

Supporting Information

Single-Flask Enantioselective Synthesis of α -Amino Acid Esters by Organocatalysis

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General Methods

All reactions requiring dry or inert conditions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen. Anhydrous toluene was purchased from Aldrich and used as received, all other solvents were dried over molecular sieves. Molecular sieves (Aldrich Molecular Sieves, 3 Å, 1.6 mm pellets) were activated under vacuum at 200 °C overnight. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on Macherey-Nagel pre-coated silica gel plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV light. Flash chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel (60, particle size: 0.040–0.063 mm). Preparative chromatography was performed on Macherey-Nagel pre-coated silica gel plates (2 mm). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III HD 600, Bruker Avance-400, Bruker Avance-300 in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts for protons are reported using residual solvent protons ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm for CDCl₃) as internal standard. Carbon spectra were referenced to the shift of the ¹³C signal of CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm).

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity in NMR spectra: s - singlet; d - doublet; t - triplet; q - quartet; dd - double doublet; ddd - doublet of doublet of doublets; m - multiplet; bs - broad signal. Optical rotation of compounds was performed on a Jasco P-2000 digital polarimeter using WI (Tungsten-Halogen) lamp ($\lambda = 589$ nm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired using a Bruker solarix XR Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonik GmbH, Bremen, Germany) equipped with a 7T refrigerated actively-shielded superconducting magnet. The samples were ionized in positive ion mode using a MALDI or ESI ionization sources. Melting points were measured with a Stuart Model SMP 30 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Petrol ether (PE) refers to light petroleum ether (boiling point 40-60 °C). All starting materials (unless otherwise noted) were purchased from Merck-SigmaAldrich or TCI-Europe and used as received. Alkenes **3** are known compounds, they were prepared according to the literature.¹ Aniline, *p*-anisidine, 3,4-dimethylaniline, indoline, 5-aminoindole and 4-chloroaniline were purchased from TCI and used as received. 2-(naphthalene-2-ylsulfonyl)acetonitrile and 2-(naphthalene-1-ylsulfonyl)acetonitrile are known compound, they were prepared according to the literature.² (Phenylsulfonyl)acetonitrile was purchased from Merck-Sigma Aldrich and it was used as received. Cinchona alkaloids were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Organocatalysts **eQNU**³ and **4**⁴ were prepared according to the literature.

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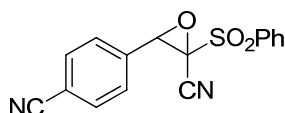
Enantiomeric excess of epoxides **1b'**, **1b''**, products **2**, **5**, **6a** was determined by HPLC (Waters-Breeze 2487, UV dual λ absorbance detector and 1525 Binary HPLC Pump) using Daicel chiral columns.

Experimental Procedures and Compounds Characterization

General procedure for the synthesis of racemic epoxides **1** from alkenes **3**

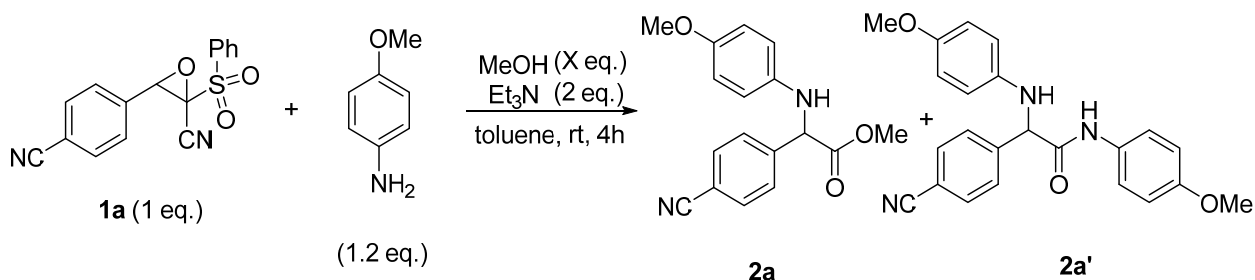
In a sample vial containing the alkene (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) and 2-piperidinemethanol (2.3 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (1 mL, C = 0.1 M), TBHP (~5.5 M in decane, 23 μ L, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 7-14 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 80/20). The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluting from PE/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 80/20).

3-(4-Cyanophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxirane-2-carbonitrile **1a**



Yellow solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 80/20), 29.8 mg, 96% yield. **mp**: 137.8-138.5. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.06 (d, 2H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.87 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.77-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 5.09 (s, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 136.2, 133.7, 133.5, 132.7, 130.0, 129.9, 127.4, 117.7, 114.7, 110.4, 67.2, 62.4. **HRMS (ESI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₁N₂O₃S: 311.0485, found: 311.0479.

Table S1. Screening of DROE process on epoxide **1a**^a



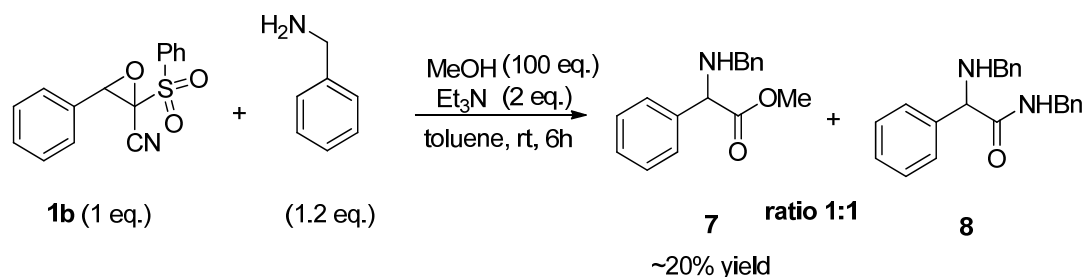
Entry	MeOH (eq.)	Yield 2a [%] ^b	Yield 2a' [%] ^c
1	30	57	15
2	60	61	11
3	100	68	7

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.), anisidine (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), triethylamine (0.02 mmol, 2 eq.) and methanol in anhydrous toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M). ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c Yields determined by ¹H NMR analysis on the crude mixture.

The ring-opening /esterification reaction of epoxide **1a** was carried in the presence of different amounts of methanol in toluene at C = 0.02 M at room temperature with *p*-anisidine (1.2 eq.) and

triethylamine (2 eq.), which are necessary to quench HCN and HSO₂Ph produced in the reaction. By increasing the amount of methanol in the reaction mixture, a reduced amount of amide by-product **2a'** was detected, hence 100 equivalents of methanol (entry 3) were chosen as the optimal value to carry out the ring-opening/esterification step in the one-pot asymmetric one-pot process to arylglycines **2**. Compound **2a'** was isolated in an experiment carried out using 20 eq. of MeOH in 20% yield.

A preliminar investigation on the applicability of other nitrogen sources in the DROE step has been carried out using benzyl amine and racemic epoxide **1b** under usual conditions. At the end of the process, ¹H-NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed the presence of the expected α -aryl-glycine methyl ester **7** in ~20% yield and of the corresponding amide **8** in a 1/1 ratio. This result is in line with higher nucleophilicity and reactivity of benzylamines with respect to anilines. Hence, further optimization of alkyl amine/MeOH ratio and reaction parameters will be necessary either to reduce the amount of amide side-product and control potential epimerization occurring on the final product **7**.

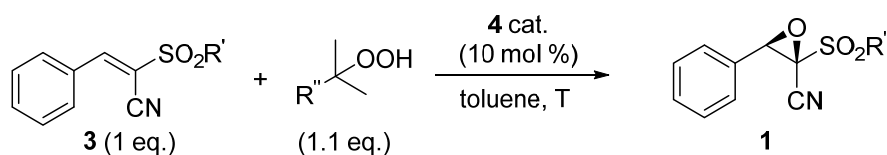


Reaction conditions: **1b** (28.5mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.), benzylamine (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), triethylamine (28 μ L 0.02 mmol, 2 eq.) and methanol (405 μ L, 10 mmol, 100 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M). Yield and ratio determined by ¹H NMR analysis on the crude mixture.

General procedure for the asymmetric synthesis of epoxides **1b**, **1b'**, **1b''** from alkenes **3b**, **3b'**, **3b''**

The optimization process has been carried out selecting catalyst **4**, which has been found the most effective for the synthesis of (*R,R*)-configured epoxides.⁵ In a sample vial containing the proper alkene (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) and catalyst **4** (7.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL), cumene hydroperoxide (tech. 80%, 20 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at -20 °C or -40 °C and the solution was stirred for 15-64 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 80/20). The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluting from PE/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 90/10).

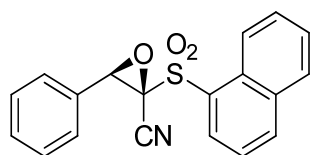
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Table S2. Screening of the reaction conditions for the asymmetric epoxidation of alkenes **3**^a

entry	R'	3	R''	T	<i>t</i> [h]	yield 1 [%] ^b	ee 1 [%]
1	Ph	3b	Me	-20	16	97	60
2	Ph	3b	Ph	-20	64	>98	55
3	2-Naft	3b''	Me	-20	25	49 ^c	60
4	2-Naft	3b''	Ph	-20	15	80	66
5	1-Naft	3b'	Me	-20	63	>98	72
6	1-Naft	3b'	Ph	-20	20	>98	72
7	1-Naft	3b'	Me	-40	24	43 ^c	77
8	1-Naft	3b'	Ph	-40	23	>98	82
9	1-Naft	3b'	Ph	-55	41	72	80

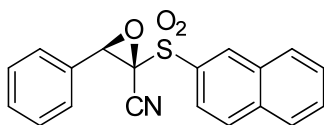
^a Reaction conditions: **3** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.), TBHP or CHP (0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) and **4** (7.8 mg, 10 mol%, 0.01 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M). ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c Yield determined by ¹H NMR analysis on the crude mixture.

(2*R*,3*R*)-2-(Naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)-3-phenyloxirane-2-carbonitrile **1b'**



White wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 31.5 mg, 94% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -80.1$ (C = 0.60, CHCl₃), 82% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.85 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.49 (dd, 1H, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz), 8.28 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.81-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 137.5, 134.4, 133.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 125.0, 124.5, 110.8, 68.4, 62.5. **HRMS (ESI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₃NaNO₃S: 358.0508, found: 358.0538. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm) t_R = 17.1 min (major), 18.4 min (minor).

(2*R*,3*R*)-2-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-3-phenyloxirane-2-carbonitrile 1b''



White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 26.8 mg, 80% yield. **mp:** 103.3-104.2. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -2.5$ (C = 0.60, CHCl₃), 66% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.10 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 8.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.78 (t, 1H, J = 7.6), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 5.10 (s, 1H). **¹³C NMR:** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 136.3, 132.7, 132.2, 131.1, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 126.7, 123.4, 111.1, 67.6, 63.7. **HRMS (ESI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₃NaNO₃S: 358.0508, found: 358.0539. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) t_R = 15.1 min (major), 20.7 min (minor).

General procedure for the racemic synthesis of arylglycines 2a-z, 2aa and 2ab-ag

In a sample vial containing the proper alkene (0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (1 mL, C = 0.1 M), TBHP (~5.5 M in decane, 23 μ L, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and 2-piperidinemethanol (2.3 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 eq.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred until consumption of the alkene (TLC eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). Then the proper nucleophile - aniline, *p*-anisidine, 3,4-dimethylaniline, indoline, 5-aminoindole or 4-chloroaniline - (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), methanol (405 μ L, 10 mmol, 100 eq.) and triethylamine (28 μ L, 0.20 mmol, 2 eq.) were added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred at room temperature (stirred in an oil bath at 60 °C for products **2ab-ag**) and monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with saturated NH₄Cl solution (2x10 mL) and water (1x10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude racemic products **2** were purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 80/20 (30-87% yields).

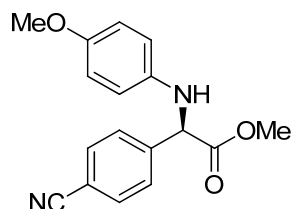
General procedure for one-pot asymmetric Knoevenagel/epoxidation/ring-opening/esterification reaction and epoxidation/ ring-opening/esterification reaction to arylglycines 2a-2z, 2aa and 2ab-2ag

In a sample vial containing (phenylsulfonyl)acetonitrile (18.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) and the catalyst **eQNU** (5.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (0.35 mL, C = 0.3 M), aldehyde (0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) was added. The reaction was stirred in an oil bath at 30 °C for 18-48 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the solution was diluted in toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M) and 1.1 equivalents of cumene hydroperoxide (tech. 80%, 20 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) were added at -20 °C. The solution was stirred at -20 °C until consumption of the alkene **3** (TLC eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2). Then the nucleophile - aniline, *p*-anisidine, 3,4-dimethylaniline, indoline, 5-aminoindole or 4-chloroaniline - (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), methanol (405

μL , 10 mmol, 100 eq.) and *N,N*-dicyclohexylmethylamine (33 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5-33 hours at room temperature (at 0 °C for compounds **2q** and **2r**), monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2).

For the synthesis of compounds **2ab-ag**, in a sample vial containing the alkene **3** (0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) and the catalyst **eQNU** (5.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M), CHP (tech. 80%, 20 μL , 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at -20 °C and the solution was stirred at -20 °C for 36-86 hours until consumption of the alkene **1** (TLC eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). Then the nucleophile - aniline, 3,4-dimethylaniline or indoline - (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), methanol (405 μL , 10 mmol, 100 eq.) and *N,N*-dicyclohexylmethylamine (33 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred in an oil bath for 5-140 hours at 50 °C for products **2ac-ad**, 60 °C for products **2ab-af-ag** and 70 °C for product **2ae**, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with saturated NH_4Cl solution (2x10 mL) and water (1x10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 80/20; products **2v** and **2ae** were purified by a 2 mm thick preparative TLC plate, eluent mixture hexane/ethyl acetate 80/20) to give the final products in 50-82% yield and 63-99% ee.

(R)-Methyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetate 2a

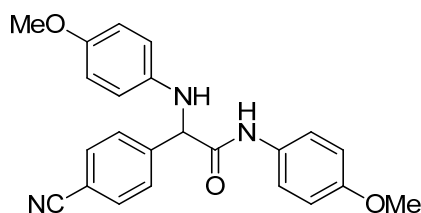


Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

Brown oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 18.4 mg, 62% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -101.6$ (C = 0.92, CH_2Cl_2), 90% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.64 (s, 4H), 6.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.46 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 171.1, 152.8, 143.4, 139.3, 132.6, 128.1, 118.5, 114.9, 114.7, 112.2, 61.3, 55.6, 53.2. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: 296.1155, found: 296.1176. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 30/70, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_{\text{R}} = 16.3$ min (major), 19.1 min (minor).

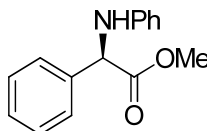
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2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetamide 2a'



Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 90/10 to 60/40), 7.8 mg, 20% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.61 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$), 7.41 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 6.84 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 6.81 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 6.67 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 168.2, 156.8, 153.9, 143.6, 139.7, 132.9, 130.0, 128.2, 121.7, 118.3, 115.6, 115.0, 114.2, 112.6, 65.5, 55.6, 55.5. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: 388.1656, found: 388.1667.

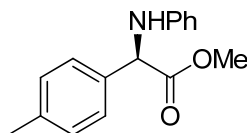
(R)-Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2b



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{7,8}

Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 17.4 mg, 72% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -95.6$ ($C = 0.79$, CHCl_3), 92% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.50 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.57 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.96 (bs, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 172.3, 145.9, 137.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 118.1, 113.4, 60.7, 52.8. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$: 242.1181, found: 242.1171. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_{\text{R}} = 6.3$ min (major), 6.8 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)acetate 2c



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁹

Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 20.0 mg, 78% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{19} = -97.0$ ($C = 0.96$, CH_2Cl_2), 93% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.38 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.17 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.56 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 5.05 (d, 1H, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 4.93 (bs, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 172.5,

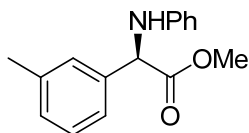
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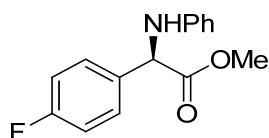
146.0, 138.1, 134.6, 129.6, 129.2, 127.1, 118.0, 113.3, 60.4, 52.7, 21.1. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{16}H_{18}NO_2$: 256.1332, found: 256.1327. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 10.6$ min (major), 9.1 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)-2-(m-tolyl)acetate 2d



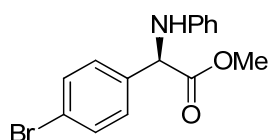
Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 18.6 mg, 73% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -91.3$ ($C = 0.64$, $CHCl_3$), 93% ee. **1H NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.29-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.70 (t, 1H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 6.56 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 5.02 (d, 1H, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 4.91 (bs, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR**: ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 172.4, 146.0, 138.6, 137.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 124.4, 118.0, 113.3, 60.7, 52.8, 21.4. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{16}H_{18}NO_2$: 256.1332, found: 256.1326. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 3/97, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 7.1$ min (major), 7.8 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2e



Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 15.6 mg, 60% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -64.1$ ($C = 0.54$, $CHCl_3$), 88% ee. **1H NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 600 MHz): δ 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, 2H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.72 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.54 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.98 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR**: ($CDCl_3$, 150 MHz): δ 172.0, 162.6 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 246$ Hz), 145.7, 133.3 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 3.0$ Hz), 129.2, 128.9 (d, $^3J_{CF} = 8.2$ Hz), 118.2, 115.8 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 21.7$ Hz), 113.4, 60.0, 52.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{15}H_{15}FNO_2$: 260.1081, found: 260.1098. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R = 5.9$ min (major), 6.5 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2f



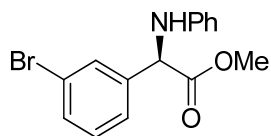
Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 24.3 mg, 76% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -100.4$ ($C = 0.86$, $CHCl_3$), 94% ee. **1H NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz): δ 7.49 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.39 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 5.03 (m,

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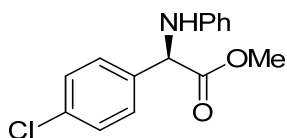
2H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 171.7, 145.5, 136.7, 131.9, 129.2, 128.9, 122.2, 118.3, 113.3, 60.1, 53.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_2$: 320.0281, found: 320.0290. HPLC (IE-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, $l = 254$ nm) $t_R = 9.5$ min (major), 10.6 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2g



Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 16.1 mg, 50% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -74.8$ ($C = 0.68$, CHCl_3), 90% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.67 (t, 1H, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, 1H, $J = J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.54 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.7, 1.1$ Hz), 5.03 (d, 1H, $J = 5.2$), 5.00 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 171.6, 145.5, 140.1, 131.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.3, 125.9, 122.9, 118.4, 113.4, 60.2, 53.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_2$: 320.0281, found: 320.0272. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 220$ nm) $t_R = 5.5$ min (major), 6.3 min (minor).

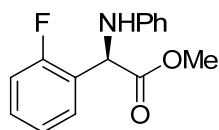
(R)-Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2h



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 17.9 mg, 65% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{19} = -95.4$ ($C = 0.62$, CHCl_3), 89% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.44 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.32 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.53 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 5.05 (d, 1H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 4.99 (bs, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 171.8, 145.6, 136.2, 134.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 118.4, 113.4, 60.1, 52.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_2$: 276.0786, found: 276.0772. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $l = 254$ nm) $t_R = 6.0$ min (major), 6.6 min (minor).

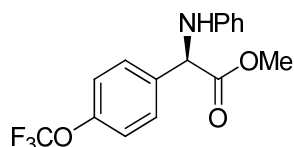
(R)-Methyl 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2i



Yellow solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 19.5 mg, 75% yield. **mp**: 82.5-83.4 $[\alpha]_D^{19} = -89.5$ ($C = 0.77$, CHCl_3), 63% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 4H), 6.72 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.60 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz),

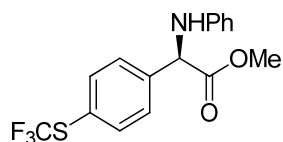
5.46 (s, 1H), 4.99 (bs, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 171.8. 160.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}}=247$ Hz), 145.6, 129.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}}=8.3$ Hz), 129.3, 128.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}}=3.2$ Hz), 125.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}}=13.7$ Hz), 124.6 (d, $^4J_{\text{CF}}=3.4$ Hz), 118.4, 115.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}}=21.9$ Hz), 113.3, 53.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}}=3.0$ Hz), 52.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}_2$: 260.1081, found: 260.1104. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm) t_{R} = 4.8 min (major), 5.2 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)acetate 2j



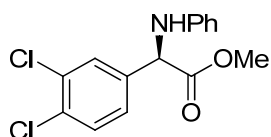
Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 16.9 mg, 52% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -66.6$ ($C = 0.79$, CHCl_3), 84% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.54 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.15-7.12(m, 2H), 6.73 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.54 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz), 5.09 (bs, 1H), 5.01 (bs, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 171.8. 149.1, 145.6, 136.3, 129.3, 128.6, 121.3, 120.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}}=257$ Hz), 118.3, 113.4, 60.0, 53.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$: 326.0999, found: 326.1018. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm) t_{R} = 7.9 min (major), 10.0 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)-2-(4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)acetate 2k



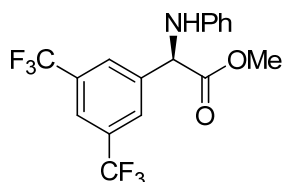
Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 20.5 mg, 60% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = -87.1$ ($C = 0.65$, CHCl_3), 91% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.64 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.58 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.53 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 5.04 (bs, 1H), 3.77 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 171.4. 145.5, 140.8, 136.7, 129.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 308$ Hz), 129.3, 128.3, 124.3, 118.4, 113.4, 60.3, 53.1. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 342.0770, found: 342.0768. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm) t_{R} = 8.9 min (major), 11.5 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2l



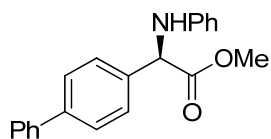
Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 18.5 mg, 60% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -91.7$ ($C = 0.65$, CHCl_3), 94% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.35 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 2H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 171.2, 145.3, 138.1, 133.0, 132.4, 130.8, 129.3, 129.2, 126.5, 118.5, 113.4, 59.7, 53.2. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$: 310.0396, found: 310.0420. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 254$ nm) $t_R = 5.5$ min (major), 6.3 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2m



Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 19.2 mg, 51% yield. 91% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 5.17 (d, 1H, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 170.7, 145.2, 140.8, 132.2 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 33.5$ MHz), 129.4, 127.4, 123.1 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 272$ Hz), 122.5 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.6$ Hz), 119.0, 113.5, 60.3, 53.4. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_2$: 378.0923, found: 378.0940. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 220$ nm) $t_R = 8.0$ min (major), 10.6 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2n

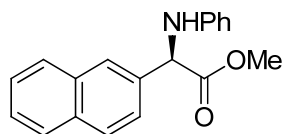


Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 20.3 mg, 64% yield. **mp**: 118.5-119.8. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -119.0$ ($C = 0.78$, CHCl_3), 91% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.60-7.57 (m, 6H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.59 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz) 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 172.2, 145.8, 141.2, 140.5, 136.5, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5 (3C), 127.4, 127.0, 118.1, 113.4, 60.4, 52.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 318.1489, found: 318.1473. HPLC

(OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 16.9 min (major), 15.2 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2o

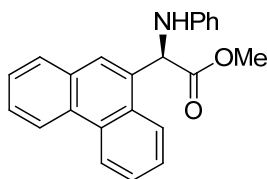


Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 18.4 mg, 63% yield.

mp: 72.2-72.9. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -115.5 (C = 0.91, CHCl₃), 94% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, 1H, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.62 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 5.26 (s, 1H), 5.11 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 172.1, 145.9, 135.1, 133.3, 133.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 124.9, 118.1, 113.4, 60.9, 52.8. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂: 292.1332, found: 292.1327. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 7.3 min (major), 8.5 min (minor).

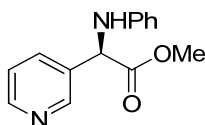
(R)-Methyl 2-(phenanthren-9-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2p



White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 19.5 mg, 57% yield.

mp: 146.5-147.6. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ = -44.7 (C = 0.87, CHCl₃), 74% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.80-8.77 (m, 1H), 8.68 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.38-8.34 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.73-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.63 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 5.87 (d, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 5.03 (d, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR:** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 172.7, 146.2, 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 124.1, 123.4, 122.4, 118.3, 113.3, 57.7, 52.8. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂: 342.1489, found: 342.1475. HPLC (IE-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 0.6 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 19.0 min (major), 18.2 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)-2-(pyridin-3-yl)acetate 2q

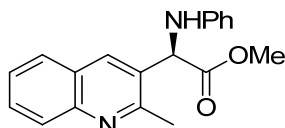


Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 98/2 to 80/20), 14.1 mg, 58% yield.

$[\alpha]_D^{19}$ = -62.7 (C = 0.29, CHCl₃), 89% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, 1H,

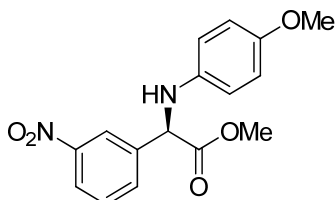
J = 4.0 Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.54 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, J = 4.7 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1H, J = 4.7 Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 171.4, 149.6, 149.3, 145.3, 134.4, 133.5, 129.3, 123.8, 118.5, 113.4, 58.5, 53.1. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₂: 243.1128, found: 243.1137. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 30/70, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 10.3 min (major), 15.6 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(2-methylquinolin-3-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2r



Red wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 98/2 to 80/20), 17.2 mg, 56% yield. [α]_D¹⁹ = -21.42 (C = 0.43, CHCl₃), 76% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.73-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.55 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 5.42 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 5.07 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 171.9, 157.6, 147.2, 145.6, 134.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 126.1, 118.6, 113.3, 57.3, 53.0, 23.4. **HRMS (MALDI -FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₂: 307.1441, found: 307.1455. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 20/80, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 7.7 min (major), 12.9 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate 2s

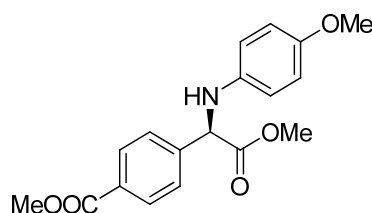


Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{7,11}

Orange oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 98/2 to 92/8), 24.9 mg, 79% yield. [α]_D²⁴ = -62.3 (C = 0.94, CHCl₃), 93% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.39 (m, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.53 (dd, 1H, J = J = 7.9 Hz), 6.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.48 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.88 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 171.1, 152.8, 148.6, 140.4, 139.3, 133.2, 129.8, 123.3, 122.4, 114.9, 114.8, 61.0, 55.6, 53.2. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₅: 316.1054, found: 316.1076. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 30/70, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R = 13.6 min (major), 14.9 min (minor).

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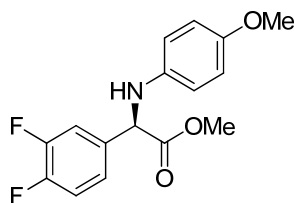
(R)-Methyl 4-(2-methoxy-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)benzoate 2t



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹²

Orange wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 98/2 to 90/10), 19.8 mg, 60% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -82.3$ (C = 0.73, CHCl₃), 92% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.02 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.57 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.49 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.77 (bs, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 171.7, 166.5, 152.6, 143.0, 139.7, 130.1, 127.3, 116.4, 114.8, 114.7, 61.4, 55.6, 52.9, 52.1. **HRMS (ESI-FT ICR) m/z**: $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₁₈H₂₀NO₅: 330.1336, found: 330.1342. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 30/70, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 220$ nm) $t_R = 13.0$ min (major), 15.9 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetate 2u

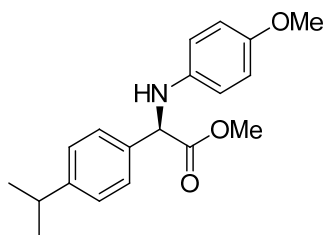


Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁷

Yellow liquid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 17.2 mg, 56% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{18} = -56.4$ (C = 0.81 M, CH₂Cl₂), 94% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.49 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.74 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): 171.7, 152.7, 150.5 (dd, ¹J_{CF} = 249 Hz, ³J_{CF} = 12.8 Hz), 150.2 (dd, ¹J_{CF} = 249 Hz, ³J_{CF} = 12.7 Hz), 139.6, 134.9 (dd, ³J_{CF} = ⁴J_{CF} = 4.1 Hz), 123.3 (dd, ³J_{CF} = 5.8 Hz, ⁴J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz), 117.6 (d, ²J_{CF} = 17.4 Hz), 116.3 (d, ²J_{CF} = 18.2 Hz), 114.9, 114.7, 60.6, 55.7, 53.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR) m/z**: $[M]^+$ calculated for C₁₆H₁₅F₂NO₃: 307.1015, found: 307.1015. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 220$ nm) $t_R = 10.4$ min (major), 12.7 min (minor).

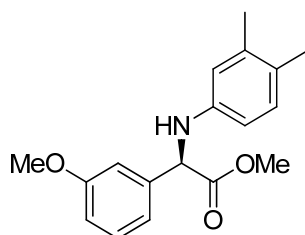
¹² Ishikawa, H.; Touge, T.; Kuriyama, W.; Kida, M.; Matsumura, K. *Org. Lett.* **2023**, *25*, 2357.

(R)-Methyl 2-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetate 2v



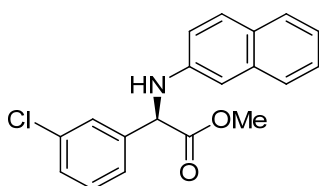
Light brown wax (TLC plate, eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 80/20), 21.3 mg, 68% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -61.9$ ($C = 0.78$, CHCl_3), 91% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.39 (d, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.73 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 6.55 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.59 (bs, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.93-2.86 (hept, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.24 (d, 6H, $J = 6.9$ Hz). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 172.8, 152.4, 148.9, 140.3, 134.9, 127.1, 126.9, 114.8, 114.6, 61.3, 55.6, 52.6, 33.7, 23.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$: 314.1751, found: 314.1763. HPLC (IE-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 17.8$ min (major), 16.6 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-((3,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate 2w



Orange oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 24.6 mg, 82% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -71.5$ ($C = 0.75$, CHCl_3), >99% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.04 (d, 1H, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.89-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.74 (bs, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 172.4, 159.9, 144.1, 139.4, 137.3, 130.2, 129.8, 126.1, 119.5, 115.3, 113.6, 112.7, 110.6, 60.9, 55.2, 52.7, 20.0, 18.7. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NaNO}_3$: 322.1414, found: 322.1473. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 7.2$ min (major), 12.1 min (minor).

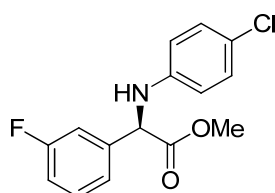
(R)-Methyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylamino)acetate 2x



Yellow solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 23.5 mg, 72% yield. **mp**: 112.2-112.6. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -139.3$ ($C = 0.88$, CHCl_3), 93% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.67-

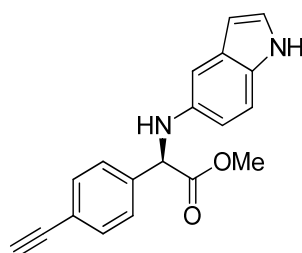
7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.97 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2.3 Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 5.20 (s, 2H). 3.79 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 171.6, 143.1, 139.5, 134.9, 134.8, 130.1, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.4, 126.1, 125.4, 122.5, 117.9, 105.8, 60.3, 53.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2$: 325.0864, found: 325.0895. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 254$ nm) $t_R = 7.2$ min (major), 9.5 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)acetate 2y



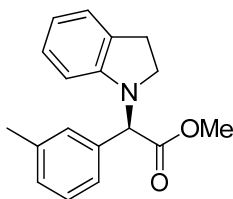
White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 14.7 mg, 50% yield. **mp**: 76.0-76.5. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -71.5$ ($C = 0.79$, CHCl_3), 93% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.19 (d, 1H, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 7.07 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.46 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$), 5.04 (bs, 1H), 5.02 (d, 1H, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 171.4, 163.1 ($^1J_{\text{CF}} = 247$ Hz), 144.1, 139.8 ($^3J_{\text{CF}} = 6.8$ Hz), 130.4 ($^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.1$ Hz), 129.1, 123.0, 122.8 ($^4J_{\text{CF}} = 2.6$ Hz), 115.5 ($^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.2$ Hz), 114.5, 114.2 ($^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.5$ Hz), 60.2, 53.1. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClFNO}_2$: 294.0692, found: 294.0714. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 220$ nm) $t_R = 5.6$ min (major), 6.1 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-((1H-indol-5-yl)amino)-2-(4-ethynylphenyl)acetate 2z



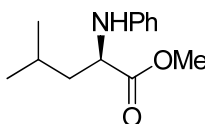
Brown wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 92/8), 20.1 mg, 66% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -132.5$ ($C = 0.81$, CHCl_3), 94% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.94 (bs, 1H), 7.52 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.49 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.18 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.09-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, 1H, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 6.64 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$, 2.1 Hz), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 172.3, 139.8, 139.0, 132.5, 130.4, 128.6, 127.3, 124.5, 121.9, 112.4, 111.7, 103.3, 101.9, 83.3, 77.5, 61.9, 52.7. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 305.1284, found: 305.1293. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 20/80, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $l = 254$ nm) $t_R = 12.8$ min (major), 15.9 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(indolin-1-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)acetate 2aa



Light yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 16.9 mg, 60% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -91.8$ ($C = 0.77$, CHCl_3), 90% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.13 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 171.8, 150.9, 138.4, 135.0, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.2, 125.7, 124.6, 118.3, 106.7, 63.8, 51.9, 49.8, 28.1, 21.4. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 282.1489, found: 282.1498. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 5.6$ min (major), 6.8 min (minor).

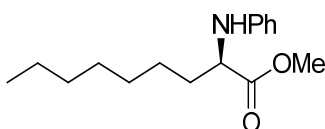
(R)-Methyl 4-methyl-2-(phenylamino)pentanoate 2ab



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{13,14}

White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 15.3 mg, 69% yield. **mp**: 42.7-43.2. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +71.5$ ($C = 0.23$, CHCl_3), 94% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.17 (d, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.13-4.07 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.7, 7.2$ Hz), 3.97 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.81 (hept, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.67-1.63 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dd, 6H, $J = 18.0, 6.6$ Hz). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 175.2, 146.9, 129.3, 118.3, 113.4, 55.1, 52.0, 42.4, 24.9, 22.7, 22.2. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 222.1489, found: 222.1501. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm) $t_R = 5.8$ min (major), 6.5 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-(phenylamino)nonanoate 2ac



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁴

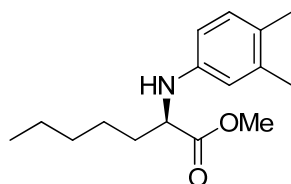
Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 13.4 mg, 51% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +17.6$ ($C = 0.26$, CHCl_3) 84% ee. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73

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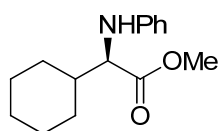
(t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.61 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.06 (t, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.27 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 6.2 Hz). ^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 174.8, 146.9, 129.3, 118.2, 113.3, 56.6, 52.0, 33.1, 31.7, 29.3, 29.1, 25.6, 22.6, 14.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaNO}_2$: 286.1777, found: 286.1771. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm) t_{R} = 7.0 min (major), 5.2 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-((3,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)heptanoate 2ad



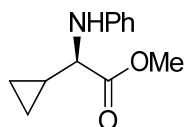
Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 21.9 mg, 83% yield. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = +23.4$ (C = 0.57, CHCl_3), 76% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.46 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.38 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz), 4.03 (t, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.92 (bs, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 175.1, 145.0, 137.4, 130.3, 126.3, 115.4, 110.7, 56.9, 52.0, 33.2, 31.5, 25.3, 22.4, 20.0, 18.7, 14.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$: 264.1958, found: 264.1963. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm) t_{R} = 5.7 min (major), 6.7 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2ae



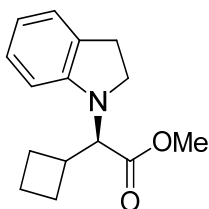
Yellow solid (TLC plate, eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 80/20), 12.6 mg, 51% yield. **mp**: 50.4-50.8. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = 26.4$ (C = 0.26, CHCl_3), 93% ee. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.61 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 3.88 (d, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.25-1.12 (m, 5H), 0.87-0.85 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 174.2, 147.3, 129.3, 118.1, 113.4, 62.0, 51.8, 41.3, 29.6, 29.2, 26.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$: 248.1645, found: 248.1657. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm) t_{R} = 6.2 min (major), 7.0 min (minor).

(R)-Methyl 2-cyclopropyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2af



Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 11.7 mg, 57% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -18,8$ (C = 0.67 M, CHCl₃), 94% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.59 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 4.26 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.26-1.18 (m, 1H), 0.59-0.57 (m, 3H), 0.40-0.38 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 174.0, 147.0, 129.3, 118.3, 113.2, 59.8, 52.2, 14.0, 3.0, 2.7. HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₆NO₂: 206.1176, found: 206.1179. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, l = 220 nm) t_R = 9.2 min (major), 7.4 min (minor).

(R)-methyl 2-cyclobutyl-2-(indolin-1-yl)acetate 2ag



White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 16.9 mg, 69% yield. mp: 51.0-51.6. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +87,9$ (C = 0.83 M, CHCl₃), 94% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.61 (m, 1H), 6.44 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.09 (d, 1H, J = 10.7 Hz), 3.69-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.92 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 172.5, 151.0, 129.6, 127.2, 124.4, 117.5, 106.0, 63.7, 51.3, 48.2, 35.4, 28.3, 26.5, 25.9, 18.1. HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO₂: 246.1489, found: 246.1497. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 0.6 mL/min, l = 220 nm) t_R = 8.1 min (major), 8.4 min (minor).

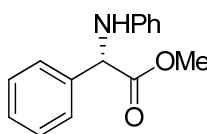
General procedure for one-pot asymmetric Knoevenagel/epoxidation/ring-opening/esterification reaction and epoxidation/ring-opening/esterification reaction to arylglycines (S)-2b, (S)-2f, (S)-2l, (S)-2z, (S)-2ae, (S)-2af

In an ace tube containing (1-naphtylsulfonyl)acetonitrile (23.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) and catalyst **4** (7.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (0.35 mL, C = 0.3 M), the opportune aldehyde (0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) was added. The reaction was stirred in an oil bath at 30 °C for 23-40 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the mixture was diluted with toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M) and 1.1 equivalents of cumene hydroperoxide (tech. 80%, 20 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) were added at -20 °C. The solution was stirred at -20 °C until consumption of the alkene **3** (TLC eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2). Then the aniline or 5-aminoindole (0.12 mmol, 1.2

eq.), methanol (405 μ L, 10 mmol, 100 eq.) and N,N-dicyclohexylmethylamine (33 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8-9 hours at room temperature, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2).

For the synthesis of compounds **2ae** and **2af**, in an ace tube containing the alkene **3** (0.10 mmol, 1 eq.) and catalyst **4** (7.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL, C = 0.02 M), CHP (tech. 80%, 20 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added and the solution was stirred for 13 days at -20 °C for product **2af** and 4 days at -40 °C for product **2ae**, until consumption of the alkene **3** (TLC eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). Then aniline (11 μ L, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), methanol (405 μ L, 10 mmol, 100 eq.) and N,N-dicyclohexylmethylamine (33 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred in an oil bath for 5 hours at 60 °C for product **2af** and 230 hours at 70 °C for product **2ae**, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with saturated NH₄Cl solution (2x10 mL) and water (1x10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 70/30) to give the final products in 41-73% yield and 60-85% ee.

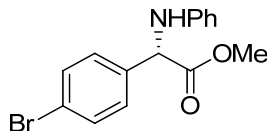
(S)-Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate **2b**



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{7,8}

Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 12.1 mg, 50% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +70.9$ (C = 0.77, CHCl₃), 82% ee. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 6.8$ min (major), 6.3 min (minor).

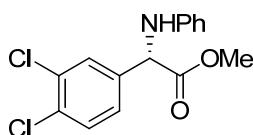
(S)-Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate **2f**



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

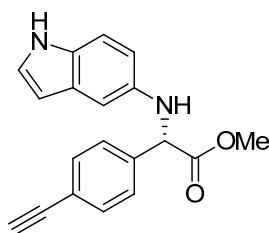
Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 20.2 mg, 63% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +89.7$ (C = 0.93, CHCl₃), 85% ee. HPLC (IE-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 10.5$ min (major), 9.7 min (minor).

(S)-Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2l



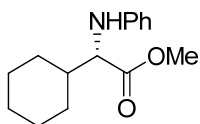
Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 20.8 mg, 67% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +63.5$ ($C = 0.37$, CHCl_3), 80% ee. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 6.1$ min (major), 5.3 min (minor).

(S)-Methyl 2-((1H-indol-5-yl)amino)-2-(4-ethynylphenyl)acetate 2z



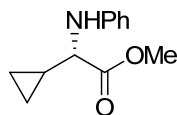
Brown wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 92/8), 16.4 mg, 54% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +91.1$ ($C = 0.42$, CHCl_3), 82% ee. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 20/80, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R = 16.2$ min (major), 13.2 min (minor).

(S)-Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2ae



Yellow solid (TLC plate, eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 80/20), 10.1 mg, 41% yield. **mp**: 50.4-50.8. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -25.1$ ($C = 0.49$, CHCl_3), 73% ee. HPLC (IC, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm) $t_R = 6.1$ min (major), 5.6 min (minor).

(S)-Methyl 2-cyclopropyl-2-(phenylamino)acetate 2af



Colourless oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 98/2), 15.0 mg, 73% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +9.1$ ($C = 0.37$, CHCl_3), 65% ee. HPLC (OD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) $t_R = 7.8$ min (major), 10.3 min (minor).

General procedure for the synthesis of alkenes 3b', 3b''

Alkenes **3b'** and **3b''** were prepared according to the literature.¹

2-(Naphthalene-1-ylsulfonyl)acetonitrile or 2-(naphthalene-2-ylsulfonyl)acetonitrile (0.56 mmol, 1 eq.) and appropriate benzaldehyde (0.56 mmol, 1 eq.) were dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (2.8 mL, $C = 0.2$ M) and diethylamine (18 mL, 0.11 mmol, 0.2 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was

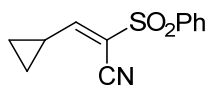
stirred at room temperature for 4-7 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 7/3). Upon completion, water was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2x30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude alkenes were then purified by flash chromatography (eluting from PE/ethyl acetate 100 to 80/20) and were isolated in 82-83% yield.

General procedure for the synthesis of alkenes **3af**, **3ag**, **3ae'**, **3af'**

Alkenes **3af**, **3ag**, **3ae'** and **3af'** were prepared according to the literature.¹

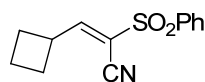
To a suspension of (phenylsulfonyl)acetonitrile or 2-(naphthalene-1-ylsulfonyl)acetonitrile (0.65 mmol, 1 eq.) and the appropriate aldehyde (0.65 mmol, 1 eq.) in toluene (2.5 mL, C = 0.26 M), 3 Å molecular sieves (200 mg), piperidine (13 µL, 0.13 mmol, 0.2 eq.) and acetic acid (12 µL, 0.21 mmol, 0.3 eq.) were added. The resulting mixture was heated in an oil bath at 50 °C for 5-63 h. Then, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and water was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4x30 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude reaction mixture was then purified by flash chromatography (eluting from PE/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 90/10) affording alkenes in 22-37% yield.

(*E*)-3-Cyclopropyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acrylonitrile **3af**



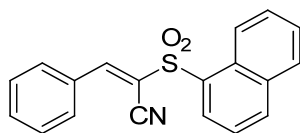
White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 42.5 mg, 28% yield. **mp**: 109.3-110.2. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.94 (dd, 2H, J = 8.5, 1.2 Hz), 7.70 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 2.02-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.06-1.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 165.4, 138.2, 134.4, 129.6, 128.3, 116.6, 111.9, 15.9, 12.0 (2C). **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₁NO₂S: 233.0511, found: 233.0515.

(*E*)-3-Cyclobutyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acrylonitrile **3ag**



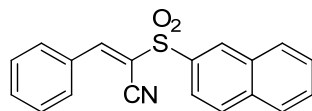
Colourless liquid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 35,3 mg, 22% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.72 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 3.49-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 3H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 162.7, 137.7, 134.6, 129.6, 128.5, 118.1, 111.2, 36.9, 27.8 (2C), 19.0. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₃NaNO₂S: 270.0559, found: 270.0600.

(E)-2-(Naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile 3b'



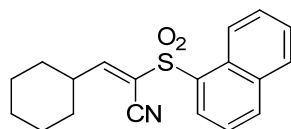
White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 146 mg, 82% yield. **mp.** = 130.2-130.9. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 8.63 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.55 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, 1H, J=8.2), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.93 (d, 2H, J=7.7 Hz), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m,2H). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 151.6, 136.6, 134.3, 134.0, 132.7, 131.8, 130.9, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.2, 124.6, 123.6, 115.0, 112.8. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₃NaNO₂S: 342.0559, found: 342.0580.

(E)-2-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile 3b''



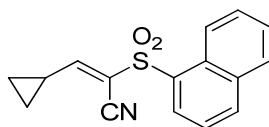
White solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 148 mg, 83% yield. **mp.** = 118.9-119.4. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.96-7.92 (m, 4H), 7.74-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 151.6, 135.8, 134.7, 134.2, 132.3, 131.1 (3C), 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 122.7, 114.9, 113.2. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₃NaNO₂S: 342.0559, found: 342.0578.

(E)-3-Cyclohexyl-2-(naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)acrylonitrile 3ae'



Light brown oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 77.6 mg, 37% yield. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.48-8.43 (m, 2H), 8.19 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.72-7.62 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.58 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.68 (m, 5H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 5H). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 164.5, 136.5, 134.2, 132.5, 131.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.0, 127.2, 124.6, 123.4, 118.6, 111.0, 41.3, 31.1 (2C), 25.1, 24.6 (2C). **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂S: 325.1137, found: 325.1140.

(E)-3-Cyclopropyl-2-(naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)acrylonitrile **3af**



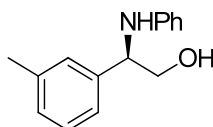
Light brown solid (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 100/0 to 90/10), 41.7 mg, 23% yield. **mp.** = 143.3-144.3. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.53 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 8.45 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.70-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 11.3 Hz), 2.00-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.06-1.05 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 165.8, 136.4, 134.4, 132.6, 132.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 127.3, 124.7, 123.7, 116.9, 111.9, 16.1, 12.1 (2C). **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂S: 284.0740, found: 284.0747.

General procedure for the synthesis of aminoalcohols **5a-c** from arylglycines **2**

Products **5a-c** was prepared according to a slightly modified literature procedure.¹⁵

In a round-bottom flask containing a stir bar, the arylglycine (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) was added. The flask was evacuated, backfilled with nitrogen, and capped with a septum. Then, anhydrous DCM (0.7 mL, C = 0.15 M) was added. The solution was stirred and cooled to -20 °C. Upon cooling, DIBAL-H (1M in heptane, 0.4 mL, 4 eq.) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 hour until consumption of starting material, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 70/30). Upon completion, MeOH was added dropwise at 0 °C to quench unreacted DIBAL-H. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and then a saturated solution of sodium potassium tartrate was added (0.3 mL, 0.15mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and the reaction was stirred vigorously for 5 hours. The mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3x15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 15 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude reaction mixture was then purified by flash chromatography (eluting from PE/ethyl acetate 90/10 to 60/40), affording aminoalcohols **5a-c** in 61-70% yield.

(R)-2-(Phenylamino)-2-(m-tolyl)ethanol **5a**



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁶

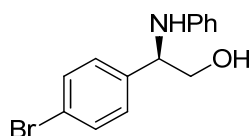
Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 90/10 to 60/40), 14.3 mg, 63% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -15.5$ (C = 0.51, CHCl₃), 92% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 9.1 Hz), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.69 (t, 1H, J = 7.3

¹⁵ Arredondo, V.; Hiew, S. C.; Gutman, E. S.; Premachandra, I. D. U. A.; Van Vranken, D. L. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 4156.

¹⁶ Guo, Z.; Xie, J.; Hu, T.; Chen, Y.; Tao, H.; Yang, X. *Chem. Commun.* **2021**, *57*, 9394.

H_z), 6.59 (d, 2H, J = 7.7), 4.48 (dd, 1H, J = 6.9, 4.2 Hz), 3.94 (dd, 1H, J = 11.1, 4.2 Hz), 3.76 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.9 Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 147.3, 140.1, 138.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 123.8, 117.8, 113.8, 67.4, 59.9, 21.5. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₁₈NO: 228.1383, found: 228.1391. HPLC (IA-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, l = 210 nm) t_R = 11.5 min (major), 9.8 min (minor).

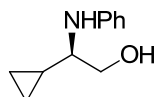
(R)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(phenylamino)ethan-1-ol 5b



Data for this compound are consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁶

Yellow oil (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 90/10 to 60/40), 17.8 mg, 61% yield. [α]_D²³ = -21.8 (C = 0.71, CHCl₃), 92% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.47 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.54 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.46 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 4.1 Hz), 3.93 (dd, 1H, J = 11.1, 4.1 Hz), 3.73 (dd, 1H, J = 11.1, 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 146.8, 139.2, 131.9, 129.2, 128.5, 121.4, 118.2, 113.9, 67.1, 59.4. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₅BrNO: 219.0259, found: 219.0263. HPLC (IA-3, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 10/90, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, l = 210 nm) t_R = 13.7 min (major), 12.1 min (minor).

(R)-2-Cyclopropyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanol (5c)



Yellow wax (flash chromatography eluent: hexanes/EtOAc, 90/10 to 60/40), 12.4 mg, 70% yield. [α]_D²¹ = -15.8 (C = 0.36, CHCl₃), 93% ee. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, 1H, J=7.3 Hz), 6.67 (dd, 2H, J = 8.5, 0.9 Hz), 3.85 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 4.3 Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 5.5 Hz), 2.91 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 5.5, 4.3 Hz), 1.00-0.95 (m, 1H), 0.57-0.50 (m, 2H), 0.33-0.30 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 148.0, 129.3, 118.0, 113.9, 64.9, 59.9, 13.7, 2.8, 2.7. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₆NO: 178.1226, found: 178.1232. HPLC (AD-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 5/95, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, l = 210 nm) t_R = 13.9 min (major), 16.4 min (minor).

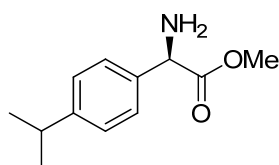
Procedure for the deprotection of arylglycine 2v to product 6a

Products **6a** was prepared according to a slightly modified literature procedure.⁸

In a sample vial containing a solution of arylglycine **2v** (31.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) in MeCN:H₂O (1:1, 7.7 mL, C = 0.013 M) was added periodic acid (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) and 1M H₂SO₄ (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) at 0° C, then the reaction mixture was gradually warmed up to room

temperature and stirred for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 10 mL), then the aqueous layer was retained, basified with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to give the final product **6a** in 54% yield.

(R)-Methyl 2-amino-2-(4-isopropylphenyl)acetate 6a



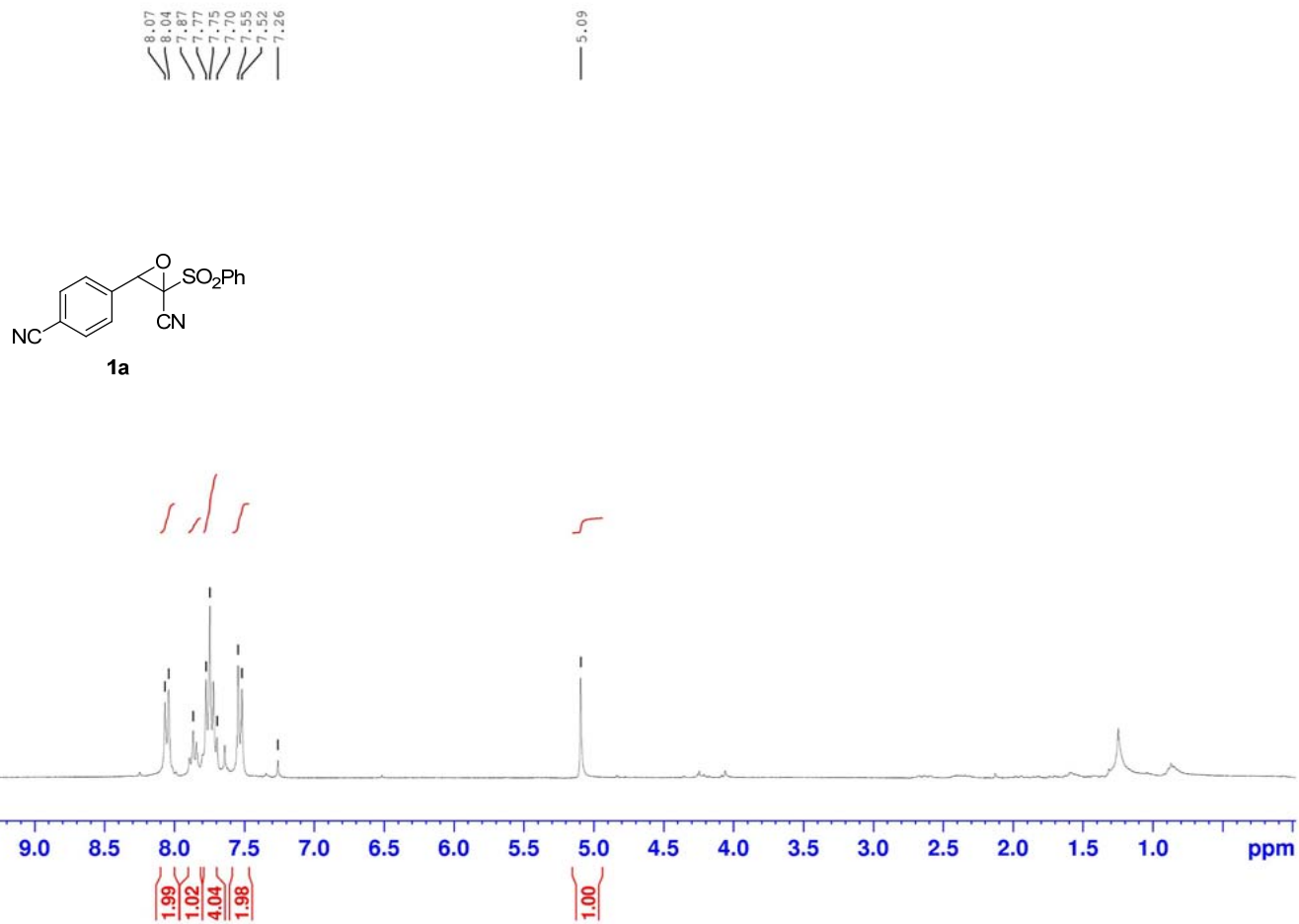
Light yellow oil, 11.2 mg, 54% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{19} = -21.6$ (C = 0.78, CH₂Cl₂), 80% ee. **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.29 (d, 2H, J=8.1 Hz), 7.22 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.90 (hept, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.07 (bs, 2H), 1.24 (d, 6H, J = 6.9 Hz). **¹³C NMR**: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 174.6, 148.8, 137.6, 126.9, 126.7, 58.4, 52.4, 33.8, 23.9. **HRMS (MALDI-FT ICR)** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₈NO₂: 207.1254, found: 206.1258. HPLC (AS-H, 2-propanol/n-hexane = 20/80, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) t_R = 6.6 min (major), 5.4 min (minor).

Scale-up of the one-pot asymmetric Knoevenagel/epoxidation/ring-opening/esterification reaction to arylglycine 2f

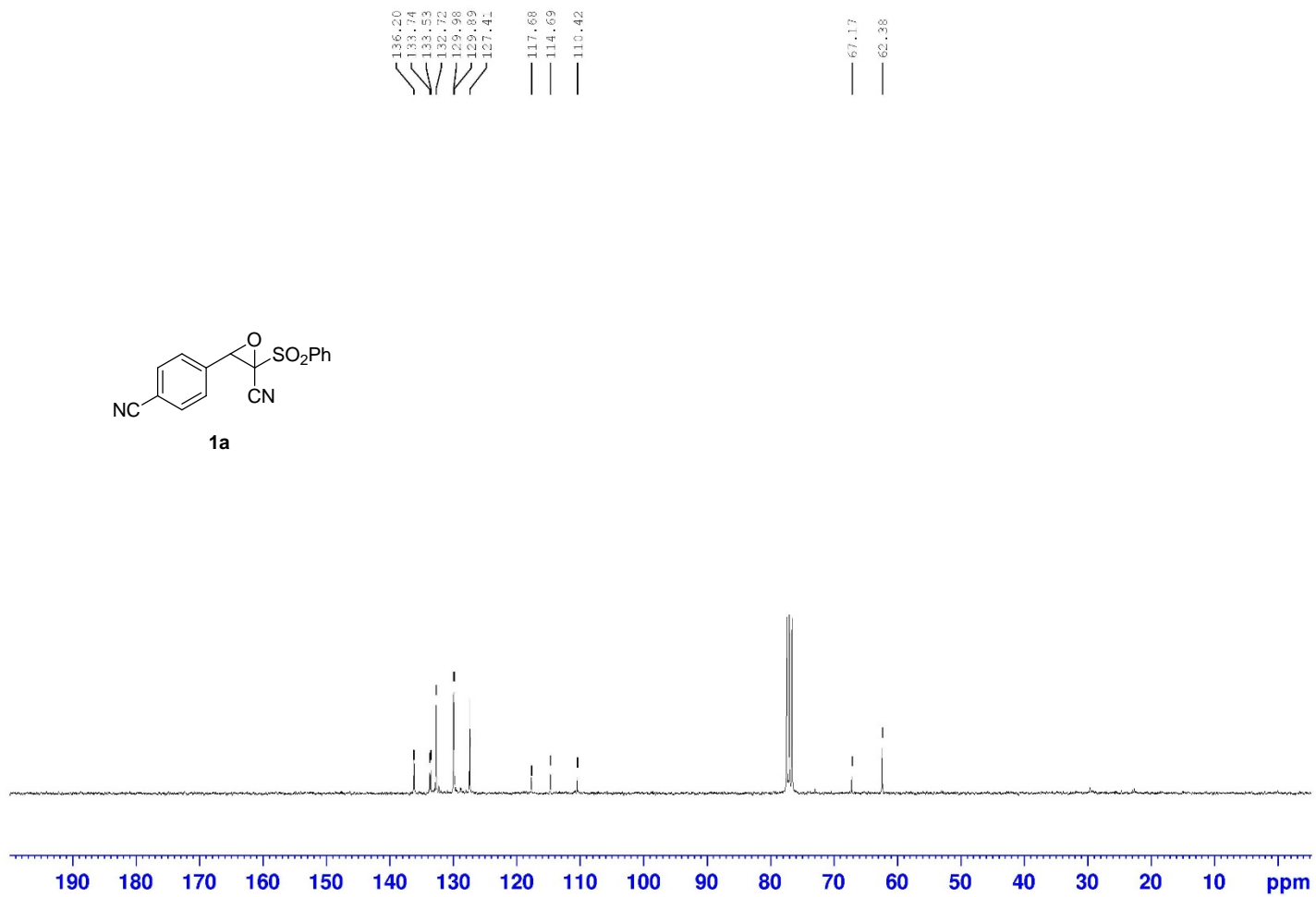
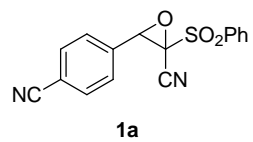
In a round bottomed flask containing a solution of (phenylsulfonyl)acetonitrile (184.9 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq.) and **eQNU** (58.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in anhydrous toluene (3.3 mL, C = 0.3 M), 4-bromobenzaldehyde (187 mg, 1 mmol, 1 eq.) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 26 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 80/20). After completion, the solution was diluted with additional toluene (46.7 mL, C = 0.02 M) and 1.1 equivalents of cumene hydroperoxide (tech. 80%, 203 μ L, 1.1 mmol) were added at -20 °C. The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 18 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ethyl acetate 80/20). Then aniline (110 μ L, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 eq.), methanol (4.2 mL, 100 mmol, 100 eq.) and N,N-dicyclohexylmethylamine (330 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 9 hours, monitored by TLC (eluent PE/ ethyl acetate 8/2). After completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and washed with saturated NH₄Cl solution (2x80 mL) and water (1x80 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 100/0 to 98/2) to give the final products in 77% yield (246.5 mg) and 93% ee.

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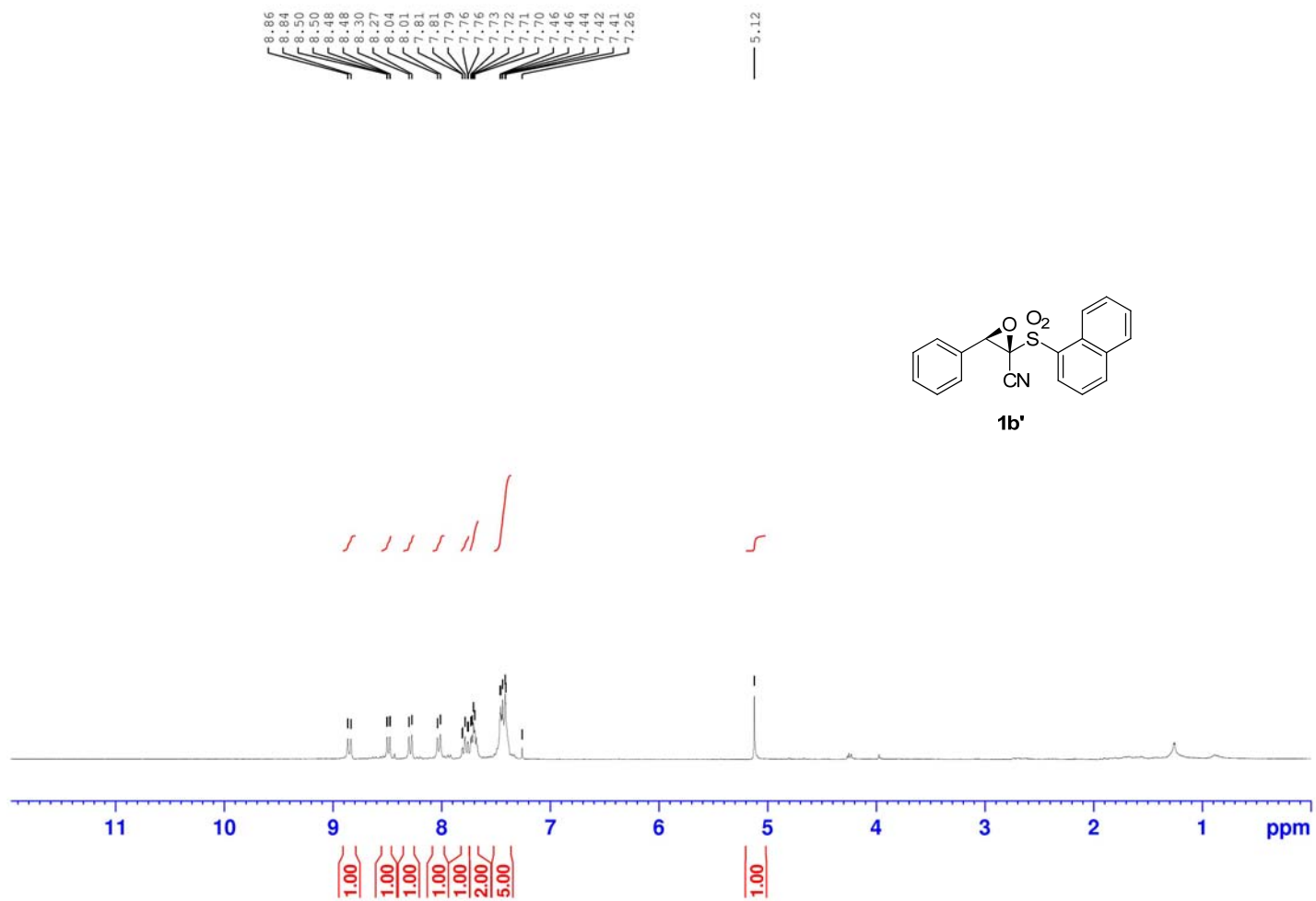
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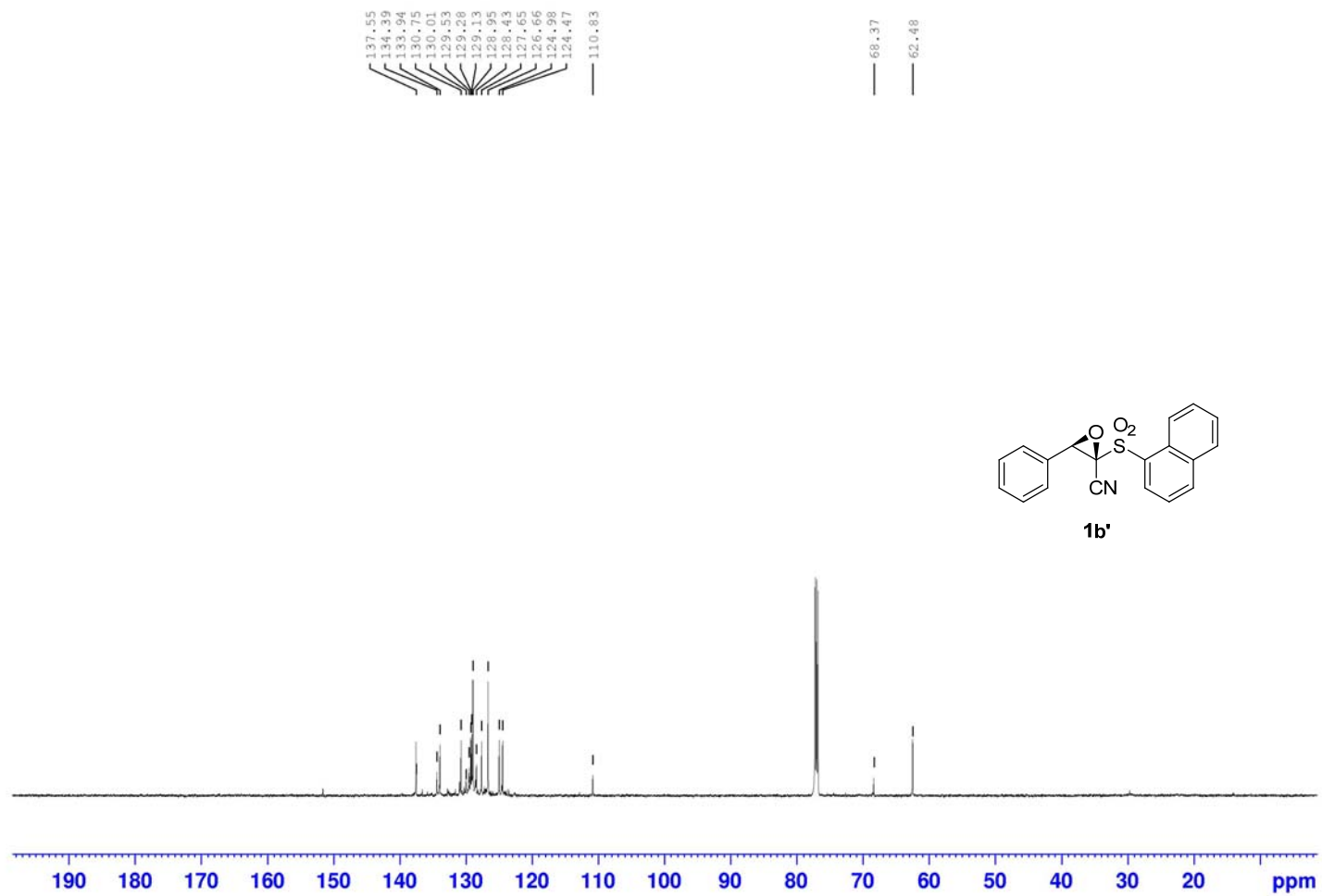
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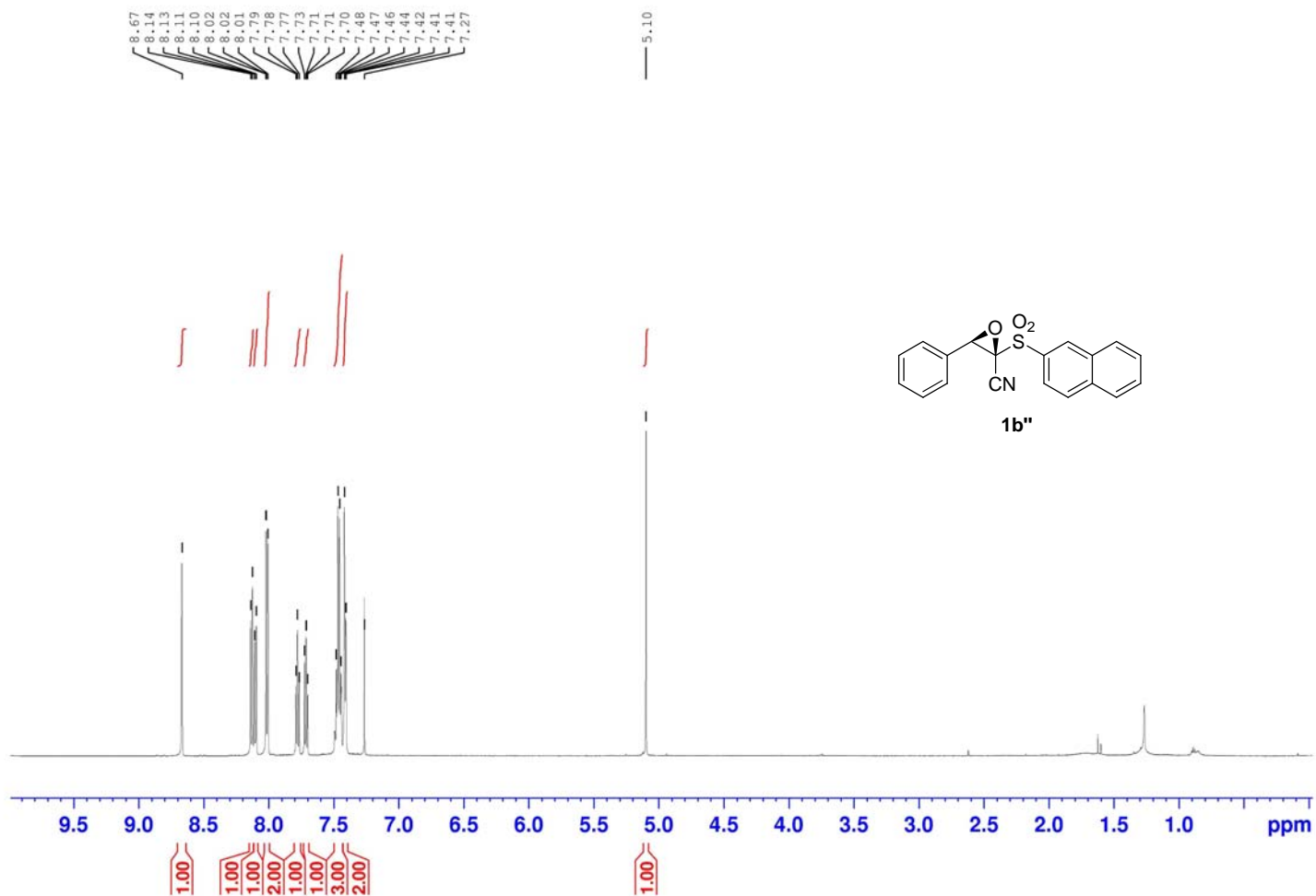
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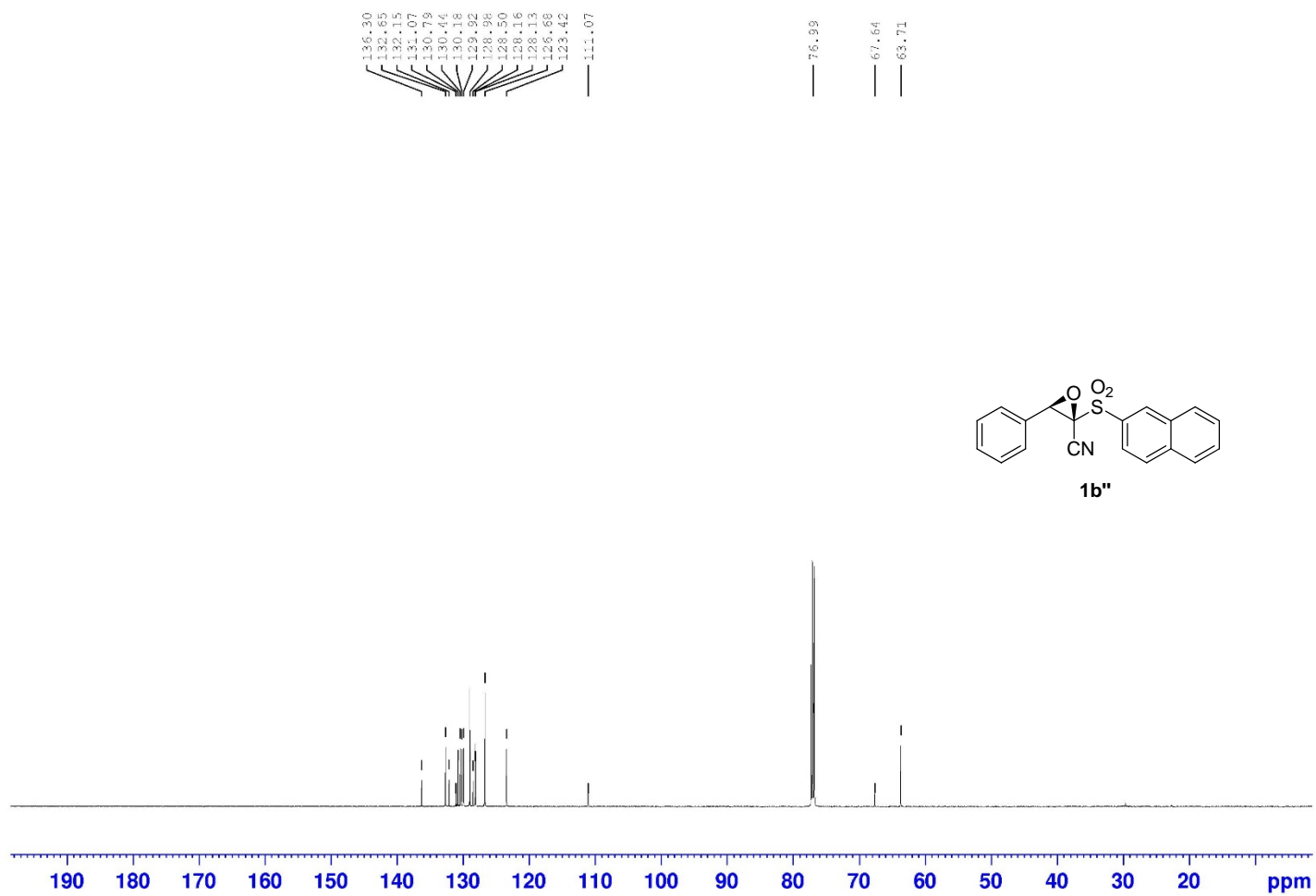
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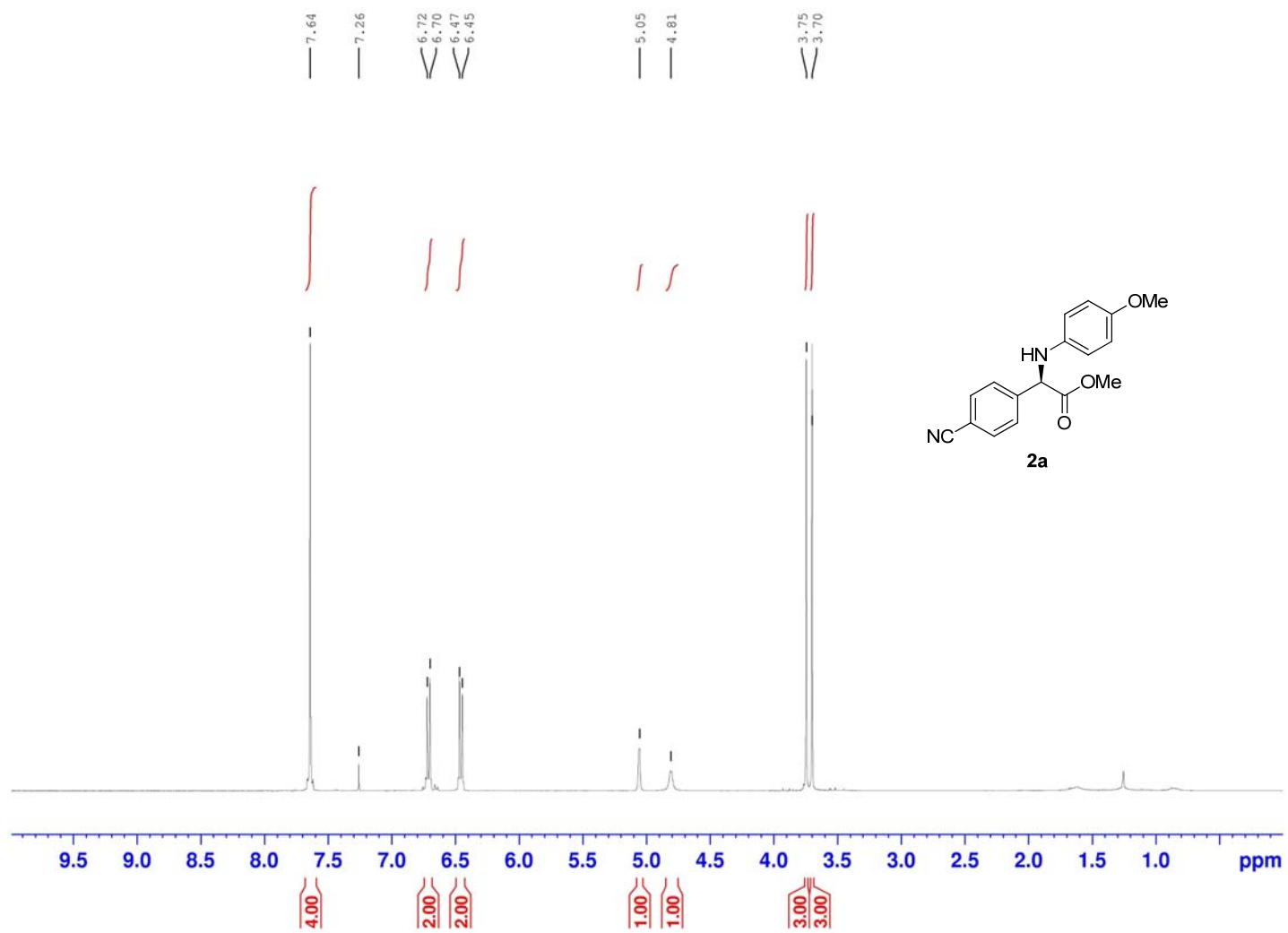
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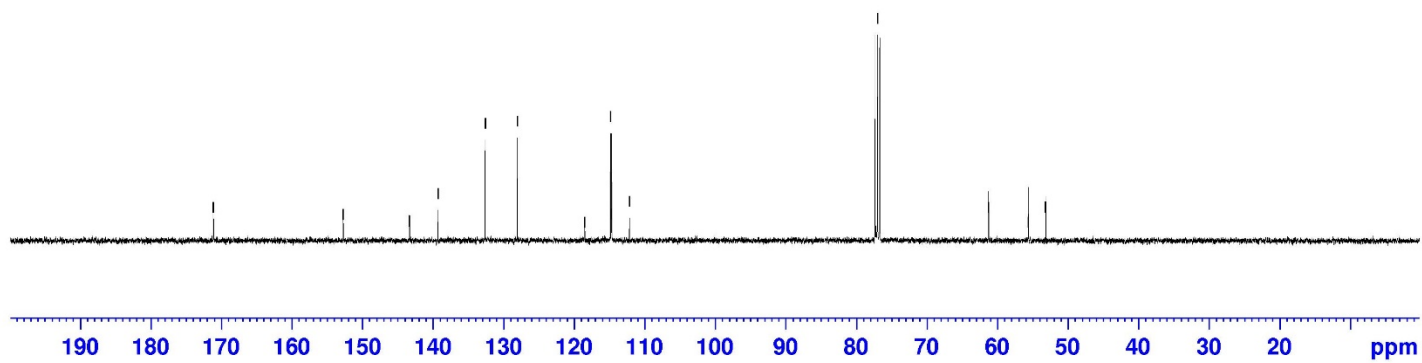
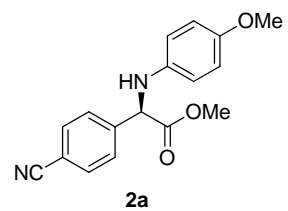
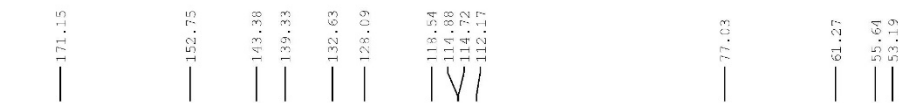
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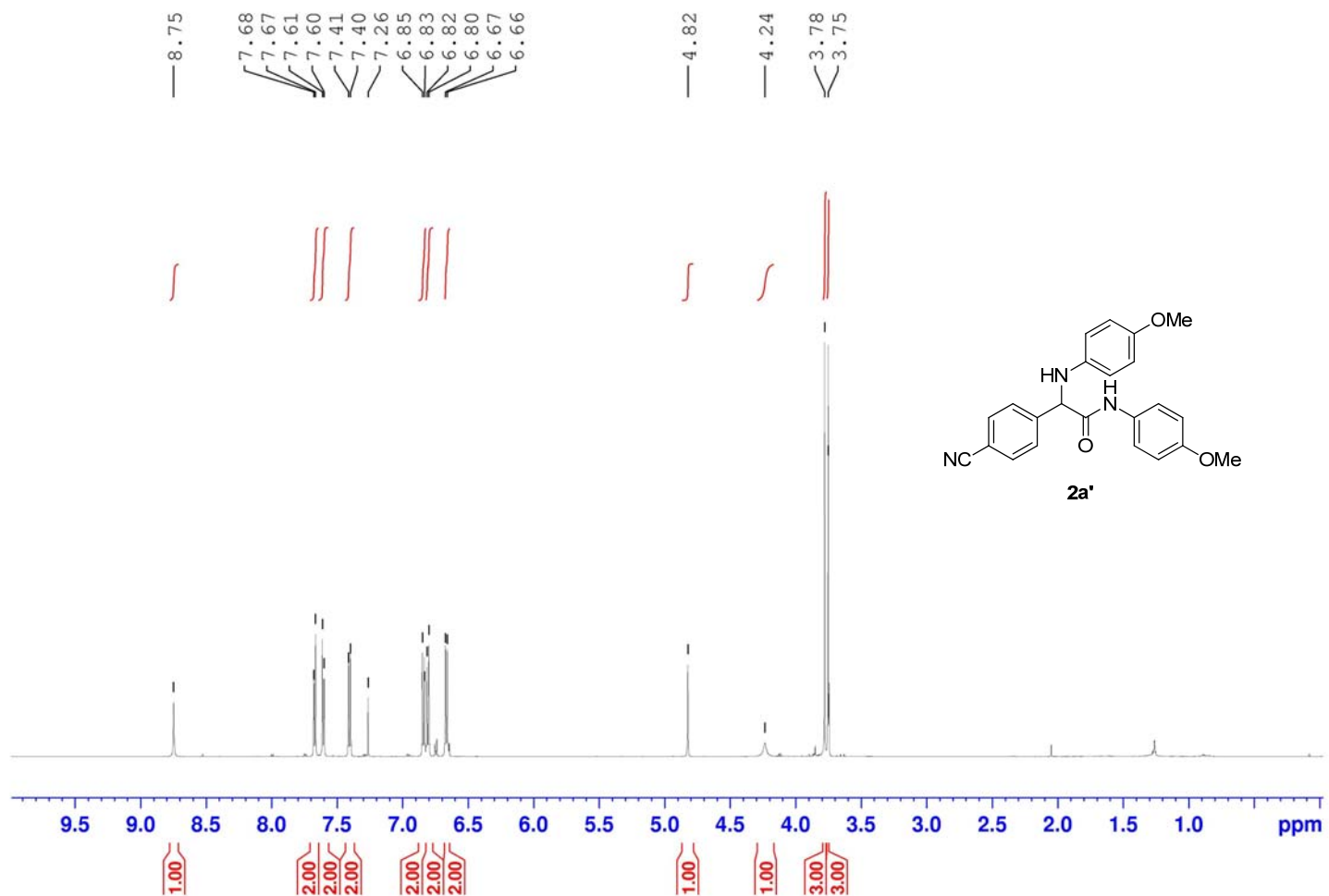
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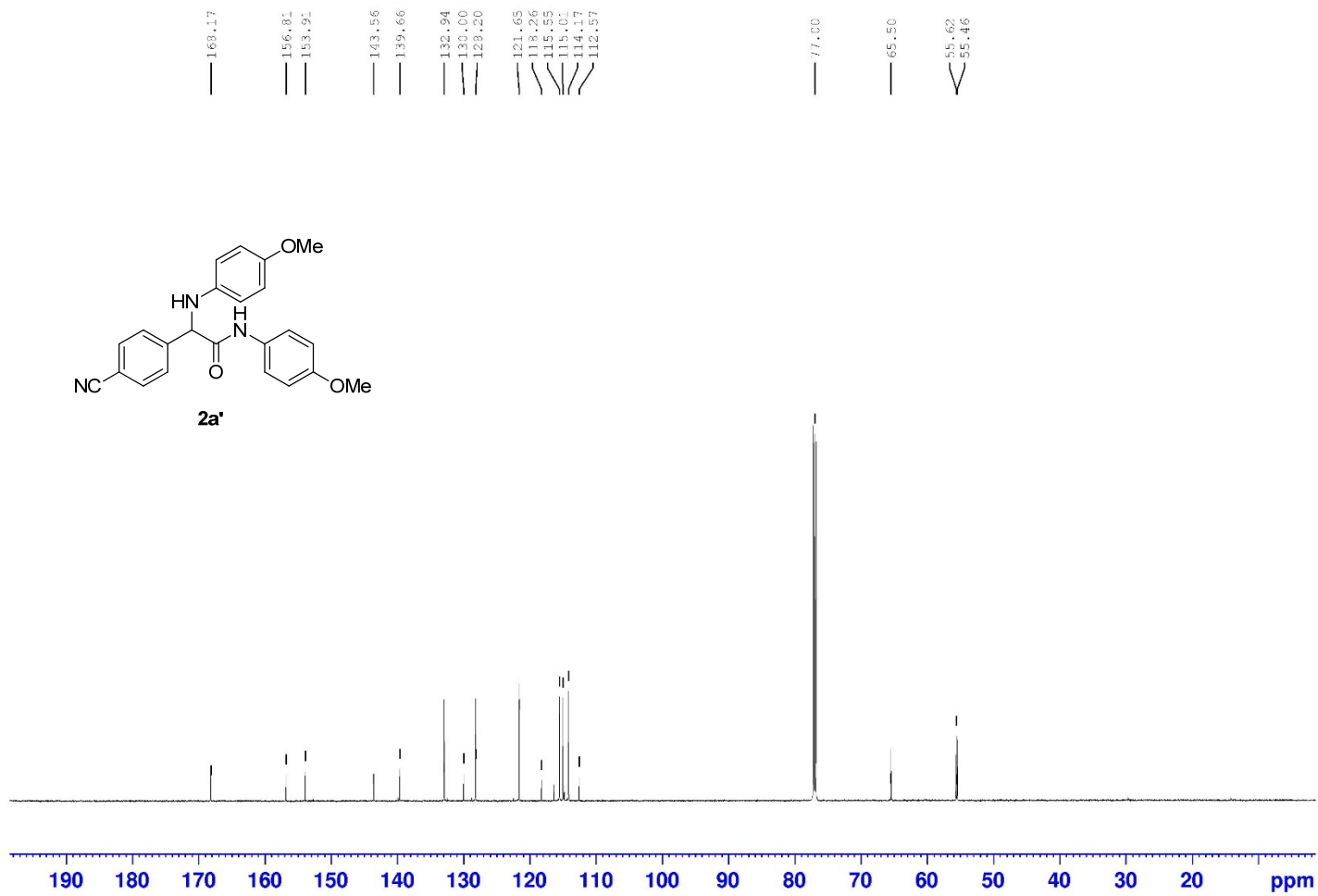
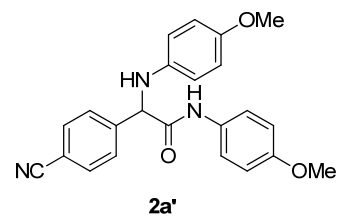
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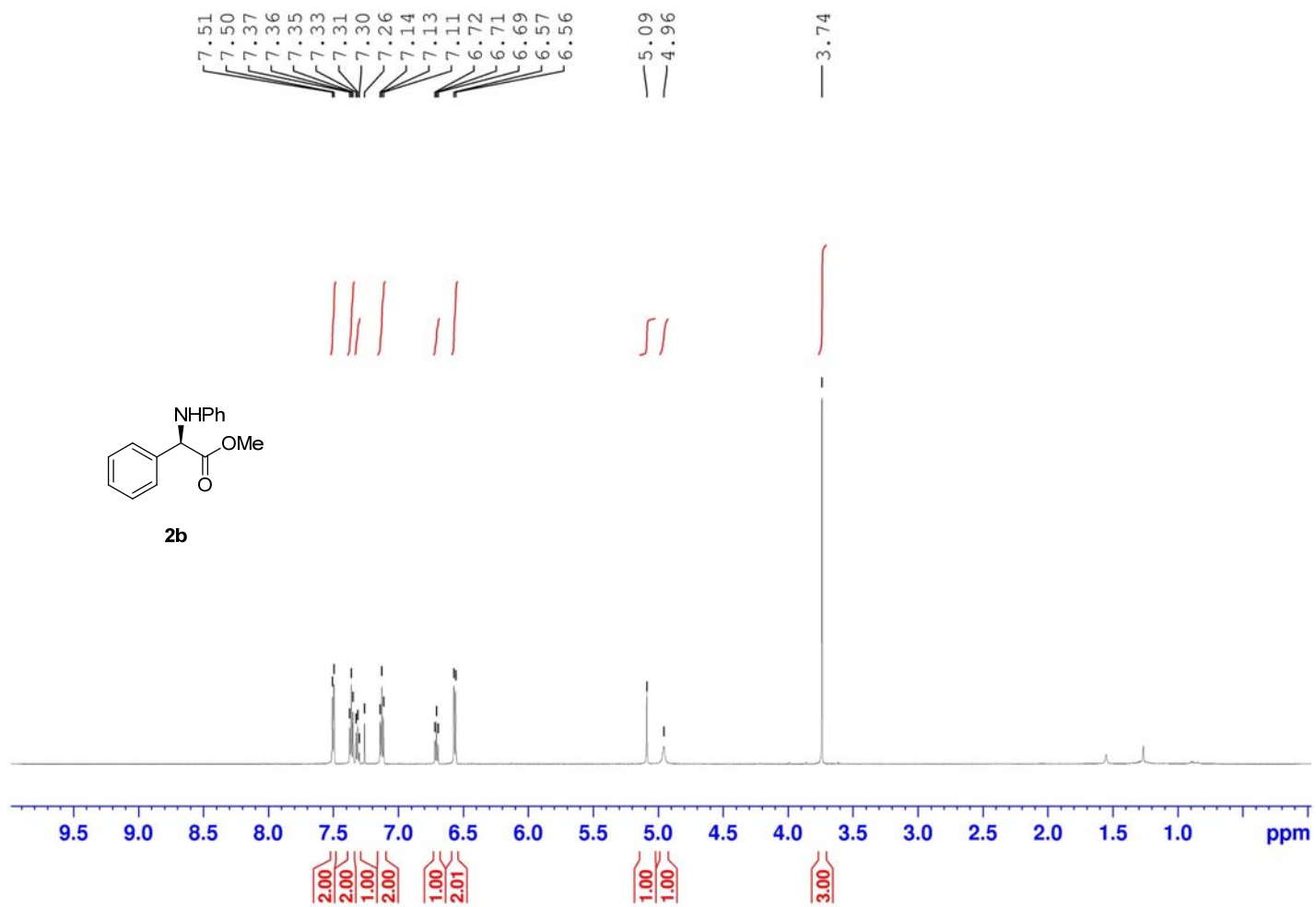
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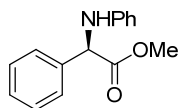
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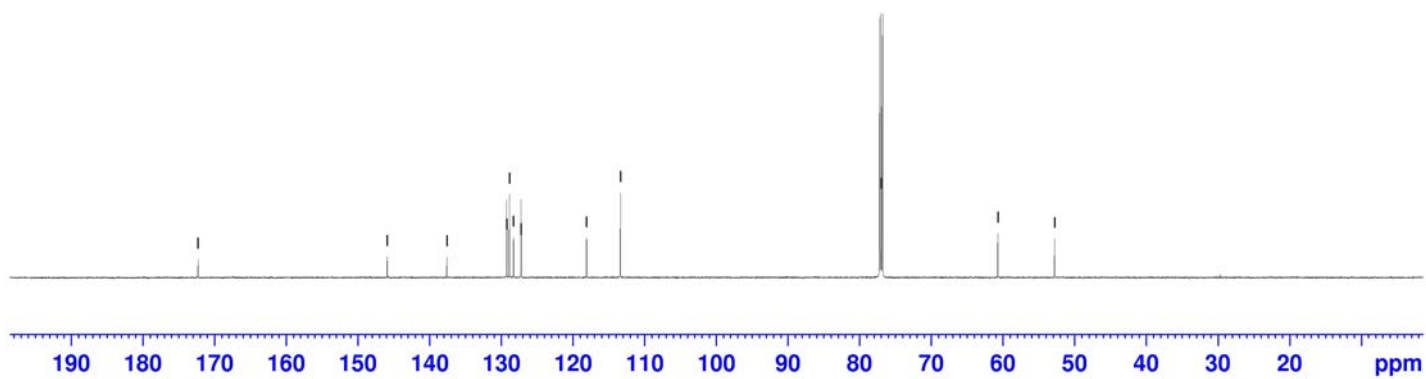
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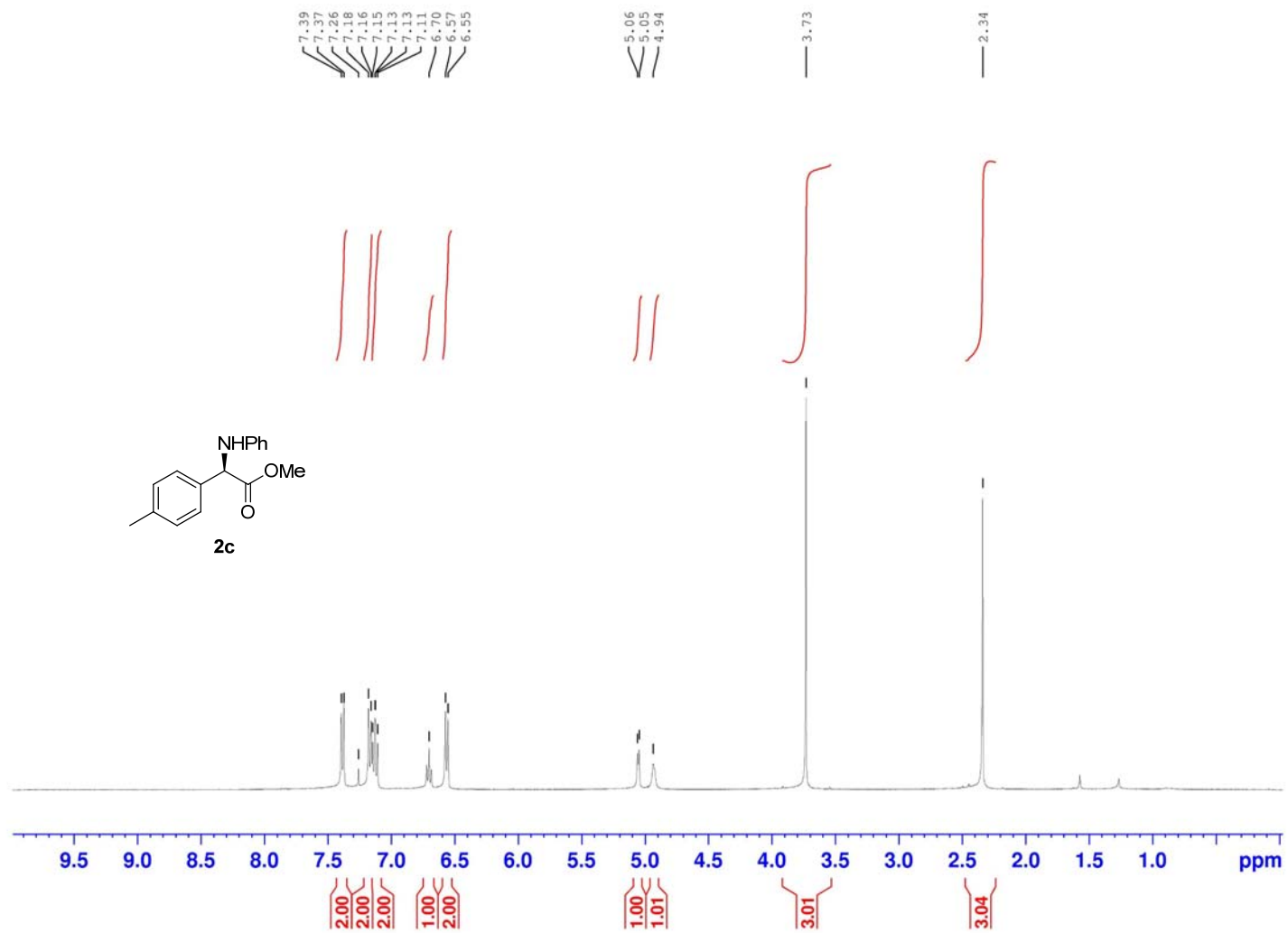
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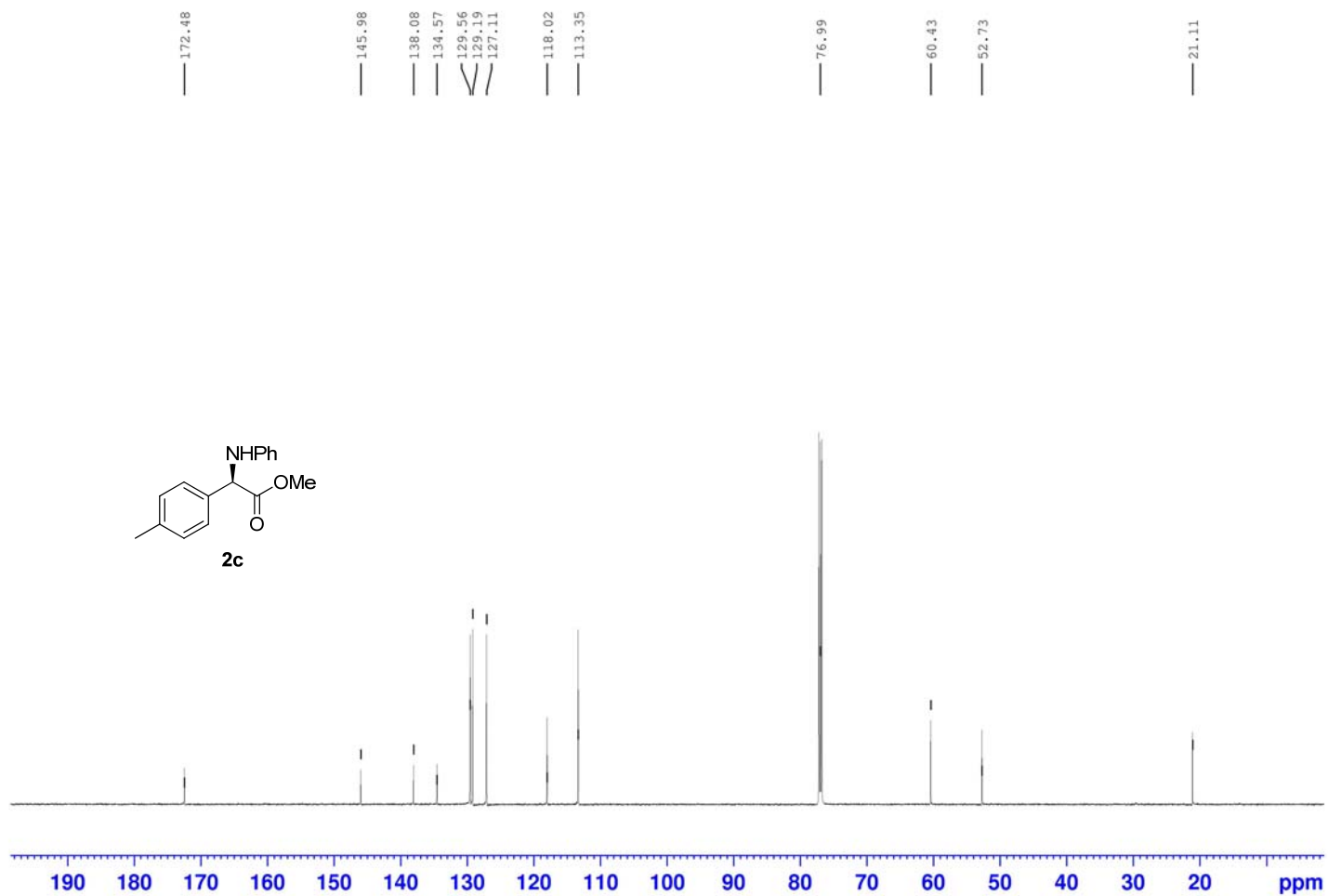
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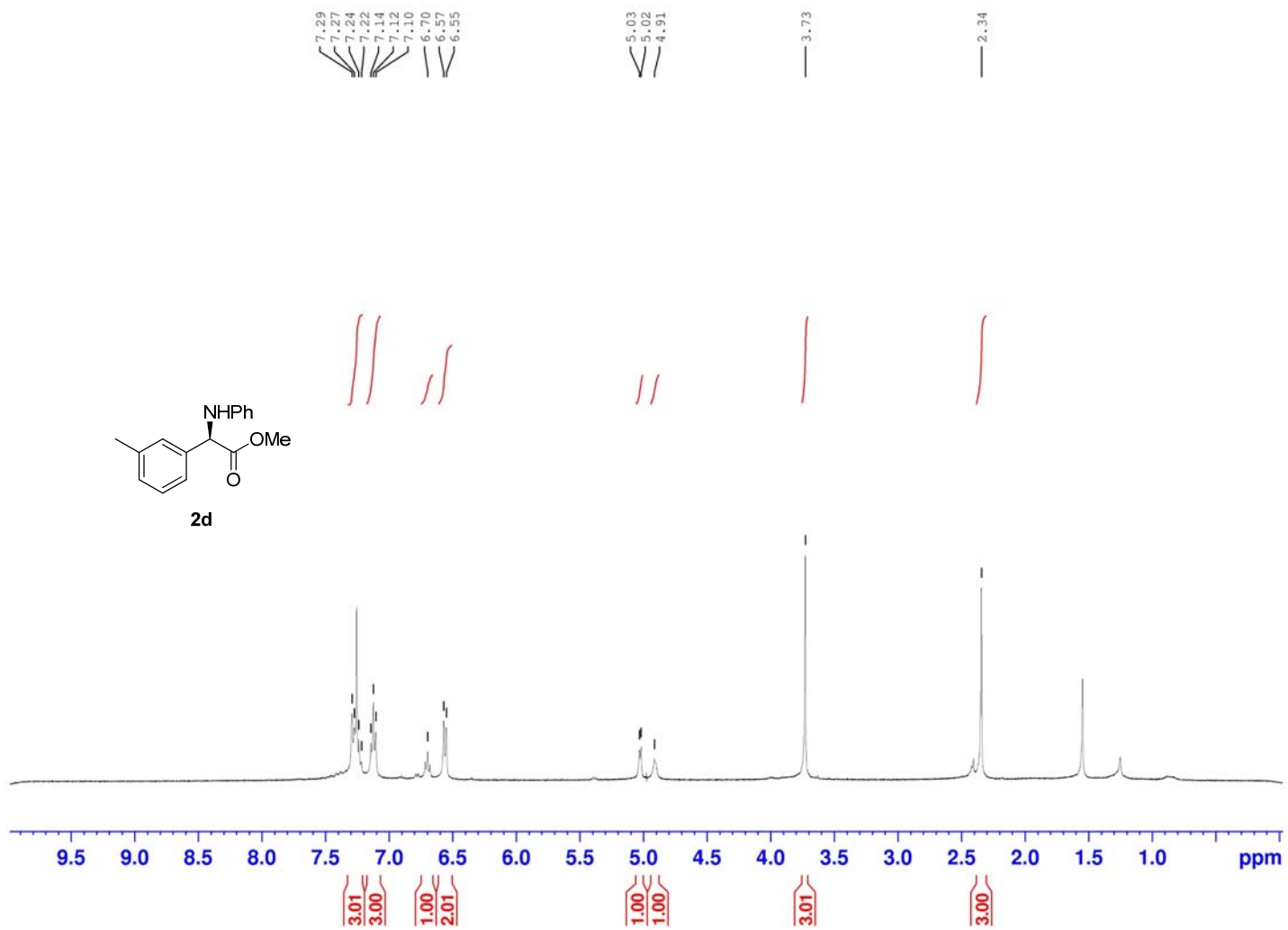
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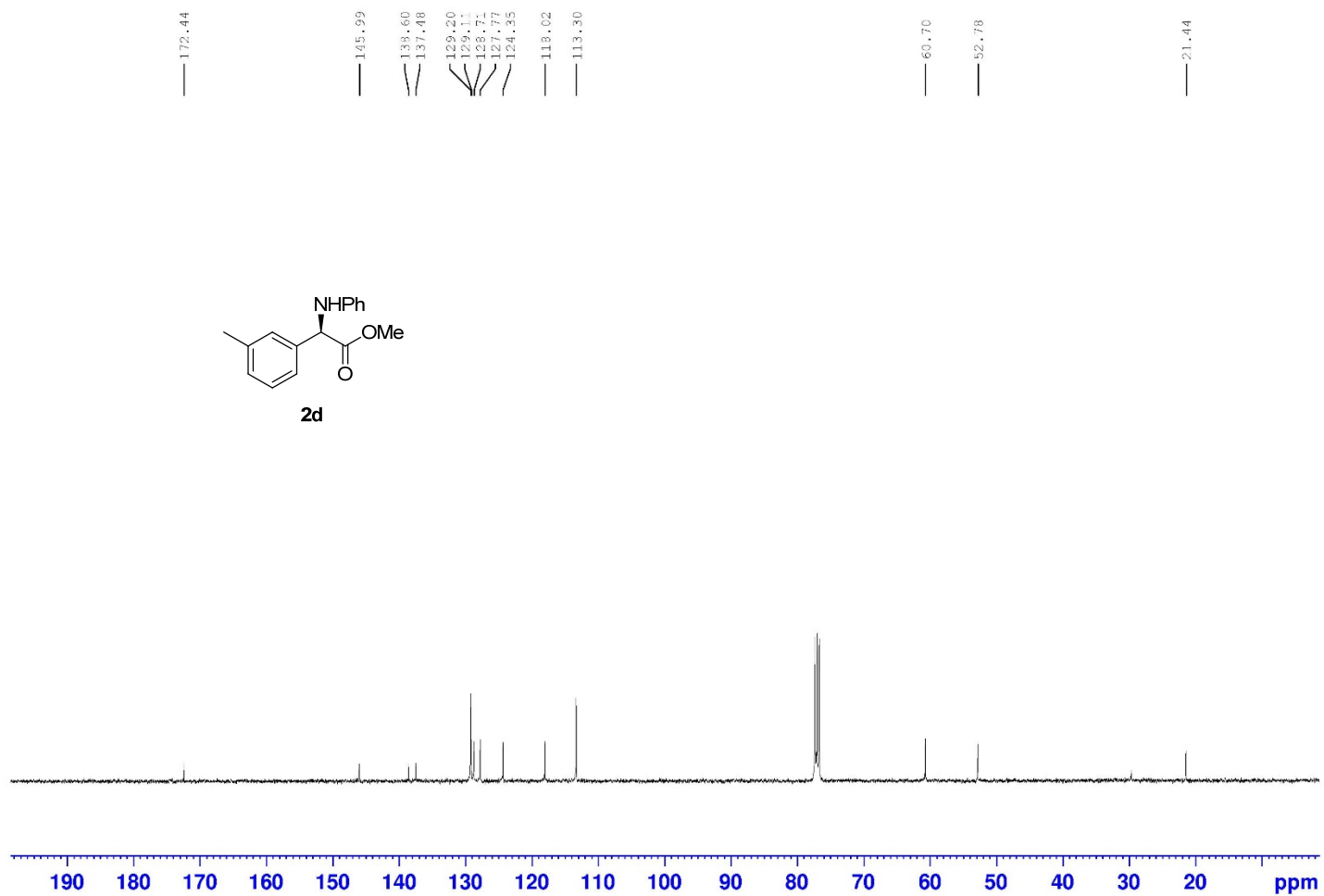
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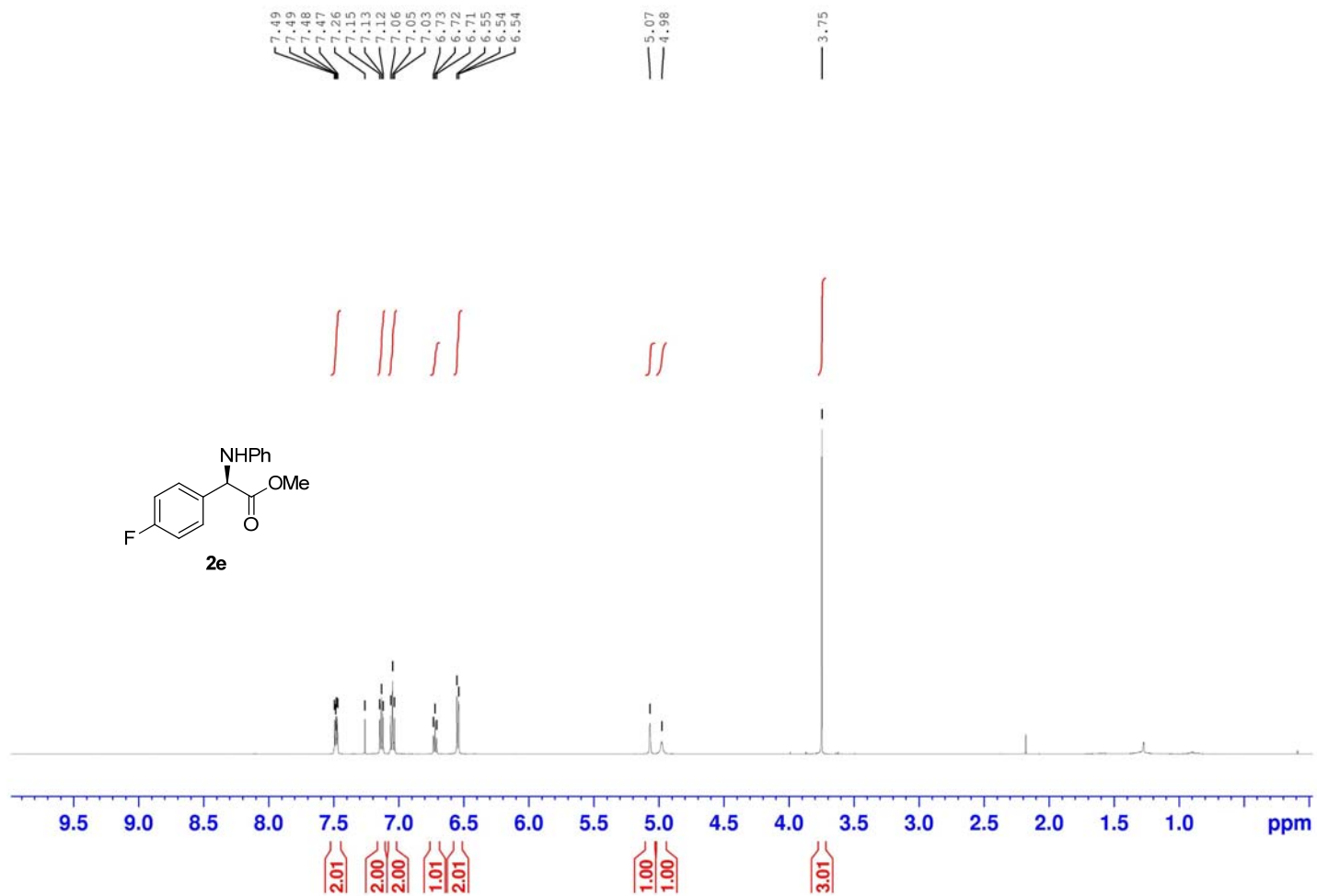
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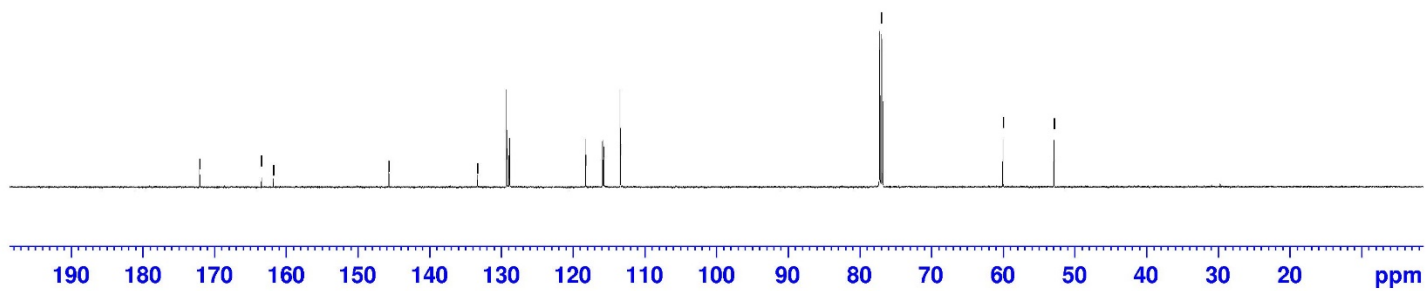
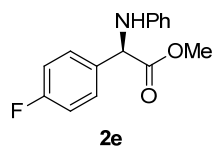
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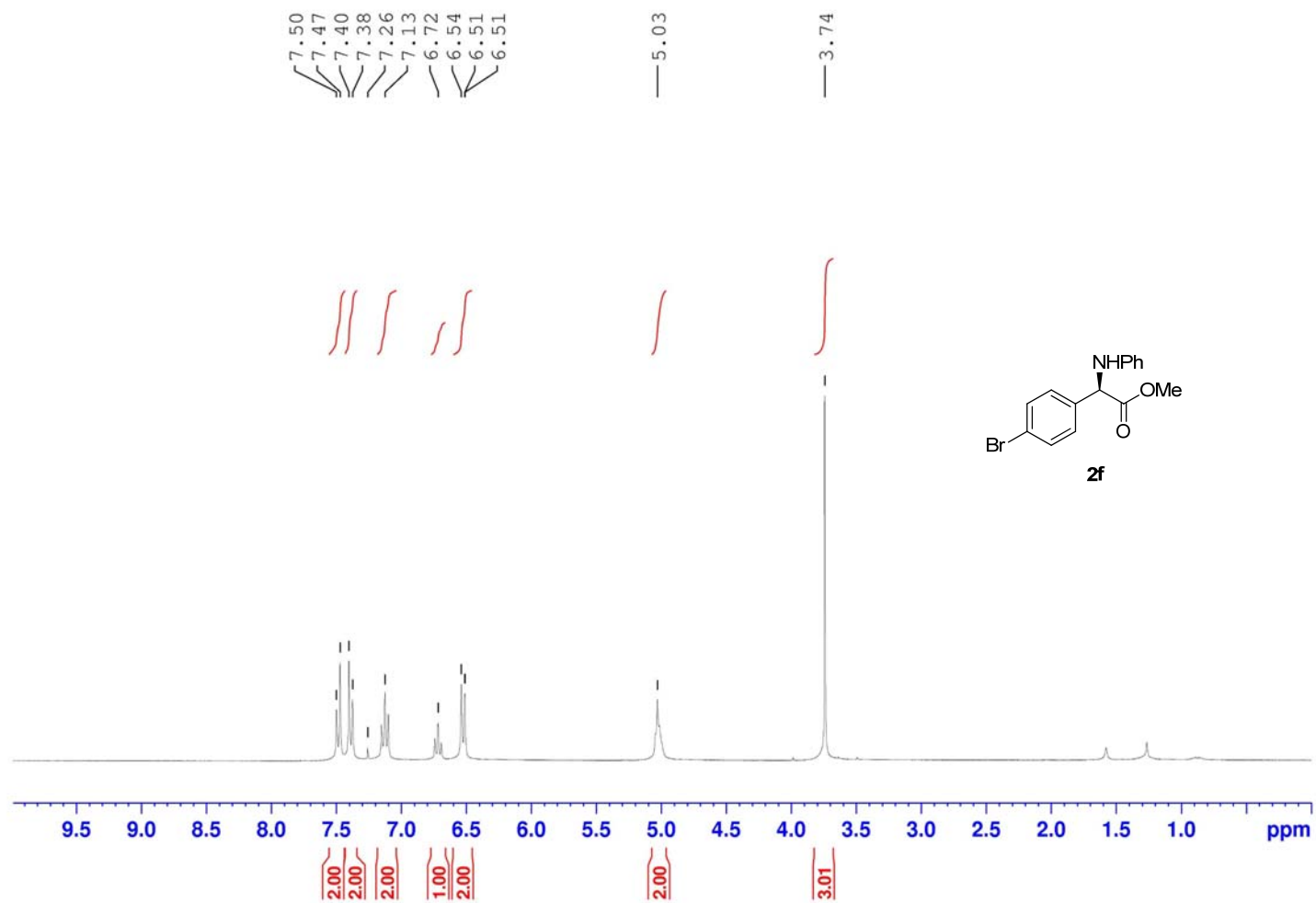
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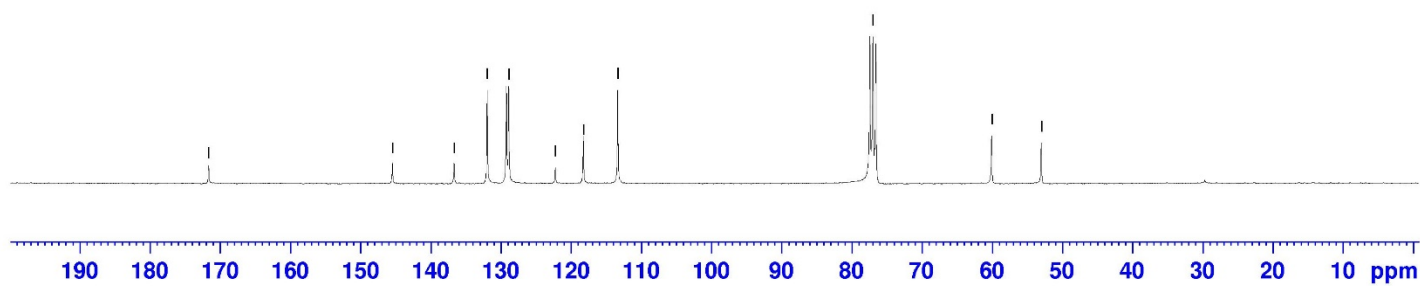
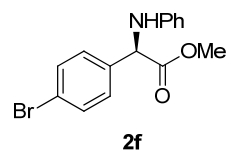
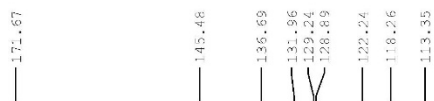
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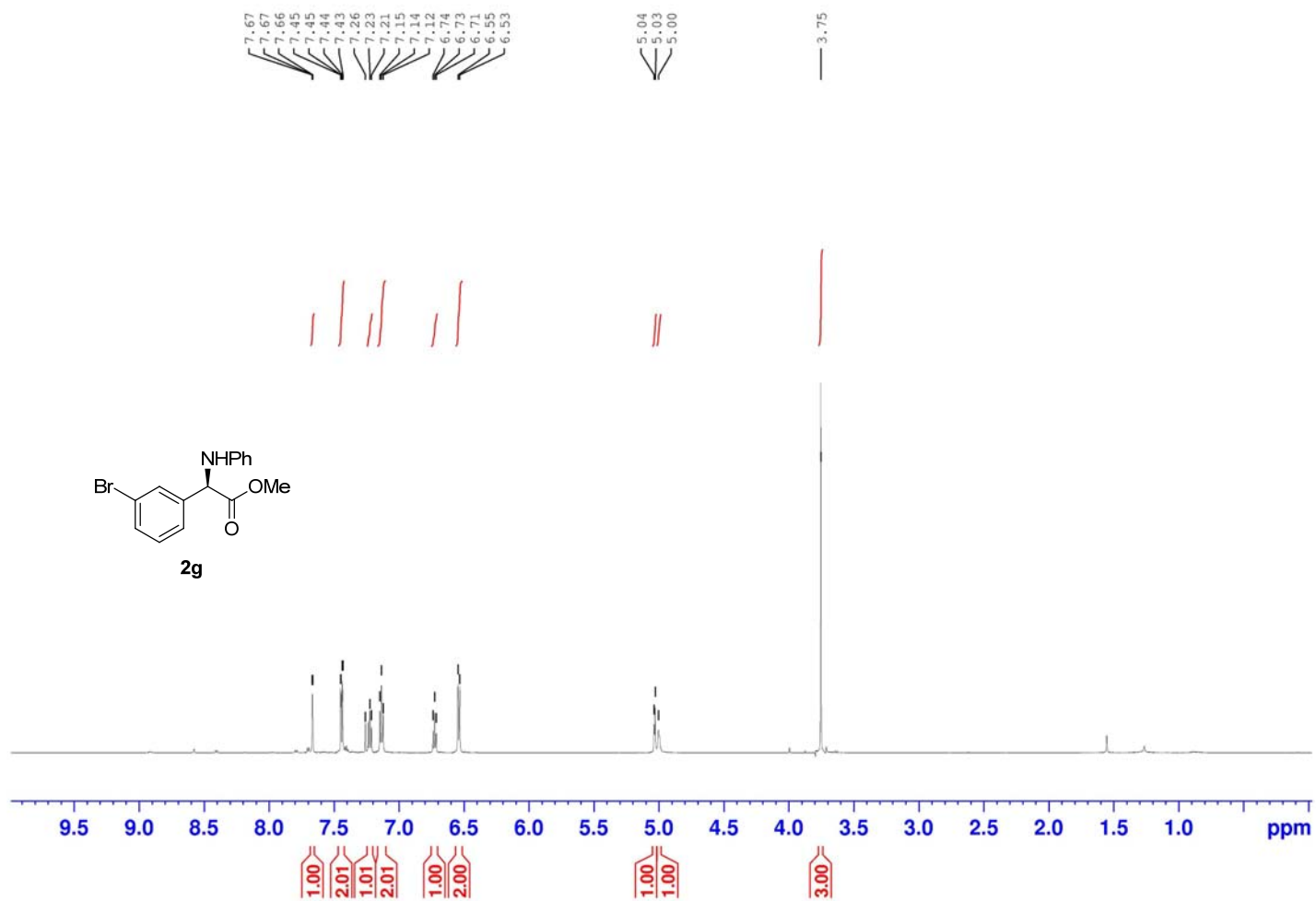
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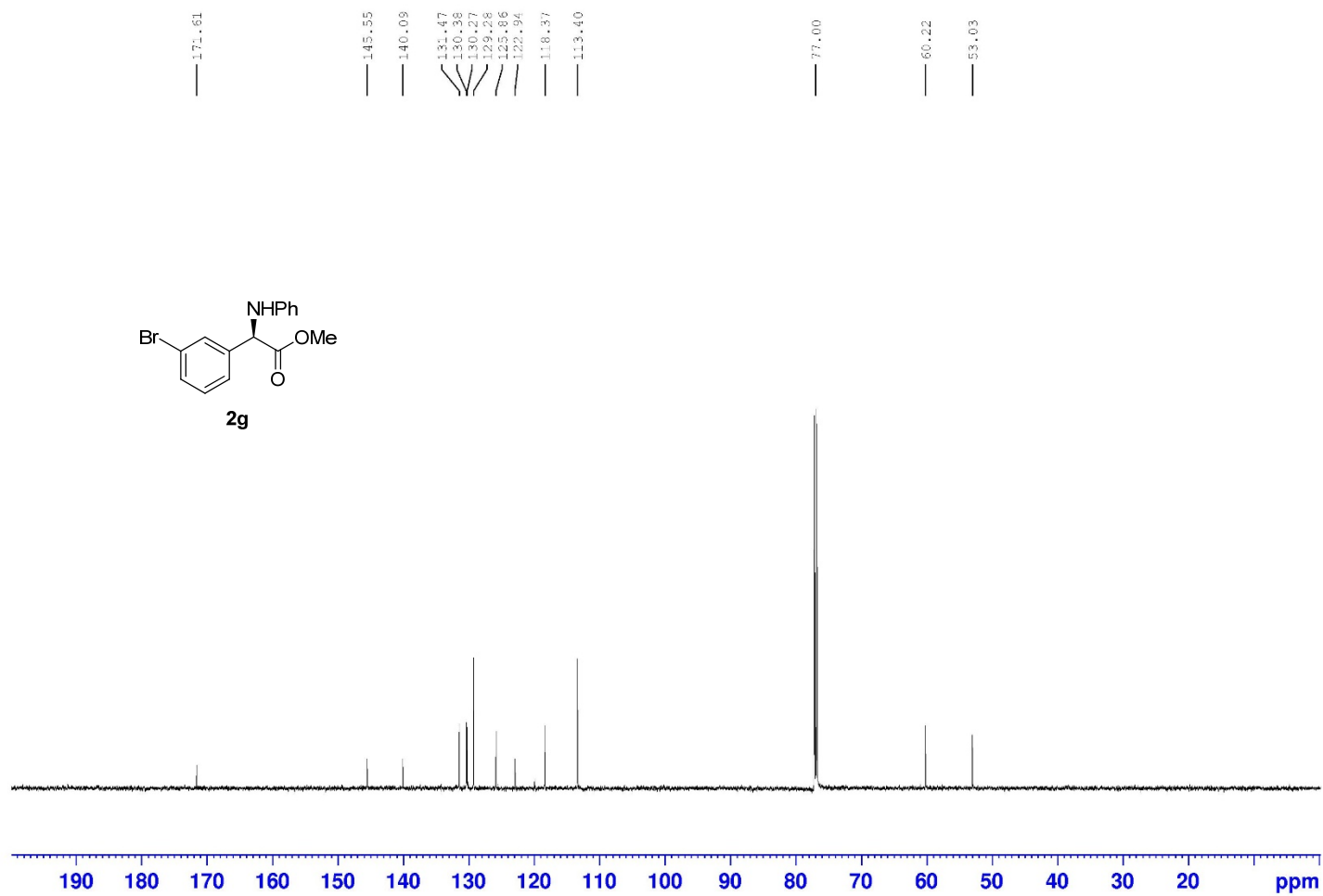
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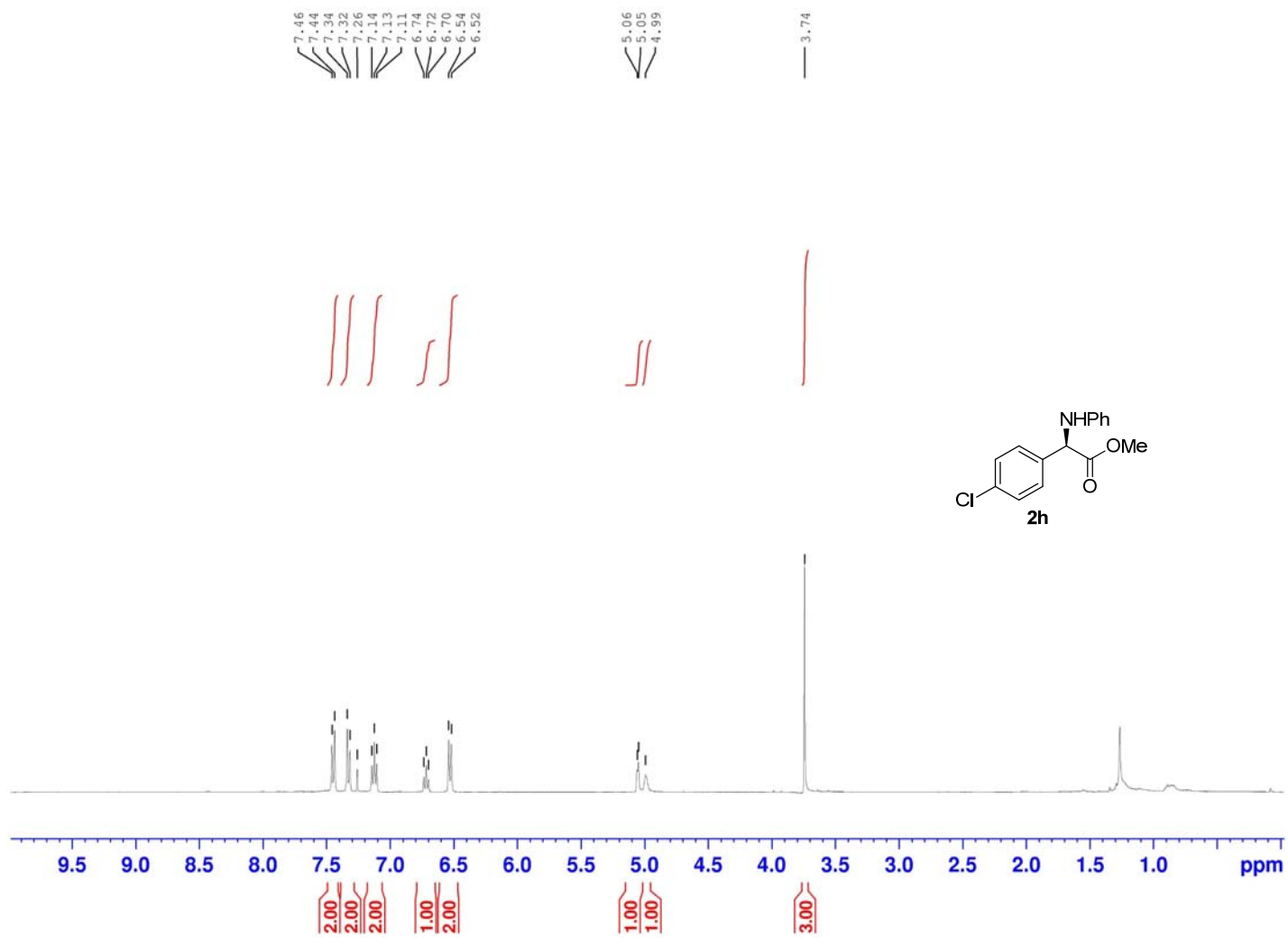
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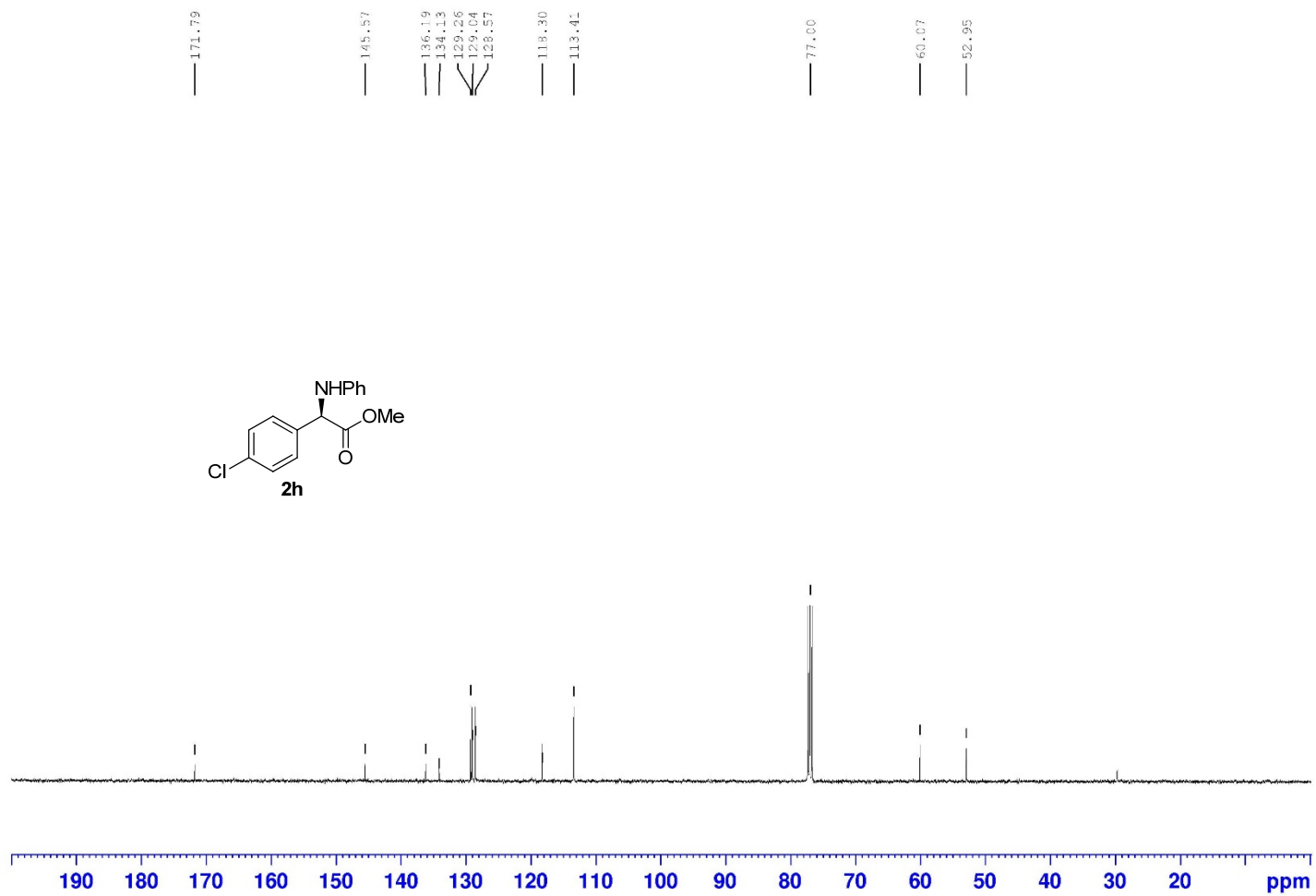
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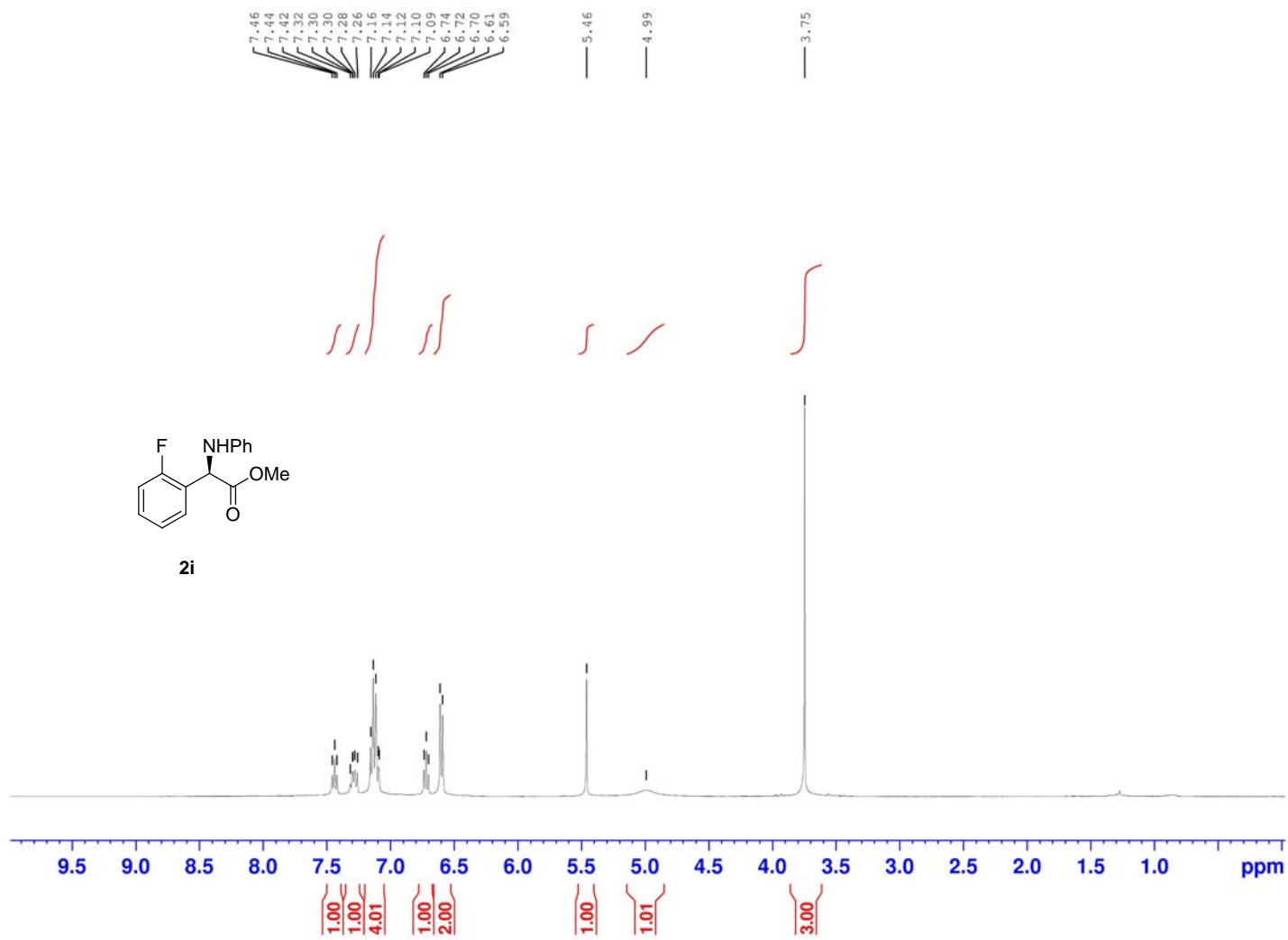
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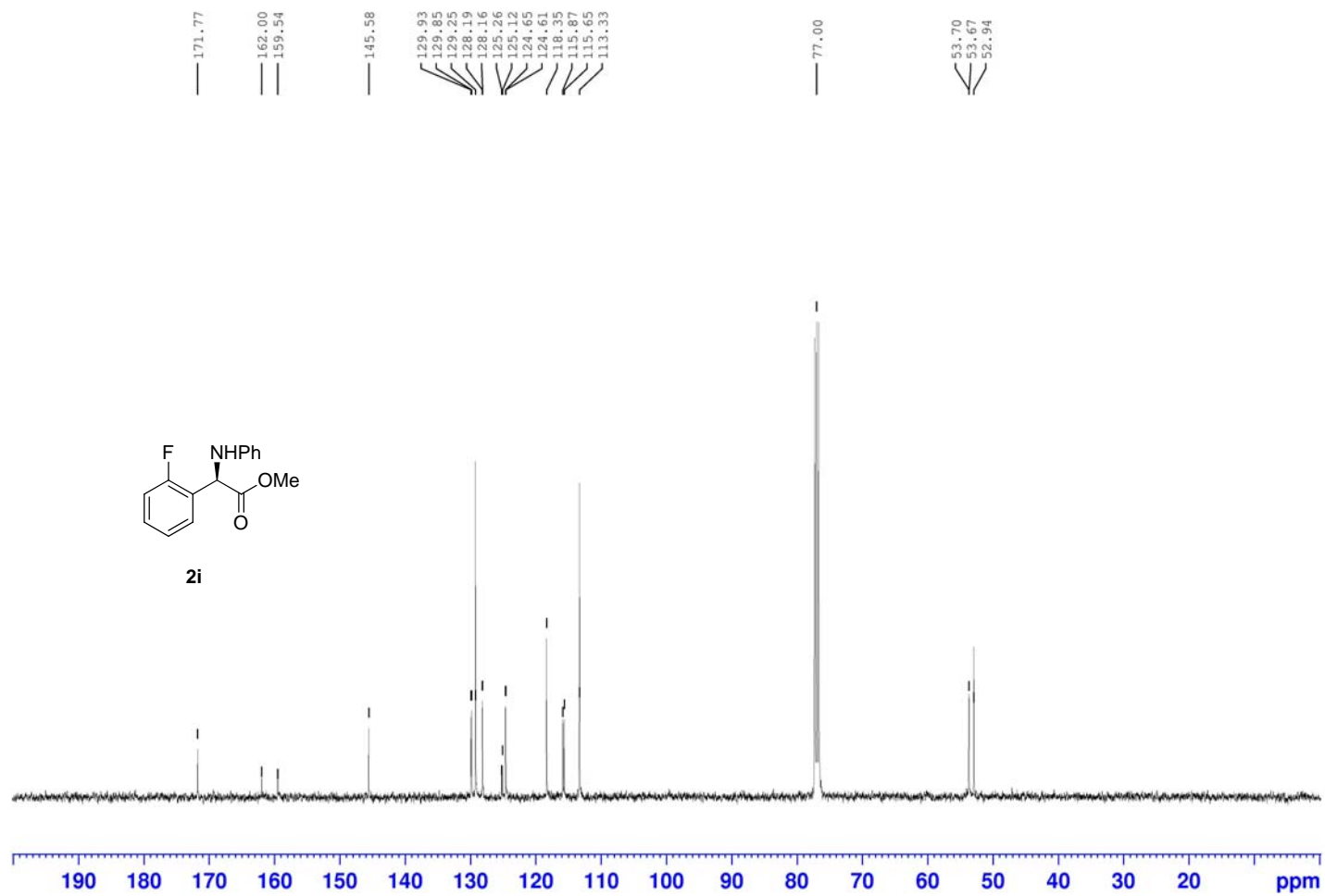
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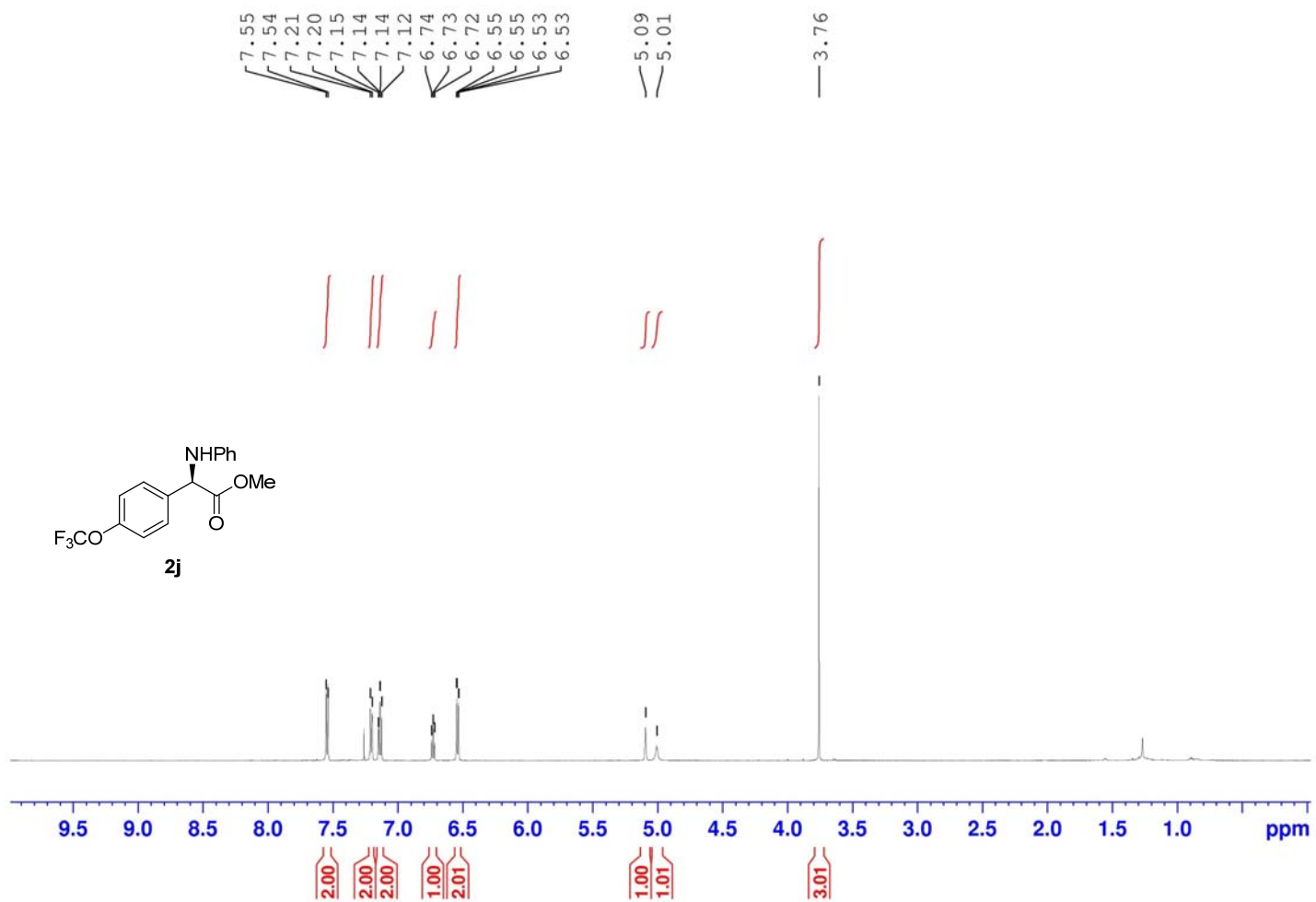
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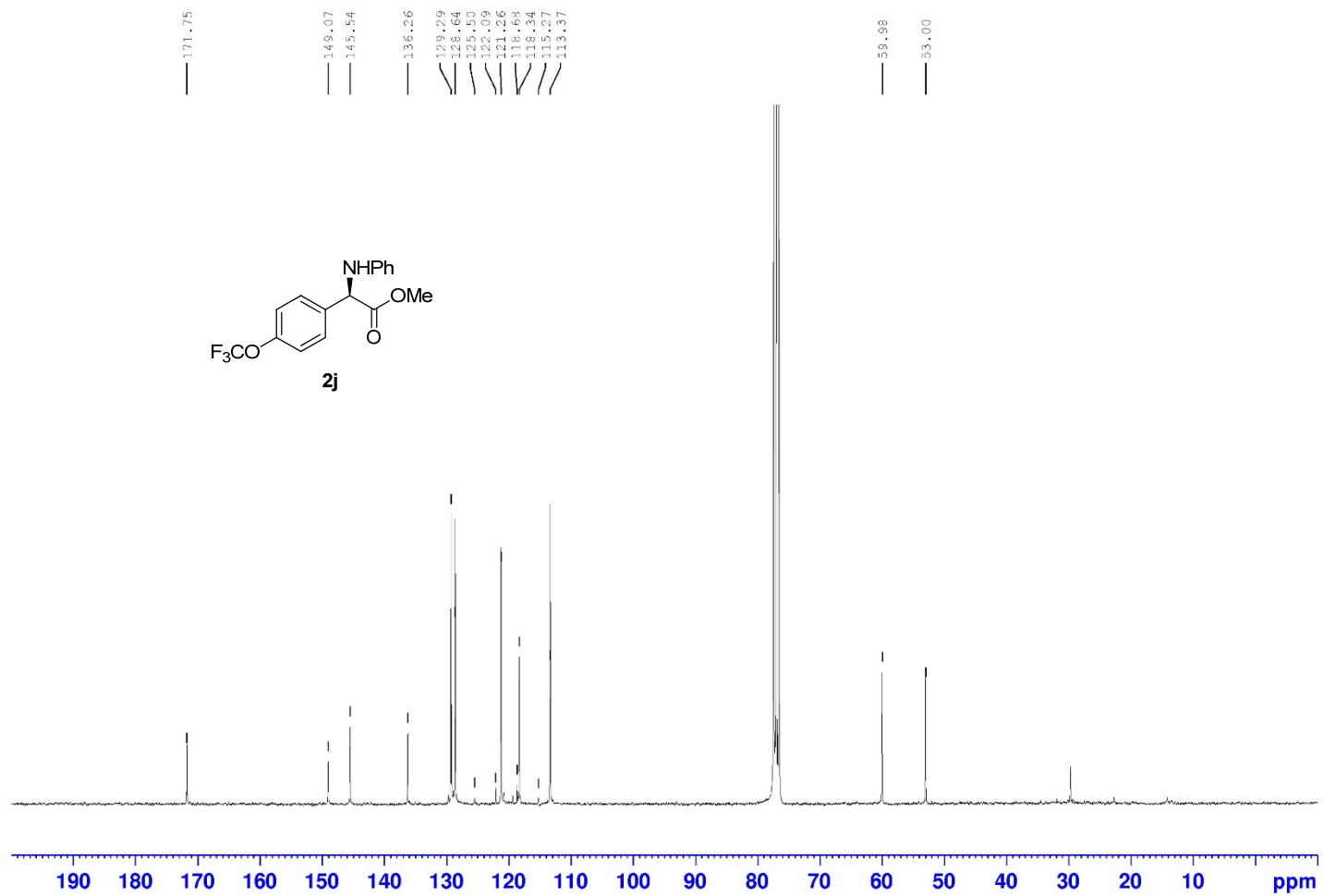
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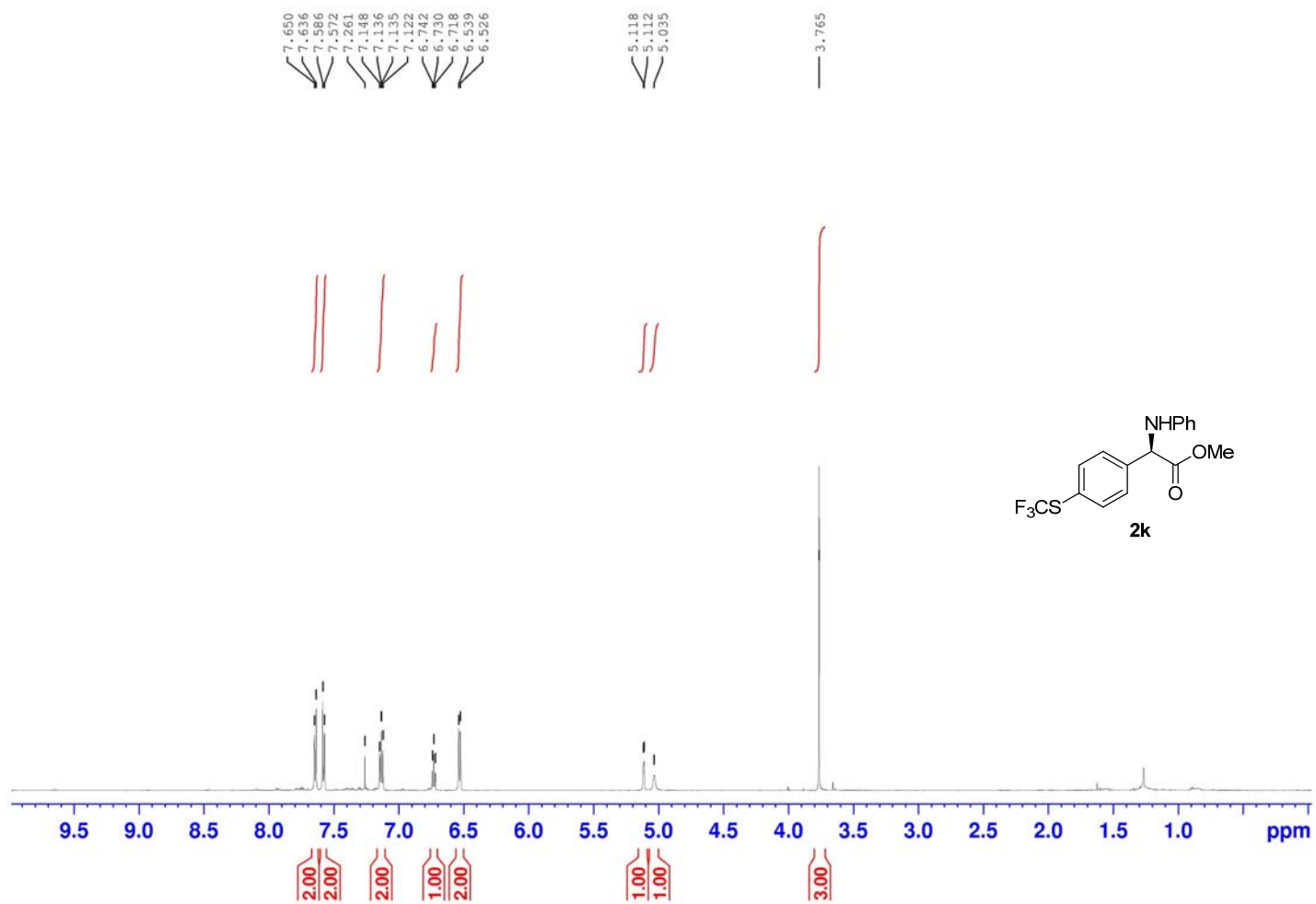
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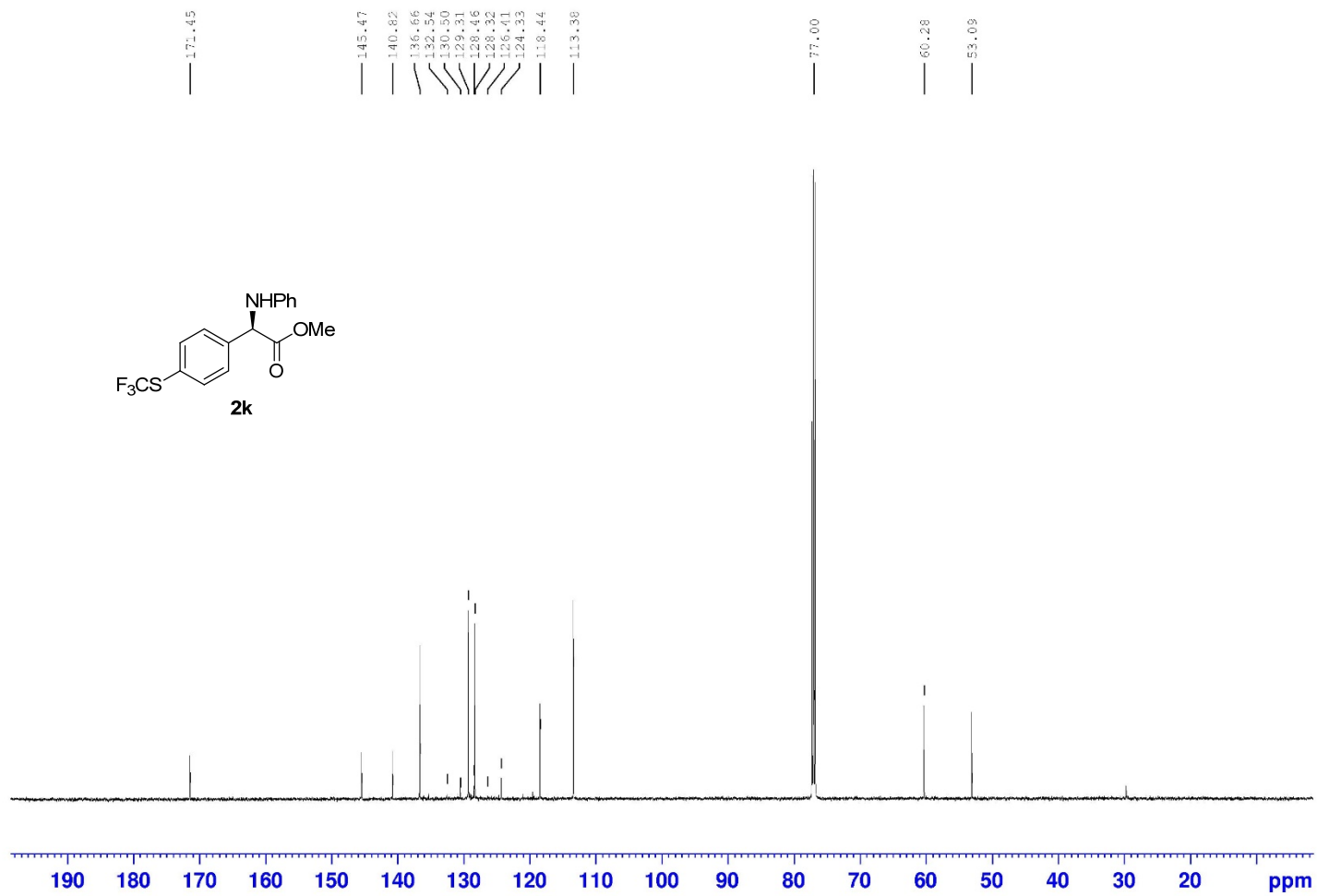
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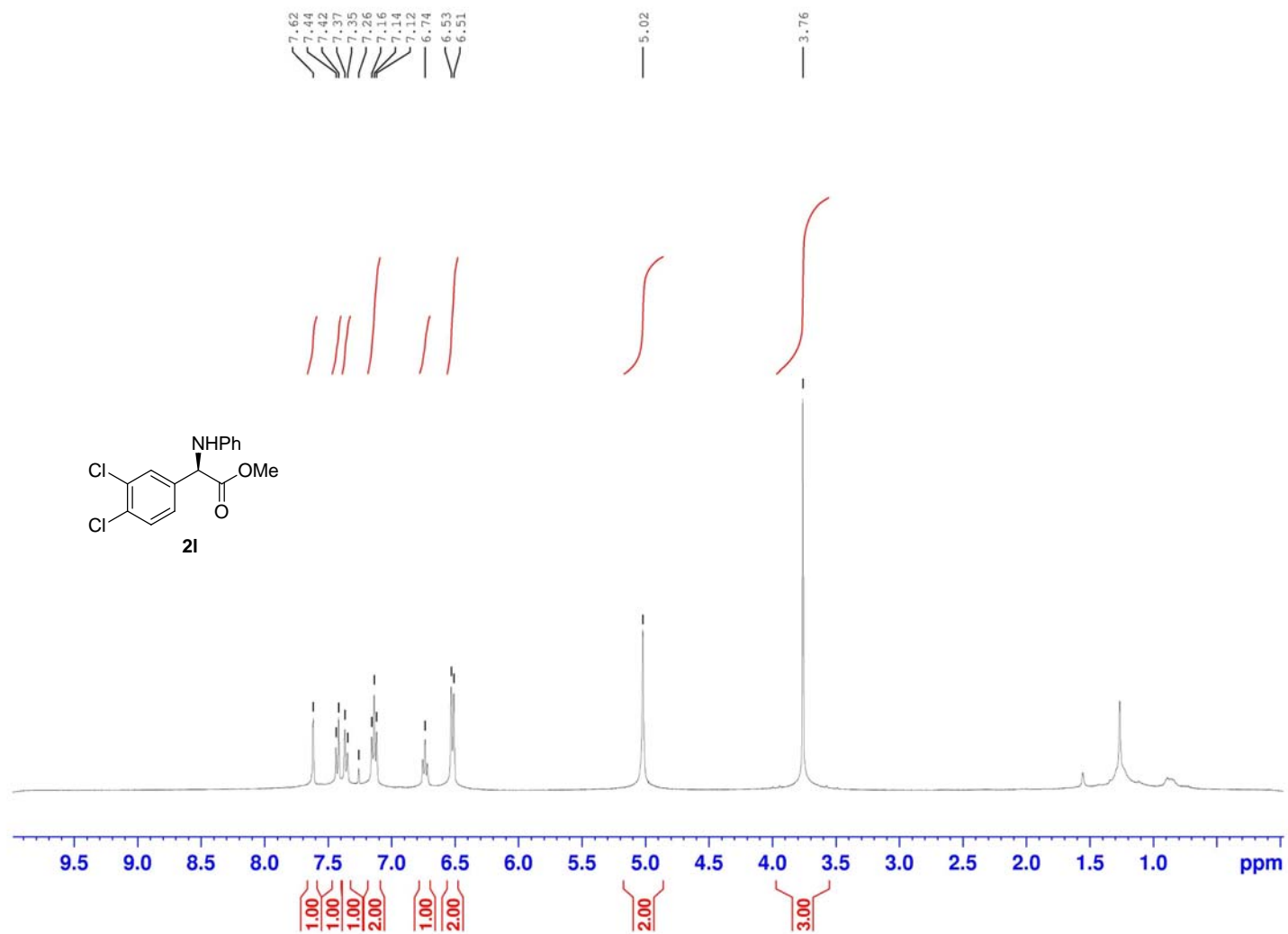
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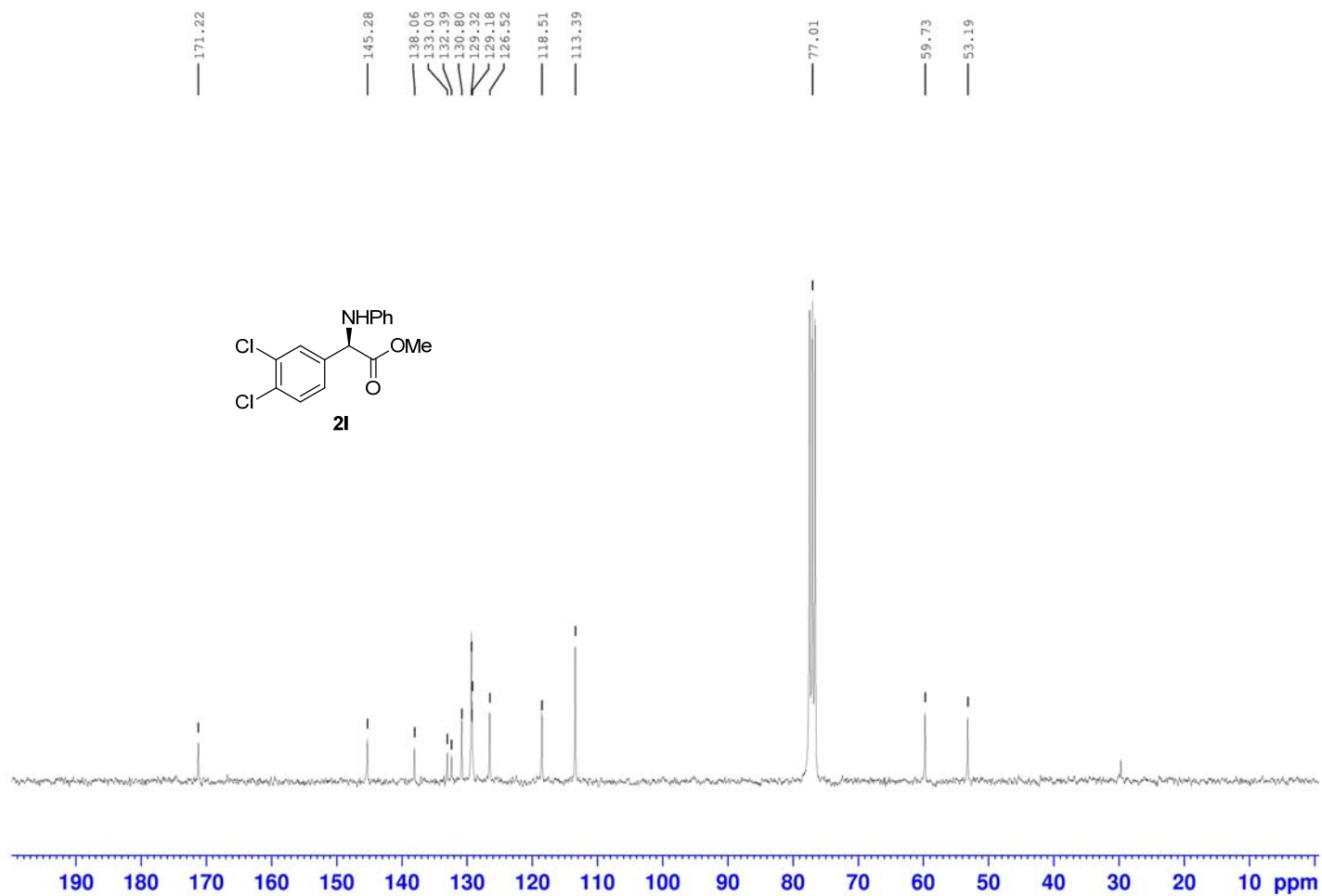
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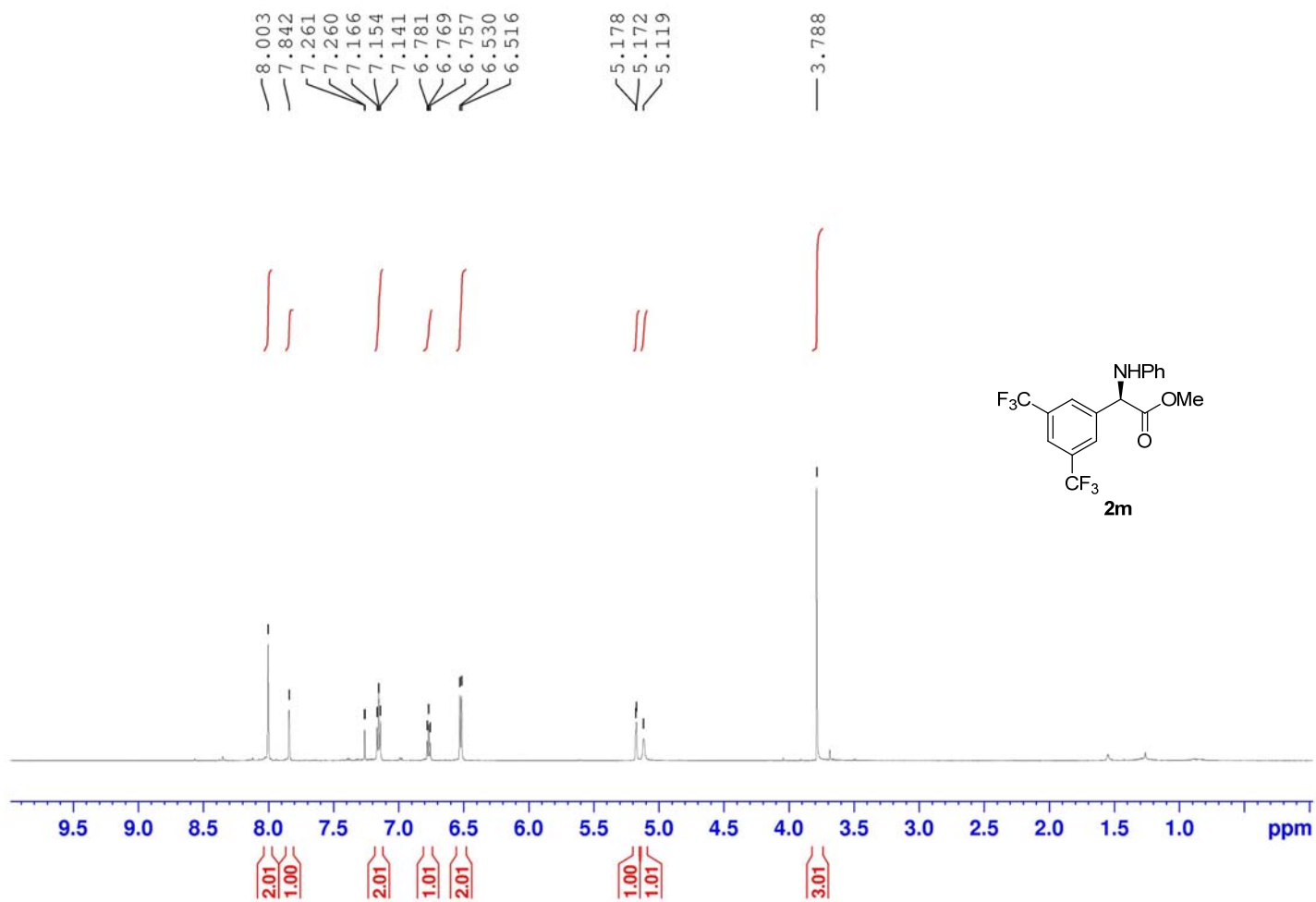
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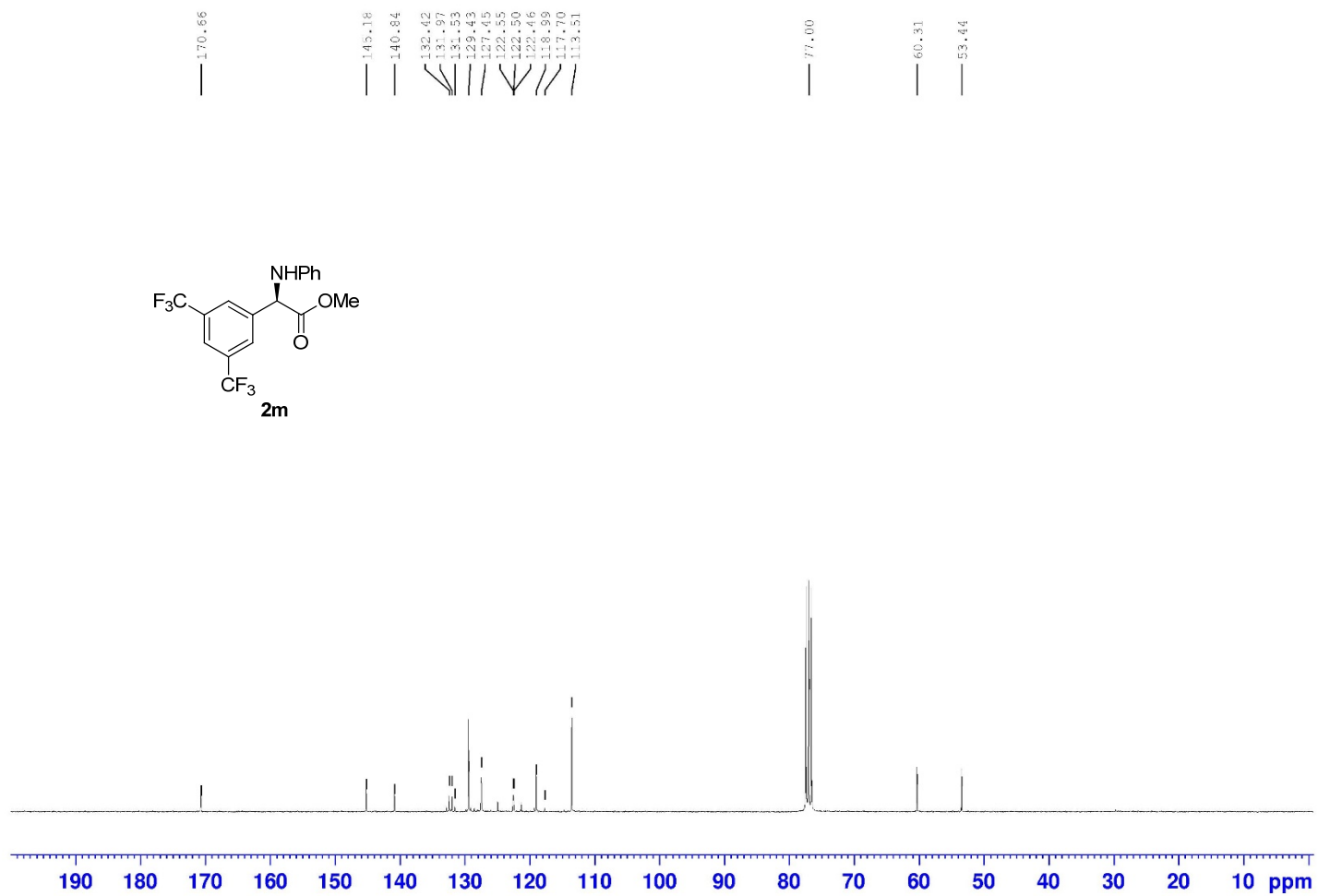
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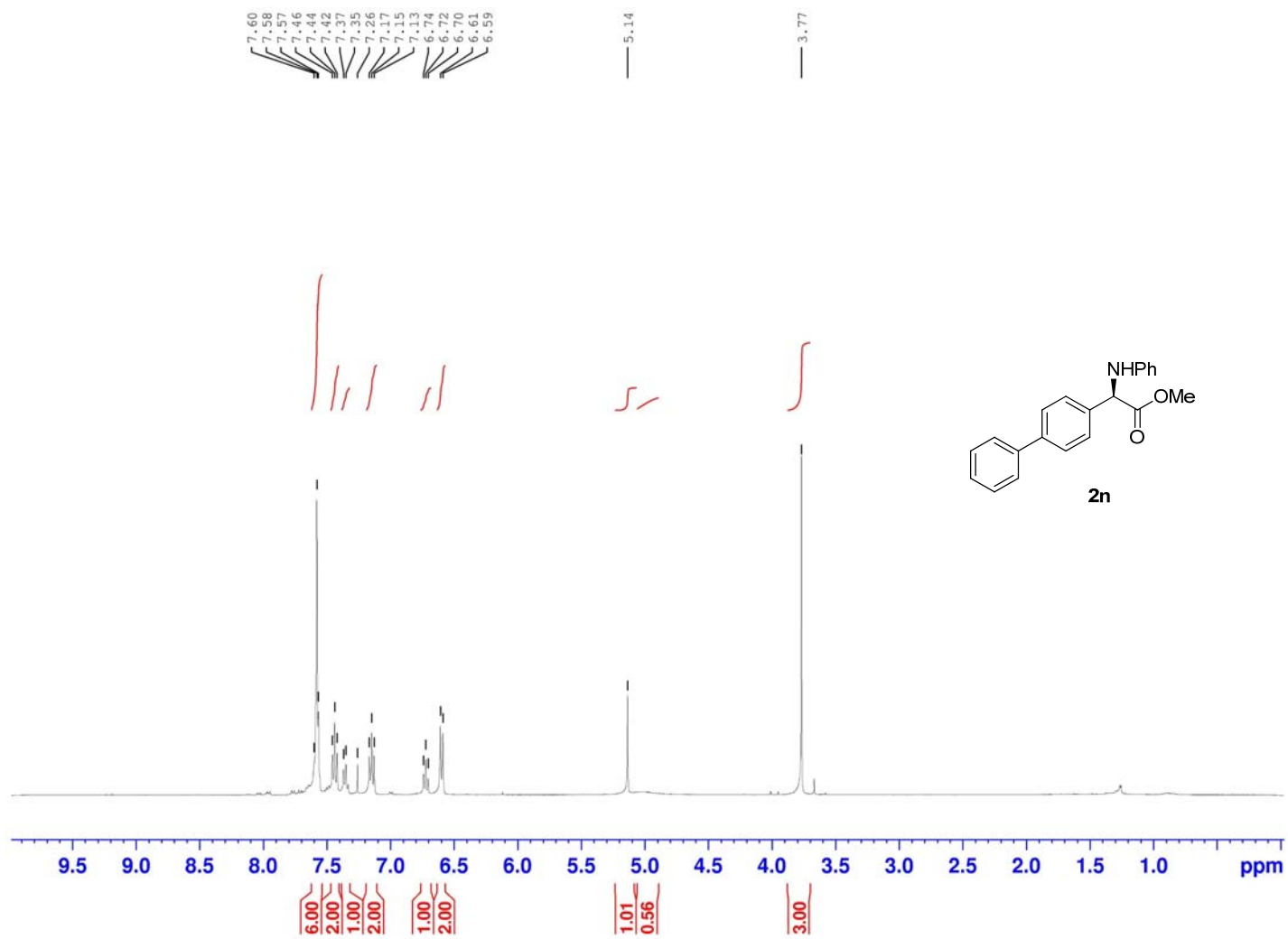
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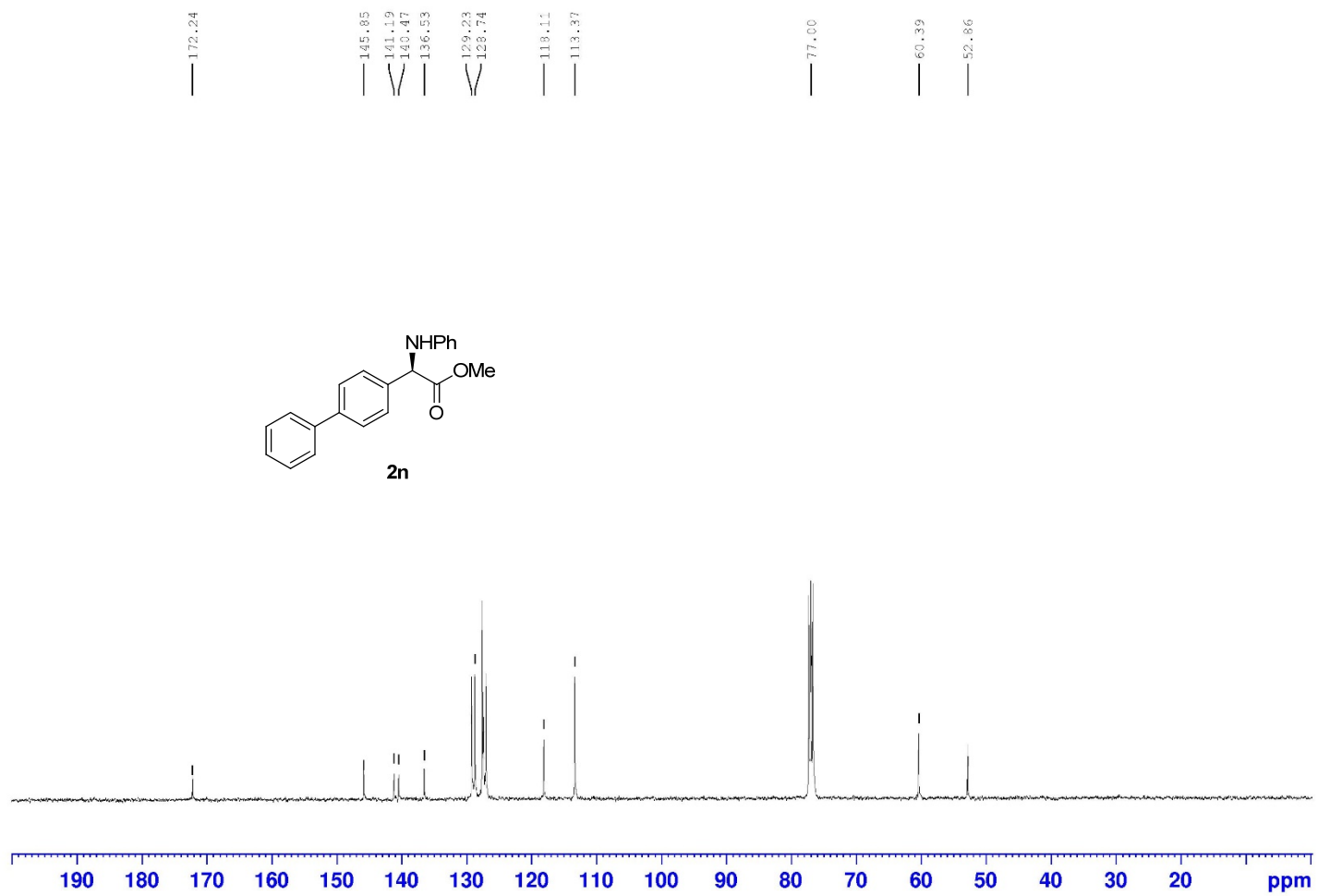
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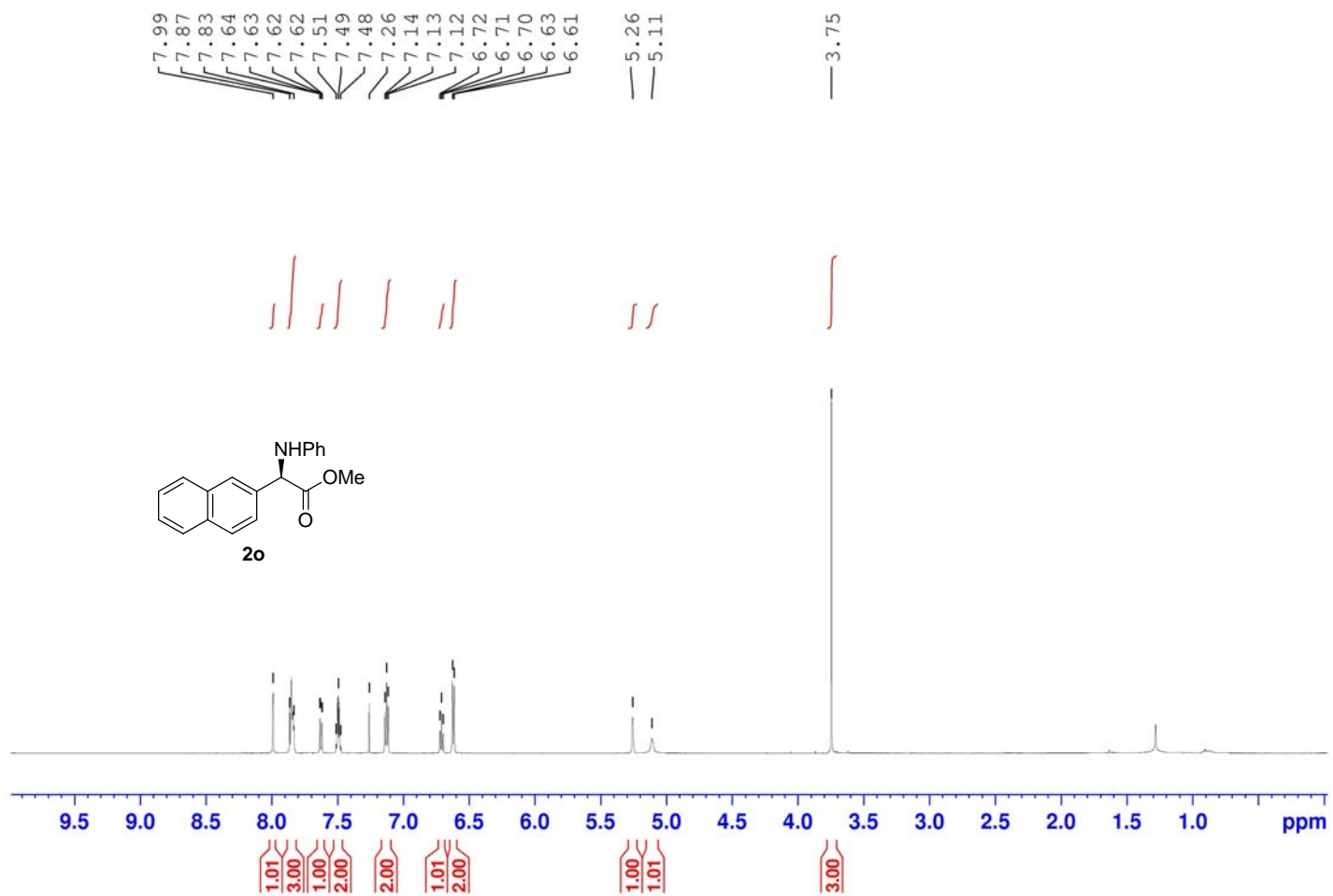
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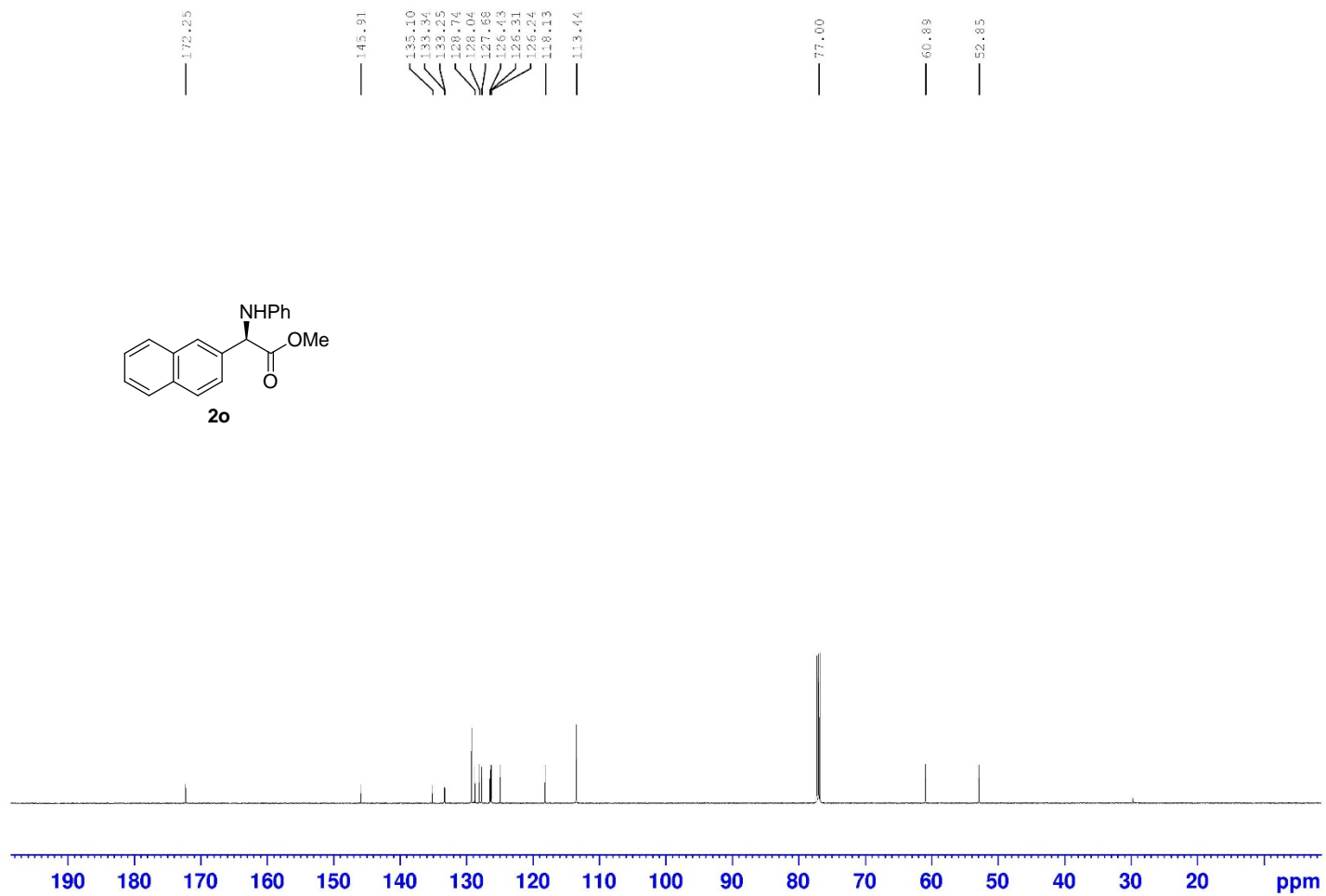
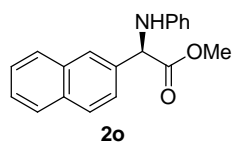
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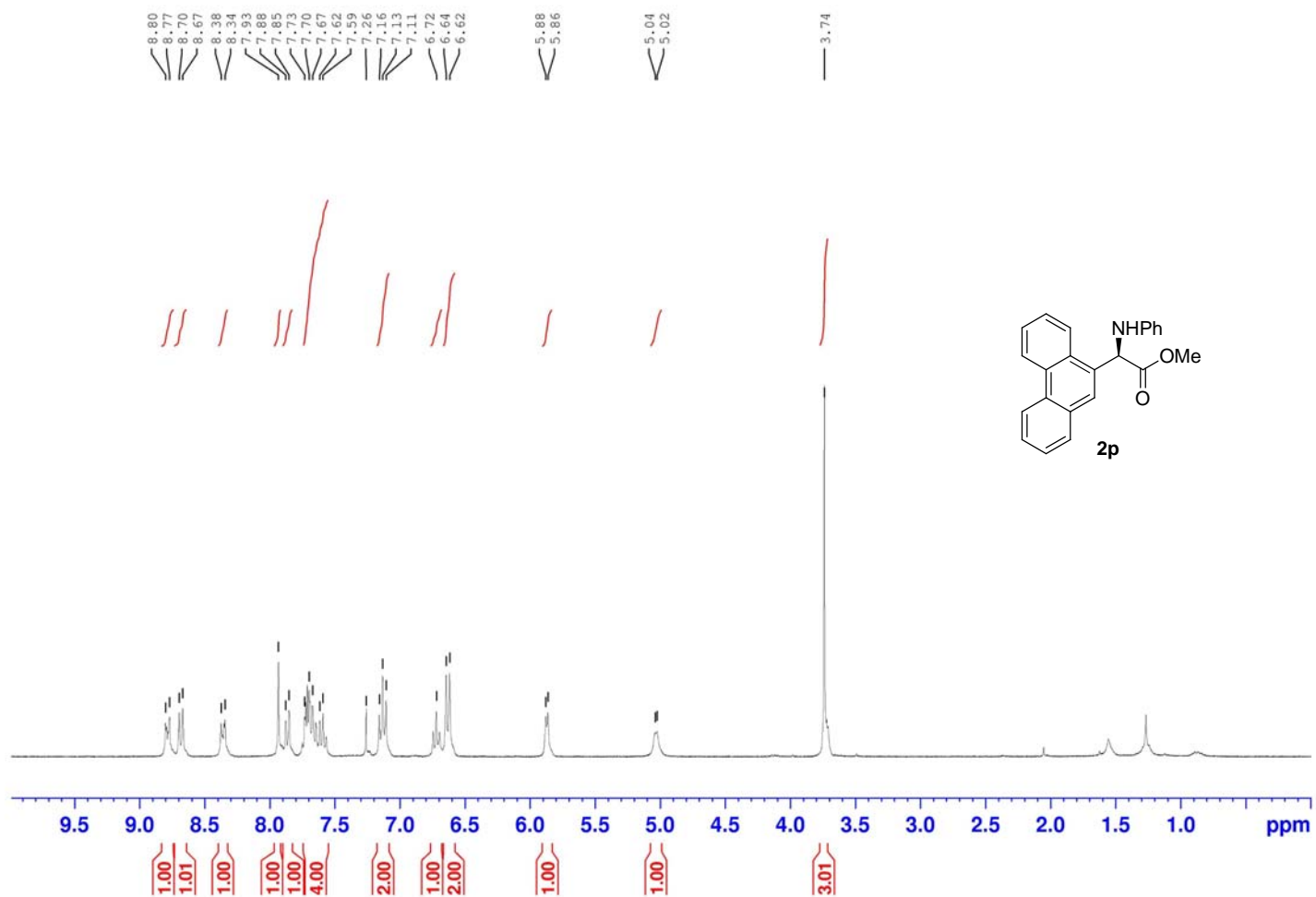
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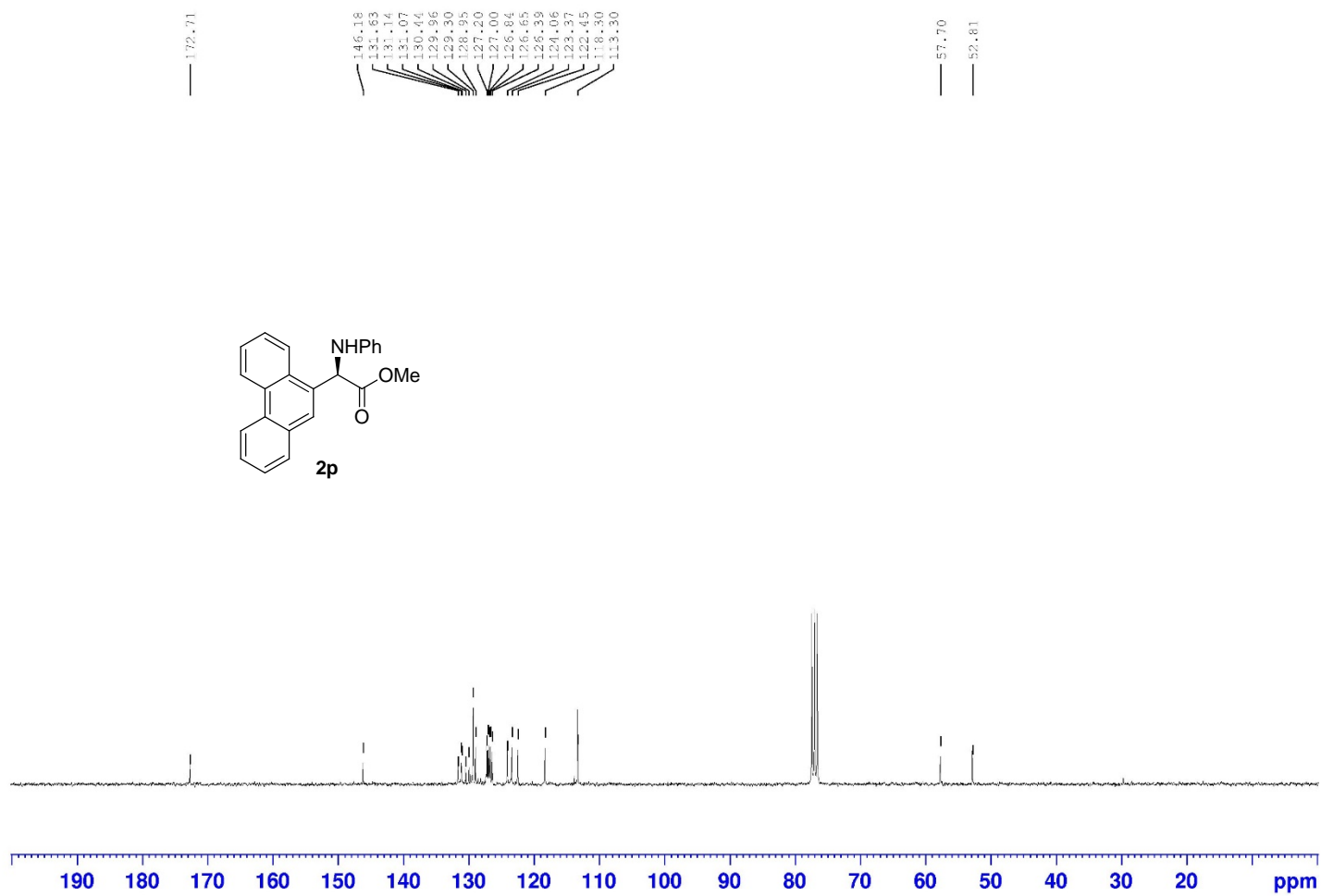
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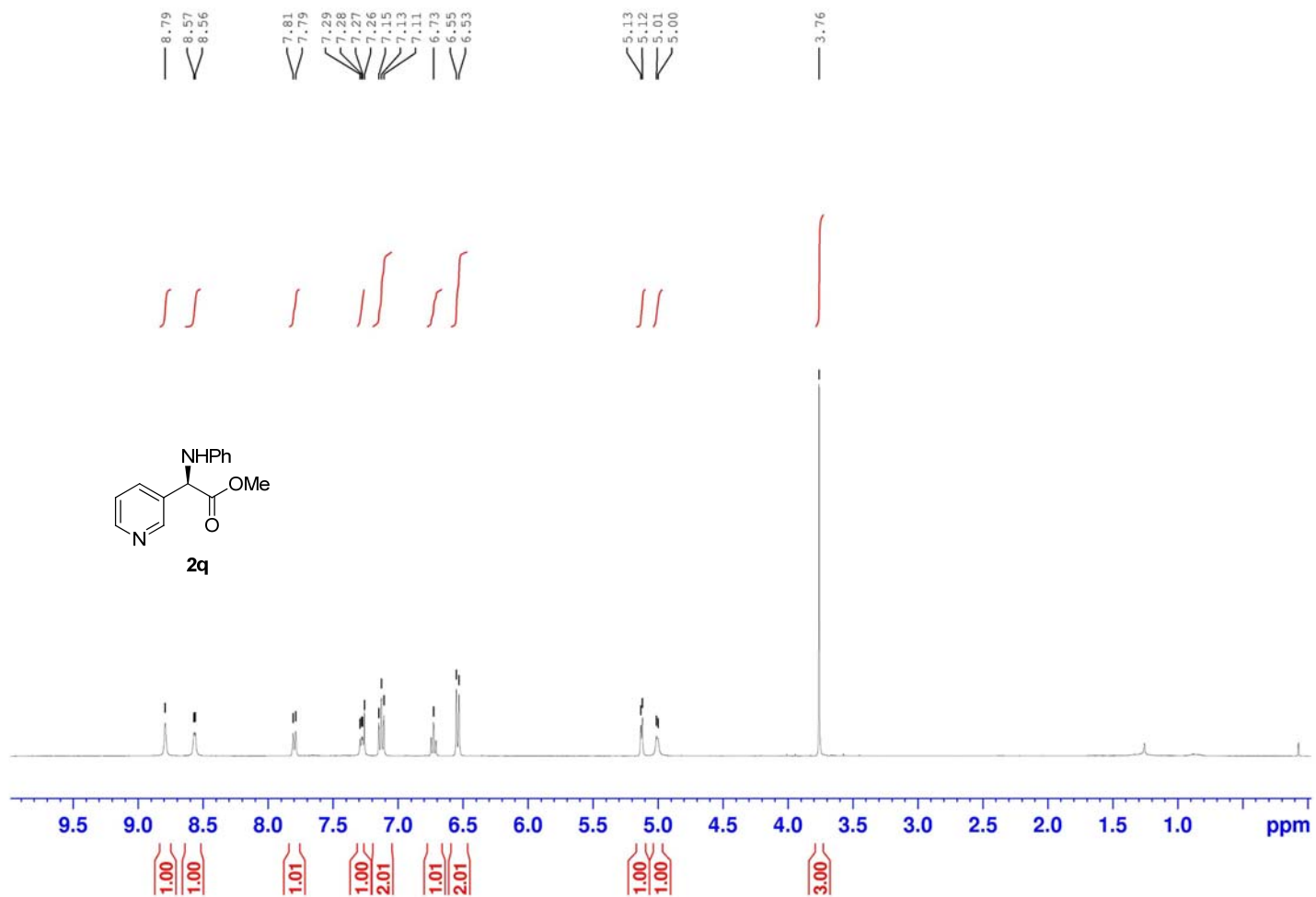
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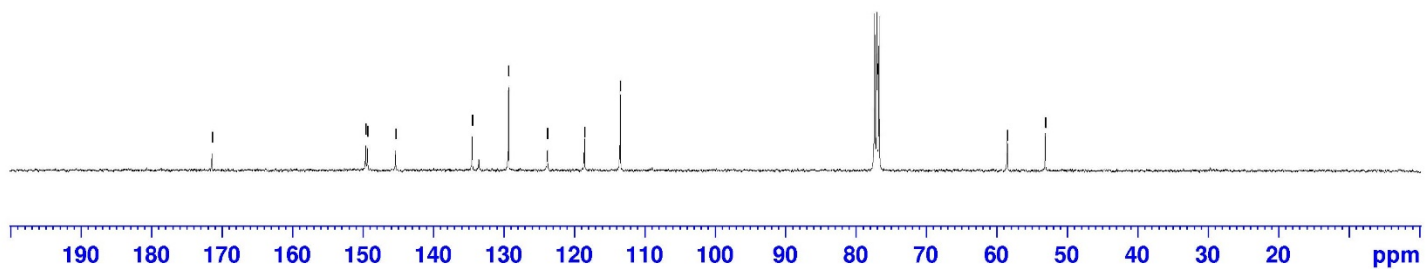
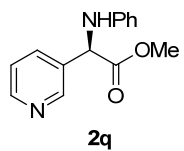
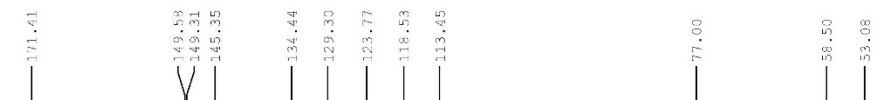
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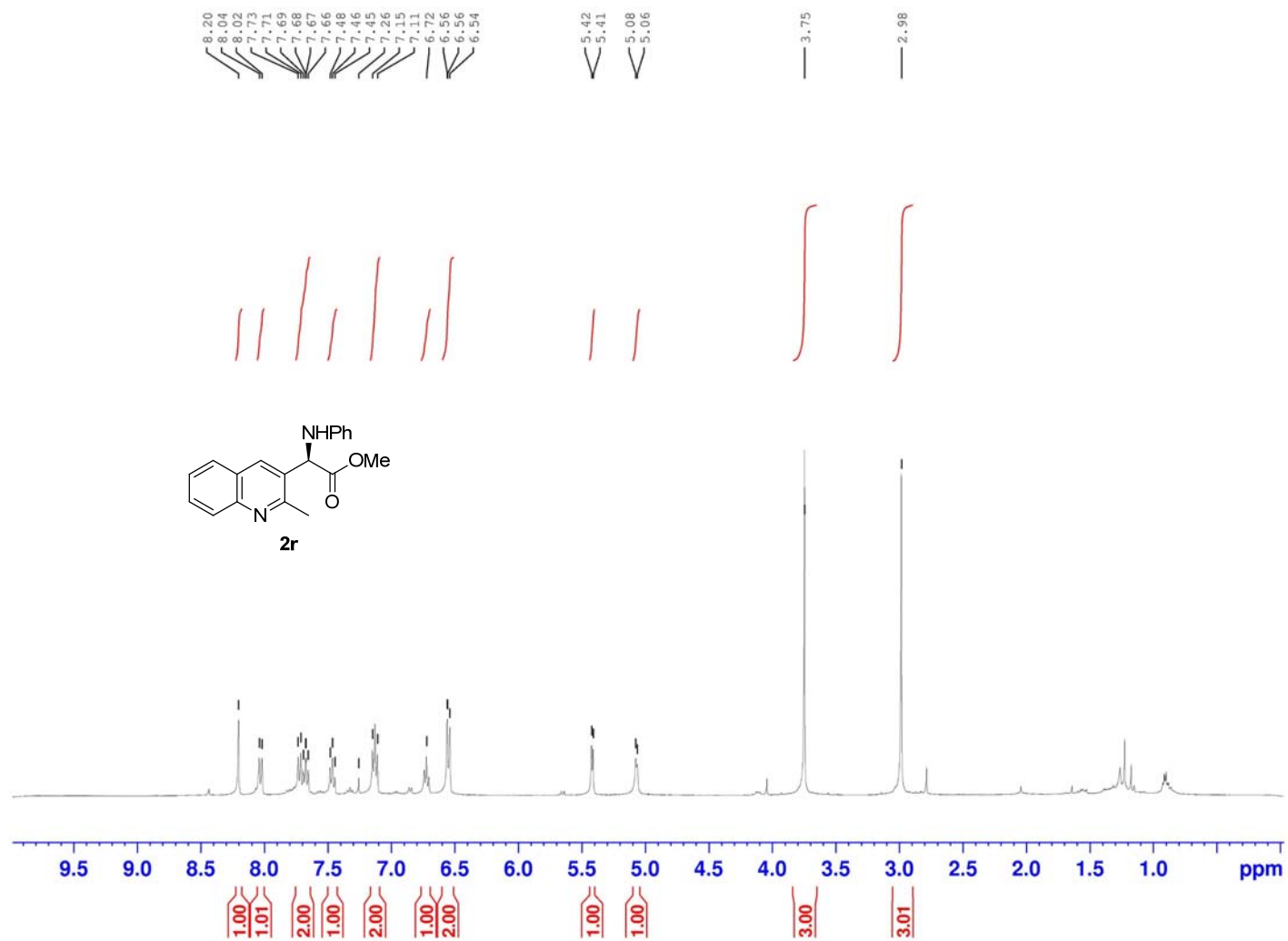
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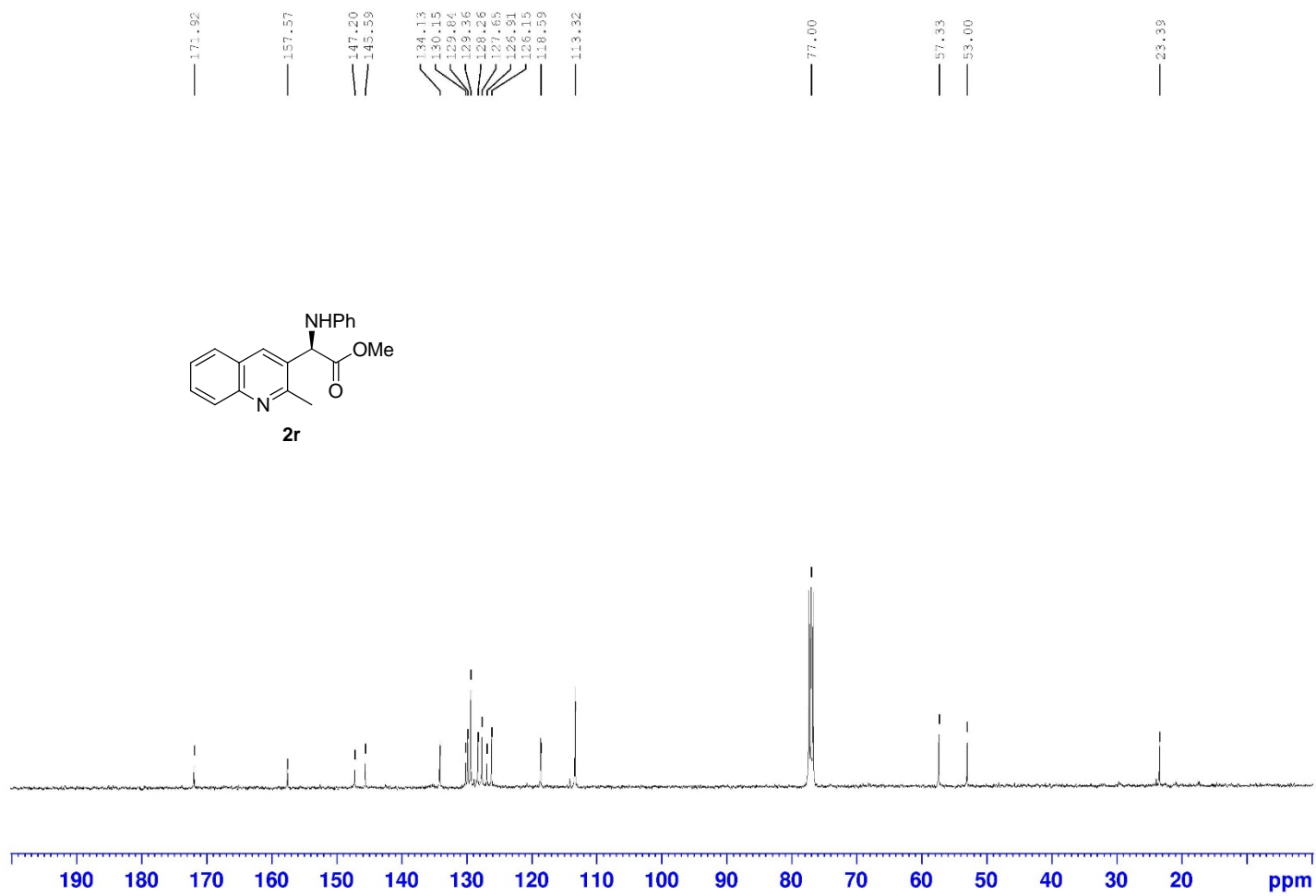
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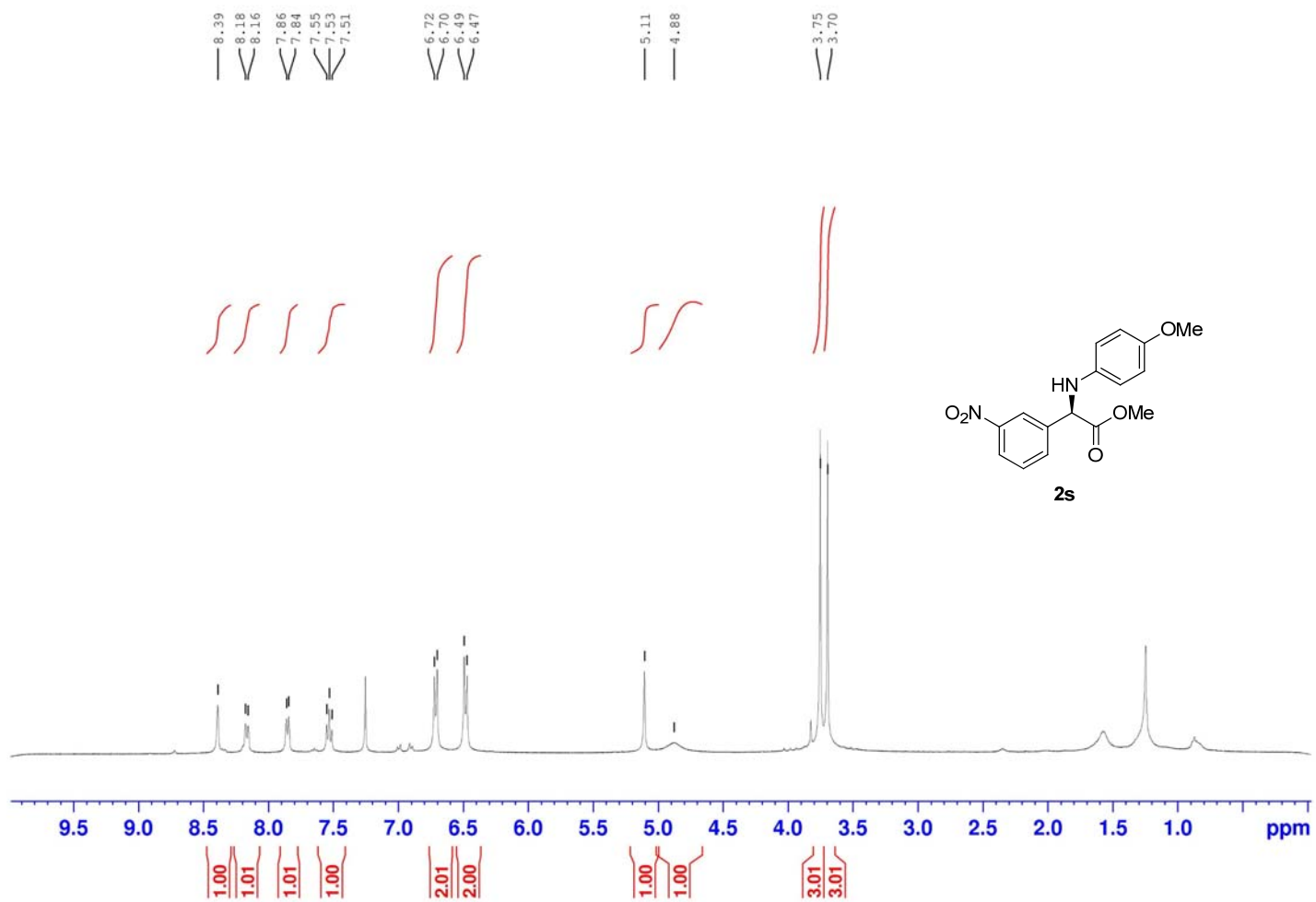
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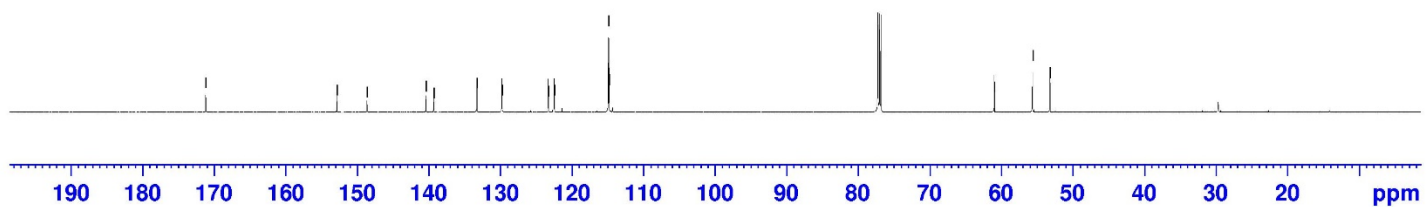
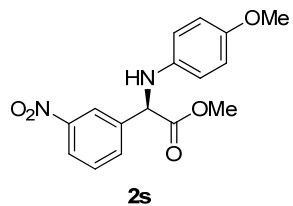
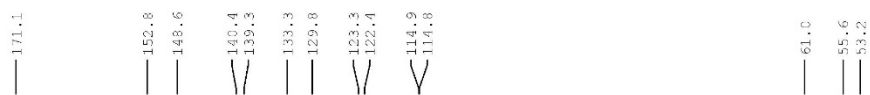
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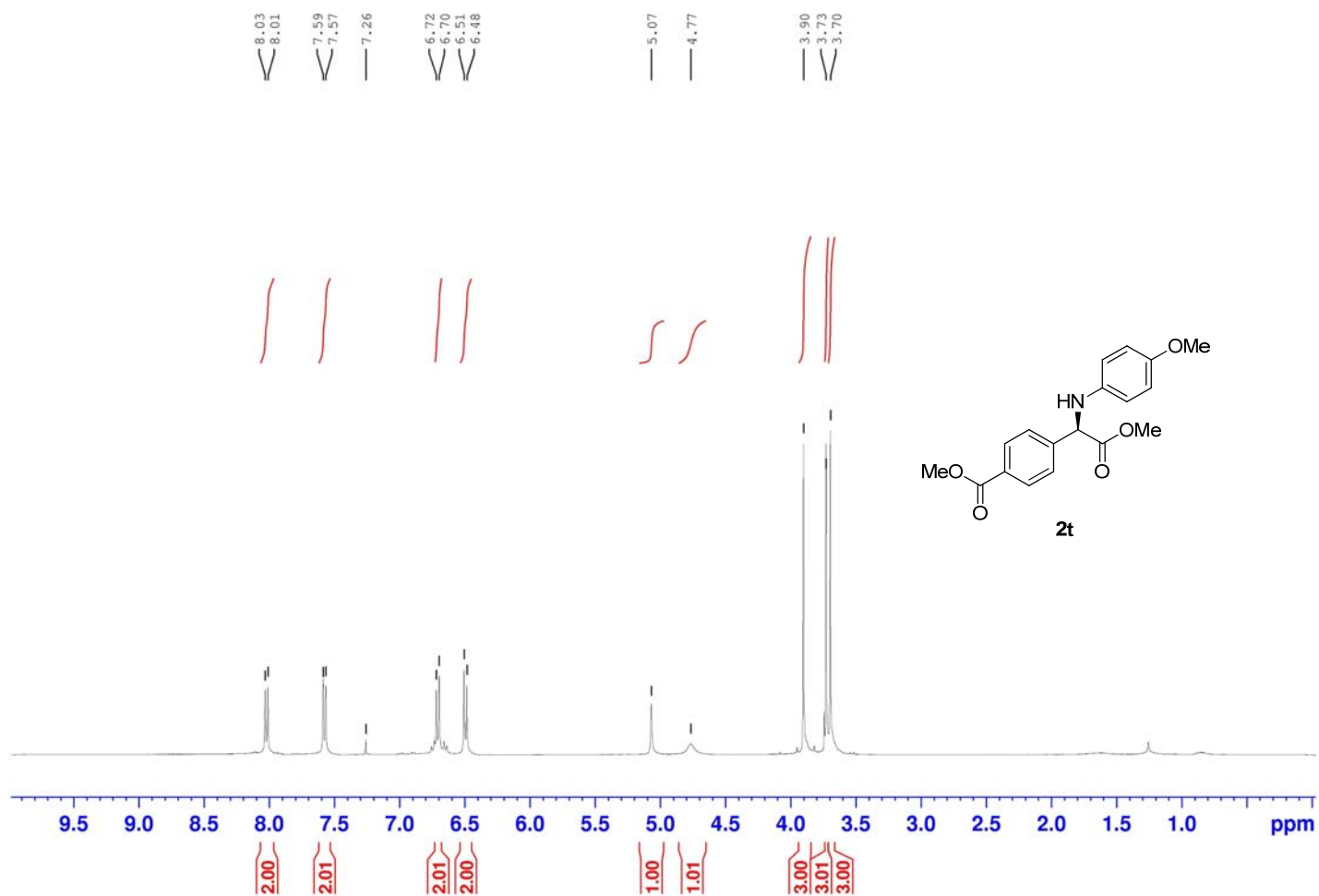
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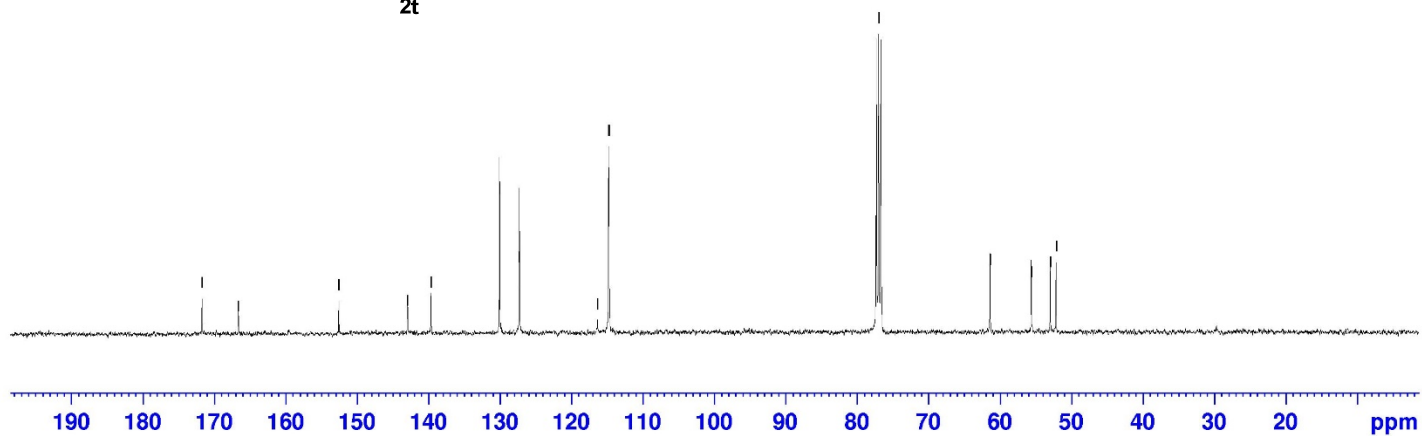
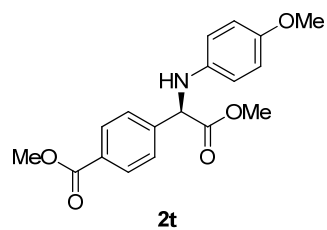


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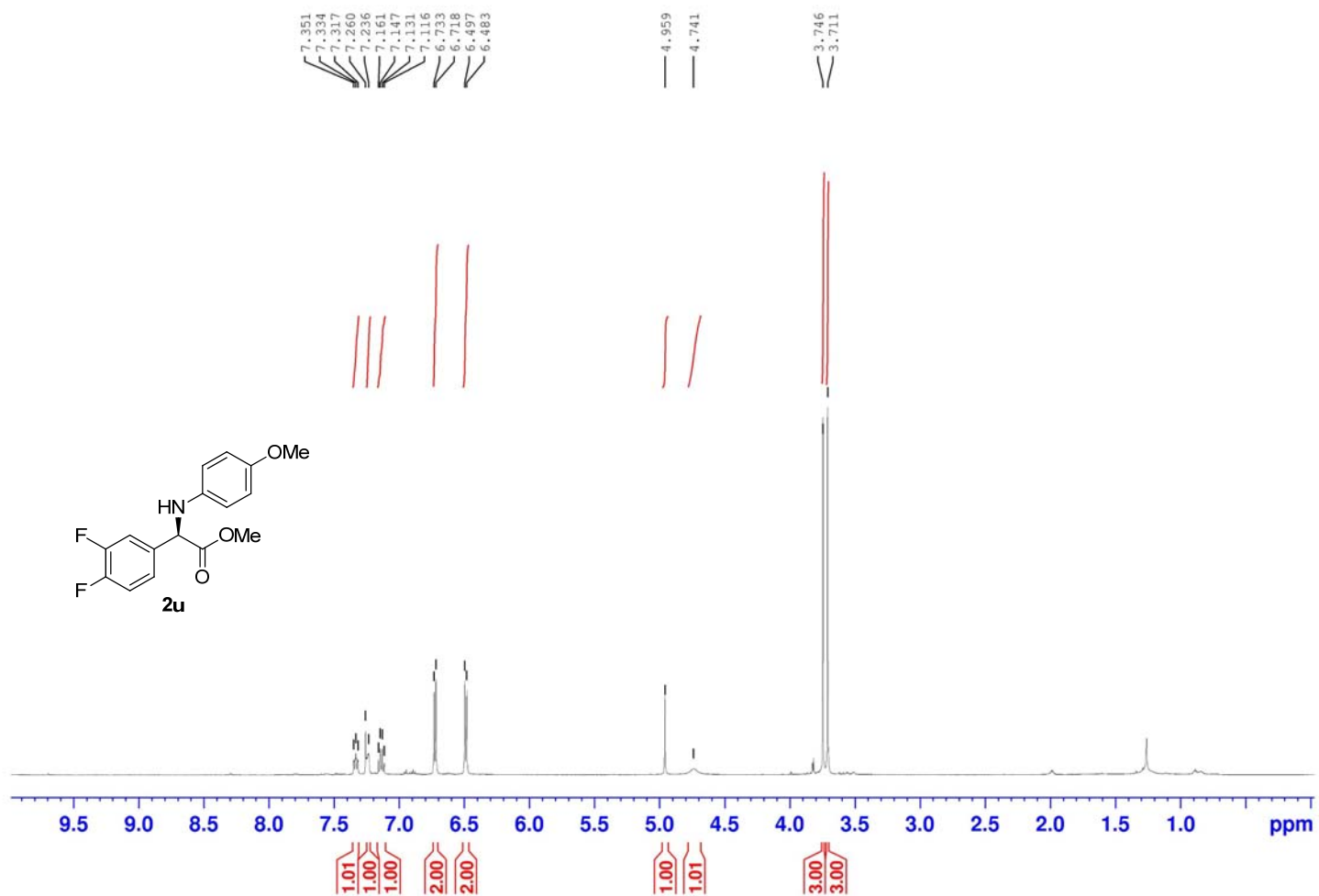


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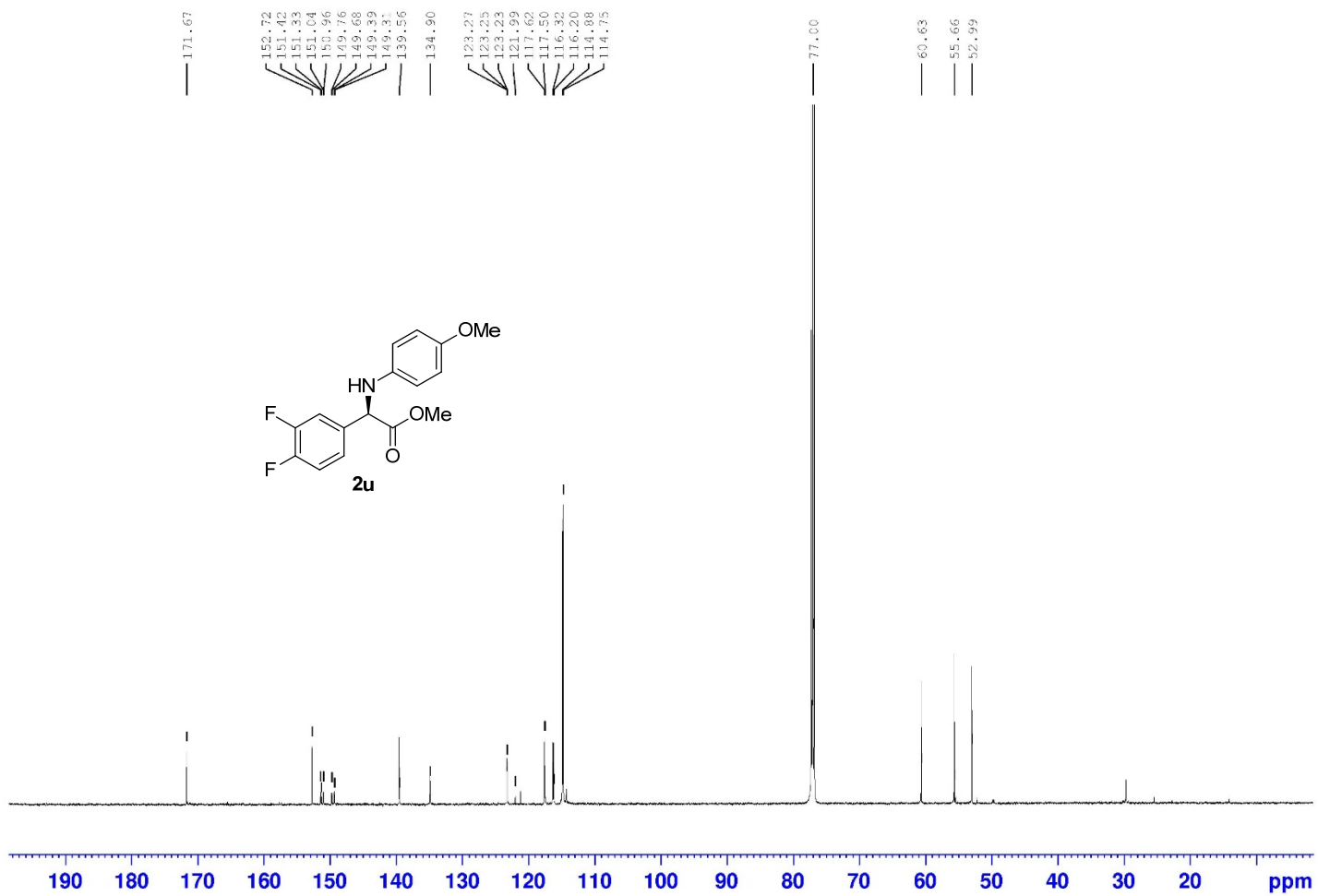
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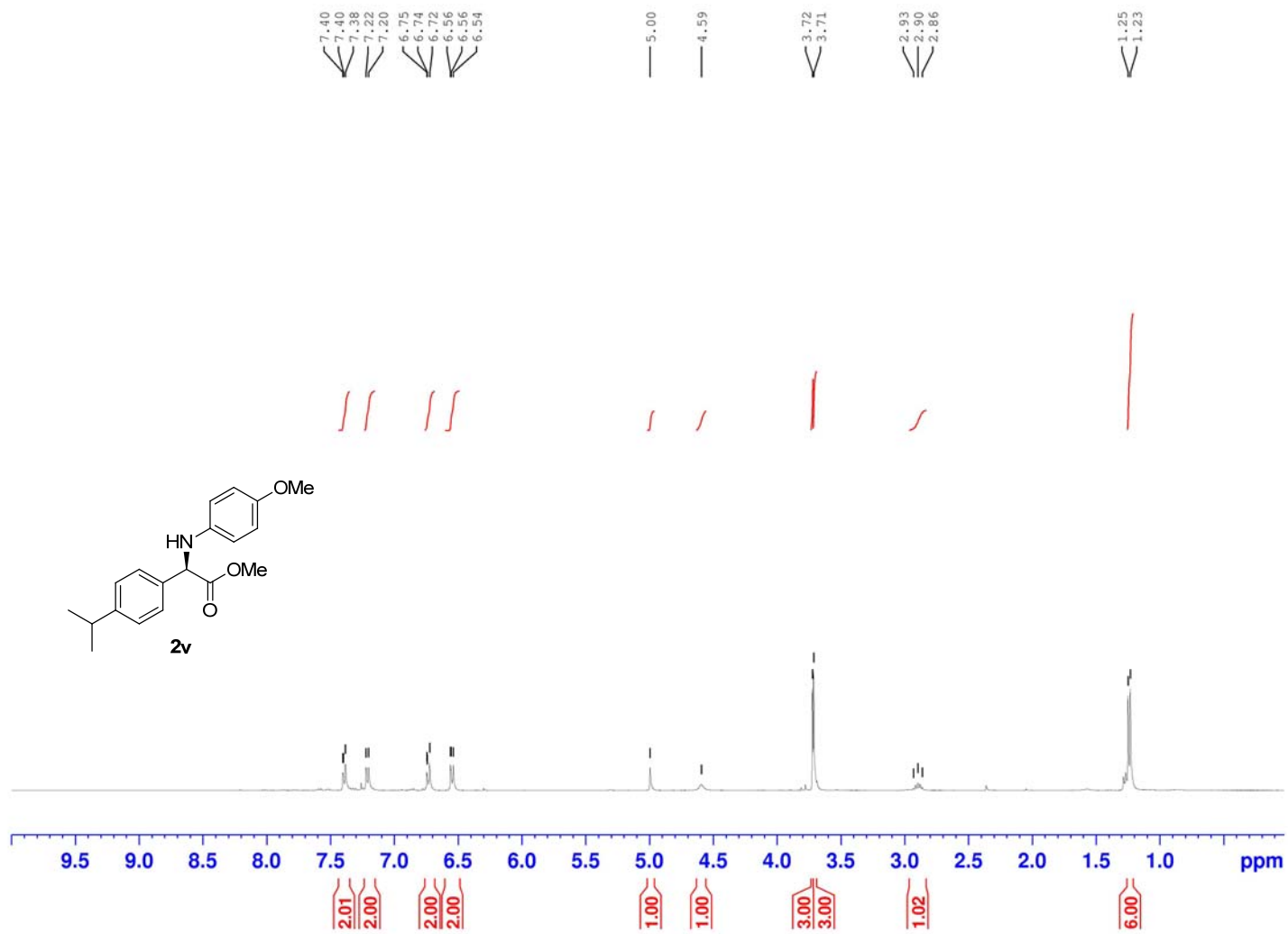
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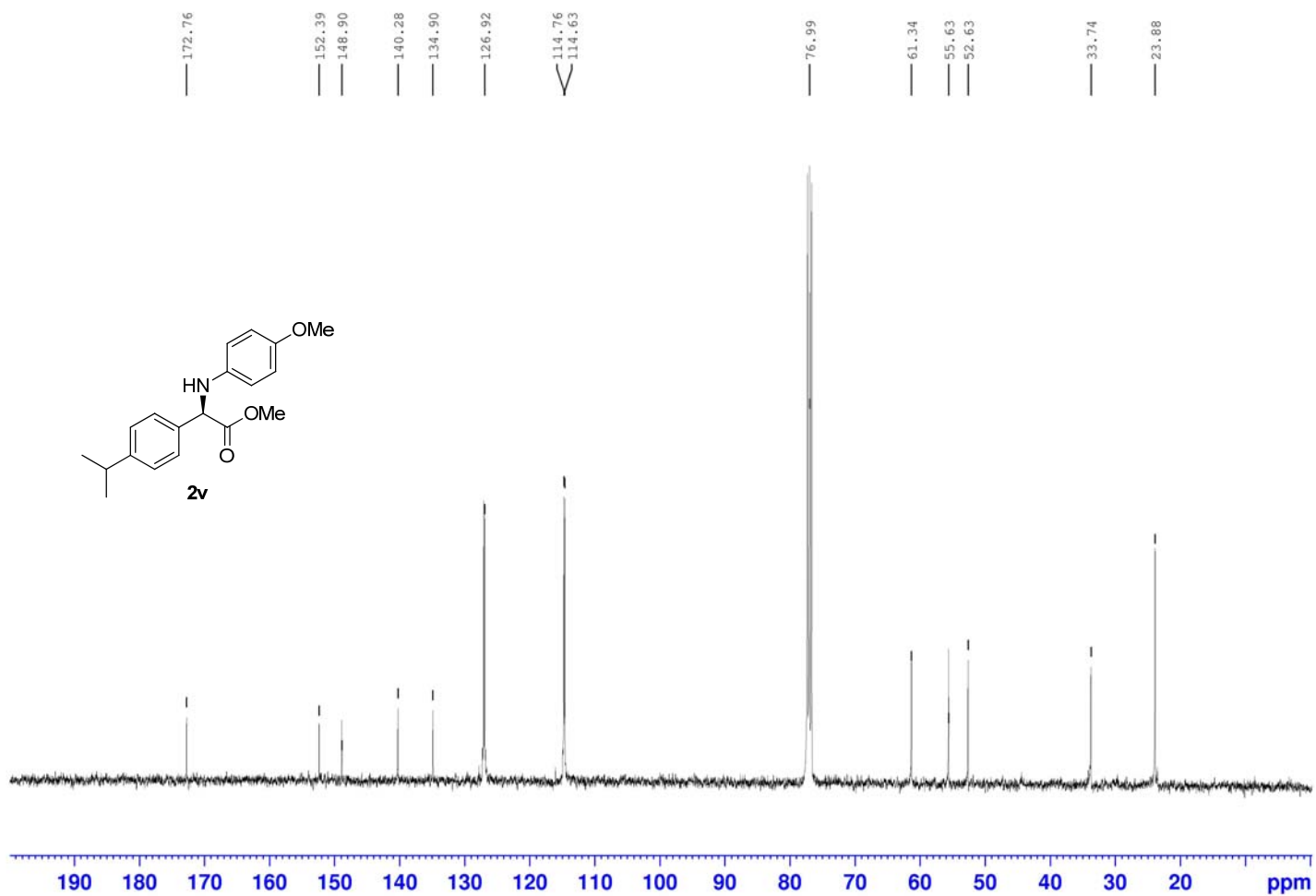
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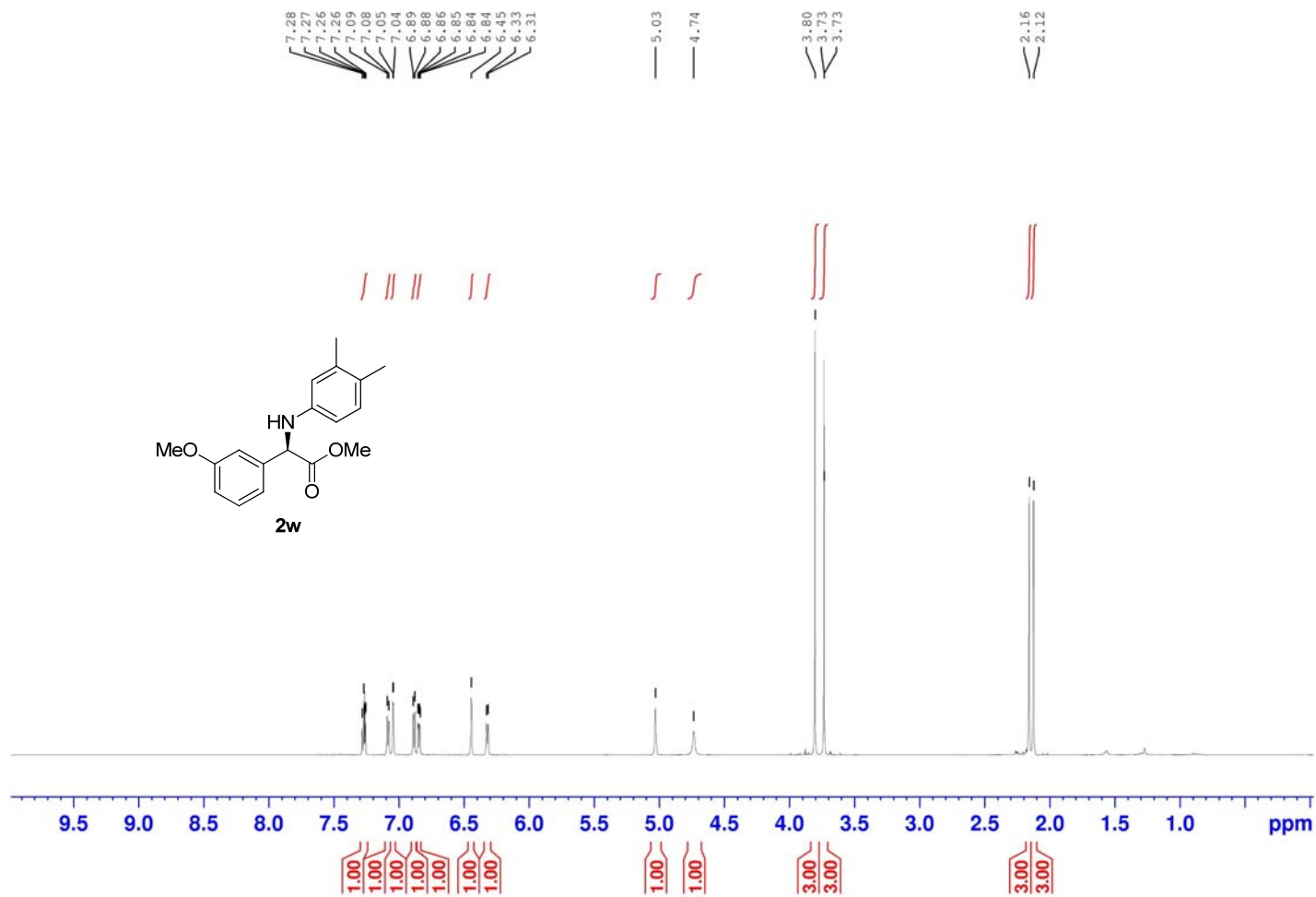
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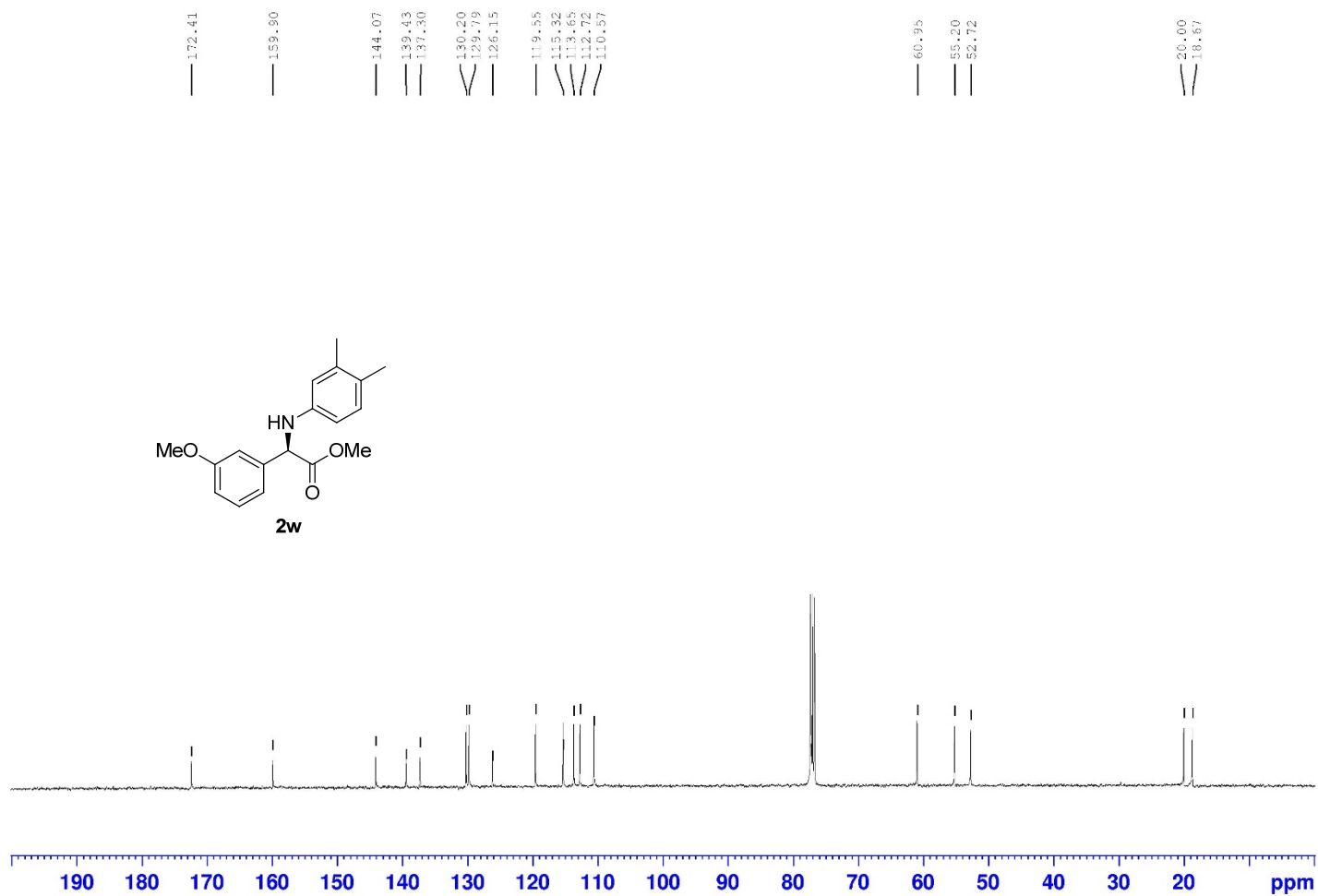
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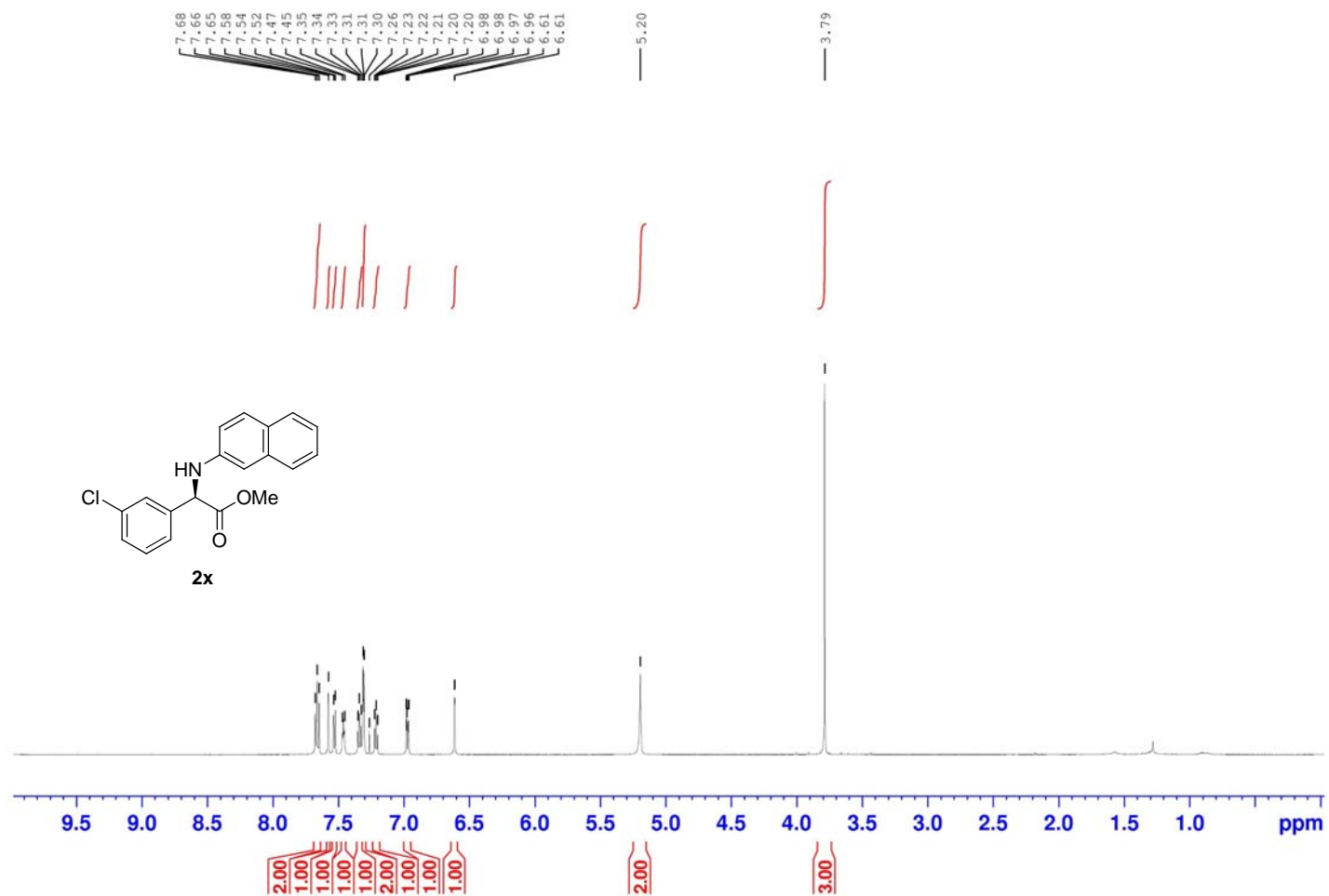
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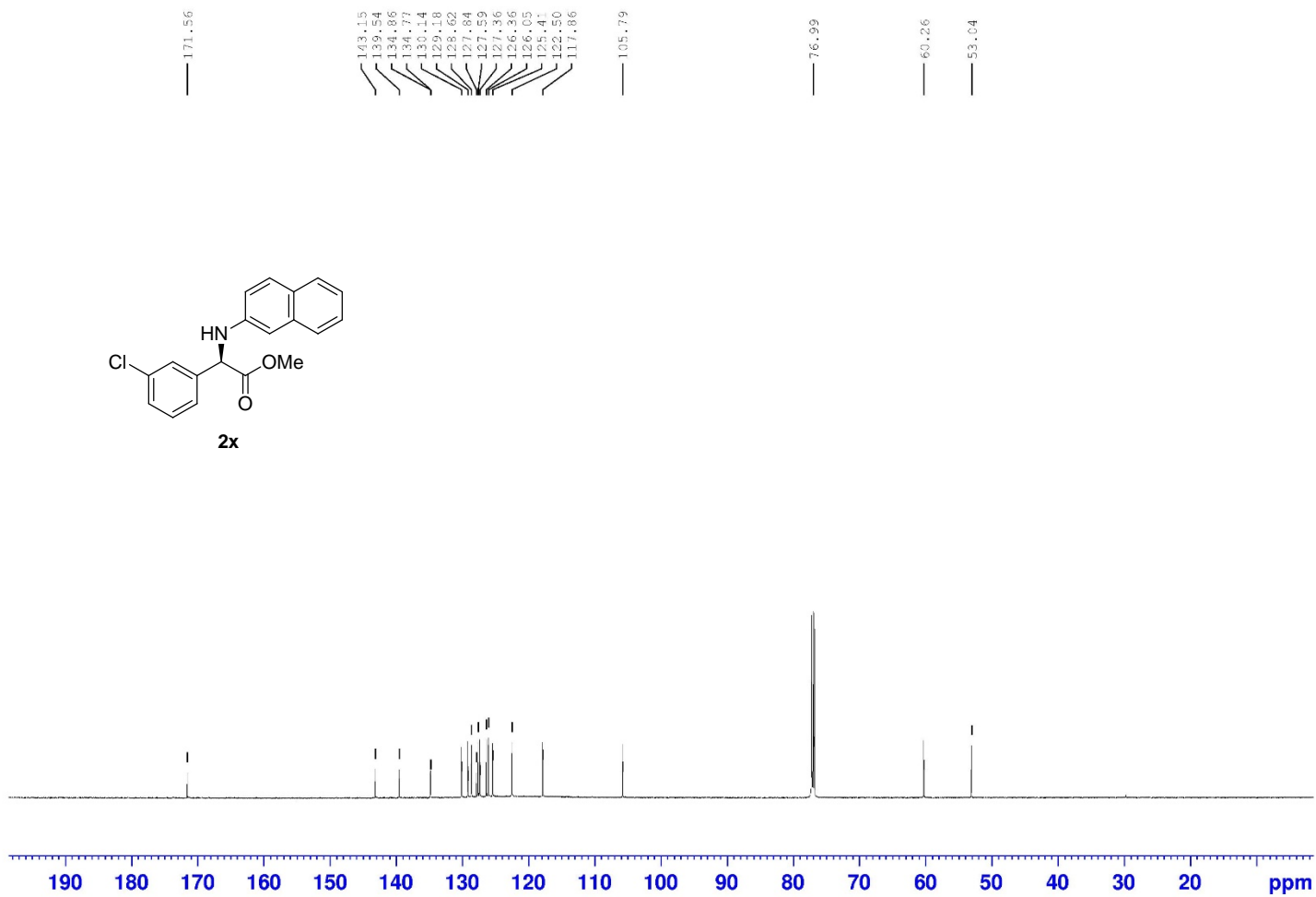
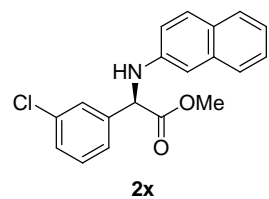
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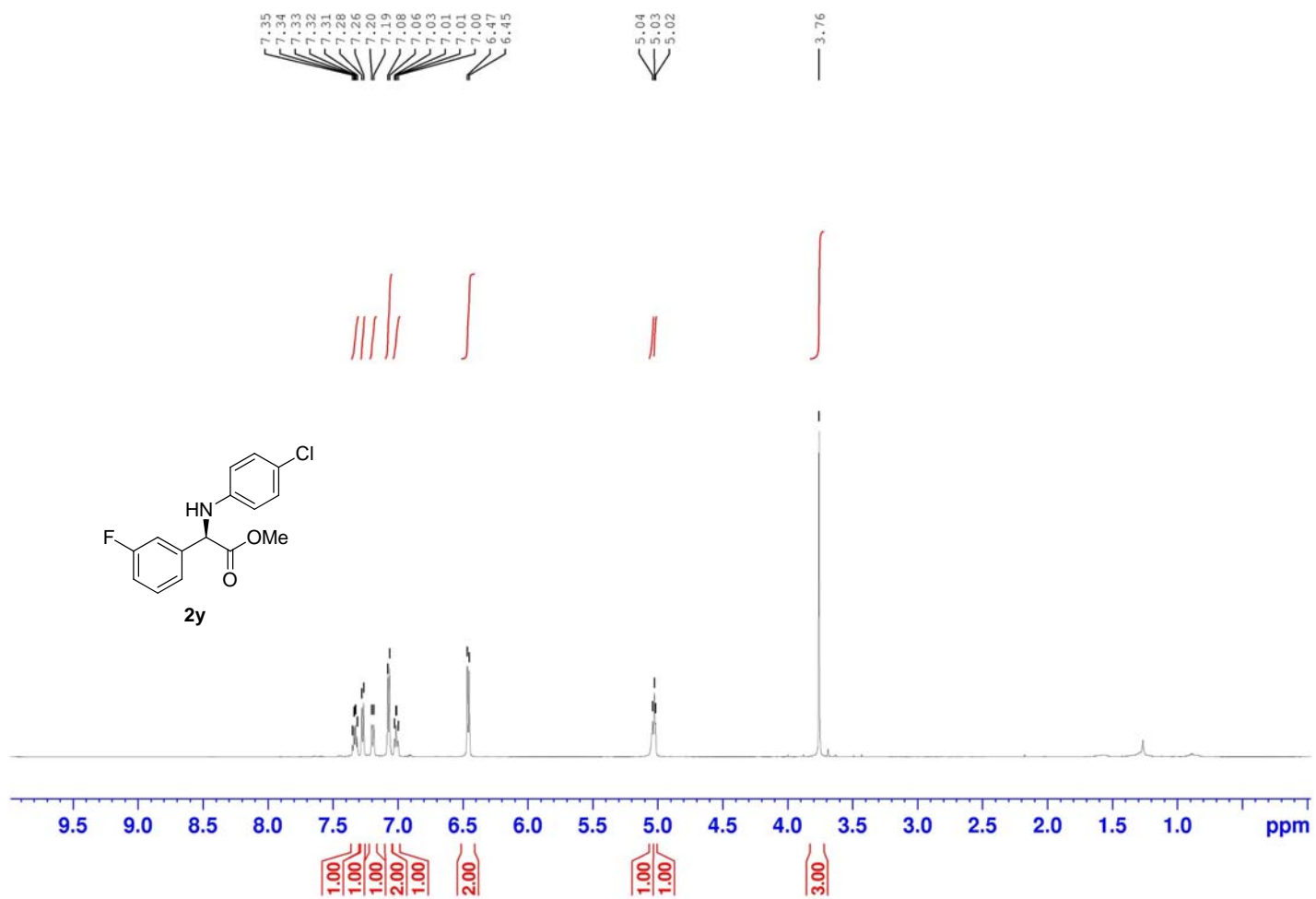
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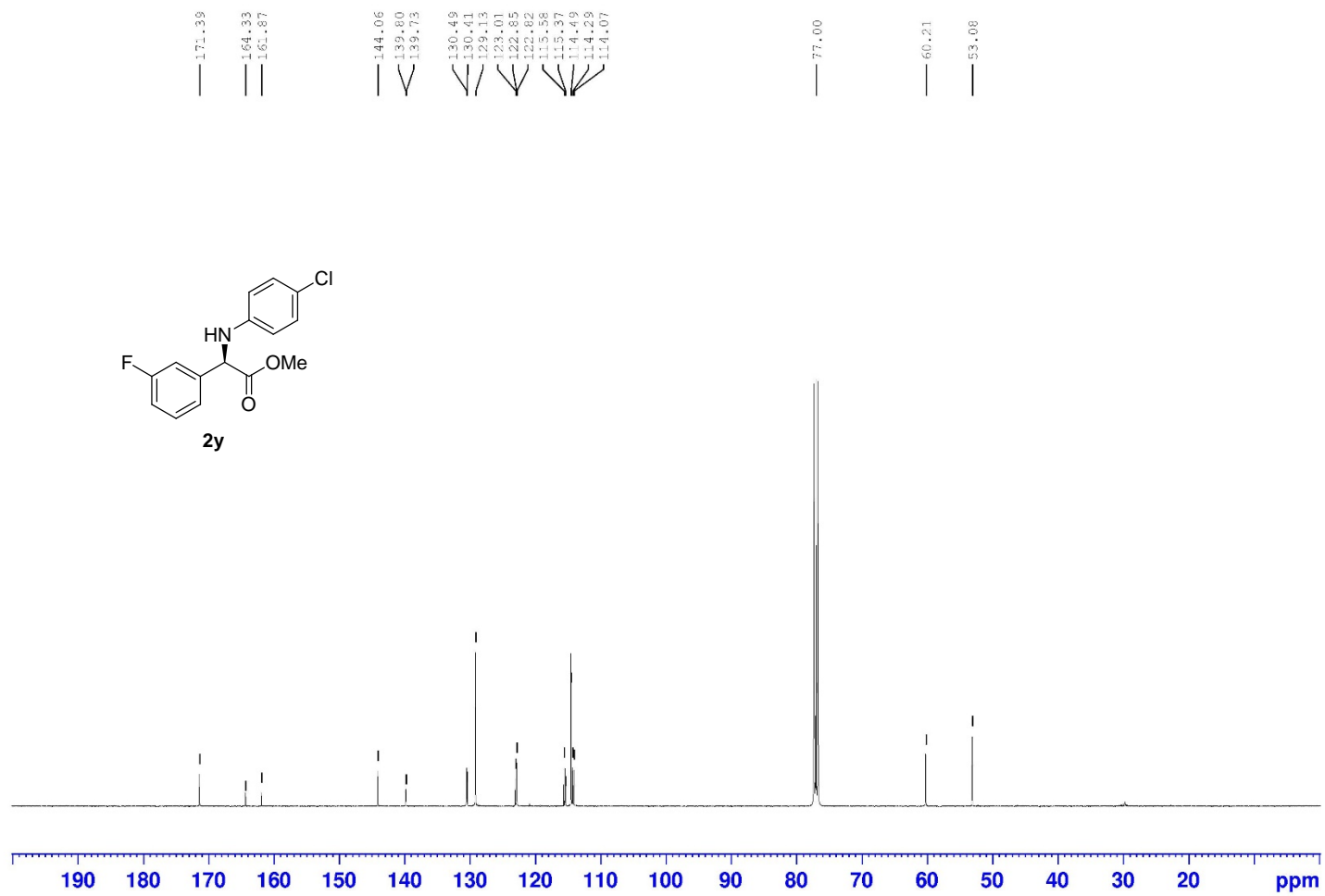
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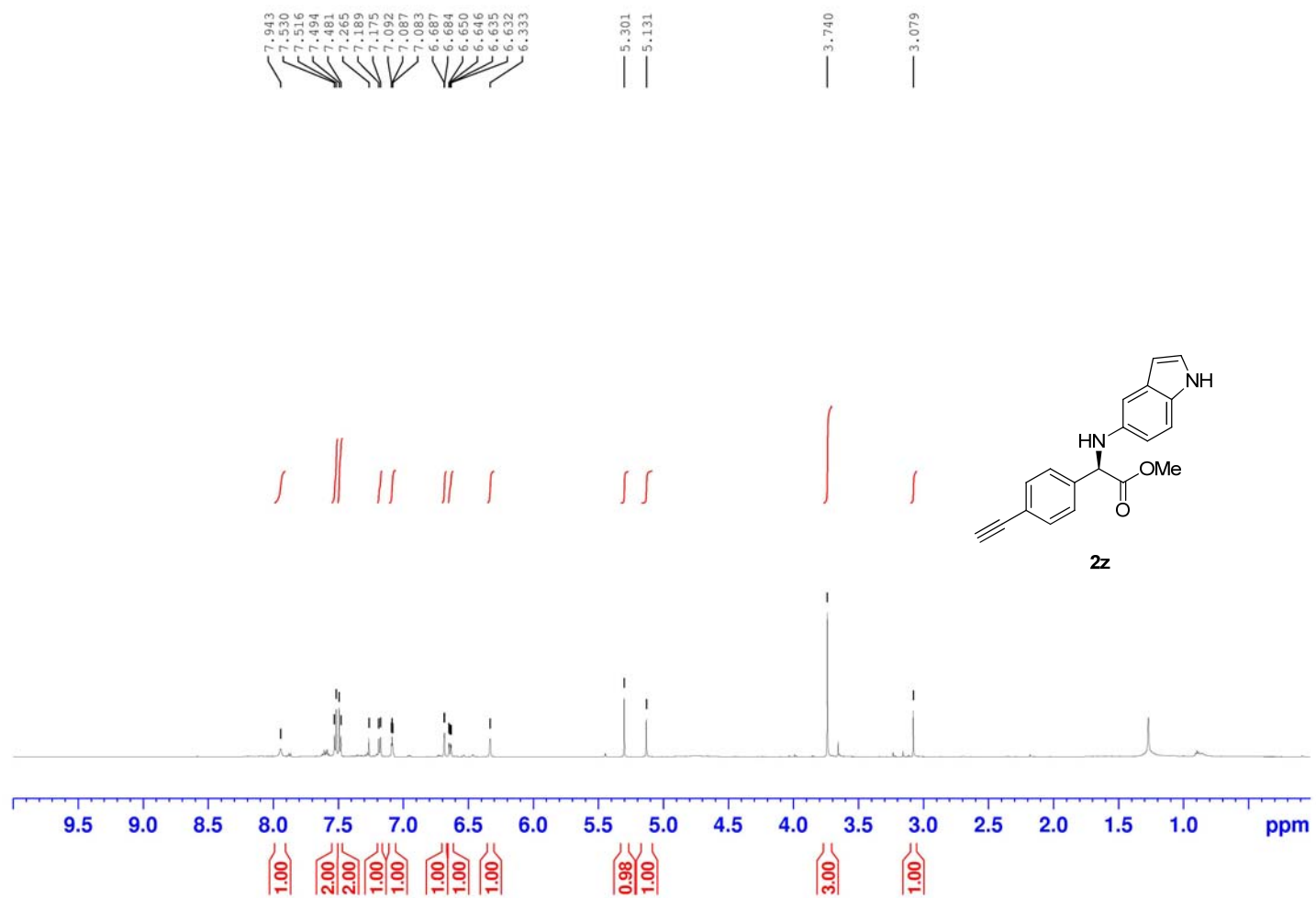
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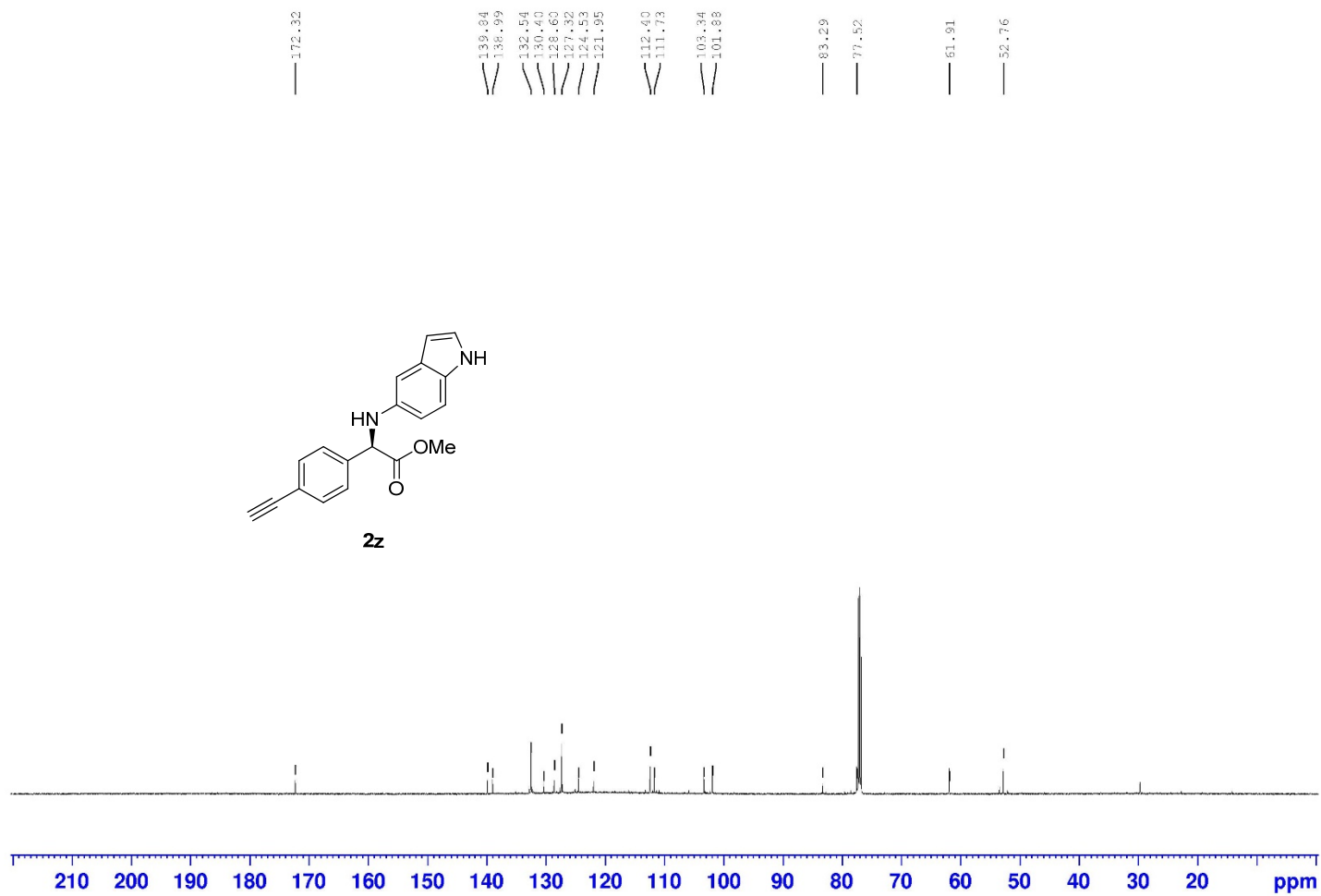
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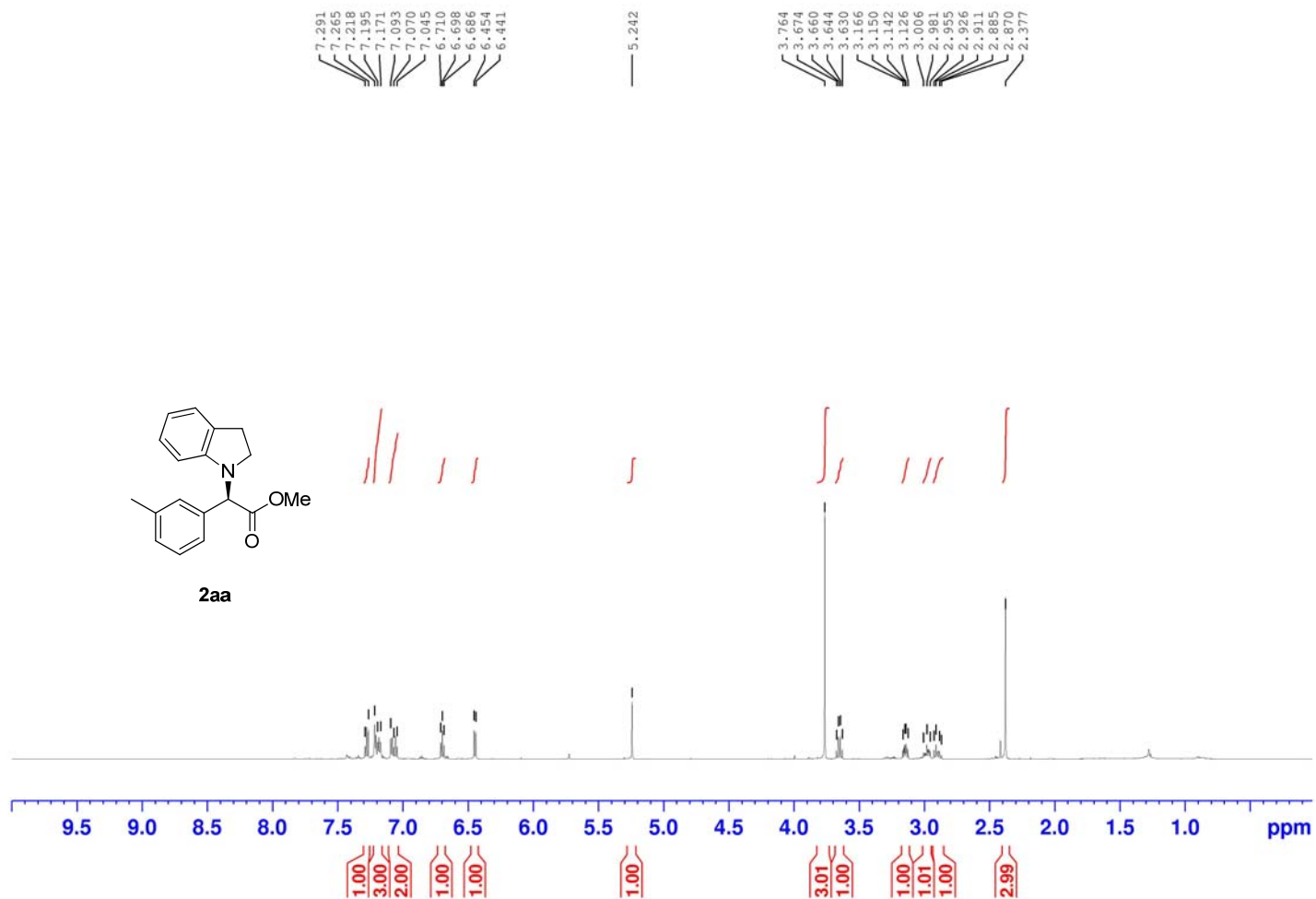
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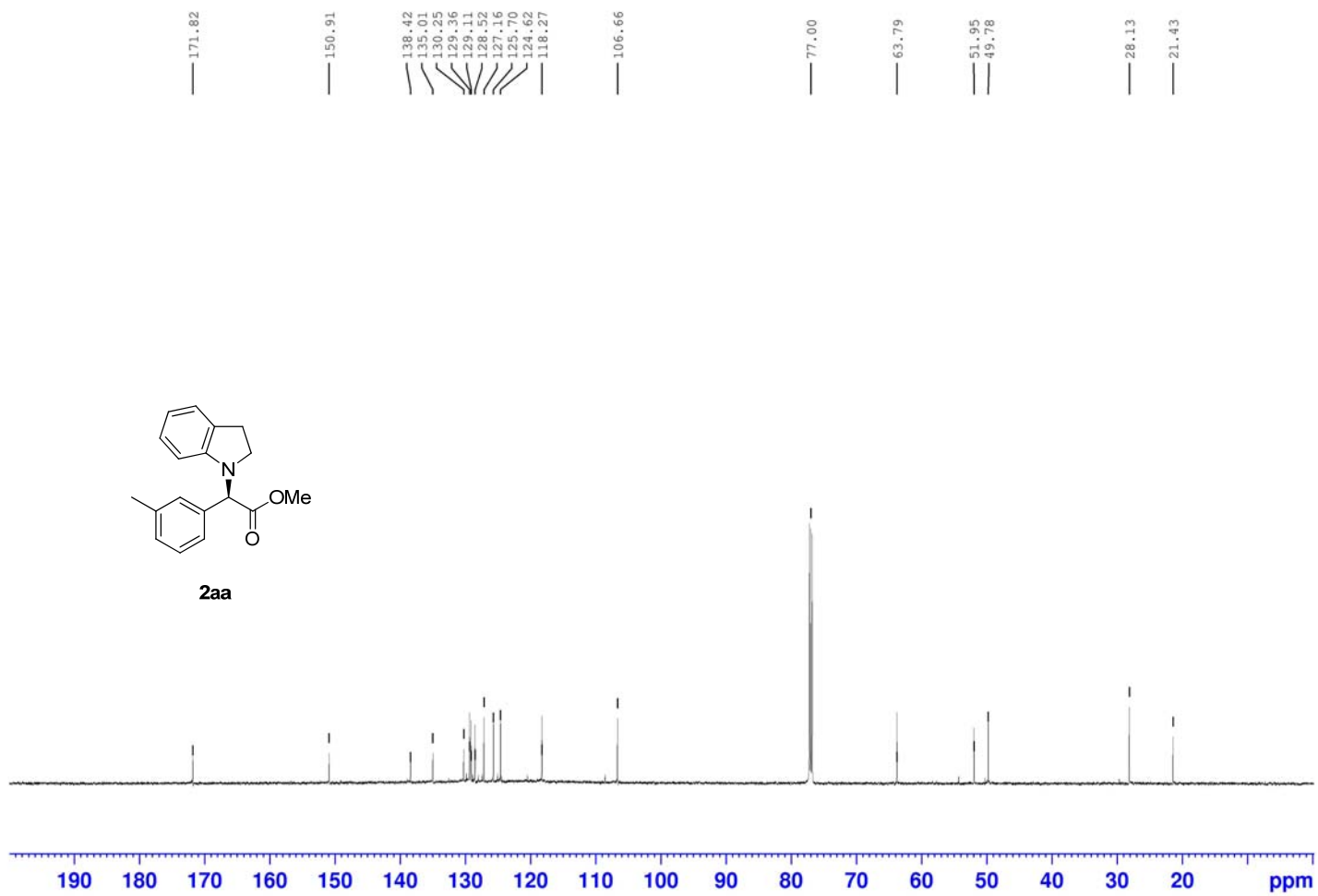
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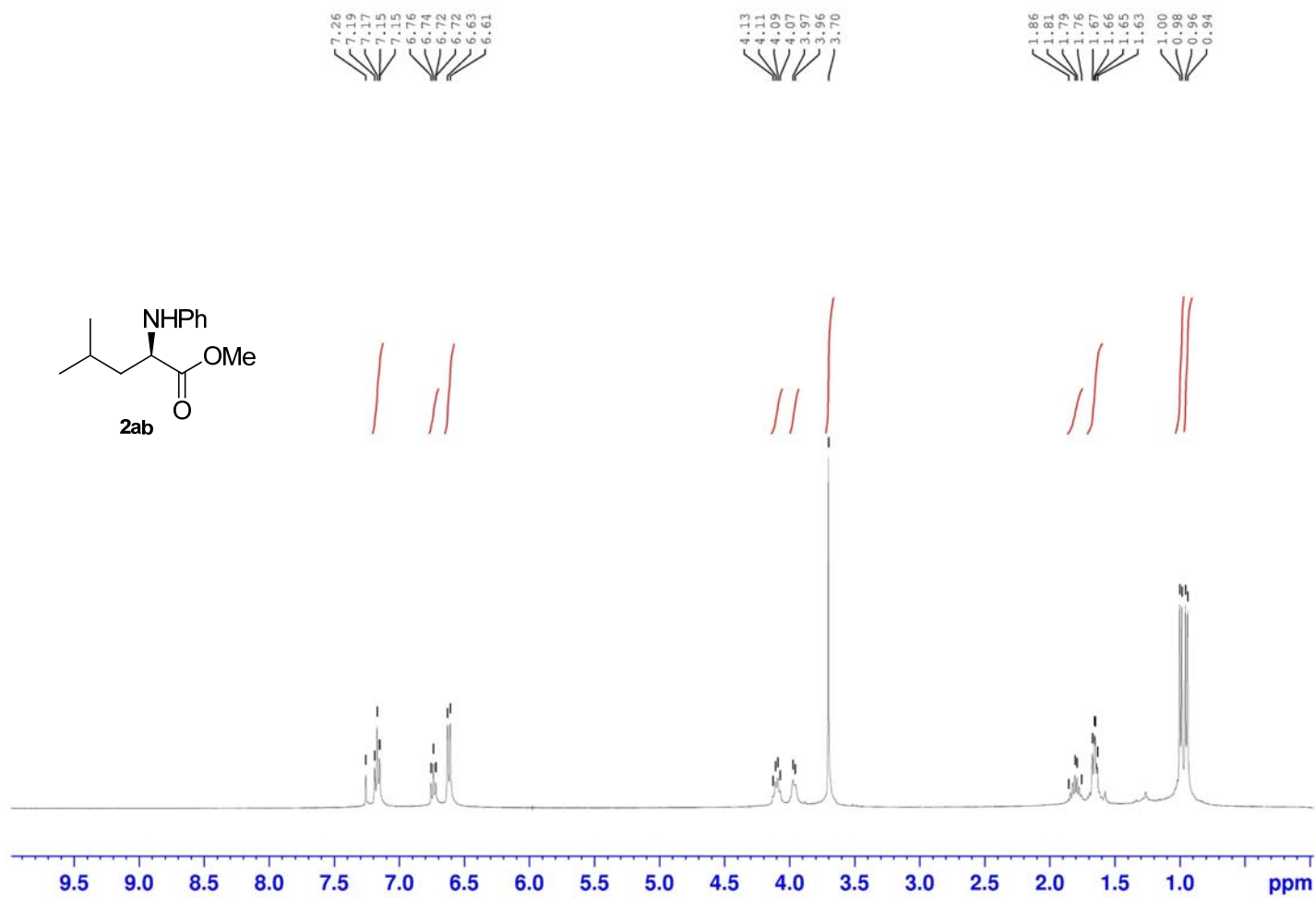
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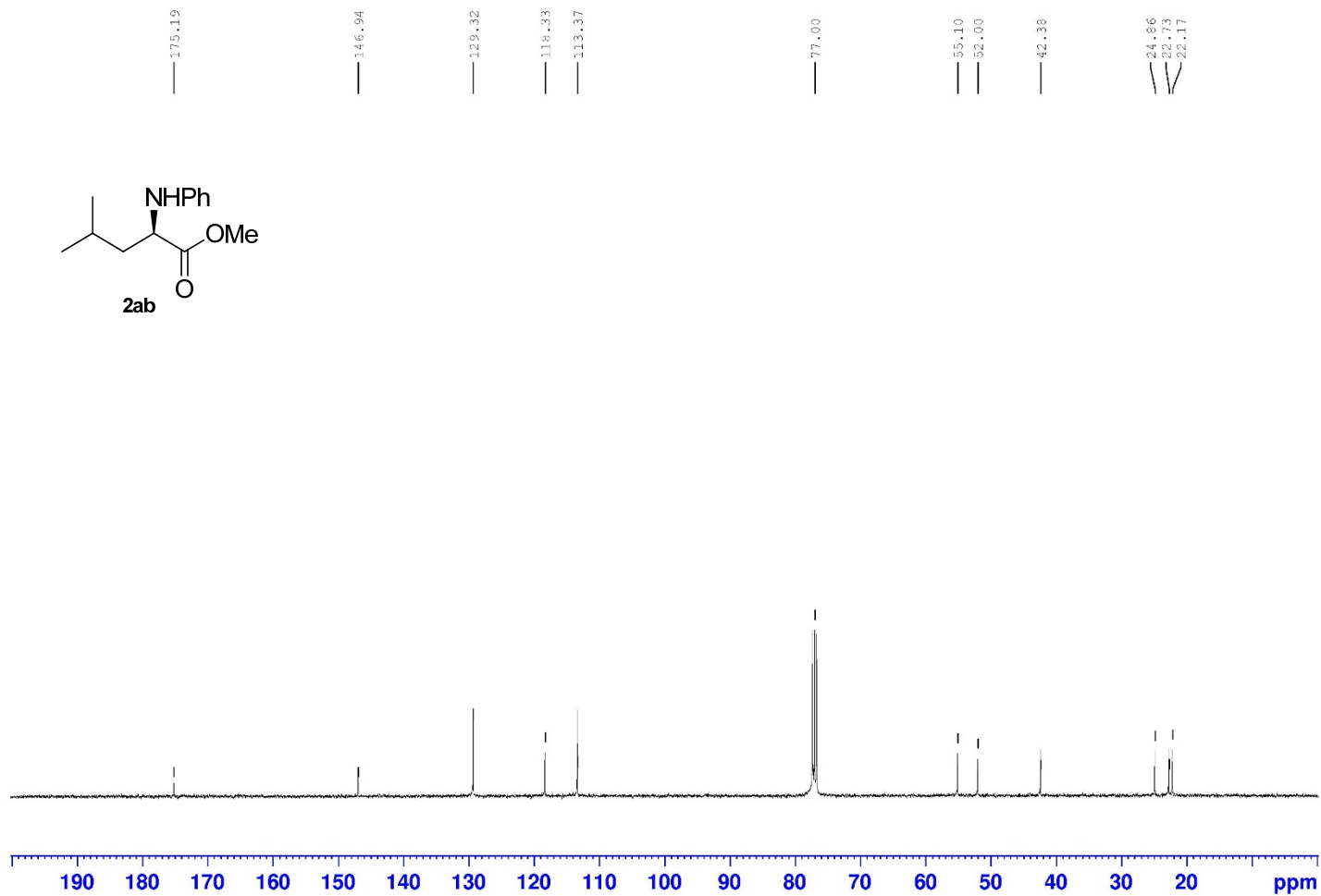
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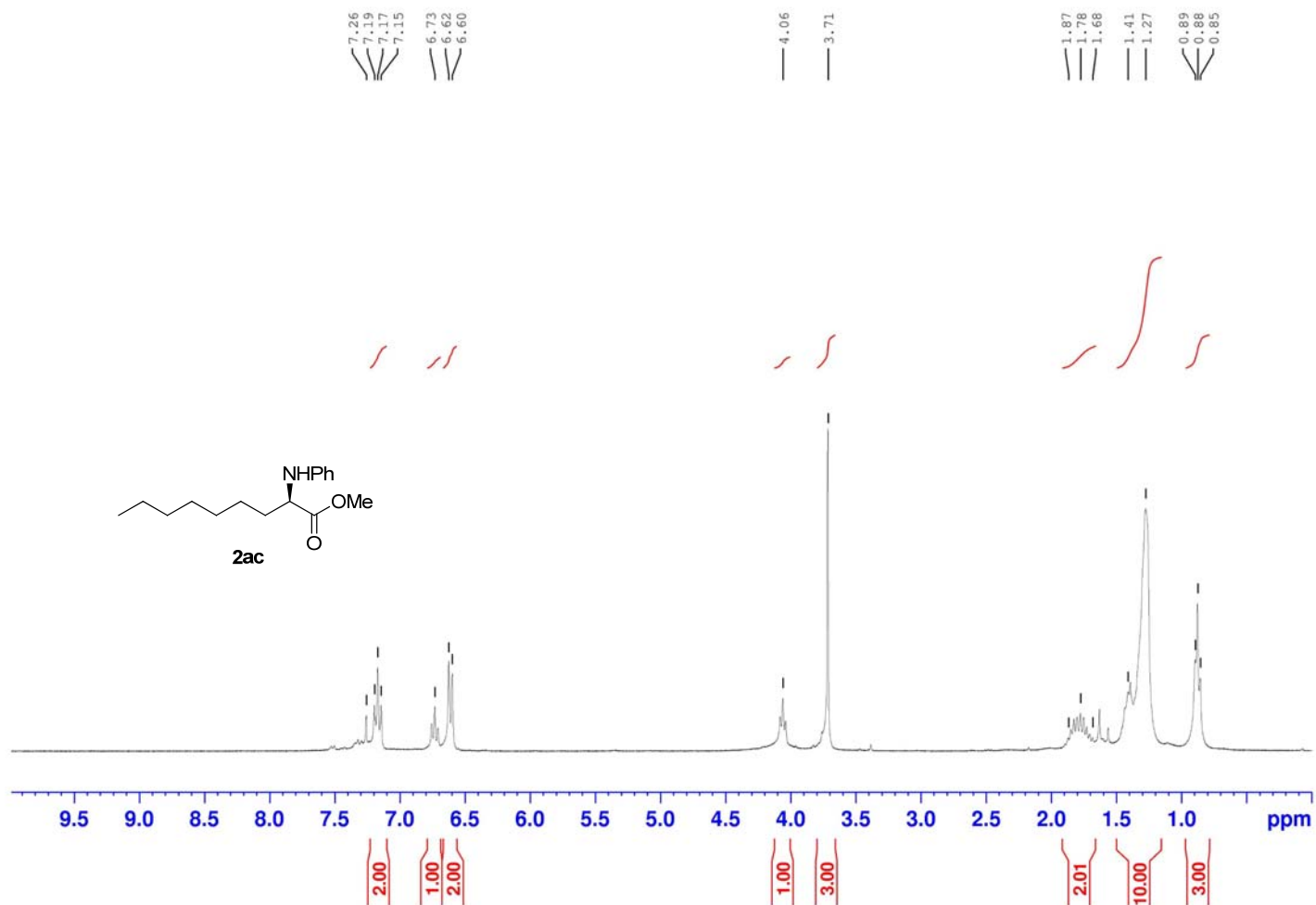
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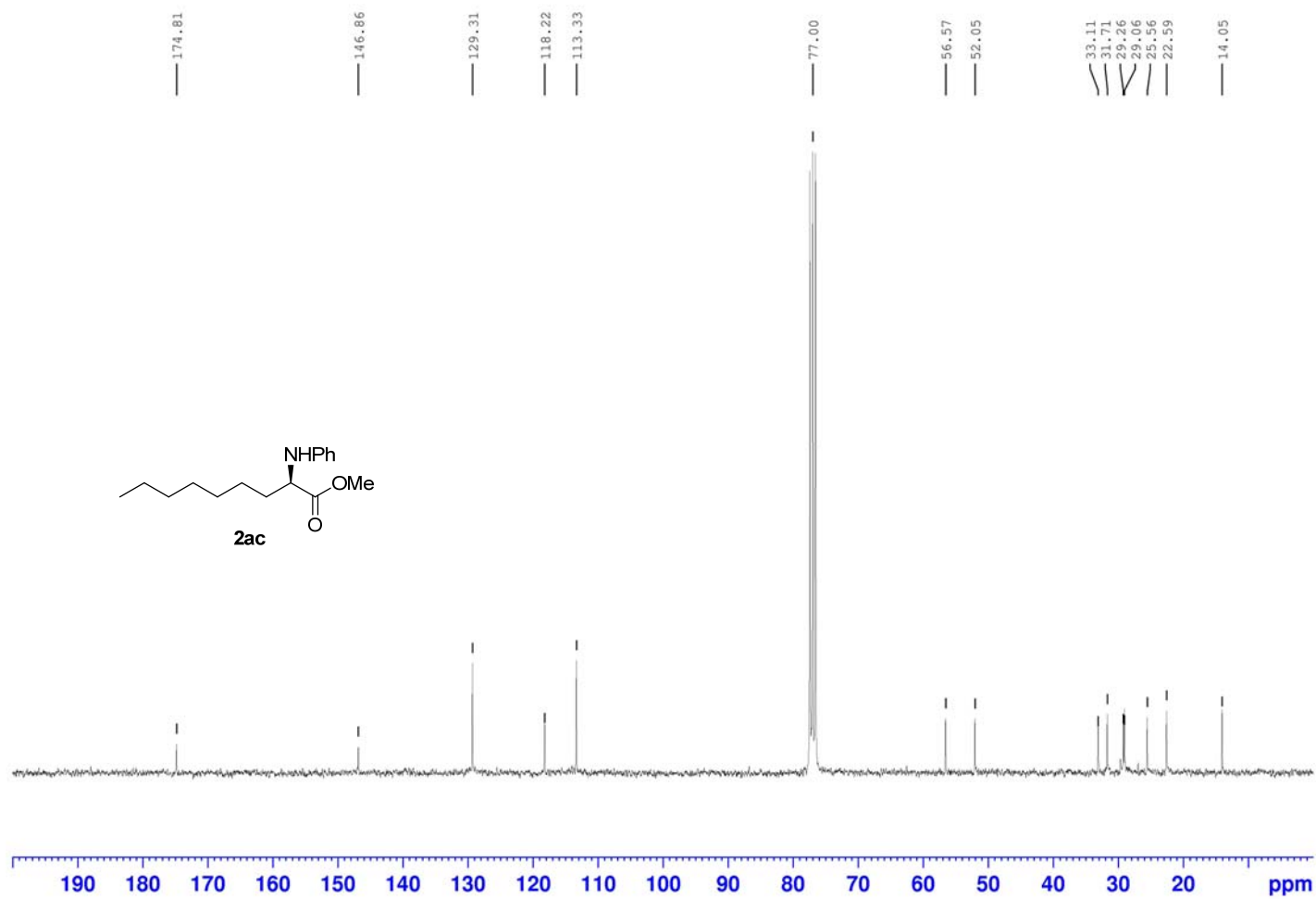
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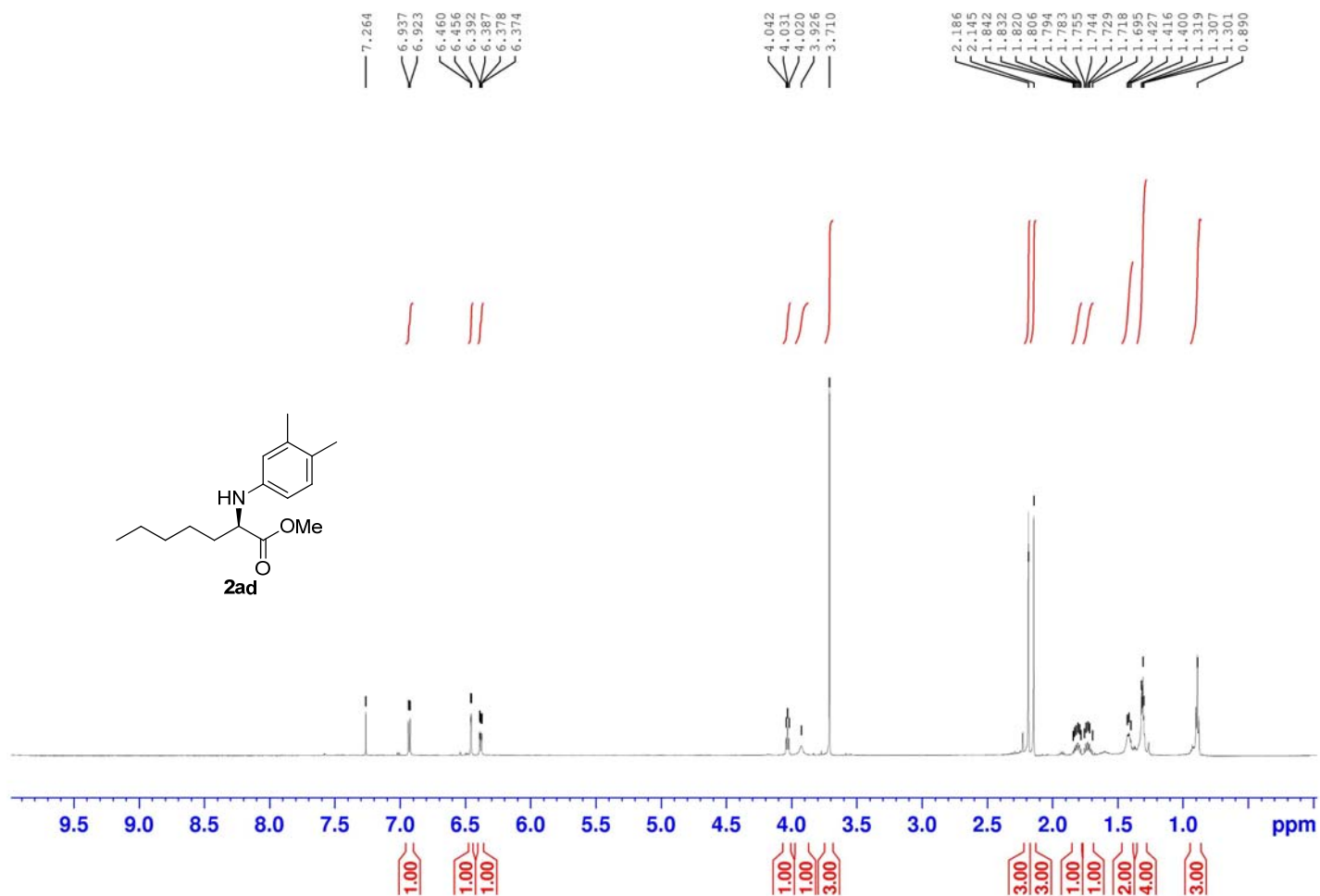
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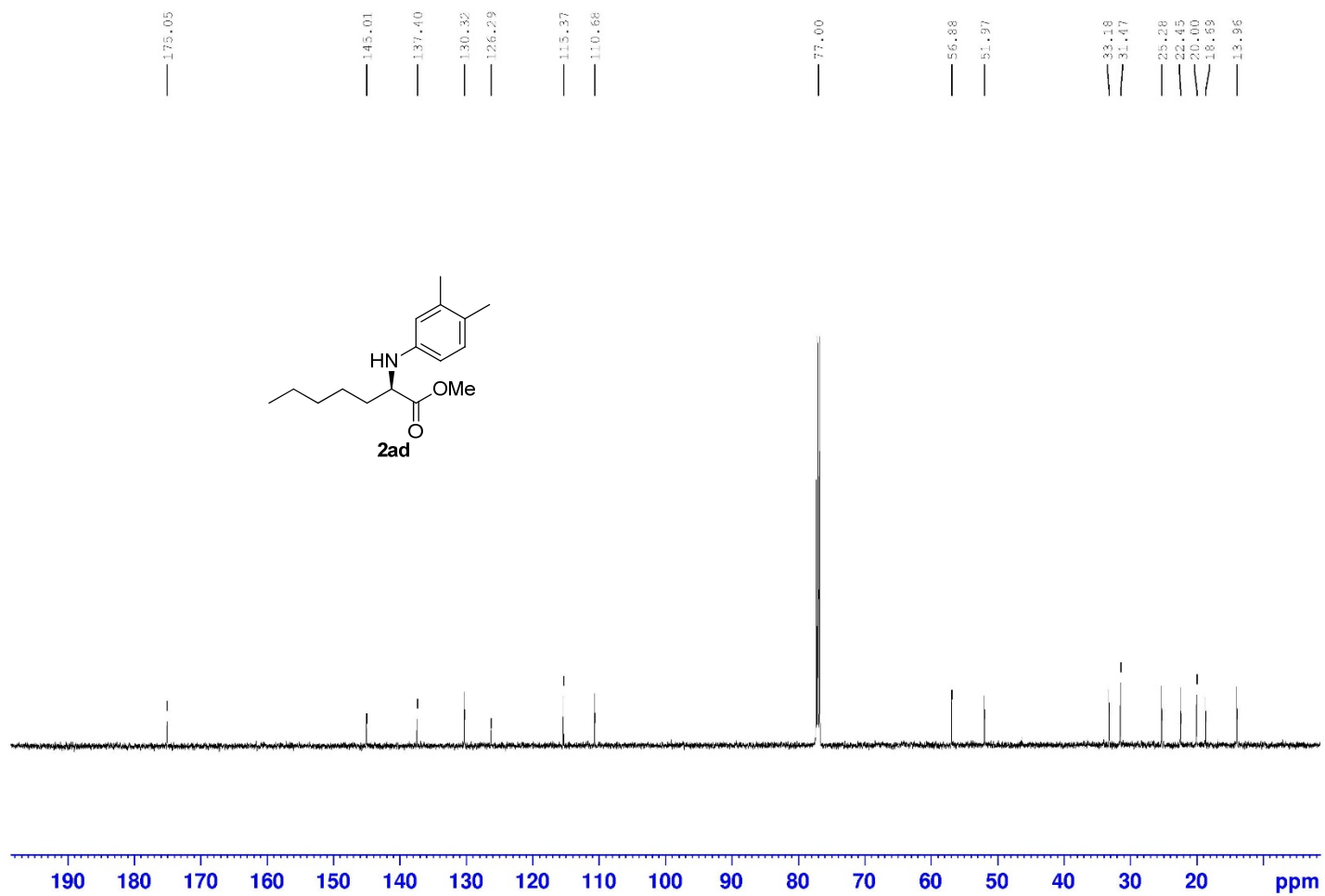
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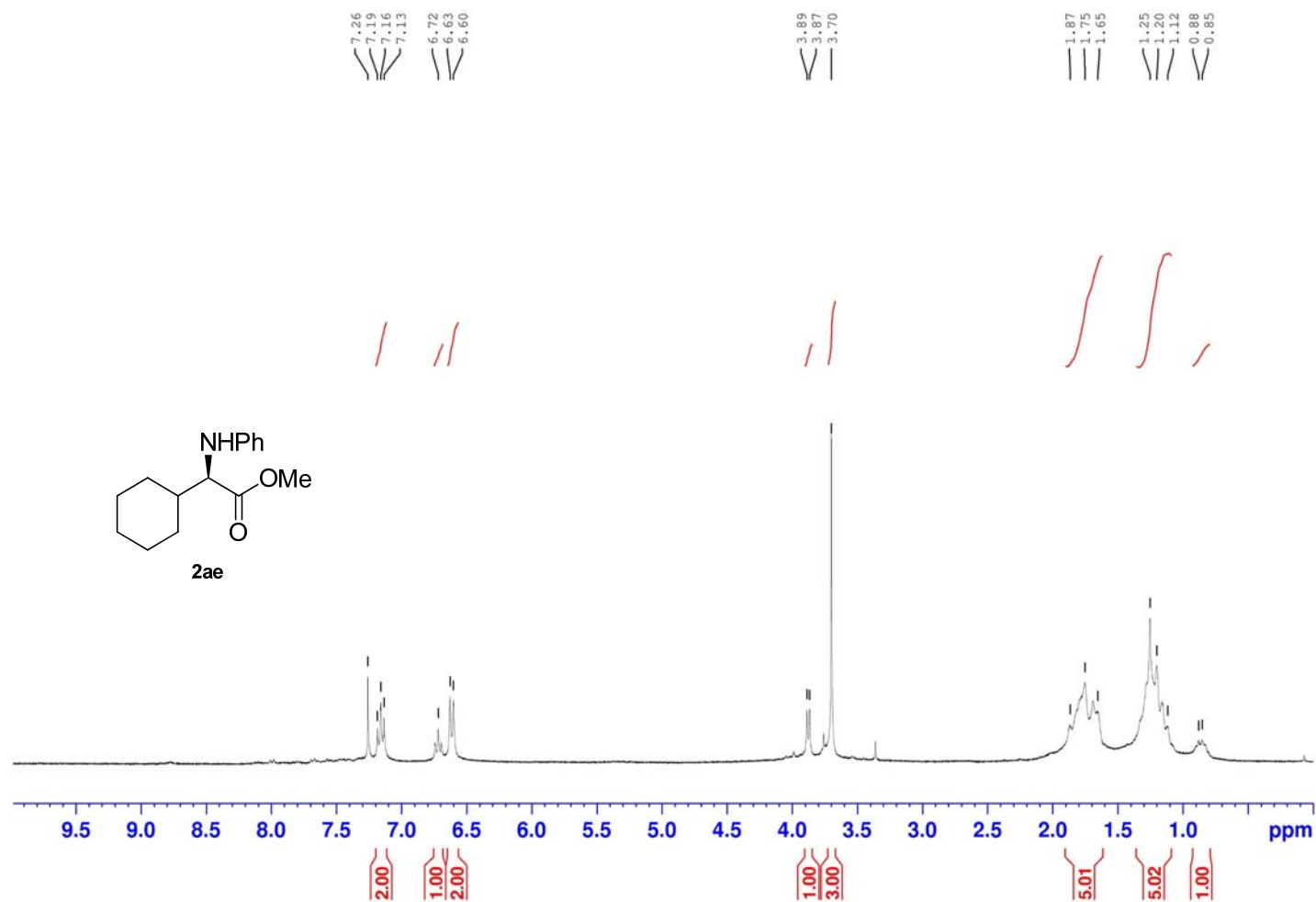
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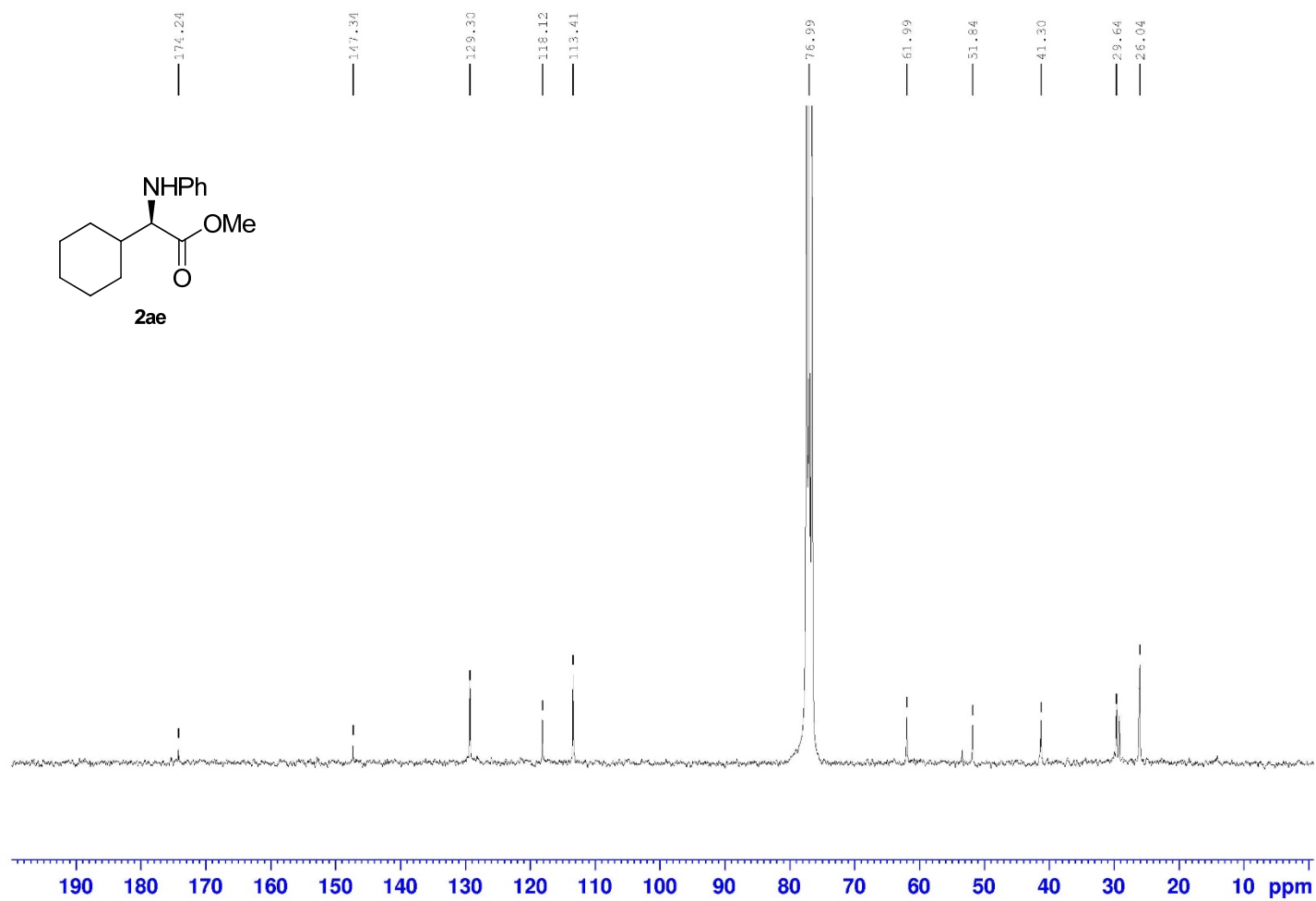
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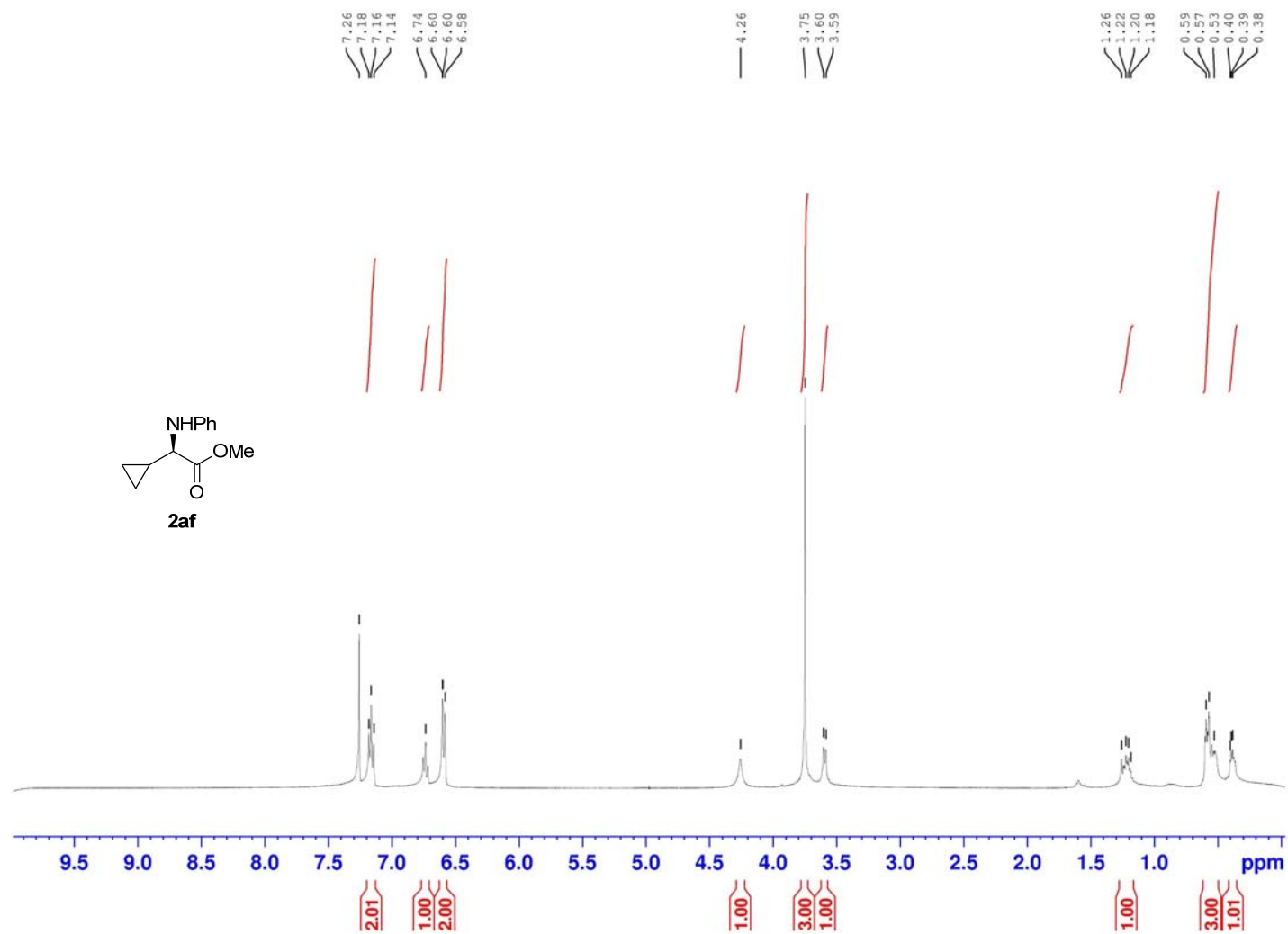
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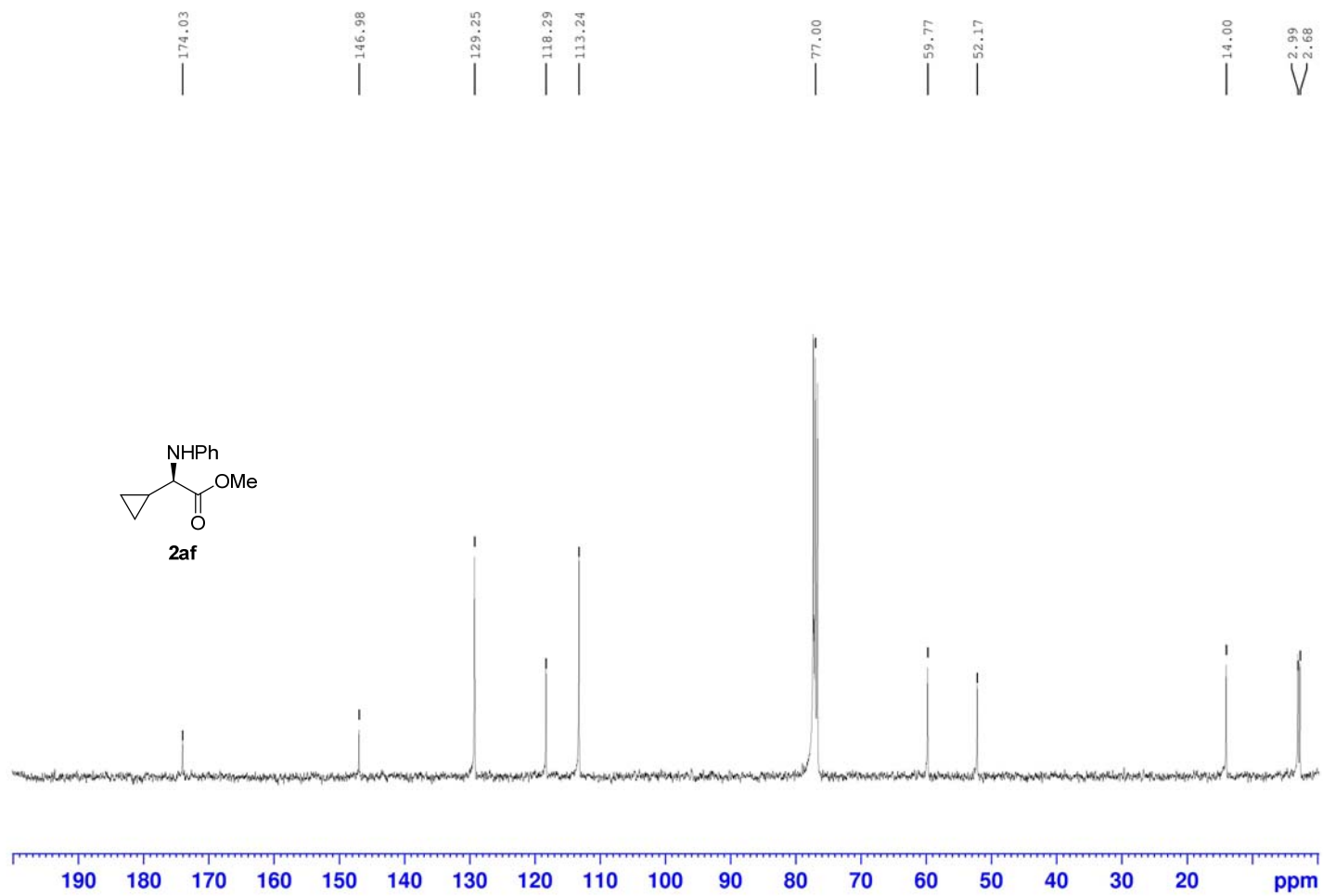
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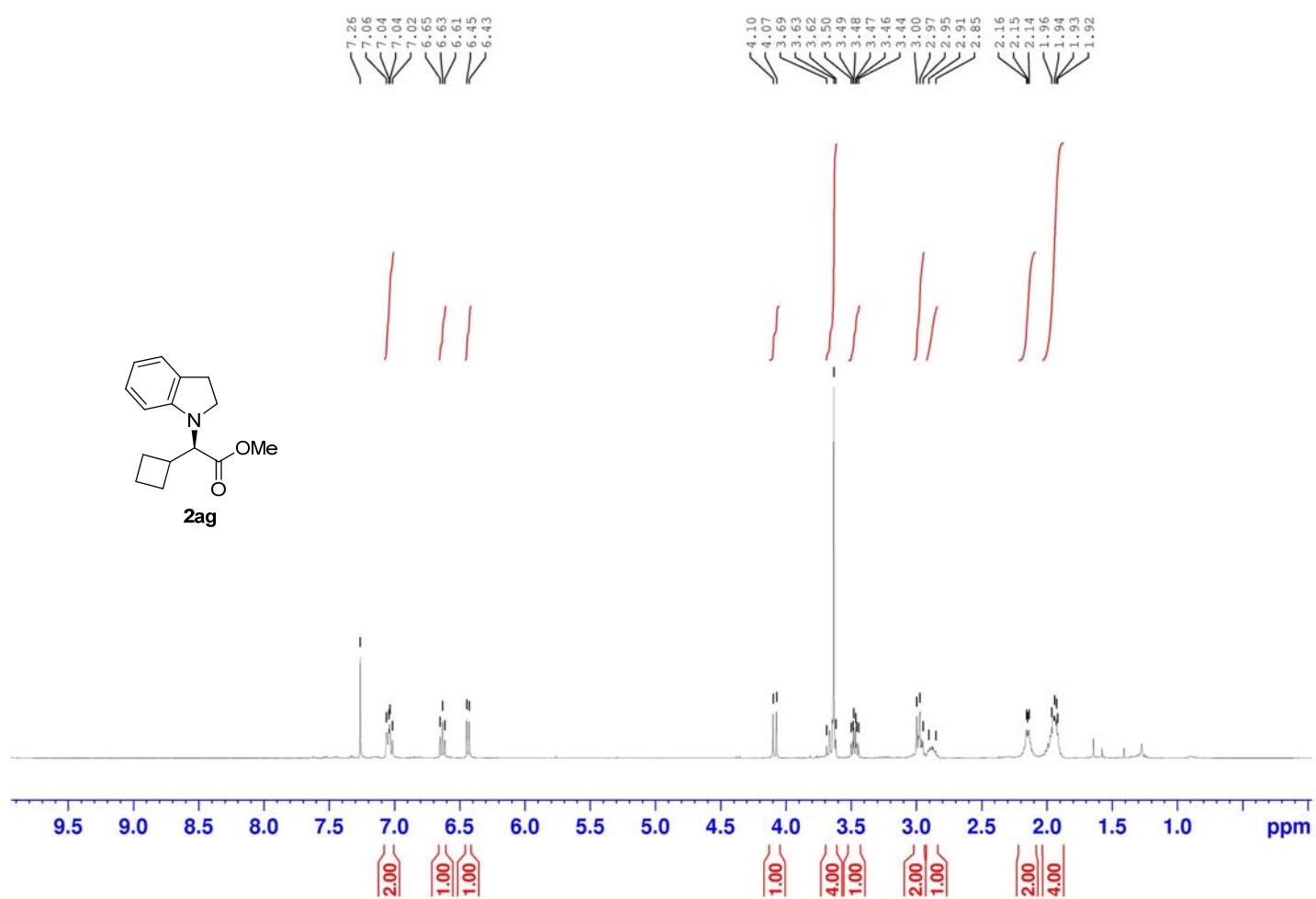
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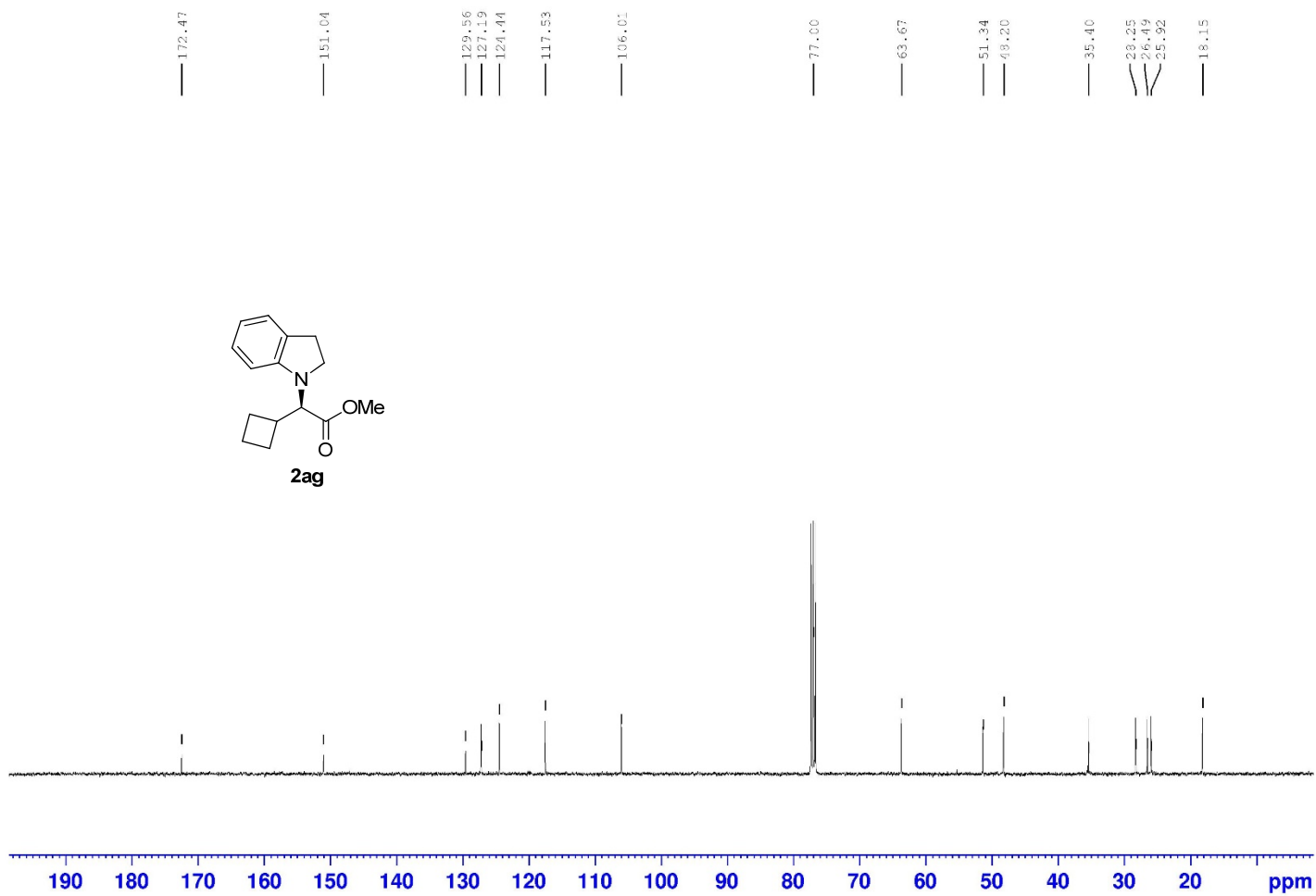
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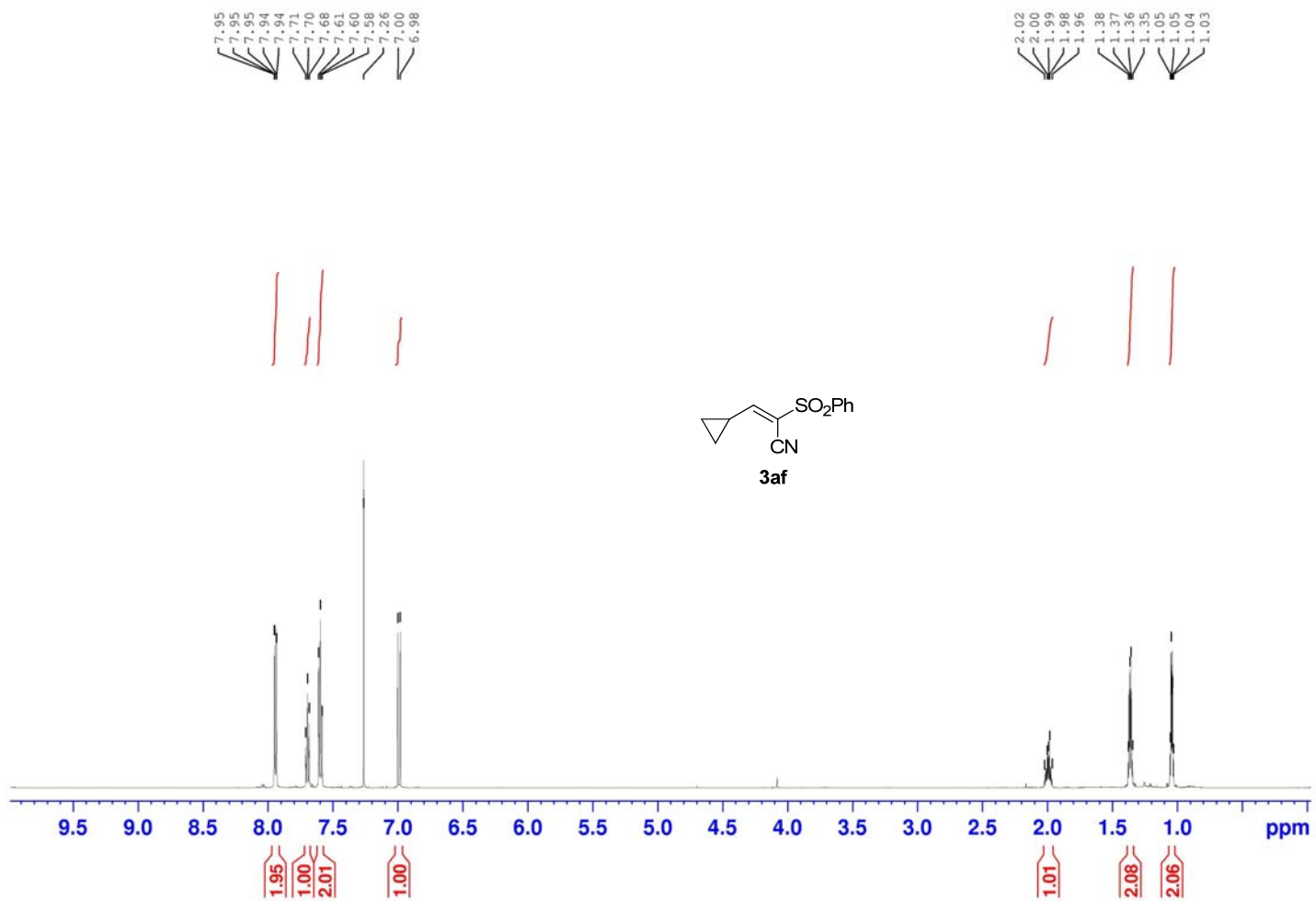
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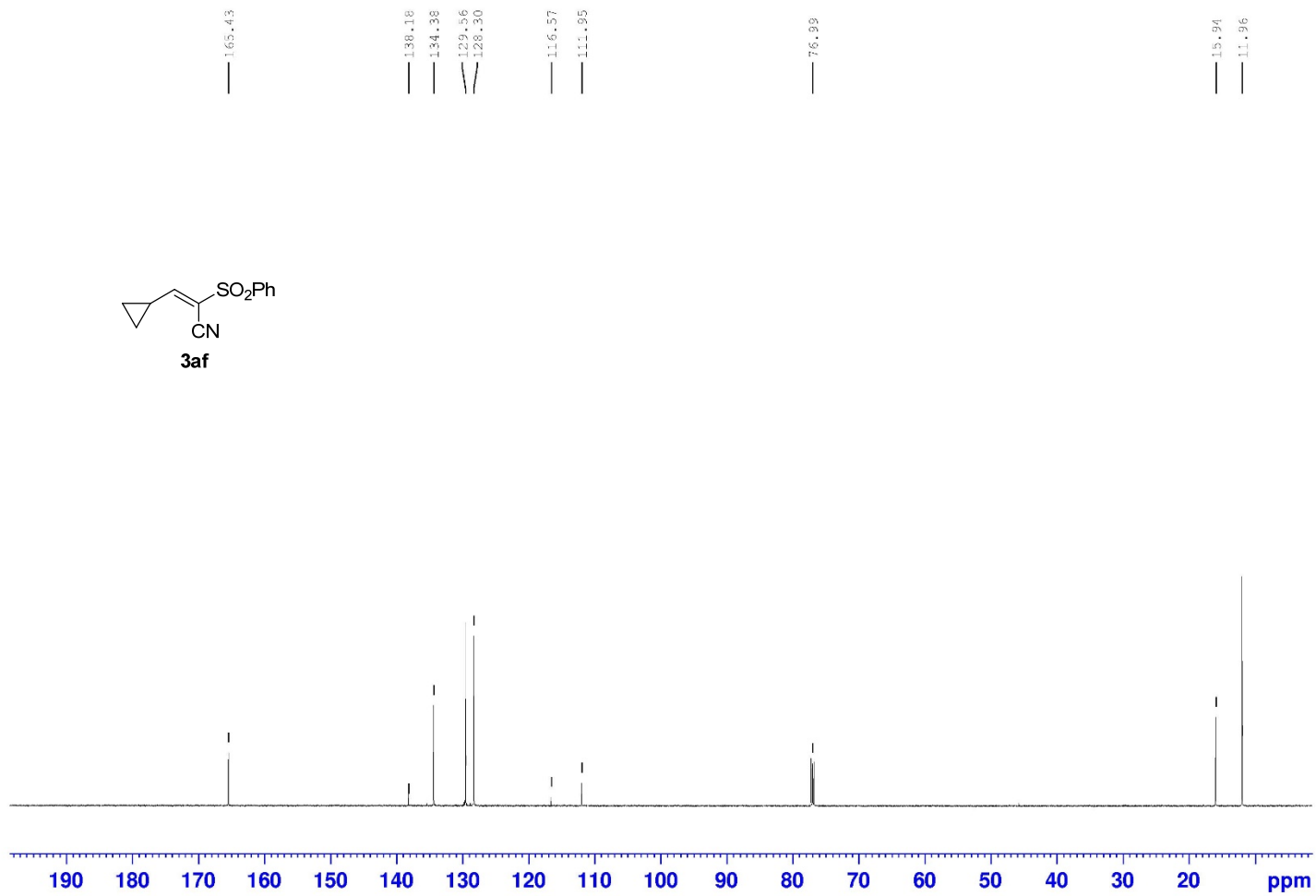
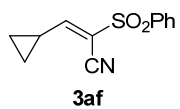
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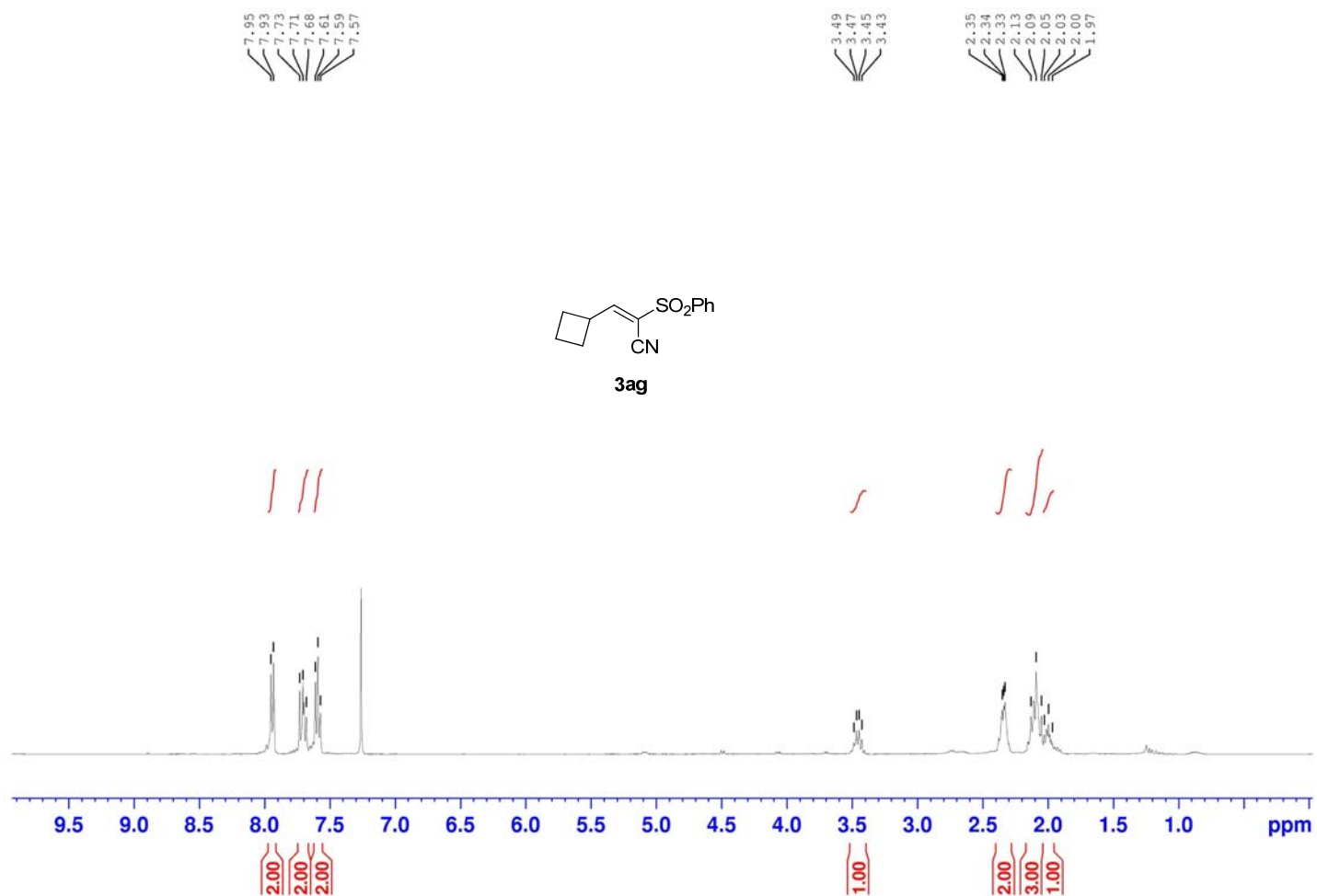
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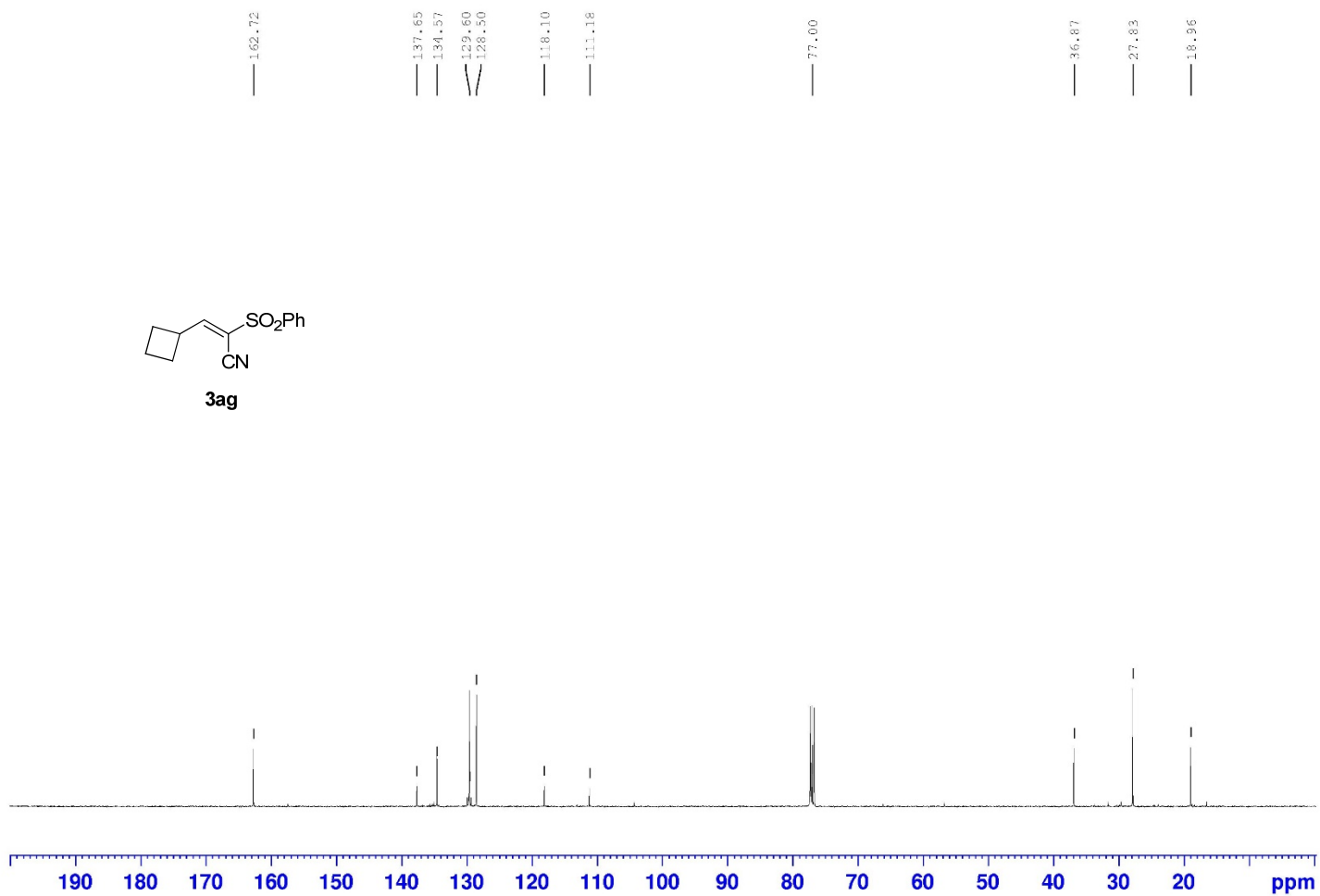
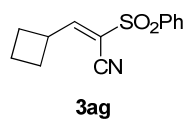
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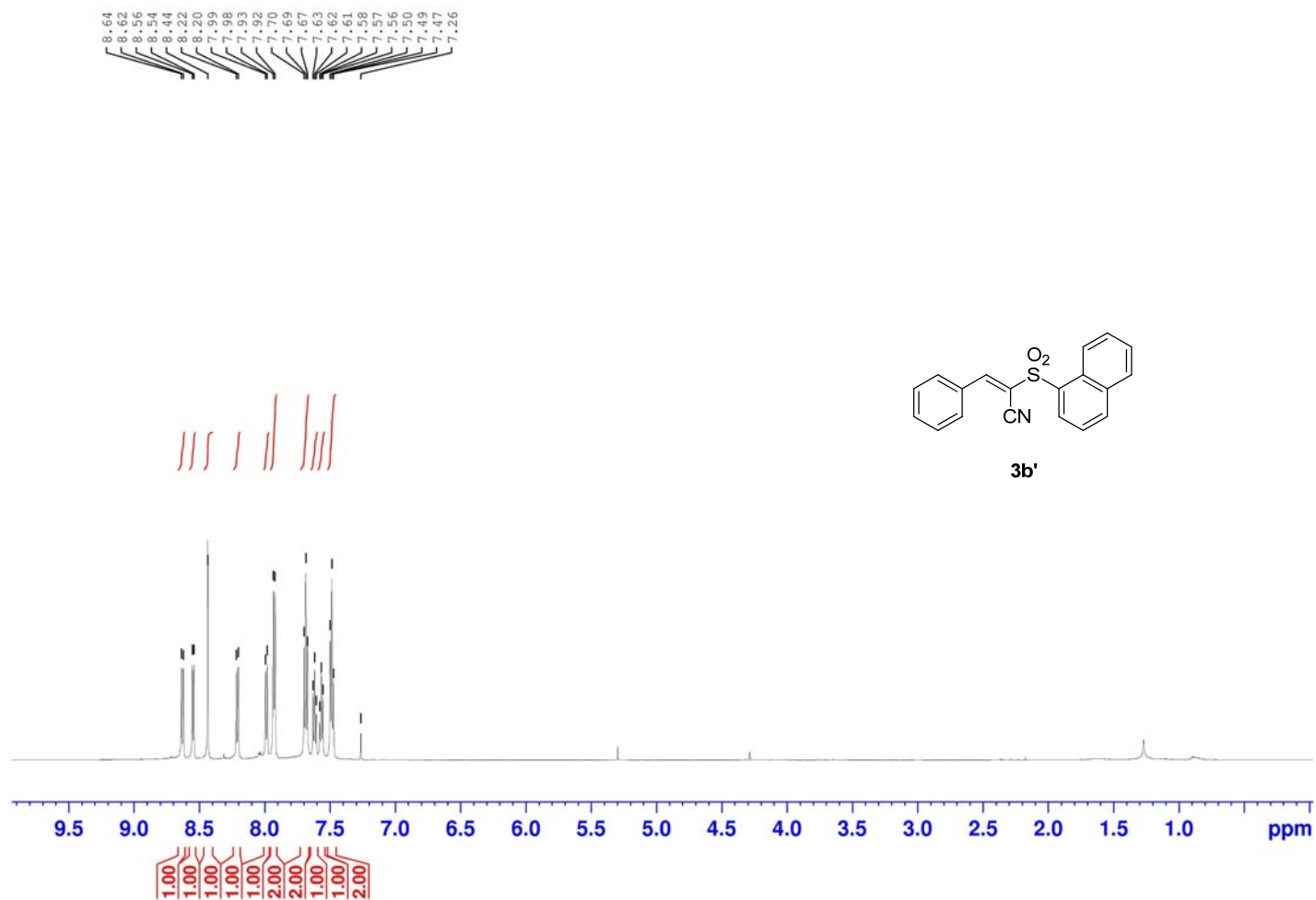
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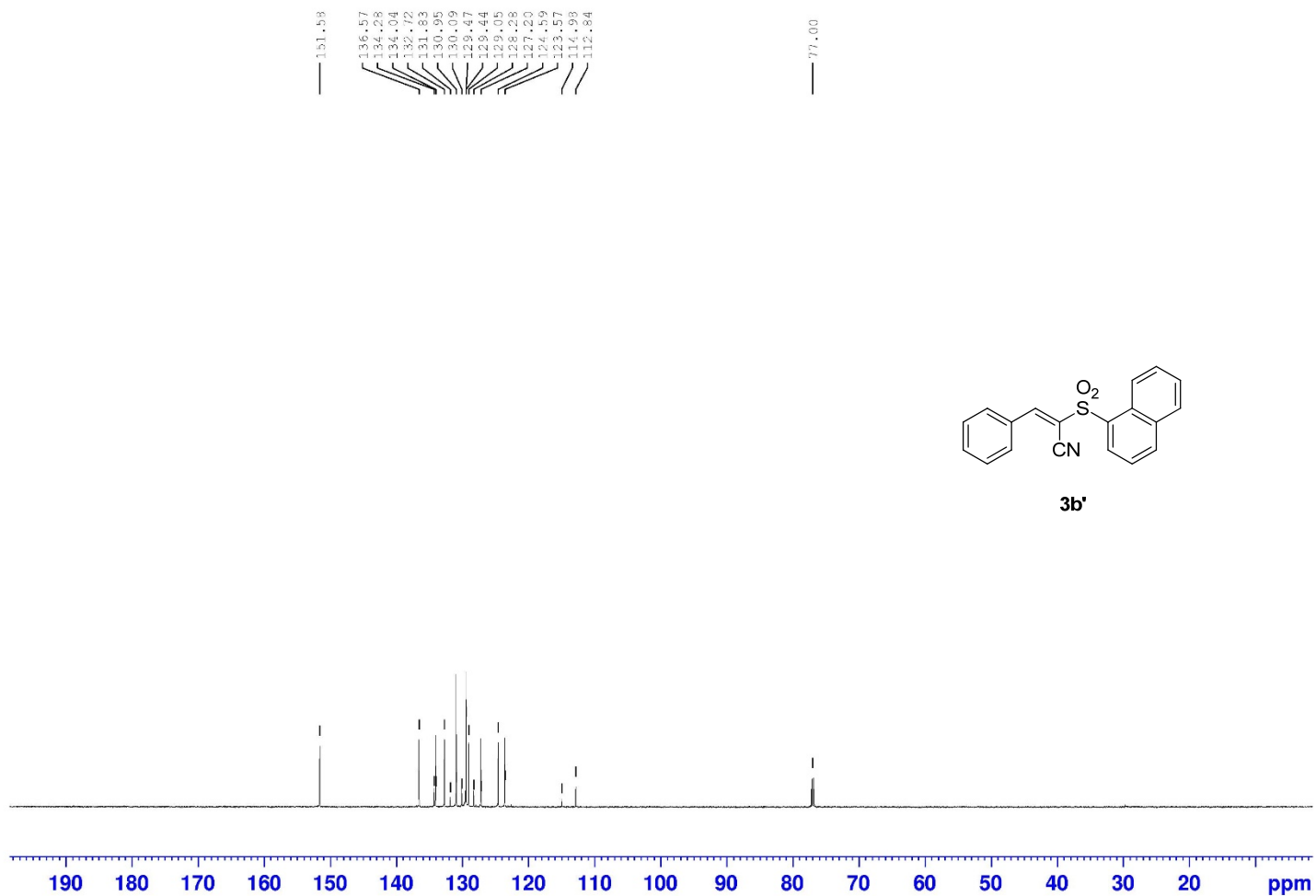
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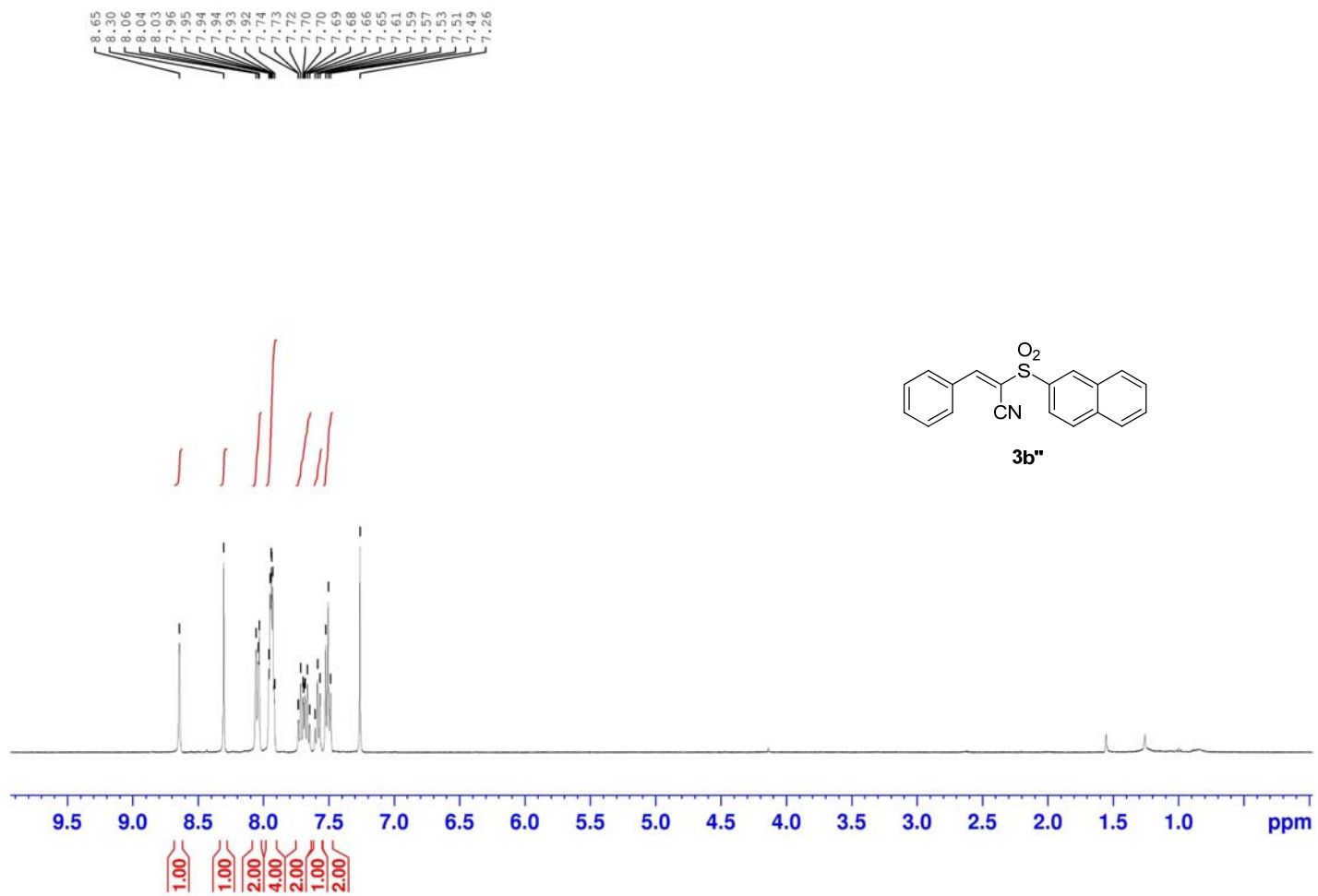
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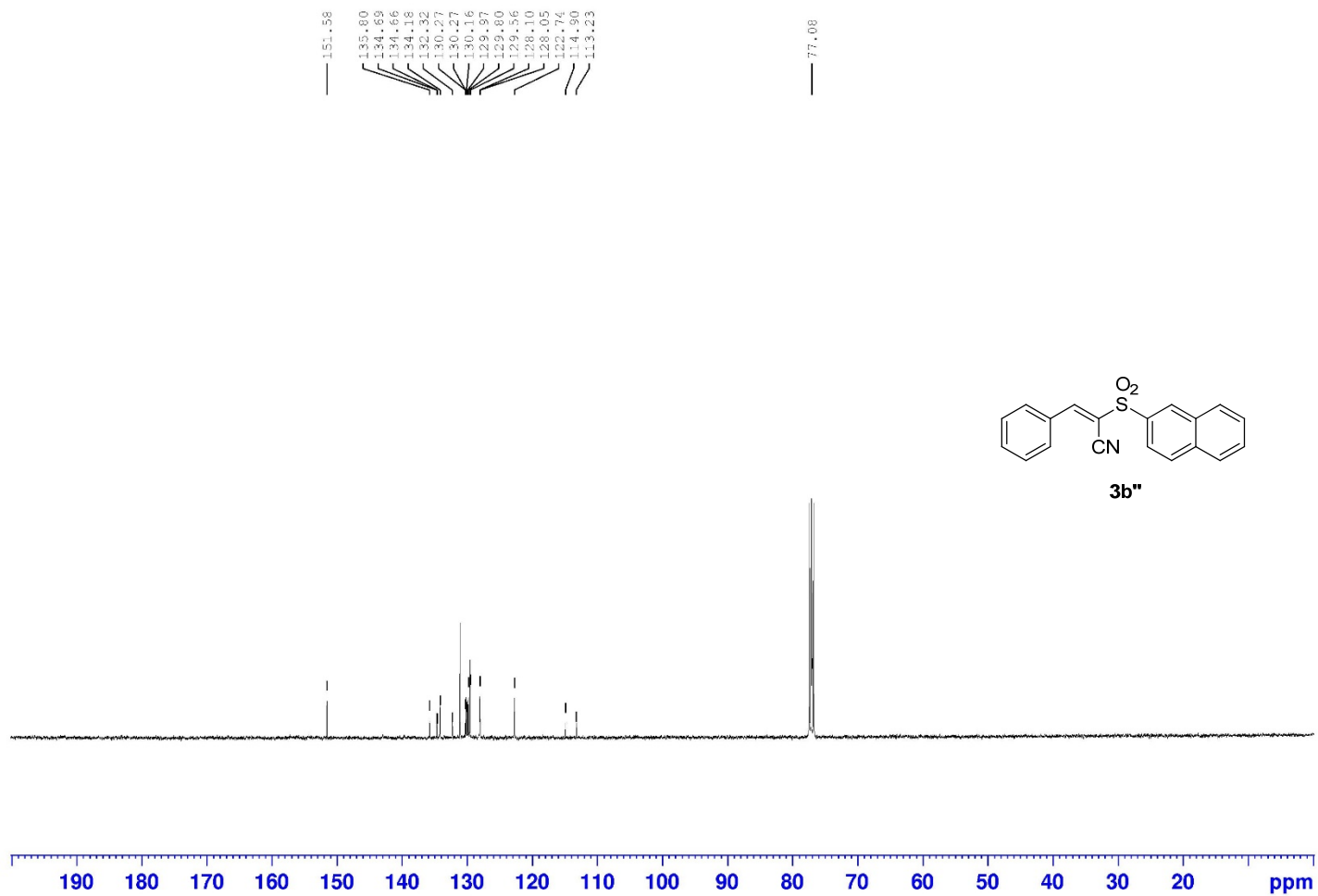
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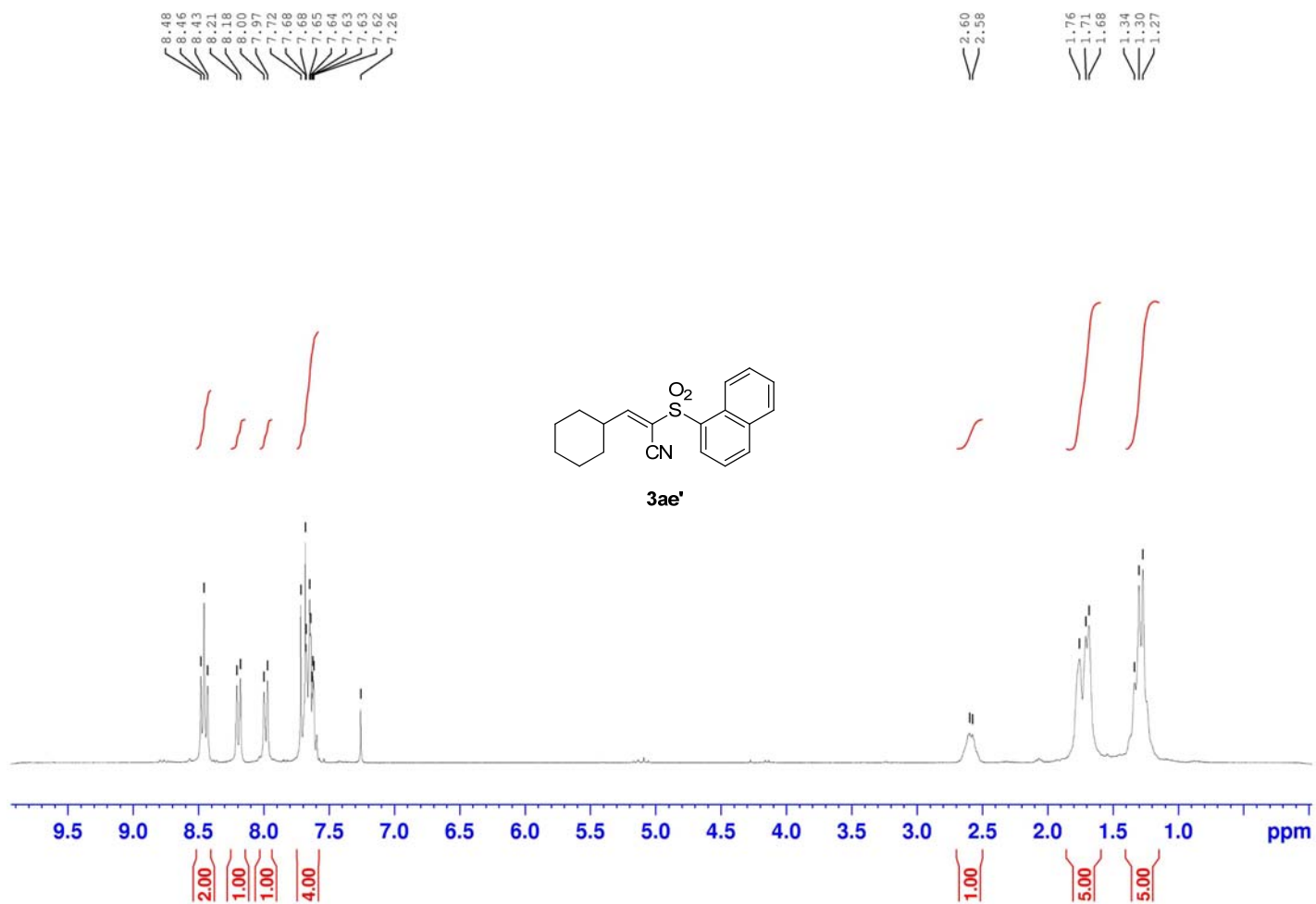
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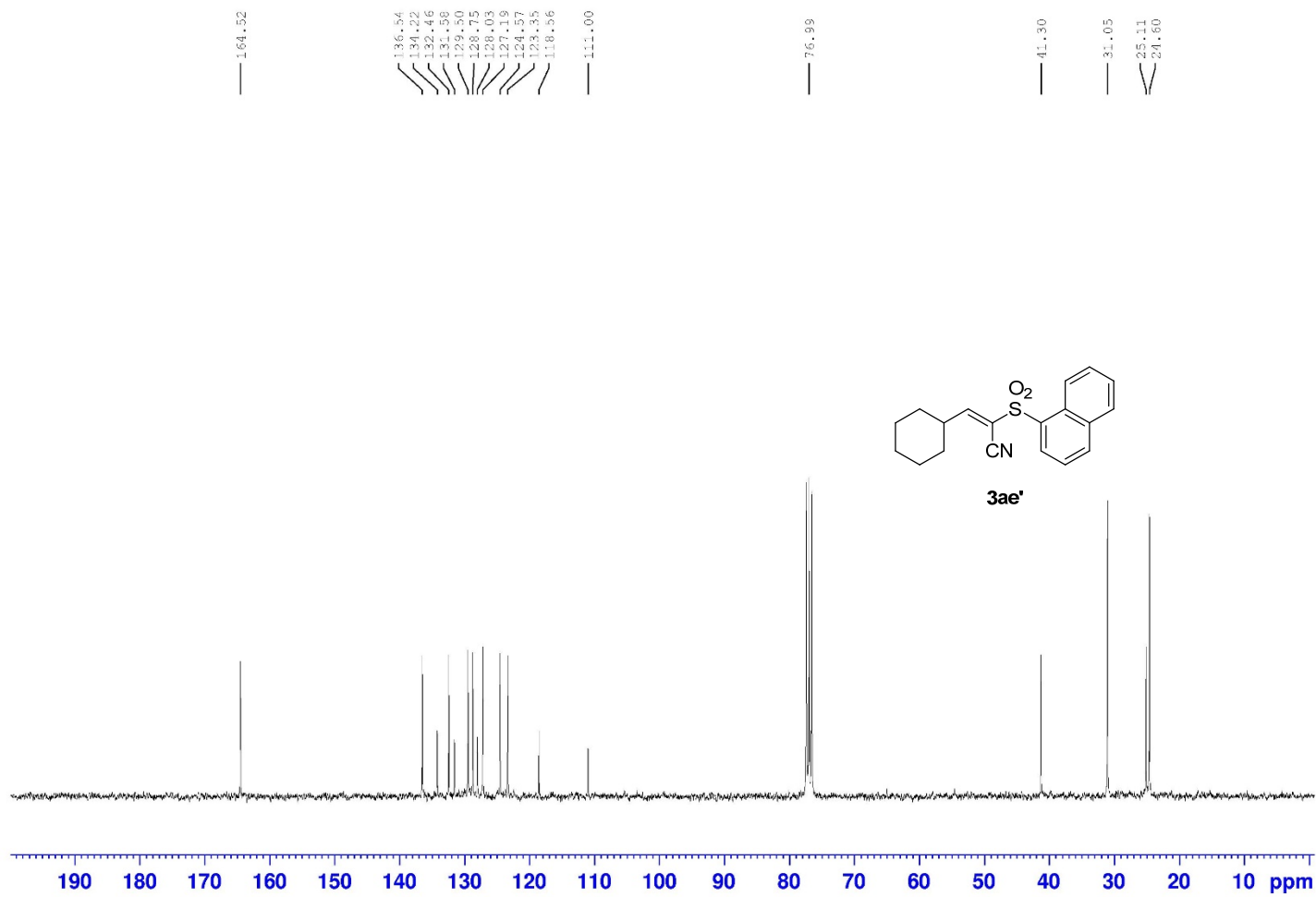
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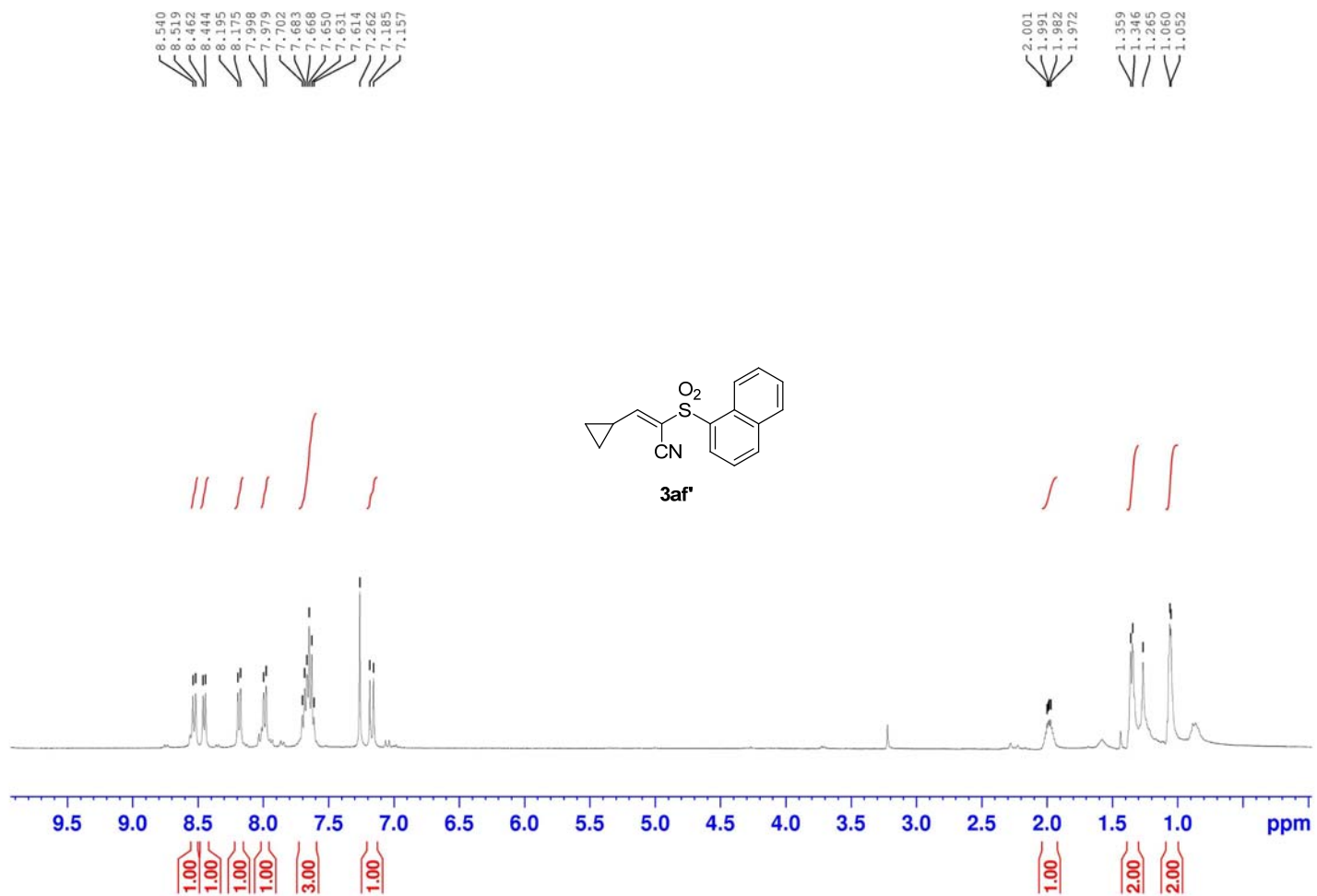
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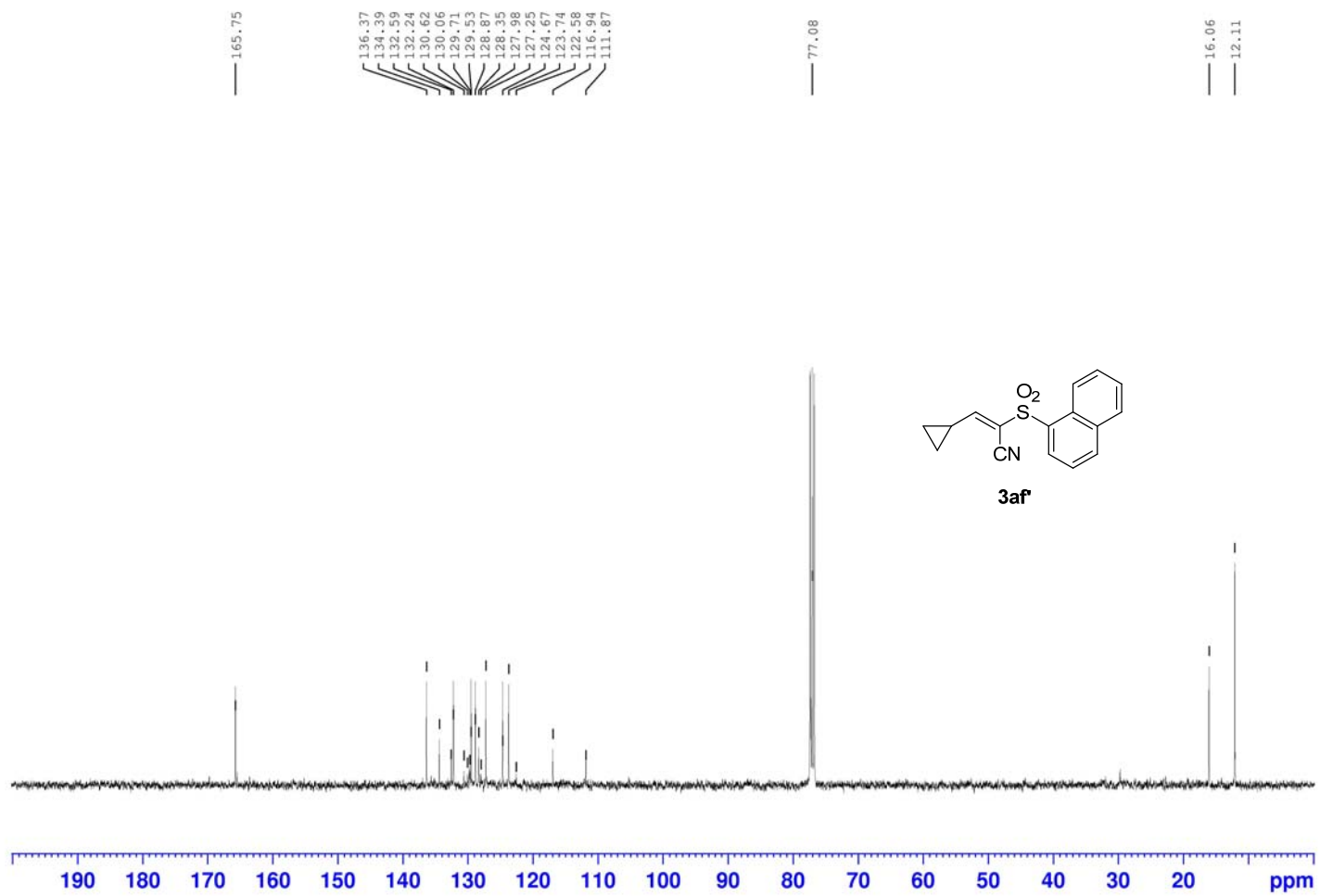
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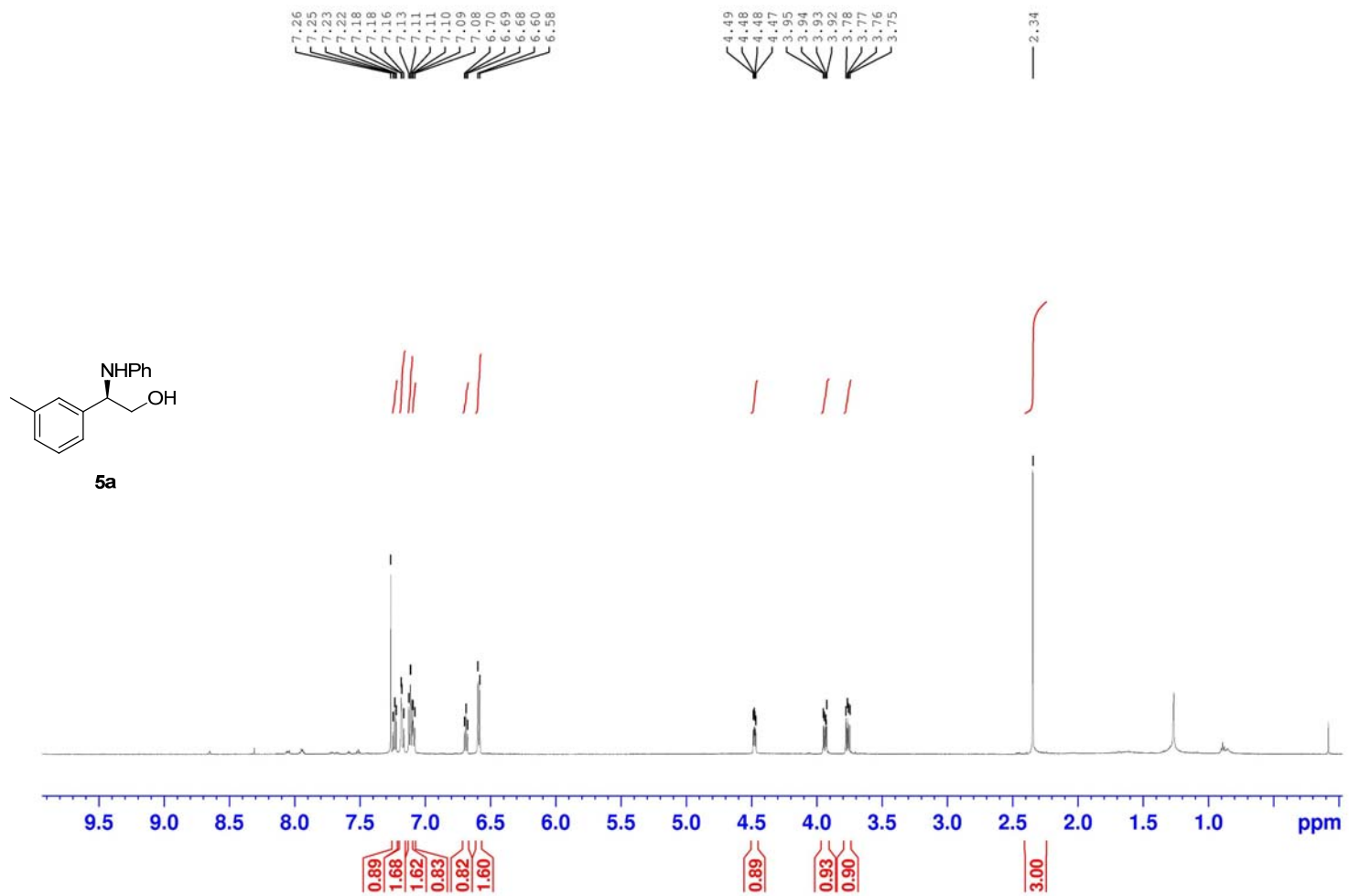
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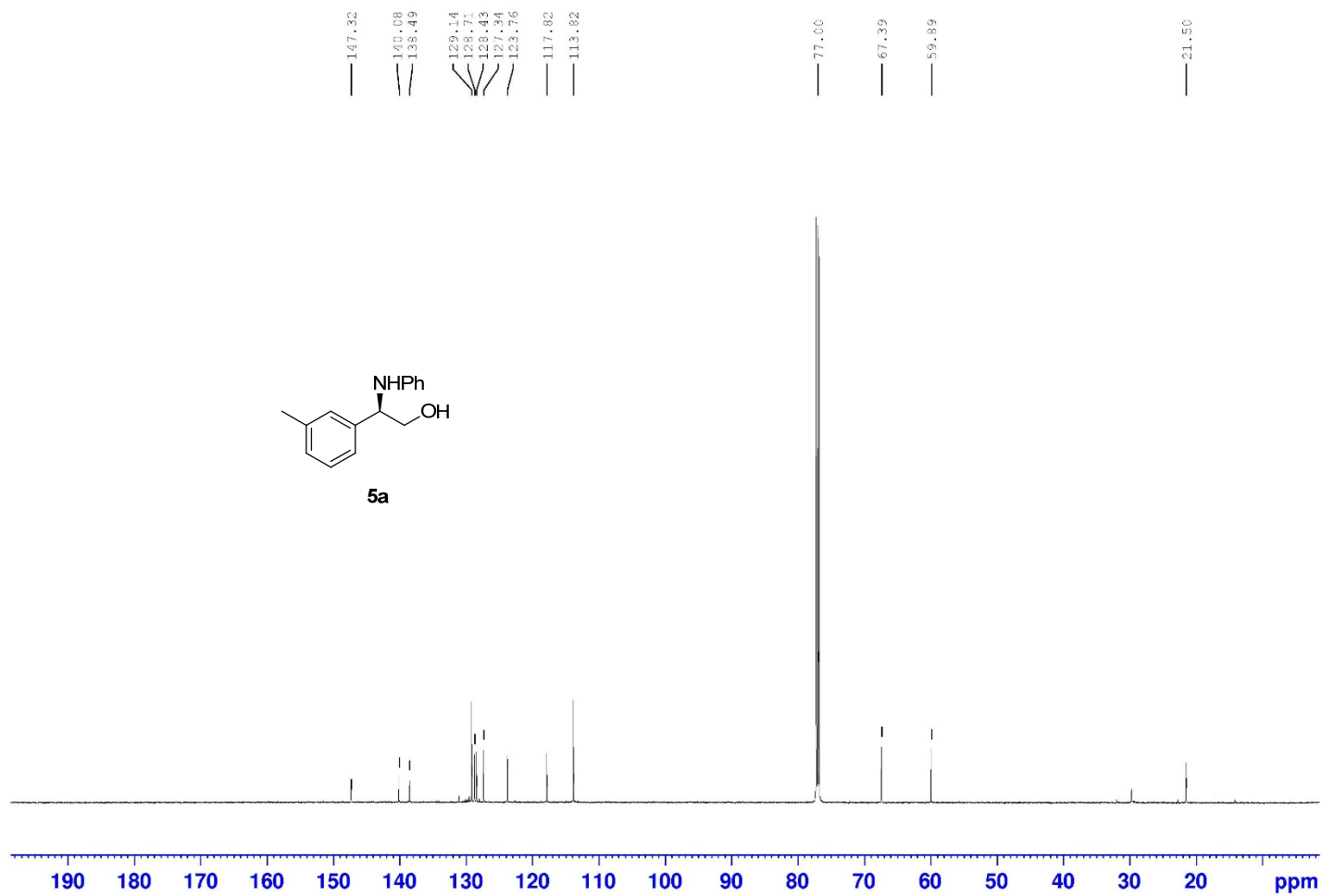
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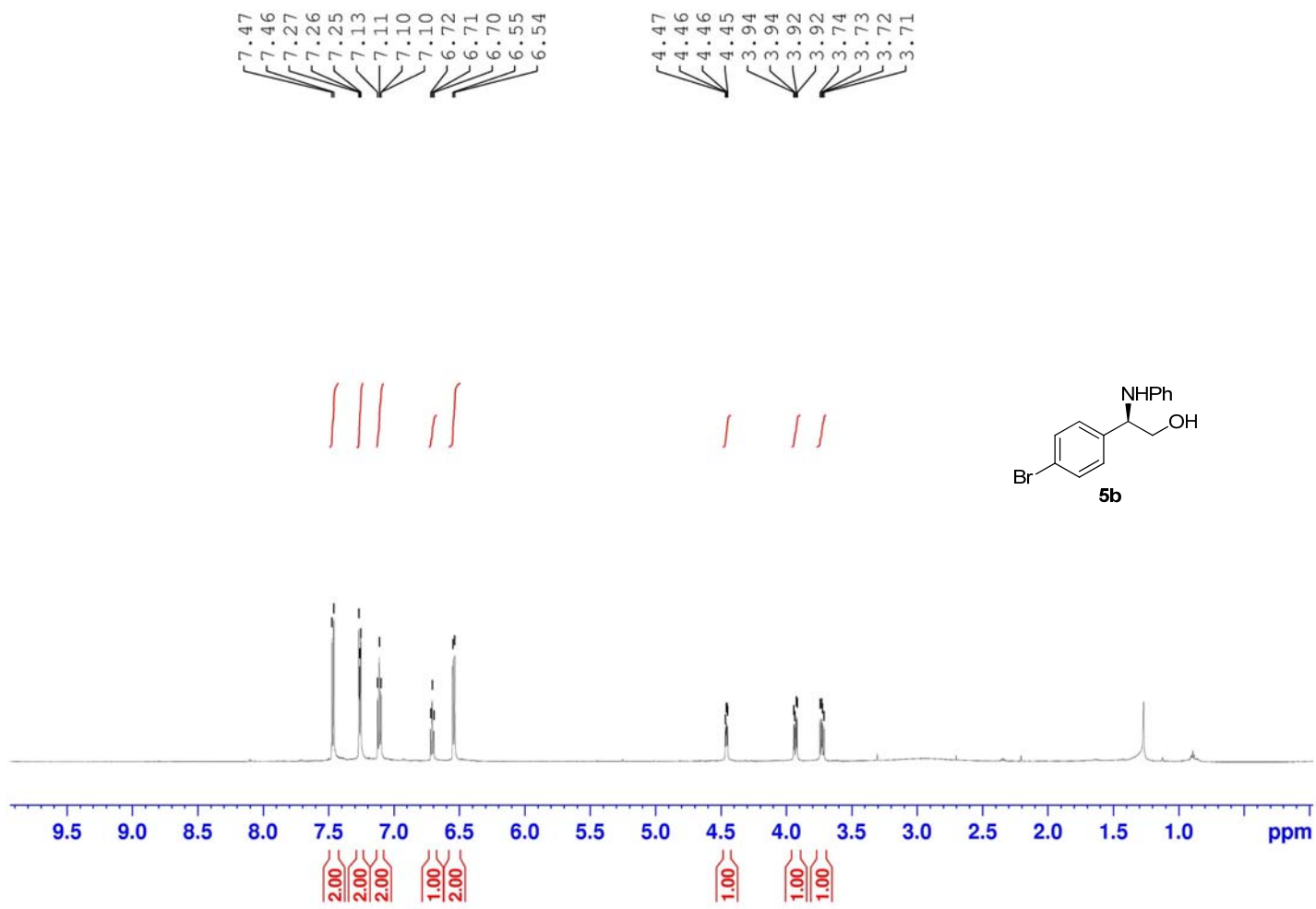
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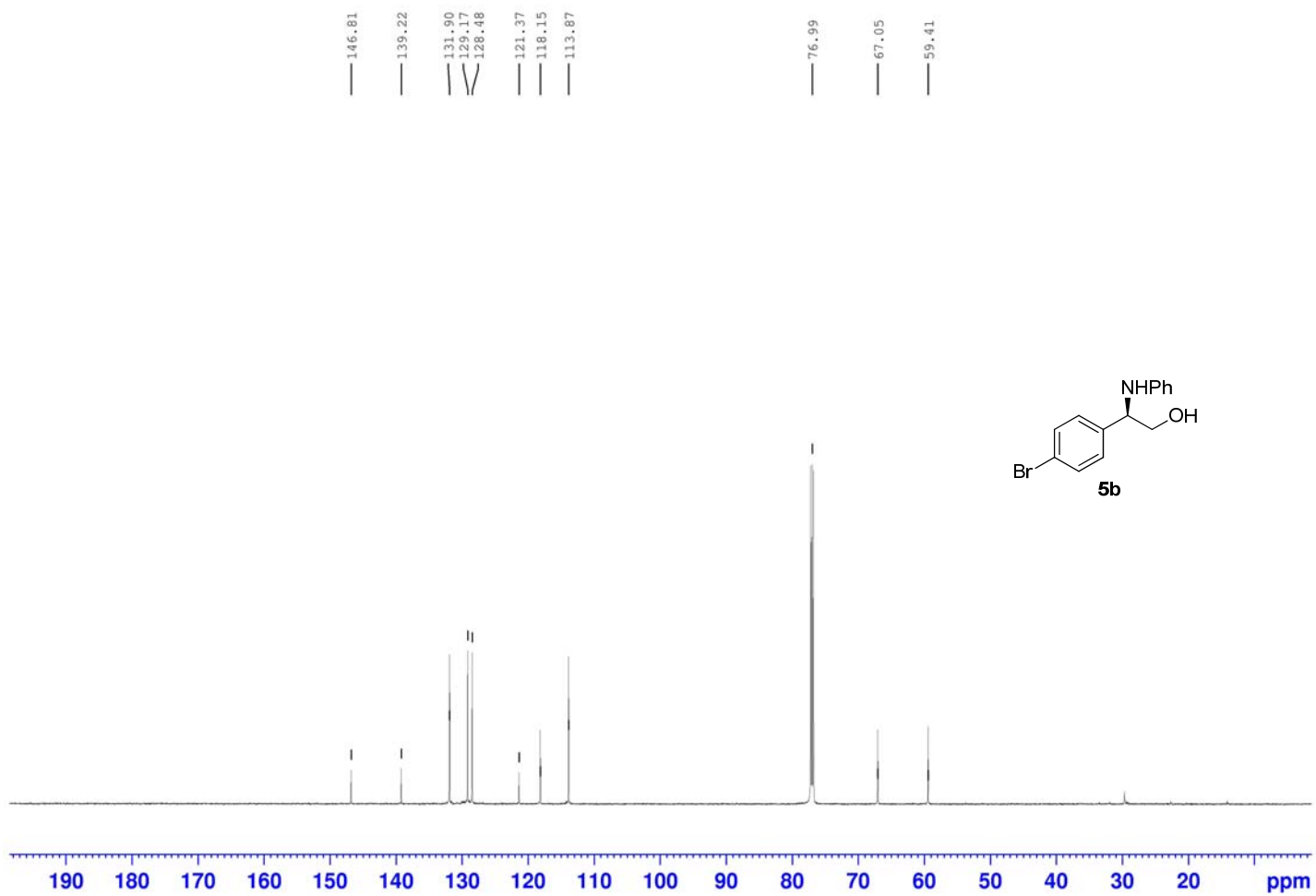
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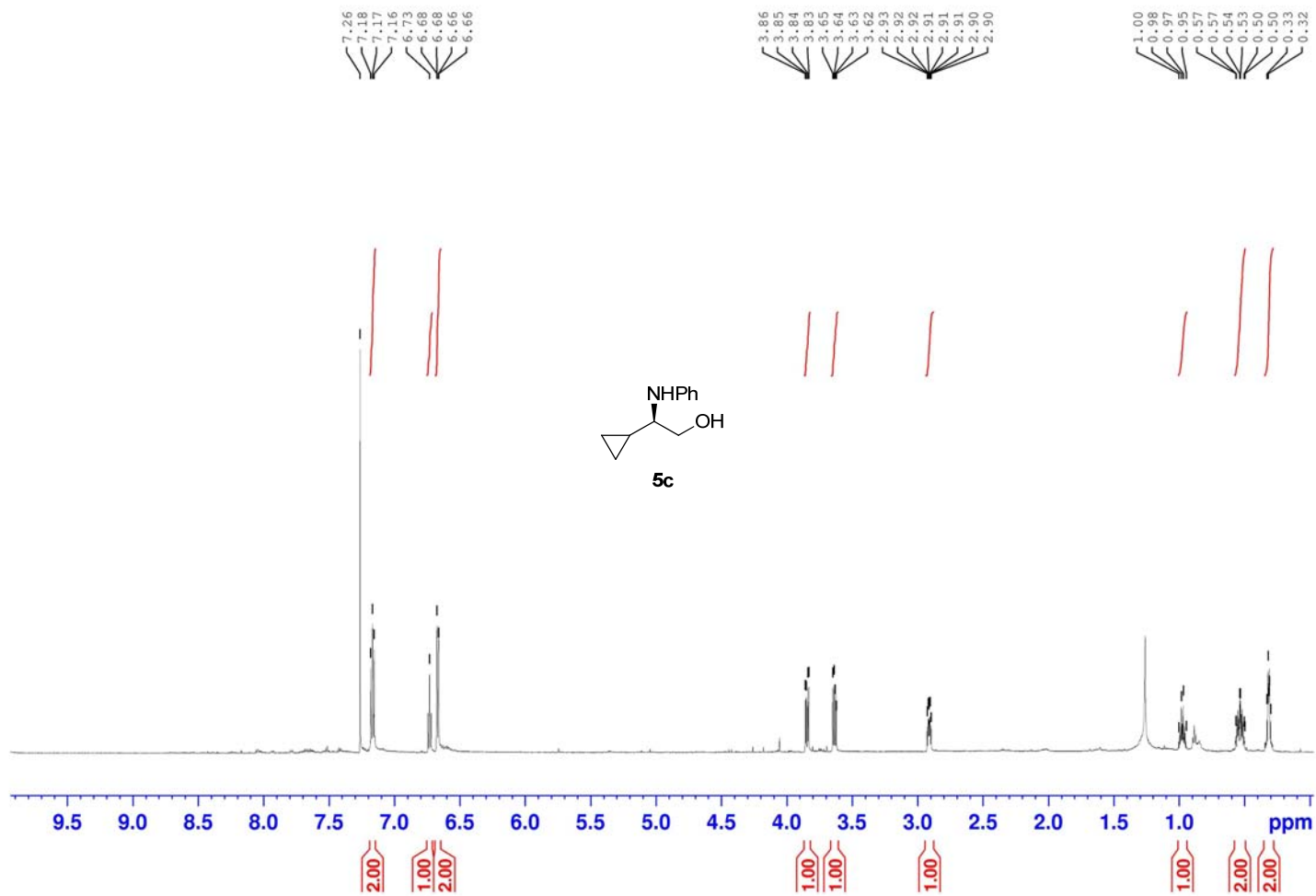
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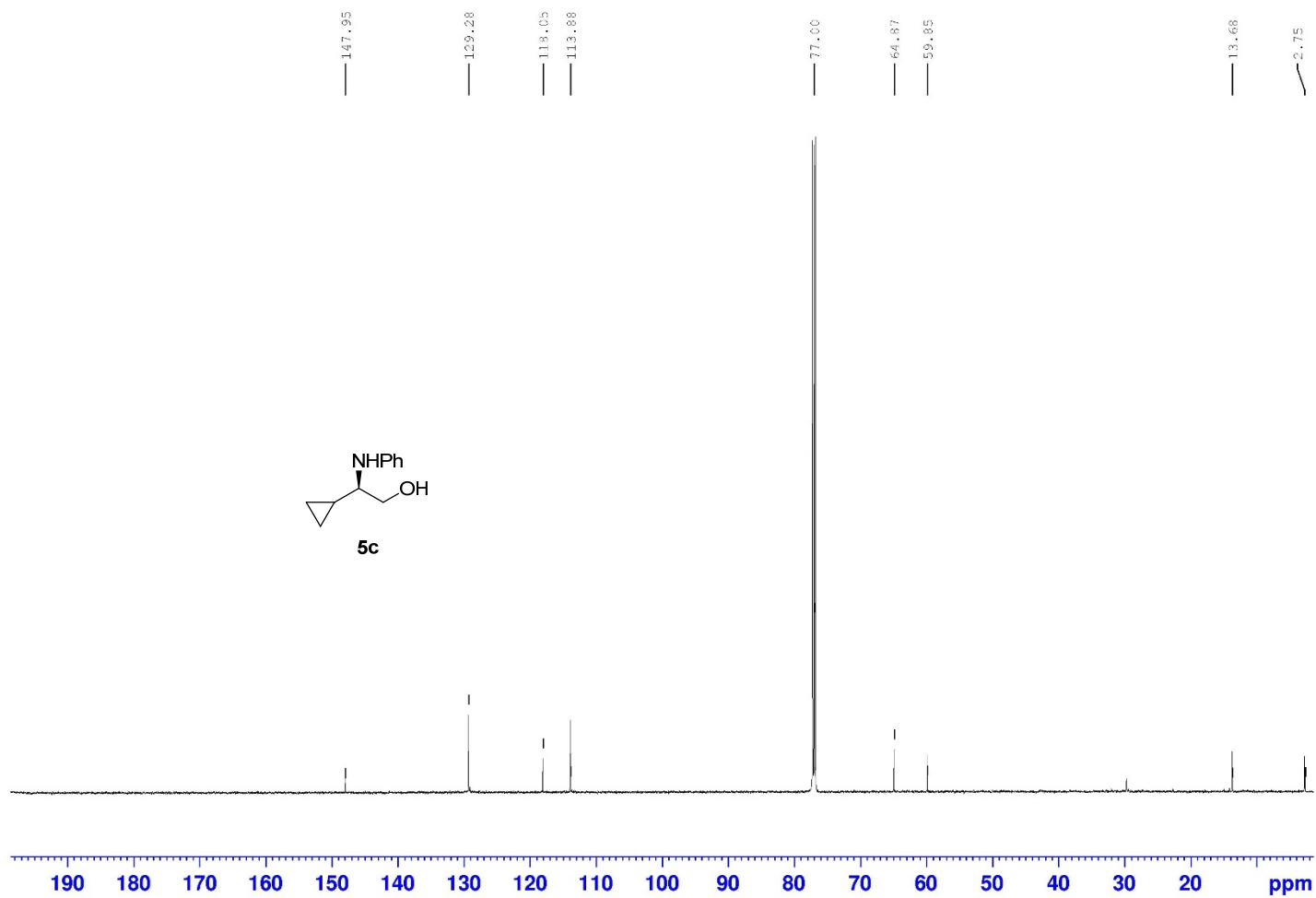
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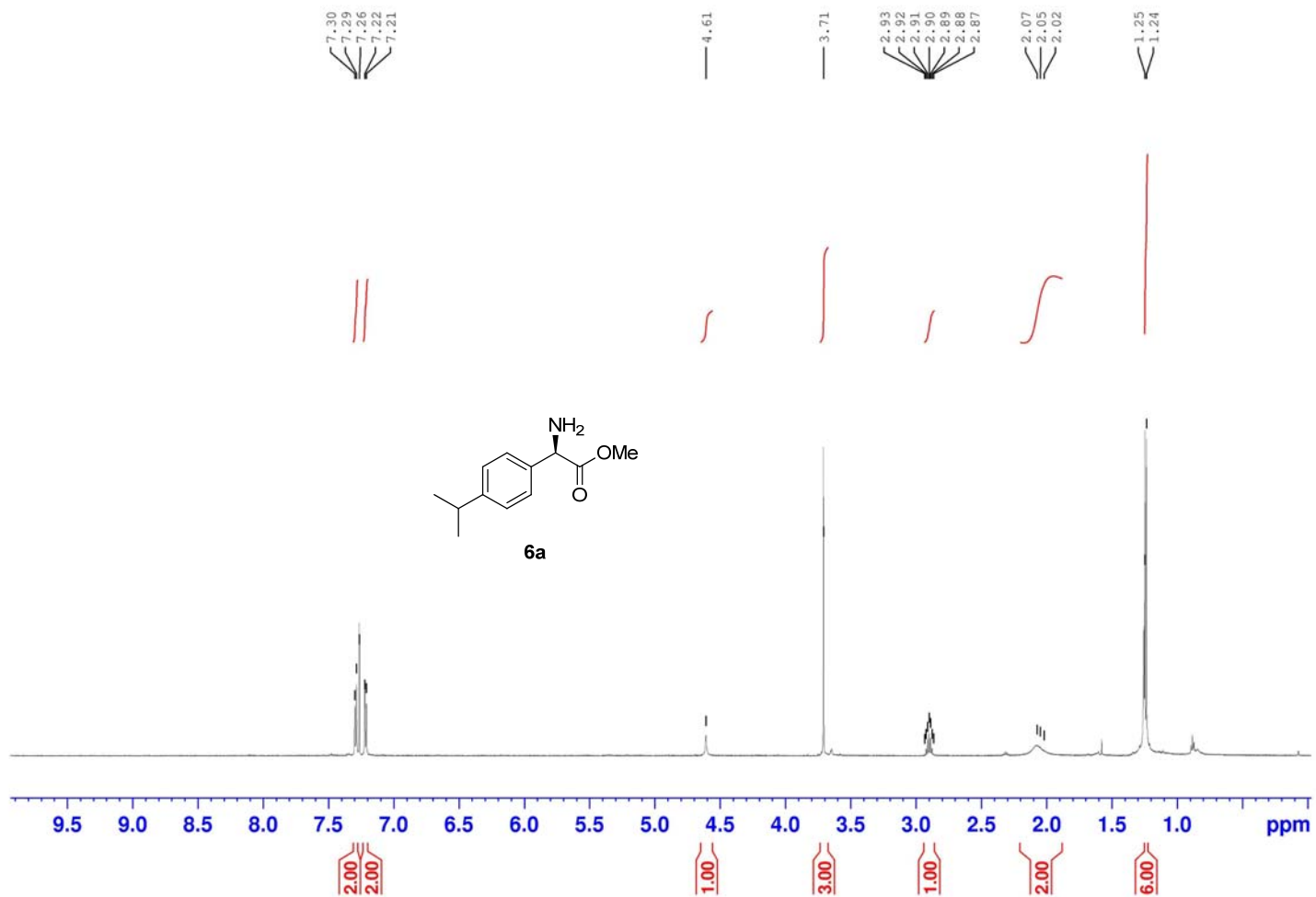
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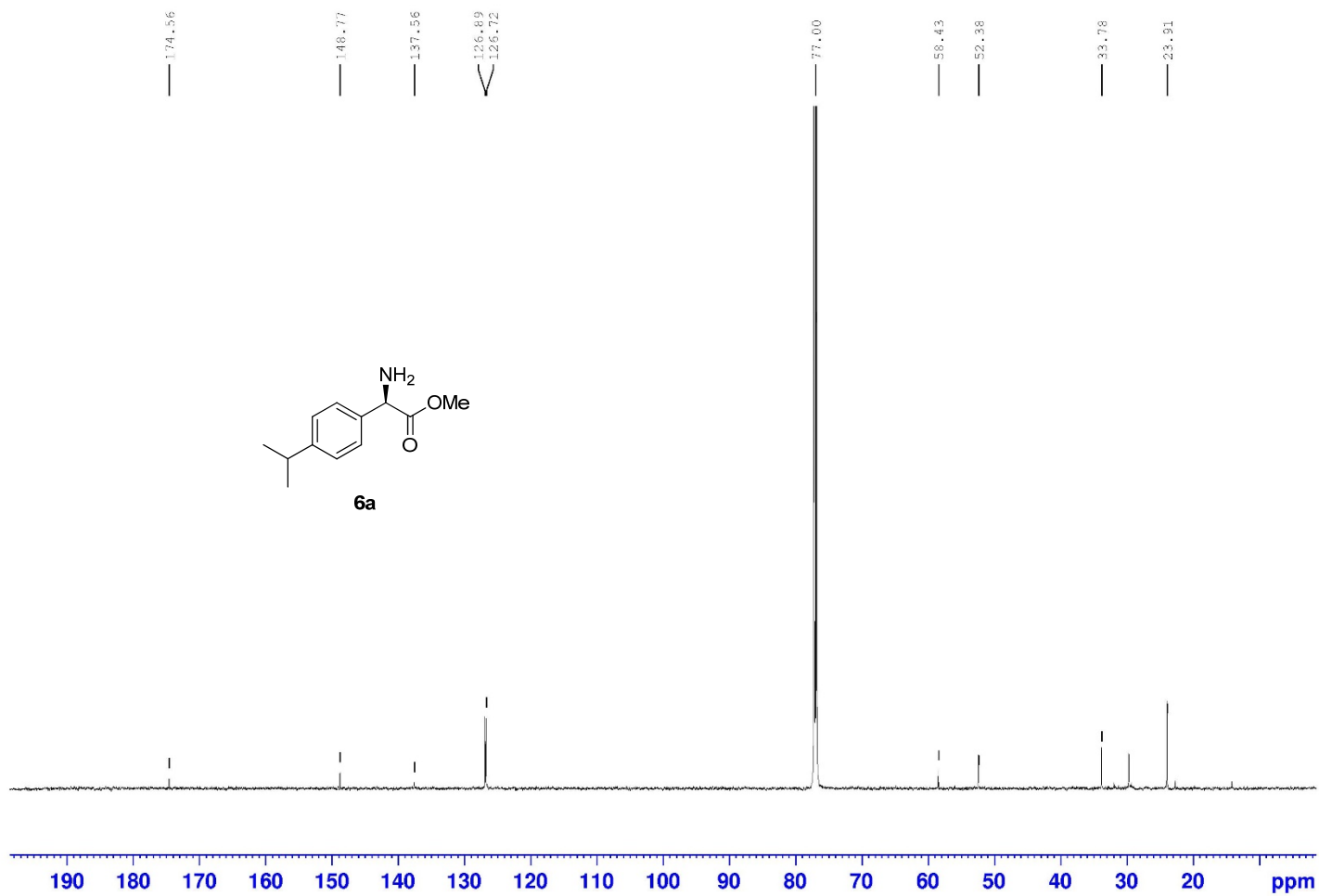
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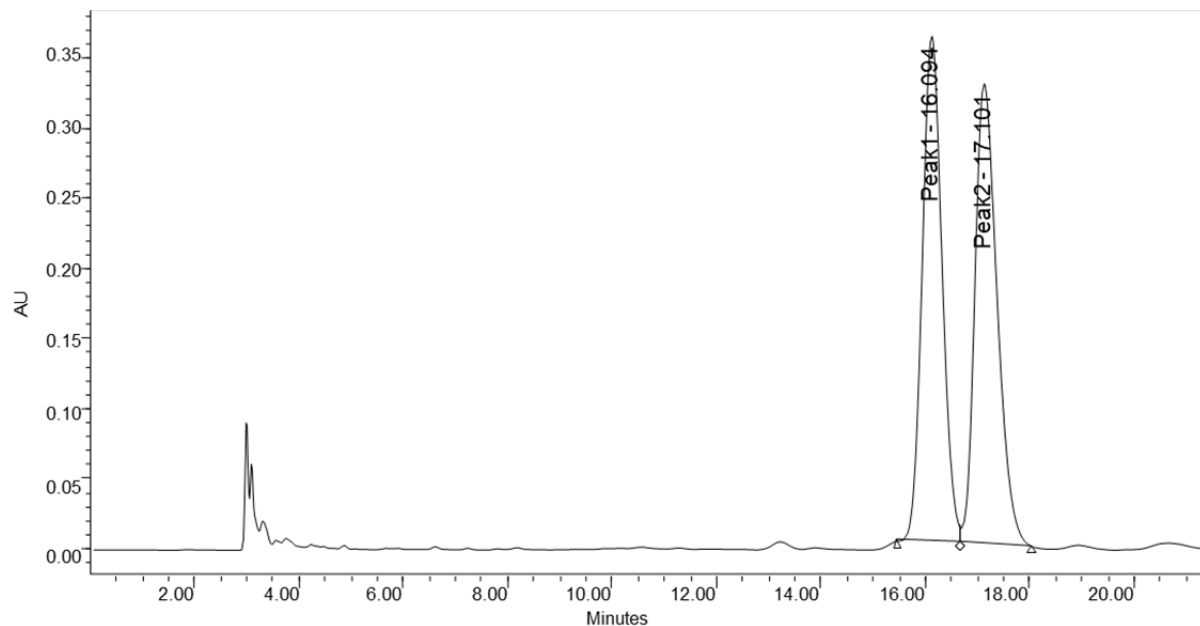
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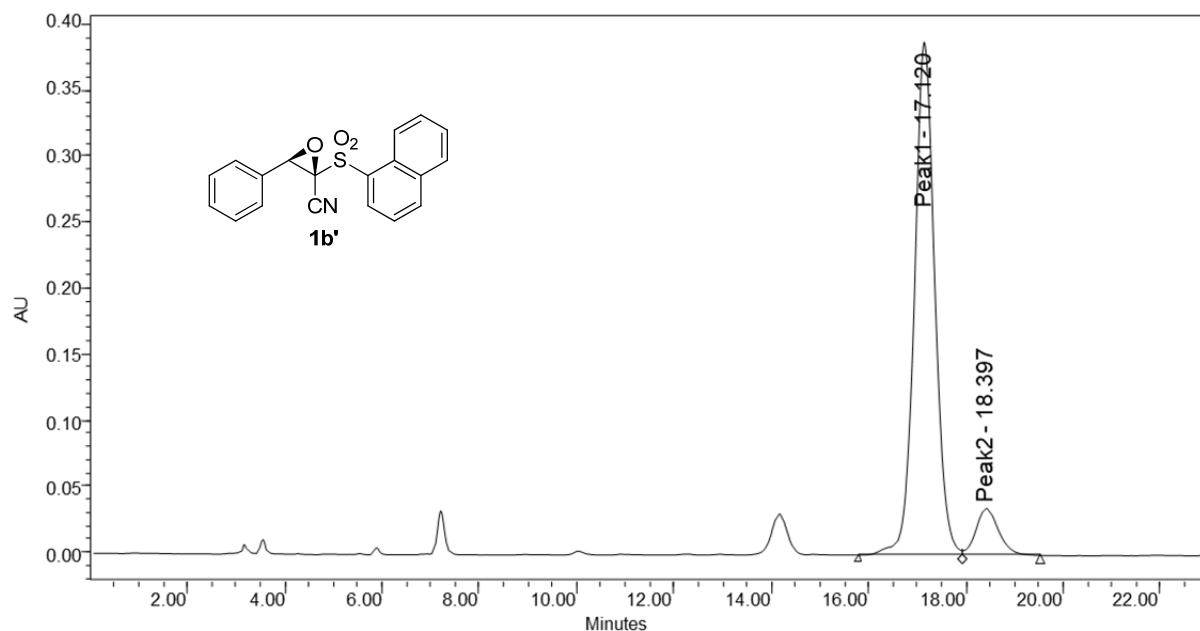
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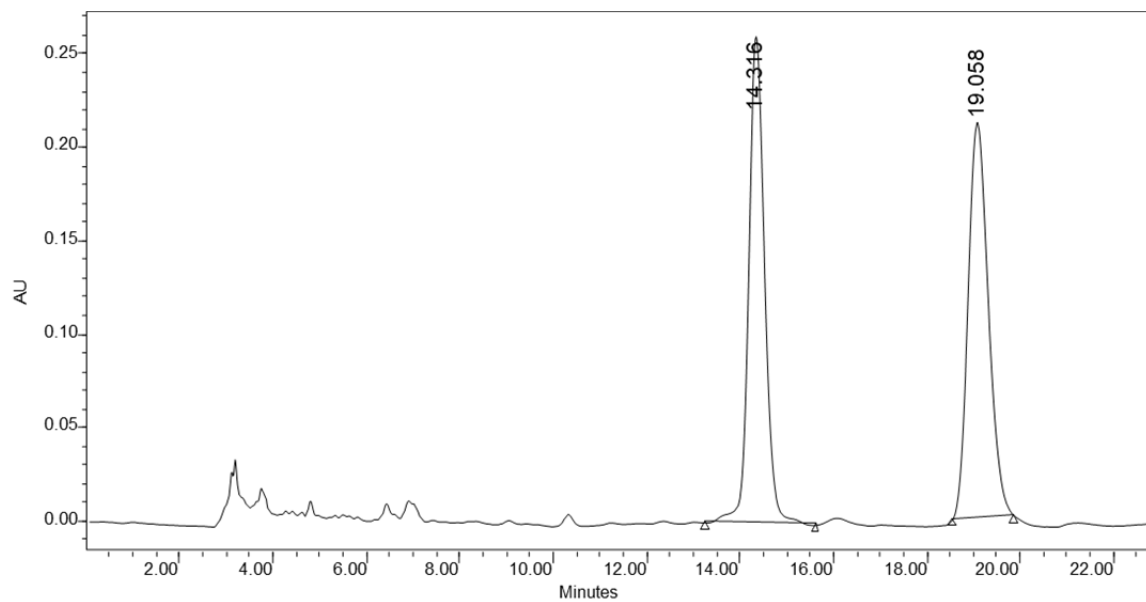
HPLC Chromatograms



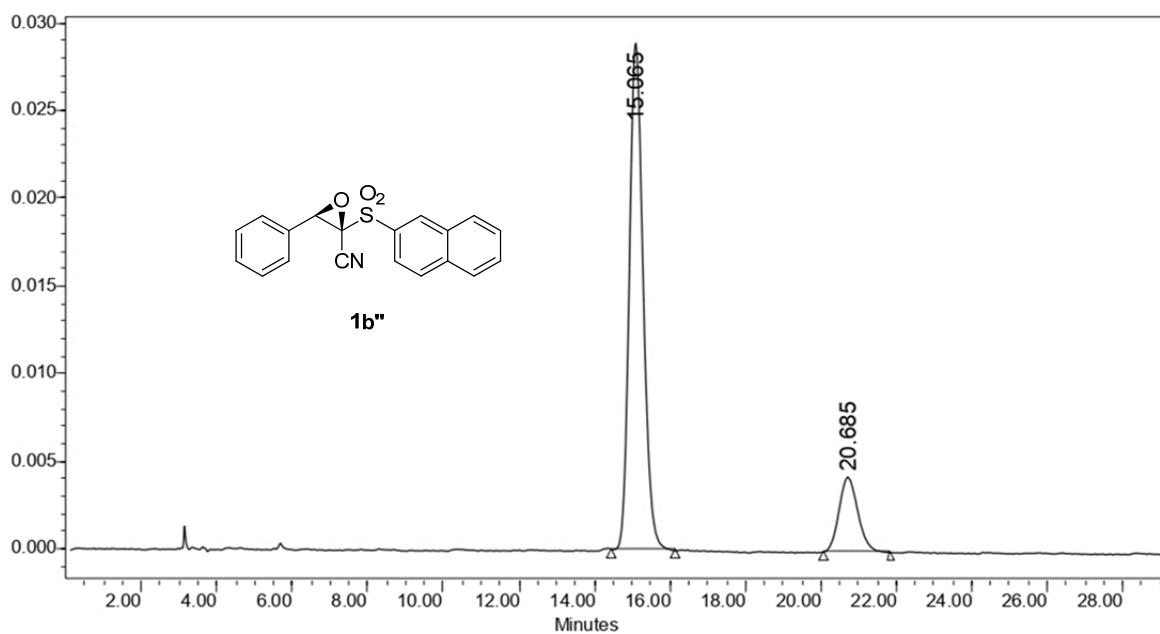
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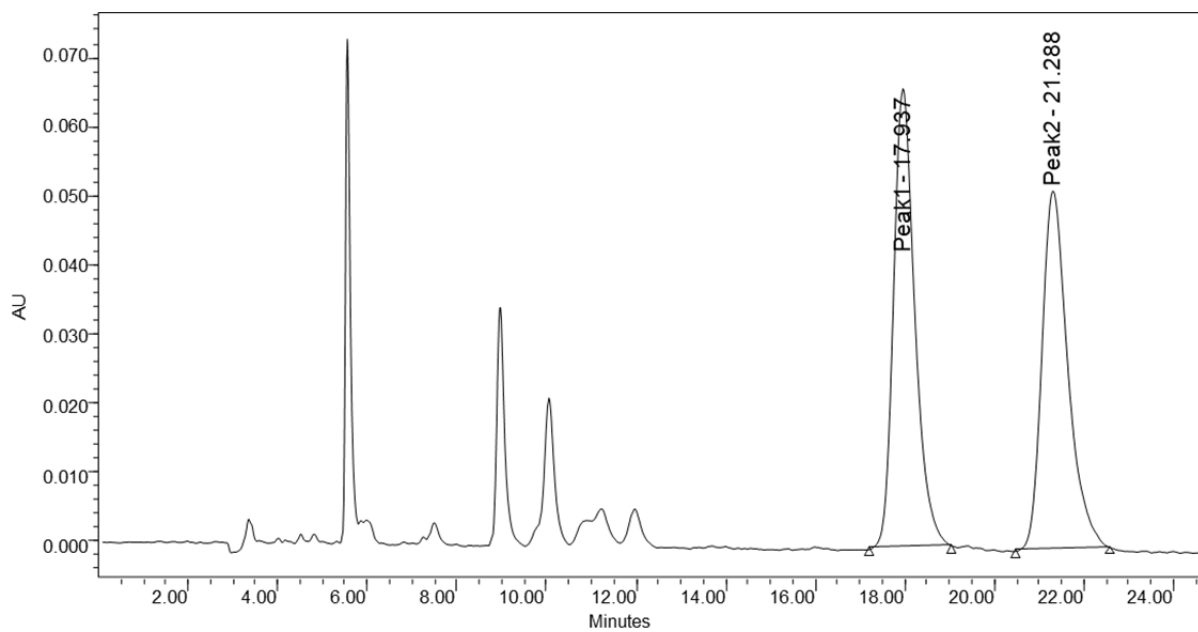
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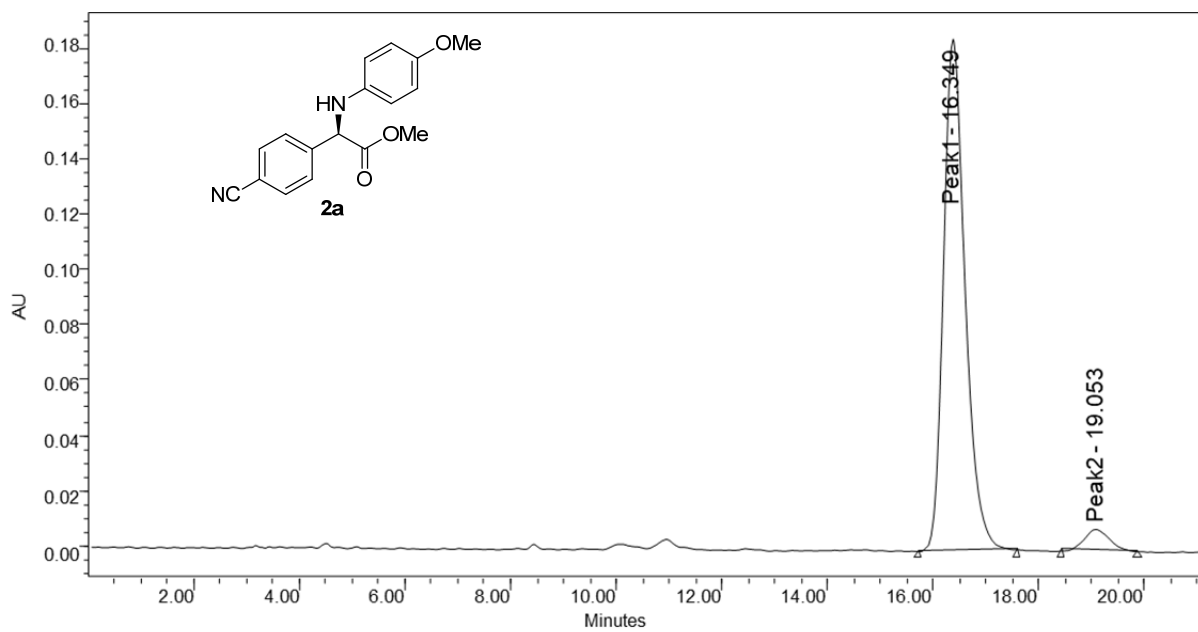
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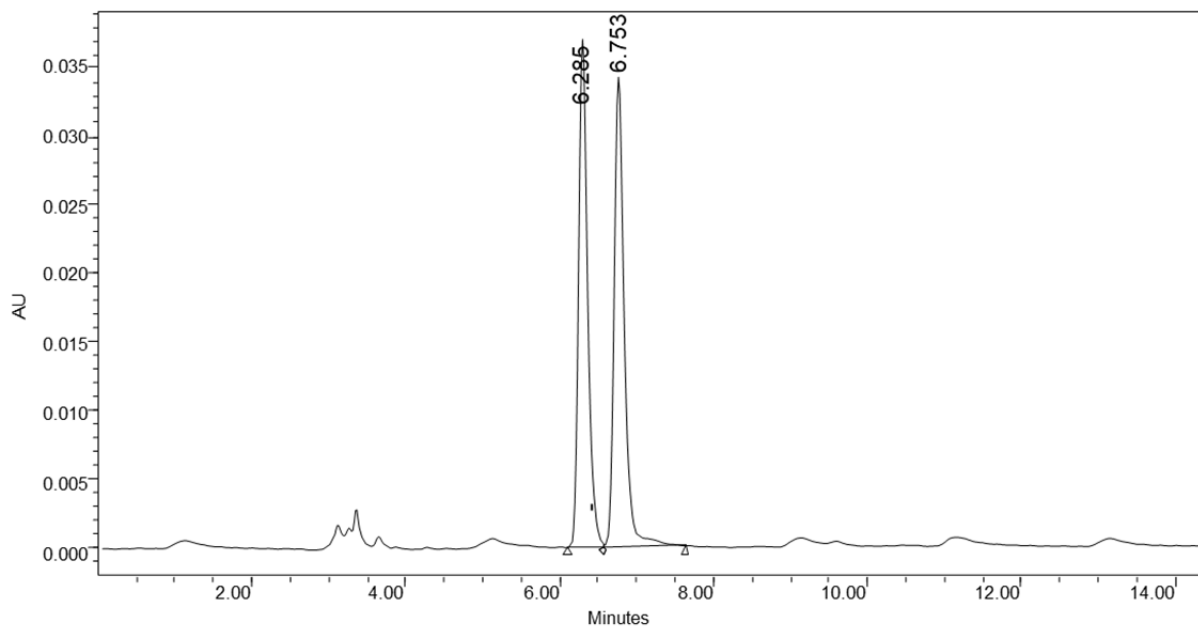
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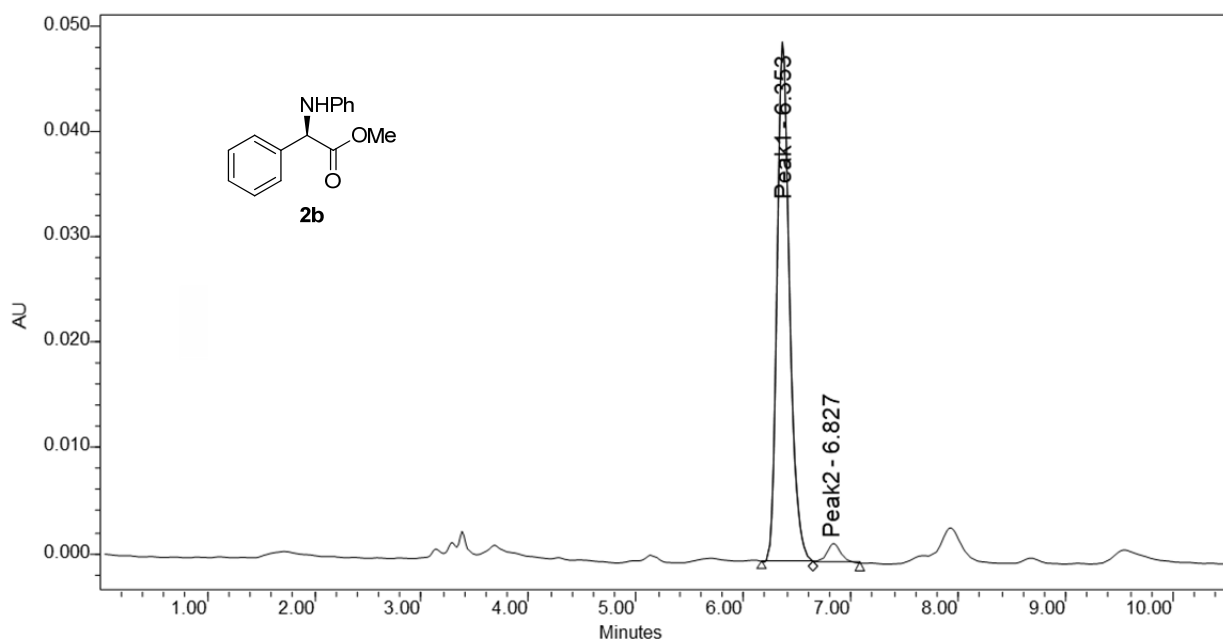
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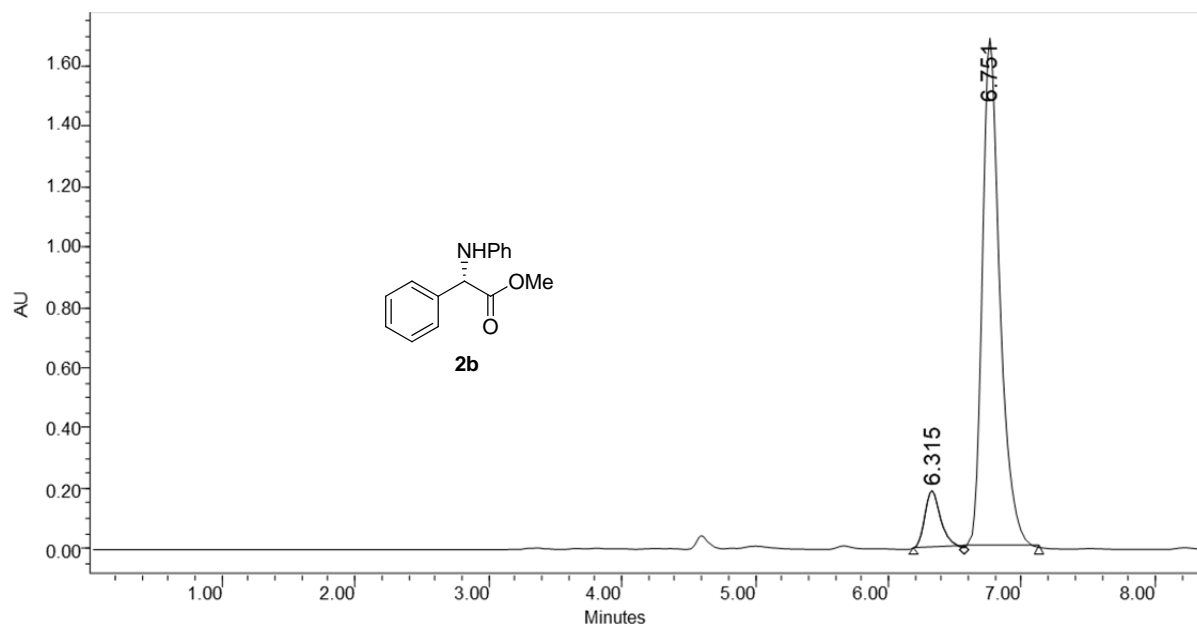
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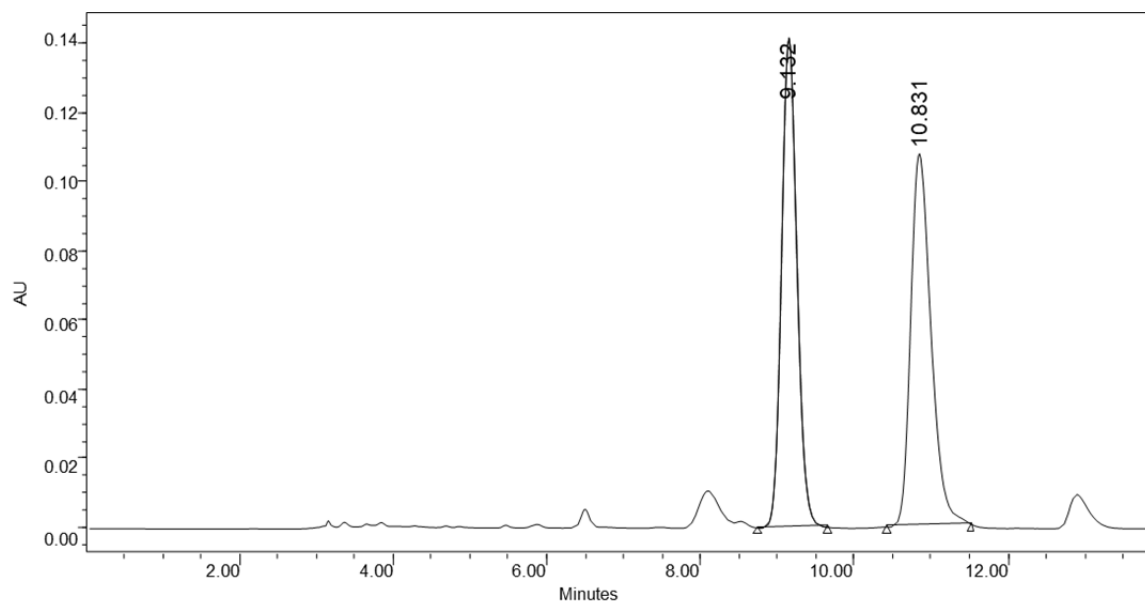
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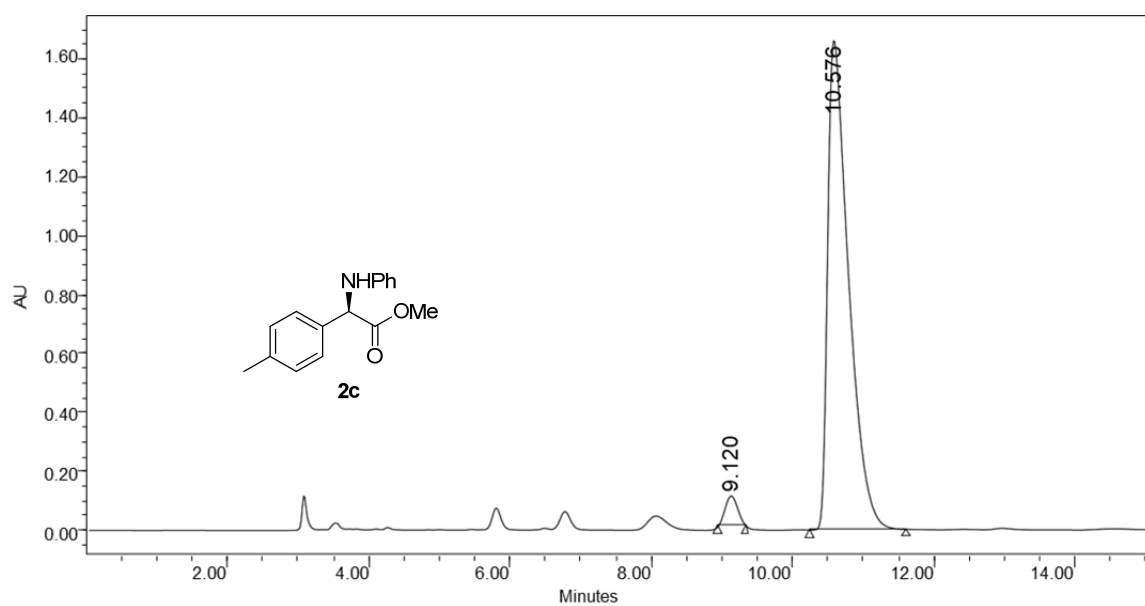
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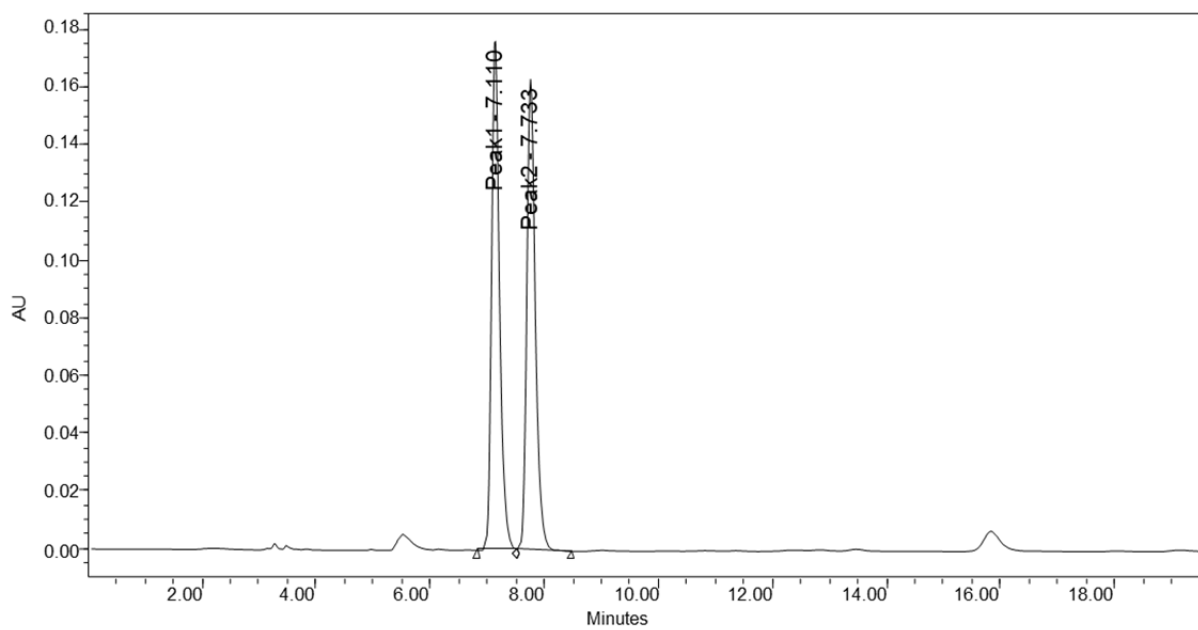
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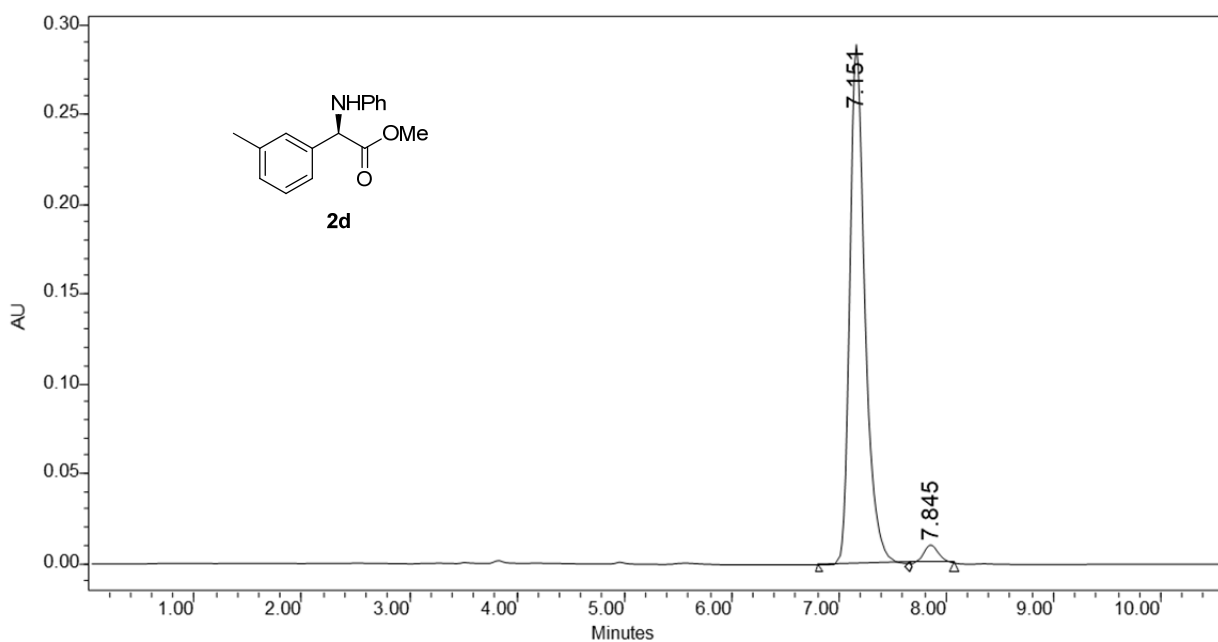
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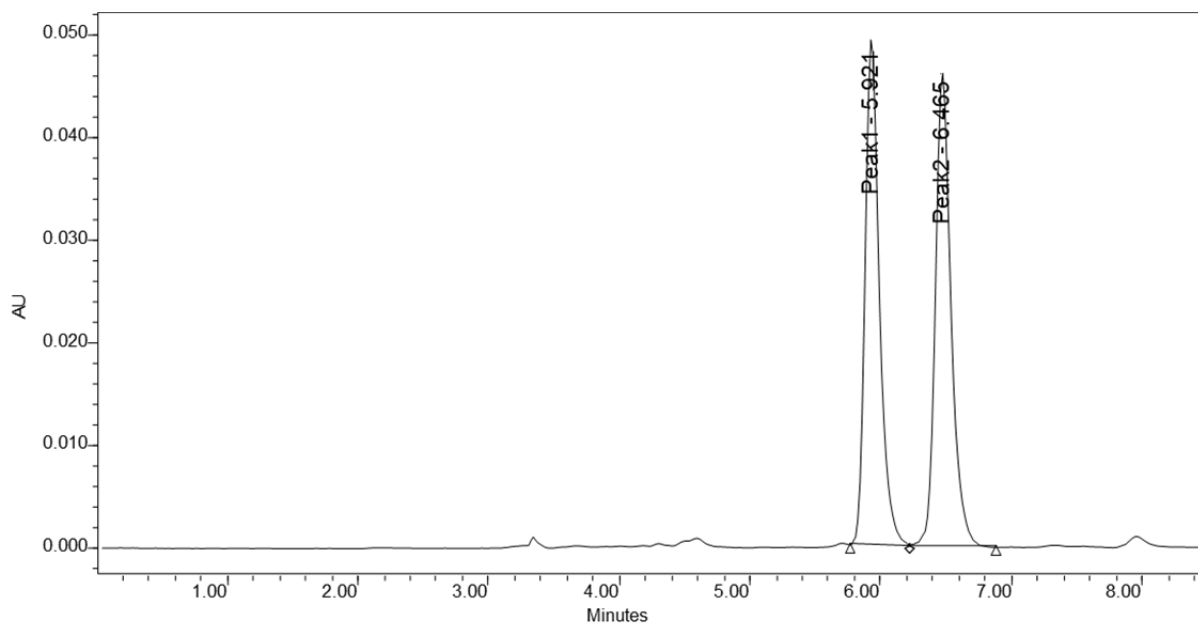
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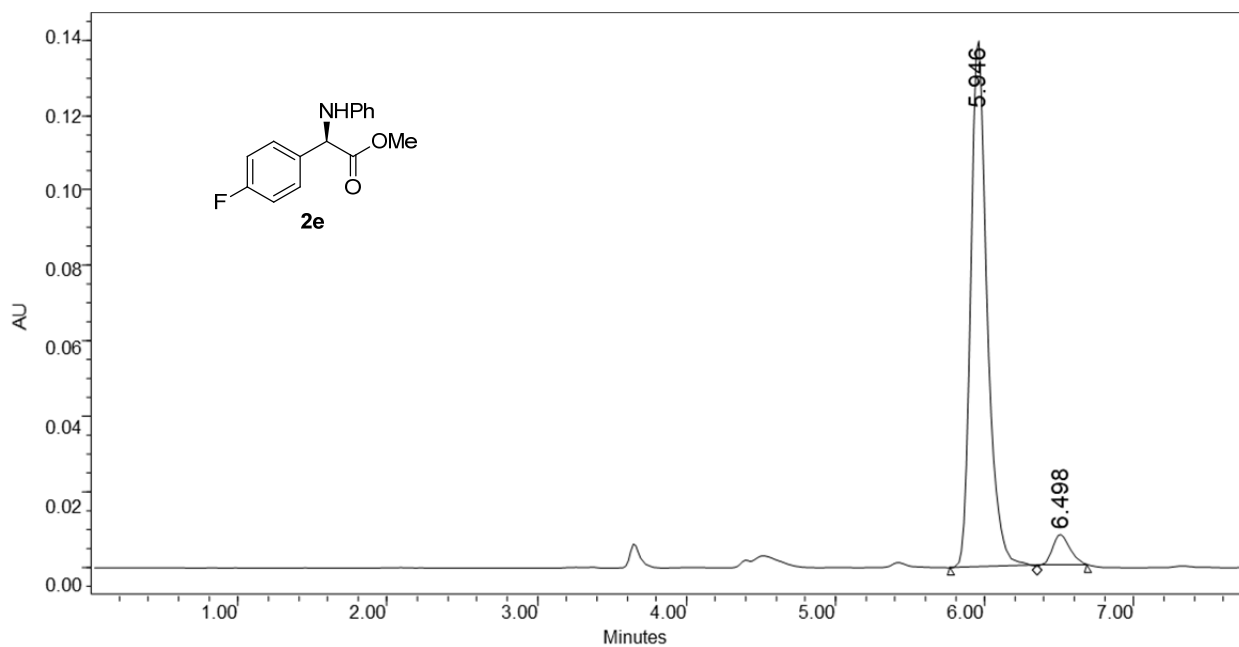
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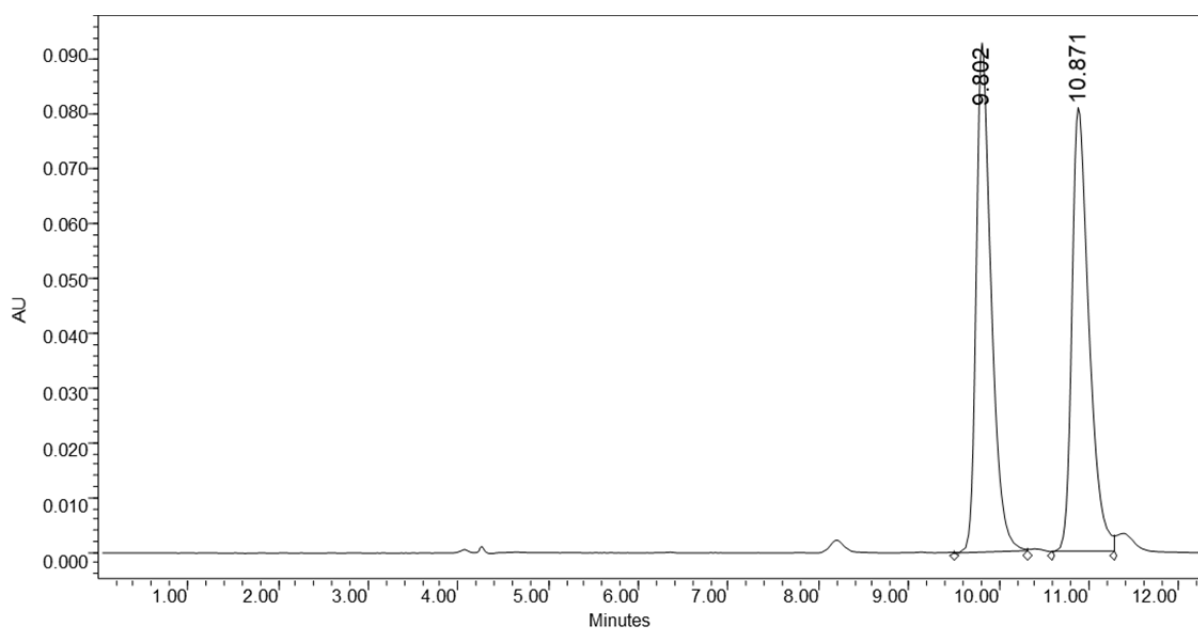
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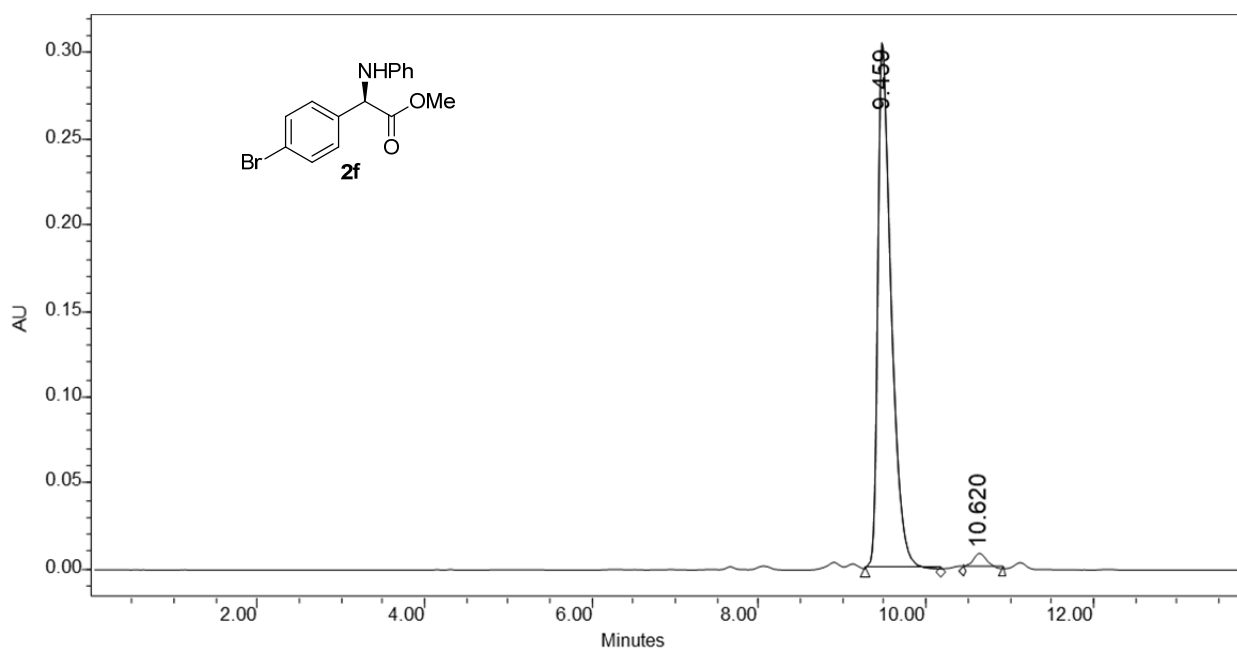
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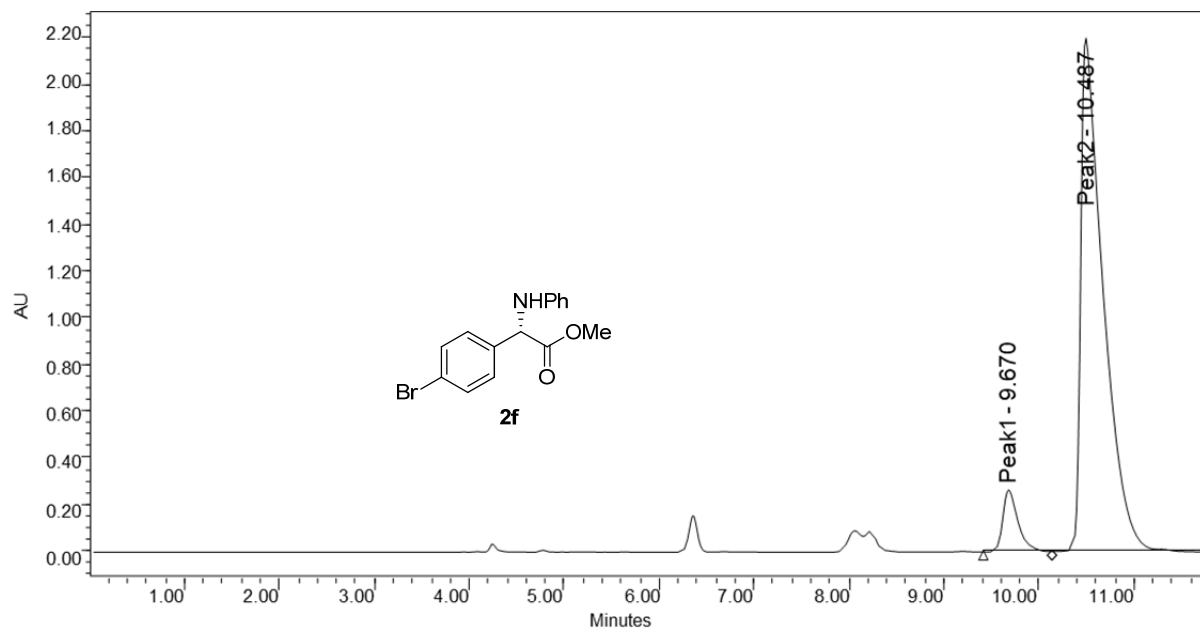
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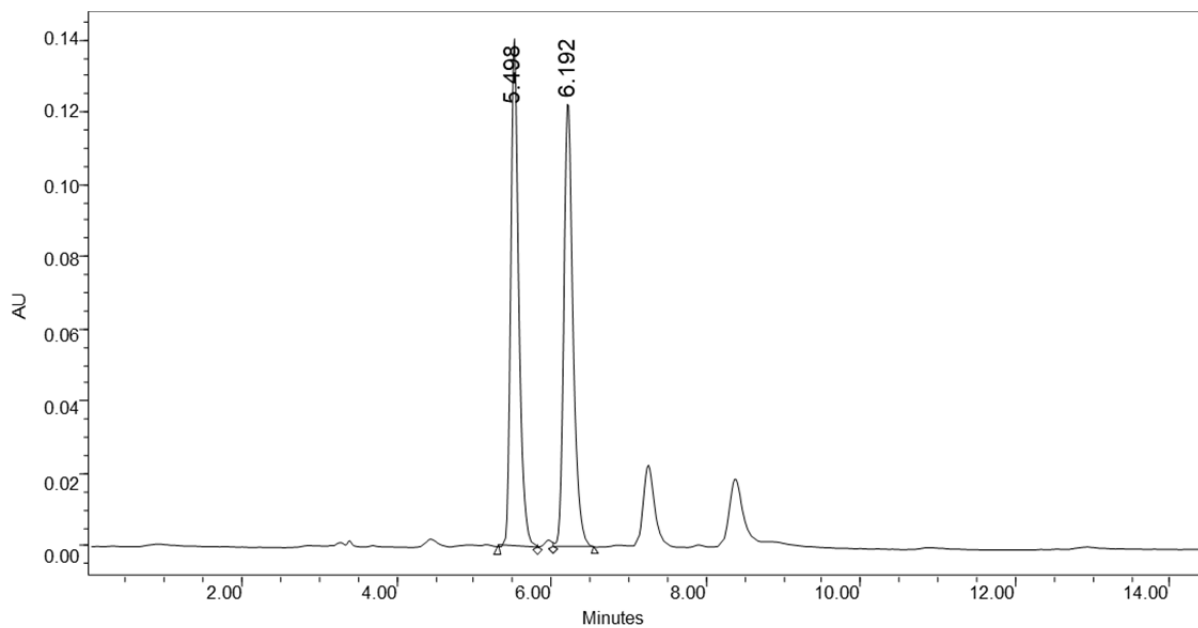
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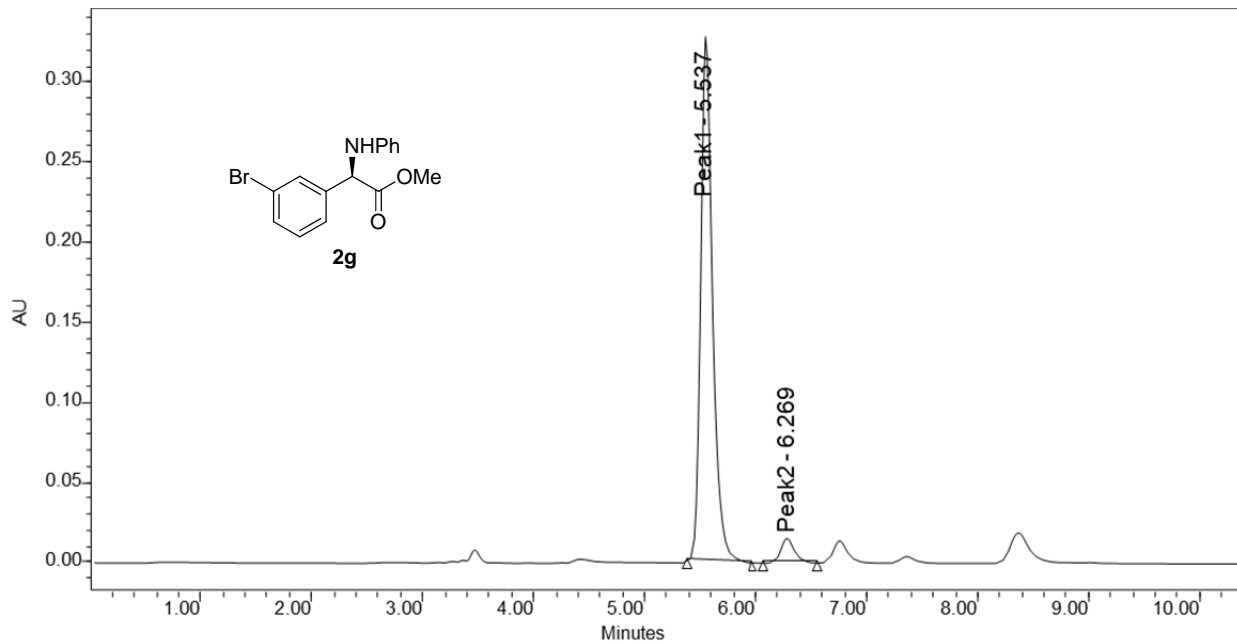
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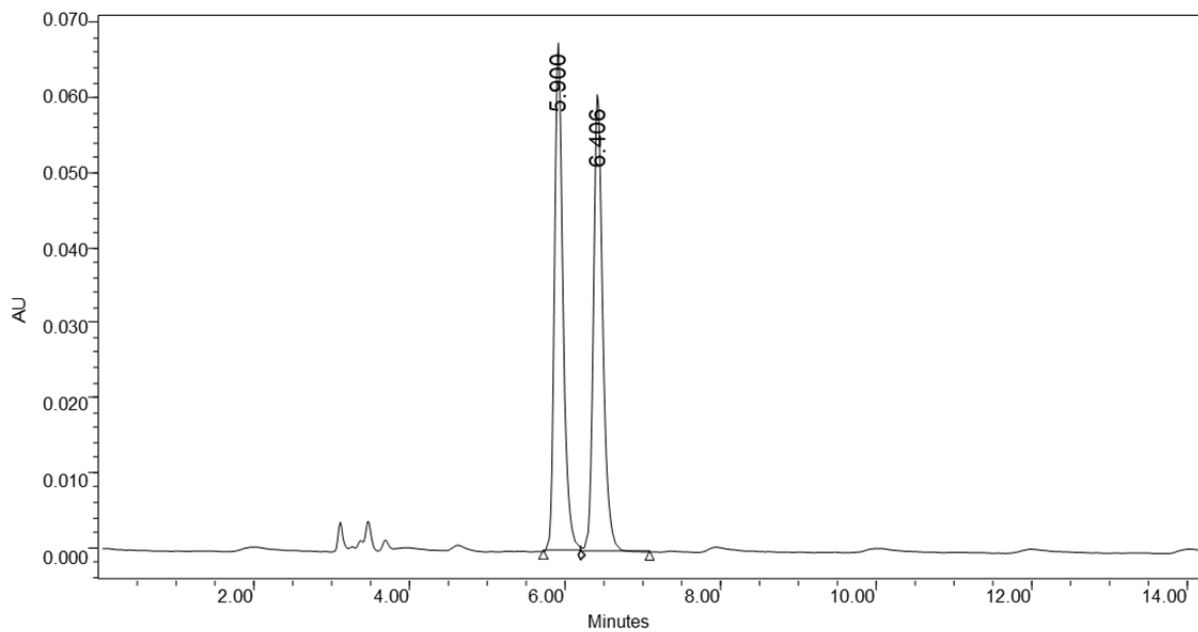
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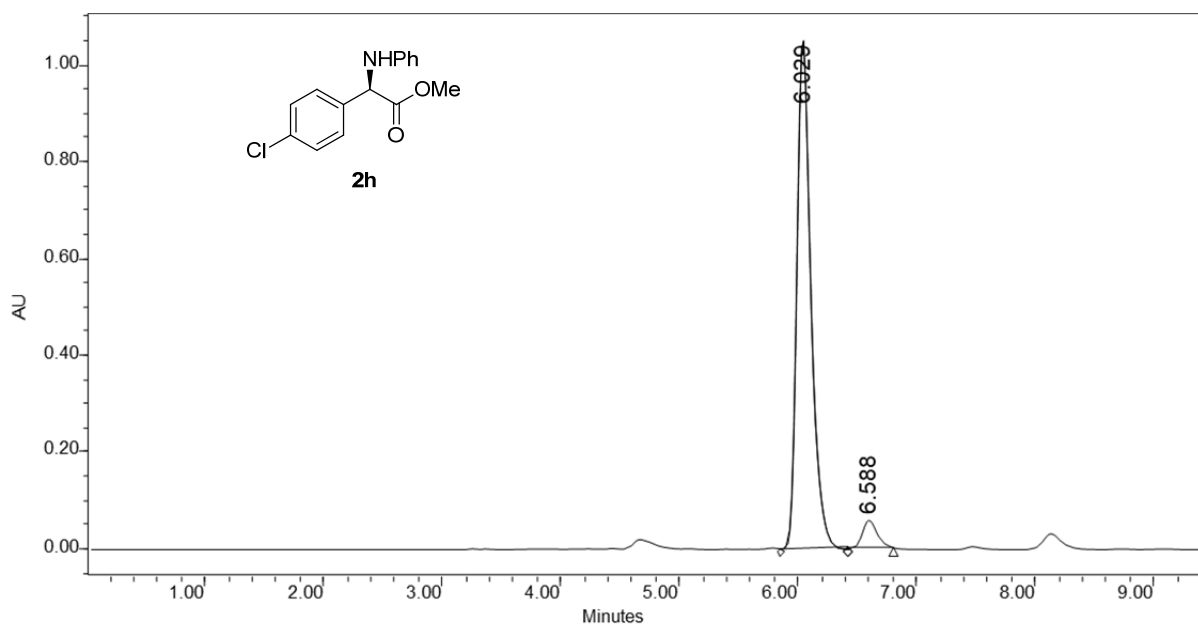
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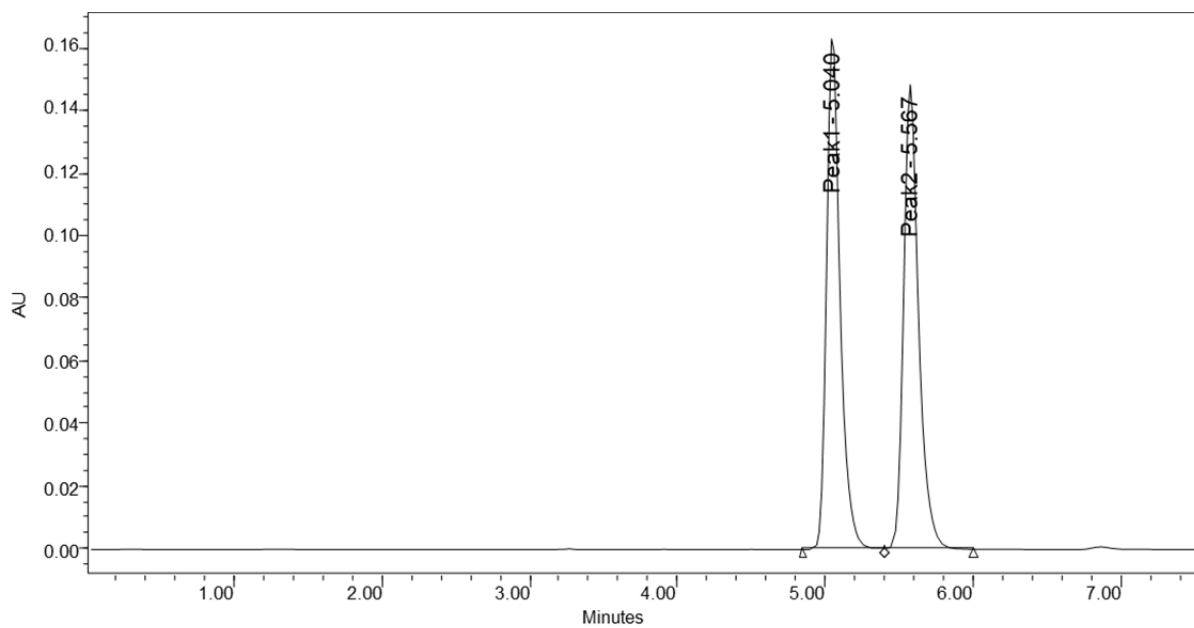
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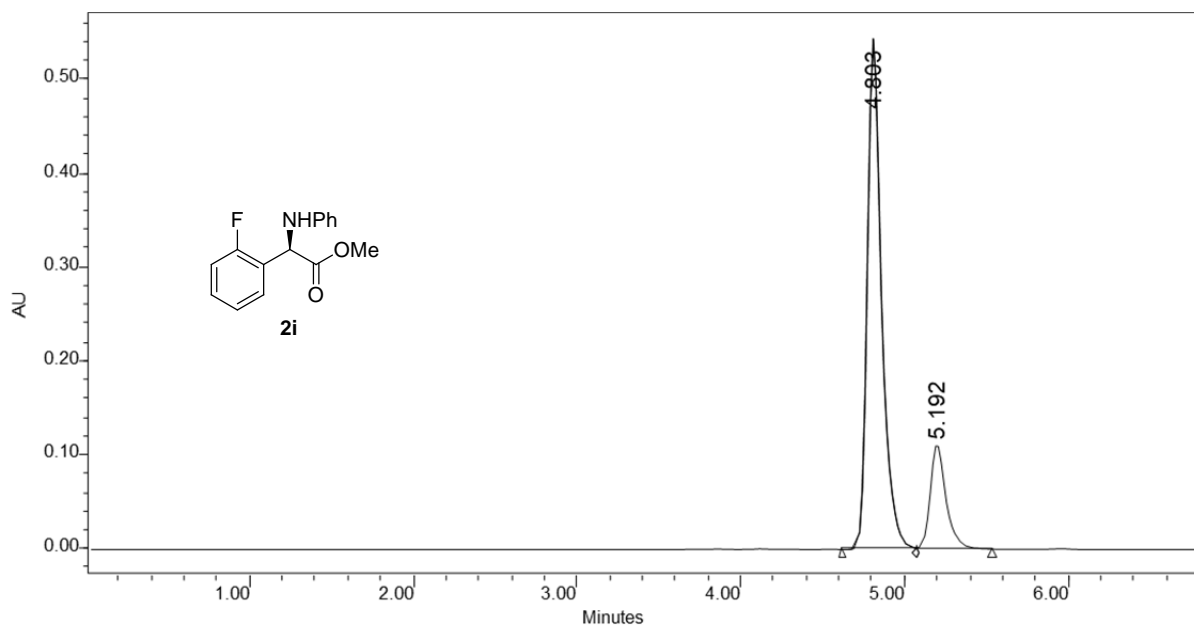
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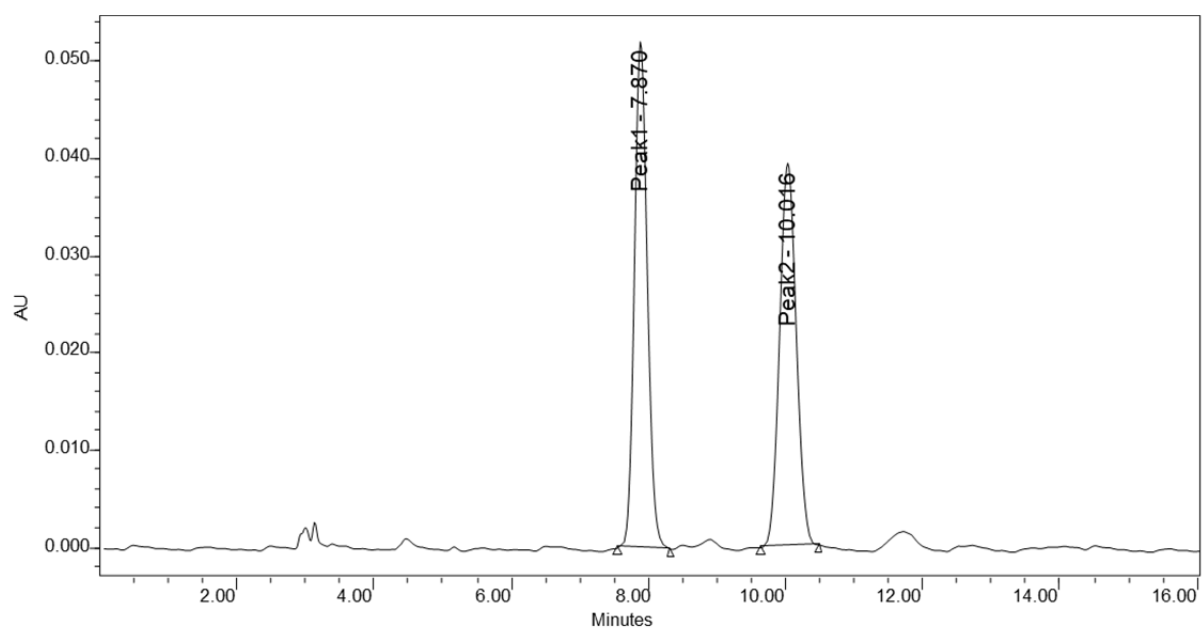
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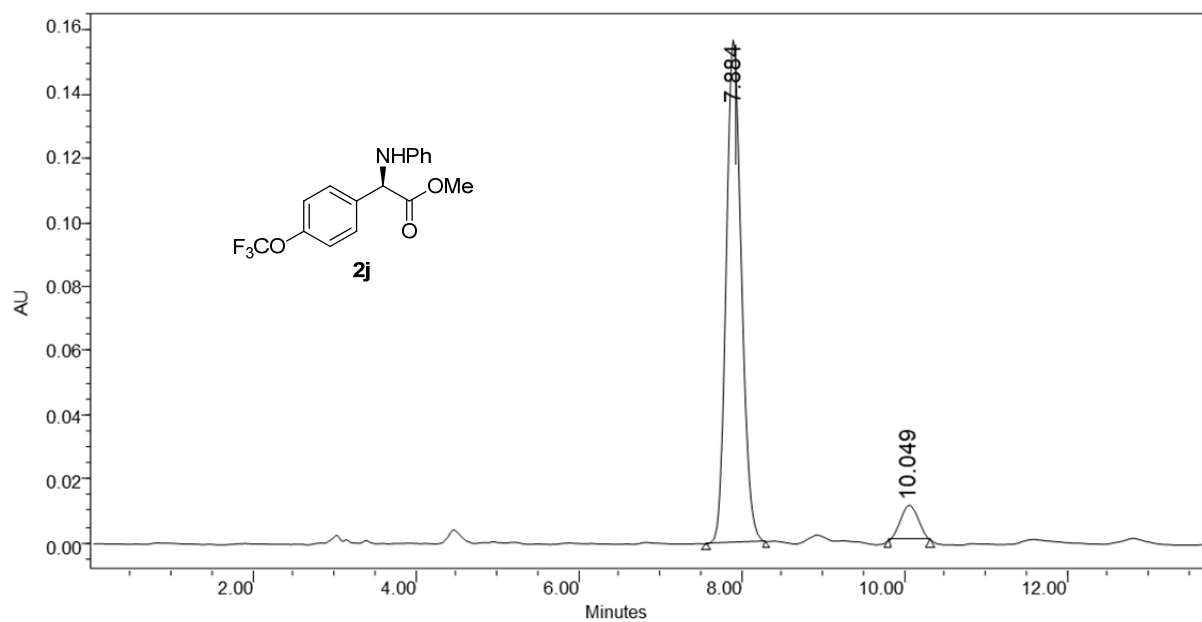
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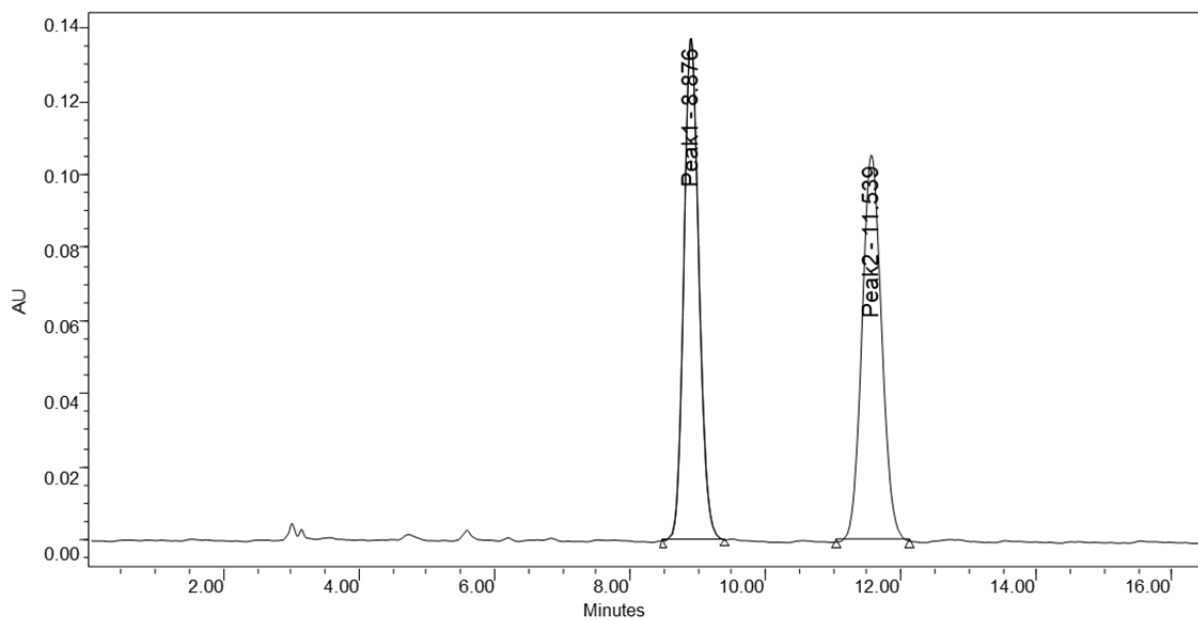
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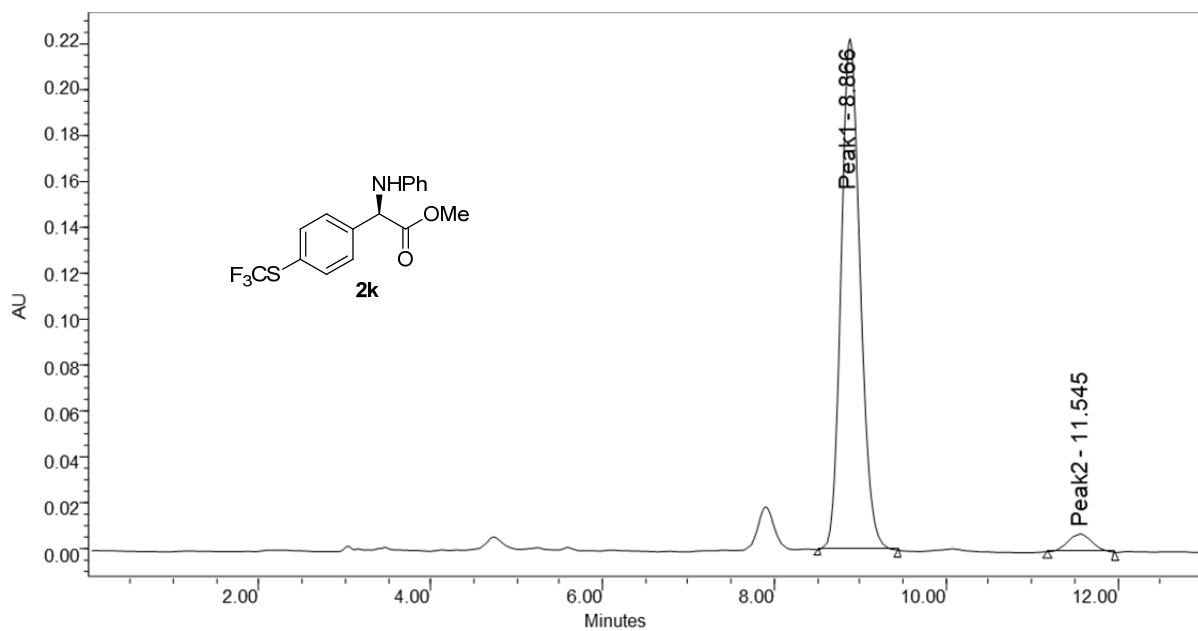
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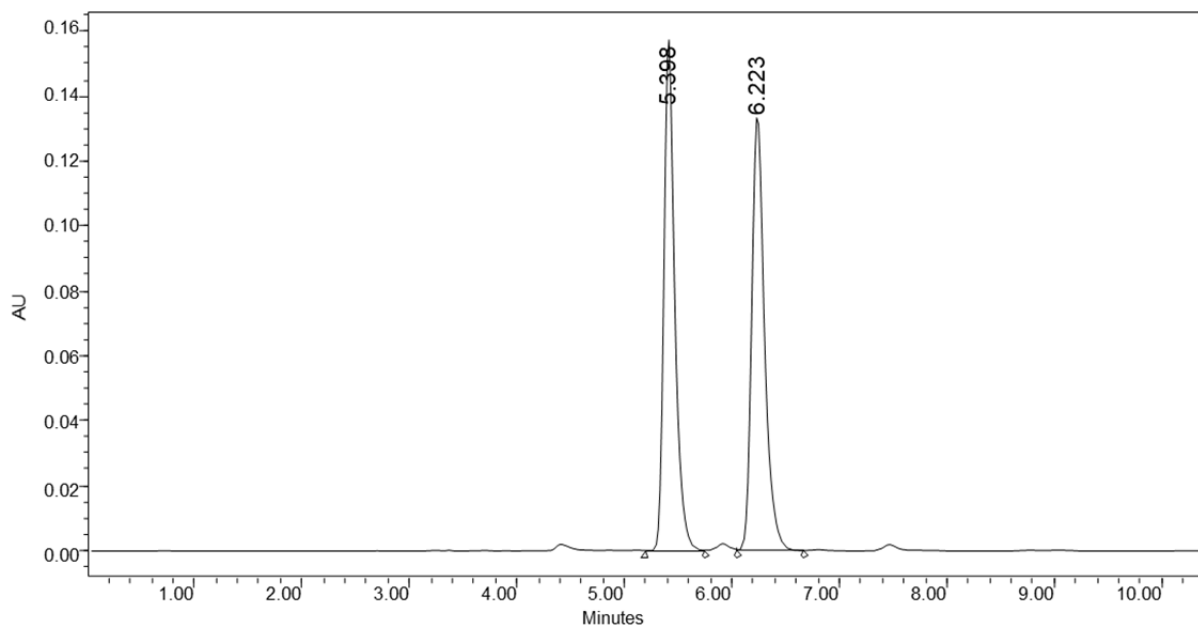
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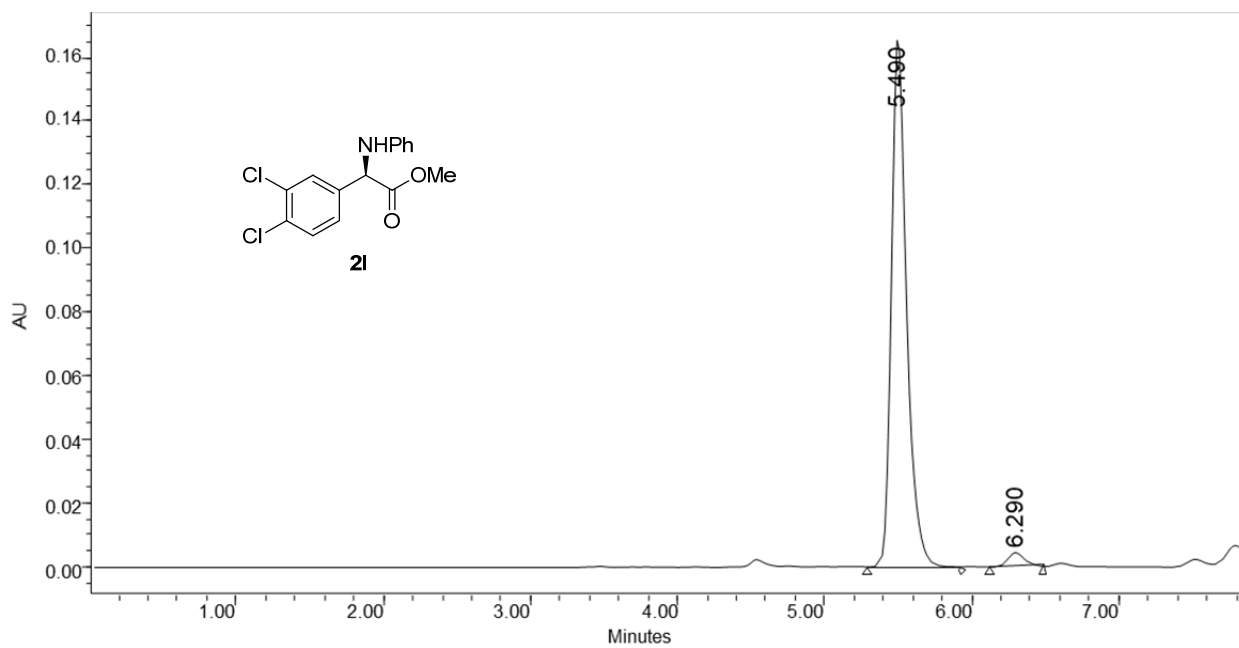
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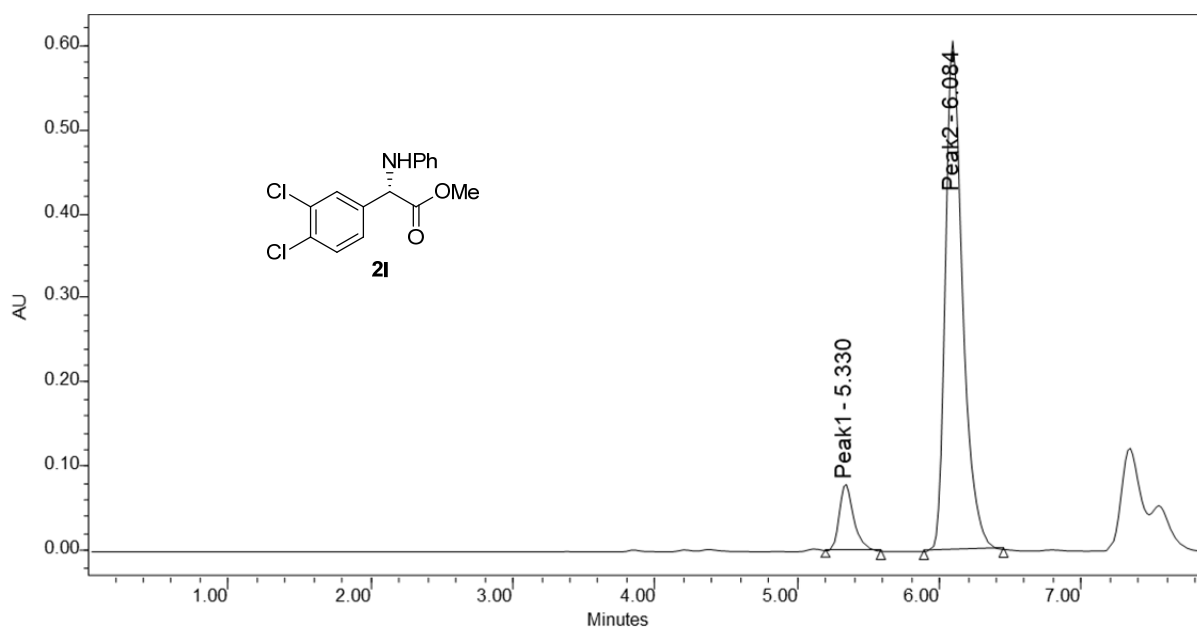
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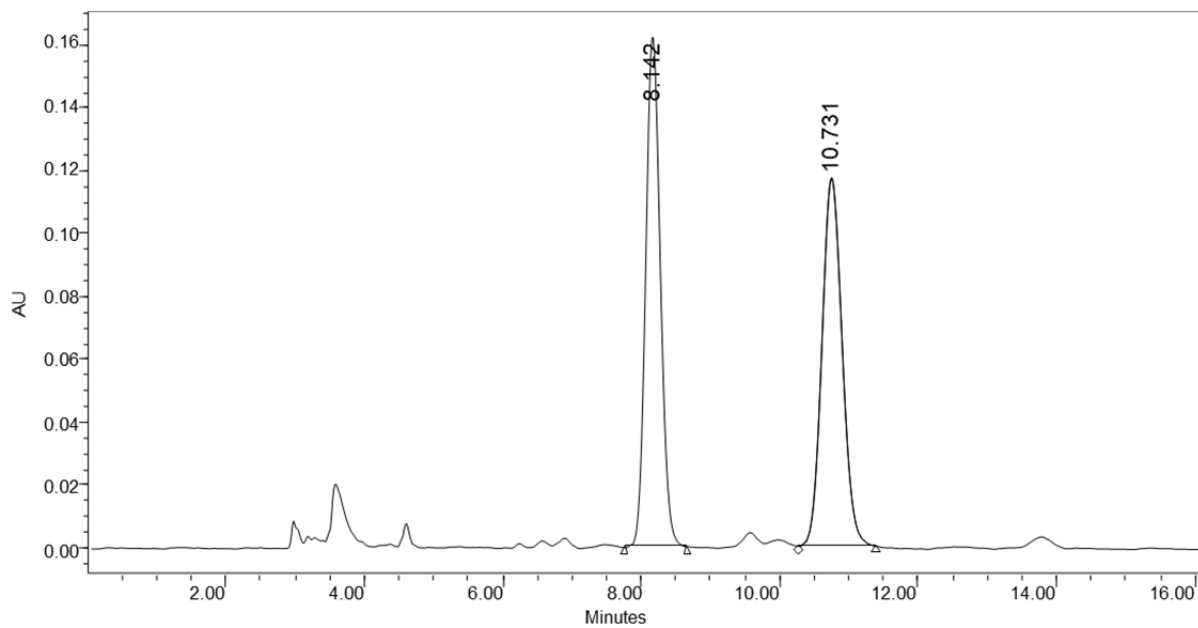
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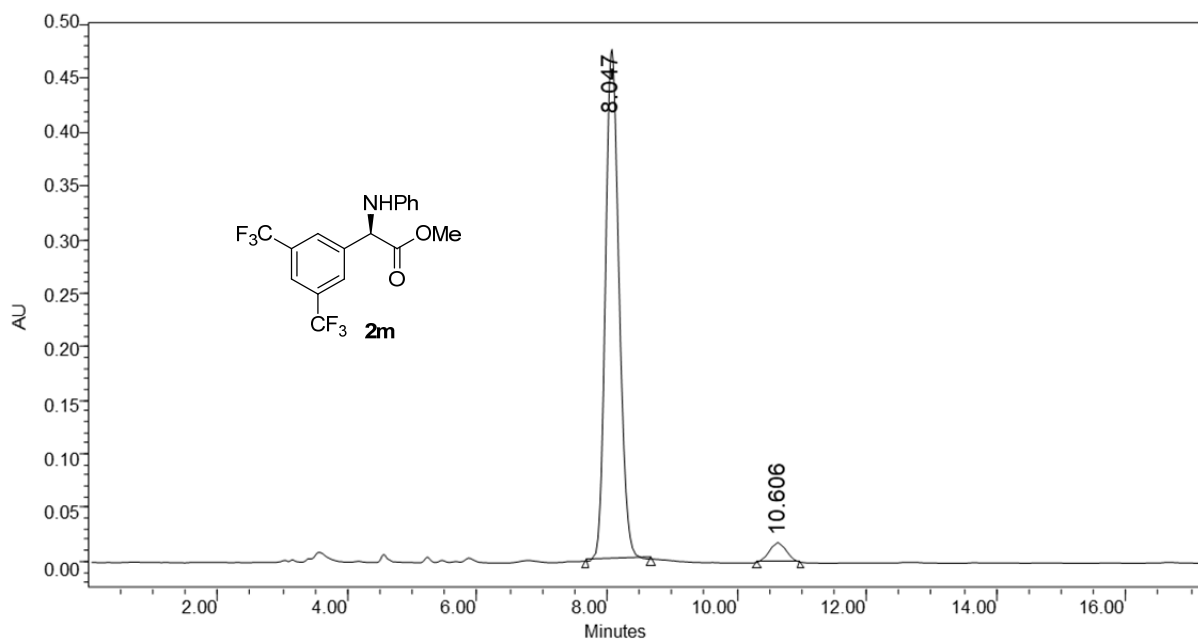
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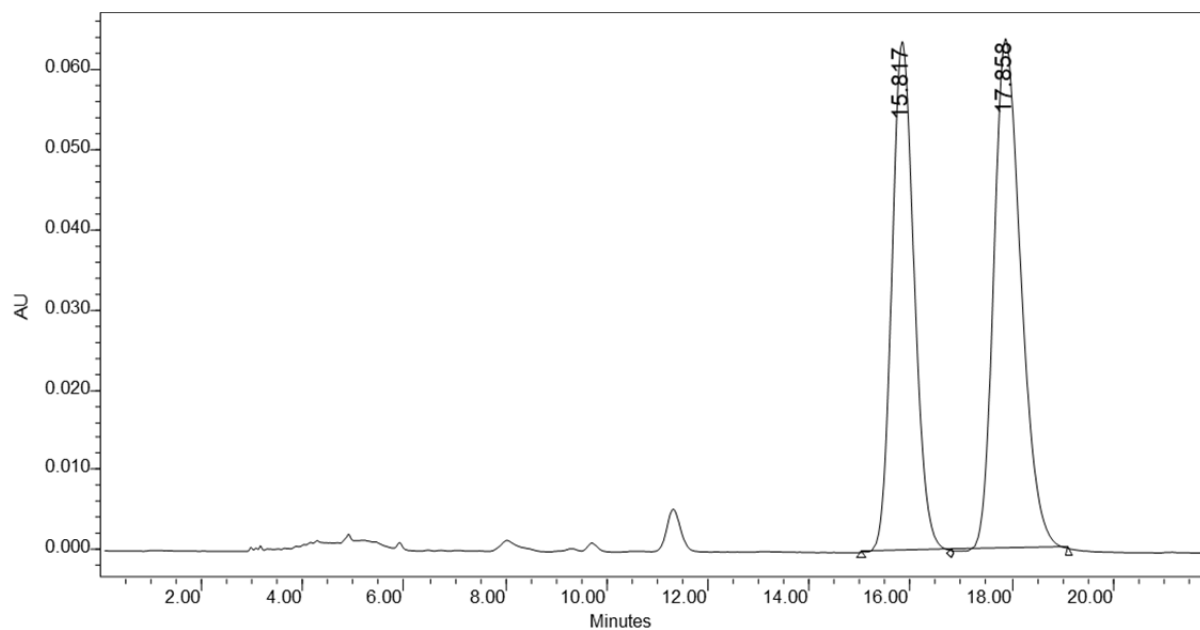
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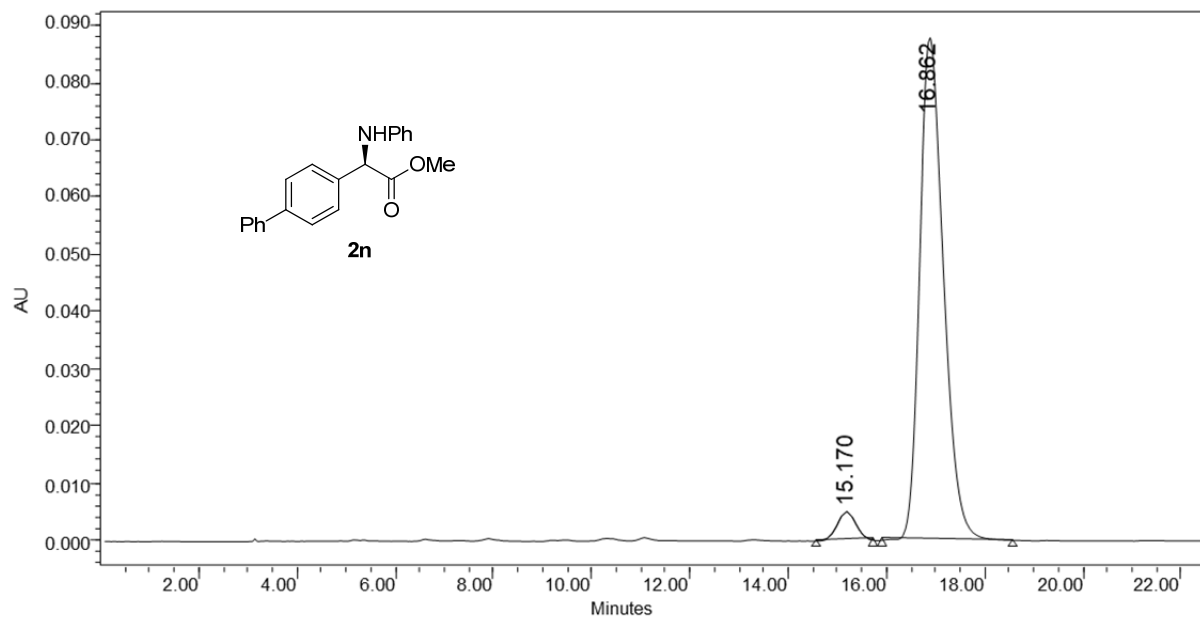
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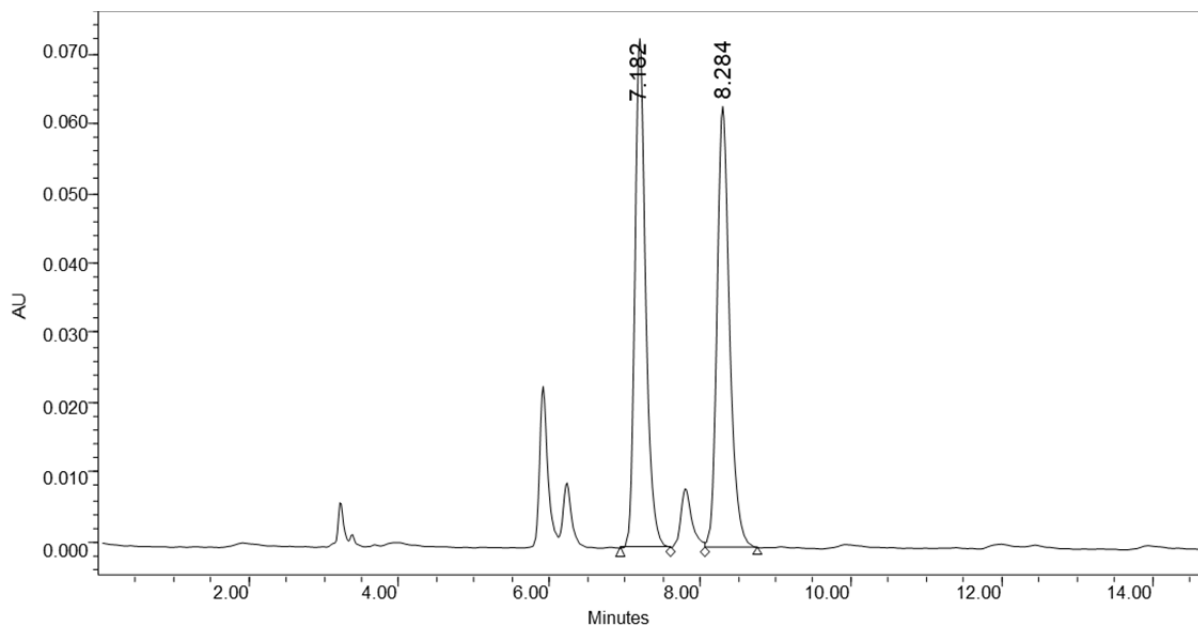
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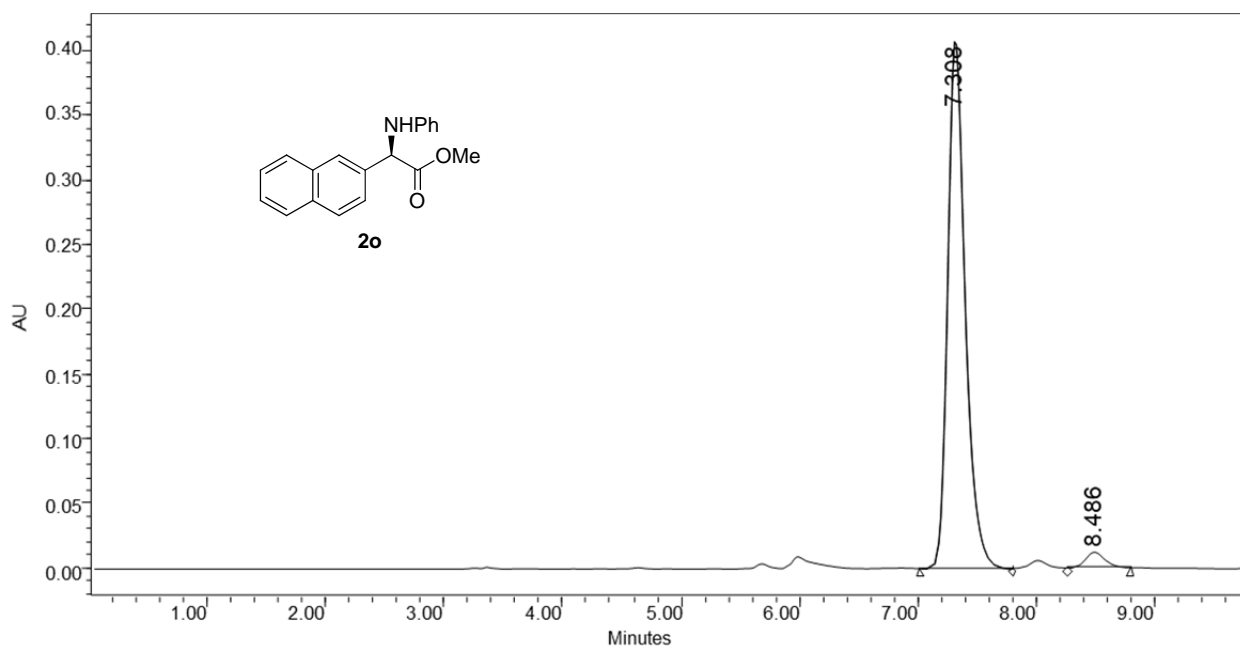
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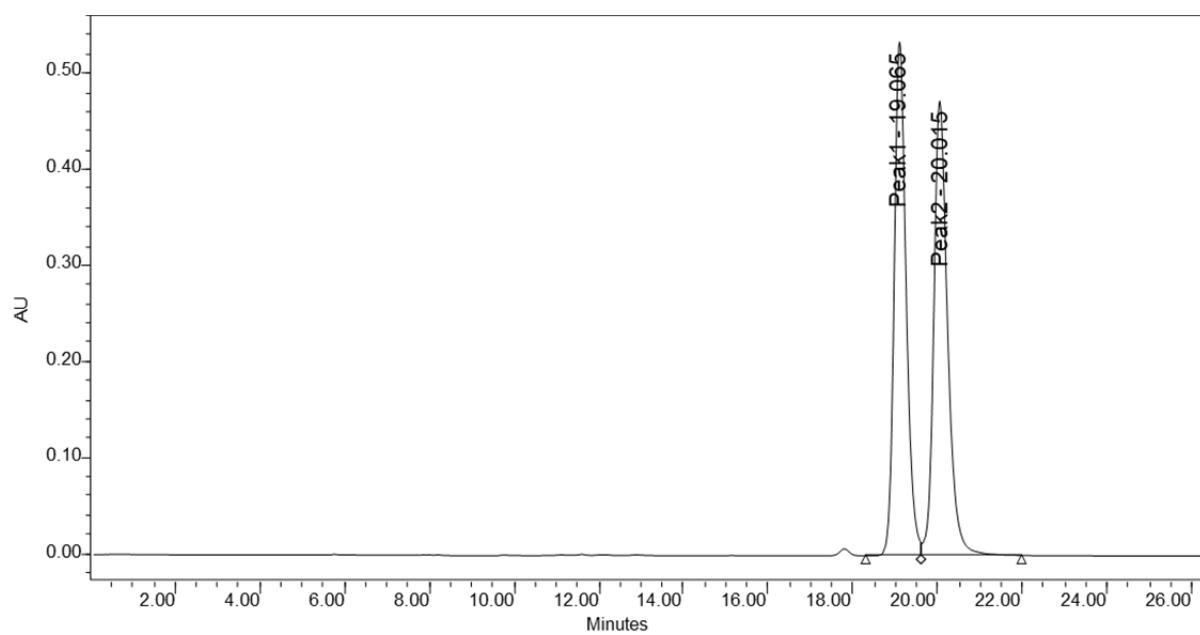
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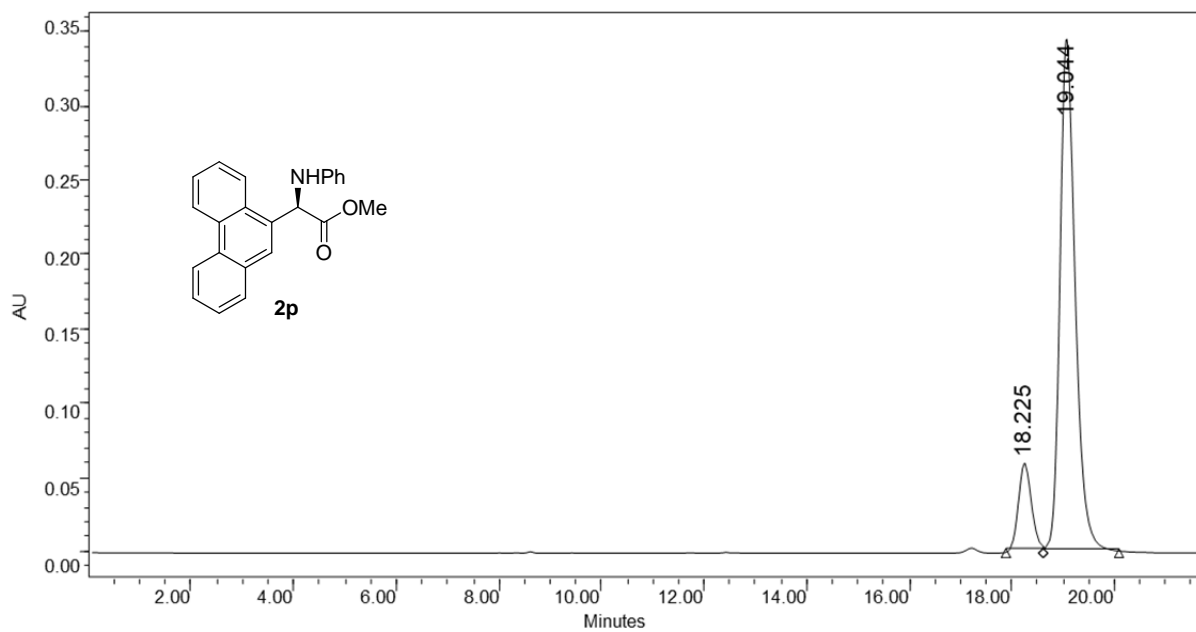
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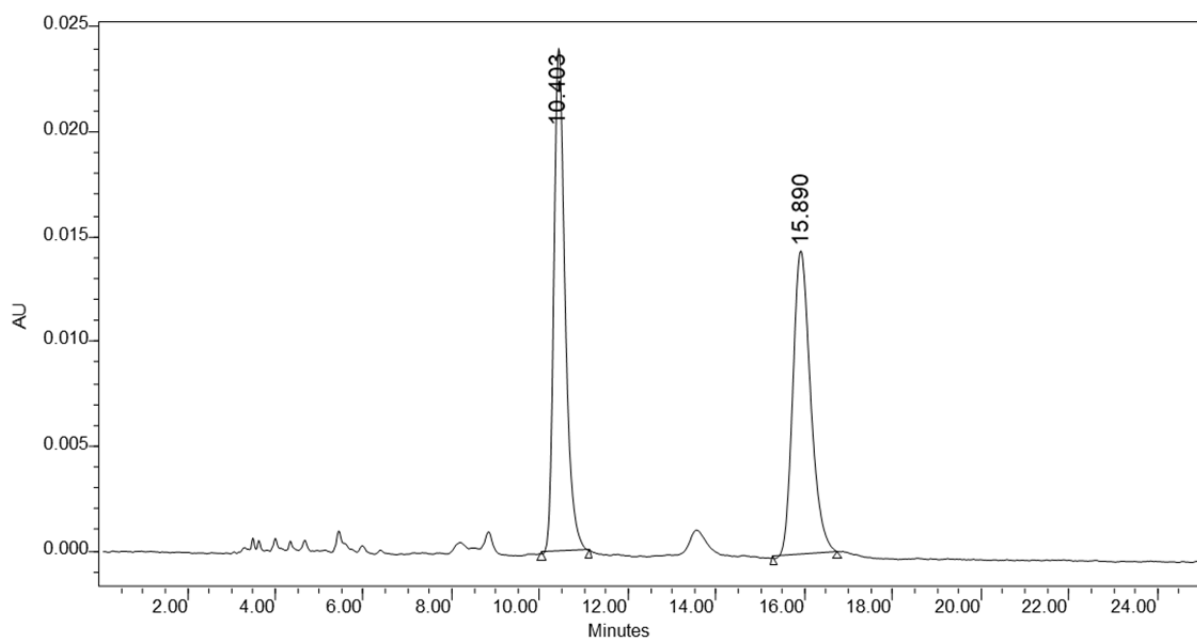
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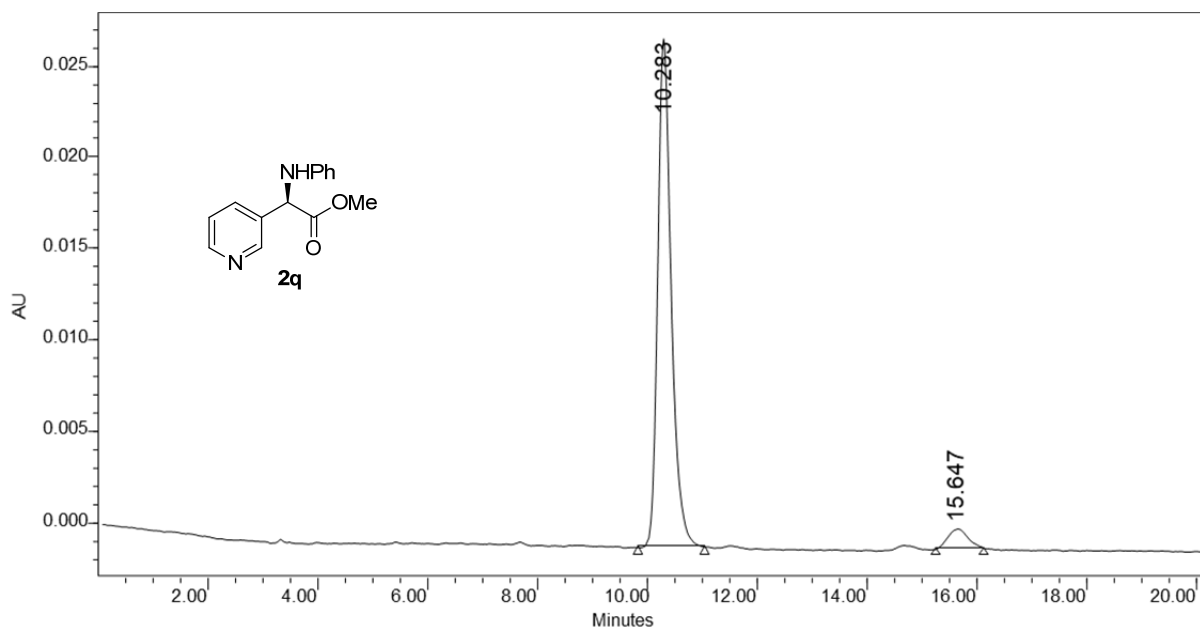
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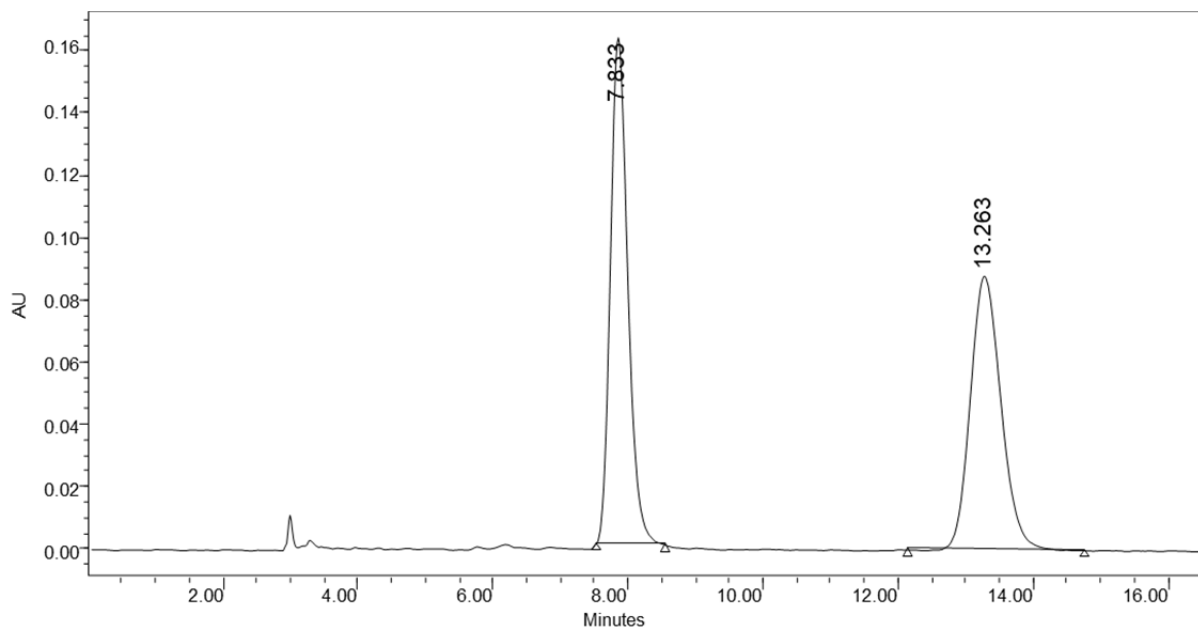
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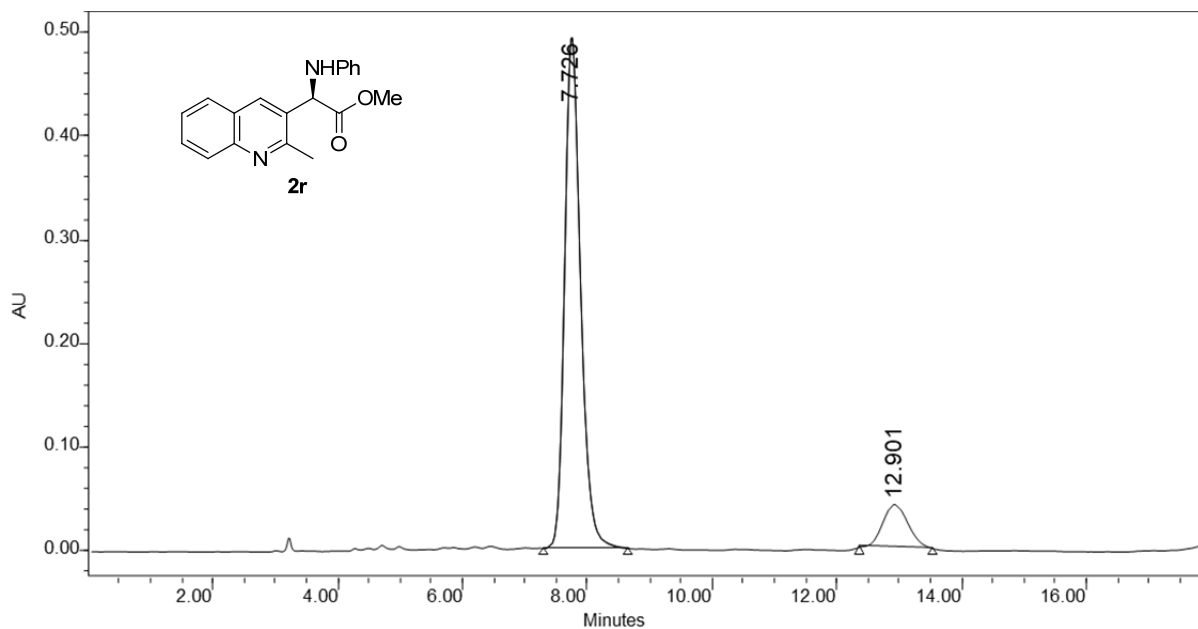
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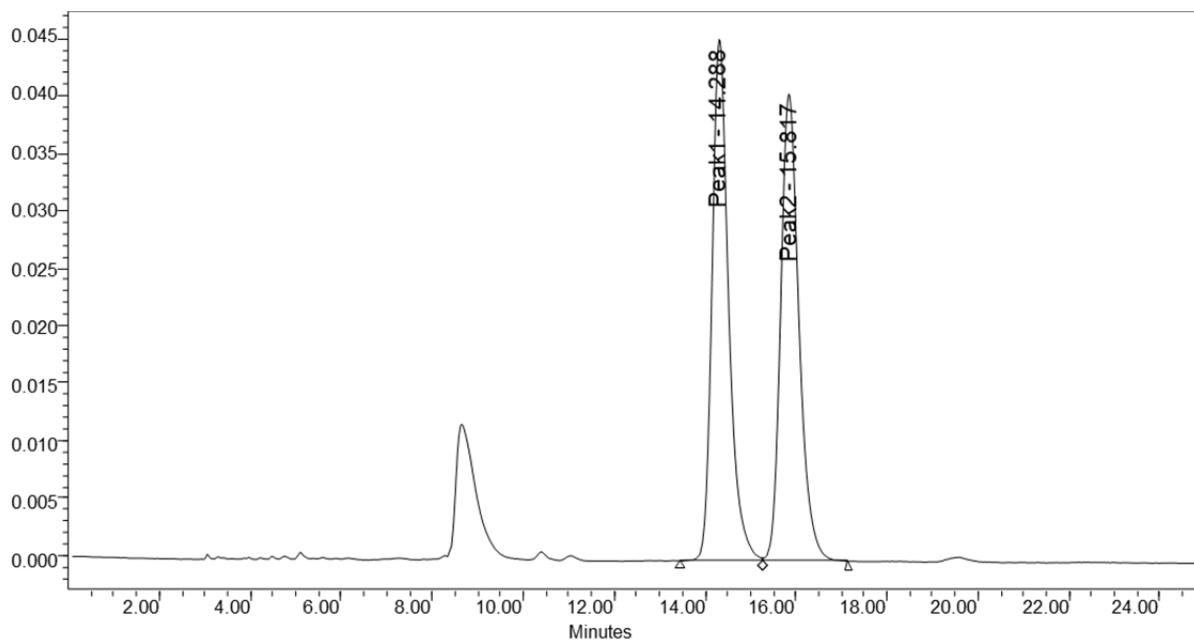
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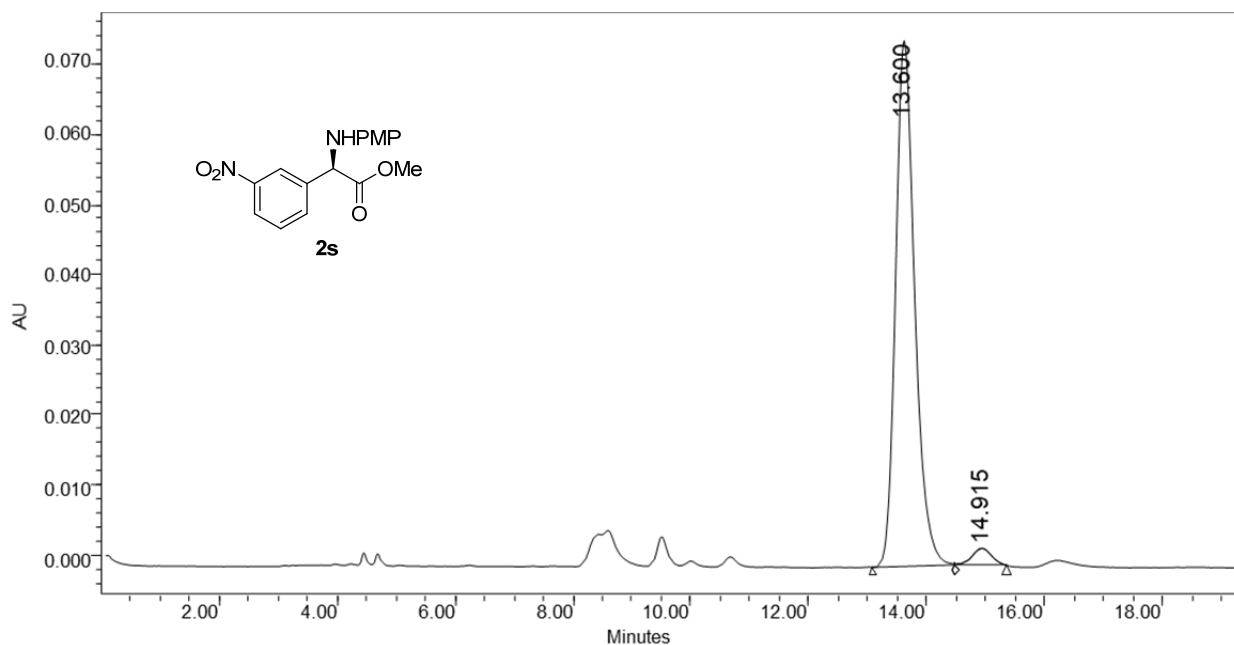
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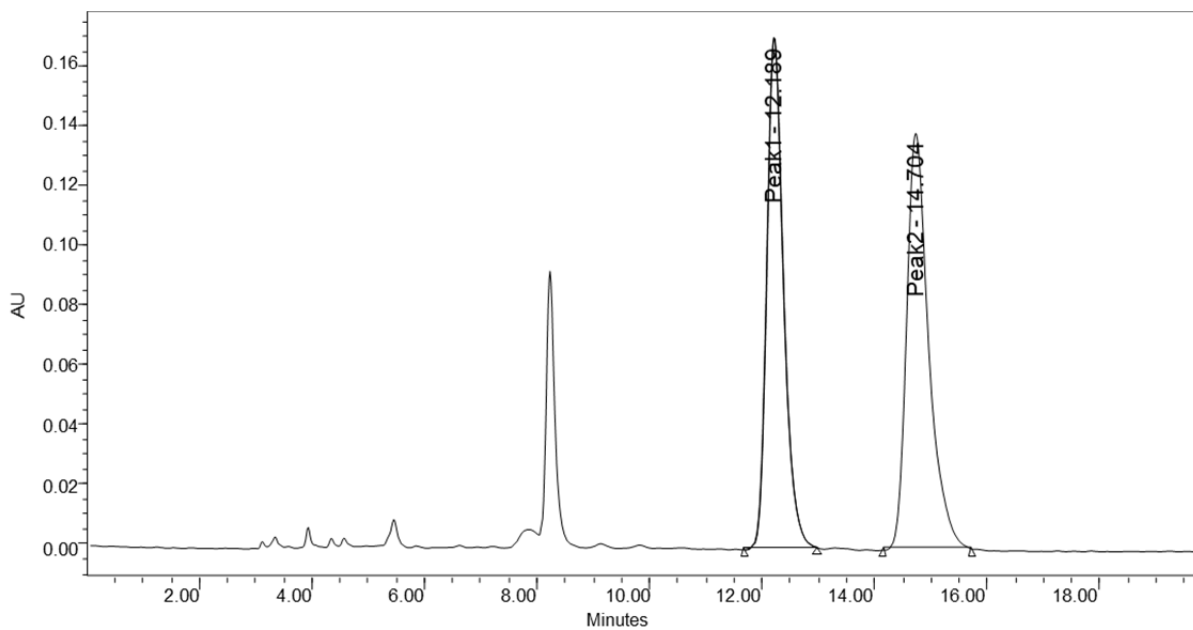
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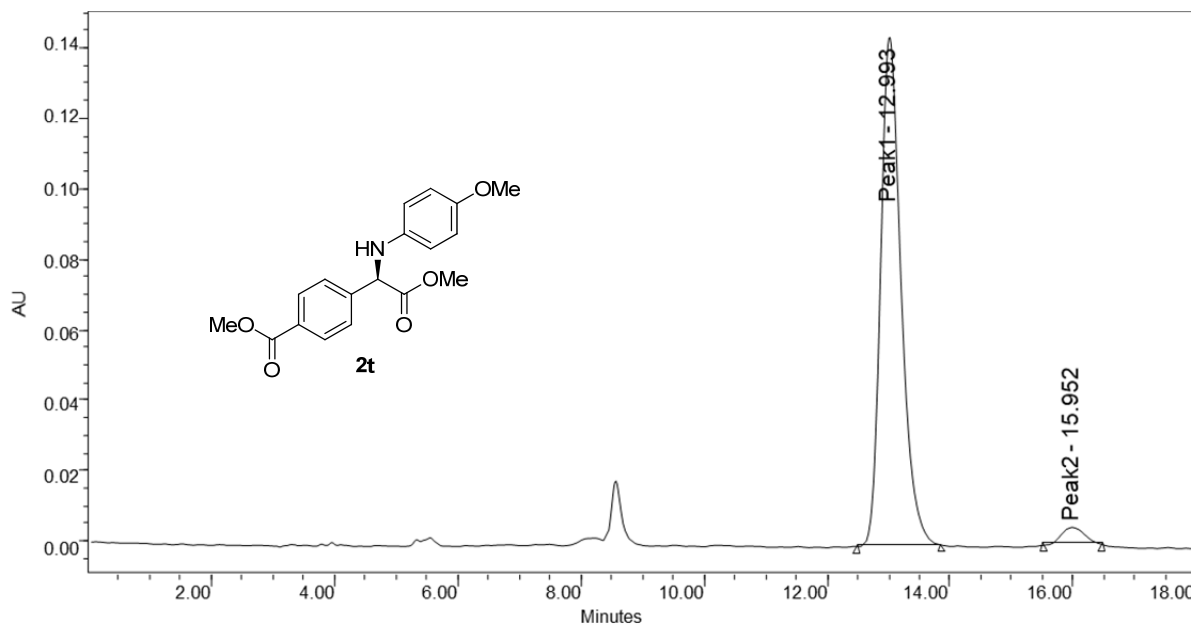
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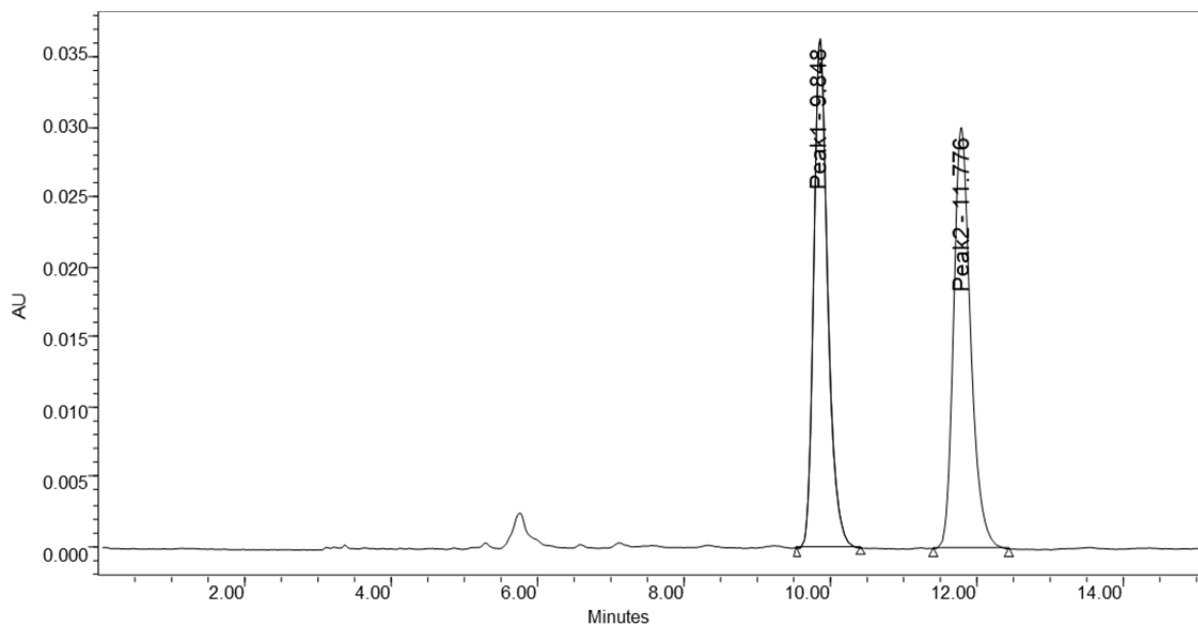
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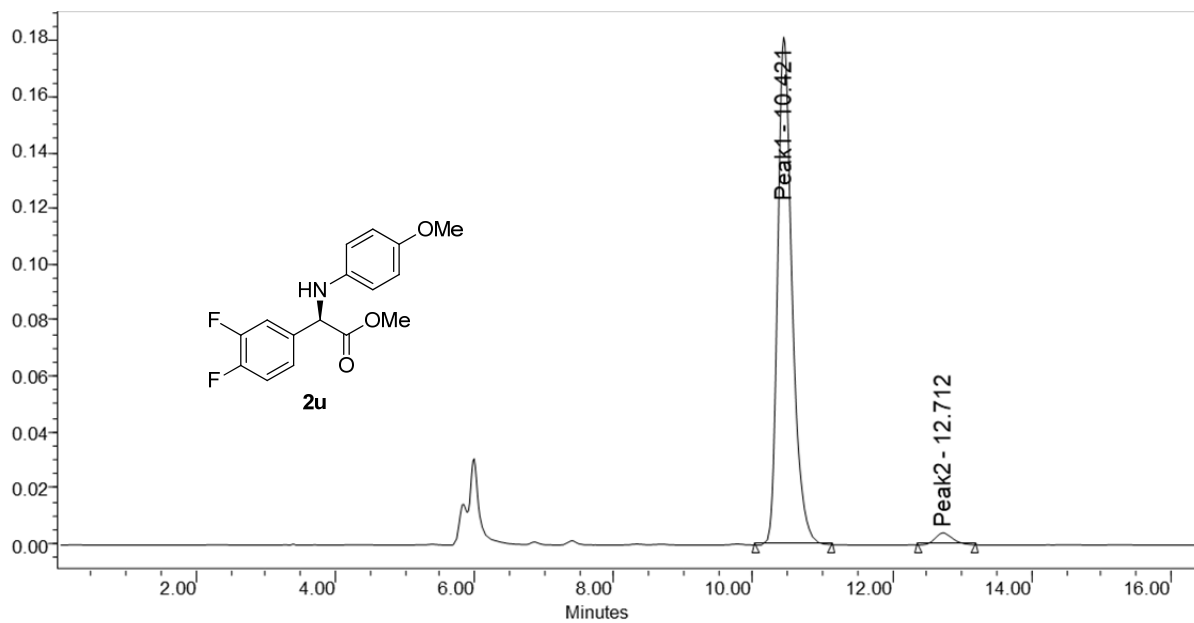
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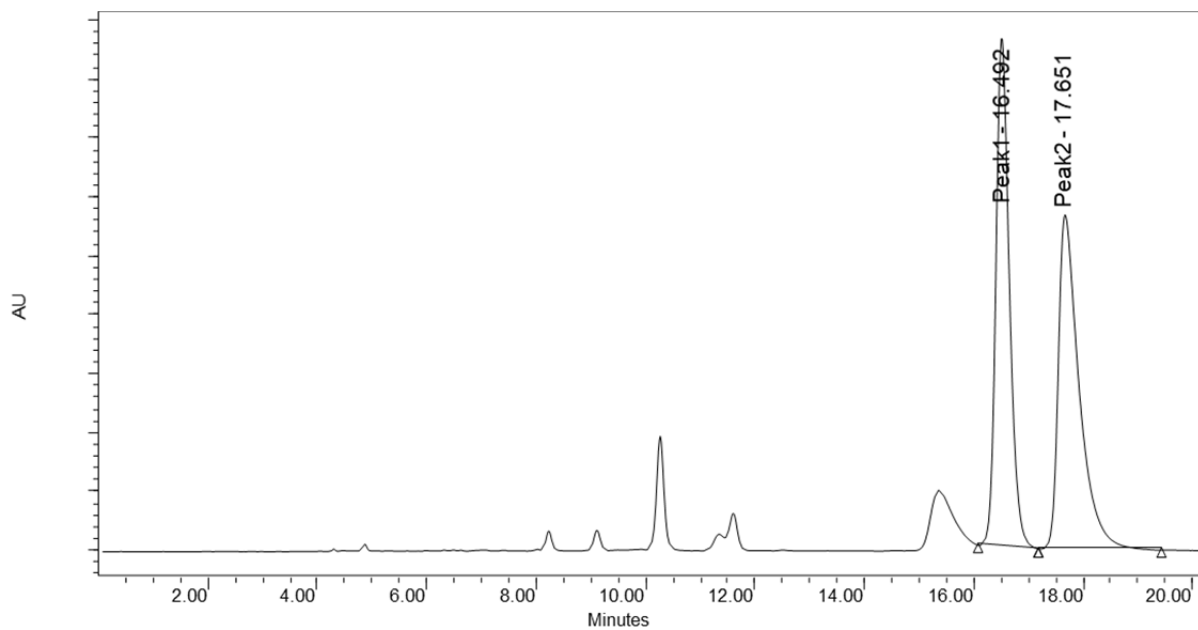
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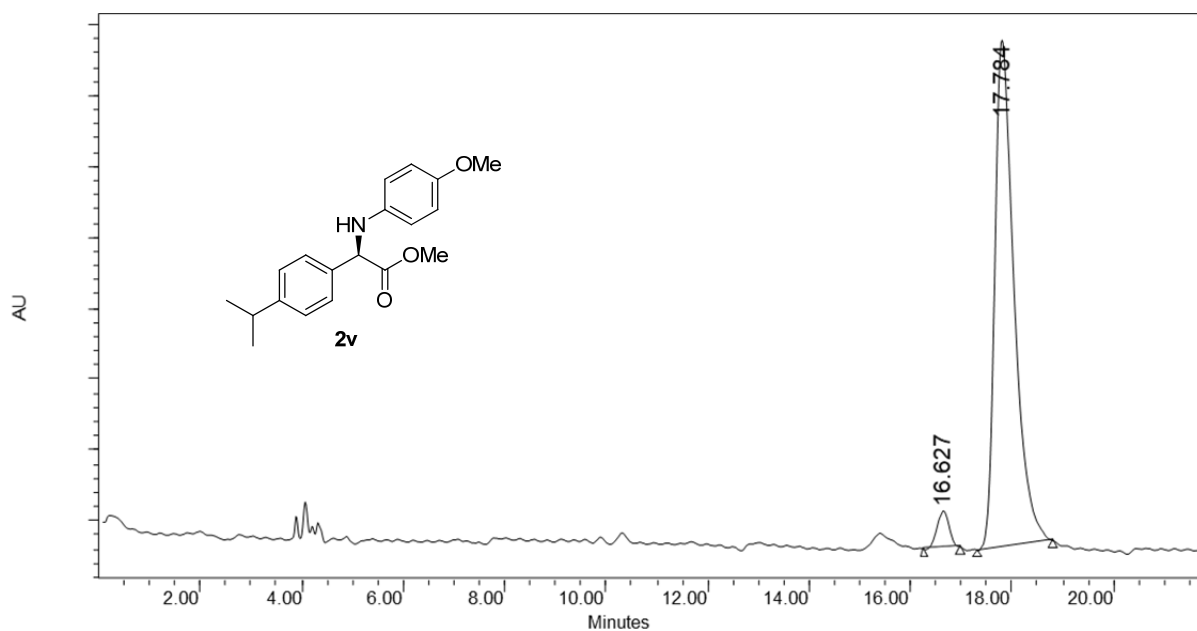
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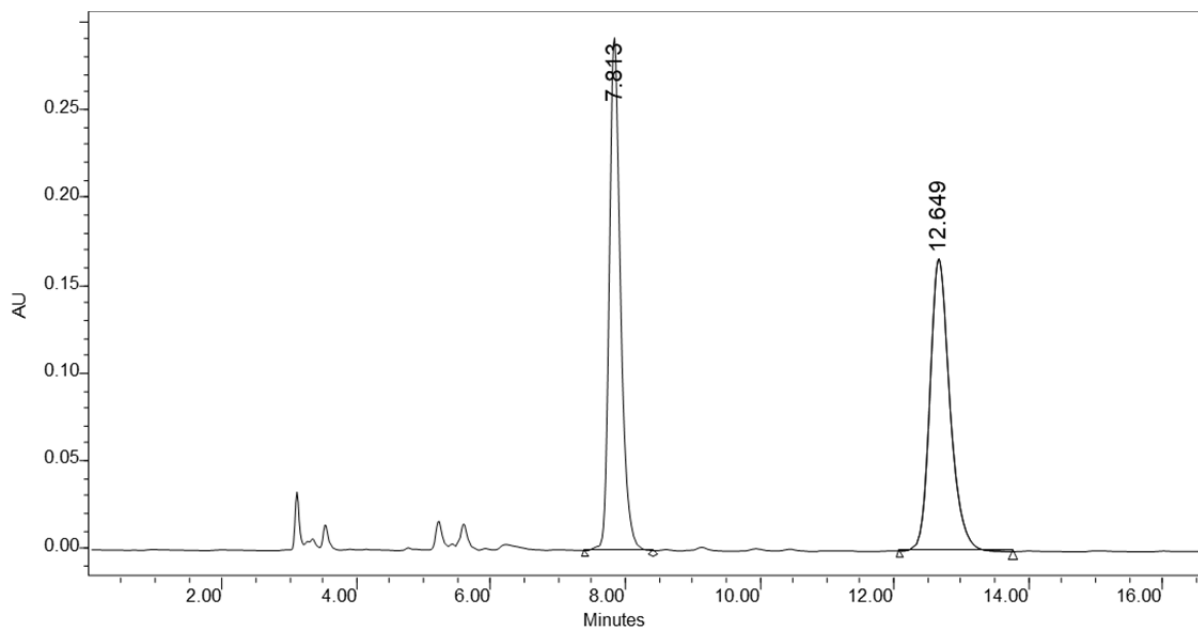
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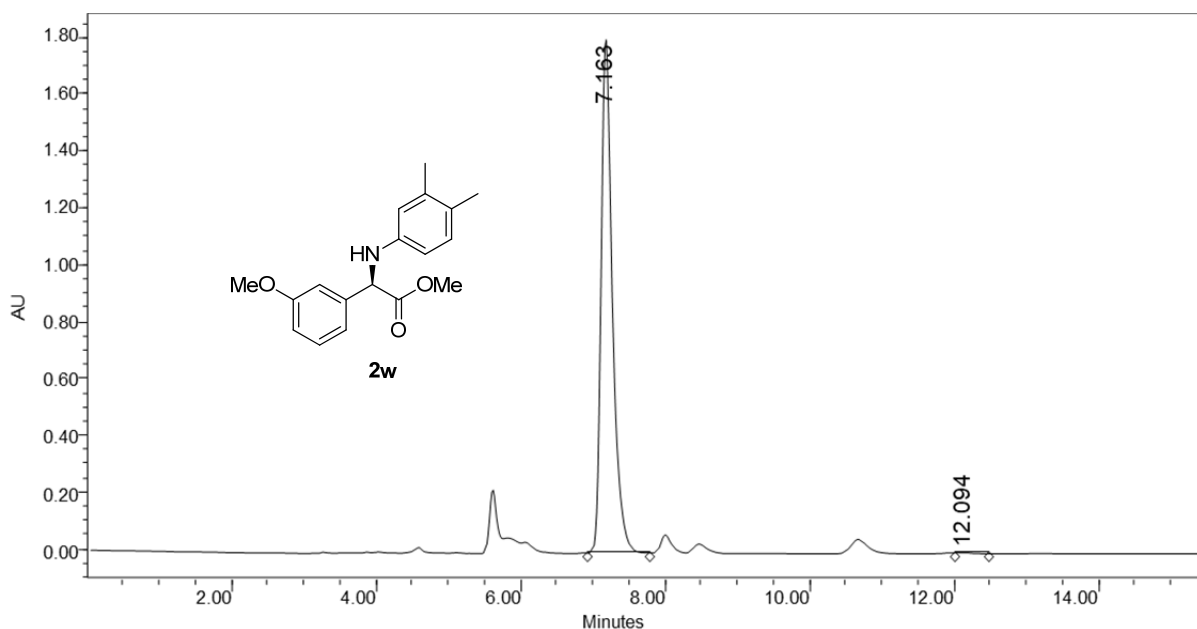
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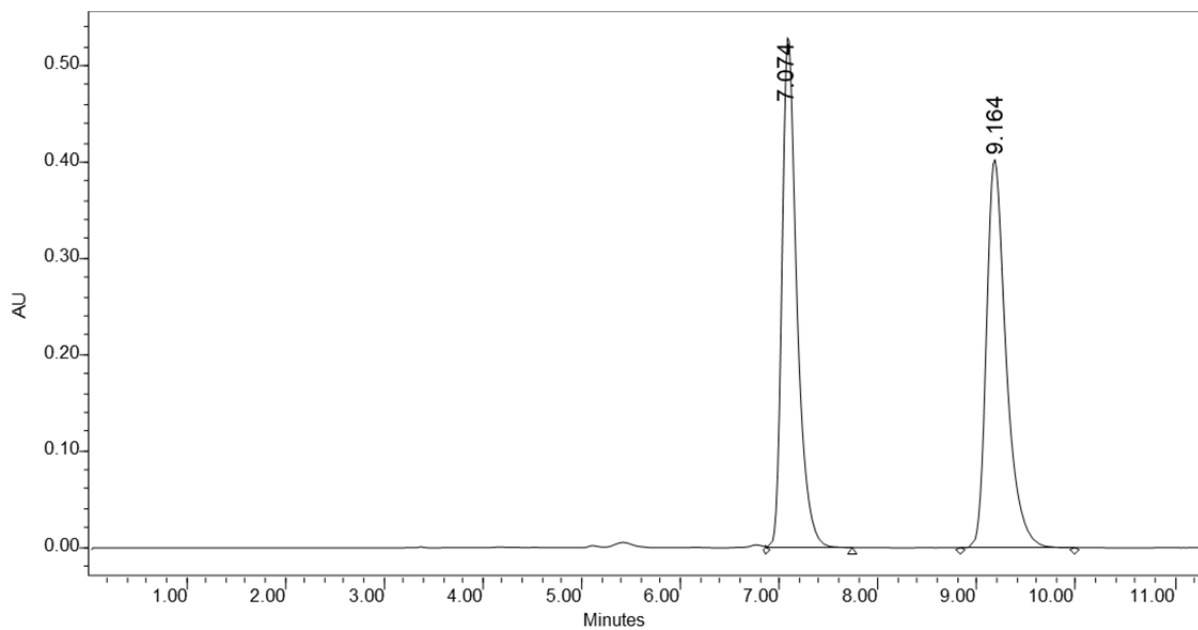
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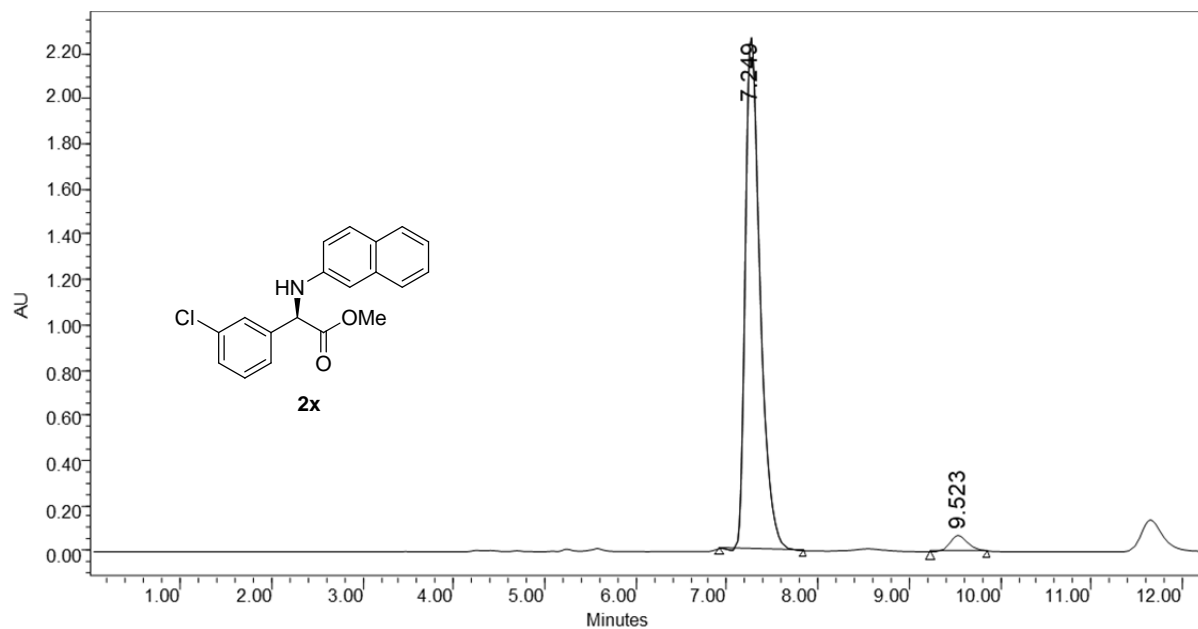
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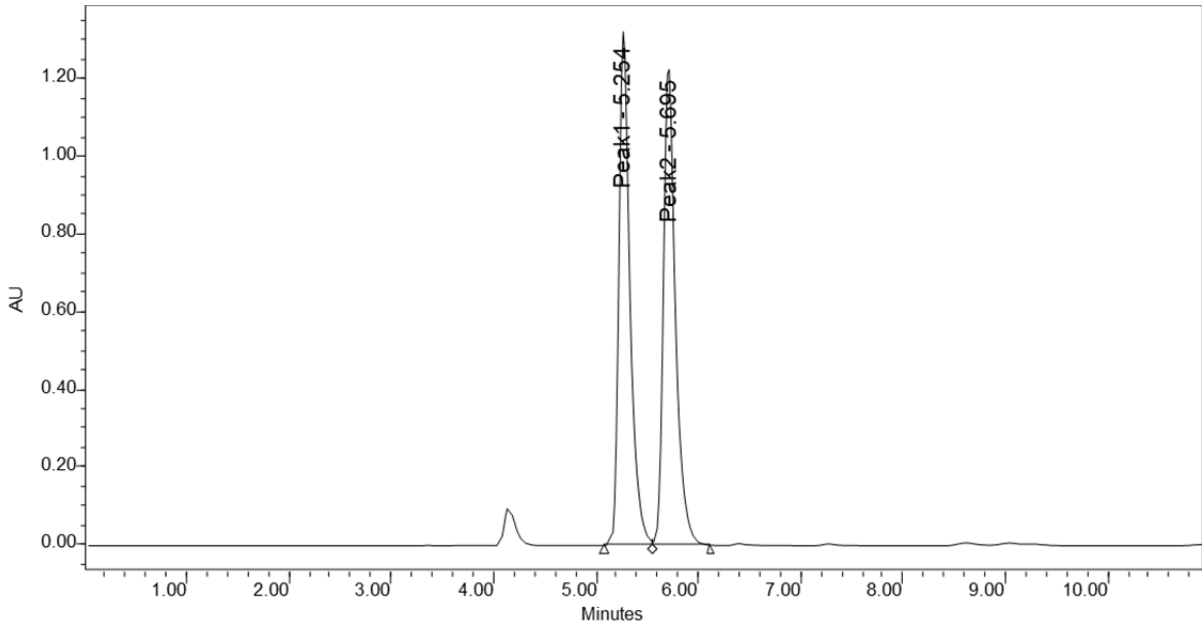
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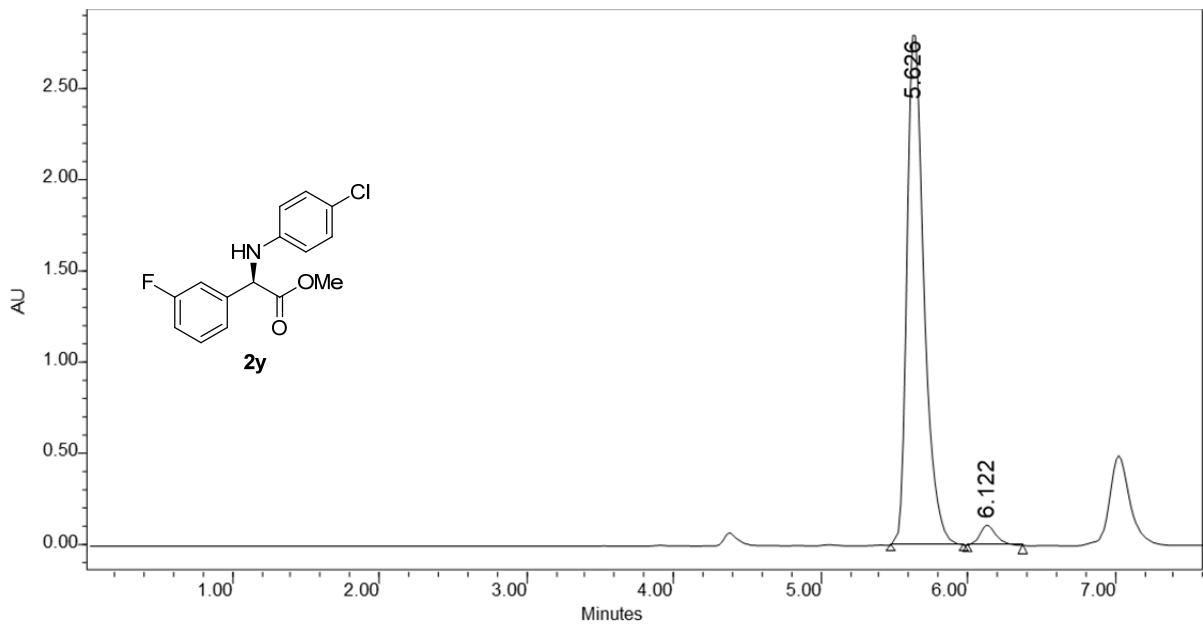
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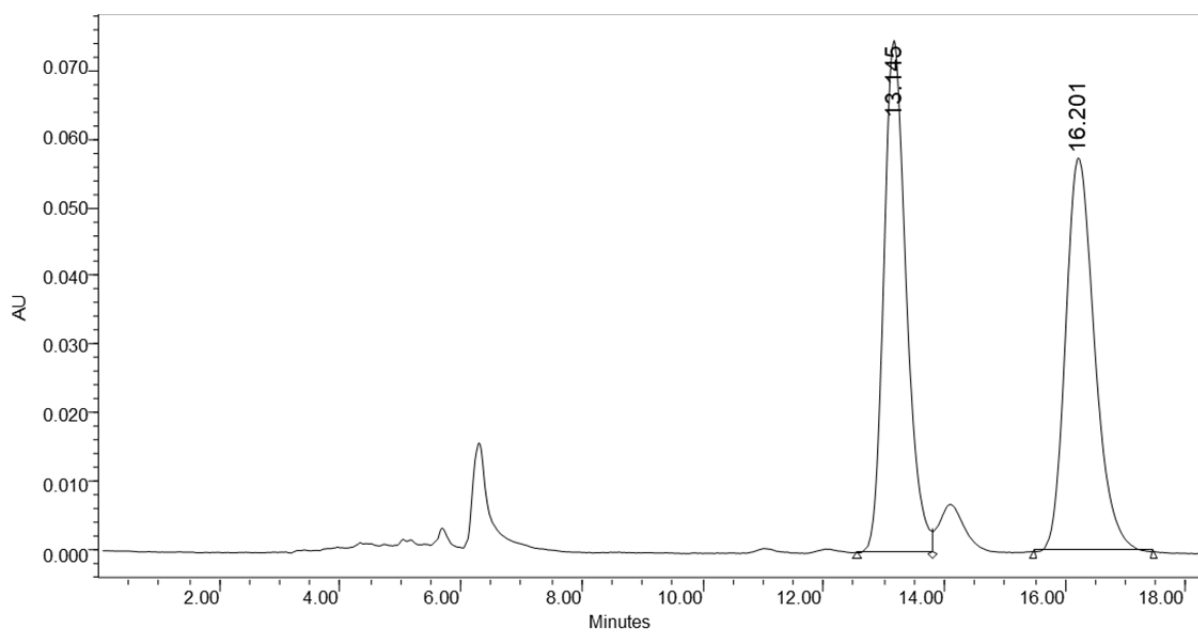
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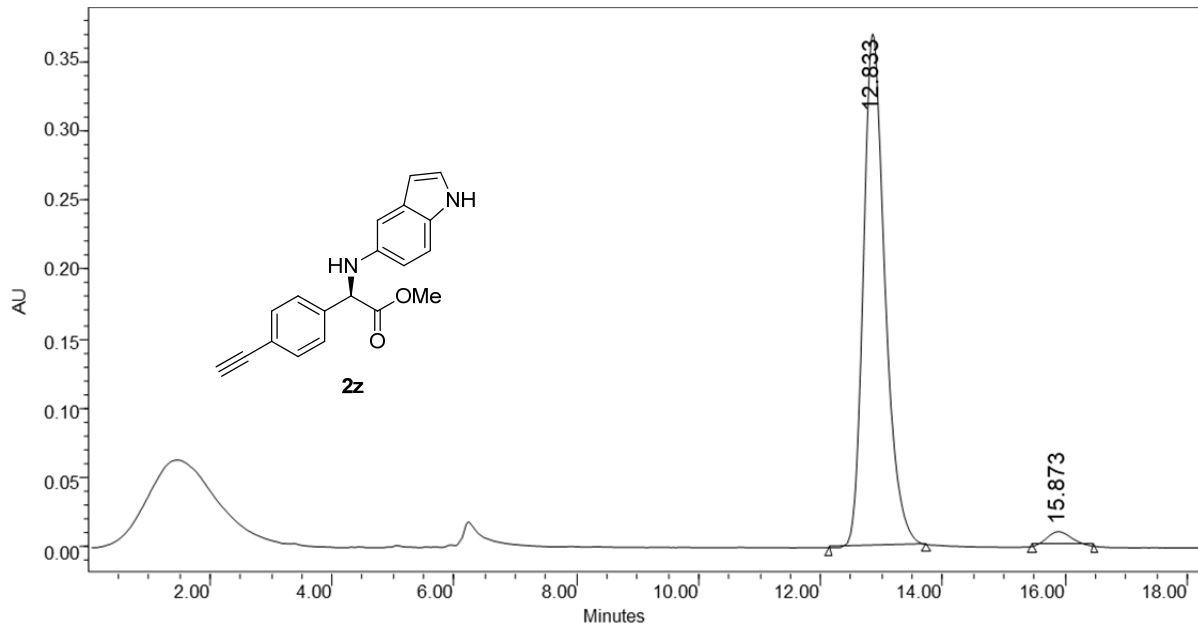
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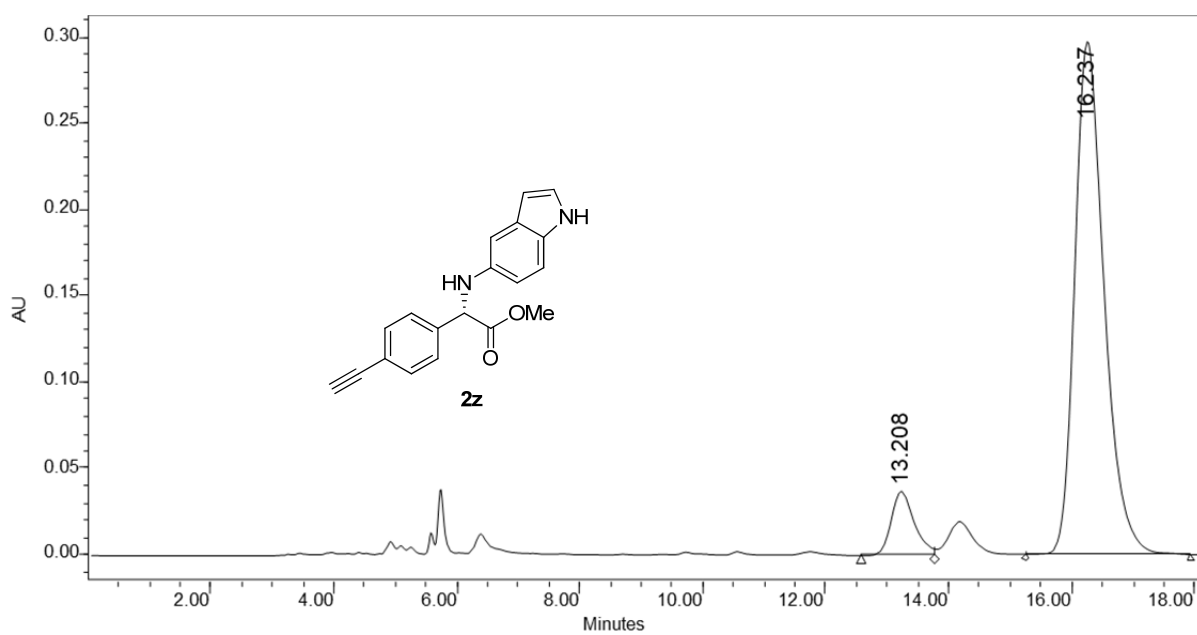
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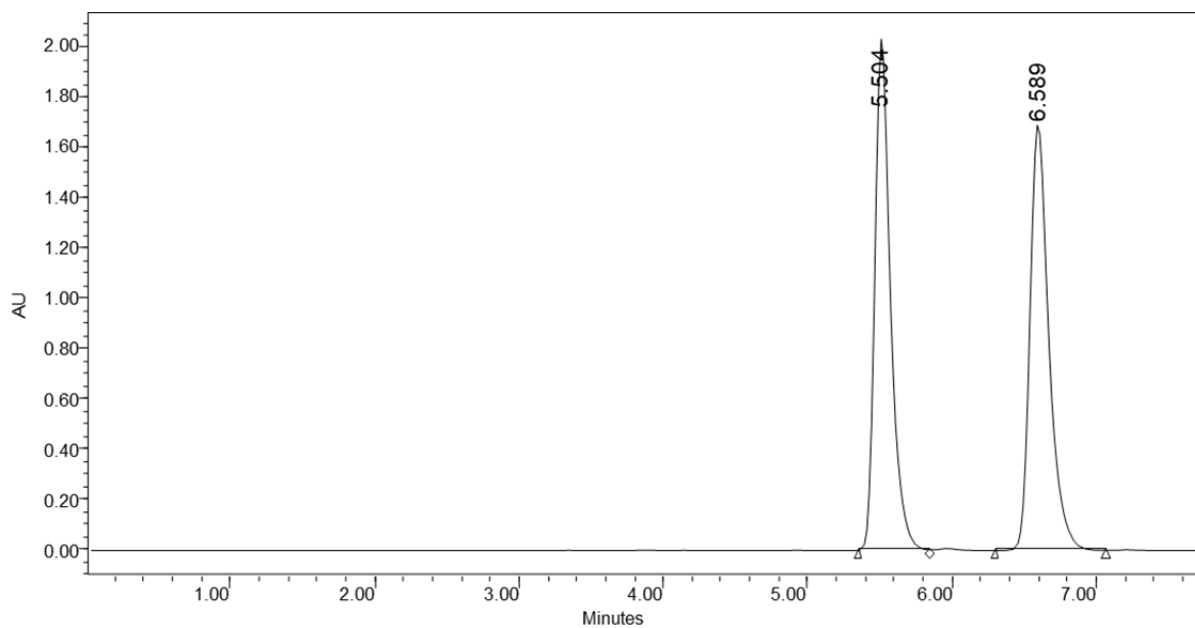
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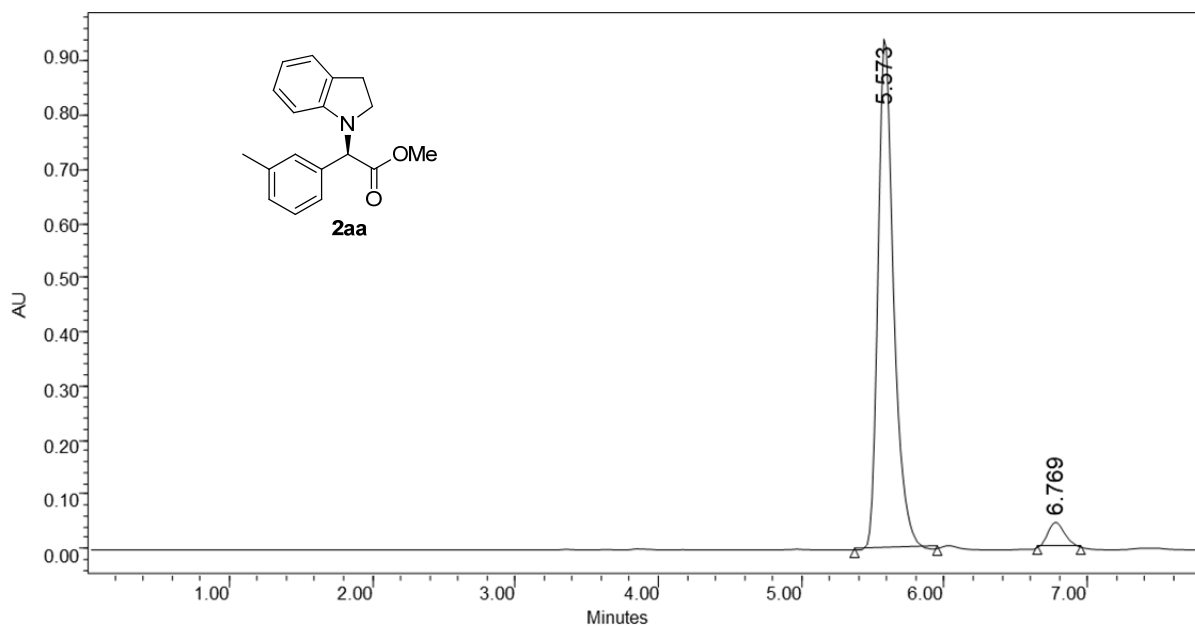
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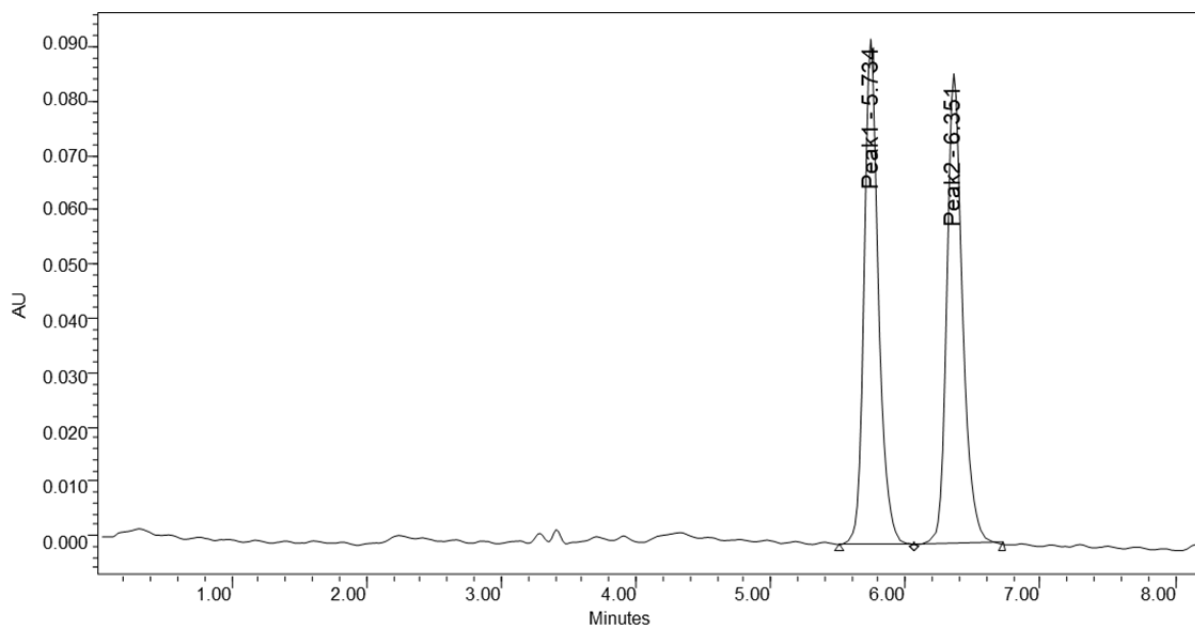
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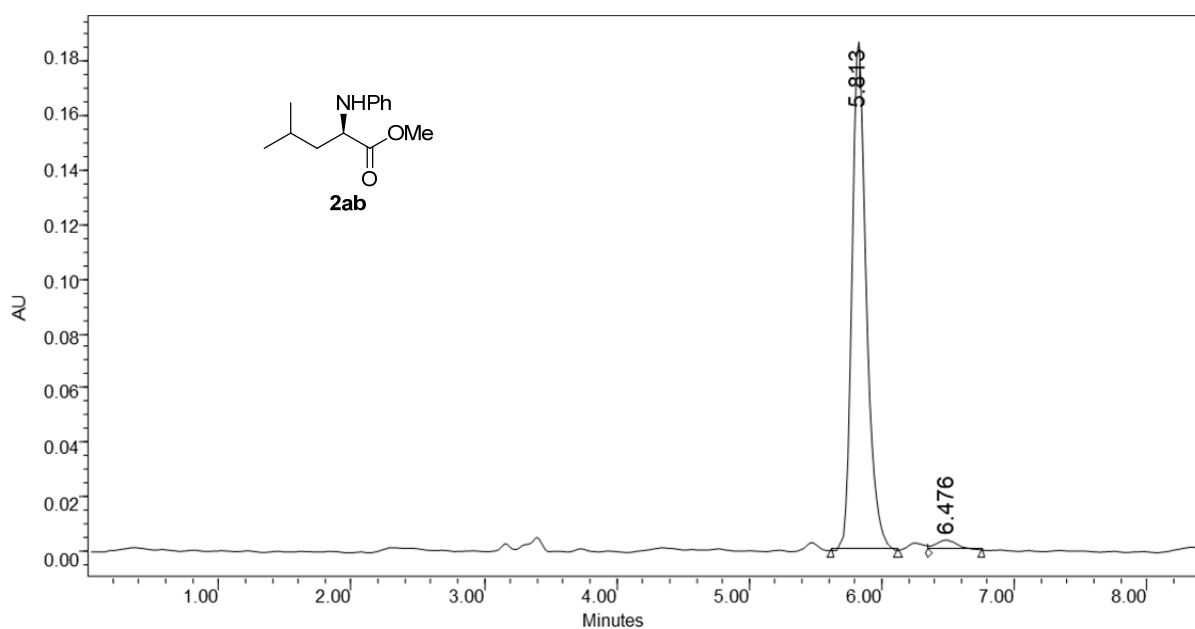
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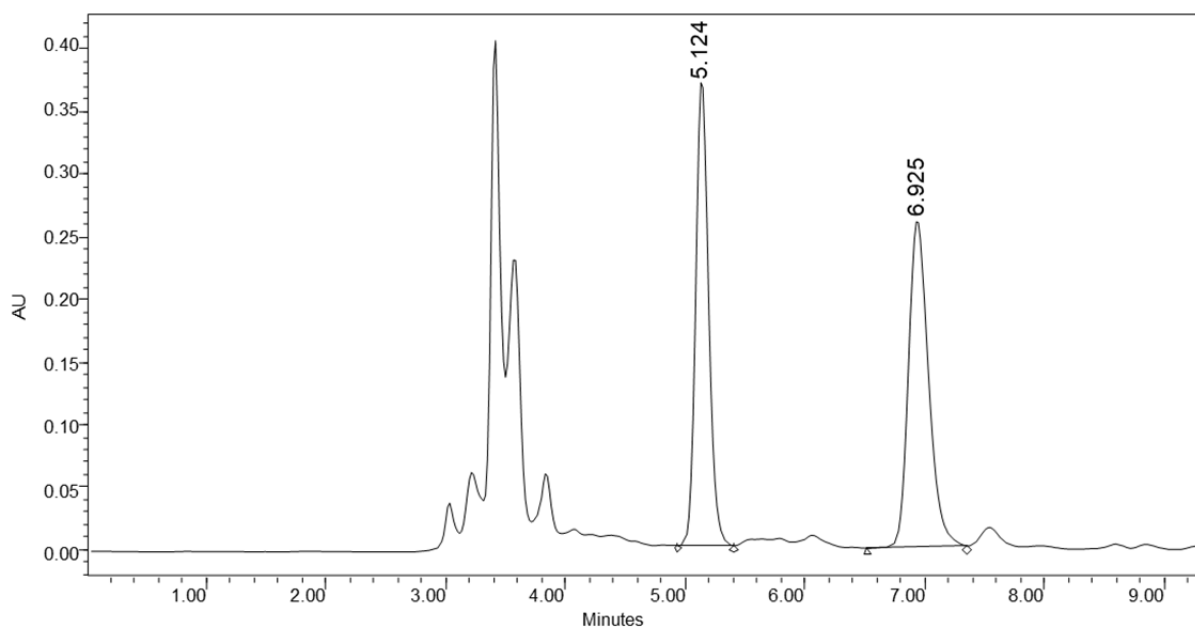
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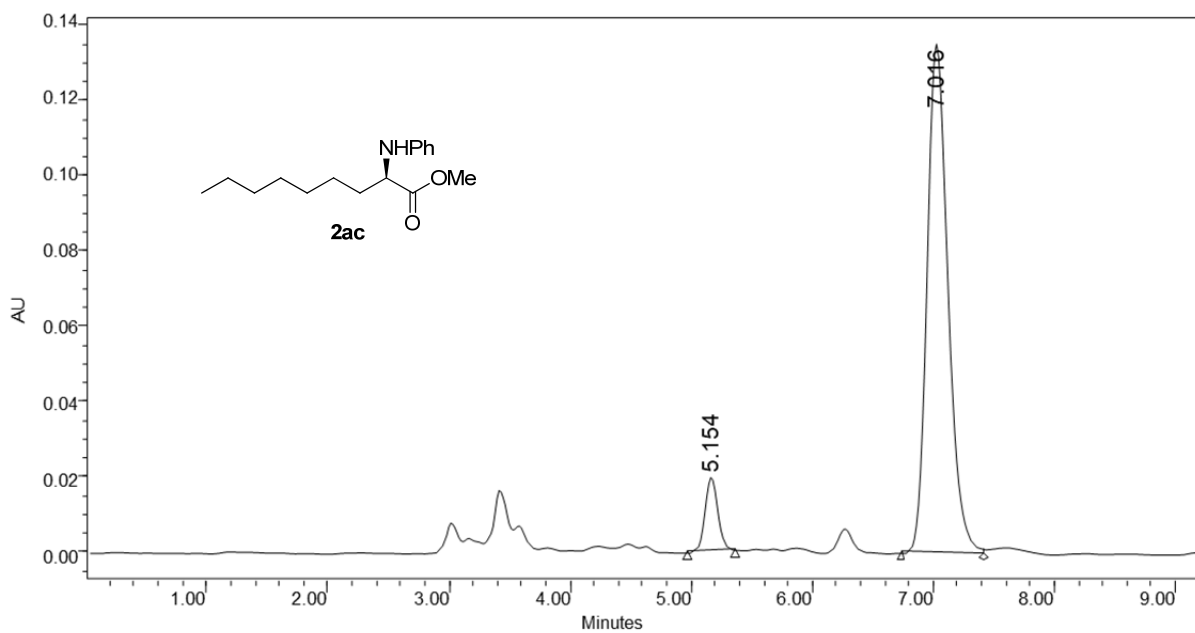
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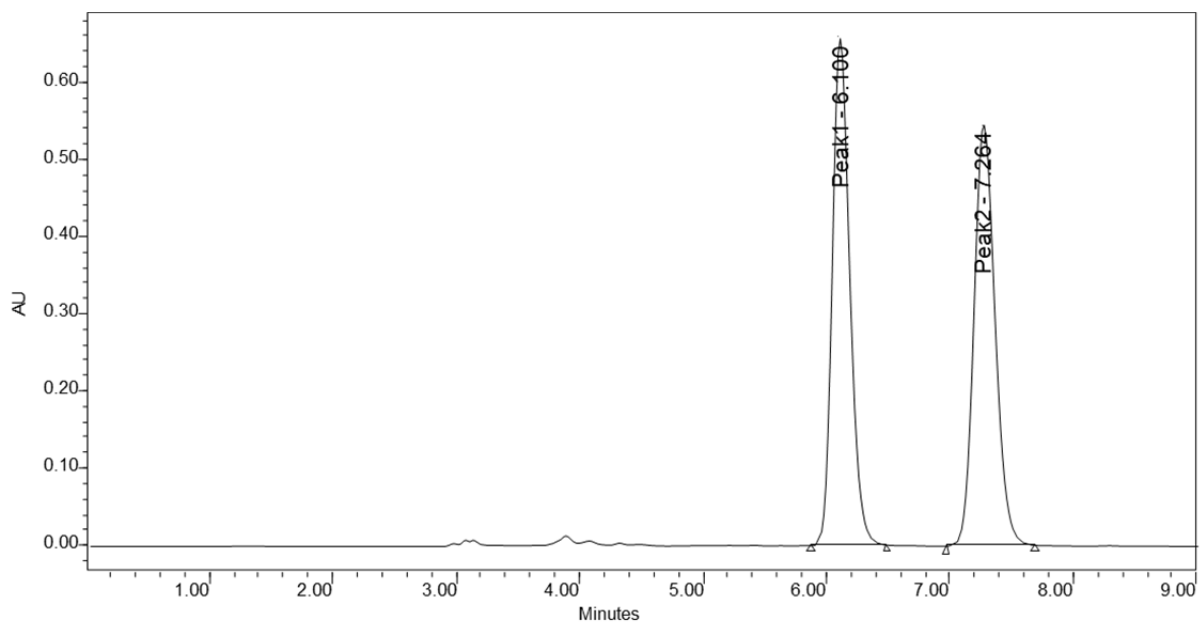
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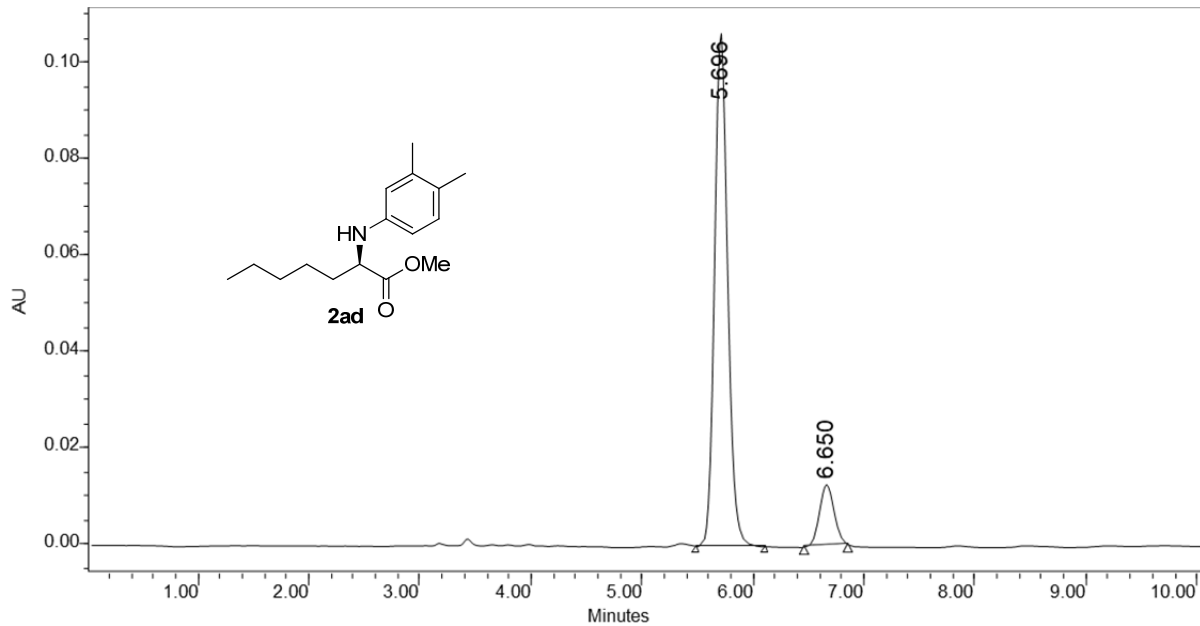
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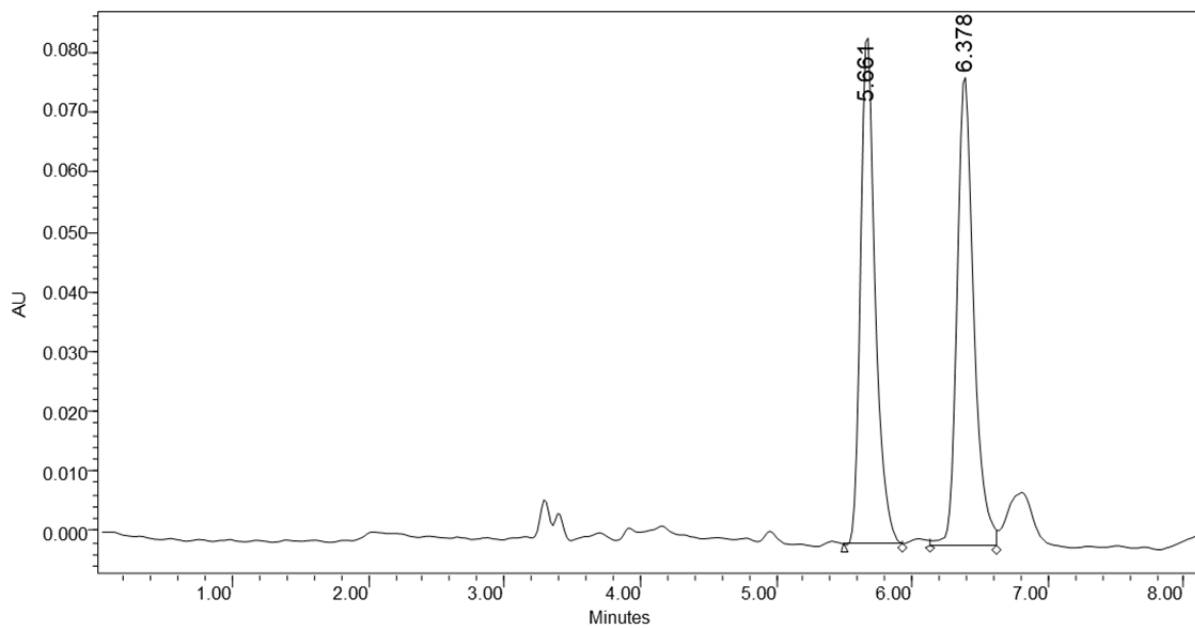
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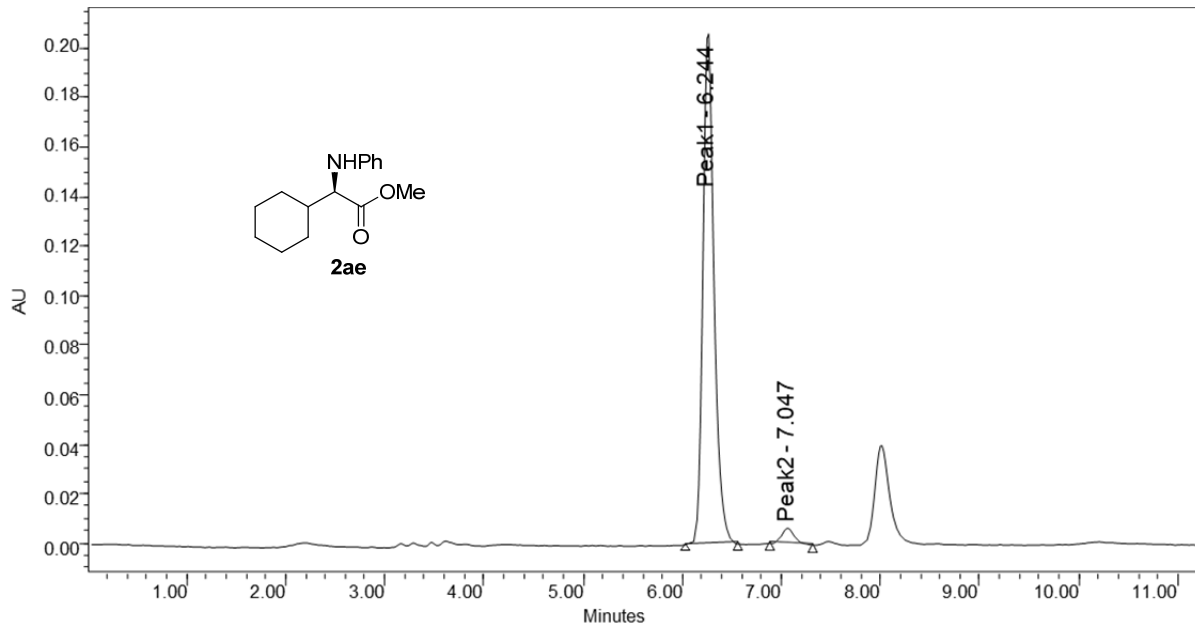
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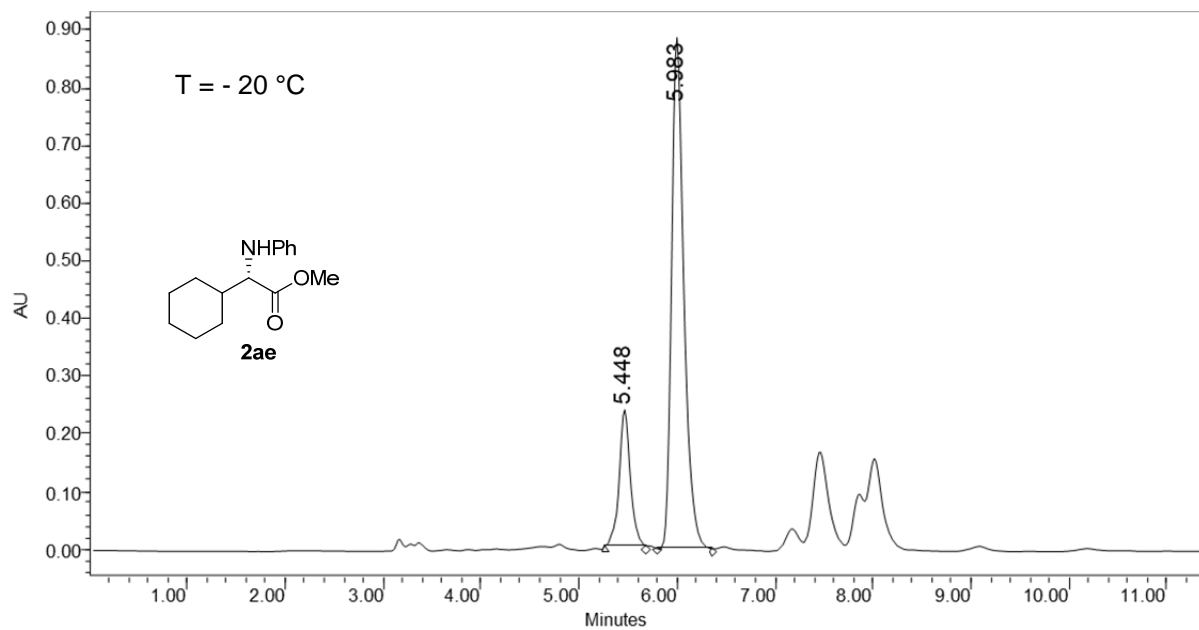
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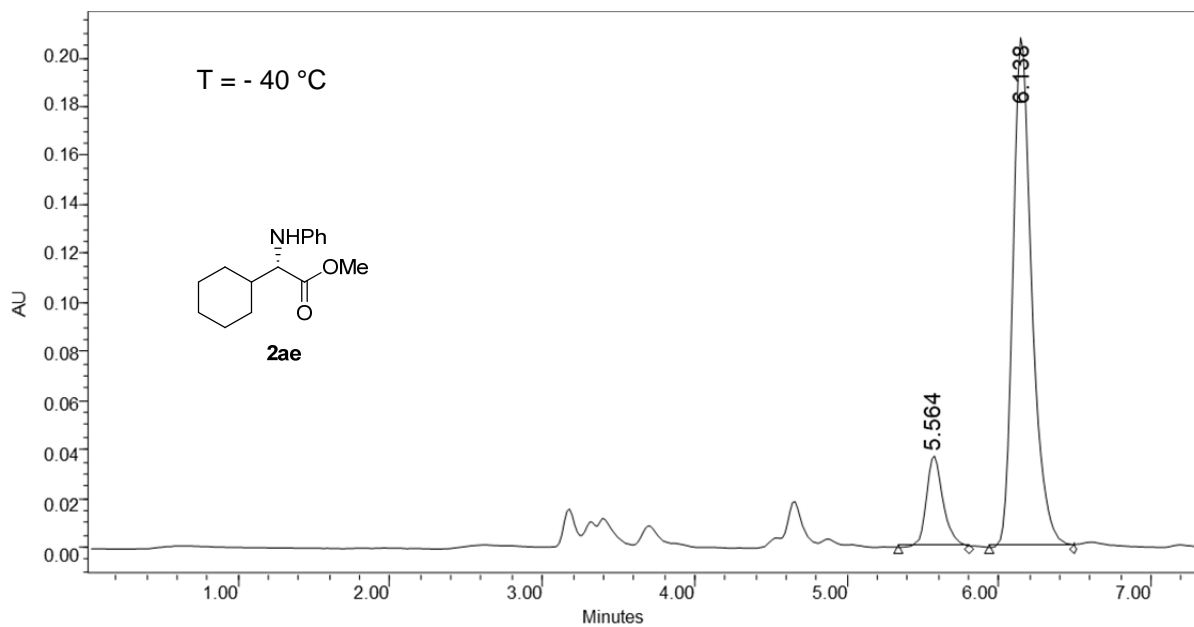
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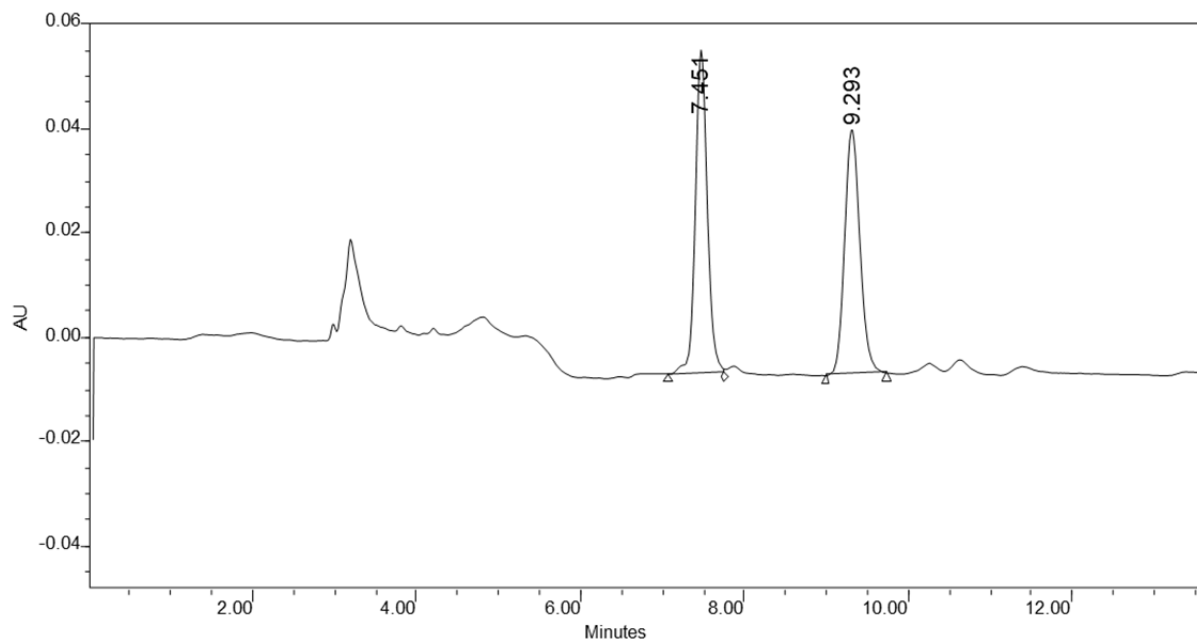
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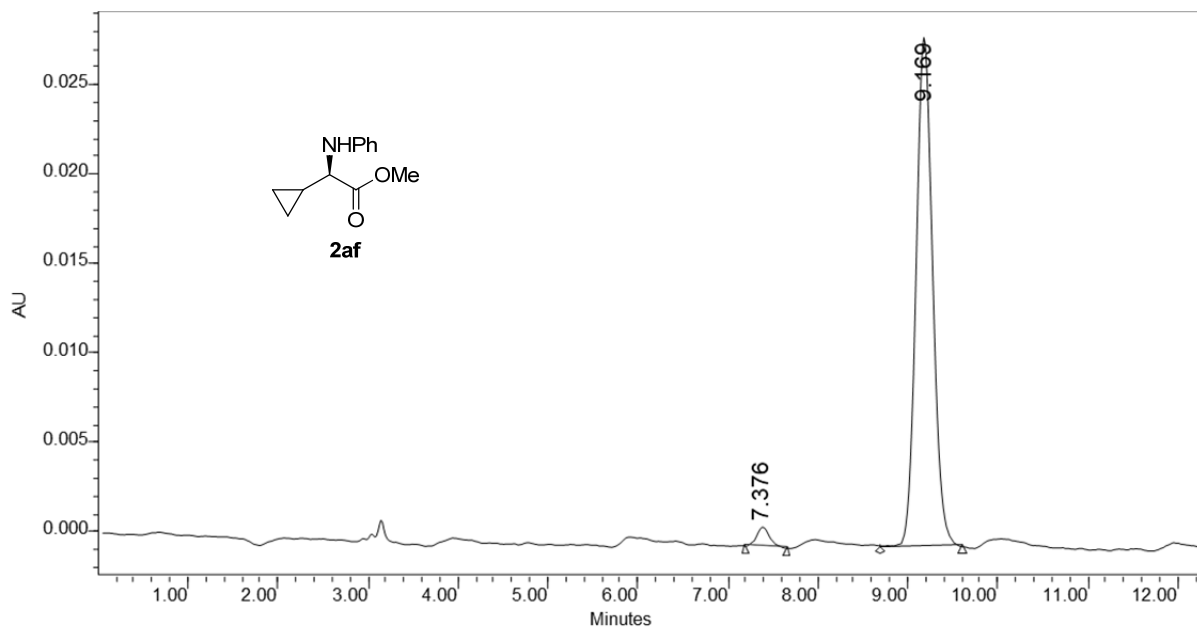
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2	5.983	7730984	80.23	882931	78.85



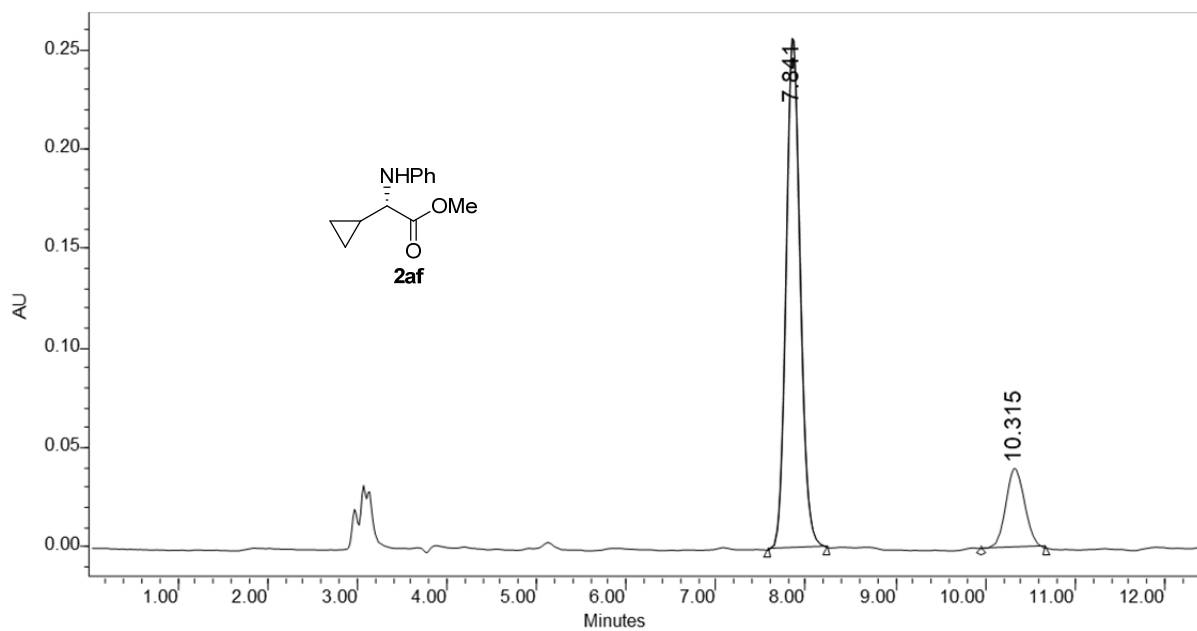
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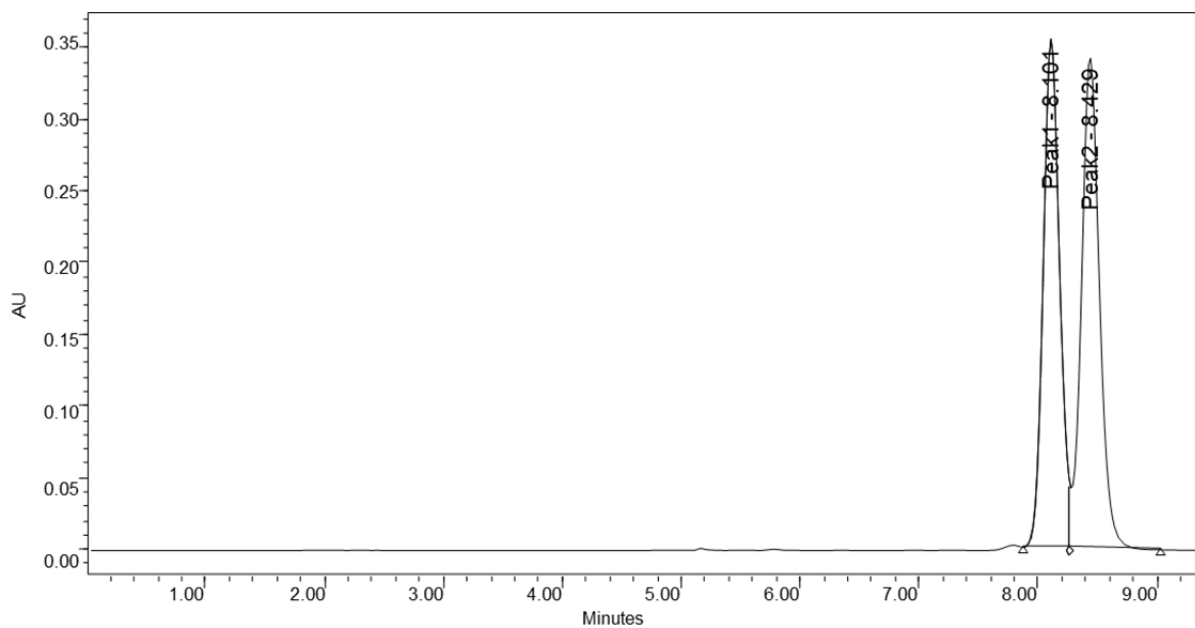
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2	9.293	611734	49.07	47030	43.13



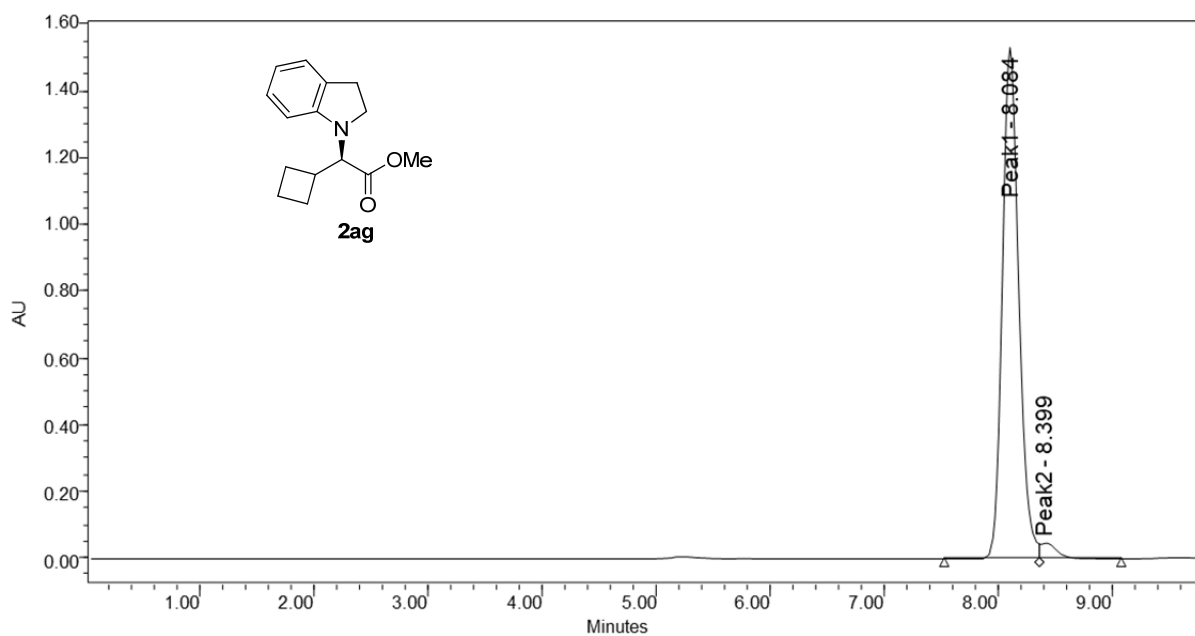
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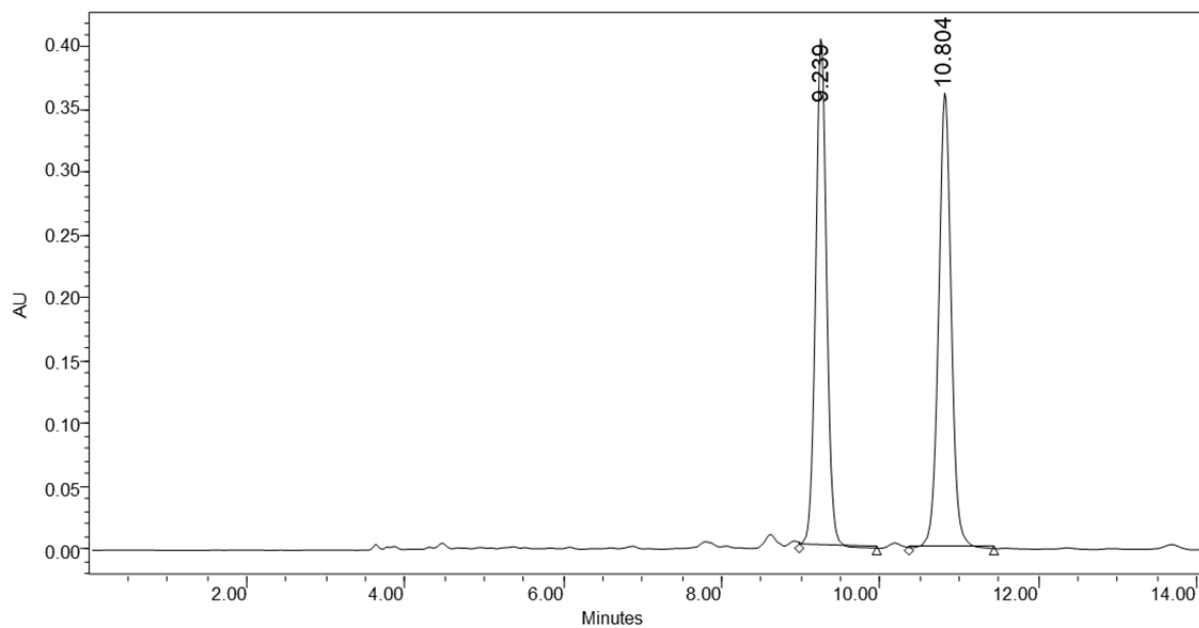
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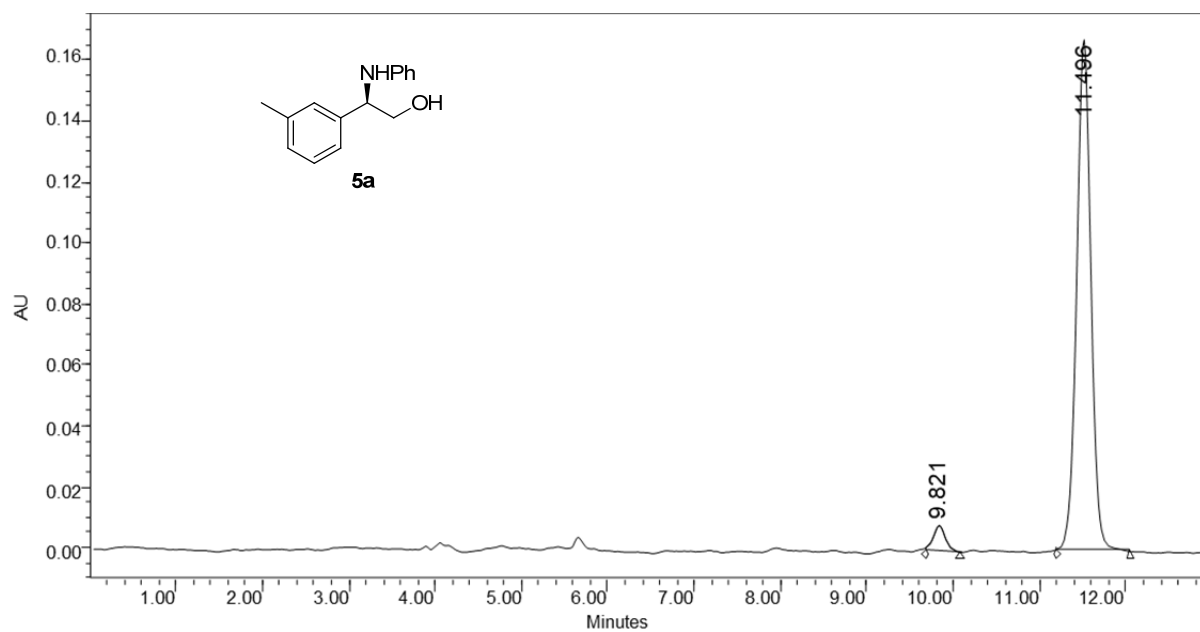
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2 Peak2	8.429	3580787	51.25	341725	49.12



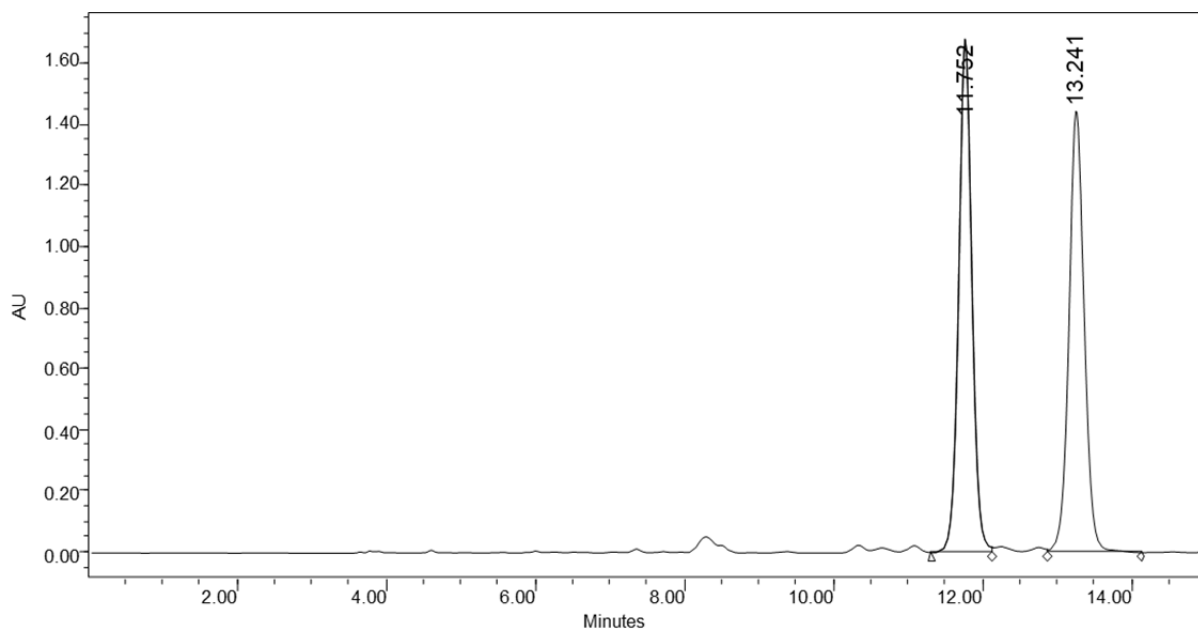
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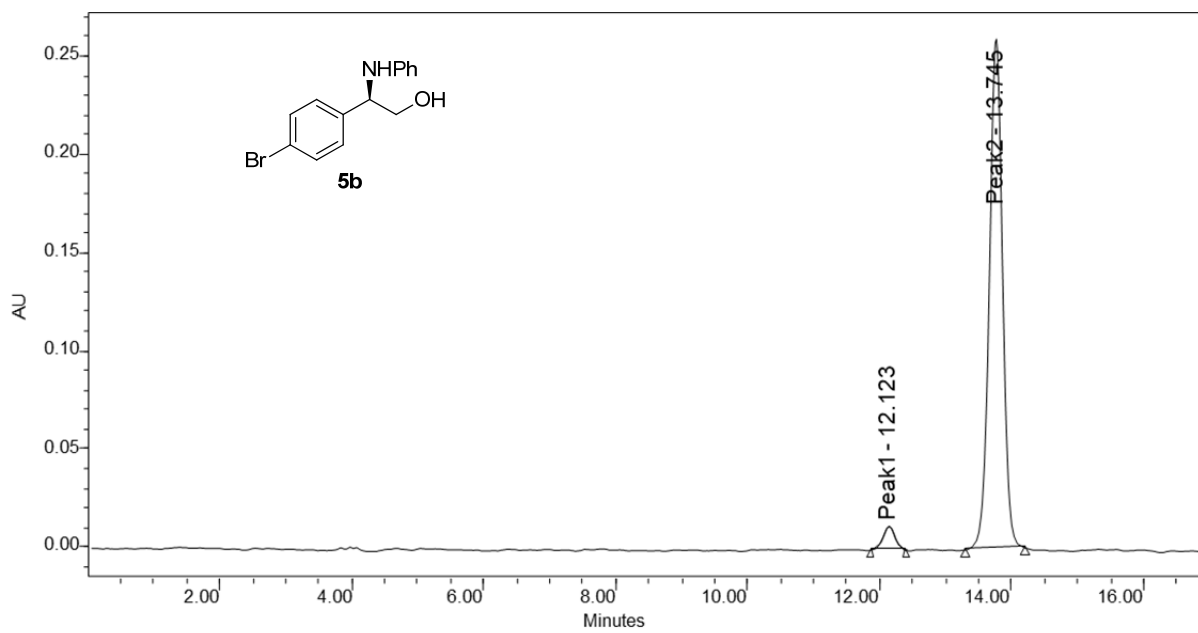
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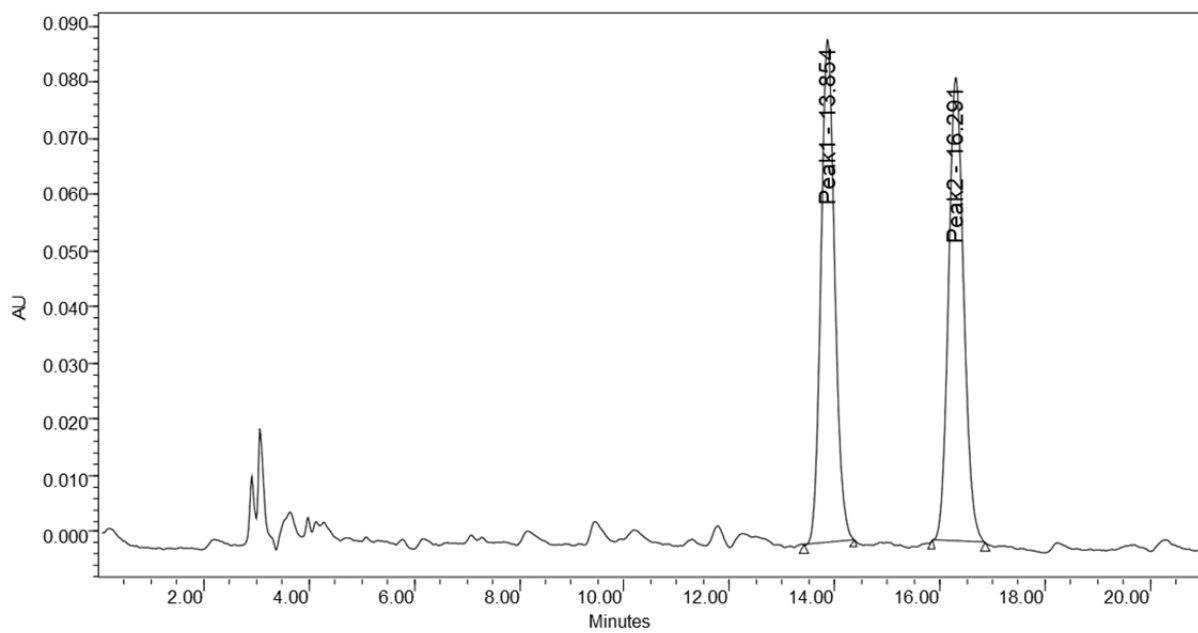
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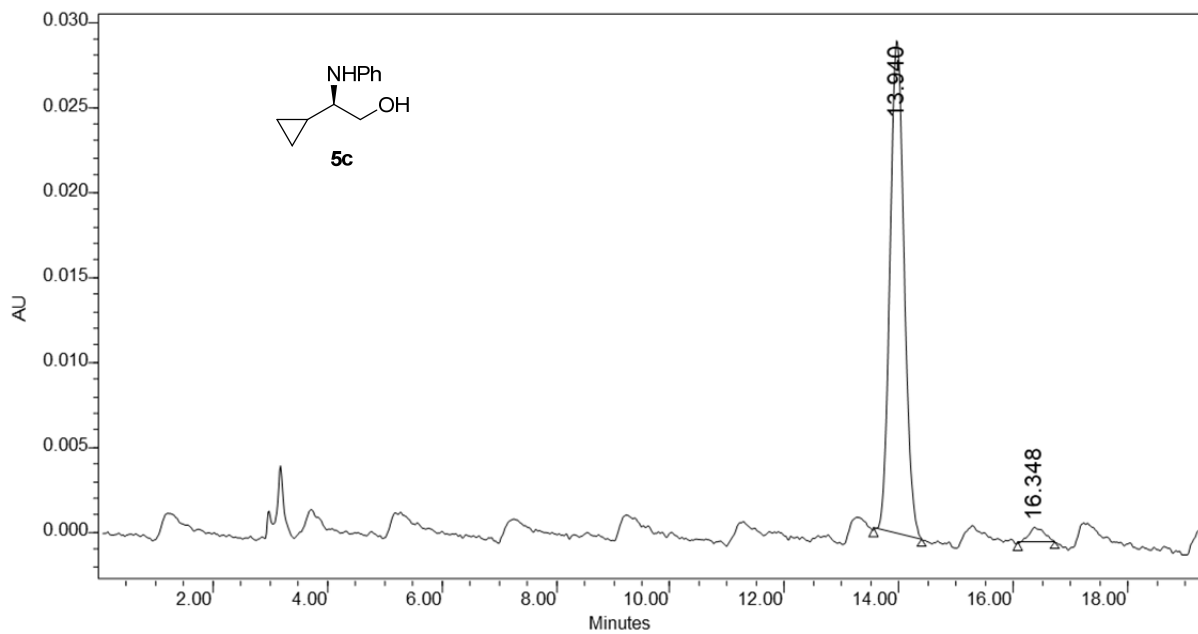
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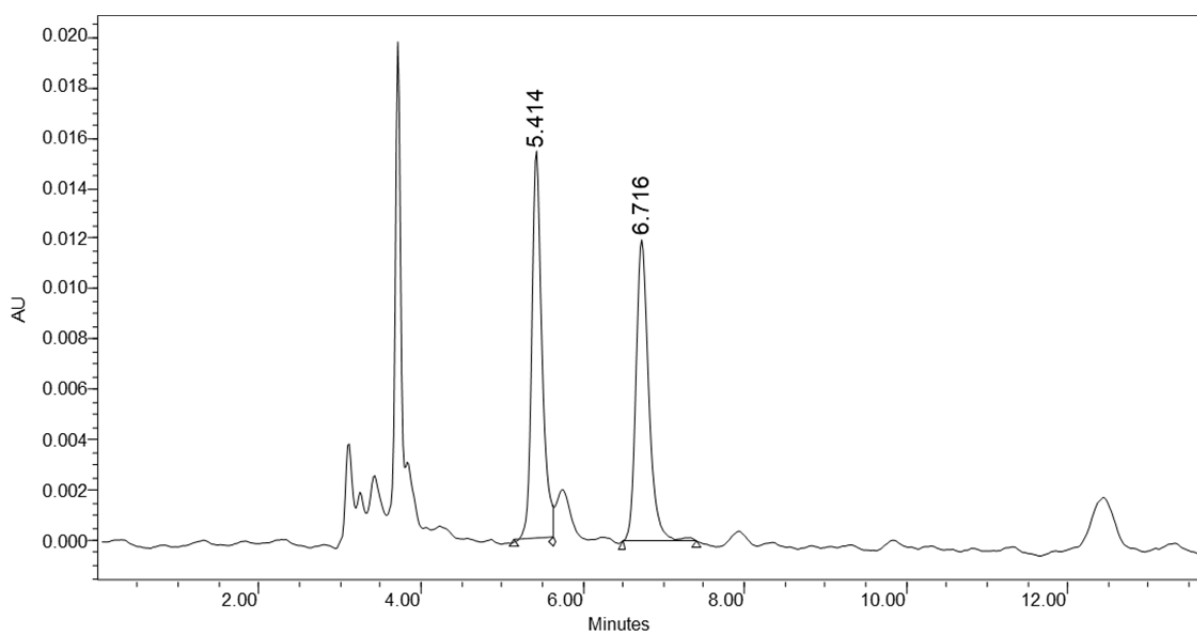
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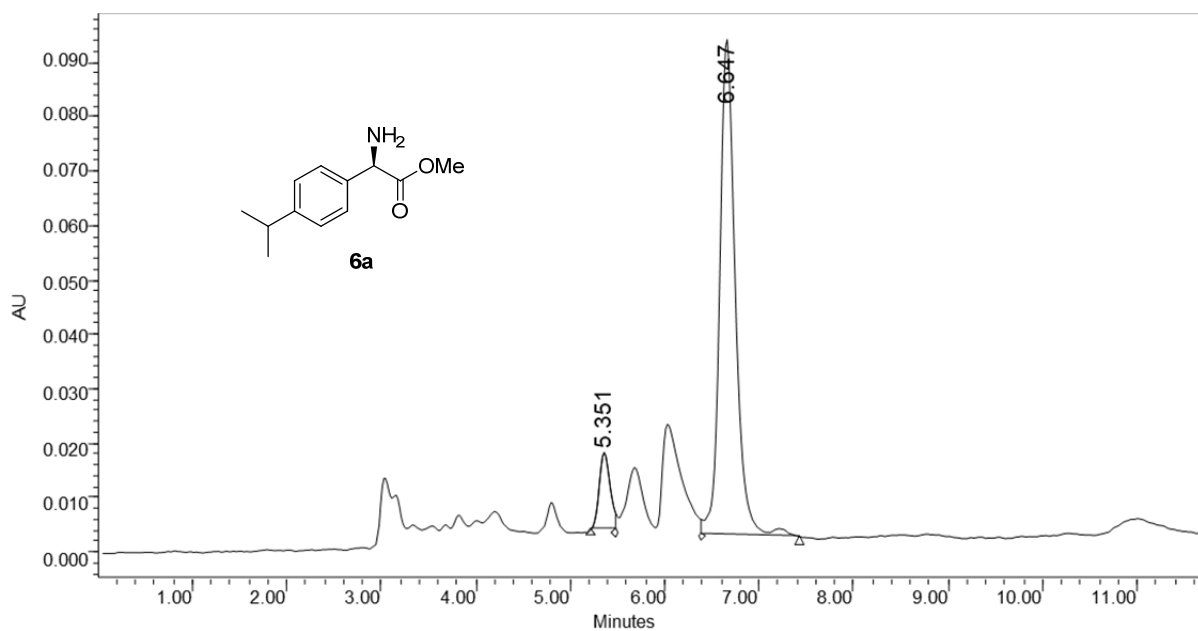
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	RT (min)	Area (V*sec)	% Area	Height (V)	% Height
1	13.940	501402	96.46	29047	96.91
2	16.348	18399	3.54	925	3.09



	RT (min)	Area (V*sec)	% Area	Height (V)	% Height
1	5.414	137307	50.90	15444	56.32
2	6.716	132435	49.10	11976	43.68



	RT (min)	Area (V*sec)	% Area	Height (V)	% Height
1	5.351	115911	10.00	14205	13.52
2	6.647	1042843	90.00	90890	86.48

DFT Calculations

Computational methods

Conformational space has been explored using CREST¹⁷ meta-dynamic calculations at the semi-empiric level GFN2-xTB theory implicitly including the toluene solvation using the ALPB¹⁸ theory, using default cut-off and lengths parameters. The conformers resulting from this calculations were then grouped thanks to the PCA clustering methodology.¹⁹ The best cluster family was then optimised using Gaussian 16.A03²⁰ suite at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The toluene solvation was considered in an implicit way using the CPCM model. Energy was then corrected with a single point calculation²¹ using the same functional but with the larger 6-311++G(2d,2p) basis set. Frequencies were then dumped using the mRRHO²² theory, the thermal correction recalculated at 253K and the enantiomeric excess estimation was performed thanks the GoodVibes²³ script (version 3.2). Geometries and vibrational analysis were visualised using ChimeraX.²⁴

Results

The conformational space was preliminary reduced by omitting the vinyl group of the catalyst and the TBHP have been used instead of the CHP. The reaction has been divided in two separate steps: i) the addition of the TBHP to the double C-C bond; ii) the S_N2 intramolecular reaction that result in the closure to the epoxide. The first step's reactive complexes (**Pre_complex**) show a strong interaction between the sulphone and the thiourea residue of the catalyst, which is characteristic for this type of reaction conditions. Furtherly, it's possible to notice that in the transition state (**TS1**) geometry the ternary amine of the quinuclidinic moiety is able to deprotonate the TBHP, allowing the peroxidic group to attack

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the reagent. After the addition TS, a relaxed optimization (following the reaction coordinate dictated by the negative normal mode in **TS1**) was carried out to find the reaction intermediates.

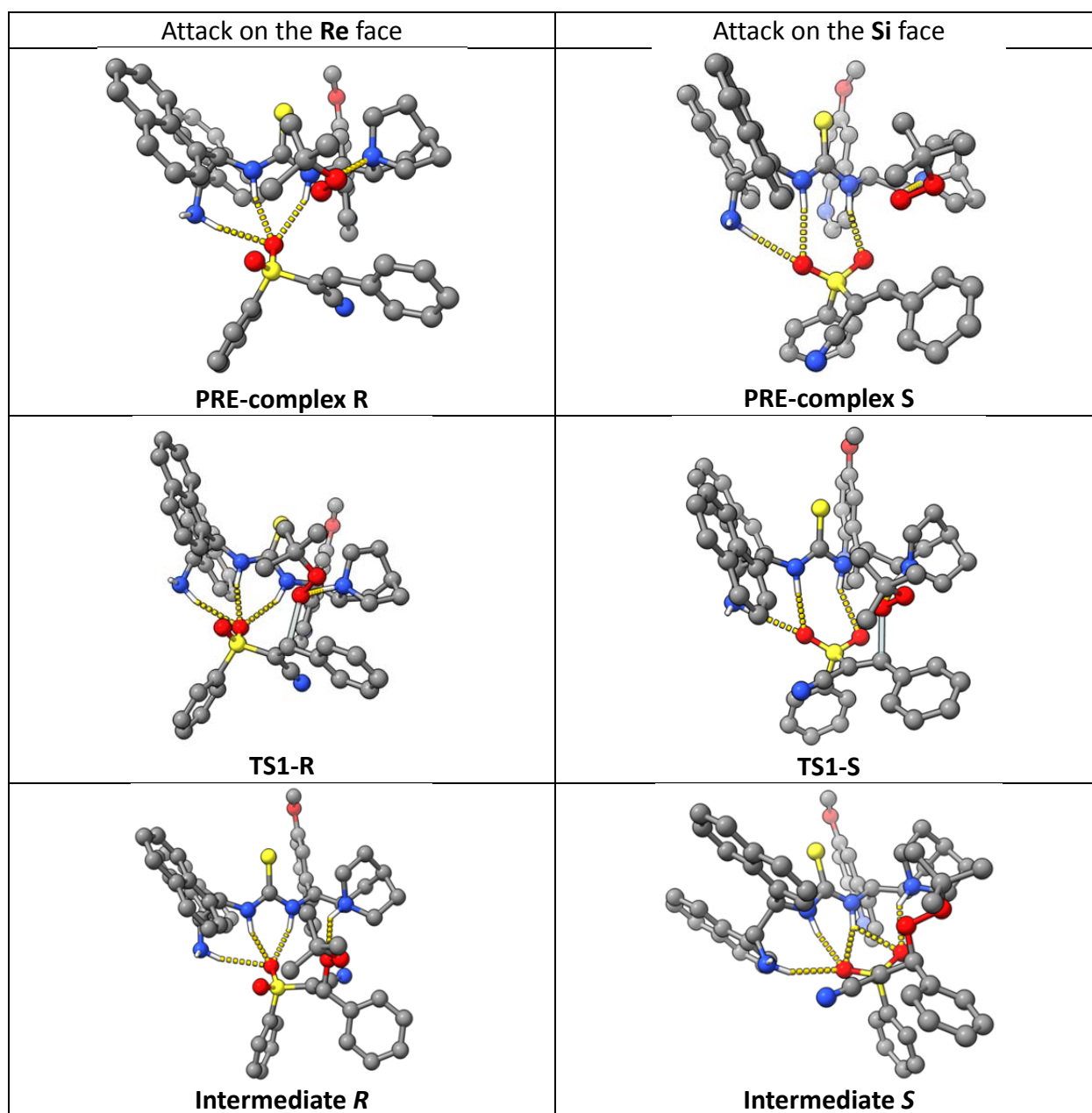


Figure S1. 3D representations of the optimized geometries for the addition step with TBHP. The electrophile results from condensation of phenylsulfonylacetonitrile with benzaldehyde. In catalyst **4** the vinyl moiety was removed to reduce computational times.

The following step is the closure of the epoxide ring with subsequential leaving of *tert*-butyl alcohol. The transition state geometries for the ring closure (**TS2**) are highly constrained and it is possible to observe the importance of the NH^+ pointing towards the peroxidic residue, and the hydrogen bond mesh formed in the middle of the catalytic pocket. This is the enantioselective and rate-determining step, in which the two centres generated by the reaction are locked. By relaxed optimization toward the reagents starting from **TS2**, it was checked

that the starting geometries for these TS corresponded to that of the reaction intermediated obtained in the first step after the addition of TBHP, with tiny differences in terms of energy and conformations. The calculated enantiomeric excess (**e.e.**) is 98.8% at 253°K, which corresponds to a difference of free energy of the two transition states of 2.55 kcal mol⁻¹ (**TS2-SS** vs **TS2-RR**). This value can be compared to the experimental e.e. = 60% at the same temperature (exp. $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger=0.81$ kcal mol⁻¹).

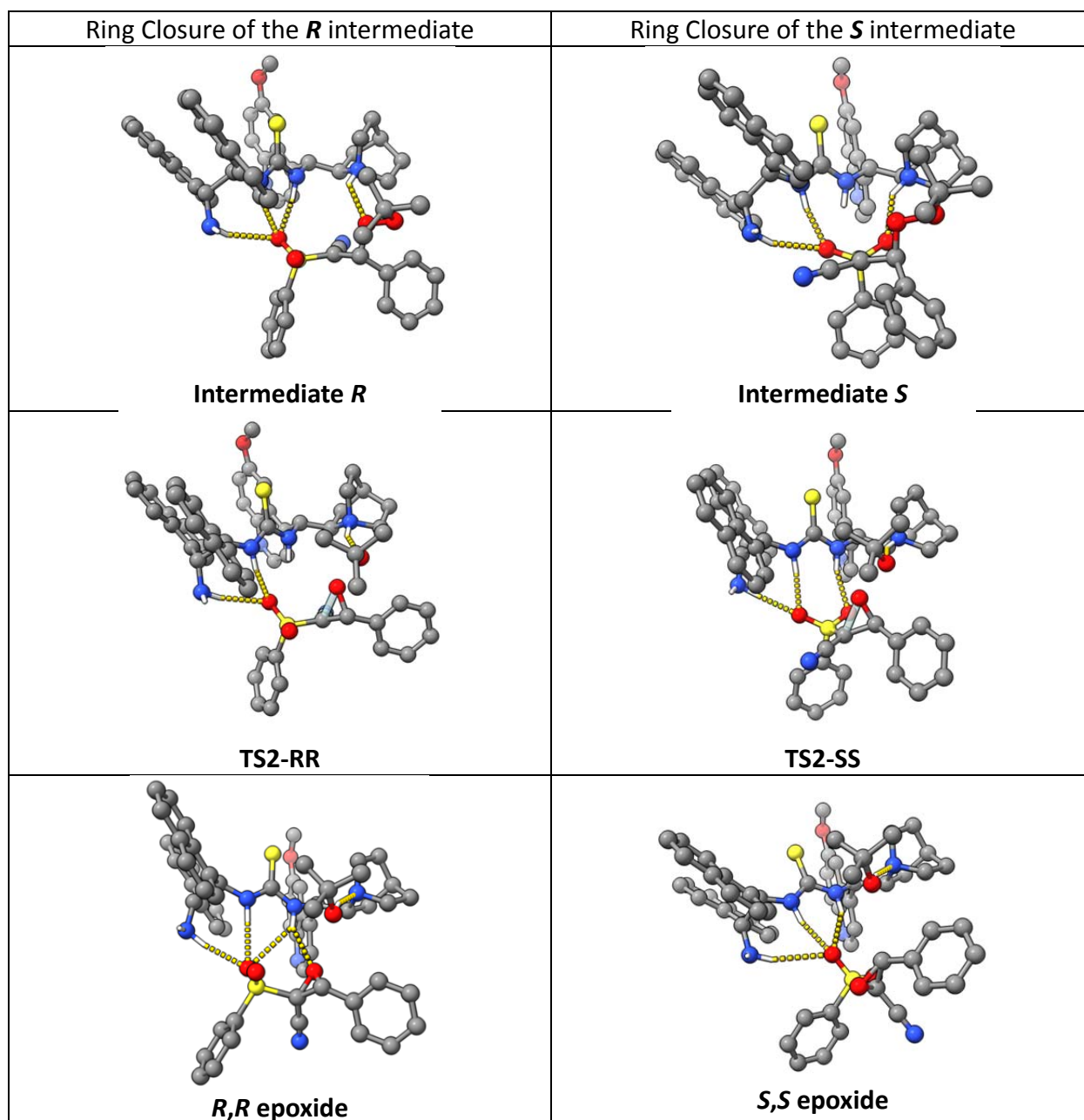


Figure S2. 3D representations of the optimized geometries for the ring-closure step.

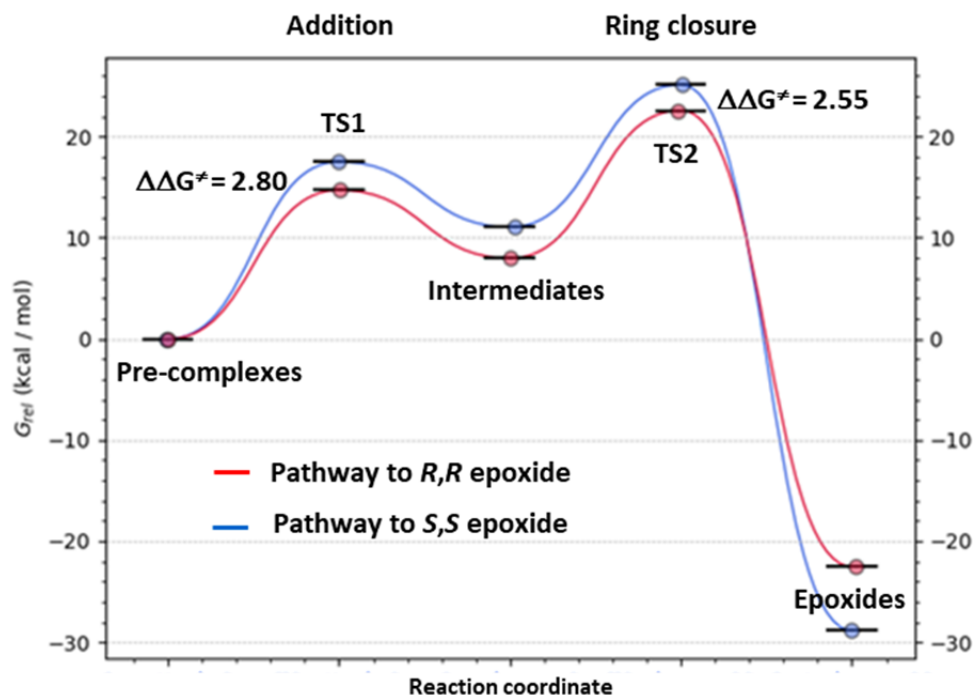


Figure S3. Reaction pathways for the model reaction calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p)-CPCM[*toluene*]/B3LYP/6-31G(d)-CPCM[*toluene*] level, at 253K. Energies in kcal/mol.

After the geometries of the four TSs were determined, 1-naphthylsulphone and the vinyl branch were added to the calculation in order to simulate the best results experimentally obtained. Also in this pathway, the TSs with the highest energy remain the epoxide closure, but the $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ between the two TSs is lowered to 2.41 kcal/mol, which corresponds to an *ee* value of 98.3% 253°K.

Table S3 Absolute and relative free energy corrected of the four TS including 1-naphthylsulphone and vinyl group of the catalyst.

ΔG [Eh]	Addition to Re face (a.u.)	Addition to Si face (a.u.)	$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ [kcal/mol]
TS1 (addition)	-4055.554397	-4055.549696	2.95
	Ring closure to <i>R,R epoxide</i>	Ring closure to <i>S,S epoxide</i>	
TS2 (ring closure)	-4055.545125	-4055.541285	2.41

Structure	E_SPC	E	ZPE	H_SPC	T.S	T.qh-S	G(T)_SPC	qh-G(T)_SPC	im freq
pre_complex_R	-3825.578869	-3824.603643	1.088643	-3824.437992	0.142957	0.125051	-3824.580949	-3824.563043	
pre_complex_S	-3825.578870	-3824.603643	1.088643	-3824.437993	0.142944	0.125045	-3824.580937	-3824.563038	
TS1-R	-3825.557503	-3824.583750	1.087806	-3824.418914	0.135352	0.120712	-3824.554266	-3824.539627	-233.89
TS1-S	-3825.553874	-3824.580048	1.089024	-3824.414017	0.136433	0.121139	-3824.550450	-3824.535156	-100.41
post_attack_R	-3825.572403	-3824.600613	1.093463	-3824.428028	0.139242	0.122301	-3824.567270	-3824.550328	
post_attack_S	-3825.567220	-3824.595639	1.093049	-3824.423164	0.138826	0.122247	-3824.561990	-3824.545410	
pre_closure_RR	-3825.572373	-3824.600613	1.093459	-3824.428005	0.139004	0.122183	-3824.567009	-3824.550188	
pre_closure_SS	-3825.568600	-3824.596564	1.093064	-3824.424552	0.138659	0.122117	-3824.563212	-3824.546669	
TS2-RR	-3825.546944	-3824.577465	1.089847	-3824.406417	0.135526	0.120657	-3824.541943	-3824.527074	-265.18
TS2-SS	-3825.541902	-3824.571991	1.089408	-3824.401629	0.136829	0.121380	-3824.538458	-3824.523009	-304.57
epoxide_RR	-3825.616073	-3824.641646	1.089120	-3824.475005	0.141033	0.123910	-3824.616038	-3824.598916	
epoxide_SS	-3825.625428	-3824.650080	1.088870	-3824.484515	0.141978	0.124452	-3824.626494	-3824.608967	
TS1-R_naphtyl	-4056.647500	-4055.610900	1.166352	-4055.426800	0.143464	0.127627	-4055.570200	-4055.554400	-186.12
TS1-S_naphtyl	-4056.644000	-4055.607100	1.167371	-4055.422300	0.143200	0.127439	-4055.565500	-4055.549700	-103.54
TS2-RR_naphtyl	-4056.639446	-4055.605989	1.167780	-4055.417233	0.144226	0.127892	-4055.561460	-4055.545125	-265.13
TS2-RR_naphtyl	-4056.635086	-4055.601008	1.167439	-4055.413163	0.144651	0.128122	-4055.557813	-4055.541285	-303.43

Table S4. Summary of optimized structures at B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p)-CPCM[toluene]//B3LYP/6-31G(d)-CPCM[toluene], at 253K. Energies in a.u. For each pathway, the post_attack and pre_closure structures have very similar energies ($\Delta G^\circ < 0.2$ kcal/mol) and they were grouped as “intermediate” in the graphical representation of Figure S3.

H	0.6841840000	3.2616560000	-0.1915070000
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