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Germanium(II)-Mediated Reductive Mannich-Type Reaction of α -Bromoketones to *N*-Alkylimines

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General. All reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under N₂ atmosphere and stirred via magnetic stir-plates. IR spectra were recorded as thin films or as solids in KBr pellets. ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were obtained with TMS as internal standard. ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of compounds were assigned by using HMQC, HMBC, COSY, and ¹³C off-resonance techniques. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Fuji Sylisia FL100DX). Yields were determined by ¹H NMR using internal standards.

Materials.

Dehydrated CH₂Cl₂ (stabilized with 2-methyl-2-butene) was used as obtained. GeCl₂-dioxane was prepared according to the literature method.^[1] Zn, SmI₂ (0.1M solution in THF), and SnCl₂ were commercially available, and used as obtained. All catalysts in Table 1 were commercially available. Bromoketone **4c**, Imine **1a-b**, and **1f** were commercially available, and used as obtained. All other reagents and starting materials, unless otherwise noted, were commercially available and used as obtained.

Preparation of imines. Imines **1c-e**, and **1g-i** were prepared according to the reported method^[2] with slight modification. Imines **1j** and **1k** were prepared according to the literature method.^[3]

N-Methylimines **1c-e**; general procedure.

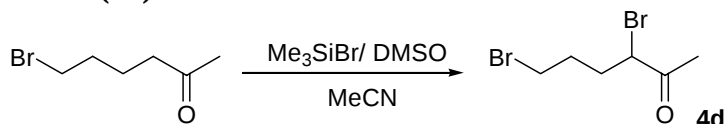
Methylamine (100 mmol, commercially available as 2M MeOH solution) was slowly added for 60 min to a stirred suspension of the aldehyde (65 mmol) and MS 3Å (20 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered off, evaporated, and crude product was purified by distillation (**1d-1e**) or recrystallization in toluene/ hexane (**1c**).

N-Methylimines **1g-i**; general procedure.

The amine (105 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was slowly added for 30 min to a stirred suspension of the aldehyde (100 mmol) and MgSO₄ (30 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (75 mL) at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered off, evaporated, and crude product was purified by distillation.

Preparation of bromoketones. Bromoketones **4a-b** were prepared according to the literature method.^[4]

3,6-Dibromo-2-hexanone (**4d**)^[5]



Me₃SiBr (26 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) was slowly added for 10 min to a stirred solution of 6-bromohexanone^[6] (20 mmol) and DMSO (22 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) at room temperature. After 4 h, the mixture was poured into Et₂O (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et₂O (30 mLx3) and the collected organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by distillation to give the product as a slightly

yellowish liquid. (10.7 mmol, 54%)

Analytical data: bp: 57 °C /0.18 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.28 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H, 6-H₂), 2.39 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 2.26-2.02 (m, 3H, 4-H₂ and 5-H^A), 1.99-1.82 (m, 1H, 5-H^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 201.3 (s, C-2), 53.0 (d, C-3), 32.4 (t, C-6), 31.7 (t, C-4), 30.1 (t, C-5), 26.5 (q, C-1); IR: (neat) 1720 (C=O); MS: (EI, 70 eV) 260 (M⁺ + 4, 0.2), 258 (M⁺ + 2, 0.5), 256 (M⁺, 0.3), 179 (M⁺ + 2 - Br, 15), 177 (M⁺ - Br, 16), 43 (MeCO, 100); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C₆H₁₀Br₂O) 255.9098 (M⁺) Found: 255.9096

Various reductants (Zn, SnCl₂, and SmI₂) mediated reaction of **4a** with **1b**. (Table 1, entries 1-4)

Reaction scheme: **1b** + **4a** $\xrightarrow{\text{Reductant (X equiv)}}$ **5ba**

Entry	Reductant	Solvent	X (equiv)	Condition	Catalyst	Yield [%]
1	Zn	THF	1.5	68 °C, 2 h	none	<1
2	SnCl ₂	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.5	RT, 2 h	none	<1
3	SmI ₂	THF	3.0	-78 °C, 2 h	none	14
4	SmI ₂	THF	3.0	-78 °C to RT, 2 h	none	<1

Zn

3-Bromo-3-methyl-2-butanone **4a** (0.9 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of Zn (0.9 mmol) and *N*-benzylidenemethylamine **1b** (0.6 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at 68 °C for 2 h, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. No aminoketone **5ba** was observed by ¹H NMR.

SnCl₂

3-Bromo-3-methyl-2-butanone **4a** (0.9 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of SnCl₂ (0.9 mmol) and *N*-benzylidenemethylamine **1b** (0.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. No aminoketone **5ba** was observed by ¹H NMR.

SmI₂ (-78 °C, 2 h)

SmI₂ (1.8 mmol, 0.1M solution in THF) was slowly added to a stirred solution of 3-bromo-3-methyl-2-butanone **4a** (0.9 mmol) and *N*-benzylidenemethylamine **1b** (0.6 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to yield the product **5ba** in 14%.

SmI₂ (-78 °C to room temperature, 2 h)

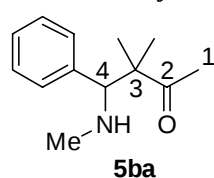
SmI₂ (1.8 mmol, 0.1M solution in THF) was slowly added to a stirred solution of 3-bromo-3-methyl-2-butanone **4a** (0.9 mmol) and *N*-benzylidenemethylamine **1b** (0.6 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78 °C. After 30 min, the addition was completed, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. No aminoketone **5ba** was observed by ¹H NMR.

General procedure. (Table 2, entry 1)

3-Bromo-3-methyl-2-butanone **4a** (4.6 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of *N*-benzylidenemethylamine **1b** (3.1 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.3 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane 100 mL, hexane/EtOAc = 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL), 70/30 (100 mL), and 60/40 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ba** as a colorless solid (2.61 mmol, 84%).

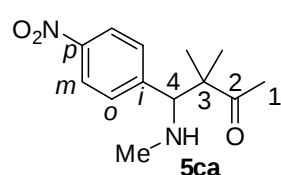
Characterization of β-aminoketones

3,3-Dimethyl-4-(methylamino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (**5ba**)



Analytical data: mp: 74-77 °C; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 3.81 (s, 1H, 4-H), 2.21 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 2.18 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.50 (brs, 1H, NH), 1.02 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.96 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.3 (s, C-2), 138.5 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.8 (d, *o*-Ph), 127.7 (d, *m*-Ph), 127.1 (d, *p*-Ph), 70.2 (d, C-4), 52.0 (s, C-3), 34.6 (q, NMe), 25.5 (q, C-1), 23.9 (q, 3-Me^B), 17.8 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (KBr) 3344 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 206 (M⁺ + 1, 33), 175 (M⁺ - NHMe, 17), 120 (PhCHNHMe, 100); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₃H₂₀NO) 206.1545 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 206.1543; Analysis: C₁₃H₁₉NO Calcd: C, 76.06; H, 9.33; N, 6.82 Found: C, 75.99; H, 9.22; N, 6.80

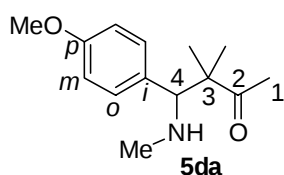
3,3-Dimethyl-4-(methylamino)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)butan-2-one (**5ca**)



Bromoketone **4a** (2.76 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1c** (1.81 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.18 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (2.70 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (50 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (86%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (200 mL) and then 50/50 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ca** as a yellow solid (1.43 mmol, 79%).

Analytical data: mp: 118-121 °C; ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 8.21 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.46 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 3.95 (s, 1H, 4-H), 2.22 (s, 3H, 1- H_3), 2.18 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.54 (brs, 1H, NH), 1.05 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.98 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 212.6 (s, C-2), 147.2 (s), 147.1 (s), 129.8 (d, *o*-Ph), 123.0 (d, *m*-Ph), 69.8 (d, C-4), 51.8 (s, C-3), 34.7 (q, NMe), 25.8 (q, C-1), 23.9 (q, 3-Me^B), 18.2 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (KBr) 3344 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 251 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 25), 165 (4- $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNHMe}$, 100), 87 (24); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$) 251.1396 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$); Found: 251.1388; Analysis: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ Calcd: C, 62.38; H, 7.25; N, 11.19 Found: C, 62.42; H, 6.96; N, 11.14

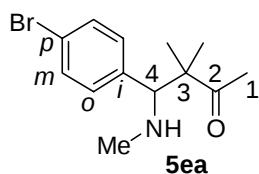
4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-4-(methylamino)butan-2-one (5da)



Bromoketone **4a** (4.51 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1d** (3.02 mmol), $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl_2 -dioxane (4.49 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO_3 (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated to give the crude product (97%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane/ EtOAc , 90/10 (200 mL) and then 50/50 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5da** as a colorless solid (2.52 mmol, 83%).

Analytical data: mp: 50-52 °C; ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.14 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.76 (s, 1H, 4-H), 2.19 (s, 3H, 1- H_3), 2.17 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.50 (brs, 1H, NH), 1.01 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.95 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 213.6 (s, C-2), 158.7 (s, *p*-Ph), 130.4 (s, *i*-Ph), 129.8 (d, *o*-Ph), 113.1 (d, *m*-Ph), 69.6 (d, C-4), 55.1 (q, OMe), 52.2 (s, C-3), 34.6 (q, NMe), 25.6 (q, C-1), 23.9 (q, 3-Me^B), 17.9 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (KBr) 3348 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 236 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 21), 205 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$ - OMe, 20), 150 (4-MeOC₆H₄CHNHMe, 100); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$) 236.1651 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$); Found: 236.1645; Analysis: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ Calcd: C, 71.46; H, 8.99; N, 5.95 Found: C, 71.17; H, 9.28; N, 5.74

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-4-(methylamino)butan-2-one (5ea)

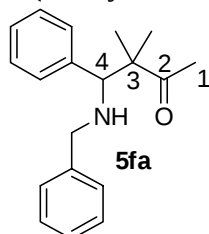


Bromoketone **4a** (4.46 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1e** (2.96 mmol), $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl_2 -dioxane (4.51 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO_3 (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO_4), and evaporated to give the crude product (89%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/ EtOAc , 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ea** as a colorless solid (2.49 mmol, 84%).

Analytical data: mp: 93-95 °C; ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.47 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 3.77 (s, 1H, 4-H), 2.19 (s, 3H, 1- H_3), 2.16 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.49 (brs, 1H, NH), 1.01 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.95 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 213.0 (s, C-2), 137.7 (s, *i*-Ph), 130.8 (d, *o*-Ph), 130.5 (d, *m*-Ph), 120.9 (s, *p*-Ph), 69.6 (d, C-4), 51.8 (s, C-3), 34.5 (q, NMe), 25.6 (q, C-1), 23.8 (q, 3-Me^B), 17.8 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (KBr) 3344 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 286 ($\text{M}^+ + 3$, 38), 284 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 41), 200 (4- $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNHMe}$ + 2, 94), 198

(4-BrC₆H₄CHNHMe, 100), 87 (33); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₃H₁₉BrNO) 284.0650 ($M^+ + 1$); Found: 284.0648; Analysis: C₁₃H₁₈BrNO Calcd: C, 54.94; H, 6.38; N, 4.93; Br, 28.12 Found: C, 54.94; H, 6.21; N, 4.80; Br, 27.96

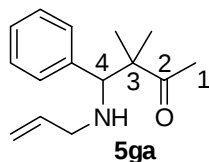
4-(Benzylamino)-3,3-dimethyl-4-phenylbutan-2-one (5fa)



Bromoketone **4a** (4.49 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1f** (2.97 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (96%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5fa** as a pale yellow liquid (2.46 mmol, 83%).

Analytical data: bp: 180 °C /0.3 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 4-Ph(*m*)), 7.33-7.15 (m, 8H, 4-Ph(*o*, *p*) and NCH₂Ph), 3.90 (s, 1H, 4-H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH^A), 3.38 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH^B), 2.08 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.82 (brs, 1H, NH, D₂O-exchangeable), 1.01 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.93 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.2 (s, C-2), 140.0 (s, NCH₂Ph(*i*)), 138.5 (s, 4-Ph(*i*)), 129.0 (d, NCH₂Ph(*o*)), 128.3 (d, 4-Ph(*o*)), 128.1 (d), 127.9 (d), 127.3 (d, 4-Ph(*p*)), 126.9 (d, NCH₂Ph(*p*)), 67.0 (d, C-4), 52.0 (s, C-3), 51.2 (t, NCH₂), 25.3 (q, C-1), 24.0 (q, 3-Me^B), 17.7 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (neat) 3344 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 282 ($M^+ + 1$, 27), 196 (PhCHNHCH₂Ph, 100), 87 (23); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₉H₂₄NO) 282.1858 ($M^+ + 1$); Found: 282.1863; Analysis: C₁₉H₂₃NO Calcd: C, 81.10; H, 8.24; N, 4.98 Found: C, 80.88; H, 7.95; N, 5.05

4-(Allylamino)-3,3-dimethyl-4-phenylbutan-2-one (5ga)

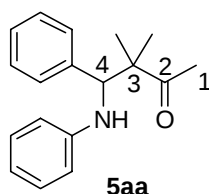


Bromoketone **4a** (4.55 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1g** (3.01 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.52 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (91%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ga** as a pale yellow liquid (2.47 mmol, 82%).

Analytical data: bp: 135 °C /0.4 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.34 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.28 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 5.79 (dddd, *J* = 17.8, 9.7, 6.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H, NCH₂CH), 5.06-4.98 (m, 2H, NCH₂CHCH₂), 3.95 (s, 1H, 4-H), 3.09 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH^A), 2.86 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH^B), 2.21 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.66 (brs, 1H, NH, D₂O-exchangeable), 1.02 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 0.96 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.0 (s, C-2), 138.6 (s, *i*-Ph), 136.5 (d, NCH₂CH), 128.7 (d, *o*-Ph), 127.7 (d, *m*-Ph), 127.1 (d, *p*-Ph), 115.8 (t, NCH₂CHCH₂), 66.9 (d, C-4), 51.9 (s, C-3), 49.8 (t, NCH₂), 25.4 (q, C-1), 23.9 (q, 3-Me^B), 17.8 (q, 3-Me^A); IR: (neat) 3344 (NH), 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 232 ($M^+ + 1$, 58), 146 (PhCHNHCH₂CHCH₂, 100); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₅H₂₂NO) 232.1701 ($M^+ + 1$); Found: 232.1712; Analysis: C₁₅H₂₁NO Calcd: C, 77.88; H, 9.15; N, 6.05 Found: C,

77.60; H, 8.87; N, 6.10

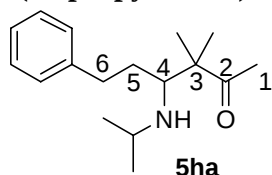
3,3-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-4-(phenylamino)butan-2-one (5aa)



Bromoketone **4a** (2.72 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1a** (1.80 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.18 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (2.72 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (93%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane 100 mL, hexane/EtOAc = 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and 70/30 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5aa** as a colorless solid (1.45 mmol, 81%).

Analytical data: mp: 167-170 °C; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.32-7.20 (m, 5H, 4-Ph), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.5 Hz, 2H, NPh(*m*)), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, NPh(*p*)), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, NPh(*o*)), 4.55 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 4.46 (brd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, NH, D₂O-exchangeable), 2.13 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.18 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 1.07 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.1 (s, C-2), 146.4 (s, NPh(*i*)), 138.6 (s, 1-Ph(*i*)), 129.0 (d, NPh(*m*)), 128.4 (d, 4-Ph(*o*)), 128.0 (d, 4-Ph(*m*)), 127.4 (d, 4-Ph(*p*)), 117.5 (d, NPh(*p*)), 113.3 (d, NPh(*o*)), 63.4 (d, C-4), 51.6 (s, C-3), 25.7 (q, C-1), 24.4 (q, 3-Me^A), 18.8 (q, 3-Me^B); IR: (KBr) 3406 (NH), 1693 (C=O); MS: (EI, 70 eV) 267 (M⁺, 2), 182 (PhCHNPh, 100); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C₁₈H₂₁NO) 267.1623 (M⁺); Found: 267.1625; Analysis: C₁₈H₂₁NO Calcd: C, 80.86; H, 7.92; N, 5.24 Found: C, 80.63; H, 7.73; N, 4.96

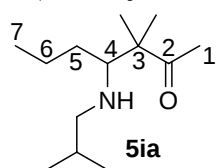
4-(Isopropylamino)-3,3-dimethyl-6-phenylhexan-2-one (5ha)



Bromoketone **4a** (4.51 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1h** (3.01 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (66%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL) and then 80/20 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ha** as a pale yellow liquid (1.20 mmol, 40%).

Analytical data: bp: 155 °C /0.3 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3H, *o*, *p*-Ph), 2.90 (qq, *J* = 6.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH), 2.87-2.78 (m, 2H, 4-H and 6-H^A), 2.60 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 10.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H, 6-H^B), 2.11 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.71 (dddd, *J* = 14.2, 11.1, 6.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H, 5-H^A), 1.46 (dddd, *J* = 14.2, 10.9, 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H, 5-H^B), 1.10 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 1.05 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B), 1.05 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H, 4-NCHMe^A), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H, 4-NCHMe^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 214.3 (s, C-2), 142.1 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.2 (d), 128.1 (d), 125.7 (d, *p*-Ph), 59.9 (d, C-4), 53.0 (s, C-3), 47.6 (d, 4-NCH), 35.7 (t, C-6), 34.3 (t, C-5), 26.2 (q, C-1), 24.1 (q), 23.2 (q), 21.3 (q), 20.7 (q); IR: (neat) 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 262 (M⁺ + 1, 7), 218 (M⁺ - CHMe₂, 13), 176 (PhCH₂CH₂CHNHCHMe₂, 100), 87 (35); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₇H₂₈NO) 262.2171 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 262.2168; Analysis: C₁₇H₂₇NO Calcd: C, 78.11; H, 10.41; N, 5.36 Found: C, 78.09; H, 10.13; N, 5.40

4-(Isobutylamino)-3,3-dimethylheptan-2-one (**5ia**)



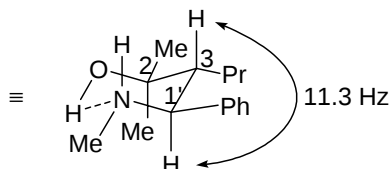
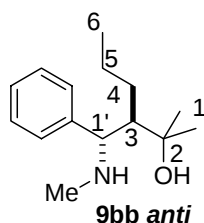
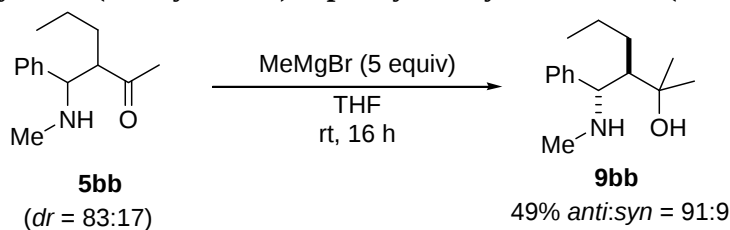
Bromoketone **4a** (4.55 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1i** (3.01 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.16 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.55 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (65%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL) and then 80/20 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ia** as a pale yellow liquid (1.31 mmol, 44%).

Analytical data: bp: 110 °C /0.4 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.67-2.58 (m, 2H, 4-H and 4-NCH^A), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H, 4-NCH^B), 2.14 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.64-1.45 (m, 2H, 4-NCH₂CH and 6-H^A), 1.42-1.26 (m, 2H, 5-H^A and 6-H^B), 1.23-1.11 (m, 1H, 5-H^B), 1.08 (s, 3H, 3-Me^A), 1.04 (s, 3H, 3-Me^B), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 7-H₃), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, 4-NCH₂CHMe^A), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, 4-NCH₂CHMe^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 214.5 (s, C-2), 64.0 (d, C-4), 59.2 (t, 4-NCH₂), 53.1 (s, C-3), 35.3 (t, C-5), 29.4 (d, 4-NCH₂CH), 26.2 (q, C-1), 21.2, 21.1, 20.6, 20.6, 20.6, 14.3 (q, C-7); IR: (neat) 1701 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 214 (M⁺ + 1, 22), 128 (CH₃CH₂CH₂CHNHCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, 100), 87 (31); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₃H₂₈NO) 214.2171 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 214.2160

Determination of the stereochemistry of **5bb**, **5gd**, and **5fd**.

1. The stereoconfiguration of **5bb** was determined based on the coupling constant between hydrogens on chiral centers after a conversion to b-aminoalcohol **9bb**. The product exists as an intramolecularly hydrogen bonded six-membered ring. The ring has a chair conformation in which the substituents tend to locate in an equatorial position.^[7]
2. The stereoconfiguration of **5gd** was assigned by analogy to **5bb**.
3. The stereoconfiguration of **5fd** was determined based on the coupling constant between hydrogens on chiral centers.

(3*R**,1'*S**)-2-Methyl-3-[1-(methylamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-ol (*anti*-**9bb**)

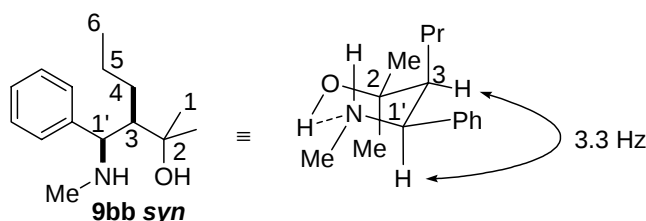


To a stirred solution of **5bb** (0.3 mmol, *dr* = 17:83) in THF (3 mL) was added MeMgBr (1.5 mmol) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 16 h at this temperature, H₂O (30 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mLx3),

dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to yield the product **9bb** in 49% (*anti:syn* = 91:9). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL), 70/30 (100 mL), 60/40 (100mL), and then 50/50 (100mL)] on silica gel to give the titled product.

Analytical data: ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 3.33 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 2.18 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.70 (ddd, *J* = 11.3, 3.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 1.26 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.25 (s, 3H, 2-Me), 1.04-0.77 (m, 3H, 4-H₂ and 5-H^A), 0.73-0.58 (m, 1H, 5-H^B), 0.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 141.9 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.4 (d, *m*-Ph), 127.6 (d, *o*-Ph), 127.3 (d, *p*-Ph), 74.2 (s, C-2), 69.0 (d, C-1'), 52.6 (d, C-3), 33.5 (q, NMe), 32.5 (t, C-4), 29.7 (q, 2-Me), 24.8 (q, C-1), 23.0 (t, C-5), 14.4 (q, C-6); IR: (neat) 3267 (NH); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 236 (M⁺ + 1, 100), 218 (M⁺ - OH, 5), 120 (PhCHNHMe, 44); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₅H₂₆NO) 236.2014 (M⁺ + 1) Found: 236.2010

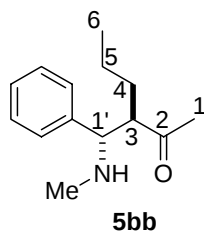
(3*R**,1'*R**)-2-Methyl-3-[1-(methyamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-ol (*syn*-**9bb**)



The compound was a minor product in the reaction of **5bb** with MeMgBr and was not purely isolated. Selected signals were shown below. ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.21 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 2.35 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.47 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.17 (s, 3H, 2-Me); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 140.9 (*i*-Ph), 73.2

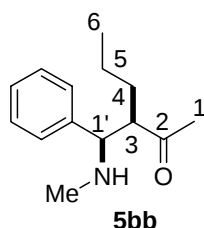
(C-2), 64.4 (C-1'), 52.9 (C-3), 33.7, 30.9, 28.3, 25.5, 24.6, 13.9 (C-6)

(3*R**,1'*S**)-3-[1-(Methylamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-one (*anti*-**5bb**)

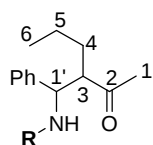


Bromoketone **4b** (4.44 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1b** (3.04 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.44 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (71%, *anti:syn* = 73:27). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5bb** as a pale yellow liquid (1.54 mmol, 51%, *anti:syn* = 82:18).

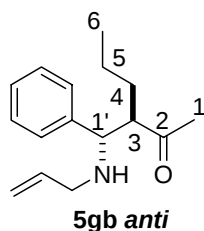
Analytical data: bp: 140 °C/ 0.3 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 3.56 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 2.70 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 10.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.19 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 2.12 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.46-1.33 (m, 1H, 4-H^A), 1.22-1.00 (m, 3H, 4-H^B and 5-H₂), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 212.5 (s, C-2), 141.2 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.4 (d, *m*-Ph), 127.4 (d, *o*-Ph), 127.3 (d, *p*-Ph), 67.1 (d, C-1'), 59.9 (d, C-3), 34.0 (q, NMe), 31.9 (t, C-4), 29.3 (q, C-1), 20.3 (t, C-5), 13.9 (q, C-6); IR: (neat) 3332 (NH), 1709 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 220 (M⁺ + 1, 76), 189 (M⁺ - NHMe, 5), 120 (PhCHNHMe, 100), 101 (40); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₄H₂₂NO) 220.1701 (M⁺ + 1) Found: 220.1698

(3*R,1'*R**)-3-[1-(Methylamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-one (syn-5bb)**

The compound was a minor product in the reaction of **1b** with **4b** and was not purely isolated. Selected signals were shown below. ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 2.83 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 7.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 212.1 (C-2), 141.3 (*i*-Ph), 66.4 (C-1'), 59.6 (C-3), 34.4 (NMe), 31.7, 30.8, 21.0 (C-5), 14.2 (C-6)

¹H NMR data for the determination of stereochemistry of compound 5gb

		$\delta(^1\text{H})/\text{ppm}$			
	R	<i>anti/syn</i>	1'-H	3-H	6-H ₃
5bb	Me	<i>anti</i>	3.56 (<i>J</i> = 10.2 Hz)	2.70 (<i>J</i> = 10.2, 10.2, 3.5 Hz)	0.75
		<i>syn</i>	3.60 (<i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz)	2.83 (<i>J</i> = 10.6, 7.7, 3.7 Hz)	0.87
		$\delta_{anti} - \delta_{syn}$	-0.04	-0.13	-0.12
5gb	allyl	<i>major</i>	3.70 (<i>J</i> = 10.3 Hz)	2.69 (<i>J</i> = 10.5, 10.3, 3.5 Hz)	0.74 $\Rightarrow$ <i>anti</i>
		<i>minor</i>	3.77 (<i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz)	2.83 (<i>J</i> = 9.9, 8.0, 4.2 Hz)	0.88 $\Rightarrow$ <i>syn</i>
		$\delta_{maj} - \delta_{min}$	-0.07	-0.14	-0.14

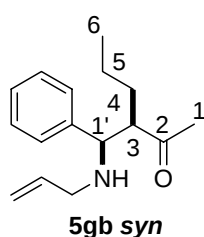
(3*R,1'*S**)-3-[1-(Allylamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-one (*anti*-5gb)**

Bromoketone **4b** (4.50 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1g** (3.01 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (80%, *anti:syn* = 83:17). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5gb**

as a pale yellow liquid (1.82 mmol, 60%, *anti:syn* = 92:8).

Analytical data: bp: 145 °C /0.4 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 5.75 (dddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.5, 6.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂CH), 5.07-4.99 (m, 2H, NCH₂CHCH₂), 3.70 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 3.01 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 5.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 1'-NHCH^A), 2.84 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H, 1'-NHCH^B), 2.69 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.20 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.55 (brs, 1H, NH, D₂O-exchangable), 1.45-1.33 (m, 1H, 4-H^A), 1.20-0.99 (m, 3H, 4-H^B and 5-H₂), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 212.3 (s, C-2), 141.4 (s, *i*-Ph), 136.5 (d, NCH₂CH), 128.4 (d, *m*-Ph), 127.4 (d, *o*-Ph), 127.3 (d, *p*-Ph), 115.8 (t, NCH₂CHCH₂), 64.0 (d, C-1'), 60.0 (d, C-3), 49.3 (t, NCH₂), 31.8 (t, C-4), 29.0 (q, C-1), 20.3 (t, C-5), 13.8 (q, C-6); IR: (neat) 3325 (NH), 1709 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 246 (M⁺ + 1, 86), 146 (PhCHNHCH₂CHCH₂, 100), 101 (35); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₆H₂₄NO) 246.1858 (M⁺ + 1) Found: 246.1852; Analysis: C₁₆H₂₃NO Calcd: C, 78.32; H, 9.45; N, 5.71 Found: C, 78.11; H, 9.41; N, 5.52

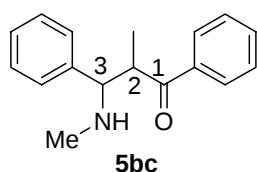
(3*R**,1'*R**)-3-[1-(Allylamino)-1-phenylmethyl]hexan-2-one (*syn*-5gb)



5gb *syn*

The compound was a minor product in the reaction of **1g** with **4b** and was not purely isolated. Selected signals were shown below. ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.82 (dddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 6.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H, NCH₂CH), 3.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 3.09 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 5.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 1'-NHCH^A), 2.92 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, 1'-NHCH^B), 2.83 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 8.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 1.83 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 212.0 (C-2), 141.6 (*i*-Ph), 136.6 (NCH₂CH), 115.9 (NCH₂CHCH₂), 63.3 (C-1'), 60.0 (C-3), 49.7 (NCH₂), 31.7, 30.7, 21.0 (C-5), 14.2 (C-6)

2-Methyl-3-(methylamino)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (major isomer) (**5bc**)



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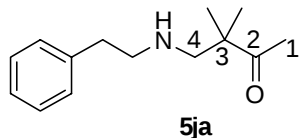
Bromoketone **4c** (4.55 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1b** (2.96 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (97%, *dr* = 55:45). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL) and then 70/30 (100 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5bc** as a pale yellow liquid (2.87 mmol, 97%, *dr* = 55:45).

Analytical data: bp: 160 °C/ 0.35 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 1-Ph(*o*)), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, 1-Ph(*p*)), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 1-Ph(*m*)), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H, 3-Ph(*o*, *m*)), 7.32-7.25 (m, 1H, 3-Ph(*p*)), 3.92 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 3.75 (dq, *J* = 9.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 2.14 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.66 (brs, 1H, NH, D₂O-exchangeable), 0.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, 2-Me); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 204.3 (s, C-1), 141.2 (s, 3-Ph(*i*)), 136.9 (s, 1-Ph(*i*)), 133.1 (d, 1-Ph(*p*)), 128.6 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.0 (d), 127.4 (d, 3-Ph(*p*)), 67.9 (d, C-3), 47.5 (d, C-2), 34.6 (q, NMe), 16.2 (q, 2-Me); IR: (neat) 3332 (NH), 1678 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 254 (M⁺ + 1, 33), 223 (M⁺ - NHMe, 94), 135 (M⁺ - PhCHNHMe, 85), 120 (PhCHNHMe, 100); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₇H₂₀NO) 254.1545 (M⁺ + 1) Found: 254.1539

2-Methyl-3-(methylamino)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (minor isomer) (**5bc**)

The compound was a minor product in the reaction of **1b** with **4c** and was not purely isolated. Selected signals were shown below. ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 1-Ph(*o*)), 3.92 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 3.75 (qd, *J* = 6.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 2.23 (s, 3H, NMe), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, 2-Me); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 203.7 (C-2), 141.9 (3-Ph(*i*)), 136.5 (1-Ph(*i*)), 132.9 (1-Ph(*p*)), 127.1 (3-Ph(*p*)), 66.0 (C-3), 47.3 (C-2), 34.7 (NMe), 12.6 (2-Me)

3,3-Dimethyl-4-(2-phenylethylamino)butan-2-one (**5ja**)



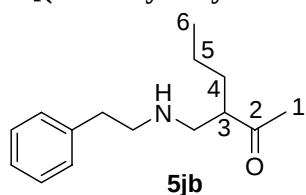
5ja

Bromoketone **4a** (4.51 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1j** (3.01 mmol), Bi(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.53 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3),

dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (67%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 80/20 (100 mL) and then 50/50 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ja** as a pale yellow liquid (1.77 mmol, 58%).

Analytical data: bp: 140 °C /0.2 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3H, *o*, *p*-Ph), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂), 2.69 (s, 2H, 4-H₂), 2.11 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.10 (s, 6H, 3-Me₂); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.7 (s, C-2), 140.0 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.6 (d, *o*-Ph), 128.3 (d, *m*-Ph), 126.0 (d, *p*-Ph), 58.3 (t, C-4), 51.9 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 48.5 (s, C-3), 36.2 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 25.2 (q, C-1), 23.0 (q, 3-Me₂); IR: (neat) 3332 (NH), 1705 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 220 (M⁺ + 1, 100), 134 (PhCH₂CH₂NHCH₂, 69), 128 (CH₃COC(CH₃)₂CH₂NHCH₂, 15); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₄H₂₂NO) 220.1701 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 220.1696

3-[(2-Phenylethylamino)methyl]hexan-2-one (**5jb**)

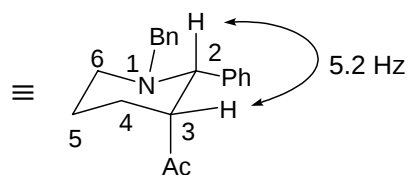
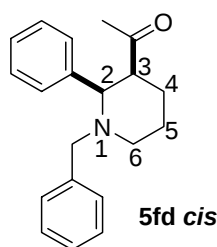


Bromoketone **4b** (4.49 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1j** (3.01 mmol), Bi(OTf)₃ (0.30 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (4.48 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (50 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (52%).

Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 80/20 (100 mL), 60/40 (100 mL) and then 50/50 (200 mL)] to afford the aminoketone **5ja** as a pale yellow liquid (1.32 mmol, 44%).

Analytical data: bp: 140 °C /0.15 mmHg; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.23-7.15 (m, 3H, *o*, *p*-Ph), 2.90-2.60 (m, 7H, 3-H, 3-CH₂N, NCH₂CH₂ and NCH₂CH₂), 2.13 (s, 3H, 1-H₃), 1.61-1.49 (m, 1H, 4-H^A), 1.42-1.20 (m, 3H, 4-H^B and 5-H₂), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, 6-H₃); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 212.3 (s, C-2), 139.9 (s, *i*-Ph), 128.6 (d), 128.3 (d), 126.0 (d, *p*-Ph), 53.1 (d, C-3), 51.3 (t), 50.8 (t), 36.2 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 32.0 (t, C-4), 29.2 (q, C-1), 20.5 (t, C-5), 14.1 (q, C-6); IR: (neat) 1709 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 234 (M⁺ + 1, 100), 134 (PhCH₂CH₂NHCH₂, 28); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₁₅H₂₄NO) 234.1858 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 234.1854

(2*R**,3*S**)-3-Acetyl-*N*-benzyl-2-phenylpiperidine (*cis*-**5fd**)

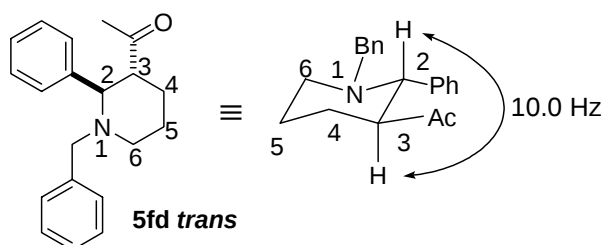


3,6-Dibromohexan-2-one **4d** (0.6 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of GeCl₂-dioxane (0.6 mmol), *N*-benzylidenebenzylamine **1f** (0.284 mmol) and Yb(OTf)₃ (0.014 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 2 h at this temperature, saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL) was added. The

mixture was stirred for 8 h at 50 °C, extracted with Et₂O (three times) and the organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the product (83%, *cis:trans* = 84:16). Column chromatography [solvent; hexane (100 mL) and hexane/EtOAc, 90/10 (100 mL) and then 80/20 (100 mL)] was performed for the purification.

Analytical data: ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.38-7.20 (m, 10H, 2-Ph and NCH_2Ph), 3.85 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H, 2-H), 3.70 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NCH}^{\text{A}}\text{Ph}$), 3.20 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NCH}^{\text{B}}\text{Ph}$), 3.07 (ddd, $J = 6.4, 5.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.94 (ddd, $J = 11.9, 8.3, 3.7$ Hz, 1H, 6- H^{A}), 2.23 (ddd, $J = 11.9, 7.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H, 6- H^{B}), 2.13-1.95 (m, 2H, 4- H^{A} and 5- H^{A}), 1.79-1.68 (m, 1H, 4- H^{B}), 1.74 (s, 3H, COMe), 1.64-1.52 (m, 1H, 5- H^{B}); ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 210.3 (s, CO), 140.0 (s, 2-Ph(i)), 139.1 (s, $\text{NCH}_2\text{Ph}(i)$), 128.7 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.2 (d), 127.3 (d), 126.7 (d), 66.2 (d, C-2), 59.2 (t, NCH_2Ph), 53.0 (d, C-3), 49.8 (t, C-6), 31.0 (q, COMe), 24.2 (t, C-4), 22.3 (t, C-5); IR: (neat) 1712 (C=O); MS: (EI, 70 eV) 293 (M^+ , 8), 292 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$, 11), 250 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{MeCO}$, 6), 222 (32), 216 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Ph}$, 15), 202 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{PhCH}_2$, 100), 194 (31), 91 (PhCH_2 , 89); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$) 293.178 (M^+) Found: 293.1777

(2*R,3*R**)-3-Acetyl-*N*-benzyl-2-phenylpiperidine (*trans*-5fd)**

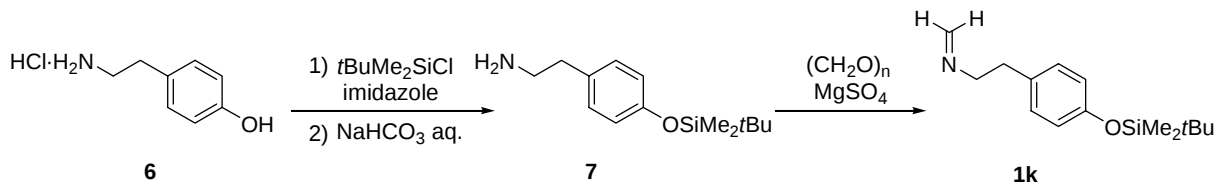


The compound was a minor product in the reaction of **1f** with **4d** and was not purely isolated. Selected signals were shown below. ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.70 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NCH}^{\text{A}}\text{Ph}$), 3.32 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, 2-H), 2.80 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NCH}^{\text{B}}\text{Ph}$), 1.62 (s, 3H, COMe); ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 211.5 (CO), 142.0, 139.4, 69.7 (C-2), 58.8, 58.4, 52.4,

31.1 (COMe), 28.0, 24.7

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Methylidene-2-[4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)]phenylethylamine (1k**)**



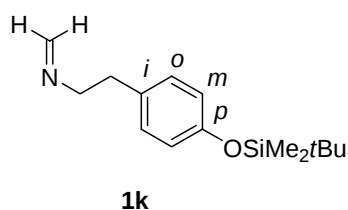
2-[4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)]phenylethylamine (7**)**

*t*BuMe₂SiCl (15.0 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of tyramine hydrogen chloride **6** (10.1 mmol) and imidazole (20.3 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 13 h at room temperature, it was slowly poured into saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mLx3). This extract was washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane 200 mL, hexane/EtOAc = 80/20 (200 mL), 50/50 (200 mL), EtOAc (200 mL), and MeOH (100 mL)] to afford the amine **7** (8.79 mmol, 87%). Further purification was performed by distillation to give pure **7** (8.55 mmol, 84%).

Analytical data: bp: 135 °C /0.4 mmHg; ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.05 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H,

o-Ph), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 2.92 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H, 1-H₂), 2.67 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H, 2-H₂), 1.25 (brs, 2H, NH₂, D₂O-exchangable), 0.98 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 0.19 (s, 6H, SiMe₂); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 153.9 (s, *p*-Ph), 132.4 (s, *i*-Ph), 129.6 (d, *o*-Ph), 120.0 (d, *m*-Ph), 43.7 (t, C-1), 39.3 (t, C-2), 25.7 (q, SiCMe₃), 18.2 (s, SiCMe₃), -4.5 (q, SiMe₂); IR: (neat) 3371 (NH); MS: (EI, 70 eV) 251 (M⁺, 4), 222 (63), 221 (M⁺ - NH₂CH₂, 38), 177 (24), 165 (100), 73 (45); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C₁₄H₂₅NOSi) 251.1705 (M⁺) Found: 251.1707; Analysis: C₁₄H₂₅NOSi Calcd: C, 66.87; H, 10.02; N, 5.57 Found: C, 66.59; H, 9.91; N, 5.69

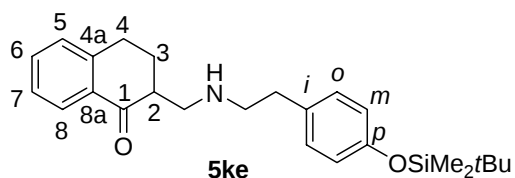
Methylidene-2-[4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)]phenylethylamine (**1k**)



Paraformaldehyde (45 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of amine **7** (34.4 mmol) and MgSO₄ (10g) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 11 h at room temperature, it was filtered and rinsed with CH₂Cl₂. The resulting pale yellow solution was evaporated to yield the titled compound **1k** as a colorless solid (33.2 mmol, 96%).

Analytical data: bp: 170 °C /0.4 mmHg; mp: 70-73 °C; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.04 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 3.41 (brs, 2H, N=CH₂), 2.73-2.61 (m, 4H, NCH₂CH₂), 0.97 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 0.18 (s, 6H, SiMe₂); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 153.7 (s, *p*-Ph), 132.9 (s, *i*-Ph), 129.5 (d, *o*-Ph), 119.8 (d, *m*-Ph), 74.5 (t, N=C), 54.7 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 33.7 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 25.6 (q, SiCMe₃), 18.1 (s, SiCMe₃), -4.5 (q, SiMe₂); IR: (neat) 1254 (O-Si); MS: (EI, 70 eV) 263 (M⁺, 47), 221 (M⁺ - CH₂NCH₂, 95), 206 (88), 177 (100), 73 (32); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C₁₅H₂₅NOSi) 263.1705 (M⁺) Found: 263.1700; Analysis: C₁₅H₂₅NOSi Calcd: C, 68.38; H, 9.56; N, 5.32 Found: C, 68.43; H, 9.65; N, 5.38

2-{2-[4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy)phenyl]ethylaminomethyl}-1-tetralone (**5ke**)

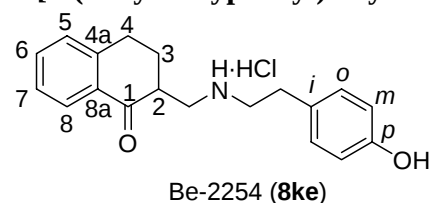


2-Bromo-1-tetralone **4e** (1.8 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of imine **1k** (1.2 mmol), Bi(OTf)₃ (0.12 mmol), and GeCl₂-dioxane (1.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at room temperature, and then saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (30 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (20 mLx3), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the crude product (0.64 mmol, 53%). Purification by silica gel chromatography [solvent; hexane 100 mL, hexane/EtOAc = 90/10 (100 mL), 80/20 (100 mL), 70/30 (100 mL), and 60/40 (100 mL)] afforded the pure product **5ke** as a pale yellow liquid (0.36 mmol, 30%).

Analytical data: ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.00 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*o*)), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*m*)), 3.11 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.6$ Hz, 1H, 2-CH^AN), 3.07-2.81 (m, 4H, 4-H₂ and NCH₂CH₂), 2.80-2.71 (m, 3H, 2-CH^BN and NCH₂CH₂), 2.71-2.62 (m, 1H, 2-H), 2.18 (dddd, $J = 12.4, 4.4, 4.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H, 3-H^A), 1.93 (dddd, $J = 12.4, 12.4, 12.4, 5.1$ Hz, 1H, 3-H^B), 1.66 (brs, 1H, NH), 0.98 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 0.19 (s, 6H, SiMe₂); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 200.1 (s, C-1), 153.8 (s, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*p*)), 144.0 (s, C-4a), 133.3 (d, C-6), 132.7 (s), 132.5 (s), 129.5 (d, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*o*)), 128.6 (d, C-5), 127.2 (d, C-8),

126.5 (d, C-7), 119.9 (d, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*m*)), 51.8 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 50.2 (t, 2-CH₂N), 47.9 (d, C-2), 35.6 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 28.7 (t, C-4), 27.6 (t, C-3), 25.6 (q, SiCMe₃), 18.1 (s, SiCMe₃), -4.5 (q, SiMe₂); IR: (neat) 3329 (NH), 1682 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 410 (M⁺ + 1, 7), 252 (66), 159 (M⁺ - 4-(*t*BuMe₂SiO)C₆H₄CH₂CH₂NH, 100); HRMS: (CI, 200 eV) Calculated (C₂₅H₃₆NO₂Si) 410.2515 (M⁺ + 1); Found: 410.2502

2-[2-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)ethylaminomethyl]-1-tetralone hydrochloride (Be-2254)



Aminoketone **5ke** (0.57 mmol) was suspended in 5M HCl (aqueous, 8 mL). After the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 h, cooled to room temperature, Et₂O (10 mL) was added. The phases separated, the organic phase was extracted with H₂O (10 mLx2). The combined aqueous layers were concentrated *in vacuo* to give the titled compound **8ke** (83%).

Recrystallization from EtOH/hexane gave the pure product as a colorless solid (0.37 mmol, 64%). Analytical data: mp: 165-167 °C; ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CD₃OD) 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H, 5-H and 7-H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*o*)), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*m*)), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H, 2-CH^AN), 3.28-2.89 (m, 8H, 2-H, 4-H₂ 2-CH^BN and NCH₂CH₂), 2.23 (dddd, *J* = 12.8, 3.6, 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H, 3-H^A), 1.85 (dddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.8, 12.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H, 3-H^B); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CD₃OD) 200.2 (s, C-1), 157.7 (s, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*p*)), 145.7 (s, C-4a), 135.4 (d, C-6), 132.7 (s, C-8a), 130.8 (d, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*o*)), 130.1 (d, C-5), 128.3 (s, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*i*)), 128.1 (d), 127.8 (d), 116.7 (d, NCH₂CH₂Ph(*m*)), 51.0 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 45.5 (d, C-2), 32.3 (t, NCH₂CH₂), 29.7 (t, C-4), 28.5 (t, C-3); IR: (KBr) 3437 (OH), 2800 (NH₂⁺), 1674 (C=O); MS: (CI, 200 eV) 296 (M⁺ + 1 - HCl, 3), 159 (M⁺ - 4-(HO)C₆H₄CH₂CH₂NH, 100), 138 (46); Analysis: C₁₉H₂₂ClNO₂ Calcd: C, 68.77; H, 6.68; N, 4.22 Found: C, 68.59; H, 6.51; N, 4.46

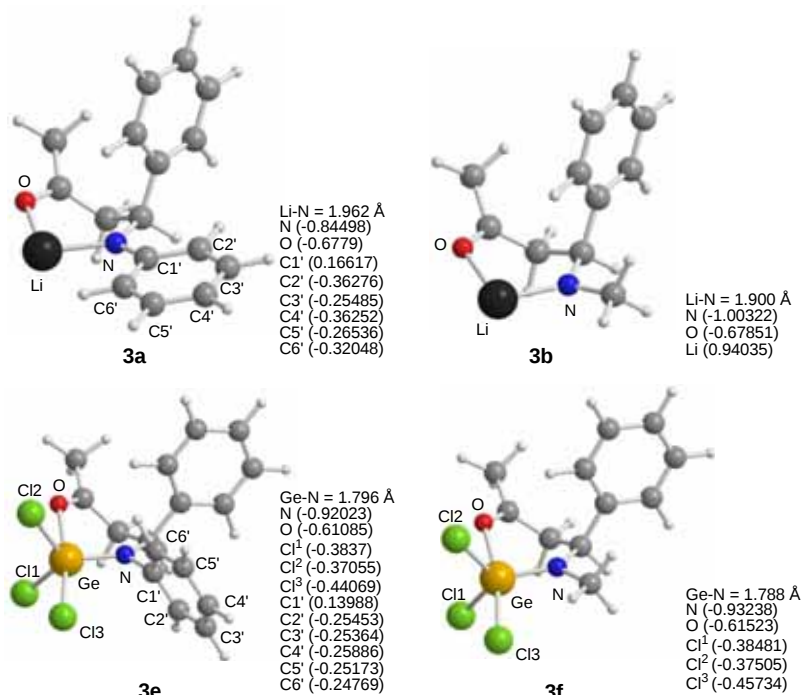
Computational method.

We applied the HF/DFT hybrid method referenced as B3PW91 three parameter hybrid functional.^[8] All calculations were performed with Gaussian 03 revision C.02.^[9] For basis sets, 6-31+G(d,p) was employed. Solvent effects were included via a PCM model with atomic radii of the United force field (referenced as UA0). All energies were calculated including the zero point energy correction.

Total energies for all of the calculated species (in hartree). All energies includes zero point vibration energy correction.

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2b	-275.20438
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* Numbers in parentheses are NBO charges.

Geometries (PDB)

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ATOM	21	H	UNK	1	2.292	-2.173	-0.738	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	22	C	UNK	1	4.601	0.241	-0.037	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	23	H	UNK	1	4.141	2.160	0.839	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	24	H	UNK	1	4.742	-1.750	-0.866	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	25	H	UNK	1	5.674	0.423	-0.076	1.00	0.00			
CONNECT	1	2	3	4								
CONNECT	2	1	5	12								
CONNECT	3	1	6	7								
CONNECT	4	1										
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CONNECT	6	3	8	10								
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CONNECT	9	5										
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CONNECT	11	8										
CONNECT	12	2	13	14								
CONNECT	13	12										
CONNECT	14	12	15									
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CONNECT	16	15	18	19								
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CONNECT	18	16	22	23								
CONNECT	19	16										
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CONNECT	22	18	20	25								
CONNECT	23	18										
CONNECT	24	20										
CONNECT	25	22										
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	0
END												
1b												
ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	-0.923	1.280	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	2	C	UNK	1	-0.031	0.197	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	3	C	UNK	1	-2.302	1.065	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	4	H	UNK	1	-0.531	2.298	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	5	C	UNK	1	-0.544	-1.110	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	6	C	UNK	1	-2.802	-0.238	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	7	H	UNK	1	-2.984	1.913	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	8	C	UNK	1	-1.919	-1.324	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	9	H	UNK	1	0.148	-1.950	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	10	H	UNK	1	-3.878	-0.410	0.000	1.00	0.00			
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ATOM	12	C	UNK	1	1.415	0.471	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	13	H	UNK	1	1.692	1.541	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	14	N	UNK	1	2.305	-0.443	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	15	C	UNK	1	3.692	-0.028	0.000	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	16	H	UNK	1	4.195	-0.446	0.880	1.00	0.00			

ATOM	17	H	UNK	1	4.196	-0.447	-0.879	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	18	H	UNK	1	3.826	1.065	0.000	1.00	0.00			
CONNECT	1	2	3	4								
CONNECT	2	1	5	12								
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CONNECT	15	14	16	17	18							
CONNECT	16	15										
CONNECT	17	15										
CONNECT	18	15										
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	0
END												

2a

ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	0.495	1.429	0.009	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	2	H	UNK	1	1.535	1.741	0.045	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	3	H	UNK	1	-0.269	2.204	-0.018	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	4	C	UNK	1	0.154	0.107	-0.014	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	5	C	UNK	1	1.241	-0.954	0.020	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	6	H	UNK	1	1.154	-1.604	-0.859	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	7	H	UNK	1	2.248	-0.528	0.045	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	8	H	UNK	1	1.108	-1.594	0.902	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	9	O	UNK	1	-1.068	-0.358	-0.065	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	10	Li	UNK	1	-2.856	-0.282	0.105	1.00	0.00			
CONNECT	1	2	3	4								
CONNECT	2	1										
CONNECT	3	1										
CONNECT	4	1	5	9								
CONNECT	5	4	6	7	8							
CONNECT	6	5										
CONNECT	7	5										
CONNECT	8	5										
CONNECT	9	4										
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0
END												

2b

ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	0.177	1.640	0.003	1.00	0.00
ATOM	2	H	UNK	1	-0.843	2.000	0.005	1.00	0.00
ATOM	3	H	UNK	1	0.980	2.369	0.005	1.00	0.00
ATOM	4	C	UNK	1	0.509	0.318	-0.001	1.00	0.00
ATOM	5	O	UNK	1	1.672	-0.229	-0.004	1.00	0.00
ATOM	6	Li	UNK	1	1.312	-2.086	0.011	1.00	0.00
ATOM	7	O	UNK	1	-0.481	-0.687	-0.003	1.00	0.00
ATOM	8	C	UNK	1	-1.850	-0.309	0.000	1.00	0.00

ATOM	9	H	UNK	1	-2.097	0.280	-0.891	1.00	0.00
ATOM	10	H	UNK	1	-2.430	-1.234	-0.004	1.00	0.00
ATOM	11	H	UNK	1	-2.096	0.272	0.897	1.00	0.00
CONECT	1	2	3	4					
CONECT	2	1							
CONECT	3	1							
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CONECT	5	4							
CONECT	7	4	8						
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CONECT	9	8							
CONECT	10	8							
CONECT	11	8							
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
END									

2c

ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	-3.120	-1.266	-0.419	1.00	0.00
ATOM	2	H	UNK	1	-4.151	-1.083	-0.134	1.00	0.00
ATOM	3	H	UNK	1	-2.819	-2.279	-0.668	1.00	0.00
ATOM	4	C	UNK	1	-2.252	-0.254	-0.473	1.00	0.00
ATOM	5	C	UNK	1	-2.542	1.178	-0.157	1.00	0.00
ATOM	6	H	UNK	1	-2.343	1.815	-1.026	1.00	0.00
ATOM	7	H	UNK	1	-3.585	1.303	0.142	1.00	0.00
ATOM	8	H	UNK	1	-1.912	1.538	0.667	1.00	0.00
ATOM	9	O	UNK	1	-0.964	-0.517	-0.937	1.00	0.00
ATOM	10	Ge	UNK	1	0.478	-0.040	-0.028	1.00	0.00
ATOM	11	Cl	UNK	1	1.023	1.996	-0.400	1.00	0.00
ATOM	12	Cl	UNK	1	0.175	-0.311	2.073	1.00	0.00
ATOM	13	Cl	UNK	1	2.021	-1.321	-0.748	1.00	0.00
CONECT	1	2	3	4					
CONECT	2	1							
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CONECT	11	10							
CONECT	12	10							
CONECT	13	10							
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
END									

3a

HETATM	1	C	Grp	0	-2.458	1.632	-3.387		C
HETATM	2	C	Grp	0	-2.346	0.378	-2.578		C
HETATM	3	C	Grp	0	-1.096	-0.453	-2.709		C
HETATM	4	N	Grp	0	-0.876	-1.097	-0.340		N
HETATM	5	C	Grp	0	1.448	-2.516	2.918		C
HETATM	6	C	Grp	0	0.063	-2.733	2.834		C
HETATM	7	C	Grp	0	2.055	-1.793	1.889		C
HETATM	8	C	Grp	0	-0.674	-2.250	1.763		C

HETATM	9	C	Grp	0	1.324	-1.297	0.807	C
HETATM	10	C	Grp	0	-0.084	-1.513	0.688	C
HETATM	11	C	Grp	0	-0.200	-0.431	-1.428	C
HETATM	12	C	Grp	0	0.056	3.109	0.053	C
HETATM	13	C	Grp	0	1.027	3.692	-0.764	C
HETATM	14	C	Grp	0	-0.326	1.781	-0.144	C
HETATM	15	C	Grp	0	1.618	2.931	-1.778	C
HETATM	16	C	Grp	0	0.250	1.012	-1.162	C
HETATM	17	C	Grp	0	1.232	1.604	-1.969	C
HETATM	18	H	Grp	0	-3.390	2.159	-3.174	H
HETATM	19	H	Grp	0	-1.598	2.277	-3.167	H
HETATM	20	H	Grp	0	-1.069	1.317	0.500	H
HETATM	21	H	Grp	0	2.385	3.371	-2.414	H
HETATM	22	H	Grp	0	1.706	1.015	-2.757	H
HETATM	23	O	Grp	0	-3.253	0.038	-1.813	O
HETATM	24	Li	Grp	0	-2.828	-1.279	-0.411	LI
HETATM	25	H	Grp	0	1.329	4.727	-0.608	H
HETATM	26	H	Grp	0	-0.400	3.691	0.853	H
HETATM	27	H	Grp	0	0.705	-0.986	-1.740	H
HETATM	28	H	Grp	0	1.849	-0.719	0.054	H
HETATM	29	H	Grp	0	-1.748	-2.445	1.725	H
HETATM	30	H	Grp	0	3.127	-1.597	1.927	H
HETATM	31	H	Grp	0	-0.448	-3.291	3.619	H
HETATM	32	H	Grp	0	2.027	-2.895	3.757	H
HETATM	33	H	Grp	0	-1.392	-1.495	-2.886	H
HETATM	34	H	Grp	0	-0.509	-0.108	-3.567	H
HETATM	35	H	Grp	0	-2.400	1.388	-4.455	H
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CONNECT	24	23	4					
CONNECT	25	13						

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CONNECT 30 7
CONNECT 31 6
CONNECT 32 5
CONNECT 33 3
CONNECT 34 3
CONNECT 35 1
END

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3b

HETATM	1	C	Grp	0	1.793	-2.736	1.715	C
HETATM	2	C	Grp	0	-1.849	0.347	-1.348	C
HETATM	3	C	Grp	0	-1.428	-0.968	-0.763	C
HETATM	4	C	Grp	0	-0.161	-1.602	-1.268	C
HETATM	5	N	Grp	0	0.633	-2.482	0.896	N
HETATM	6	C	Grp	0	0.985	-1.642	-0.206	C
HETATM	7	C	Grp	0	1.255	1.764	1.575	C
HETATM	8	C	Grp	0	2.085	2.482	0.710	C
HETATM	9	C	Grp	0	0.917	0.440	1.287	C
HETATM	10	C	Grp	0	2.580	1.860	-0.440	C
HETATM	11	C	Grp	0	1.395	-0.192	0.133	C
HETATM	12	C	Grp	0	2.240	0.534	-0.718	C
HETATM	13	Li	Grp	0	-1.192	-2.860	1.268	LI
HETATM	14	H	Grp	0	2.645	-3.177	1.148	H
HETATM	15	H	Grp	0	1.546	-3.452	2.512	H
HETATM	16	H	Grp	0	2.214	-1.839	2.220	H
HETATM	17	H	Grp	0	-1.031	1.070	-1.231	H
HETATM	18	H	Grp	0	-2.754	0.721	-0.868	H
HETATM	19	H	Grp	0	-2.015	0.233	-2.426	H
HETATM	20	H	Grp	0	0.185	-1.080	-2.166	H
HETATM	21	H	Grp	0	-0.386	-2.645	-1.530	H
HETATM	22	H	Grp	0	1.851	-2.053	-0.780	H
HETATM	23	H	Grp	0	0.874	2.237	2.480	H
HETATM	24	H	Grp	0	2.353	3.514	0.934	H
HETATM	25	H	Grp	0	0.283	-0.139	1.958	H
HETATM	26	H	Grp	0	3.236	2.406	-1.116	H
HETATM	27	H	Grp	0	2.639	0.051	-1.612	H
HETATM	28	O	Grp	0	-2.104	-1.508	0.117	O

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CONNECT 24 8
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CONNECT 26 10
CONNECT 27 12
CONNECT 28 3 13
END

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3c

ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	-1.122	1.992	-1.119	1.00	0.00
ATOM	2	C	UNK	1	-0.582	0.970	-0.324	1.00	0.00
ATOM	3	C	UNK	1	-1.613	3.165	-0.546	1.00	0.00
ATOM	4	H	UNK	1	-1.150	1.870	-2.203	1.00	0.00
ATOM	5	C	UNK	1	-0.535	1.160	1.060	1.00	0.00
ATOM	6	C	UNK	1	-1.570	3.338	0.840	1.00	0.00
ATOM	7	H	UNK	1	-2.025	3.948	-1.182	1.00	0.00
ATOM	8	C	UNK	1	-1.026	2.332	1.640	1.00	0.00
ATOM	9	H	UNK	1	-0.091	0.382	1.678	1.00	0.00
ATOM	10	H	UNK	1	-1.949	4.255	1.290	1.00	0.00
ATOM	11	H	UNK	1	-0.977	2.462	2.721	1.00	0.00
ATOM	12	C	UNK	1	-0.086	-0.332	-0.971	1.00	0.00
ATOM	13	C	UNK	1	2.099	-0.689	-0.095	1.00	0.00
ATOM	14	C	UNK	1	2.612	0.516	-0.668	1.00	0.00
ATOM	15	C	UNK	1	3.061	-1.480	0.608	1.00	0.00
ATOM	16	C	UNK	1	3.959	0.866	-0.560	1.00	0.00
ATOM	17	H	UNK	1	1.945	1.196	-1.188	1.00	0.00
ATOM	18	C	UNK	1	4.396	-1.118	0.713	1.00	0.00
ATOM	19	H	UNK	1	2.725	-2.414	1.064	1.00	0.00
ATOM	20	C	UNK	1	4.875	0.064	0.126	1.00	0.00
ATOM	21	H	UNK	1	4.294	1.797	-1.019	1.00	0.00
ATOM	22	H	UNK	1	5.080	-1.769	1.258	1.00	0.00
ATOM	23	H	UNK	1	5.922	0.348	0.206	1.00	0.00
ATOM	24	N	UNK	1	0.812	-1.132	-0.172	1.00	0.00
ATOM	25	Li	UNK	1	0.063	-2.588	0.903	1.00	0.00
ATOM	26	C	UNK	1	-1.313	-1.175	-1.423	1.00	0.00
ATOM	27	H	UNK	1	-0.934	-2.088	-1.899	1.00	0.00
ATOM	28	H	UNK	1	-1.902	-0.621	-2.157	1.00	0.00
ATOM	29	C	UNK	1	-2.213	-1.597	-0.298	1.00	0.00
ATOM	30	O	UNK	1	-1.859	-2.277	0.664	1.00	0.00
ATOM	31	H	UNK	1	0.385	-0.040	-1.930	1.00	0.00
ATOM	32	O	UNK	1	-3.466	-1.174	-0.436	1.00	0.00
ATOM	33	C	UNK	1	-4.394	-1.540	0.602	1.00	0.00
ATOM	34	H	UNK	1	-4.070	-1.127	1.560	1.00	0.00
ATOM	35	H	UNK	1	-5.347	-1.108	0.301	1.00	0.00

ATOM	36	H	UNK	1	-4.469	-2.627	0.676	1.00	0.00				
CONNECT	1	2	3	4									
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CONNECT	34	33											
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CONNECT	36	33											
MASTER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	36	0
END													

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ATOM	1	C	UNK	1	1.895	-0.352	1.246	1.00	0.00
ATOM	2	C	UNK	1	1.054	0.271	0.315	1.00	0.00
ATOM	3	C	UNK	1	2.845	-1.294	0.845	1.00	0.00
ATOM	4	H	UNK	1	1.807	-0.093	2.303	1.00	0.00
ATOM	5	C	UNK	1	1.205	-0.057	-1.036	1.00	0.00
ATOM	6	C	UNK	1	2.976	-1.623	-0.507	1.00	0.00
ATOM	7	H	UNK	1	3.487	-1.768	1.587	1.00	0.00
ATOM	8	C	UNK	1	2.153	-0.997	-1.447	1.00	0.00
ATOM	9	H	UNK	1	0.571	0.455	-1.758	1.00	0.00
ATOM	10	H	UNK	1	3.720	-2.352	-0.825	1.00	0.00
ATOM	11	H	UNK	1	2.258	-1.236	-2.505	1.00	0.00
ATOM	12	C	UNK	1	-0.019	1.286	0.768	1.00	0.00
ATOM	13	N	UNK	1	-0.416	2.267	-0.192	1.00	0.00

ATOM	14	Li	UNK	1	-2.008	2.030	-1.205	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	15	C	UNK	1	-1.248	0.502	1.321	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	16	H	UNK	1	-1.954	1.246	1.712	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	17	H	UNK	1	-0.948	-0.163	2.133	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	18	C	UNK	1	-1.980	-0.294	0.282	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	19	O	UNK	1	-2.539	0.182	-0.704	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	20	H	UNK	1	0.410	1.758	1.686	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	21	C	UNK	1	0.670	3.184	-0.434	1.00	0.00			
ATOM	22	H	UNK	1	1.568	2.731	-0.909	1.00	0.00			
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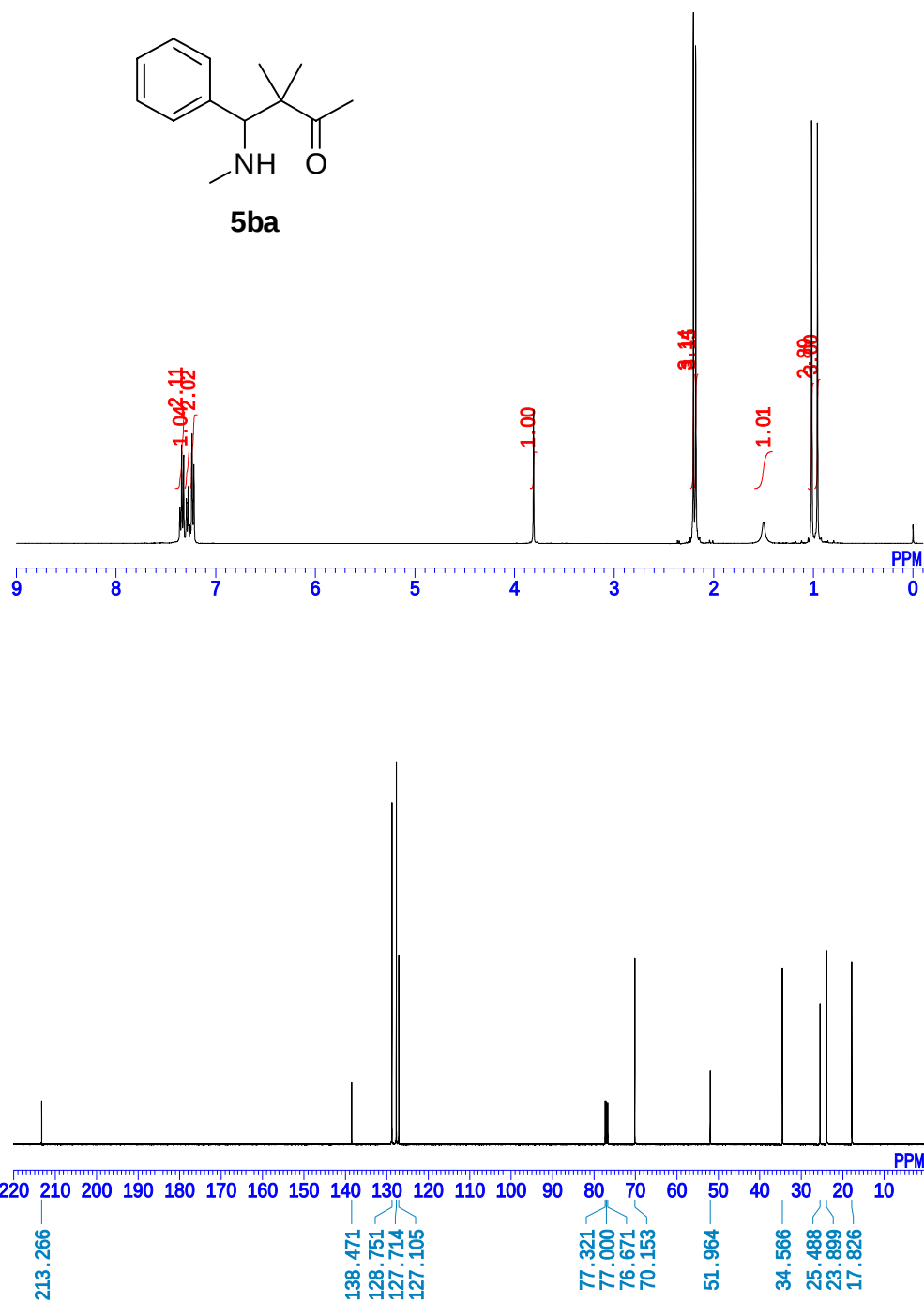
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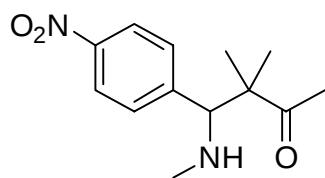
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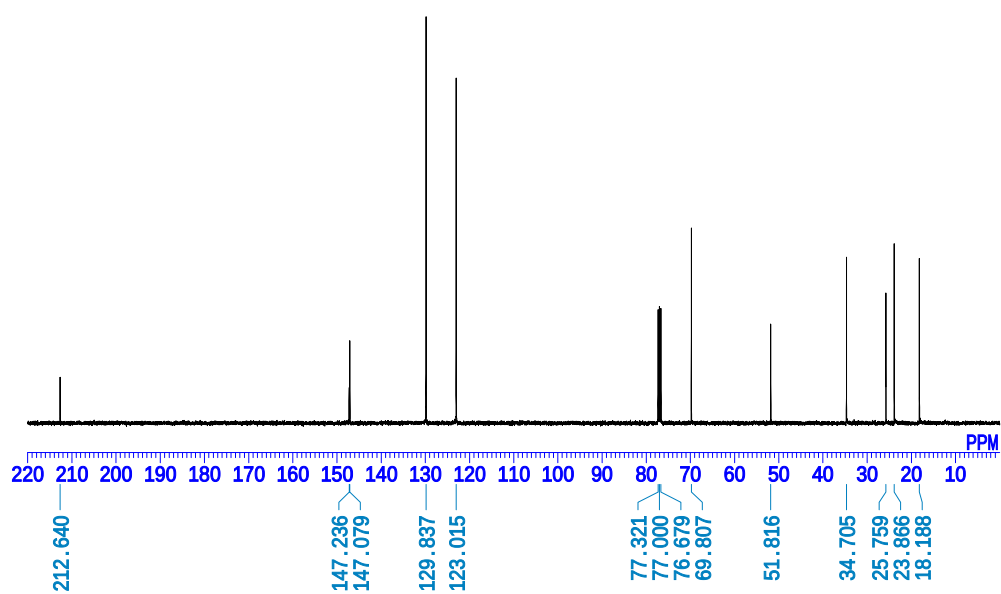
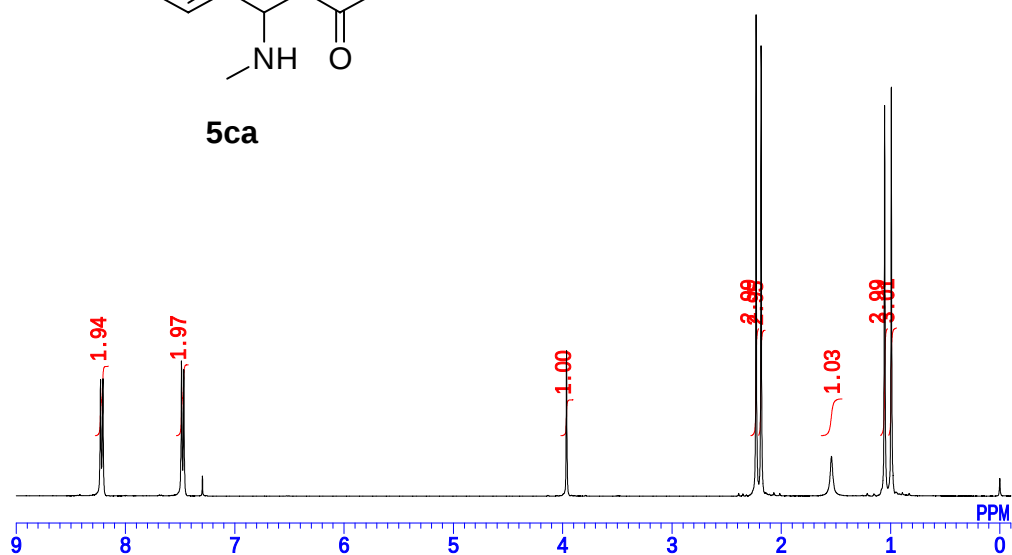
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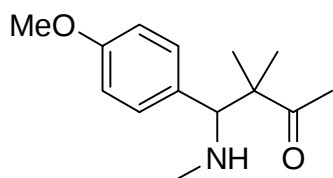
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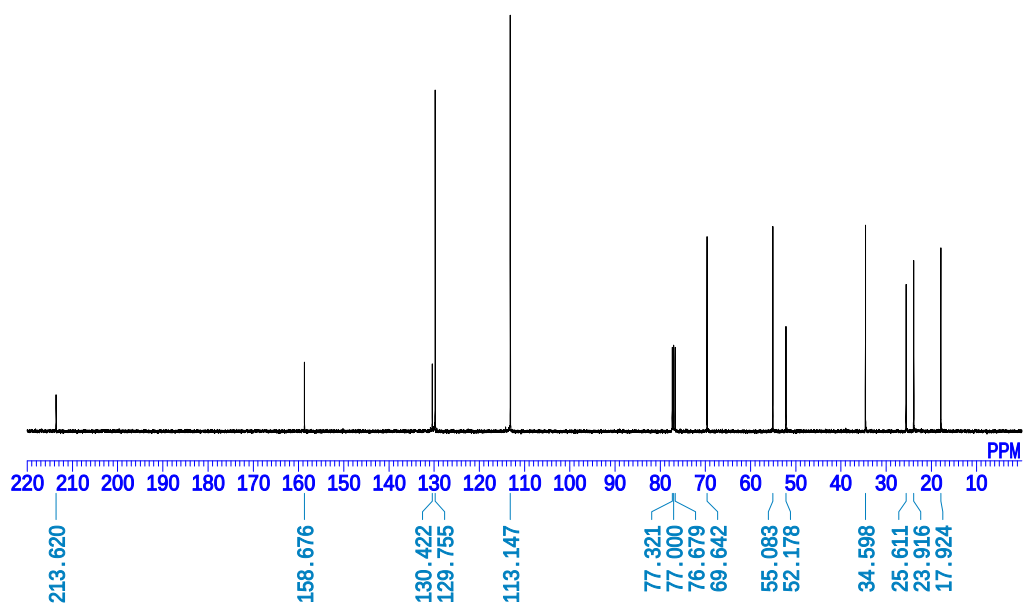
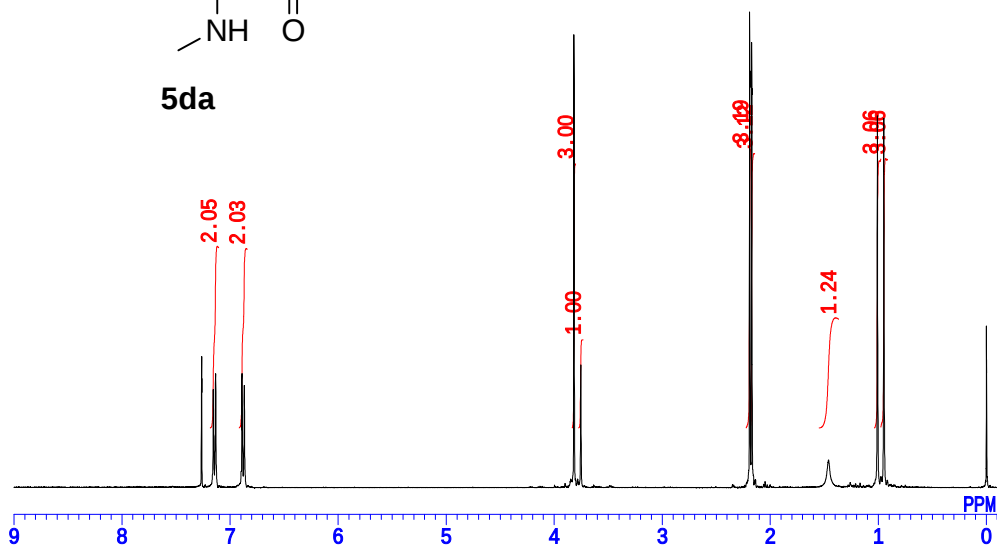


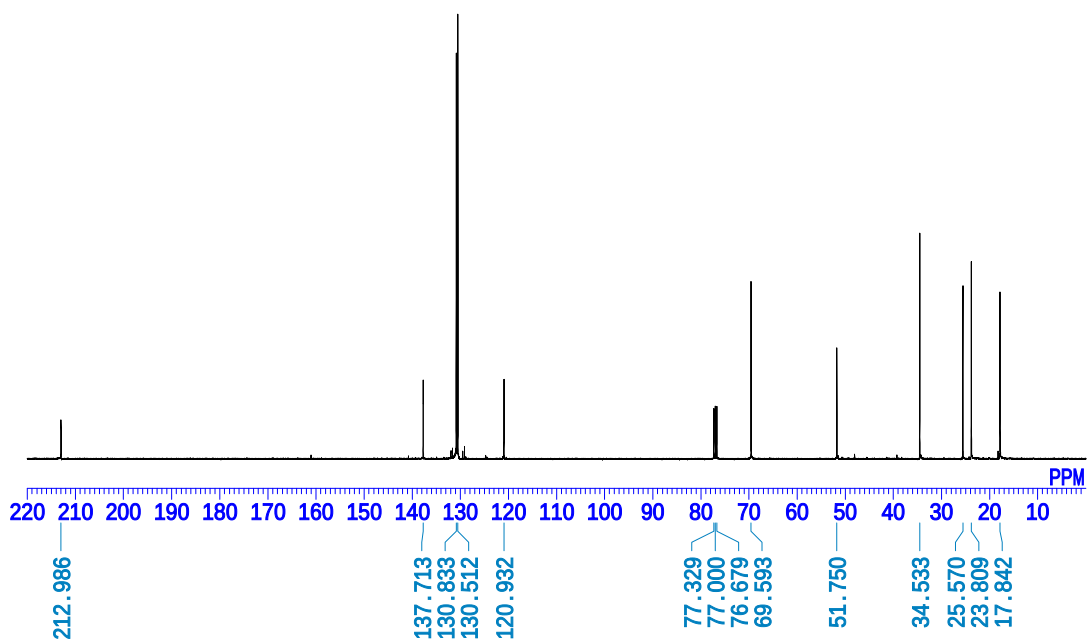
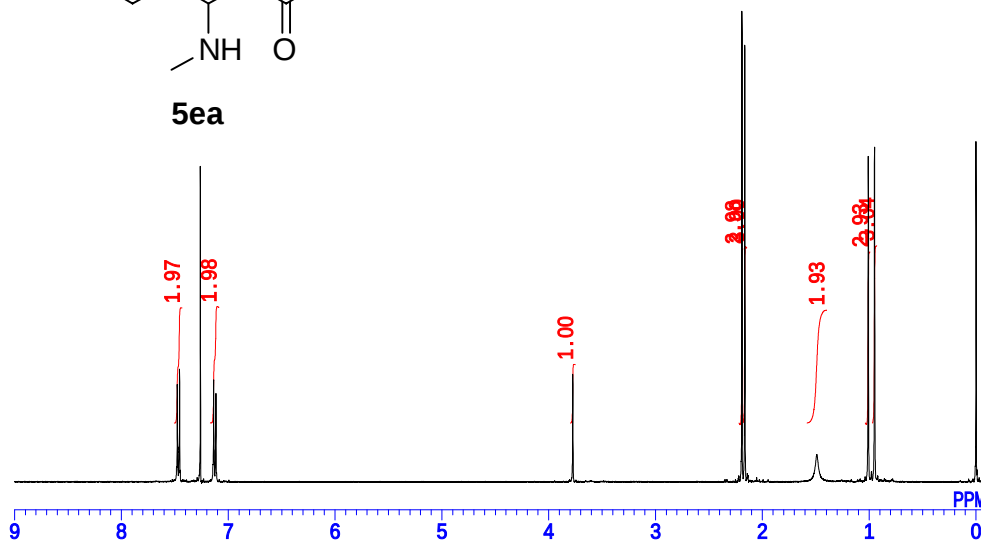
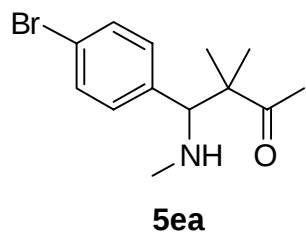
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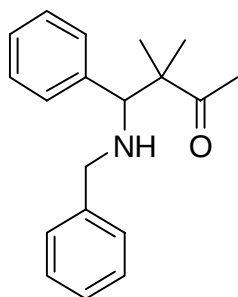




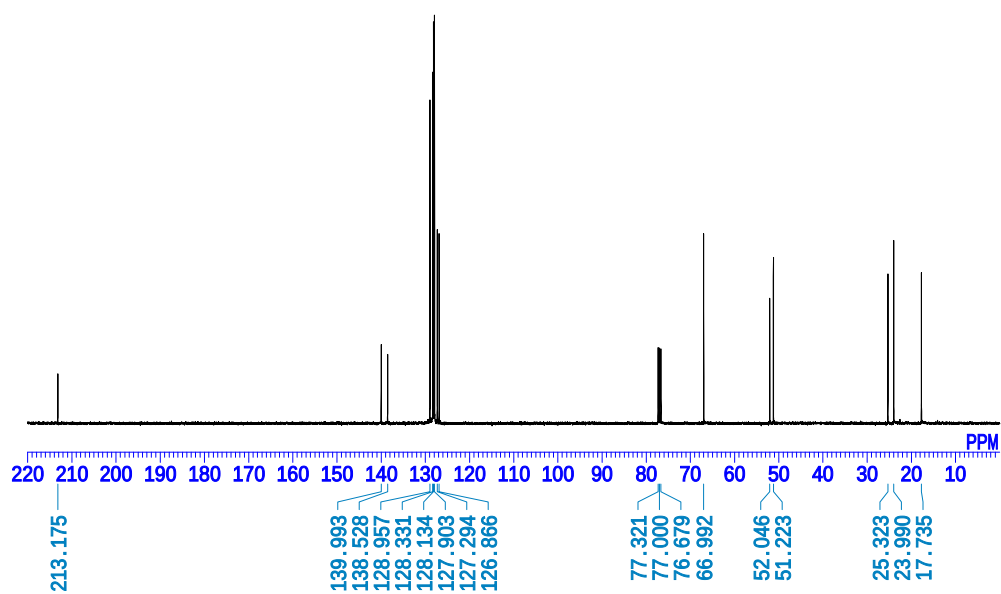
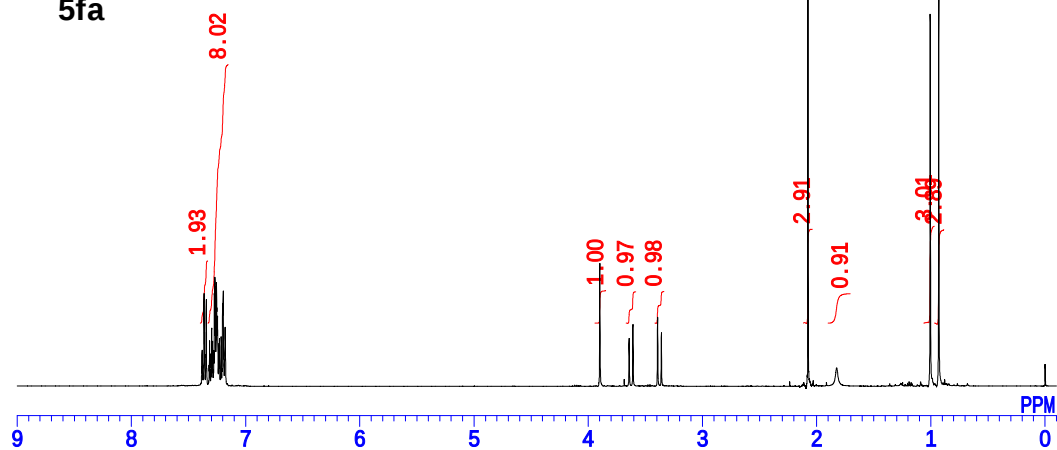
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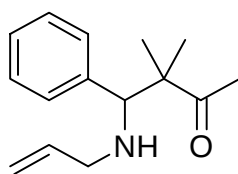




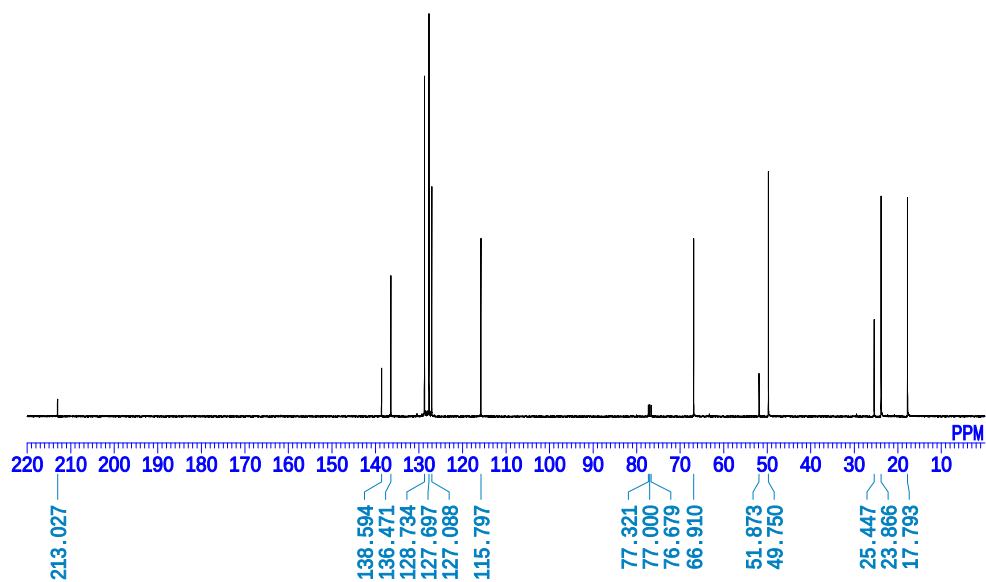
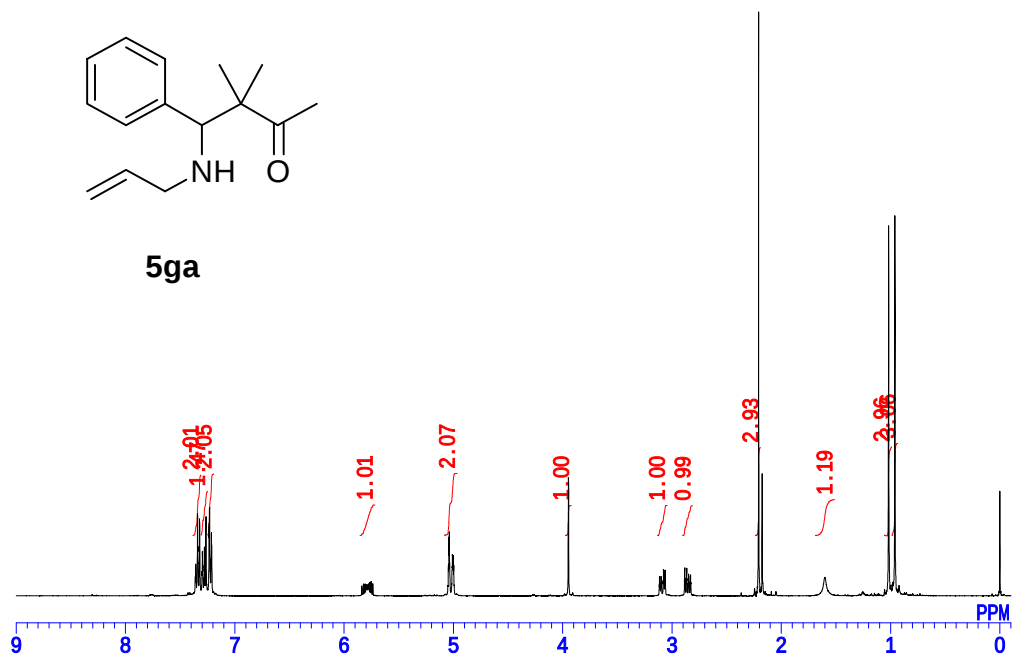


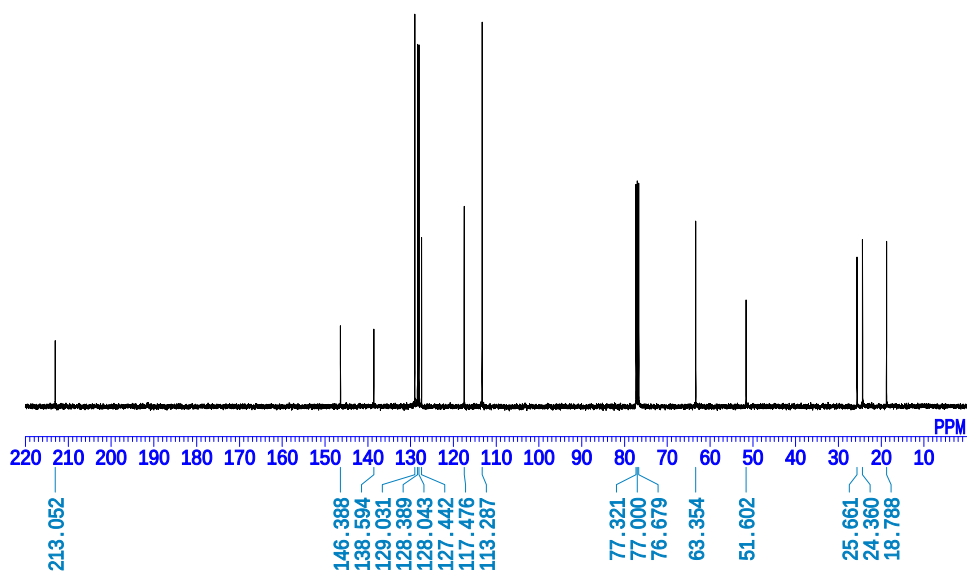
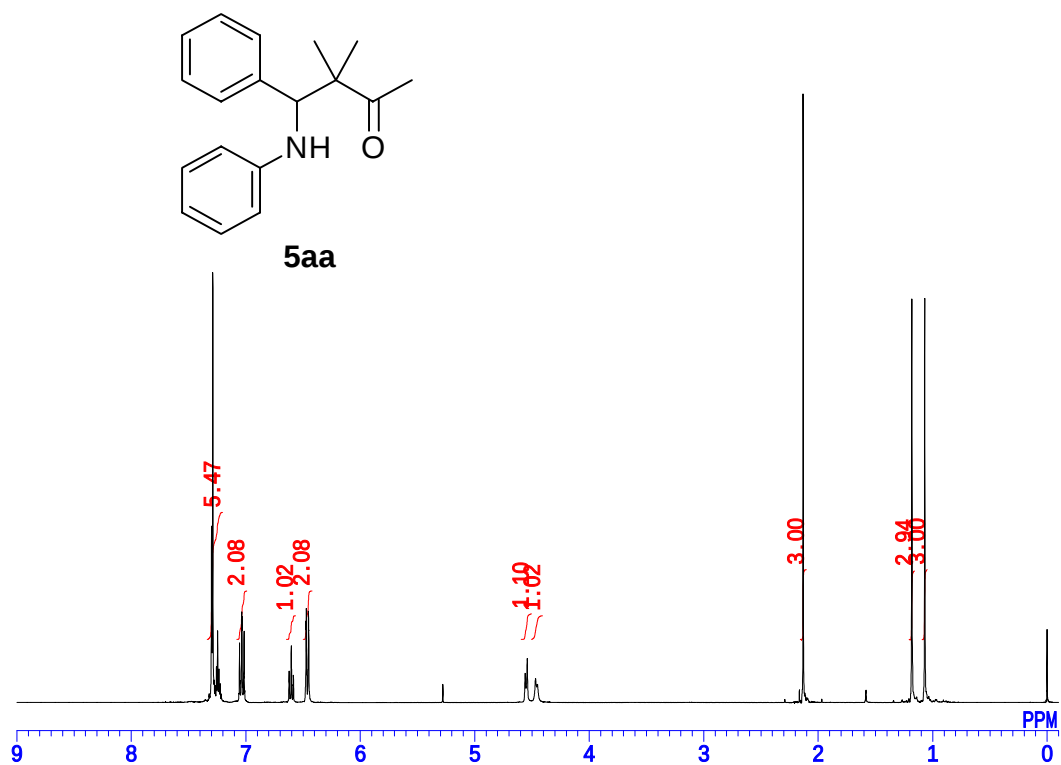
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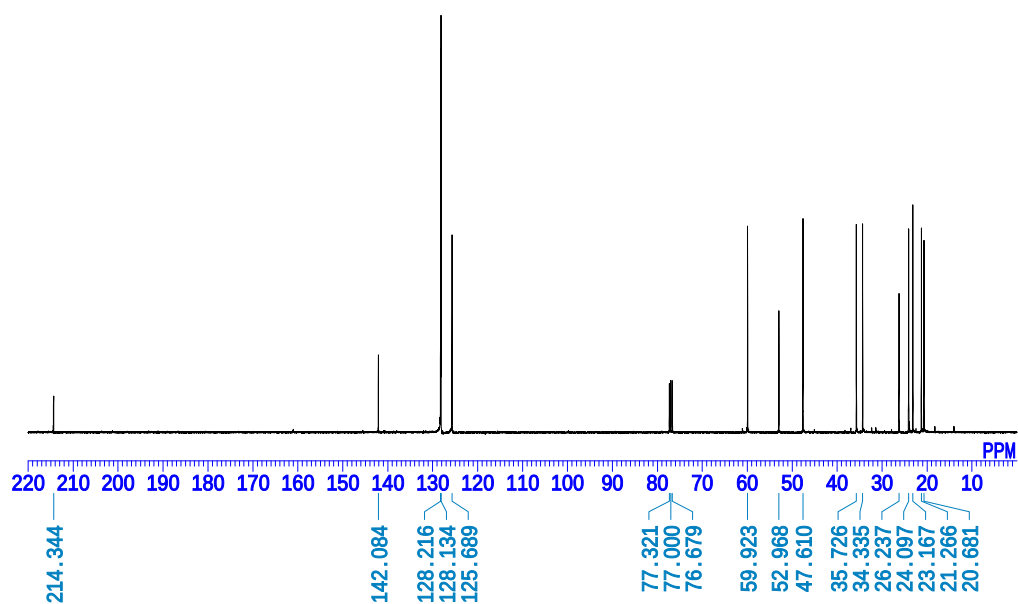
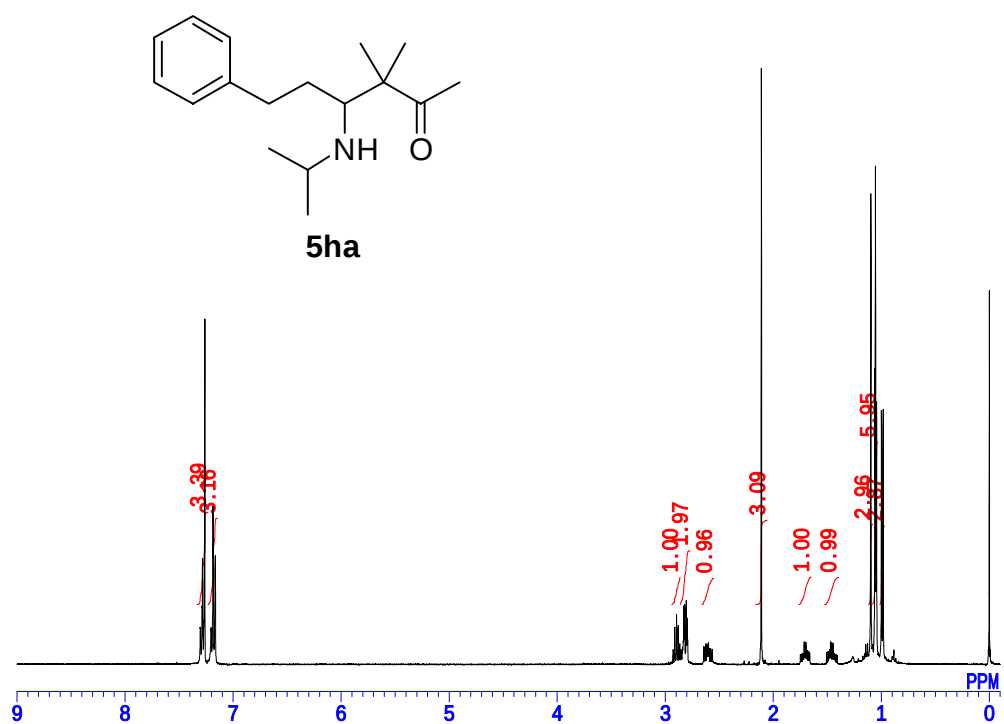


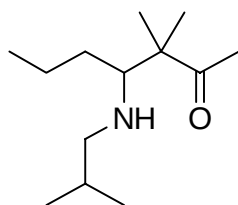


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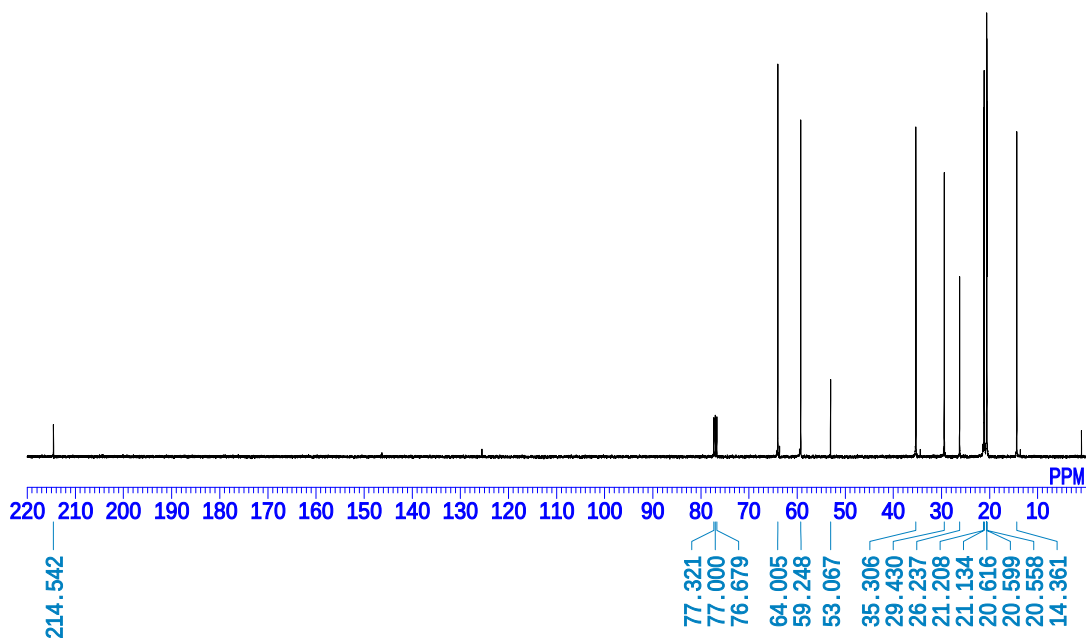
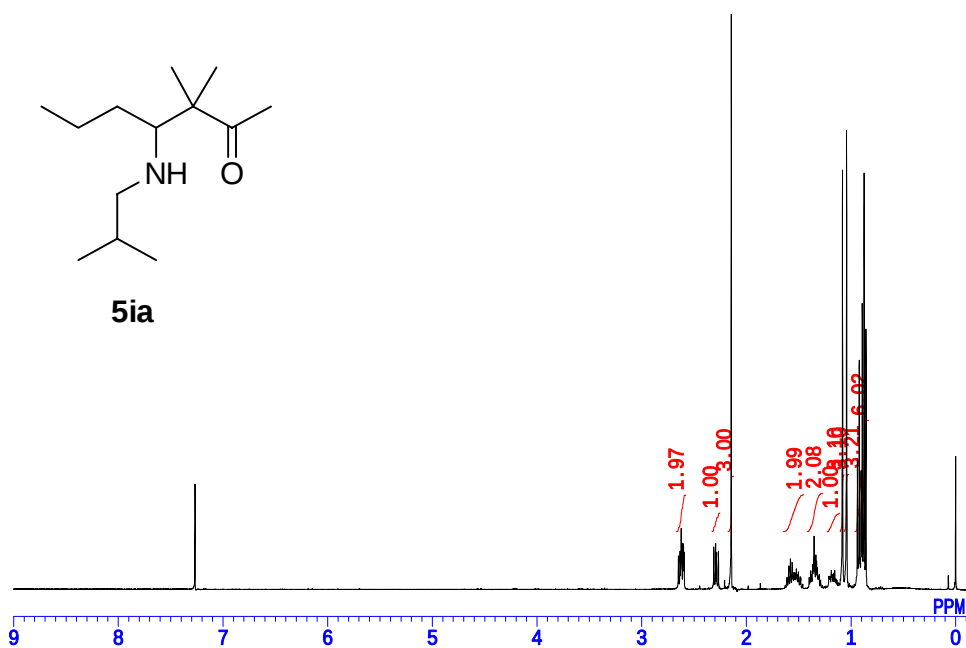


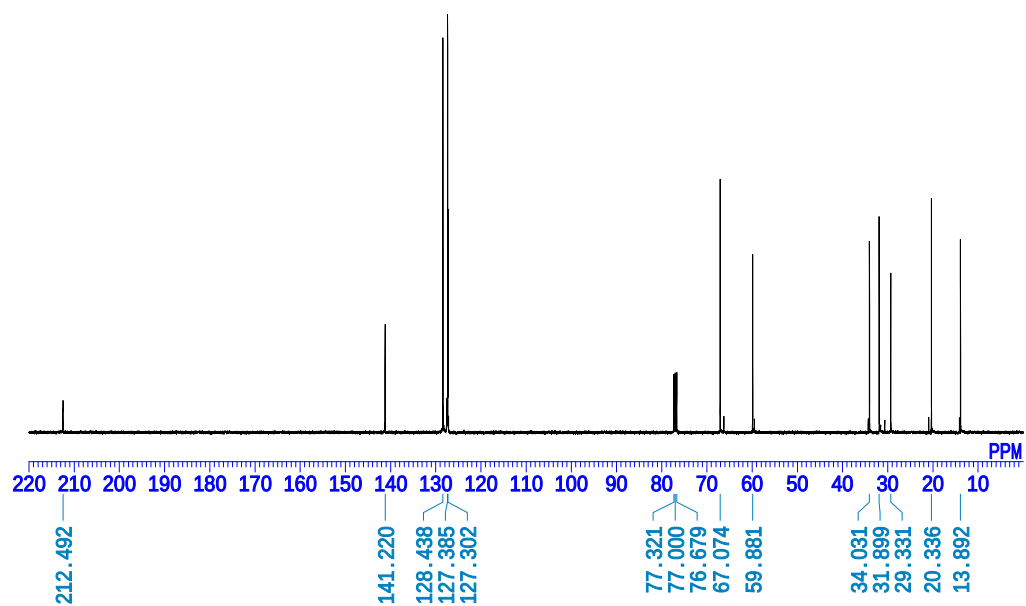
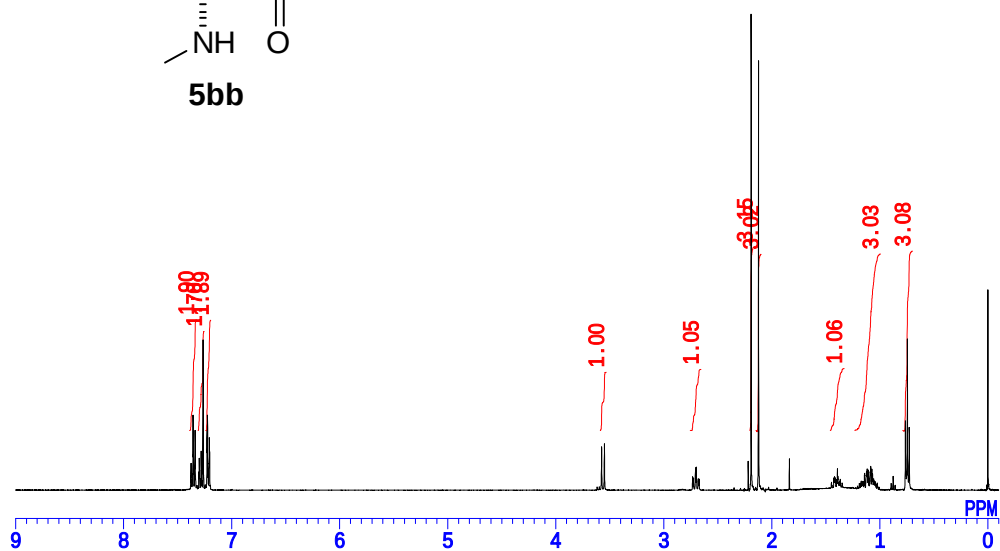
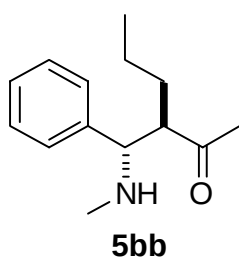


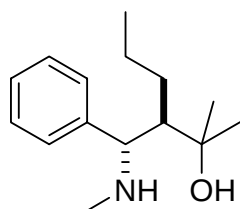




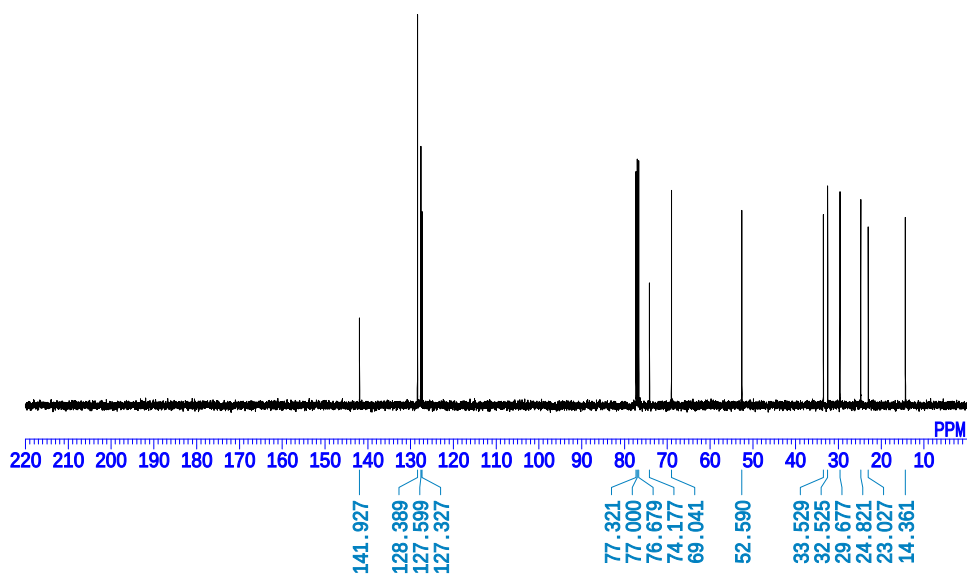
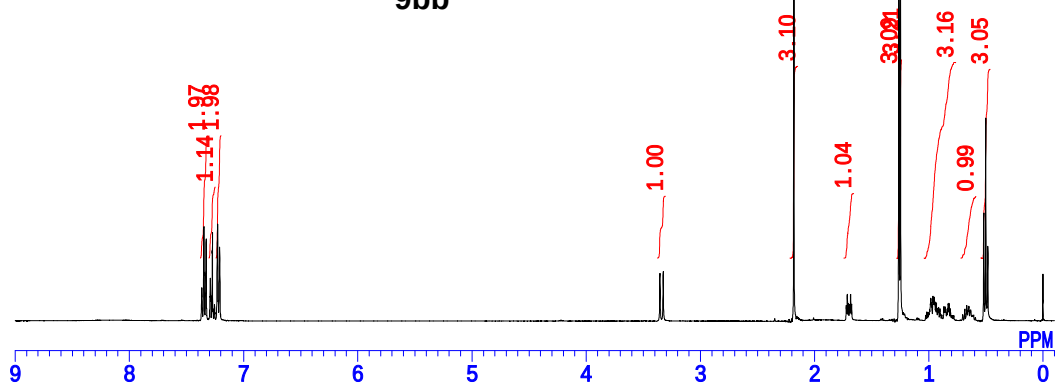
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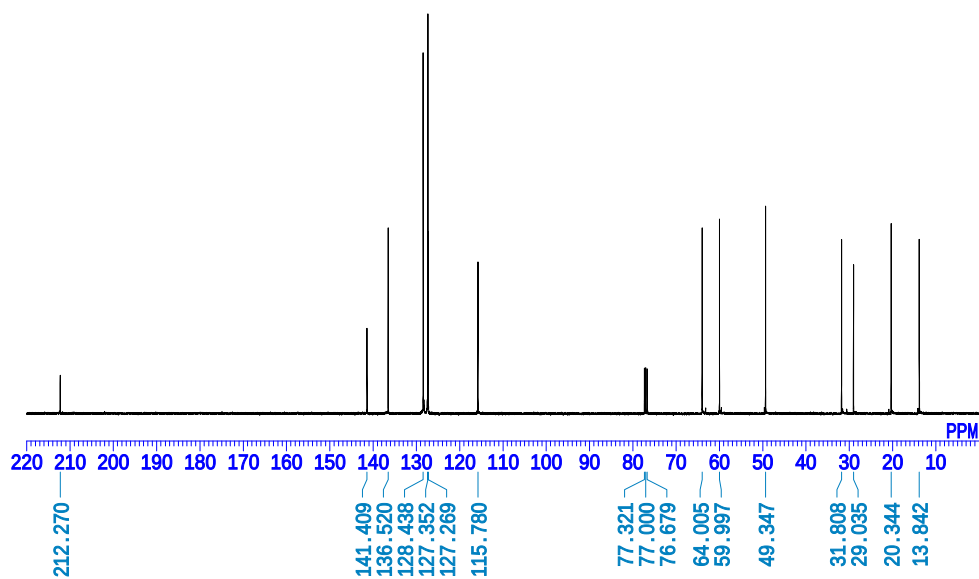
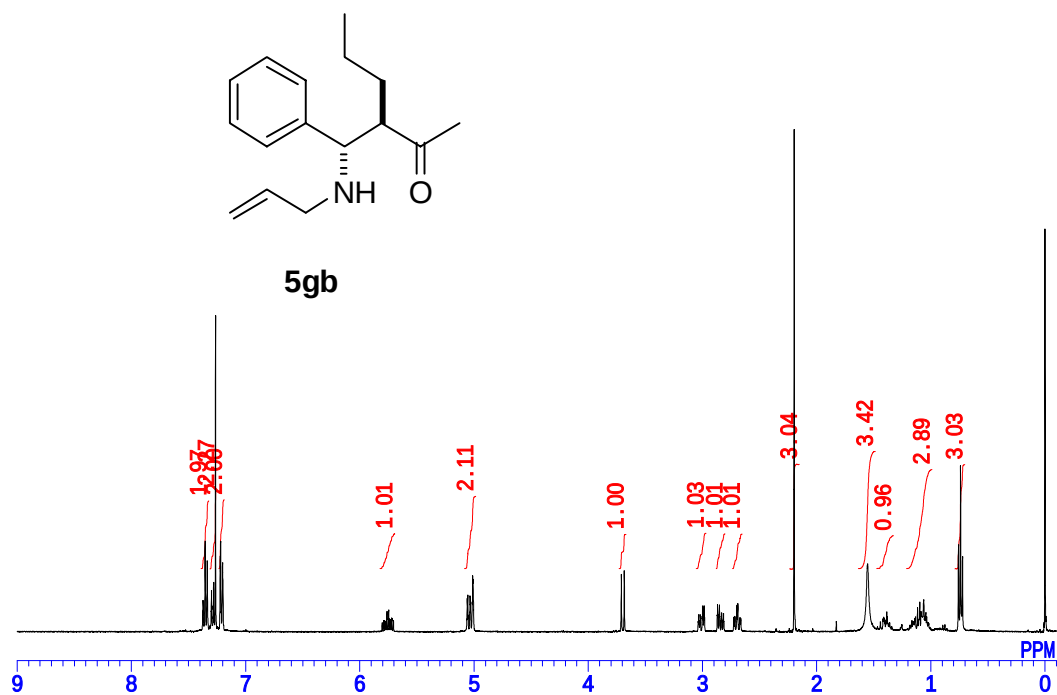


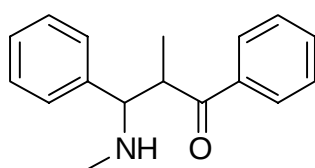




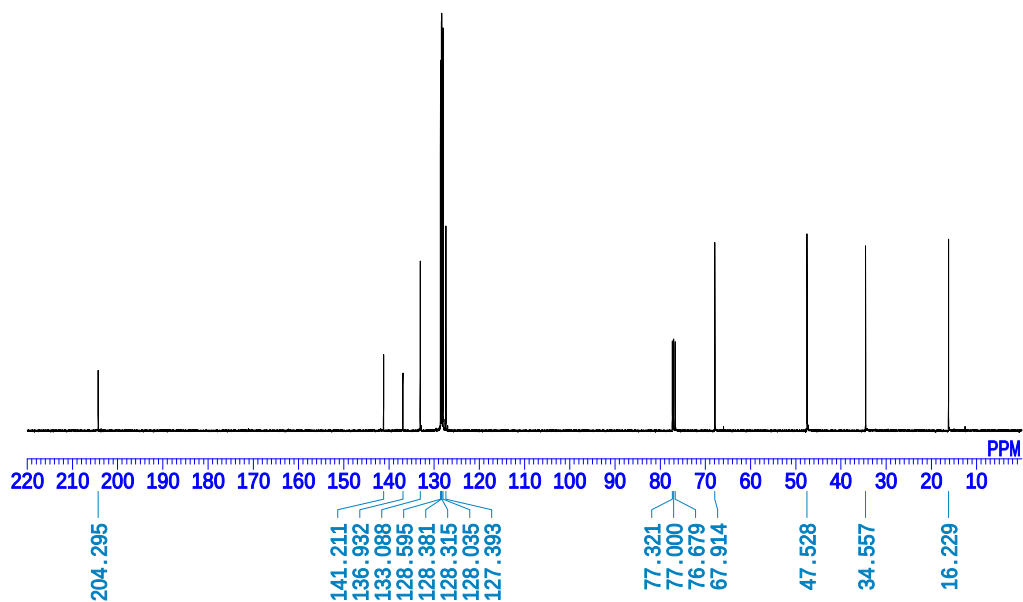
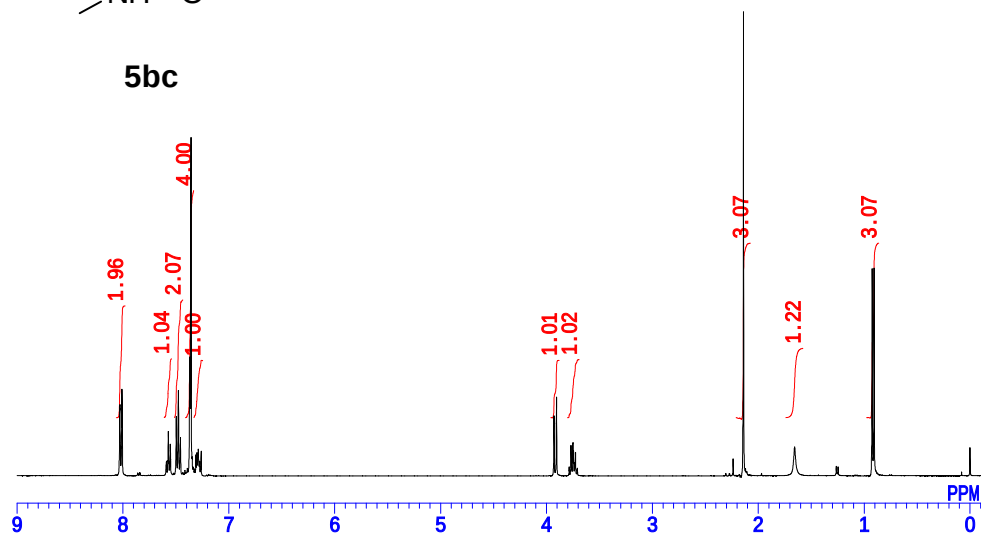
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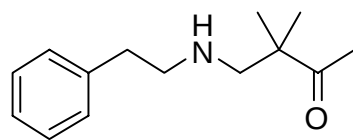




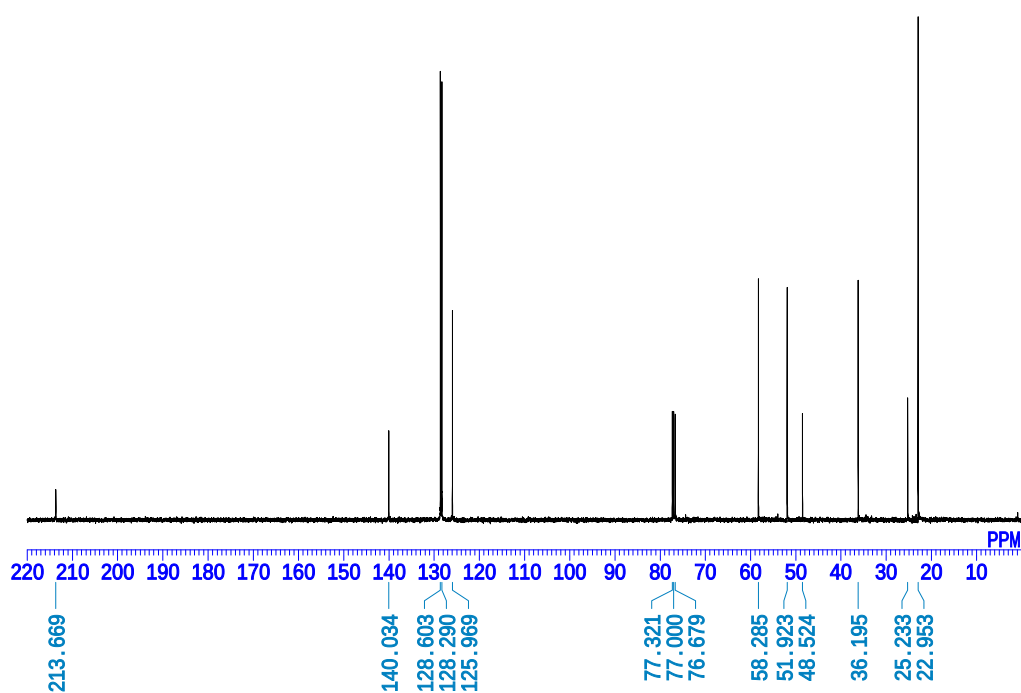
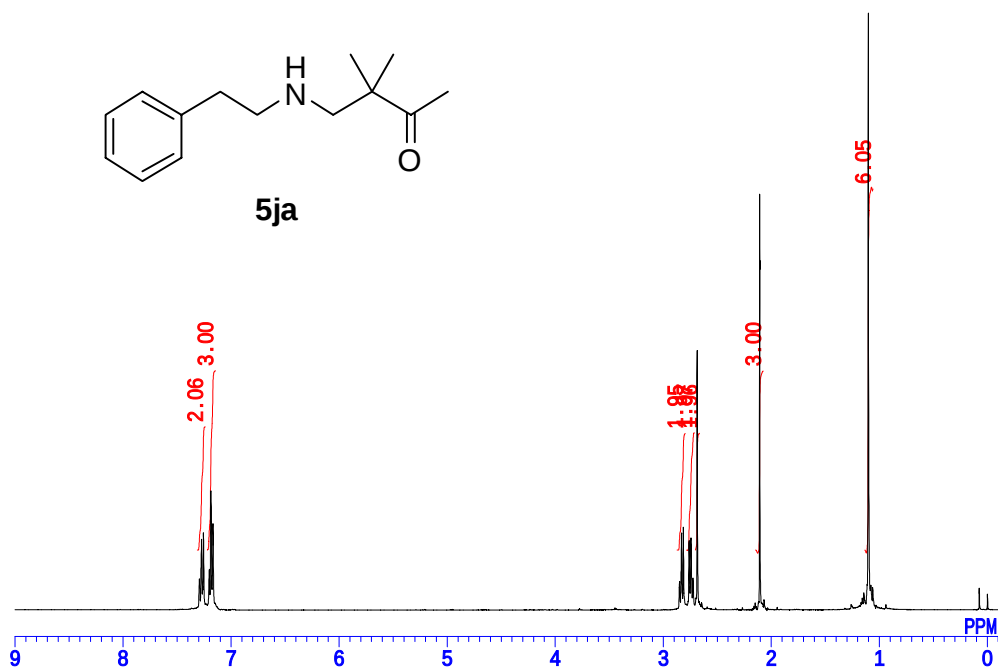


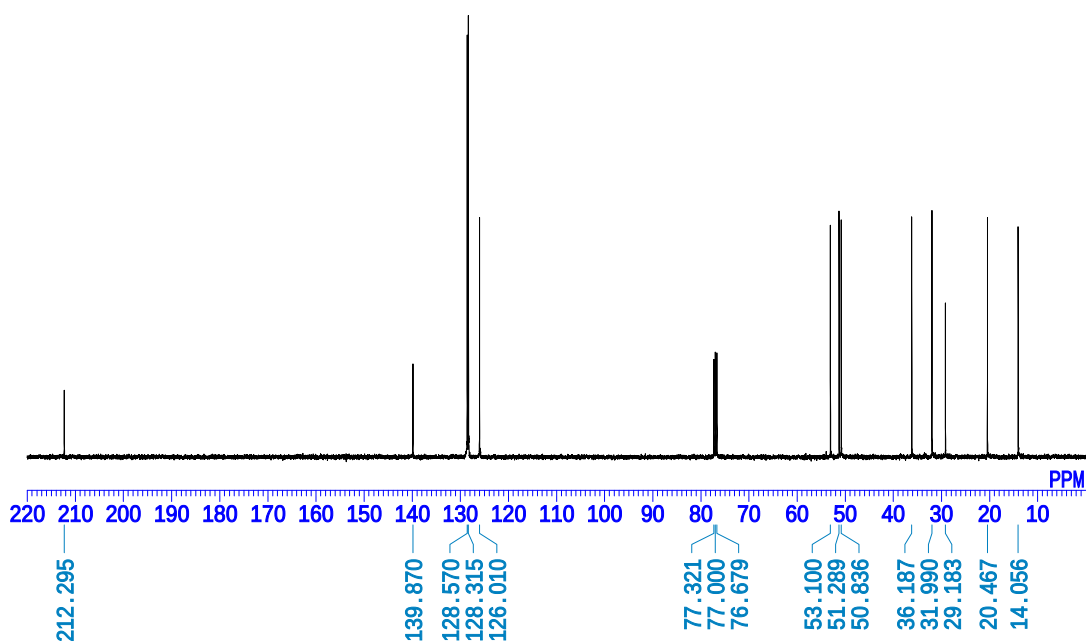
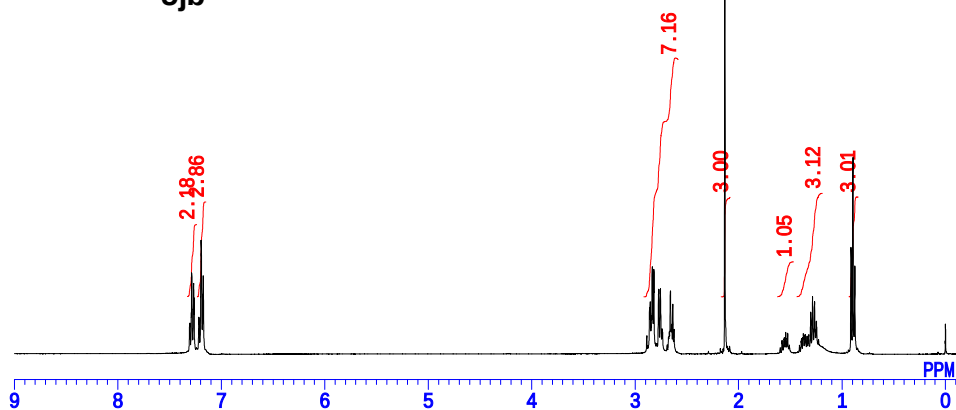
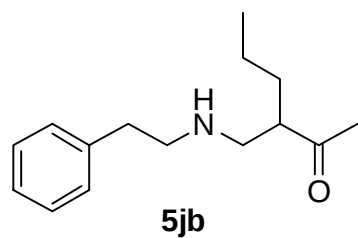
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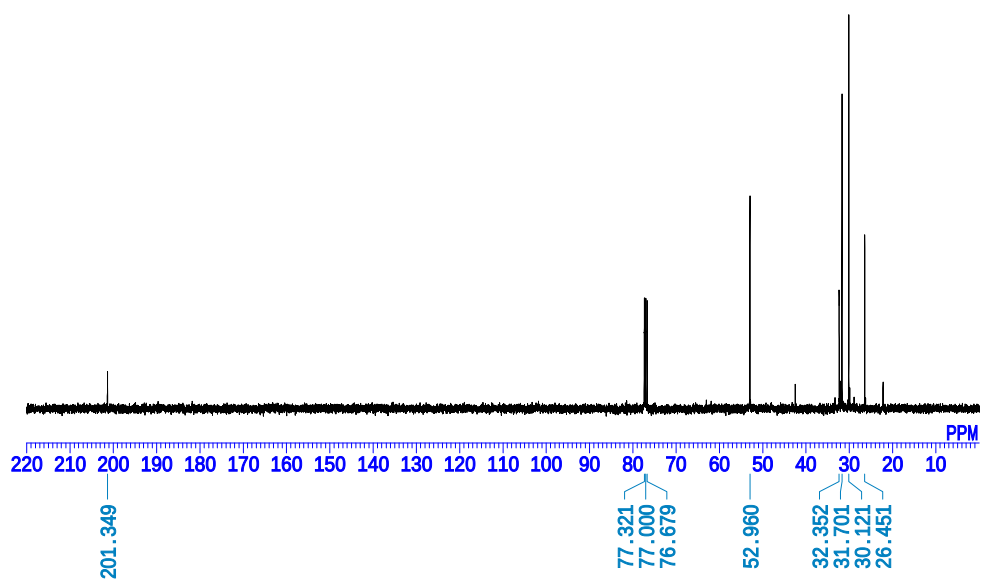
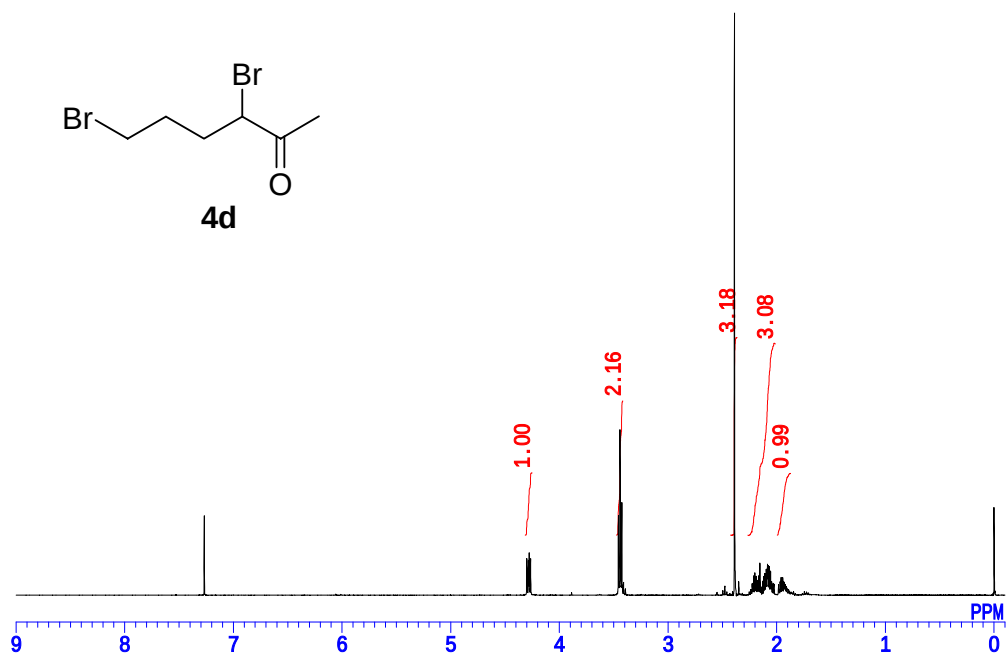


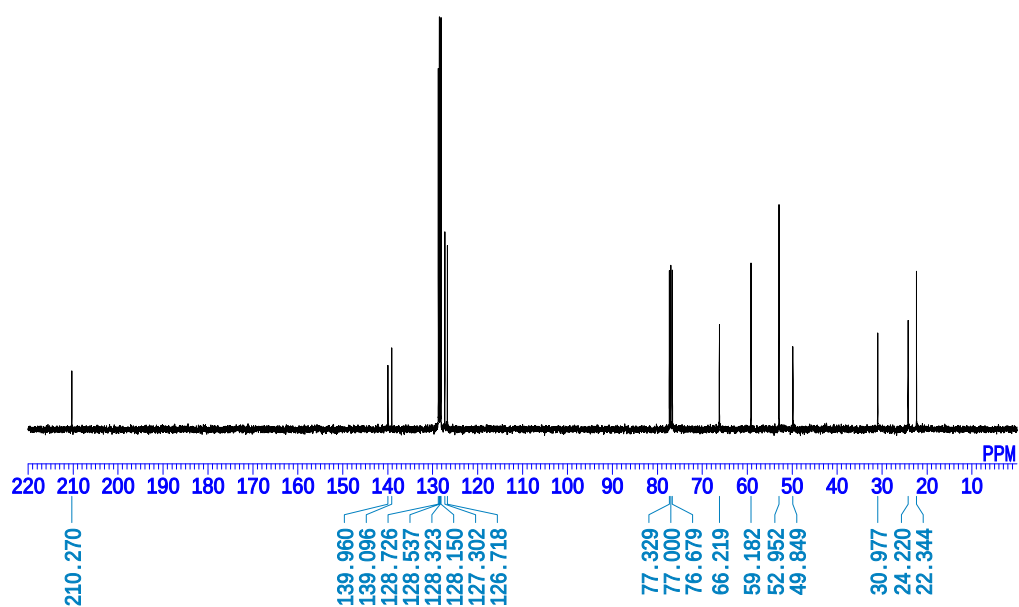
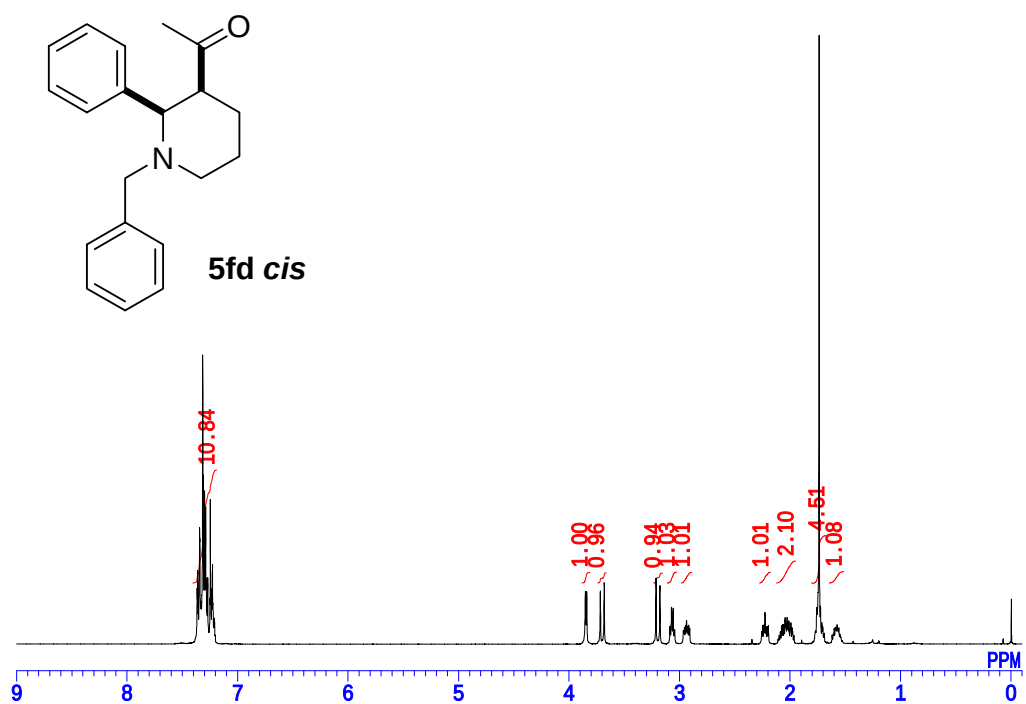


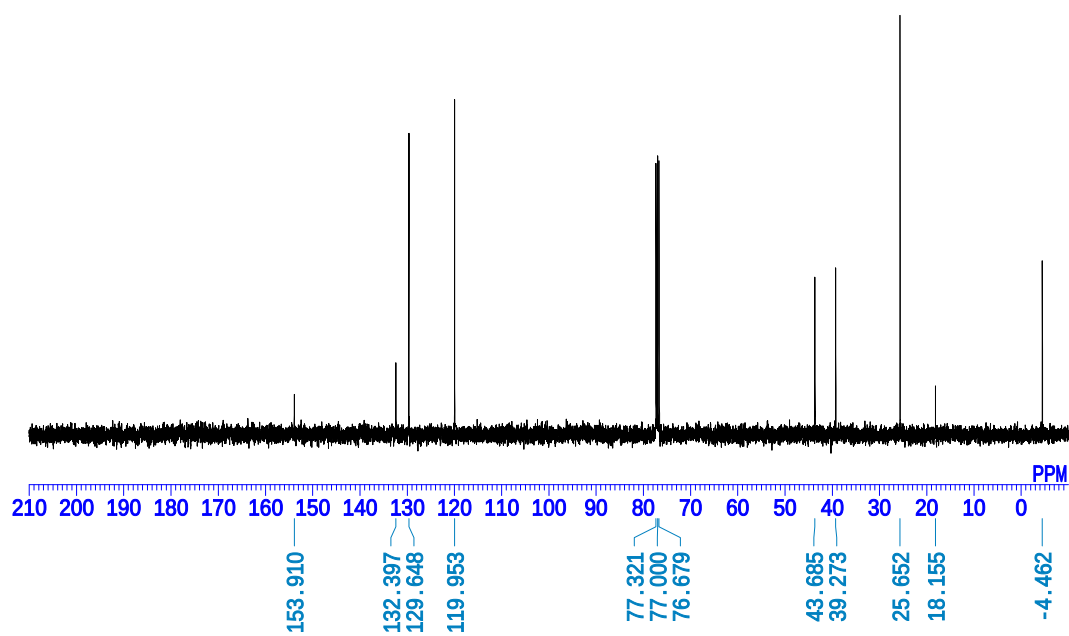
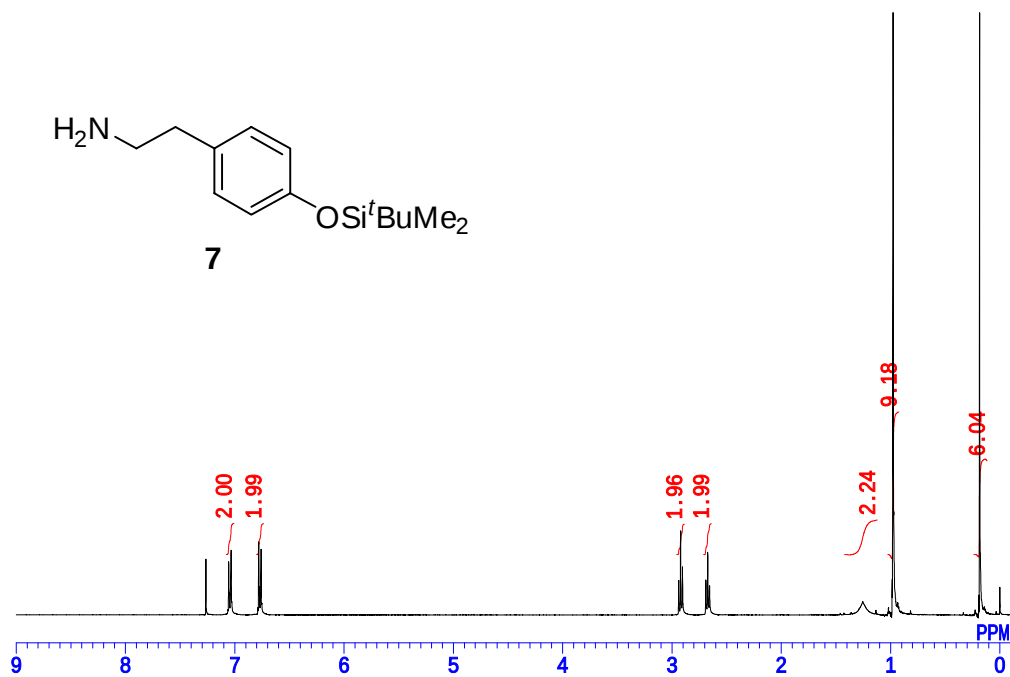
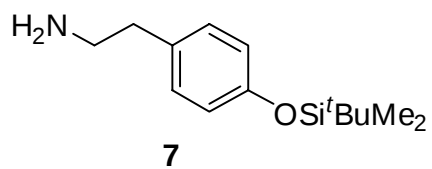
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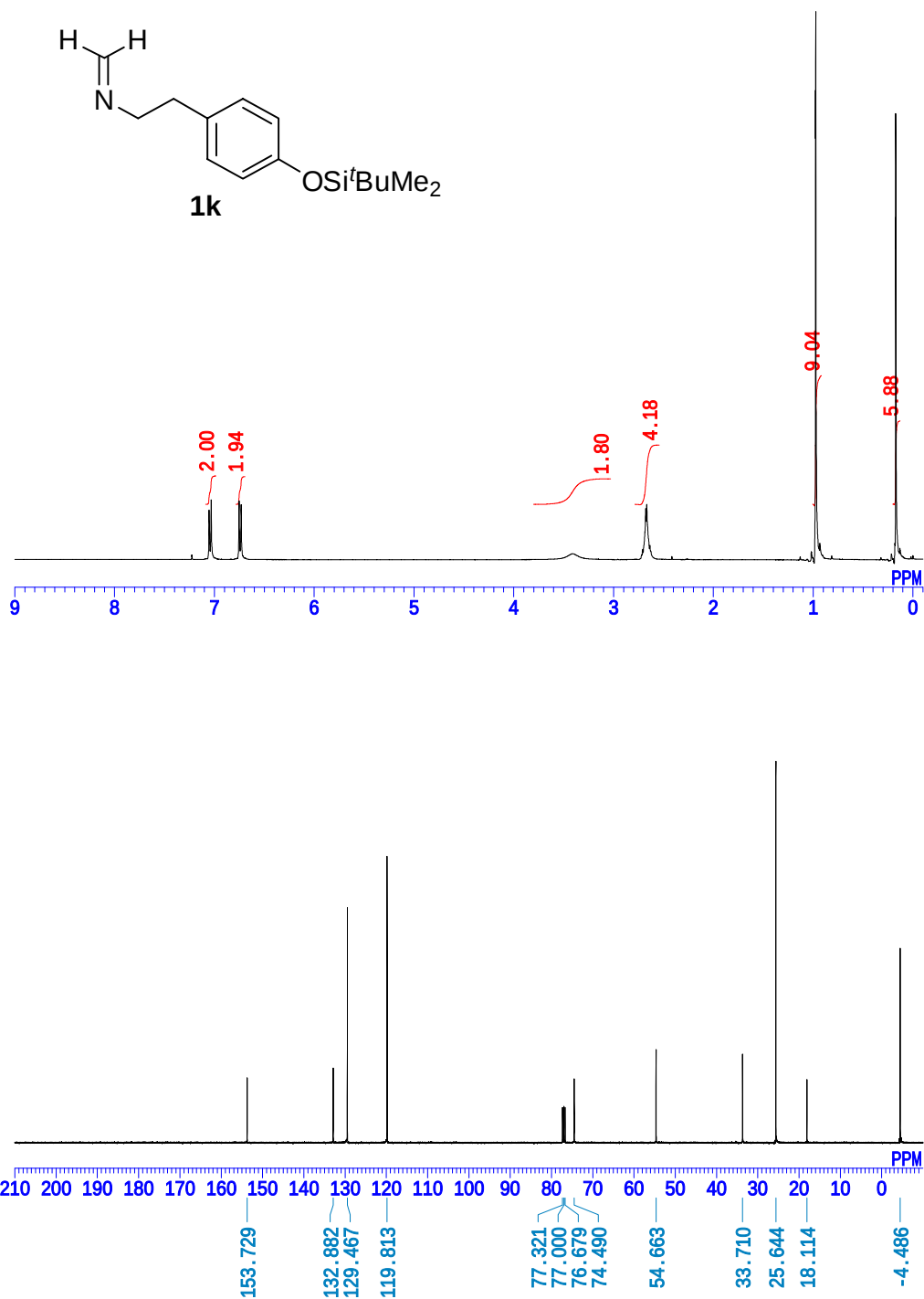


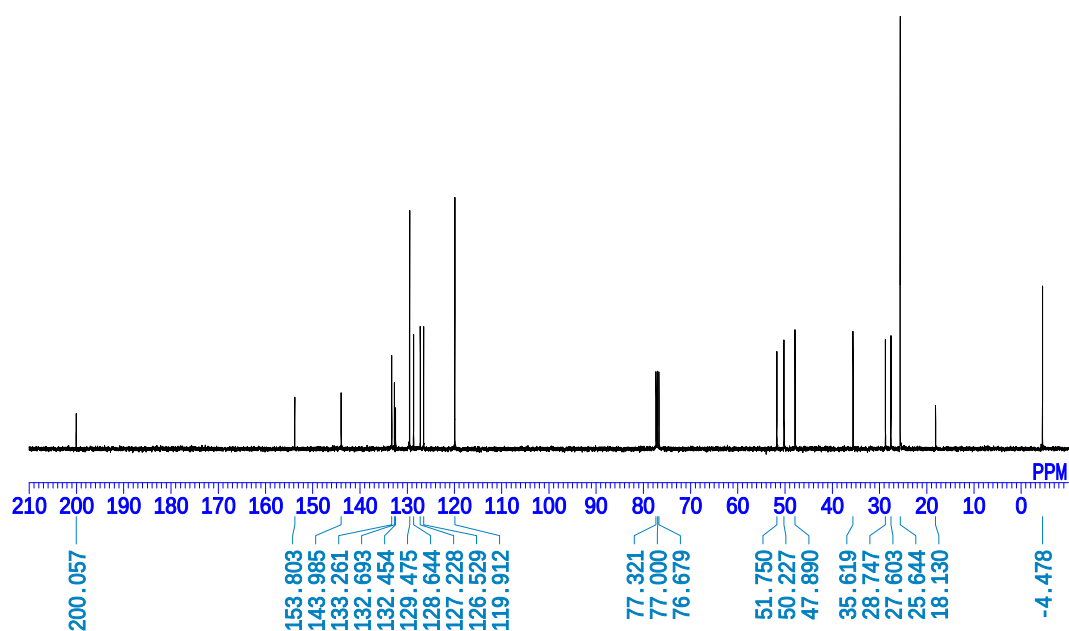
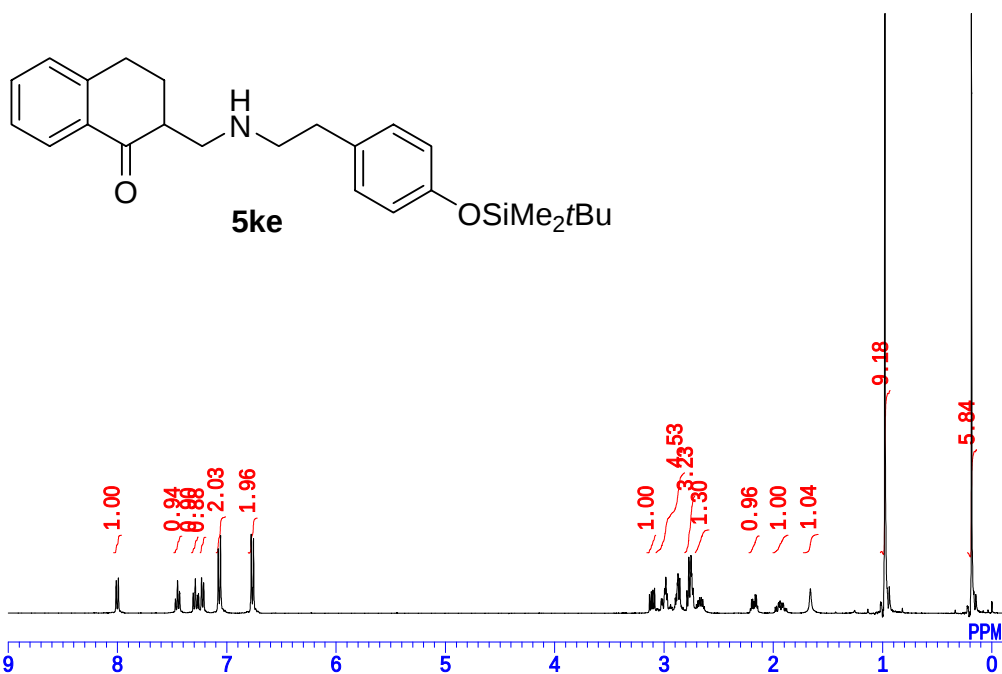


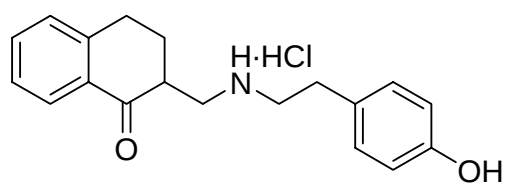












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