# **Supporting Information**

# Investigation of the Stereochemistry of Intermolecular Conjugate

# Additions of Nucleophiles to Acyclic Nitrosoalkenes

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General. All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under a positive atmosphere of argon in flame-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous THF and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were obtained from a solvent dispensing system. All other solvents and reagents were used as obtained from commercial sources without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 300, 360 or 400 MHz spectrometers. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Chloro-*O*-silylaldoximes. To a stirred solution of the aldehyde (1 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C was added a catalytic amount of proline (0.05 mmol) and NCS (1.2 mmol). The resulting solution was warmed to rt and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with pentane, filtered and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes to provide the  $\alpha$ -chloroaldehyde.

To a stirred solution of the  $\alpha$ -chloroaldehyde (1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and a spatula of 4 Å molecular sieves was added H<sub>2</sub>NOTBS (147 mg, 1 mmol) and PPTS (13 mg, 0.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes to provide the  $\alpha$ -chloro-*O*-silylaldoxime.

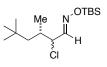
**2-Chloro-3,5,5-trimethylhexanal**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (5.36 g) in 86% yield as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in ~1:1 ratio: Isomer A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.52 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 4.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, J =

11.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.0, 71.8, 47.6, 33.3, 31.4, 30.2, 19.9; Isomer B: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.52 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 71.3, 46.5, 32.6, 31.3, 30.1, 18.3

**2-Chloro-3-phenylbutanal** *O*-**TBS-oxime (3)**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (485 mg, 64% yield) as an inseparable mixture of  $Ph \leftarrow H$  isomers: Data for major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 16.2 , 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 1.51, (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.84 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.1, 141.6, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 63.0, 55.8, 45.6, 44.5, 26.0, 18.2; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NOSiCl) calcd 312.1550 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 312.1550.

**2-Chloro-3-methoxy-3-phenylpropanal** *O*-TBS-oxime (12). The product was obtained as a clear oil (667 mg, 19% yield) as an inseparable ~1: 1 mixture of isomers: Isomer A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 5H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 137.1, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 85.1, 60.8, 57.4, 54.0, 25.7, 18.2. Isomer B: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 5H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 136.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 85.7, 60.0, 57.6, 52.4, 26.0, 18.2; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>ClSi) calcd 328.1500 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 328.1509.

**2-Chloro-3,5,5-trimethylhexanal** *O***-TBS-oxime (16)**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (2.72 g, 86% yield) as an



inseparable mixture of isomers: Data for major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.50 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.97 (s, 9H) , 0.20 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.8, 64.8, 59.1, 47.7, 47.3, 31.3, 30.3, 26.5, 19.5, 18.6; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NOClSi) calcd 306.2020 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 306.2020.

**General Procedure for the Conjugate Additions to Nitrosoalkenes**. To a stirred solution of the malonate or sulfonamide (2 mmol) in THF (2.2 mL) was added KHMDS (4 mL, 0.5 M in PhMe, 2 mmol) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was then stirred for 45 min at that temperature. The *O*-TBS oxime (1 mmol) dissolved in THF (600 uL) was added slowly over 1 min, followed by dropwise addition of TBAF (2 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 2 mmol) over 3 min. The resulting solution was immediately transferred to an ice bath and stirred for an additional 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with concentrated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes.

#### Diethyl 2-Allyl-2-(1-(hydroxyimino)-3-phenylbutan-2-

**yl)malonate (5)**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (43 mg, 74% yield) as a ~9:1 mixture of *E/Z* oxime isomers: *(E)*-Oxime isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-20 (m, 5H), 5.78-5.64 (m, 1H), 5.05 (br s, 1H), 5.00 (br d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.01 (m, 4H), 3.39-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 9.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

170.4, 170.3, 151.0, 146.8, 132.8, 128.7, 128.0, 126.9, 119.7, 62.0, 61.8, 60.9, 49.7, 40.0, 39.4, 19.5, 14.5, 14.4; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>) calcd 362.1967 (MH+), found 362.1971.

#### Diethyl 2-Ethyl-2-(1-(hydroxyimino)-3-phenylbutan-2-

yl)malonate (6). The product was obtained as a clear oil (93 mg, 72% yield) as a ~ 10:1 mixture of *E/Z* oxime isomers: *(E)*-oxime isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (br s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.31-4.04 (m, 4H), 3.35-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5, 170.4, 150.5, 146.7, 128.3, 127.6, 126.4, 61.4, 61.3, 60.7, 48.9, 39.1, 28.4, 18.9, 14.1, 14.0, 8.8; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>) calcd 350.1967 (MH+), found 350.1963.

**Diethyl 2-(1-(Hydroxyimino)-3-phenylbutan-2-yl)-2 methylmalonate (7)**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (37 mg, 63%  $\stackrel{Me}{H_{EtO_2C_{Me}CO_2Et}}$ yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (br s, 1H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.13-4.00 (m, 4H), 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.36-1.15 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.8, 151.4, 146.2, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5, 61.5, 56.9, 50.3, 39.4, 20.9, 20.0, 13.9; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>) calcd 336.1811 (MH+), found 336.1810.

# **Diethyl 2-(1-(Hydroxyimino)-3-phenylbutan-2-yl)malonate (8)**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (35 mg, 68% yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$ 8.20 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.19 (m, 5H) 4.19 (m, 4H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22-3.08 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.23 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$ 168.8, 168.3, 151.4, 144.0, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 62.2, 62.0,

53.7, 47.1, 40.3, 19.6, 14.5; HRMS-ES+  $(C_{17}H_{23}NO_5Na)$  calcd 344.1474 (M+Na), found 344.1478.

Diethyl 2-Allyl-2-(1-(hydroxyimino)-3,5,5-trimethylhexan-2vl)malonate (17). The product was obtained as a clear oil (89 mg, 76%) CO<sub>2</sub>Et EtO<sub>2</sub>C yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.51 (br s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.4Hz, 1H), 5.78-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.25-4.11 (m, 4H), 2.88 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (q, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (q, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.1 (m, 1H), 1.36 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (br s, 9H), 0.83, (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8, 170.6, 150.8, 132.7, 119.6, 61.9, 61.8, 60.5, 51.9, 49.7, 39.5, 31.7, 30.9, 29.3, 17.9, 14.6, 14.4; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>) calcd 356.2437 (MH+), found 356.2428.

N-(1-(Hydroxyimino)-3,5,5-trimethylhexan-2-yl)-N,4dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (20). The product was obtained as a N(Me)Ts clear oil (41 mg, 74% yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.07 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (d, J =6.6 Hz, 3H) 0.95 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.8, 143.4, 135.9, 129.5, 127.6, 76.7, 61.9, 46.3, 30.8, 30.0, 29.8, 21.5, 19.7; HRMS-ES+  $(C_{17}H_{29}N_2O_3S)$  calcd 341.1899 (MH+), found 341.1894.

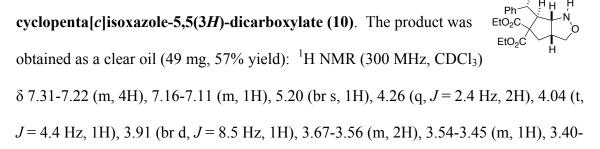
## Synthesis of Diethyl 2-Allyl-2-(3-(Hydroxyimino)-1-methoxy-OMe N<sup>,OH</sup> 1-phenylpropan-2-yl)malonate (13). To a stirred solution of diethyl EtO<sub>2</sub>C allyl malonate (1.2 mmol) in THF (2.2 mL) was added KHMDS (2.4 mL,

CO<sub>2</sub>Et

0.5 M in PhMe, 1.2 mmol) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was then stirred for 45 min at that temperature. TBAF was added (1.2 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.2 mmol) followed by dropwise addition of a solution of the *O*-TBS oxime **12** (1 mmol) dissolved in THF (600 uL). The resulting solution was immediately transferred to a 0 °C bath and stirred for an additional 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with concentrated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a gradient of 25-50% EtOAc/hexanes. The product was obtained as a clear oil (39 mg) in 68% yield: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (br s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 5H), 5.68-5.54 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.05 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.38-4.16 (m, 4 H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.70 (m, 2H) 1.36 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 170.6, 148.6, 140.4, 131.5, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 120.2, 82.3, 61.9, 59.2, 57.2, 50.3, 38.9, 14.6, 14.5; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>) calcd 378.1917 (MH+), found 1378.1920.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Isoxazolidines. A solution of  $\alpha$ -alkyl aldoxime (0.1 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) was heated and stirred in a sealed tube at 190 °C for 5 h. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes.

#### Diethyl 6-(1-Phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1H-



3.28 (m, 1H), 3.06-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 170.8, 146.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.4, 77.5, 69.6, 63.8, 61.5, 61.4, 58.2, 46.6, 41.8, 39.7, 22.5, 14.5, 14.0; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>) calcd 362.1967 (MH+), found 362.1970.

### Diethyl 6-(Methoxy(phenyl)methyl)tetrahydro-1H-

cyclopenta[c]isoxazole-5,5(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (14). The product was  $EtO_2C_{EtO_2C}$ ,  $N_O_{EtO_2C}$ ,  $N_O_{H}$ ,  $N_O$ ,

General Procedure for Synthesis of *N*-Tosyl Isoxazolidines. To a stirred solution of isoxazolidine (0.1 mmol) was added TsCl (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (28 mg, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 60 h and then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes.

Diethyl 6-(1-Phenylethyl)-1-(4-

methylbenzenesulfonyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[c]isoxazole-

**5,5(3***H***)-dicarboxylate (11)**. The product was obtained as a white solid (38 mg, 75% yield); X-ray quality crystals were prepared via slow evaporation from isopropanol/dichloromethane; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 1H), 5.05 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 3.9, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 170.6, 146.8, 145.3, 134.0, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 65.9, 64.1, 62.0, 61.8, 57.4, 45.9, 41.8, 38.5, 22.1, 19.1, 14.5, 14.2; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>S) calcd 516.2056 (MH+), found 516.2053.

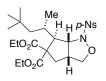
Diethyl 6-(Methoxy(phenyl)methyl)-1-(4-

### methylbenzenesulfonyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[c]isoxazole-

Ph H H Ts EtO<sub>2</sub>C N EtO<sub>2</sub>C H

**5,5(3***H***)-dicarboxylate (15)**. The product was obtained as a white solid (22 mg, 68% yield); X-ray quality crystals were prepared via slow evaporation from isopropanol/dichloromethane; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.32 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 171.3, 144.7, 140.5, 134.1, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 79.1, 77.5, 63.3, 62.1, 62.0, 58.7, 57.7, 46.8, 40.6, 30.1, 22.0, 14.5; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>S) calcd 532.2005 (MH+), found 532.1996.

# Synthesis of Diethyl 6-(4,4-Dimethylpentan-2-yl)-1-(4nitrobenzenesulfonyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]isoxazole-5,5(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (19). A solution of diethyl 2-allyl-2-(1-



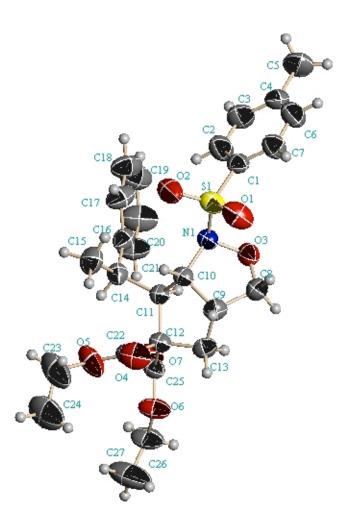
(hydroxyimino)-3,5,5-trimethylhexan-2- yl)malonate (17, 0.04 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) was heated and stirred in a sealed tube at 190 °C for 5 h. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (430 uL) and to this solution was added NsCl (11 mg, 0.05 mmol) and TEA (7 uL, 0.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 7 h at rt and then diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 10-50% EtOAc/hexanes. The product was obtained as a white solid (16 mg, 68% yield); X-ray quality crystals were prepared via slow evaporation from isopropanol/dichloromethane; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.12 (m, 4H), 3.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (br s, 1H), 1.73 (dd, J = 13.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.45 (J = 13.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 170.4, 150.7, 142.9, 130.1, 124.1, 76.7, 63.8, 63.5, 61.7, 61.4, 57.4, 52.4, 46.3, 40.3, 31.3, 30.0, 27.9, 17.6, 14.1, 13.9; HRMS-ES+  $(C_{25}H_{37}N_2O_9S)$  calcd 541.2220 (MH+), found 541.2206.

General Procedure for the Conversion of Aldoximes to Nitriles. A solution of  $\alpha$ -alkyl aldoxime in pyridine (710 uL) was added MsCl (55 uL, 0.7 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. The solution was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with

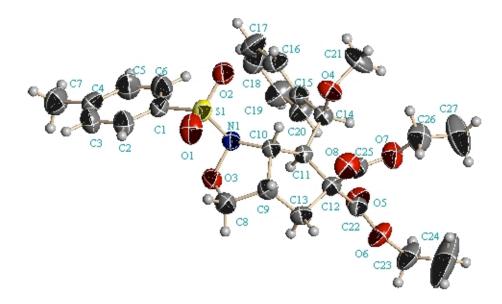
 $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 5- 25% EtOAc/hexanes.

**Diethyl 2-(1-Cyano-2-phenylpropyl)-2-ethylmalonate**. The product was obtained as a clear oil (17 mg, 73% yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40-7.27 (m, 5H), 4.32-4.19 (m, 4H), 3.59 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.16 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 6H), 0.94 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.6, 169.3, 145.0, 129.3, 127.7, 127.4, 118.5, 62.5, 59.8, 42.9, 37.3, 27.2, 18.8, 14.4, 9.1; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>) calcd 332.1862 (MH+), found 332.1860.

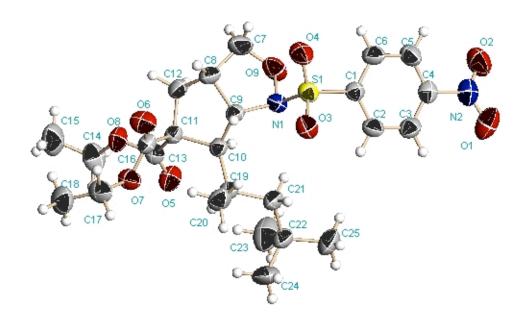
*N*-(1-Cyano-2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-*N*,4dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (21). The product was obtained as a clear oil (17 mg, 60% yield): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.0, 133.8, 130.5, 128.0, 115.7, 56.5, 46.1, 32.2, 31.7, 30.6, 30.1, 22.1, 20.1; HRMS-ES+ (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S) calcd 323.1793 (MH+), found 323.1797. X-Ray Structure of Compound 11.

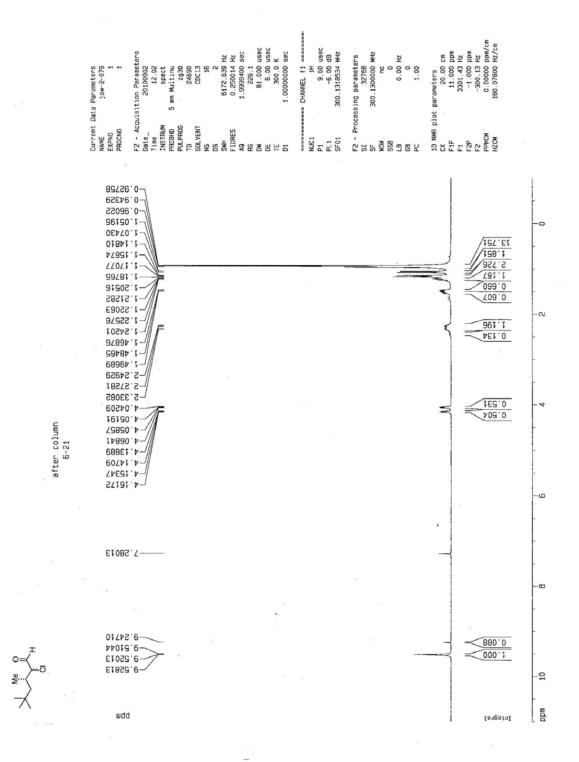


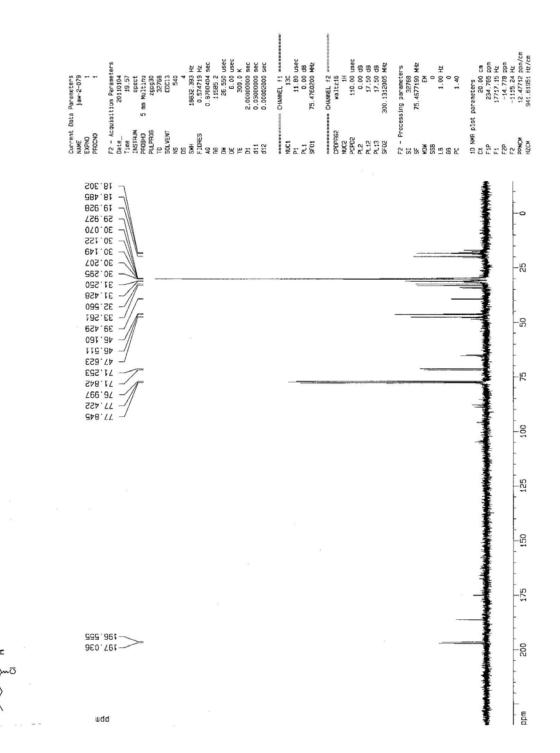
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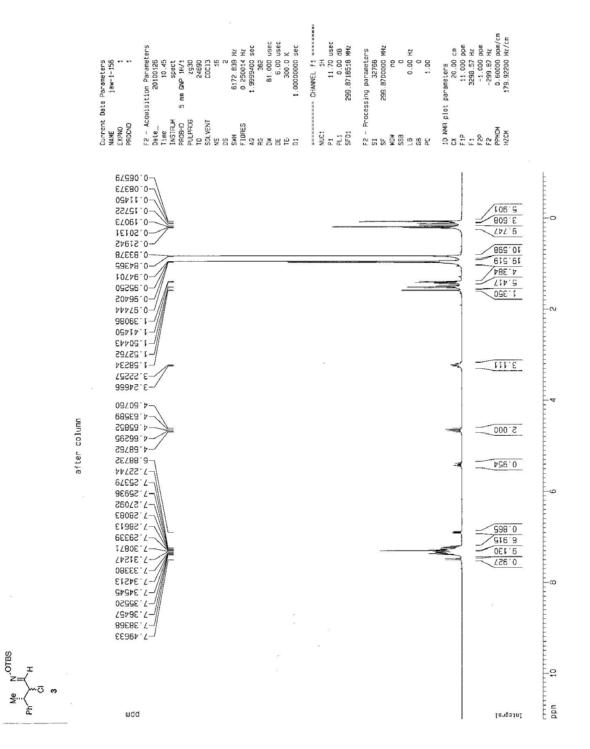


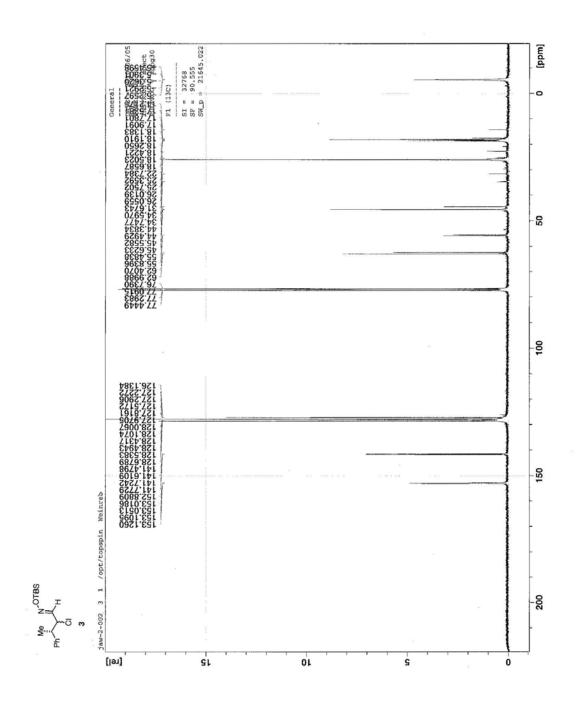
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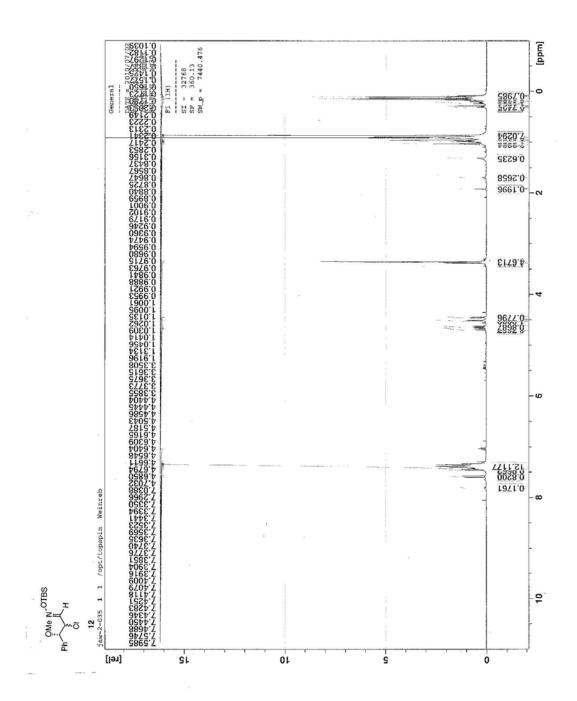


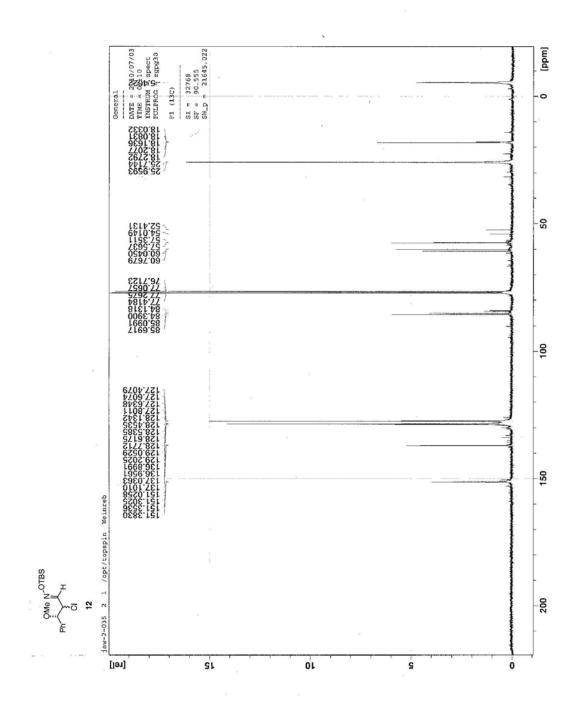


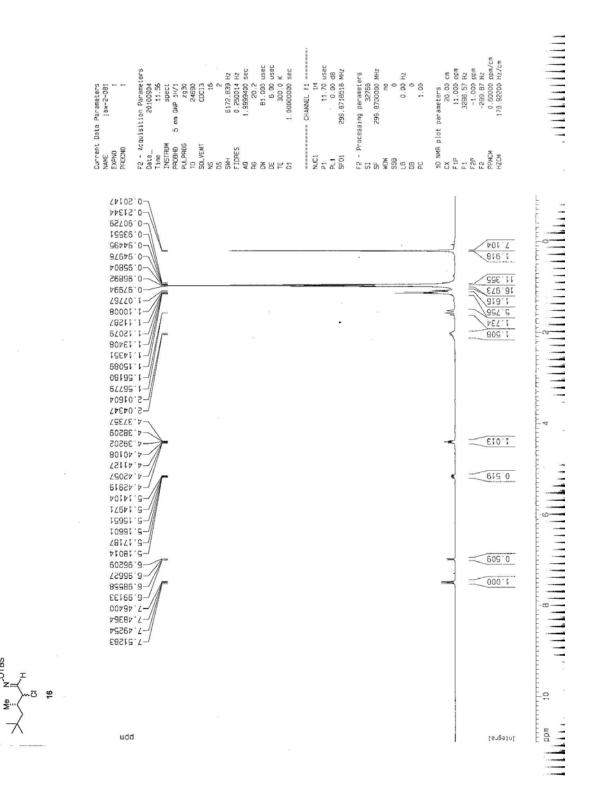




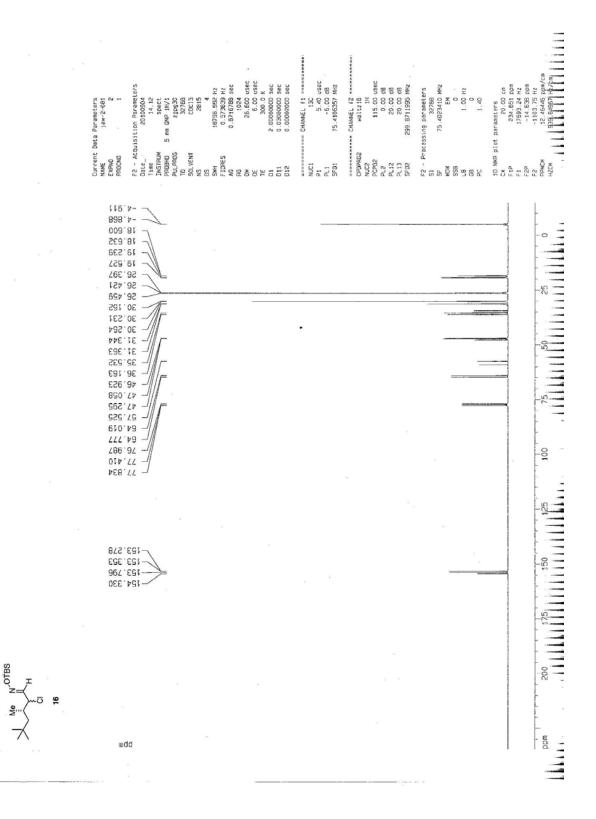


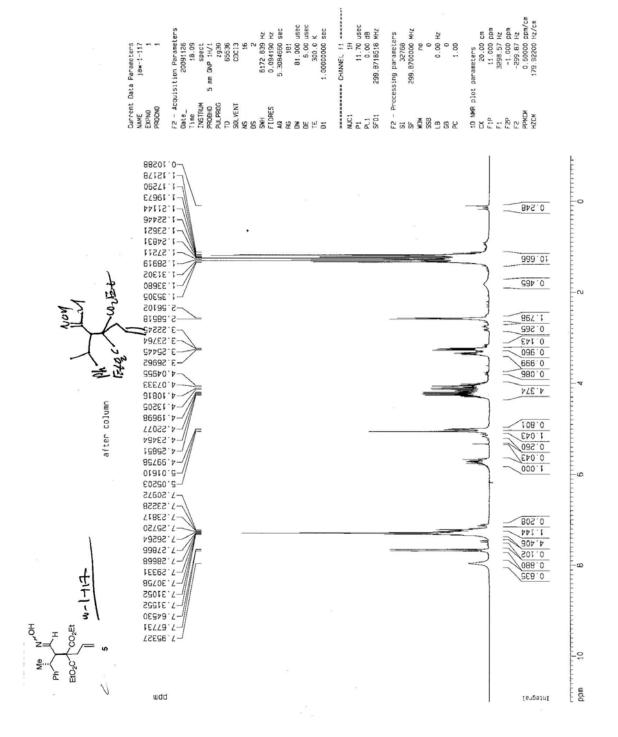


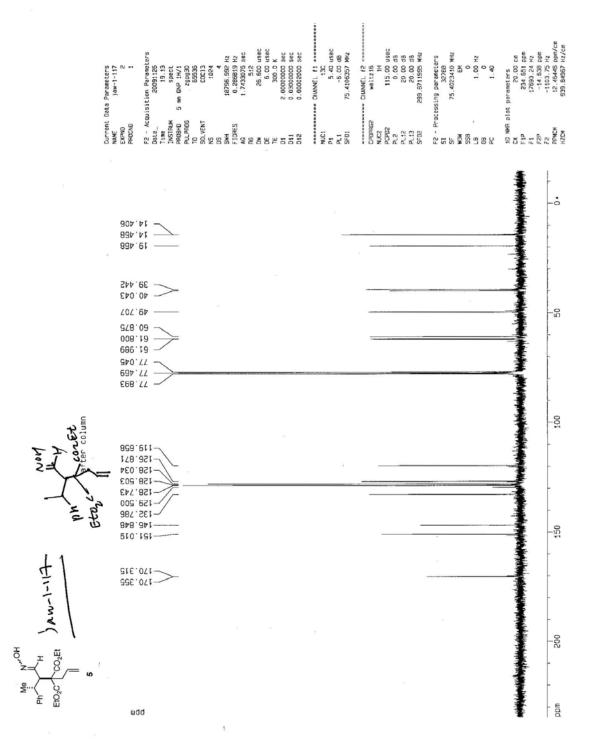


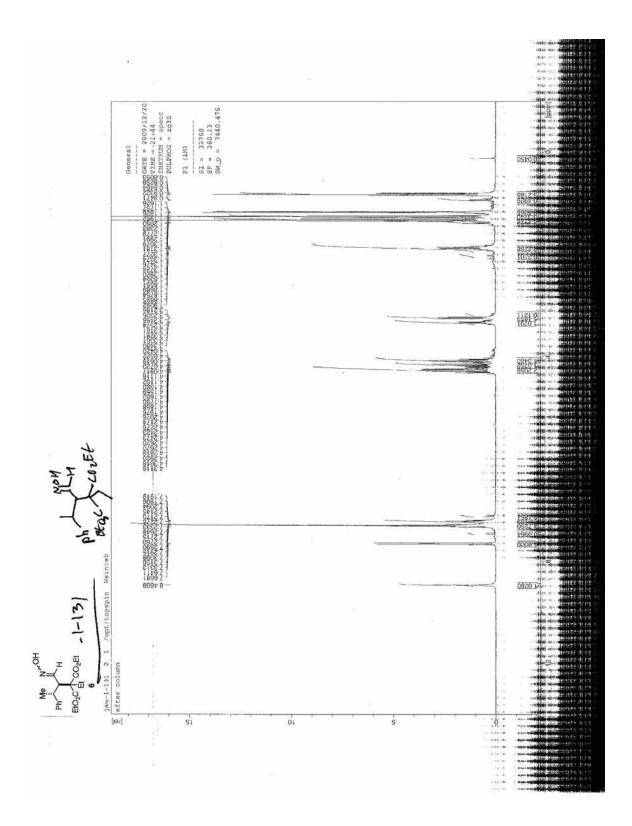


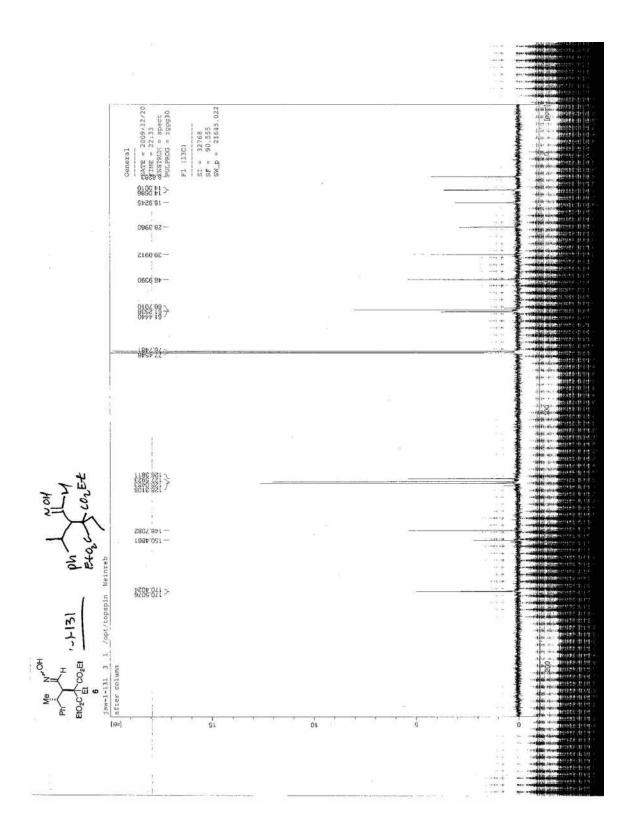
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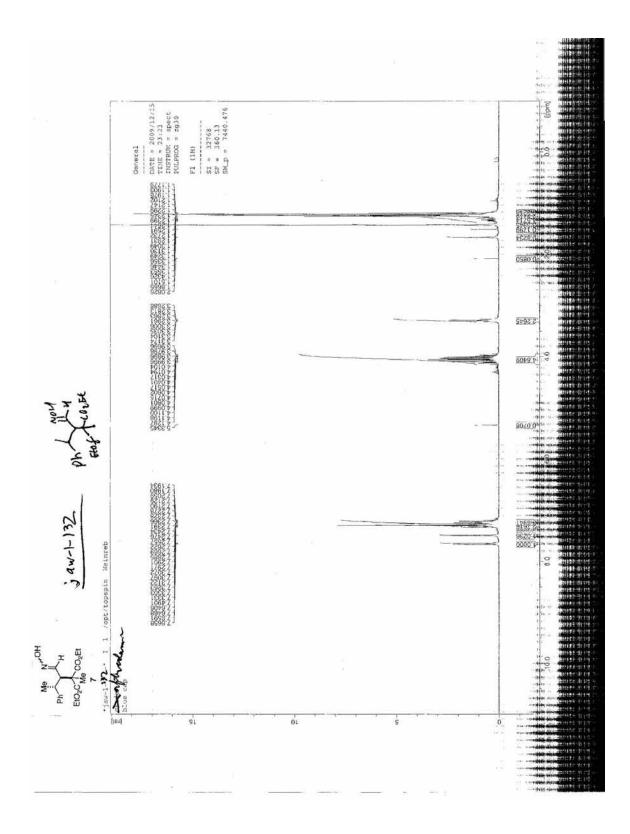


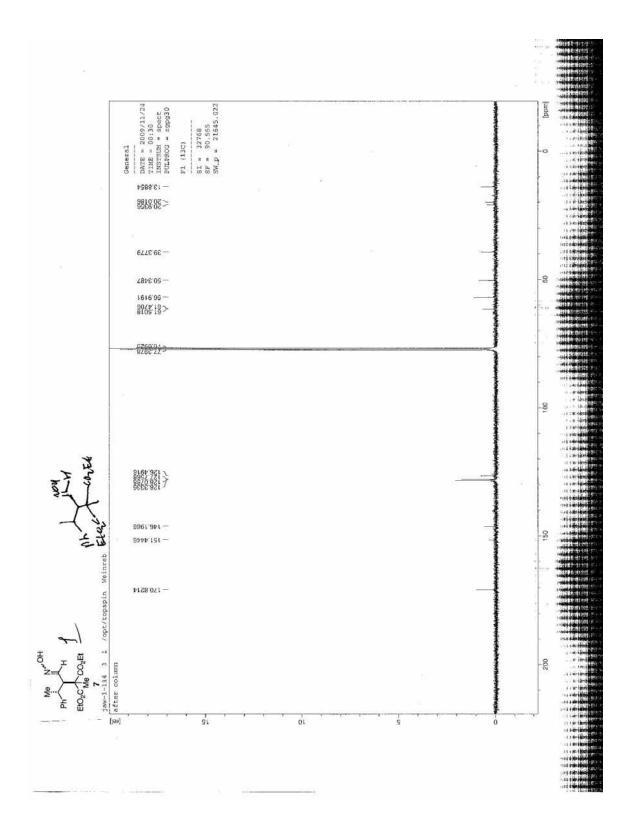


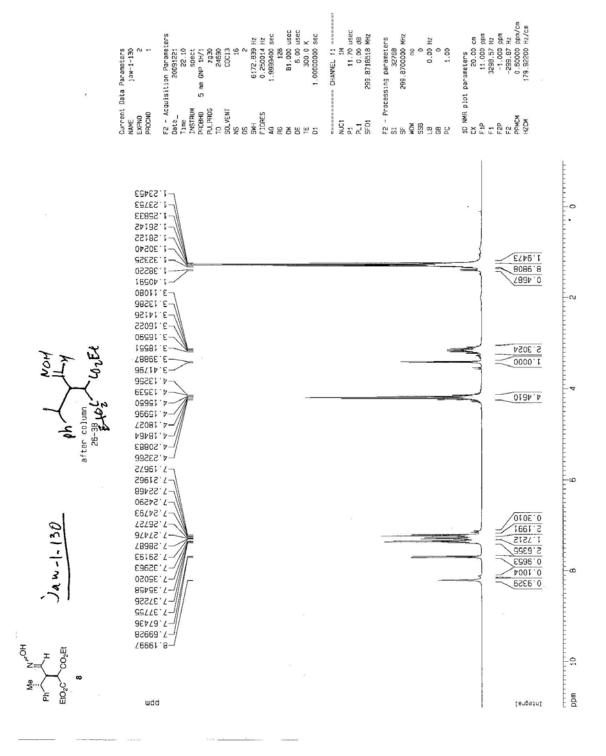


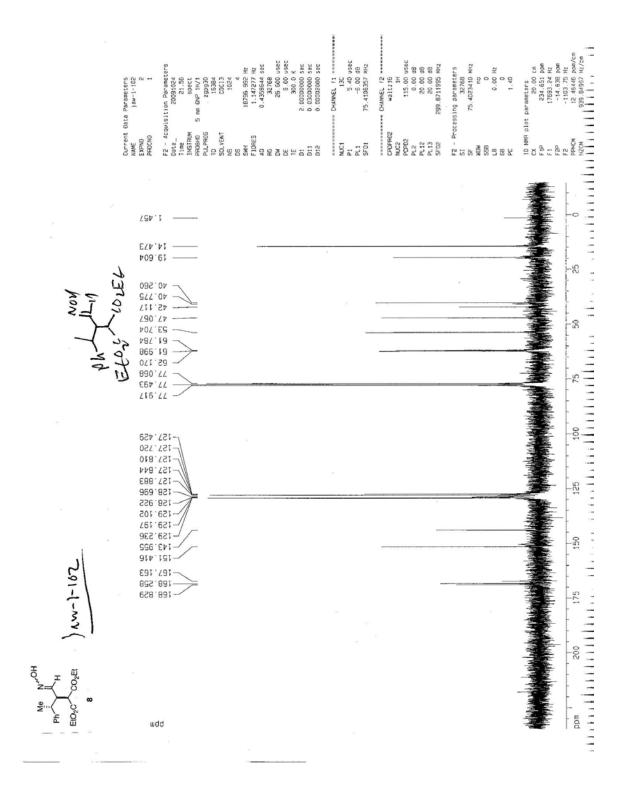


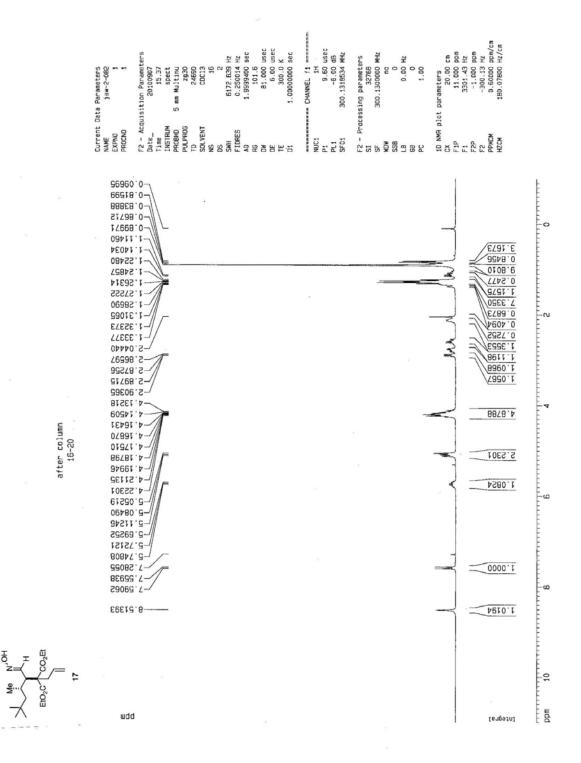


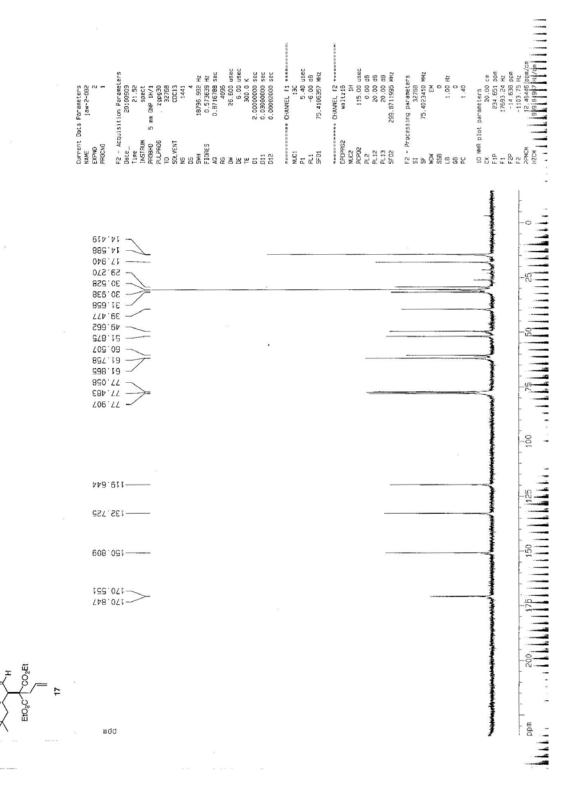


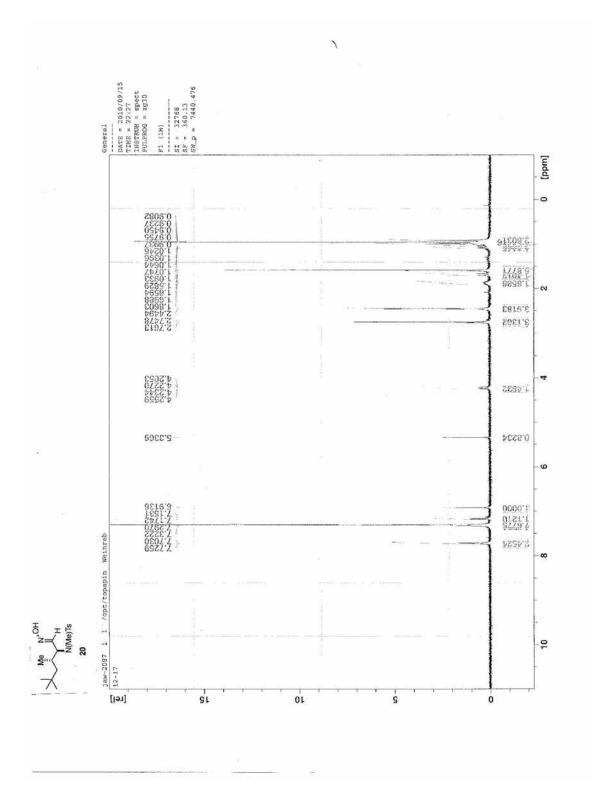




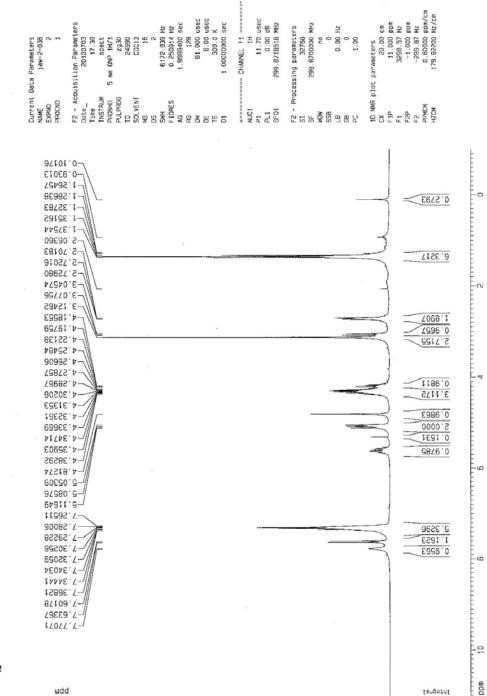












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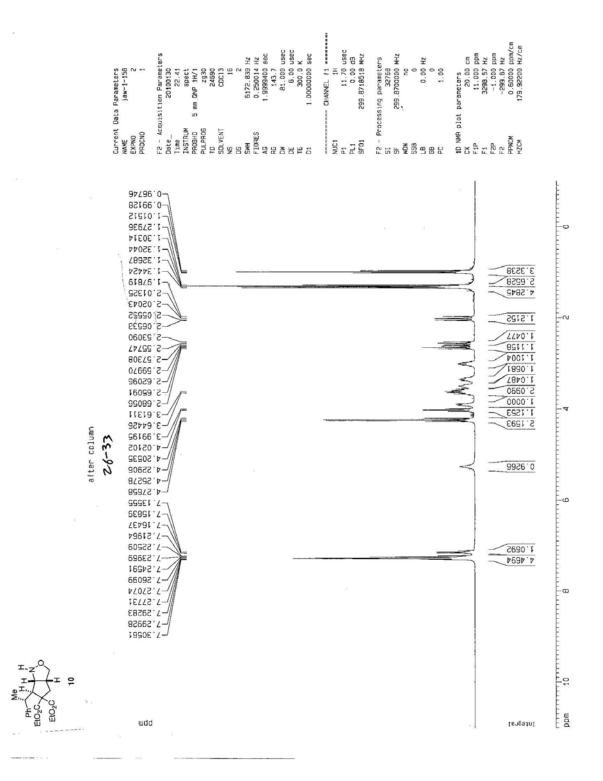
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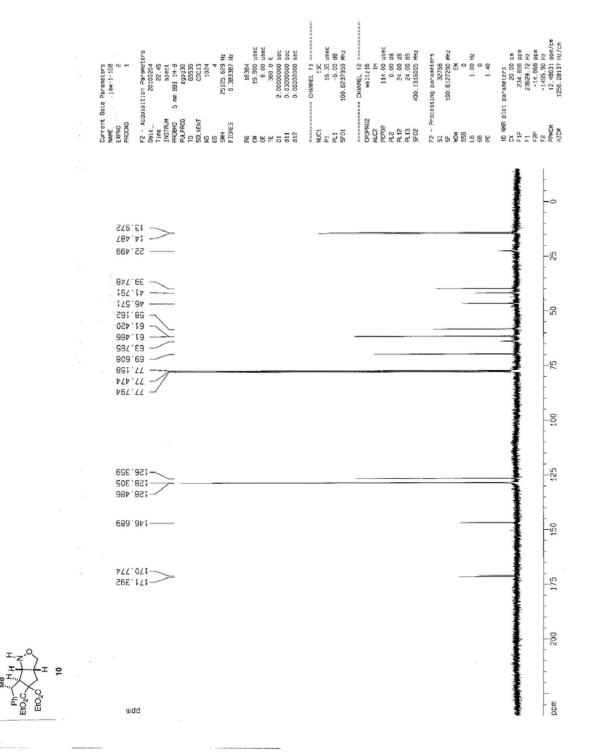
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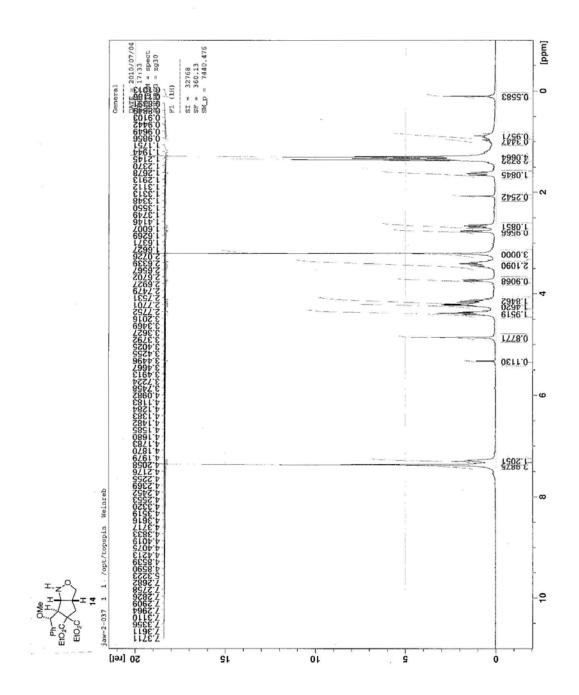
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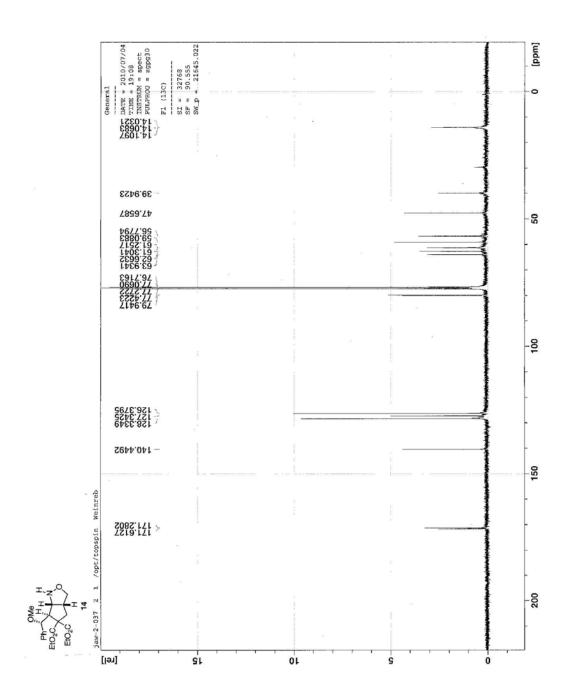
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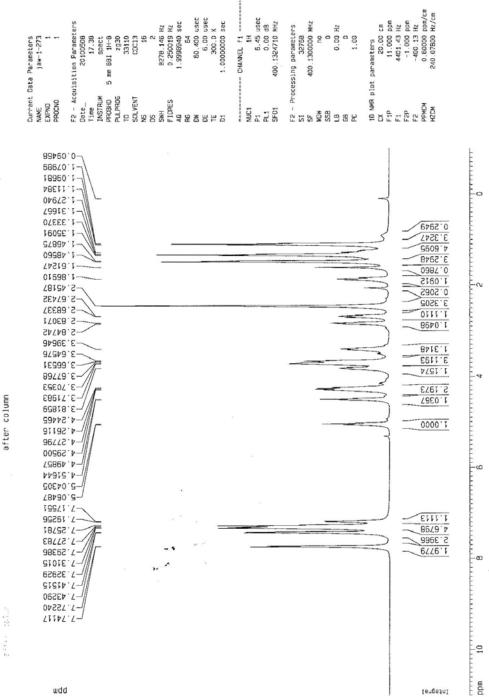
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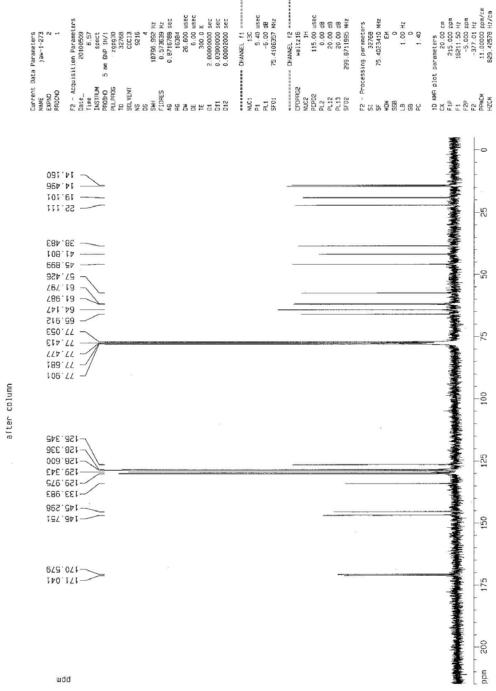








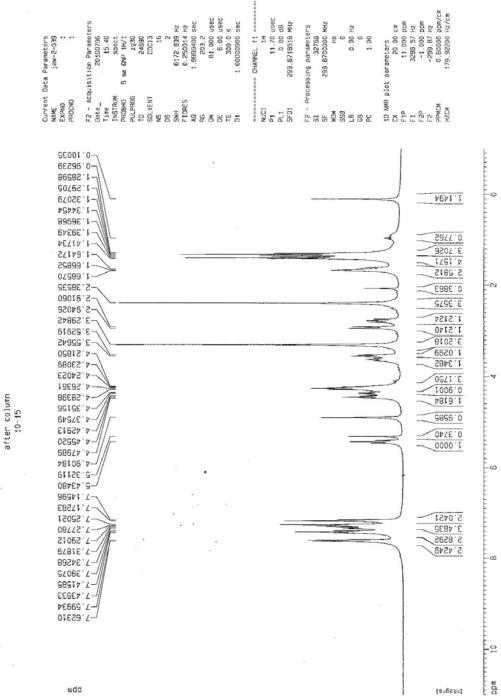
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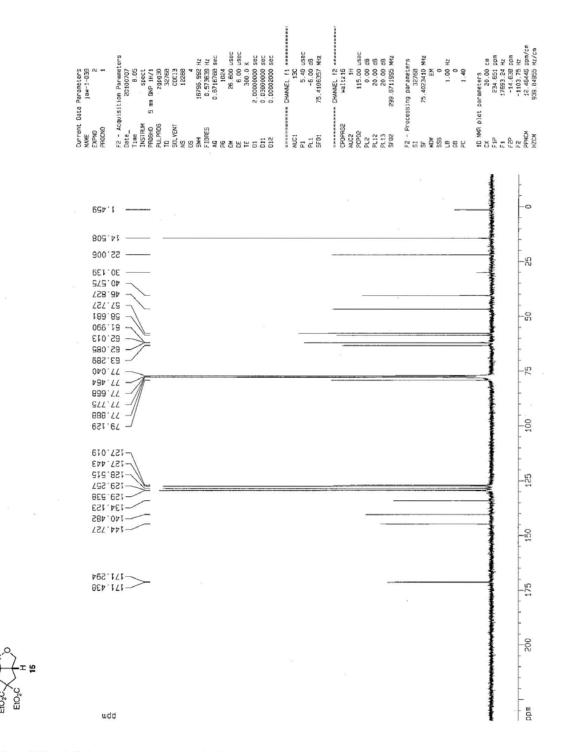


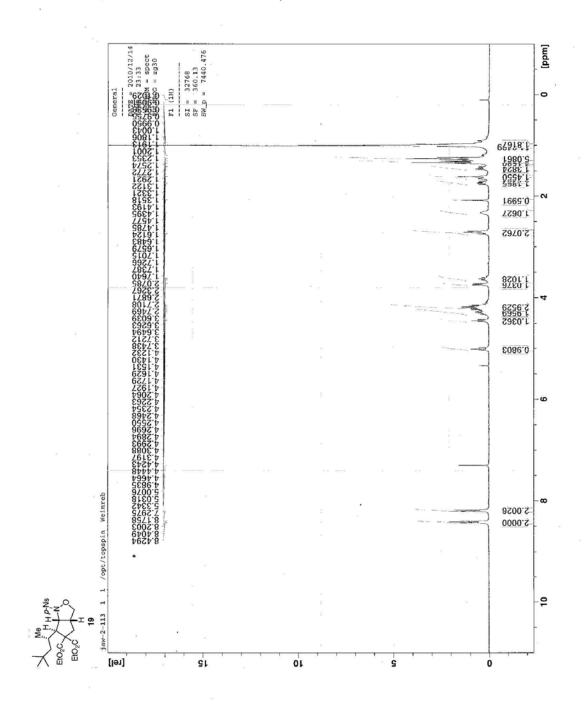
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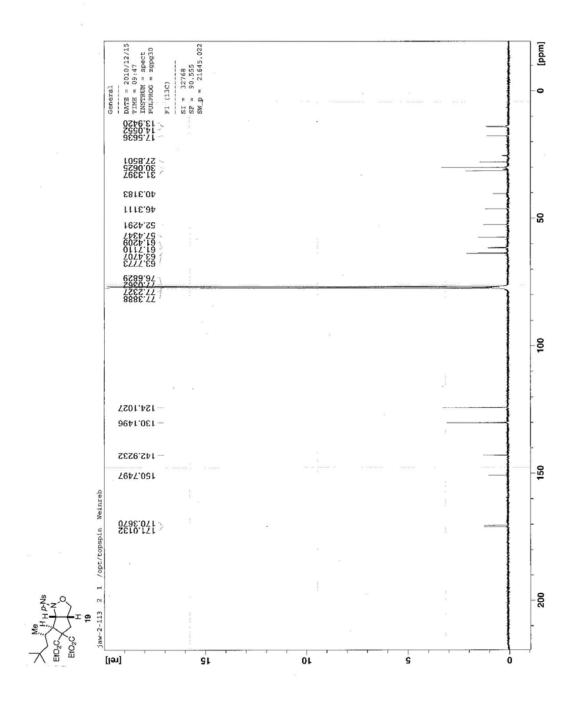
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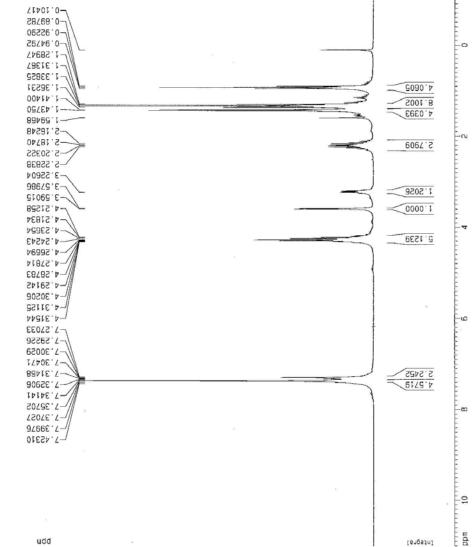






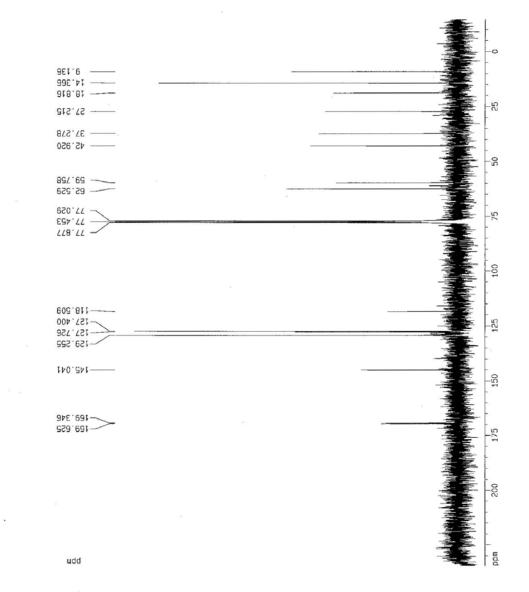






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