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Highly Enantioselective Direct Michael Addition of Nitroalkanes to Nitroolefins Catalyzed by La(OTf)₃/N,N'-Dioxide Complexes

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1. General

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (300 or 400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, δ = 7.26). Spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration, and assignment. ¹³C NMR spectra were collected on commercial instruments (100 or 75 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl₃, δ = 77.0). The enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis on chiral DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, OD-H or CHIRALPAK AD-H column at 210 nm. Optical rotations are measured on a commercial polarimeter and are reported as follows: [α]_D^T (c = g/100 mL, solvent).

Solvents were dried according to standard procedures. Nitroalkanes were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Nitroalkenes were prepared according to the literature procedures.^[1] The N,N'-dioxide ligands were prepared according to the methods reported in the literature.^[2] Racemic samples of **3a-3n** were prepared with 10 mol% Et₃N as the catalyst and the nitroalkane as solvent.

2. Characterization of *N,N'*-Dioxide Ligands

For the characterization of the ligands **L1**,^[2b] **L4**,^[2b] **L6**,^[2c,2d] **L7**,^[2b] and **L8**,^[2e] see literature.

L2: white solid; m.p. 176-179 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_D = -110.0$ ($c = 0.196$, in CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 13.12$ (s, 2H), 7.50-7.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.31 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.88 (m, 4H), 3.57-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.45 (dd, $J = 20.0, 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.38-2.56 (m, 6H), 2.02-2.07 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 164.8, 137.4, 128.9, 124.4, 120.2, 76.1, 70.1, 61.0, 27.6, 20.4$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4 [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 439.2340, found 439.2345.

L3: white solid; m.p. 166-170 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_D = -89.4$ ($c = 0.174$, in CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 13.60$ (s, 2H), 7.59-7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.29-7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.07-7.10 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.60-3.65 (dd, $J = 10.8, 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.49-3.54 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.33-3.41 (m, 2H), 3.16-3.25 (m, 4H), 2.39-2.59 (m, 6H), 2.11-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 165.8, 138.1, 129.1, 124.2, 120.3, 75.9, 68.7, 67.1, 27.9, 24.3, 23.9, 20.5$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4 [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 481.2809, found 481.2816.

L5: white powder; m.p. 95-99 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_D = -125.0$ ($c = 0.136$, in CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 13.49$ (s, 2H), 7.49-7.51 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.22-7.24 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 3.61-3.71 (m, 4H), 3.45-3.59 (m, 4H), 3.29-3.36 (dd, $J = 9.6, 20.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.57 (m, 4H), 2.40-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.12 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 165.3, 136.4, 129.2, 129.1, 121.4, 76.7, 68.2, 65.1, 27.7, 20.5, 20.0$ ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4 [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 521.1717, found 521.1721.

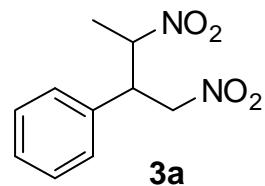
3. Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of 1,3-Dinitroalkanes

The mixture of ligand **L1** (10.9 mg, 0.024 mmol), $\text{La}(\text{OTf})_3$ (11.7 mg, 0.02 mmol) was stirred in CH_2Cl_2 (0.4 mL) at 30 °C under N_2 atmosphere for 30 min to form the complex catalyst. Then nitroethane (29 μL , 0.4 mmol), imidazole (20 μL , $c = 1$ mol/L in CH_2Cl_2 , 10 mol%) and the β -nitrostyrene (0.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.6 mL) were sequentially added to the mixture. After stirring at 30 °C for 2.5 d, the reaction mixtures were directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4 to 1:9) to afford the *syn/anti* mixtures of chiral 1,3-dinitro compounds. After the mixtures of products were analyzed by HPLC analysis, the pure *syn* diastereoisomers were afforded through another column chromatography separation on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:4 to 1:9) and then the pure *syn* products were used to ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and the determination of optical rotation and melting points.

4. Characterization of the Conjugate Addition Products

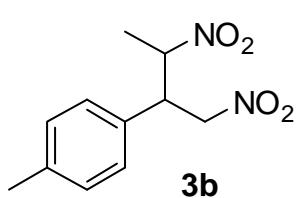
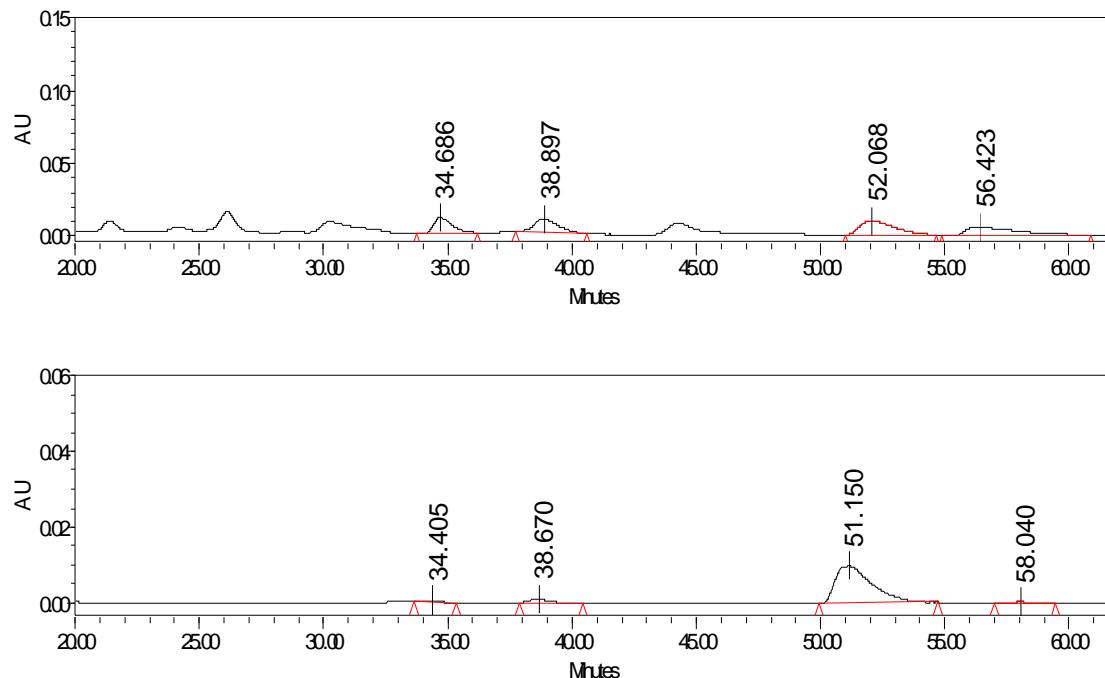
2-Phenyl-1,3-dinitrobutane (3a).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (96% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (93:7 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol



90:10, 0.5 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 51.150 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 58.040 min).

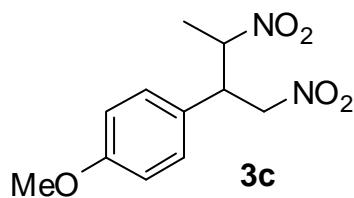
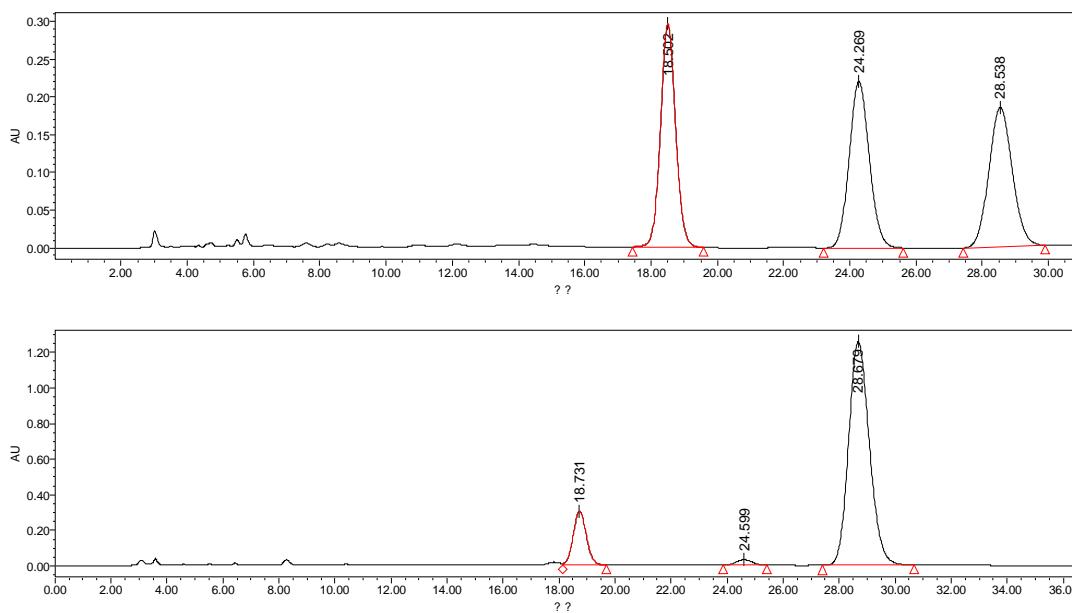
syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5, R_f 0.4) to afford a white solid. m.p. 80-81°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +7.3 (c = 0.11, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 5.00-4.92 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05-4.00 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).



2-(4-Methylphenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (**3b**).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (96% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (88:12 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 24.599 min, t_r (*syn.* major) = 28.679 min).

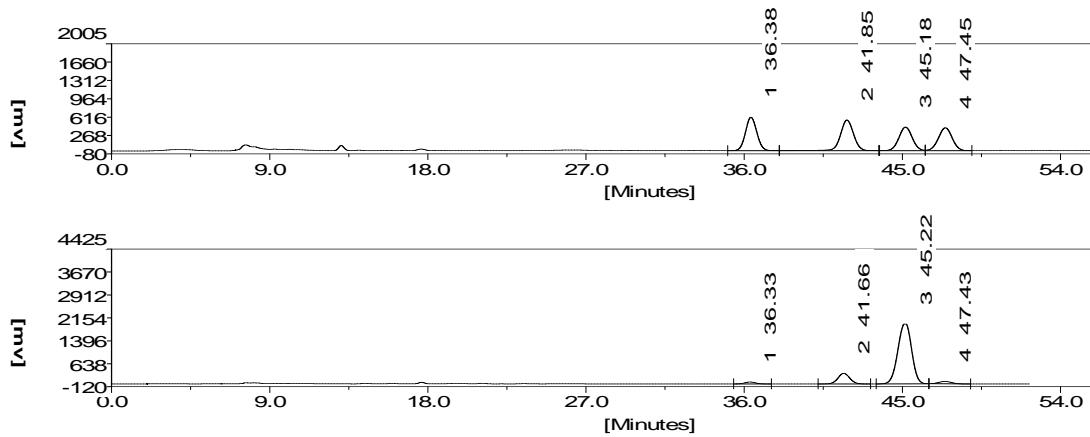
syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.3) to afford a white solid. m.p. 52-53°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +14.7 (c = 0.15, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97-4.88 (m, 2H), 4.85 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.95 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

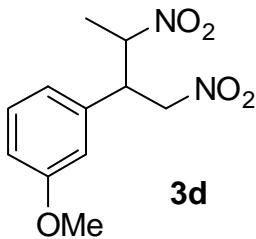


2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3c).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (93% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (86:14 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 0.4 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 45.22 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 47.43 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.2) to afford a white solid. m.p. 75-77°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +11.7 (c = 0.06, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 2H), 4.87-4.82 (m, 2H), 4.72 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

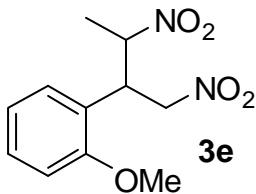
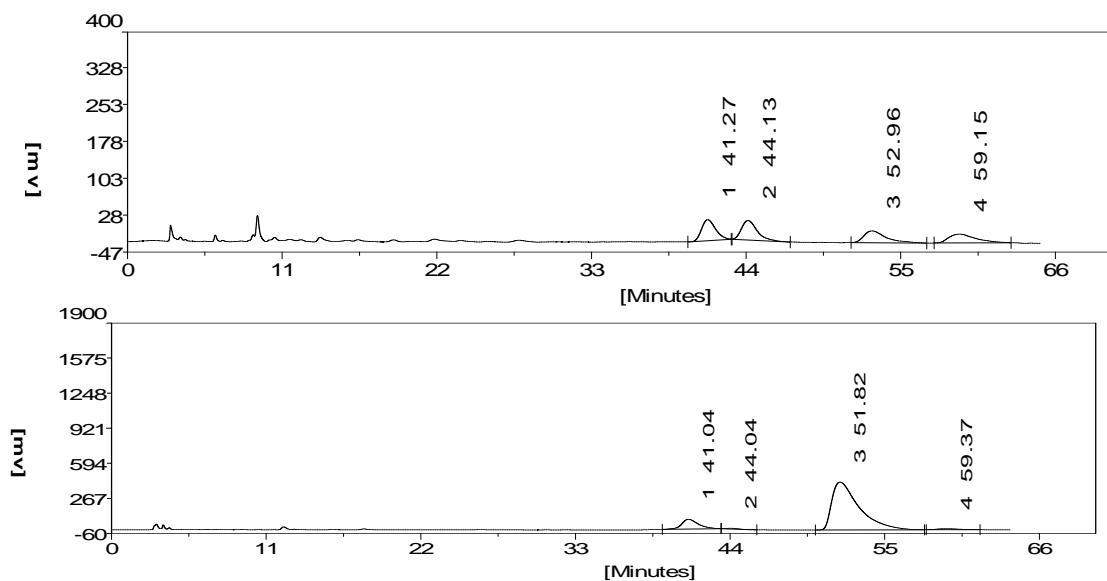




2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3d).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (97% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (84:16 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 51.82 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 59.37 min).

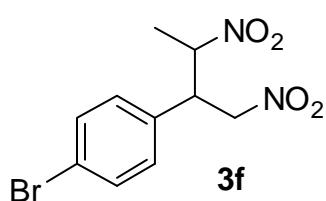
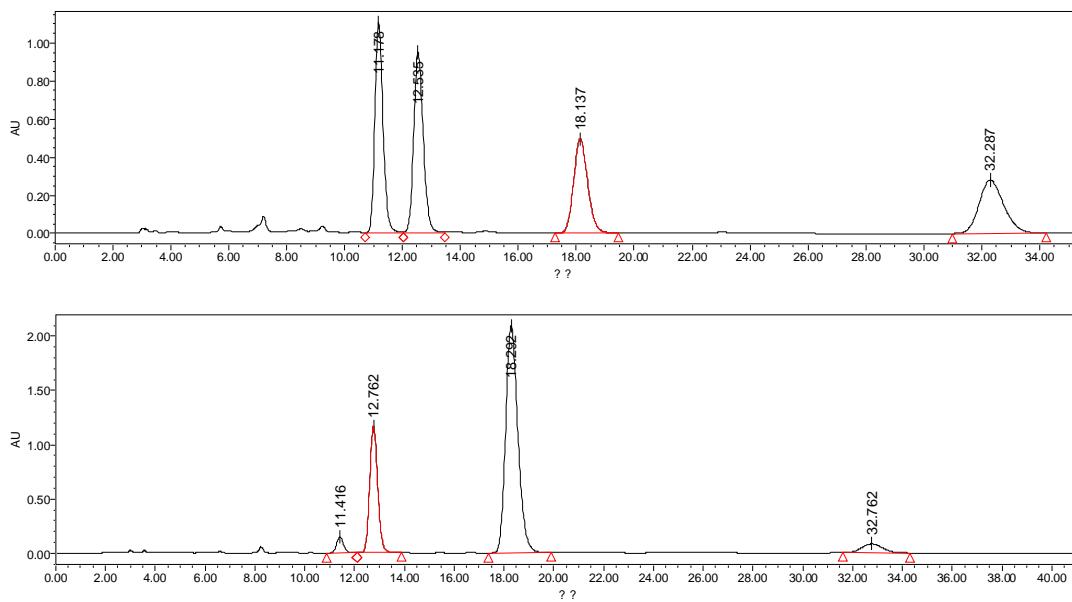
syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.2) to afford a gel product. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +6.3 (c = 0.49, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.81 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 160.1, 135.0, 130.4, 119.9, 114.3, 114.0, 84.0, 76.0, 55.3, 47.3, 16.7. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 277.0795, found 277.0802.



2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3e).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (90% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (71:29 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 18.29 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 32.76 min).

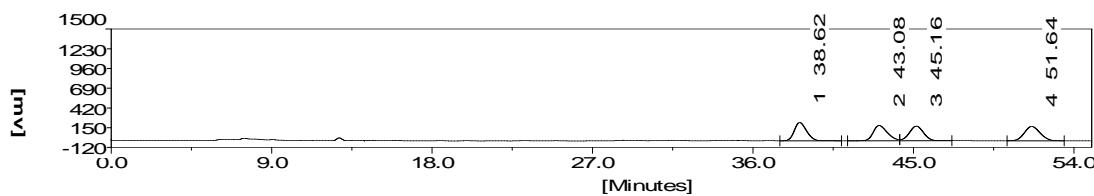
syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.25) to afford a white solid. m.p. 59-61°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = -10.0 (c = 0.18, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.21-5.14 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.83 (m, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

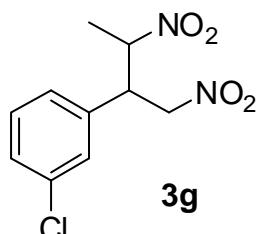
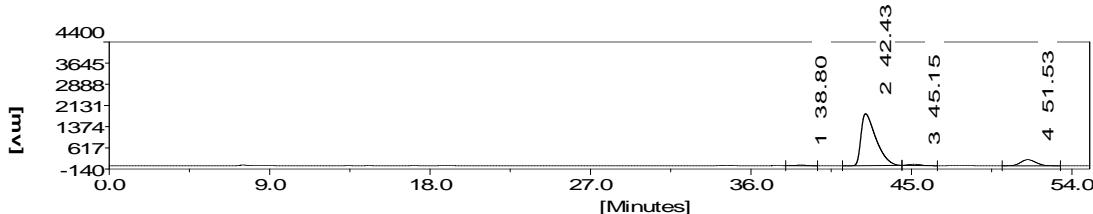


2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3f).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (96% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (89:11 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 0.4 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 42.43 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 45.15 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.2) to afford a white solid. m.p. 76-77°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +13.6 (c = 0.11, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.96-4.88 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.96 (m, 1H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 131.5, 131.4, 128.6, 122.4, 82.8, 74.9, 45.9, 15.8. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 302.9986, found 302.9852.

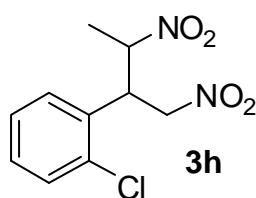
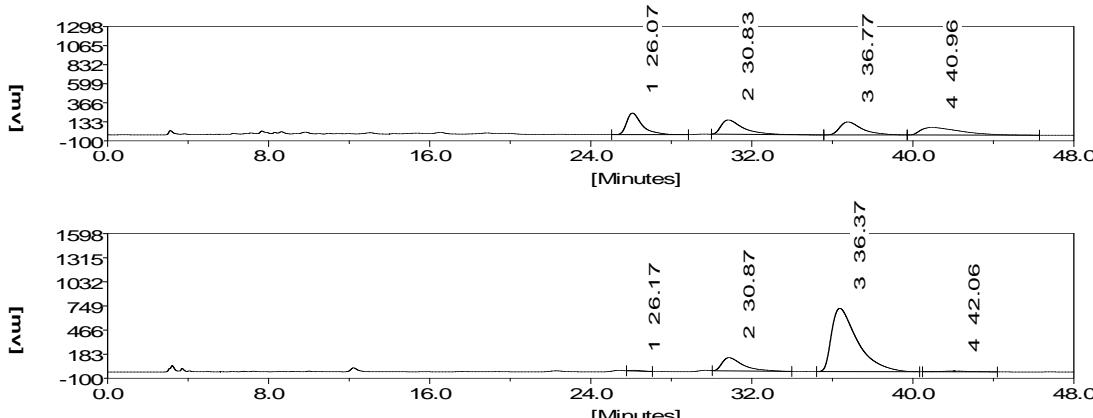




2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3g).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (97% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (86:14 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 36.37 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 42.06 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.25) to afford a white solid. m.p. 82-84°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +8.3 (c = 0.12, in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 4.98-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.80 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.99 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 134.5, 134.2, 129.6, 128.4, 127.4, 124.9, 82.8, 74.8, 45.9, 15.8. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C₁₀H₁₁ClN₂O₄ [M+Na⁺] 281.0300, found 281.0310.

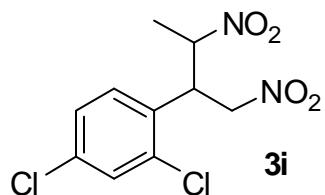
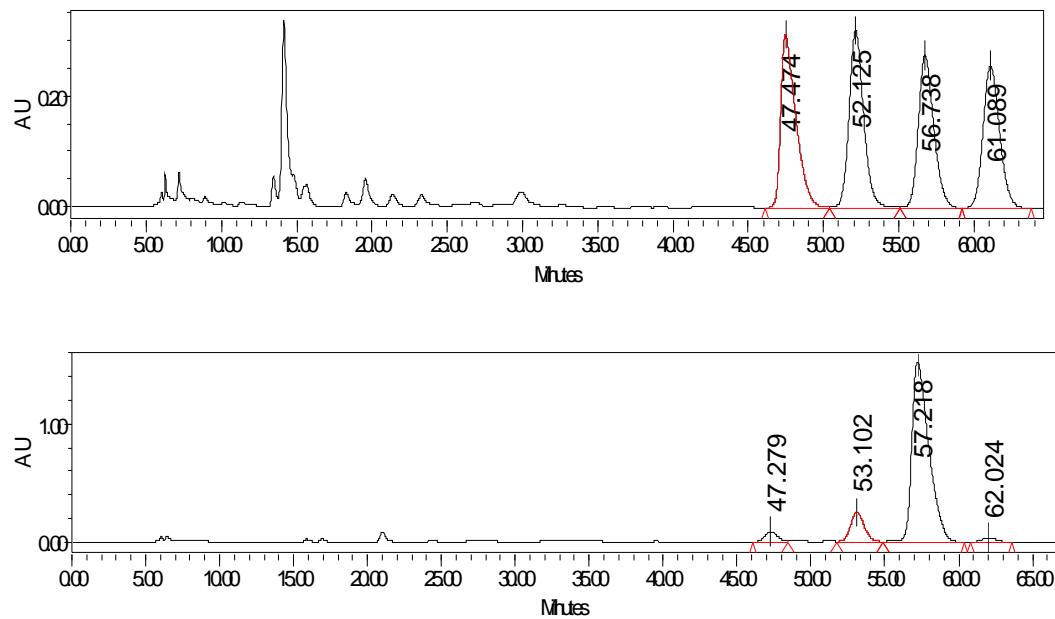


2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3h).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (96% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (85:15 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 98:2, 0.5 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 57.22 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 62.02 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.3) to afford a yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = -11.1 (c = 0.45, in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.13 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.68 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.64-1.63 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

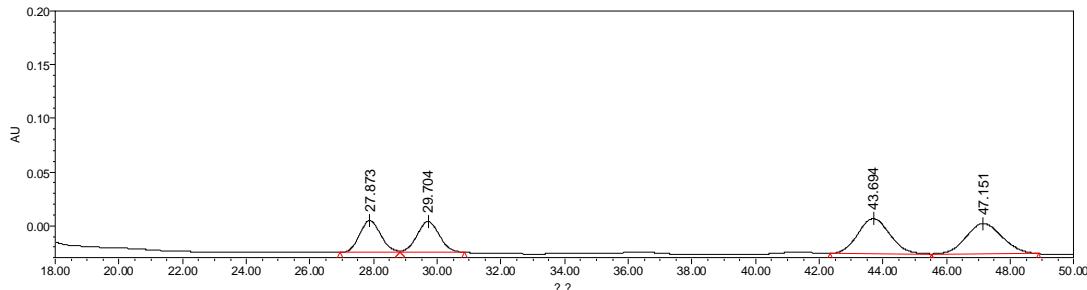


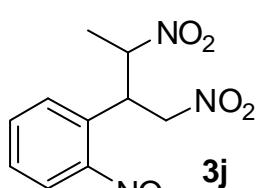
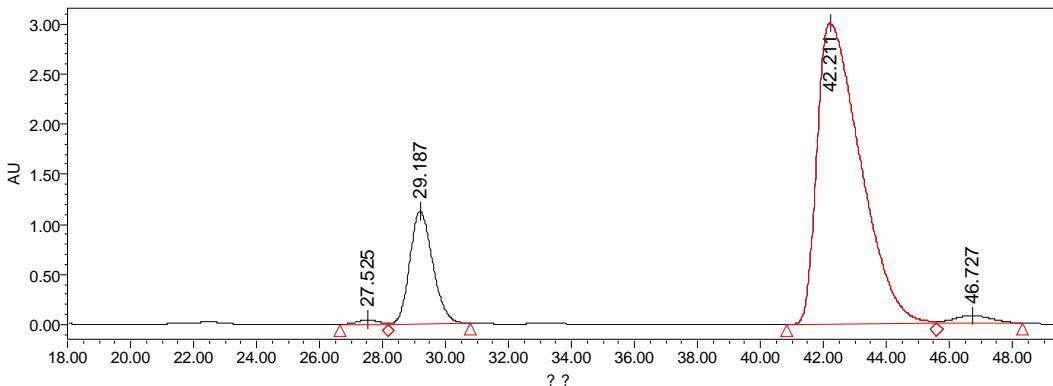
2-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3i).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (95% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (83:17 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral

OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 0.7 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 42.21 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 46.73 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:4, R_f 0.45) to afford a yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = -6.9 (c = 0.48, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.10 (m, 1H), 4.94-4.82 (m, 2H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.63 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 135.7, 135.3, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.1, 82.8, 74.9, 42.7, 16.6. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 293.0101, found 292.9900.

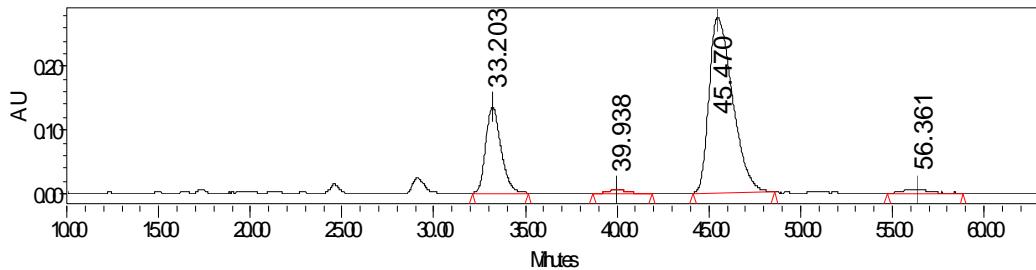
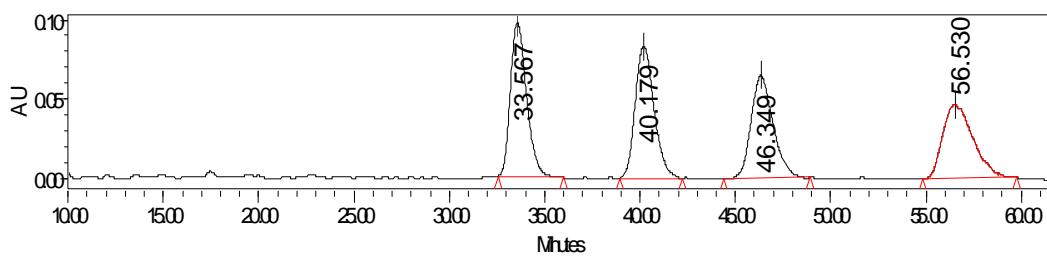


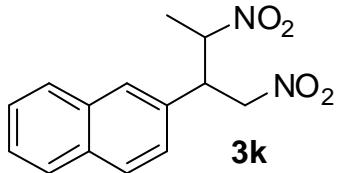


2-(2-Nitrophenyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3j).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (96% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (76:24 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 45.47 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 56.36 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6, R_f 0.2) to afford a white solid. m.p. 99–101°C. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = +19.2 (c = 0.13, in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dt, J = 14.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 13.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.0, 134.0, 130.2, 129.2, 126.1, 83.5, 75.8, 41.6, 17.5. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃O₆ [M+Na⁺] 292.0540, found 292.0547.

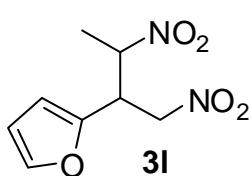
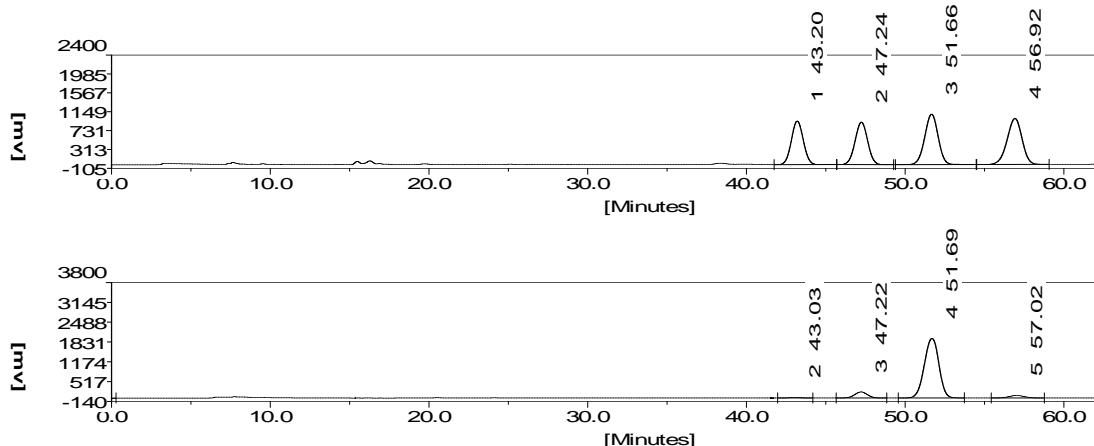




2-(2-Naphthyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3k).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (92% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (92:8 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral AD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 51.69 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 57.02 min).

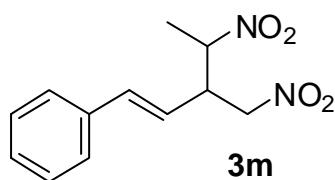
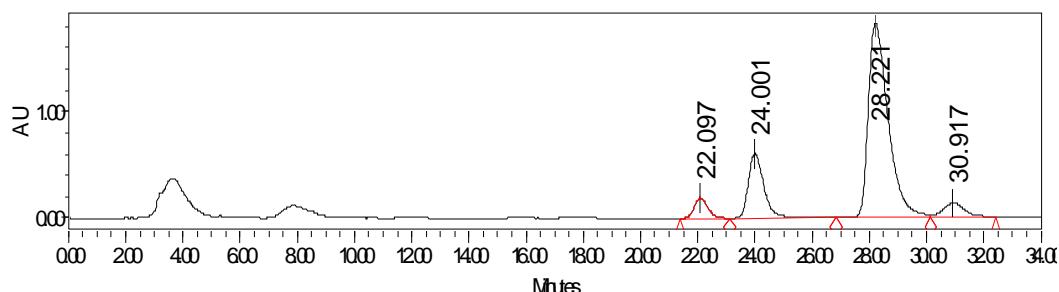
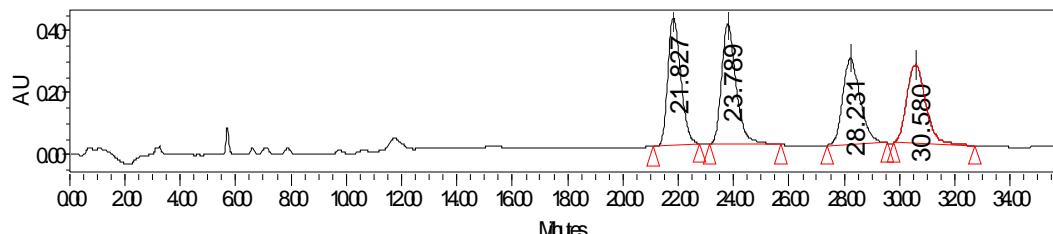
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2-(2-Furyl)-1,3-dinitrobutane (3l).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (86% ee) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (81:19 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 28.22 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 30.92 min).

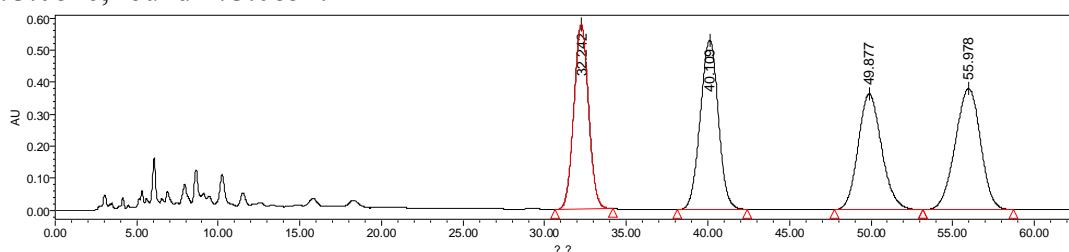
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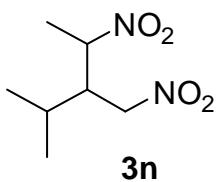
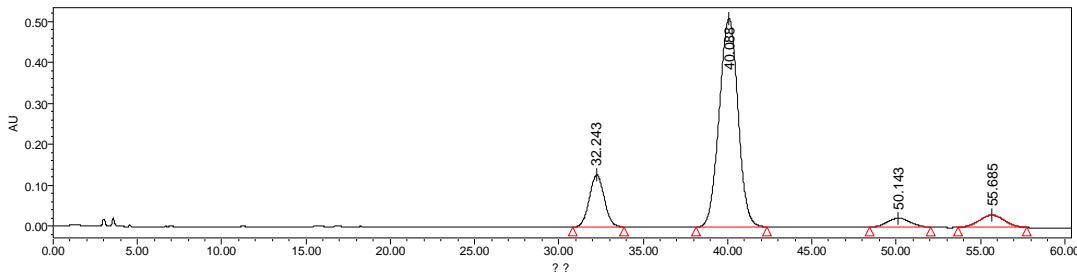


2-styryl-1,3-dinitrobutane (3m).

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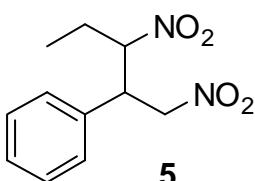
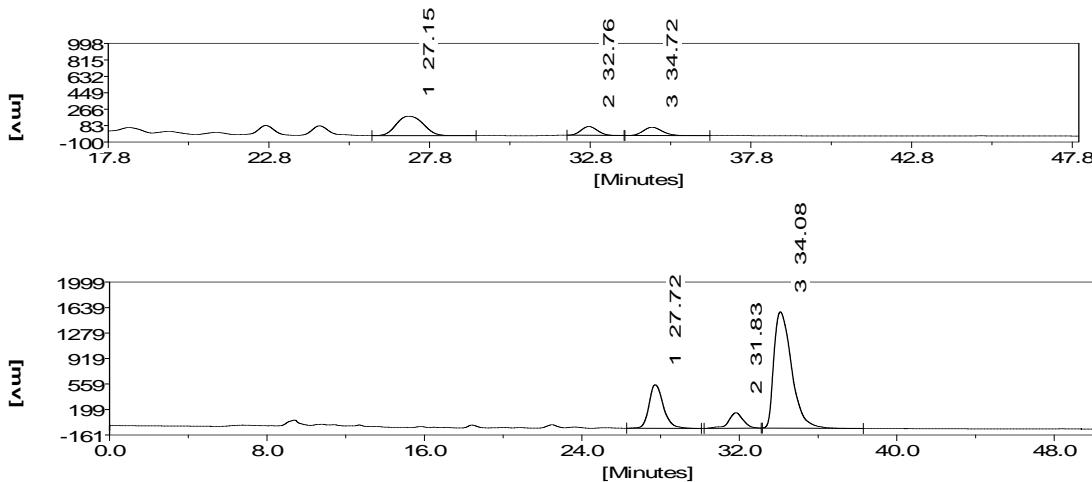




2-isopropyl-1,3-dinitrobutane (**3n**).

The *syn/anti* mixtures of products were analyzed to determine the diastereoselectivity of the reaction and enantioselectivity of the *syn* diastereoisomer. The ee value (83% *ee*) of the *syn* diastereoisomer and diastereoselectivity (78:22 d.r.) of the reaction were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol 90:10, 0.4 mL/min, UV 210 nm, t_r (*syn.* major) = 31.83 min, t_r (*syn.* minor) = 34.08 min).

syn Isomer, purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:9, R_f 0.4) to afford a yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ (*syn*) = -3.6 (c = 0.59, in CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.78 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.41 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 5H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H).

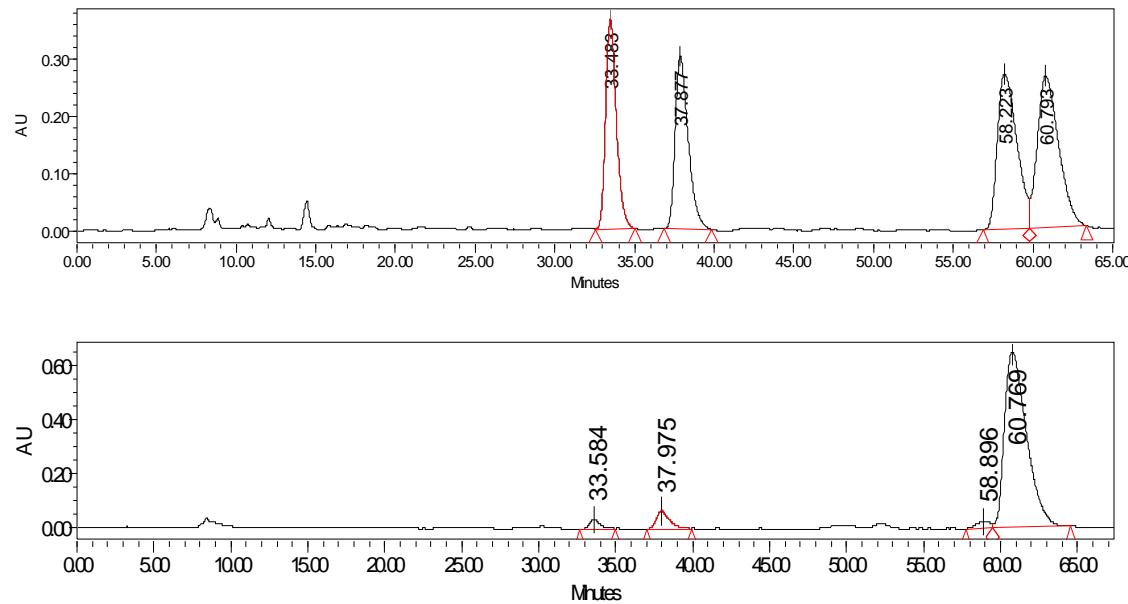


2-Phenyl-1,3-dinitropentane (**5**).

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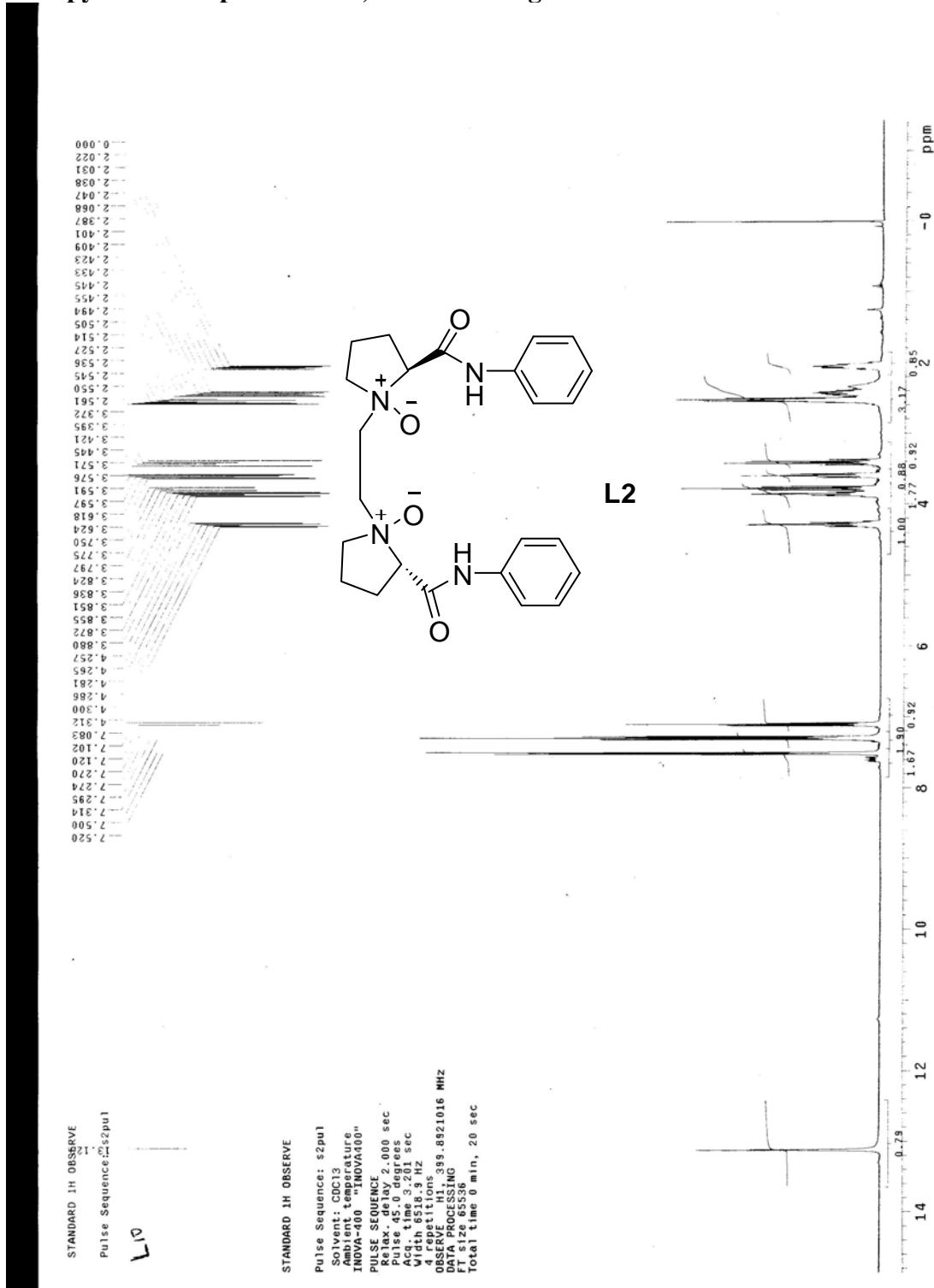
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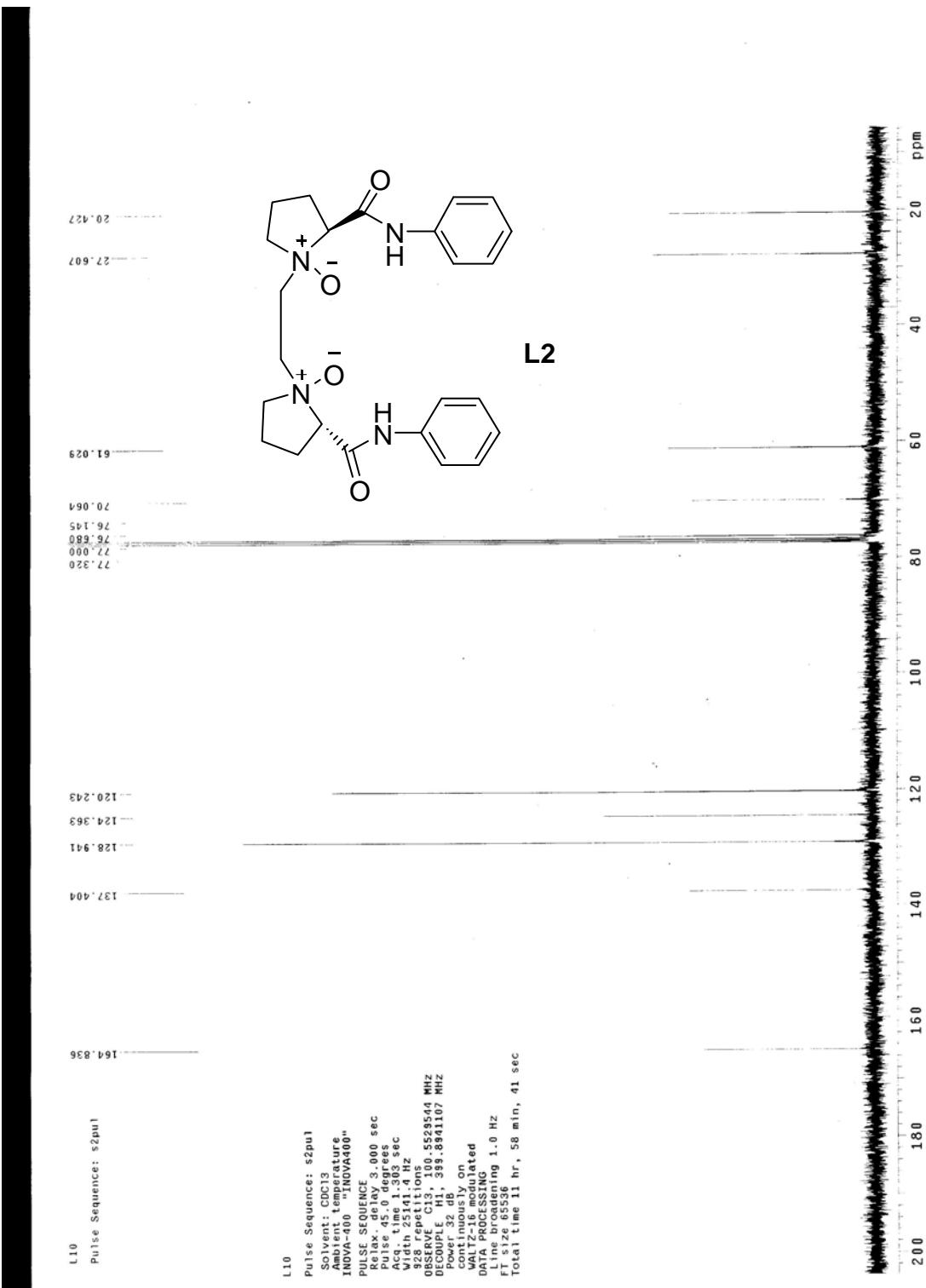


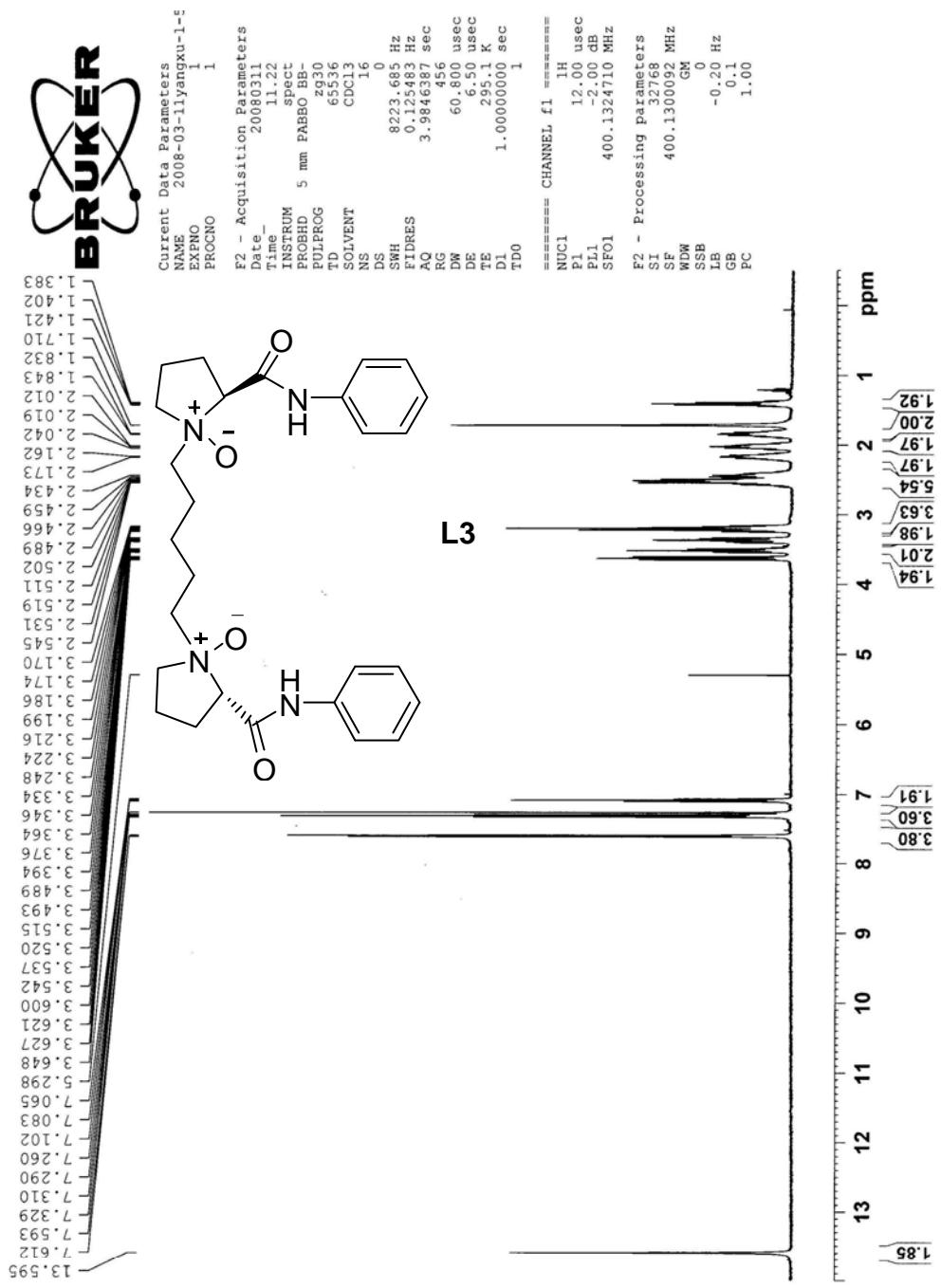
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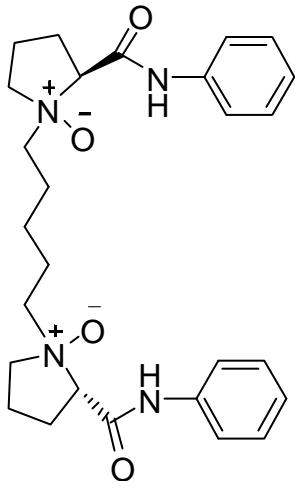
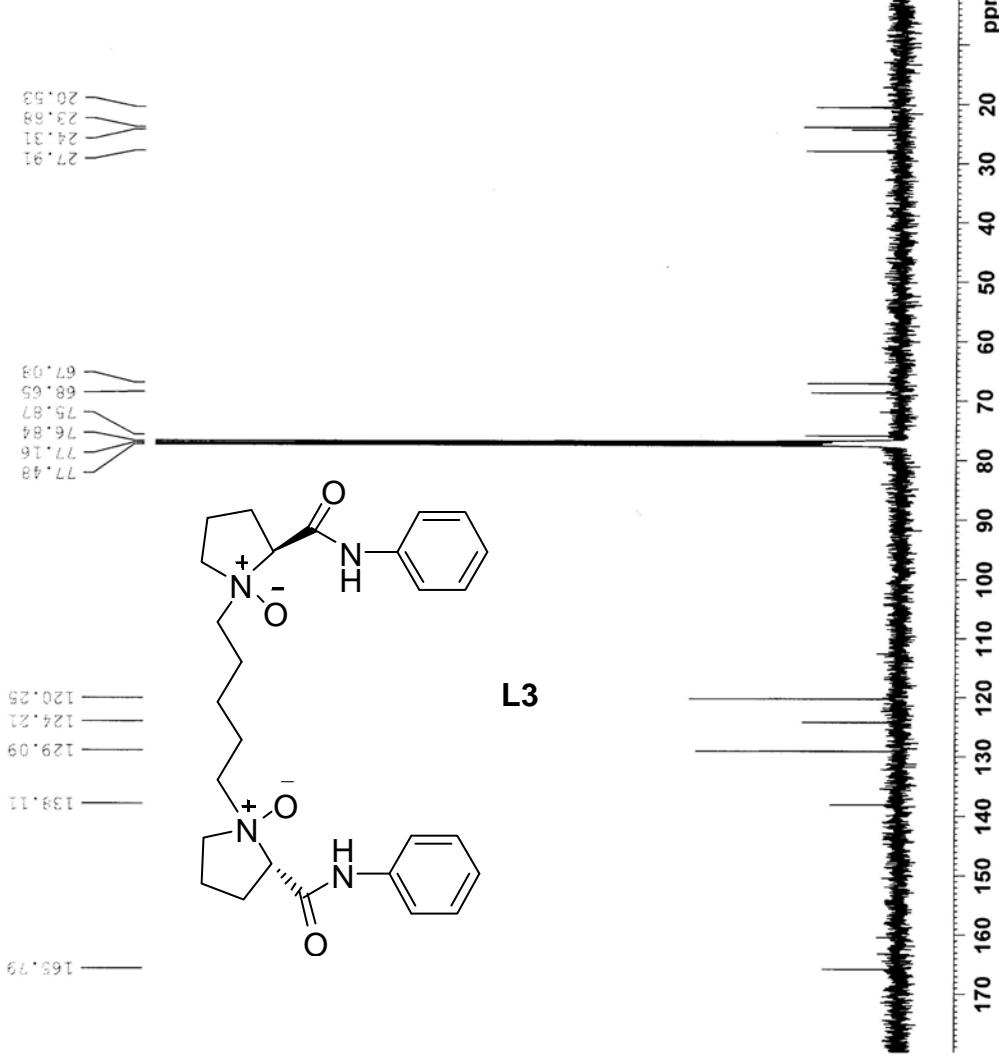
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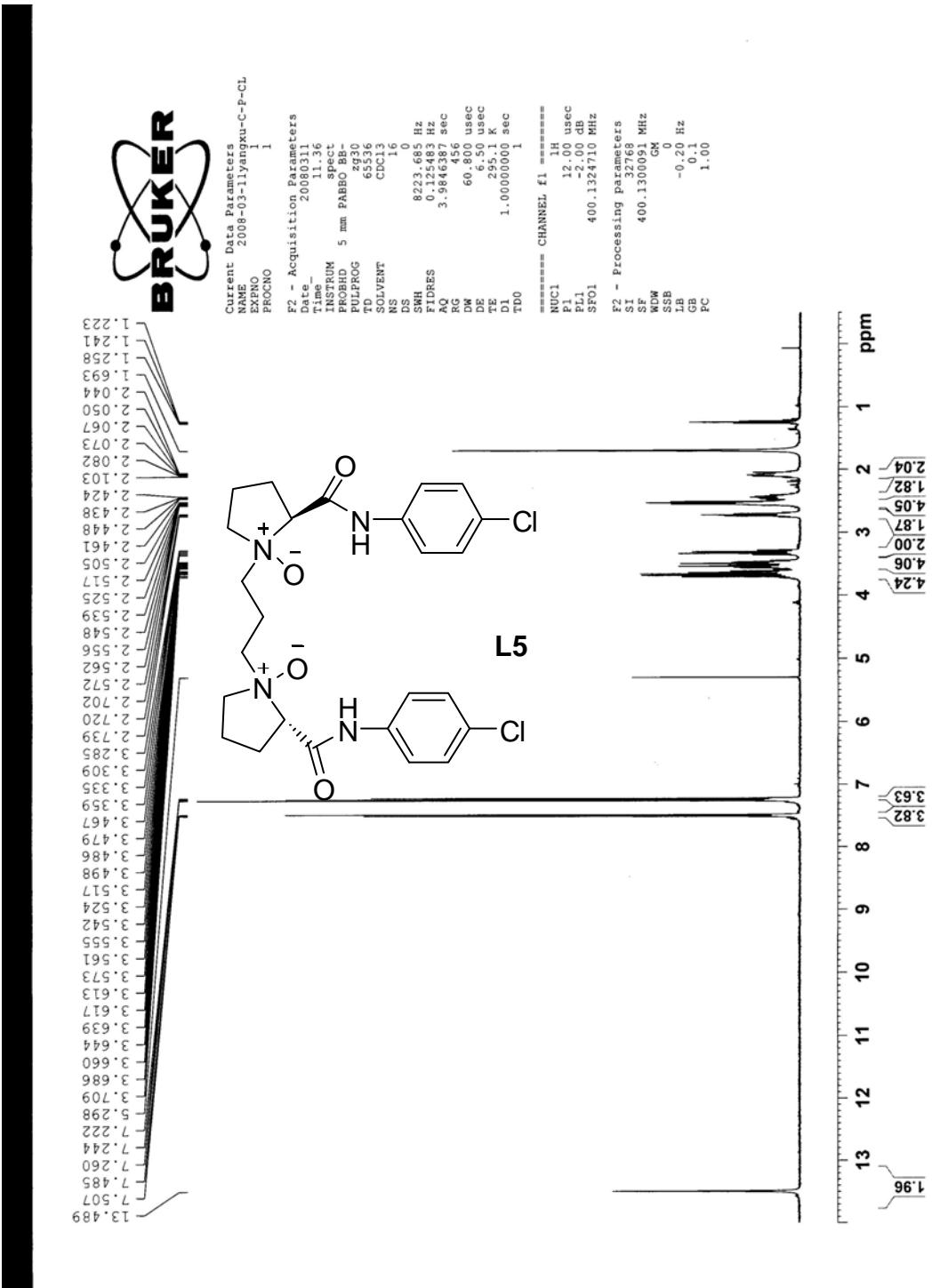
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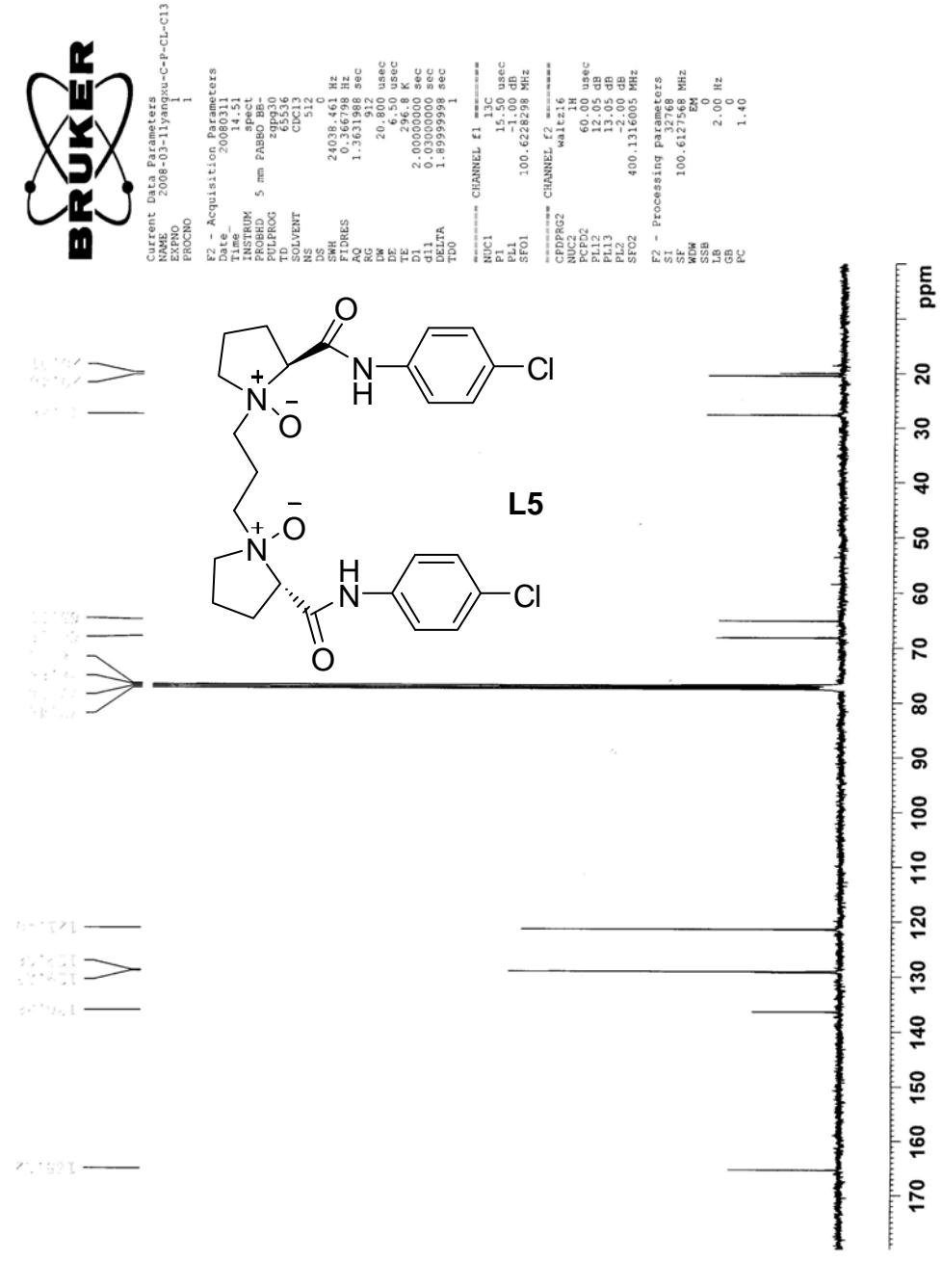
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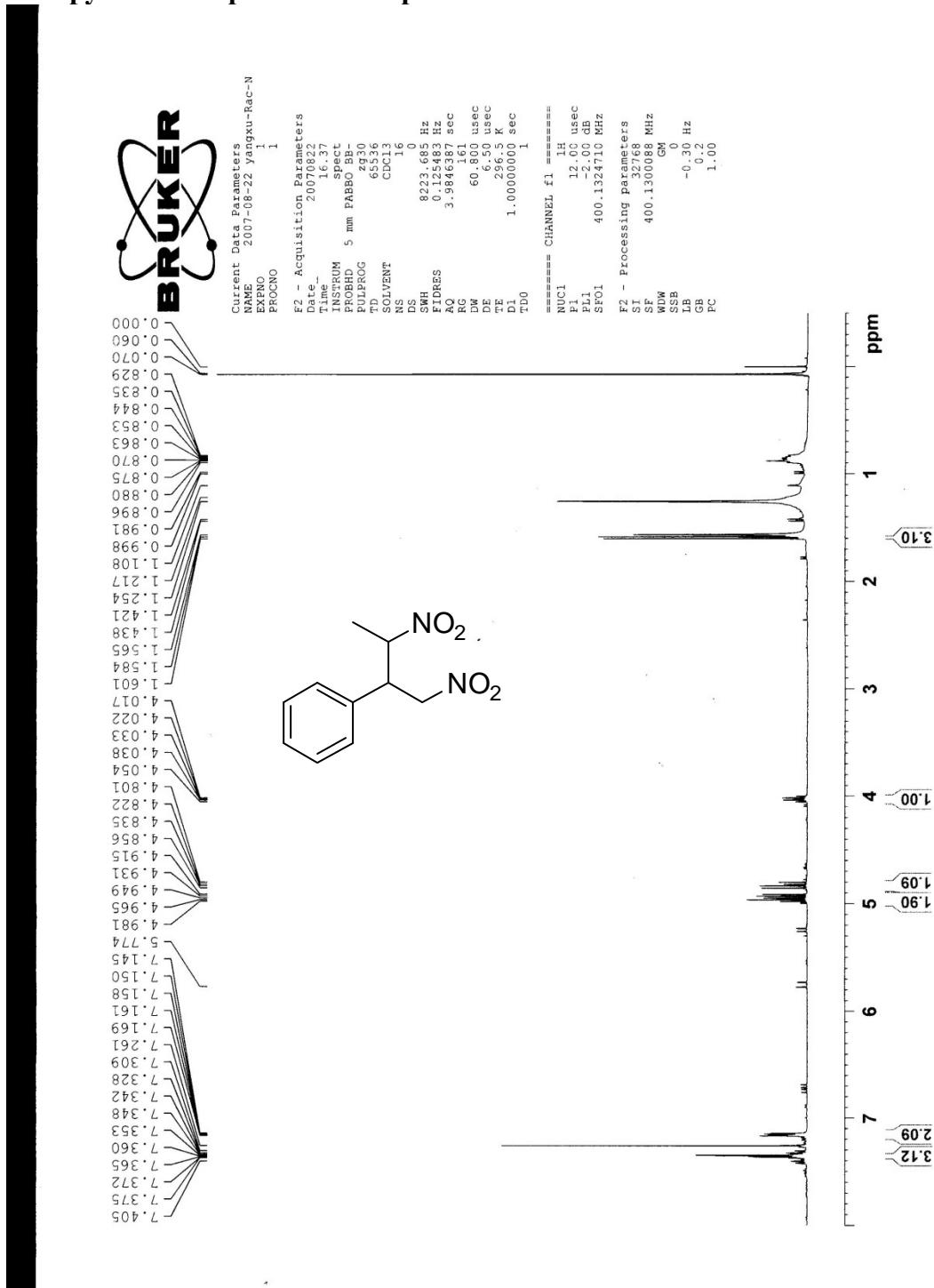


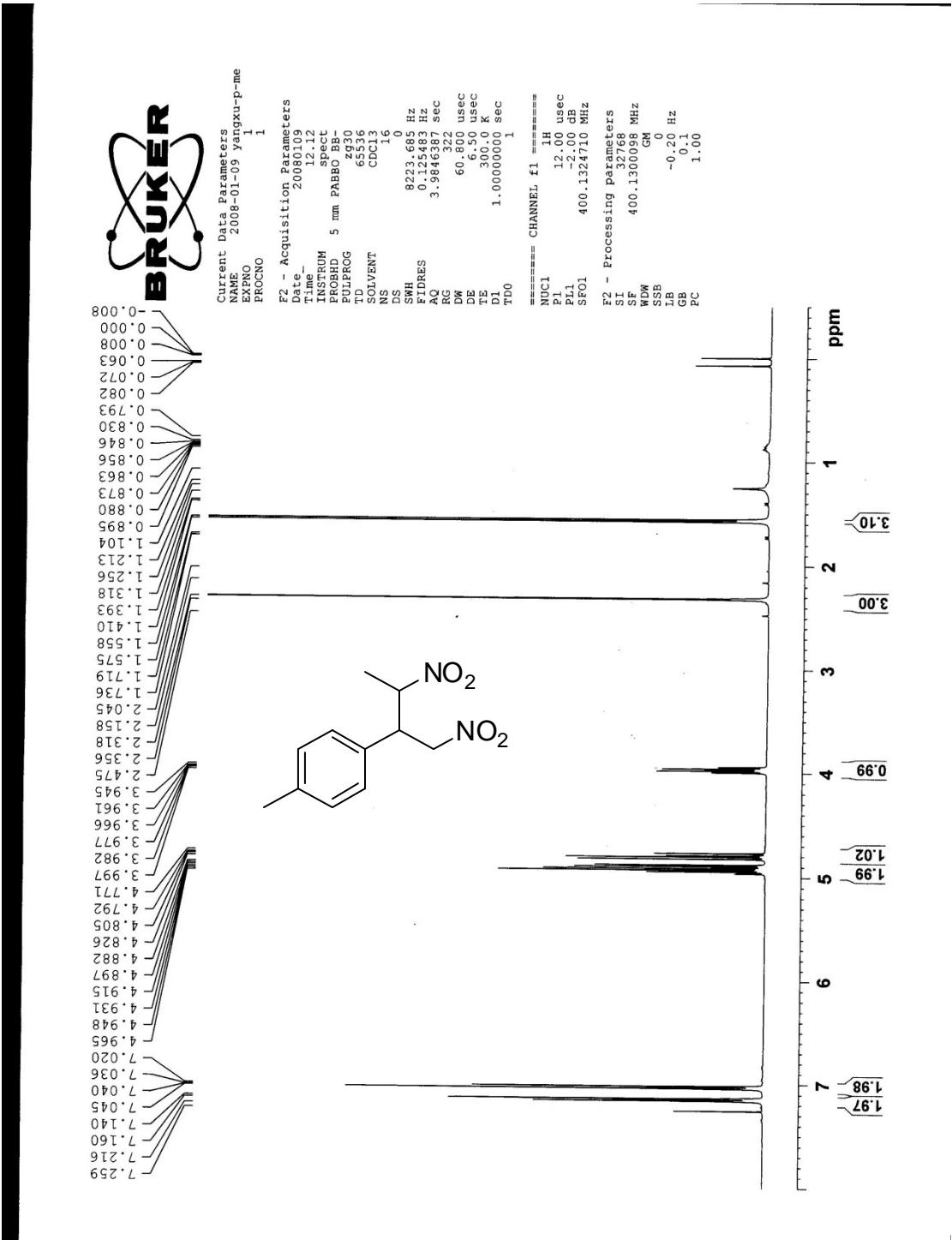
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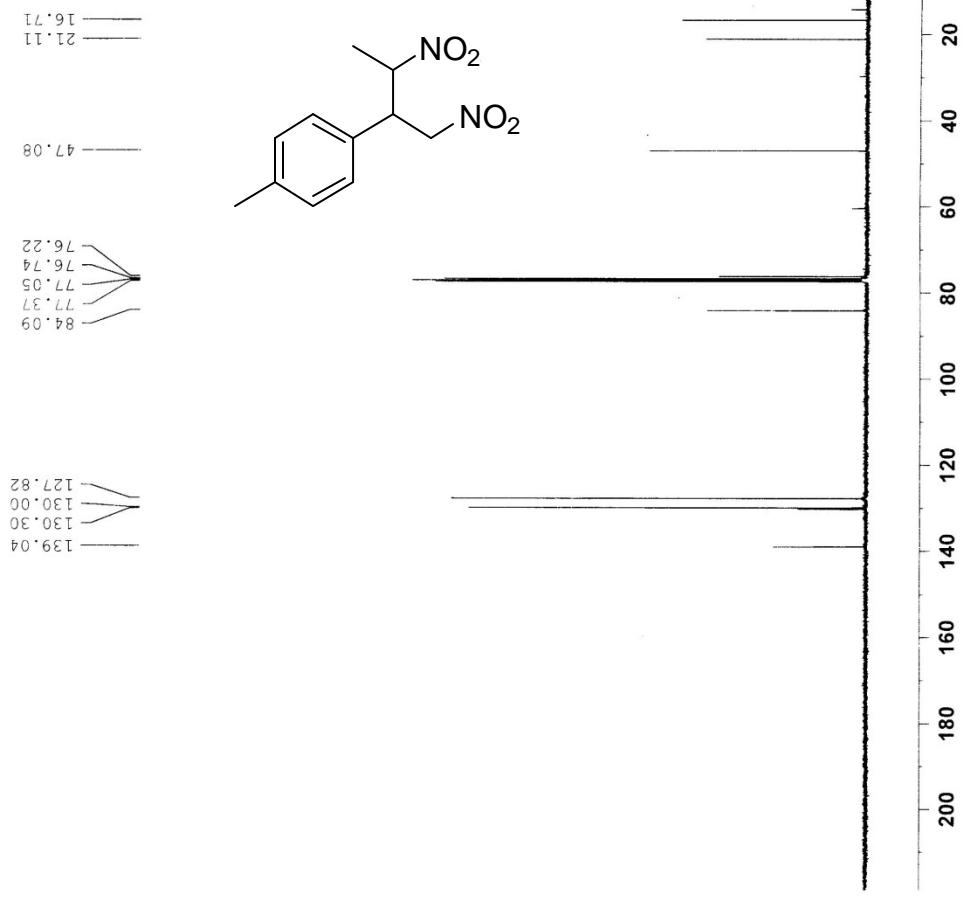
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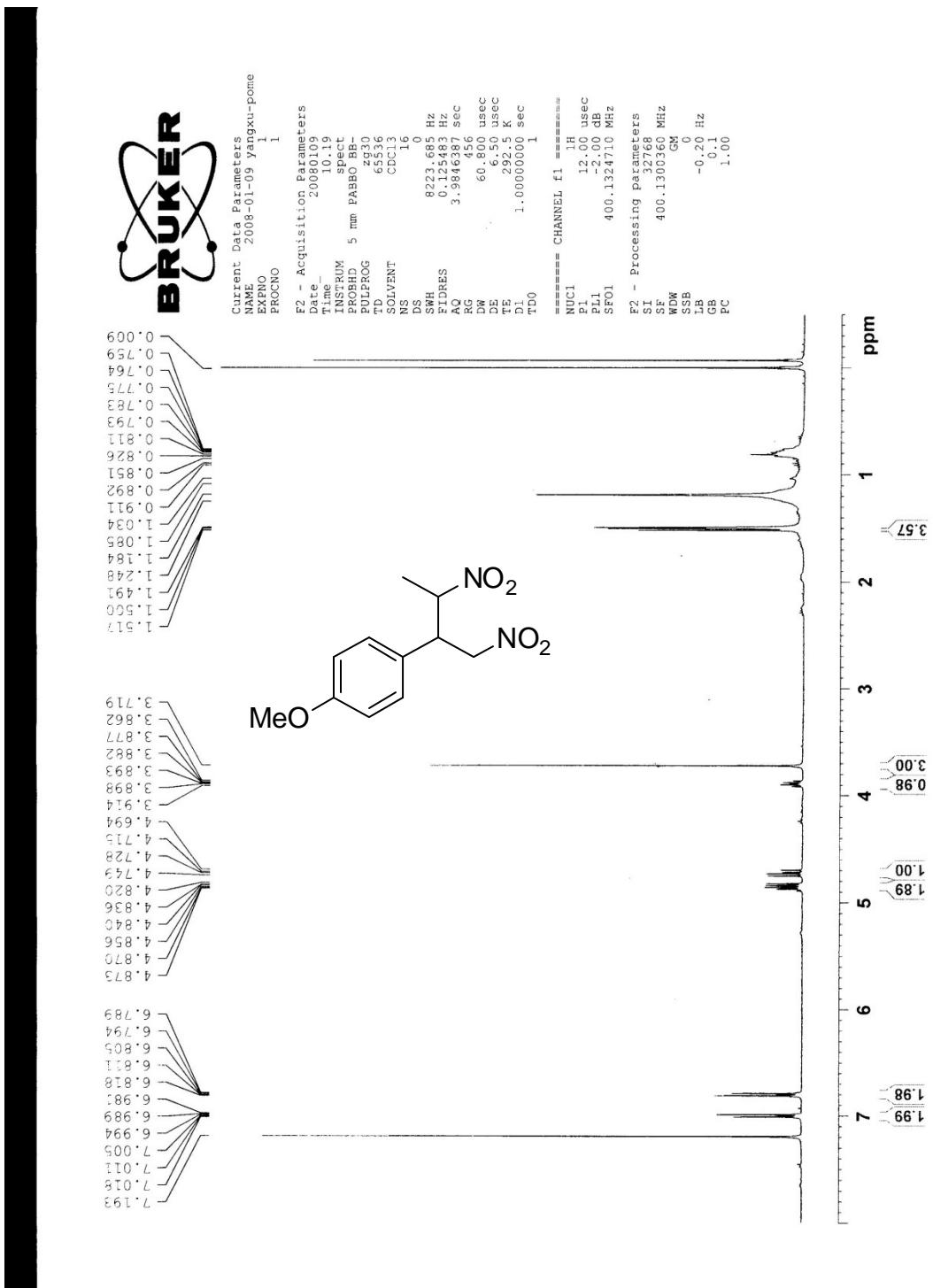
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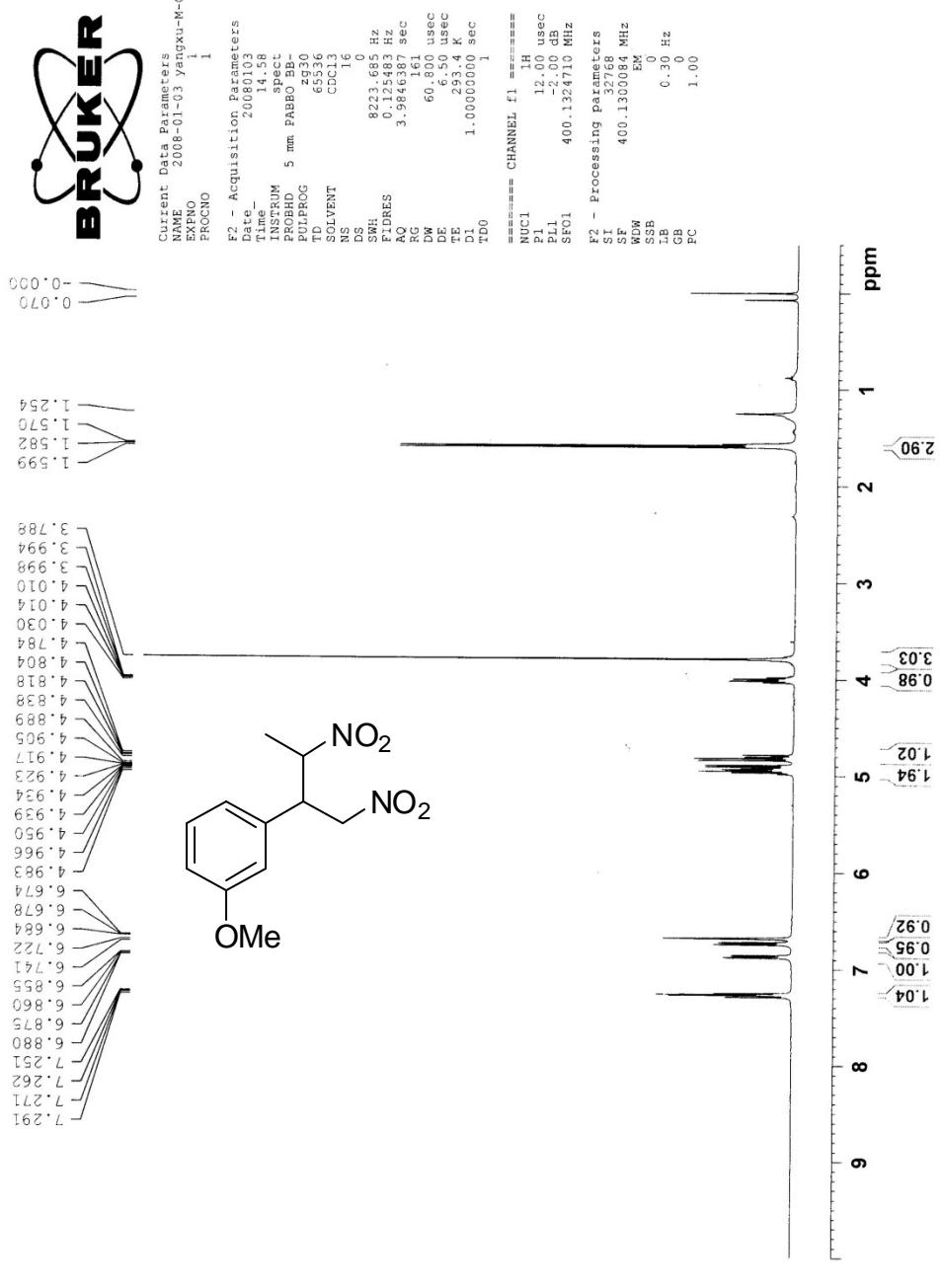
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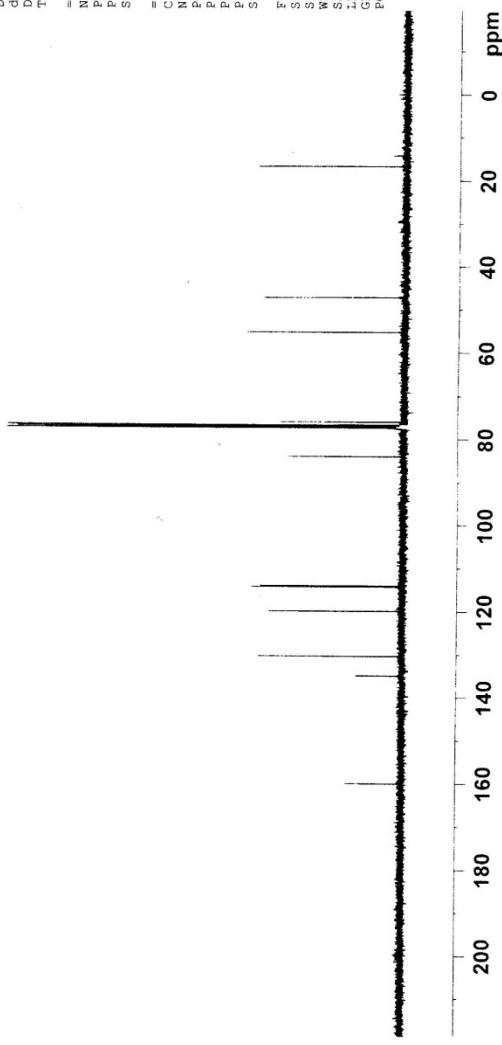
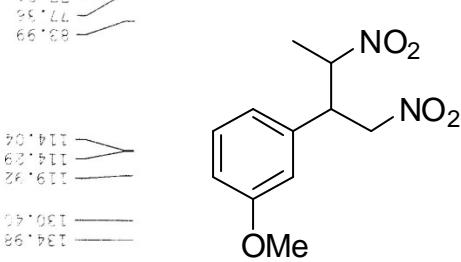
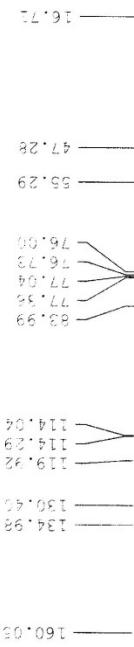
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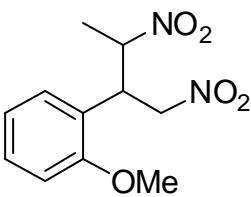
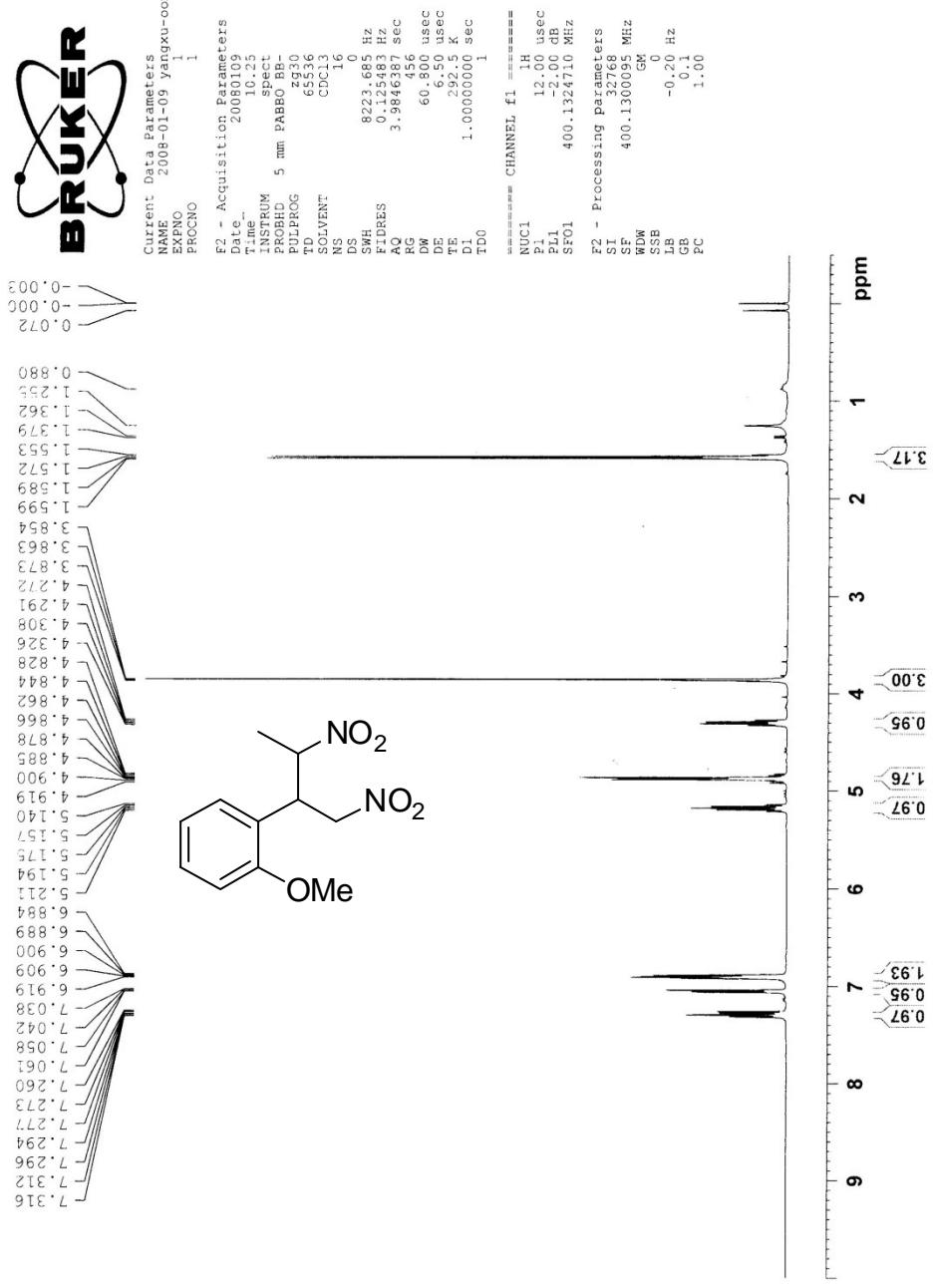
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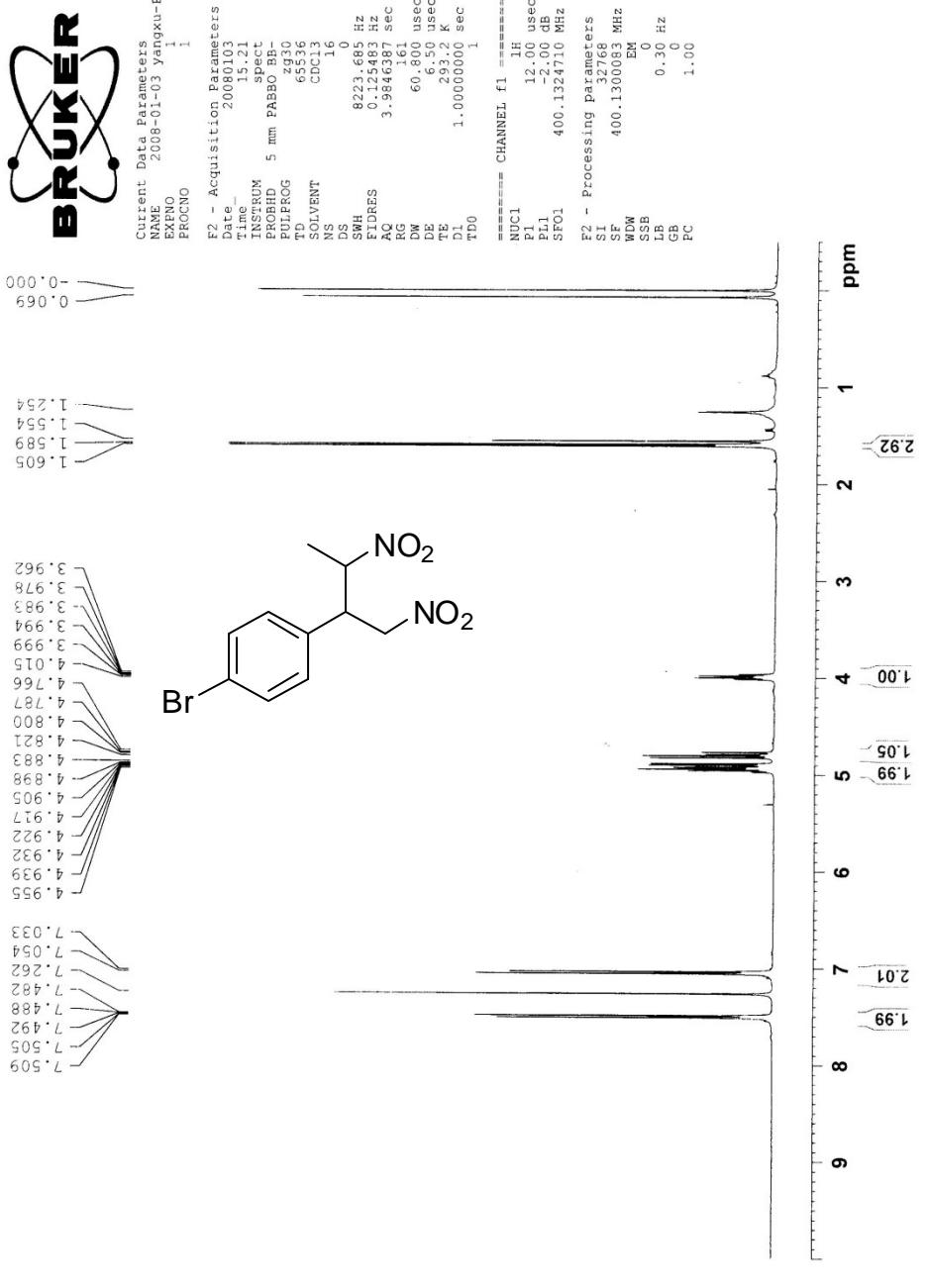
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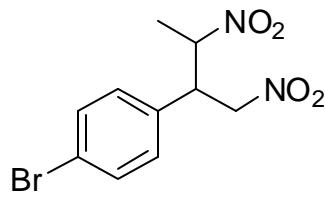
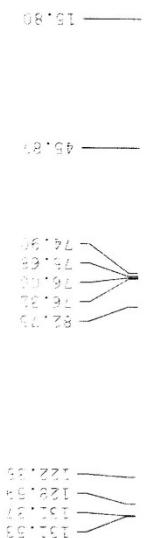
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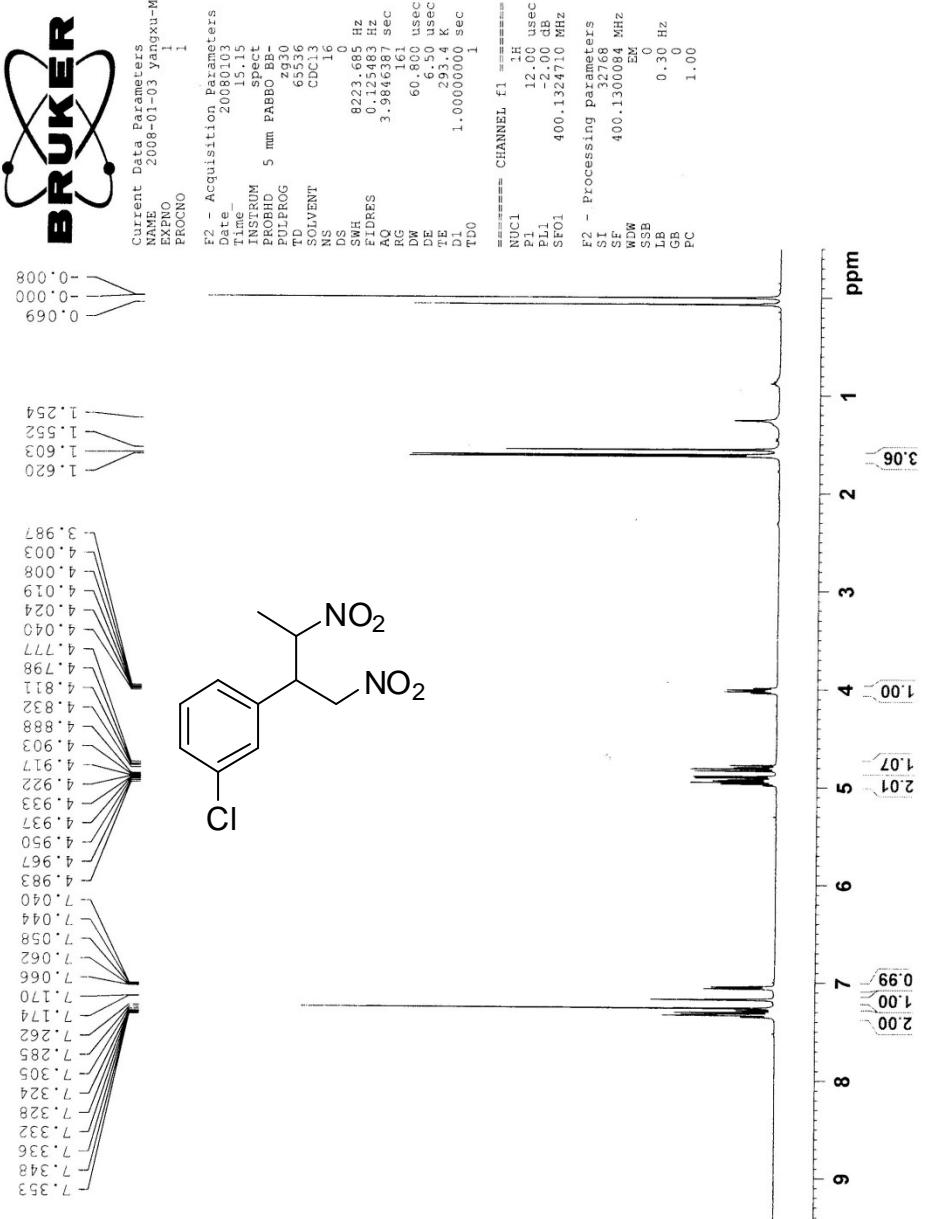
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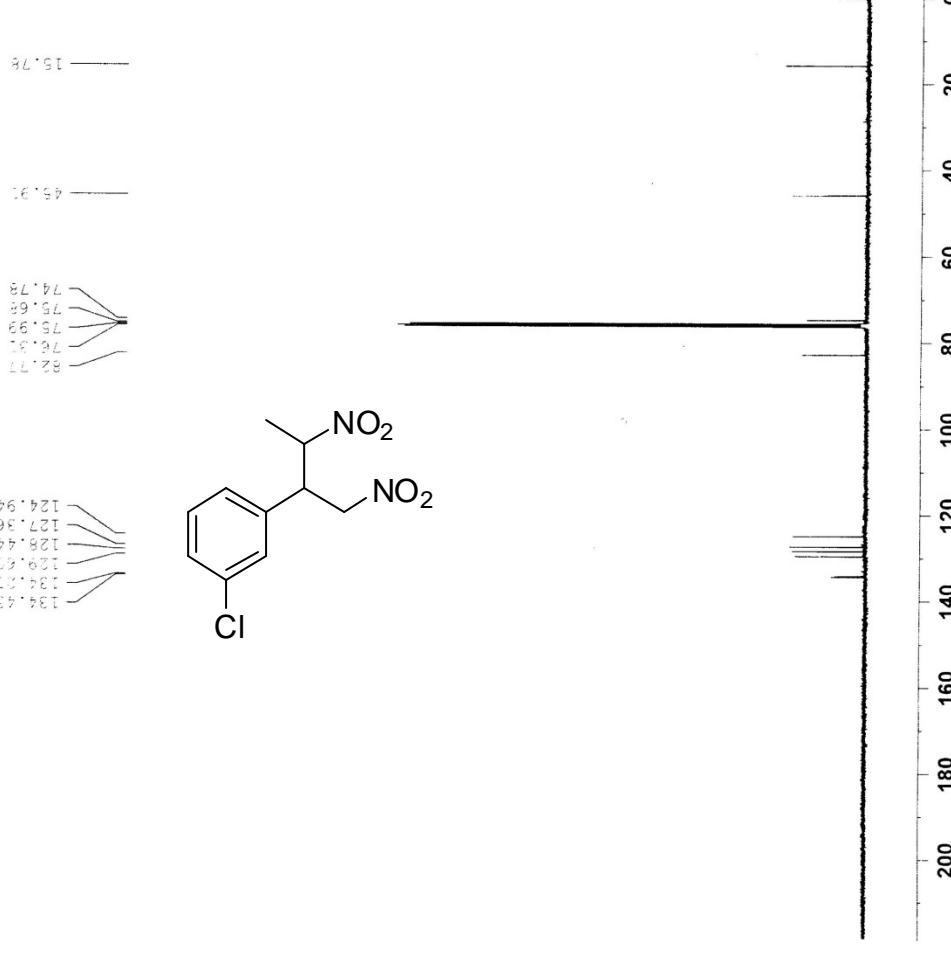
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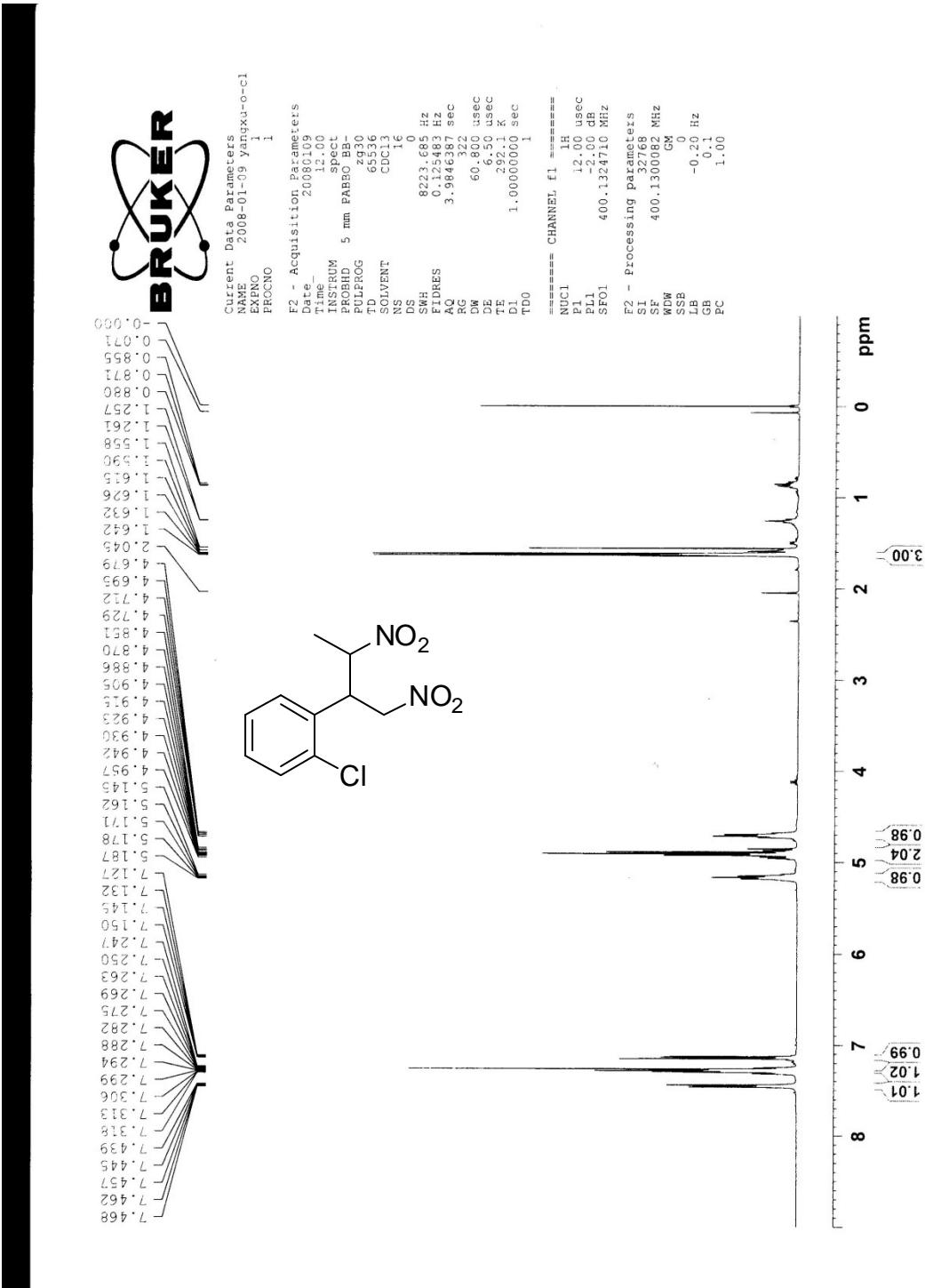
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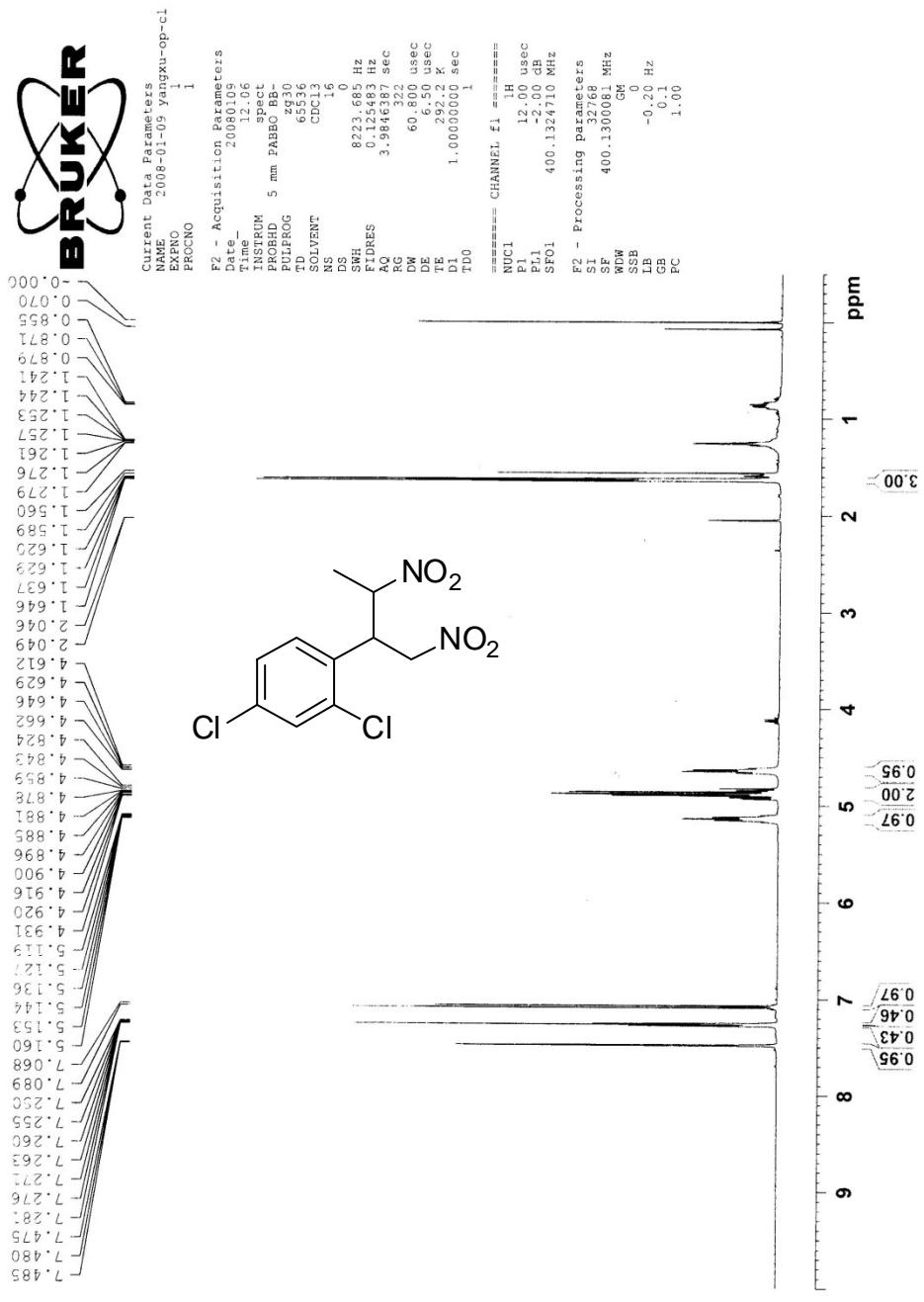
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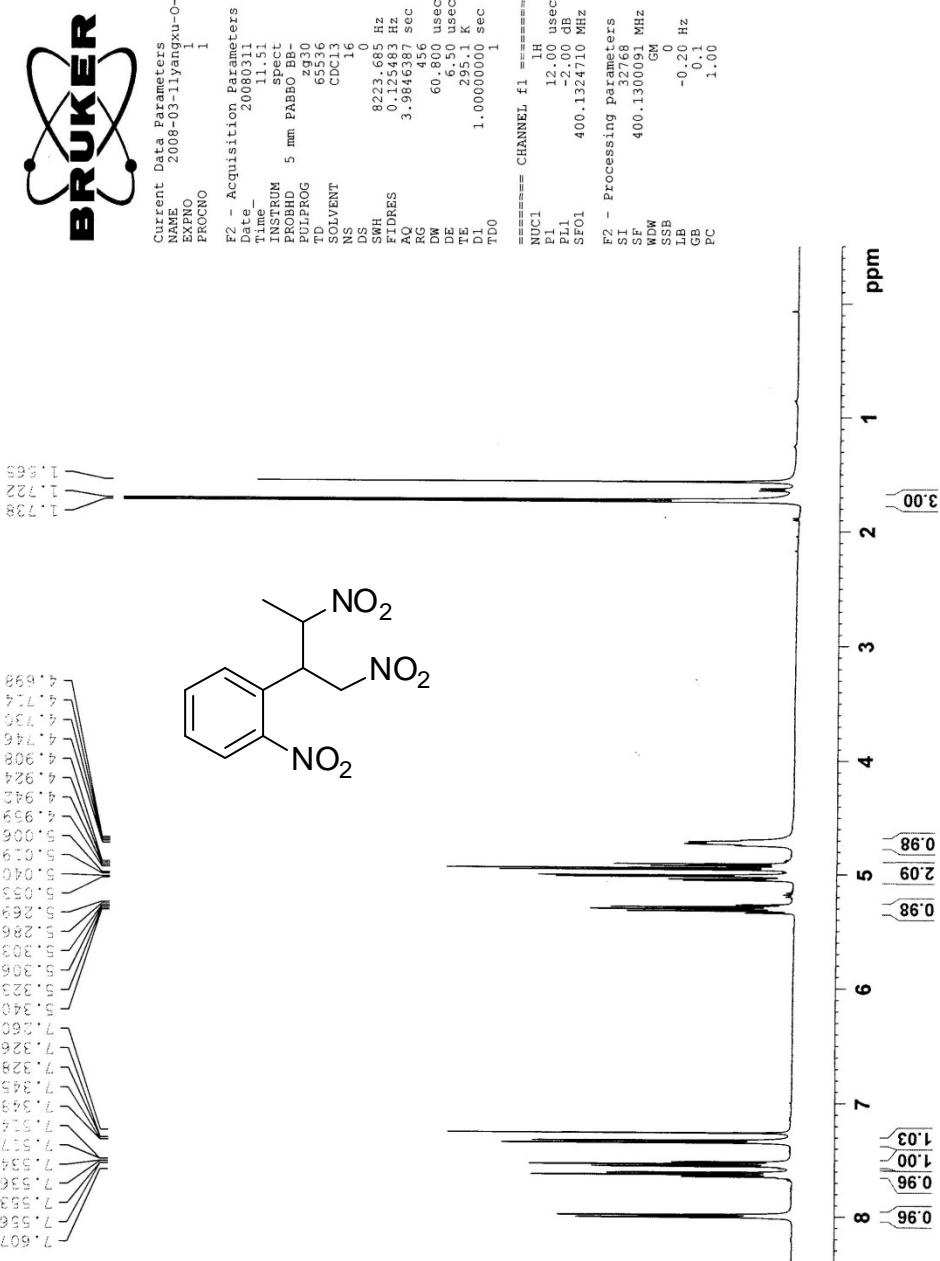
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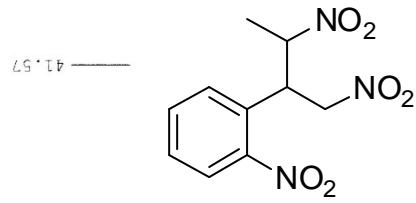
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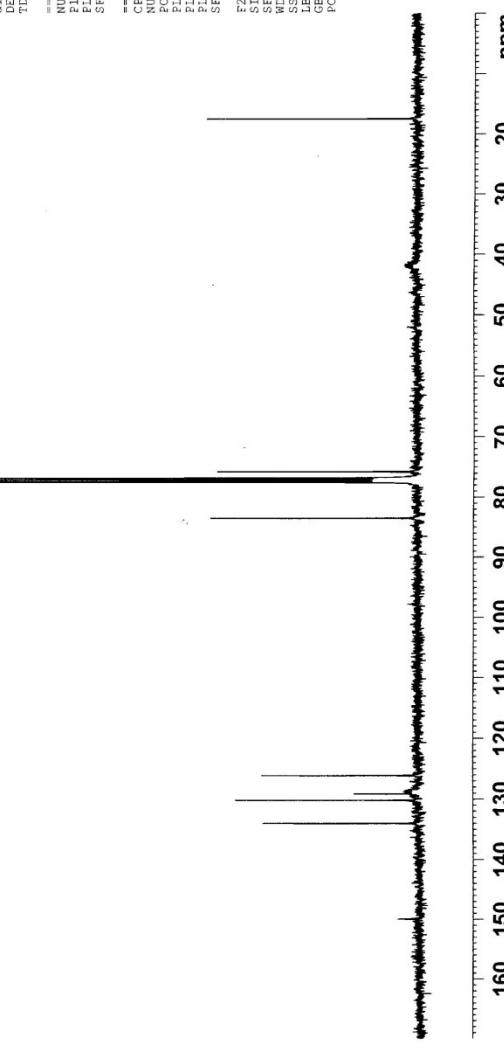
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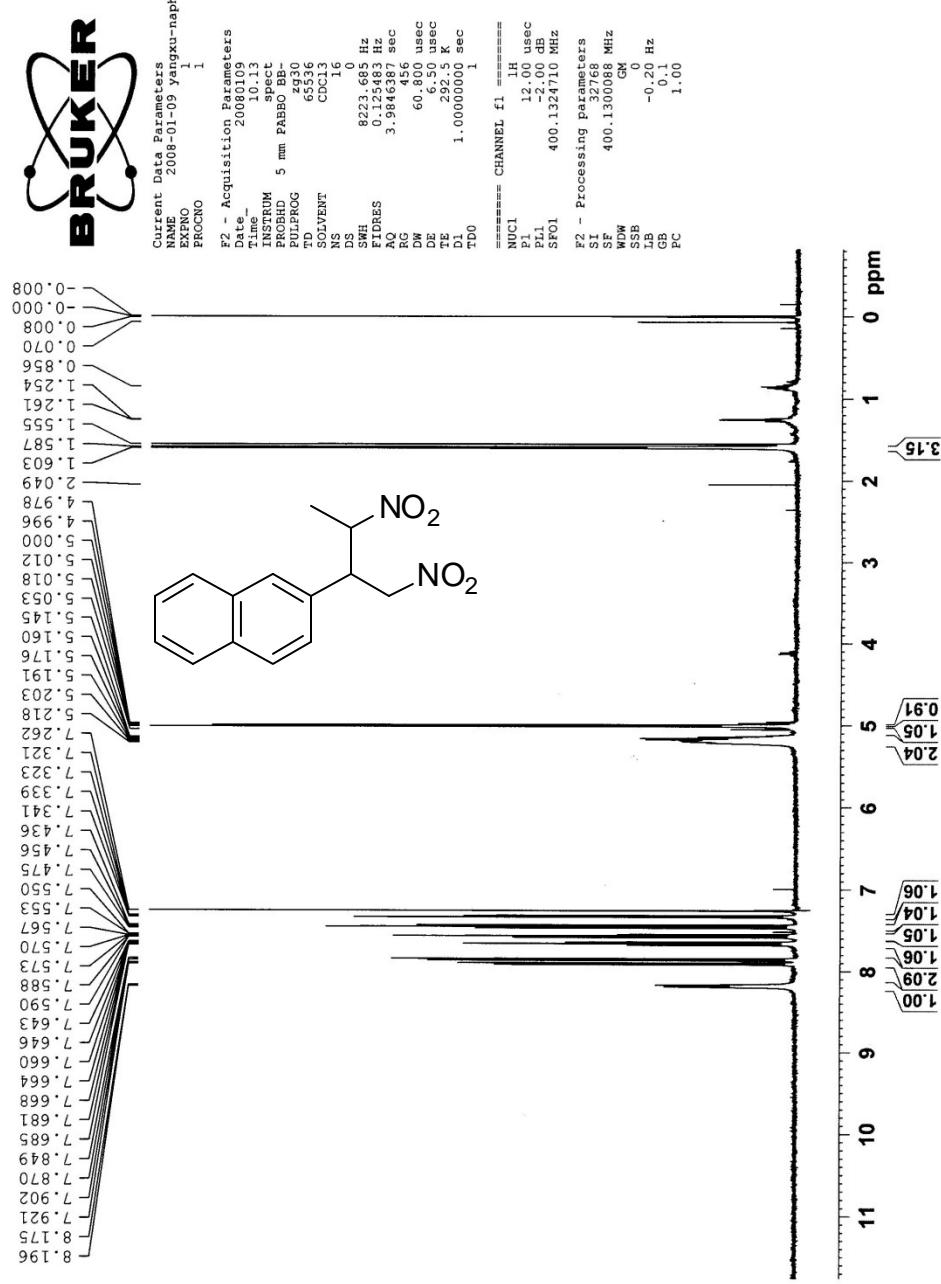


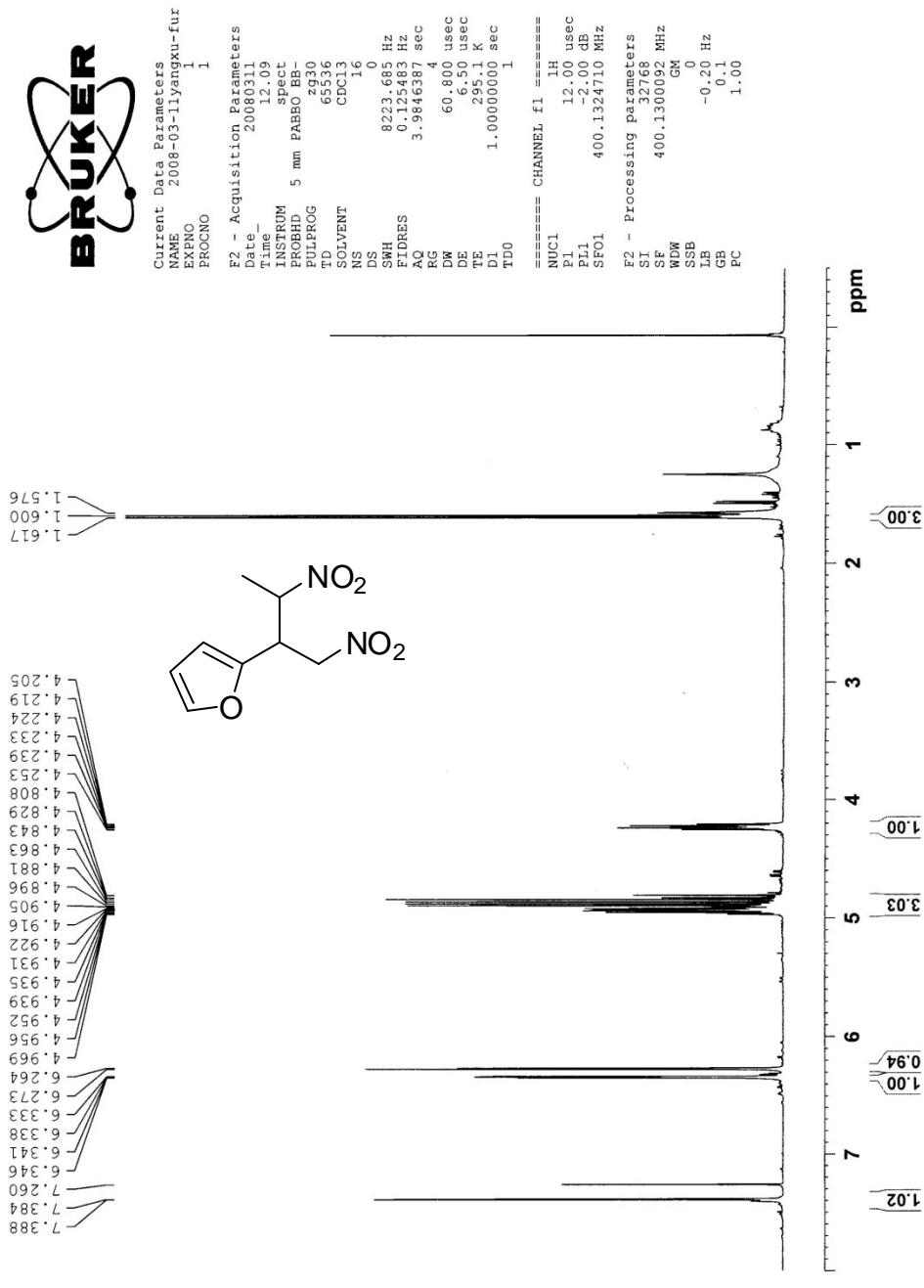
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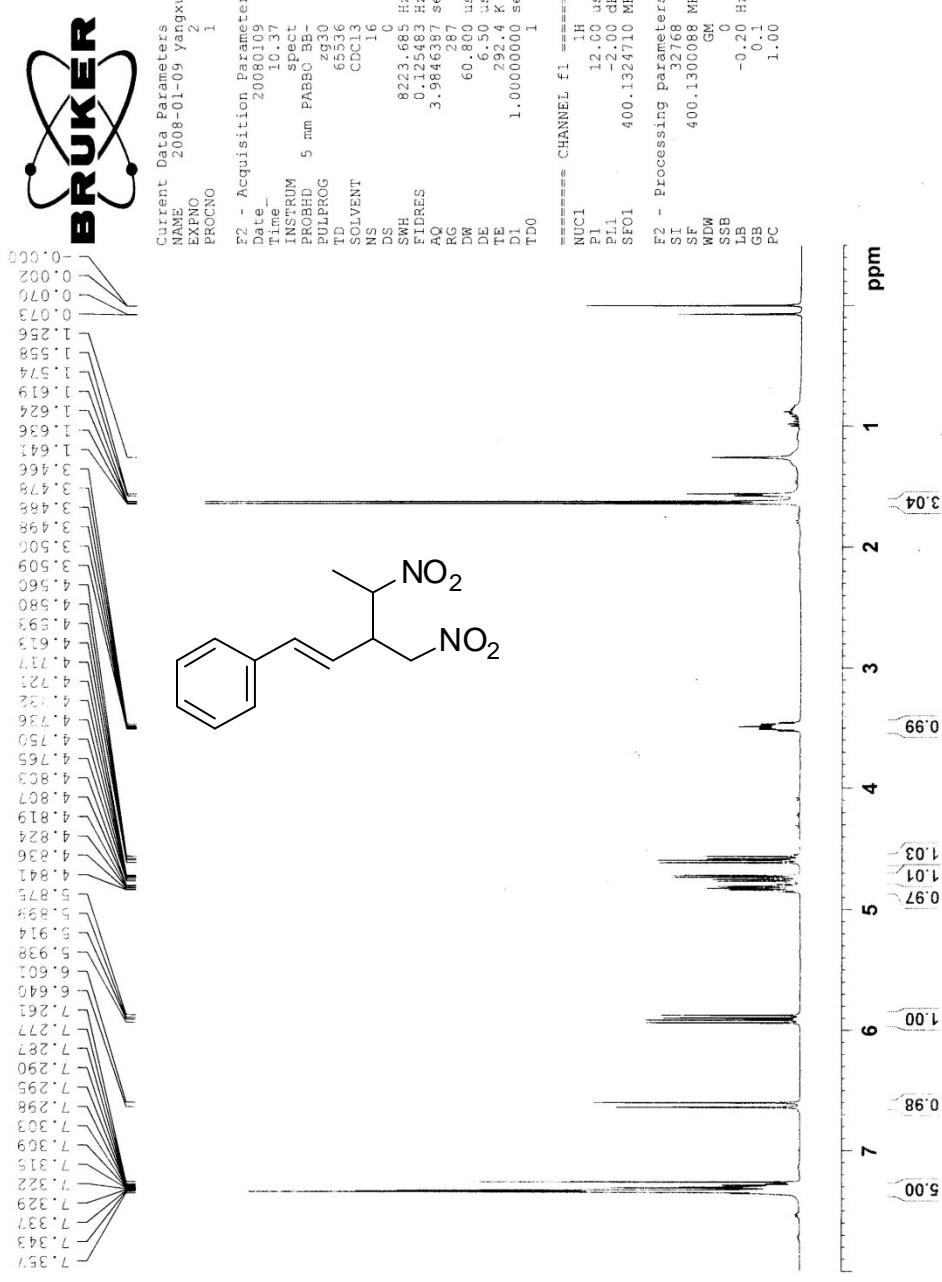
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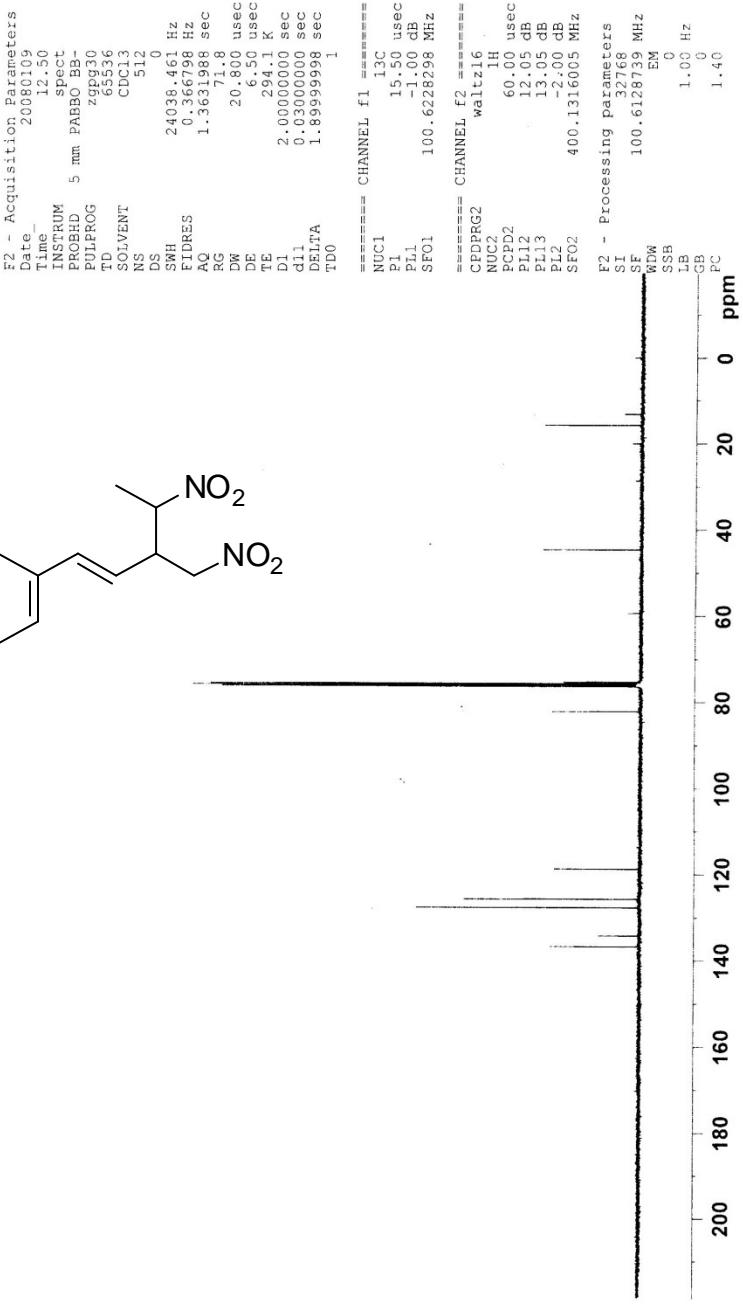








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EXPNO 3
PROCNO 1





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F2 - Acquisition Parameters

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PULPROG zg30
TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 64
DS 0
SWH 8223.685 Hz
ETDRES 0.125483 Hz
AQ 3.9886387 sec
RG 256
DW 60.800 usec
DE 6.30 usec
TE 296.4 K
D1 1.0000000 sec
TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====

N1C1 1H
P1 12.00 usec
PL1 -2.00 dB
SF01 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters

SI 32768
SF 400.1300092 MHz
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 0.30 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.00

