

Efficient *in situ* Three-component Formation of Chiral Oxazoline-Schiff Base Copper(II) Complexes: Towards Combinatorial Library of Chiral Catalysts for Asymmetric Henry Reaction

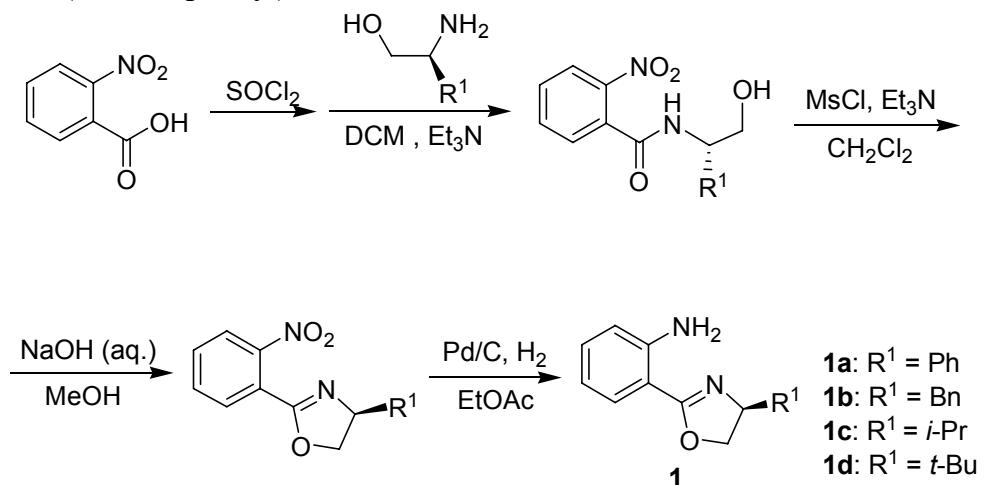
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Supporting information

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Synthesis of nitrobenzamides

A solution of 2-nitrobenzoic acid (835 mg, 5.0 mmol) and thionyl chloride (5 mL) was refluxed for 3 h. The excess thionyl chloride was removed under reduced pressure to afford 2-nitrobenzoyl chloride. The above chloride in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of chiral amino alcohol (5.0 mmol) and Et₃N (1.8 mL, 12.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C, then stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The reaction mixture was successively washed with saturated NH₄Cl (aq), HCl (1M), saturated NaHCO₃ (aq) and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether 1:1 V/V) to afford the nitrobenzamides.

N-((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)-2-nitrobenzamide

White solid, yield 86%; m.p. 138–139 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +27.2$ ($c = 0.94$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300M, d^6 -DMSO): $\delta = 9.07$ (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.00 (dd, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.71–3.58 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75M, d^6 -DMSO): $\delta = 165.0$, 147.0, 140.5, 133.4, 132.5, 130.6, 129.2, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 123.9, 64.4, 55.5; IR (KBr): ν 3315, 2960, 1648, 1575, 1531, 1453, 1350, 1318, 1052, 853, 735, 704 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 287.09871. Found: 287.10263.

N-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-2-phenylethyl)-2-nitrobenzamide

Pale yellow oil, yield 98%. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -6.8$ ($c = 1.68$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.83$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.15 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.21–4.19 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, $J = 3.3$ Hz, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 4.5$ Hz, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (br s, 1H), 2.84 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 166.8$, 145.8, 137.6, 133.6, 132.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 124.1, 62.7, 53.1, 36.3; IR (KBr): ν 3467, 2958, 1624, 1549, 1523, 1476, 1340, 1294, 1096, 825, 751 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 301.11436. Found: 301.11828.

N-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methylbutyl)-2-nitrobenzamide

White solid, yield 89%; m.p. 108–109 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -20.2$ ($c = 1.08$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300M, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.03$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 2H), 6.25 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.73 (m, 3H), 2.37 (br s, 1H), 2.02–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75M, d^6 -DMSO): $\delta = 165.4$, 146.9, 133.3, 133.1, 130.3, 129.2, 123.8, 60.9, 56.3, 28.1, 19.6, 17.9; IR (KBr): ν 3429, 3320, 2963, 1627, 1548, 1523, 1417, 1351, 1074, 853, 789, 698 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 253.11436. Found: 253.11828.

N-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-nitrobenzamide

White solid, yield 85%; m.p. 137–138 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -60.5$ ($c = 3.65$, EtOH); ^1H NMR (300M, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.04$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2H), 6.17 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.08–4.01 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, $J = 3.6$ Hz, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (br s, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75M, d^6 -DMSO): $\delta = 165.6$, 147.1, 133.14, 133.11, 130.3, 129.4, 123.7, 60.5, 59.5, 33.9, 26.9; IR (KBr): ν 3420, 3230, 3076, 2957, 1645, 1562, 1540, 1469, 1367, 1315, 1048, 871, 779, 728, 696 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 267.13001. Found: 267.13393.

Synthesis of 2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxazolines

To a ice-cold solution of nitrobenzamide (4.0 mmol) and Et_3N (1.4 mL, 10.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (0.39 mL, 0.5 mmol) via a syringe. After stirred for 6 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The crude product was dissolved in methanol (15 mL), and a solution of NaOH(0.5 g) in water (5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, then cooled to room temperature. The methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×25 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether 1:10 V/V) to afford the 2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxazolines.

(S)- 4-Phenyl-2-(2-nitrophenyl)- oxazoline

Pale yellow oil, yield 92%. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -50.1$ ($c = 1.23$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.93\text{--}7.86$ (m, 2H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 5H), 5.40 (dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.3$, 149.1, 141.5, 132.5, 131.5, 131.2, 128.7, 127.7, 126.8, 123.9, 123.1, 75.8, 70.4; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3065$, 1642, 1529, 1349, 1039, 850, 789, 701 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 269.08815. Found: 269.09207.

(S)-4-Benzyl-2-(2-nitrophenyl)-oxazoline

White soild, yield 89%; m.p. 55–56 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +9.0$ ($c = 1.15$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.87\text{--}7.76$ (m, 2H), 7.66–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 5H), 4.65–4.53 (m, 1H), 4.37 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 5.6$ Hz, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, $J = 8.2$ Hz, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 161.3$, 149.1, 137.6, 132.3, 131.3, 130.9, 129.2, 128.5, 126.5, 123.8, 123.3, 72.8, 68.1, 41.2; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3060$, 1659, 1605, 1532, 1357, 1060, 948, 852, 754, 700 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 235.10380. Found: 235.10772.

(S)-4-(1-Methylethyl)-2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxazoline

Pale yellow oil, yield 94%. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -66.8$ ($c = 1.87$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.86\text{--}7.80$ (m, 2H), 7.64–7.57 (m, 2H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.10 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 160.7$, 149.0, 132.2, 131.2, 130.9, 123.7, 123.3, 72.9, 71.1, 32.5, 18.6, 18.2; IR (KBr): $\nu = 2961$, 1662, 1608, 1536, 1357, 1063, 955, 852, 784, 705 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 283.10380. Found: 283.10772.

(S)-4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxazoline

Pale yellow oil, yield 90%. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -92.7$ ($c = 1.09$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.86\text{--}7.80$ (m, 2H), 7.64–7.57 (m, 2H), 4.37 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 8.2$ Hz, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 0.98 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 160.7$, 149.1, 132.3, 131.2, 131.0, 123.7, 123.4, 76.6, 69.7, 34.0, 25.9; IR (KBr): $\nu = 2956$, 1663, 1536, 1357, 1062, 955, 851, 782, 705 cm^{-1} ; HR-ESIMS: m/z cacl for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$): 249.11945. Found: 249.12337.

Synthesis of 2-(2-aminophenyl)oxazolines 1a–d

To a solution of 2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxazoline (3.0 mmol) in EtOAc (25 mL) was added Pd/C (50 mg). The reaction was placed under an atmosphere of H_2 in a rubber balloon and stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite to remove Pd/C, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether 1:20 V/V) to afford the 2-(2-aminophenyl)oxazolines.

(S)-2-(2-Aminophenyl)-4-phenyloxazoline 1a

White soild, yield 91%; m.p. 74–75 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +207.6$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.18 (m, 6H), 6.69–6.65 (m, 2H), 6.11 (br, 2H), 5.42 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.0$, 148.8, 142.7, 132.2, 129.7, 128.6, 127.5, 126.6, 116.0, 115.7, 108.6, 73.0, 70.1. lit.¹ m.p. 74–77 °C. $[\alpha]_D = +185.1$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).

(S)-2-(2-Aminophenyl)-4-benzylloxazoline 1b

White solid, yield 91%; m.p. 57–58 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +43.3$ ($c = 0.51$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.68$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.16 (m, 6H), 6.68–6.61 (m, 2H), 6.08 (br s, 2H), 4.64–4.53 (m, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.0$, 148.6, 138.3, 132.0, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 126.3, 115.9, 115.6, 108.9, 70.2, 68.0, 42.2. lit.¹ m.p. 56–57 °C. $[\alpha]_D = +24.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).

(S)-2-(2-Aminophenyl)-4-isopropylloxazoline 1c

White solid, yield 91%; m.p. 64–65 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +23.2$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.67$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.69–6.62 (m, 2H), 5.98 (br, 2H), 4.30 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.99 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.81–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 163.5$, 148.5, 131.9, 129.5, 115.9, 115.6, 109.1, 72.8, 68.7, 33.1, 18.9, 18.5. lit.¹ m.p. 64–65 °C. $[\alpha]_D = +10.2$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).

(S)-2-(2-Aminophenyl)-4-tert-butyloxazoline 1d

White solid, yield 90%; m.p. 67–68 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +34.8$ ($c = 0.50$, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.67$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.70–6.62 (m, 2H), 6.15 (br s, 2H), 4.27–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.13–4.08 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 163.4$, 148.6, 131.8, 129.5, 115.9, 115.6, 109.1, 76.3, 66.8, 33.8, 25.8. lit.¹ m.p. 66–67 °C. $[\alpha]_D = +35$ ($c = 1.0$, EtOH).

Table S1 Validation of the reproducibility and optimization of reaction temperature.^a

Entry	T(°C)	Additive	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	r.t.	none	24	90	69
2	r.t.	10 mol% Et_3N	12	99	20
3	r.t.	10 mol% NaOH	12	94	6
4	r.t.	100 mg 4 Å MS	20	98	56
5	r.t.	Na_2SO_4	24	81	70
6	50	none	7	95	63
7	10	none	72	94	71
8	0	none	168	95	78

^a Reactions were performed with 0.5 mmol of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and 5.0 mmol of nitromethane in 2 mL of EtOH in the presence of 10 mol % catalyst **4db** at room temperature. ^b Isolated yields after column chromatography purification. ^c Determined by HPLC using a Daicel Chiracel OD-H column (*n*-hexane–isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm).

Table S2 Optimization of solvents and catalyst loading.^a

Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	EtOH	90	69
2	95% EtOH	95	66
3	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	trace	nd
4	MeOH	79	64
5	<i>i</i> -PrOH	87	67
6	THF	96	74
7	dioxane	trace	nd
8	TBME	93	76
9	toluene	34	80
10 ^d	toluene	39	77
11	benzene	32	77
12	CH ₂ Cl ₂	38	76
13	Et ₂ O	96	82
14 ^e	Et ₂ O	90	74
15 ^f	Et ₂ O	61	70

^a Reactions were performed with 0.5 mmol of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and 5.0 mmol of nitromethane in 2 mL of solvent in the presence of 10 mol % catalyst **4db** at room temperature for 24 h. ^b Isolated yields after column chromatography purification. ^c Determined by HPLC using a Daicel Chiracel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm). ^d Catalyst **4db** was formed in EtOH, while the Henry reaction was carried out in toluene. ^e 5 mol % catalyst loading was employed. ^f 2.5 mol % catalyst loading was employed.

General procedure for asymmetric Henry reaction catalyzed by *in situ* three-component generated complex catalyst

A solution of 2-(2-aminophenyl)oxazoline **1d** (10.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde **2b** (8.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), and diethyl ether (2 mL) was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Anhydrous Cu(OAc)₂ (9.1 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added and stirred for another 30 min, and the reaction mixture turned dark green. Aldehyde (0.5 mmol) and nitromethane (5.0 mmol, 0.26 mL) were added and stirred for 24–96 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 5:1 as eluent.

(S)-1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-nitroethanol **7a**

Compound **7a** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a colourless solid (97 mg, 92% yield); m.p. 84–85 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer *t_r* =

11.1 min, major enantiomer $t_r = 13.3$ min; 82% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.1$ ($c = 0.75$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.28\text{--}8.23$ (m, 2H), 7.67–7.60 (m, 2H), 5.64–5.58 (m, 1H), 4.62–4.58 (m, 2H), 3.28 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H). lit.² $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.4$ ($c = 2.36$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(3-Nitrophenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7b

Compound 7b was prepared according to the general procedure to give a colourless solid (101 mg, 95% yield); m.p. 70–71 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 85:15 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 14.5$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 16.2$ min; 76% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +34.1$ ($c = 1.12$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.34\text{--}8.32$ (m, 1H), 8.25–8.21 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.64–5.58 (m, 1H), 4.71–4.61 (m, 2H), 3.25 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H). lit.³ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +32.6$ ($c = 0.13$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7c

Compound 7c was prepared according to the general procedure to give a brown solid (103 mg, 97% yield); m.p. 80–82 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 85:15 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.5$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 10.3$ min; 84% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -158.8$ ($c = 0.17$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.08$ (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 6.09–6.03 (m, 1H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 13.6$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, $J = 13.8$ Hz, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H). lit.³ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -185$ ($c = 0.19$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7d

Compound 7d was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (87 mg, 86% yield); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 7.1$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 8.5$ min; 87% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.3$ ($c = 0.71$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.42\text{--}7.32$ (m, 4H), 5.45 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.64–4.44 (m, 2H), 2.99 (br s, 1H). lit.³ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.5$ ($c = 0.11$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7e

Compound 7e was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (99 mg, 81% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 8.2$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 10.1$ min; 79% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +26.0$ ($c = 1.63$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.56\text{--}7.49$ (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 5.44–5.36 (m, 1H), 4.61–4.43 (m, 2H), 3.04 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H). lit.⁴ $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +29.4$ ($c = 0.67$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-2-nitro-1-phenyl-ethanol 7f

Compound 7f was prepared according to the general procedure to give a colourless oil (71 mg, 85% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 7.6$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 8.9$ min; 83% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +36.8$ ($c = 1.06$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.43\text{--}7.35$ (m, 5H), 5.51–5.43 (m, 1H), 4.62 (dd, $J = 13.8$ Hz, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H). lit.² $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +36.8$ ($c = 4.04$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7g

Compound **7g** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (42 mg, 43% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.7$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 11.6$ min; 75% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +30.0$ ($c = 0.32$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35\text{--}7.29$ (m, 2H), 6.96–6.90 (m, 2H), 5.41 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, $J = 13.8$ Hz, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, $J = 13.8$ Hz, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). lit.⁵ $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +32.3$ ($c = 1.05$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-nitroethanol 7h

Compound **7h** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (64 mg, 71% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 85:15 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.4$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 11.5$ min; 80% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +35.7$ ($c = 0.51$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.29\text{--}7.16$ (m, 4H), 5.41–5.35 (m, 1H), 4.58 (dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). lit.⁶ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +20.2$ ($c = 0.85$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-(1-Naphthyl)-2-nitroethanol 7i

Compound **7i** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (70 mg, 65% yield); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.5$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 13.0$ min; 80% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.1$ ($c = 1.10$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.04$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.95–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.49 (m, 3H), 6.32–6.24 (m, 1H), 4.70–4.67 (m, 2H), 2.86 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H). lit.⁷ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +24.1$ ($c = 1.03$, CH_2Cl_2).

(R)-Nitromethyl-2-furanmethanol 7j

Compound **7j** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (44 mg, 56% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel IA column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 95:5 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 18.3$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 20.4$ min; 88% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +34.3$ ($c = 1.05$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.43\text{--}7.42$ (m, 1H), 6.41–6.37 (m, 1H), 5.52–5.44 (m, 1H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 13.6$ Hz, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, $J = 13.4$ Hz, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (br s, 1H). lit.⁴ $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +34.0$ ($c = 0.3$, CH_2Cl_2).

(2*S*, 3*E*)-1-Nitro-4-phenyl-3-butene-2-ol 7k

Compound **7k** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a colourless solid (76 mg, 79% yield); m.p. 82–83 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 80:20 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm); major enantiomer $t_r = 16.6$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 18.4$ min; 75% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +7.4$ ($c = 2.48$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.39\text{--}7.28$ (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J = 15.8$ Hz, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.08–4.96 (m, 1H), 4.84 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H). lit.⁸ $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +11.8$ ($c = 0.64$, CH_2Cl_2).

(S)-1-Nitro-4-phenylbutan-2-ol 7l

Compound **7l** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a yellow oil (67 mg, 69% yield); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel IA column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 90:10 *V/V*, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 10.2$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 12.4$ min; 86% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -16.7$ ($c = 1.74$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35\text{--}7.12$ (m, 5H), 4.39–4.24 (m, 3H), 2.89–2.68 (m, 3H), 1.87–1.74 (m, 2H). lit.⁸ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -14.8$ ($c = 0.97$, CH_2Cl_2).

(*S*)-1-Cyclohexyl-2-nitroethanol **7m**

Compound **7m** was prepared according to the general procedure to give a colourless oil (80 mg, 92% yield). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OF column (*n*-hexane-isopropanol 90:10 *V/V*, 0.4 mL/min, 210nm); minor enantiomer $t_r = 36.5$ min, major enantiomer $t_r = 39.6$ min; 82% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +17.5$ ($c = 1.28$, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 4.60\text{--}4.37$ (m, 2H), 4.15–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.05 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.64 (m, 5H), 1.58–1.35 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.01 (m, 5H). lit.⁸ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +16.9$ ($c = 0.89$, CH_2Cl_2).

(*S*)-3-Methyl-1-nitro-2-butanol **7n**

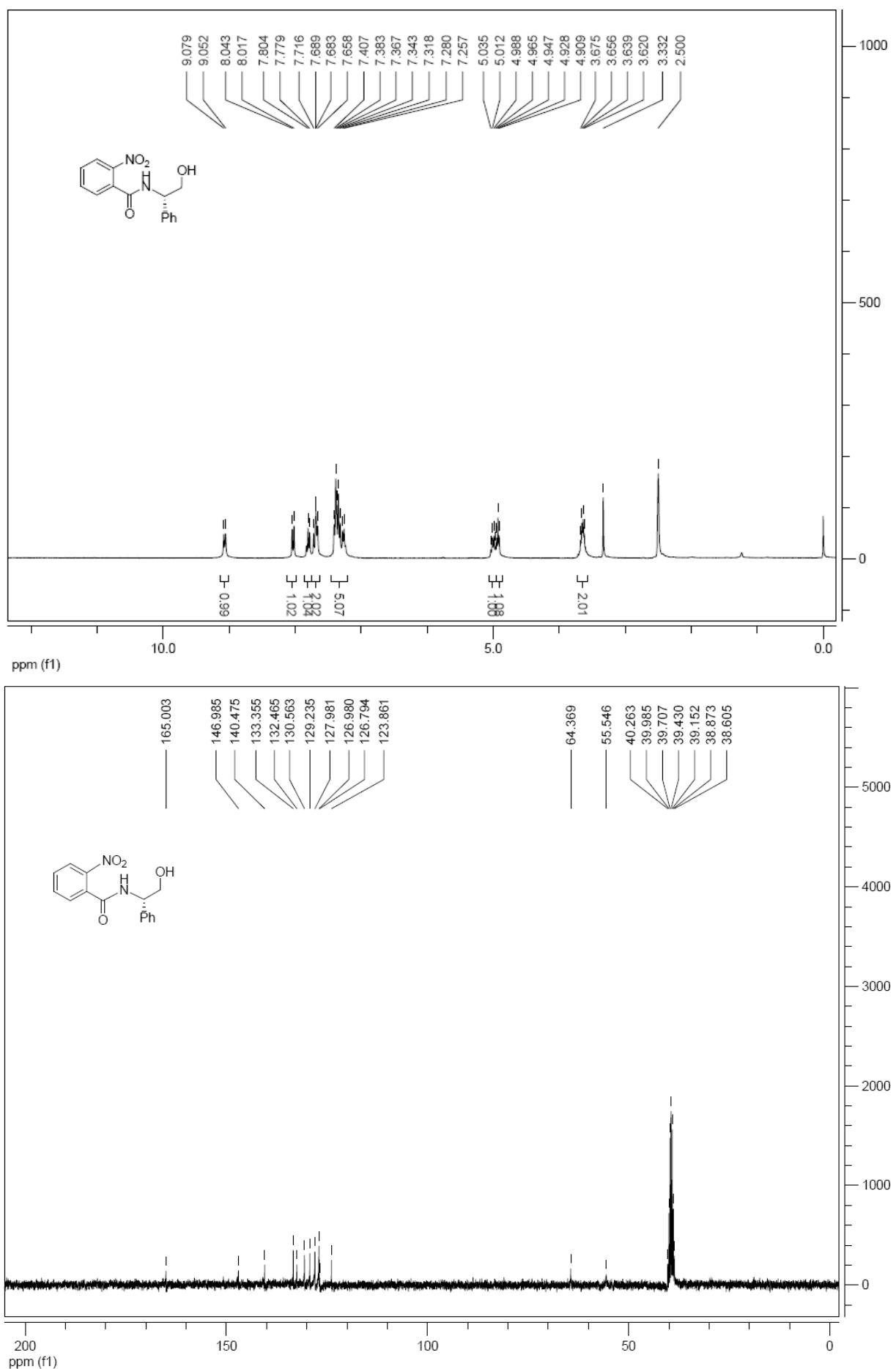
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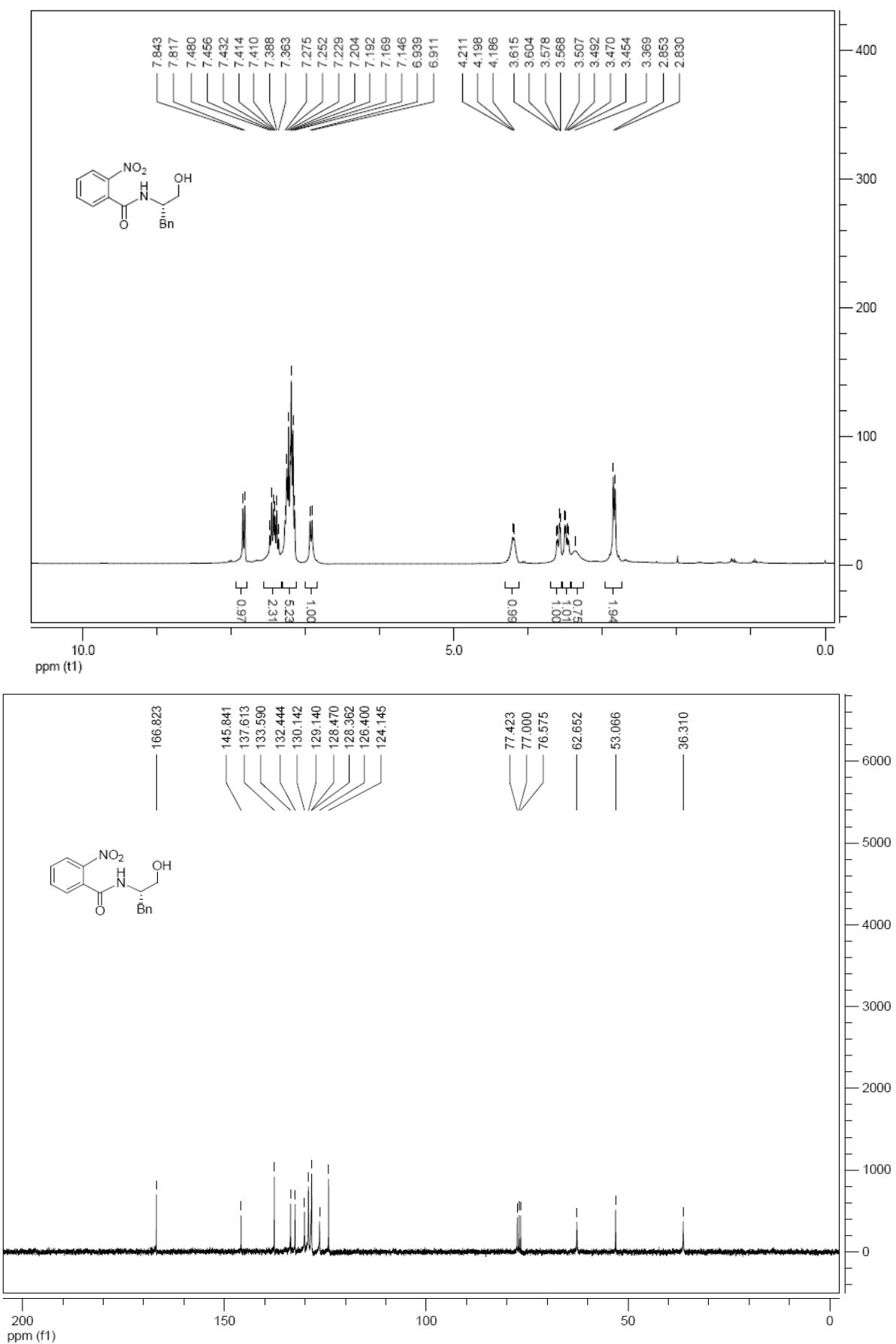
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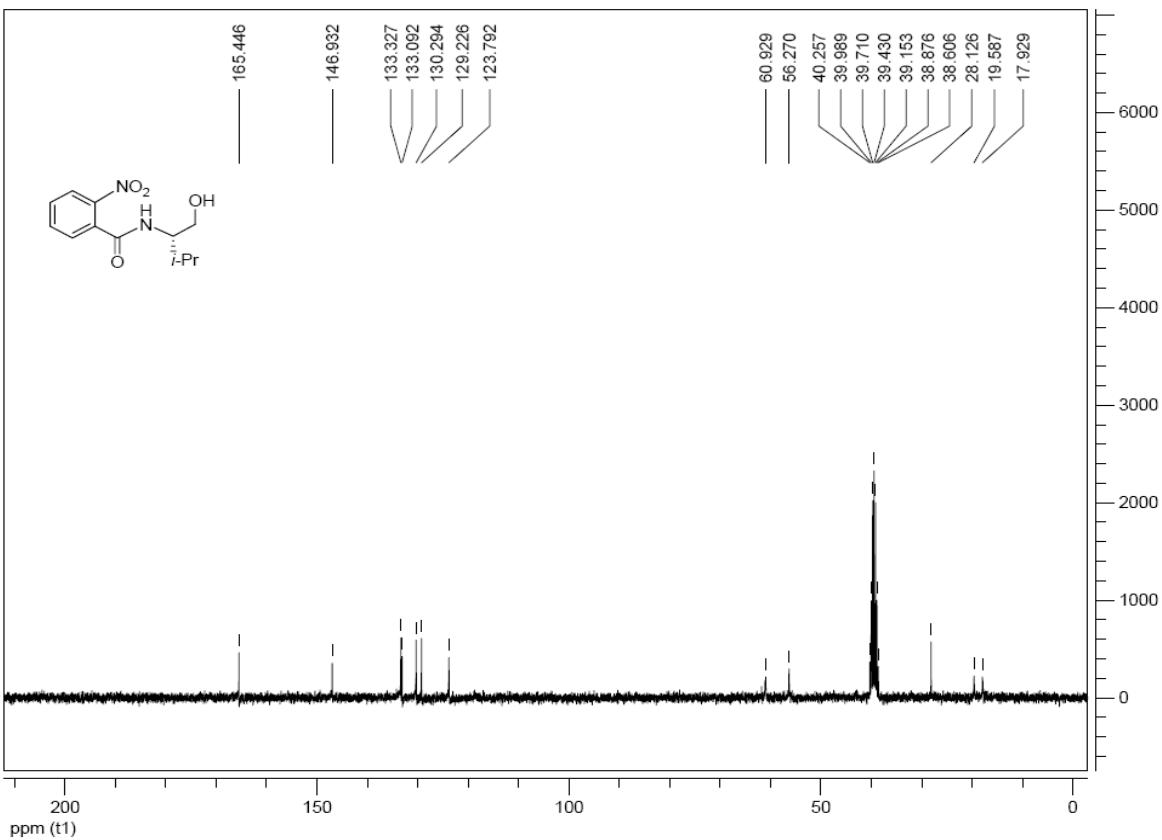
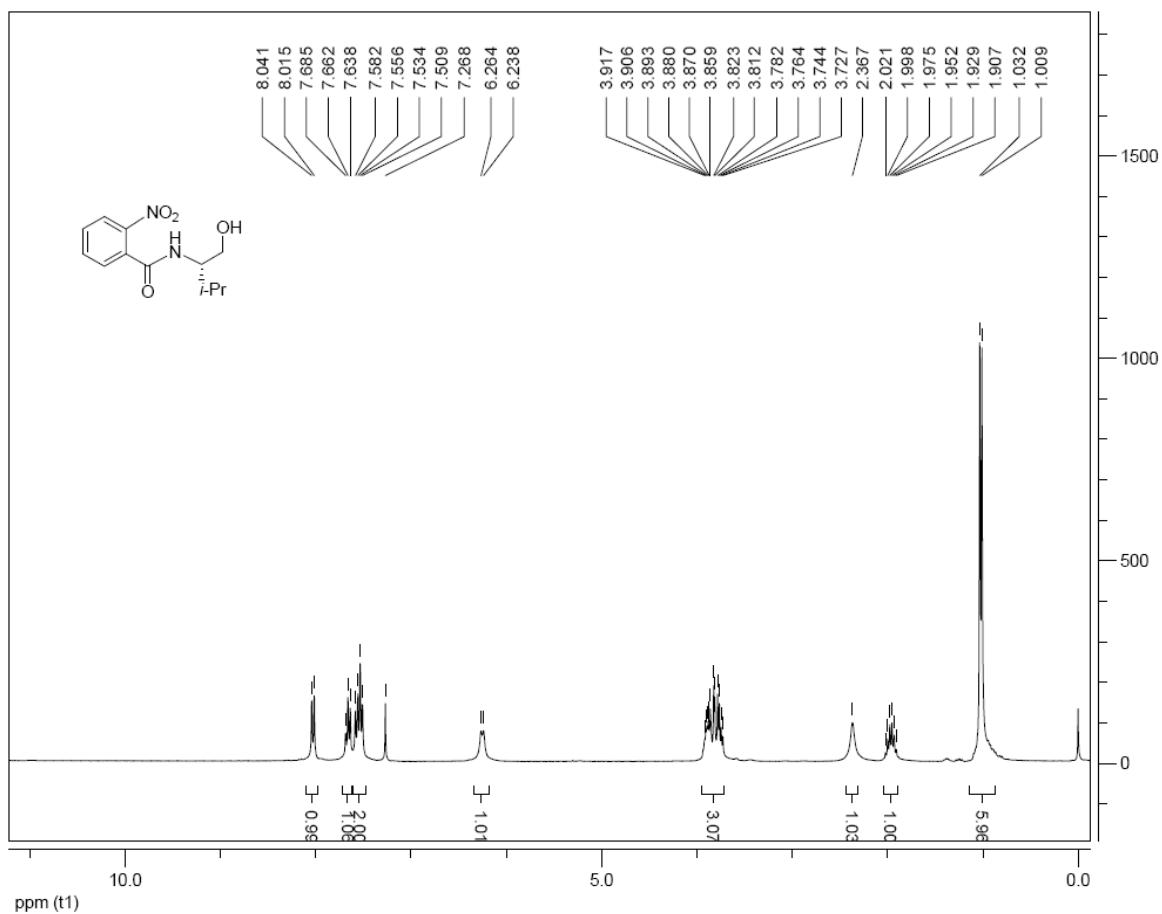
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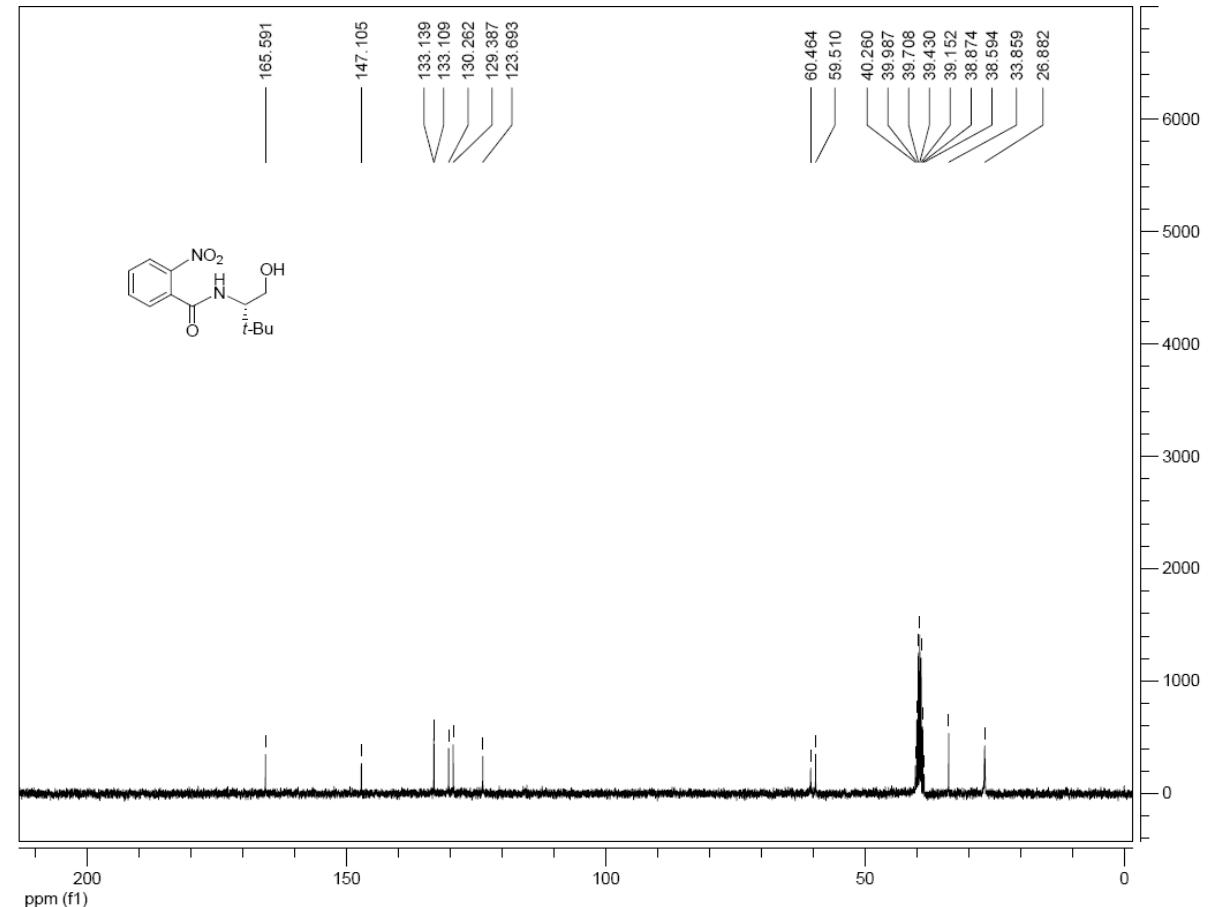
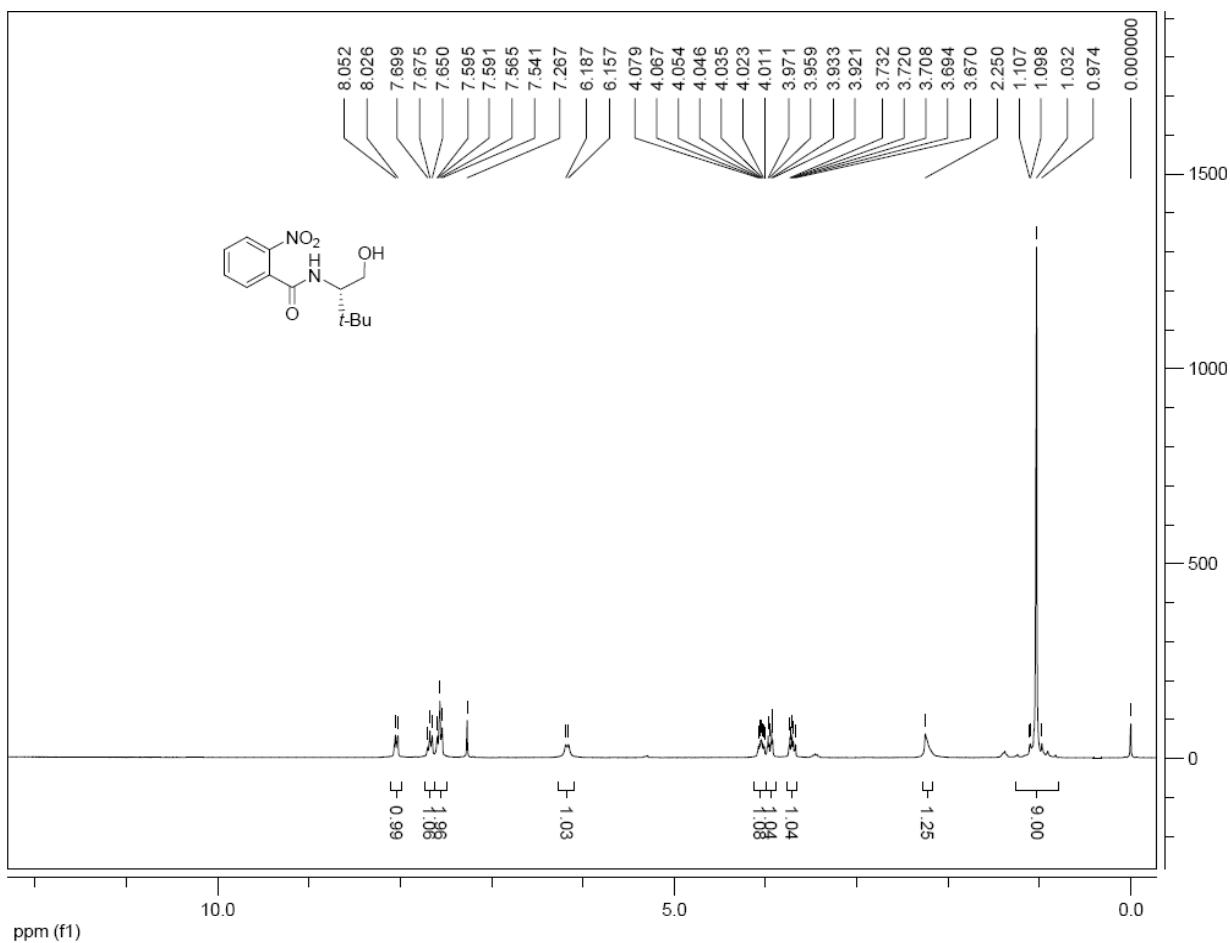
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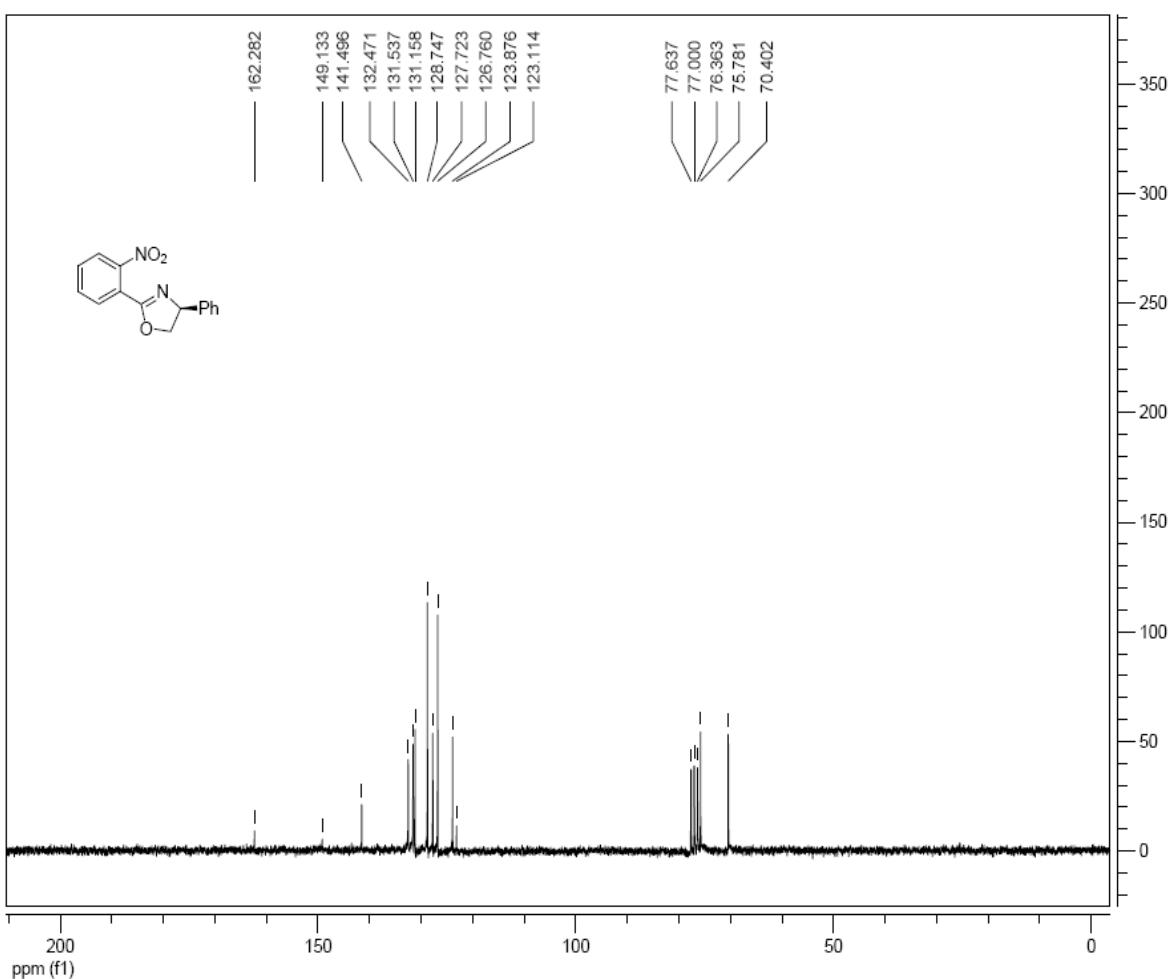
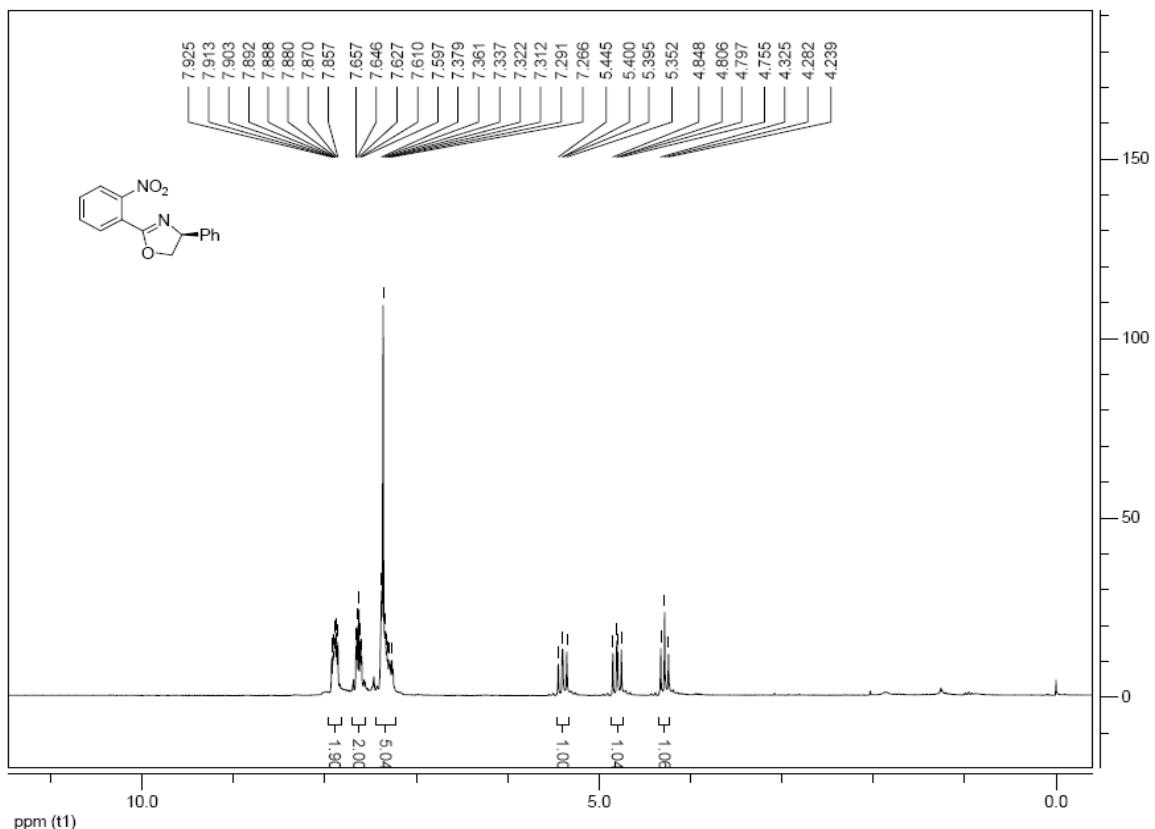
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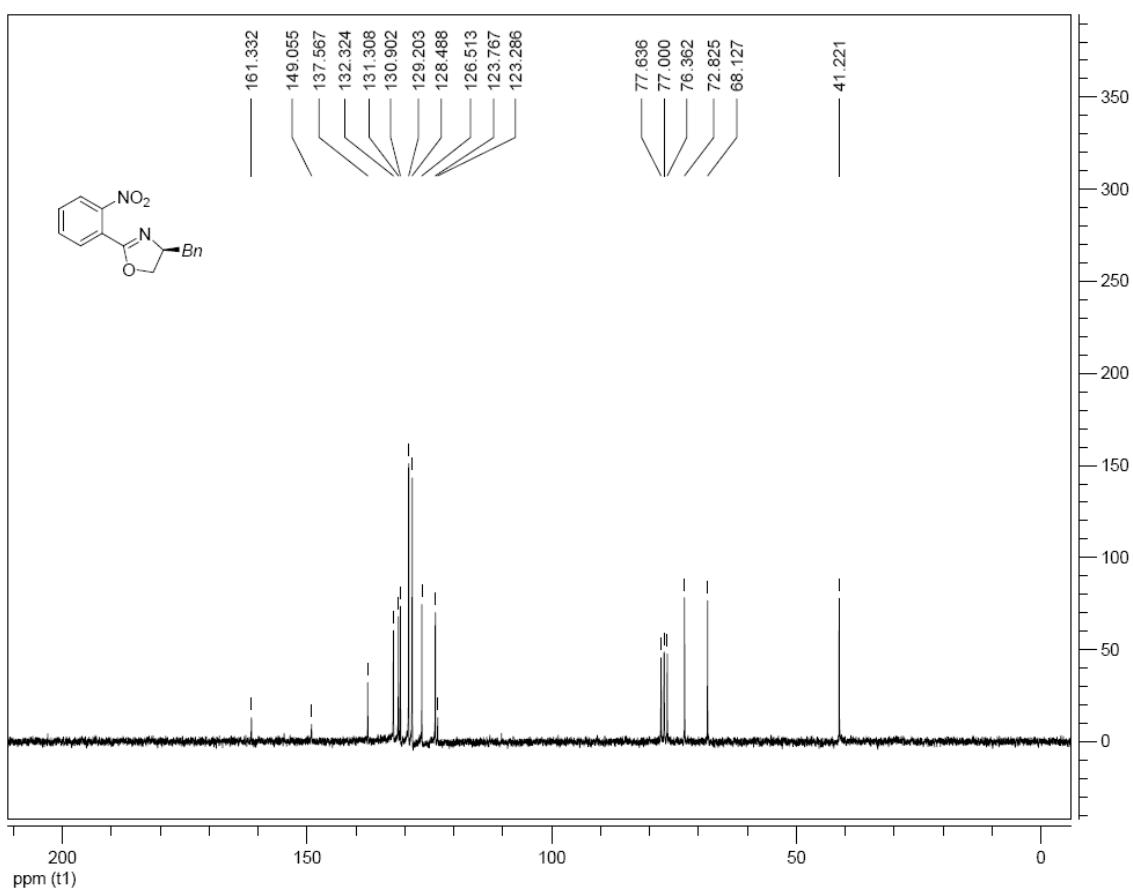
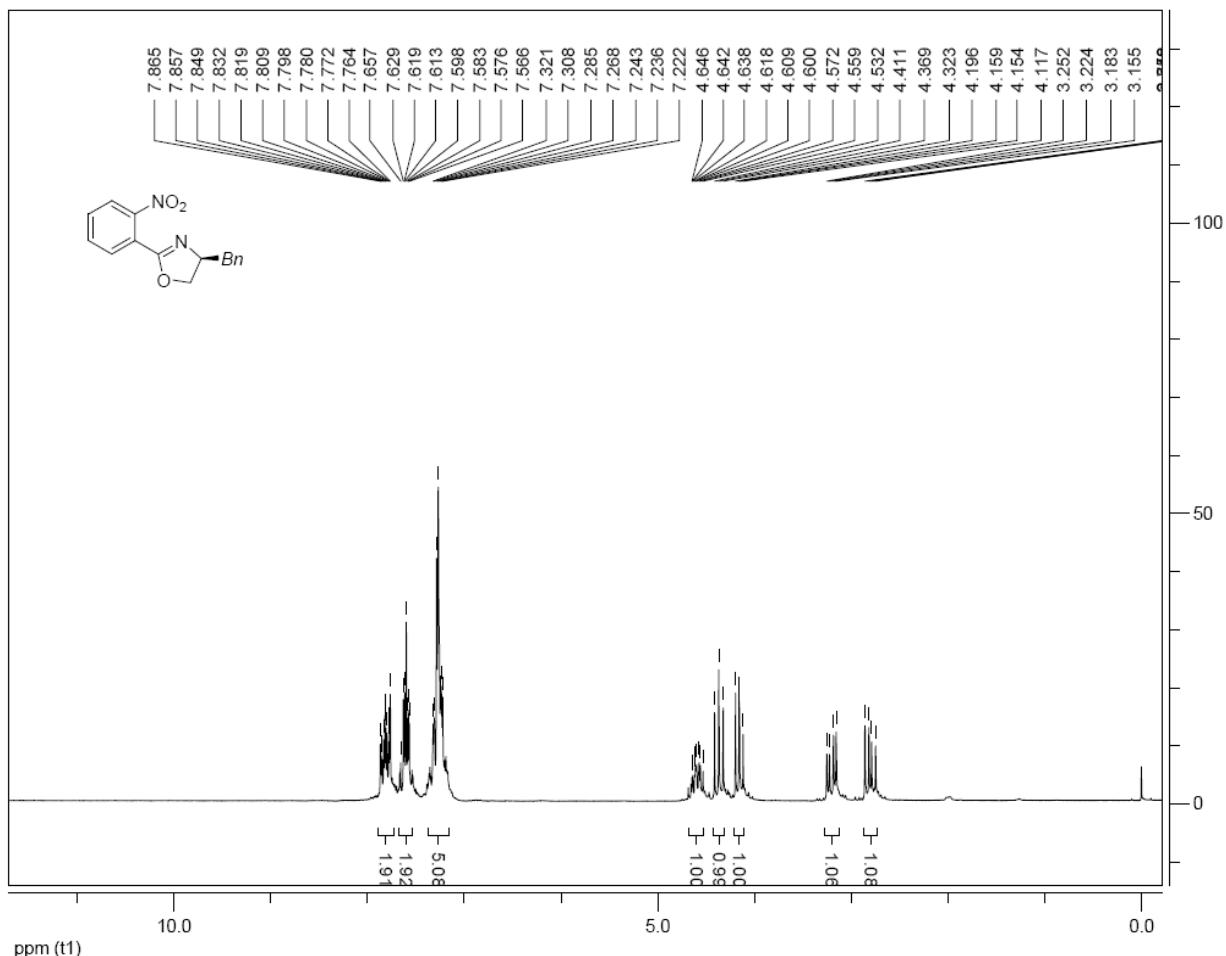


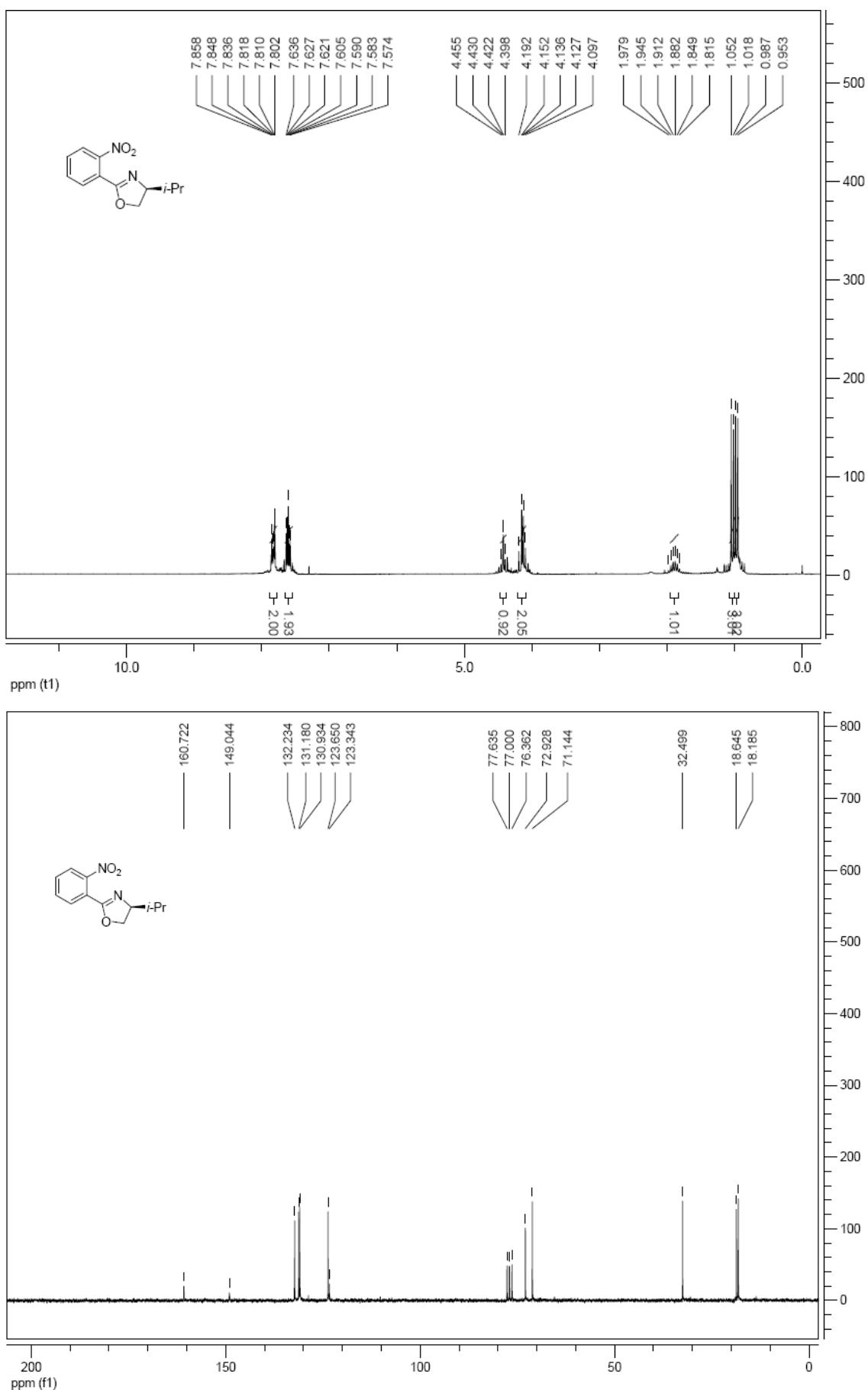


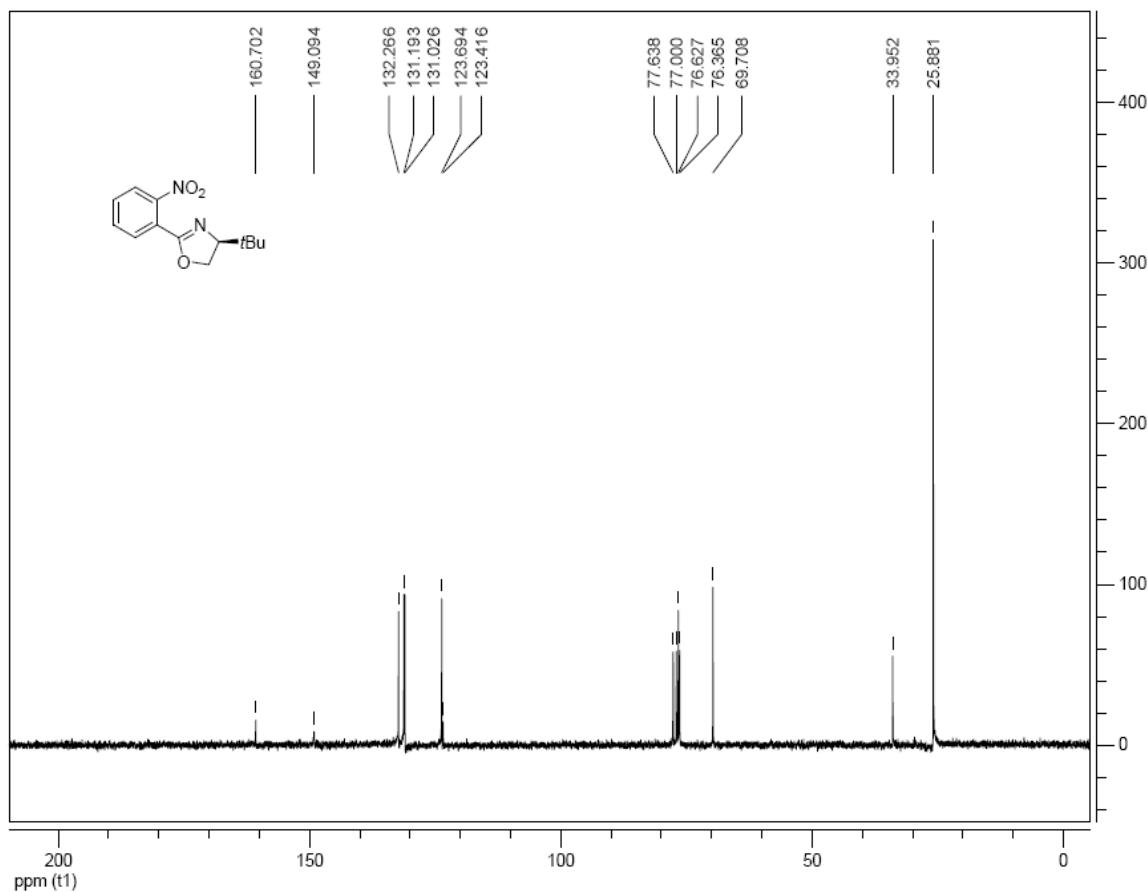
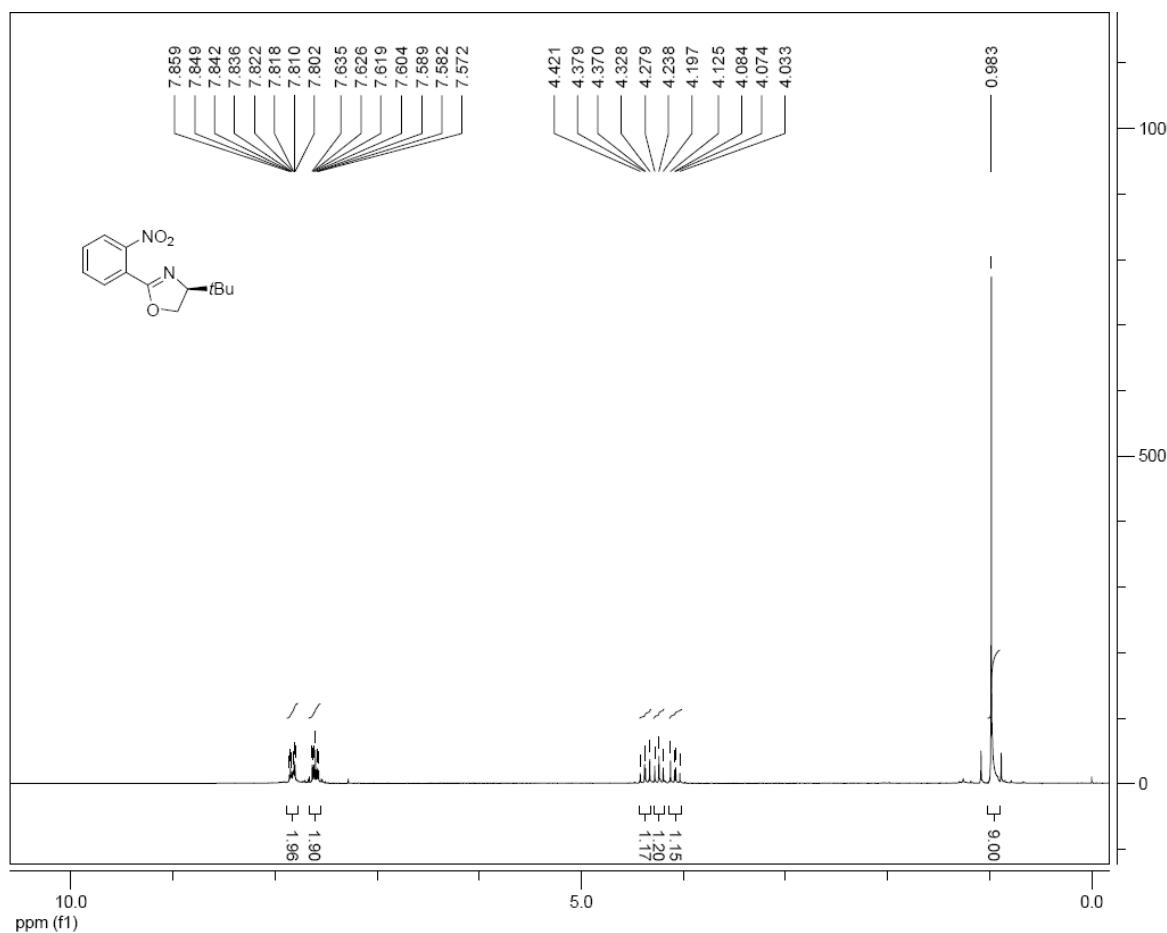


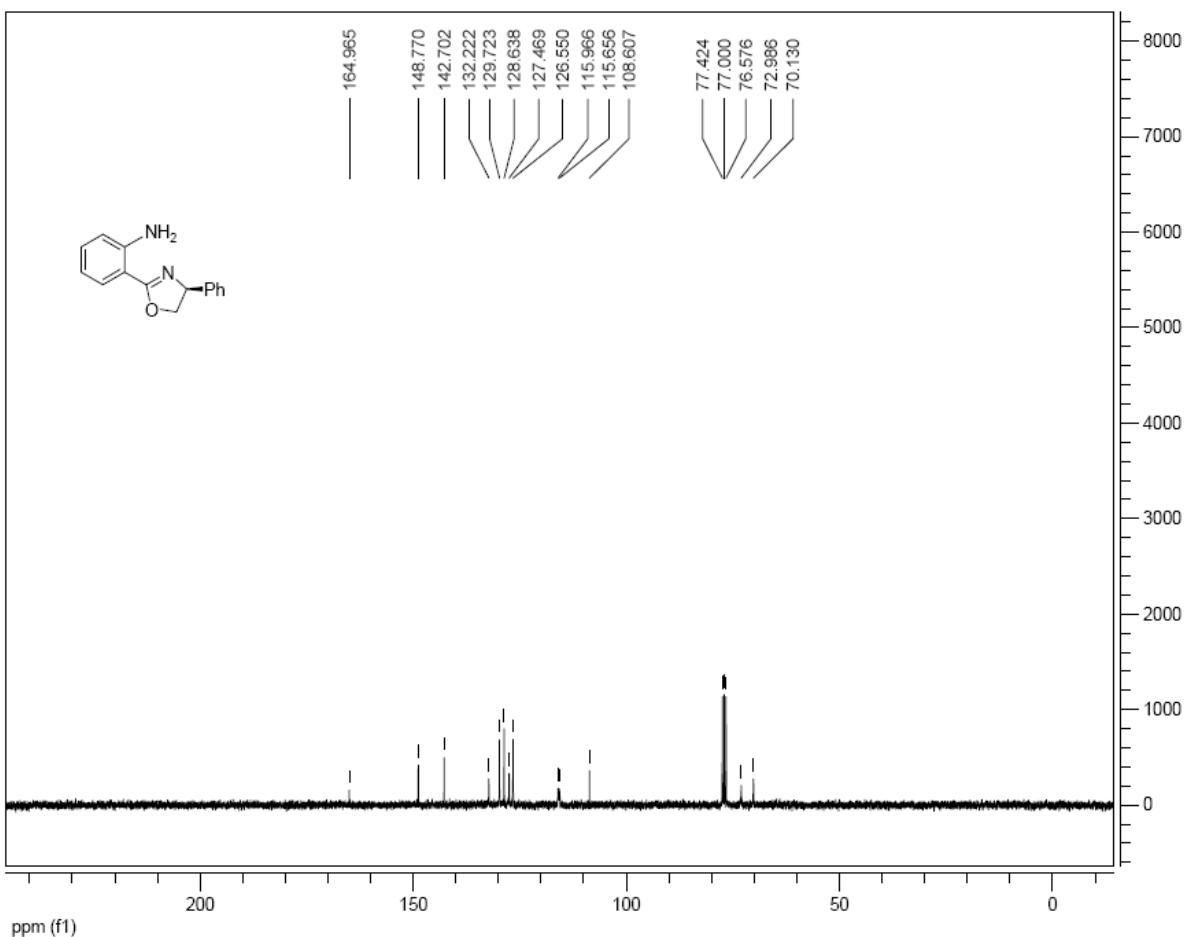
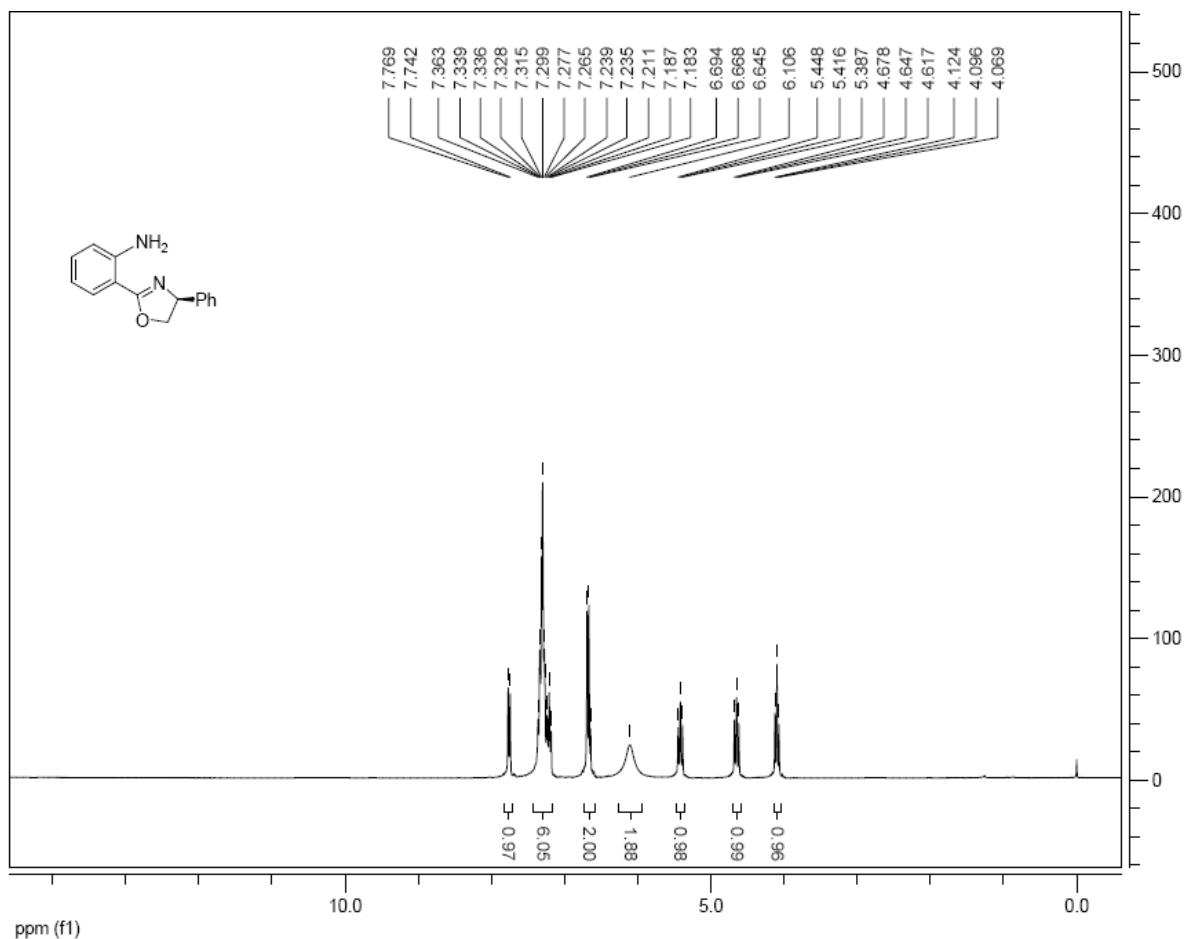


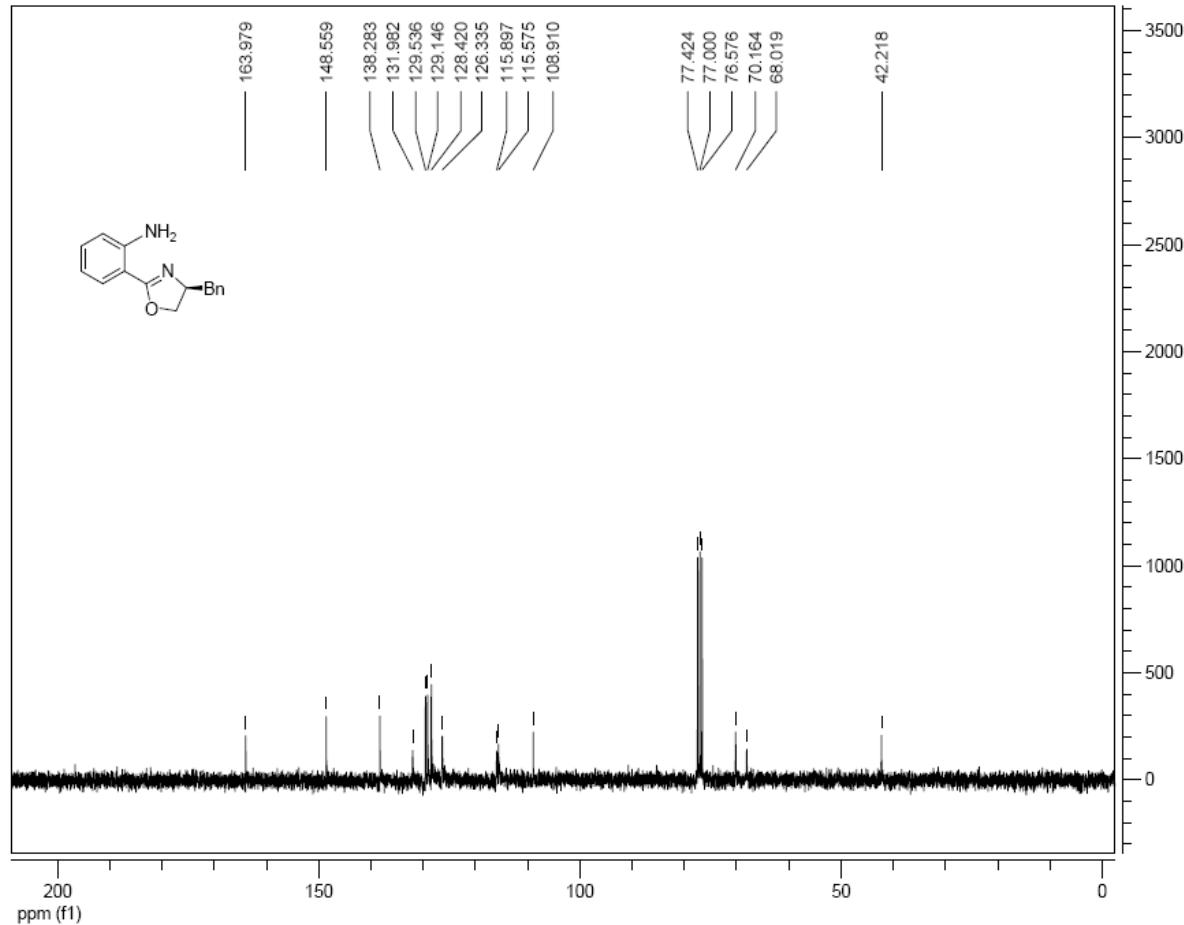
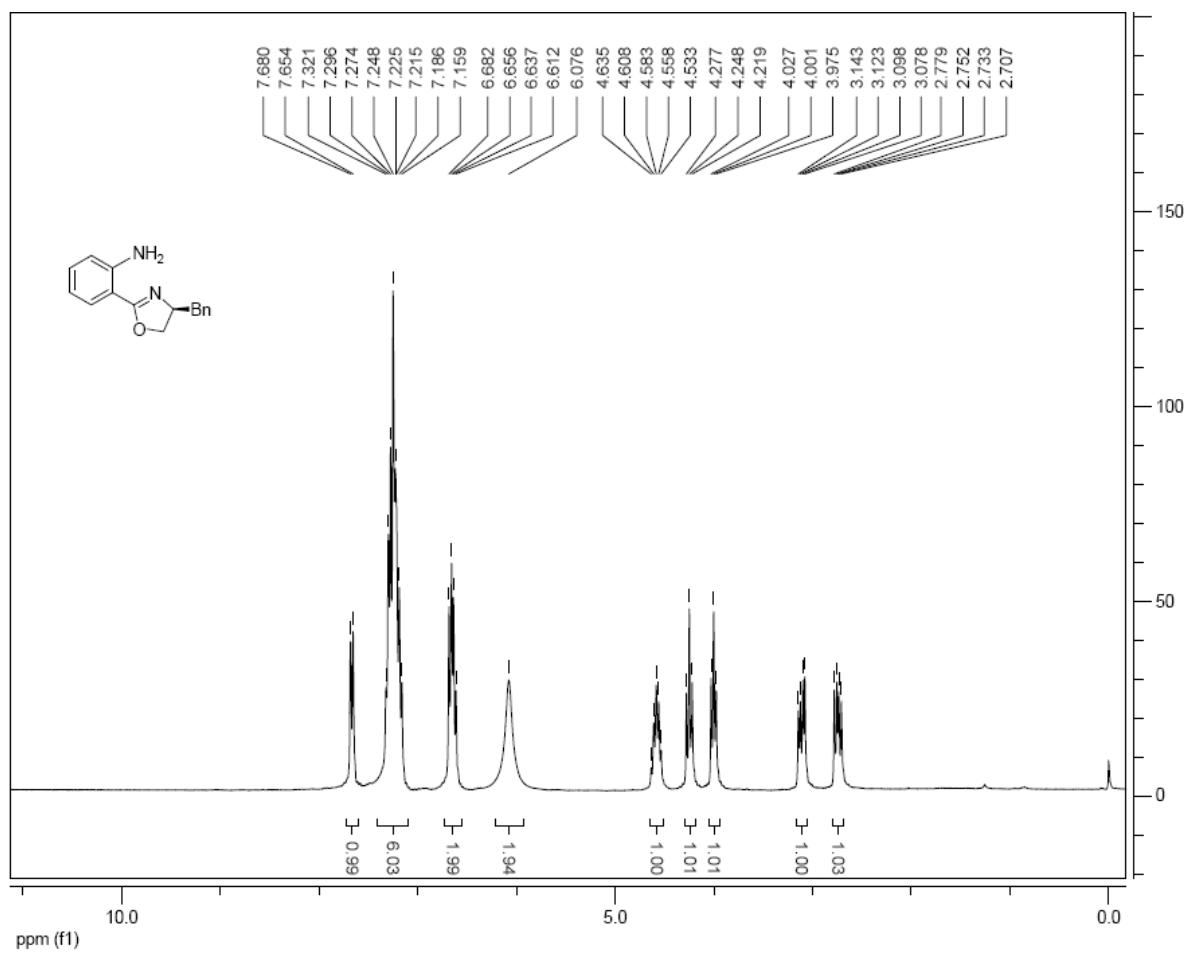


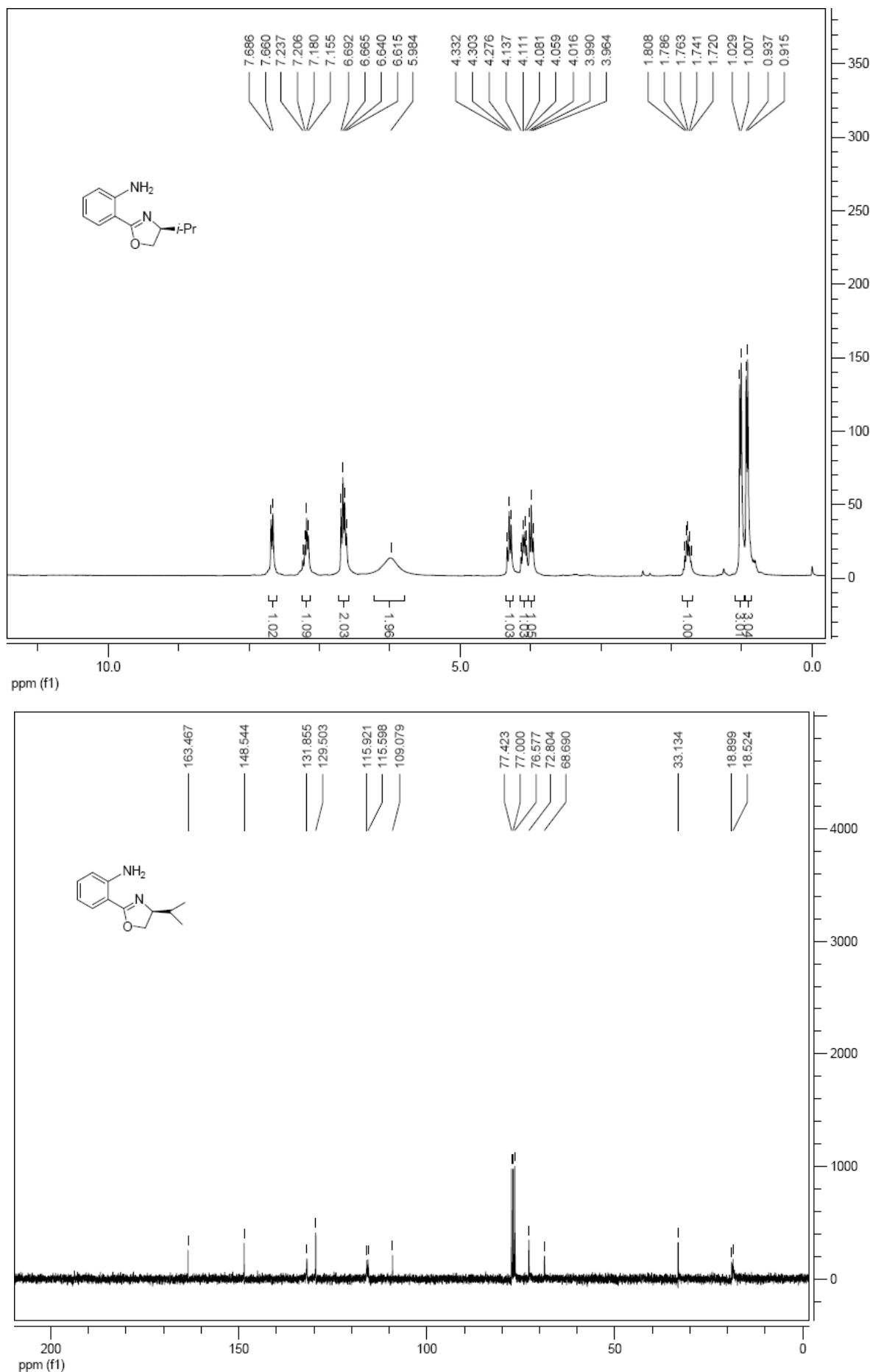


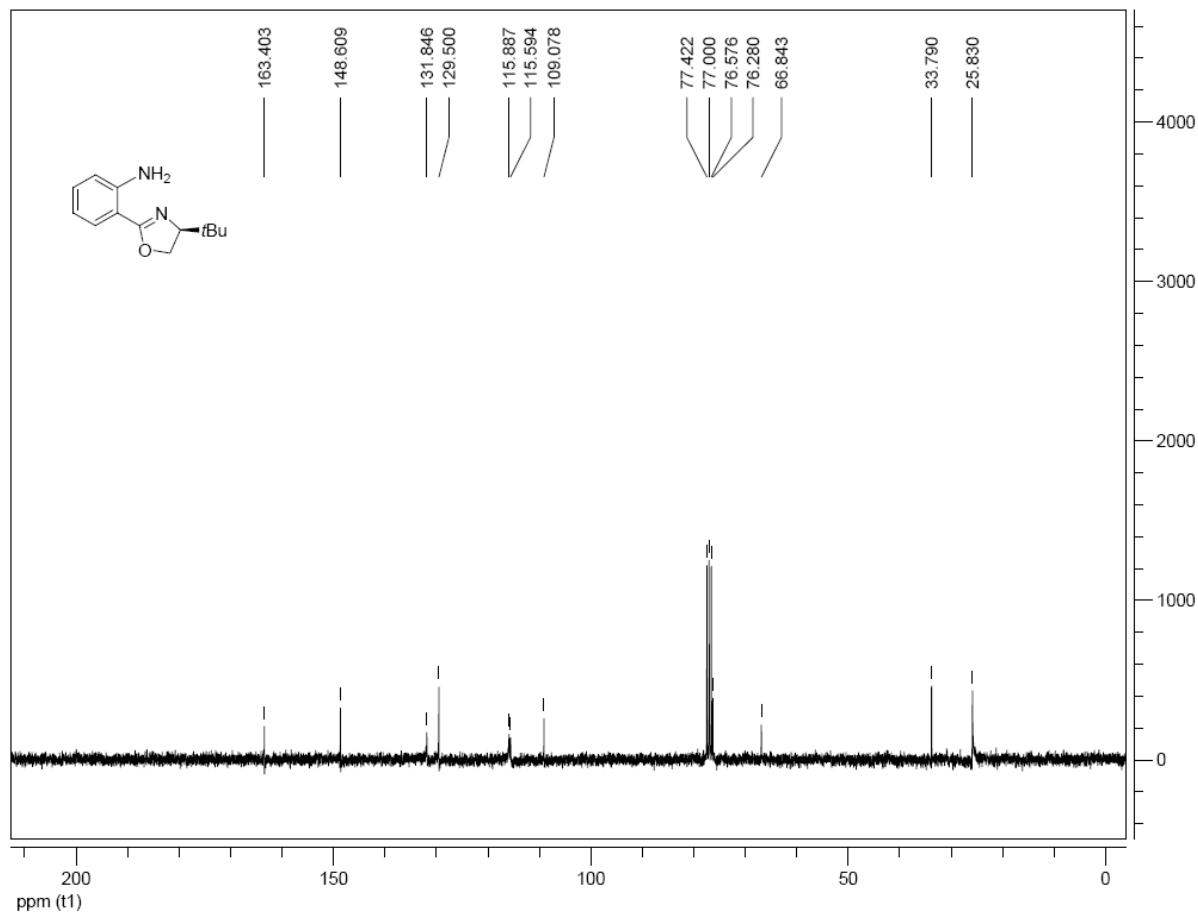
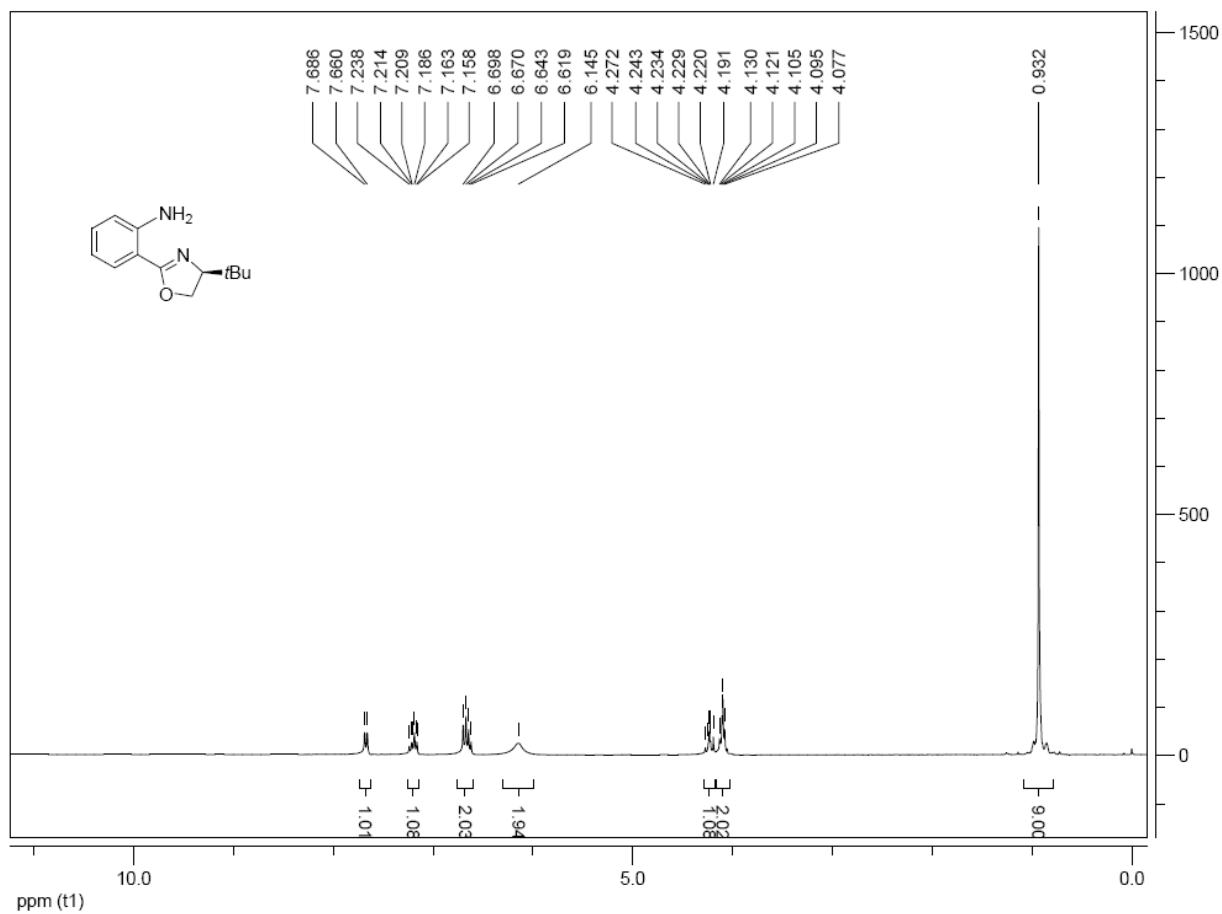


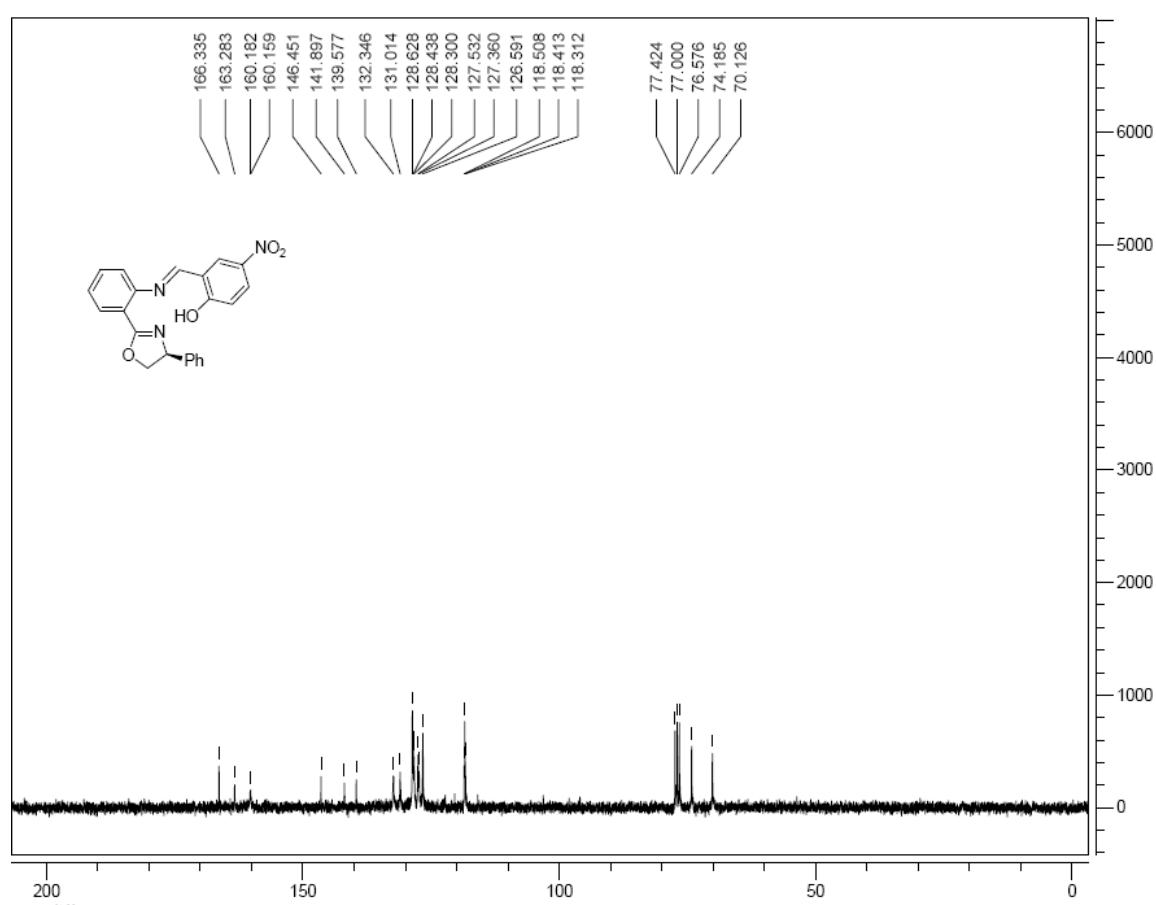
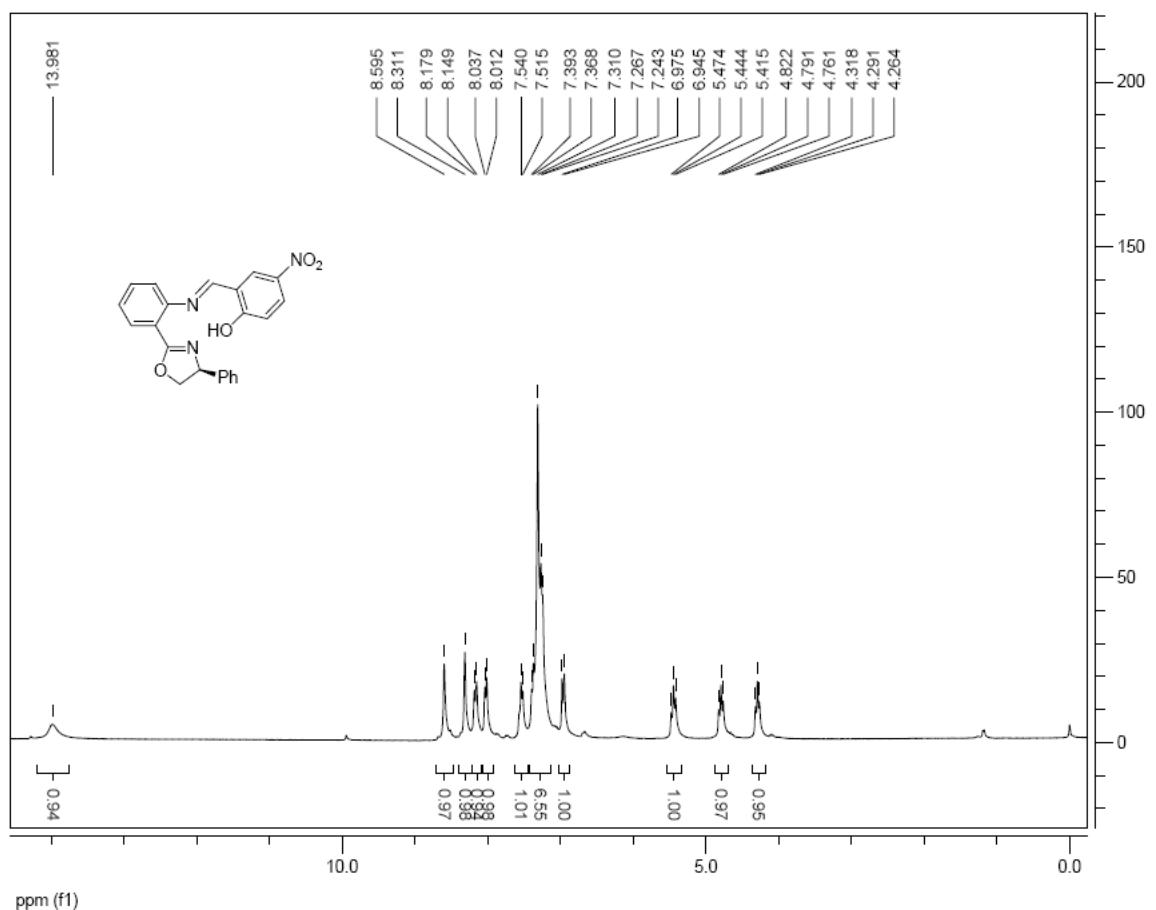


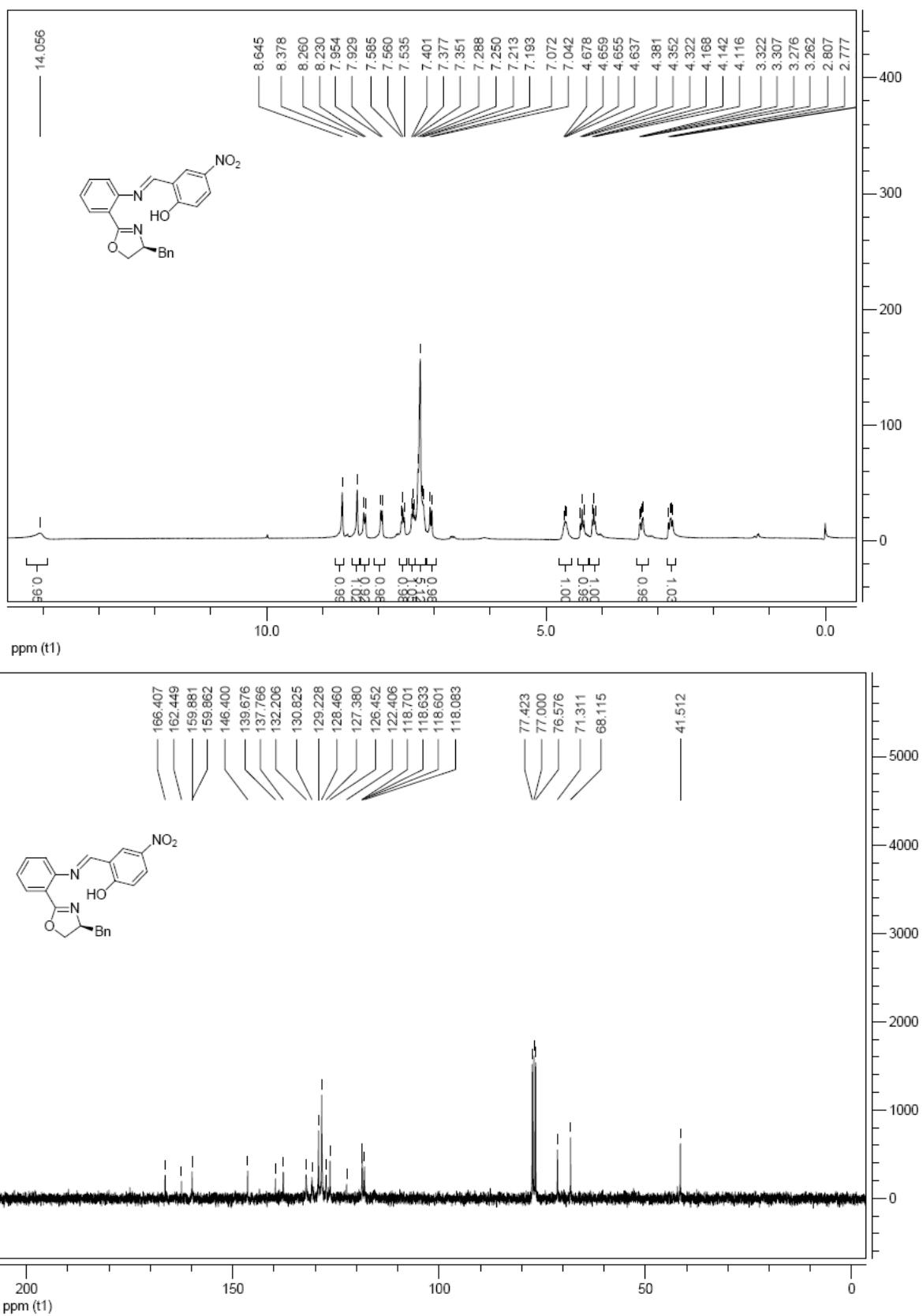


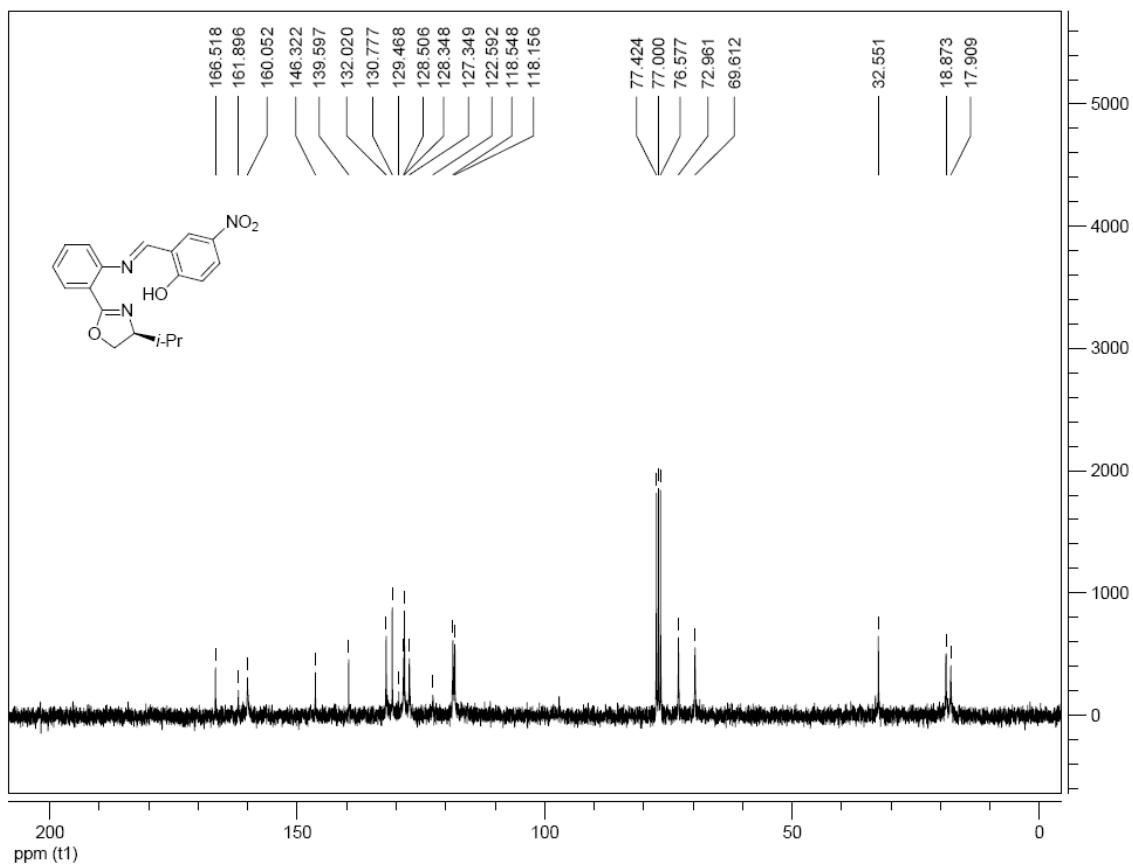
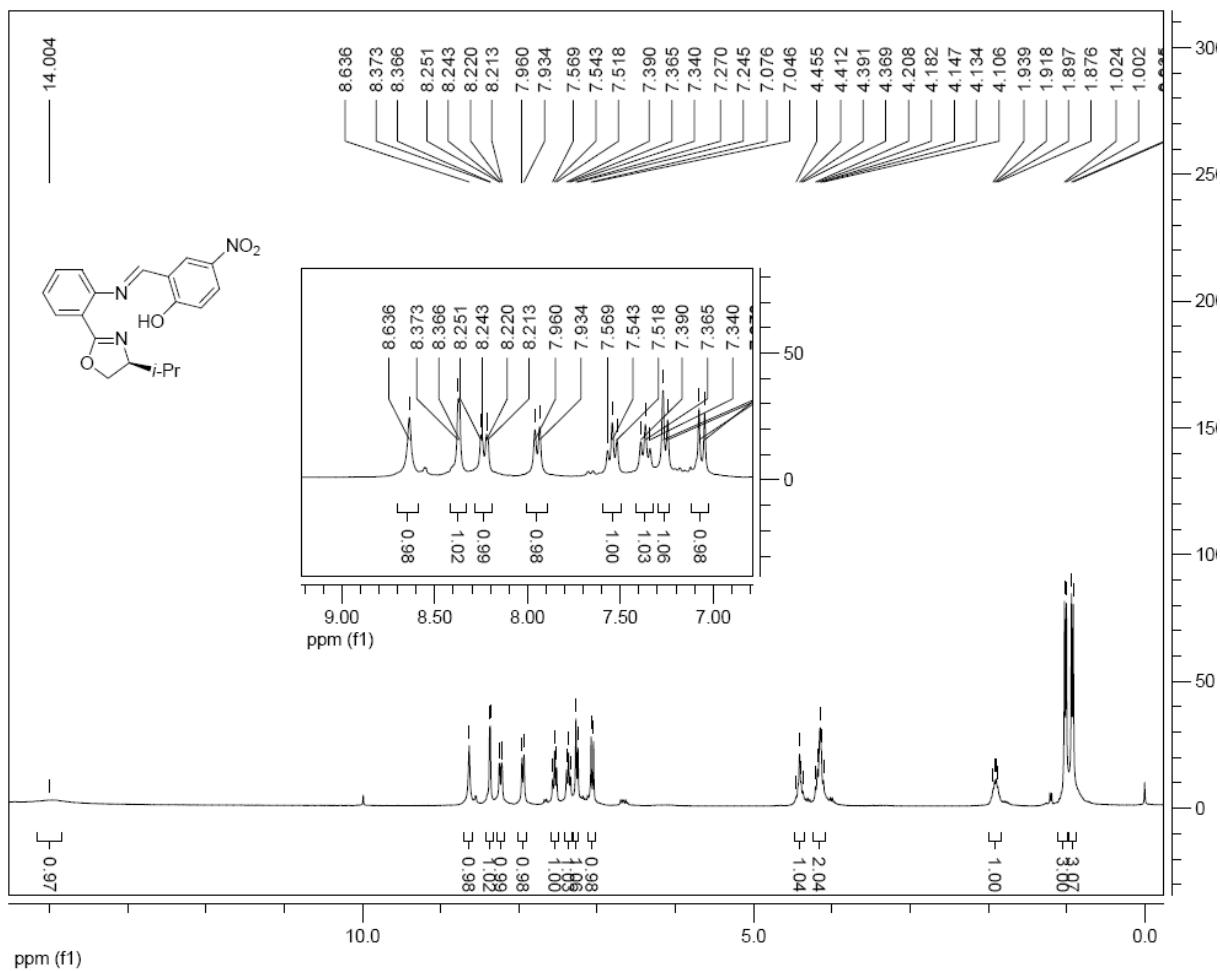


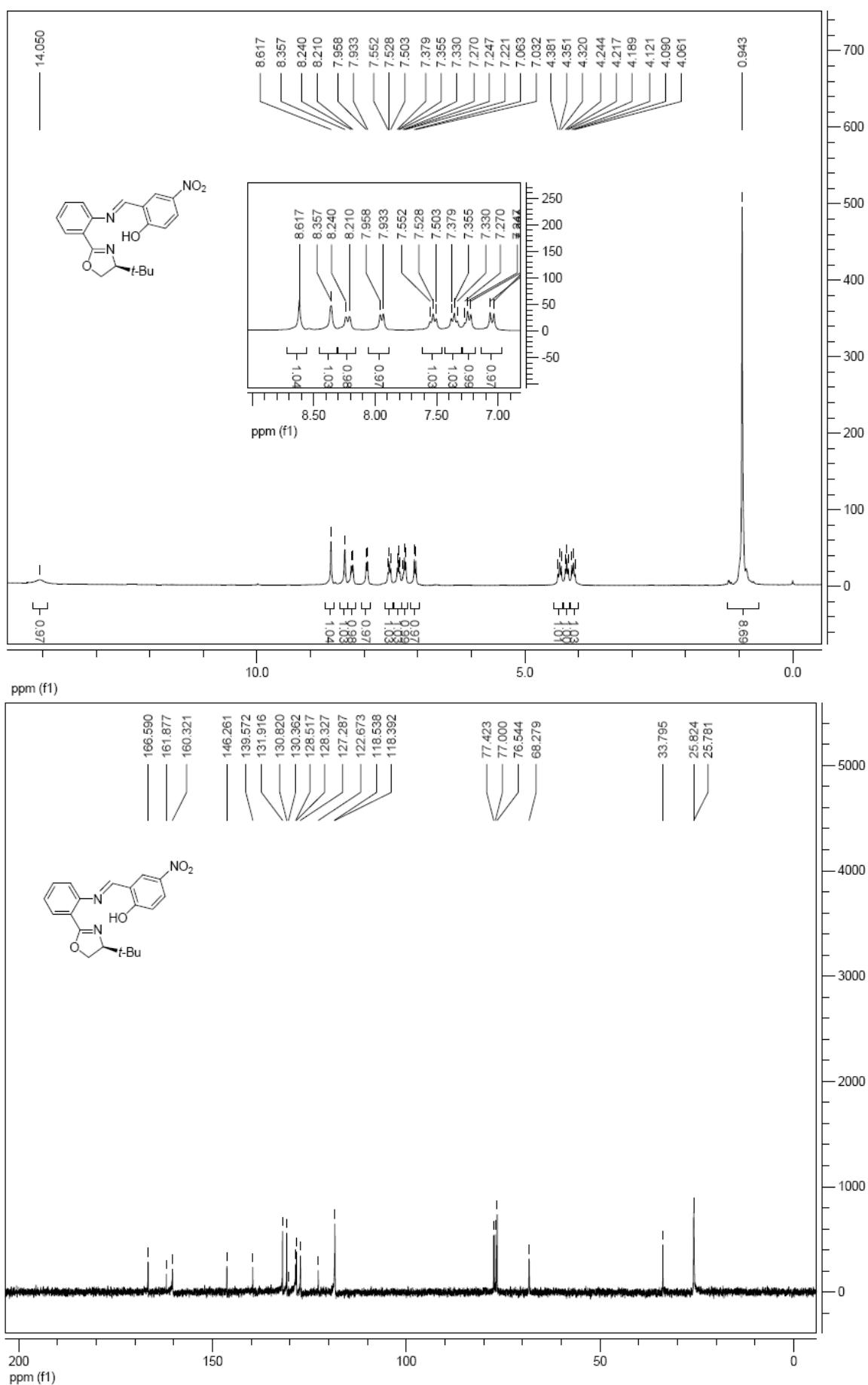


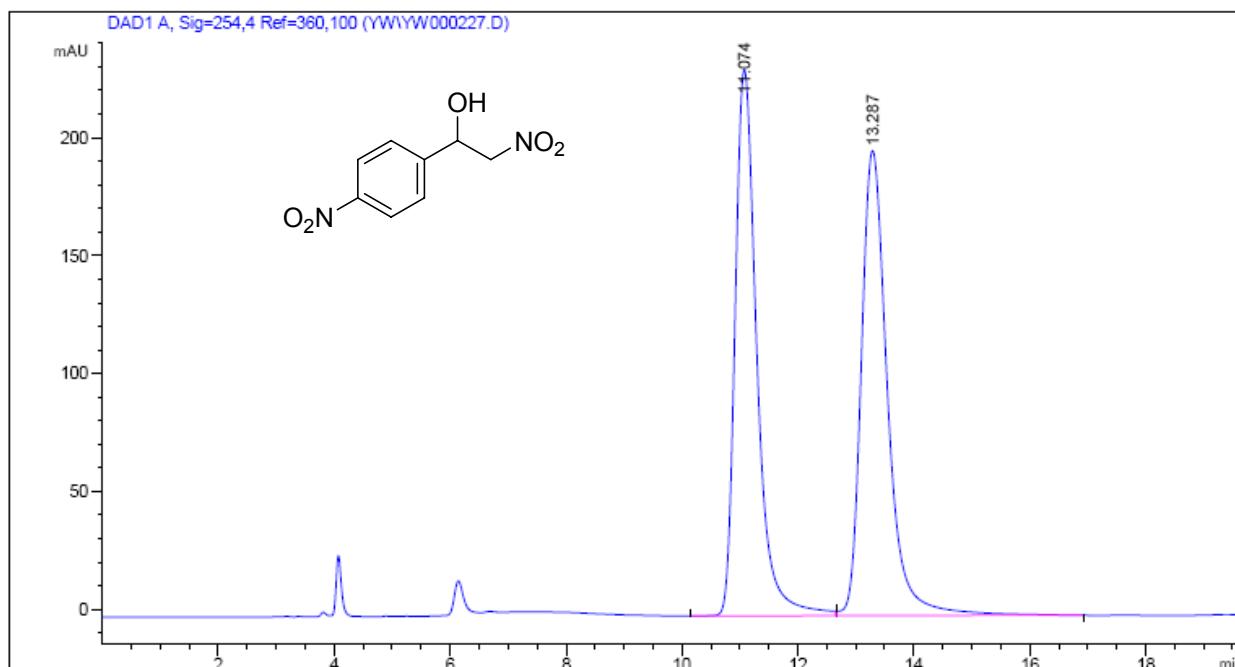




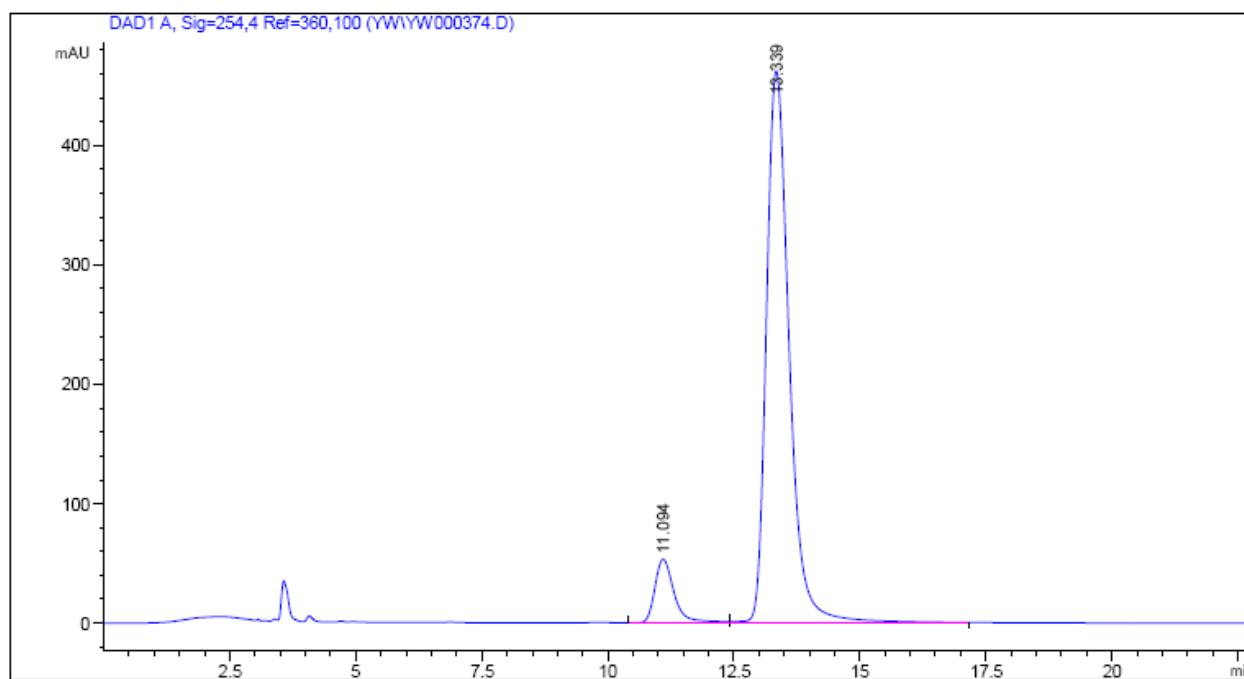




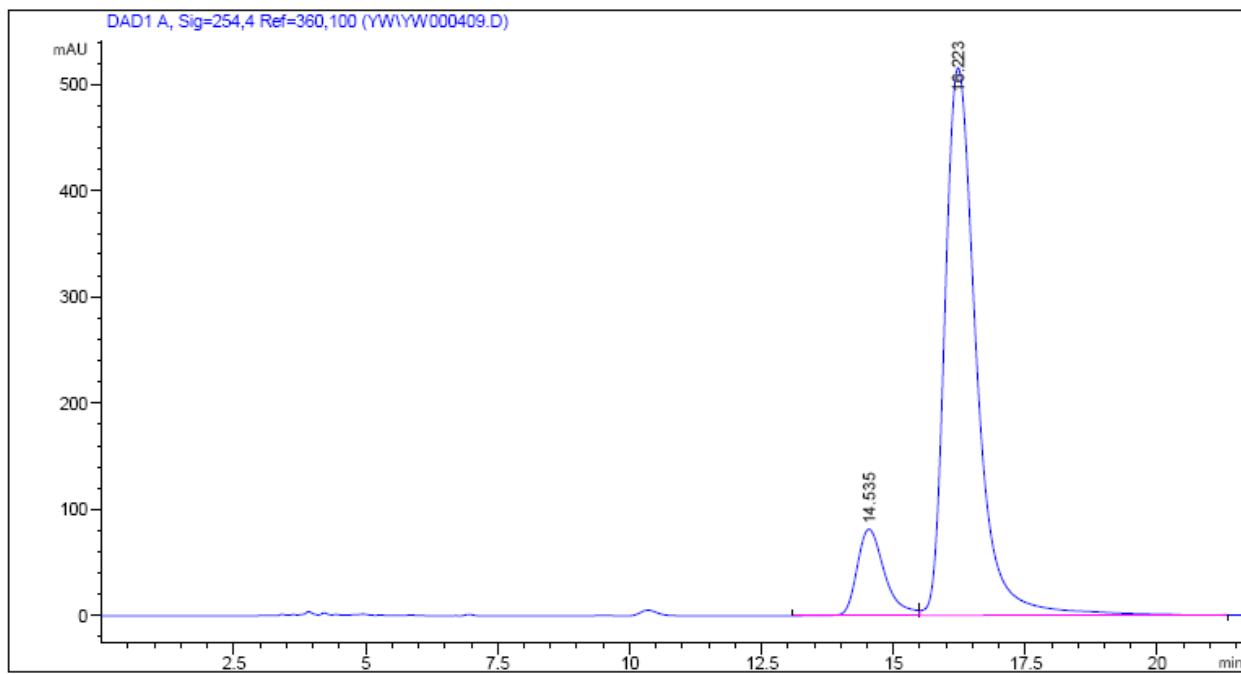
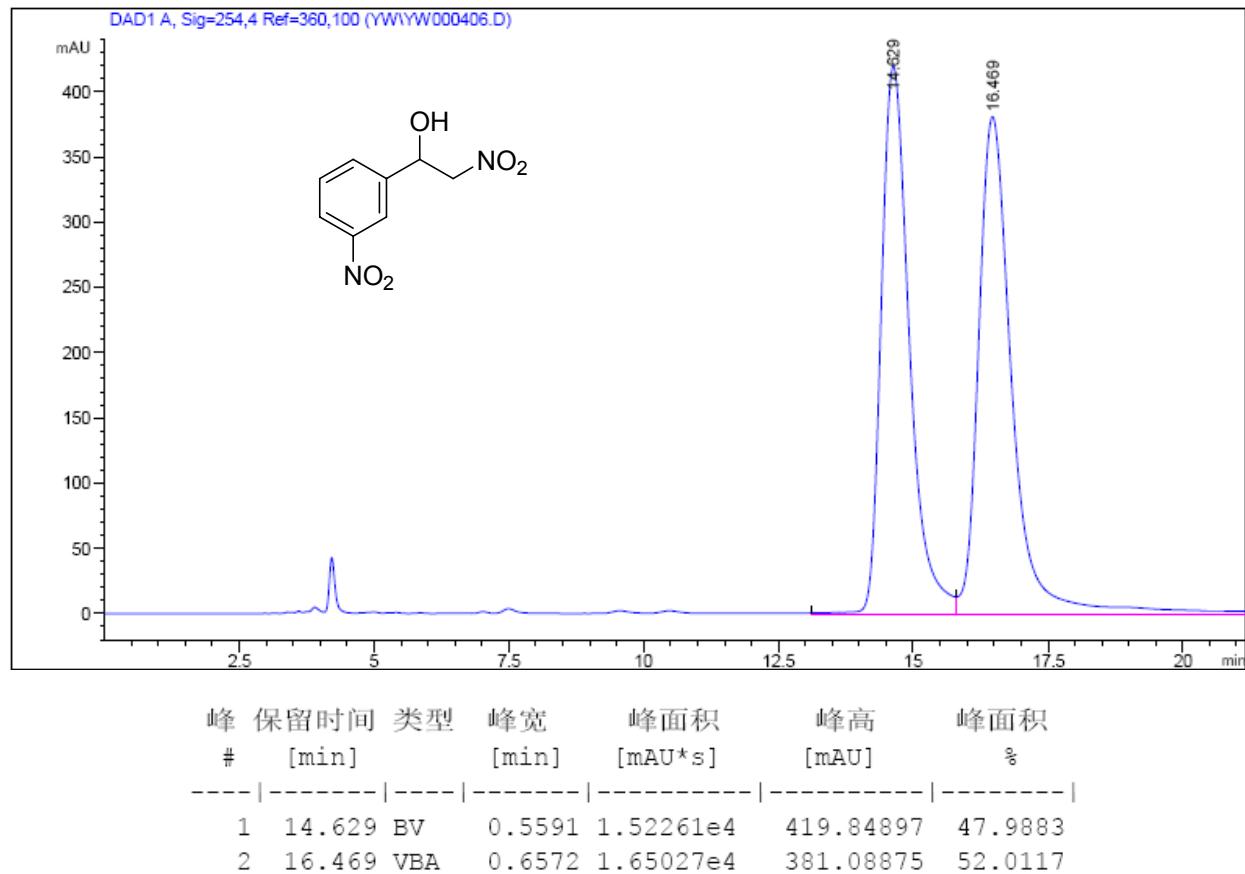




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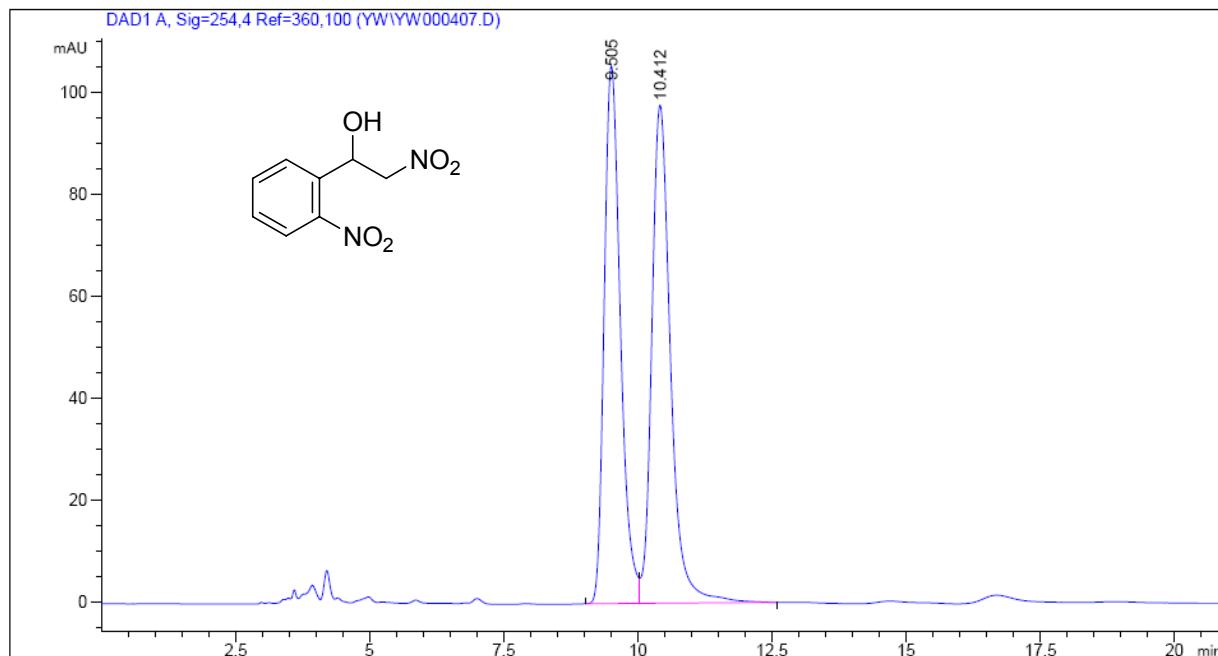


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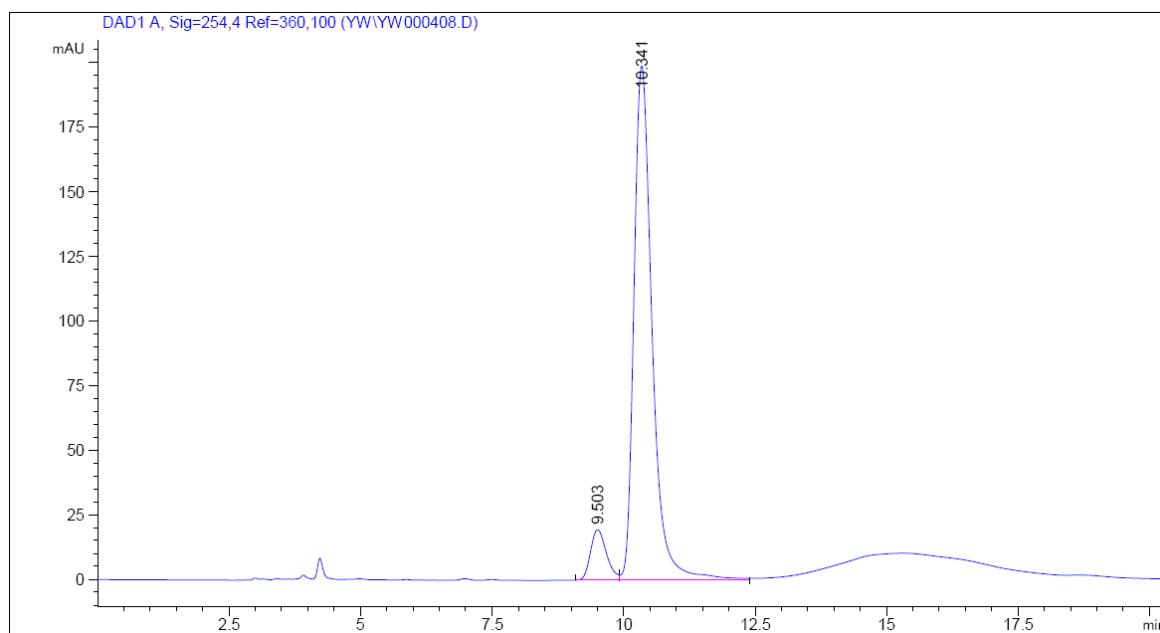
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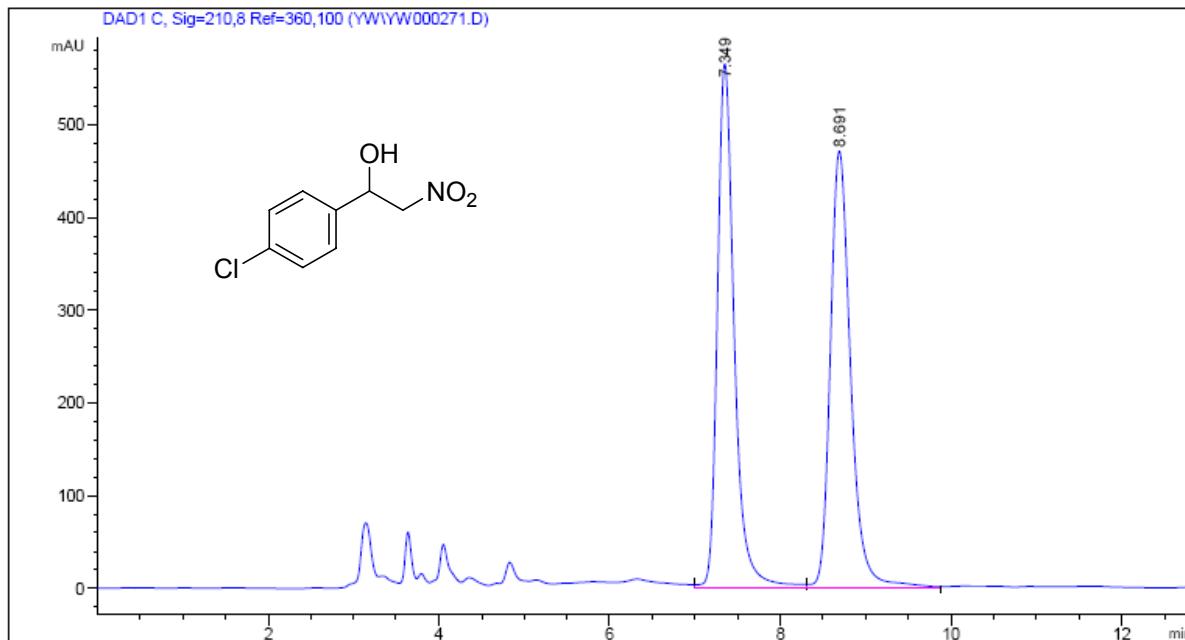
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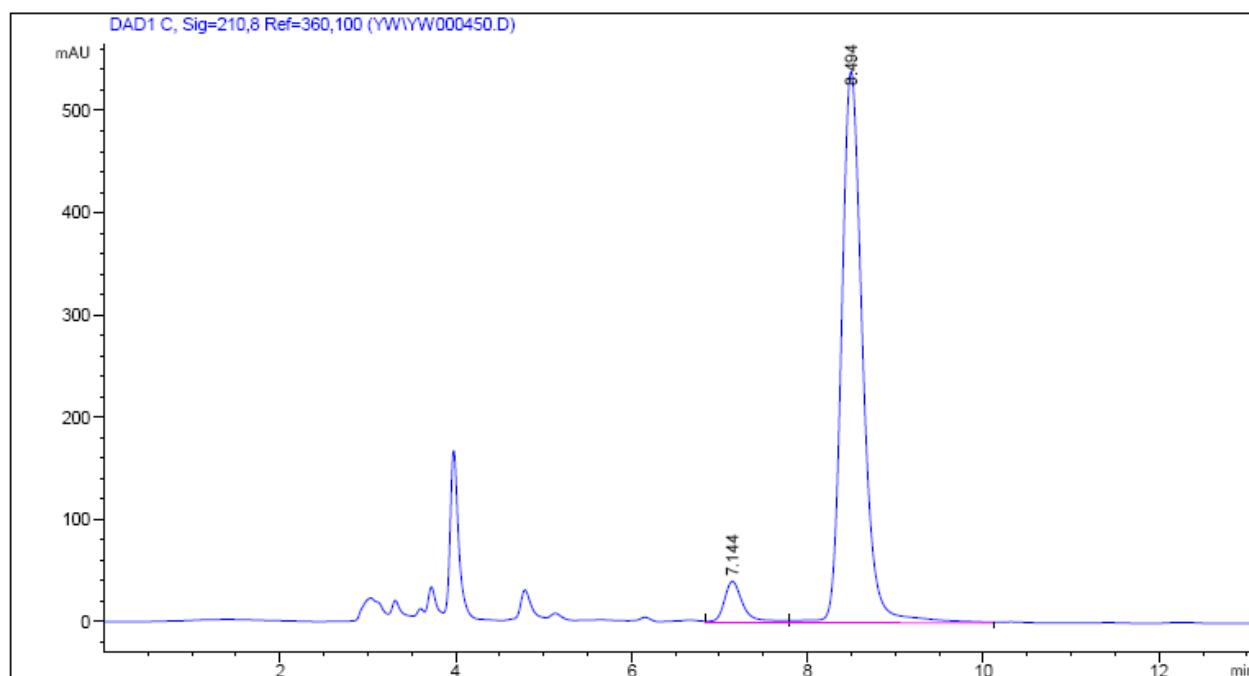


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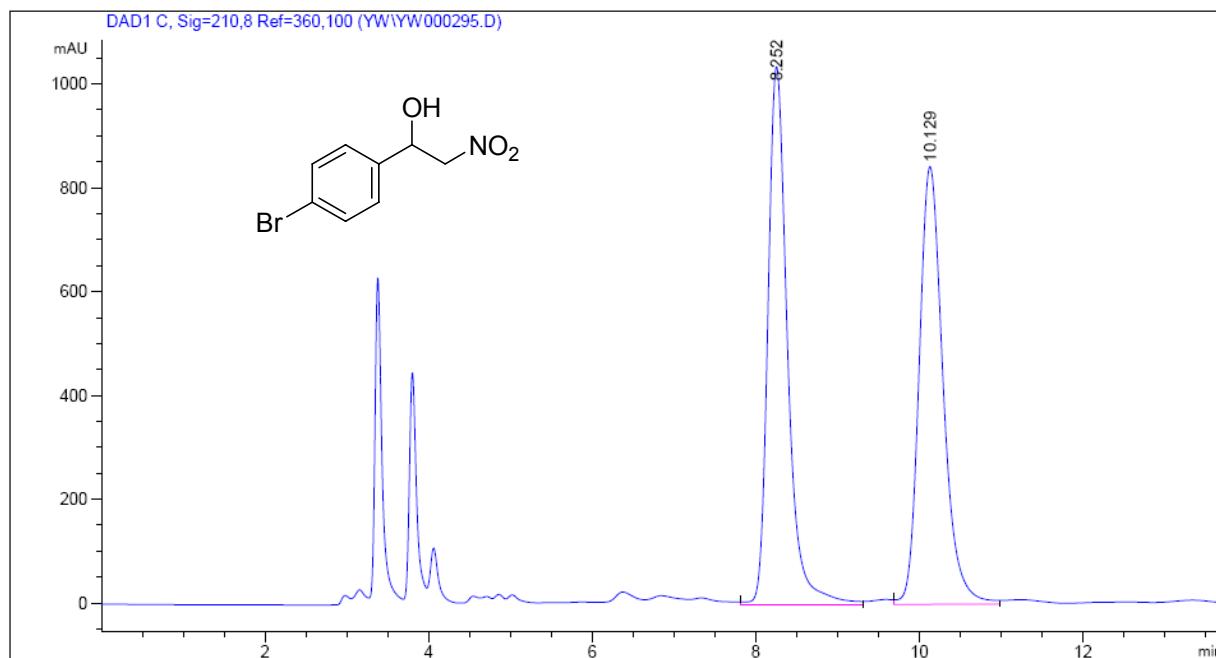
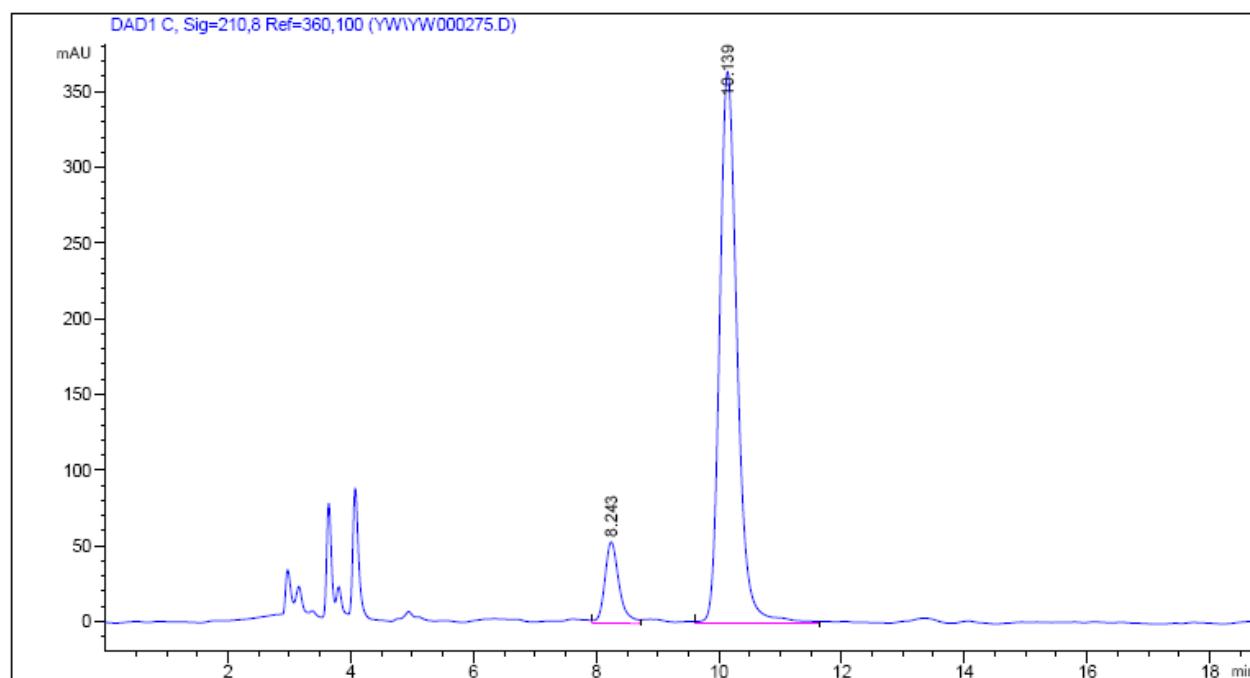
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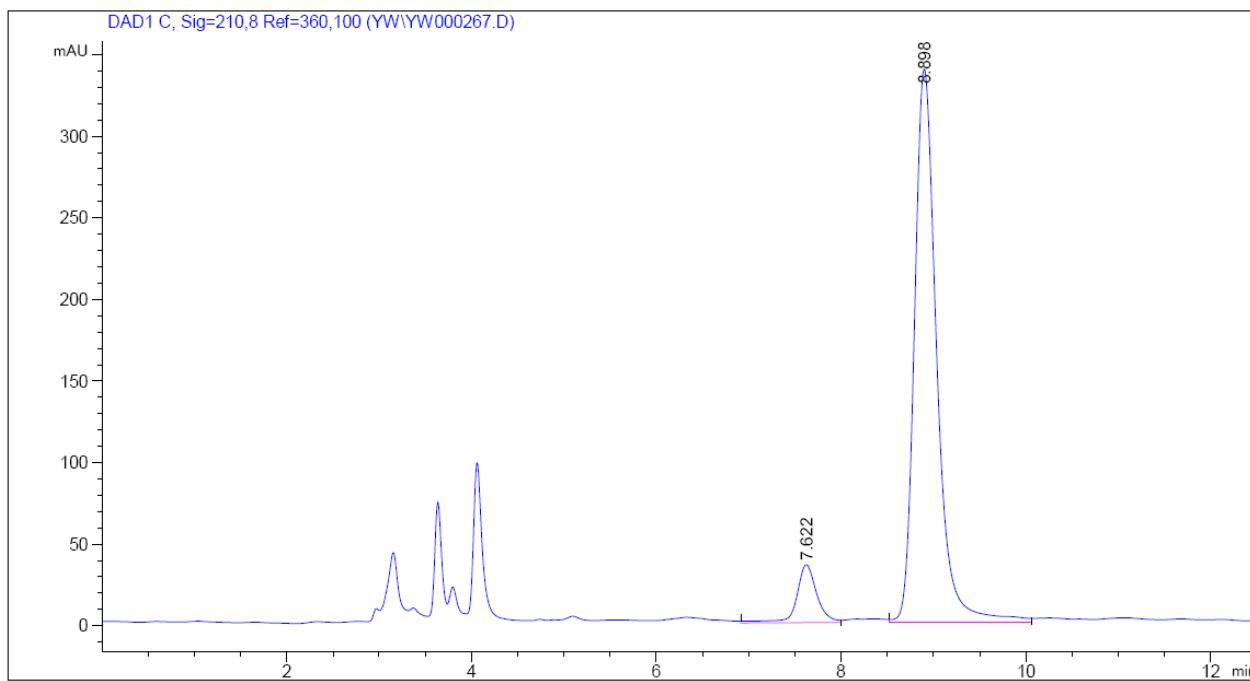
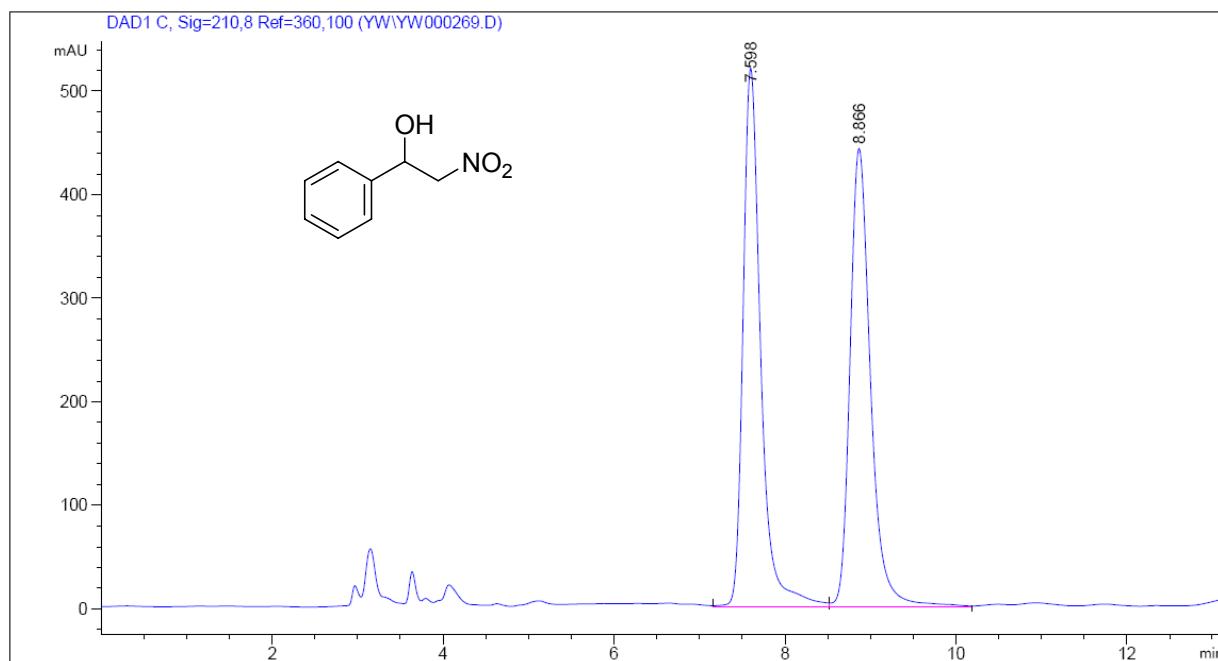
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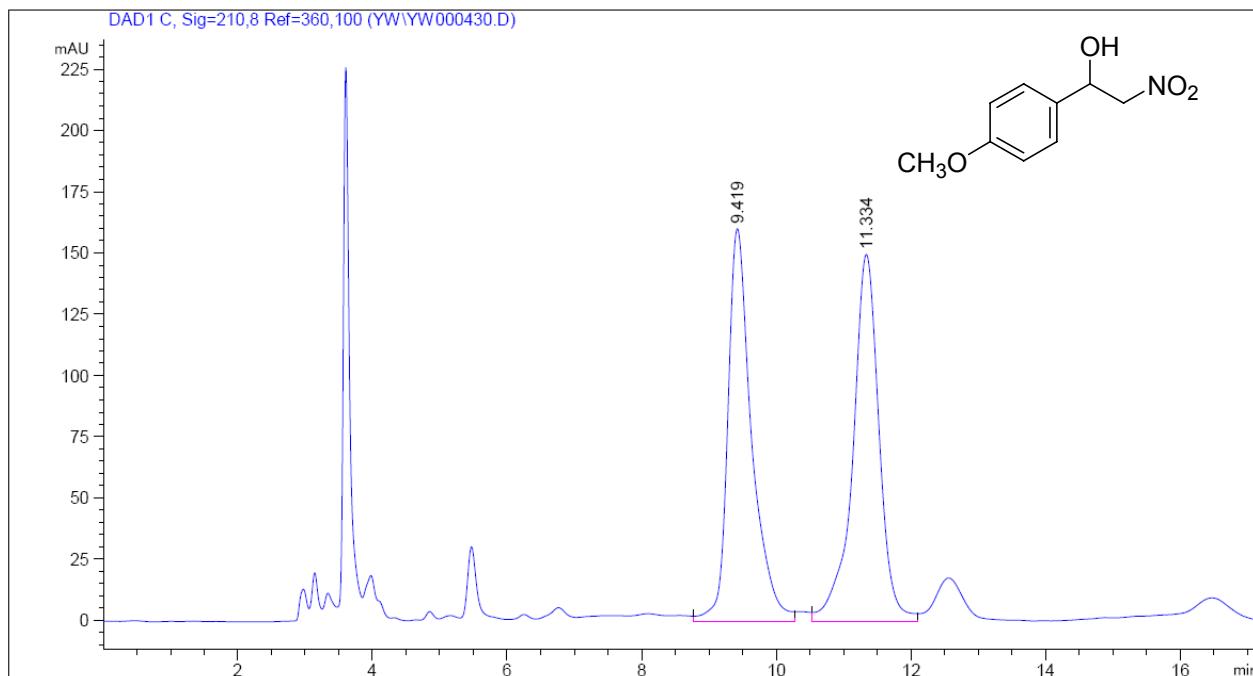



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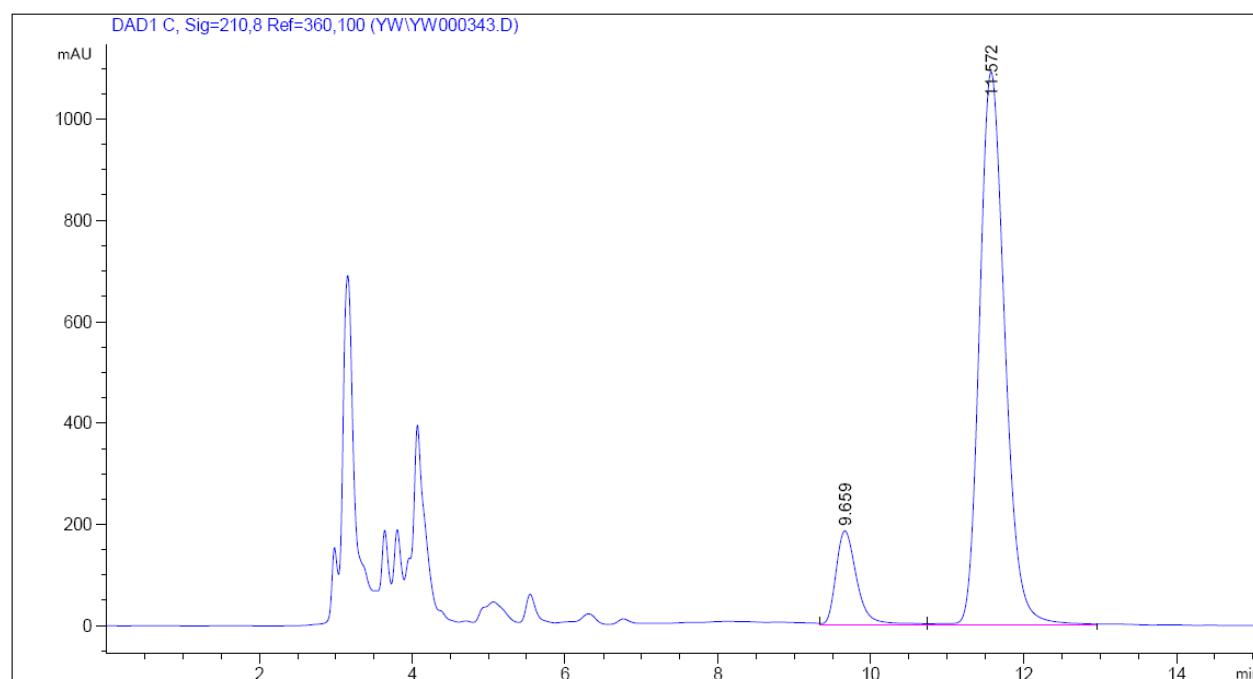
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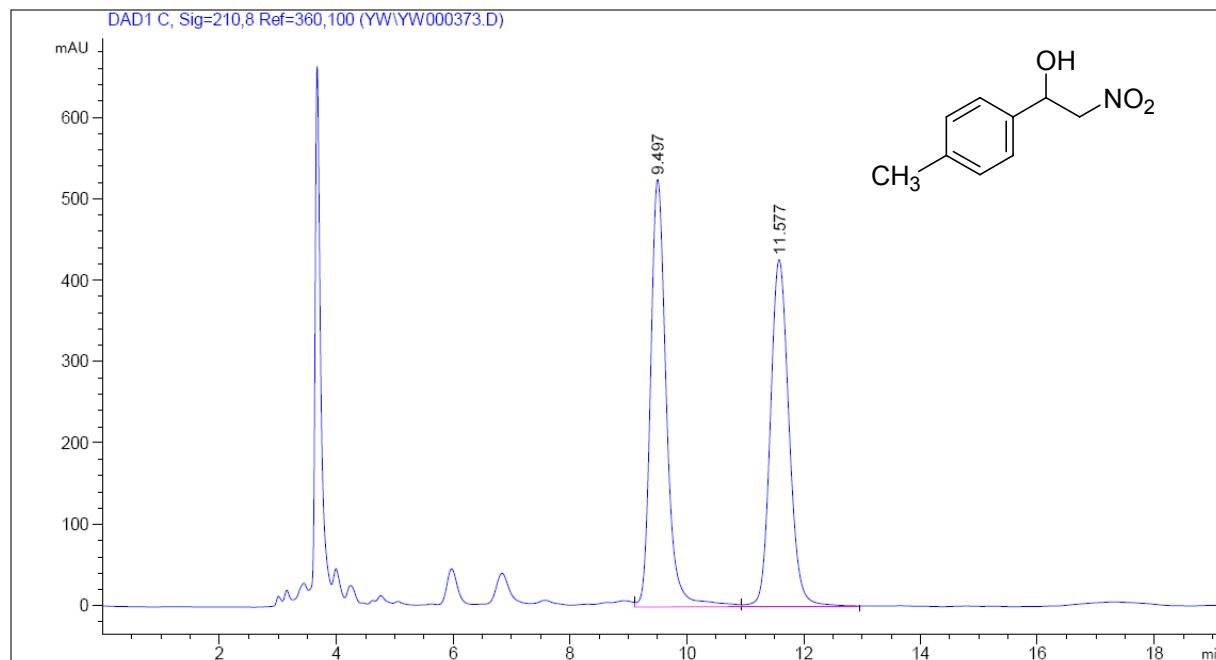


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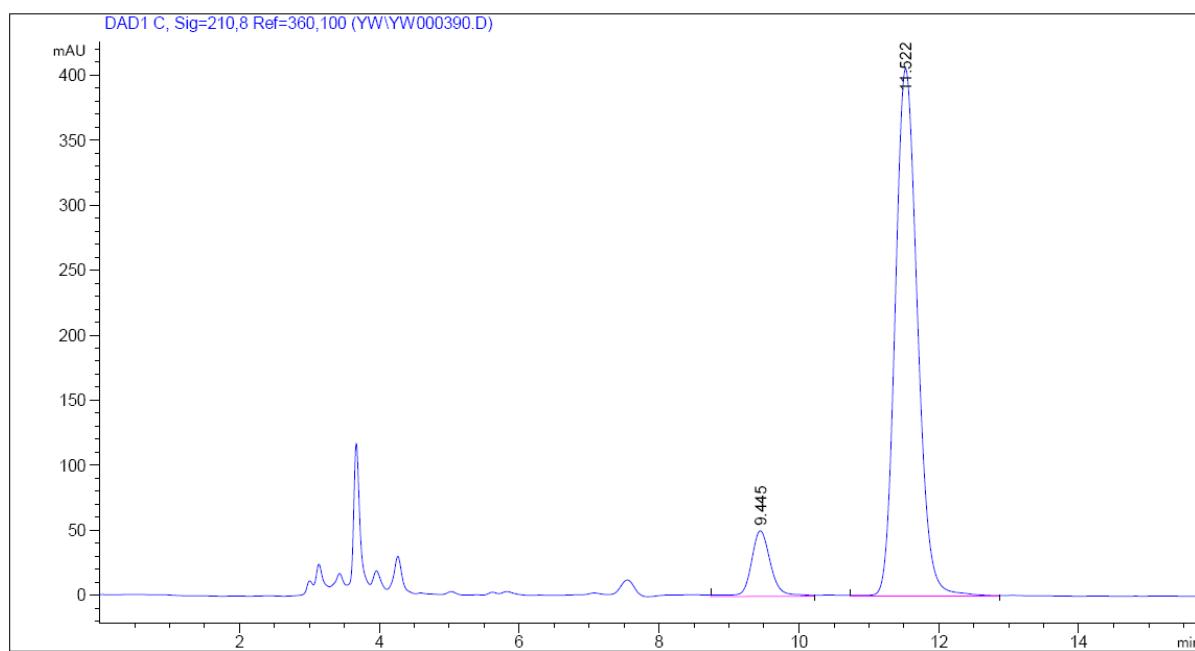


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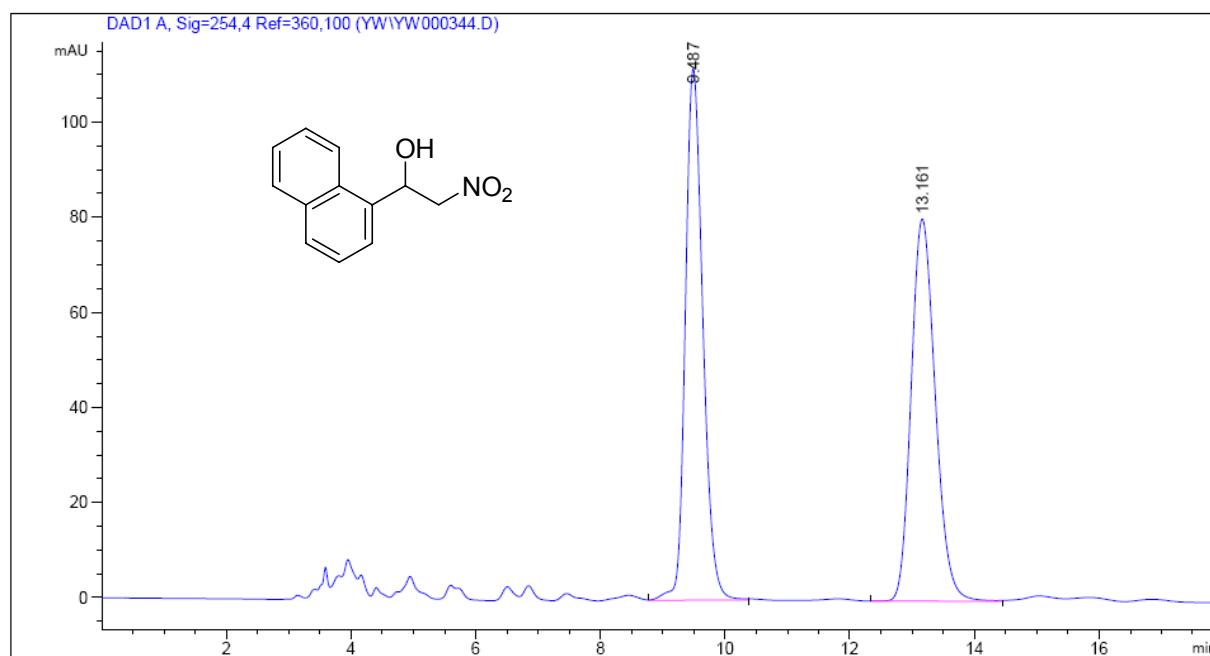
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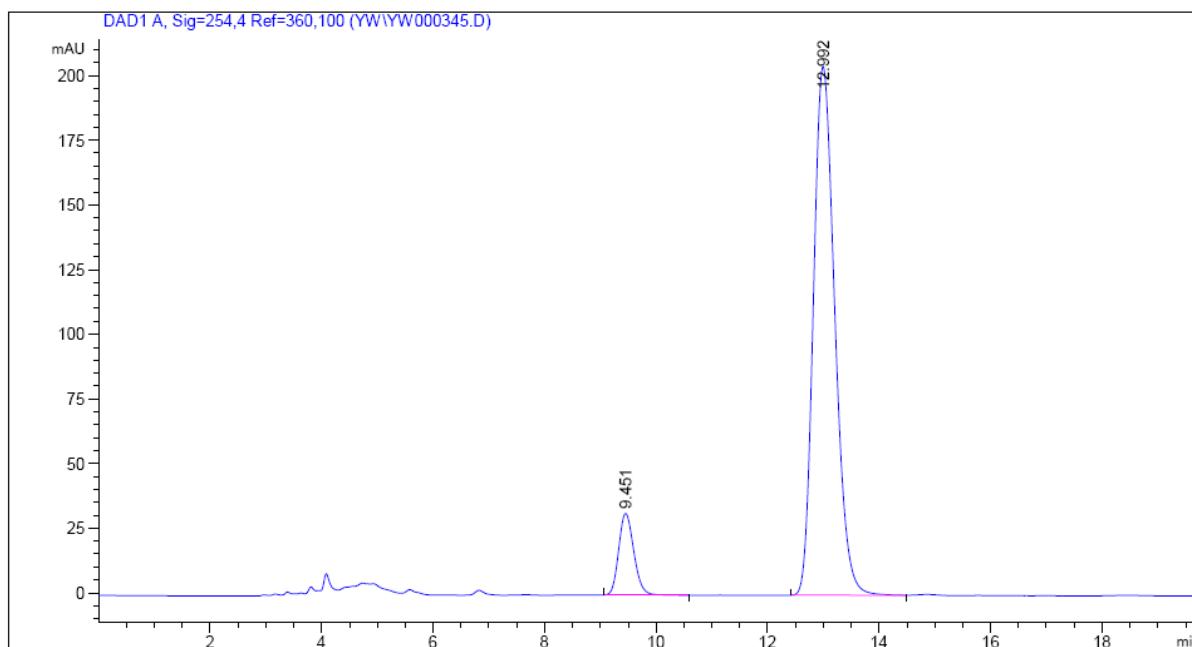
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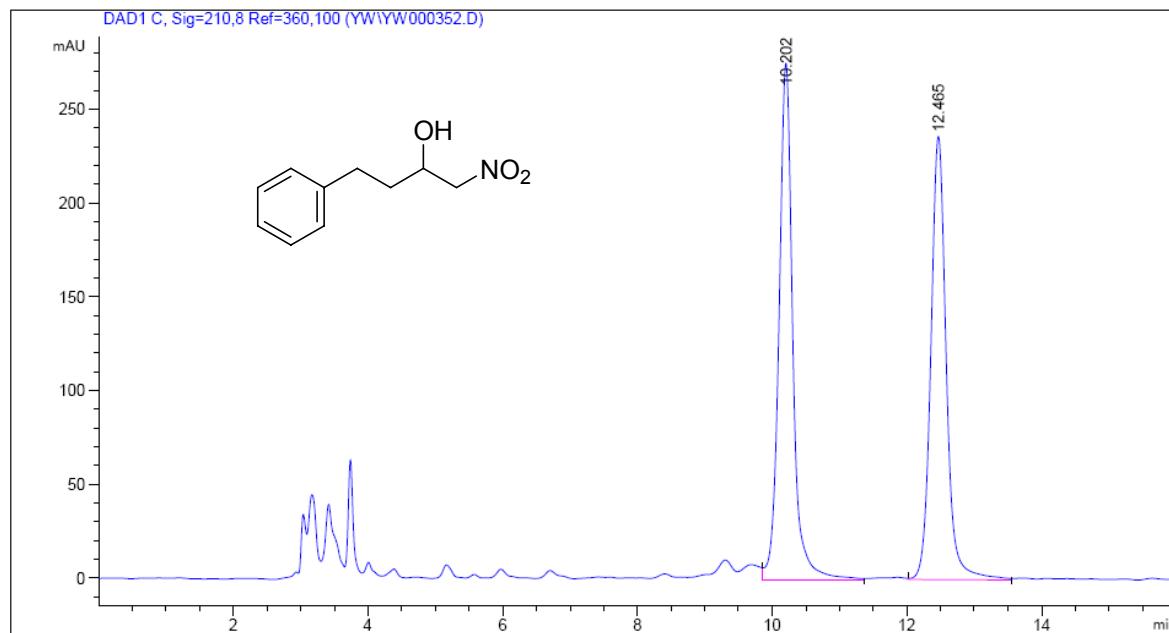
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2	13.161	VB	0.4183	2166.60229	80.41850	49.7377



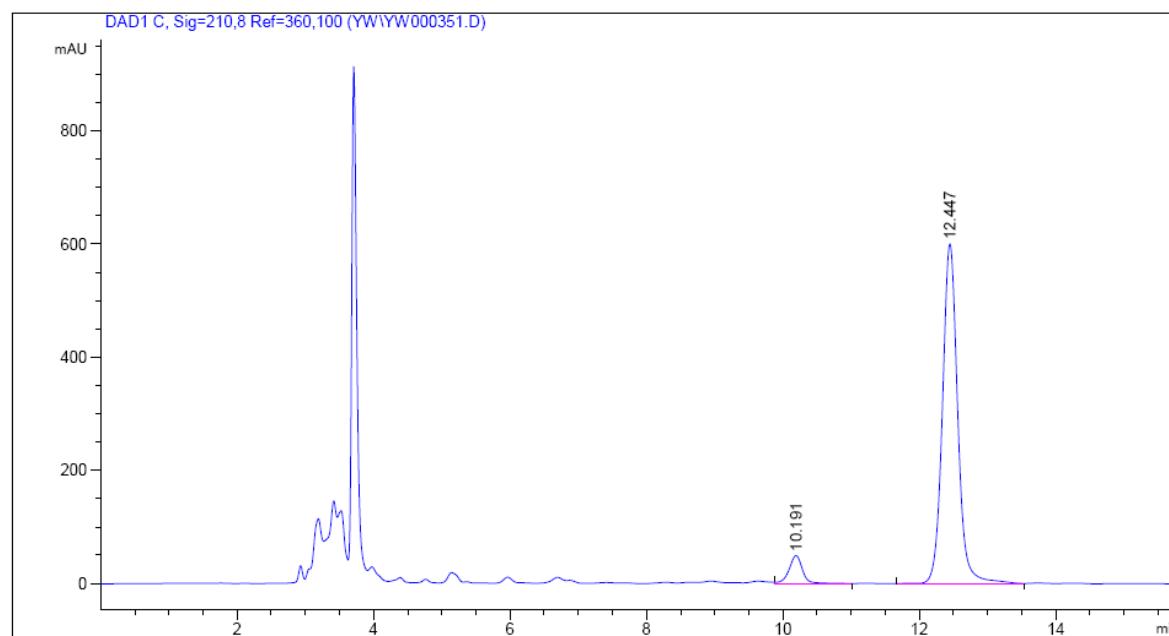
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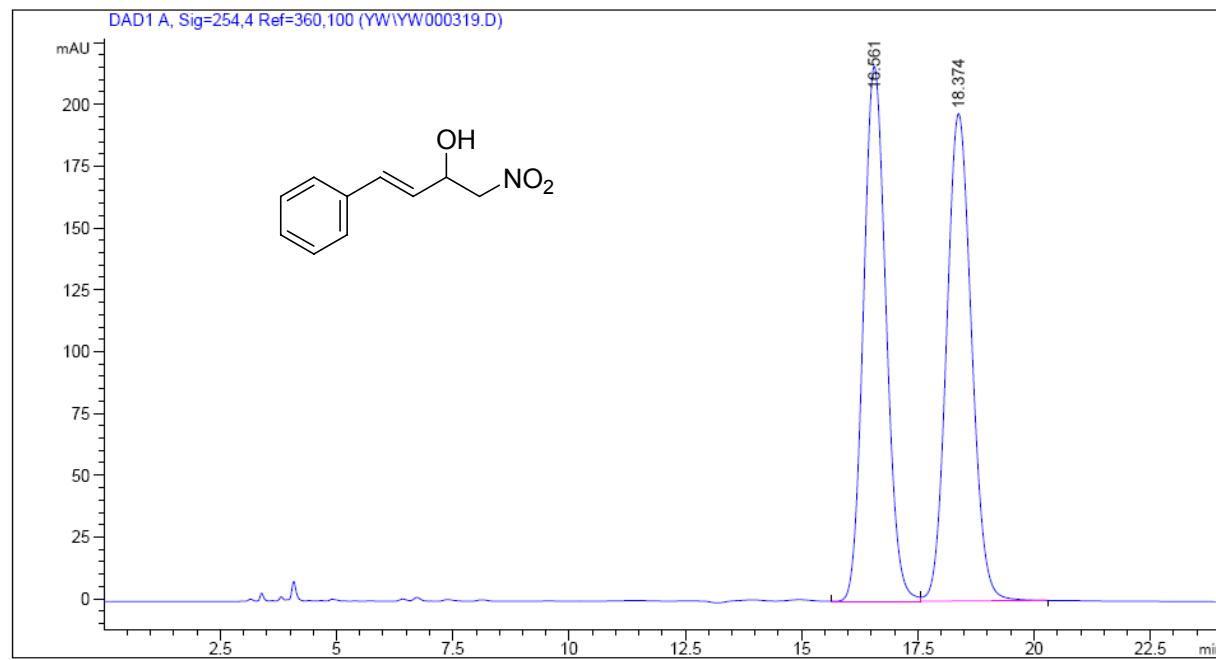
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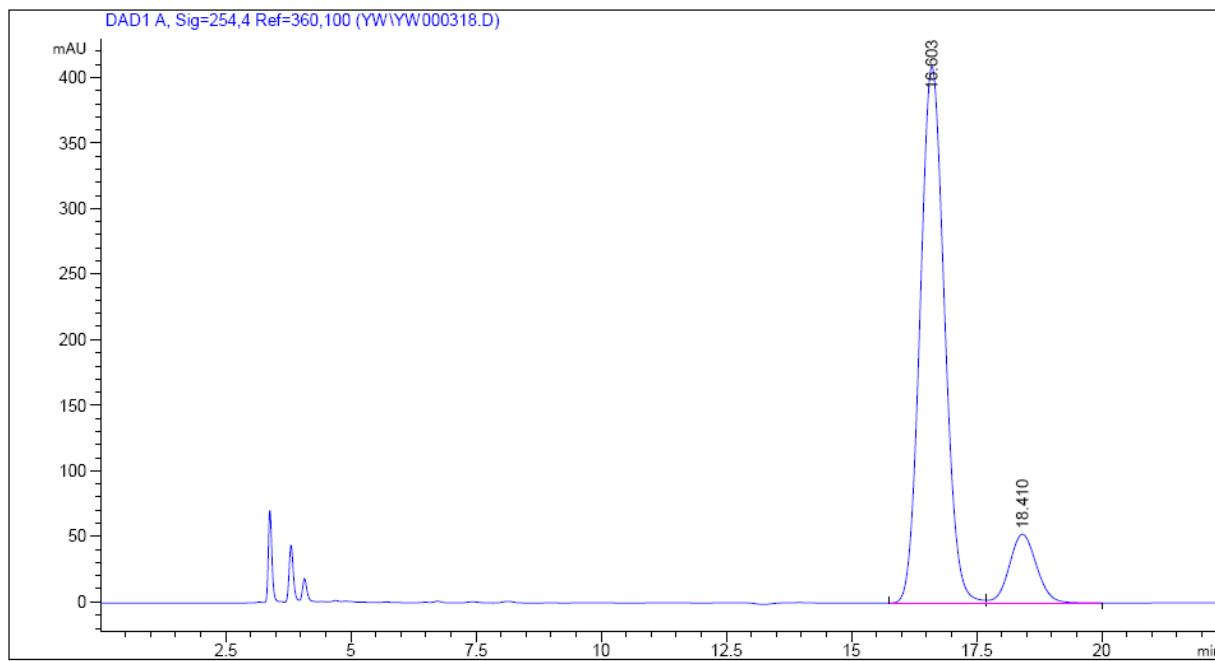
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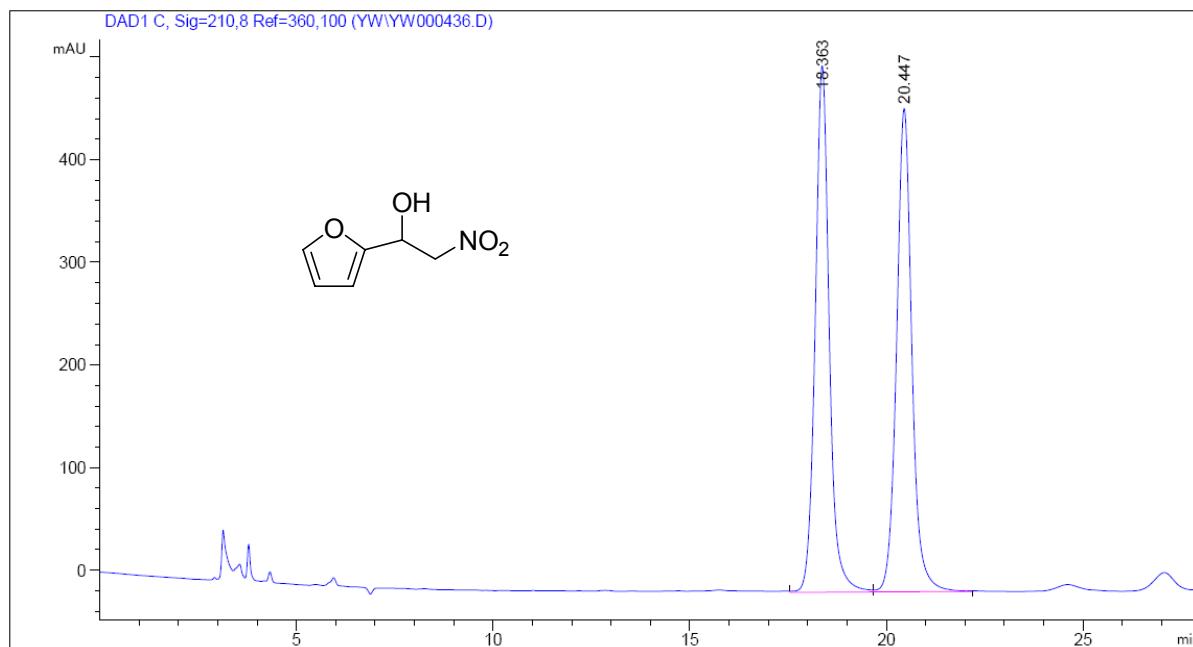
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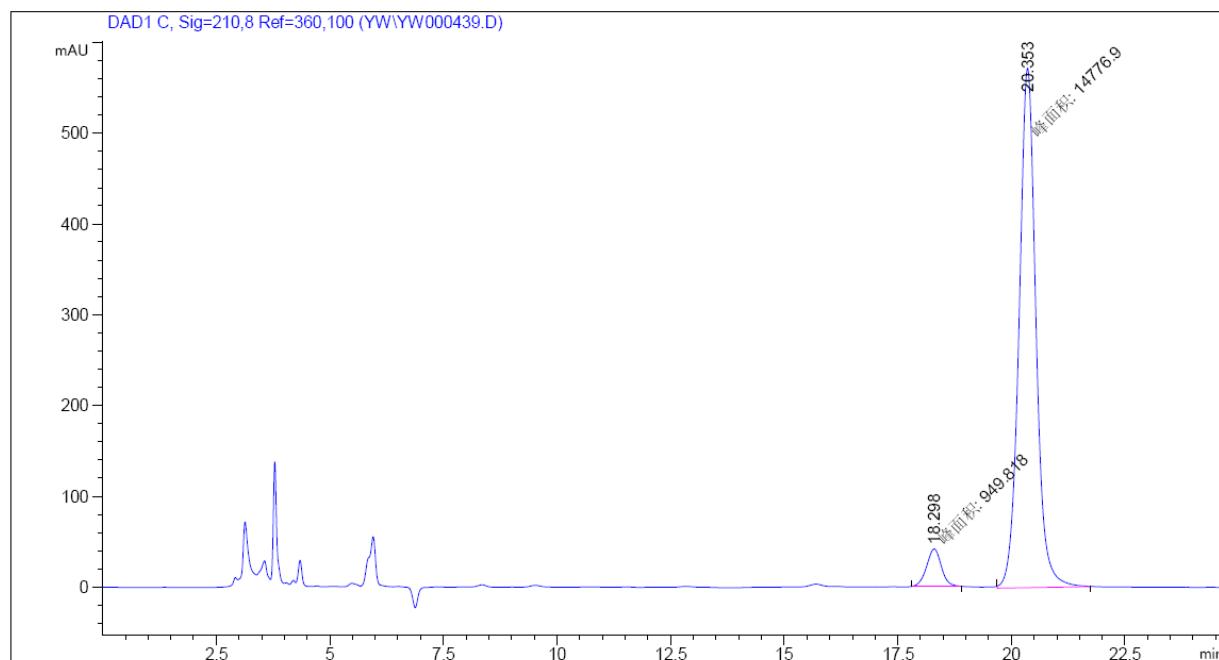
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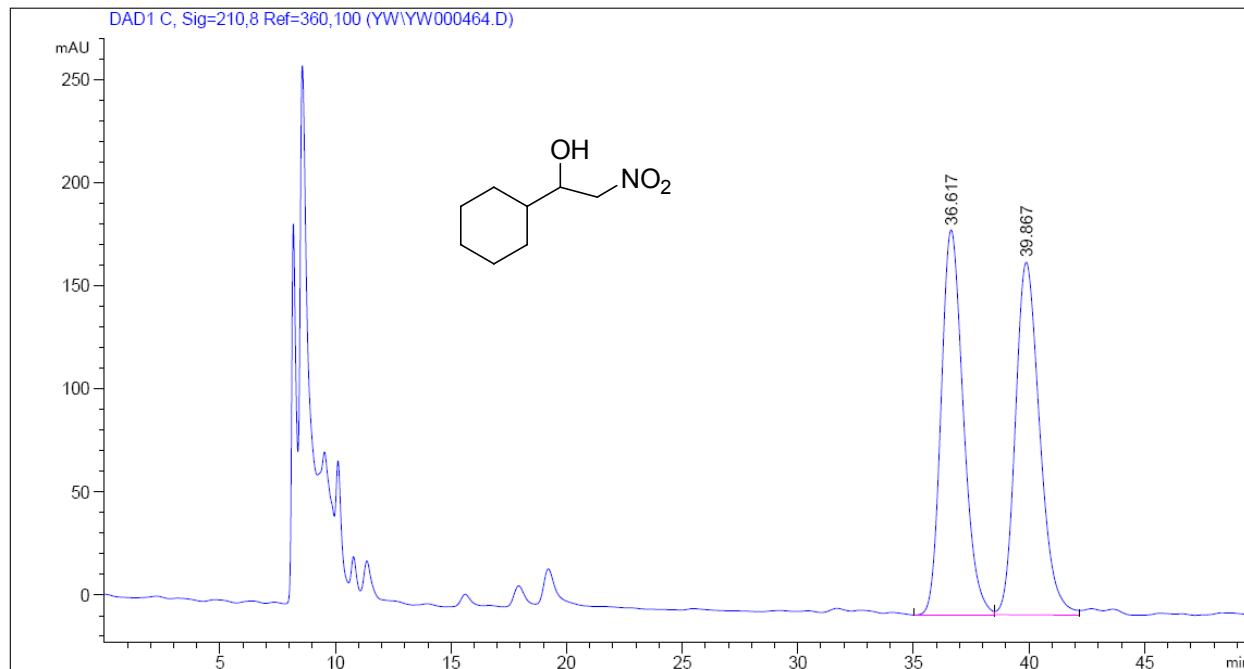
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1	18.363	VV	0.3742	1.27476e4	512.55273	49.9855
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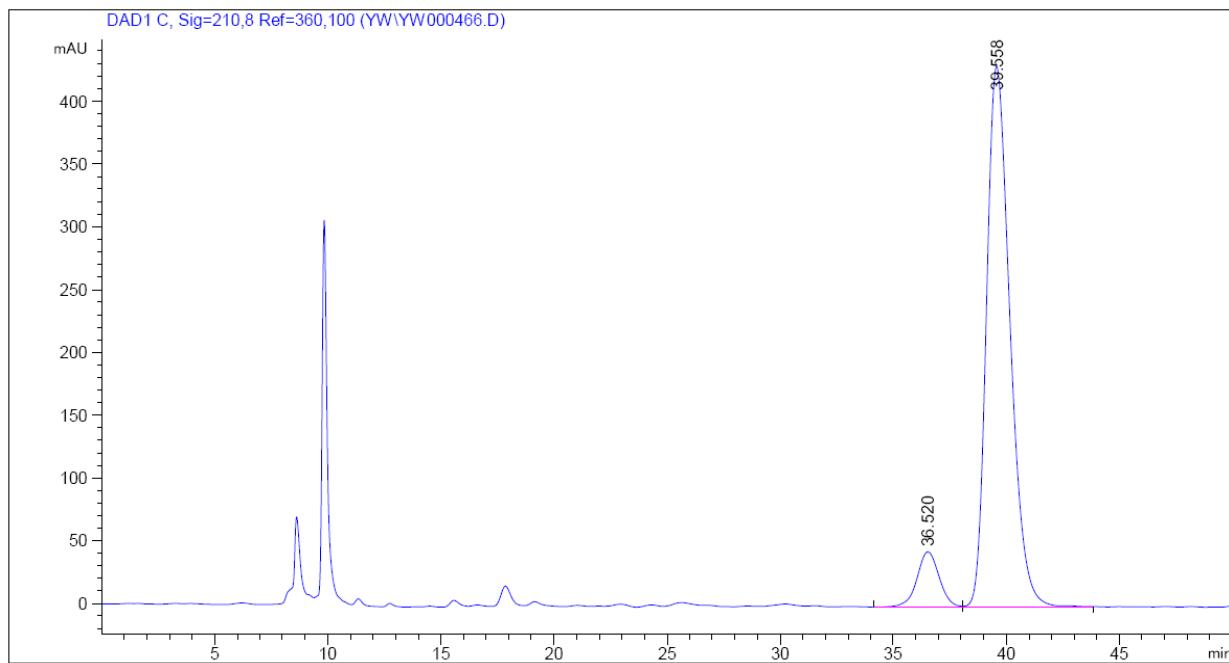
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2	20.353	MM	0.4301	1.47769e4	572.60583	93.9605



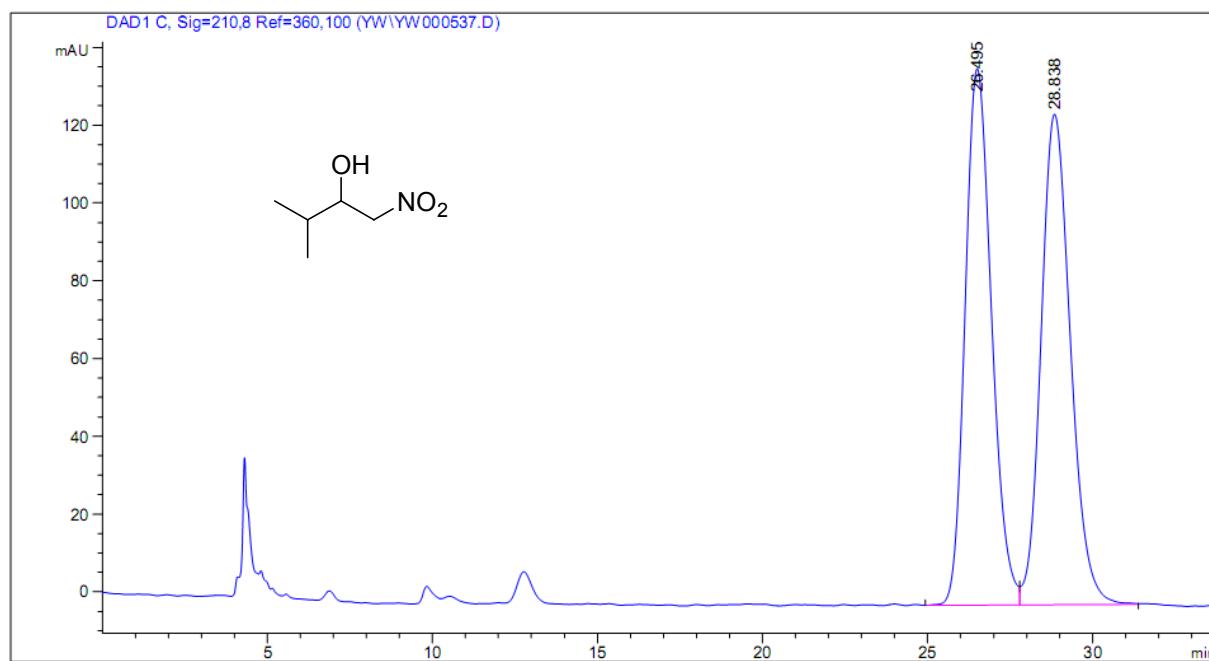
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1	36.617	VV	1.0341	1.24673e4	186.92174	49.8436
2	39.867	VV	1.1268	1.25456e4	171.22792	50.1564



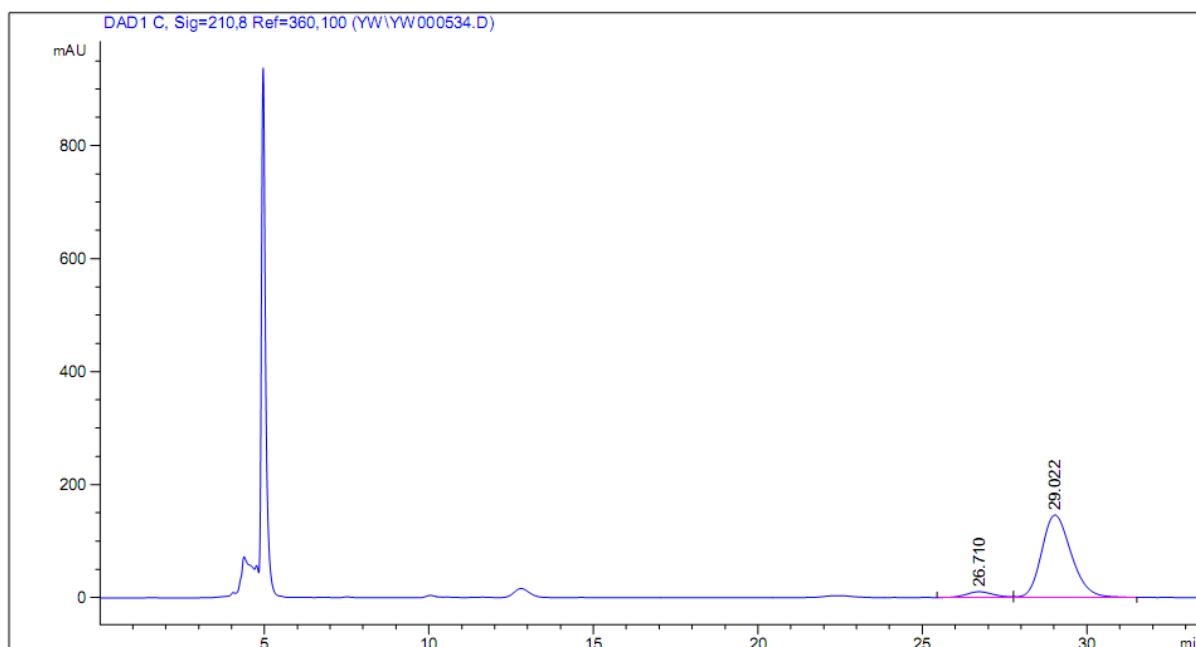
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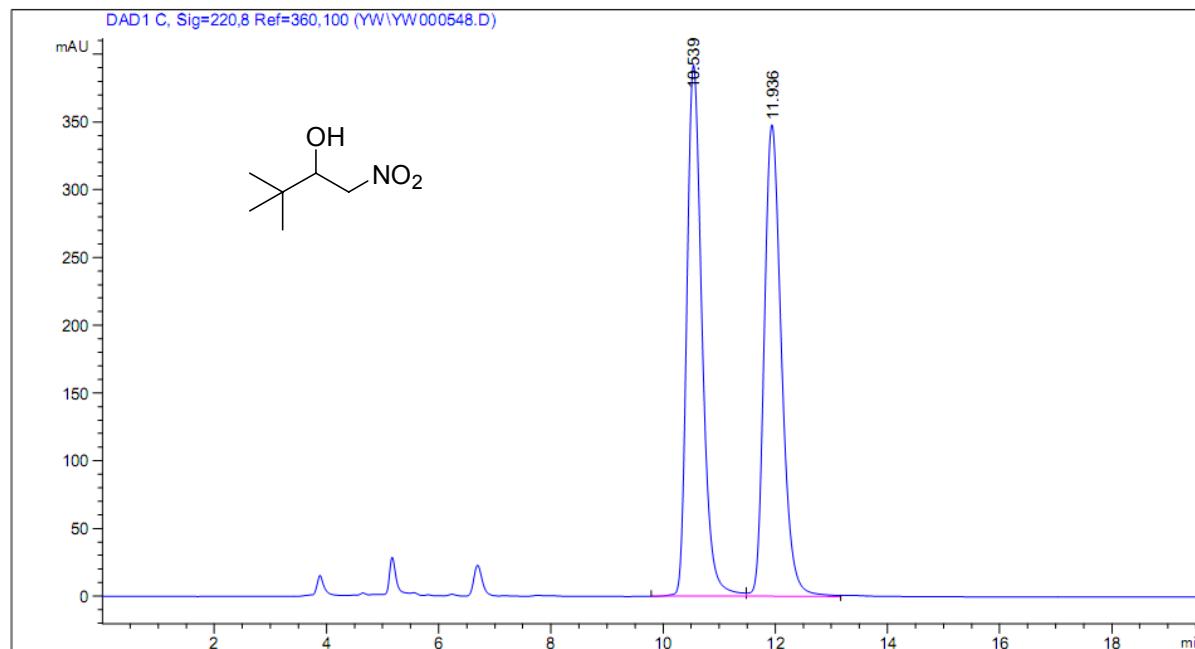
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1	26.495	VV	0.8612	7676.32813	137.95648	49.5171
2	28.838	VB	0.9594	7826.04395	126.20803	50.4829



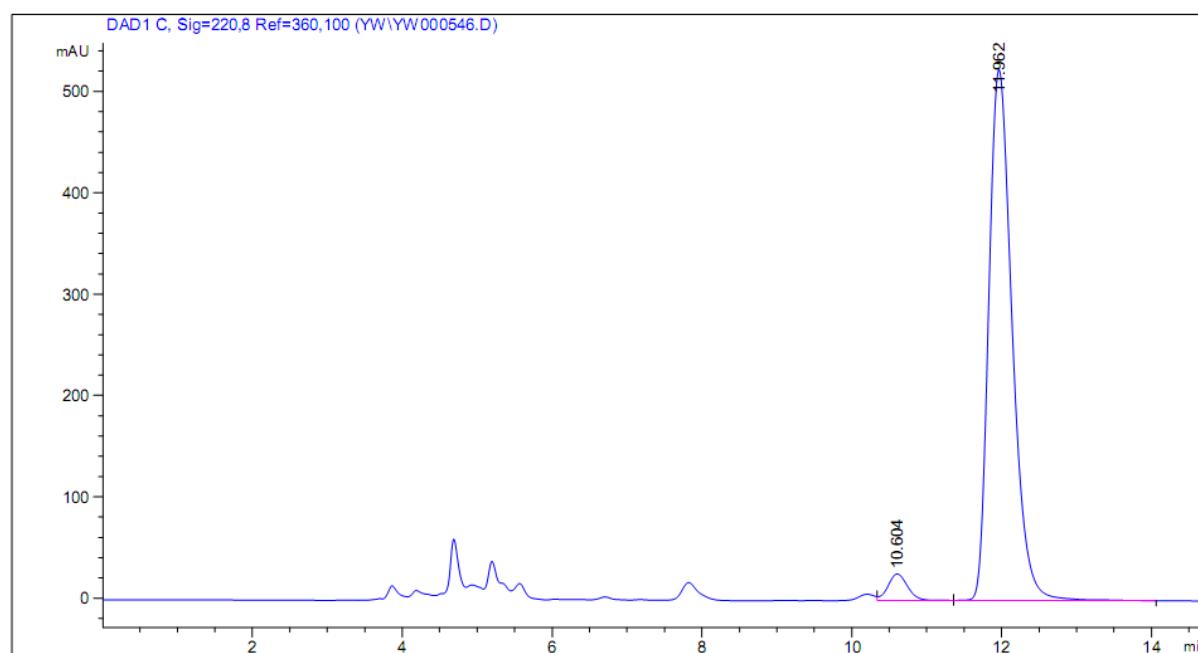
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1	26.710	VV	0.9009	636.23981	10.59101	6.4658
2	29.022	VB	0.9704	9203.86230	146.21352	93.5342



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1	10.539	BV	0.2915	7379.69043	392.16843	49.8224
2	11.936	VV	0.3291	7432.29834	348.12430	50.1776



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1	10.604	VV	0.2857	492.93130	26.41952	4.1615
2	11.962	VB	0.3369	1.13522e4	523.71454	95.8385

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