

Supplementary information

Enantio- and Diastereoselective NHC/Cu-Catalyzed Intermolecular Dearomative Cyclopropanation of Indoles with Diazo Esters

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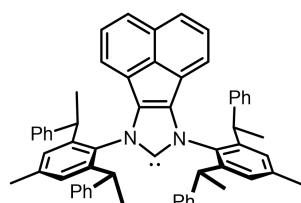
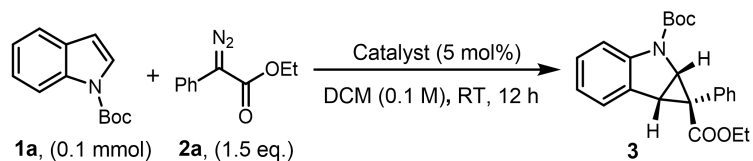
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1. General Information

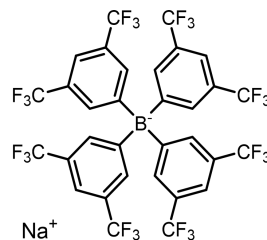
All the reactions were conducted under a N₂ atmosphere with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques, and the glassware was dried in oven (140 °C) or flame-dried. Reaction solvents, including anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM), toluene, *n*-hexane, etc. were purchased from Energy Chemical Co. Ltd. or J&K Chemical Co. Ltd. and used as received. Copper chloride was purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received. All new compounds were characterized by NMR spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy, high-resolution mass spectroscopy, and melting point (if solids). NMR spectra were recorded on an Agilent 400 MHz or 600MHz, Varian 400 MHz or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers and were calibrated using residual solvent as an internal reference (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR). Melting points were measured on a SGW X-4 apparatus. All IR spectra were taken on a BRUKER TENSOR 27 FT-IR spectrometer. EI-HRMS spectra were obtained on a Waters Micromass G1540N/GCT Premier, and ESI-HRMS spectra were obtained on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra or an Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC/MS. GC-MS analysis was performed on a Shimadzu QP2010 SE using a DB-5MS column (30 m, 0.25 mm I.D.). The enantiomeric excess (ee) values of the products were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis performed on a Shimadzu LC-20AT chromatograph or BRUKER SFC 1260 chromatography using a chiral column (15 or 25 cm) as noted for each compound. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol VI Polarimeter and Autopol I Polarimeter with [α]_D values reported in degrees; concentration (c) is in g/100 mL. Indoles^[1] and diazo esters^[2] were prepared according to literatures.

2. Reaction Optimization

Table S1 Screening of the catalysts



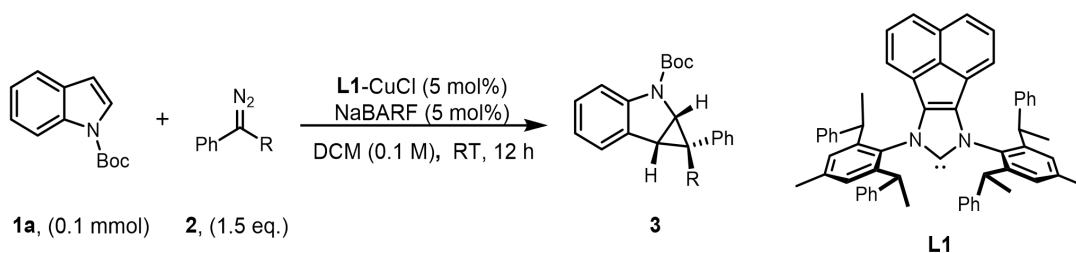
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NaBARF

Entry	Cat. ^a	Yield (%) ^b	d.r. ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄ , L1 /HCl, KO ^t Bu, NaBARF	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
2	L1 -AgCl, NaBARF	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
3	L1 -Pd(cin)Cl, NaBARF	82	>20:1	0
4	L1 -CuCl, NaBARF	90	>20:1	19

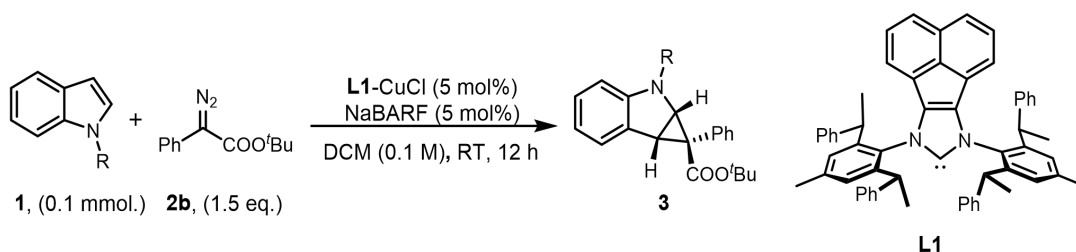
^aReaction conditions: N-protected indoles **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo ester **2a** (0.15 mmol), catalyst (5.0 mol %), NaBARF (5.0 mol%), under N₂ atmosphere for 12 h. ^bThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard. ^cDetermined by chiral HPLC.

Table S2 Screening of the diazo compounds

Entry	R	Yield (%) ^a	d.r. ^a	ee (%) ^b
1	COOMe	99	>20:1	14
2	COOEt	90	>20:1	19
3	COOBn	99	>20:1	22
4	COO ^t Pr	99	>20:1	33
5	COO ^t Bu	95	>20:1	49
6	COO(2,6-Me ₂ C ₆ H ₃)	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
7	P(O)(OMe) ₂	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.

^aThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard.

^bDetermined by chiral HPLC.

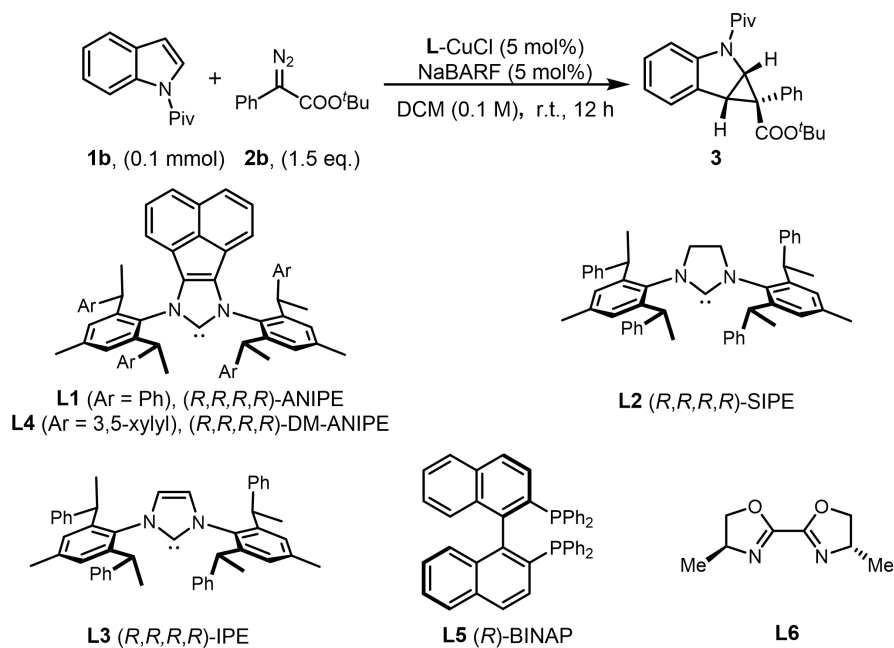
Table S3 Screening of the protecting group of indole

Entry	R	Yield (%) ^a	d.r. ^a	ee (%) ^b
1	Me	N.D.	>20:1	N.D.
2	TMS	N.D.	>20:1	N.D.
3	Boc	95	>20:1	49
4	Ts	32	>20:1	69
5	COO ^t Bu	39	>20:1	14
6	Ac	39	>20:1	61
7	Bz	60	>20:1	56
8	COAd	60	>20:1	64
9	Piv	87	>20:1	72

^aThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard.

^bDetermined by chiral HPLC.

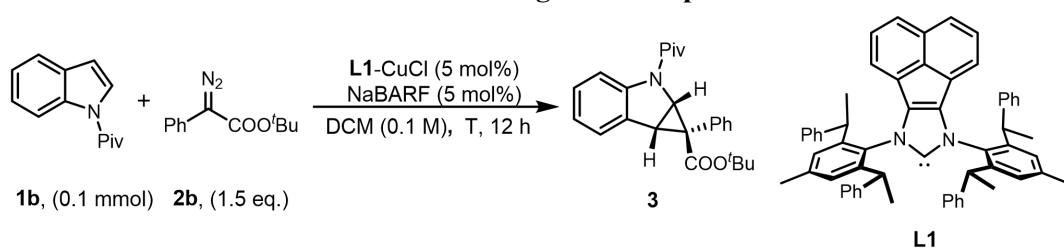
Table S4 Screening of the ligands



Entry	Ligand	Yield (%) ^a	d.r. ^a	ee (%) ^b
1	L1	87	>20:1	72
2	L2	82	>20:1	56
3	L3	84	>20:1	41
4	L4	94	>20:1	37
5	L5	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
6	L6	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.

^aThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard .

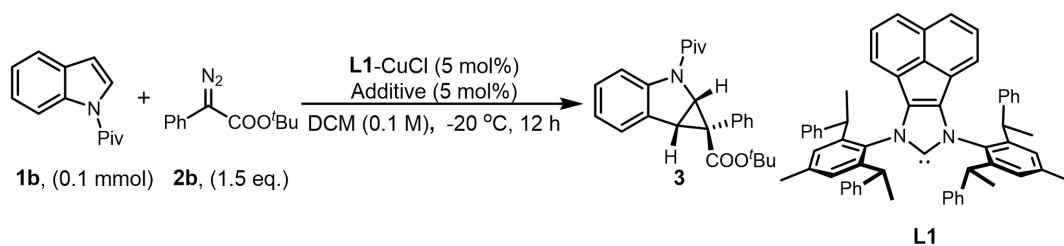
^bDetermined by chiral HPLC.

Table S5 Screening of the temperature

Entry	T (°C)	NMR Yield (%) ^a	d.r. ^a	ee (%) ^b
1	25	87	>20:1	72
2	-10	80	>20:1	81
3	-20	57	>20:1	85
4	-30	54	>20:1	81
5	-40	56	>20:1	80
6	-20 ^c	86	>20:1	85

^aThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard.

^bDetermined by chiral HPLC. ^cUsing 2.0 eq. diazo ester.

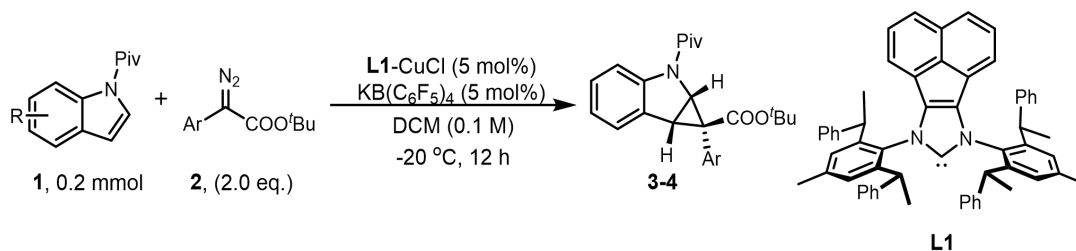
Table S6 Screening of the additives

Entry	Additive	NMR Yield (%) ^a	d.r. ^a	ee (%) ^b
1	None	N.D.	>20:1	N.D.
2	AgSbF ₆	78	>20:1	75
3	AgBF ₄	83	>20:1	51
4	AgPF ₆	75	>20:1	72
5	AgOTf	63	>20:1	13
6	KAsF ₆	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
7	NaBARF	86	>20:1	86
8	KB(C ₆ F ₅) ₄	89	>20:1	89

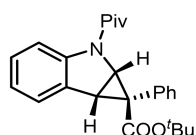
^aThe yield and d.r. were determined by ¹H NMR of crude sample with C₂H₂Cl₄ as an internal standard.

^bDetermined by chiral HPLC.

3. General procedure for the asymmetric intermolecular cyclopropanation of indoles with diazo esters



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, an oven-dried screw-cap reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **L1**-CuCl (8.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%) and $\text{KB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ (7.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), the indole substrate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), and dichloromethane (1 mL). The reaction tube was sealed with a screw-cap septum and stirred at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 hour. The diazo compound (0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL) and frozen at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 hour before being slowly added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred within the sealed tube at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The diastereomeric ratio (d.r.) value of the crude products was determined by ^1H NMR. The crude residue was purified via column chromatography to afford the desired product. The enantiomeric excess (ee) value was determined by chiral HPLC analysis of the isolated product.

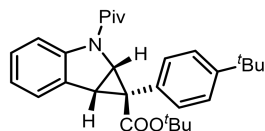


tert-butyl

(1*R*,1*aS*,6*bS*)-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1*a*,2,6*b*-tetrahydrocyclopropa[*b*]indole-1-carboxylate (**3a**)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 85% yield (66.6 mg).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.93 (m, 7H), 5.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 171.7, 144.1, 131.6, 130.7, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 125.0, 123.5, 117.8, 81.8, 51.4, 40.8, 35.5, 33.4, 28.2, 28.0. IR (neat cm^{-1}) 2923, 2853, 1730, 1513, 1257, 1015, 773. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 414.2040, found 414.2041. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -56.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). HPLC analysis (IA-H, 0.5% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 89% ee: $t_R(\text{minor}) = 8.6$ min, $t_R(\text{major}) = 9.5$ min. Melting point: 117–118 $^\circ\text{C}$.

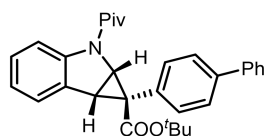


tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3b)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-diazoacetate (109.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 85% yield (76.0 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.14 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 171.8, 149.5, 144.2, 131.2, 128.9, 127.6, 127.3, 124.9, 124.3, 123.4, 117.8, 81.6, 51.2, 40.8, 35.4, 34.3, 33.2, 31.1, 28.2, 28.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2963, 2932, 2917, 2369, 1701, 1463, 1402. HRMS(DART) calculated for C₂₉H₃₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 448.2846, found 448.2844. [α]_D²⁷ = -52.9 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1.0% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R(minor) = 16.8 min, t_R(major) = 14.2 min. Melting point: 117-118 °C.

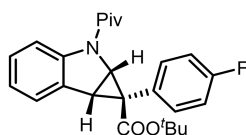


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3c)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-diazoacetate (117.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 86% yield (80.4 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.97 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 171.6, 144.2, 140.6, 139.3, 132.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 126.1, 124.9, 123.6, 117.9, 81.9, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 33.2, 28.2, 28.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2964, 2929, 1700, 1602, 1462, 1257, 957. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₃₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 468.2533, found 468.2536. [α]_D²⁷ = -39.1 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 0.5% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 82% ee: t_R(minor) = 11.3 min, t_R(major) = 12.4 min. Melting point: 154-155 °C.

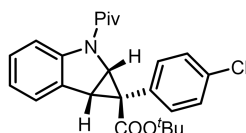


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3d)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (94.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 88% yield (72.1 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 171.5, 161.5 (d, *J* = 246.2 Hz), 144.1, 133.2 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 128.6, 127.9, 126.6 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 124.9, 123.6, 117.8, 114.6 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 82.0, 51.4, 40.8, 35.5, 32.7, 28.1, 28.0. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.73. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2975, 2931, 2361, 1702, 1462, 1260, 955. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃F [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 410.2126, found 410.2129. [α]_D²⁷ = -43.1 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 0.5% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R(minor) = 12.1 min, t_R(major) = 13.7 min. **Melting point:** 115-116 °C.



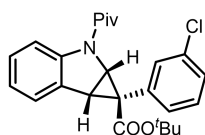
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3e)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (100.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 82% yield (70.1 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 171.2, 144.0, 132.9, 132.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 124.9, 123.7, 117.9, 82.1, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 32.8, 28.1, 28.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2959, 2926, 2855, 1704, 1494, 1256, 956. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃Cl [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 426.1830, found 426.1826. [α]_D²⁷ = -45.9 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 0.5% IPA in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (minor) = 27.3 min, t_R (major) = 24.1

min. **Melting point:** 120-121 °C.

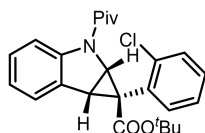


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3f)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (100.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 89% yield (75.6 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.81 (m, 5H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.8, 171.0, 143.9, 133.0, 132.8, 132.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 125.0, 123.7, 118.0, 82.2, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 32.9, 28.2, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2962, 2927, 2855, 1704, 1600, 1463, 1258. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃Cl [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 426.1830, found 426.1825. [α]_D²⁷ = -45.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1.0% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R (minor) = 16.4 min, t_R (major) = 15.0 min. **Melting point:** 105-106 °C.

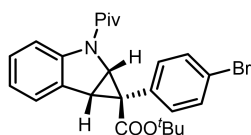


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3g)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (100.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a colorless liquid in 45% yield (38.3 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 175.8, 169.8, 143.0, 135.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 124.7, 124.3, 122.2, 116.2, 80.9, 50.9, 39.8, 36.1, 30.3, 27.1, 26.8. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 3076, 2972, 2931, 2353, 1704, 1665, 1603. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₈NO₃ClNa [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 448.1650, found 448.1652. [α]_D²⁵ = -34.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1.0% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 76% ee: t_R (minor) = 8.1 min, t_R (major) = 10.0 min.

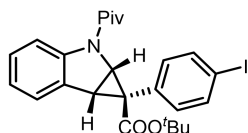


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3h)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (118.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 82% yield (76.9 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.9, 171.1, 144.0, 133.2, 130.8, 129.9, 128.4, 128.1, 124.9, 123.7, 121.2, 117.9, 82.1, 51.5, 40.8, 35.4, 32.8, 28.2, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 3624, 3584, 3521, 1703, 1521, 1366, 1254. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃Br [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 470.1325, found 470.1325. [α]_D²⁷ = -59.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1.0% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R (minor) = 15.4 min, t_R (major) = 14.1 min. **Melting point:** 131-132 °C.

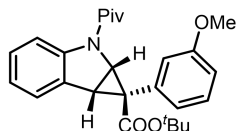


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-iodophenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3i)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-iodophenyl)acetate (137.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 92% yield (95.1 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.07 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.9, 171.1, 144.0, 136.7, 133.5, 130.6, 128.4, 128.1, 124.9, 123.7, 117.9, 93.0, 82.1, 51.4, 40.8, 35.4, 33.0, 28.1, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2962, 2926, 2854, 1702, 1463, 1258, 956. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃I [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 518.1187, found 518.1186. [α]_D²⁷ = -59.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1.0% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 90% ee: t_R (minor) = 6.3 min, t_R (major) = 7.8 min. **Melting point:** 154-155 °C.

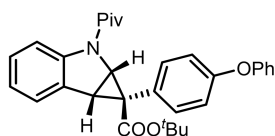


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3j)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (99.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 72% yield (60.6 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.59 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 6.49 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 170.5, 157.6, 143.2, 131.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 123.9, 123.3, 122.5, 116.9, 116.0, 112.1, 80.8, 54.1, 50.4, 39.8, 34.4, 32.4, 27.2, 27.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2963, 2928, 2854, 2351, 1722, 1664, 1602. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₃₁NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 444.2141, found 444.2145. [α]_D²⁷ = -53.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (minor) = 18.1 min, t_R (major) = 13.2 min. Melting point: 137-138 °C.

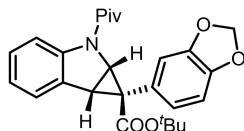


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa-[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3k)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)acetate (124.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 72% yield (69.6 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.9, 170.5, 143.1, 139.5, 138.3, 130.9, 128.7, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 126.1, 125.8, 125.1, 123.9, 122.5, 116.9, 80.8, 50.4, 39.8, 34.4, 32.2, 27.2, 27.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3533, 3068, 2959, 2899, 2839, 2343, 1694. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₃₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 484.2476, found 484.2482. [α]_D²⁷ = -51.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 84% ee: t_R (minor) = 9.7 min, t_R (major) = 11.7 min. Melting point: 169-170 °C.

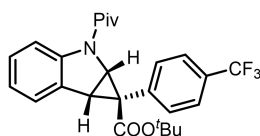


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3l)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-diazoacetate (104.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 77% yield (67.0 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.51 – 6.39 (m, 3H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 171.7, 146.7, 146.3, 144.2, 128.8, 127.8, 125.3, 124.9, 124.1, 123.6, 117.9, 111.9, 107.5, 100.7, 81.8, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 33.2, 28.2, 28.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2956, 2928, 2430, 1761, 1467, 1257, 1205. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₂₉NO₅Na [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 458.1933, found 458.1938. [α]_D²⁷ = -49.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (OD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 83% ee: t_R (minor) = 9.6 min, t_R (major) = 10.8 min. Melting point: 135-136 °C.

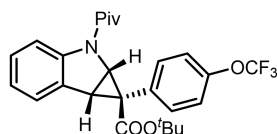


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-2-pivaloyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydro-cyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3m)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (114.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 95% yield (87.2 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 170.9, 143.9, 135.0 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 131.9, 129.0 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 128.2, 128.2, 125.3, 124.4 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.9, 123.8, 124.0 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 118.0, 82.3, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 33.0, 28.1, 28.0. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.94. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2978, 2933, 2381, 1704, 1664, 1619, 1604. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₂₉NO₃F₃ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 460.2090, found 460.2094. [α]_D²⁷ = -108.1 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 75% ee: t_R (minor) = 6.5 min, t_R (major) = 10.9 min. Melting point: 130-131 °C.

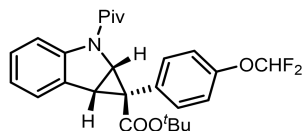


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-2-pivaloyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydro-cyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3n)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)acetate (120.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 84% yield (79.8 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.39 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.8, 171.1, 148.0, 147.9, 143.9, 133.0, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 124.9, 123.7, 120.3 (q, *J* = 253.9 Hz), 119.8, 117.9, 82.1, 51.4, 40.8, 35.5, 32.7, 28.1, 27.9. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -58.94. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2979, 1703, 1664, 1511, 1477, 1402, 1257. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₆H₂₉NO₄F₃ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 476.2043, found 476.2035. **[α]_D²⁷** = -73.4 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (OD-H, 0.5% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 79% ee: *t_R* (minor) = 24.1 min, *t_R* (major) = 25.9 min. **Melting point:** 147-148 °C.



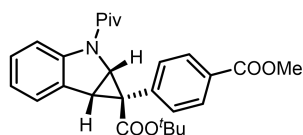
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-((difluoromethylene)-λ⁴-oxidaneyl)phenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3o)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)acetate (113.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 84% yield (76.8 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 74.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.9, 171.3, 150.2, 144.0, 133.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 124.9, 123.7, 118.2, 117.9, 115.9 (t, *J* = 257.2 Hz), 82.1, 51.4, 40.8, 35.5, 28.1, 28.0. **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -80.53. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2962, 2925, 2854, 1704, 1667, 1463, 1366. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₆H₃₀NO₄F₂ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 458.2137, found 458.2144. **[α]_D²⁷** = -63.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 2% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 81% ee: *t_R* (minor) = 4.6 min, *t_R* (major) = 6.1 min.

Melting point: 147-148 °C.

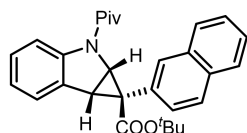


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydro-cycloprop a[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3p)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and methyl 4-(2-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-diazo-2-oxoethyl)benzoate (110.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 80% yield (71.8 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.28 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.8, 170.9, 166.8, 143.9, 136.3, 131.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 125.0, 123.7, 117.9, 82.2, 51.9, 51.5, 40.8, 35.5, 33.2, 28.2, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2964, 2930, 2855, 1723, 1705, 1463, 1402. **HRMS (DART)** calculated for C₂₇H₃₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 450.2272, found 450.2275. [α]_D²⁵ = -42.9 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (IA-H, 2% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 80% ee: t_R (minor) = 3.3 min, t_R (major) = 3.6 min. **Melting point:** 168-169 °C.



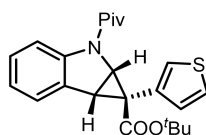
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocycloprop-a[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3q)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (107.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 76% yield (67.0 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 9H), 1.39 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 175.8, 170.6, 143.2, 131.7, 131.1, 129.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.9, 124.7, 124.4, 123.9, 122.4, 116.8, 80.9, 50.6, 39.8, 34.6, 32.4, 27.3, 27.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2962, 2926, 2854, 1703, 1666, 1463, 1260. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₉H₃₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 442.2377, found 442.2376. [α]_D²⁵ = -52.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 84% ee:

t_R (minor) = 17.0 min, t_R (major) = 14.8 min. **Melting point:** 151-152 °C.

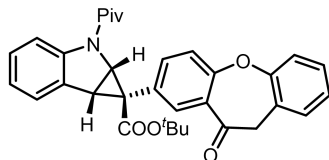


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-2-pivaloyl-1-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3r)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(thiophen-3-yl)acetate (89.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 90% yield (71.5 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.9, 171.3, 144.7, 130.3, 130.1, 128.5, 128.0, 125.9, 124.7, 123.6, 123.5, 117.8, 81.9, 51.7, 40.7, 36.1, 29.3, 28.0, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2961, 2924, 2853, 1702, 1667, 1461, 1362. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₃H₂₈NO₃S [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 398.1784, found 398.1786. $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -52.1$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 90% ee: t_R (minor) = 10.4 min, t_R (major) = 13.1 min. **Melting point:** 108-109 °C.



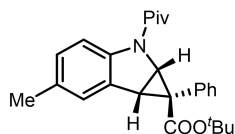
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1-(11-oxo-10,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,f]oxepin-2-yl)-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3s)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-(11-oxo-10,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,f]oxepin-2-yl)acetate (89.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 58% yield (60.7 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.09 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.1, 177.0, 171.4, 160.1, 144.1, 140.3, 138.6, 135.7, 135.5, 132.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.0, 124.5, 124.4, 123.6, 119.9, 117.9, 82.1, 73.5, 51.6, 40.9, 35.6, 32.6, 28.2, 28.1. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2977, 2933, 1703, 1662, 1608, 1492, 1401. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₃₃H₃₃NO₅Na [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 546.2251, found

546.2247. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -169.9$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 71% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 13.6 min, t_{R} (major) = 17.9 min. **Melting point**: 189-190 °C.

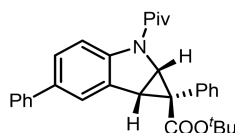


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3t)

Following the **General Procedure** using 2,2-dimethyl-1-(5-methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one (43.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 80% yield (64.8 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.07 – 6.95 (m, 5H), 6.83 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 175.6, 170.7, 140.9, 132.1, 130.5, 129.7, 127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 125.8, 124.4, 116.4, 80.6, 50.4, 39.6, 34.4, 32.6, 27.2, 27.0, 19.9. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2968, 2928, 1702, 1663, 1479, 1401, 1259. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₆H₃₁NO₅Na [M+Na]⁺ m/z 428.2196, found 428.2189. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -13.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 84% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 14.2 min, t_{R} (major) = 12.2 min. **Melting point**: 120-121 °C.



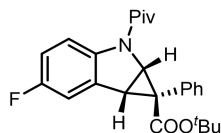
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-1,5-diphenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3u)

Following the **General Procedure** using 2,2-dimethyl-1-(5-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one (55.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 76% yield (71.0 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 5H), 5.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.9, 171.6, 143.5, 140.8, 136.7, 131.6, 130.6, 129.6, 128.8,

127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 123.4, 117.9, 81.8, 51.6, 40.8, 35.4, 33.7, 28.2, 28.0. **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) 2975, 2934, 1704, 1664, 1619, 1476, 1402. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 468.2533, found 468.2530. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -43.9$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 82% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 11.1 min, t_{R} (major) = 10.2 min. **Melting point**: 150-151 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

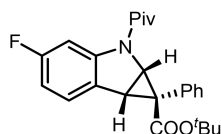


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-5-fluoro-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocycloprop-a[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3v)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5-fluoro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 81% yield (66.3 mg).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (dd, $J = 11.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.56 (td, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 171.4, 162.3 (d, $J = 242.6$ Hz), 145.2 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz), 131.5, 130.4, 127.6, 127.0, 125.2 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 110.2 (d, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 105.9 (d, $J = 29.7$ Hz), 81.9, 52.1, 40.8, 34.7, 33.3, 28.1, 27.9. **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) 2961, 2926, 1260, 1191, 1156, 1090, 1018. **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -119.29. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{F}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 410.2126, found 410.2123. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -52.3$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 83% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 7.7 min, t_{R} (major) = 9.2 min. **Melting point**: 120-121 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

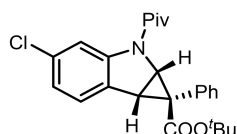


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-6-fluoro-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3w)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(6-fluoro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 76% yield (62.2 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 6.94 (m, 6H), 6.68 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.6, 171.4, 159.0 (d, *J* = 242.1 Hz), 140.3 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.4, 130.5 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 130.4, 127.6, 127.1, 118.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 114.2 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 24.3 Hz), 82.0, 51.7, 40.7, 35.1, 33.6, 28.2, 28.0. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -119.53. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2975, 2934, 1704, 1664, 1619, 1476, 1402. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃F [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 410.2126, found 410.2124. [α]_D²⁷ = -54.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 85% ee: t_R (minor) = 6.7 min, t_R (major) = 7.7 min. **Melting point:** 120-121 °C.

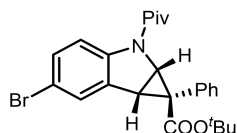


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-4-chloro-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3x)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 74% yield (62.9 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.6, 171.4, 159.0 (d, *J* = 242.1 Hz), 140.3 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.4, 130.5 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 130.4, 127.6, 127.1, 118.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 114.2 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 111.9 (d, *J* = 24.3 Hz), 82.0, 51.7, 40.7, 35.1, 33.6, 28.2, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2966, 1705, 1666, 1477, 1403, 1259, 1159. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₈NO₃ClNa [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 448.1650, found 448.1654. [α]_D²⁷ = -55.9 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (OJ-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (minor) = 6.6 min, t_R (major) = 7.0 min. **Melting point:** 122-123 °C.



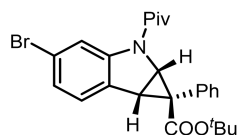
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-5-bromo-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (3y)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5-bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (55.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and

tert-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 67% yield (62.7 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.6, 171.4, 159.0 (d, *J* = 242.1 Hz), 140.3 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.4, 130.5 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 175.8, 170.3, 142.2, 130.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.2, 126.7, 126.7, 126.1, 118.0, 114.8, 81.0, 50.4, 39.8, 33.8, 32.3, 27.1, 26.9. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2961, 2924, 2853, 1259, 1157, 1089, 1018. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₉NO₃Br [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 470.1325, found 470.1324. [α]_D²⁷ = -58.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 2% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (minor) = 7.1 min, t_R (major) = 5.7 min. **Melting point:** 130-131 °C.

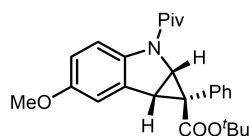


***Tert*-butyl**

(1R,1a*S*,6b*S*)-4-bromo-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[*b*]indole-1-carboxylate (3z)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(6-bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (55.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 75% yield (70.8 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 177.0, 171.3, 145.2, 131.5, 130.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 125.8, 121.3, 120.9, 82.0, 51.7, 40.8, 35.0, 33.3, 28.1, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2961, 2925, 2853, 1702, 1460, 1261, 954. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₅H₂₈NO₃BrNa [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 492.1145, found 492.1143. [α]_D²⁶ = -58.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (OD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 83% ee: t_R (minor) = 9.5 min, t_R (major) = 8.6 min. **Melting point:** 130-131 °C.

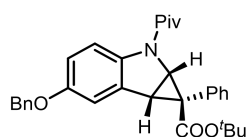


***Tert*-butyl**

(1R,1a*S*,6b*S*)-5-methoxy-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[*b*]indole-1-carboxylate (4a)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (46.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 74% yield (62.2 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.83 (m, 6H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 175.3, 170.5, 155.1, 137.0, 130.4, 129.6, 129.1, 126.5, 125.9, 117.4, 111.4, 110.0, 80.7, 54.6, 50.6, 39.5, 34.3, 32.9, 27.2, 27.0. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 2964, 2930, 1719, 1701, 1462, 1259, 974. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₆H₃₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 422.2326, found 422.2325. **[α]_D²⁷** = -16.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 88% ee: *t_R* (minor) = 22.1 min, *t_R* (major) = 23.5 min. **Melting point:** 135-136 °C.

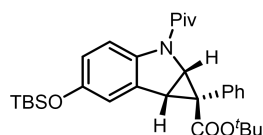


Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-5-methoxy-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopro-pa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (4b)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5-(benzyloxy)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (61.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 69% yield (68.6 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 6.92 (m, 6H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.4, 171.6, 155.1, 138.2, 137.1, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 118.5, 114.0, 112.0, 81.8, 70.4, 51.6, 40.6, 35.3, 33.9, 28.2, 28.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2976, 2933, 1700, 1656, 1614, 1491, 1401. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₂H₃₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 498.2639, found 498.2632. [α]_D²⁵ = -59.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 85% ee: t_R (minor) = 17.8 min, t_R (major) = 18.8 min. Melting point: 158-159 °C.



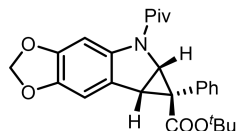
Tert-butyl

(1R,1aS,6bS)-5((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenyl-2-pivaloyl-1,1a,2,6b-tetrahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate (4c)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (66.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 65% yield (67.7 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 170.5, 150.8, 137.4, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 126.5, 125.8, 118.4, 117.4, 115.7, 80.7, 76.3, 76.0, 75.7, 50.5, 39.6, 34.3, 32.8, 27.2, 27.0, 24.7, 17.2, -5.47, -5.53. IR (neat,

cm^{-1}) 2978, 2929, 1705, 1666, 1463, 1403, 1259. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{44}\text{NO}_4\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 522.3034, found 522.3038. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -59.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 2% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 6.4 min, t_{R} (major) = 7.8 min. **Melting point:** 147-148 °C.



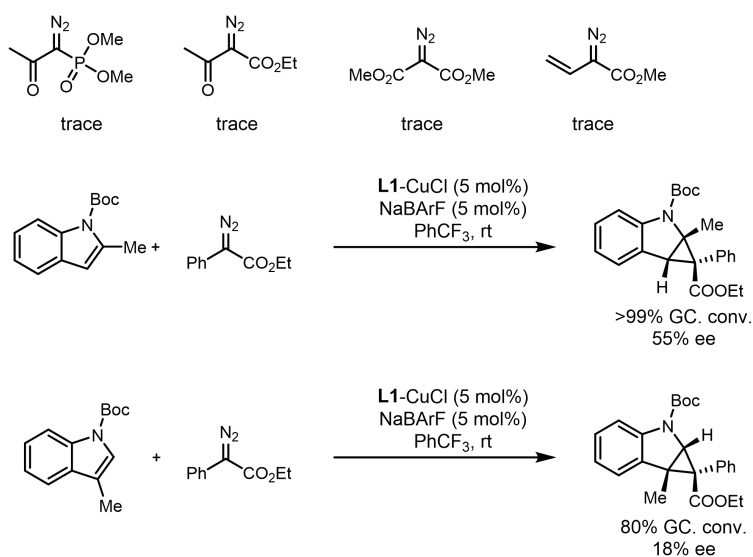
Tert-butyl

(5*aS*,6*R*,6*aS*)-6-phenyl-5-pivaloyl-5,5*a*,6,6*a*-tetrahydrocyclopropa[*b*][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indole-6-carboxylate (**4d**)

Following the **General Procedure** using 1-(5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indol-5-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (49.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (87.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.), the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide the title compound as a white solid in 86% yield (74.8 mg).

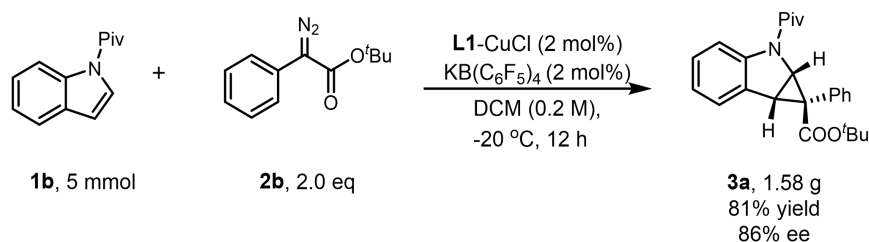
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 5.2, 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.84 (dd, $J = 14.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.11 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 176.5, 171.6, 146.9, 143.7, 138.7, 131.5, 130.7, 127.6, 127.0, 121.5, 104.9, 101.2, 100.5, 81.7, 52.0, 40.7, 35.5, 33.5, 28.2, 28.0. **IR (neat, cm^{-1})** 3728, 3698, 3676, 3657, 3641, 3622, 2964. **HRMS (DART)** calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 436.2118, found 436.2116. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -59.0$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). **HPLC analysis** (AD-H, 1.5% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 84% ee: t_{R} (minor) = 16.9 min, t_{R} (major) = 17.9 min. **Melting point:** 154-155 °C.

unsuccessful examples



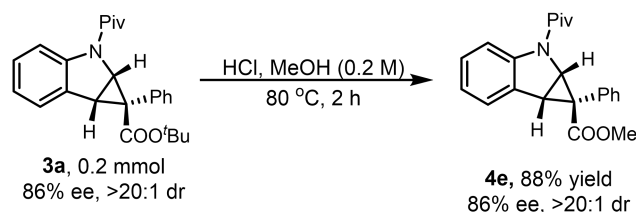
4. Synthetic Applications

Gram-scale reaction



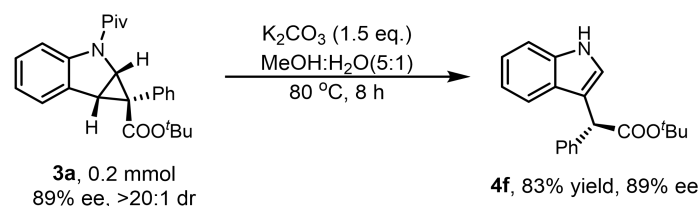
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, an oven-dried 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with ANIPE-CuCl (88.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2 mol%), $\text{KB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4$ (71.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 mol%), *N*-Piv indole (1.05 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and DCM (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (2.18 g, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.), dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL), was then slowly dropwise added to the system. The reaction mixture was stirred within the sealed flask at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 h. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was directly filtered through a short pad of silica gel (CH_2Cl_2 as eluent) to give the crude product. After concentration, the crude residue was purified via column chromatography to afford the desired product **3a** in 81% yield (1.58 g) and 86% ee.

Transformation of product **3a**



An oven-dried screw-cap reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate **3a** (78.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), methanol (1 mL) and 3 drops of 1M HCl. The reaction tube was sealed with a screw-cap septum and heated at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 hours. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified via column chromatography to afford the desired product **4e** as a white solid in 88% yield (61.5 mg).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.94 (m, 7H), 5.23 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 173.4, 144.1, 131.8, 129.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 125.0, 123.6, 117.8, 53.0, 51.9, 40.8, 36.7, 32.3, 28.2. IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 2959, 1710, 1664, 1464, 1434, 1402, 1361. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 350.1751, found 350.1747. $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -59.3$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (minor) = 9.5 min, t_R (major) = 9.8 min.



An oven-dried screw-cap reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate **3a** (78.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), K₂CO₃ (41.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), methanol (1 mL), and water (200 μL). The reaction tube was sealed with a screw-cap septum and heated at 80 °C for 2 hours. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified via column chromatography to afford the desired product **4f** as colorless liquid in 83% yield (83% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 139.2, 136.3, 128.5, 128.5, 127.1, 126.8, 123.3, 122.2, 119.6, 119.1, 114.1, 111.3, 81.3, 50.1, 28.1. **IR (neat, cm⁻¹)** 3414, 2977, 2928, 1713, 1494, 1455, 1367. **HRMS (ESI)** calculated for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 330.1465, found 330.1466. $\alpha_D^{27} = -84.4$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). **HPLC analysis** (OJ-H, 1% IPA in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm) indicated 89% ee: *t_R* (minor) = 13.5 min, *t_R* (major) = 12.3 min.

5. Mechanistic studies

5.1 Parallel kinetic isotope effect experiments

We performed parallel kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments using indole and deuterated indole under standard reaction conditions. The results are shown in Table S7.

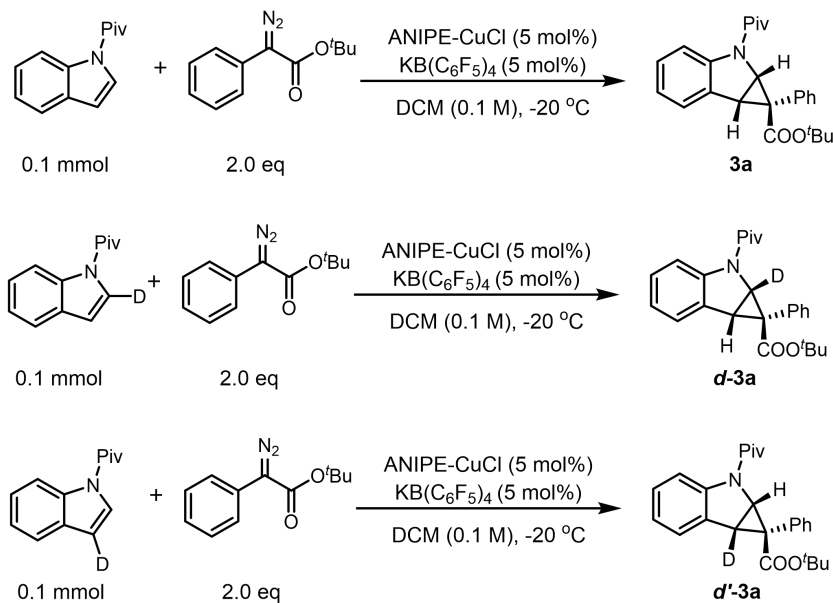
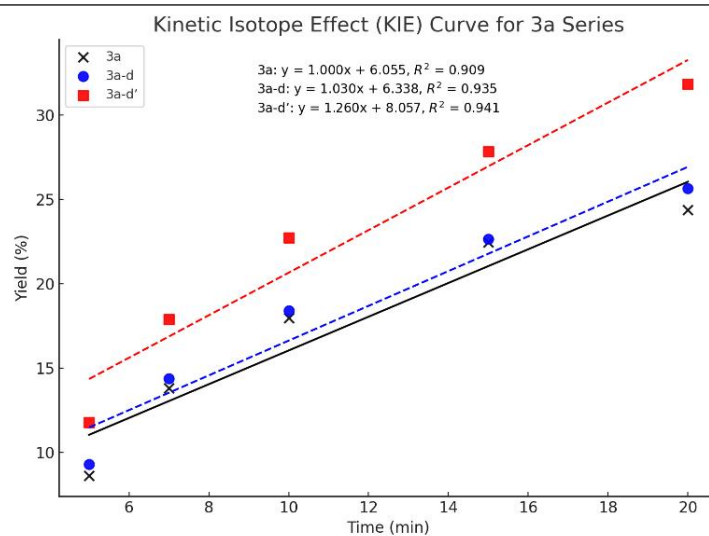


Table S7 Kinetic isotope effect experiment of the cyclopropanation reaction of indole

Time	Yield of 3a	Yield of d-3a	Yield of d'-3a
5 min	8.64%	9.3%	11.79%
7 min	13.82%	14.38%	17.90%
10 min	17.97%	18.40%	22.74%
15 min	22.45%	22.64%	27.85%
20 min	24.37%	25.66%	31.84%



C2: $KIE = 1.000/1.030 = 0.97$; C3: $KIE = 1.000/1.260 = 0.79$

5.2 Hammett correlation study

We also carried out a Hammett correlation study on the reaction of indole with *N*-Piv indole and various para-substituted diazo esters. The obtained $\log(k_X/k_H)$ values for each substrate were plotted against the σ values taken from the literature^[3].

Para-substituent	σ	$\log(k_X/k_H)$
<i>p</i> -tBu	-0.15	-0.024
<i>p</i> -OMe	-0.12	-0.007
<i>p</i> -Ph	0.05	0.014
<i>p</i> -F	0.15	0.014
<i>p</i> -CF ₃	0.53	0.177

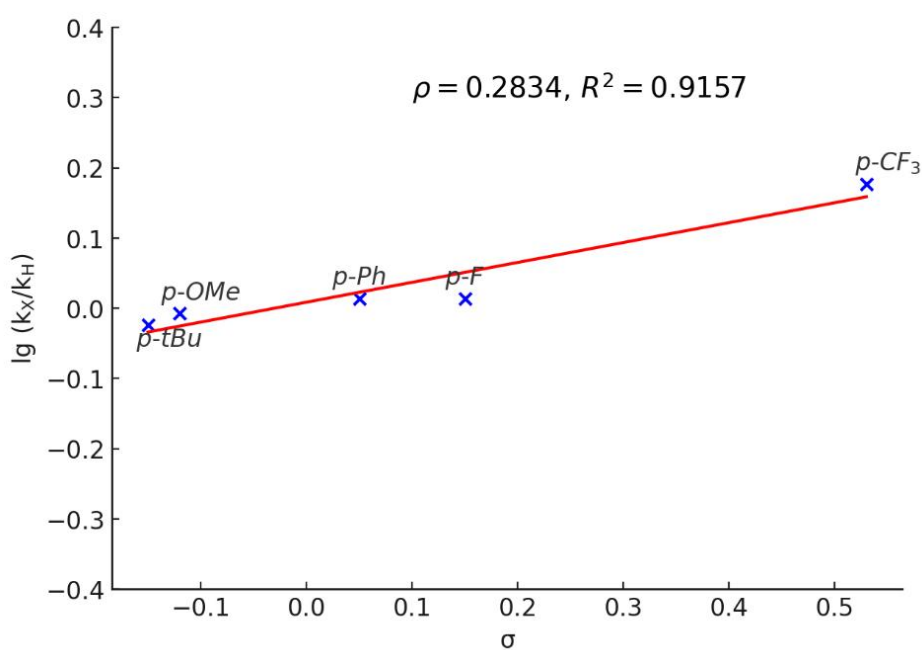


Figure S1 Hammett plot

6. X-ray crystallographic data for compound **3a**

Sample preparation: Compound **3a** was recrystallized from petroleum ether by slowly evaporating the solvent at room temperature.

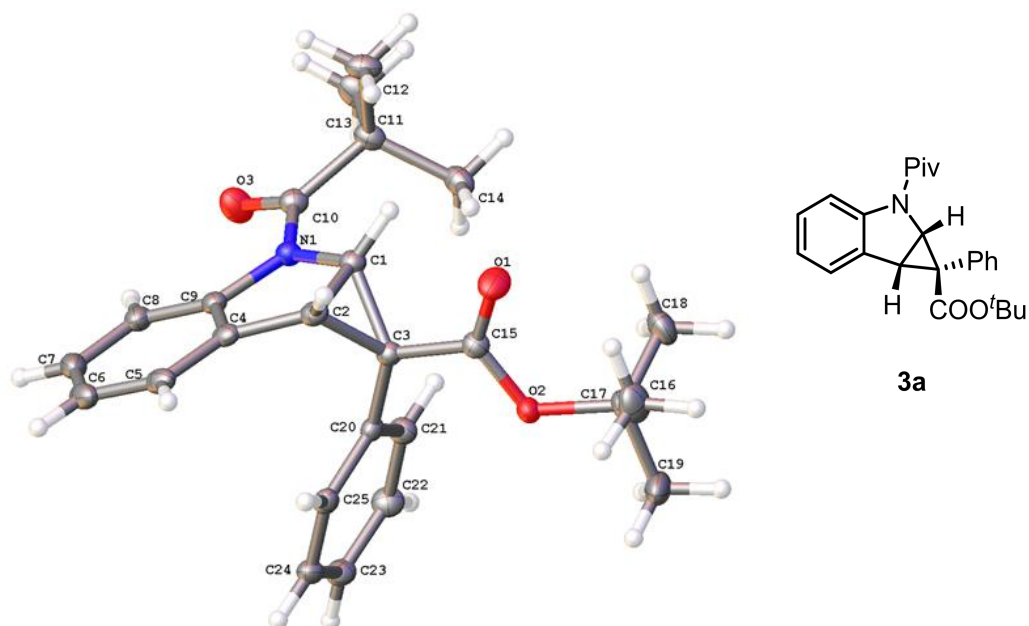


Figure S2 Single-crystal structure of **3a** (CCDC: 2429515)

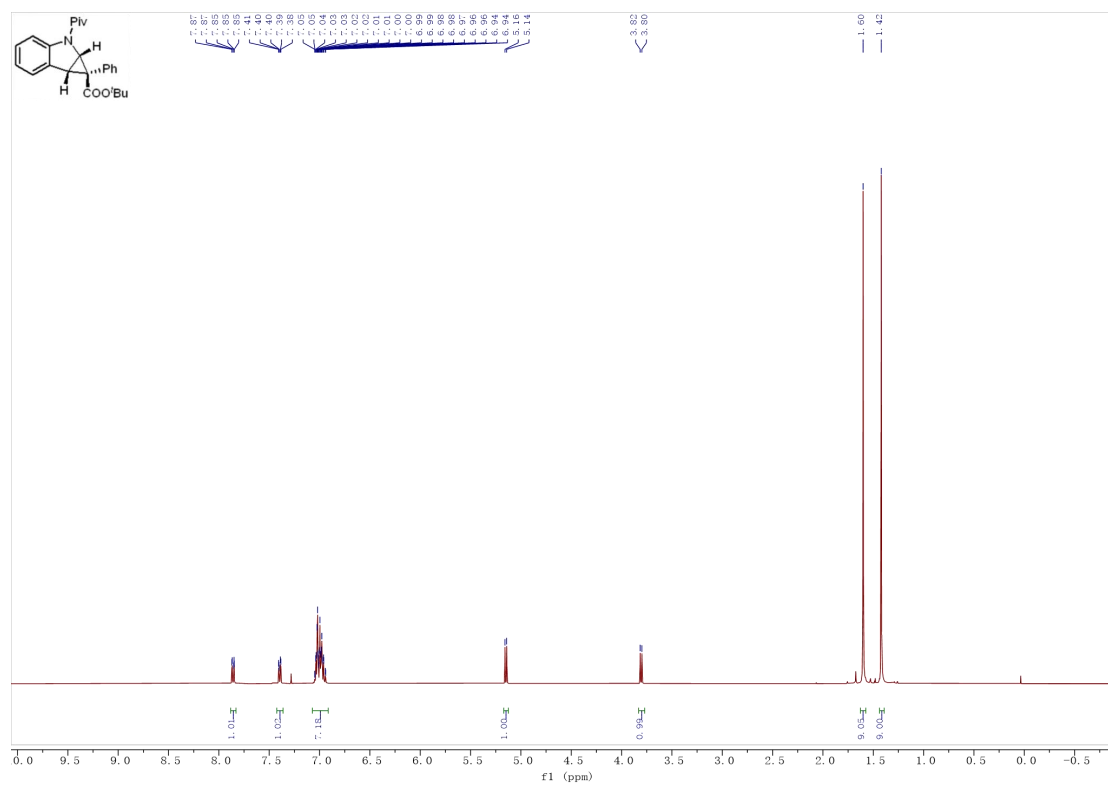
Crystal data and structure refinement for **3a**

Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₂₉ NO ₃
Formula weight	391.49
Temperature/K	170.00
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a/Å	6.51040(10)
b/Å	17.6621(3)
c/Å	19.4925(3)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2241.39(6)
Z	4
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μ/mm ⁻¹	0.381
F(000)	840.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.17 × 0.17 × 0.05

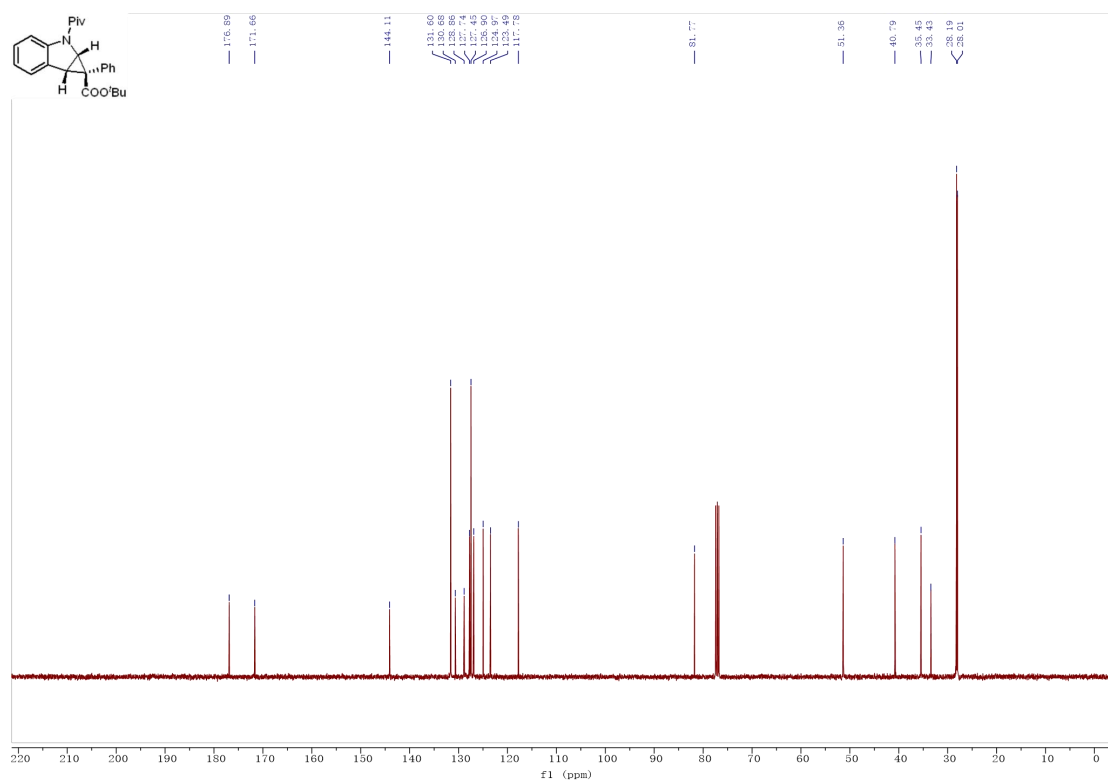
Radiation	GaK α ($\lambda = 1.34139$)
2 Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	5.874 to 109.698
Index ranges	$-7 \leq h \leq 4, -21 \leq k \leq 21, -22 \leq l \leq 23$
Reflections collected	29089
Independent reflections	4230 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0486, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0263$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4230/0/268
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.062
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0309, wR_2 = 0.0736$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0345, wR_2 = 0.0755$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.09/-0.17
Flack parameter	0.19(9)

7. NMR Spectra

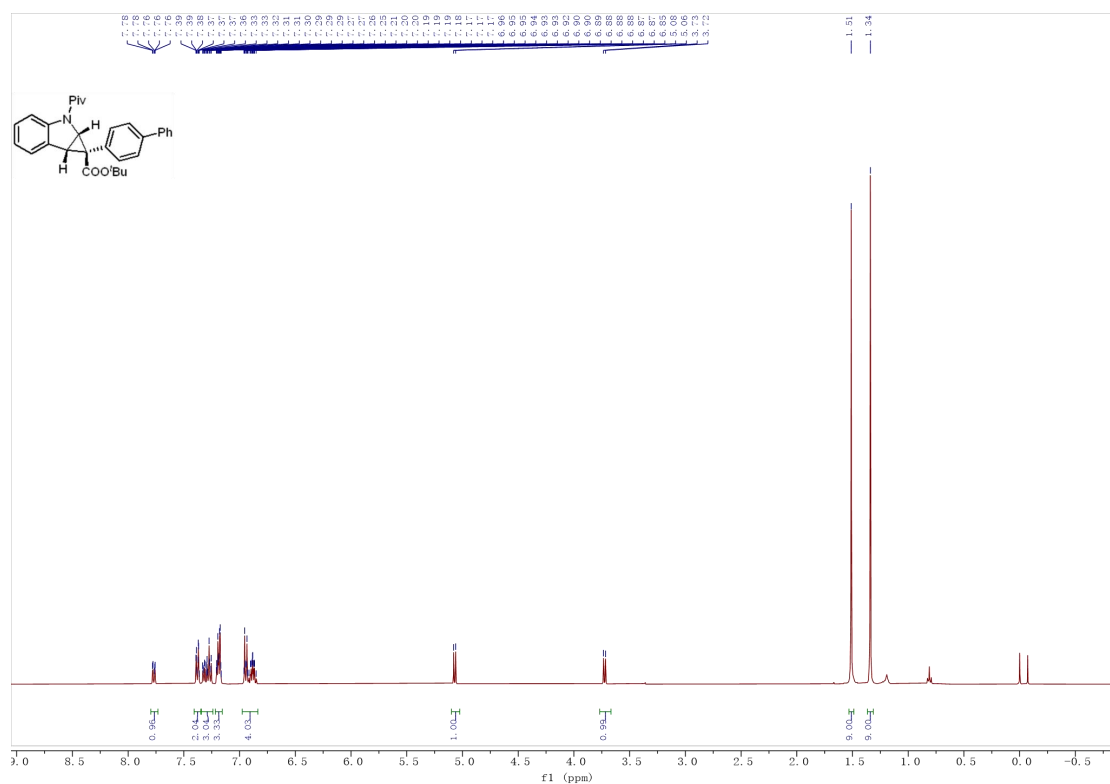
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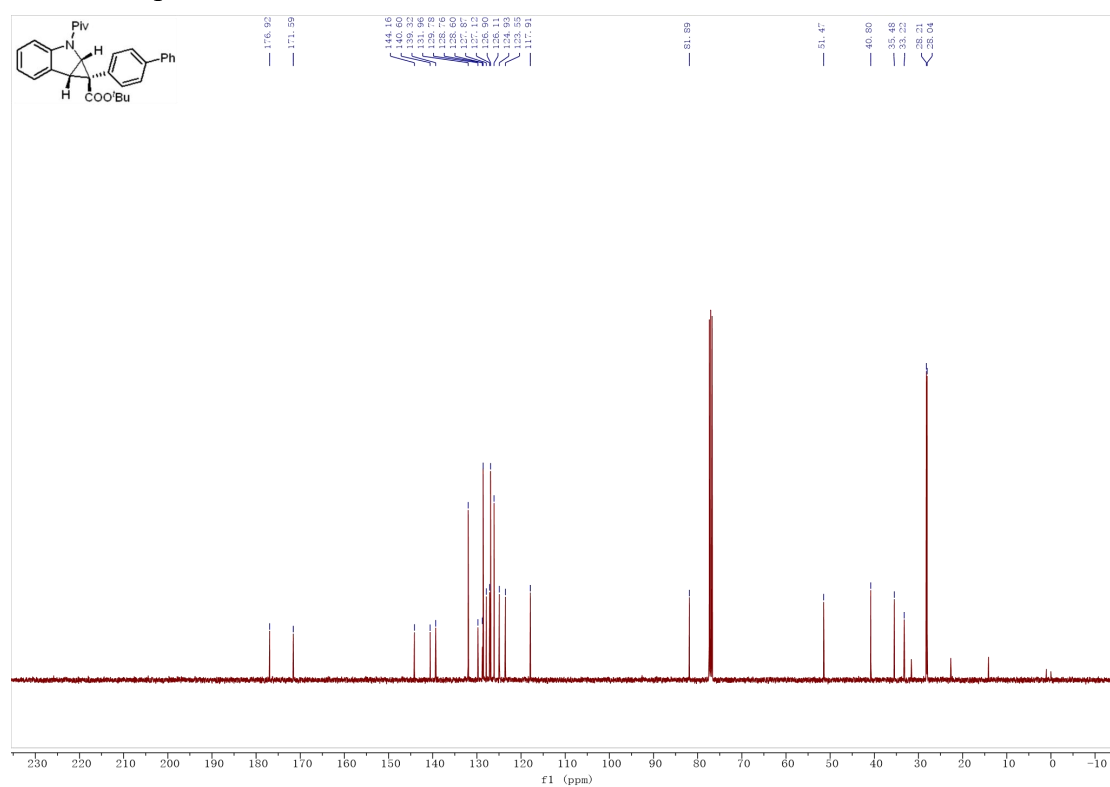
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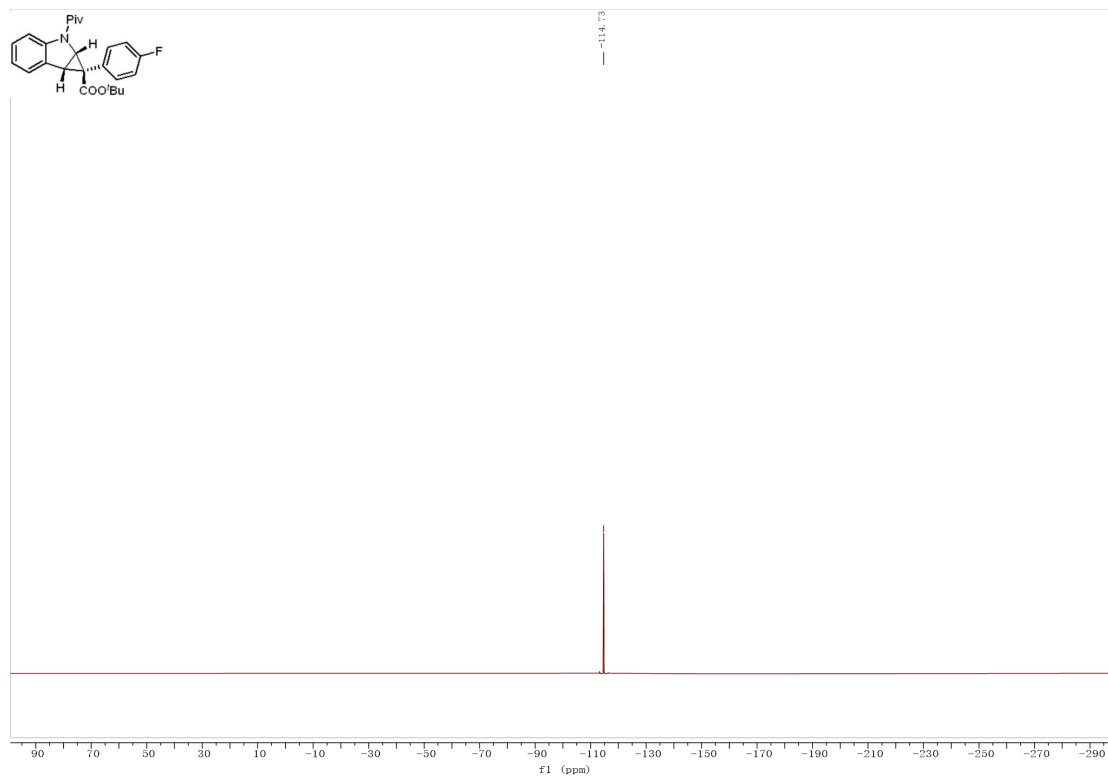
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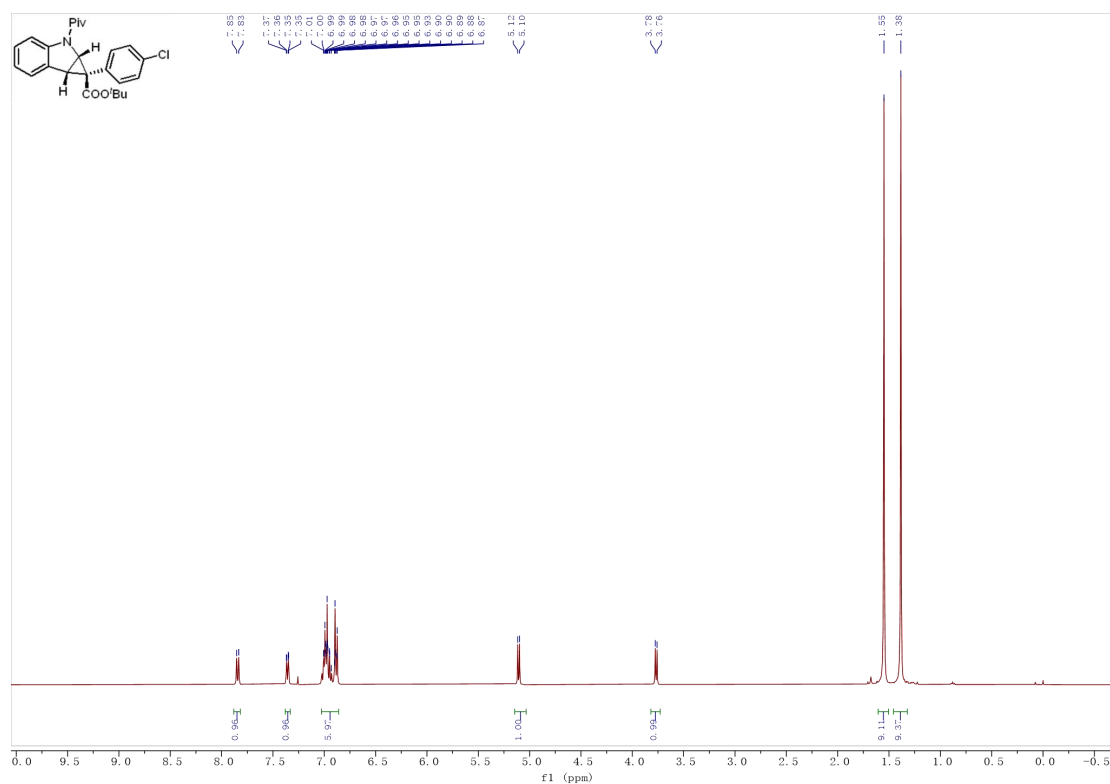
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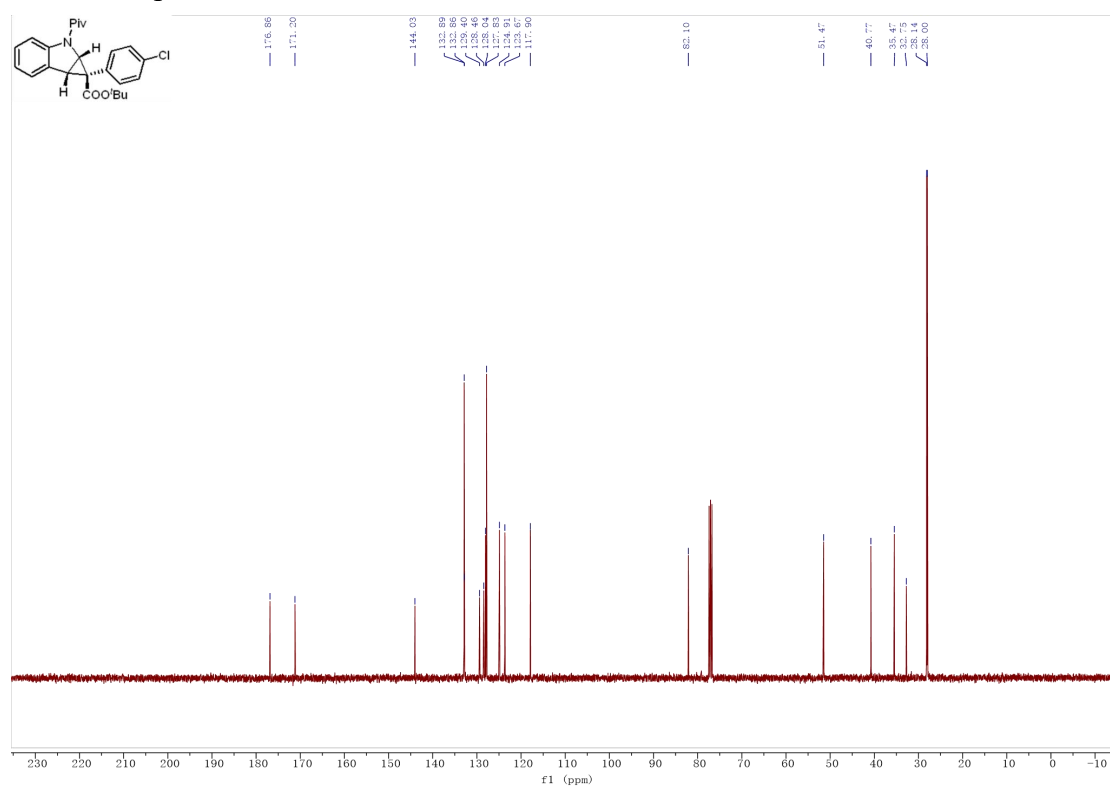
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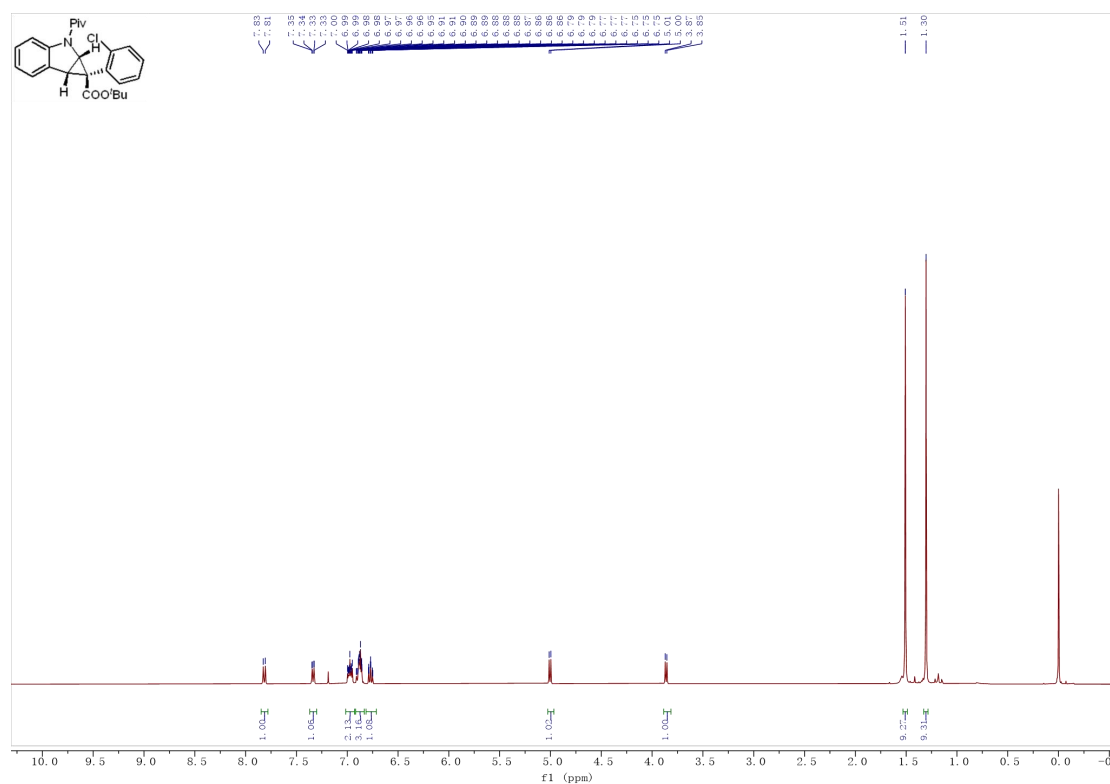
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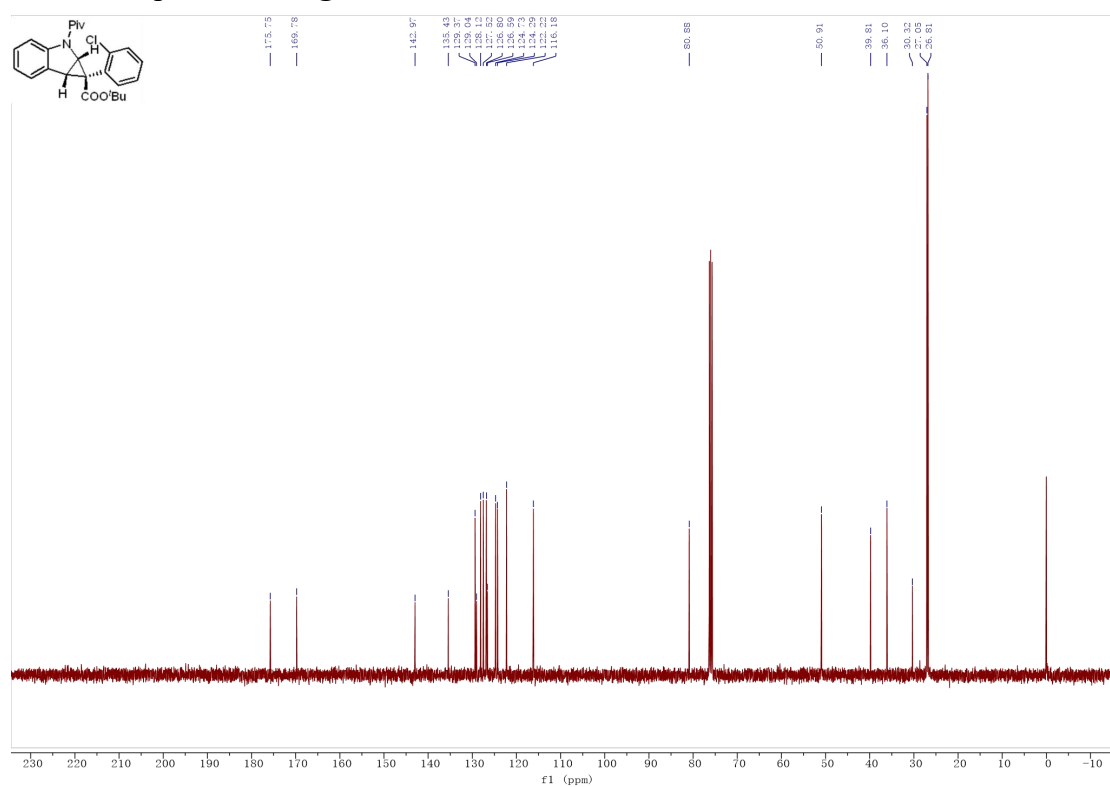
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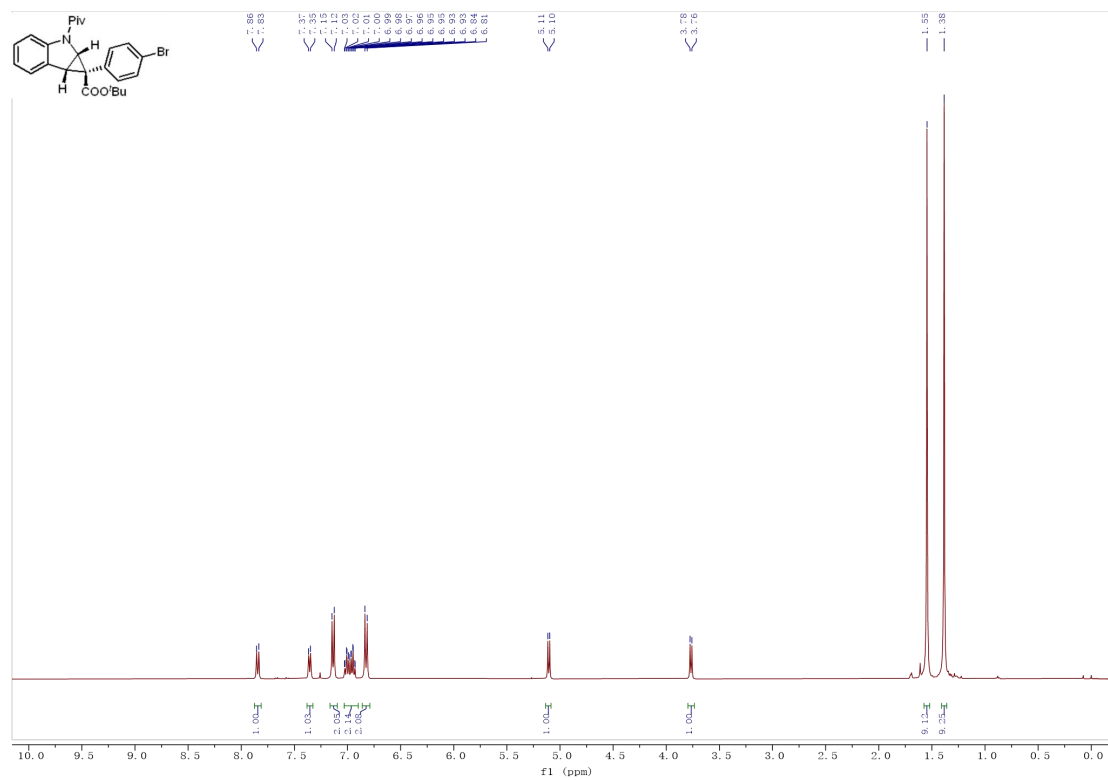
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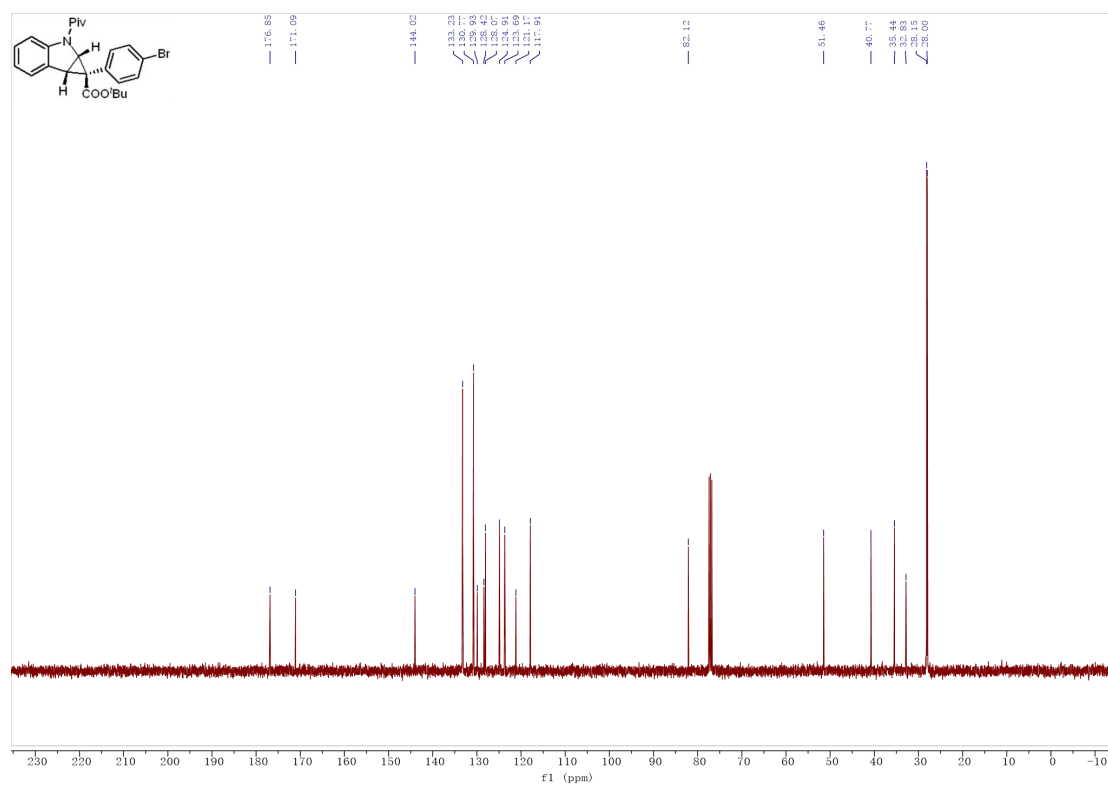
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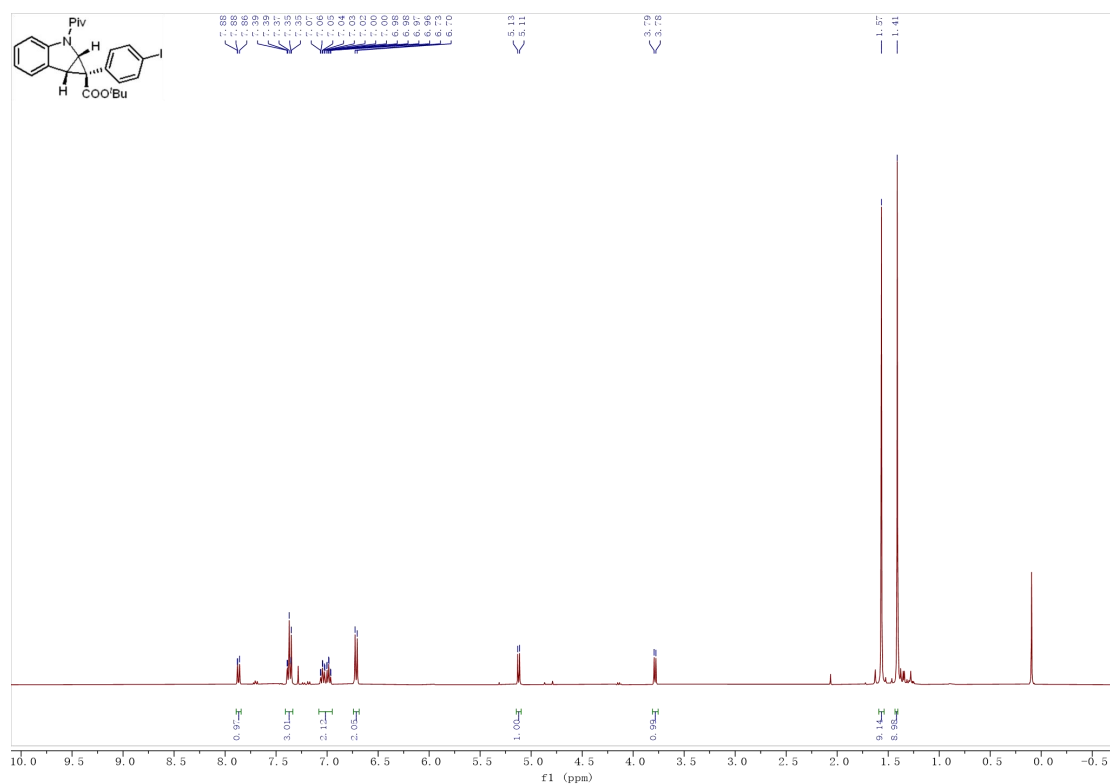
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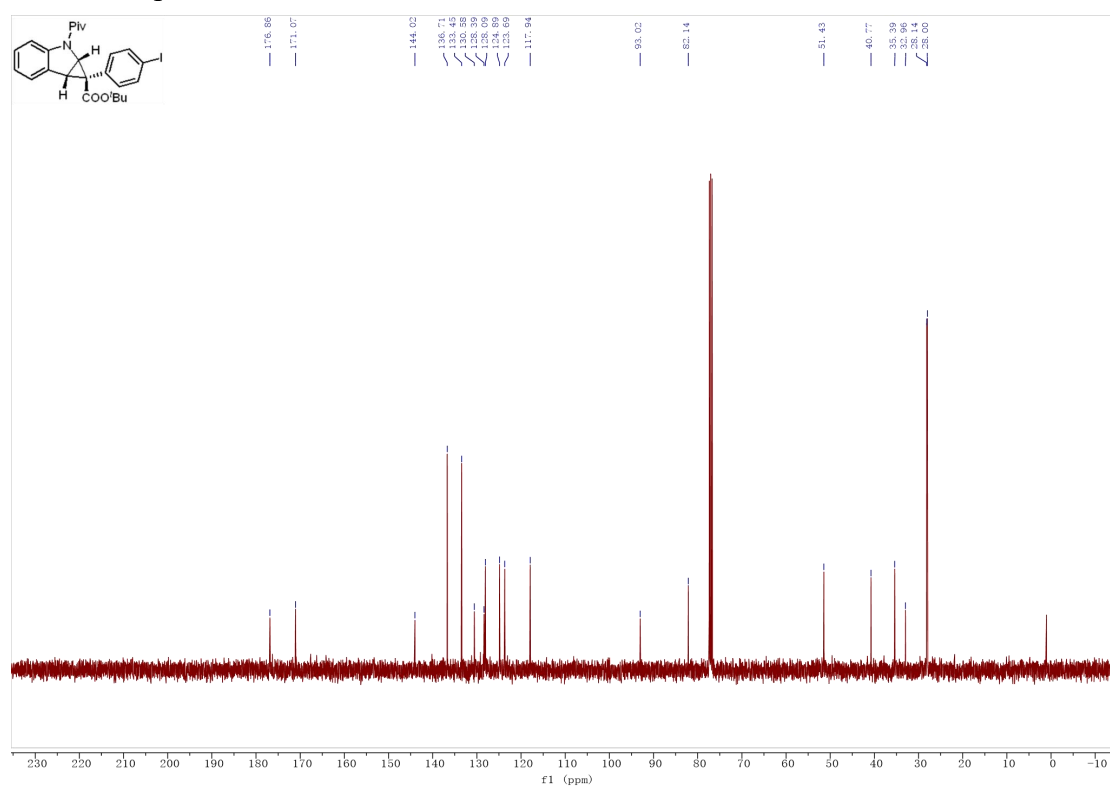
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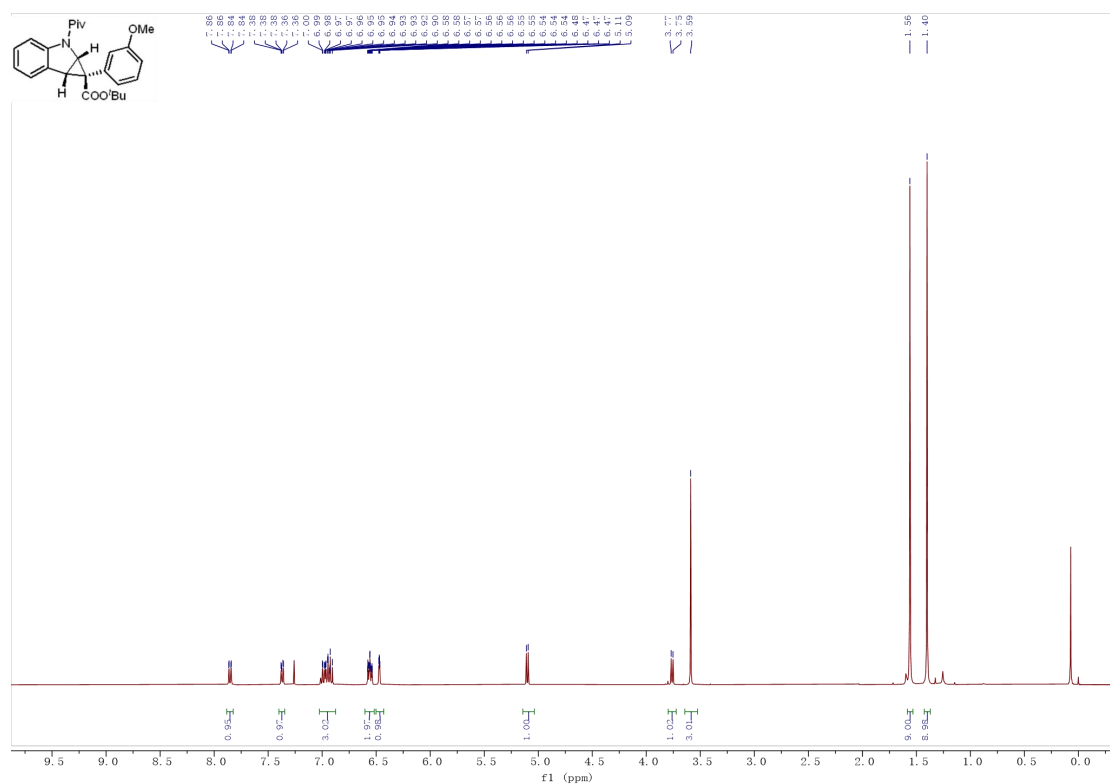
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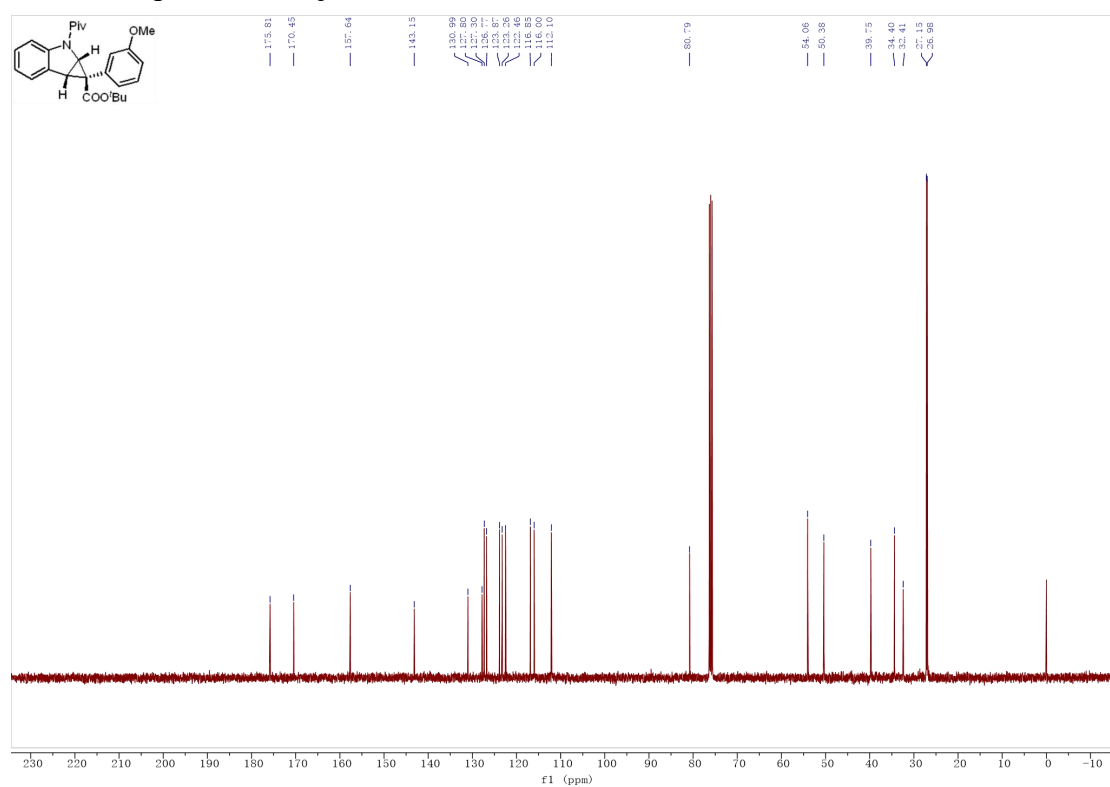
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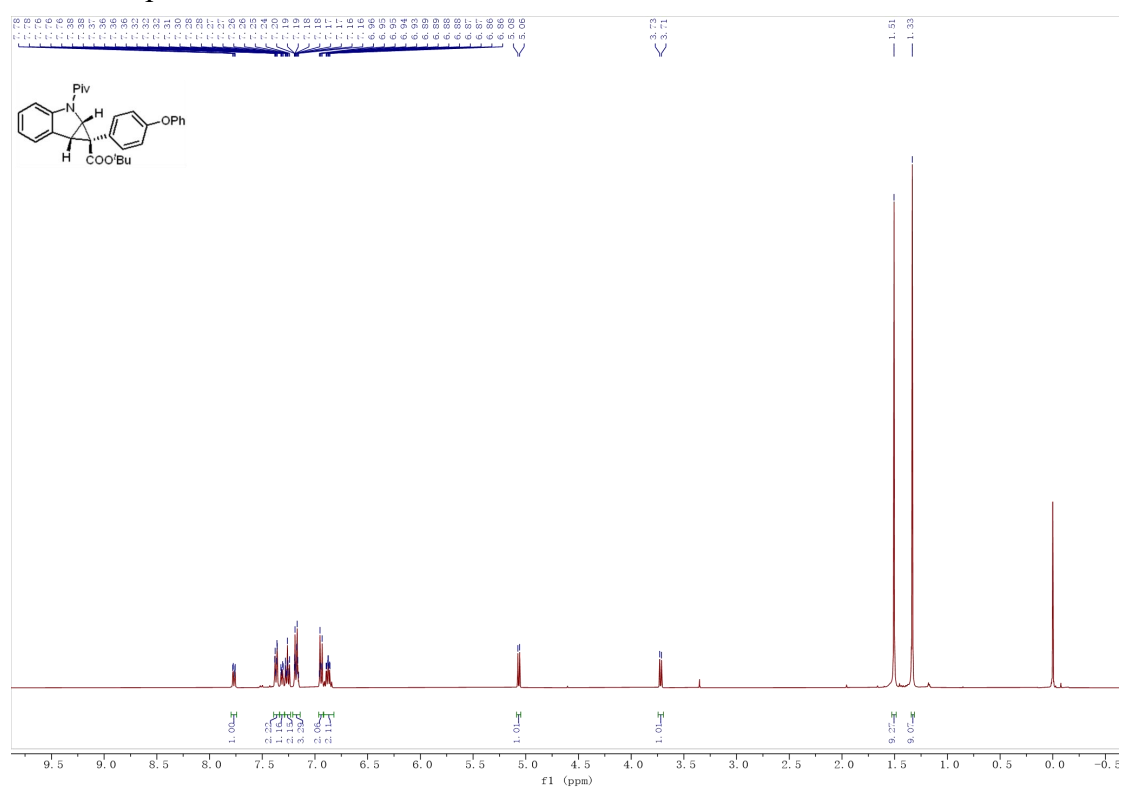
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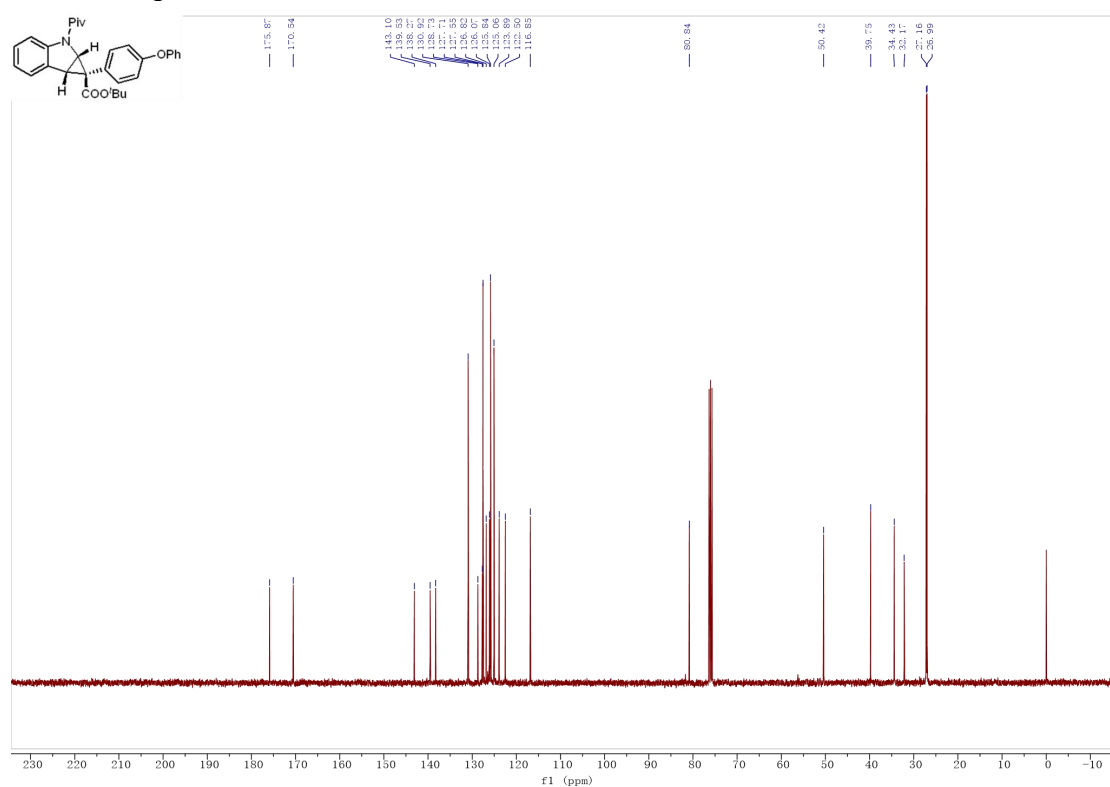
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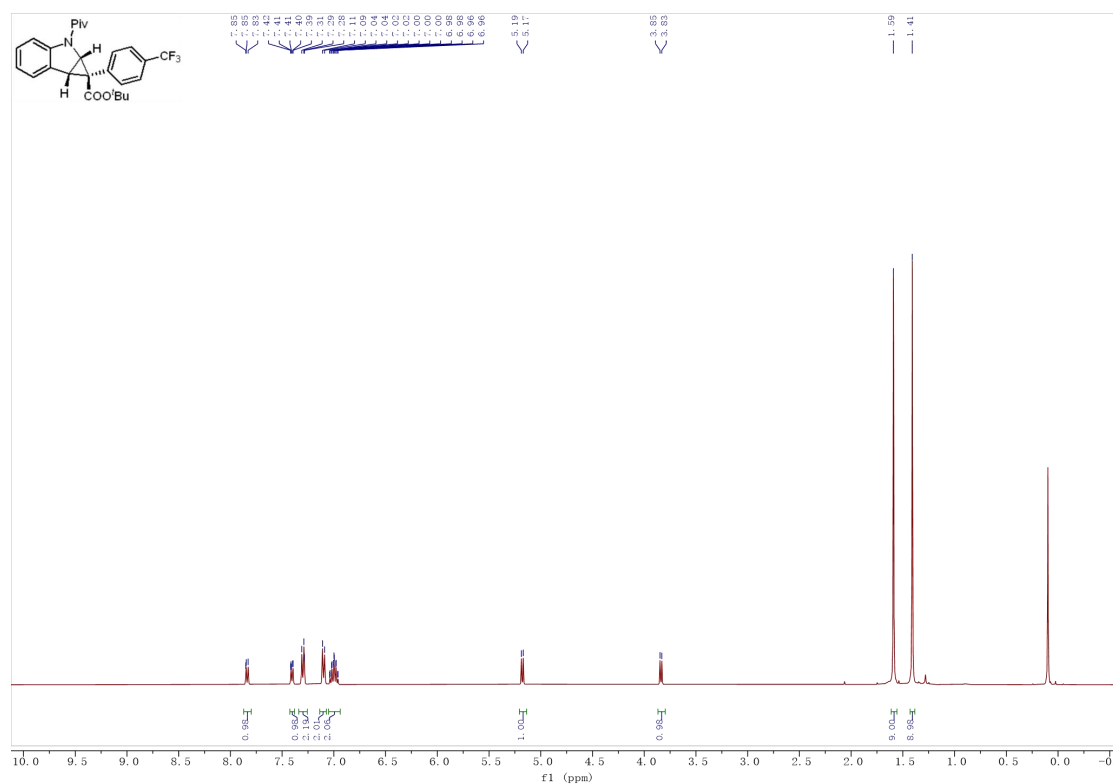
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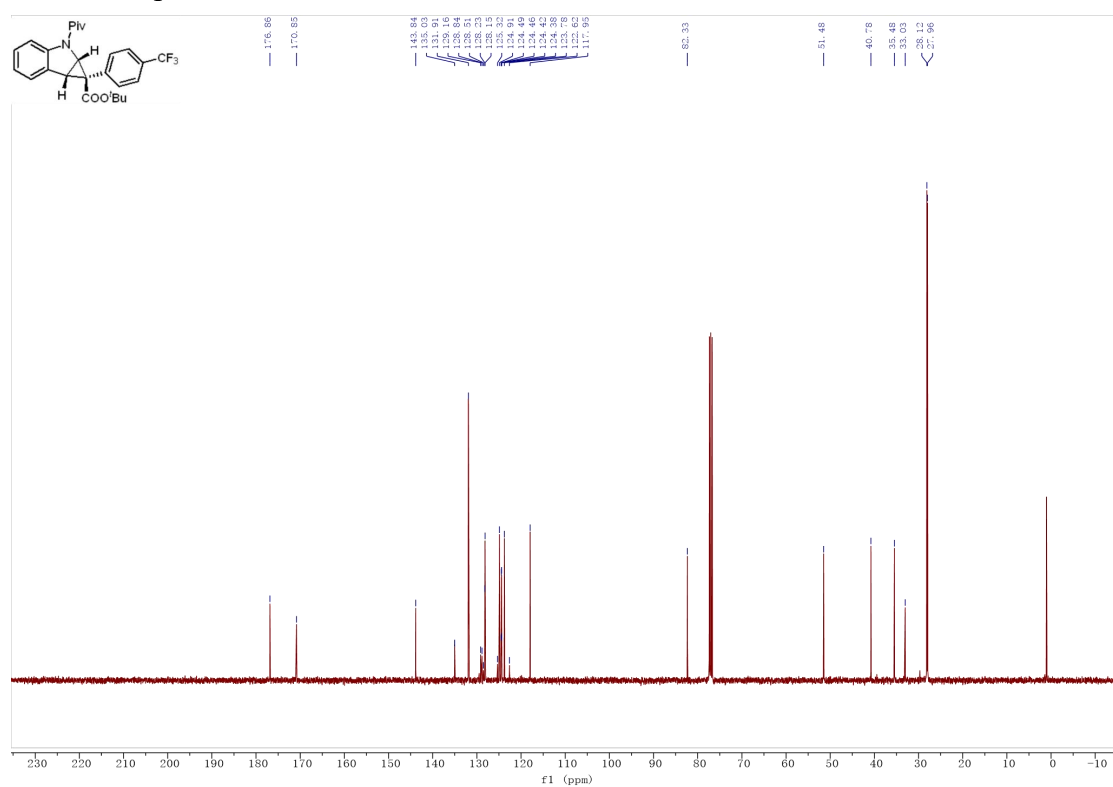
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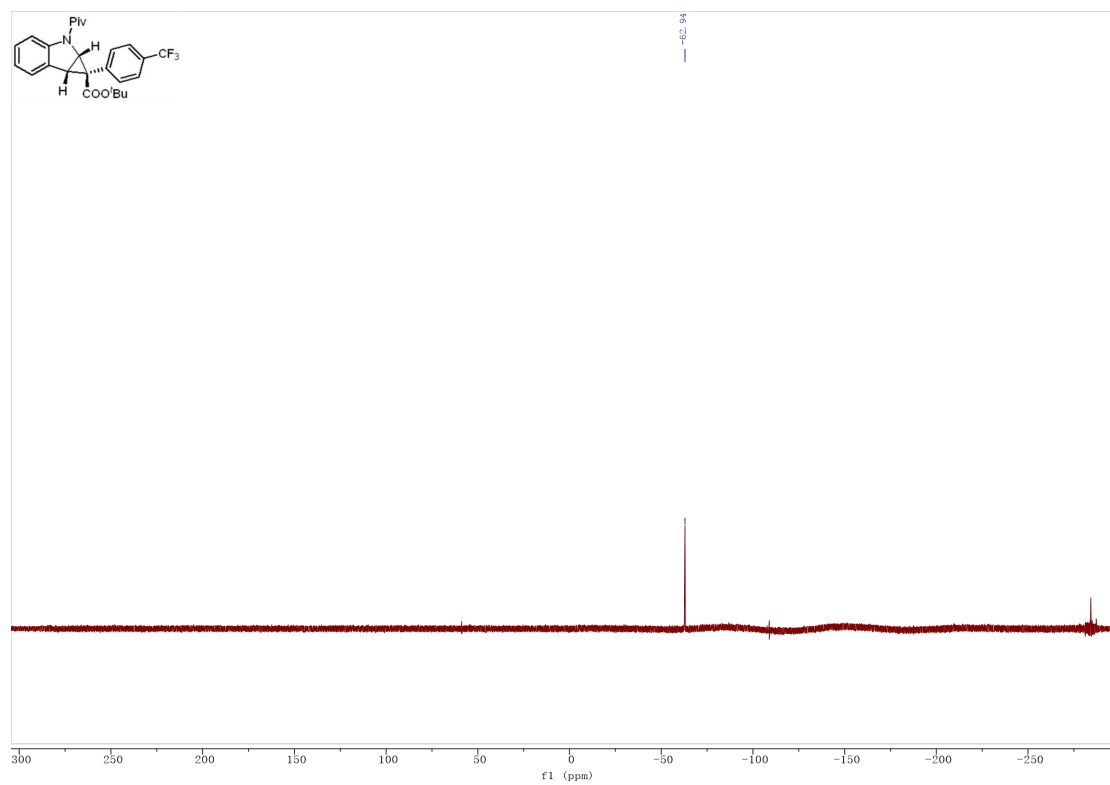
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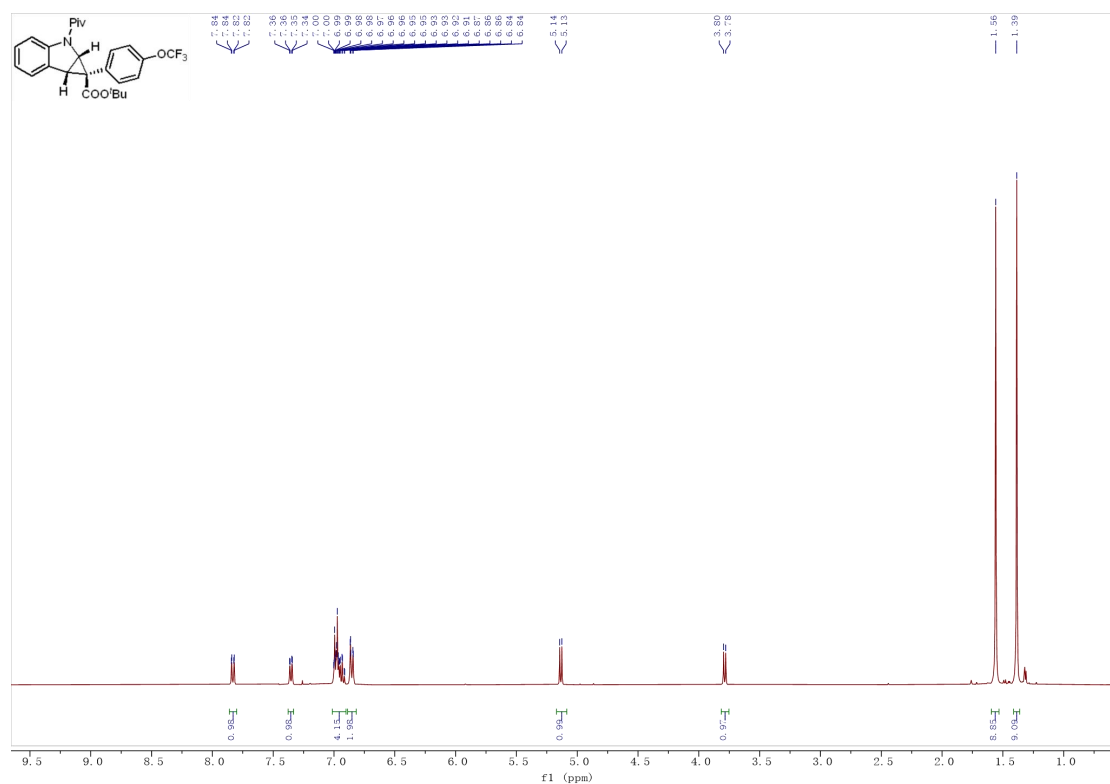
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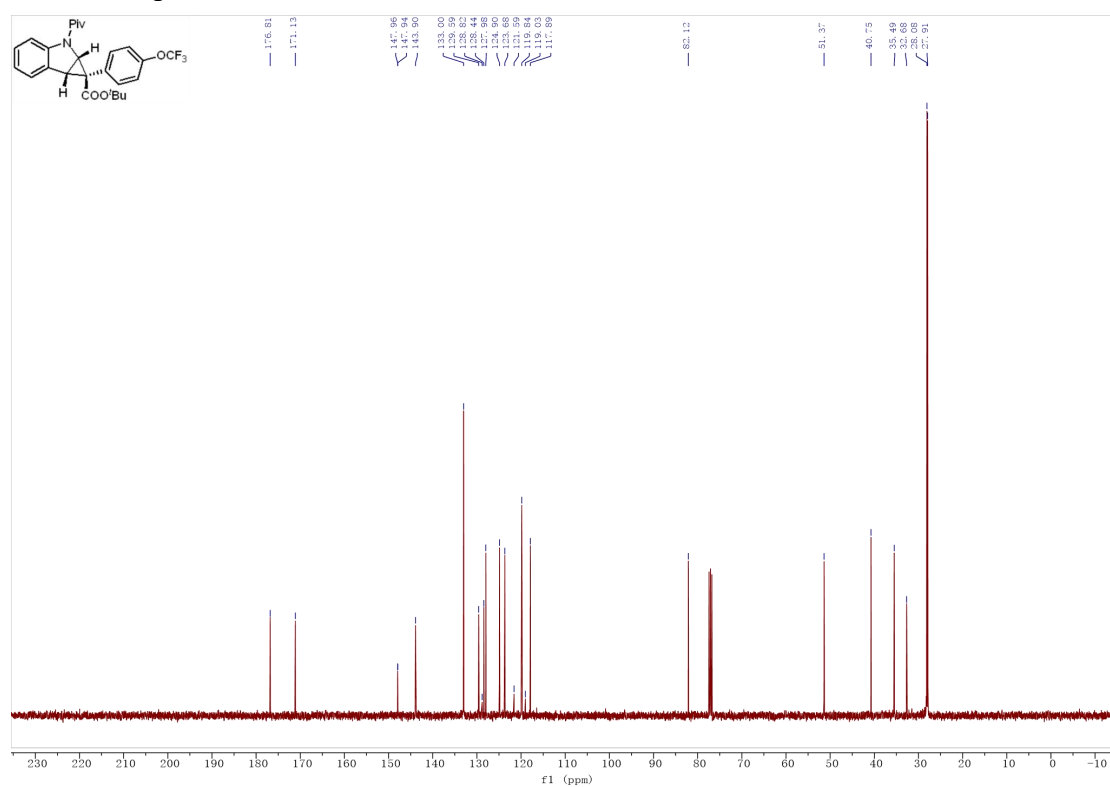
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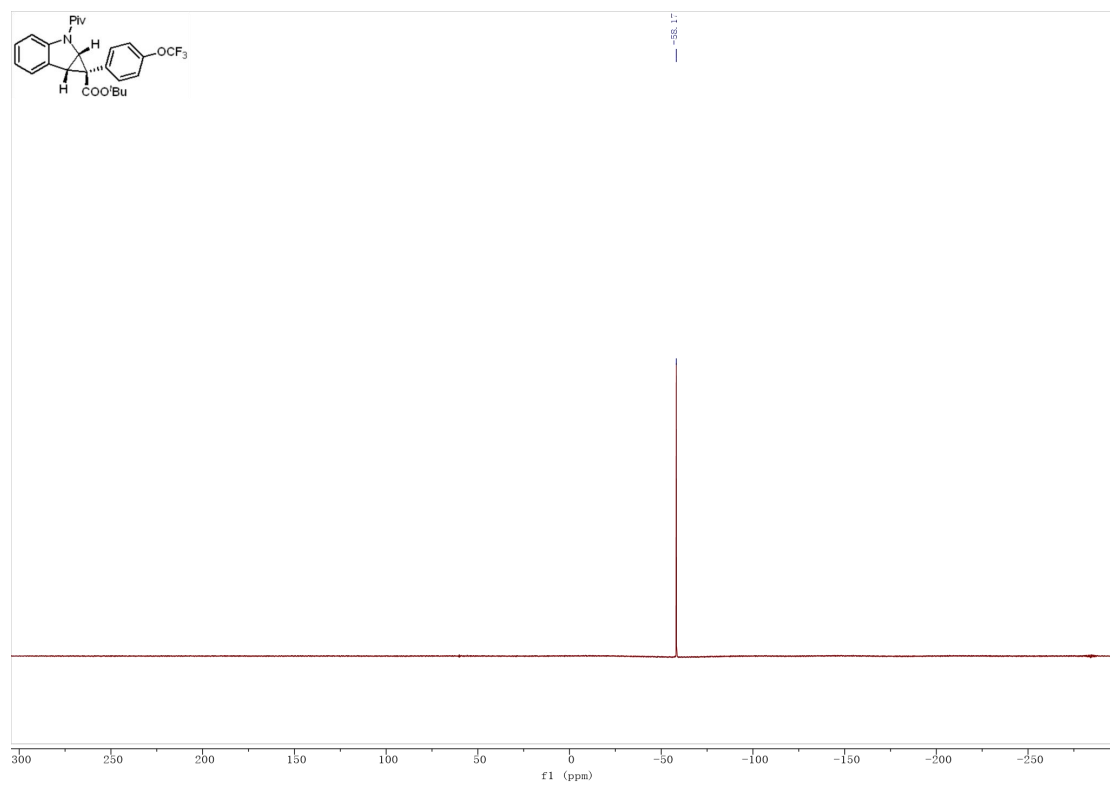
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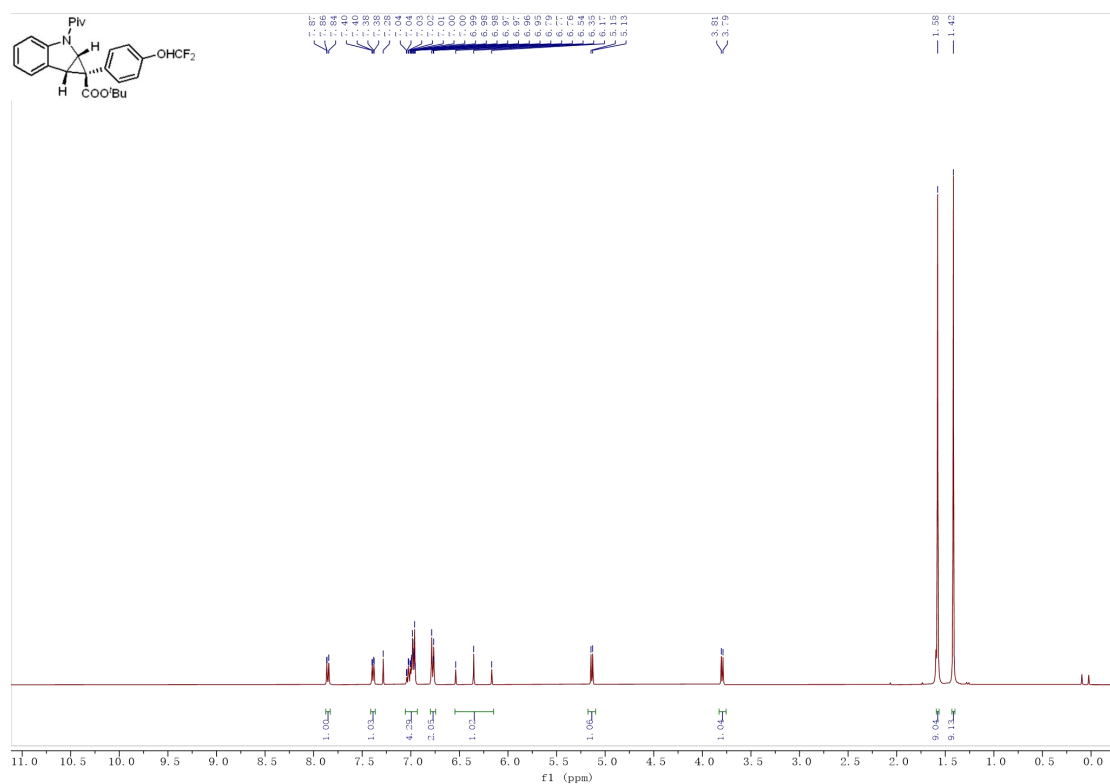
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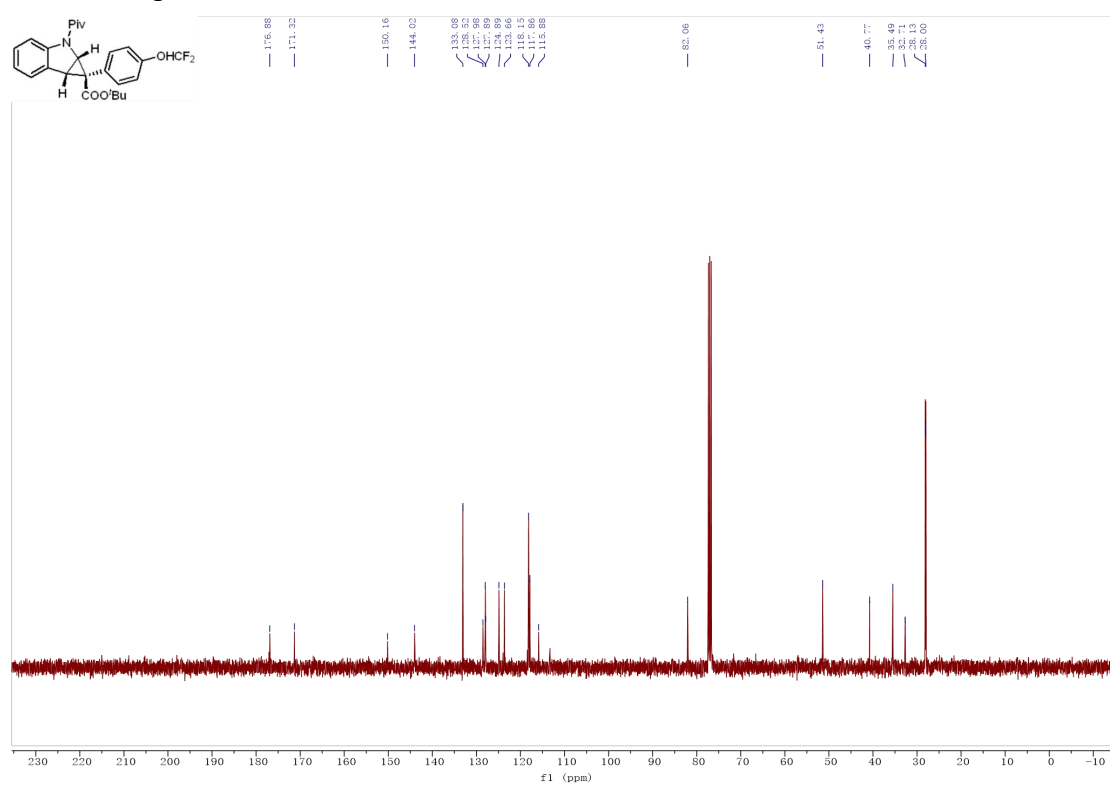
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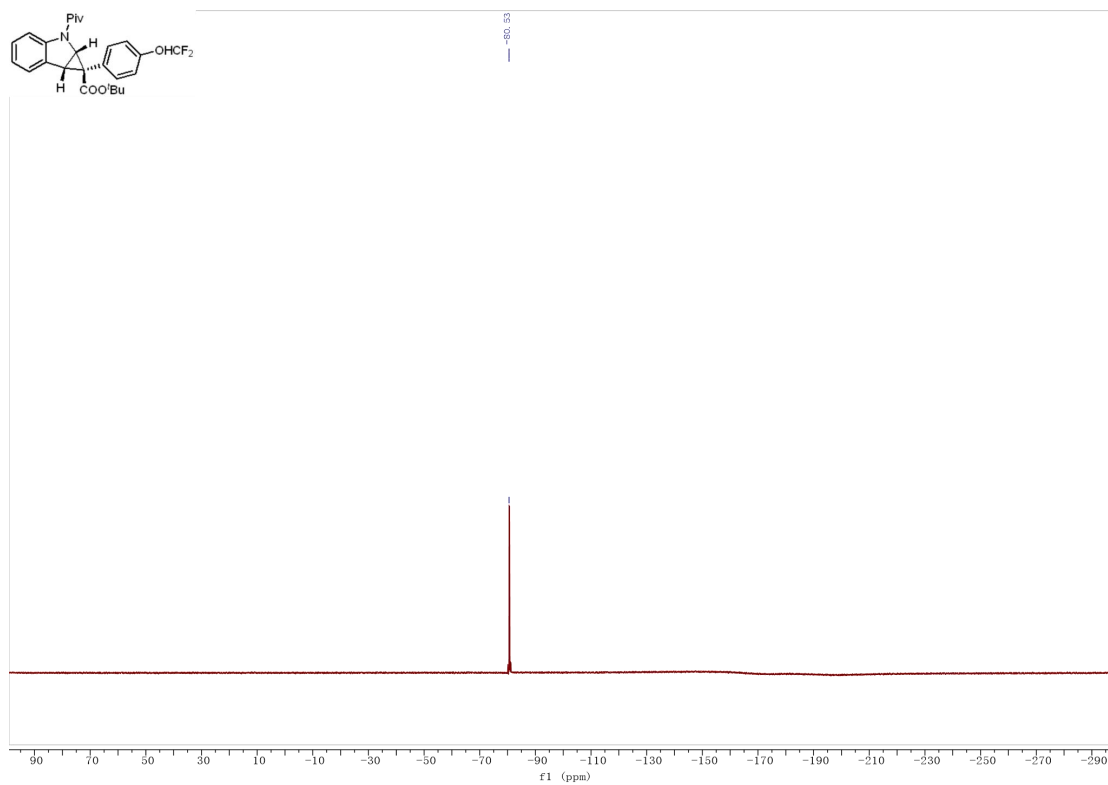
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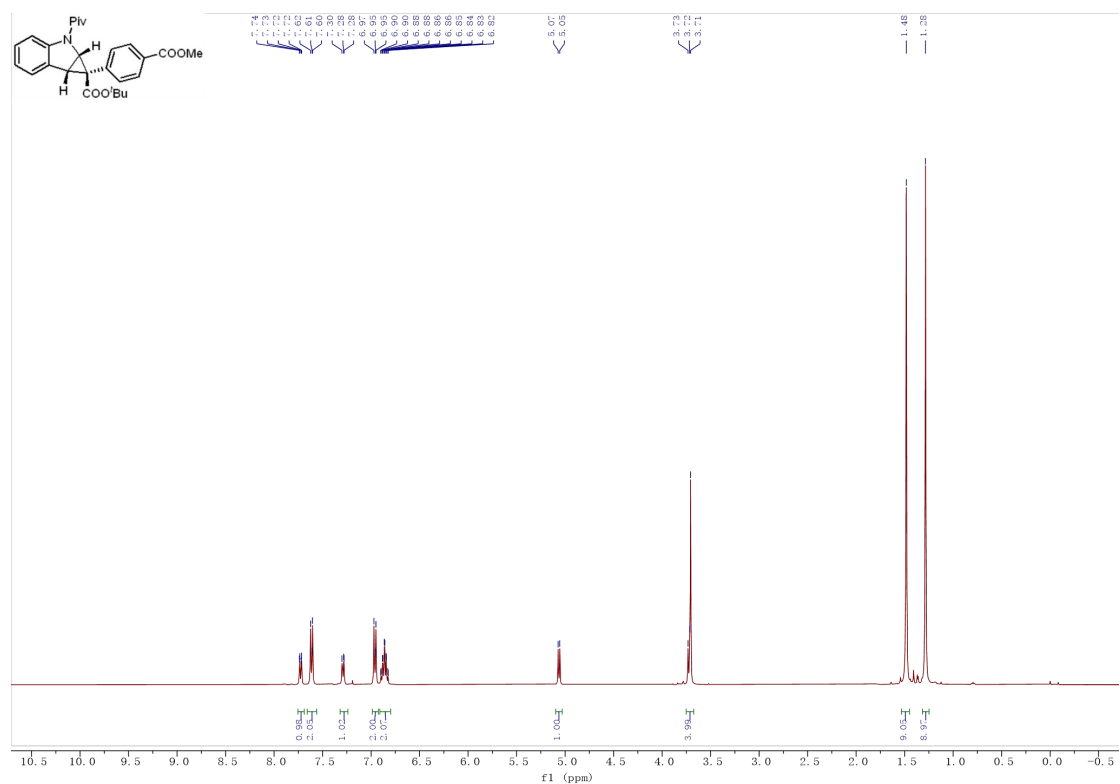
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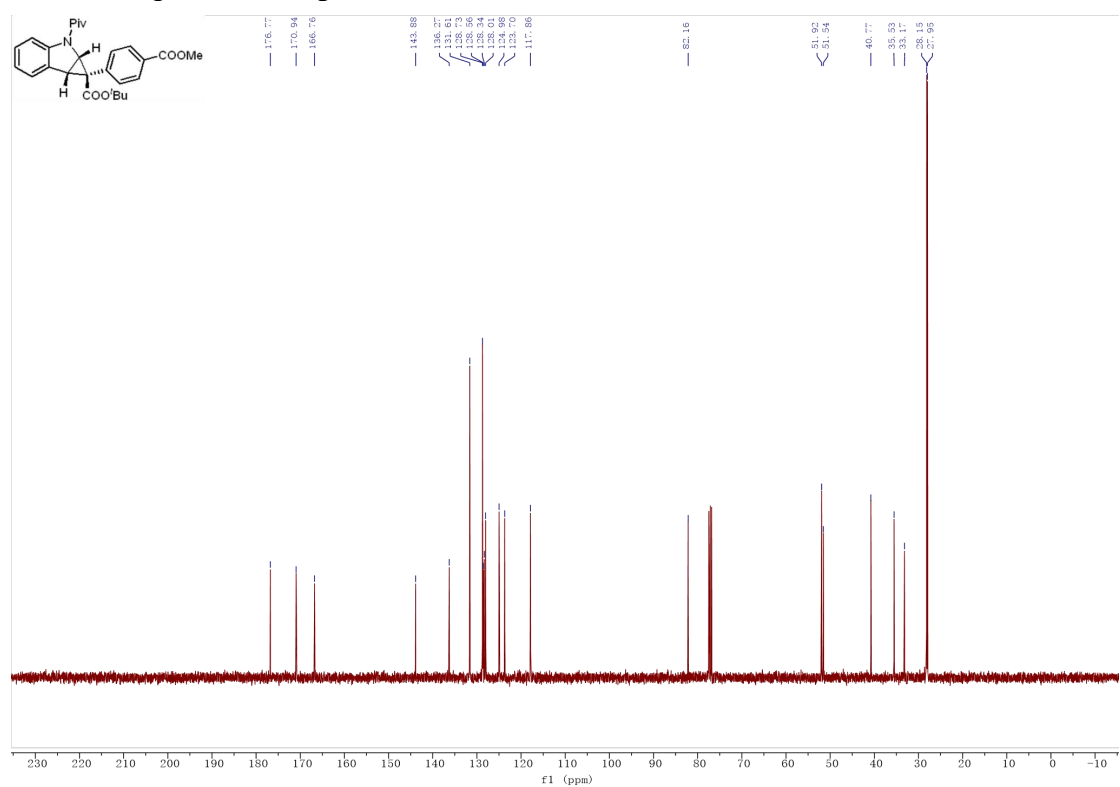
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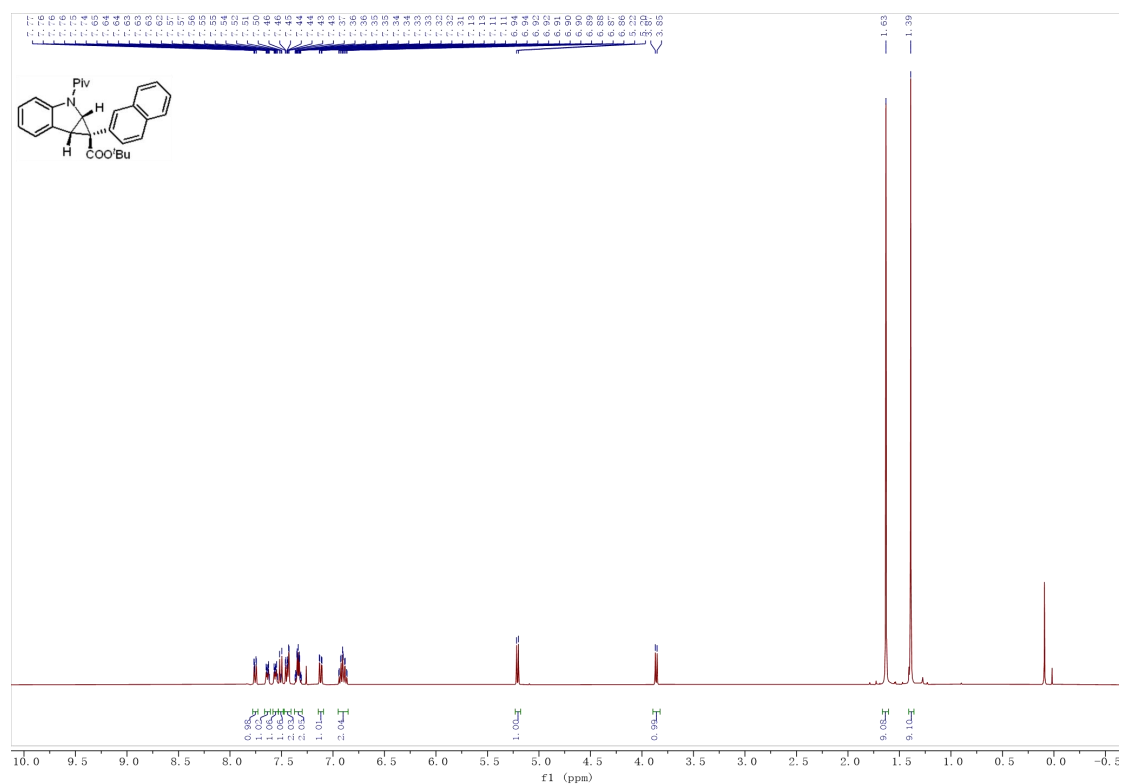
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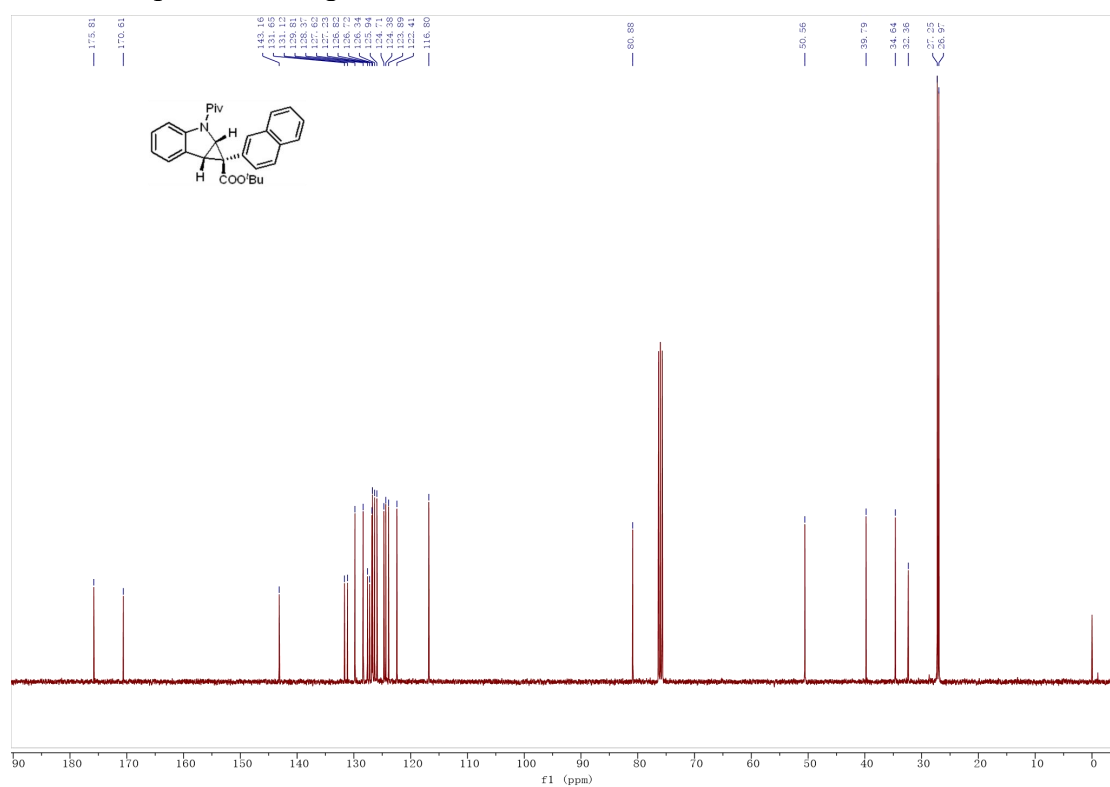
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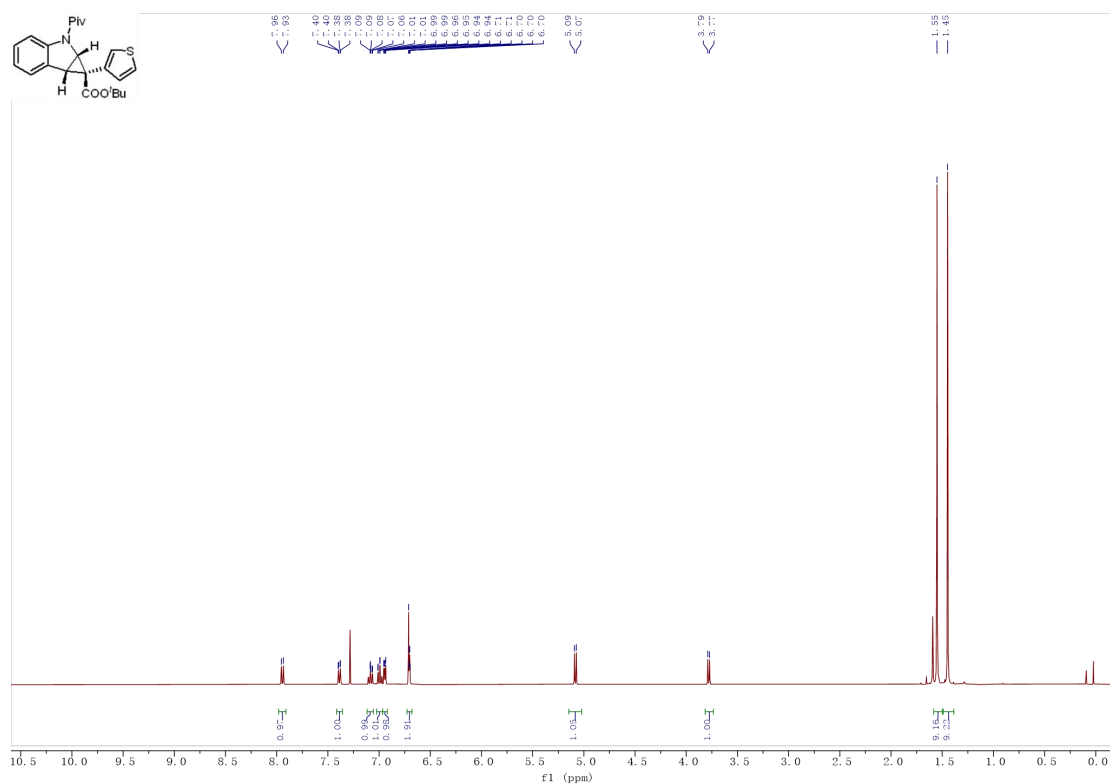
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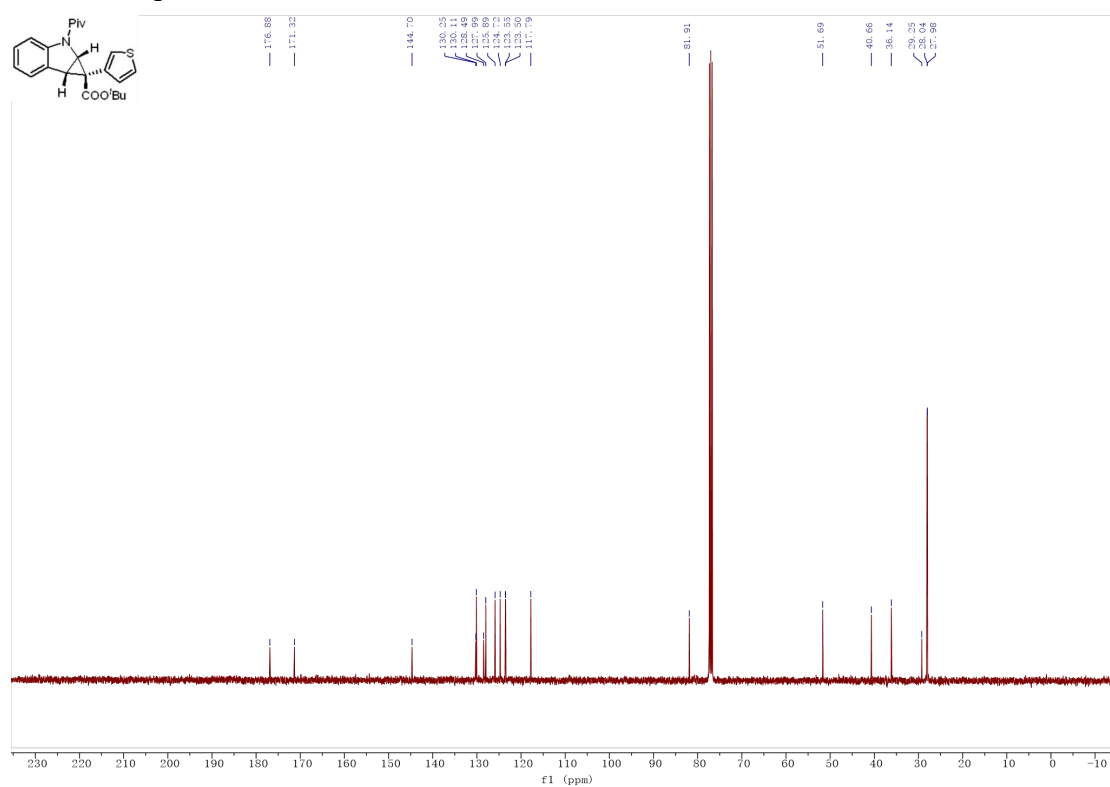
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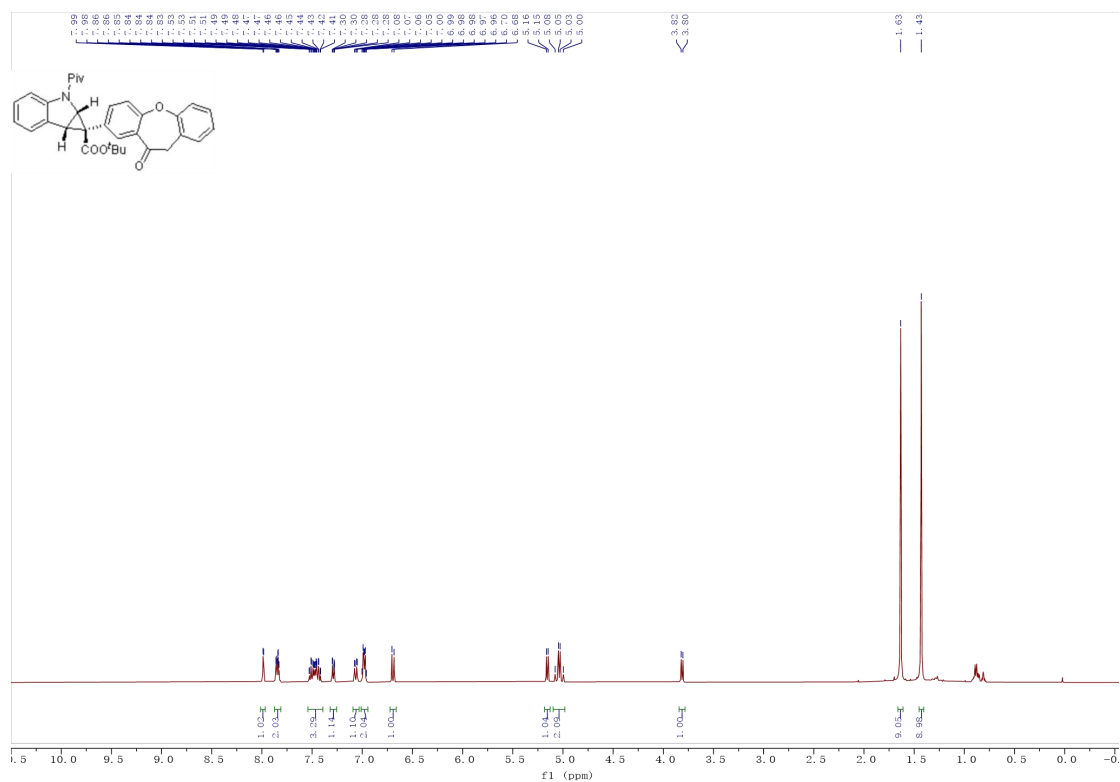
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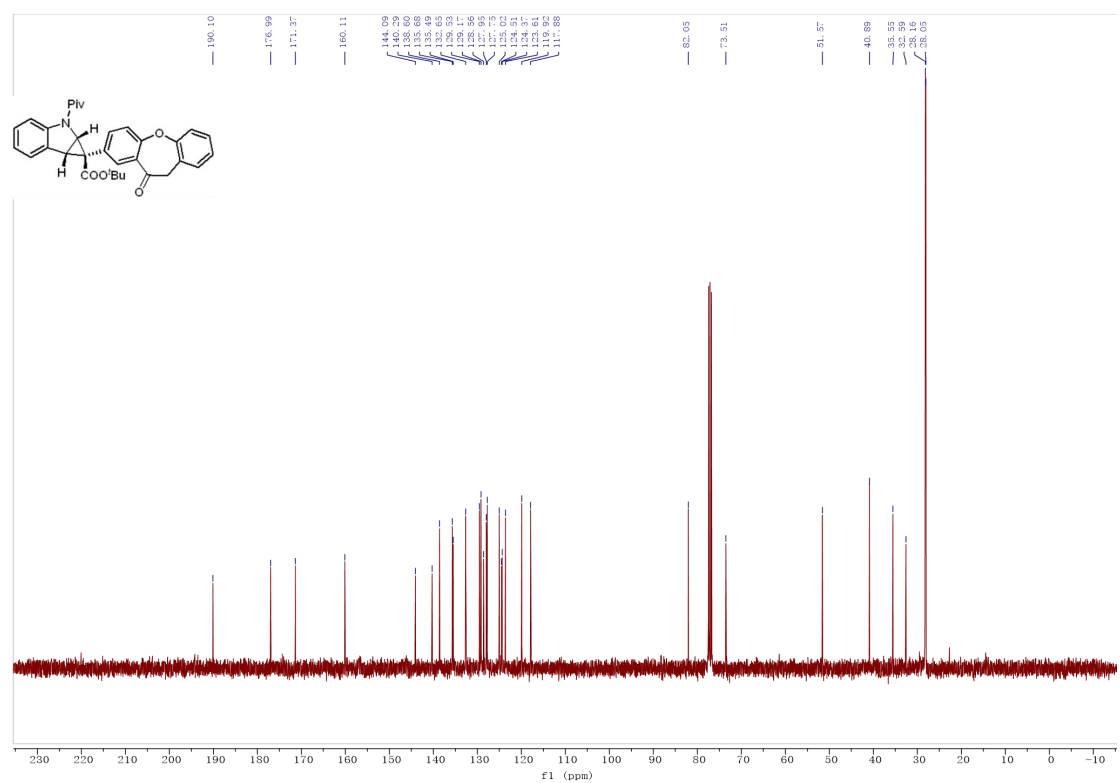
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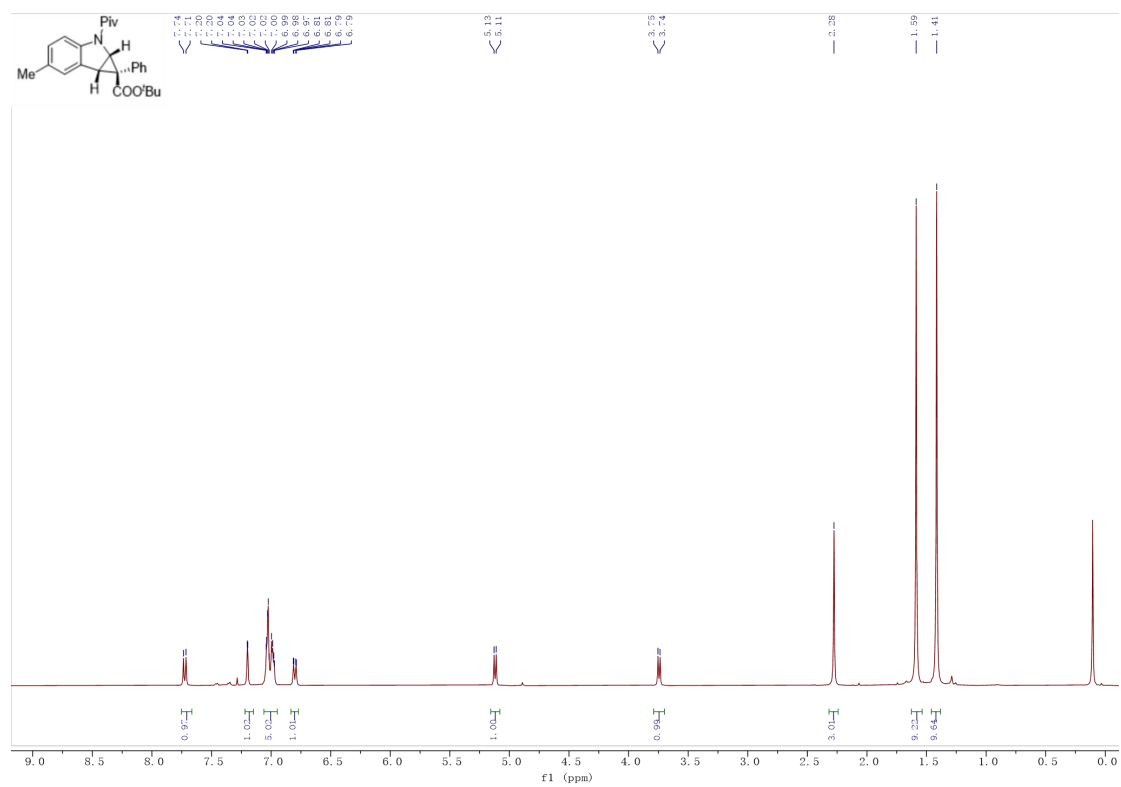
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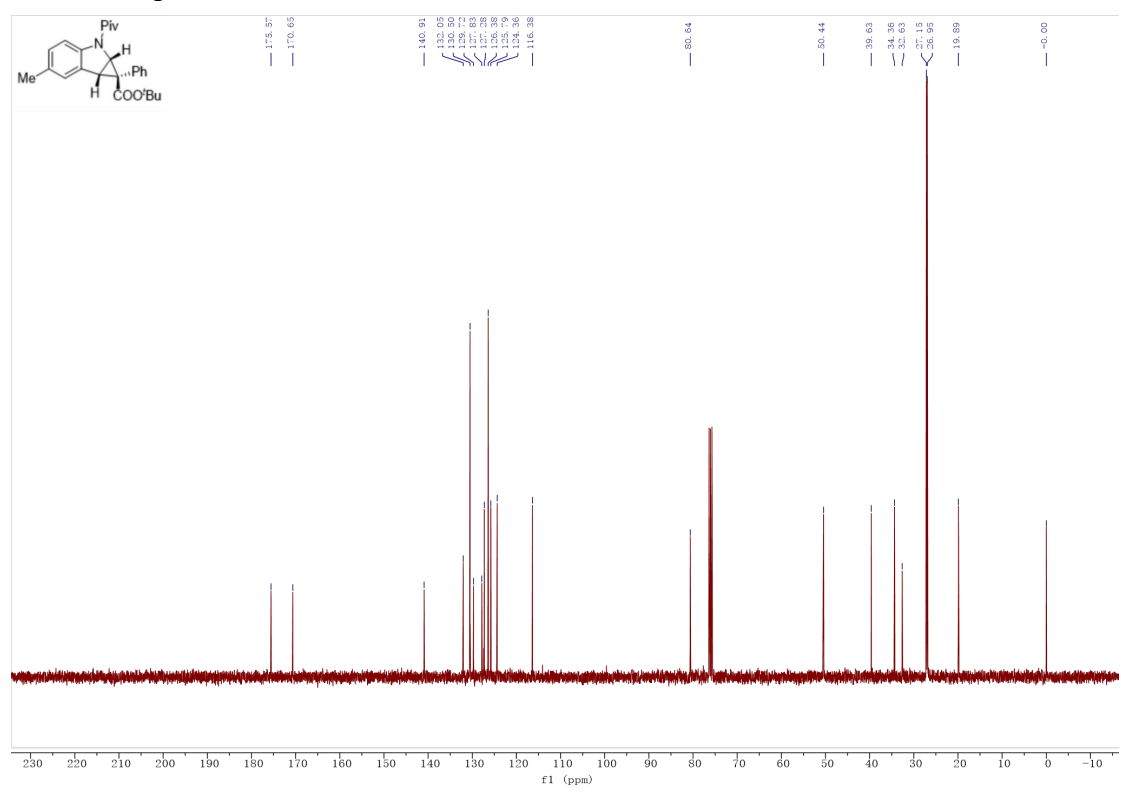
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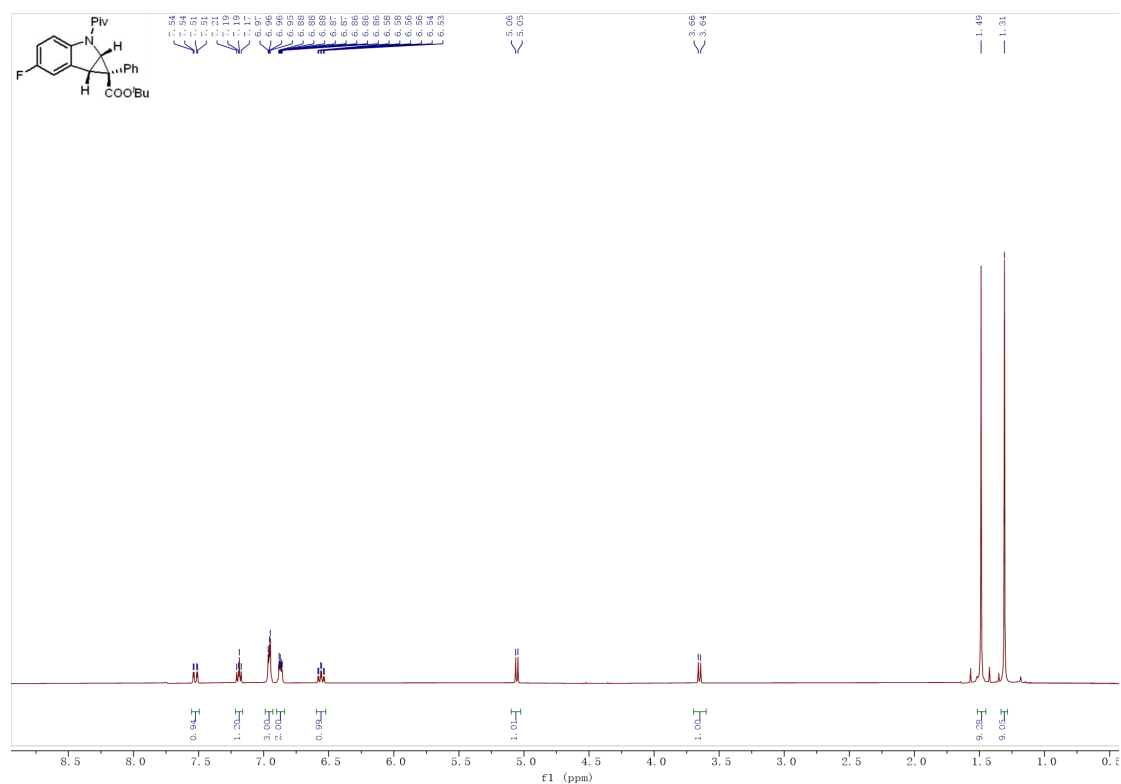
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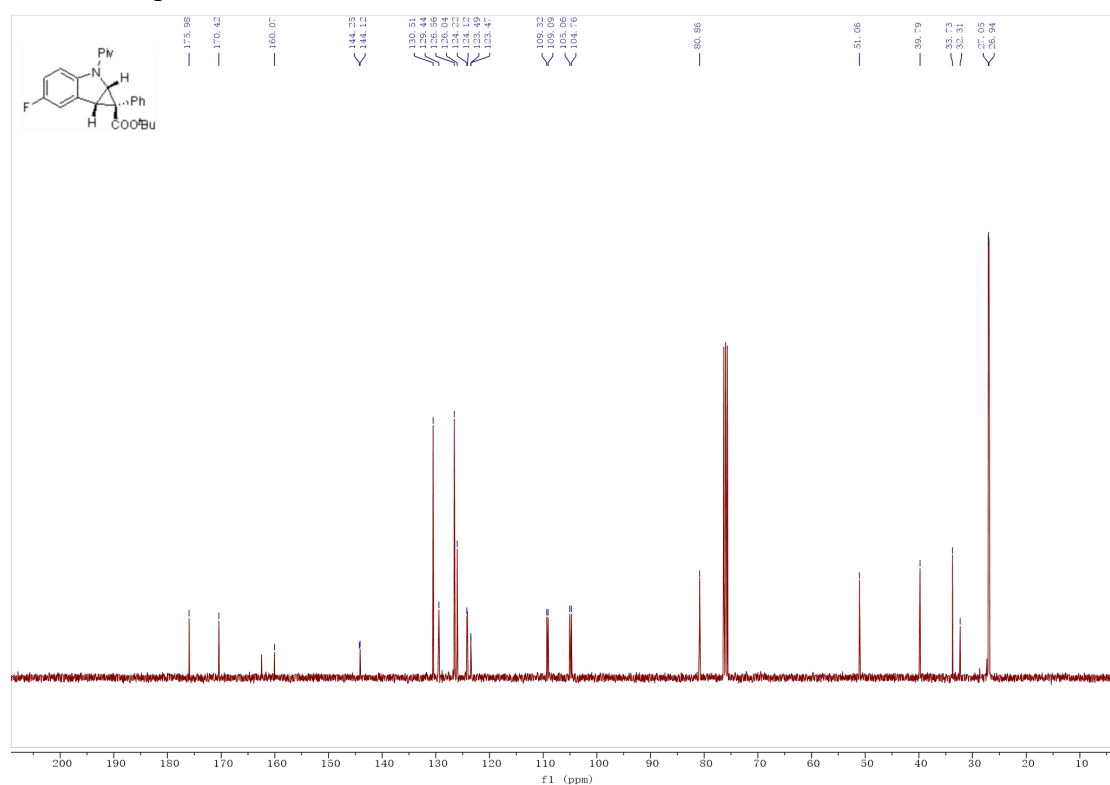
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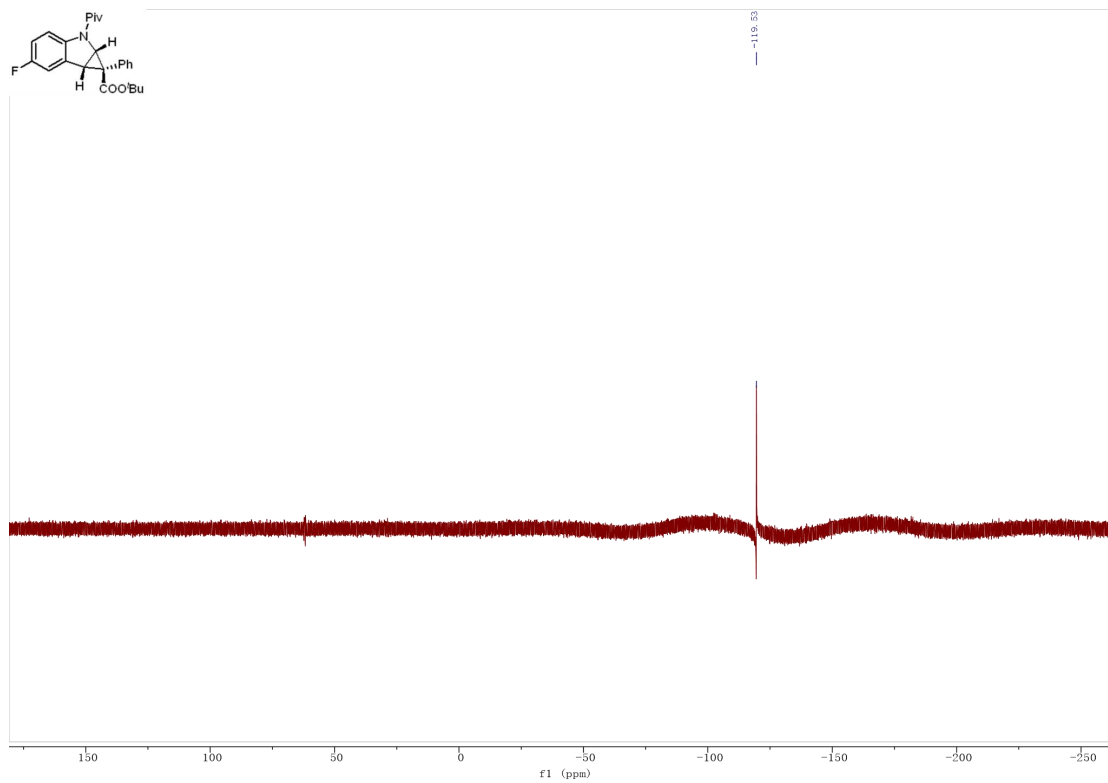
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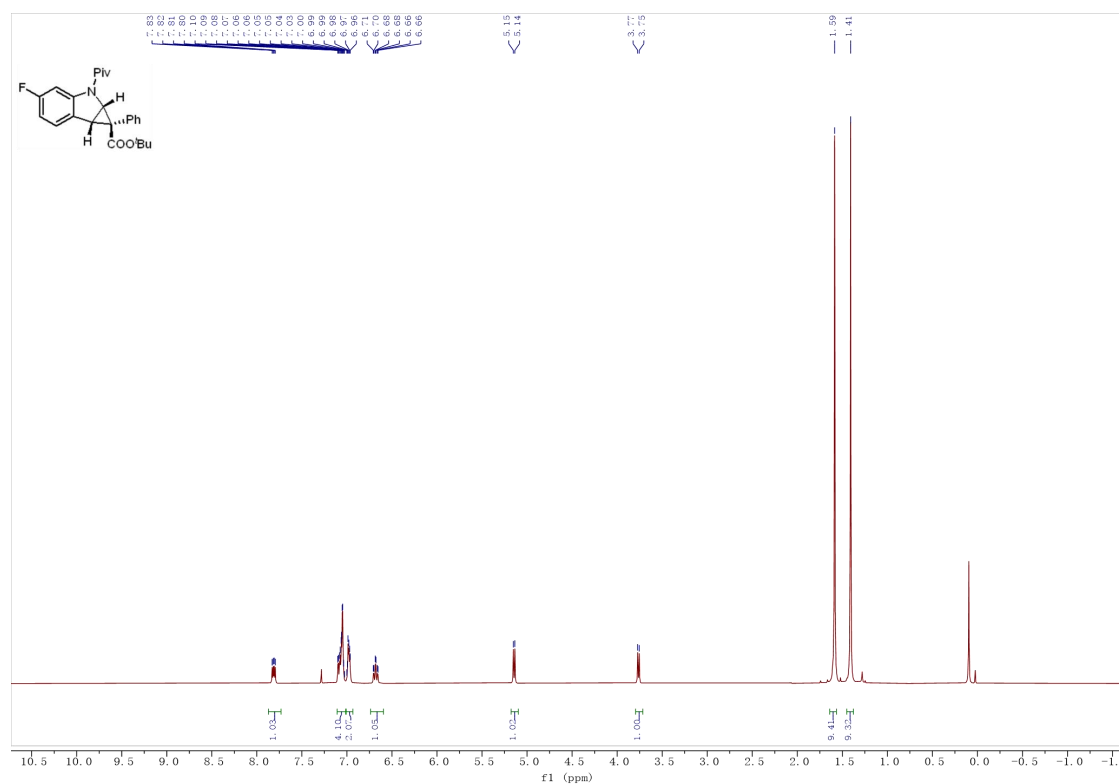
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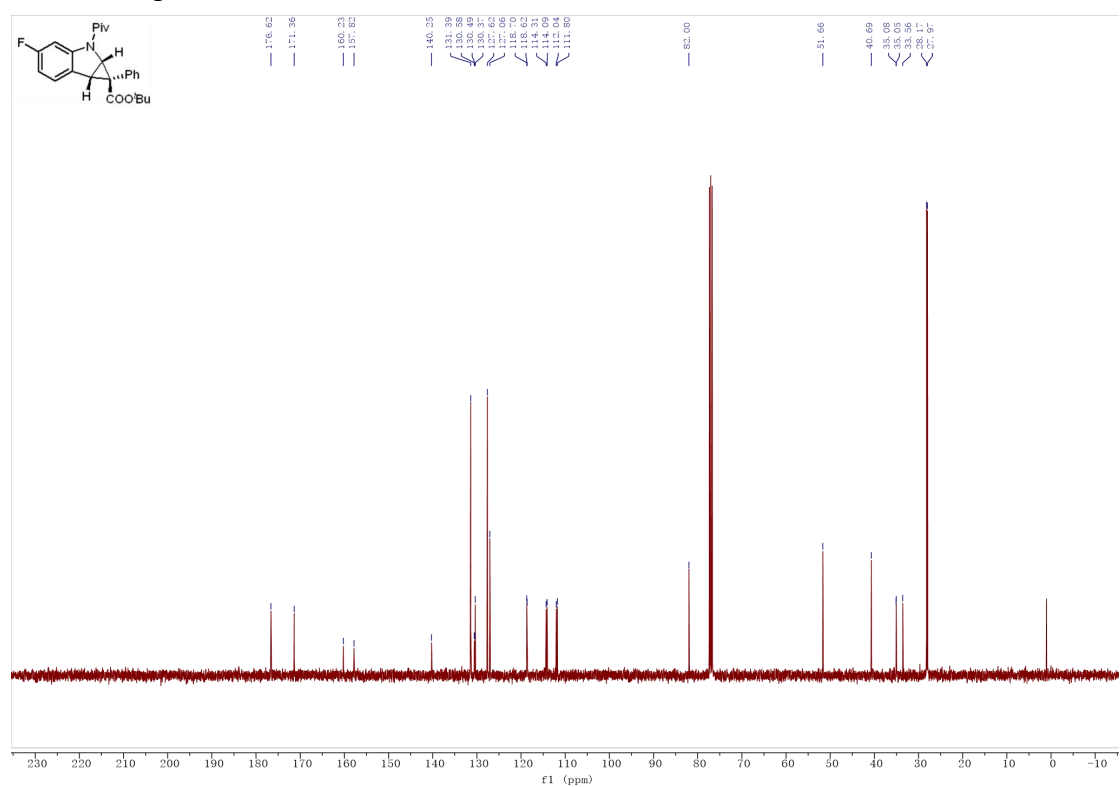
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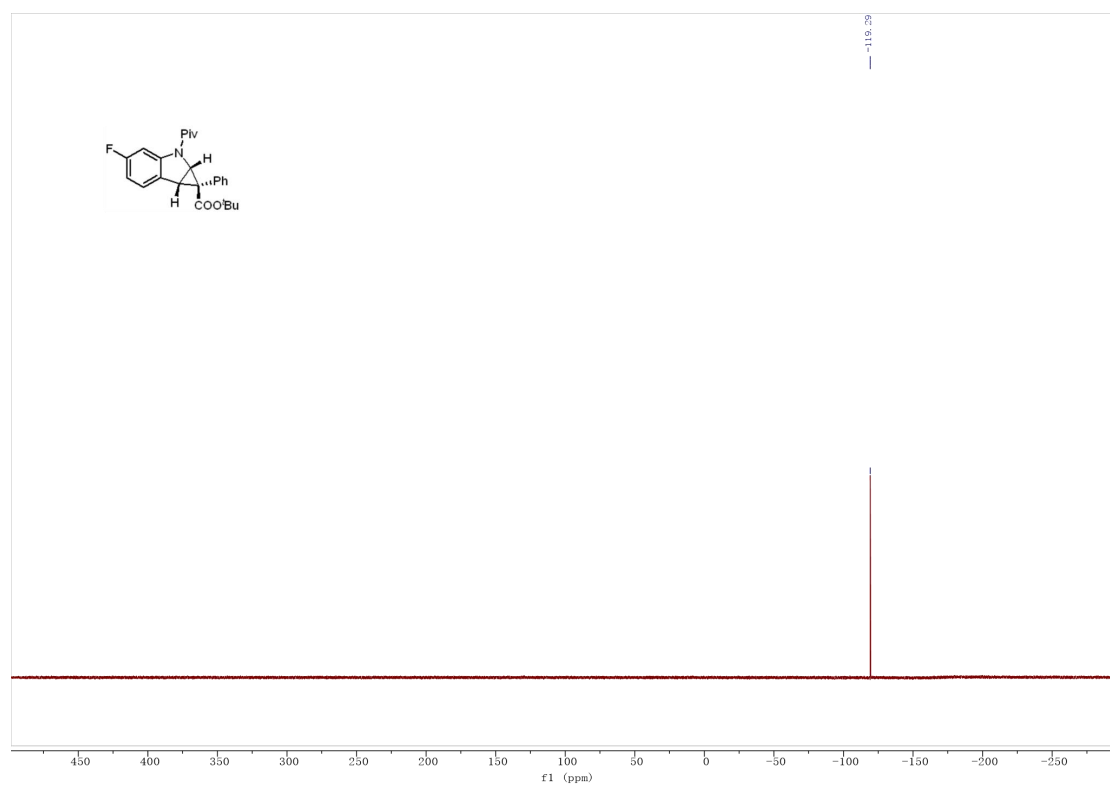
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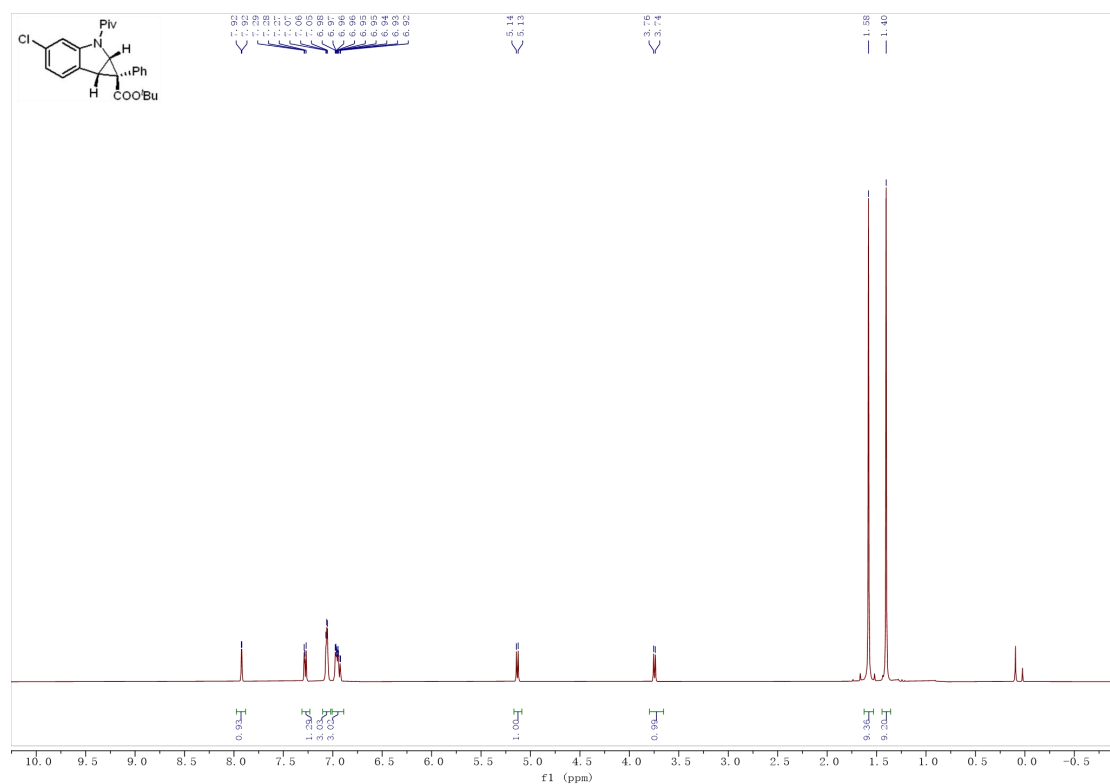
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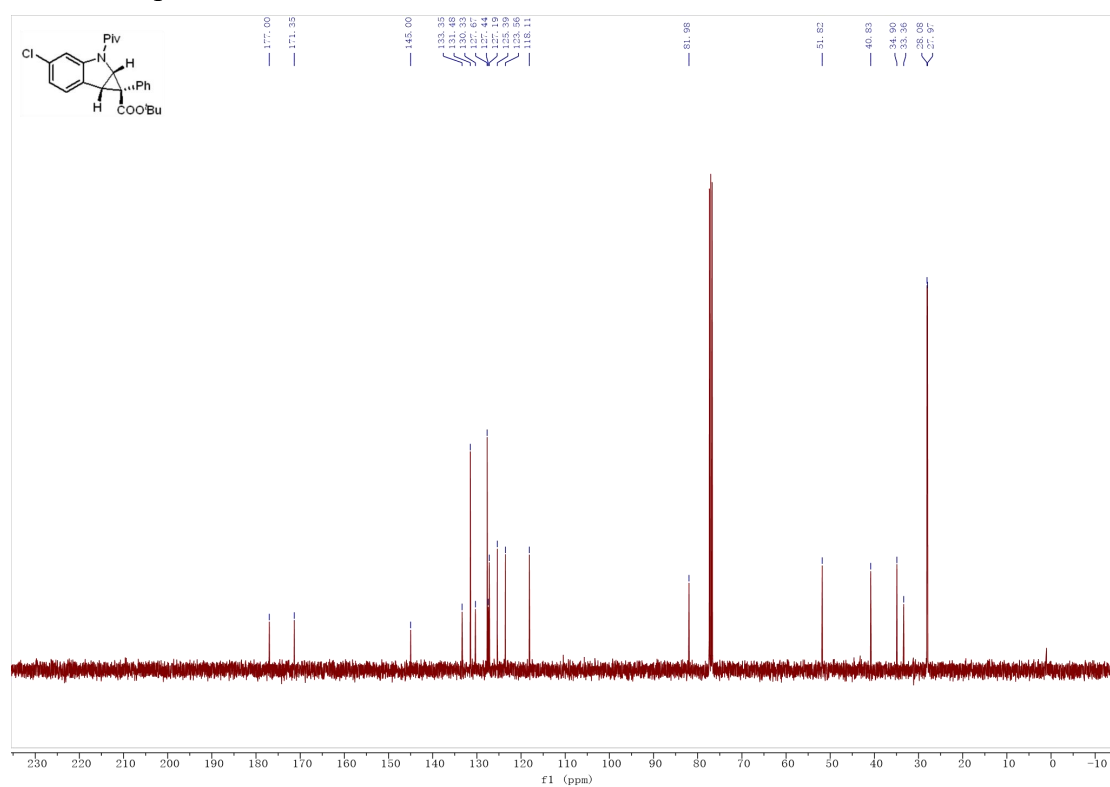
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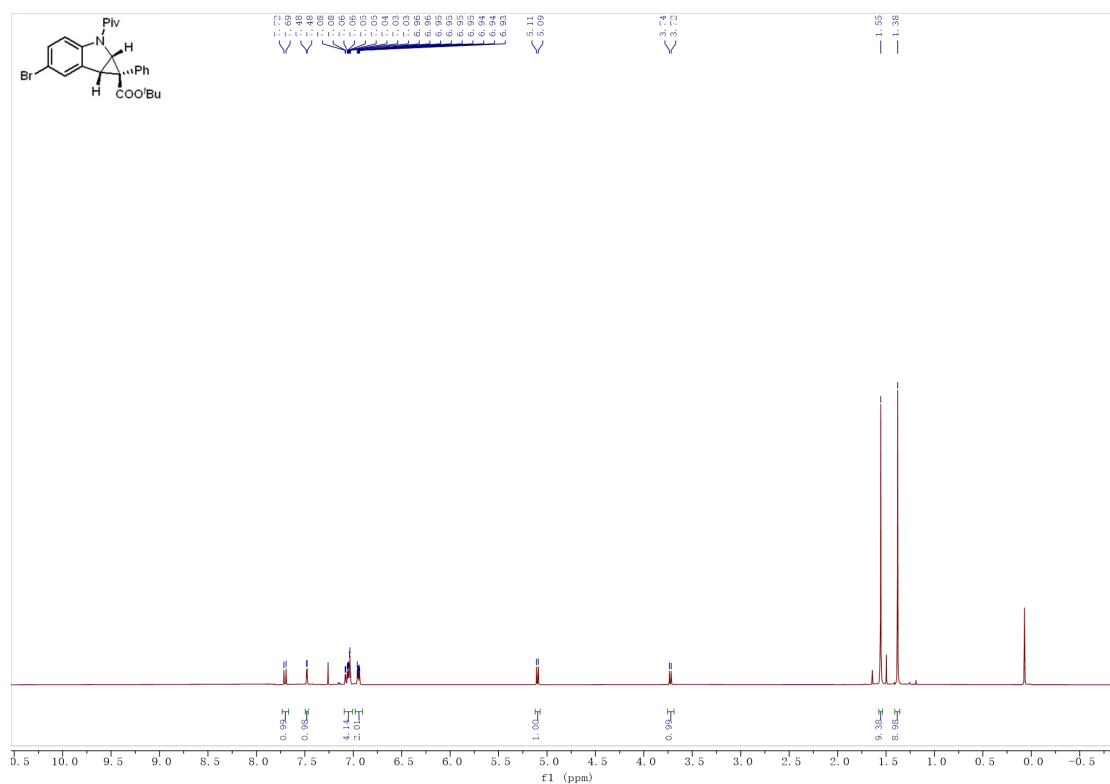
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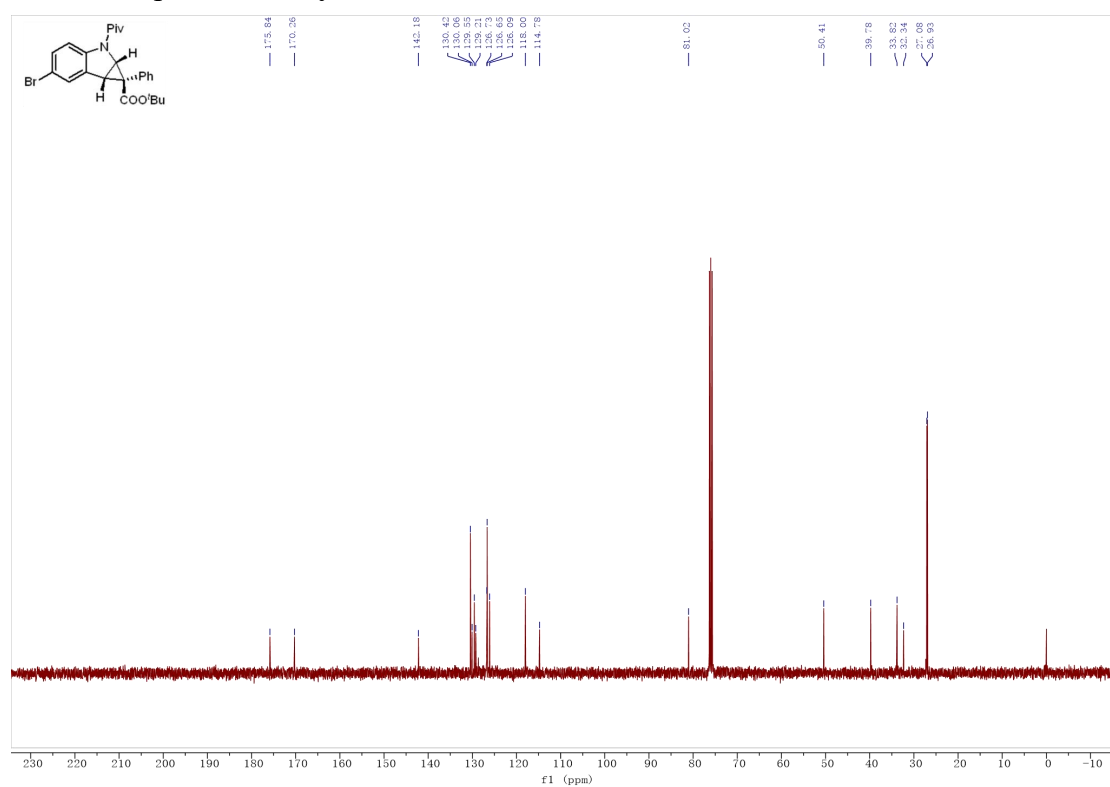
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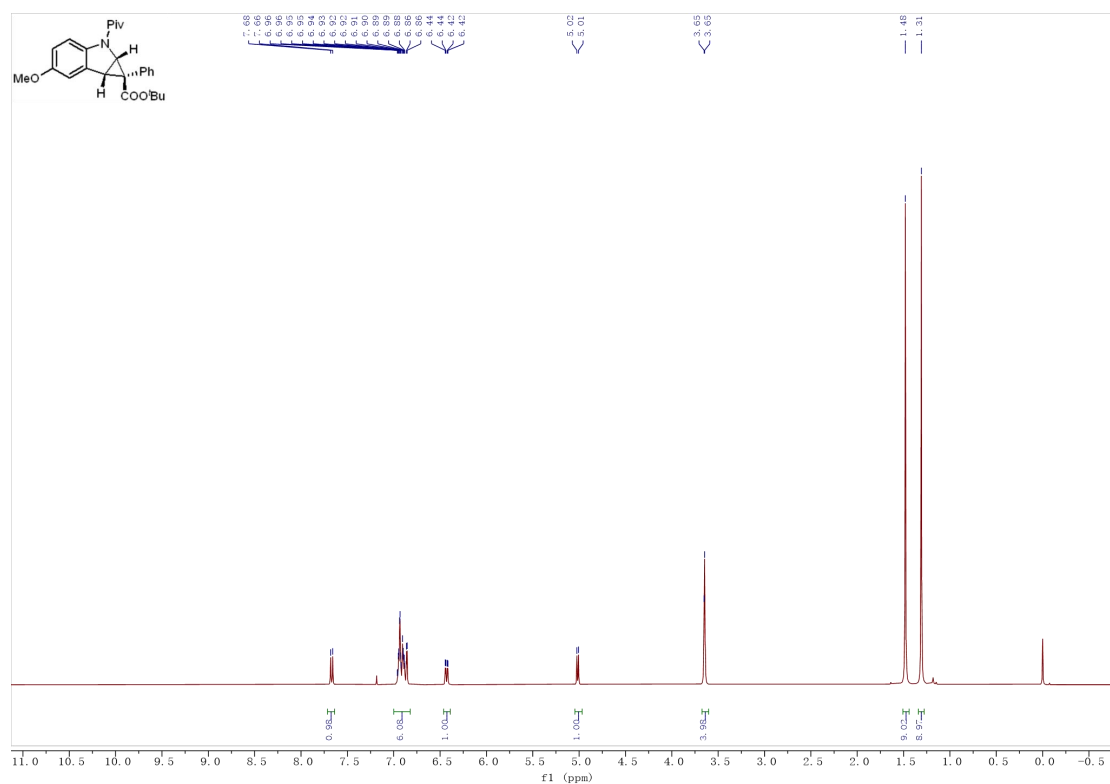
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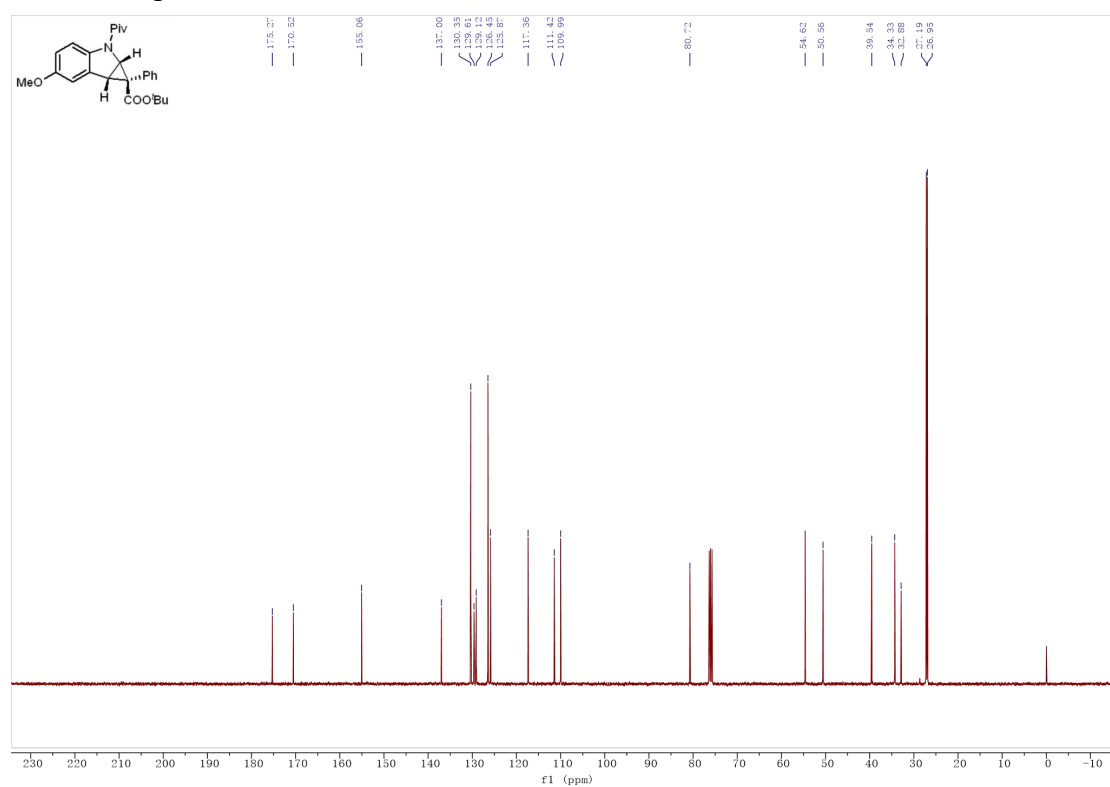
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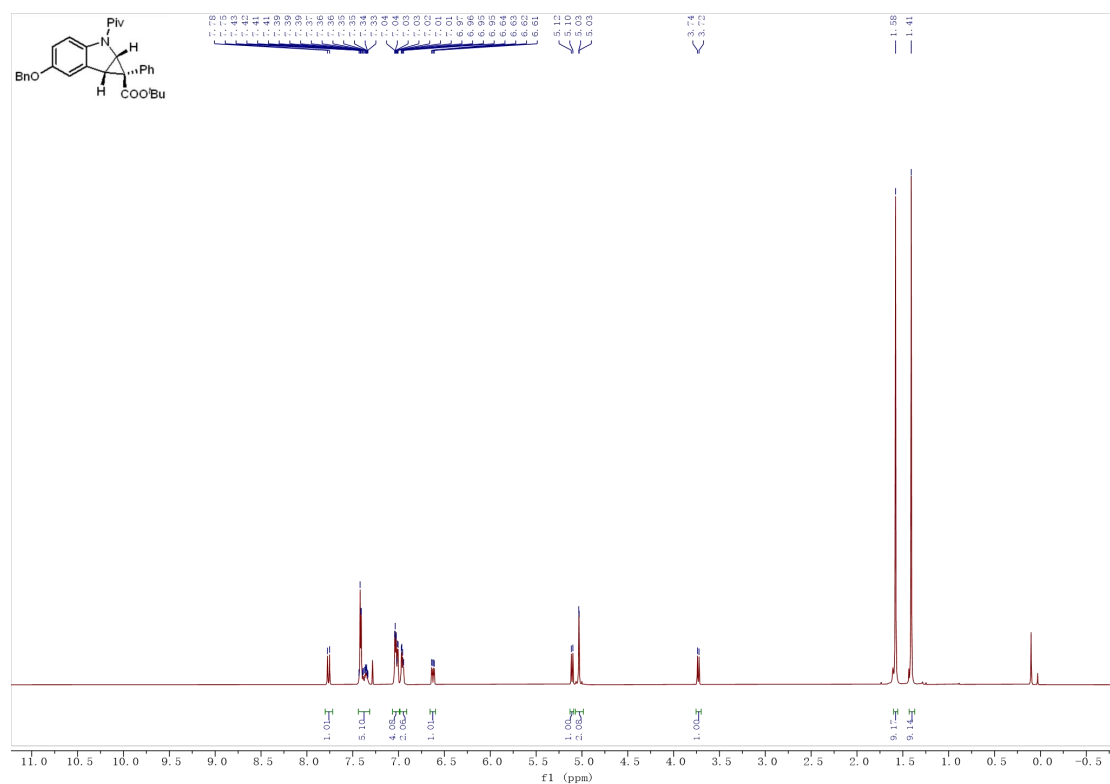
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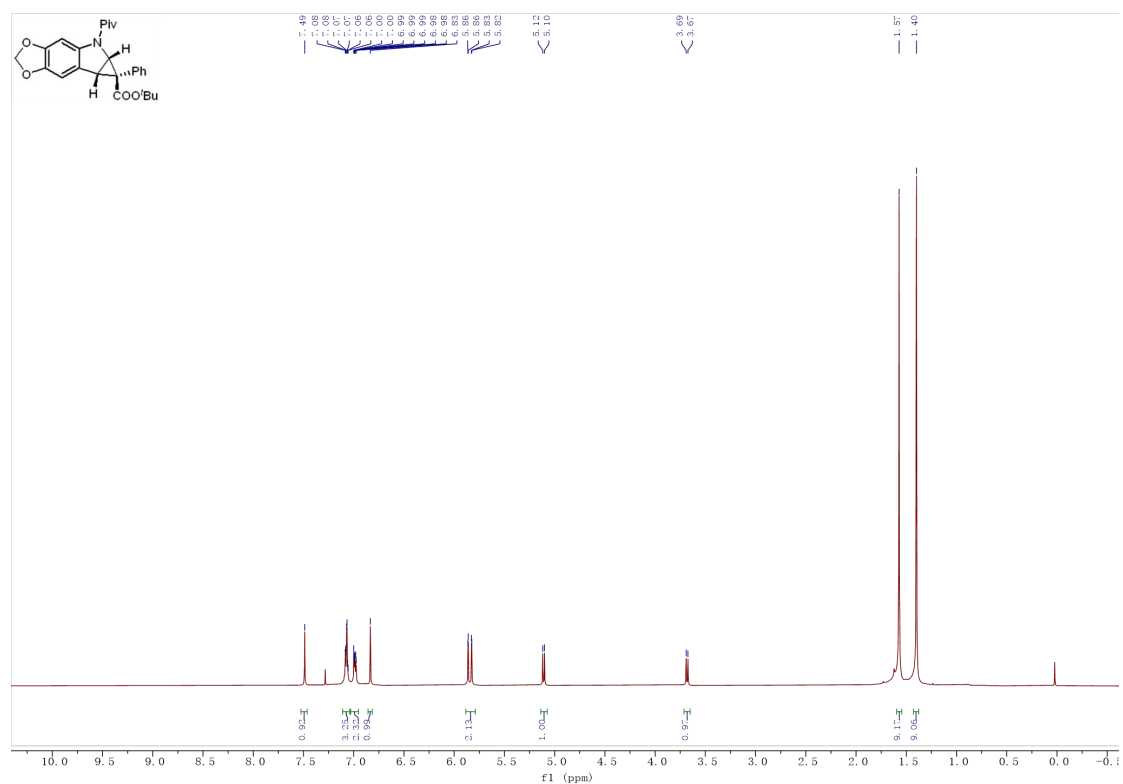
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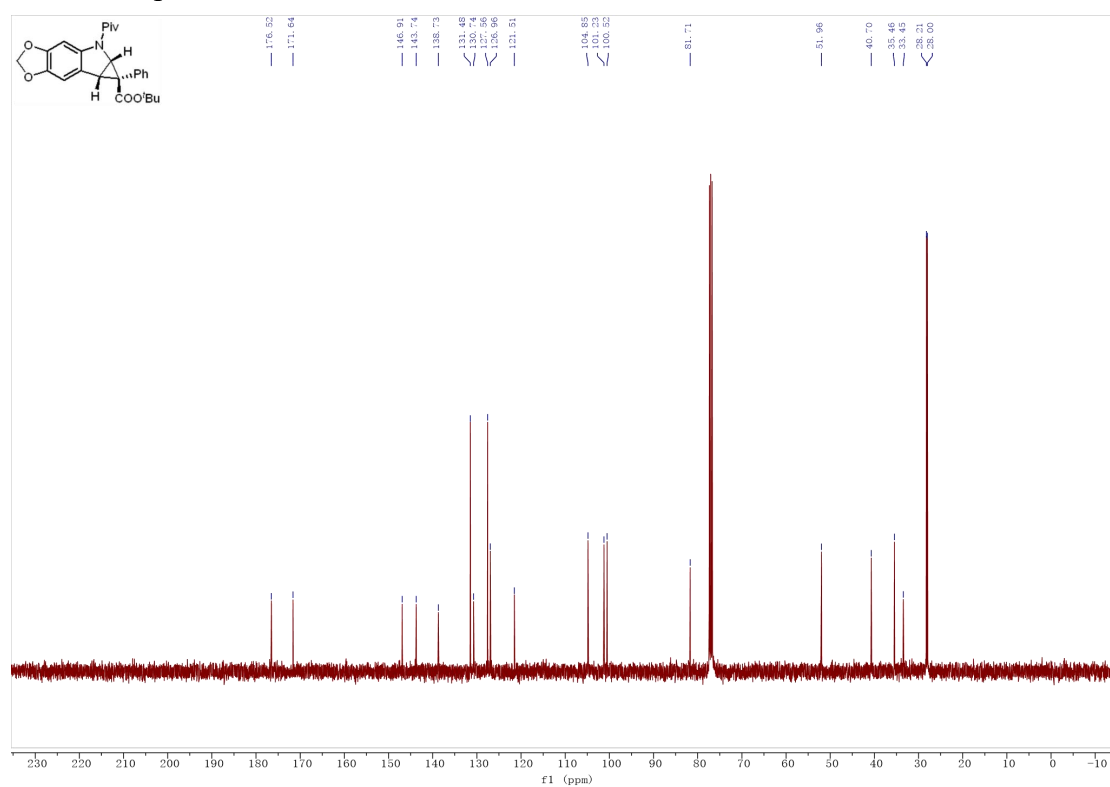
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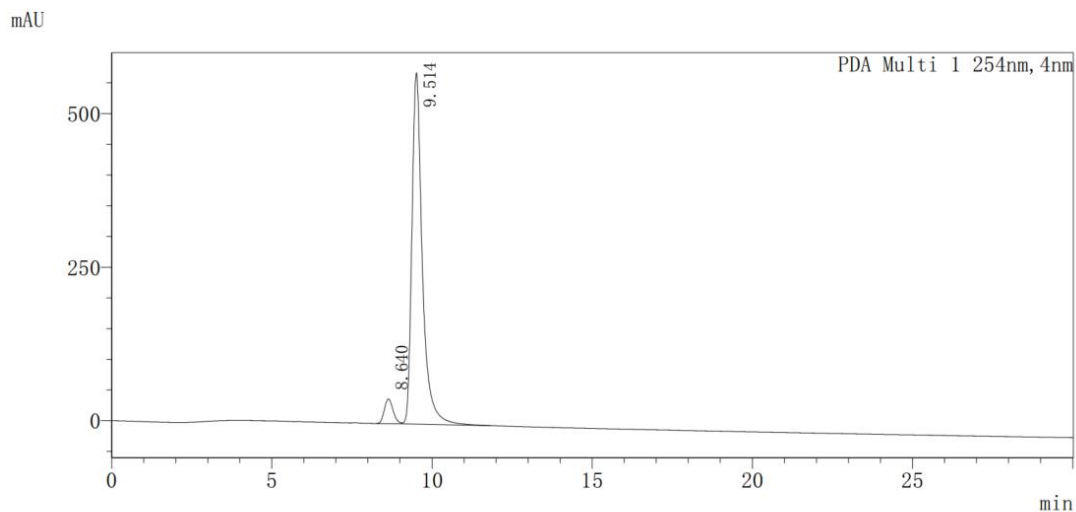
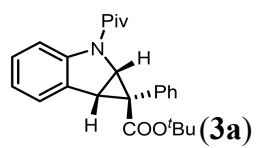
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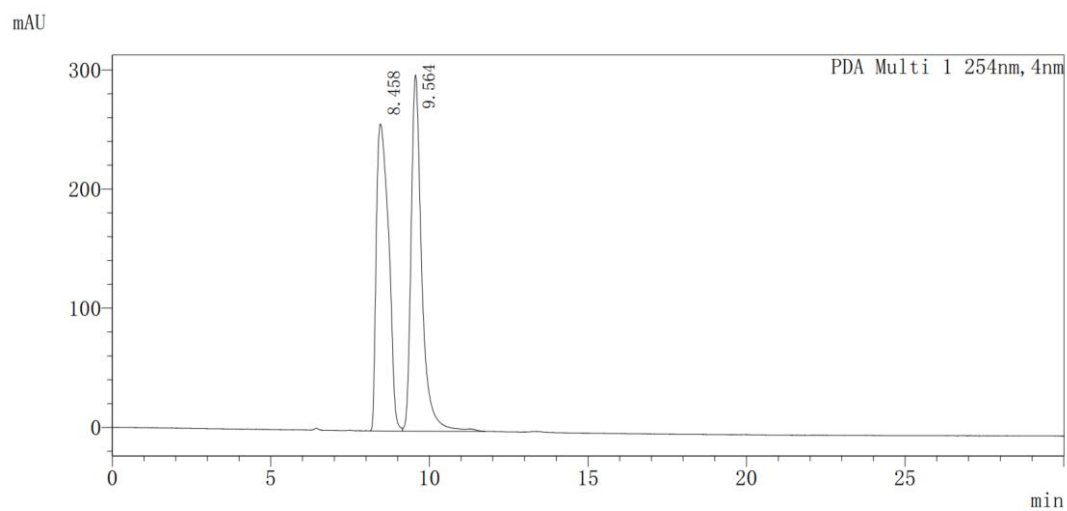


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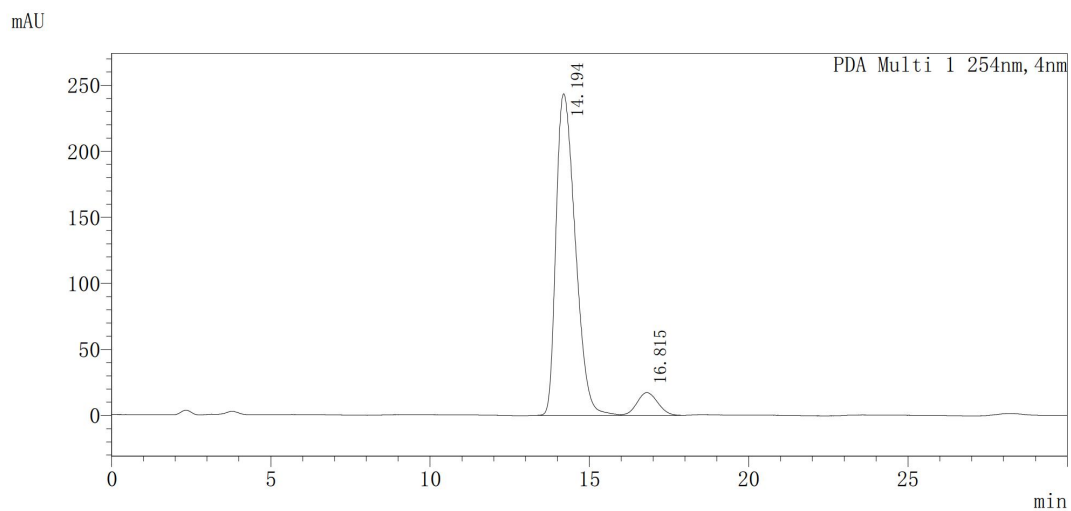
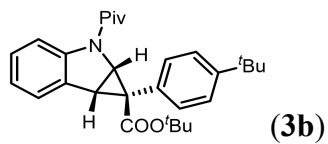
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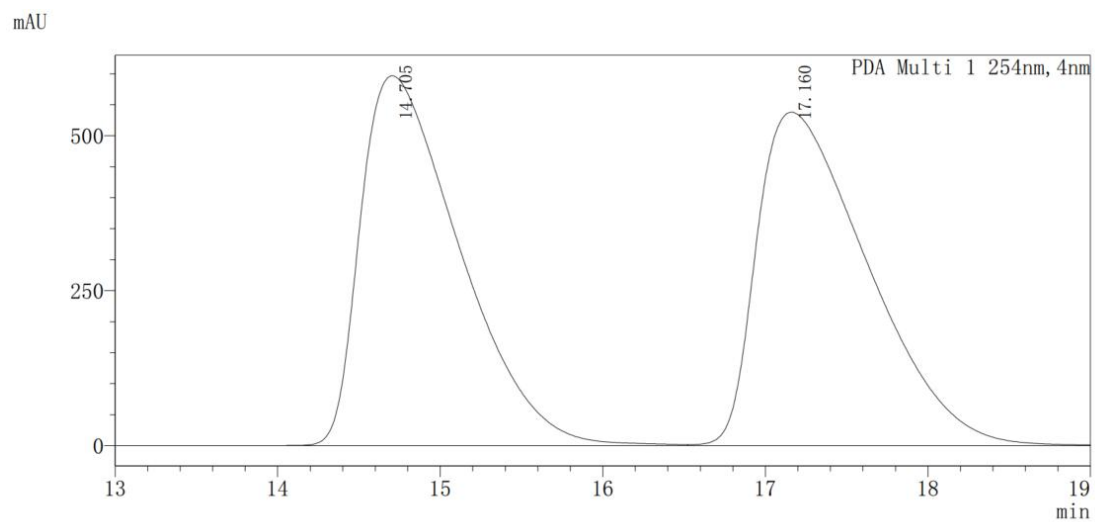
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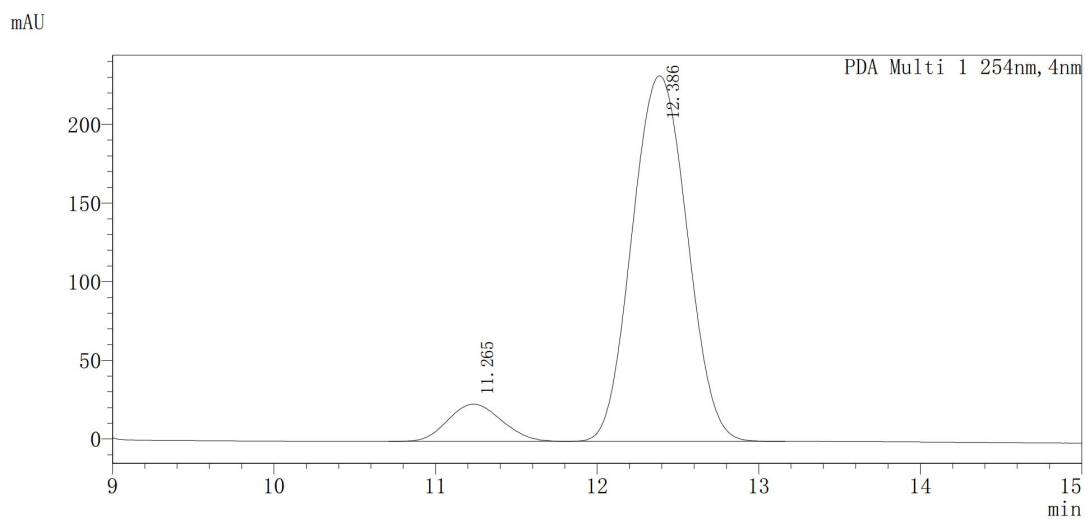
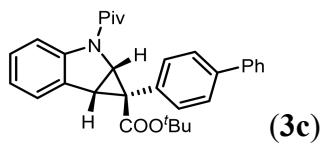
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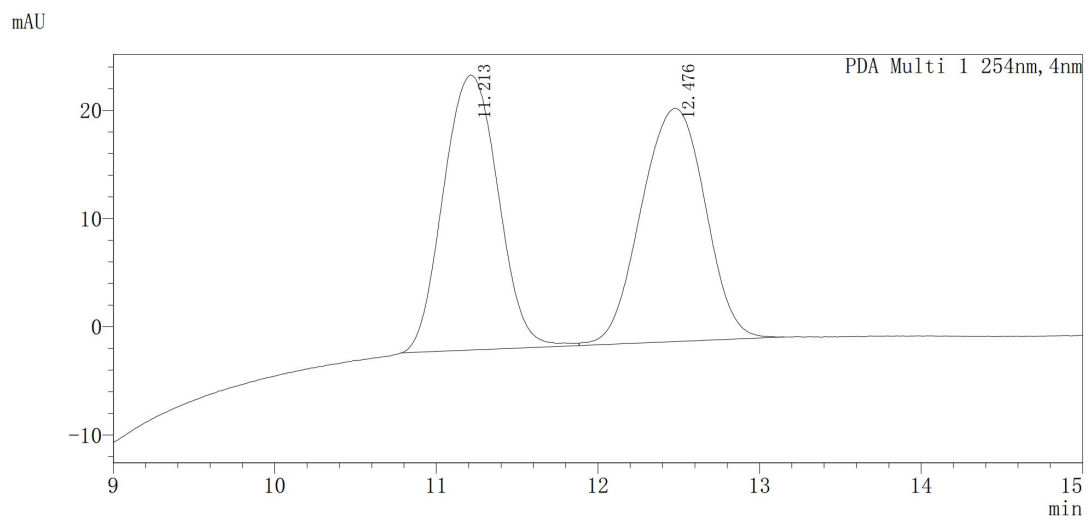
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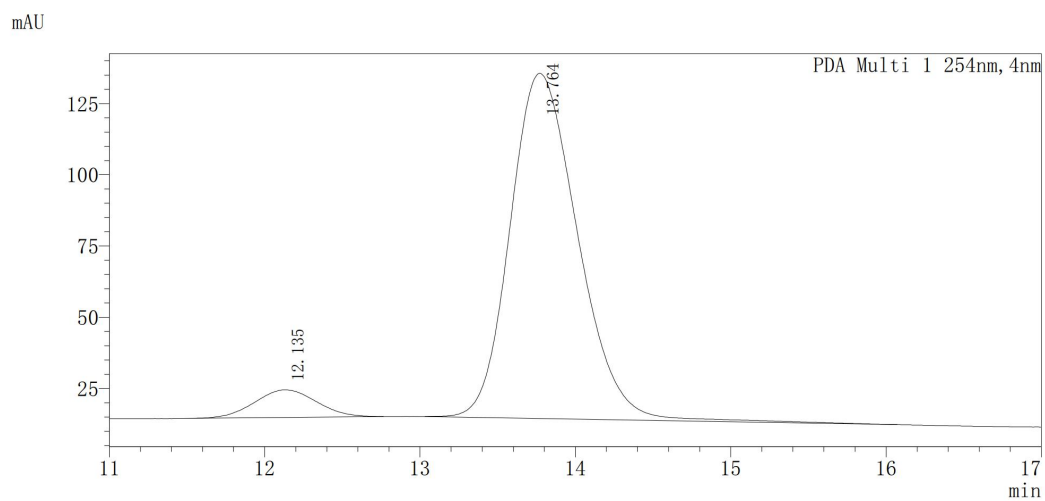
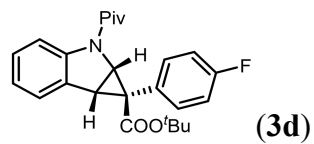
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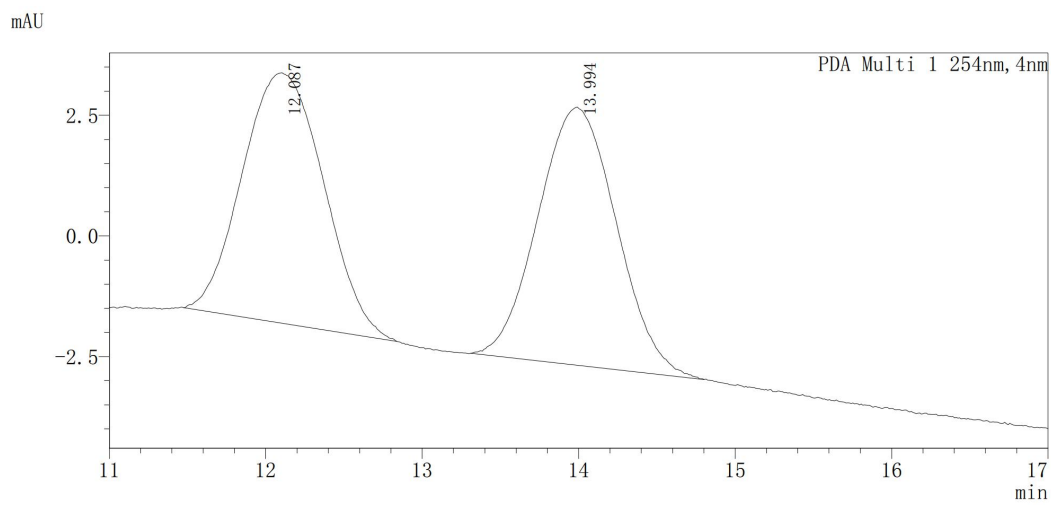
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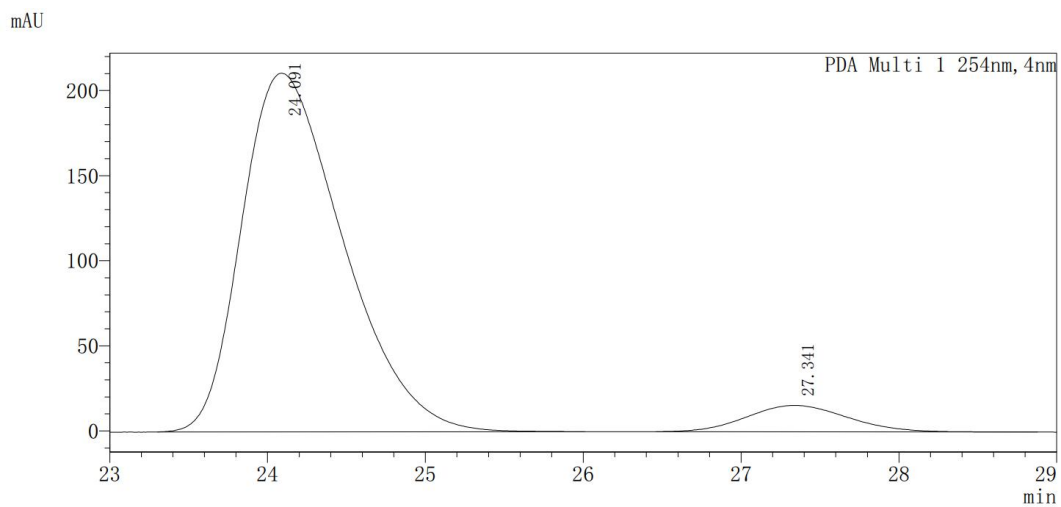
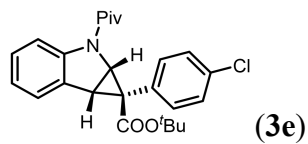
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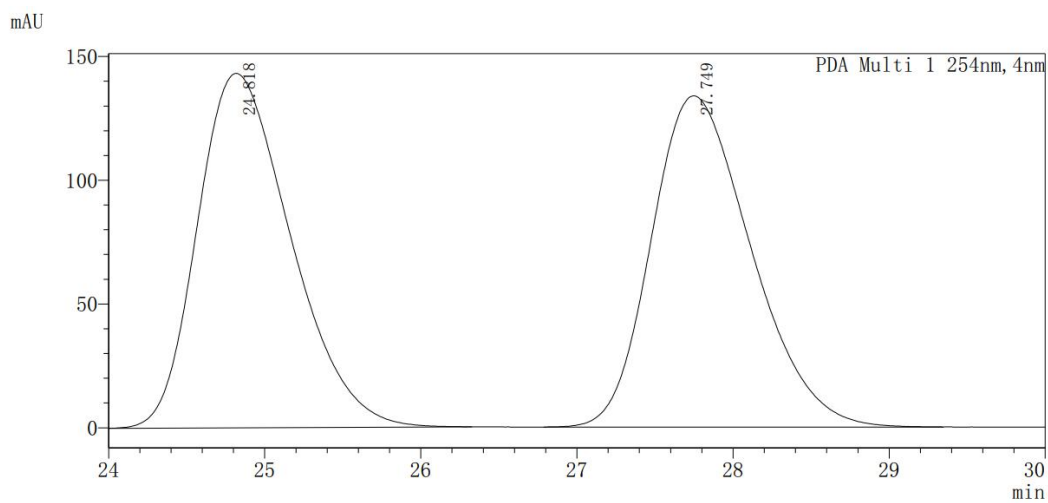
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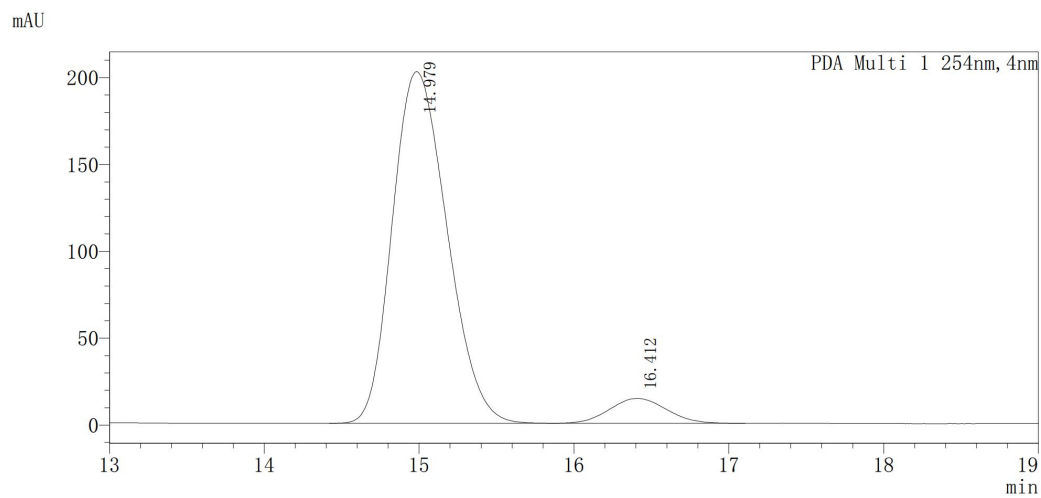
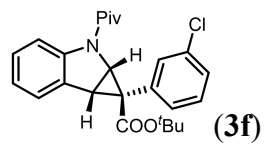
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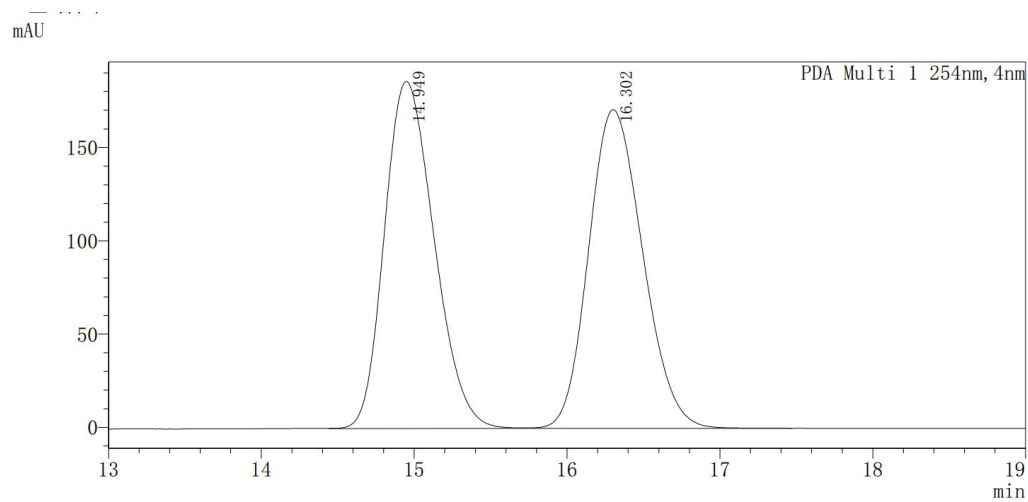
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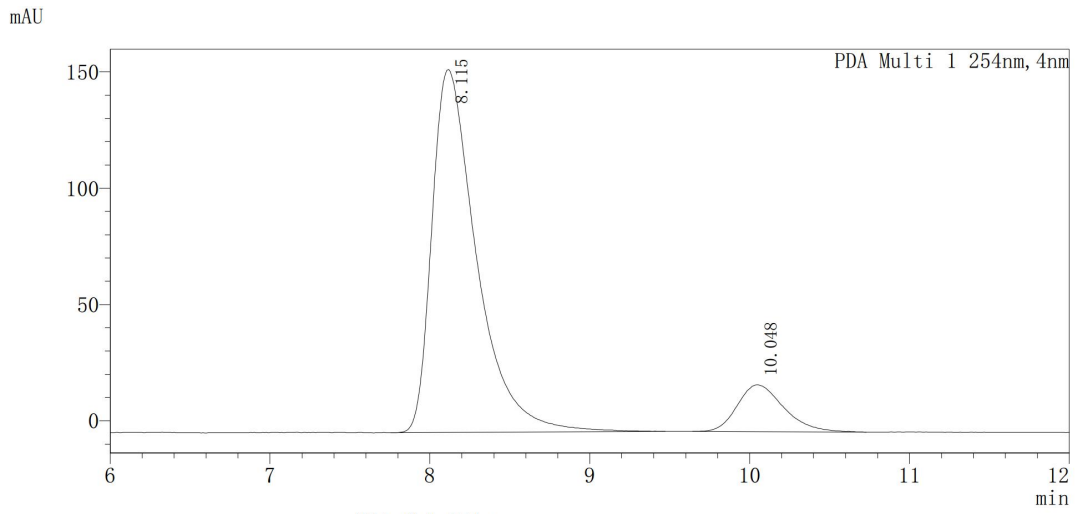
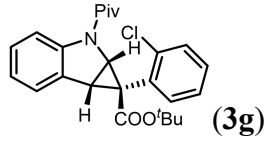
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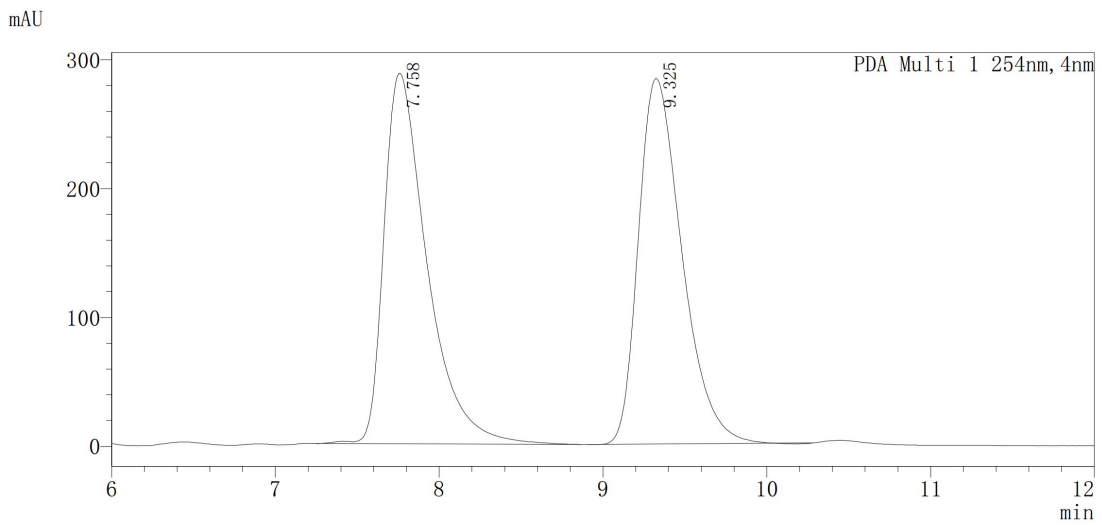


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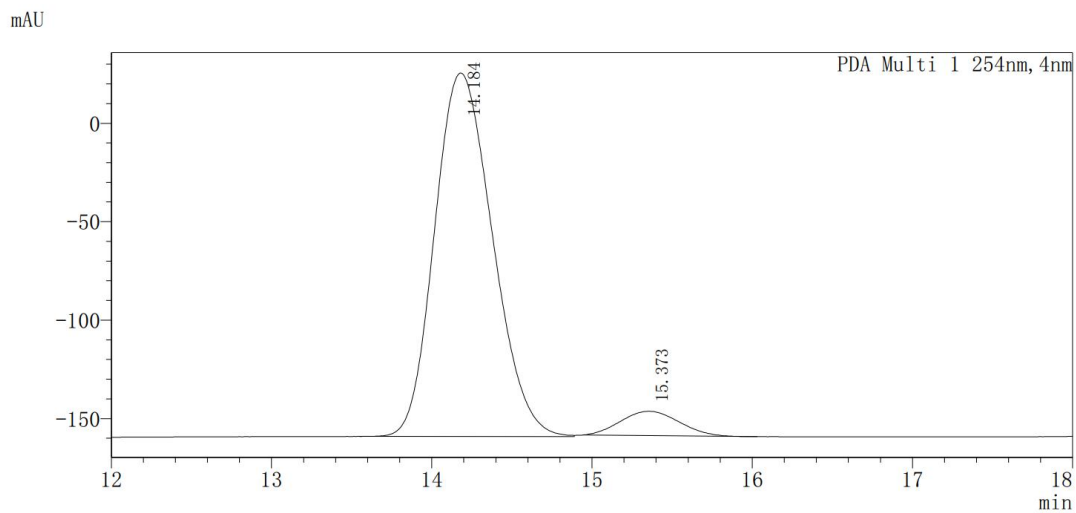
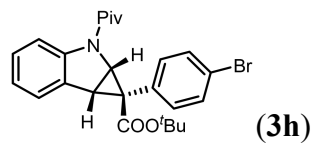
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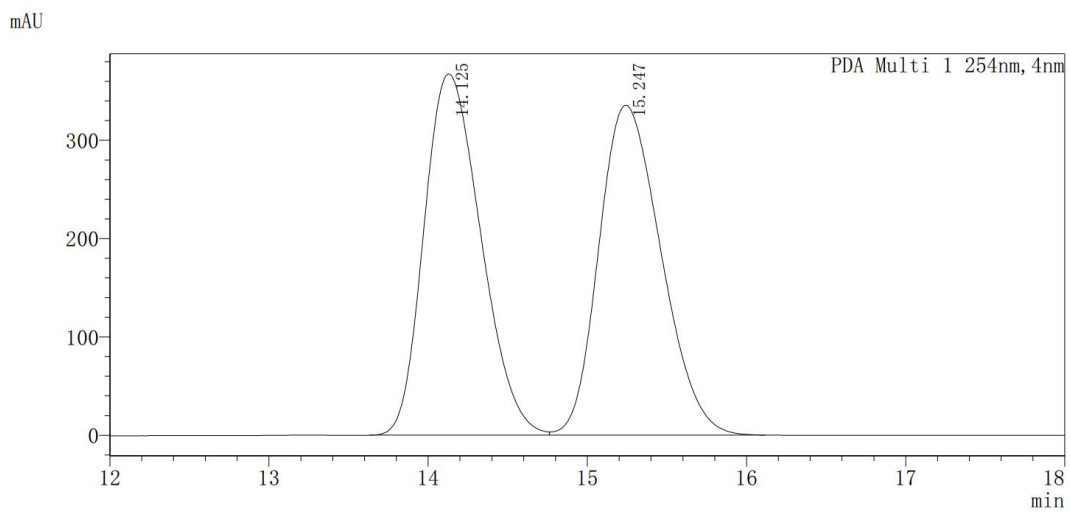


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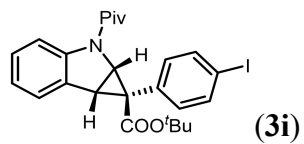
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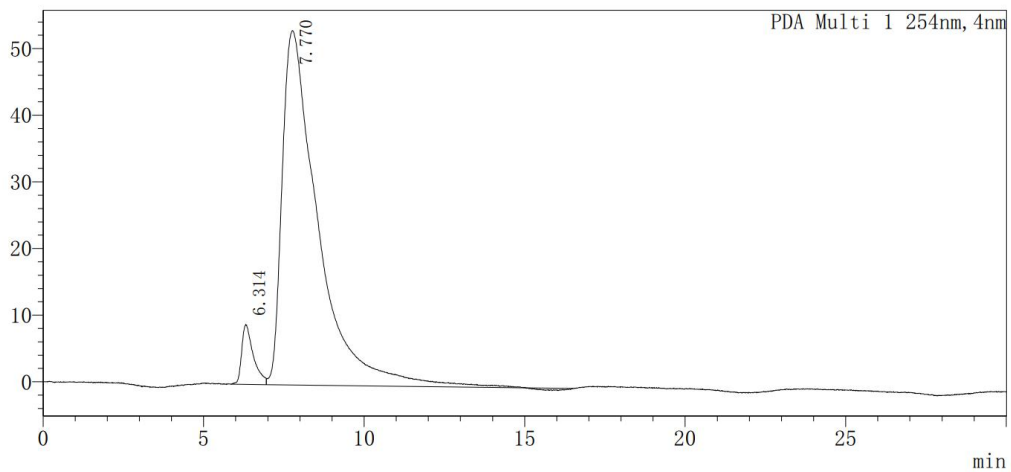


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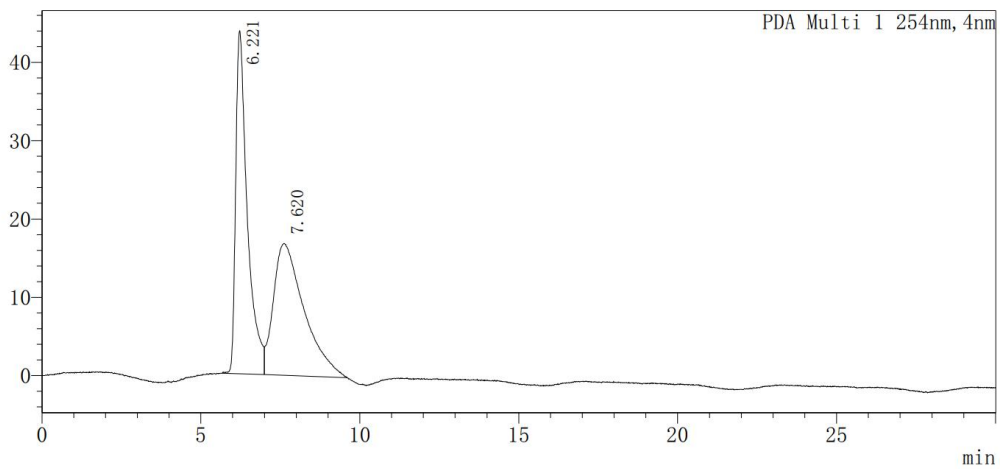
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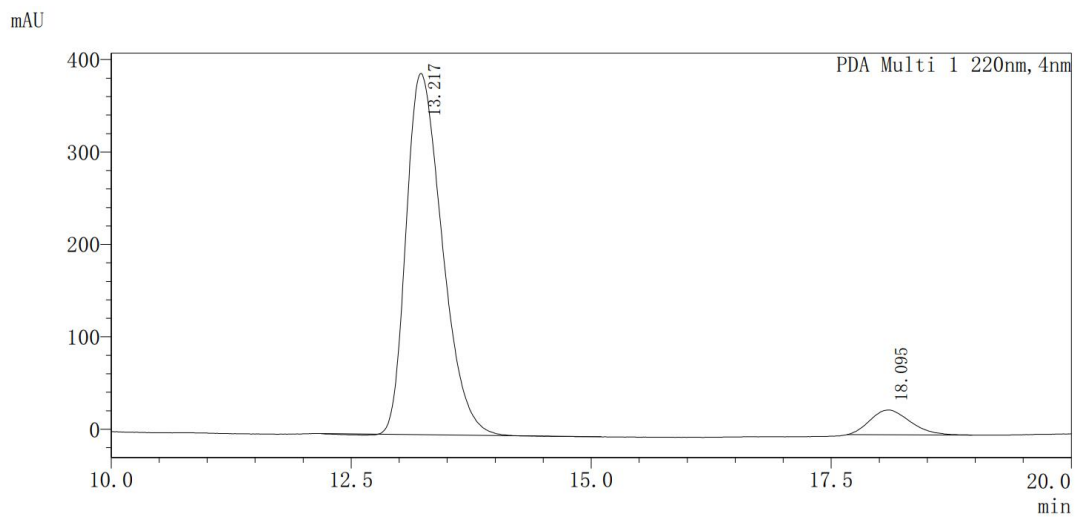
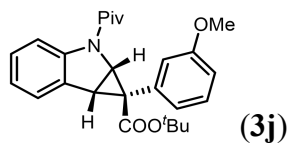
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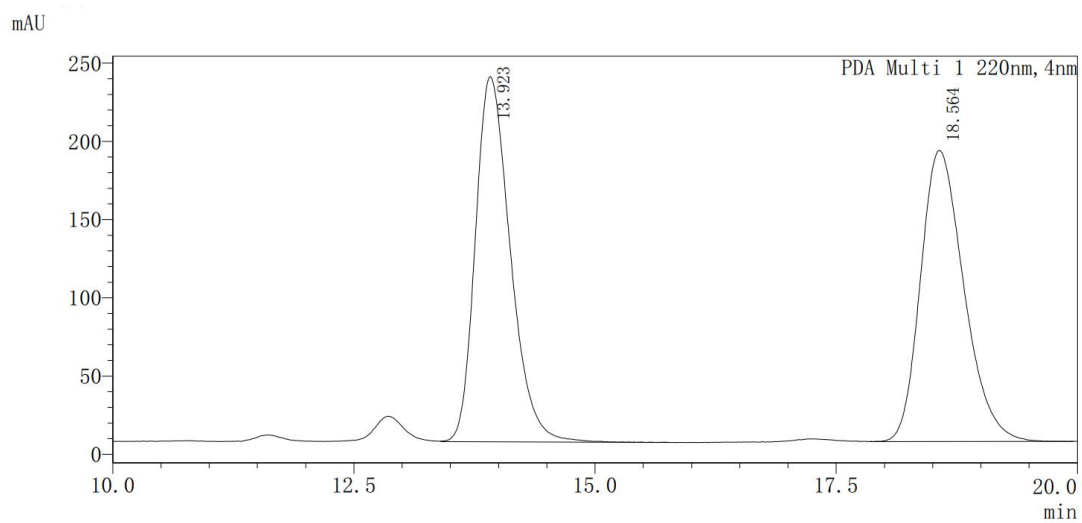
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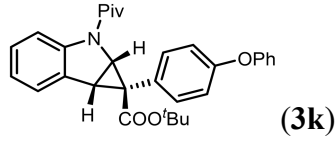
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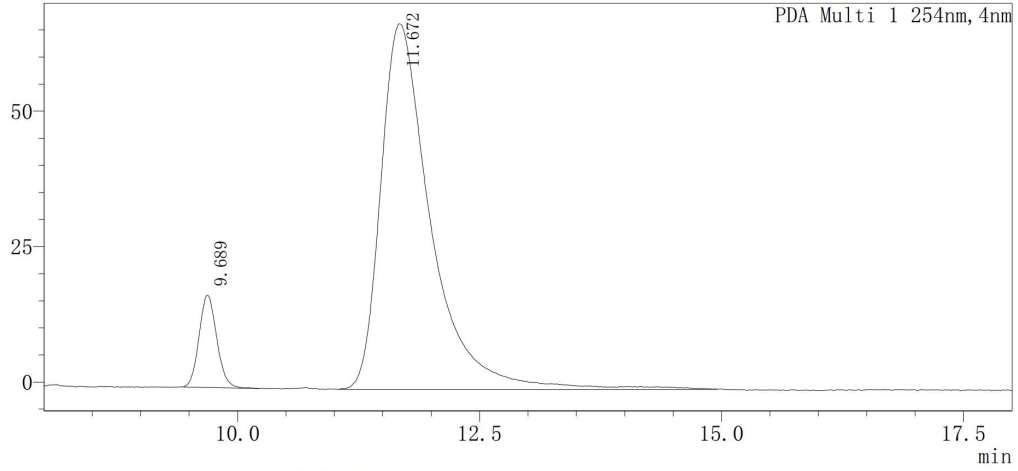


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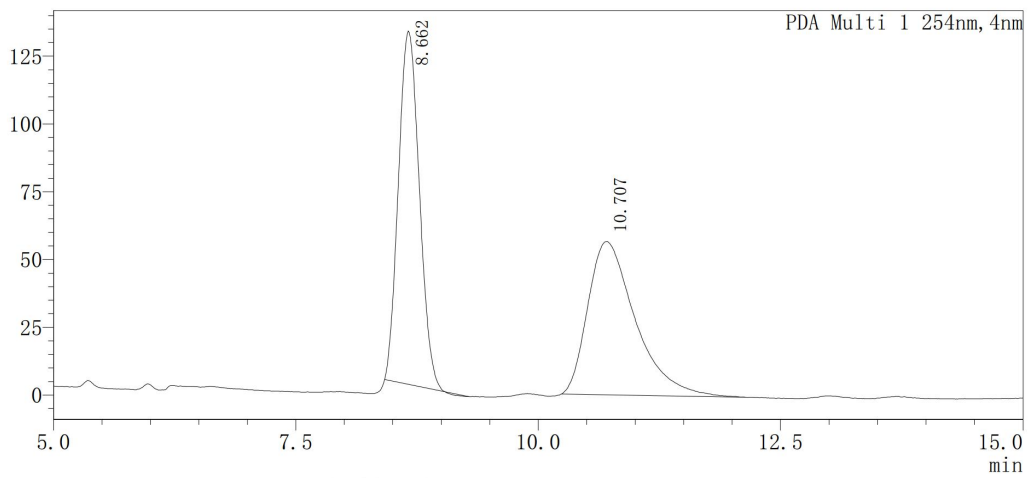
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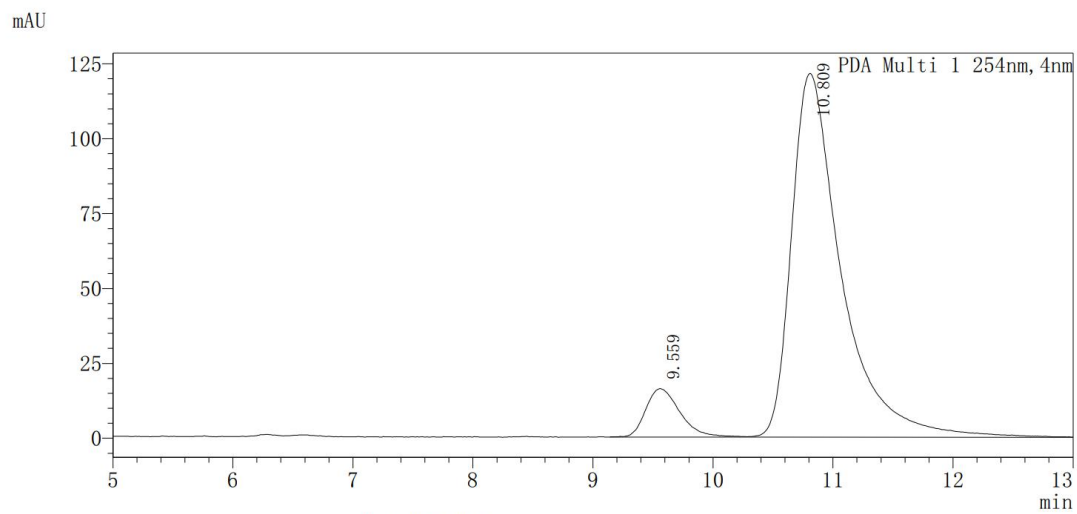
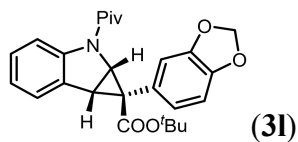
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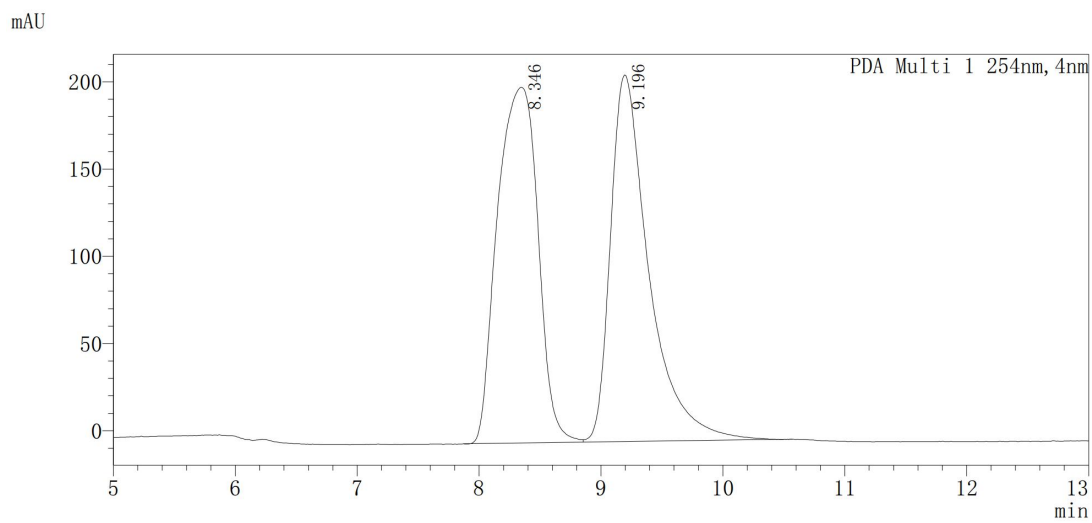
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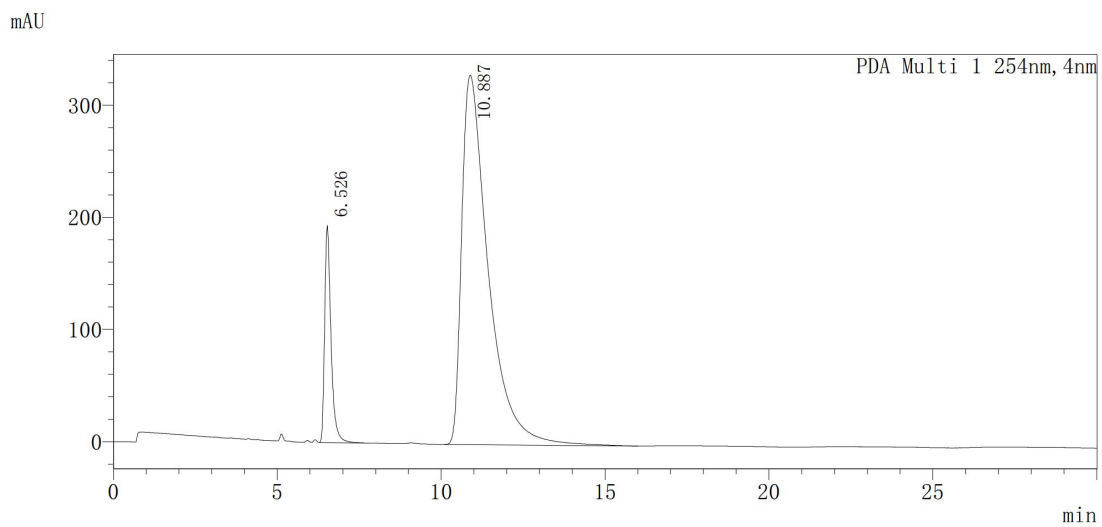
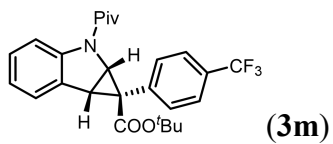
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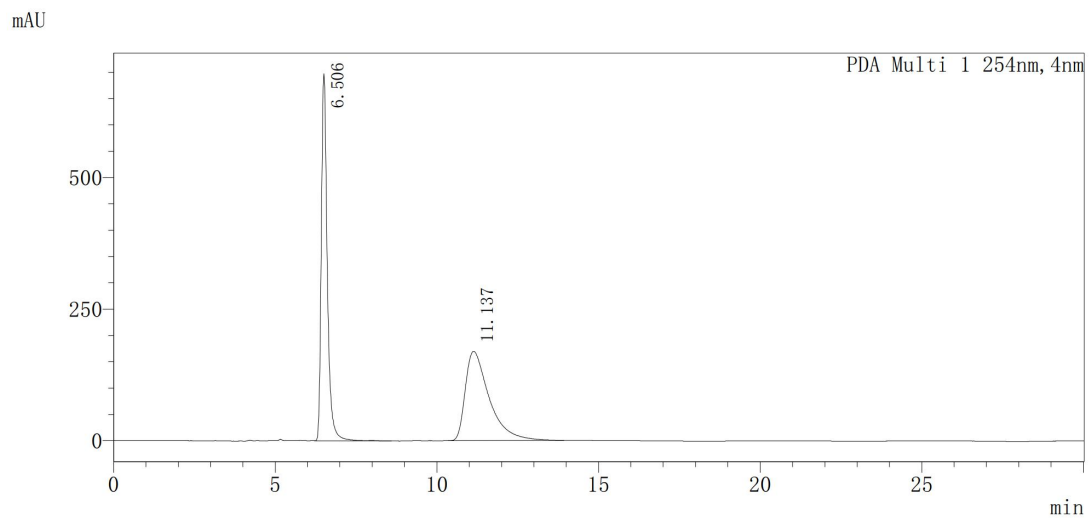
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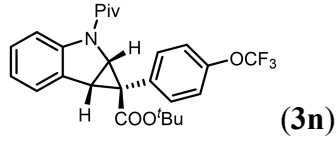
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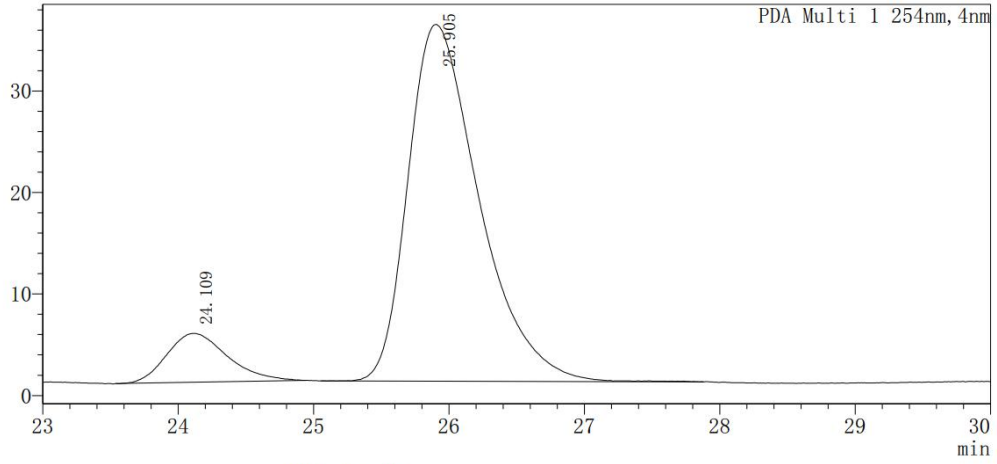


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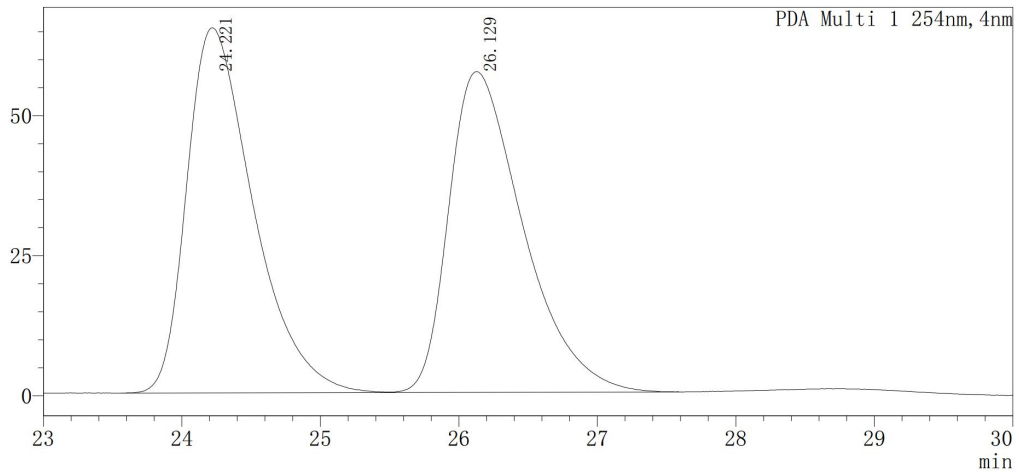
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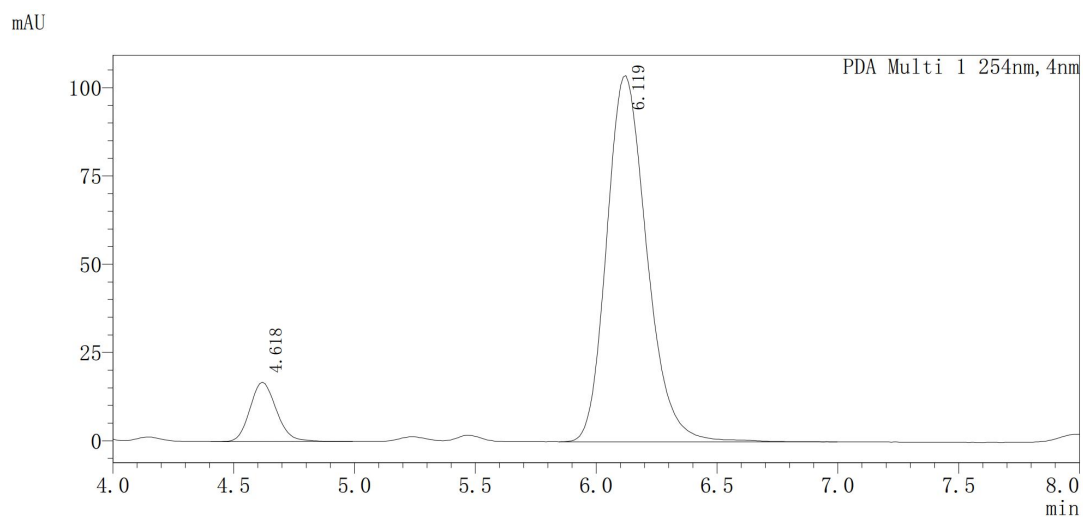
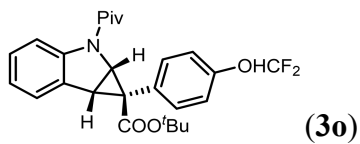
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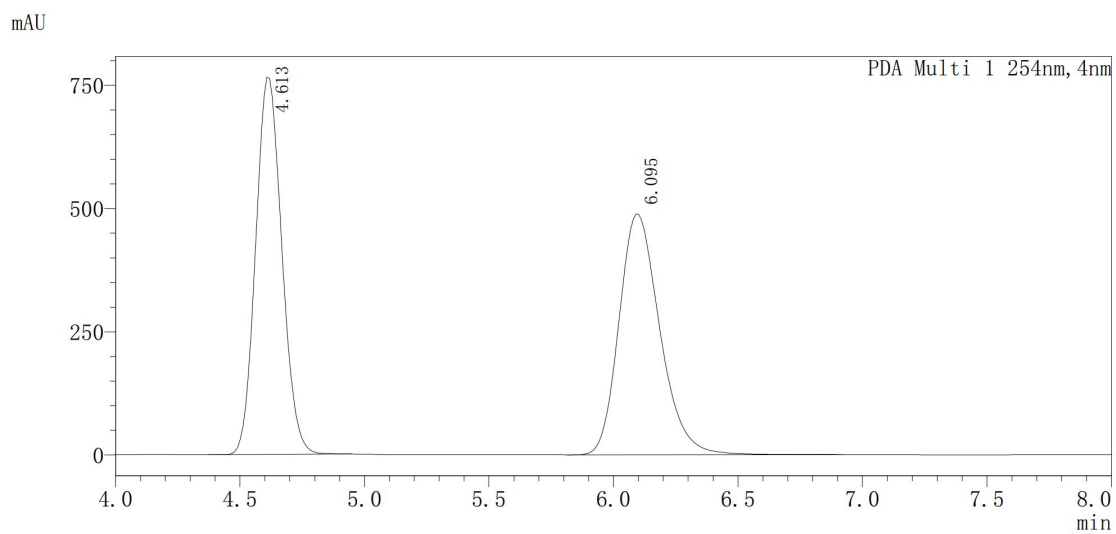
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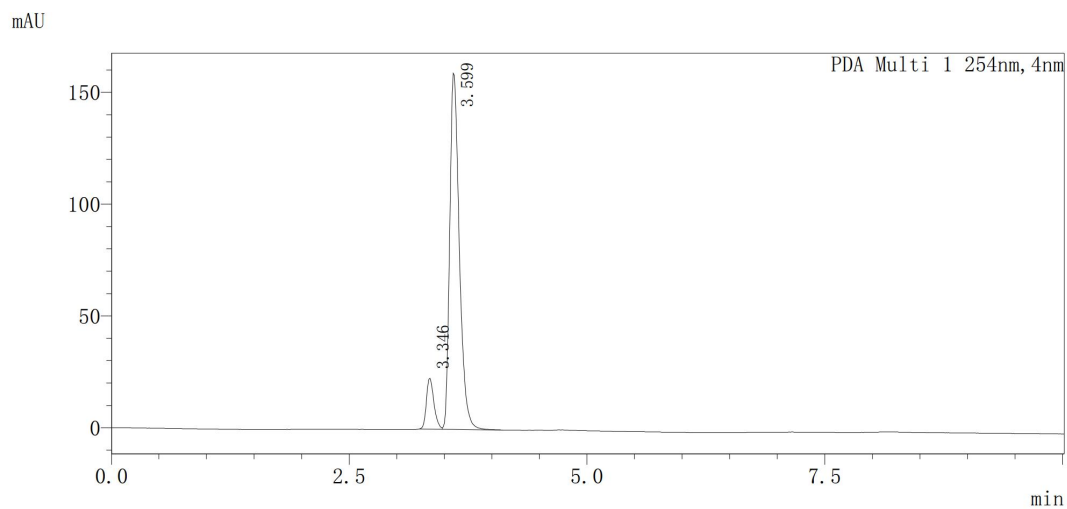
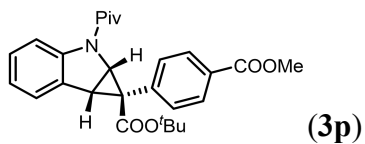
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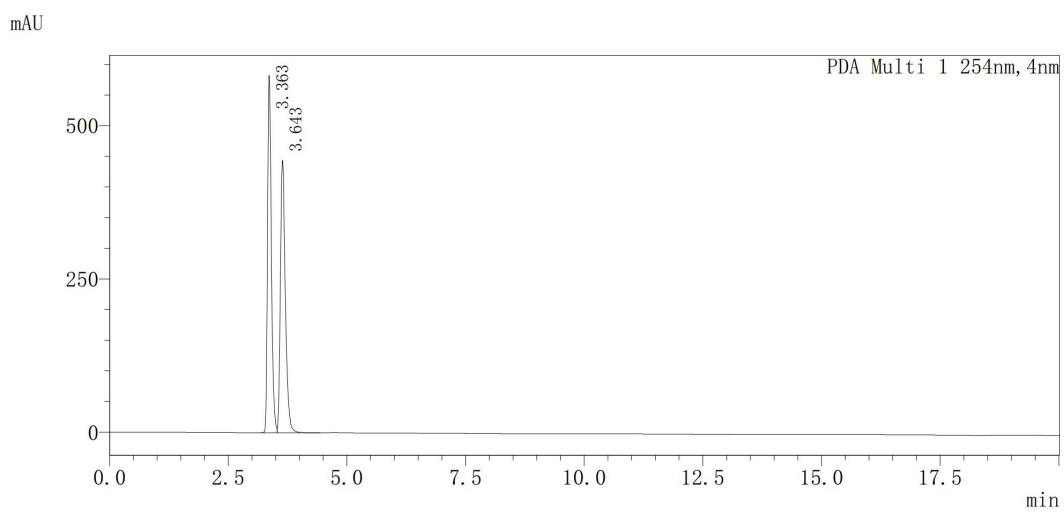
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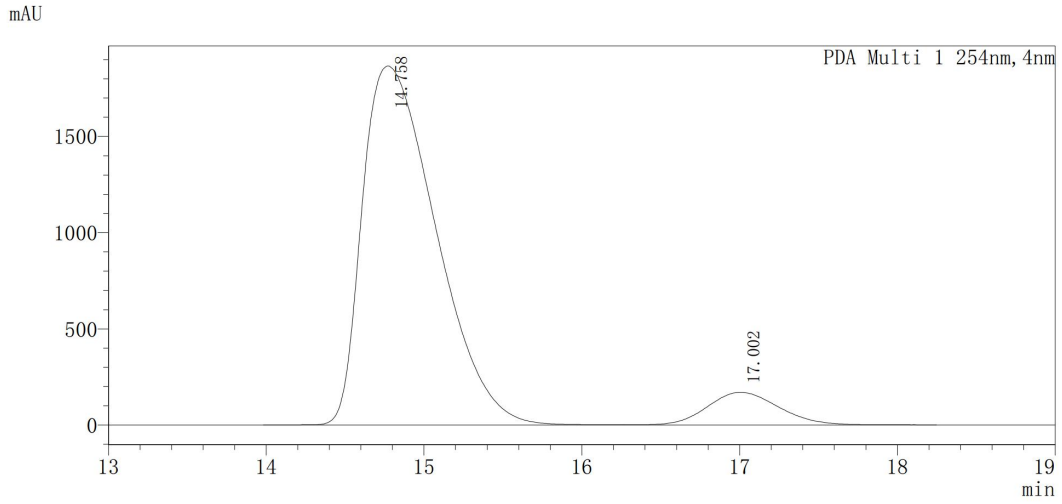
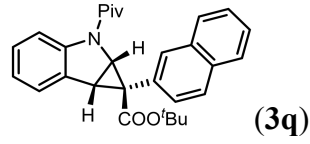
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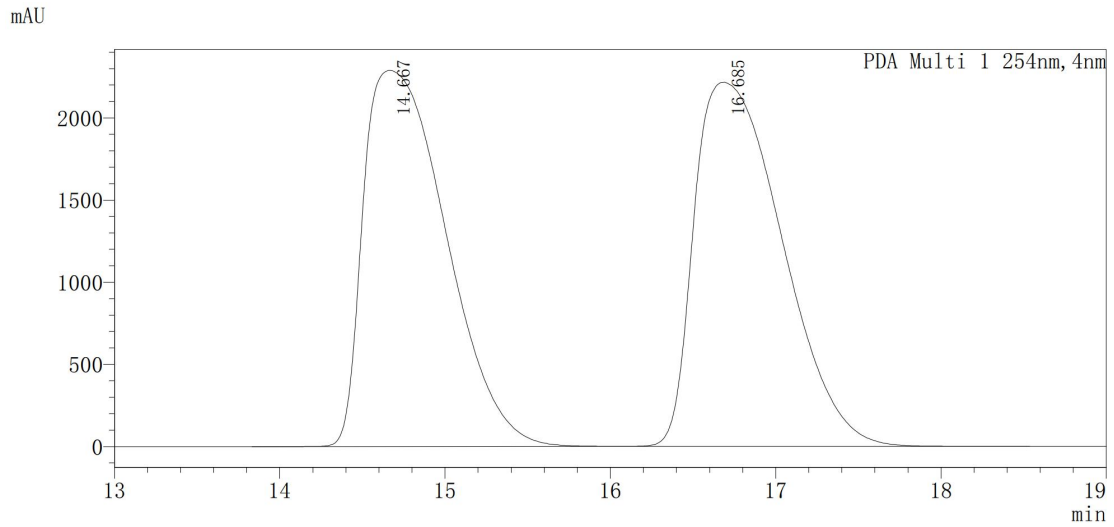


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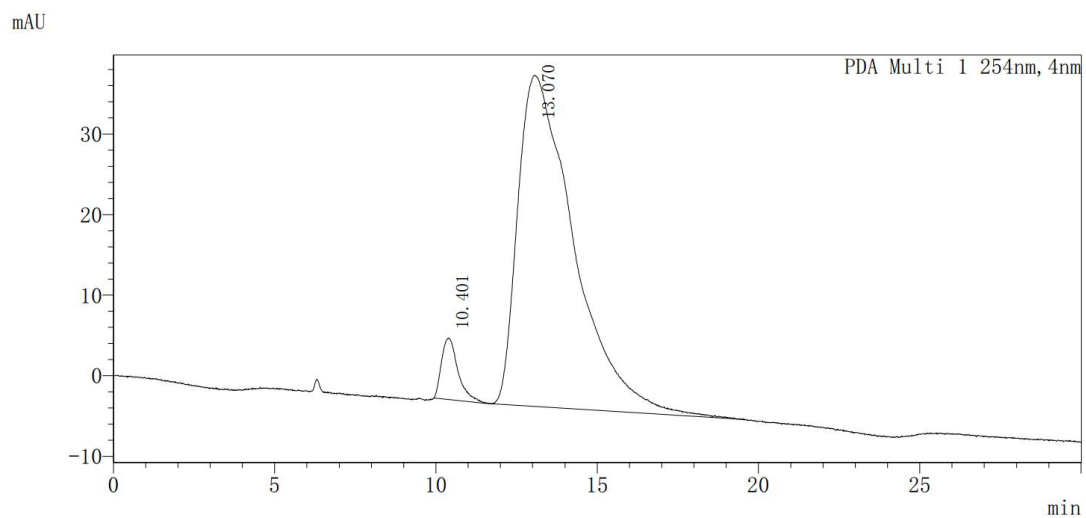
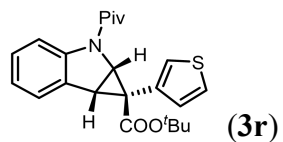
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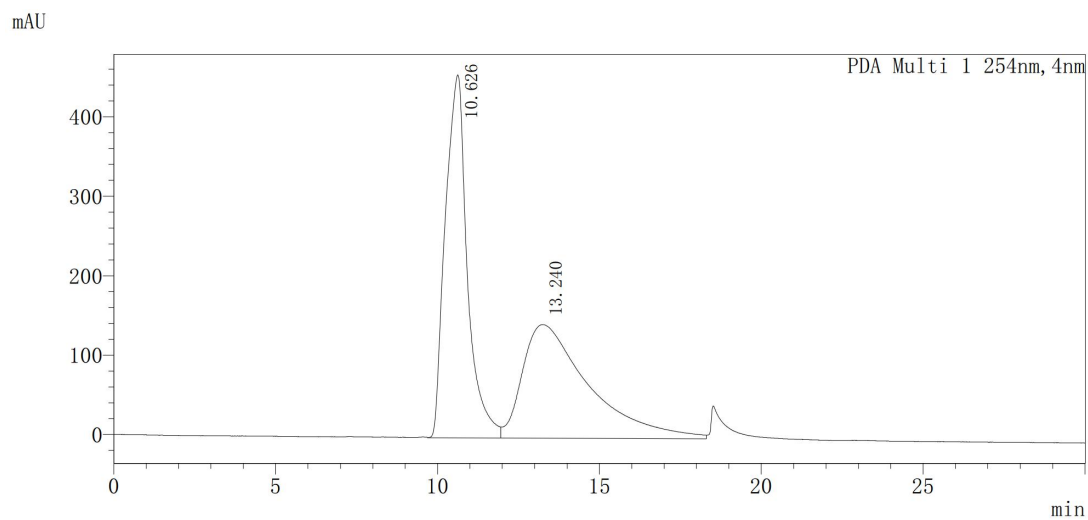


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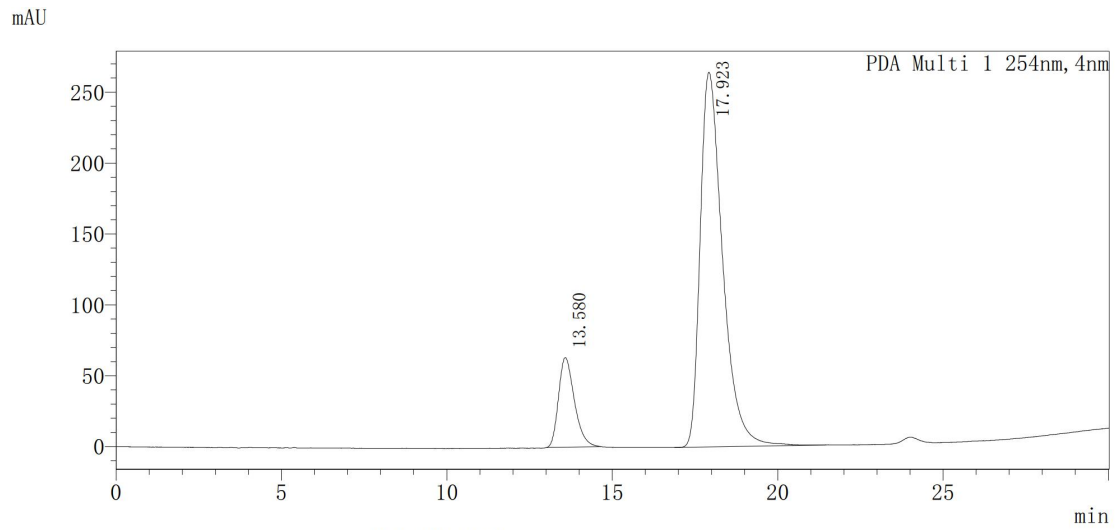
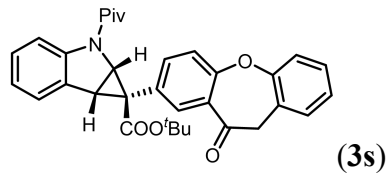
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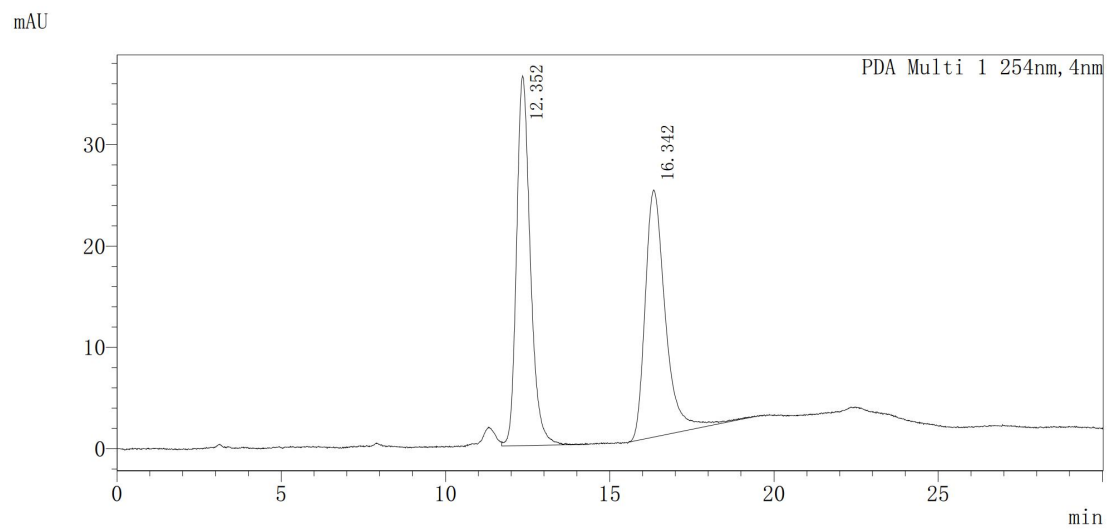
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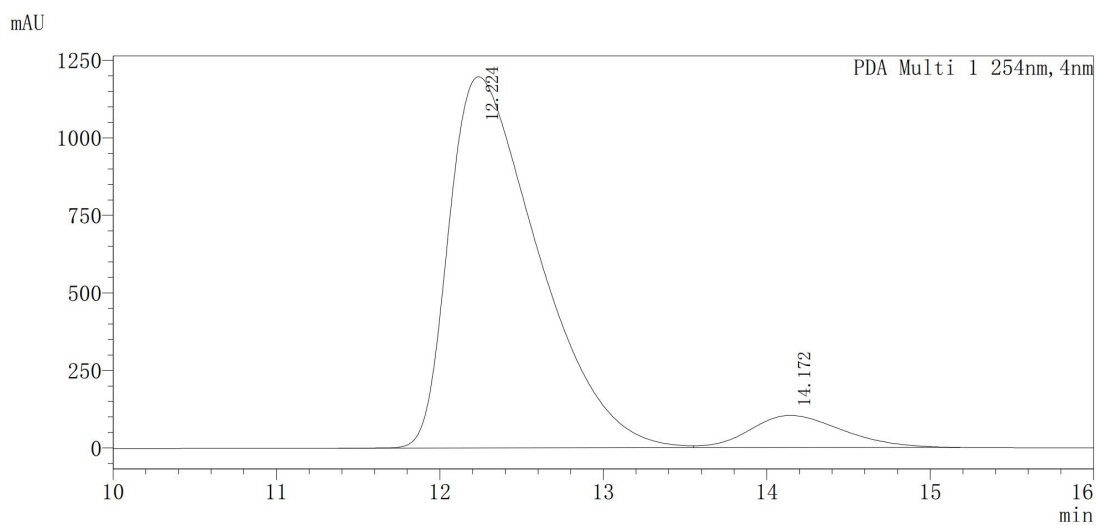
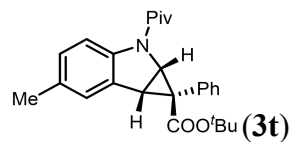
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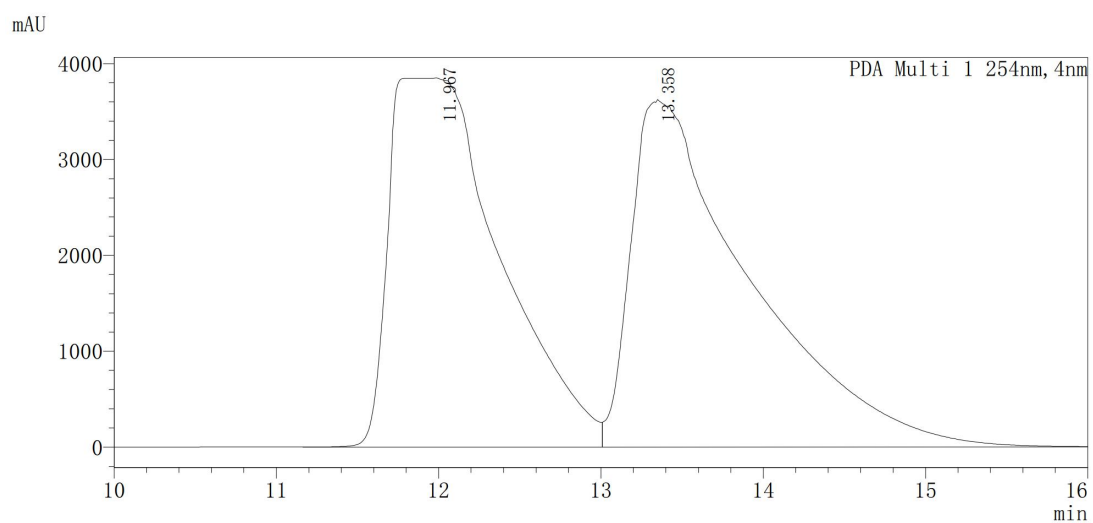
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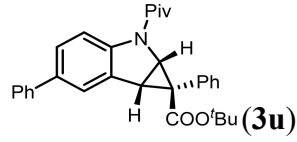
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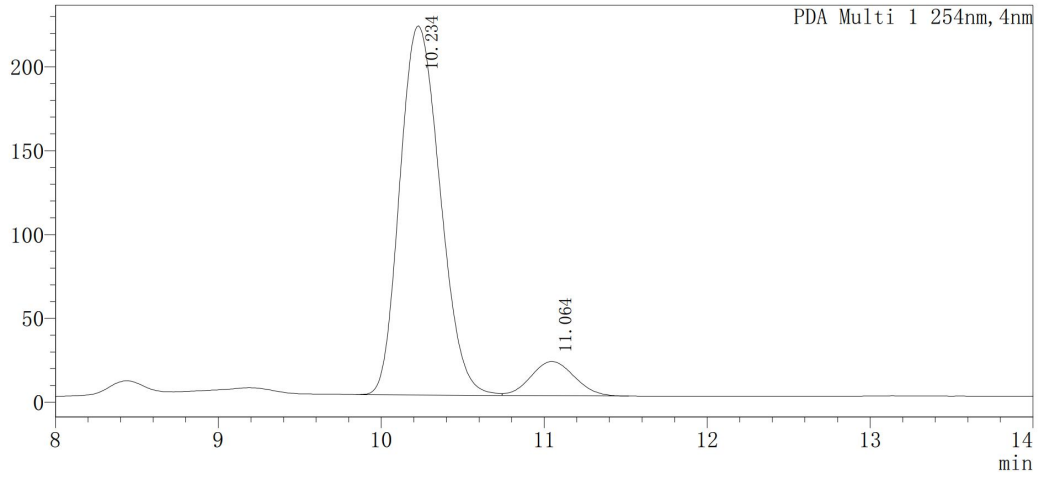


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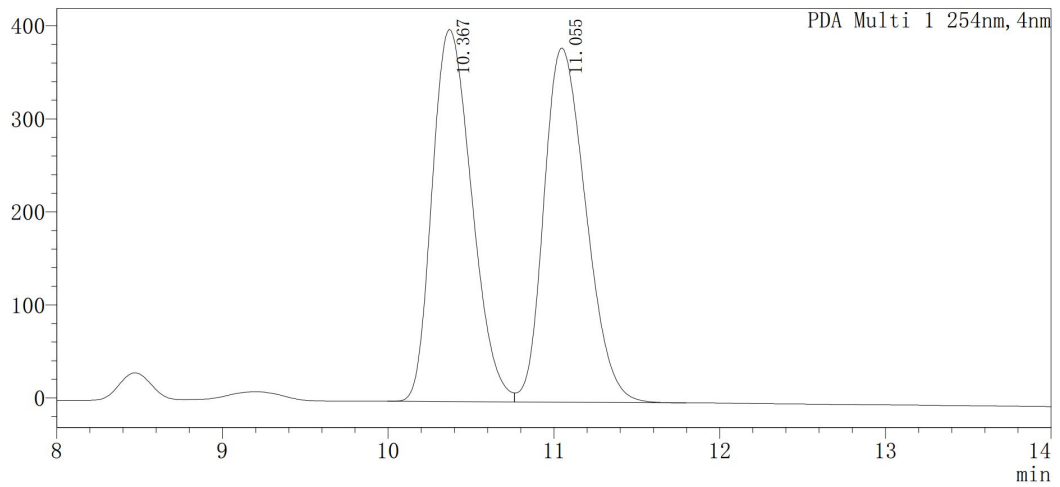
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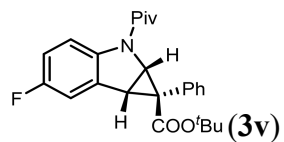
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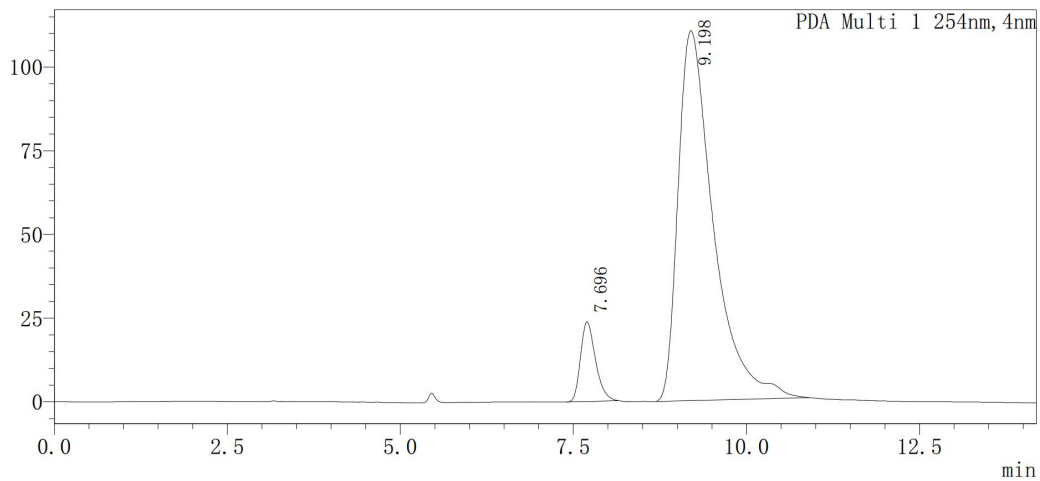


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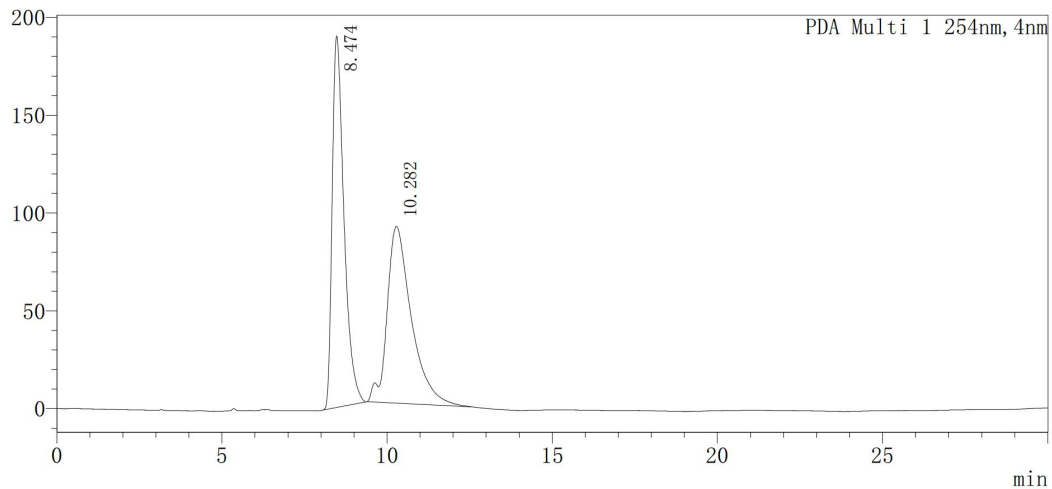
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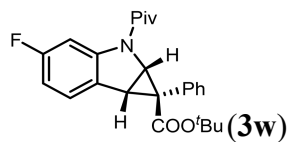
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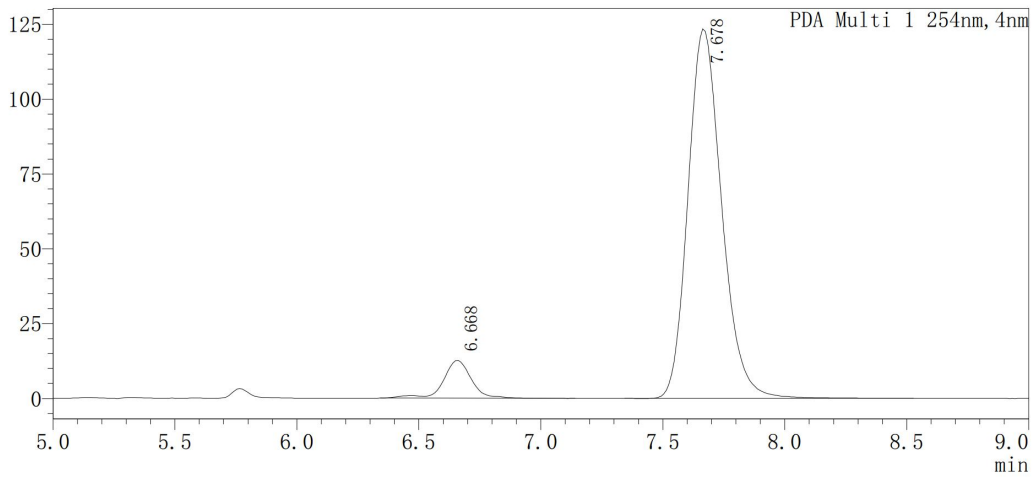


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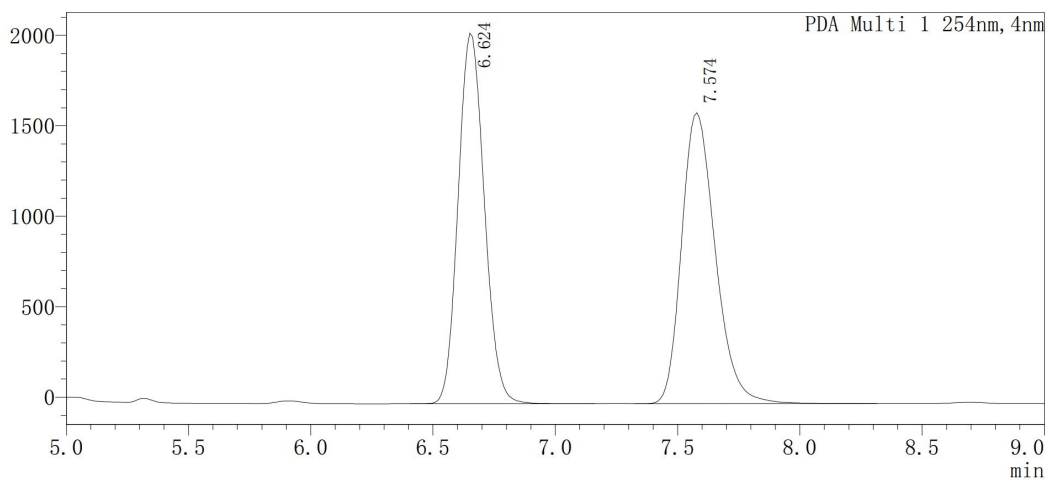
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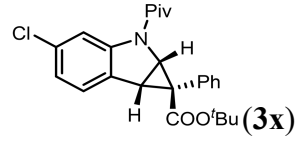
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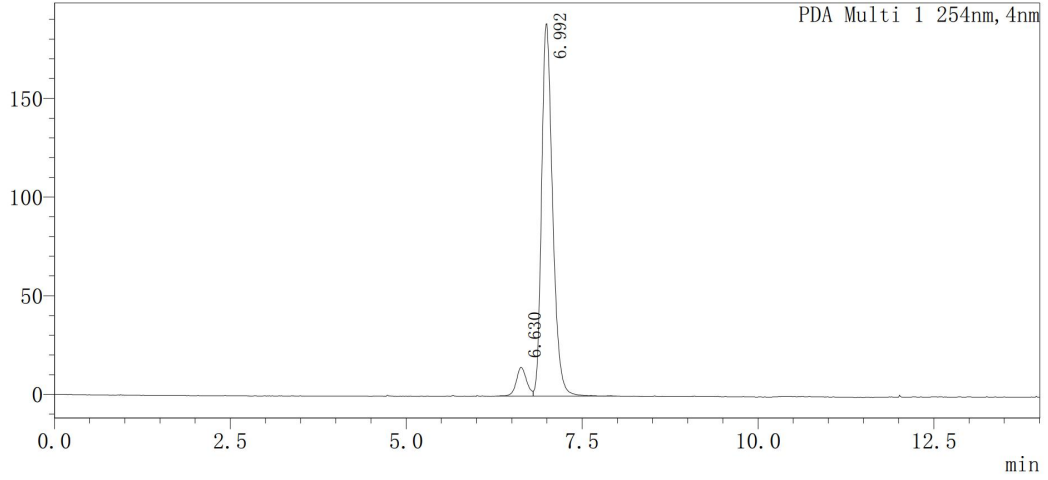


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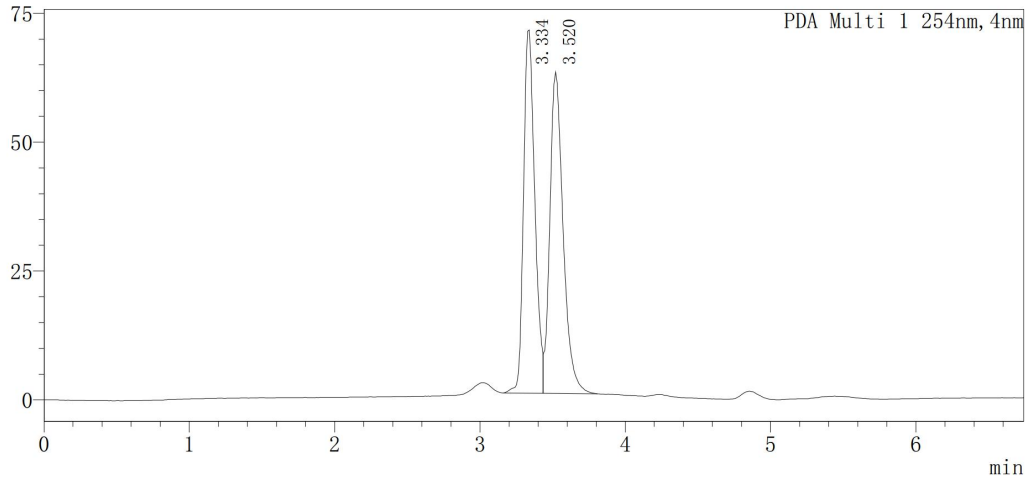
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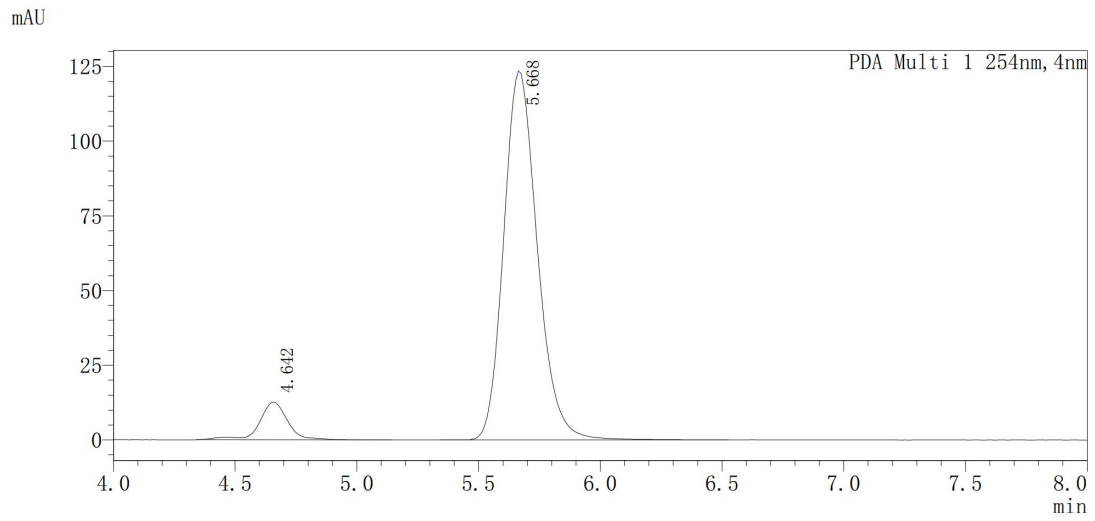
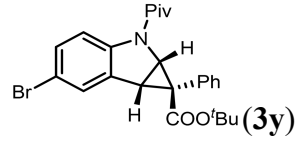
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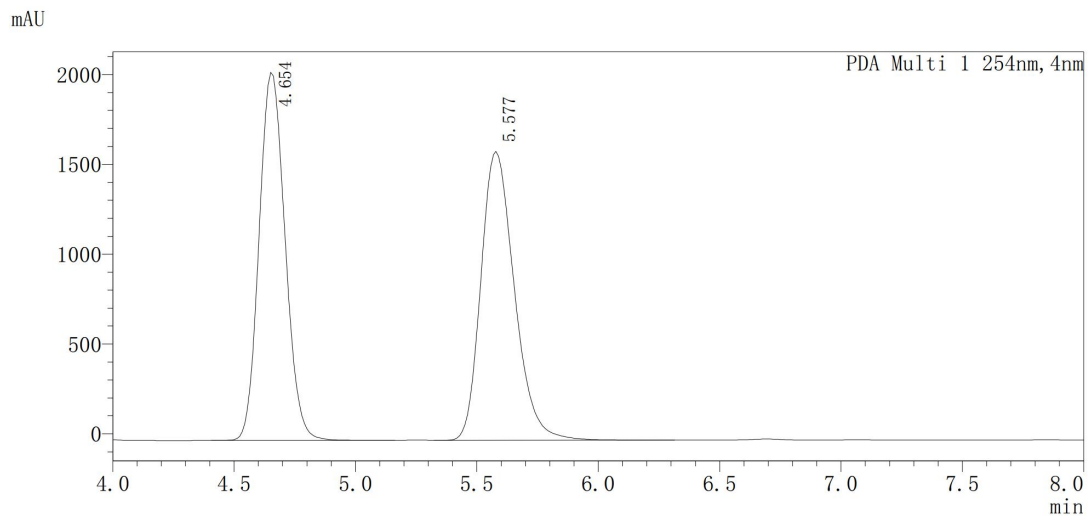
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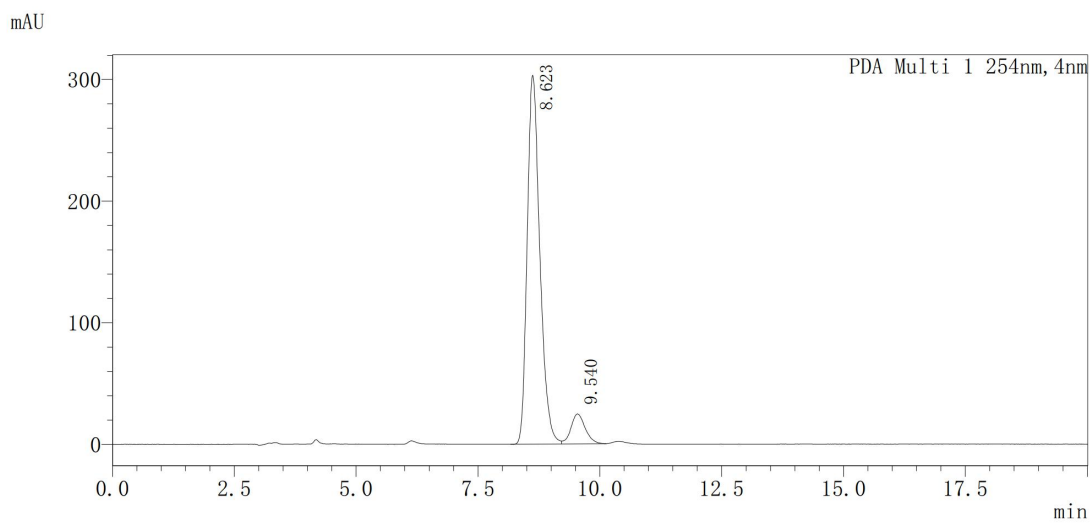
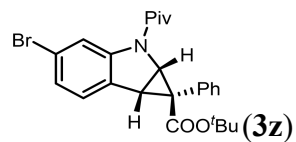
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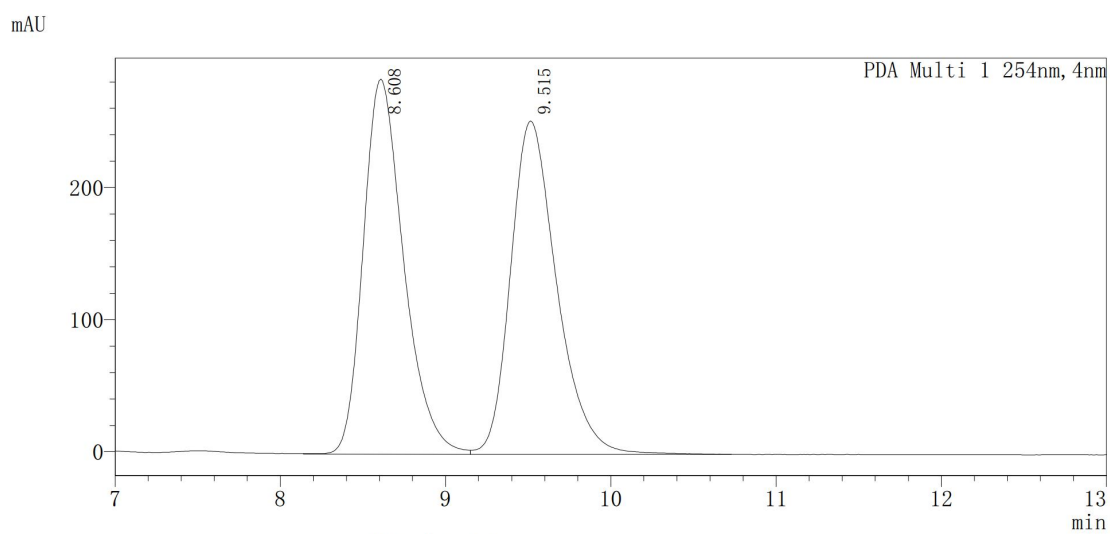
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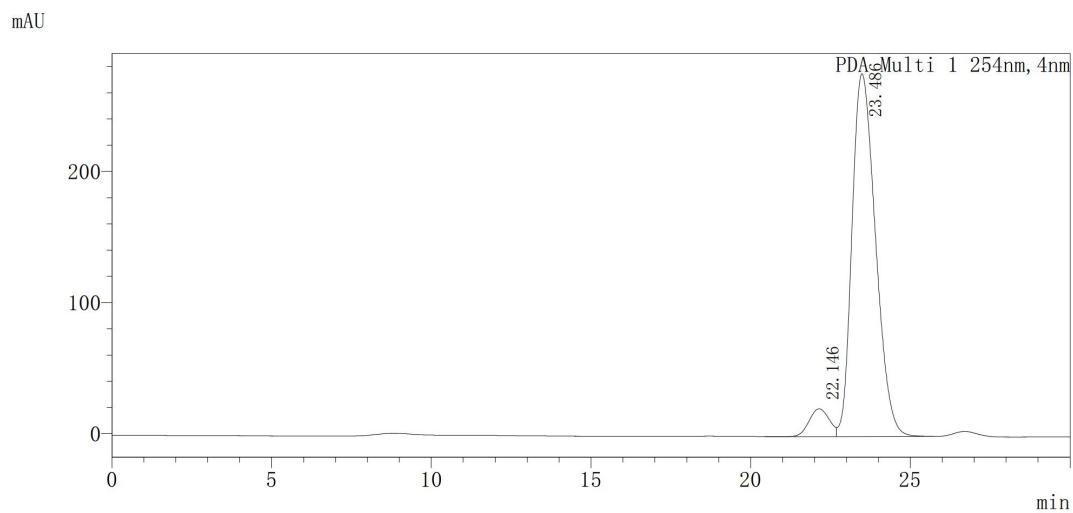
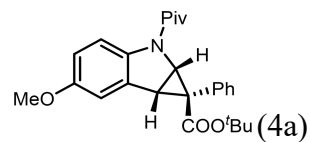
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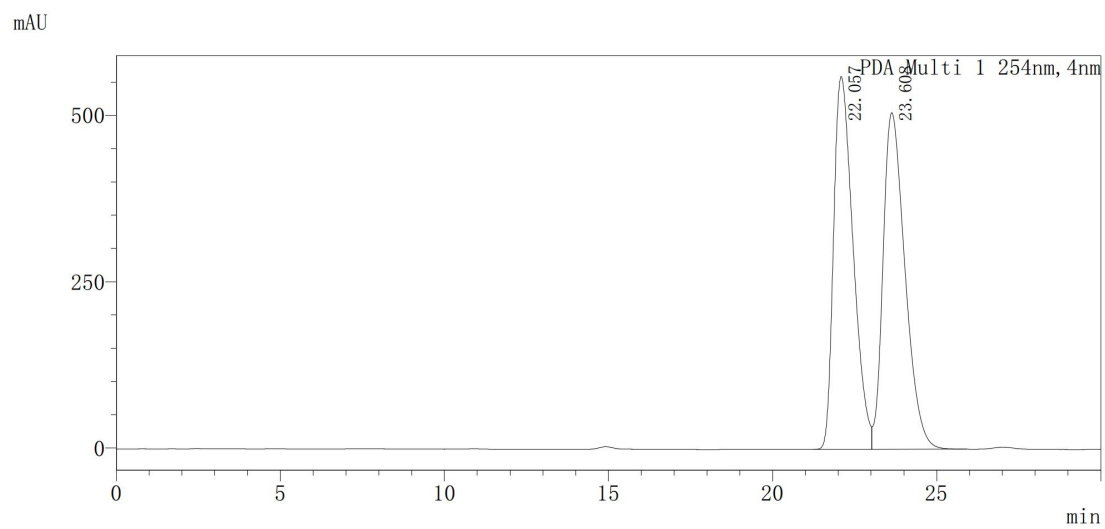
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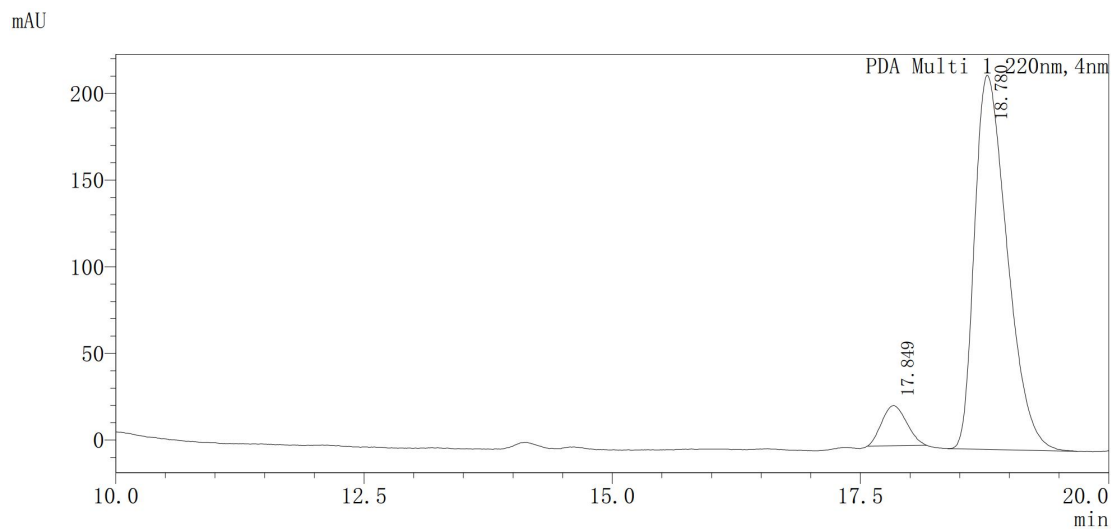
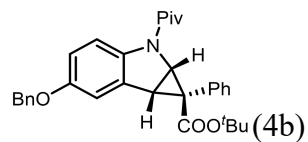
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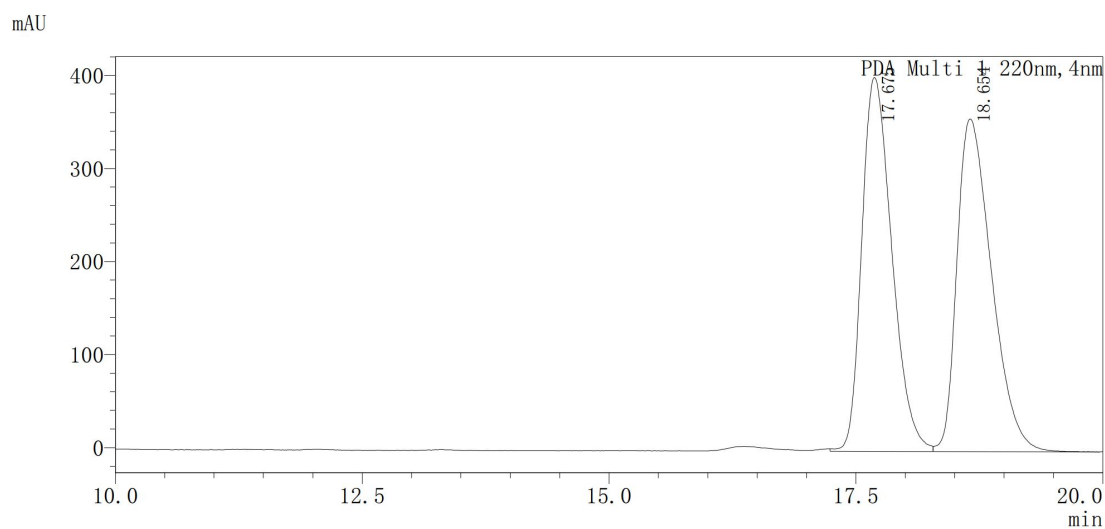


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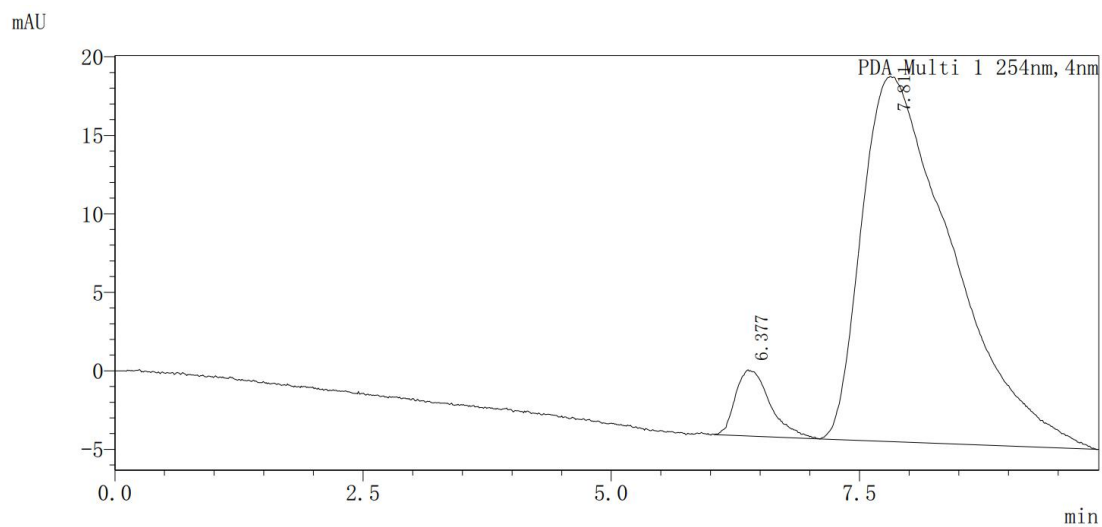
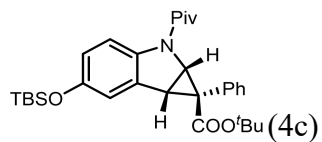
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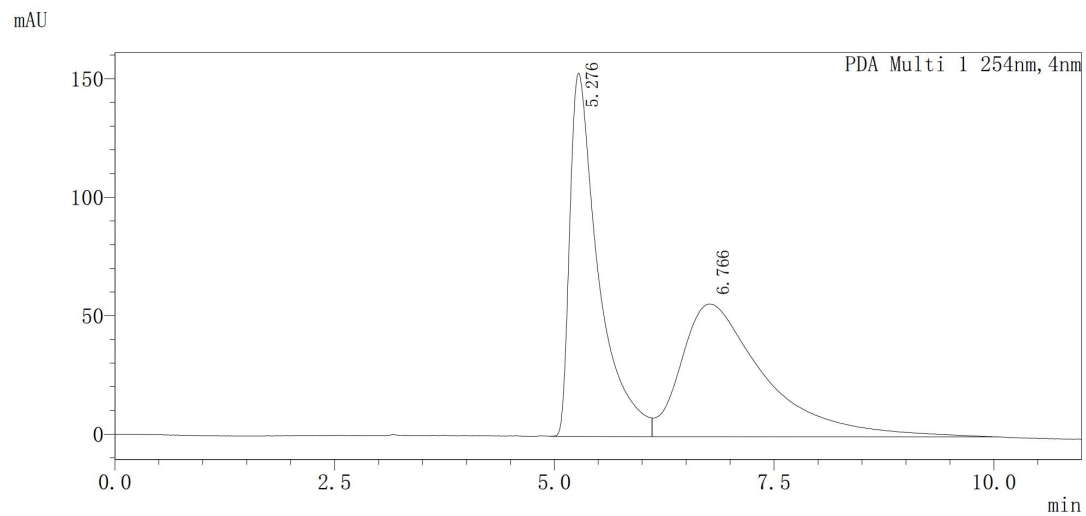


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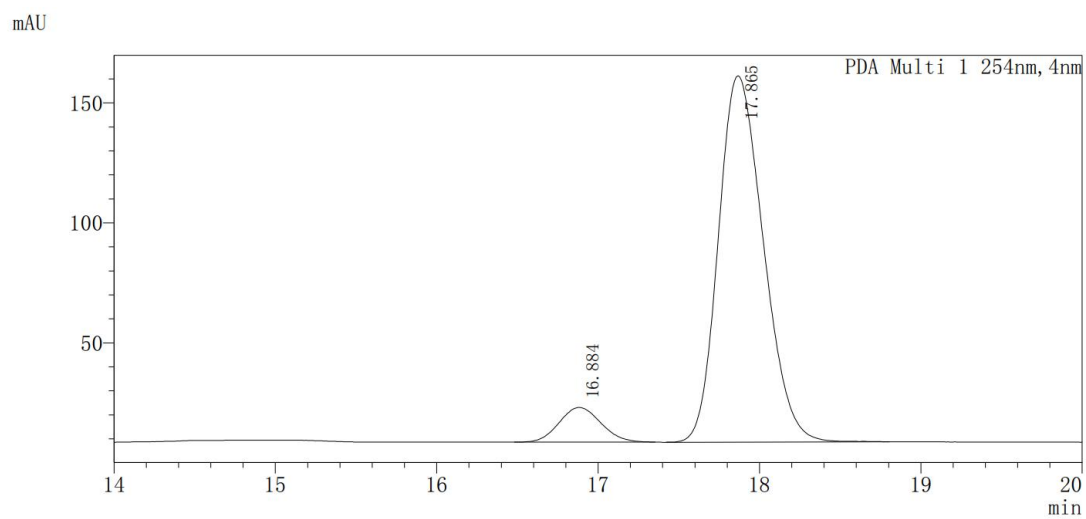
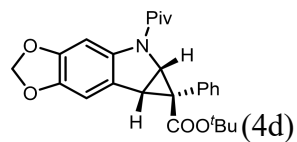
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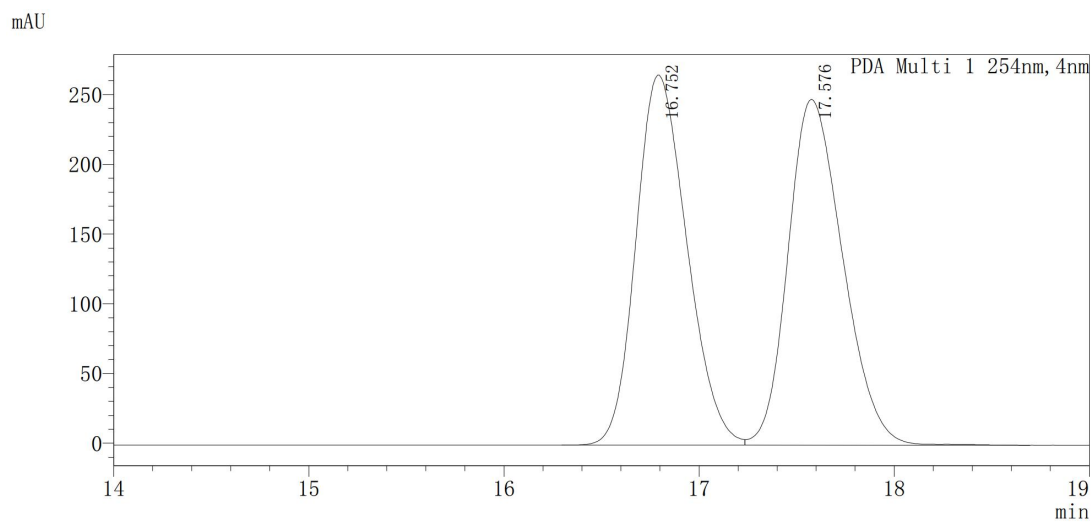
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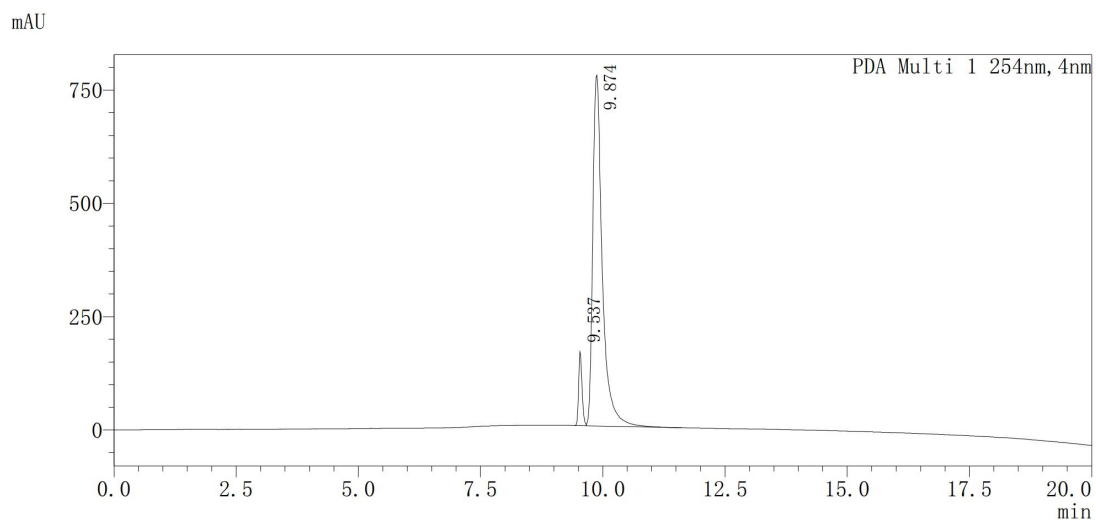
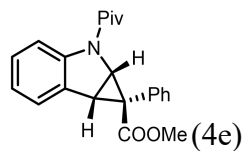
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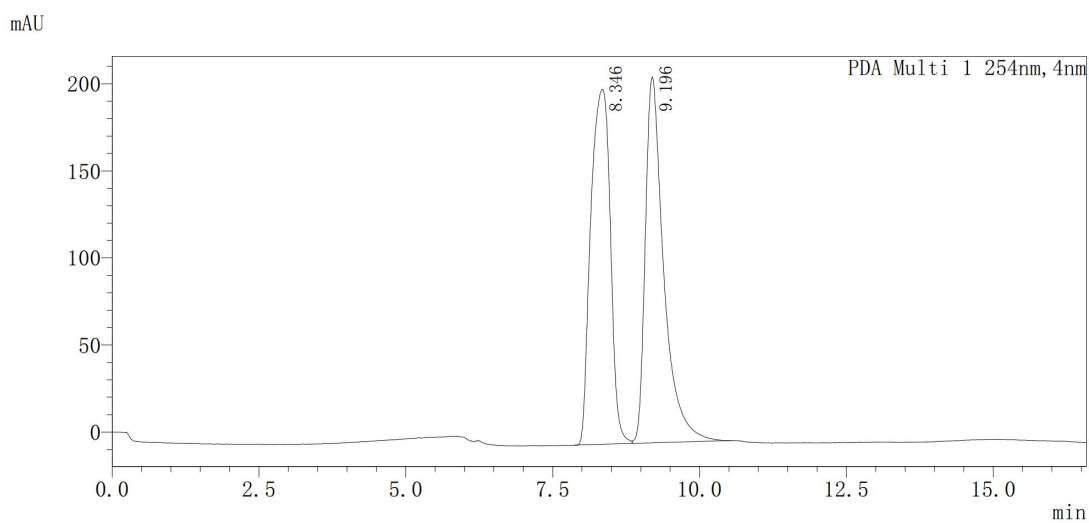
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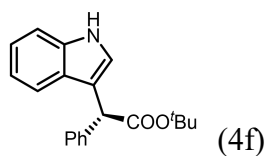
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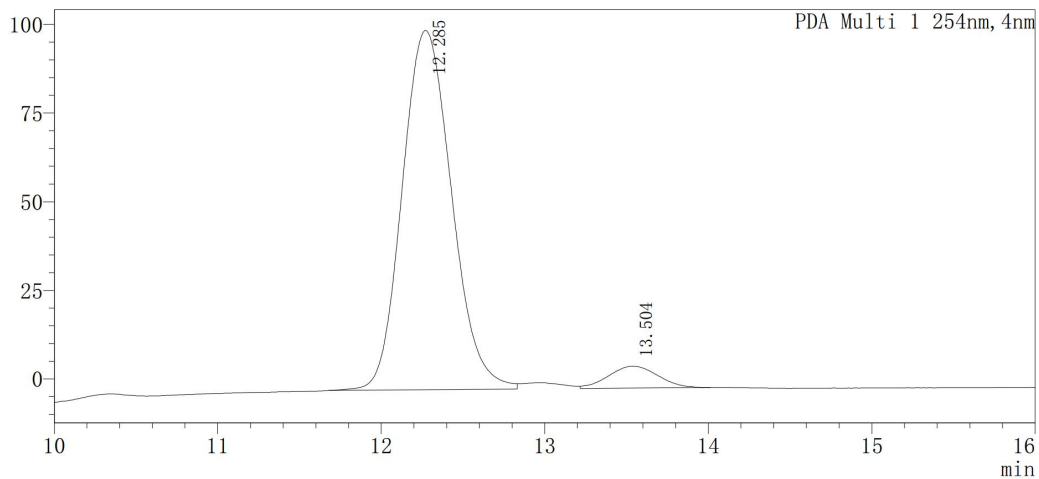


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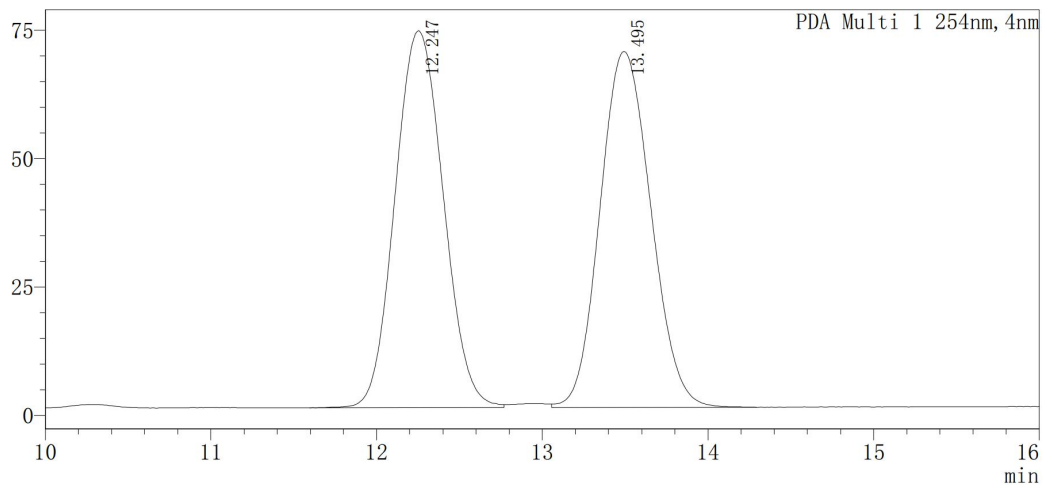
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2	13.504	5.453

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Peak No	Ret. time	Area/%
1	12.247	50.152
2	13.495	49.848

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