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**Diphenylprolinol silyl ether as an efficient organocatalyst for the asymmetric
Michael reaction of aldehydes and nitroalkenes**

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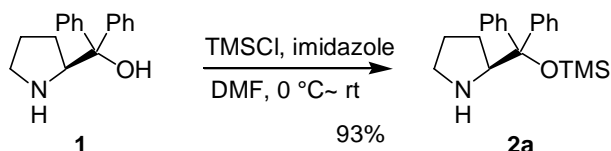
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Experimental Section

General Remarks. All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere and monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Merck 60 F₂₅₄ precoated silica gel plates (0.25 mm thickness). Specific optical rotations were measured using a JASCO P-1020 polarimeter. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-720 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM400 (400 MHz) instrument. High-resolution mass spectral analyses (HRMS) were carried out using JEOL JMS-SX 102A. Preparative thin layer chromatography was performed using Wakogel B-5F purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Tokyo, Japan. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60N of Kanto Chemical Co. Int., Tokyo, Japan.

Procedures for preparation of diphenylprolinol silyl ether organocatalysts.

(S)-(Diphenyltrimethylsiloxymethyl)-pyrrolidine (2a)



To a DMF (13.9 ml) solution of diphenylprolinol **1** (3.5 g, 13.9 mmol) and imidazole (3.8 g, 55.5 mmol) was added TMSCl (5.1 ml, 41.7 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 17 h at room temperature and quenched with pH 7.0 phosphate buffer at 0 °C. The organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate three times and the combined organic phases were washed with brine three times. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. Purification by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane = 1:7 ~ 1:3) gave **2a** in 93% yield.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ -0.13 (9H, s), 1.28-1.41 (1H, m), 1.47-1.61 (3H, m), 2.71-2.88 (2H, m), 4.01 (1H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 7.14-7.28 (6H, m), 7.29-7.35 (2H, d), 7.39-7.45 (2H, m);

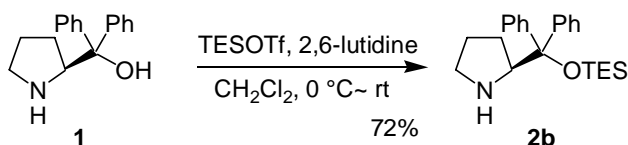
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.1, 25.0, 27.4, 47.1, 65.3, 83.1, 126.7, 126.9, 127.5, 128.4, 145.7, 146.7;

IR (neat) ν 2954, 1491, 1446, 1250, 1072, 879, 839 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (FAB) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₈ONSi: 326.1940, found: 326.1967;

[α]_D³³ -52.4 (*c*=1.04, CHCl₃).

(S)-(Diphenyltriethylsiloxymethyl)-pyrrolidine (2b)



To a CH₂Cl₂ (1.2 ml) solution of diphenylprolinol **1** (300 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added 2,6-lutidine (1.2 ml, 8.3 mmol) and TESOTf (1.3 ml, 5.9 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature and quenched with aq. NH₄Cl and the

organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. To the organic materials was added MeOH and aq. NaHCO_3 at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at that temperature. The organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. Purification by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane=1:100 ~ 1:3) gave **2b** in 72% yield.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.33 (6H, q, $J=7.9$ Hz), 0.83 (9H, t, $J=7.9$ Hz), 1.16-1.28 (1H, m), 1.43-1.60 (3H, m), 2.62-2.71 (1H, m), 2.79 (1H, dt, $J_d=9.9$ Hz, $J_t=6.1$ Hz), 4.00 (1H, t, $J=7.2$ Hz), 7.16-7.28 (6H, m), 7.30-7.37 (2H, m), 7.42-7.49 (2H, m);

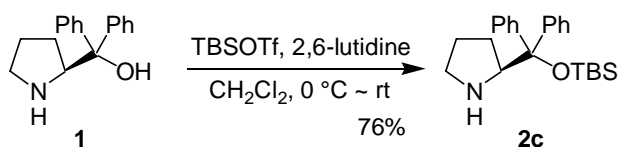
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 6.5, 7.2, 25.1, 27.7, 47.2, 65.6, 82.9, 126.88, 126.92, 127.3, 127.5, 128.0, 128.8, 145.5, 146.6;

IR (neat) ν 2954, 2875, 1491, 1446, 1238, 1070, 740, 725, 701 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (FAB) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{ONSi}$: 368.2410, found: 368.2415;

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{30}$ -48.4 ($c=0.097$, CHCl_3).

(S)-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy)-diphenylmethyl]-pyrrolidine (2c**)**



To a CH_2Cl_2 (1.2 ml) solution of diphenylprolinol **1** (300 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added 2,6-lutidine (1.2 ml, 8.3 mmol) and TBSOTf (1.4 ml, 5.9 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature and quenched with aq. NH_4Cl . The organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. Then to the organic materials was added MeOH and aq. NaHCO_3 at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at that temperature. The organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo after filtration. Purification by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane=1:100 ~ 1:3) gave **2c** in 76% yield.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ -0.47 (3H, s), -0.24 (3H, s), 0.93 (9H, s), 1.12-1.28 (1H, m), 1.43-1.61 (3H, m), 2.62-2.72 (1H, m), 2.79 (1H, dt, $J_d=10.1$, $J_t=6.6$), 3.99 (1H, t, $J=7.3$ Hz), 7.17-7.38 (6H, m), 7.31-7.36 (2H, m), 7.47-7.53 (2H, m);

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ -3.3, -2.7, 19.0, 25.0, 26.3, 27.8, 47.1, 65.6, 83.0, 127.0, 127.2, 127.6, 128.3, 129.2, 145.2, 146.4;

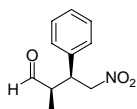
IR (neat) ν 2954, 2927, 2856, 1493, 1471, 1446, 1252, 1066, 835, 775, 702 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (FAB) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{ONSi}$: 368.2410, found: 368.2415;

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{32}$ -34.4 ($c=0.198$, CHCl_3).

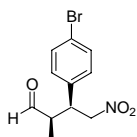
General procedure (Typical procedure for a Michael reaction): To a hexane solution of the nitroolefin (1.0 mmol) and **2a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added an aldehyde (10 mmol) at the temperature indicated in Table 2. After stirring the reaction mixture at that temperature, the reaction was quenched by the addition of aq. 1N HCl. Organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by preparative TLC (chloroform) to afford the Michael adduct.

(2*R*, 3*S*)-2-Methyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanal



Title compound was prepared from (*E*)- β -nitrostyrene and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a OD-H column at 237 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:10), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 18.5 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 14.3 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.^{1,2,4)}

(2*R*, 3*S*)-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-4-nitrobutyraldehyde



Title compound was prepared from 1-bromo-4-(2-nitrovinyl)-benzene and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a AD-H column at 240 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 9.6 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 12.6 min.

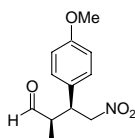
Since the diastereomixture was difficult to separate, *syn:anti* ratio (95:5) was determined by 400 MHz ¹H-NMR.

Major diastereomer: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (3H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 2.67-2.81 (1H, m), 3.71-3.81 (1H, m), 4.57-4.80 (2H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.45 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 9.67 (1H, d, *J*=1.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 12.2, 43.5, 48.2, 122.2, 129.7, 129.8, 132.3, 135.6, 201.8.

Minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.19 (3H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz), 2.67-2.81 (1H, m), 3.71-3.82 (1H, m), 4.57-4.80 (2H, m), 7.07 (1H, d, $J=8.4$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, d, $J=8.4$ Hz), 9.51 (1H, d, $J=1.2$ Hz);

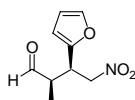
HRMS (FAB) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{N}_1\text{Br}_1$: 286.0079, found: 286.0093

(2*R*, 3*S*)-2-methyl-4-nitro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-butanal



Title compound was prepared from 1-methoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)-benzene and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a AS-H column at 241 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min, major enantiomer t_r = 21.7 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.⁴⁾

(2*R*, 3*S*)-3-Furyl-2-methyl-4-nitrobutanal



Title compound was prepared from 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-furan and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a IA column at 265 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer t_r = 14.4 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min.

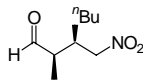
Since the diastereomeric mixture was difficult to separate, *syn:anti* ratio (94:6) was determined by 400 MHz ^1H -NMR.

Major diastereomer: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.30 (3H, d, $J=7.2$ Hz), 2.97-3.11 (1H, m), 4.31 (1H, m), 4.88-5.02 (2H, m), 6.37-6.45 (1H, m), 6.51-6.56 (1H, m), 7.58 (1H, d, $J=1.7$ Hz), 9.93 (1H, d, $J=1.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 11.0, 37.6, 47.0, 75.8, 108.8, 110.4, 142.7, 149.8, 201.6;

Minor diastereomer: 1.45 (1H, d, $J=7.4$ Hz), 4.19-4.26 (1H, m), 4.88-5.02 (2H, m), 6.37-6.45 (1H, m), 6.51-6.56 (1H, m), 7.48 (1H, d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 9.86 (1H, d, $J=1.4$ Hz);

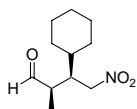
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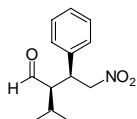
Title compound was prepared from 1-nitrohex-1-ene and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a IA column at 210 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 7.2 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 7.5 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.⁴⁾

(2*R*, 3*R*)-3-Cyclohexyl-2-methyl-4-nitro-butanal



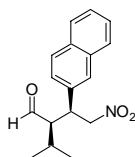
Title compound was prepared from (2-nitrovinyl)-cyclohexane and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a AS-H column at 210 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:40), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 6.7 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 6.4 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.⁴⁾

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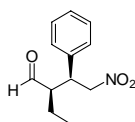
Title compound was prepared from (*E*)- β -nitrostyrene and isovaleraldehyde according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a AD-H column at 281 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 5.9 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 6.4 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.^{1,2,4)}

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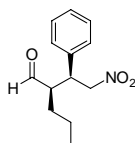
Title compound was prepared from 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-naphthalene and propanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a OD-H column at 292 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 22.9 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 13.7 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.¹⁾

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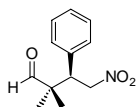
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(2*R*)-((*S*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-pentanal



Title compound was prepared from (*E*)- β -nitrostyrene and hexanal according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a OD-H column at 220 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:20), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 14.0 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 10.7 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.^{2,4,5)}

(*R*)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-nitrophenylbutanal

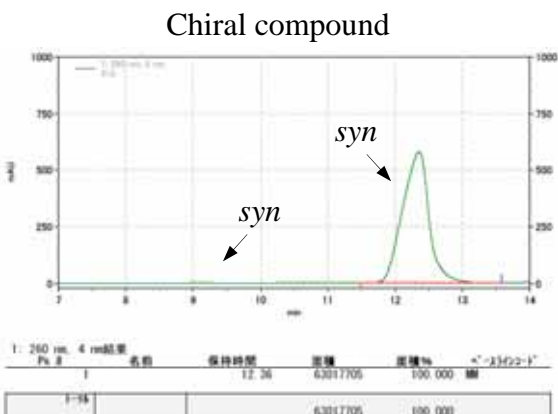
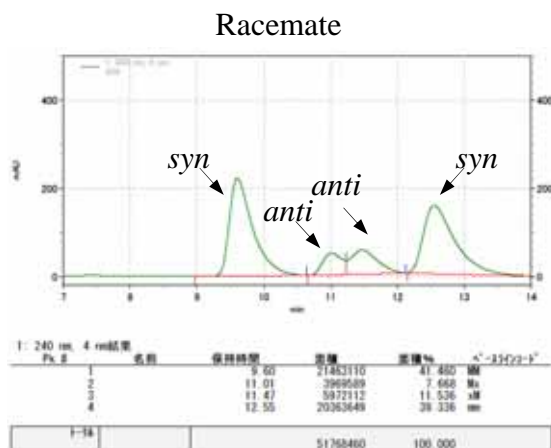
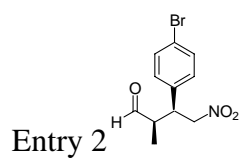
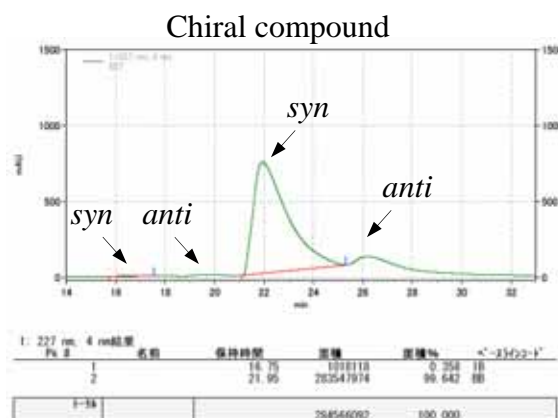
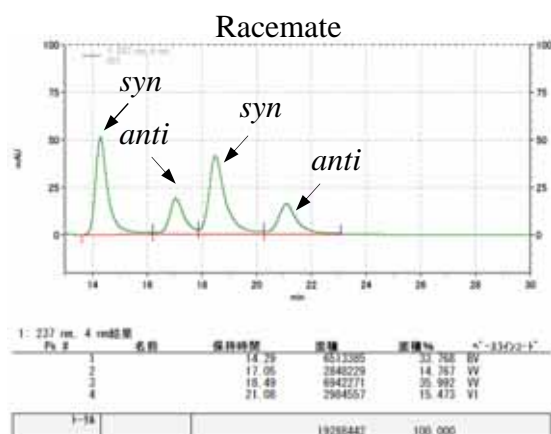
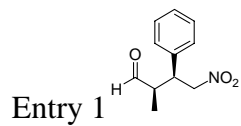


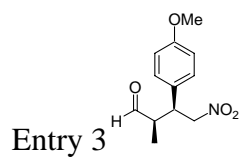
Title compound was prepared from (*E*)- β -nitrostyrene and isobutyraldehyde according to General Procedure. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a AS-H column at 220 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:10), 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 6.6 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 6.2 min. Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the published data.^{3,4,5)}

Procedure for a Michael reaction with methylvinylketone: To **2a** (24.9 mg, 0.077 mmol) was added methylvinylketone (207 μ l, 2.55 mmol) and 3-phenylpropanal (33.5 μ l, 0.26 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring the reaction mixture for 72 h at room temperature, excess methylvinylketone was azeotropically removed with toluene from the reaction mixture. To the residue was added NaBH₄ (48.2 mg, 1.275 mmol) and MeOH (1.0 ml) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with aq. 1N HCl. The organic materials were salted out with ethyl acetate five times. The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by preparative TLC (ethyl acetate:hexane=3:1) to afford the reduced Michael adducts as a colorless oil (52%, 97% *ee*). The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a IA column at 220 nm (2-propanol:hexane = 1:40), 0.5 mL/min; major enantiomer *tr* = 85.9, 89.7 min, minor enantiomer *tr* = 94.9, 100.4 min.

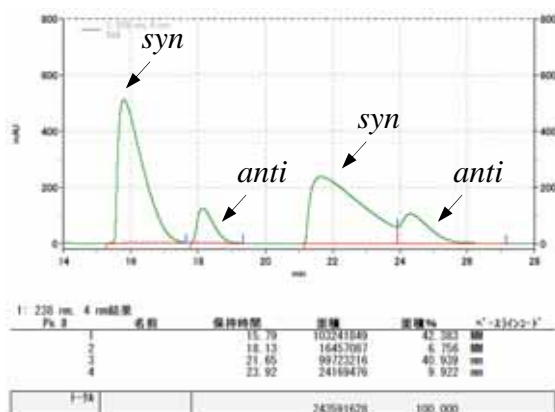
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HPLC-chromatograms

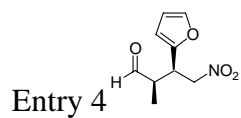
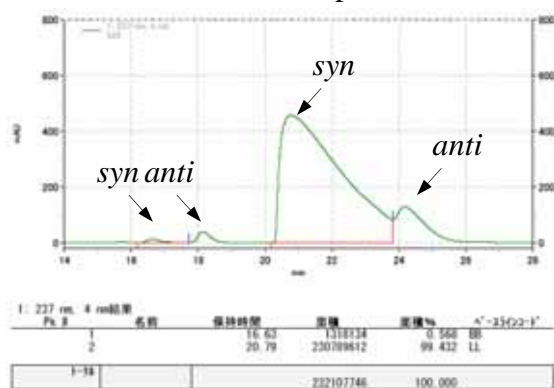




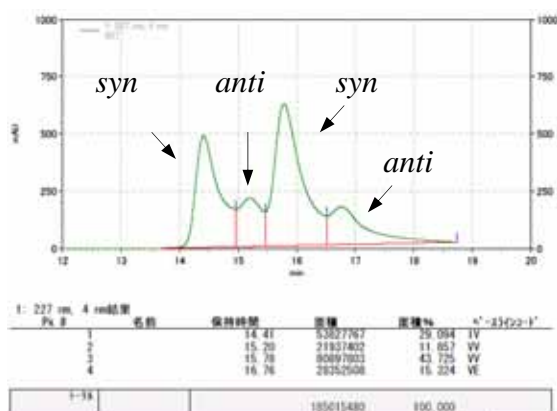
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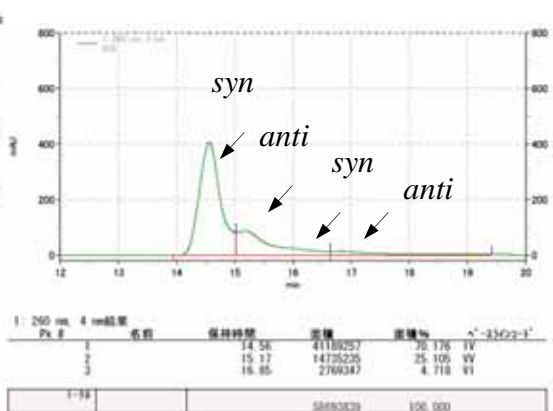
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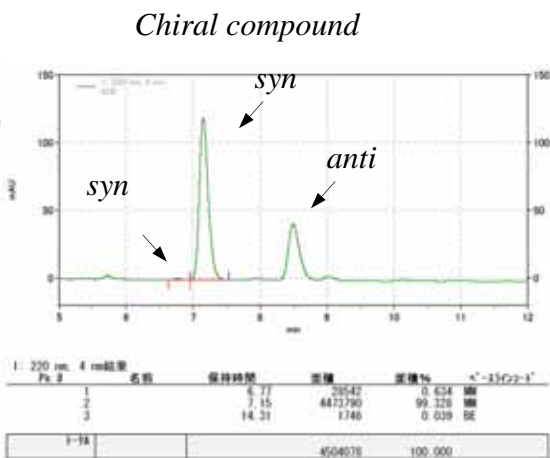
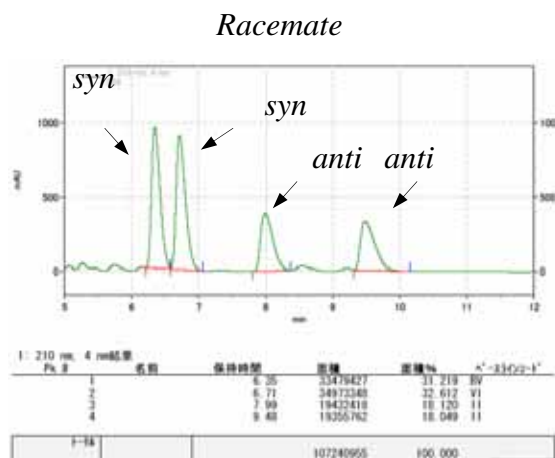
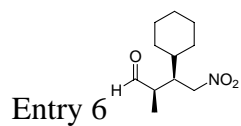
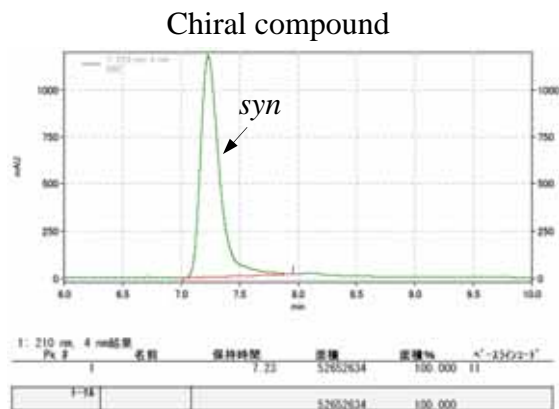
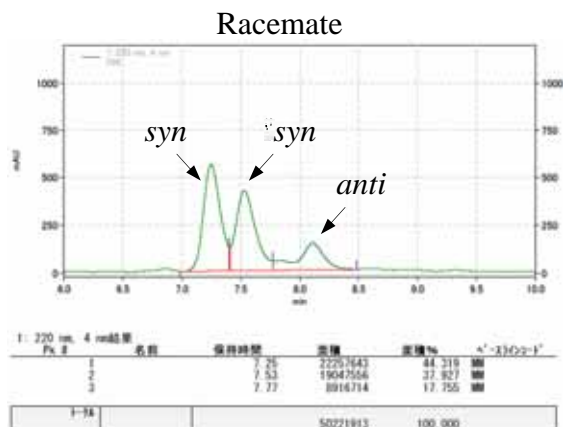
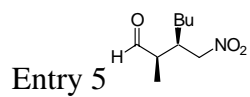


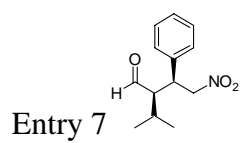
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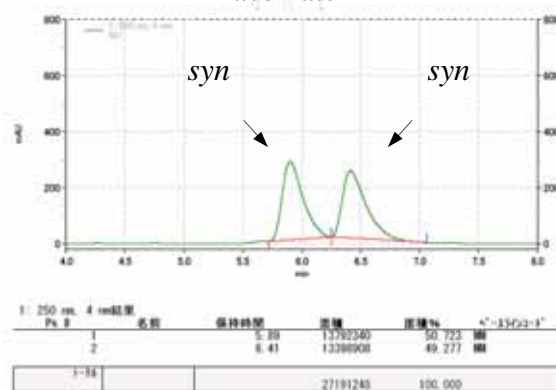
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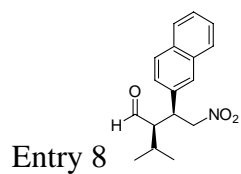
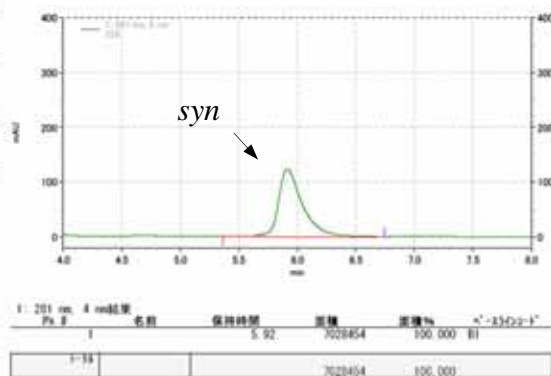




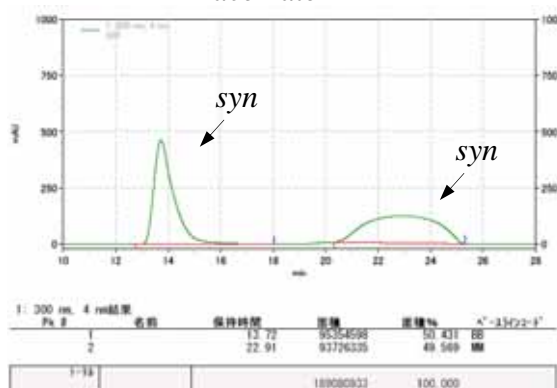
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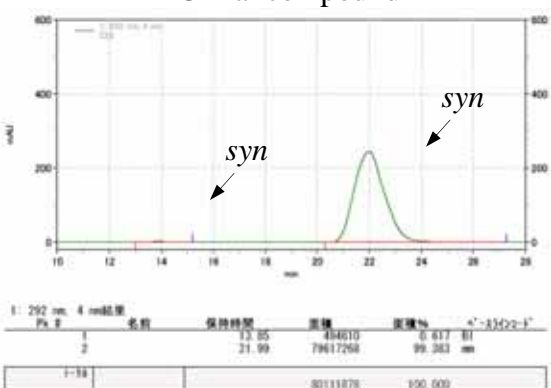
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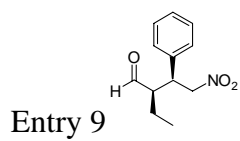


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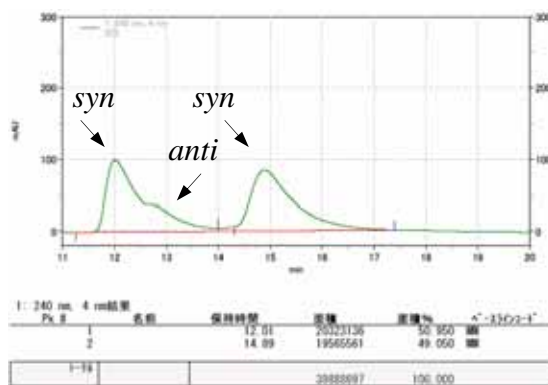


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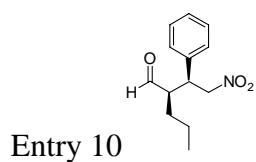
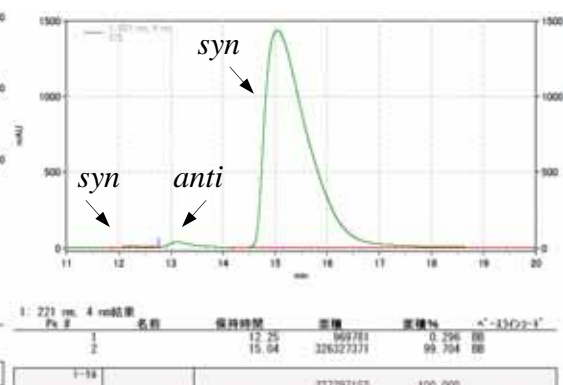




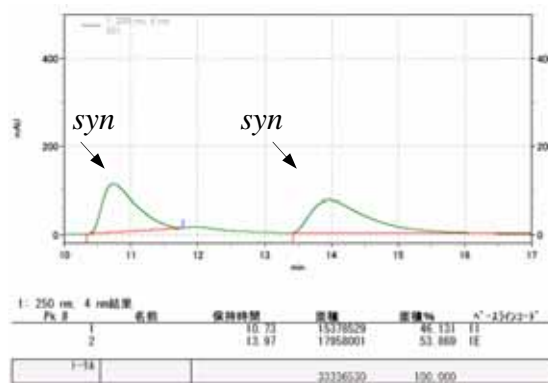
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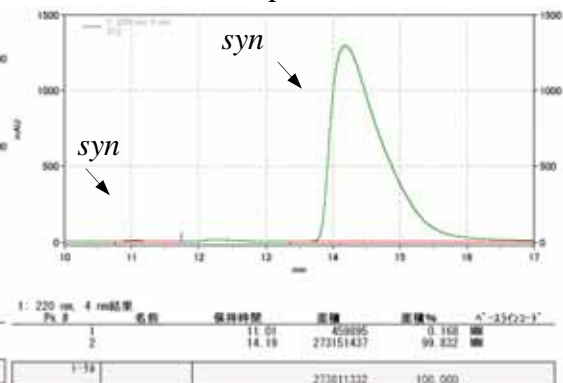
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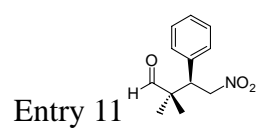


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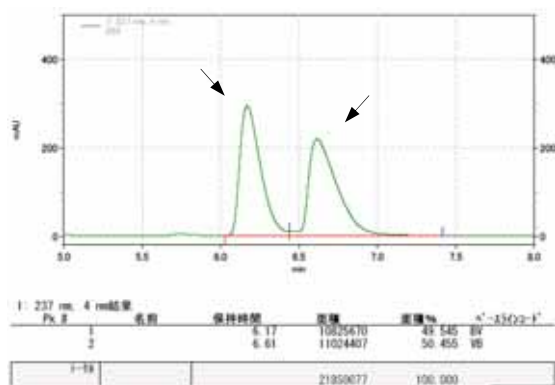


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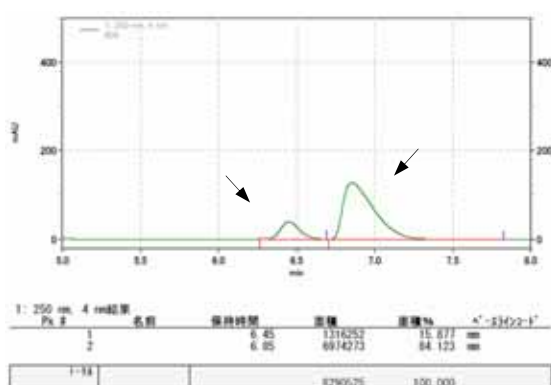


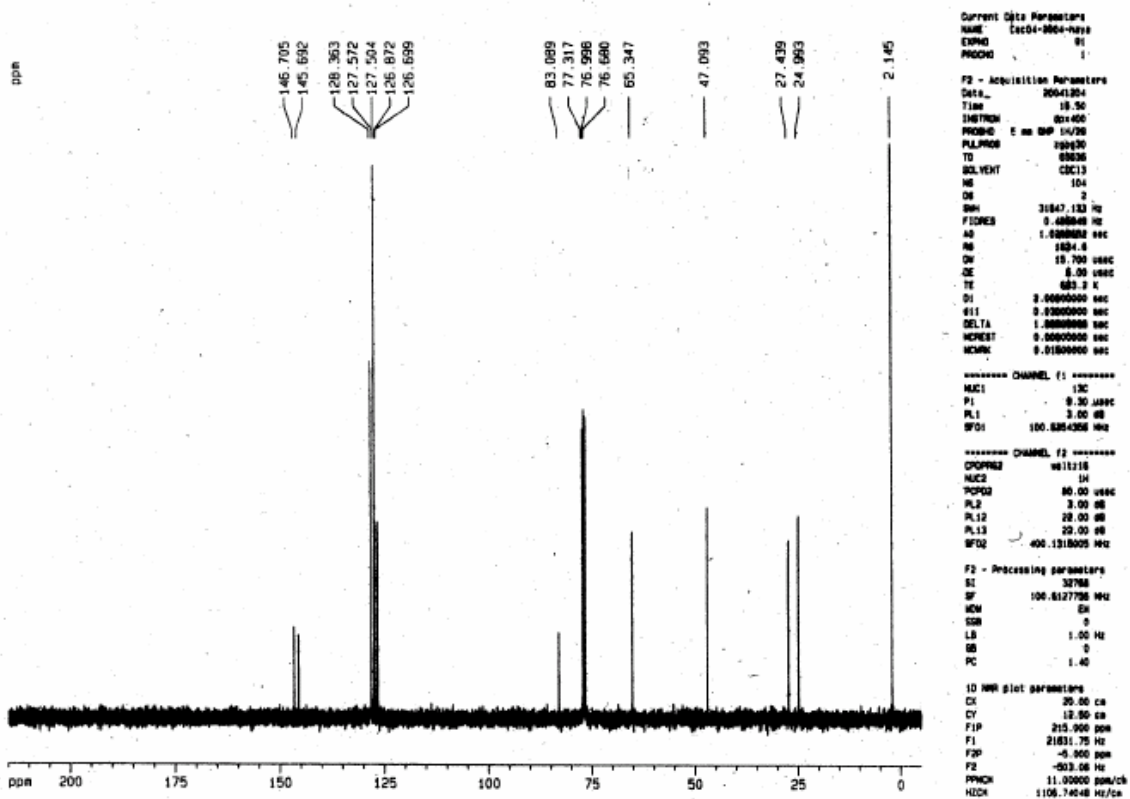
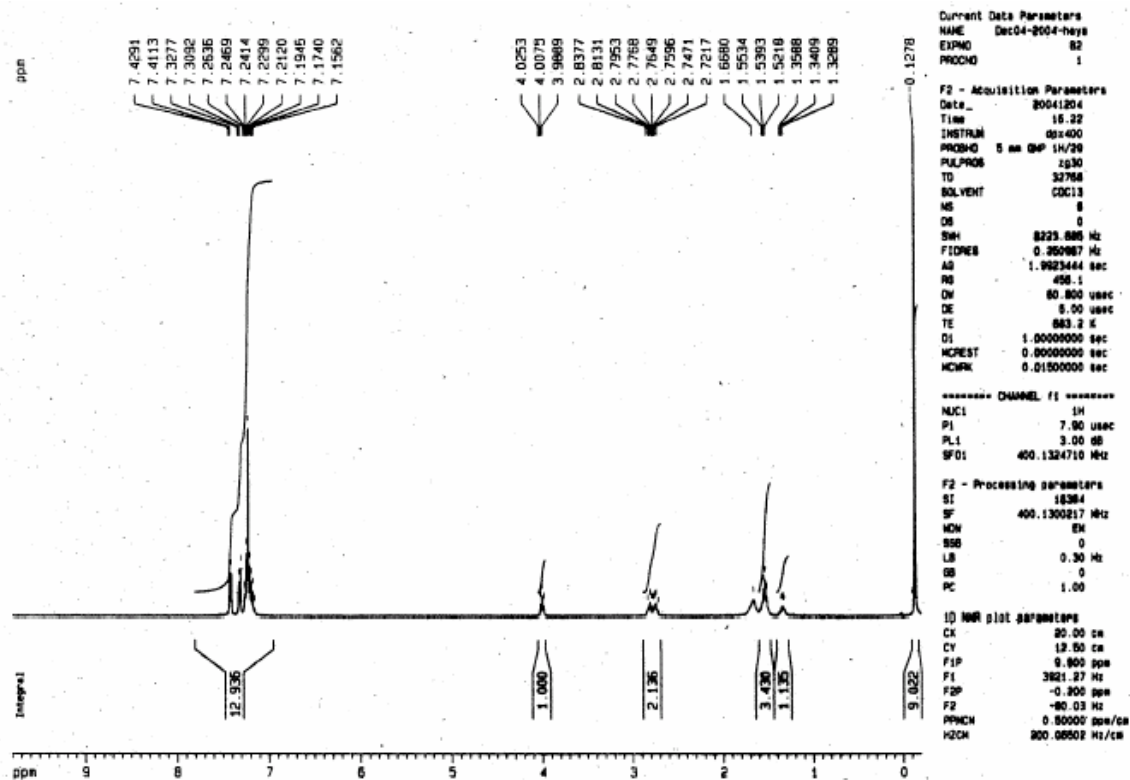
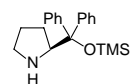


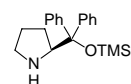
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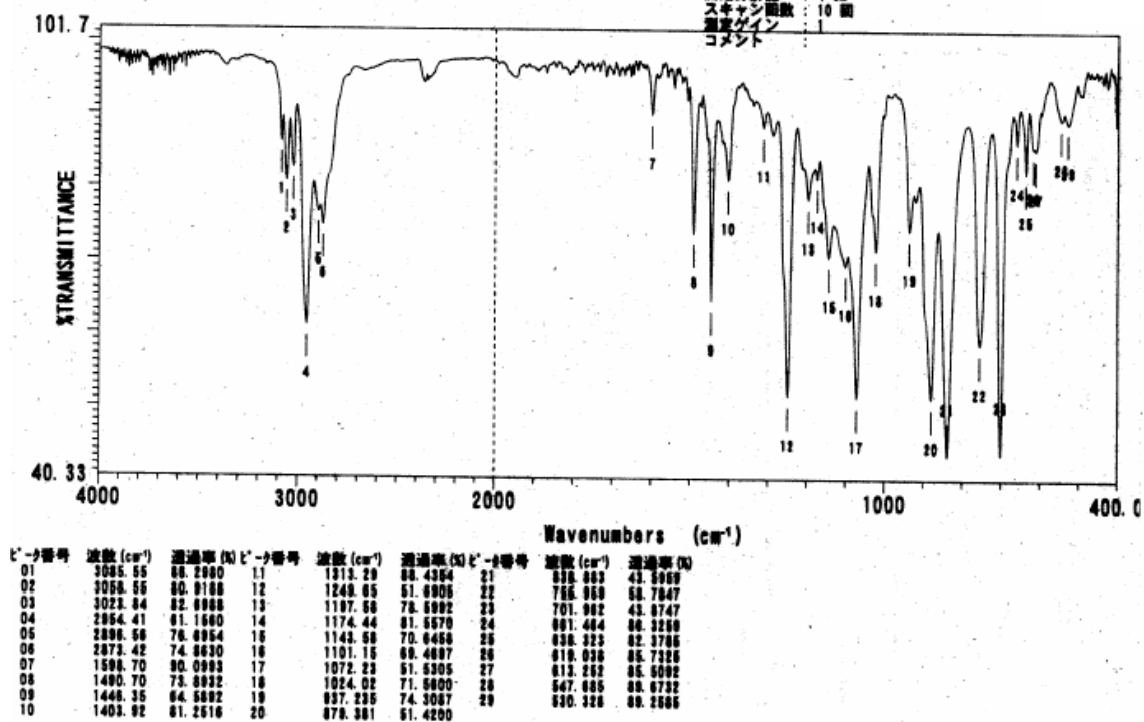


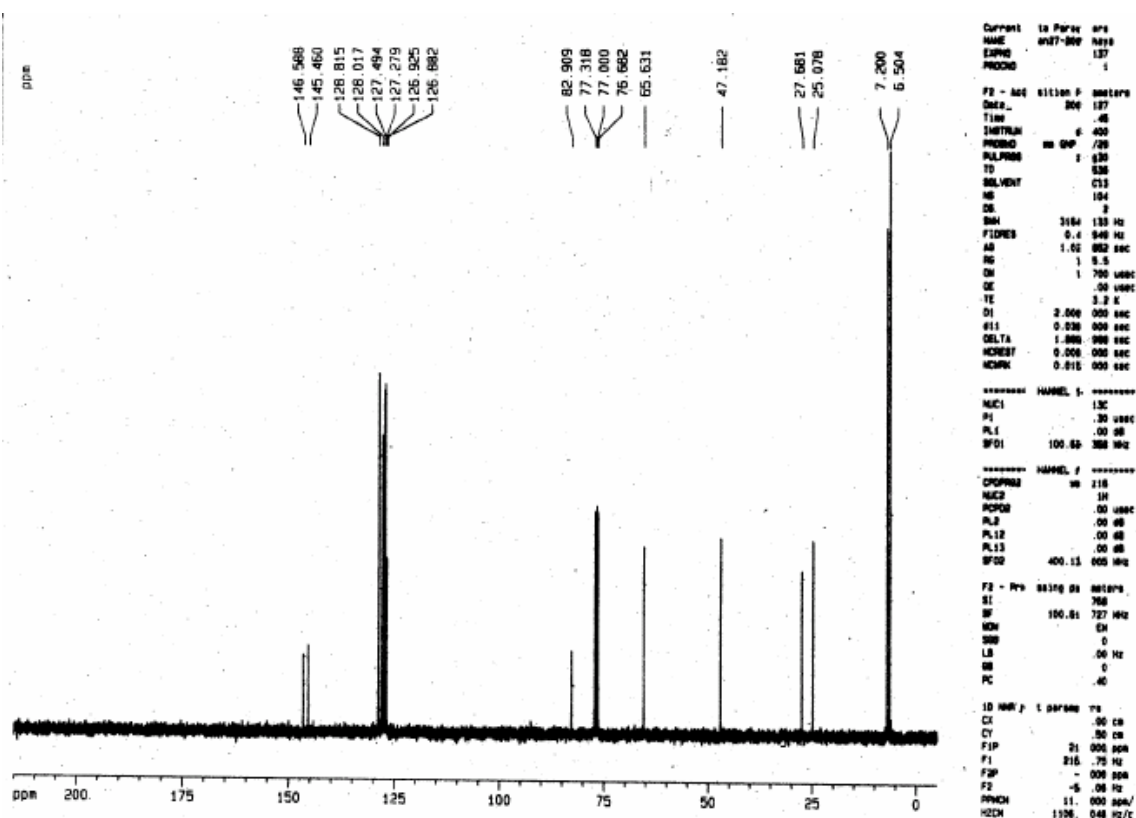
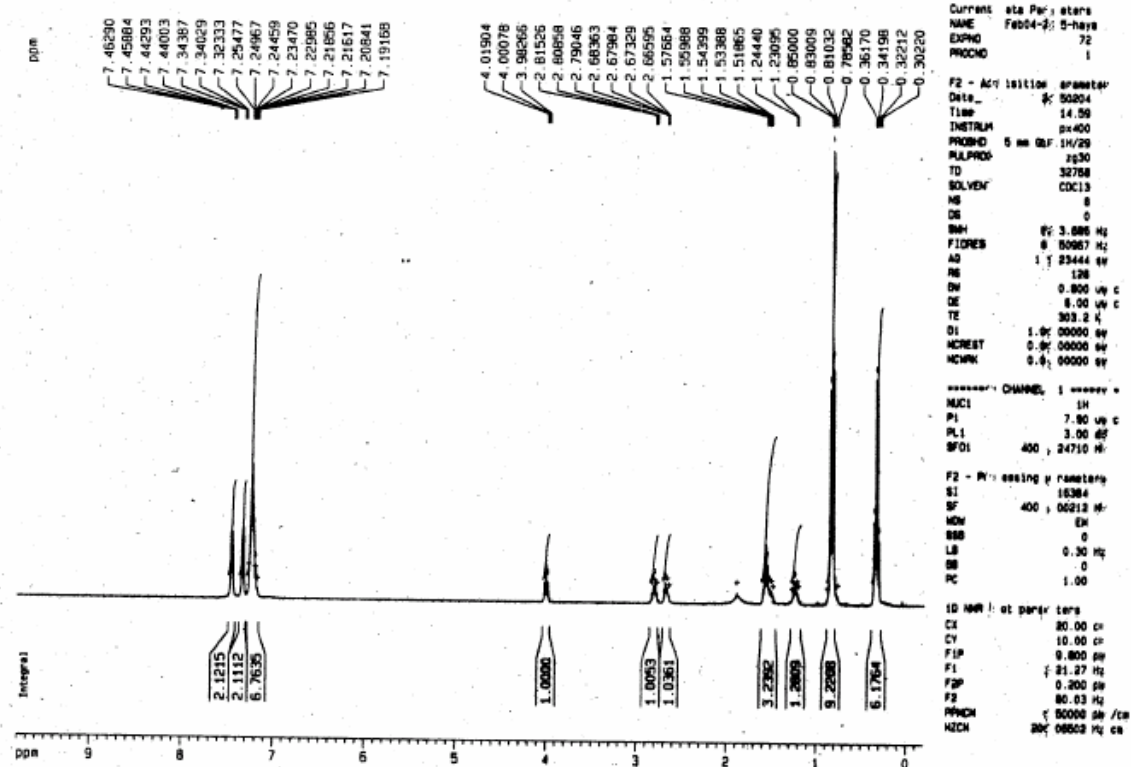
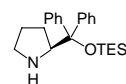


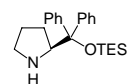


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FTIR system for Windows

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スキャン回数 10 回
測定ゲイン 1
コメント

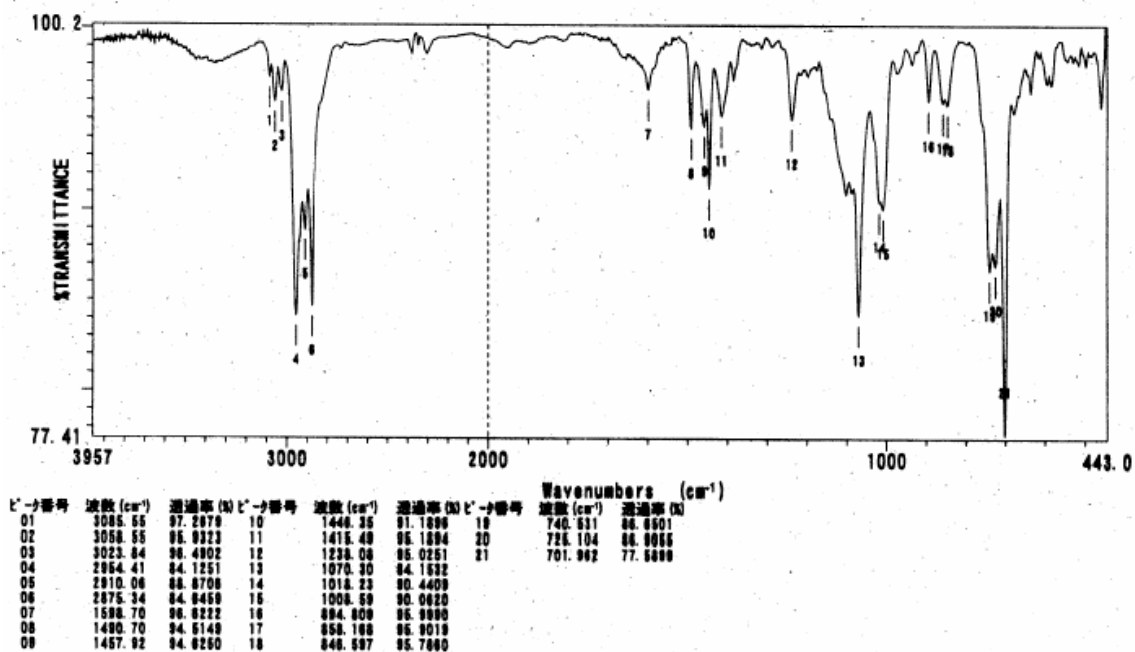


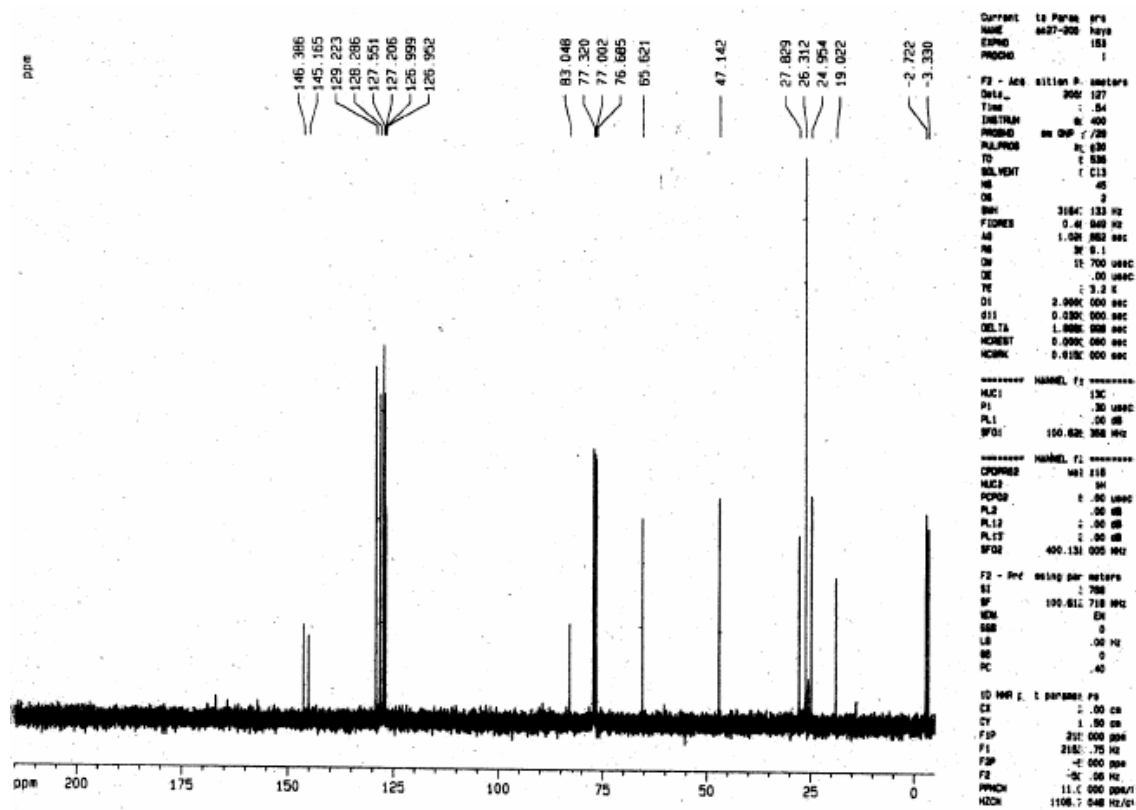
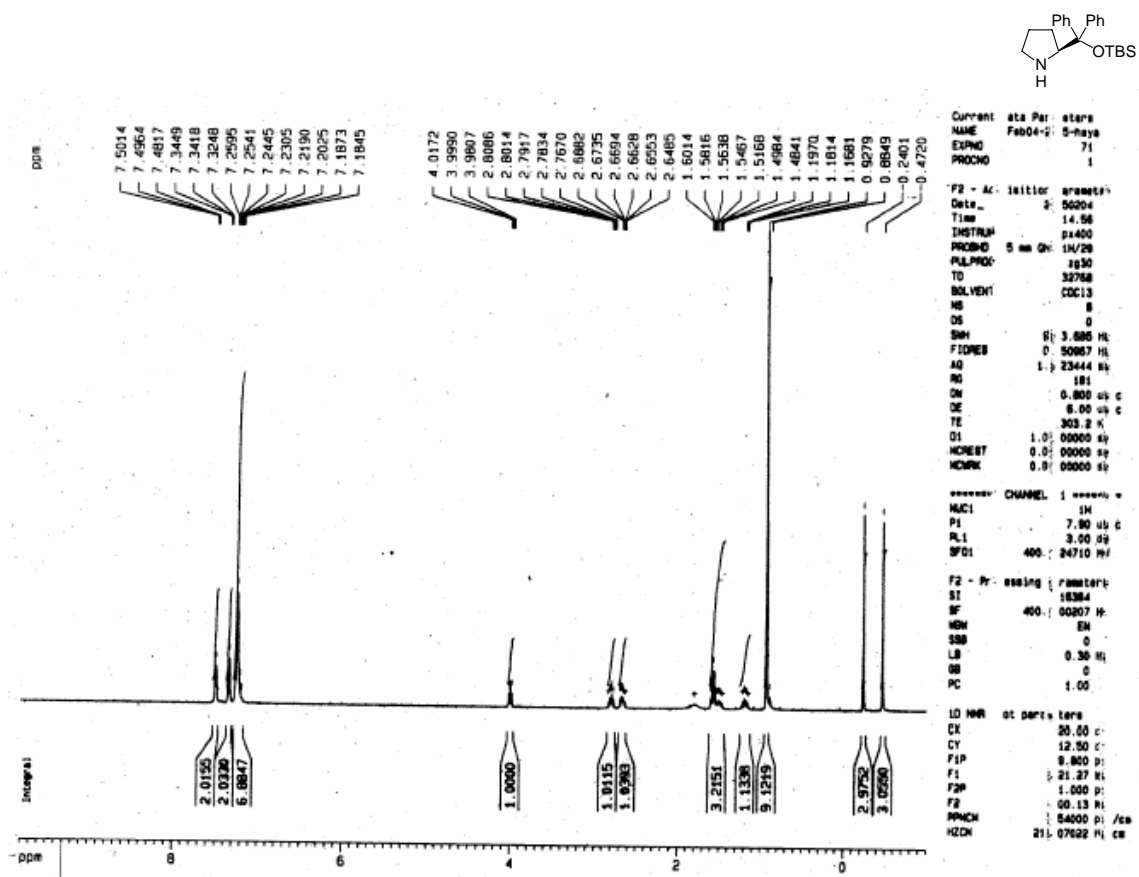


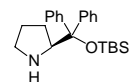


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FTIR system for Windows

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スキャン回数 : 10 回
測定ゲイン : 1

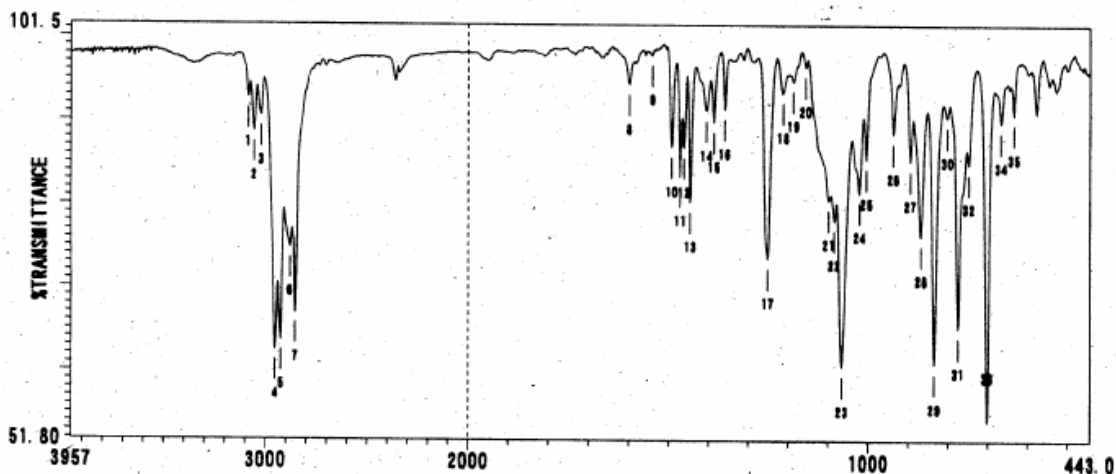




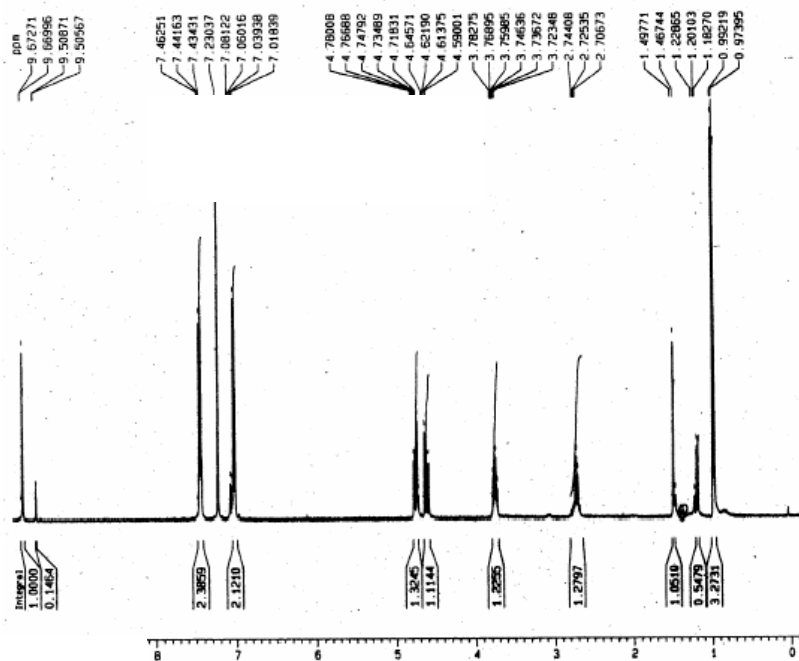
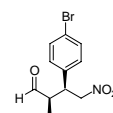


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FTIR system for Windows

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測定日時 : 2005年01月31日 21時50分20秒
測定分解能 : 4 cm⁻¹
スキャン回数 : 10 回
測定ゲイン : 1



ピーク番号	波数 (cm ⁻¹)	透過率 (%)	ピーク番号	波数 (cm ⁻¹)	透過率 (%)	ピーク番号	波数 (cm ⁻¹)	透過率 (%)	ピーク番号	波数 (cm ⁻¹)	透過率 (%)
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PROCNO 1

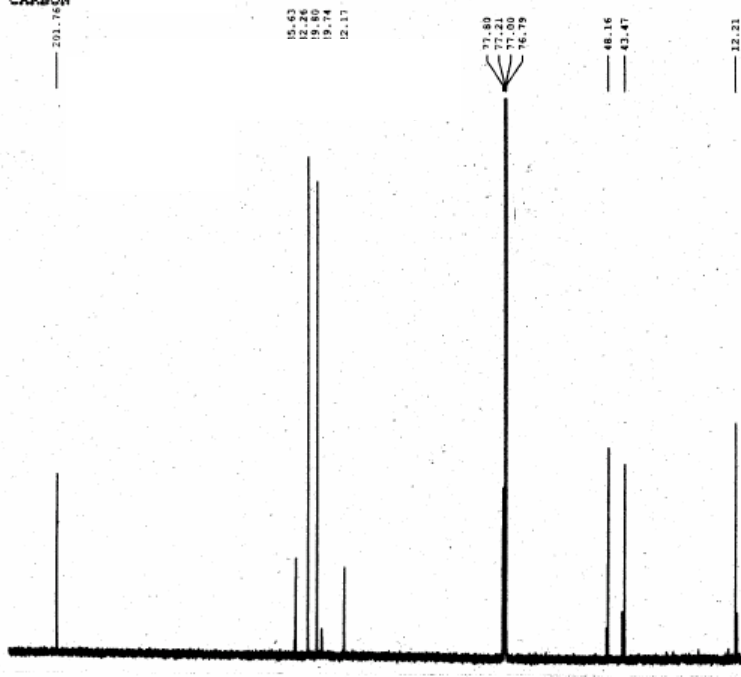
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SWH 8223.585 Hz
FIDRES 0.25087 Hz
AQ 1.9023444 sec
RG 574.7
DM 82.800 usec
DE 6.00 usec
TE 303.2 K
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MCREST 0.00000000 sec
MCWRR 0.01000000 sec

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P1 7.80 usec
PL1 0.00 dB
SFO1 400.1364710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI 16384
SF 400.1300212 MHz
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 0.30 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.00

10 MHz p1 parameters
CX 20.00 cm
CY 12.00 cm
FIP 0.800 usec
F1 3981.27 Hz
F2P -0.200 usec
F2 -80.03 Hz
PRCM 0.80000 usec/cm
H2CH 800.06502 Hz/cm

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Current Data Parameters
NAME Jan13-2005
EXPNO 14
PROCNO 1

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RG 10321.3
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DE 50.00 usec
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d11 0.03000000 sec
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
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P1 10.00 usec
PL1 -4.50 dB
SFO1 150.9178988 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG2 waltz16
NUC2 1H
PCPD2 80.00 usec
PL2 -5.00 dB
PL12 8.74 dB
PL13 8.74 dB
SFO2 600.1324005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI 32768
SF 150.9028137 MHz
WDW EM
GB 0

