

**Preparation of a chiral hyperbranched polymer based on cinchona alkaloids and investigation of its catalytic activity in asymmetric reactions**

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**Abstract:** Cinchona alkaloids-derived sulfonamides and ester dimers containing chiral hyperbranched polymers (HBPs) have been successfully synthesized and applied as catalyst to asymmetric reactions. Several hyperbranched polymers derived from cinchona alkaloids, incorporating sulfonamides and esters, have been synthesized through Mizoroki-Heck coupling polymerization. These polymers were subsequently applied in enantioselective Michael addition reactions. As these prepared polymers are not soluble

in a frequently used organic solvent, the polymers act as an efficient catalyst to the enantioselective reaction of  $\beta$ -ketoesters to nitroolefins to give up to 99% enantioselectivity with good yields. The insoluble property gives them extra space to satisfy 'Green chemistry' requirement and is used up to several times without losing the enantioselectivity.

**Key words:** Hyperbranched polymers (HBPs); sulfonamide; polymeric chiral organocatalyst; Michael addition reaction.

## 1. Introduction

Cinchona alkaloid is a member of the Rubiaceae family and is derived from the bark of various species of cinchona trees [1]. Cinchona alkaloids are the chemical substances with the most vivid past. There are many instances of cinchona alkaloids being used as chiral resolving agents today [2 - 5]. The key use of cinchona alkaloids in chemistry is to expedite numerous enantioselective transformations in both homogeneous and heterogeneous catalytic systems. The use of cinchona derivatives in asymmetric catalysis has grown dramatically since the publication of many ground-breaking studies. Now, it is understood that cinchona alkaloids and derivatives of them are one of the most blatant organic chirality inducers, working to activate practically all chemical processes in a highly stereoselective manner. The chiral induction and discrimination mechanisms were explained by structural analysis of cinchona alkaloids utilizing spectroscopic and computational techniques [6]. The main reason for the widespread use of cinchona alkaloids by numerous researchers [7, 8] in various reactions, including hetero-[2 + 2] cycloadditions [9], phase transfer catalyzed epoxidation [10], alkylation [11], conjugate additions [12], and phosphonylation reactions of aldehydes [13], was the use of these compounds as chiral catalysts in between the 1970s and 1980s. Cinchona alkaloids have

1 a variety of functions that are essential for producing chirality in asymmetric products,  
2 either on their own or in chemically altered forms [14], because they contain both acidic  
3 and basic sites and these behave as dual-functional chiral organocatalysts. A nucleophile  
4 and an electrophile can both be activated and oriented by the hydroxyl moiety and tertiary  
5 amine, respectively [15]. Cinchona alkaloids and their analogues are able to serve as  
6 catalysts that are chiral in four distinct type of transformations, including the formation  
7 of carbon-carbon bonds, carbon-oxygen bonds, carbon-hydrogen heteroatom bonds and  
8 also additional processes including desymmetrization and hydrogenation. Bifunctional  
9 chiral catalysts, which can concurrently interact with and activate both the reacting sites,  
10 are a reliable, efficient technique to the stereoselective production of significant  
11 asymmetric molecules. Sulfonamides, which can be produced from cinchona alkaloids,  
12 are among the most significant and essential catalysts. In contrast to tertiary nitrogen of  
13 quinuclidine, which in cinchona alkaloids may function as both a base and a hydrogen-  
14 bond acceptor, the acidic NH part of sulfonamide is capable of functioning as a hydrogen-  
15 bond donor. Since, the cinchona alkaloid-derived sulfonamides have both acidic and basic  
16 sites, they have the unusual ability to keep a substrate in a certain orientation, creating a  
17 chiral environment [16]. Additionally, C9 ester derivatives of cinchona alkaloids with  
18 free OH [17], quinuclidine nitrogen [18 - 20], and a methoxy group adjacent to the C6'  
19 position of the quinoline molecule extensively studied and used effectively in numerous  
20 asymmetric processes [21 - 23]. The natural cinchona alkaloids in addition to alternate  
21 varieties like bifunctional cinchona alkaloid derivatives are commonly utilized as a  
22 flexible source for organocatalysts in the field of catalytic enantioselective chemical  
23 synthesis [24 , 25]. Along with cinchona alkaloids with the 6'-OH group [26], cinchona  
24 alkaloids with thiourea moiety [27], and cinchona alkaloids along with 9-squaramide

[28], dual-functional cinchona alkaloid catalysts have also been found. Sulfonamide catalysts based on cinchona alkaloids have been used to carry out asymmetric Michael-type reactions successfully. For instance, According to Luo et al., the asymmetric Michael reaction of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds with nitrostyrene demonstrated good catalytic activity for the quinidine-derived sulfonamide. According to research by Itsuno et al., the Michael addition reaction between ketoester and nitrostyrene exhibited greater stereoselectivity when cinchonidine sulfonamides that served as bifunctional chiral organocatalysts [29].

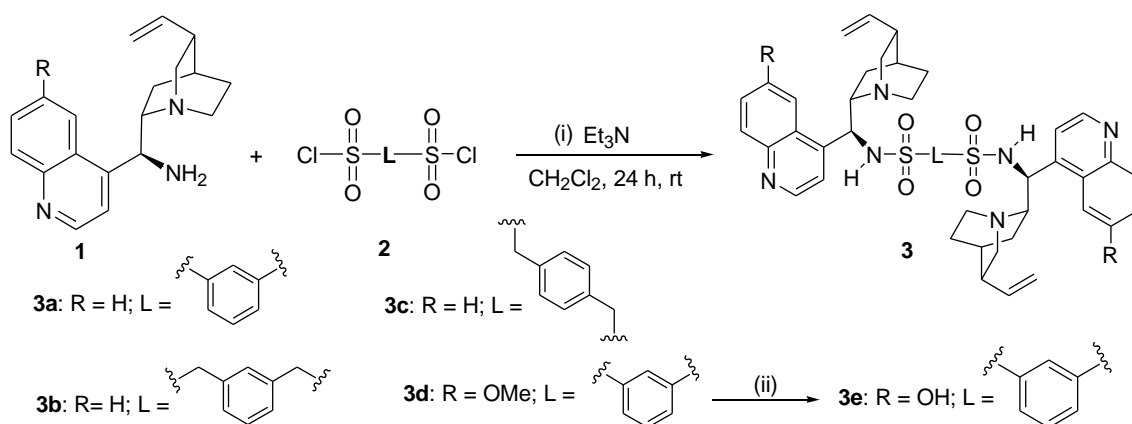
Polymeric chiral organocatalysts are now used to great effect in the production of diverse chiral building blocks. A chiral organocatalyst (such as cinchona squaramides, sulfonamides, quaternary ammonium salt, cinchona ester, etc.) can be incorporated to produce a polymer that can be used as a chiral polymeric organocatalyst in many asymmetric reactions. Chiral polymers that include helical polymers, side-chain chiral polymers, main-chain chiral polymers, chiral ligands with dendritic molecules, and polymers with hyperbranched chirality. Polymeric chiral organocatalysts have drawn a lot of interest in chemical synthesis of molecules that are optically active due to their ease of removal from the reaction mixture and their capacity for multiple re-use. The design of chiral polymeric catalysts for hyperbranched chiral polymer organocatalysts is the primary focus of this work. Chiral catalysts were made by copolymerizing a variety of chiral catalytic monomers with achiral monomers. A chiral catalyst is added to the main structure of the polymer during polymer immobilization. In recent years, significant advancements have been done in the chiral main-chain polymeric catalyst synthesis process. In addition, several instances of polymer-immobilized catalysts have greater enantioselectivities compare to the corresponding catalysts that has the low-molecular-

weight [30]. Different kinds of synthetic polymers, both organic and inorganic, have been employed as supports for chiral catalysts, and it has been documented which polymer network is best for each reaction [17]. As a substrate for the chiral catalyst, there are various polymers such as cross-linked, branching, dendritic as well as linear shaped have been used. A functional polymer with a chiral ligand can be polymerized to create a polymer-support chiral organocatalyst, and different monomers can be utilized depending on the kind of polymerization. Extremely branched three-dimensional (3D) macromolecules are known as hyperbranched polymers (HBPs) [31]. Due to their advantageous physical characteristics above those of their linear analogs, such as lower inherent viscosity, a lower glass transition temperature, and a higher number of terminal groups, hyperbranched polymers (HBPs) have garnered significant attention [32 - 36]. HBPs are therefore appropriate for a variety of uses, such as lubricants, coatings, medication delivery systems, and also catalysts [37 - 41]. While HBPs are relatively simple to manufacture in a single-step polymerization using the single-monomer methodology (SMM) and double-monomer methodology (DMM) [42]. As our research team has already established that the Mizoroki-Heck coupling process is trustworthy for forming C-C bonds to produce chiral polymers from cinchona alkaloid derivatives, we are concentrating on this coupling reaction in this article to synthesize HBPs [21, 43, 44]. The olefinic double bond of the sulfonamide dimer generated from cinchona alkaloid, the cinchona ester dimer, and the halide of trifunctionalized aromatic iodide were combined in the Mizoroki-Heck process to create chiral HBPs. In the asymmetric Michael Addition reaction, we employed these hyperbranched polymers as chiral polymeric organocatalysts.

## **2. Result and discussion:**

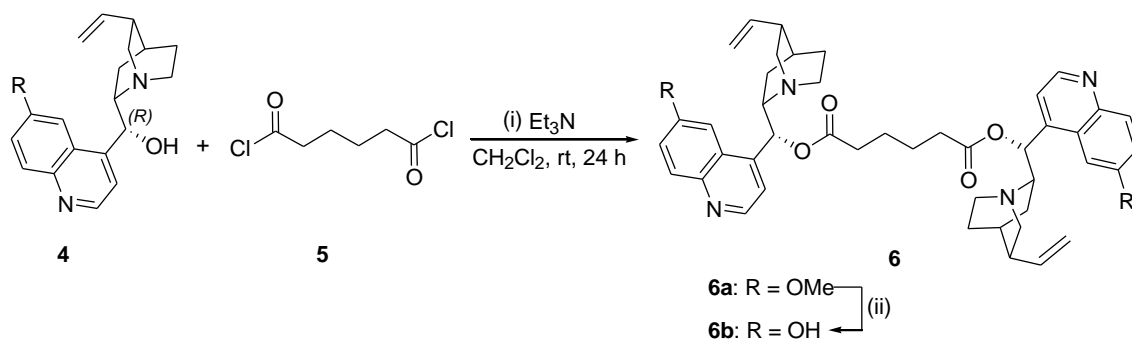
## 2.1 Synthesis of cinchona-derived sulfonamide and ester dimers and their corresponding chiral hyperbranched polymers

In this paper, we were mainly focusing to design HBPs based on cinchona sulfonamide and cinchona ester dimers. These HBPs contain rigid catalytic centers that are substantially more numerous, which may create a favorable microenvironment at the catalytic sites and enable systematic manipulation of their catalytic characteristics. We have synthesized various polymers of chiral organocatalyst by ion exchange polymerization, etherification polymerization, neutralization polymerization and quarternization polymerization. Sulfonyl chloride is very reactive towards amine, even in mild reaction condition to give sulfonamide derivatives. So, sulfonamide dimers **3** except **3e**, were designed and synthesized by the combination of C-9 aminated cinchona alkaloids **1** [3(*R*),4(*S*),8(*S*),9(*S*)] and disulfonyl chloride **2** (Scheme 1) at rt. Only for 24 h reaction time with the excess amount of **1** (~ double amount of **2**), resulted pleasant yield. C-9 aminated cinchona alkaloids **1** was synthesized from cinchona alkaloid **4** [3(*R*),4(*S*),8(*S*),9(*R*)] having C-9 hydroxyl group by using the reported procedure [45].



**Scheme 1:** i) Synthesis of cinchona based sulfonamide dimers. ii) Demethylation of **3d** dimer by 1M BBr<sub>3</sub>, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ar gas, -78°C to rt, 48h

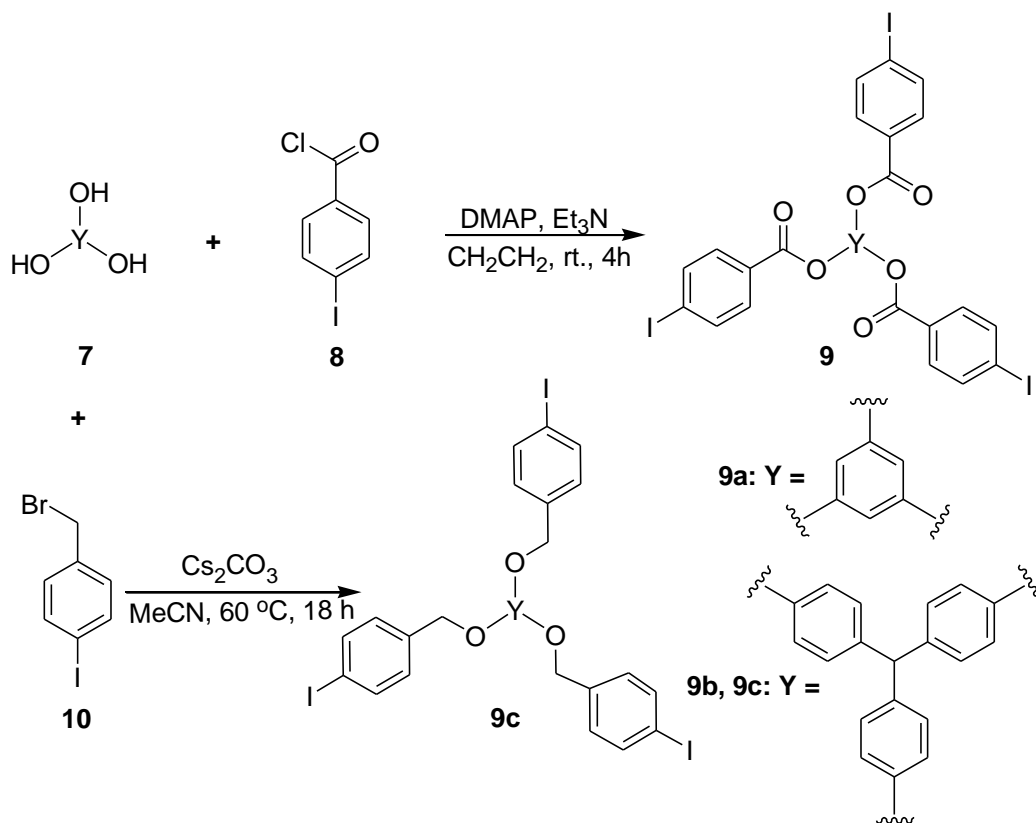
where C-6' OH carrying dimer **3e** was procured by demethylation of **3d** by using BBr<sub>3</sub> (scheme 1) at -78 °C for 2 days. On the other hand, dimeric ester **6a** were resulted from C-9 hydroxyl cinchona alkaloids **4** and hexa acid chloride **5**. Cinchona ester dimer **6b** obtained from **6a** as **3e** prepared by demethylation (Scheme 2).



**Scheme 2:** i) Synthesis of ester dimers of cinchona. ii) Demethylation of **6a** dimer by 1M BBr<sub>3</sub>, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ar gas, -78 °C to rt, 48h.

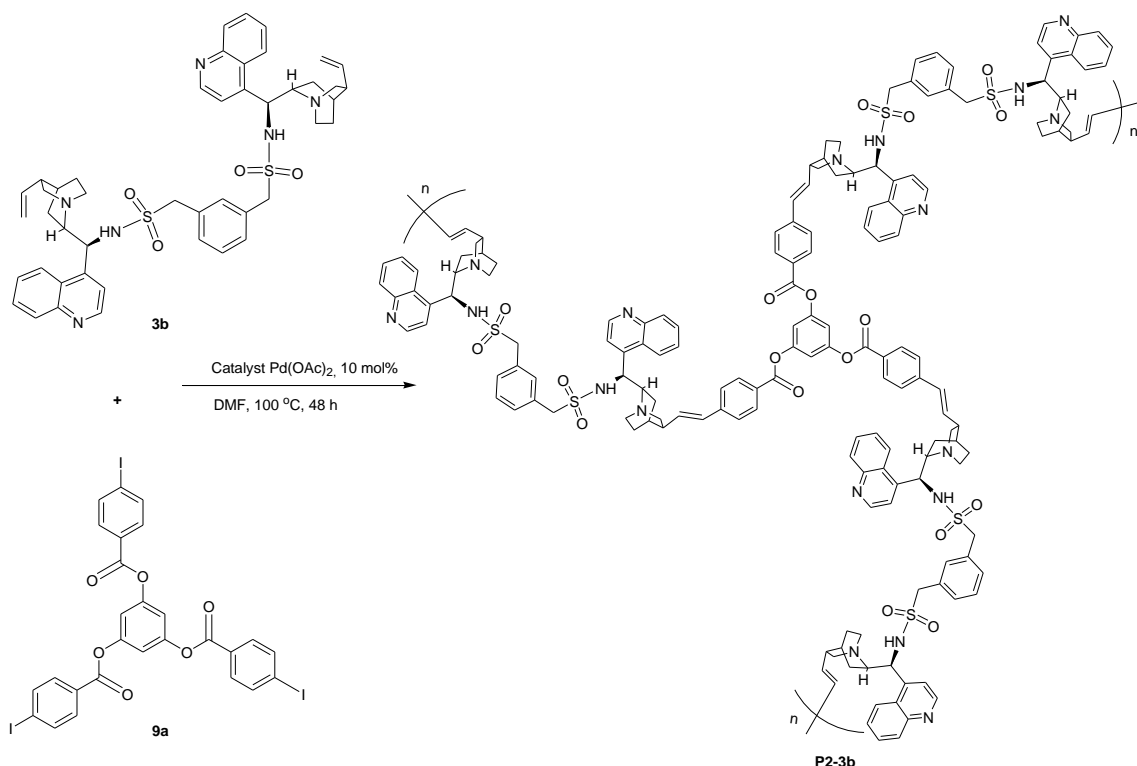
Novel chiral hyperbranched polymers holding cinchona based sulfonamide and ester dimers were designed by accumulating of bifunctional dimers and trifunctional aromatic halides, **9**. The two C3-vinyl groups in the structure of cinchona dimers make it possible to carry out the polymerization process with aromatic iodides using a two-component type approach the Mizoroki-Heck coupling reaction is the most effective reaction among the numerous reactions that can proceed a C-C bond with a vinylic double bond [43, 44]. In order to produce polymers, we therefore used the Mizoroki-Heck reaction between aromatic triiodides and divinyl compounds. These trifunctional aromatic iodide compound **9a** and **9b** were prepared from trihydroxybenzene and tris phenol with iodobenzoylchloride **8** respectively at room temperature (Scheme 3) [46, 47]. Tris phenol and iodobenzylbromide **10** were used to make another class of trifunctional compounds **9c** which has three iodophenyl groups. (Scheme 3) [46]. Repeated MH reactions take place in the presence of a catalyst, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> when these triiodo aromatic compounds **9** are combined with cinchona dimers **3** or **6**, and the resulting chiral hyperbranched

- 1 polymers (Scheme 4) are produced with a high yield (up to 93%, entry 6). One reaction
- 2 route has been shown in (Scheme 4).



**Scheme 3:** Different synthetic route of trifunctional aromatic iodides.





**Scheme 4:** Synthesis of chiral HBP **P2-3b**.

The reaction mixture became precipitated in ether after polymerization, and then washed with ether and water to yield the polymer powder. The desired polymers of entry **1-5** were prepared by the Mizoroki-Heck polymerization using cinchona alkaloids based sulfonamide dimers **3** and the entry **8-9** resulting from cinchona ester dimers **6** with triiodide **9a**, where entry **6-7** are procured from different type of trifunctional aromatic iodide **9b** and **9c** with sulfonamide dimers **3b**. The HBPs that we obtained were soluble in DMF and DMSO, except **P6-3b** and **P7-3b** those were dissolved minimally. But all polymers were slightly dissolved in other prevalently used organic solvents, for instance, dichloromethane, methanol, diethyl ether, ethyl acetate, THF, hexane as well as acetone. The outcomes of the MH polymerization of aromatic triiodides and cinchona dimers are shown in Table 1. In every cases, chiral HBPs gives higher molecular weight of around over 10,000 was found. But we couldn't take molecular weight for polymer **P6-3b** and **P7-3b** due to poor solubility in DMF.

**Table 1:** Synthesis of chiral hyperbranched polymers of different cinchona dimers and trifunctional aromatic iodides by applying Mizoroki-Heck polymerization.

Dimer + Tri-iodide $\xrightarrow[\text{DMF, 100 }^{\circ}\text{C, 48 h}]{\text{Pd(OAc)}_2, 10 \text{ mol}\%}$ Hyperbranched polymer							
Entry	Dimer	Iodides	Chiral HBP	Yield [%]	$M_n^a$	$M_w^a$	$M_w/M_n^a$
1	<b>3a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P1-3a</b>	79	8000	13000	1.65
2	<b>3b</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P2-3b</b>	81	10000	19000	1.97
3	<b>3c</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P3-3c</b>	70	24000	63000	2.63
4	<b>3d</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P4-3d</b>	86	23000	61000	2.72
5	<b>3e</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P5-3e</b>	55	16000	23000	1.43
6 <sup>b</sup>	<b>3b</b>	<b>9b</b>	<b>P6-3b</b>	93	-	-	-
7 <sup>b</sup>	<b>3b</b>	<b>9c</b>	<b>P7-3b</b>	88	-	-	-
8	<b>6a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P8-6a</b>	73	15000	25000	1.67
9	<b>6b</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P9-6b</b>	77	18000	27000	1.52

<sup>a</sup>Determined by GPC with a flow rate of 1.0 mL per minute at 40 °C and DMF as the solvent (polystyrene standard). <sup>b</sup>Not soluble in DMF.

## 2.2 Catalytic activity of cinchona alkaloid derived dimers and Hyperbranched polymers (HBPs):

We have selected the asymmetric Michael addition of methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **11** to *trans*-β-nitrostyrene **12** as the model reaction (Scheme 5) to examine the catalyst's function of the cinchona based chiral Hyperbranched polymers. Initially, we took a look for dimeric low-molecular-weight catalysts in the enantioselective Michael addition reaction in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, reaction proceeded smoothly and got excellent enantioselectivities up to 99% with preferable yield (up to 96%) except **6a** which gave only 44% ee (Table 2 entry 6). Table 2 provides a

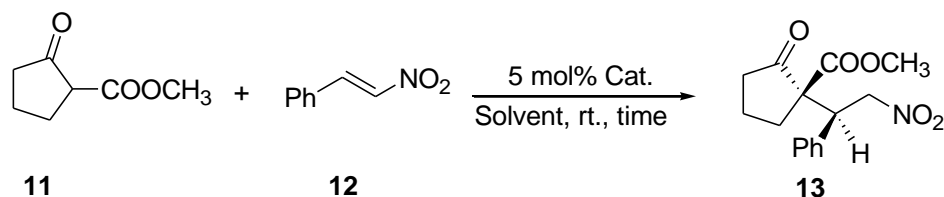
summary of the results of the asymmetric Michael reaction of **11** and **12** using low-molecular dimeric catalysts. We are encouraged by these results to use the corresponding sulfonamide polymers as a catalyst by applying the same procedure. Then, HBPs of the respective dimers have been synthesized as polymeric organocatalysts and employed for the same reaction. In the first instance, we trialled hyperbranched polymeric catalyst **P1-3a**.

**Table 2:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**) using various dimers.

Entry	Catalysts	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	<b>3a</b>	24	93	7.6:1	99
2	<b>3b</b>	24	96	15:1	99
3	<b>3c</b>	28	79	7.9:1	98
4	<b>3d</b>	42	62	4.7:1	99
5	<b>3e</b>	3	92	10:1	97
6	<b>6a</b>	32	72	0.6:1	44
7	<b>6b</b>	20	94	5.3:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the dimeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

Although it was insoluble in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gives heterogeneous mixture, the asymmetric Michael addition of *trans*-nitrostyrene **12** and methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **11** progressed without any cumbersome



**Scheme 5:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**).

at the room temperature to provide corresponding asymmetric product up to 99% ee with 96% yield. However, a higher reaction time was demanded owing to heterogeneous system for polymeric catalysts. It was almost similar result compared with previously reported cinchona based sulfonamide main chain type linear polymer.<sup>[50]</sup> In this case, half (5 mol %) catalyst loading was required compared to linear polymers.

**Table 3:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**) using different HBPs.

1.	Entry	Catalysts	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
	1	<b>P1-3a</b>	36	96	4.5:1	99
	2	<b>P2-3b</b>	24	84	8:1	>99
	3	<b>P3-3c</b>	30	86	6.4:1	98
	4	<b>P4-3d</b>	36	81	6.4:1	98
	5	<b>P5-3e</b>	24	75	5.5:1	99
	6	<b>P6-3b</b>	36	63	10.5:1	94
	7	<b>P7-3b</b>	36	67	11.3:1	96
	8	<b>P8-6a</b>	24	59	1.1:1	64
	9	<b>P9-6b</b>	24	73	5.9:1	>99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

Shorter reaction time needed when **P2-3b** more flexible structure than **P1-3a** was used as catalyst, the chiral product **13** obtained with nearly perfect enantioselectivity of the major diastereomer (over 99%) within 24 hours (Table 3 entry 2). Though it gave better enantioselectivity comparing with corresponding dimer, but diastereoselectivity somewhat diminished. A competent performance was executed by chiral HBPs in particular asymmetric reaction might be because of creating microenvironment in chiral

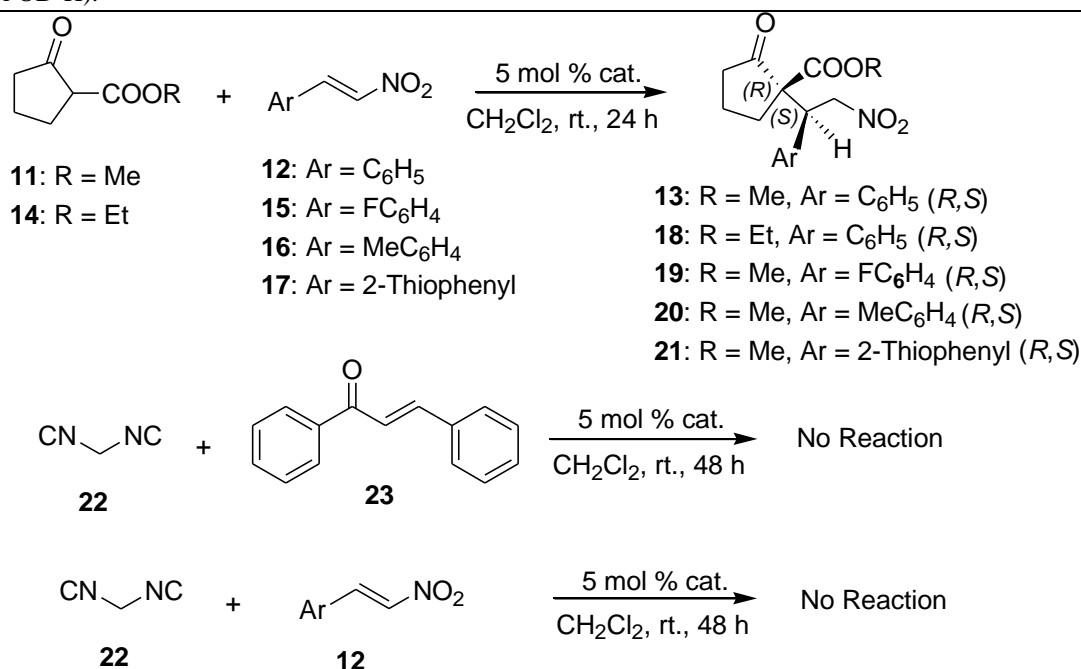
polymer network. Other polymers also demonstrated splendid enantioselectivity (94 to 99%) except for the result obtained by using **P8-6a** (Table 3 entry 8). It was derived from quinine ester dimer **6a** having C6' methoxyl group which gave lower enantioselectivity for the selected model Michael reaction due to lack of acidic proton. Poor enantioselectivity also displayed by dimeric catalyst **6a** dimer. The enantioselective Michael addition reaction proceeded under the same conditions when the chiral hyperbranched polyester **P9-6b** with C6'-OH was used as a catalyst, yielding **13** with significantly better enantioselectivity (99% ee, Table 3 entry 9). Compared with the result obtained by using corresponding dimer catalyst **6b**, **P9-6b** catalyst took somewhat longer time because of heterogeneous condition. Changing trifunctional aromatic compound **9b** and **9c** instead of **9a**, lower enantioselectivity and yield obtained with longer reaction time for HBPs **P6-3b** and **P7-3b** (Table 3 entry 6 & 7) compared with **P2-3b** (Table 3 entry 2). Then we screened the influence of solvents on the catalytic activity by using HBP **P2-3b**. The results of the Michael addition reaction for **P2-3b** catalyst have been recapitulated in Table 4 with the diversity of solvents. The reactions were highly enantioselective above 95% ee for all the selected solvents with good yields. But in case of ethyl acetate only 27% yield obtained with 97% ee (entry 4, table 4). Though acetonitrile, THF, acetone gave somewhat lower yield (entry 2, 6, 7 table 4) compared with dichloromethane, but still maintaining pleasant enantioselectivity. The most effective solvent for this model Michael reaction is CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, with over 99% ee and 84% yield, was determined after investigating the impact of the solvent (entry 1, table 4).

**Table 4:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters **11** to *trans*-  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene **12** using hyperbranched polymeric catalyst **P2-3b** in different solvents.

Entry	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	84	8:1	>99

2	Acetone	60	6:1	98
3	MeOH	70	3.7:1	95
4	EtOAc	27	3.4:1	97
5	Hexene	81	7.9:1	97
6	THF	52	6.6:1	96
7	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	55	4.9:1	98

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).



**Scheme 6:** Michael addition reaction of various Michael donors and acceptors by using polymer **P2-3b** as catalyst.

Afterward, we applied chiral HBP **P2-3b** to monitor asymmetric Michael addition reaction by changing the Michael acceptor substituents as well as Michael donors (Scheme 6), and the results are summarized in Table 5. Higher enantioselectivity was observed by using methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **11** and ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **14** as Michael donor for all of the reactions (entries 1-4, Table 5) except entry 2.

**Table 5:** Enantioselective Michael addition<sup>a</sup> reaction resulted from the combination of different donors and acceptors using polymeric catalyst, **P2-3b**.

Entry	Michael donor	Michael acceptor	Product	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	dr <sup>c</sup> [%]	ee <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	42	77	14.4:1	92
2	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	48	87	9.3:1	73
3	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	46	82	1.7:1	>99
4	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	38	89	13:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

In this instance, 4-Fluoro-*trans*-nitrostyrene **15** and methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **11** interacted with **P2-3b** to produce Michael adducts **19** with just 72% ee. However, chiral catalyst **P2-3b** was ineffective to catalyse the reaction between malononitrile **22** with chalcone **23** and *trans*-β-nitrostyrene **12** respectively to give chiral product at room temperature. The polymeric catalysts utilised in the asymmetric reaction were easily separated and recovered from the reaction mixture by normal filtration since chiral HBPs were insoluble in frequently used organic solvent to give suspension. The recovered HBPs were applied to the same asymmetric reaction multiple times. To confirm the authenticity chiral HBP **P2-3b** used as model catalyst in the asymmetric reaction in dichloromethane at room temperature. This polymer was reused up to 5 cycle to check the catalytic activity. The yield in entry **3** is higher compare to entry 2 due to the increasing of reaction time 24 to 30 h. The results of the recyclability were summarized in Table 6. Although, **P2-3b** catalyst maintaining the enantioselectivity and diastereoselectivity as fresh one, but decreased the yield in some extend.

**Table 6:** Enantioselective Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters **11** with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene **12** using different HBP **P2-3a** to look on recyclability performance.

Entry	Cycle	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	fresh	24	84	8:1	>99
2	1	24	77	9.8:1	97
3	2	30	85	9.4:1	99
4	3	30	81	7.8:1	98
5	4	36	67	8.6:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (*ee*), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

### 3. Experimental:

#### 3.1 Synthesis of cinchona derived sulfonamide and ester dimers:

##### 3.1.1 Synthesis of compound **3b**

Cinchonidine amine **1** (1099.0 mg, 3.7456 mmol; 2 equiv or double amount of 2),  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -m-xylene sulfonyl chloride **2** (545.0 mg, 1.7977 mmol), triethyl amine (522  $\mu$ L, 3.7456 mmol) and magnetic stir bar were added in a 20 mL volumetric flask. The mixture was then given 10.0 mL of dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and kept it at rt. while being stirred. Reaction progress was observe by TLC. The crude compound was purified using silica gel (100-200 mesh) column chromatography with a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 9:1 eluent after 24 hours, yielding the target component **3b** in 48% yield as a white solid, mp: 151-153 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26.4} = -7.53$  (*c* 0.19 g/dL in DMF). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  8.95-8.92 (m, 2H), 8.23-8.28 (m, 2H), 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J*=4.8, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.83-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J*=11.2, 1H), 5.54-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.85-4.99 (m, 4H), 4.58 (d, *J*=8.8, 1H), 3.58-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 4H), 2.86-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.77 (m, 4H), 2.28 (br, 2H), 1.57-1.69 (m, 6H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 2H), 0.74-0.92 (m, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$  150.3, 148.5, 145.9, 141.2,



1 132.3, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 124.9, 122.8, 120.0, 114.8, 60.7, 59.8, 55.5, 52.7,  
2 40.4, 39.5, 27.6, 25.5 ppm. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3213, 2938, 2865, 1708, 1590, 1509, 1455, 1424,  
3 1319, 1222, 1149, 1128, 988, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ :  
4 817.02 found: 817.3606.

5 Other cinchona derived sulfonamide and ester dimers **3c**, **3d** & **3e** were prepared from  
6 different cinchona derivatives and sulphonyl chloride using the same process that were  
7 reported in the supporting information section.

### 8 **3.1.2 Synthesis of trifunctional aromatic triiodides**

#### 9 **Synthesis of compound 9b**

10 50 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were used to mix 4, 4', 4''-Trihydroxyphenylmethane **7** (1.461 g, 5.0  
11 mmol), 4-iodobenzoyl chloride **8** (4.132 g, 15.5 mmol),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (2.2 mL, 15.5 mmol), and  
12 DMAP (0.20 g). At room temperature, the resulting reaction mixture was stirred  
13 constantly for 4 hours. The layers were then separated after the addition of water.  
14 Additional  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was used to extract the aqueous phase, and the mixed organic layer  
15 was washed with brine, 10% aq. HCl solution, and 5% aq. NaOH solution before being  
16 dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The crude product was obtained after filtration and solvent  
17 removal, and the chemical was then refined using silica gel column chromatography (with  
18 a Hex: EtOAc = 9:1) to produce a white solid **9b** with a 48% yield. mp: 104-107 °C.  
19  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C)  $\delta$  7.86-7.91 (m, 12H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 12H), 5.63 (s,  
20 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C)  $\delta$  164.6, 149.2, 141.0, 137.9, 131.4, 130.4,  
21 128.9, 121.5, 101.6, 55.0 ppm.

#### 23 **Synthesis of compound 9c**

24 In a 30 mL flask, 15.0 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was employed to dissolve 4,4',4''-  
25 Trihydroxyphenylmethane **7** (292.34 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-Iodobenzyl bromide **10** (979.5

mg, 3.3 mmol). Cesium carbonate  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1075.2 mg, 3.3 mmol) was then added to the mixture. Under an Ar environment, the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 18 hours. After that, 60 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added with the reaction mixture. Yellow solid product was formed and separated by filtering and evaporating the organic solution under reduced pressure after it had been cleaned with water (2/30) and brine (2/30). The organic solution had also been dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate. Compound 9c was obtained with a 31% yield as a white solid after the crude product was refined using silica gel (100-200 mesh) column chromatography (using Hex: DCM = 1:1)  $R_f$ : 0.42 (DCM/Hex = 5.0/5.0). Other experimental data are found in the supporting information section.

### 3.2 Synthesis of HBPs by Mizoroki-Heck polymerization reaction:

#### Synthesis of polymer P1-3a

In a 30 mL flask, compounds **3a** (100.0 mg, 0.12674 mmol) and **9a** (104.0 mg, 0.12674 mmol) were combined with triethyl amine (double the amount, 35  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.2535 mmol). Palladium acetate (10 mol %) and DMF solvent (3 mL) were added, and the mixture was stirring at 100 °C for 48 hours. NMR was used to observe the course of the process of the reaction. Then the solvent was evaporated and washed with a suitable solvent, diethyl ether and finally water. The desired polymeric compounds were then dried again in a vacuum oven to produce the small compound **P1-3a** as a brown solid in 79% of the cases.  $[\alpha]_D^{24.4} = +39.40$  ( $c$  0.05 g/dL in DMF).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 25 °C)  $\delta$  8.68, 7.27-8.22 (aromatic H), 6.37-6.63 (vinyl H), 5.10, 0.61-2.92 (quinuclidine H) ppm. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3178, 3067, 2942, 2865, 1733, 1652, 1604, 1509, 1458, 1327, 1257, 1177, 1069, 1004, 758, 683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $M_n$  (SEC) =  $8.0 \times 10^3$ ,  $M_w/M_n$  = 1.65.

Using the same procedure described in the supporting information section, additional optically active hyperbranched polymers were synthesized from various sulfonamide and ester dimers derived from cinchona. Table 1 summarizes the relevant results.

### **3.3 General procedure for the asymmetric Michael addition reaction of $\beta$ -ketoesters to nitroolefins using the chiral sulfonamide polymers:**

*Trans*-nitrostyrene **12** (82.05 mg, 0.55 mmol) and methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **11** (63 L, 0.50 mmol) were taken in a reaction vessel with 2.5 mL of solvent. HBPs catalyst was then poured into the mixture (5 mol %). The reaction mixture was then stirred for a predetermined amount of time at room temperature. A rotary evaporator was used to evaporate the solvent once all **11** had been consumed (as determined by TLC). To remove the utilized polymeric catalyst from the reaction mixture, the solution containing the asymmetric compound was collected by pipette after being washed with ether. In order to obtain the name "asymmetric compound," the solution was concentrated in vacuo and the compound was purified using column chromatography on silica gel (100–200 mesh) with hexane/EtOAc = 6.0/1.0 as the eluent to afford the title asymmetric compound as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, 25 °C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  7.29–7.23 (m, 5H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.38–2.33 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.84.

The outcomes of further asymmetric Michael additions were carried out in a similar way, and they are compiled in the Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as well as in Scheme 5.

### **4. Conclusion:**

In summary, we successfully developed novel chiral hyperbranched polymers (HPBs) using the Mizoroki-Heck polymerization method, and these HPBs have a primary chain repeating unit made of a sulfonamide and ester structure based on cinchona. For the chiral

polymerization, two components were employed as the approach. Despite the fact that these chiral polymers are insoluble in commonly used organic solvents, they function as a superb catalyst to the asymmetric Michael addition of ketoesters to nitroolefins, resulting in up to 99% enantioselectivity and good yield. Chiral HBP **P2-3b** shows excellent level of enantioselectivity (>99% *ee*) with good yield as low molecular catalyst. The insoluble property give them extra space to satisfy ‘Green chemistry’ requirement and used up to several times without losing enantioselectivity. Those are the HBPs polymer based on sulfonamide and ester dimer of cinchona alkaloids, and successfully applied on enantioselective synthesis.

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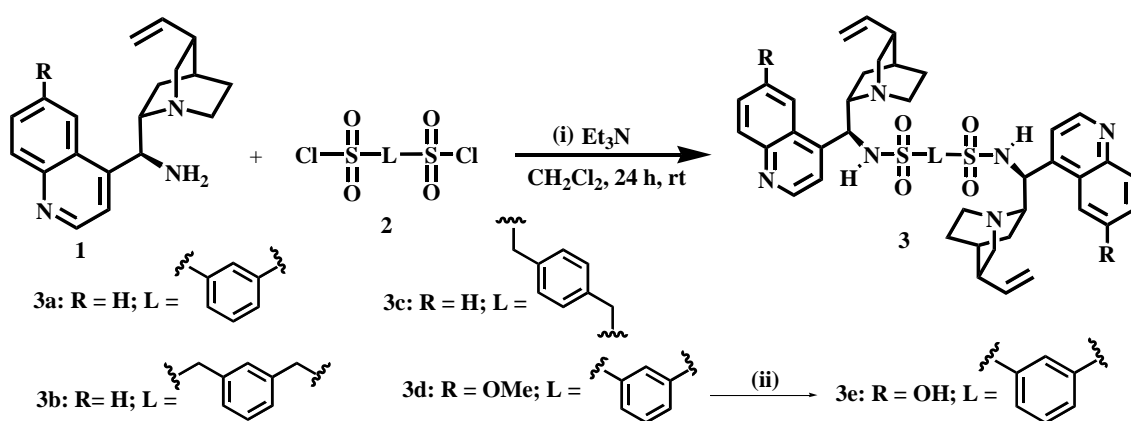
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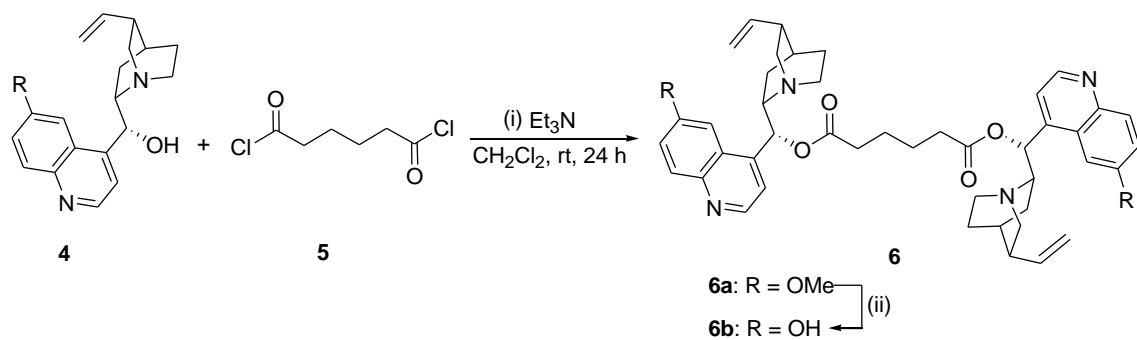
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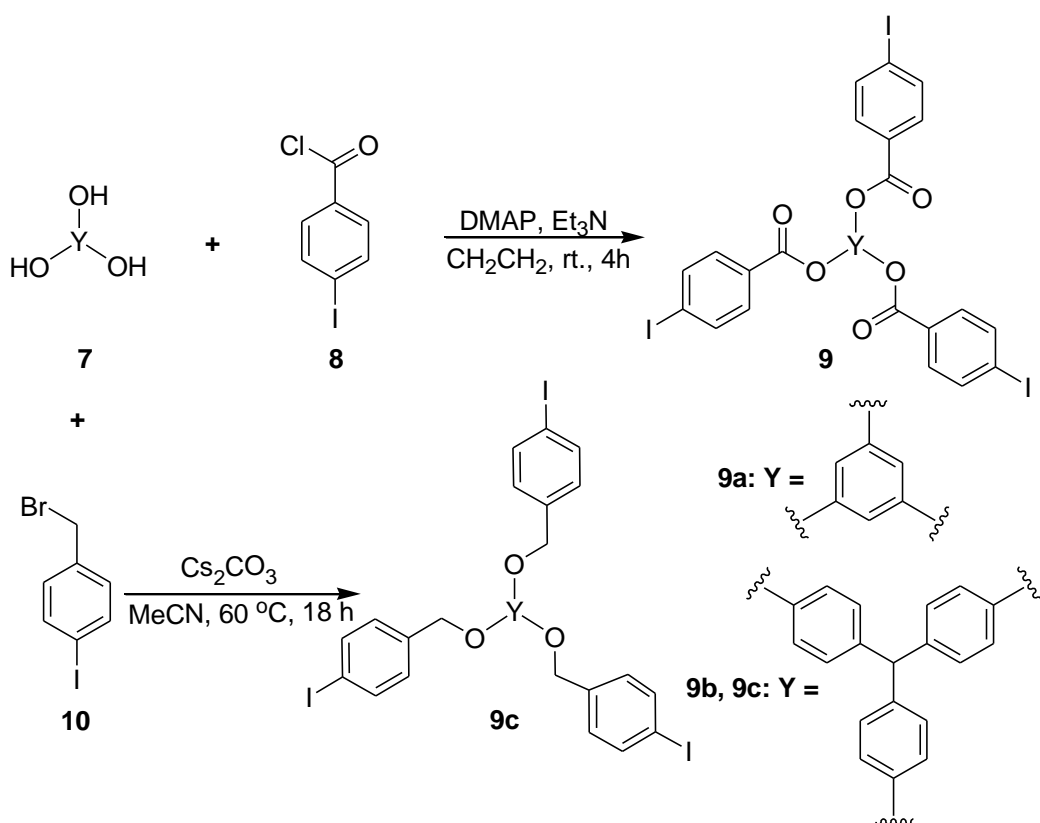
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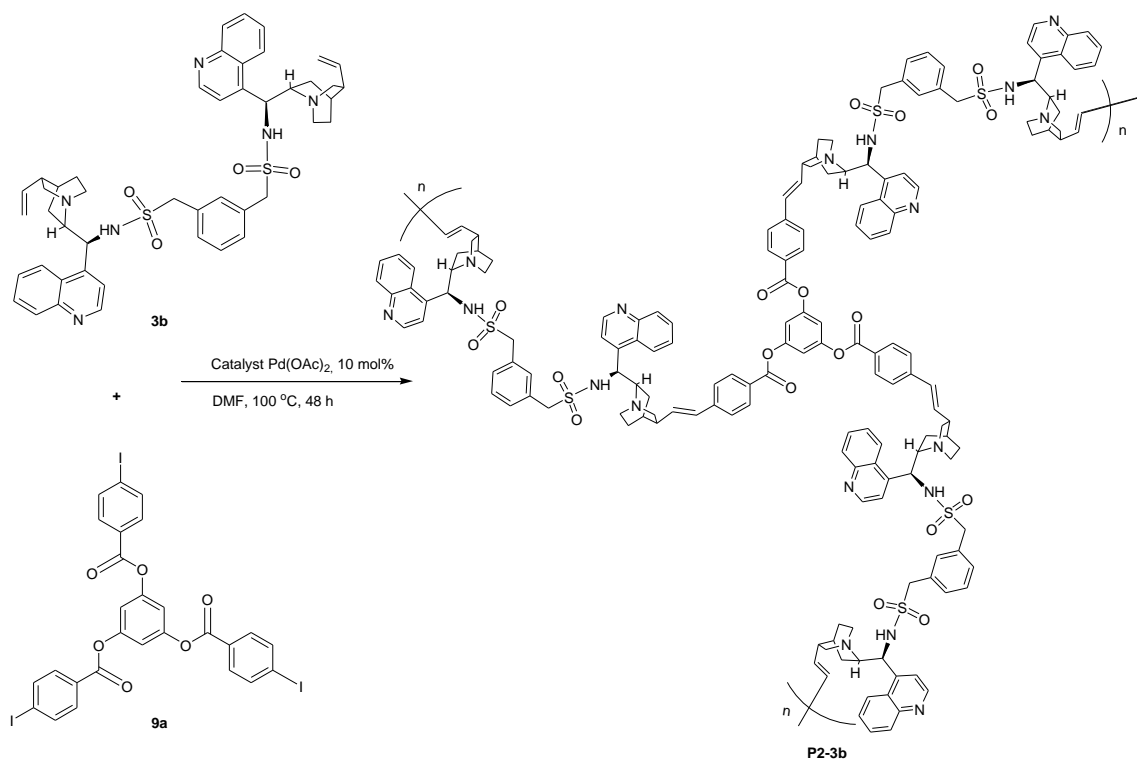
**Scheme 1:** i) Synthesis of cinchona based sulfonamide dimers. ii) Demethylation of **3d** dimer by 1M BBr<sub>3</sub>, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ar gas, -78°C to rt, 48h



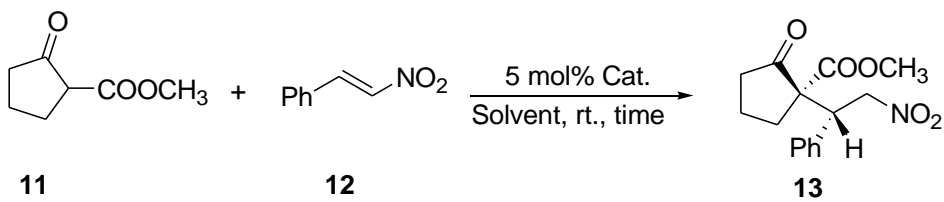
**Scheme 2:** i) Synthesis of ester dimers of cinchona. ii) Demethylation of **6a** dimer by 1M BBr<sub>3</sub>, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ar gas, -78 °C to rt, 48h.



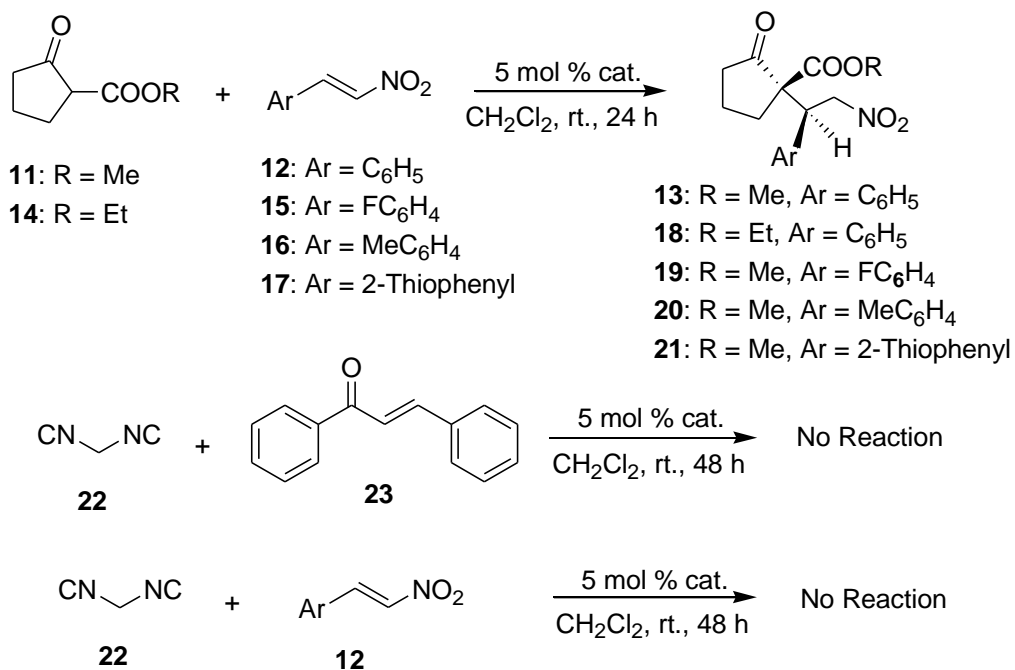
**Scheme 3:** Different synthetic route of trifunctional aromatic iodides.



**Scheme 4:** Synthesis of chiral HBP **P2-3b**.

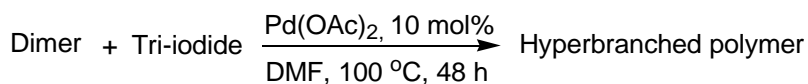


**Scheme 5:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**).



**Scheme 6:** Michael addition reaction of various Michael donors and acceptors by using polymer **P2-3b** as catalyst.

**Table 1:** Synthesis of chiral hyperbranched polymers of different cinchona dimers and trifunctional aromatic iodides by applying Mizoroki-Heck polymerization.



Entry	Dimer	Iodides	Chiral HBP	Yield [%]	$M_n^a$	$M_w^a$	$M_w/M_n^a$
1	<b>3a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P1-3a</b>	79	8000	13000	1.65
2	<b>3b</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P2-3b</b>	81	10000	19000	1.97
3	<b>3c</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P3-3c</b>	70	24000	63000	2.63
4	<b>3d</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P4-3d</b>	86	23000	61000	2.72
5	<b>3e</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P5-3e</b>	55	16000	23000	1.43
6 <sup>b</sup>	<b>3b</b>	<b>9b</b>	<b>P6-3b</b>	93	-	-	-
7 <sup>b</sup>	<b>3b</b>	<b>9c</b>	<b>P7-3b</b>	88	-	-	-
8	<b>6a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P8-6a</b>	73	15000	25000	1.67
9	<b>6b</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>P9-6b</b>	77	18000	27000	1.52

<sup>a</sup>Determined by GPC with a flow rate of 1.0 mL per minute at 40 °C and DMF as the solvent (polystyrene standard). <sup>b</sup>Not soluble in DMF.

**Table 2:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**) using various dimers.

Entry	Catalysts	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	$dr^c$ [%]	$ee^c$ [%]
1	<b>3a</b>	24	93	7.6:1	99
2	<b>3b</b>	24	96	15:1	99
3	<b>3c</b>	28	79	7.9:1	98
4	<b>3d</b>	42	62	4.7:1	99
5	<b>3e</b>	3	92	10:1	97
6	<b>6a</b>	32	72	0.6:1	44
7	<b>6b</b>	20	94	5.3:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the dimeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).



**Table 3:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters (**11**) with *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**12**) using different HBPs.

2.	Entry	Catalysts	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
	1	<b>P1-3a</b>	36	96	4.5:1	99
	2	<b>P2-3b</b>	24	84	8:1	>99
	3	<b>P3-3c</b>	30	86	6.4:1	98
	4	<b>P4-3d</b>	36	81	6.4:1	98
	5	<b>P5-3e</b>	24	75	5.5:1	99
	6	<b>P6-3b</b>	36	63	10.5:1	94
	7	<b>P7-3b</b>	36	67	11.3:1	96
	8	<b>P8-6a</b>	24	59	1.1:1	64
	9	<b>P9-6b</b>	24	73	5.9:1	>99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (*ee*), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

**Table 4:** Asymmetric Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of  $\beta$ -ketoesters **11** to *trans*- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene **12** using hyperbranched polymeric catalyst **P2-3b** in different solvents.

Entry	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	<i>dr</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]	<i>ee</i> <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	84	8:1	>99
2	Acetone	60	6:1	98
3	MeOH	70	3.7:1	95
4	EtOAc	27	3.4:1	97
5	Hexene	81	7.9:1	97
6	THF	52	6.6:1	96
7	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	55	4.9:1	98

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (*ee*), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

**Table 5:** Enantioselective Michael addition<sup>a</sup> reaction resulted from the combination of different donors and acceptors using polymeric catalyst, **P2-3b**.

Entry	Michael donor	Michael acceptor	Product	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	dr <sup>c</sup> [%]	ee <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	42	77	14.4:1	92
2	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	48	87	9.3:1	73
3	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	46	82	1.7:1	>99
4	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	38	89	13:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

**Table 6:** Enantioselective Michael addition<sup>a</sup> of β-ketoesters **11** with *trans*-β-nitrostyrene **12** using different HBP **P2-3a** to look on recyclability performance.

Entry	Cycle	Reaction time [h]	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]	dr <sup>c</sup> [%]	ee <sup>c</sup> [%]
1	fresh	24	84	8:1	>99
2	1	24	77	9.8:1	97
3	2	30	85	9.4:1	99
4	3	30	81	7.8:1	98
5	4	36	67	8.6:1	99

<sup>a</sup>At room temperature, asymmetric reactions involving **11** (0.50 mmol), **12** (0.55 mmol), and the polymeric catalyst (5 mol%) were conducted in 2.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield after purification by the column chromatography <sup>c</sup>Enantioselectivity (ee), as assessed by HPLC (flow rate: 1.0 mL/min on chiral cel OD-H).

## Supporting Information

### For

# Preparation of a chiral hyperbranched polymer based on cinchona alkaloids and investigation of its catalytic activity in asymmetric reactions

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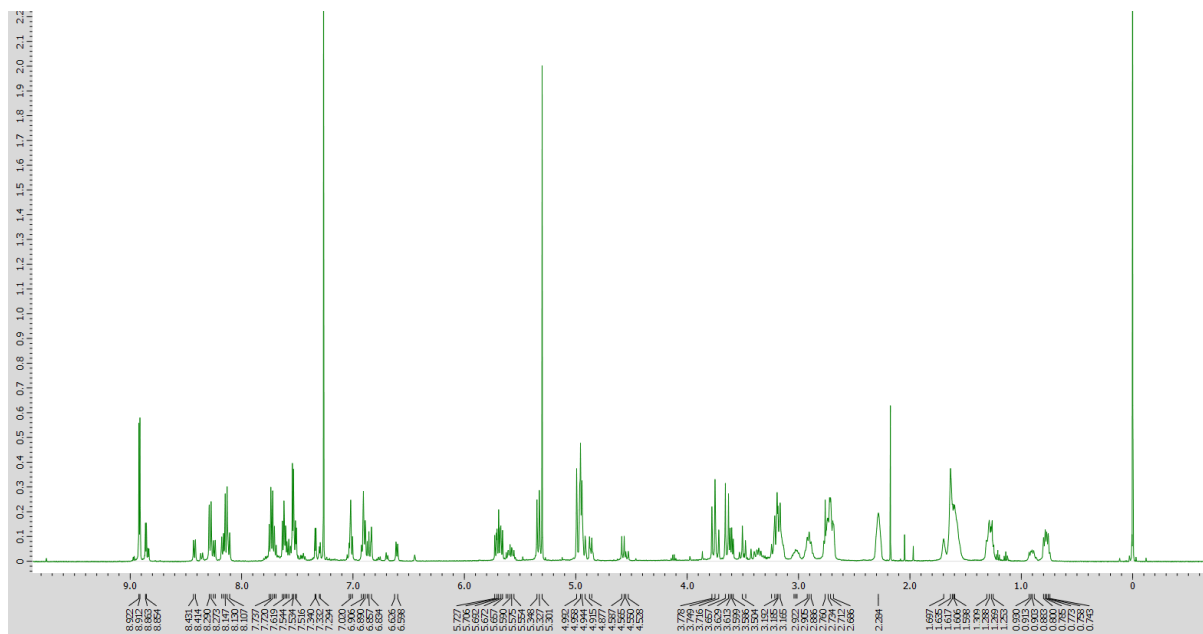
## 2 [Materials and General Considerations]

All solvents and reagents were brought from Sigma-Aldrich, Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., or Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI) Co., Ltd. at the maximum available cleanness and were used as received. Pre-coated silica gel plates (Merck 5554, 60F254) was used for Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) to monitor various types of reactions progression. Column chromatography was conducted by using a silica gel column (Wakogel C-200, 100–200 mesh). Yanaco micro melting apparatus was used to record melting point and the average values of the analysed samples were taken. NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECS400 spectrometers and JEOL JNM-ECX500 spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at room temperature operating at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H), 500 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) and 100 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}). For <sup>1</sup>H NMR Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal standard and chemical shifts were reported in parts-per-million (ppm). CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as standard for <sup>13</sup>C NMR and the J values were reported in hertz. JEOL JIR-7000 Fourier transform (FT)-IR spectrometer was used to record IR spectra and reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) electrospray ionization (ESI) spectra were recorded using Bruker micro TOF-Q II HRMS/MS instrument. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was run with a Jasco HPLC system constructed of a DG-980-50 three-line degasser, a HPLC pump (PU-980), a Jasco UV-975 UV detector for peak detection, and a column oven CO-2065 equipped with a chiral column (Chiralpak OD-H, Daicel) with hexane/2-propanol as the eluent at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at room temperature. Size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) was performed using a Tosoh HLC 8020 instrument with UV (254 nm) or refractive index detection. As a carrier solvent dimethylformamide (DMF) was used at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> at 40 °C and two polystyrene gel columns of 10-μm bead size were used. The number average molecular weight (M<sub>n</sub>) and molecular weight distribution (M<sub>w</sub>/M<sub>n</sub>) values were determined by using a calibration curve compared with polystyrene standards. The optical rotation was obtained by using a JASCO DIP-149 digital polarimeter using a 10-cm thermostatted microcell.

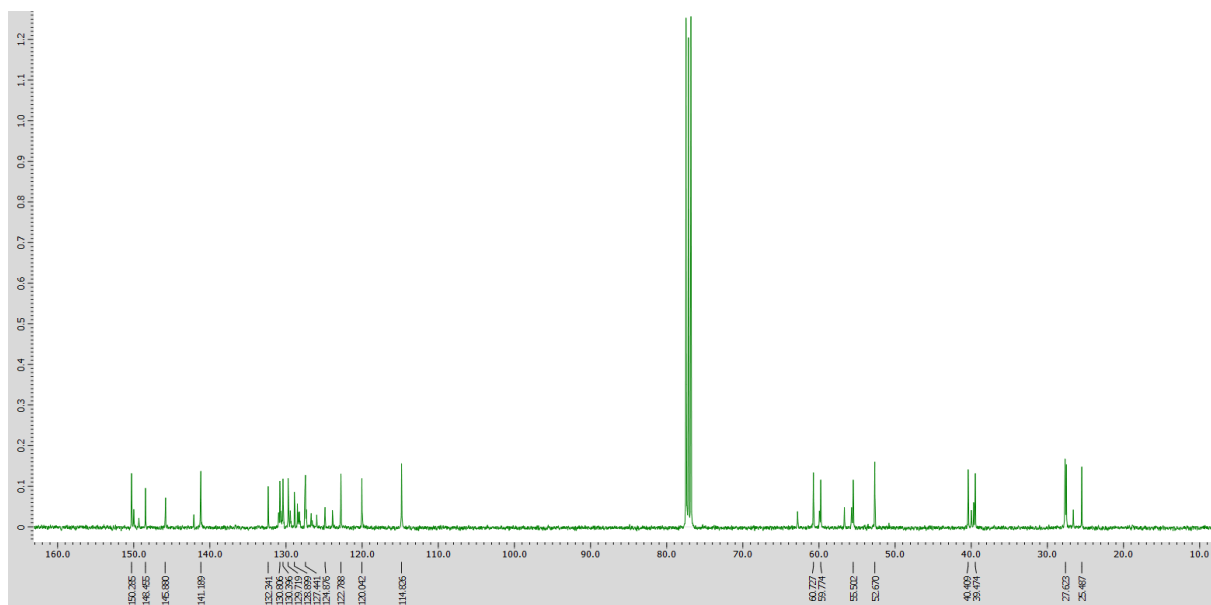
## Synthesis of cinchona derived sulfonamide and ester dimers:

### Synthesis of compound 3b

Cinchonidine amine 1 (1099.0 mg, 3.7456 mmol; 2 equiv or little excess), α,α'-m-xylene sulfonyl chloride 2 (545.0 mg, 1.7977 mmol), triethyl amine (522 μL, 3.7456 mmol) and magnetic stir bar taken in a 20 mL volumetric flask. Then dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10.0 mL added to the mixture and kept it at room temperature with stirring. The reaction progress was observe by TLC. After 24 hours CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was removed by rotary evaporator and then the crude compound was purified by silica gel (100–200 mesh) column chromatography using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 9:1 as an eluent to give the desired compound 3b in 48% yield as white solid. mp: 151-153 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26.4} = -7.53$  (c 0.19 g/dL in DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) δ 8.95-8.92 (m, 2H), 8.23-8.28 (m, 2H), 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, J=4.8, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.83-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, J=11.2, 1H), 5.54-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.85-4.99 (m, 4H), 4.58 (d, J=8.8, 1H), 3.58-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 4H), 2.86-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.77 (m, 4H), 2.28 (br, 2H), 1.57-1.69 (m, 6H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 2H), 0.74-0.92 (m, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) δ 150.3, 148.5, 145.9, 141.2, 132.3, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 124.9, 122.8, 120.0, 114.8, 60.7, 59.8, 55.5, 52.7, 40.4, 39.5, 27.6, 25.5 ppm. IR (KBr) ν 3213, 2938, 2865, 1708, 1590, 1509, 1455, 1424, 1319, 1222, 1149, 1128, 988, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 817.02 found: 817.3606.



**Figure S1:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of dimer 3b in  $\text{CDCl}_3$**



**Figure S2:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of dimer 3b in  $\text{CDCl}_3$**

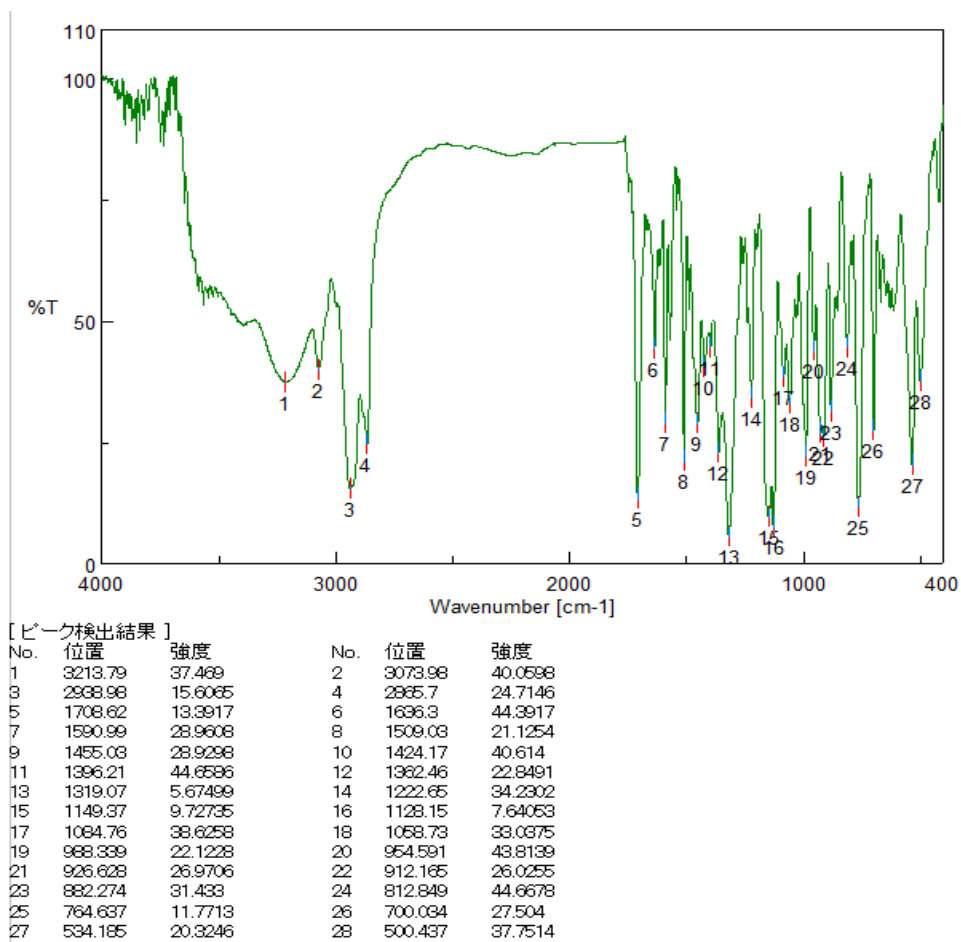


Figure S3: IR spectra of 3b

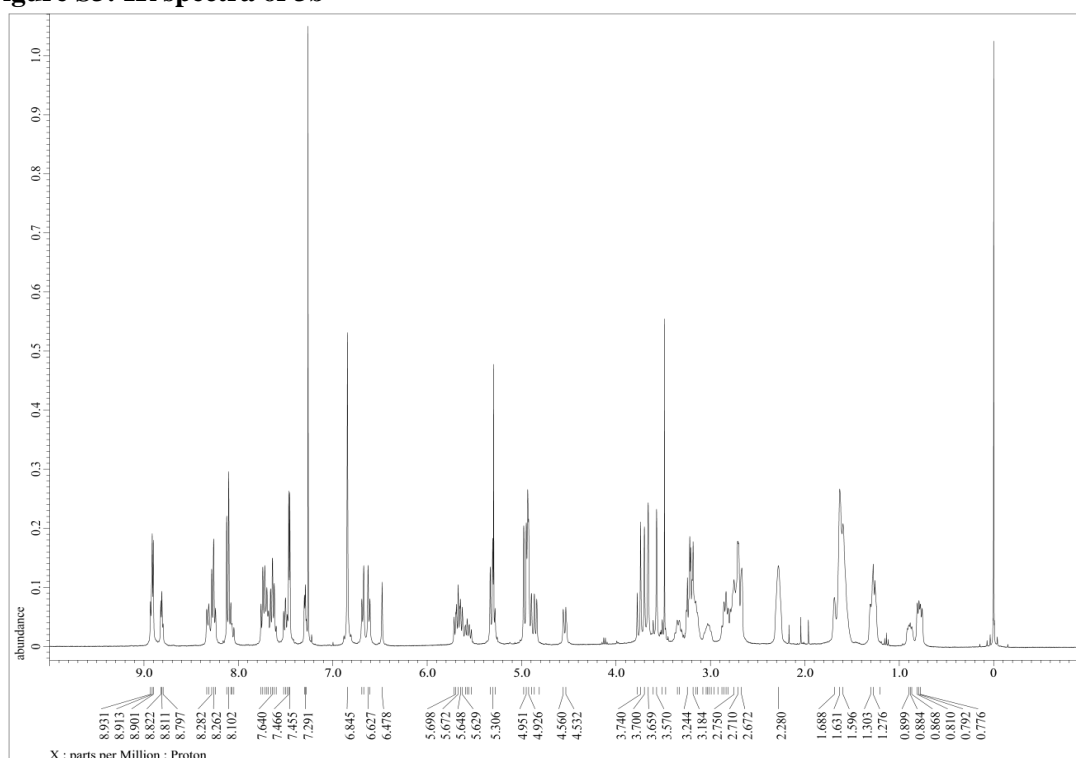
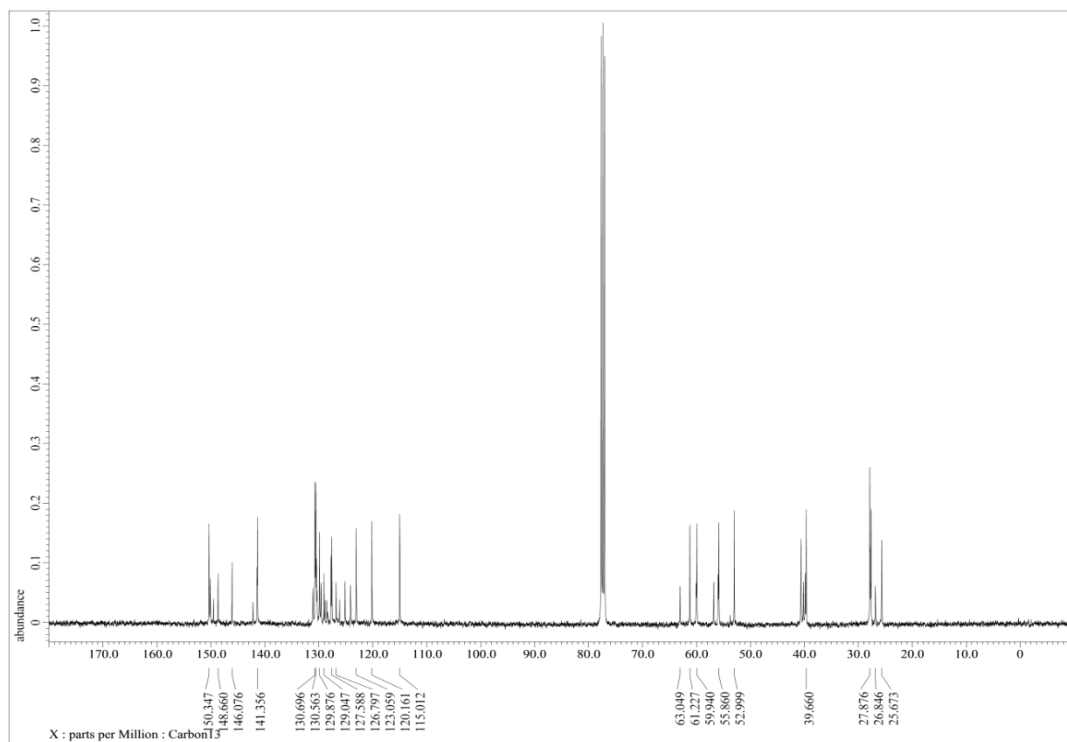


Figure S4:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of dimer 3c in  $\text{CDCl}_3$





**Figure S5: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of dimer 3c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>**

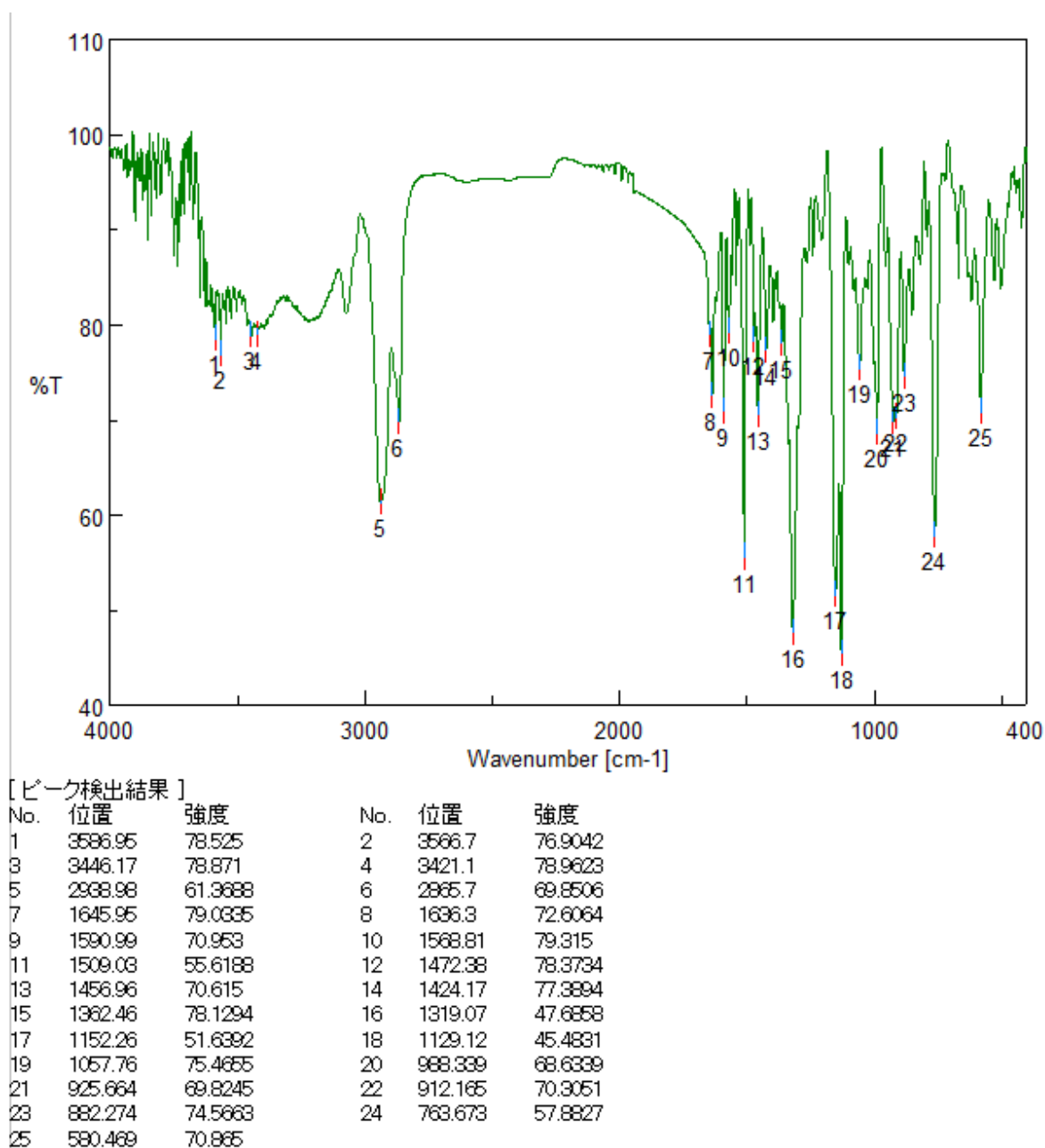
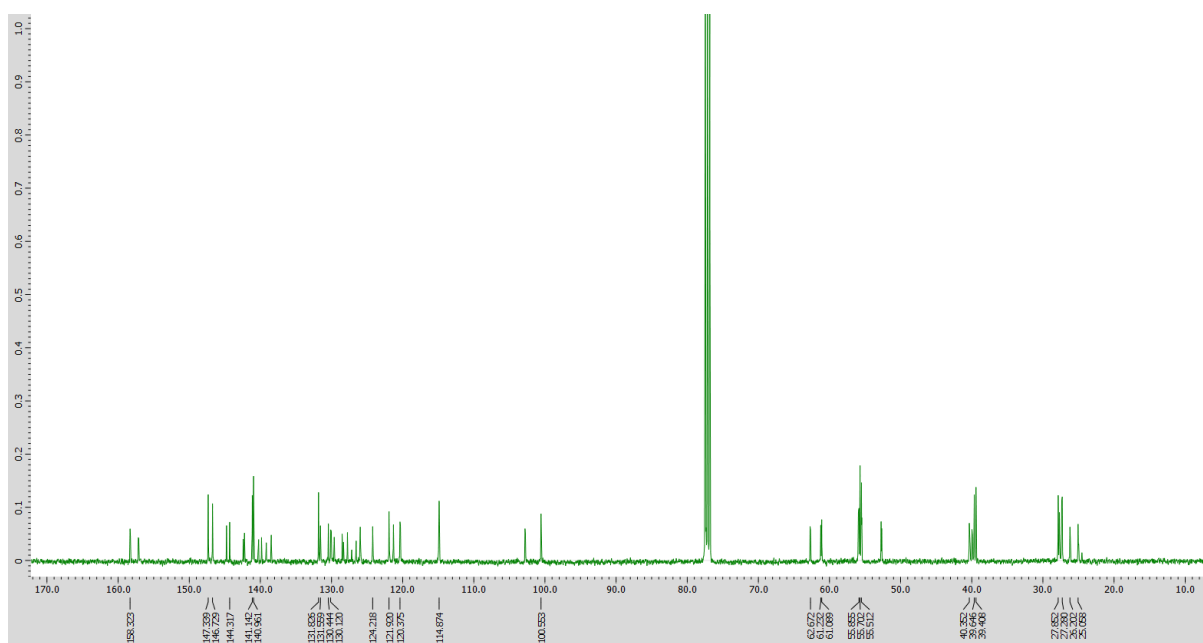
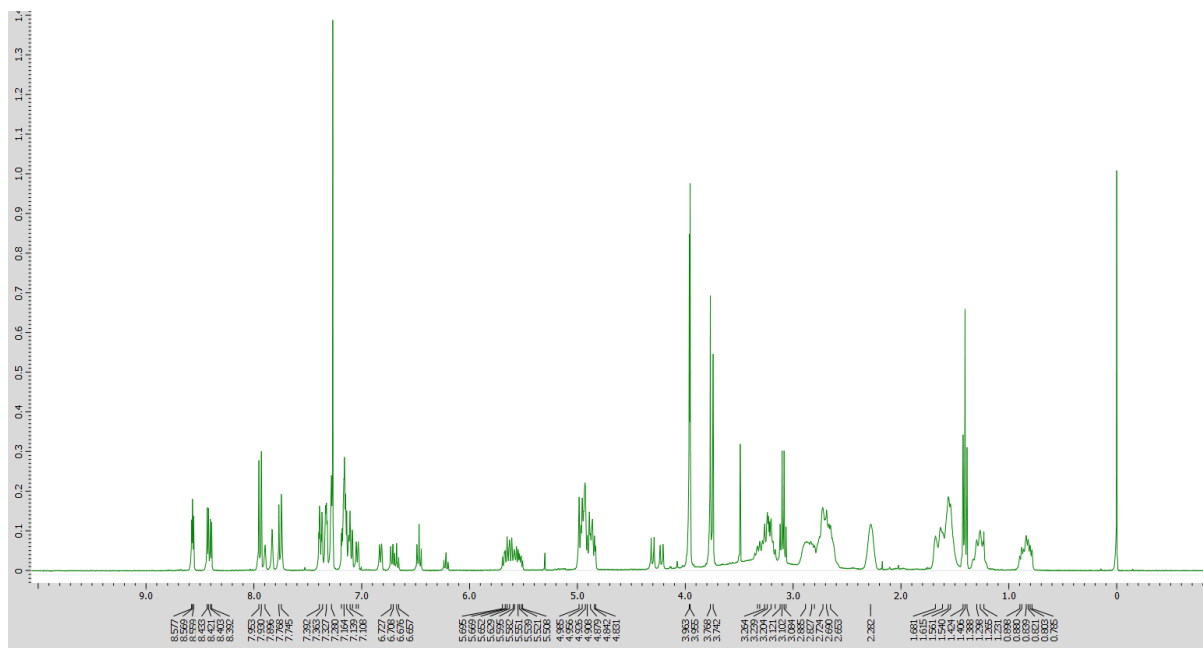


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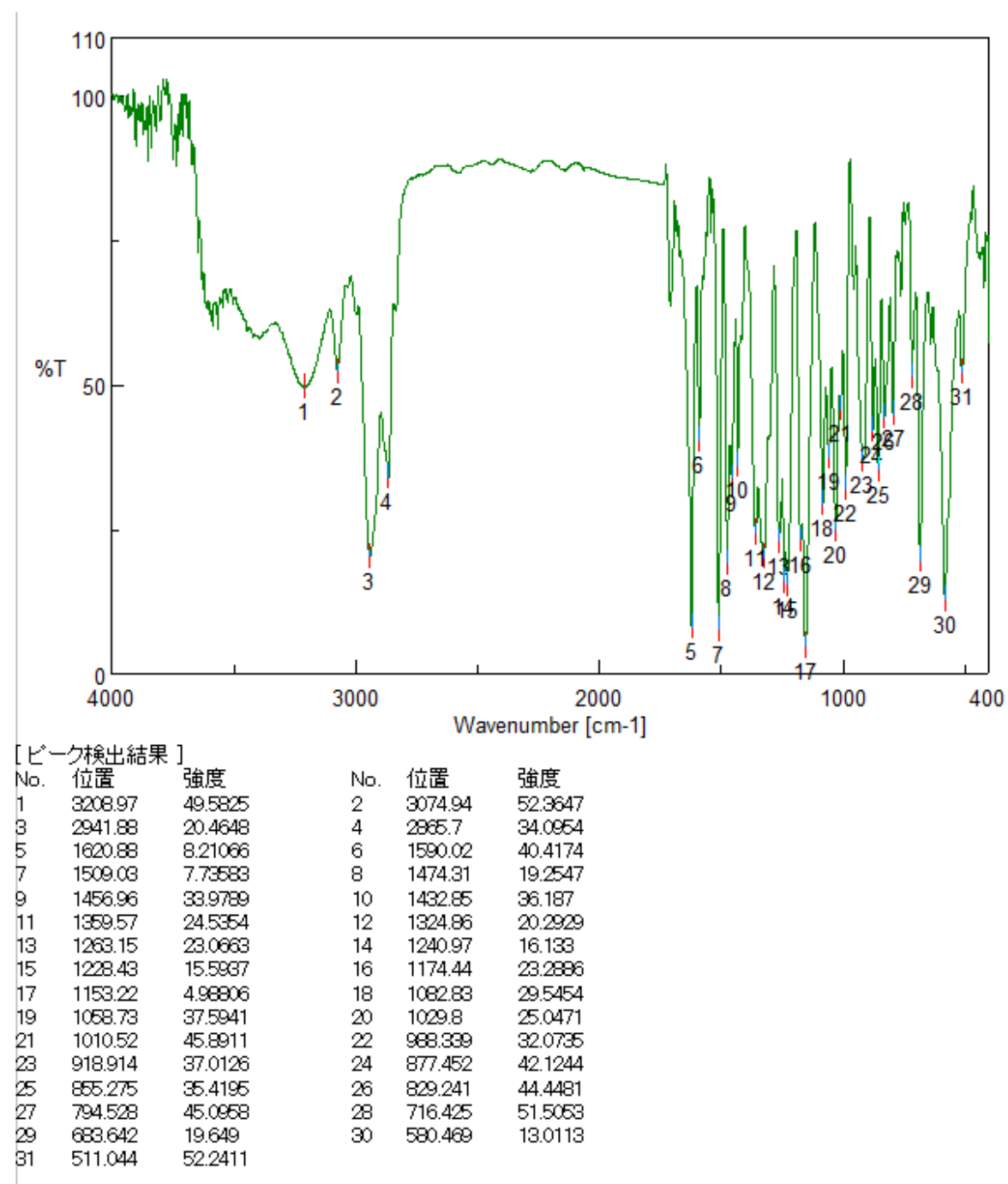


Figure S9: IR spectra of 3d

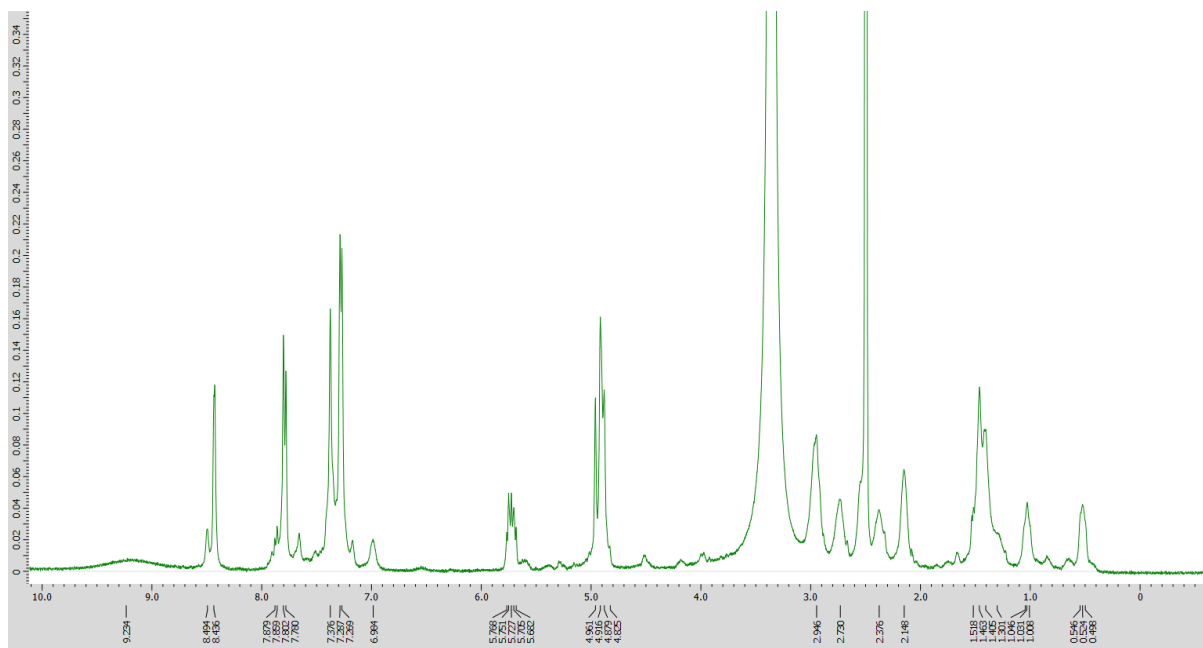


Figure S10:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of dimer **3e** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

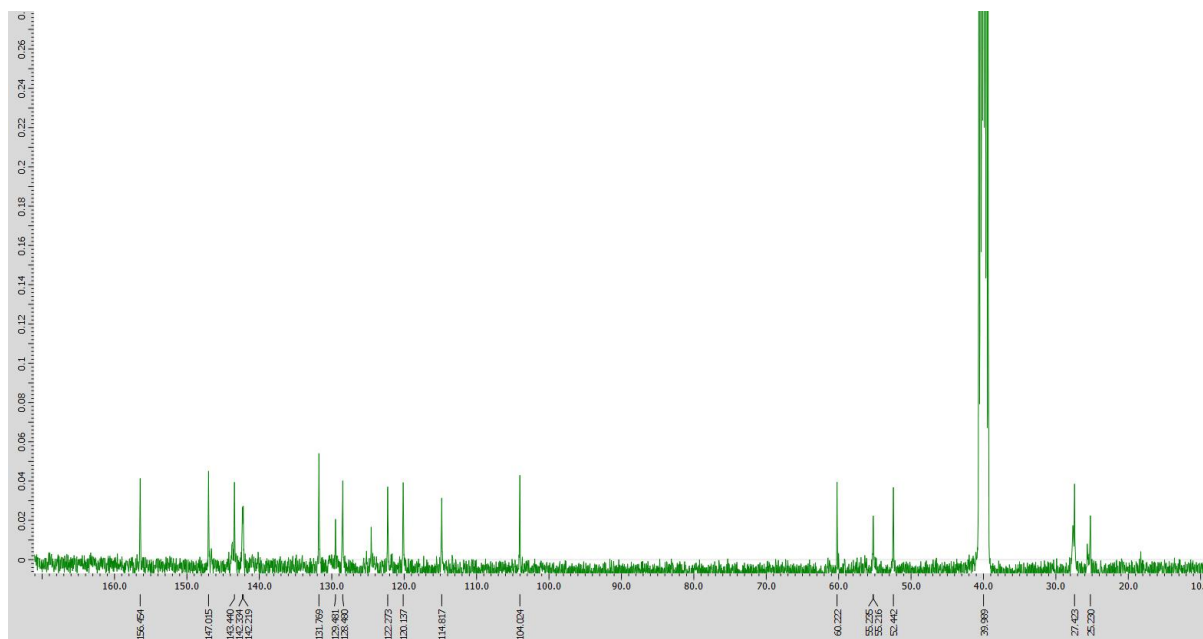


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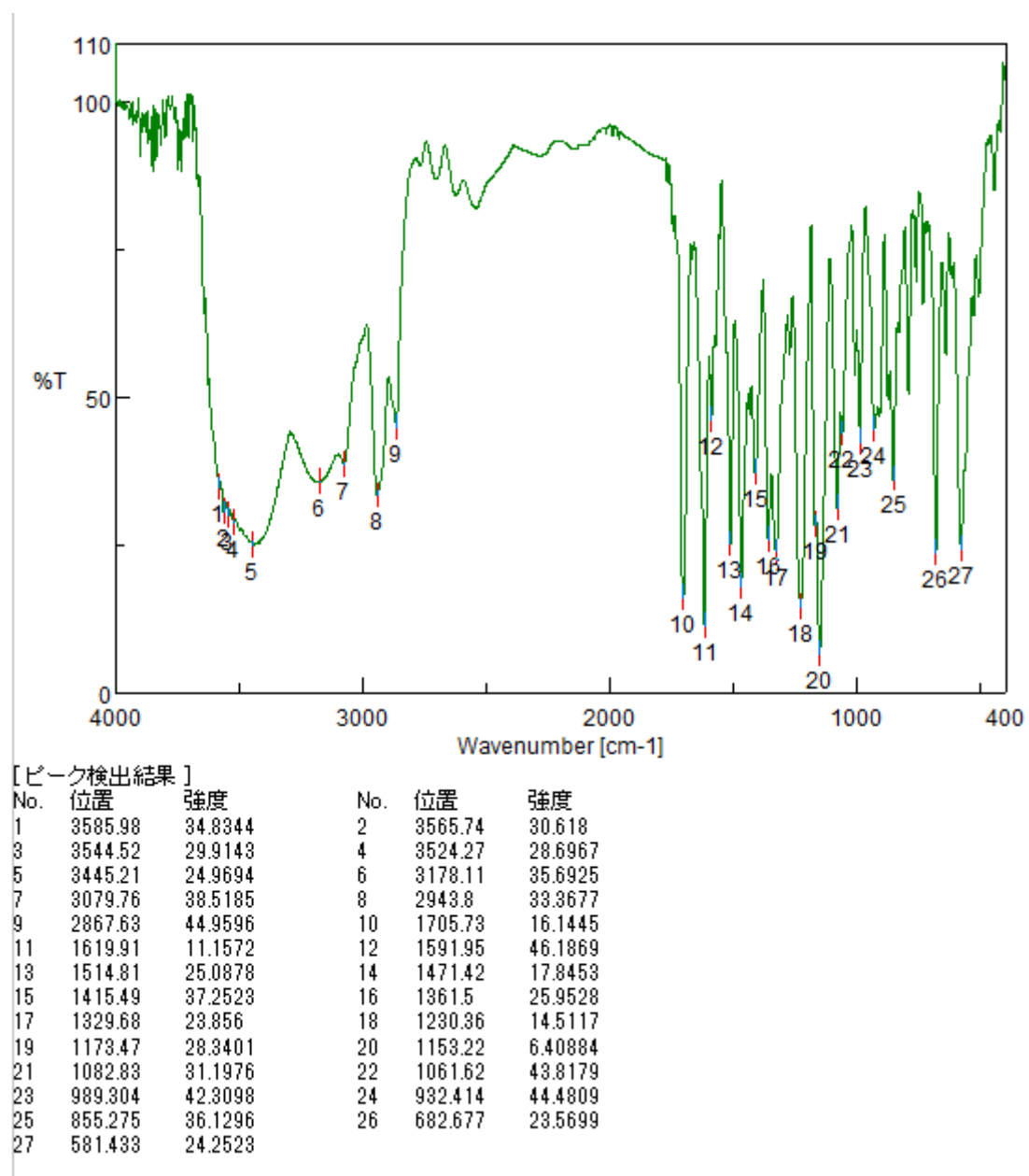
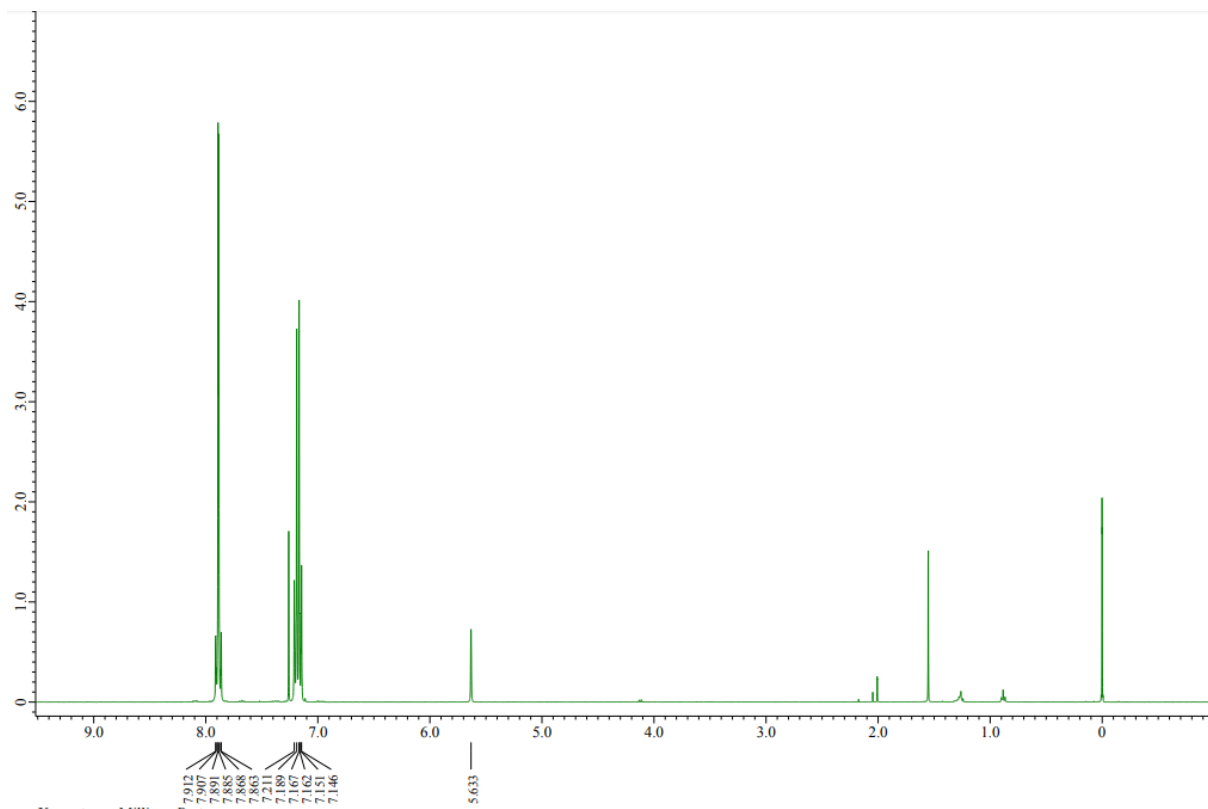


Figure S12: IR spectra of 3e



FigureS13:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of dimer 9b in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

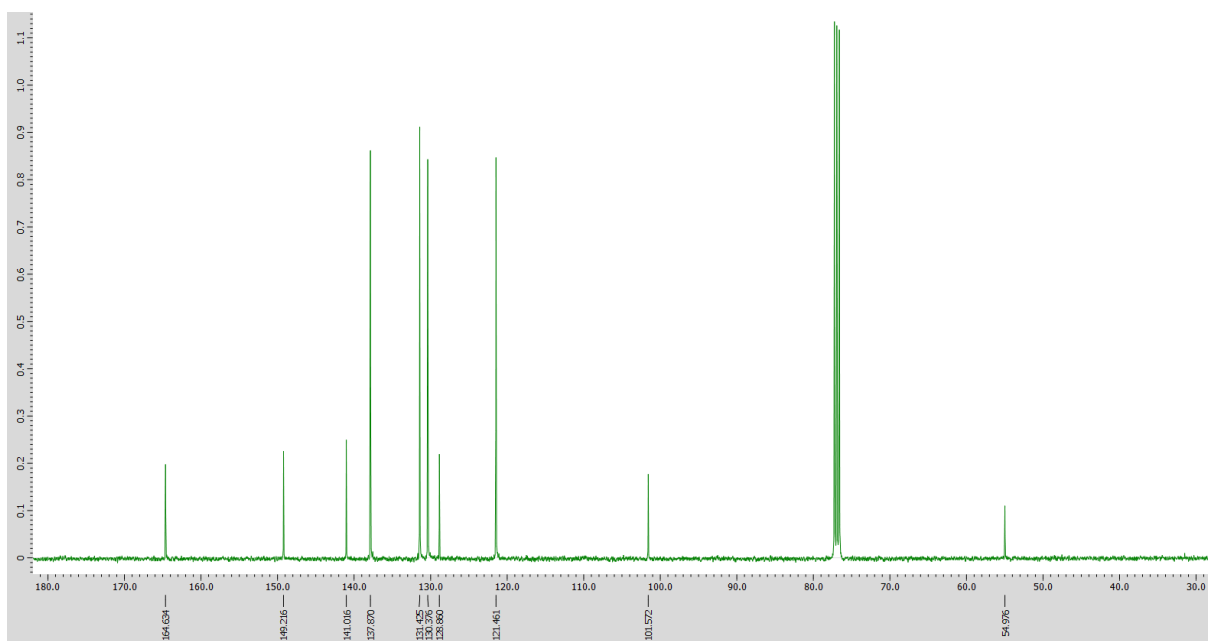


Figure S14:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of dimer 9b in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

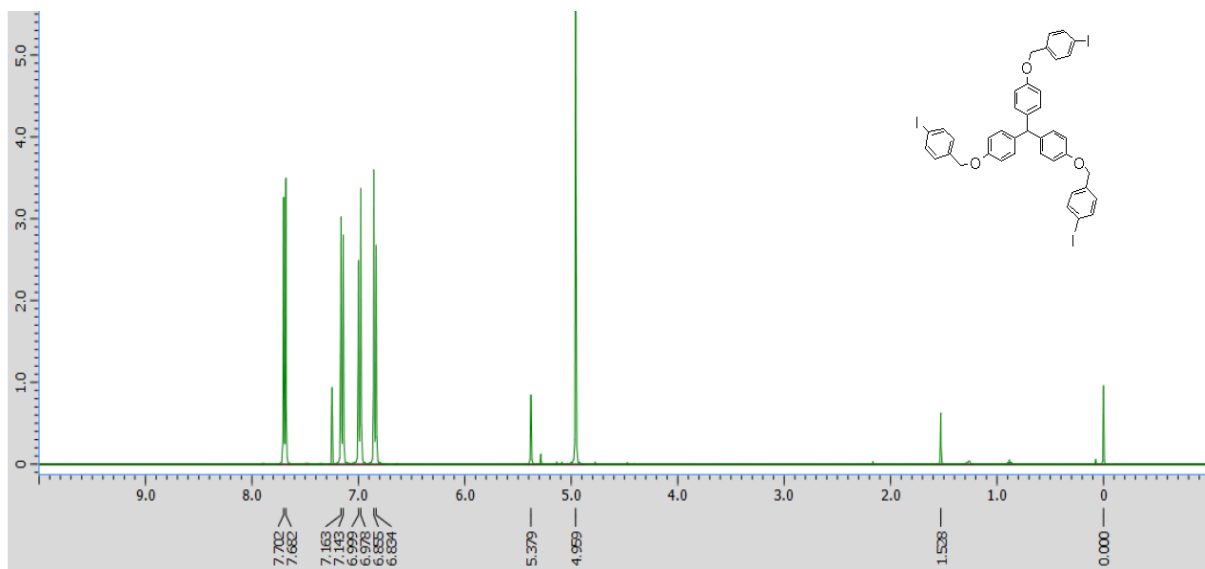


Figure S15: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of dimer 9c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

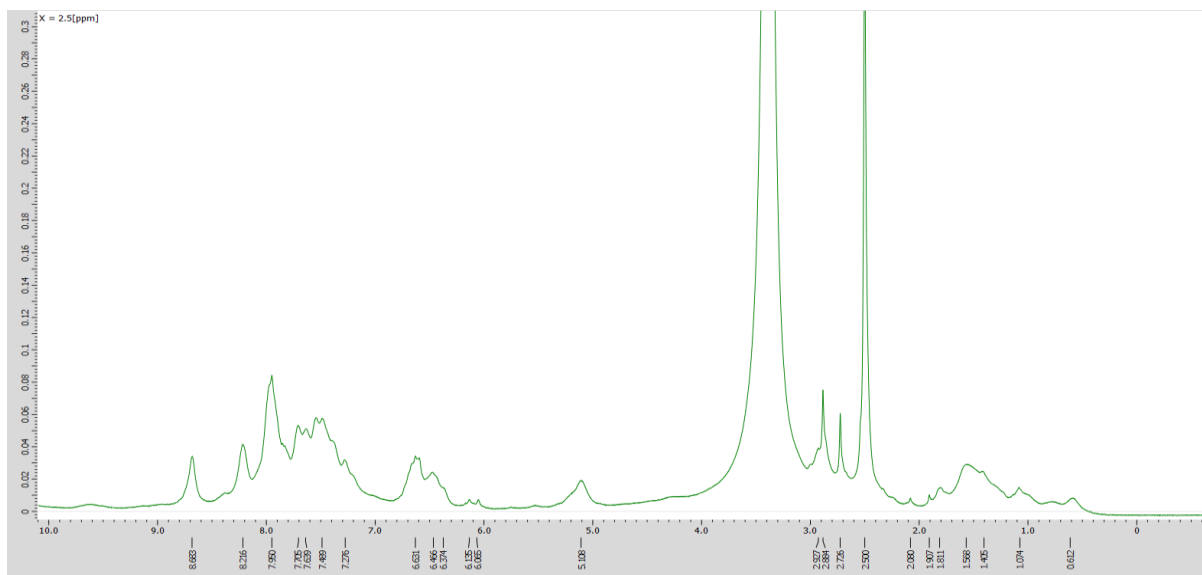


Figure S16: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer P1-3a in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



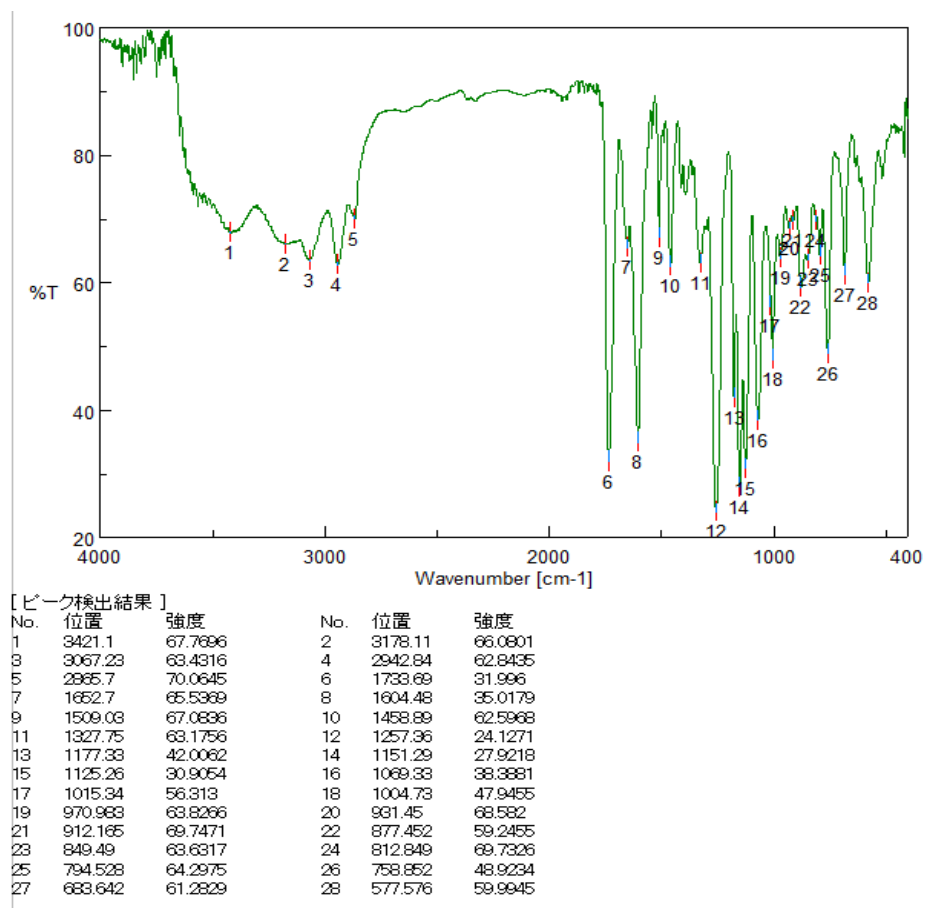


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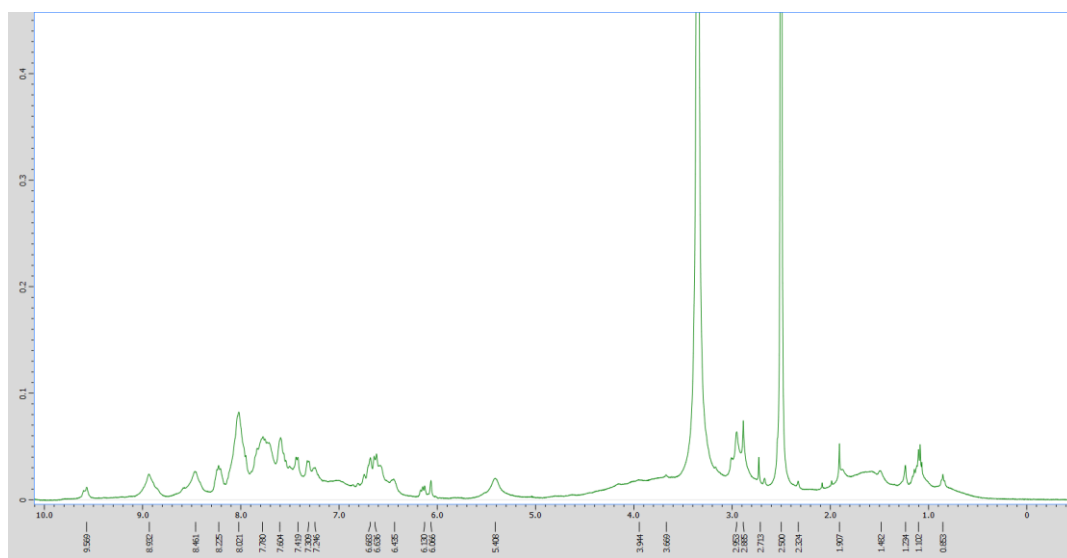


Figure S18: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer P2-3b in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

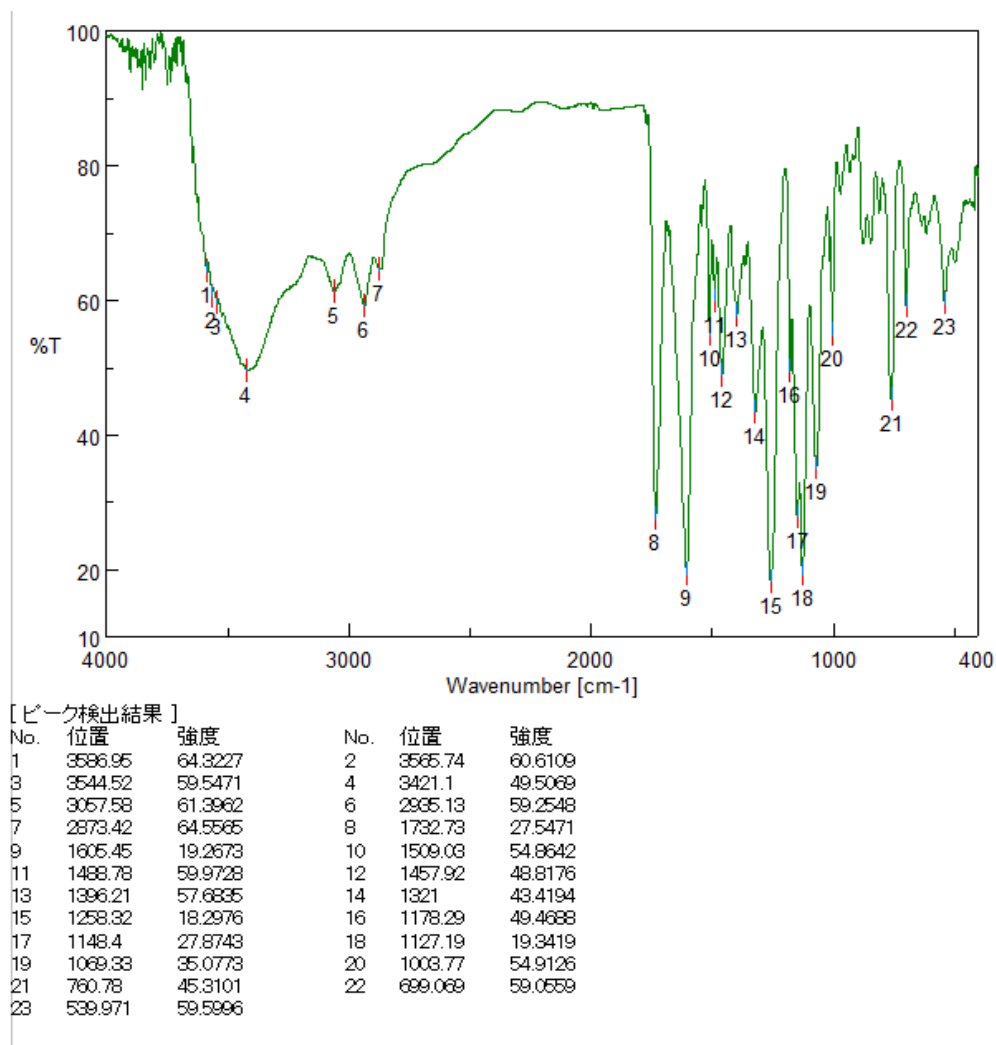


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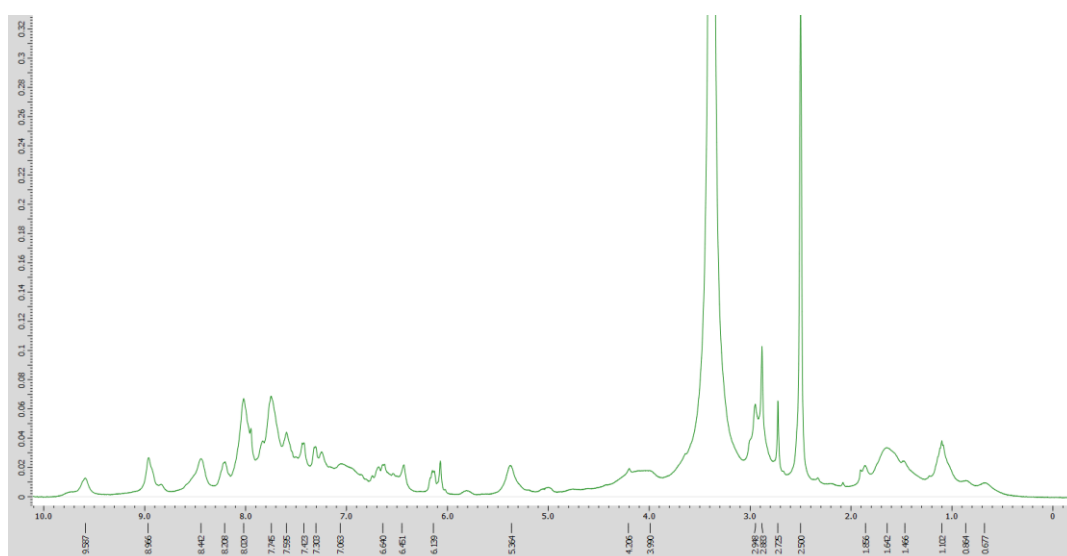
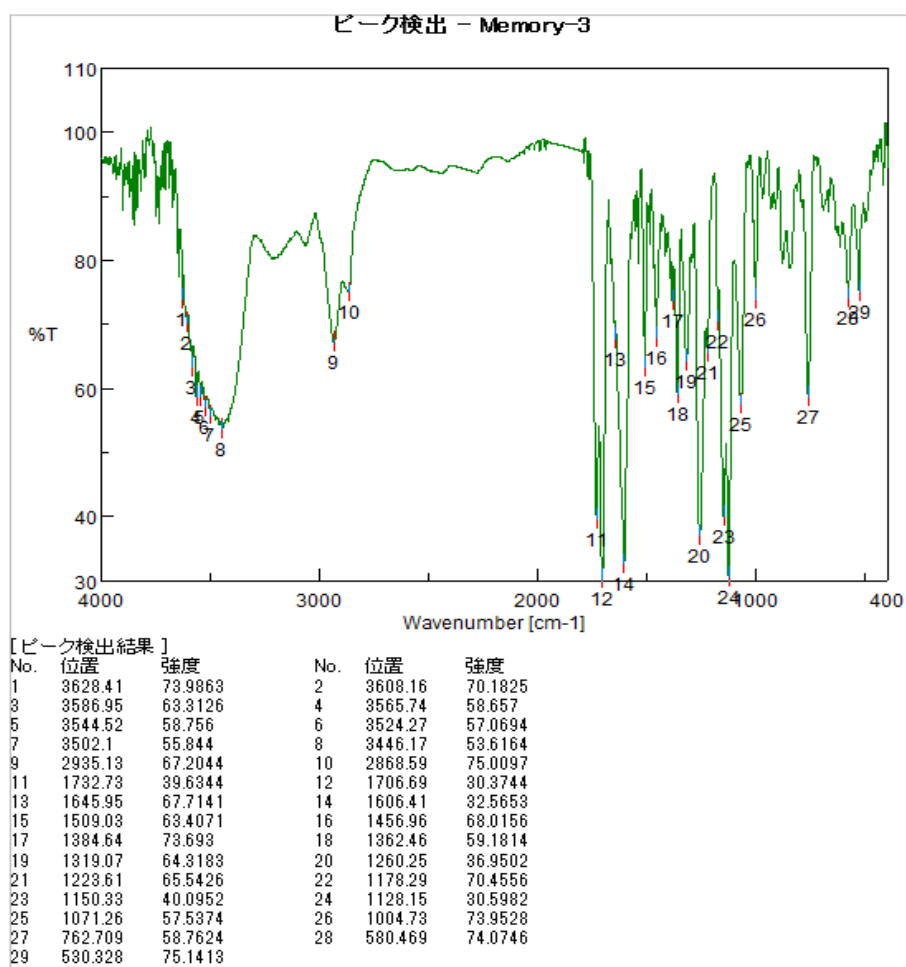


Figure S20:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of polymer P3-3c in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

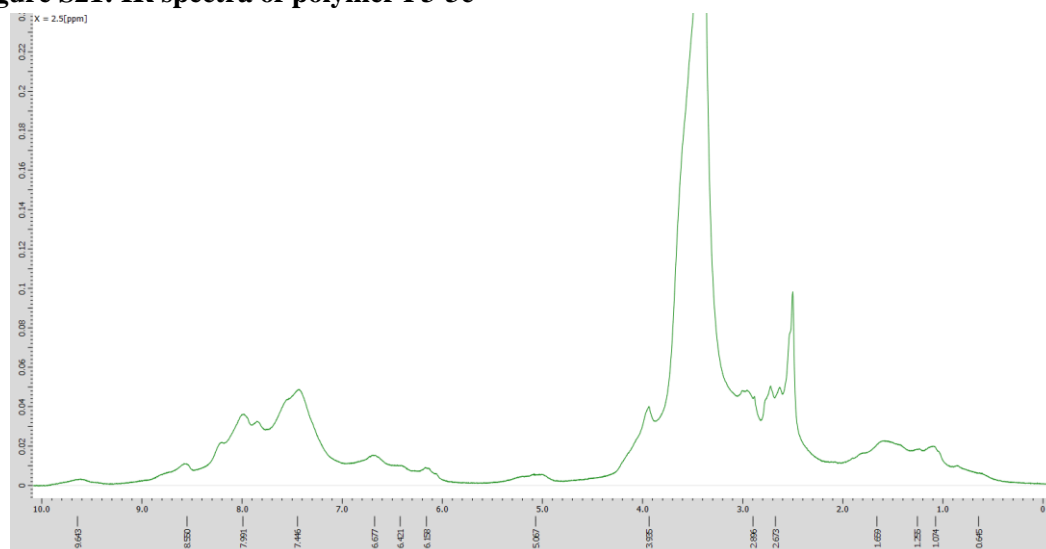
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Figure S21: IR spectra of polymer P3-3c



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Figure S22:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of polymer P4-3d in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

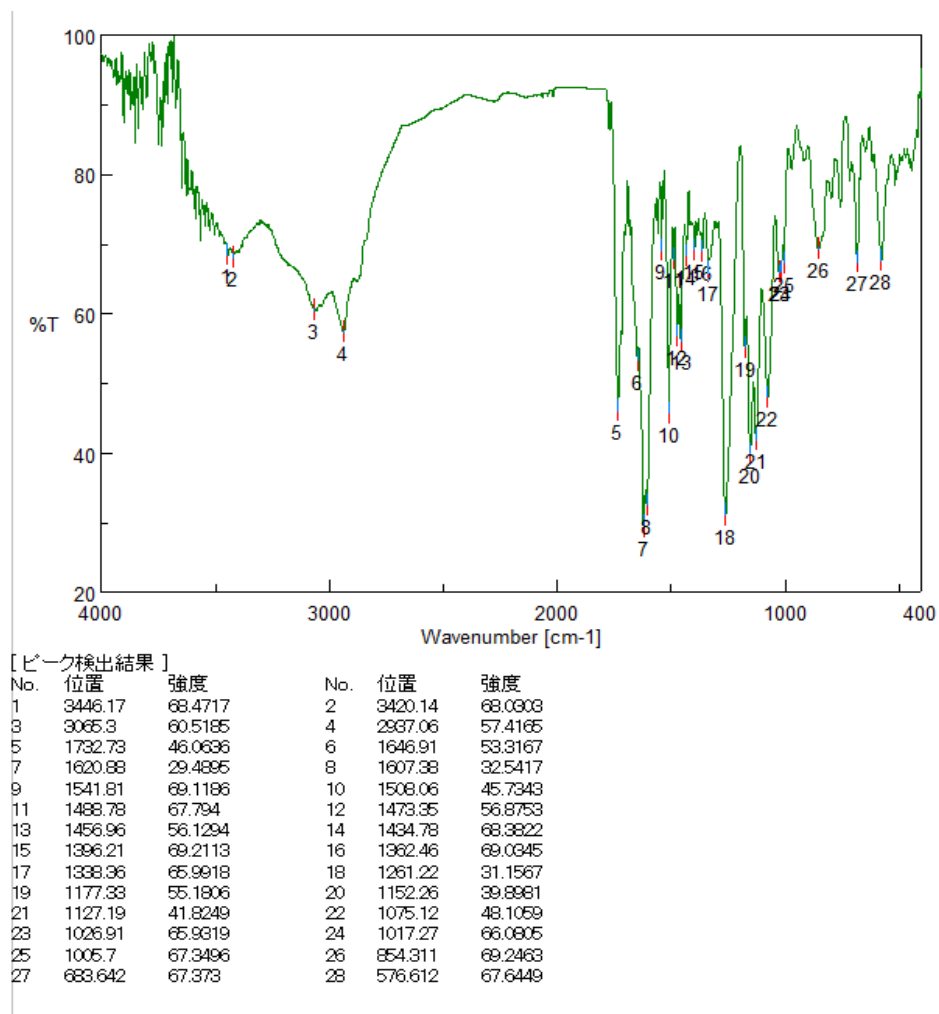


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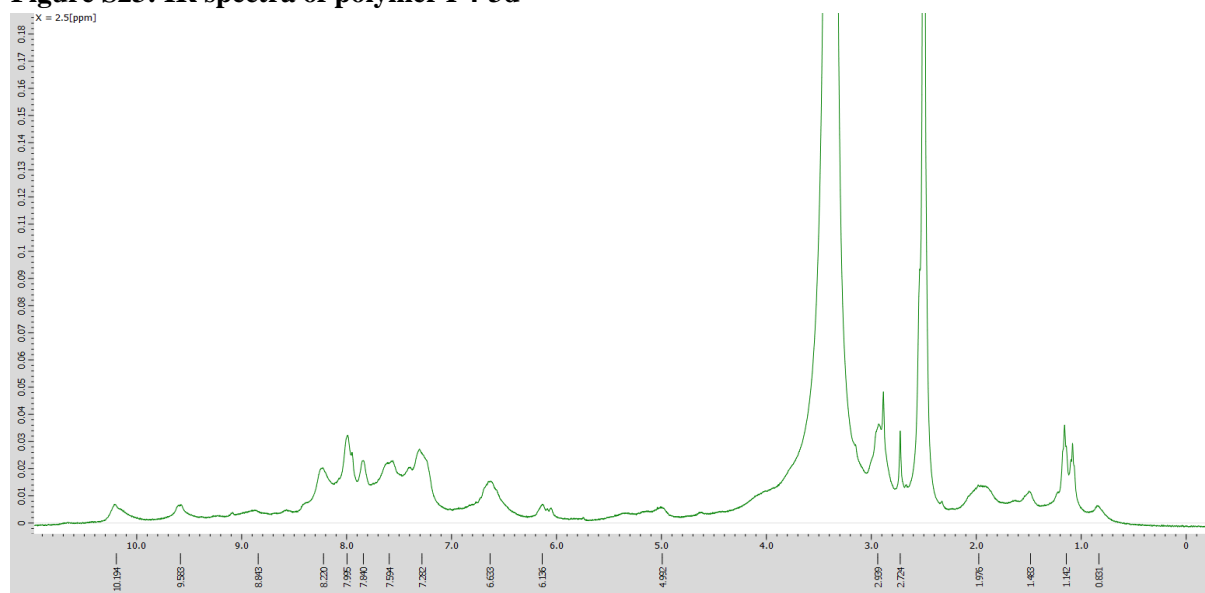


Figure S24: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer P5-3e in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

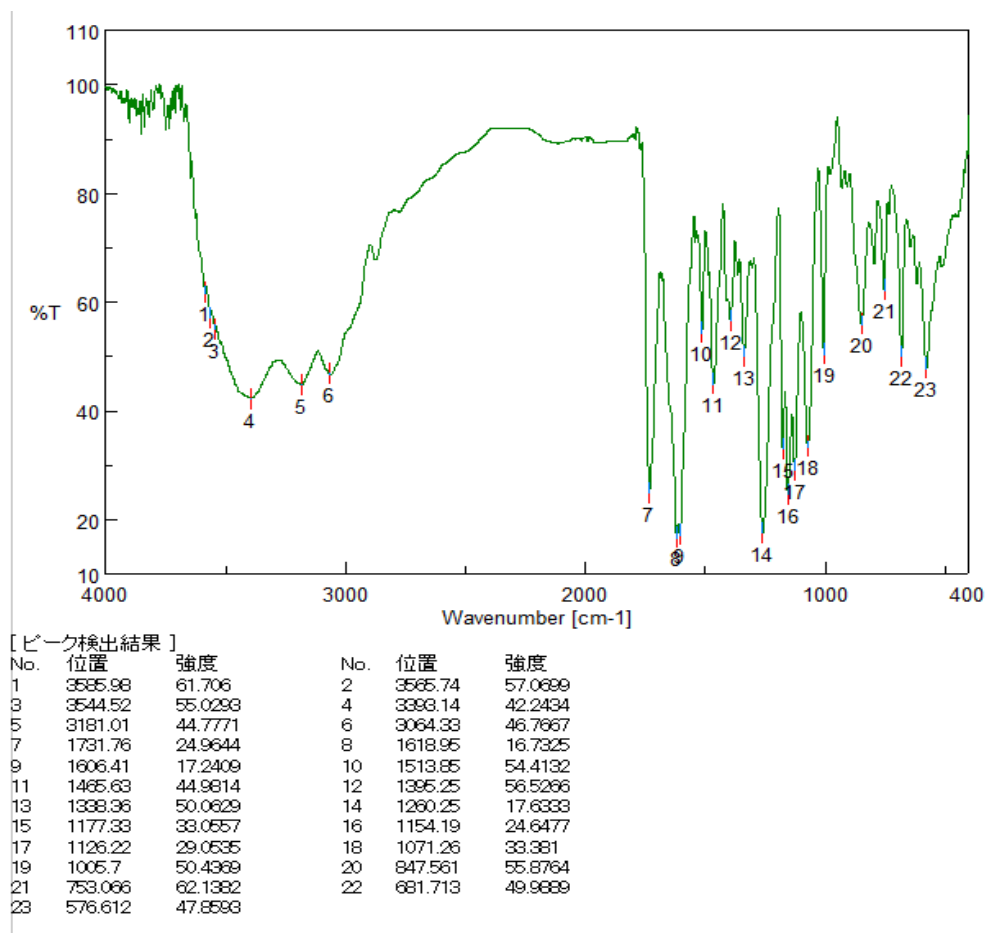


Figure S25: IR spectra of polymer P5-3e

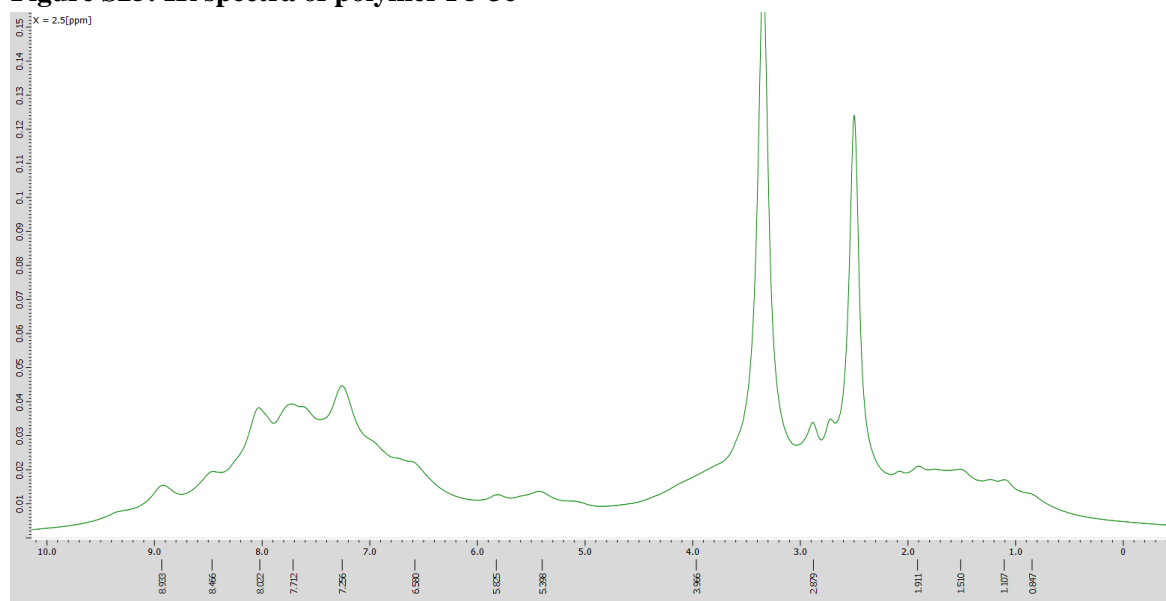


Figure S26: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of polymer P6-3b in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>

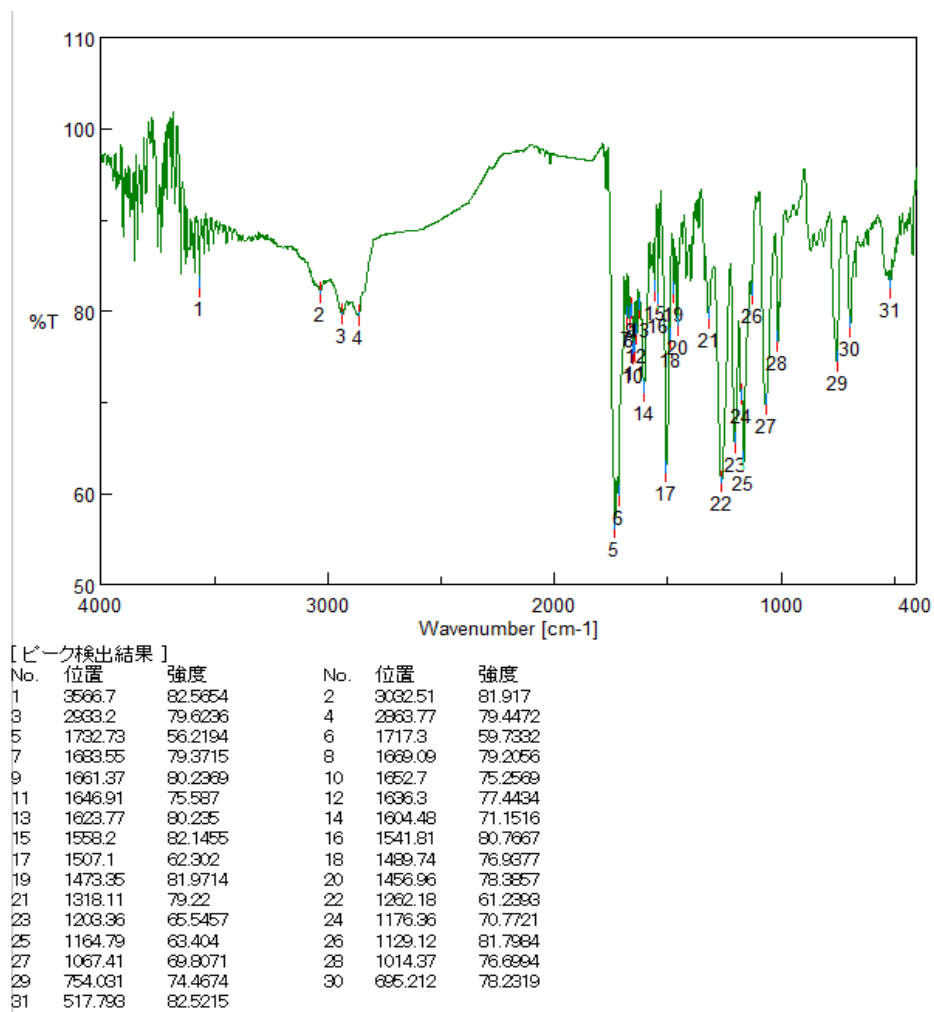


Figure S27: IR spectra of polymer P6-3b

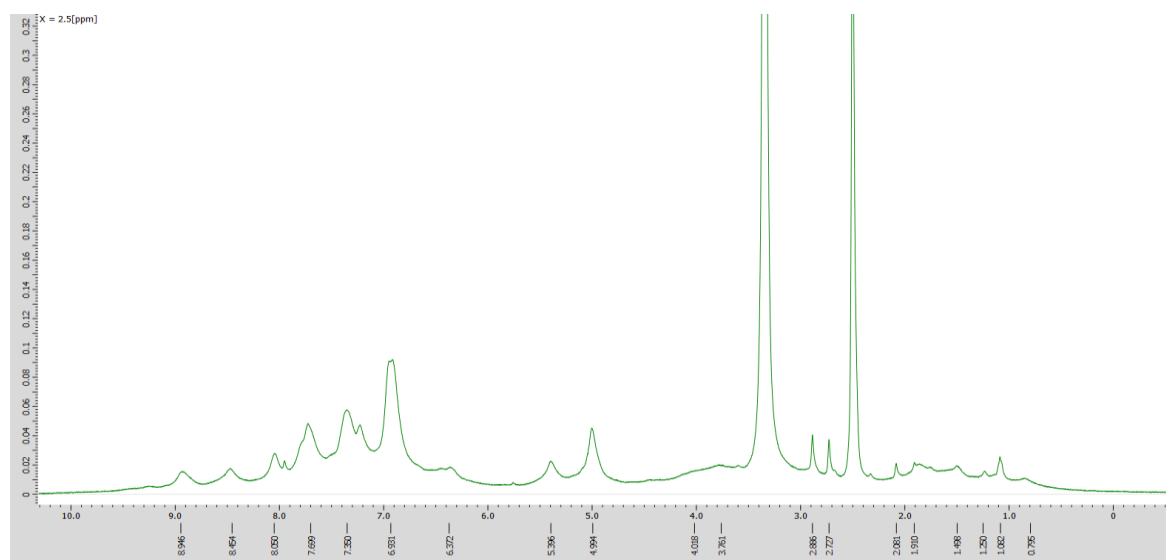


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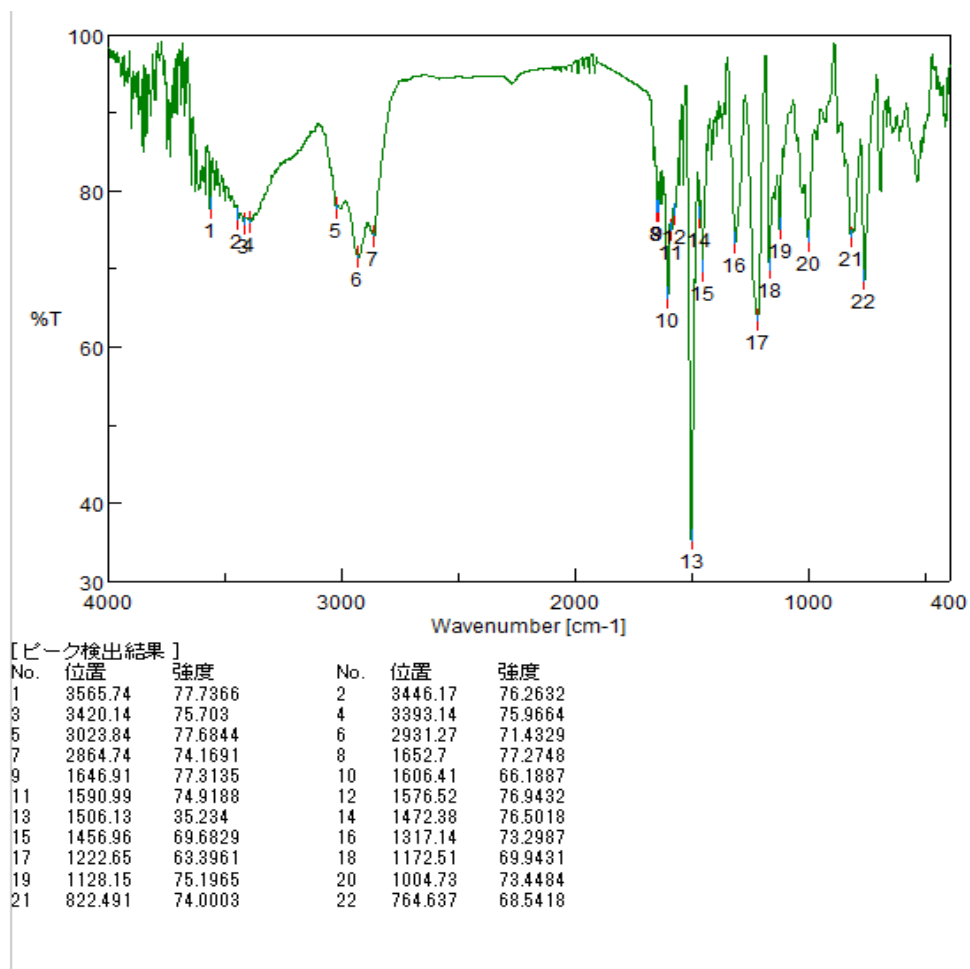


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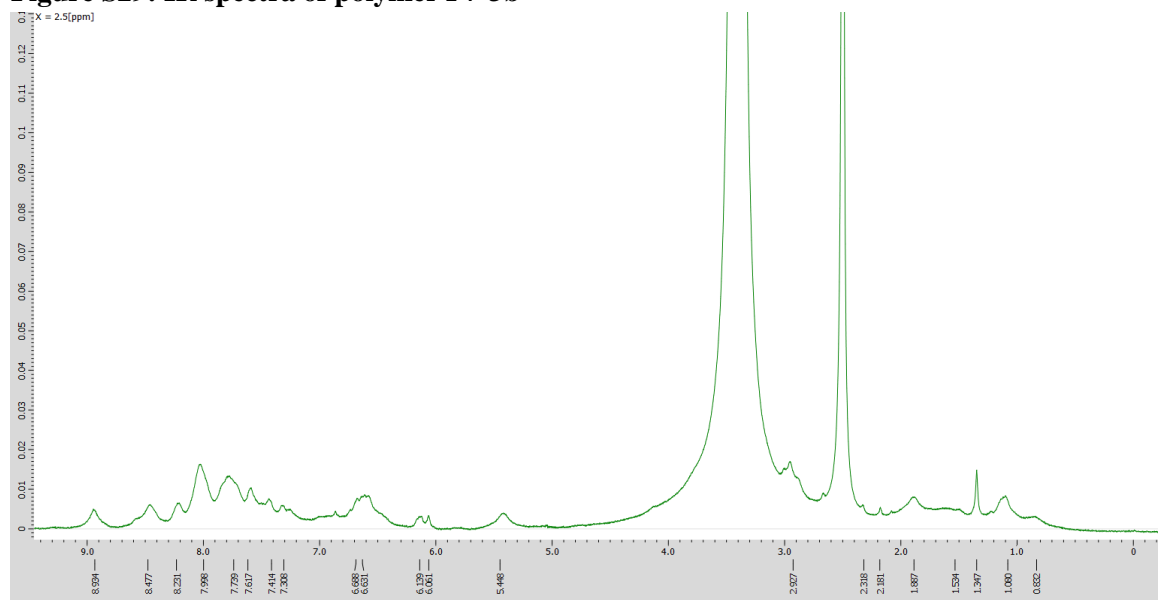


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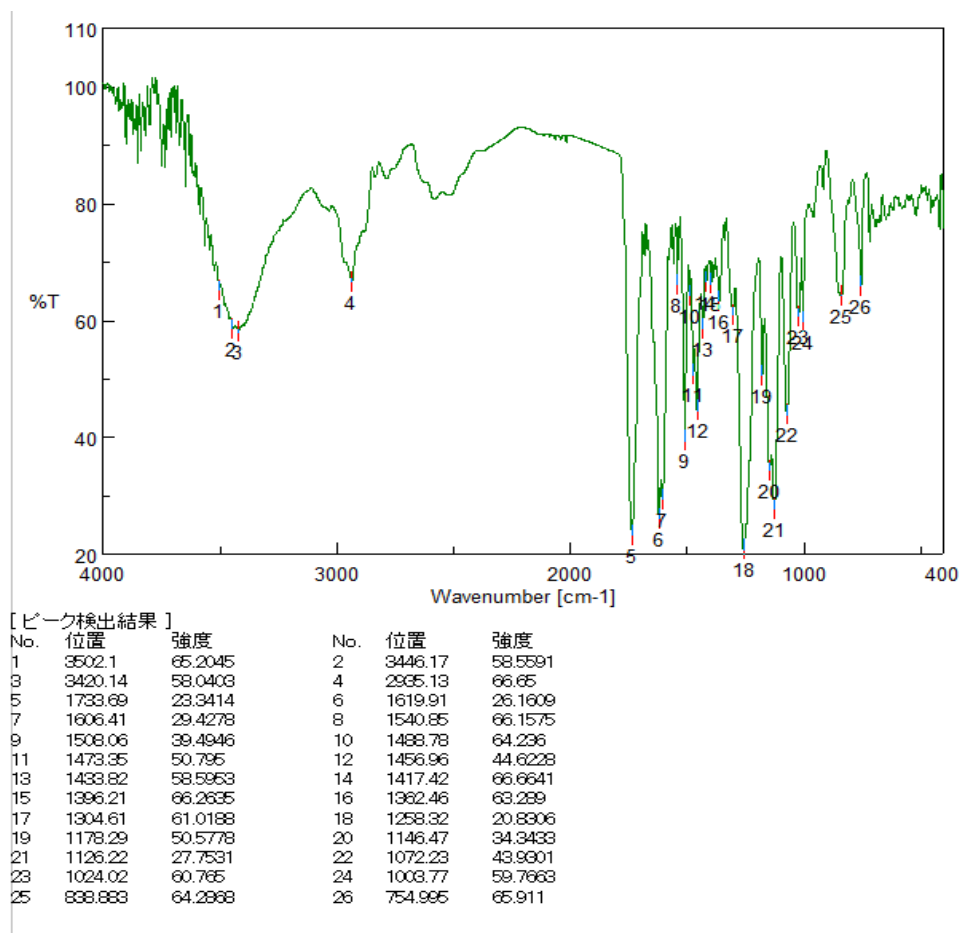


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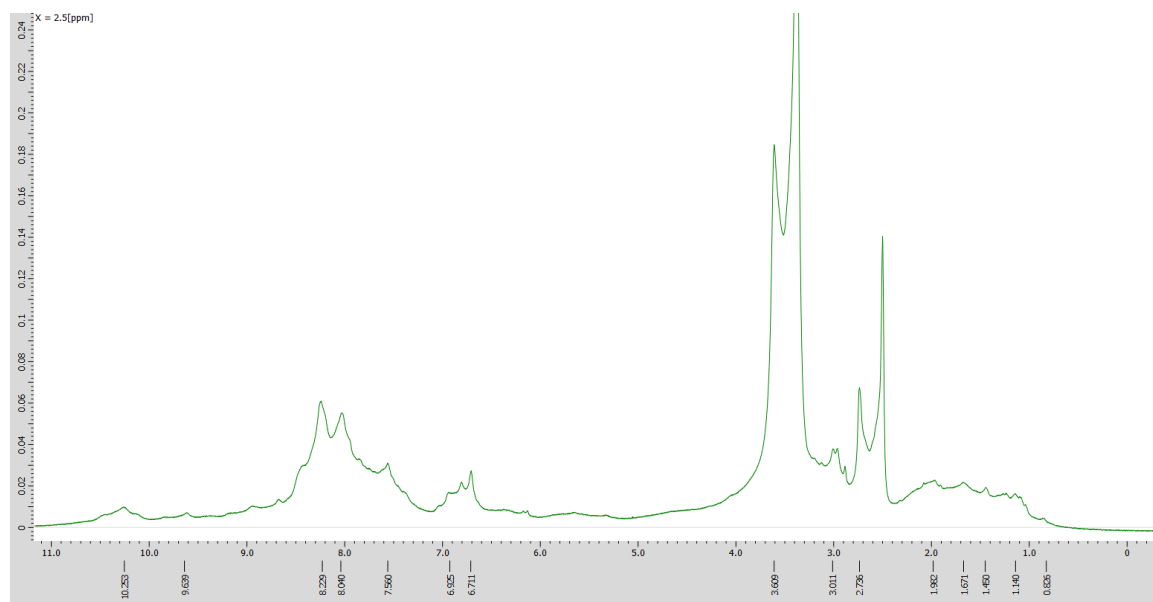


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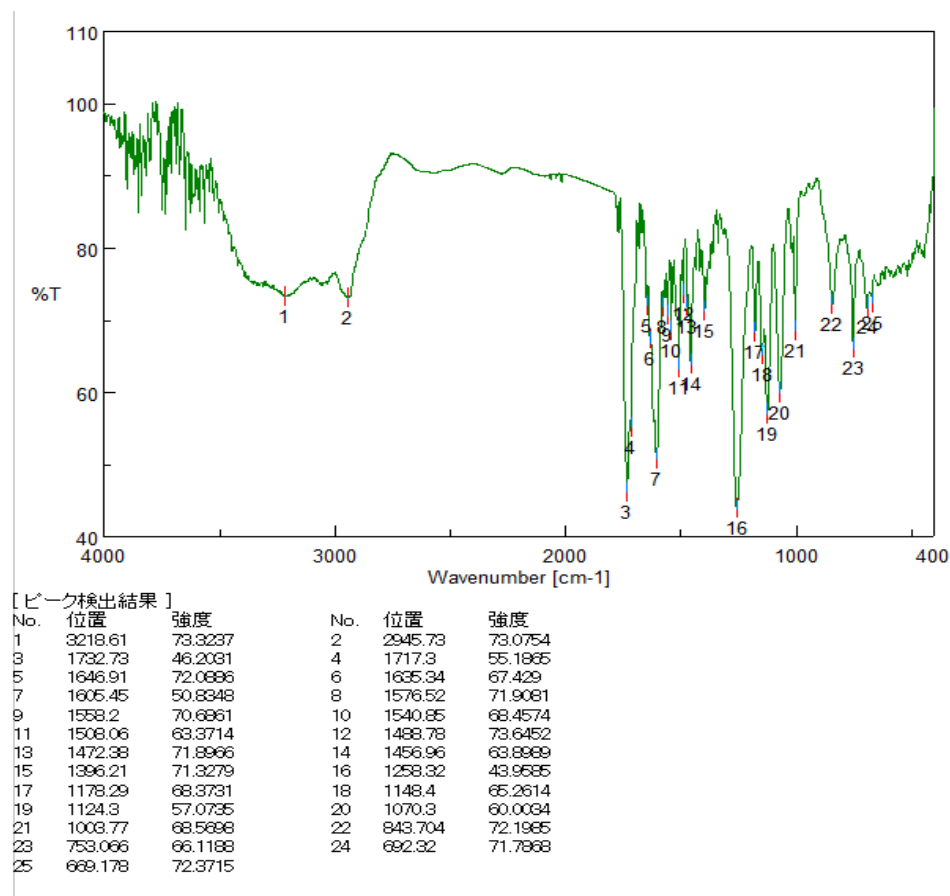


Figure S33: IR spectra of polymer P9-6b

### HPLC data of the products obtained from Enantioselective Michael Addition of Methyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate, 11 to *trans*- $\beta$ -Nitrostyrene, 12

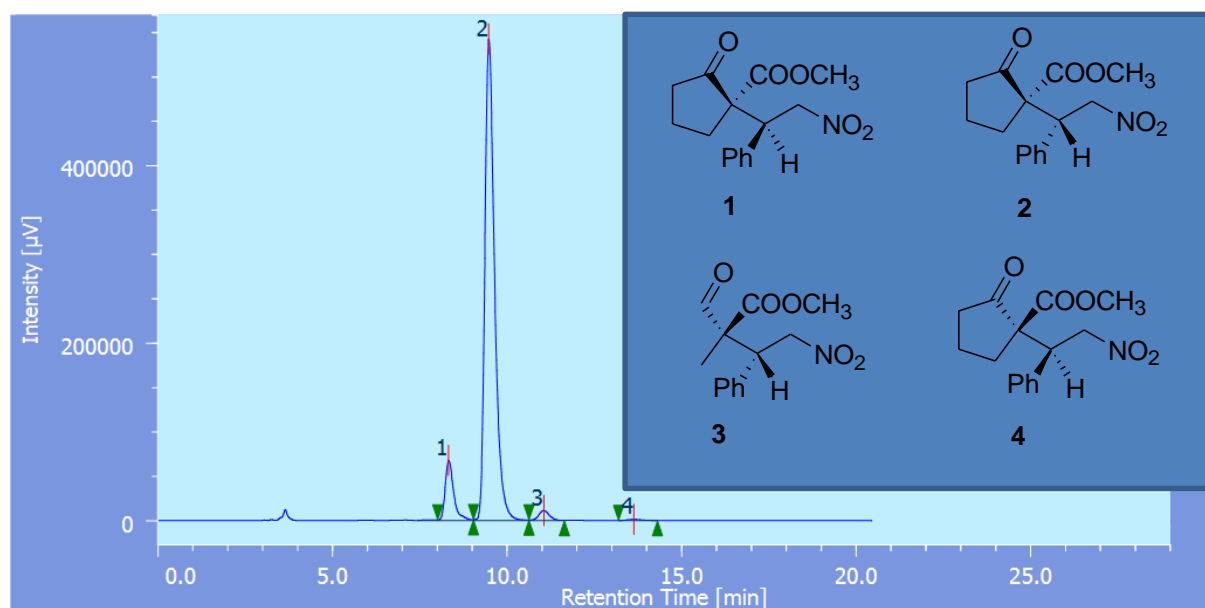
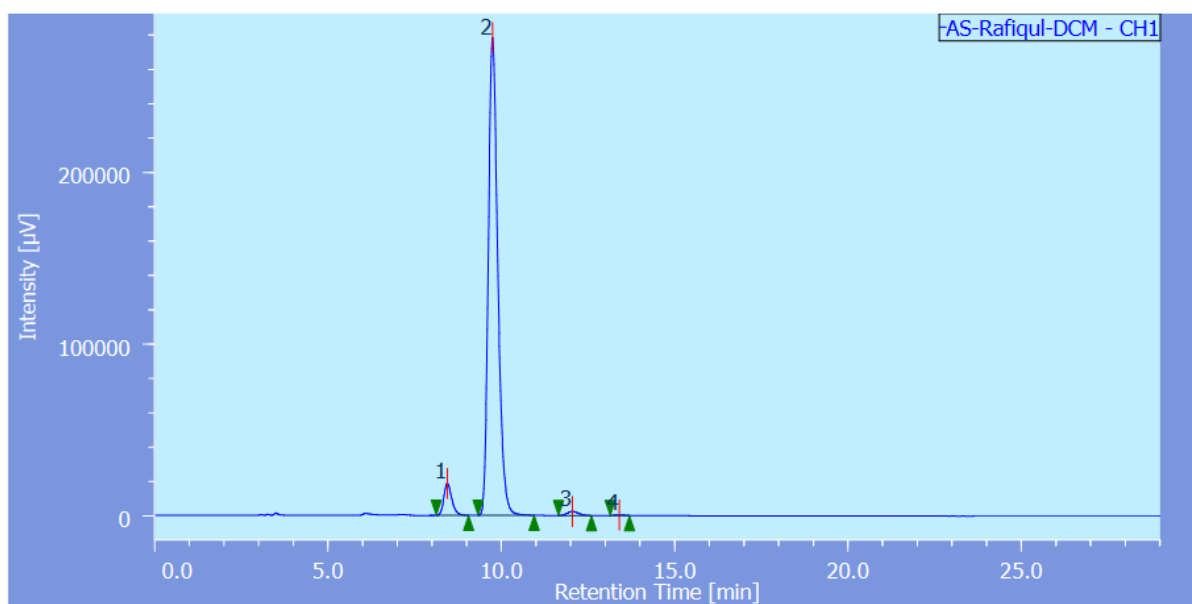
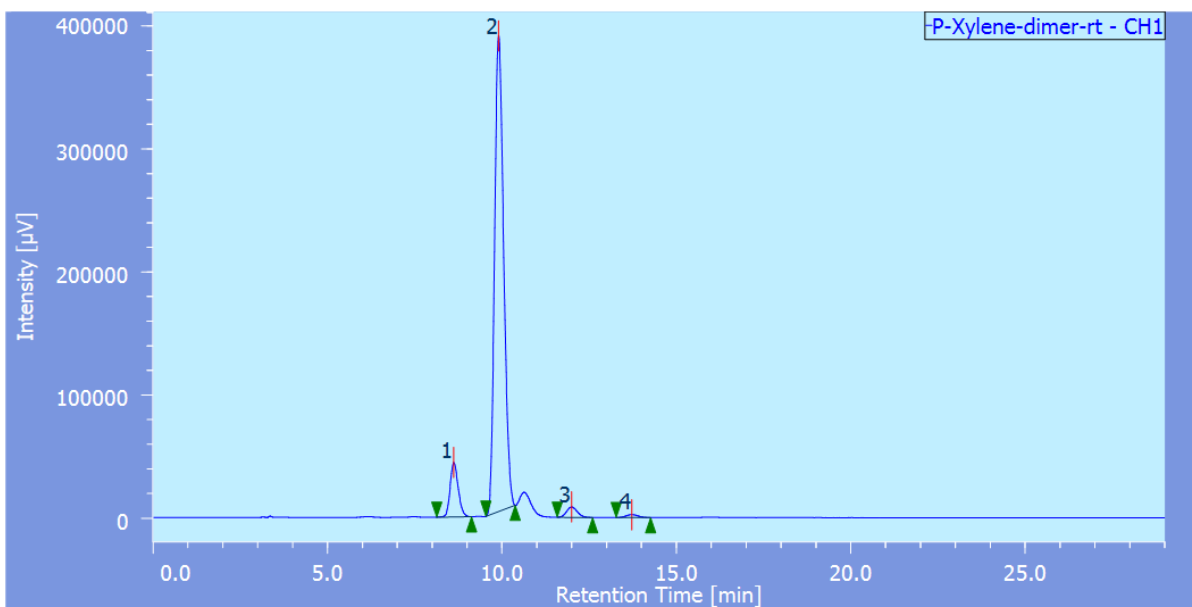


Figure S34: HPLC chromatogram of asymmetric compound, 13

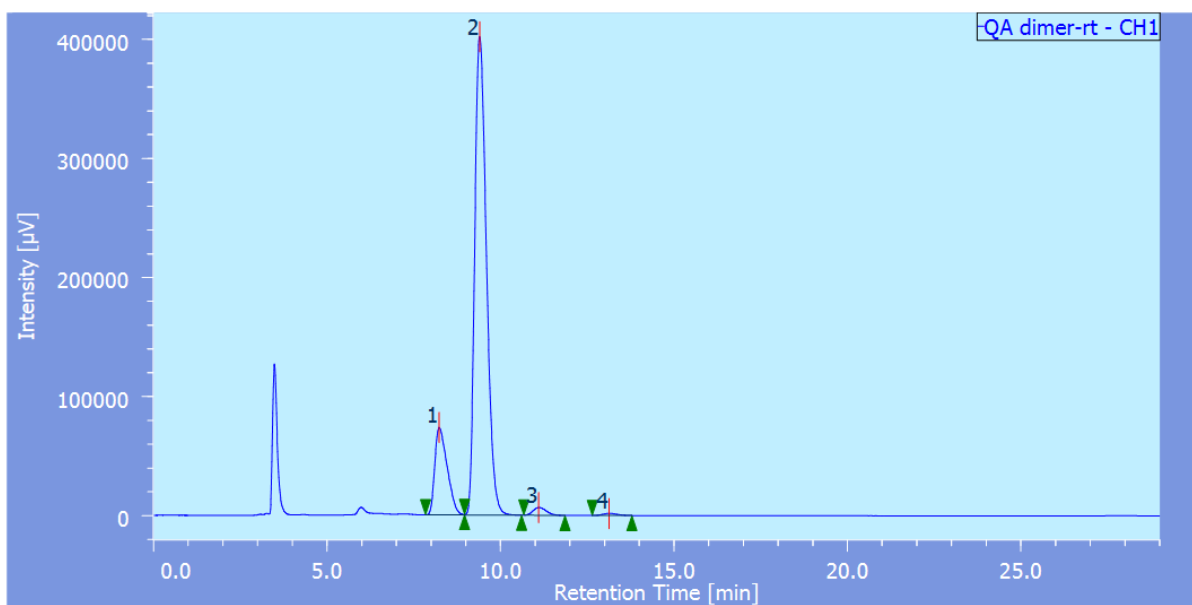
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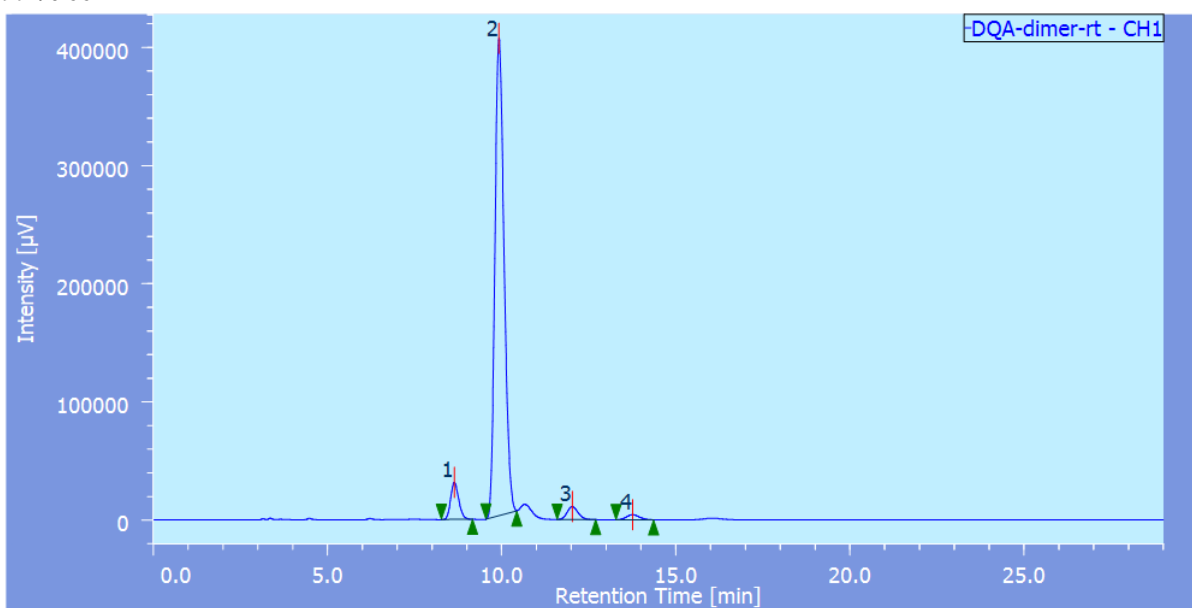
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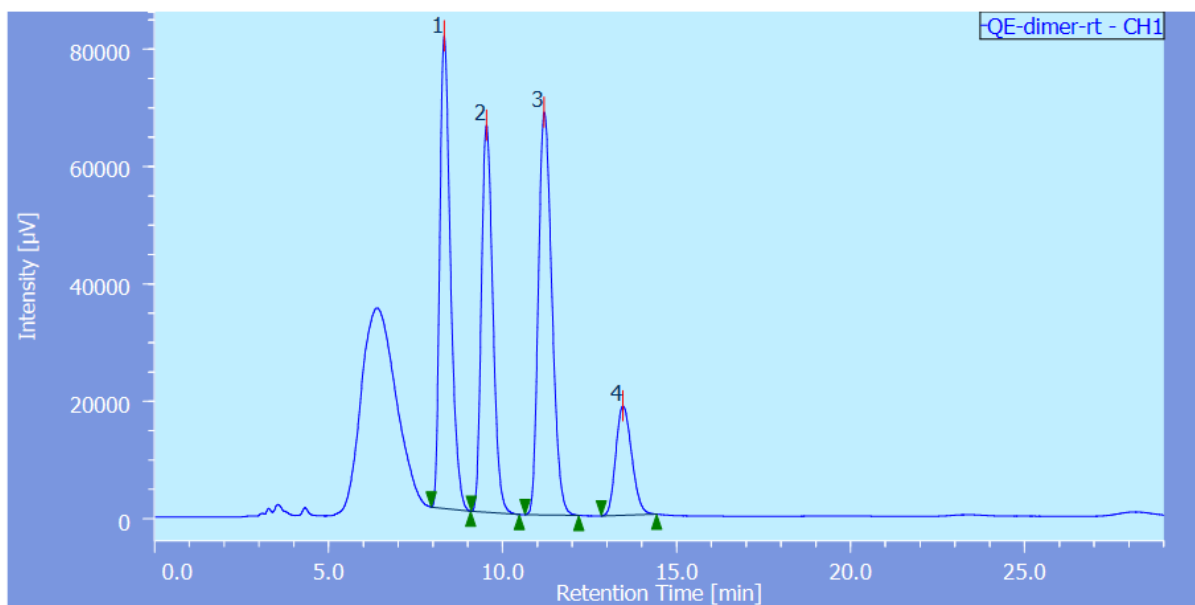
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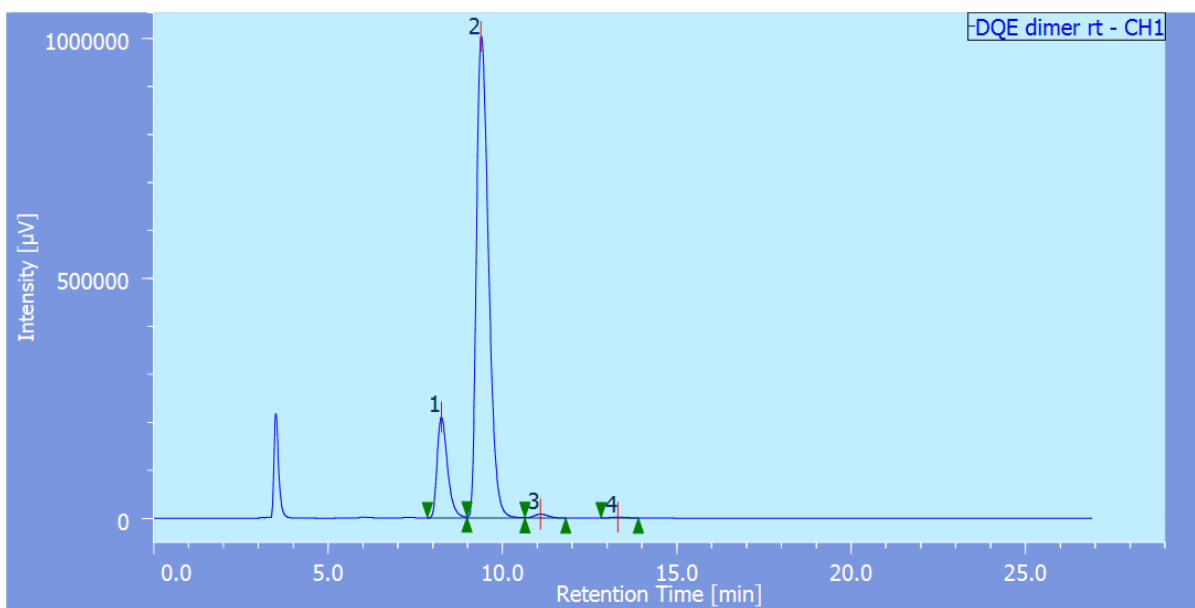
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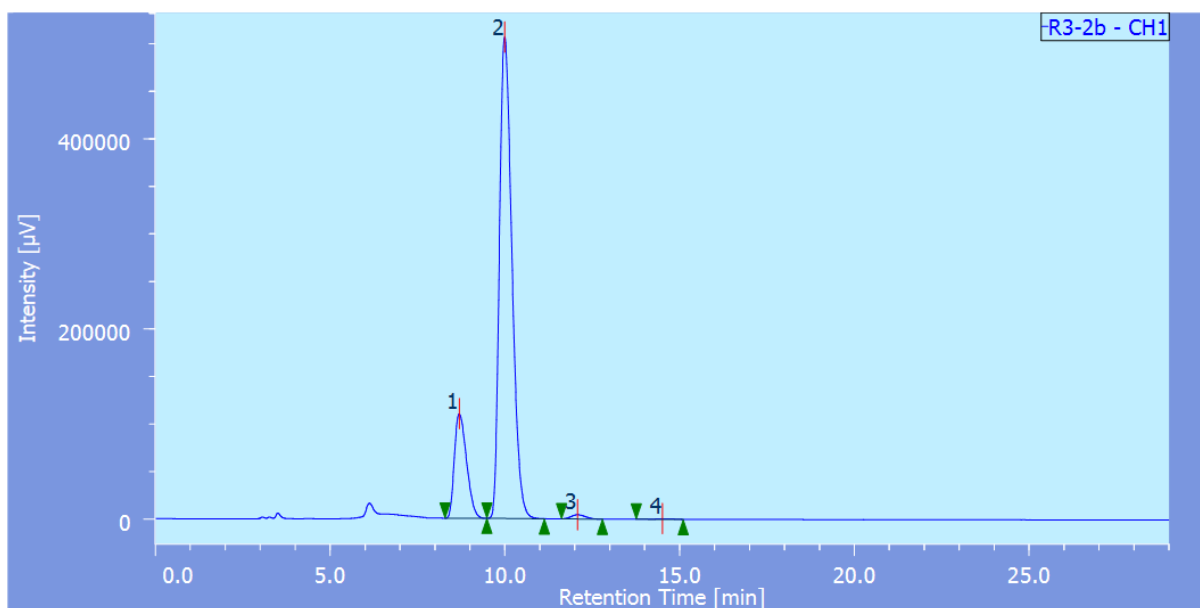
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 7 **Table 2, entry 5**  
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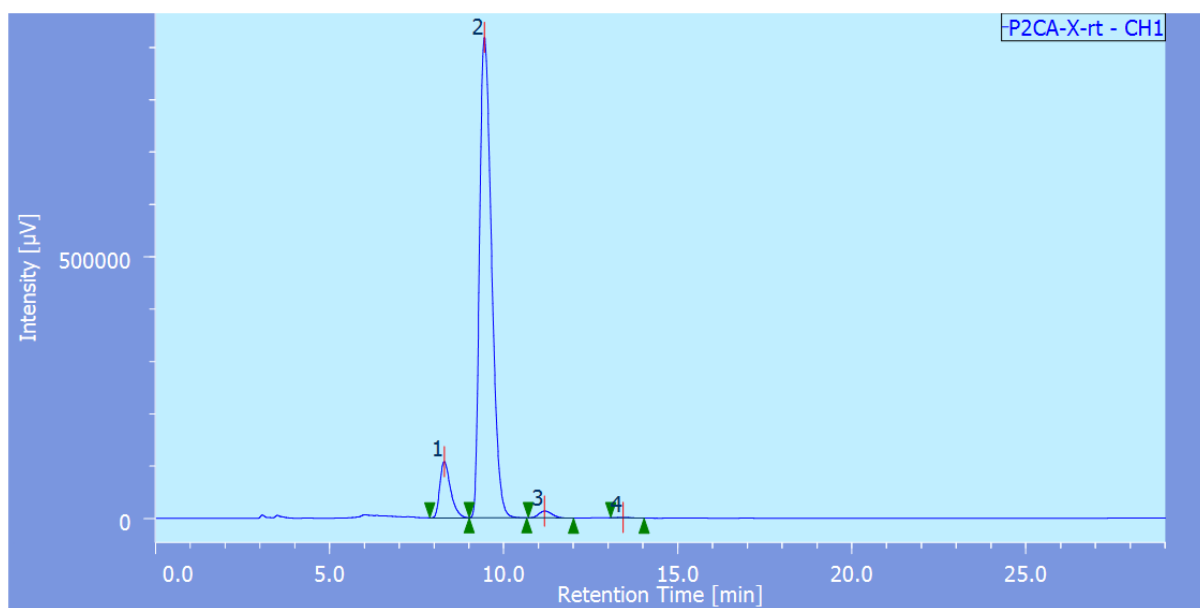
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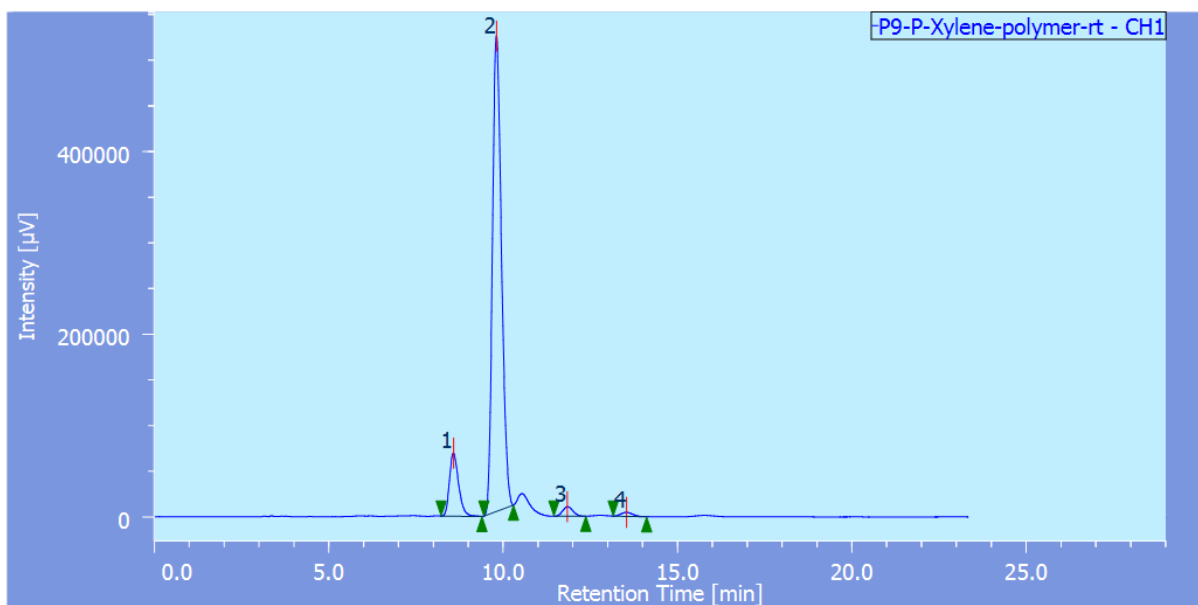
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 8 **99% *ee***



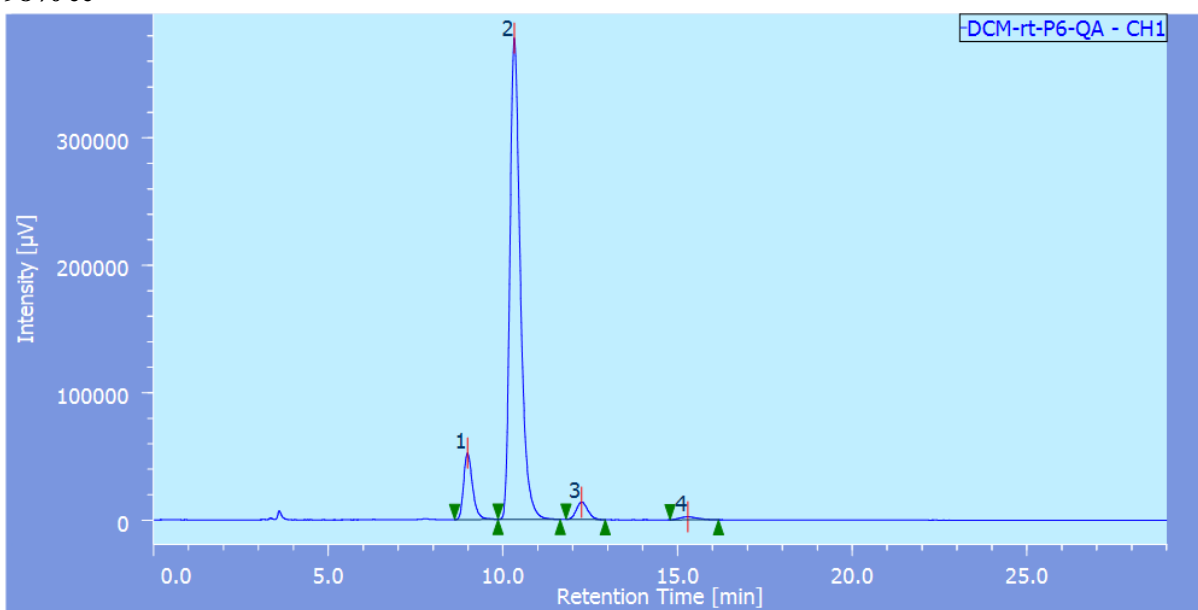
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 3 **Table 3, entry 1**  
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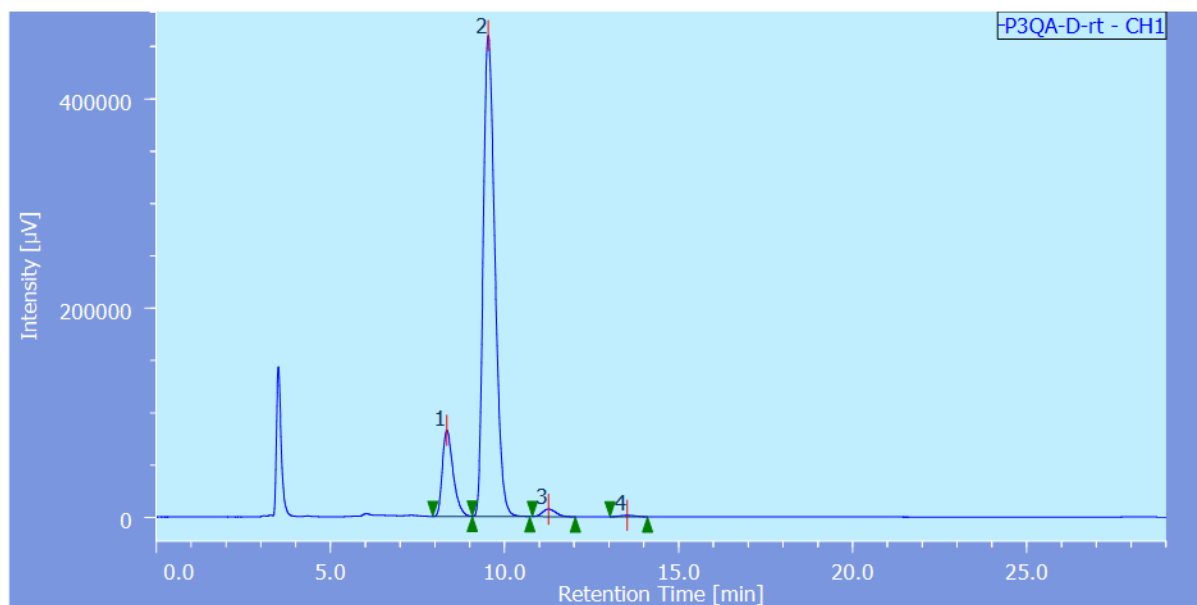
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 7 **Table 3, entry 2**  
 8 **>99% *ee***



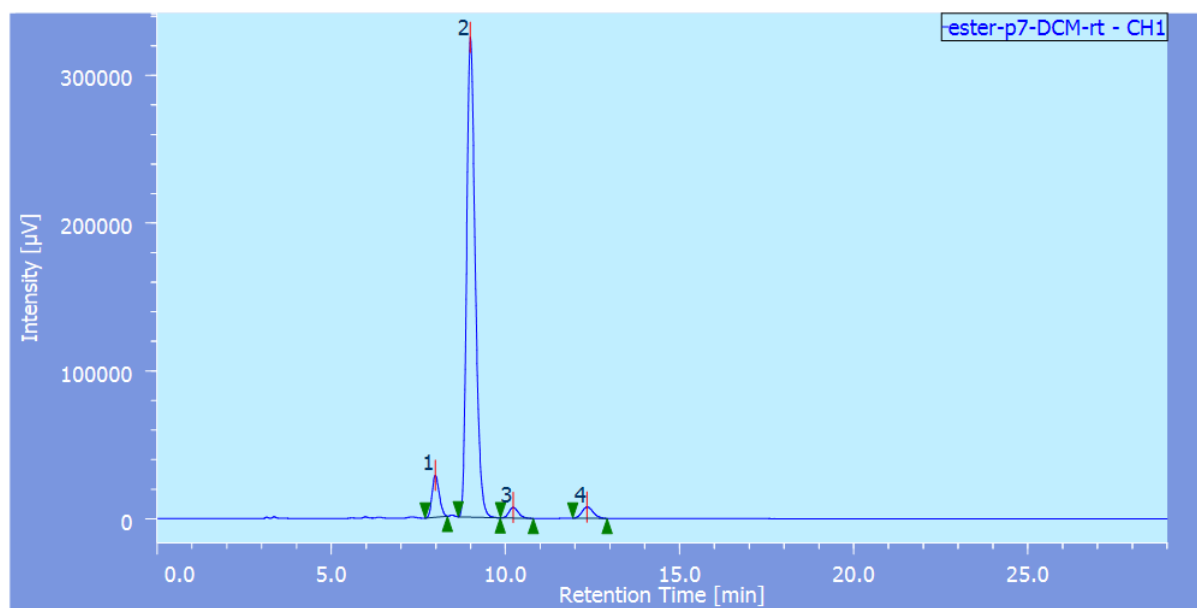
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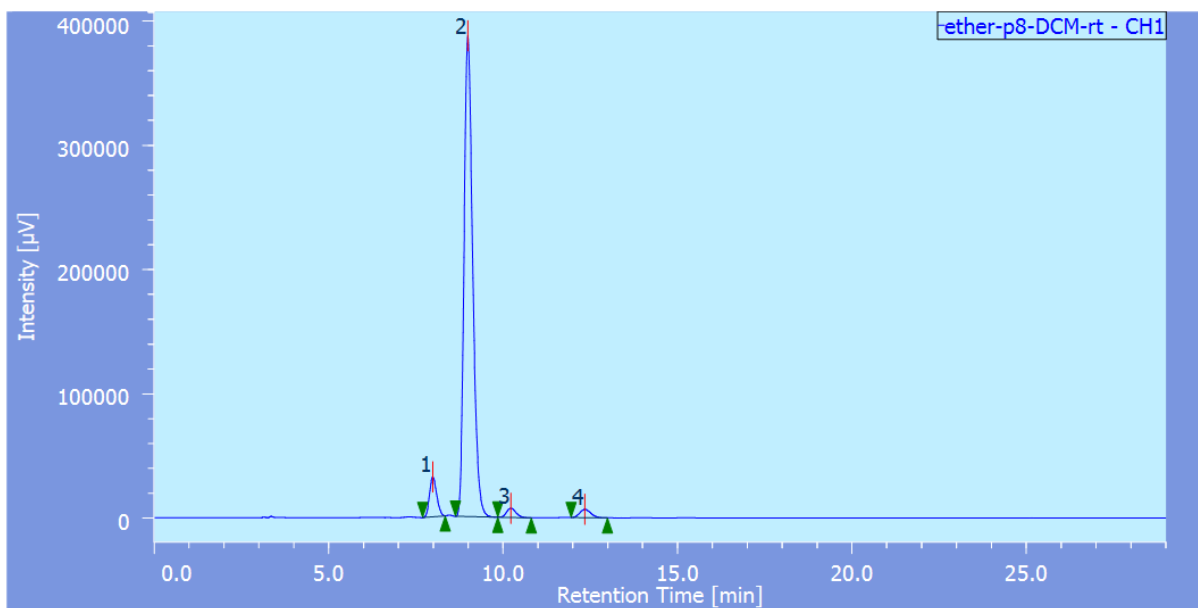
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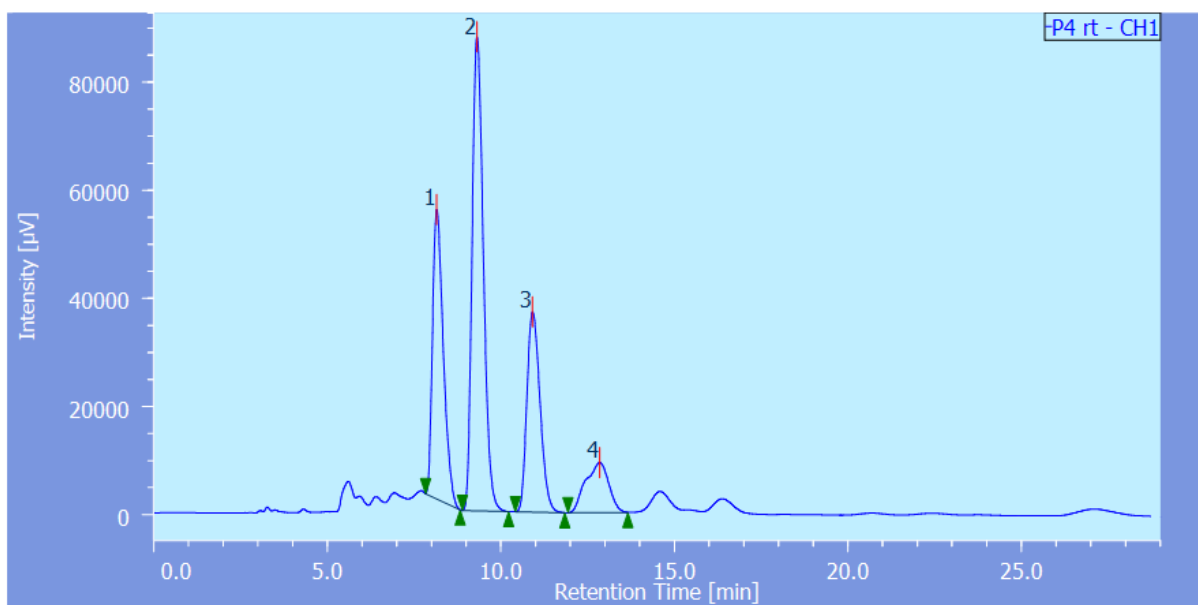
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 2 **Figure S44: HPLC chromatogram of asymmetric compound, 13**  
 3 **Table 3, entry 5**  
 4 **99% *ee***



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 6 **Figure S45: HPLC chromatogram of asymmetric compound, 13**  
 7 **Table 3, entry 6**  
 8 **94% *ee***

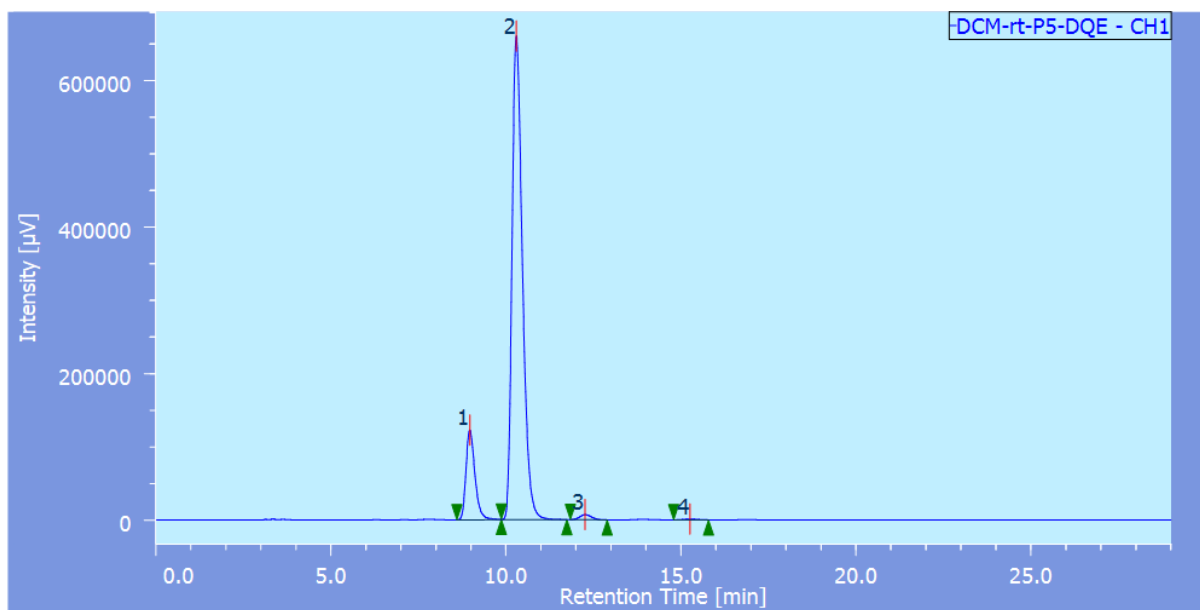


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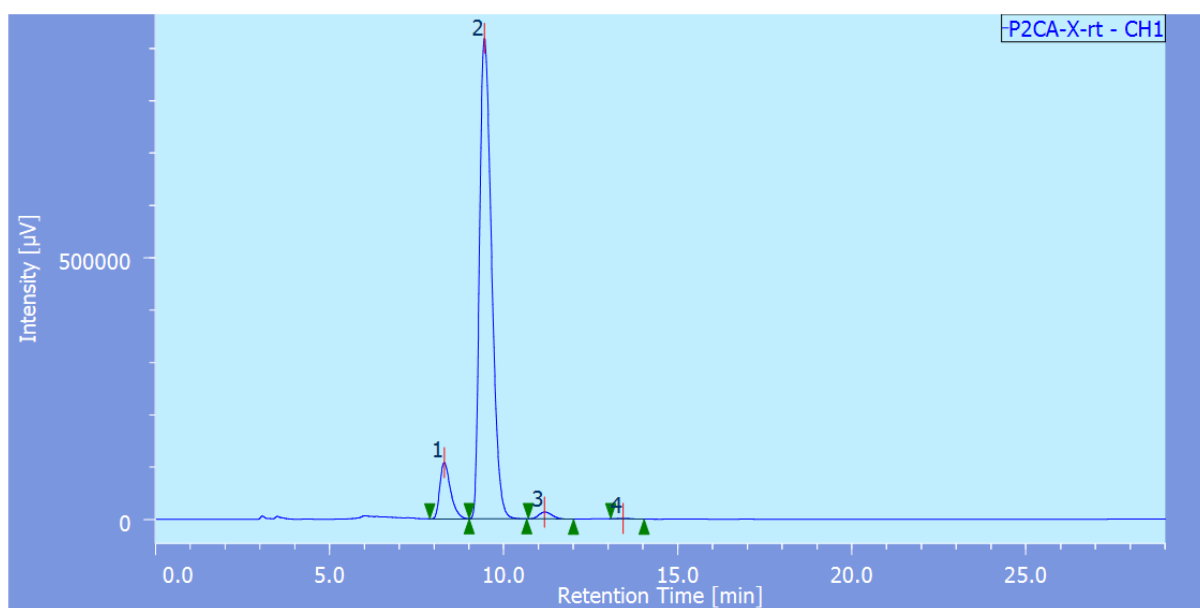


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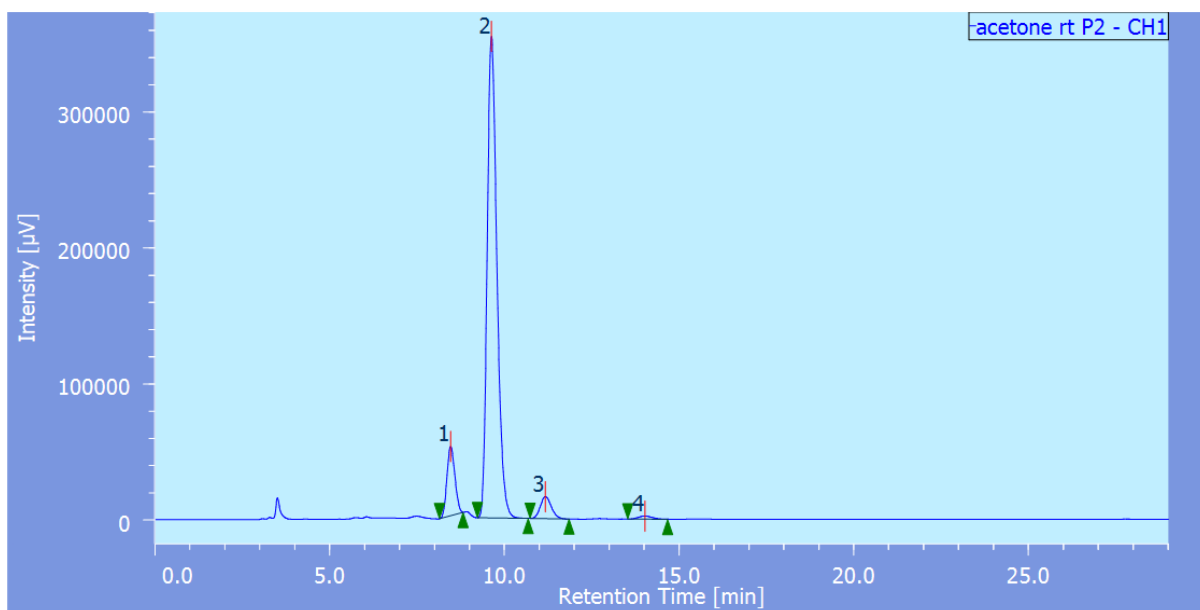




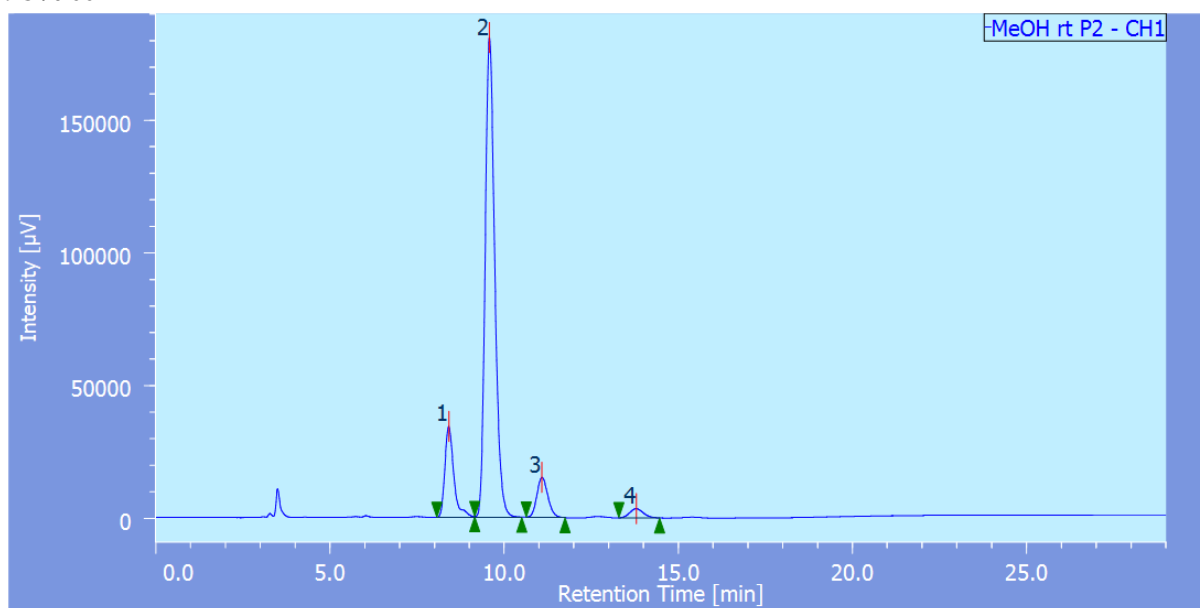
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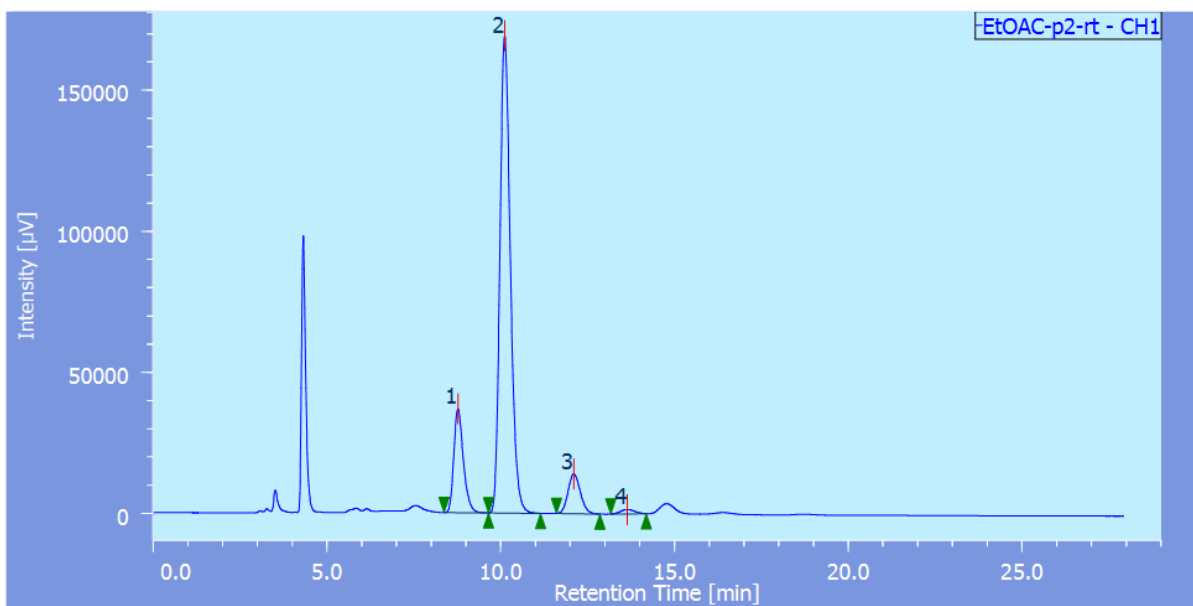
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 8 **Table 4, entry 1**  
 9 **>99% *ee***



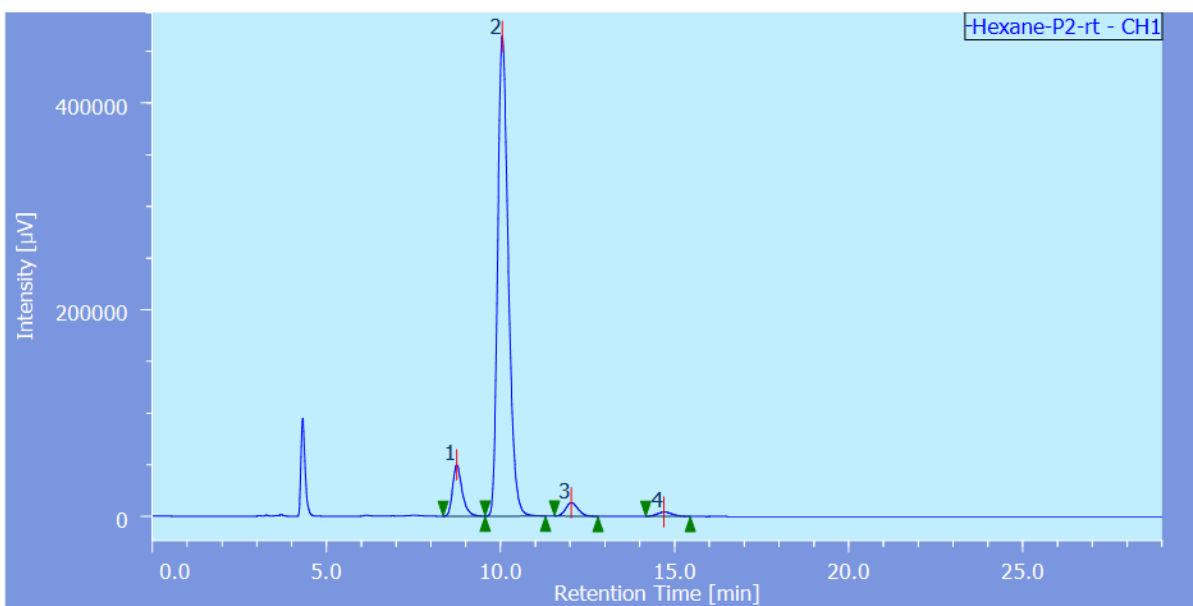
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 4 **98% *ee***



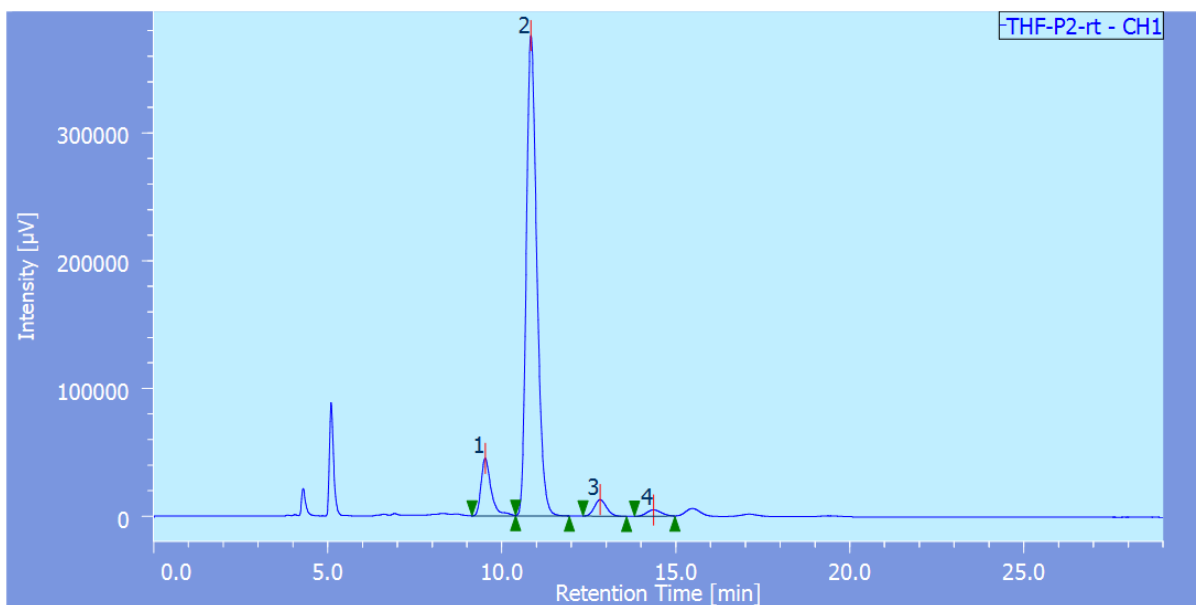
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 7 **Table 4, entry 3**  
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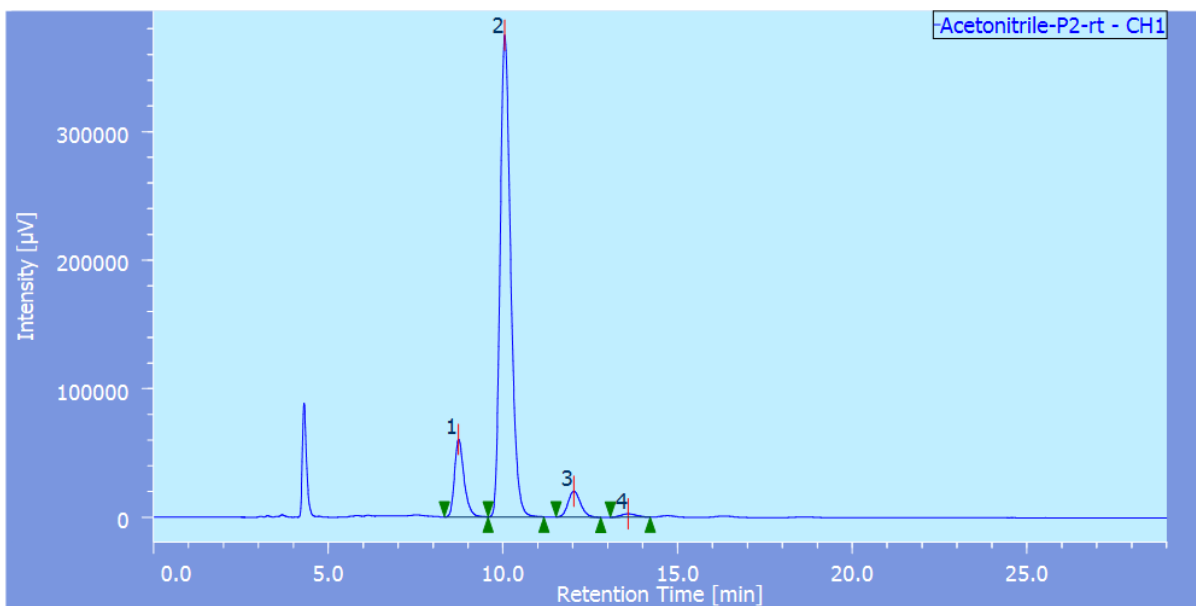
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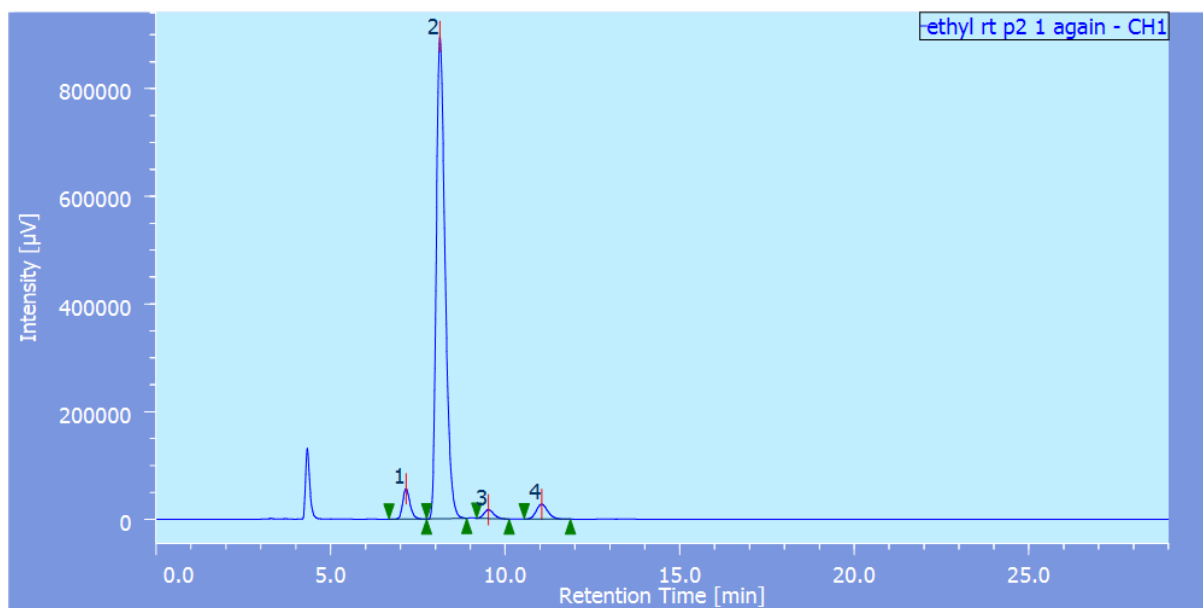
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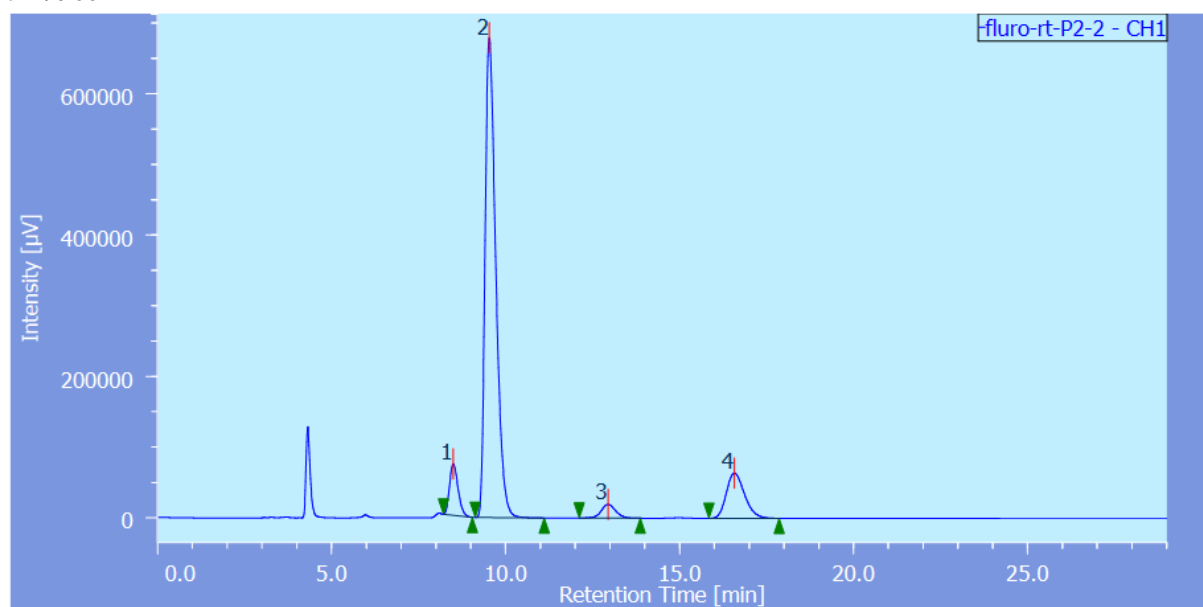
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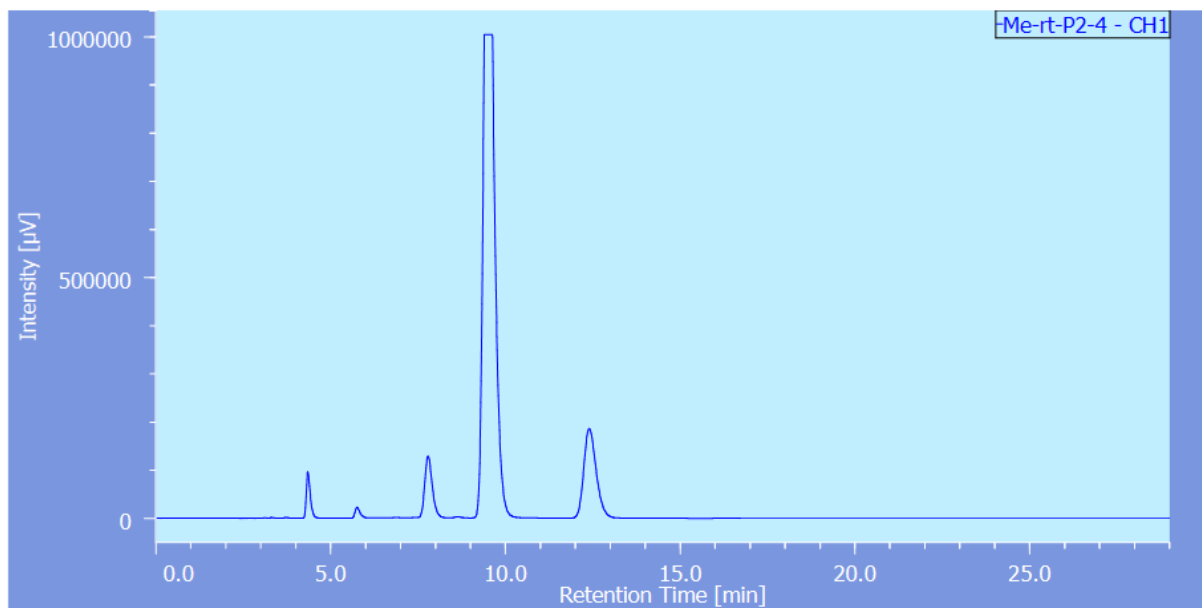
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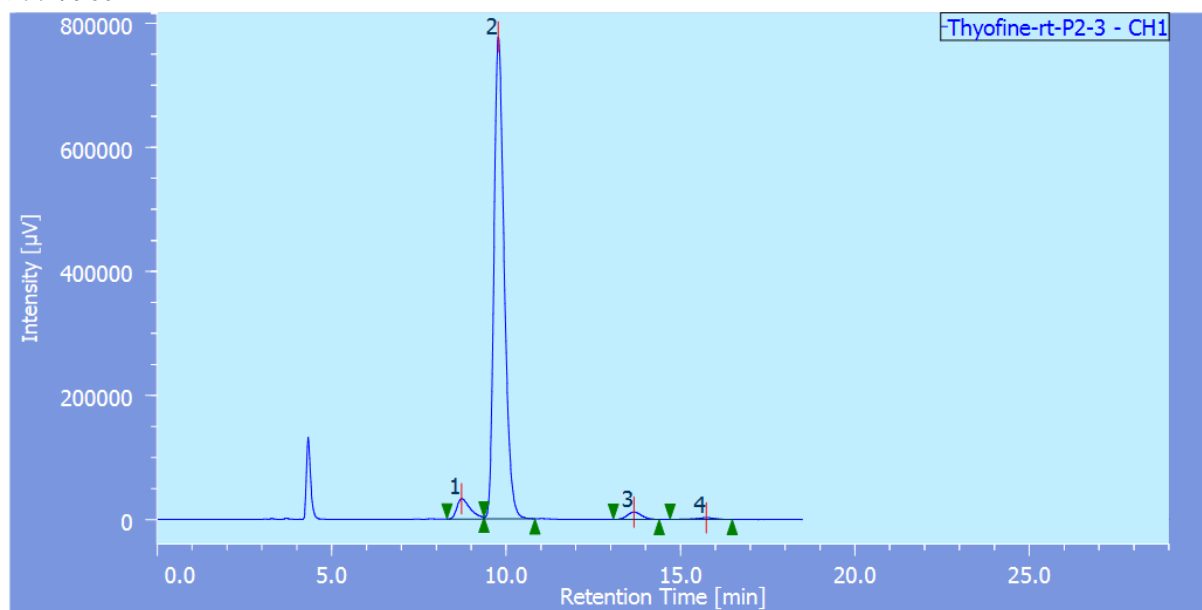
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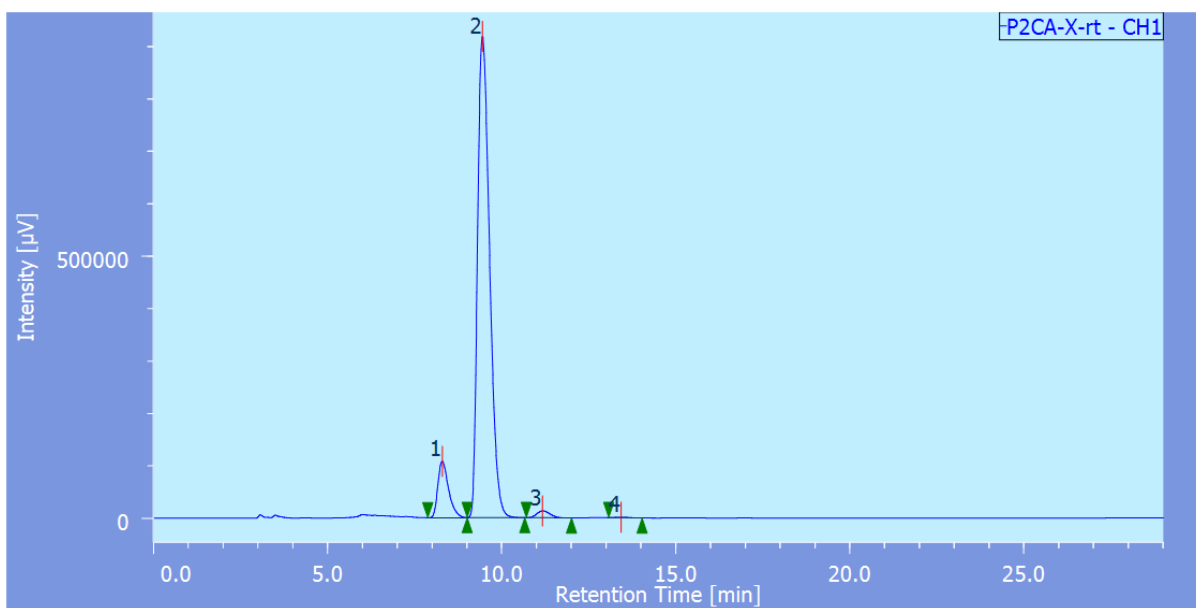
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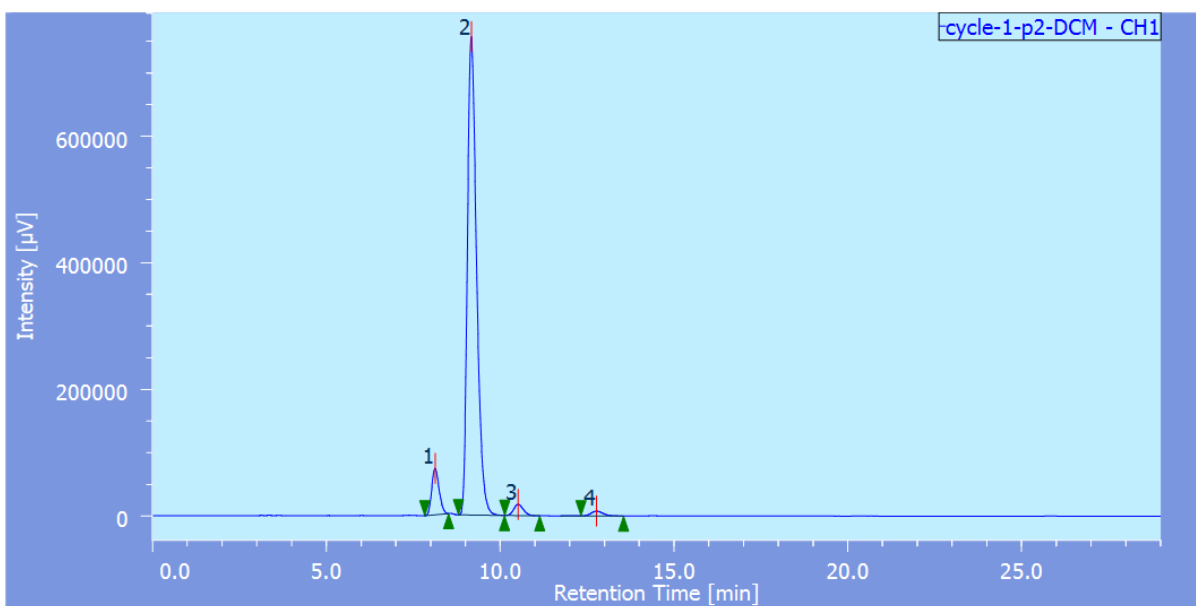
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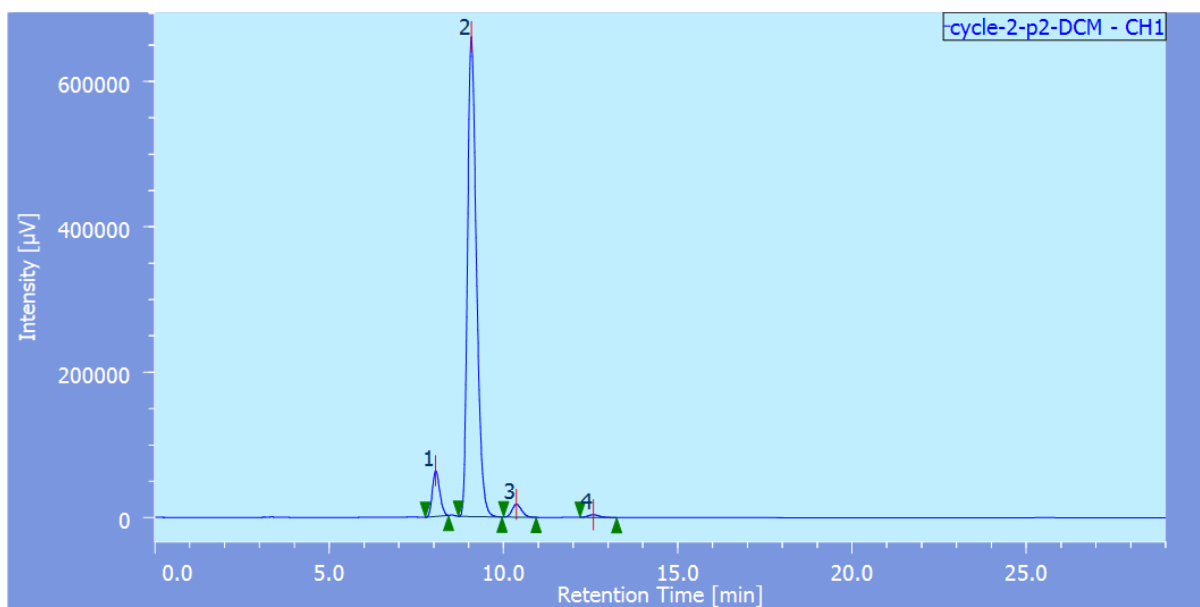
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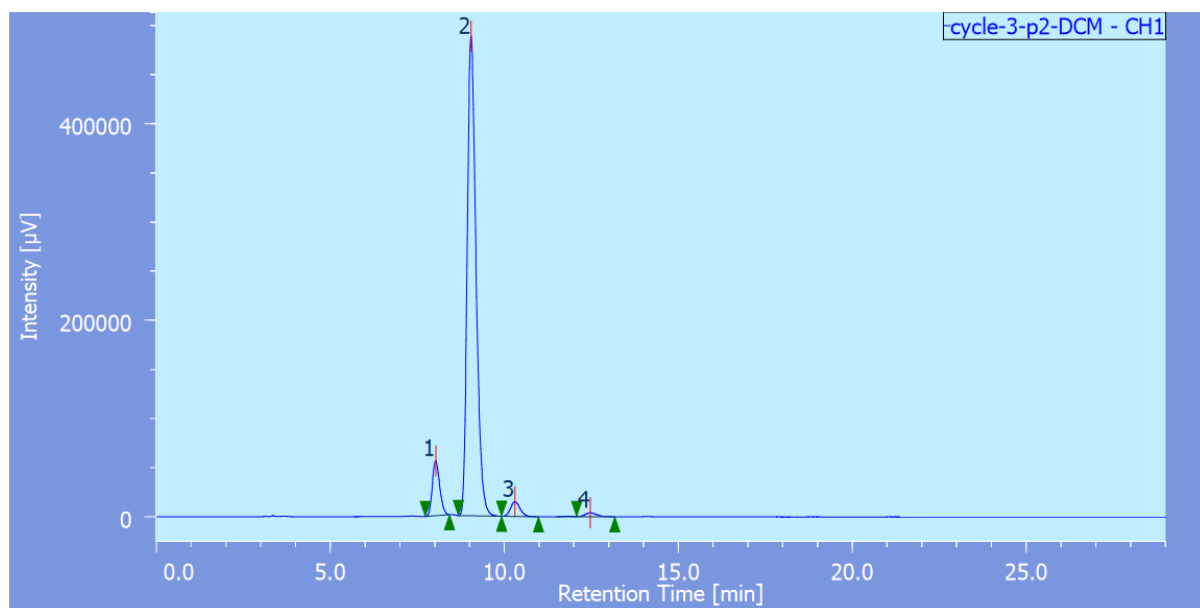
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 3 **Table 6, entry 1, fresh**  
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 7 **Table 6, entry 2, cycle 1**  
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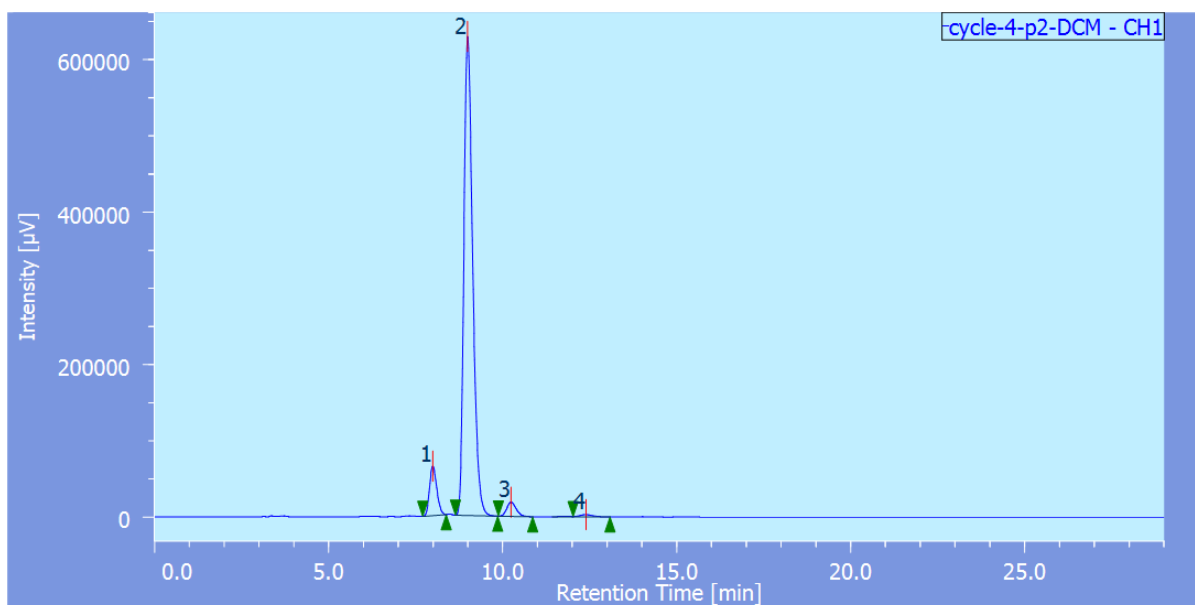


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 3 **Table 6, entry 3, cycle 2**  
 4 **99% *ee***



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 7 **Table 6, entry 4, cycle 3**  
 8 **98% *ee***  
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**Figure S64: HPLC chromatogram of asymmetric compound, 13**  
**Table 6, entry 5, cycle 4**  
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