

Supporting Information

Trisubstituted 2-Trifluoromethyl Pyrrolidines via Catalytic Asymmetric Michael Addition/Reductive Cyclization

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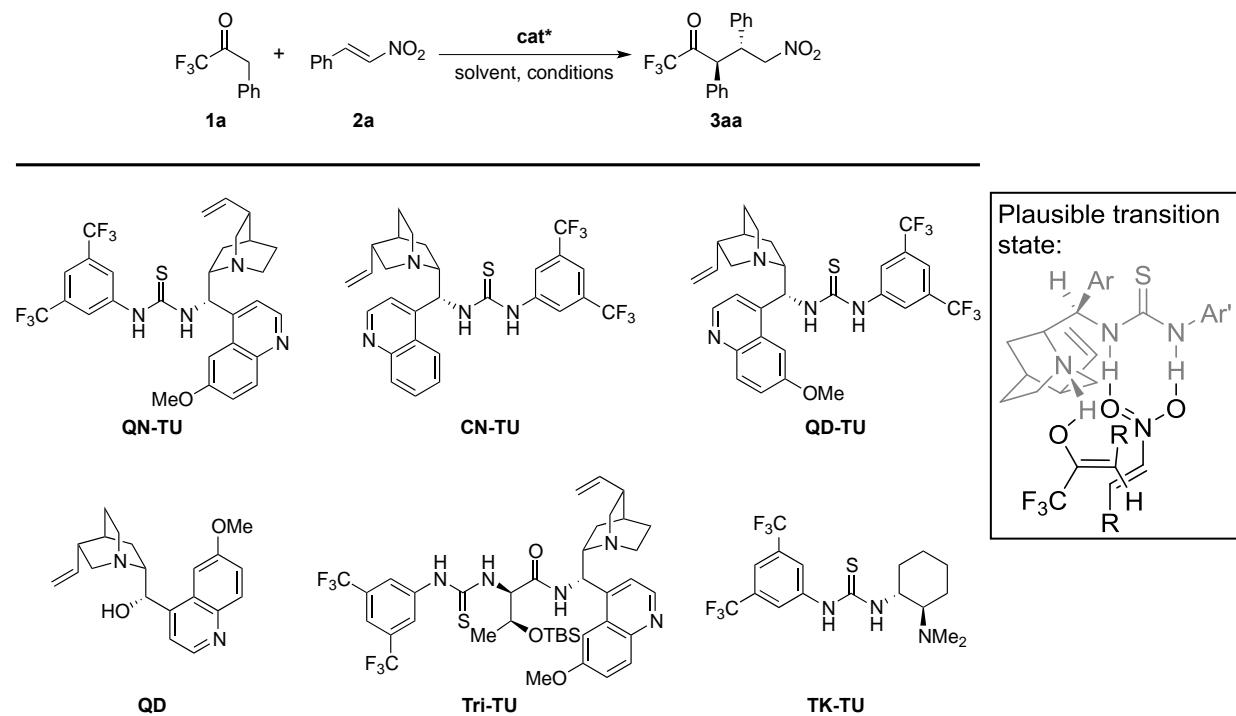
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General Information

Methods: Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a Jasco 260 Plus Fourier transform infrared spectrometer. Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR) were recorded on a Bruker model DRX 400 or 600 (^1H NMR at 400 MHz or 600 MHz, ^{13}C NMR at 100 MHz or 150 MHz, and ^{19}F NMR at 376 or 564 MHz) spectrometer with solvent resonance as the internal standard (^1H NMR: CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm and ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 at 77.0 ppm). ^1H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (app = apparent, s = singlet, br s = broad singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qt = quintet, sept = septuplet, oct = octuplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. HPLC analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 1200 System equipped with Chiralpak IA, IB, and IC columns (ϕ 4.6 mm x 250 mm, constant flow at 1.00 mL/min). Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) was performed on a Berger SFC system equipped with Chiralpak AD, AS, OD, and WO columns (ϕ 4.6 mm x 250 mm). Samples were eluted with SFC grade CO_2 at the indicated percentage of MeOH with an oven temperature of 40 °C. Optical rotations were measured using a 2 mL cell with a 1 dm path length on a Jasco DIP 1000 digital polarimeter. Mass spectra were obtained using a Thermo Scientific LTQ FT Ultra instrument with electrospray ionization; samples were prepared in MeOH. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Sorbtech 0.25 mm silica gel 60 plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and/or aqueous ceric ammonium molybdate solution followed by heating. Purification of the reaction products was carried out by using Siliaflash-P60 silica gel (40-63 μm) purchased from Silicycle. All reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring. Yield refers to isolated yield of analytically pure material unless otherwise noted. Yields and diastereomeric ratios (dr) are reported for a specific experiment and as a result may differ slightly from those found in the tables, which are averages of at least two experiments.

Materials: 1,1,1-Trifluoromethylketones **1**,^[1] nitroolefins **2**,^[2] and catalyst **QD-TU**^[3] were prepared according to known literature procedures. Triethylamine (Et_3N) was freshly distilled from calcium hydride prior to use. Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2), diethyl ether (Et_2O), tetrahydrofuran (THF), and toluene were dried by passage through a column of neutral alumina under nitrogen prior to use. All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted.

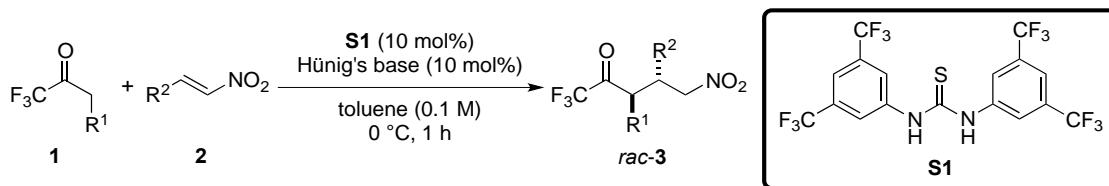
Detailed Optimization Studies^[a]



entry	cat* (%)	solvent ([M])	T (°C)	t (h)	conv. (%) ^[b]	dr ^[b]	er ^[c]
1	QN-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	10:90
2	QN-TU (10)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	15.5:84.5
3	QN-TU (10)	Et ₂ O (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	14.5:85.5
4	QN-TU (10)	EtOAc (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	15:85
5	QN-TU (10)	MeCN (0.2)	0	1	>95	10:1	24:76
6	CN-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	90.5:9.5
7	QD-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	92.5:7.5
8	Tri-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	15:85
9	TK-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	90:10
10	QD (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	77:23
11	QD-TU (10)	toluene (0.2) ^[d]	0	1	>95	>20:1	92:8
12 ^[e]	QD-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	0	1	>95	>20:1	93.5:6.5
13 ^[e]	QD-TU (10)	toluene (0.2)	-30	4	94	>20:1	95:5
14 ^[e]	QD-TU (10)	toluene (0.1)	0	1	>95	>20:1	94:6
15 ^[e]	QD-TU (5)	toluene (0.1)	0	1	>95	>20:1	94:6
16 ^[e]	QD-TU (2.5)	toluene (0.1)	0	1	>95	>20:1	94.5:5.5
17 ^[e]	QD-TU (1)	toluene (0.1)	0	3	>95	>20:1	94.5:5.5
18 ^[e]	QD-TU (0.5)	toluene (0.1)	0	24	65	>20:1	94.5:5.5
19 ^[e,f]	QD-TU (2.5)	toluene (0.1)	0	1	>95	>20:1	95:5

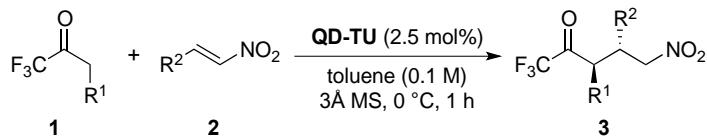
[a] Reactions were performed with **1a** (0.20 mmol) and **2a** (0.24 mmol). [b] The conversion and diastereomeric ratio were determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude product. [c] The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC or SFC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. [d] Employing reagent grade toluene. [e] Reactions were performed with 3 Å MS (50 mg). [f] Reaction was performed with **1a** (0.21 mmol) and **2a** (0.20 mmol).

General Procedure A for the Preparation of Racemic Michael Adducts

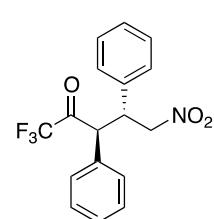


A 20-mL scintillation vial containing a magnetic stir bar was charged with 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1** (0.21 mmol, 1.05 equiv), nitroolefin **2** (0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and thiourea **S1** (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. Hünig's base (2.0 µL, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added and the reaction was capped. The reaction was allowed to stir at 0 °C until adjudged complete by TLC, generally 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 M HCl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL). The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude residue. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford Michael adduct **rac-3** as a mixture of diastereomers.

General Procedure B for the Asymmetric Michael Addition

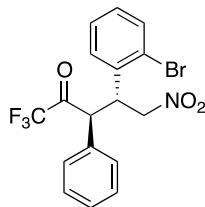


A flame-dried 20-mL scintillation vial containing a magnetic stir bar and activated 3Å molecular sieves (powder form, 50 mg) was charged with 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1** (0.210 mmol, 1.050 equiv) and nitroolefin **2** (0.200 mmol, 1.000 equiv) in toluene (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting turbid solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. **QD-TU** (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.025 equiv) was added and the reaction was capped. The reaction was allowed to stir at 0 °C until adjudged complete by TLC, generally 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 M HCl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL). The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude residue. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford Michael adduct **3**.



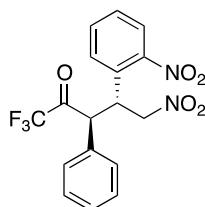
(3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3,4-diphenylpentan-2-one (3aa): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3aa** (66.2 mg, 0.196 mmol, 98% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 121–122 °C). Analytical data for **3aa**: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35–4.31 (m, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.4 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 136.3, 131.6, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 115.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 291.0 Hz), 78.1, 55.7, 46.0; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -

77.9; **IR** (thin film): 1757, 1557, 1382, 1204, 1147, 699 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.48$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{MeOH}+\text{Na}]^+$): 392.1086, Found: 392.1093; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230 \text{ nm}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 8.4 \text{ min}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 9.7 \text{ min}$, 95:5 er; $[\alpha]_D +192$ ($c = 0.9$, CHCl_3).



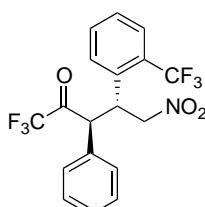
(3S,4R)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ab):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ab** (79.2 mg, 0.190 mmol, 95% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 121-122 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). Analytical data for **3ab**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (d, $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.08 (br s, 1H), 4.71 (br s, 1H), 4.57 (br s, 1H), 4.30 (br s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.8 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.0 \text{ Hz}$), 135.4, 133.9, 131.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.2, 127.0, 115.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0 \text{ Hz}$), 75.7, 54.1, 44.3; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.1; **IR** (thin film): 1759, 1556, 1376, 1207, 1152, 1026, 756 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.49$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_3\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{MeOH}+\text{Na}]^+$): 470.0191, Found: 470.0195; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230 \text{ nm}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 5.9 \text{ min}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 6.4 \text{ min}$, 96.5:3.5 er; $[\alpha]_D +150$ ($c = 1.1$, CHCl_3).



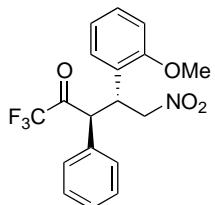
(3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ac):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2c** (38.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ac** (71.9 mg, 0.188 mmol, 94% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 116-117 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). Analytical data for **3ac**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 (d, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.52-7.36 (m, 7H), 5.17 (d, $J = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.81 (br s, 1H), 4.71-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.41 (br s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.1 \text{ Hz}$), 150.1, 133.7, 131.5, 130.7, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 127.5, 125.8, 115.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 290.9 \text{ Hz}$), 76.1, 54.4, 40.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.0; **IR** (thin film): 1757, 1558, 1530, 1353, 1209, 1154, 1033, 700 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.30$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaN}_2\text{O}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 405.0675, Found: 405.0680; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230 \text{ nm}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 6.6 \text{ min}$, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 7.3 \text{ min}$, 97.5:2.5 er; $[\alpha]_D +262$ ($c = 0.9$, CHCl_3).



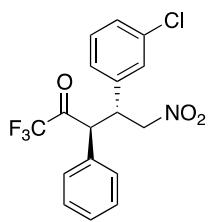
(3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-2-one (3ad):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2d** (43.4 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ad** (77.9 mg, 0.192 mmol, 96% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 67-68 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). Analytical data for **3ad**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (d, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.23 (d, $J = 10.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.61 (dd, $J = 12.6, 4.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.50-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 12.6, 4.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 34.8 \text{ Hz}$), 135.2, 132.5, 131.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$), 126.9, 124.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.4 \text{ Hz}$), 115.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.5 \text{ Hz}$), 76.7, 54.1, 41.5; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -58.7, -77.2; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1558, 1457, 1376, 1312, 1210, 1158, 1121, 1037 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.48$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_6\text{NaNO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{MeOH}+\text{Na}]^+$): 460.0960, Found: 460.0964; $[\alpha]_D +180$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



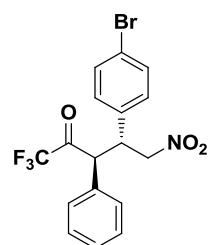
(3*S*,4*R*)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ae):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2e** (35.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ae** (72.3 mg, 0.197 mmol, 98% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 80-81 °C). Analytical data for **3ae**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.28 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.08 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 12.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 12.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 34.8 Hz), 157.1, 132.2, 131.3, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 123.5, 121.1, 115.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 291.5 Hz), 111.2, 75.9, 55.3, 53.0, 44.1 (Rotamer A), 43.0 (Rotamer B); **¹⁹F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -78.1; **IR** (thin film): 1759, 1635, 1557, 1495, 1378, 1248, 1207, 1152, 1027 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.45; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆F₃NaNO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 390.0929, Found: 390.0934; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 7.2 min, t_R (major) 7.8 min, 94:6 er; [α]_D +190 (c = 0.8, CHCl₃).



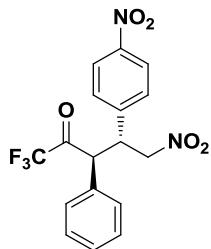
(3*S*,4*R*)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3af):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2f** (36.7 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3af** (72.8 mg, 0.196 mmol, 98% yield, 19:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 129-131 °C). Analytical data for **3af**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 12.5, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.24 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 138.4, 135.1, 131.1, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 126.0, 115.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 290.9 Hz), 77.7, 55.5, 45.6; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -77.8; **IR** (thin film): 1759, 1557, 1377, 1209, 1153, 656 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.46; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇ClF₃NaNO₄ ([M+MeOH+Na]⁺): 426.0696, Found: 426.0701; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 7.6 min, t_R (major) 8.7 min, 93.5:6.5 er; [α]_D +199 (c = 0.8, CHCl₃).



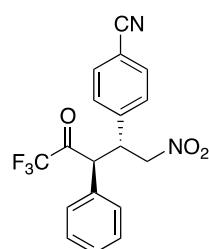
(3*S*,4*R*)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ag):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ag** (82.4 mg, 0.198 mmol, 99% yield, 11:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 114-115 °C). Analytical data for **3ag**: **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 12.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.25 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 135.4, 132.4, 131.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 122.7, 118.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 291.0 Hz), 77.8, 55.6, 45.5; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -77.7; **IR** (thin film): 2255, 1761, 1560, 1383, 1159, 903 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.15; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆BrF₃NO₃ ([M+H+MeOH-H₂O]⁺): 430.0266, Found: 430.0272; **SFC**: Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, t_R (minor) 8.2 min, t_R (major) 12.7 min, 95.6:4.4 er; [α]_D +184.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



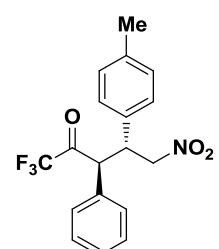
(3*S*,4*R*)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ah):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2h** (38.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ah** (75.7 mg, 0.198 mmol, 99% yield, 7:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 118–119 °C). Analytical data for **3ah**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 12.4, 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.33–4.26 (m, 2H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.6 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.0$ Hz), 135.4, 132.4, 131.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 122.7, 118.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 77.8, 55.6, 45.5; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.7; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1352, 1159 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.4$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}+\text{MeOH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$): 397.1011, Found: 397.1016; Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 14.7$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 20.6$ min, 95.7:4.3 er; $[\alpha]_D +130.4$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



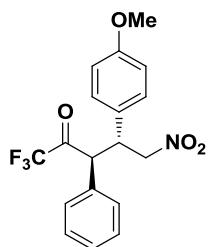
4-((2*R*,3*S*)-5,5,5-trifluoro-1-nitro-4-oxo-3-phenylpentan-2-yl)benzonitrile (3ai):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2i** (34.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ai** (69.6 mg, 0.192 mmol, 96% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 129–131 °C). Analytical data for **3ai**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.36 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 13.0, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.39–4.35 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 13.0, 10.0$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.0 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 141.8, 132.9, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 118.1, 115.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 290.9$ Hz), 112.7, 77.4, 55.4, 45.8; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.6; **IR** (thin film): 2231, 1759, 1647, 1557, 1378, 1211, 1153 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.25$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NaN}_2\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{MeOH}+\text{Na}]^+$): 417.1038, Found: 417.1043; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 21.3$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 22.8$ min, 96:4 er; $[\alpha]_D +245$ ($c = 0.7$, CHCl_3).



(3*S*,4*R*)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)pentan-2-one (3aj):

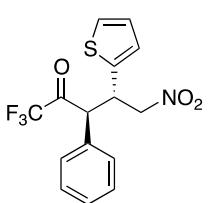
The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2j** (32.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3aj** (67.5 mg, 0.192 mmol, 96% yield, 8:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 111–112 °C). Analytical data for **3aj**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 12.1, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.34–4.26 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.2$ Hz), 135.4, 133.2, 131.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 127.7, 118.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 78.3, 55.8, 45.8, 21.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.9; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1383, 1159, 841 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.18$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}+\text{MeOH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$): 366.1317, Found: 366.1320; Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 5.2$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 7.1$ min, 93.1:6.9 er; $[\alpha]_D +183.4$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



(3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ak):

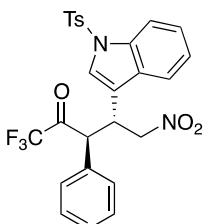
The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2k** (35.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ak** (66.9 mg, 0.182 mmol, 91% yield, 6:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 124-125 °C). Analytical data for **3ak**: **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 12.3, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.24 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 36.0$ Hz), 159.5, 131.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 116.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 114.6, 78.3, 55.9, 55.2, 45.8; **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.9; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1259, 1159 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.5$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}+\text{MeOH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$): 382.1266, Found: 382.1270; Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 7.0$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 9.8$ min, 86.2:13.8 er; $[\alpha]_D +170.1$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).

NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 36.0$ Hz), 159.5, 131.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 116.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 114.6, 78.3, 55.9, 55.2, 45.8; **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.9; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1259, 1159 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.5$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}+\text{MeOH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$): 382.1266, Found: 382.1270; Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 7.0$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 9.8$ min, 86.2:13.8 er; $[\alpha]_D +170.1$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



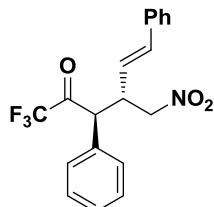
(3S,4S)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)pentan-2-one (3al):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2l** (31.0 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3al** (66.4 mg, 0.193 mmol, 97% yield, 15:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 67-69 °C). Analytical data for **3al**: **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.66-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.39 (dd, $J = 13.1, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 13.1, 4.2$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.3$ Hz), 138.7, 131.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 125.6, 115.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 78.4, 56.7, 41.2; **19F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.4; **IR** (thin film): 1759, 1557, 1378, 1209, 1154, 1033, 699 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.50$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NaNO}_4\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{MeOH}+\text{Na}]^+$): 398.0650, Found: 398.0654; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 7.9$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 8.7$ min, 91.5:8.5 er; $[\alpha]_D +189$ ($c = 1.1$, CHCl_3).



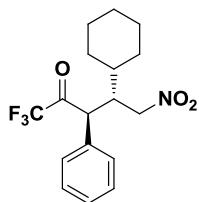
(3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenyl-4-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)pentan-2-one (3am):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2m** (68.5 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3am** (97.9 mg, 0.185 mmol, 92% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white foam (mp: 72-74 °C). Analytical data for **3am**: **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.6 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 145.3, 134.9, 134.5, 131.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 126.6, 125.5, 124.7, 123.8, 118.9, 118.4, 115.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 290.9$ Hz), 113.9, 76.5, 55.0, 37.0, 21.5; **19F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.4; **IR** (thin film): 1759, 1646, 1556, 1448, 1372, 1212, 1174, 749 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.31$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 531.1202, Found: 531.1209; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 280$ nm, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (major)} = 13.7$ min, $t_{\text{R}} \text{ (minor)} = 16.9$ min, 88:12 er; $[\alpha]_D +114$ ($c = 0.9$, CHCl_3).



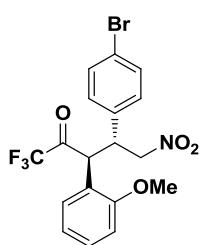
(3*S*,4*S*,*E*)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(nitromethyl)-3,6-diphenylhex-5-en-2-one (3an):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2n** (35.0 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3an** (33.6 mg, 0.0925 mmol, 46% yield with 50% conversion, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 123–124 °C). Analytical data for **3an**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47–7.29 (m, 10H), 6.67 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 15.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.90–2.85 (m, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 36.0 Hz), 136.8, 135.7, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 123.3, 118.4 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 291.0 Hz), 54.6, 44.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -78.0; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1383, 1159, 965 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.31; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ ([M+H+MeOH-H₂O]⁺): 378.1317, Found: 378.1321; Chiralpak AS, 1.5% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (minor)}$ 6.3 min, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (major)}$ 7.8 min, 90.4:9.6 er; $[\alpha]_D$ +82.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).

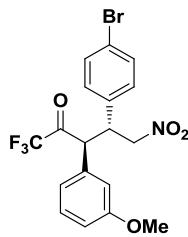


(3*S*,4*S*)-4-cyclohexyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-one (3ao):

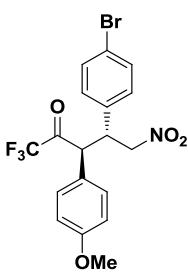
The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2o** (31.0 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3ao** (28.7 mg, 0.0836 mmol, 42% yield with 43% conversion, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 100–101 °C). Analytical data for **3ao**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.27 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.50–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.32–1.10 (m, 4H), 1.02 (dq, J = 12.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 34.5 Hz), 131.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 118.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 291.0 Hz), 74.1, 53.1, 44.1, 39.8, 31.2, 28.1, 26.5, 26.4, 26.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.1; **IR** (thin film): 2035, 2865, 1761, 1560, 1143 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.49; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ ([M+H+MeOH-H₂O]⁺): 358.1630, Found: 358.1634; Chiralpak OD, 1.0% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (minor)}$ 6.3 min, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (major)}$ 7.0 min, 94.1:5.9 er; $[\alpha]_D$ +171.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).



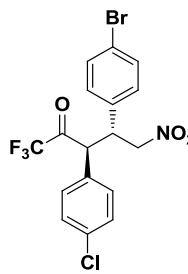
(3*S*,4*R*)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitropentan-2-one (3bg): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1b** (45.8 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3bg** (86.5 mg, 0.194 mmol, 97% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 115–116 °C). Analytical data for **3bg**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dt, J = 7.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, J = 12.8, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.33–4.28 (m, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 12.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 34.5 Hz), 157.2, 136.2, 132.3, 131.0, 129.8, 128.6, 122.4, 121.9, 119.1, 118.1 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 291.1 Hz), 111.5, 77.7, 56.0, 47.9, 44.9; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.8; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1491, 1158, 1012 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.31; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_3\text{NNaO}_4$ ([M+Na]⁺): 468.0034, Found: 468.0037; Chiralpak AS, 5.0% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (minor)}$ 4.4 min, $t_{\text{R}}\text{ (major)}$ 5.1 min, 95.4:4.6 er; $[\alpha]_D$ +242.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).



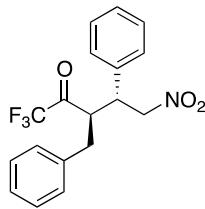
(3S,4R)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitropentan-2-one (3cg): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1c** (45.8 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3cg** (85.7 mg, 0.192 mmol, 96% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 124–125 °C). Analytical data for **3cg**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.98–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 14.1, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.27 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.5 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 36.0$ Hz), 160.6, 135.3, 132.5, 132.4, 131.2, 129.6, 122.7, 118.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 114.8, 77.9, 55.5, 55.4, 45.4; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.7; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1599, 1560, 1491, 1267, 1150 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.31$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_3\text{NNaO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 468.0034, Found: 468.0028; Chiralpak AS, 5.0% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, t_{R} (minor) 4.7 min, t_{R} (major) 6.0 min, 88.1:11.9 er; $[\alpha]_D +135.8$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



(3S,4R)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitropentan-2-one (3dg): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1d** (45.8 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3dg** (86.7 mg, 0.195 mmol, 97% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 151–152 °C). Analytical data for **3dg**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.55 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 12.6, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.6 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 35.0$ Hz), 160.6, 135.6, 132.4, 130.1, 129.5, 122.7, 122.6, 118.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 115.5, 77.9, 55.4, 54.9, 45.5; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.6; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1614, 1565, 1514, 1267, 1159 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.29$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_3\text{NNaO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 468.0034, Found: 468.0027; Chiralpak AS, 5.0% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, t_{R} (minor) 5.5 min, t_{R} (major) 7.2 min, 87.0:13.0 er; $[\alpha]_D +215.5$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).

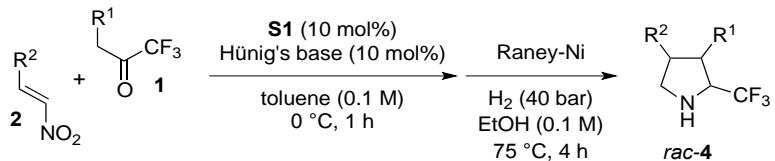


(3S,4R)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitropentan-2-one (3eg): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1e** (46.7 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3eg** (85.8 mg, 0.190 mmol, 95% yield, 17:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 132–133 °C). Analytical data for **3eg**: **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.63 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 12.7, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.23 (m, 2H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.5 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 36.0$ Hz), 136.1, 135.0, 132.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 122.5, 118.1 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 291.0$ Hz), 77.6, 55.7, 45.5; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (564 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -77.8; **IR** (thin film): 1761, 1560, 1491, 1375, 1159, 1097, 1012 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.36$; **MS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrClF}_3\text{KN}_2\text{O}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{K}+\text{NH}_4]^+$): 505.96, Found: 505.97; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrClF}_3\text{KN}_2\text{O}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{K}+\text{NH}_4]^+$): 505.9622, Found: 505.9685. Chiralpak AS, 5.0% MeOH, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 210$ nm, t_{R} (minor) 5.6 min, t_{R} (major) 7.6 min, 93.9:6.1 er; $[\alpha]_D +94.2$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



(3*R*,4*R*)-3-benzyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-4-phenylpentan-2-one (3fa): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure B using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1f** (42.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **3fa** (51.3 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 94–95 °C). Analytical data for **3fa**: **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.84–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.09–3.03 (m, 2H); **13C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.0 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 35.3 Hz), 135.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 114.6 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 290.4 Hz), 76.5, 51.9, 45.2, 35.4 (one carbon missing due to overlap); **19F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -79.3; **IR** (thin film): 1748, 1550, 1456, 1387, 1281, 1204, 1038 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.47; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NaNO}_3$ ([M+Na] $^+$): 374.0980, Found: 374.0985; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_{R} (minor) 14.2 min, t_{R} (major) 18.5 min, 97:3 er; $[\alpha]_D$ +5 (c = 1.1, CHCl_3).

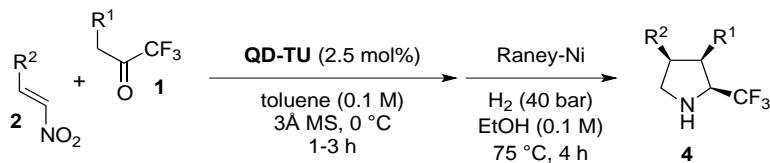
General Procedure C for the One-Pot Racemic Michael Addition/Reductive Cyclization Protocol



NOTE: Caution should be used when conducting hydrogenations at elevated pressures and temperatures and necessary experimental precautions should be taken.

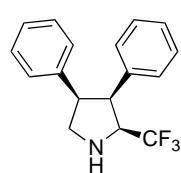
A 20-mL scintillation vial containing a magnetic stir bar was charged with 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1** (0.21 mmol, 1.05 equiv), nitroolefin **2** (0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and thiourea **S1** (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in toluene (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. Hunig's base (2.0 μL , 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added and the reaction was capped. The reaction was allowed to stir at 0 °C until adjudged complete by TLC, generally 1 h. The reaction was removed from the ice bath and diluted with EtOH (2 mL). Raney-Ni (W.R. Grace and Co. Raney®2800, slurry, in H_2O , 200 μL) was added under a N_2 atmosphere. The scintillation vial was carefully placed inside a 600 mL high-pressure vessel (Parr Instrument Co., Model 4605). The vessel was sealed and purged with a H_2 atmosphere (3x) before slowly pressuring the vessel to 40 bar behind a blast shield. The sealed, pressurized vessel was then carefully placed in a pre-heated oil bath (75 °C). The reaction was allowed to stir for 4 h at 75 °C behind a blast shield. After 4 h, the vessel was removed from the oil bath and placed in an ice bath to cool the vessel to room temperature. After the pressure vessel reached room temperature, it was slowly vented to atmospheric pressure. The pressure vessel was opened and the scintillation vial was removed. The turbid solution was filtered through a 2 cm pad of Celite® to remove the Raney-Ni washing with MeOH (3 x 5 mL). The obtained solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by **19F NMR** spectroscopic analysis of the crude residue. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford pyrrolidine **rac-4**.

General Procedure D for the Asymmetric Michael Addition/Reductive Cyclization Protocol

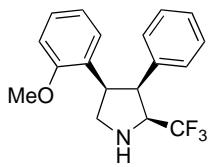


NOTE: Caution should be used when conducting hydrogenations at elevated pressures and temperatures and necessary experimental precautions should be taken.

A flame-dried 20-mL scintillation vial containing a magnetic stir bar and activated 3Å molecular sieves (powder form, 50 mg) was charged with 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1** (0.210 mmol, 1.050 equiv) and nitroolefin **2** (0.200 mmol, 1.000 equiv) in toluene (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting turbid solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. **QD-TU** (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.025 equiv) was added and the reaction was capped. The reaction was allowed to stir at 0 °C until adjudged complete by TLC, generally 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 M HCl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL). The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude residue was taken up in EtOH (2 mL) and added to a 20-mL scintillation vial containing a magnetic stir bar and Raney-Ni (W.R. Grace and Co. Raney®2800, slurry, in H₂O, 200 μL) in EtOH (2 mL) under a N₂ atmosphere. The scintillation vial was carefully placed inside a 600 mL high-pressure vessel (Parr Instrument Co., Model 4605). The vessel was sealed and purged with a H₂ atmosphere (3x) before slowly pressuring the vessel to 40 bar behind a blast shield. The sealed, pressurized vessel was then carefully placed in a pre-heated oil bath (75 °C). The reaction was allowed to stir for 4 h at 75 °C behind a blast shield. After 4 h, the vessel was removed from the oil bath and placed in an ice bath to cool the vessel to room temperature. After the pressure vessel reached room temperature, it was slowly vented to atmospheric pressure. The pressure vessel was opened and the scintillation vial was removed. The turbid solution was filtered through a 2 cm pad of Celite® to remove the Raney-Ni washing with MeOH (3 x 5 mL). The obtained solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude residue. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford pyrrolidine **4**.

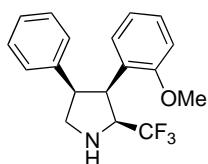


(2S,3S,4R)-3,4-diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (4a): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure D using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **4a** (47.2 mg, 0.162 mmol, 81% yield, >20:1 dr) as a colorless oil. Analytical data for **4a**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15-7.06 (m, 8H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dq, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.69 (m, 3H), 2.29 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.6, 135.6, 130.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 126.3, 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 277.8 Hz), 64.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.1 Hz), 50.9, 49.7, 48.3 (one carbon missing due to overlap); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -69.4; **IR** (thin film): 3471, 1604, 1295, 1149, 1122, 698 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.30; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇F₃N ([M+H]⁺): 292.1314, Found: 292.1315; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 97:3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 5.5 min, t_R (major) 6.2 min, 94.5:5.5 er; [α]_D +44 (c = 1.3, CHCl₃).



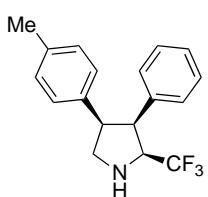
(2S,3S,4R)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (4b):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure D using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2e** (35.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **4b** (52.8 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82% yield, >20:1 dr) as a pale yellow oil. Analytical data for **4b**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11-7.02 (m, 6H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dq, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.56 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.1, 136.4, 130.0, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.9, 125.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 277.7 Hz), 119.7, 109.6, 64.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.3 Hz), 55.1, 48.7, 47.1, 44.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -69.3; **IR** (thin film): 3432, 1541, 1495, 1294, 1247, 1115, 1030 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.29; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉F₃NO ([M+H]⁺): 322.1419, Found: 322.1421; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 97:3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 5.6 min, t_R (major) 6.6 min, 93.5:6.5 er; [α]_D +58 (c = 0.7, CHCl₃).

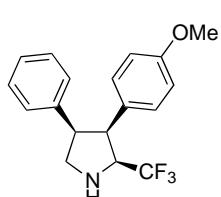


(2S,3S,4R)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (4c):

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure D using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1b** (45.8 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **4c** (46.9 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73% yield, >20:1 dr) as a white solid (mp: 87-88 °C). Analytical data for **4c**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (br s, 1H), 4.33-4.28 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.26 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5, 137.9, 131.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 125.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 277.8 Hz), 124.3, 119.8, 110.4, 64.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.6 Hz), 55.4, 49.6, 48.3, 40.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -69.3; **IR** (thin film): 3431, 1494, 1294, 1245, 1151, 1123, 1029 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.32; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉F₃NO ([M+H]⁺): 322.1419, Found: 322.1421; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 97:3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 5.5 min, t_R (major) 6.2 min, 93.5:6.5 er; [α]_D -21 (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S,4R)-3-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (4d): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure D using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2j** (32.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **4d** (47.5 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78% yield, >20:1 dr) as a colorless oil. Analytical data for **4d**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.31-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.74 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.68 (m, 2H), 2.26 (br s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.8, 135.7, 134.4, 130.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 277.8 Hz), 64.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.1 Hz), 50.8, 49.5, 48.6, 20.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -69.6; **IR** (thin film): 3431, 1518, 1295, 1150, 1121, 817 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.30; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉F₃N ([M+H]⁺): 306.1470, Found: 306.1472; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, H:IPA = 97:3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_R (minor) 5.2 min, t_R (major) 6.0 min, 94:6 er; [α]_D +28 (c = 0.9, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S,4R)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (4e):

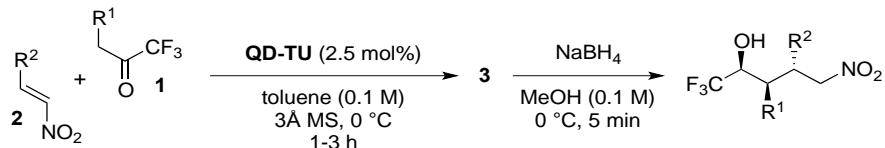
The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure D using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1d** (45.8 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **4e** (56.0 mg, 0.174 mmol, 87% yield, >20:1 dr) as a pale yellow oil. Analytical data for **4e**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11-7.05 (m,

5H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.68 (m, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.21 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.2, 137.8, 131.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 125.5 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 277.8$ Hz), 112.9, 64.0 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 29.6$ Hz), 54.9, 50.1, 49.7, 48.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -69.4; IR (thin film): 3367, 1514, 1296, 1247, 1149, 1119, 1037, 698 cm^{-1} ; TLC (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.23; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 322.1419, Found: 322.1421; HPLC: Chiraldak IC, H:IPA = 97:3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_{R} (minor) 7.0 min, t_{R} (major) 8.2 min, 94:6 er; $[\alpha]_D$ +35 (c = 0.9, CHCl_3).

Recrystallization of 3ai

A 1-dram vial was charged with **3ai** (40.0 mg, 0.11 mmol; 96:4 er) in 19:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate (2 mL). The solution was gently warmed until it became homogenous. The vial was then capped and allowed to slowly cool down to -10 °C. After sitting in the freezer overnight, the crystals were collected via vacuum filtration (rinsing with hexanes) to afford **3ai** (35.7 mg, 0.10 mmol, 89% yield, >20:1 dr); HPLC: Chiraldak IC, H:IPA = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, t_{R} (minor) 19.5 min, t_{R} (major) 20.7 min, 99.5:0.5 er.

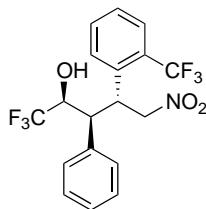
General Procedure E for the Diastereoselective Reduction of Michael Adduct 3



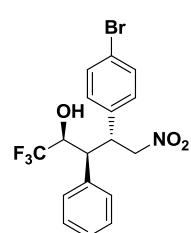
The Michael addition was conducted as described in General Procedures A and B with a modification to the workup. Upon completion of the Michael addition as adjudged by TLC, the reaction was diluted with MeOH (2 mL). NaBH₄ (~10 mg) was added to the reaction at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min at 0 °C, the reaction was carefully quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ^{19}F NMR of the crude residue. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the carbinol.

(2S,3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3,4-diphenylpentan-2-ol (5aa): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2a** (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **5aa** (63.7 mg, 0.188 mmol, 94% yield, >20:1 dr) as colorless crystals (mp: 179-180 °C). Analytical data for **5aa**: ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.37 (m, 10H), 4.50 (dd, J = 12.6, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.1, 134.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.0$ Hz), 79.5, 70.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.0$ Hz), 48.1, 46.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -75.4; IR (thin film): 3699, 3028, 1560, 1166, 1140 cm^{-1} .

¹; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.24$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{16}F_3NaNO_3$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 362.0980, Found: 362.0980; $[\alpha]_D +21.0$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$).

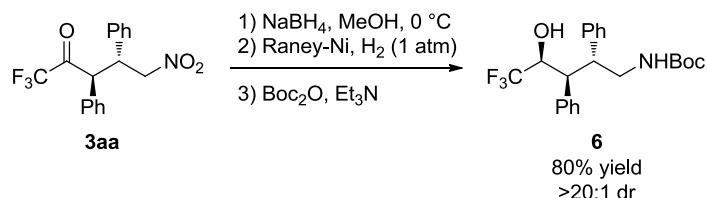


(2S,3S,4R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenyl-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)pentan-2-ol (5ad): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2d** (43.4 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **5ad** (70.9 mg, 0.174 mmol, 87% yield, >20:1 dr) as colorless crystals (mp: 151-153 °C). Analytical data for **5ad**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.80 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 7H), 4.48-4.43 (m, 2H), 4.40-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.74 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 135.9, 134.0, 133.0, 129.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 29.4$ Hz), 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 5.7$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 281.6$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.4$ Hz), 78.7, 70.0 (q, $J_{C-F} = 30.0$ Hz), 47.5, 41.4, (one carbon missing due to overlap); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -57.7, -75.8; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.37$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{15}F_6NaNO_3$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 430.0854, Found: 430.0860; **HPLC**: Chiralpak IA, H:IPA = 98:2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, t_R (minor) 11.3 min, t_R (major) 15.5 min, 96.5:3.5 er; $[\alpha]_D +27$ ($c = 0.6$, $CHCl_3$).



(2S,3S,4R)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5-nitro-3-phenylpentan-2-ol (5ag): The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E using 1,1,1-trifluoromethyl ketone **1a** (39.5 mg, 0.210 mmol) and nitroolefin **2g** (45.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) affording **5ag** (75.4 mg, 0.180 mmol, 90% yield, >20:1 dr) as colorless crystals (mp: 179-180 °C). Analytical data for **5ag**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 13.2, 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.83-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 136.2, 134.5, 132.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 127.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 281.6$ Hz), 122.7, 79.2, 70.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 30.0$ Hz), 48.0, 45.5; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -75.4; **IR** (thin film): 3599, 3337, 1560, 1491, 1383, 1282, 1135 cm^{-1} ; **TLC** (10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): $R_f = 0.15$; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{15}BrF_3NNaO_3$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 440.0085, Found: 440.0086; $[\alpha]_D +13.7$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$).

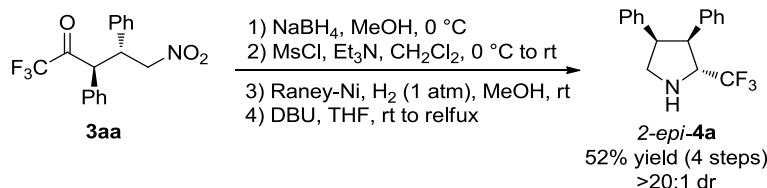
Procedure for the Synthesis of Amino Alcohol 6



The Michael addition was conducted as described in General Procedure B with a modification to the workup. Upon completion of the Michael addition as adjudged by TLC, the reaction was diluted with MeOH (2 mL). $NaBH_4$ (10 mg, 0.264 mmol) was added to the reaction at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min at 0 °C, the mixture was filtered through a pad of celite to remove 3 Å molecular sieves. The residue was washed with MeOH (0.5 mL * 2). Raney-Ni (W.R. Grace and Co. Raney®2800, slurry, in H_2O , 200 μL) was added to the filtrate. The mixture was put under hydrogen balloon for 1 hour at rt.

Triethylamine (0.139 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added, followed by the addition of Boc anhydride (87.3 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the amino alcohol **6** (65.9 mg, 0.161 mmol, 80% yield) as a semi-solid. Analytical data for **6**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44–7.35 (m, 10H), 4.08 (br s, 1H), 3.80 (br s, 1H), 3.54 (br s, 1H), 3.28 (br s, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 11.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (br s, 1H), 2.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.5, 140.3, 135.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5 (q, J_{C–F} = 282.0 Hz), 79.1, 70.6 (q, J_{C–F} = 29.5 Hz), 49.1, 46.9, 44.4, 28.3; **¹⁹F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.3; **IR** (thin film): 3453, 2981, 1707, 1498, 1367, 1274, 1166, 1135 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.17; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆F₃NNaO₃ ([M+Na]⁺): 432.1762, Found: 432.1793; [α]_D +41.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

Procedure for the Synthesis of (2*R*,3*S*,4*R*)-3,4-diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine (2-*epi*-4a**)**



The Michael addition was conducted as described in General Procedure B with a modification to the workup. Upon completion of the Michael addition as adjudged by TLC, the reaction was diluted with MeOH (2 mL). NaBH₄ (10 mg, 0.264 mmol) was added to the reaction at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The crude residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and the flask was put in an ice bath. Triethylamine (0.056 mL, 0.4 mmol) was added, followed by MsCl (0.023 mL, 0.3 mmol). The mixture was brought to rt and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaCl (2 mL). The biphasic mixture was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

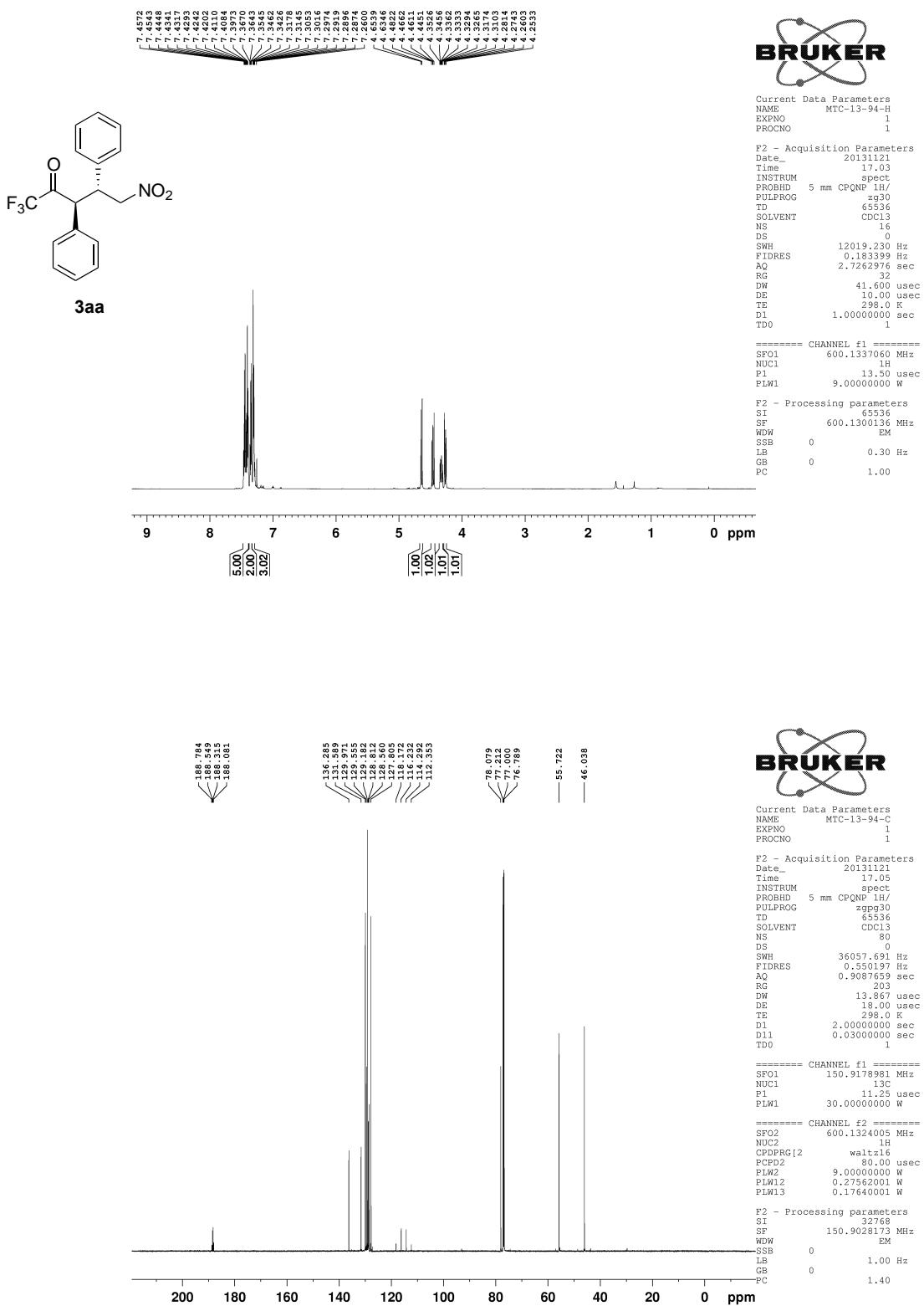
The crude residue was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL). Raney-Ni (W.R. Grace and Co. Raney®2800, slurry, in H₂O, 200 μL) was added to the filtrate. The mixture was put under a hydrogen balloon for 1 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaCl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

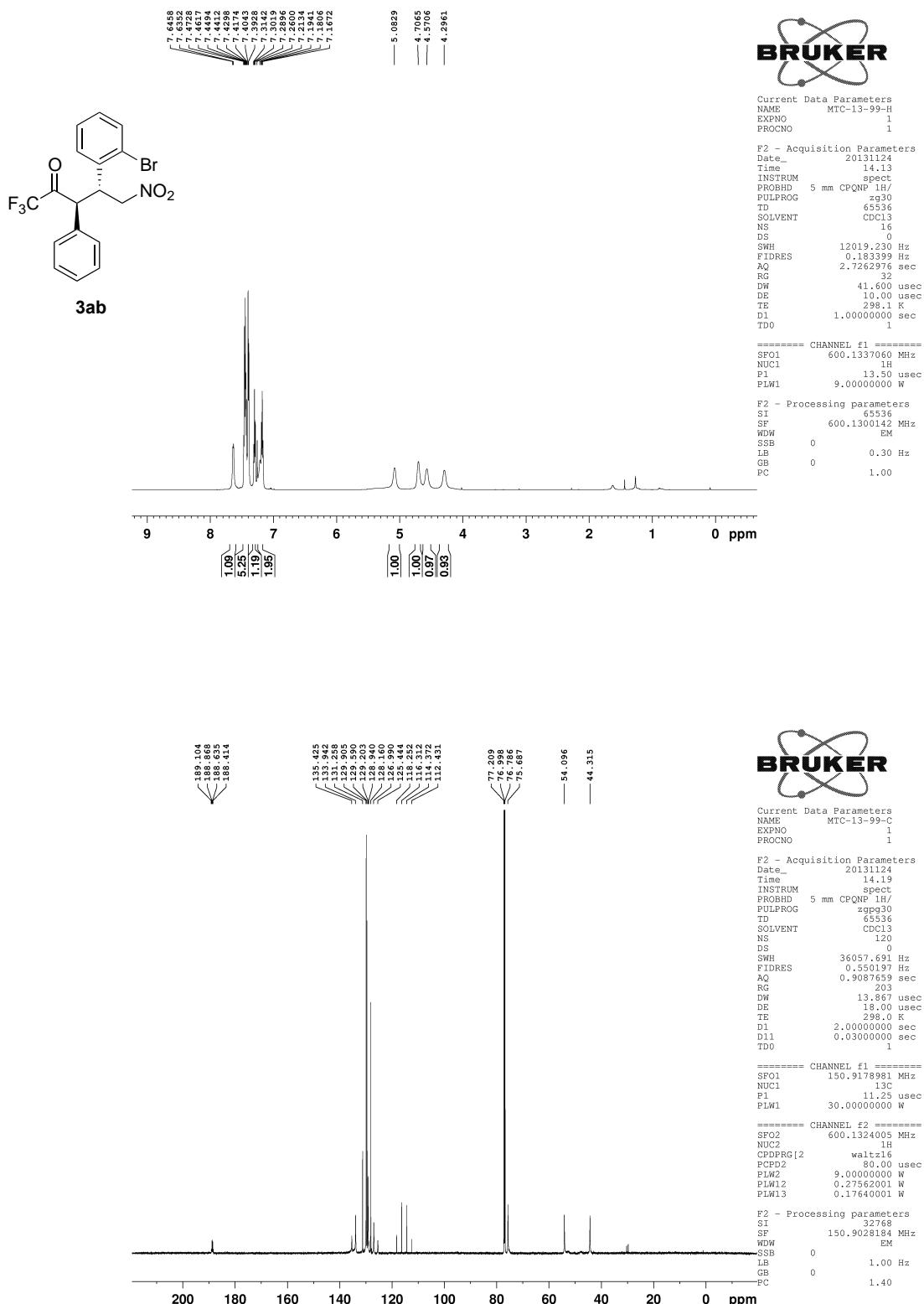
The crude residue was dissolved in anhydrous THF (4 mL). DBU (0.089 mL, 0.6 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at rt for 8 h, then brought to reflux overnight. The reaction was quenched

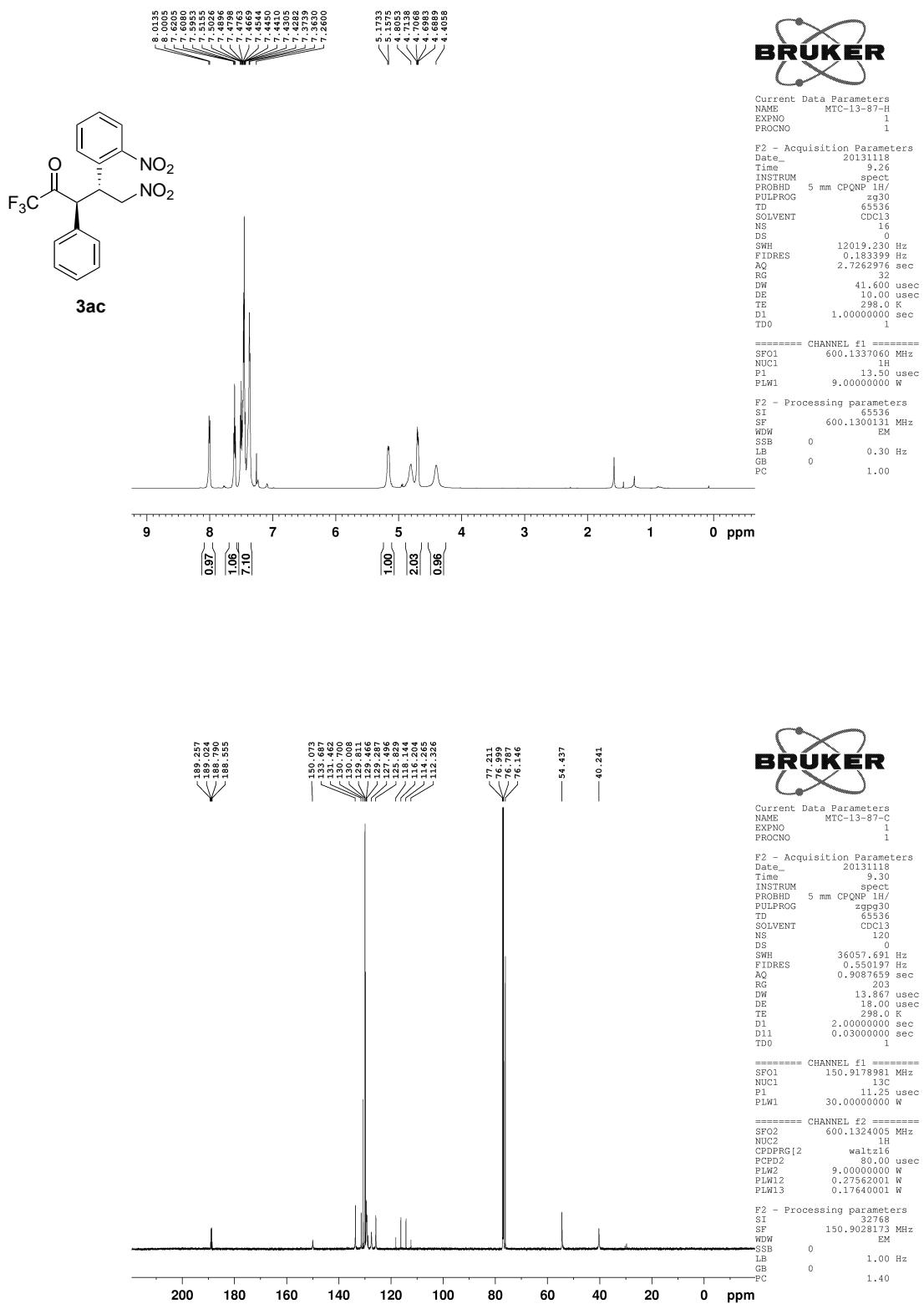
with sat. aq. NaCl (2 mL). The biphasic solution was diluted with H₂O (3 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 2-*epi*-**4a** (30.5 mg, 0.105 mmol, 52% yield) as a white solid (mp: 75-76 °C). Analytical data for 2-*epi*-**4a**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63, (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.0, 138.0, 129.3 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 278.1 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 126.5, 64.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 28.5 Hz), 50.3, 49.9, 49.4; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -76.7; **IR** (thin film): 3391, 2935, 1290, 1150, 1125 cm⁻¹; **TLC** (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate): R_f = 0.30; **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇F₃N ([M+H]⁺): 292.1313, Found: 292.1353; [α]_D +44.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

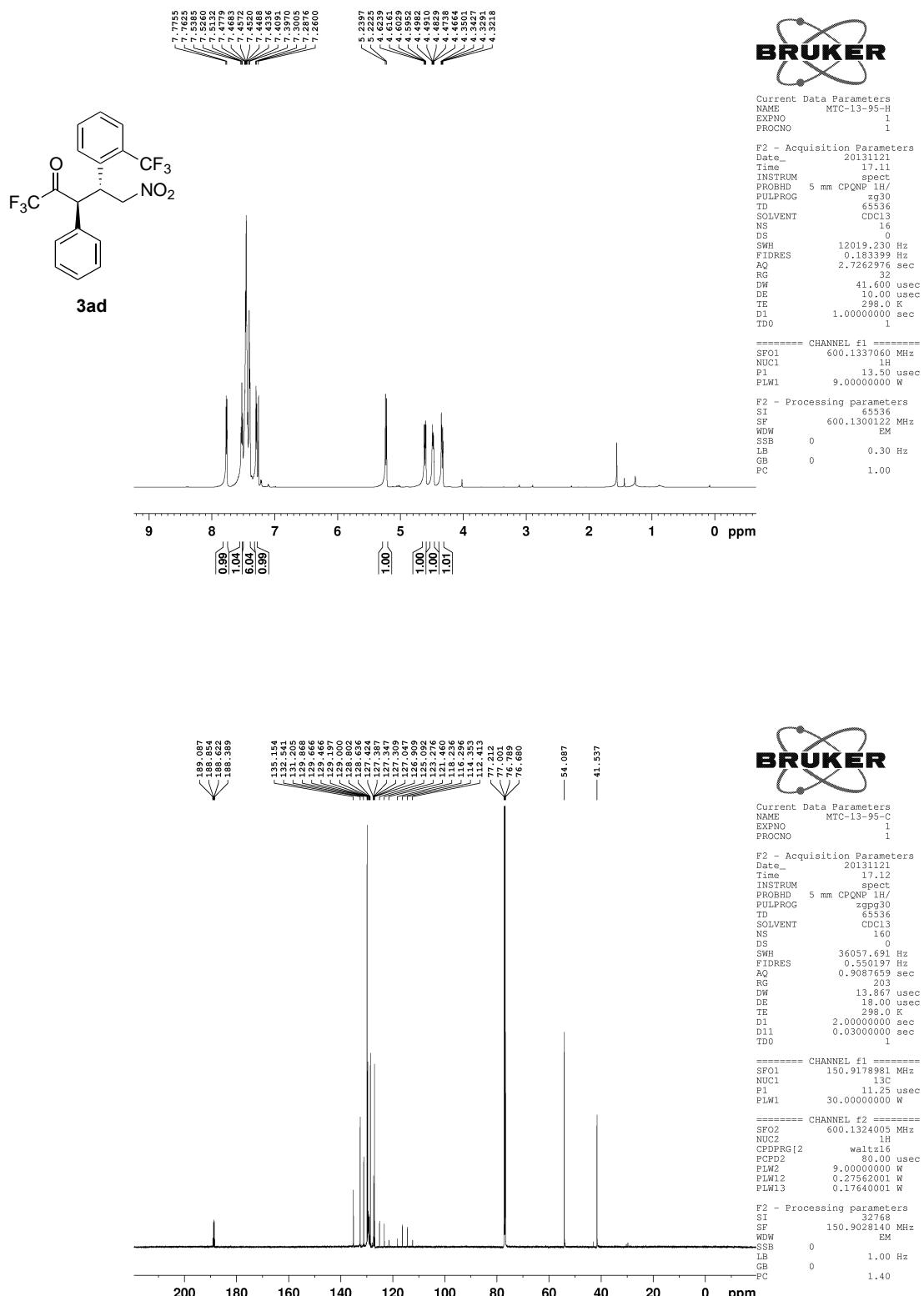
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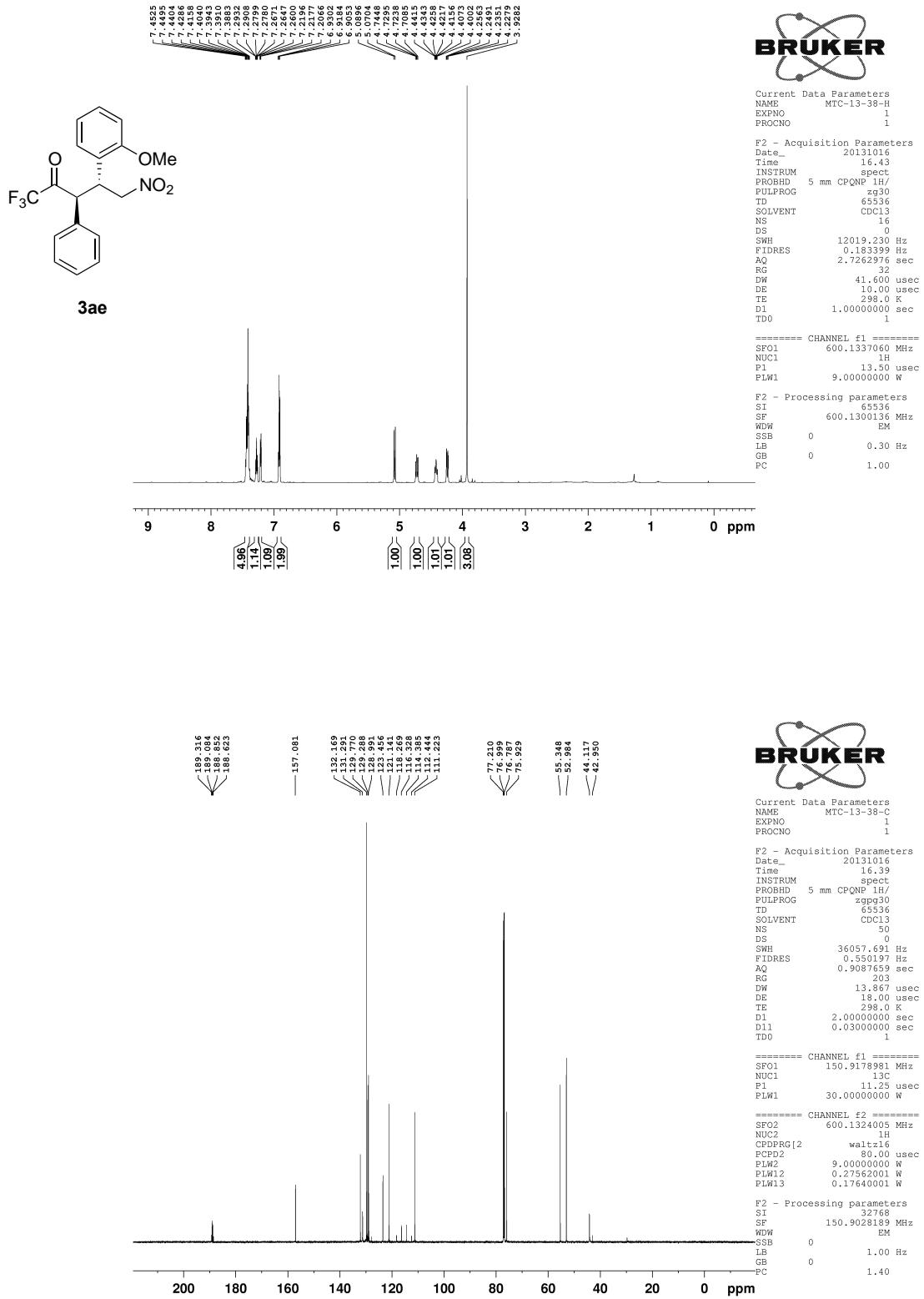
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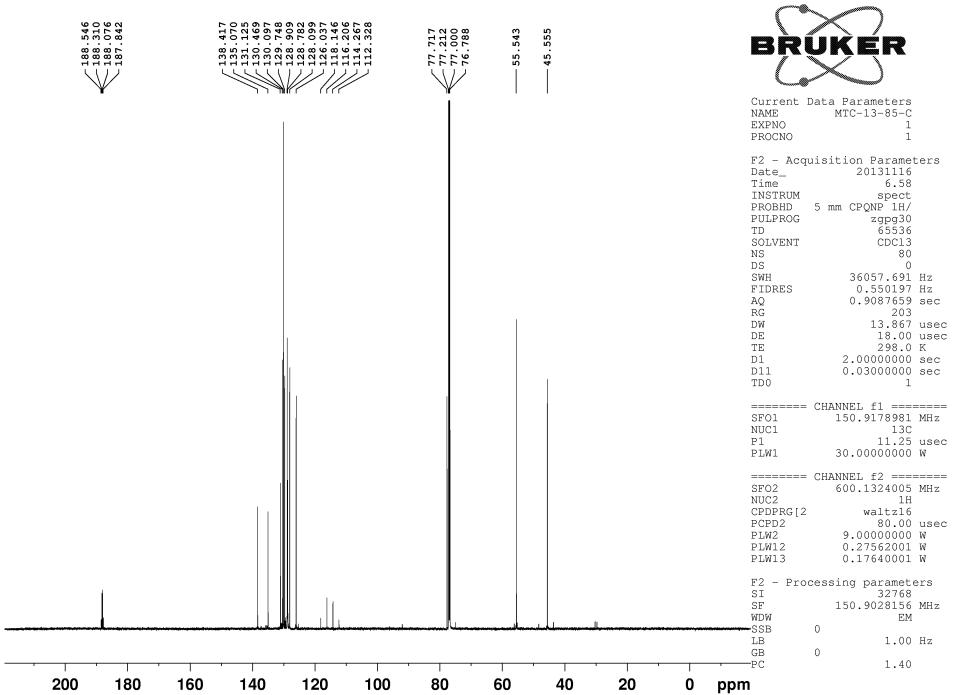
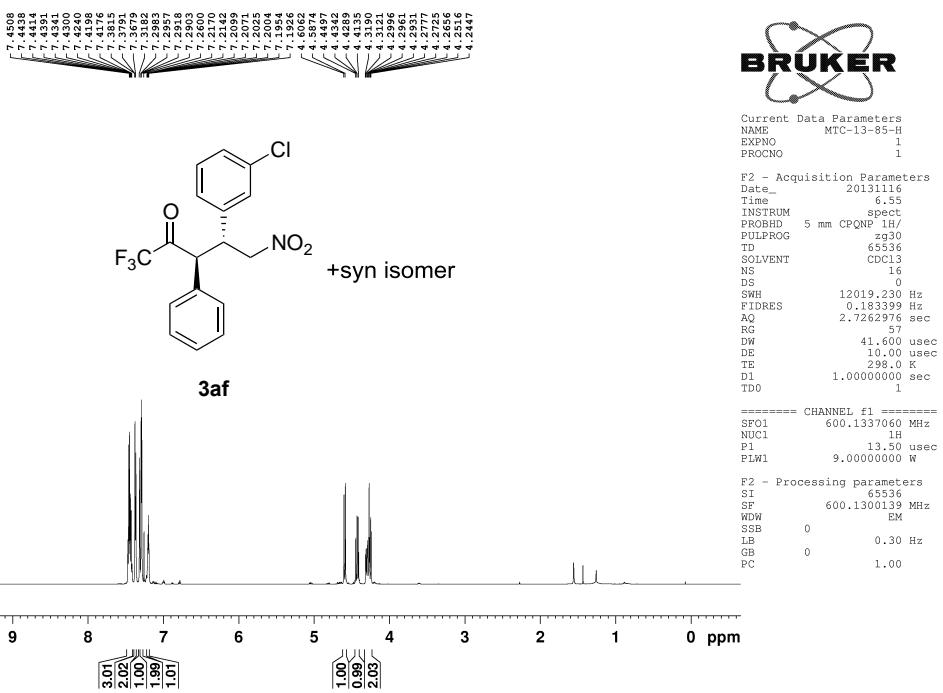


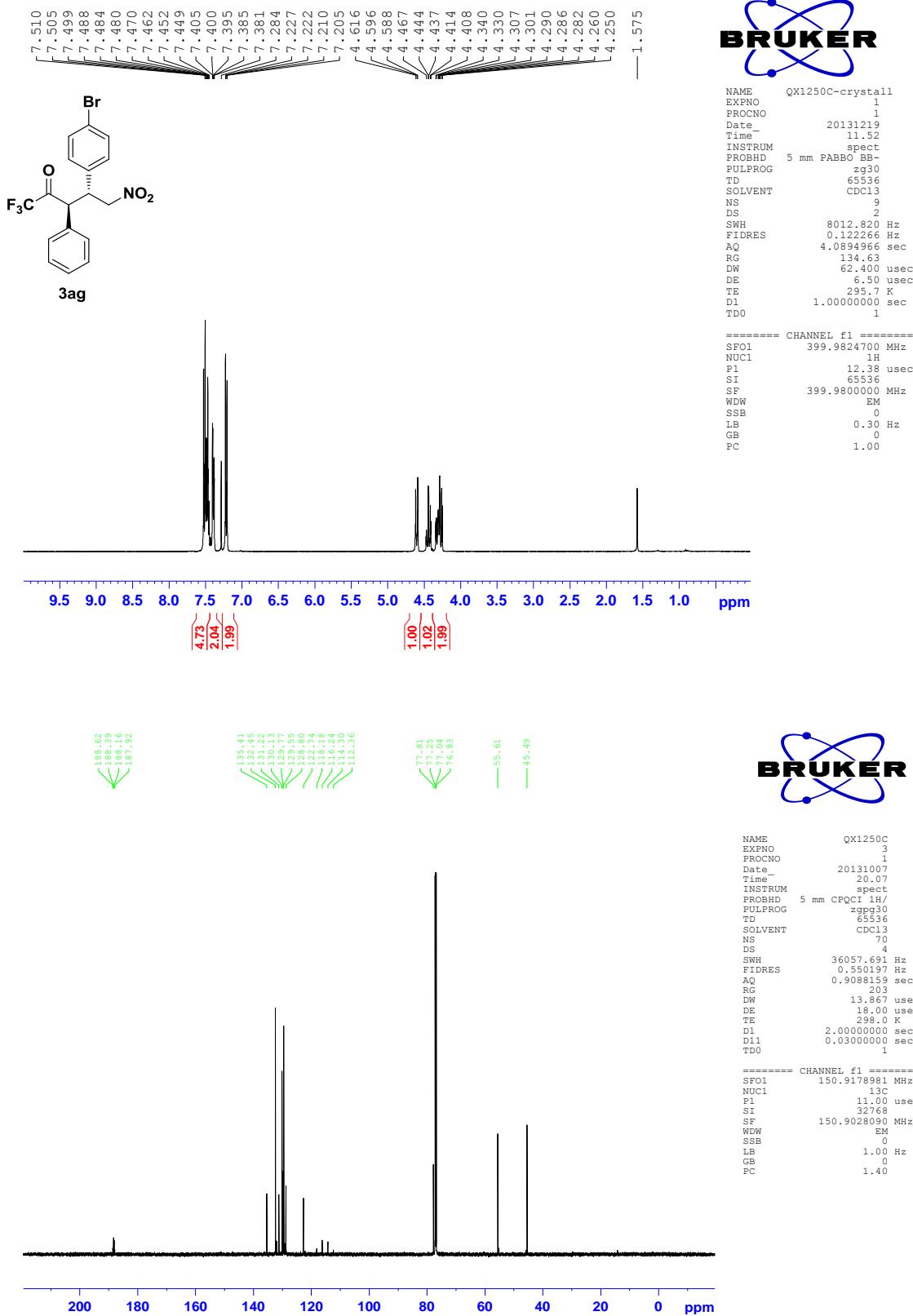


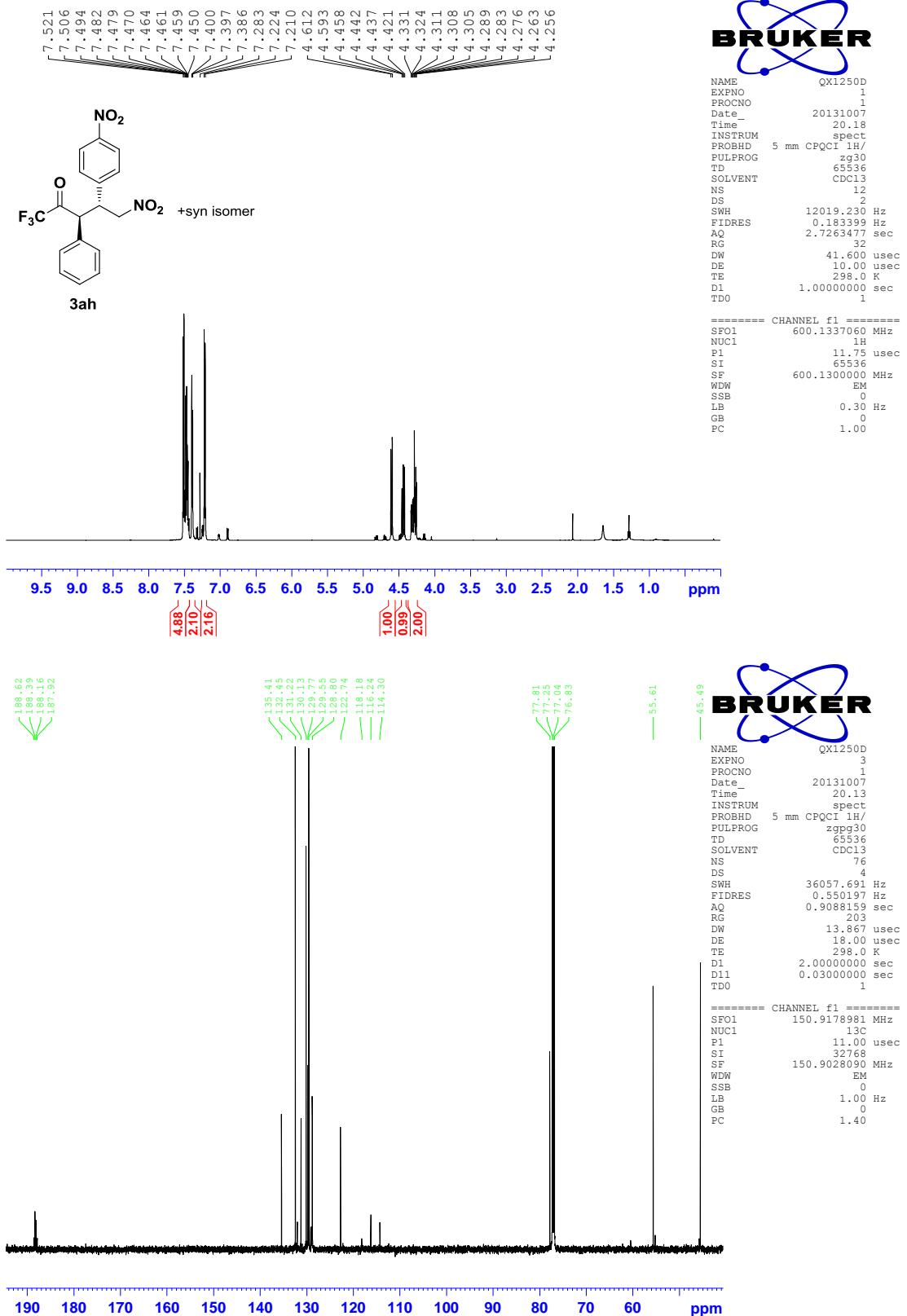


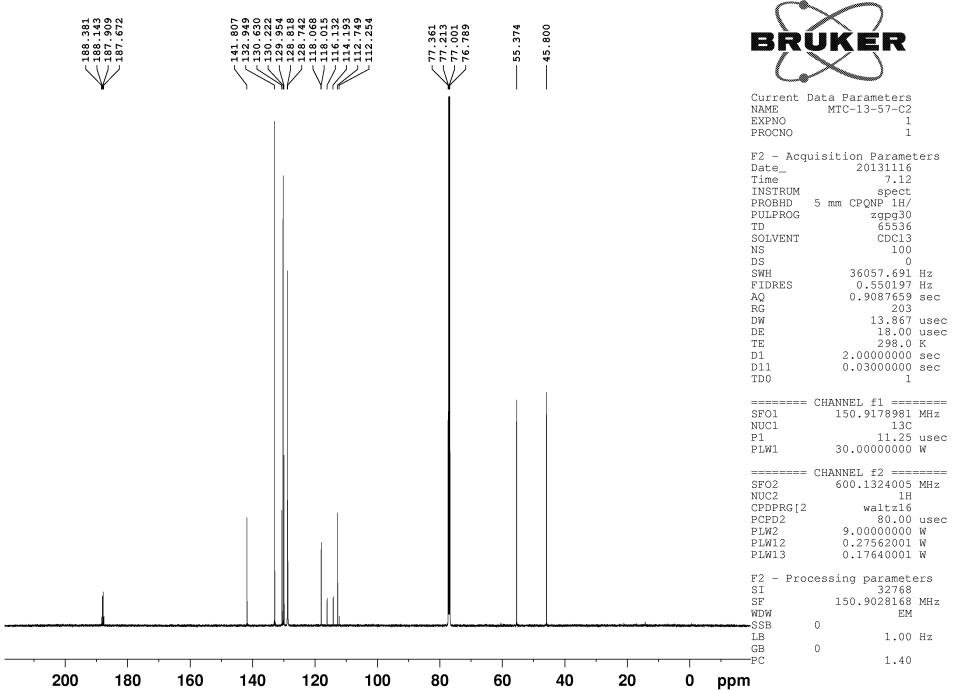
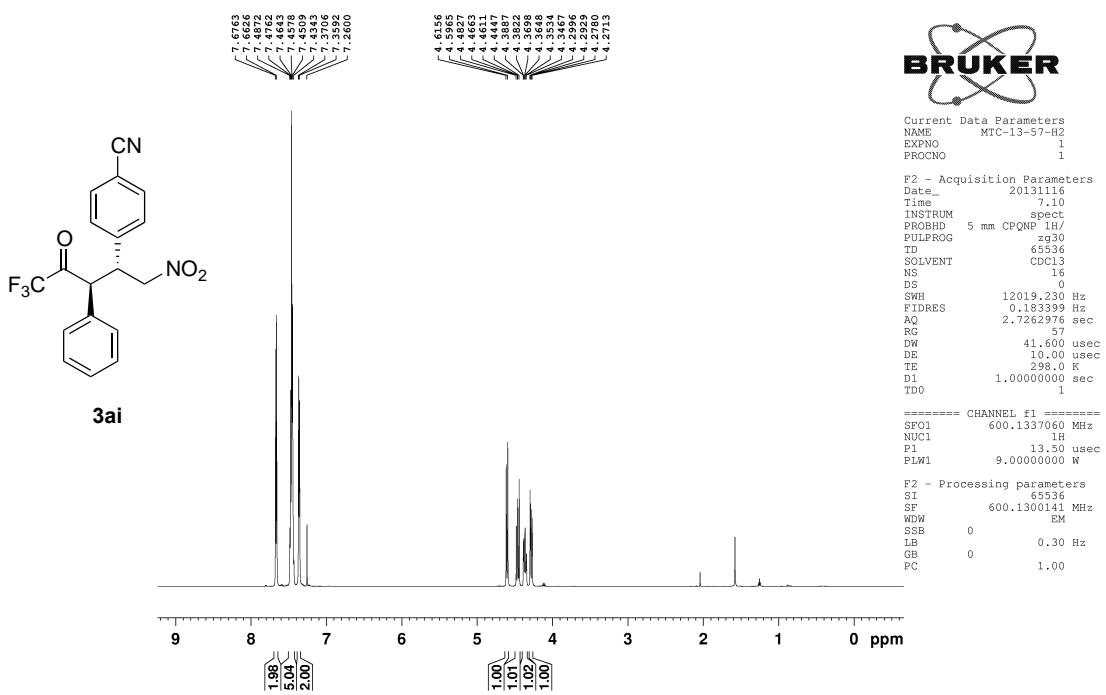


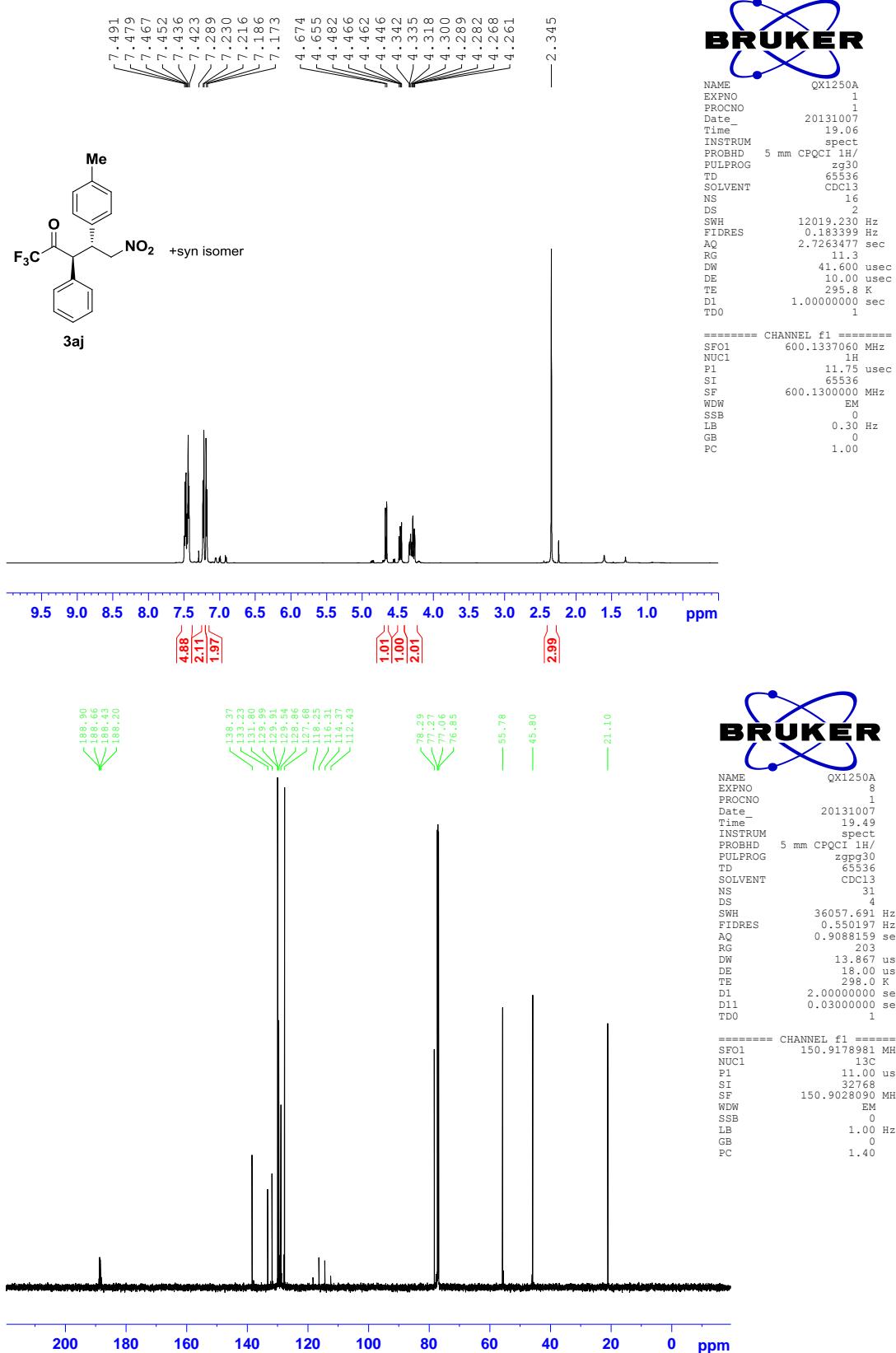


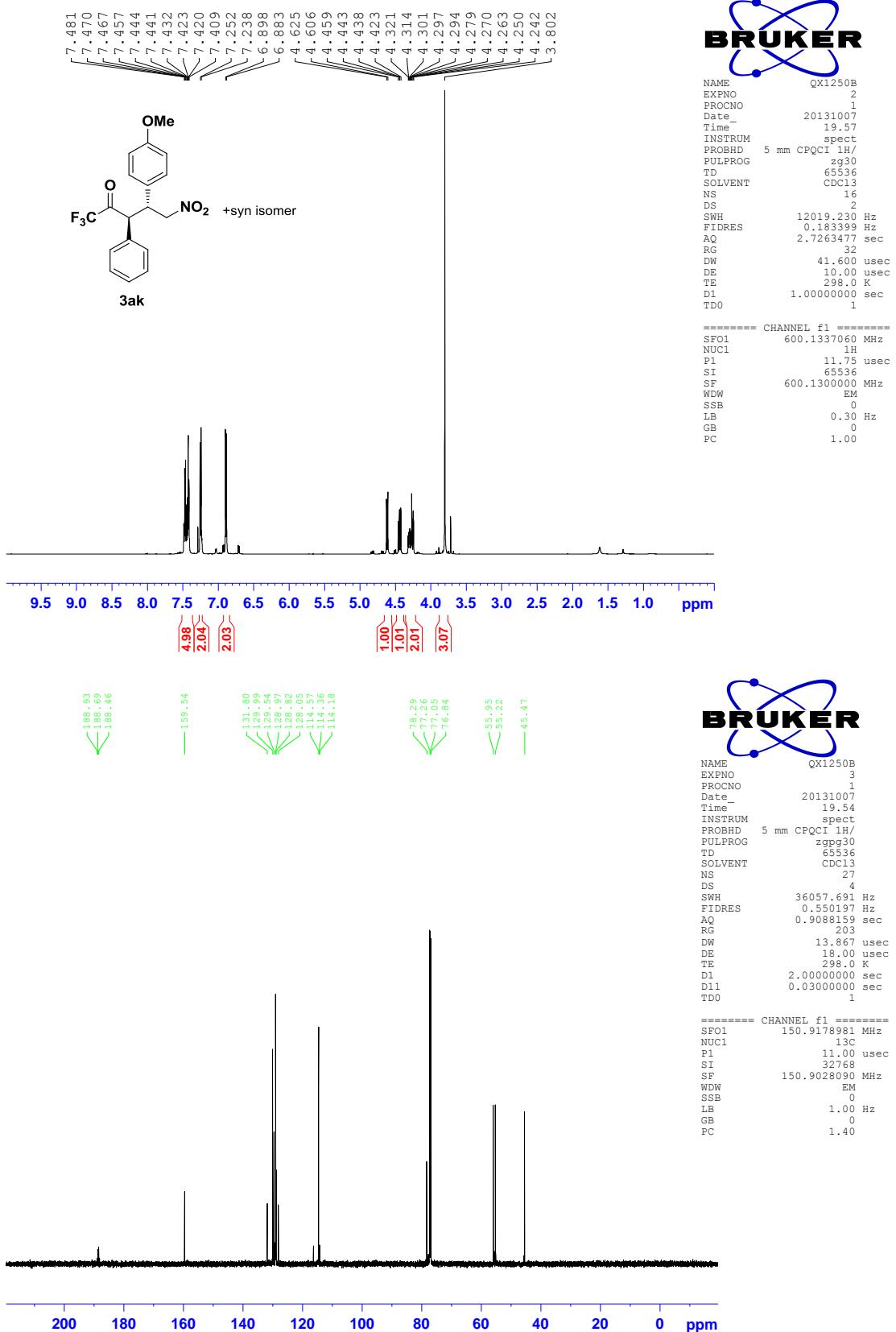


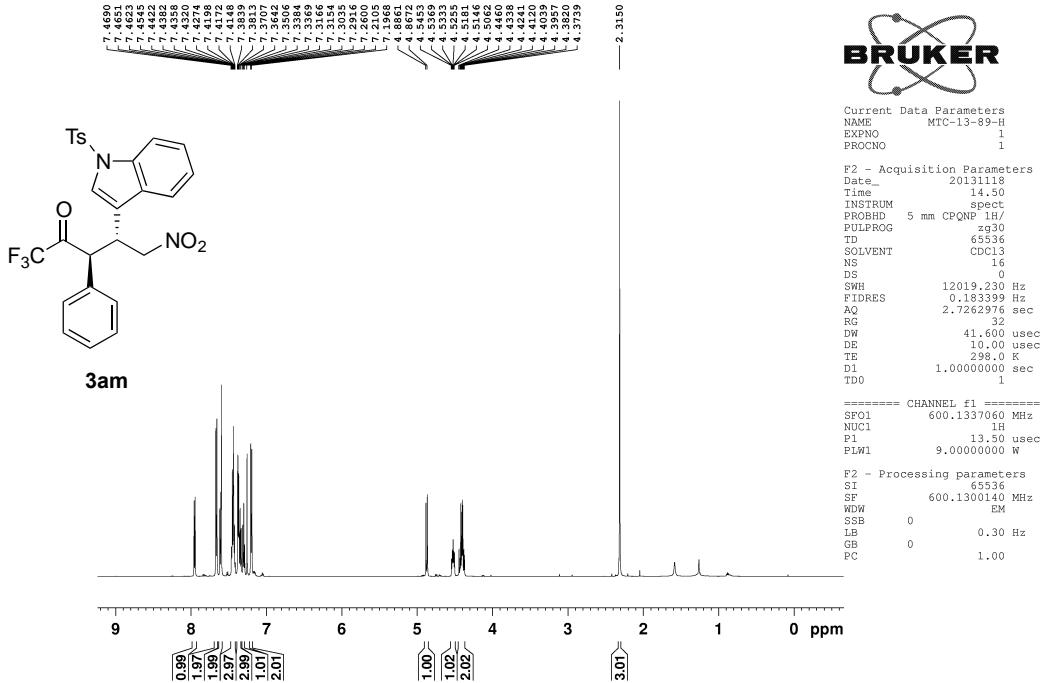
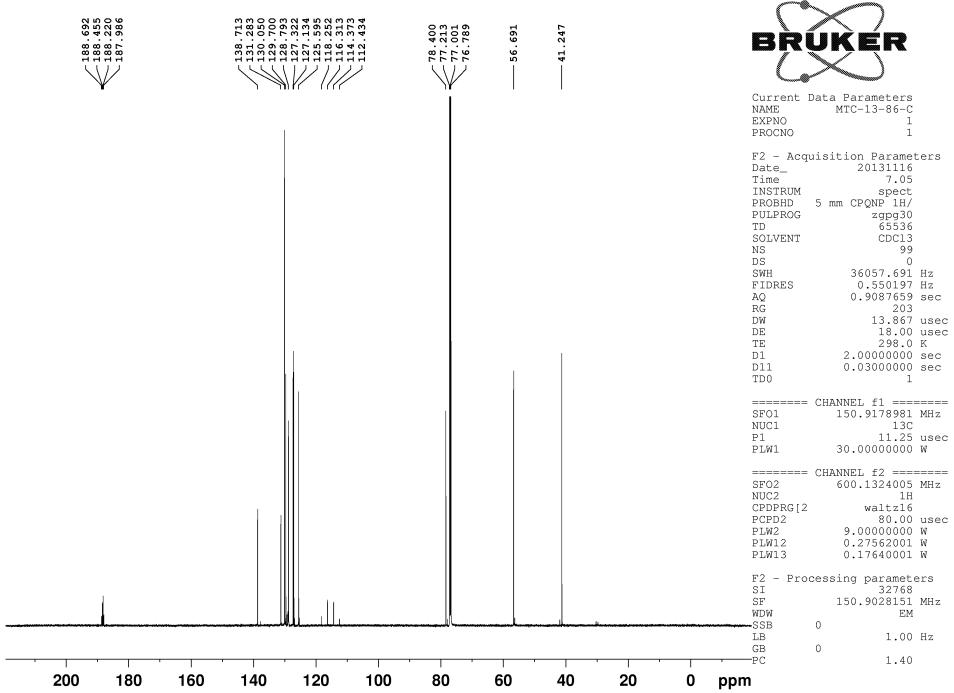


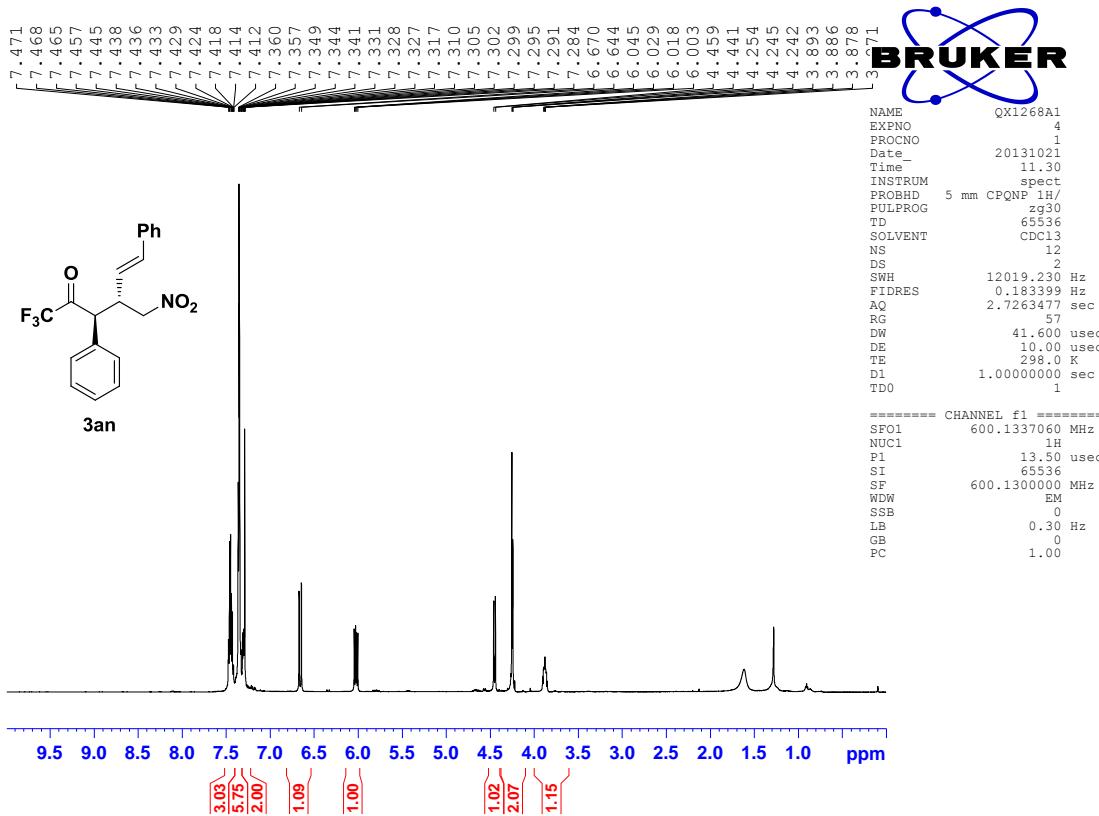
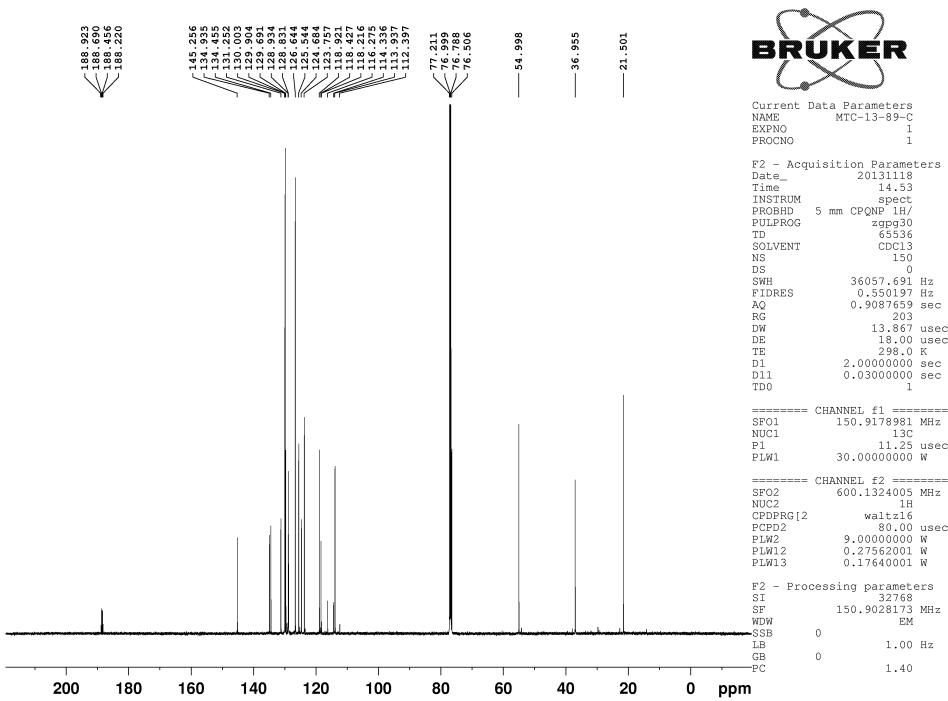


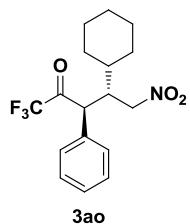
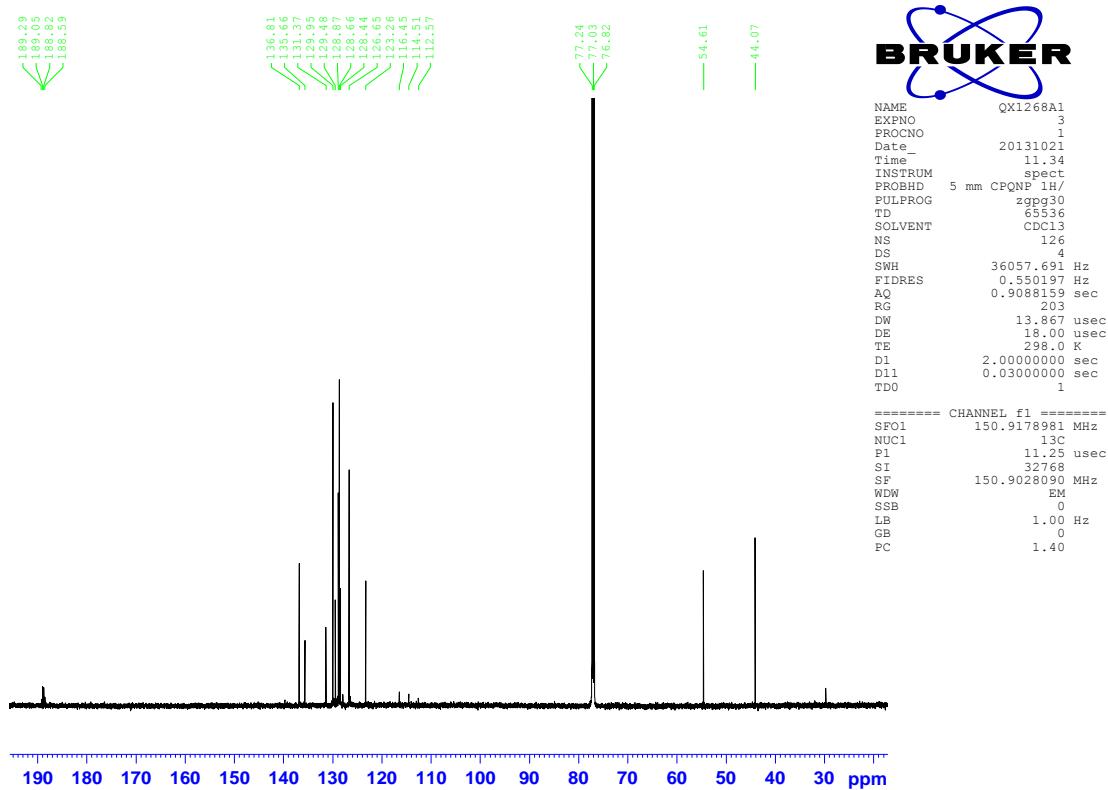




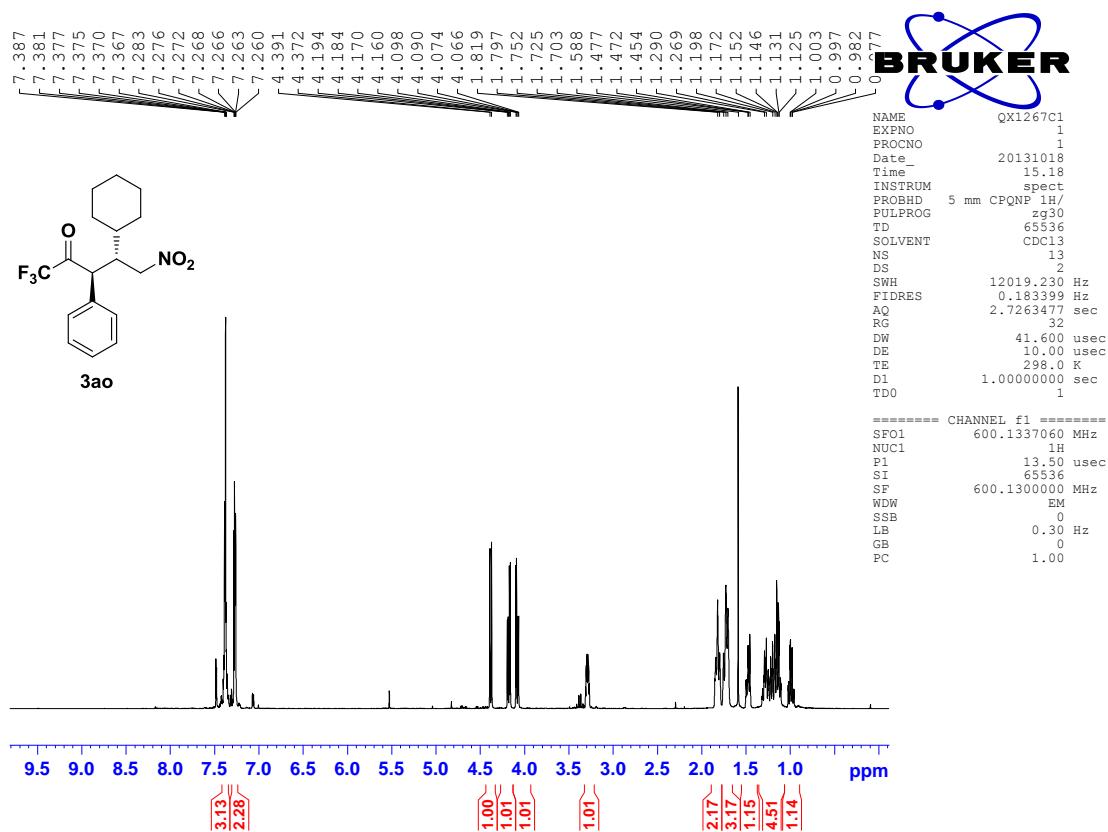


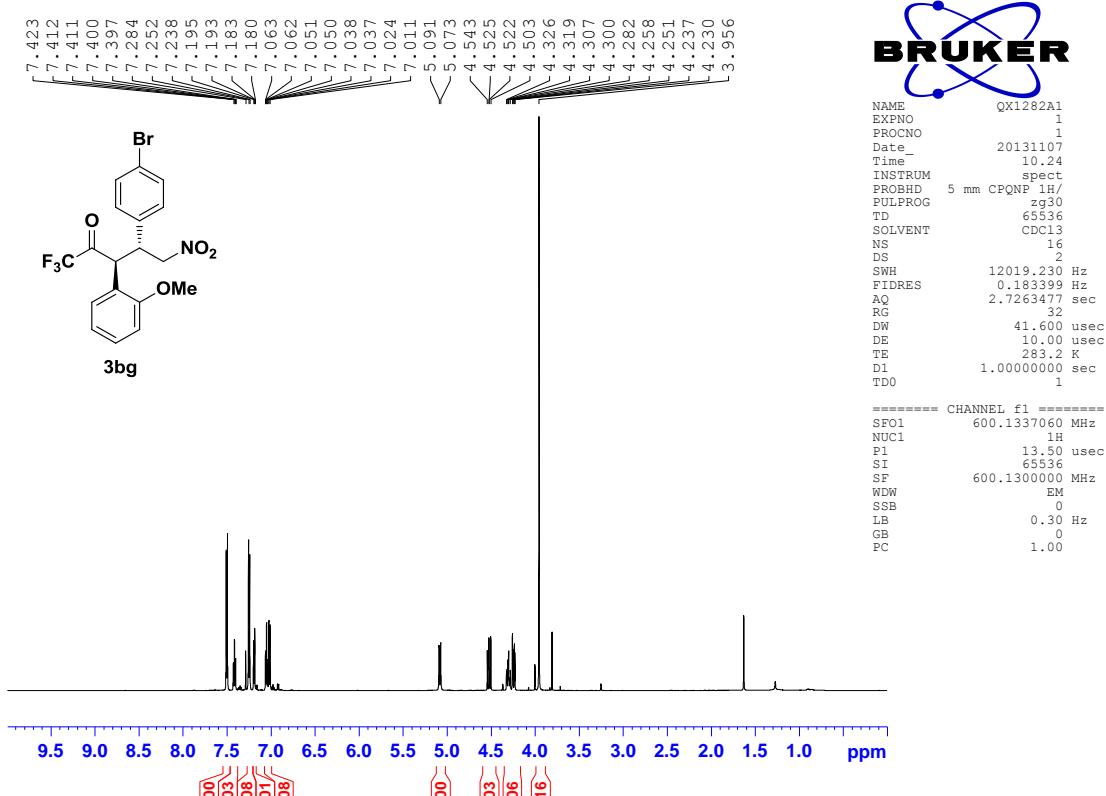
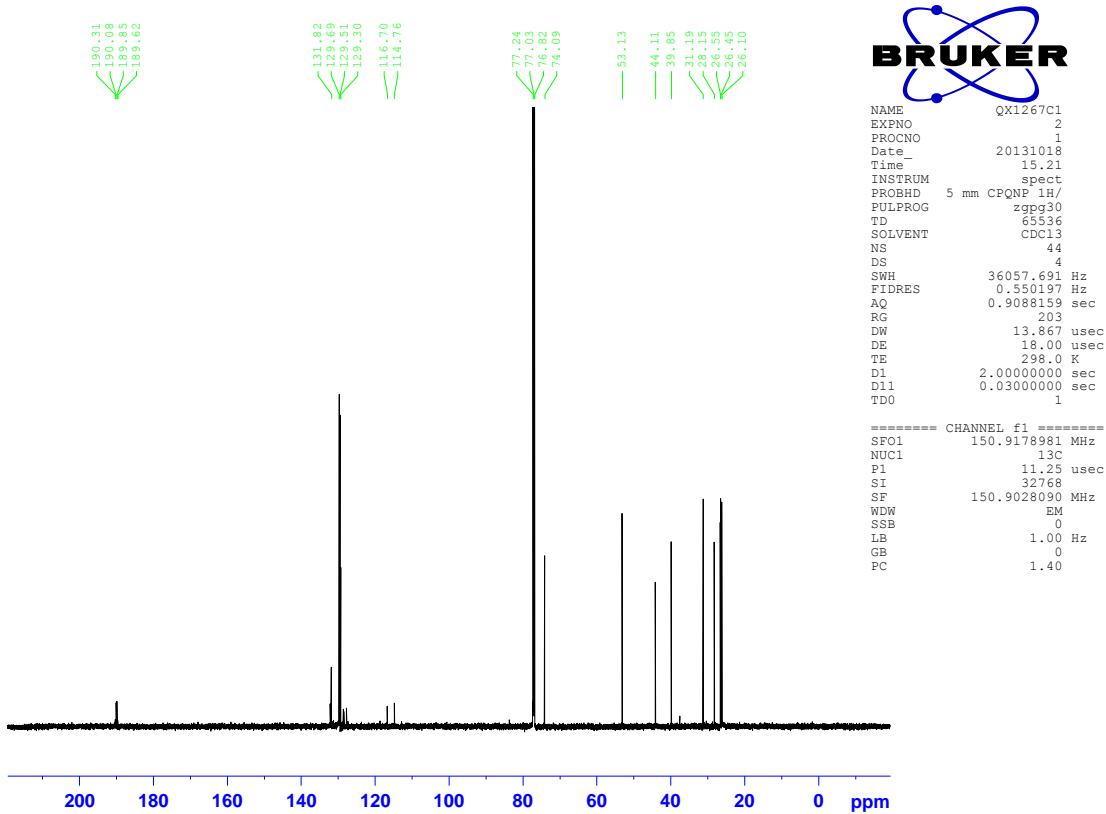


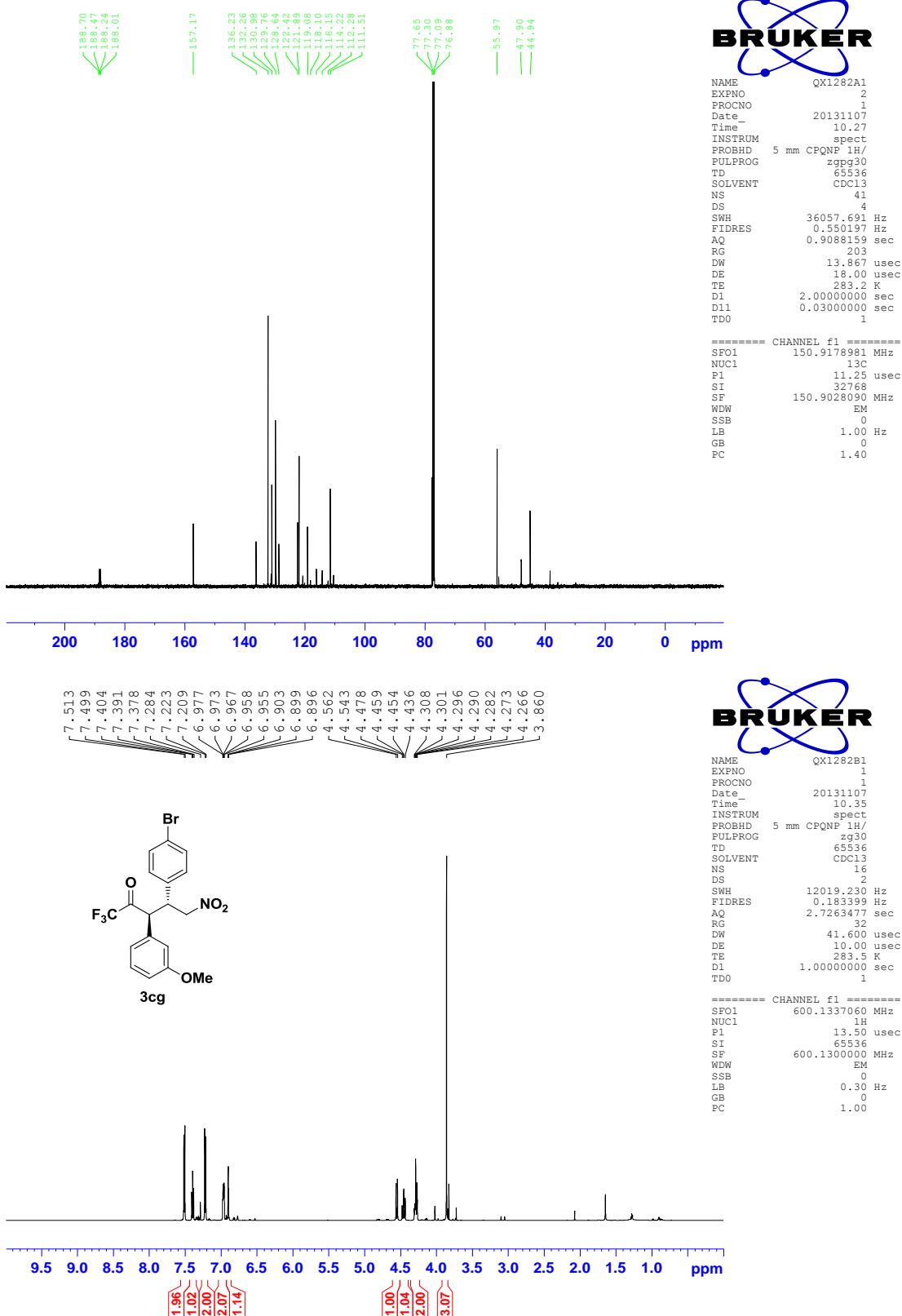


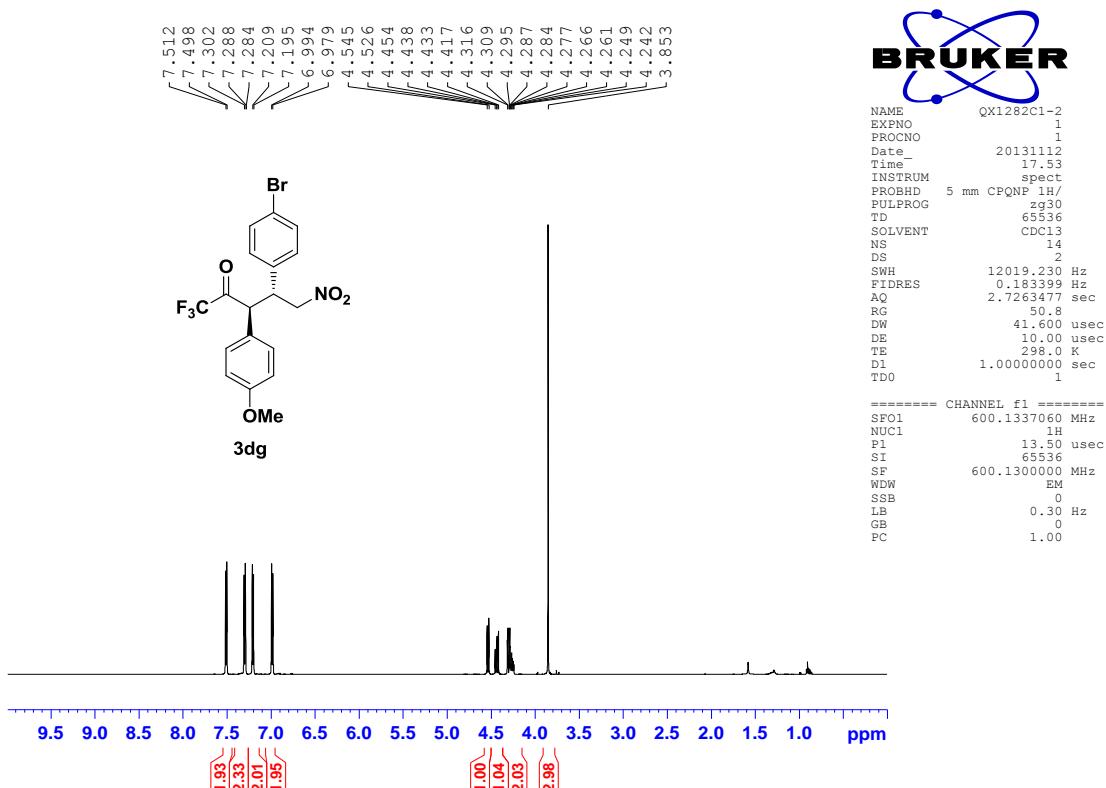
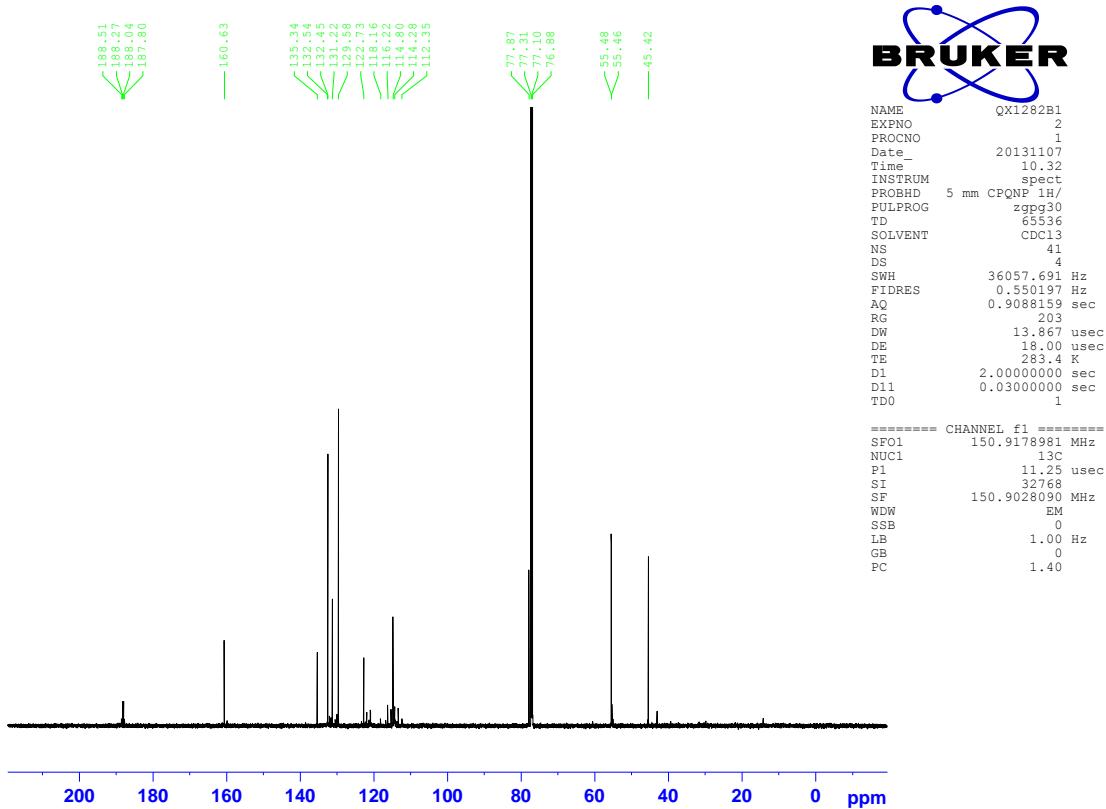


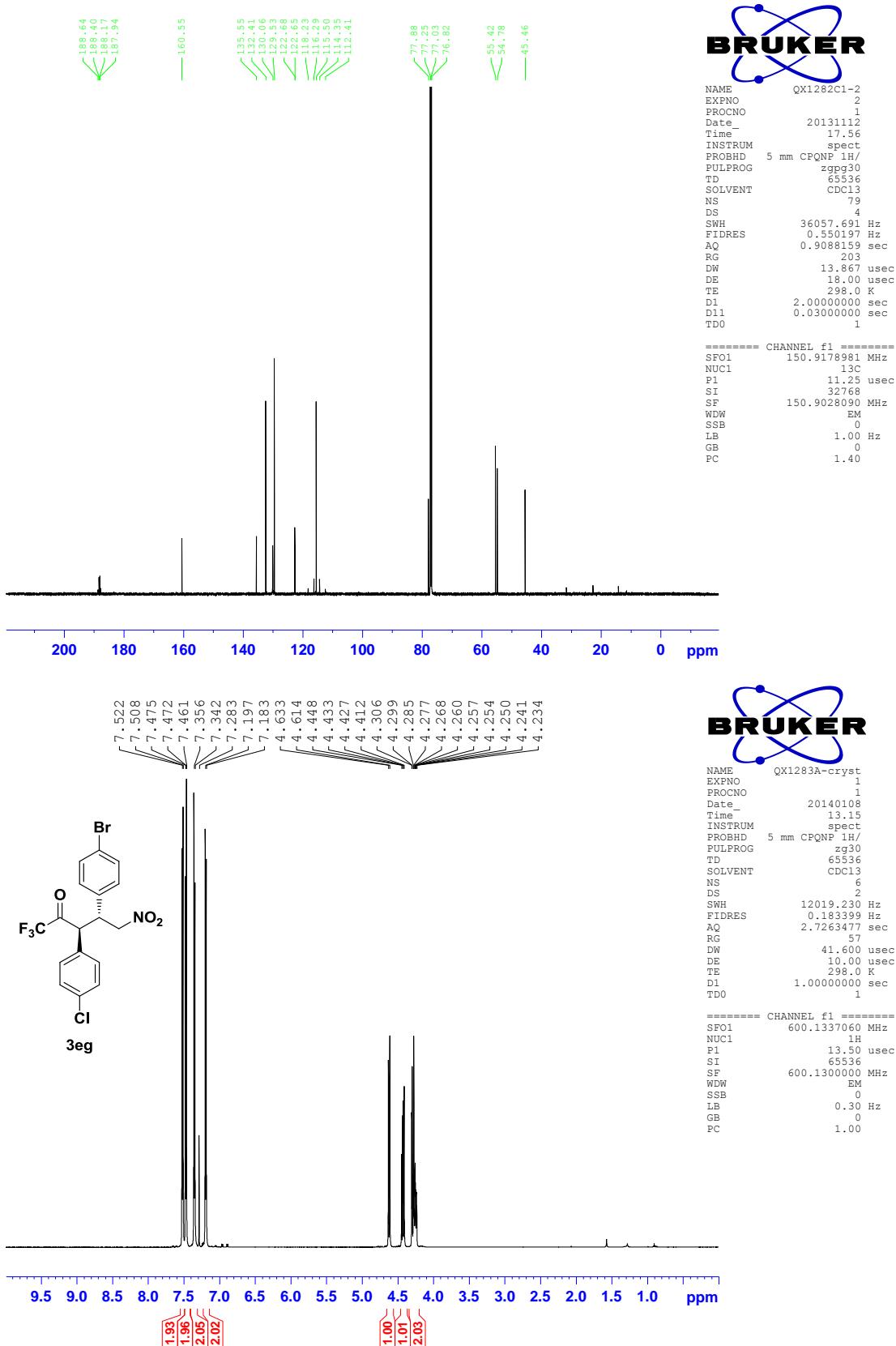
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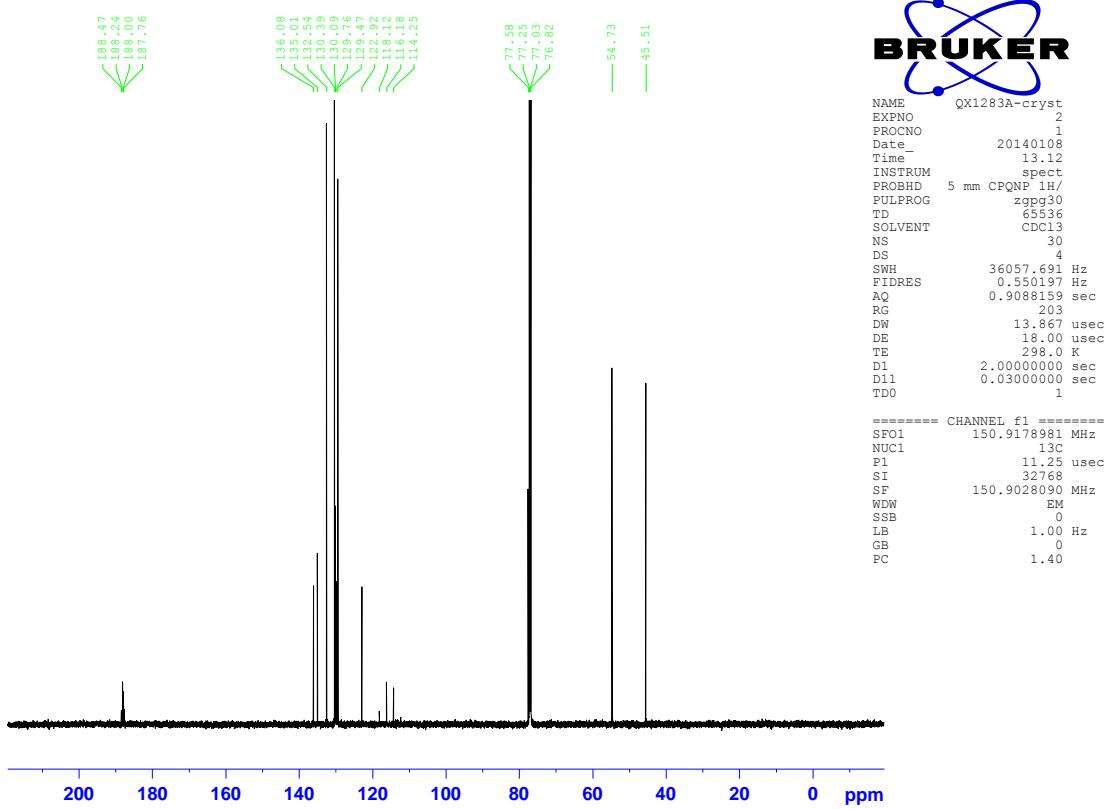


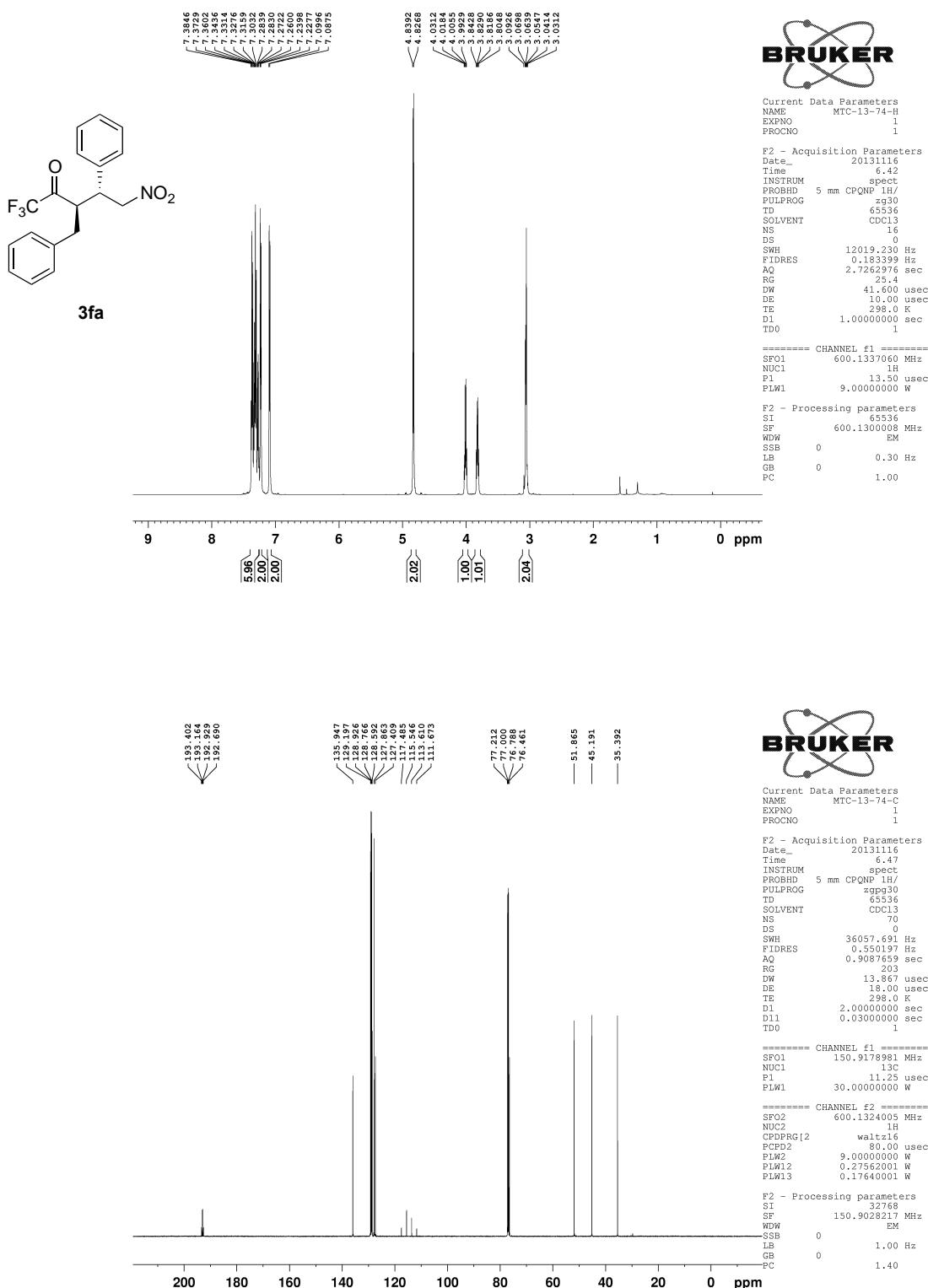


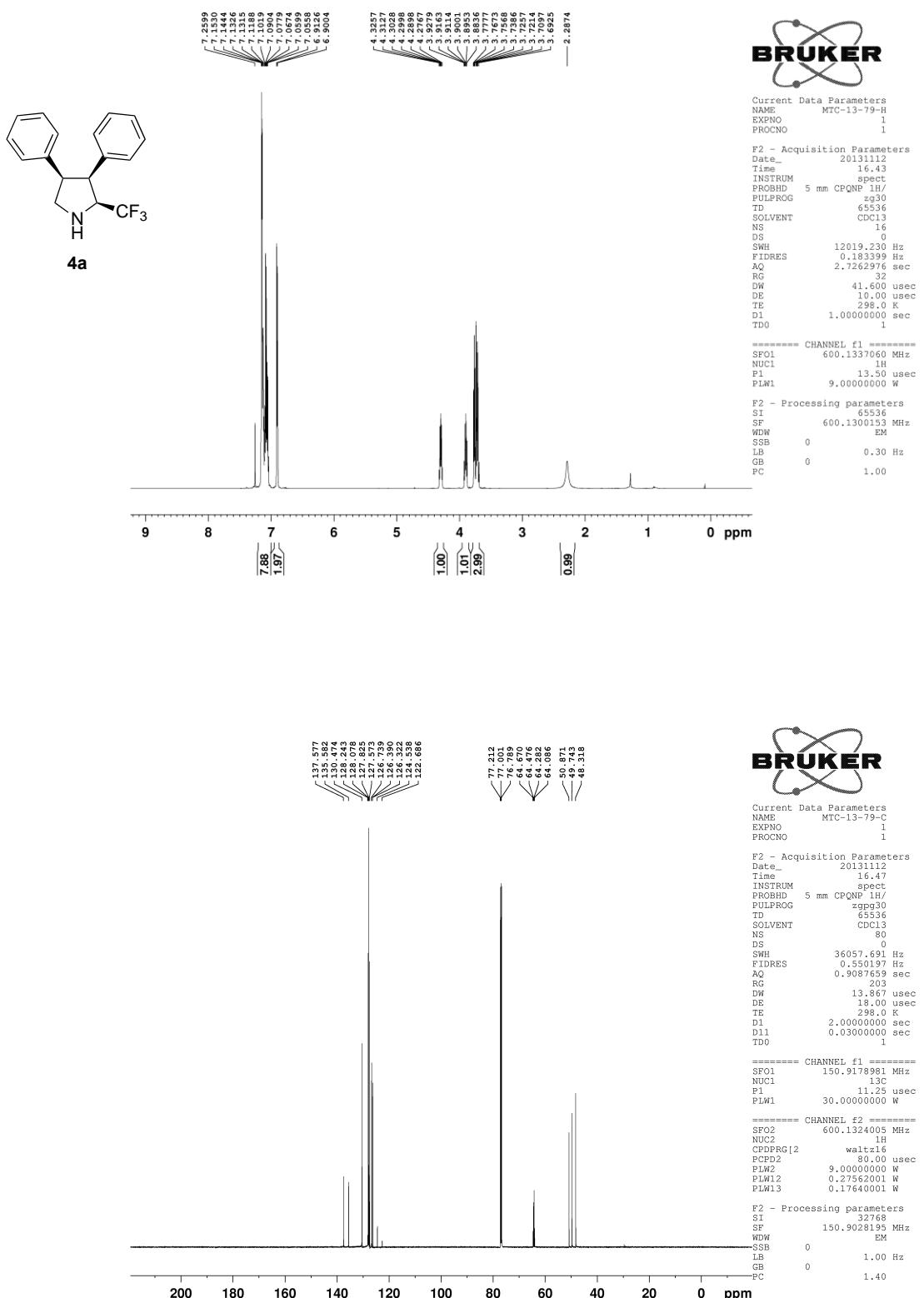


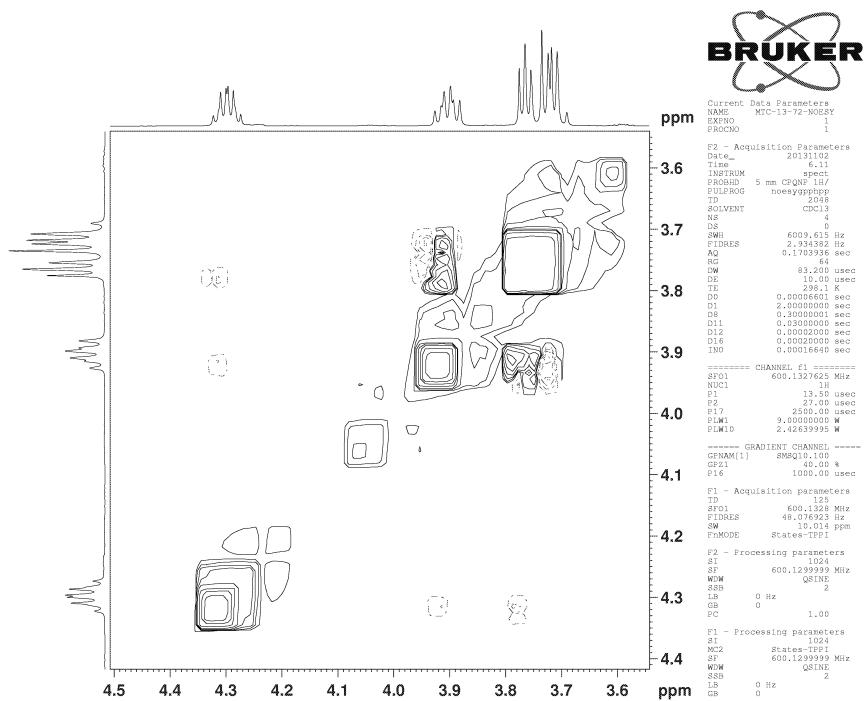
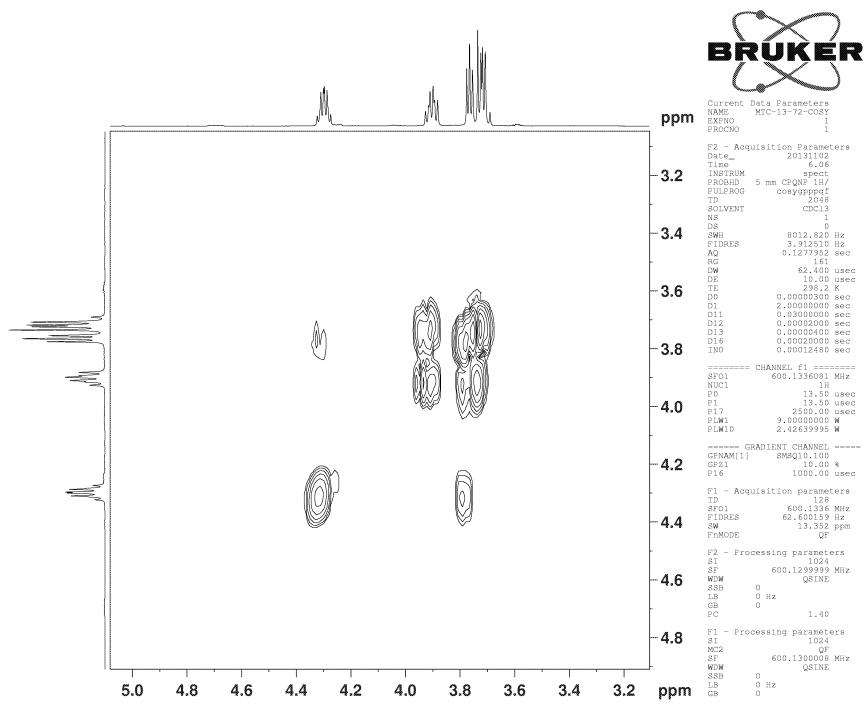


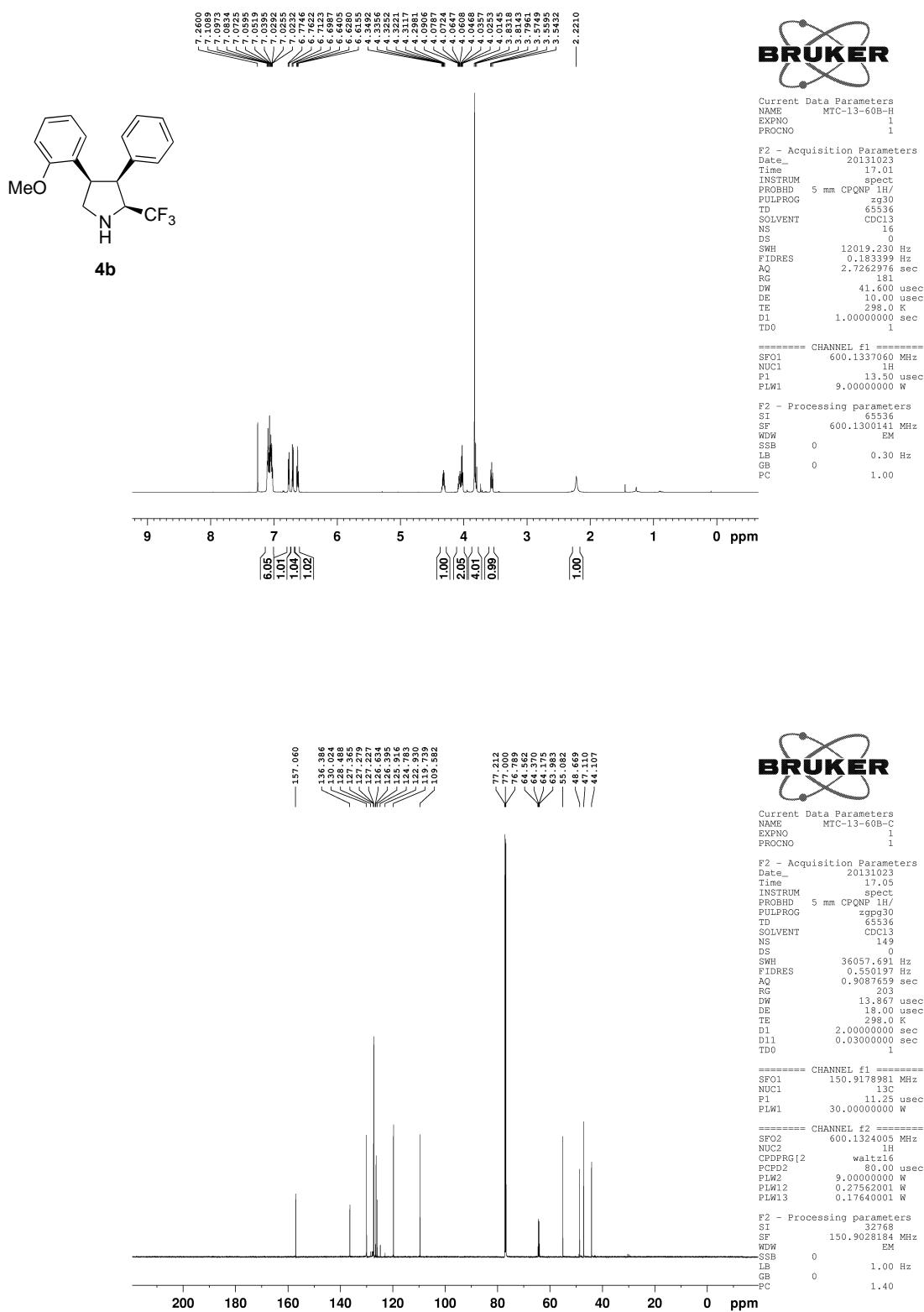


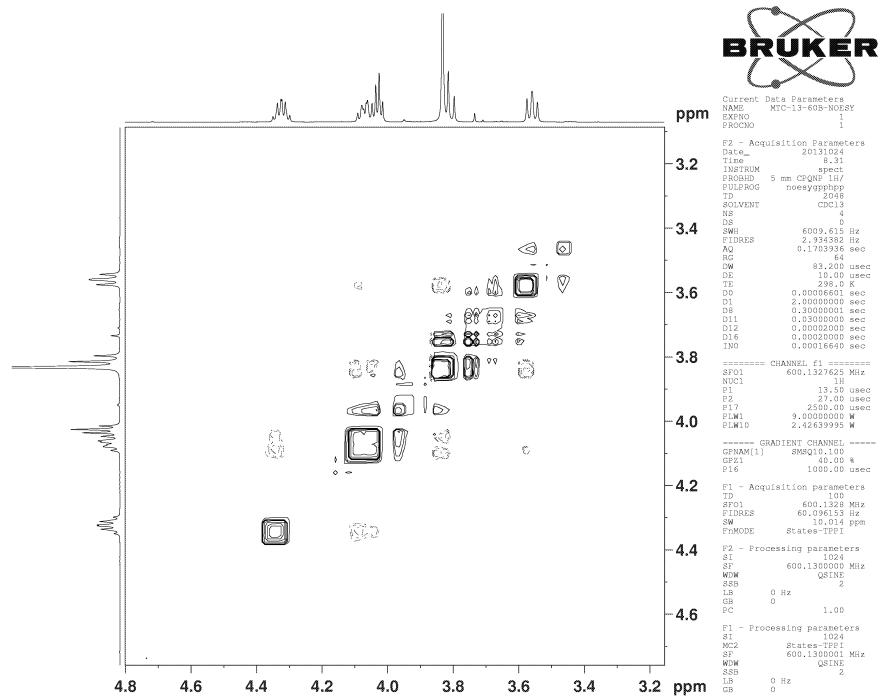
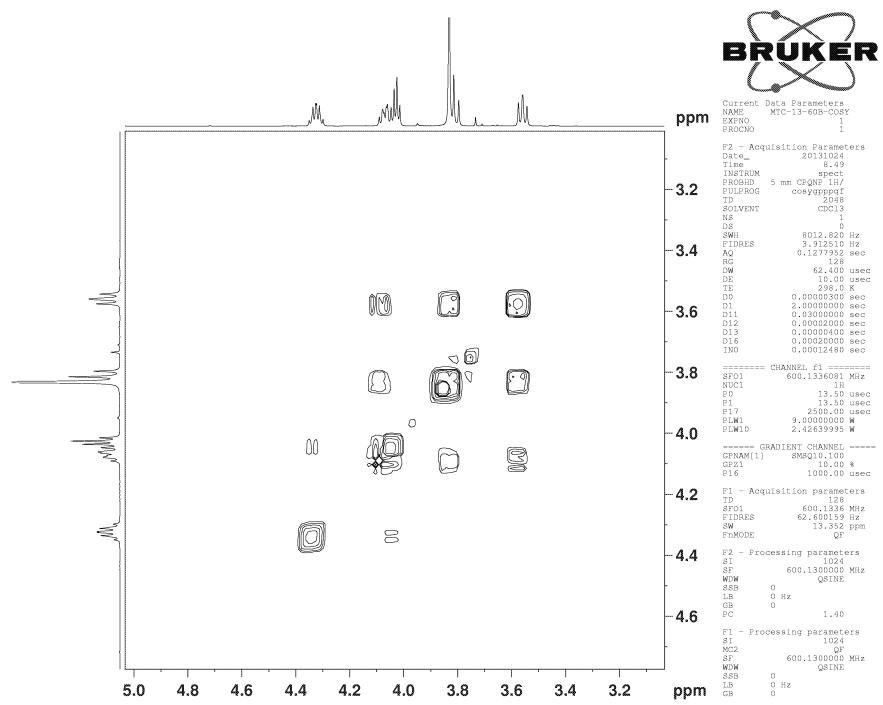


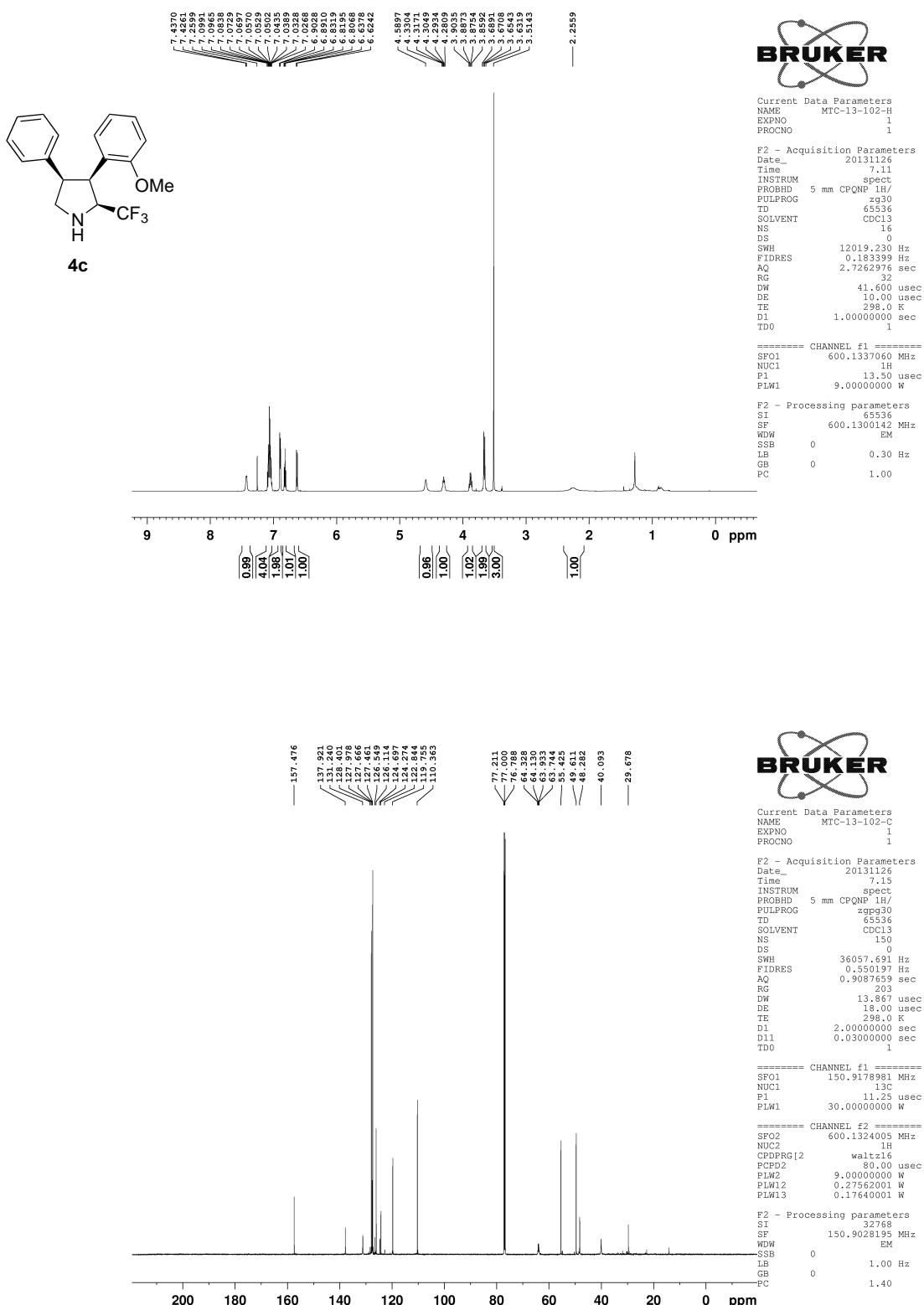


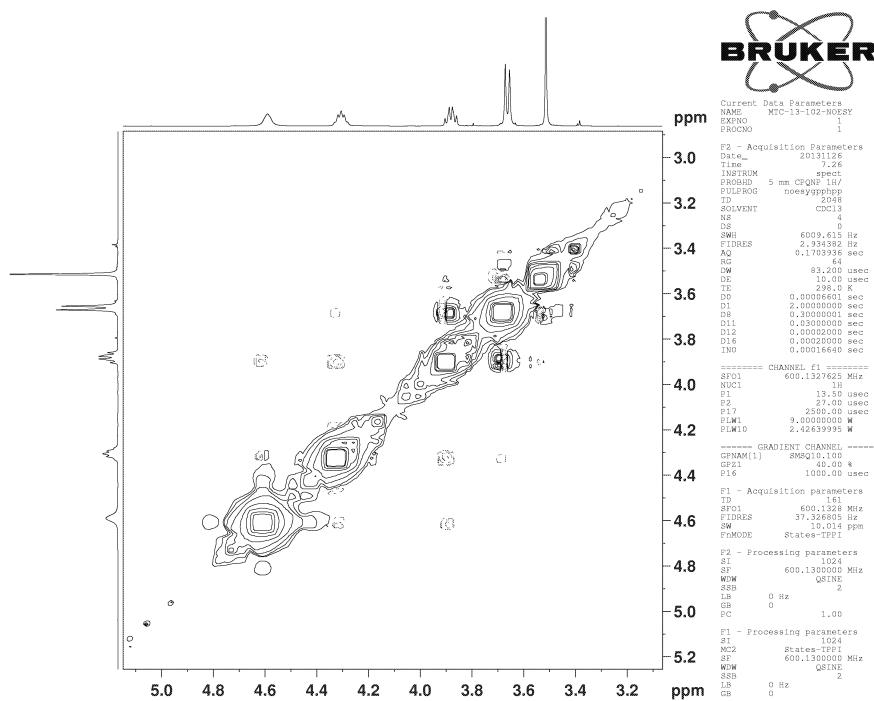
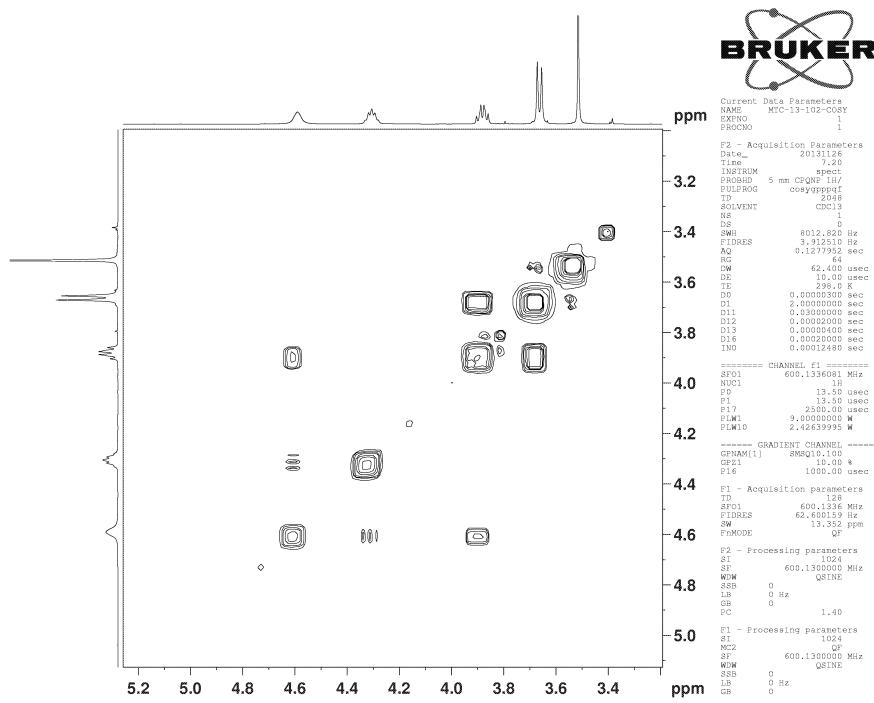


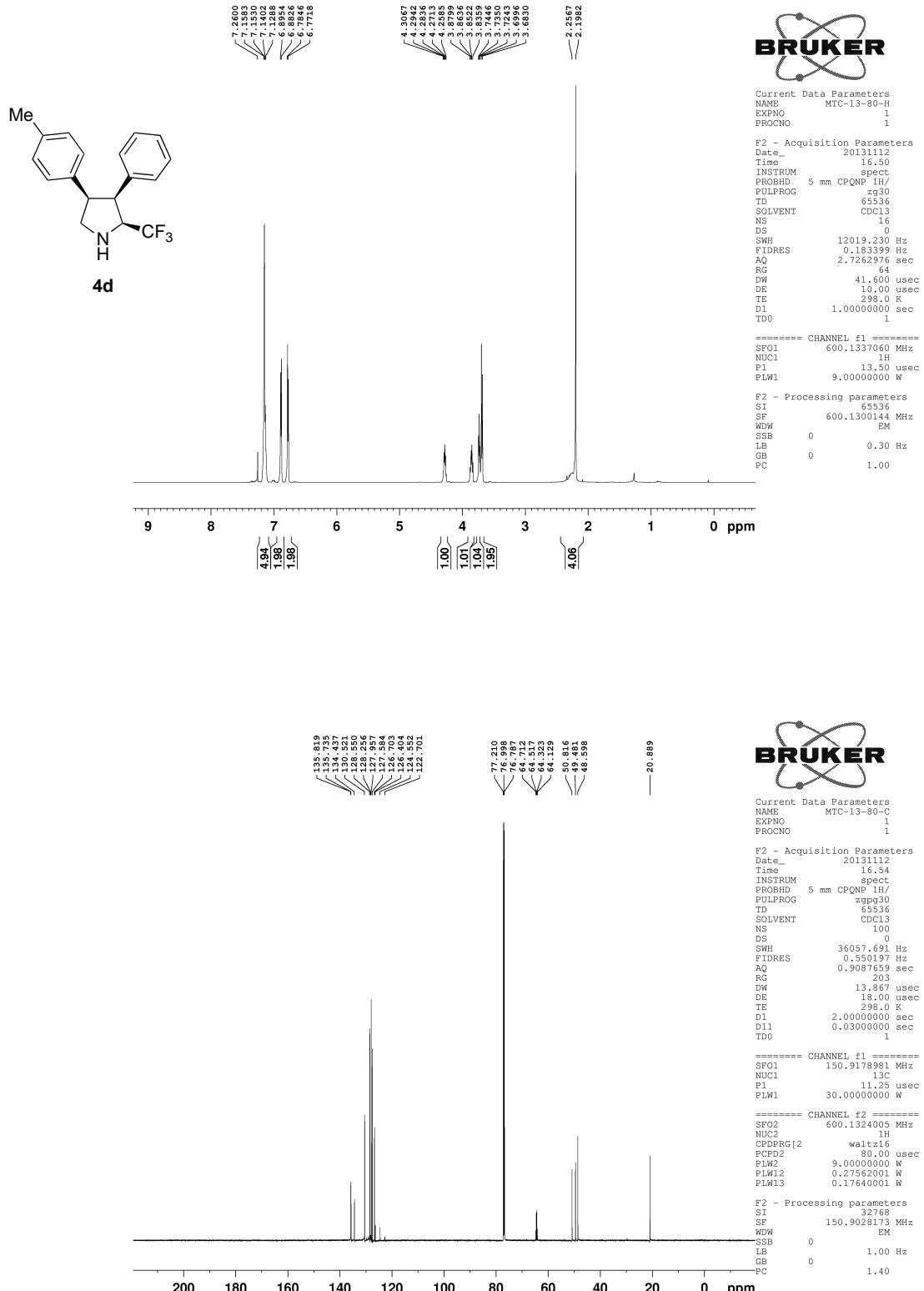


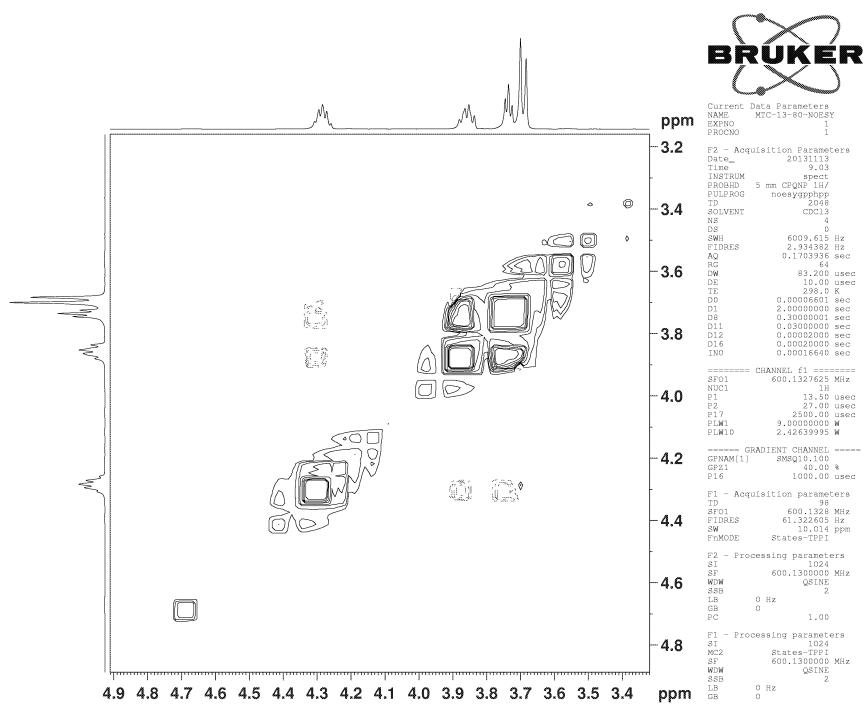
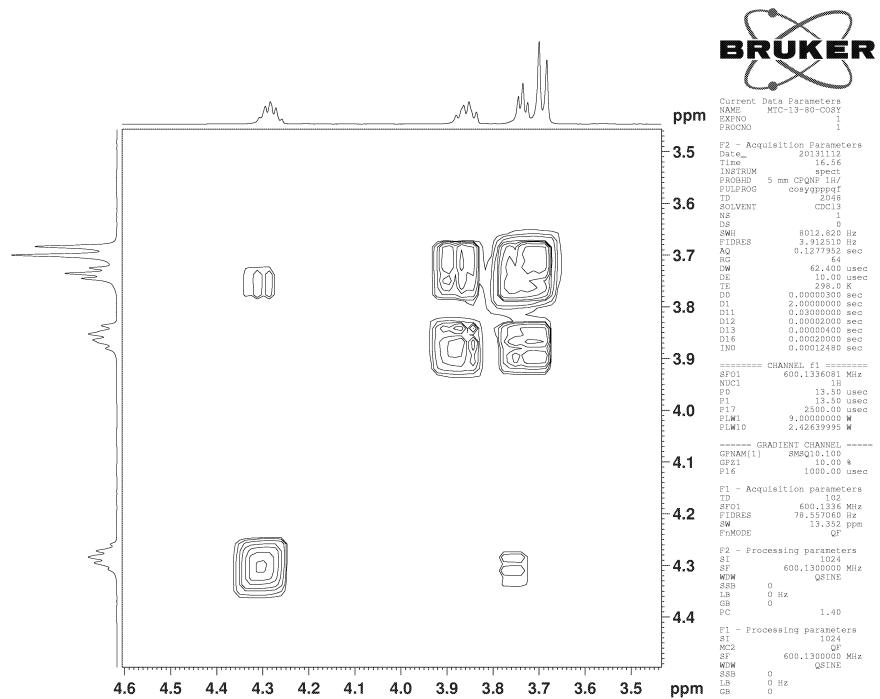


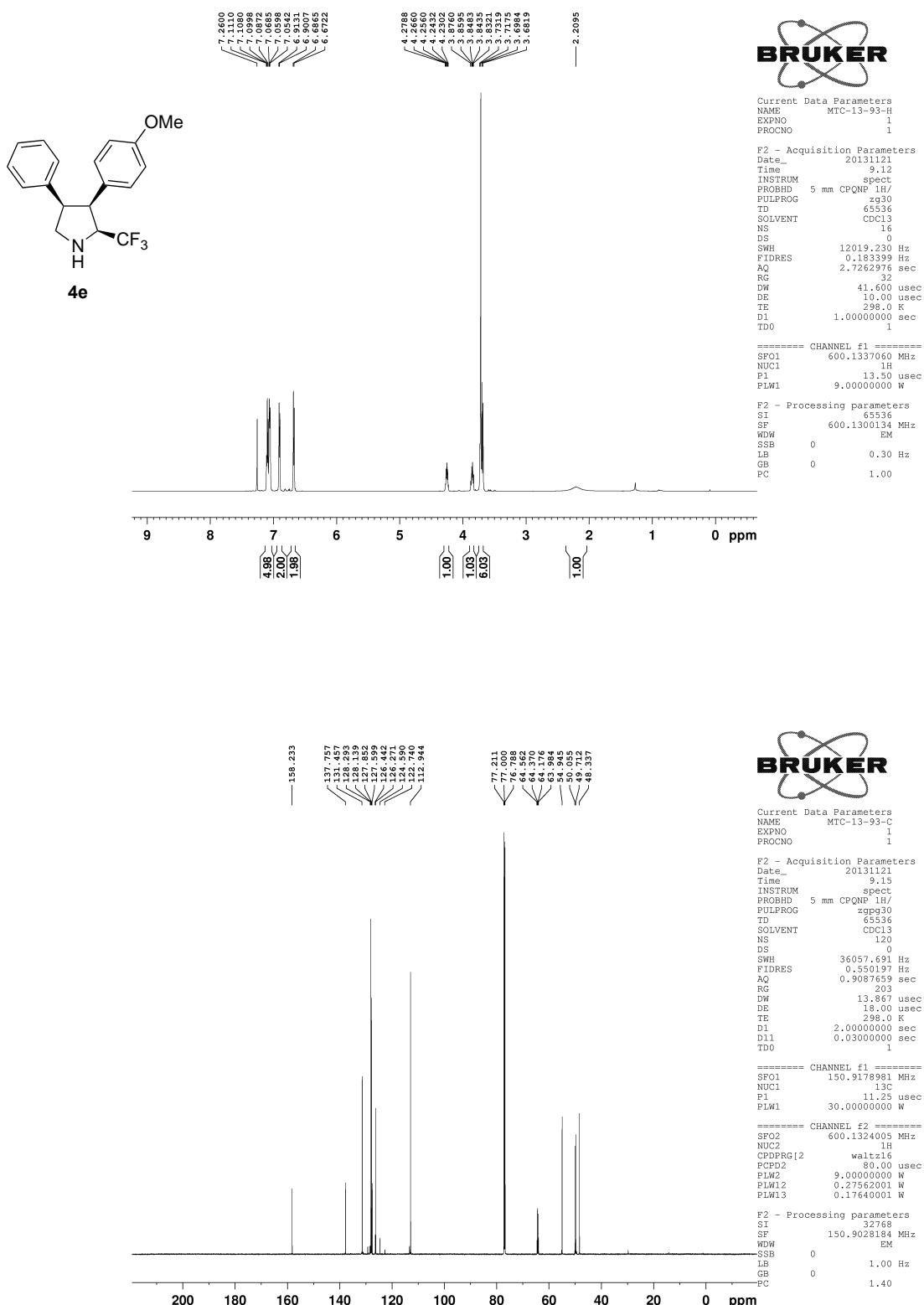


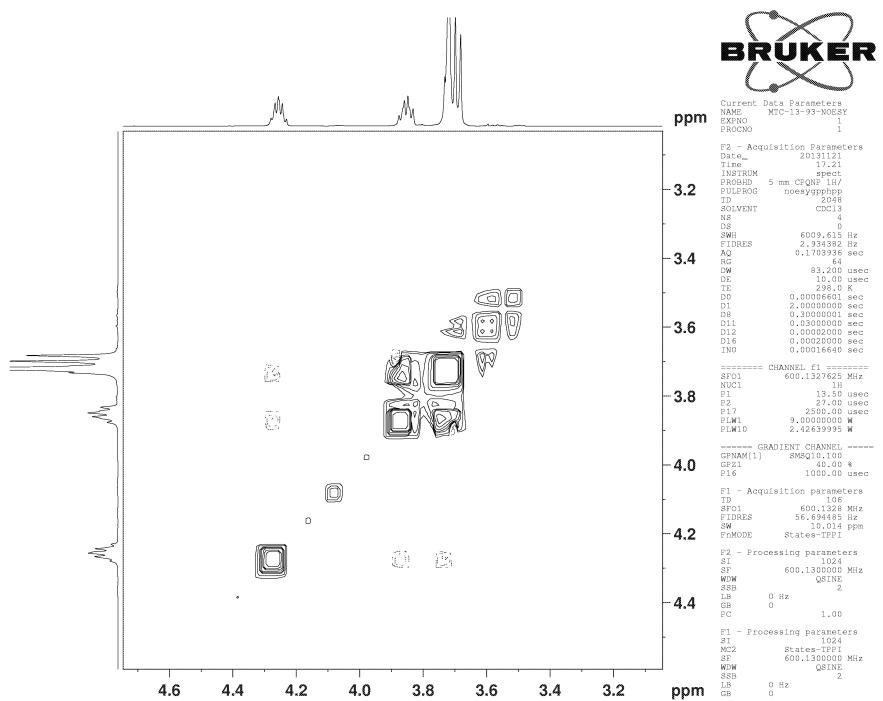
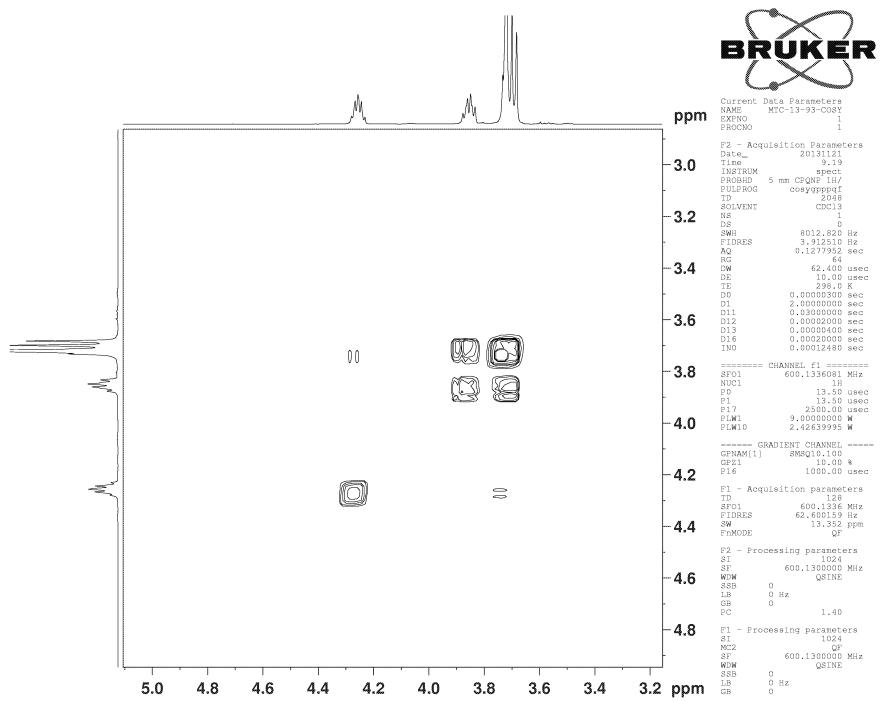


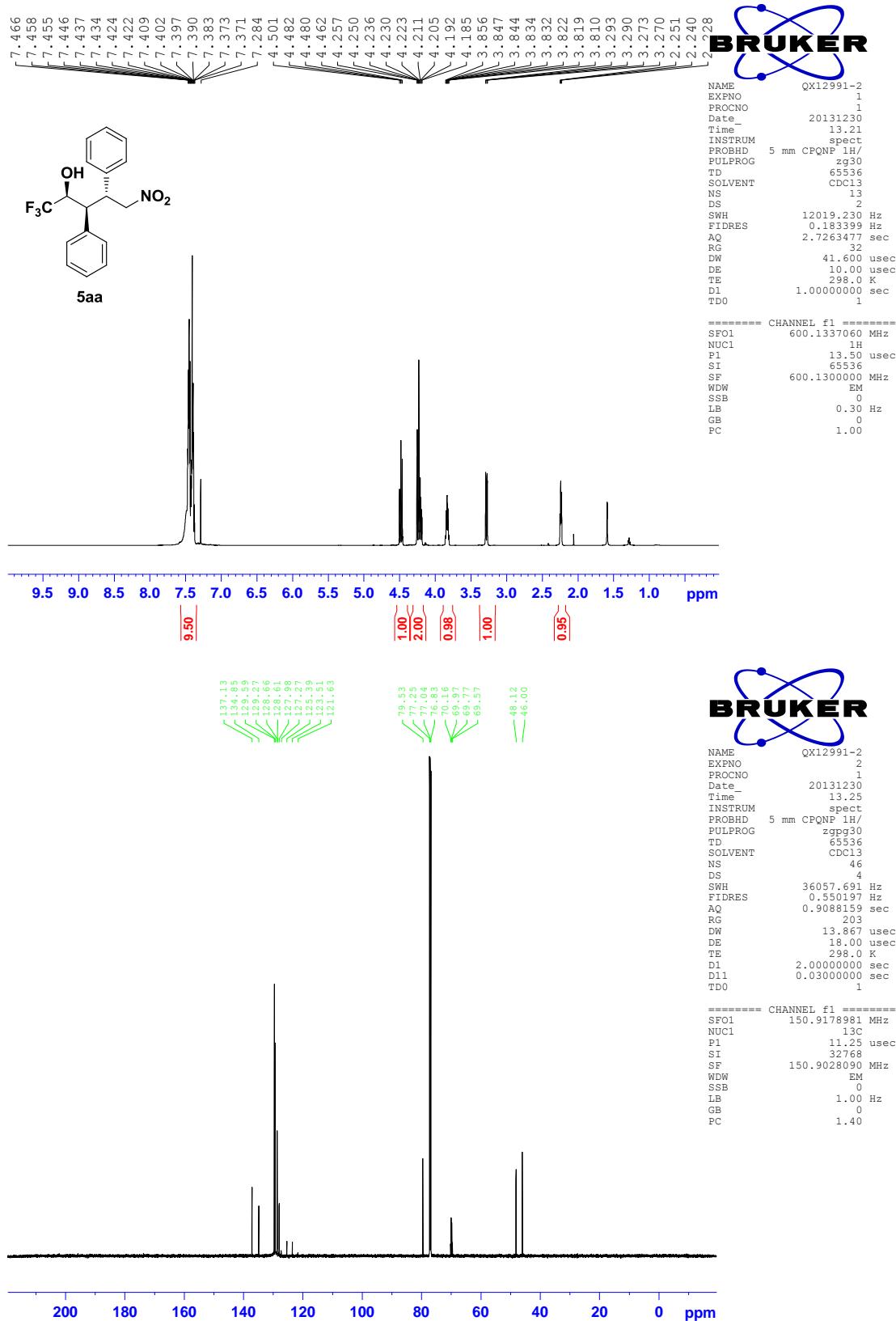


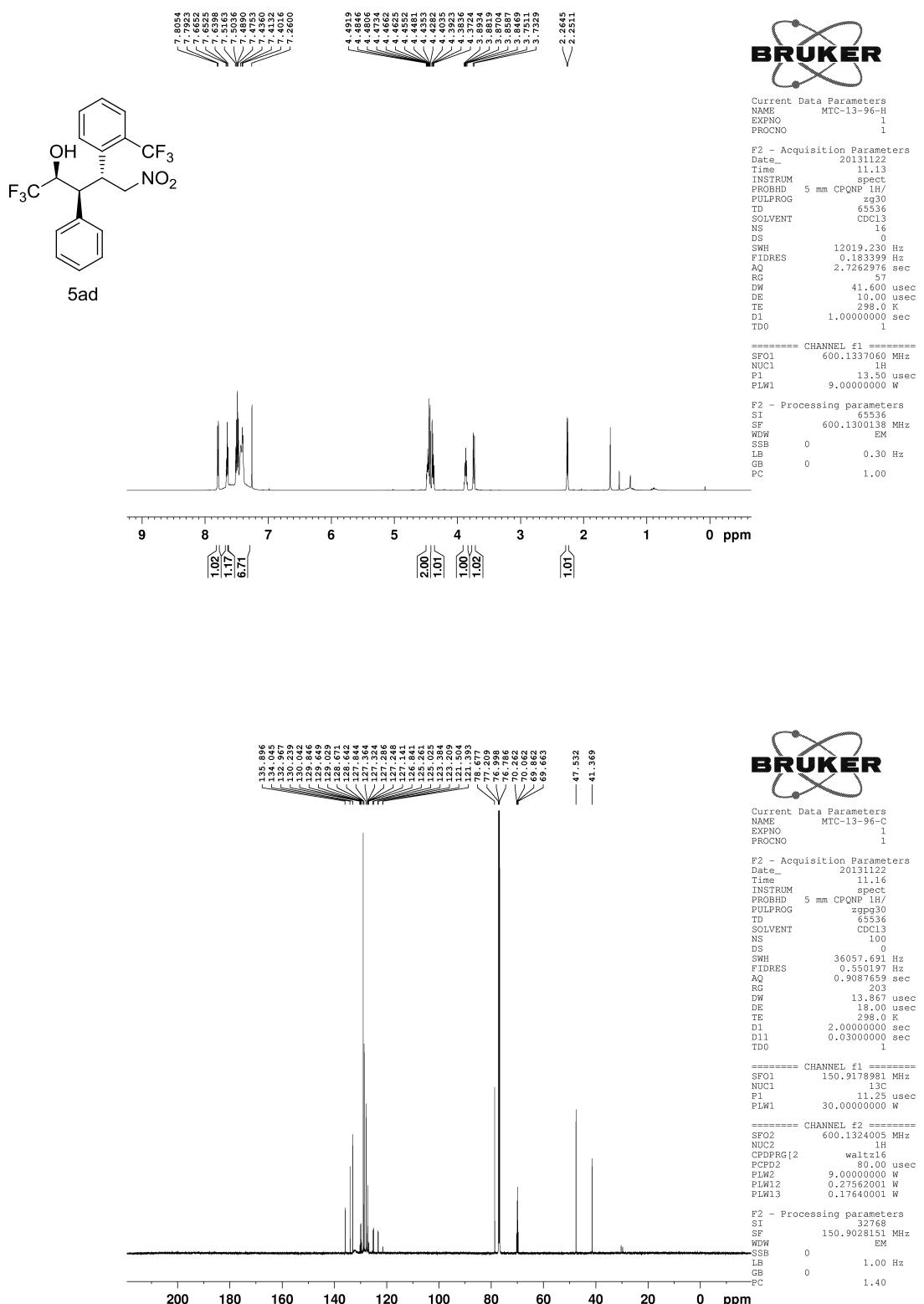


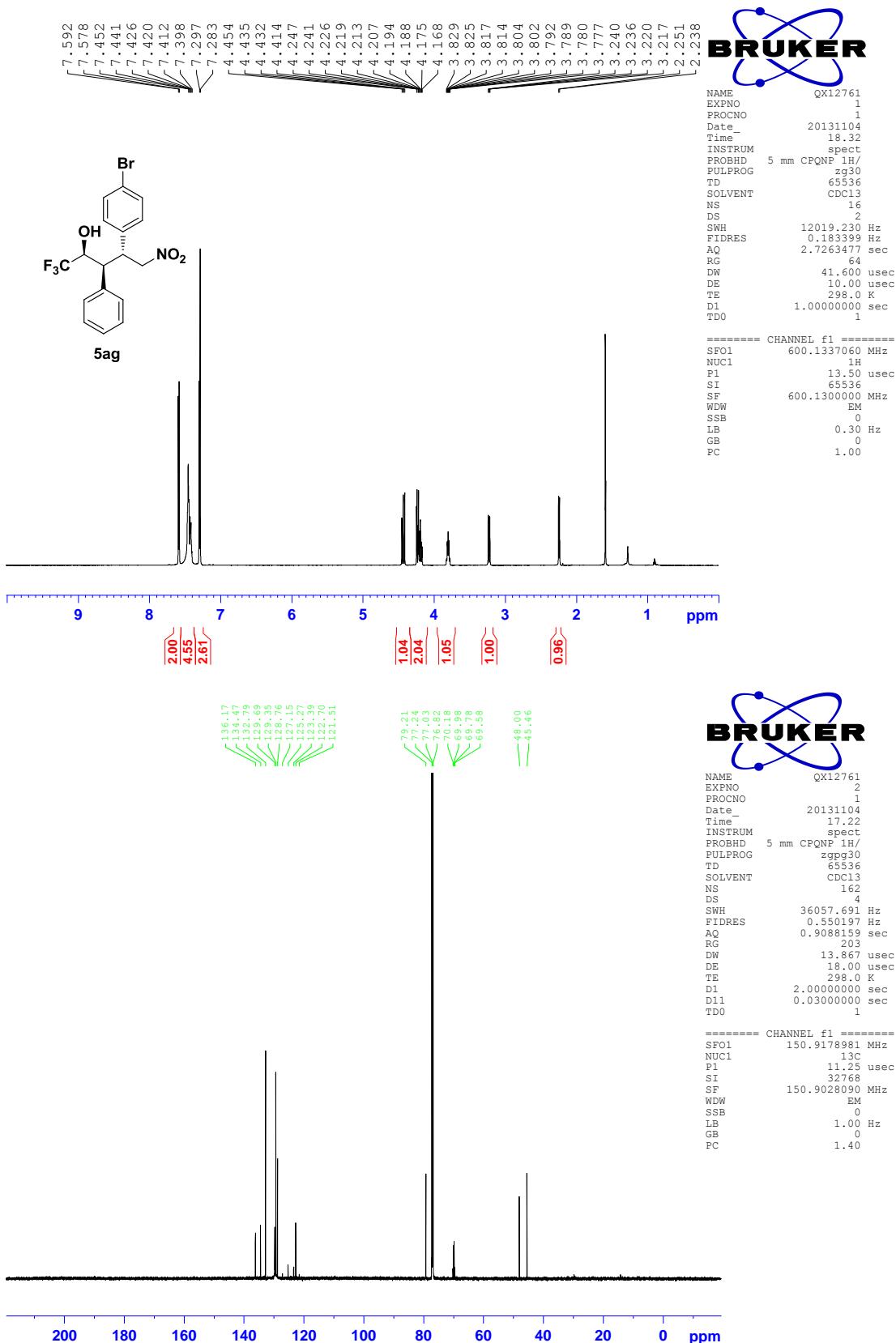


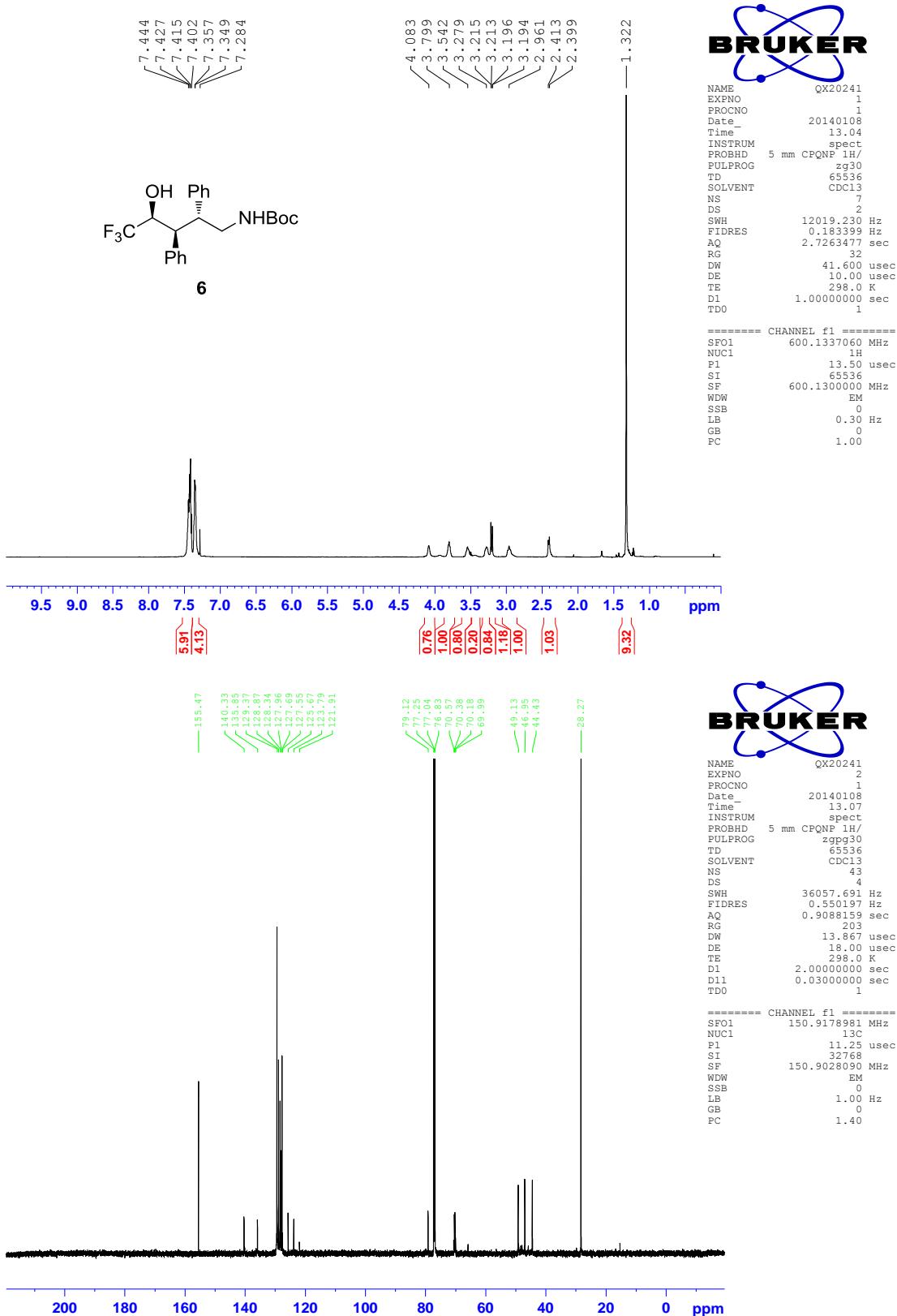


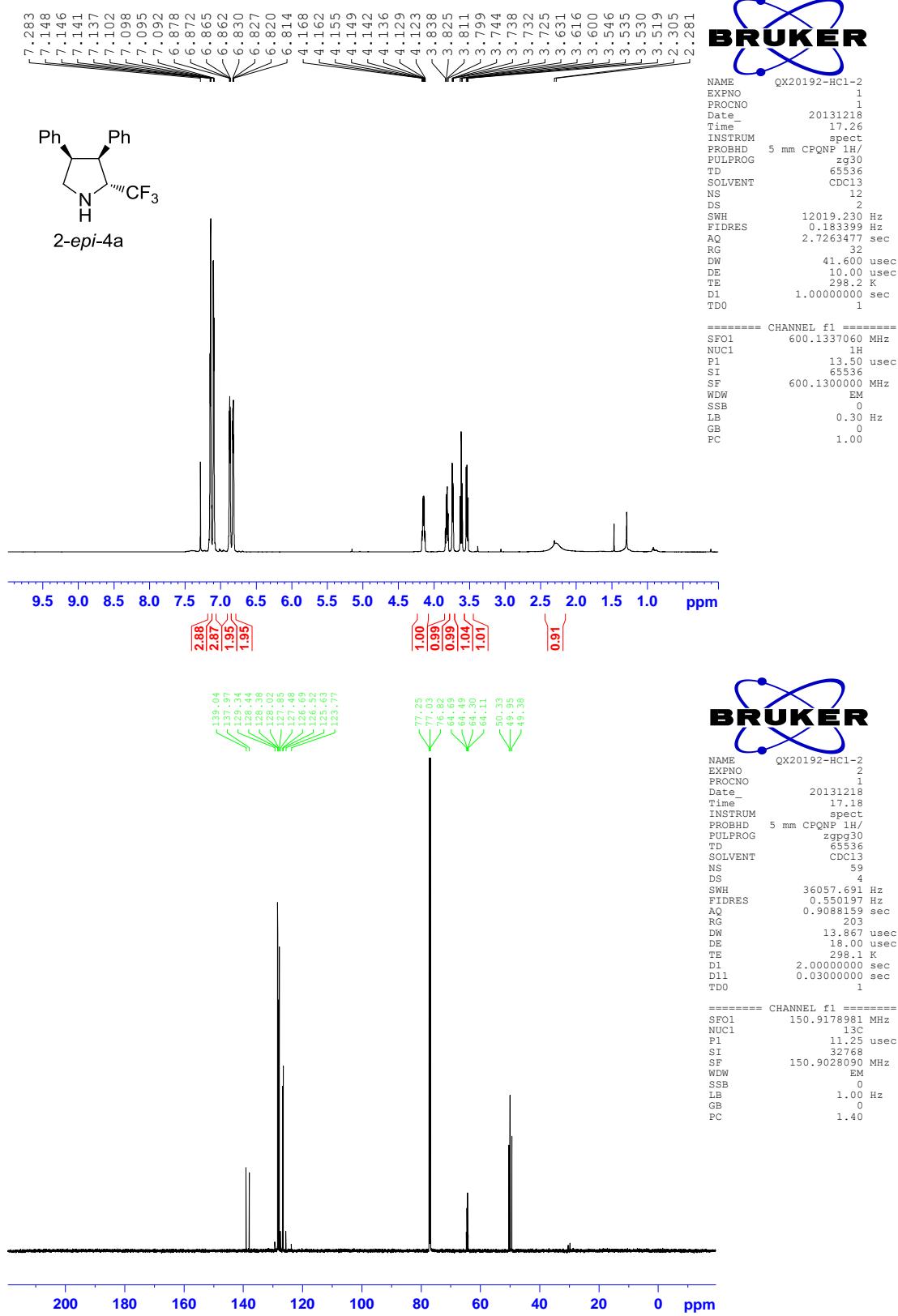


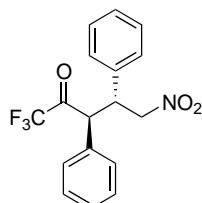




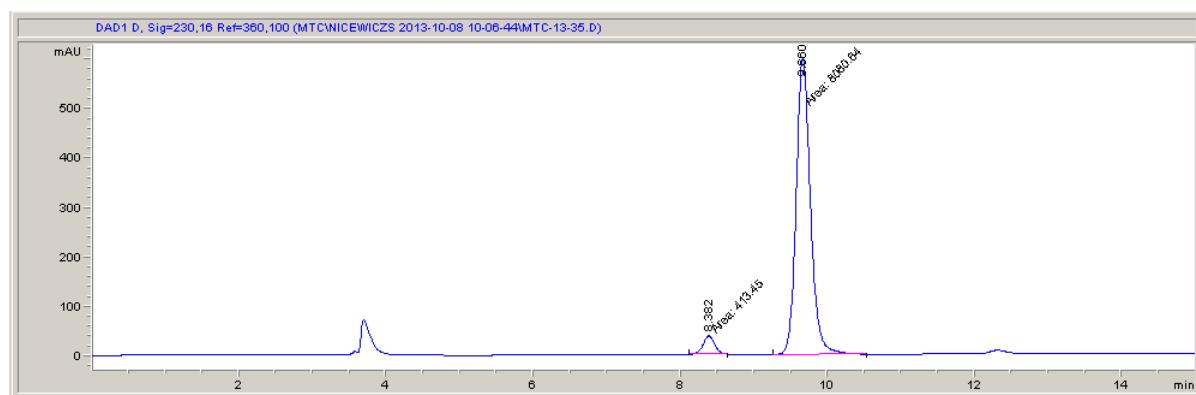
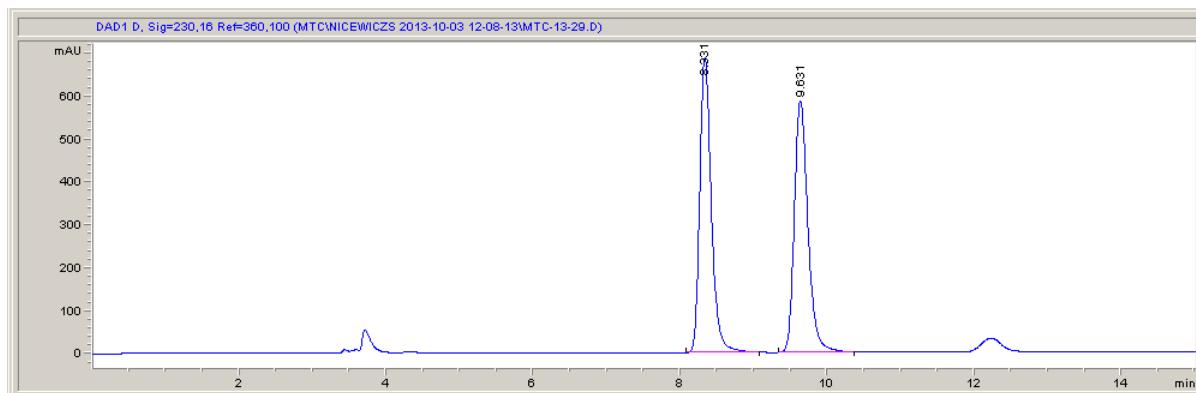


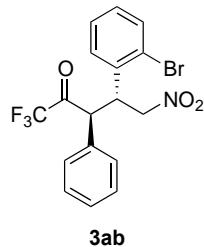




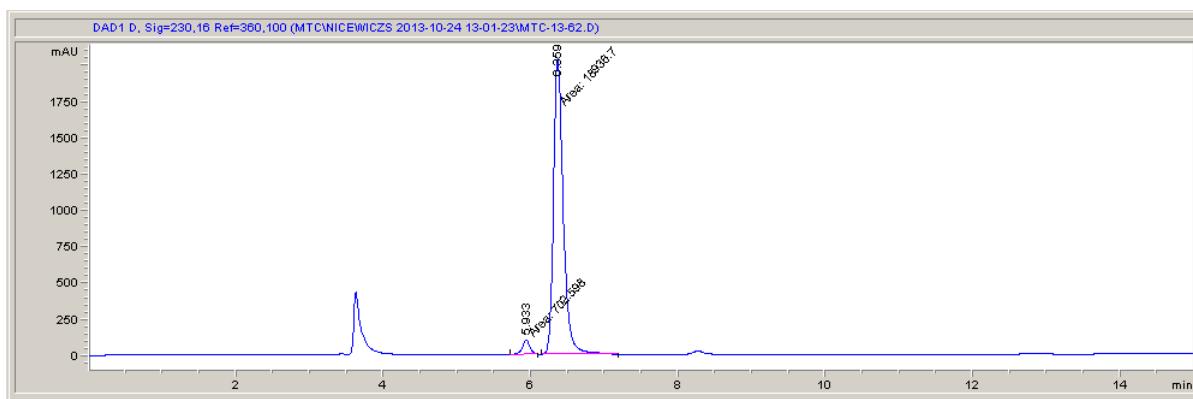
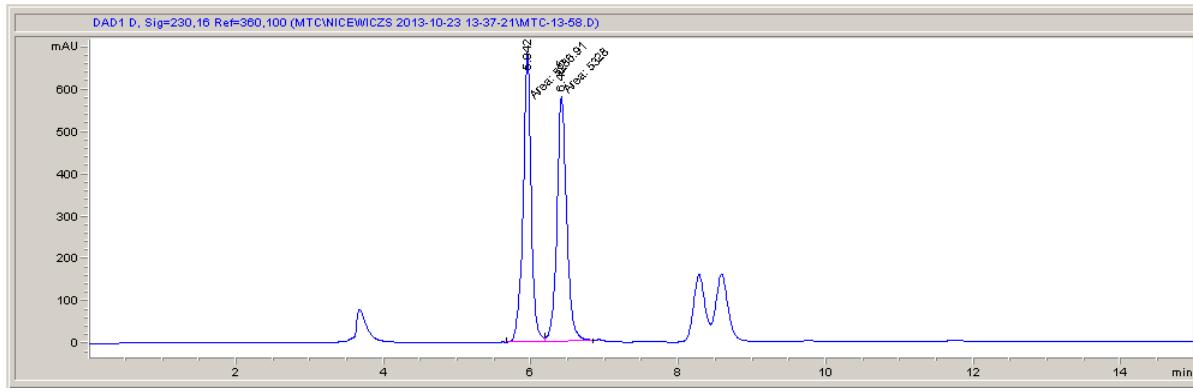


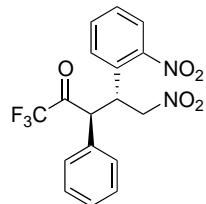
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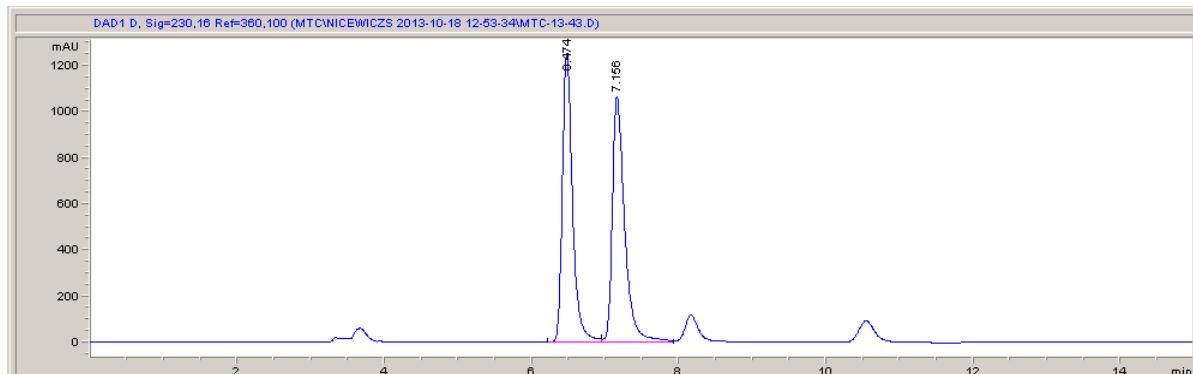


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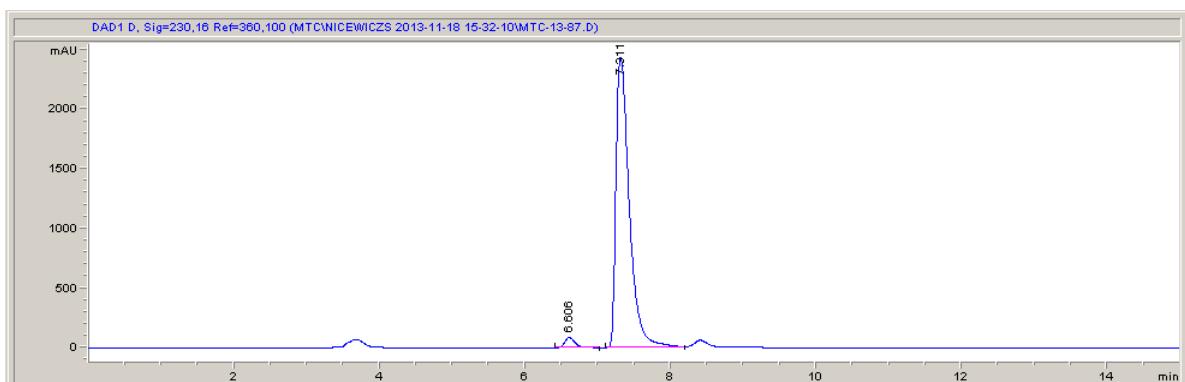




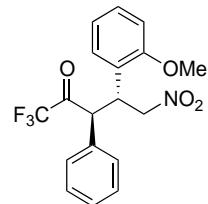
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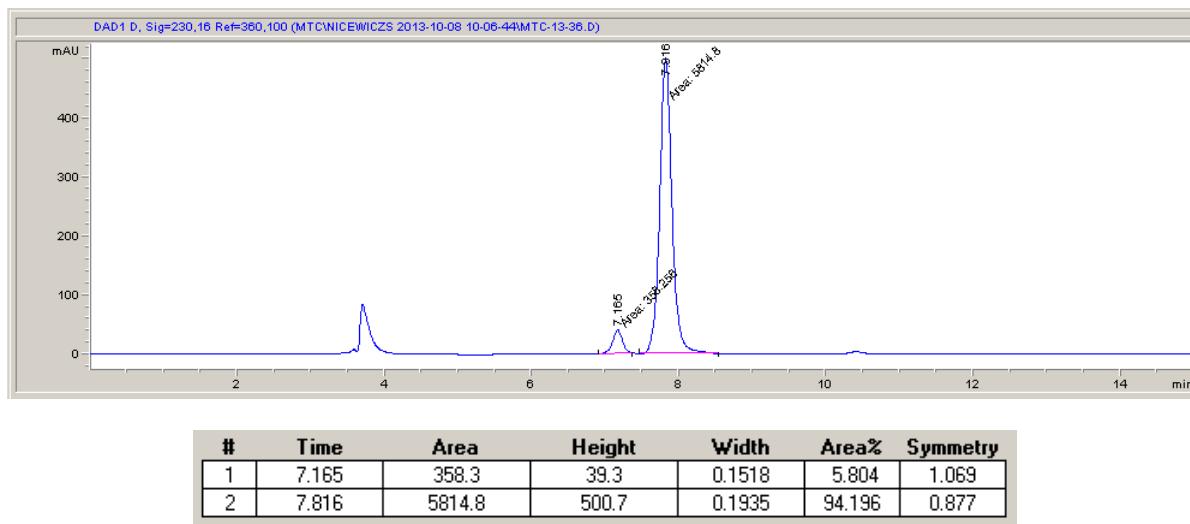
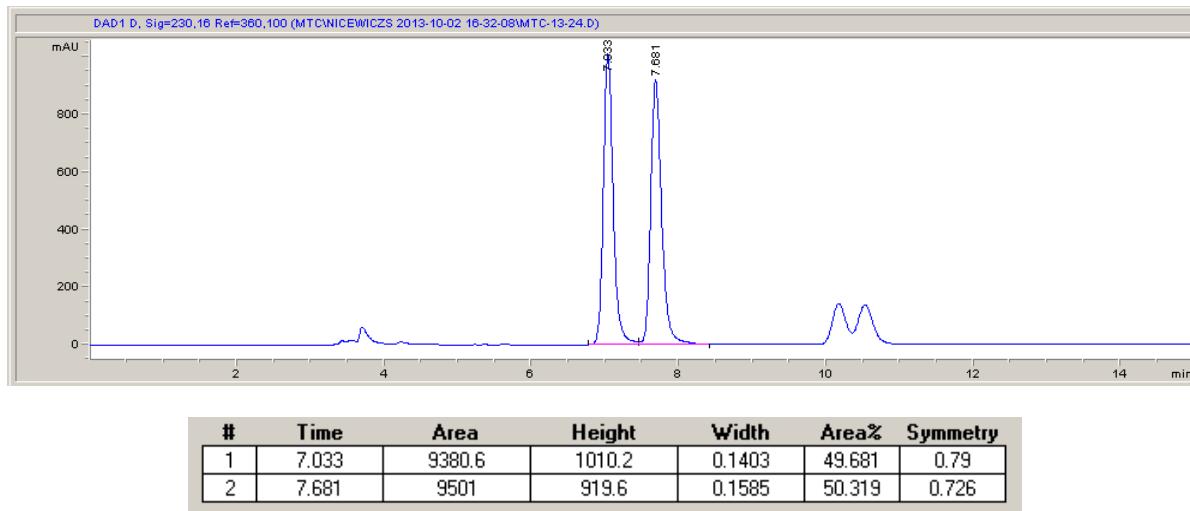
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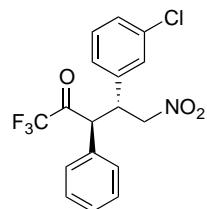


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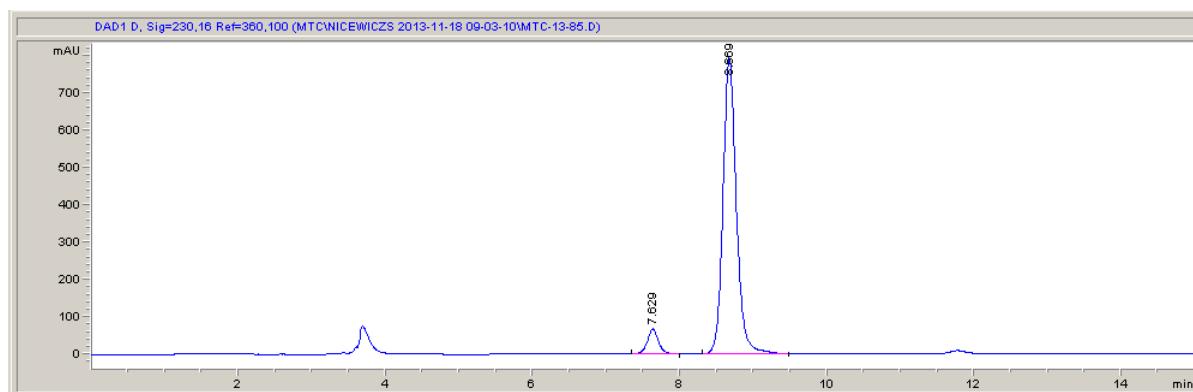
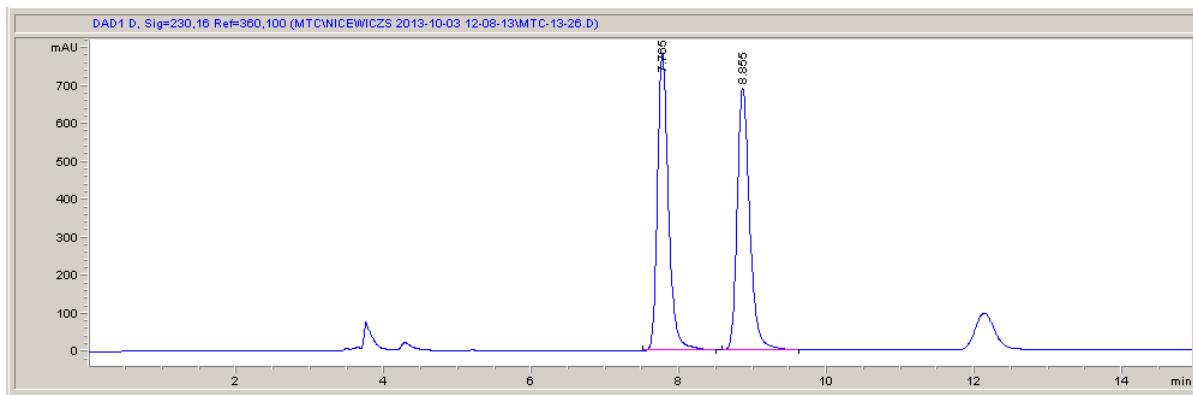


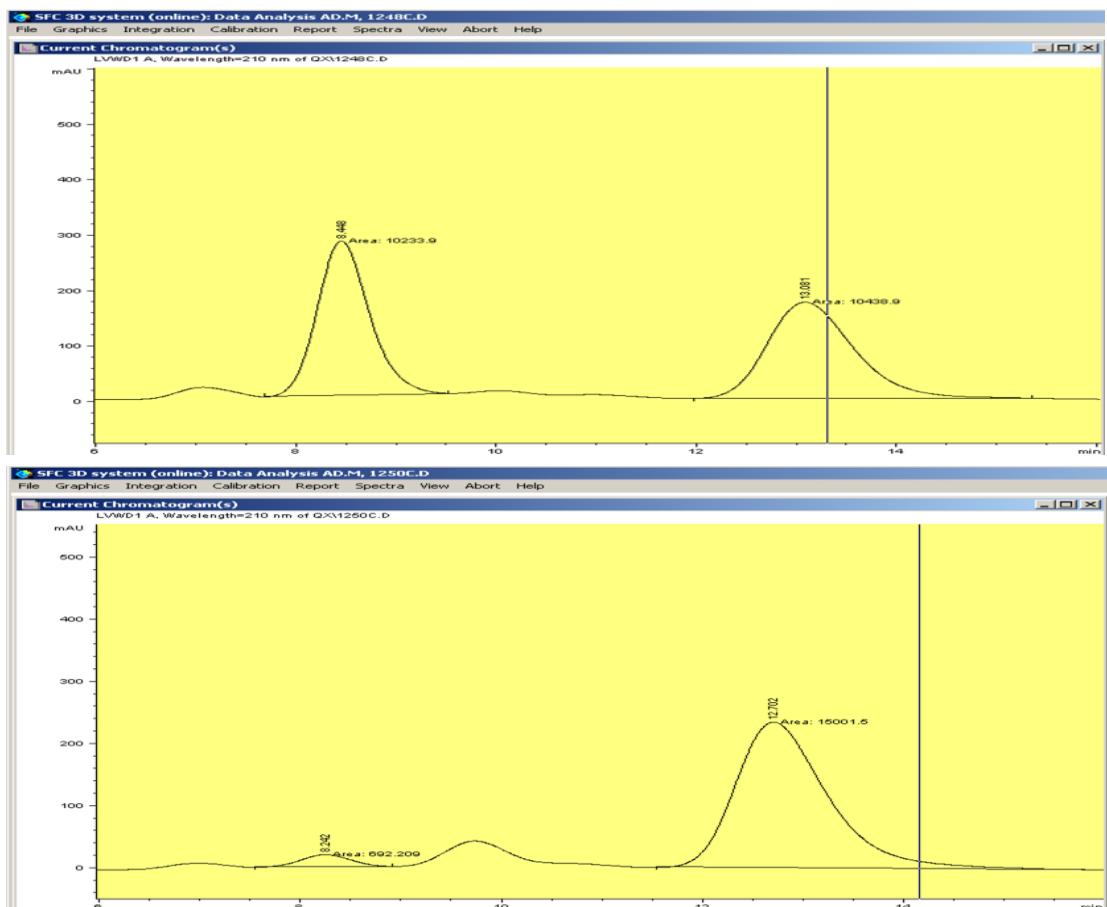
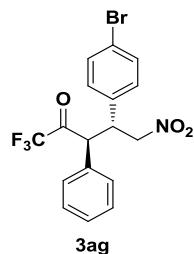
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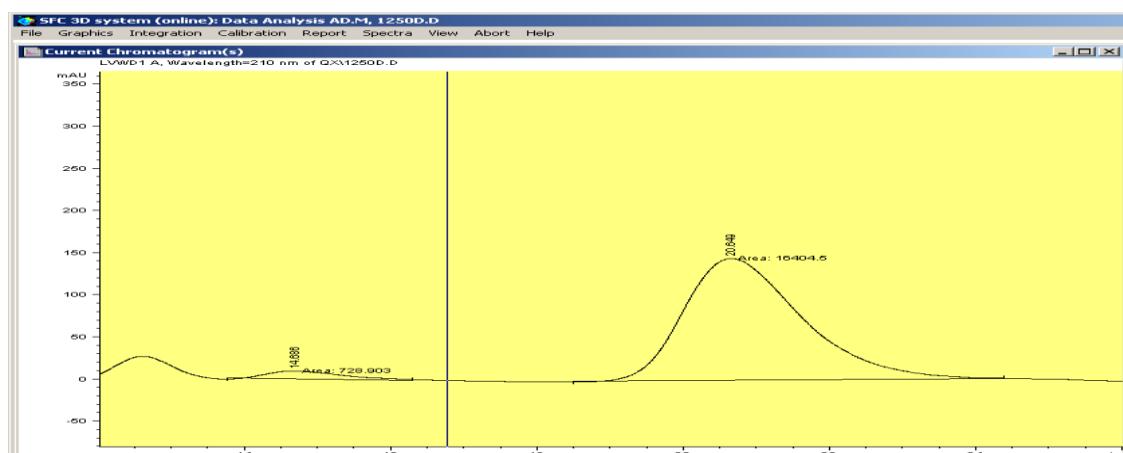
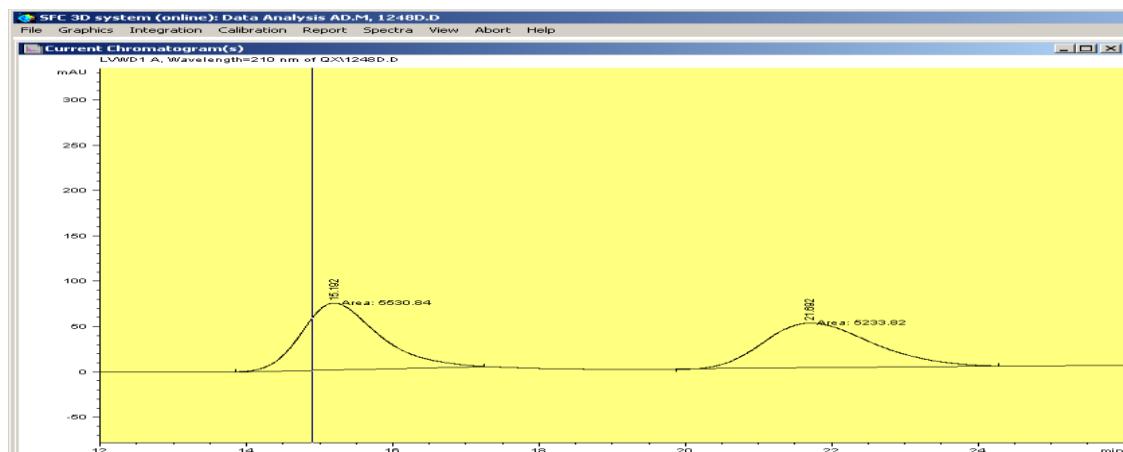
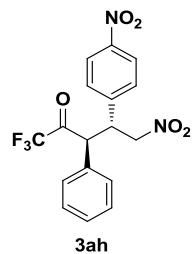


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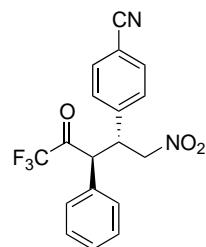




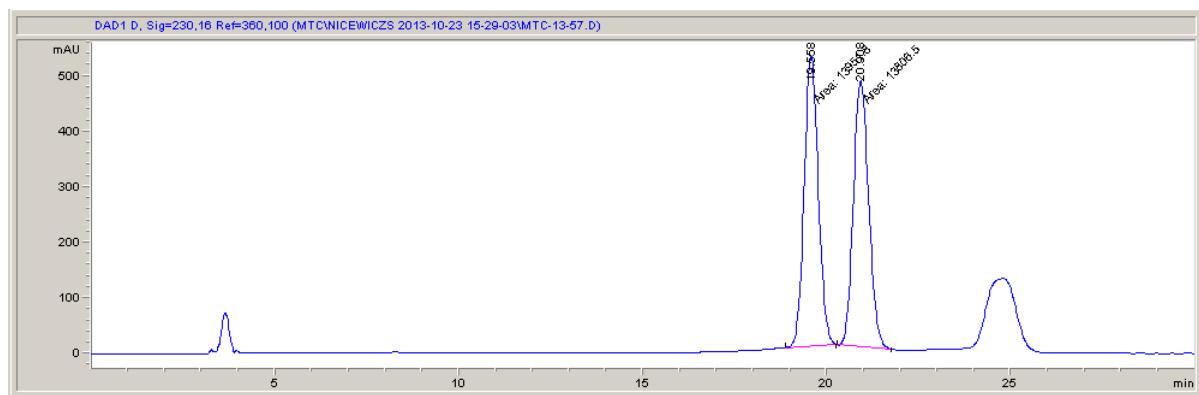
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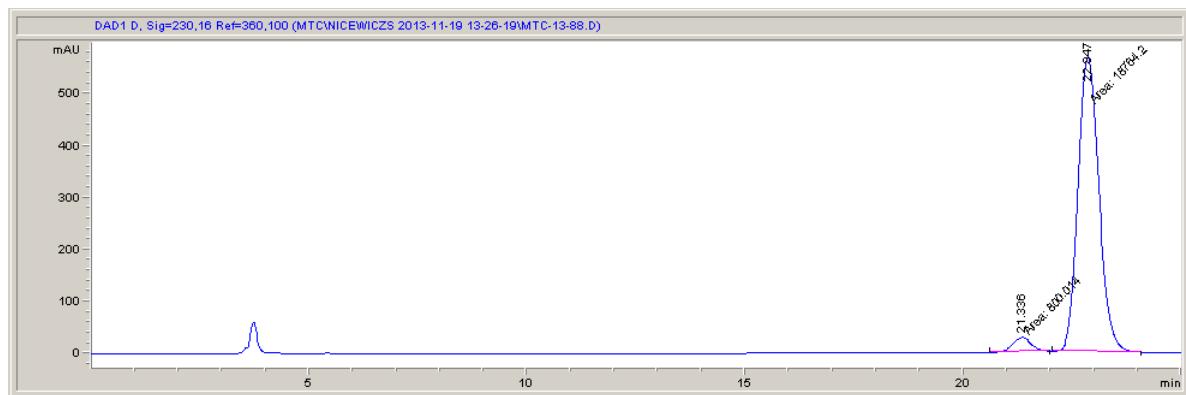
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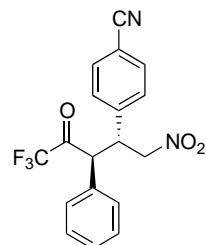
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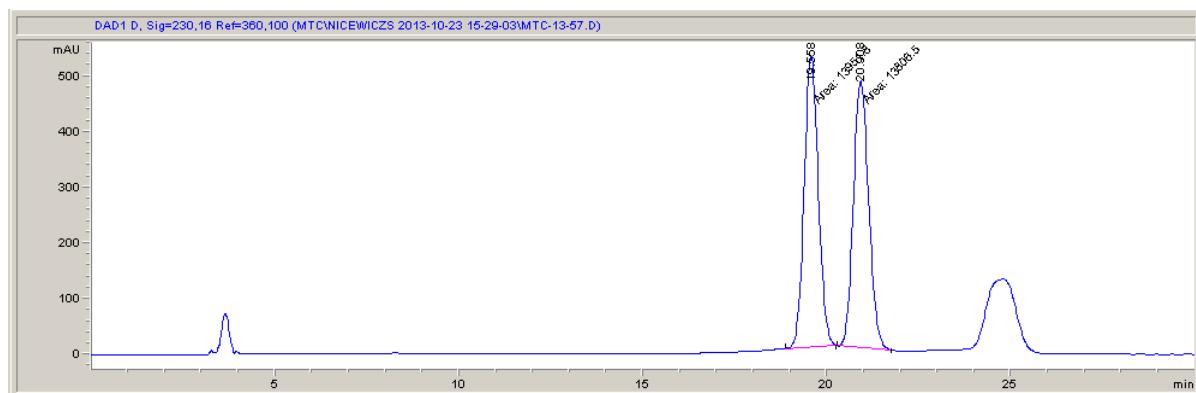


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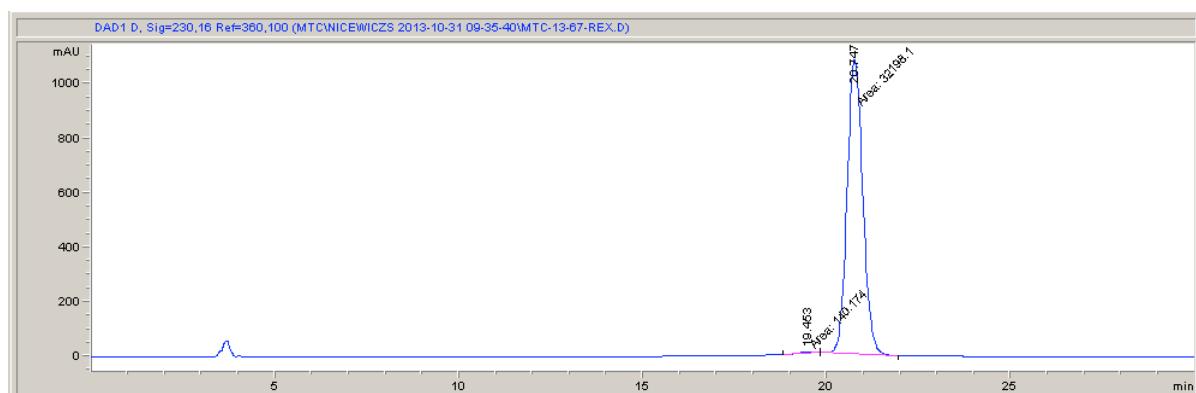


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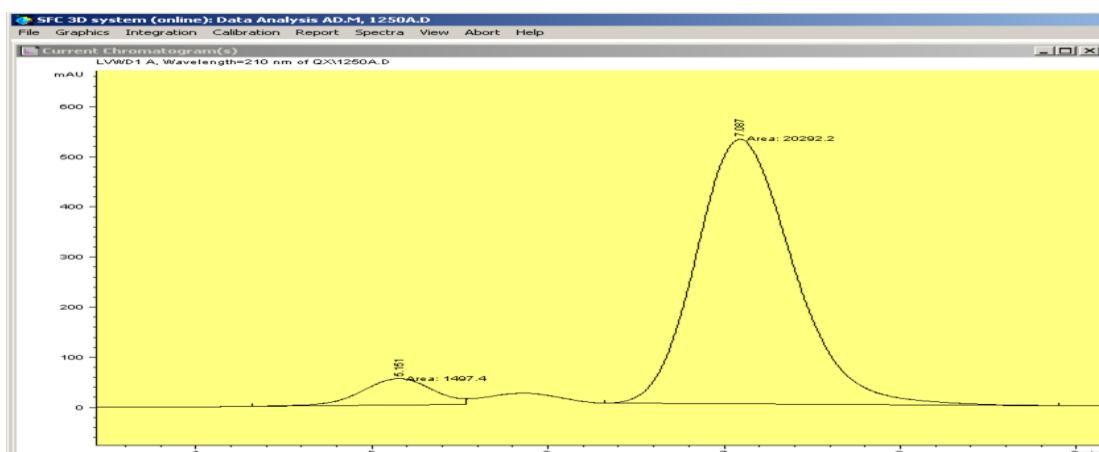
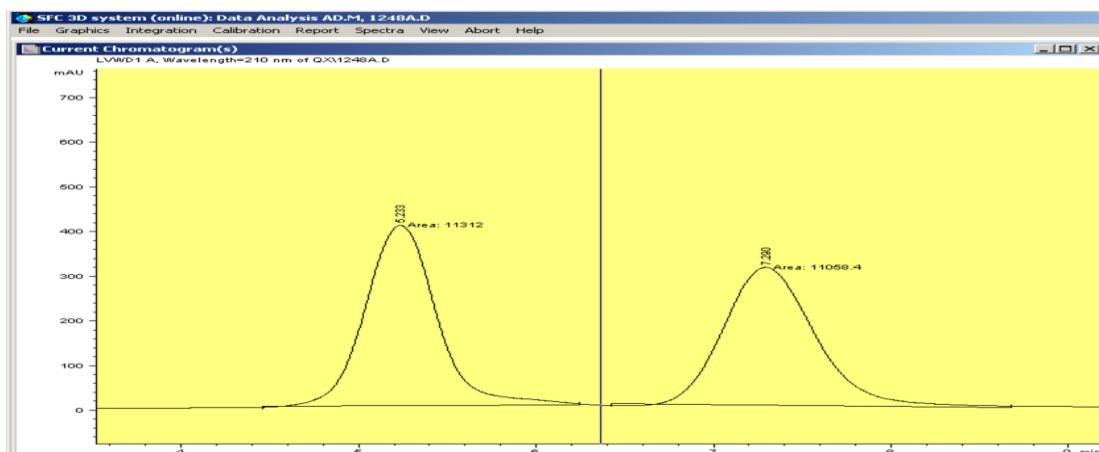
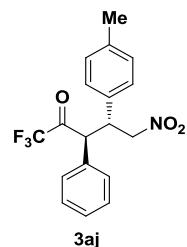
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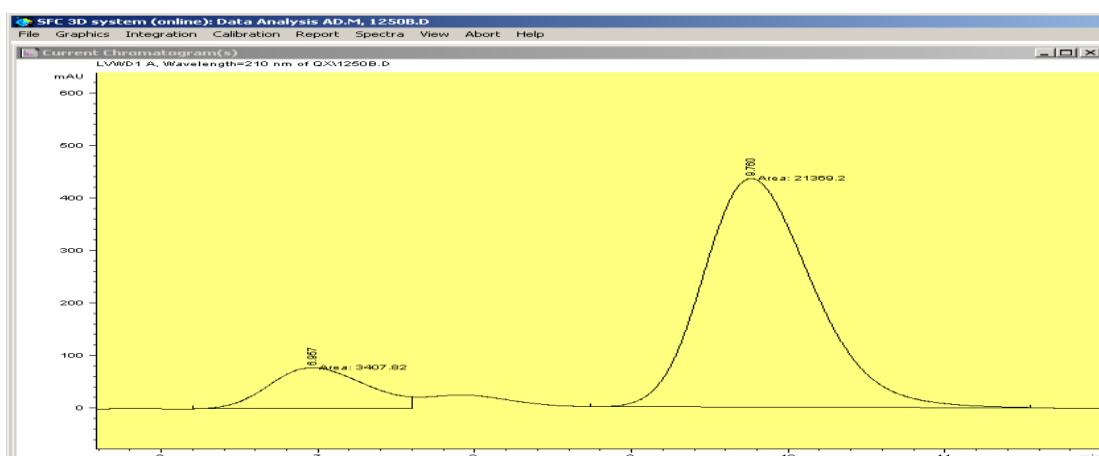
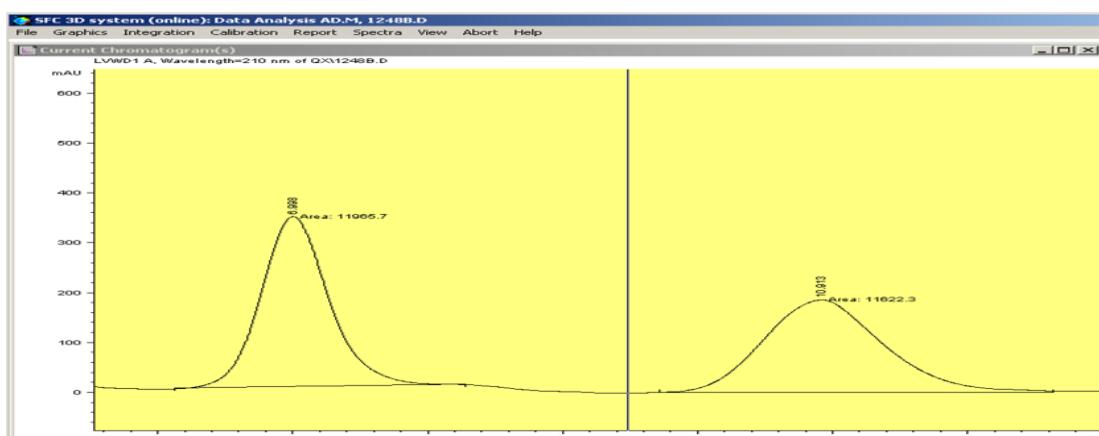
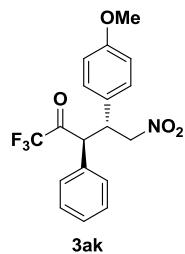
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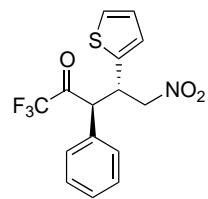
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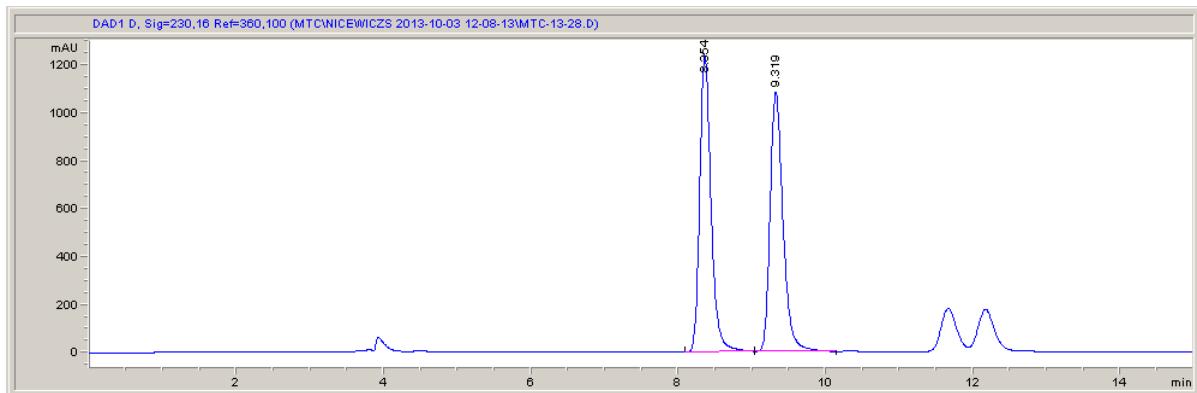
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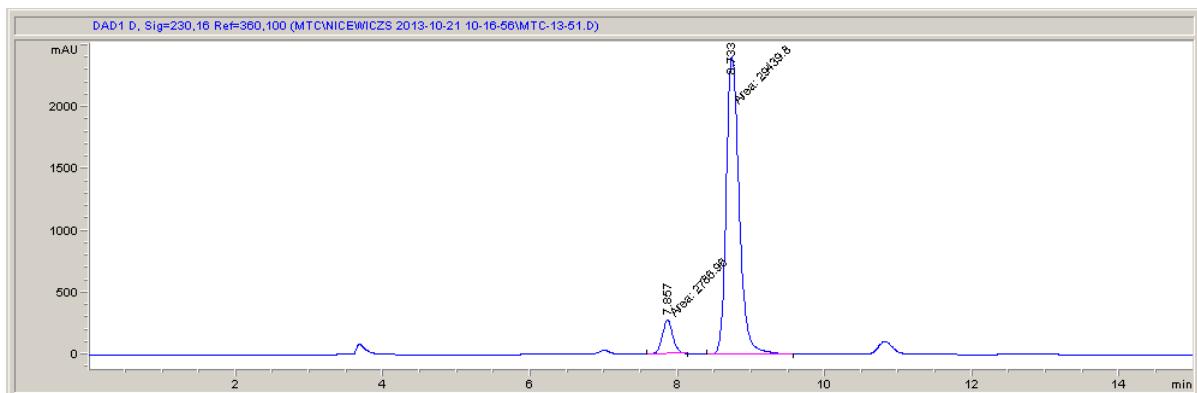
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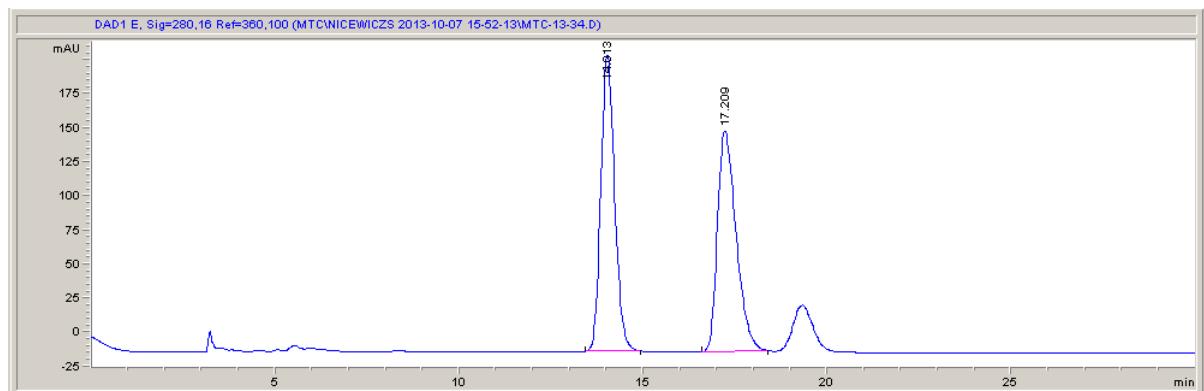
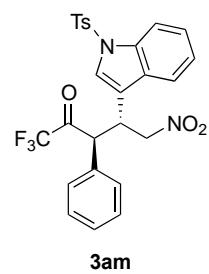
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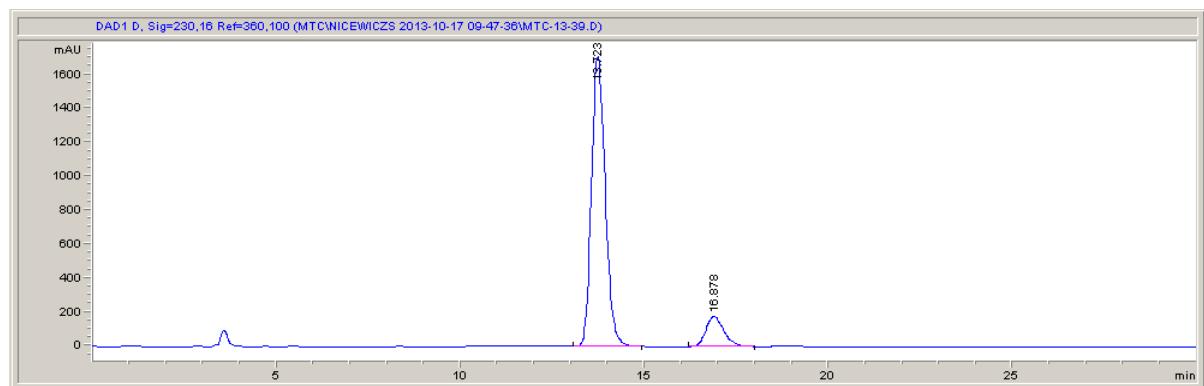
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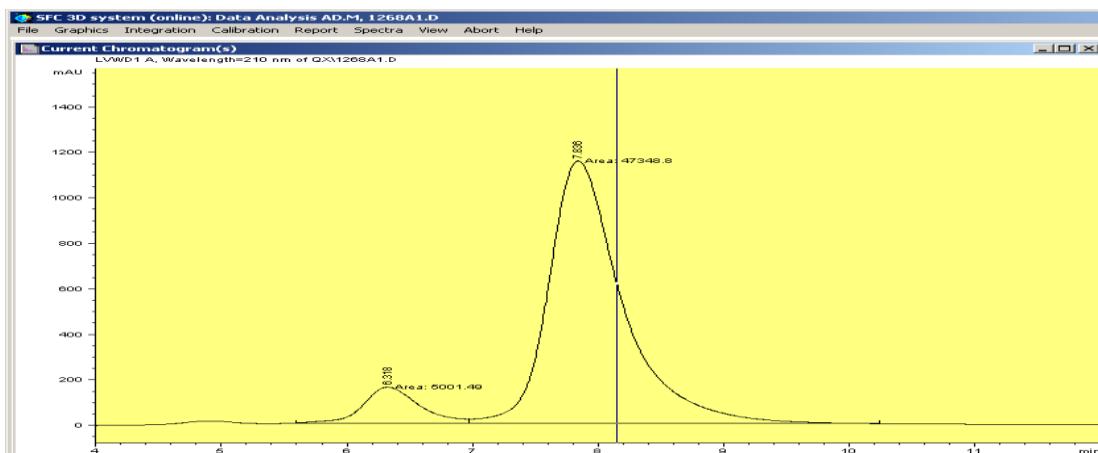
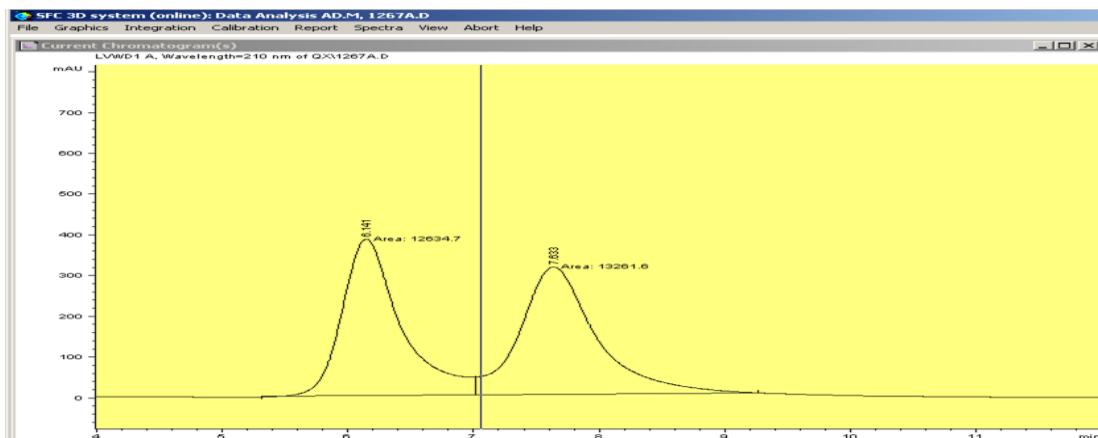
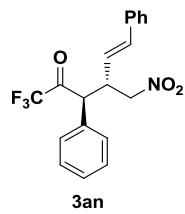
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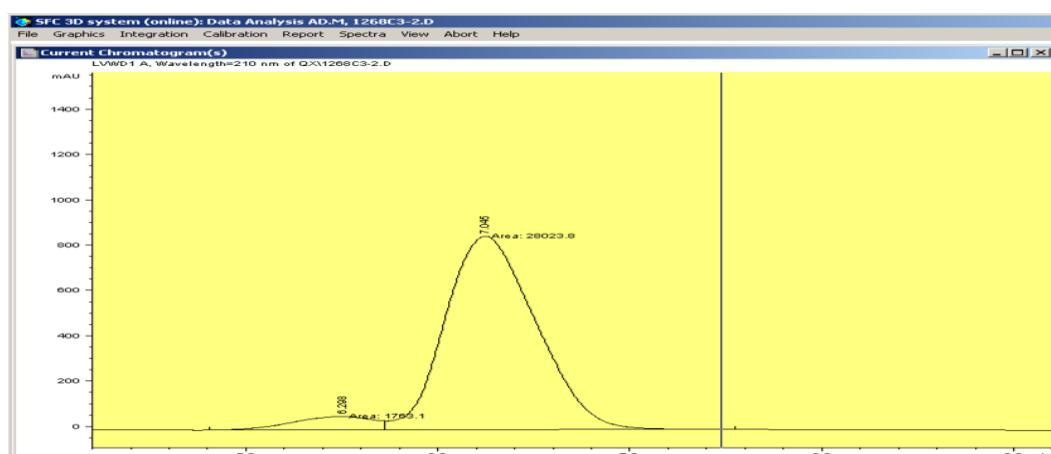
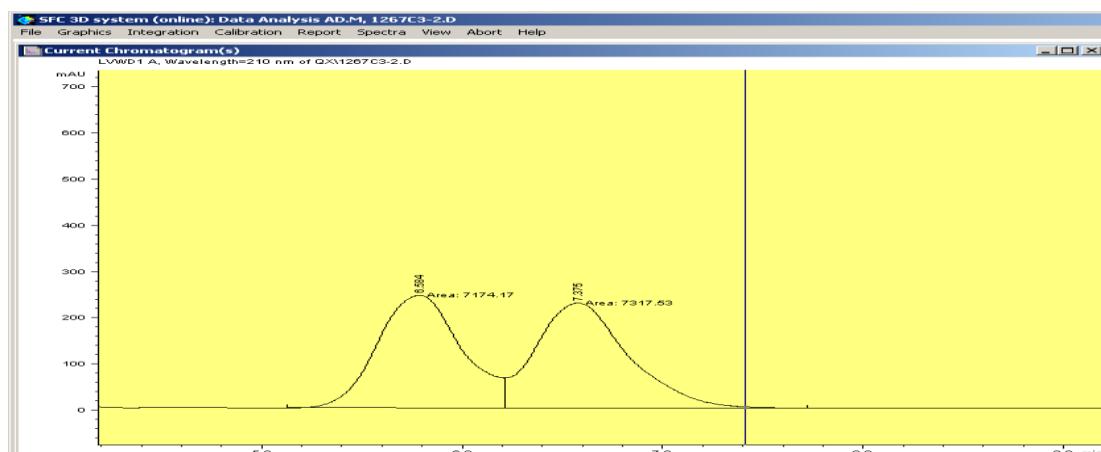
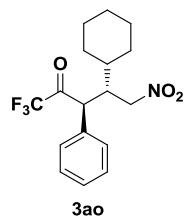
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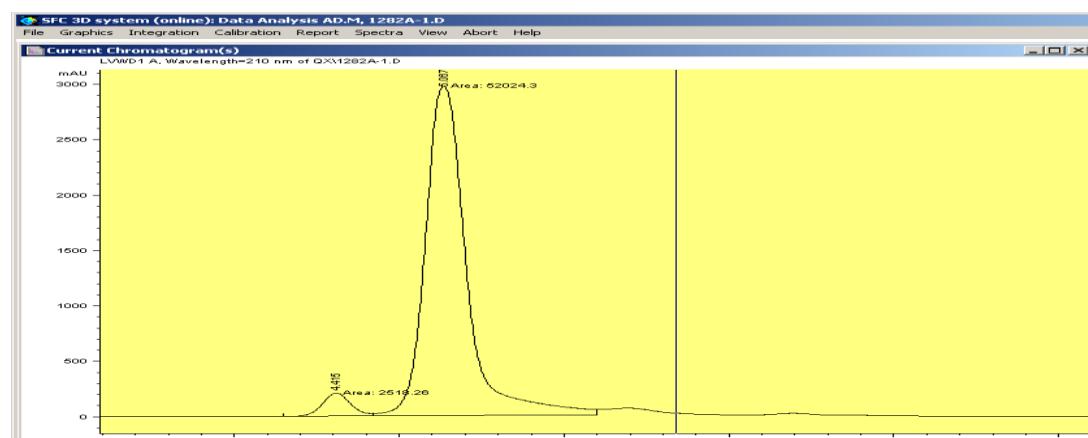
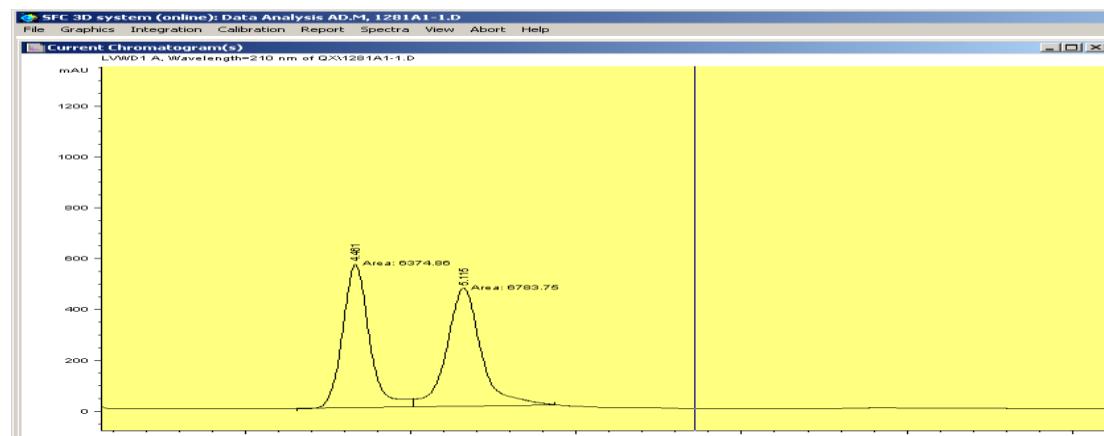
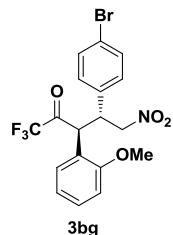


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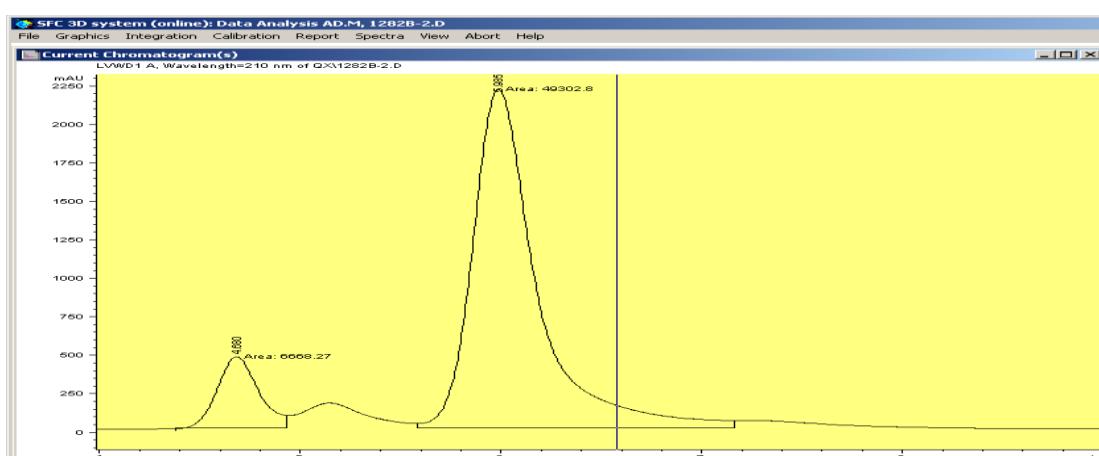
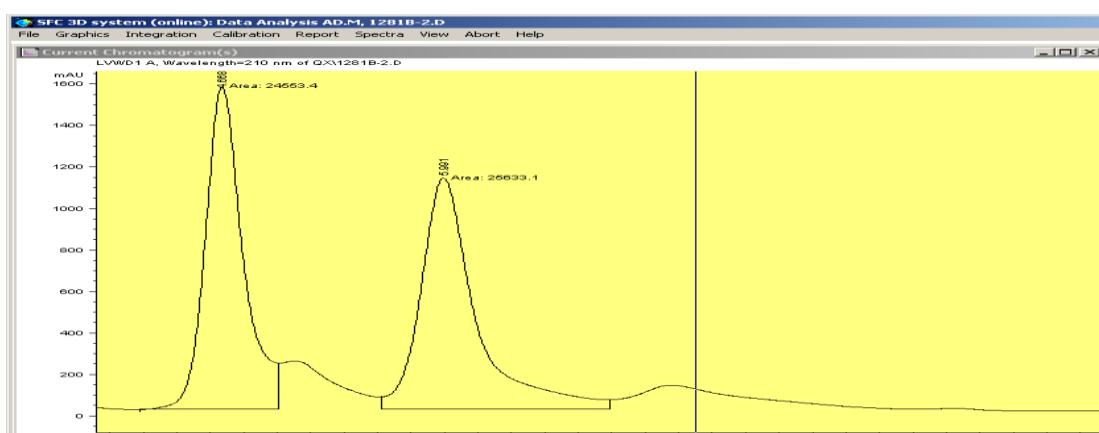
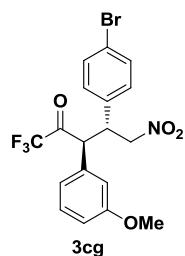


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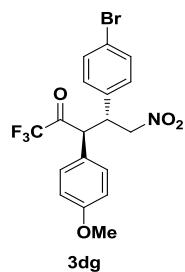
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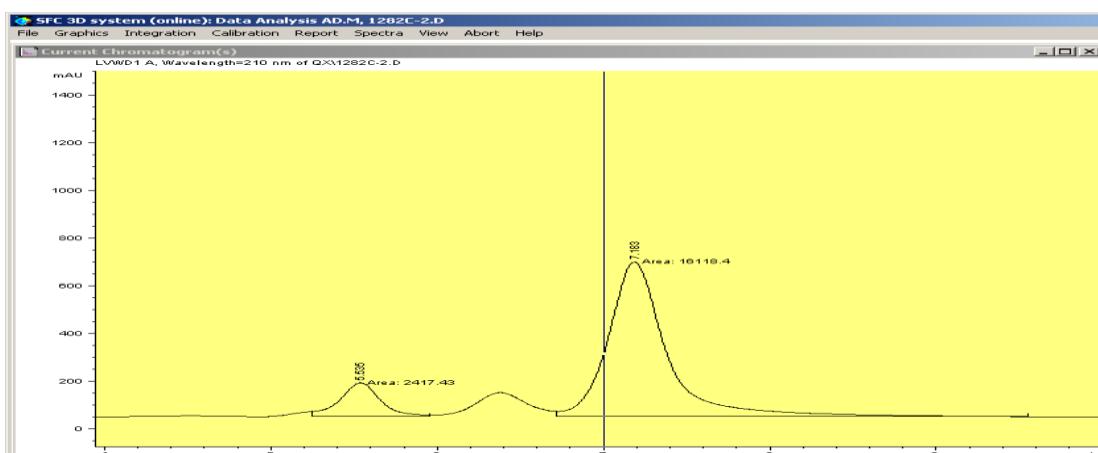
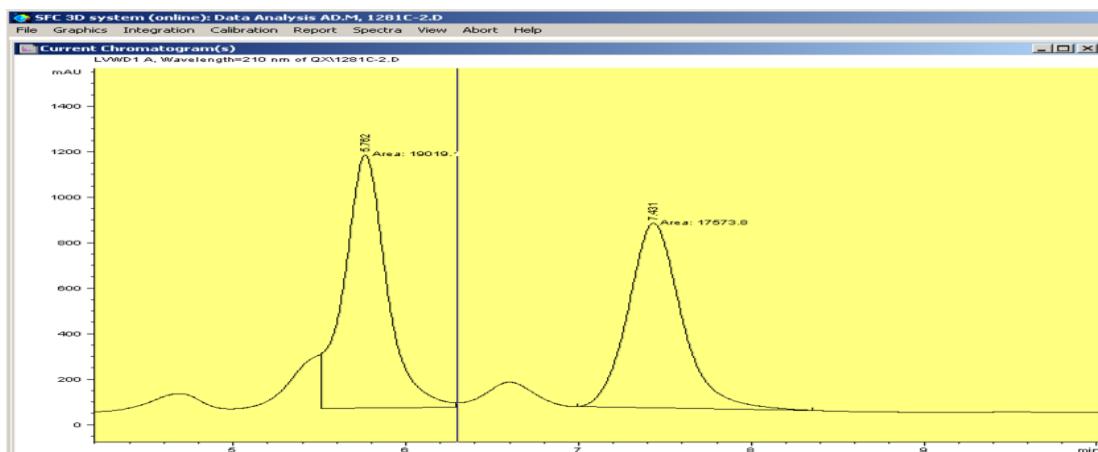
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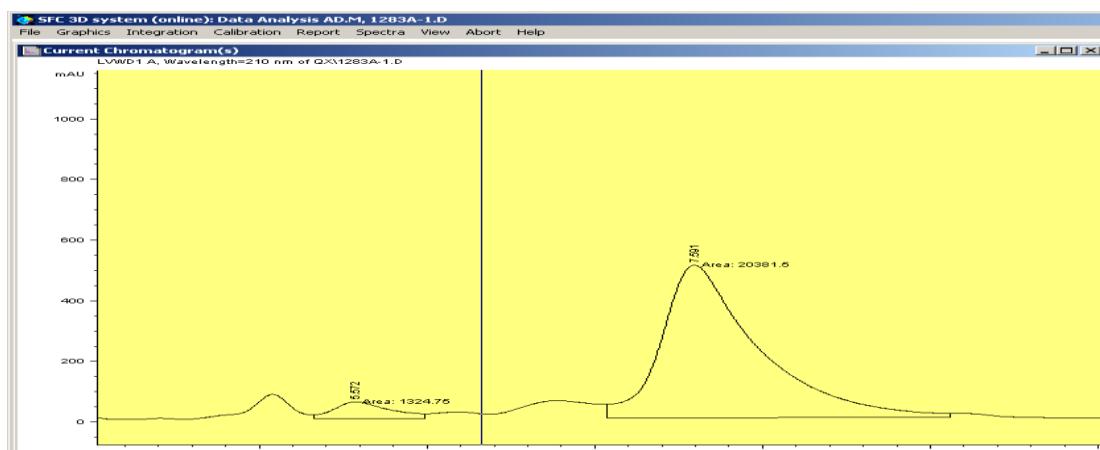
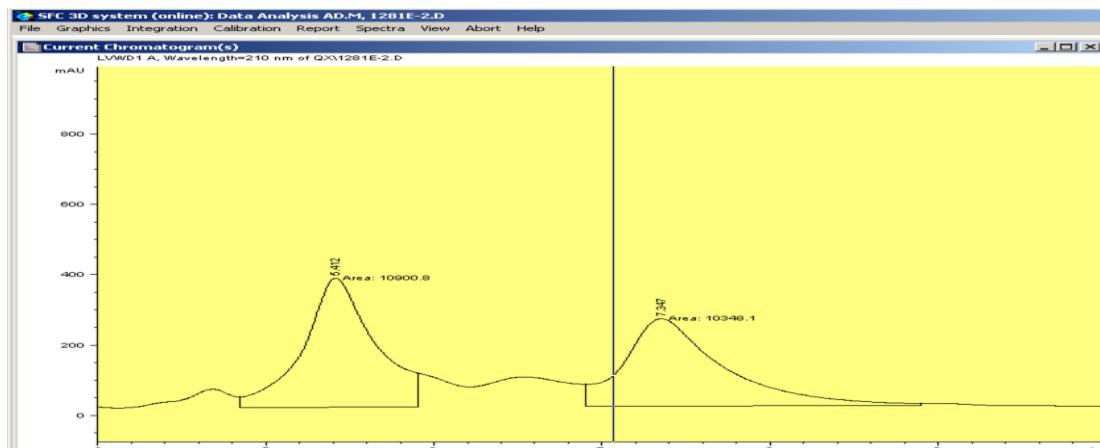
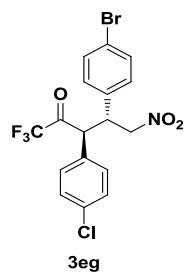
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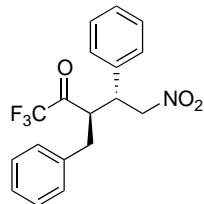


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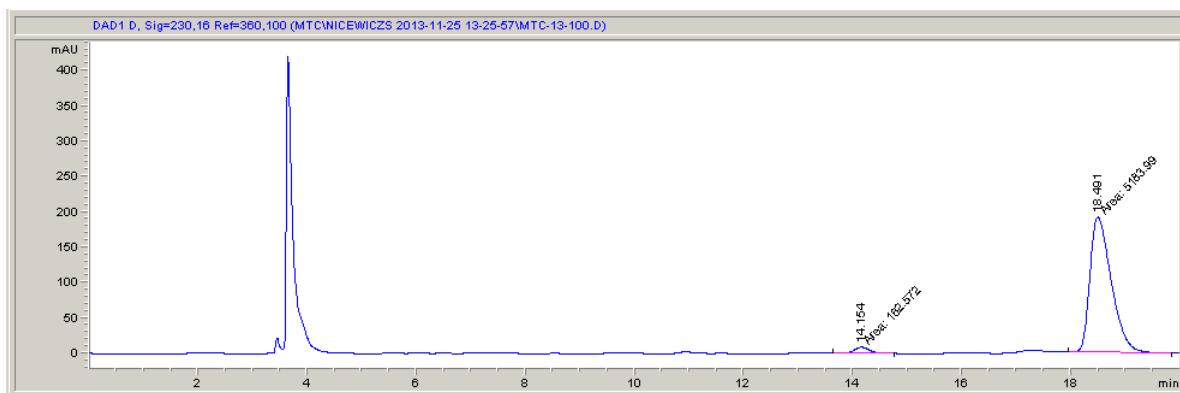
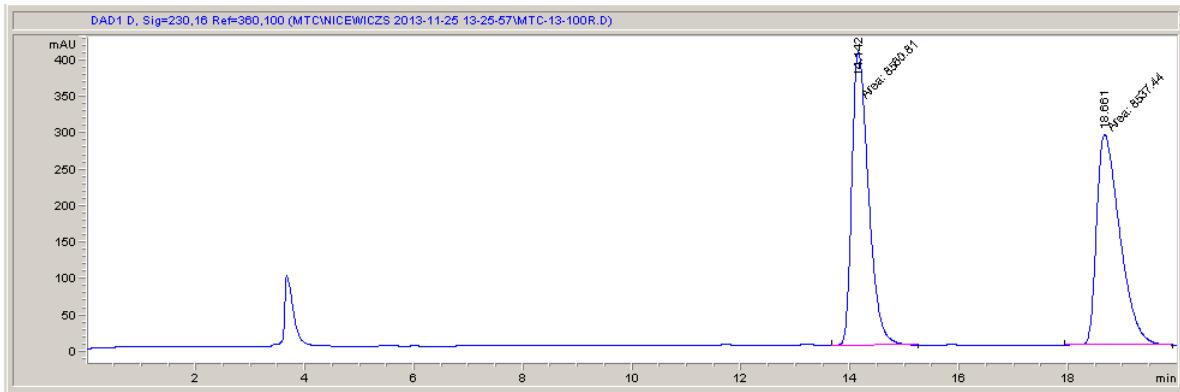


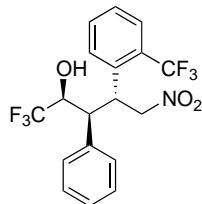
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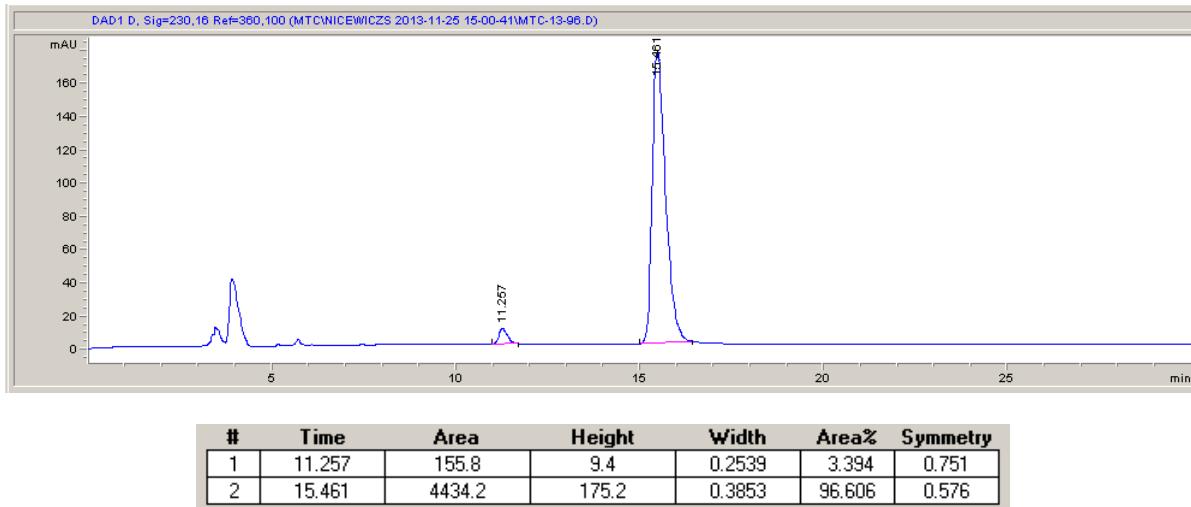
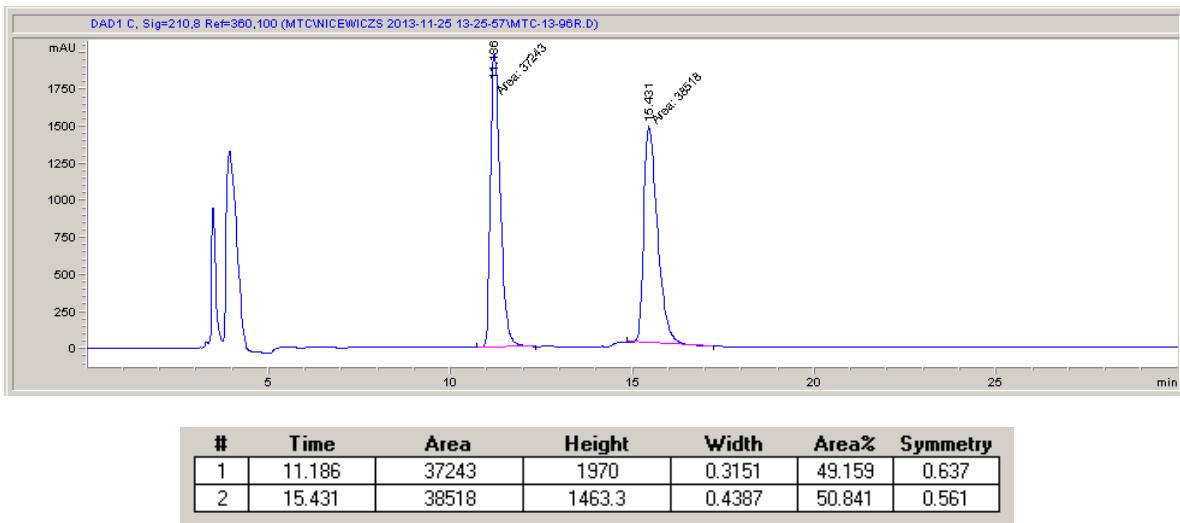


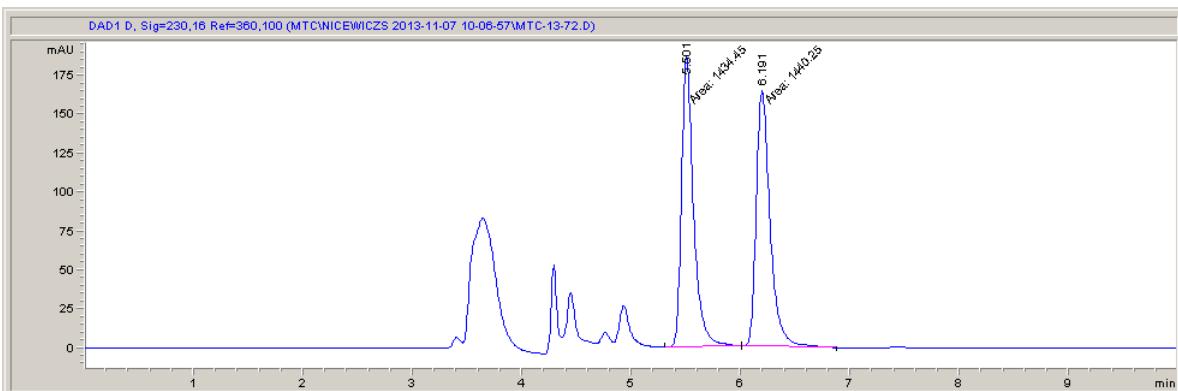
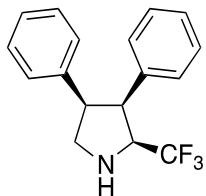
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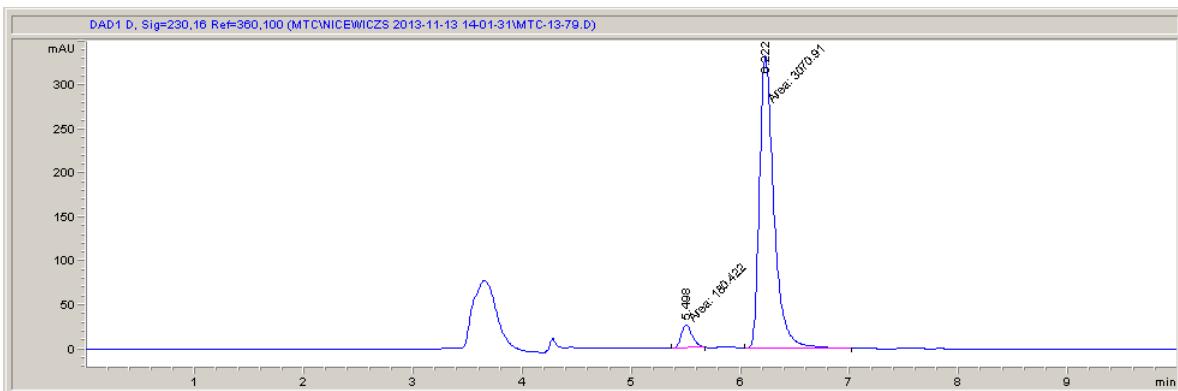


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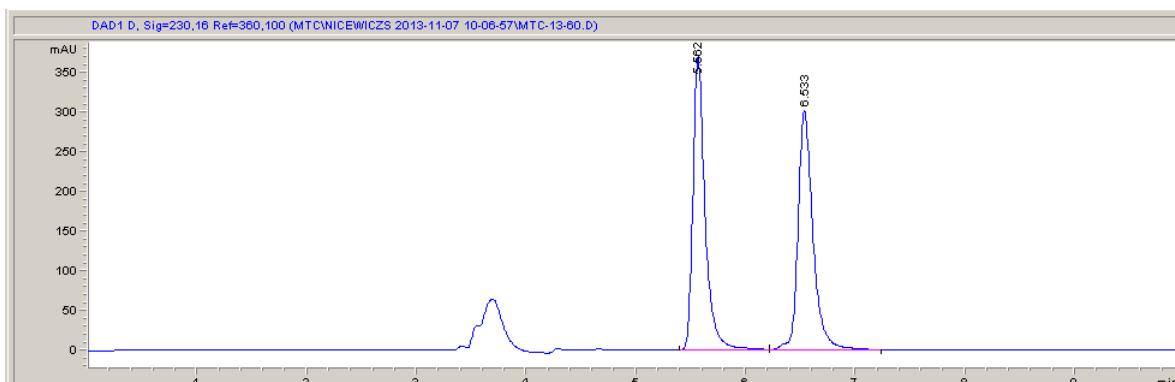
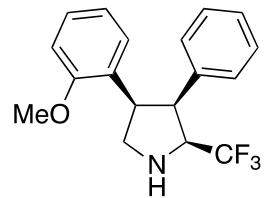




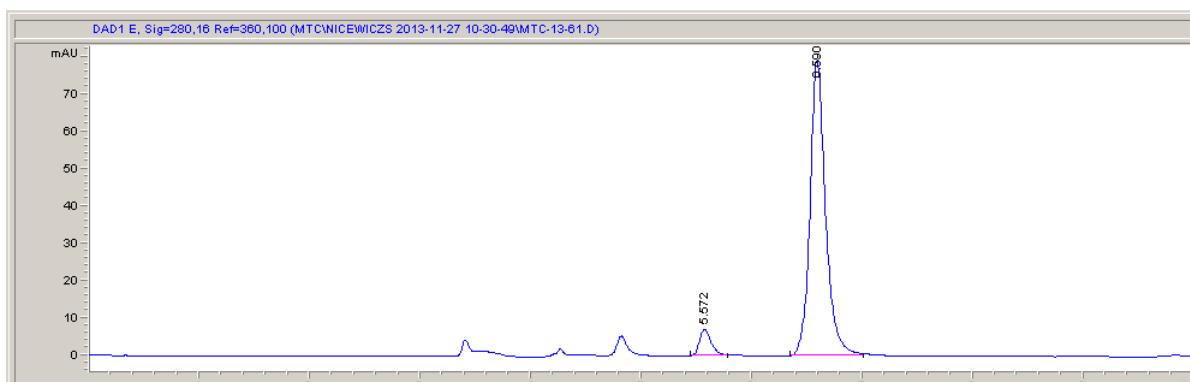
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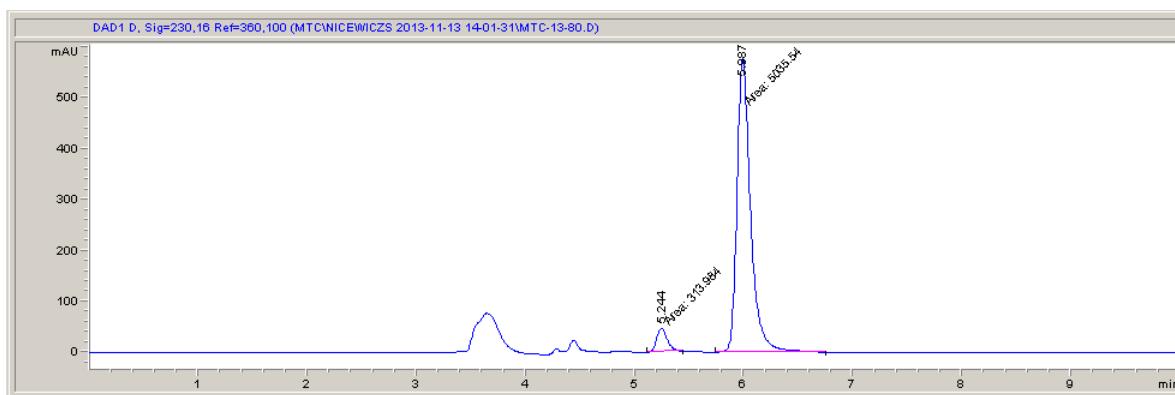
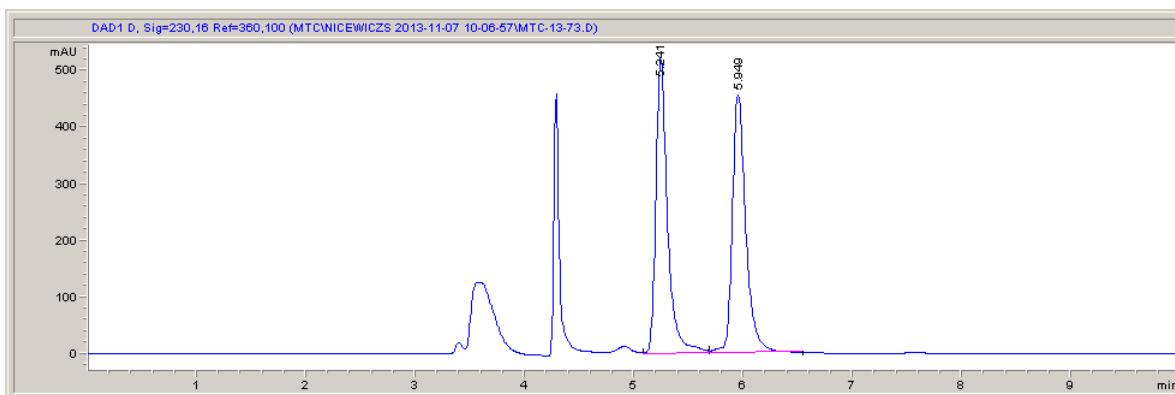
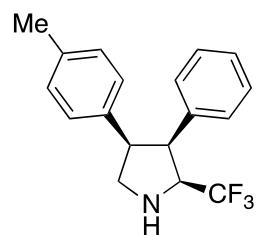
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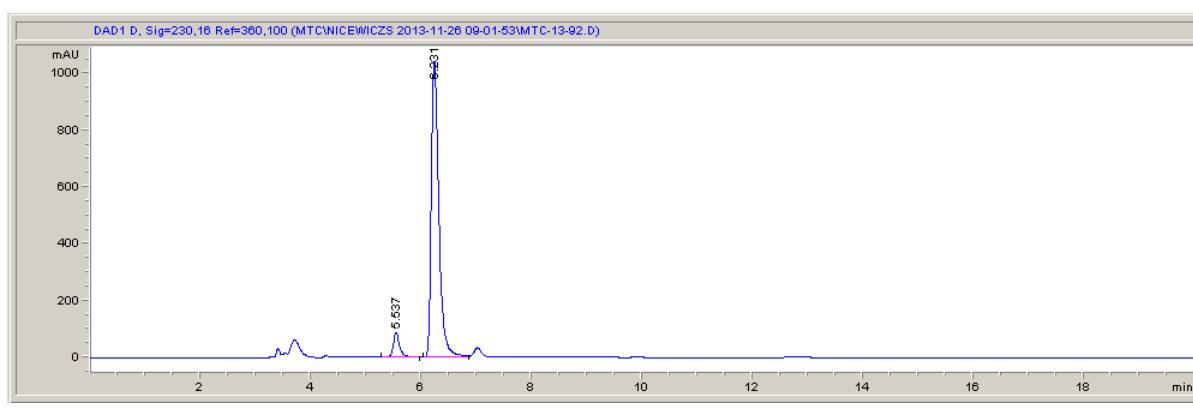
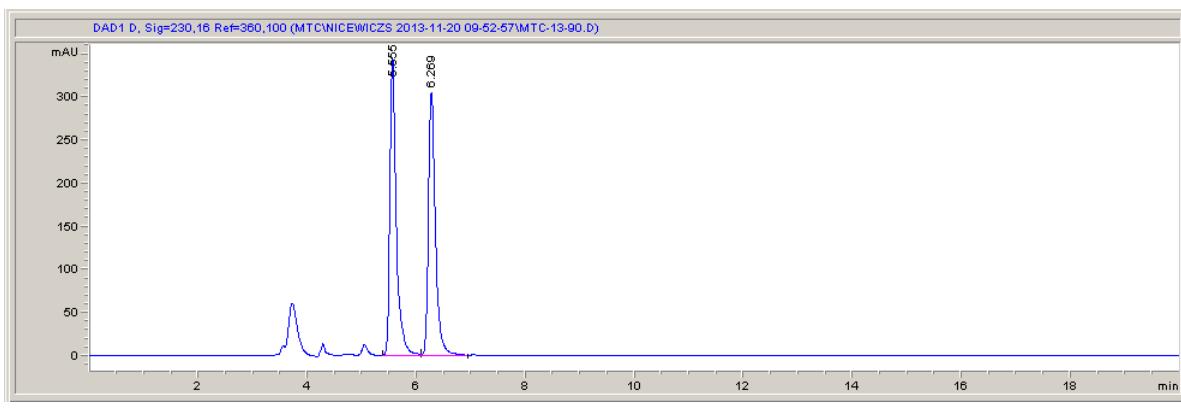
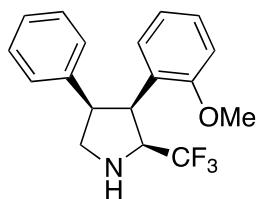


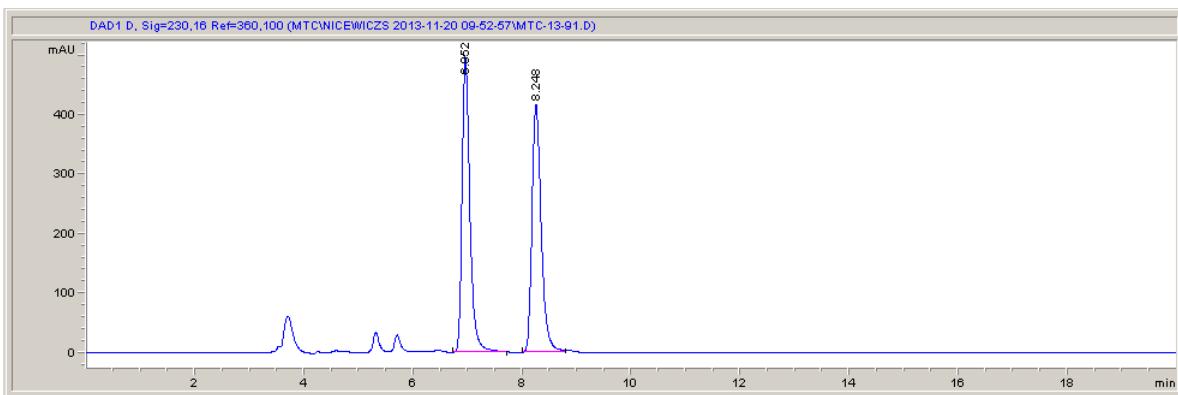
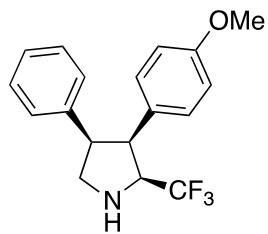
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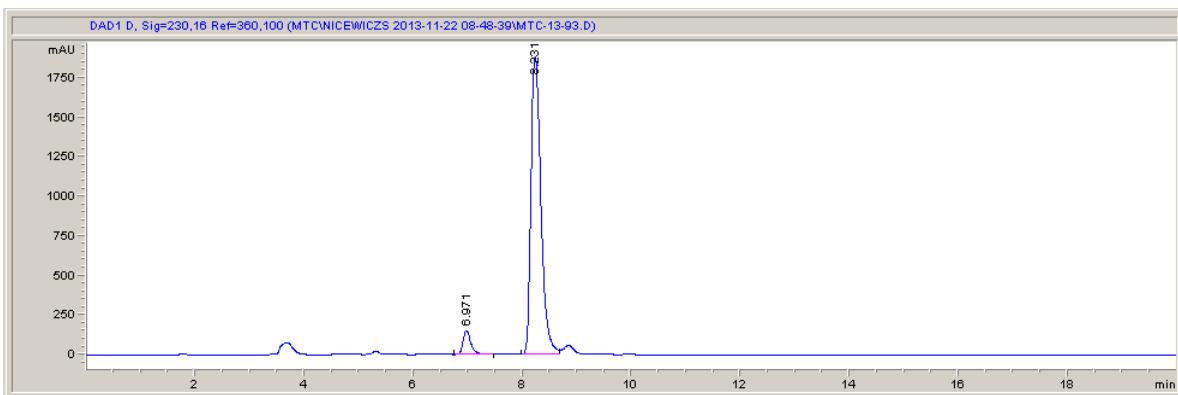
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#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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