

## Supporting Information

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### Practical and Stereoselective Synthesis of $\beta$ -Amino Sulfones from Alkyl Phenyl Sulfones and N-(tert-Butylsulfinyl) Aldimines

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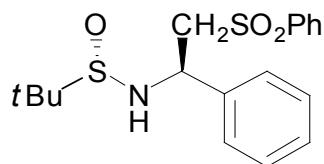
## General:

Unless otherwise mentioned, solvents and reagent were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. THF was freshly distilled over sodium. N-(tert-Butanesulfinyl)imines and alkylphenyl sulfones were prepared using known procedures.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as internal standard.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz spectrometers. Mass spectra were taken on a HP5989A spectrometer. High-resolution mass data were recorded on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI or MALDI mode.

## Preparation and physical data of compounds **3** and **5**

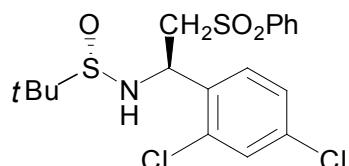
Typical procedure for the synthesis of compound **3a**.

LiHMDS (1.3 equiv, 1.3 mL, 1.0 mol/L) was added to a mixture of the imine **2a** (1 mmol) and methylphenyl sulfone **1** (1.3 equiv, 1.3 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Reaction mixtures were stirred over 1 h. Then half-saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution (2 mL) was added at lower temperature and the quenched reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent afforded the crude product, which was subject to flash chromatography to give the corresponding sulfonamide **3a** (340 mg, 93 %).



**3a**

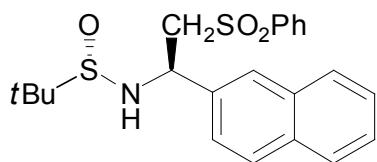
White solid, mp 144.2-145.4 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -0.16$  ( $c = 0.77, \text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.83-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.01-5.05(m,1H), 4.63(d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,d  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8.4$  Hz,1H), 3.52 (d,d  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 4.4$  Hz),1.24 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 139.5, 138.3, 133.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 61.7, 56.4, 54.9, 22.4; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 366.1192, Found 366.1188



**3b**

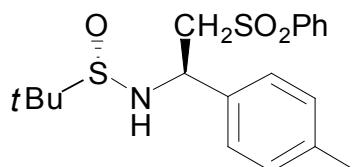
White solid, mp 112.9-115.4°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 9.29$  ( $c = 0.76, \text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.80-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m,3H), 7.28-7.25 (m,2H), 5.31-5.28 (m,1H), 5.05(d,  $J = 6$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 4.0$ , 1H),1.25 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 139.2, 135.1,

134.9, 134.5, 133.9, 133.3, 130.6, 129.7, 129.3, 127.7, 60.0, 56.8, 52.5, 22.4; MALDI calcd. For  $C_{18}H_{22}NO_3S_2Cl_2 [M + 1]^+$ : 434.0413, Found 434.0401



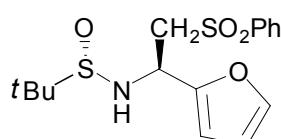
**3c**

White solid, mp 143.2-144.1°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  21.59 ( $c = 0.73$ ,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.89-7.42 (m, 12H), 5.88 (d,  $J = 6.8$ , 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.27 (dd,  $J^1 = 13.6$  Hz,  $J^2 = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 139.3, 133.9, 133.9, 133.0, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 126.7, 125.9, 125.6, 122.9, 61.0, 56.0, 50.7, 22.5; MALDI calcd. For  $C_{22}H_{26}NO_3S_2 [M^+ + H]^+$ : 416.1349, Found 416.1340



**3d**

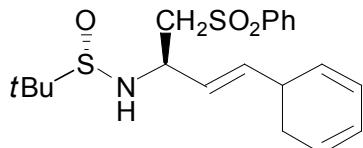
White solid, mp: 76.4-78.4°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  28.89 ( $c = 0.72$ ,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.79 (d, 2H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 4.99-4.97 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 3.2$ , 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 139.6, 138.5, 135.2, 133.7, 139.5, 129.5, 129.3, 127.8, 127.5, 61.7, 56.3, 54.6, 22.5, 21.0; MALDI calcd. For  $C_{19}H_{26}NO_3S_2 [M + H]^+$ : 380.1349, Found 380.1348



**3e**

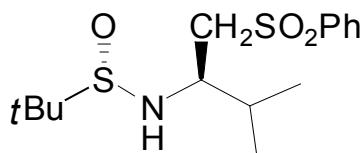
Yellow oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  37.51 ( $c = 0.61$ ,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.84-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (m, 1H), 5.06 (m, 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,

$J^2 = 5.2$  Hz, 1H); 1.23 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ /ppm: 150.7, 142.8, 139.5, 133.7, 127.8, 110.6, 109.2, 59.6, 56.5, 49.6, 22.4; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 356.0985, Found 356.0991



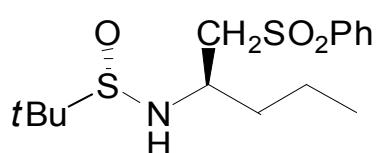
**3f**

White solid, mp 99.1-103.3°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 57.82$  ( $c = 0.66$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 5H), 6.65 (dd,  $J^1 = 15.6$  Hz,  $J^2 = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd,  $J^1 = 15.6$  Hz,  $J^2 = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8$  Hz, 1H), 3.42 ( $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ /ppm: 139.7, 135.6, 133.9, 133.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 61.1, 56.4, 53.6, 22.5; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$  [M + Na] $^+$ : 414.1168, Found 414.1171



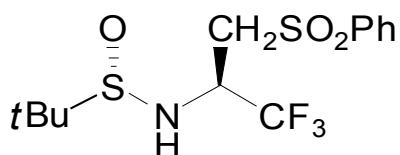
**3g**

White solid, mp 114.2-115.4°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 21.65$  ( $c = 0.52$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ /ppm 7.96-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 4.07 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 0.98 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ /ppm: 104.2, 75.8, 57.5, 29.1, 22.9, 22.3, 16.9; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 332.1349, Found 332.1355



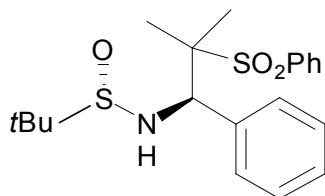
**3h**

White solid, mp 64.3-67.5°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  33.27 ( $c = 1.02$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.72 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.0$  Hz,  $J^2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.93-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 0.938 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 139.9, 133.8, 129.4, 127.8, 61.4, 56.0, 36.3, 22.5, 19.0, 13.4; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 332.1349, Found 332.1348



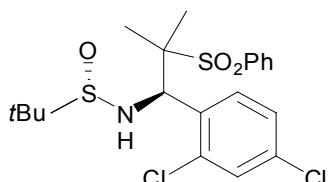
**3i**

White solid, mp 124.6-125.1°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  16.32 ( $c = 1.02$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.04 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J^1 = 14.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 0.938 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 139.3, 134.4, 129.6, 127.9, 57.6, 55.4, 54.2, 53.9, 22.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 73.7-73.8 (d, 3F), MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2\text{F}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 358.0753, Found 358.0744



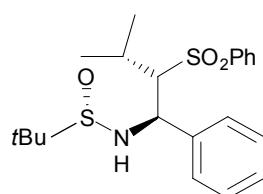
**5a**

White solid, mp 127.1-129.1 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -47.99 ( $c = 0.70$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.71 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.59 (t, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (t, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 130.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 66.1, 63.2, 60.9, 57.4, 55.6, 55.5, 42.3, 22.6, 16.5, 14.0; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 394.1505, Found 394.1503



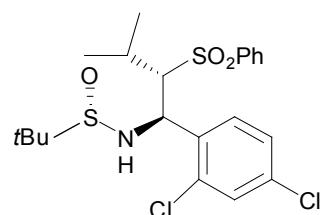
**5b**

White solid, mp 68.7-70.1°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -46.49$  ( $c = 0.57, \text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t,  $J = 7.2$ , 1H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 2.4$ , 1H), 5.62 (d,  $J = 2.8$ , 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 130.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 66.1, 63.2, 60.9, 57.4, 55.6, 55.5, 42.3, 22.6, 16.5, 14.0; ESI-HRMS calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2 [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ : 484.0551, Found 484.0554



**5c**

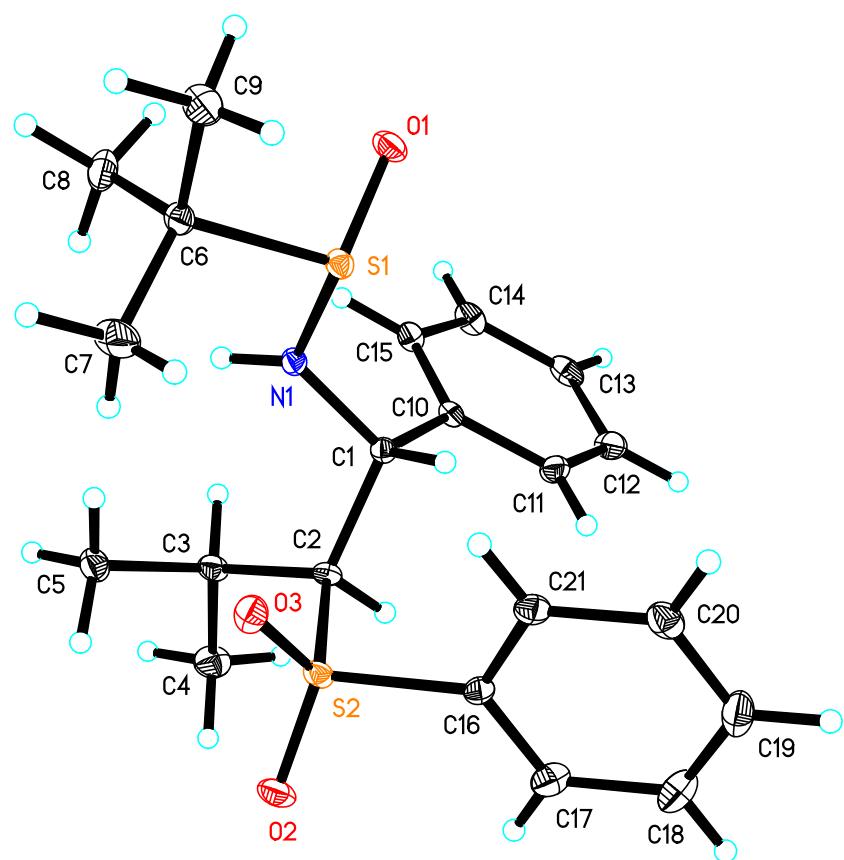
White solid, mp 121.0-122.5°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 3.92$  ( $c = 0.20, \text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.73 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.72-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd,  $J^1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J^2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 140.7, 139.3, 133.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 74.7, 60.9, 59.3, 56.9, 26.9, 22.6, 22.3, 20.2; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2 [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 408.1662, Found 408.1650



**5d**

White solid, mp 151.3-153.7°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 5.94$  ( $c = 0.63, \text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 7.62-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 5H), 6.78-6.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.11 (m, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 140.3, 134.9, 134.9, 133.1, 132.8, 129.8, 128.9, 127.6, 127.4, 70.0, 57.1, 26.7, 22.5, 21.3, 19.9; ESI-HRMS calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2 [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 498.0707, Found 498.0710

Determination of the configuration of **5c** by X-ray analysis

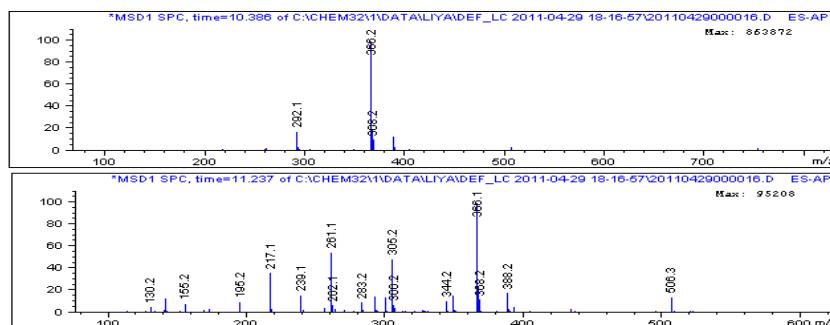


Example of determination of dr ratio for **3a/3a'** (entry 1, Table 1)  
by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HPLC-MS

The dr value has been determined by use of a combination of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HPLC-MS spectra analysis on the crude product. High diastereoselectivity was observed in this reaction, which can be roughly determined based on the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR on the crude product. The relatively precise dr value was determined by HPLC-MS (Figure 1), and, based on selected ion chromatogram (Figure 1c), the two diasteromers can be found at  $\text{rt} = 10.27 \text{ min}$  and  $11.10 \text{ min}$  respectively.

**3a**,  $\text{rt} = 10.27 \text{ min}$ ; **3a'**,  $\text{rt} = 11.10 \text{ min}$

$$\text{dr} = 68.00 : 0.10 = 99 : 1$$



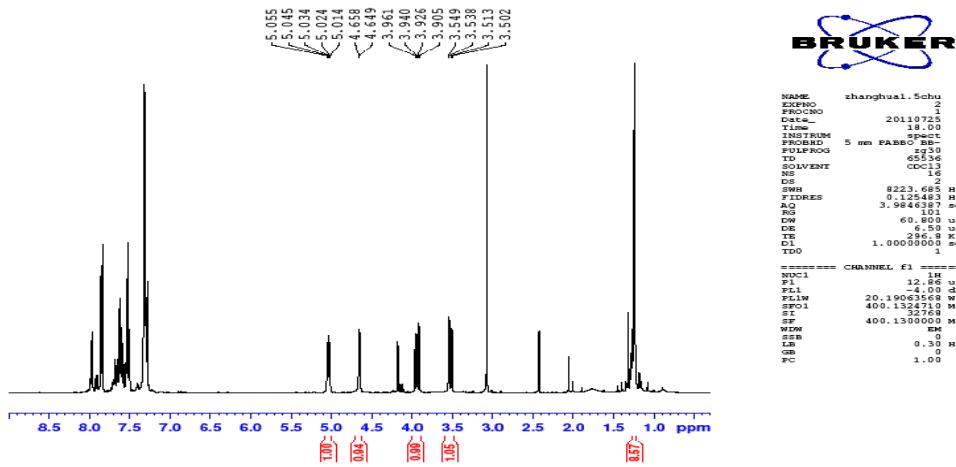
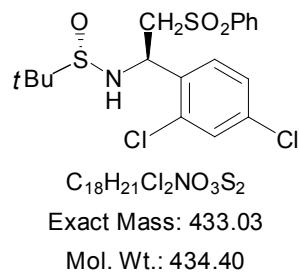


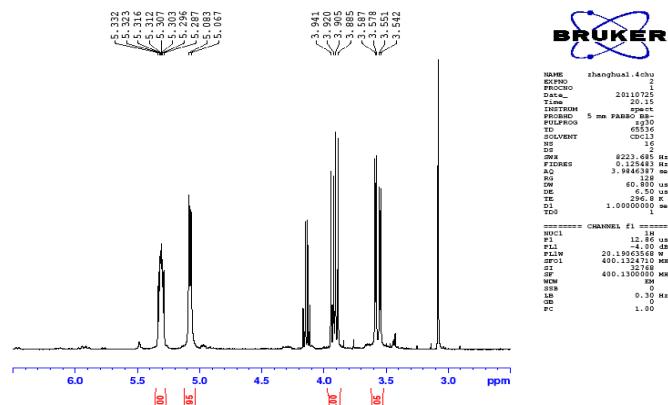
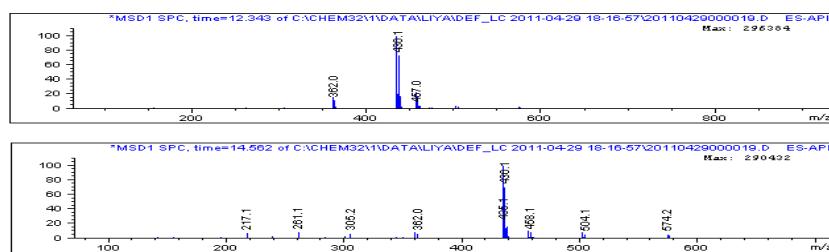
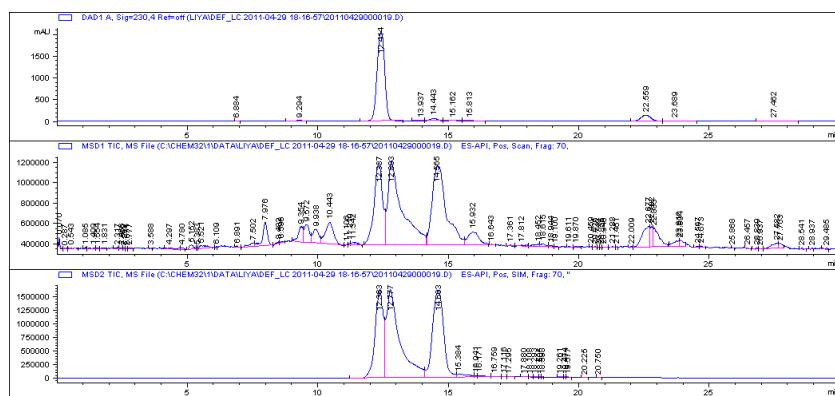
Figure 2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR on the crude product **3a**

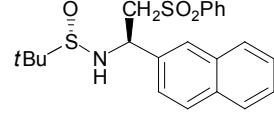
<sup>1</sup>H NMR and HPLC-MS spectra on the crude products for determination of dr ratio of **3/3'** and **5/5'**



**3b**, rt = 12.41 min; **3b'**, rt = 14.44 min

**dr = 86.49 : 2.38 = 36 : 1**





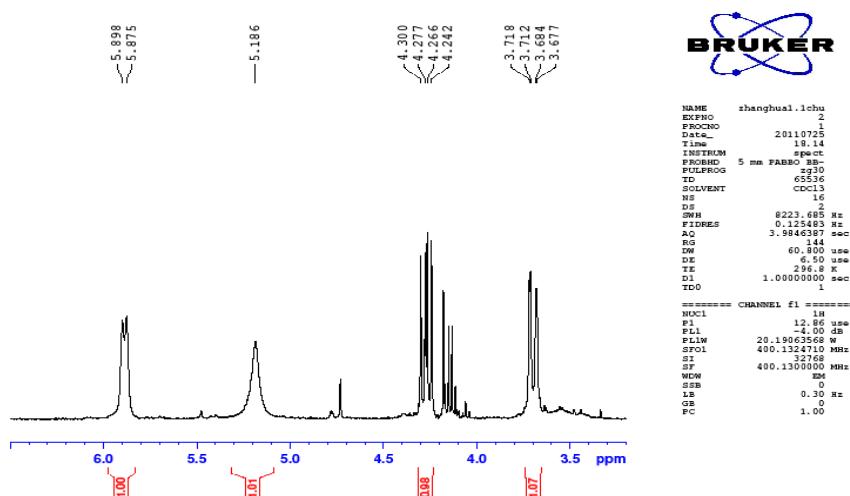
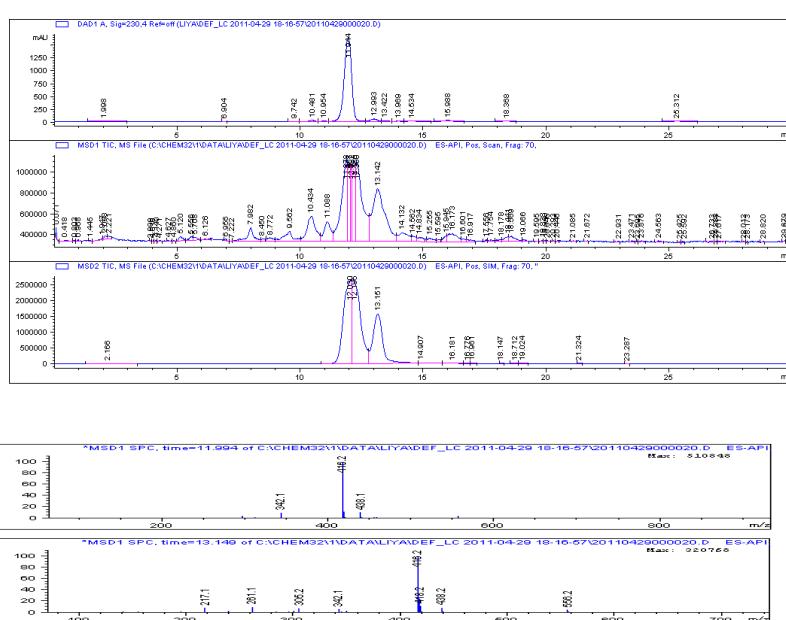
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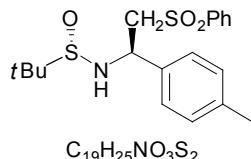
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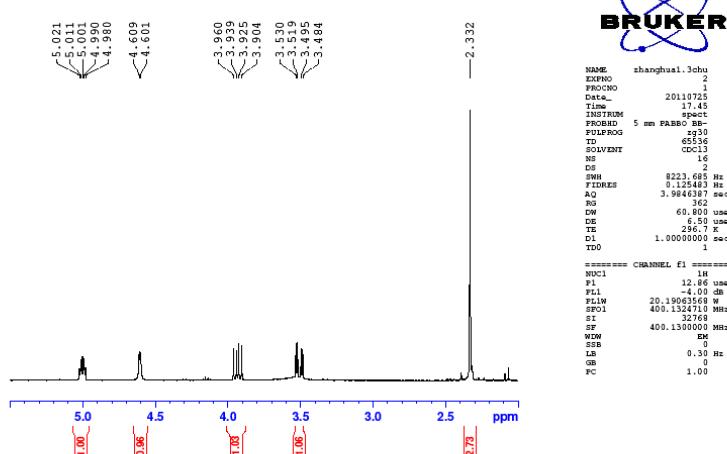
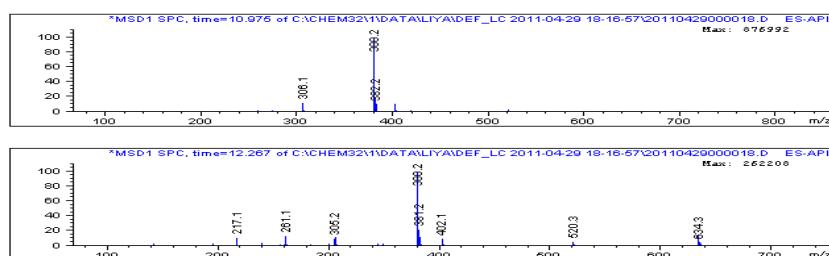
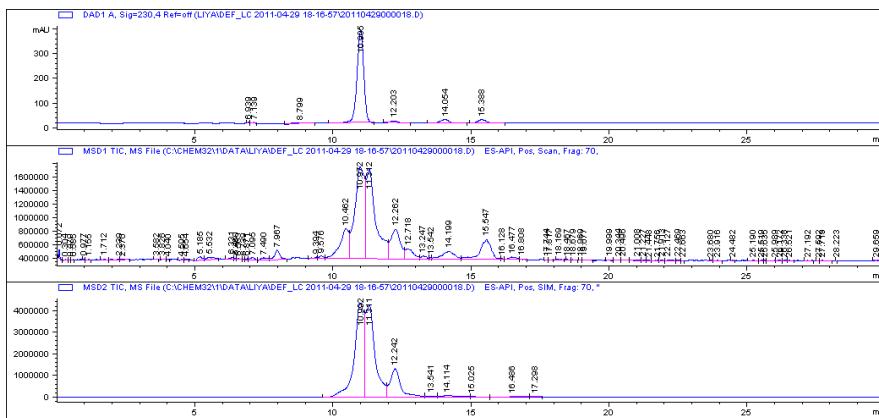
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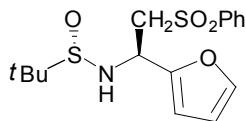
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$C_{16}H_{21}NO_4S_2$

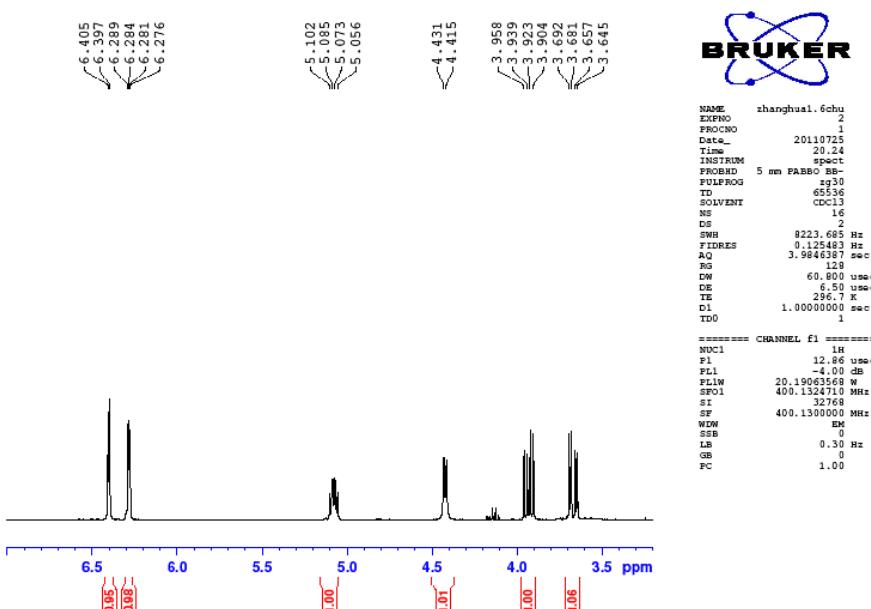
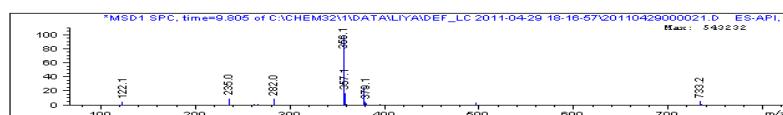
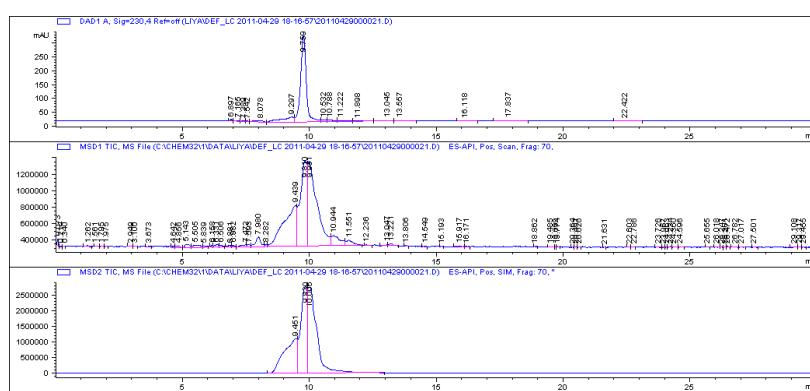
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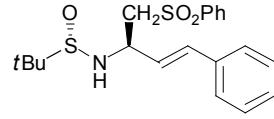
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### 3e

**3e**, rt = 9.76 min; **3e'**, rt = 9.29 min

**dr = 80.20 : 0.80=99 : 1**





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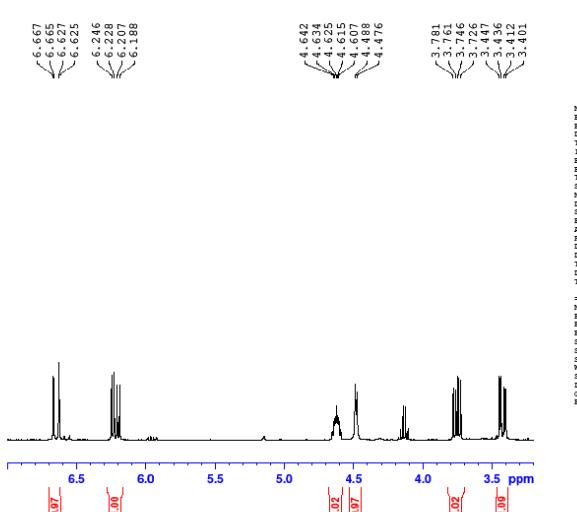
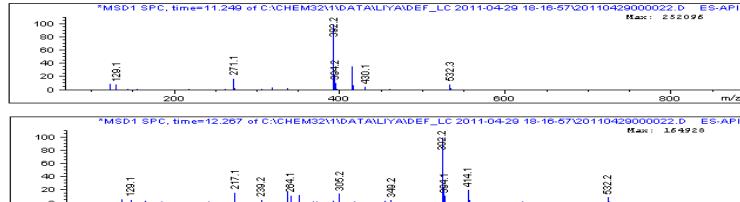
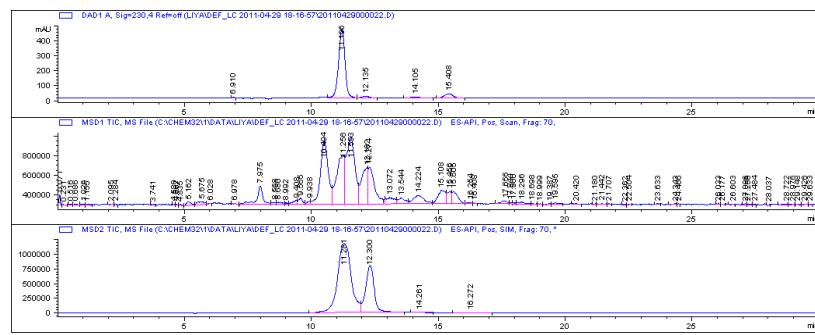
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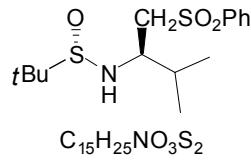
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3f

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$$dr = 86.78 : 2.50 = 35 : 1$$





$C_{15}H_{25}NO_3S_2$

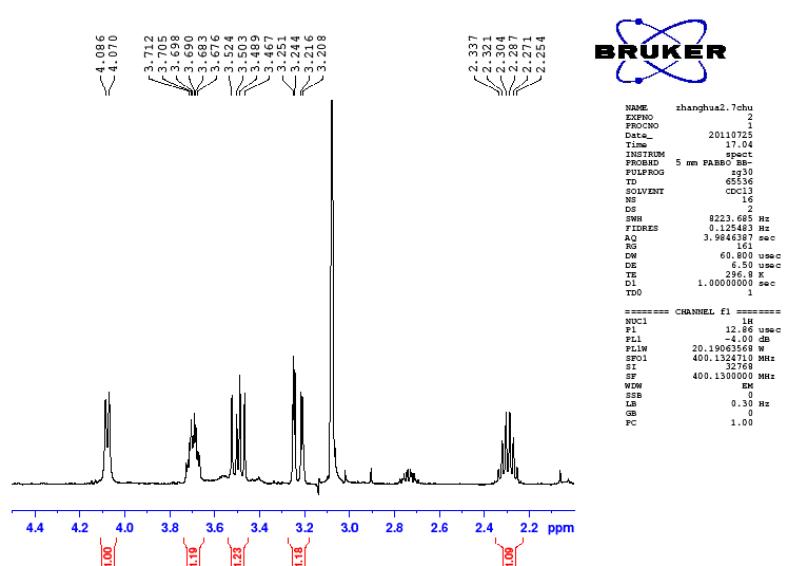
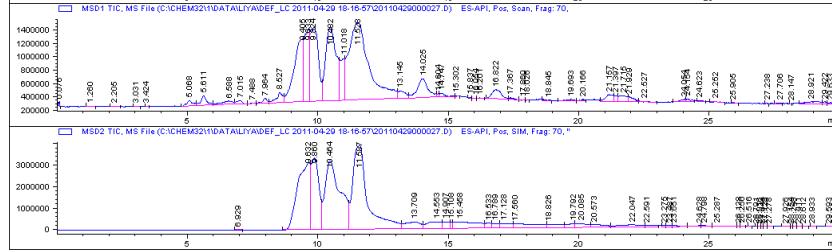
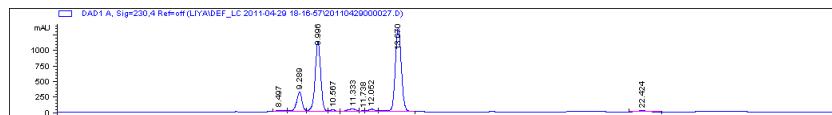
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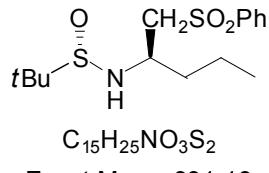
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### 3g

**3g**, rt = 9.99 min; **3g'**, rt = 11.33 min

$$dr = 35.45 : 1.22 = 35 : 1$$





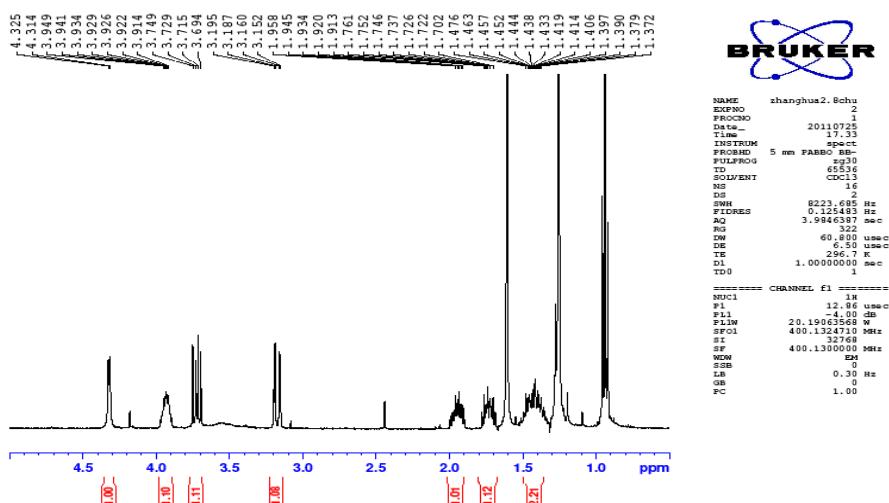
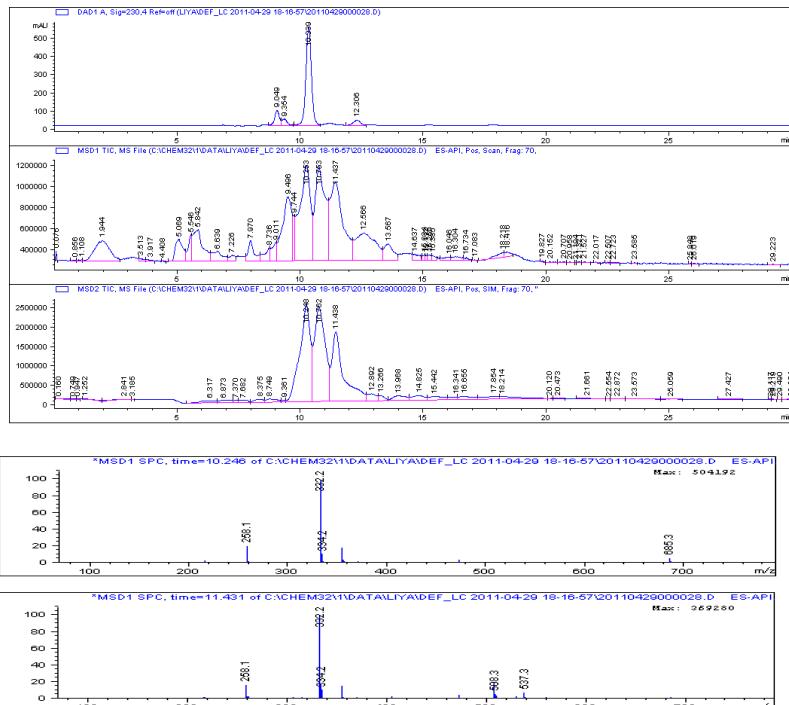
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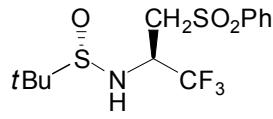
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3h

**3h**, rt = 10.34 min; **3h'**, rt = 11.19 min

$$dr = 70.45 : 4.01 = 18 : 1$$





$C_{13}H_{18}F_3NO_3S_2$

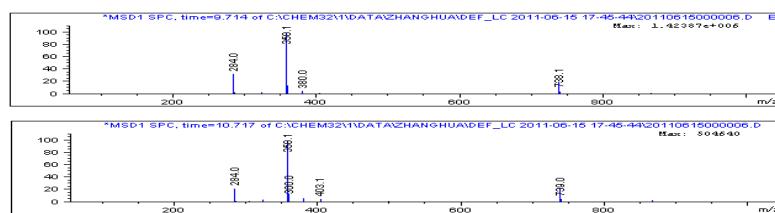
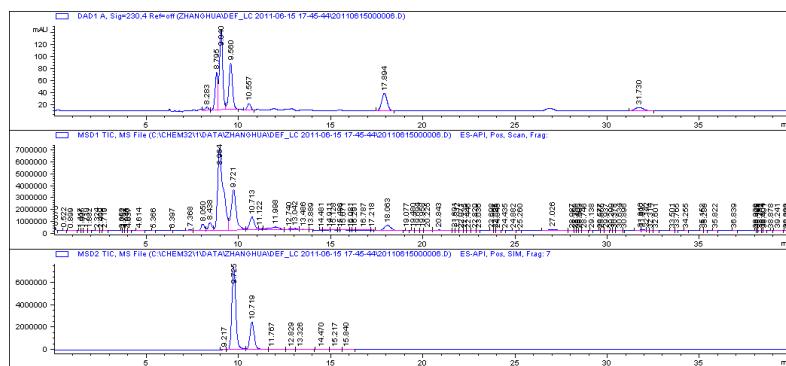
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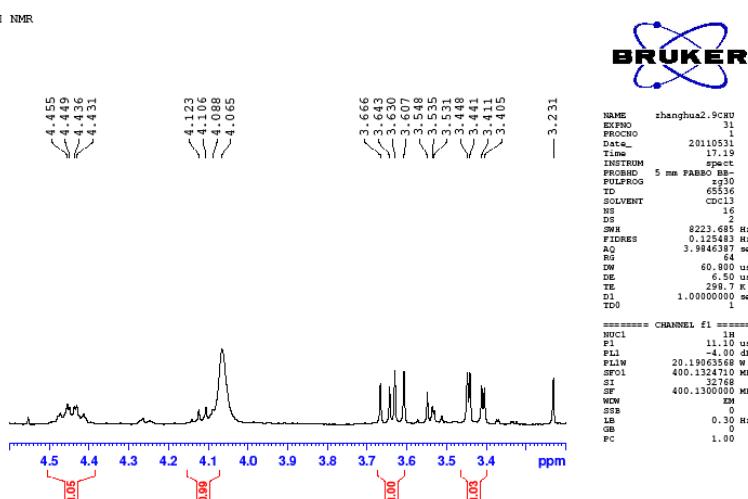
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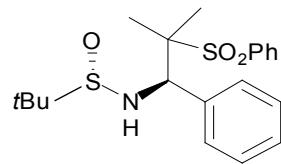
**3i**, rt = 9.56 min; **3i'**, rt = 10.56 min

**dr = 22.18 : 3.12 = 7 : 1**



### H NMR





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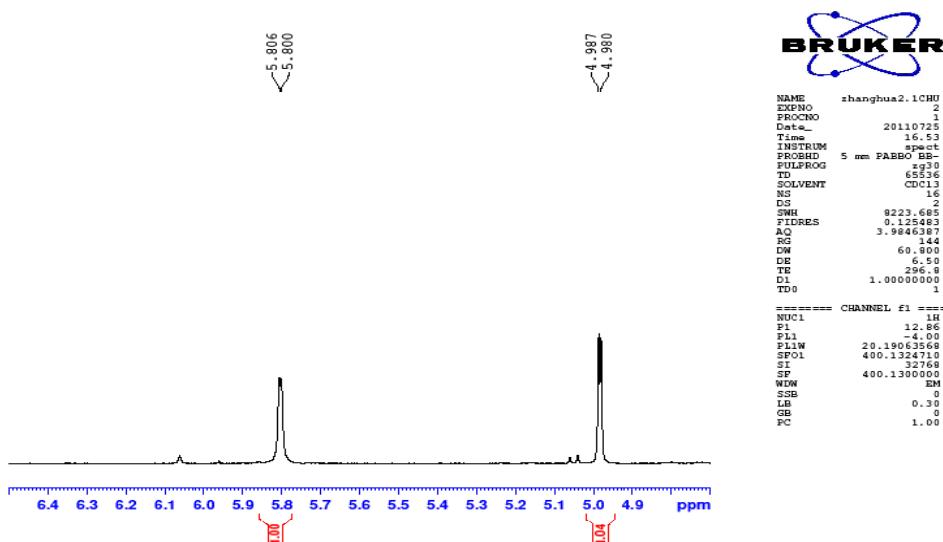
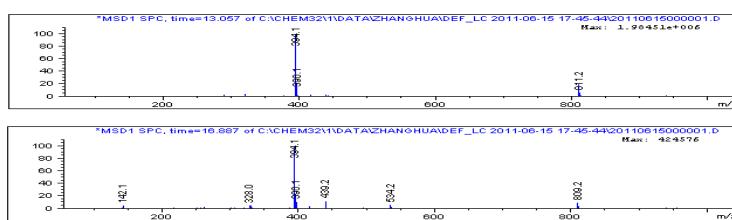
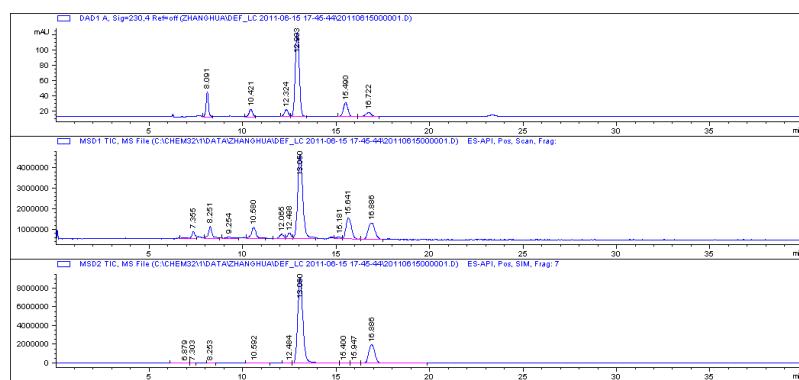
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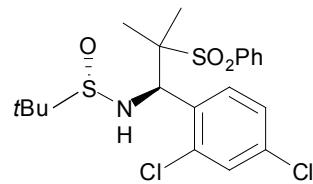
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**5a**

**5a** rt = 12.90 min; **5a'**, rt = 16.72 min

**dr = 62.99 : 4.01 = 16 : 1**





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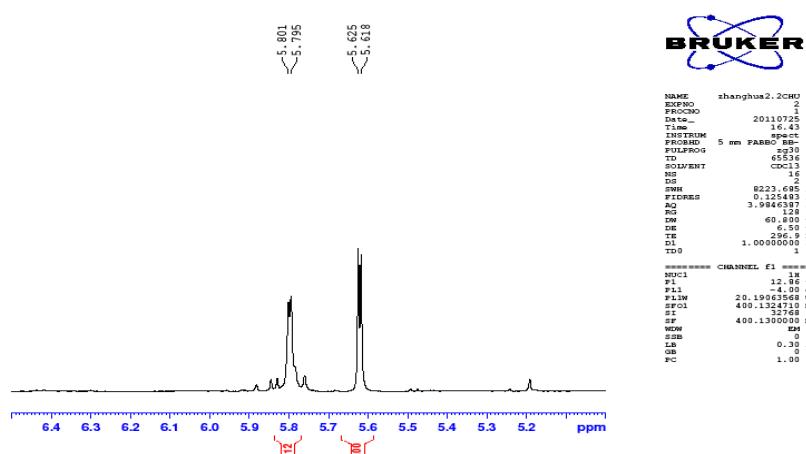
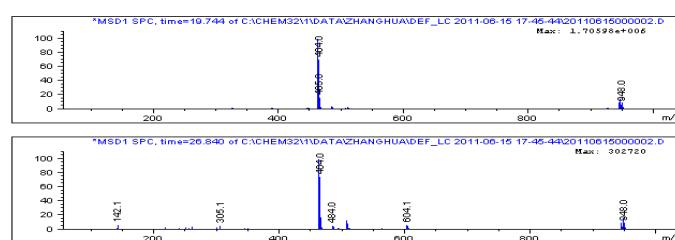
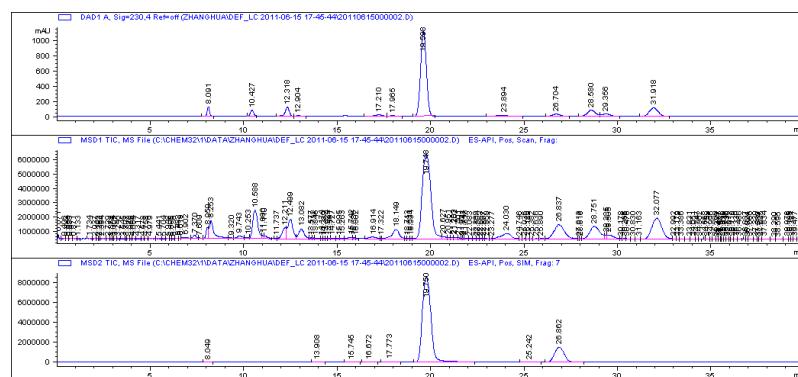
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**5b**

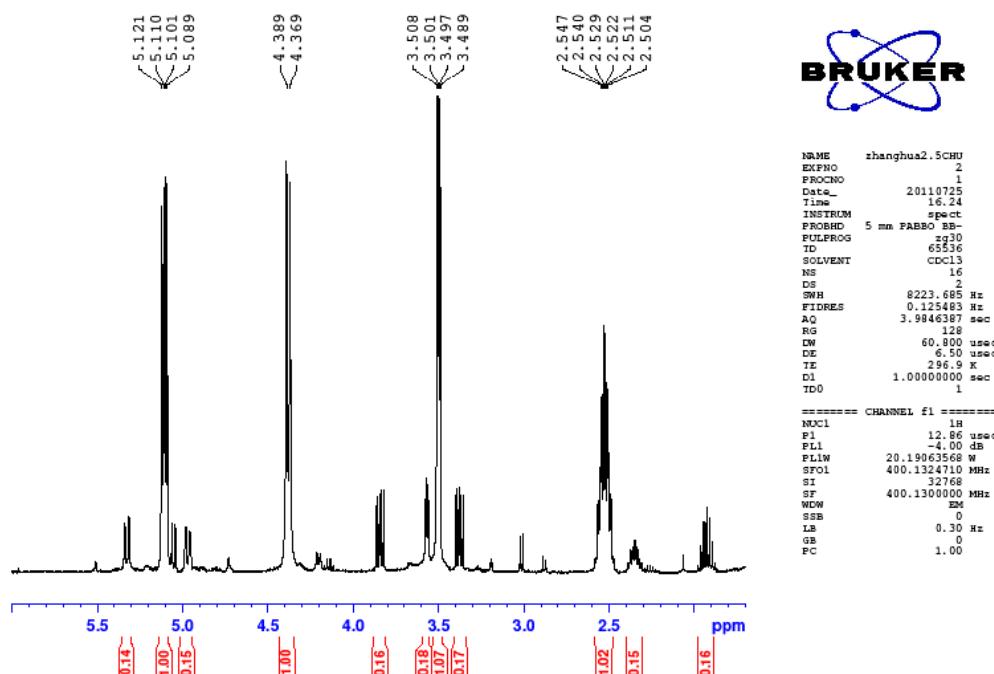
**5b**, rt = 19.59 min; **5b'**, = 26.70 min

$$\text{dr} = 62.99 : 2.27 = 27 : 1$$



## Determination of the facial selectivity and isomer ratio for entry 3 and entry 4 (Table 2).

A mixture of diasteromers (ratio = 5 : 1 based on  $^1\text{H}$  NMR), derived from the reaction of **4b** and **2a**, was subject to reductive desulfonylation reaction using Mg/MeOH. Sulfonamide **6** was the single desulfonylated compound that could be detected by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR on the crude product, thus providing strong evidence that **5c** and **5c'** were produced by attack on the same face of imine **2a**. It should point out that (*E*)-(3-methylbut-1-enyl)benzene **7** was also obtained under the same reaction conditions.



**Figure 3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy on a mixture of diasteromers (ratio = 5 : 1)

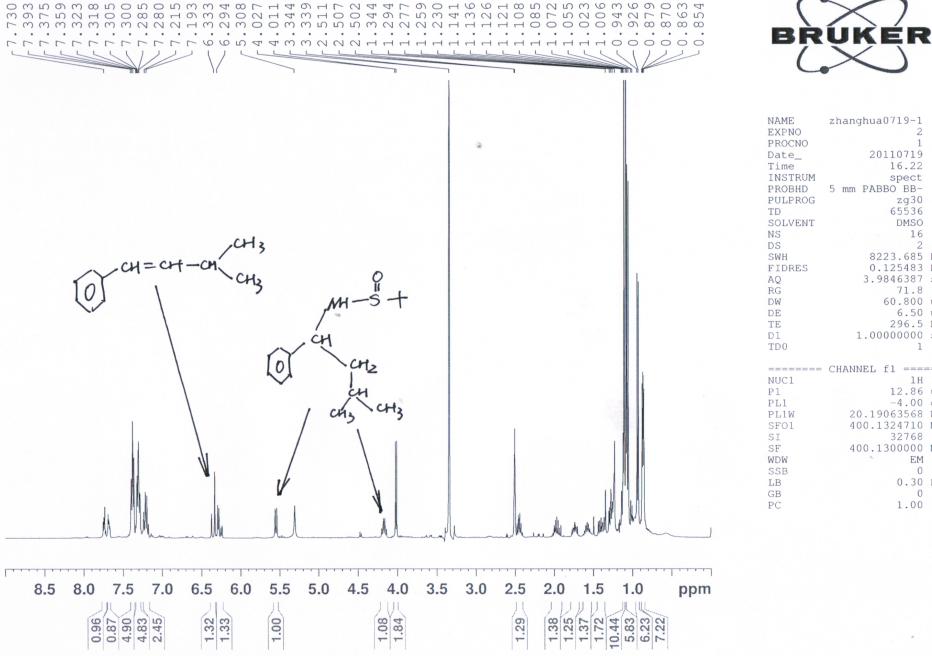
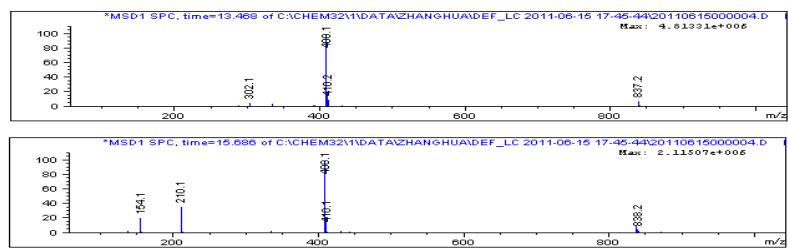
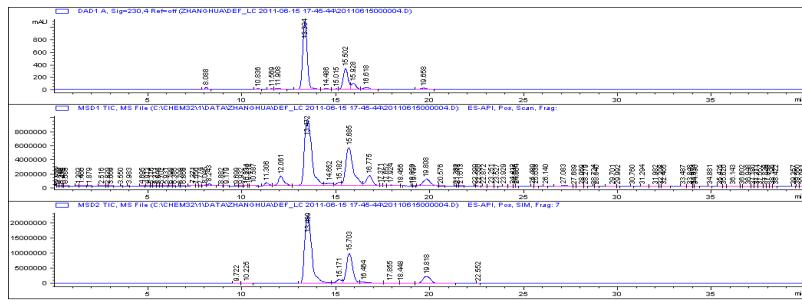


Figure 4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy on the crude product 6

**5c**, rt = 13.33 min; **5c'**; rt = 15.50 min ;**5c''** rt=15.01 min ;**5c'''**,rt=19.65 min

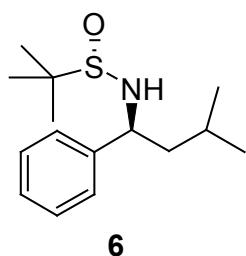
$$\text{Facial selectivity} = (64.24 + 21.72) : (0.04 + 1.43) = 60 : 1$$

$$\text{dr} = 64.24 : 21.72 = 3 : 1$$



Experimental details:

Into a 10-mL flask containing **5c** and **5c'** (183 mg, 0.45 mmol) in 5 mL anhydrous methanol at 0 °C, was added magnesium powder (3.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred 1 h. Then 20 mL brine was added, followed by extracting with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed to give product **6** (48 mg, 40 %) and (E)-(3-methylbut-1-enyl)benzene **7** (29 mg, 45 % ).



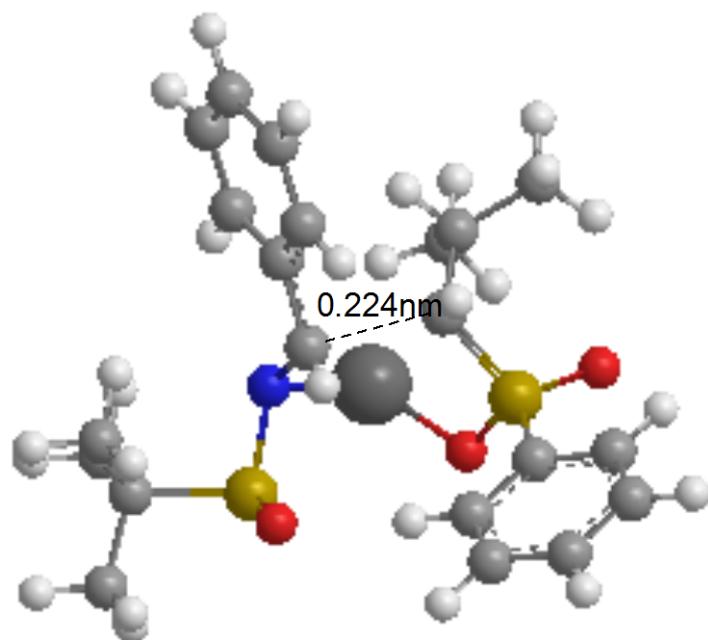
**6**

White solid, mp 65.3-66.5°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -41.53(c = 0.38, \text{CHCl}_3)$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.54(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 9H), 0.85 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.2, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 58.7, 55.9, 47.7, 24.6, 23.1, 22.2; MALDI calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOSNa}$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 290.1549, Found 290.1557.

yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd,  $J = 15.9, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.07 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  138.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 31.7, 22.6.



Computational studies for the transition state of the reaction between compound **2a** and **4b**



Geometry optimizations of molecules and transition state were performed at the standard B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The frequency calculations at the same level provided thermodynamic and zero-point energy corrections at -80°C. Single point energies were then calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,2p) level. The calculations were performed with the Gaussian 03 programs.[1]

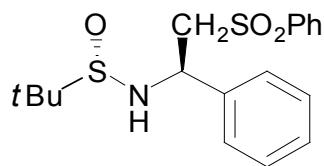
In the transition state(Figure 1c) the forming C-C bond length is 0.224 nm and the free energy of activation for the formation of the transition state ( $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ) is 68.5 kJ/mol calculated at -80°C.

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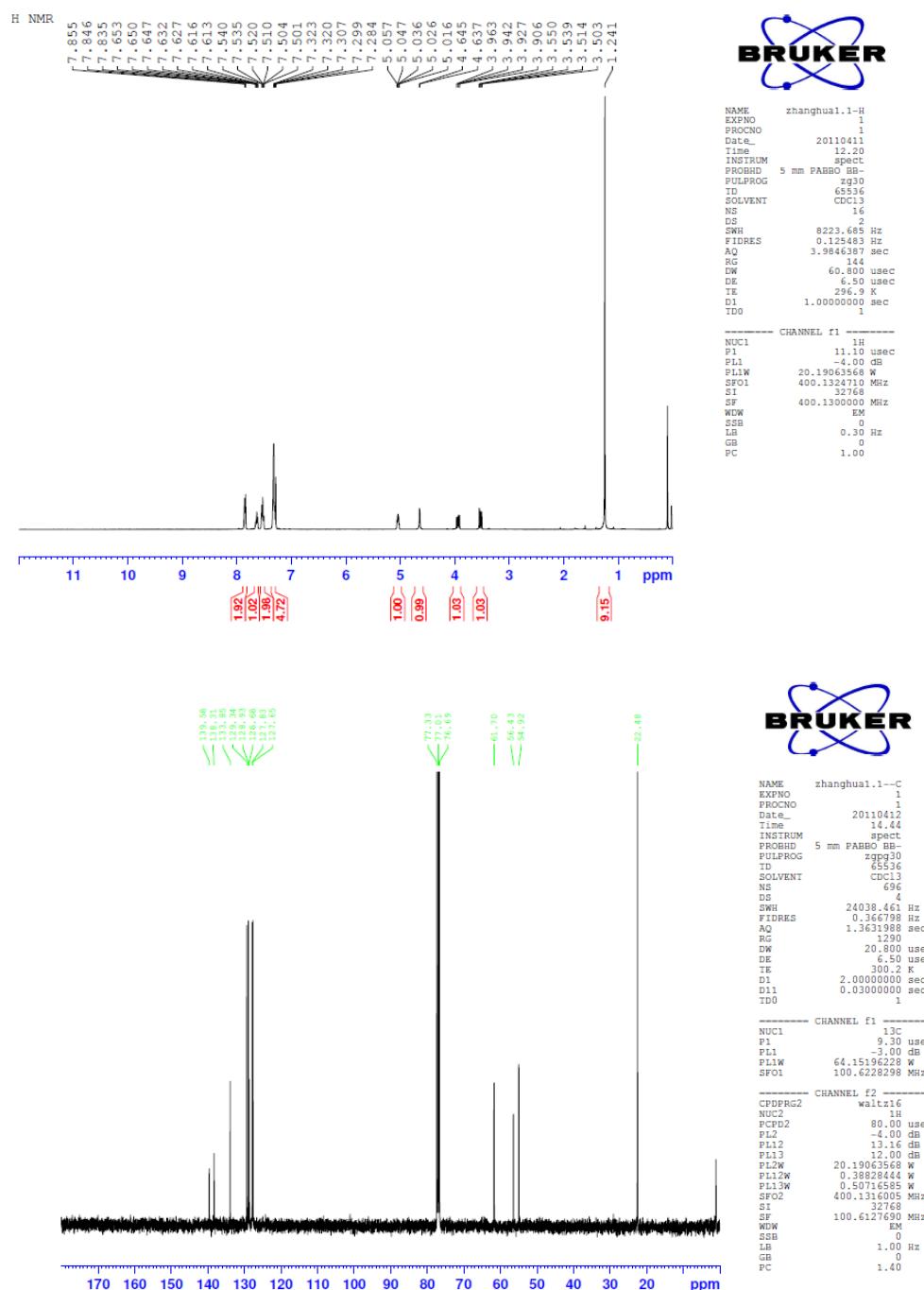
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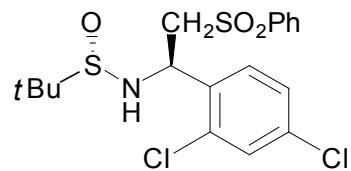
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## NMR spectra for all products

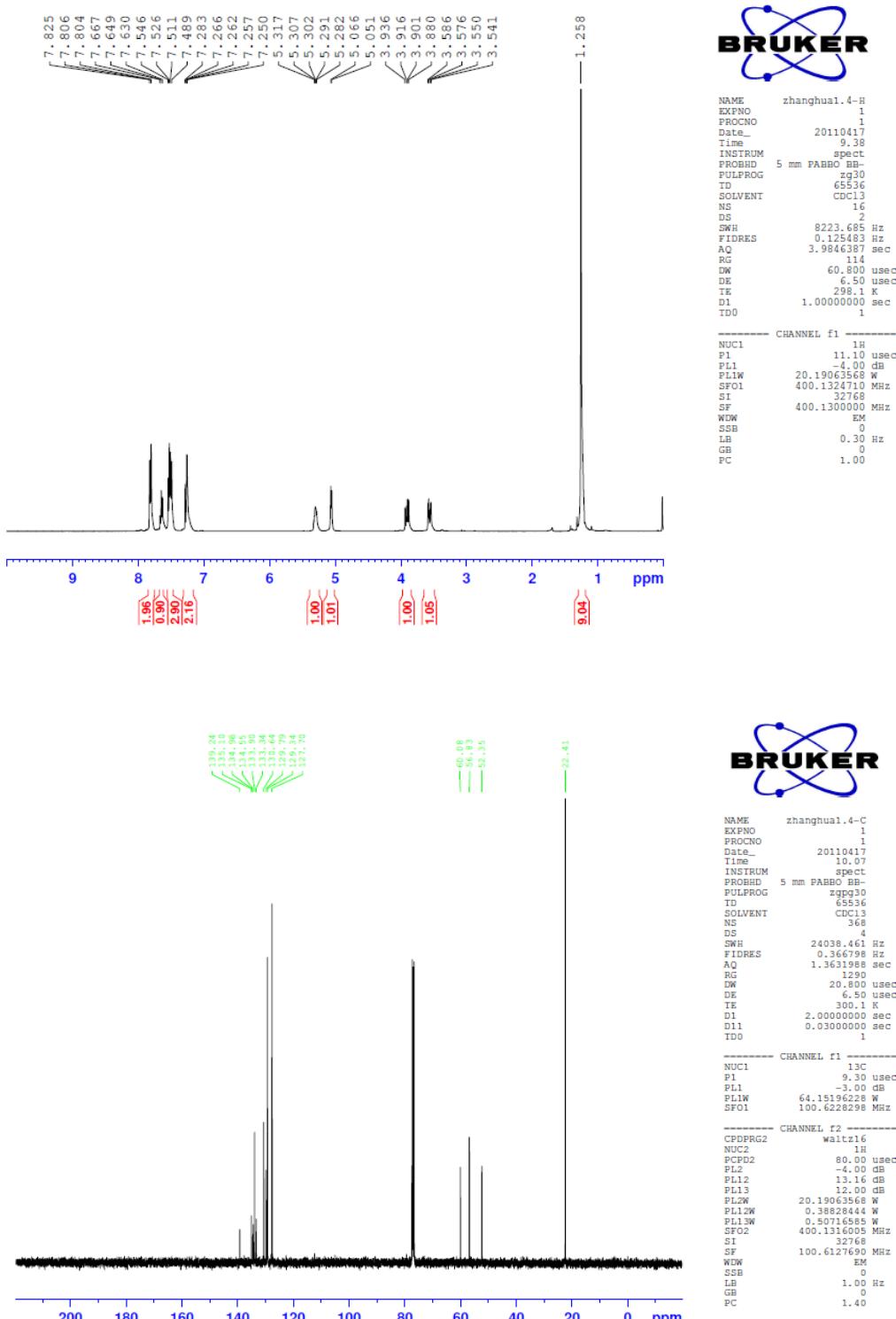


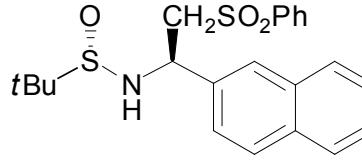
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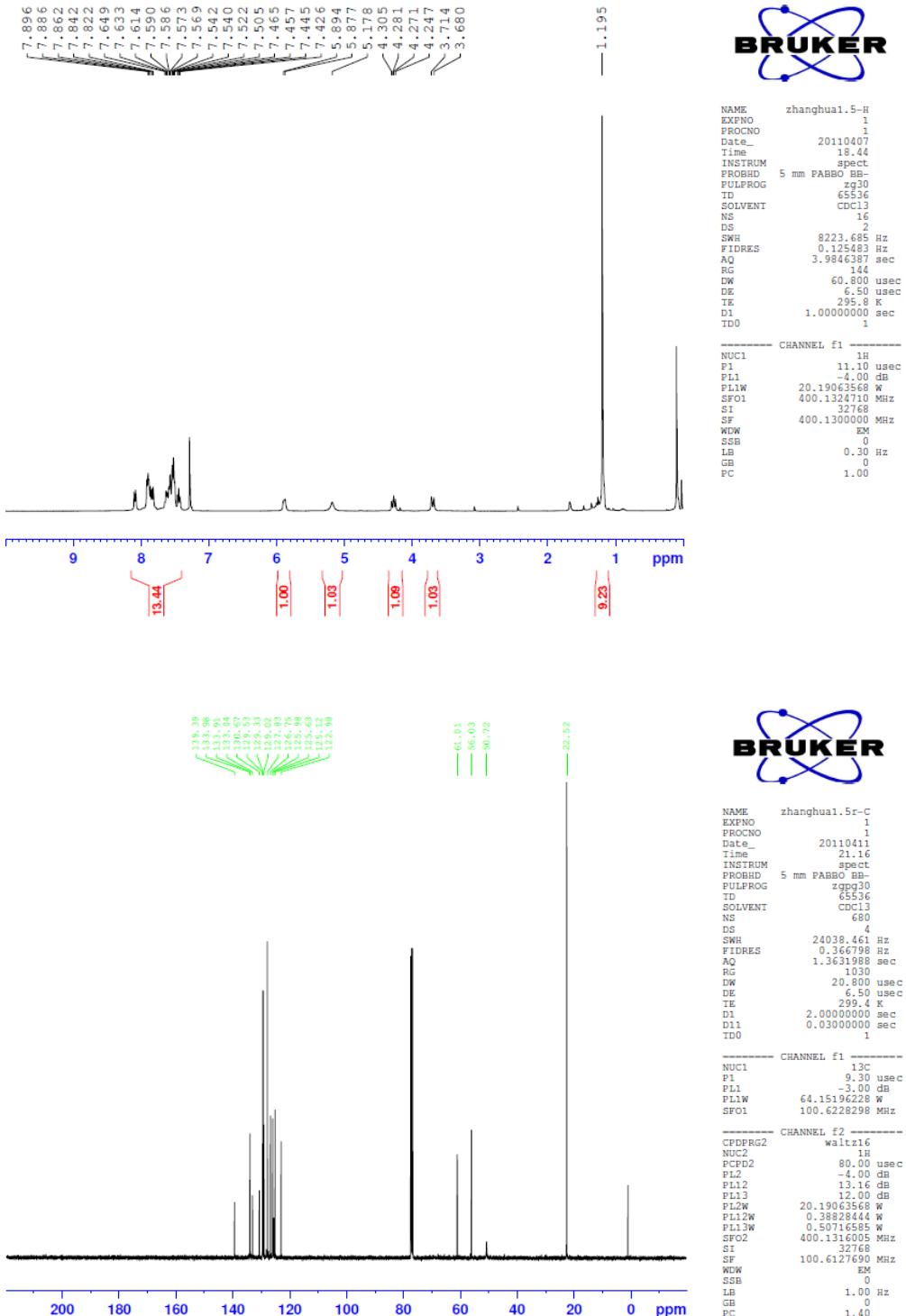


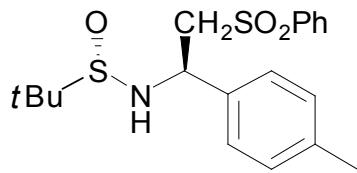
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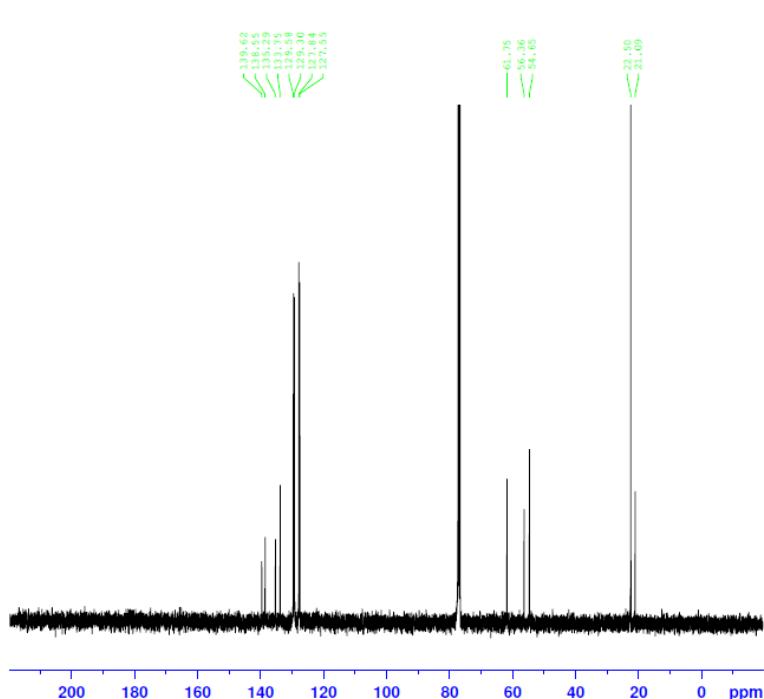
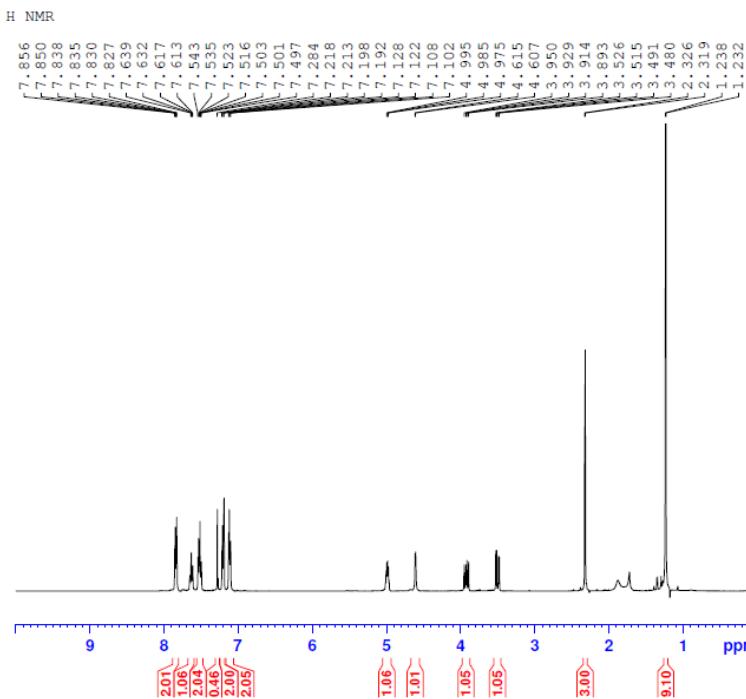


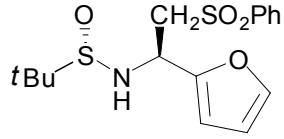
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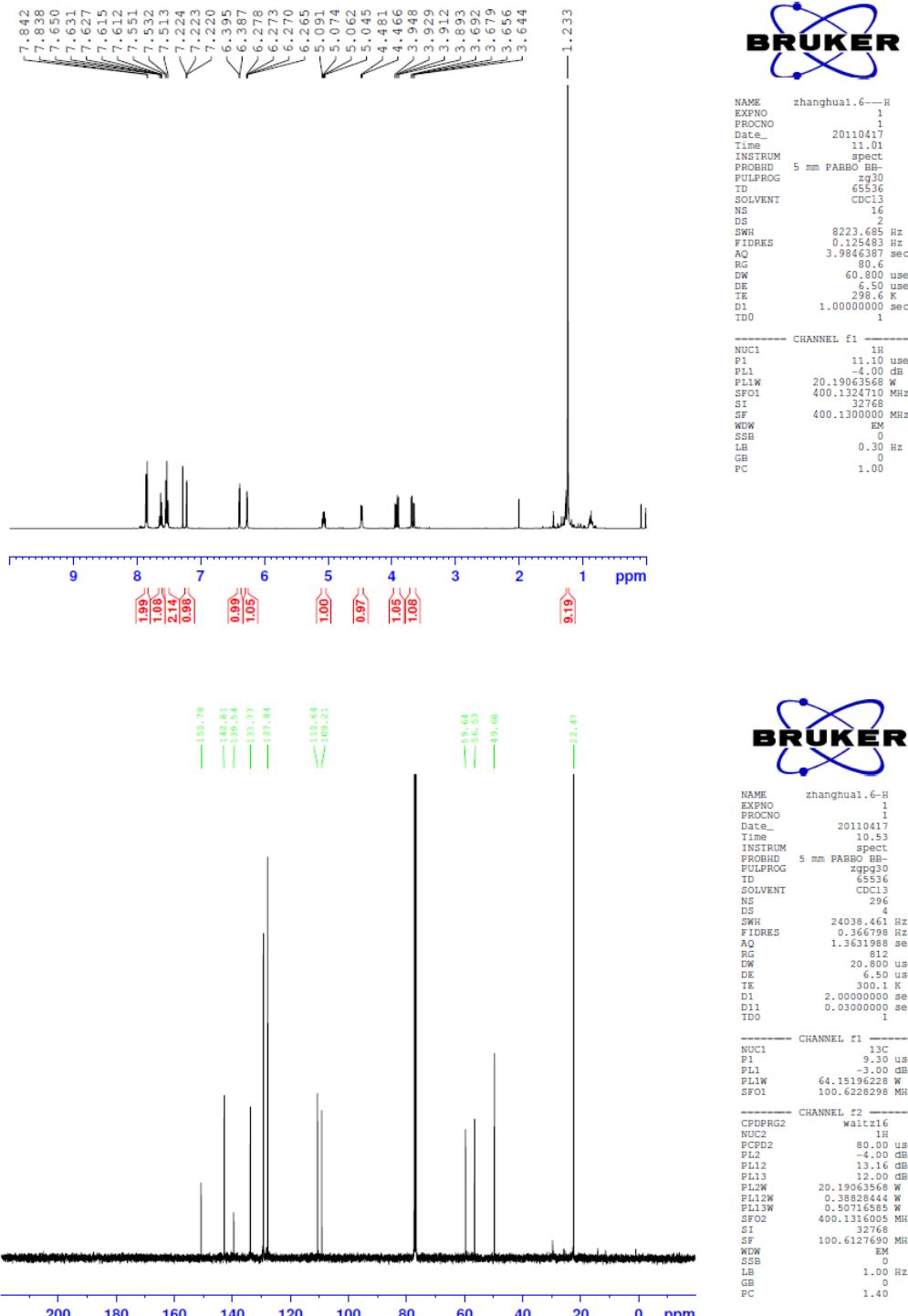


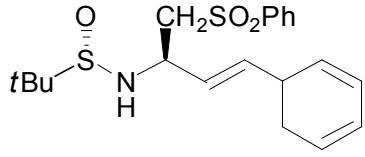
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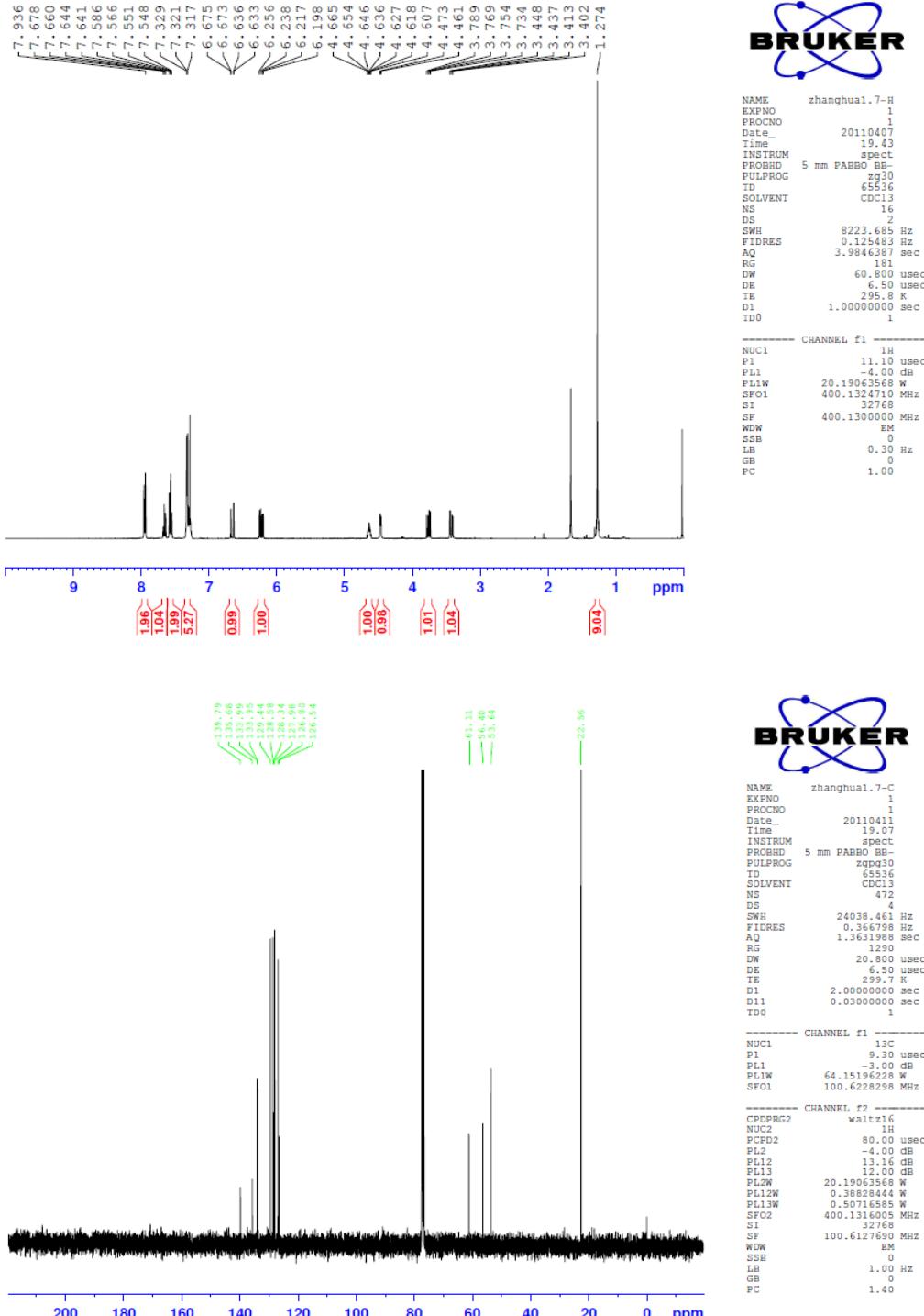


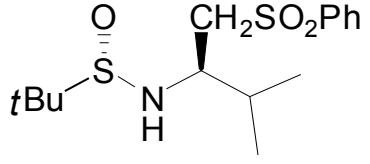
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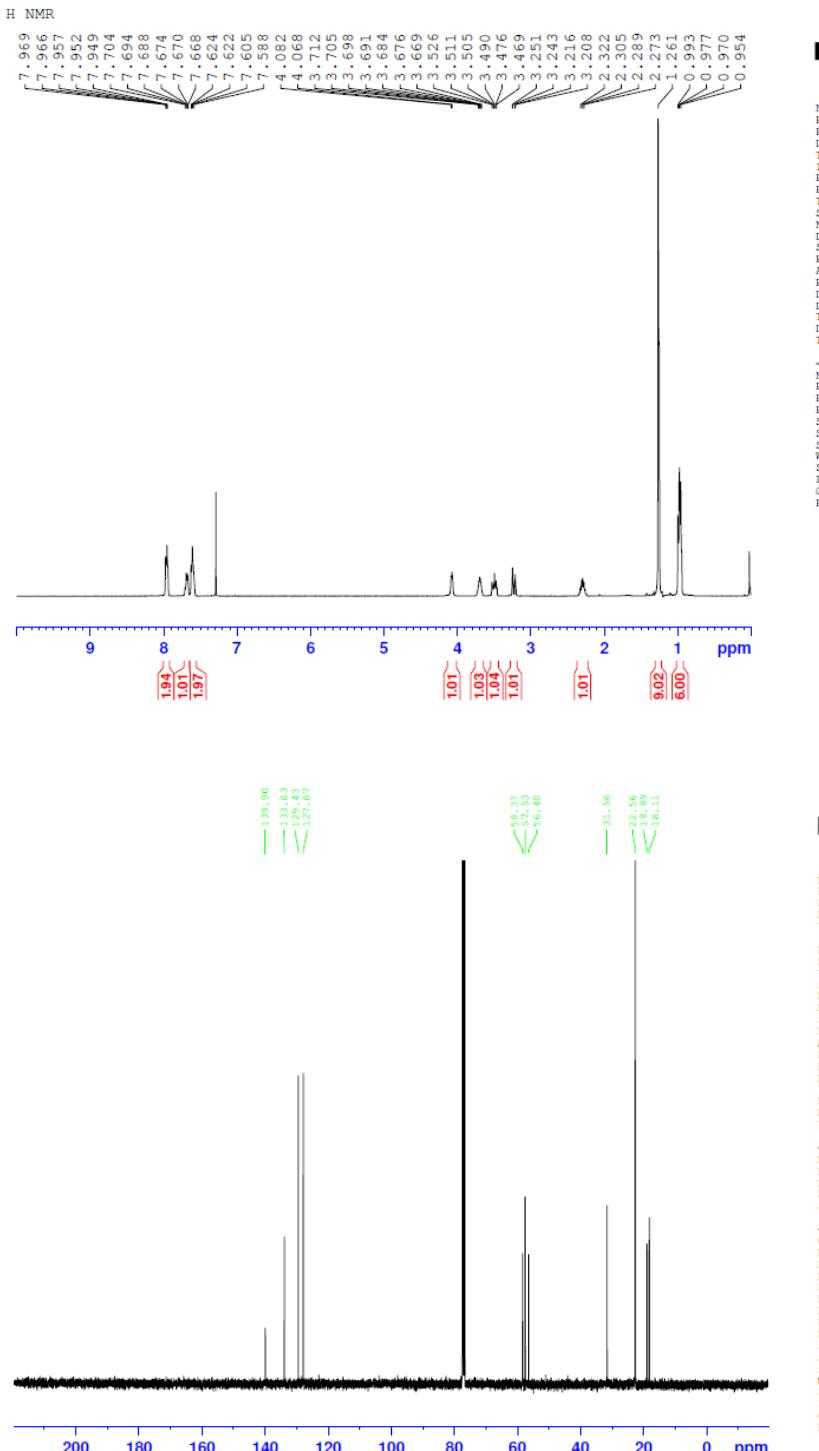


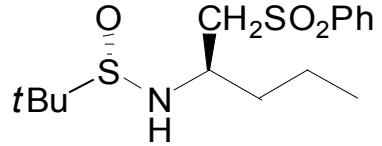
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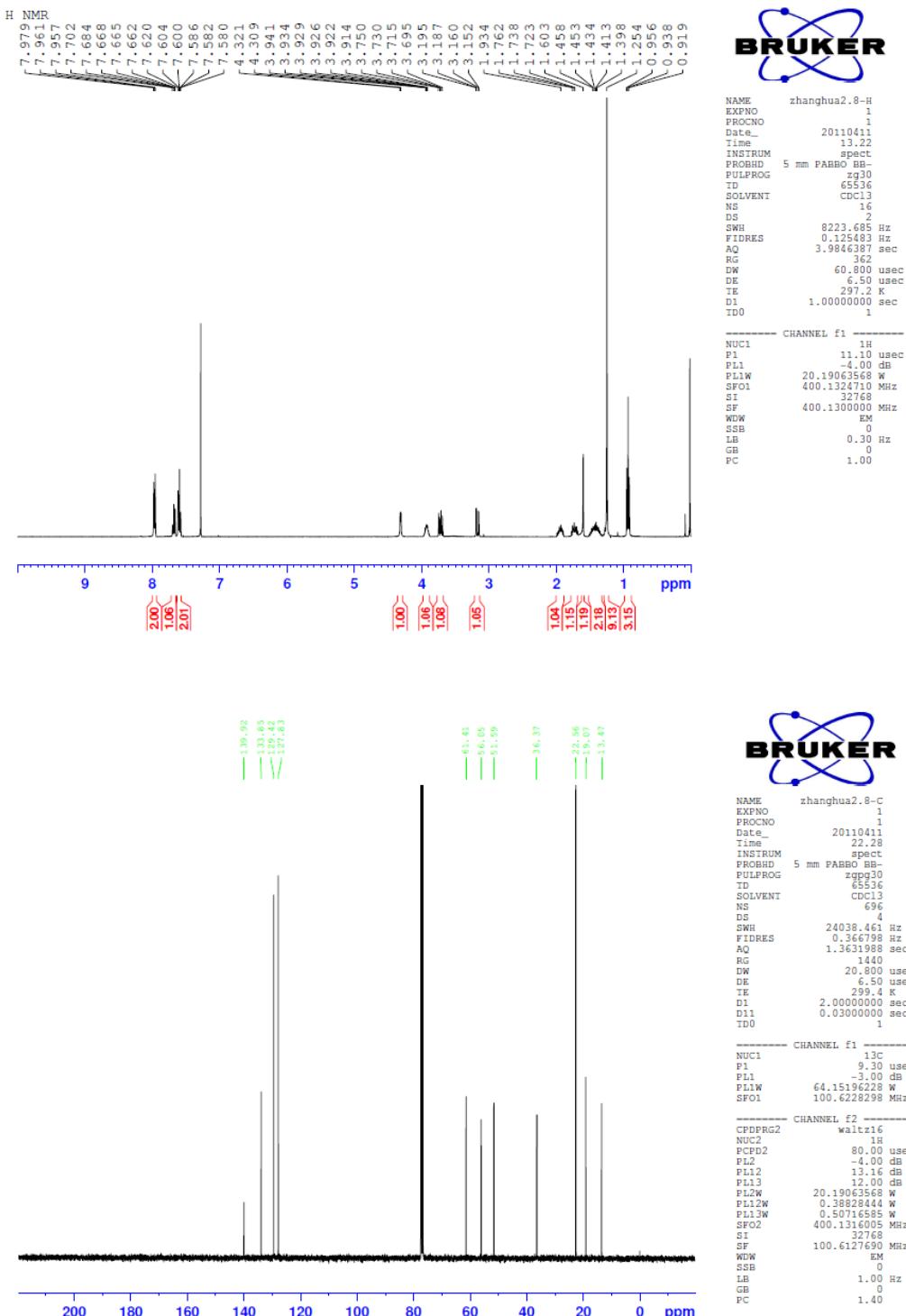


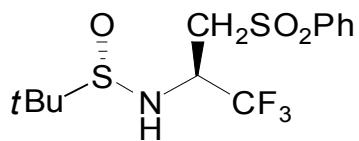
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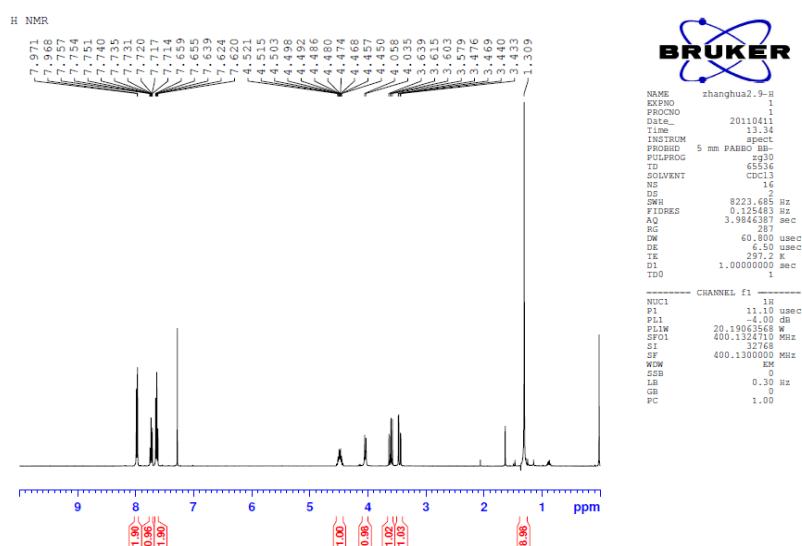


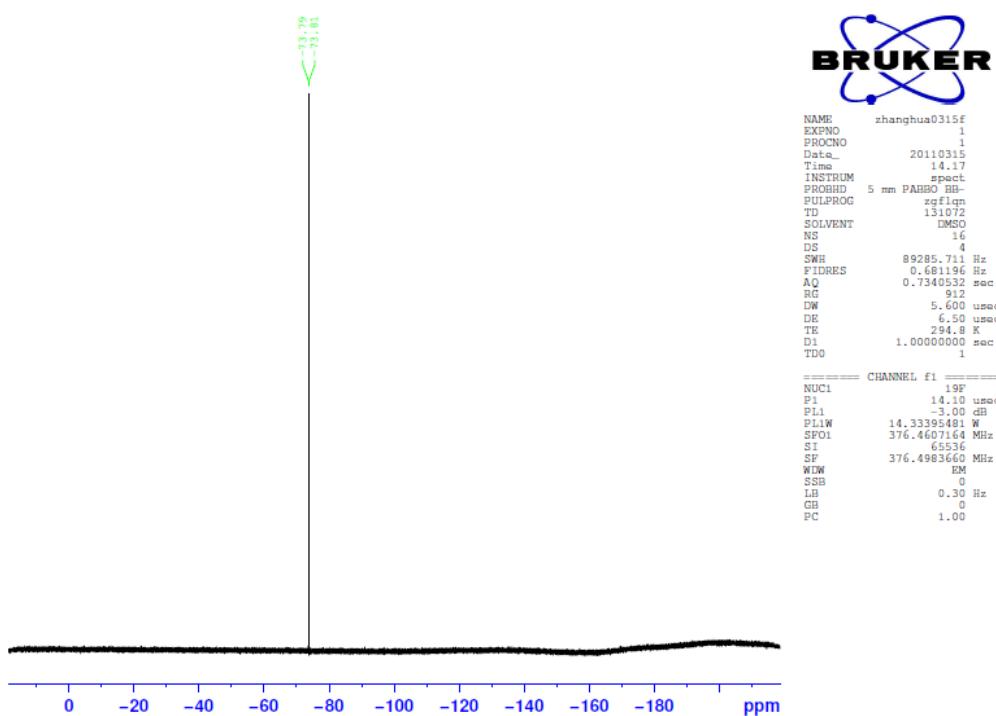
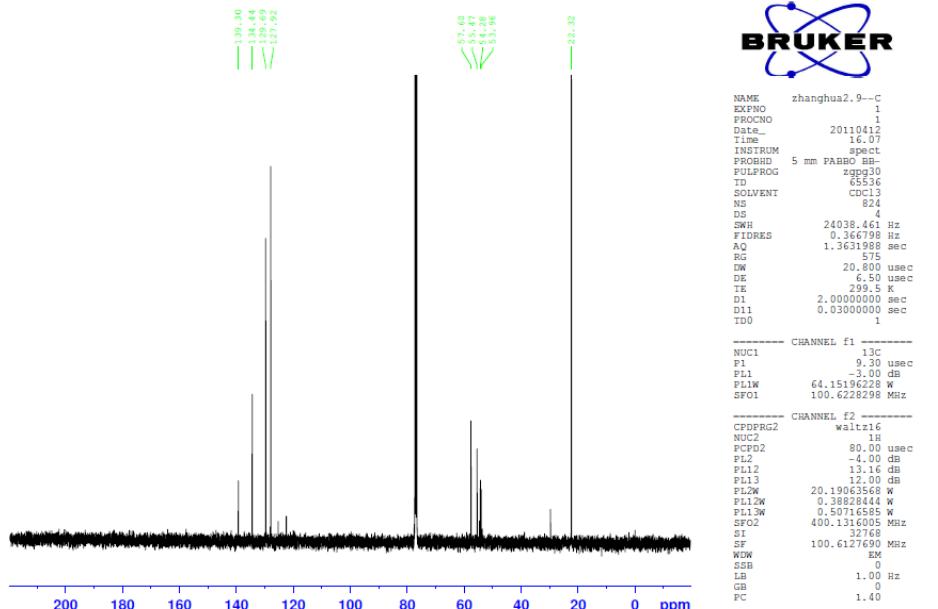
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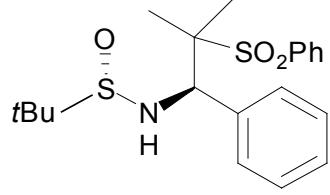




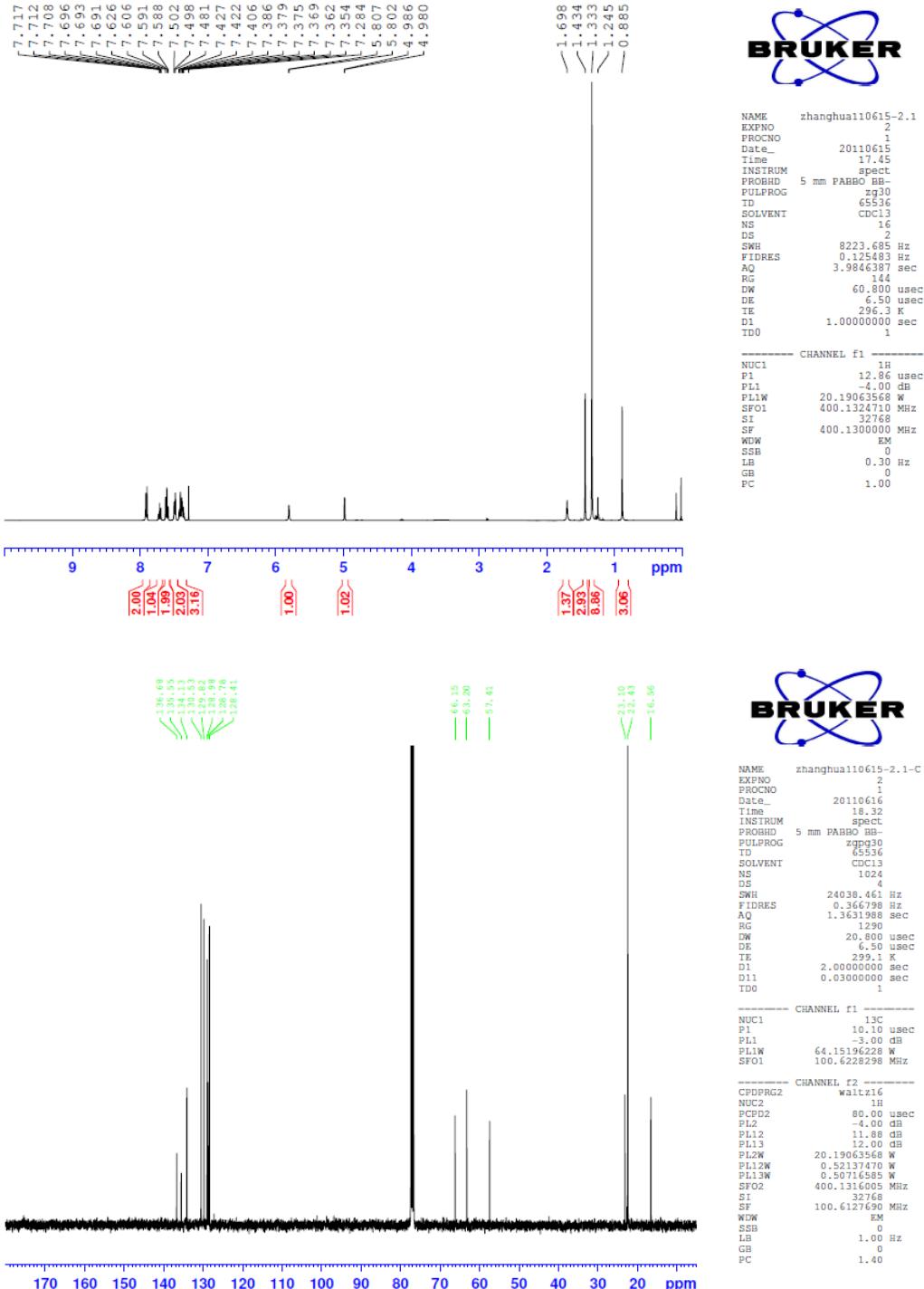
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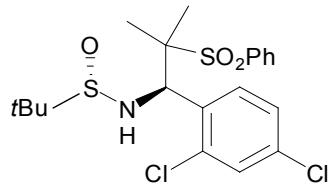




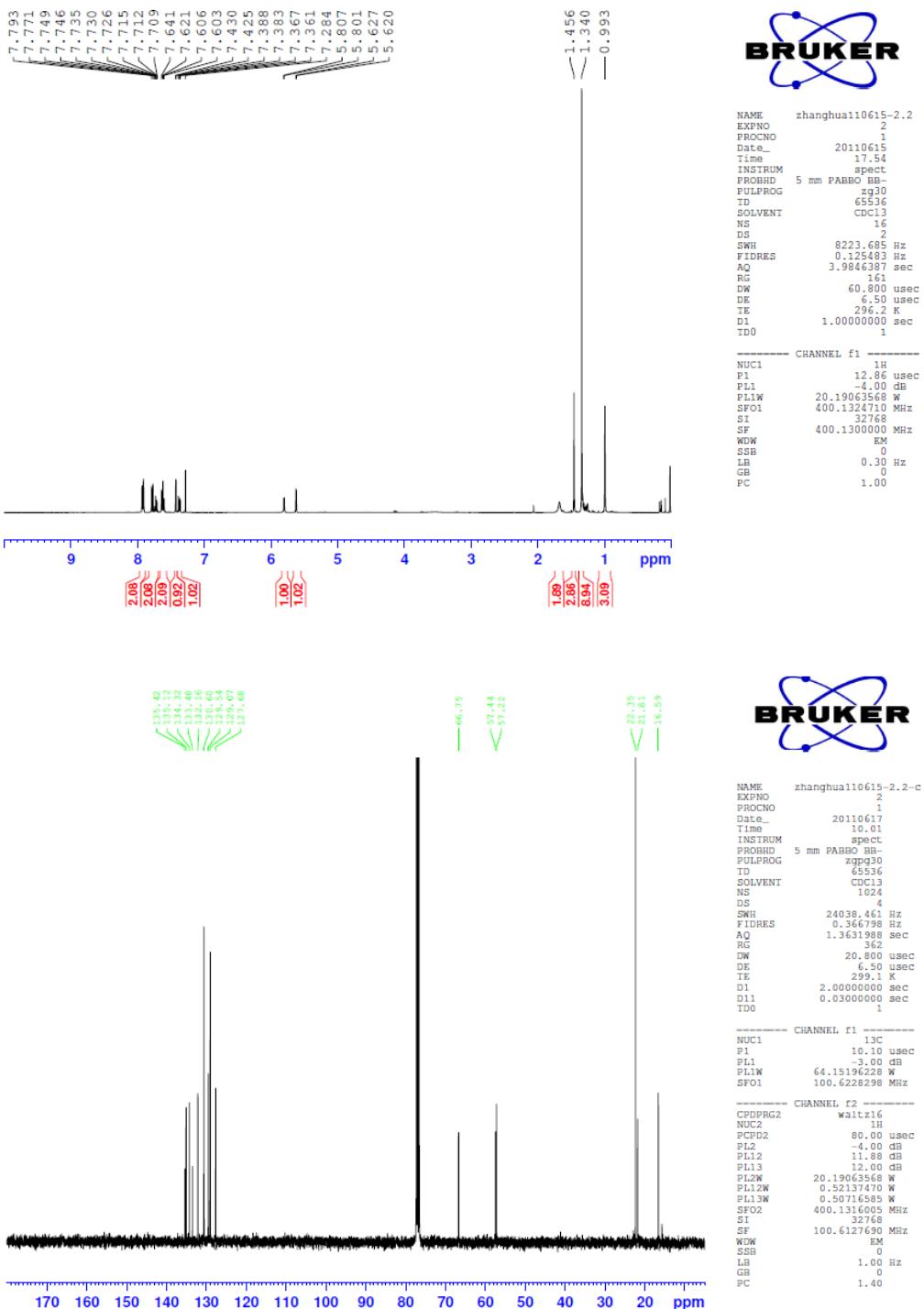


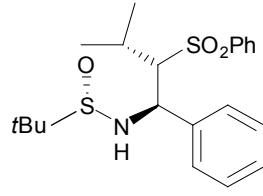
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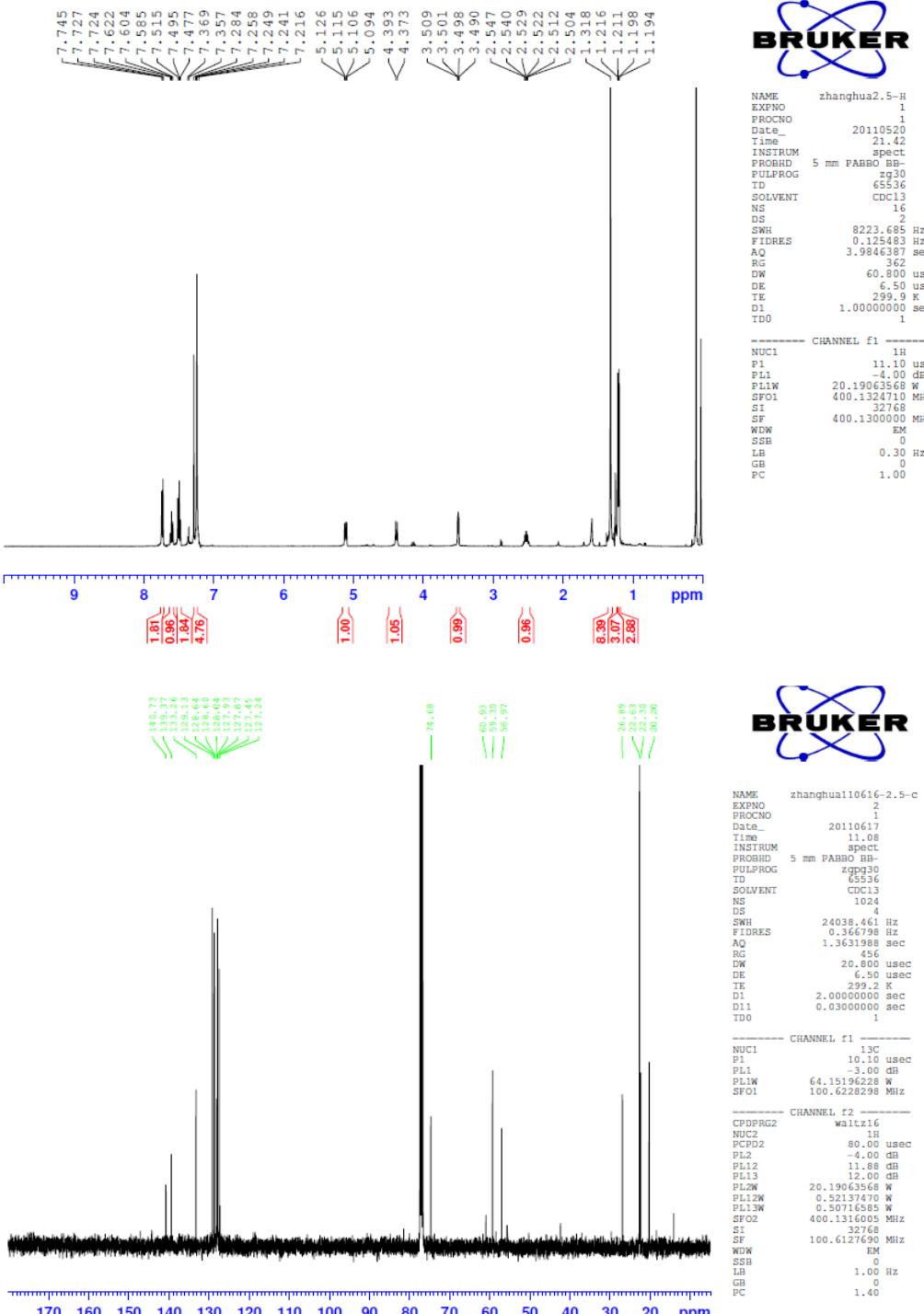


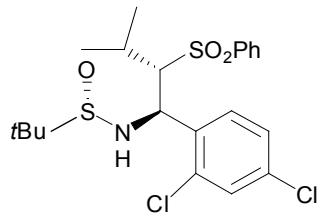
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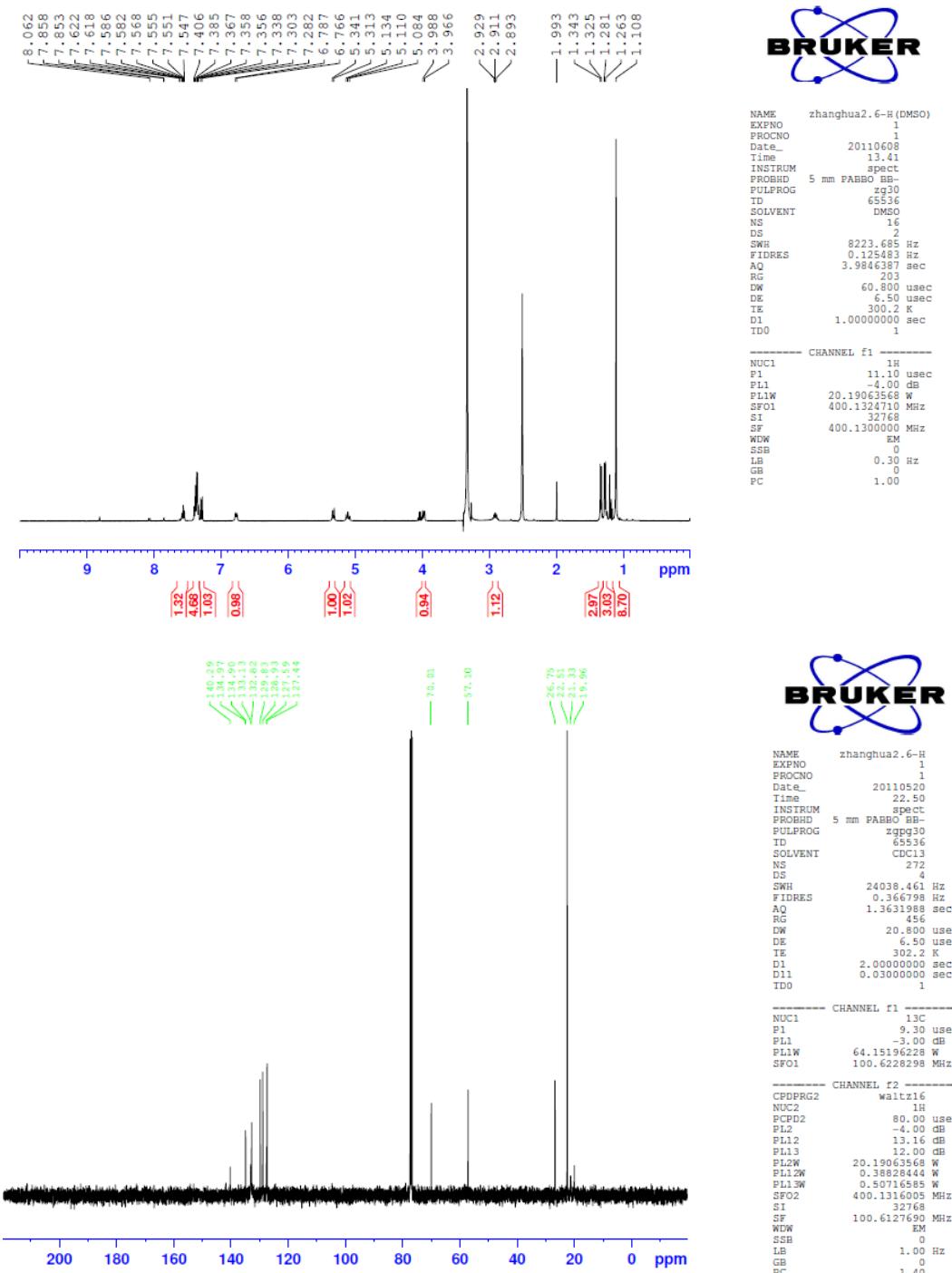


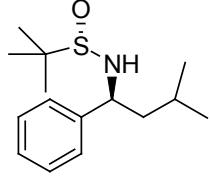
**5c** ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR)





**5d** ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR)





## 6 ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR)

