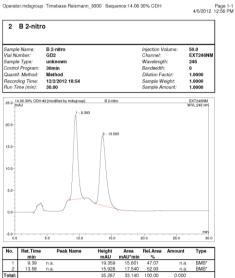


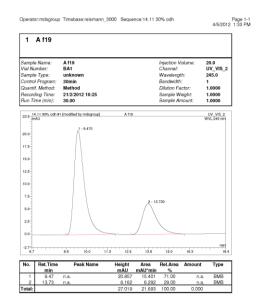


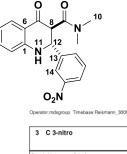
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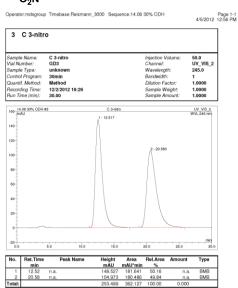
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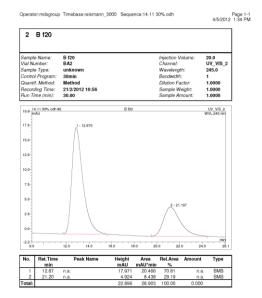




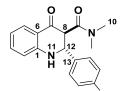


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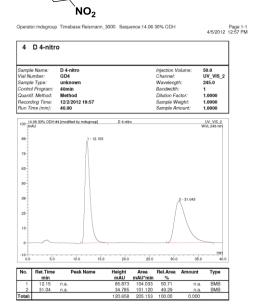


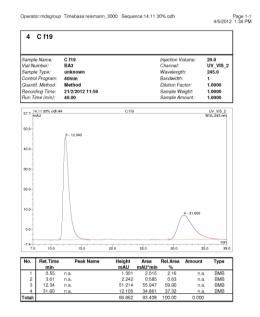


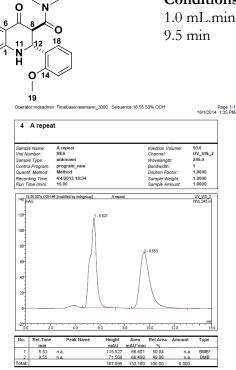
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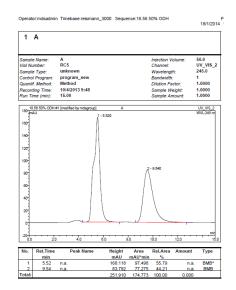
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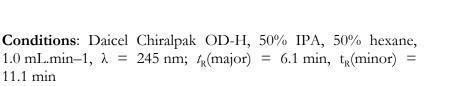


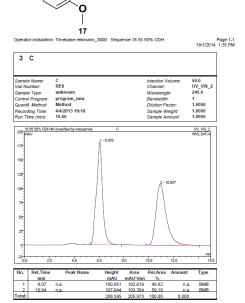


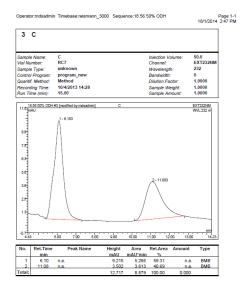


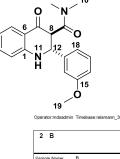
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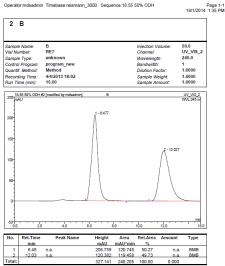


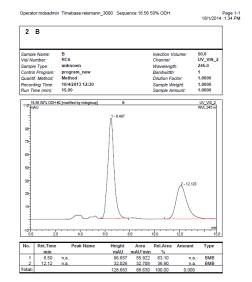




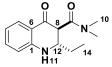


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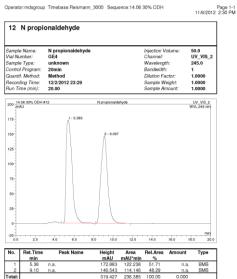


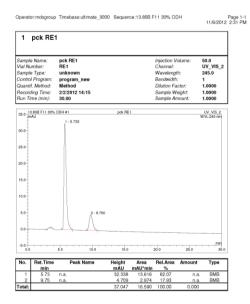


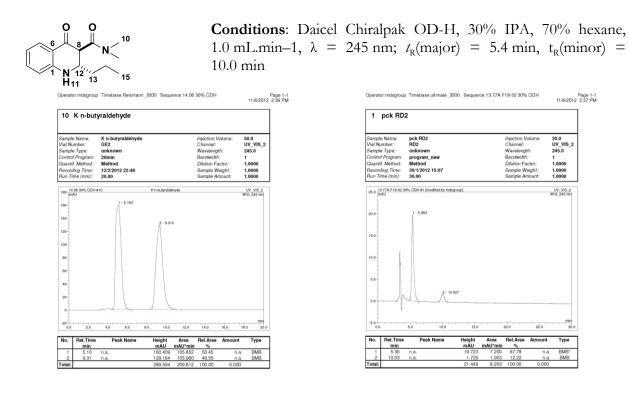
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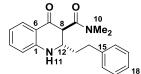


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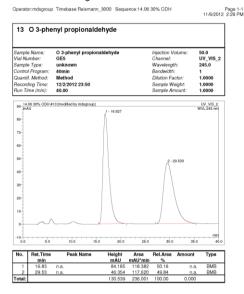


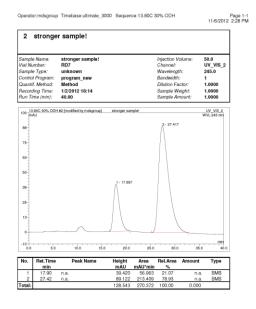






Conditions: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min–1, $\lambda = 245$ nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 18.0 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 27.4 min

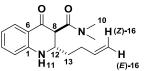




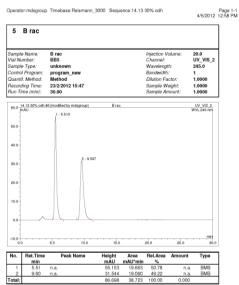
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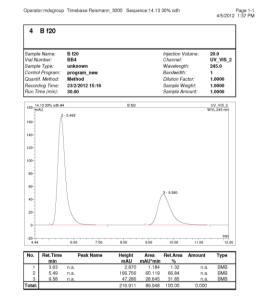
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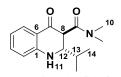


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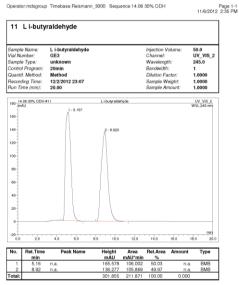


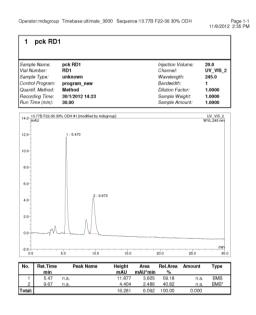


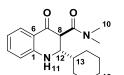
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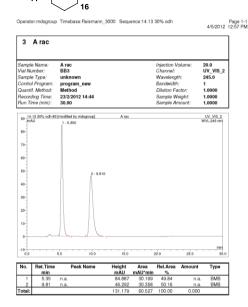
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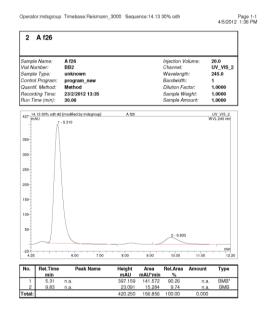




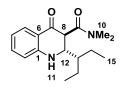


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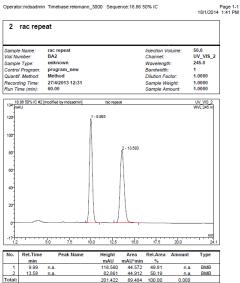


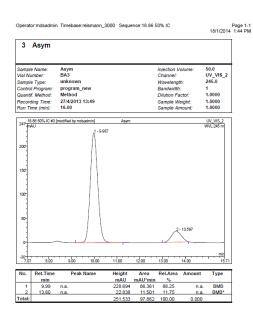


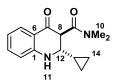
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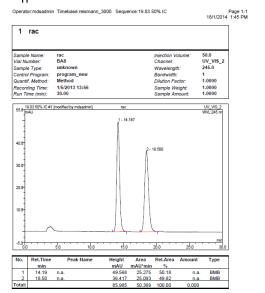
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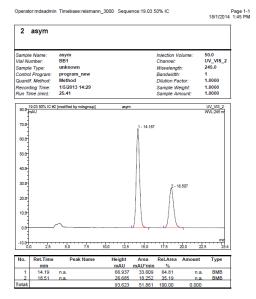




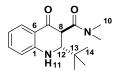


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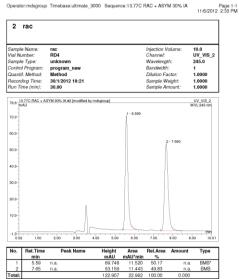


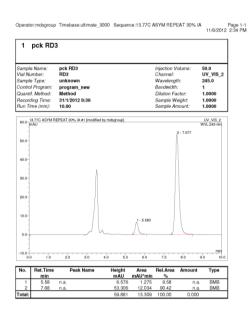


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Conditions: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, 30% IPA, 70% hexane, 1.0 mL.min–1, $\lambda = 245$ nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.6 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 7.7 min





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