

Highly Efficient Asymmetric *Trans*-Selective Aziridination of Diazoacetamides and N-Boc Imines Catalyzed by Chiral Brønsted Acids

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General Information. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

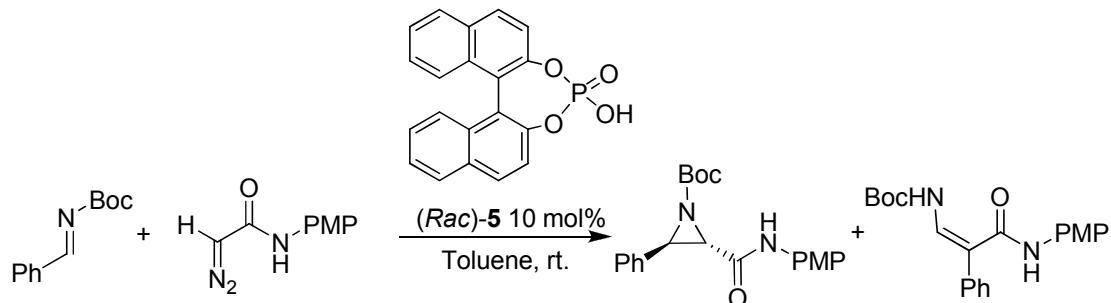
Flash chromatography (FC) was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX 400 and 500 spectrophotometers at ambient temperature as noted. Chemical shifts for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported as δ in ppm downfield from SiMe_4 (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d (δ 77.0, triplet).

Enantioselectivities were determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis employing a Daicel Chiracel OD-H column. Optical rotations were measured in CHCl_3 on a *Schmidt + Haensdch* polarimeter (Polartronic MH8) with a 10 cm cell (*c* given in S-2 g/100 mL). Absolute configuration of the products was determined by comparison with compounds previously published. The absolute configuration of the aziridination products was confirmed by comparison with the literature reported by Prof. Keiji Maruoka.¹

High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was recorded on QTOF perimer for ESI^+ . Racemic phosphoric acid (*Rac*)-**5** were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich of highest purity and used without further purification. N-Boc², N-Cbz³ protected imines, the diazoacetamide derivatives⁴ and the chiral phosphoric acids (*R*)-**5a-g**⁵ were prepared according to literature procedures.² The racemic products used to determine the e.e. values were synthesized using racemic phosphoric acid (*Rac*)-**5** as catalyst.

Synthesis of 1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carbox amide

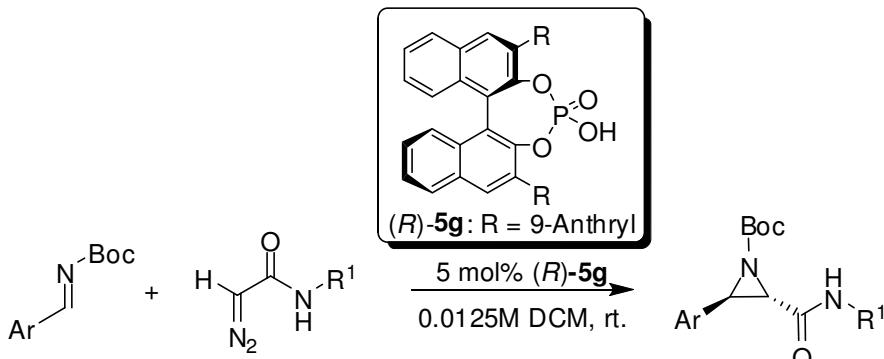


To an oven dried flask was added benzaldehyde benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine, (0.25 mmol) *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.01 mmol) and 0.5 mL toluene, then catalyst (*rac*)-5 (0.01 mmol, 3.4 mg) was added successively, the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction, (monitored by TLC, about 10 min) the solution was poured into saturated NaHCO₃ aq and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexane) on silica gel carefully.

1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (1H, brs, NH), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.39-7.28 (5H, m, PhCHH), 6.81 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.88 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.79 (3H, s, OCH₃) 3.48 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.36 (9H, s, *t*Bu);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 156.5, 134.1, 130.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.2, 125.5, 121.5, 114.1, 82.6, 55.4, 46.1, 44.8, 27.8;
HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₄, m/z 369.1736, found 369.1731.

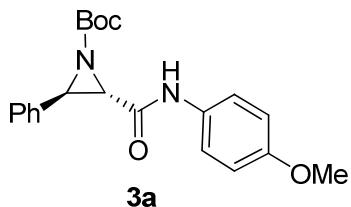
General Procedure for the Asymmetric Aziridination Catalyzed by Chiral phosphoric acids



To an oven dried flask was added benzaldehyde benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine, (0.12 mmol) *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol) and 0.5 mL toluene, then catalyst (R)-5g (0.01 mmol, 1.8 mg) was added successively, the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction, (monitored by TLC, about 10 min) the solution was poured into saturated NaHCO₃ aq and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexane) on silica gel carefully.

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3a)(Table 3, entry 1):



Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [97% (17.8 mg), 93% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 13.1 min (minor) and 26.3 min (major)).

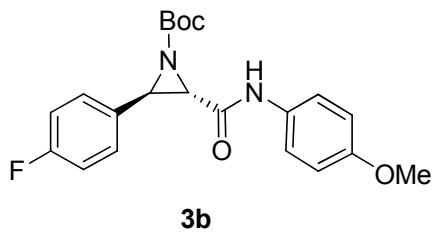
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (1H, brs, NH), 7.44 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.39-7.28 (5H, m, PhCHH), 6.81 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.88 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.79 (3H, s, OCH3) 3.48 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.36 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 156.5, 134.1, 130.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.2, 125.5, 121.5, 114.1, 82.6, 55.4, 46.1, 44.8, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI $^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, m/z 369.1736, found 369.1733.

$[\alpha]_{26}^D$ = 68.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide (3b)(Table 3, entry 2):



3b

Prepared according to the general procedure with 4-fluorobenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 28.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [91% (17.6 mg), 94% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 10.4 min (minor) and 25.3 min (major)).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (1H, brs, NH), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.31-7.27 (2H, m, PhCHH), 7.07-7.05 (2H, m, PhCHH), 6.82 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.83 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH3) 3.37 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.35 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

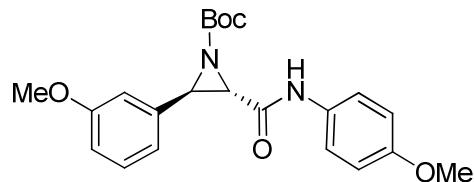
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.6, 161.2, 154.8, 134.2, 129.1, 127.6, 124.7, 119.8, 115.5,

115.3, 82.7, 61.2, 45.5, 44.8, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄FN₂O₄: *m/z* 387.1642, found: *m/z* 387.1650.

[\alpha]₂₆^D = 86.1 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide (3c)(Table 3, entry 4):



3c

Prepared according to the general procedure with 3-methoxybenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 29.2 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [96% (19.2 mg), 96% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 14.2 min (minor) and 35.7 min (major)).

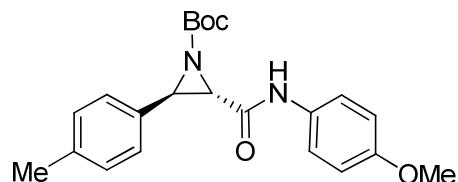
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (1H, brs, NH), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.30-7.26 (1H, m, PhCHH), 6.94-6.87 (3H, m, PhCHH), 6.81 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.86 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH3) 3.79 (3H, s, OCH3) 3.44 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.39 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 159.9, 135.8, 130.5, 129.7, 121.5, 119.5, 114.4, 114.1, 112.3, 82.6, 55.4, 55.3, 46.0, 45.0, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇FN₂O₅: *m/z* 399.1842, found: *m/z* 399.1843.

[\alpha]₂₆^D = 65.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide (3d)(Table 3, entry 5):



3d

Prepared according to the general procedure with 4-methylbenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 27.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [90% (17.2 mg), 88% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 14.2 min (minor) and 25.6

min (major)).

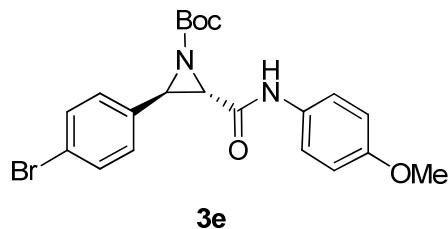
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (1H, brs, NH), 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.25-7.11 (4H, m, PhCHH), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.81 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.77 (3H, s, OCH₃) 3.48 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 2.35 (1H, s, CH₃), 1.33 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 158.9, 156.4, 138.5, 131.0, 130.6, 129.3, 127.1, 121.5, 114.0, 82.5, 55.4, 46.2, 454.7, 28.2, 21.2;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇N₂O₄: *m/z* 383.1893, found: *m/z* 383.1891.

[α]₂₆^D = 61.8 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide (3e)(Table 3, entry 6):



Prepared according to the general procedure with 4-bromobenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 34.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a solid [95% (21.2 mg), 90% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 11.5 min (minor) and 18.4 min (major)).

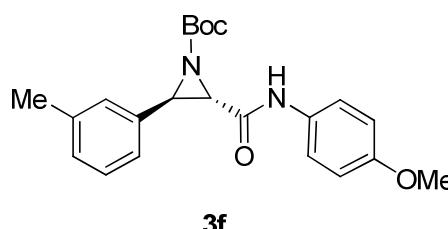
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (1H, brs, NH), 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 7.31-7.03 (4H, m, PhCHH), 6.81 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.84 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH₃) 3.39 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 2.35 (1H, s, CH₃), 1.35 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 161.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 121.5, 115.7, 115.6, 114.1, 82.7, 55.4, 45.4, 44.9, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄BrN₂O₄: *m/z* 447.0841, found: *m/z* 447.0843.

[α]₂₆^D = 71.9 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3-methylphenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide (3f)(Table 3, entry 7):



Prepared according to the general procedure with 3-methylbenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 27.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column

chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [96% (18.3 mg), 90% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 11.8 min (minor) and 17.5 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (1H, brs, NH), 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, PhCHH), 7.25 (1H, s, PhCHH), 7.16-7.11 (3H, m, PhCHH), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, PhCHH), 3.80 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.77 (3H, s, OCH₃) 3.48 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 2.35 (1H, s, CH₃), 1.33 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

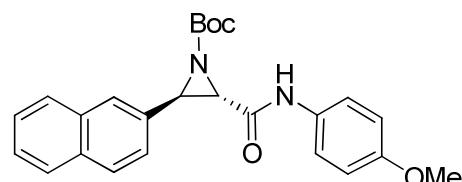
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 158.6, 156.5, 138.3, 133.8, 130.5, 129.4, 128.5, 127.7, 124.5, 121.5, 114.2, 82.5, 55.4, 46.4, 44.6, 27.8, 21.4;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇N₂O₄: *m/z* 383.1893, found: *m/z* 383.1888.

[α]₂₆^D = 64.7 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide

(3g)(Table 3, entry 8):



3g

Prepared according to the general procedure with 2-naphthaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 31.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [91% (19.1 mg), 88% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 16.8 min (minor) and 30.4 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (1H, brs, NH), 7.85-7.81 (4H, m, PhCHH), 7.51-7.38 (5H, m, PhCHH), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, PhCHH), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH₃) 3.57 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.32 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

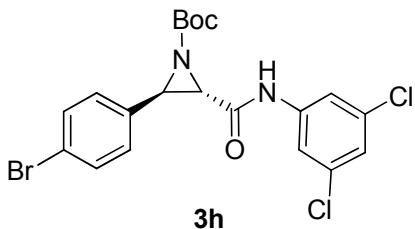
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 160.3, 137.3, 133.3, 133.1, 131.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 124.7, 124.3, 119.8, 82.7, 68.8, 46.5, 44.9, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄: *m/z* 419.1893, found: *m/z* 419.1895.

[α]₂₆^D = 94.5 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)aziridine-2-carboxamide

(3h)(Table 3, entry 9):

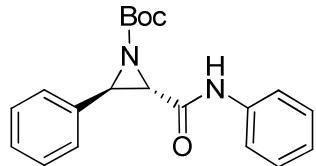


Prepared according to the general procedure with 4-bromobenzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 34.0 mg) and *N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl) diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 11.5 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [89% (21.6 mg), 98% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 6.6 min (minor) and 12.7 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.77 (1H, brs, NH), 7.60-7.52 (2H, d, *J* = 2.4, PhCHH), 7.27-7.20 (2H, m, PhCHH), 6.94 (1H, t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, PhCHH), 3.91 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.40 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.53 (9H, s, *t*Bu);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 160.4, 139.2, 134.8, 134.0, 132.7, 131.9, 128.2, 124.3, 117.6, 84.1, 46.0, 45.0, 28.0;
HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀BrCl₂N₂O₃: *m/z* 484.9956, found: *m/z* 484.9958.
[α]₂₆^D = 95.3 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*,3-diphenylaziridine-2-carboxamide (3i)(Table 3, entry 10):



3i

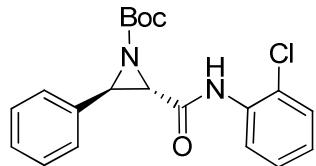
Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-phenyldiazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 8.0 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [95% (16.1 mg), 92% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 9.9 min (minor) and 17.0 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (1H, brs, NH), 7.55 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0, PhCHH), 7.38-7.14 (7H, m, PhCHH), 7.13 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, PhCHH), 3.83 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.50 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.30 (9H, s, *t*Bu);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 159.1, 137.4, 134.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.1, 124.5, 119.8, 82.8, 46.1, 45.1, 27.8;
HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₃: *m/z* 339.1630, found: *m/z* 339.1634.
[α]₂₆^D = 52.1 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3j)(Table 3, entry 11):



3j

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.7 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a solid [95% (17.7 mg), 94% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 12.5 min (minor) and 24.1 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.18 (1H, brs, NH), 7.61 (1H, s, PhCHH), 7.43-7.29 (6H, m, PhCHH), 7.11 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, PhCHH), 6.99 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.93 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 3.55 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 1.44 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

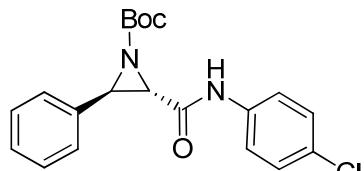
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HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₀H₂₂ClN₂O₃: *m/z* 373.1241, found: *m/z* 373.1240.

[α]₂₆^D = 72.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3k)(Table 3, entry 12):



3k

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.7 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a solid [96% (17.8 mg), 88% ee].

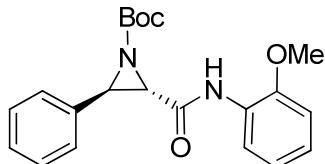
Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 12.7 min (minor) and 25.1 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (1H, brs, NH), 7.50 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhCHH), 7.40-7.25 (7H, m, PhCHH), 3.86 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 3.53 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 1.34 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 159.1, 136.0, 134.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 120.9, 83.0, 46.2, 44.9, 27.8;
 HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₀H₂₂ClN₂O₃: *m/z* 373.1241, found: *m/z* 373.1244.
 $[\alpha]_{26}^D = 66.3$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3l)(Table 3, entry 13):



3l

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [93% (15.7 mg), 92% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 12.4 min (minor) and 23.7 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (1H, brs, NH), 7.40-7.34 (5H, m, PhCHH), 7.22-7.15 (2H, m, PhCHH), 7.06 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, PhCHH), 6.65-6.62 (1H, m, PhCHH), 3.90 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.52 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, BocNCH), 1.38 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

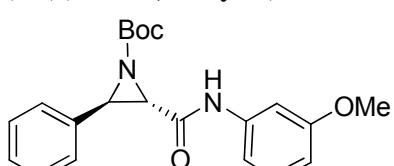
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 159.9, 138.6, 134.2, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 127.1, 112.0, 110.7, 105.2, 87.8, 55.2, 46.0, 45.1, 27.8;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₄: *m/z* 369.1736, found: *m/z* 369.1738.

$[\alpha]_{26}^D = 58.3$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3m)(Table 3, entry 14):



3m

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [94% (17.3 mg), 96% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 12.4 min (minor) and 23.7

min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (1H, brs, NH), 7.38-7.32 (5H, m, PhCHH), 7.17-7.10 (2H, m, PhCHH), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhCHH), 6.61-6.58 (1H, m, PhCHH), 3.89 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.74 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.52 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.36 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

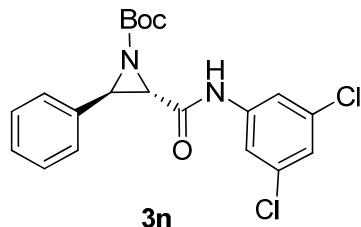
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 159.4, 138.6, 134.4, 134.3, 129.7, 128.7, 127.0, 125.8, 124.4, 119.7, 117.7, 83.1, 55.2, 46.1, 45.2, 27.9;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₄: *m/z* 369.1736, found: *m/z* 369.1732.

[α]₂₆^D = 55.8 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3n)(Table 3, entry 15):



Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 25.0 mg) and *N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 11.5 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [81% (16.4 mg), 95% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 5.3 min (minor) and 11.8 min (major)).

Prepare of (2*S*,3*R*)-1-(*t*-Butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide in 1.5 mmol scale (3o)(Table 3, entry 16):

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imine (3.0 mmol, 0.60g) and *N*-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)diazoacetamide (1.5 mmol, 0.345g) in the presence of (*R*)-5g (52.5 mg, 5 mmol %) in DCM (60 mL) at room temperature over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 10:1 to 4:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [92% (0.61g), 96% ee].

Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 5.3 min (minor) and 11.8 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.85 (1H, brs, NH), 7.44-7.36 (7H, m, PhCHH), 6.94 (1H, t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, PhCHH), 3.96 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 3.51 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, BocNCH), 1.52 (9H, s, *t*Bu);

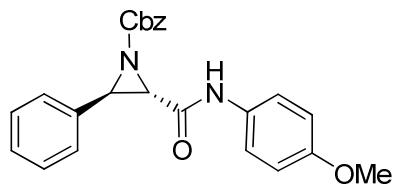
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 160.5, 139.4, 134.9, 134.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.7, 124.2, 117.6, 83.8, 45.9, 45.7, 28.0;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₃: *m/z* 407.0851, found: *m/z* 407.0850.

[α]₂₆^D = 76.6 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(Benzylcarbonyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3p)(Scheme 2, entry 1):



3p

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(benzylcarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 30.0 mg) and *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.6 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 5:1 to 2:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [95% (19.0 mg), 97% ee]. Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 27.2 min (minor) and 36.8 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (1H, brs, NH), 7.38-7.27 (11H, m, PhCHH), 6.78 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, PhCHH), 5.13 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 3.97 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, CbzNCH), 3.77 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.37 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, CbzNCH);

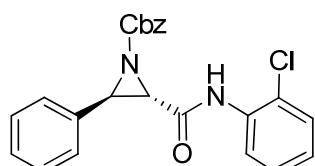
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 160.3, 135.2, 134.4, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.6, 121.5, 114.0, 68.8, 55.4, 46.0, 45.6;

HRMS (ESI⁺) exact mass calcd. For C₂₄H₂₃N₂O₄: *m/z* 403.1850, found: *m/z* 403.1854.

[α]₂₆^D = 72.9 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(2*S*,3*R*)-1-(Benzylcarbonyl)-*N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylaziridine-2-carboxamide

(3q)(Scheme 2, entry 2):



3q

Prepared according to the general procedure with benzaldehyde *N*-(benzylcarbonyl)imine (0.12 mmol, 30.0 mg) and *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)diazoacetamide (0.05 mmol, 9.8 mg) over the course of 10 min. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with EtOAc/Hexane = 6:1 to 2:1) to give the title compound as a white solid [94% (19.0 mg), 94% ee]. Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, retention time; 20.3 min (minor) and 25.8 min (major)).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (1H, brs, NH), 7.39-7.11 (11H, m, PhCHH), 6.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhCHH), 6.64-6.61 (1H, m, PhCHH), 5.13 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 3.98 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, CbzNCH), 3.40 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, CbzNCH);

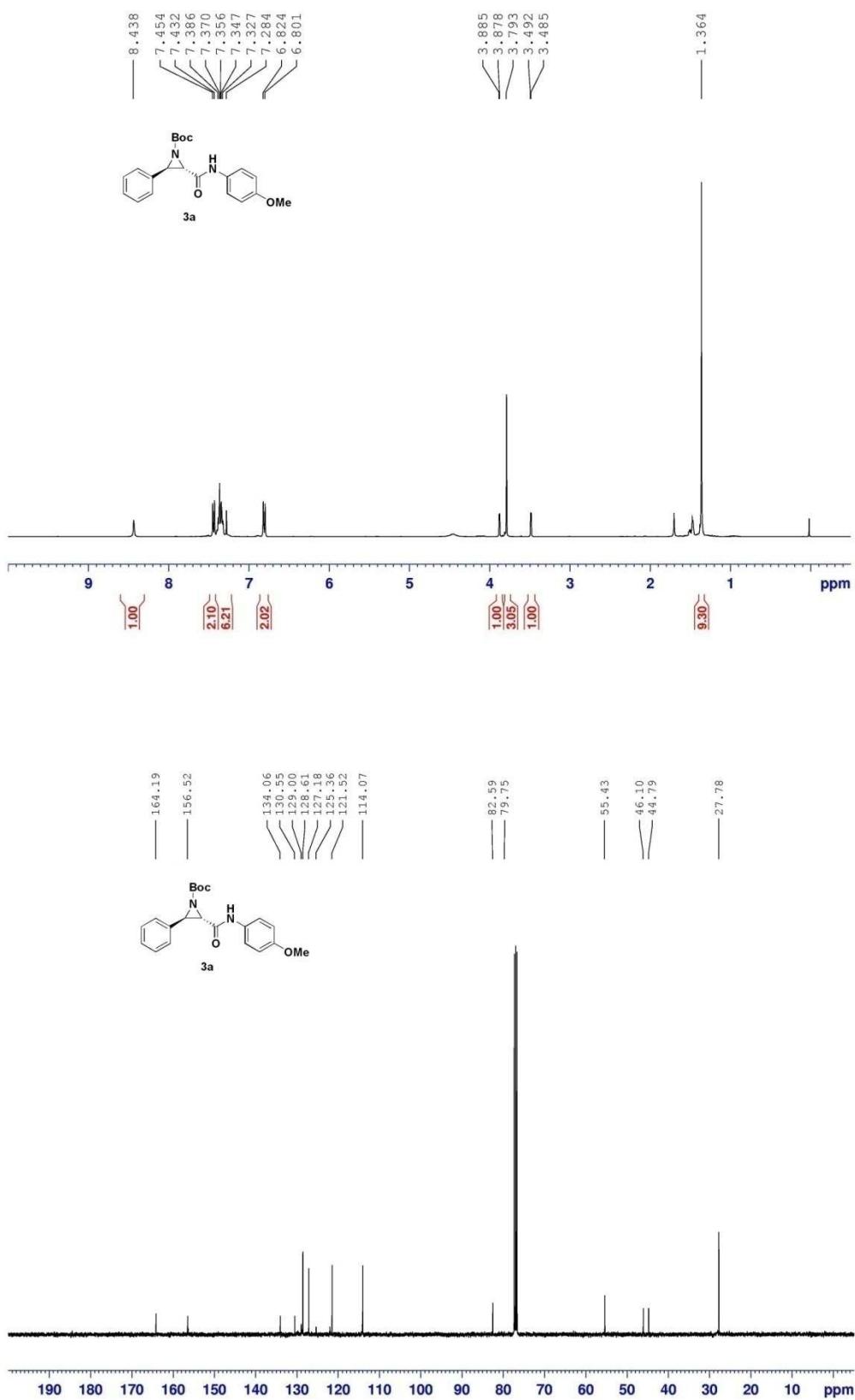
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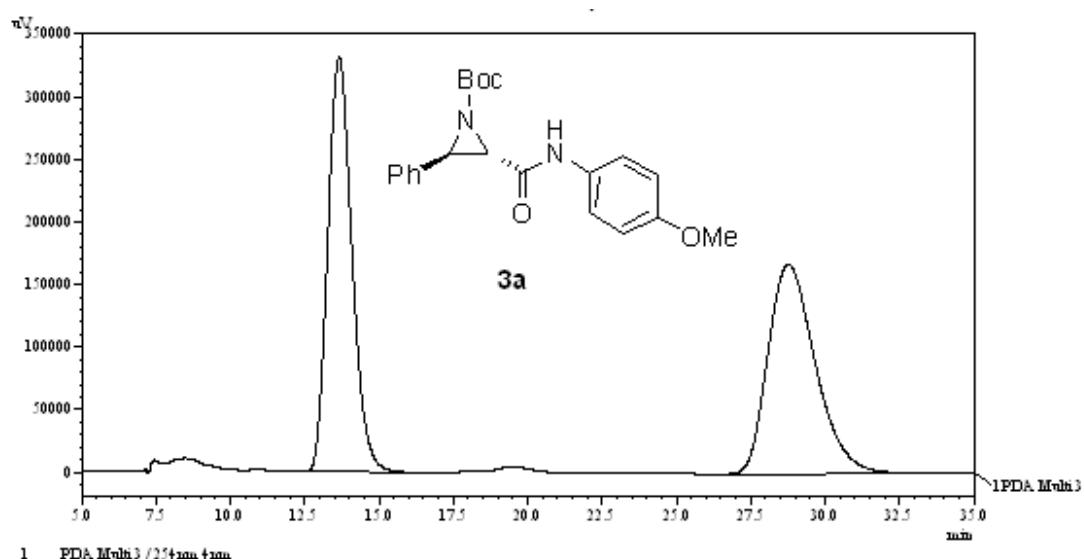
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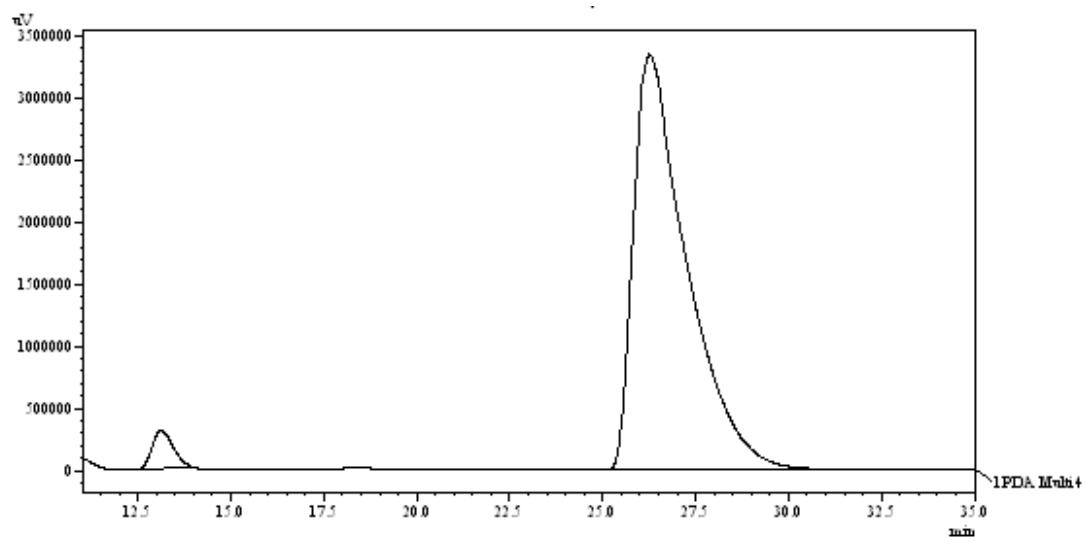




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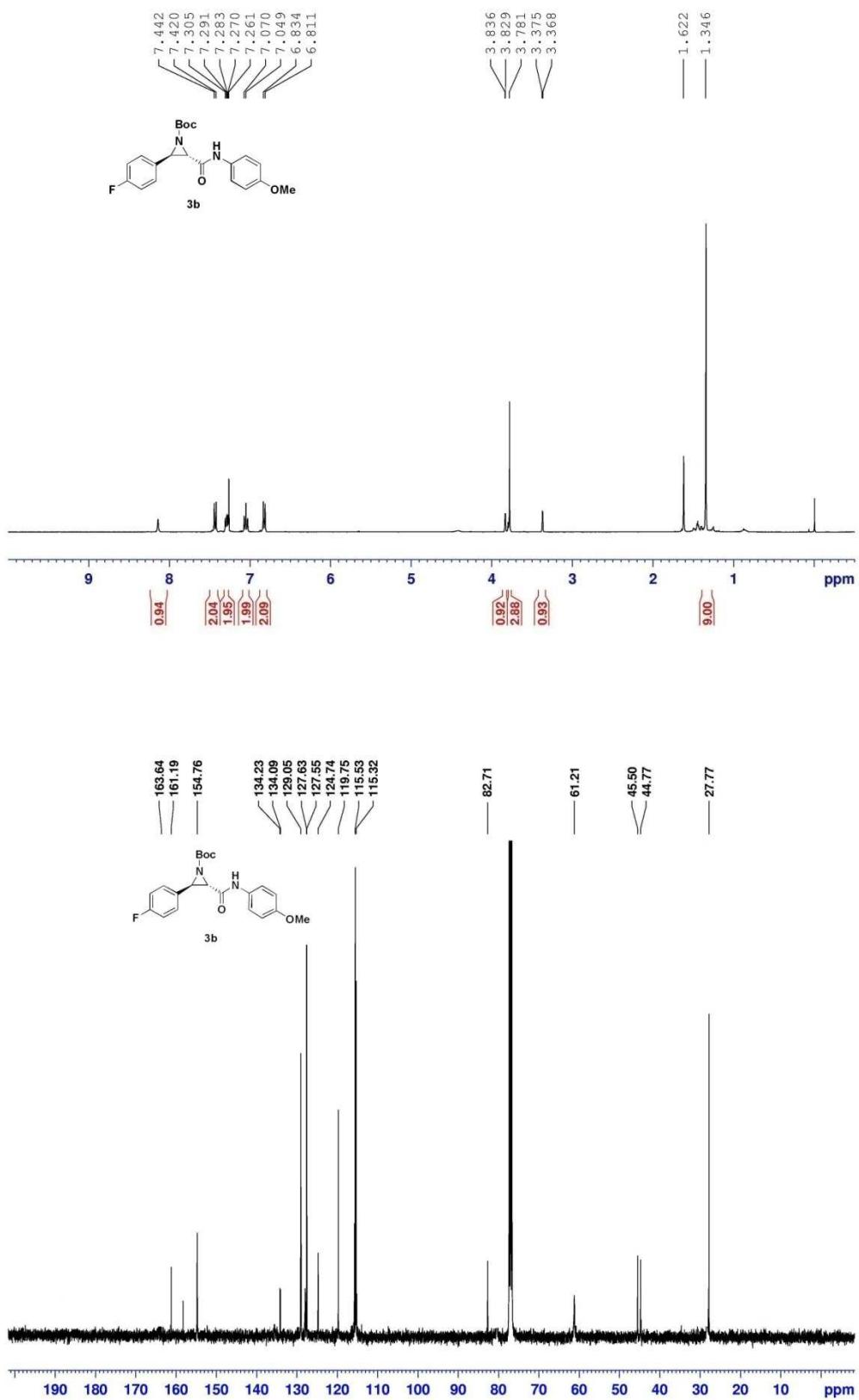
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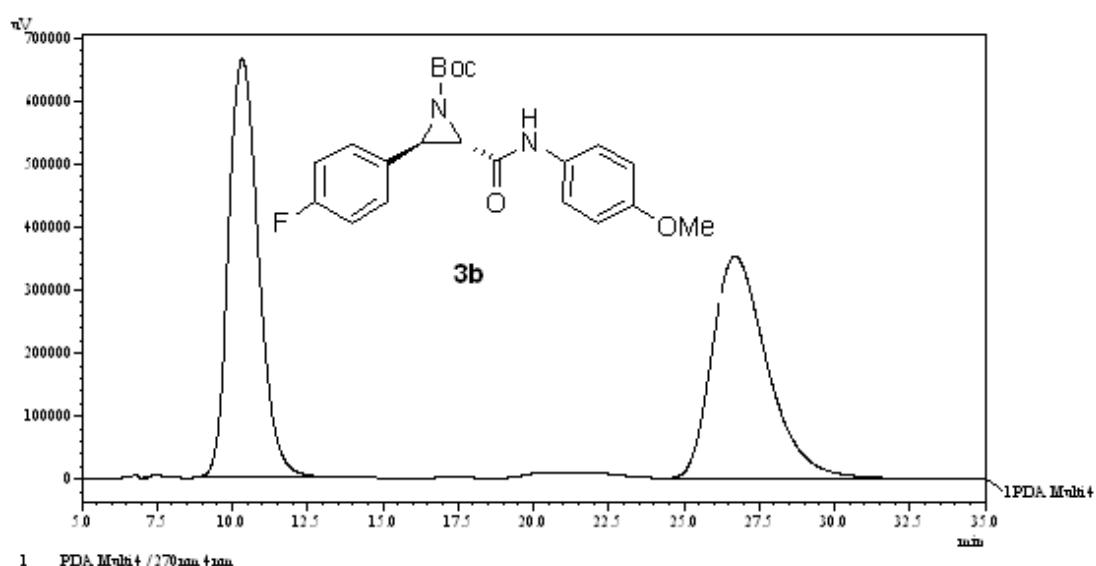


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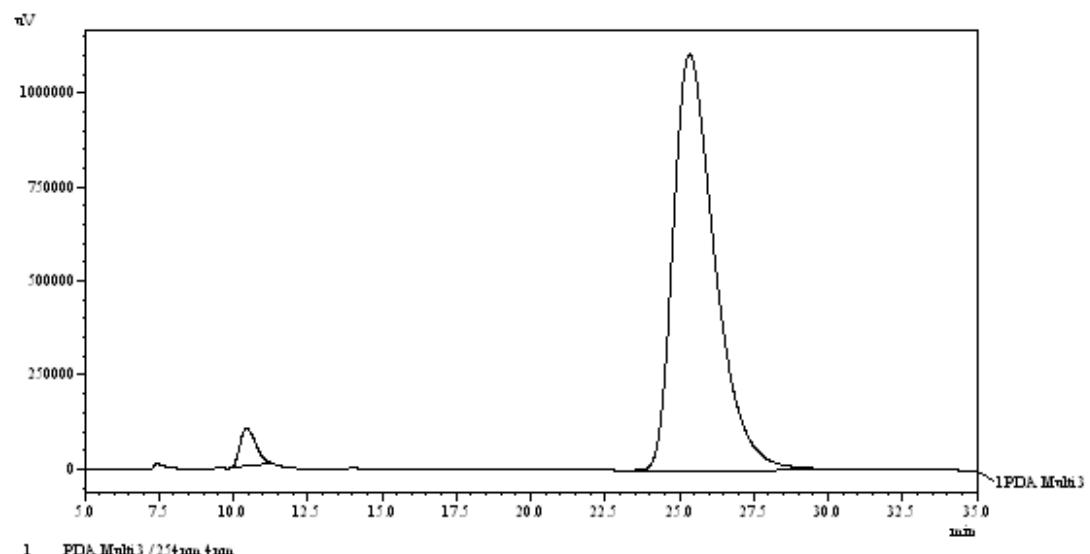


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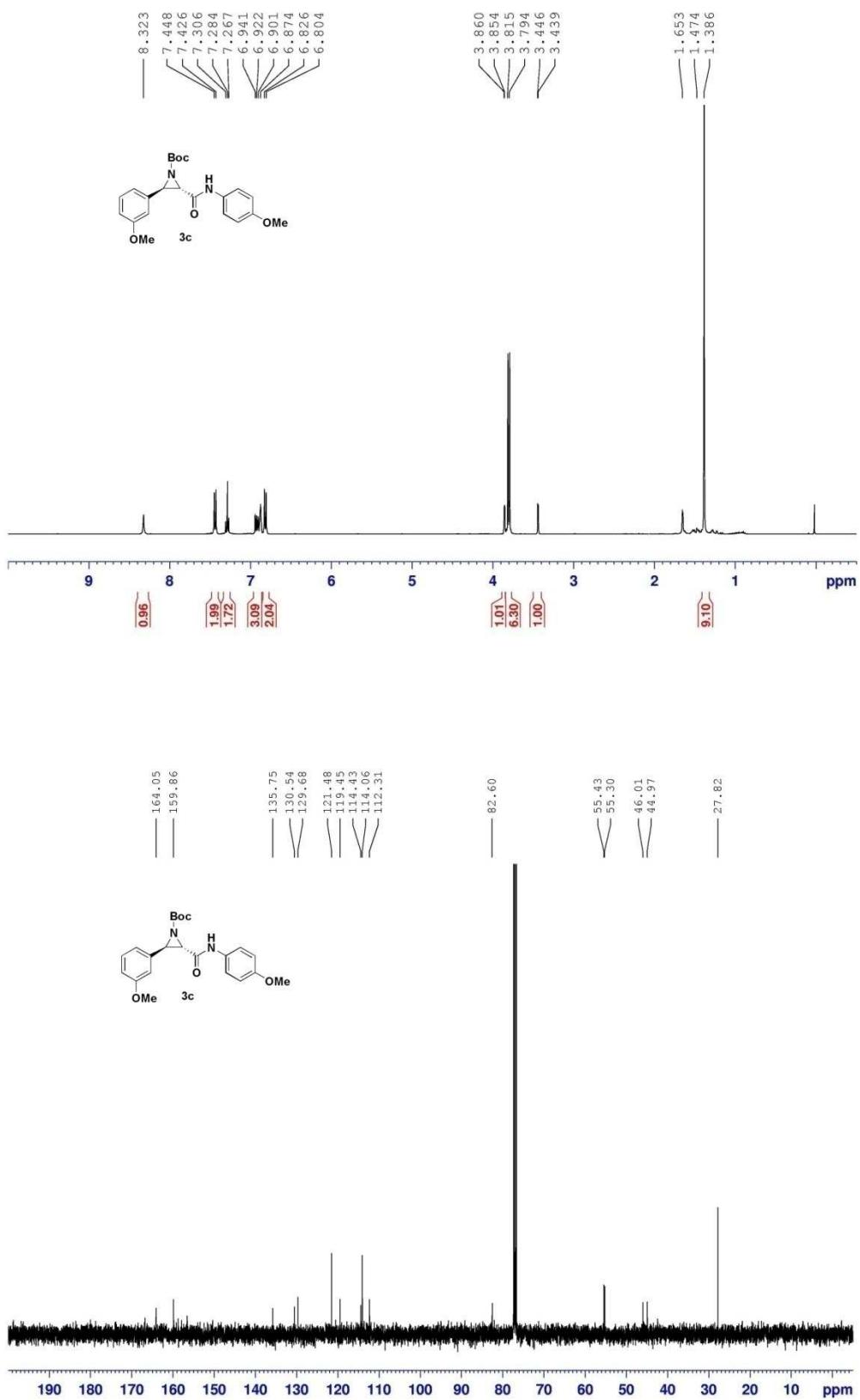


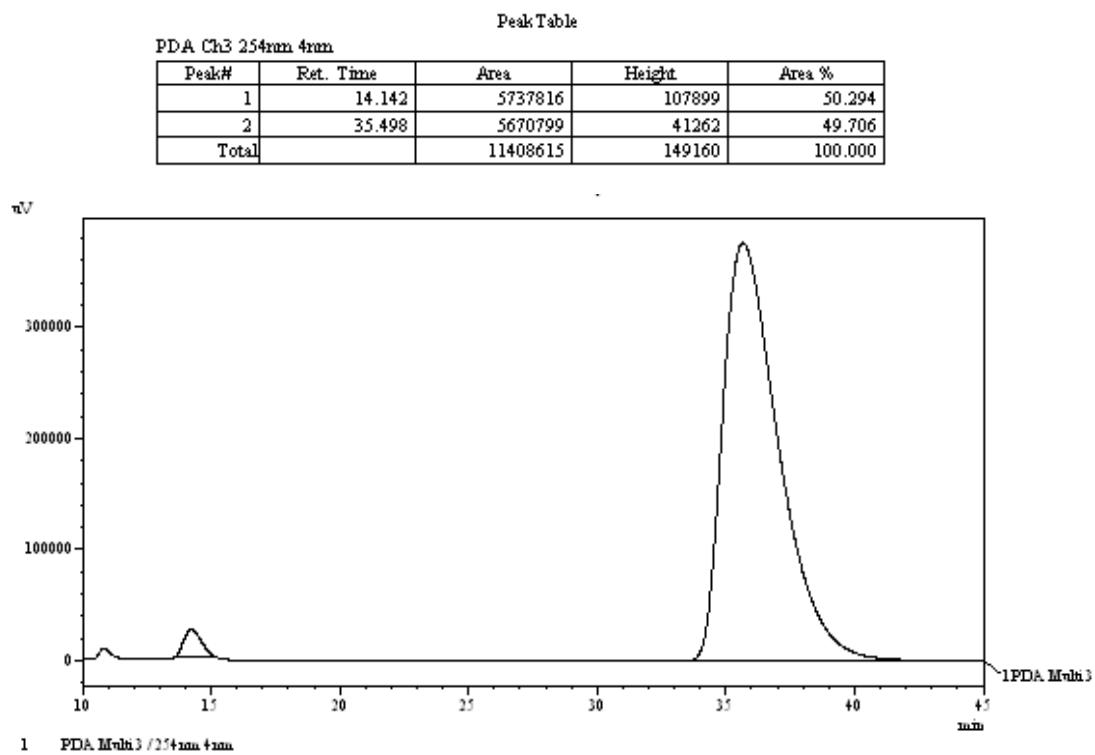
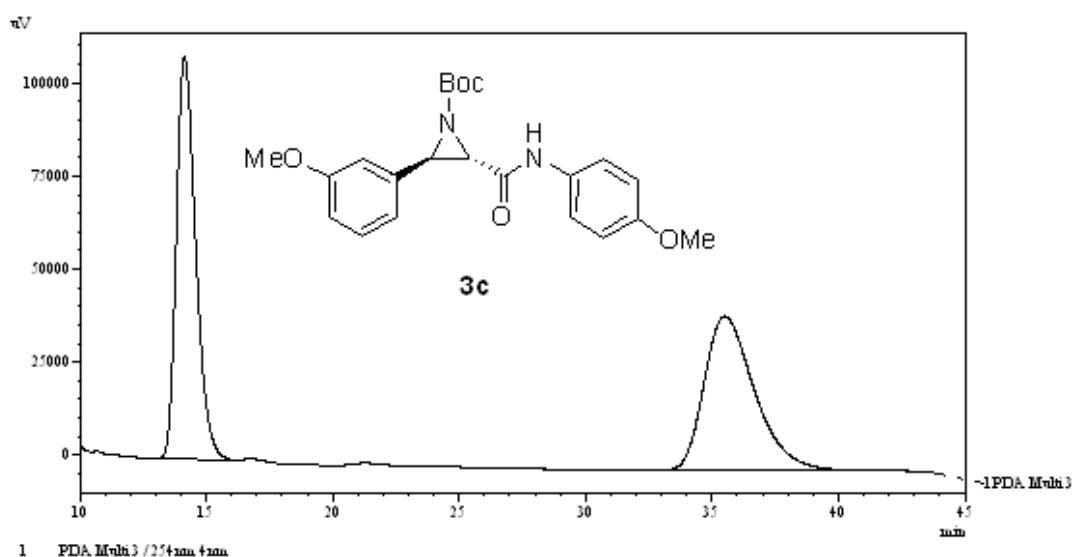
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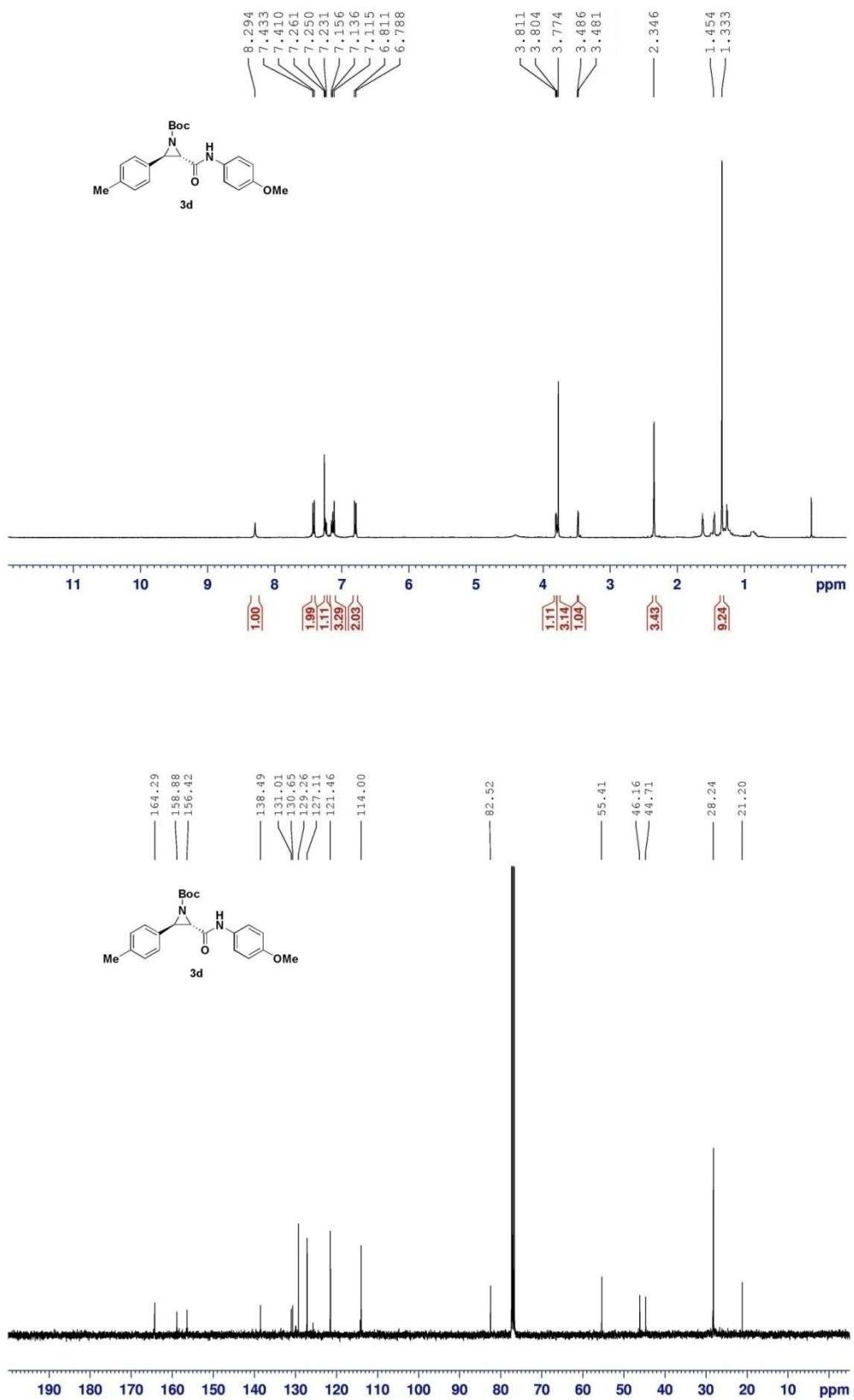


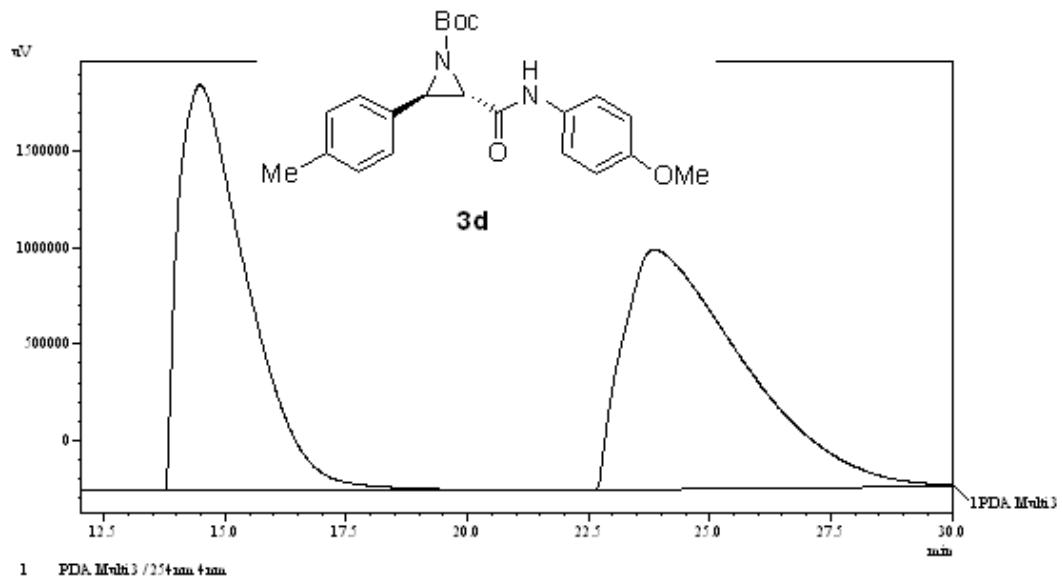


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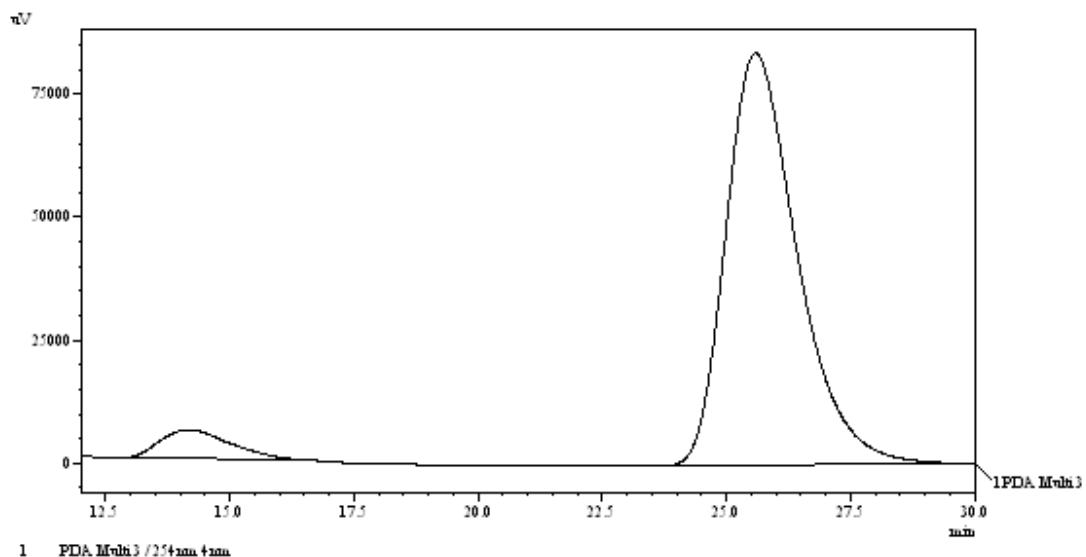




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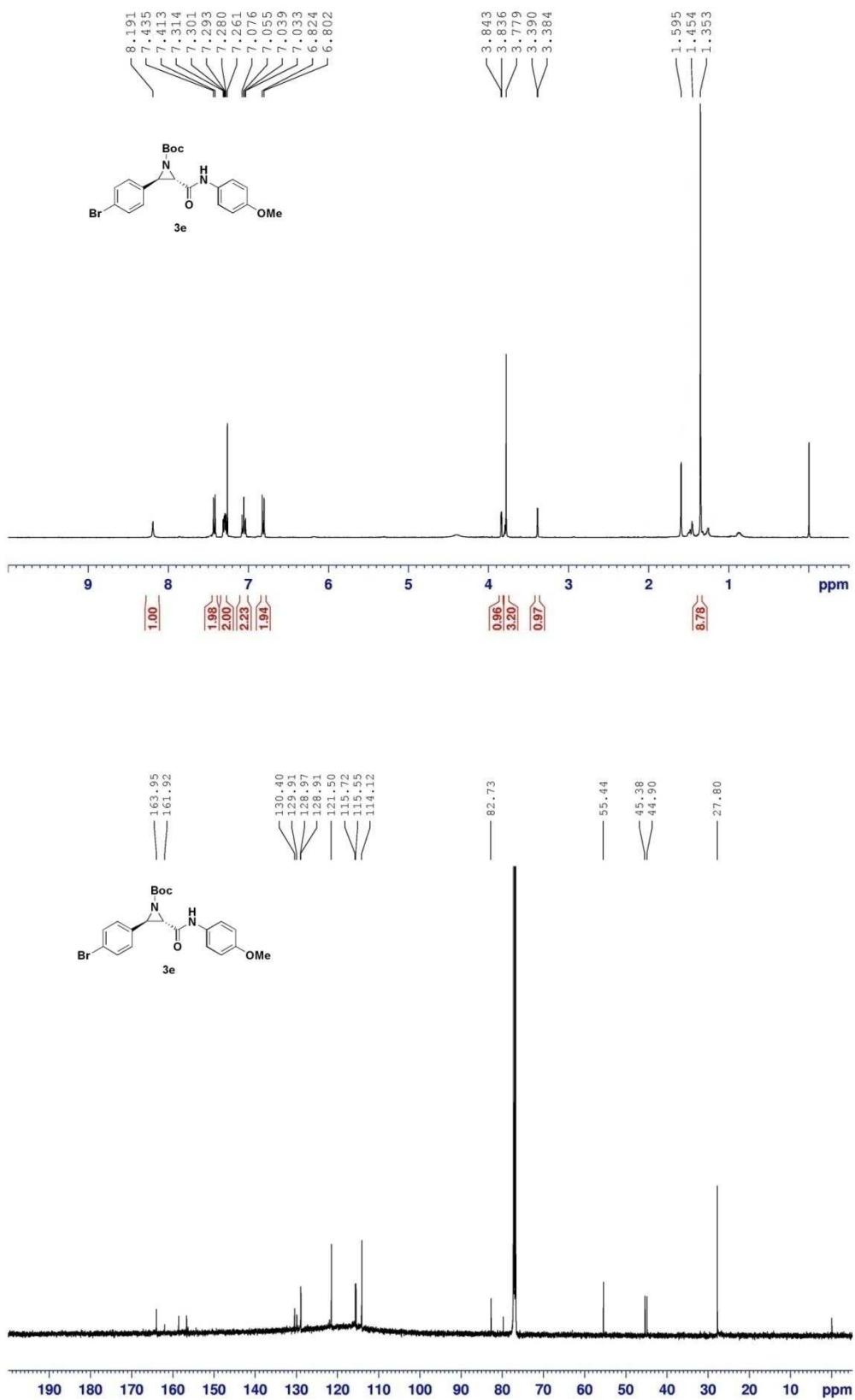
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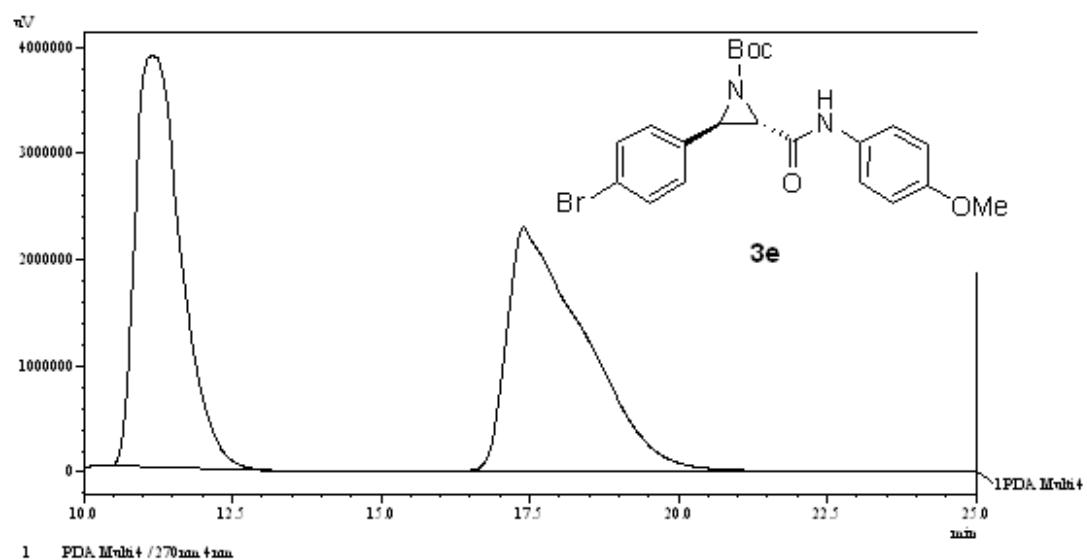


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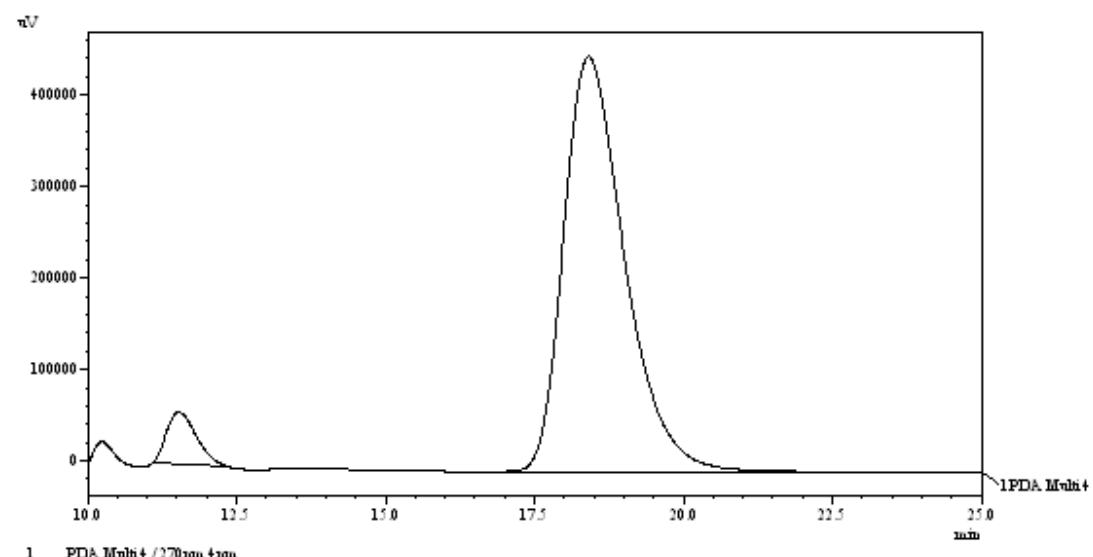




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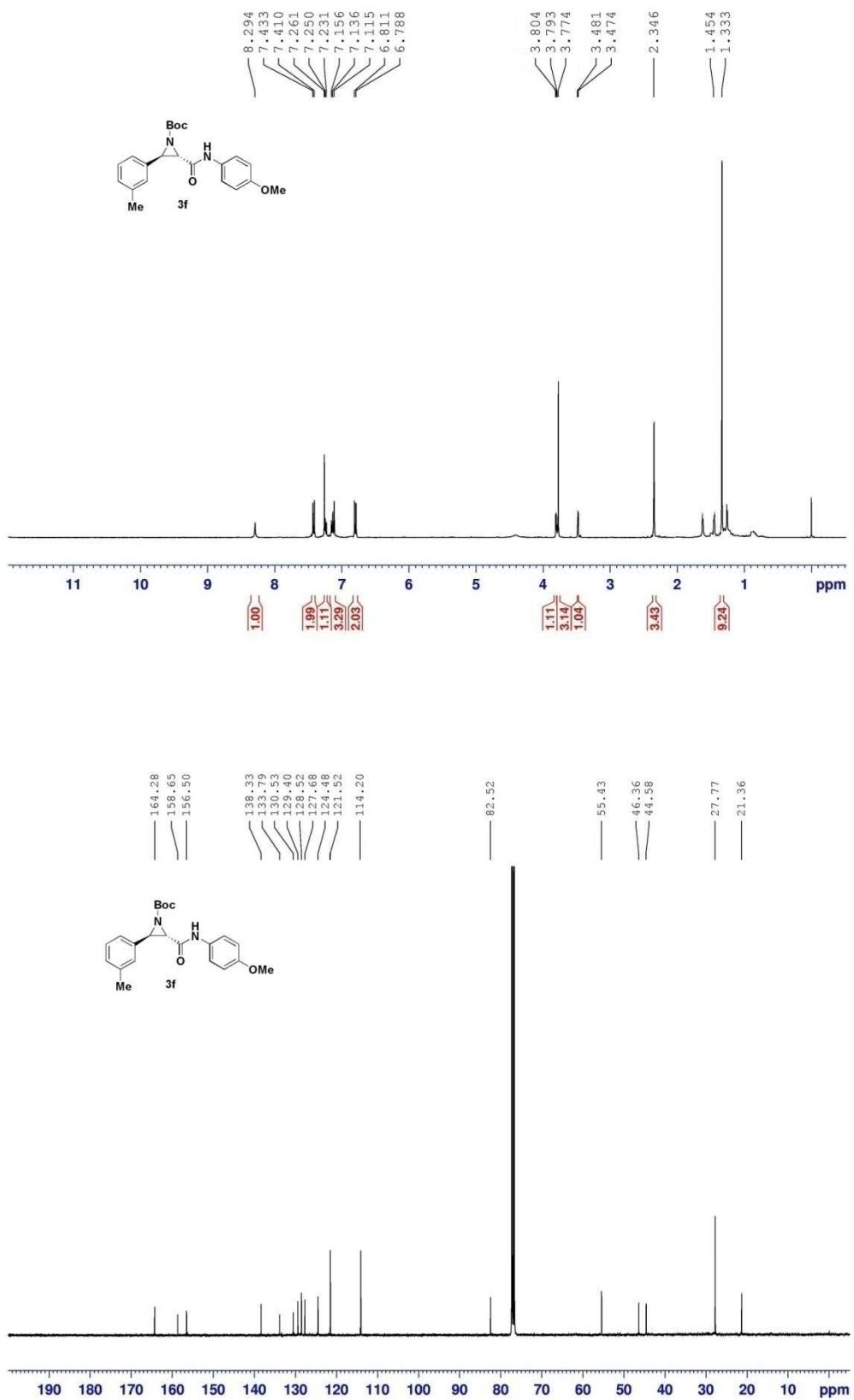
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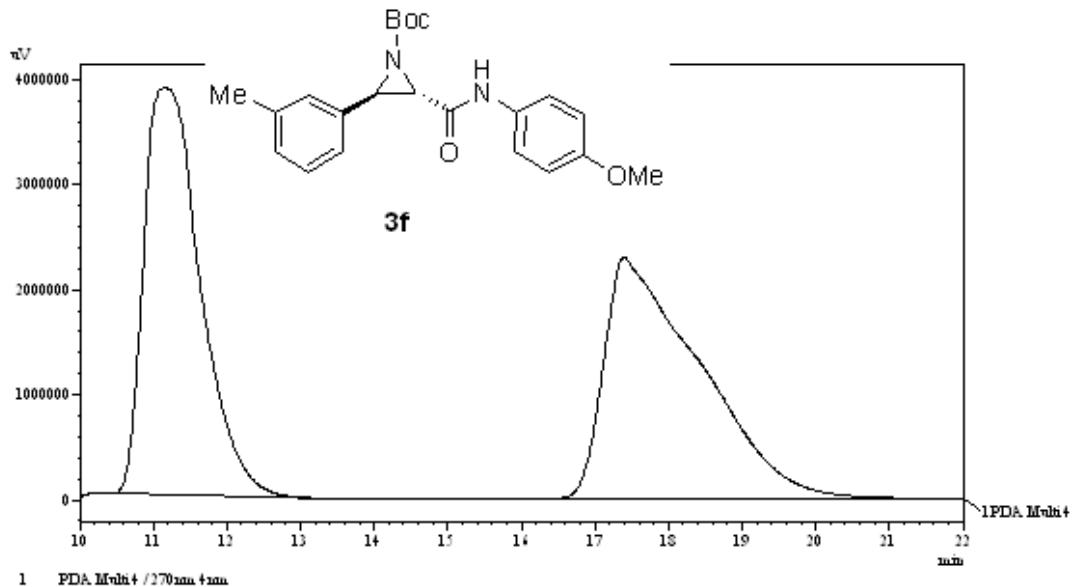


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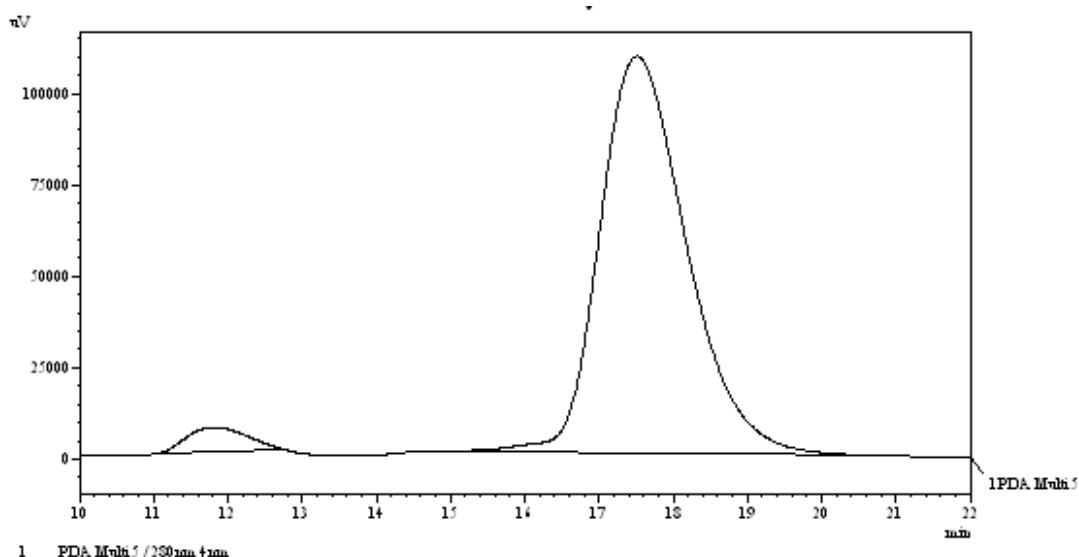




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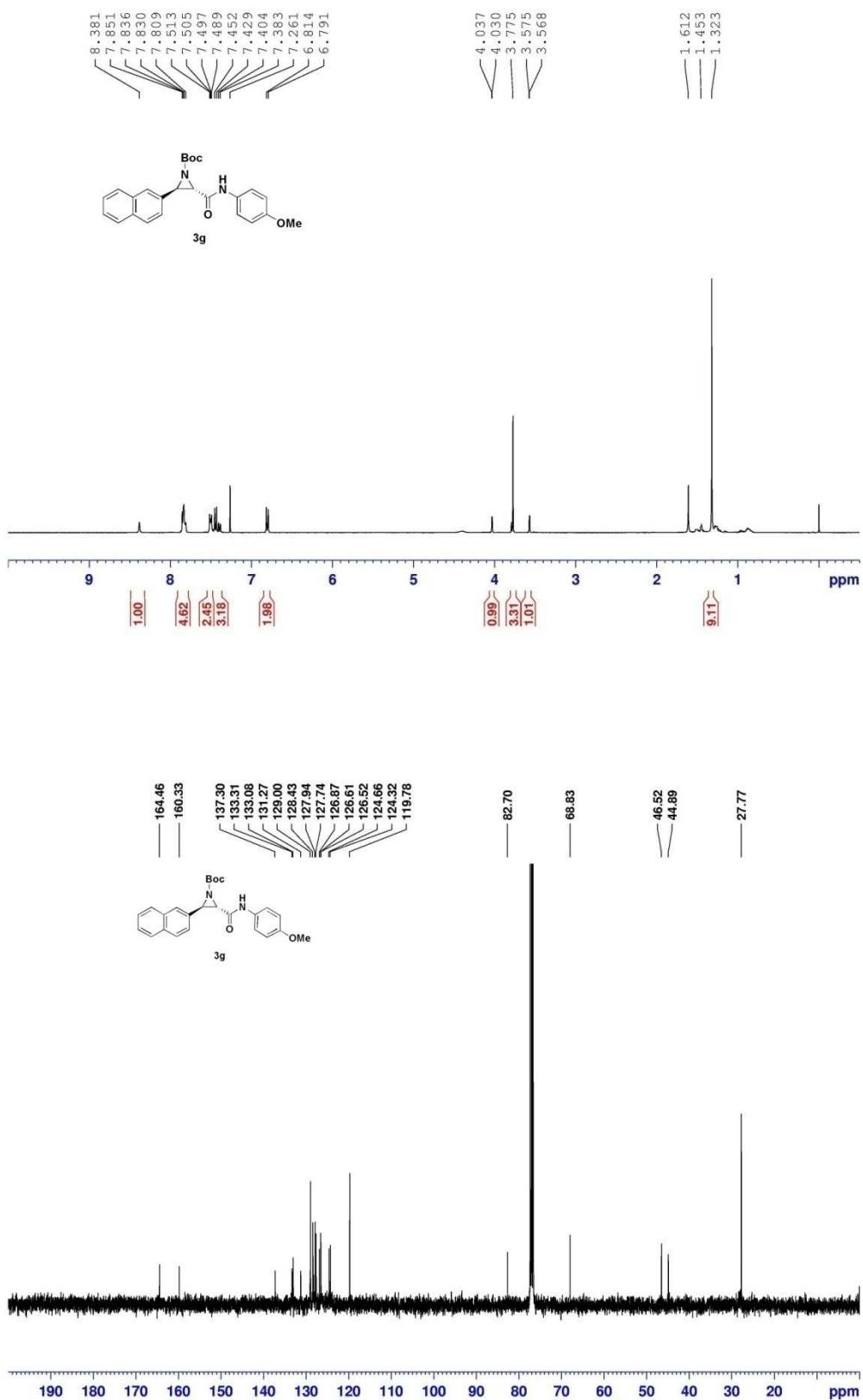
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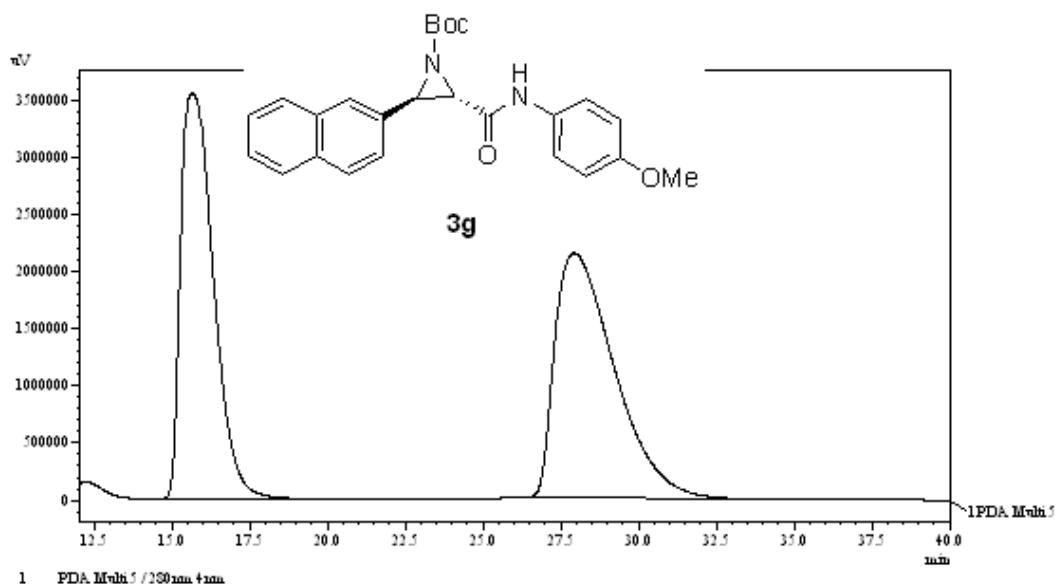


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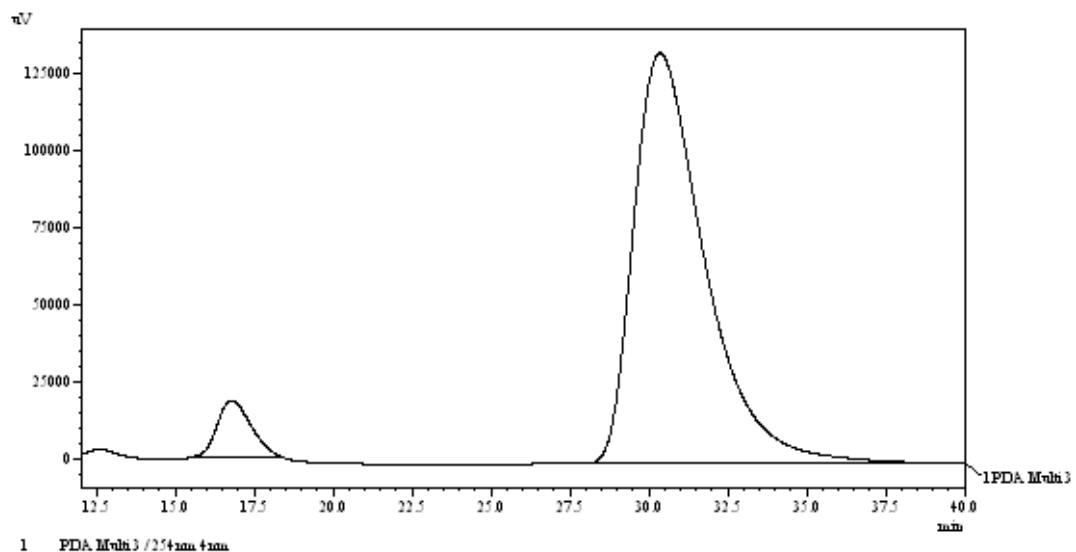




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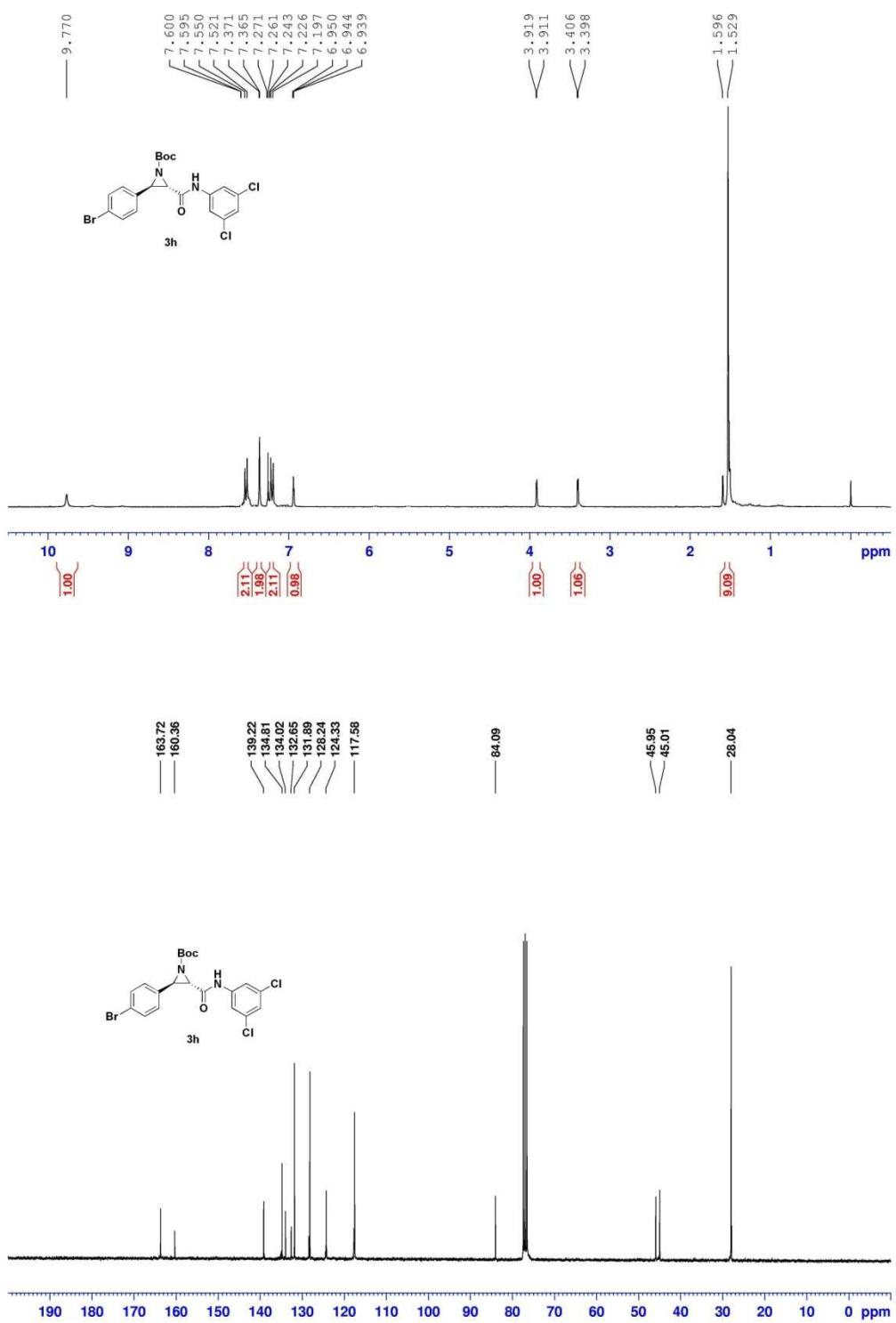
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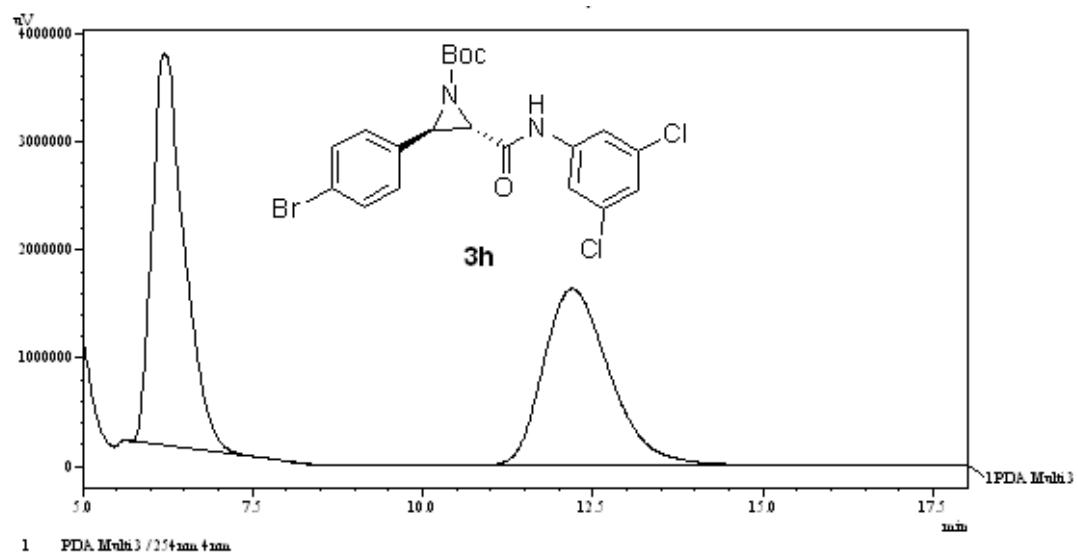


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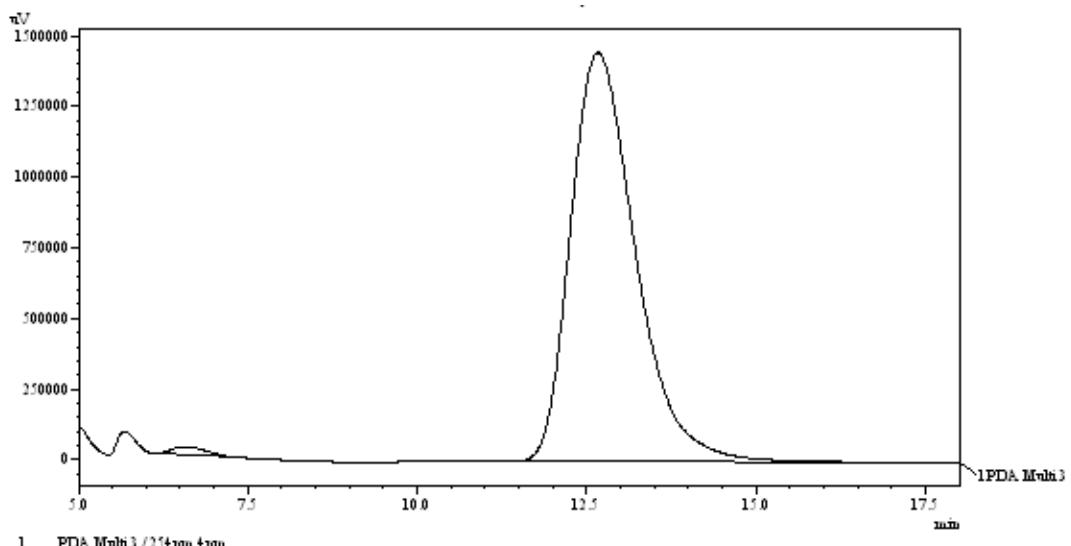




Peak Table

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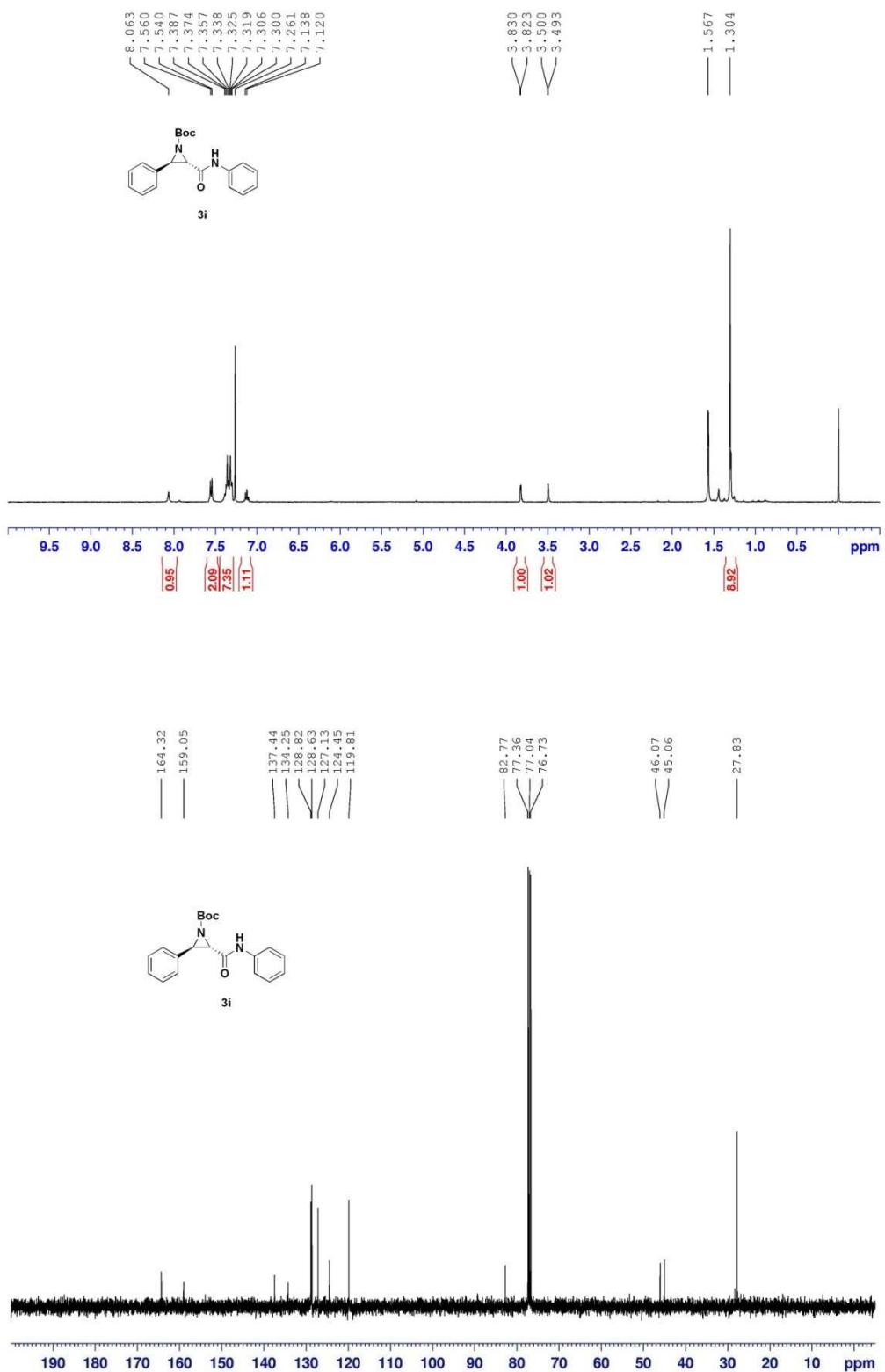
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2	12.195	110375155	1631895	48.234
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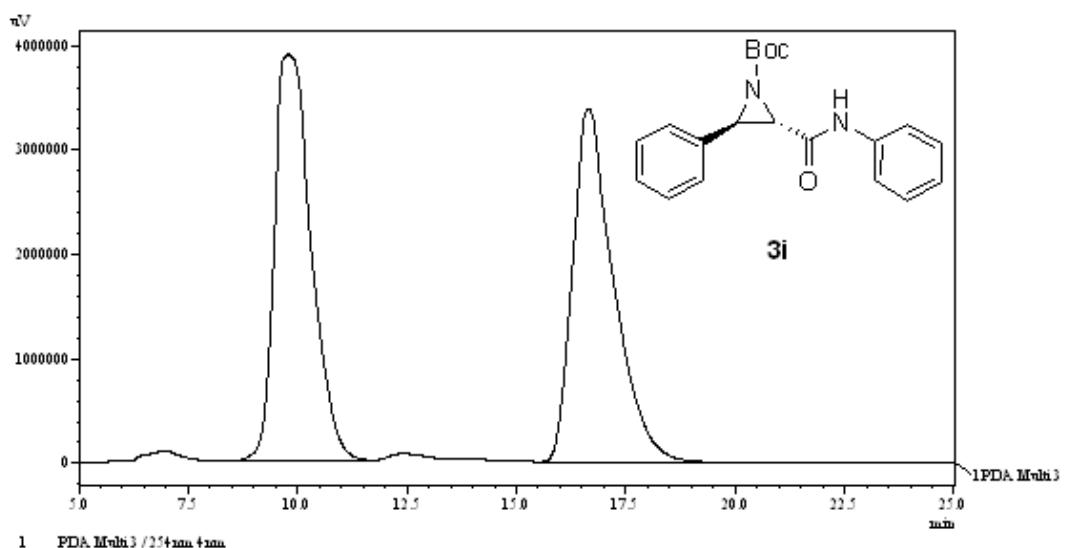


Peak Table

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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2	12.666	96674214	1446984	98.906
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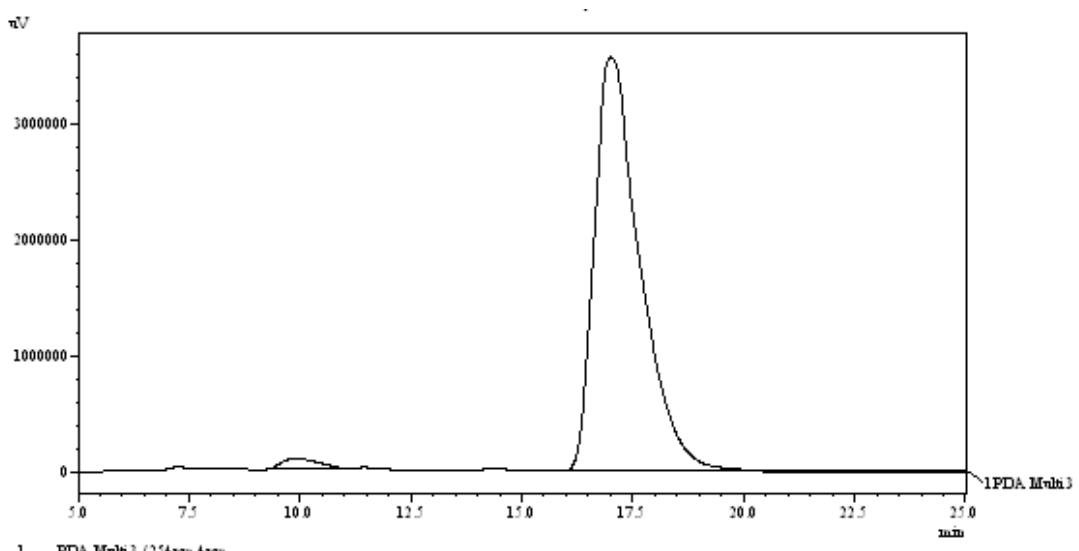




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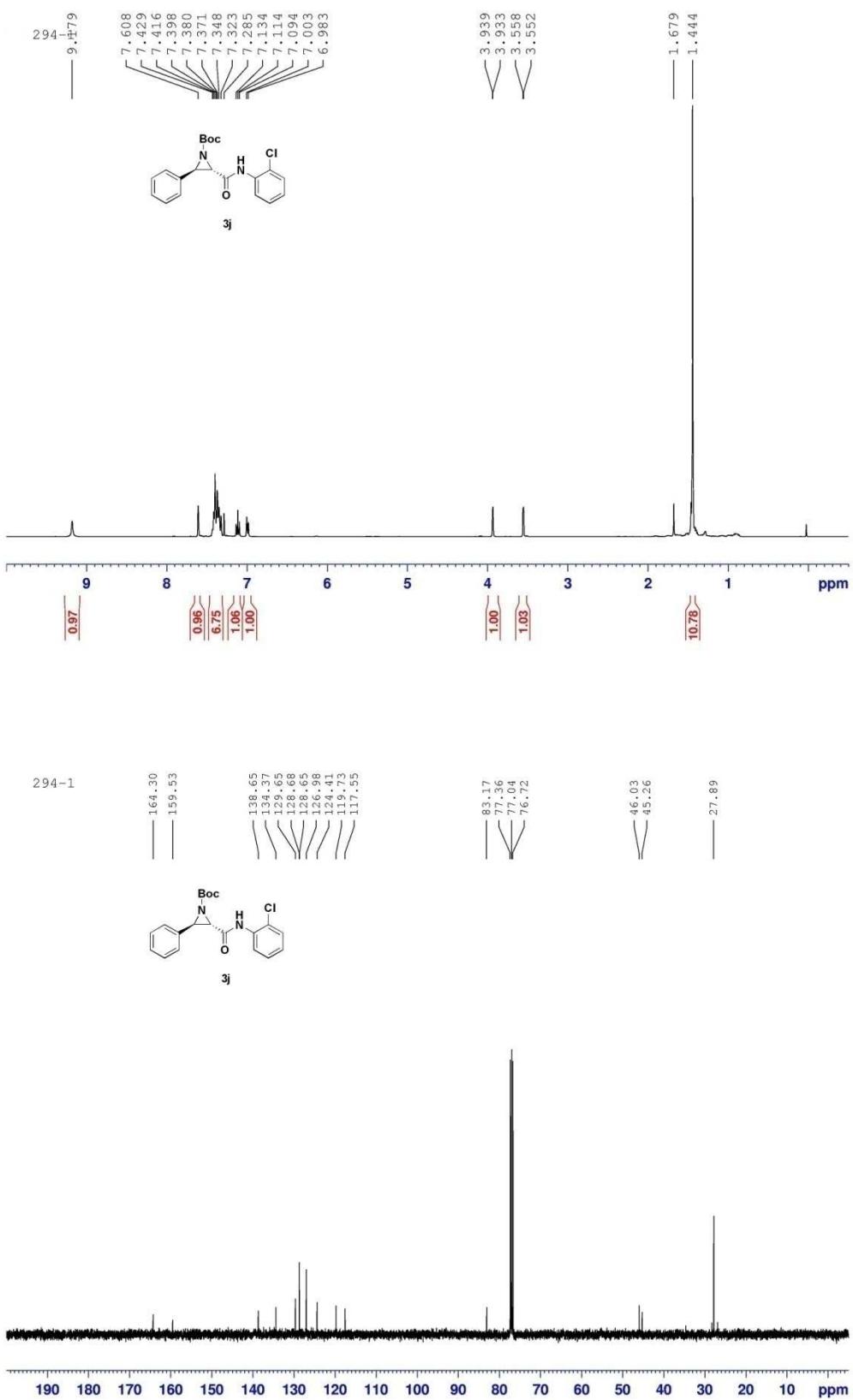
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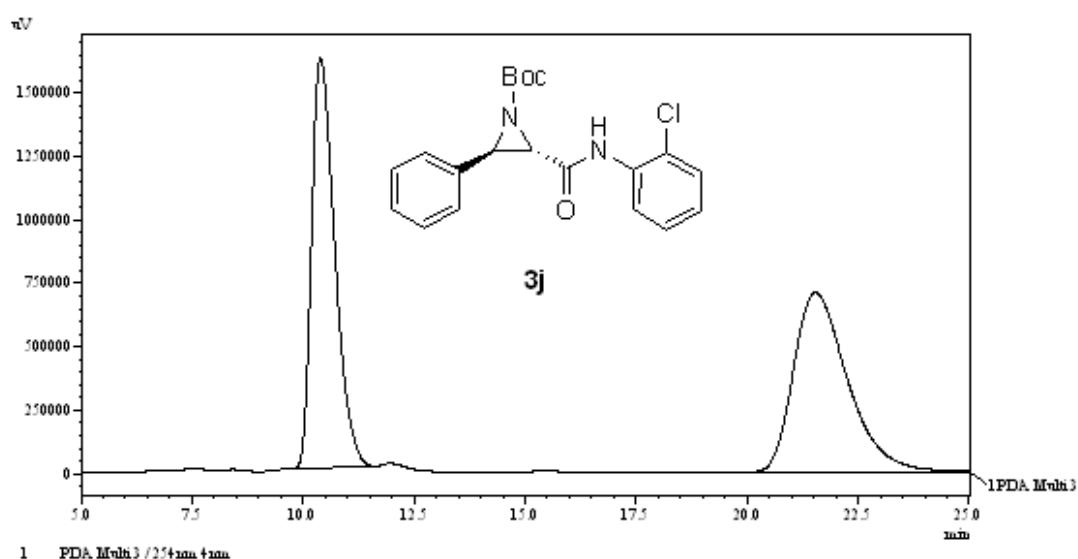


Peak Table

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2	16.997	256083663	3578496	98.215
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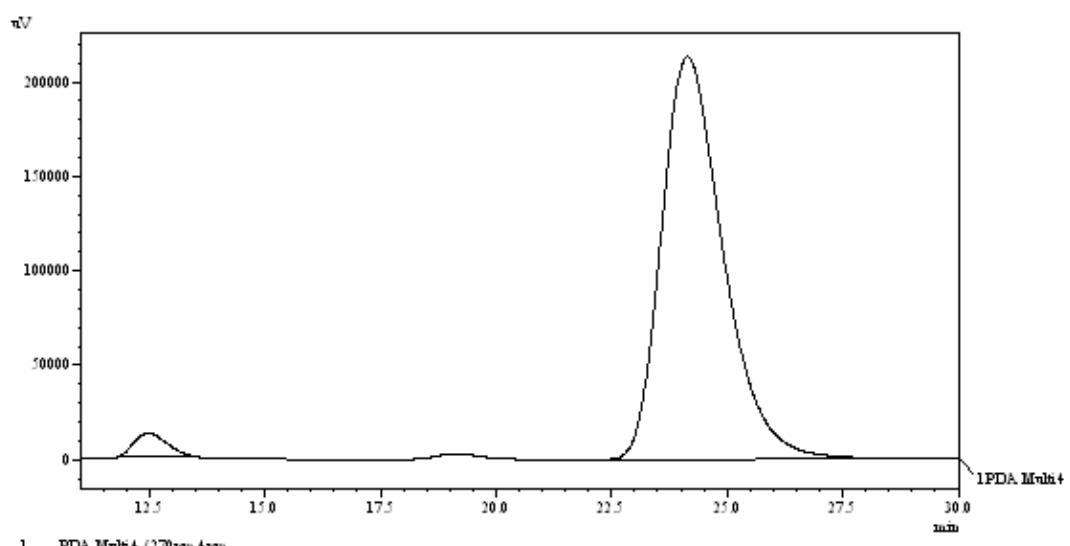




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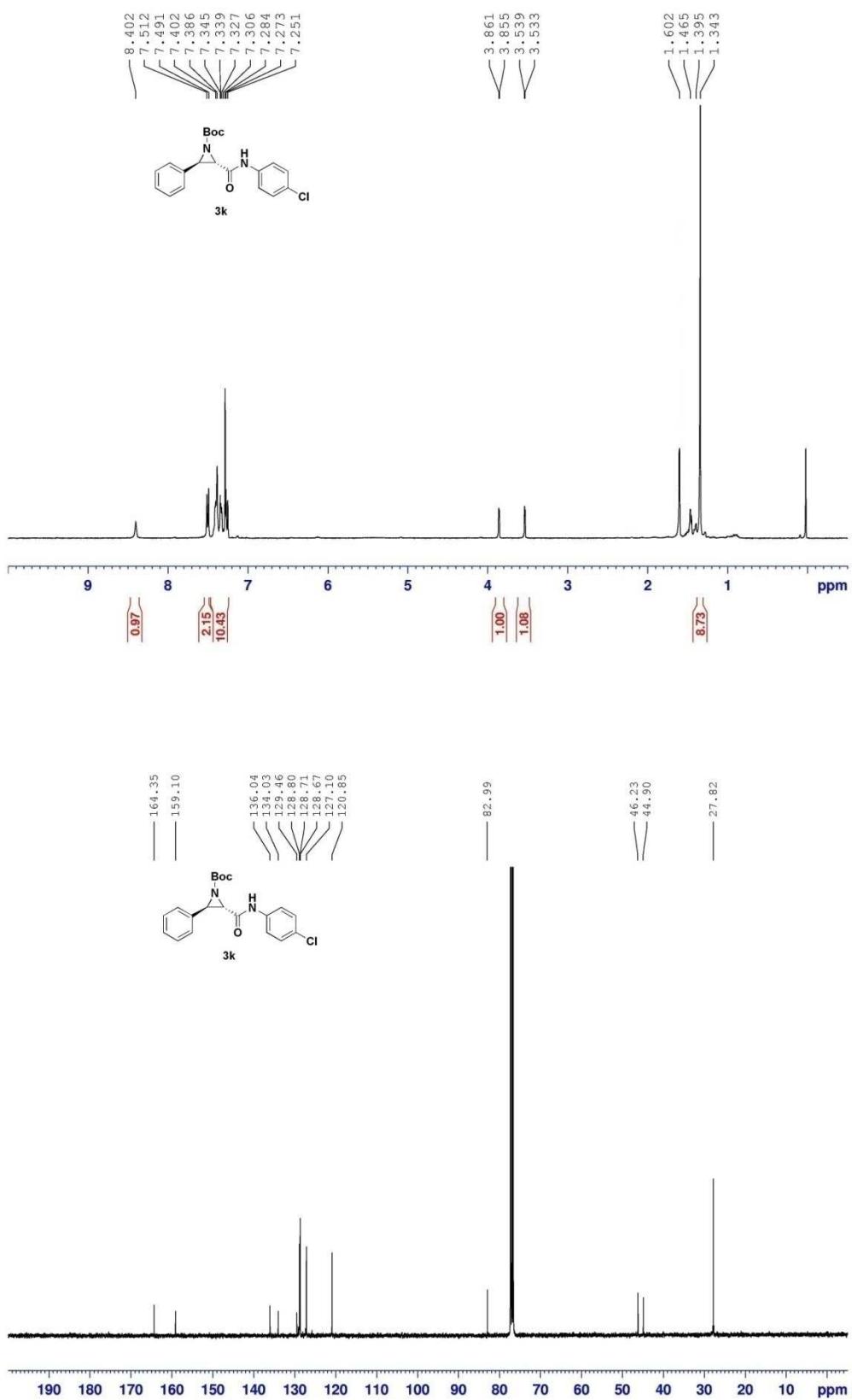
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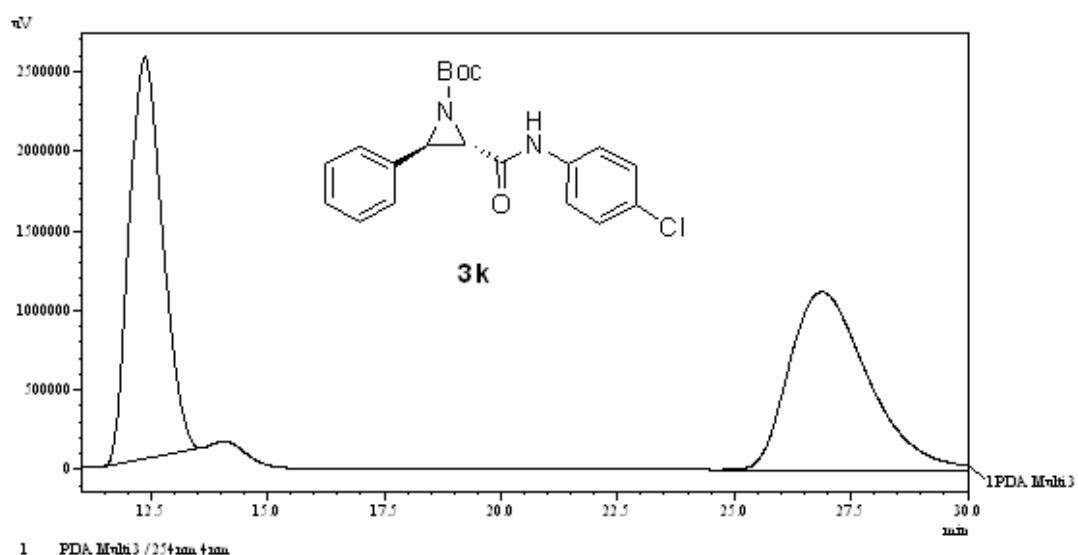


Peak Table

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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2	24.136	19798129	213267	97.049
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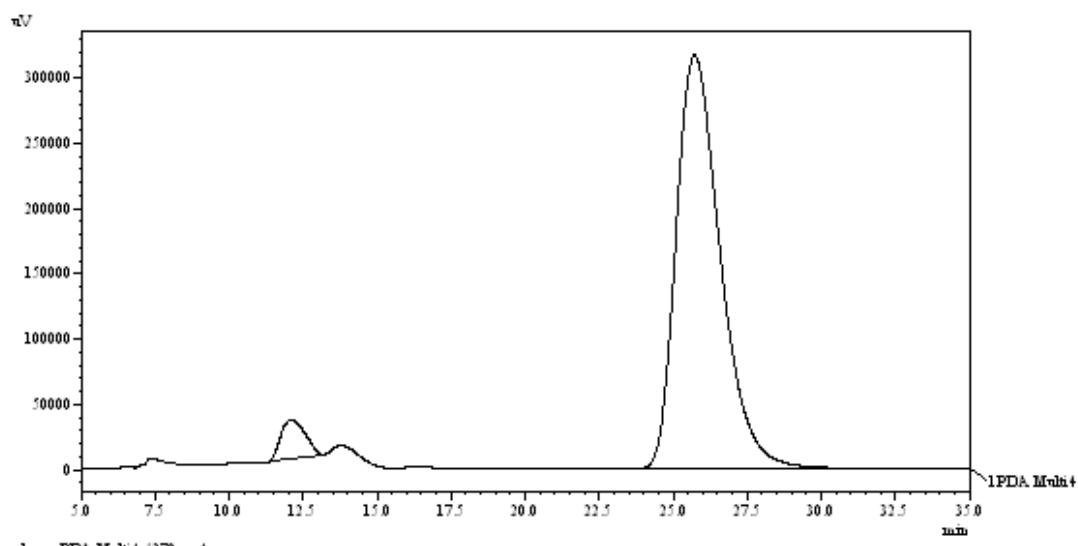




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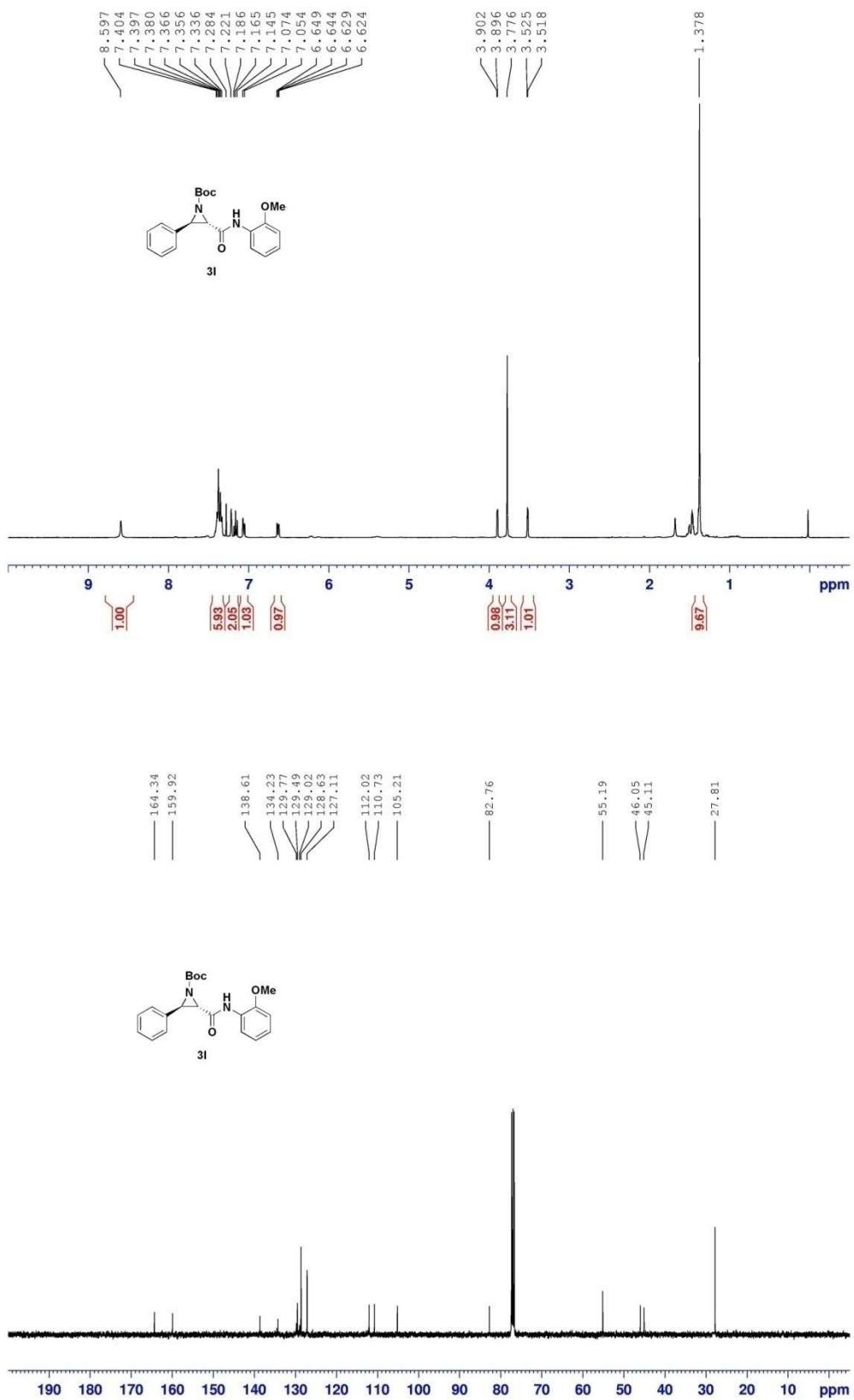
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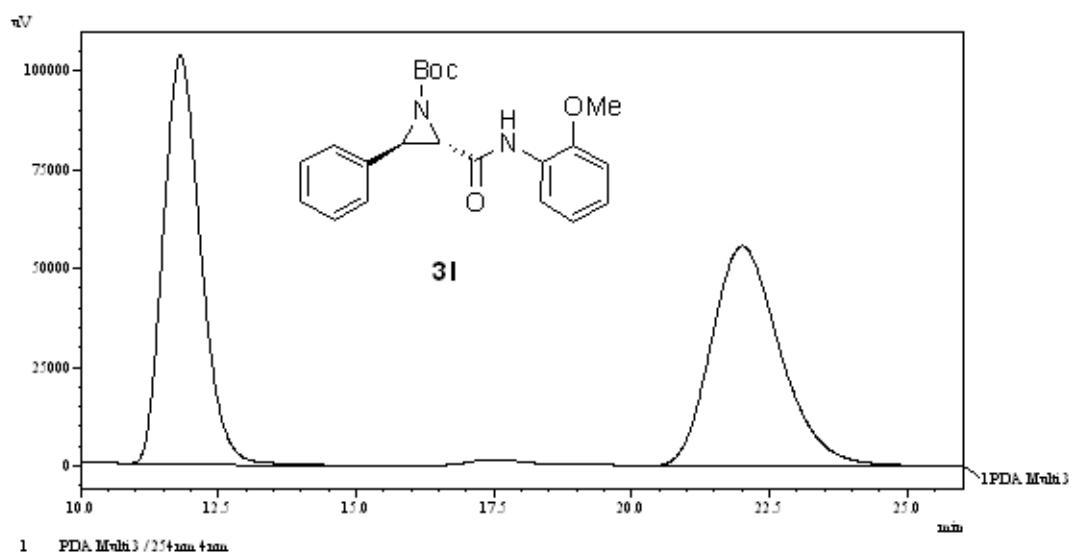


Peak Table

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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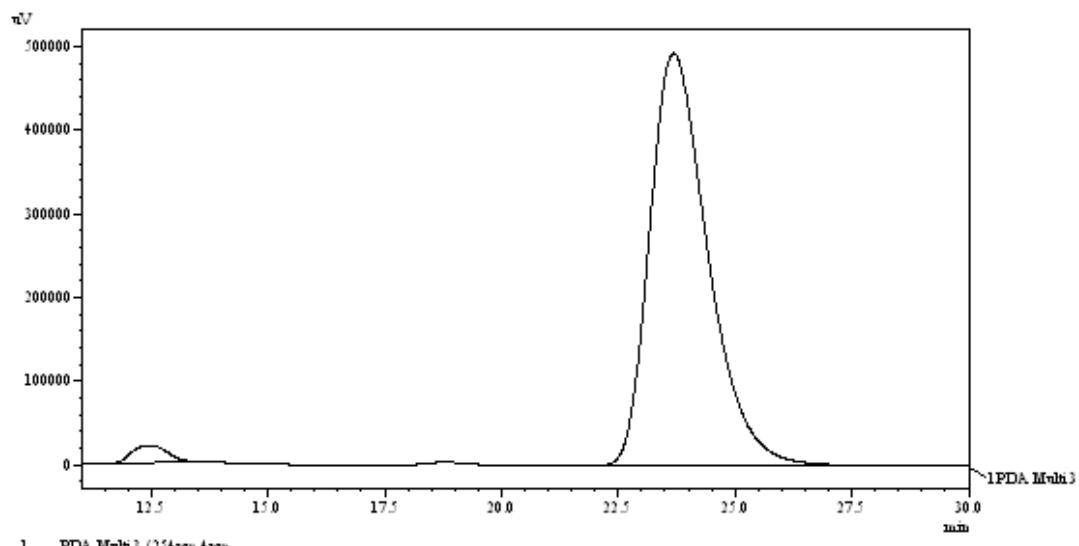




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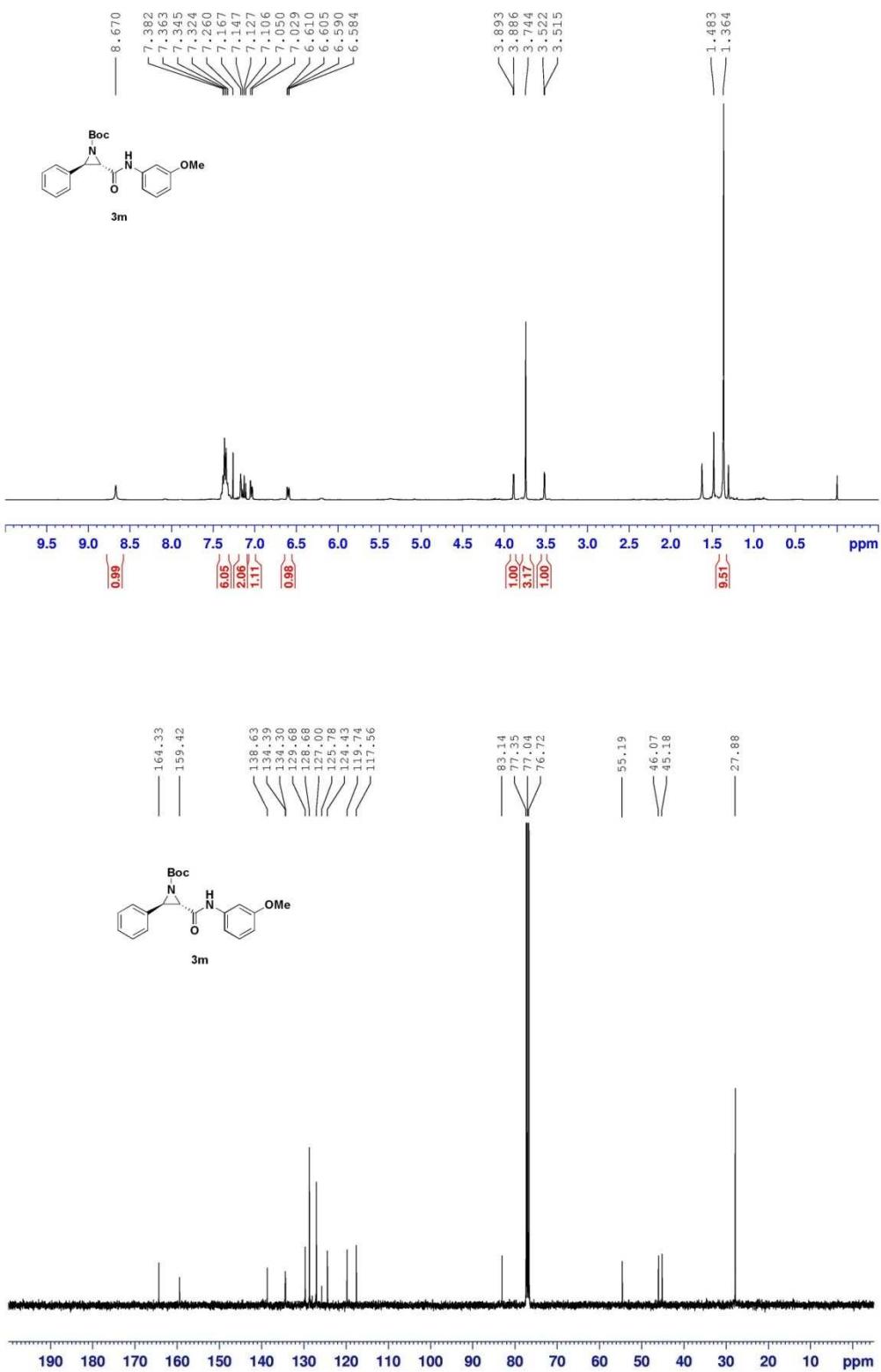
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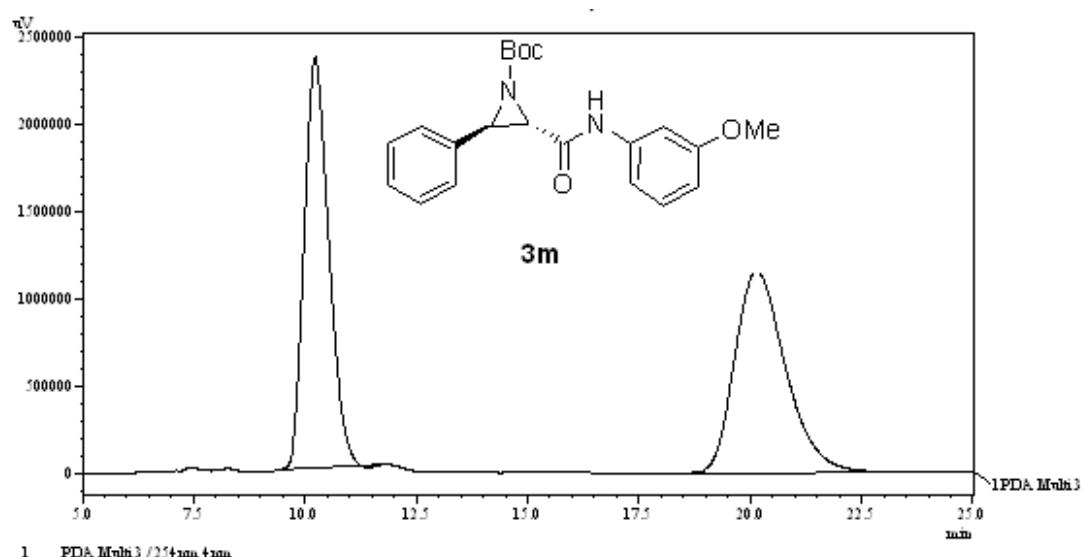


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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	12.371	1036615	19418	2.363
2	23.683	42832120	493203	97.637
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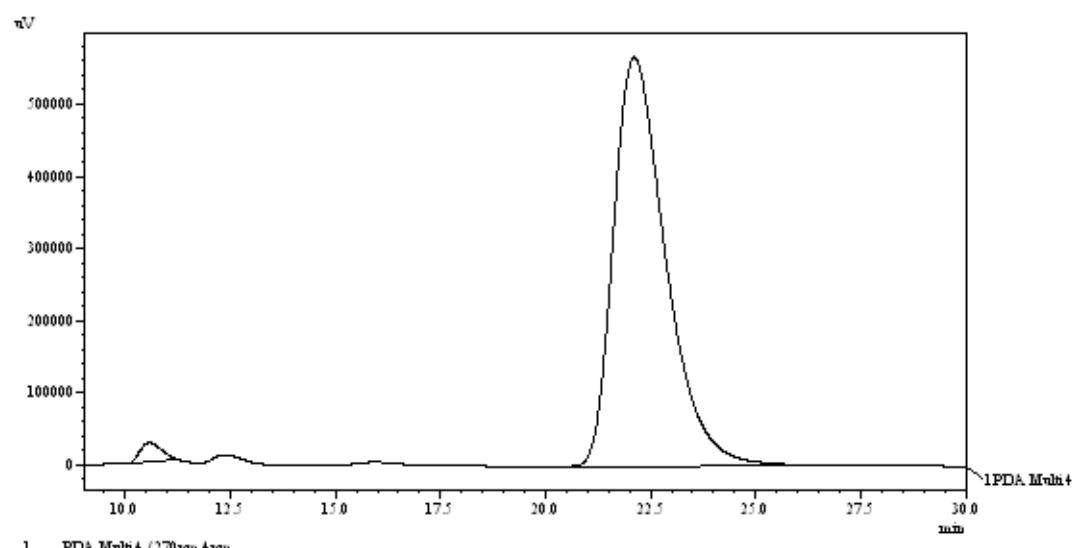




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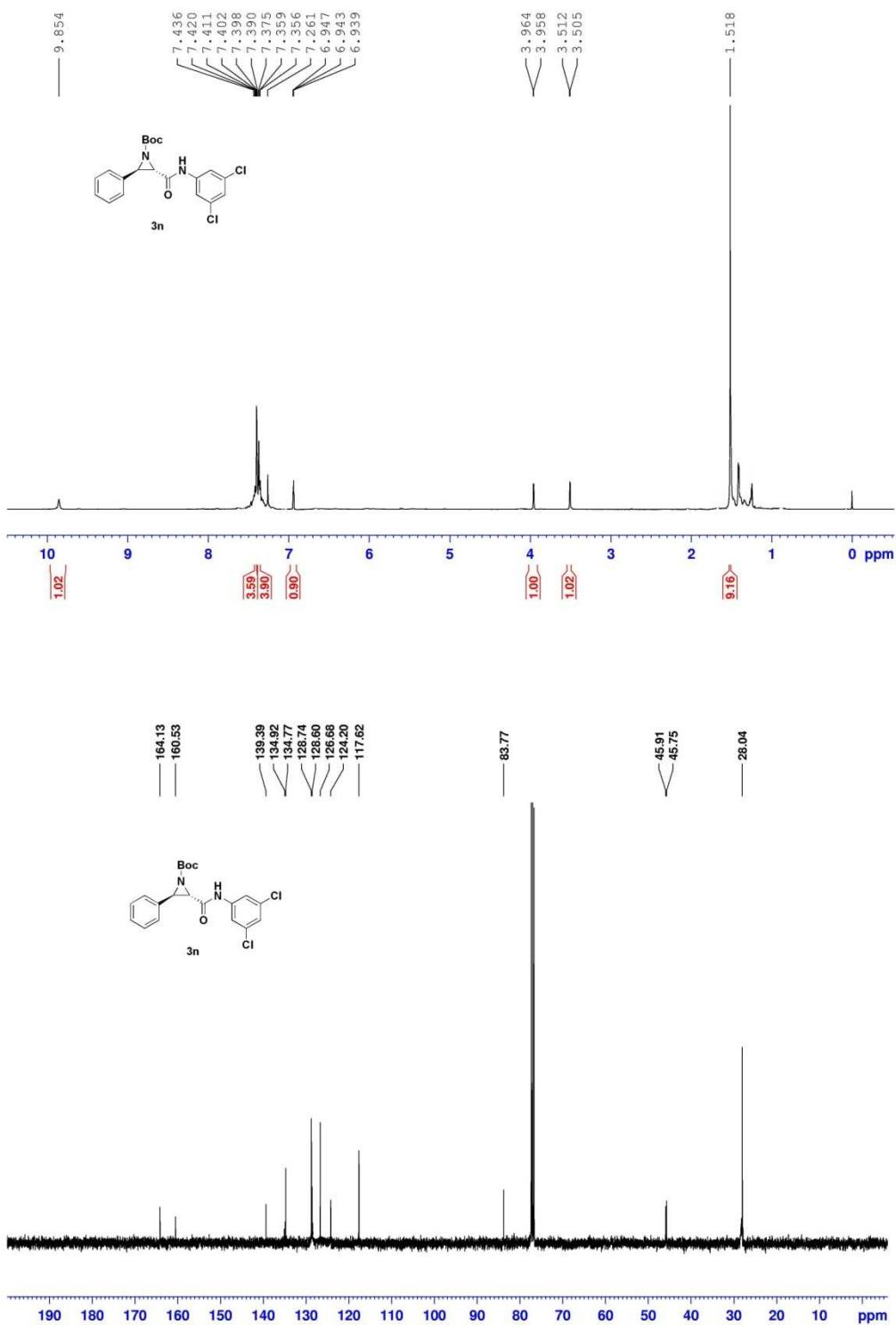
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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2	20.139	92047991	1158247	50.390
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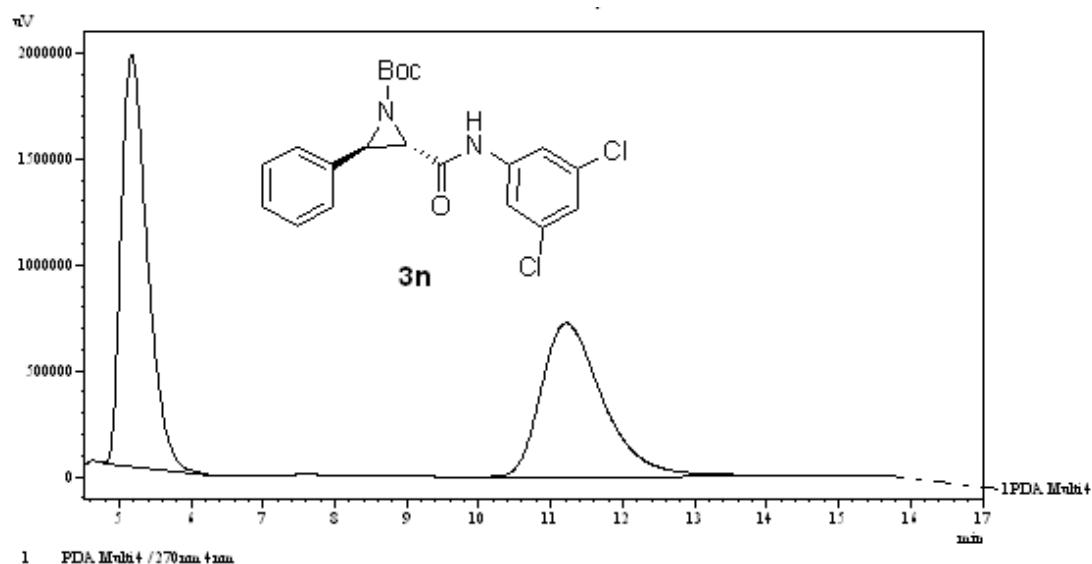


Peak Table

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	10.562	904854	25683	1.816
2	22.109	48923823	566742	98.184
Total		49828677	592425	100.000

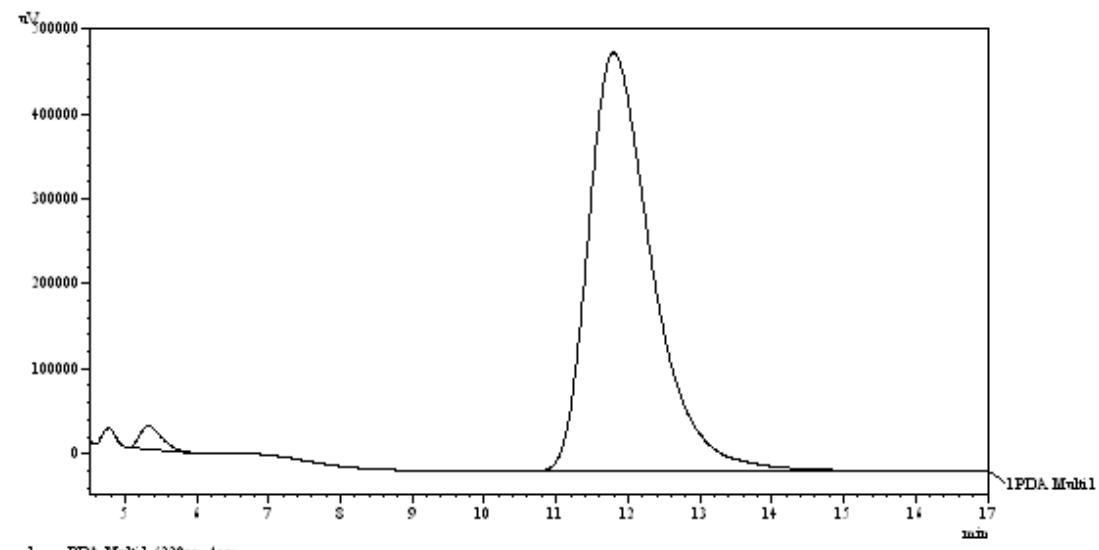




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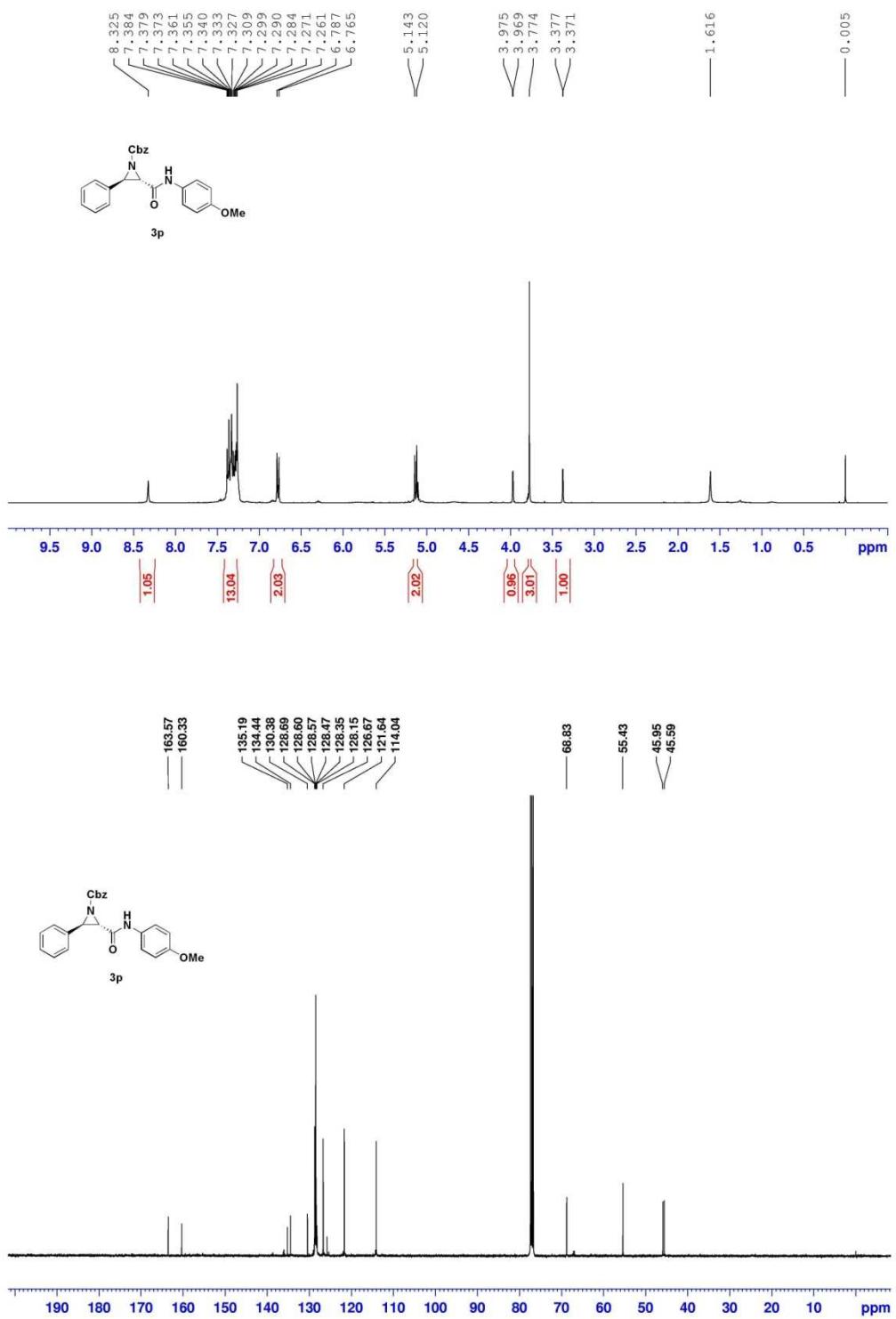
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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2	11.211	43533976	724525	47.019
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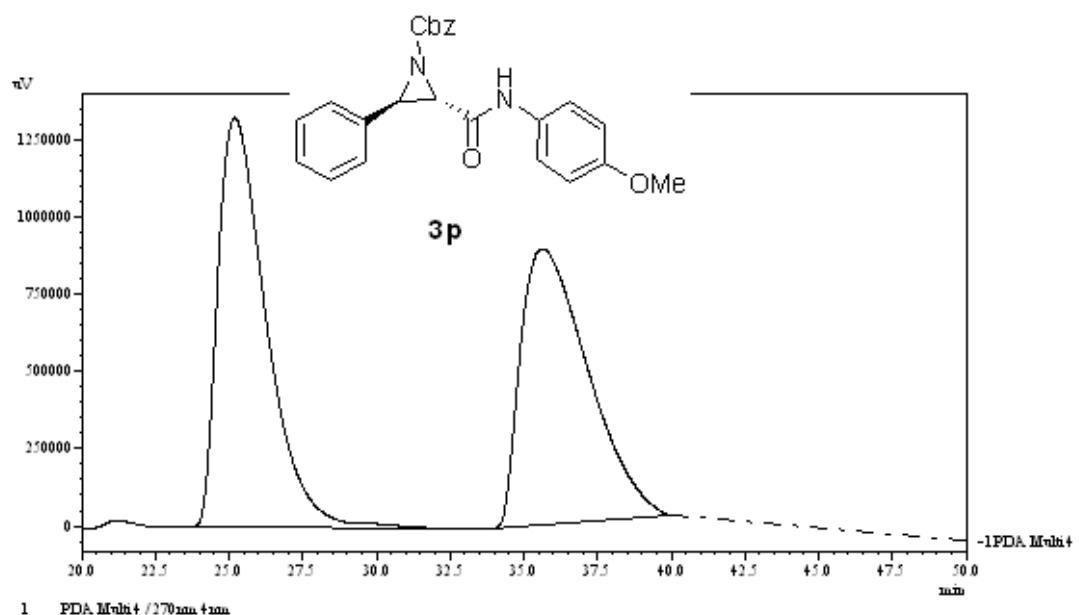


Peak Table

PDA Ch1 220nm 4nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	5.319	572920	27320	1.870
2	11.798	30061914	492261	98.130
Total		30634835	519581	100.000

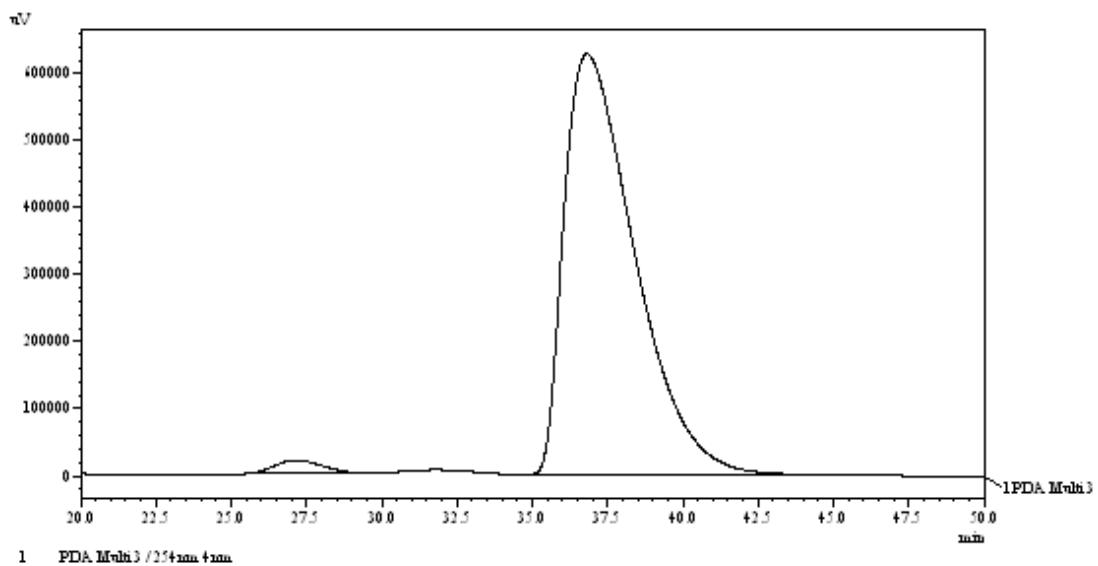




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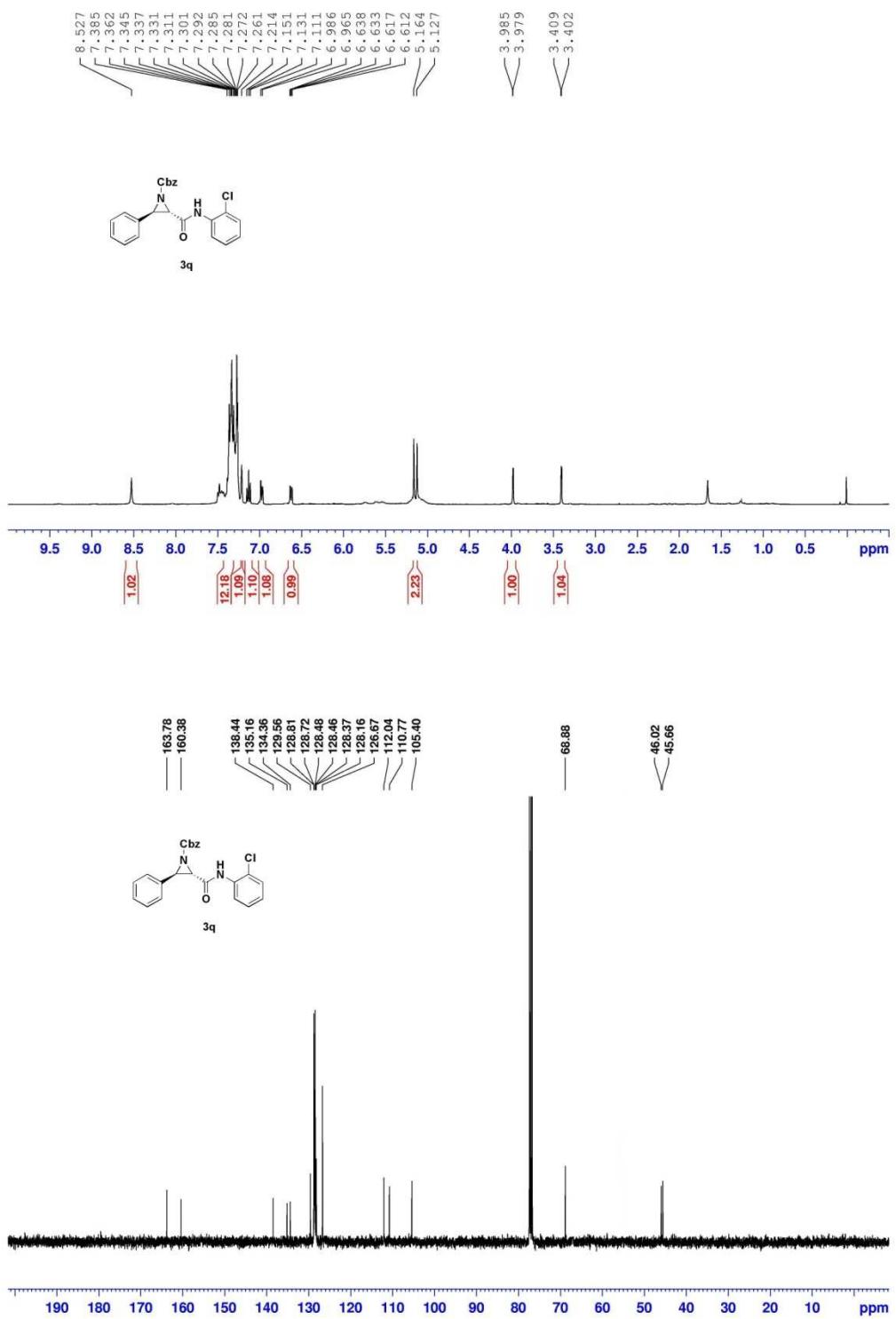
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
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2	35.623	142782975	898177	48.297
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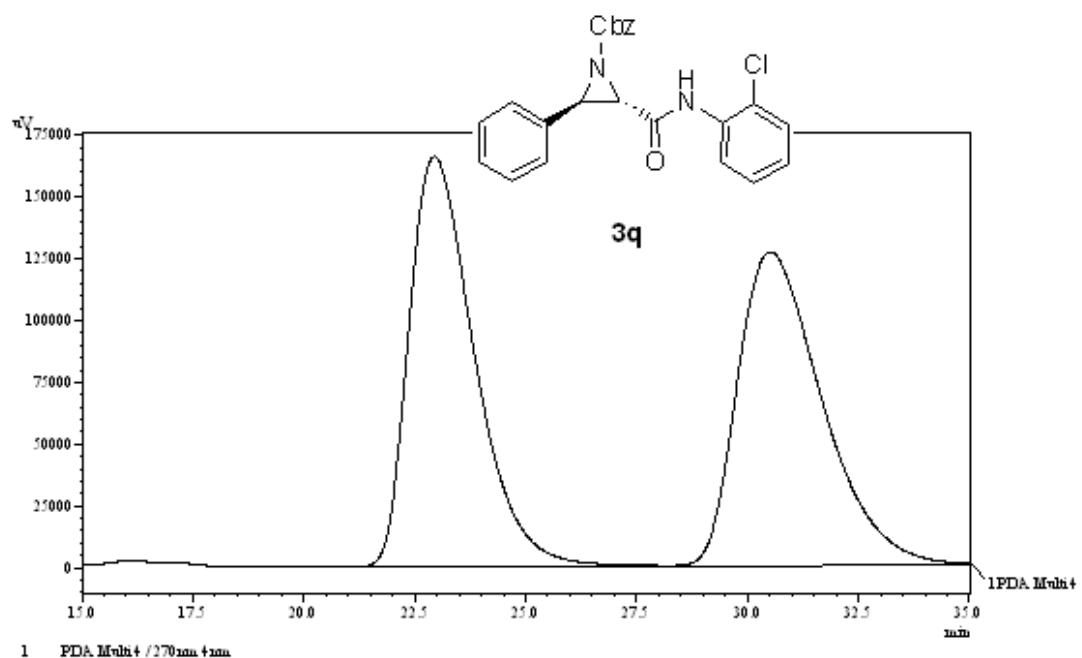


Peak Table

PDA Ch3 254nm 4nm

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2	36.814	102968780	628324	98.129
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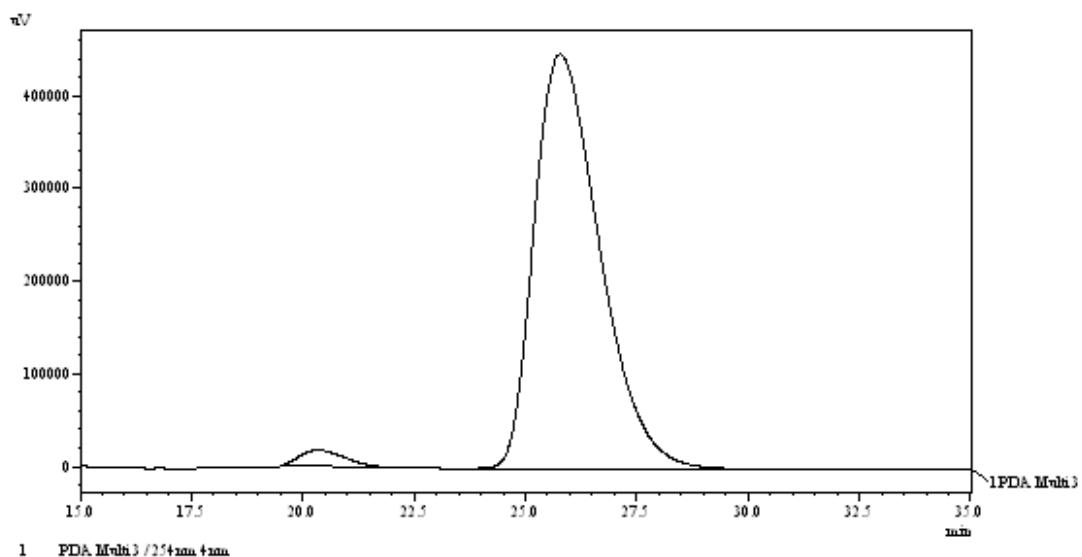




Peak Table

PDA Ch4 270nm 4nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	22.943	16949000	165850	50.106
2	30.511	16877124	126901	49.894
Total		33826123	292751	100.000



Peak Table

PDA Ch3 254nm 4nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	20.345	1211251	17477	2.570
2	25.779	45917033	447388	97.430
Total		47128284	464865	100.000