

Supporting Information for:

**Catalytic Enantioselective Allylic Amination of Olefins for the Synthesis of *ent*-Sitagliptin**

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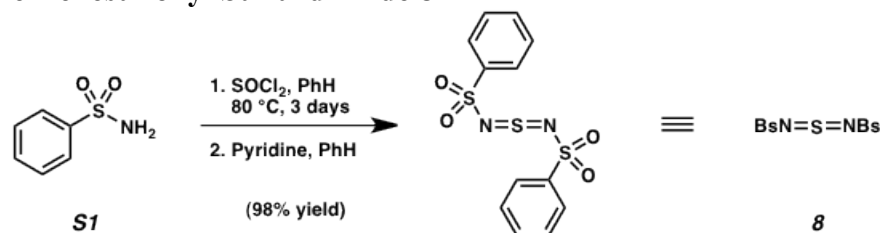
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**Materials and Methods**

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring unless otherwise indicated. Commercially obtained reagents were used as received. All bisoxazoline and bisoxazolanyl-pyridine ligands **10a-h** were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography with E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Silica gel (particle size 0.032 - 0.063 mm) purchased from SiliCycle was used for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova-400 or 500 spectrometers. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm) or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (2.50 ppm) as an internal standard and are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported relative to chloroform as an internal standard (77.23 ppm) and are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm). Optical rotations were measured on a JAS DIP-360 digital polarimeter. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1000 series FTIR. Chiral HPLC analyses were performed on an Agilent 1200 Series system. HRMS data were obtained at The Scripps Center for Mass Spectrometry.

## Synthesis of Benzenesulfonyl Sulfurdiimide **8**



Our procedure was modified from a method reported in the literature for the synthesis of similar arylsulfonyl sulfurdiimides<sup>1</sup>: A solution of benzenesulfonamide **S1** (50 g, 0.318 mol) and  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (80 mL, 1.1 mol) in benzene (30 mL) was refluxed at 80 °C for 3 days (over the course of the reaction, the mixture became a clear solution). When the starting material was consumed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of an aliquot, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to remove benzene and excess  $\text{SOCl}_2$ . Trace amounts of  $\text{SOCl}_2$  were removed by redissolving the residue in toluene (50 mL), concentrating under reduced pressure, and storing under vacuum at 50 °C for 6 h. The residue was then treated with benzene (70 mL) and heated slightly to ensure all material dissolved in the solvent. Once the solution was cooled to 23 °C, pyridine (0.5 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred. After 12 h, stirring was ceased, and a yellow precipitate crystallized slowly from the solution. The precipitate was separated by vacuum filtration and stored under vacuum at 50 °C for 8 h. Benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiimide **8** was obtained as a yellow solid (53.5 g, 98% yield). *Since benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiimide **8** is sensitive to water, we store it in a desiccator inside a sealed flask that has been purged with  $\text{N}_2$ . Optimal results for the enantioselective allylic amination were obtained when benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiimide **8** was broken into a fine powder immediately before use.*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.9, 135.0, 129.6, 128.3. IR (thin film): 3348, 3255, 1557, 1332, 1159  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Although we continue to synthesize benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiimide **8** in our lab, Sigma-Aldrich has commercialized this reagent based on conversations with our group about its synthetic utility (Catalog #L511390, \$25/gram).*

## Synthesis of Unactivated Olefins

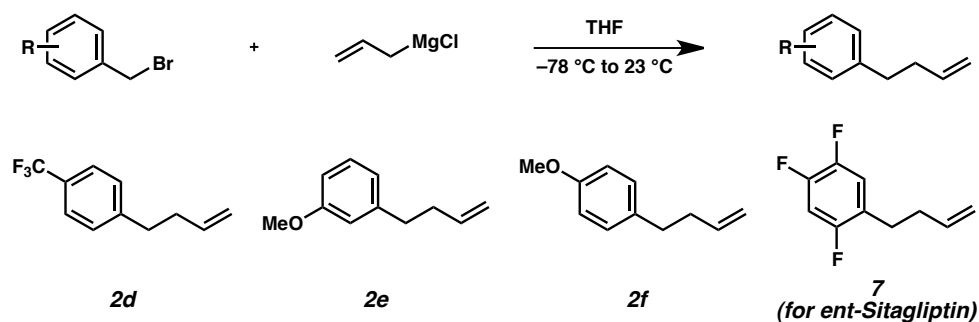
Olefin **2b** was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, and olefin **2c** was purchased from GFS Chemicals.



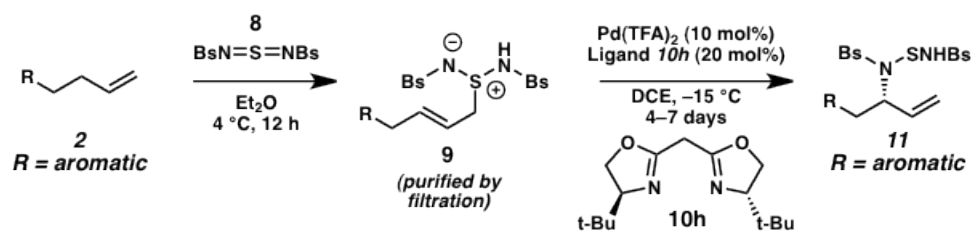
Olefins **2d** and **2e**, and trifluorophenyl butene **7** were prepared by reacting the corresponding benzyl bromides with allylmagnesium chloride according to the procedure of Molander<sup>2</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> Smyth, T. P.; O'Donnell, M. E.; O'Connor, M. J.; St. Ledger, J. O. *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, *63*, 7600.

<sup>2</sup> Molander, G. A.; Sandrock, D. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 15792.

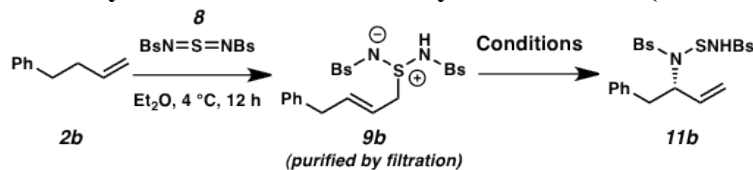


### General Procedure for the Catalytic Enantioselective Allylic Amination

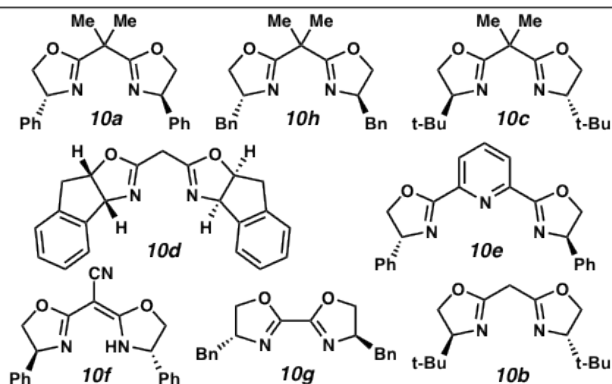


A solution of benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiiimide **8** (685 mg, 2 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (4 mL, 0.5 M) was cooled to  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and treated with the terminal olefin **2** (6–10 mmol, 3–5 equiv). The reaction was stirred at  $4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 12 h. The ene adduct **9**, which formed a white precipitate, was purified at room temperature by vacuum filtration, washed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (20–40 mL), and dried under vacuum. The ene adduct **9** was then suspended in DCE (1,2-dichloroethane, 5 mL) and cooled to  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The solution was treated with the palladium-ligand complex in DCE (10 mL), which was made by premixing  $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$  (10 mol%) and ligand **10b** (20 mol%) in DCE (10 mL) and stirring for 30 min at  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The reaction was warmed to  $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and stirred for 4–7 days.

### Optimization of the Catalytic Enantioselective Allylic Amination (Table S1)

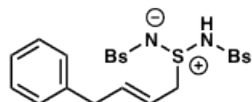


Entry	Metal Catalyst (10 mol%)	Ligand (12 mol%)	Solvent (0.13M)	Temp ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Time (d)	Yield <sup>a</sup>	ee (%)
1	–	–	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	< 5	–
2	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10a</b>	MeOH	4	2	91	4
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10a</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	71	19
4	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10h</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	60	0
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10c</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	73	33
6	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10d</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	60	0
7	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10e</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	7	10
8	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10f</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	47	0
9	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10g</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	60	0
10	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	0.5	75	79
11	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	2	60	0
12	$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	2	63	6
13	$\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	2	73	0
14	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4	2	80	85
15	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	4	2	75	6
16	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	MeNO <sub>2</sub>	4	2	80	32
17	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	THF	4	2	82	49
18	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	DMF	4	2	99	58
19	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	4	2	70	79
20	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	PhMe	4	3	90	79
21	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	Dioxane	4	0.5	75	85
22	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	4	3	85	90
23	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	MeOH	4	2	91	90
24	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b</b>	DCE	4	2	94	91
25	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$	<b>10b<sup>b</sup></b>	DCE	–15	7	94	93

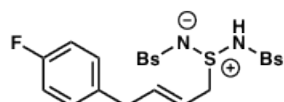


## Characterization Data for Ene Adducts 9

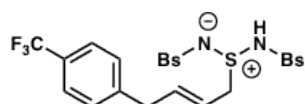
*Ene adducts 9* undergo facile [2,3]-rearrangement at ambient temperature. Therefore, we assayed the identity and purity of these compounds by rapid NMR spectral analysis. The allylic amination products **11** were then fully characterized after [2,3]-rearrangement (*vide infra*).



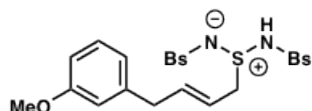
**Table 2, entry 1:** Following the general procedure for ene adduct formation (in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 4 °C for 12 h), purification by vacuum filtration (washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the product as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (dt, *J* = 15.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dt, *J* = 15.0 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).



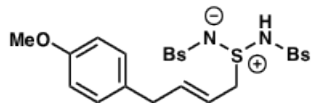
**Table 2, entry 2:** Following the general procedure for ene adduct formation (in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 4 °C for 12 h), purification by vacuum filtration (washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the product as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.07-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.05 (dt, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dt, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).



**Table 2, entry 3:** Following the general procedure for ene adduct formation (in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 4 °C for 12 h), purification by vacuum filtration (washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the product as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 6.04 (dt, *J* = 16.0 Hz, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, *J* = 17.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).



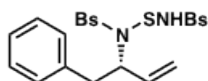
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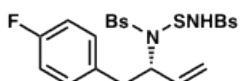
**Table 2, entry 5:** Following the general procedure for ene adduct formation (in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 4 °C for 12 h), purification by vacuum filtration (washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the product as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.01-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.30-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

## Characterization Data for Allylic Amination Products 11

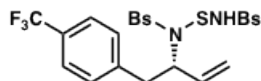
At ambient temperature, most of the allylic amination products **11** yielded <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra with a mixture of rotamers. Therefore, we performed the majority of these <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments at 50 °C to simplify the analysis of the spectra.



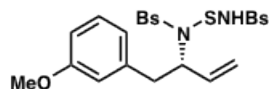
**Table 2, entry 1:** Following the general procedure for catalytic enantioselective allylic amination (in DCE at -15 °C for 7 d), purification by flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded the product (887 mg, 94 % yield for two steps) as a clear oil. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined to be 93% by comparison to a sample of the racemate (see HPLC trace below).  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +93.0^\circ$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C), δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 6H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.10 (bs, 1H), 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.80 (m, 1H), 3.23 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C), δ 140.9, 139.6, 137.8, 133.4, 133.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.3, 126.7, 118.9, 68.2, 39.9. IR (thin film): 3234, 1447, 1352, 1165, 1088, 806 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 497.0634, found 497.0645.



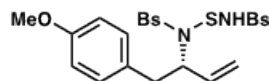
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**Table 2, entry 3:** Following the general procedure for catalytic enantioselective allylic amination (in DCE at  $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 d), purification by flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded the product (860 mg, 79 % yield for two steps) as a clear oil. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined to be 90% by comparison to a sample of the racemate (see HPLC trace below).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +57.2^{\circ}$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (bs, 1H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.10 (bs, 1H), 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.74 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.19 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  183.27, 148.27, 140.91, 139.57, 136.56, 133.56, 133.52, 130.91, 129.48, 129.18, 127.90, 127.28, 122.05, 120.94, 119.49, 119.23, 77.55, 77.23, 76.91, 68.31, 39.16. IR (thin film): 3238, 1509, 1354, 1262, 1166, 1088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_3]^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 493.0720, found 493.0718.

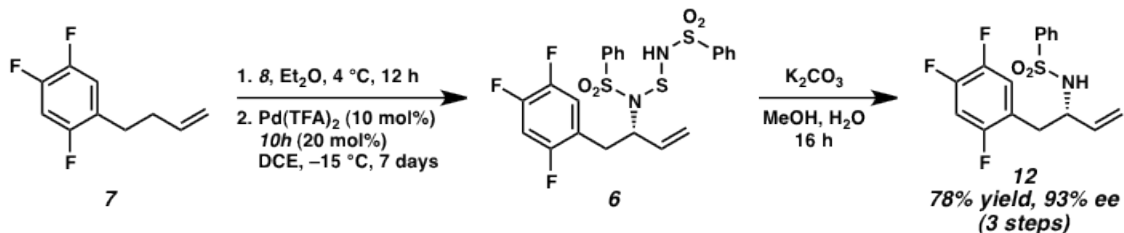


**Table 2, entry 4:** Following the general procedure for catalytic enantioselective allylic amination (in DCE at  $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 4 d), purification by flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded the product (840 mg, 83 % yield for two steps) as a clear oil. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined to be 95% by comparison to a sample of the racemate (see HPLC trace below).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +84.4^{\circ}$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.12 (bs, 1H), 5.10 (m, 2H), 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.26-3.12 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  140.9, 139.3, 133.5, 133.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 127.3, 121.9, 118.8, 115.2, 112.5, 28.2, 55.4, 39.9. IR (thin film): 3233, 1585, 1447, 1351, 1165, 1088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_3]^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 505.0920, found 505.0920.



**Table 2, entry 5:** Following the general procedure for catalytic enantioselective allylic amination (in DCE at  $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 4 d), purification by flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded the product (42 mg, 72% yield for two steps) as a clear oil. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined to be 80% by comparison to a sample of the racemate (see HPLC trace below).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = 60.2^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.8$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.23-5.876 (br, 1H), 5.10-5.06 (m, 2H), 4.78-4.70 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.00 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\delta$  140.4, 133.3, 133.0, 130.2, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 127.0, 118.4, 113.7, 68.0, 55.2, 55.1. IR (thin film): 3235, 1612, 1513, 1353, 1166, 1088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . LRMS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_3]^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 505.1, found 505.1.

### Synthesis of *ent*-Sitagliptin (1)

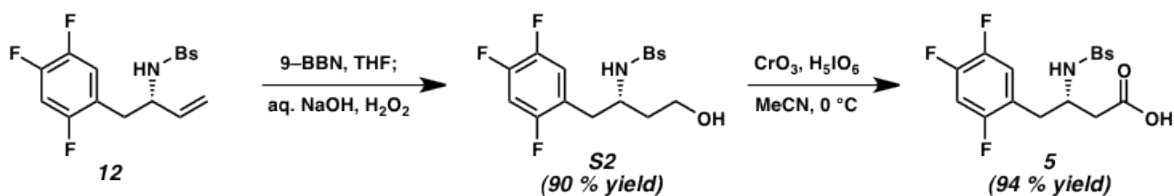


**Sulfonamide 12:** A solution of benzenesulfonyl sulfurdiiimide **8** (890 mg, 2.6 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL, 0.5 M) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with trifluorophenyl butene **7** (4.5g, 24 mmol, 9 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 12 h. The ene adduct, which formed a white precipitate, was purified at room temperature by vacuum filtration, washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20–40 mL), and dried under vacuum. *The filtrate was subjected to flash chromatography to recover most of the unreacted trifluorophenyl butene 7 (3.7 g).* The ene adduct was then suspended in DCE (10 mL) and cooled to –20 °C. The solution was treated with the palladium-ligand complex in DCE (20 mL), which was made by premixing Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) and ligand **10h** (20 mol%) in DCE (20 mL) and stirring for 30 min at 50 °C. The reaction was stirred at –15 °C for 7 days. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield rearrangement product **6**:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +10.9^\circ$  ( $c = 1.0$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 °C),  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (bs, 2H), 7.63–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.75 (m, 3H), 6.09 (bs, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.73–4.73 (m, 1H), 3.20 (bs, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.7, 139.5, 133.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 119.4, 105.8, 105.6, 105.5, 105.3, 66.5, 33.1. IR (thin film): 3234, 1631, 1519, 1448, 1335, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 529.0532, found 529.0529.

Unpurified rearrangement product **6** was resuspended in MeOH (6 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (9 mL), and the resulting solution was treated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (13 mmol, 5 equiv). After stirring for 14 h at 23 °C, the reaction mixture was poured into a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and ethyl acetate (50 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography provided sulfonamide **12** (690 mg, 78% yield for two steps) as a clear oil:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -15.0^\circ$  ( $c = 0.1$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.83 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.71 (m, 1H), 5.69 (ddd,  $J = 16.8$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 2.75 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 157.4–145.4(m), 140.6, 136.8, 132.7, 129.1, 127.0, 120.4–120.3(m), 119.4–119.1(m), 116.9, 105.8–105.3(m). IR (thin film): 3292, 1519, 1422, 1319, 1154, 1094 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 342.0770, found 342.0771.

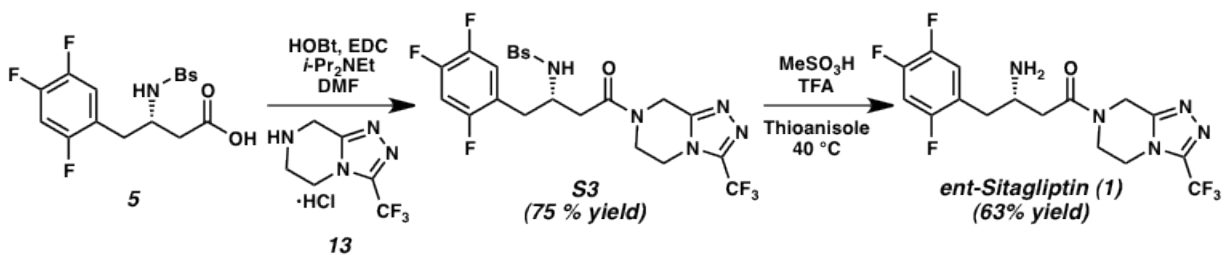
The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined to be 93% by analysis of the [2,3]-rearrangement product **6** prior to treatment with aqueous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH (see HPLC trace for **6** below).





**$\beta$ -Amino Acid 5:** A solution of sulfonamide **12** (620 mg, 1.8 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with 9-BBN (7.2 mL, 3.6 mmol, 0.5 M in THF, 2 equiv). After stirring for 1 h at 23 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with aqueous NaOH (3 N, 3 mL) and 30% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (3 mL). After 20 min the excess peroxide was reduced with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography provided alcohol **S2** (570 mg, 90% yield) as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.62 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.55 -1.43 (m, 1H).

To a solution of H<sub>5</sub>IO<sub>6</sub> (800 mg, 3.5 mmol) and CrO<sub>3</sub> (20 mg, 0.2 mmol) in wet CH<sub>3</sub>CN (8 mL) was slowly added a solution of **S2** (550 mg, 1.5 mmol) in wet CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (0.46 g in 6 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O). Excess oxidant was reduced by NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (240 mg in 5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography provided acid **5** (540 mg, 94% yield) as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$  12.30 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.646 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H).

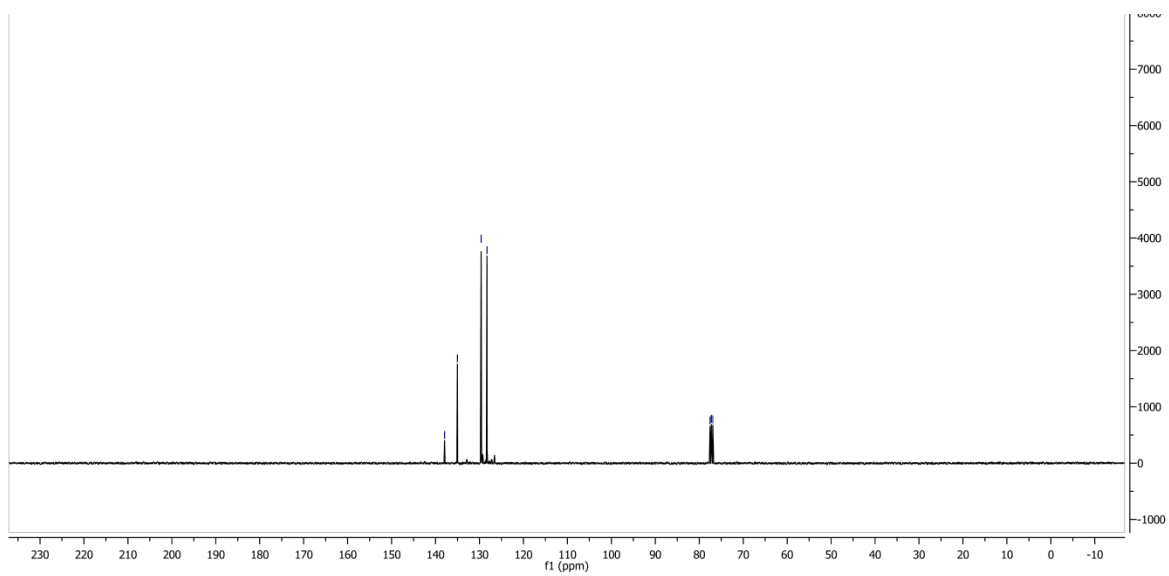
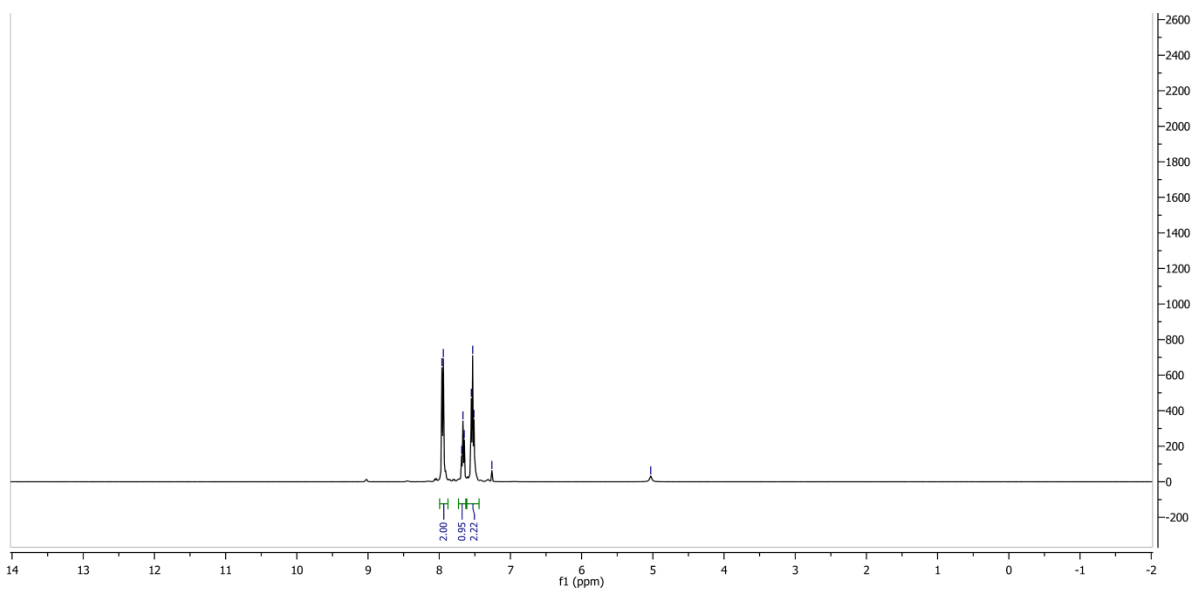
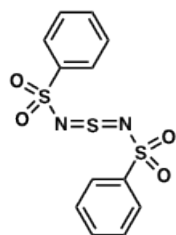


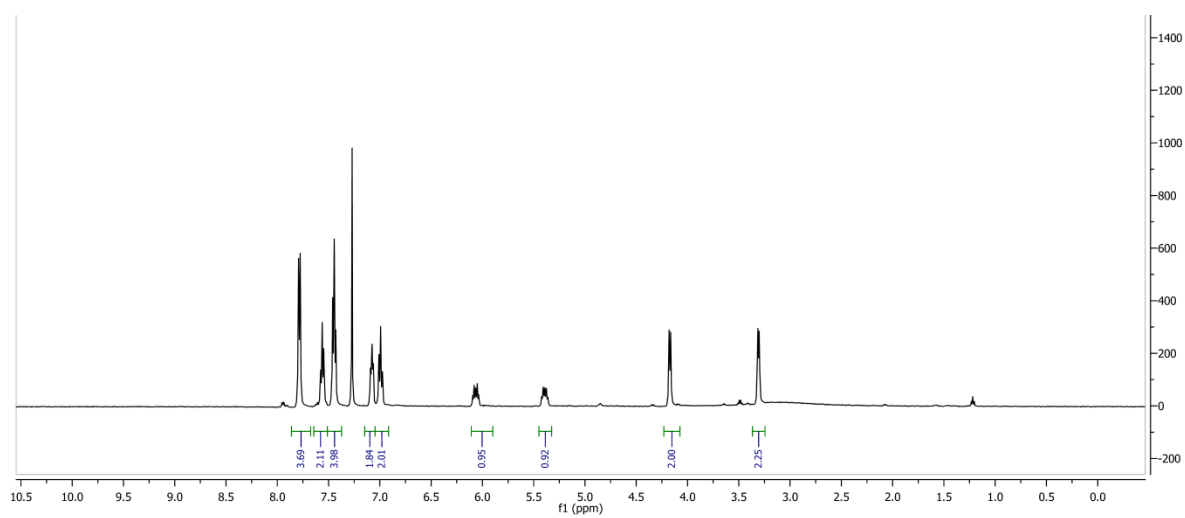
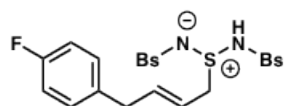
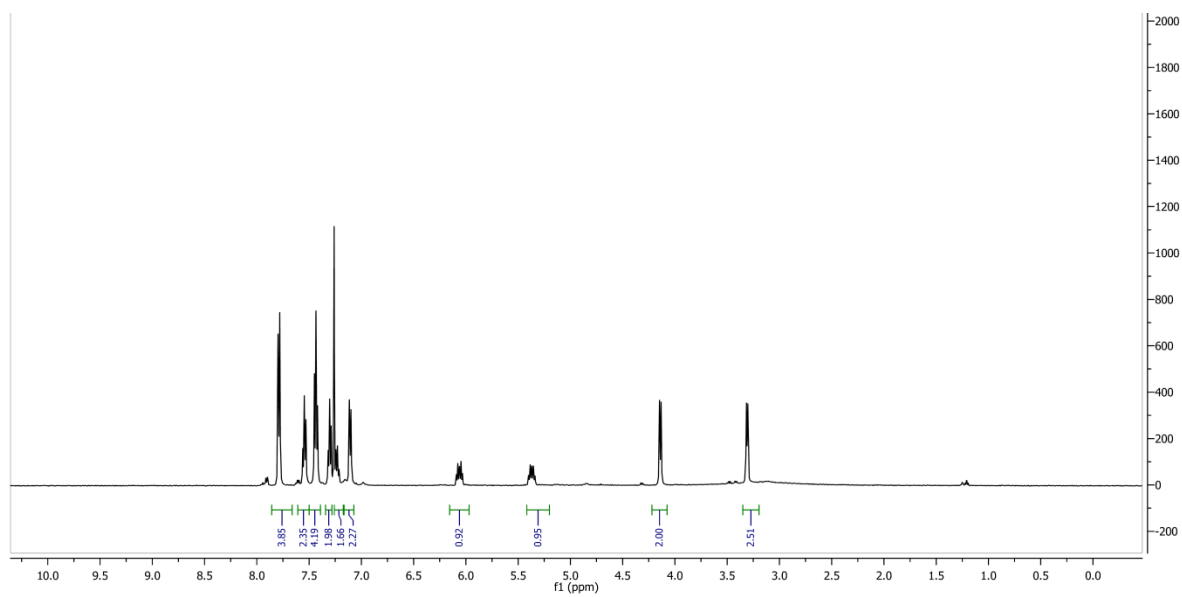
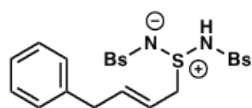
***ent*-Sitagliptin (1):** A solution of **5** (500 mg, 1.4 mmol), **13** (320 mg, 1.05 equiv), HOBt (215 mg, 1.2 equiv), and EDC (305 mg, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (5 mL) was treated with *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.7 mL, 3.0 equiv). After stirring at 23 °C for 2 d, the reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and washed sequentially with aqueous HCl (1 N, 10 mL) and aqueous NaOH (1 N, 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography provided amide **S3** (550mg, 75% yield) as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  7.61–7.29 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.47 (m, 2H), 5.37-4.87 (m, 2H), 4.51-3.75 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.646 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.65 (m, 4H).

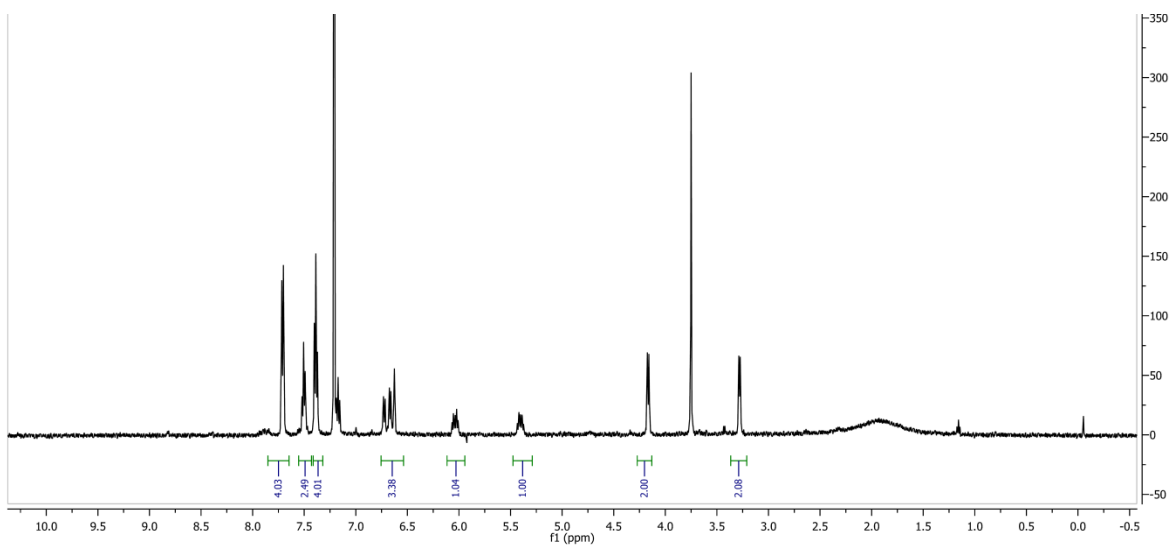
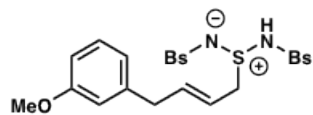
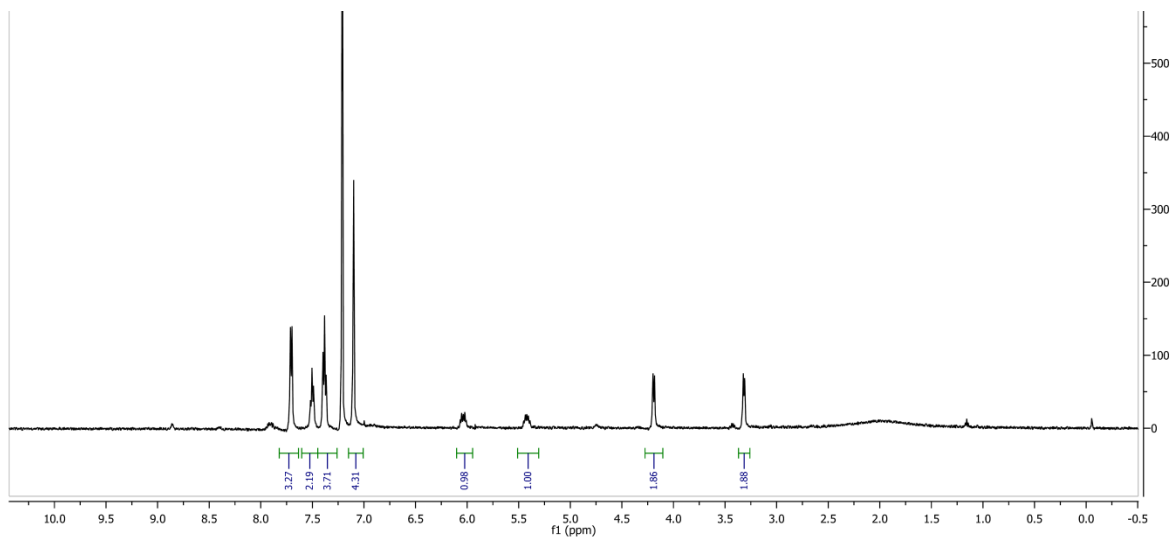
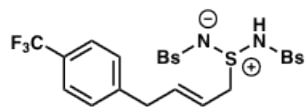
Amide **S3** (130 mg, 0.24 mmol) was treated with MeSO<sub>3</sub>H (40  $\mu$ L), CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (1.8 mL), and PhSMe (0.2 mL). After stirring for 12 h at 40 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove volatile compounds. The remaining residue was diluted with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by

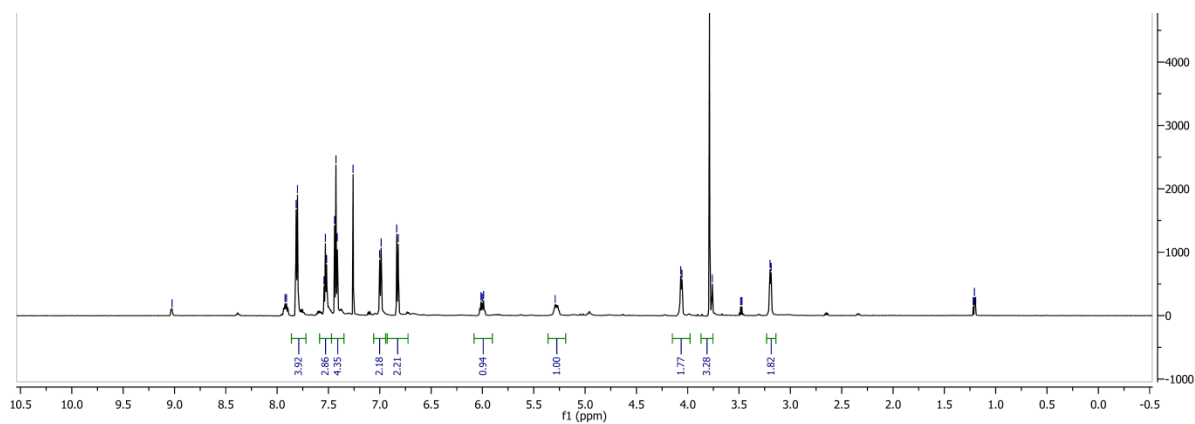
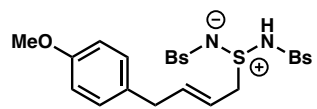
flash chromatography provided the free base of *ent*-Sitagliptin (**1**) (60 mg, 63% yield) as a clear oil:  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +20.9^\circ$  ( $c = 1.7$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.89 (m, 1H), 5.29–4.89 (m, 2H), 4.23–3.92 (m, 4H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 2.81–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.57–2.44 (m, 2H), 1.98 (bs, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.5, 170.1, 157.3, 157.2, 154.9, 154.8, 150.3, 150.2, 149.9, 149.6, 149.5, 147.5, 147.3, 145.4, 145.4, 145.3, 143.6, 143.4, 121.7, 121.5, 119.0, 119.0, 118.9, 118.83, 105.80, 105.6, 105.5, 105.3, 76.7, 48.5, 43.5, 43.2, 42.3, 41.5, 40.1, 40.0, 39.1, 37.9, 36.2, 29.8, 29.6. IR (thin film): 3372, 2829, 1652, 1519, 1424, 1150  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_6\text{N}_5\text{O}]^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 408.1253, found 408.1255.

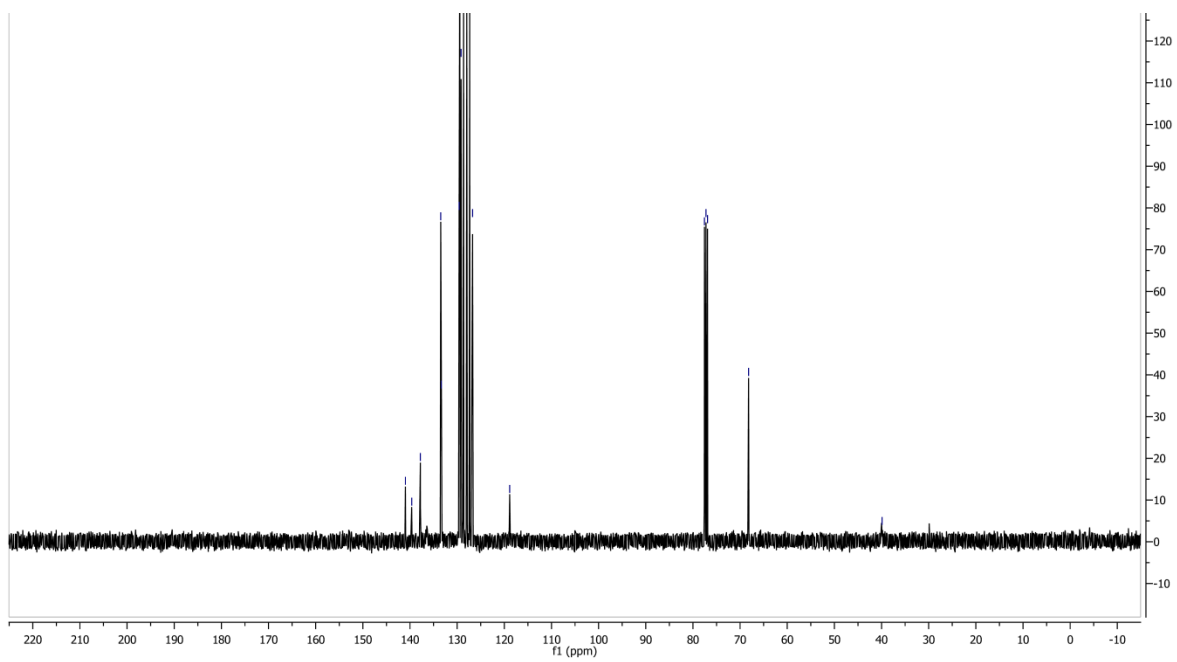
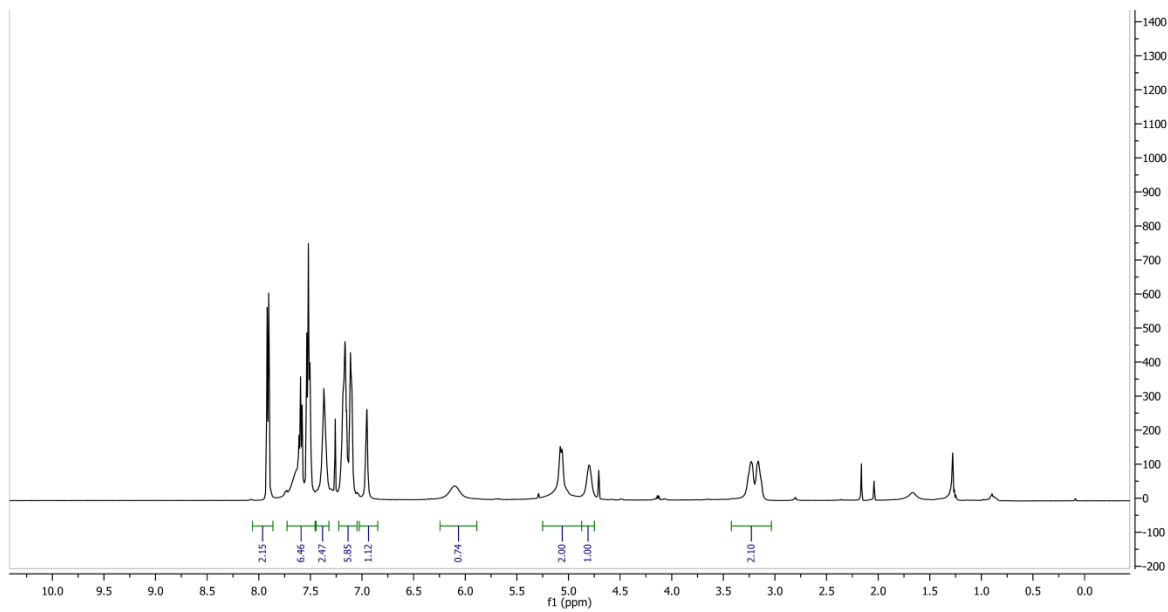
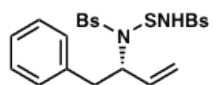
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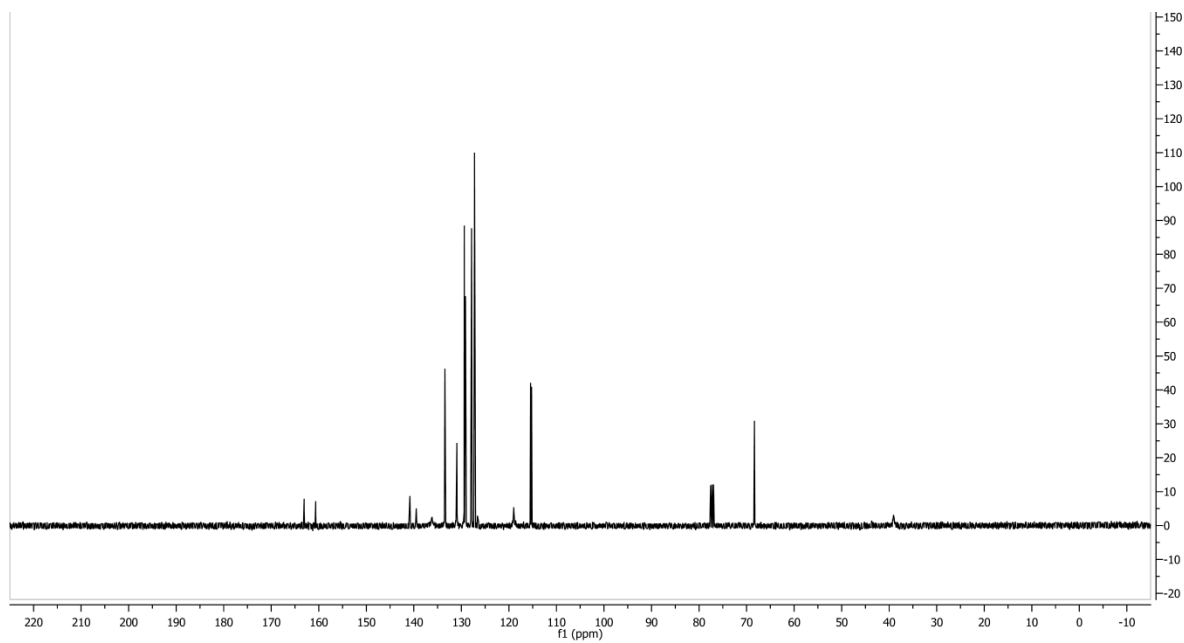
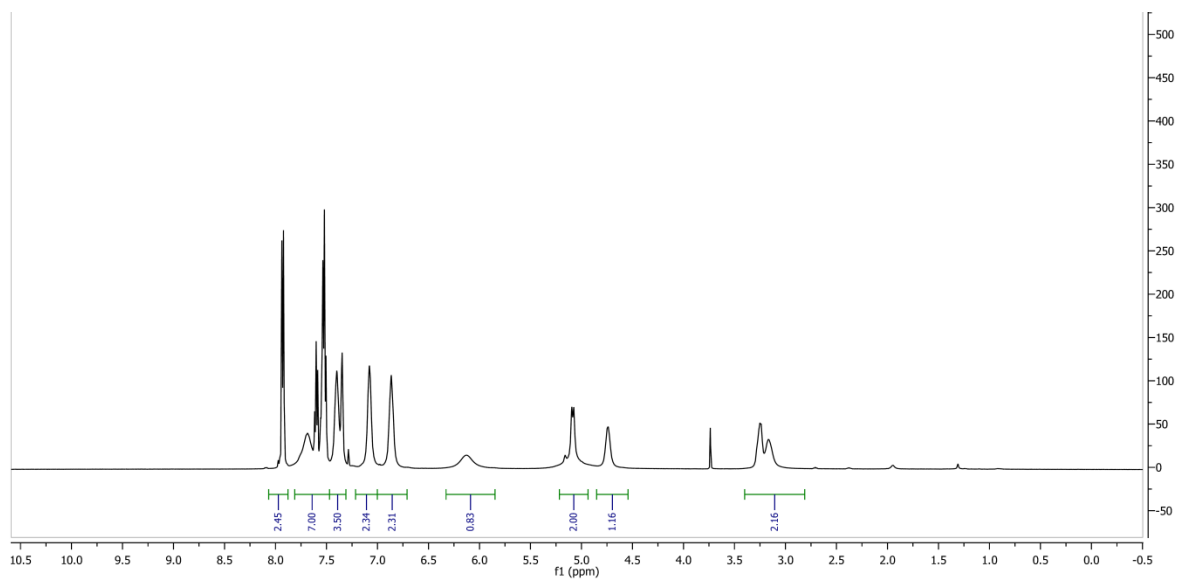
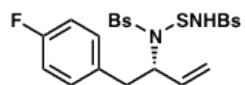




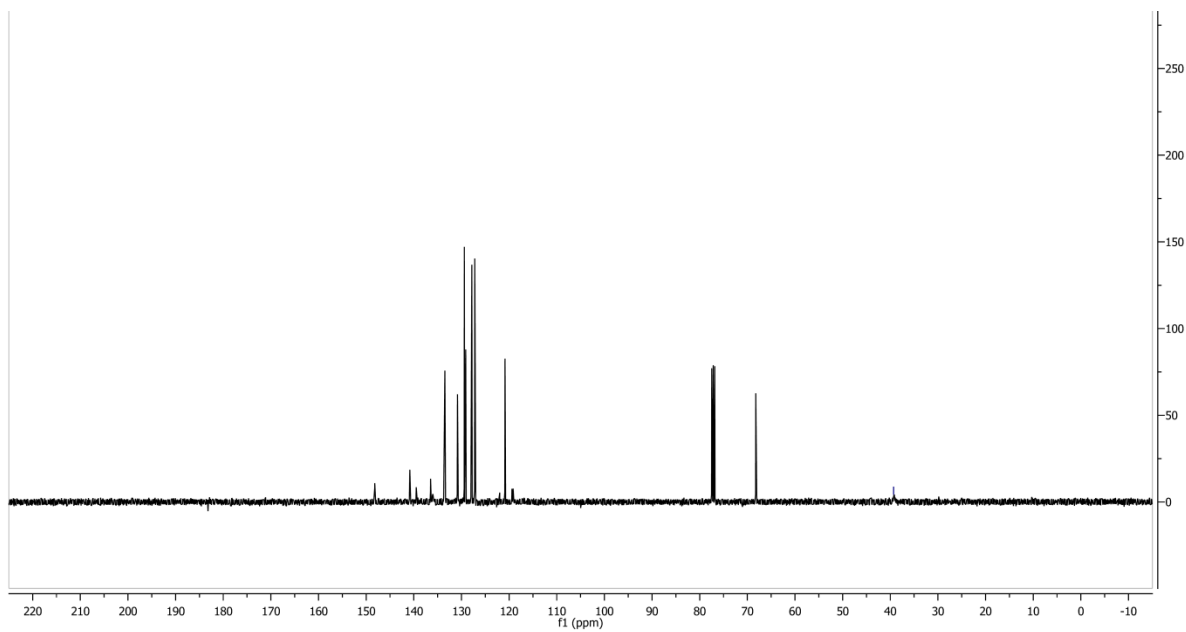
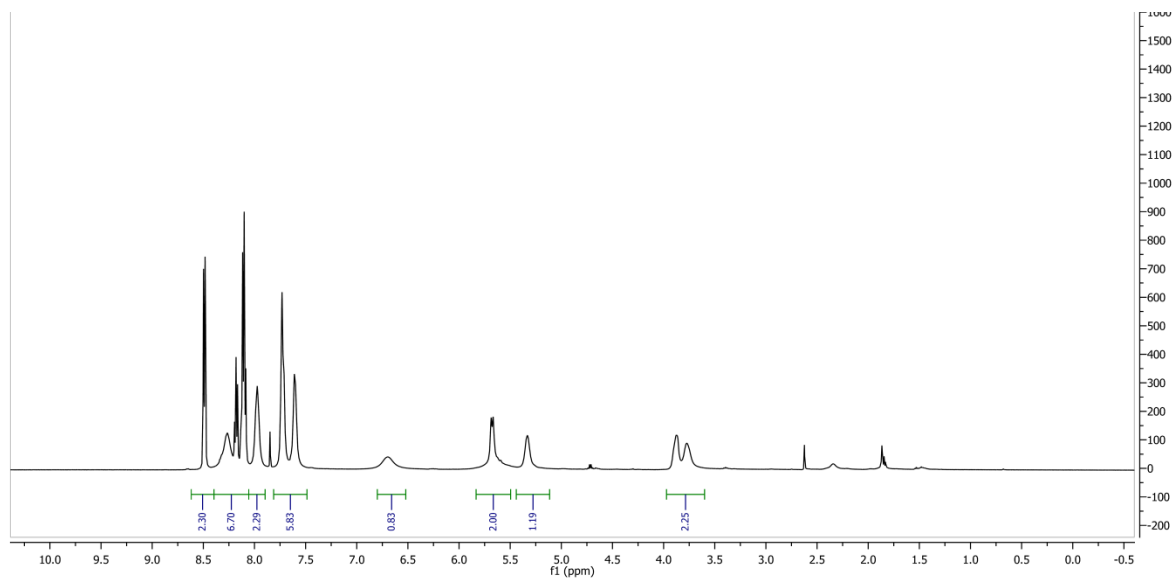
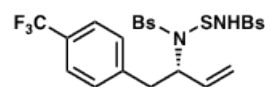


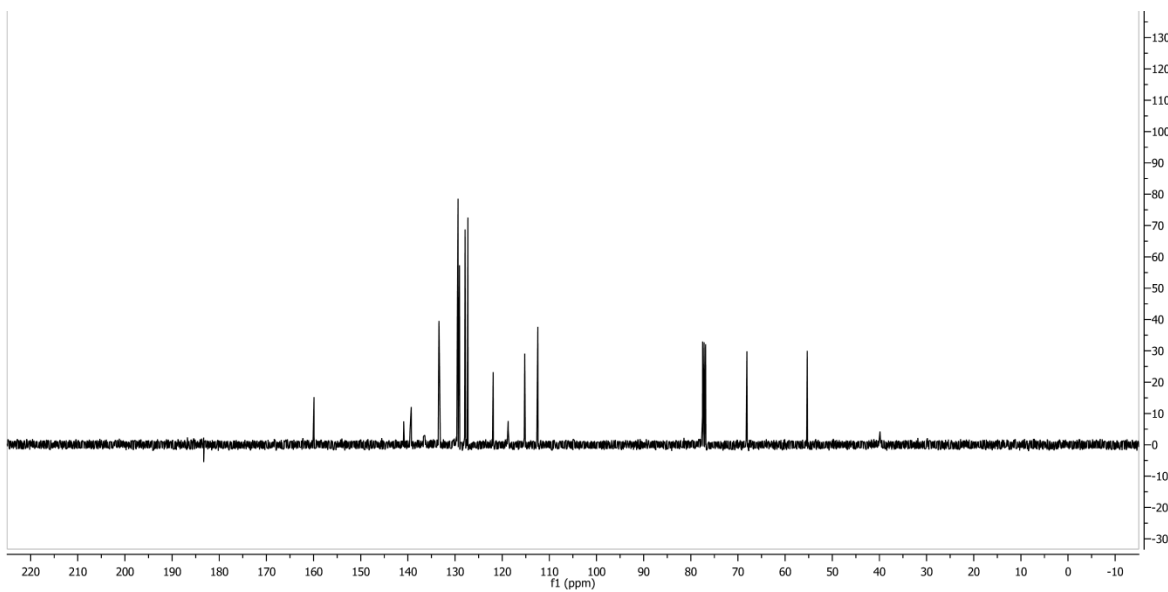
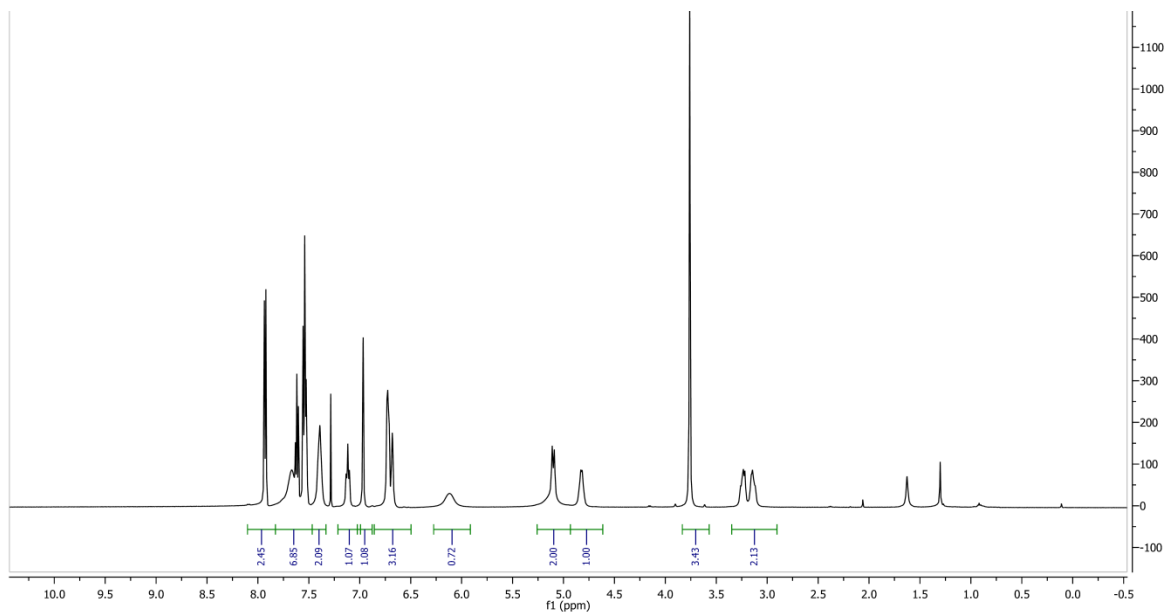
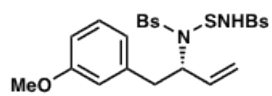


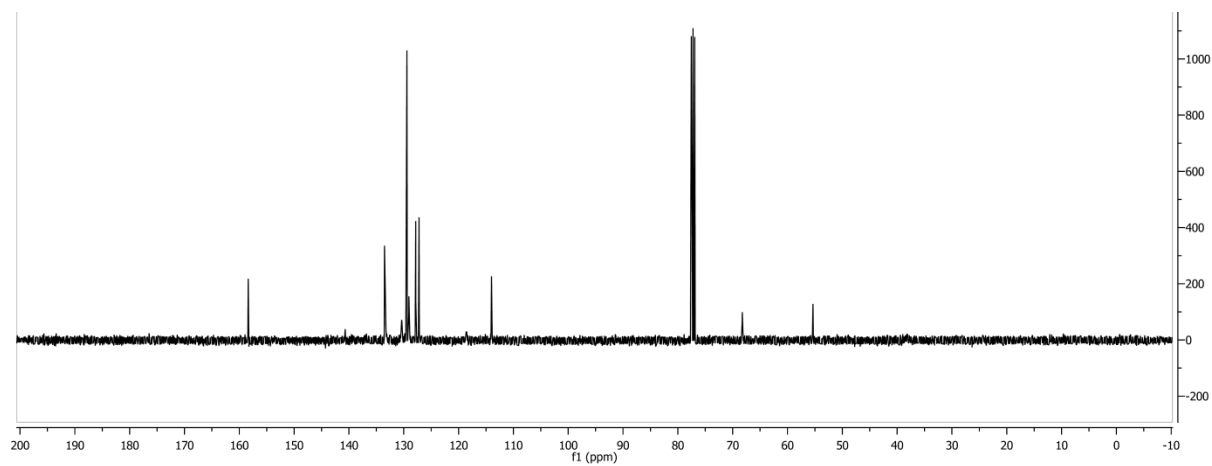
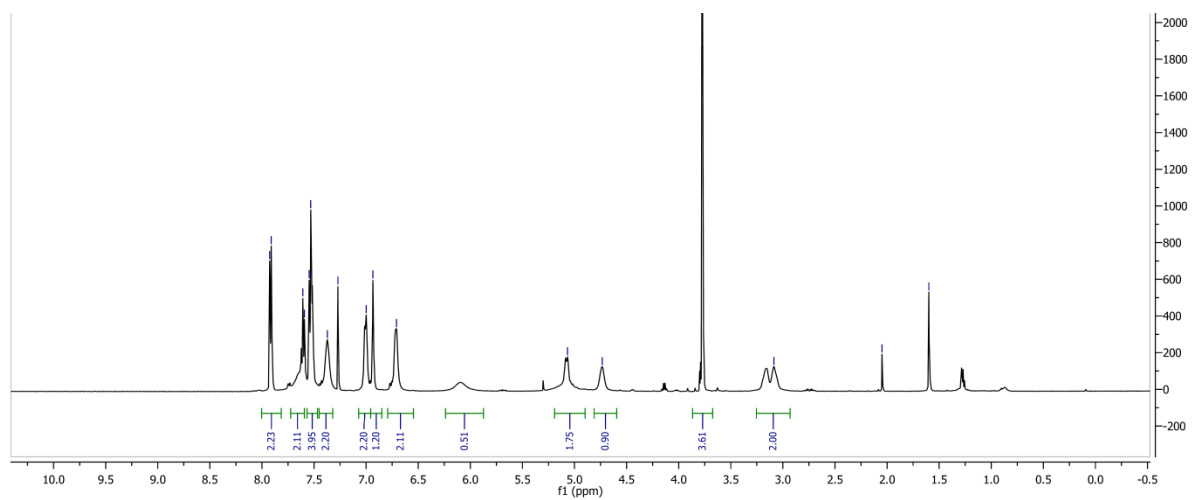
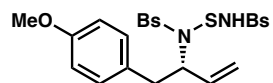


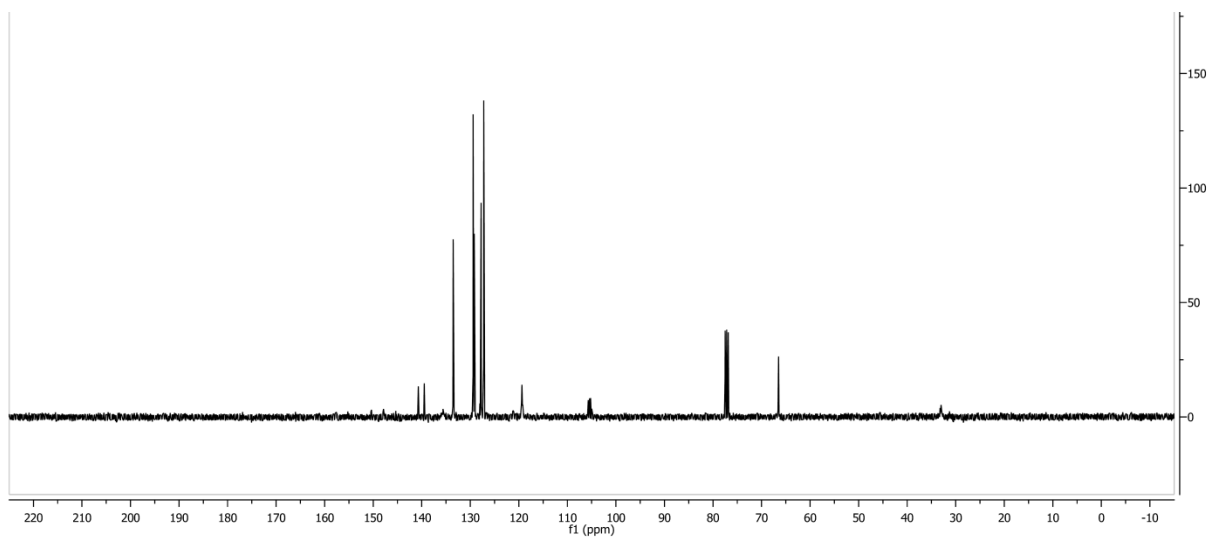
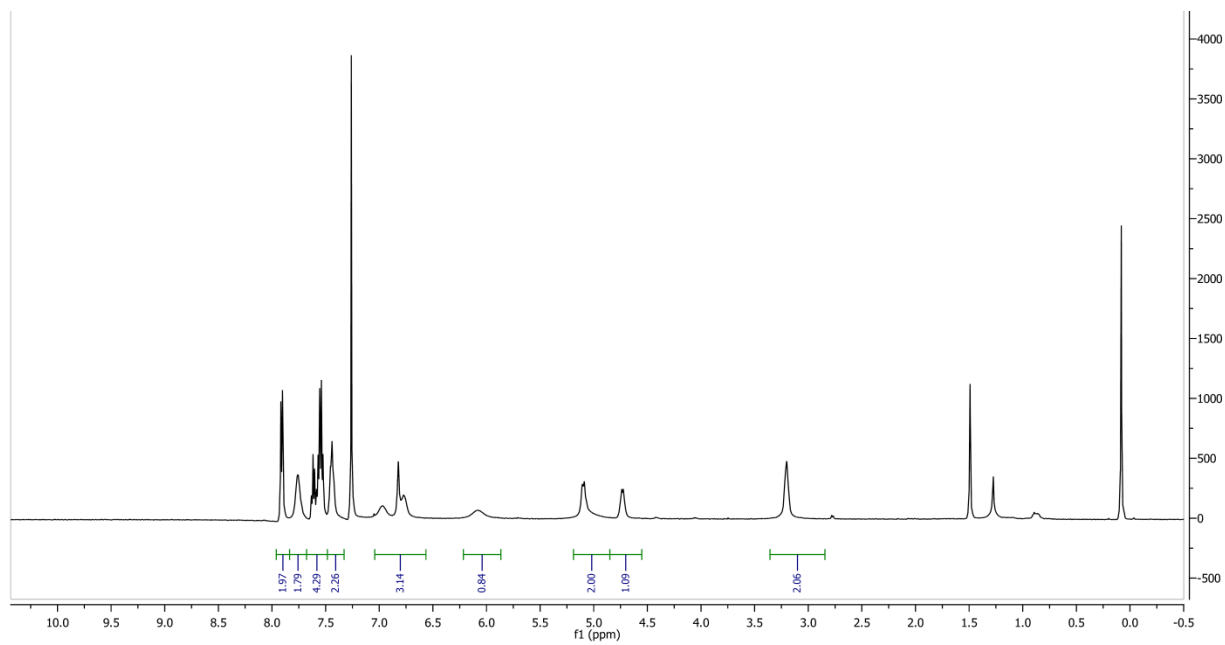
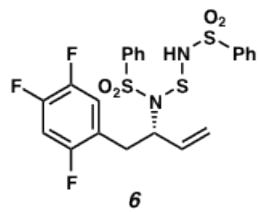


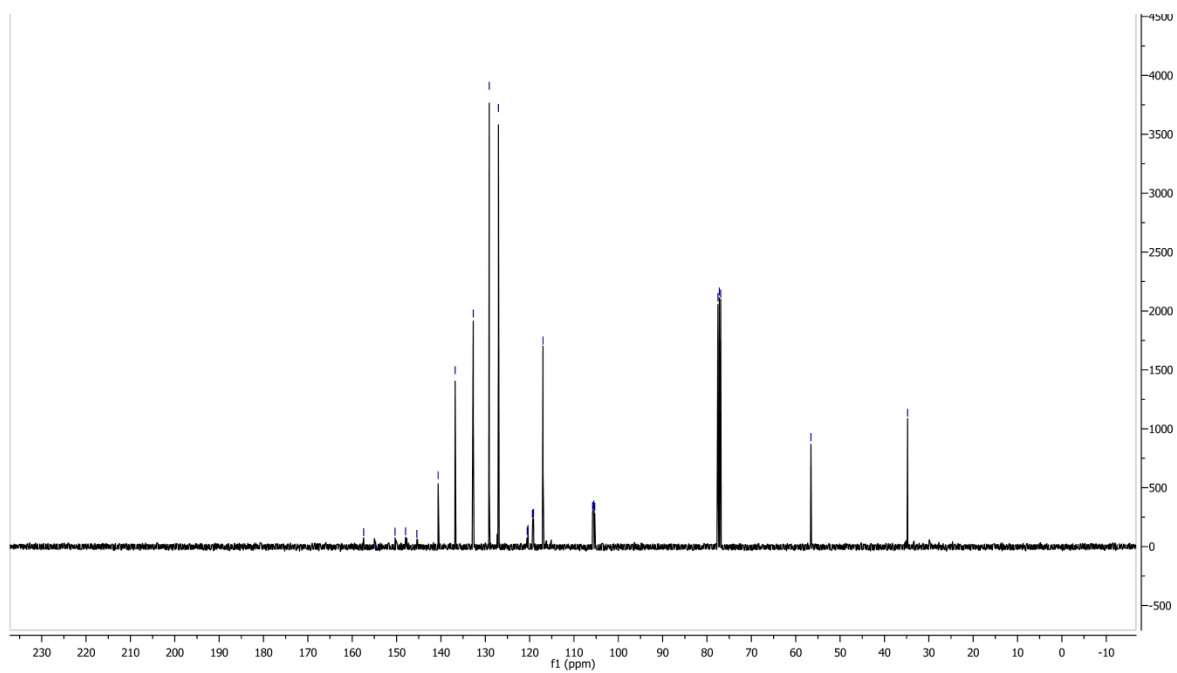
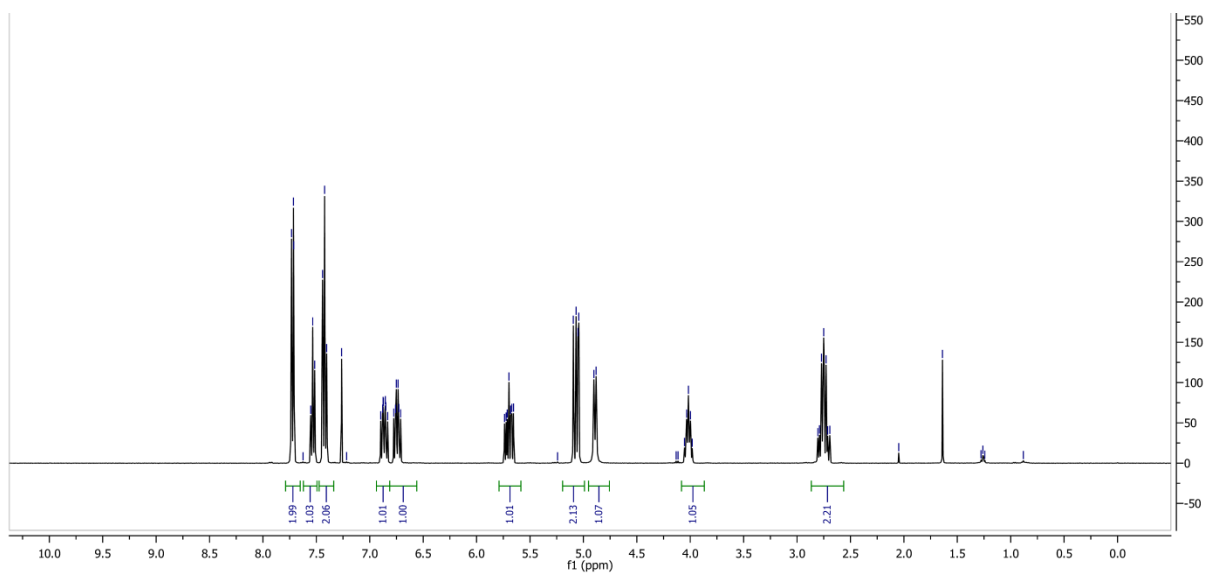
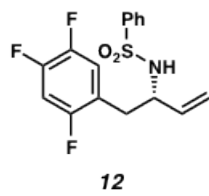


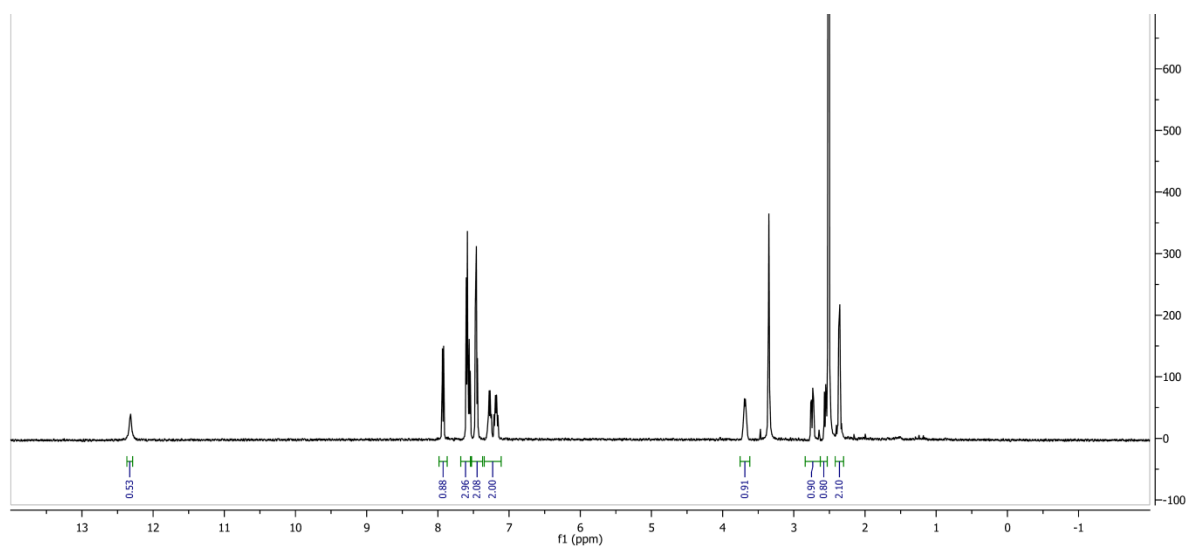
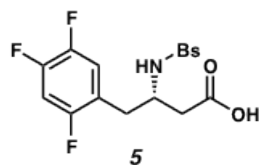
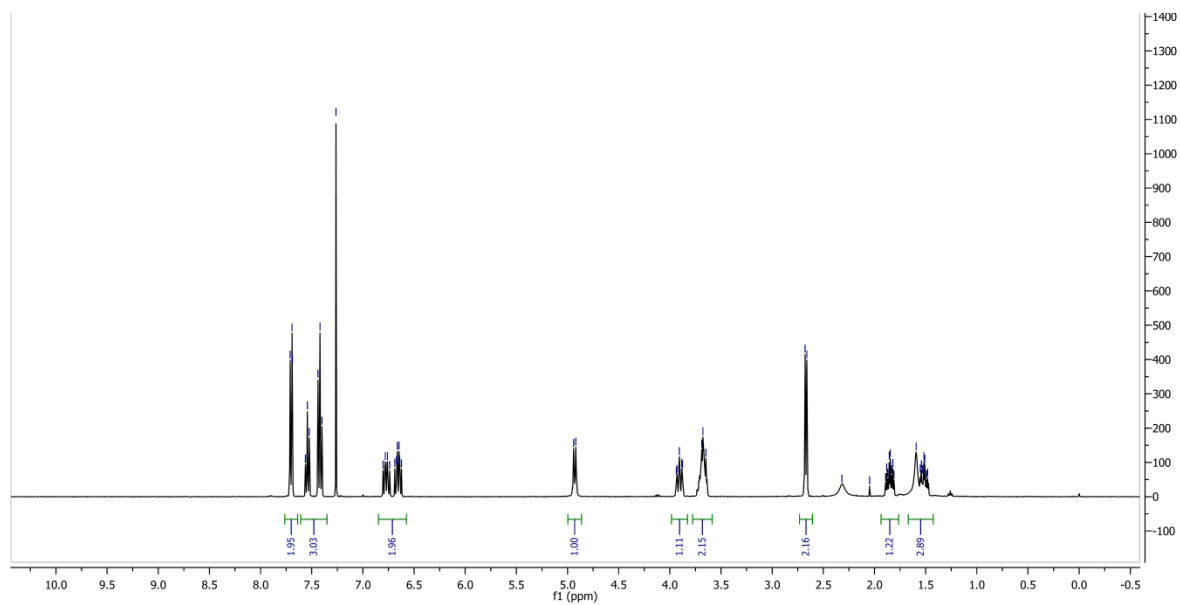
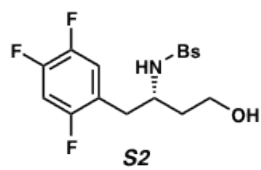


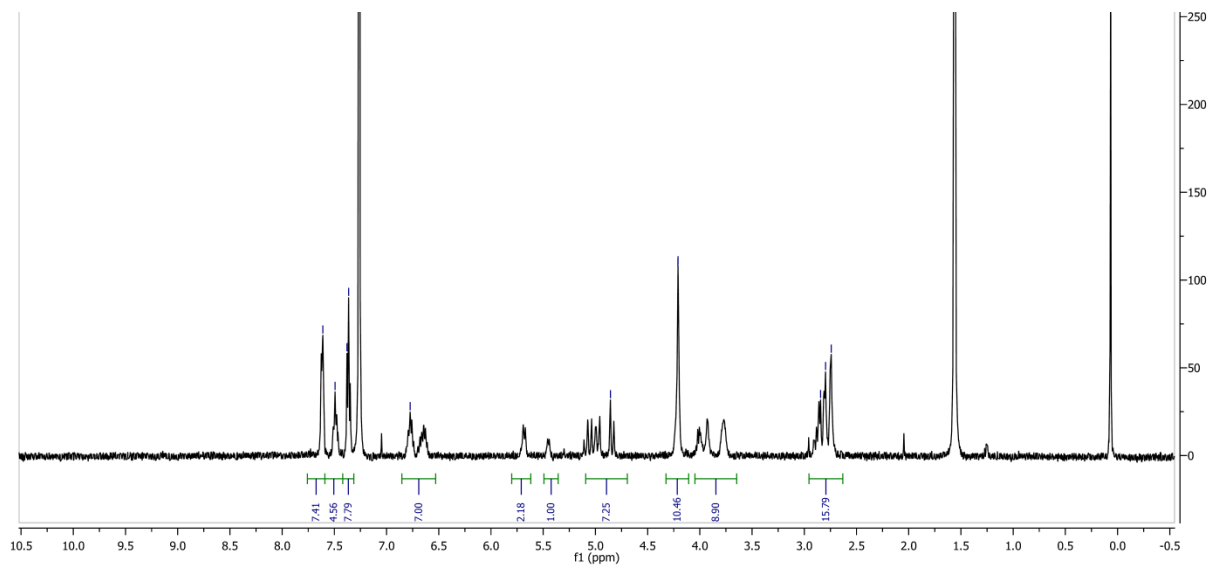
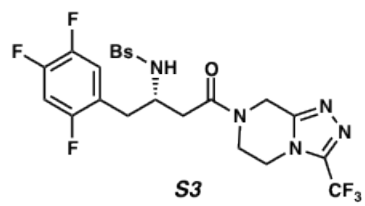


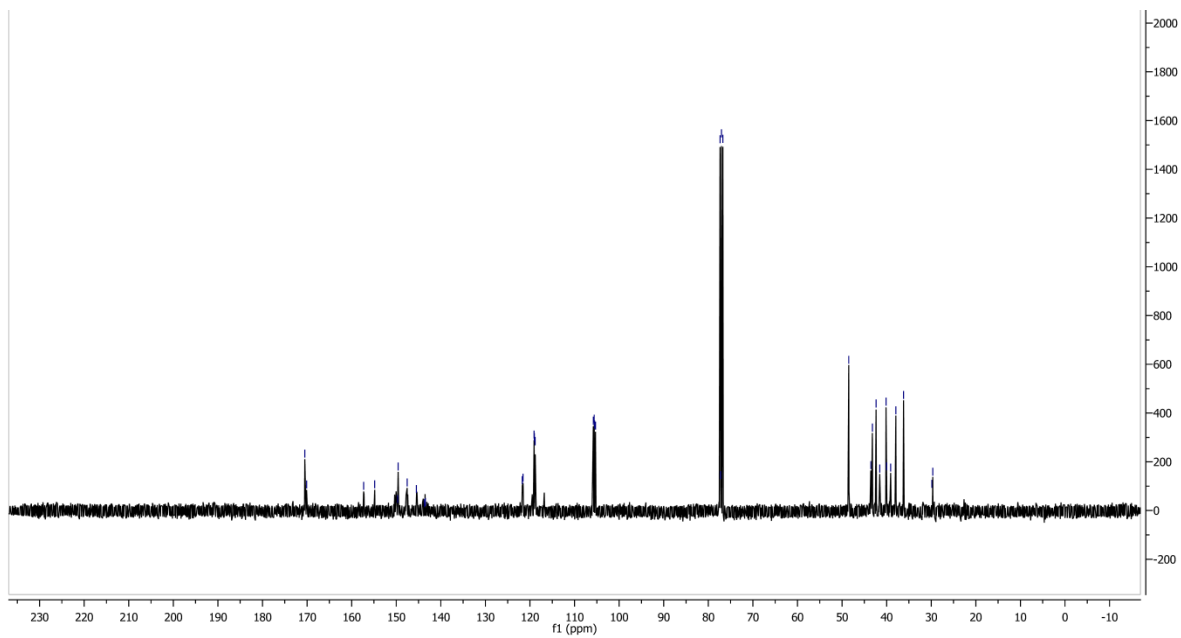
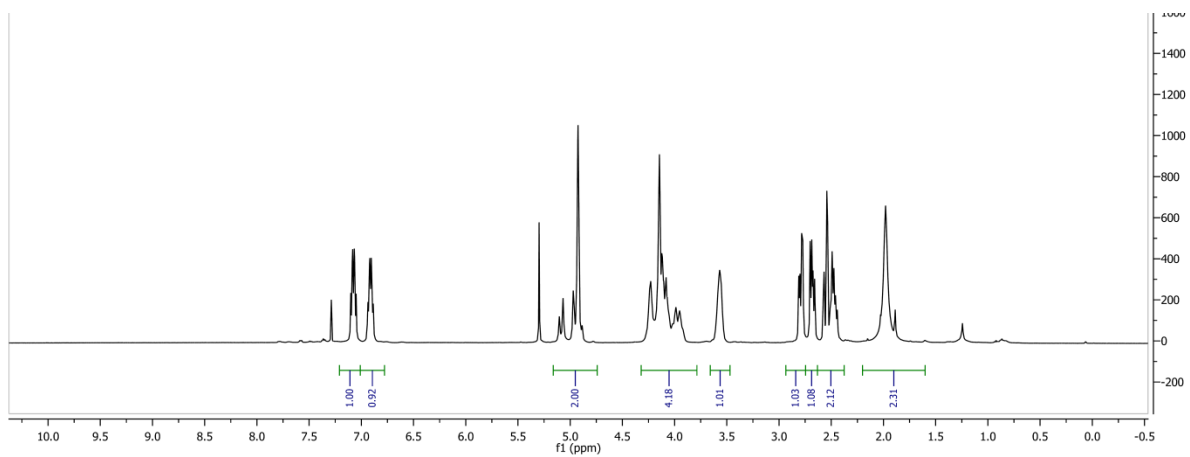
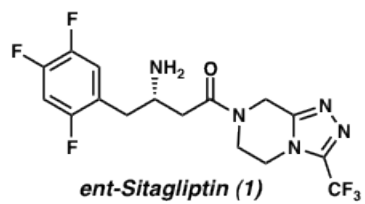






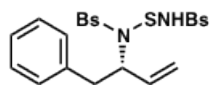




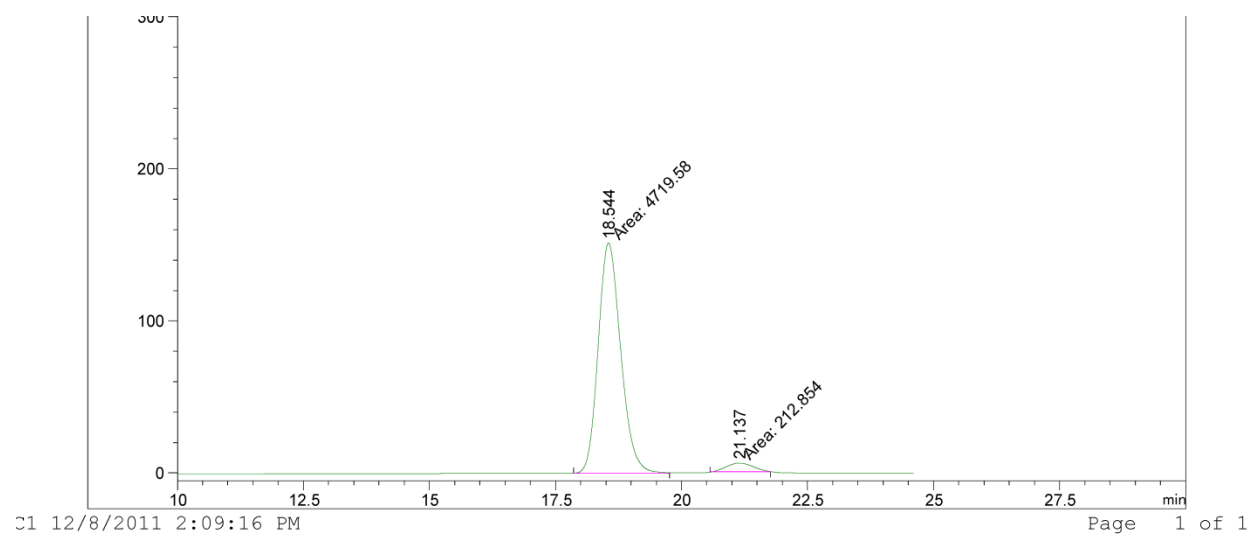
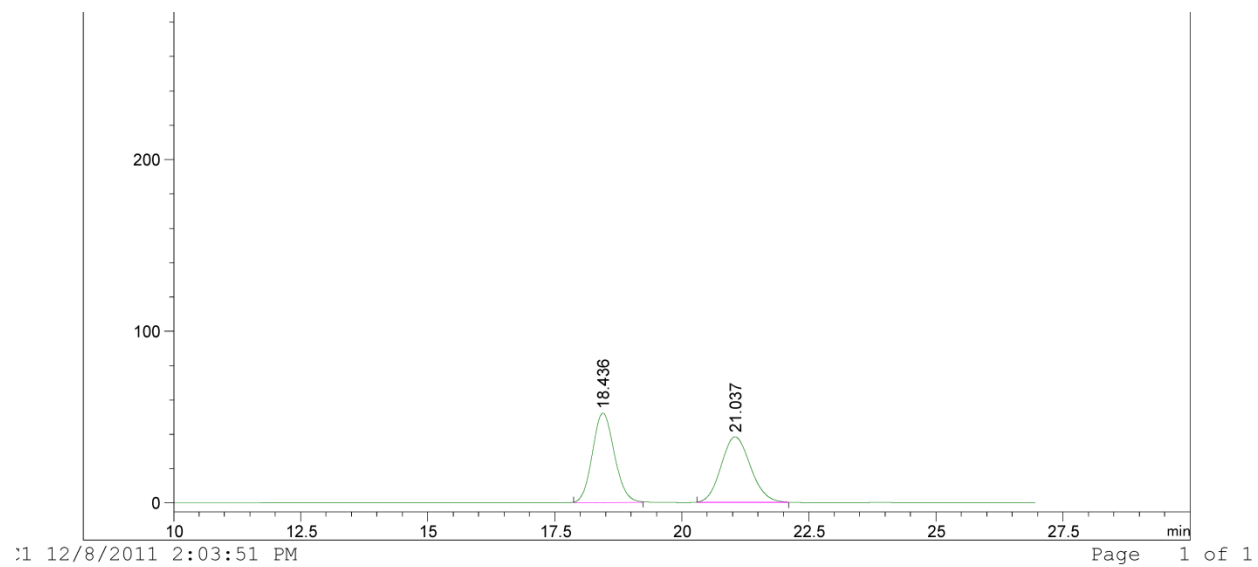


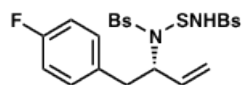


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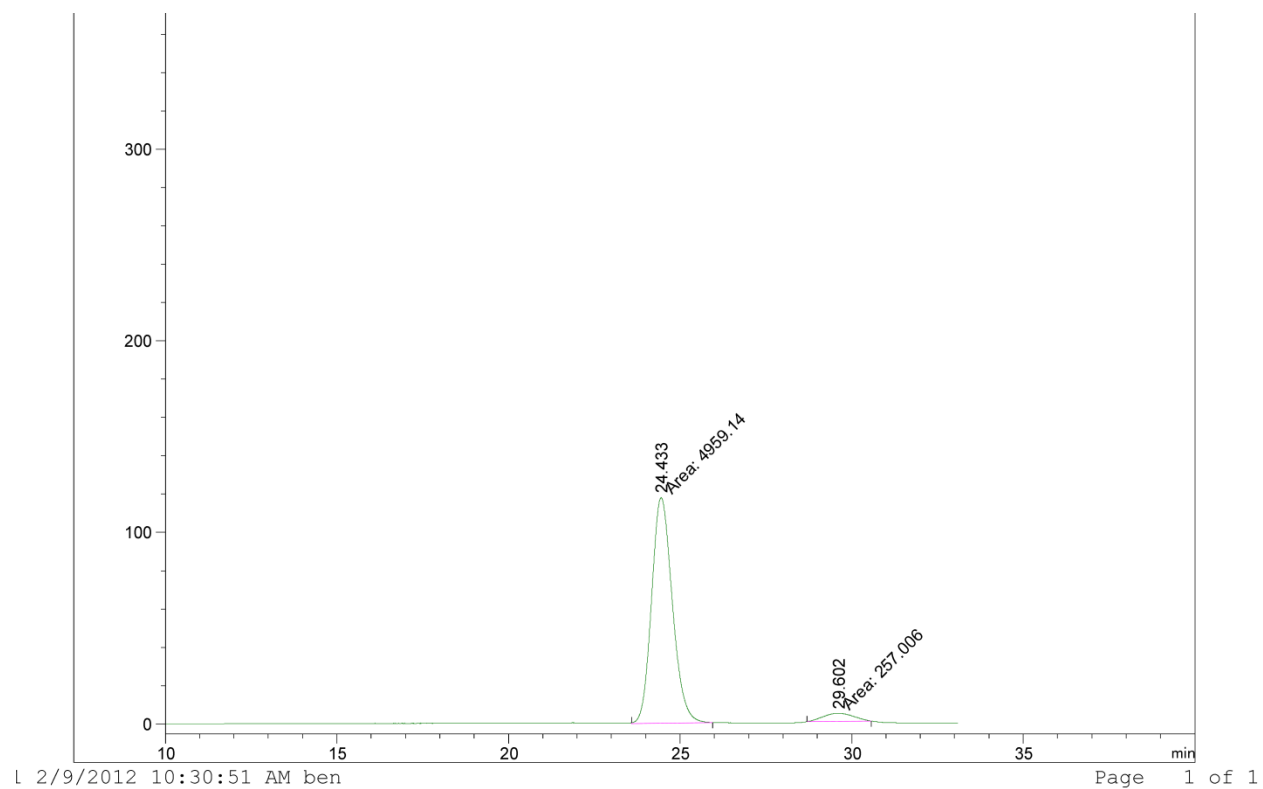
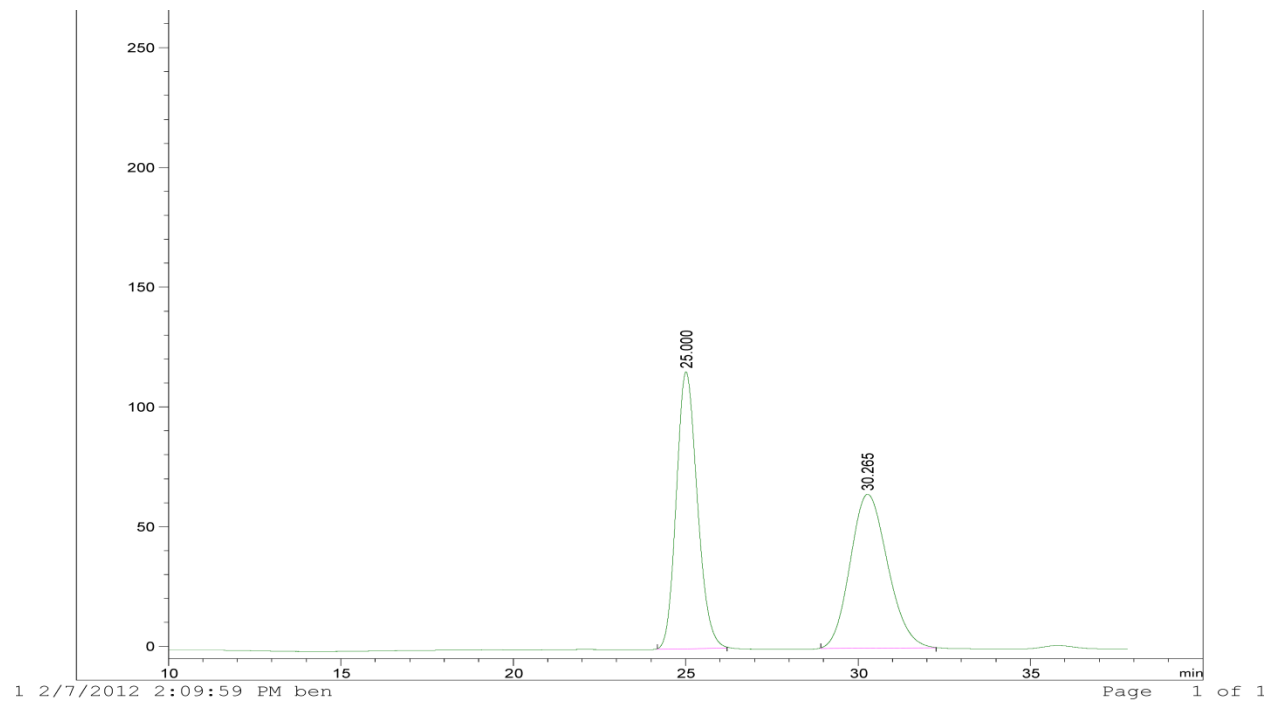


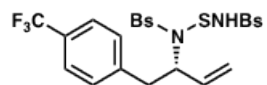
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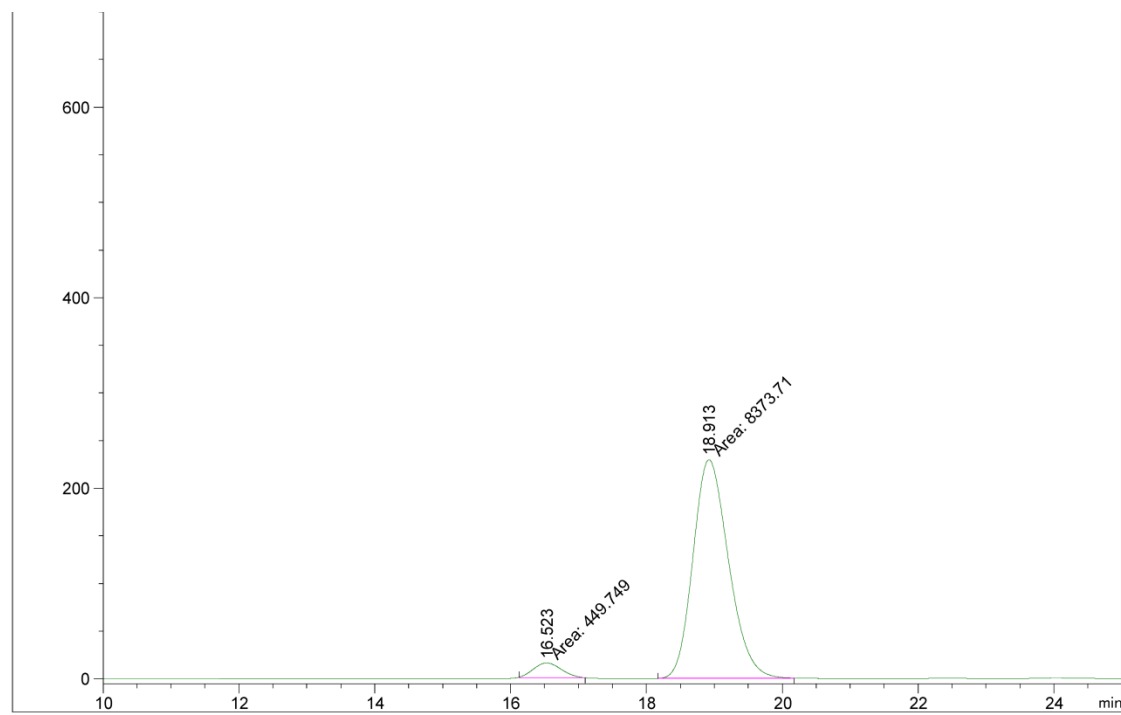
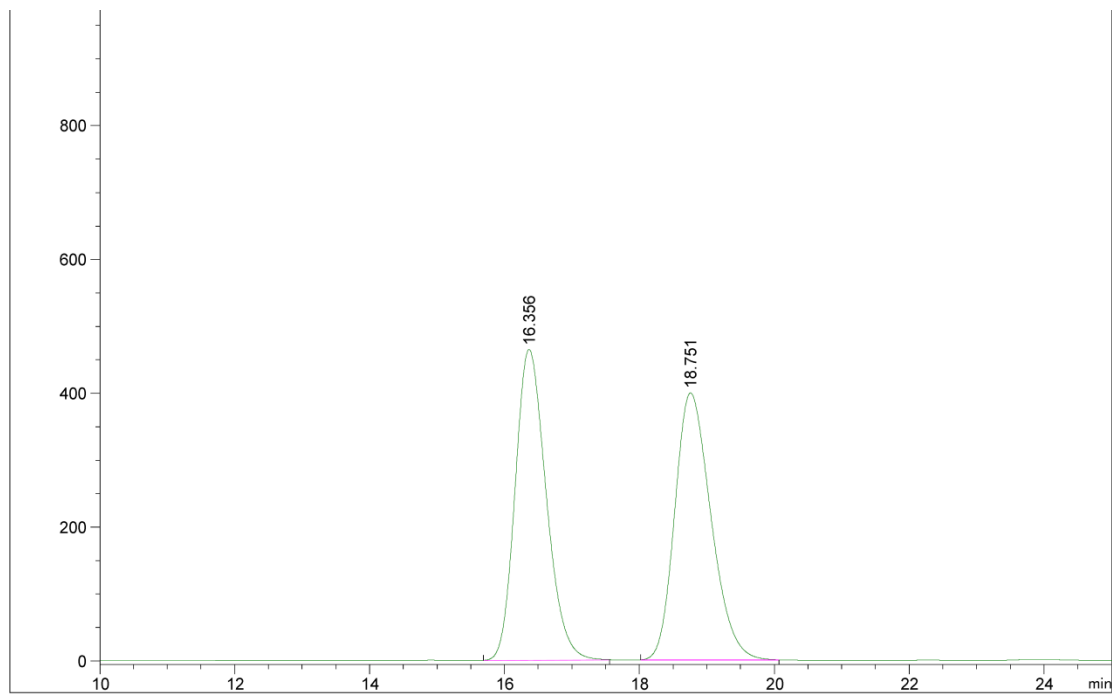


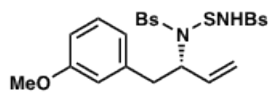
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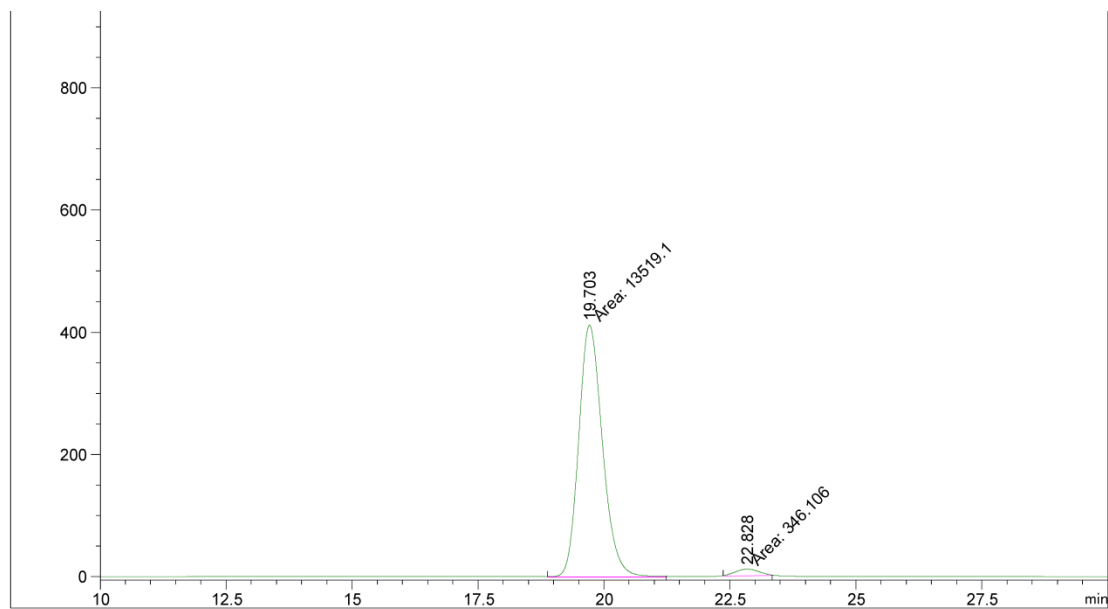
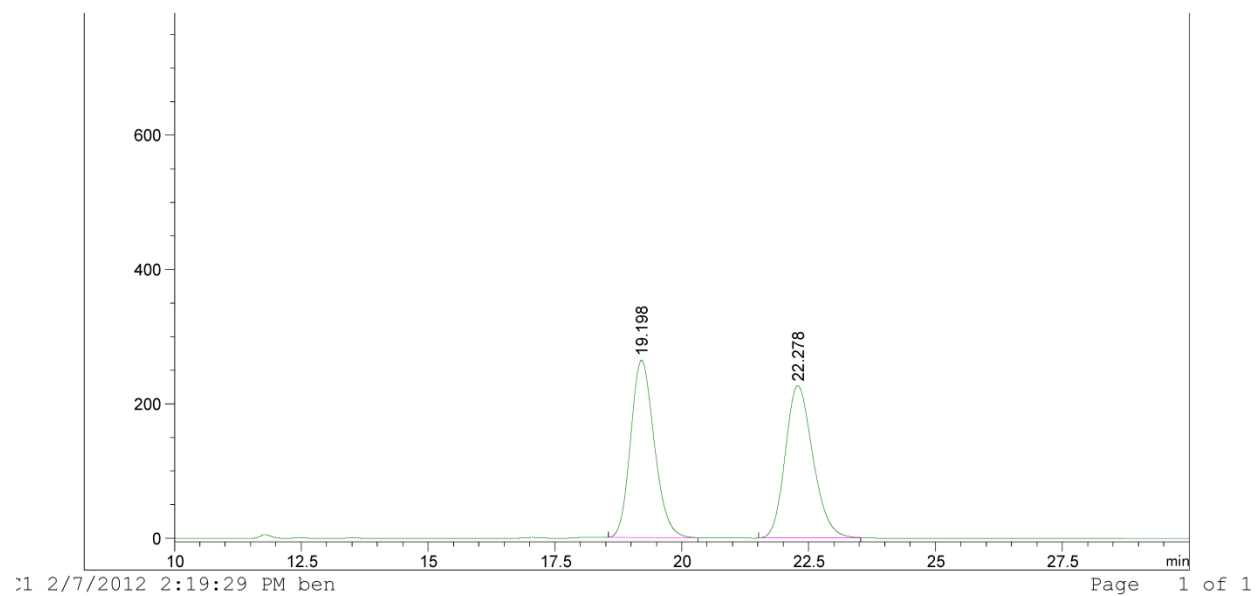


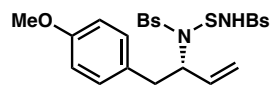
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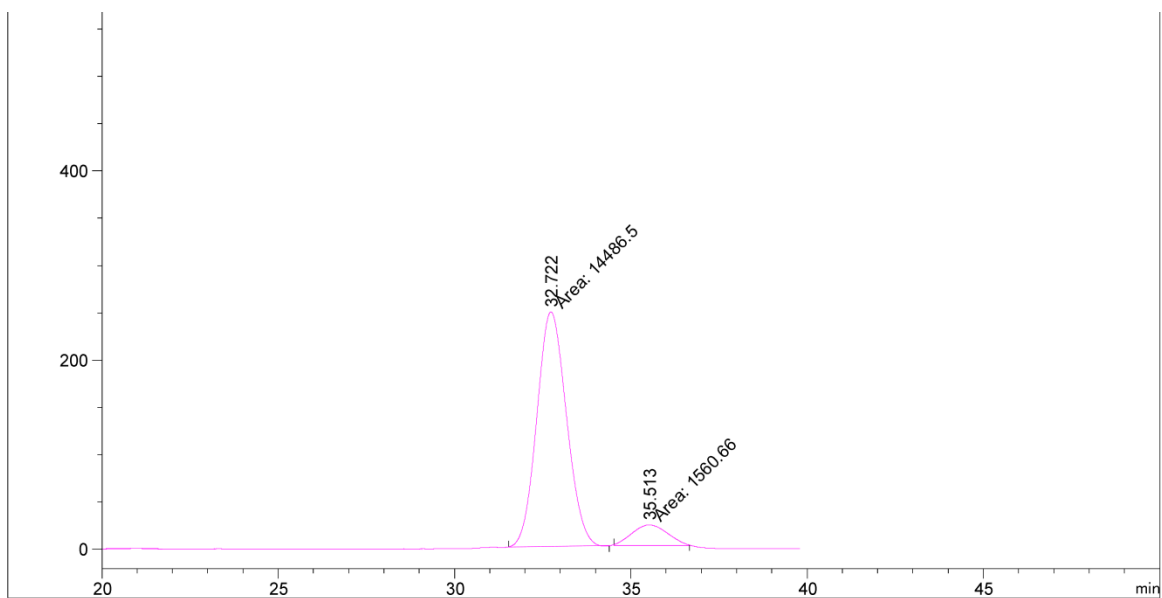
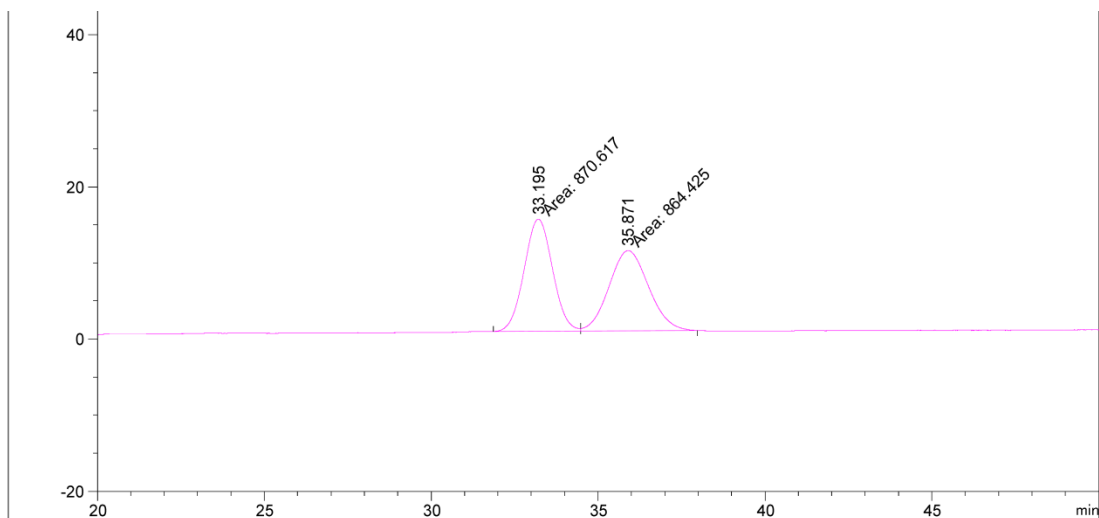


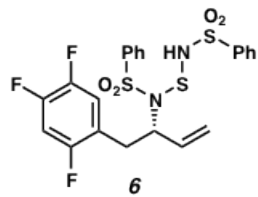
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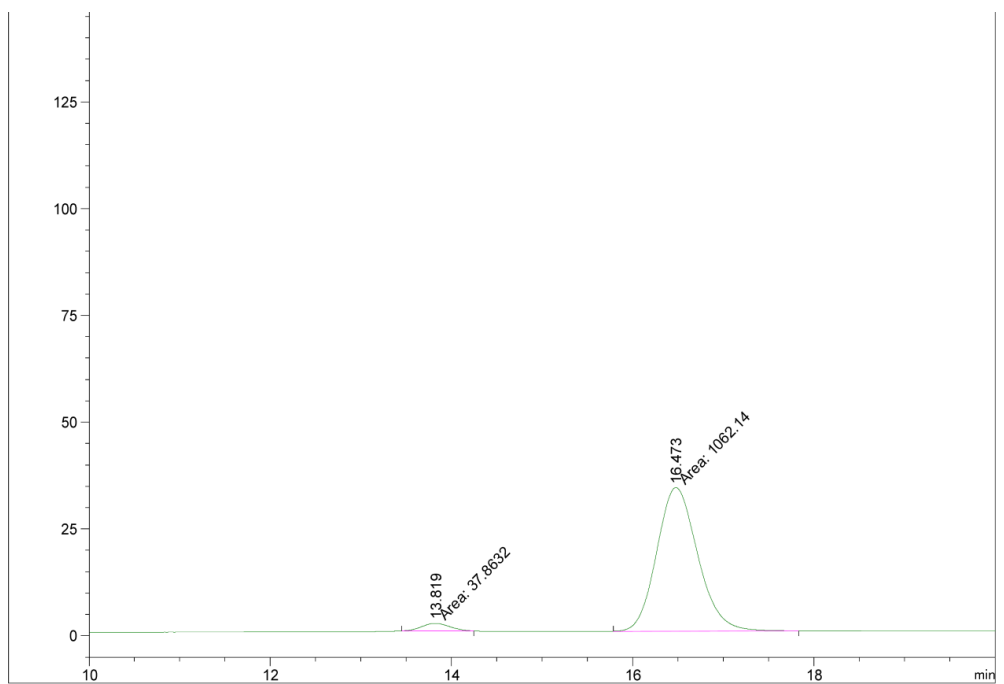
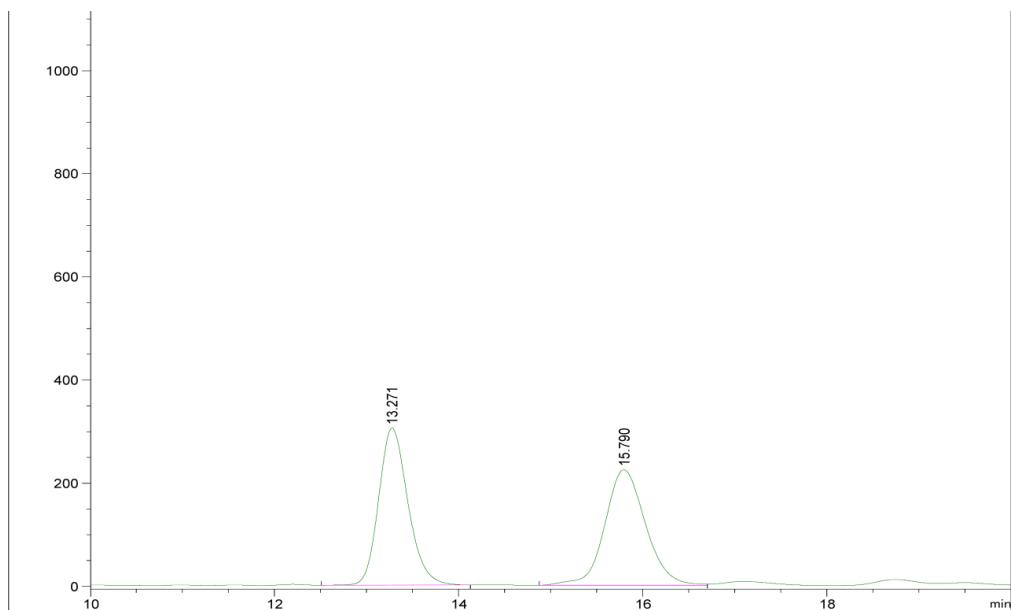


AD-H 80/20 0.8 mL/min, 230 nm, 81% ee.





AD-H 80/20 Hx/*i*PrOH, 0.85 mL/min, 230 nm, 93%ee.



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