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Asymmetric Cyclopropanation of Chalcones Using Chiral Phase-Transfer Catalysts

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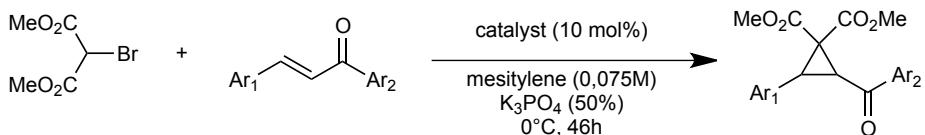
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1. Experimental Details and Analytical Data:

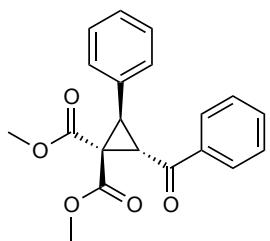
General: Melting points were measured on a Kofler melting point microscope (Reichert, Vienna). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 300 MHz spectrometer and on a Bruker Avance III 700 MHz spectrometer with TCI cryoprobe. All NMR spectra were referenced on the solvent peak. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent 6520 Q-TOF mass spectrometer with an ESI source and an Agilent G1607A coaxial sprayer. All analyses were made in the positive ionization mode. Purine (exact mass for $[M+\text{H}]^+ = 121.050873$) and 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexakis(2,2,3,3-tetrafluoropropoxy)-1,3,5,2,4,6-triazatriphosphinane (exact mass for $[M+\text{H}]^+ = 922.009798$) were used for internal mass calibration. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Affinity-1 fourier transform infrared spectrometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Polarimeter Model 241 MC. HPLC was performed using a Dionex Summit HPLC system with a Chiralcel OD-H (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μm) or a Chiralcel OD-R (250 x 4.6 mm, 10 μm) chiral stationary phase. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Cinchona alkaloid-based catalysts were synthesized according and in analogy to literature-known methods.¹ Bromomalonate-derivatives and chalcone-derivatives were synthesized according and in analogy to literature-known methods.²

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General procedure for the phase-transfer catalysed cyclopropanation using bromomalonates and chalcones: Reactions were usually carried out using less than 0.5 mmol bromomalonate (**1**). First 10 eq. K₂CO₃ (50% aq. solution) were added to a solution of catalyst (10 mol%) in mesitylene (assuring a dilution of 0.075M based on the amount of **1** used in the reaction). After flushing the solution with Argon, the corresponding chalcone derivative (6 eq.) was added. The vigorously stirred solution (>1200 rpm) was cooled to 0°C (Ar-atmosphere). Subsequently, the bromomalonate was added in 3 portions (3x 0.33 eq. over 24 h). The biphasic mixture was stirred for a total of 46 h at 0°C. After extraction with CH₂Cl₂ / H₂O, the combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated to dryness and purified by column chromatography using heptanes:EtOAc = 40:1 to 10:1 as the eluent. The excess chalcone could easily be recovered hereby.

(-)-3c. Obtained as a colourless oil in 82% yield (136 mg, 0.40 mmol) and with *er* = 87:13



upon reacting chalcone **2** (615 mg, 2.96 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (104 mg, 0.49 mmol) in 6.4 mL mesitylene with 0.82 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). Analytical data are in accordance with those reported in literature.³ [α]_D²⁰ -25.9 (c 0.44, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.48 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 8.07 – 8.13 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.1, 36.6, 46.0, 53.0, 53.1, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 133.4, 133.8, 136.7, 166.1, 166.6, 193.9 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3064, 3032, 2995, 2953, 2916, 2846, 2358, 2341, 1735, 1678, 1597, 1581, 1449, 1437, 1352, 1267, 1219,

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1178, 1117, 1024, 1010, 943, 916, 739 cm⁻¹; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: H₂O:AcN = 55:45, 0.7 mL/min, 10°C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 36.4 min, (-)-enantiomer 39.6 min); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₅: 339.1227 [M+H]⁺; found: 339.1227.

(-)-8. Obtained as a colourless oil in 98% yield (168 mg, 0.45 mmol) and with *er* = 88:12

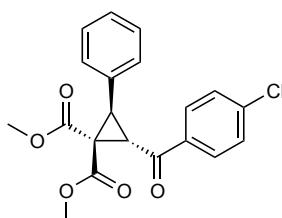
upon reacting chalcone **7** (662 mg, 2.73 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (97 mg, 0.46 mmol) in 6.0 mL mesitylene with 0.77 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). [α]_D²⁰ -11.2 (*c* 1.30, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 8.06 – 8.12 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.1, 35.8, 46.0, 53.1, 53.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.9, 129.9, 131.9, 133.8, 133.9, 136.6, 166.0, 166.3, 193.6 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3064, 3030, 3003, 2953, 2361, 2339, 2328, 1732, 1678, 1597, 1581, 1494, 1448, 1435, 1400, 1346, 1269, 1217, 1176, 1116, 1093, 1035, 1014, 1002, 921, 835, 769, 736 cm⁻¹; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: H₂O:AcN = 50:50, 0.7 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 33.8 min, (-)-enantiomer 37.9 min); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇ClO₅: 373.0837 [M+H]⁺; found: 373.0836.

(-)-10. Obtained as a colourless oil in 91% yield (119 mg, 0.32 mmol) and with *er* = 89:11

upon reacting chalcone **9** (497 mg, 2.05 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (74 mg, 0.35 mmol) in 4.6 mL mesitylene with 0.58 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). [α]_D²⁰ -8.5 (*c* 1.29, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.47 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 8.01 – 8.06 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR

(75 MHz, δ , CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.0, 36.5, 46.1, 53.0, 53.1, 127.6, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.5, 130.0, 133.2, 135.0, 140.3, 166.0, 166.4, 192.6 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3057, 3032, 2999, 2953, 2916, 2846, 2333, 2291, 1734, 1678, 1589, 1571, 1489, 1435, 1400, 1350, 1269, 1217, 1195, 1176, 1118, 1091, 1031, 1012, 993, 941, 921, 871, 846, 736 cm⁻¹; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: H₂O:AcN = 55:45, 0.7 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 69.7 min, (-)-enantiomer 73.2 min); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇ClO₅: 373.0837 [M+H]⁺; found: 373.0837.

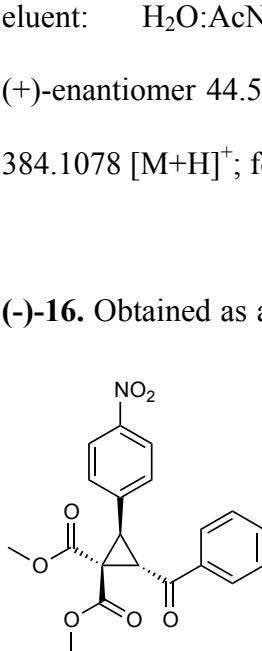
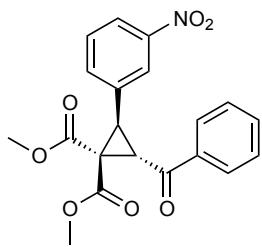
(-)-12. Obtained as a colourless oil in 72% yield (132 mg, 0.37 mmol) and with *er* = 87:13



upon reacting chalcone **11** (689 mg, 3.05 mmol) with **1c** (108 mg, 0.51 mmol) in 6.7 mL mesitylene with 0.85 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -6.1 (*c* 0.80, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ , CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 8.10 – 8.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, δ , CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.0, 36.4, 46.0, 53.0, 53.1, 115.9, 116.1, 127.9, 128.5, 131.2, 131.3, 133.1, 133.1, 133.2, 166.1, 166.5, 192.1 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3062, 3028, 3007, 2953, 2850, 2349, 2301, 1732, 1678, 1597, 1508, 1435, 1350, 1269, 1215, 1197, 1176, 1157, 1116, 1062, 1029, 1010, 995, 941, 923, 871, 852, 817, 700 cm⁻¹; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, eluent: *n*-hexane:*i*PrOH = 200:1, 0.5 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (-)-enantiomer 77.5 min, (+)-enantiomer 85.2 min); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇FO₅: 357.1133 [M+H]⁺; found: 357.1135.

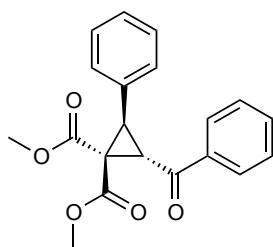
(-)-14. Obtained as a white solid in 59% yield (96 mg, 0.25 mmol) and with *er* = 91:9 upon reacting chalcone **13** (638 mg, 2.52 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (89 mg, 0.42 mmol) in 5.5 mL mesitylene with 0.70 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). [α]_D²⁰ -38.4 (*c* 2.14, CHCl₃); M.p.: decomp > 180 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 8.06 – 8.19 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.0, 35.4, 46.0, 53.3, 53.4, 122.9, 123.6, 128.6, 128.9, 129.5, 134.1, 135.0, 135.7, 136.4, 148.2, 165.8, 165.9, 193.1 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3084, 3062, 2954, 2358, 2304, 1732, 1666, 1595, 1579, 1525, 1481, 1446, 1436, 1348, 1319, 1265, 1217, 1178, 1114, 1099, 1085, 1042, 1001, 916, 902, 869, 852, 813, 788, 756, 736, 704 cm⁻¹; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: H₂O:AcN = 55:45, 0.7 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 44.5 min, (-)-enantiomer 50.3 min); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NO₇: 384.1078 [M+H]⁺; found: 384.1079.

(-)-16. Obtained as a white solid in 58% yield (87 mg, 0.23 mmol) and with *er* = 90:10 upon reacting chalcone **15** (590 mg, 2.34 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (82 mg, 0.39 mmol) in 5.1 mL mesitylene with 0.65 mL aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (50% w/w). [α]_D²⁰ -22.8 (*c* 0.32, CHCl₃); M.p.: decomp > 180 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 8.06 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 8.16 – 8.23 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, δ, CDCl₃, 298 K): 35.0, 35.6, 46.2, 53.3, 53.4, 123.7, 128.6, 129.0, 129.6, 134.1, 136.4, 141.0, 147.5, 165.8, 165.8, 193.1 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3061, 3034, 3005, 2953, 2918, 2848, 2364, 2357, 2341, 2337, 1732, 1678, 1598, 1581, 1519, 1496, 1448, 1436, 1406, 1346, 1269, 1217, 1176, 1112, 1035,



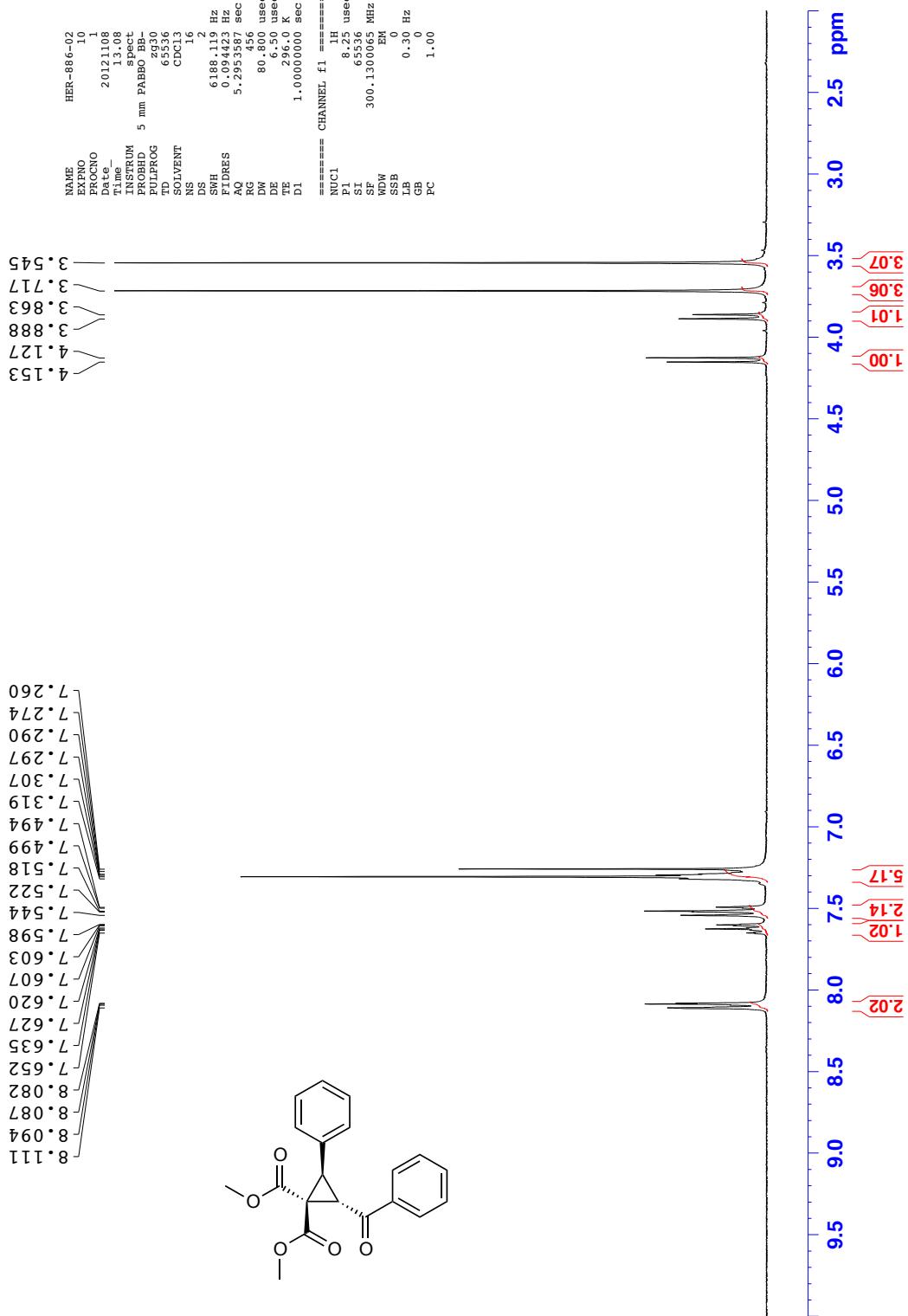
1014, 1002, 960, 939, 923, 877, 854, 738 cm^{-1} ; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{AcN} = 55:45$, 0.7 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 54.3 min, (-)-enantiomer 70.1 min); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_7$: 384.1078 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 384.1080.

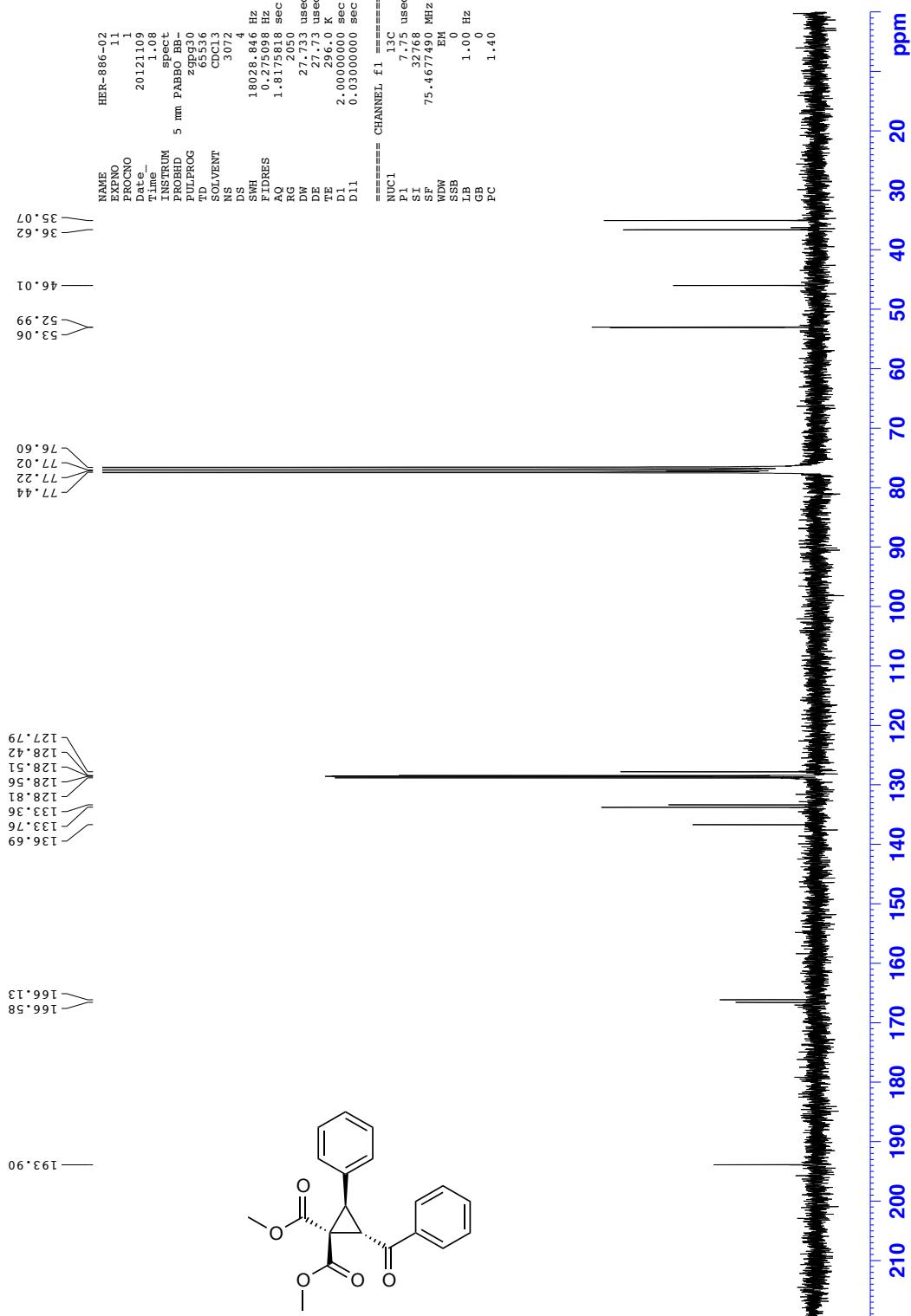
(-)-18. Obtained as a colourless oil in 72% yield (70 mg, 0.20 mmol) and with $er = 84:16$

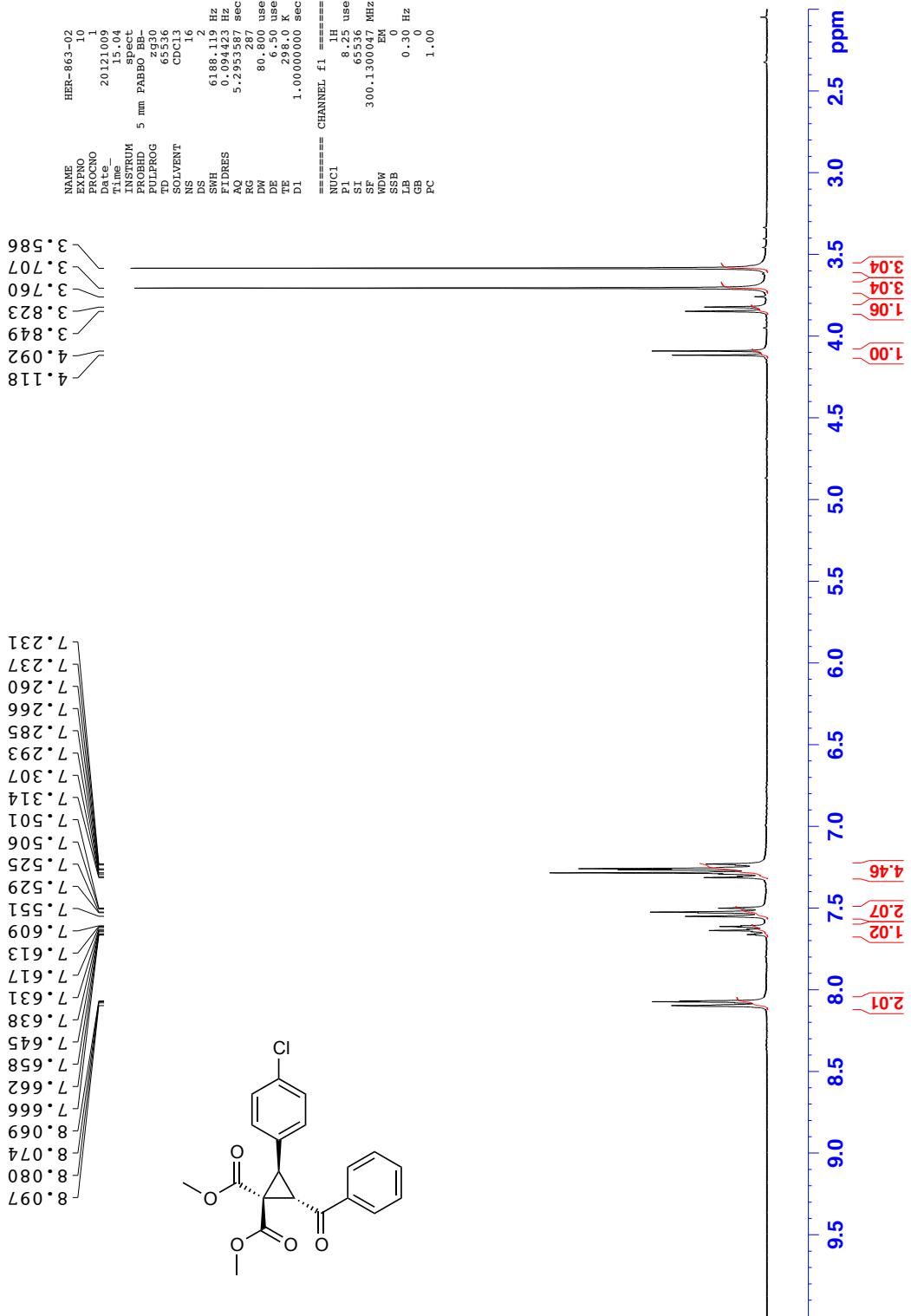


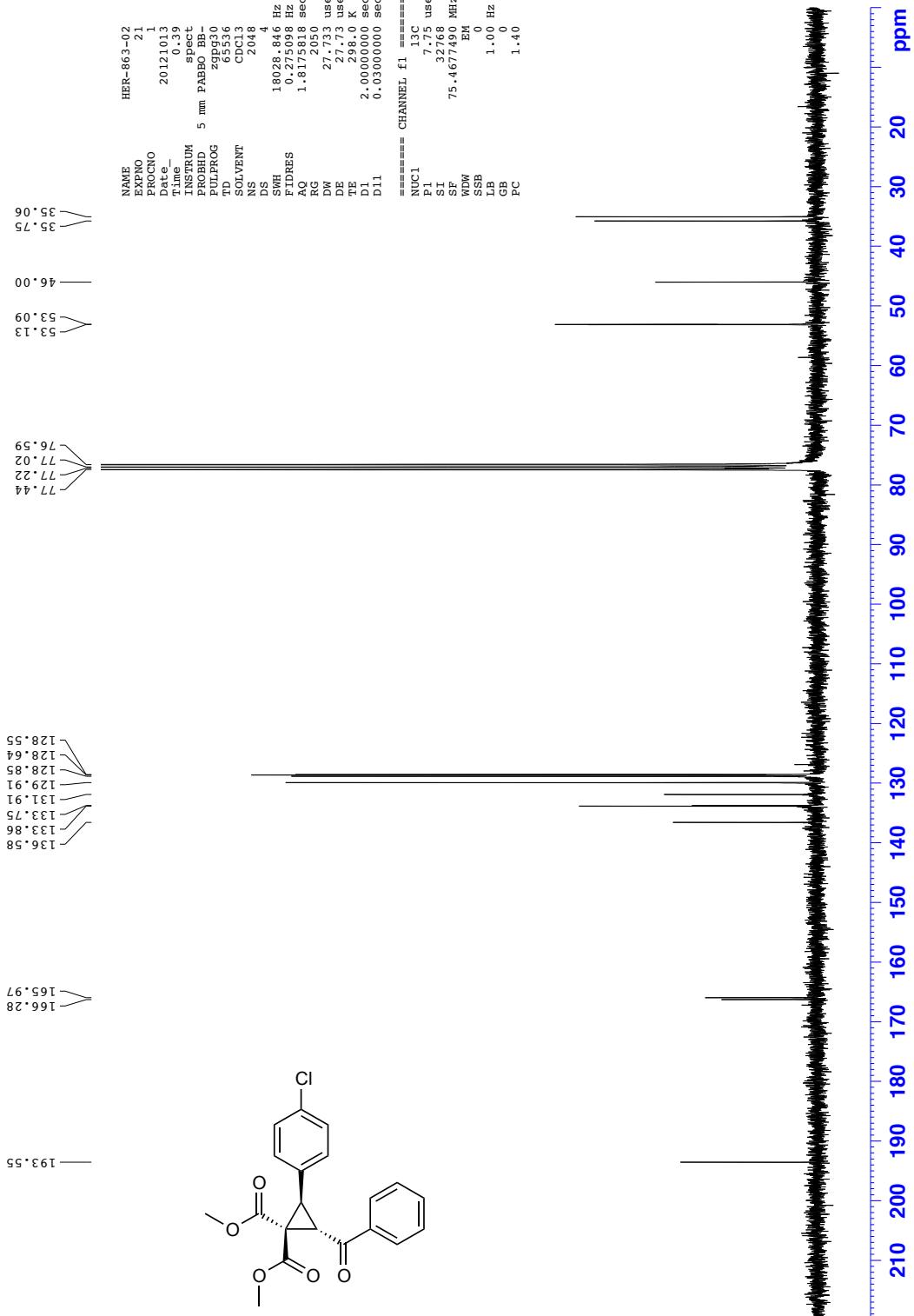
upon reacting chalcone **17** (369 mg, 1.66 mmol) with bromomalonate **1c** (59 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 3.6 mL mesitylene with 0.47 mL aqueous K_2CO_3 solution (50% w/w). $[\alpha]_D^{20} -52.9$ ($c = 0.09$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, δ , CDCl_3 , 298 K): 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.86 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.36 (m, 7H), 7.97 – 8.02 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, δ , CDCl_3 , 298 K): 12.8, 35.0, 36.6, 45.9, 52.9, 53.0, 127.7, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.5, 133.5, 134.3, 144.7, 166.2, 166.7, 193.4 ppm; IR (film): $\bar{\nu} = 3059, 3030, 3005, 2953, 2920, 2848, 2358, 2331, 1732, 1674, 1606, 1573, 1533, 1498, 1435, 1352, 1313, 1271, 1220, 1180, 1112, 1035, 1010, 943, 921, 840, 802, 744, 700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; The enantioselectivity was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-R, eluent: $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{AcN} = 60:40$, 0.7 mL/min, 10 °C, retention times: (+)-enantiomer 100.8 min, (-)-enantiomer 107.9 min); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$: 353.1384 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 353.1386.

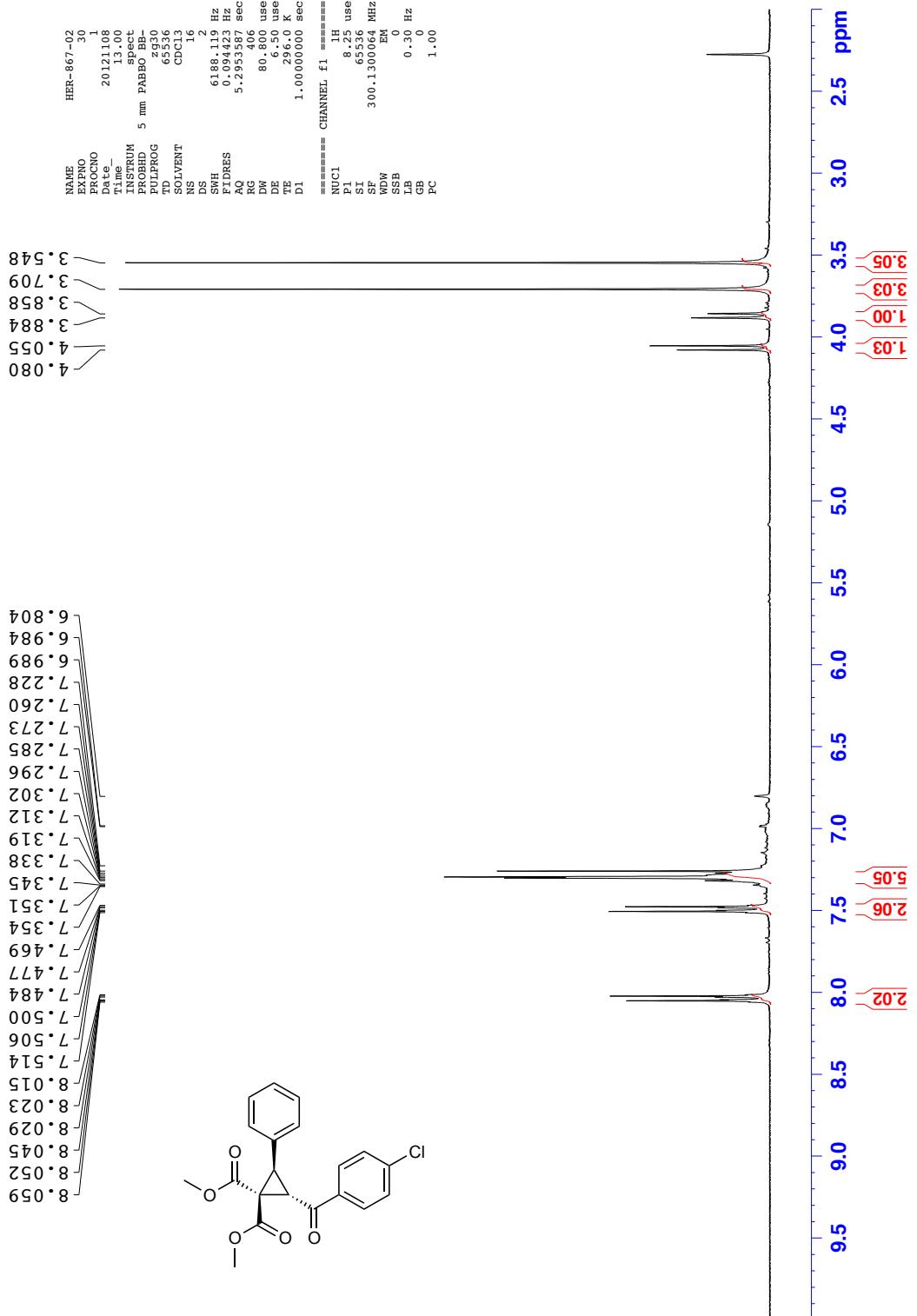
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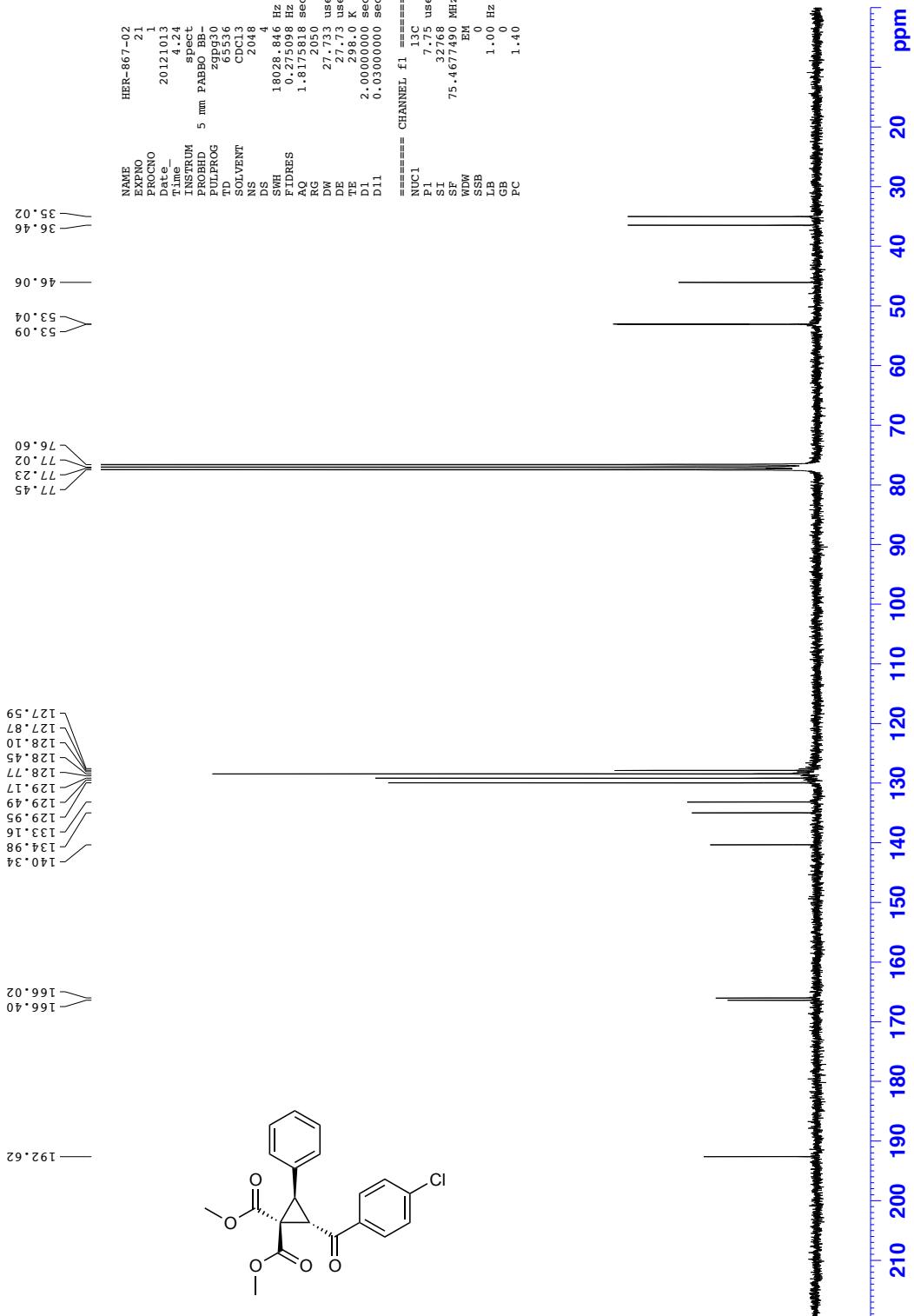


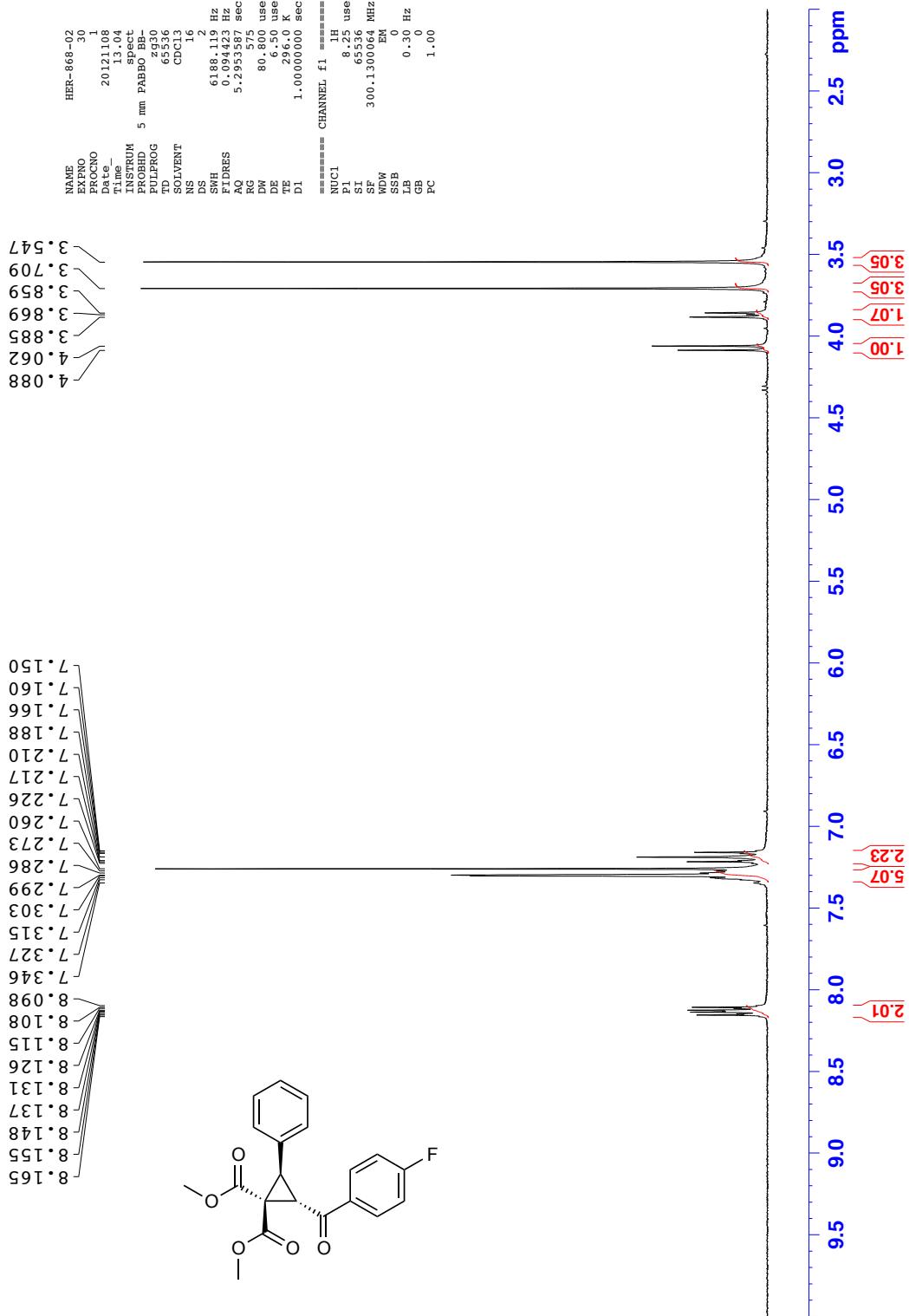


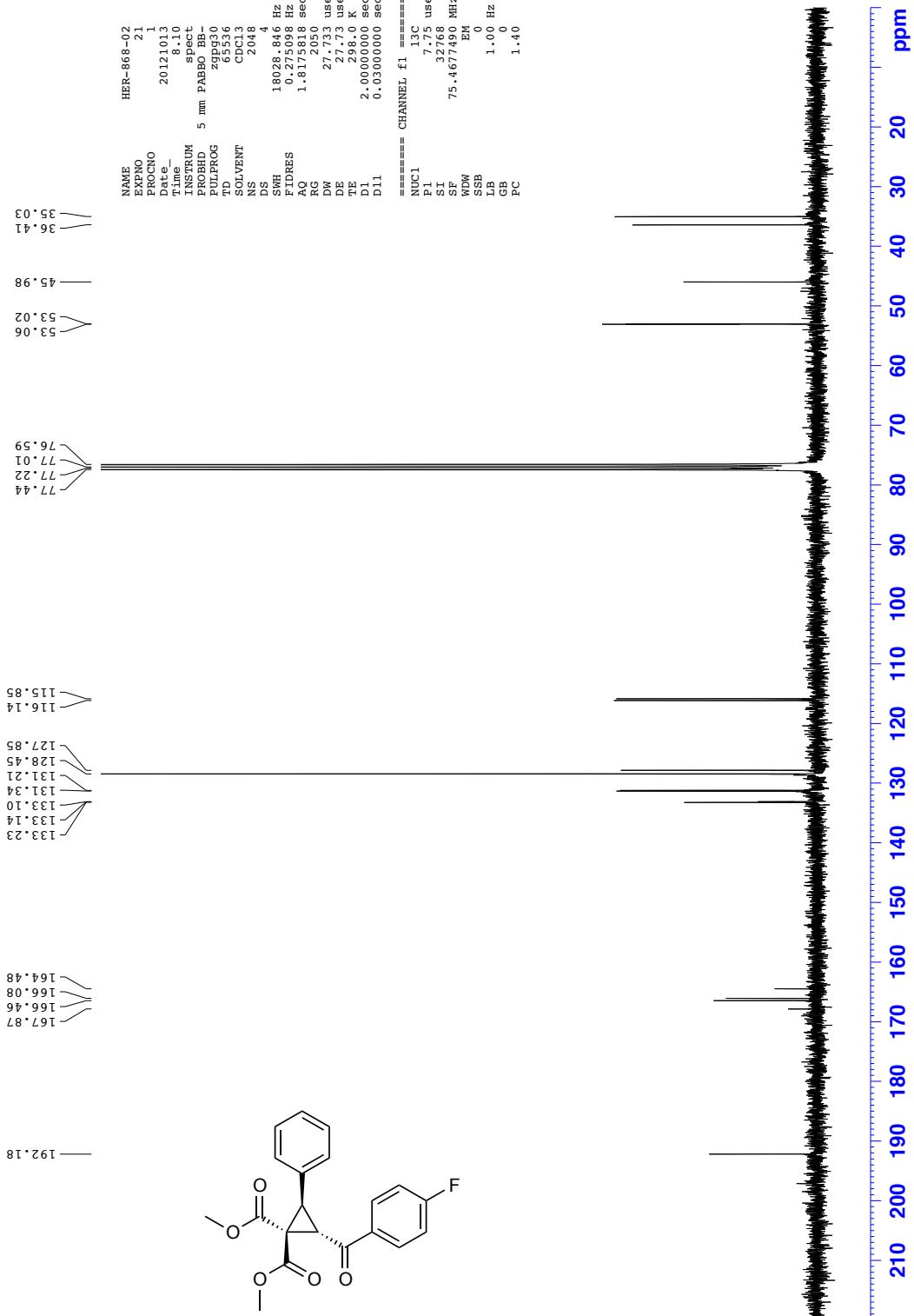


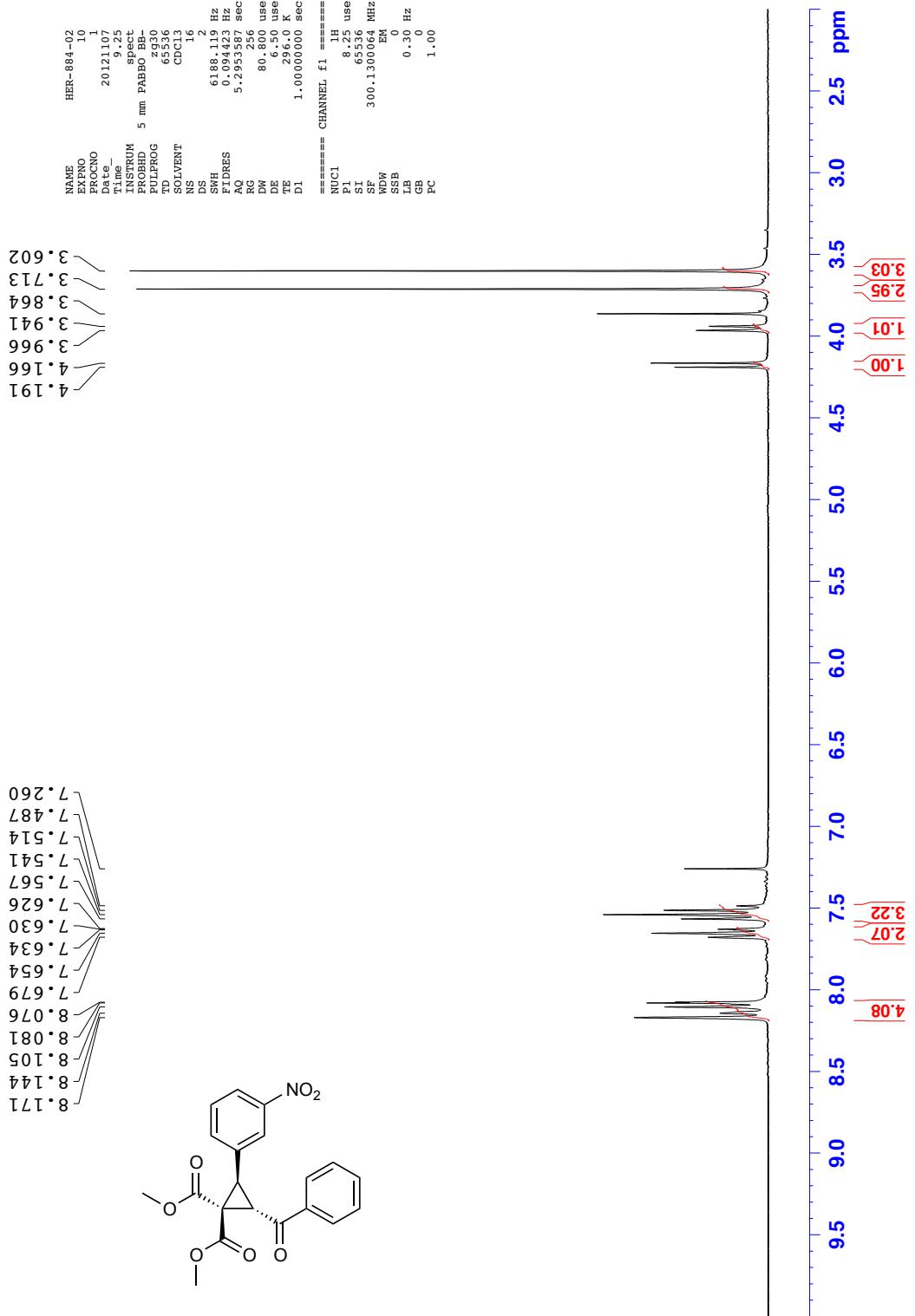


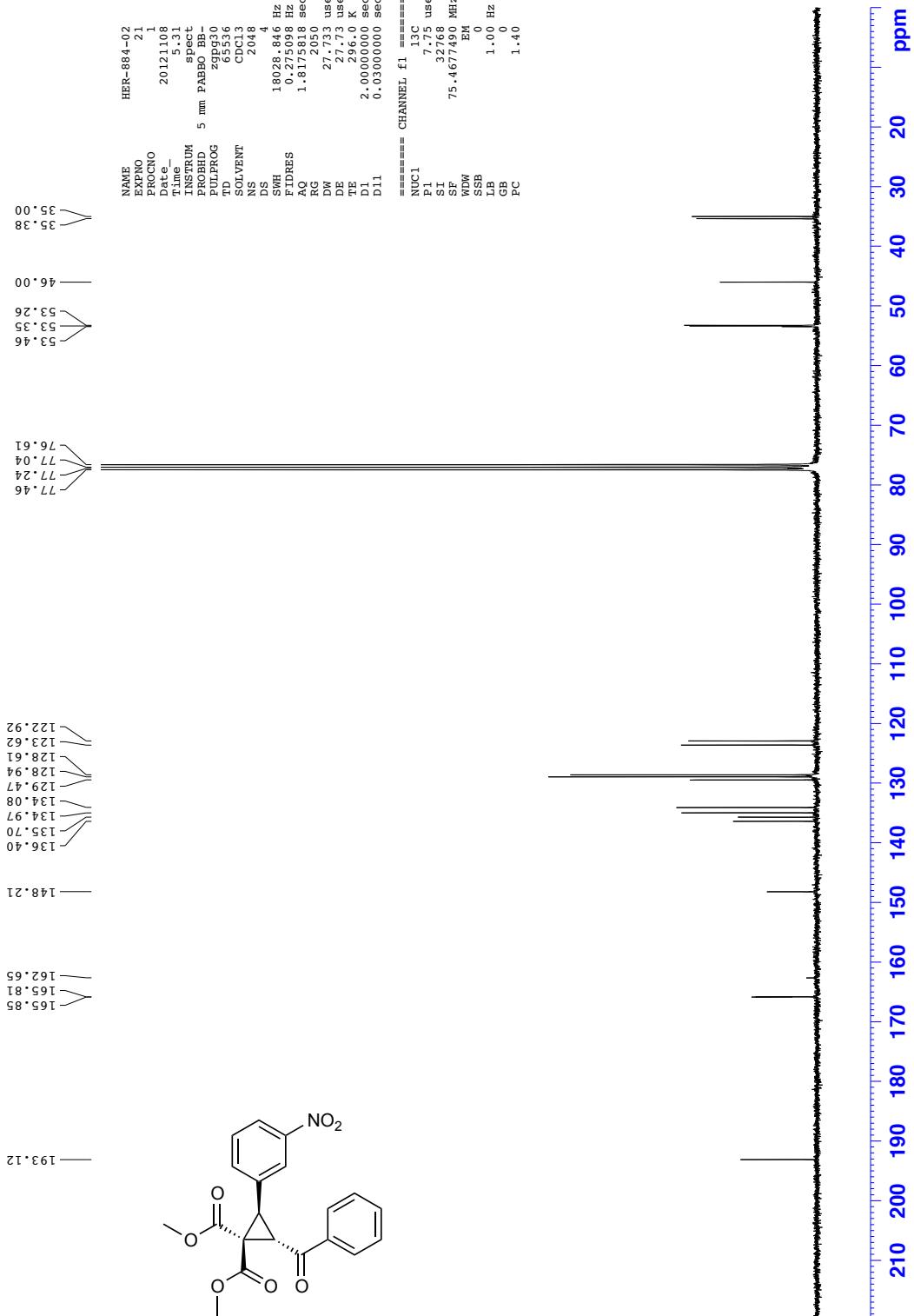


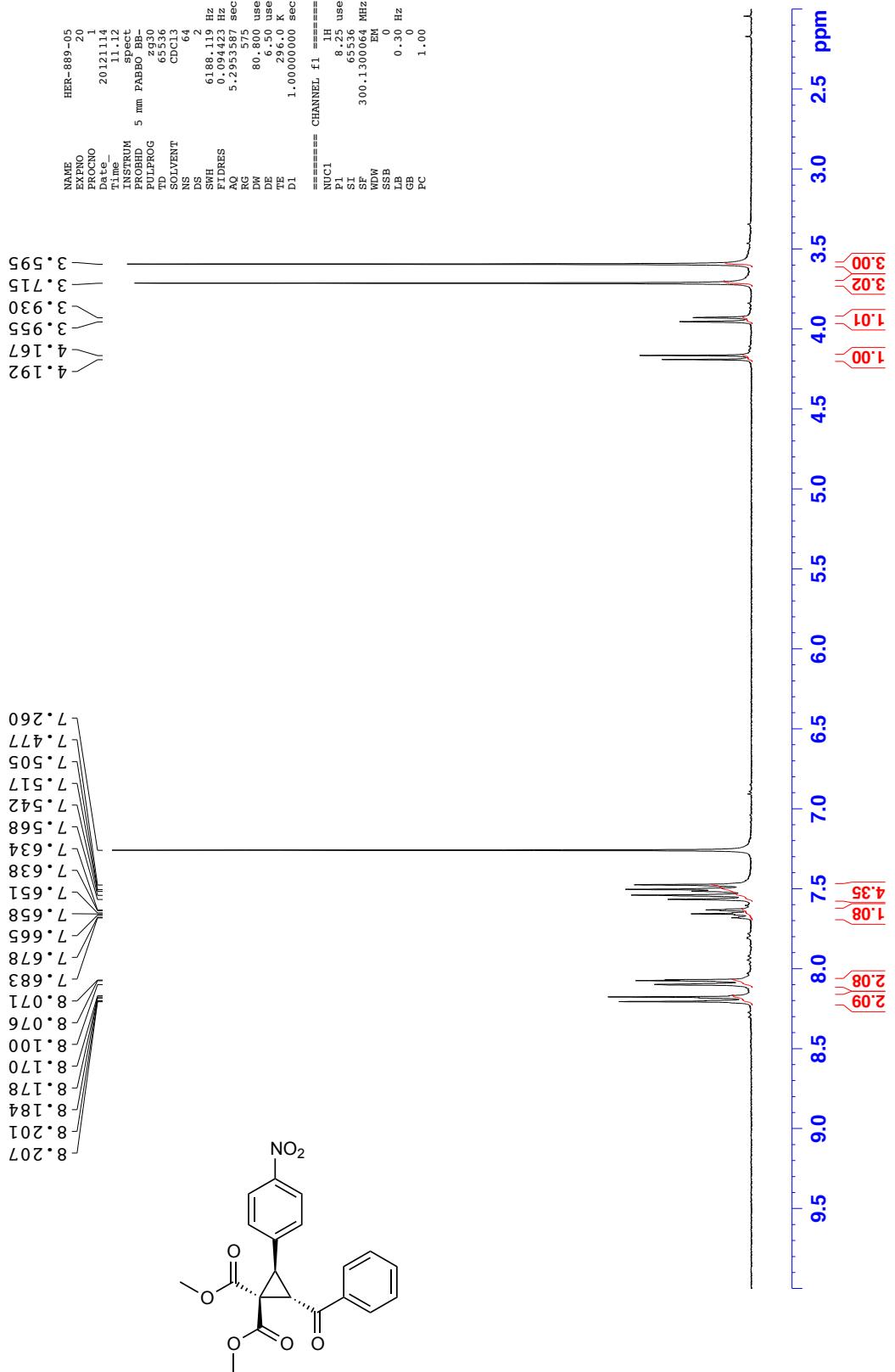


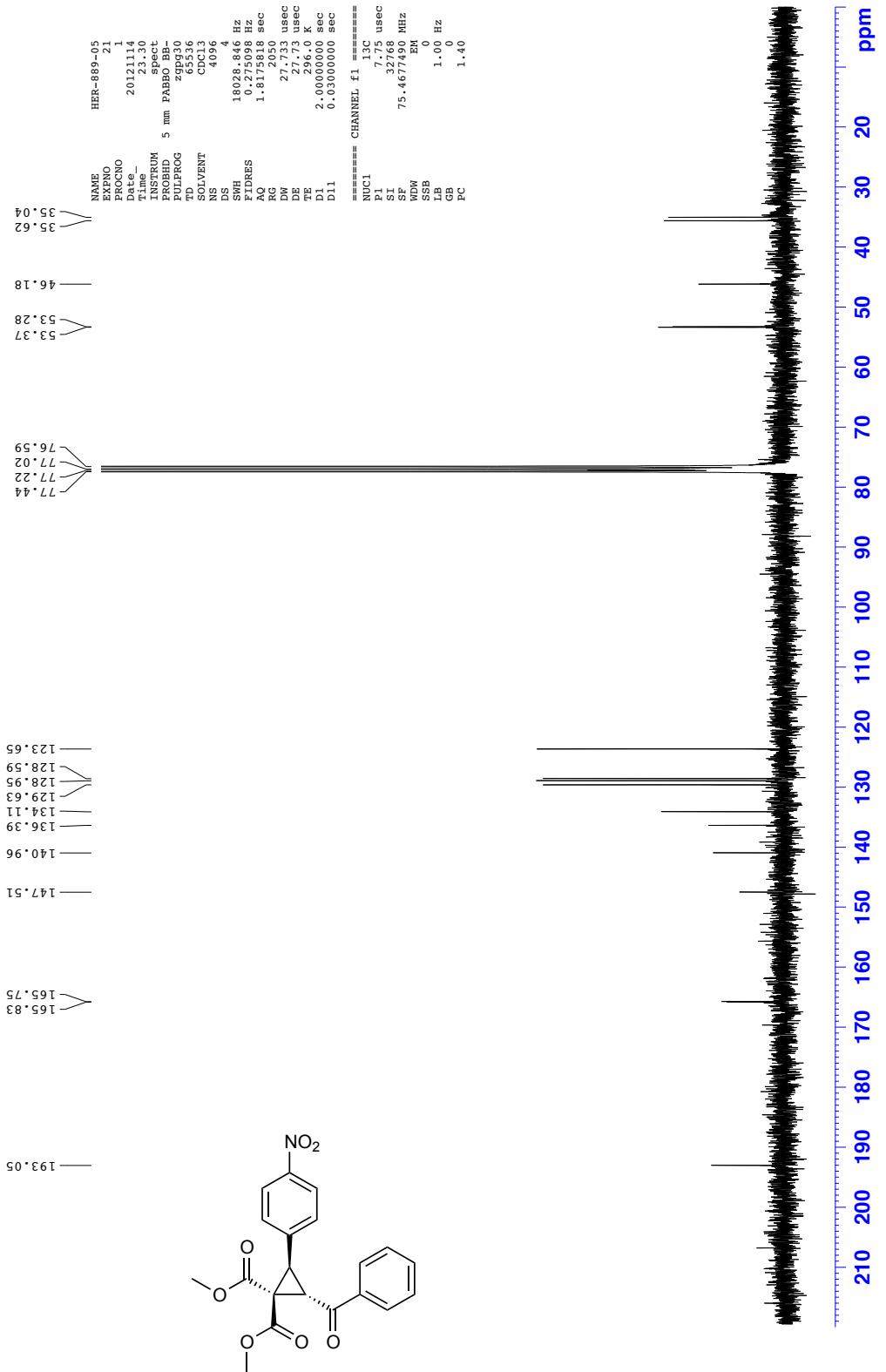


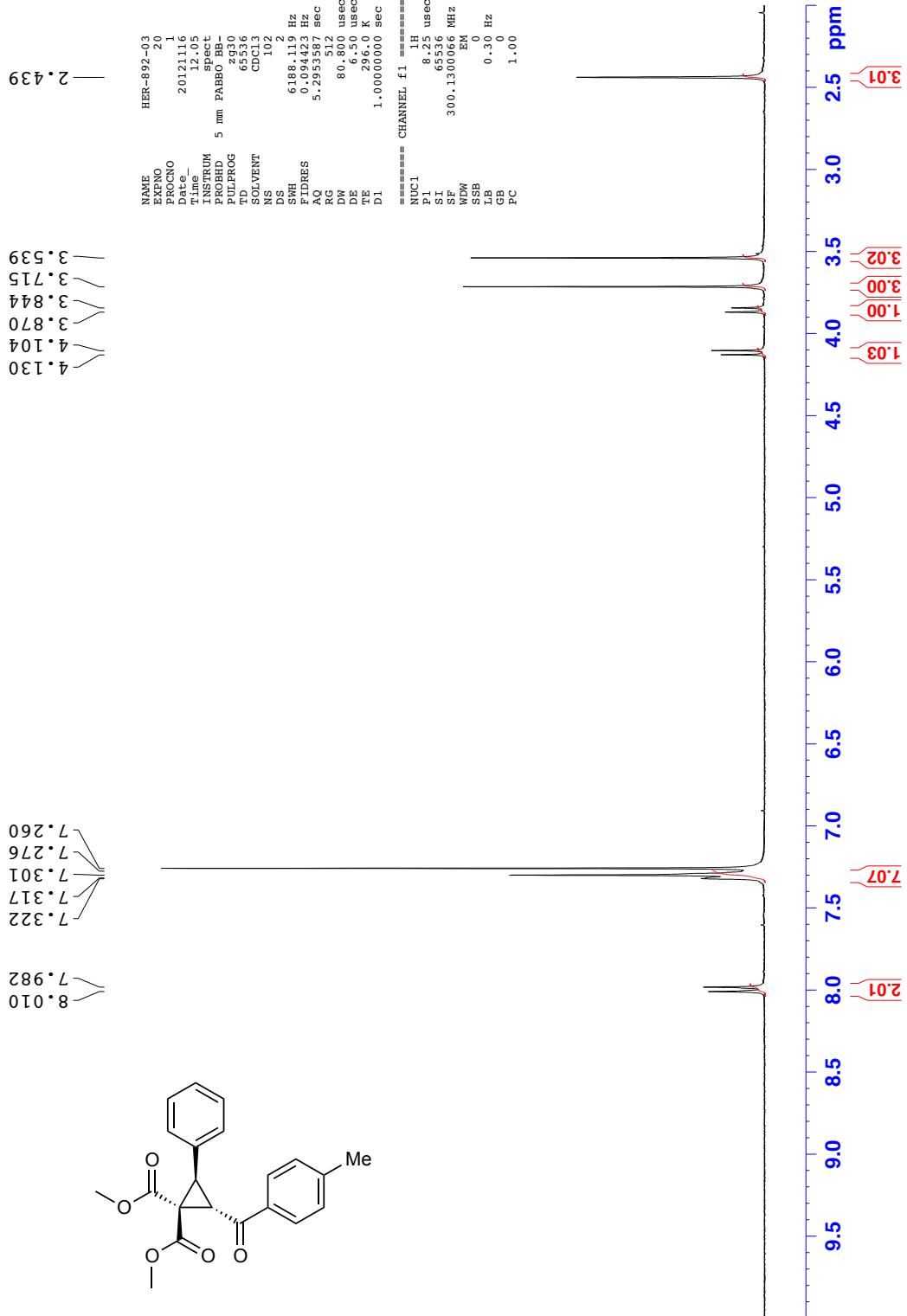


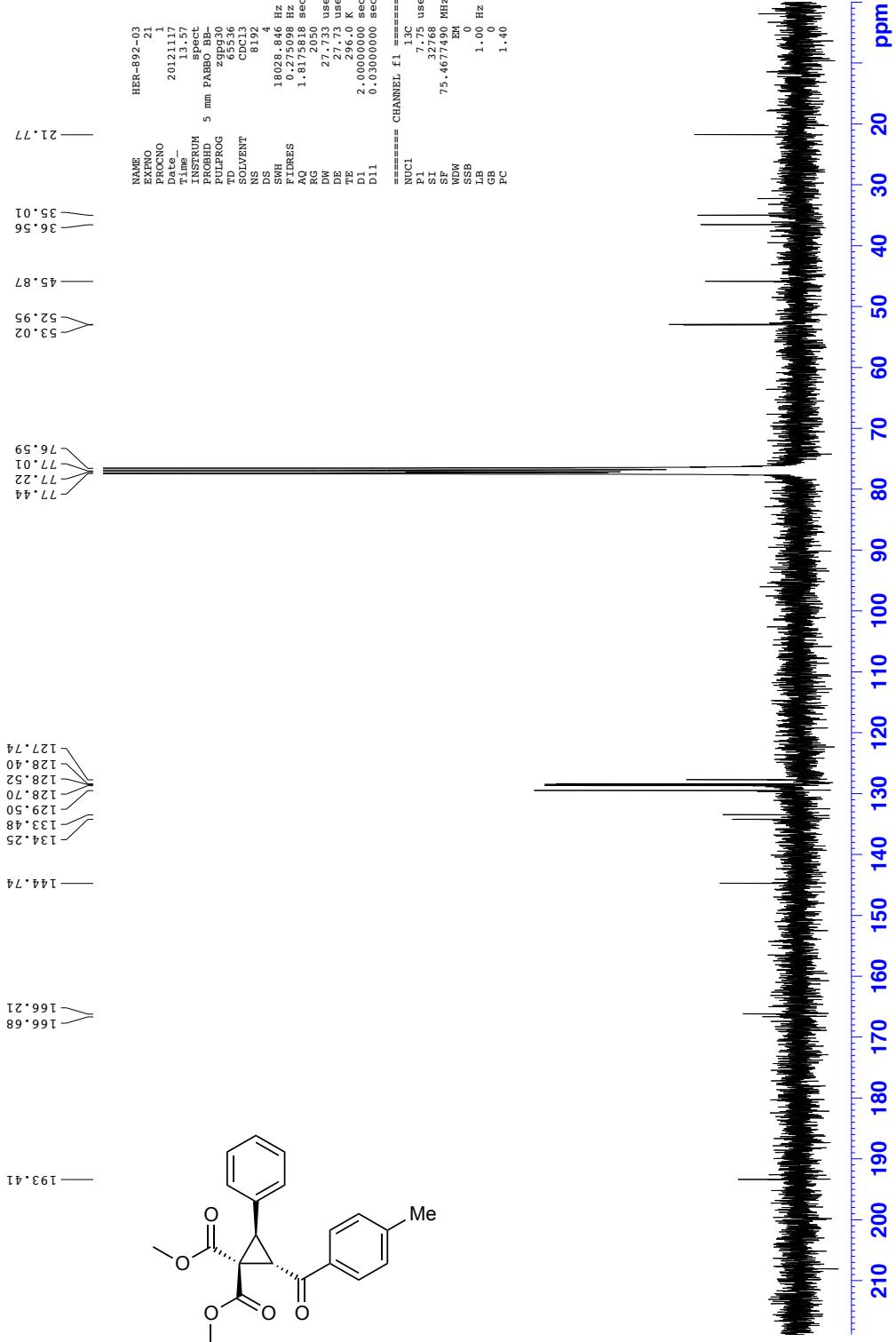












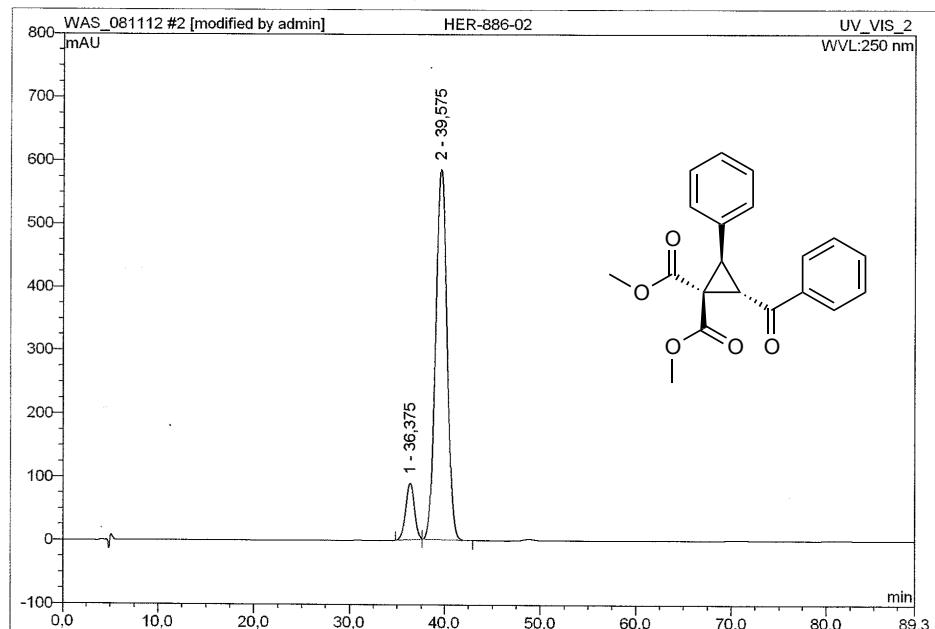
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Total:			672,822	900,028	100,00	0,000	

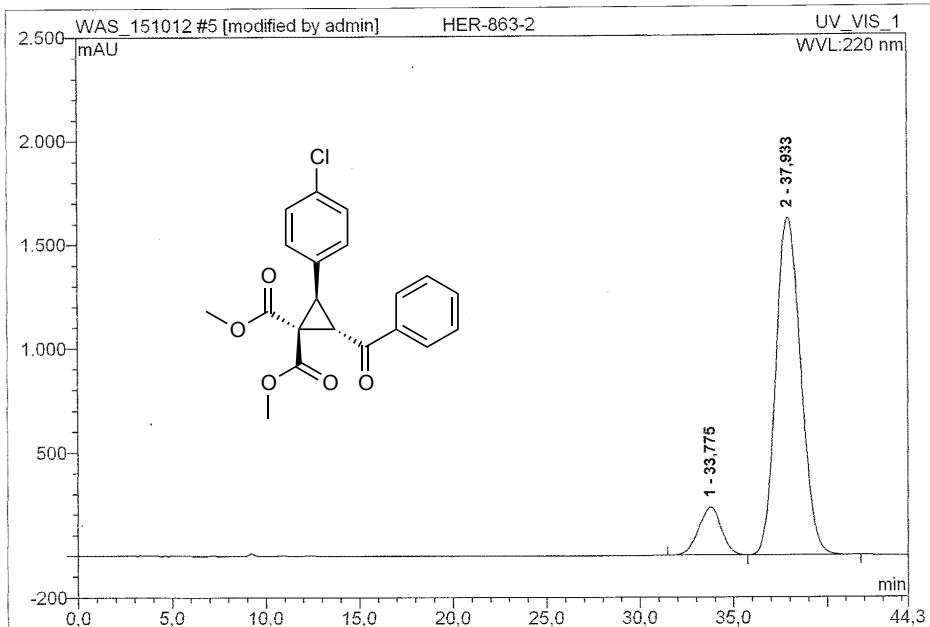
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45 Vol% Acetonitrile

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2	37,93	n.a.	1619,946	2504,042	88,42	n.a.	BMB
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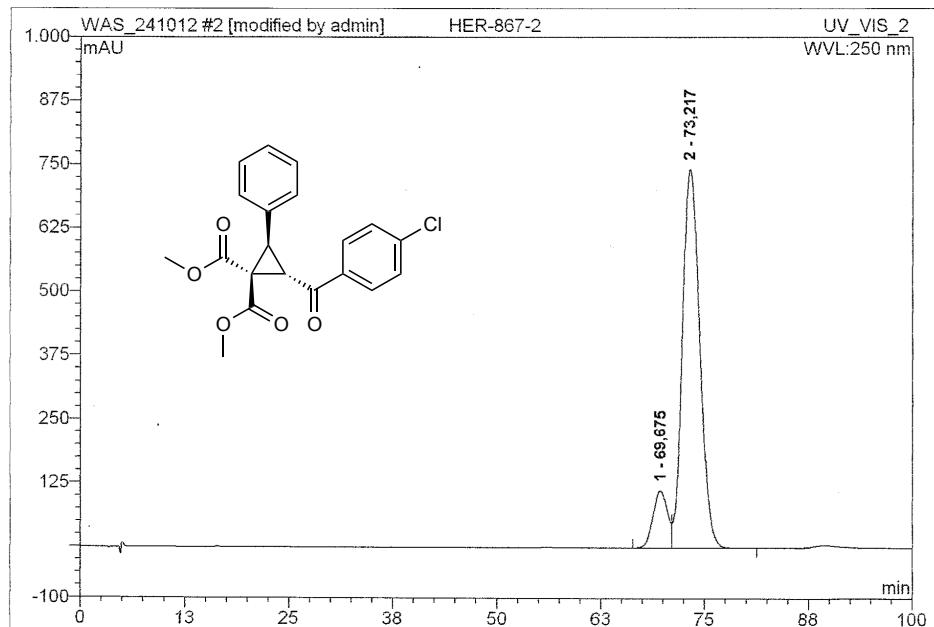
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No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Type
1	69,68	n.a.	112,245	225,876	11,18	n.a.	BM *
2	73,22	n.a.	740,740	1795,105	88,82	n.a.	MB*
Total:			852,985	2020,981	100,00	0,000	

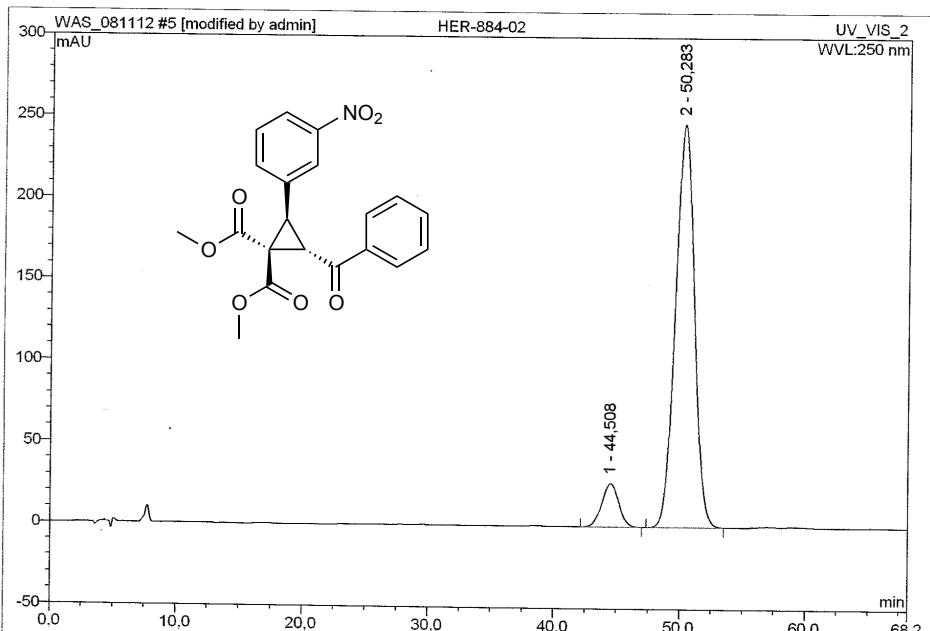
55 Vol% H₂O
45 Vol% Acetonitril

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5 HER-884-02

Sample Name:	HER-884-02	Injection Volume:	10,0
Vial Number:	RA1	Channel:	UV_VIS_2
Sample Type:	unknown	Wavelength:	n.a.
Control Program:	100min_55zu45	Bandwidth:	n.a.
Quantif. Method:	default	Dilution Factor:	1,0000
Recording Time:	8.11.2012 14:03	Sample Weight:	1,0000
Run Time (min):	68,17	Flow ml/min:	0,70

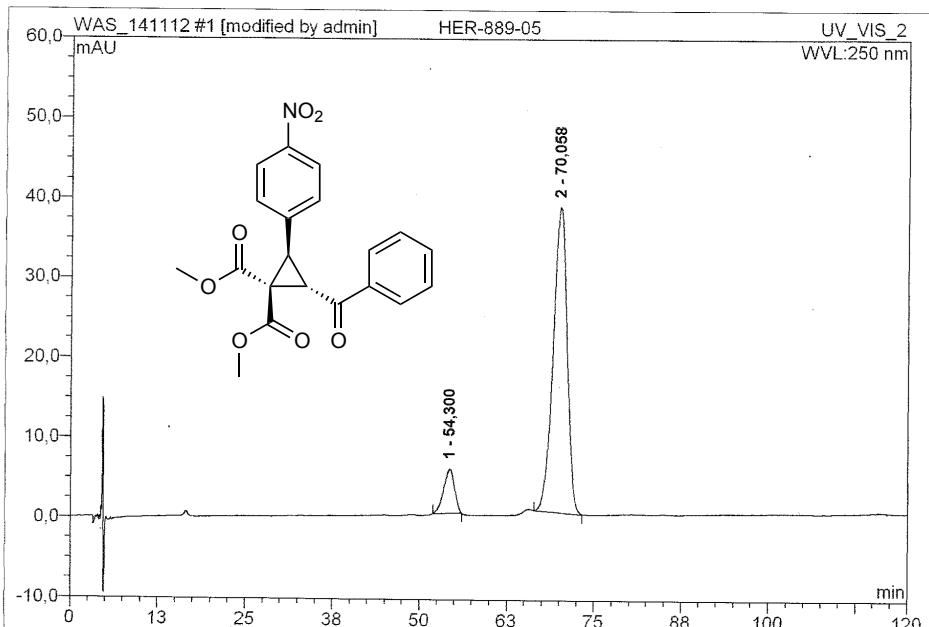


No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Type
1	44,51	n.a.	26,727	42,069	8,89	n.a.	BMB
2	50,28	n.a.	246,803	431,181	91,11	n.a.	BMB
Total:			273,529	473,251	100,00	0,000	

55 Vol% H₂O
45 Vol% Acetonitril

1 HER-889-05

Sample Name:	HER-889-05	Injection Volume:	10,0
Vial Number:	RA1	Channel:	UV_VIS_2
Sample Type:	unknown	Wavelength:	n.a.
Control Program:	120min_55zu45	Bandwidth:	n.a.
Quantif. Method:	default	Dilution Factor:	1,0000
Recording Time:	14.11.2012 9:37	Sample Weight:	1,0000
Run Time (min):	120,00	Flow ml/min:	0,70



No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Type
1	54,30	n.a.	5,510	9,930	10,13	n.a.	BMB*
2	70,06	n.a.	38,117	88,056	89,87	n.a.	BMB
Total:			43,627	97,986	100,00	0,000	

55 Vol% H₂O
45 Vol% Acetonitril