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Enantioselective Protonations Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine

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General Information and Acknowledgements

General procedures and methods

Experiments involving moisture and/or air sensitive components were performed under a positive pressure of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware equipped with a rubber septum inlet. Dried solvents and liquid reagents were transferred by oven-dried syringes or hypodermic syringe cooled to ambient temperature in a desiccator. Reaction mixtures were stirred in 4 mL vials with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars unless otherwise stated. Moisture in non-volatile reagents/compounds was removed in high *vacuo* by means of an oil pump and subsequent purging with nitrogen. Solvents were removed in *vacuo* under ~30 mmHg and heated with a water bath at 33°C using Heidolph or Büchi rotary evaporator with Eyela A-3S aspirator. The condenser was cooled with running water at 0°C. Suction filtration was conducted using Hirsch Funnel.

ACE sealed tubes were used for reactions that required heating unless otherwise stated. Reactions requiring temperatures up to -60°C were stirred in Thermo Neslab CB-80 cryobath using Cryotrol temperature controller. Reactions requiring temperatures up to -40°C were stirred in either Thermo Neslab CB-60 with Cryotrol temperature controller or Eyela PSL-1400 with digital temperature controller cryobaths. HPLC grade isopropanol was used as the bath medium. Reactions requiring temperatures up to -78°C were stirred in either ether/dry ice or acetone/dry ice baths. Reactions requiring temperatures up to -116°C were stirred in ether/liquid nitrogen slush bath in a Dewar apparatus. Temperature was maintained by adding additional liquid nitrogen whenever necessary so that solid ether was always present.

All experiments were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC). TLC was performed on pre-coated plates, Merck 60 F₂₅₄. After elution, plate was visualized under UV illumination at 254 nm for UV active material. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine, KMnO₄, ceric molybdate, or anisaldehyde solution. For those using the aqueous stains, the TLC plates were heated on a hot plate.

Columns for flash chromatography (FC) contained silica gel 60 (0.040 mm - 0.063 mm, Merck). Columns were packed as slurry of silica gel in hexane and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent/solvent mixture prior to use. The analyte was loaded neat or as a concentrated solution using the appropriate solvent system. The elution was assisted by applying pressure of about 2 atm with an air pump.

Instrumentations

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR), carbon NMR (¹³C NMR), phosphorous NMR (³¹P NMR) and fluorine NMR (¹⁹F NMR) spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ otherwise stated. ¹H (500.1331 MHz), ¹³C (125.7710 MHz) with complete proton decoupling and ³¹P (202.4462 MHz) with complete proton decoupling NMR were performed on a 500 MHz Bruker AMX NMR spectrometer. ¹⁹F NMR (282.3761

MHz) was performed on a 300 MHz Bruker ACF NMR spectrometer. ^1H - ^1H 2D Correlation (COSY) and ^1H Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOESY) NMR were performed on a 500 MHz Bruker AMX NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00), using the residual solvent signal as an internal standard: CDCl_3 (^1H NMR: δ 7.26, singlet; ^{13}C NMR: δ 77.0, triplet). Multiplicities were given as: *s* (singlet), *d* (doublet), *t* (triplet), *q* (quartet), *quintet*, *sextet*, *septet*, *m* (multiplets), *dd* (doublet of doublets), *ddd* (doublet of doublet of doublets), *dt* (doublet of triplets), *dq* (doublet of quartets), *dm* (doublet of multiplets), and *br* (broad). Coupling constants (*J*) were recorded in Hertz (Hz). The number of proton atoms (*n*) for a given resonance was indicated by *n*H. The number of carbon atoms (*n*) for a given resonance was indicated by *n*C. The number of fluorine atoms (*n*) for a given resonance was indicated by *n*F.

High resolution Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) mass spectra were performed by Mdm Wong Lai Kwai and Mdm Lai Hui Ngee from the Chemical and Molecular Analysis Centre (CMAC) of the National University of Singapore. They were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. High resolution Electrospray Ionization (ESI) mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF spectrometer including an SPD-M20A prominence PDA detector, CBM-20A prominence communication bus module, CTO-20A prominence column oven, SIL-20AC prominence auto sampler, DGU-20A3 prominence degasser and LC-20AD prominence liquid chromatograph. Shimadzu Formula Predictor Software was used to process the data. MS and HRMS were reported in units of mass of charge ratio (*m/z*). Mass samples were dissolved in CH_3CN (HPLC Grade) unless otherwise stated. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded by dissolving samples in CHCl_3 and spread as a thin film on NaCl cells unless otherwise stated. BIO-RAD Excalibur FTS3000 FTIR spectrometer was used to record the IR spectra. Optical rotations were recorded on a Jasco DIP-1000 polarimeter with a sodium lamp of wavelength 589 nm and reported as follows; $[\alpha]_d^{T^\circ\text{C}}$ (*c* = g/100 mL, solvent). Melting points were determined on a BÜCHI B-540 melting point apparatus.

Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) analysis on Shimadzu HPLC units, including an SPD-20A prominence UV/VIS detector, CBM-20A prominence communication bus module, CTO-20A prominence column oven, SIL-20AC prominence auto sampler, DGU-20A3 prominence degasser and two LC-20AD prominence liquid chromatographs. HPLC samples were dissolved in HPLC grade isopropanol (IPA) unless otherwise stated.

Single crystal X-Ray diffraction studies were obtained on a Bruker-AXS Smart Apex CCD single-crystal diffractometer.

Materials

All commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka, Alfa Aesar, Merck, TCI, Acros and Matrix of the highest purity grade. They were used without further purification unless specified. Deuterium oxide of 99.96% purity in ampoules was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. All solvents used, mainly hexane (Hex), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), and dichloromethane (DCM), were distilled. Anhydrous DCM and MeCN were distilled from CaH₂. Anhydrous THF, Et₂O and toluene were distilled from Na/benzophenone. Saturated solutions of sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium carbonate were prepared from the respective solids. All compounds synthesized were stored in fridge and light-sensitive compounds were protected with aluminium foil. Catalyst **1** was synthesized previously by our group.^[1]

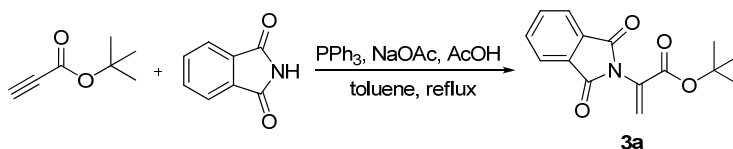
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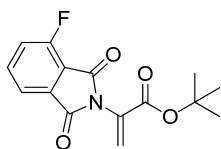
Syntheses and Characterizations of Starting Materials

Representative procedure for synthesis of 2-phthalimidoacrylates^[2]

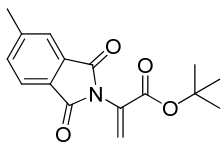


A solution of phthalimide (441 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), triphenylphosphine (78.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 0.10 equiv.), and sodium acetate (123 mg, 1.50 mmol, 0.50 equiv.) in 3.00 mL of toluene was refluxed for 10 min. Subsequently, acetic acid (172 μL , 3.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and *tert*-butyl propiolate (412 μL , 3.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added at RT. The reaction was refluxed for 18 h after which it was directly purified by flash chromatography to yield phthalimide **3a**.

tert-Butyl 2-phthalimidoacrylate (3a) Yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 2/1): 0.33; mp: 91.1–91.4°C; 90% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.44 (s, 9H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 7.71–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.87 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.7, 82.6, 123.7, 126.5, 130.5, 131.7, 134.3, 161.1, 166.4 ppm; IR (film): 3680, 3480, 2982, 2935, 2256, 1790, 1767, 1724, 1641, 1610, 1470, 1388, 1370, 1299, 1258, 1213, 1145, 1106, 1087, 909, 888, 848, 731, 680, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 274.1074, Found 274.1072.

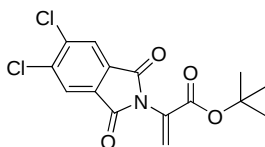


tert-Butyl 2-(3-fluoro-phthalimido)acrylate (3b) Pale yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.39; 83% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.47 (s, 9H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.7, 82.9, 117.67 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.9$ Hz), 119.98 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz), 122.6, 122.8, 127.1, 133.9, 136.97 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.3$ Hz), 157.84 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 266.7$ Hz), 160.9, 165.3 (m) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -36.04 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.3, 3.1$ Hz) ppm; IR (film): 3020, 1788, 1727, 1642, 1526, 1484, 1389, 1300, 1216, 1148, 929, 759, 669 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{F}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 292.0980, Found 292.0984.



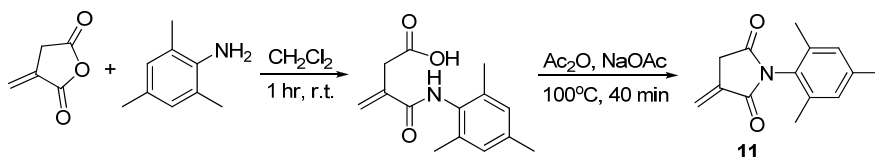
^[2] B. M. Trost, G. R. Dake, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 7595–7596.

tert-Butyl 2-(4-methyl-phthalimido)acrylate (3c) Pale yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.28; 85% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.0, 27.8, 82.6, 123.7, 124.2, 126.4, 129.2, 130.6, 132.2, 134.9, 145.7, 161.2, 166.5, 166.7 ppm; IR (film): 2982, 1781, 1724, 1643, 1392, 1370, 1300, 1153, 1102, 907, 736, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 288.1230, Found 288.1221.



tert-Butyl 2-(4,5-dichloro-phthalimido)acrylate (3d) Yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.43; 81% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.47 (s, 9H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 83.0, 125.8, 127.1, 130.3, 130.9, 139.4, 160.8, 164.5 ppm; IR (film): 2982, 2255, 1788, 1725, 1386, 1323, 1149, 909, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{35}\text{Cl}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 342.0294, Found 342.0285.

Representative procedure for synthesis of itaconimides^[3]

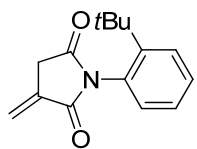


Itaconic anhydride (1.121 g, 10.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (8.00 mL) in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask with stirring. When all the itaconic anhydride was dissolved, the 2,4,6-trimethylaniline (1.352 g, 10.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred over an hour. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Acetic anhydride (3.30 mL, 35 mmol, 3.5 equiv.) and NaOAc (328 mg, 4 mmol, 0.40 equiv.) were added to the round-bottomed flask equipped with a glass stopper. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 40 minutes. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×40 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed and purification of the crude product by flash column chromatography yielded the product **11**.

N-2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl itaconimide (11) Pale yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 2/1): 0.63; mp: 120.1–120.6°C; 49% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.07 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.55 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.7,

^[3] M. P. Cava, A. A. Deana, K. Muth, M. J. Mitchell, *Org Syn. Coll.* **Vol V.**, 944–944.

21.0, 34.0, 121.4, 127.5, 129.3, 133.2, 135.2, 139.4, 168.4, 172.7 ppm; IR (film): 3155, 2931, 2531, 2404, 2255, 1714, 1481, 1379, 1266, 1161, 1028, 908, 732, 650, 584 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 230.1176, Found 230.1168.



Itconimide **14** exists as a pair of atropisomers. They can be separated by chiral HPLC analysis.

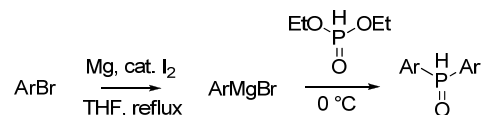
N-2-tert-Butylphenyl itaconimide (14) Pale yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 2/1): 0.25; mp: 137.0–137.4°C; 51% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.30 (*s*, 9H), 3.51 (*t*, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (*t*, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (*t*, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (*dd*, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (*dt*, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.43 (*m*, 1H), 7.60 (*dd*, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 31.5, 34.2, 35.5, 121.6, 127.3, 128.8, 129.7, 130.1, 130.5, 133.2, 148.0, 169.8, 174.0 ppm; IR (film): 2967, 2521, 2255, 1896, 1714, 1483, 1380, 1265, 1156, 908, 731, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 244.1332, Found 244.1332. HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 13.2, 34.9 min.

Representative procedure for synthesis of benzhydryl mercaptan^[4]

Benzhydryl mercaptan **2k** was prepared from the literature protocol.^[4] Data was consistent with the literature.

Representative procedure for synthesis of secondary phosphine oxides^[5]

Secondary phosphine oxides **10e** and **10h** were prepared from the literature protocol.^[5] Secondary phosphine oxides **10a**, **10c** and **10d** were previously prepared by our group.^[6] Data for all previously reported secondary phosphine oxides were consistent with the literature.



Arylbromide [Ar = 1-(2-Me-naphthyl)-] (780 μL , 5.00 mmol, 1.65 equiv.) was added dropwise to magnesium turnings (243 mg, 10.00 mmol, 3.30 equiv.) and catalytic iodine in THF (6.0 mL). The heat evolved by the reaction mixture was used to maintain it at reflux. Another 780 μL of arylbromide (5.00 mmol, 1.65 equiv.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture to maintain the heat. The mixture was

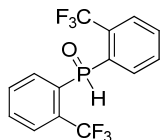
^[4] T. Nishio, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1993**, 1113–1117.

^[5] C. A. Busacca, J. C. Lorenz, N. Grinberg, N. Haddad, M. Hrapchak, B. Latli, H. Lee, P. Sabila, A. Saha, M. Sarvestani, S. Shen, R. Varsolona, X. Wei, C. H. Senanayake, *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 4277–4280.

^[6] X. Fu, Z. Jiang, C.-H. Tan, *Chem. Commun.* **2007**, 47, 5058–5060.

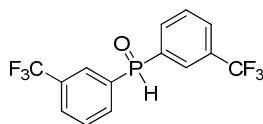
refluxed for until most of the magnesium turnings had reacted. Diethyl phosphite (386 μ L, 3.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was then added dropwise at 0°C. The reaction mixture was warmed up slowly to RT and stirred for an additional 2 hours. Once the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NH_4Cl was added until no further precipitate was observed. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 . It was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash column chromatography. The product collected after FC was further re-crystallized from EtOAc to yield the pure secondary phosphine oxide product **10b**.

Bis-(2-Me-naphth-1-yl)-phosphine oxide (10b) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.24; mp: 149.3–149.6°C; 74% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.45 (s, 6H), 7.20–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.86–8.88 (m, 2H), 9.25 (d, $J_{P-H} = 484.3$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.2 (d, $J_{C-P} = 10.1$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J_{C-P} = 9.2$ Hz), 125.1, 125.5, 125.9, 127.4, 128.8, 129.6 (d, $J_{C-P} = 11.9$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J_{C-P} = 9.2$ Hz), 132.7 (d, $J_{C-P} = 2.8$ Hz), 134.0 (d, $J_{C-P} = 10.1$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.4 ppm; IR (film): 3052, 2972, 2365, 2229, 1927, 1619, 1594, 1557, 1508, 1450, 1423, 1354, 1322, 1179, 1026, 997, 972, 909, 817, 776, 732, 660, 645 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_1\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 331.1246, Found 331.1248.



The product collected after FC was re-crystallized from Hex/methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) to obtain pure phosphine oxide **10f**.

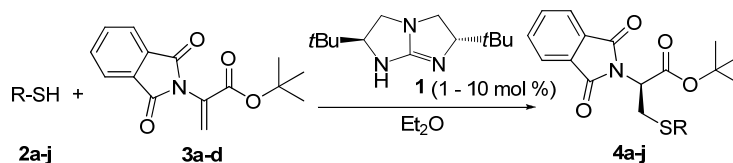
Bis-[(2-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-phosphine oxide (10f) Brown crystals; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.32; mp: 120.1–120.4°C; 86% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68–7.73 (m, 4H), 7.78–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.94–7.99 (m, 2H), 8.56 (dm, $J_{P-H} = 536.5$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 122.5 (dq, $J_{C-P} = 275$, 2.7 Hz), 127.0 (d, $J_{C-P} = 4.6$ Hz), 129.4 (d, $J_{C-P} = 96.2$ Hz), 131.5 (dd, $J_{C-P} = 33.0$, 7.3 Hz), 132.0 (d, $J_{C-P} = 11.0$ Hz), 132.7 (d, $J_{C-P} = 2.8$ Hz), 134.4 (d, $J_{C-P} = 7.3$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.06 (septet, 7.4 Hz) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 18.47 (dd, $J = 8.2$, 3.1 Hz) ppm; IR (film): 3156, 3069, 2892, 2618, 2417, 2241, 1960, 1835, 1724, 1587, 1443, 1311, 1183, 1131, 1044, 911, 733 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_1\text{F}_6\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 339.0368, Found 339.0370.



The product was purified by FC.

Bis-[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-phosphine oxide (10g) Yellow solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.43; mp: 50.3–50.7°C; 60% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64–7.67 (*m*, 2H), 7.83–7.88 (*m*, 4H), 7.99 (*d*, J = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (*d*, J_{P-H} = 493.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 123.3 (*q*, J_{C-P} = 274 Hz), 126.5–127.6 (*m*), 129.66–129.71 (*m*), 129.82, 131.73 (*dq*, J_{C-P} = 33.0, 12.8 Hz), 131.96 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 11.5 Hz), 133.78 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 11.5 Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 18.5 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.96 ppm; IR (film): 3155, 3069, 2902, 2359, 2341, 2253, 1607, 1426, 1382, 1328, 1279, 1174, 1139, 1074, 948, 908, 803, 733, 651, 527 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_1\text{F}_6\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 339.0373, Found 339.0374.

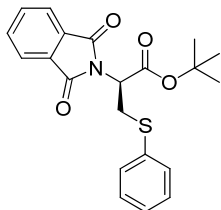
Representative Procedure for Enantioselective Protonation Reaction of *tert*-Butyl 2-Phthalimidoacrylates **3** with Aromatic Thiols **2** Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine **1**



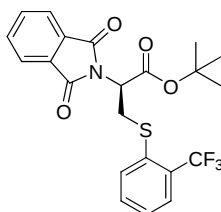
Thiophenol **2j** ($R = 4\text{-aminophenyl}$) (13.8 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) and catalyst **1** (0.22 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 0.010 equiv.) in Et_2O (1.00 mL) were stirred in a 4 mL sample vial at -116°C Et_2O /liquid N_2 slush bath.^[7] After being stirred for 10 min, phthalimidoacrylate **3a** (27.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added as solid and stirred for 4 h at -116°C (phthalimidoacrylate **3a** was added at -78°C for reactions conducted at -50°C). The reaction was monitored by TLC. 80% conversion was achieved after 4 h. Dry ice was then added to the ether bath and the temperature was allowed to warm to -78°C gradually. After another 2.5 h of stirring, the reaction was completed. It was filtered through a short plug of silica gel to remove catalyst. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by gradient elution (Hex/ $\text{EtOAc} = 19/1$ to $2/1$) to afford product **4j** as bright yellow crystals. For reactions involving thiols with lower boiling points, the crude mixtures obtained after filtering were subjected to high vacuum to remove the excess thiols to obtain the products.

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-aminophenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4j) Bright yellow crystals; R_f (Hex/ $\text{EtOAc} = 1/1$): 0.30; mp: $156.3\text{--}156.8^\circ\text{C}$; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.39 (*s*, 9H), 3.49 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.51–3.69 (*br*, 2H), 3.67 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.72 (*m*, 2H), 7.79–7.82 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 35.4, 53.0, 83.0, 115.9, 121.9, 123.3, 131.8, 134.0, 134.8, 145.5, 167.1, 167.6 ppm; IR (film): 3478, 3396, 3209, 3155, 2983, 2934, 2254, 1777, 1716, 1620, 1598, 1530, 1496, 1470, 1391, 1371, 1276, 1155, 1099, 1013, 991, 908, 854, 841, 825, 790, 732, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 398.1295, Found 398.1310, 100% rel., $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 343.0740, Found 343.0751, 49% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{29}$: +158.9 (*c* 3.0, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/ $\text{IPA} = 50/50$, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 12.4 (major), 23.7 min, 90% *ee*.

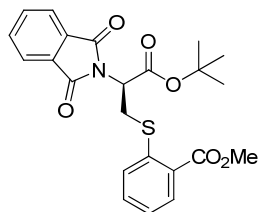
^[7] R. E. Rondeau, *J. Chem. Eng. Data* **1966**, *11*, 124–124.



(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4a) Colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.23; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 3.67 (dd, J = 14.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 15.1, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 33.6, 53.0, 83.2, 123.3, 126.9, 128.9, 131.1, 131.7, 133.9, 134.1, 166.8, 167.4 ppm; IR (film): 3020, 1718, 1478, 1391, 1216, 1155, 929, 757, 669 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 384.1270, Found 384.1270, 100% rel., $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 328.0644, Found 328.0619, 60% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +53.2 (c 3.6, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 17.7 (major), 23.1 min, 90% *ee*.

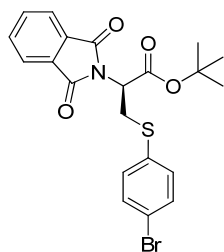


(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4b) White solid; mp: 100.1–100.5°C; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.27; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.42 (s, 9H), 3.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.84 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 33.3, 51.9, 83.5, 122.4, 123.4, 124.6, 126.6, 126.9–127.1 (m), 131.7, 131.95, 132.04, 134.1 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 15.32 ppm; IR (film): 2983, 2934, 2255, 1778, 1719, 1594, 1573, 1470, 1441, 1390, 1313, 1260, 1173, 1154, 1136, 1117, 1100, 1035, 991, 908, 876, 841, 732, 650, 531 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{F}_3^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 452.1138, Found 452.1160, 25% rel., $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{F}_3^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 396.0512, Found 396.0527, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$: +59.9 (c 4.4, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 97/3, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 43.3 (major), 51.4 min, 93% *ee*.

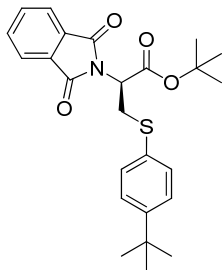


0.50 mL of ether was used instead of 1.00 mL.

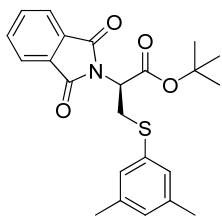
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(methyl benzoate-2-thio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4c) Yellow liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.13; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.43 (*s*, 9H), 3.77–3.84 (*m*, 5H), 4.98 (*dd*, $J = 9.5$, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.12 (*m*, 1H), 7.39–7.44 (*m*, 2H), 7.68–7.71 (*m*, 2H), 7.77–7.81 (*m*, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.7, 31.7, 52.0, 83.3, 123.4, 124.8, 127.2, 129.4, 131.1, 131.7, 132.2, 134.0, 138.6, 166.6, 166.8, 167.3 ppm; IR (film): 2985, 2256, 1778, 1717, 1640, 1470, 1436, 1391, 1256, 1155, 912, 734, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 442.1319, Found 442.1309, 42% rel., $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 386.0693, Found 386.0697, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$: +33.8 (*c* 4.2, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 14.4 (major), 16.1 min, 90% *ee*.



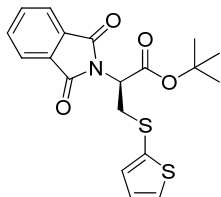
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-bromo-phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4d) White solid; mp: 106.2–106.6°C; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.30; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.41 (*s*, 9H), 3.62 (*dd*, $J = 14.5$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (*dd*, $J = 14.5$, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (*dd*, $J = 11.4$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.22 (*m*, 4H), 7.69–7.72 (*m*, 2H), 7.75–7.79 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 33.6, 53.1, 83.3, 121.1, 123.3, 131.5, 131.9, 132.8, 133.2, 134.1, 166.6, 167.4 ppm; IR (film): 3155, 2983, 2934, 2254, 1777, 1717, 1474, 1416, 1391, 1371, 1306, 1258, 1155, 1092, 1070, 1010, 992, 908, 856, 842, 816, 733, 650, 530 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{79}\text{Br}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 461.0291, Found 461.0294, 85% rel., $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{81}\text{Br}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 463.0270, Found 463.0286, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$: +43.1 (*c* 4.3, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 43.4 (major), 55.1 min, 90% *ee*.



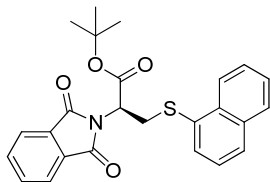
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-tert-butyl-phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4e) Colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.43; 92% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.18 (*s*, 9H), 1.40 (*s*, 9H), 3.62 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.16 (*m*, 2H), 7.26–7.28 (*m*, 2H), 7.67–7.69 (*m*, 2H), 7.75–7.78 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 31.1, 33.9, 34.3, 53.5, 83.1, 123.3, 125.9, 130.5, 131.3, 131.7, 133.9, 150.3, 166.9, 167.4 ppm; IR (film): 2967, 2936, 2906, 2871, 2256, 1778, 1721, 1613, 1593, 1489, 1470, 1391, 1371, 1303, 1257, 1155, 1120, 1099, 1013, 991, 945, 910, 875, 841, 829, 791, 734, 649, 556, 530 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 439.1812, Found 439.1812, 92% rel., $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 384.1264, Found 384.1260, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +41.2 (*c* 4.1, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 97/3, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 53.2 (major), 66.6 min, 93% *ee*.



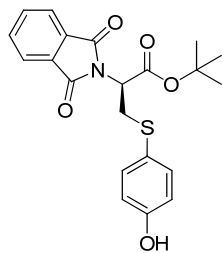
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4f) Colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.36; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.41 (*s*, 9H), 2.10 (*s*, 6H), 3.59 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (*s*, 1H), 6.91 (*s*, 2H), 7.66–7.68 (*m*, 2H), 7.71–7.74 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.9, 27.8, 33.1, 53.7, 83.1, 123.0, 128.5, 128.9, 131.6, 133.4, 133.7, 138.4, 166.9, 167.3 ppm; IR (film): 2981, 2921, 2861, 2256, 1777, 1719, 1600, 1581, 1469, 1390, 1370, 1257, 1155, 1100, 992, 947, 875, 844, 732, 687, 649 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 411.1499, Found 411.1513, 85% rel., $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 356.0951, Found 356.0951, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$: +28.5 (*c* 4.0, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 23°C) 20.7 (major), 27.4 min, 94% *ee*.



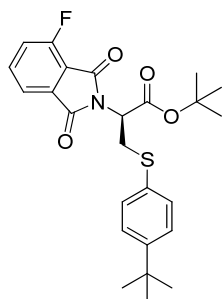
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(thiophen-2-ylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4g) Light yellow liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.32; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.39 (*s*, 9H), 3.54 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.87–6.88 (*m*, 1H), 7.14 (*dd*, $J = 3.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (*dd*, $J = 5.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.75 (*m*, 2H), 7.84–7.87 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 37.7, 52.6, 83.2, 123.5, 127.5, 130.2, 131.8, 132.3, 134.1, 135.2, 166.8, 167.6 ppm; IR (film): 2982, 1777, 1717, 1470, 1391, 1371, 1258, 1155, 1099, 908, 733, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_1\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 390.0834, Found 390.0842, 45% rel., $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_1\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 334.0208, Found 334.0166, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +115.8 (c 3.9, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 15.5 (major), 18.7 min, 91% *ee*.



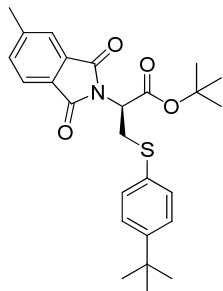
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4h) Colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.29; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.38 (*s*, 9H), 3.72 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (*t*, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.43 (*m*, 1H), 7.46–7.49 (*m*, 1H), 7.59–7.68 (*m*, 7H), 8.36 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 33.8, 53.2, 83.1, 123.2, 125.4, 125.4, 126.1, 126.6, 128.3, 128.4, 131.2, 131.3, 131.5, 133.4, 133.8, 133.9, 166.9, 167.3 ppm; IR (film): 3477, 3058, 2981, 2934, 2256, 1777, 1717, 1504, 1470, 1390, 1304, 1257, 1155, 1100, 946, 909, 875, 842, 800, 772, 733, 649, 530 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 433.1342, Found 433.1360, 100% rel., $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 378.0795, Found 378.0797, 88% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$: +64.7 (c 5.0, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 25.7 (major), 35.1 min, 89% *ee*.



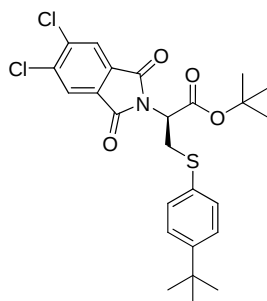
(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (4i) Molten white solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.25; 97% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.40 (s, 9H), 3.54 (dd, $J = 14.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, $J = 14.5, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (br, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 35.2, 53.1, 83.4, 116.1, 123.5, 123.8, 131.6, 134.2, 134.8, 156.1, 167.1, 167.9 ppm; IR (film): 3597, 3156, 2983, 2254, 1776, 1716, 1495, 1392, 1260, 1155, 1099, 909, 734, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 399.1135, Found 399.1151, 100% rel., $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 344.0587, Found 344.0584, 81% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +93.0 (c 3.3, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 9.2 (major), 11.6 min, 84% *ee*.



(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-tert-butylphenylthio)-2-(3-fluorophthalimido)propanoate (4k) Pale yellow liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.33; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 15.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, $J = 15.1, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.70 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 31.1, 33.7, 34.4, 53.7, 83.3, 117.4, 117.5, 119.46, 119.49, 122.3, 122.4, 125.9, 126.1, 127.7, 129.6, 130.4, 131.4, 133.9, 136.45, 136.50, 150.4, 156.4, 158.5, 164.0, 166.21, 166.24, 166.58 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -36.74 (q, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1F) ppm; IR (film): 2968, 2360, 2341, 2255, 1779, 1722, 1483, 1391, 1371, 1262, 1155, 1103, 908, 731, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{F}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 457.1718, Found 457.1700, 83% rel., $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1\text{F}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 402.1170, Found 402.1162, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +41.6 (c 4.4, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 33.8 (major), 39.4 min, 92% *ee*.

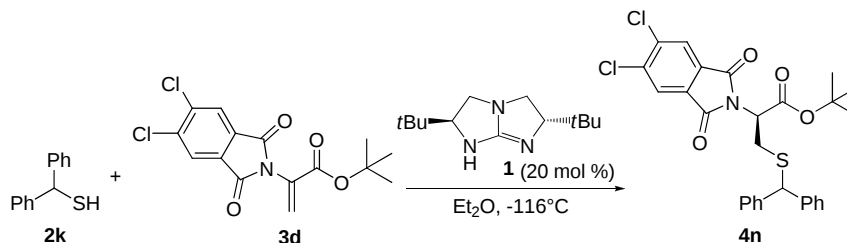


(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-tert-butyl-phenylthio)-2-(4-methyl-phthalimido)propanoate (4l) Colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.35; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.18 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, J = 15.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 14.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.9, 27.8, 31.1, 33.9, 34.3, 53.4, 83.0, 123.2, 123.8, 125.8, 129.1, 130.6, 131.3, 132.1, 134.5, 145.2, 150.2, 167.0, 167.5, 167.6 ppm; IR (film): 2967, 2254, 1775, 1717, 1387, 1258, 1156, 1104, 909, 735, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 453.1968, Found 453.1964; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$: +52.1 (c 4.4, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 17.5 (major), 23.5 min, 92% *ee*.



(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(4-tert-butyl-phenylthio)-2-(4,5-dichloro-phthalimido)propanoate (4m) Yellow liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.55; 95% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 3.57 (dd, J = 14.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 14.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 31.1, 33.4, 34.3, 54.2, 83.4, 125.3, 125.9, 130.2, 130.7, 131.3, 138.9, 150.5, 165.4, 166.4 ppm; IR (film): 2969, 2254, 1785, 1723, 1604, 1385, 1259, 1155, 1099, 907, 736, 651 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_4\text{N}_1^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 507.1032, Found 507.1040; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +32.8 (c 4.2, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 18.0 (major), 22.8 min, 92% *ee*.

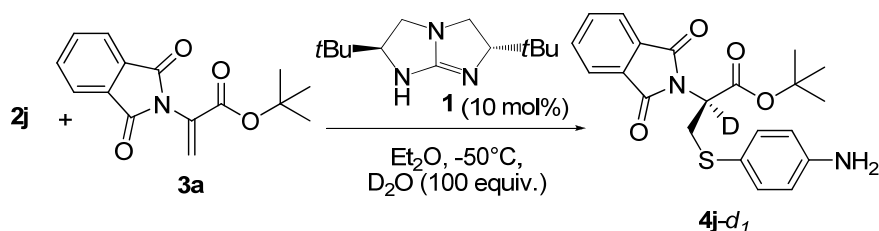
Procedure for Enantioselective Protonation Reaction of Phthalimidoacrylate **3d** with Alkyl Thiol **2k** Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine **1**



Benzhydryl mercaptan **2k** (22.0 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) and catalyst **1** (4.46 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.200 equiv.) in Et₂O (1.00 mL) were pre-stirred in a 4 mL sample vial at -116°C Et₂O/liquid N₂ slush bath for 10 min.^[7] Phthalimidoacrylate **3d** (34.2 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was divided into five portions and added to the reaction mixture at 5 min intervals. After the last portion was added, it was stirred for a further 5 min at -116°C. Dry ice was then added to the ether bath and the temperature was allowed to warm to -78°C gradually over 1 h. After another 0.5 h of stirring at -78°C, the reaction was completed. It was filtered through a short plug of silica gel to remove catalyst. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by gradient elution (Hex/EtOAc = 19/1 to 9/1) to afford product **4n** as pale yellow powder.

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-(benzhydrylthio)-2-(4,5-dichloro-phthalimido)propanoate (4n) Pale yellow powder; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 9/1): 0.22; mp: 115.0–115.3°C; 96% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.37 (*s*, 9H), 3.12 (*dd*, *J* = 14.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (*dd*, *J* = 14.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (*dd*, *J* = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (*s*, 1H), 7.17–7.34 (*m*, 8H), 7.47 (*d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (*s*, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.8, 31.1, 52.2, 53.4, 83.3, 125.6, 127.3, 127.4, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 130.9, 139.1, 140.1, 140.7, 165.6, 166.4 ppm; IR (film): 2981, 2254, 1781, 1721, 1603, 1384, 1258, 1154, 907, 732, 650 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): C₂₈H₂₆O₄N₁³⁵Cl₂³²S₁⁺ ([*M*+*H*]⁺), Calc. 542.0954, Found 542.0940; [*α*]_D²³: +73.7 (*c* 1.9, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 11.5 (major), 12.8 min, 91% *ee*.

Procedure for Enantioselective Deuteration Reaction of *tert*-Butyl 2-Phthalimidoacrylate **3a with Thiol **2j** Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine **1****

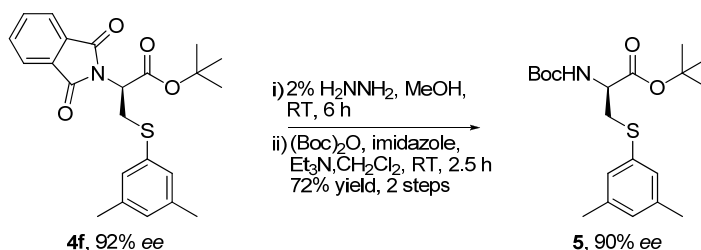


Thiophenol **2j** (R = 4-aminophenyl) (13.8 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.10 equiv.), D_2O (181 μL , 10.0 mmol, 100 equiv.) and catalyst **1** (2.23 mg, 0.0100 mmol) in Et_2O (1.00 mL) were stirred in a flame-dried 4.0 mL sample vial fitted with rubber septum under N_2 atmosphere. After being stirred for 30 min at RT, the rubber septum was changed to screw-cap. The vial was then submerged in -78°C cryobath and stirred for 10 min. Phthalimidoacrylate **3a** (27.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added as solid at -78°C and stirred for 1 h at -50°C . The reaction was monitored by TLC. After reaction was completed, it was filtered through silica gel to remove catalyst. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by gradient elution (Hex/EtOAc = 19/1 to 2/1) to afford product **4j-d₁** as bright yellow crystals. Deuteration level was determined by ^1H NMR integration with respect to the peak at 6.48 ppm.

(S)-*tert*-Butyl 3-(4-aminophenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate-2-d₁ (4j-d₁**)** Bright yellow crystals; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.30; mp: $163.3\text{--}163.8^\circ\text{C}$; 90% yield; 97% deuteration; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.39 (s, 9H), 3.47 (d, $J = 14.5$, 1H), 3.64–3.67 (br, 2H), 3.66 (d, $J = 14.5$, 1H), 4.85 (dd, $J = 11.4$, 3.8 Hz, 3.1%), 6.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.8, 35.4, 52.77 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 83.0, 115.4, 121.0, 123.3, 131.8, 133.9, 135.0, 146.5, 167.1, 167.6 ppm; IR (film): 3464, 3379, 3020, 2979, 2935, 2401, 2361, 2342, 1778, 1715, 1621, 1598, 1497, 1469, 1391, 1371, 1257, 1216, 1177, 1157, 1103, 1057, 921, 871, 834, 822, 756, 668, 626 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}^{2}\text{HO}_4\text{N}_2^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 400.1441, Found 400.1441, 24% rel., $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}^2\text{HO}_4\text{N}_2^{32}\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 344.0815, Found 344.0822, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{29}$: +136.9 (c 2.8, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 50/50, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 10.7 (major), 18.5 min, 91% *ee*.

Procedures for Chemoselective Removal of Various Protecting Groups from Cysteine Derivatives 4

Chemoselective removal of *N*-phthalimide protecting group



To a solution of cysteine derivative **4f** (30.0 mg, 0.070 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in MeOH (2.0 mL) was added 2% H₂NNH₂ in MeOH (0.25 mL, 0.168 mmol, 2.40 equiv.) dropwise at ambient temperature. The mixture was stirred at RT for 6 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuo. It was taken up with EtOAc (5 mL) and washed with 6% K₂CO₃ (5 mL) solution. The organic layer was dried and evaporated. This crude reaction mixture was used for the next step without any further purification.

To a solution of above obtained product (1.0 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was added (Boc)₂O (17 mg, 0.080 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), imidazole (0.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and Et₃N (2 drops) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at RT for 2.5 h. Removal of solvent followed by flash chromatography yielded product **5**.

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-3-(3,5-dimethylphenylthio)propanoate (5) Colorless liquid; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.49; 72% yield (two steps); ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (br, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 27.9, 28.2, 37.2, 54.1, 79.7, 82.5, 128.0, 128.5, 135.1, 138.6, 155.0, 169.7 ppm; IR (film): 3019, 2115, 1702, 1647, 1500, 1216, 1154, 1047, 846, 774 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): C₂₀H₃₁O₄N₁³²S₁⁺ ([M+H]⁺), Calc. 381.1968, Found 381.1970; [α]_D²⁵: -26.5 (c 1.6, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 6.5 (major), 7.8 min, 90% ee.

Chemoselective removal of *tert*-butyl ester protecting group

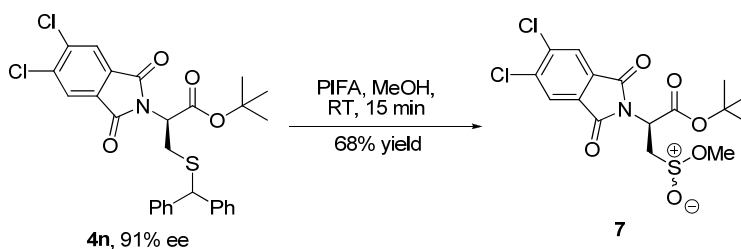


Cysteine derivative **4f** (15.0 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (2:1, 0.90 mL) at RT. The mixture was stirred at RT for 16 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuo.

This crude reaction mixture was dissolved in CH₃CN (1.0 mL) and treated with solid K₂CO₃ (14.0 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.50 equiv.) and benzyl bromide (8.0 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1.5 h. Removal of solvent followed by flash chromatography yielded product **6**.

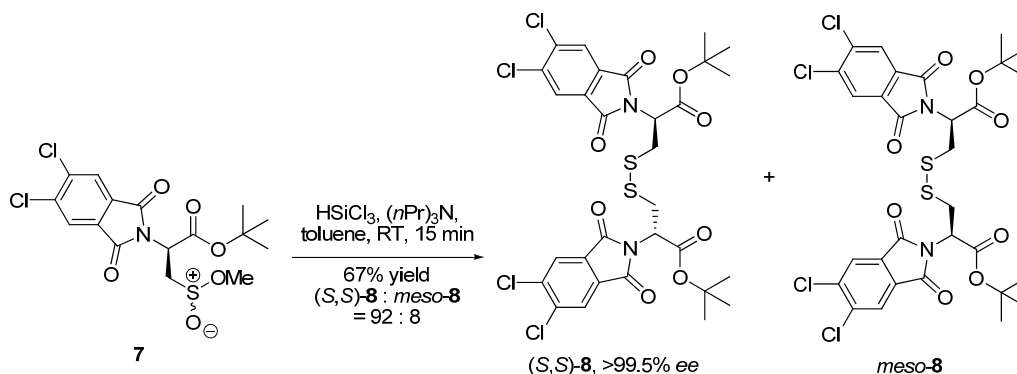
(S)-Benzyl 3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylthio)-2-phthalimidopropanoate (6) White solid; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.38; mp: 92.2–92.5°C; 99% yield (two steps); ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.11 (*s*, 6H), 3.65 (*dd*, *J* = 15.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (*dd*, *J* = 15.1, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (*dd*, *J* = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (*dd*, *J* = 15.1, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (*s*, 1H), 6.91 (*s*, 2H), 7.25–7.32 (*m*, 5H), 7.67–7.69 (*m*, 2H), 7.72–7.75 (*m*, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.9, 33.2, 53.0, 67.7, 123.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 131.5, 133.1, 133.9, 135.0, 138.5, 167.2, 167.9 ppm; IR (film): 3172, 2110, 1716, 1644, 1388, 1232, 1176, 1099, 912, 733 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): C₂₆H₂₄O₄N₁³²S₁⁺ ([M+H]⁺), Calc. 446.1421, Found 446.1425; [α]_D²⁴: 14.9 (c 1.6, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 12.1, 15.5 (major) min, 90% *ee*.

Chemoselective removal of *S*-benzhydryl protecting group



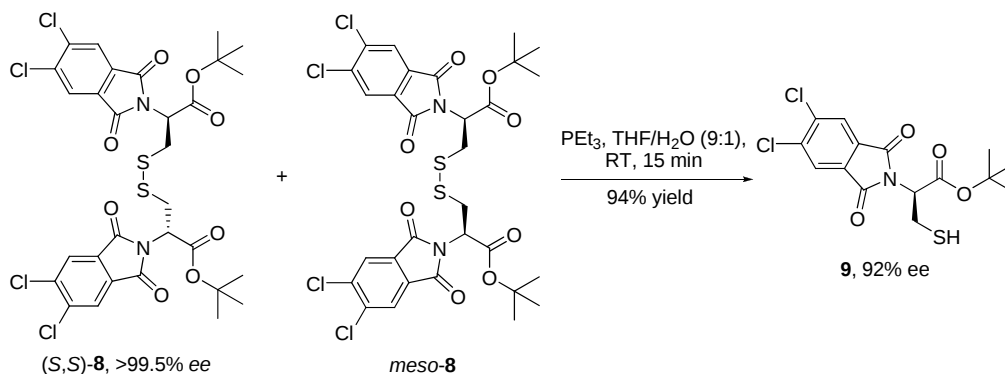
To a solution of cysteine derivative **4n** (27.1 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in MeOH (2.00 mL) was added [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (PIFA) (45.1 mg, 0.105 mmol, 2.10 equiv.) as a solid at RT. The mixture was stirred at RT for 15 min. Removal of solvent followed by flash chromatography yielded product **7** as a mixture of diastereomers (*d.r.* = 54.3 : 45.7) as determined from NMR.

(2S)-tert-Butyl 3-(methoxysulfinyl)-2-(4,5-dichloro-phthalimido)propanoate (7) Light yellow liquid; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.19; 68% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.42 (*s*, 9H), 3.44–3.62 (*m*, 2H), 3.71 (*s*, 1.63H), 3.73 (*s*, 1.37H), 5.25–5.31 (*m*, 1H), 7.94 (two *s*, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.7, 46.7, 47.1, 54.7, 54.88, 54.94, 55.1, 84.26, 84.31, 125.7, 130.74, 130.76, 139.4, 165.14, 165.20, 165.85, 165.92 ppm; IR (film): 2984, 2254, 1784, 1726, 1383, 1258, 1153, 988, 909, 735, 650 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): C₁₆H₁₈O₆N₁³⁵Cl₂³²S₁⁺ ([M+H]⁺), Calc. 422.0226, Found 422.0219.



Sulfinate **7** (14.3 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in toluene (0.30 mL) and trichlorosilane (20.0 μL , 0.198 mmol, 5.80 equiv.) was added to it at RT. After stirring for 5 min, $(n\text{Pr})_3\text{N}$ (6.7 μL , 0.036 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added dropwise to the reaction. The mixture was stirred at RT for 15 min. H_2O (2.0 mL) was added to quench the reaction. Subsequently, it was extracted with EtOAc ($3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . Removal of solvent followed by flash chromatography yielded product **8** as a mixture of diastereomers $(S,S)\text{-8} : \text{meso-8} = 91.9 : 8.1$ as determined from HPLC analysis.^[8]

***N,N'*-di-(4,5-dichloro-phthaloyl)-D,D-cystine di-*tert*-butyl ester (**8**)** Molten white solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.45; 67% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.43 (*s*, 9H), 3.41 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 10.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.46 (*dd*, $J = 14.5, 5.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.09 (*dd*, $J = 10.7, 4.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.90 (*s*, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.9, 36.3, 52.2, 83.8, 125.7, 130.8, 139.2, 166.6, 166.5 ppm; IR (film): 3159, 2254, 1782, 1724, 1602, 1384, 1261, 1154, 1098, 1014, 907, 733, 651 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{N}_2^{35}\text{Cl}_4^{32}\text{S}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 748.0036, Found 748.0013, 61% rel., $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{N}_2^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_1^{32}\text{S}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 750.0006, Found 750.0026, 100% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$: 197.6 (c 0.5, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 10.7 (major), 12.9 (*meso*), 17.9 min, $>99.5\% \text{ ee}$.



Cystine derivative **8** (mixture of diastereomers, 3.5 mg, 0.0047 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in THF/ H_2O (9:1, 0.10 mL). Triethyl phosphine (1.0 M in THF, 18.5 μL , 0.0186 mmol, 4.00 equiv.) was added

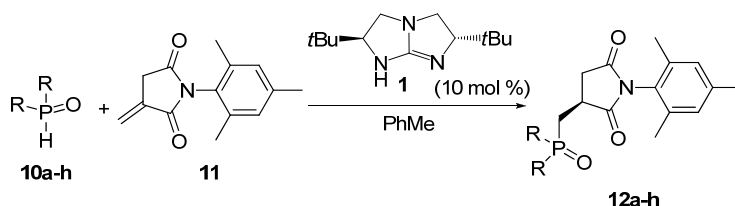
^[8] T. H. Chan, J. P. Montillier, W. F. Van Horn, D. N. Harpp, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 7224–7225.

to it at RT. The mixture was stirred at RT for 15 min. The solvent was then removed in vacuo. EtOAc (2.0 mL) was added and washed three times with H₂O (1.0 mL). The combined aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (1.0 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of solvent followed by flash chromatography yielded product **9**.^[9]

N-(4,5-dichloro-phthaloyl)-D-cysteine *tert*-butyl ester (9) Molten white solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.47; 94% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (*s*, 9H), 3.24 (*dd*, *J* = 14.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.31 (*m*, 1H), 4.79 (*dd*, *J* = 10.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (*s*, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.7, 27.8 56.1, 83.6, 125.7, 128.8, 130.8, 130.9, 139.3, 165.7, 166.1 ppm; IR (film): 3019, 2360, 2342, 1782, 1724, 1384, 1260, 1216, 1154, 1113, 768, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): C₁₅H₁₅O₄N₁³²S₁³⁵Cl₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺), Calc. 376.0177, Found 376.0178, 100% rel., C₁₁H₇O₄N₁³²S₁³⁵Cl₂⁺ ([M-C(CH₃)₃+H]⁺), Calc. 319.9551, Found 319.9565, 98% rel.; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$: -7.3 (c 0.32, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IB (Hex/IPA = 95/5, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 16.8 (major), 19.5 min, 92% *ee*.

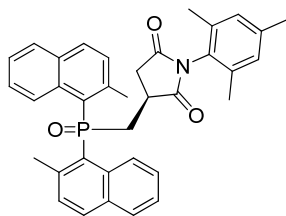
^[9] L. Käsbeck, H. Kessler, *Liebigs Ann./Recueil* **1997**, 165–167.

Representative Procedure for Enantioselective Protonation Reaction of Itaconimide **11** with Secondary Phosphine Oxides **10** Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine **1**

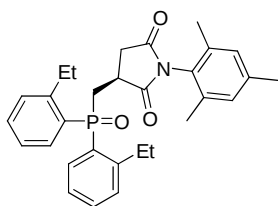


Bis-naphth-1-yl-phosphine oxide **10a** (Ar = naphtha-1-yl) (30.2 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was sonicated in toluene (1.00 mL) in a 4 mL sample vial for 5 mins for it to dissolve well. Catalyst **1** (2.23 mg, 0.0100 mmol, 0.100 equiv.) was added and the vial was submerged in cryobath at 0°C. After being stirred for 10 min, itaconimide **11** (25.2 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) was added as solid and stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was loaded onto silica gel column and purified by gradient elution (Hex/EtOAc = 9/1 to 1/2) to afford product **12a** as white solid.

(S)-3-{[Bis(naphthalen-1-yl)phosphoryl]methyl}-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12a) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.30; mp: 127.0–128.0°C; 95% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.00 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.70–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 18.9, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.44–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.64 (ddd, $J = 15.1, 10.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 7.47–7.56 (m, 5H), 7.59 (dt, $J = 8.2, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 8.01–8.12 (m, 4H), 8.65 (dd, $J = 31.5, 8.2$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.6, 21.0, 32.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 72.4$ Hz), 35.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.8$ Hz), 124.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 13.8, 4.6$ Hz), 126.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 42.2, 5.5$ Hz), 126.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.8$ Hz), 127.4, 127.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 8.3$ Hz), 128.4, 129.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 41.2$ Hz), 129.3, 129.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 65.0$ Hz), 132.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1, 12.8$ Hz), 133.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 55.9, 8.3$ Hz), 133.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.4, 2.8$ Hz), 134.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.8, 9.2$ Hz), 135.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.2$ Hz), 139.4, 174.86, 178.07 ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 34.8 ppm; IR (film): 3155, 3054, 2927, 2555, 2404, 2251, 1958, 1711, 1602, 1484, 1381, 1188, 909, 733 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 532.2036, Found 532.2031; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$: +12.8 (c 3.2, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA (Hex/IPA = 87/13, 1.3 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 38.9, 42.2 (major) min, 98% ee.



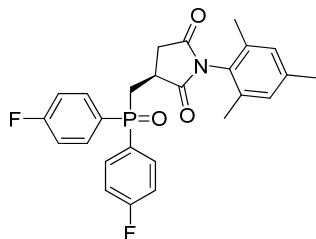
(S)-3-[[Bis(2-methylnaphthalen-1-yl)phosphoryl]methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12b) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.49; mp: 107.3–107.9°C; 93% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.97 (*s*, 6H), 2.27 (*s*, 3H), 2.42 (*s*, 3H), 2.65 (*br*, 4H), 2.79 (*dd*, $J = 22.7, 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (*dd*, $J = 18.3, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (*br*, 1H), 3.73 (*t*, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (*s*, 2H), 7.23 (*dd*, $J = 8.2, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.32 (*m*, 2H), 7.41 (*t*, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.48 (*m*, 2H), 7.81–7.85 (*m*, 2H), 7.89 (*dd*, $J = 8.2, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.41 (*br*, 1H), 8.79–8.81 (*m*, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.63, 17.67, 21.0, 23.26–23.47 (*m*), 35.4, 36.5, 37.74 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 68.7$ Hz), 125.37–125.51 (*m*), 125.64 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 14.7$ Hz), 127.0, 127.32 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 7.3$ Hz), 128.96 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.2$ Hz), 129.26 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 130.04–130.68 (*m*, 2C), 132.34 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 72.9, 36.4$ Hz), 132.69, 133.60 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 93.5, 10.1$ Hz), 135.12 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.0$ Hz), 139.31, 141.67 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.8$ Hz), 175.04, 178.21 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 17.4$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 37.97 (*br*) ppm; IR (film): 3668, 3017, 2984, 2925, 2401, 1779, 1711, 1612, 1597, 1508, 1487, 1444, 1421, 1379, 1305, 1181, 1027, 989, 925, 868, 820, 752, 666, 638, 562 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 560.2355, Found 560.2355; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$: +25.6 (*c* 1.2, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IB (Hex/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 52.3, 65.0 (major) min, 87% *ee*.



0.40 mL of toluene was used instead of 1.00 mL.

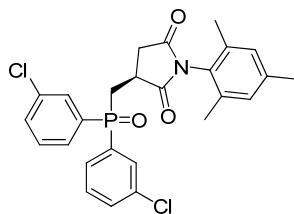
(S)-3-[[Bis(2-ethylphenyl)phosphoryl]methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12c) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.59; mp: 68.2–68.9°C; 94% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.91–0.95 (*m*, 6H), 2.02 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.04 (*d*, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.28 (*s*, 3H), 2.45–2.53 (*m*, 1H), 2.72–2.83 (*m*, 5H), 3.03 (*dd*, $J = 18.9, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.32 (*m*, 1H), 3.39 (*ddd*, $J = 14.5, 9.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (*d*, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.38 (*m*, 4H), 7.48–7.53 (*m*, 2H), 7.76 (*dd*, $J = 12.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (*dd*, $J = 12.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 15.01, 15.2, 17.6, 21.0, 26.85 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.6$ Hz), 31.5, 32.0, 35.43 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.8$ Hz), 35.7, 125.97 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.9, 2.8$ Hz), 127.4, 129.32 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 130.41 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.0, 7.3$ Hz), 131.34 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.0$ Hz), 131.74 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 132.45 (*t*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.8$ Hz), 135.14 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 17.4$ Hz), 139.4, 148.0 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 51.3, 9.2$ Hz), 174.9, 178.31 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 17.4$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.4 ppm; IR (film): 3063, 2973, 2931, 2875, 2253, 2232, 1780, 1711, 1634, 1611, 1594, 1487, 1475, 1440, 1379, 1305, 1291, 1192, 1139, 1092, 912, 870, 853, 742, 691, 648 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 488.2349, Found 488.2353; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$: +18.3 (*c* 3.2, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis:

Chiralpak ADH + Chiralpak IA (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 30.1 (major), 36.9 min, 92% *ee*.



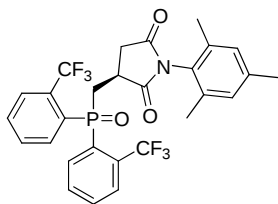
0.40 mL of toluene was used instead of 1.00 mL.

(S)-3-[[Bis(4-fluorophenyl)phosphoryl]methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12d) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.49; mp: 57.2–57.6°C; 79% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.02 (*s*, 3H), 2.28 (*s*, 3H), 2.34–2.42 (*m*, 1H), 2.87 (*dd*, $J = 18.9, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (*dd*, $J = 18.9, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.17–3.26 (*m*, 2H), 6.94 (*s*, 2H), 7.19–7.24 (*m*, 4H), 7.75–7.85 (*m*, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.60, 17.62, 21.0, 31.67 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 72.4$ Hz), 35.16 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 3.7$ Hz), 35.3, 116.37–116.79 (*m*, 2C), 127.3, 129.37 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 8.3$ Hz), 133.08 (*t*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.2$ Hz), 133.42 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 135.99 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.2$ Hz), 139.5, 174.4, 177.78 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 17.4$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -29.38–29.23 (*m*, 1F) ppm; IR (film): 2934, 2341, 2249, 1712, 1594, 1497, 1384, 1191, 1113, 1047, 909, 833, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{F}_2\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 468.1535, Found 468.1523; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +13.4 (*c* 2.9, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 40/60, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 33.1 (major), 63.0 min, 91% *ee*.

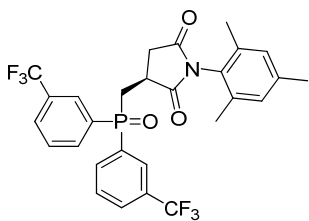


(S)-3-[[Bis(3-chlorophenyl)phosphoryl]methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12e) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.21; mp: 65.1–65.5°C; 95% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.03 (*s*, 3H), 2.29 (*s*, 3H), 2.37–2.44 (*m*, 1H), 2.86 (*dd*, $J = 18.9, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (*dd*, $J = 18.9, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.31 (*m*, 2H), 6.94 (*s*, 2H), 7.45–7.52 (*m*, 2H), 7.55–7.59 (*m*, 2H), 7.63–7.71 (*m*, 2H), 7.80 (*dd*, $J = 25.9, 12.0$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.66, 17.68, 21.1, 31.26 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 73.3$ Hz), 35.21 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 35.8$ Hz), 56.8, 128.58 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 28.4, 9.1$ Hz), 129.41 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 7.3$ Hz), 130.47 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 130.67 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 13.7$ Hz), 130.86 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.1$ Hz), 132.86 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.9, 2.8$ Hz), 135.13 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.4$ Hz), 135.78 (*dd*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 22.0, 14.7$ Hz), 139.6, 174.4, 177.59 (*d*, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 17.4$ Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR

(202.44 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.8 ppm; IR (film): 3166, 3022, 2922, 1780, 1707, 1610, 1566, 1487, 1469, 1380, 1305, 1192, 1135, 1078, 988, 926, 870, 835, 756, 712, 687, 667, 639, 563 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): C₂₆H₂₅O₃N₁P₁Cl₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺), Calc. 500.0949, Found 500.0950; [α]_D²⁵: +8.9 (c 4.2, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA + Chiralpak ADH (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 32.3 (major), 53.2 min, 92% *ee*.

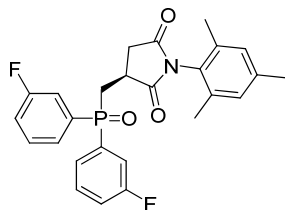


(S)-3-[(Bis(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)phosphoryl)methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12f) White solid; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.23; mp 197.8–198.5°C; 89% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.03 (*s*, 3H), 2.28 (*s*, 3H), 2.56–2.64 (*m*, 1H), 2.75 (*dd*, *J* = 18.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (*dd*, *J* = 18.3, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.33 (*m*, 1H), 3.52–3.57 (*m*, 1H), 6.94 (*d*, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70–7.85 (*m*, 6H), 8.25 (*dt*, *J* = 14.5, 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.58, 17.61, 21.0, 32.51 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 78.8 Hz), 35.37 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 2.7 Hz), 35.7, 123.38 (*dd*, *J*_{C-P} = 271.3, 8.3 Hz), 127.3, 127.75–127.91 (*m*, 1C), 128.09–128.20 (*m*, 1C), 129.33 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 7.3 Hz), 131.67–131.86 (*m*, 1C), 132.02, 132.53 (*dd*, *J*_{C-P} = 9.2, 2.8 Hz), 134.14 (*dd*, *J*_{C-P} = 14.7, 8.3 Hz), 135.12 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 7.3 Hz), 139.46, 174.6, 177.63 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 18.3 Hz) ppm; ³¹P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.2 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.38 (*d*, *J* = 61.9 Hz) ppm; IR (film): 2925, 2253, 1712, 1475, 1381, 1311, 1184, 1130, 1039, 908, 731 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) C₂₈H₂₅O₃N₁F₆P₁⁺ ([M+H]⁺) Calc. 568.1471, Found 568.1483; [α]_D²⁷: +21.4 (c 4.0, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis Chiralpak IB (Hex/IPA = 70/30, 0.5 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 19.8 (major), 23.0 min, 96% *ee*.



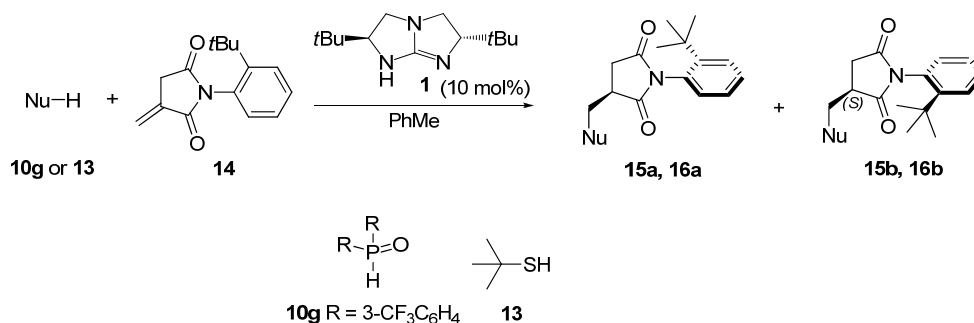
(S)-3-[(bis(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)phosphoryl)methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12g) White solid; *R_f* (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.48; mp 180.0–180.4°C; 93% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.02 (*s*, 3H), 2.29 (*s*, 3H), 2.45–2.53 (*m*, 1H), 2.90 (*dd*, *J* = 18.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (*dd*, *J* = 18.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.33 (*m*, 2H), 6.94 (*s*, 2H), 7.66–7.74 (*m*, 2H), 7.85–7.89 (*m*, 2H), 7.95–8.04 (*m*, 2H), 8.13 (*dd*, *J* = 28.4, 11.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.62, 17.64, 21.0, 31.25 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 72.4 Hz), 35.03 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 2.8 Hz), 35.4, 122.33 (*d*, *J*_{C-P} = 272.2 Hz), 127.20, 127.35–127.46 (*m*, 1C), 127.80–127.91

(*m*, 1C), 129.40 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 8.3 Hz), 129.43–129.57 (*m*, 1C), 129.87 (*dd*, J_{C-P} = 17.4, 11.9 Hz), 131.69–132.21 (*m*, 1C), 133.74 (*dd*, J_{C-P} = 26.6, 10.1 Hz), 135.11 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 4.6 Hz), 139.59, 174.16, 177.41 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 16.5 Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.9 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.17 (*d*, J = 6.2 Hz) ppm; IR (film): 2981, 2925, 2870, 2254, 1783, 1714, 1607, 1486, 1454, 1423, 1380, 1327, 1278, 1195, 1175, 1140, 1090, 1075, 1049, 909, 803, 740, 731, 651 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{F}_6\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calc. 568.1476, Found 568.1475; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ -8.1 (c 1.3, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis Chiralpak IA (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C) 8.1, 9.6(minor) min, 94% *ee*.



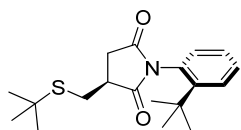
(S)-3-[[Bis(3-fluorophenyl)phosphoryl]methyl]-1-mesitylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (12h) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/2): 0.59; mp: 145.0–145.3°C; 88% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.02 (*s*, 3H), 2.28 (*s*, 3H), 2.38–2.45 (*m*, 1H), 2.87 (*dd*, J = 18.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (*dd*, J = 18.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.32 (*m*, 2H), 6.94 (*s*, 2H), 7.28–7.31 (*m*, 2H), 7.48–7.62 (*m*, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 17.62, 17.64, 21.0, 31.26 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 72.4 Hz), 35.04 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 3.7 Hz), 35.3, 117.45–118.07 (*m*), 119.74–120.02 (*m*), 126.09–126.45 (*m*), 127.19, 129.37 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 8.3 Hz), 131.08–131.37 (*m*), 133.04–134.30 (*m*), 135.91 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 7.3 Hz), 139.6, 162.75 (*dt*, J_{C-P} = 252.0, 16.5 Hz), 174.4, 177.62 (*d*, J_{C-P} = 17.4 Hz) ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.0 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -33.57 (*dm*, J = 38.1 Hz, 1F) ppm; IR (film): 2923, 2253, 1782, 1712, 1605, 1584, 1480, 1423, 1380, 1305, 1269, 1229, 1194, 1101, 908, 790, 733, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{F}_2\text{P}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 468.1540, Found 468.1539; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$: +13.0 (c 2.5, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 13.8 (major), 18.0 min, 94% *ee*.

Procedures for Enantioselective Protonation Reaction of Axially Chiral Itaconimide **14** Catalyzed by Chiral Bicyclic Guanidine **1**



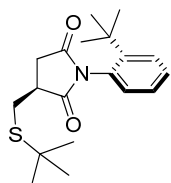
Bis-[(3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-phosphine oxide **10g** [Ar = (3- trifluoromethyl)phenyl] (33.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in toluene (1.00 mL) in a 4 mL sample vial. Catalyst **1** (2.23 mg, 0.0100 mmol, 0.100 equiv.) was added and the vial was submerged in cryobath at -50°C . After being stirred for 10 min, itaconimide **14** (26.8 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) was added as solid and stirred for 4 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was loaded onto silica gel column and purified by gradient elution (Hex/EtOAc = 9/1 to 1/1) to afford inseparable products **15a**, **15b** as white solids in 1.1 (*syn*) :1 (*anti*) diastereomeric ratio (*d.r.*).

syn/anti-(S)-3-{Bis[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphoryl}methyl-1-(2-tert-butylphenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (15a, 15b) White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.20; 92% combined yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.27 (s, 9H, *anti*), 1.30 (s, 9H, *syn*), 2.44 (dd, $J = 26.8, 12.9$ Hz, 1H, *syn*), 2.65 (dd, $J = 25.5, 10.4$ Hz, 1H, *anti*), 2.79 (dd, $J = 18.6, 5.7$ Hz, 1H, *anti*), 2.89 (dd, $J = 17.7, 4.7$ Hz, 1H, *syn*), 3.07 (dd, $J = 18.6, 9.5$ Hz, 1H, *anti*), 3.16 (dd, $J = 26.5, 9.5$ Hz, 1H, *syn*), 3.18–3.24 (m, 1H, *syn*), 3.24–3.29 (m, 1H, *anti*), 3.32–3.34 (m, 1H, *anti*), 3.34–3.36 (m, 1H, *syn*), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, *syn*), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, *anti*), 7.27–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.75 (m, 4H), 7.88–7.91 (m, 4H), 7.96–8.06 (m, 4H), 8.09–8.20 (m, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.3, 30.80, 30.84, 31.4, 31.5, 31.7, 35.1, 35.3, 35.4, 35.5, 35.8, 35.9, 120.1, 122.2, 124.4, 126.2, 126.3, 126.6, 127.38–127.27.49 (m), 127.61–127.69 (m), 127.89–127.97 (m), 128.75, 129.0, 129.42–129.52 (m), 129.76–129.99 (m), 130.15, 130.44, 130.57, 131.60–132.39 (m), 133.16, 133.20, 133.28, 133.55–134.06 (m), 147.88, 175.28, 175.57, 178.28, 178.41, 178.57, 178.70 ppm; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.7 (*anti*), 29.1 (*syn*) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (282.38 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.16 (*syn*), 13.19 (*anti*) ppm; IR (film): 2972, 2912, 2254, 1784, 1715, 1606, 1491, 1443, 1423, 1382, 1327, 1278, 1185, 1175, 1140, 1074, 909, 835, 803, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{F}_6\text{P}_1\text{Na}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$), Calc. 604.1452, Found 604.1451; $[\alpha]_D^{29}$: -20.2 (c 1.3, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IB + Chiralcel ODH (Hex/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 42.2 (*syn*), 47.8 (*syn*, major), 55.6 (*anti*, major), 75.5 min (*anti*, major), 53.1 (*syn*): 46.9 (*anti*) *d.r.*, 79 (*syn*): >99 (*anti*) % *ee*.



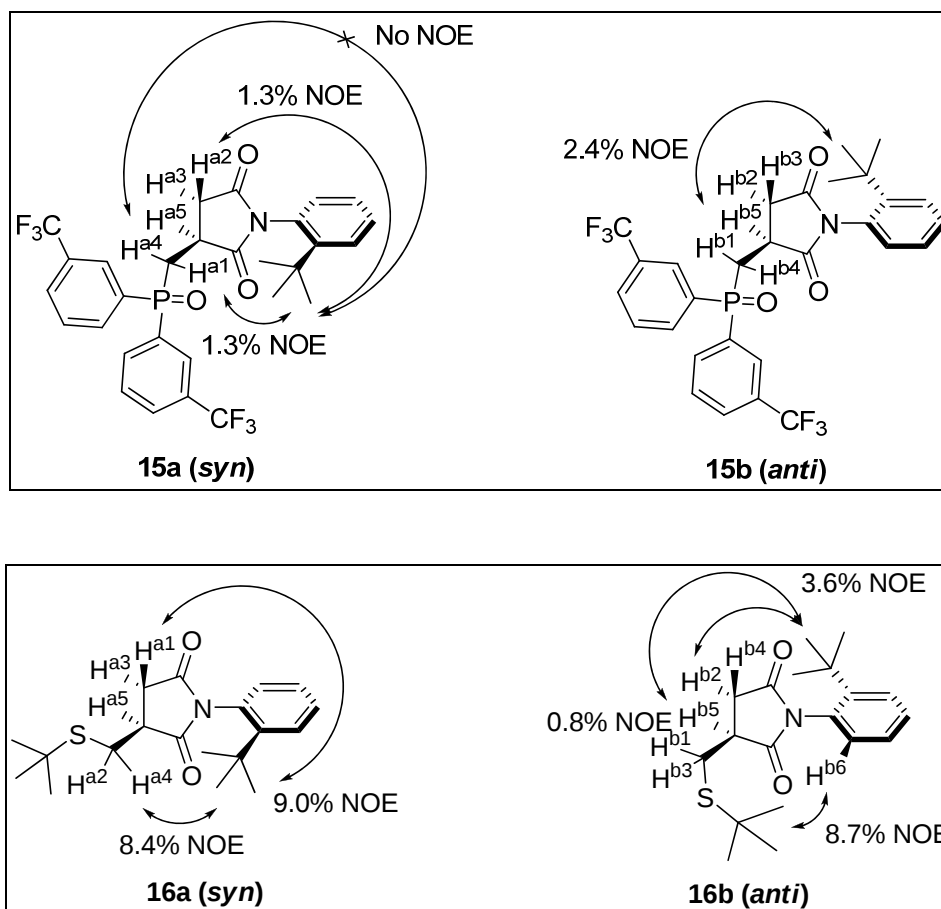
tert-Butyl thiol **13** (225 μ L, 2.00 mmol, 20.0 equiv.) was dissolved in toluene (1.00 mL) in a 4 mL sample vial. Catalyst **1** (2.23 mg, 0.0100 mmol, 0.100 equiv.) was added and the vial was submerged in cryobath at -50°C . After being stirred for 10 min, itaconimide **14** (24.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added as solid and stirred for 30 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was loaded onto silica gel column. It was purified by gradient elution (Hex/EtOAc = 30/1 to 7/1) to afford products **16a** and **16b** separately in 54 (*syn*):46 (*anti*) diastereomeric ratio (*d.r.*) with a combined yield of 97%.

***syn*-(S)-1-(2-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-3-(*tert*-butylthiomethyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (16a)** White solid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.18; mp: $133.0\text{--}133.5^{\circ}\text{C}$; 52% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.32 (*s*, 9H), 1.36 (*s*, 9H), 2.79–2.85 (*m*, 2H), 2.99–3.04 (*m*, 1H), 3.17–3.24 (*m*, 2H), 6.82 (*dd*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (*dt*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.40 (*m*, 1H), 7.58 (*dd*, $J = 8.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.0, 30.8, 31.7, 34.5, 35.6, 41.1, 42.9, 127.4, 128.7, 129.7, 130.5, 130.7, 148.2, 176.4, 178.1 ppm; IR (film): 2965, 2928, 2867, 2335, 2351, 1779, 1712, 1633, 1490, 1461, 1443, 1379, 1287, 1252, 1182, 1054, 909, 733, 650 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 334.1841, Found 334.1834; $[\alpha]_D^{29}$: +37.9 (c 1.1, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA (Hex/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 12.9, 16.9 (major) min, 74% *ee*.

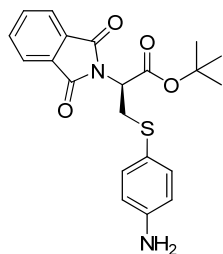


***anti*-(S)-1-(2-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-3-(*tert*-butylthiomethyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (16b)** colorless liquid; R_f (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1): 0.28; 45% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.30 (*s*, 9H), 1.35 (*s*, 9H), 2.83 (*dd*, $J = 18.3, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (*dd*, $J = 12.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (*dd*, $J = 18.3, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (*dd*, $J = 12.0, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.27 (*m*, 1H), 6.92 (*dd*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (*dt*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (*dt*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (*dd*, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.2, 30.8, 31.6, 34.0, 35.5, 40.0, 42.8, 127.4, 128.7, 129.7, 130.5, 130.7, 147.9, 178.4, 178.6 ppm; IR (film): 2963, 2928, 2867, 2252, 1780, 1712, 1633, 1490, 1443, 1417, 1378, 1181, 912, 759, 731, 647, 628 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{N}_1\text{S}_1^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$), Calc. 334.1841, Found 334.1842; $[\alpha]_D^{29}$: -2.6 (c 1.3, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OF (Hex/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, 214 nm, 23°C), 11.8 (major), 18.3 min, 90% *ee*.

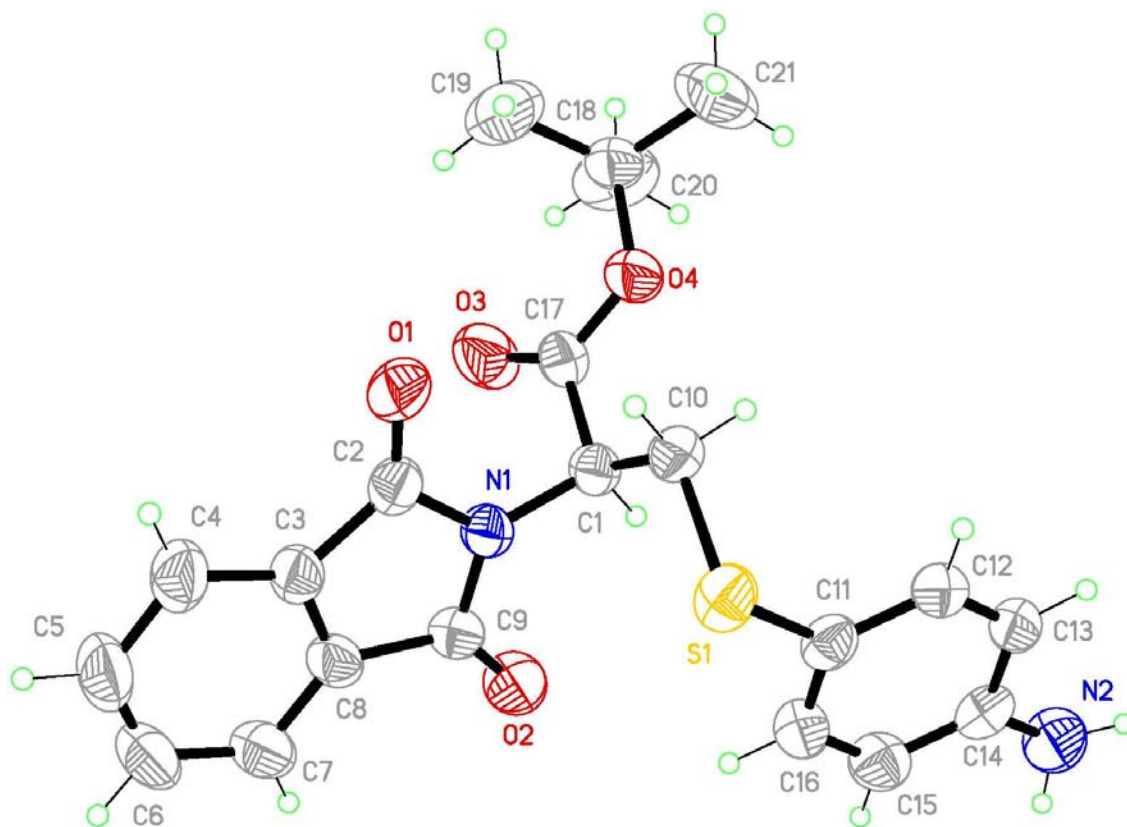
Determination of the Relative Configuration of Axially Chiral Imides 15 and 16 by ^1H - ^1H 2D COSY NMR and ^1H NOESY NMR



Determination of the Absolute Configuration of Chiral Cysteine Derivative 4j by X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis



Crystal of cysteine derivative **4j** was grown from Hex/DCM.



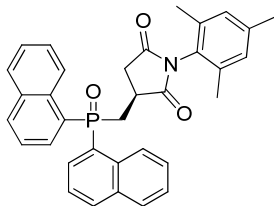
The crystal is monoclinic, space group P2(1). The asymmetric unit contains one molecule C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₄S₁. The H atoms at N2 were located from difference map and refined without restraint. There are intermolecular H bonds between this NH₂ and O's of neighboring molecules. Final R values are R₁=0.048 and wR₂=0.112 for 2-theta up to 55°. Flack value of x=-0.014 (0.072) indicates that the absolute structure as reported is correct.

Crystal data and structure refinement for 7579

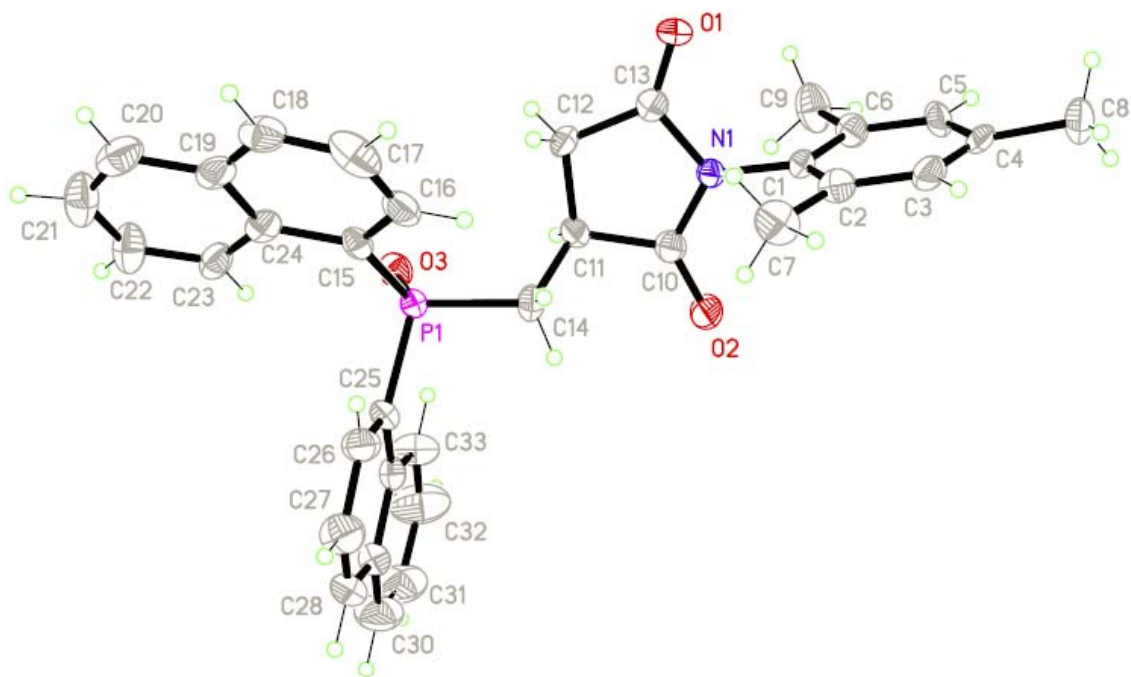
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Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)	
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	b = 6.378(2) Å	□ = 103.913(7)°.
	c = 16.856(5) Å	□ = 90°.
Volume	1060.4(6) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.248 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.180 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	420	
Crystal size	0.16 x 0.08 x 0.02 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.06 to 27.50°	
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -8 ≤ k ≤ 8, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected	13942	
Independent reflections	4877 [R(int) = 0.0335]	
Completeness to theta = 27.50°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Sadabs, (Sheldrick 2001)	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9964 and 0.9717	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	4877 / 1 / 264	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.053	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0480, wR2 = 0.1068	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0578, wR2 = 0.1112	
Absolute structure parameter	-0.01(7)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.292 and -0.160 e.Å ⁻³	

Determination of the Absolute Configuration of Chiral Imide 12a by X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis



Crystal of imide **12a** was grown from Hex/IPA.



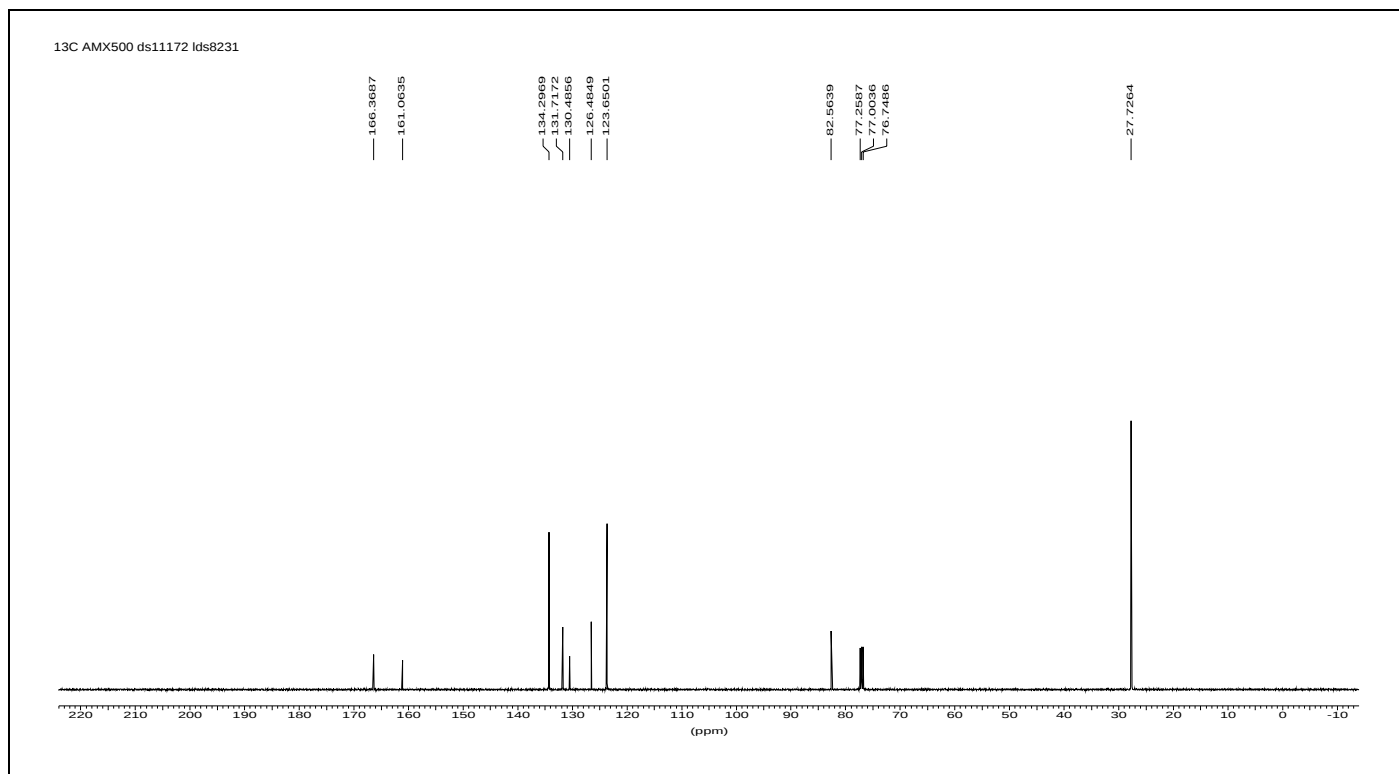
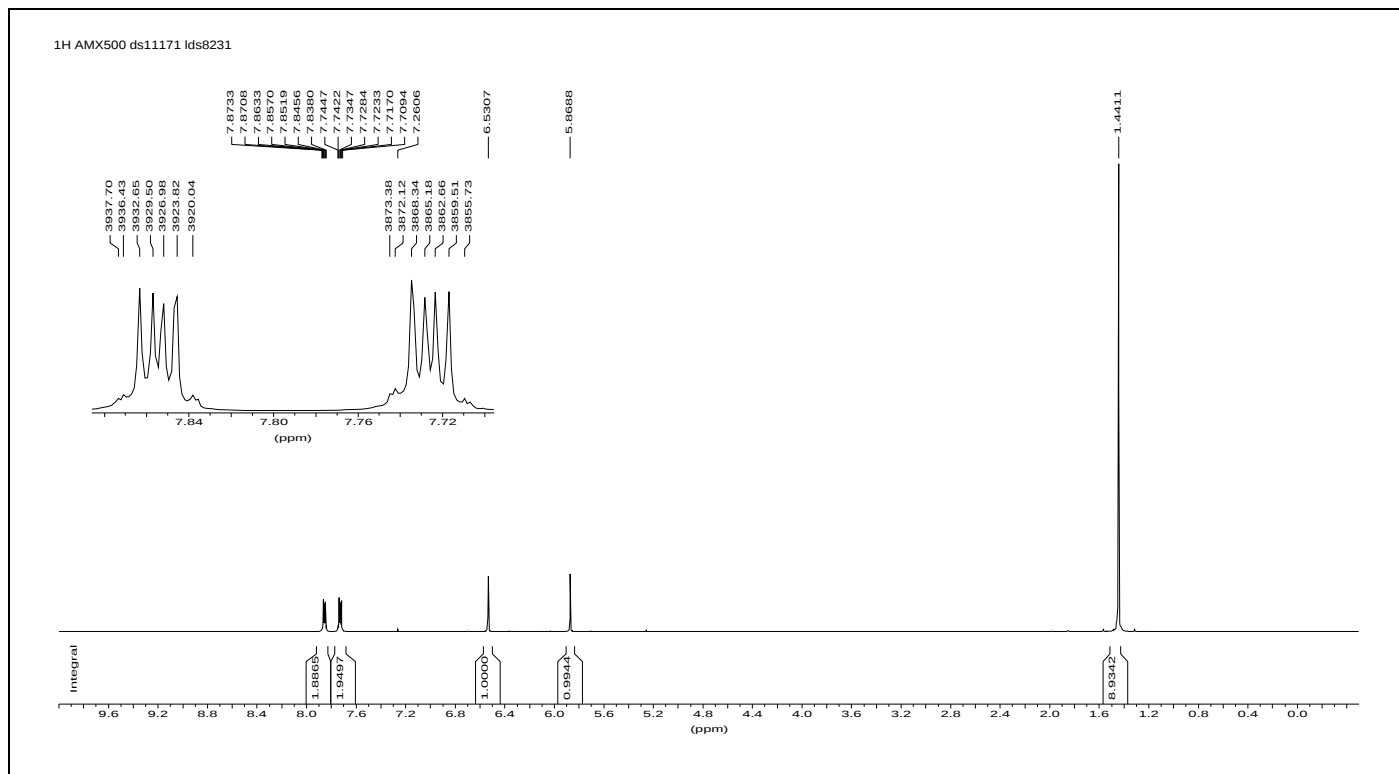
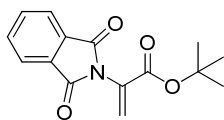
The crystal is monoclinic, space group P2(1). There is one molecule of the compound and half a hexane solvent molecule in the asymmetric. The structure is expected. Final R values are R1=0.0830 and wR2=0.2187 for 2-theta max of 50 °. The Flack's parameter is x=0.0986 (esd 0.21). This indicates that the absolute as reported is correct.

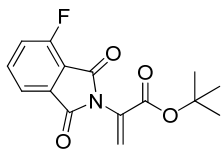
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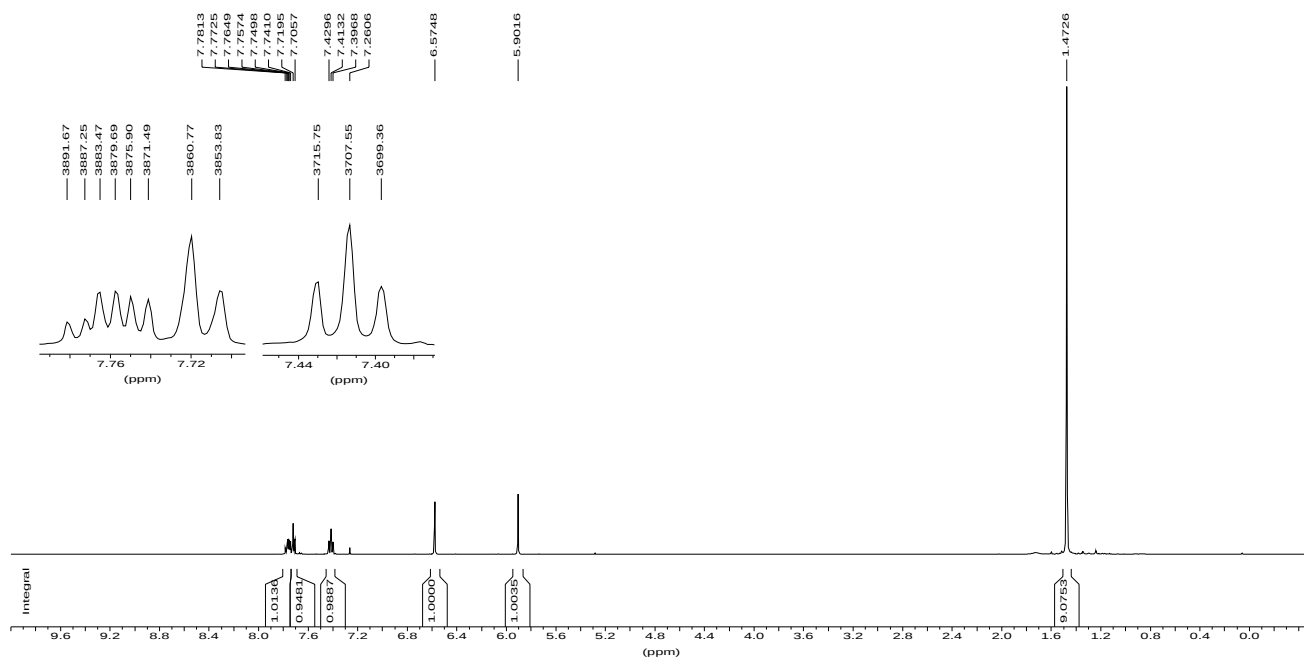
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	b = 7.3527(11) Å	β = 103.977(3)°.
	c = 16.605(3) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1542.9(4) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.237 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.126 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	610	
Crystal size	0.60 x 0.12 x 0.06 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.61 to 25.00°	
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -8 ≤ k ≤ 8, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19	
Reflections collected	15578	
Independent reflections	5428 [R(int) = 0.0495]	
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Sadabs, (Sheldrick 2001)	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9925 and 0.9280	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	5428 / 46 / 409	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.183	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0830, wR2 = 0.2187	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0867, wR2 = 0.2209	
Absolute structure parameter	0.1(2)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.865 and -0.327 e.Å ⁻³	

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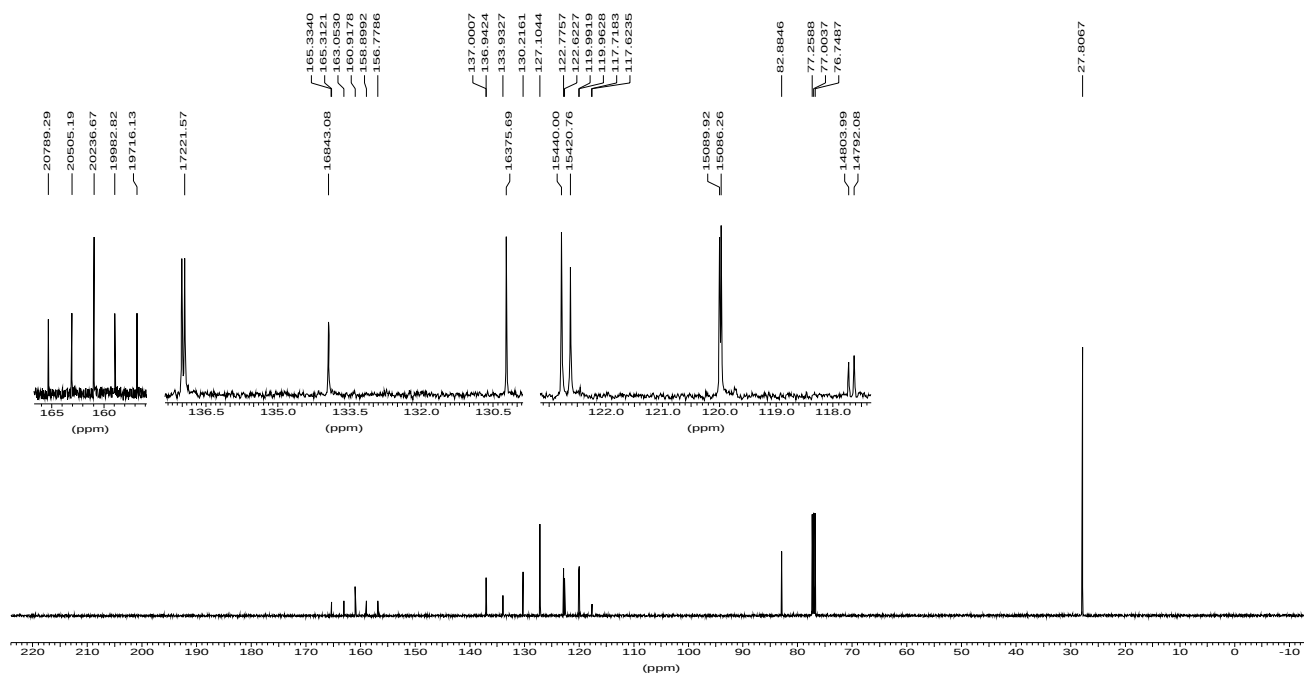




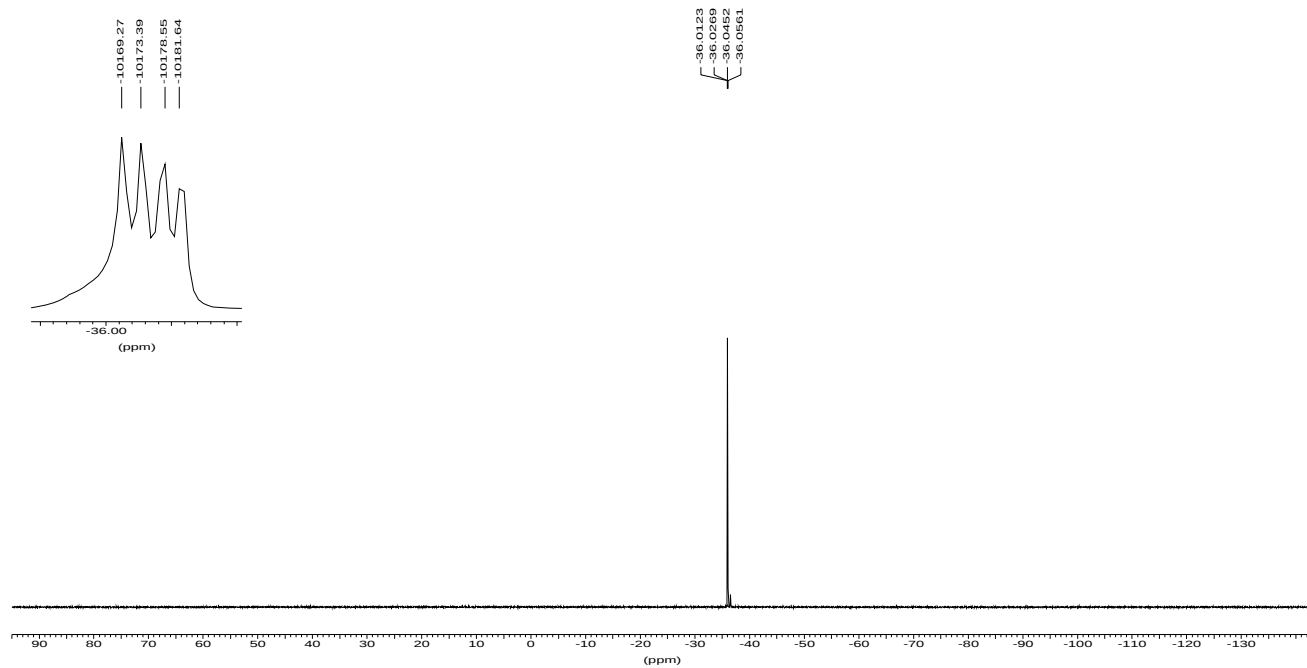
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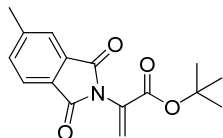


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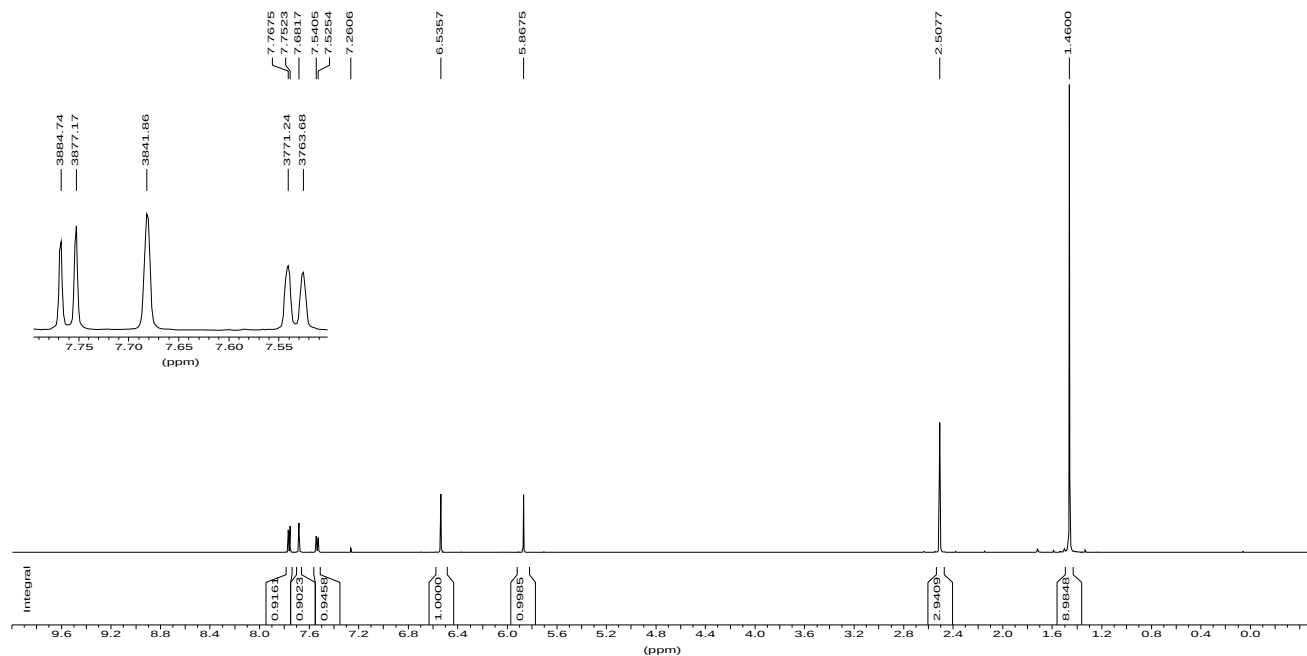


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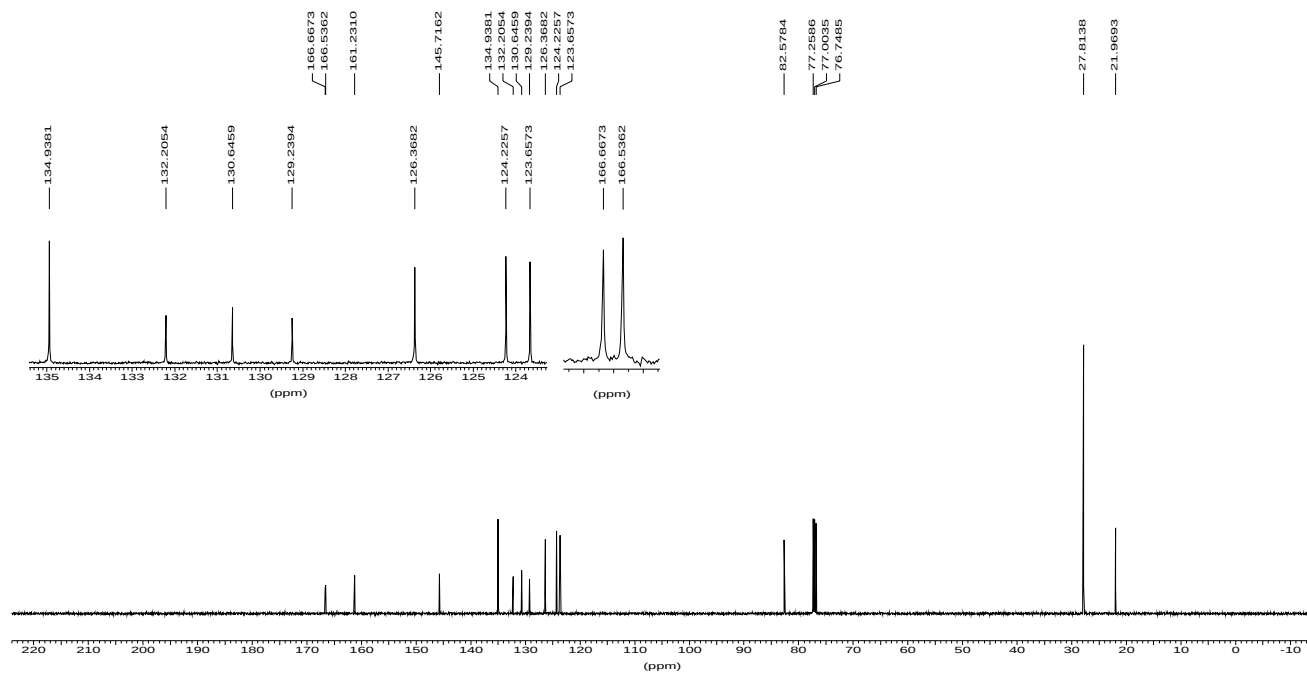


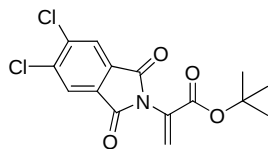


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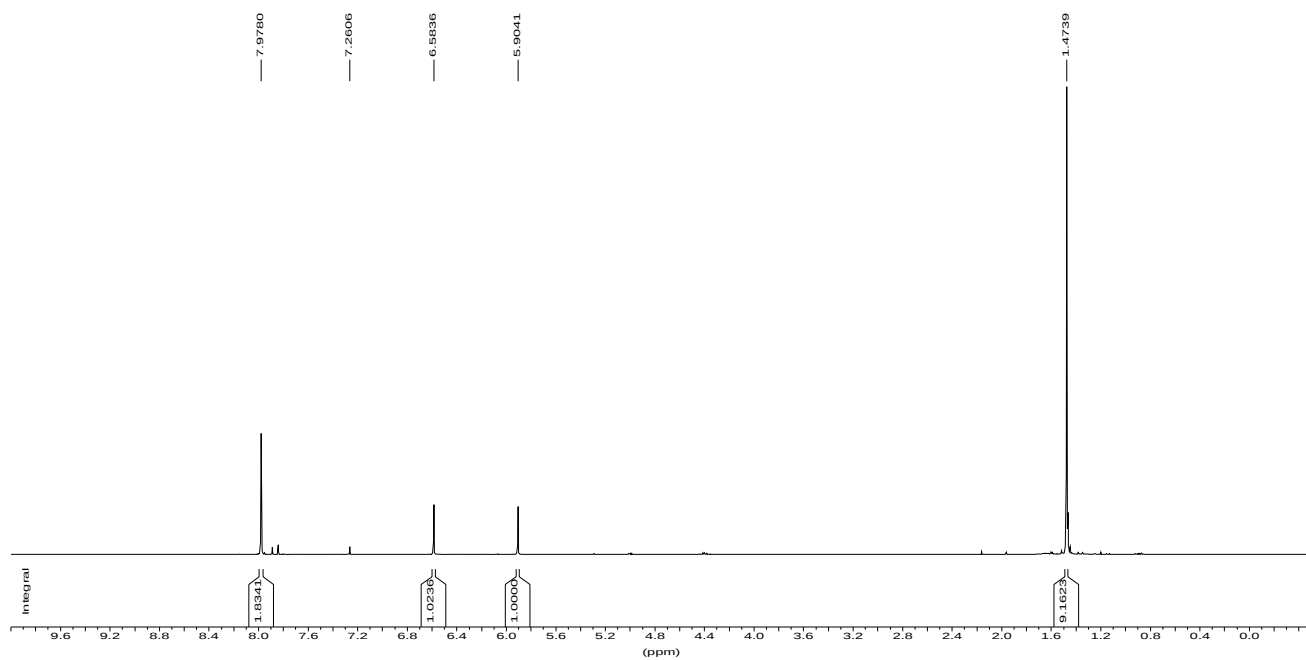


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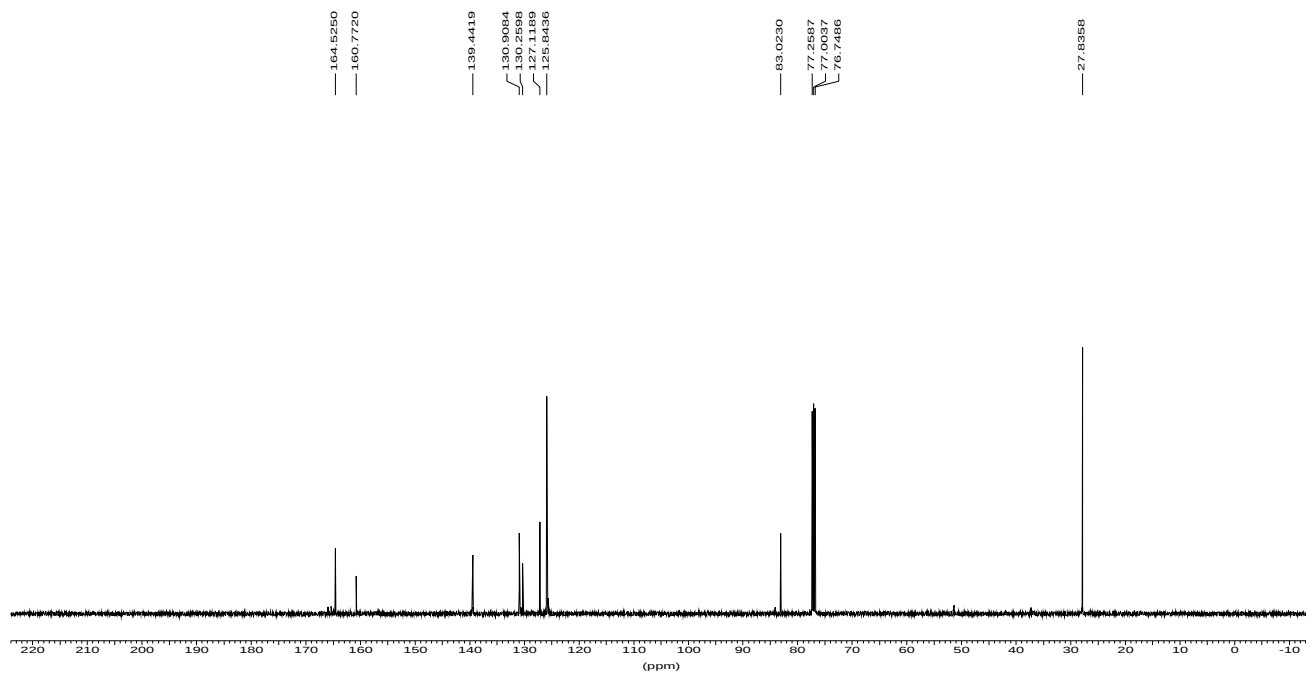


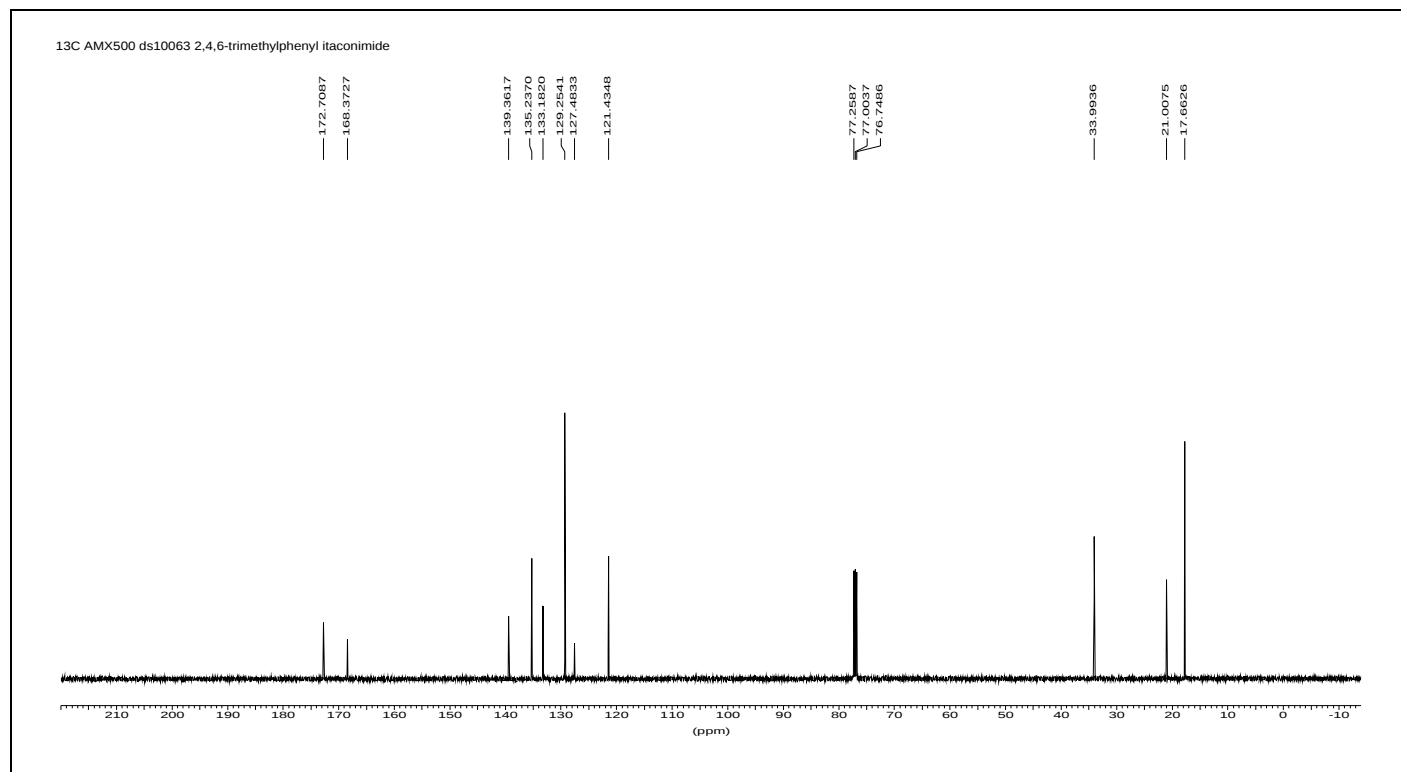
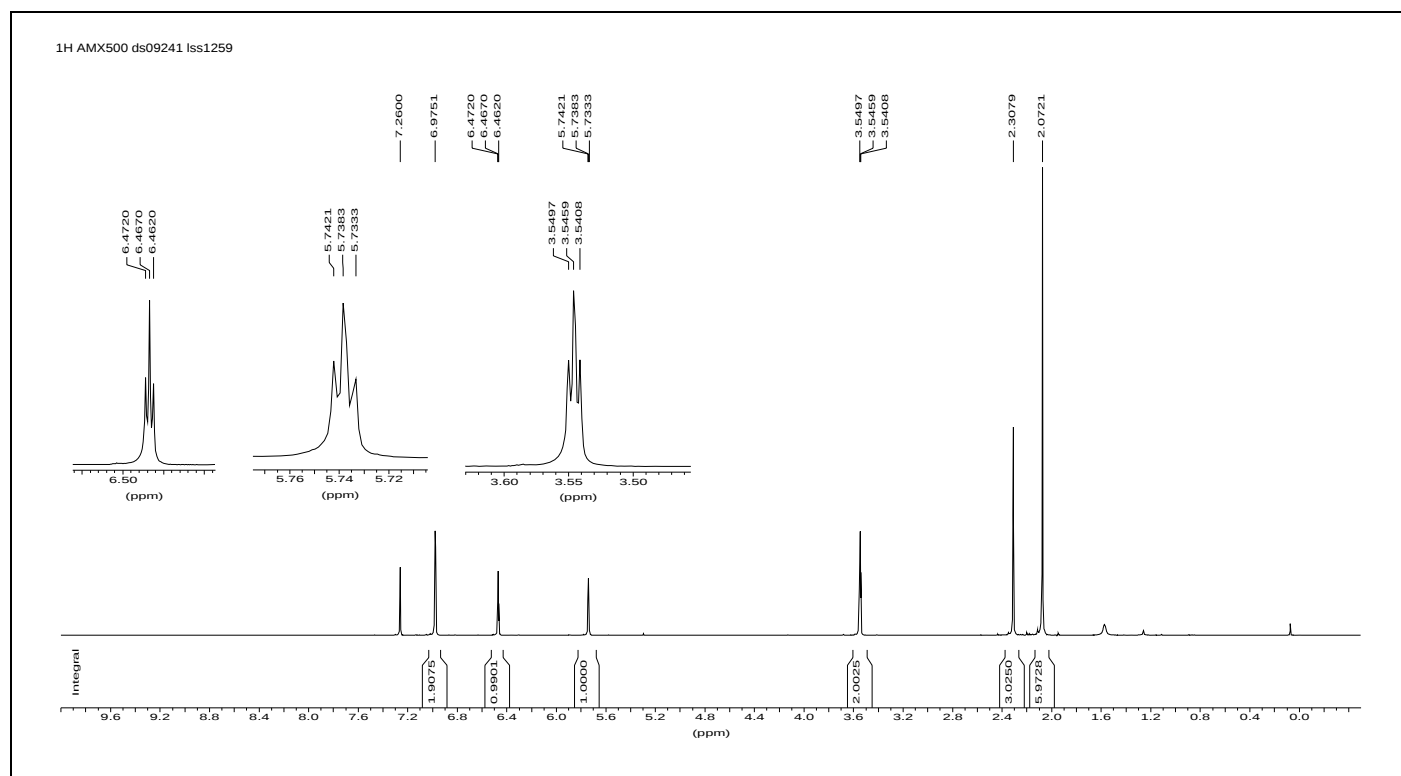
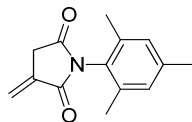


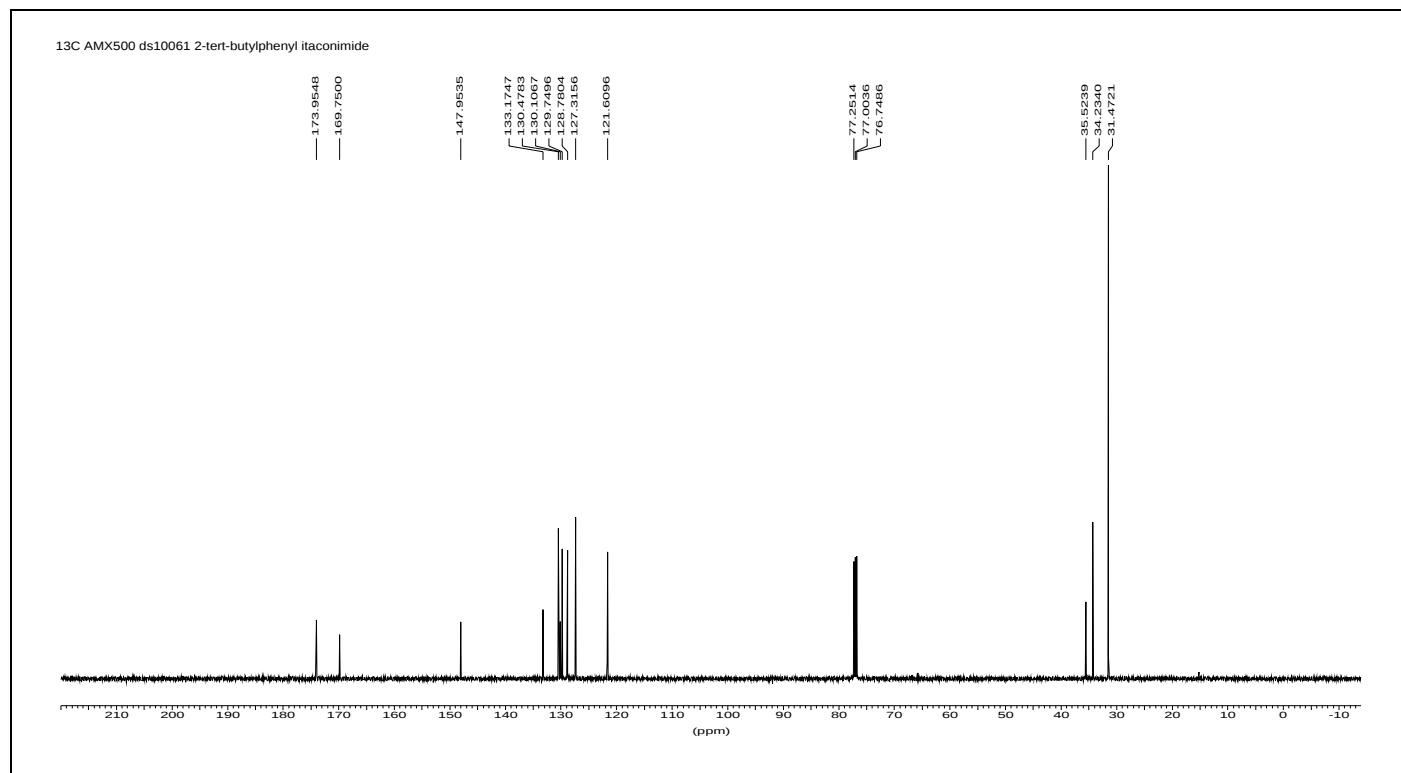
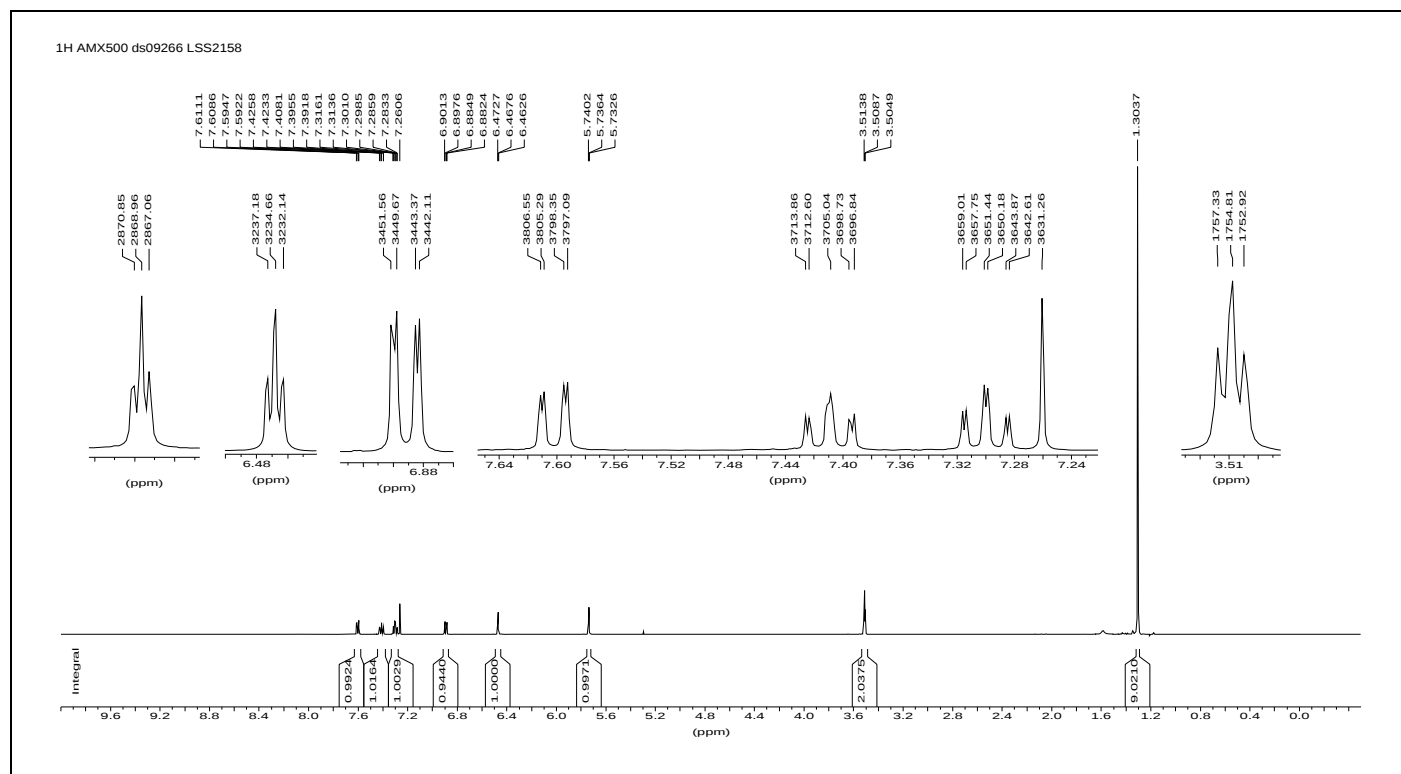
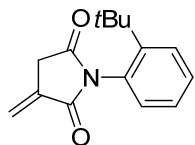
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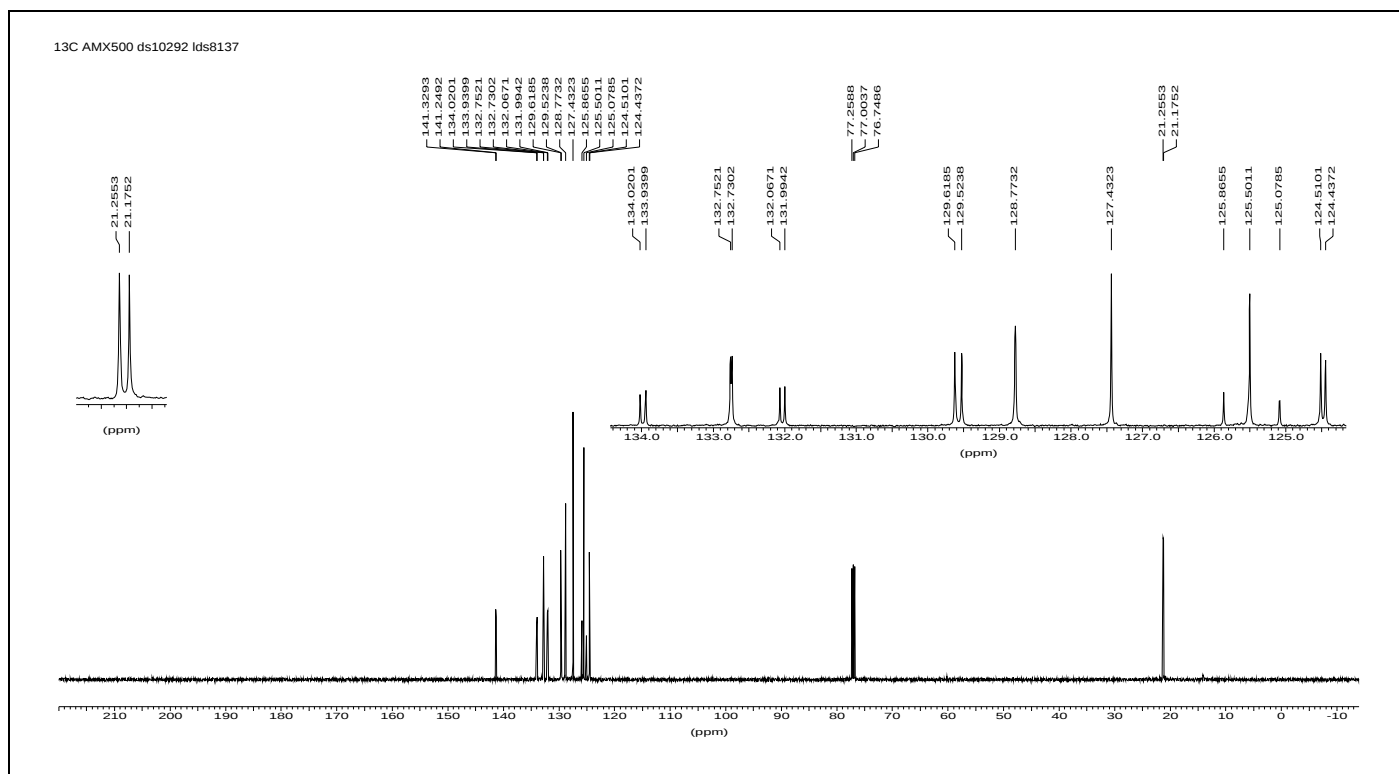
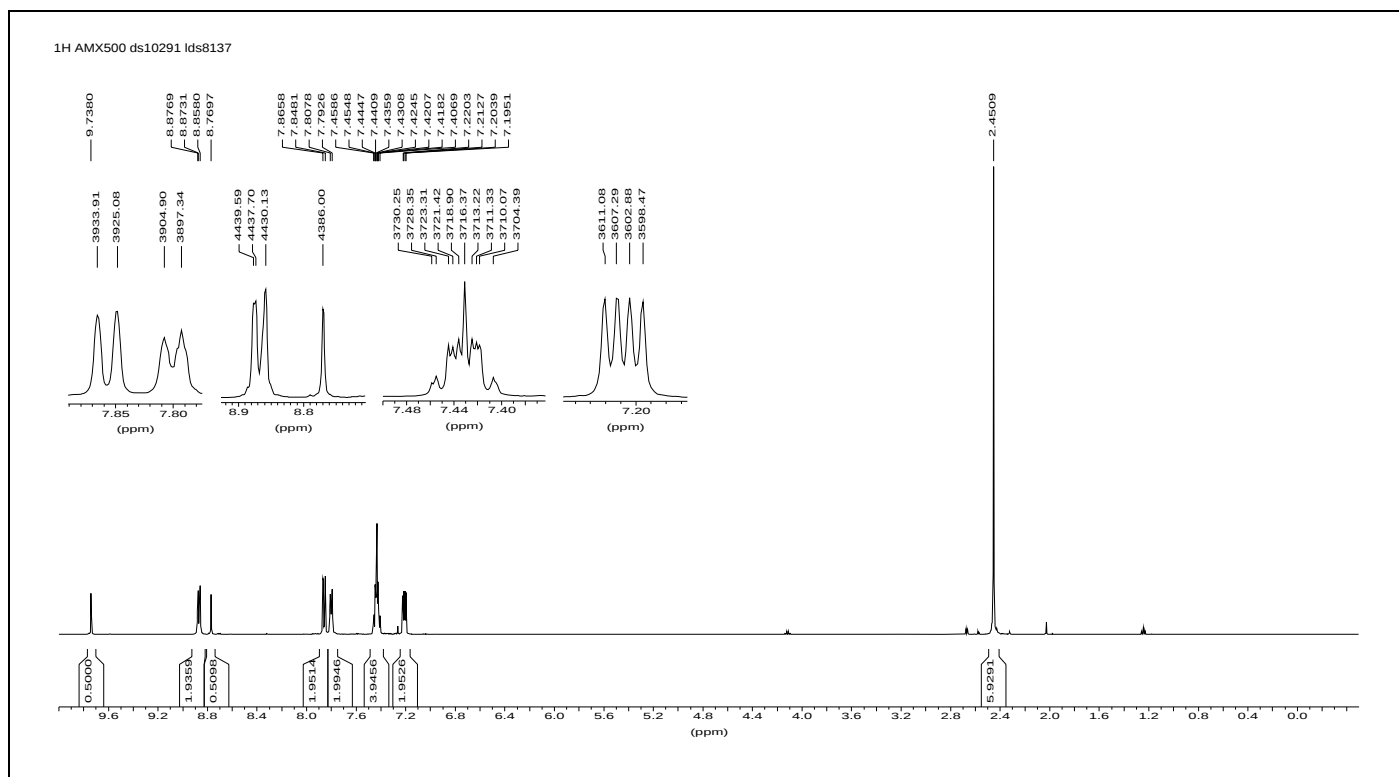
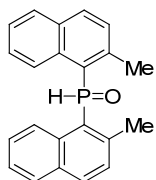


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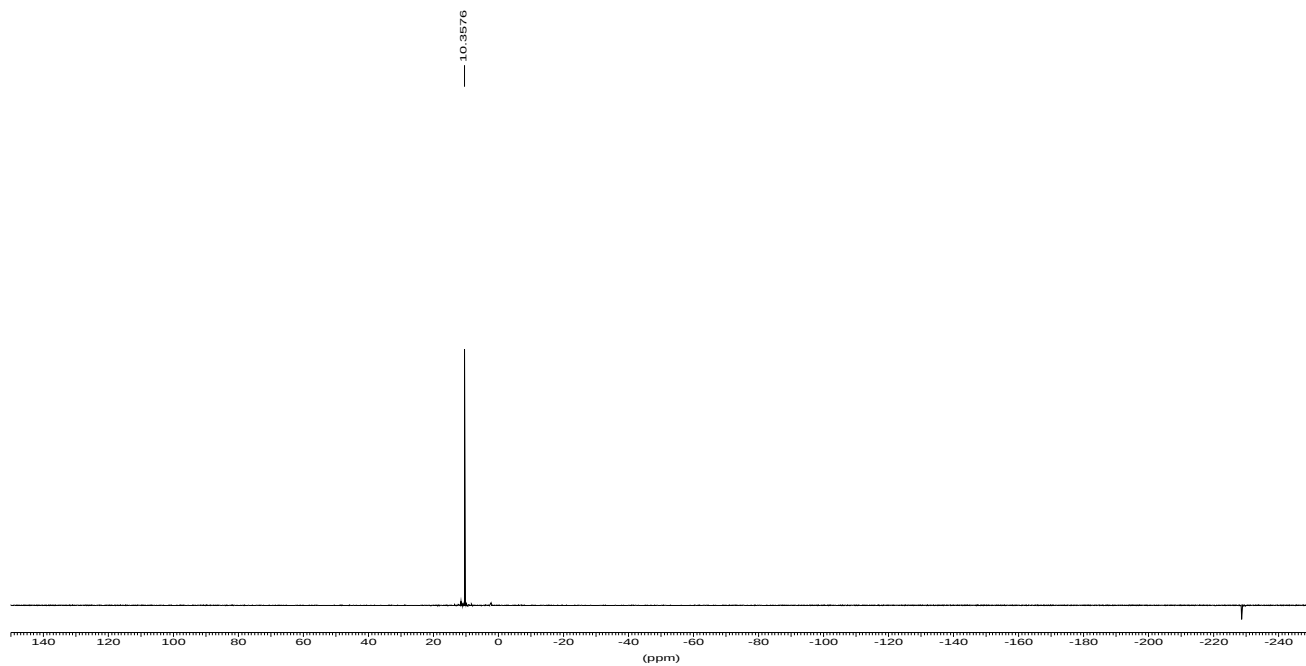


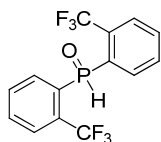




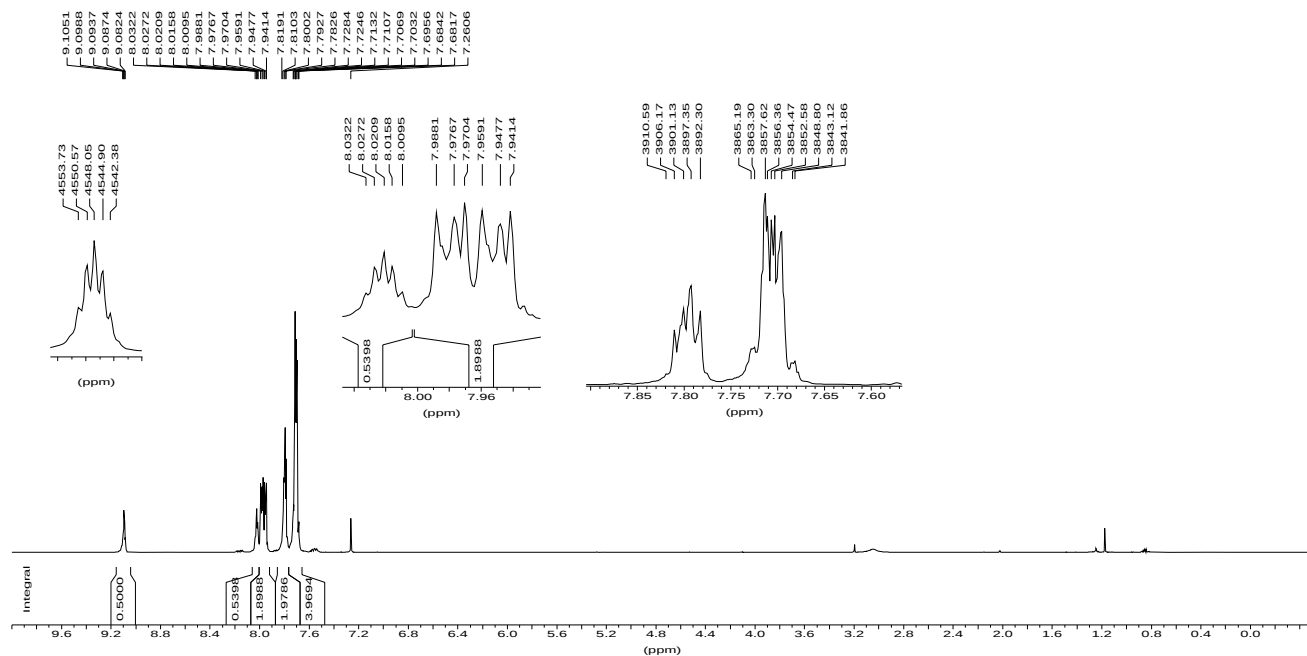


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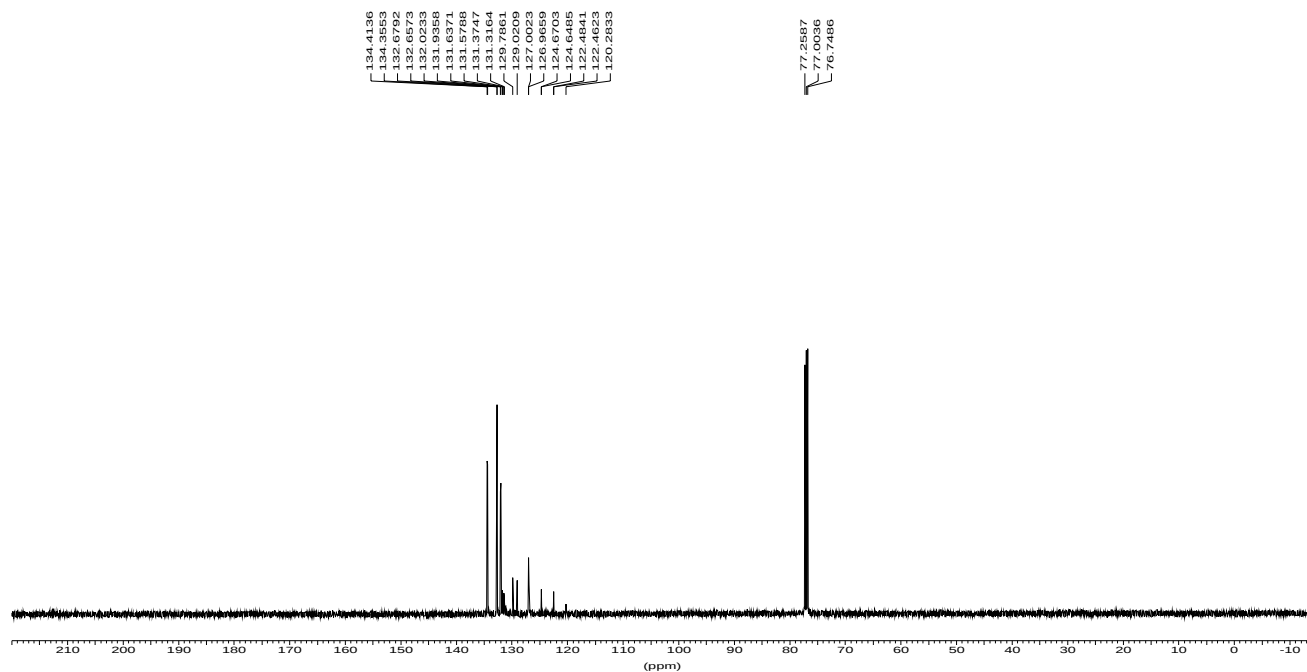




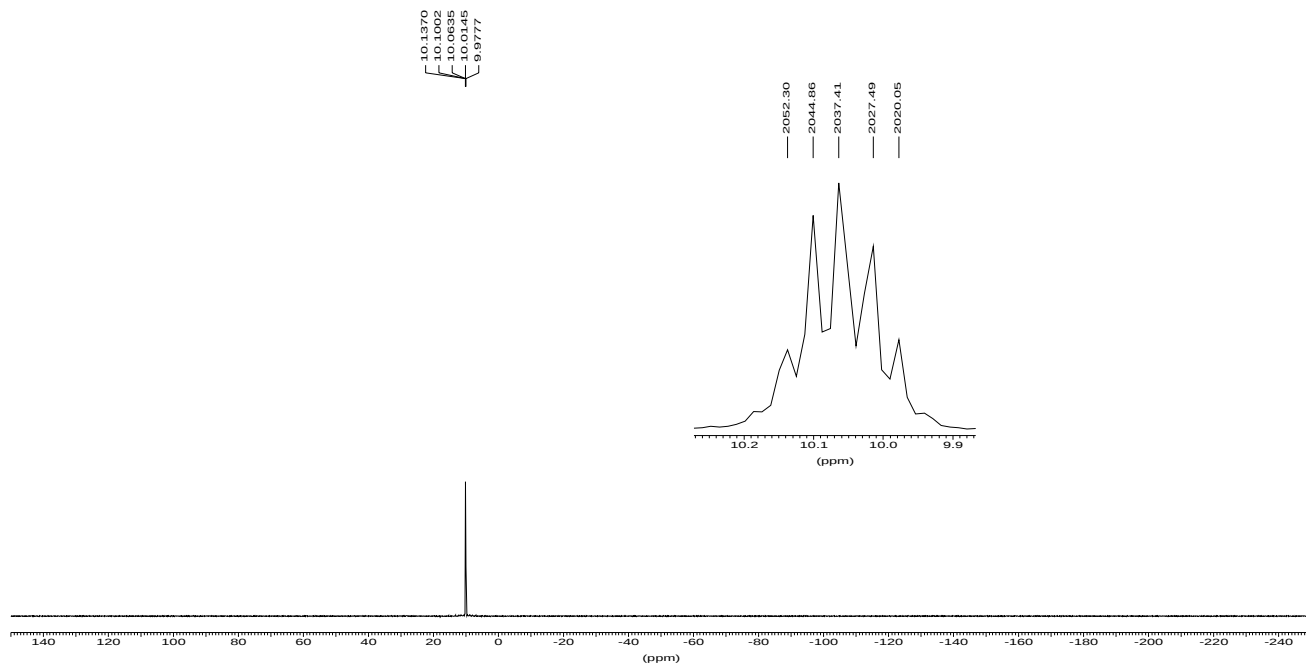
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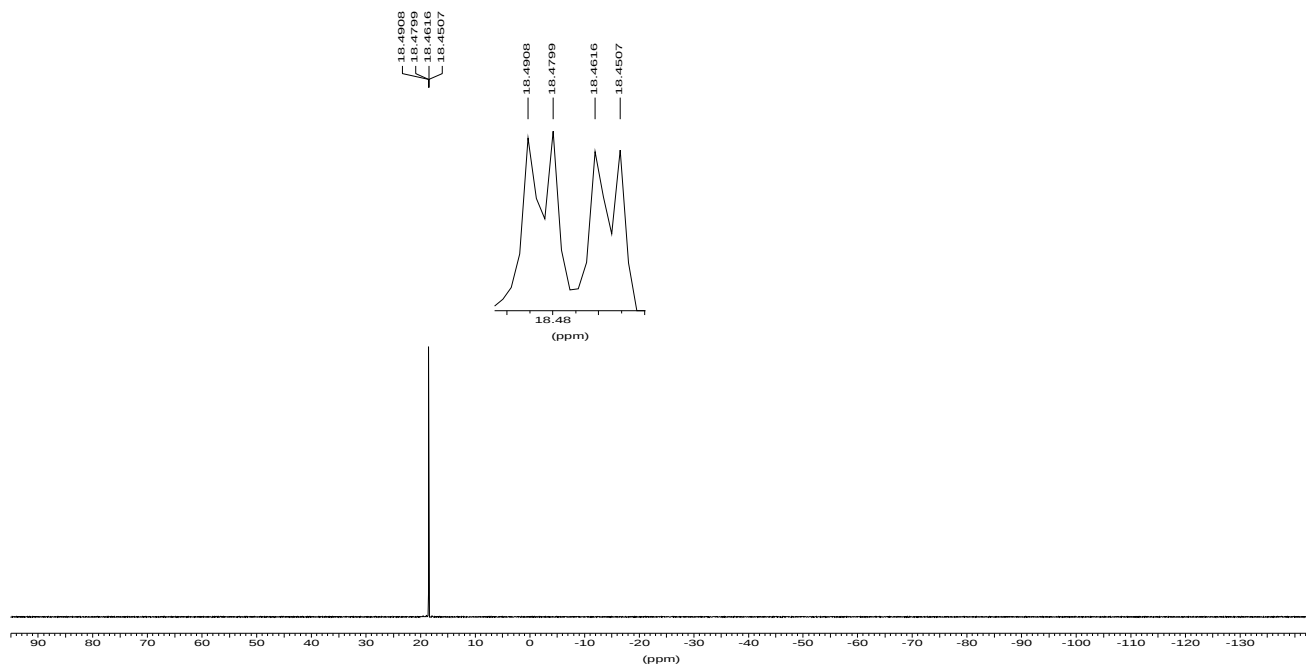
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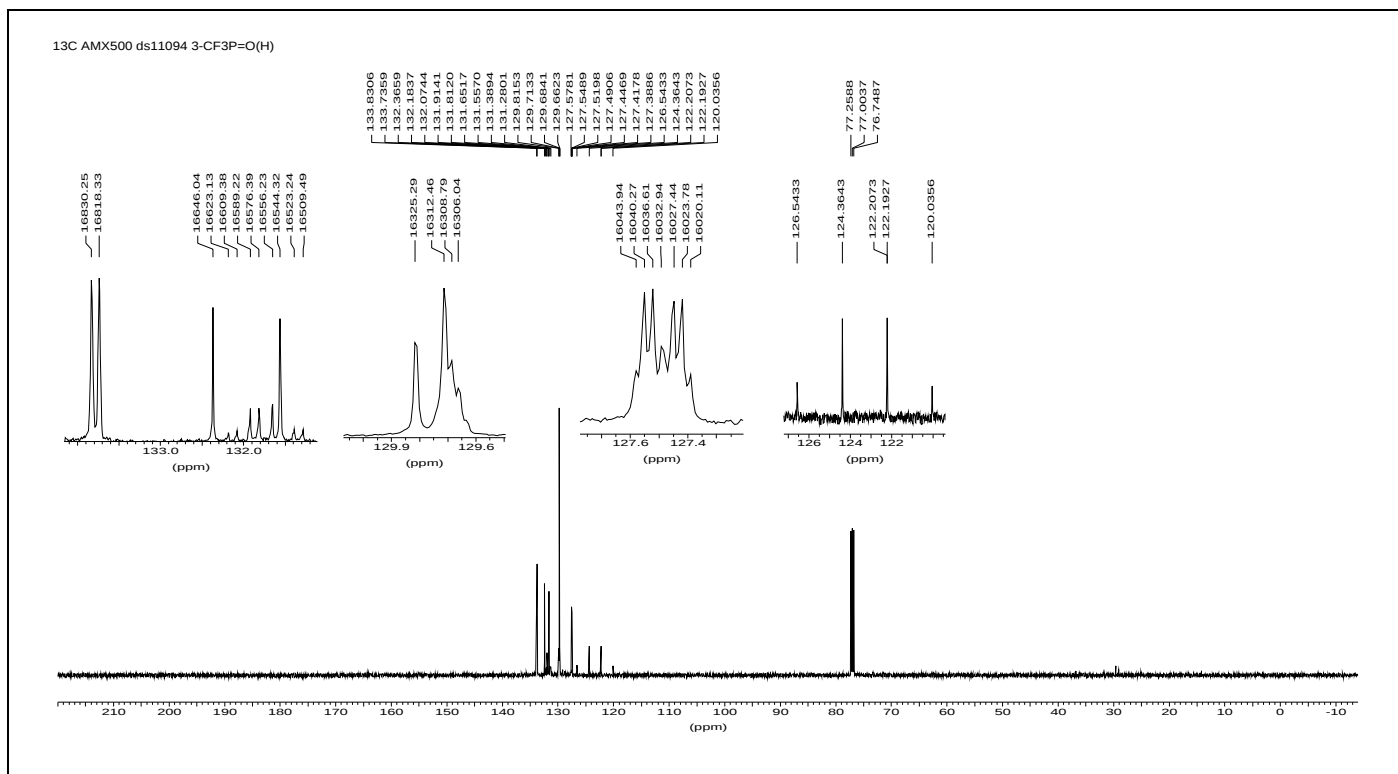
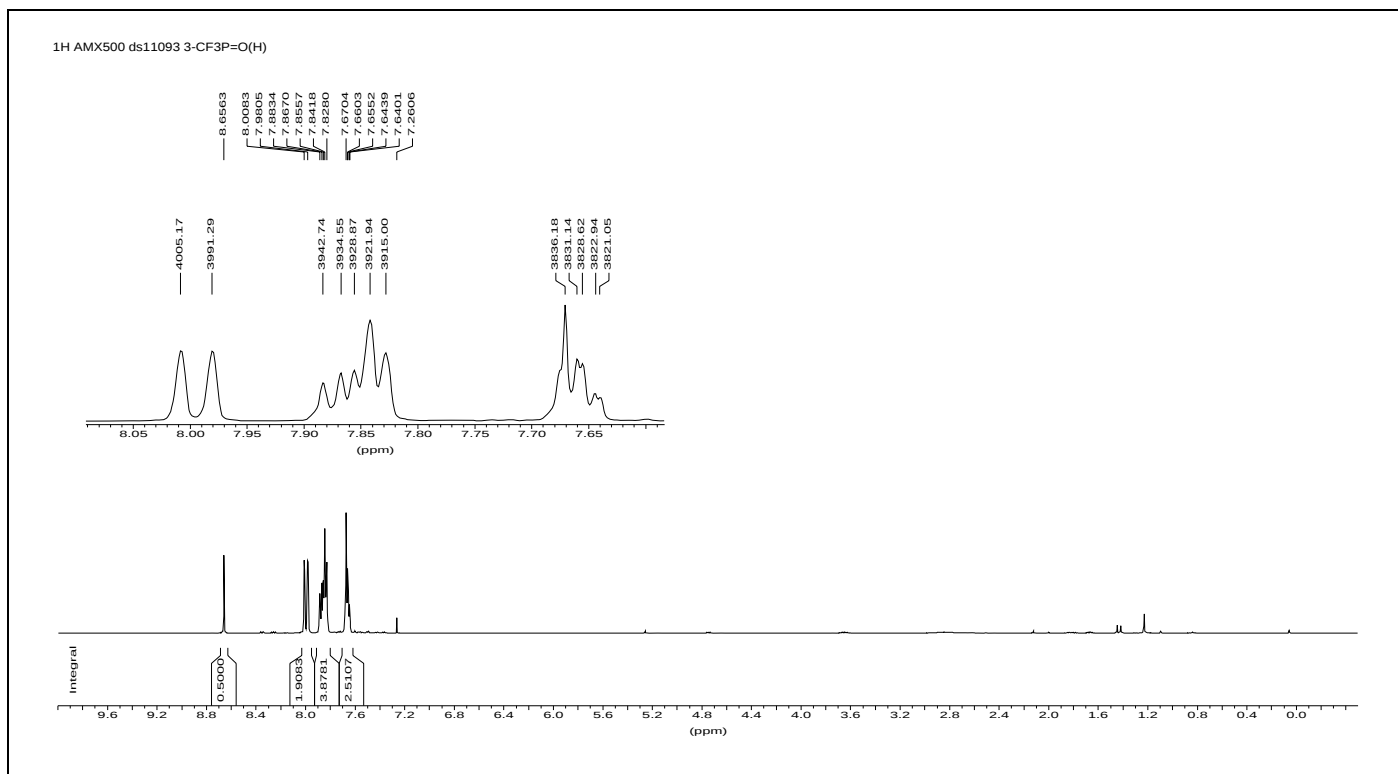
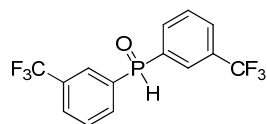


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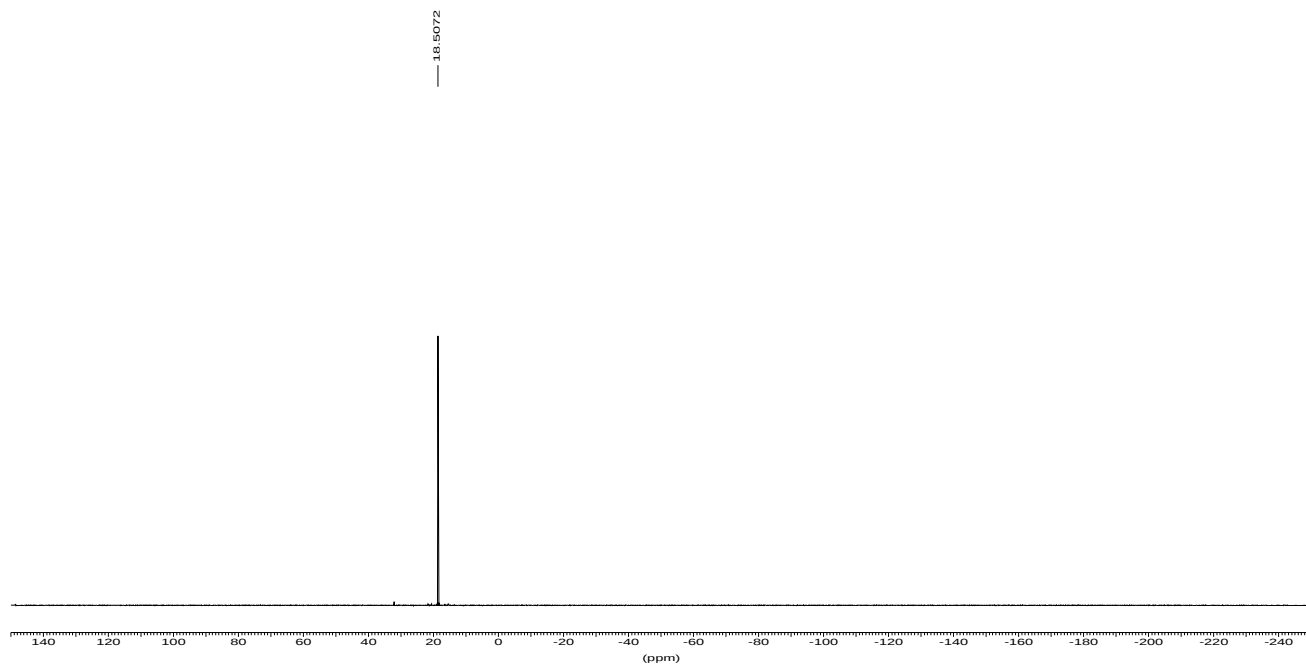


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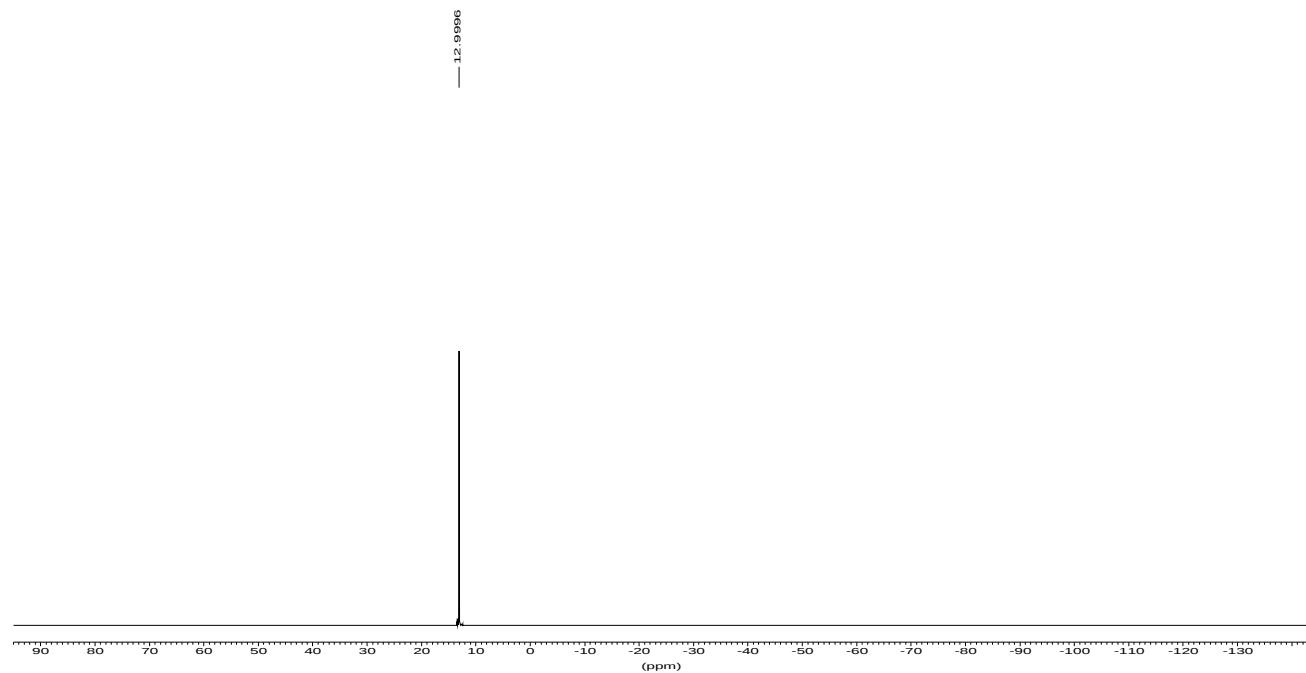


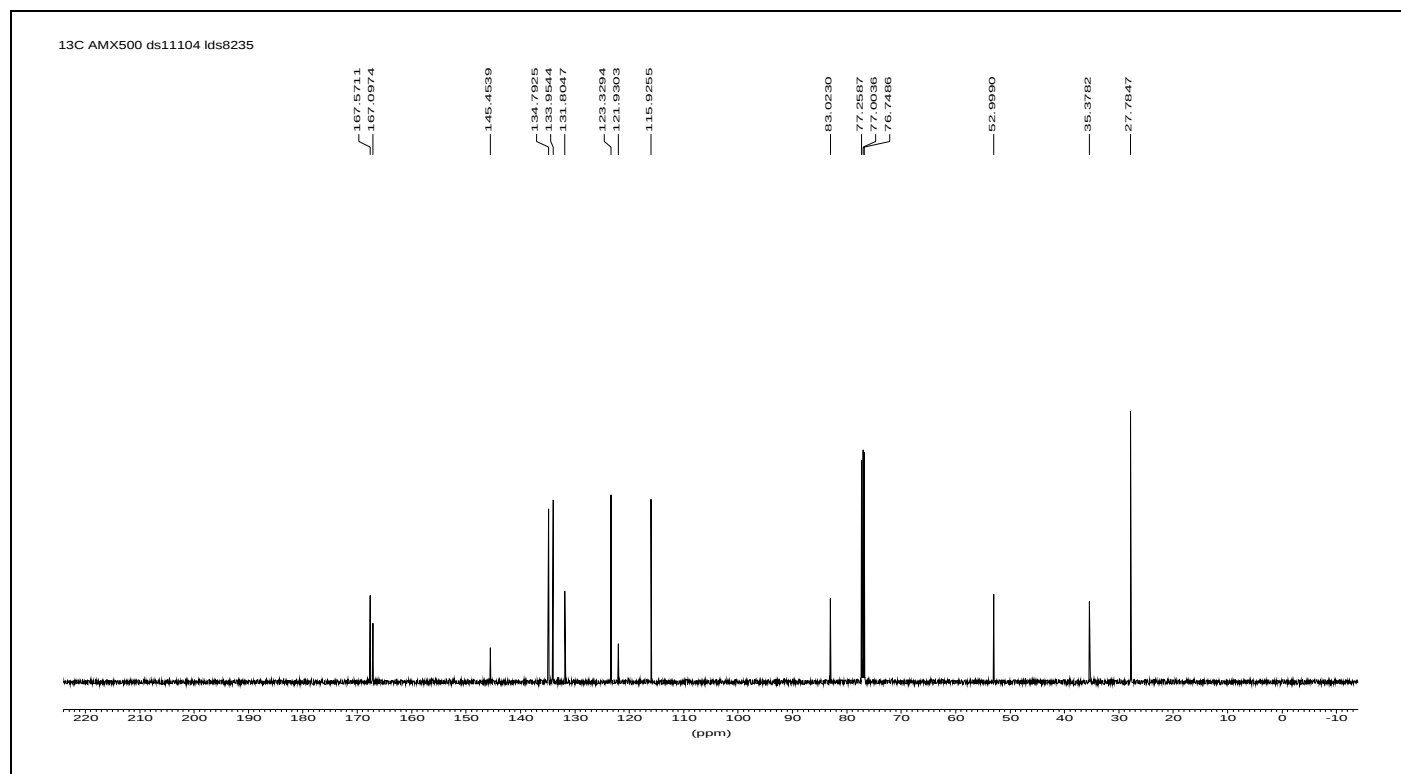
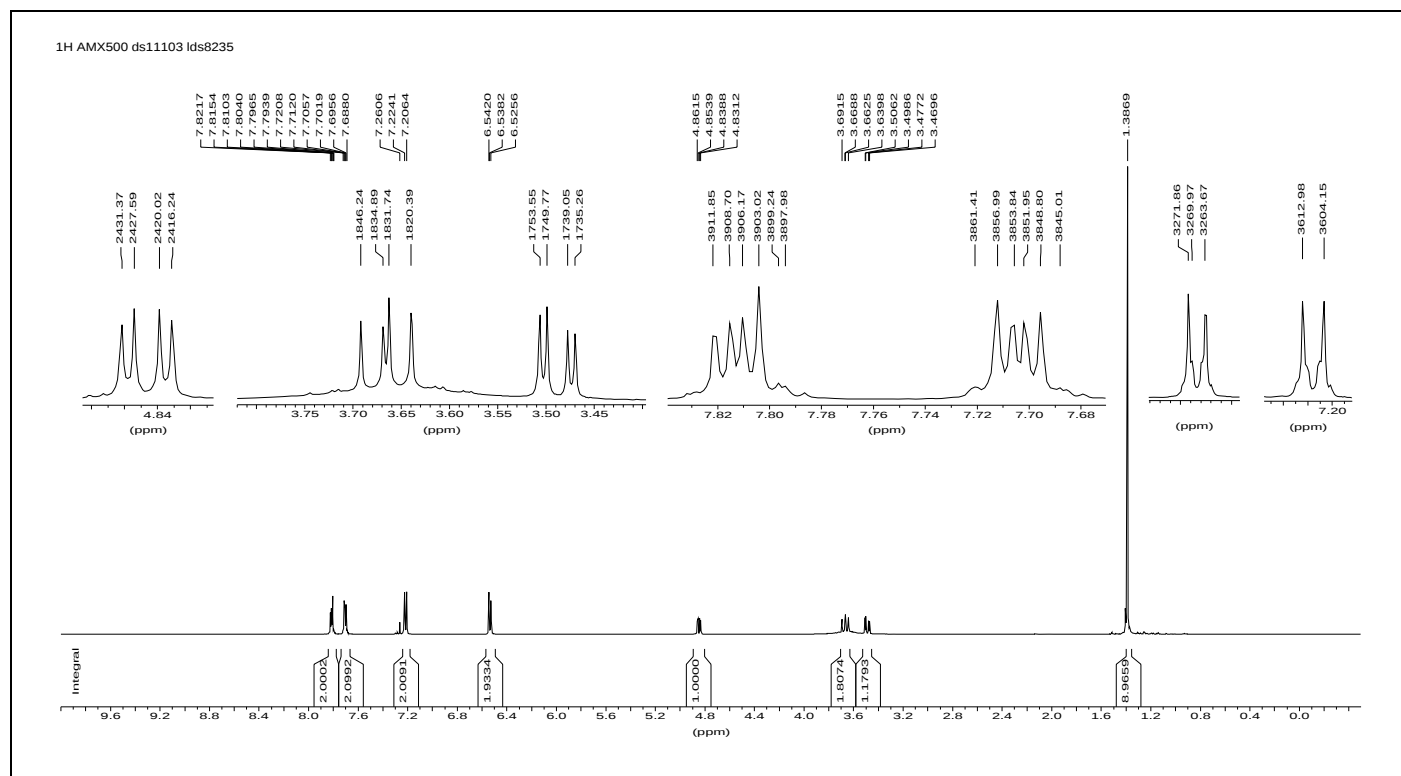
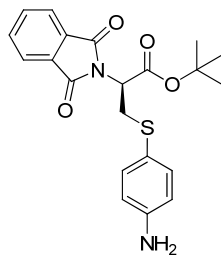


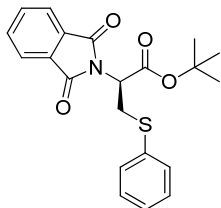
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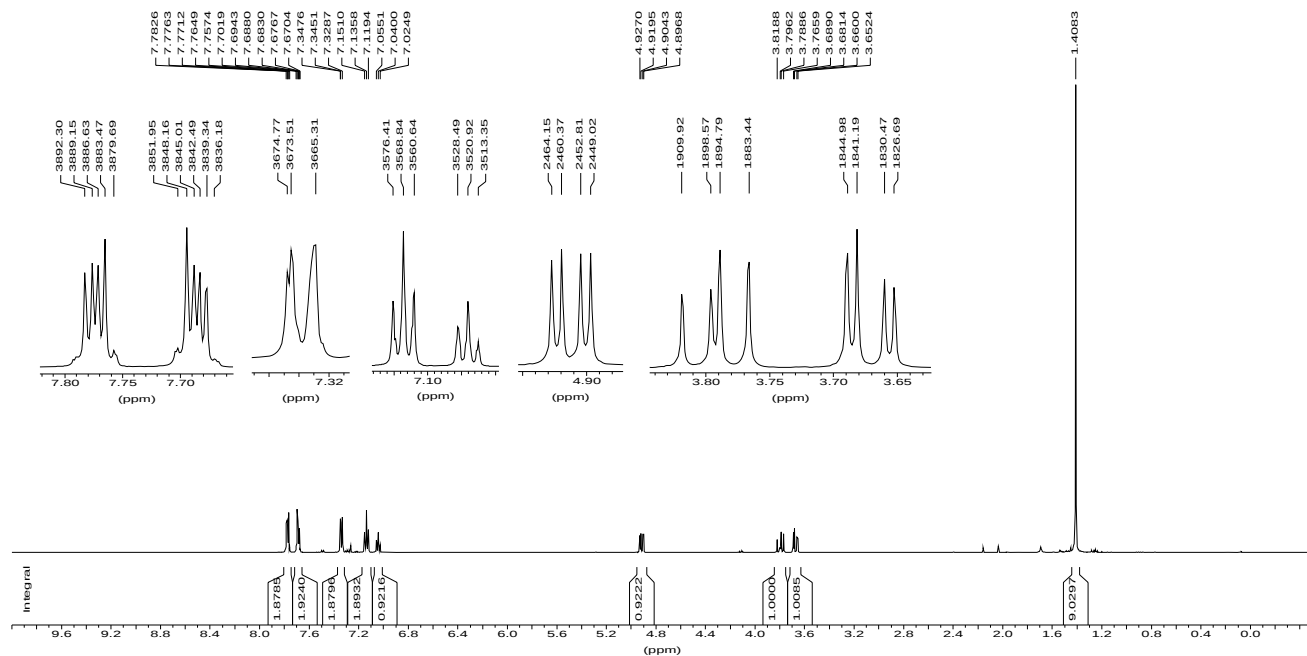
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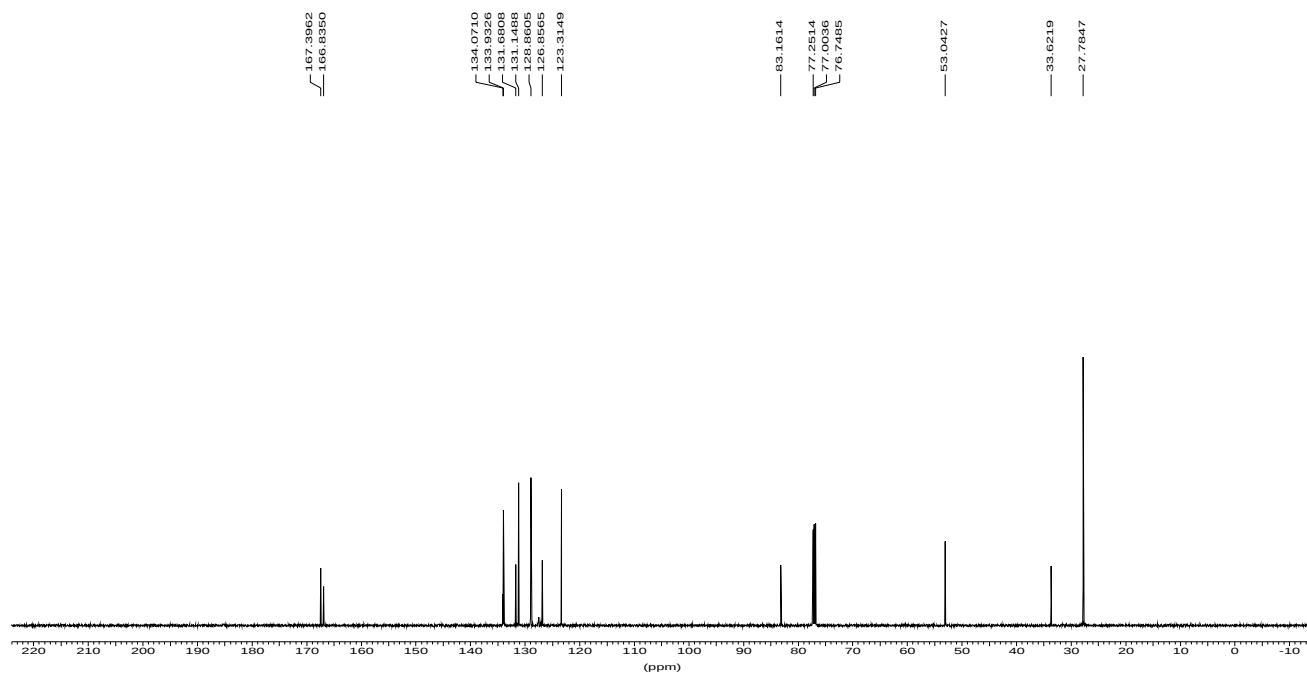


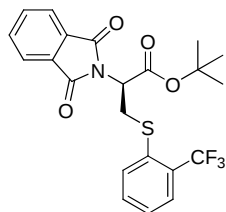


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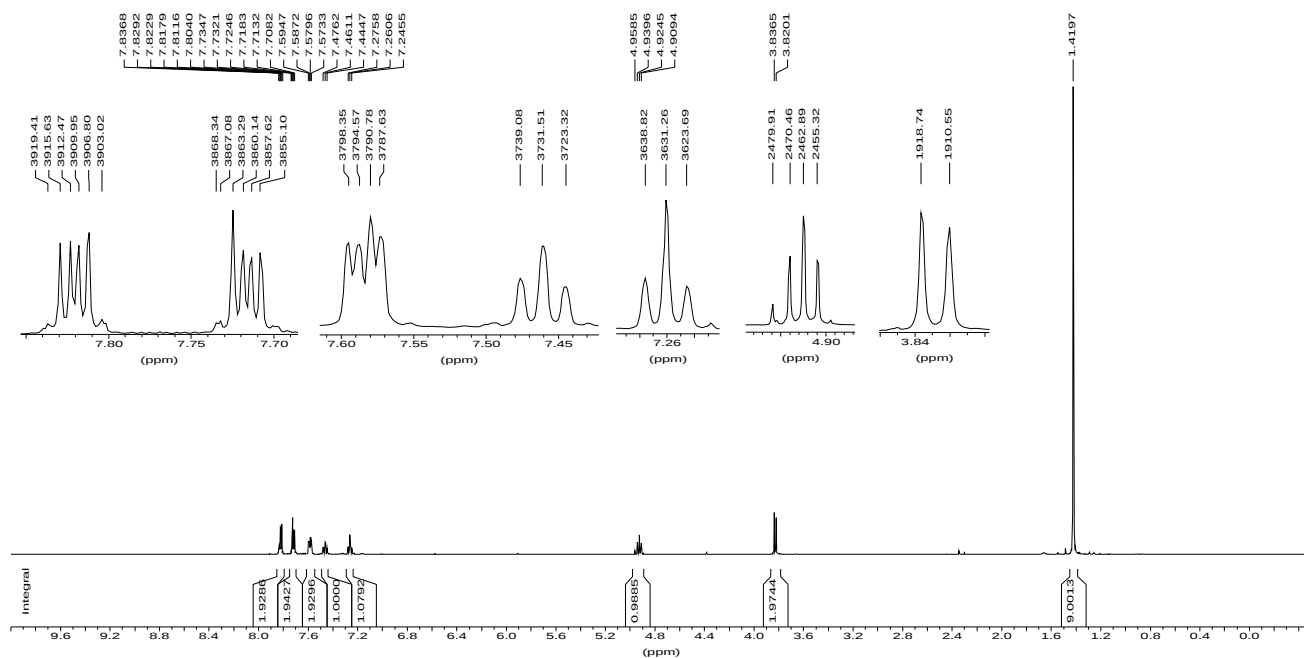


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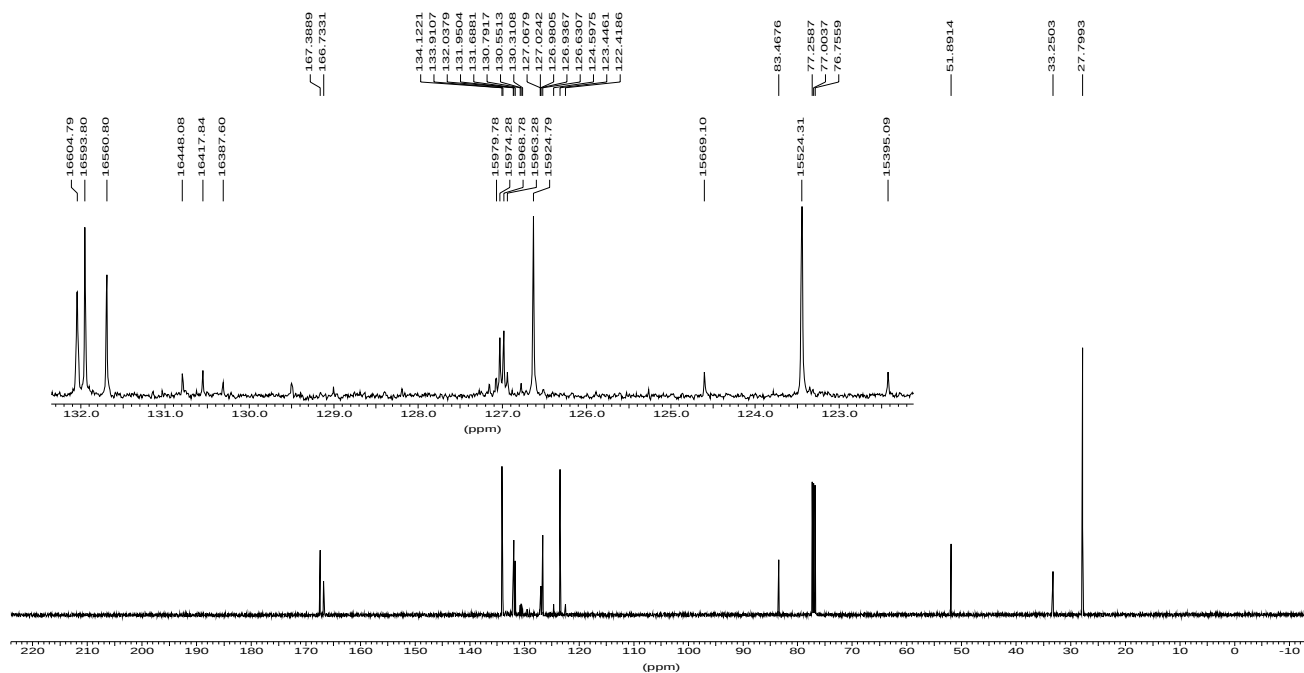




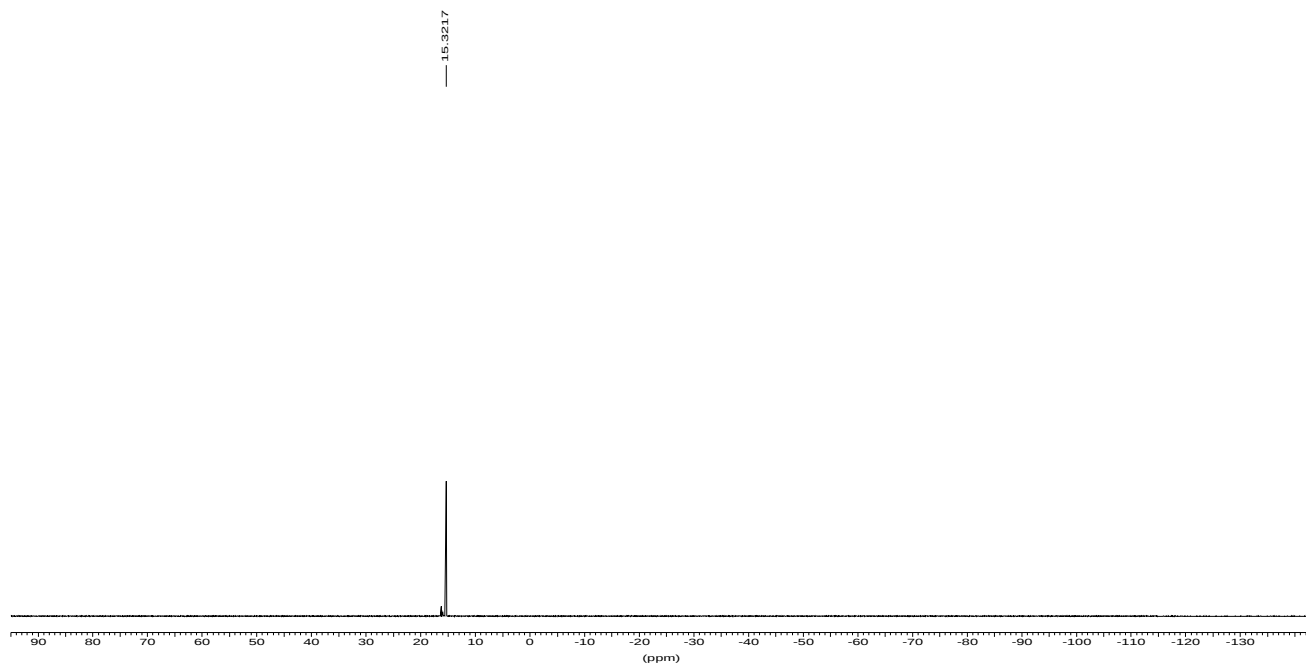
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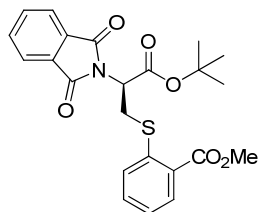


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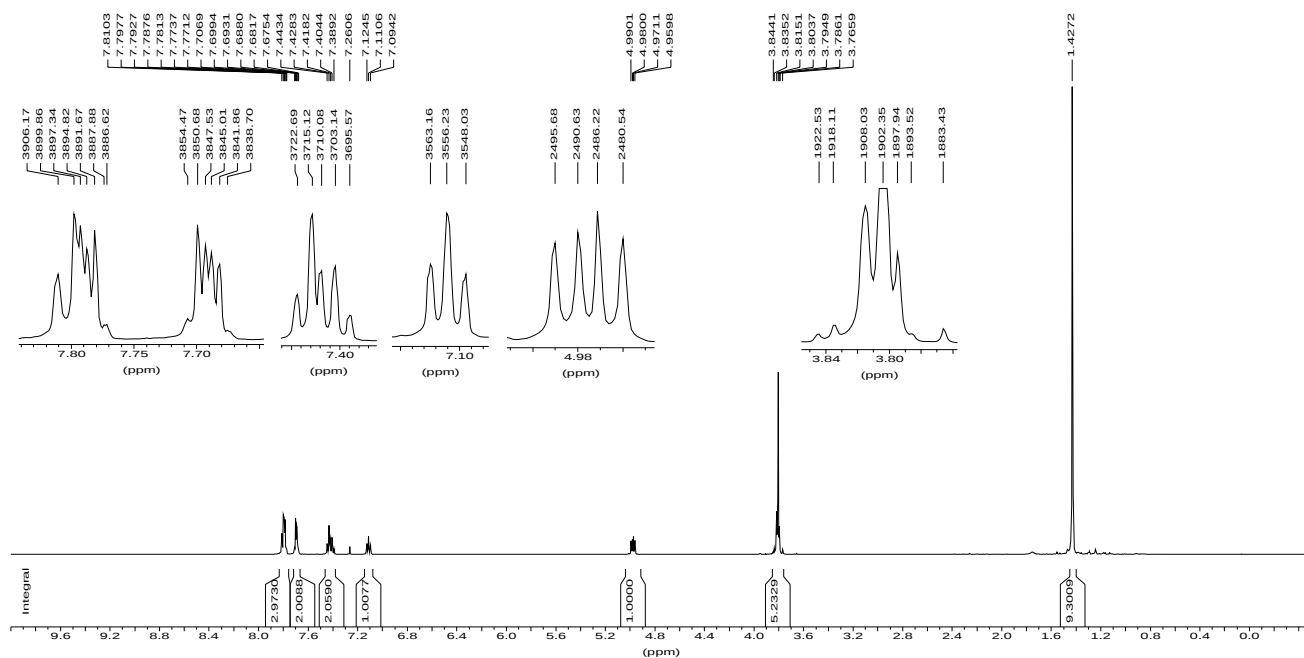


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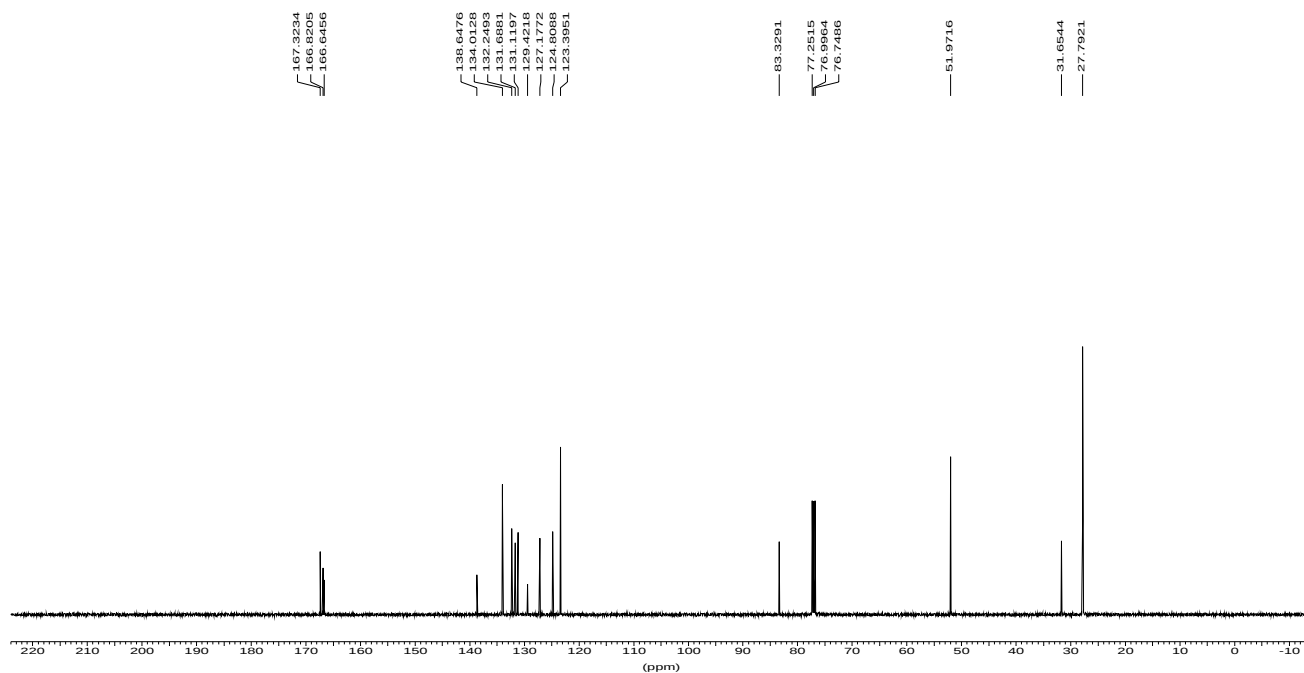


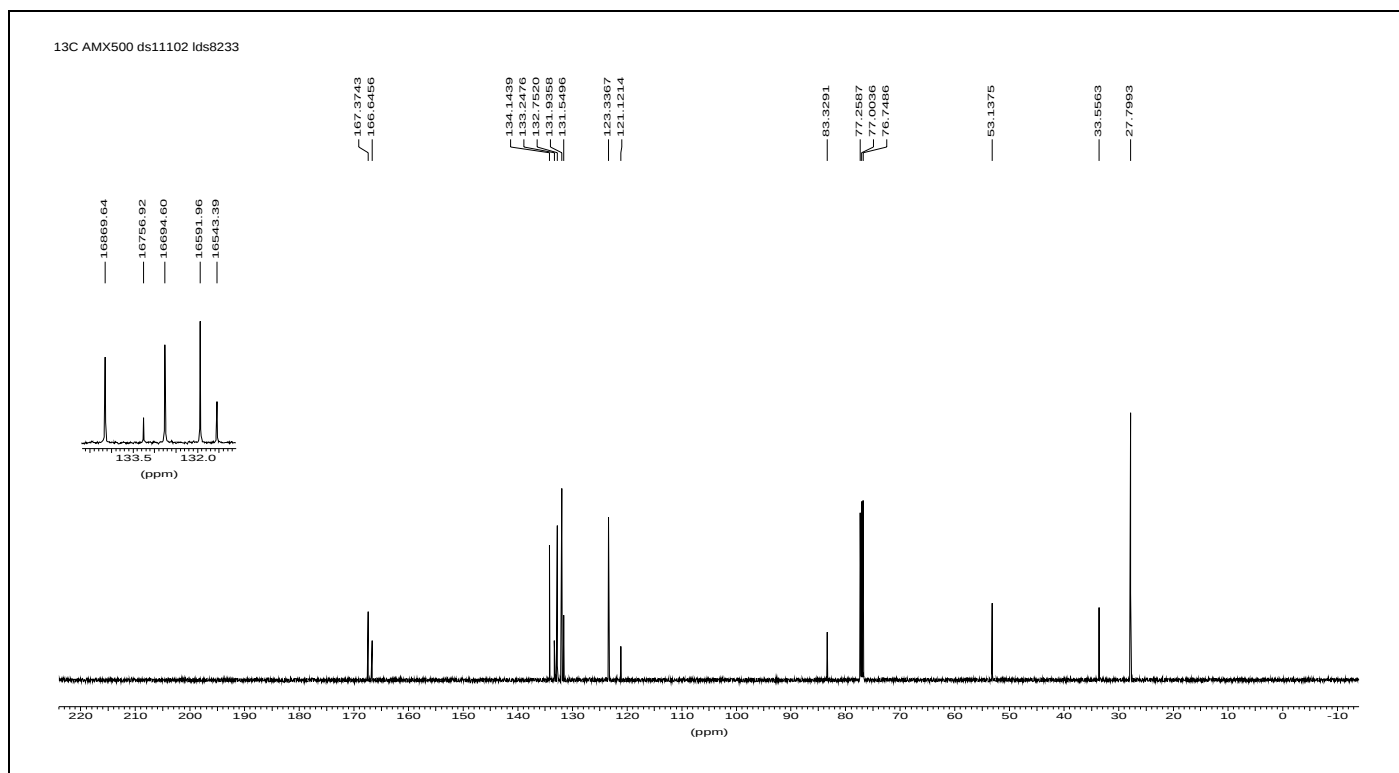
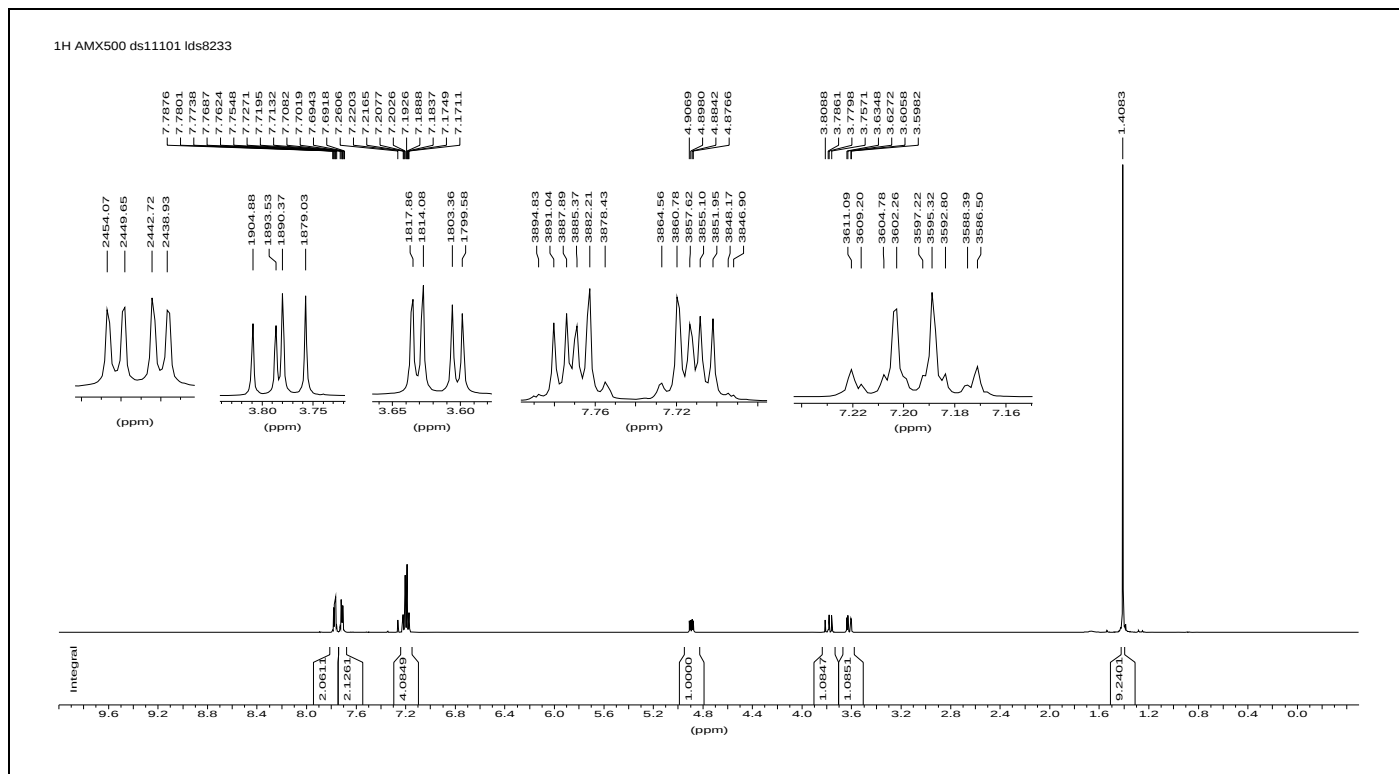
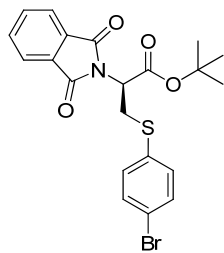


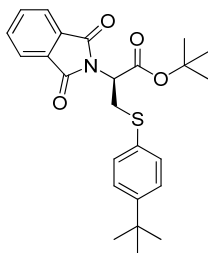
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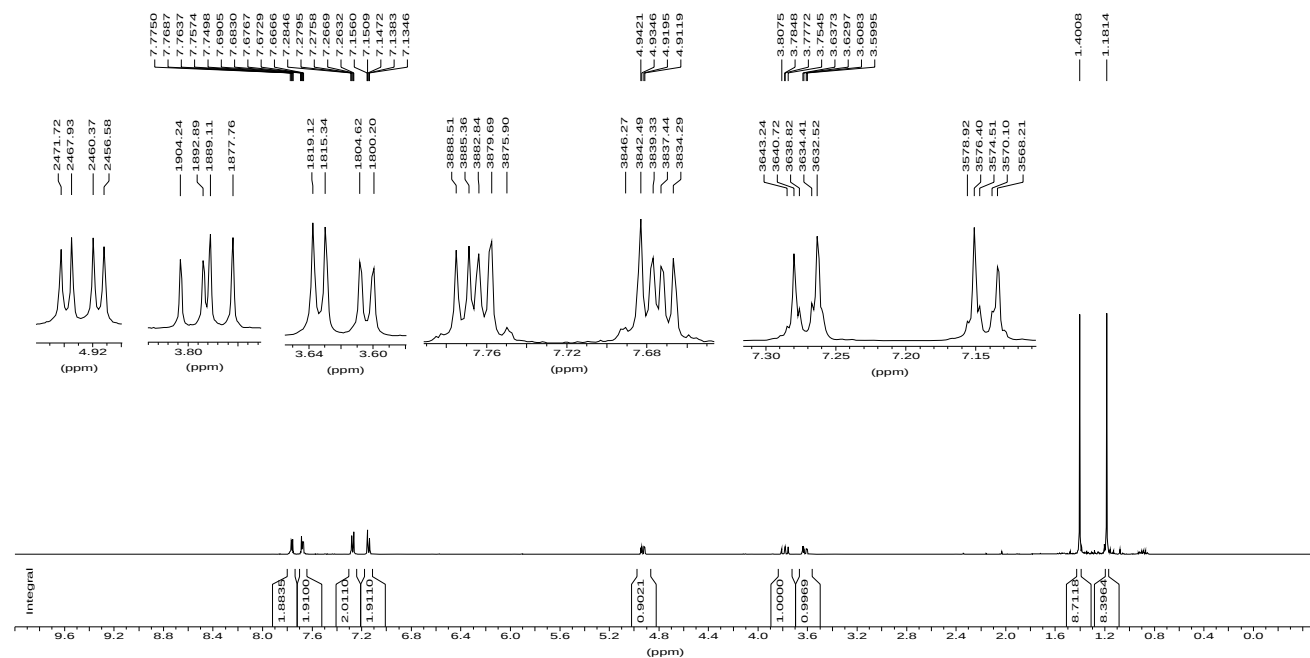
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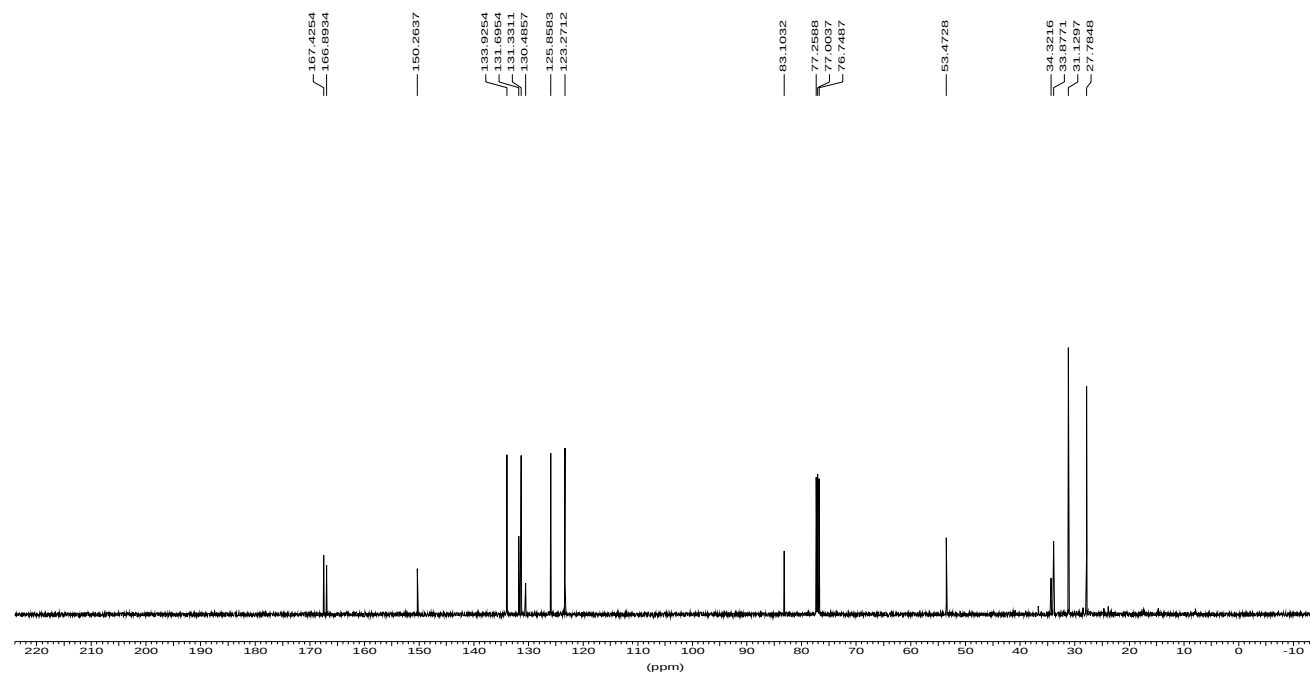


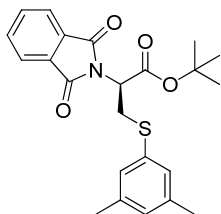


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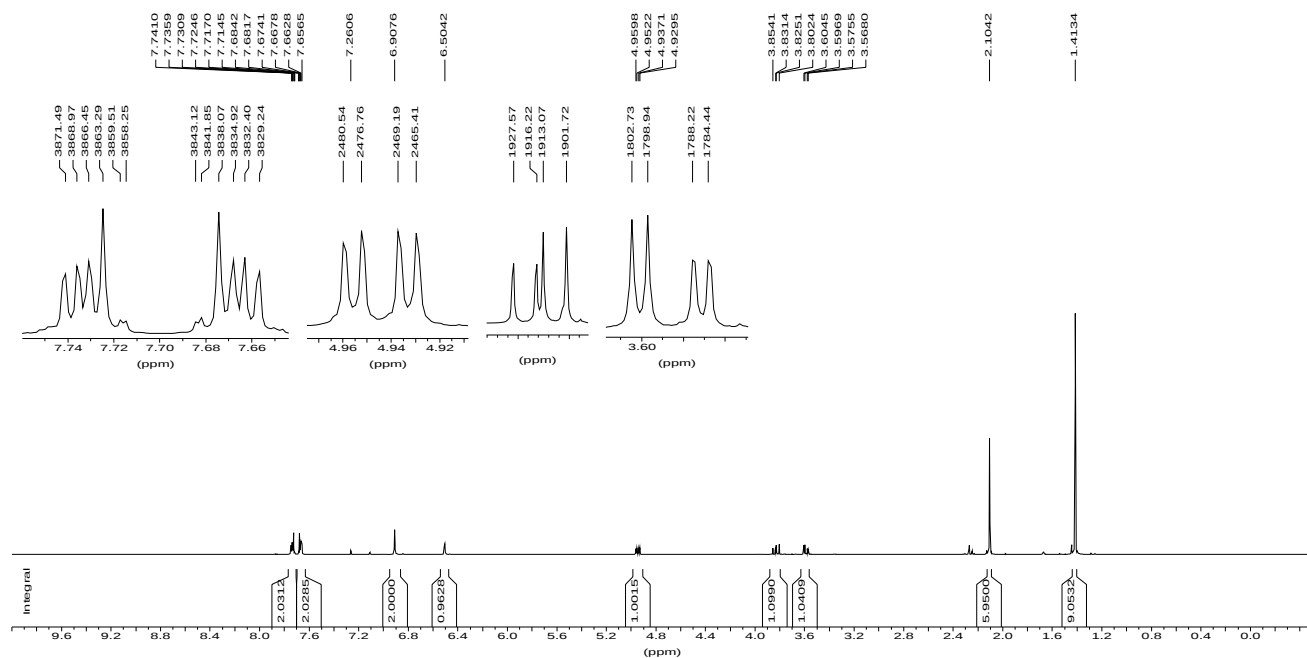


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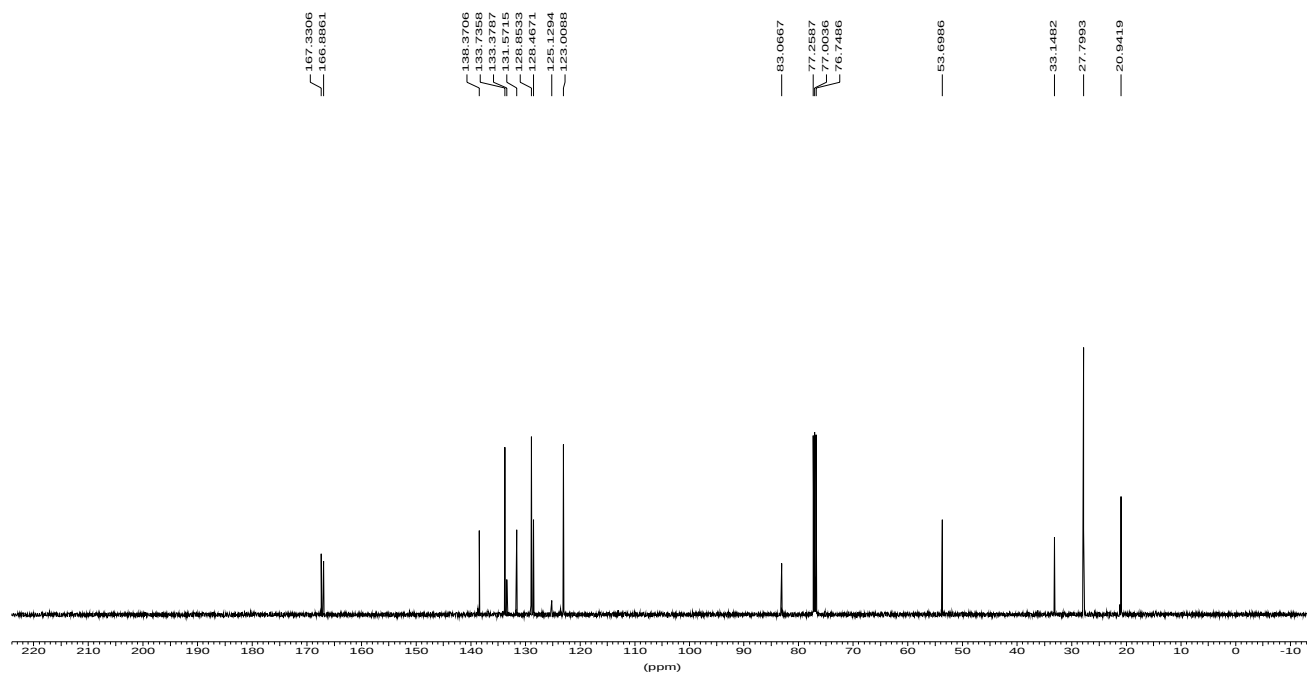


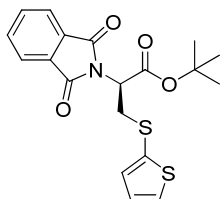


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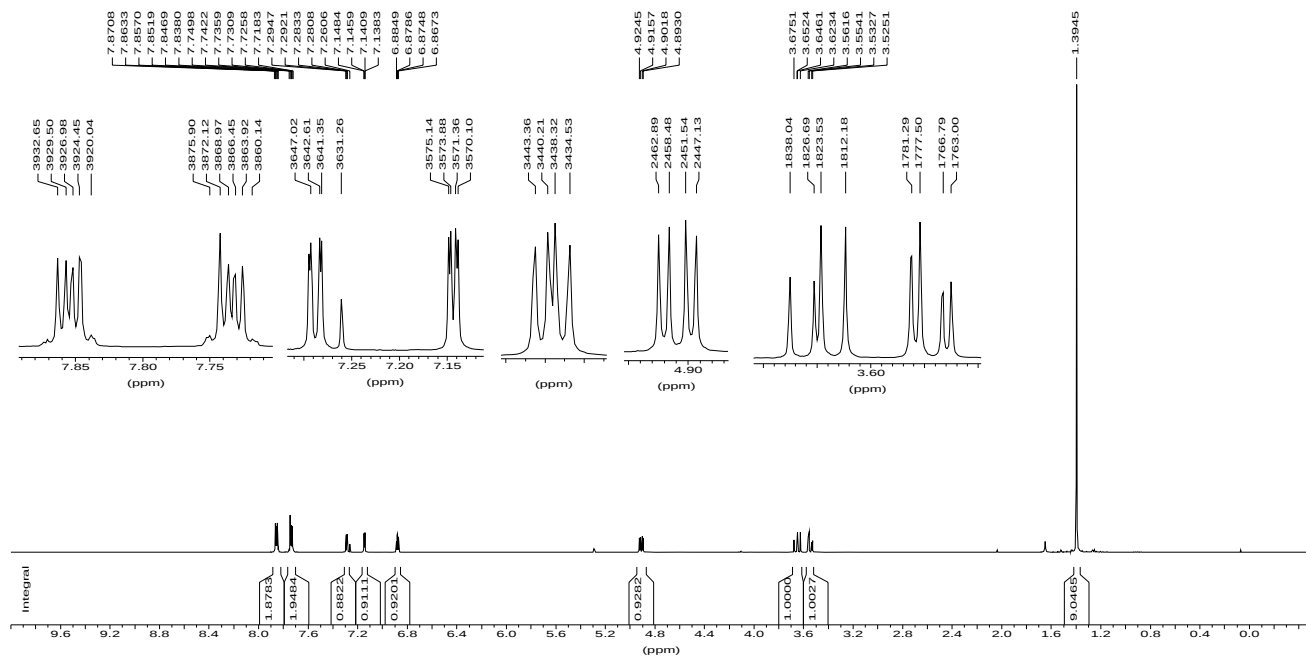


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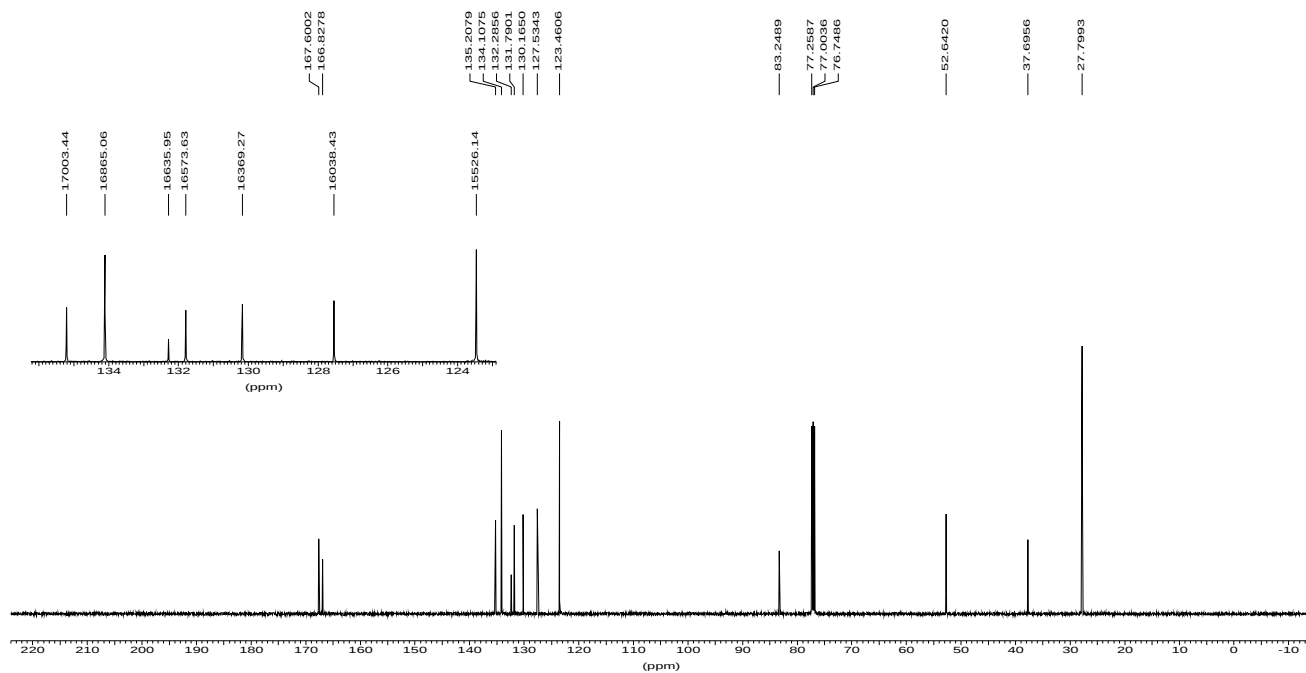


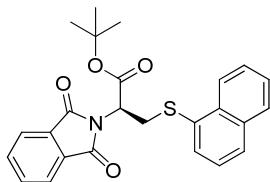


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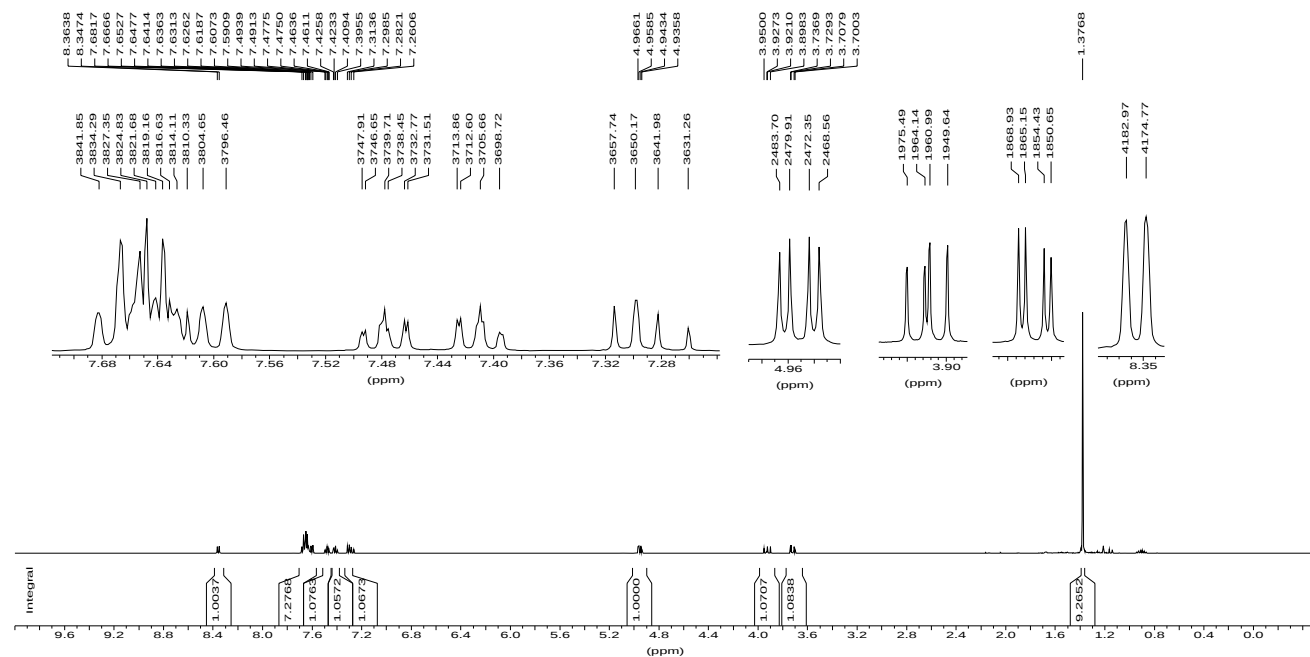


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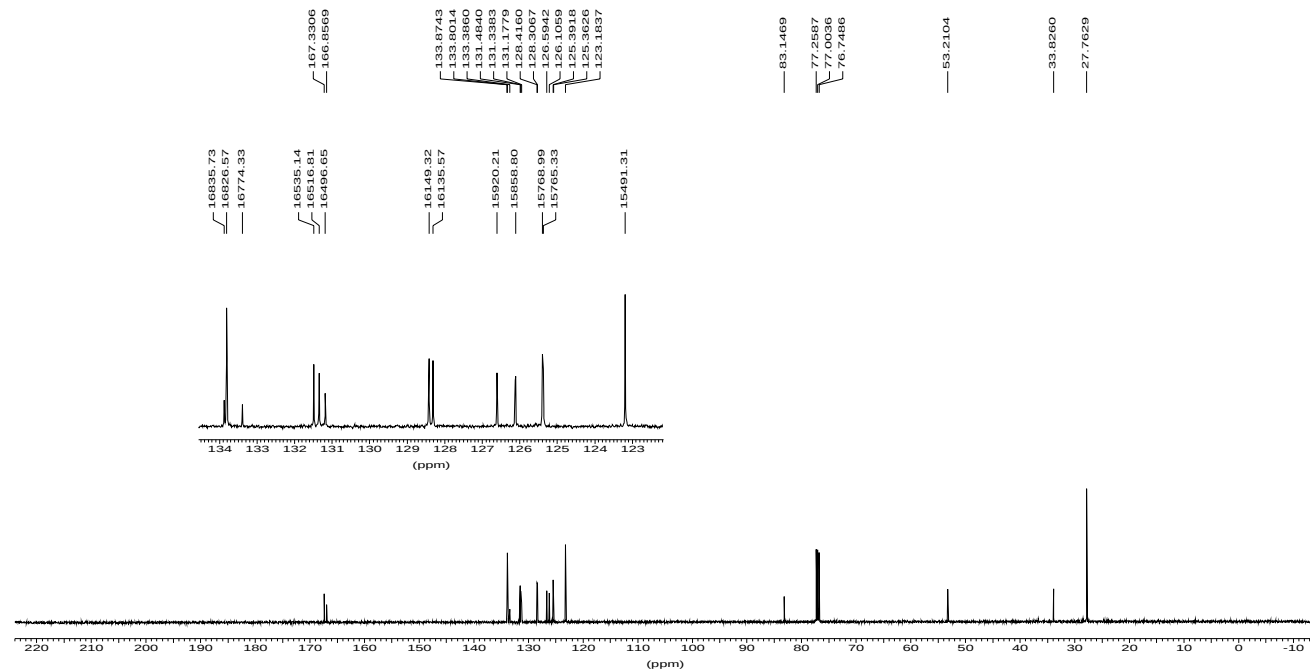


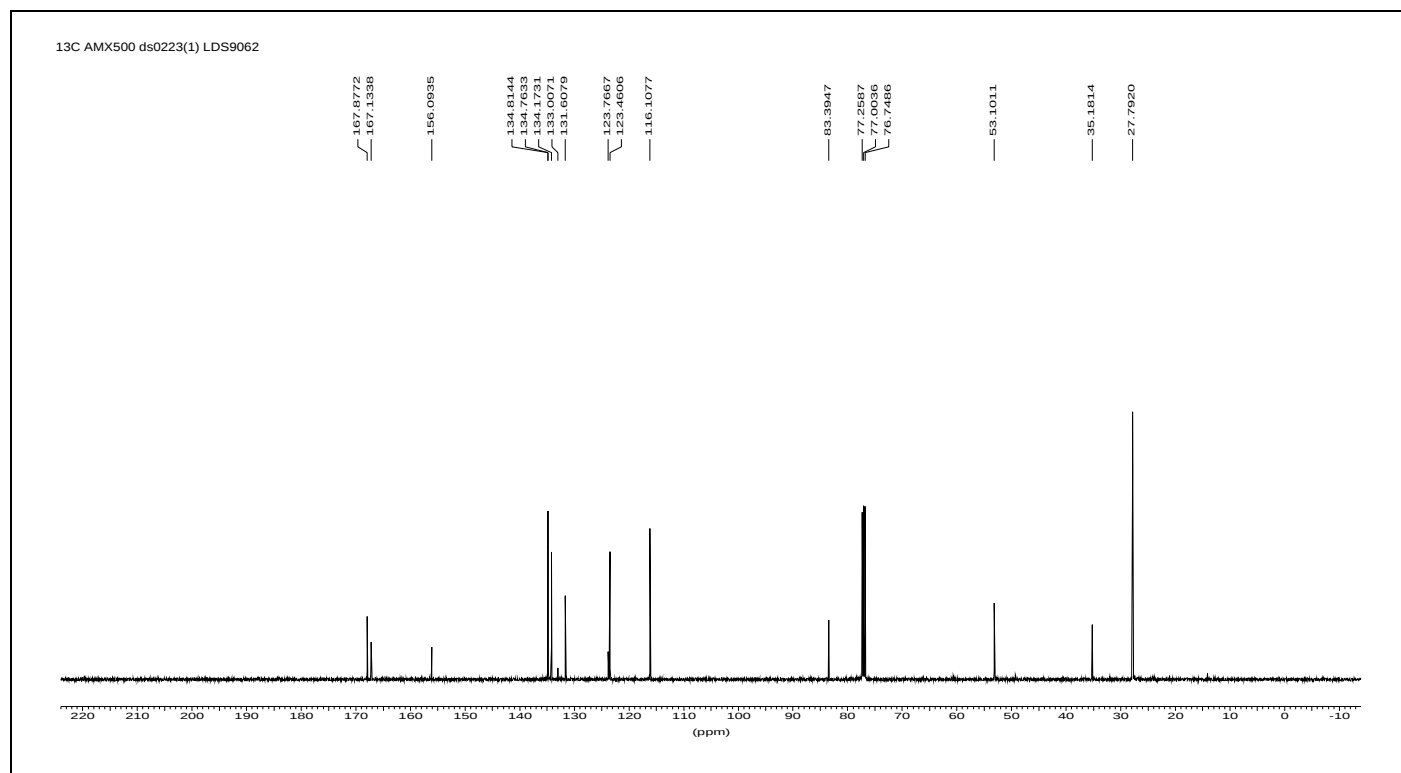
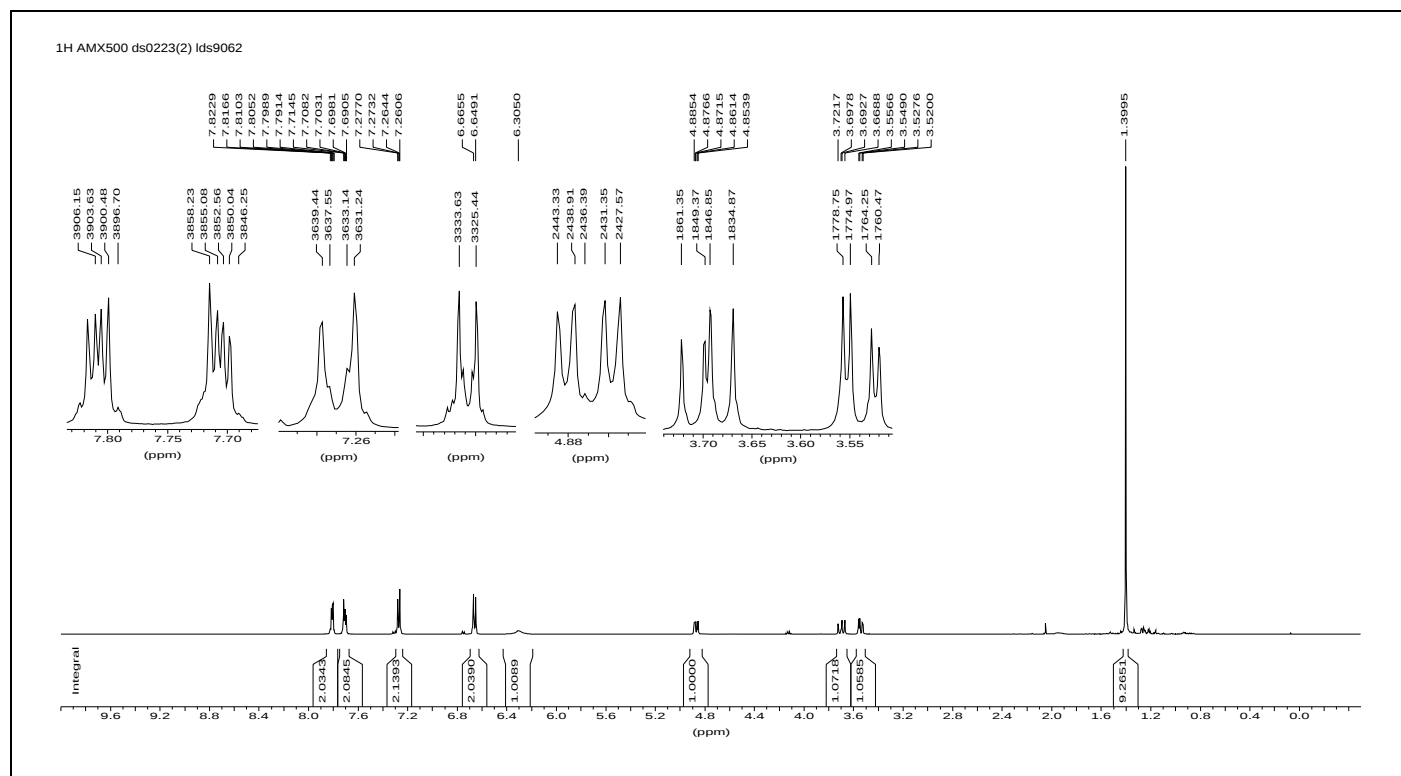
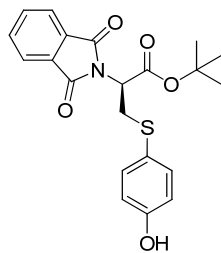


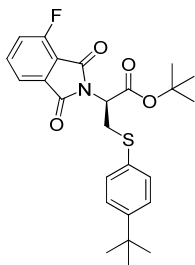
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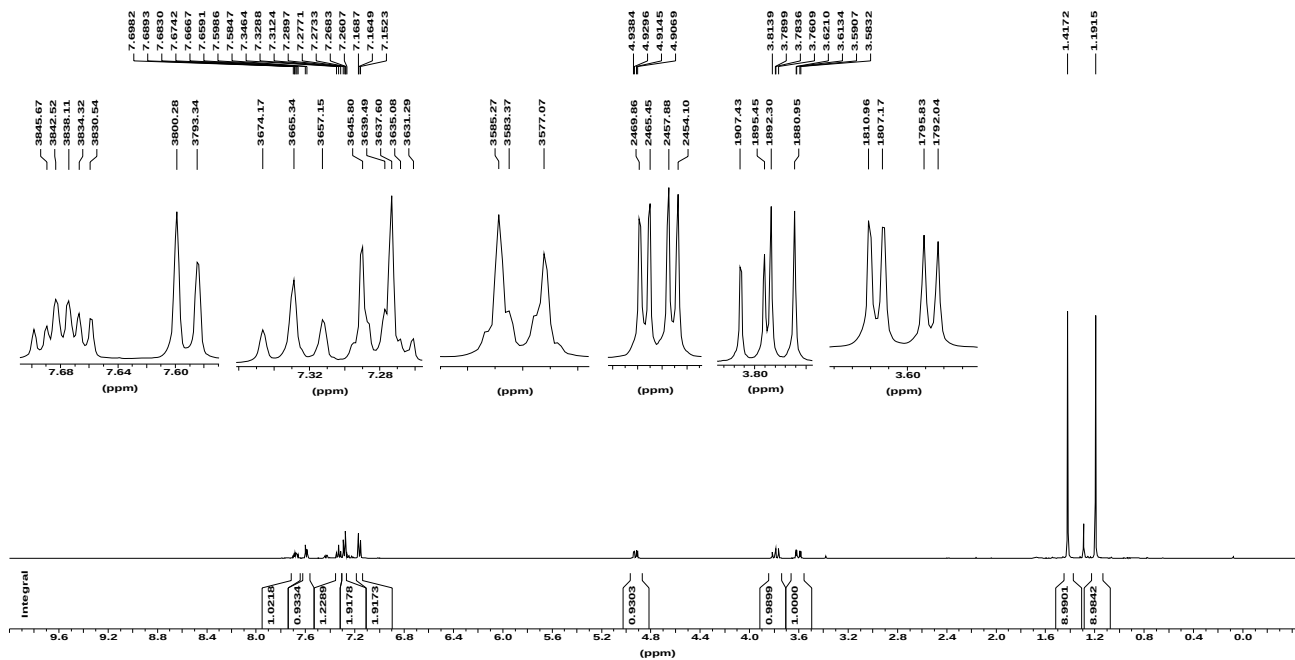
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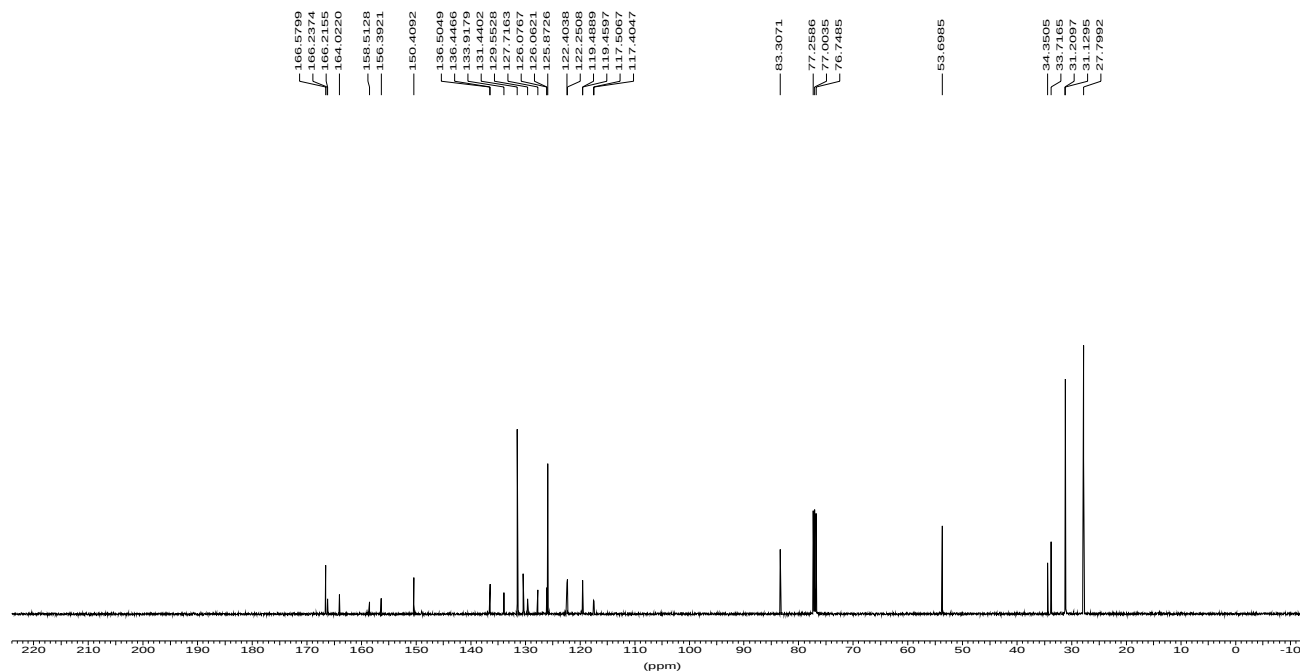




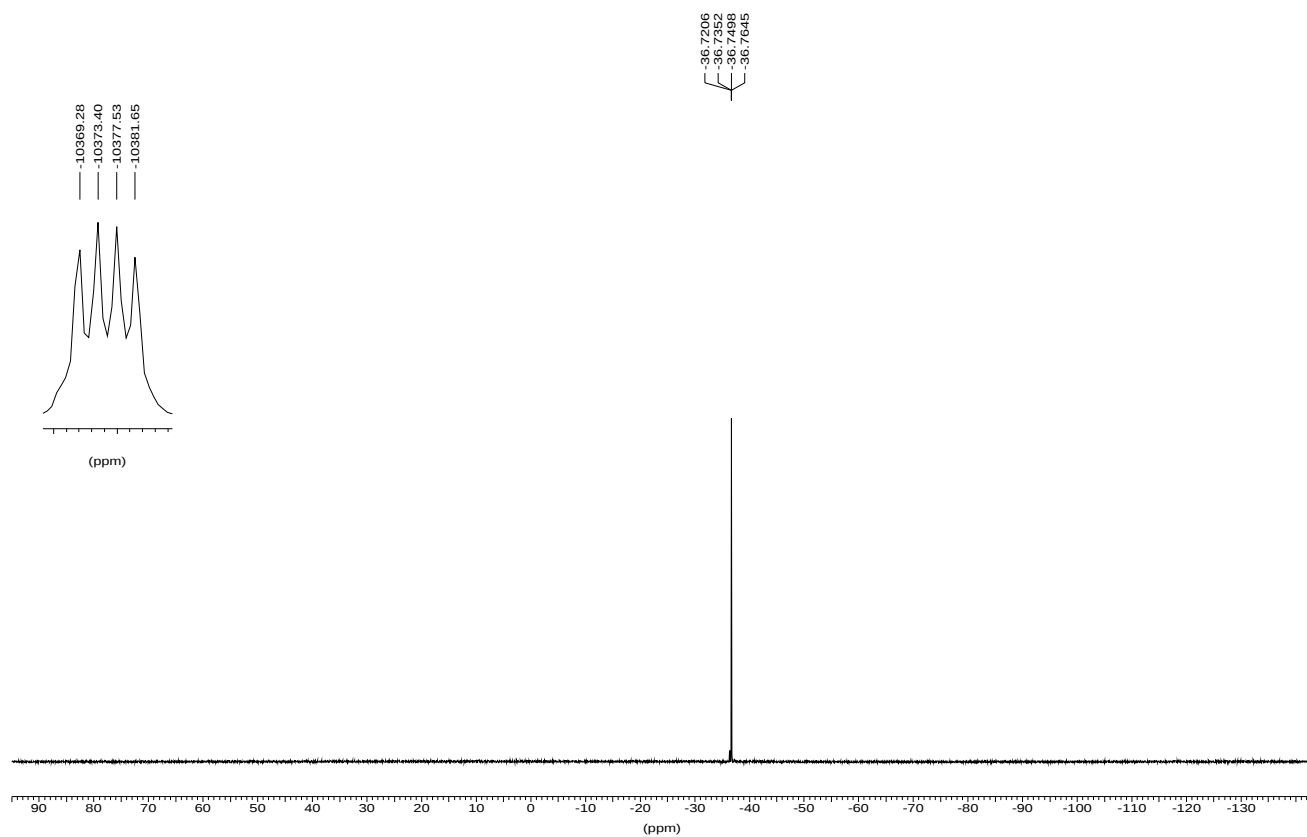
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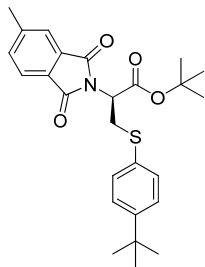


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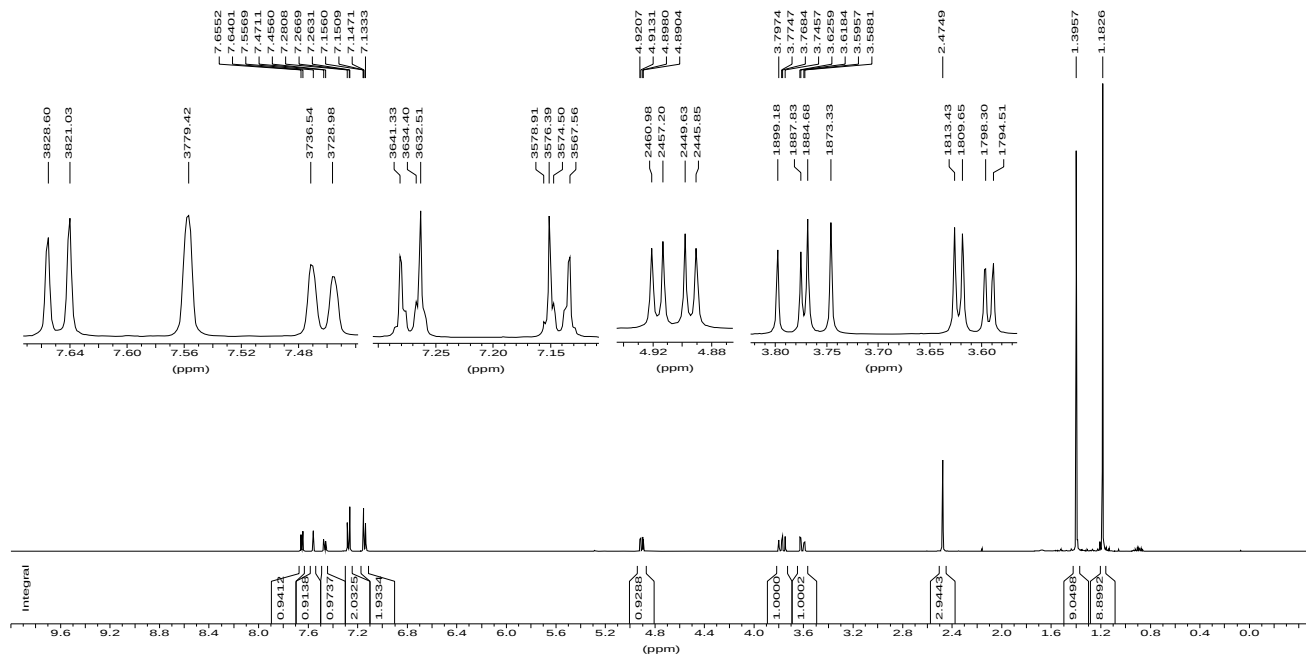


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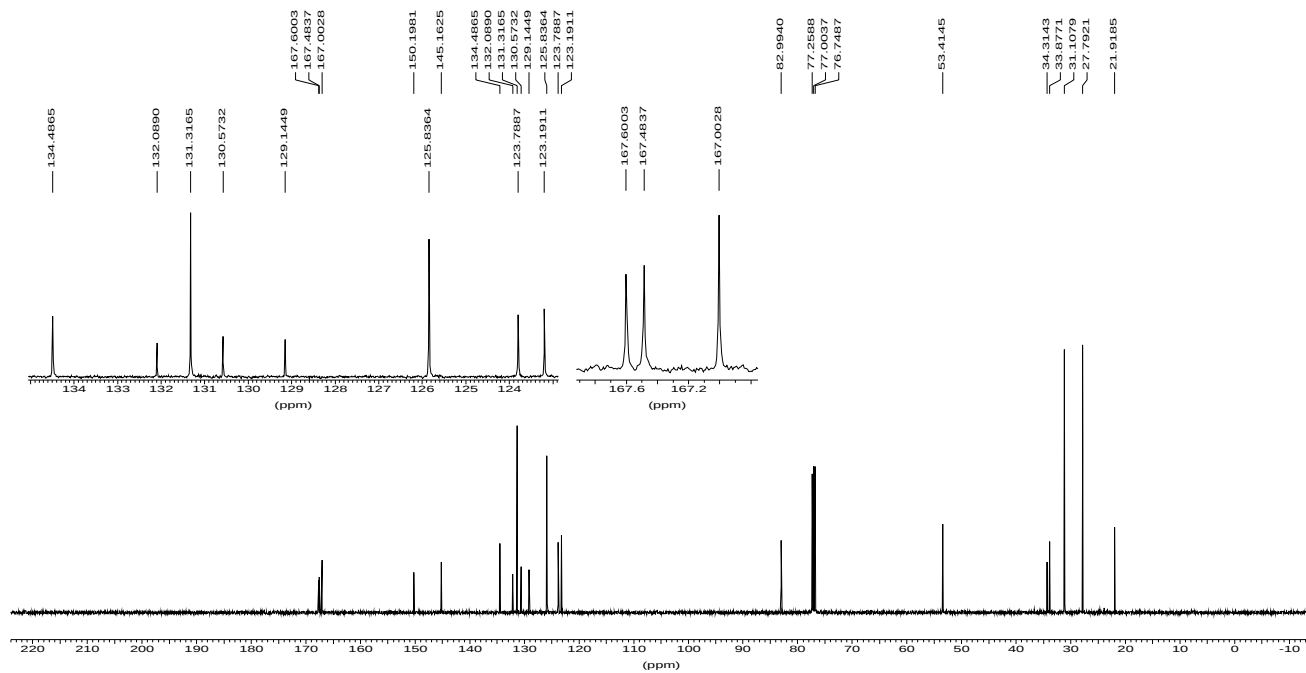


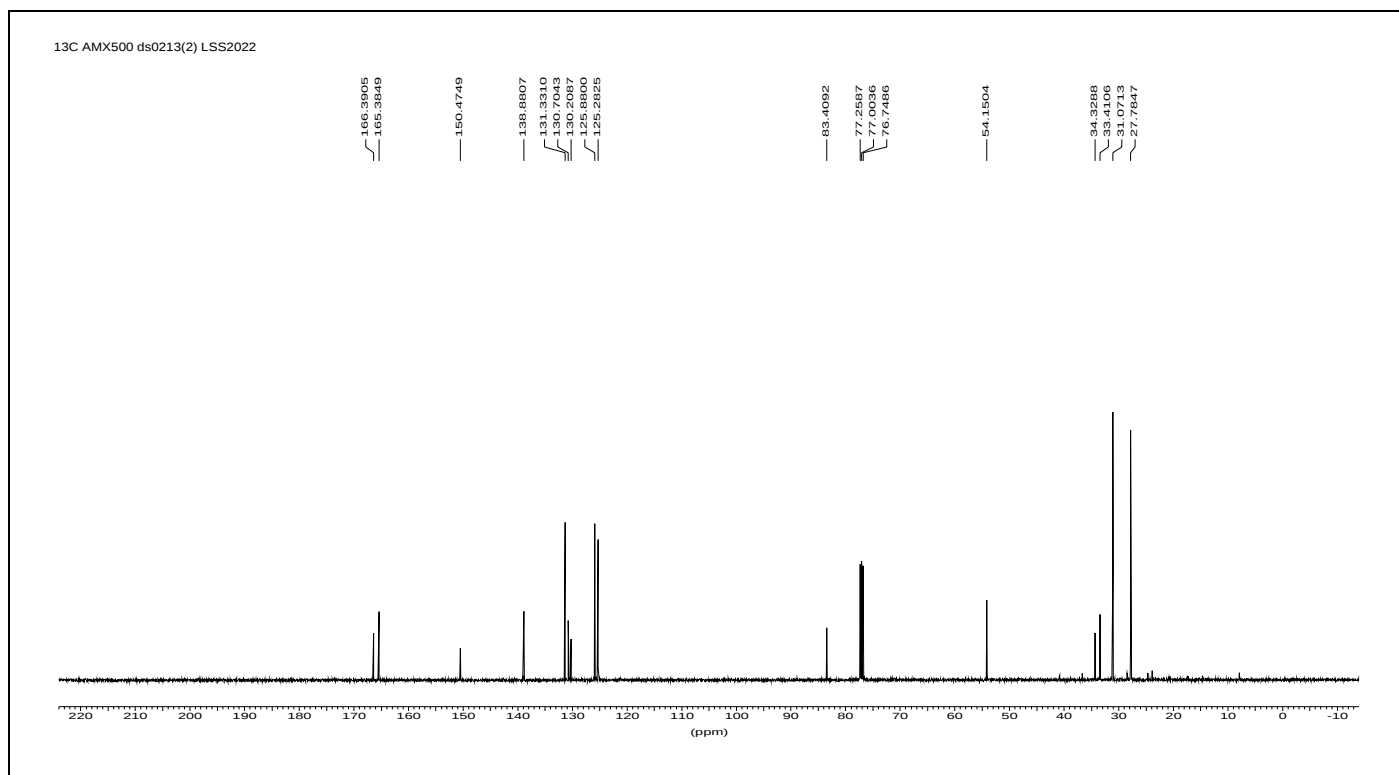
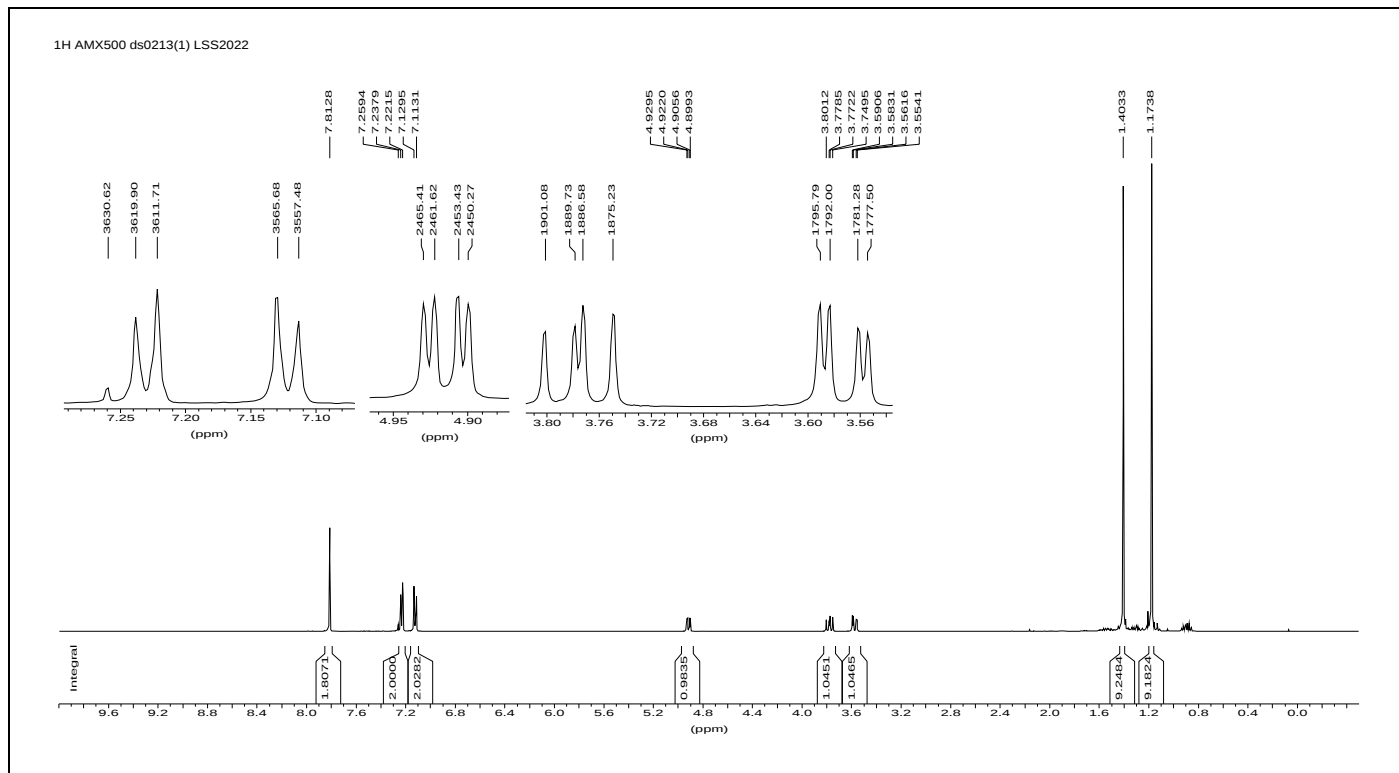
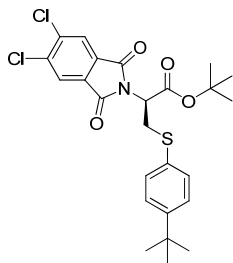


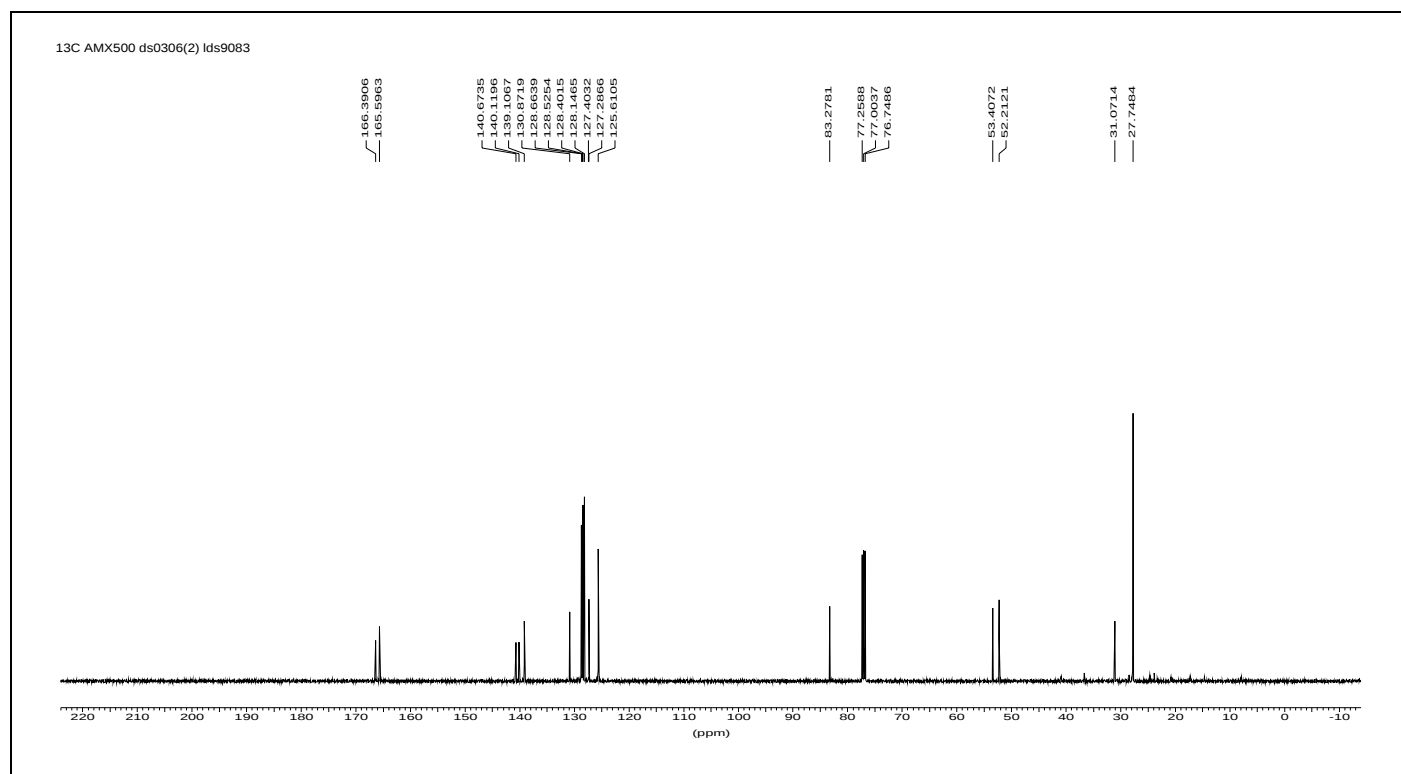
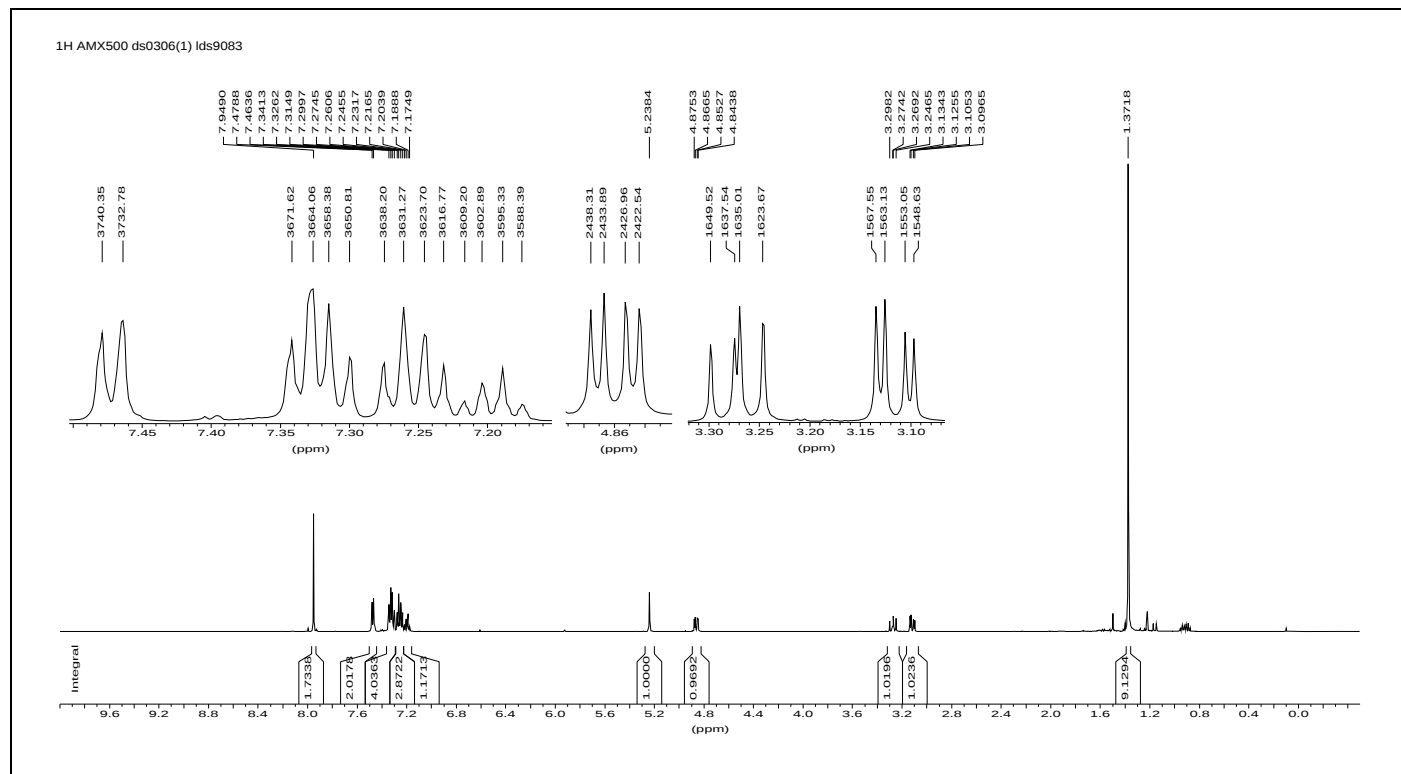
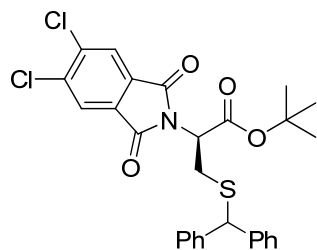
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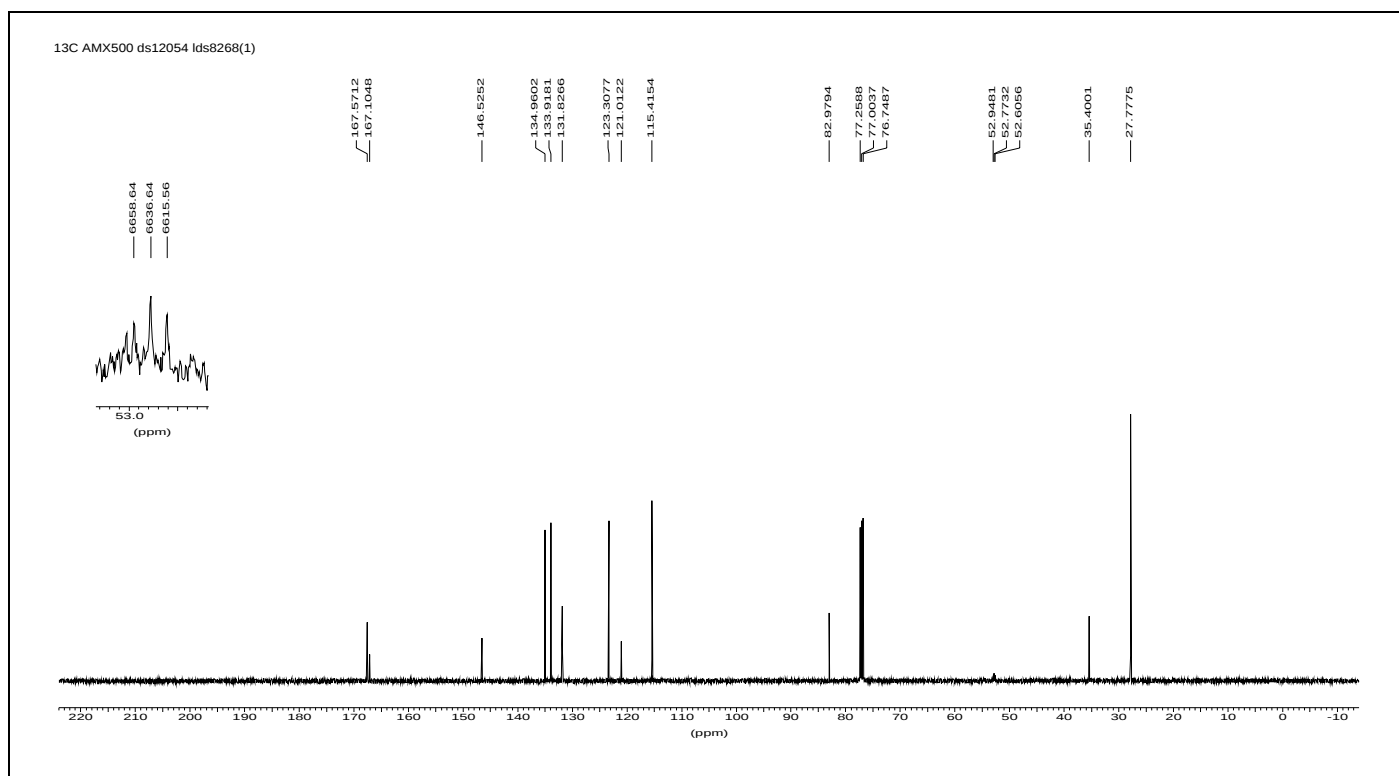
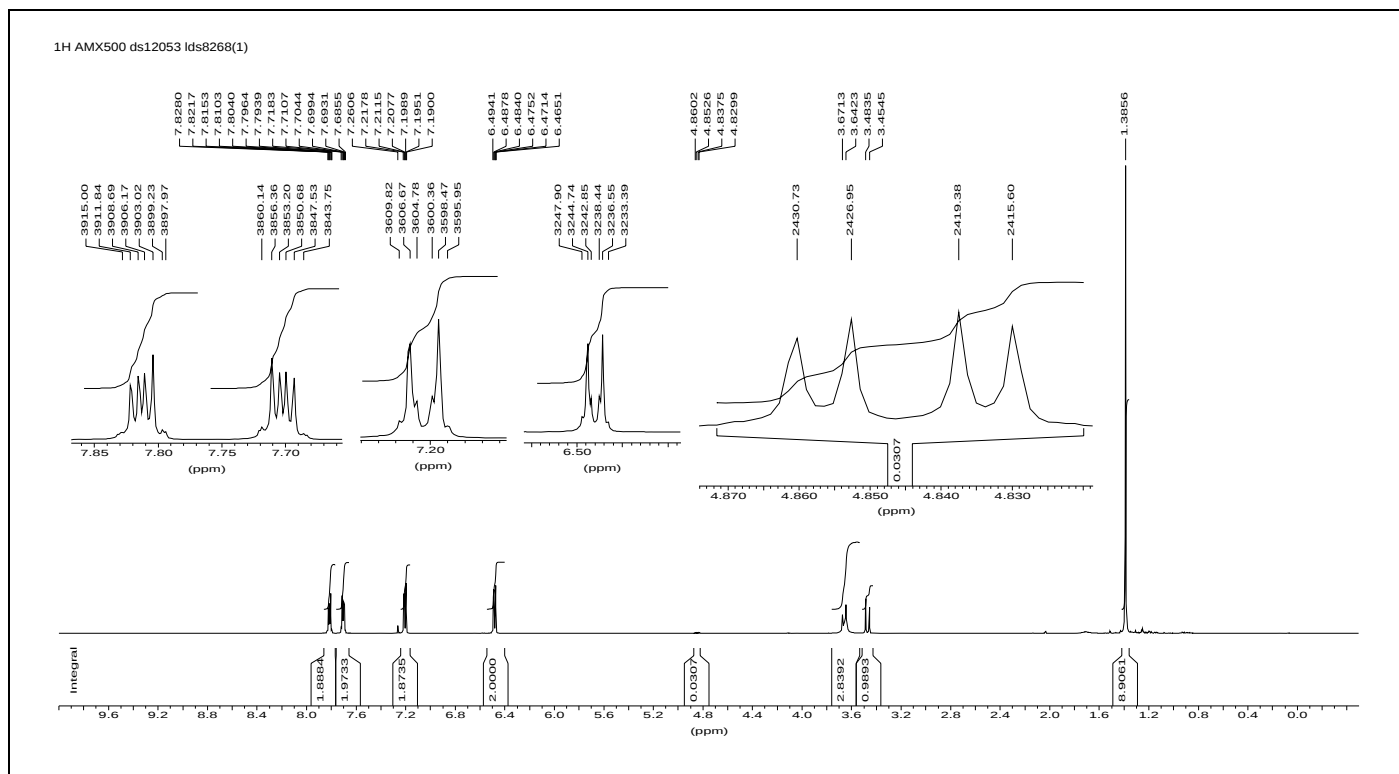
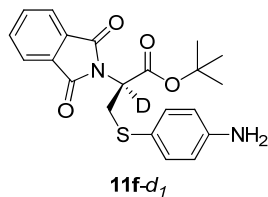


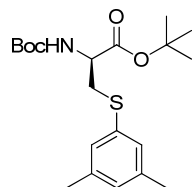
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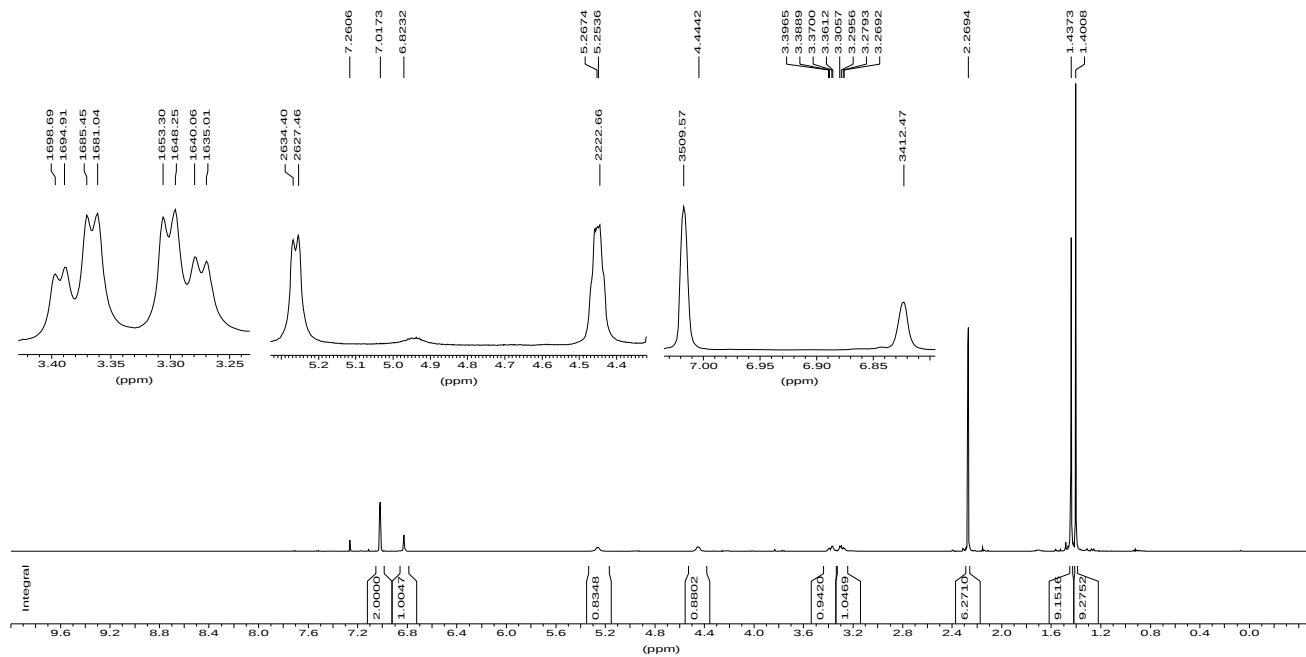




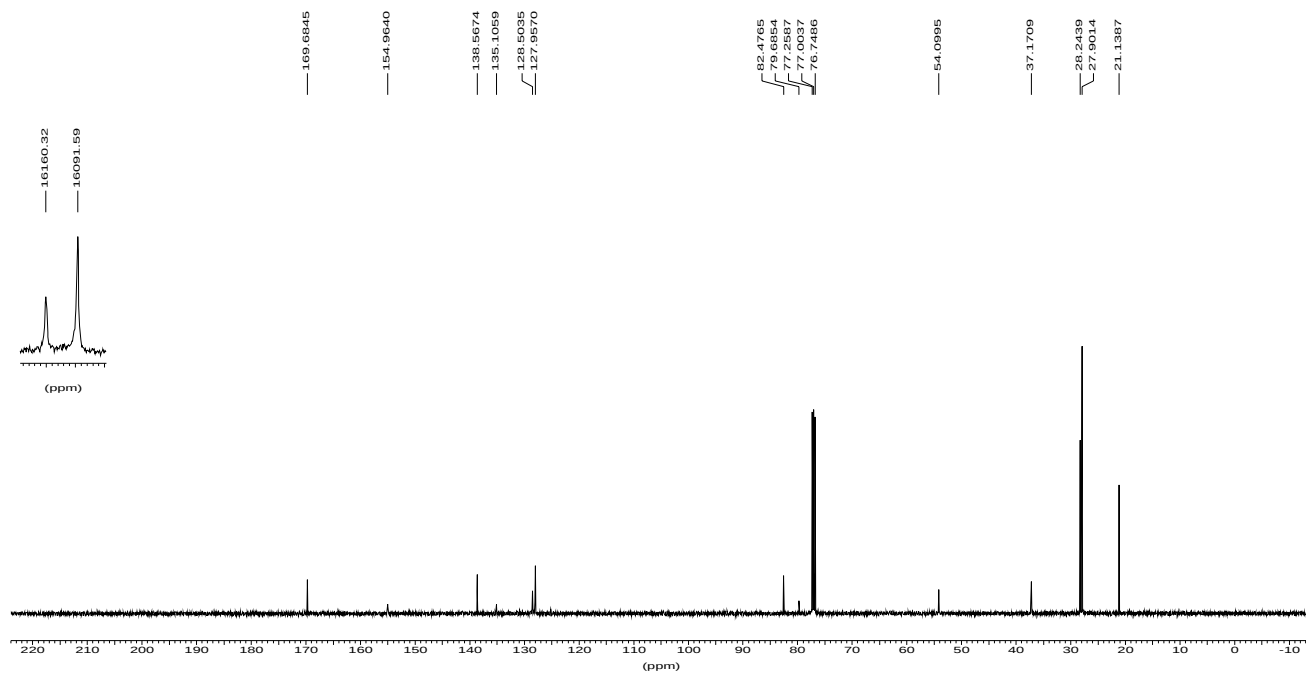


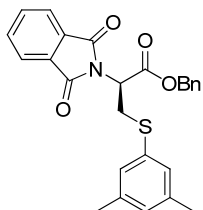


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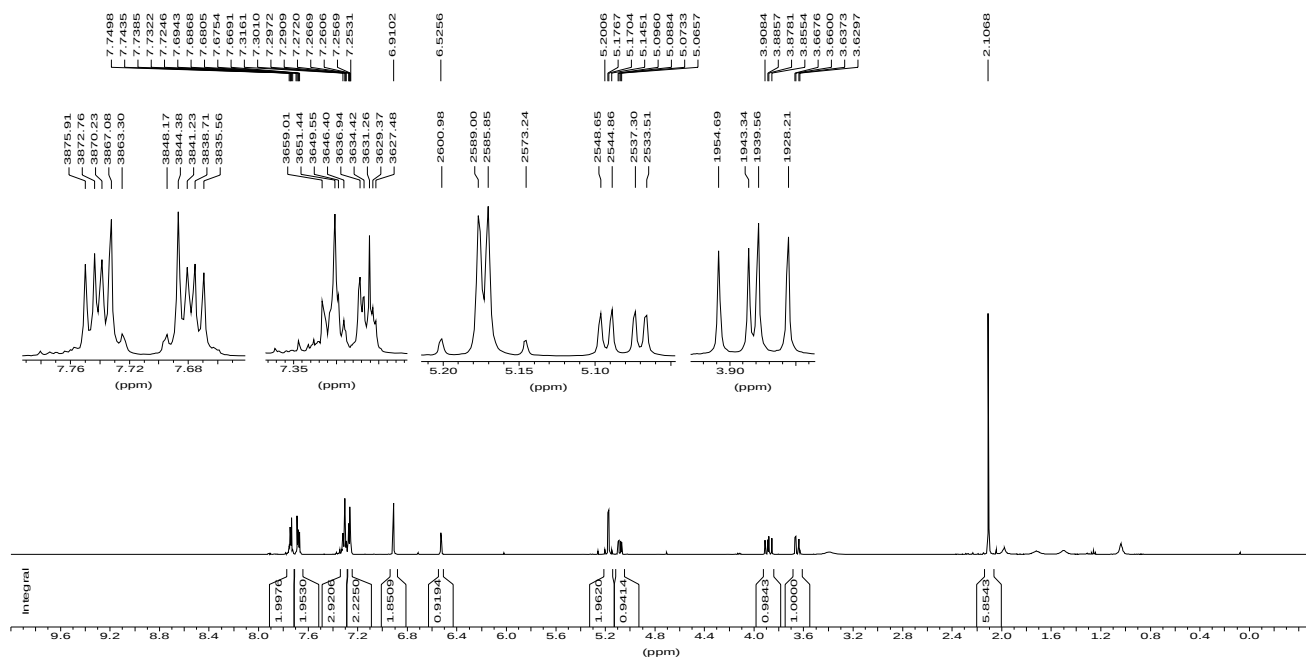


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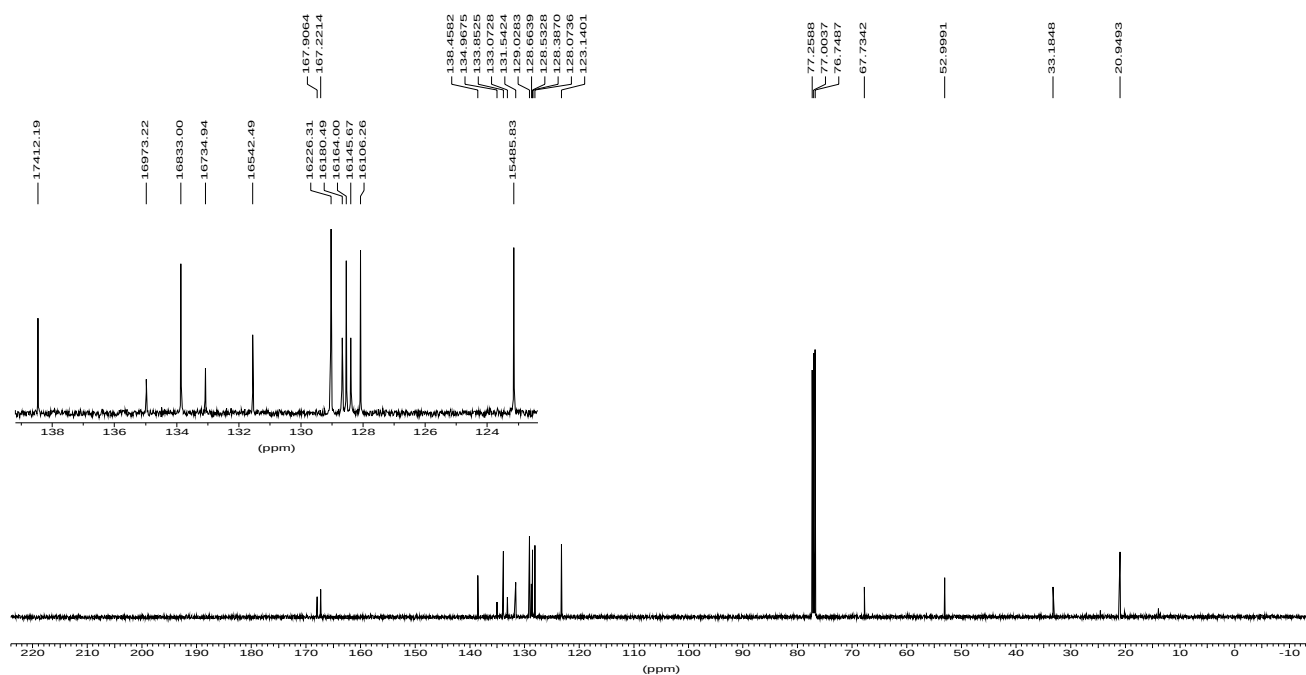


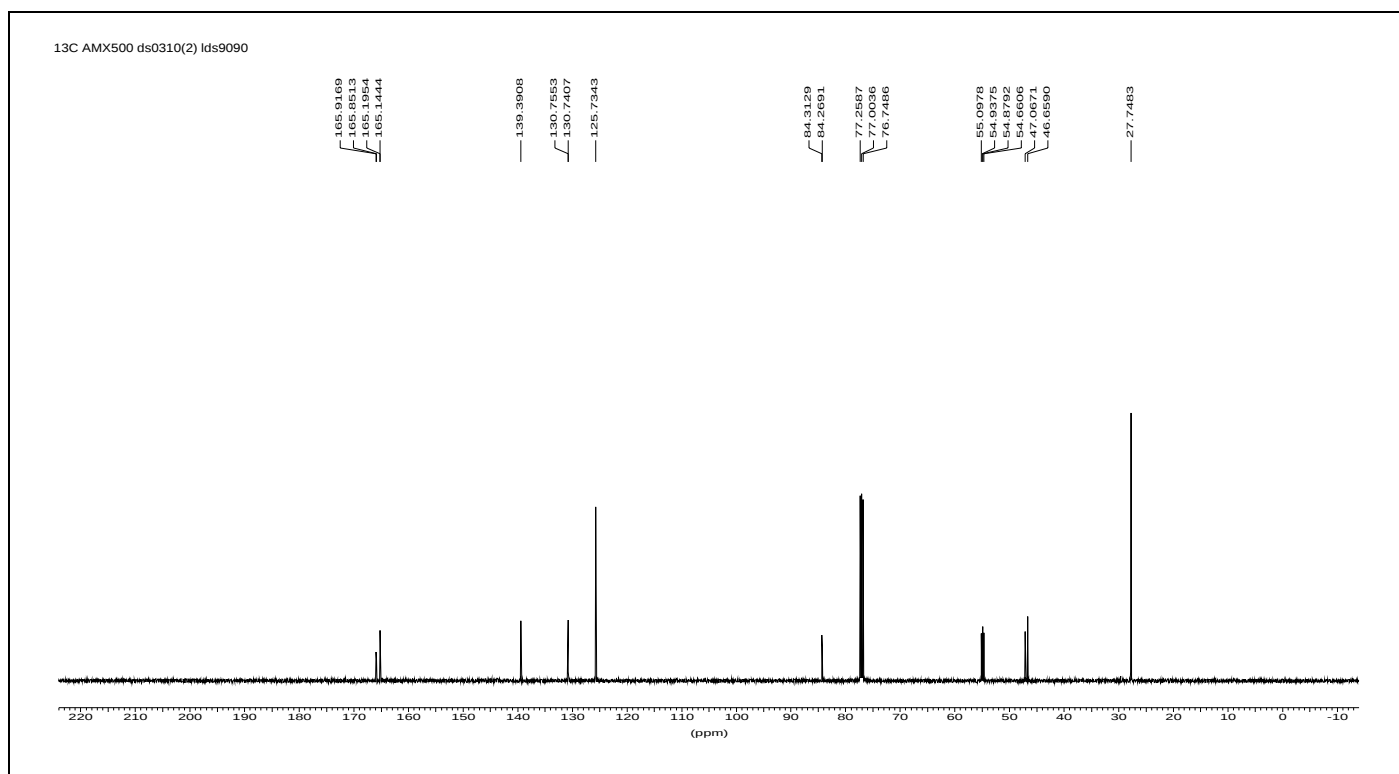
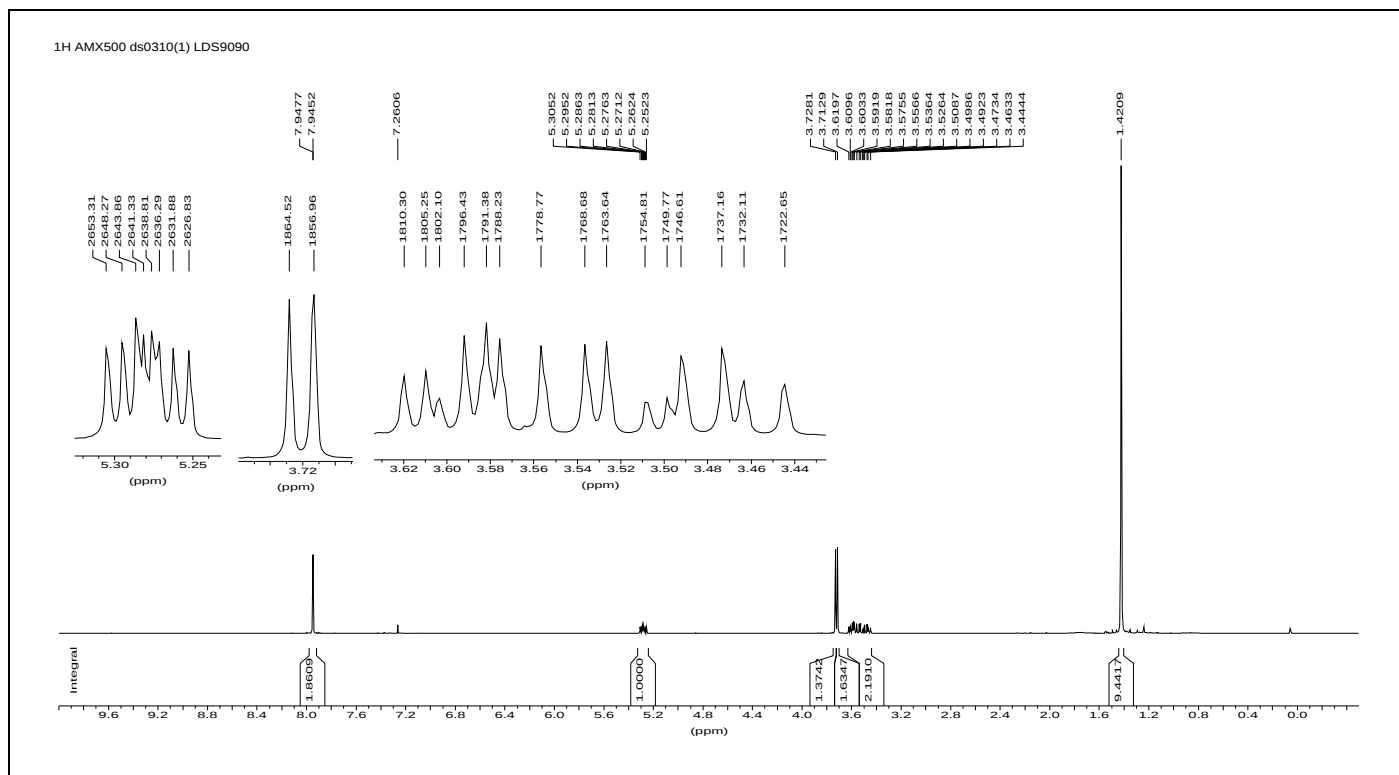
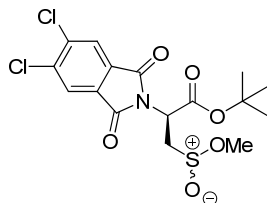


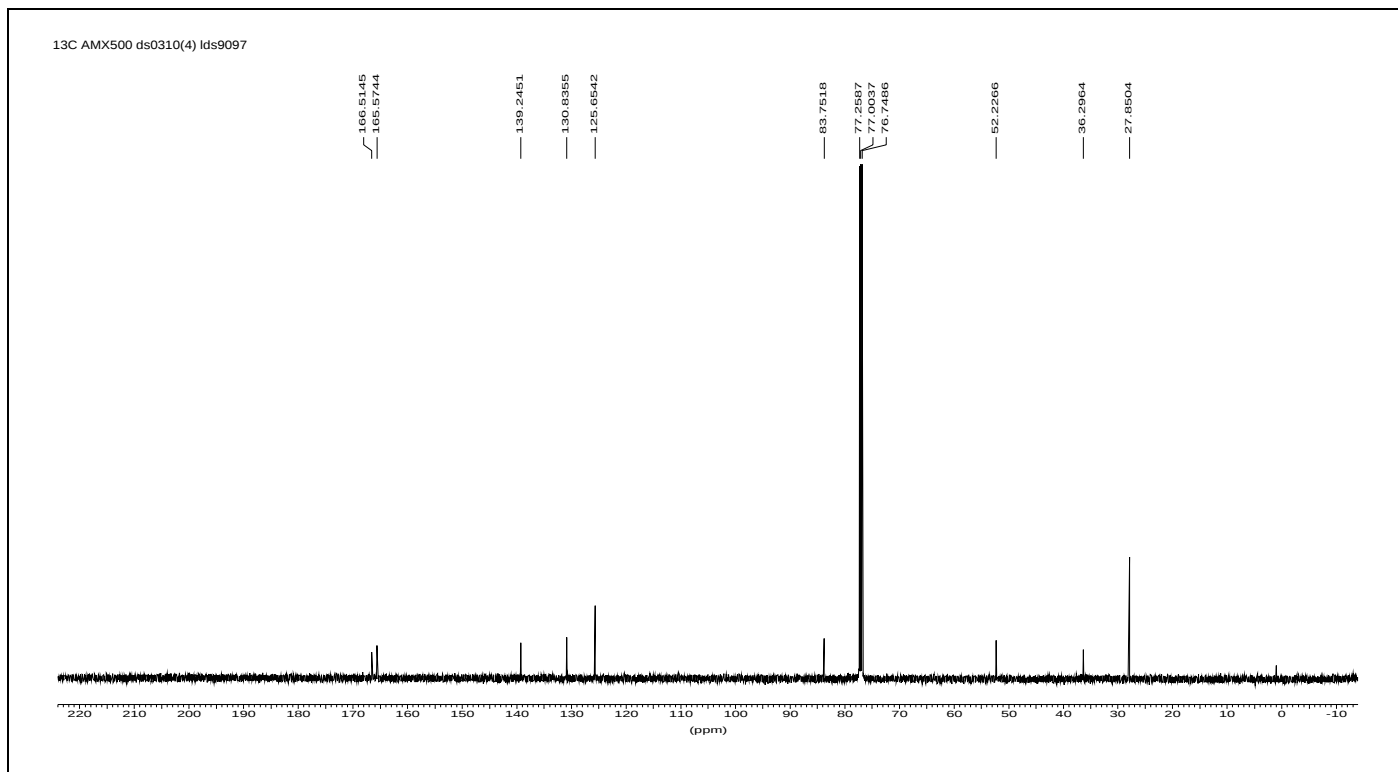
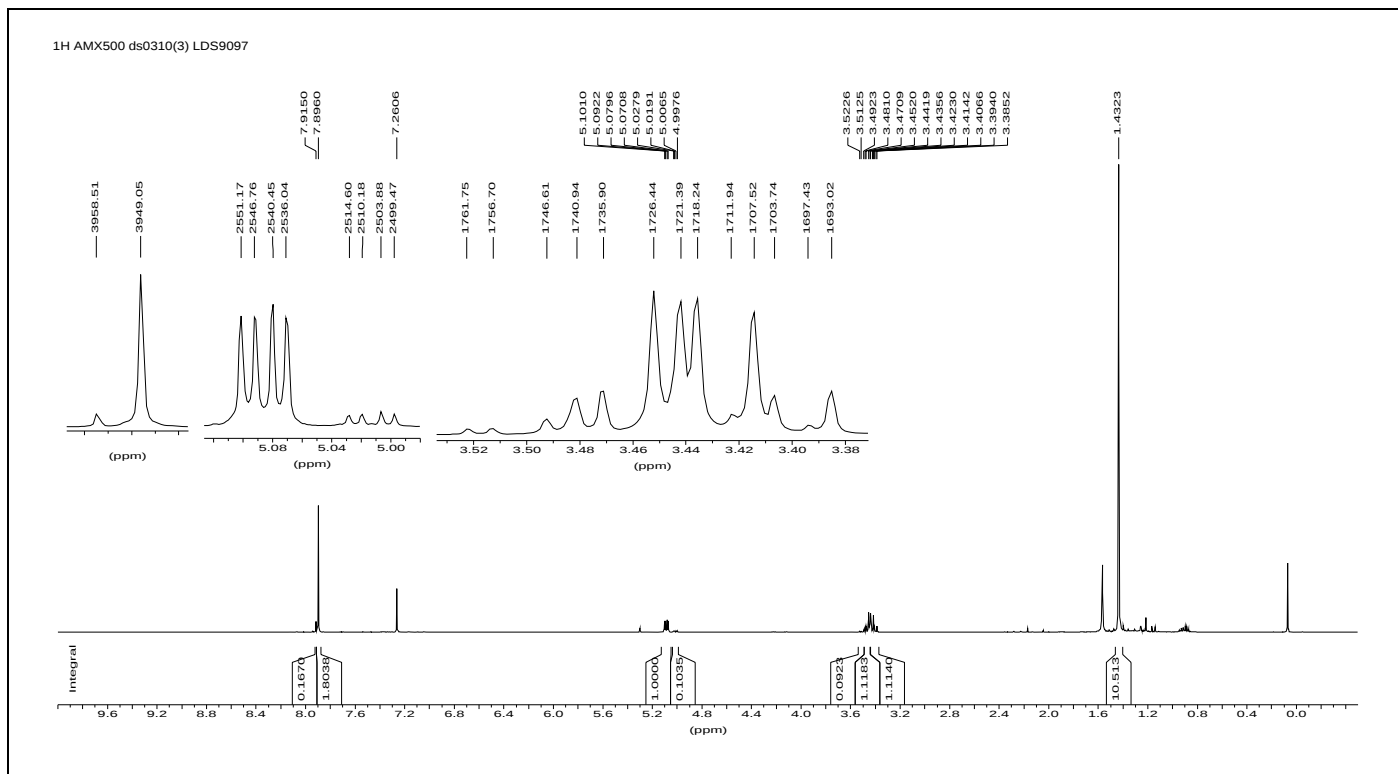
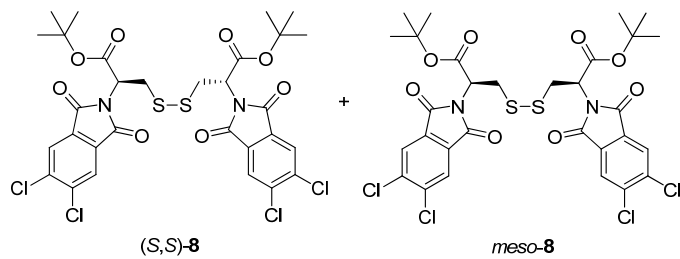
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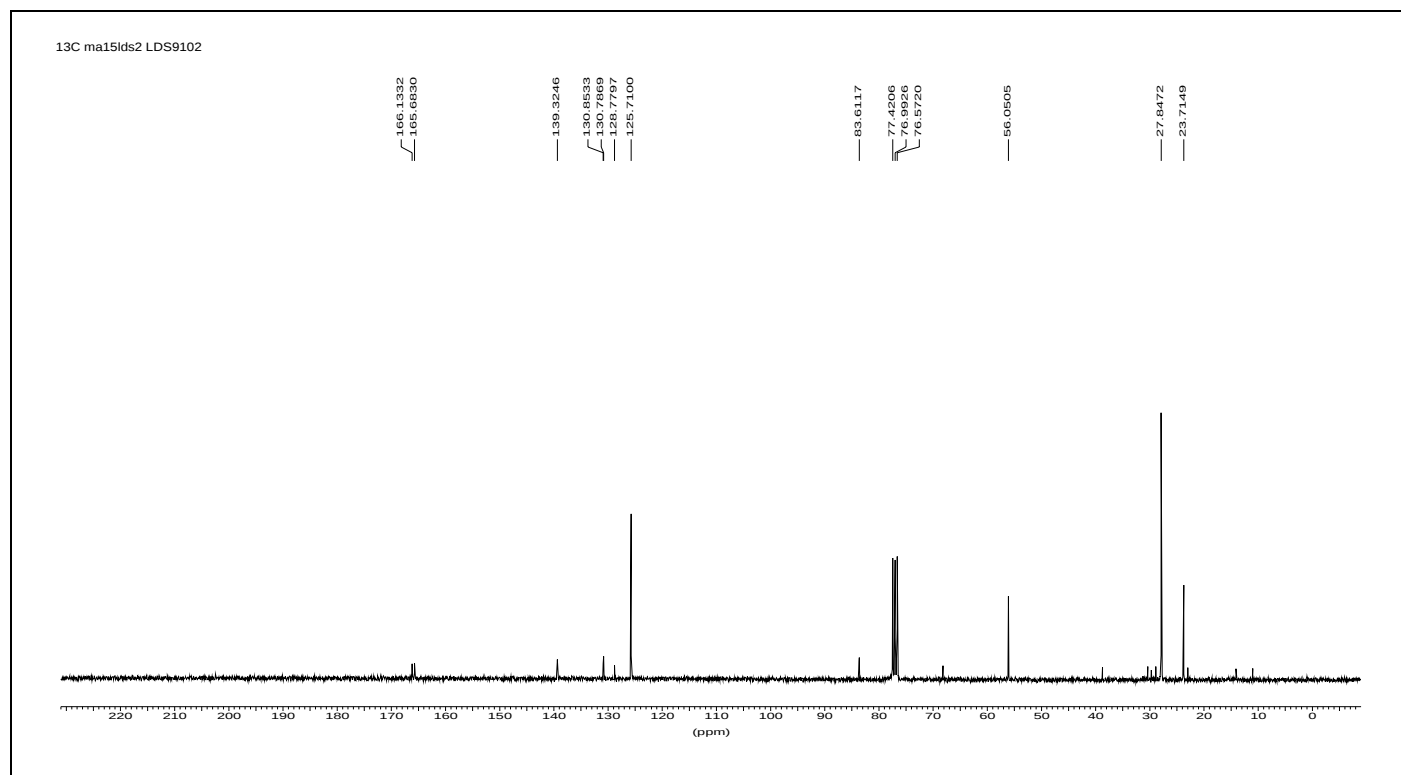
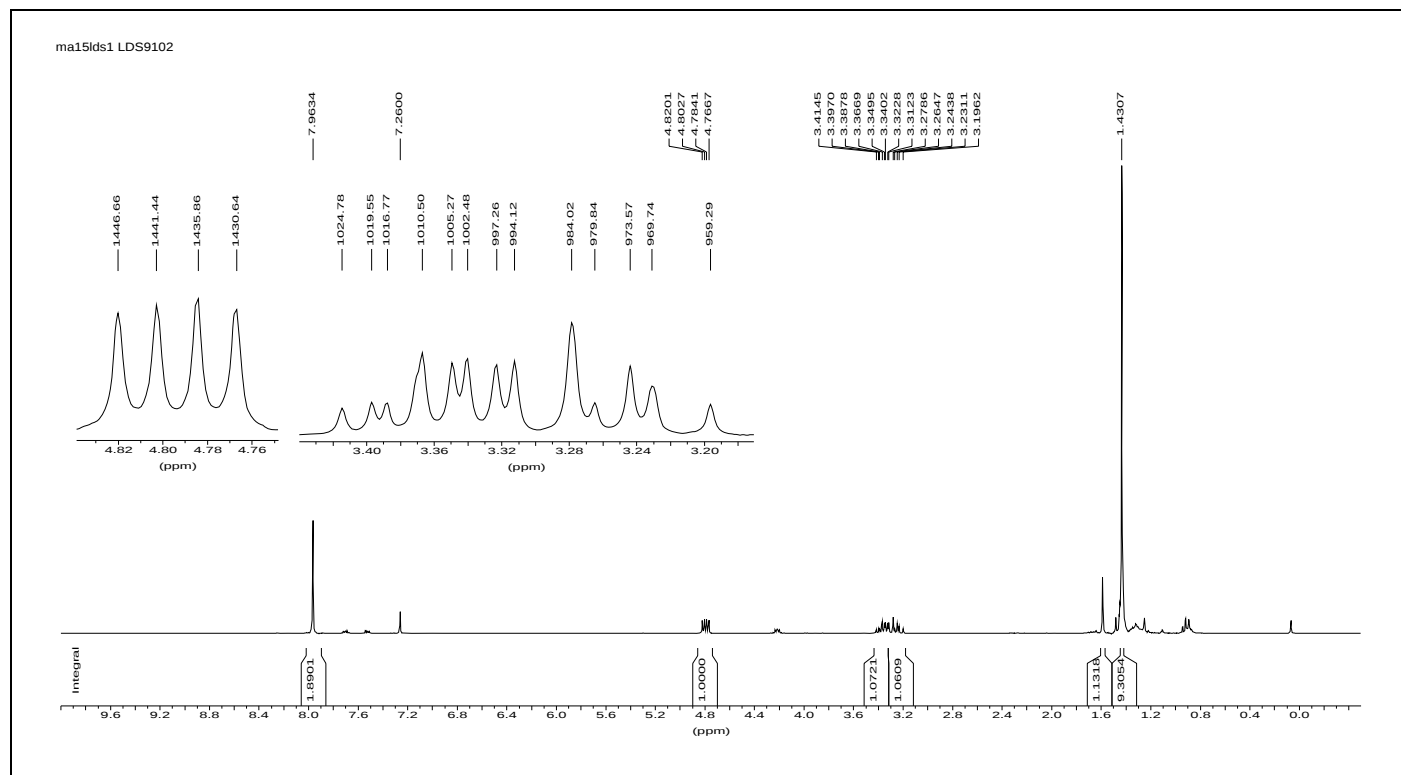
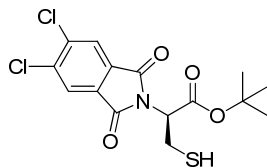


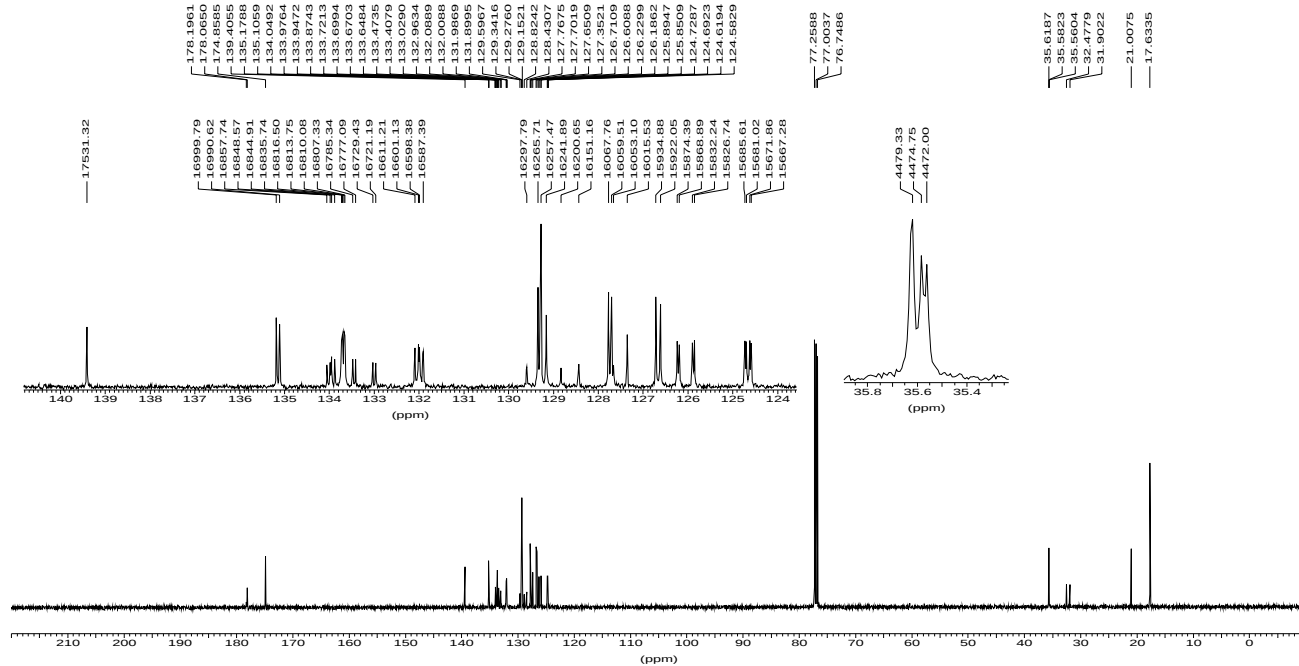
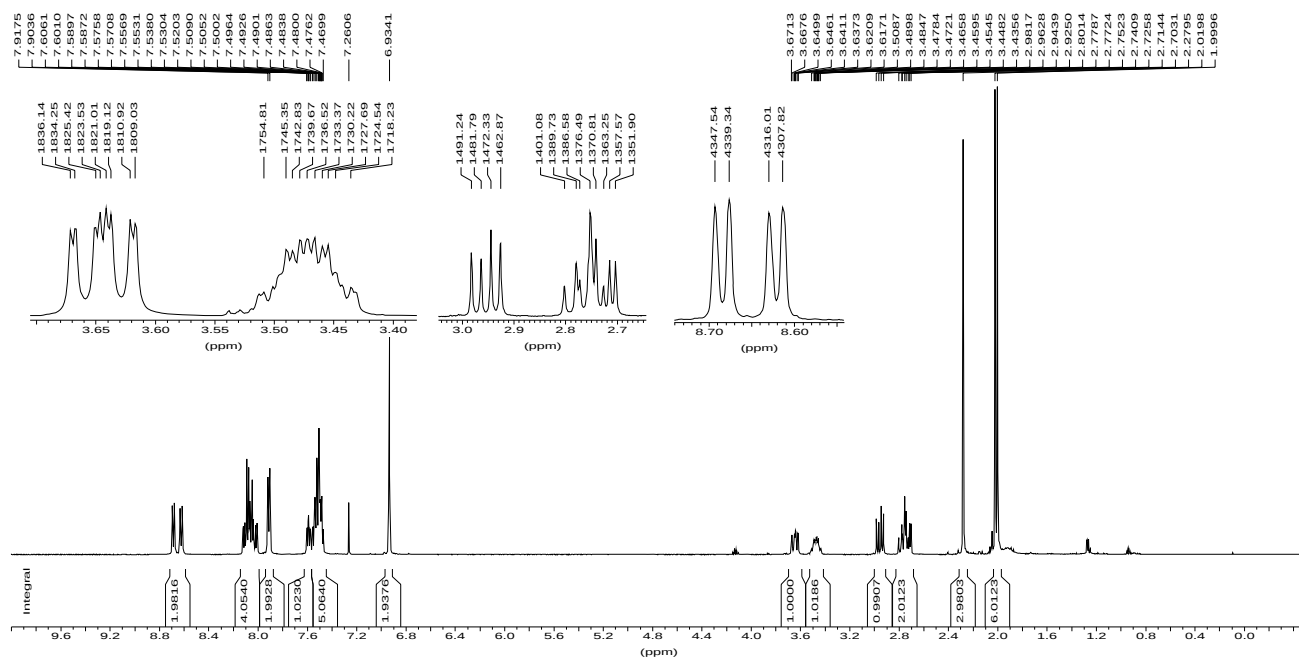
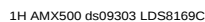
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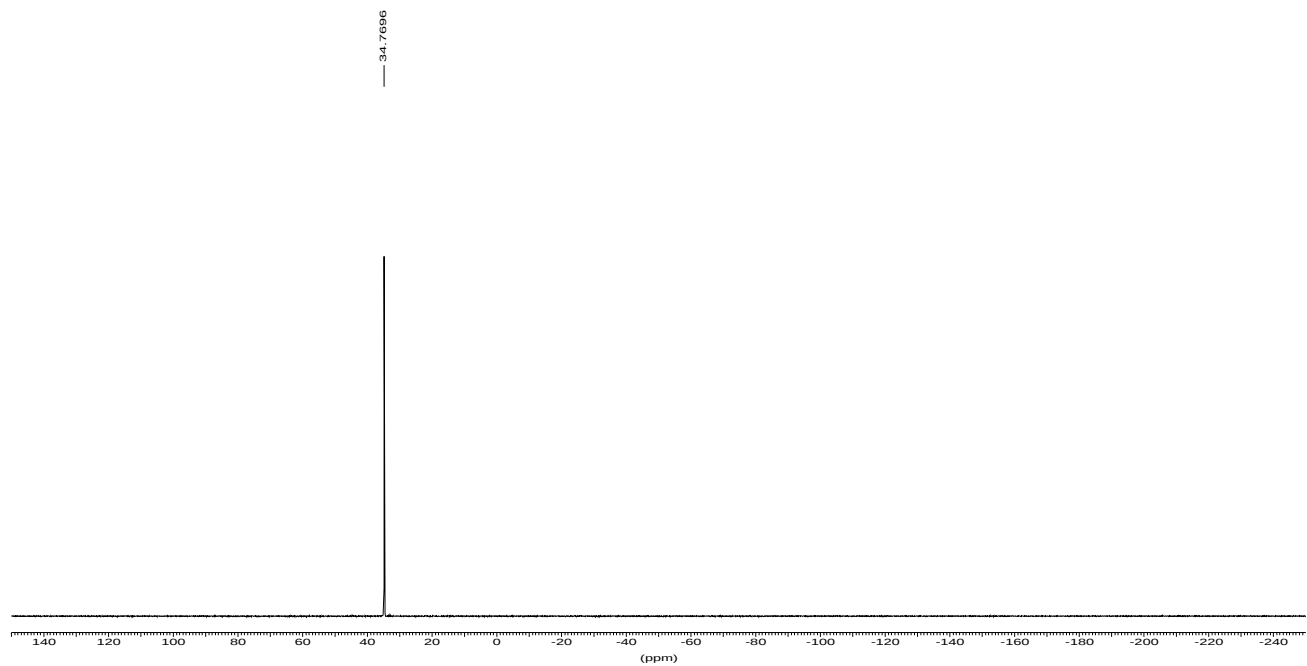


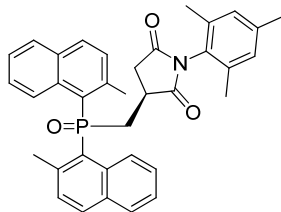




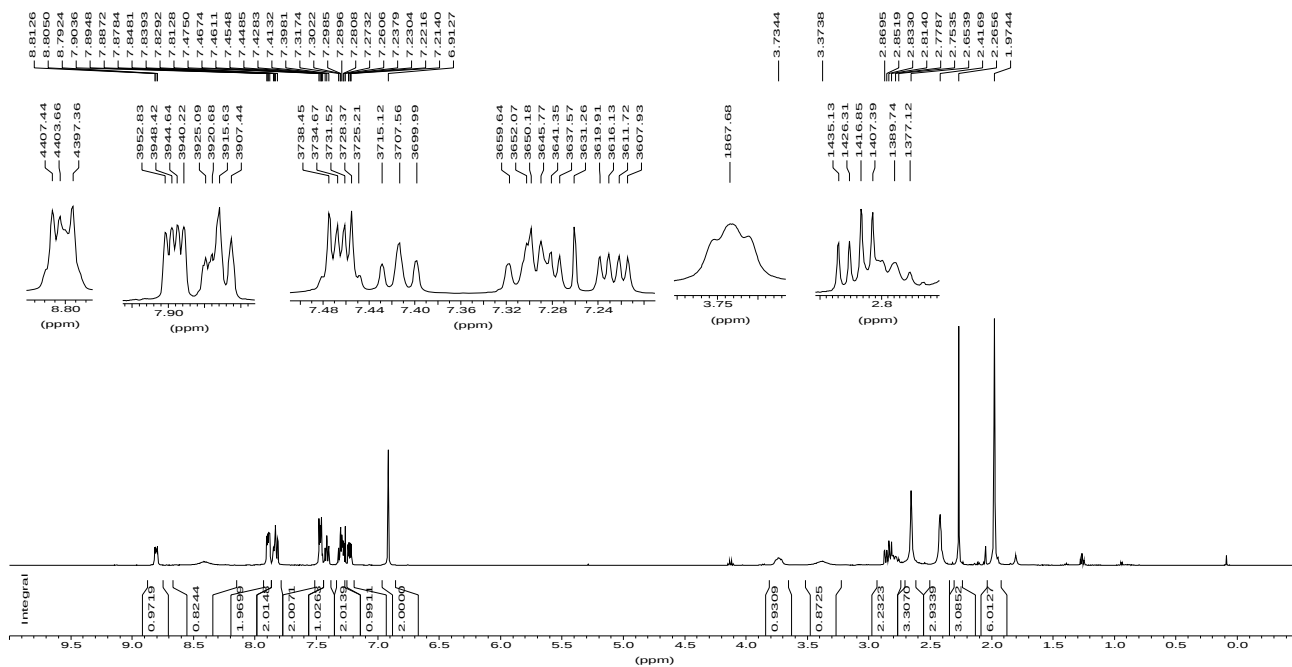


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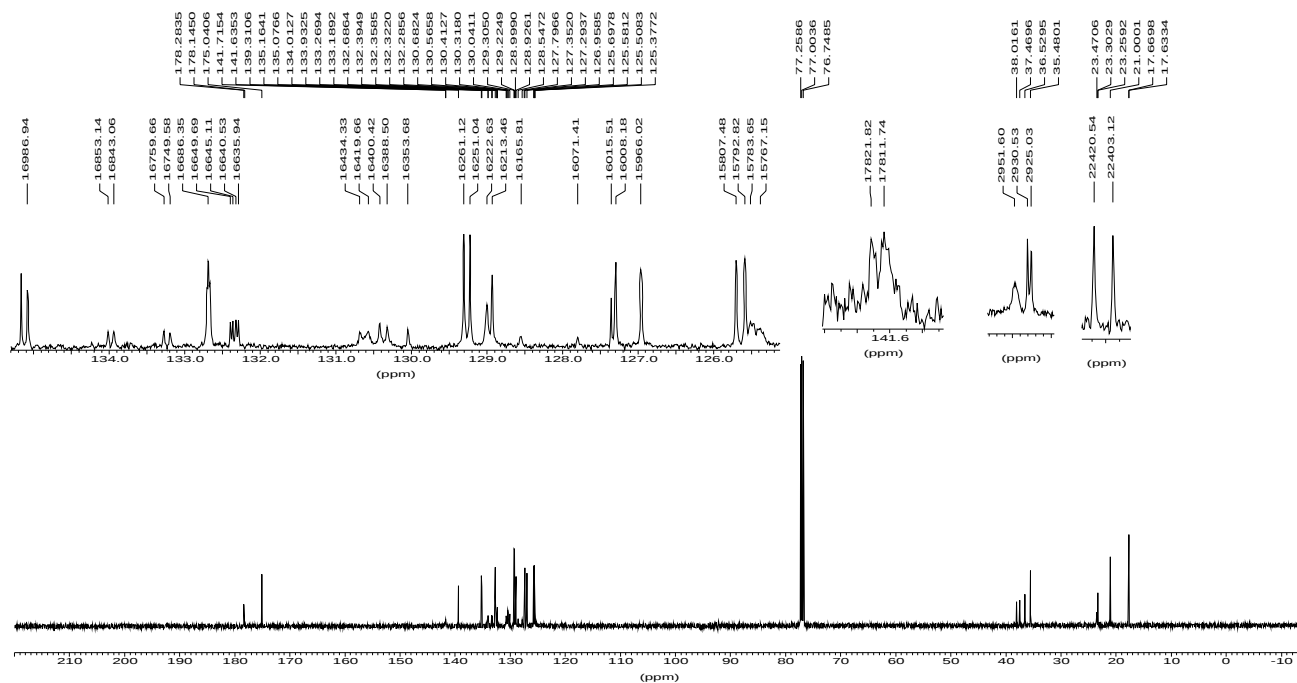




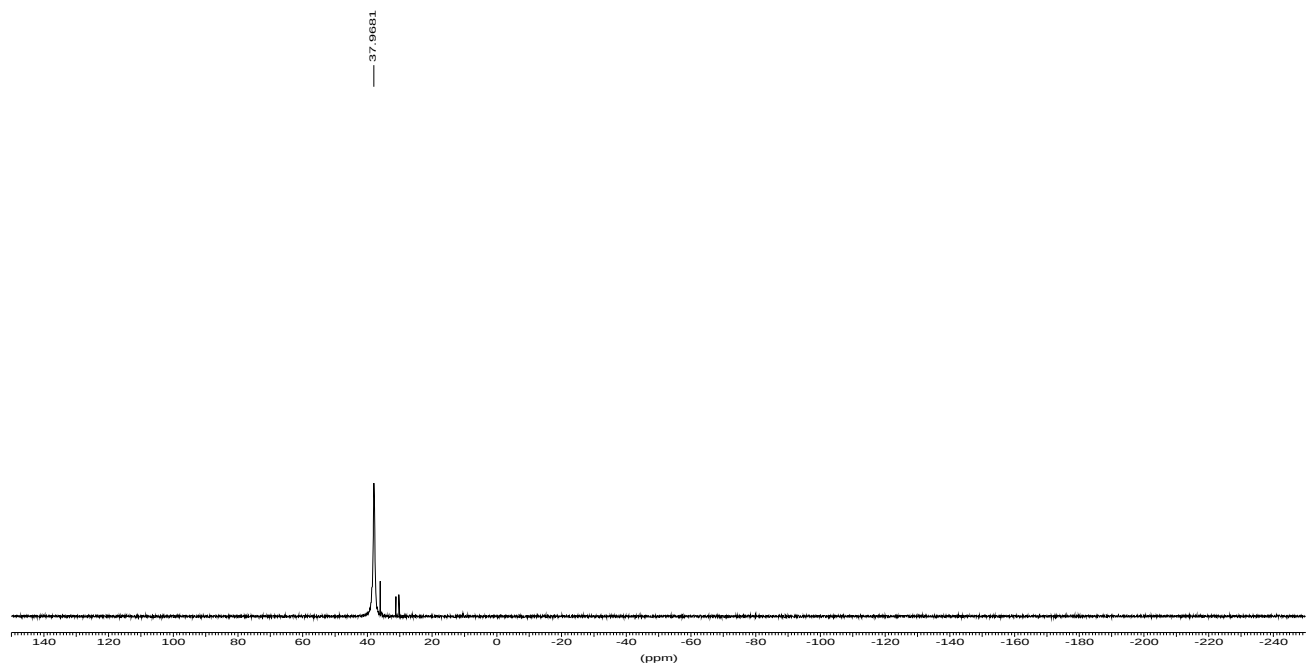
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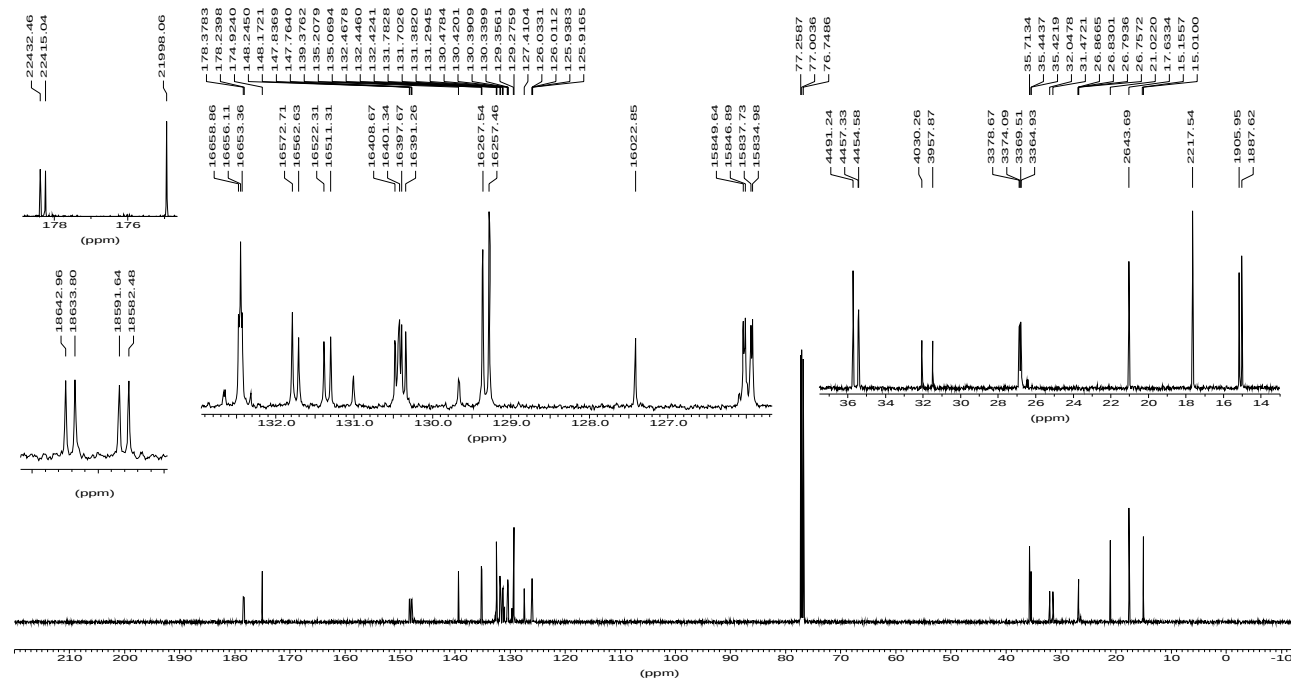
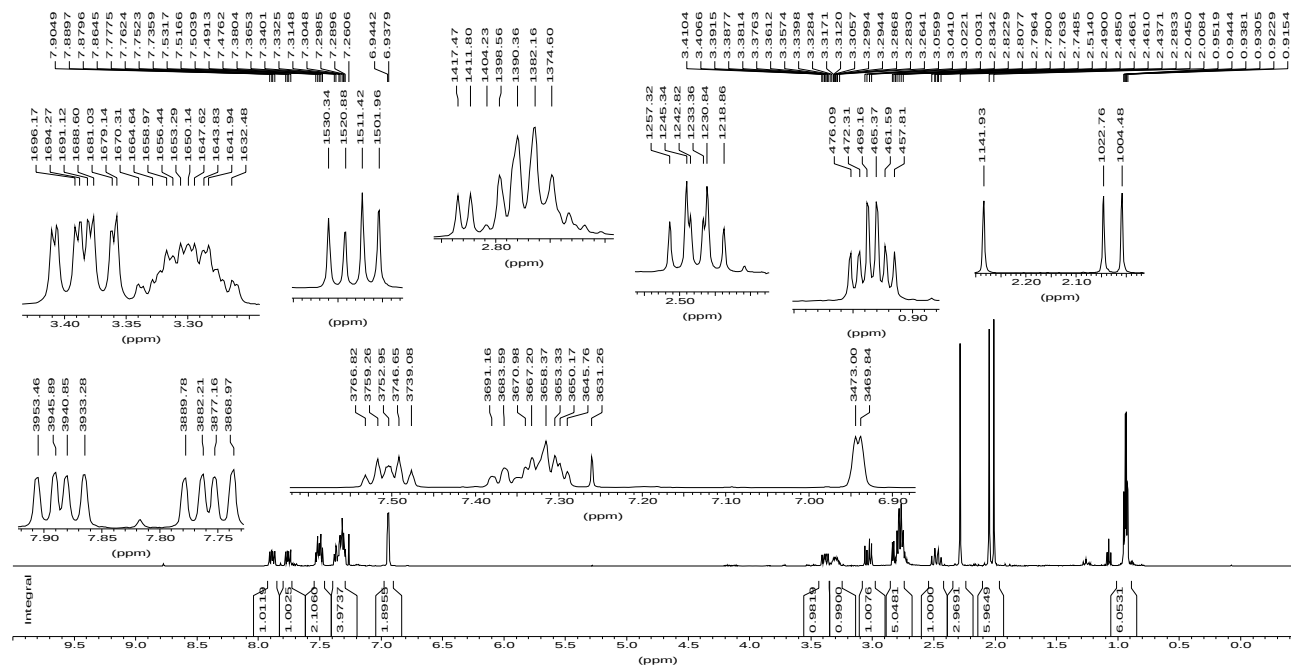
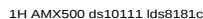


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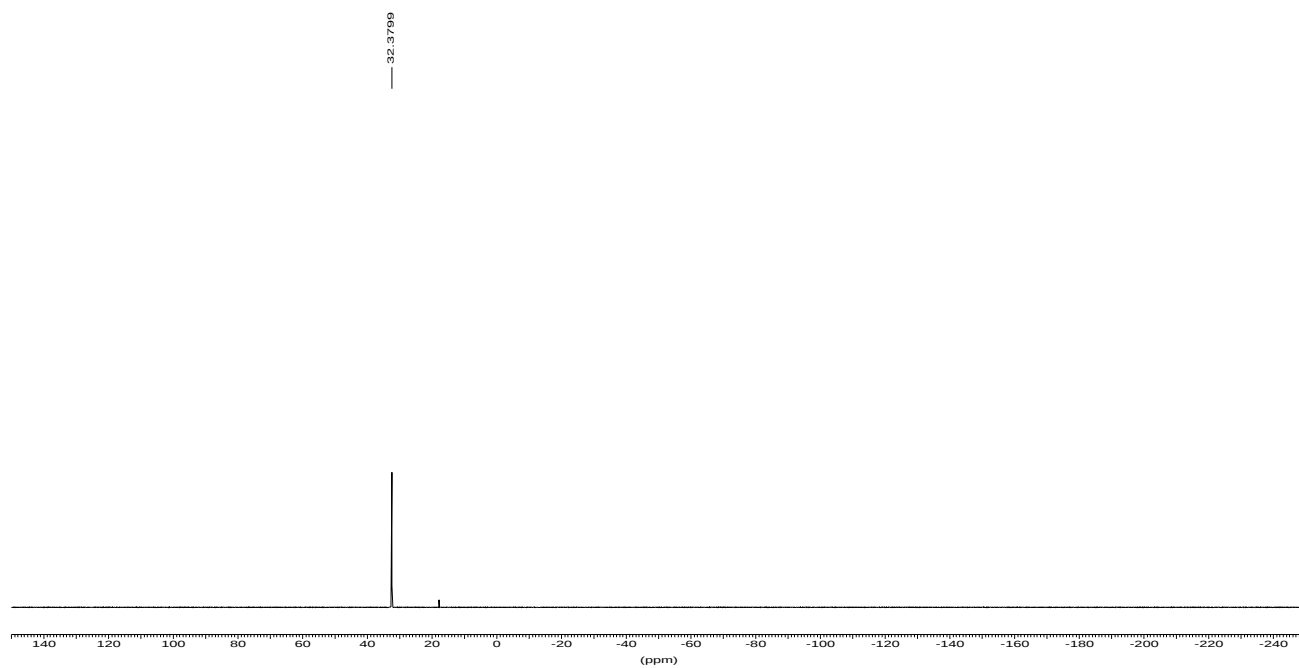


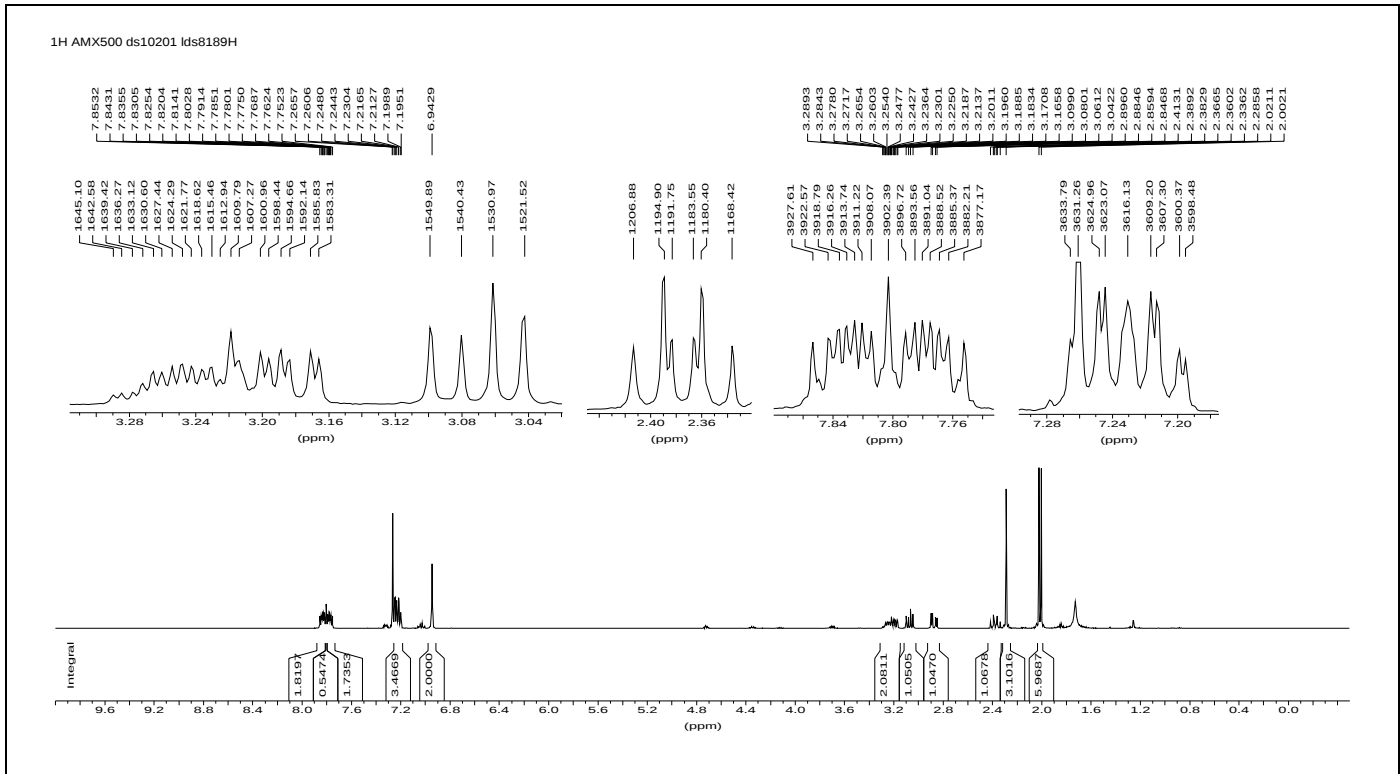
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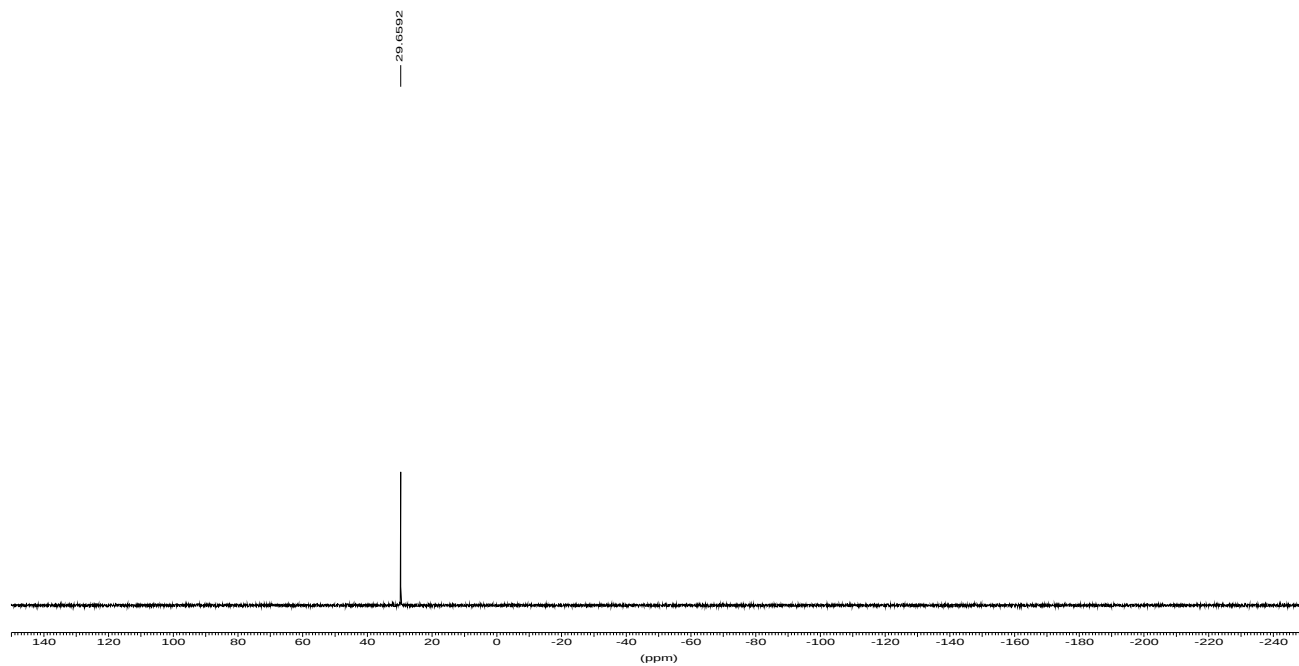


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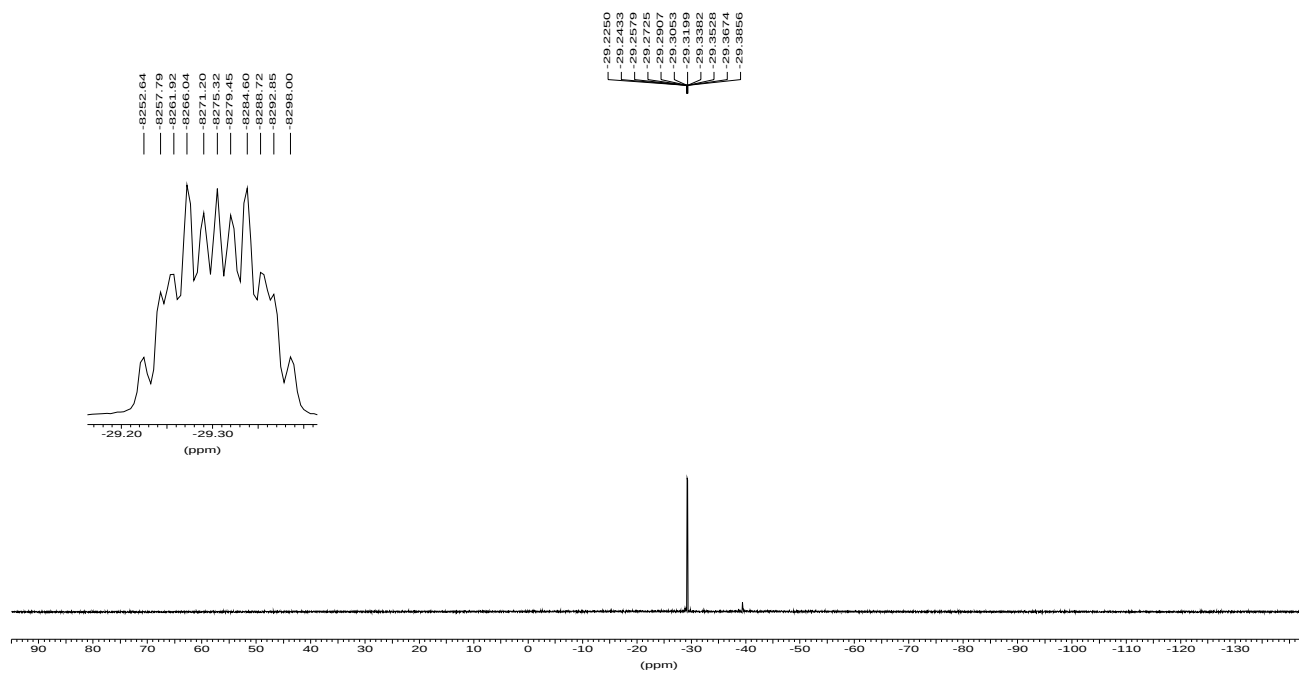


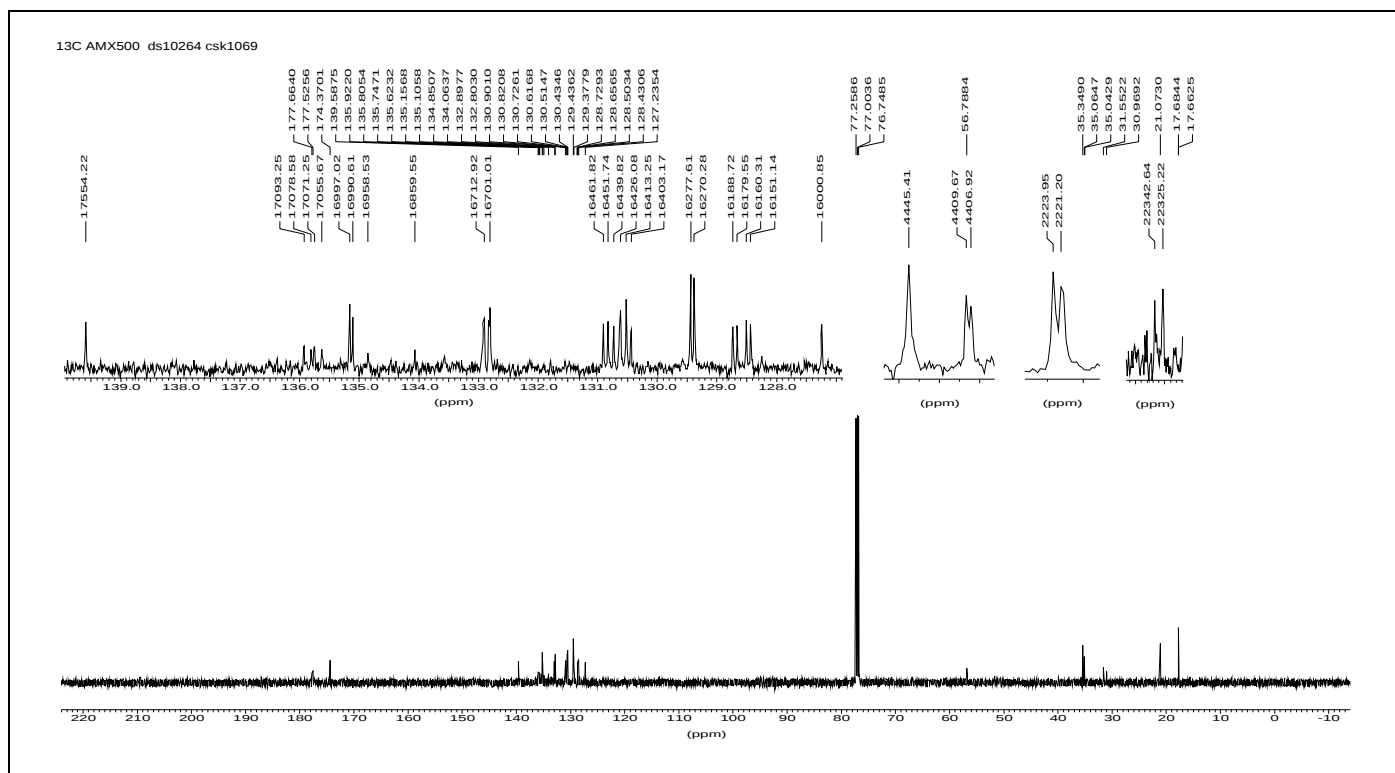
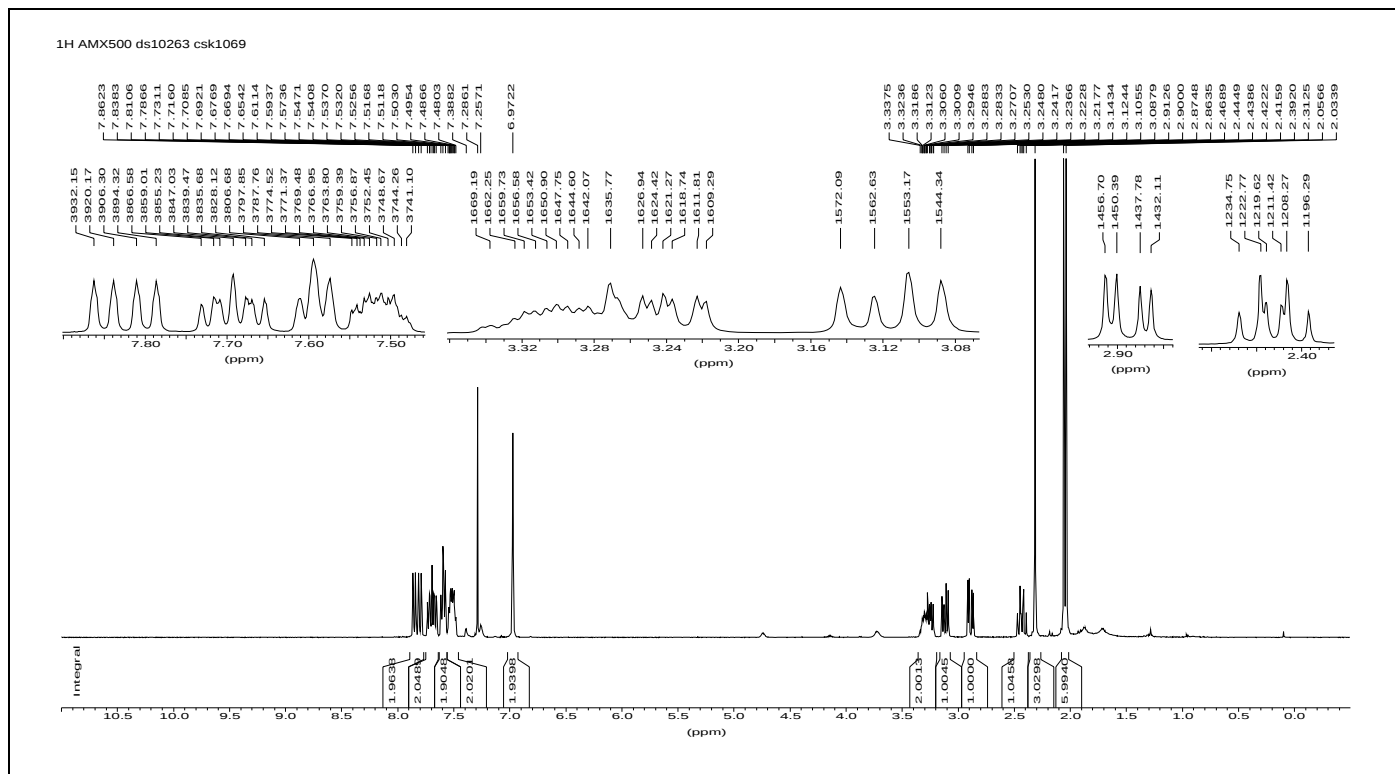
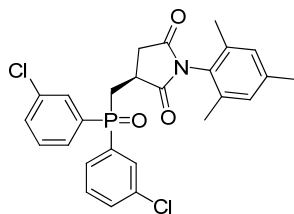


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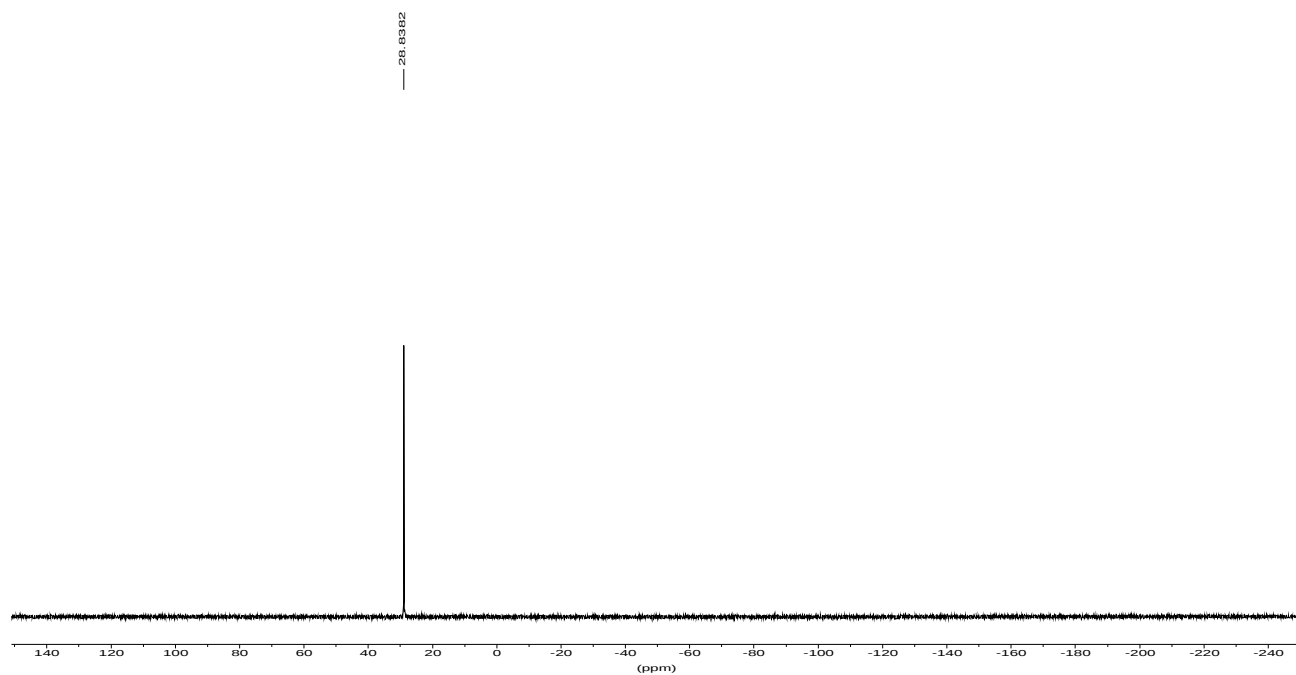


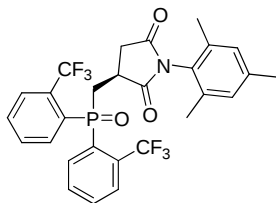
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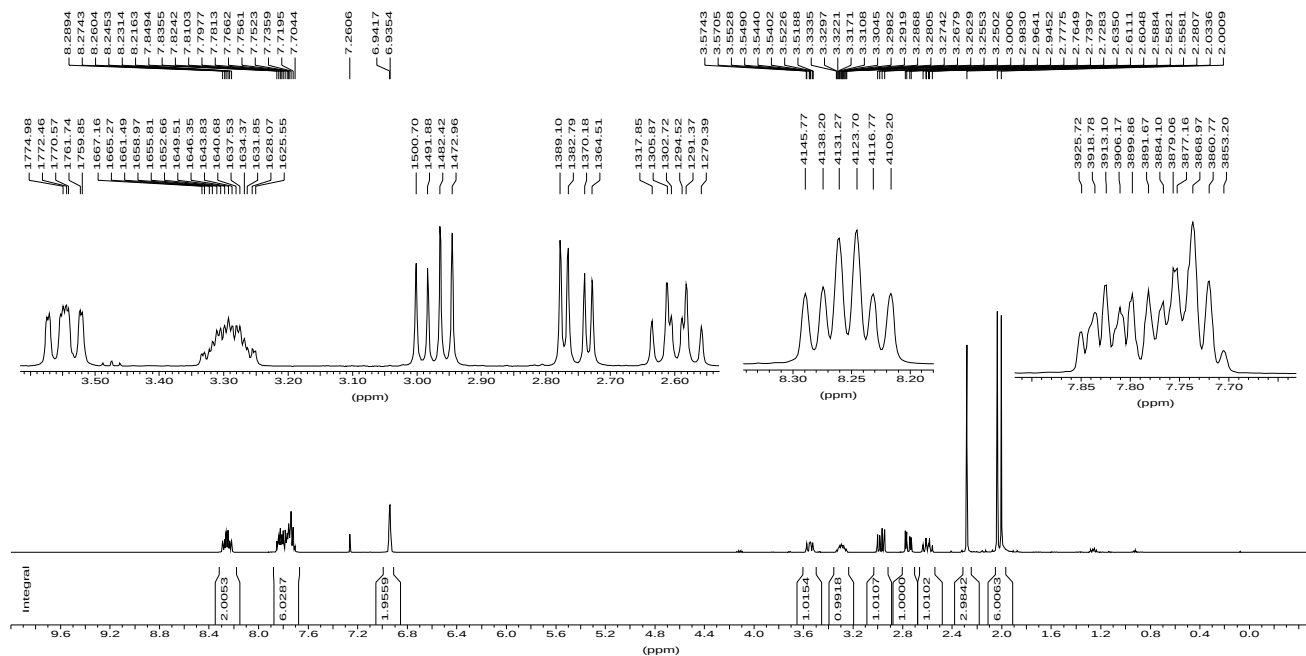


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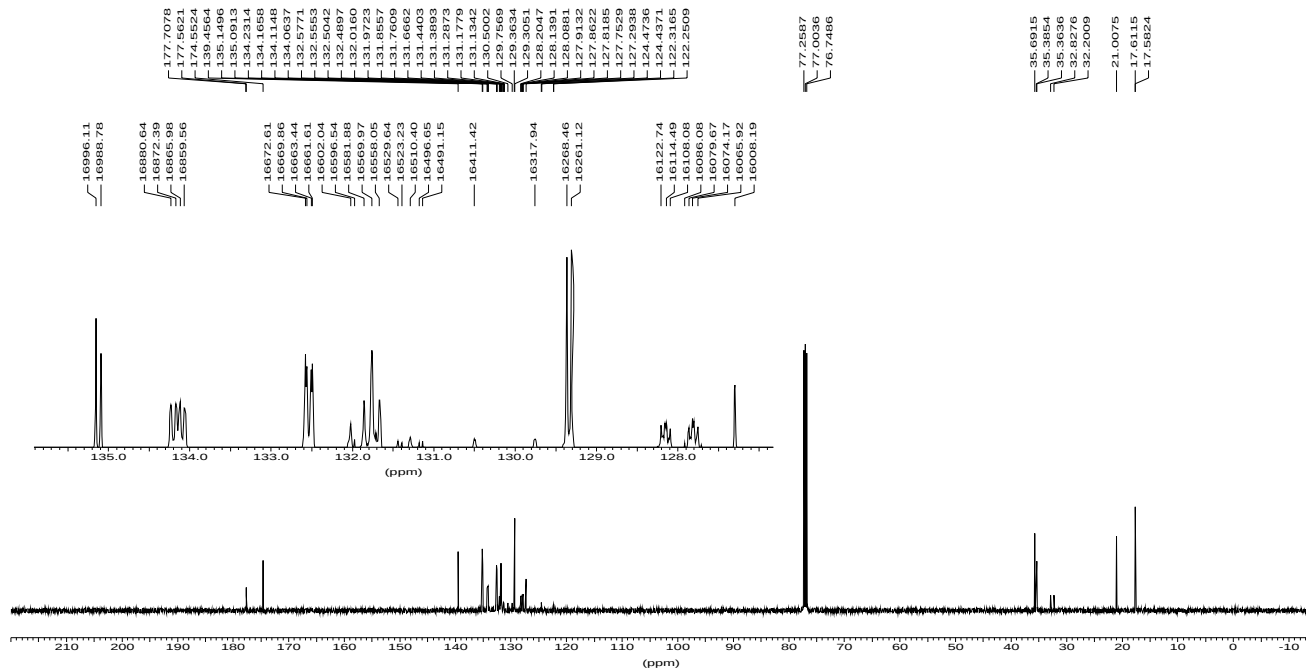




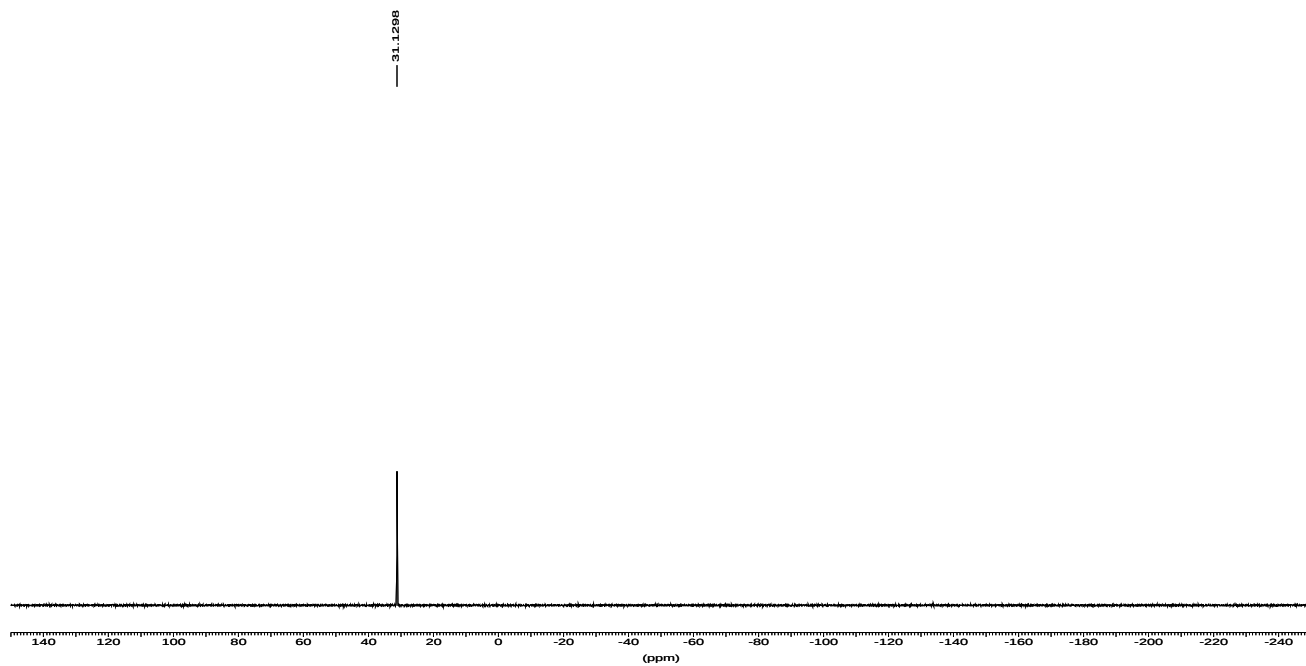
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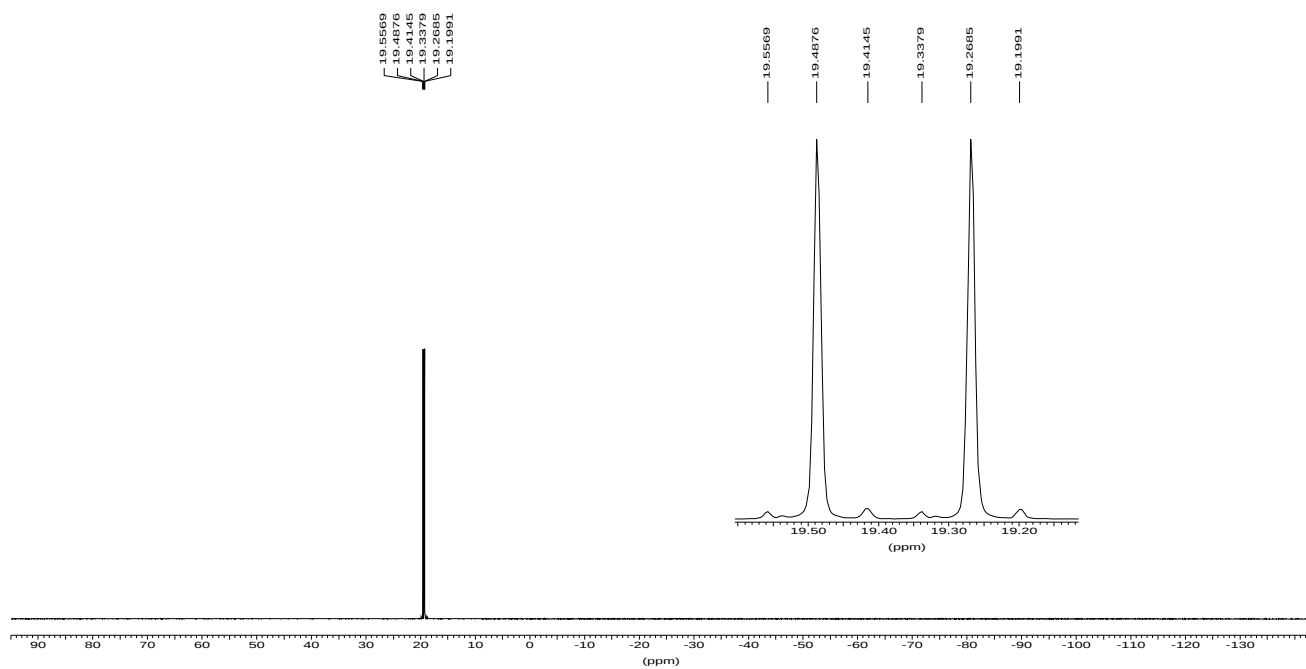
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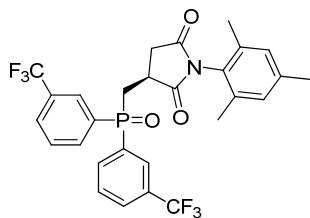


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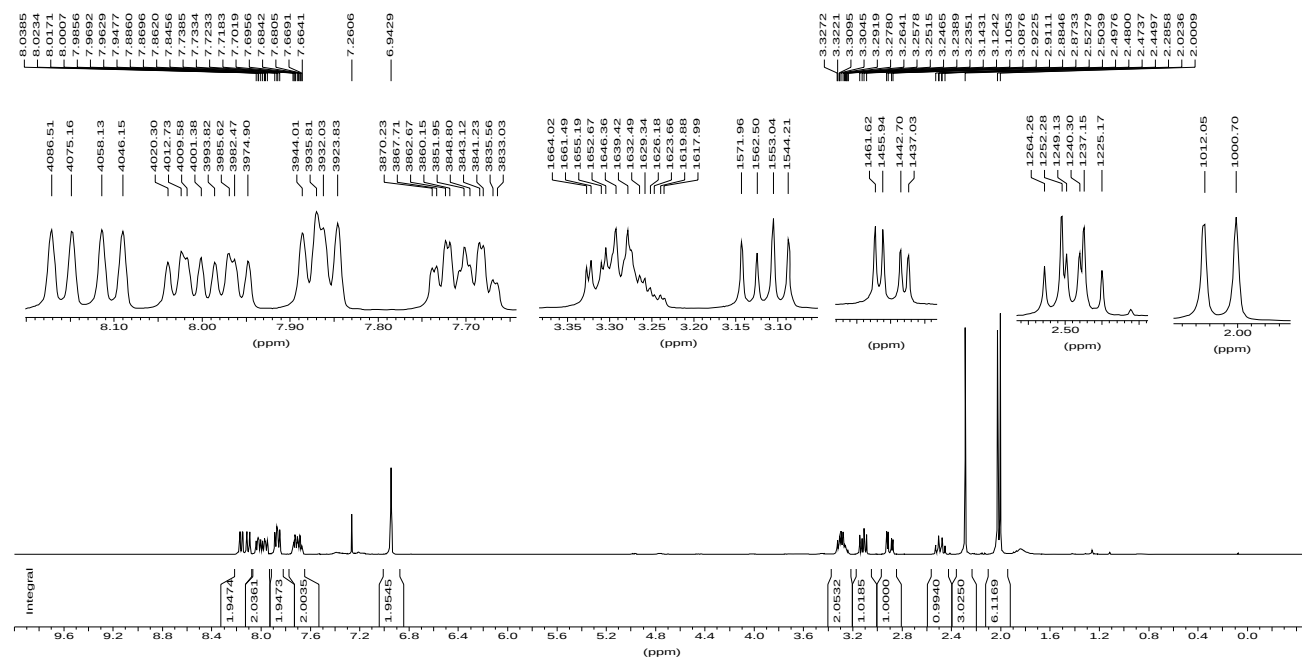


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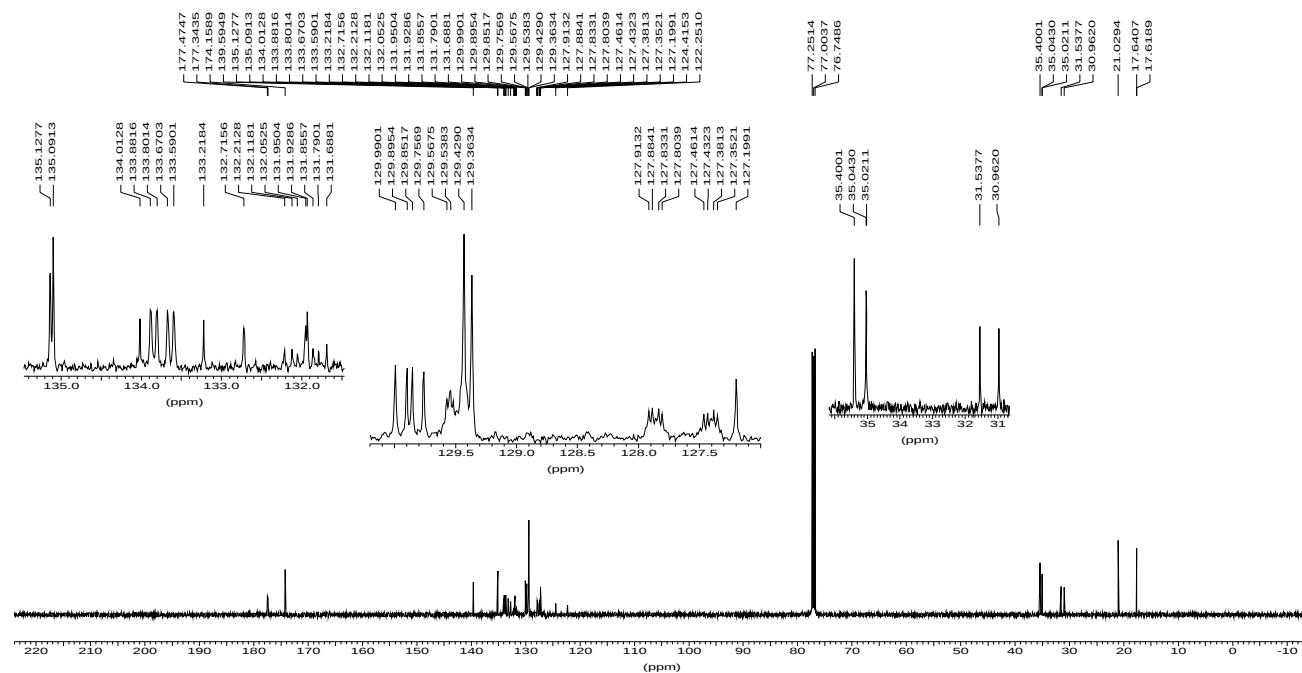




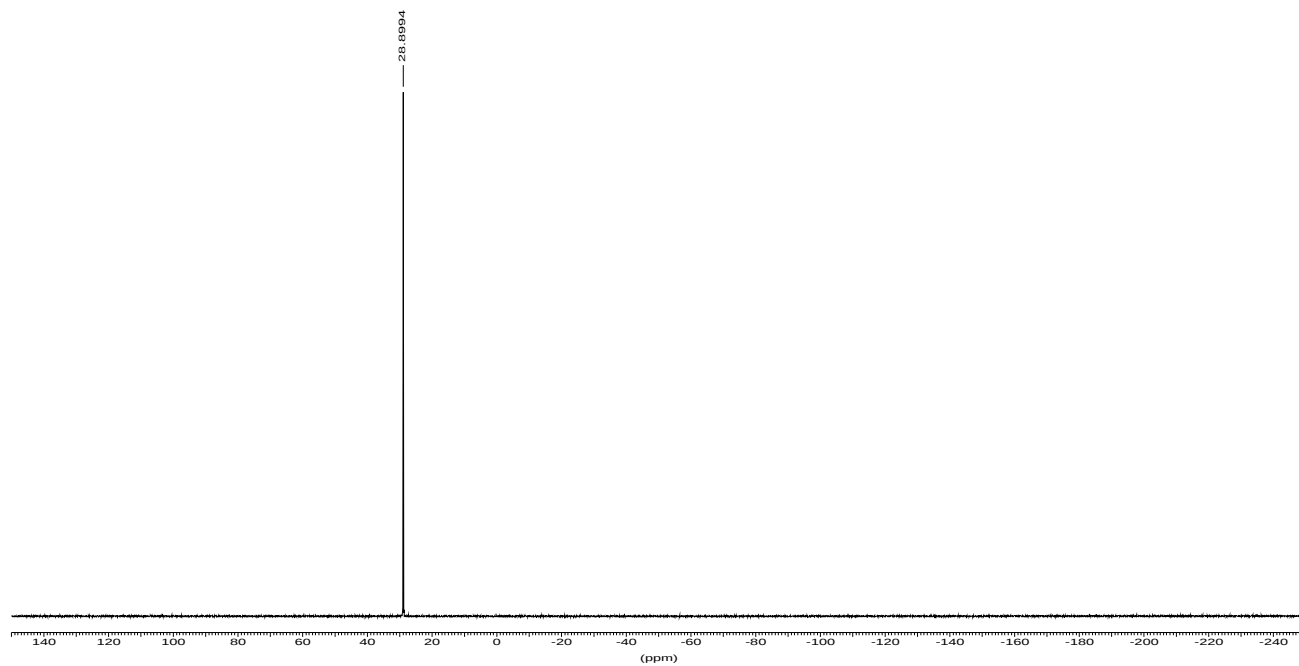
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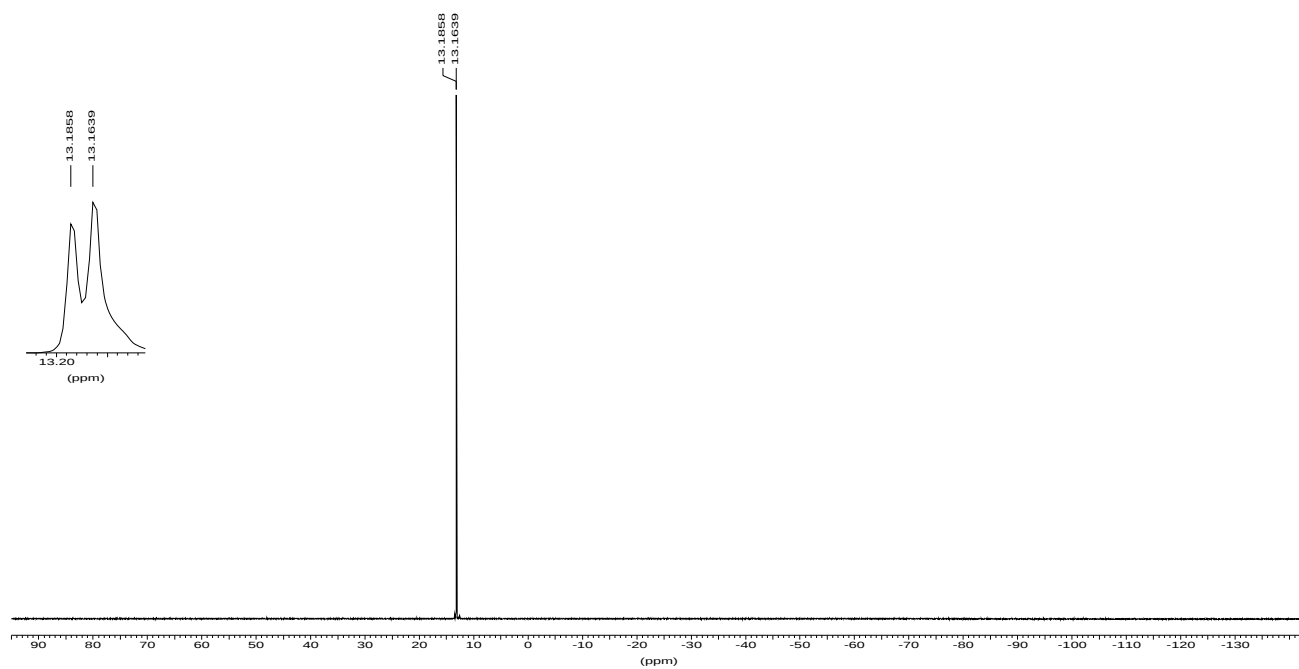
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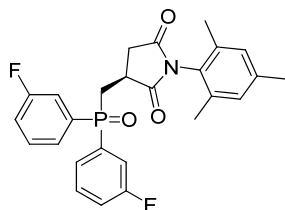


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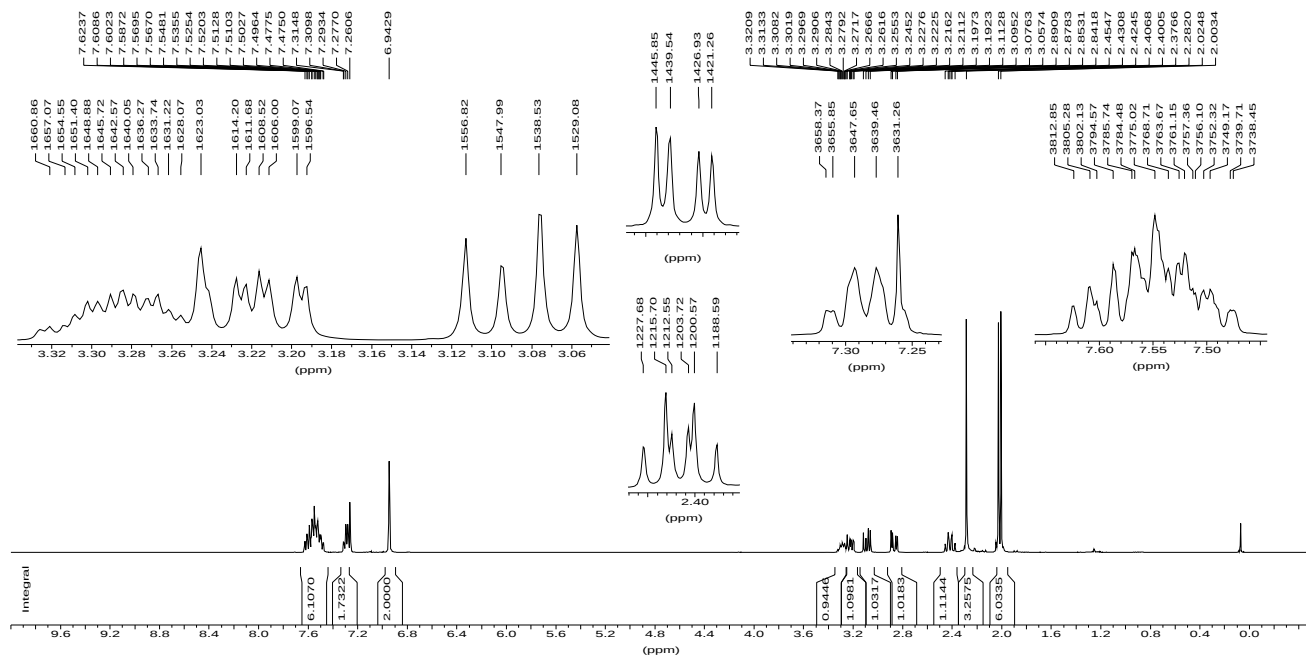


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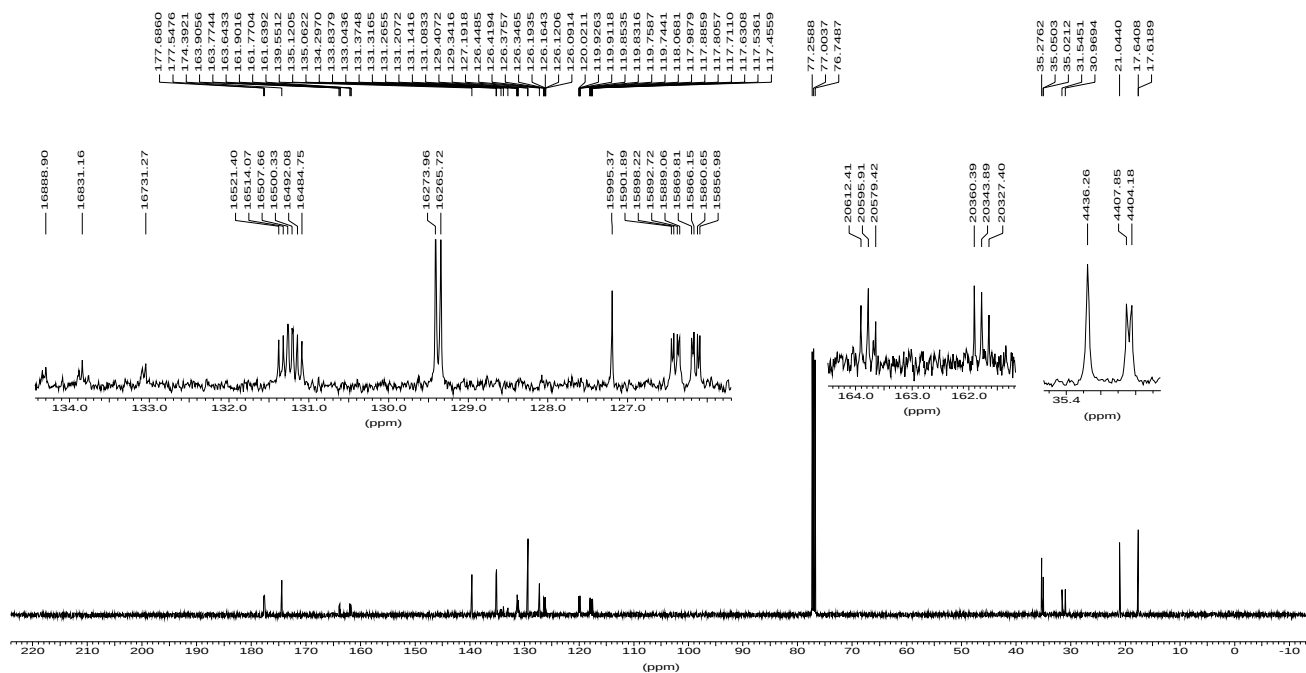




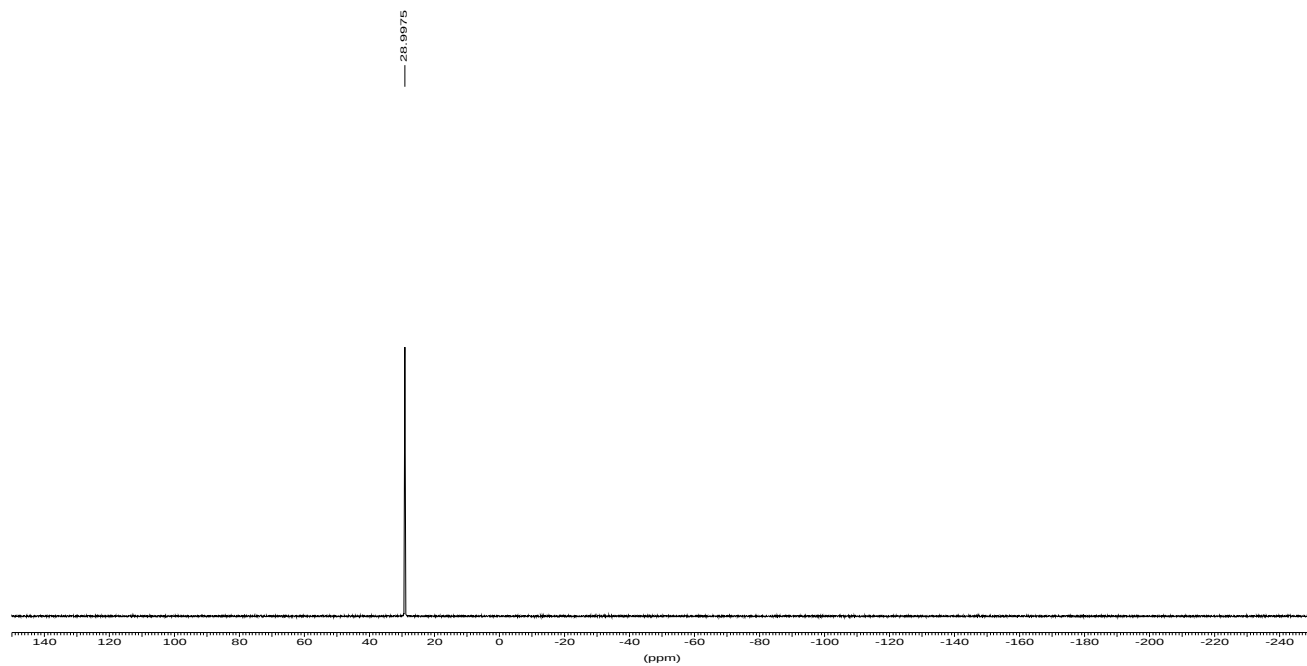
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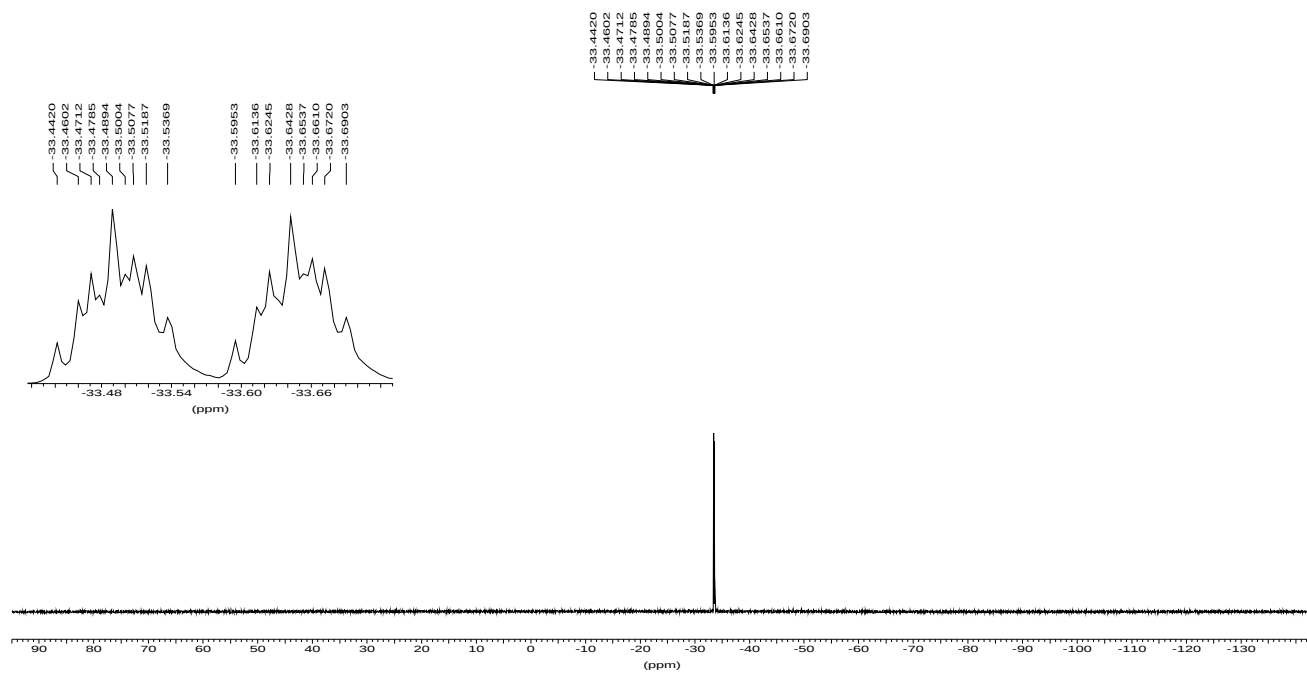
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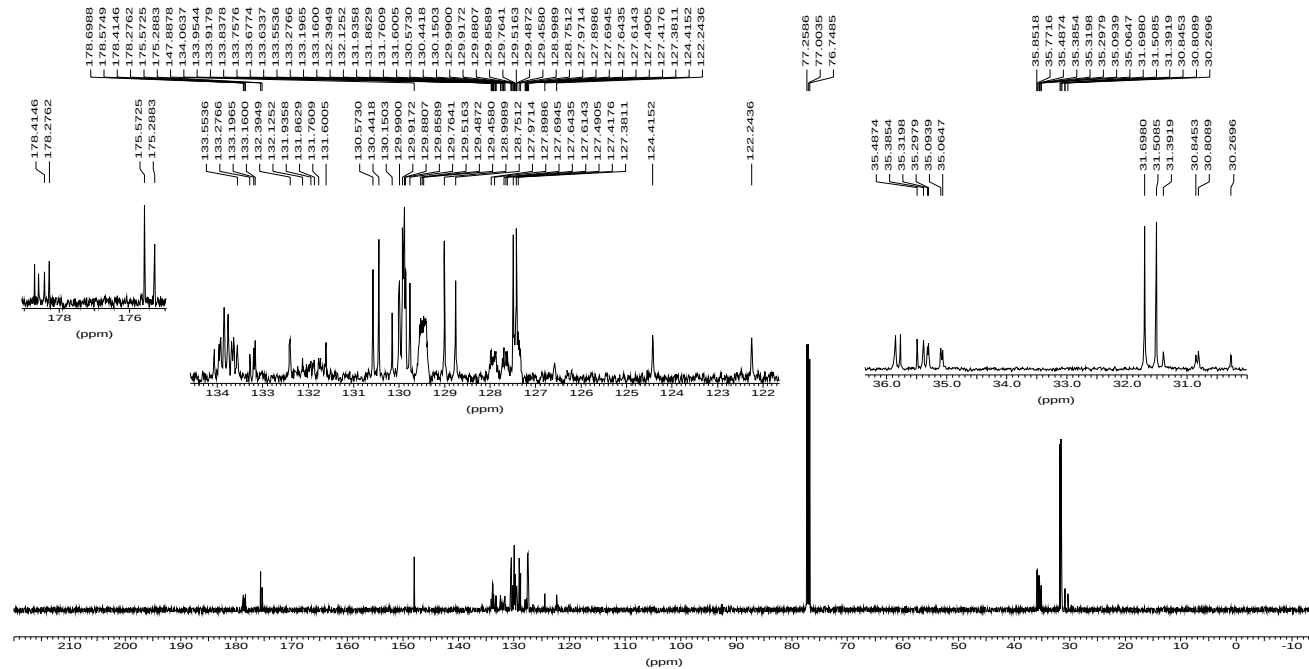
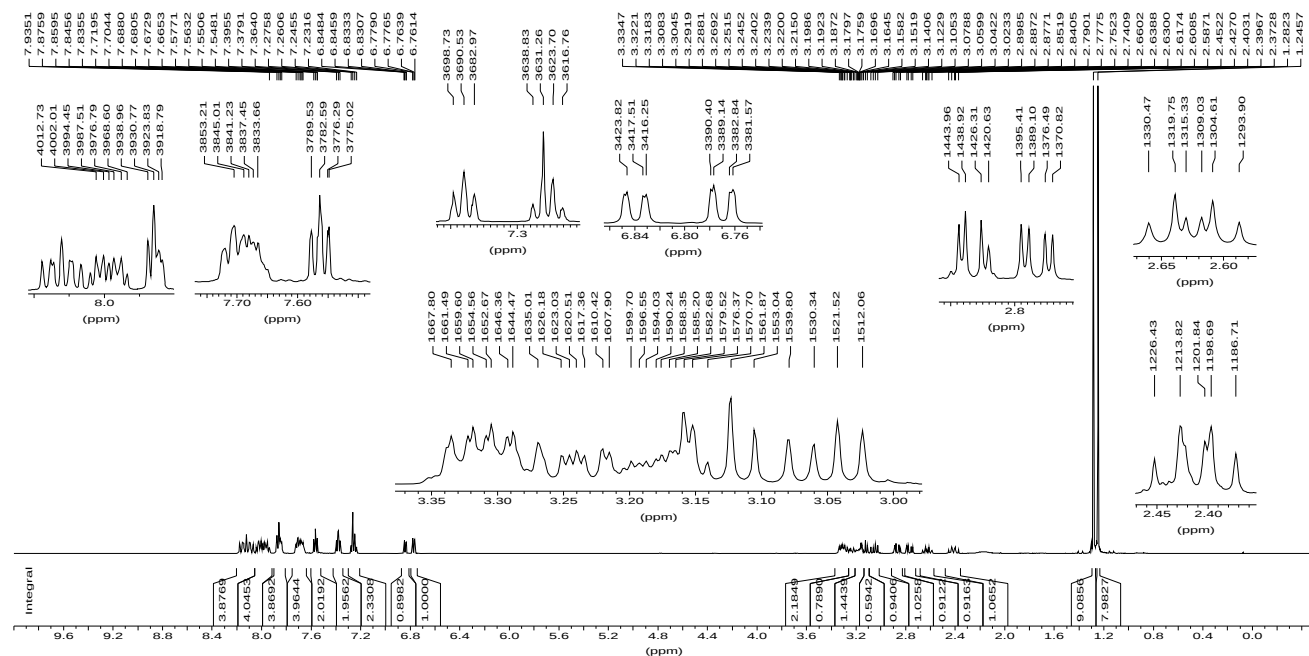


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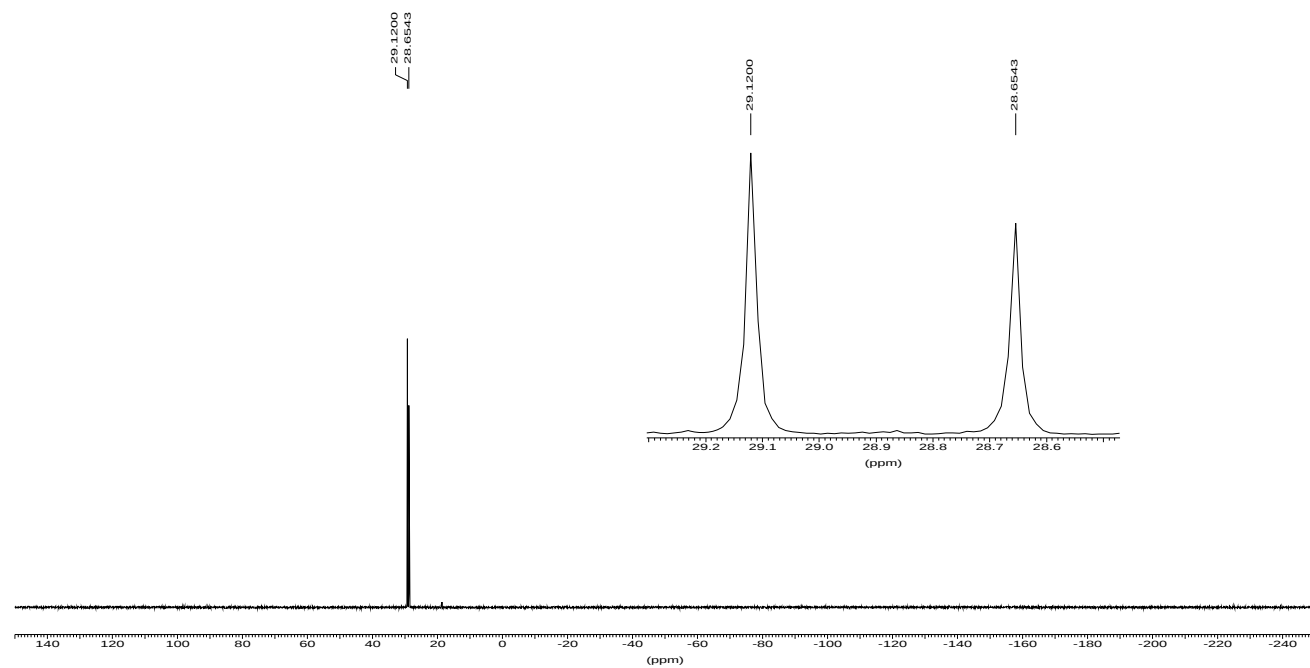


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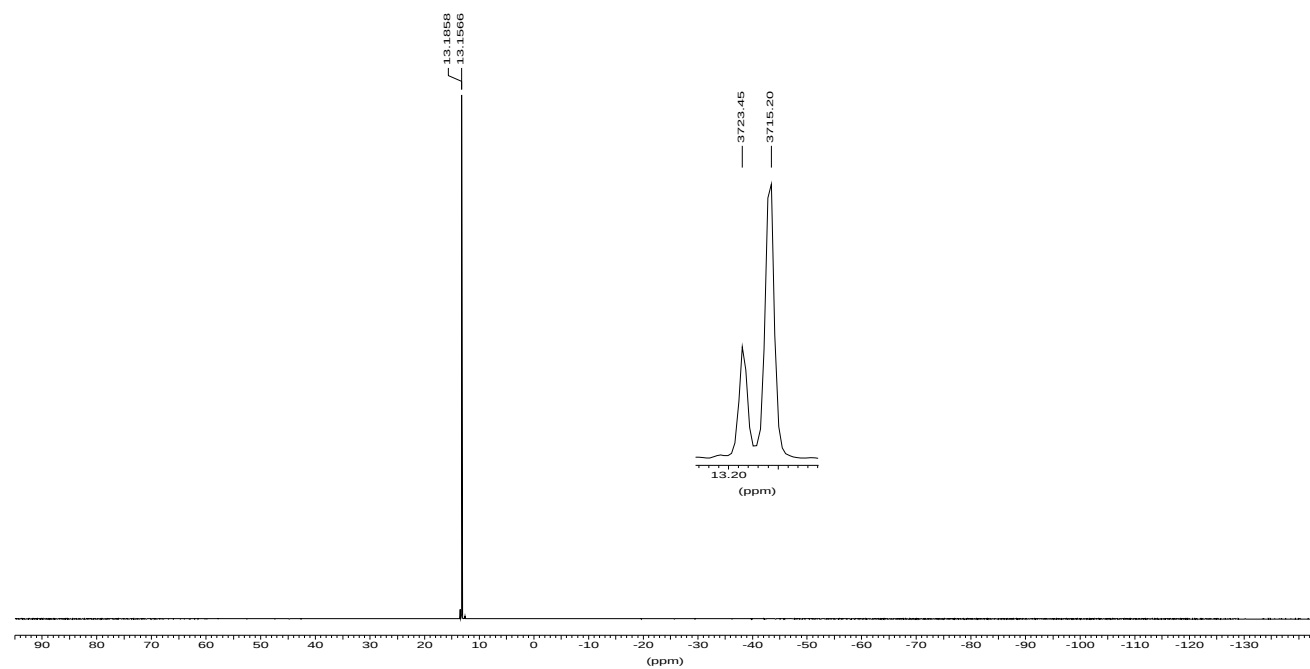


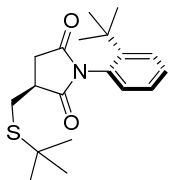


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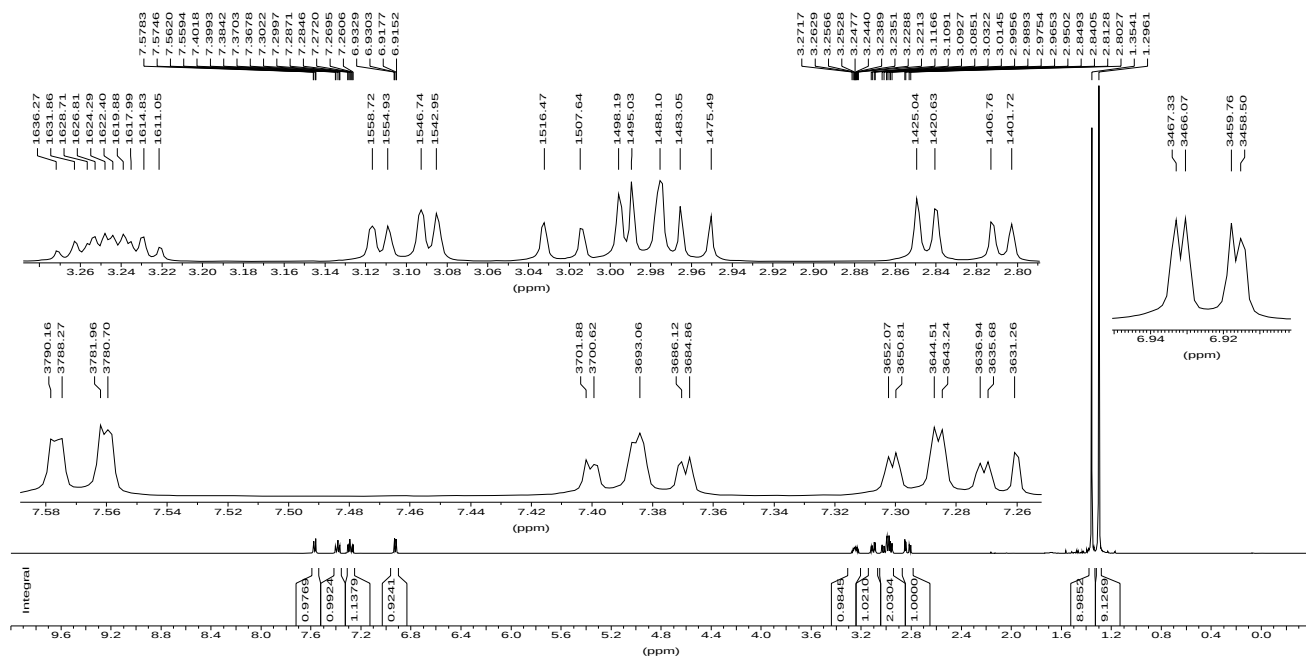


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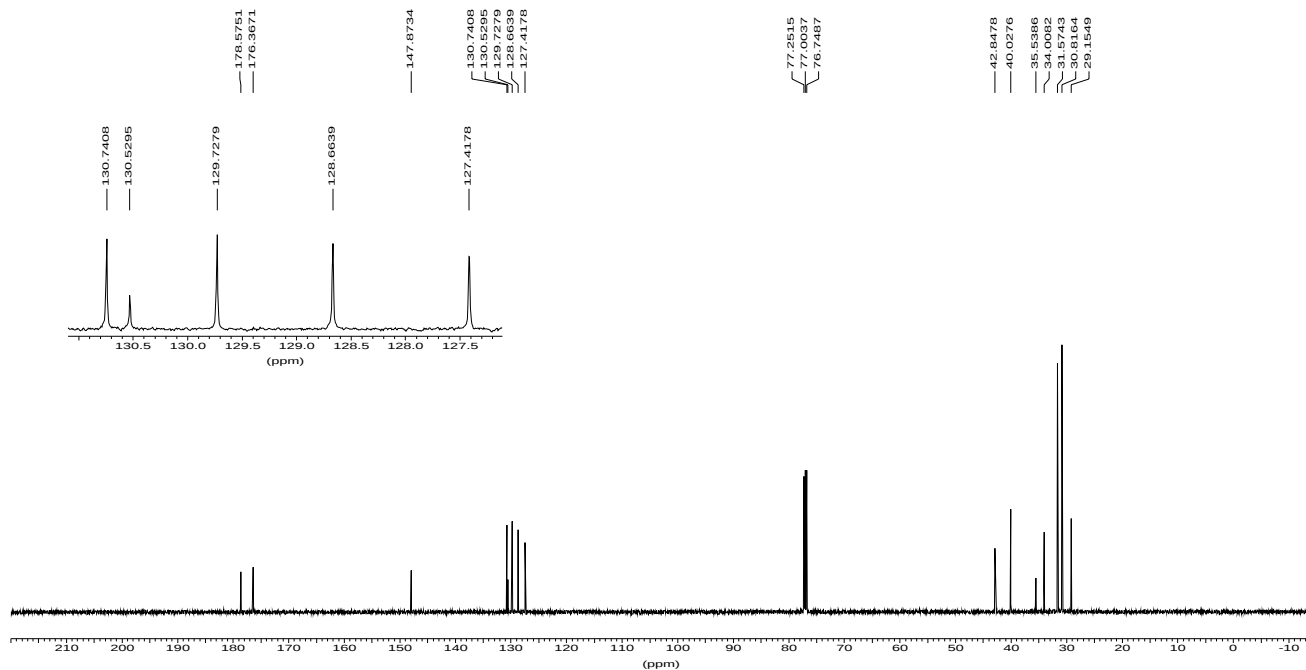


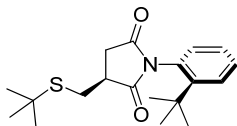


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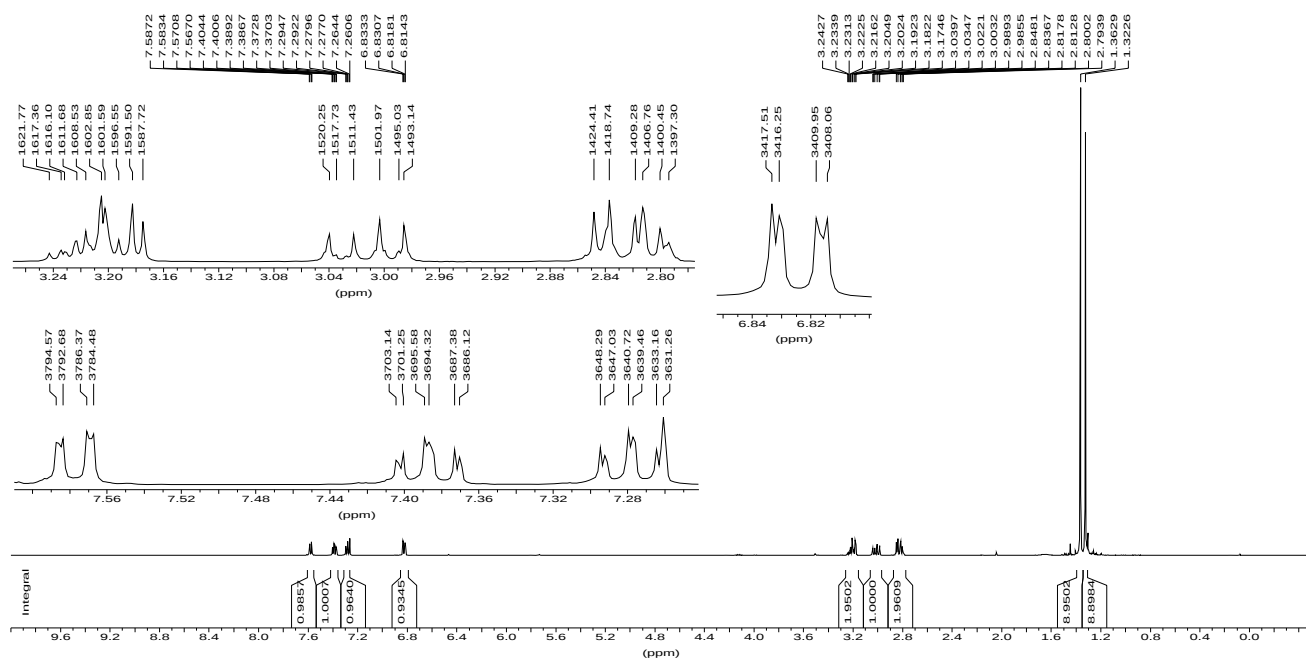


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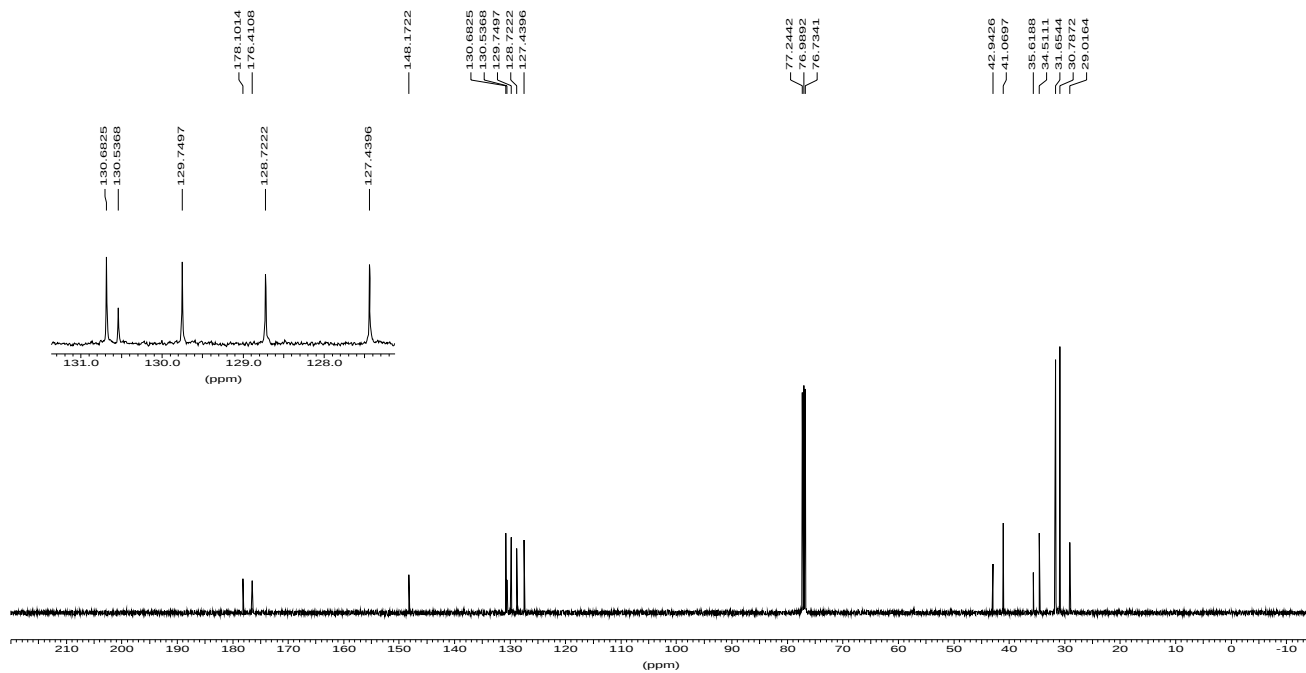




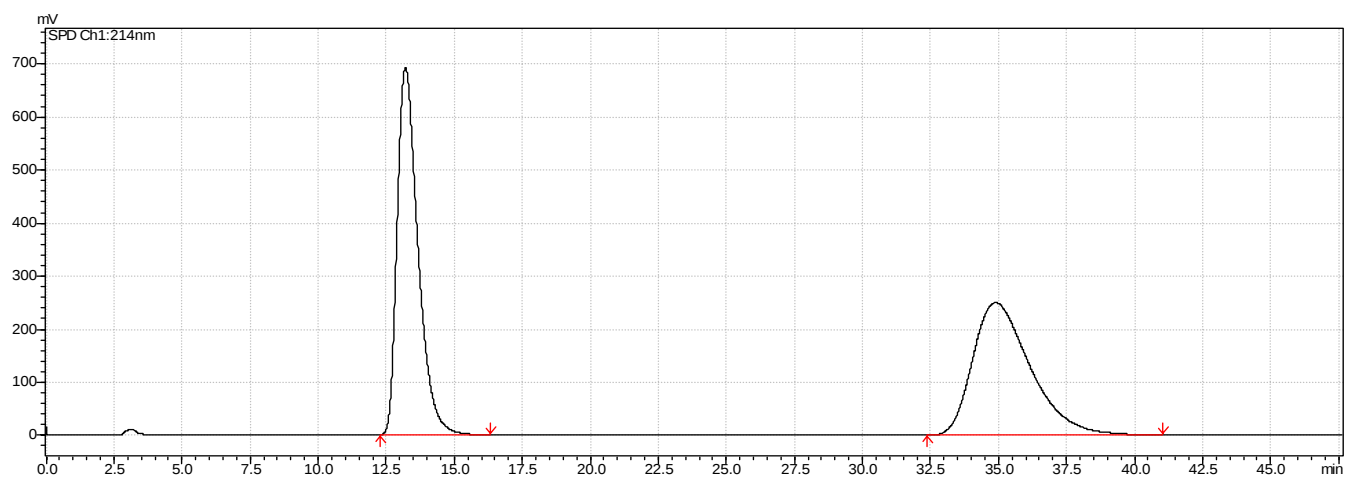
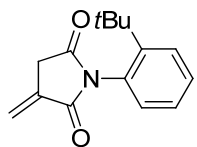
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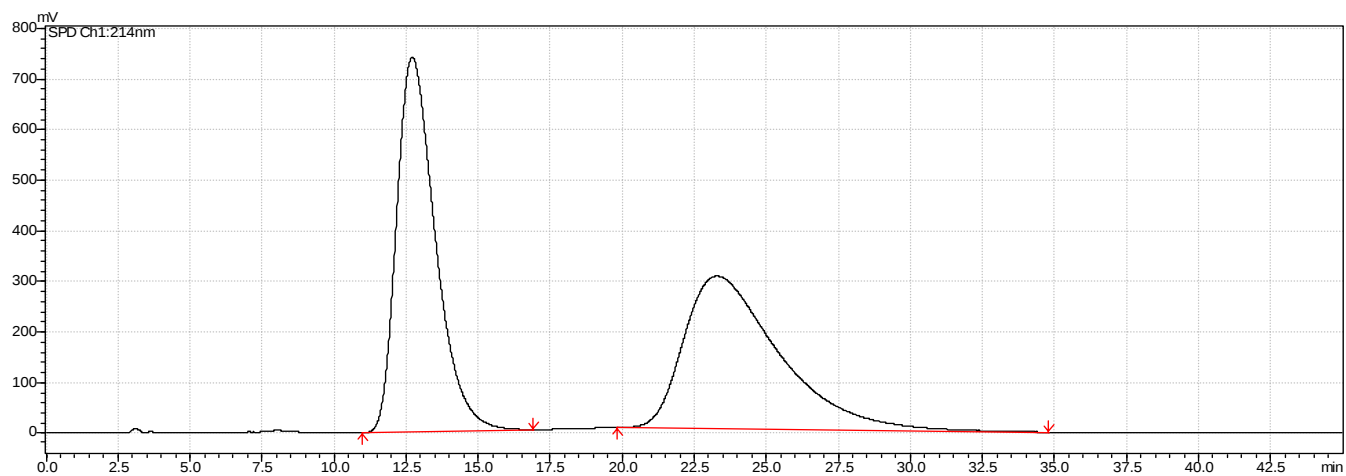
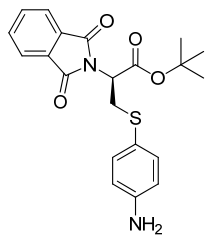


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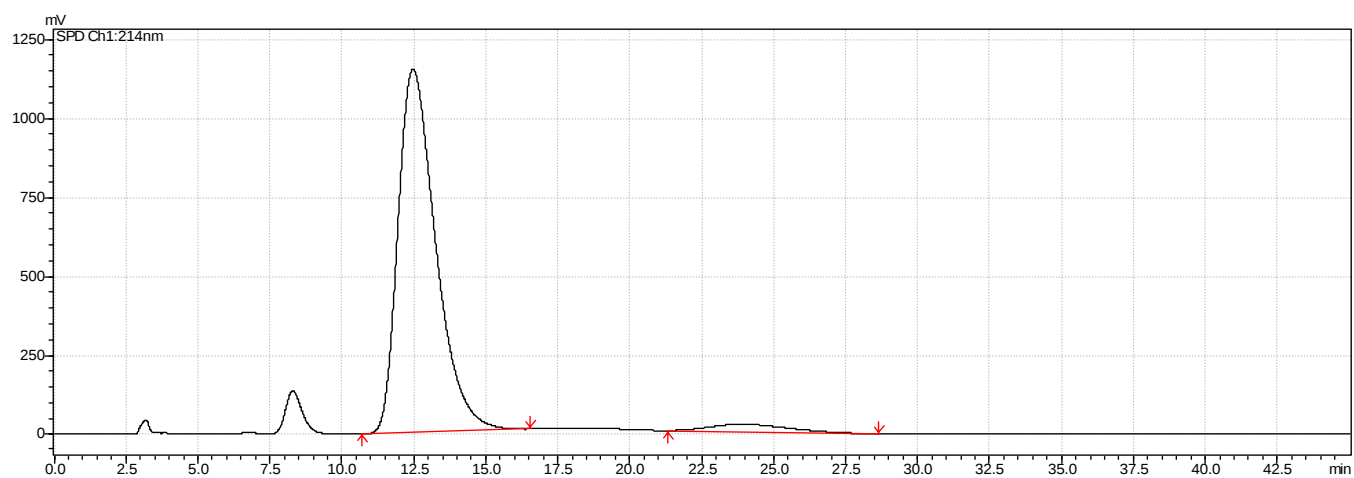


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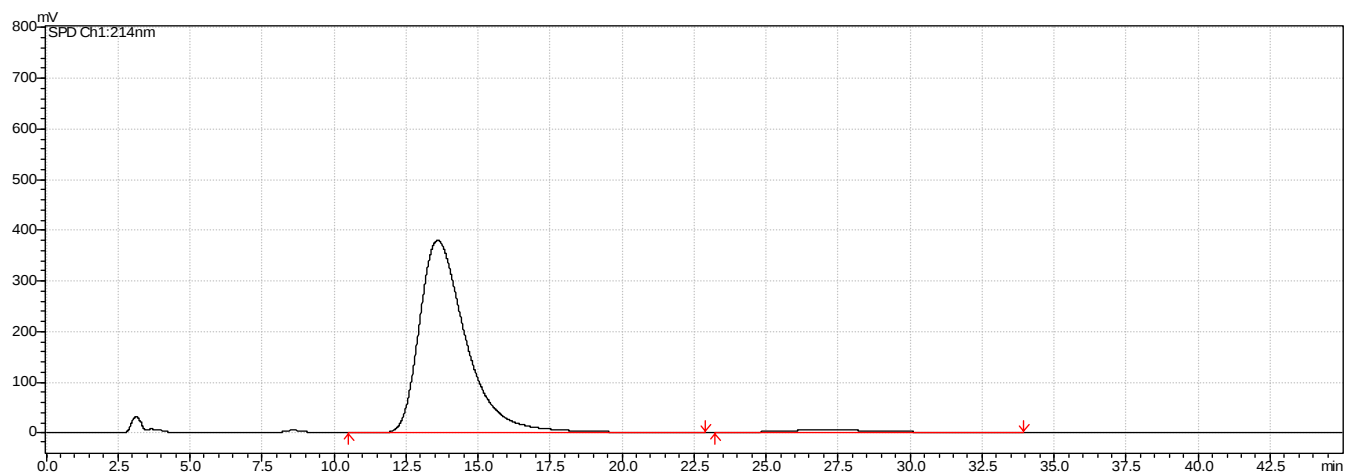




With 10 mol% catalyst at -50°C



With 5 mol% catalyst at -116°C



With 1 mol% catalyst at -116°C

