

Asymmetric Michael Addition Mediated by Novel Cinchona Alkaloid-derived Bifunctional Catalysts Containing Sulfonamides

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A. General Information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 or DPX300 (300 MHz) or AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br s (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode, and a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T mass spectrometer in FAB mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. Flash chromatography separation was performed on Merck 60 (0.040 - 0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

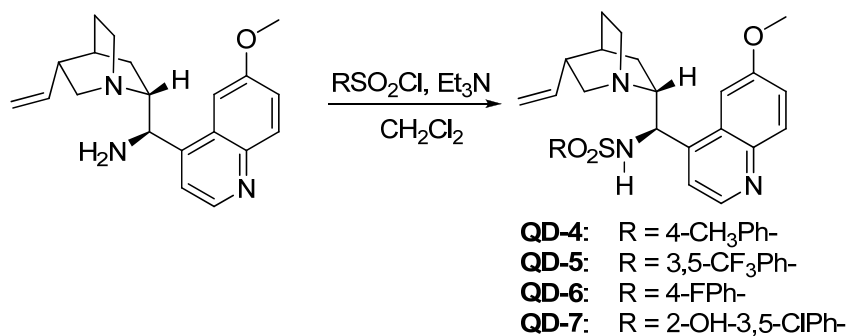
The enantiomeric excesses of products were determined by chiral-phase HPLC analysis, using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column (250 x 4.6 mm), or Chiralpak AD-H column, or IA column (250 x 4.6 mm).

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. **QD-1**,¹ **QD-2**² and **QD-3**³ were prepared according to the literature procedure, but using quinidine as the starting material. All the α -substituted cyclic β -ketoesters⁴ and nitroolefins⁵ were prepared according to the literature procedures.

The absolute configuration of **3b** was assigned by comparing its specific rotation and HPLC data with those of the known compound reported in the literature^{6,7} (page S6), and configurations of other Michael adducts were assigned by analogy.⁷

B. Preparation of cinchona alkaloid-derived catalysts

General procedure for the preparation of catalysts



9-Amino-9-deoxyepiquinidine was prepared from quinidine following the literature procedure.¹

Preparation of **QD-4**

To a solution of 9-amino-9-deoxyepiquinidine (1.0 g, 3.09 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (15 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (1.3 mL, 9.27 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere, followed by TsCl (0.62 g, 3.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred overnight at room temperature, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford **QD-4** as a light yellow powder (1.2 g, 81%).

QD-4: a light yellow powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 58.7$ (c 0.95, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.96 (m, 3H), 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (br, 1H), 1.09 (m, 3H), 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ

158.3, 146.7, 145.5, 143.4, 143.3, 140.6, 136.5, 130.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.1, 122.3, 120.3, 113.6, 100.4, 60.6, 54.9, 51.9, 48.5, 45.9, 38.2, 27.3, 25.8, 24.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{31}N_3O_3S$ $[M+H]^+$ 478.2164, found: 478.2141.

QD-5: a white powder (86% yield); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 89.2$ (c 0.61, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.78 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.12–5.17 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.05–3.10 (m, 3H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.66 (br, 3H), 1.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 160.6, 148.0, 147.0, 146.0, 144.7, 140.7, 132.6, 132.4, 131.4, 129.4, 127.9, 125.6, 124.9, 123.9, 122.8, 121.2, 115.9, 101.6, 62.1, 56.2, 53.9, 49.9, 47.1, 38.9, 28.4, 26.2, 25.4; HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{28}H_{27}N_3O_3SF_6$ $[M+H]^+$ 600.1756, found: 600.1407.

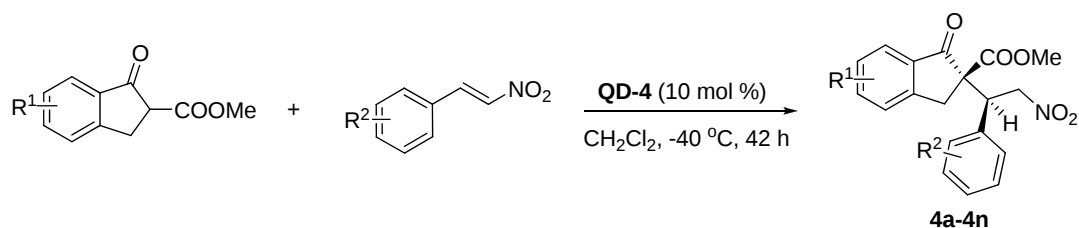
QD-6: a white powder (89% yield); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 92.3$ (c 0.69, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.47 (m, 5H), 6.85–6.88 (m, 2H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 4.97–5.08 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.67–3.04 (m, 5H), 2.27 (br, 1H), 1.56 (br, 3H), 1.04 (m, 1H), 0.83 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 167.0, 165.0, 159.8, 148.1, 146.6, 144.7, 141.9, 137.8, 131.5, 131.1, 131.0, 130.0, 123.8, 121.6, 116.5, 116.4, 116.3, 116.2, 115.1, 101.8, 79.5, 61.7, 56.3, 53.3, 49.9, 47.5, 39.6, 28.6, 27.2, 25.7; HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{28}N_3O_3SF$ $[M+H]^+$ 482.1914, found: 482.1612.

QD-7: a slightly yellow powder (76% yield); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 55.0$ (c 0.32, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (300 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.77 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (m, 1H), 5.47 (d,

$J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11–5.17 (m, 2H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.71 (br, 1H), 1.74–1.99 (m, 3H), 1.48 (br, 1H), 0.79 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 158.7, 148.5, 145.2, 141.5, 139.3, 133.7, 132.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 126.5, 122.8, 121.4, 117.0, 112.0, 102.8, 80.2, 60.7, 56.6, 49.8, 49.3, 46.2, 37.1, 27.4, 24.8, 23.8; HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 548.1178, found: 548.0946.

C. Representative Procedure

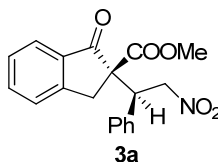
General procedure for Micheal Addition of β -keto esters to aryl nitroolefins



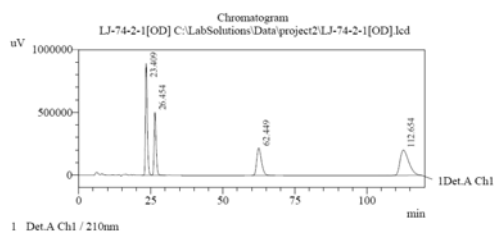
To a solution of aryl nitroolefin (0.055 mmol) and catalyst **QD-4** (0.005 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.15 mL) was added α -substituted cyclic β -ketoesters (0.05 mmol) at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was kept stirring at that temperature for the time specified. The mixture was then filtered through a short pad of silica gel, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography afforded the desired Michael adduct.

D. Analytical Data and HPLC Chromatogram of Michael Adducts

Methyl 2,3-dihydro-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **3a**

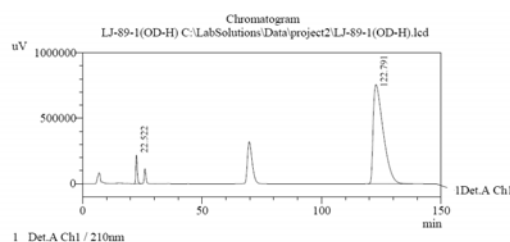


A yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 5.1 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; the characterization data were in agreement with the literature value;⁷ the ee value of the major isomer was 92%, t_R (major) = 23.4 min, 112.7 min, t_R (minor) = 26.5 min, 62.4 min (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 210 nm, 20% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).



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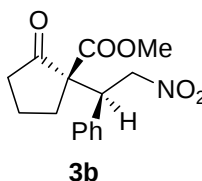
Racemic **3a**



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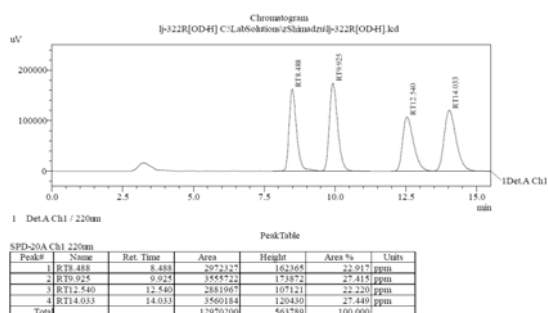
Enantiomeric enriched **3a**

Methyl 1-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3b**

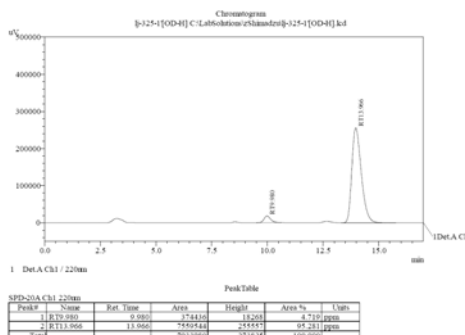


A colorless oil; the diastereomeric ratio was greater than 50 to 1, and the major diastereomer was obtained in pure form; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -33.6$ (c 0.79, CHCl_3), (lit⁶: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +36.5$ (c, 0.84, CHCl_3)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20-7.34 (m, 5H), 5.18 (dd, $J =$

13.8 Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.85-2.07 (m, 4H). The ^1H NMR data were in agreement with the literature values;⁶ The ee value of the major isomer was 90% (catalyzed by **QD-4**) and 91% (catalyzed by **QD-6**), t_{R} (major) = 9.9 min, 14.0 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 220$ nm, 20% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min). For the minor diastereomers, t_{R} (minor) = 8.5 min, 12.5 min. (literature⁶: t_{R} (major) = 11.0 min, 17.0 min, t_{R} (minor) = 9.3 min, 13.0 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 220$ nm, 20% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min)).

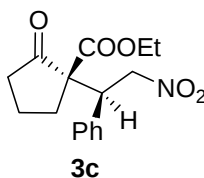


Racemic **3b**



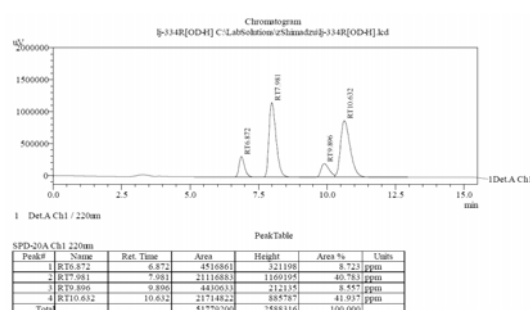
Enantiomeric enriched **3b**,
(catalyzed by **QD-4**)

Ethyl 1-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3c**

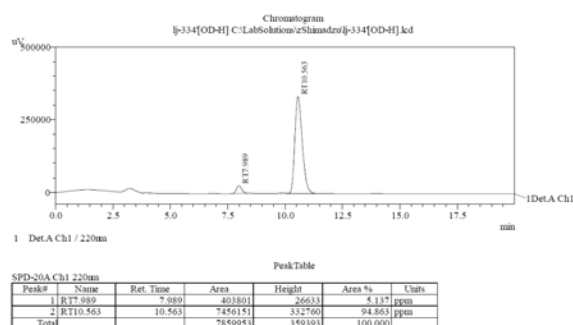


A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio was greater than 50 to 1, and the major diastereomer was obtained in pure form; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.17 (dd, $J = 13.25$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, $J = 13.25$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J =$

11.35, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.6$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.3, 169.3, 135.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 76.5, 62.5, 62.2, 46.2, 37.9, 31.3, 19.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 328.1161, found 328.1056; the ee value of the major isomer was 90%, t_{R} (major) = 8.0 min, 10.6 min, t_{R} (minor) = 6.9 min, 9.9 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 220$ nm, 20% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

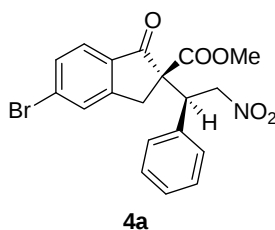


Racemic **3c**



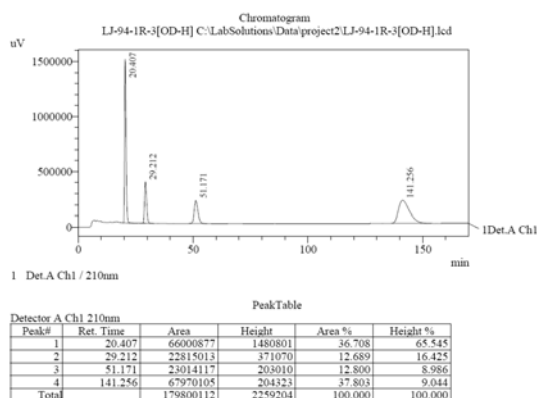
Enantiomeric enriched **3c**,
(catalyzed by **QD-6**)

Methyl 4-bromo-2,3-dihydro-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4a**

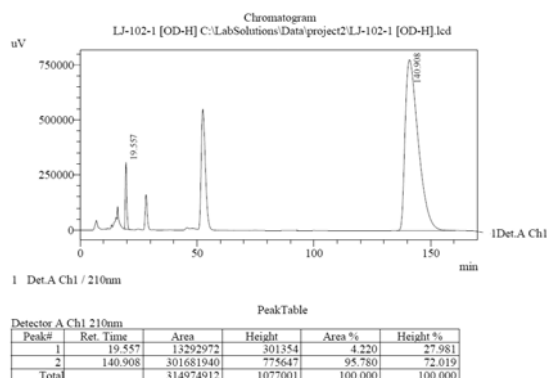


A light yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 4.1 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) the major isomer: δ 7.65 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 5.42 – 5.16 (m, 2H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H); the minor isomer: δ 7.65 – 7.43 (m, 3H),

7.28 -7.15 (m, 5H), 5.25 – 5.09 (m, 2H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.91, 198.61, 169.38, 153.90, 153.73, 135.34, 134.99, 134.52, 132.83, 131.78, 131.46, 131.31, 129.42, 128.96, 128.92, 128.80, 128.50, 128.45, 126.26, 125.82, 125.52, 76.63, 62.92, 61.70, 53.35, 52.87, 47.43, 46.92, 36.22, 34.65; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 440.0110, found 440.0103; the ee value of the major isomer was 92%, t_R (major) = 20.4 min and 141.3 min, t_R (minor) = 29.2 min, 51.2 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 30% $i\text{PrOH}$ /hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).

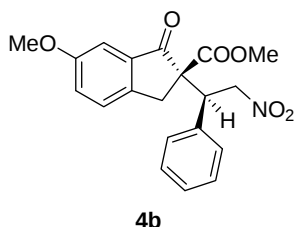


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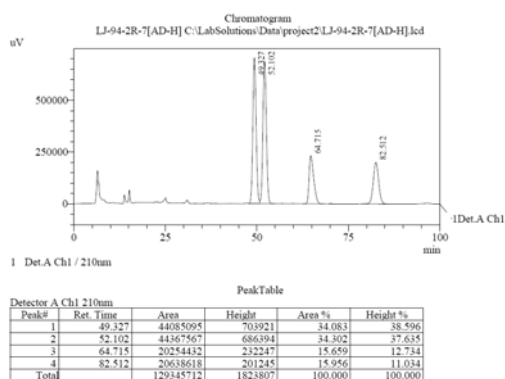


Enantiomeric enriched **4a**

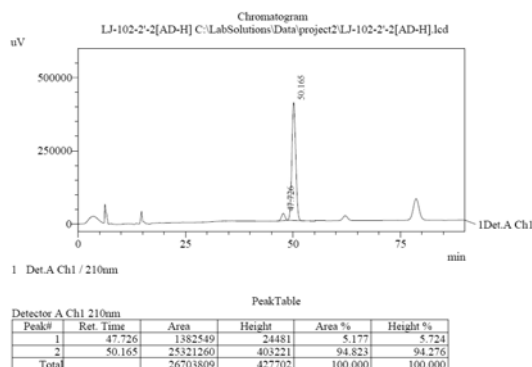
Methyl 2,3-dihydro-6-methoxy-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4b**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.3 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 8H), 5.46 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.24 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.63 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.30 -7.10 (m, 5H), 5.31 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.51 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.97, 199.82, 171.29, 169.96, 159.82, 145.44, 145.35, 139.06, 137.38, 135.80, 135.24, 134.82, 132.14, 129.41, 129.14, 129.06, 129.00, 128.84, 128.65, 128.33, 126.80, 125.48, 125.30, 106.03, 105.37, 76.92, 63.59, 62.51, 55.63, 53.21, 47.61, 47.12, 35.95, 34.50; (75 MHz, CDCl_3) HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 392.1110, found 392.1101; the ee value of the major isomer was 90%, t_R (major) = 49.3 min and 52.1 min, t_R (minor) = 64.7 min, 82.5 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 210 nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).

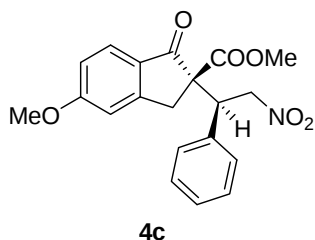


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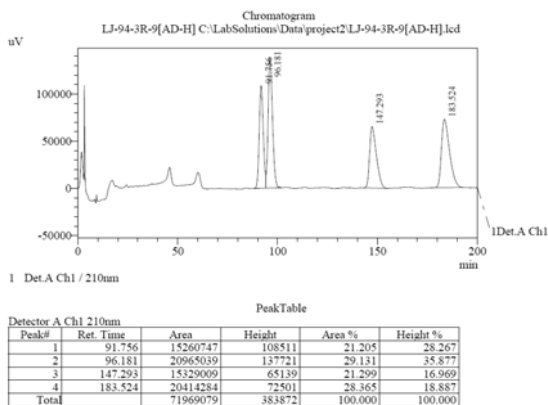


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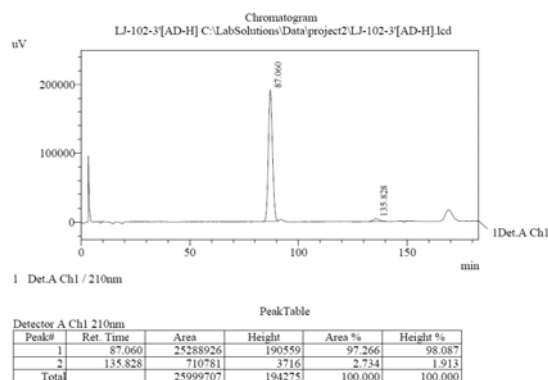
Methyl 2,3-dihydro-5-methoxy-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4c**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.3 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.64 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.50 – 5.47 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 5.20 (m, 1H), 4.23 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.72 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.20 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.51 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.71, 170.07, 166.19, 155.54, 135.95, 129.39, 129.01, 128.80, 128.61, 128.24, 126.97, 126.55, 126.24, 116.19, 109.18, 109.07, 77.19, 63.00, 55.72, 53.15, 47.43, 47.23, 36.35, 35.18; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 392.1110, found 392.1115; the ee value of the major isomer was 95%, t_{R} (major) = 91.8 min and 147.3 min, t_{R} (minor) = 96.2 min, 183.5 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 210 nm, 1.5% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

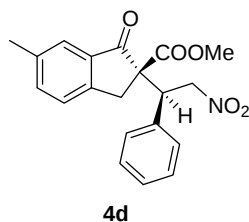


Racemic **4c**

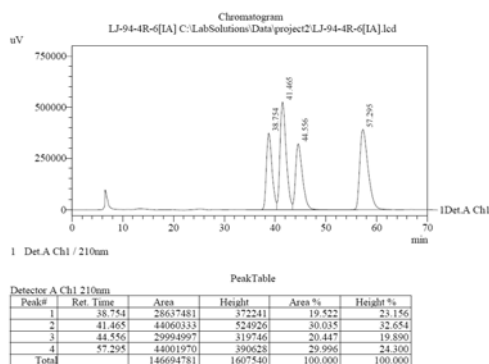


Enantiomerically enriched **4c**

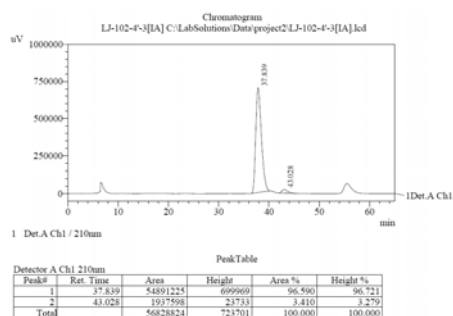
Methyl 2,3-dihydro-6-methyl-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4d**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 5.9 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.50 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 5.49 – 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.27 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); the minor isomer, δ 7.58 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 5.23 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.54 – 4.26 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.82, 171.24, 169.92, 149.80, 149.74, 138.08, 138.03, 137.12, 137.00, 135.80, 134.82, 134.11, 129.00, 128.94, 128.75, 128.57, 128.20, 125.68, 124.99, 124.25, 76.87, 63.07, 62.01, 53.09, 47.46, 47.06, 36.14, 34.82, 20.93; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 376.1161, found 376.1170; the ee value of the major isomer was 93%, t_{R} (major) = 38.8 min and 44.6 min, t_{R} (minor) = 41.5 min, 57.3 min (Chiralcel IA, λ = 210 nm, 2% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).

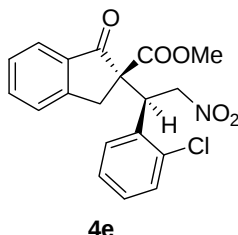


Racemic **4d**

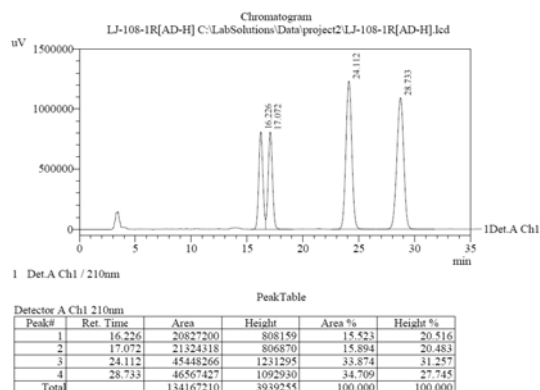


Enantiomeric enriched **4d**

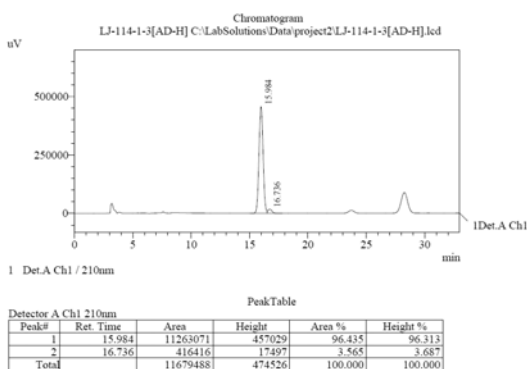
Methyl 2-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4e**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 2.4 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.82 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 5.76 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.42 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.62 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.77 – 6.90 (m, 8H), 5.35 – 5.22 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.07, 171.49, 169.93, 152.53, 152.45, 136.13, 135.73, 135.38, 133.50, 132.82, 130.21, 130.10, 129.45, 129.31, 128.89, 128.32, 128.20, 127.94, 127.77, 127.06, 126.24, 125.98, 125.46, 124.30, 76.65, 62.81, 61.17, 53.25, 53.05, 41.89, 36.62, 36.48; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 396.0615, found 396.0622; the ee value of the major isomer was 93%, t_R (major) = 16.2 min and 17.1 min, t_R (minor) = 24.1 min, 28.7 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 210 nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

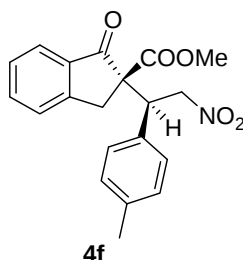


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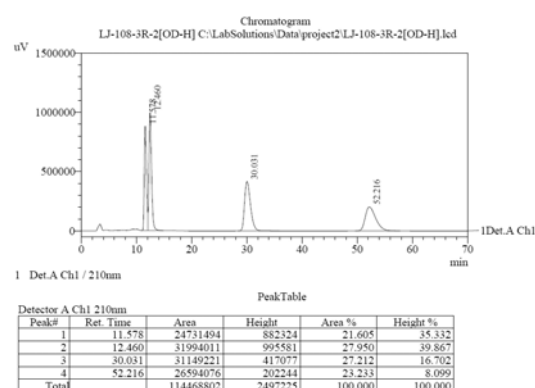


Enantiomerically enriched **4e**

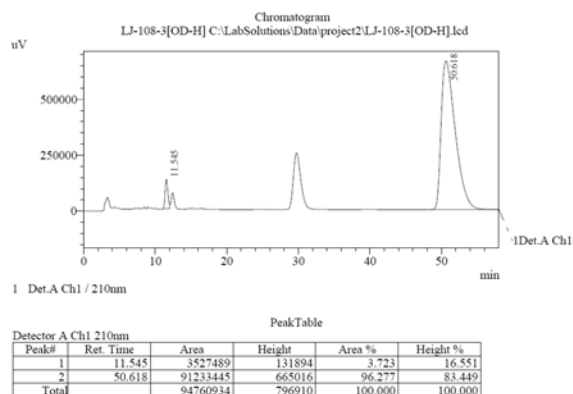
Methyl 2,3-dihydro-2-(2-nitro-1-*p*-tolylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4f**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 7.1 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.70 – 7.01 (m, 8H), 5.44 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.13 (m, 1H), 4.18 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); the minor isomer, δ 7.78 – 6.92 (m, 8H), 5.20 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.47 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.83, 171.15, 169.80, 152.43, 152.36, 138.00, 135.75, 135.60, 133.98, 132.61, 131.57, 129.47, 129.30, 128.83, 128.75, 127.95, 127.90, 126.03, 125.16, 124.38, 77.19, 62.85, 61.82, 53.11, 47.16, 46.76, 36.45, 35.21, 20.89; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 376.1161, found 376.1165; the ee value of the major isomer was 93%, t_{R} (major) = 11.6 min and 52.2 min, t_{R} (minor) = 12.5 min, 30.0 min (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 210 nm, 15% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

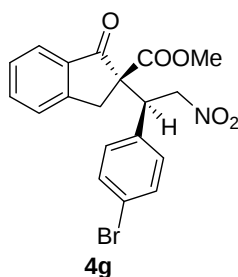


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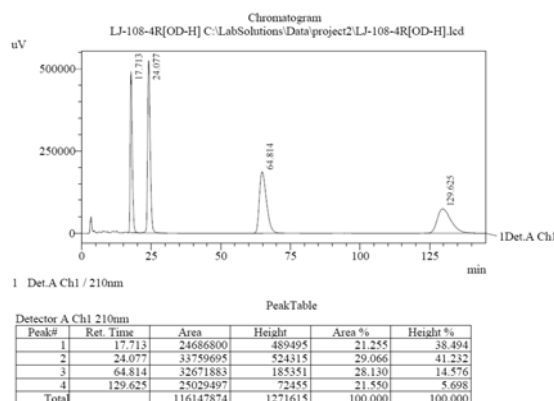
Enantiomeric enriched **4f**

Methyl 2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4g**

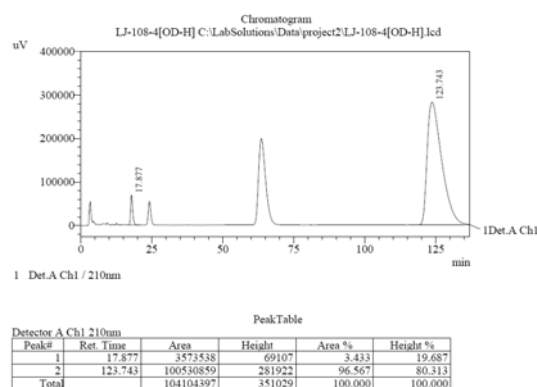


A light yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.5 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.70 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 5.42 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 5.18 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 4.22 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.80 – 7.01 (m, 8H), 5.19 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.47 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.56, 170.92, 169.72, 152.15, 152.07, 135.98, 135.92, 134.70, 133.86, 132.68, 131.95, 131.81, 130.73, 130.58, 130.30, 128.18, 126.11, 126.05, 125.26, 124.47, 122.49, 76.80, 62.46, 61.43, 53.25, 46.90, 46.41, 36.48, 35.11; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 440.0110, found 440.0095; the ee value of the major isomer was 93%, t_{R} (major) = 17.7 min and 129.6 min, t_{R} (minor) =

24.1 min, 64.8 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 15% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

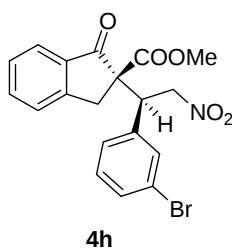


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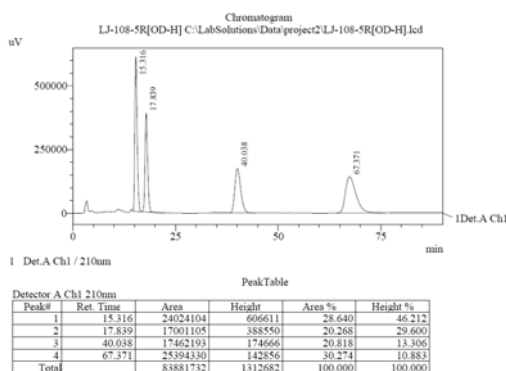
Enantiomeric enriched **4g**

Methyl 2-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4h**

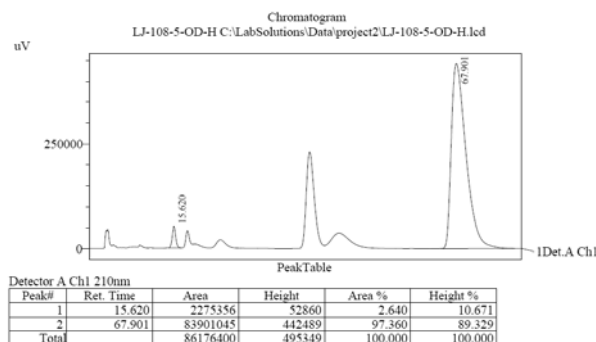


A light yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 4.4 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.71 – 7.00 (m, 8H), 5.47 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.12 (m, 1H), 4.16 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.79 – 6.98 (m, 8H), 5.10 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.47 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.63, 199.65, 170.87, 169.75, 152.20, 152.14, 138.23, 136.05, 135.95, 133.85, 132.26, 132.01, 131.54, 130.35, 130.14, 128.22, 127.88,

127.39, 126.13, 125.31, 124.52, 122.86, 122.64, 76.53, 62.47, 61.57, 53.31, 46.98, 46.66, 36.48, 35.39; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NO_5Br$ $[M+Na]^+$ 440.0110, found 440.0092; the ee value of the major isomer was 95%, t_R (major) = 15.3 min and 67.4 min, t_R (minor) = 17.8 min, 40.0 min (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 210 nm, 15% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

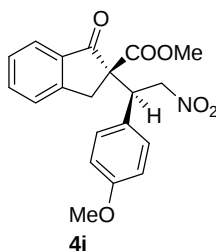


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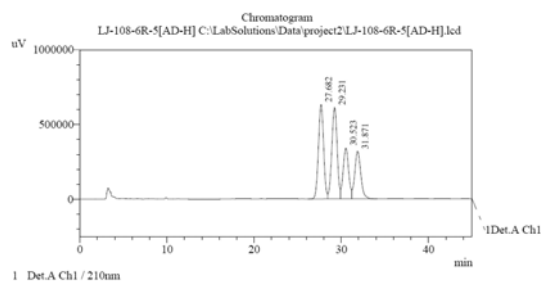
Enantiomeric enriched **4h**

Methyl 2,3-dihydro-2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4i**



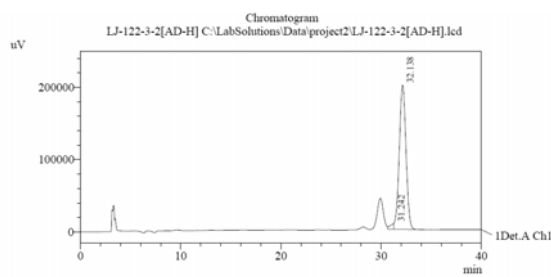
A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 4.6 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): the major isomer, δ 7.69 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.39 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 5.18 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.77 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.20 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.44 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR

(75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.10, 199.86, 171.21, 169.85, 159.28, 152.40, 152.33, 136.12, 135.75, 135.65, 134.02, 130.12, 130.03, 127.98, 127.91, 127.42, 126.43, 126.05, 126.02, 125.14, 124.36, 114.13, 113.97, 77.14, 62.95, 61.83, 55.08, 55.03, 53.11, 46.85, 46.37, 36.54, 35.07; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NO₆ [M+Na]⁺ 392.1110, found 392.1099; the ee value of the major isomer was 96%, t_R (major) = 30.5 min and 31.9 min, t_R (minor) = 27.7 min, 29.2 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 210 nm, 6% iPrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



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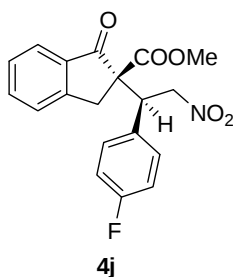
Racemic **4i**



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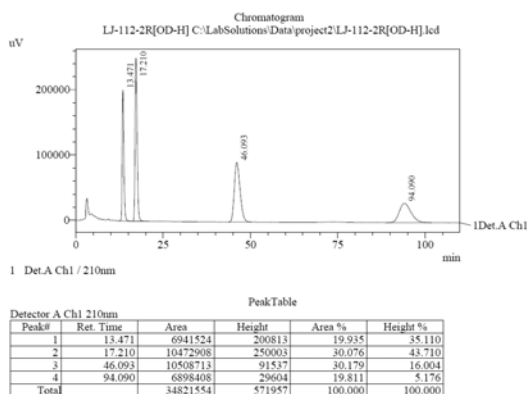
Enantiomerically enriched **4i**

Methyl 2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4j**

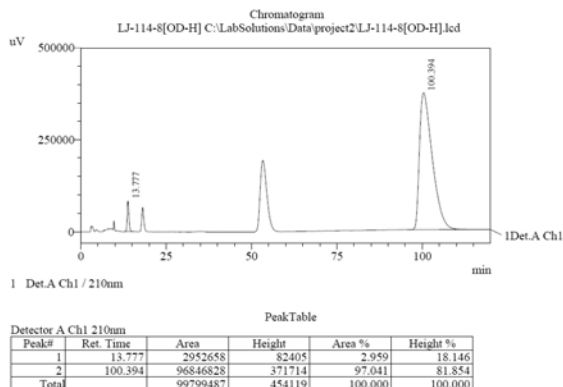


A light yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.5 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): the major isomer, δ 7.68 – 6.88 (m, 8H), 5.41 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 5.18 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.8 Hz,

1H), 3.17 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.78 – 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.21 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.49 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.92, 199.76, 171.09, 169.84, 164.05, 160.76, 152.28, 135.96, 135.90, 135.45, 133.97, 131.34, 131.29, 130.85, 130.74, 130.62, 128.17, 126.07, 125.23, 124.47, 115.92, 115.79, 115.54, 115.51, 76.74, 62.68, 61.59, 53.27, 46.80, 46.25, 36.59, 35.01; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5\text{F}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 380.0910, found 380.0909; the ee value of the major isomer was 94%, t_R (major) = 13.5min, 94.1 min, t_R (minor) = 17.2 min, 46.1 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 15% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

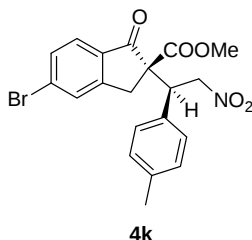


Racemic **4j**



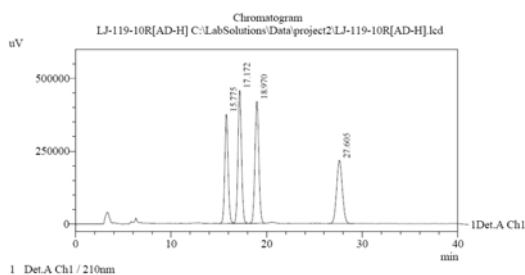
Enantiomerically enriched **4j**

Methyl 5-bromo-2,3-dihydro-2-(2-nitro-1-*p*-tolylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4k**



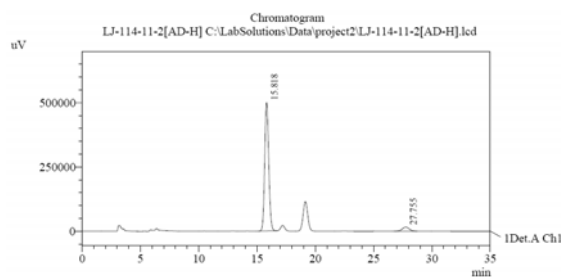
A light yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.3 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.56 – 6.96 (m, 7H), 5.38 –

5.32 (m, 1H), 5.17 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.22 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); the minor isomer, δ 7.63 – 6.93 (m, 7H), 5.22 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.26 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.52, 198.63, 170.92, 169.38, 153.96, 153.82, 138.23, 135.02, 132.86, 132.22, 131.74, 131.53, 131.42, 131.24, 130.13, 129.62, 129.51, 129.44, 128.82, 128.76, 127.79, 126.28, 125.82, 125.51, 77.11, 63.03, 61.79, 53.33, 47.13, 46.62, 36.22, 34.65, 20.96; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 454.0266, found 454.0271; the ee value of the major isomer was 90%, t_R (major) = 15.8 min, 27.6 min, t_R (minor) = 17.2 min, 19.0 min (Chiralcel AD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 10% $i\text{PrOH}$ /hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



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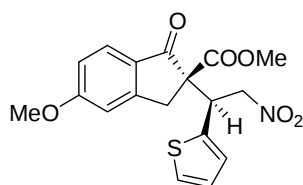
Racemic **4k**



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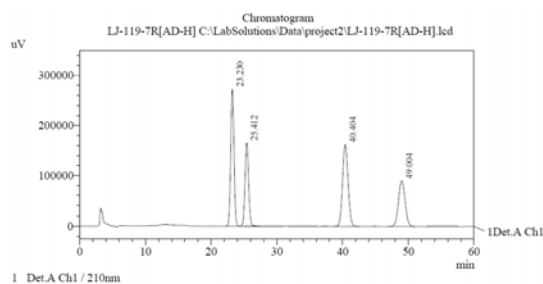
Enantiomeric enriched **4k**

Methyl 2,3-dihydro-5-methoxy-2-(2-nitro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4l**



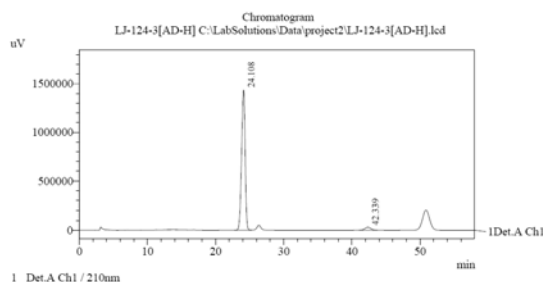
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A yellow oil; diastereomeric ratio: 3.1 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 5.44 – 5.40 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 4.597 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H); the minor isomer, δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 5.06 – 5.01 (m, 1H), 4.94 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.63, 197.42, 170.52, 169.90, 166.26, 166.17, 155.67, 155.59, 138.09, 137.28, 128.94, 128.53, 127.85, 127.07, 127.00, 126.72, 126.62, 126.44, 125.87, 125.60, 116.32, 116.27, 109.26, 77.88, 63.03, 62.78, 55.70, 53.20, 53.17, 43.24, 42.74, 35.99, 35.74; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 398.0674, found 398.0682; the ee value of the major isomer was 90%, t_R (major) = 23.2 min, 40.4 min, t_R (minor) = 25.4 min, 49.0 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 210 nm, 10% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



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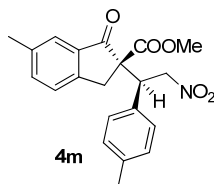
Racemic **4l**



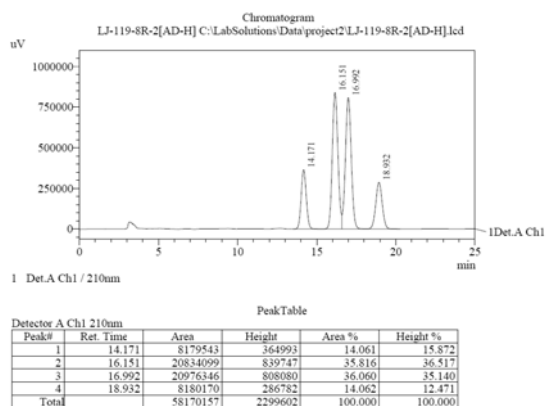
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Enantiomeric enriched **4l**

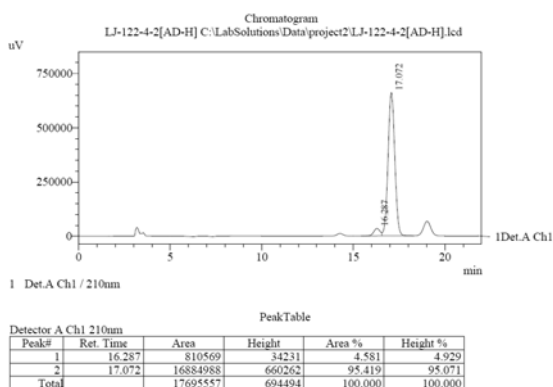
Methyl 2,3-dihydro-6-methyl-2-(2-nitro-1-p-tolylethyl)-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate **4m**



A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 8.8 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 5.44 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.19 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); the minor isomer, δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 5.20 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.48 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.91, 169.97, 149.91, 138.09, 137.99, 137.15, 137.02, 136.29, 134.16, 132.76, 129.51, 129.36, 128.90, 128.80, 126.17, 125.76, 125.05, 124.30, 77.04, 63.22, 53.40, 53.14, 47.18, 46.81, 36.11, 34.91, 21.00, 20.96; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 390.1317, found 390.1312; the ee value of the major isomer was 91%, t_R (major) = 16.2 min, 17.0 min, t_R (minor) = 14.2 min, 18.9 min (Chiralcel AD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 6% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



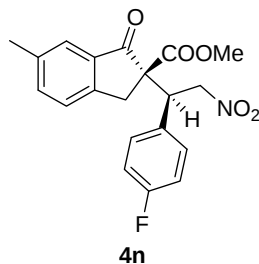
Racemic **4m**



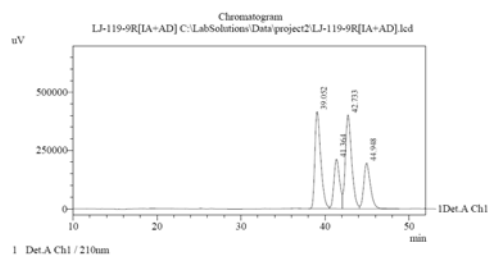
Enantiomerically enriched **4m**

Methyl 2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-6-methyl-1-oxo-1H-indene-2-carboxylate

4n



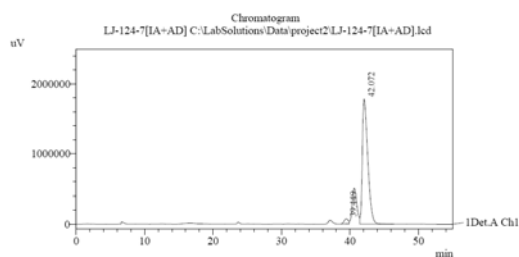
A colorless oil; diastereomeric ratio: 4.1 to 1, and the diastereomers could not be separated; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): the major isomer, δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 5.41 – 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.18 – 5.13 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); the minor isomer, δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.22 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.50 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.97, 199.78, 171.23, 169.97, 164.02, 160.74, 149.72, 149.64, 138.29, 137.30, 137.25, 136.25, 134.14, 131.41, 131.36, 130.86, 130.75, 130.63, 125.74, 125.05, 124.31, 115.91, 115.79, 115.62, 115.51, 77.11, 62.99, 61.87, 53.23, 46.79, 46.23, 36.24, 34.62, 20.99; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5\text{F}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 394.1067, found 394.1059; the ee value of the major isomer was 94%, t_{R} (major) = 41.4 min, 44.9 min, t_{R} (minor) = 39.1 min, 42.7 min (Chiralcel IA + AD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



PeakTable

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Racemic **4n**



PeakTable

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Enantiomeric enriched **4n**

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E. NMR Spectra of Products

