

Chiral Organic Contact Ion Pairs in Metal-Free Catalytic Asymmetric Oxidative Coupling of Tertiary Amines

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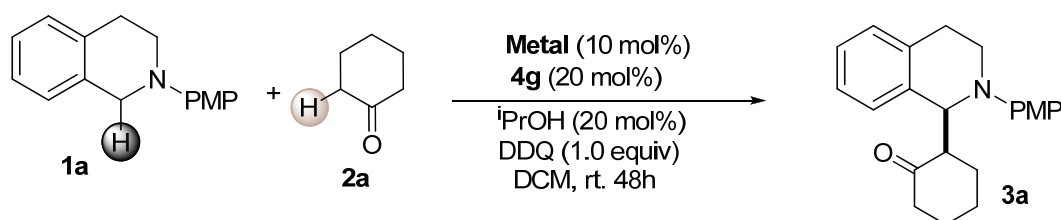
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1.0 General Methods

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere condition unless otherwise noted and solvents were dried according to established procedures. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), column chromatography purifications were carried out using silica gel GF254. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 unless otherwise noted and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard unless otherwise noted. Data are presented as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, cm = complex multiplet) and coupling constant in Hertz (Hz). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter. HR-MS was measured with an APEX II 47e mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured on an XT-4 melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. The ee values determination was carried out using chiral high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with Daicel Chiracel AS-H or OD-H column on Waters with a 2996 UV-detector. N-aryl tetrahydroisoquinolins **1a-m** and organocatalysts **4a-c** were prepared according to the previous reported procedures.^{[1], [2], [3], [4], [5]}

2.0. The Metal and Solvent Optimization Results

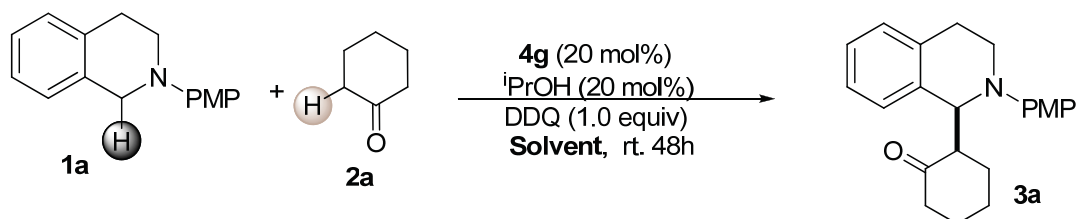
Table S1. The metal optimization results ^[a]

			
Entry	Metal	Yield [%] ^[b]	ee [%] ^[c]
1	AgOTf	55	29
2	Yb(OTf) ₃	68	33
3	CuOTf	51	43
4	Cu(OTf) ₂	70	55
5	La(OTf) ₃	45	47
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	53	45
7	Mg(OTf) ₂	38	58

8	Zn(OTf) ₂	41	31
9	Sc(OTf) ₃	36	63
10	-	66	89

[a] Unless otherwise specified, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.1 mmol) and **2a** (0.4 mmol) in the presence of metal salts (0.01 mmol) and **4g** (0.02 mmol), anhydrous ⁱPrOH (0.02 mmol), and DCM (1.0 mL) at rt for 48 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD column.

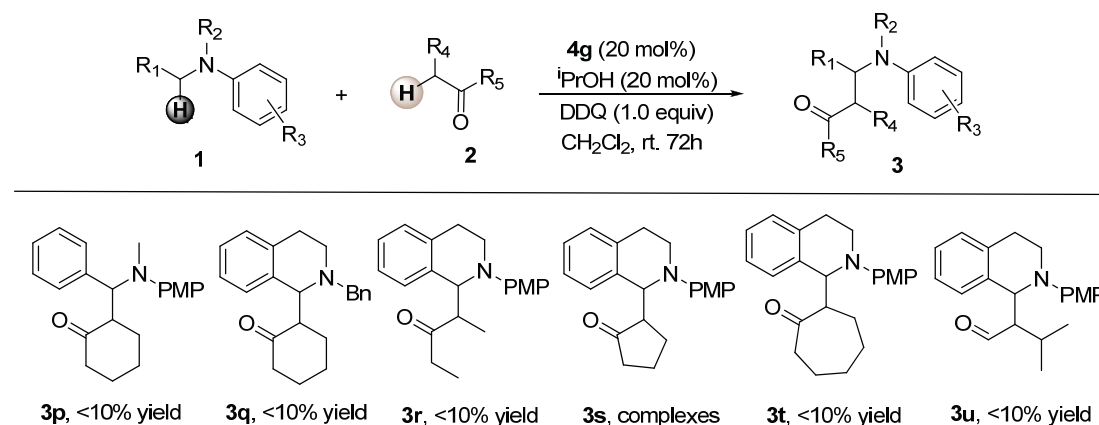
Table S2. The Solvent optimization results ^[a]

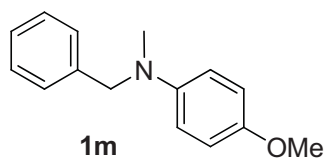


Entry	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[b]	ee [%] ^[c]
1	Tol	60	71
2	THF	53	63
3	MeCN	76	74
4	DCM	64	90
5	DCE	62	82
6	CHCl ₃	63	85
7	Xylene	58	67
8	MeOH	65	56
9	DMF	57	73
10	DMSO	61	70

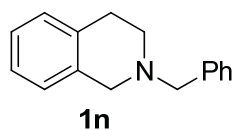
[a] Unless otherwise specified, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.1 mmol) and **2a** (0.4 mmol) in the presence of **4g** (0.02 mmol), anhydrous ⁱPrOH (0.02 mmol), and solvent (1.0 mL) at rt for 48 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD column.

3.0 Other Unsuccessful Examples for Asymmetric Oxidative sp³ C-H Alkylation

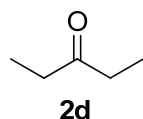




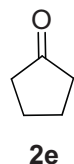
N-benzyl-4-methoxy-N-methylaniline (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.25-7.31(m, 3 H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2 H), 6.81-6.854 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.72-6.75 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (s, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.7, 144.8, 139.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.9, 114.7, 114.5, 58.0, 55.7, 39.1 ppm.



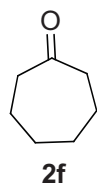
2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29-7.41 (m, 5 H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 3 H), 6.17 (s, 1 H), 3.68 (s, 2 H), 3.63 (s, 2 H), 2.88-2.92 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.72-2.76 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.4, 134.9, 134.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.1, 125.6, 62.8, 56.1, 50.4, 29.2 ppm.



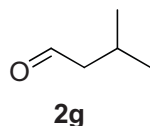
pentan-3-one (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.40-2.47 (dd, J = 7.5, 15.0 Hz, 4 H), 1.04-1.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.3, 35.4, 7.9 ppm.



cyclopentanone (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.15-2.20 (m, 4 H), 1.94-1.99 (m, 4 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 219.5, 38.4, 23.2 ppm.

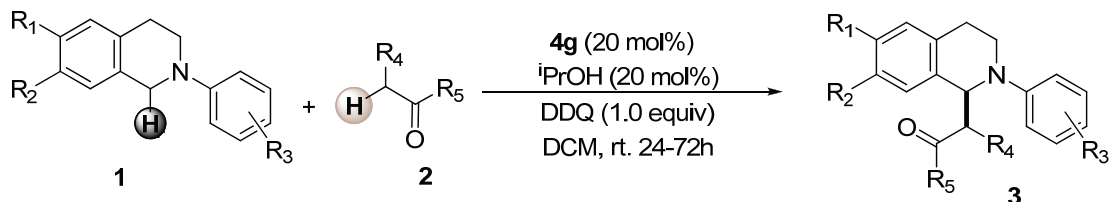


cycloheptanone (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.48-2.52 (m, 4 H), 1.69-1.74 (m, 8 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 215.6, 43.9, 30.4, 24.3 ppm.

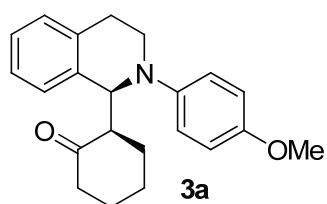


3-methylbutanal (known compounds): colorless oil, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.75-9.77 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.29-2.32 (m, 2 H), 2.16-2.25 (m, 1 H), 0.98-1.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.0, 52.6, 23.4, 22.6 ppm.

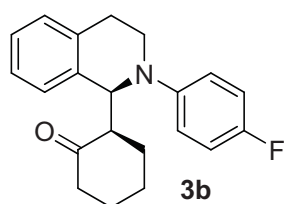
4.0 General Procedure for the Preparation of Optically Active C_1 -Alkylated Tetrahydroisoquinolins



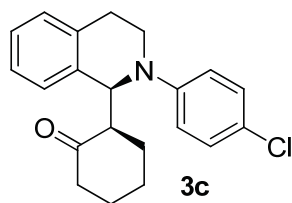
Typical experimental procedure: Typical experimental procedure: Under N_2 , a solution of simple ketone (0.4 mmol), chiral amino acid **4g** (0.02 mmol) and anhydrous $i\text{PrOH}$ (0.02 mmol) in DCM (0.3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. And a solution of aryl-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin **1** (0.1 mmol) in DCM (0.2 mL) was added to the mixture above mentioned and the resultant mixture was stirred for 0.5 h. Finally, a solution of DDQ (0.1 mol) DCM (0.5 mL) was slowly added to the mixture above prepared and the resultant reaction mixture was stirred at RT for the appropriate time. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (eluent, ethyl acetate / hexane 1:5). After filtration and the solvent was removed at reduced pressure to give the pure products.



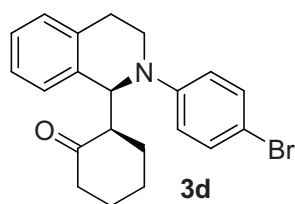
(R)-2-((S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanone: yellow oil, 65% yield; 90% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 5.81$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.77$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -29$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.10-7.16 (m, 4 H), 6.87-6.90 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.77-6.80 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 5.34-5.36 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 3.61-3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.45-3.50 (m, 1 H), 2.73-2.96 (m, 4 H), 2.41-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.24-2.34 (m, 2 H), 2.00-2.06 (m, 1 H), 1.82-1.86 (m, 3 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.0, 153.1, 144.0, 136.1, 135.0, 128.9, 127.8, 126.6, 125.6, 118.3, 114.6, 56.4, 55.6, 43.9, 41.1, 30.3, 29.7, 27.5, 26.6, 23.4 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3316, 3062, 2926, 2854, 2359, 1706, 1511, 1462, 1246, 909, 734 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd: 336.1958, found: 336.1965.



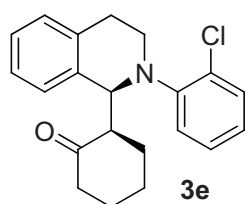
(R)-2-((S)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanone: yellow oil, 78% yield; 90% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 4.80$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 5.49$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -24$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.07-7.17 (m, 4 H), 6.86-6.94 (m, 4 H), 5.42-5.43 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1 H), 3.63-3.70 (m, 1 H), 3.46-3.54 (m, 1 H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 1 H), 2.76-2.88 (m, 2 H), 2.41-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.29-2.36 (m, 2 H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 3 H), 1.63-1.80 (m, 2 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.9, 146.1, 135.7, 134.9, 128.9, 127.9, 126.7, 125.8, 117.2, 115.8, 115.5, 56.4, 55.7, 43.4, 41.6 ($J = 54$ Hz), 30.4, 27.3 ($J = 33.8$ Hz), 26.7, 23.7 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3308, 3056, 2932, 2859, 2250, 1706, 1510, 1451, 1233, 939, 775 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 346.1578, found: 346.1581.



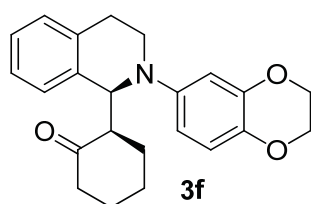
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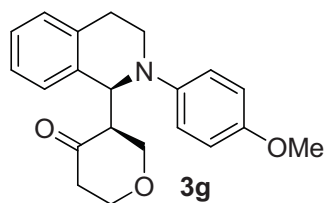
(R)-2-((S)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanone: yellow oil, 72% yield; 78% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 5.06$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.33$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -16$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.07-7.17 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15-7.16 (m, 4 H), 6.76-6.79 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 5.54-5.56 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.44-3.72 (m, 2 H), 2.90-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.88 (m, 2 H), 2.42-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.29-2.35 (m, 1 H), 2.18-2.25 (m, 1 H), 1.80-2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.65-1.69 (m, 3 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.7, 148.2, 135.5, 134.8, 128.7, 127.9, 126.8, 125.9, 116.4, 113.8, 110.0, 56.3, 55.0, 42.6, 41.5, 30.3, 27.3, 27.1, 24.0 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3314, 3063, 2933, 2859, 1958, 1705, 1587, 1494, 1230, 938, 748 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 406.0782, found: 406.0784.



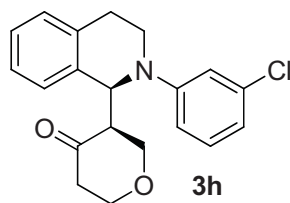
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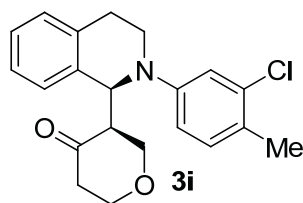
(R)-2-((S)-2-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanone: yellow oil, 69% yield; 61% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, t_{major} = 8.75 min, t_{minor} = 13.18 min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -19 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29-7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.10-7.11 (m, 3 H), 6.71-6.74 (m, 1 H), 6.34-6.36 (m, 2 H), 5.42-5.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.21-4.25 (m, 2 H), 4.17-4.18 (m, 2 H), 3.45-3.49 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.95-2.99 (m, 1 H), 2.68-2.86 (m, 2 H), 2.45-2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.21-2.31 (m, 3 H), 2.04-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.69-2.08 (m, 2 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.1, 144.4, 143.8, 140.0, 135.1, 134.5, 128.0, 127.3, 126.6, 126.2, 117.4, 106.7, 102.0, 64.8, 64.2, 59.2, 54.7, 43.8, 32.6, 28.7, 27.2, 25.5 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3317, 3060, 2971, 2862, 2250, 1715, 1511, 1457, 1249, 1070, 733 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 386.1727, found: 386.1729.



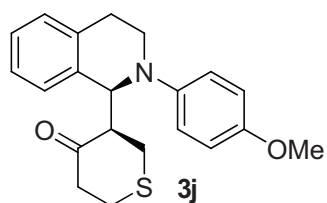
(S)-3-((S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-pyran-4(3H)-one: yellow oil, 73% yield; 94% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, t_{major} = 5.61 min, t_{minor} = 6.48 min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -38 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.15-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.07-7.13 (m, 2 H), 6.86-6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.73-6.77 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.22-5.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.05-4.16 (m, 2 H), 3.89-3.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.51-3.58 (m, 1 H), 2.88-3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.79-2.86 (m, 2 H), 2.70-2.77 (m, 1 H), 2.66-2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.52-2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.24-2.31 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 206.8, 153.6, 143.8, 135.7, 134.8, 129.6, 127.1, 125.8, 119.3, 116.3, 115.4, 69.9, 68.9, 58.8, 55.8, 55.5, 43.7, 41.1, 24.9 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3317, 2925, 2853, 2354, 1959, 1713, 1510, 1464, 1245, 1037, 761 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 360.1570, found: 360.1577.



(S)-3-((S)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-pyran-4(3H)-one: yellow oil, 77% yield; 83% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, t_{major} = 6.77 min, t_{minor} = 9.22 min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -51 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32-7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.08-7.13 (m, 2 H), 6.89 (s, 1 H), 6.80-6.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.73-6.80 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.41-5.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.11-4.16 (m, 1 H), 3.98-4.05 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.84 (m, 4 H), 2.62-2.96 (m, 4 H), 2.29-2.34 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 206.6, 150.4, 135.1, 135.0, 134.4, 130.3, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 126.0, 118.9, 115.7, 113.8, 69.8, 68.8, 58.3, 55.0, 42.4, 41.1, 25.5 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3404, 3067, 2967, 2856, 2249, 1714, 1592, 1485, 1207, 911, 733 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 364.1075, found: 364.1071.

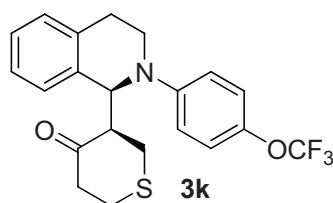


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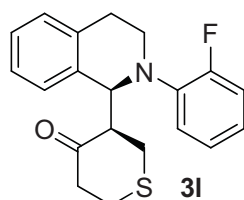


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354.1522, found: 354.1529.

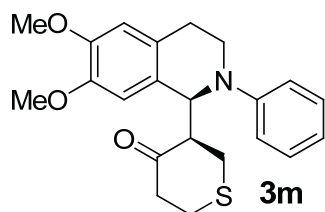


(R)-3-((S)-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-thiopyran-4(3H)-one: yellow solid, 70% yield; 80% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 5.31$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.13$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -17$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.19-7.21 (m, 3 H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1 H), 7.04-7.07 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.92-6.95 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2 H), 5.70-5.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.58-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.09-3.13 (m, 1 H), 2.94-3.06 (m, 2 H), 2.91-2.95 (m, 3 H), 2.87-2.89 (m, 1 H), 2.75-2.79 (m, 1 H), 2.50-2.57 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 208.5, 148.2, 141.7, 135.2, 134.4, 129.7, 127.5, 126.0, 122.2, 117.1, 113.4, 57.7, 55.8, 44.1, 42.3 ($J = 93.8$ Hz), 33.5, 31.2, 30.1, 25.0 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3316, 3061, 2923, 2854, 1707, 1608, 1511, 1260, 1112, 939, 760 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 430.1059, found: 430.1069.

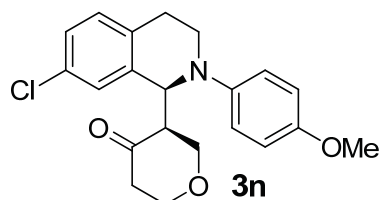


(R)-3-((S)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-thiopyran-4(3H)-one: yellow solid, 67% yield; 70% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 5.61$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.01$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -19$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20-7.23 (m, 3 H), 6.96-7.04 (m, 1 H), 6.89-6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.82-6.87 (m, 3 H), 5.42-5.45 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.64-3.74 (m, 1 H), 3.50-3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.08-3.12 (m, 2 H), 2.93-3.03 (m, 3 H), 2.50-2.90 (m, 3 H), 2.29-2.34 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 208.4, 138.6, 138.5, 135.7, 134.7, 129.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 124.3, 123.0, 122.0, 116.4, 57.9, 56.9, 43.5, 41.4, 33.5, 31.5, 30.1, 25.1 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3391, 3020, 2951, 2854, 2253, 1704, 1511, 1451, 1227, 910, 759 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNOS}$

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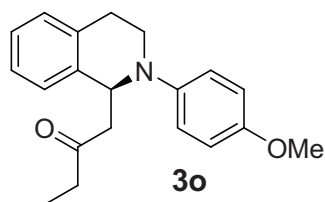


(R)-3-((S)-6,7-dimethoxy-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-thiopyran-4(3H)-one: yellow solid, 61% yield; 90% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, t_{major} = 9.92 min, t_{minor} = 11.08 min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -22 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.19-7.22 (m, 2 H), 6.96-6.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.78-6.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 6.57 (s, 1 H), 5.66-5.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.67-3.71 (m, 2 H), 3.10-3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.04-3.05 (m, 1 H), 2.85-2.98 (m, 4 H), 2.75-2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 208.8, 149.5, 148.2, 147.0, 129.3, 127.3, 126.9, 119.4, 116.7, 112.1, 110.4, 58.0, 56.1, 55.8, 55.2, 42.8, 41.7, 33.7, 31.1, 24.7 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3530, 3001, 2929, 2835, 2253, 1706, 1514, 1245, 1111, 911, 732 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[M+Na]^+$ calcd: 406.1447, found: 406.1447.



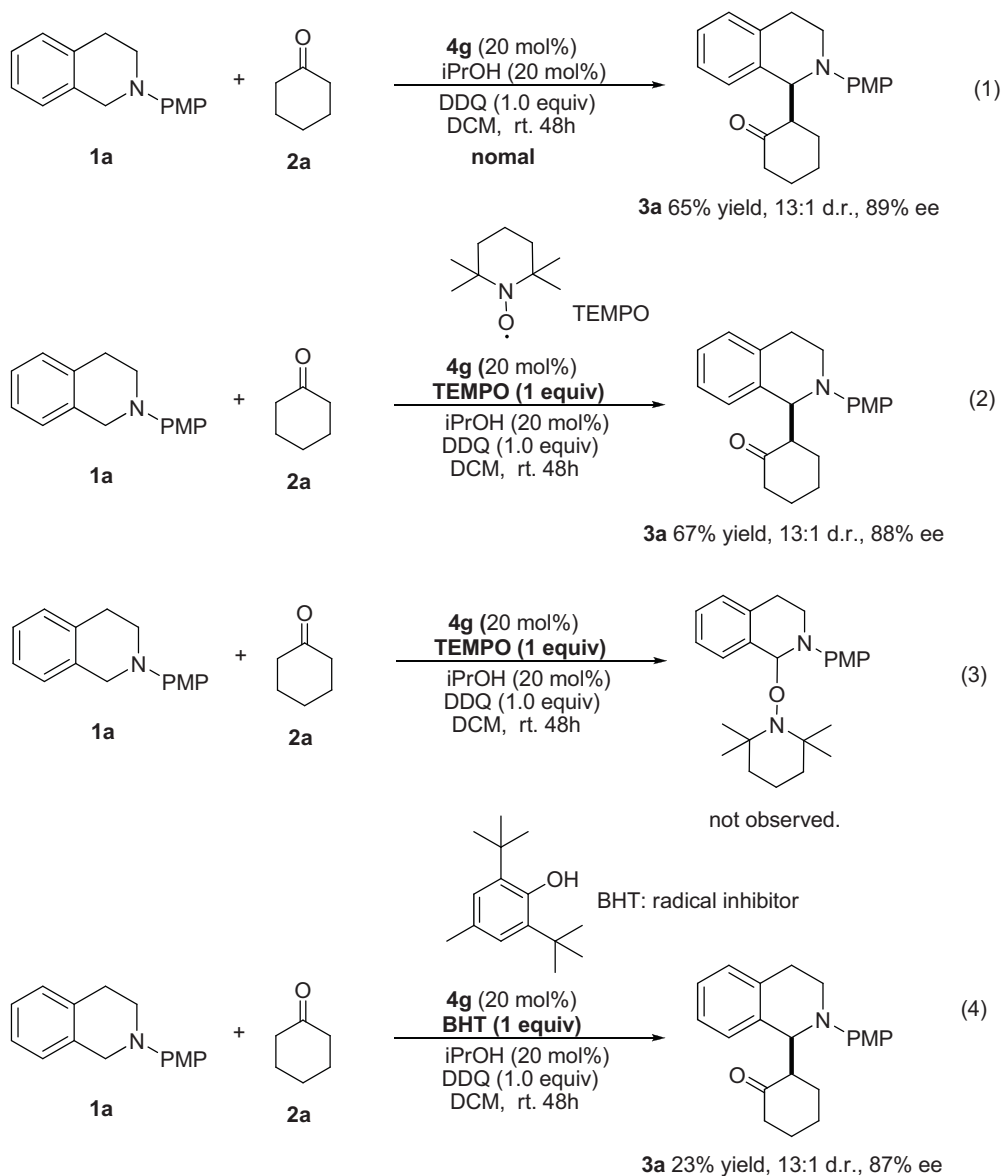
(S)-3-((S)-7-chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)dihydro-2H-pyran-4(3H)-one: yellow solid, 52% yield; 77% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, t_{major} = 6.87 min, t_{minor} = 8.08 min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -16 (c = 0.5, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26-7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 1 H), 7.04-7.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.84-6.87 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.74-6.77 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.14-5.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.07-4.20 (m, 2 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.62-3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.51-3.58 (m, 1 H), 2.69-2.83 (m, 3 H), 2.51-2.63 (m, 2 H), 2.26-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.04-2.06 (m, 1 H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 206.4, 153.8, 143.4, 137.4, 133.2, 131.3, 131.0, 127.4, 127.2, 119.5, 114.5, 69.8, 69.0, 58.6, 55.5, 44.7, 43.5, 41.0, 24.1 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3297, 2924, 2854, 2251,

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(S)-1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)butan-2-one: yellow oil, 63% yield; 30% *ee* determined by HPLC on a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254nm, $t_{\text{major}} = 15.25$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.19$ min); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -6$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3); **^1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.10-7.16 (m, 4 H), 6.89-6.92 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2 H), 6.79-6.82 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 5.25-5.29 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.41-3.59 (m, 2 H), 2.95-3.07 (m, 2 H), 2.68-2.78 (m, 2 H), 2.25-2.32 (m, 2 H), 0.94-0.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 210.0, 153.2, 143.7, 138.4, 134.3, 128.9, 126.8, 126.6, 118.1, 114.7, 56.2, 55.6, 48.7, 42.9, 37.0, 26.9, 7.5 ppm; **IR** (neat): 3313, 3061, 2933, 2833, 2061, 1710, 1511, 1460, 1245, 949, 756 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd: 332.1621, found: 332.1626.

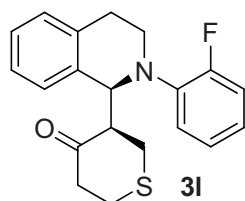
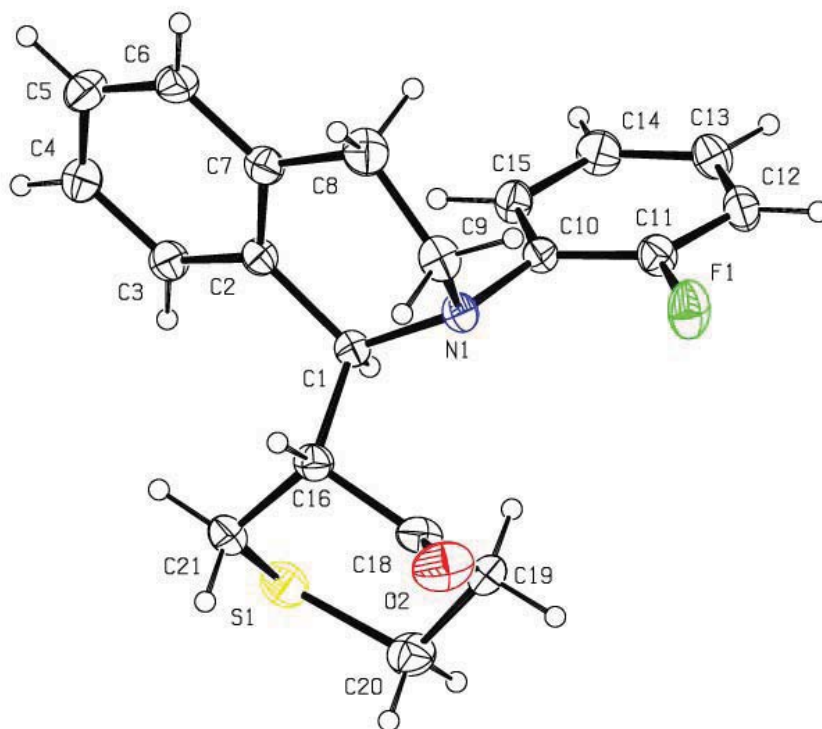
5.0 Mechanistic Experiments and Proposed Reaction Pathways



The possible reaction pathways of this novel oxidative coupling of N-aryl tetrahydroisoquinolines with simple ketones is assumed to involve a single-electron transfer (SET) radical mechanism. When DDQ reacts with the **1a**, a single-electron transfer from **1a** would occur to afford the radical cation, which was subsequently transferred to iminium cation as a key intermediate. To trap the radical intermediate, the same equivalent of TEMPO or 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (BHT) was respectively added to this reaction system. With addition of TEMPO, no significant change in the yield and stereoselective of the coupling product could be detected, and the addition product of N-aryl tetrahydroisoquinolines with TEMPO was not formed either. However, the situation was changed when BHT was added, which the yield of the coupling product was decreased from 65 to

23%, although little influence on stereoselectivity.

6.0 X-ray Structure of 3l:



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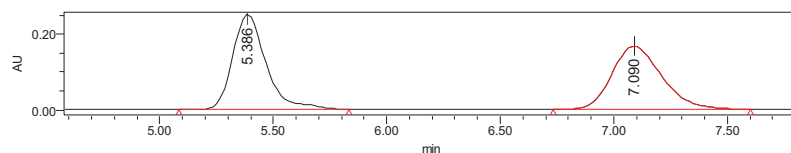
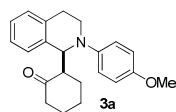
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7.0 References

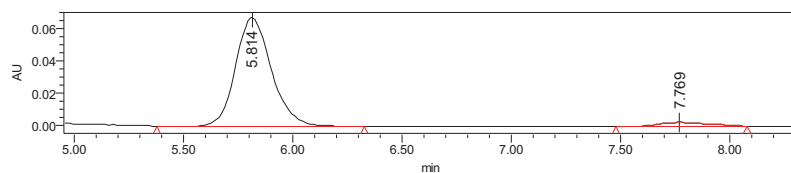
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7.0 Copies of HPLC Spectra of Racemic /Chiral Products

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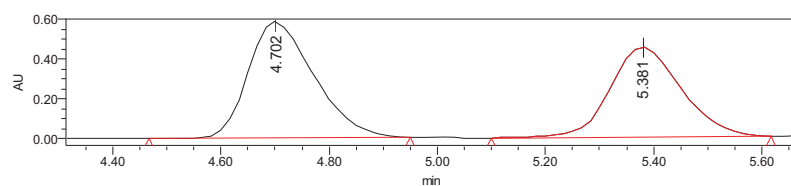
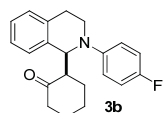


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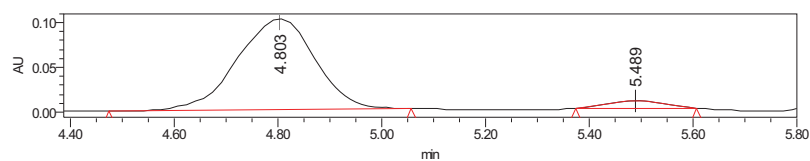


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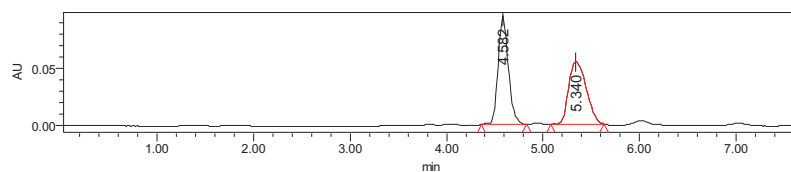
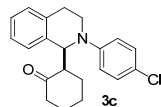


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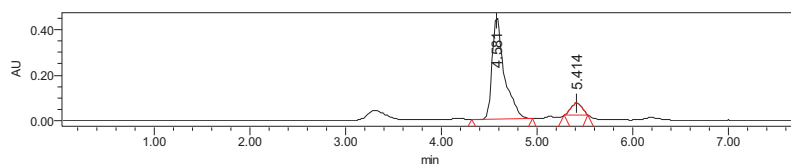


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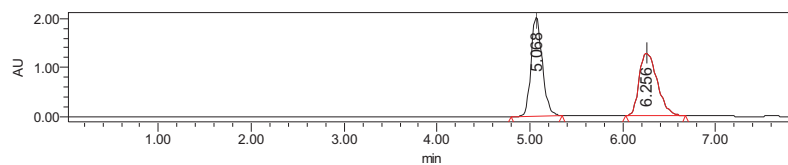
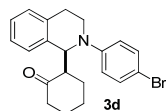


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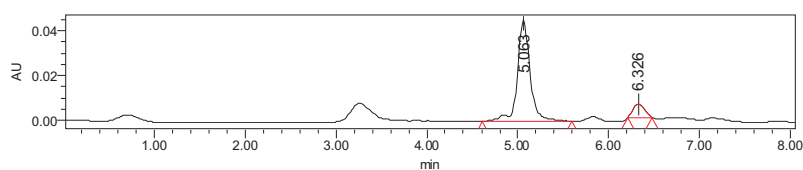


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HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

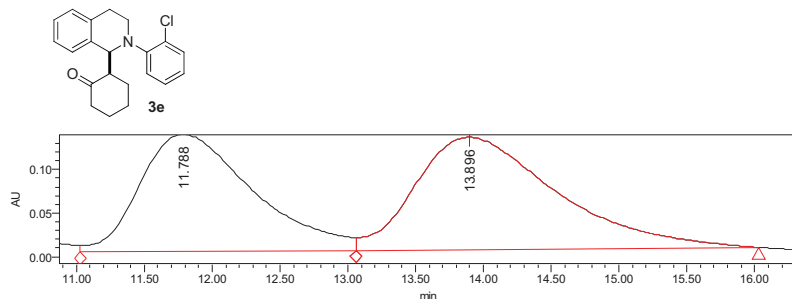


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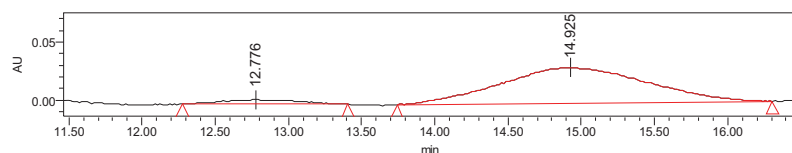


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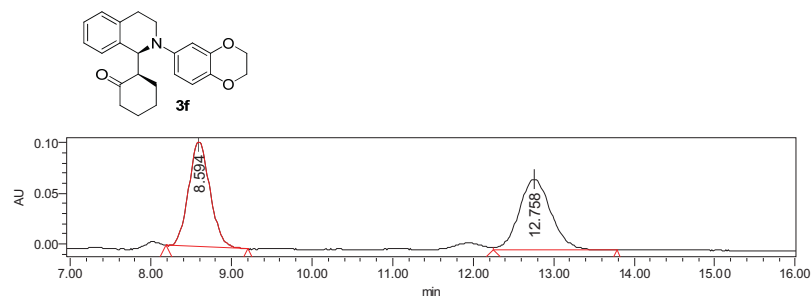


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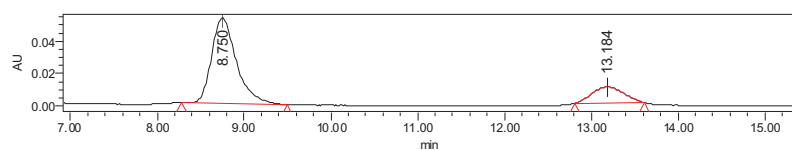


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1	12.776	142743	6.23	3821	bb	Unknown
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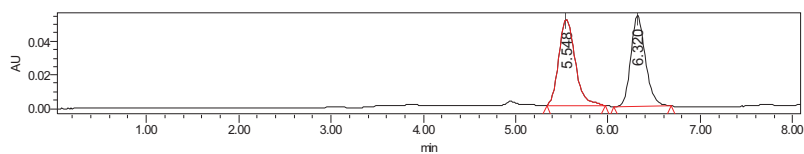
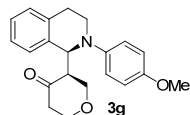


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2	13.184	248566	19.23	9859	bb	Unknown

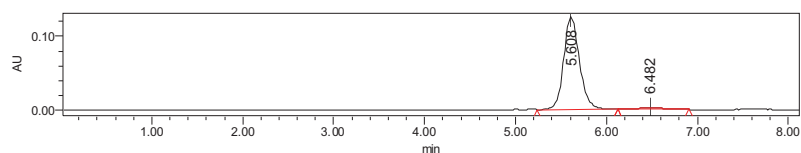


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HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

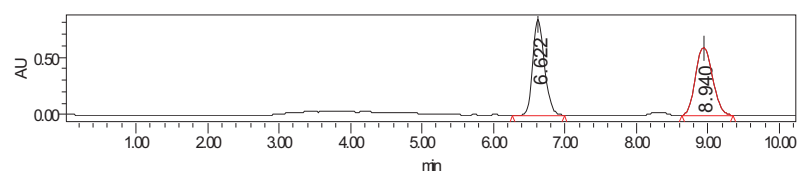
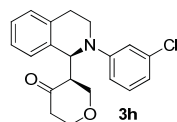


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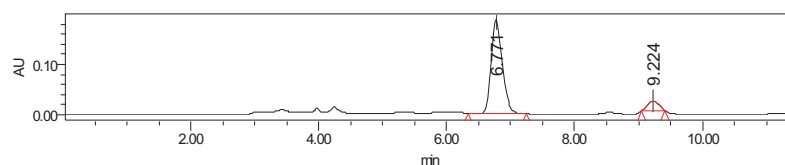


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HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

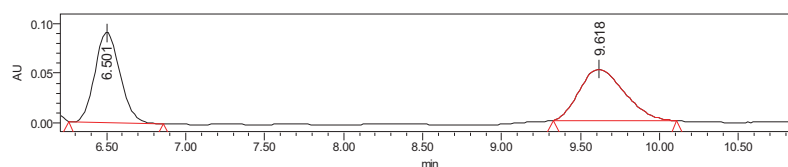
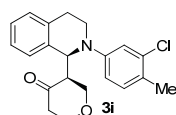


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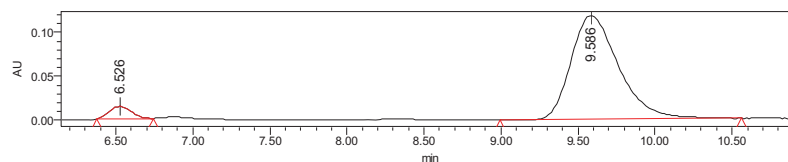


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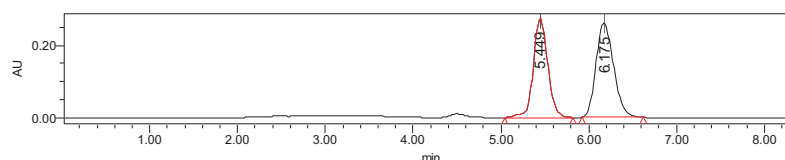
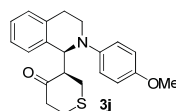


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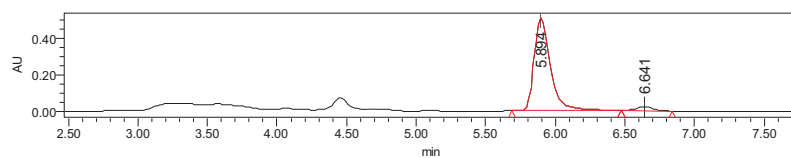


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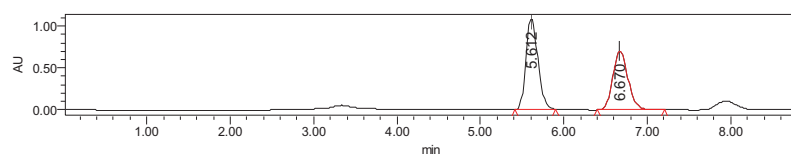
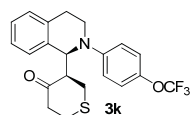


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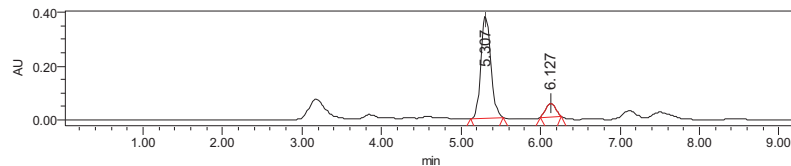


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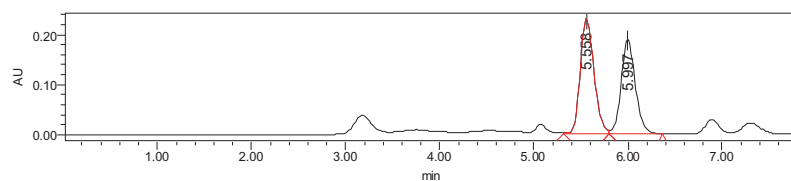
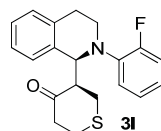


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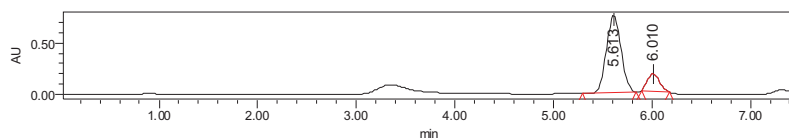


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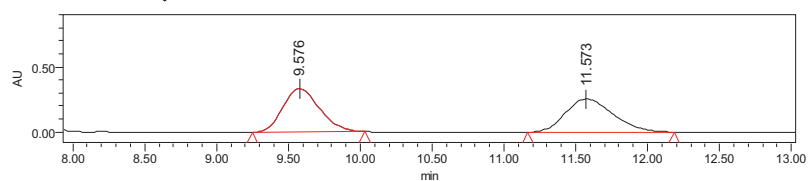
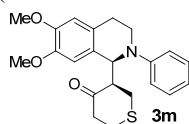


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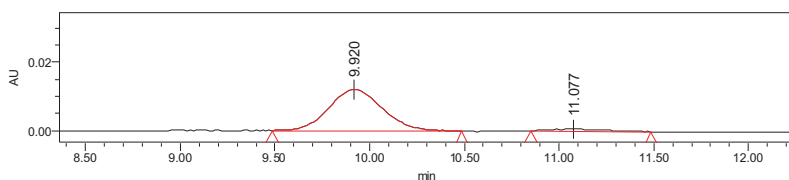


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HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

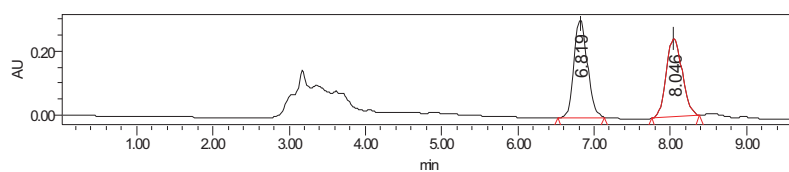
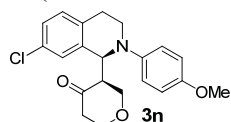


	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height	Int Type	Peak Type
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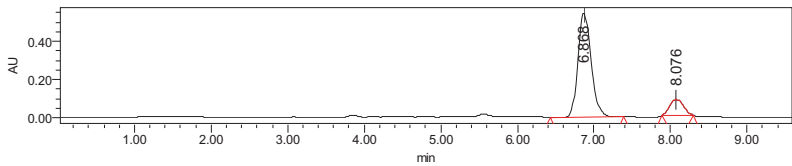


	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height	Int Type	Peak Type
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2	11.077	11599	4.66	588	bb	Unknown

HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

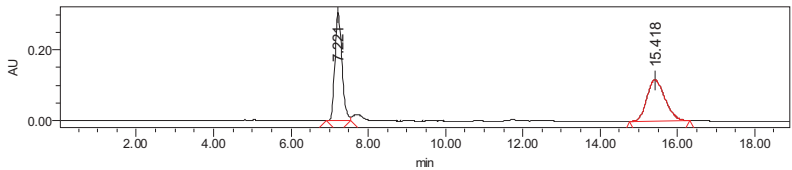
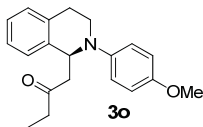


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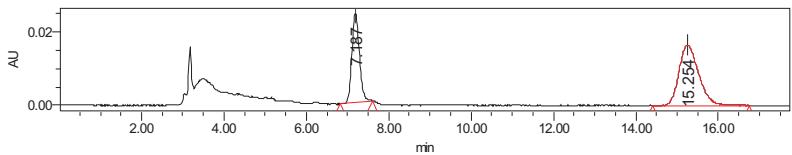


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HPLC using an OD (*n*-Hexane/*i*PrOH= 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min



	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height	Int Type	Peak Type
1	7.221	3914546	51.00	307065	VV	Unknown
2	15.418	3760414	49.00	115505	BB	Unknown



	Retention Time	Area	% Area	Height	Int Type	Peak Type
1	7.187	303218	35.63	24323	bb	Unknown
2	15.254	547914	64.37	16548	bb	Unknown

