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**Organic solvent-free, highly diastereo- and enantio-selective direct aldol reaction
in the presence of water**

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Typical procedure for the synthesis of (2*S*, 4*R*)-4-triisopropylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (1b).

To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (10 mL) of (2*S*, 4*R*)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (3.55 g, 10.0 mmol) was added 2,6-lutidine (1.90 mL, 13.0 mmol) and TIPSOTf (2.96 mL, 13.0 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then the reaction was quenched by addition of phosphate buffer (pH 7.0). Organic materials were extracted three times with AcOEt, and the combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (AcOEt:hexane = 1:5) to afford silyl ether (4.8 g, 9.54 mmol, 95%) as a clear viscous oil.

To a MeOH solution (10 mL) of (2*S*, 4*R*)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-triisopropylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (4.8 g, 9.54 mmol) was added Pd/C (480 mg, 10 wt%) at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h at that temperature. The filtration of the inorganic materials and concentration afforded (2*S*, 4*R*)-4-triisopropylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (1b) in 96% yield (2.8 g) as a white solid.

(2*S*, 4*R*)-4-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (1a)¹

(2*S*, 4*R*)-*N*-Benzylloxycarbonyl-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester²

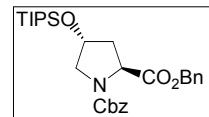
(2*S*, 4*R*)-4-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (1c)¹

are known compounds.

(2*S*, 4*R*)-*N*-Benzylloxycarbonyl-4-triisopropylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

Data are shown as a mixture of two conformers.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (21H, d, *J*=4.5 Hz), 2.00-2.12 (1H, m), 2.17-2.31 (1H, m), 3.42-3.59 (1H, m), 3.62-3.76 (1H, m), 4.45-4.60 (2H, m), 4.91-5.26 (4H, m), 7.17-7.37 (10H, m);



¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 18.3, 39.5, 40.4, 55.3, 55.7, 58.5, 58.7, 67.1, 67.3, 67.5, 70.3, 71.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.55, 128.61, 128.65, 128.75, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 135.9, 136.1, 136.9, 137.1, 154.8, 155.5, 172.8, 173.0;

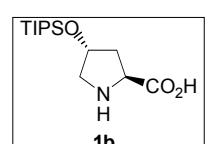
IR (neat): ν 2943, 2866, 1749, 1712, 1458, 1415, 1117, 1022, 883, 696 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (FAB): [M+H] calcd for [C₂₉H₄₂NO₅Si]: 512.2832, found: 512.2809;

[α]_D²²-35.1 (*c* = 1.00, CHCl₃).

(2*S*, 4*R*)-4-Triisopropylsiloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (1b)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.97-1.05 (21H, m), 2.13 (1H, ddd, *J*=12.9, 7.8, 5.4 Hz), 2.27 (1H, ddd, *J*=12.9, 7.8, 4.1 Hz), 3.20 (1H, br-d, *J*=9.0 Hz), 3.46 (1H, br-s), 4.15 (1H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 4.51 (1H, quintet, *J*=4.1 Hz);



¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 11.9, 17.8, 39.2, 52.5, 59.8, 71.0, 173.7;

IR (KBr): ν 3438, 2942, 1624, 1464, 1400, 1389, 1101, 999, 883, 685 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (FAB): [M+H] calcd for [C₁₄H₂₉NO₅Si]: 288.1995, found: 288.2010;

[α]_D²²-15.9 (*c* = 1.01, CHCl₃).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-(hydroxyphenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one (Table 1, entry 7).

Catalyst **1c** (14.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added to a suspension of benzaldehyde (40.6 μ l, 0.4 mmol) and cyclohexanone (207 μ l, 2.0 mmol) in water (0.13 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at this temperature, then the reaction was quenched by addition of phosphate buffer (pH 7.0). Organic materials were extracted three times with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. Purification by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane=1:10 ~ 1:3) gave 2-(hydroxyphenylmethyl)-cyclohexanone (63.7 mg, 78%) as a clear oil: *anti:syn* = 13:1 (by ^1H NMR spectroscopy of the crude mixture), >99% ee (by HPLC on a chiralcel OD-H column, $\lambda=213$ nm, $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$ 1/100, 1.0 ml min $^{-1}$; $t_{\text{R}}=19.4$ min (major), 25.9 min (minor)).

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxy-p-nitrophenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one³

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxy-p-bromophenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁴

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxy-p-methoxyphenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁴

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxy-2-furylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁵

(2S, 1'R)-2-(1'-Hydroxy-3'-methylbutyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁵

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Cyclohexylhydroxymethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁶

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxyphenylmethyl)cyclopentan-1-one⁷

(4S, 1'S)-4-(Hydroxyphenylmethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-5-one⁸

(2S)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁹

(4R)-4-Hydroxy-p-nitrophenylbutan-2-one¹⁰

(3S, 4S)-3,4-Dihydroxy-o-chlorophenylbutan-2-one¹¹

are known compounds.

(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxyphenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one⁶

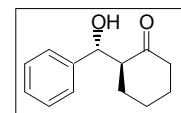
Absolute stereochemistry is determined by the comparison with the literature data⁶.

$[\alpha]_D^{14}+27.7$ ($c = 0.85$, CHCl_3), >99% ee.

Lit. $[\alpha]_D^{24}-24.2$ ($c = 1.03$, CHCl_3). (93% ee, (2*R*, 1'*S*)-2-(Hydroxyphenylmethyl)-cyclohexanone).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column

(100:1 hexane:2-propanol), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_{\text{R}}=19.4$ min, minor enantiomer $t_{\text{R}}=25.9$ min.



(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxynaphthalen-2-ylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 1.23-1.40 (1H, m), 1.42-1.61 (2H, m), 1.62-1.79 (2H, m),

2.07 (1H, ddd, $J=13.2, 6.6, 3.2$ Hz), 2.36 (1H, td, $J=13.2, 5.8$ Hz), 2.49 (1H, br-d, $J=13.8$ Hz), 2.64-2.74 (1H, m), 4.02 (1H, br-s), 4.95 (1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz), 7.41-7.50 (3H, m), 7.73 (1H, s), 7.77-7.86 (3H, m);

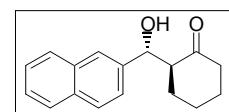
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 24.6, 27.7, 30.8, 42.6, 57.3, 74.8, 124.6, 125.9, 126.1, 126.2, 127.6, 127.9, 128.2, 133.0, 133.1, 138.2, 215.5;

IR (KBr): ν 3354, 3055, 2933, 2854, 1695, 1444, 1309, 1122, 1057, 833 cm $^{-1}$;

HRMS (FAB): calcd for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2]$: 254.1307, found: 254.1311;

$[\alpha]_D^{22}+7.4$ ($c = 1.07$, CHCl_3). (mixture of diastereomers, *anti:syn*=19:1, 97% ee for *anti*-isomer.)

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AS-H column (50:1 hexane:2-propanol), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_{\text{R}}=17.6$ min, minor enantiomer $t_{\text{R}}=20.5$ min.

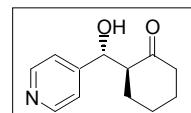


(2S, 1'R)-2-(Hydroxypyridin-4-ylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 1.38 (1H, qd, $J=12.8, 3.8$ Hz), 1.47-1.73 (3H, m), 1.77-1.86 (1H, m), 2.04-2.14 (1H, m), 2.34 (1H, td, $J=13.3, 6.2$ Hz), 2.42-2.50 (1H, m), 2.56 (1H, ddd, $J=13.5, 8.2, 3.5$ Hz), 3.97 (1H, br-s), 4.75 (1H, d, $J=8.2$ Hz), 7.23 (2H, d, $J=5.7$ Hz), 8.56 (2H, d, $J=5.7$ Hz);

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 24.6, 27.7, 30.7, 42.6, 56.8, 73.5, 122.0, 149.7, 149.8, 214.7;

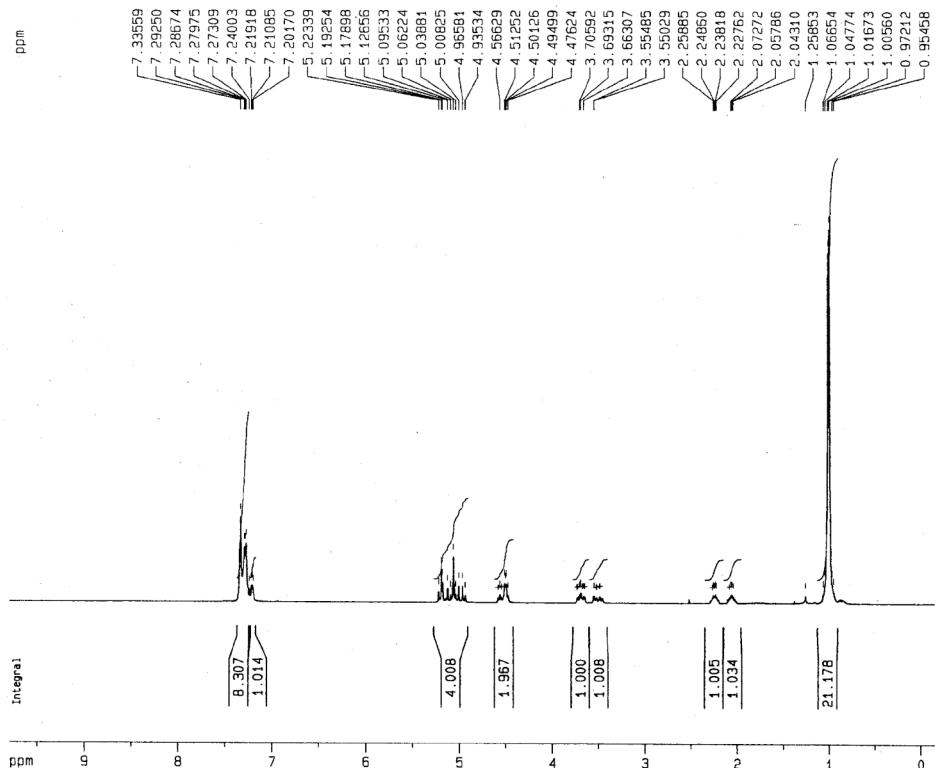
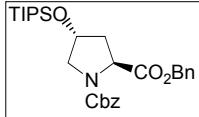
IR (KBr): ν 3140, 2860, 2738, 1711, 1606, 1415, 1300, 1128, 1047, 835 cm $^{-1}$;



HRMS (FAB): [M+H] calcd for [C₁₂H₁₆NO₂]: 206.1181, found: 206.1177;
[α]_D²¹+15.8 (*c* = 1.02, CHCl₃). (mixture of diastereomers, *anti:syn*=12:1, 95% ee for *anti*-isomer.)
Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (10:1 hexane:2-propanol),
1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer tr = 22.5 min, minor enantiomer tr = 20.7 min.

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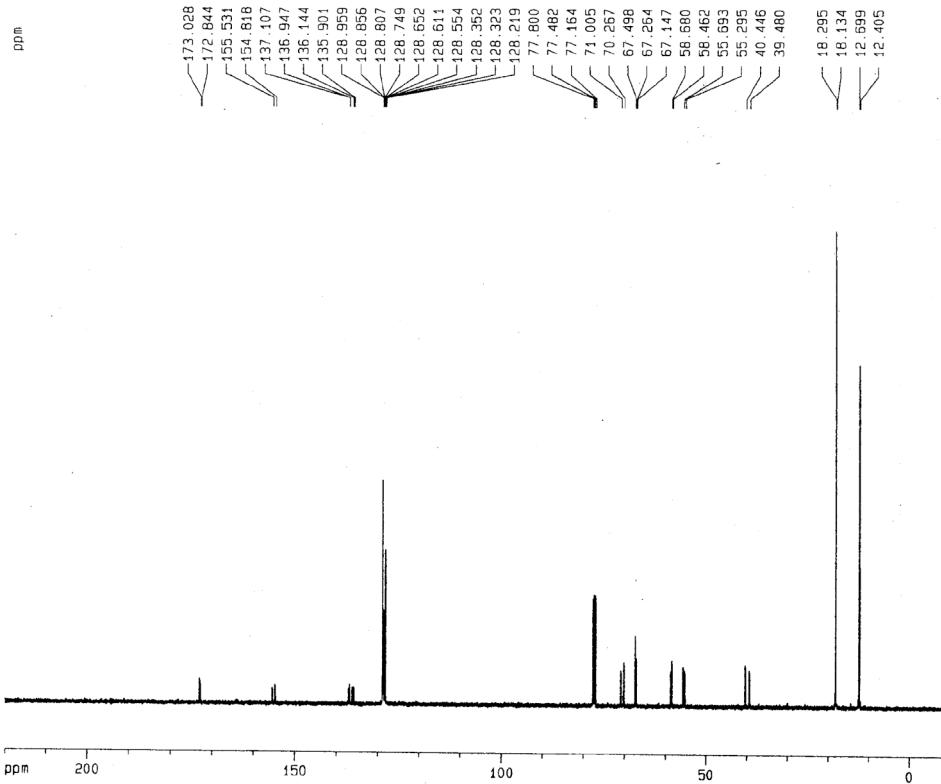
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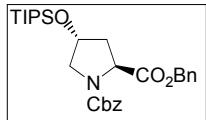
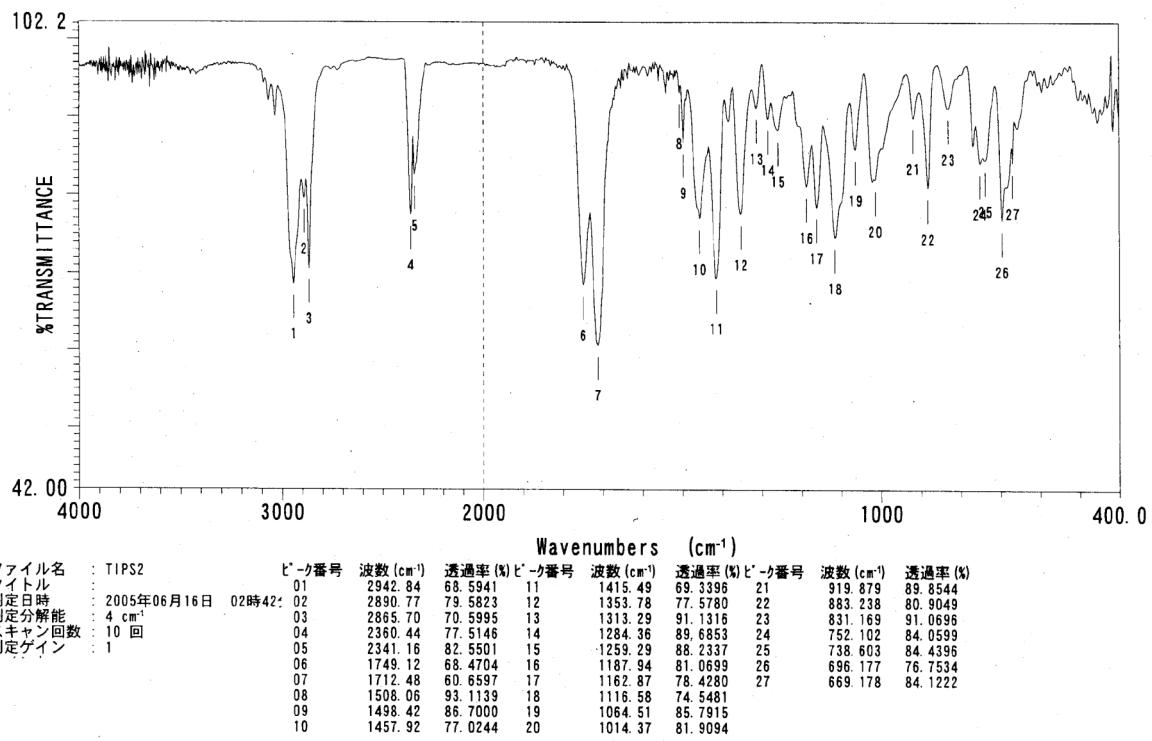
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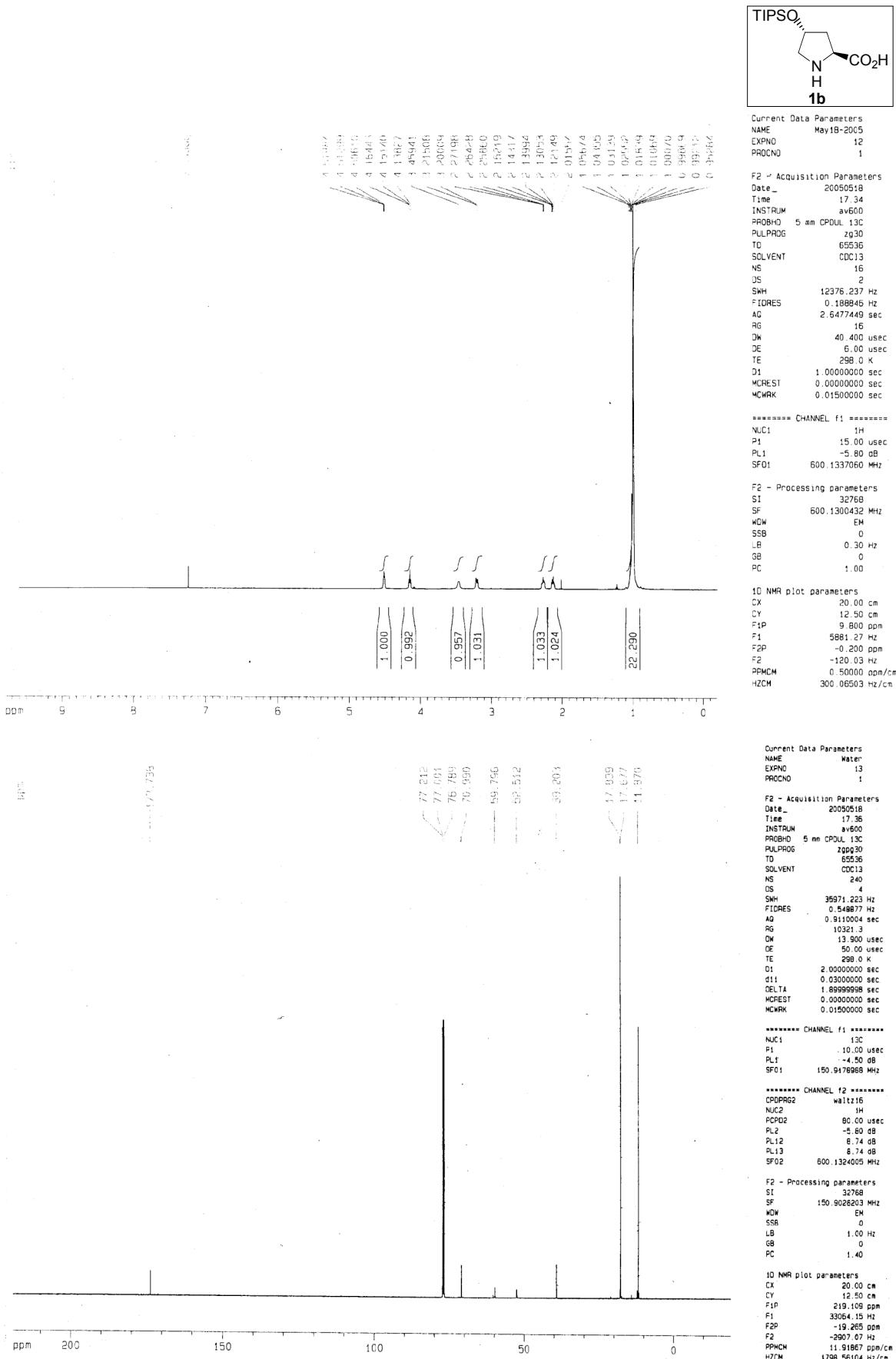
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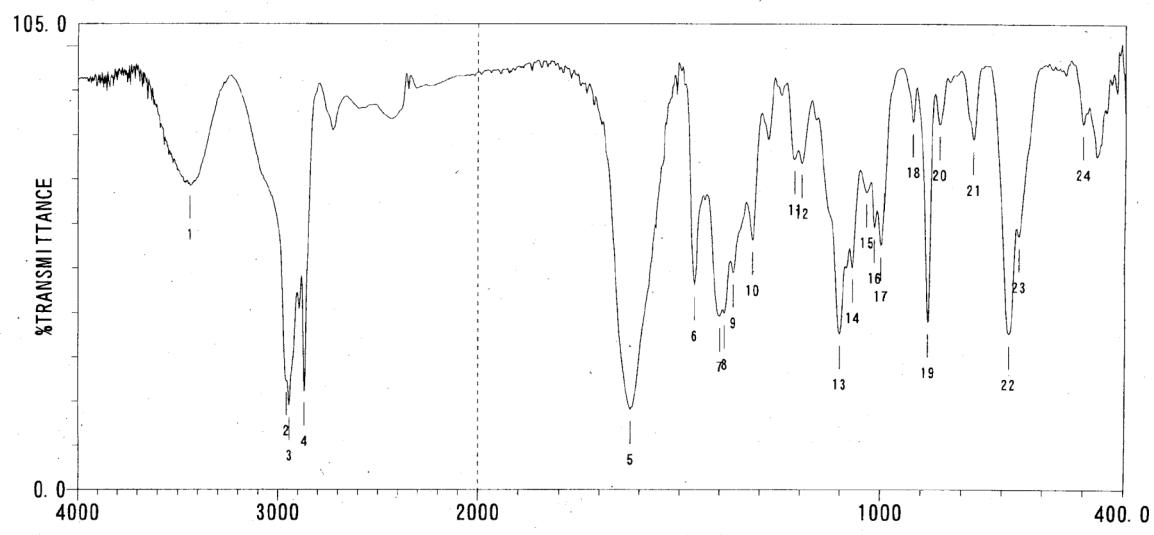
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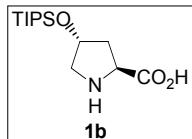


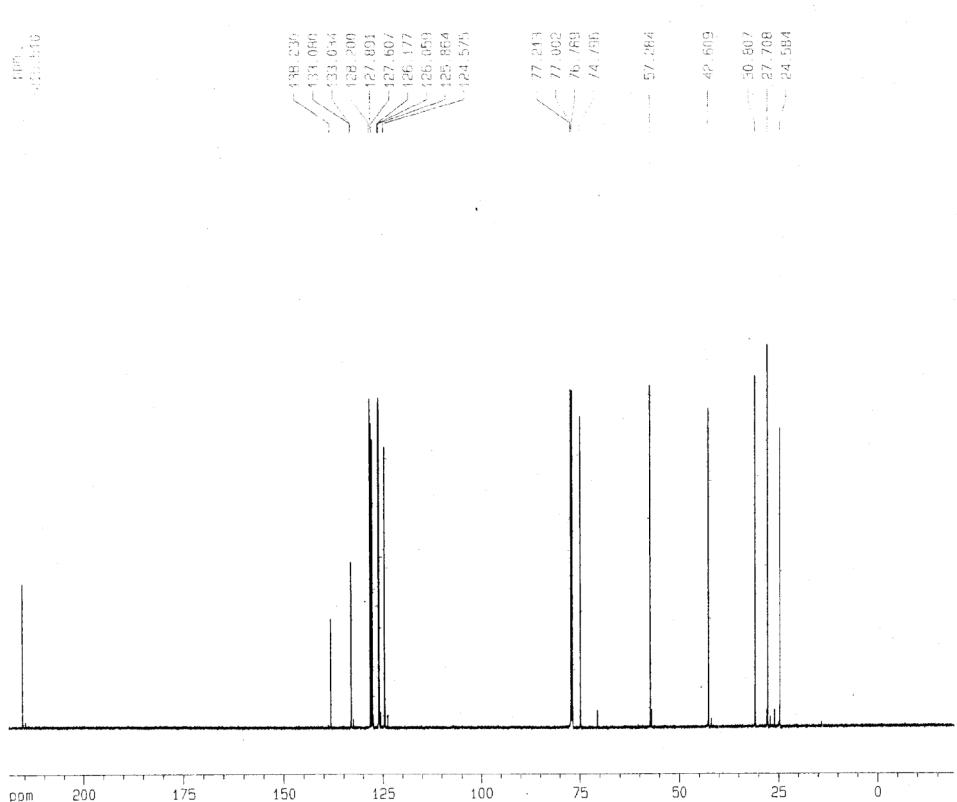
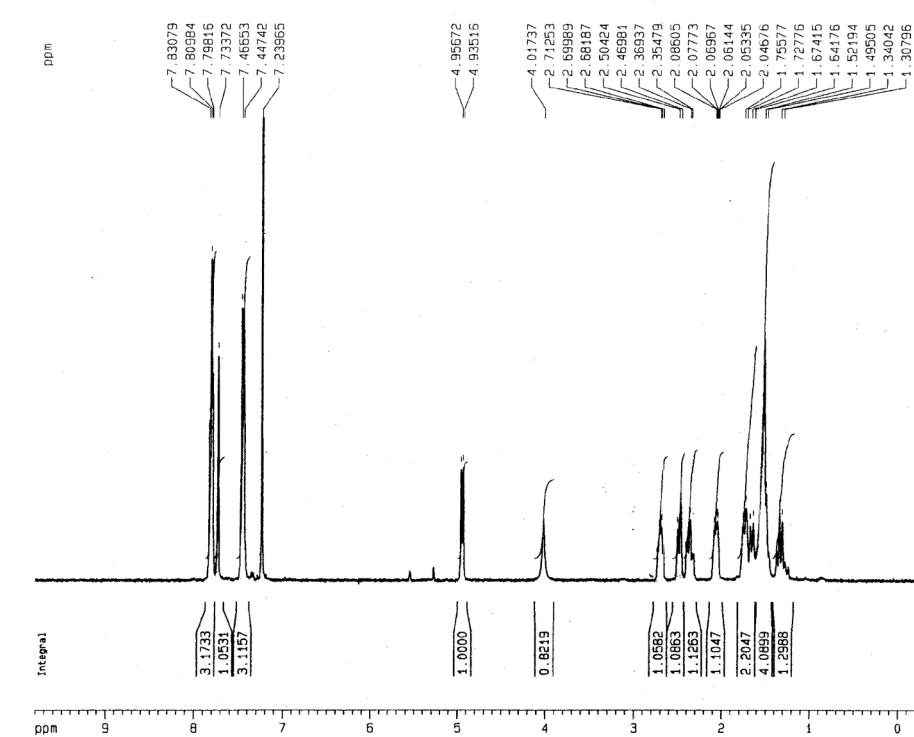
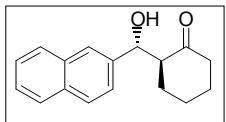


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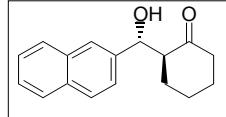
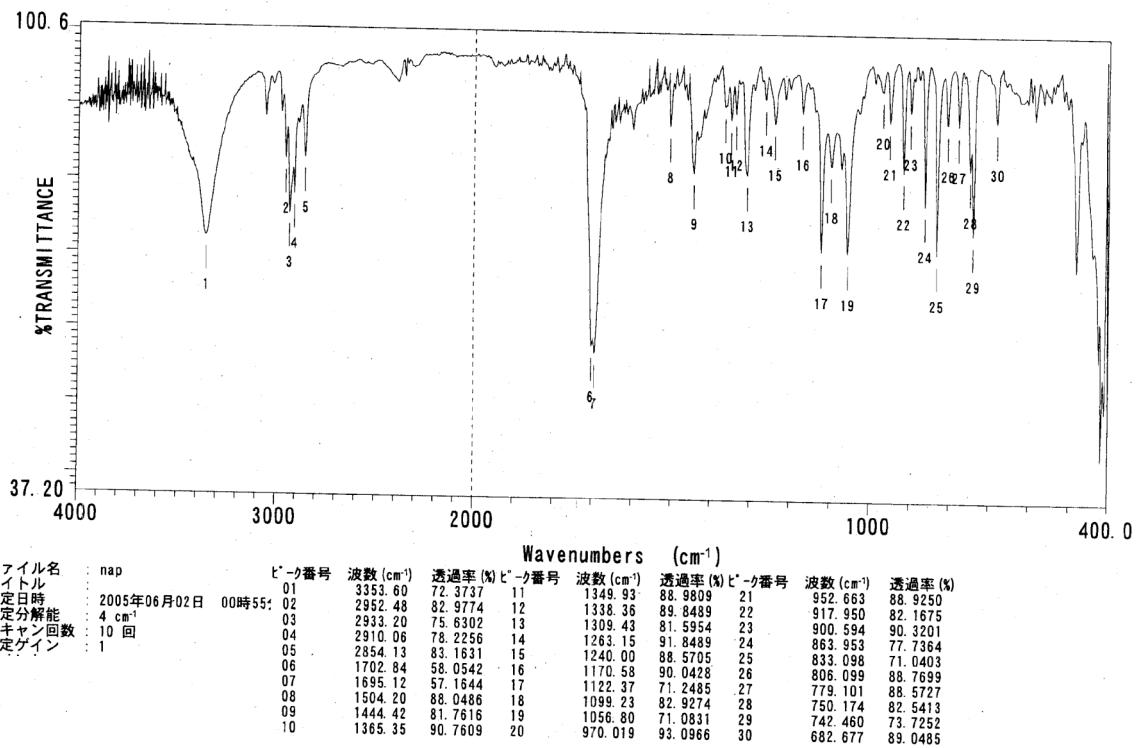


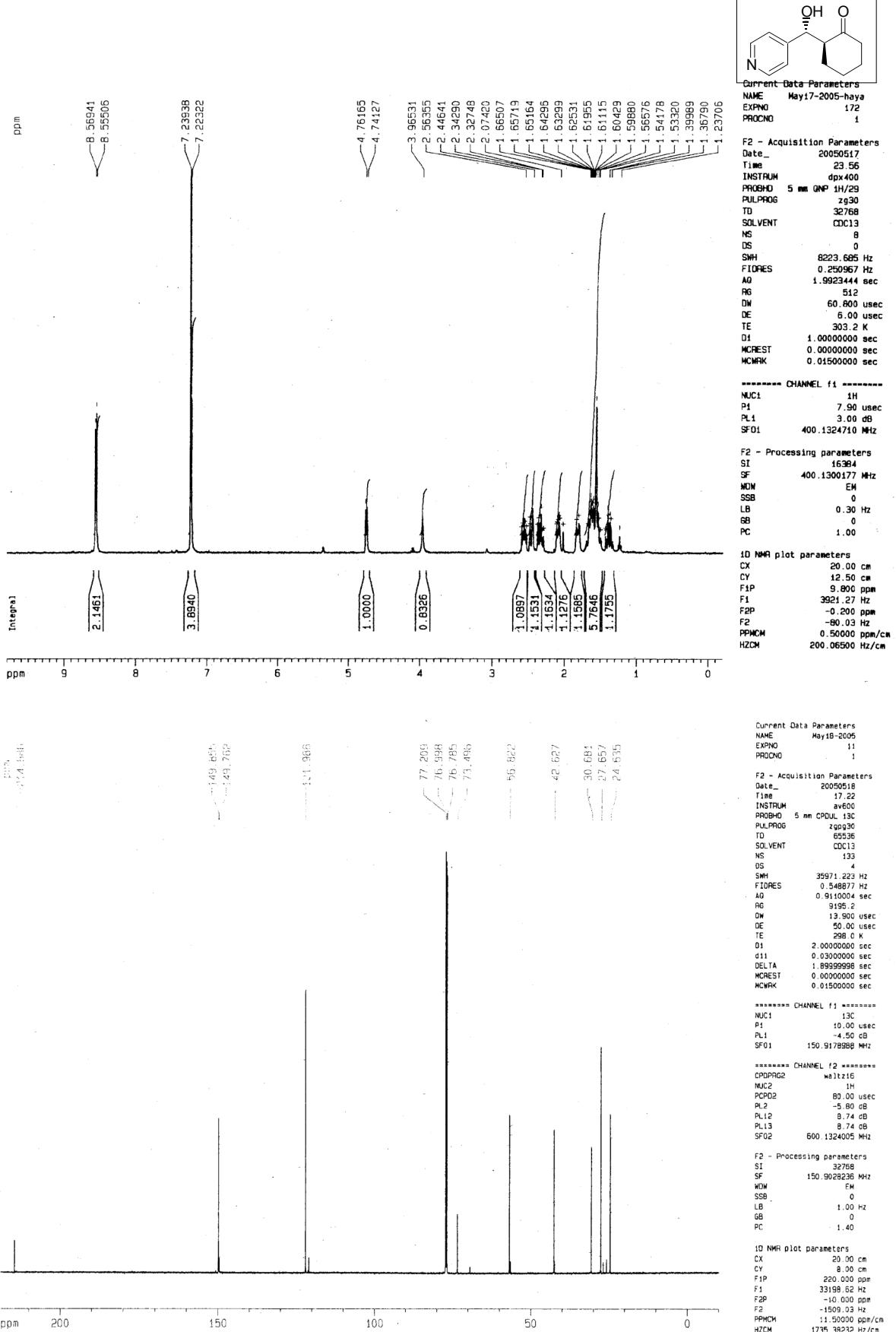
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