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**Remote Enantioselective Friedel–Crafts Alkylations of Furans through HOMO Activation\*\***

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## 1. General methods

NMR data were obtained for  $^1\text{H}$  at 400 MHz, and for  $^{13}\text{C}$  at 100 or 150 MHz. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution. ESI HRMS was recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2. In each case, enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral column in comparison with authentic racemate, using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H Column (250 x 4.6 mm), Chiralpak AD-H Column (250 x 4.6 mm) or Chiralpak IC Column (250 x 4.6 mm). UV detection was monitored at 220 nm or 254 nm. Optical rotation was examined in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution at 20 °C. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates. UV light and  $\text{I}_2$  were used to visualize products. All chemicals including 2-furylacetone **1a** were used without purification as commercially available unless otherwise noted. Alkylidenemalononitriles were prepared according to the literature procedures.<sup>[1]</sup> The primary amines were also synthesized according to the literature procedures.<sup>[2]</sup>

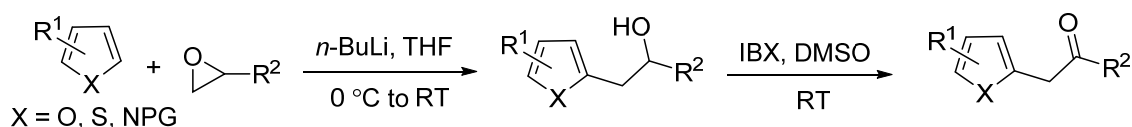
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## 2. Procedure for the preparation of ketone substrates

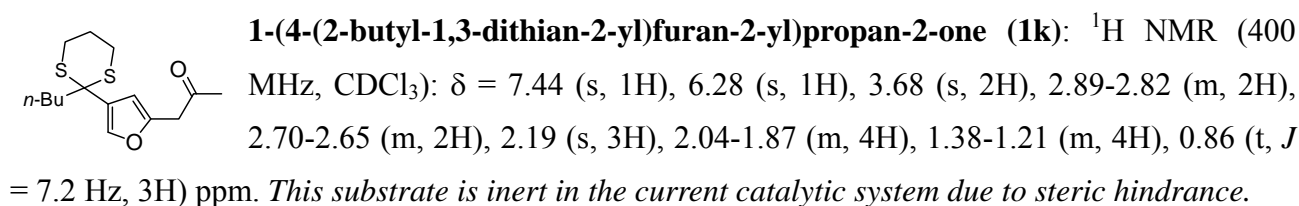
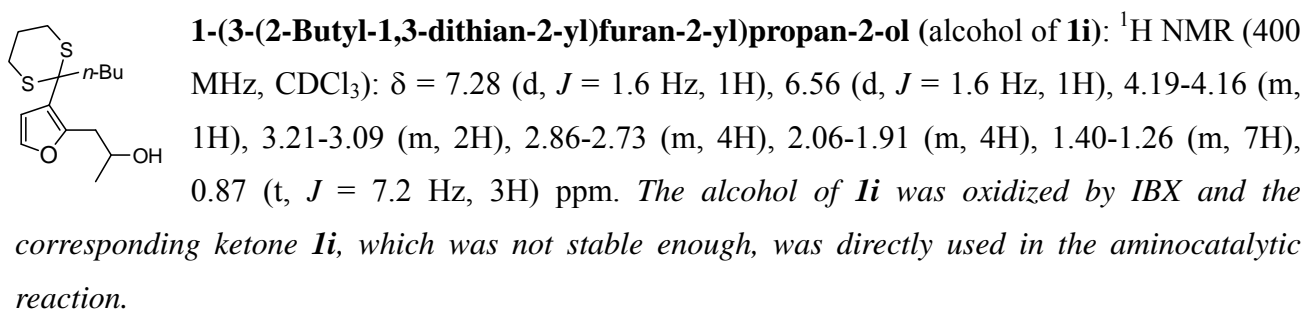
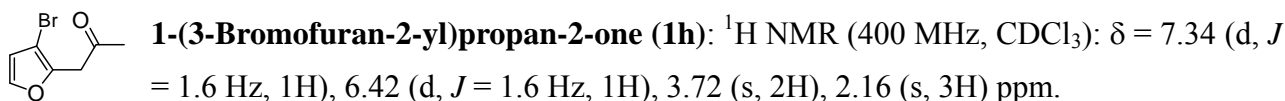
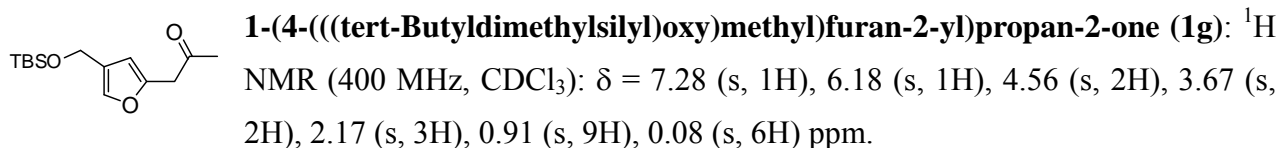
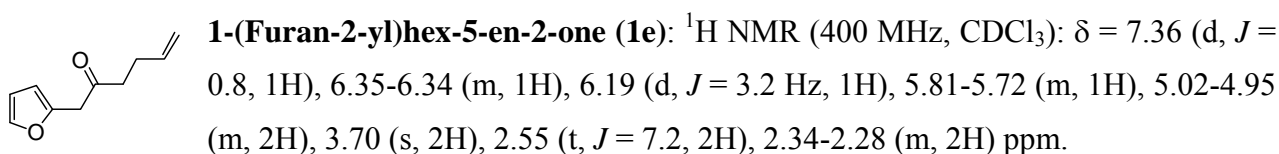
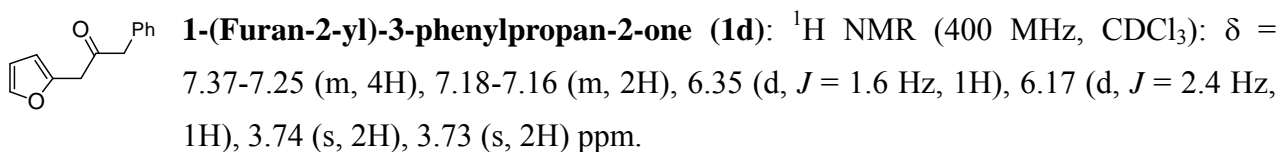
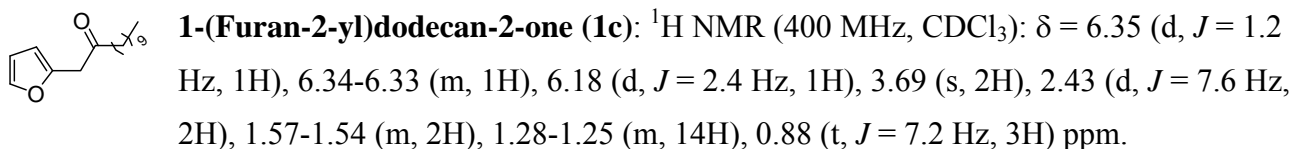
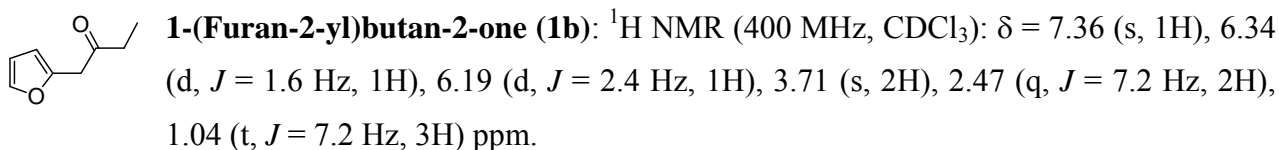
The ketone substrates **1** were synthesized according to the literature procedures.<sup>[3]</sup>

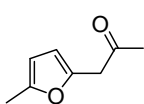
[3] A. S. K. Hashmi, M. Wölfle, *Tetrahedron* **2009**, *65*, 9021.



To the solution of furan in THF was added *n*-BuLi (2.4 M solution in hexane) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. Then the solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C again and the corresponding epoxide was added slowly. After completion, the solution was quenched with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated. The obtained alcohol was dissolved in DMSO and IBX was added at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for about 2 h. After completion, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated. The desired ketone **1** was obtained as a colorless oil after

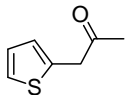
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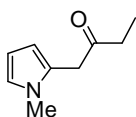


**1-(5-Methylfuran-2-yl)propan-2-one (11):**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 6.03$  (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm.

No reaction was observed for the combination of **11** and acceptor **2a** under current catalytic conditions.



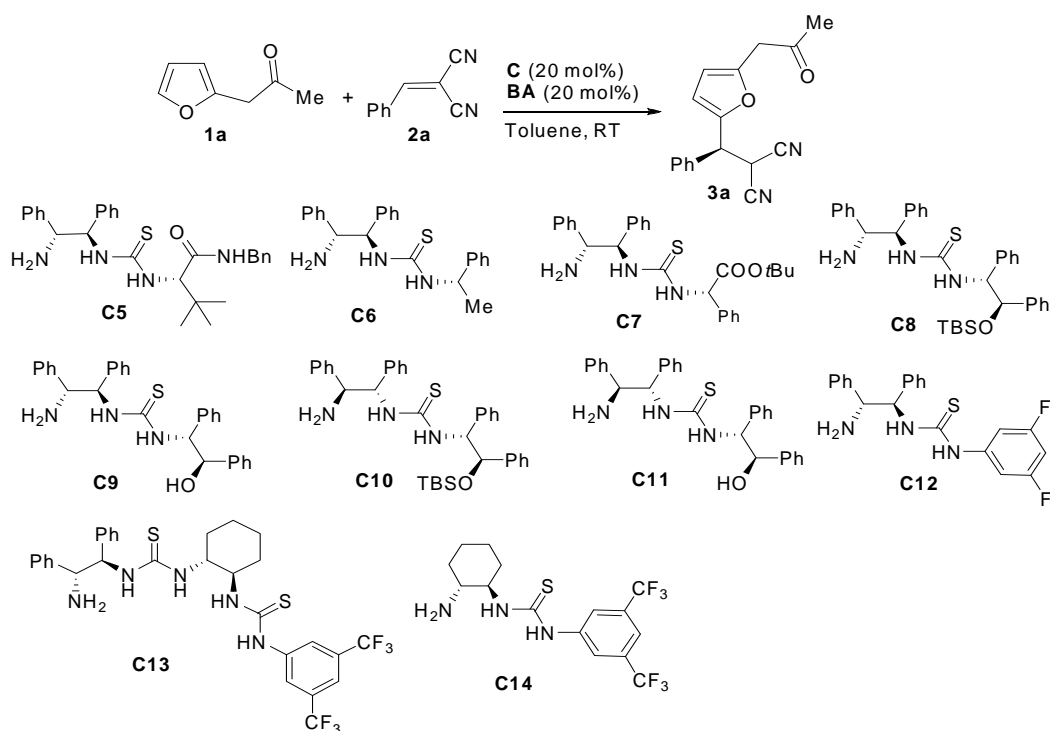
**1-(Thiophen-2-yl)propan-2-one (12):**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.22$ -7.21 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.88 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm.



**1-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)butan-2-one:**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 6.59$  (s, 1H), 6.08 (br s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.46 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

### 3. More screening conditions for enantioselective Friedel–Crafts alkylation

**Table 1.** More bifunctional catalyst screenings<sup>[a]</sup>

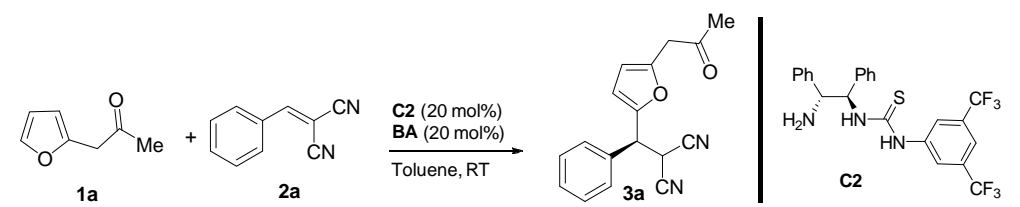


Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	ee (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>C5</b>	81	27
2	<b>C6</b>	85	83
3	<b>C7</b>	78	54
4	<b>C8</b>	70	60
5	<b>C9</b>	59	48
6	<b>C10</b>	70	−9
7	<b>C11</b>	56	−37
8	<b>C12</b>	81	78

9	<b>C13</b>	74	58
10	<b>C14</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>

[a] Reactions were conducted with **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), catalyst **C** (0.02 mmol), benzoic acid (0.02 mmol) in toluene at rt for 12 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Not determined.

**Table 2.** More acid additive screenings<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Acid	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	<i>ee</i> (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>A2</b>	74	63
2	<b>A3</b>	70	73
3	<b>A4</b>	85	88
4	<b>A5</b>	78	75
5	<b>A6</b>	59	81
6	<b>A7</b>	63	77
7	<b>A8</b>	71	82
8	<b>A9</b>	56	67
	<b>A10</b>	52	65
9	<b>A11</b>	81	76
10	<b>A12</b>	76	78
11	<b>A13</b>	63	80
12	<b>A1</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>
13	/	44	23

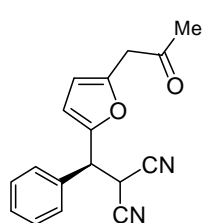
[a] Reactions were conducted with **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), catalyst **C2** (0.02 mmol), acid **A** (0.02 mmol) in toluene at rt for 12 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

#### 4. General procedure for catalytic asymmetric Friedel–Crafts alkylation

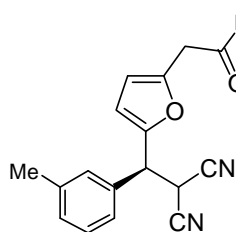
The reaction was carried out with  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dicyanoolefin **2** (0.1 mmol) and 2-furfuryl ketone **1** (0.3 mmol) in toluene (1.0 mL) in the presence of primary amine catalyst **C2** (9.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), benzoic acid (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) at 0 °C or –10 °C for 24 h or 48 h. After completion, the solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum

ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 6:1) to afford the chiral product **3**.

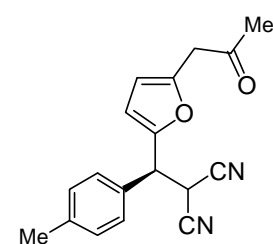
The racemic products were generally obtained by the catalysis of racemic ethyl phenylglycinate. Benzylamine also could promote the FC reaction but more complex reactions were observed.



**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3a)** was obtained in 85% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 92% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.43$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.73$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 20.8$  ( $c = 0.75$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.43$  (br s, 5H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.4, 149.3, 149.0, 134.6, 129.3, 128.2, 111.4, 110.7, 109.6, 46.0, 43.1, 29.2, 28.7$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  301.0947, found 301.0951.

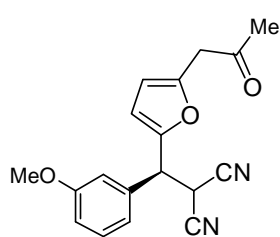


**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(*m*-tolyl)methyl)malononitrile (3b)** was obtained in 88% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralcel OD column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 17.75$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 19.67$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 21.5$  ( $c = 0.72$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.33$ -7.21 (m, 4H), 6.29 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.5, 149.3, 149.1, 139.1, 134.5, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 125.1, 111.4, 110.7, 109.6, 46.0, 43.1, 29.2, 28.7, 21.4$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  315.1104, found 315.1109.

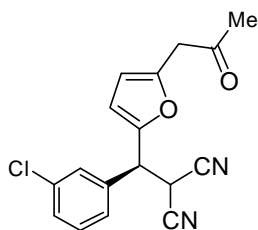


**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methyl)malononitrile (3c)** was obtained in 89% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD column (10% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.99$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 19.36$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 19.5$  ( $c = 0.65$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.31$  (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.5, 149.3, 139.3, 131.5, 130.0, 128.1, 111.4, 110.6, 109.6, 45.8, 43.1, 29.2, 28.8, 21.1$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  315.1104, found 315.1109.

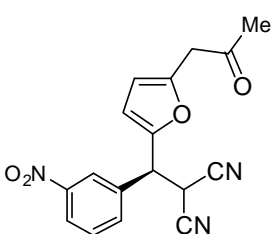
**(S)-2-((3-Methoxyphenyl)(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3d)** was obtained in 82% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 86% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 14.08$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.25$



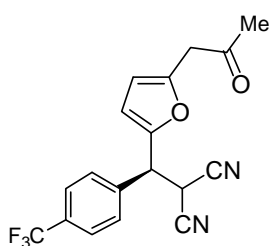
min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 11.6$  ( $c = 0.75$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.34$  (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.92 (m, 3H), 6.31 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.4, 160.1, 149.4, 148.9, 136.0, 130.4, 120.3, 114.5, 114.0, 111.4, 111.3, 110.7, 109.6, 55.3, 46.0, 43.1, 29.2, 28.6$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  331.1053, found 331.1059.



**(S)-2-((3-Chlorophenyl)(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3e)** was obtained in 89% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 92% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.37$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 12.92$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 14.0$  ( $c = 0.65$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.41$ -7.33 (m, 4H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.2, 149.7, 148.2, 136.5, 135.1, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 126.4, 111.1, 111.0, 109.7, 45.6, 43.0, 29.2, 28.5$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  335.0558, found 335.0563.



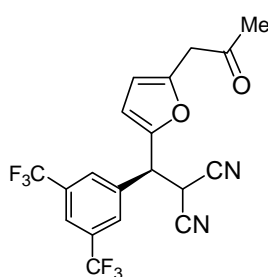
**(S)-2-((3-Nitrophenyl)(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3f)** was obtained in 92% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 86% by HPLC analysis on Chiralcel OD column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 29.23$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 33.93$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 6.6$  ( $c = 0.65$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.32$ -8.29 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.0, 150.1, 147.3, 136.6, 134.4, 130.6, 124.4, 123.4, 111.4, 110.8, 109.8, 45.5, 42.9, 29.4, 28.4$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{Na}^+$  346.0798, found 346.0791.



**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3g)** was obtained in 90% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 88% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD column (10% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 17.48$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 20.04$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 7.7$  ( $c = 0.35$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.71$  (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$

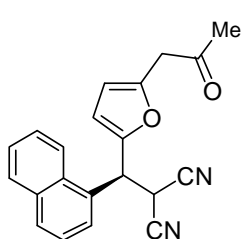


(150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 203.2, 149.8, 147.9, 138.4, 131.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 128.8, 126.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz), 123.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 271.5 Hz), 111.1, 111.0, 110.9, 109.7, 45.6, 42.9, 29.3, 28.4 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup> 369.0821, found 369.0829.



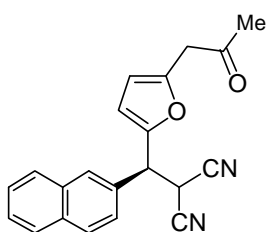
**(S)-2-((3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3h)** was obtained in 92% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 84% by HPLC analysis on Chiralcel OD column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 10.49 min,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 11.65 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 9.8 ( $c$  = 0.70 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.91 (br s, 2H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H),

6.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 203.0, 150.3, 146.9, 137.2, 132.7 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 34.5 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 123.4 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz), 122.7 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 271.5 Hz), 111.6, 110.7, 110.6, 109.9, 45.4, 42.9, 29.2, 28.4 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup> 437.0695, found 437.0702.



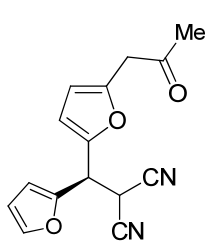
**(S)-2-(Naphthalen-1-yl(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3i)** was obtained in 75% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 14.62 min,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 19.76 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 12.1 ( $c$  = 0.65 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.50

(m, 4H), 6.38 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 203.4, 149.4, 149.0, 134.0, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.5, 127.4, 126.3, 125.8, 125.4, 121.4, 111.6, 111.4, 111.1, 109.7, 43.1, 40.9, 29.2, 27.8 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup> 351.1104, found 351.1109.



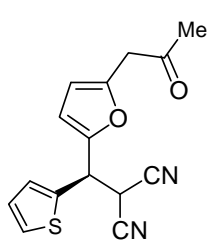
**(S)-2-(Naphthalen-2-yl(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3j)** was obtained in 84% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 91% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 20.95 min,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 22.37 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 13.0 ( $c$  = 0.98 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

$\delta$  = 7.91-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 203.4, 149.5, 149.0, 133.4, 133.2, 131.9, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 125.0, 111.4, 110.9, 109.7, 46.3, 43.1, 29.3, 28.7 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup> 351.1104, found 351.1115.



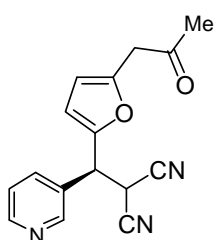
**(S)-2-(Furan-2-yl(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3k)** was obtained in 77% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 75% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD column (40% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 5.41\text{min}$ ,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.61\text{min}$ .  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 6.4$  ( $c = 0.50$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.38\text{-}7.47$  (m, 1H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H),

6.46-6.42 (m, 2H), 6.25-6.24 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.4, 149.6, 146.9, 146.6, 143.6, 111.0, 110.9, 110.8, 110.2, 109.7, 43.1, 40.3, 29.3, 27.7$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  291.0740, found 291.0746.



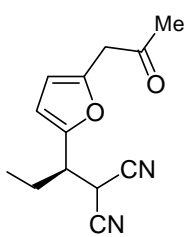
**(R)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3l)** was obtained in 81% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 80% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 17.53$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 23.07$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 5.7$  ( $c = 0.60$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.37\text{-}7.36$  (m, 1H), 7.25-7.24

(m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.3, 149.6, 148.3, 135.9, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 111.2, 111.1, 111.0, 109.7, 43.1, 41.7, 30.1, 29.3$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S} + \text{Na}^+$  307.0512, found 307.0519.



**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(pyridin-3-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3m)** was obtained in 83% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 82% by HPLC analysis on Chiralcel OD column (40% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 18.40$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 21.86$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -14.1$  ( $c = 0.85$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.69\text{-}8.66$  (m, 2H), 7.84-7.82

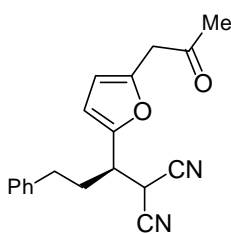
(m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.1, 150.6, 149.8, 149.5, 147.7, 135.8, 130.6, 124.0, 111.2, 111.0, 110.9, 109.7, 43.6, 42.9, 29.3, 28.5$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{H}^+$  280.1081, found 280.1086.



**(R)-2-(1-(5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)propyl)malononitrile (3n)** was obtained in 86% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 89% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.94$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 26.34$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 23.7$  ( $c = 0.35$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 6.33$  (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H),

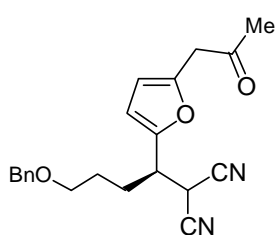
4.00 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 3.29-3.23 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t,  $J$

= 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 203.6, 149.3, 149.1, 111.5, 111.4, 110.4, 109.4, 43.1, 42.1, 29.2, 28.1, 24.2, 11.5 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2+\text{K}^+$  269.0687, found 269.0692.



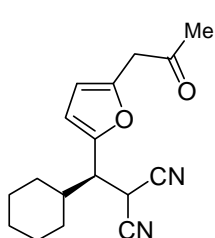
**(R)-2-(1-(5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)malononitrile (3o)**

was obtained in 87% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 15.77$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 19.30$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 30.8$  ( $c = 0.70$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.33-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.35-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 203.4, 149.3, 148.9, 139.5, 128.7, 128.3, 126.6, 111.3, 110.9, 109.5, 43.1, 39.6, 32.7, 32.2, 29.3, 28.5 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2+\text{Na}^+$  329.1260, found 329.1267.



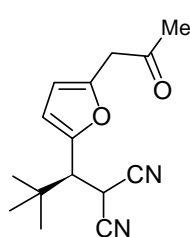
**(R)-2-(4-(Benzyloxy)-1-(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)butyl)malononitrile (3p)**

was obtained in 82% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 81% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.99$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 18.20$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 8.5$  ( $c = 0.55$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.38-7.31 (m, 5H), 6.31 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.45 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.49-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.36 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.07-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.59 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 203.5, 149.4, 149.1, 138.0, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 111.5, 111.4, 110.5, 109.4, 73.1, 69.0, 43.1, 40.2, 29.2, 28.2, 28.0, 26.9 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3+\text{Na}^+$  373.1523, found 373.1529.



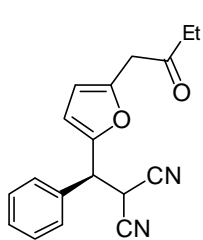
**(R)-2-(Cyclohexyl(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)malononitrile (3q)**

was obtained in 90% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 92% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 15.35$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 25.96$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 12.0$  ( $c = 0.55$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 6.32 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.58 (m, 5H), 1.36-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.13-0.86 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 203.7, 149.2, 148.9, 111.9, 111.6, 110.8, 109.3, 46.1, 43.2, 38.8, 31.0, 29.7, 29.1, 25.7, 25.6, 25.5 ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2+\text{Na}^+$  307.1422, found 307.1421.



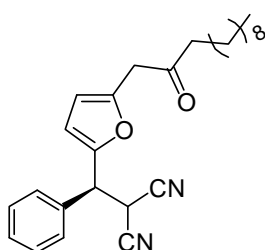
**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)propyl)malononitrile (3r)**

was obtained in 80% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 86% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.50$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 11.47$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -15.1$  ( $c = 0.41$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 6.41$  (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.16 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.7, 149.3, 148.8, 112.8, 112.4, 111.3, 109.2, 50.8, 43.2, 35.0, 29.1, 28.1, 23.9$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  281.1260, found 281.1266.



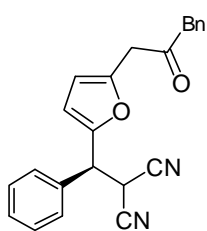
**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxobutyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3s)**

was obtained in 79% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 94% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 15.80$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 18.82$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 11.6$  ( $c = 1.15$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.42$  (br s, 5H), 6.29 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.48 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 206.0, 149.5, 148.9, 134.6, 129.3, 128.2, 111.4, 110.8, 109.5, 46.1, 42.0, 35.3, 28.7, 7.6$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  315.1104, found 315.1110.



**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxododecyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3t)**

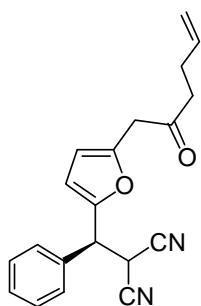
was obtained in 84% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 93% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.86$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 7.51$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -10.4$  ( $c = 0.50$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.42$  (br s, 5H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.44 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.24 (m, 14H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 205.7, 149.6, 148.9, 134.6, 129.3, 128.2, 111.3, 110.8, 109.5, 46.2, 42.3, 42.1, 31.9, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.8, 23.6, 22.7, 14.1$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  427.2356, found 427.2361.



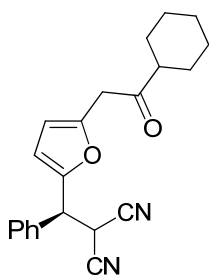
**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxo-3-phenylpropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3u)**

was obtained in 79% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.29$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.72$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 17.6$  ( $c = 0.55$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.41$  (br s, 5H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.37

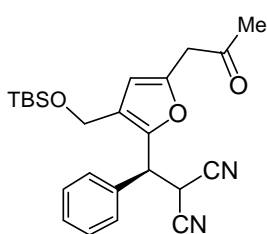
(d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 202.8, 149.0, 148.9, 134.6, 133.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 111.4, 111.3, 110.7, 109.8, 49.1, 46.1, 41.4, 28.7$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  377.1260, found 377.1267.



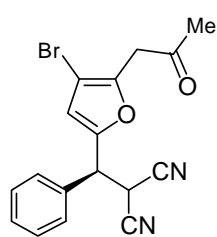
**(S)-2-((5-(2-Oxohex-5-en-1-yl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3v)** was obtained in 81% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 92% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.55$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.65$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 4.1$  ( $c = 0.75$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.42$  (br s, 5H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.77-5.73 (m, 1H), 5.03-4.96 (m, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.58-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.29 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 204.6, 149.3, 149.0, 136.6, 134.6, 133.6, 130.1, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 115.5, 111.3, 110.8, 109.6, 46.1, 42.4, 41.0, 28.7, 27.4$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  341.1260, found 341.1275.



**(S)-2-((5-(2-Cyclohexyl-2-oxoethyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3w)** was obtained in 78% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 93% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.12$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 9.42$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 15.1$  ( $c = 1.1$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.42$  (s, 5H), 6.29 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.46-2.40 (m, 1H) 1.83-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.67-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.46 (m, 5H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 208.3, 149.6, 148.7, 134.6, 129.3, 128.2, 111.4, 110.7, 110.2, 109.4, 49.9, 46.1, 40.3, 28.7, 28.3, 25.7, 25.4$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  369.1573, found 369.1577.

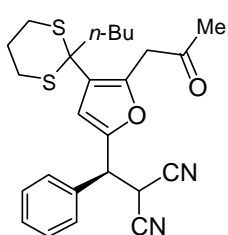


**(S)-2-((3-(((tert-Butyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl)-5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3x)** was obtained in 83% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 93% by HPLC analysis on Chiralcel OD column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.45$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.64$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 13.1$  ( $c = 0.12$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.40$ -7.35 (m, 5H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.4, 148.5, 144.5, 135.2, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 124.3, 111.6, 111.5, 109.9, 57.5, 44.6, 43.2, 29.2, 28.4, 25.9, 25.8, 18.3, -5.57$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si} + \text{Na}^+$  445.1918, found 445.1923.



**(S)-2-((4-Bromo-5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3y)** was obtained in 81% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.47$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.68$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 10.0$  ( $c = 0.65$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.43\text{--}7.40$  (m, 5H), 6.38 (s, 1H),

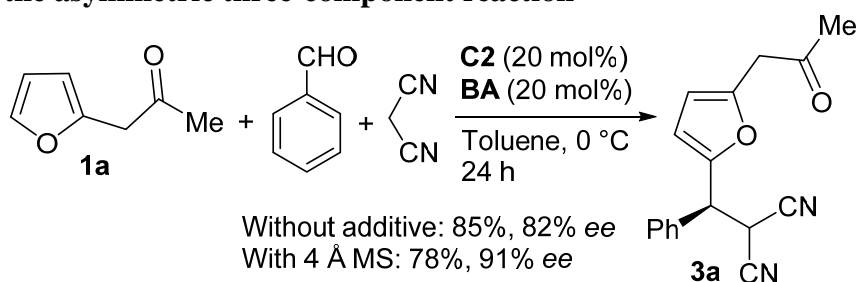
4.59 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 202.1, 149.6, 147.2, 133.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.2, 113.8, 111.1, 100.1, 46.0, 41.3, 29.3, 28.4$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  379.0058 ( $^{79}\text{Br}$ ), 381.0038 ( $^{81}\text{Br}$ ), found 379.0060, 381.0040.



**(S)-2-((4-(2-Butyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)-5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile (3z)** was obtained in 75% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 95% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (20% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.22$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 11.02$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 13.9$  ( $c = 0.80$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.45$

(br s, 5H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.58 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.82-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.99-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.23 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.5, 147.2, 147.0, 134.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 126.5, 125.8, 114.1, 111.3, 51.8, 46.1, 43.5, 43.1, 29.7, 28.9, 28.0, 26.3, 25.1, 22.7, 13.8$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  475.1484, found 475.1490.

### Procedure for the asymmetric three-component reaction

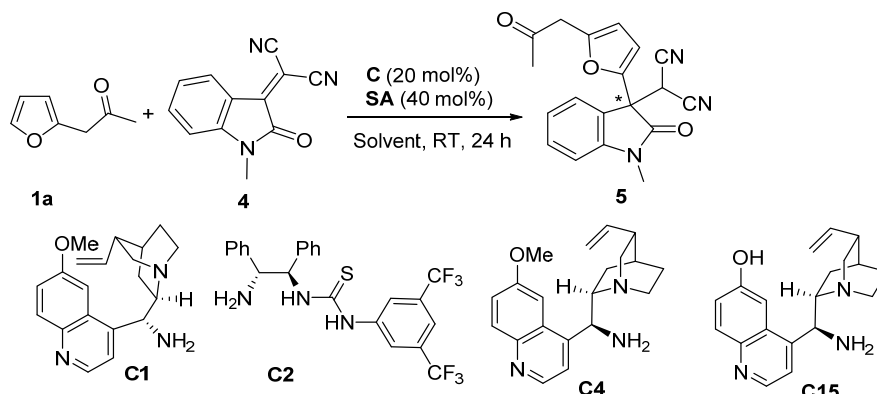


The reaction was carried out with benzaldehyde (0.1 mmol), malononitrile (0.1 mmol) and 2-furylacetyl **1a** (0.3 mmol) in toluene (1.0 mL) in the presence of amine catalyst **C2** (0.02 mmol), benzoic acid (0.02 mmol) at 0 °C for 24 h. Then the solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the chiral product **3a** in 85% yield and with 82% *ee*. In another reaction, 4 Å MS (15 mg) was simultaneously added. Product **3a** was obtained in 78% yield and with 91% *ee* after 24 h.

## 5. More explorations of activated alkenes and heterocyclic ketones

For further study, a diversity of activated alkenes and heterocyclic ketones were explored in the potential Friedel–Crafts alkylations via HOMO activation.

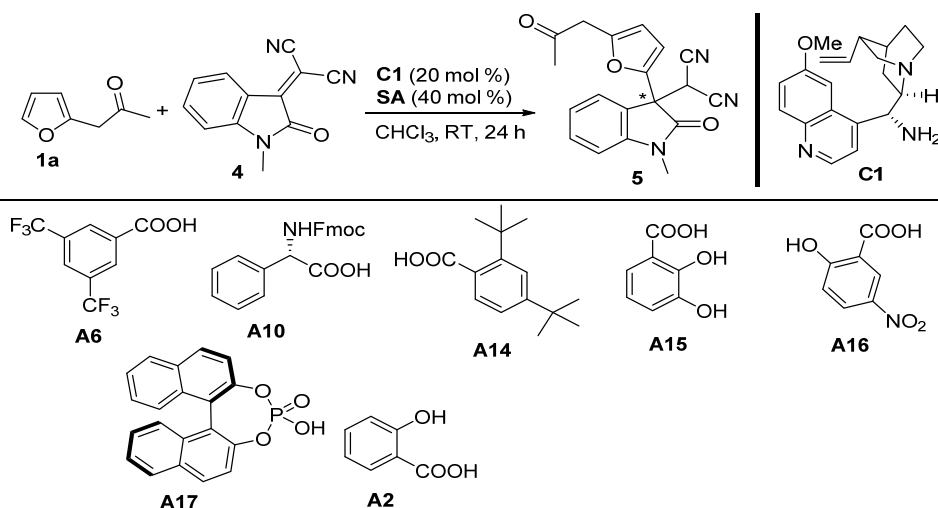
**Table 3.** Catalyst screenings of remote Friedel–Crafts alkylation of 2-furylaceton **1a** with 2-oxoindolin-3-ylidenemalononitrile **4**<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Cat.	Solvent	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	<i>ee</i> (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>C4</b>	DCM	24	75	–24
2	<b>C4</b>	Toluene	24	74	–30
3	<b>C4</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	24	87	–36
4	<b>C4</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	24	53	–16
5	<b>C4</b>	THF	24	53	–16
6	<b>C4</b>	1,4-Dioxane	24	66	–20
7	<b>C1</b>	<b>CHCl<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>24</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>41</b>
8 <sup>[d]</sup>	<b>C2</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	24	66	–24
9	<b>C15</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	24	77	–2
10 <sup>[e]</sup>	<b>C1</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	24	86	32

[a] Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed with 2-furylaceton **1a** (0.3 mmol), 2-oxoindolin-3-ylidenemalononitrile **4** (0.1 mmol), amine **C** (20 mol%) and salicylic acid (**SA**) (40 mol%) in solvent (1.0 mL) at ambient temperature for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Benzoic acid (20 mol%) was used. [e] At 0 °C.

**Table 4.** More acid additive screenings<sup>[a]</sup>

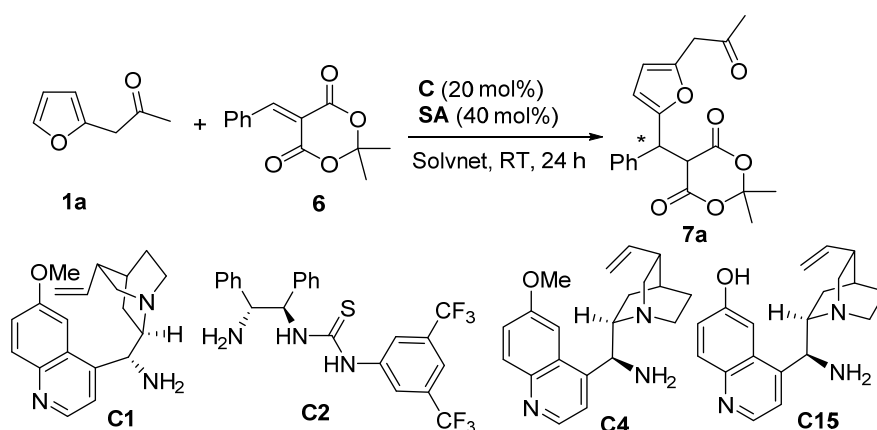


Entry	Acid	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	<i>ee</i> (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>A6</b>	56	20
2	<b>A10</b>	30	12
3	<b>A14</b>	31	13
4	<b>A15</b>	72	38
5	<b>A16</b>	89	25
6	<b>A17</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>
<b>7</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>41</b>

[a] Reactions were conducted with **1a** (0.3 mmol), **4** (0.1 mmol), catalyst **C1** (0.02 mmol), acid (0.04 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL) at ambient temperature for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Not determined.

2-Oxindolin-3-ylidenemalononitrile **4** showed good reactivity with ketone **1a**, affording the desired remote Friedel–Crafts product **5** with a quaternary chiral center. After extensive explorations with a number of amine catalysts and reaction conditions, as outlined in Tables 3 and 4, only a fair *ee* value could be attained.

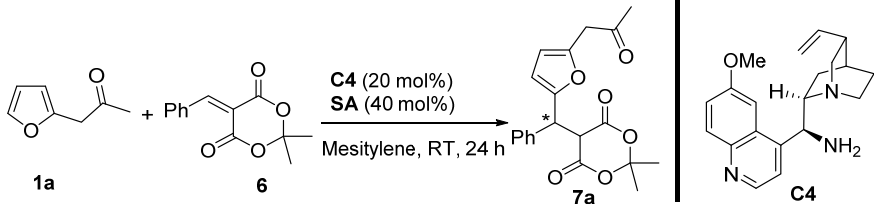
**Table 5.** Catalyst screenings of remote FC alkylation of 2-furylacetonone **1a** with activated alkene **6**<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Cat.	Solvent	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	<i>ee</i> (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>C4</b>	Toluene	24	79	49
2	<b>C4</b>	<i>o</i> -Xylene	24	92	60
3	<b>C4</b>	<i>m</i> -Xylene	24	86	48
4	<b>C4</b>	<b>Mesitylene</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>62</b>
5	<b>C1</b>	Mesitylene	24	83	−34
6 <sup>[d]</sup>	<b>C2</b>	Mesitylene	24	80	−1
7	<b>C15</b>	Mesitylene	24	78	4
8 <sup>[e]</sup>	<b>C4</b>	Mesitylene	48	36	2

[a] Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed with 2-furylacetonone **1a** (0.3 mmol), activated alkene **6** (0.1 mmol), amine **C** (20 mol%) and salicylic acid (SA) (40 mol%) in solvent (1.0 mL) at ambient temperature for 24h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Benzoic acid (20 mol%) was used. [e] At 0 °C.



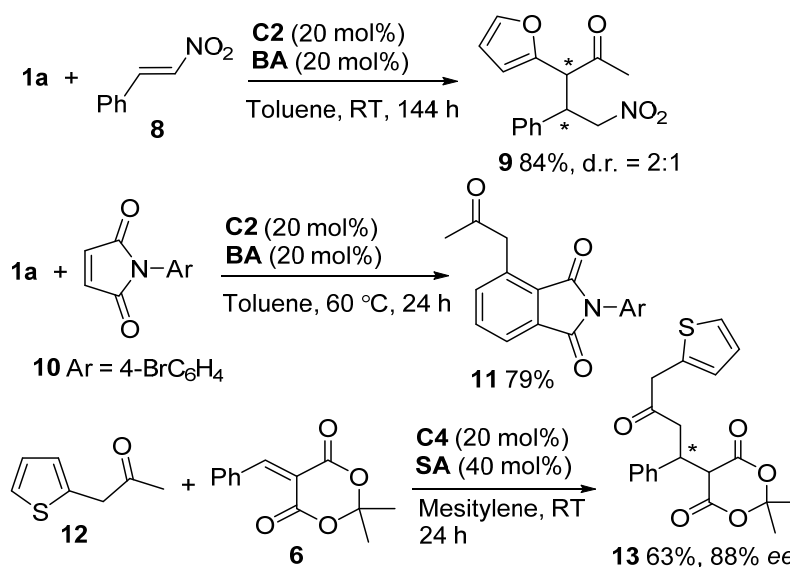
**Table 6.** More acid additive screenings<sup>[a]</sup>


Entry	Acid	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	ee (%) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	<b>A6</b>	92	43
2	<b>A12</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>
3	<b>A15</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>
4	<b>A16</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>
5	<b>A18</b>	<10	ND <sup>[d]</sup>
<b>6</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>62</b>

[a] Reactions were conducted with **1a** (0.3 mmol), **6** (0.1 mmol), catalyst **C4** (0.02 mmol), acid (0.04 mmol) in mesitylene (1.0 mL) at ambient temperature for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Not determined.

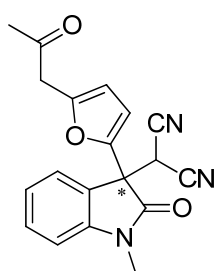
Activated alkene **6** derived from Meldrum's acid also smoothly gave the desired remote FC product **7a** in the reactions with ketone **1a** catalyzed by chiral amine, as outlined in Tables 5 and 6, while the enantioselectivity was still unsatisfactory after extensive screenings.

### Completely different reaction patterns of other heterocyclic ketones and activated alkenes

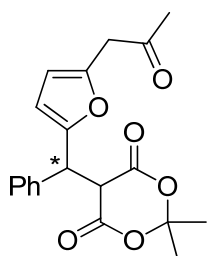


In contrast, completely different reaction patterns were observed for other electrophiles.  $\alpha$ -Regioselective Michael addition of ketone **1a** to less electrophilic  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene **8** was noticed,

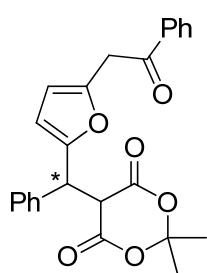
as illustrated above scheme, in the presence of amine **C2** and benzoic acid, and adduct **9** was isolated as a inseparable diastereomeric mixture. A Diels–Alder cycloaddition reaction of ketone **1a** was noticed in reaction with maleimide **10** catalyzed by chiral amine **C2** and **SA** in toluene at 60 °C, delivering aromatic product **11** in a good yield. Moreover, we also successfully synthesized 2-thienylacetone **12**, and  $\alpha'$ -regioselective Michael addition product **13** was obtained in reaction with the activated alkene **6**. However, 2-pyrrolylacetone was unstable under the catalytic conditions.



**2-(1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)indolin-3-yl)malononitrile (5)** was obtained in 84% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 41% by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 12.15$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.81$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -17$  ( $c = 0.50$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.76$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.21-6.19 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 203.0, 170.2, 151.2, 144.8, 143.8, 131.4, 125.2, 124.0, 123.1, 112.2, 110.4, 109.7, 109.5, 109.4, 52.6, 43.1, 29.8, 29.2, 27.0$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  356.1006, found 356.1010.

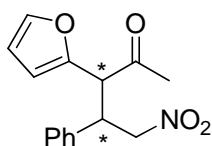


**2,2-Dimethyl-5-((5-(2-oxopropyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (7a)** was obtained in 87% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 62% after methylation with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  (acetone,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , rt) by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.89$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.34$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -10$  ( $c = 0.75$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.49$ -7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.15 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.00-5.99 (m, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 204.4, 164.2, 152.8, 147.2, 137.1, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 109.5, 109.1, 105.2, 50.4, 44.0, 43.4, 28.8, 28.1, 27.7$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_6 + \text{Na}^+$  379.1152, found 379.1153.

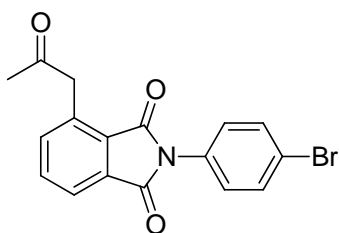


**2,2-Dimethyl-5-((5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (7b)** was obtained in 80% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 37% after methylation with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  (acetone,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , rt) by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak AD column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 9.66$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.81$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -14$  ( $c = 0.35$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.98$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H),

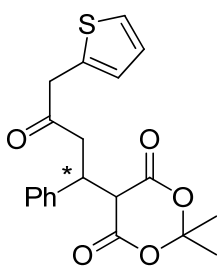
7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.18 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 194.8, 164.2, 164.0, 152.5, 147.2, 137.1, 136.1, 133.3, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 109.4, 109.3, 105.1, 50.3, 44.0, 38.6, 28.1, 27.7$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_6 + \text{Na}^+$  441.1309, found 441.1300.



**3-(furan-2-yl)-5-nitro-4-phenylpentan-2-one (9)** was obtained in 84% yield after flash chromatography. dr = 2:1 ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.47-7.46$  (m, 0.67H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 4.66H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 0.67H), 6.42-6.41 (m, 0.67H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 0.67H), 6.20-6.19 (m, 0.33H), 6.03 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 0.33H), 4.90-4.76 (m, 0.67H), 4.55-4.51 (m, 1.33H), 4.38-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.21 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.98 (s, 2H) ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}^+$  296.0893, found 296.0900. *In addition, attempts to determine the ee values of the diastereomers were unsuccessful.*

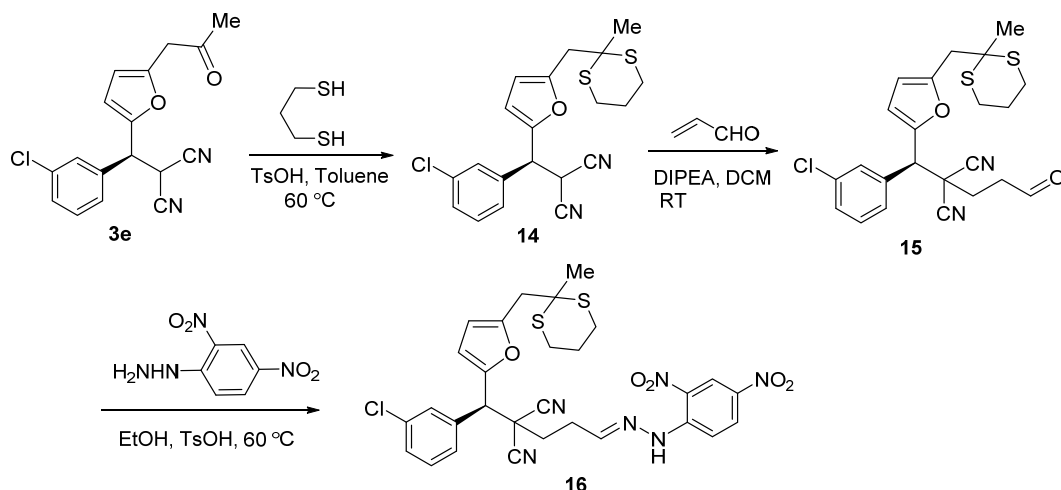


**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(2-oxopropyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (11)** was obtained in 79% yield after flash chromatography;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.88$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 204.1, 137.2, 134.4, 134.1, 132.2, 132.0, 128.9, 128.0, 122.8, 121.8, 45.7, 30.3$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  379.9898 ( $^{79}\text{Br}$ ), 381.9878 ( $^{81}\text{Br}$ ), found 379.9893, 381.9872.



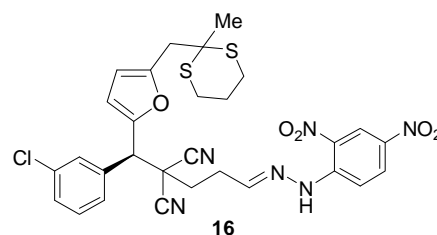
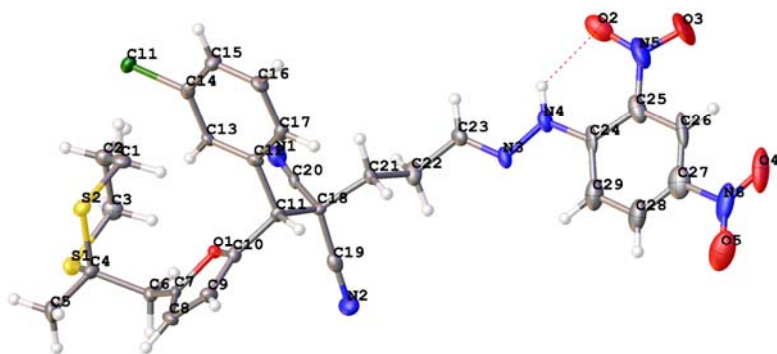
**2,2-Dimethyl-5-(3-oxo-1-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)butyl)-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (13)** was obtained in 63% yield and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 88% after methylation with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  (acetone,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , rt) by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (40% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.04$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 20.17$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -20.9$  ( $c = 0.75$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.30-7.22$  (m, 6H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.89 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 206.1, 165.3, 165.0, 139.3, 136.6, 134.4, 130.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 125.3, 119.4, 117.6, 105.3, 48.8, 43.8, 43.7, 28.0, 27.8, 27.6$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5\text{S} + \text{Na}^+$  395.0924, found 395.0920.

## 6. Synthetic transformations of the chiral product



To an anhydrous toluene solution of product **3e** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added 1,3-propanedithiol (11 mg, 0.1 mmol) and a catalytic amount of TsOH (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) at ambient temperature. Then the solution was stirred overnight at 60 °C. After completion, the solution was evaporated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford product **14** which was directly dissolved by dichloromethane and reacted with acrolein (8.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) and DIPEA (19 mg, 0.15 mmol) at room temperature. After 10 min, diluted hydrochloric acid was added. Then the mixture was extracted by DCM. The organic solvent was evaporated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8:1) to afford product **15**. To the solution of EtOH of product **15** was added 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (29 mg, 0.15 mmol) and a catalytic amount of TsOH (3 mg, 0.02 mmol) at ambient temperature. The mixture was stirred overnight at 60 °C. When the reaction was completed, the solution was evaporated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to afford product **16** in 79% yield for three steps and the enantiomeric excess was determined to be 92%, determined by HPLC analysis on Chiralpak IC column (30% 2-propanol/*n*-hexane, 1 mL/min), UV 220nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 47.88$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 53.89$  min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 23.3$  ( $c = 0.15$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 11.08$  (s, 1H), 9.10 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd,  $J = 9.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 3.35 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.78 (m, 4H), 2.36-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 153.0, 147.0, 146.9, 144.8, 138.3, 136.1, 135.0, 130.3, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 127.5, 123.4, 116.4, 114.2, 114.1, 111.7, 110.0, 51.0, 48.0, 42.3, 39.8, 33.2, 28.8, 27.9, 26.8, 26.7, 24.8$  ppm; ESI HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_5\text{S}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  661.1065, found 661.1066.

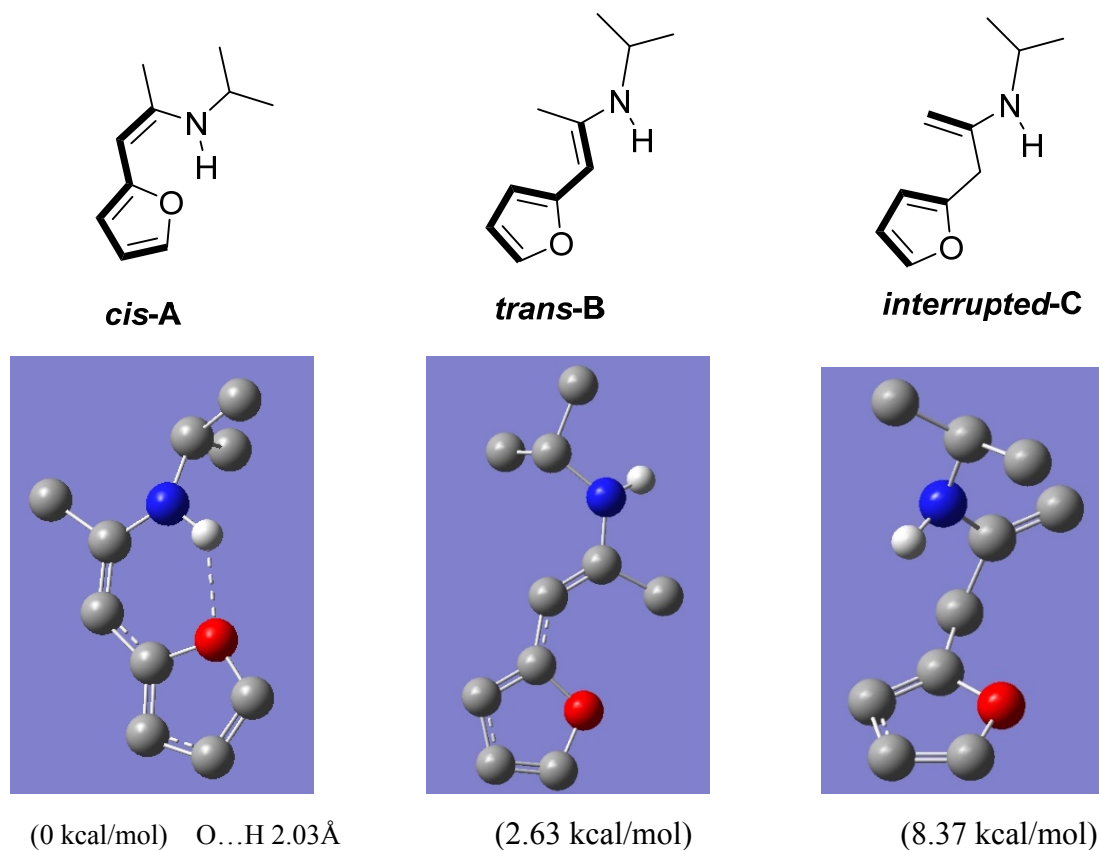
## 7. Crystal data and structure refinement for enantiopure **16**



Identification code	<b>16</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	639.14
Temperature	98.4 K
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2
a / Å, b / Å, c / Å	37.1283(19), 7.9035(4), 10.3537(7)
α / °, β / °, γ / °	90.00, 93.769(5), 90.00
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	3031.7(3)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> / mg mm <sup>-3</sup>	1.400
μ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.313
F(000)	1328
Crystal size	0.20 x 0.08 x 0.03 mm
Theta range for data collection	6.12 to 52 deg.
Index ranges	-45 ≤ h ≤ 45, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	14244
Independent reflections	5871 [R(int) = 0.0679 (inf-0.9Å)]
Data / restraints / parameters	5871 / 1 / 389
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.942
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0484, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0897
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0719, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0947
Absolute structure parameter	0.05(6)
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.720/-0.299

## 8. Proposed catalytic mechanism for the remote Friedel–Crafts reaction

In order to gain some insight into the catalytic mechanism for the Friedel–Crafts reaction of 2-furylacetone **1a** and electron-deficient alkene, we first investigated the possible enamine intermediate between ketone **1a** and a simplified primary amine catalyst 2-propylamine by computational calculations. To find out the global minimum conformation of enamines *cis-A*, *trans-B*, and *interrupted-C*, a conformational search was performed using Discovery Studio software<sup>[4]</sup> with a systematic searches method. The total 74 corresponding minimum geometries were fully optimized using DFT at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, as implemented in the Gaussian 03 program package.<sup>[5]</sup> All of them displayed no imaginary frequencies. It shows that the energy of enamine *cis-A* is lower than that of enamine *trans-B* by 2.63 kcal/mol, which can be ascribed to the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between N-H and O-atom of furan ring. In contrast, as outlined in the following scheme, enamine *interrupted-C* has much higher energy than enamine *cis-A* by 8.37 kcal/mol, indicating that the conjugated enamine *cis-A* would be favored.



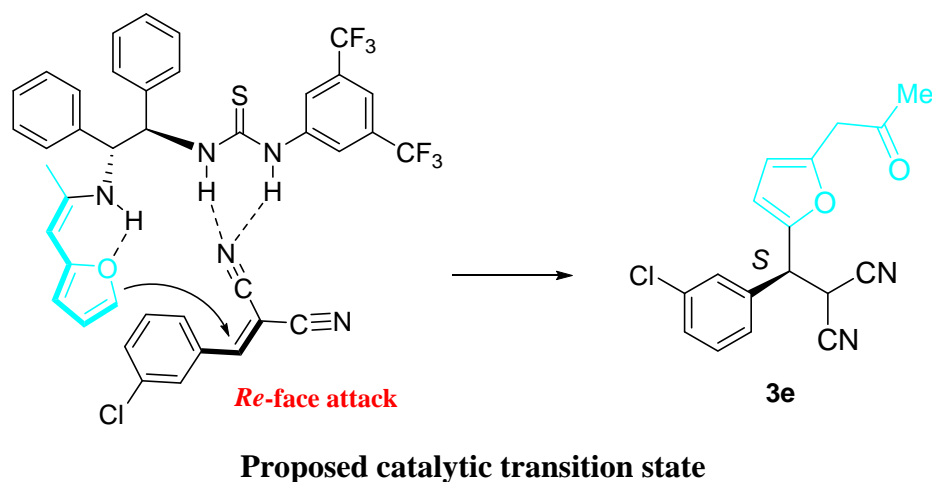
### Proposed simplified enamine species and DFT computational calculations

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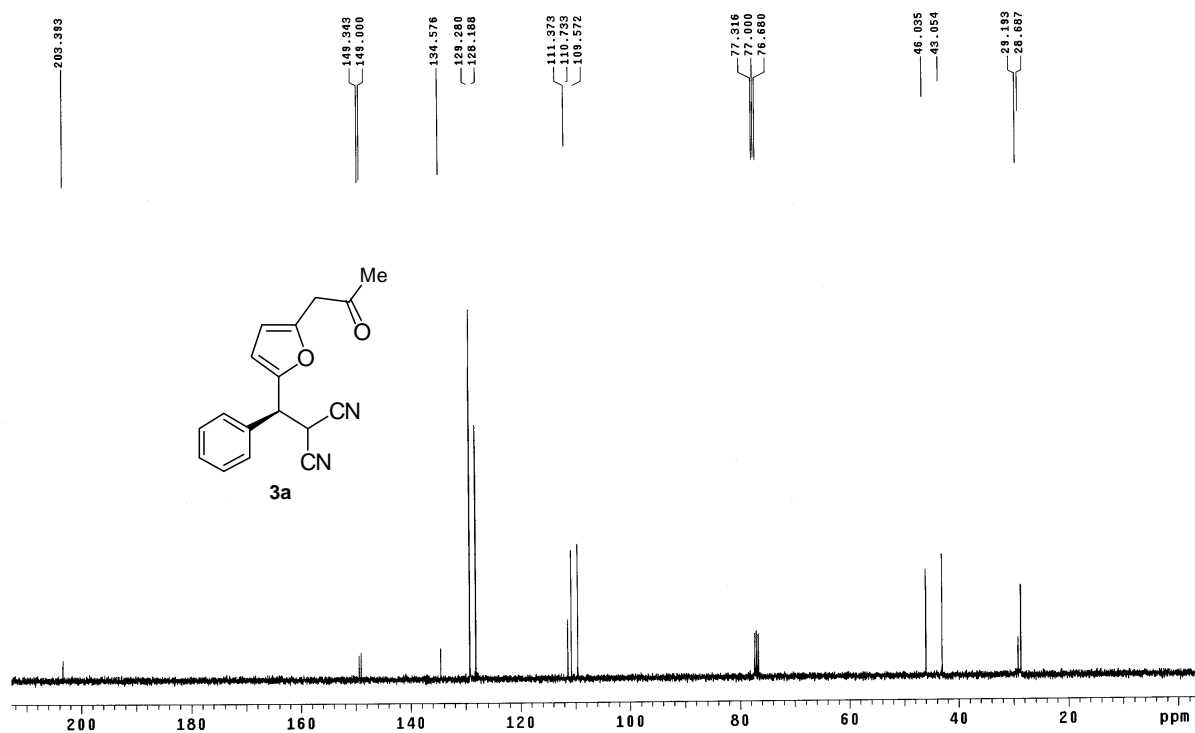
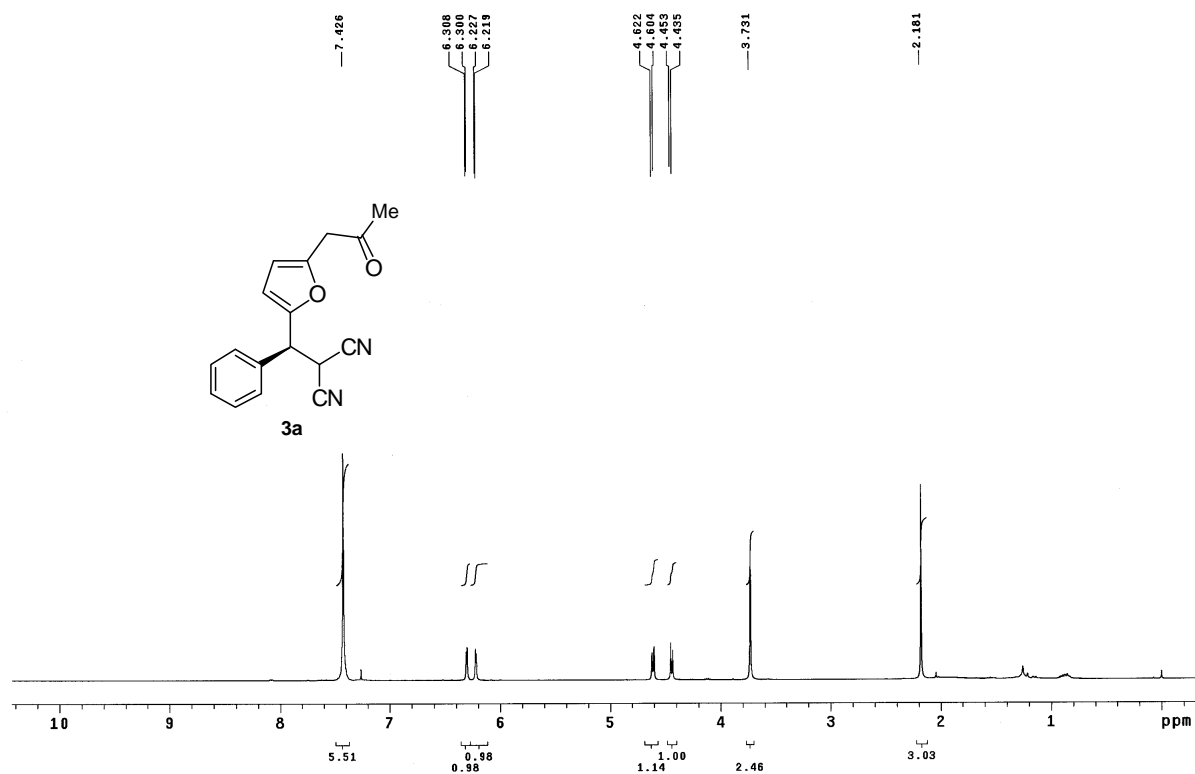
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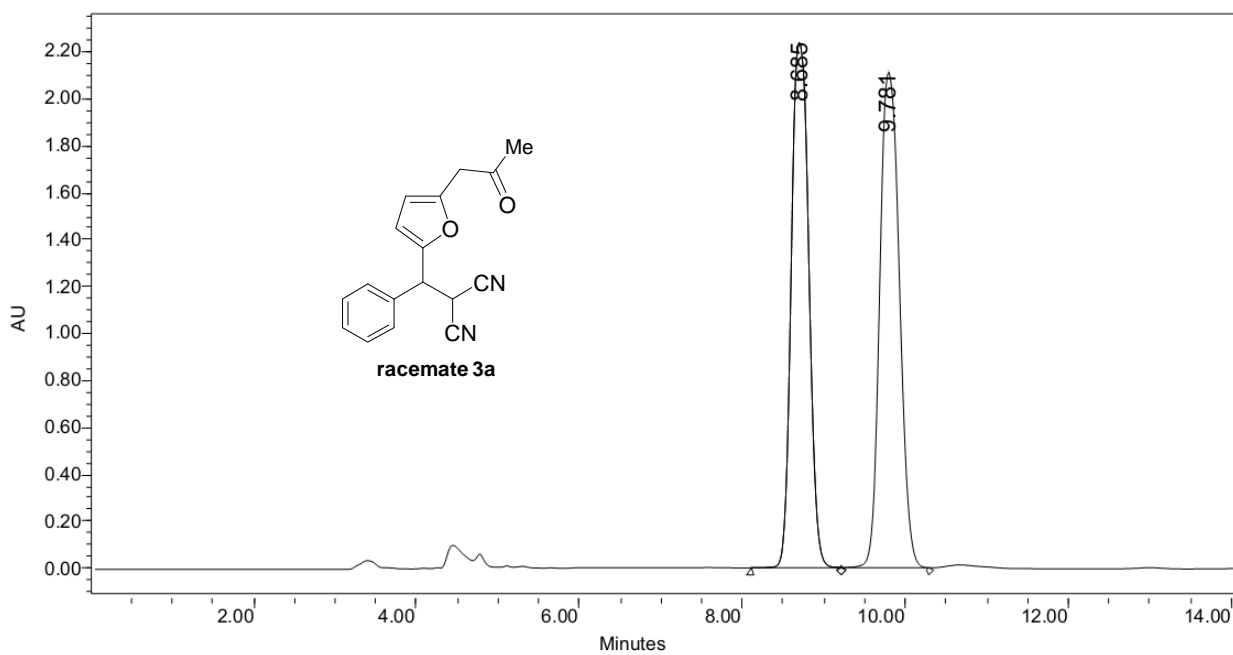
Based on the preliminary computational studies on enamine intermediates and the absolute configuration of product **3e**, a plausible catalytic mechanism was proposed. As outlined in the following scheme, a conjugated *cis*-enamine is formed between primary amine group and 2-furylacetone **1a**. Owing to the interesting intramolecular hydrogen-bonding interaction between NH group and furan ring, the remote 5-site would be closer to alkylidenemalononitrile which is concertedly activated by bifunctional thiourea group of catalyst **C2**. Subsequently, *Re*-face attack by HOMO-raised furan ring would give the observed enantioenriched product (*S*)-**3e**.



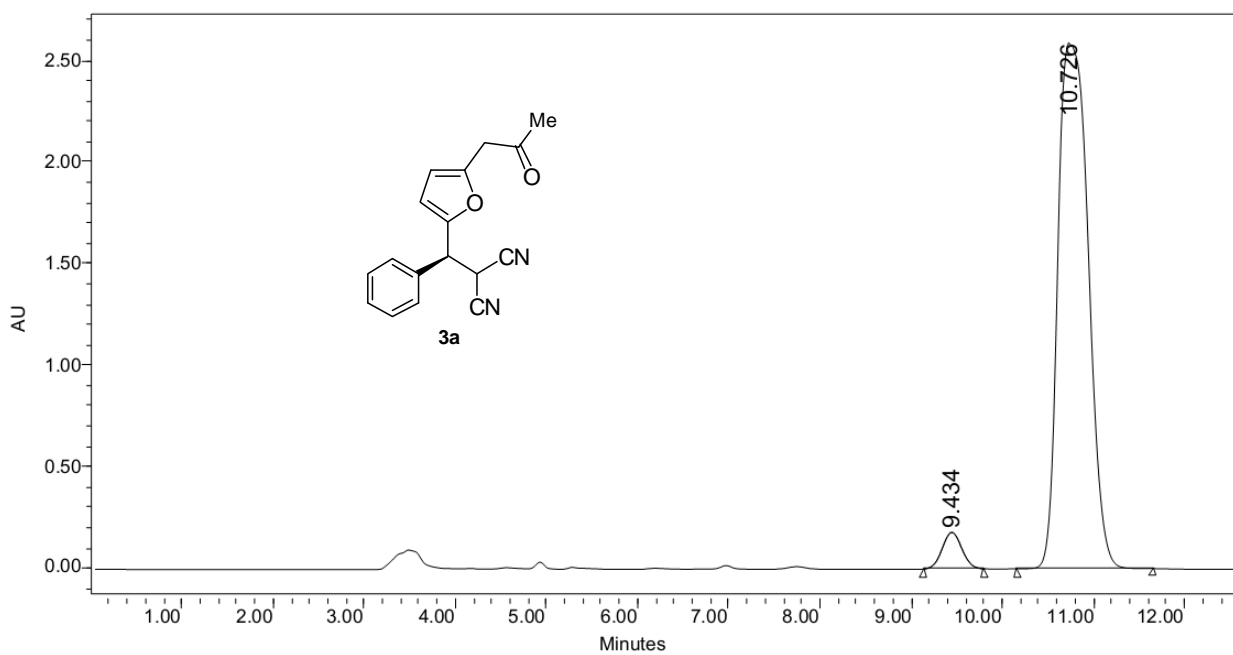
## 9. NMR spectra and HPLC chromatograms



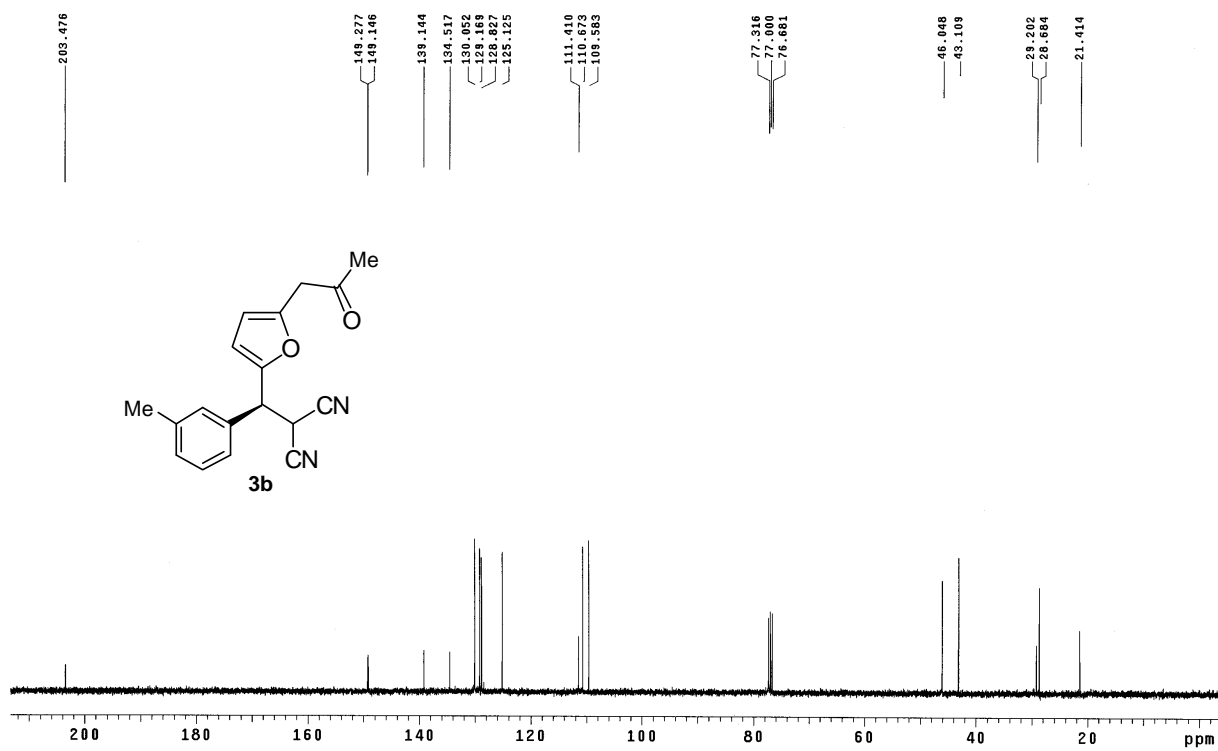
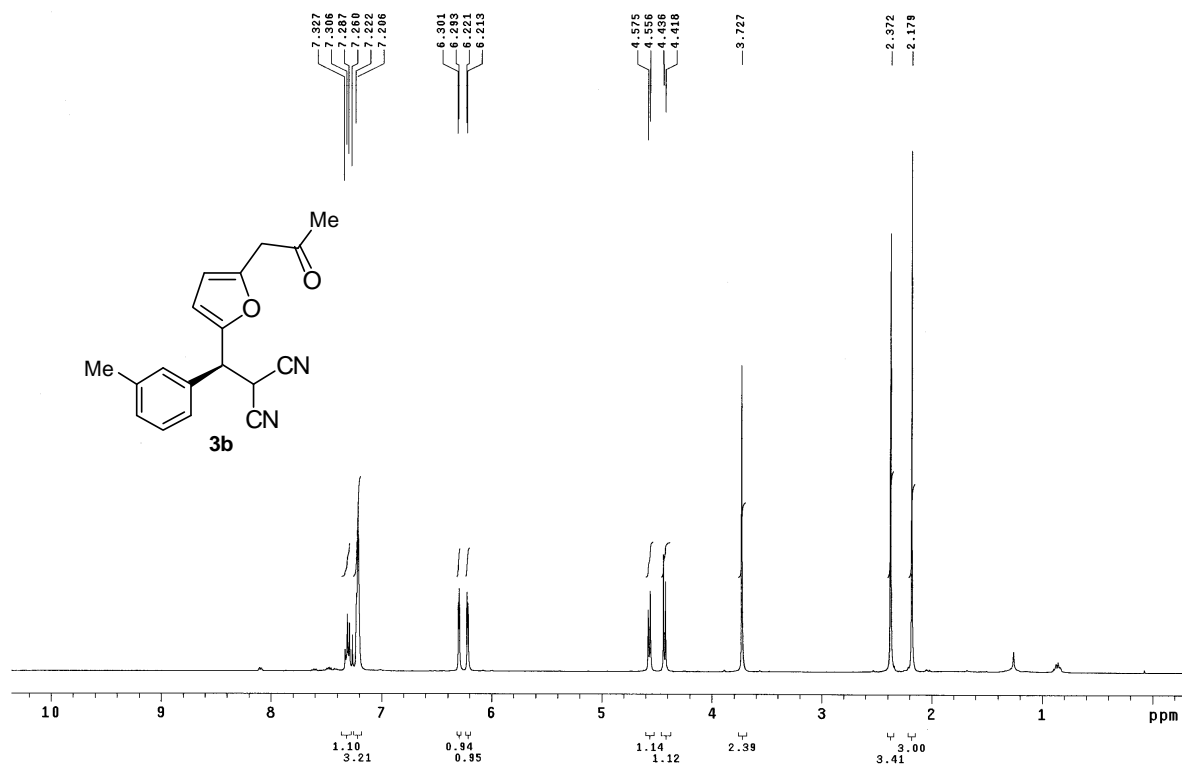


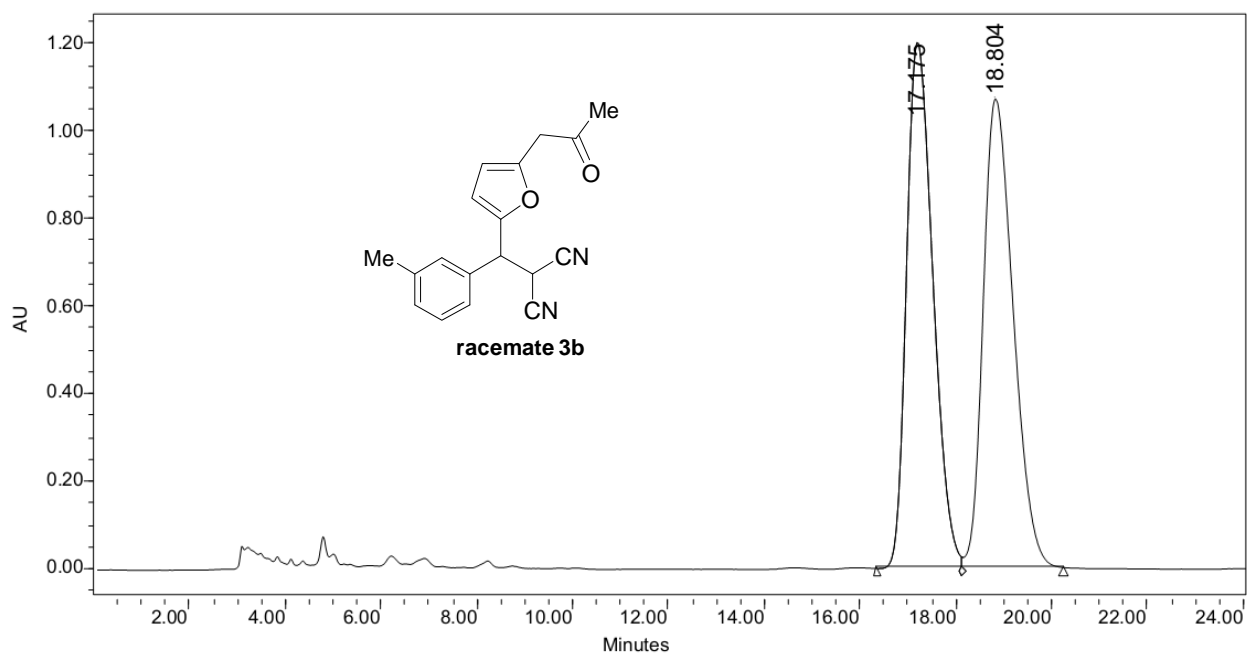


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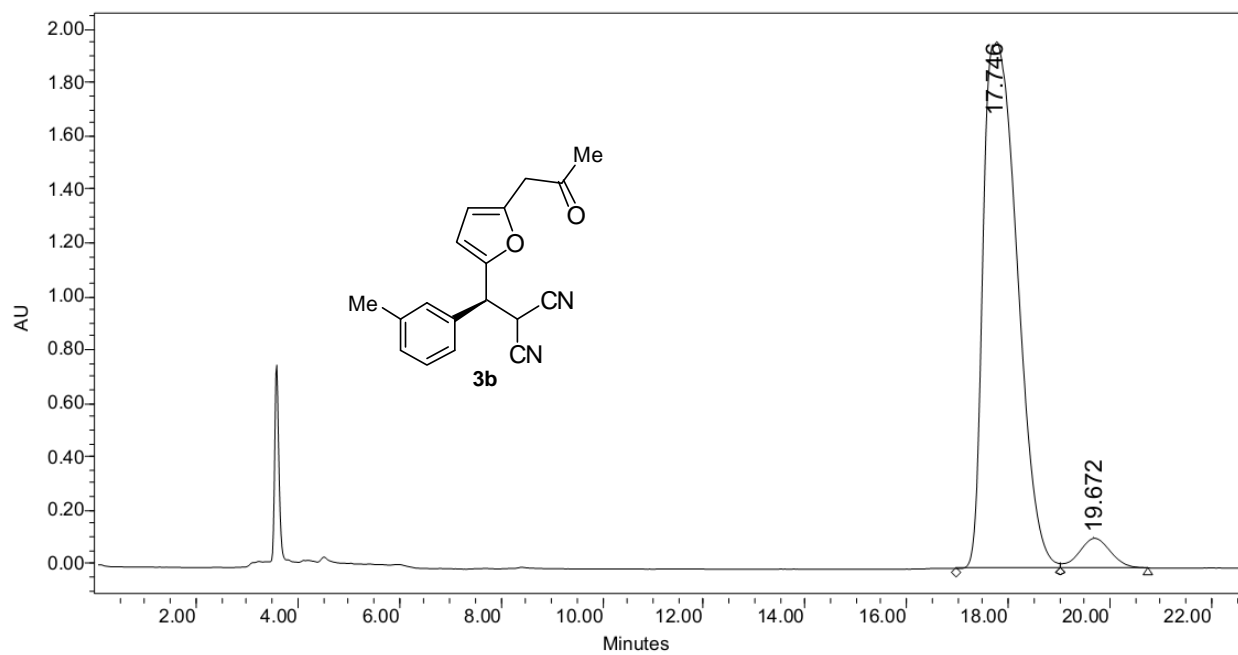


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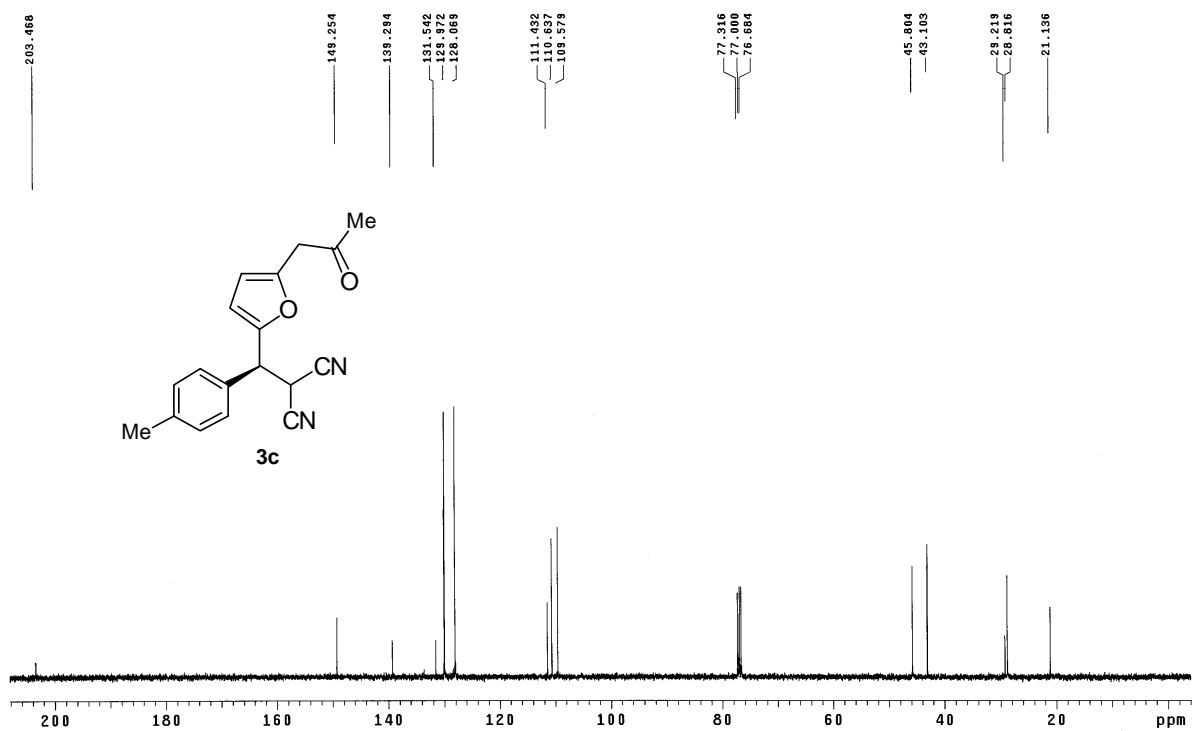
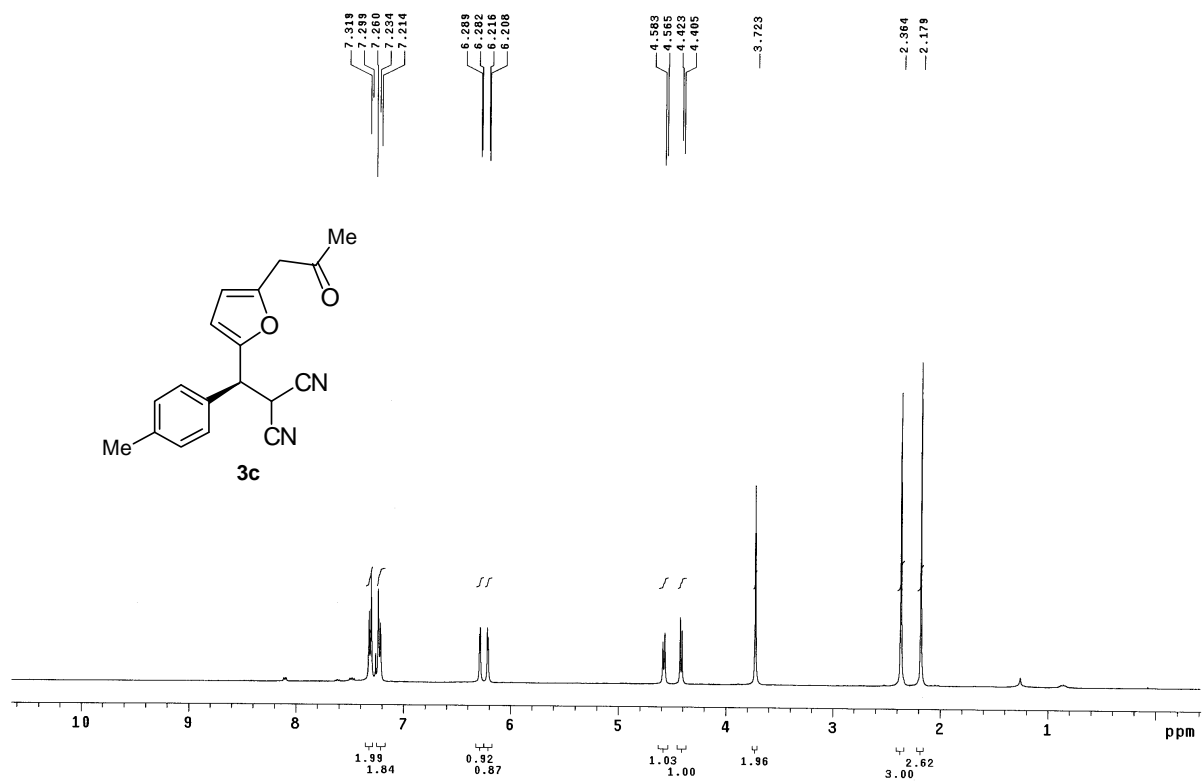


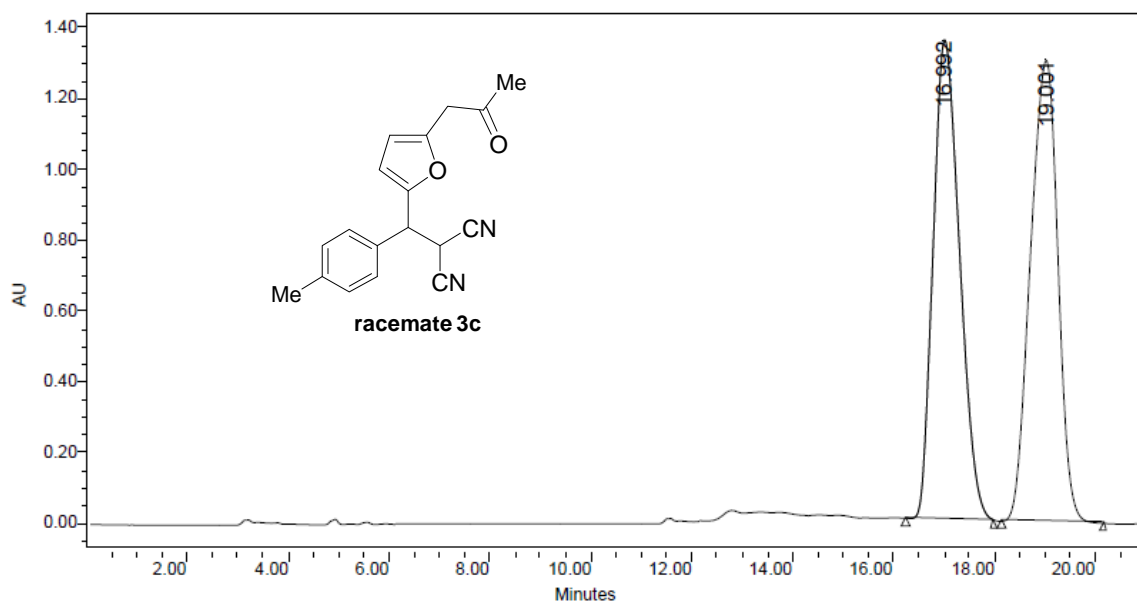


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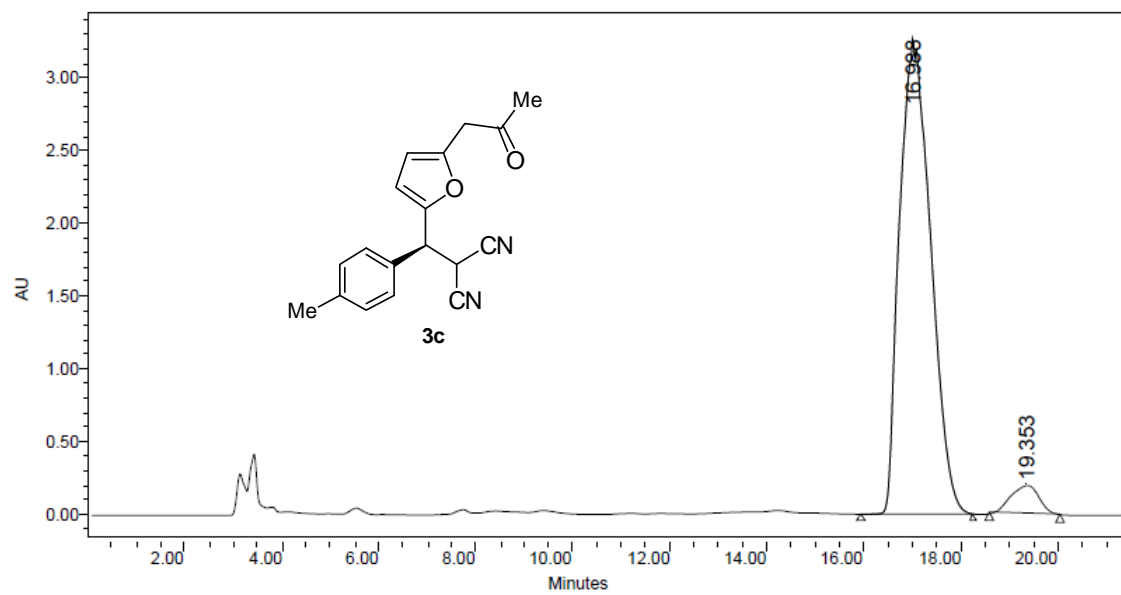


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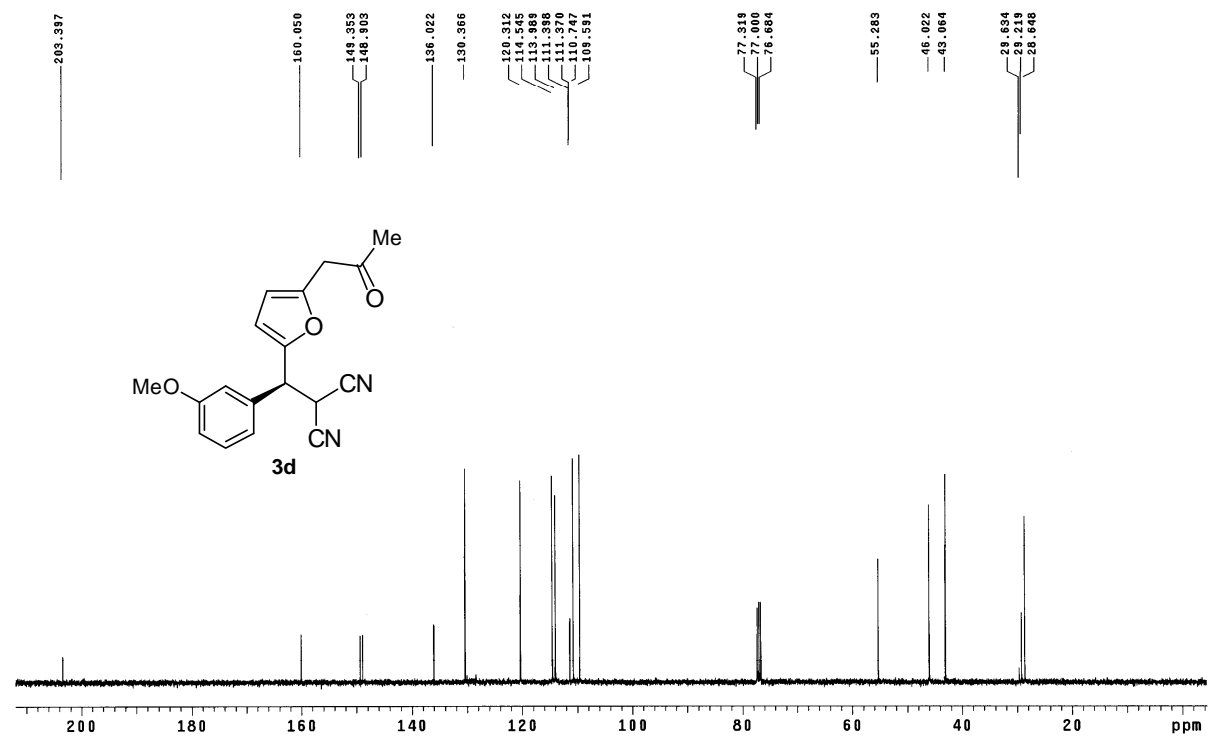
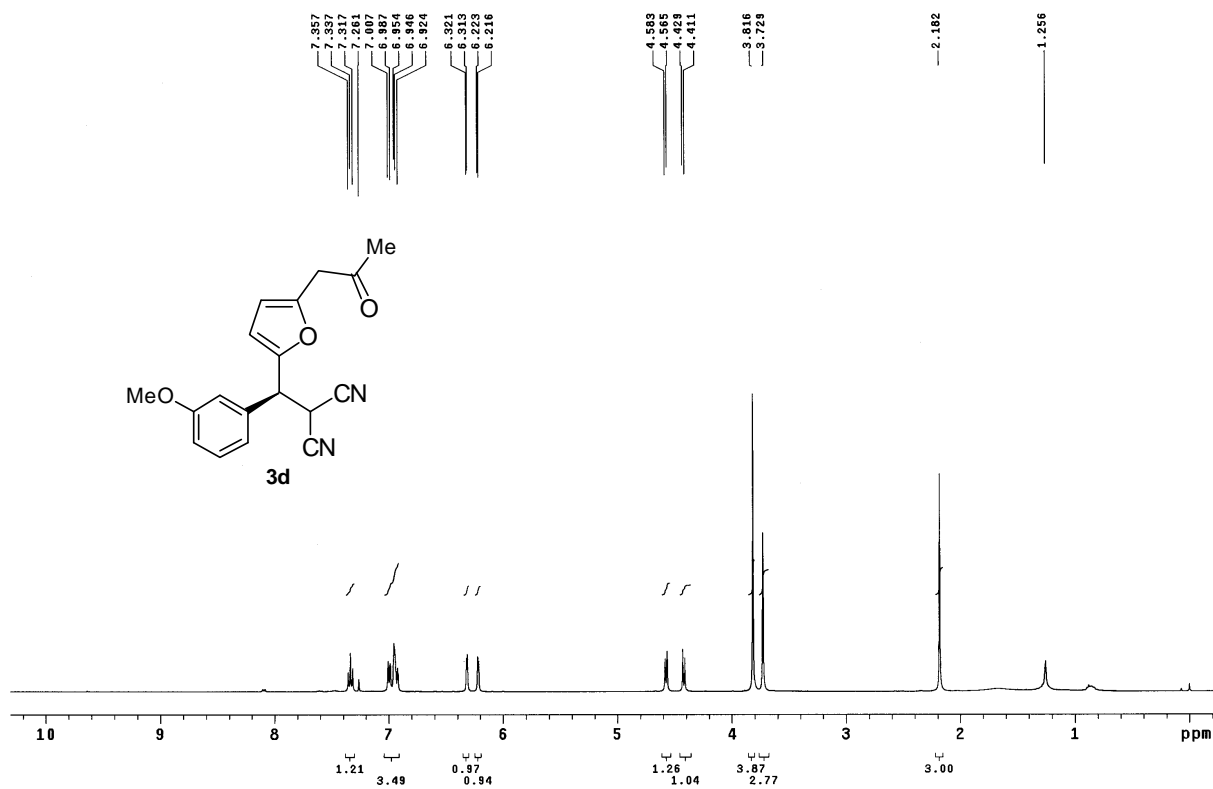


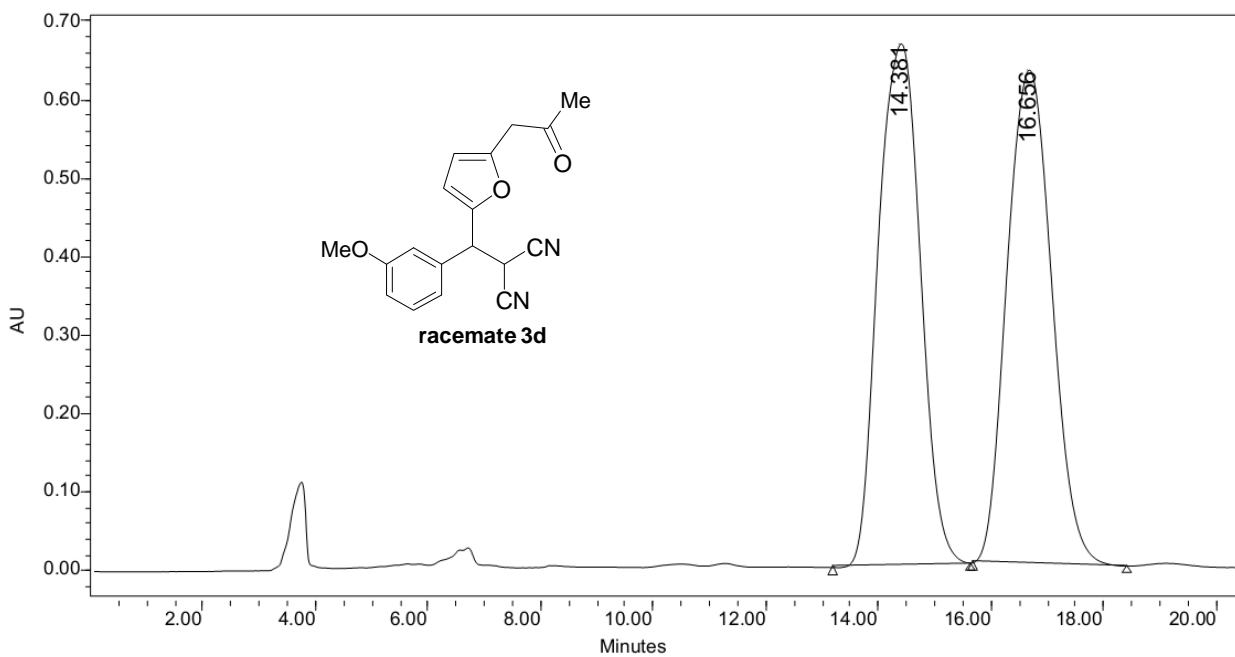


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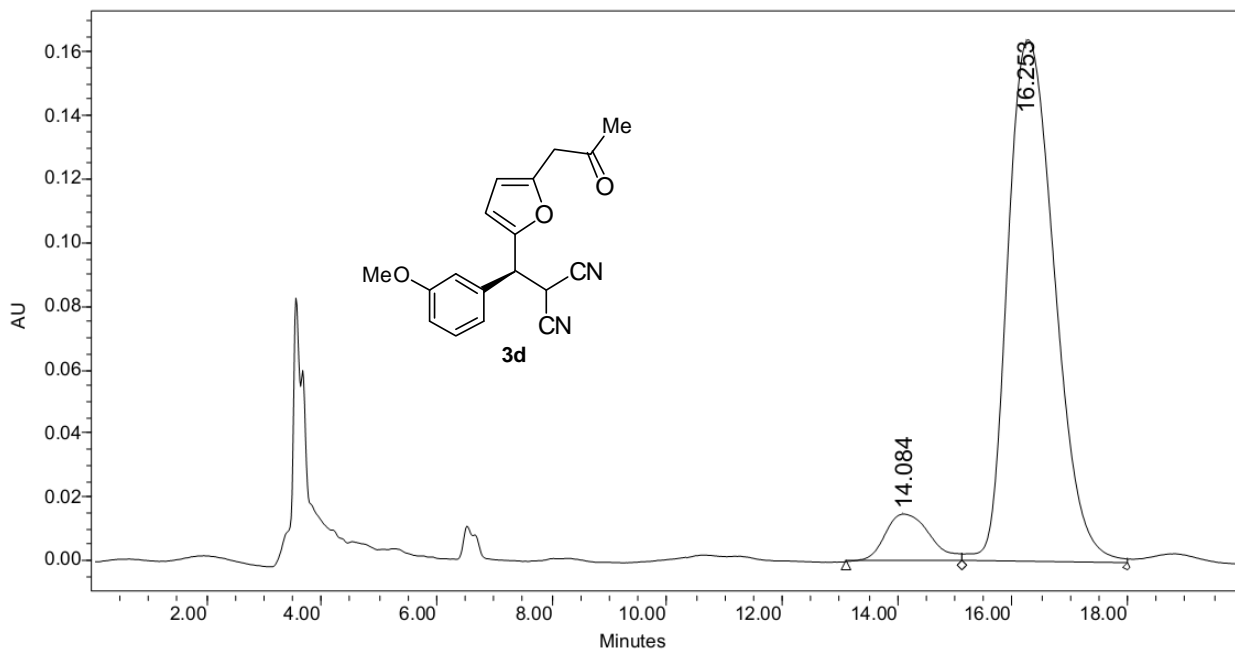


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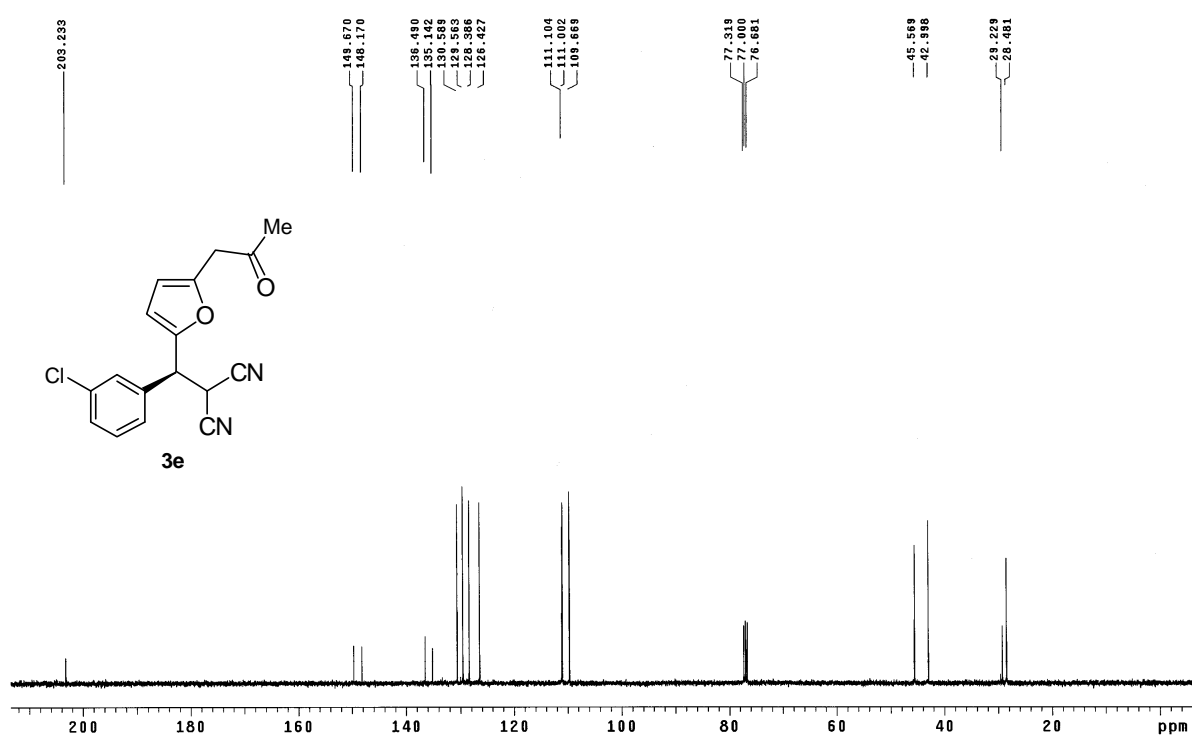
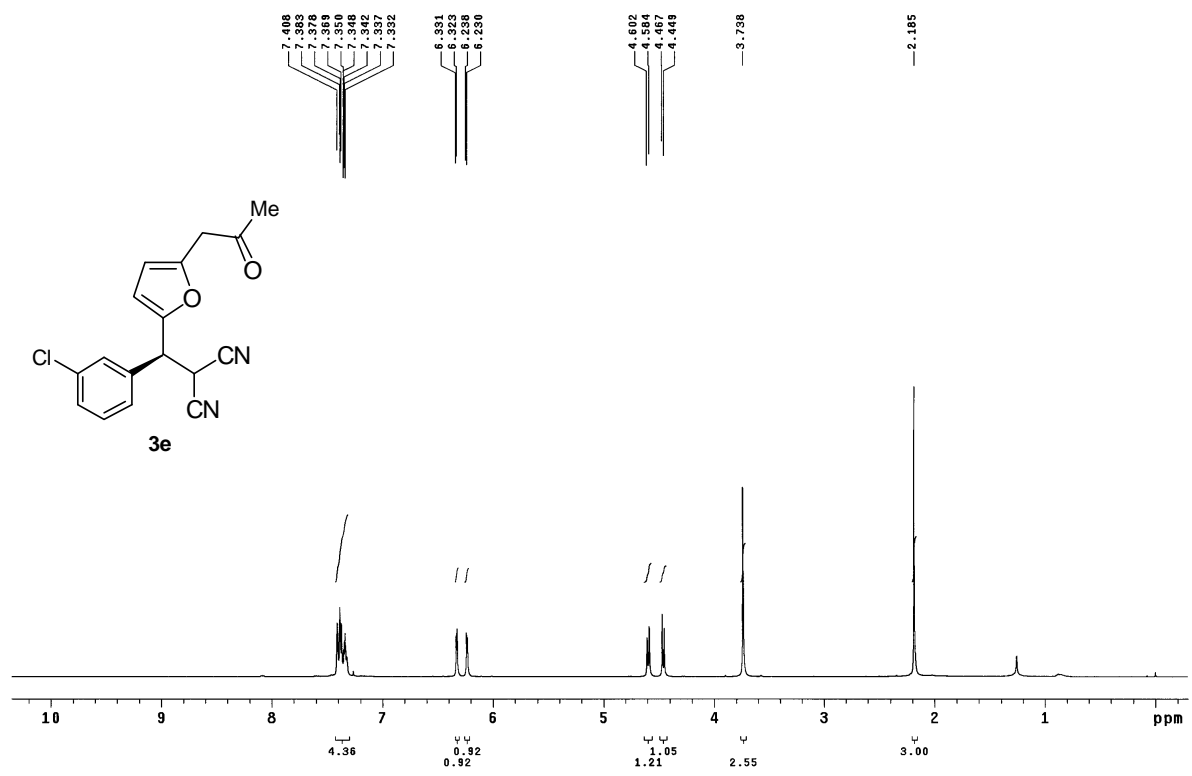




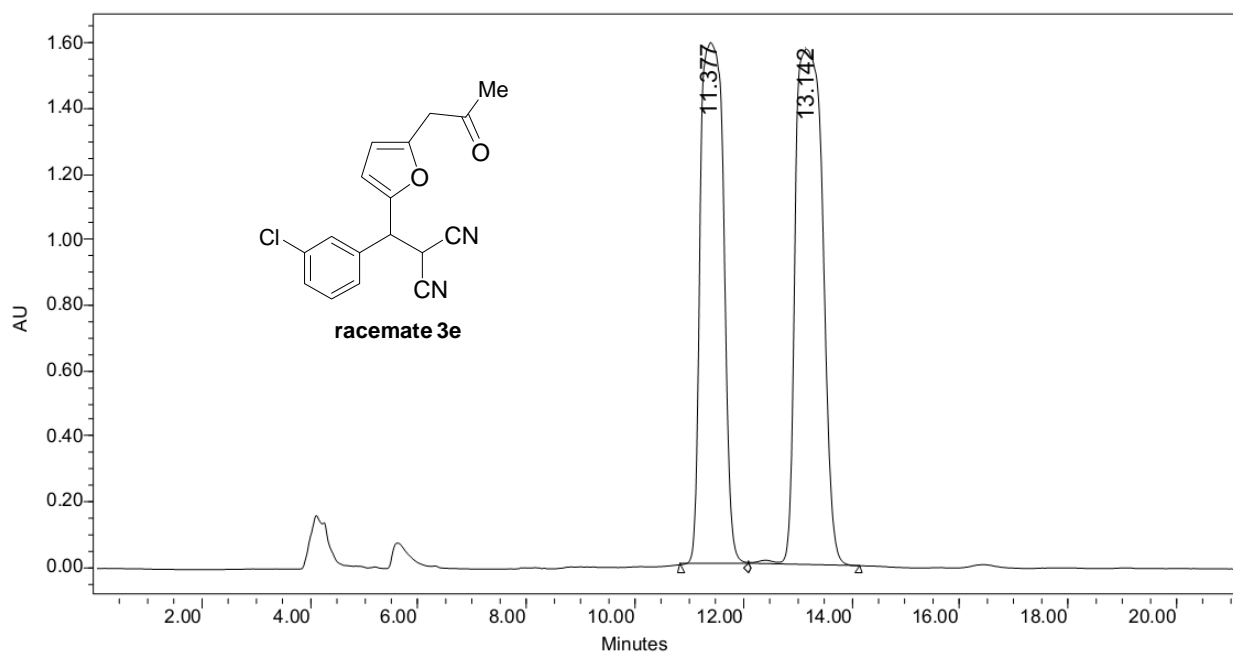
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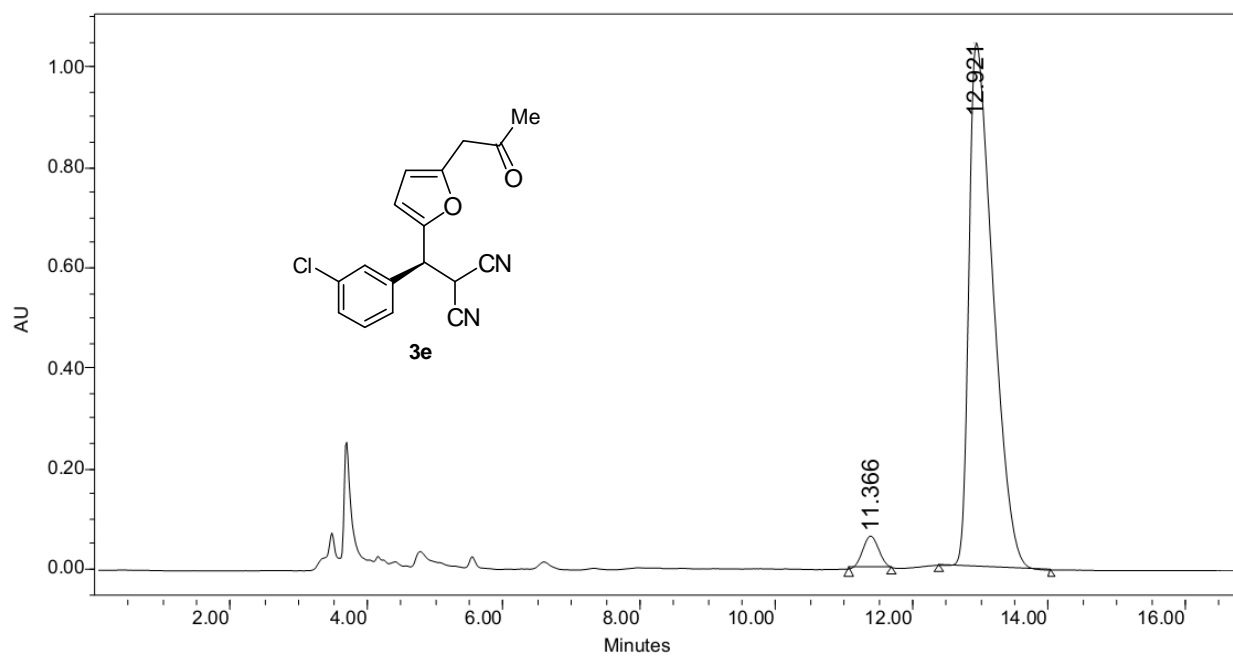
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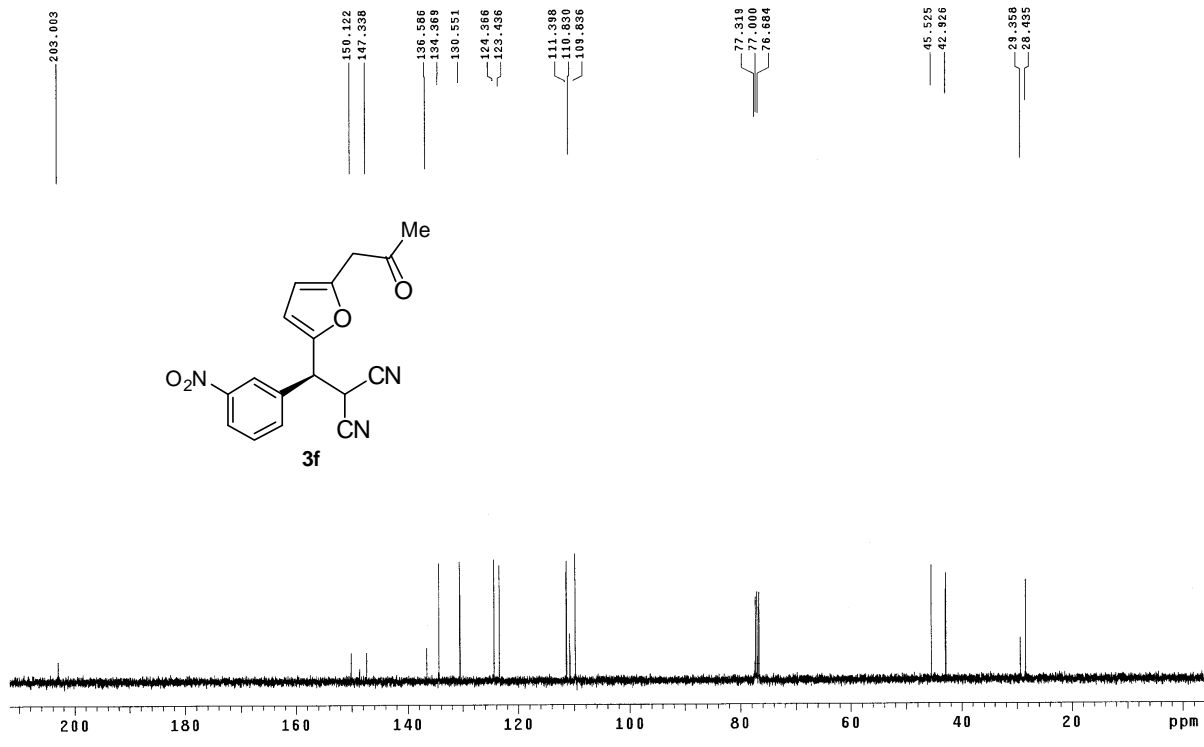
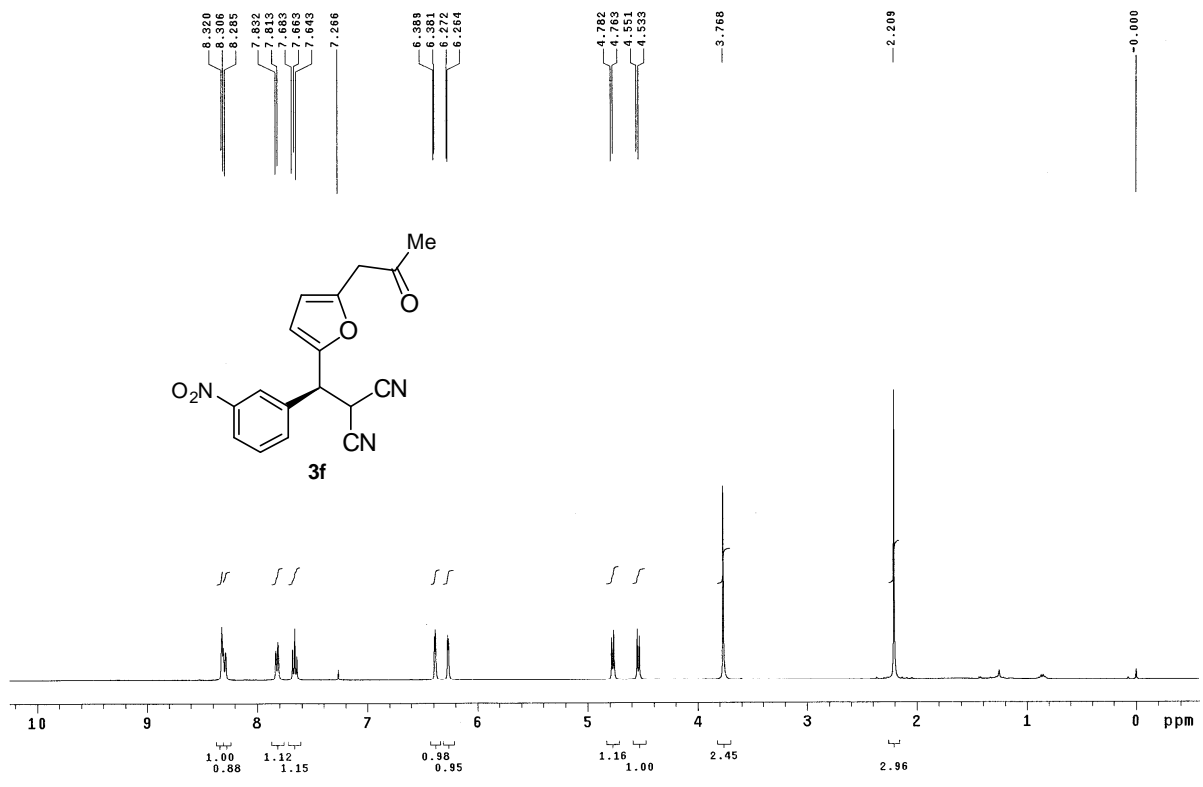


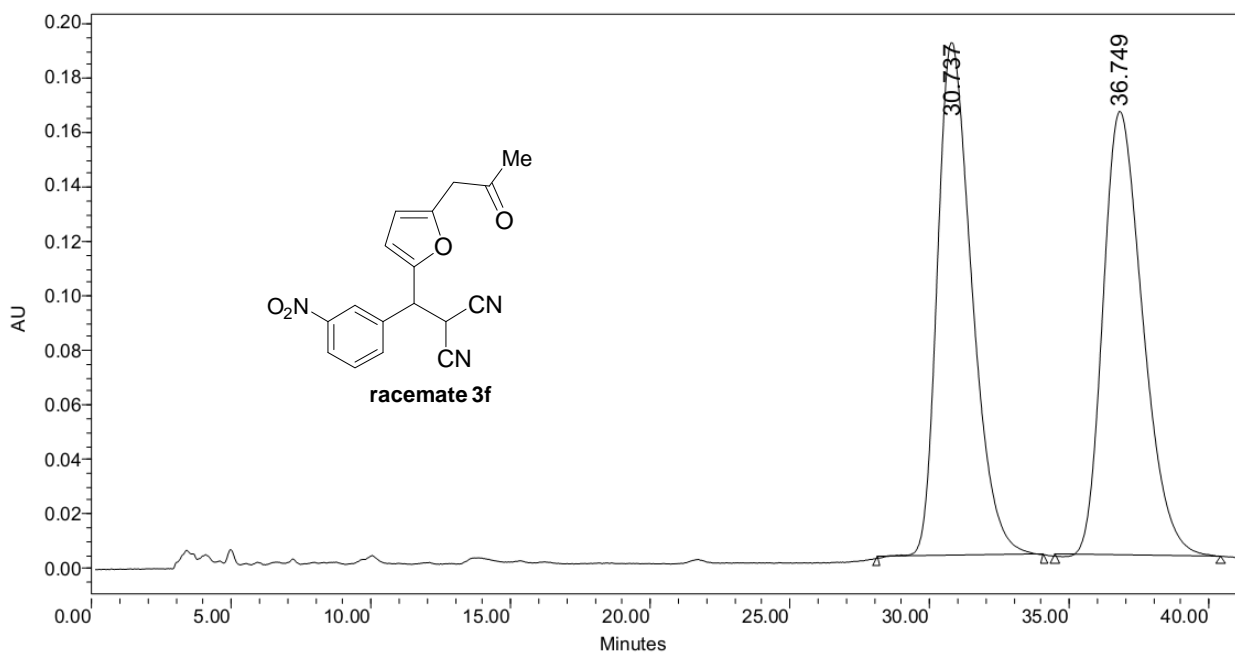


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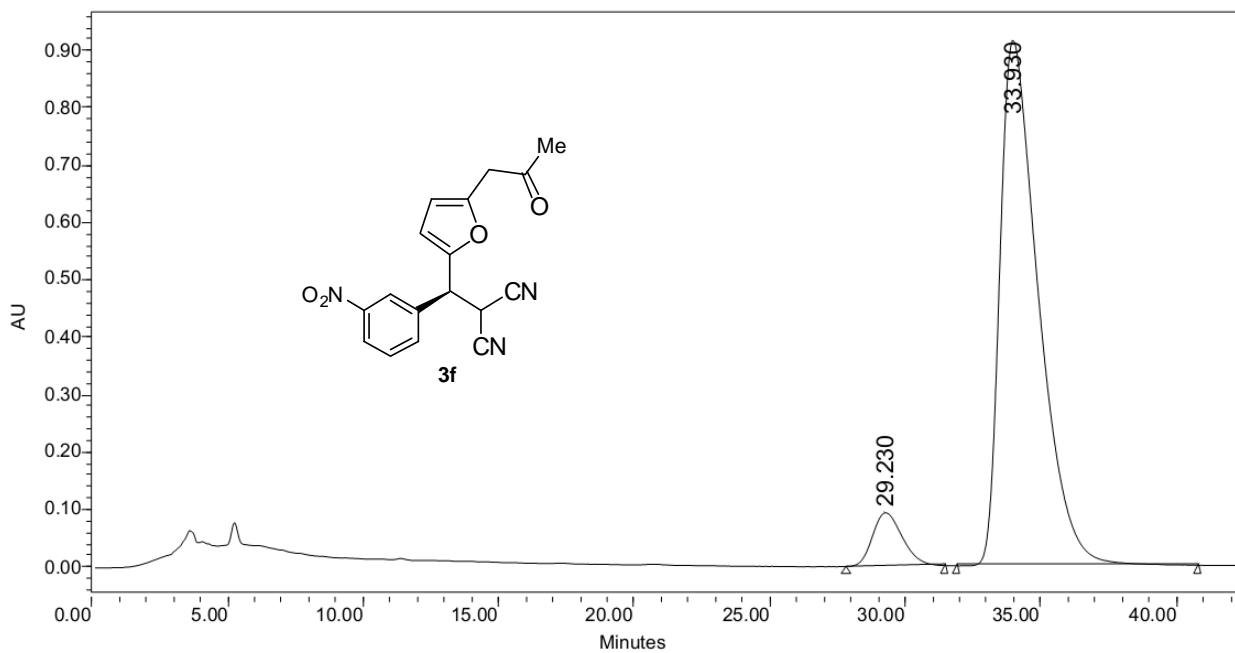


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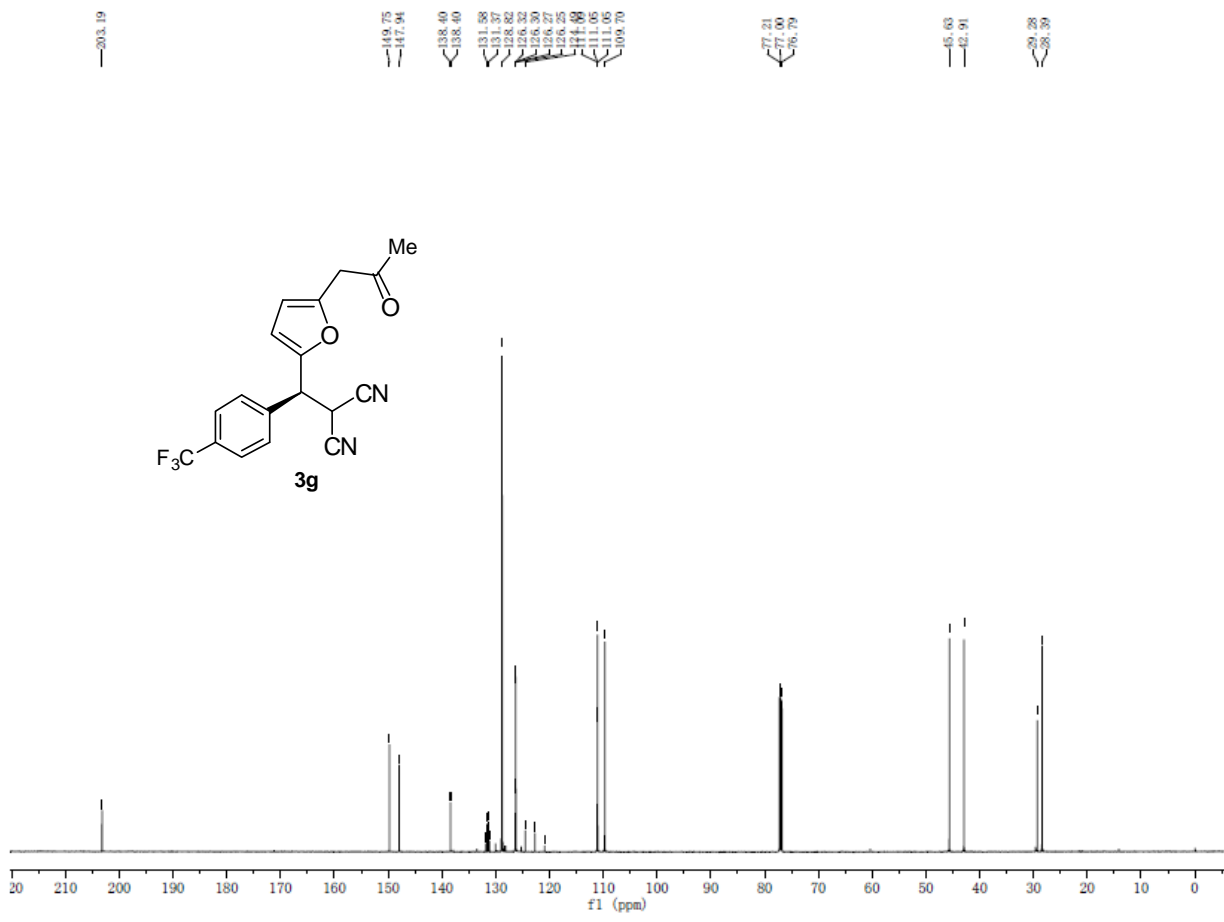
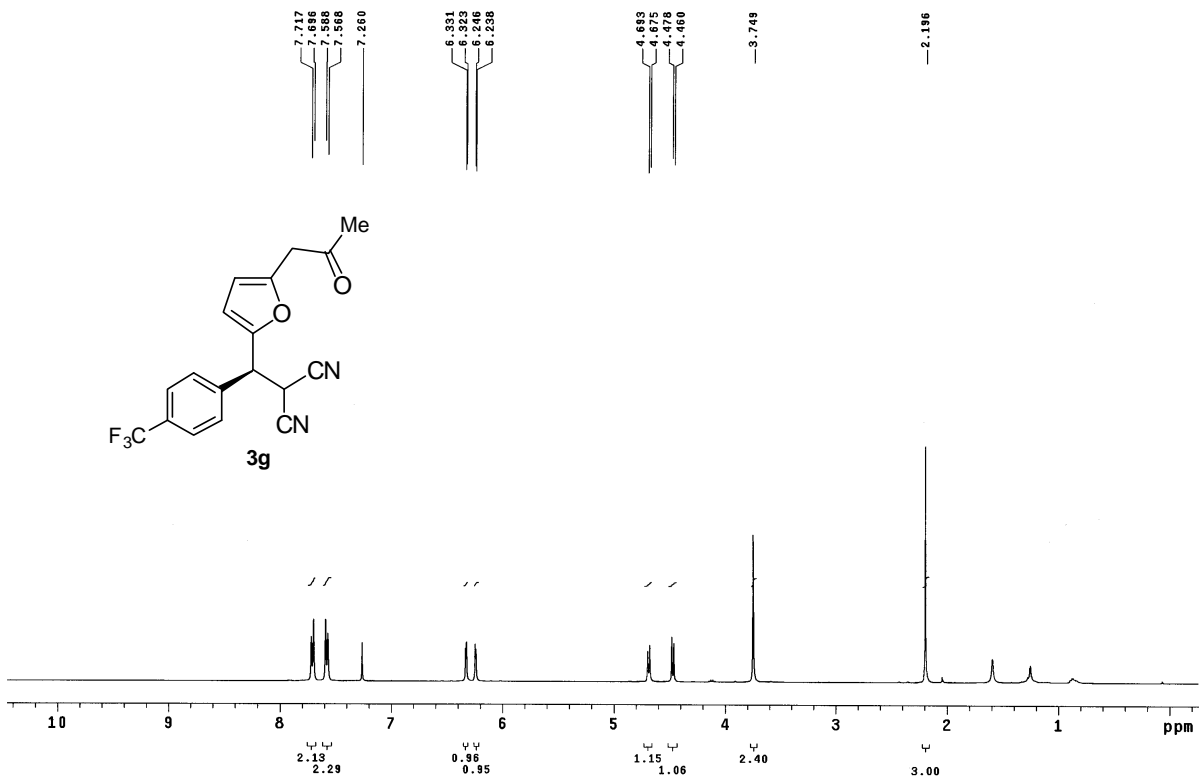


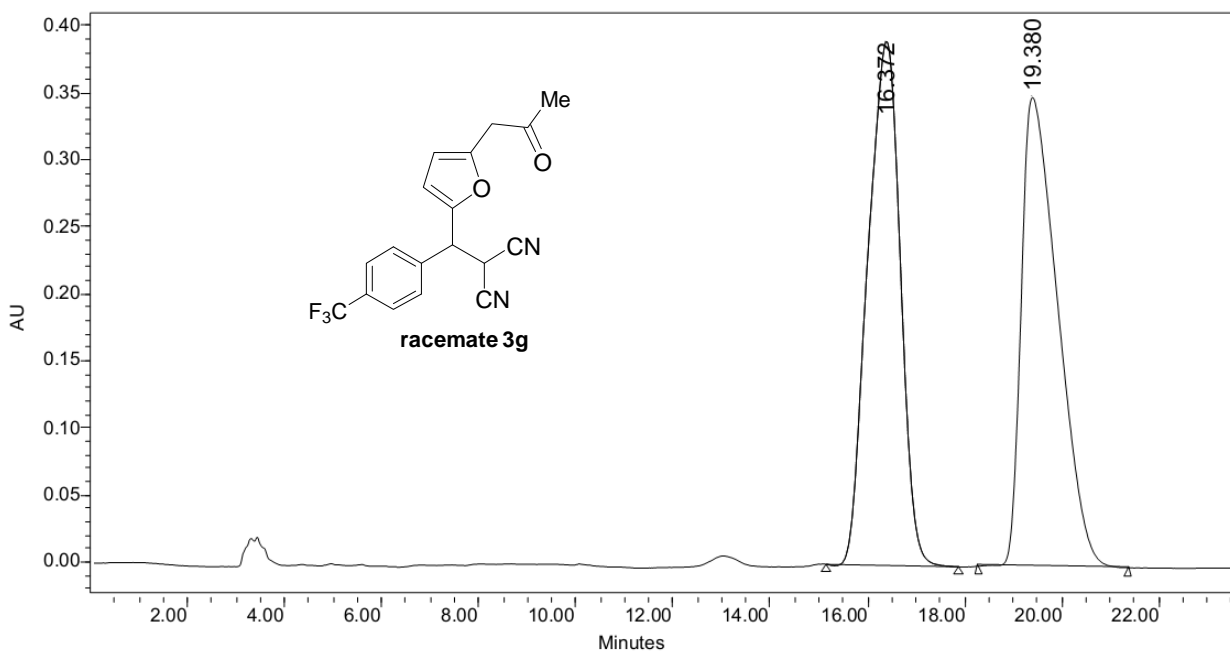


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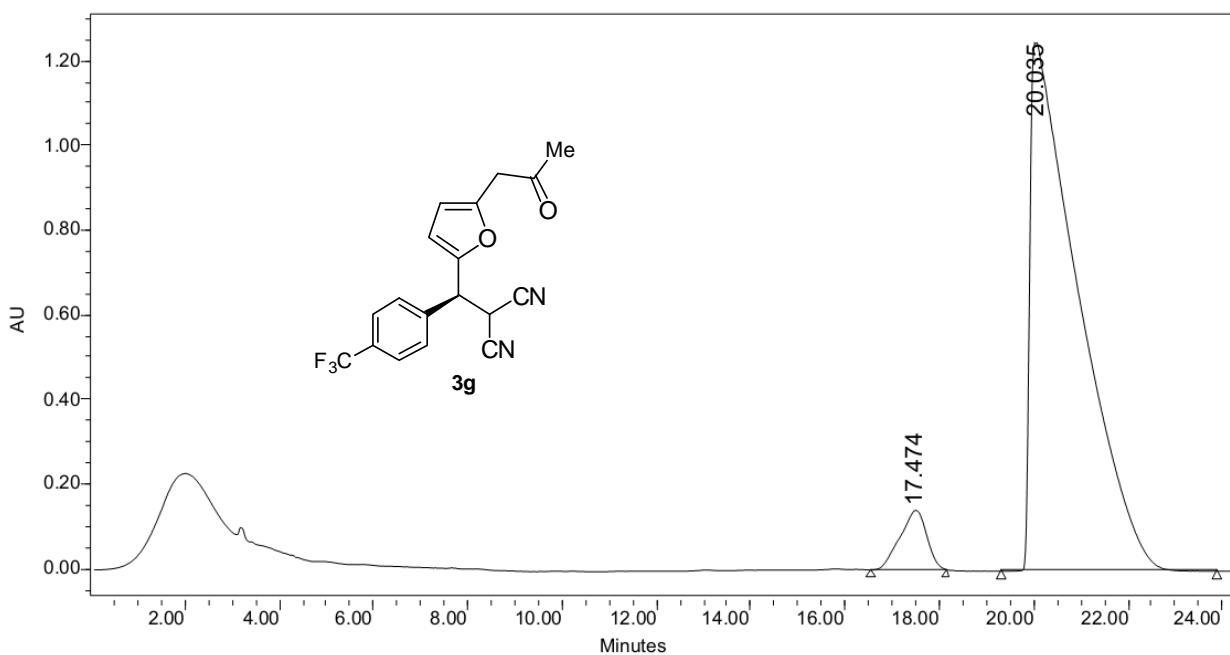


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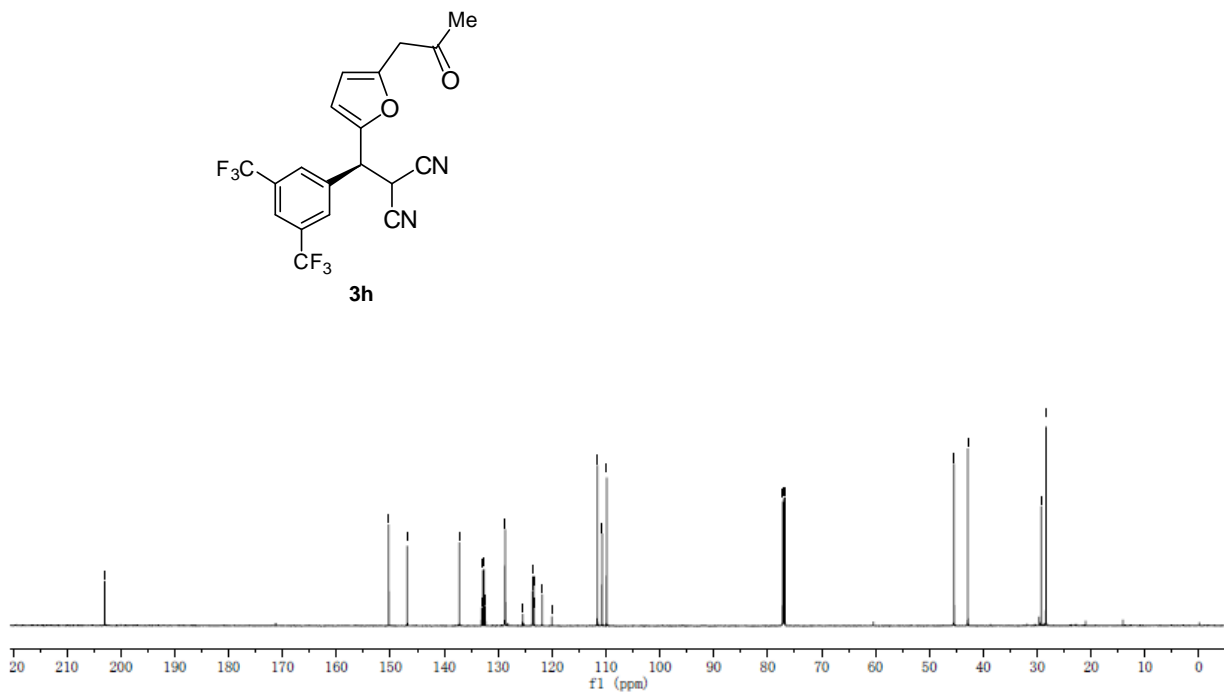
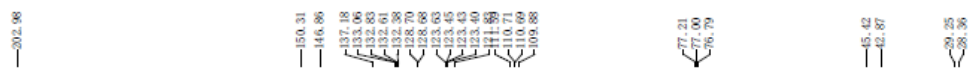
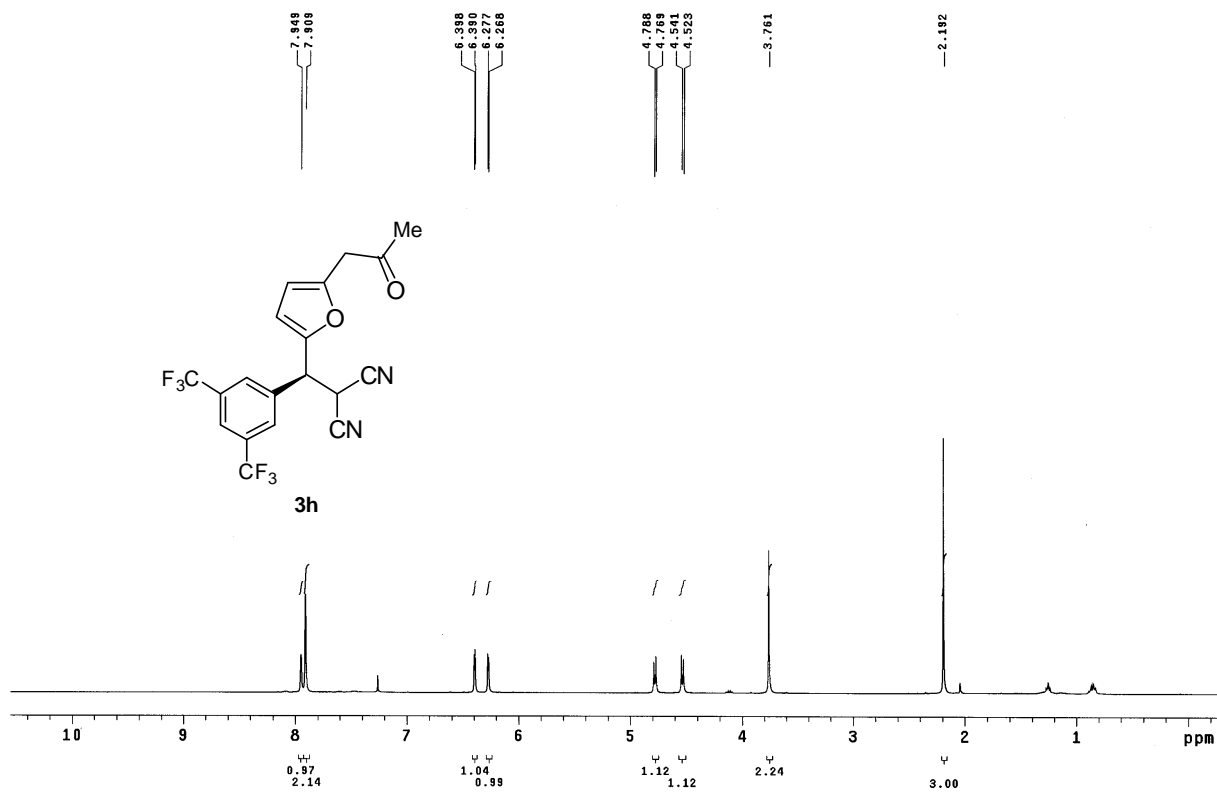


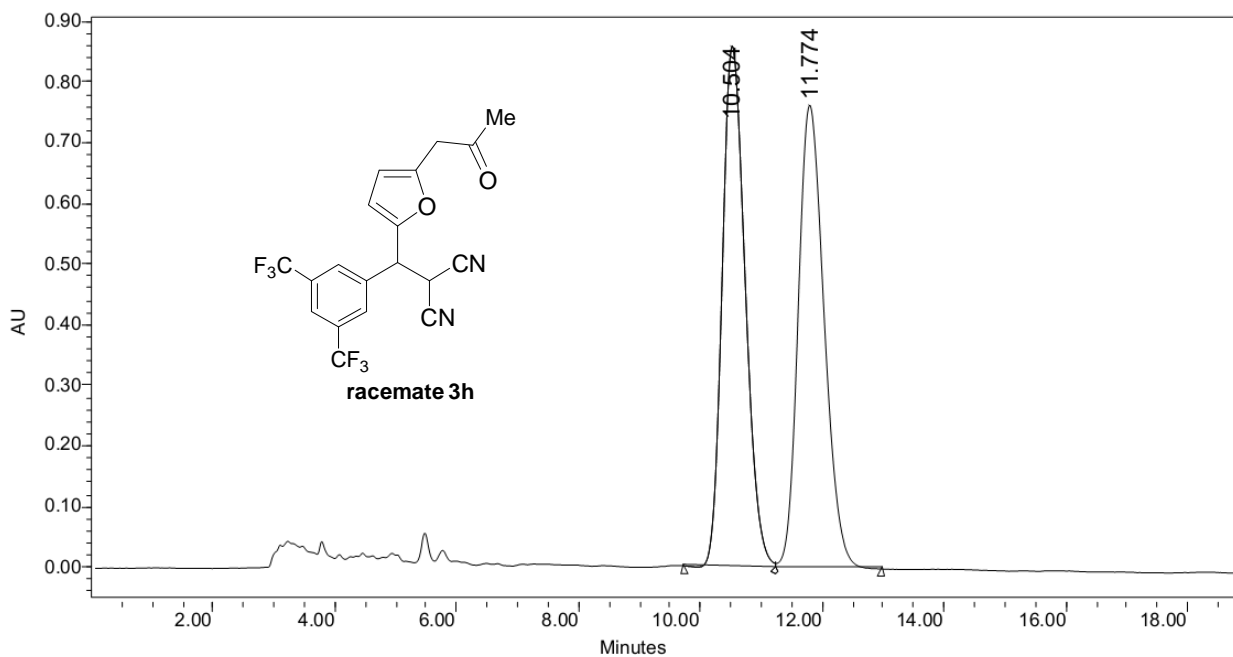


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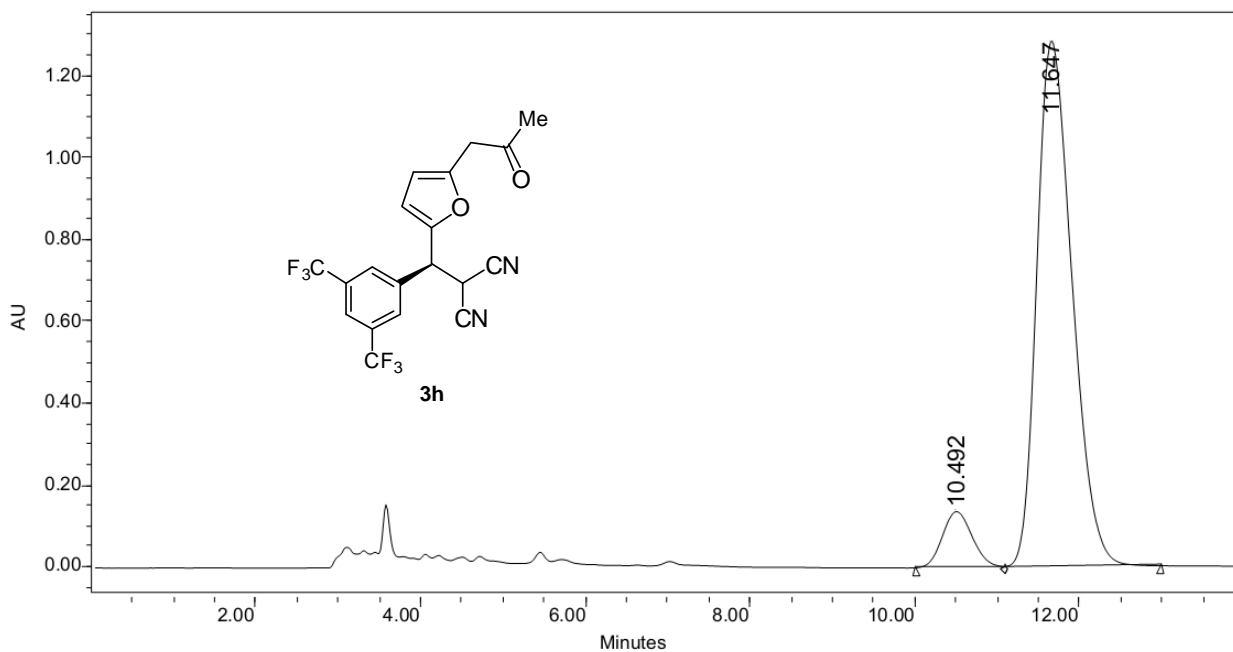


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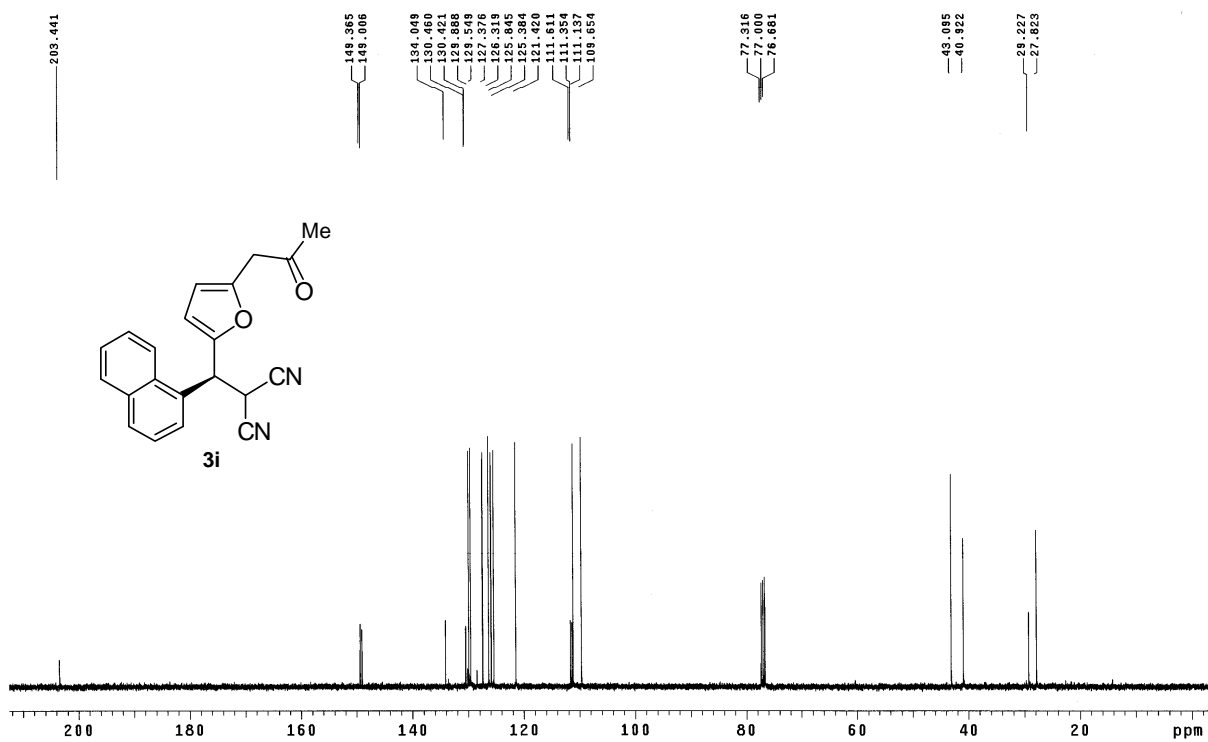
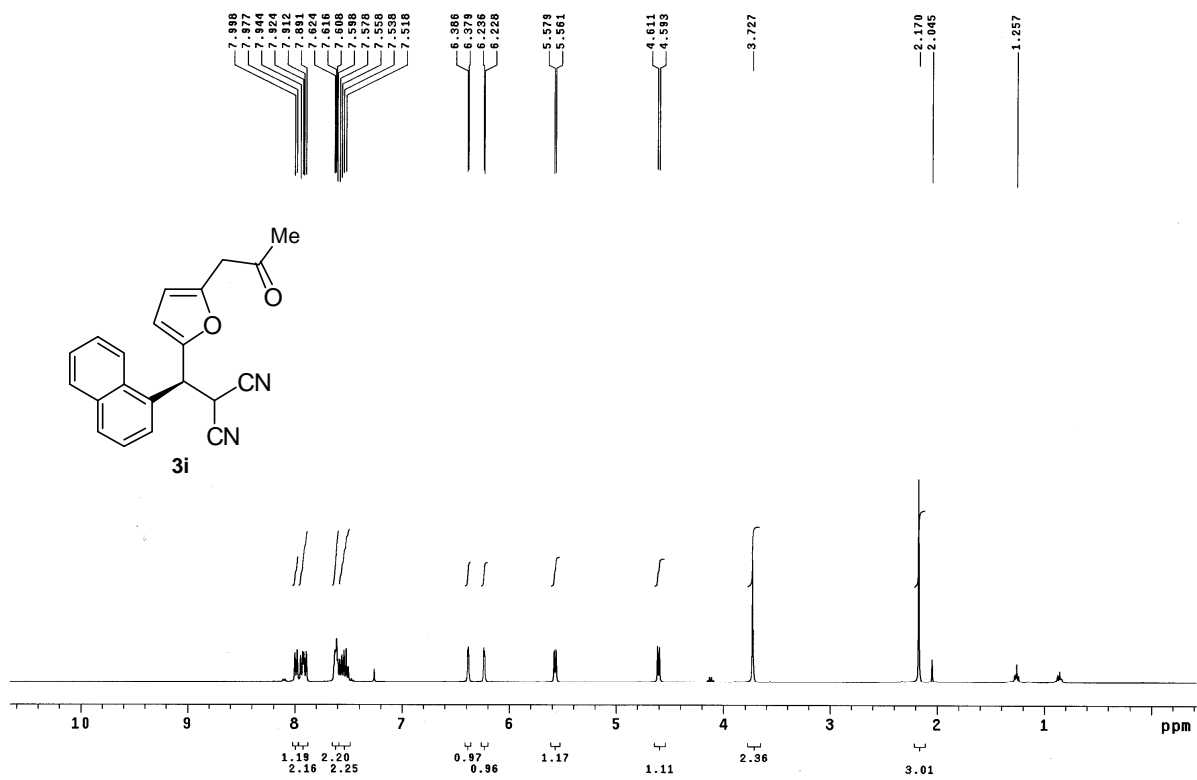




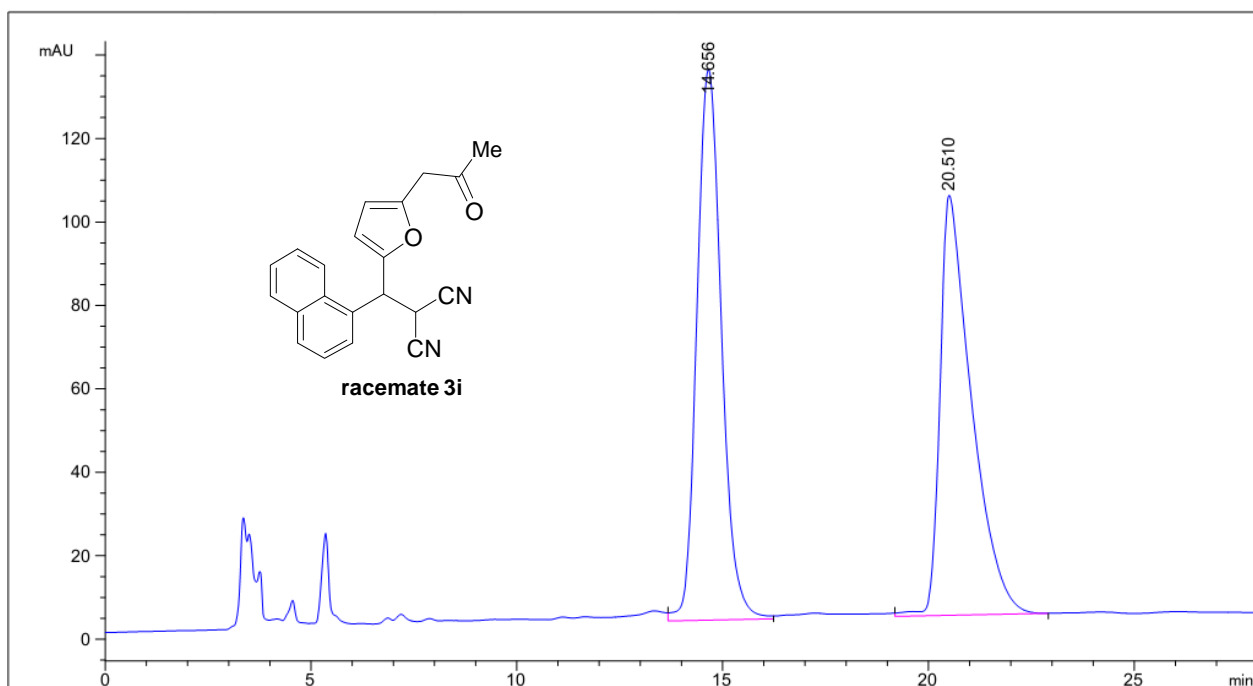
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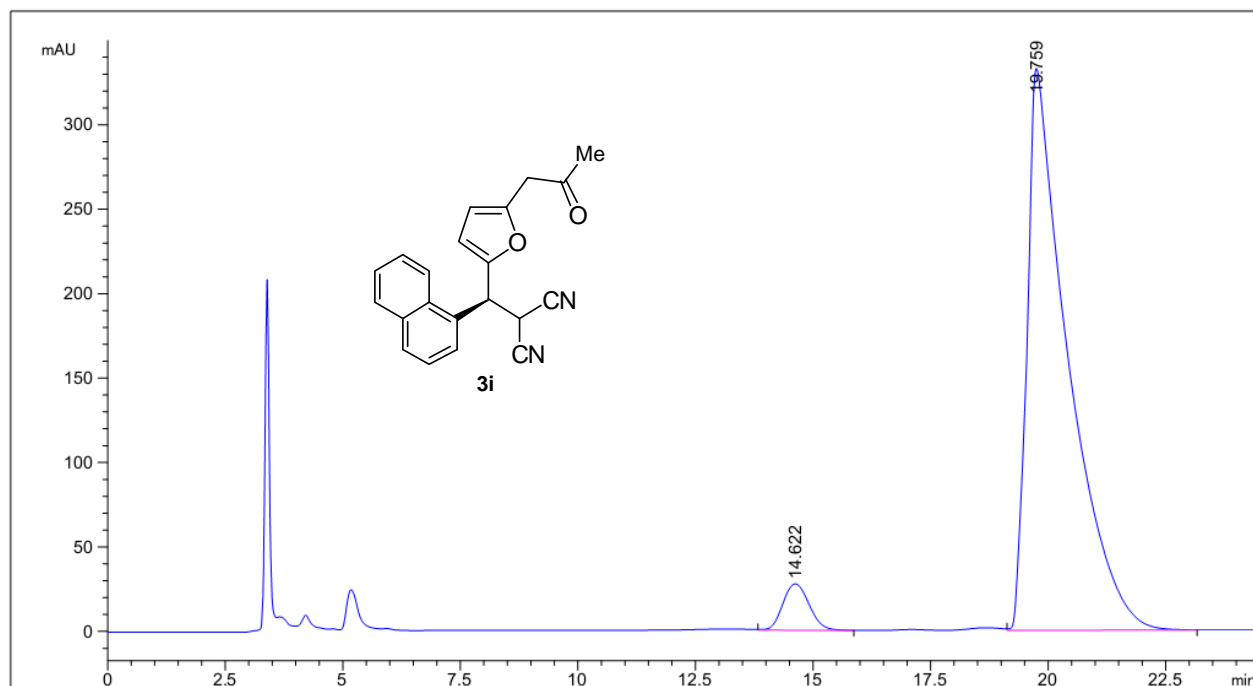
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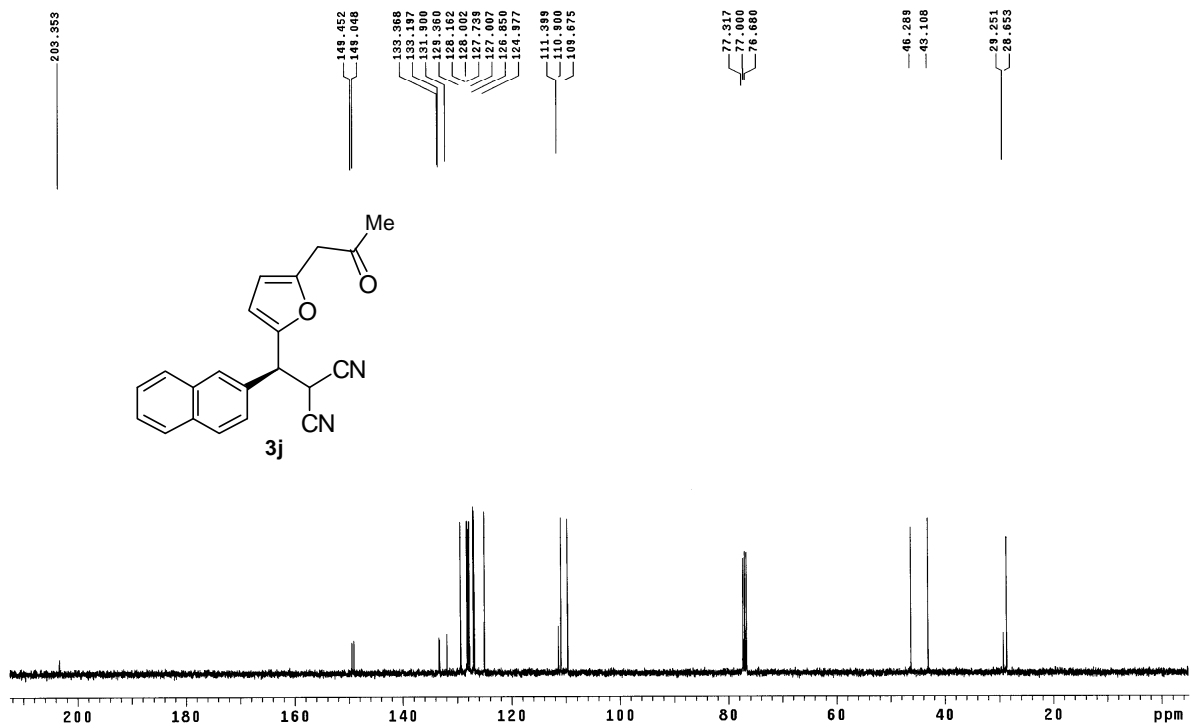
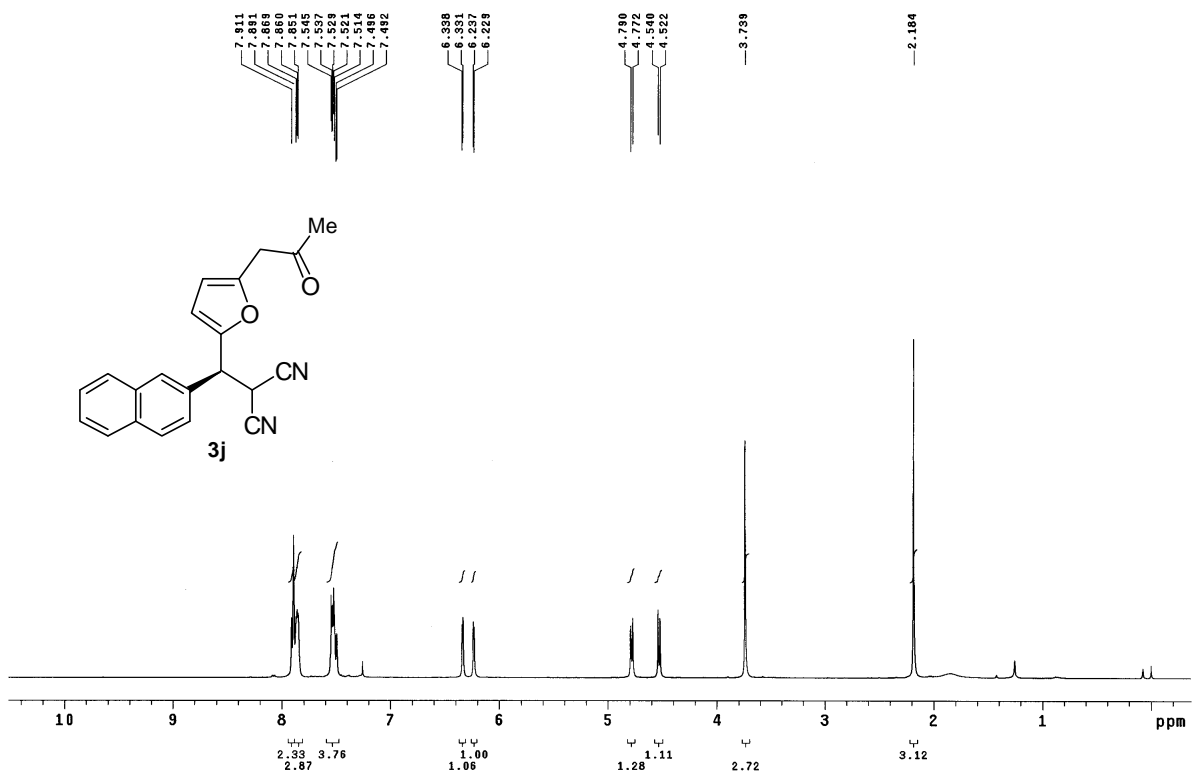


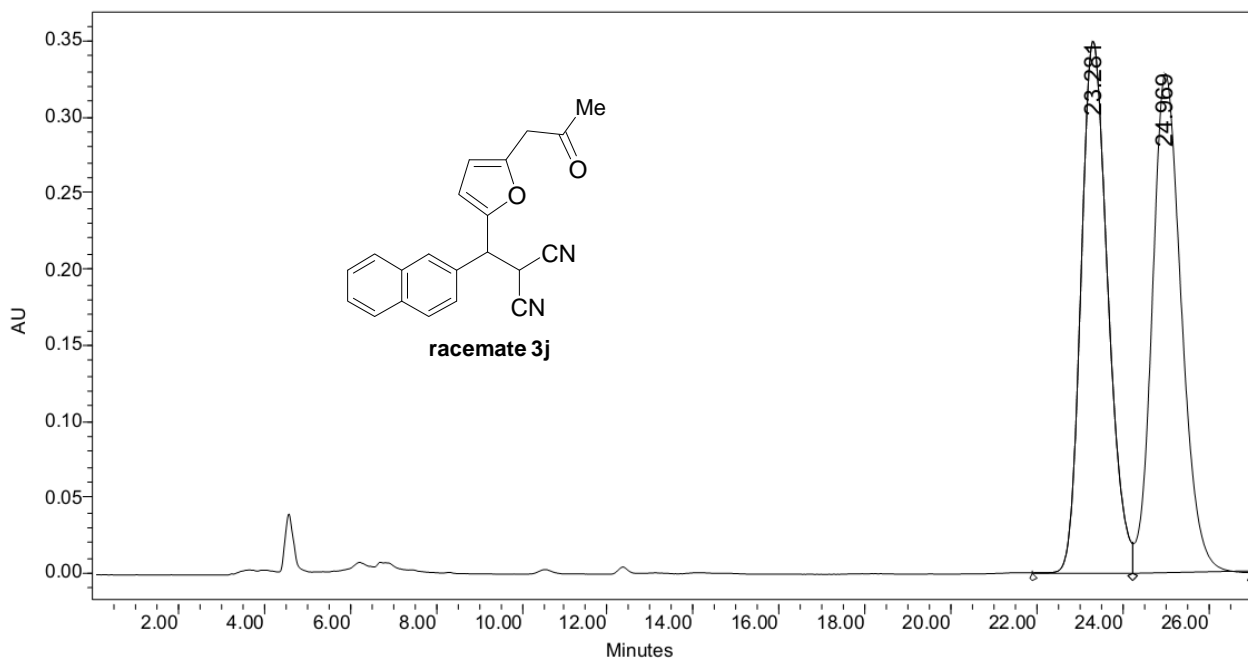


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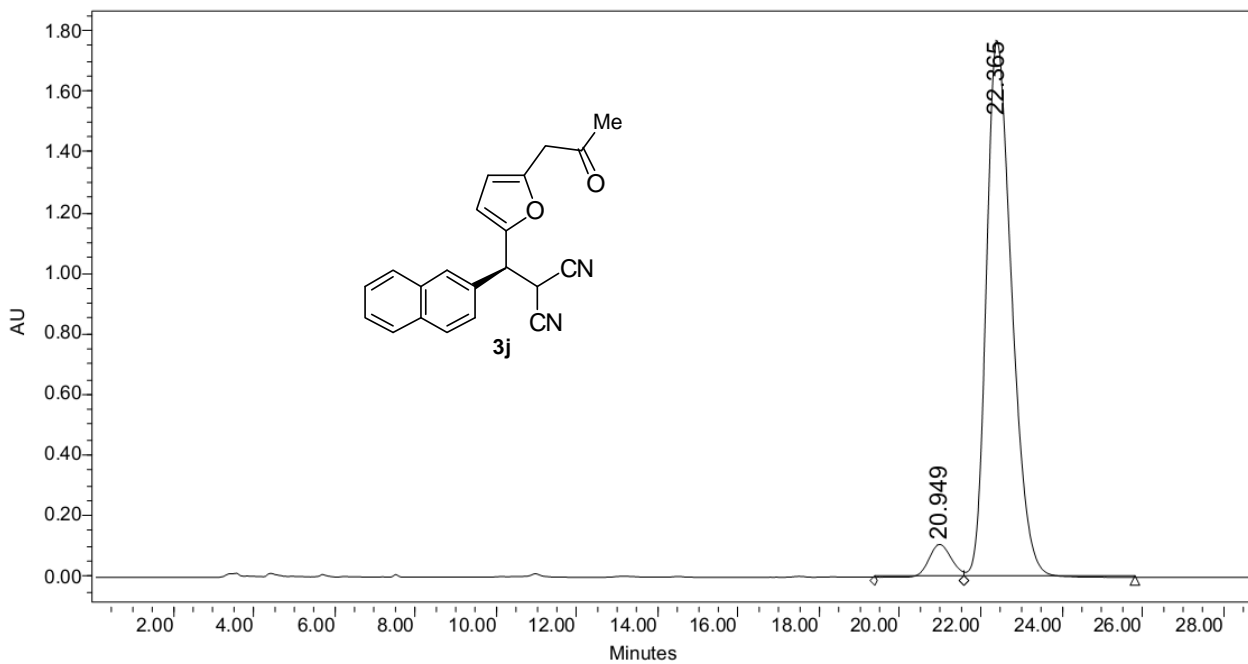


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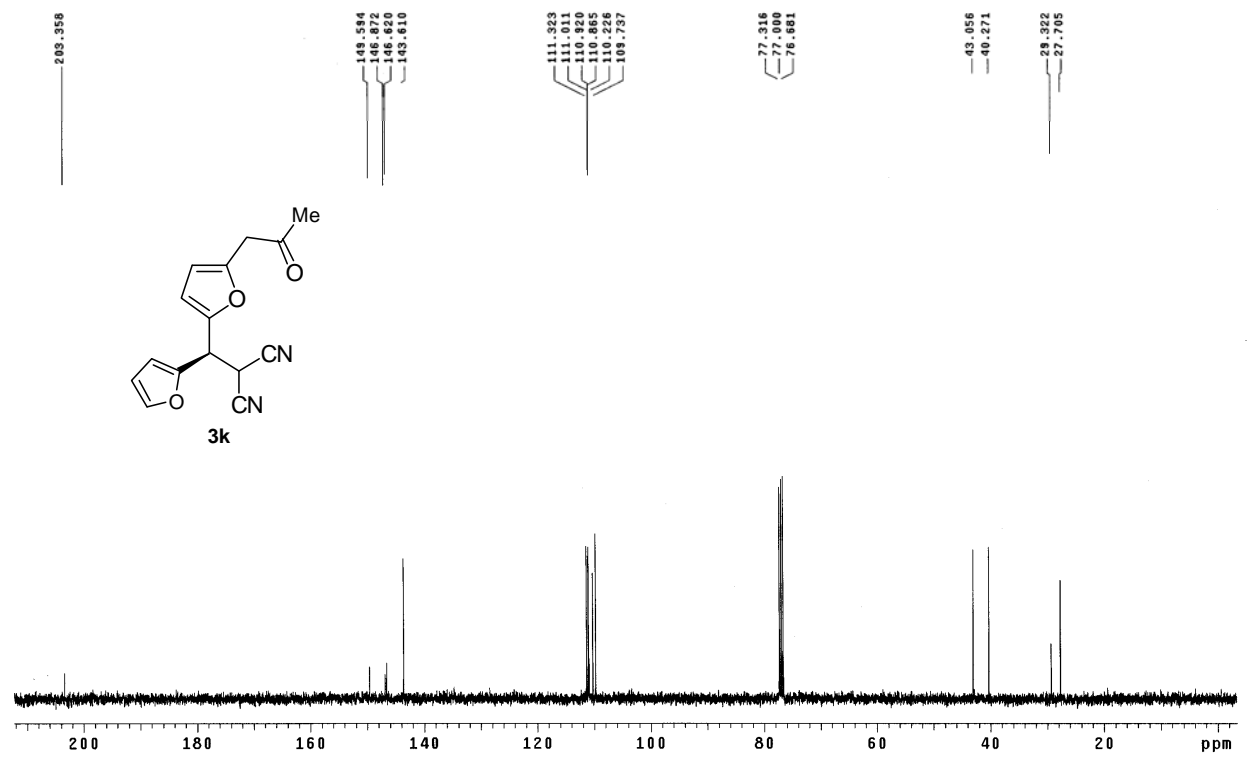
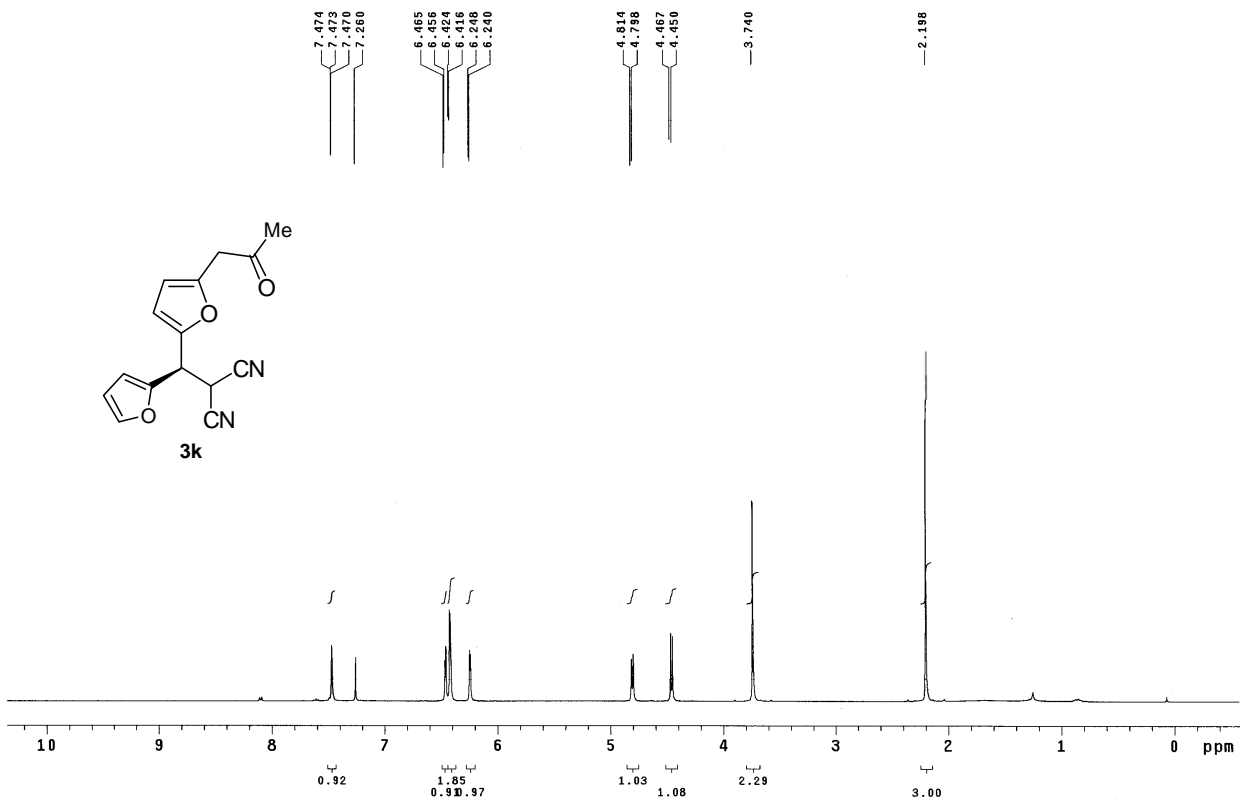


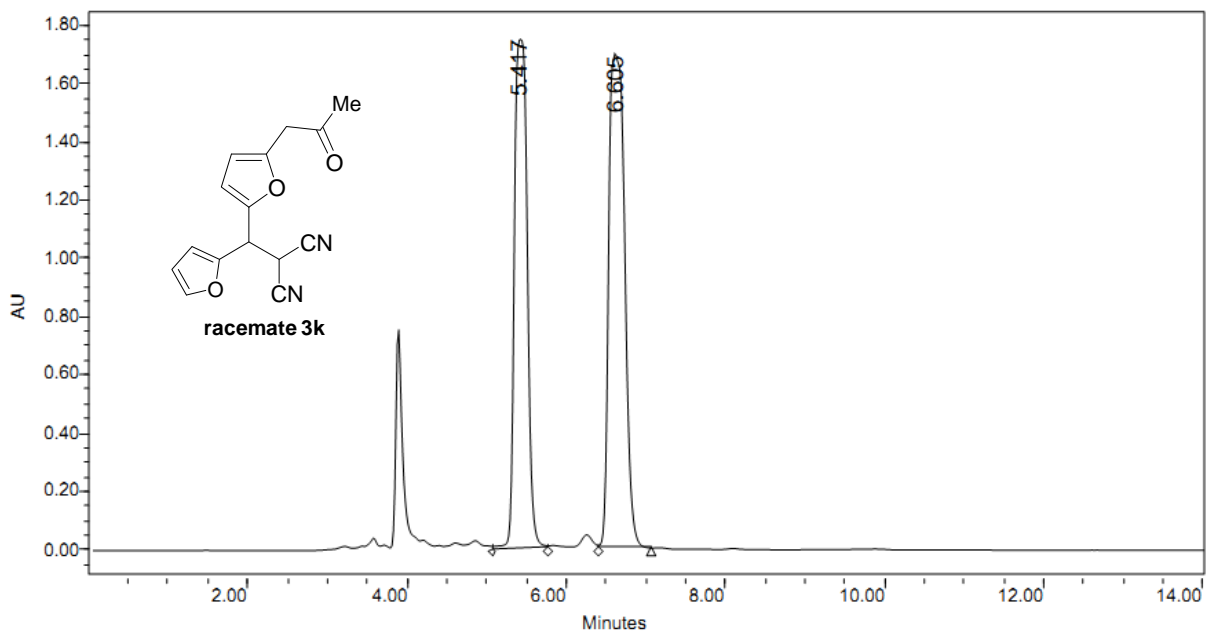


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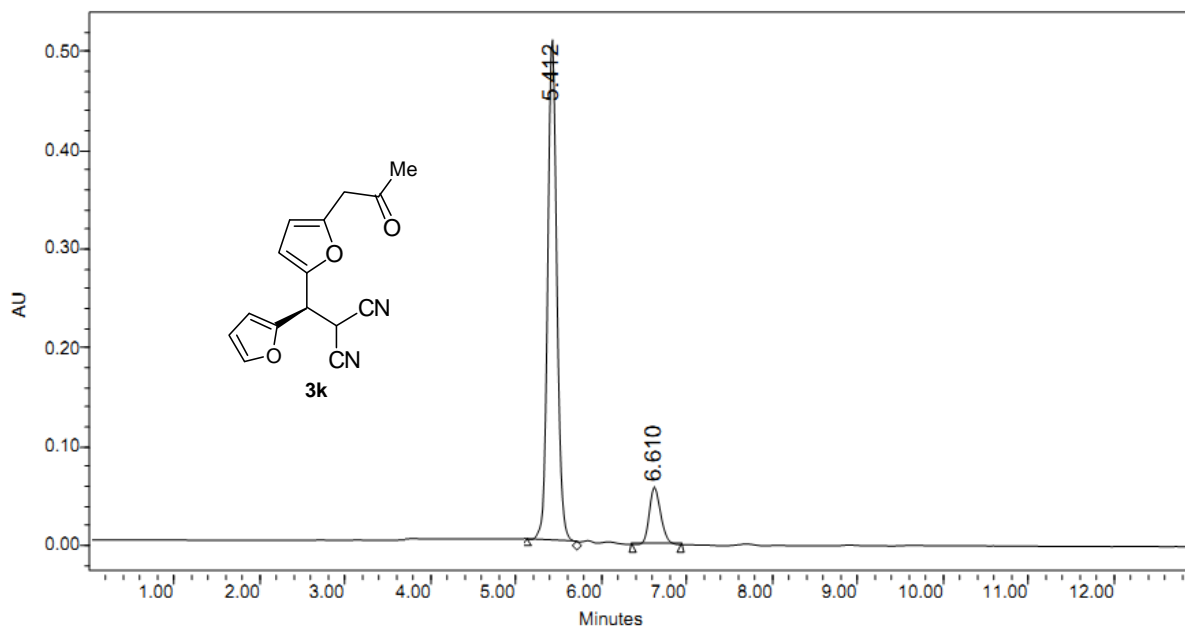


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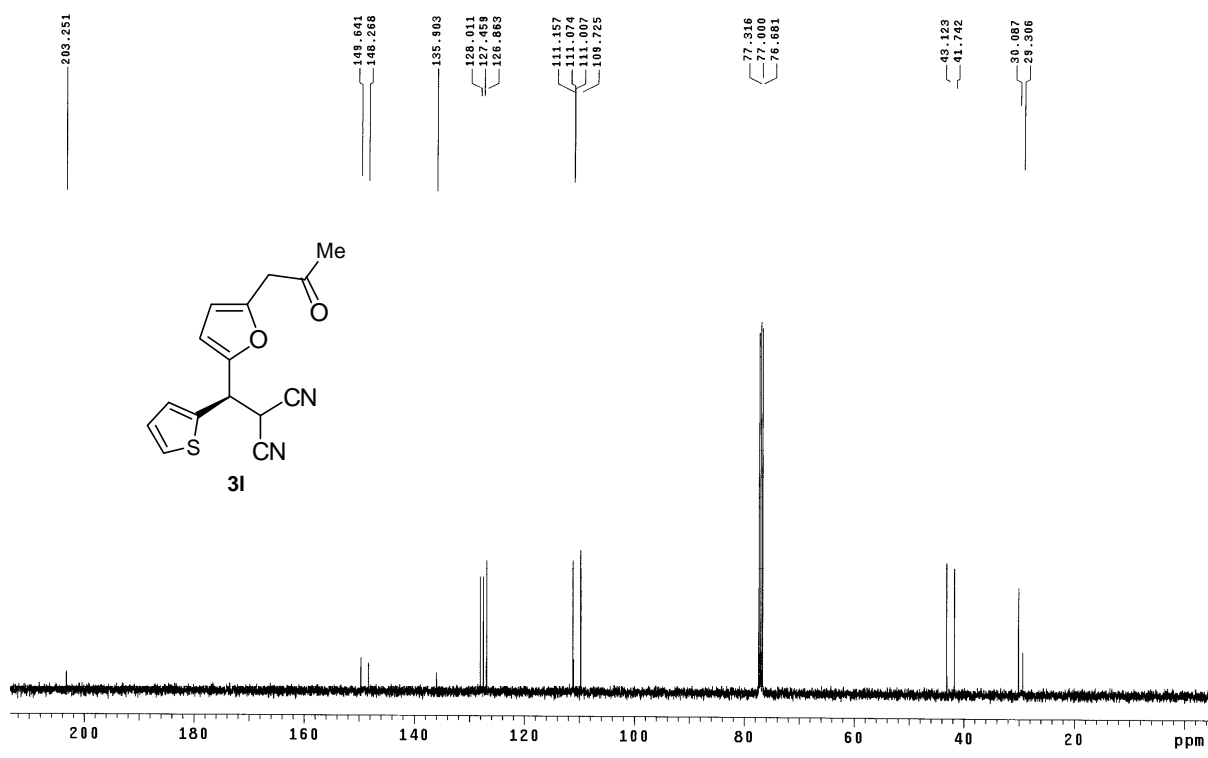
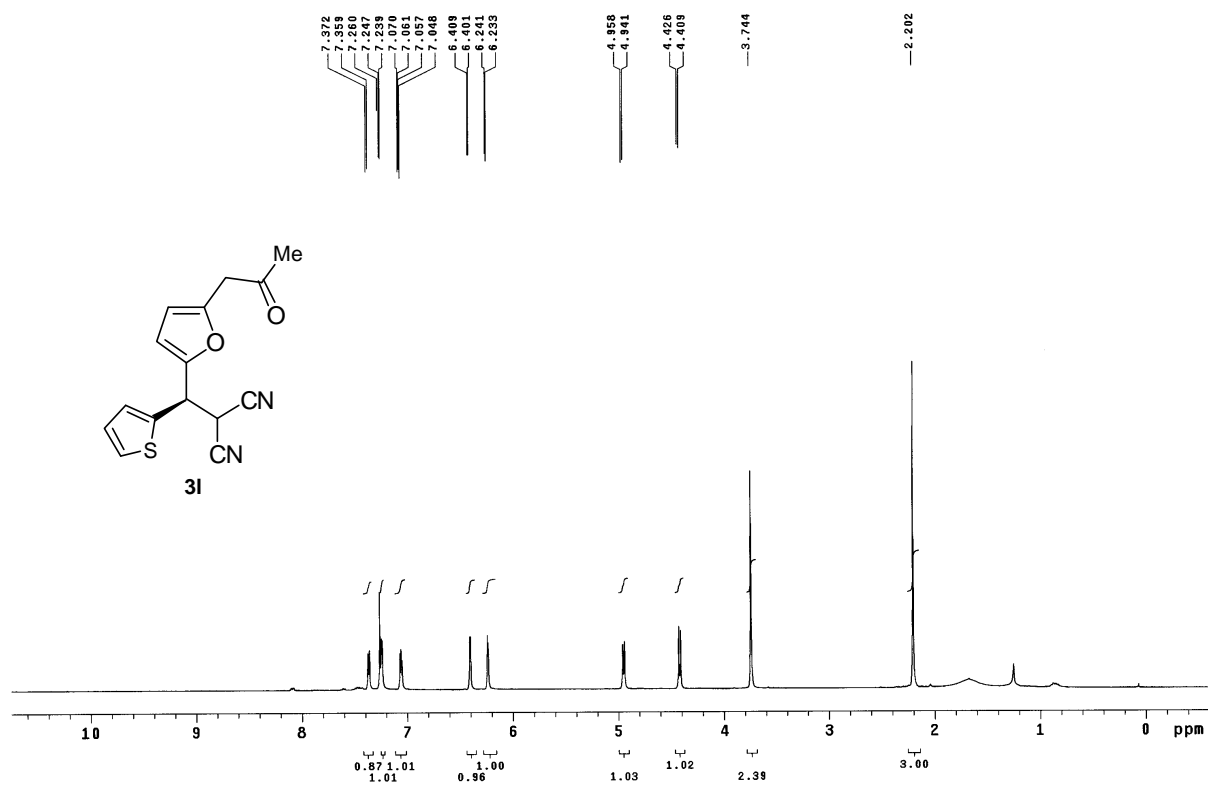


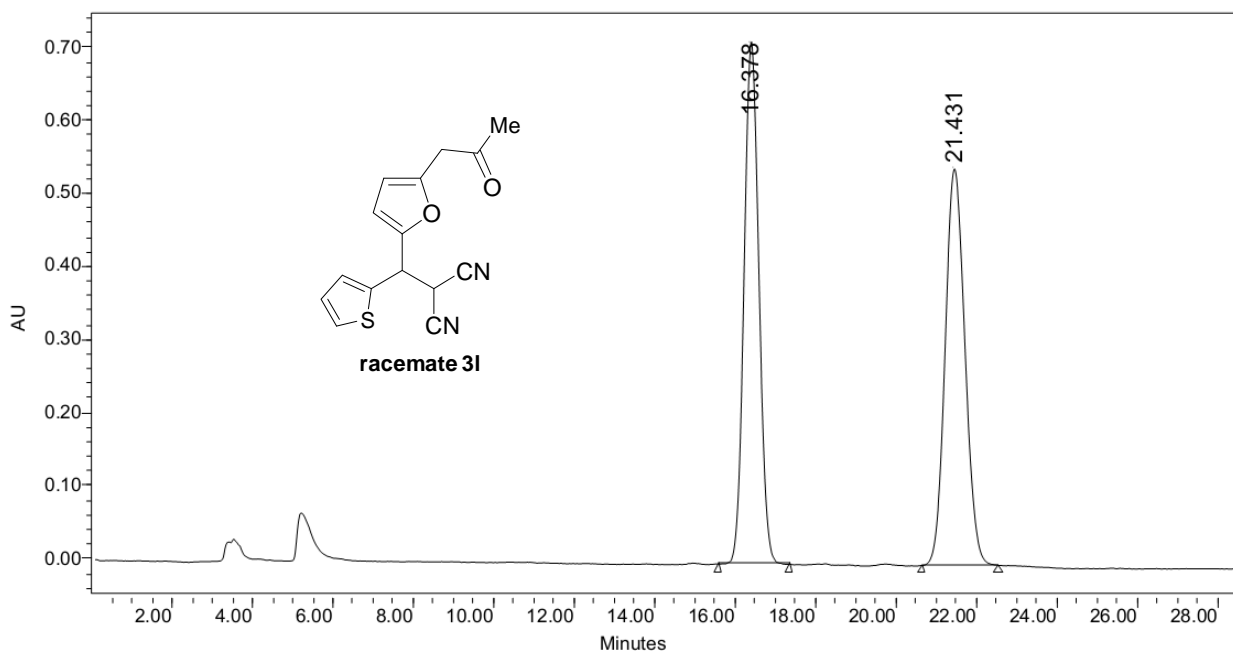


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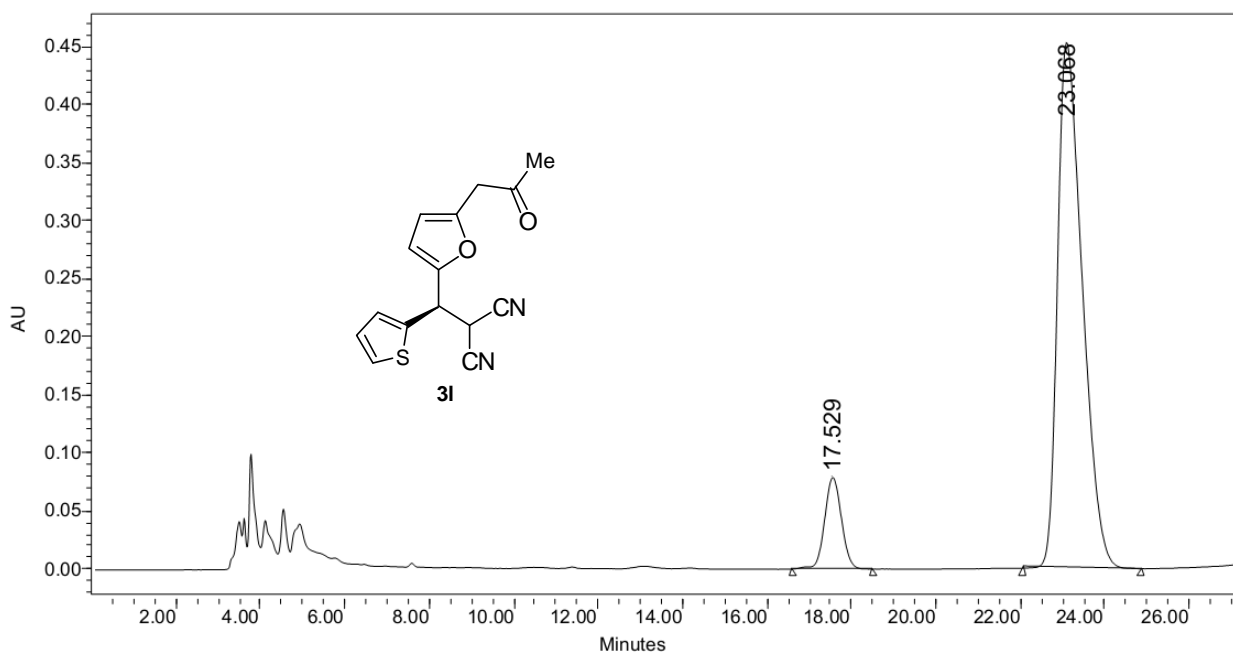


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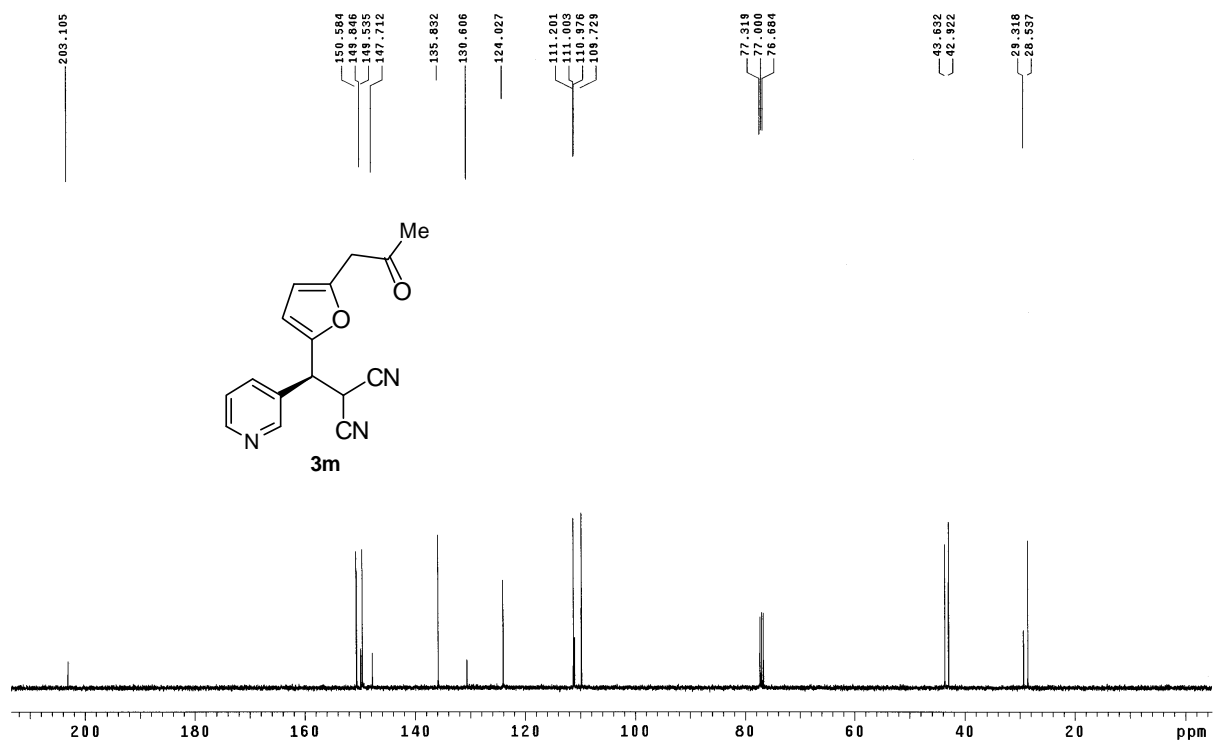
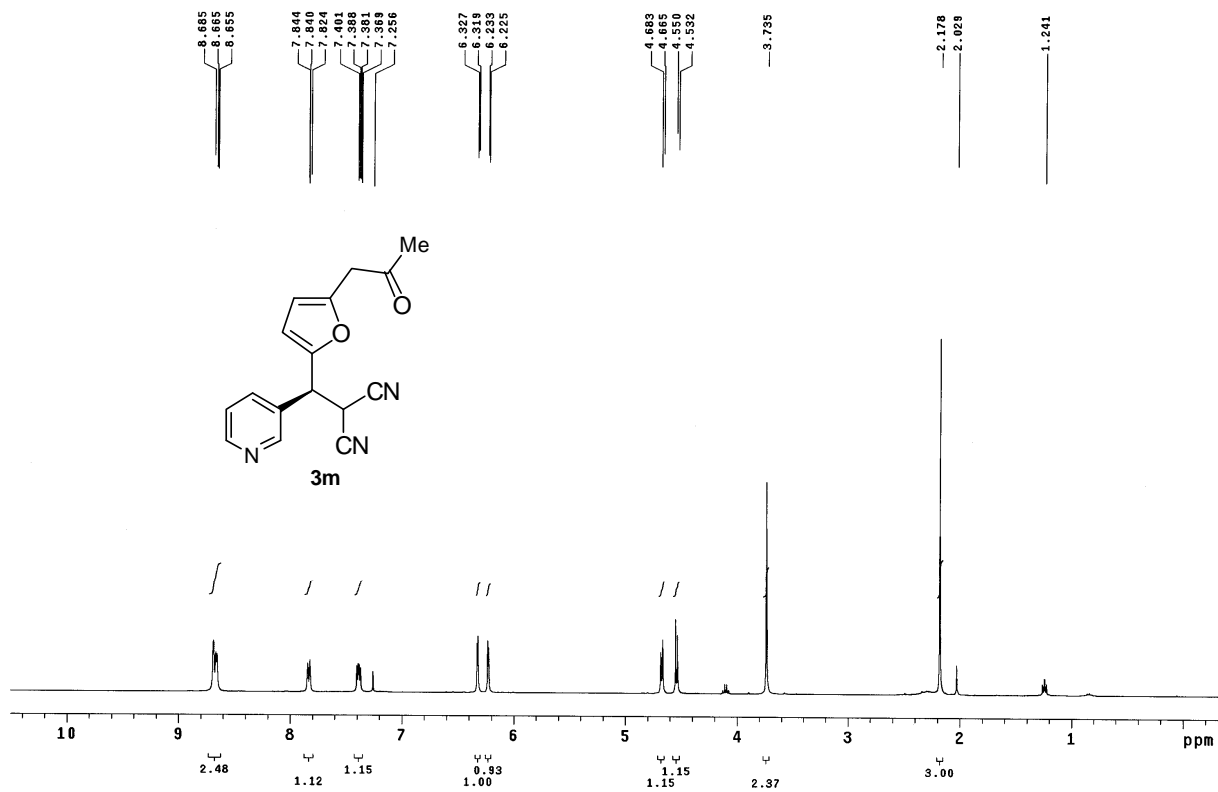




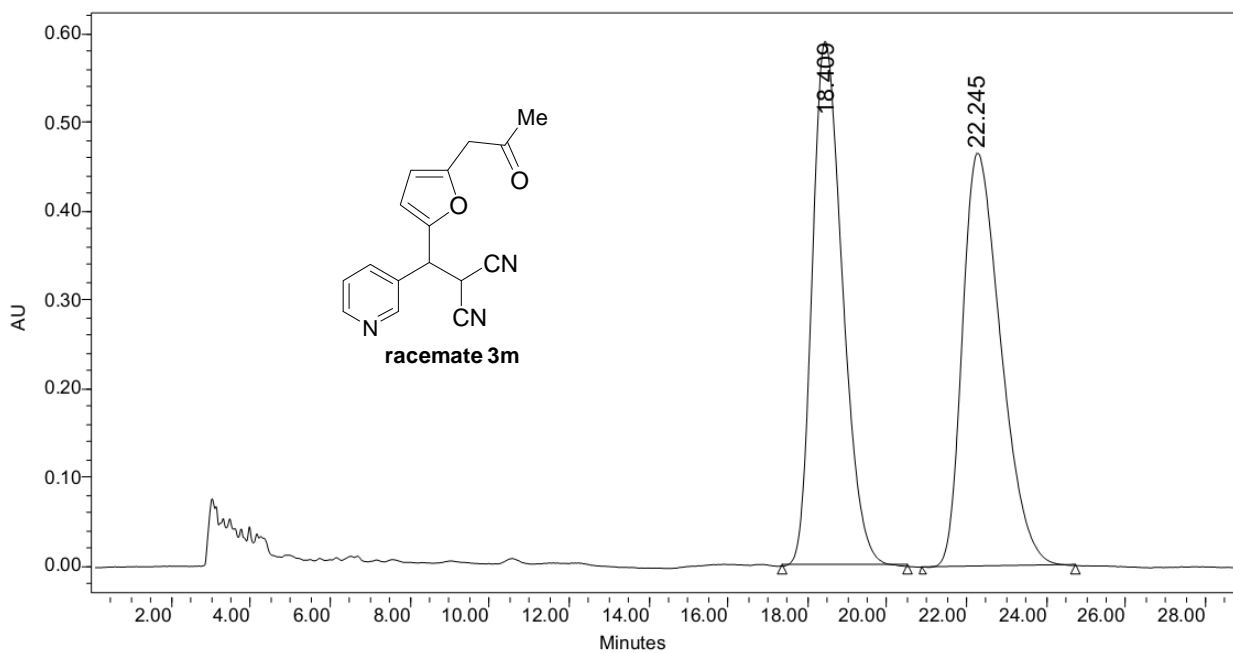
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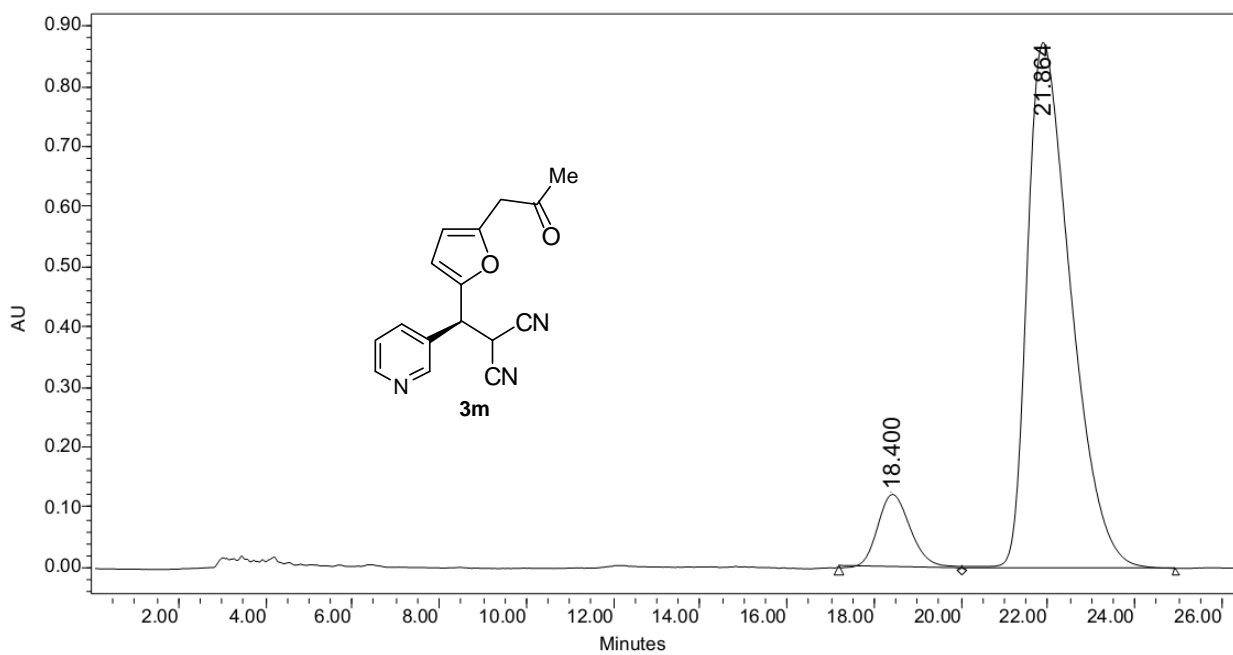
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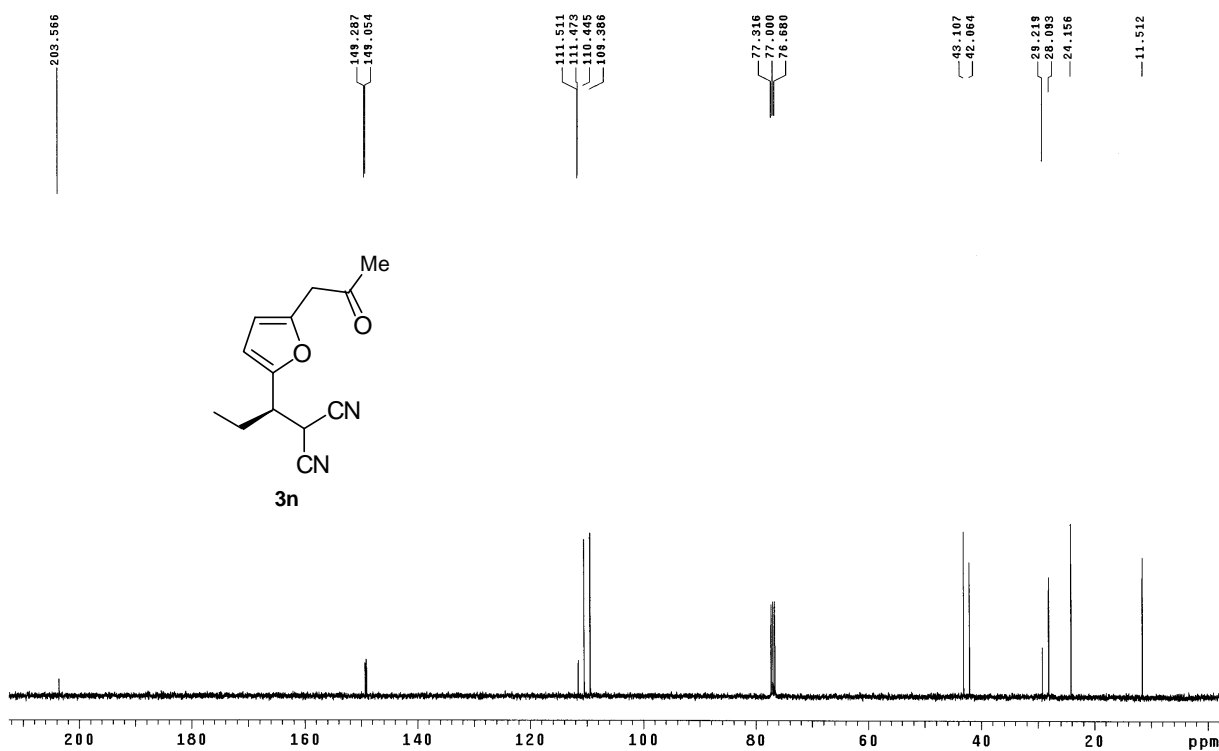
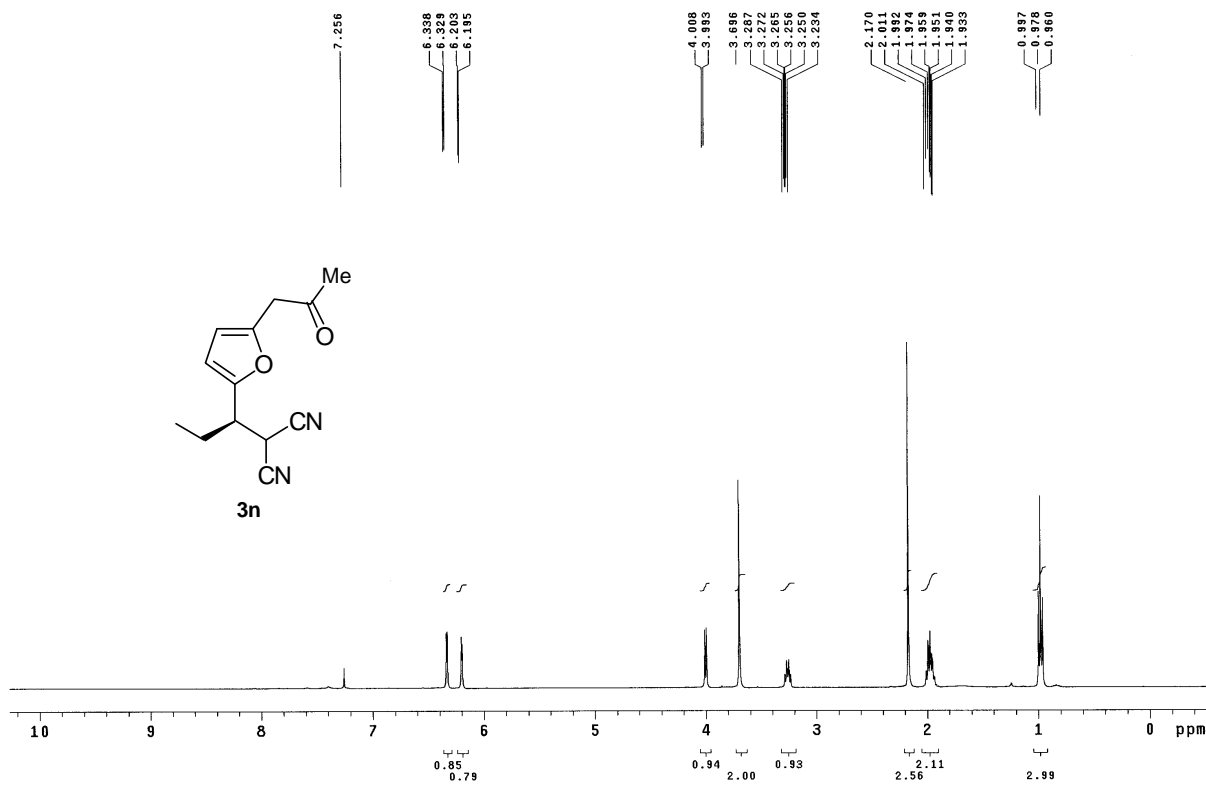


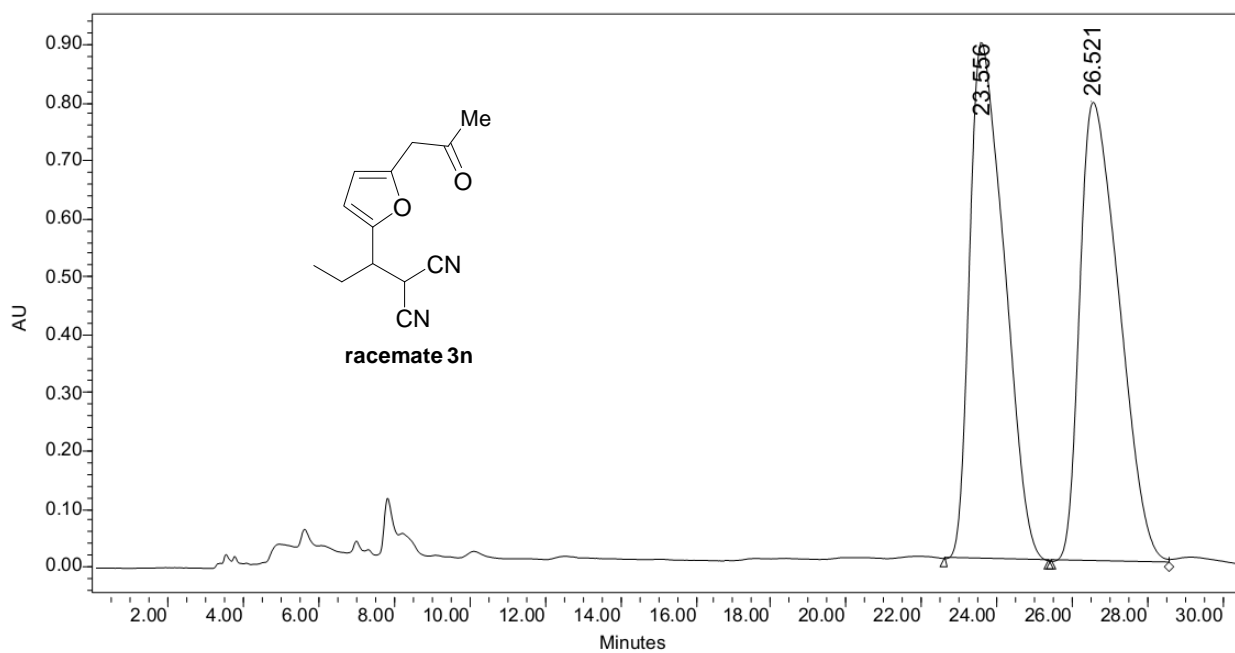


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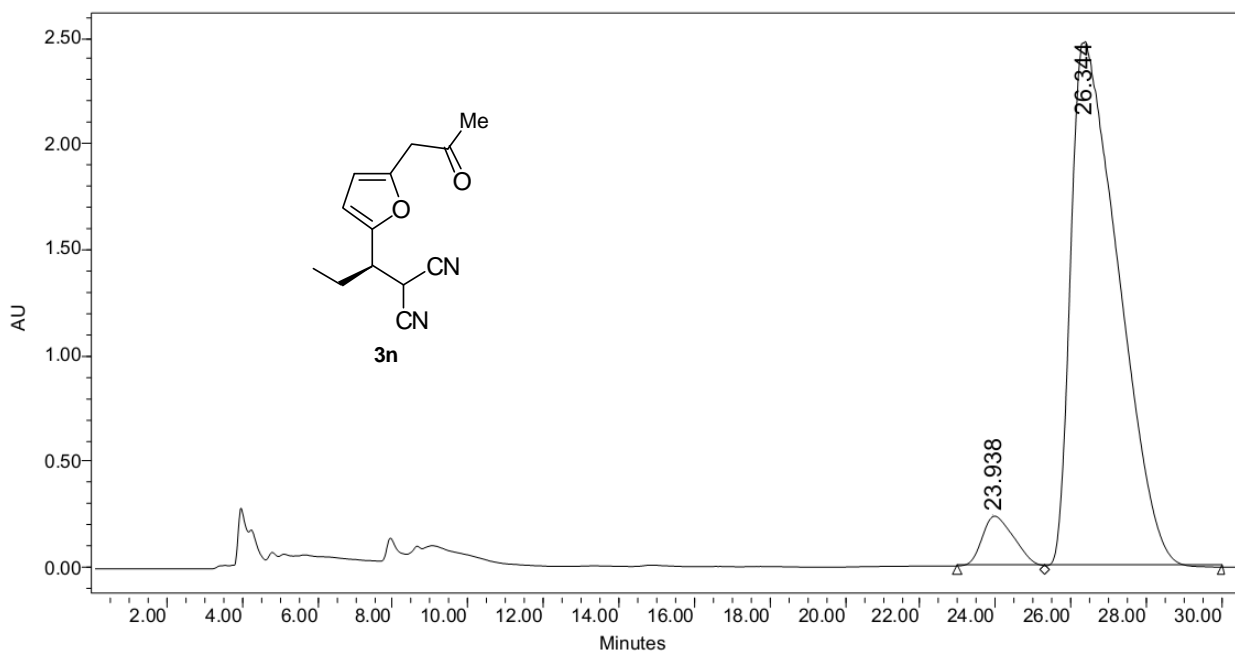


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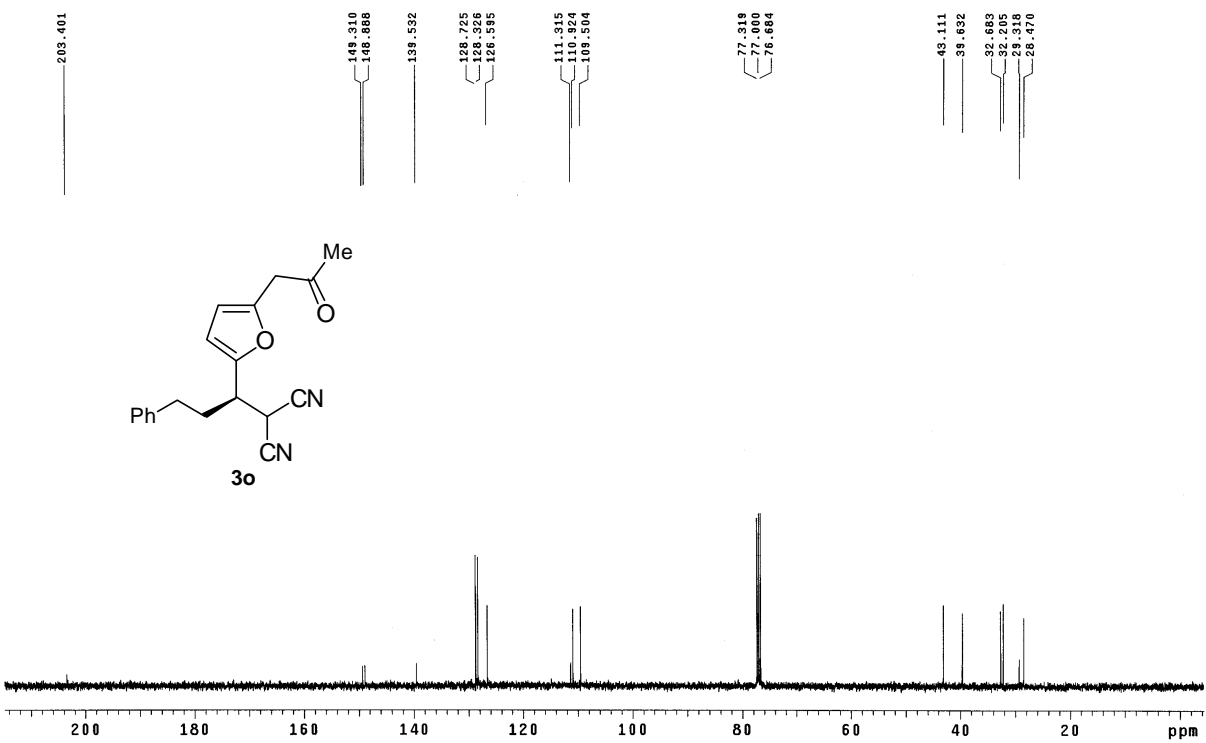
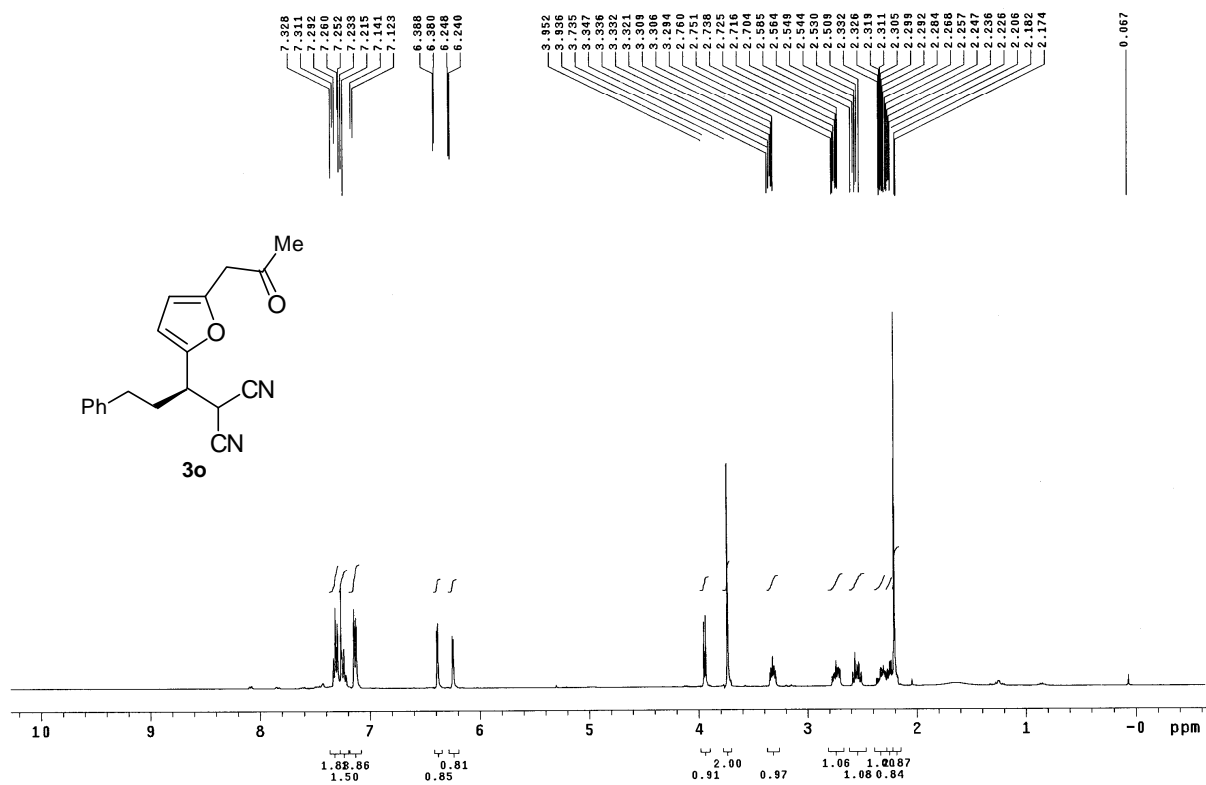


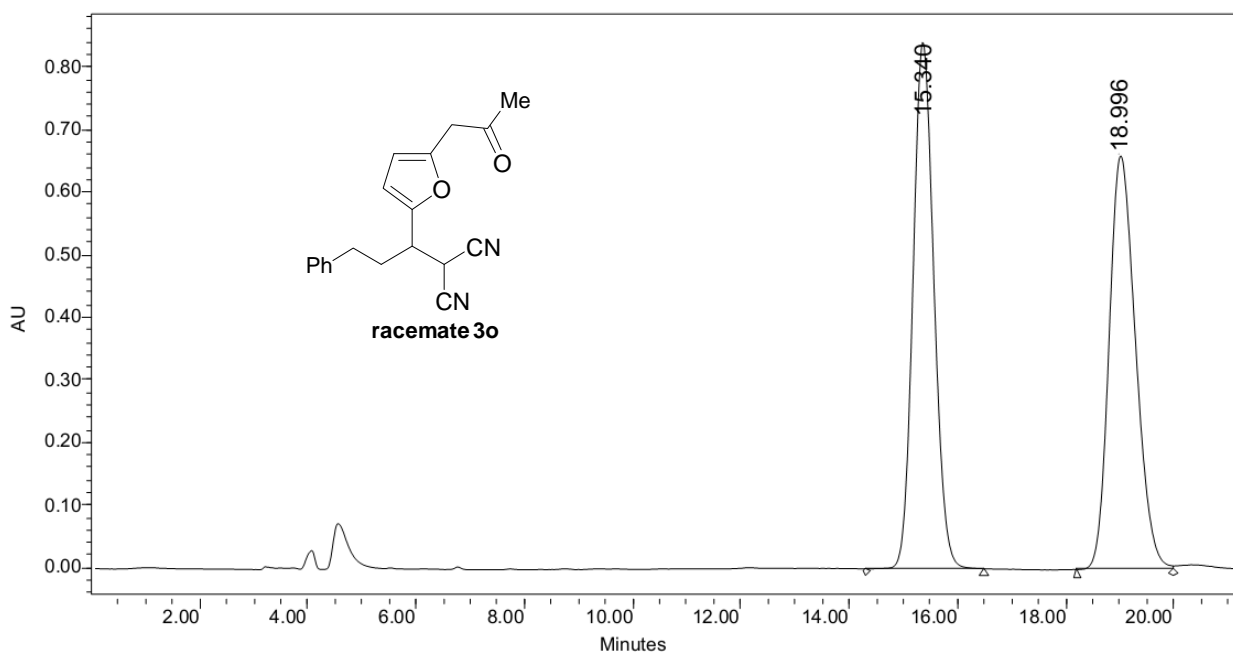


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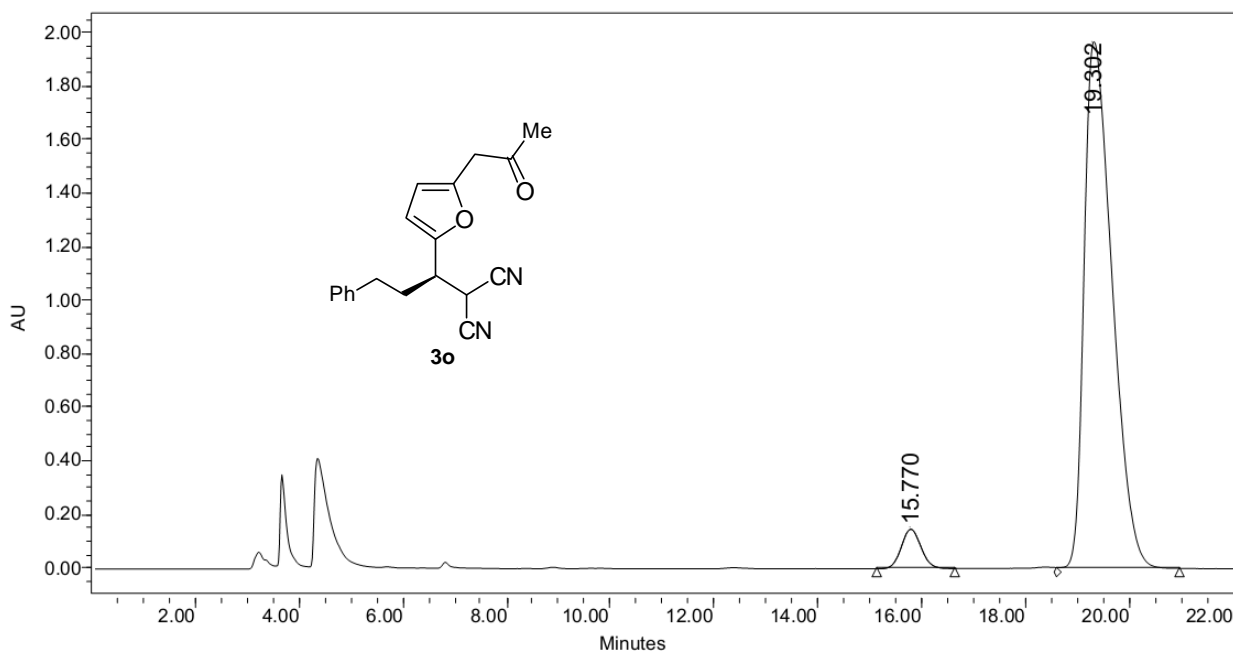


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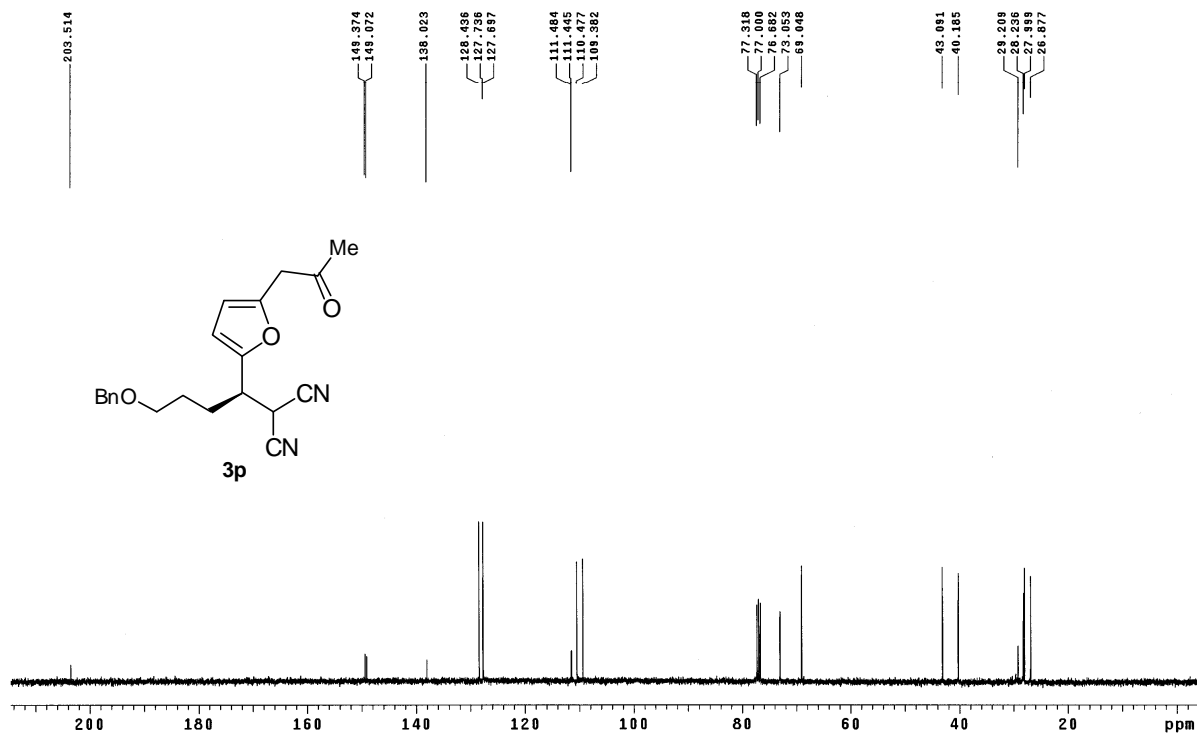
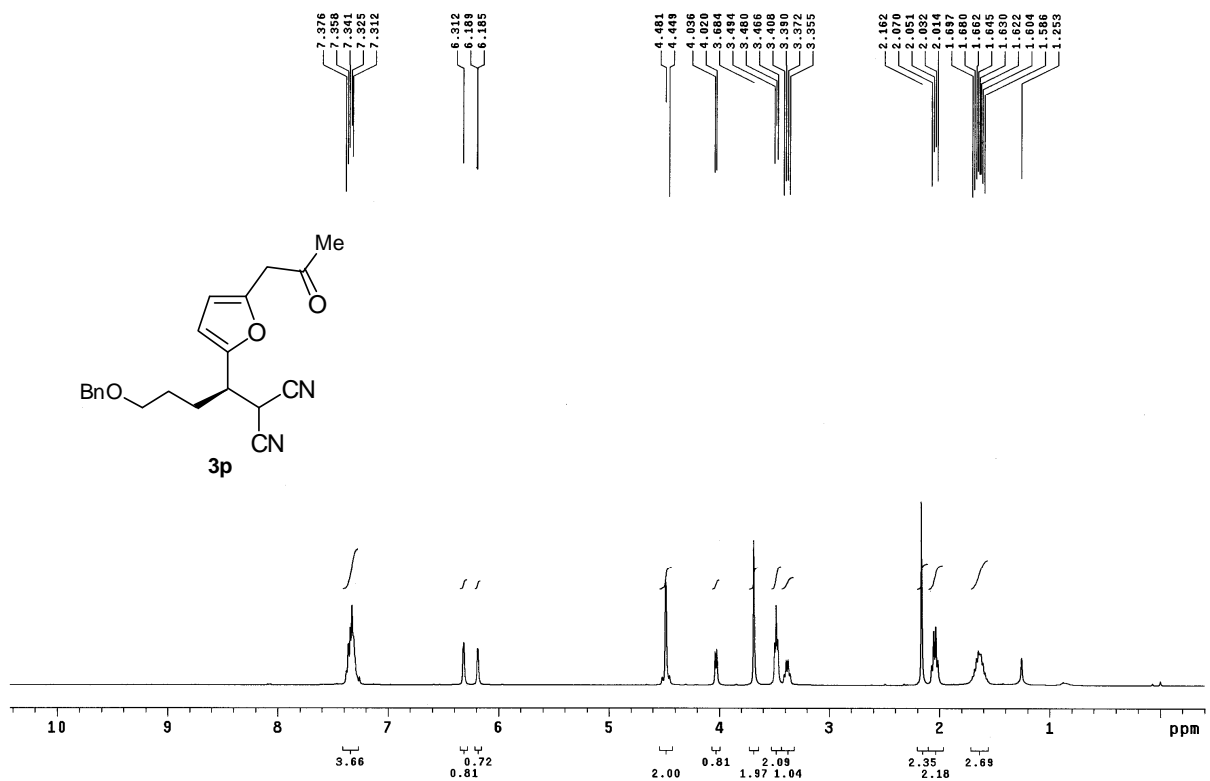


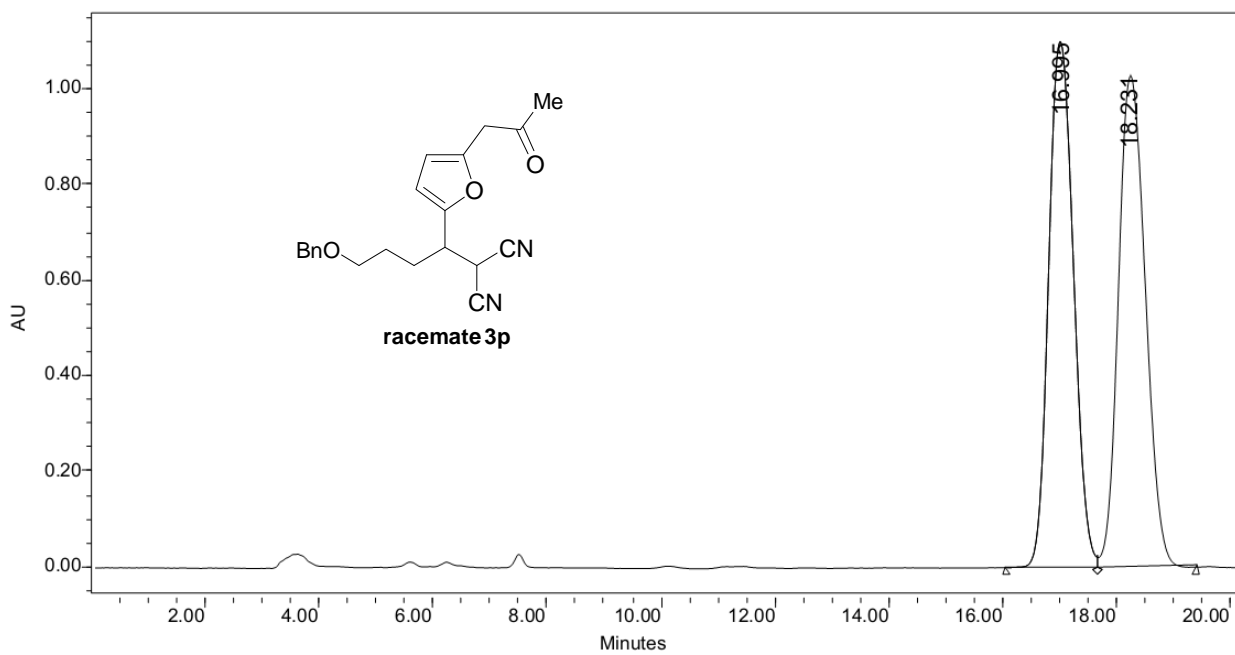


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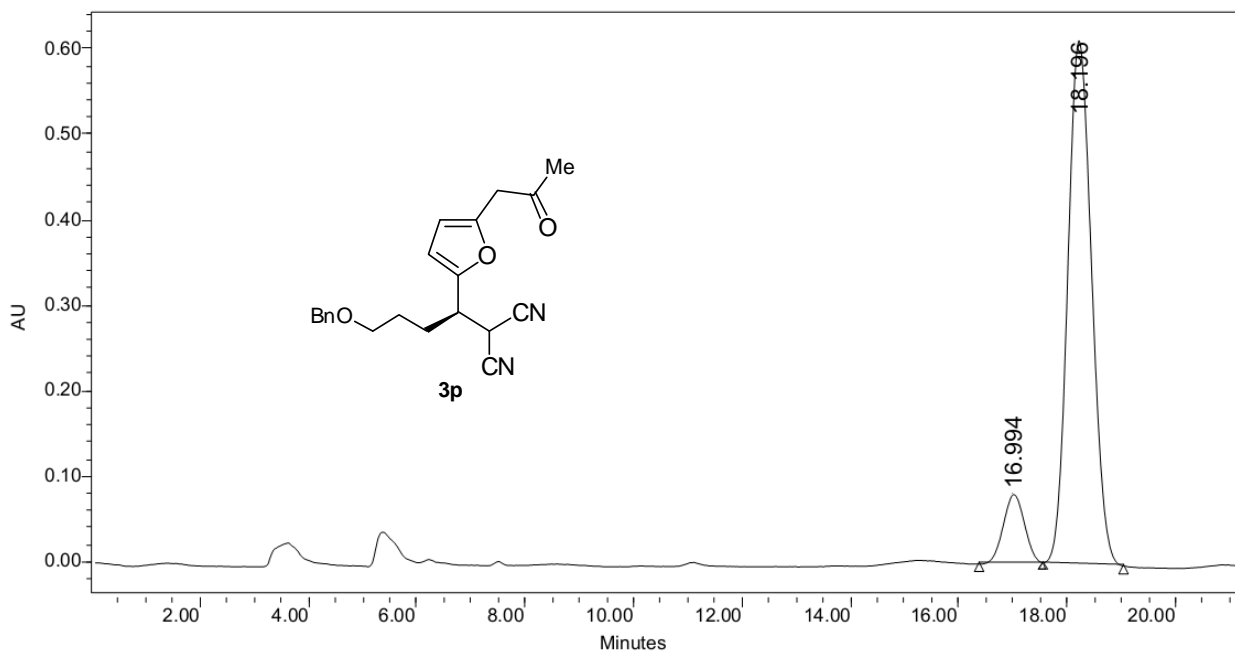


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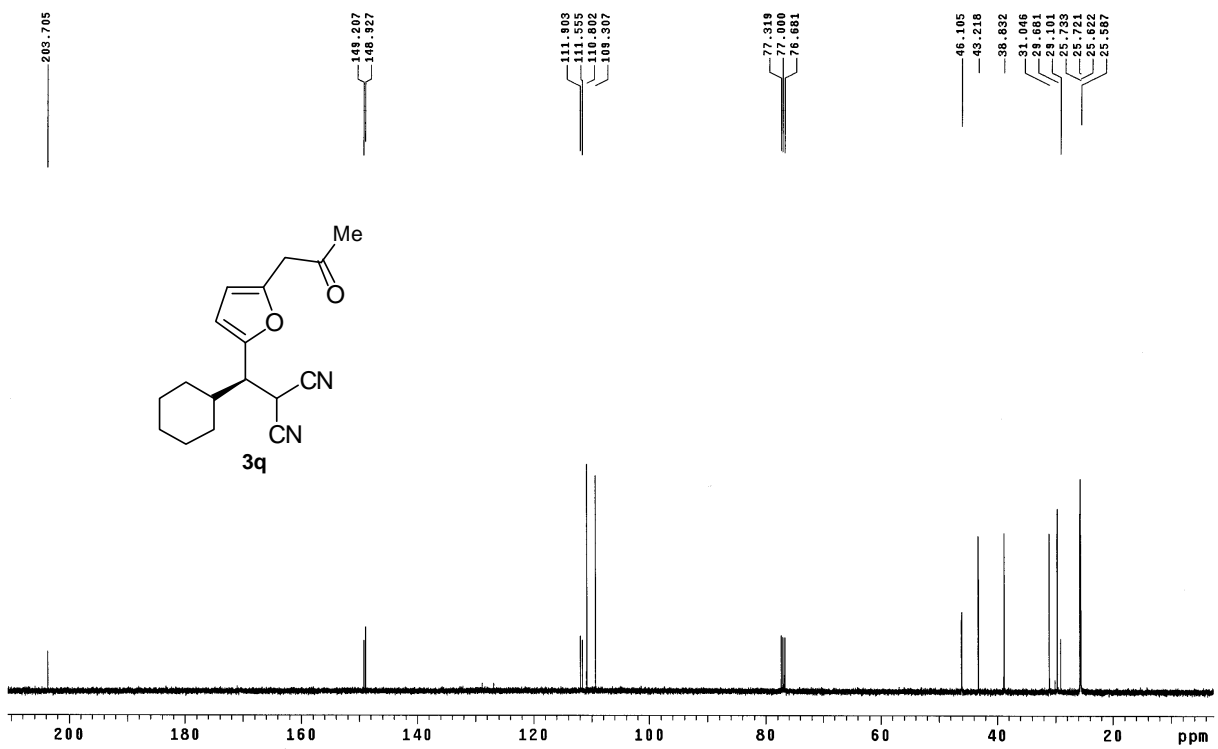
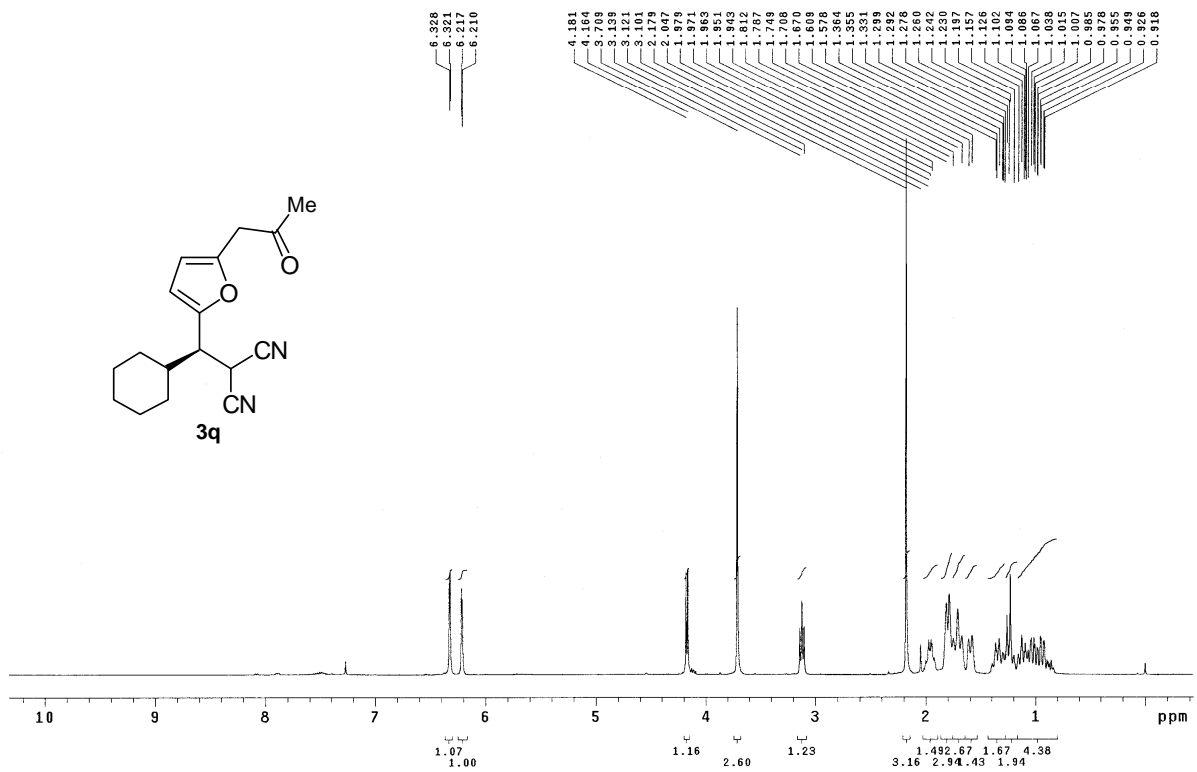




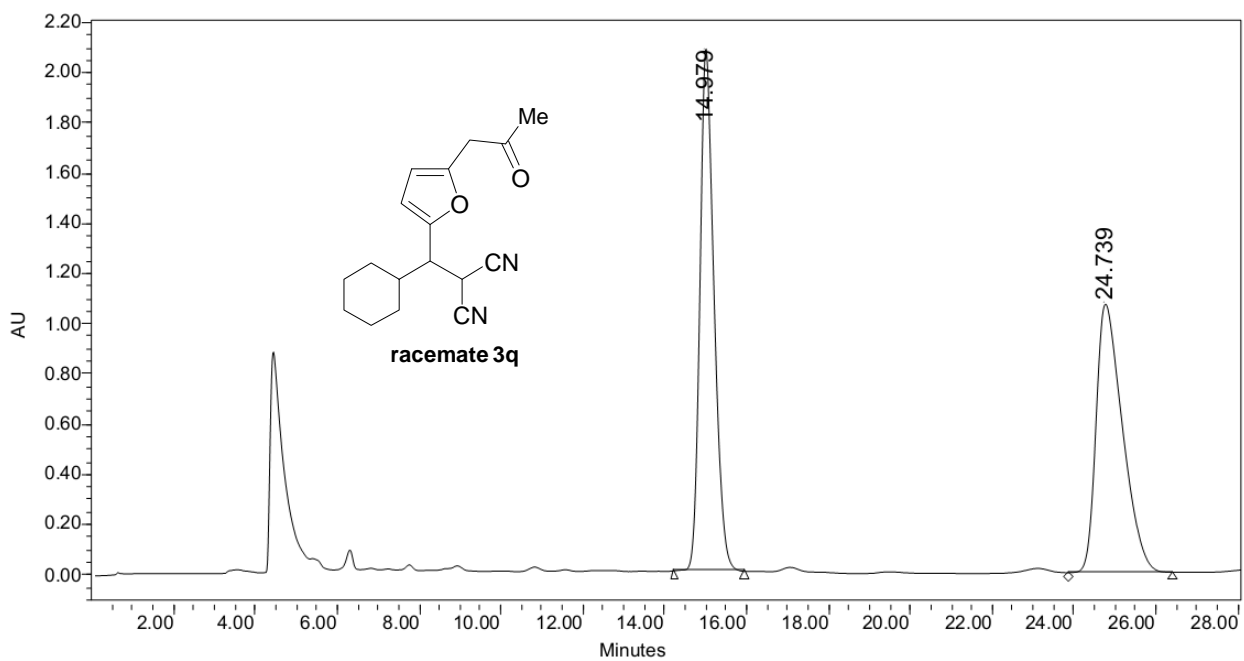
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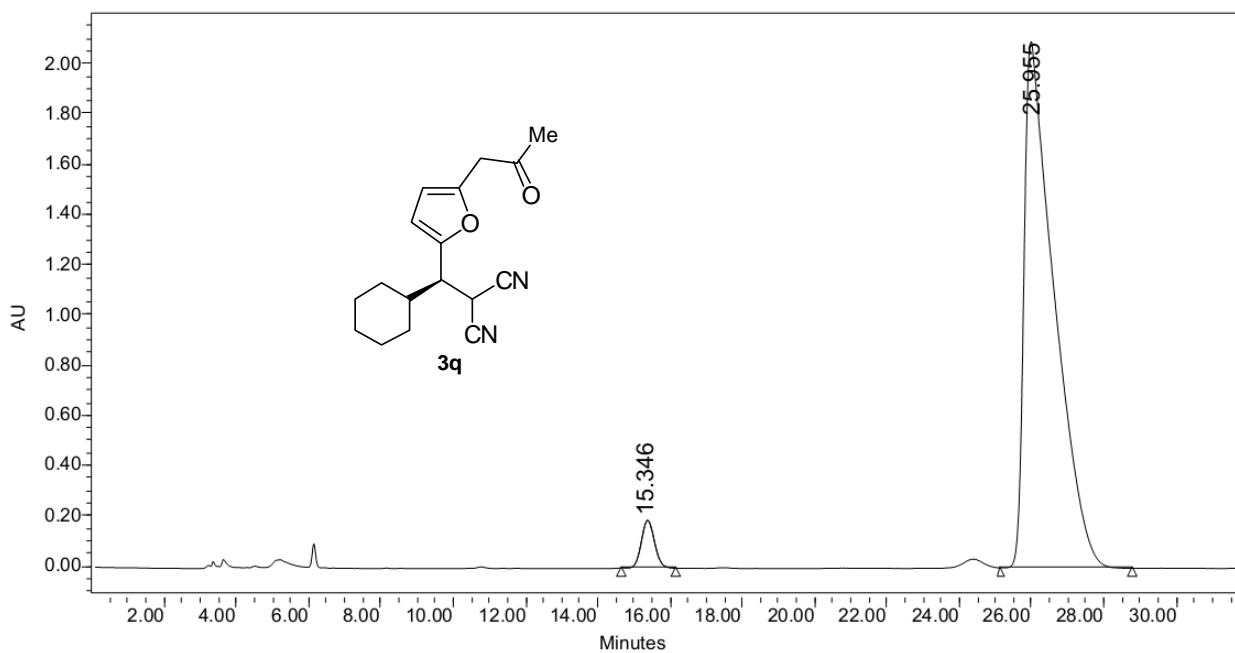
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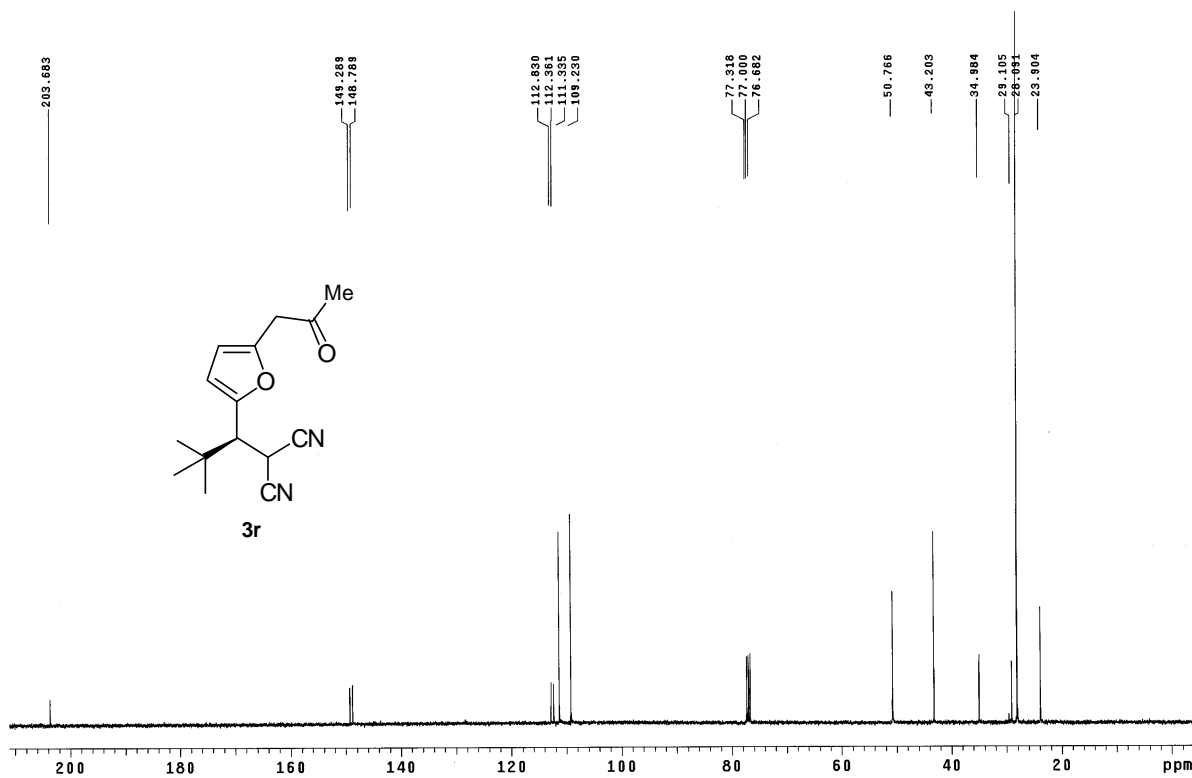
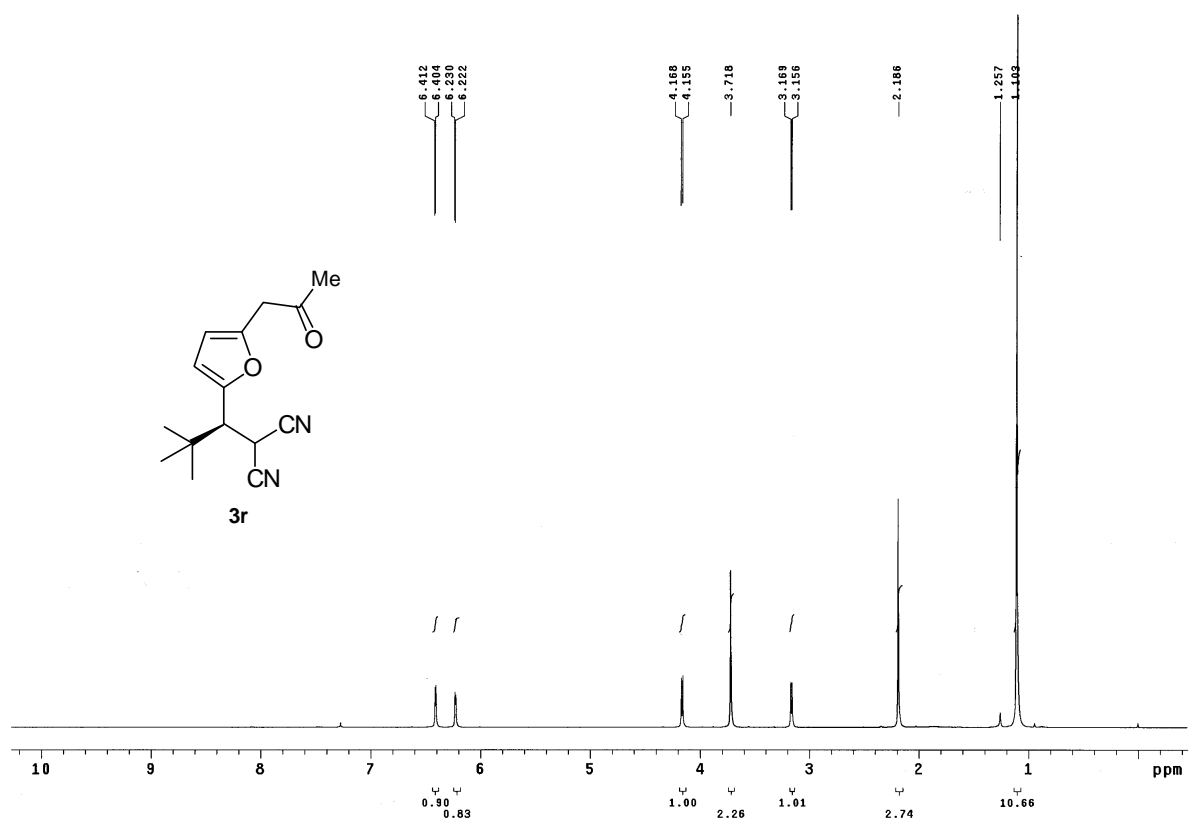


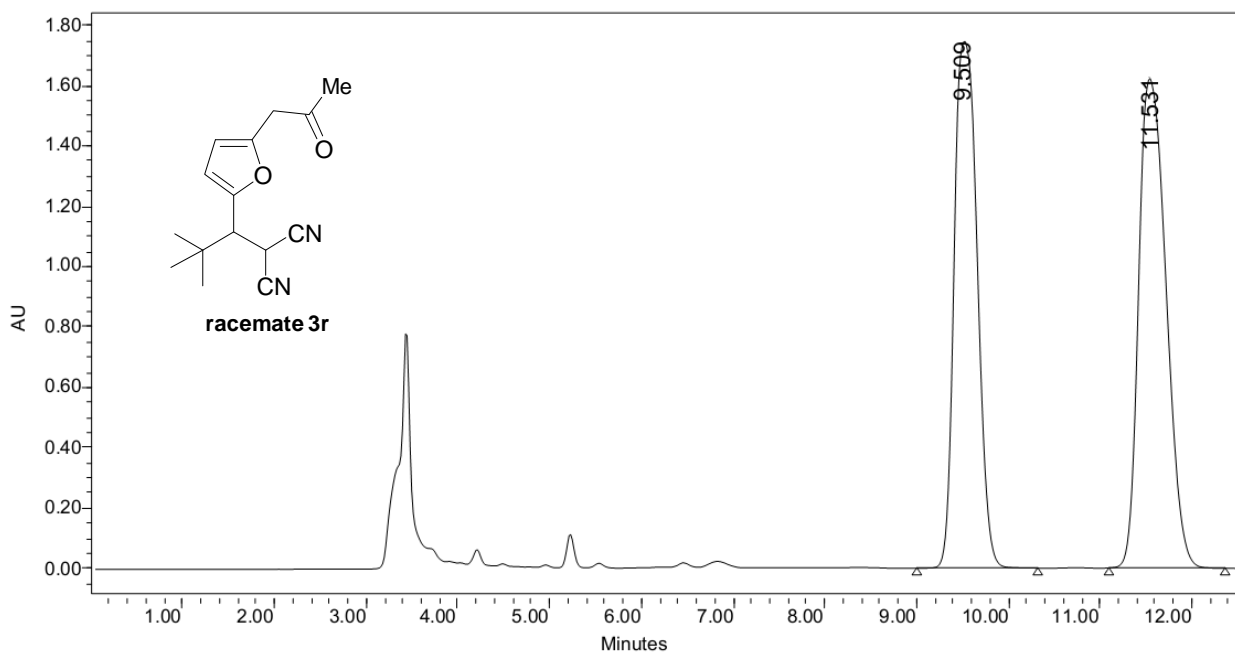


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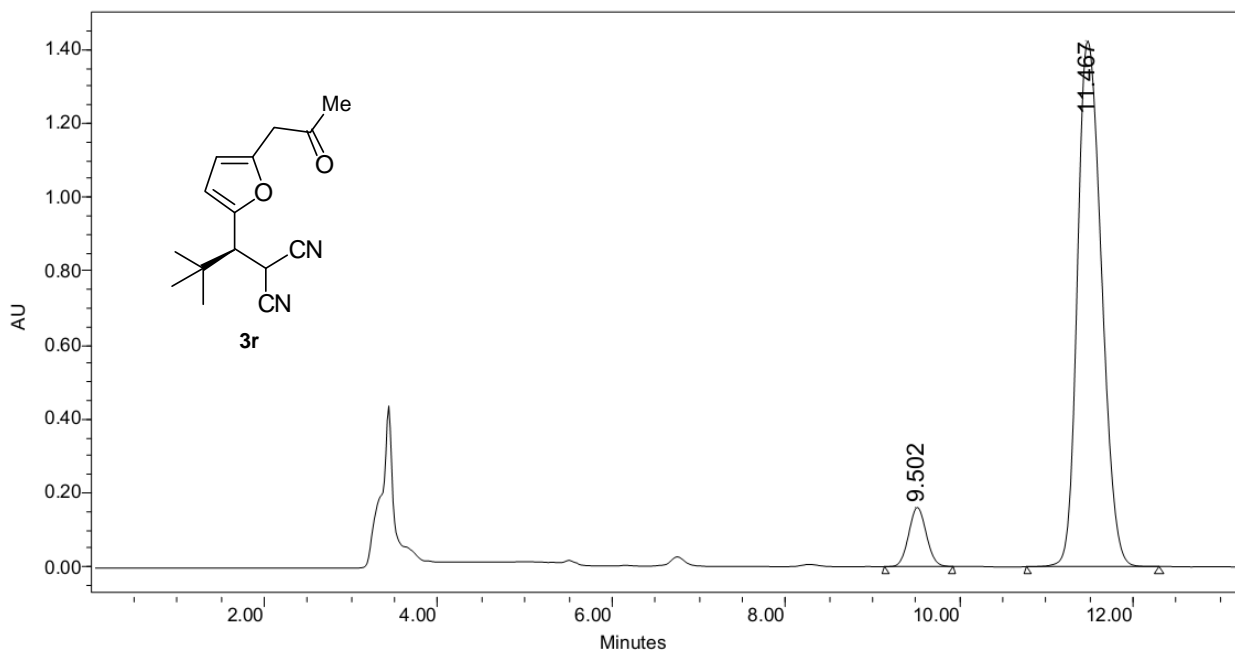


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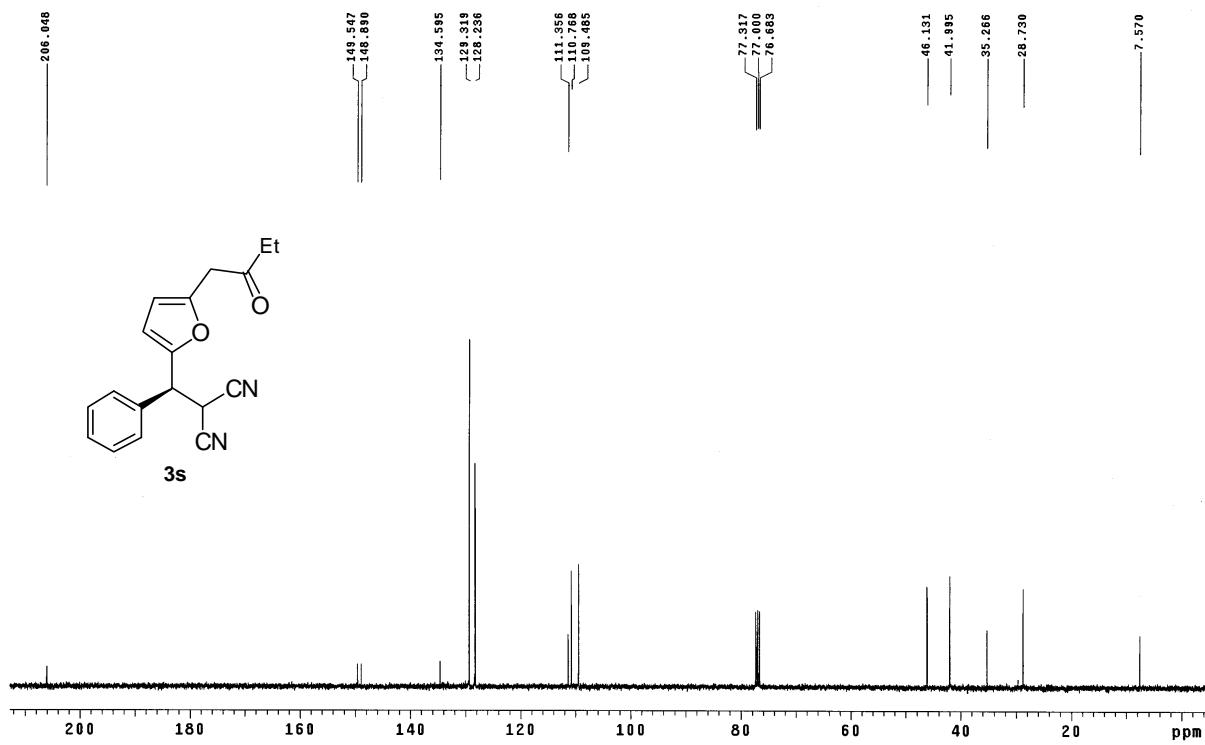
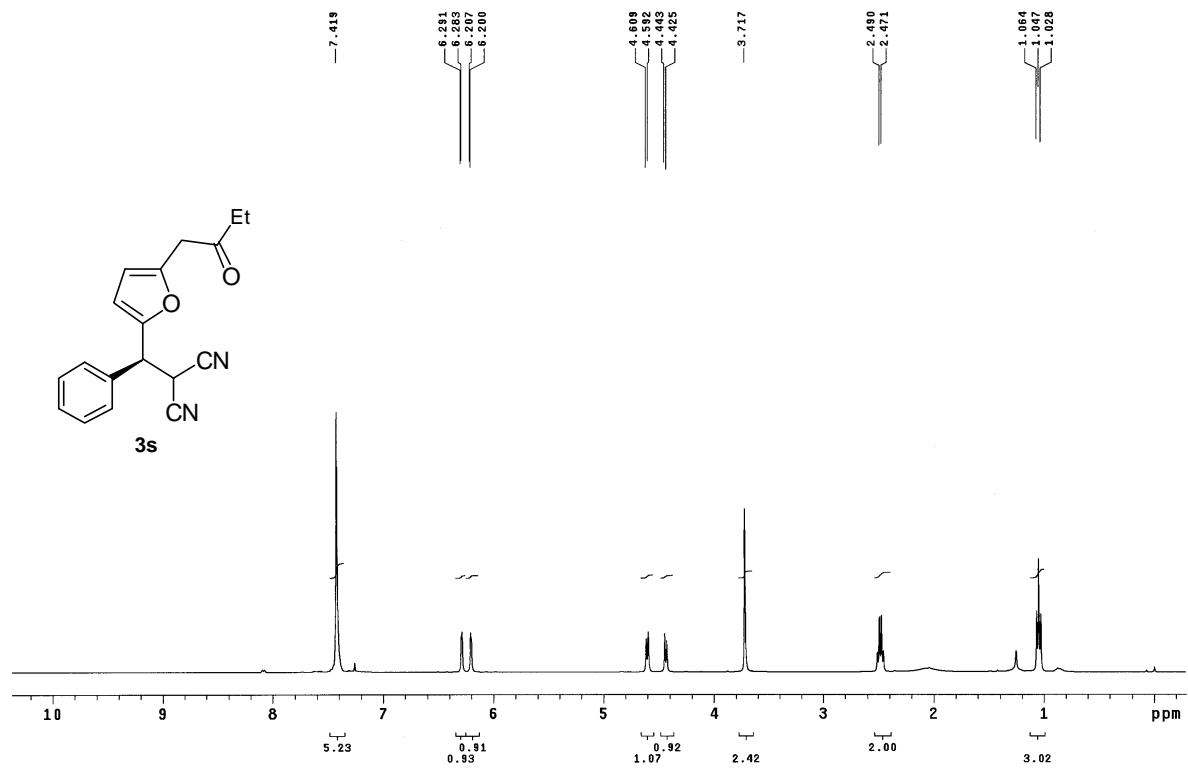


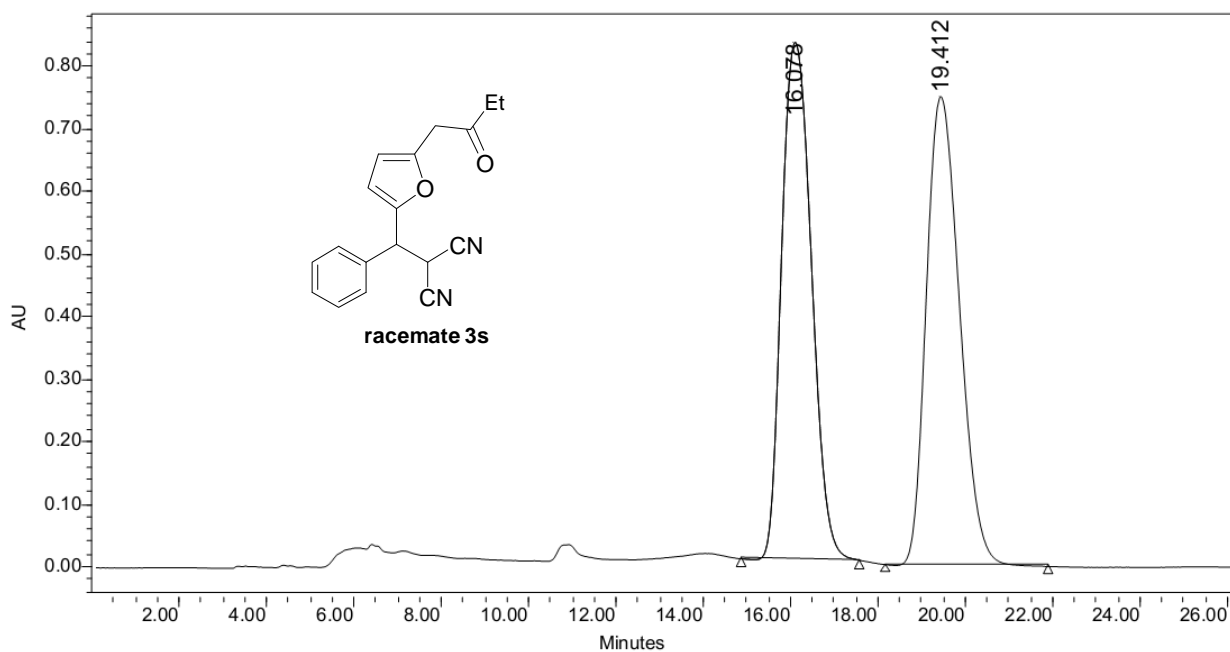


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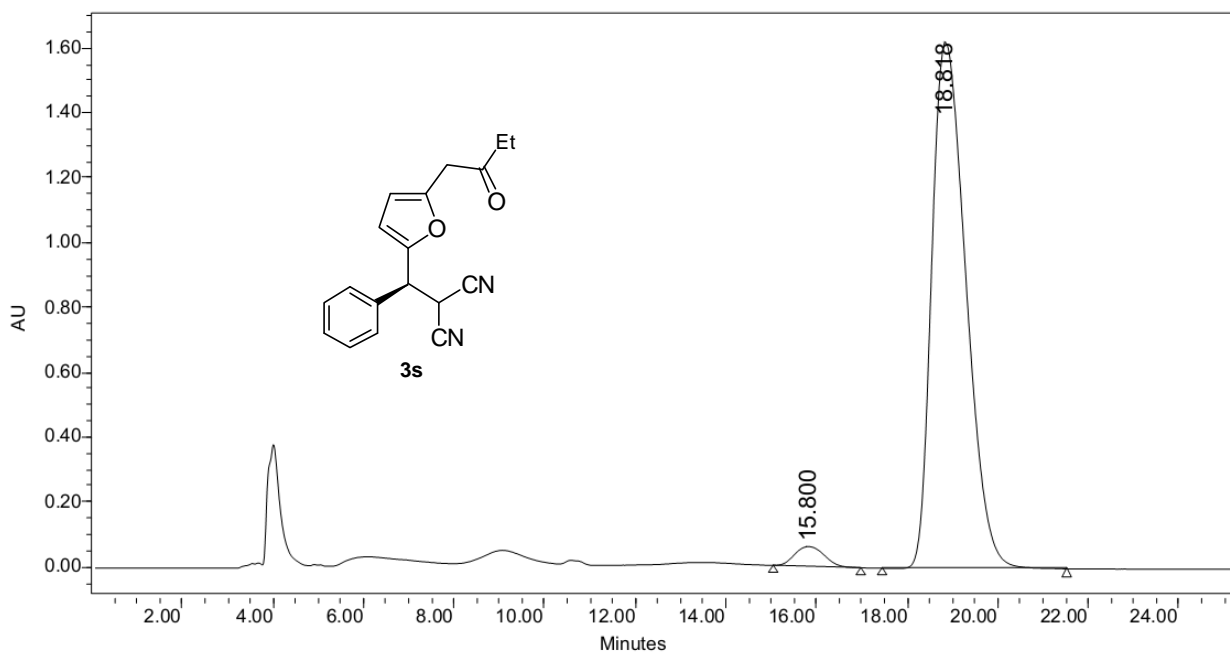


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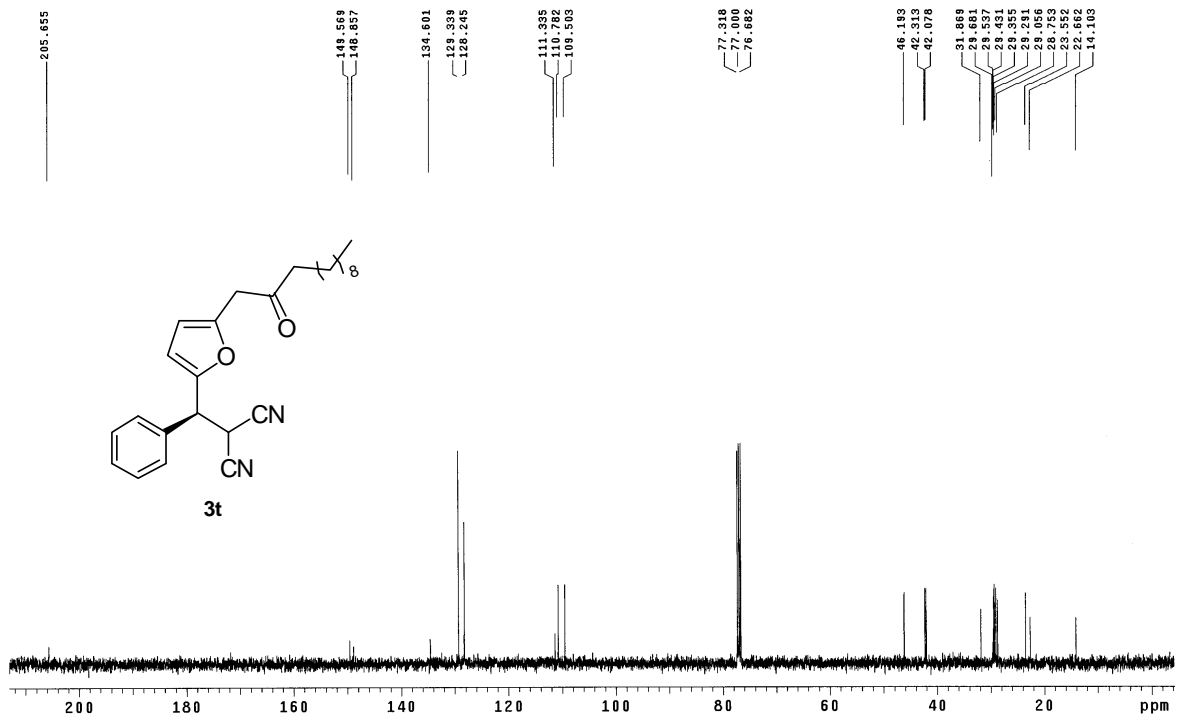
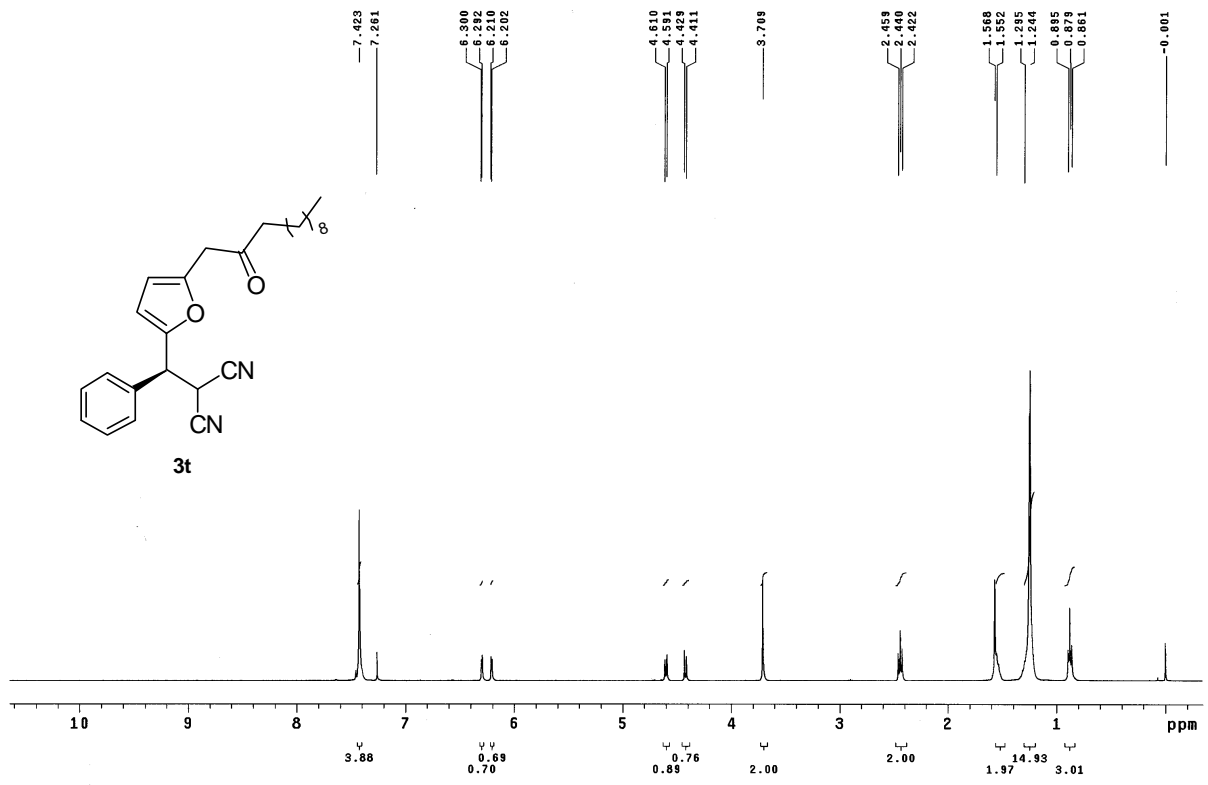


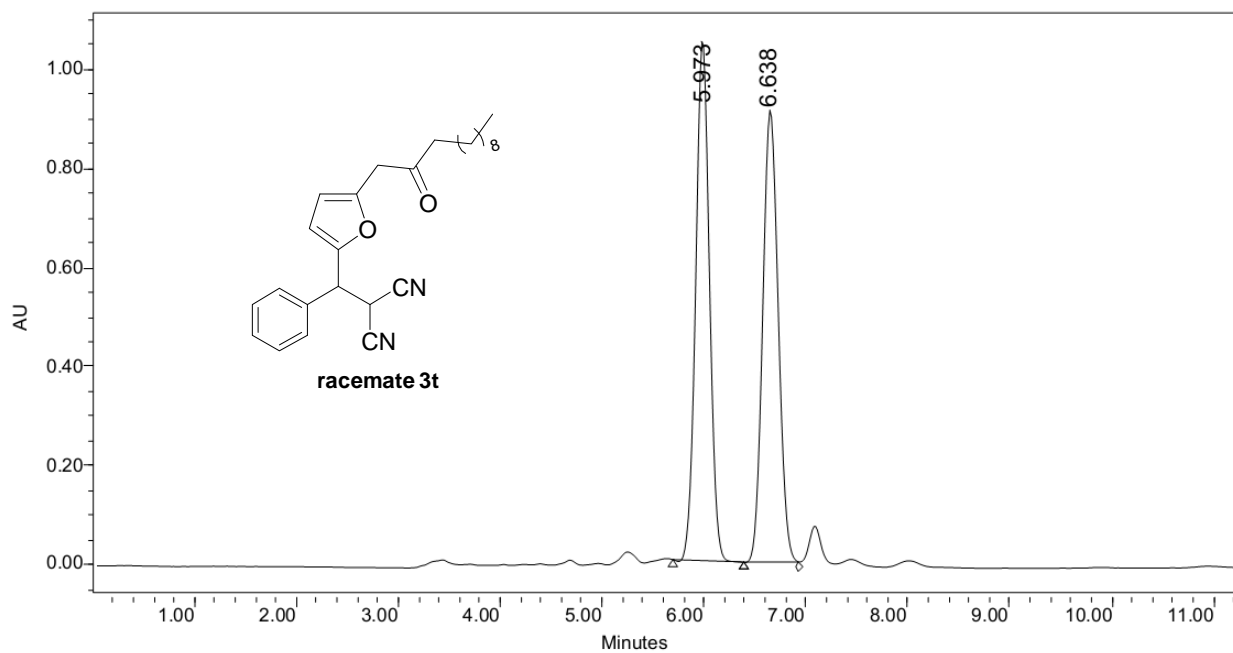


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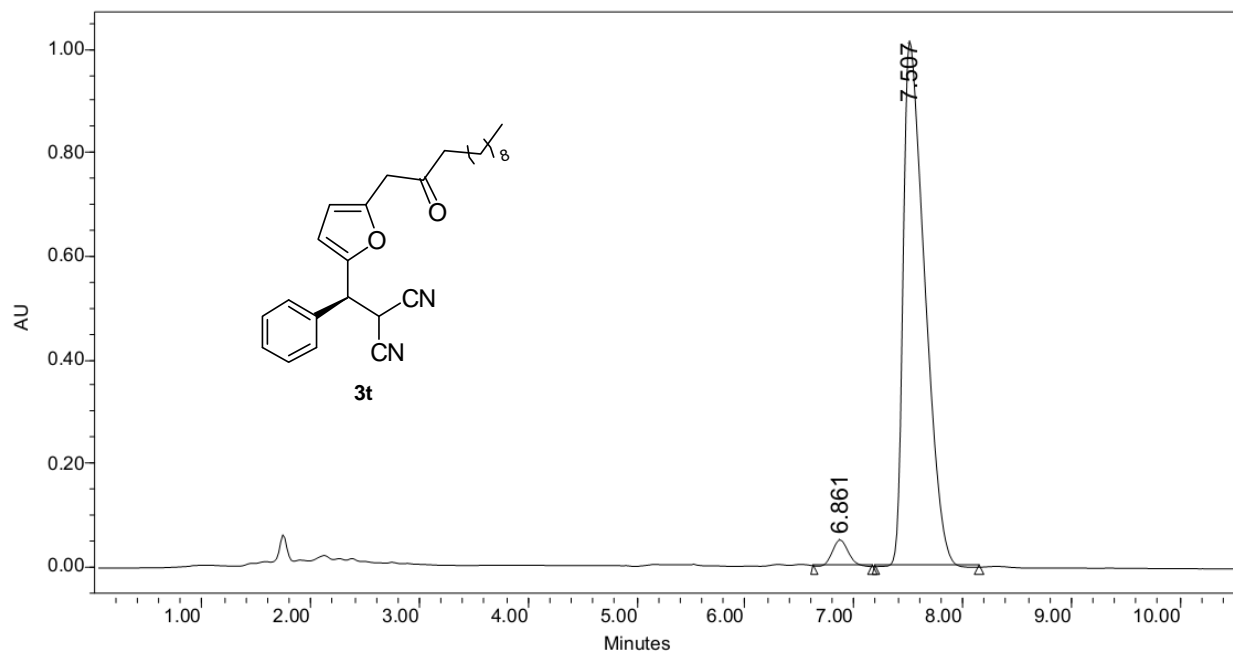


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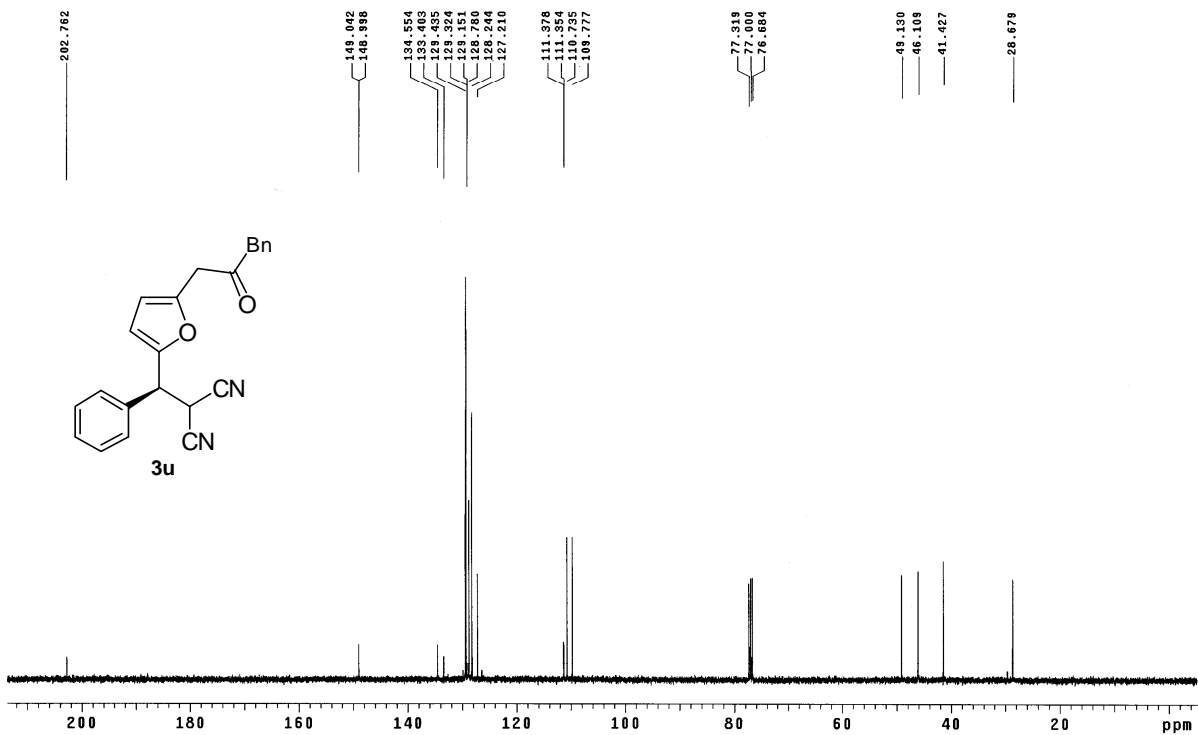
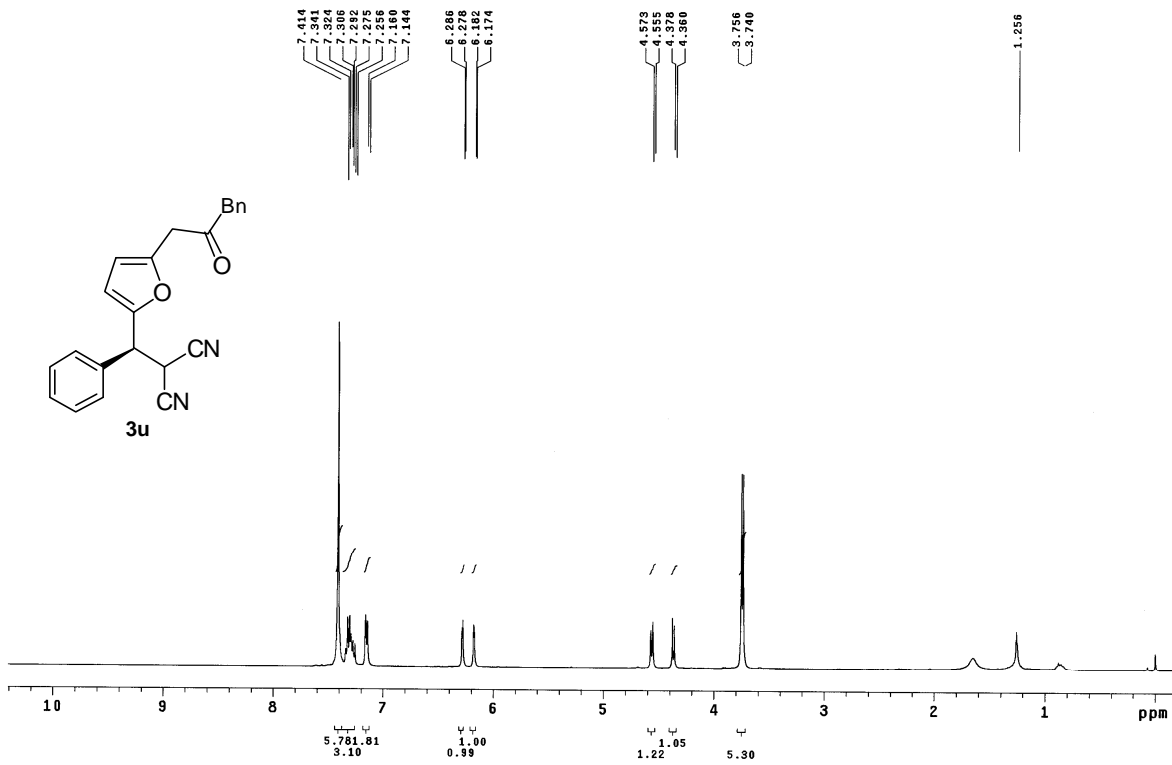




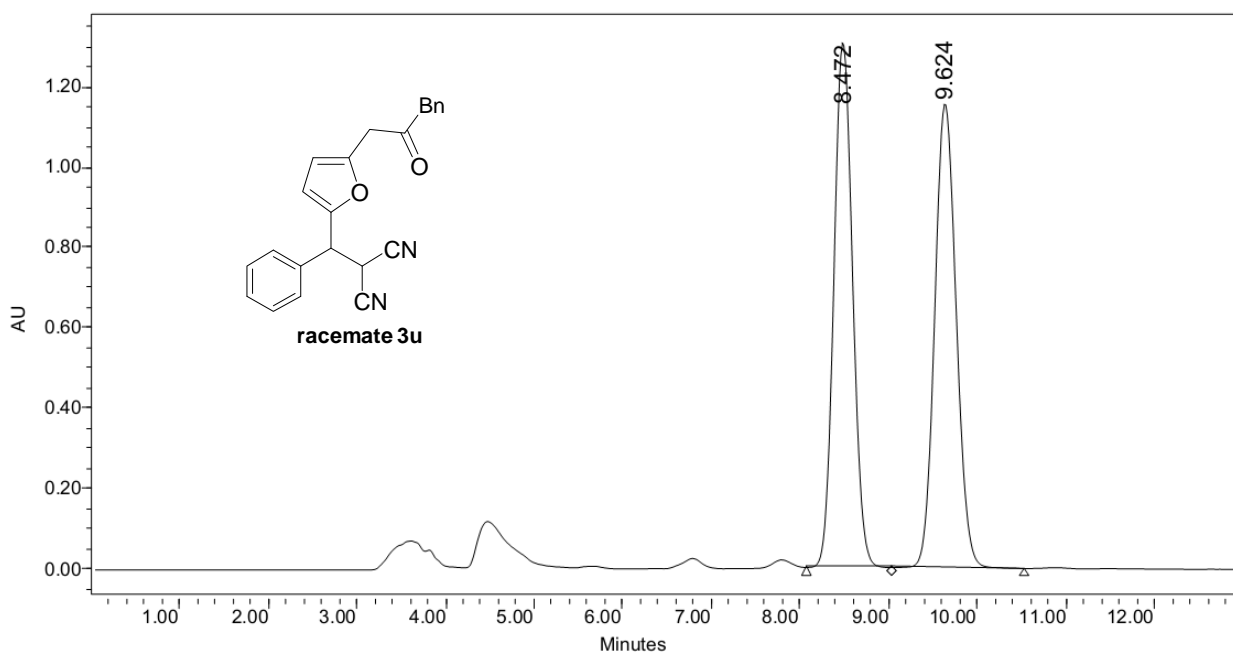
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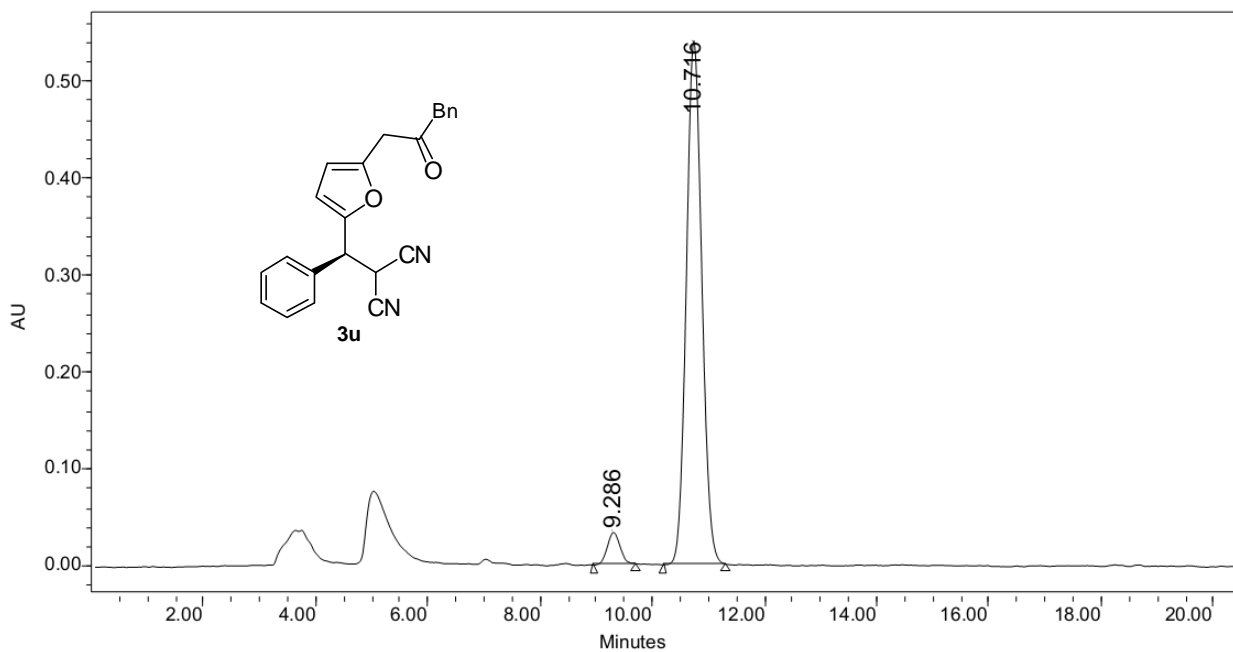
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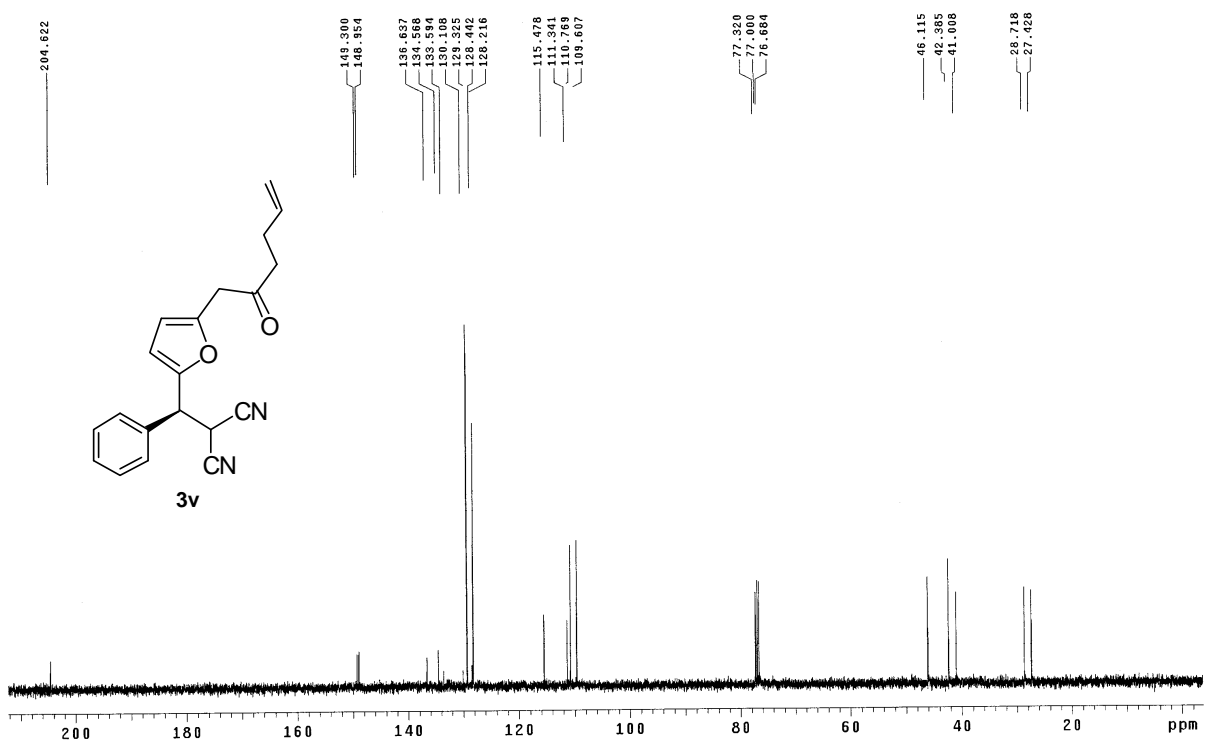
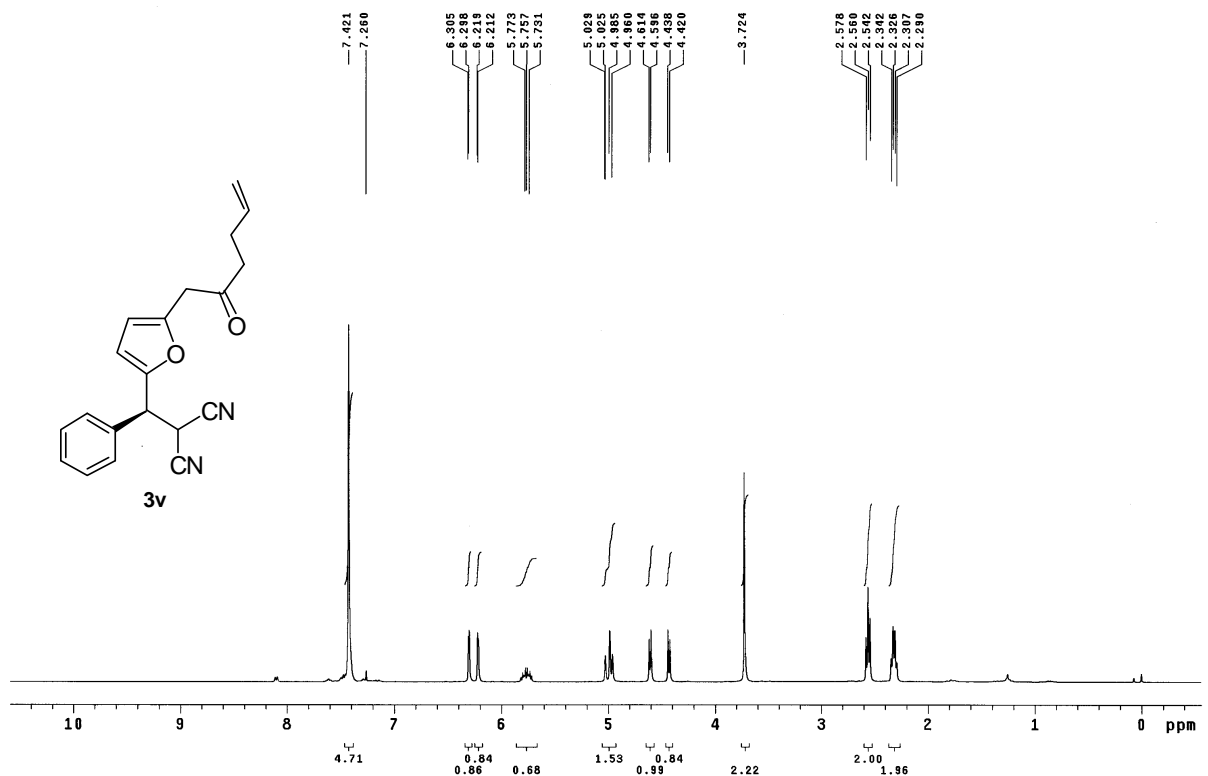


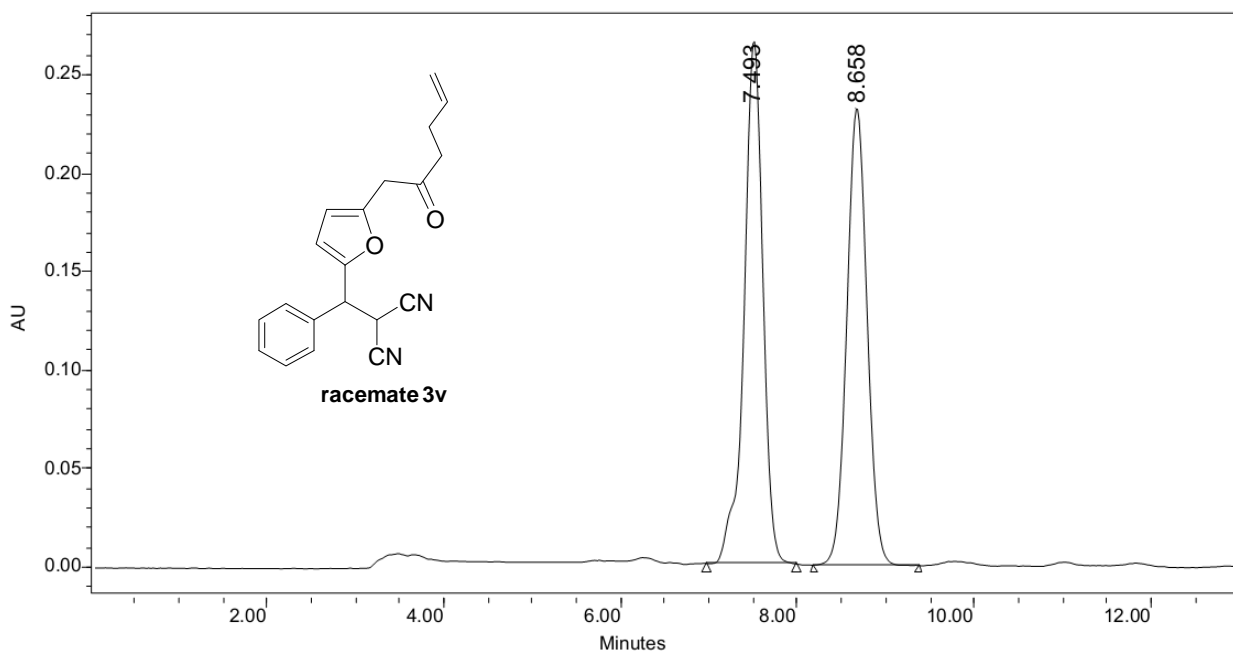


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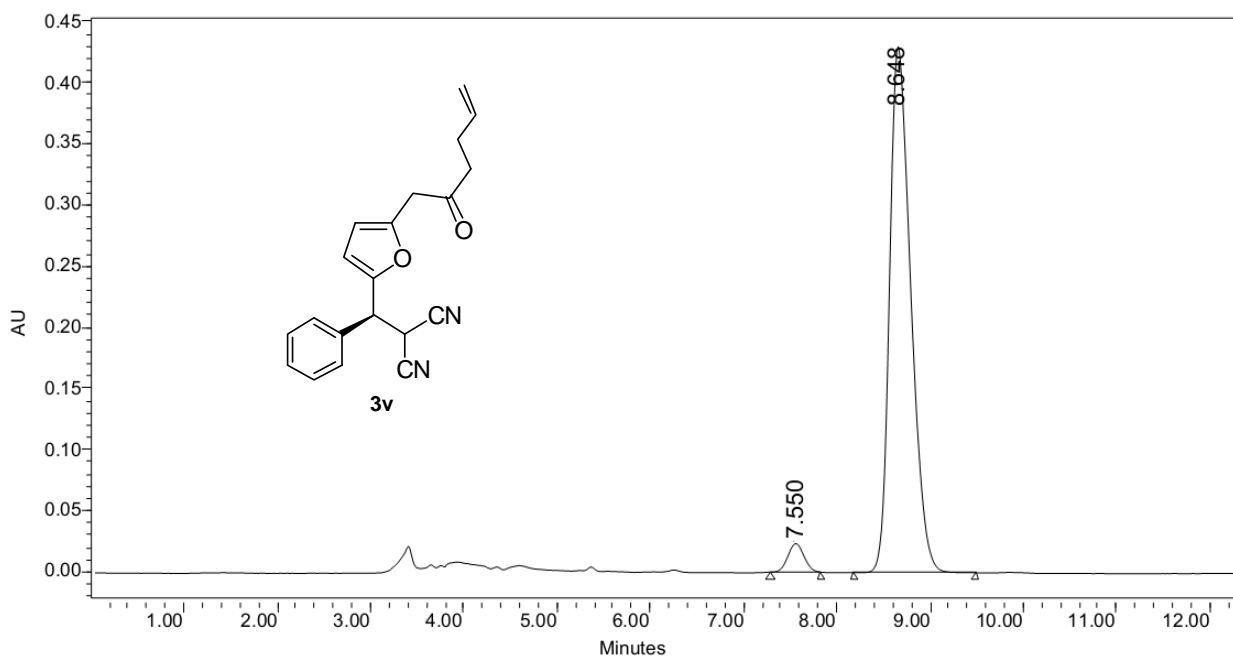


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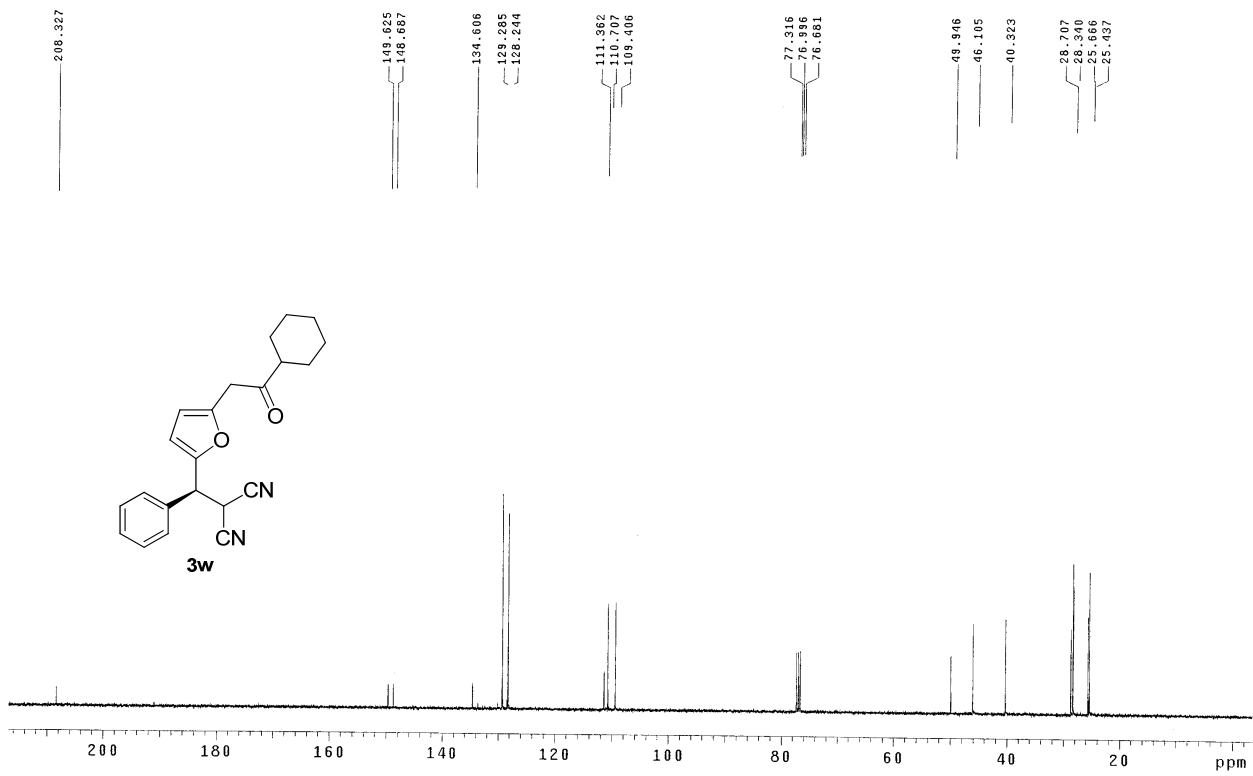
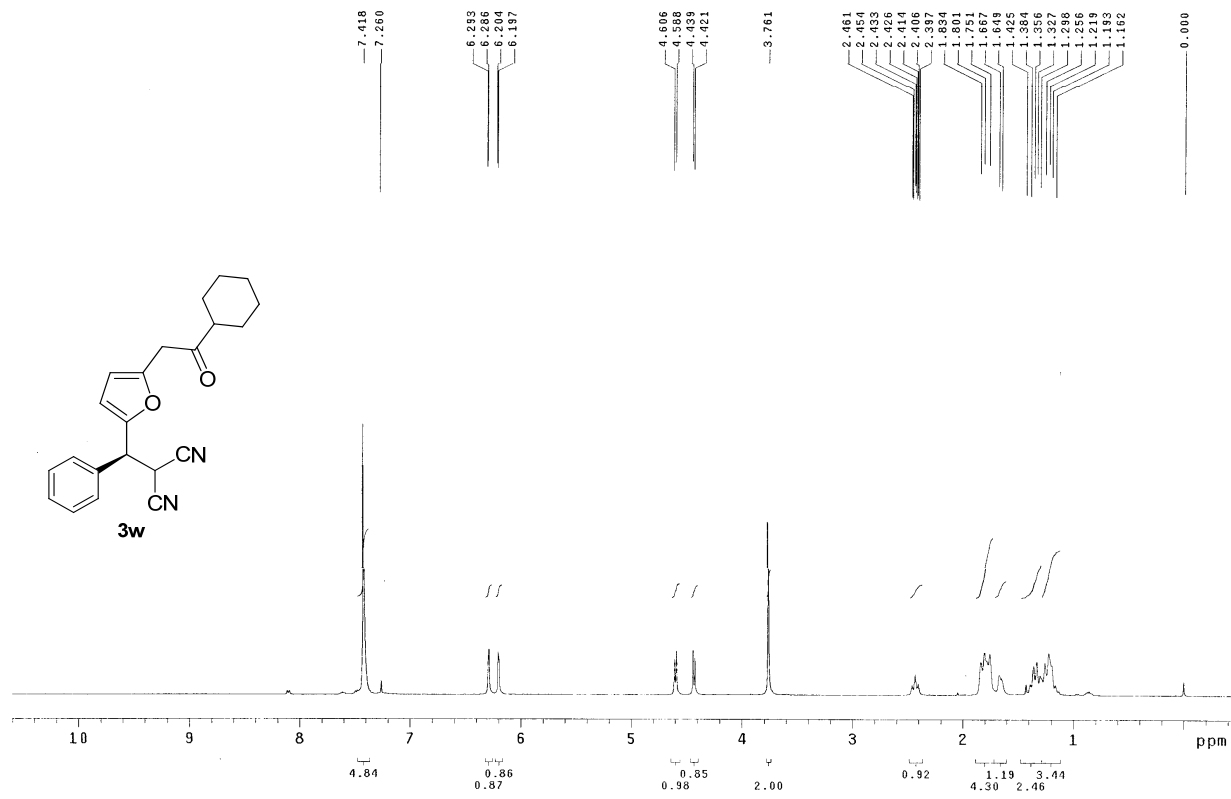


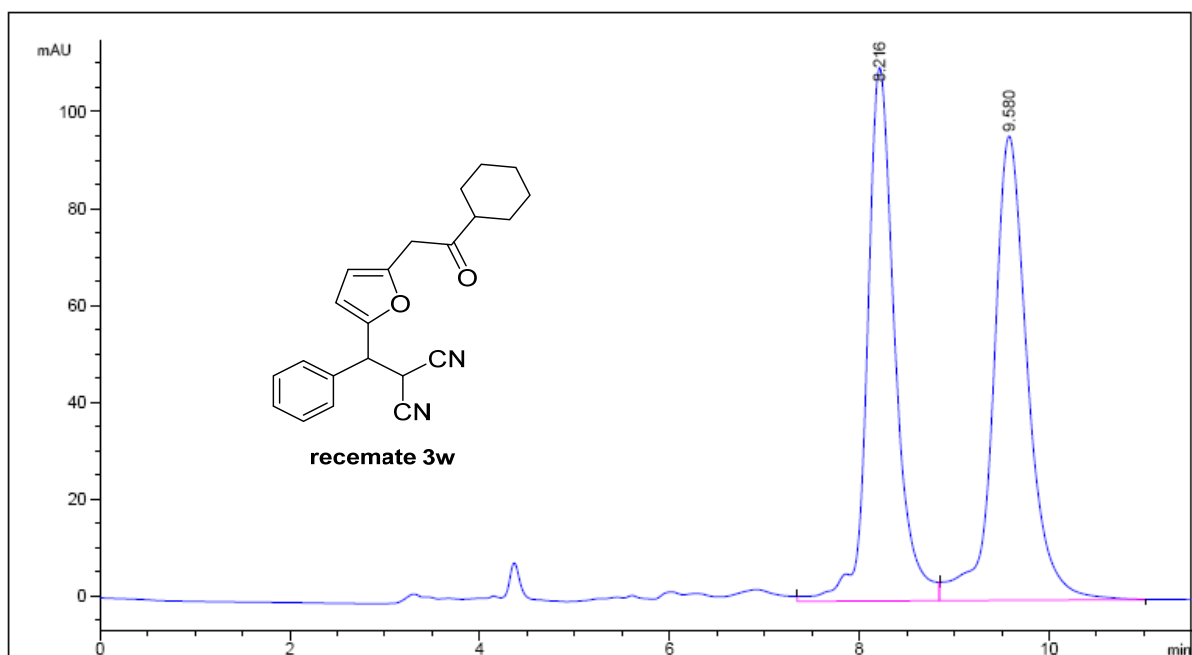


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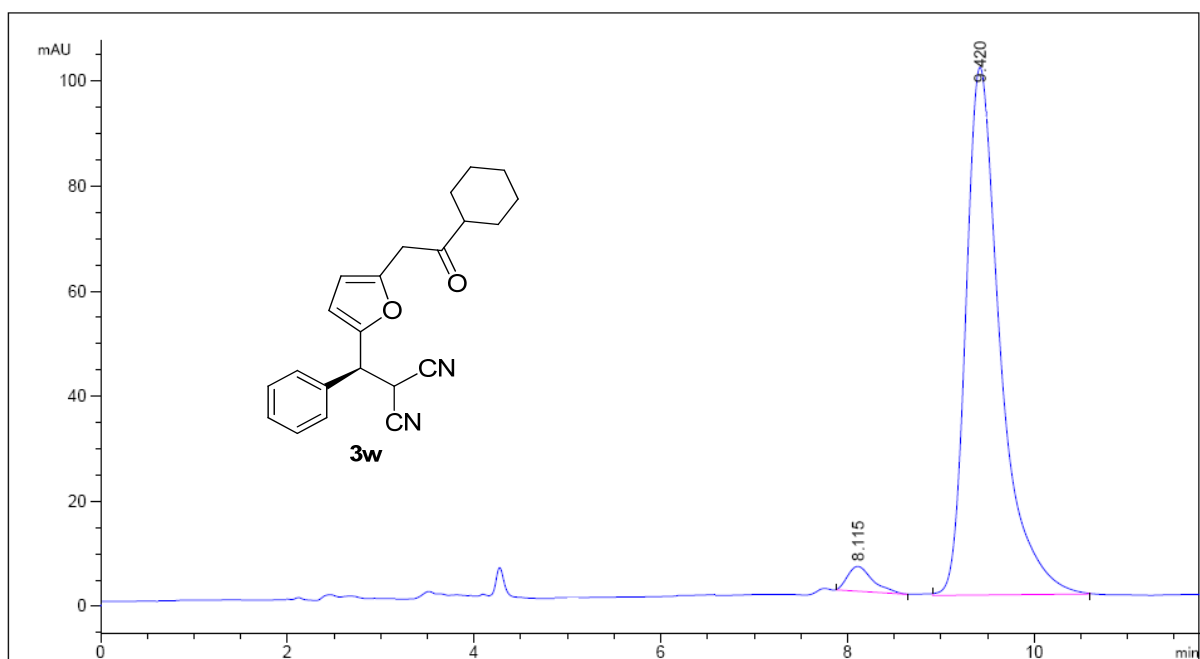


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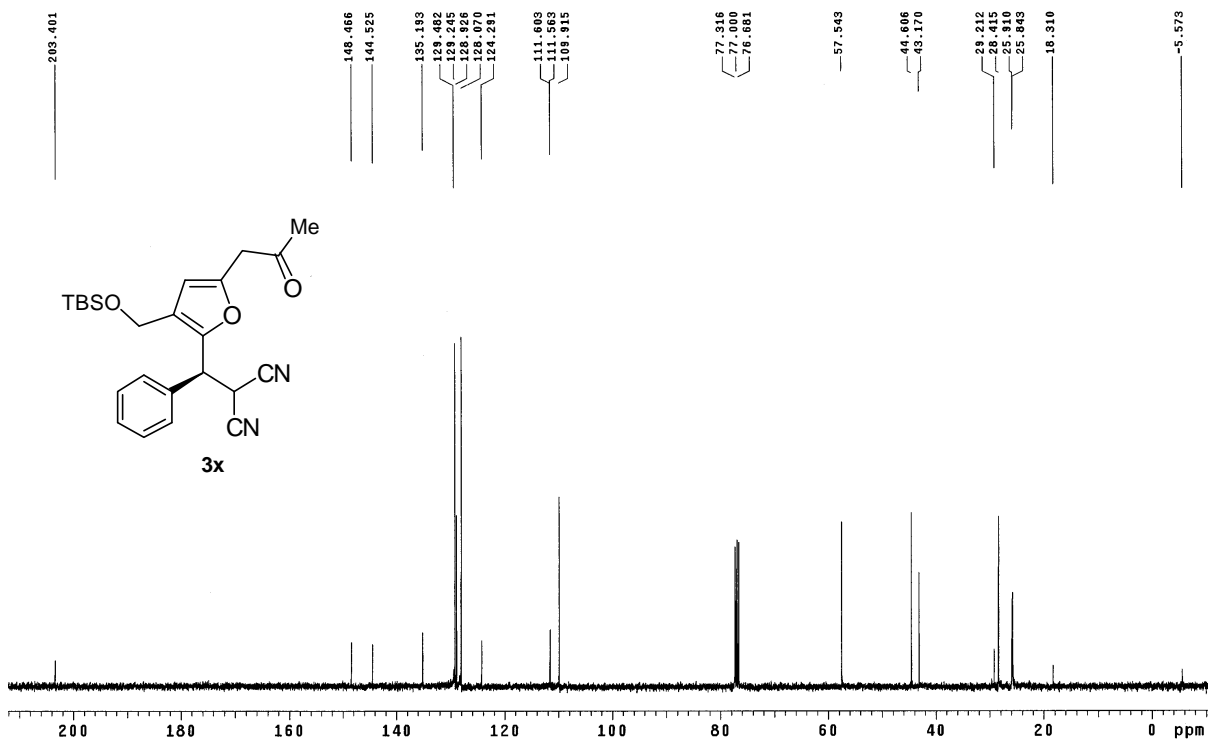
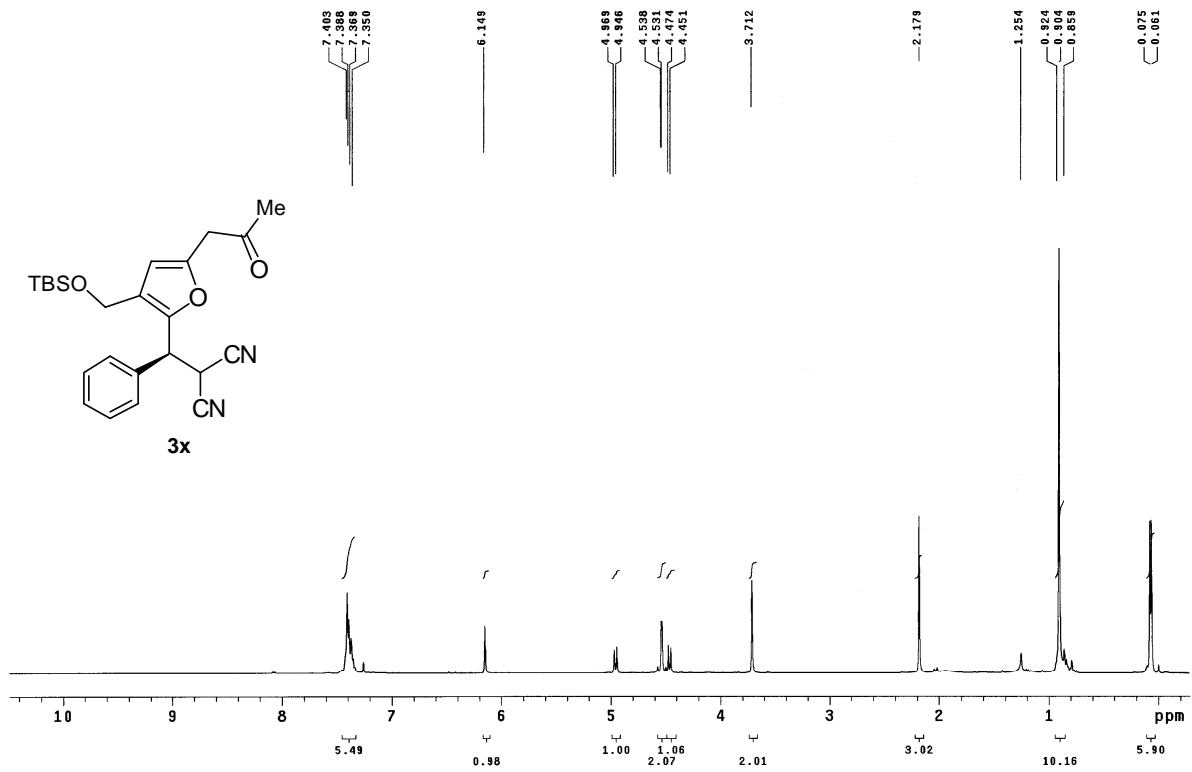


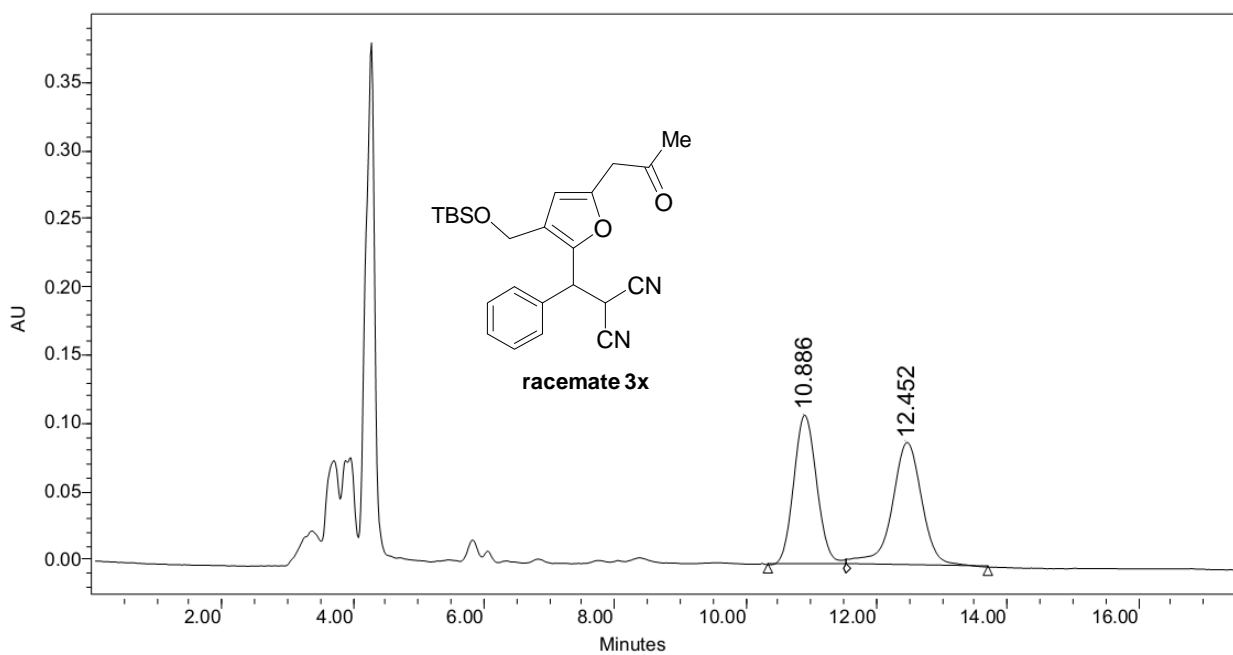


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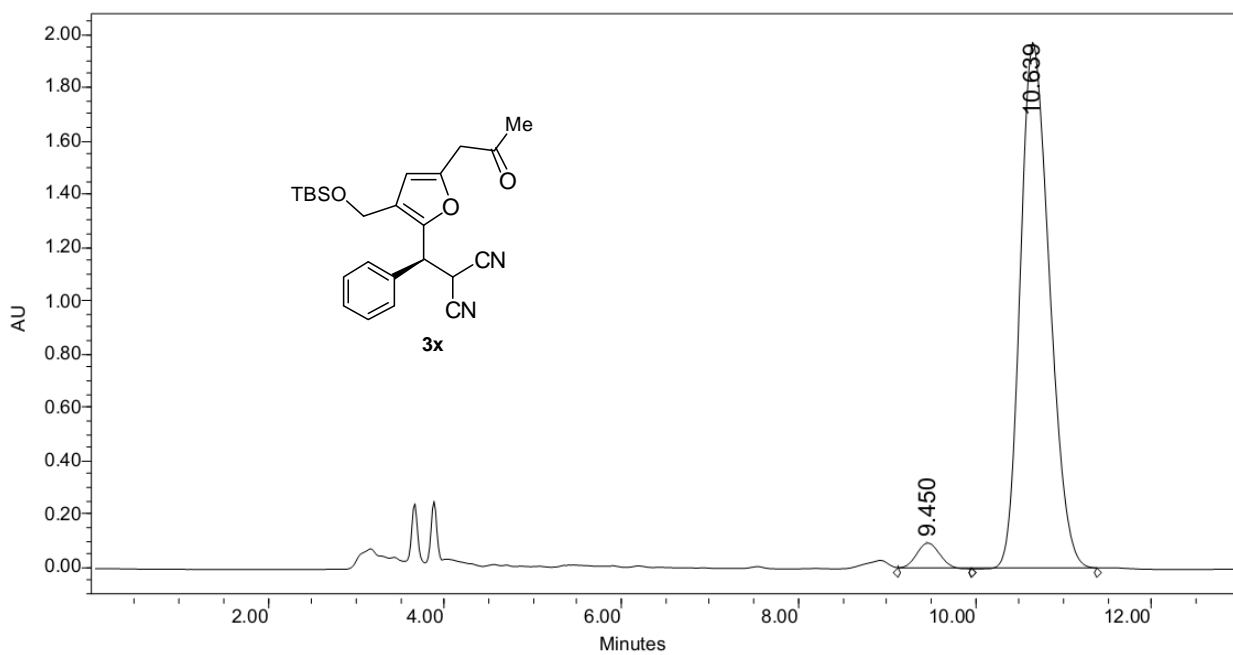


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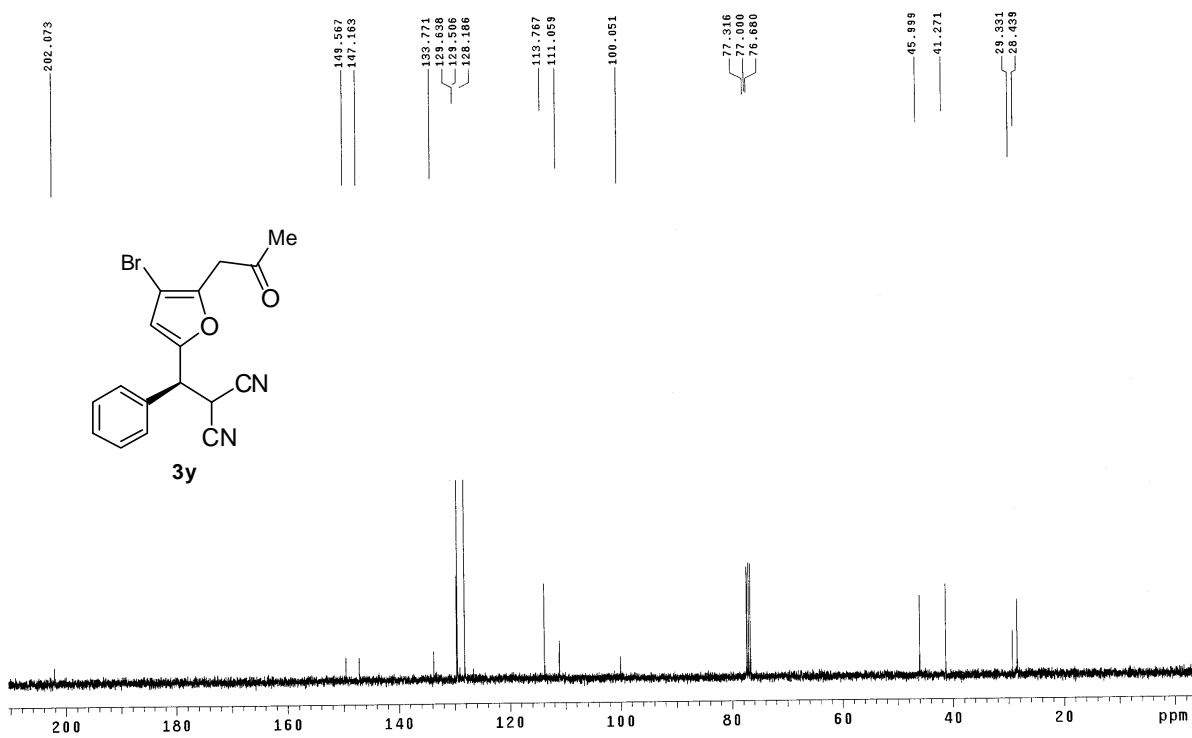
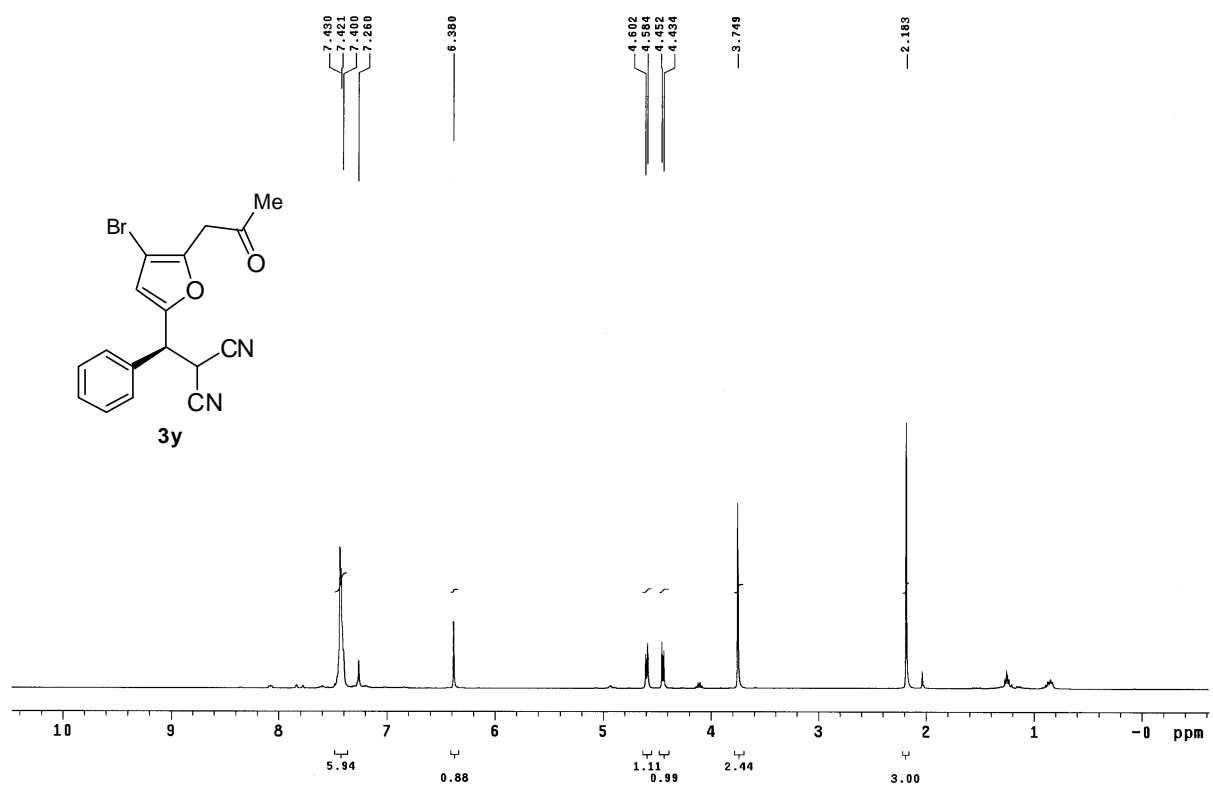




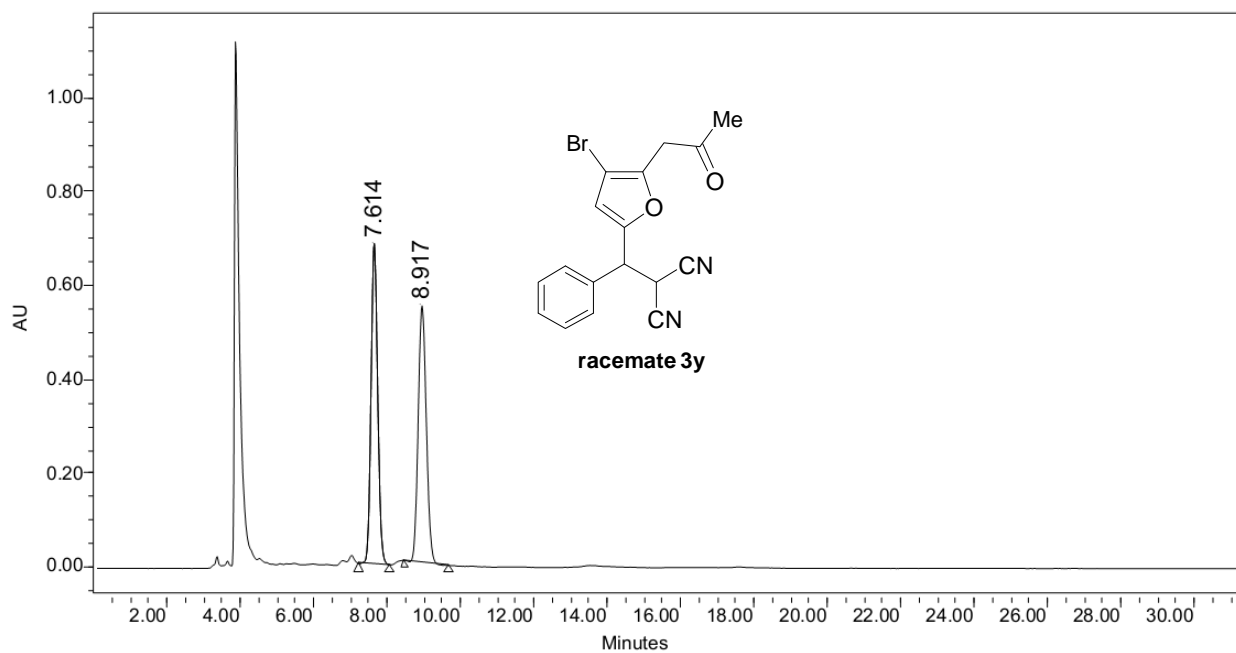
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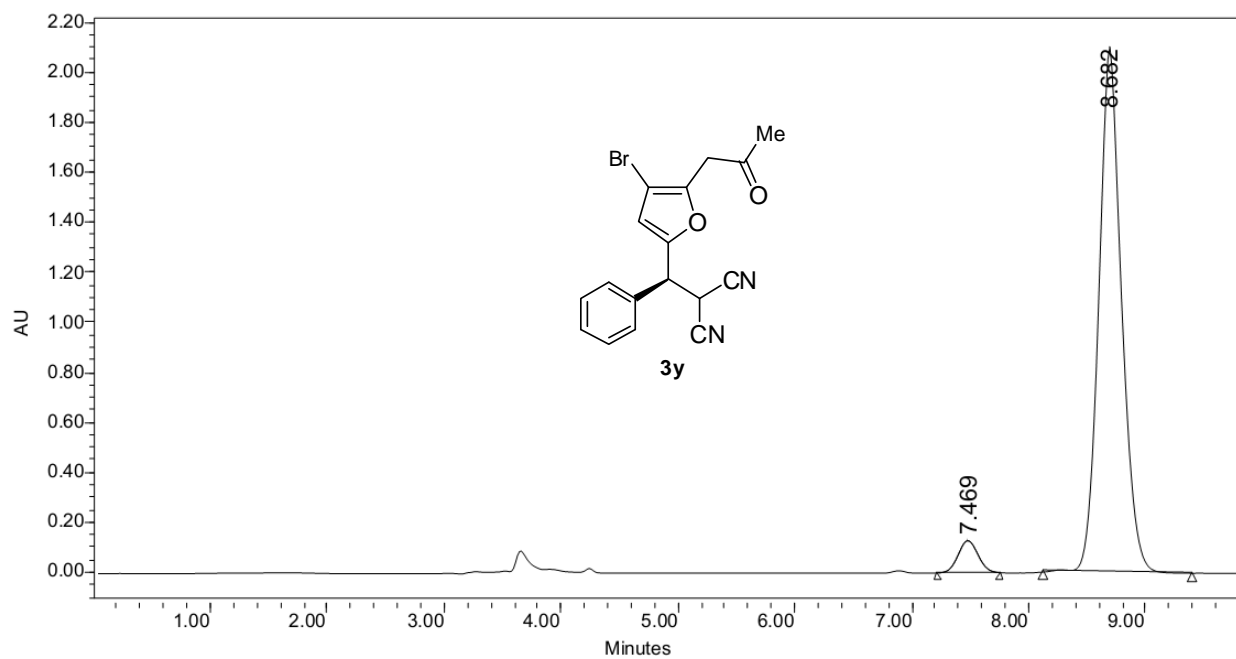
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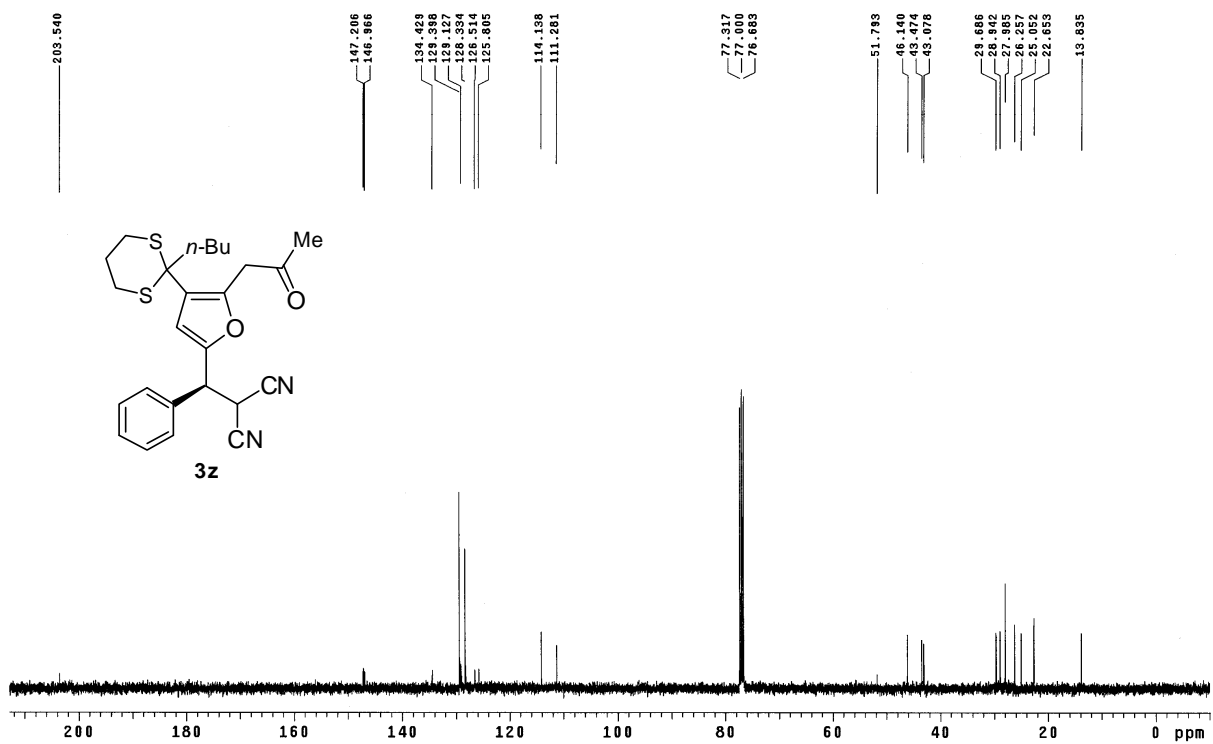
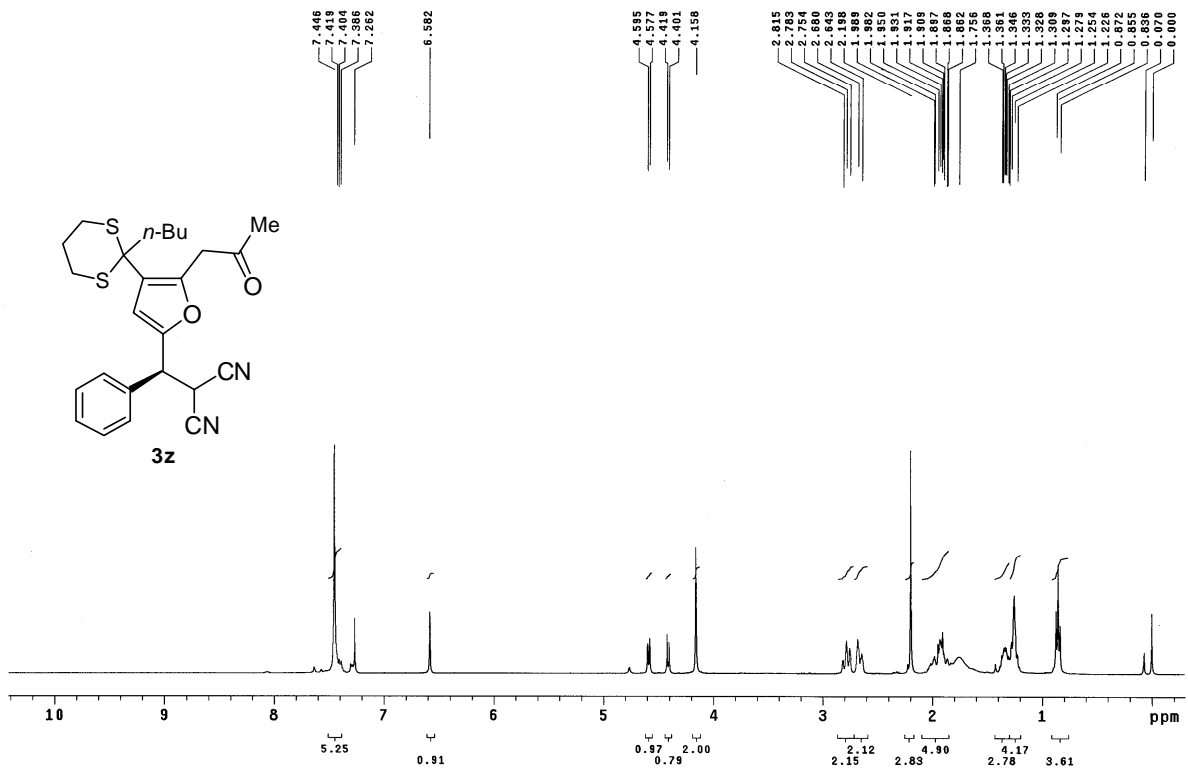


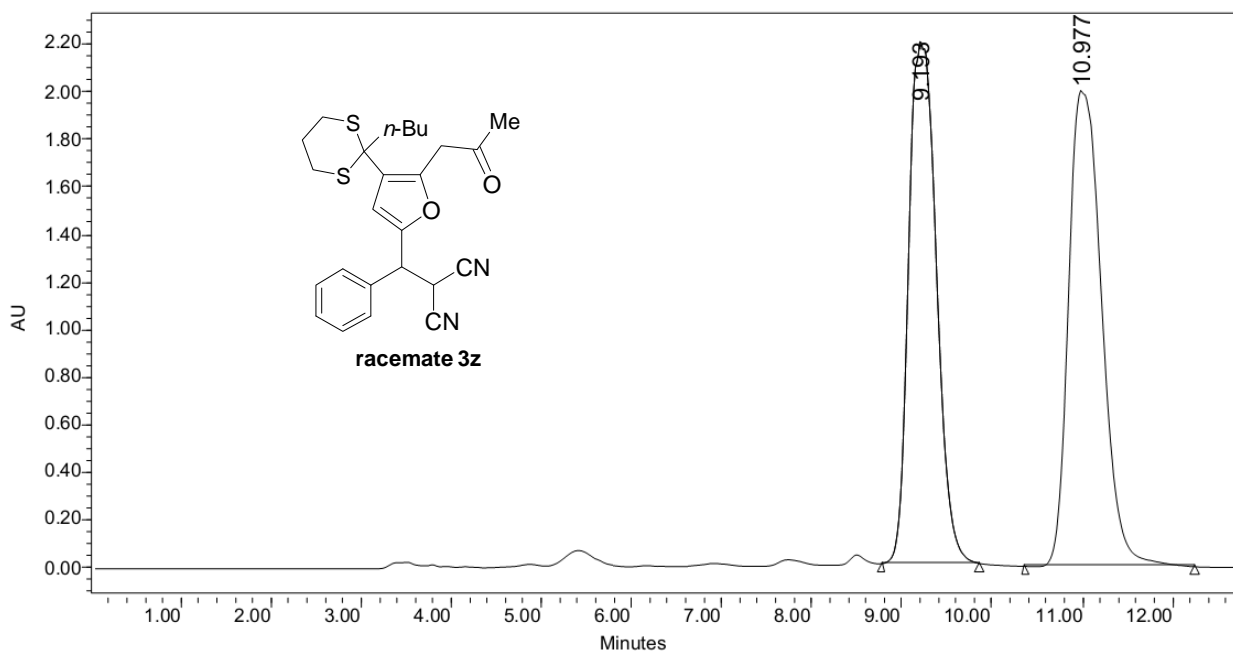


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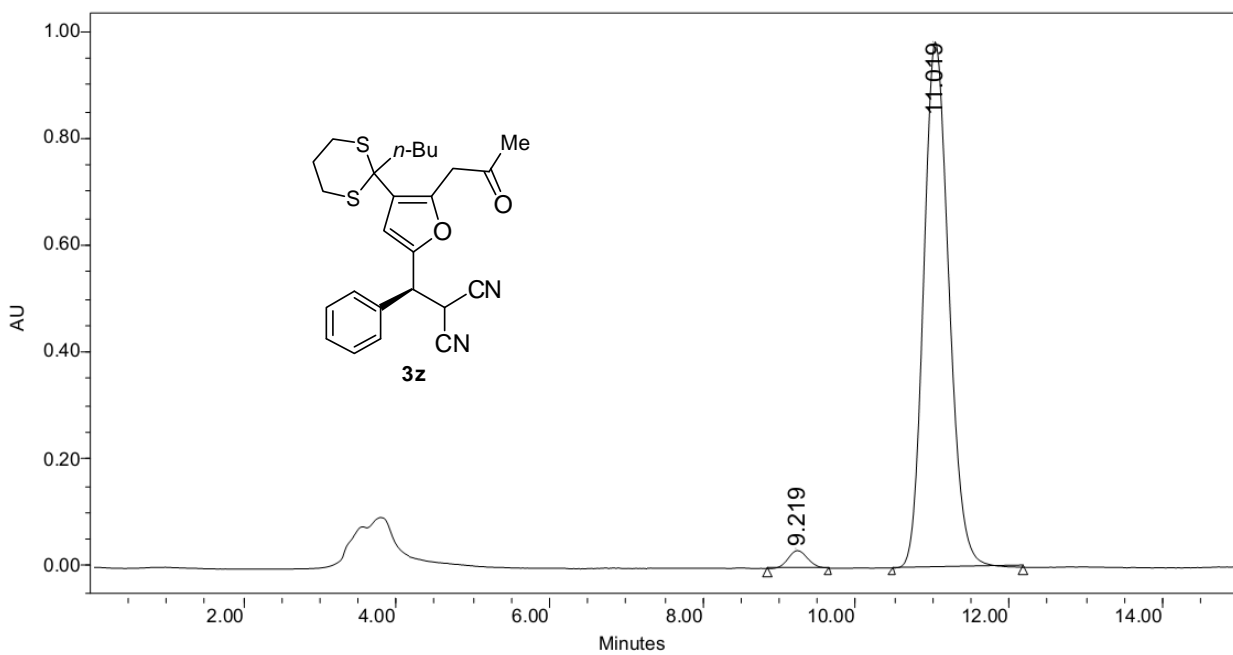


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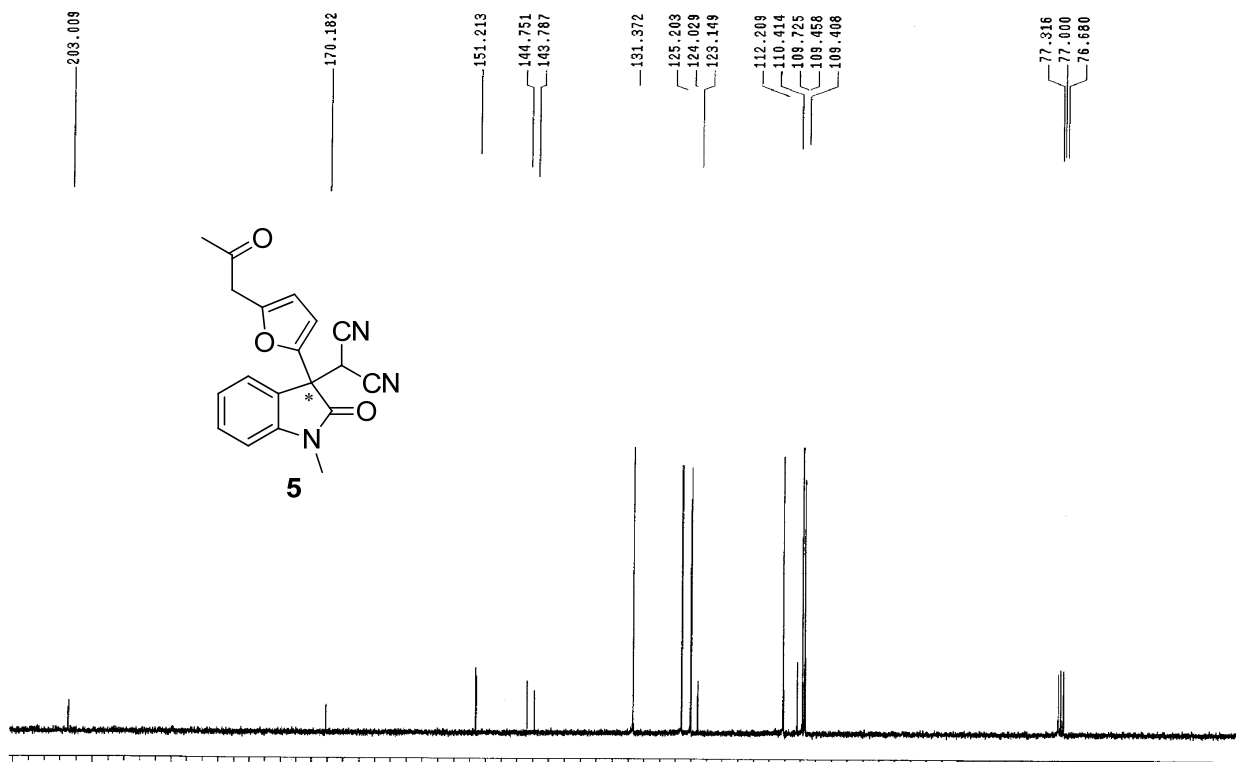
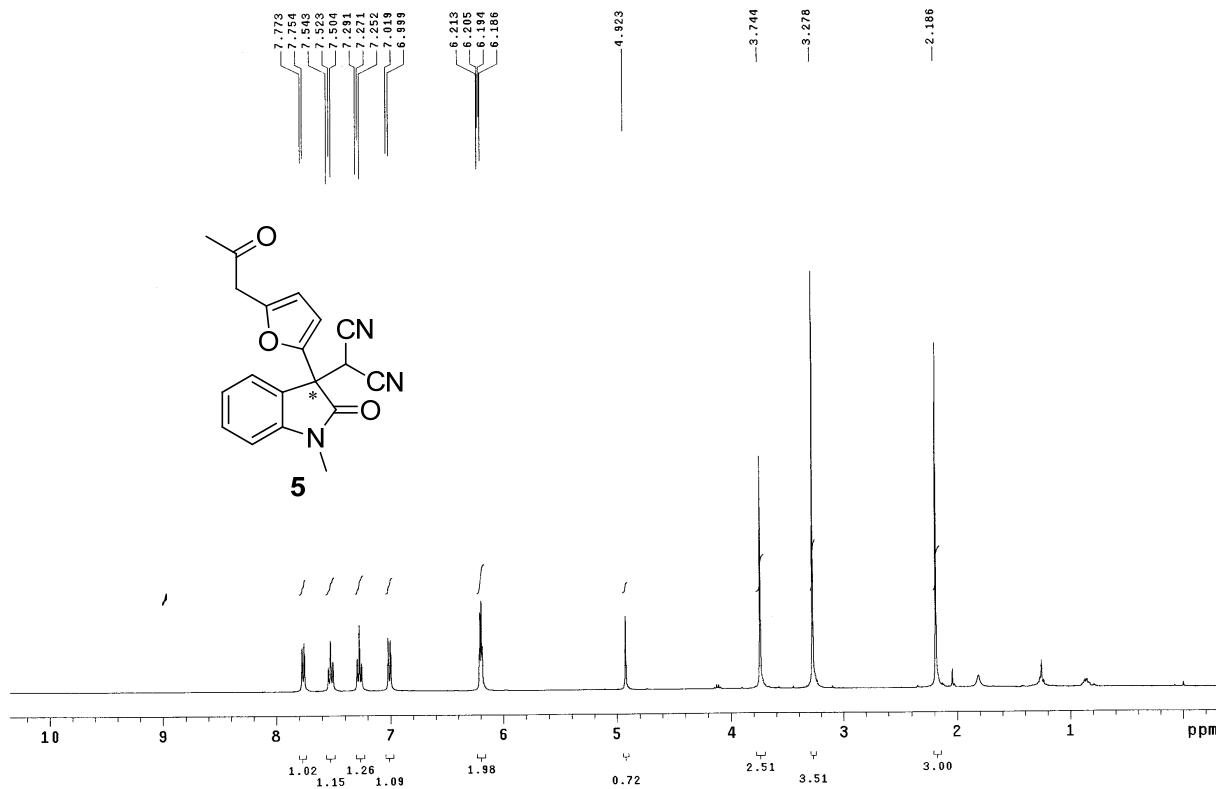


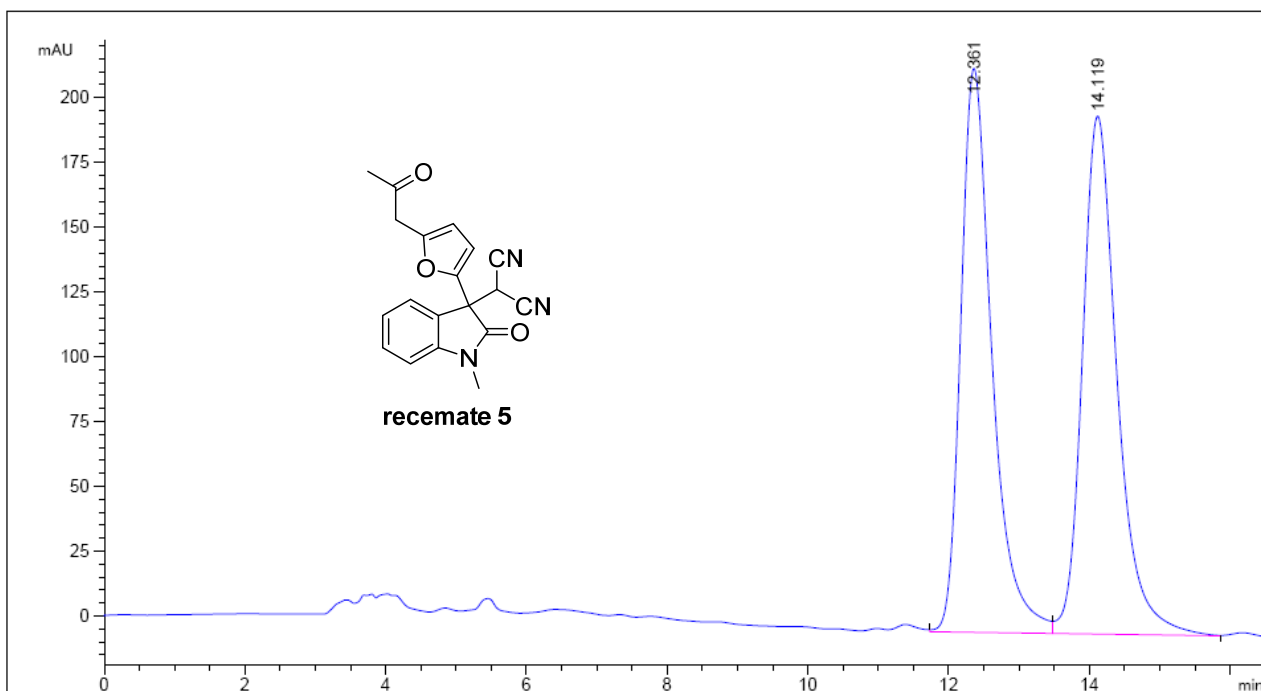


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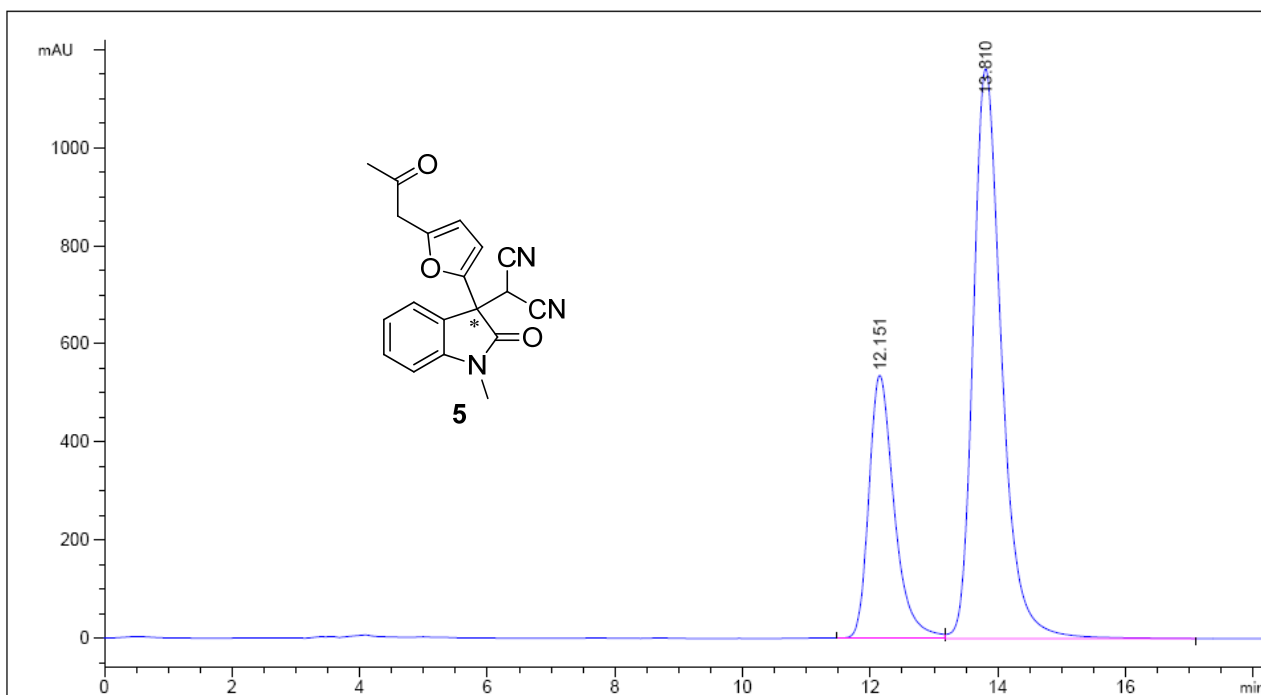


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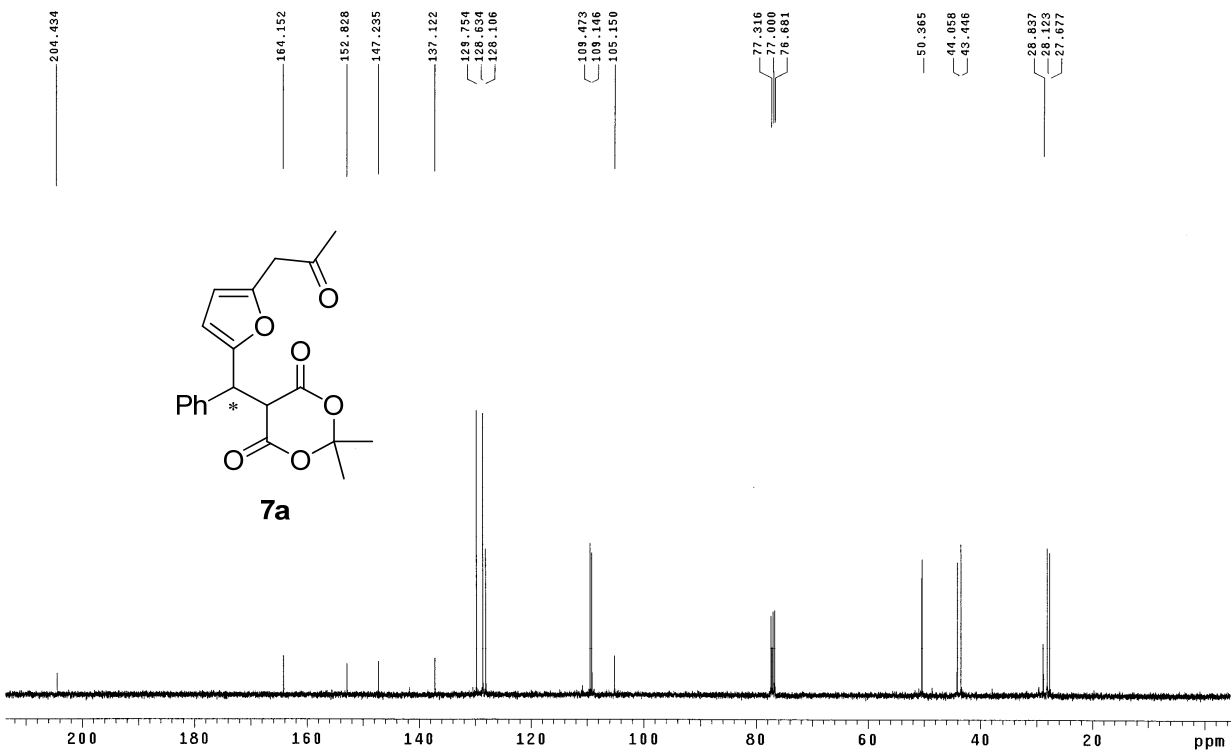
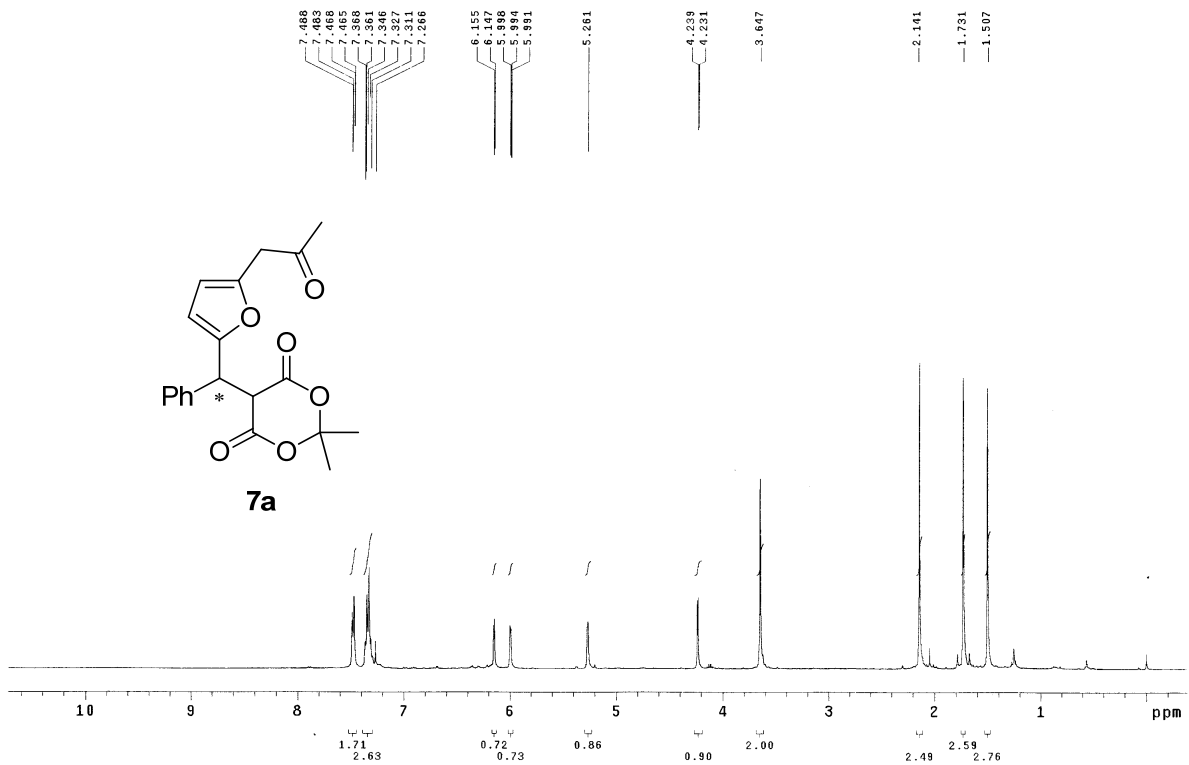


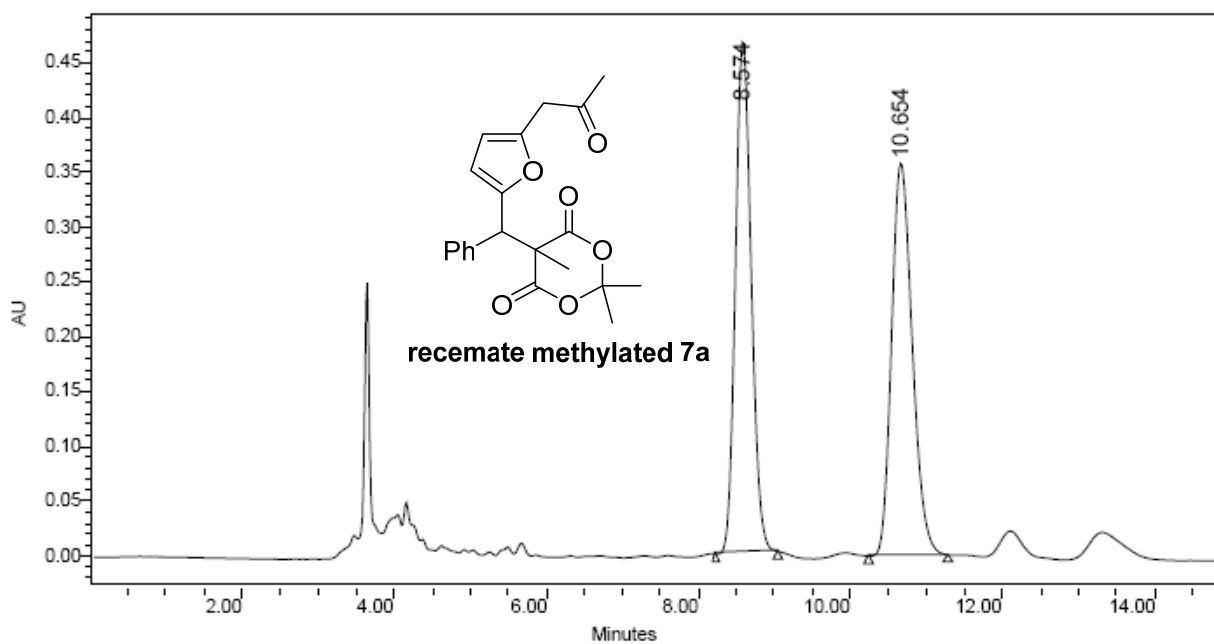


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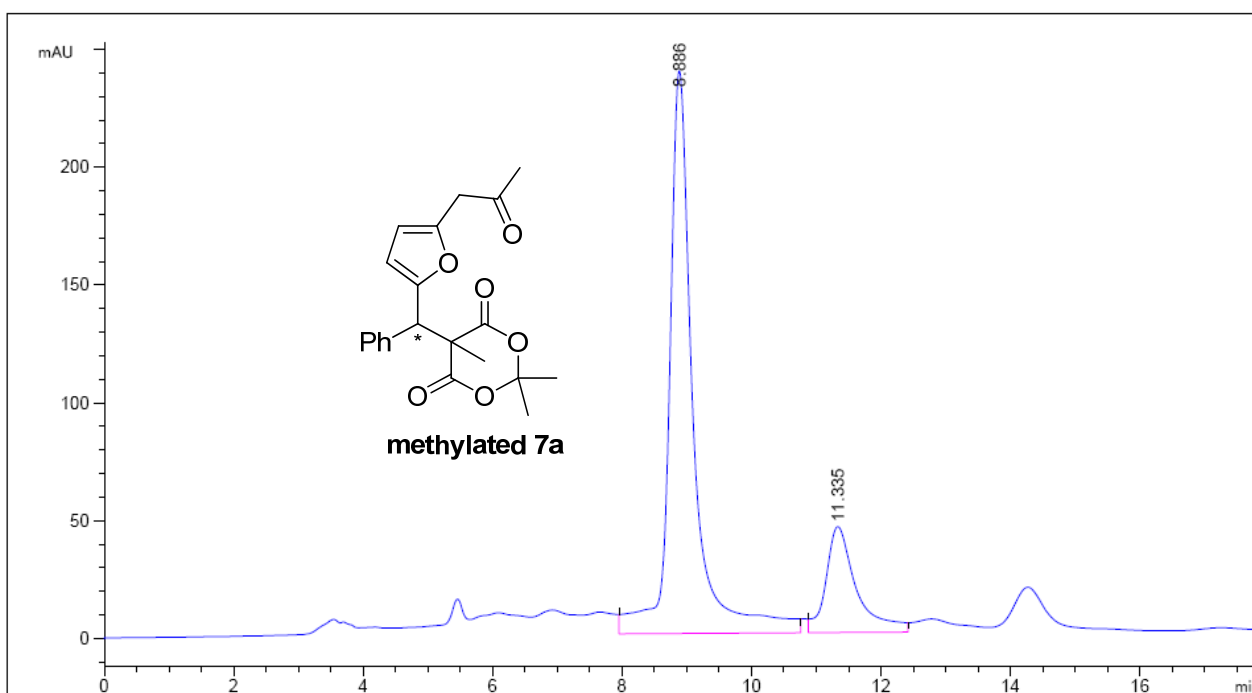


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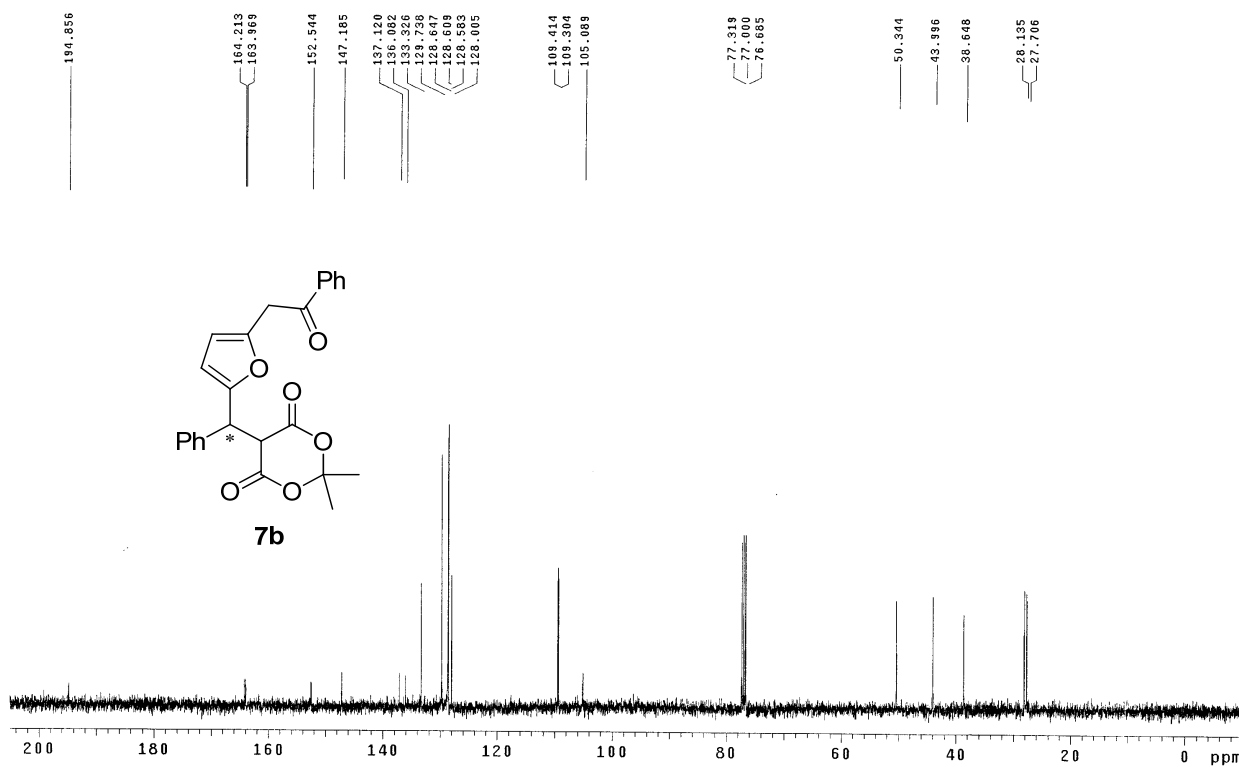
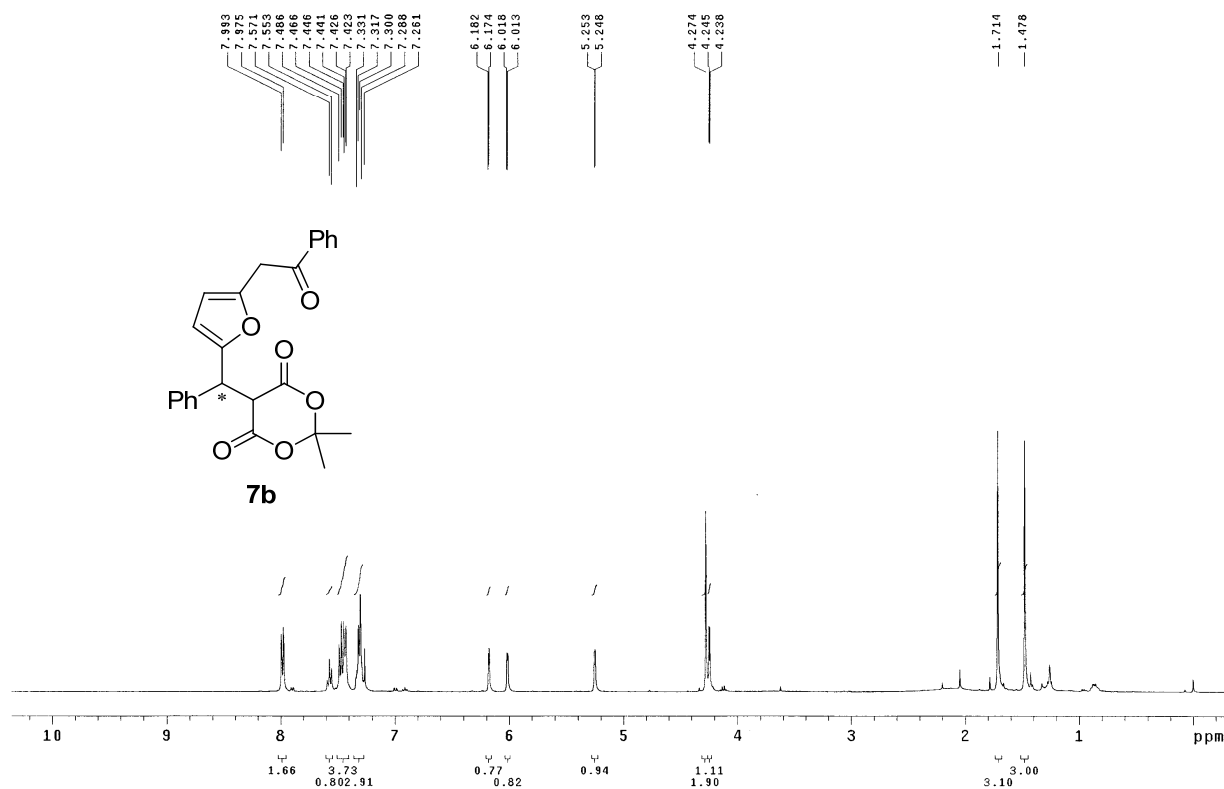




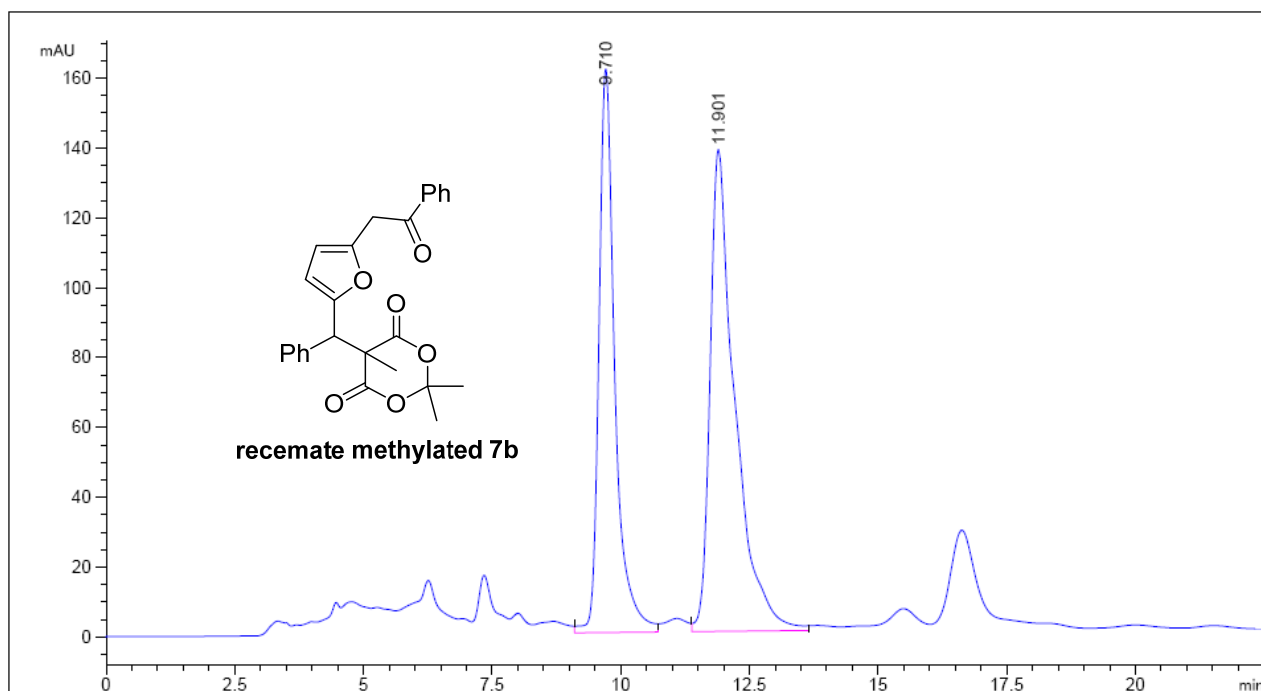
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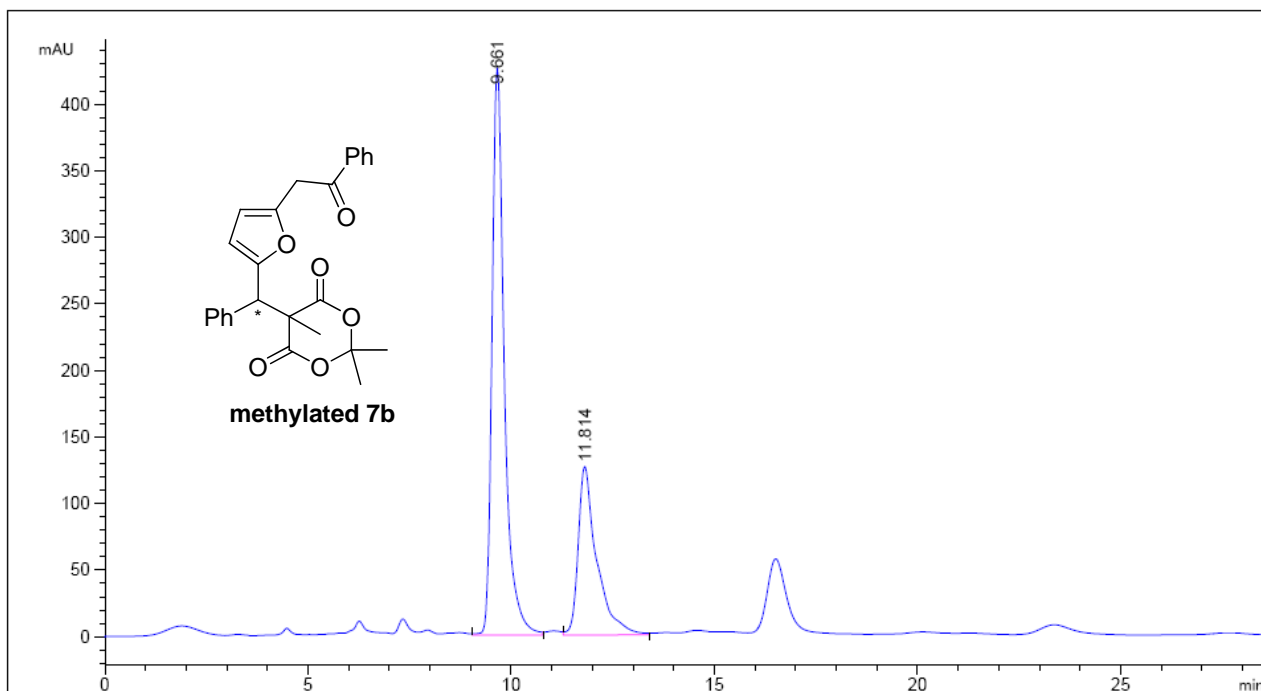
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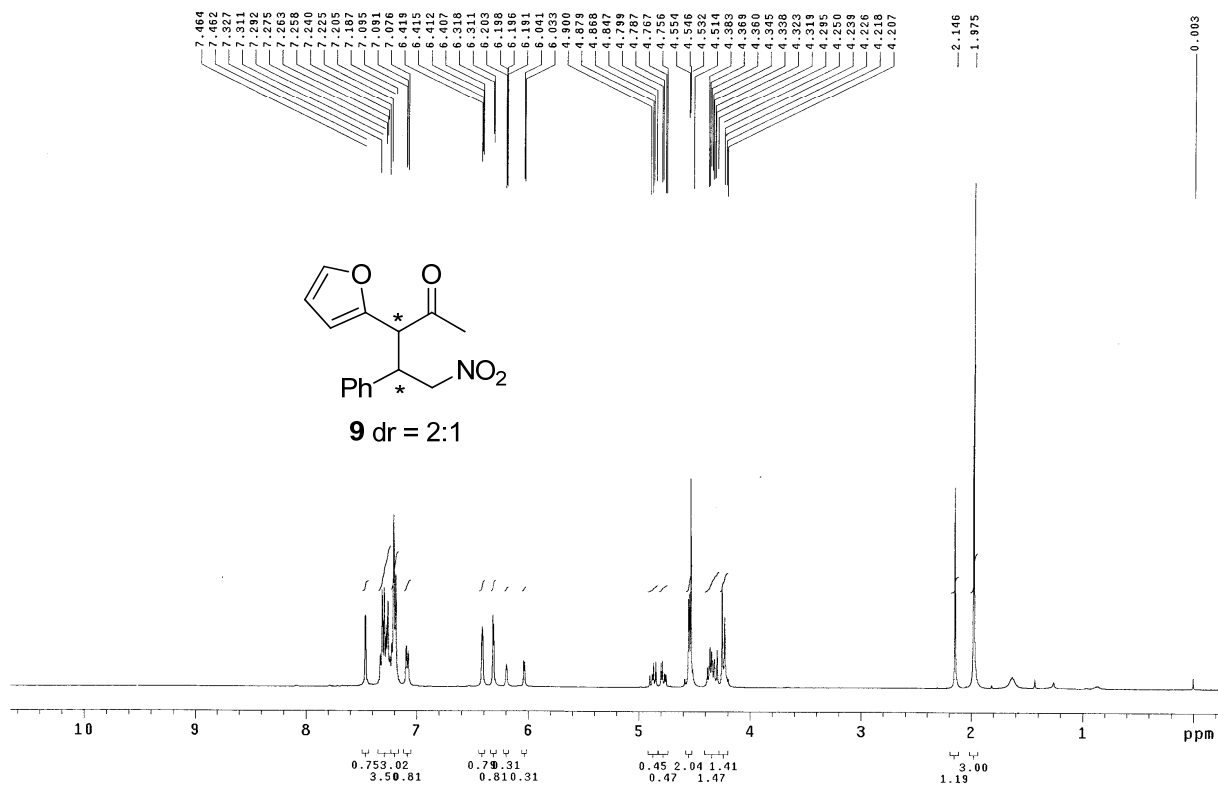


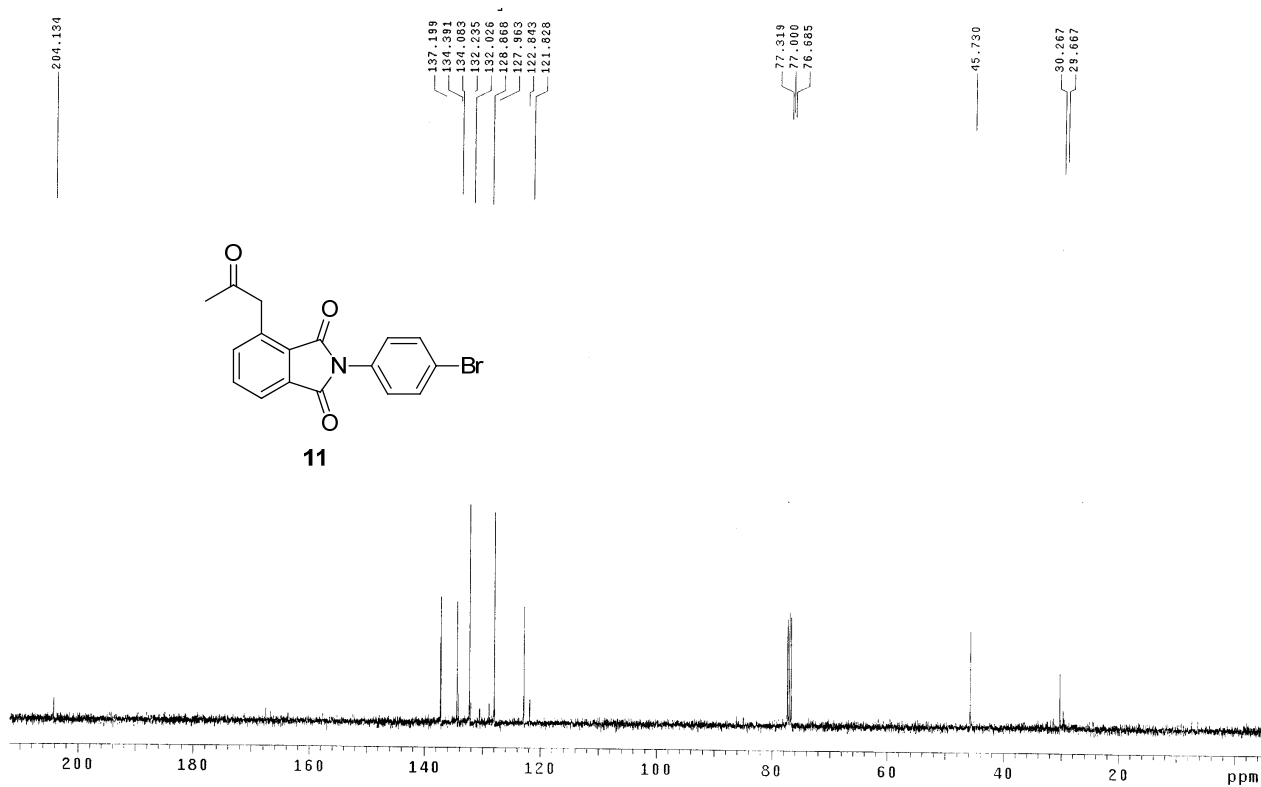
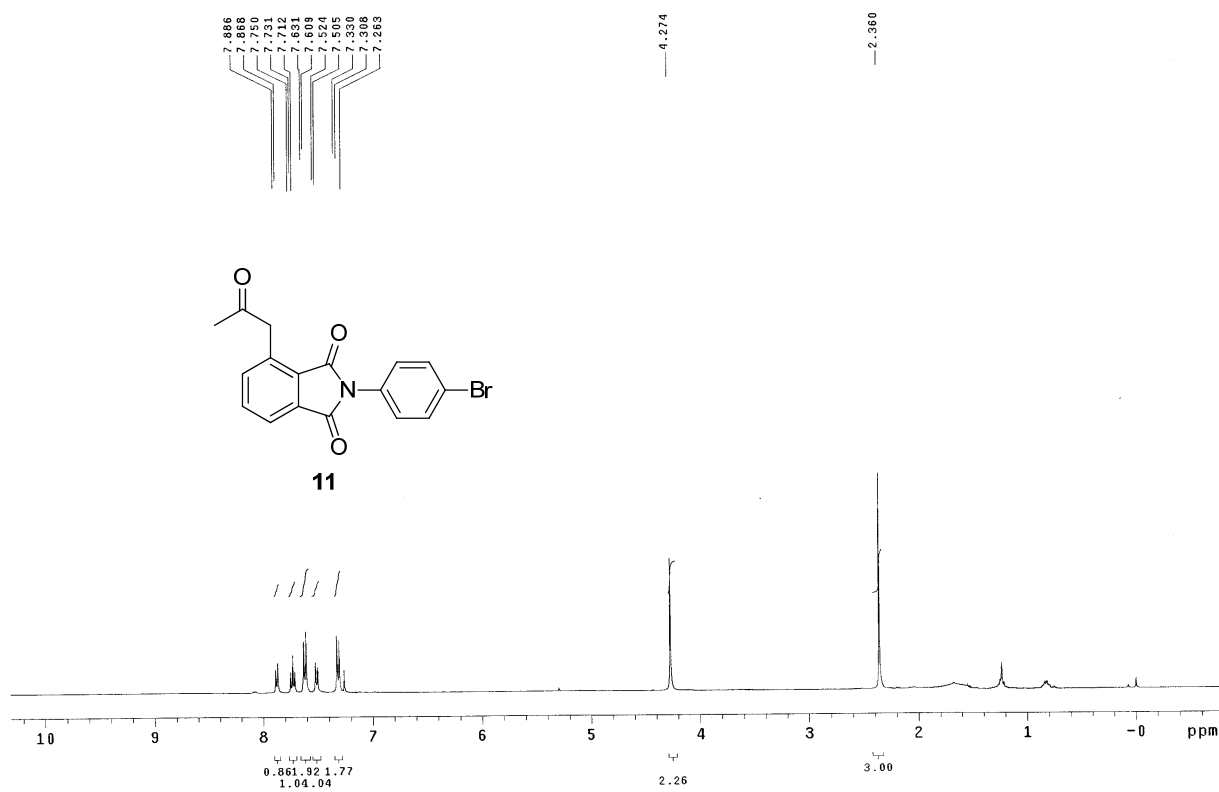


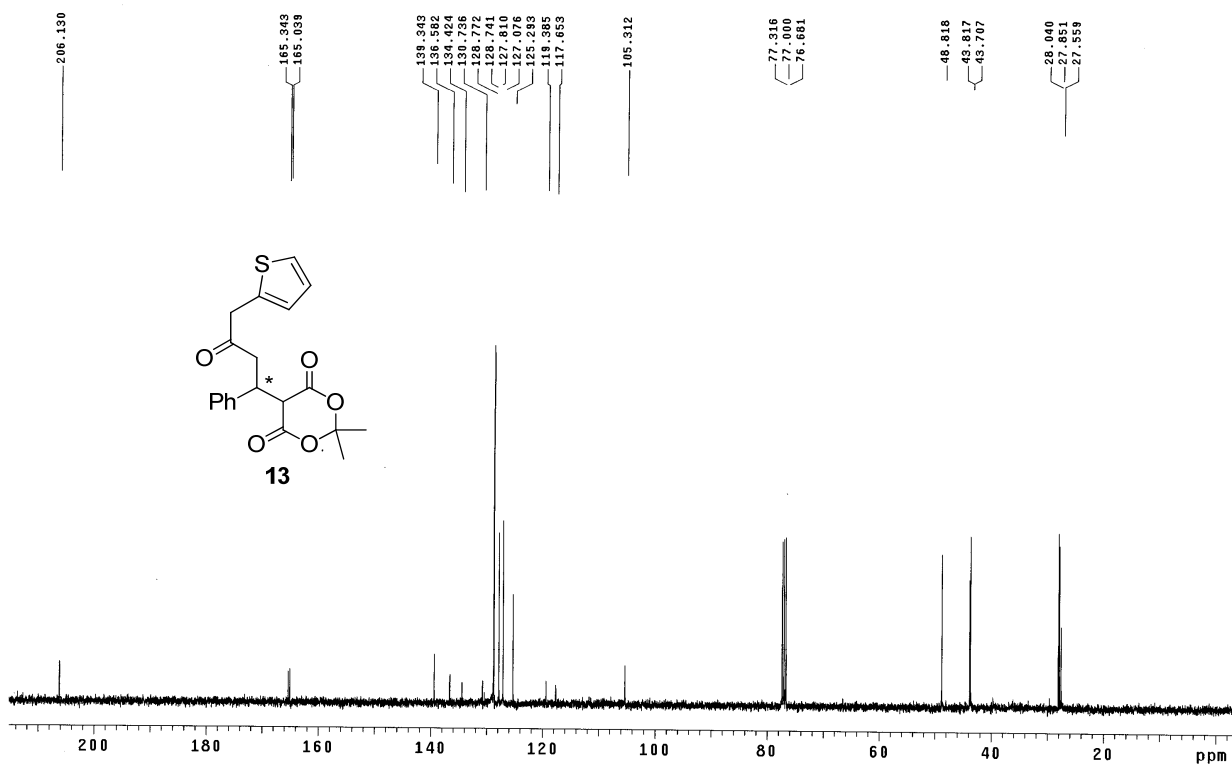
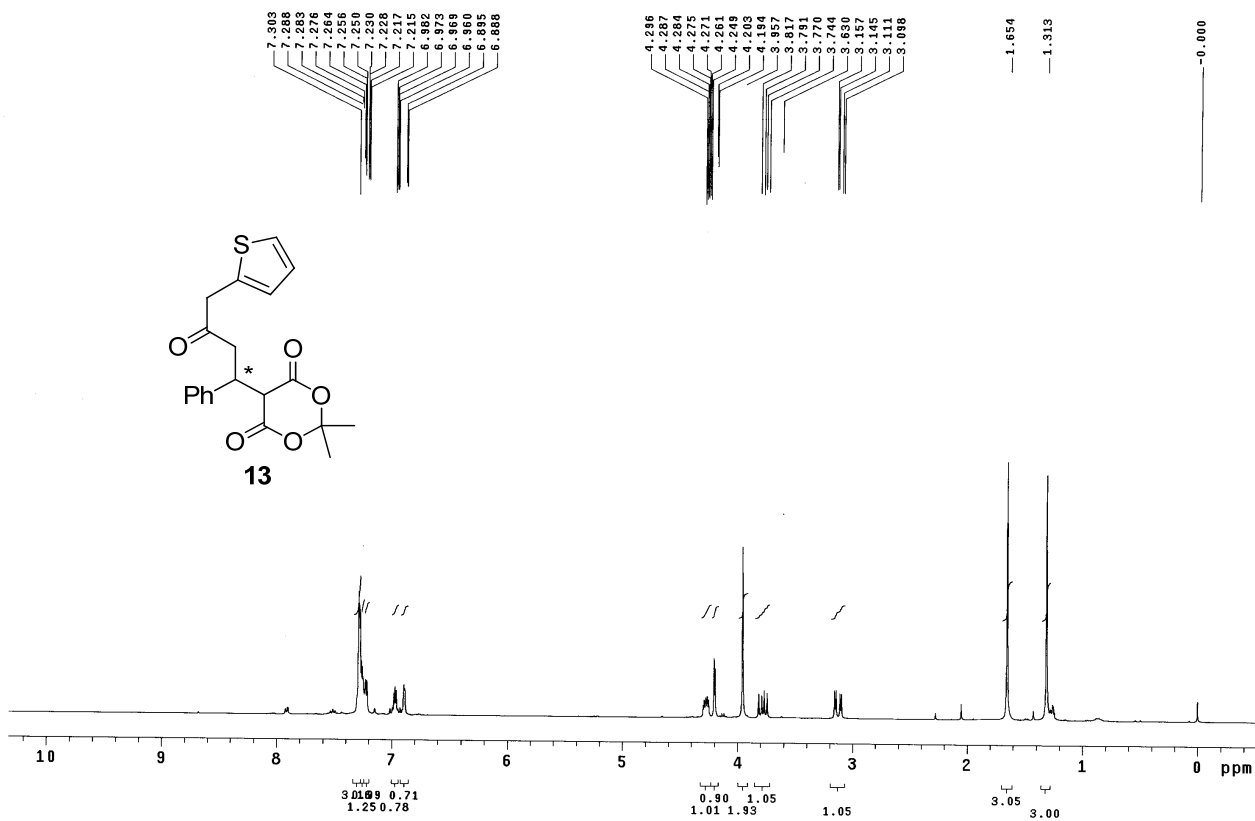
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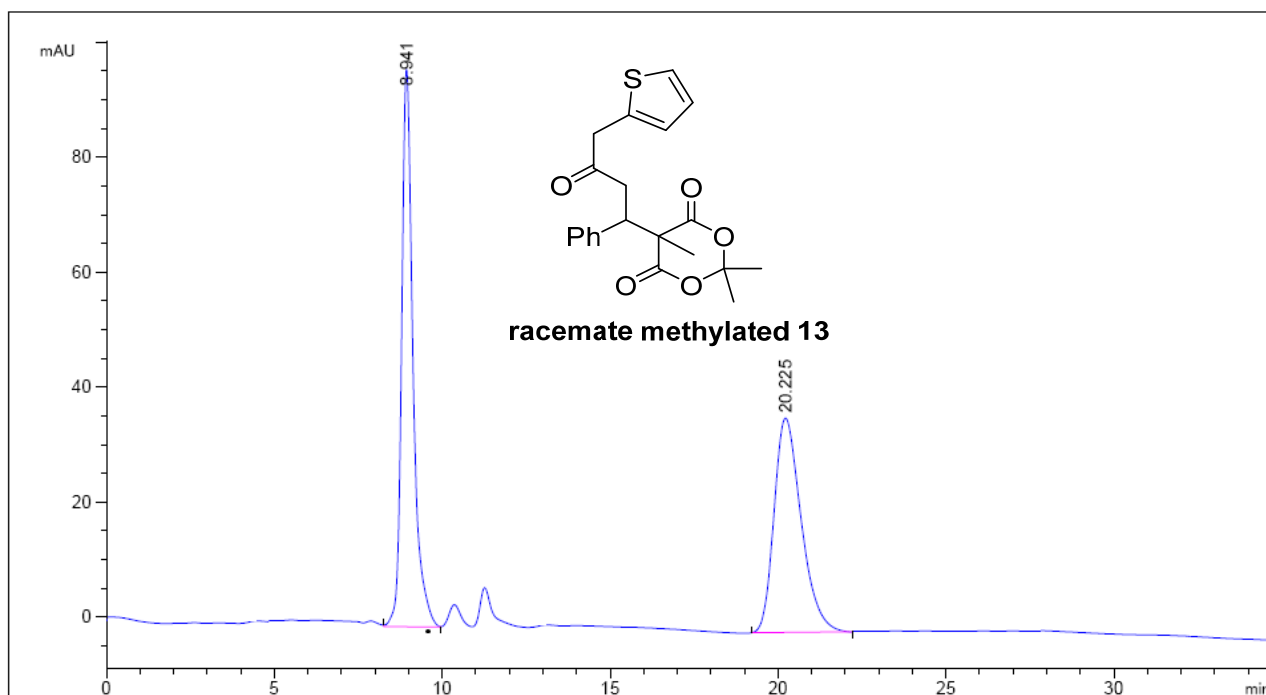


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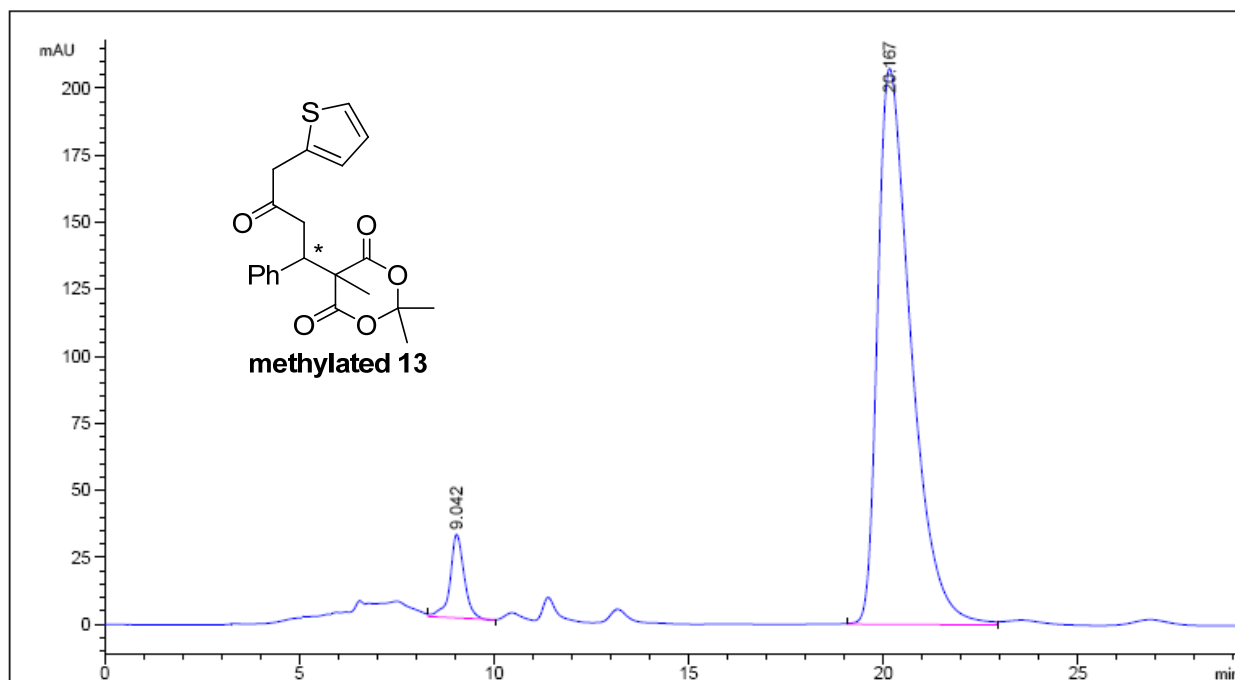




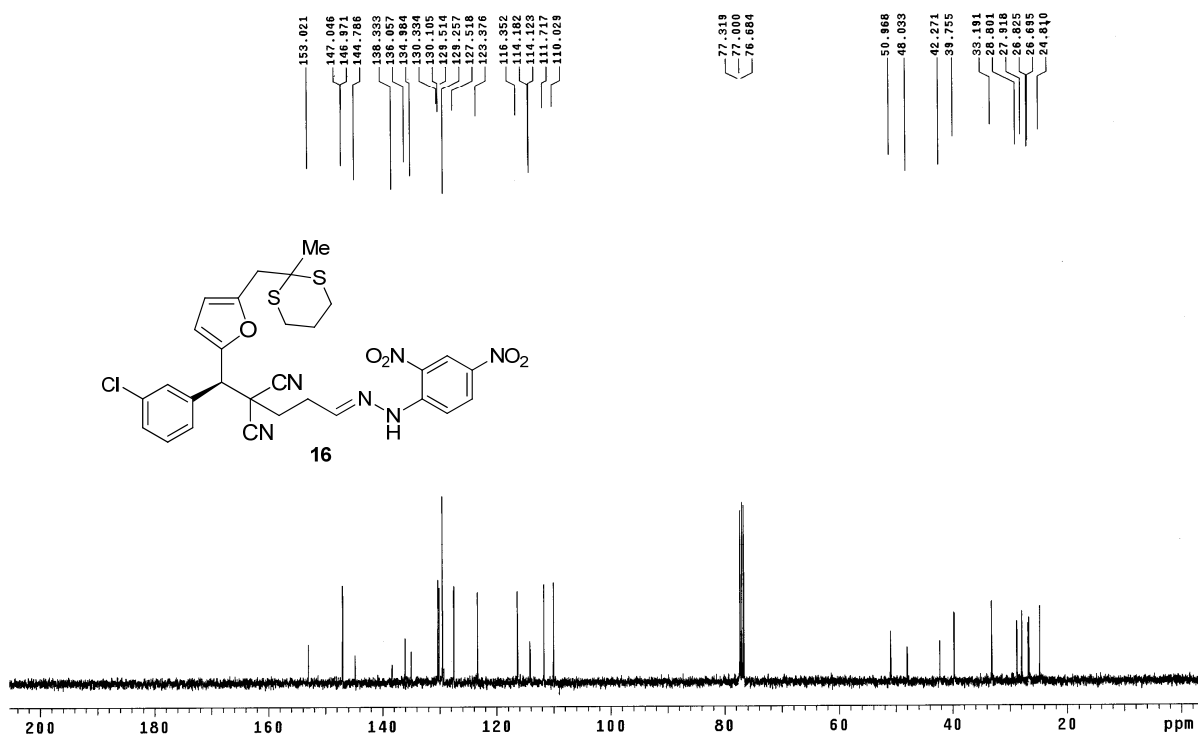
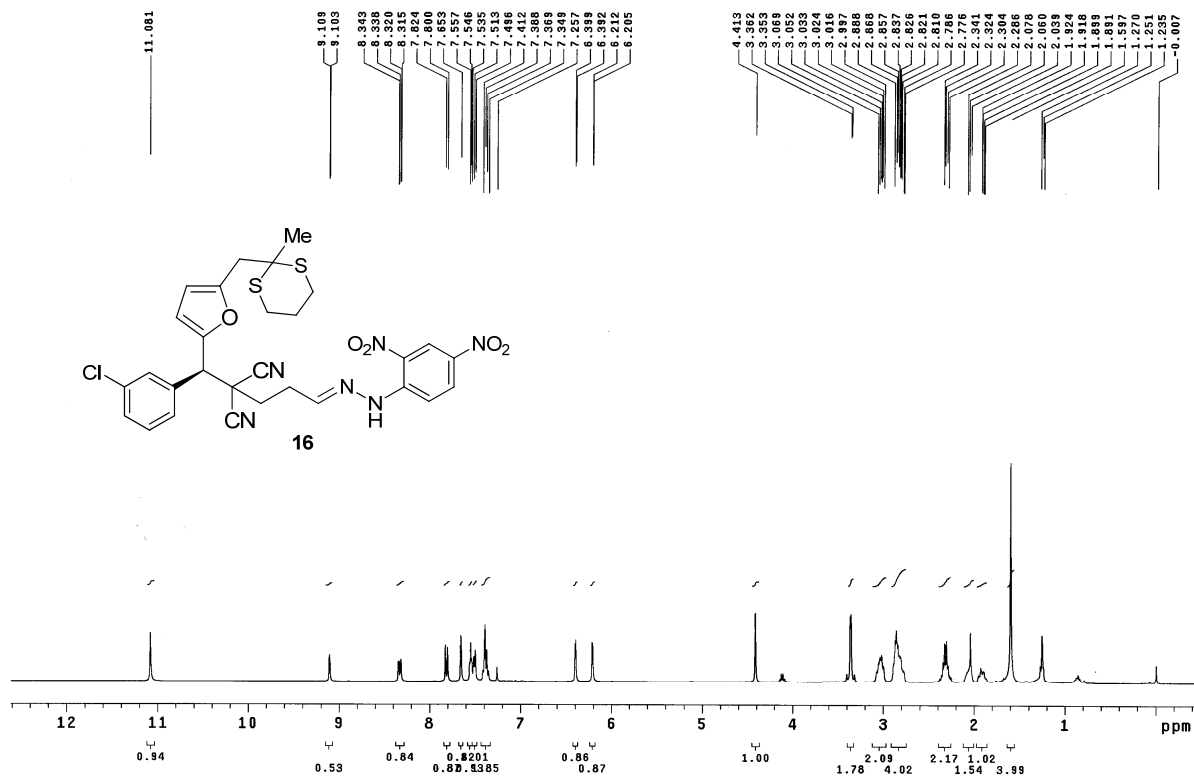


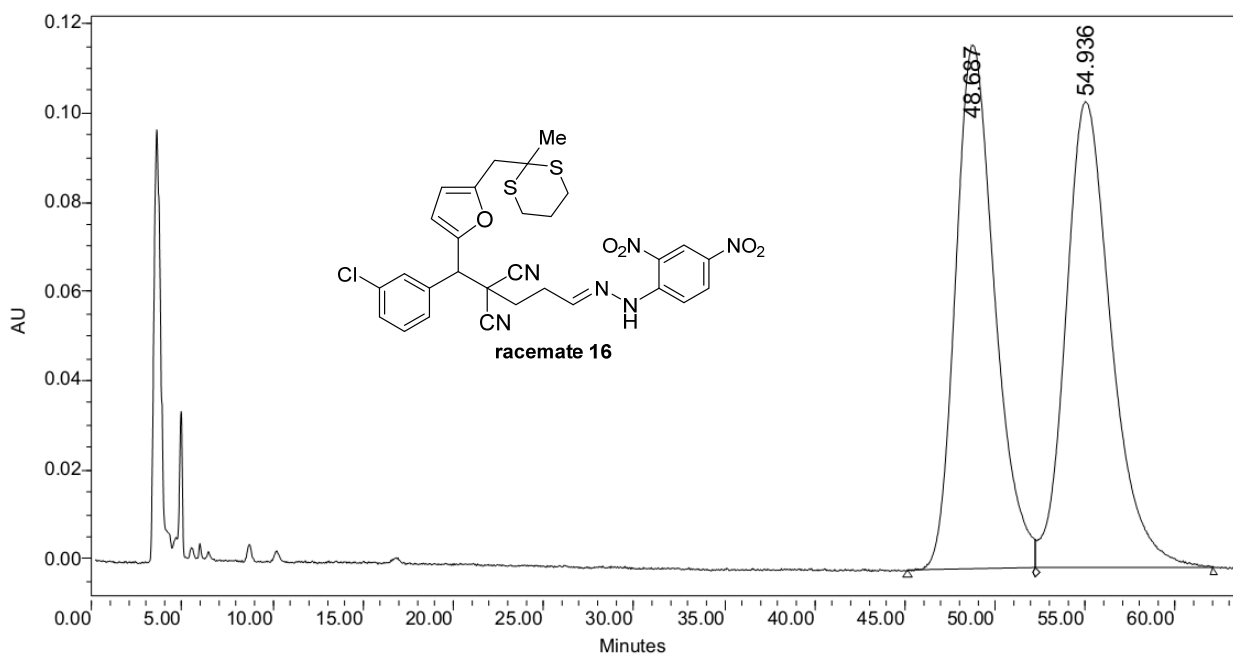


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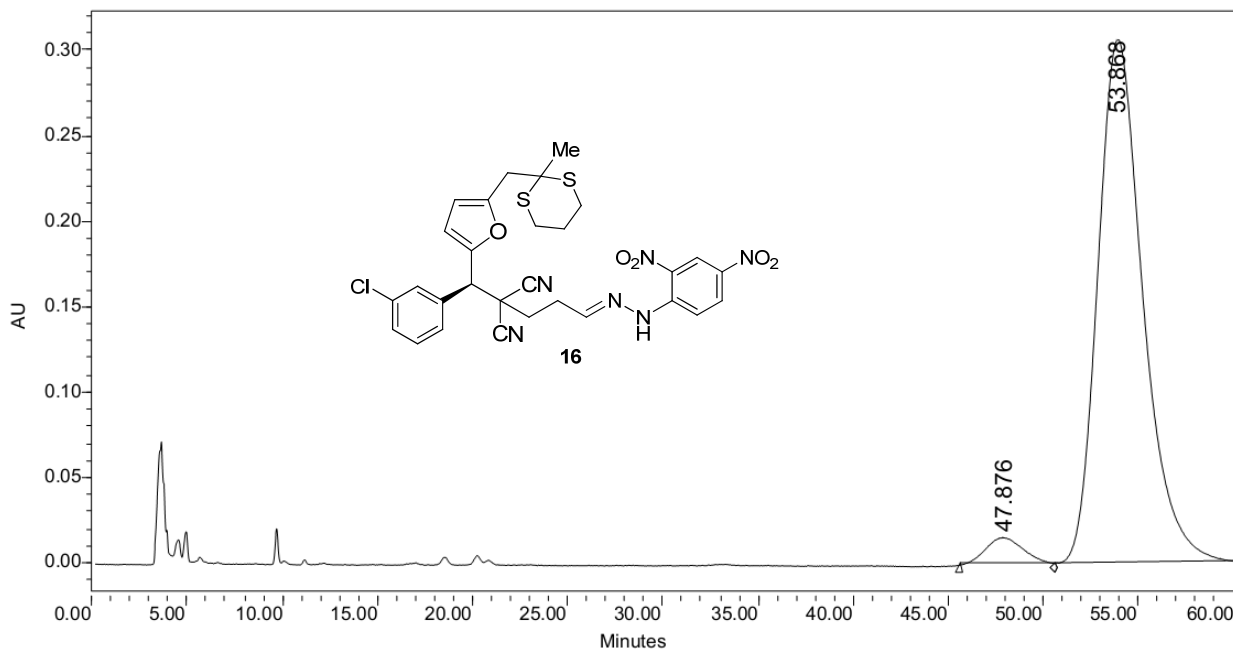


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2	54.936	18332324	50.73	104672	47.09



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1	47.876	2201959	4.17	15703	4.87
2	53.868	50571860	95.83	306459	95.13