

**Supporting Information**

**for**

**Supported bifunctional thioureas as recoverable and  
reusable catalysts for enantioselective nitro-Michael  
reactions**

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**Physical and spectral data for all the compounds. Copies of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$   
NMR spectra, and HPLC traces for all compounds synthesized**

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## 1. Compound characterization data

**(S)-Diethyl 2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)malonate (4aa).**<sup>1</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.82 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H, CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.23 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 9.2 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.23–7.33 (m, 5H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 10.0 min (minor, *R*), 24.6 min (major, *S*).

**(R)-Dimethyl 2-methyl-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)malonate (4ab).**<sup>1</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.05 (m, 2H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.15–7.18 (m, 2H, Har), 7.27–7.32 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 0.8 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 15.0 min (major, *R*), 16.3 min (minor, *S*).

**(R)-Diethyl 2-methyl-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)malonate (4ac).**<sup>2</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.18 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 7.17–7.21 (m, 2H, Har), 7.28–7.34 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 98/2, 0.5 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 18.9 min (minor, *S*), 20.8 min (major, *R*).

**(S)-Dimethyl 2-chloro-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)malonate (4ad).**<sup>1</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.22–7.41 (m, 5H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 11.3 min (major, *S*), 18.1 min (minor, *R*).

**(S)-3-(2-Nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (4ae).**<sup>3</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.92 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.22 (m, 1H, CH), 4.37 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CHCOMe), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.15–7.17 (m, 2H, Har), 7.24–7.33 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 9.5 min (major, *S*), 12.2 min (minor, *R*).

**(R)-3-Methyl-3-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (4af).** Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.14–7.16 (m, 2H, Har), 7.24–7.30 (m, 3H, Har). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1, 28.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 47.4 (CH), 67.7 (C), 76.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.4, 128.8, 129.2 (CHar), 135.0 (Car), 205.6, 208.0 (CO). IR (ATR): 2987, 1714, 1698, 1551, 1358, 1207, 1087, 962, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> + Na: 286.1050; found: 286.1053. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +29.0 (c = 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for er 93:7. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD–H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 17.0 min (minor, *S*), 18.6 min (major, *R*).

**(2*R*,3*R*)-Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-methyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate (4ag).**<sup>4</sup> Colorless solid. Major diastereoisomer. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.98–4.17 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.23 (m, 1H, CHPh), 4.94–4.97 (m, 2H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.20–7.24 (m, 2H, Har), 7.26–7.31 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): t<sub>R</sub> (major diastereoisomer) = 13.6 min (major, 2*R*,3*R*), 19.6 min (minor, 2*S*,3*S*).

**(S)-Diethyl 2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)malonate (4ba).**<sup>1</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.76 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.20 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 9.3 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.89 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Har), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD–H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 9.4 min (minor, *R*), 25.0 min (major, *S*).

**(S)-Diethyl 2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)malonate (4ca).**<sup>2</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H, CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.24 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 9.4 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.02 (m, 2H, Har), 7.24 (m, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD–H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 12.5 min (minor, *R*), 51.6 min (major, *S*).

**(S)-Diethyl 2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)malonate (4da).**<sup>1</sup> Colorless solid.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.79 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H, CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.22 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.89 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Har), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 11.5 min (minor, *R*), 41.8 min (major, *S*).

**(S)-Ethyl 1-((*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (5aa).**<sup>5</sup>

Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80–2.09 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H, CHPh), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CHHCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.20–7.35 (m, 5H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> (major diastereoisomer) = 9.2 min (major), 12.4 min (minor).

**(S)-Ethyl 1-((*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (5ab).**<sup>5</sup>

Colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.44–1.74 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00–2.12 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.42–2.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.20 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.79 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.14–7.17 (m, 2H, Har), 7.25–7.30 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> (major diastereoisomer) = 121.8 min (major), 15.4 min (minor).

**(S)-Methyl 1-((*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5ac).**<sup>4</sup>

Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.40–1.94 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.50–2.63 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 3.77 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 10.0 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.14–7.21 (m, 2H, Har), 7.28–7.34 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm); t<sub>R</sub> (major diastereoisomer) = 14.6 min (major), 30.5 min (minor).

**(R)-2-Acetyl-2-((*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)cyclopentanone (5ad).**<sup>5</sup> Colorless solid.

Major diastereoisomer. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.57 (m, 1H, CH), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H, CHPh),

4.51 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 3.9$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 4.86 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 11.5$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 7.24-7.33 (m, 5H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  (major diastereoisomer) = 14.3 min (major), 44.9 min (minor).

**(R)-3-acetyl-3-((R)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (5ae).**<sup>5</sup> Colorless solid. Major diastereoisomer. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.23-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (ddd,  $J = 13.2, 7.8, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 (td,  $J = 8.9, 4.2$  Hz, 1H, CHHO), 4.03 (dt,  $J = 8.9, 7.8$  Hz, 1H, CHHO), 4.49-4.56 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> and CHPh), 4.85 (dd,  $J = 12.6, 10.3$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 7.32-7.39 (m, 5H). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  (major diastereoisomer) = 25.1 min (major), 54.5 min (minor).

**(S)-Ethyl 1-((R)1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (5ba).**<sup>6</sup> Colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.26 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11-1.82 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 4.03 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.7$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.20 (q, 1H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, OCHH), 4.21 (q, 1H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, OCHH), 4.97 (dd,  $J = 13.7, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 5.15 (dd, 1H,  $J = 13.7, 3.7$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Har), 7.28 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  (major diastereoisomer) = 15.1 min (major), 24.0 min (minor).

**(S)-Ethyl 1-((R)1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (5ca).**<sup>6</sup> Colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.81-2.11 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 4.04 (dd,  $J = 11.2, 3.7$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.19 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.96 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 5.14 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 7.00 (m, 2H, Har), 7.26 (m, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  (major diastereoisomer) = 24.2 min (major), 40.6 min (minor).

**(S)-Ethyl 1-((R)1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (5da).**<sup>6</sup> Colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.78-2.05 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.05 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.20 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.96 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 5.12 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, Har), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiraldak AD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol =

97/3, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 210$  nm);  $t_R$  (major diastereoisomer) = 27.5 min (minor), 33.1 min (major).

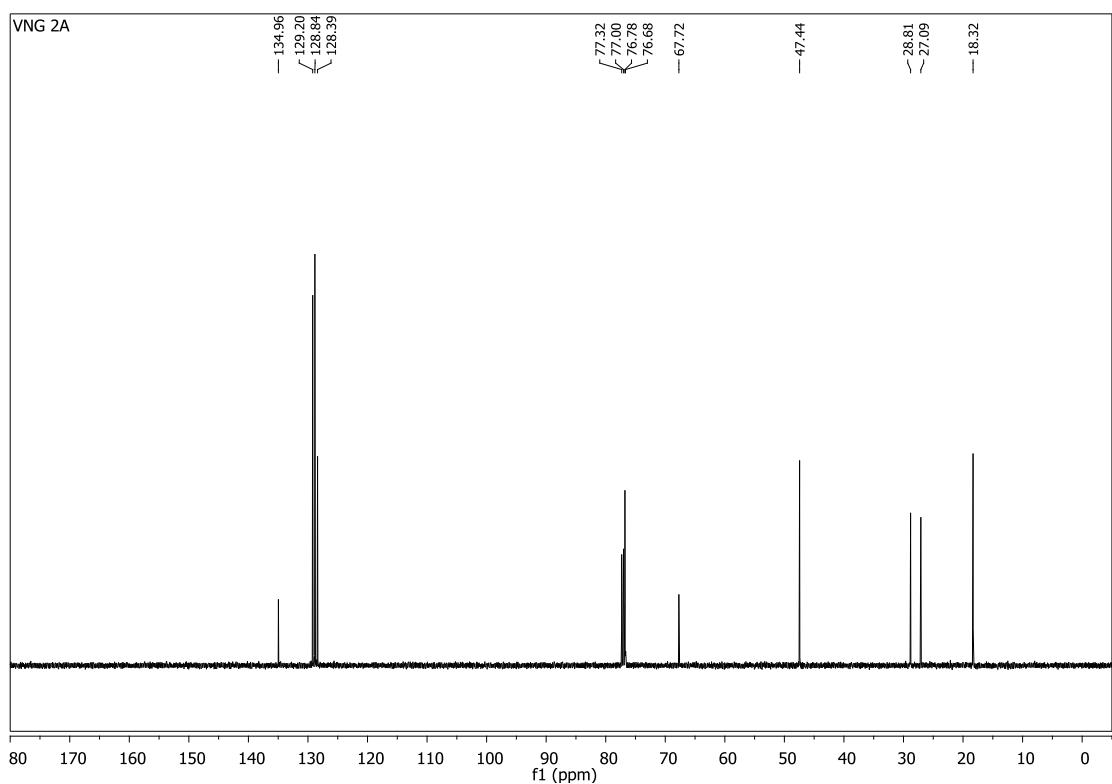
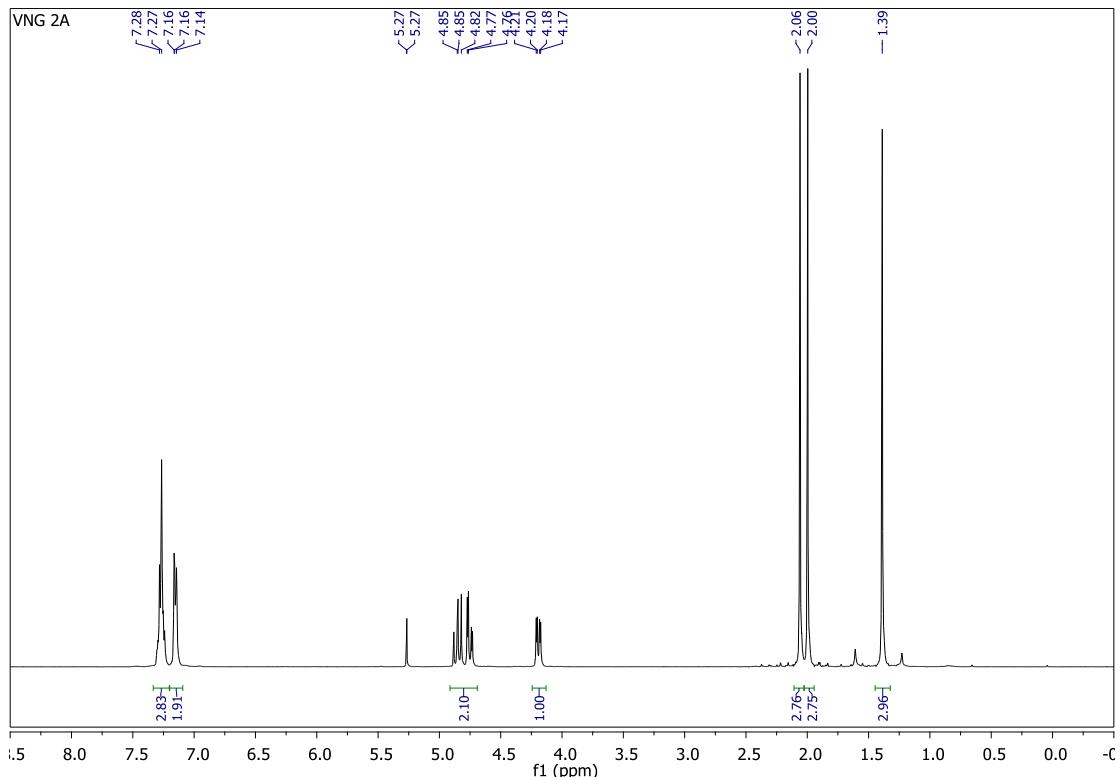
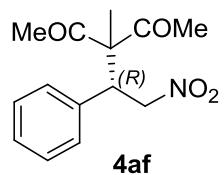
**(S)-2-Nitro-2-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)cyclohexanone (7aa).**<sup>7</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.53-1.80 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 (m, 1H, CHHCO), 2.30 (ddd,  $J = 14.9, 6.3, 3.4$  Hz, 1H, CHHCO), 2.58 (m, 1H, CHHCNO<sub>2</sub>), 2.66 (dtd,  $J = 13.4, 4.2, 1.5$  Hz, 1H, CHHCNO<sub>2</sub>), 4.30 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.1$  Hz, 1H, CHPh), 4.70 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.14 (dd,  $J = 13.7, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H, Har), 7.32-7.37 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  = 22.4 min (major), 38.8 min (minor).

**(S)-2-((S)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-nitrocyclohexanone (7ba).**<sup>7</sup> Yellow oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.57 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.81 (m, 3H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.31 (dq,  $J = 15.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 1H), 4.27 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHAr), 4.63 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.10 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, Har), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  = 22.9 min (major), 48.8 min (minor).

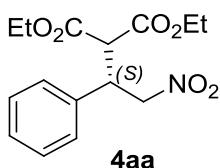
**(S)-2-[(S)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl]-2-nitrocyclohexanone (7da).**<sup>7</sup> Yellow oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.58 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.81 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dq,  $J = 14.8, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (ddd,  $J = 13.5, 12.1, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dtd,  $J = 13.5, 4.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHAr), 4.66 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 11.1$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, Har), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm);  $t_R$  = 18.1 min (major), 30.3 min (minor).

**(2S,3S)-Ethyl 2-Methyl-2,4-dinitro-3-phenylbutanoate (7ab).**<sup>8</sup> Colorless solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.64 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.40 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 3.1$  Hz, 1H, CHPh); 5.06 (dd,  $J = 14.0, 10.4$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>); 5.12 (dd,  $J = 14.0, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CHHNO<sub>2</sub>); 7.12-7.14 (m, 2H, Har); 7.34-7.36 (m, 3H, Har). **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm); *anti*-adduct:  $t_R$  = 12.3 min (major), 28.8 min (major) (er 74:26); *syn*-adduct:  $t_R$  = 14.1 min (major), 16.6 min (minor) (er 60:40).

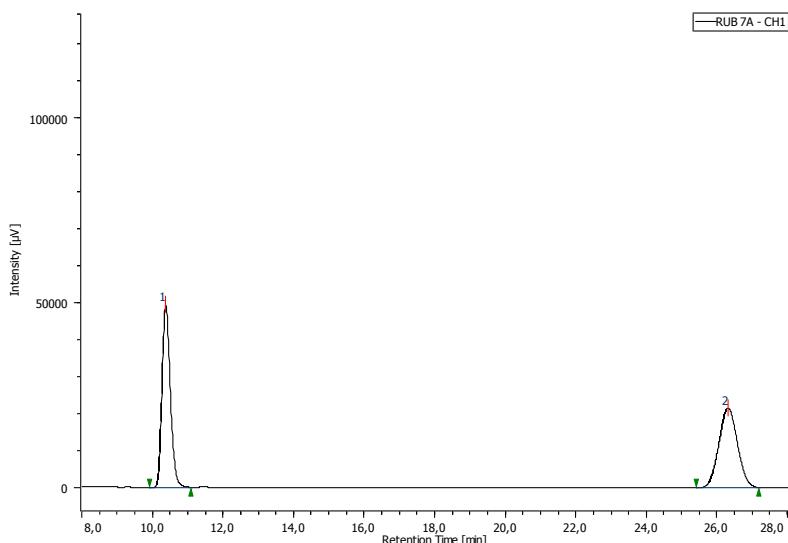
## 2. NMR spectra for new compounds



### 3. HPLC Profiles of the Nitro-Michael Products.

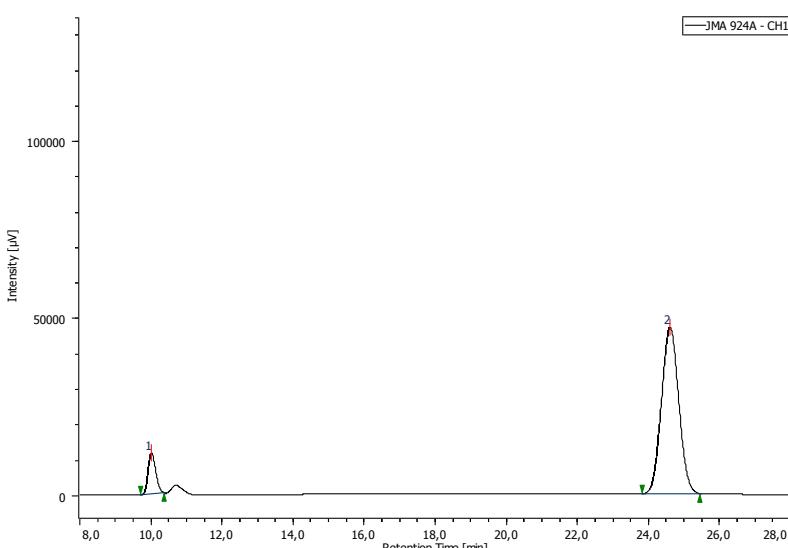


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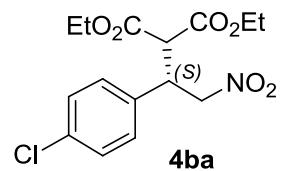


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<b>2</b>	<b>26,292</b>	<b>788792</b>	<b>21527</b>	<b>49,652</b>	<b>30,448</b>	<b>1,034</b>

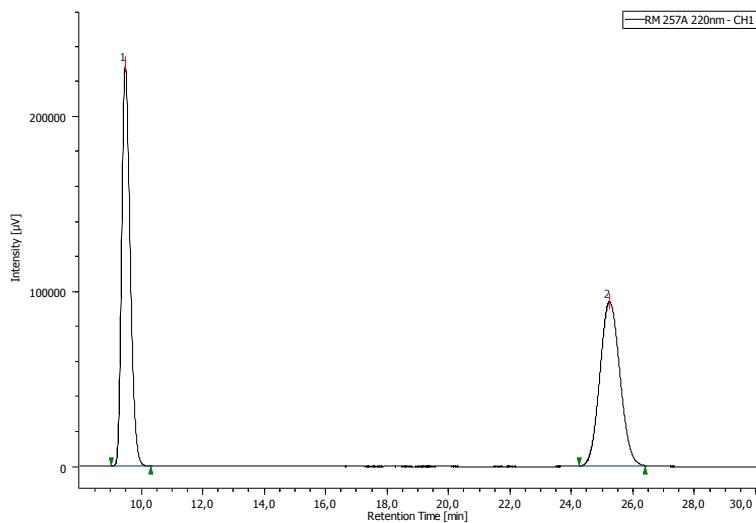
HPLC profile for entry 5, table 1. 90:10 er.



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<b>2</b>	<b>24,583</b>	<b>1584300</b>	<b>46904</b>	<b>90,156</b>	<b>80,148</b>	<b>1,044</b>

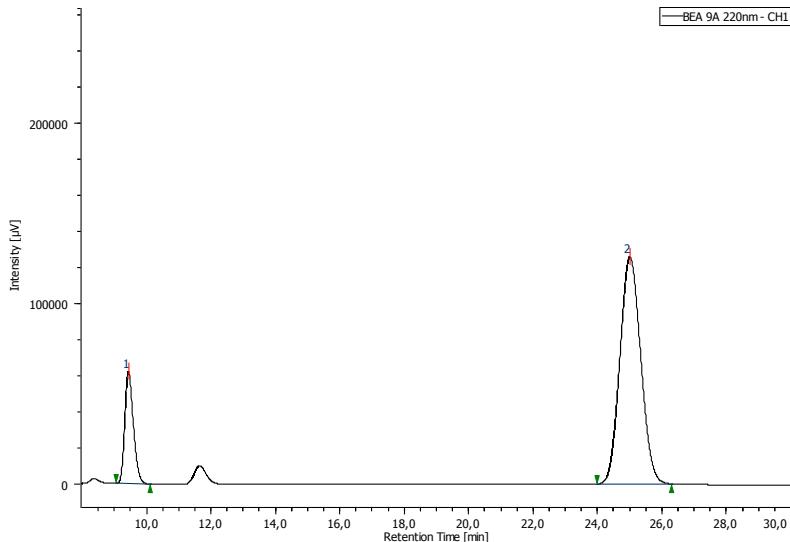


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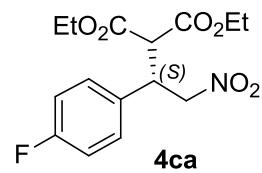


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<b>2</b>	<b>25,217</b>	<b>4230130</b>	<b>93688</b>	<b>49,770</b>	<b>29,063</b>	<b>1,073</b>

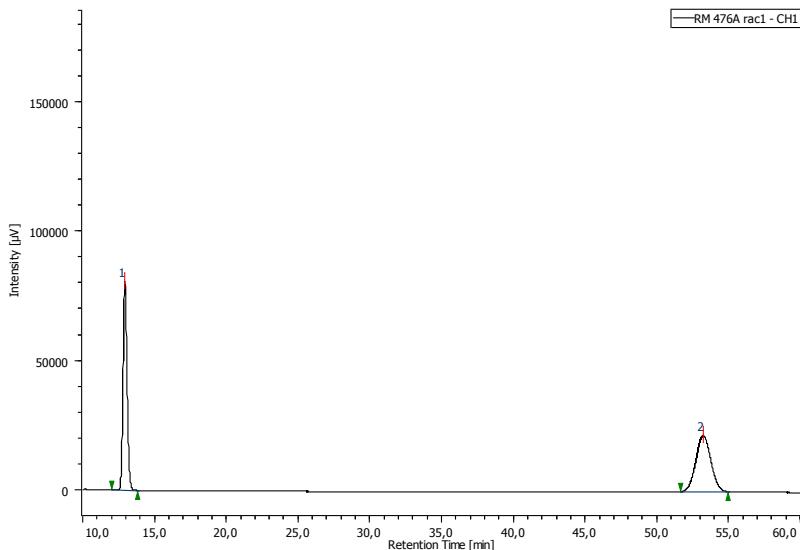
**HPLC profile for entry 1, table 2. 83:17 er.**



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<b>2</b>	<b>24,983</b>	<b>5645227</b>	<b>125586</b>	<b>83,097</b>	<b>66,914</b>	<b>1,081</b>

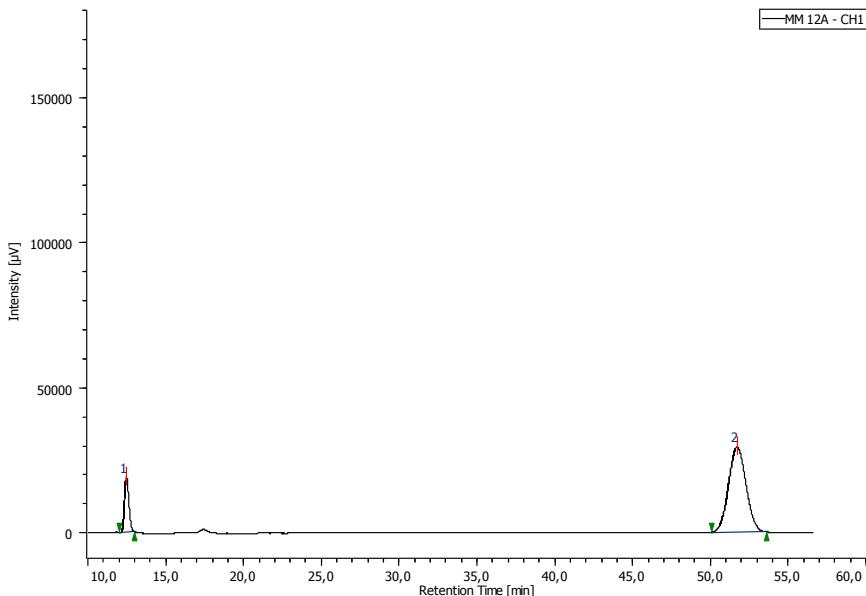


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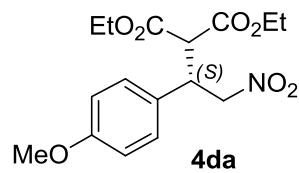


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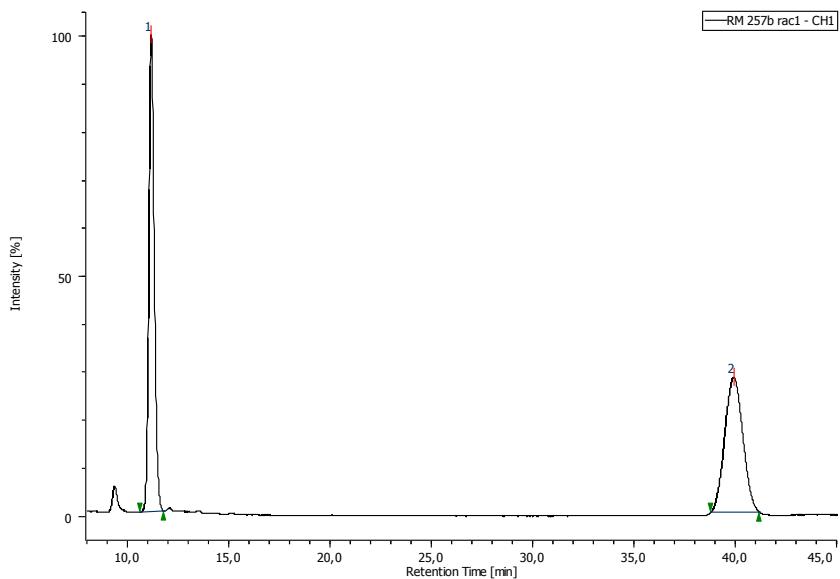
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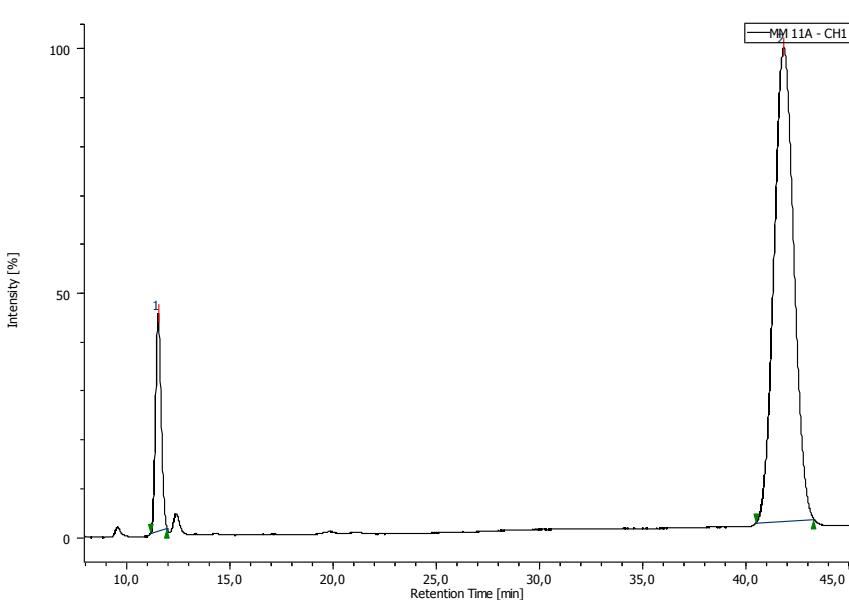
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<b>2</b>	<b>51,658</b>	<b>2271851</b>	<b>29271</b>	<b>86,079</b>	<b>60,724</b>	<b>1,056</b>

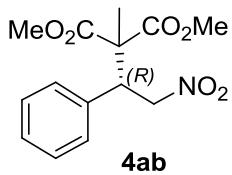


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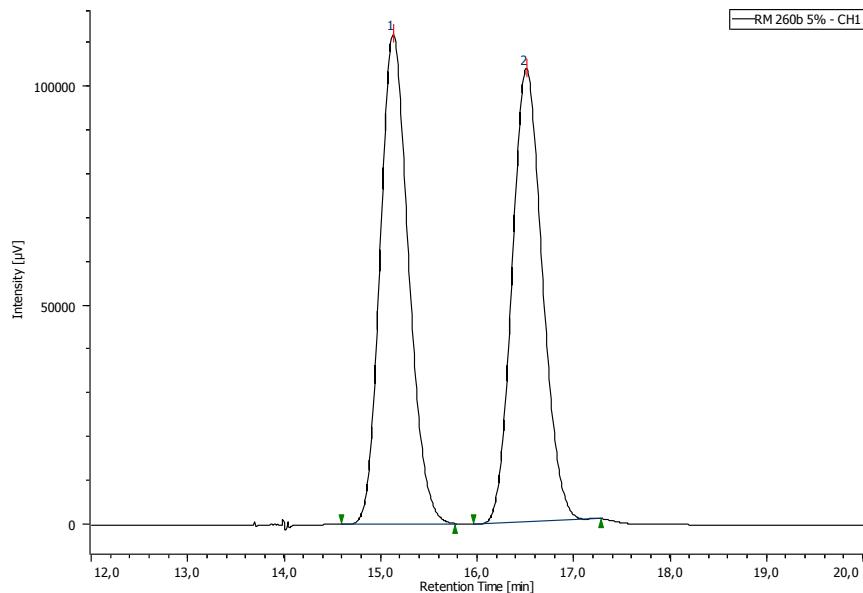


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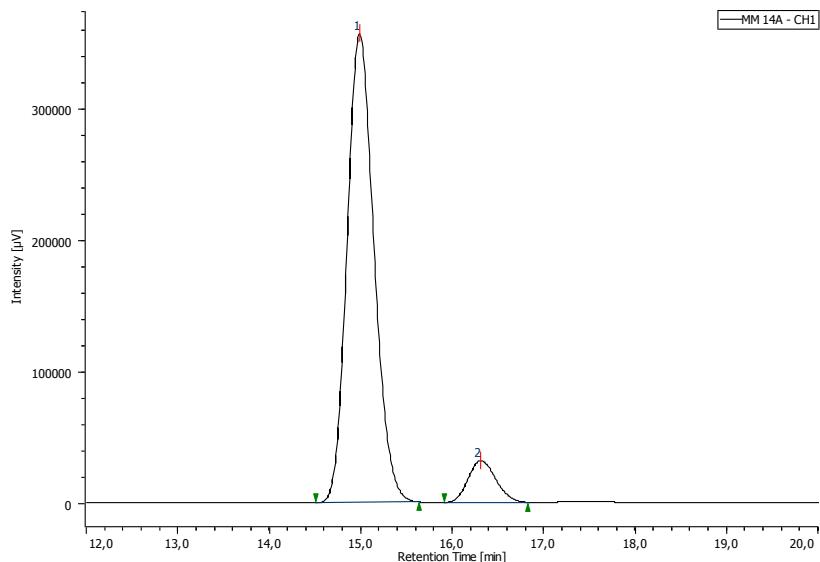


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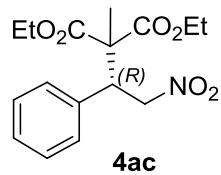


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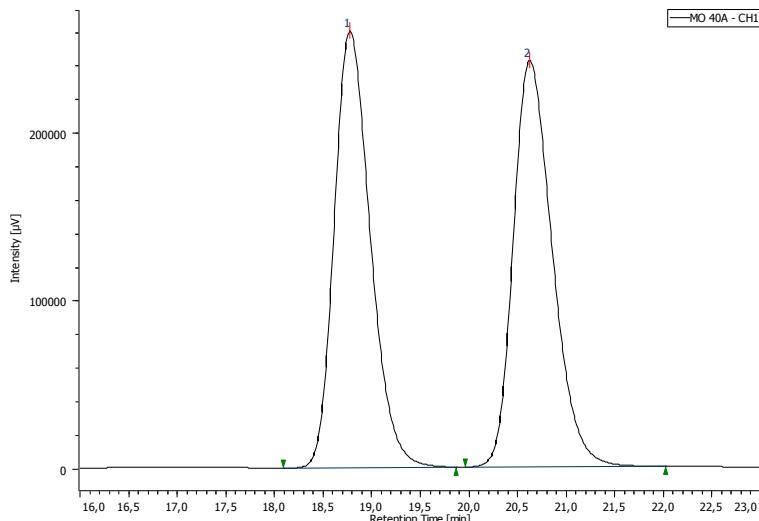
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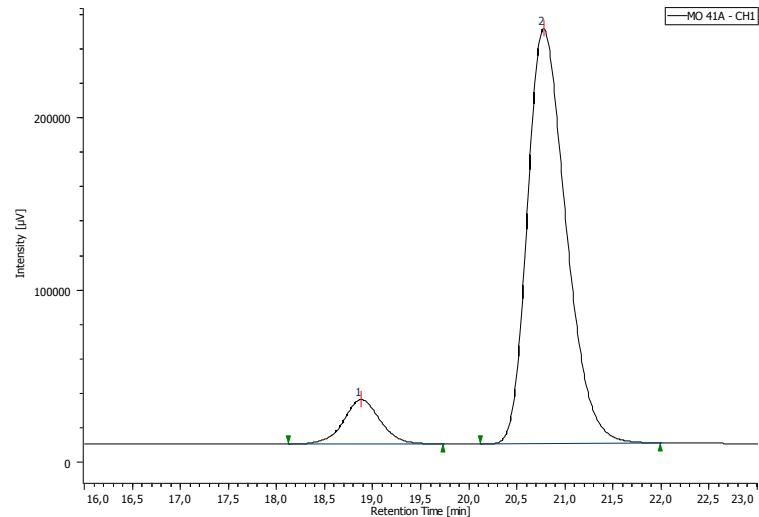


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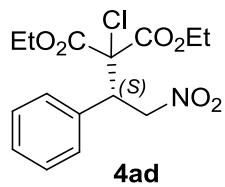


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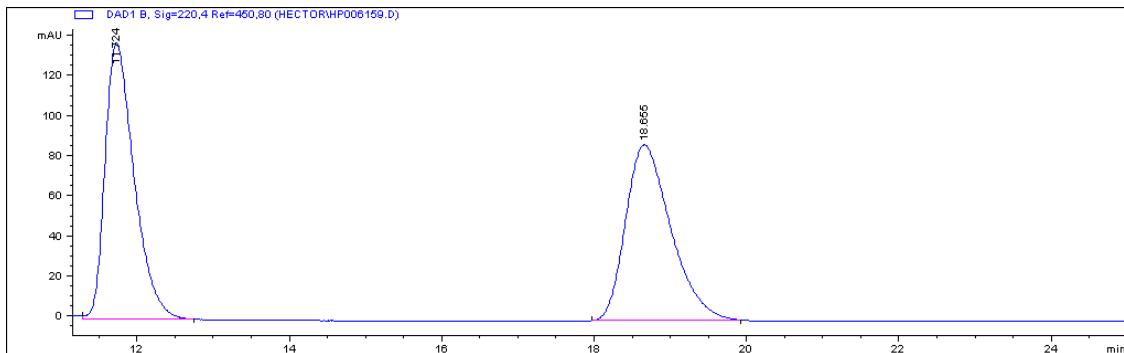
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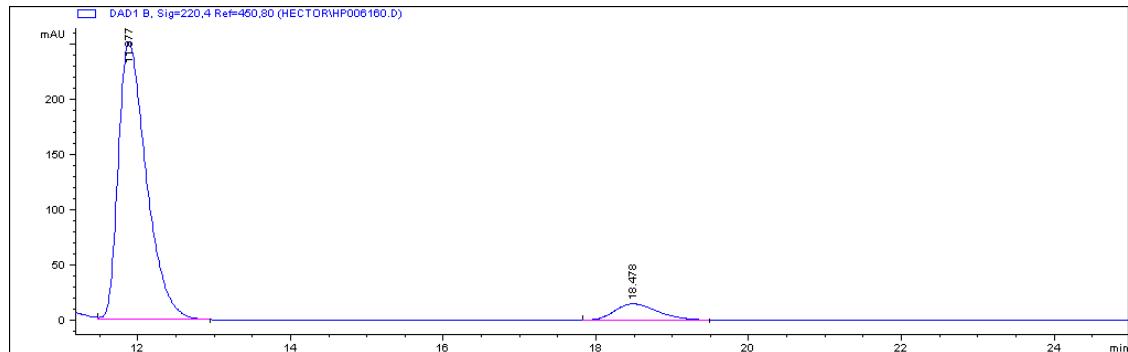


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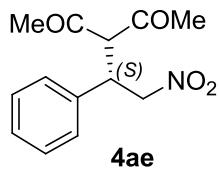


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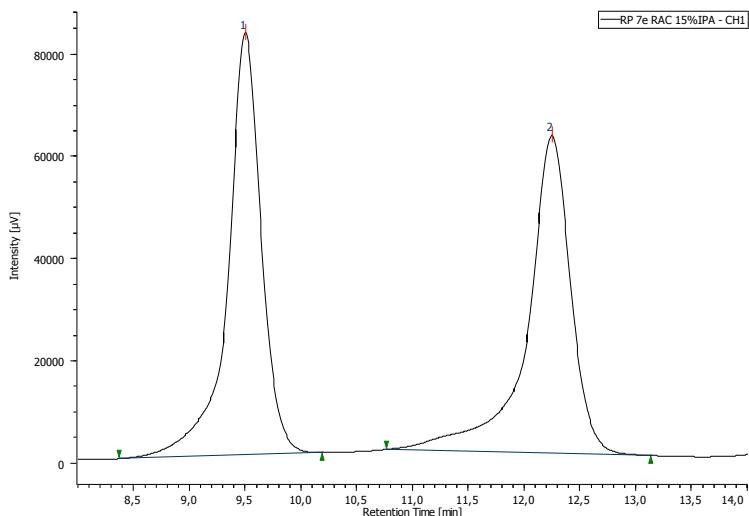
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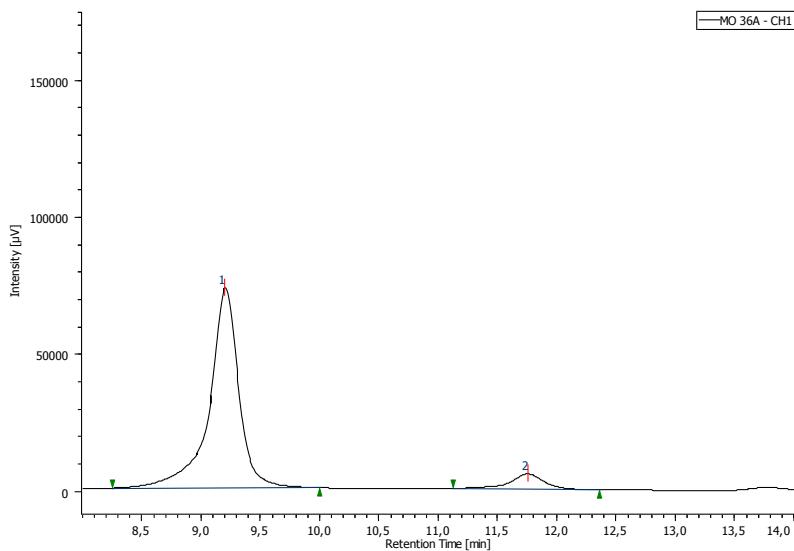


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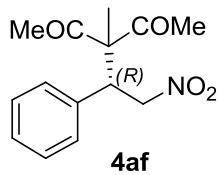


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<b>2</b>	<b>12,242</b>	<b>1691837</b>	<b>62066</b>	<b>49,594</b>	<b>42,961</b>	<b>0,724</b>

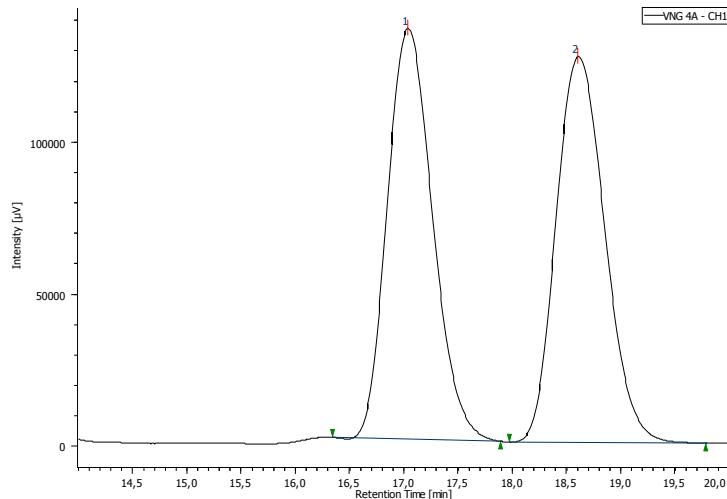
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<b>2</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>114483</b>	<b>5559</b>	<b>8,316</b>	<b>7,091</b>	<b>0,875</b>

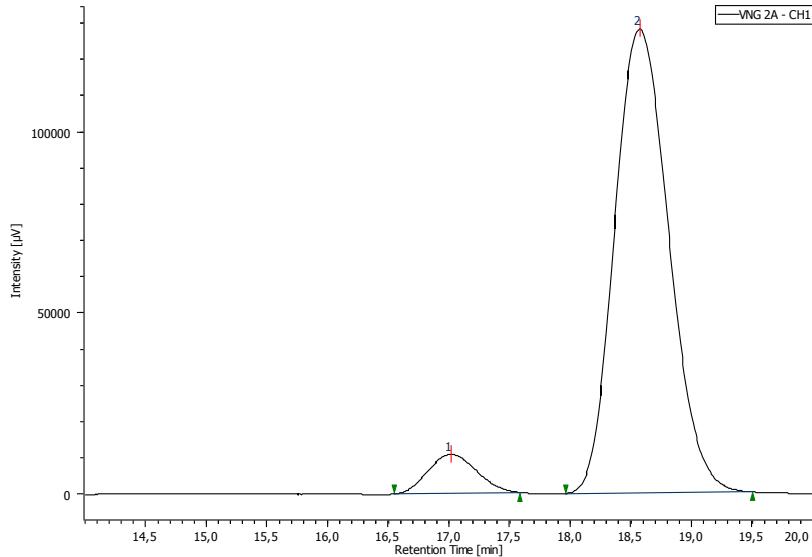


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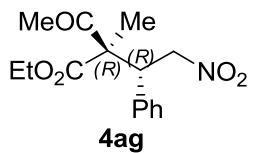


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<b>2</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>3956485</b>	<b>126651</b>	<b>50,344</b>	<b>48,455</b>	<b>1,180</b>

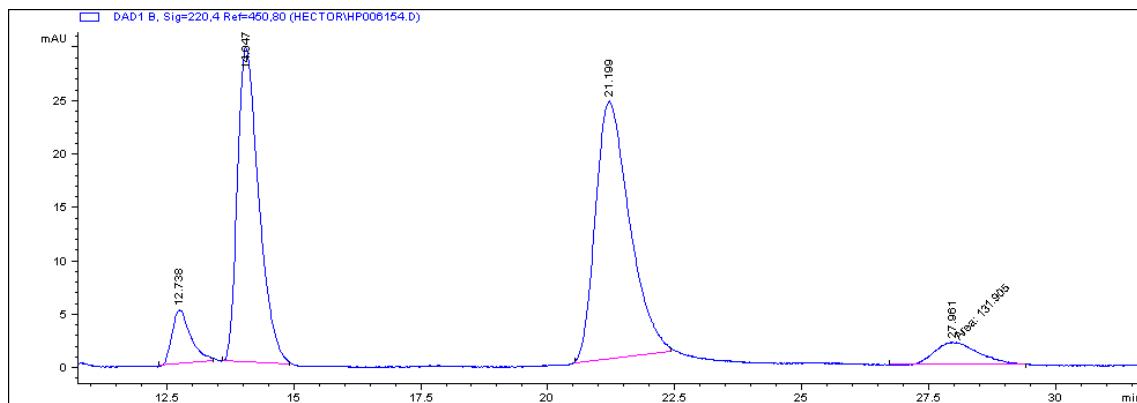
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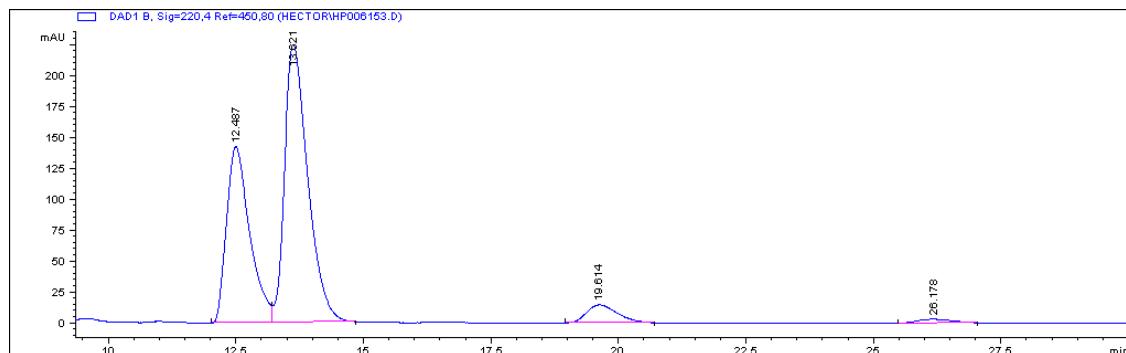


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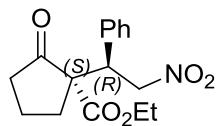


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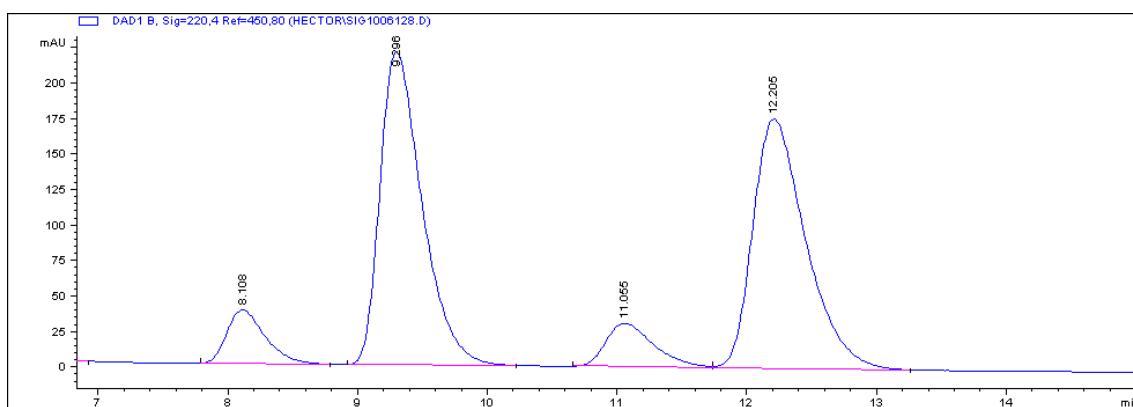
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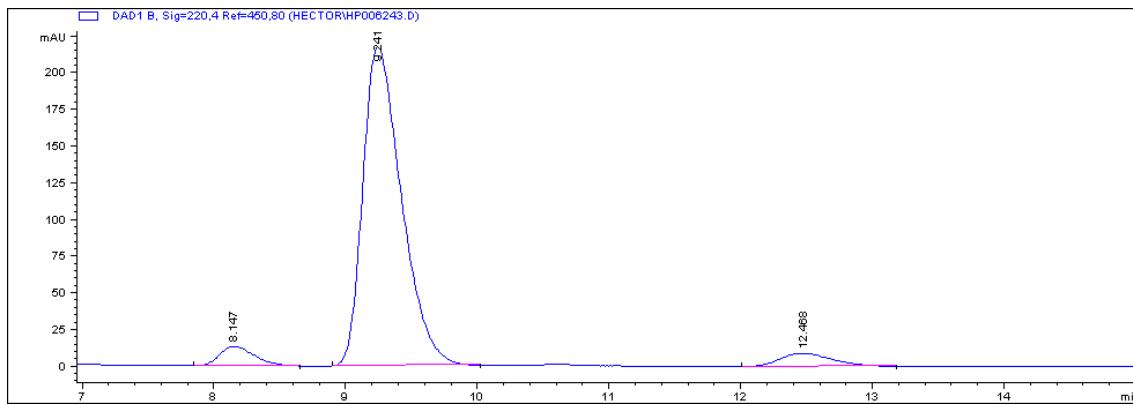
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4	26.178	152.4	3.2	0.5748	1.226	0.832

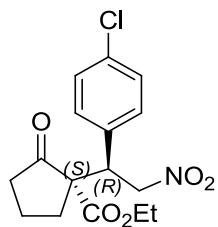


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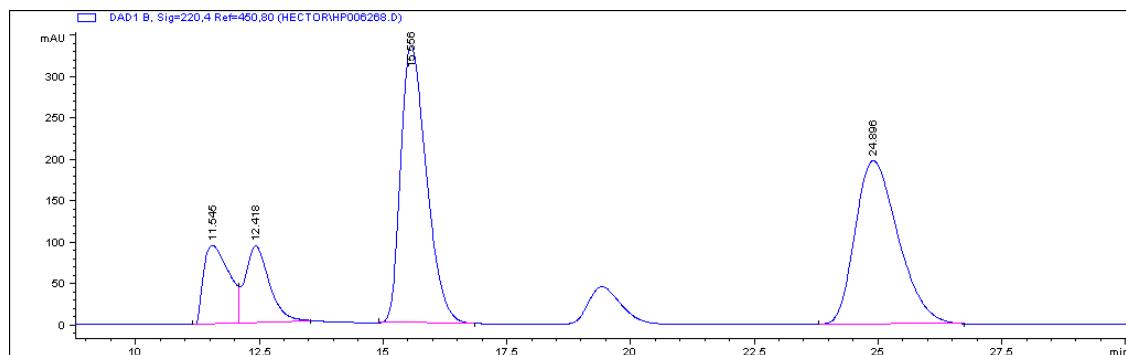
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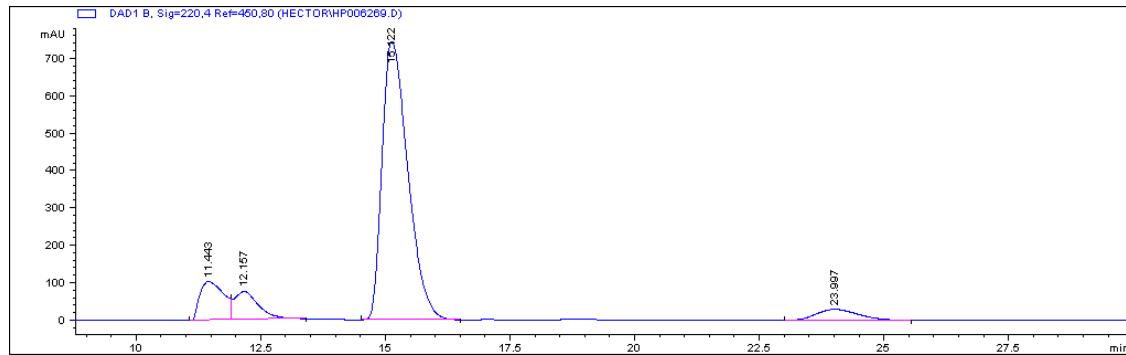
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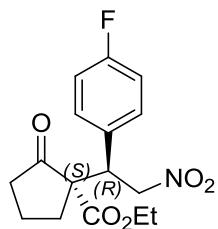


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3	15.556	12156.1	335.4	0.554	39.620	0.637
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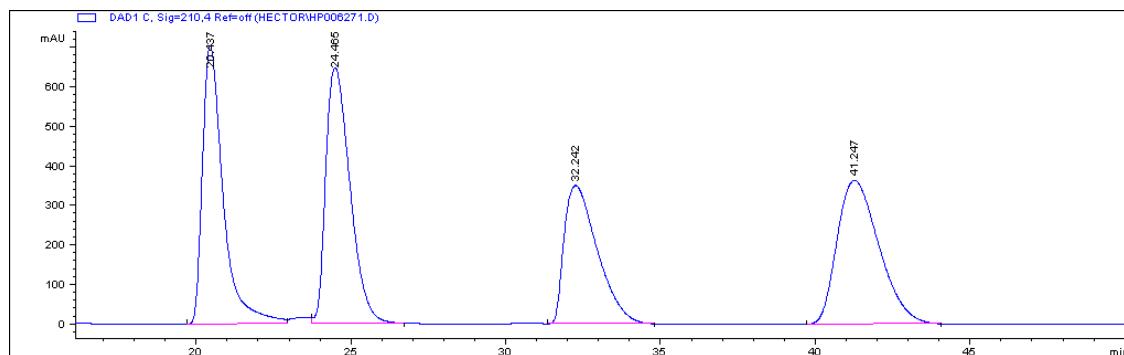


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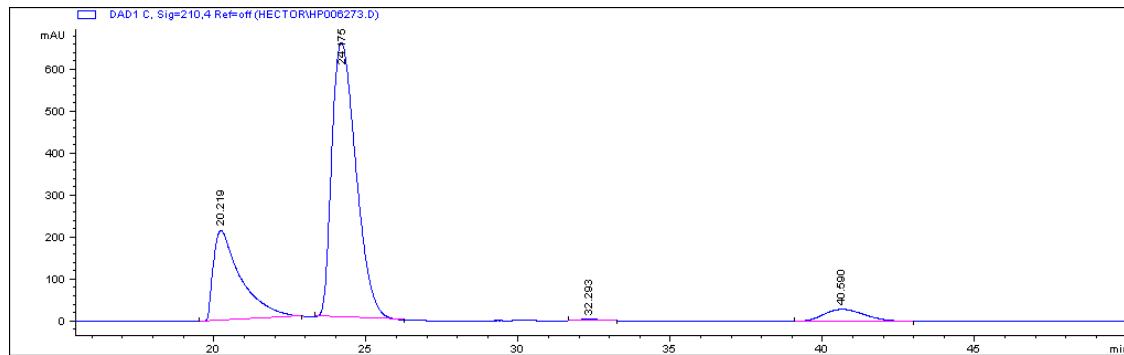
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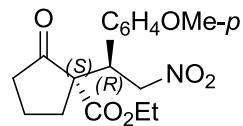


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3	32.242	26142.1	349.7	0.8977	20.294	0.509
4	41.247	34284.6	364	1.1117	26.615	0.679

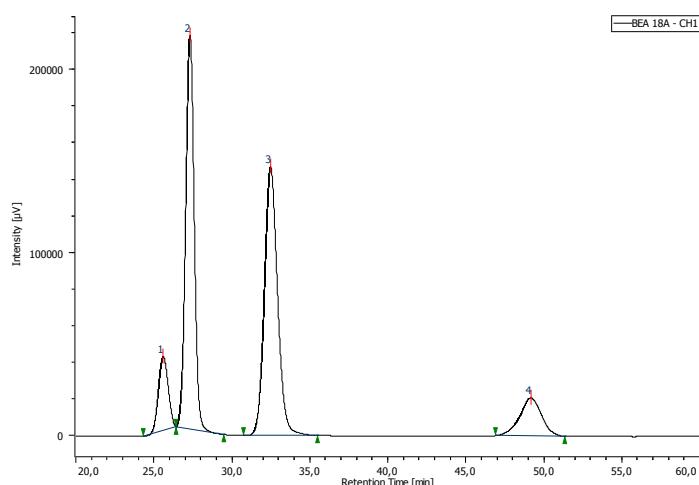
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1	20.219	13530.1	215.3	0.8741	25.665	0.353
2	24.175	36262.5	656.3	0.7758	68.785	0.607
3	32.293	229.1	3.9	0.6973	0.435	0.777
4	40.59	2696.6	28.8	1.1065	5.115	0.705

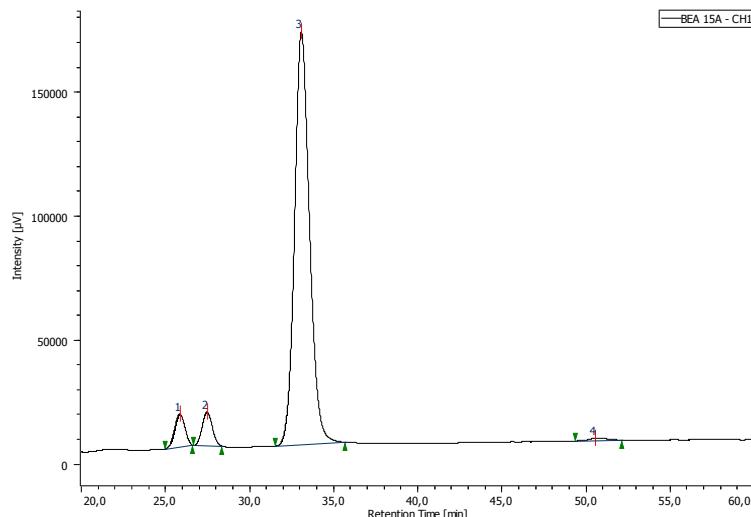


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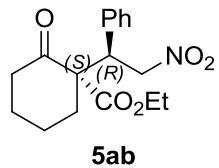


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1	25,600	1708176	40011	8,412	9,501	1,010
2	27,317	8088582	214091	39,833	50,838	0,987
3	32,467	8517863	146421	41,947	34,769	1,114
4	49,117	1991760	20604	9,809	4,892	0,950

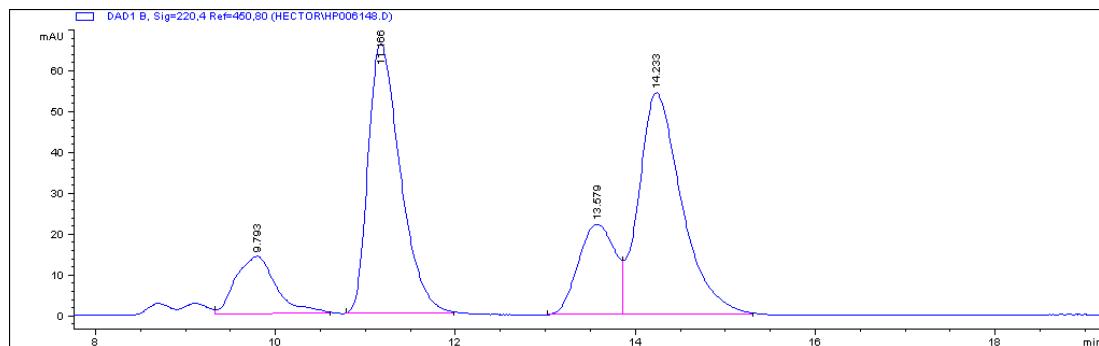
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2	27,475	564460	13554	4,951	7,001	1,044
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4	50,517	74353	842	0,652	0,435	1,160

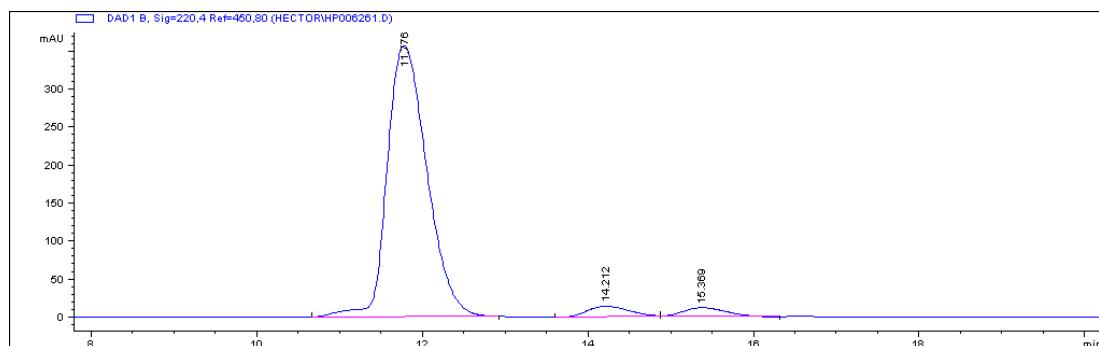


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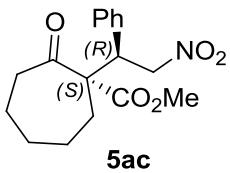


#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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<b>2</b>	<b>11.166</b>	<b>1639.9</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0.3794</b>	<b>36.317</b>	<b>0.607</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>13.579</b>	<b>629.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>0.3856</b>	<b>13.939</b>	<b>1.094</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>14.233</b>	<b>1800.2</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>39.868</b>	<b>0.675</b>

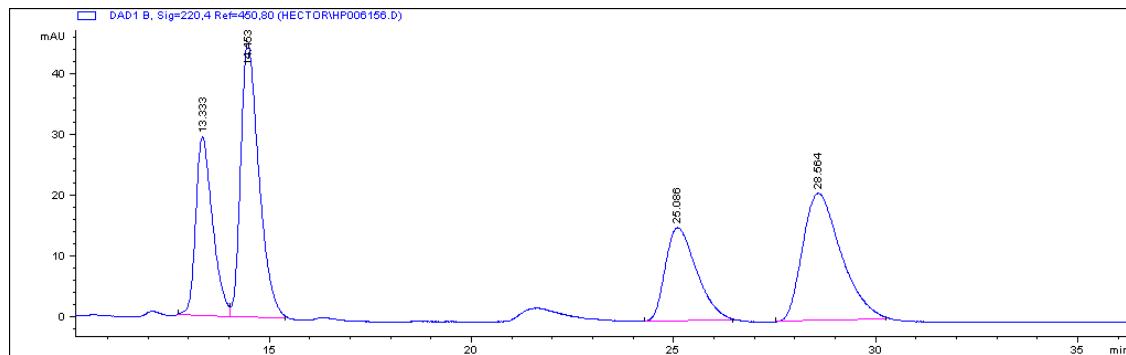
**HPLC profile for entry 6, table 3. 88/12 dr; 96:4 er.**



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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<b>2</b>	<b>14.212</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>0.4324</b>	<b>4.017</b>	<b>0.742</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>15.369</b>	<b>447.8</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>0.4617</b>	<b>3.473</b>	<b>0.75</b>

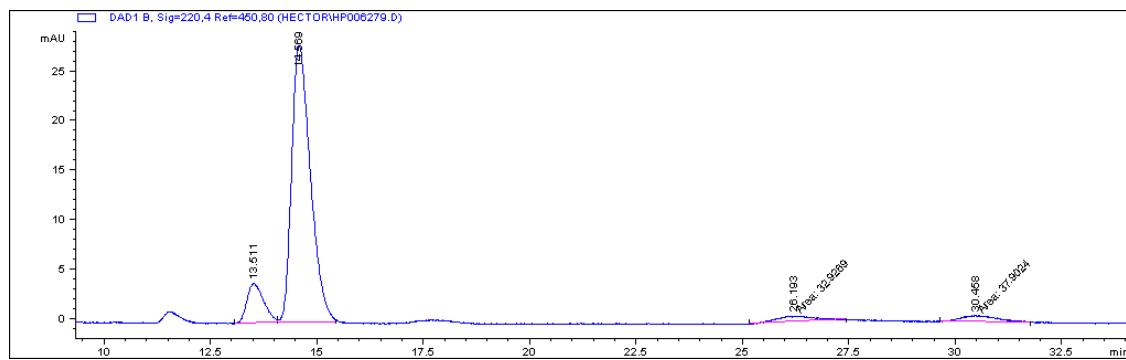


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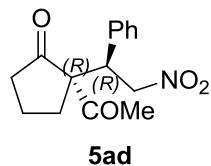


#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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<b>2</b>	<b>14.453</b>	<b>1422.2</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>0.4537</b>	<b>31.589</b>	<b>0.603</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>25.086</b>	<b>827.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>0.6457</b>	<b>18.374</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>28.564</b>	<b>1388.9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.7883</b>	<b>30.850</b>	<b>0.658</b>

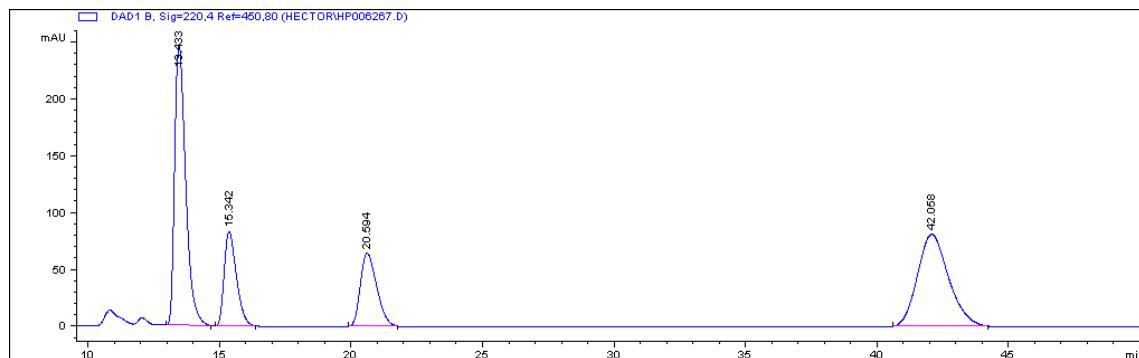
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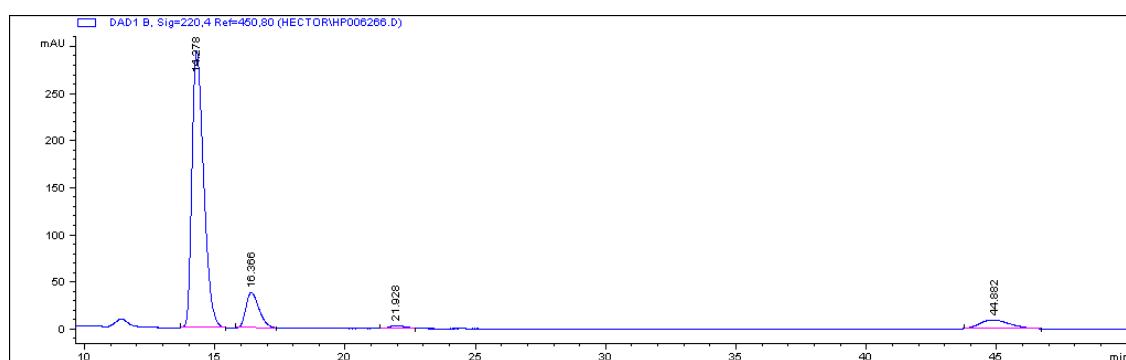
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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<b>2</b>	<b>14.569</b>	<b>860.3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.4224</b>	<b>82.608</b>	<b>0.608</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>26.193</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>5.2E-1</b>	<b>1.0484</b>	<b>3.162</b>	<b>0.798</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>30.458</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>6.4E-1</b>	<b>0.9883</b>	<b>3.639</b>	<b>0.631</b>

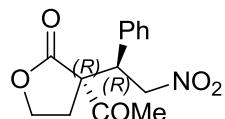


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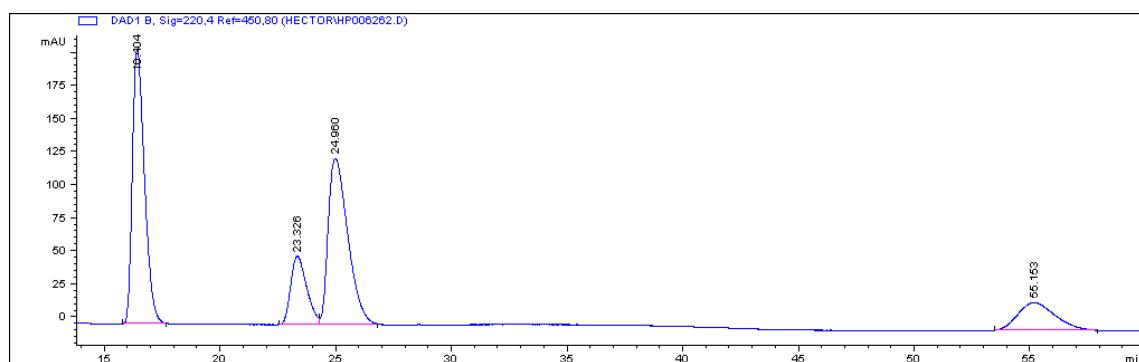
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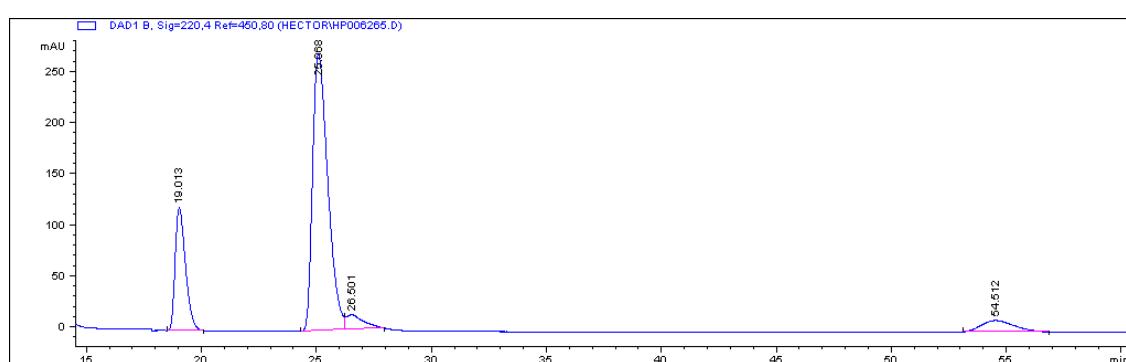


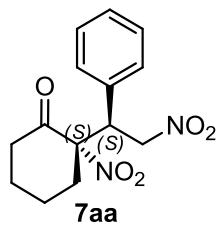
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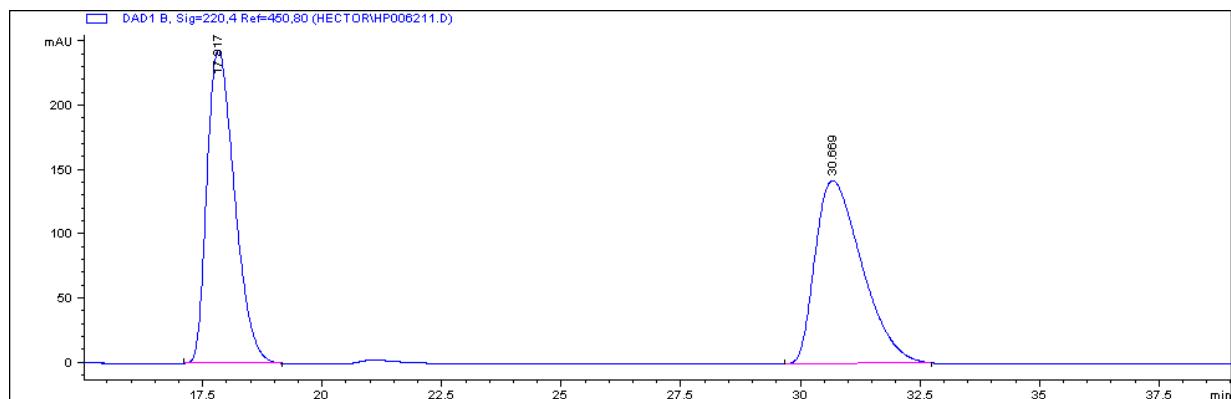


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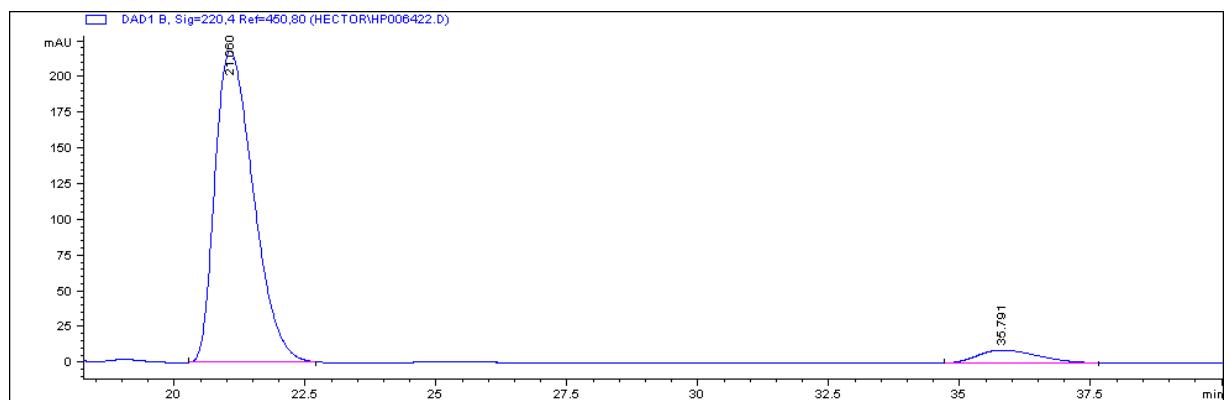


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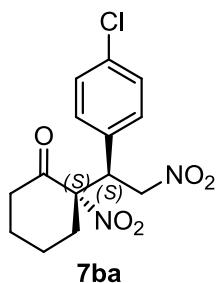


Peak Name	Time	Area	Height	Area%	Symmetry
1	17.817	9794.4	243.9	50.250	0.665
2	30.669	9697.1	142.6	49.750	0.57

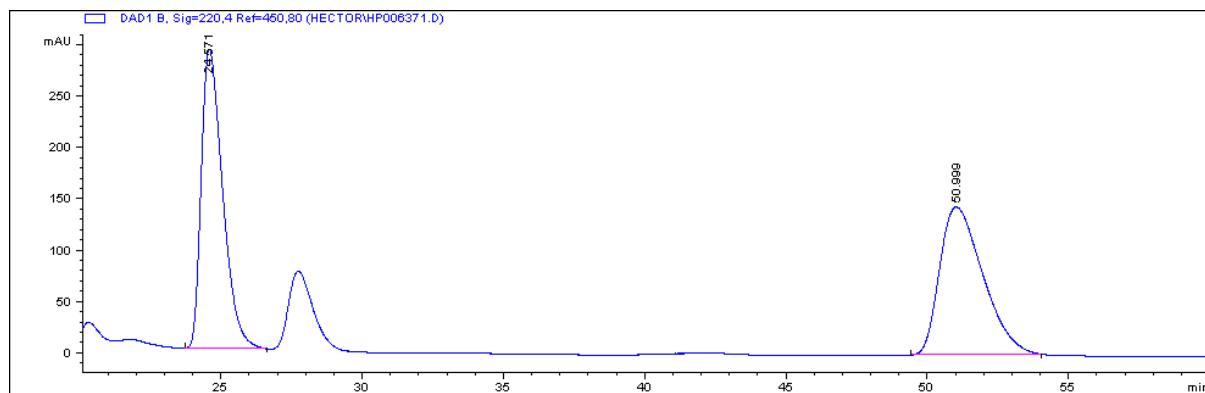
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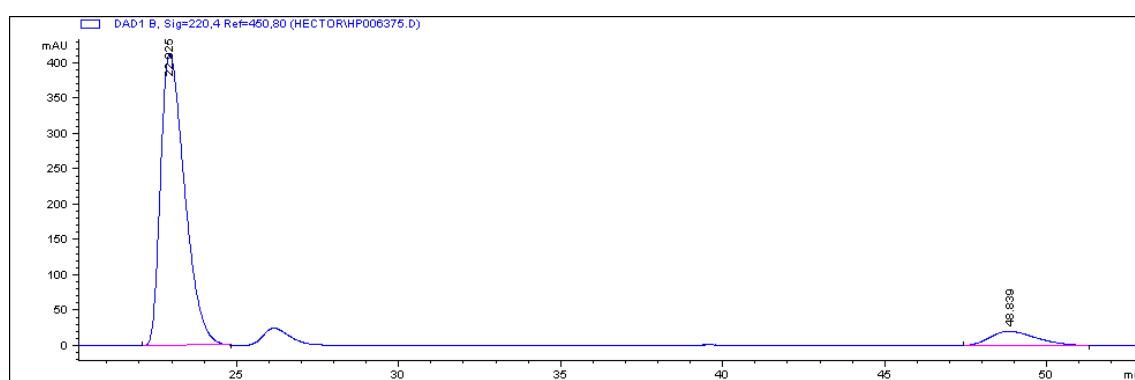
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1	21.06	11152.6	218.3	93.859	0.631
2	35.791	729.7	9.1	6.141	0.638

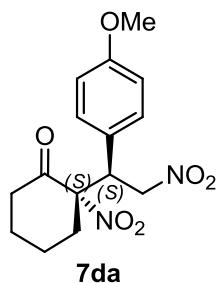


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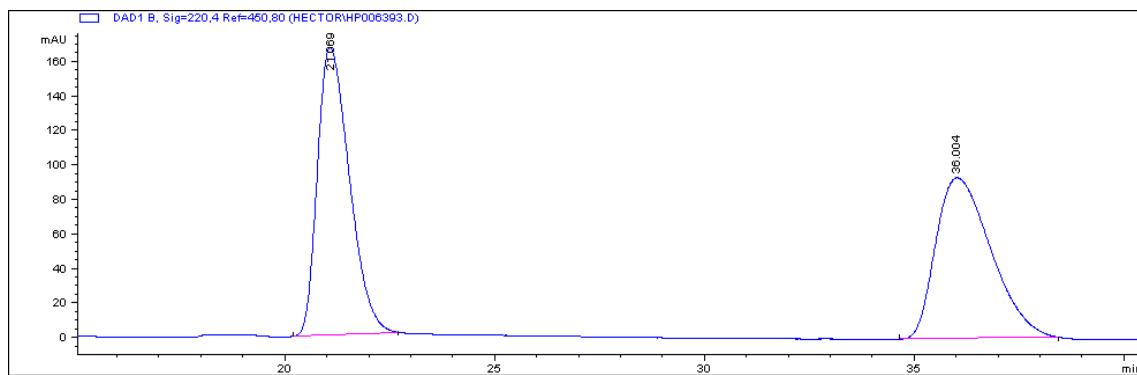


**HPLC profile for entry 9, table 4. 100:0 rd, 91:9 er.**



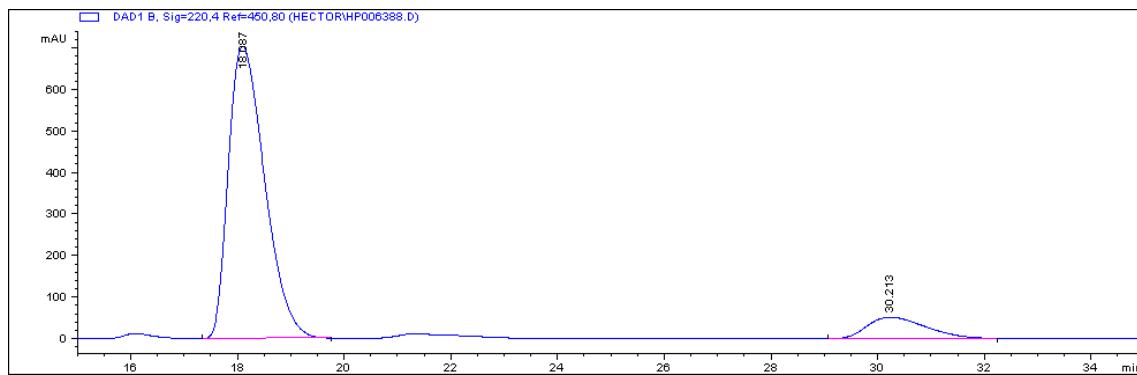


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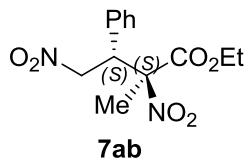


Peak Name	Time	Area	Height	Area%	Symmetry
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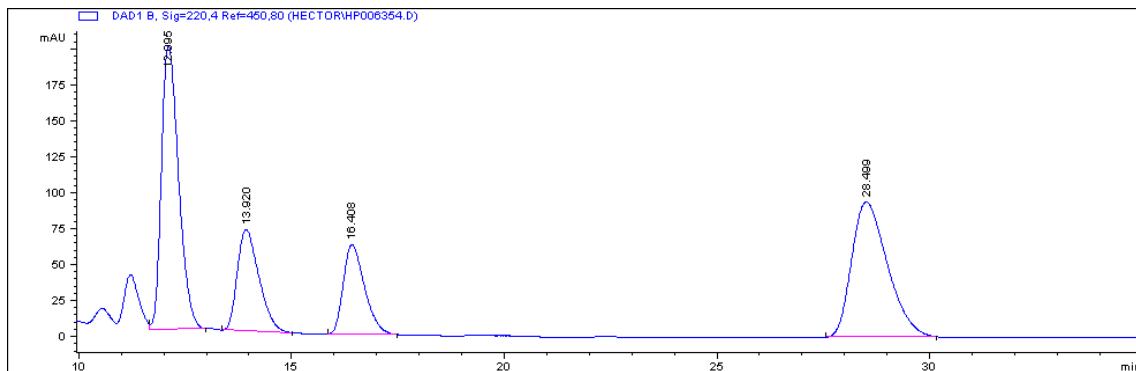
**HPLC profile for entry 11, table 4. 100:0 rd, 89:11 er.**



Peak Name	Time	Area	Height	Area%	Symmetry
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<b>2</b>	<b>30.213</b>	<b>3977.2</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>10.701</b>	<b>0.609</b>

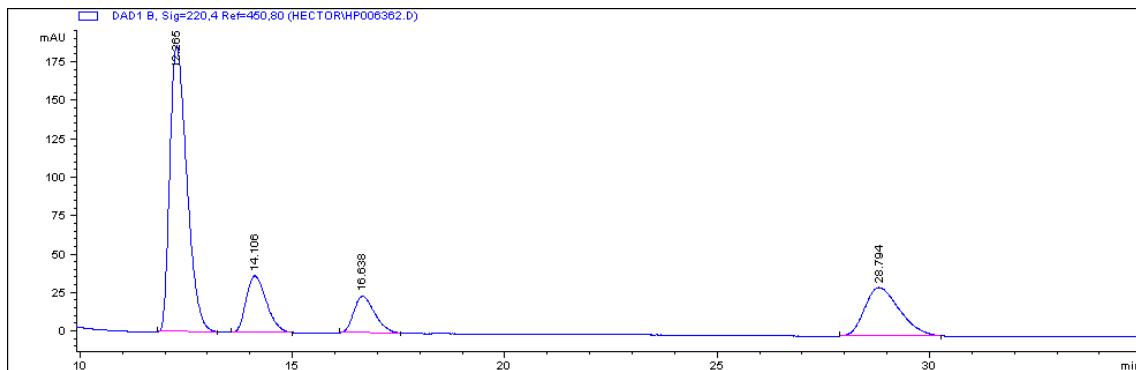


**Racemic molecule:**



Peak Name	Time	Area	Height	Area%	Symmetry
1	12.095	5540.7	197.7	35.181	0.662
2	13.92	2507	70.6	15.918	0.649
3	16.408	2174.6	62.4	13.808	0.652
4	28.499	5527	94.2	35.094	0.676

**HPLC profile for entry 15, table 4. 76:24 rd, 74:26 er.**



Peak Name	Time	Area	Height	Area%	Symmetry
1	12.265	5182.3	186.5	57.326	0.625
2	14.106	1220.8	37	13.504	0.705
3	16.638	829.1	24.1	9.172	0.659
4	28.794	1807.9	31.6	19.999	0.65

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