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# Highly Enantioselective Synthesis of $\beta$ -Amino Acid Derivatives by the Lewis Base Catalyzed Hydrosilylation of $\beta$ -Enamino Esters

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#### ? .General Information.

All starting materials were of the highest commercially available grade and used without further purification. All solvents used in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using silica gel HSGF254 plates. Flash chromatography (FC) was performed using silica gel HG/T2354-92. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 and 75 MHz, respectively) spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm (**d**) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, d = 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, brs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **d** = 77.0 ppm). ESI HRMS spectra were recorded on BioTOF Q. HPLC analysis was performed on Waters-Breeze (2487 Dual? Absorbance Detector and 1525 Binary HPLC Pump). Chiralpak AD, OD and OJ columns were purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries (Hong Kong, China). Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 341 Polarimeter at ? = 589 nm (c g/100ml). All enantiomer ratios have been controlled by coinjections of the pure sample with the racemic substrates.

#### ? . synthesis of catalysts

Synthesis of catalysts 2a, 2b and 2c.

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A solution of ethyl chloroformate (0.1 mL, 1 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL) was dropped in a solution of 2-picolinic acid (123 mg, 1 mmol) and triethylamine (0.15 mL, 1 mmol) in dry THF (25 mL) at 0? within 15 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1h before 1 mmol of chiral aminoalcohol in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwisely. The mixture was stirred at 0? for 1h and then at room temperture for overnight. The mixture was quenched with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3\times15$  mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> for 2h, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was subject to flash chrogromatography (eluant: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 to 1/1) to give the pure catalysts.

(*S*)-(2-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (2a)<sup>[1]</sup>: White solid, prepared from (*S*)- diphenyl(pyrrolidin-2-yl)methanol and 2-picolinic acid, yield 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 8.56 and 8.26 (2×br s, 1H), 7.71-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.52 (m, 12H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.42-5.50 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.97 (m, 2H), 2.03-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.82 (m, 1H), 0.75-1.25 (m, 1H).

(S)-(2-(hydroxydip-tolylmethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (2b): Prepared from (S)- pyrrolidin-2-yl-di-p-tolylmethanol and 2-picolinic acid, yield 76%. White solid, mp = 1

164.0-165.5 ., [a] $_D^{20}$  = -119.2 (c = 0.2, CHCl $_3$ ).  $^1$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl $_3$ , TMS) d = 8.56 and 8.27 (2×br s, 1H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.60 (br, 1H), 7.11-7.52 (m, 9H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.57 and 5.42 (2×br s, 1H), 3.54 and 3.96 (2×br s, 1H), 3.17 and 3.31(2×br s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.13 (br s, 1H), 1.97-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.57 ( br s, 1H), 1.21 and 0.95 (m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl $_3$ , TMS): d = 20.9, 21.0, 23.9, 29.3, 48.2, 50.6, 64.9, 67.2, 81.8, 123.3, 124.7, 125.5, 127.1, 127.5, 127.9, 128.2, 128.5, 136.6, 137.3, 140.4, 143.2, 145.8, 148.4, 154.2, 169.9. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{25}H_{26}N_2O_2 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 409.1886, found m/z 409.1892.

#### (S)-(2-(bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone

(2c): Prepared from (*S*)-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(pyrrolidin-2-yl)methanol and 2-picolinic acid, yield 75%. White solid, mp = 182.0-183.5 ., [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -83.2 (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 8.56 and 8.30 (2×br s, 1H), 7.49-7.72 (br, 2H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.70-7.26 (m, 7H), 5.41-5.57 (br, 1H), 2.80-3.98 (m, 2H), 2.0-2.3 (m, 14H), 1.58 (br s, 1H), 1.0-1.21 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.1, 21.4, 21.7, 23.9, 29.2, 48.1, 50.6, 64.9, 66.9, 82.2, 123.1, 124.5, 125.4, 125.9, 128.6, 136.7, 137.0, 1423.0, 145.7, 148.5, 154.2, 169.8. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{27}H_{30}N_2O_2 + N_a)^+$  requires m/z 437.2199, found m/z 437.2200.

## Synthesis of catalysts 2d<sup>[2]</sup>

Synthesis of (2S,4R)-1-ethyl 2-methyl 4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (6)

(2S,4R)-4-hydroxyproline (13.1 g, 0.1 mol),  $K_2CO_3$  (27.5 g, 0.2 mol) and 150 mL of methanol were added into a two necked flask. The mixture was cooled to 0? Then ethyl chlorofomate (29 mL, 0.3 mol) was added dropwise to the mixture. After the addition, the ice bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to stirred at RT for 48h. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in water and extracted with DCM (3×25 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The *N*,*O*-protected product **6** was obtained in 98% yield as a silghtly yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 4.42-4.47 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.70-3.74 (m, 3H), 3.40-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.90 (brs, 1H), 2.20-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.02-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.28 (m, 3H).

Synthesis of (2S,4R)-ethyl 4-hydroxy-2-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (7)

To a solution of PhMgBr (100 mmol) in THF was added **6** (4.34 g, 20 mmol) in 10 mL of THF dropwisely at 0? for 1h. The mixture was stirred at RT for 8h and quenced with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The organic phase was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent gave a yellow solid. Recrystallization from EtOAc afforded **7** as a white solid (2.4 g, 37%). H NMR (300 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.27-7.42 (m, 10H), 5.05-5.10 (m, 1H), 3.87-4.07 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.54(m, 1H), 2.96-2.99(m, 1H), 2.02-2.16(m, 3H), 1.12(t, J=7.0, 3H).

Synthesis of (6R,7aS)-6-methoxy-1,1-diphenyl-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]oxazol-3(1H)-one (8)

A solution of **7** (341 mg, 1 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>I (0.5 mL, 8 mmol) in THF was cooled to 0?, then NaH (53 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added. After being stirred for 6h, the reaction solution was quenced with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous was extracted with DCM (3×20 mL). The organic phase was combined and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filitered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was chromatographed on silica gel (1/5 to 1/1 of EtOAc/ hexane as eluent) to give the product **8** as a white solid (260 mg, 84%). H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.64-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 4.56 (dd, J = 6.6Hz, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (br s, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.02-3.10 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.67 (m, 1H).

Synthesis of ((2S,4R)-4-methoxypyrrolidin-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (9)

**8** (260 mg, 0.84 mmol) and KOH (188 mg, 3.36 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of MeOH and 5 mL of  $H_2O$ . The mixture was refluxed for 24h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was extracted with DCM (3×15 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give **9** (220 mg, 96%), which was used without further purification.

Synthesis of ((2S,4R)-2-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-4-methoxypyrrolidin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl) methanone (**2d**)

To a solution of **9** (174 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2-picolinic acid (74mg, 0.6 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) was added HOBt (175 mg, 1.2 mmol), NMM (1 mL) and EDCI (230 mg, 1.2 mmol) at 0.. After being stirred at room temperature for 12h. The reaction solution was washed with aqueous HCl (1.0N, 10 mL), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2N, 10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the residue, which was purified through chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 5/1 to 1/1) to give **2d** (180 mg, 75%) as a white solid. Mp = 200.3-203.0 ., [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -54.0 (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 8.30-8.54 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.56 (m, 12H), 6.42 (br s, 1H), 5.56-5.89 (br, 1H), 3.73-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.48 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 35.4, 53.4, 53.8, 55.5, 56.2, 66.1, 77.2, 78.6, 81.8, 123.9, 124.8, 126.1, 126.3, 127.3, 127.4, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.6, 136.8, 143.1, 145.6, 148.1, 153.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_3 + Na$ ) + requires m/z 411.1679, found m/z 411.1689.

#### Synthesis of catalyst 2e

Synthesis of (2S,4R)-1-ethyl 2-methyl 4-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)pyrrolidine-1,2- dicarboxylate (10)

4-Nitrobenzoic acid (1.2 g, 7 mmol), triphenylphosphine (1.84 g, 7 mmol) and **6** (1.1 g, 5 mmol) were dissolved in 25 mL of anhydrous THF. The solution was cooled to 0.. Then a solution of DIAD (1.42 g, 7 mmol) in 5 mL of THF was added dropwise. After the addition, the mixture was stirred at 0. for 12h. Then the reaction was quenced with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with DCM(3×15mL). The organic phase was combined and washed with NaOH (1N), H<sub>2</sub>O, brine repectively, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOH to afford **10** as a yellow solid in 76% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 8.27-8.30 (m, 2H), 8.13-8.16 (m, 2H), 5.60 (br s, 1H), 4.55-4.67 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.68 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 2.51-2.56 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.31 (m, 3H).

Synthesis of (2S,4S)-1-ethyl 2-methyl 4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (11)

The mixture of **10** (1.1 g, 3 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (1.0 g, 7 mmol) and 20 mL of MeOH was stirred for 6h at RT. Then the mixture was dissolved in water and extracted with DCM (3×20 mL). Removal of the solvent gave the crude product, which was subjected to FC (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 to 1/1) to give **11** as a colorless oil in 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 4.33-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.76 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 3.55-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.14 (m, 1H), 1.16-1.27 (m, 3H).

#### Synthesis of 12-2e

The procedures of synthesis of 12-2e are similar to those of 7-2d.

(2*S*,4*S*)-ethyl 4-hydroxy-2-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (12): Yield = 33%,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.41 (m, 8H), 4.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (br, 1H), 4.35 (br, 1H), 3.96-4.09 (m, 2H), 3.76 (br, 1H), 3.40-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (br, 3H).

(6S,7aS)-6-methoxy-1,1-diphenyl-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]oxazol-3(1H)-one (13): Yield = 85%, White solid, mp = 141.0-143.6 ., [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -230.4 (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 8H), 4.63 (dd, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 2.8 Hz, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.01-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.43 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 35.4, 52.0, 56.9, 67.5, 81.0, 86.2, 125.7, 126.0, 127.8, 128.4, 128.6, 140.0, 143.3, 160.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{19}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 332.1257, found m/z 332.1248.

## ((2S,4S)-2-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-4-methoxypyrrolidin-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone

(2e): Yield = 54% (two steps) White solid , mp = 190.6-191.8 .,  $[a]_D^{20}$  = +49.0 (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $[D_6]$ DMSO, TMS) d = 8.37 and 8.57 (2×brs, 1H), 6.62-7.78 (m, 13H), 6.03 and 6.39 (2×brs, 1H), 5.48 (brs, 1H), 4.12-4.28 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.25 (m, 3H), 2.31-2.50 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.97 (m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz,  $[D_6]$ DMSO, TMS): d = 33.0, 34.1, 53.1, 54.6, 56.4, 63.0, 77.8, 80.1, 123.7, 124.4, 125.9, 126.2, 126.4, 126.8, 127.7, 136.4, 143.8, 145.1, 146.0, 148.0, 153.1,161.5, 161.5, 165.7, 167.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 411.1679, found m/z 411.1670.

## ? . Typical procedure for the synthesis of $\beta$ -keto esters<sup>[3]</sup> and N-aryl $\beta$ -enamino esters<sup>[4]</sup>.

To a dried three-necked flask equipped with a dropping funnel, a condenser, and a magnetic stirrer was added NaH (7.1 g, 95%, 280 mmol), dimethyl carbonate (18.0 g, 200 mL), and toluene (100 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux. A solution of ketone (100 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) was added dropwise from the dropping funnel over 1-2 h. After the addition, the mixture was heated to reflux until the evolution of hydrogen ceased (15-20 min). When the reaction was cooled to room temperature, glacial acetic acid (30 mL) was added dropwise and a heavy, pasty solid appeared. Ice-water was added until the solid was dissolved completely. The toluene layer was separated, and

the water layer was washed with toluene (3×100 mL). The combined toluene solution was washed with water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), then dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure or subjected chromatography to give the desired  $\beta$ -keto esters in 80-95% yield.

A mixture of  $\beta$ -keto ester (10 mmol), arylamine (10 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.19 g, 1 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and refluxed overnight. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissoved with 30mL EtOAc and washed with water and birne. The organic phase was seperated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was subsequently filtered and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by FC to give the pure N-aryl  $\beta$ -enamino esters.

(**Z**)-methyl 3-phenyl-3-(phenylamino)acrylate (1b)<sup>[5]</sup>: Yield = 55%, yellow solid, mp = 72.5-73.0 ., <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.28 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.06-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.69 (m, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H).

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate (1c): Yield = 50%, Yellow solid, mp = 94.4-96.7? ,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d =10.22 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.34 (m, 5H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): d = 50.6, 55.3, 88.9, 113.8, 124.3, 128.2, 128.3,129.2, 133.3, 135.9, 155.8, 160.0, 170.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}H_{17}NO_3 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 306.1101, found m/z 306.1105.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(3-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate (1d): Yield = 55%, yellow solid, mp = 48.5-50.6?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.27 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.28 (m, 1H), 6.17 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.7, 55.0, 90.8, 107.5, 109.1, 114.5, 128.1, 128.5, 129.3, 129.5, 136.0, 141.4, 159.0, 159.7, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}H_{17}NO_3 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 306.1101, found m/z 306.1104.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(2-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate (1e): Yield = 51%, yellow solid, mp = 115.6-117.5?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.27 (brs, 1H), 7.26-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.84-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.51-6.52 (m, 1H), 6.20-6.23 (1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.7, 55.7, 90.9, 110.4, 119.8, 121.8, 122.9, 127.9, 128.3, 129.3, 129.4, 136.2, 150.4, 158.5, 170.1. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}H_{17}NO_3 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 306.1101, found m/z 306.1097.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate (1f): Yield = 65%, yellow solid, mp = 135.6-138.0?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.25 (br s, 1H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 25H), 7.02-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.57-6.60 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.7, 90.4, 115.2 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 124.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.3, 128.4, 129.5, 135.6, 136.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 158.9 (d, J = 241 Hz), 159.4, 170.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{16}H_{14}FNO_2 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 294.0901, found m/z 294.0910.

(**Z**)-methyl **3-(4-chlorophenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate** (**1g**): Yield = 60%, yellow solid, mp = 94.7-96.7?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.24 (br s, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 25H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.54 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.8,

- 91.4, 123.3, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 129.6, 135.5, 139.0, 158.7, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{16}H_{14}CINO_2 + H)^+$  requires m/z 288.0786, found m/z 288.0790.
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-bromophenylamino)-3-phenylacrylate (1h): Yield = 61%, yellow solid, mp = 159.1-161.8?,  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.24 (br s, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 25H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.54 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H).  ${}^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.8, 91.5, 115.8, 123.5, 128.1, 128.6, 129.7, 131.6, 135.4, 139.5, 158.6, 170.3. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{16}H_{14}BrNO_{2} + H)^{+}$  requires m/z 354.0100, found m/z 354.0092.
- (**Z**)-methyl 3-acetamido-3-phenylacrylate (1i)<sup>[6]</sup>: Synthesized according to the literature method. [5] Yellow oil,  ${}^{1}H$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.64 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1j): Yield = 56%, yellow solid, mp = 92.3-94.1?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.16 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.3, 89.0, 113.9, 115.4 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 124.5, 130.5 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 133.1, 156.0, 158.9, 161.4, 164.7, 170.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{17}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 324.1006, found m/z 324.1019.
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1k): Yield = 60%, yellow solid, mp = 123.7-126.0?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d =10.14 (br s, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.3, 89.3, 113.9, 124.5, 128.6, 129.6, 133.0, 134.4, 135.2, 156.0, 158.7, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. For  $(C_{17}H_{16}CINO_3 + H)^+$  requires m/z 318.0891, found m/z 318.0889.
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (11): Yield = 58%, yellow solid, mp = 133.5-135.6?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.16 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.7, 55.3, 89.3, 114.0, 123.5, 124.5, 129.9, 131.5, 133.0, 134.9, 156.0, 158.7, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}$ H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 362.0386, found m/z 362.0387.
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1m): Yield = 52%, viscous liquid, solified by standing, mp = 75.4-76.8 ? ,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d =10.12 (br s, 1H), 7.35-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.64-6.66 (m, 4H), 4.92 (s,1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.2, 89.6, 113.9, 124.4, 126.5, 128.2, 129.3, 129.4, 132.9, 134.2, 137.7, 156.0, 158.3, 170.3. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}$ H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 340.0771, found m/z 340.0695.
- (*Z*)-methyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1n): Yield = 58%, yellow solid, mp = 91.5-93.5 ? ,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d =10.35 (br s, 1H), 7.34-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.61-6.70 (m, 4H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.2, 88.0, 113.7, 124.0, 126.6, 129.8, 130.1, 130.7,132.5, 135.0, 156.2, 157.7, 170.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}$ H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 340.0771, found m/z 340.0693.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-p-tolylacrylate (1o): Yield =50%, yellow solid, mp = 74.5-76.8?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.18 (br s, 1H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.64-6.66 (m, 4H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.3, 50.5, 55.3, 88.6, 113.8, 124.3, 128.2, 129.0, 132.9, 133.5, 139.4, 155.8, 160.1, 170.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. For ( $C_{18}H_{19}NO_3 + H$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 298.1438, found m/z 298.1448.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1p): Yield = 46%, yellow solid, mp = 91.4-93.0?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.17 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.75-7.79 (m, 2H), 6.64-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.5, 55.1, 55.3, 88.3, 113.6, 113.8, 124.3, 128.0, 129.8, 133.6, 155.7, 159.7, 160.3, 170.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{18}H_{19}NO_4 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 336.1206, found m/z 336.1210.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylate (1q): Yield = 43%, yellow solid, mp = 92.6-94.7 ?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d =10.30 (br s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.83 (m,2H), 7.66-7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.67-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.58-6.62 (m, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.2, 89.4, 113.9, 124.2, 125.6, 126.4, 126.9, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 132.9, 133.3, 133.4, 133.6, 155.8, 159.8, 170.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{21}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 356.1257, found m/z 356.1250.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)acrylate (1r): Yield = 35%, orange solid, mp = 102.8-105.4?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.14 (br s, 1H), 8.58-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.52-8.54 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.65 (m, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.7, 55.3, 89.9, 114.2, 122.9, 125.1, 131.9, 132.6, 135.7, 149.1, 150.2, 156.6, 156.7, 170.3. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 307.1053, found m/z 307.1060.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylate (1s): Yield = 46%, light yellow solid, mp = 68.5-71.0?,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.04 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.98-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.72 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 50.6, 55.3, 88.9, 113.9, 114.2, 125.3, 127.0, 127.6, 129.0, 133.4, 153.1, 156.5, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{15}H_{15}NO_3$  S + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 312.0665, found m/z 312.0663.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (1t):** Yield = 45%, yellow solid, mp = 107.0-108.6?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 9.14 (br s, 1H), 7.44-7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 34.6, 50.6, 55.5, 100.2, 114.1, 123.8, 124.6, 125.7, 127.0, 128.2, 133.2, 137.5, 145.1, 156.5, 157.6, 168.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{18}H_{17}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 318.1101, found m/z 318.1105.

**Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3,4-dihydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (1u):** Yield = 42%, yellow solid, mp = 92.6-94.7 ? ,  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.13 (br s, 1H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.76 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.61 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 22.1, 29.0, 51.1, 55.3, 102.6, 114.0, 123.0, 125.5, 127.4, 128.0, 128.9, 129.8, 136.5, 140.1, 151.7, 155.2, 170.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{19}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 332.1257, found m/z 332.1258.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(2-methoxyphenylamino)but-2-enoate (1v): Yield = 45%, colorless oil,  ${}^{1}H$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.27 (brs, 1H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s,1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H).  ${}^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 20.3, 50.2, 55.7, 85.8, 111.0, 120.3, 124.4, 125.4, 128.5, 152.5, 159.0, 170.5. ( $C_{17}H_{16}CINO_3 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 244.0944, found m/z 244.0950.

(*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-4-methylpent-2-enoate (1w): Yield = 55%, yellow oil,  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.13 (br s, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.75 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H).  ${}^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.9, 28.4, 50.2, 55.4, 80.0, 114.3, 127.8, 131.8, 157.8, 171.2, 171.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{14}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 272.1257, found m/z 272.1260.

(**Z**)-methyl 3-cyclohexyl-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)acrylate (1x): Yield = 75%, white solid, mp = 103.8-106.1 ? , <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 10.15 (br s, 1H), 6.98-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.88 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.34 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.78 (m, 5H), 1.13-1.29 (m, 2H), 1.07-1.13 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 25.8, 26.2, 32.4, 50.2, 55.4, 80.9, 114.2, 127.5, 131.7, 157.6, 169.8, 171.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 312.1570, found m/z 312.1558.

**Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)cyclopent-1-enecarboxylate (1y):** Yield = 80%, white solid, mp = 67.1-69.6?, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 9.29 (br s, 1H), 6.96-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.78-1.88 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.6, 28.8, 33.2, 50.3, 55.4, 95.7, 114.3, 123.8, 133.7, 156.4, 161.9, 168.8. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{14}H_{17}NO_3 + H)^+$  requires m/z 270.1101, found m/z 270.1092.

#### ? . Typical procedure for asymmetric hydrosilyation of $\beta$ -enamino esters:

Trichlorosilane (41  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of the catalyst (0.02 mmol) and the corresponding  $\beta$ -enamino ester (0.20 mmol) in 2 mL of dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> at -30 ? The reaction mixture was stirred at -30 ? for 48h. Then the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the combined extracts was washed with brine

and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo followed by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent afforded the  $\beta$ -amino acid esters. The ee values were determined using established HPLC techniques with chiral stationary phases.

HPLC speration of chiral  $\beta$ -amino esters

Compound	Column	i-PrOH/n-Hexane	Flow rate (mL/min)	? (nm)	T (°C)	t <sub>R</sub> (min)
3b	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	9.865; 10.998
3c	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	17.956; 19.839
3d	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	17.511; 18.510
3e	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	14.569; 25.438
3f	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	23.162; 27.184
3g	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	25.972; 27.349
3h	OD-H	5%	1	254	25	23.572; 26.103
3j	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	11.318; 13.000
3k	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	9.918; 11.197
31	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	12.214; 13.683
3m	OD-H	5%	1	254	25	17.540; 19.440
3n	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	13.681; 14.668
30	OD-H	5%	1	254	25	12.328; 13.914
3р	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	17.889; 19.546
3q	OD-H	5%	1	254	25	25.364; 26.964
3r	ОЈ-Н	30%	1	254	25	14.460; 17.185
3s	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	18.812; 21.107
3t	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	12.579; 24.294
3u	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	11.425; 15.437
3v	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	10.123; 12.073
3w	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	6.774; 7.825
3x	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	8.210; 9.734
3у	AD-H	5%	1	254	25	8.883; 11.071

**Methyl 3-phenyl-3-(phenylamino)propanoate (3b):** White solid, mp = 103.9-105.4 ?, [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -5.1 (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d= 7.31-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.60 (m, 2H), 4.85 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (brs, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H).

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate** (**3c**): White solid, mp = 62.9-65.6 ? ,  $[a]_D^{20} = -6.2$  (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub> in 95%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.25-7.41 (m, 5H), 6.71-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.55-6.59 (m, 2H), 4.80 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (brs, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.7, 51.8, 55.6, 55.8, 114.7, 115.1, 126.2, 127.4, 128.7, 140.9, 142.3, 152.3, 171.7. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 308.1257, found m/z 308.1260.

**Methyl 3-(3-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate** (**3d**): White solid, mp = 72.8-74.6 ?,  $[a]_D^{20} = -2.3$  (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.25-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.20-6.28 (m, 2H), 6.14-6.16 (m, 1H), 5.12 (br s, 1H), 4.83 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.4, 51.8, 54.8, 54.9, 99.8, 103.1, 106.8, 126.1, 127.4, 128.7, 129.8, 141.9, 147.9, 160.6, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 308.1257, found m/z 308.1262.

**Methyl 3-(2-methoxyphenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate(3e):** White solid, mp = 74.2-76.5 ? ,  $[a]_D^{20} = +17.7$  (c = 0.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 92%ee).  $^1$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.21-7.39 (m, 5H), 6.70-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.66 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (brs, 1H), 4.86 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, J = 6.7, 2H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.9, 51.7, 54.8, 55.5, 109.6, 111.2, 116.9, 121.1, 126.2, 127.3, 128.7, 136.7, 142.3, 146.9, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 308.1257, found m/z 308.1250.

**Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate** (**3f**): White solid, mp = 66.0-67.4 ? , [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +2.8 (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 92%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.25-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.77-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.50 (m, 2H), 4.76 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 4.47 (br s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.87 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.6, 51.9, 55.6, 114.6 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 126.2, 127.5, 128.8, 141.9, 143.0, 156.0 (d, J = 234 Hz), 171.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{16}H_{16}FNO_2 + Na$ ) + requires m/z 296.1057, found m/z 296.1052.

**Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate (3g):** White solid, mp = 70.0-72.3 ? , [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +24.2 (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 93%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.26-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.03-7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.46-6.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 4.62 (br s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.74-2.88 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.5, 51.9, 55.0, 114.8, 122.4, 126.1, 127.6, 128.8, 128.9, 141.6, 145.3, 171.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 312.0762, found m/z 312.0751.

**Methyl 3-(4-bromophenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate (3h):** White solid, mp = 100.3-102.1 ? , [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -3.6 (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 92%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.25-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.42-6.46 (m, 2H), 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.65 (br s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 2.81 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.5, 51.9, 54.9, 109.5, 115.3, 126.1, 127.6, 128.8, 131.8, 141.5, 145.7, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for ( $C_{16}H_{16}BrNO_2 + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 356.0257, found m/z 356.0267.

**Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate** (**3j):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +3.4$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 93%ee),  $^1$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.99-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.54 (m, 2H), 4.73 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.6, 51.8, 55.1, 55.6, 114.7, 115.2, 115.6 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 127.8 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 138.0 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 140.6, 152.4, 161.9

(d, J = 243.9 Hz), 171.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{18}FNO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 326.1163, found m/z 326.1164.

**Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate (3k):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -32.0$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 92%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.27-7.33 (m, 4H), 6.68-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.48-6.52 (m, 2H), 4.73 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.5, 51.9, 55.2, 55.6, 114.7, 115.1, 127.7, 128.9, 133.0, 140.5, 140.9, 152.4, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{18}CINO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 342.0867, found m/z 342.0865.

**Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate (3l):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +3.0$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 92%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.42-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.48-6.52 (m, 2H), 4.71 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.4, 51.9, 55.2, 55.6, 114.7, 115.2, 121.1, 128.0, 131.8, 140.5, 141.4, 152.4, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{18}BrNO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 386.0362, found m/z 386.0360.

**Methyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate (3m):** Viscous liquid, [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -1.8 (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 91%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.53-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.53 (m, 2H), 4.72 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.4, 51.9, 55.2, 55.6, 114.7, 115.2, 121.1, 128.0, 131.8, 140.5, 141.4, 152.4, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{18}ClNO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 342.0867, found m/z 342.0871.

**Methyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate** (**3n**): Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +75.4$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 91%ee).  $^1$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.47-749 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 5H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dd, J = 4.4 Hz, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 40.1, 51.9, 52.9, 55.6, 114.8, 115.1, 127.3, 128.7, 129.8, 132.8, 139.7, 152.8, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{18}CINO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 342.0867, found m/z 342.0870.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-p-tolylpropanoate (3o):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -7.2$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 95%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.53-6.56 (m, 2H), 4.75 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.4, 51.9, 55.2, 55.6, 114.7, 115.2, 121.1, 128.0, 131.8, 140.5, 141.4, 152.4, 171.4. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{18}H_{21}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 322.1414, found m/z 342.1413.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate (3p):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -1.0$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 95%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.52-6.56 (m, 2H), 4.73 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.6, 51.7, 55.1, 55.6, 114.0, 114.7, 115.1, 127.3, 134.3, 140.9, 152.2, 158.7, 171.7. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{18}H_{21}NO_4 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 338.1363, found m/z 338.1368.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanoate (3q):** Solid, mp = 81.1-83.5 ?,  $[a]_D^{20} = +7.5$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 95%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.82-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.96 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d, J = 6.8, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.6, 51.8, 55.5, 56.0, 114.6, 115.1,124.3, 125.0, 125.7, 126.1, 127.5, 127.8, 128.6, 132.8, 133.3, 139.8, 140.9, 152.2, 171.6. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{21}H_{21}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 338.1414, found m/z 338.1410.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)propanoate (3r):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -2.5$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 70%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 8.63 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 1.3 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.19-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.47-6.53 (m, 2H), 4.80 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (br s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.81 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.0, 51.9, 53.6, 55.6, 114.7, 115.3, 123.5, 133.9, 137.7, 140.2, 148.5, 148.8, 152.6, 171.1. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{16}H_{18}N_2O_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 309.1210, found m/z 309.1212.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propanoate(3s):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -3.7(c = 0.2 \text{ in EtOAc}, 88\%\text{ee}).$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.17-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.66 (m, 2H), 5.08 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.98 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 42.2, 51.8, 52.0, 55.5, 114.7, 115.7, 123.7, 126.7, 140.4, 147.0, 152.7, 171.3. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 314.0821, found m/z 314.0822.

**Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (3t):** Yellow oil, [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +18.6 (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 28%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.21-7.31 (m, 4H), 6.77-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.74 (m, 2H), 5.30 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (br s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 3.40-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 33.7, 48.3, 51.4, 55.7, 61.7, 114.7, 115.0, 124.4, 127.0, 128.3, 140.9, 141.3, 142.7, 152.4, 173.5. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na)<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 320.1257, found m/z 320.1251.

Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (3u): Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = -119.4$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 54%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 7.09-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.77-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.82 (m, 2H), 4.94 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.69 (br s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.98-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.19 (m 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.2, 27.8, 44.8, 51.5, 55.0, 55.7, 114.8, 115.8, 126.2, 127.3, 128.4, 128.9, 135.2, 137.8, 141.8, 152.6, 173.7. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{19}H_{21}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 334.1414, found m/z 334.1420.

**Methyl 3-(2-methoxyphenylamino)butanoate (3v):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +12.4$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 17%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 6.86-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.70 (m, 2H), 4.28 (br s, 1H), 3.93-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 15.0 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 15.0 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 20.7, 41.0, 45.5, 51.6, 55.4, 109.7, 110.5, 116.6, 121.3, 136.5, 146.9, 172.3. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{12}H_{17}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 246.1101, found m/z 246.1107.

**Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-4-methylpentanoate** (**3w**): Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +32.4$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 67%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 6.73-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.63 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.45 (br s, 1H), 2.39-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.93 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 18.5, 18.6, 31.4, 36.5, 51.5, 55.6, 57.0, 114.8, 114.9, 141.6, 152.0, 172.8. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{14}H_{21}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 274.1414, found m/z 274.1420.

**Methyl 3-cyclohexyl-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propanoate (3x):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +5.5$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 80%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 6.73-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.63 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 2.43-2.57 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.78 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 21.2, 28.8, 31.2, 34.1, 55.5, 56.3, 109.8, 110.2, 117.3, 120.0, 121.0, 136.5, 146.9. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{17}H_{25}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 314.1727, found m/z 314.1725.

**Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)cyclopentanecarboxylate (3y):** Yellow oil,  $[a]_D^{20} = +36.8$  (c = 0.2 in EtOAc, 28%ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS) d = 6.73-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.57-6.60 (m, 2H), 4.01 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.06 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85-2.01 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.77 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 22.4, 27.8, 32.7, 47.0, 51.4, 55.7, 58.0, 114.7, 114.8. ESI-HRMS exact mass calcd. for  $(C_{14}H_{17}NO_3 + Na)^+$  requires m/z 272.1257, found m/z 272.1249.

# V. Experiment in gram scale and deprotection of N-PMP group of (S)- methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino) -3-phenylpropanoate $(3c)^{[7]}$

Catalyst 2c (0.145g, 0.35mmol) and 1c (1 g, 3.5 mmol) was dissolved in 35 mL of dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> and cooled to -30? Trichlorosilane (0.72 mL, 7 mmol) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at -30? for 48h. Then the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the combined extract was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo followed by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent afforded 3c in 83% yield.

A solution of ammonium cerium nitrate (1.64g, 3 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added slowly to a stirred solution of compound (S)- methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenylamino) -3-phenylpropanoate (3c) (285mg, 1 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) at 0? . After 2 hours, a solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5%) was added until pH = 6. Then sodium sulfite was added until the mixture became a brown suspension. The mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate ( $4\times30$  mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The mixture was subsequently filtered and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified through flash column chromatography [petroleum

ether/EtOAc (1/1)] on silica gel to afford (*S*)-**5** as a yellow oil, yield 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): d = 7.23-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.42 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.66 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (br s, 2H).

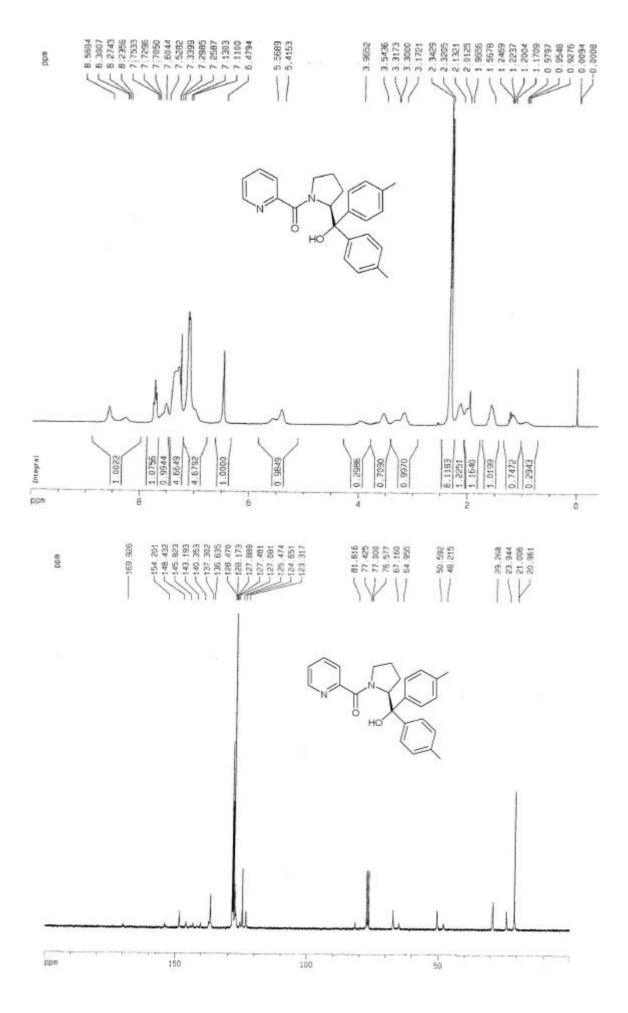
#### VI. Acetylation of the amino group of (S)- methyl 3-amino-3- phenylpropanoate (5)

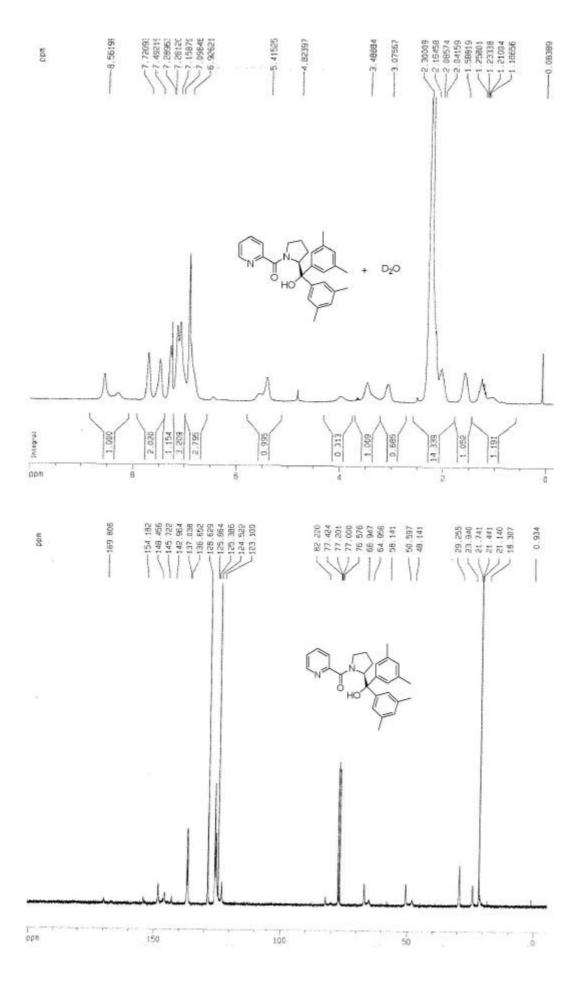
To a solution of (*S*)- methyl 3-amino-3-phenylpropanoate (**5**) (99 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.1 mL, 0.6 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added CH<sub>3</sub>COCl (0.06 mL in 1mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>) dropwise at 0? in 10 mins. The result solution was allowed to worm to RT and stirred for additional two hours. The reaction was quenced with water. Then the organic phase was separated and washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5%), water, brine respectively. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was subsequently filtered and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The residue was subjected to FC to afford (*S*)- methyl 3-acetamido-3-phenylpropanoate (**3i**) as a white solid, yield 90%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): d = 7.23-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.38-5.45 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

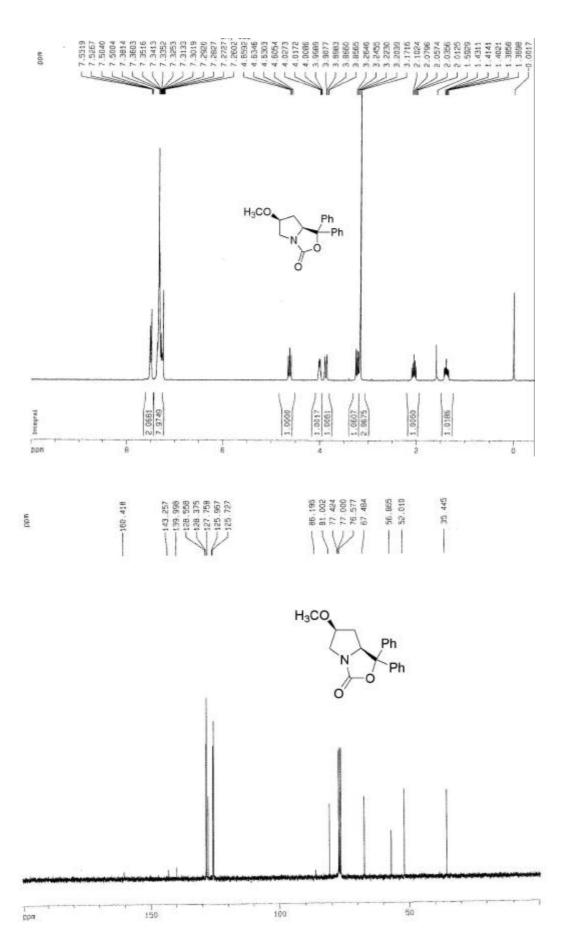
The enantiomers were analyzed by HPLC using a chiral AD-H column (n-heptane/2- propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 220 nm; minor enantiomer:  $t_R = 27.47$  min, major enantiomer:  $t_R = 30.18$  min;  $[a]_D^{20} = -79.5$  (c= 0.6 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee). Lit. <sup>[6]</sup>  $[a]_D^{20} = -79.9$  (c = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *S*, 99% ee).

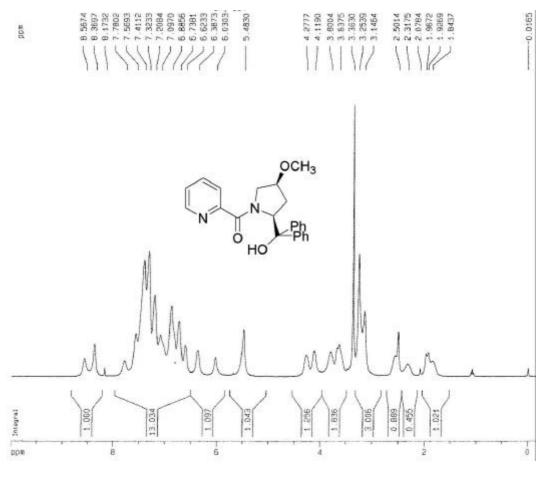
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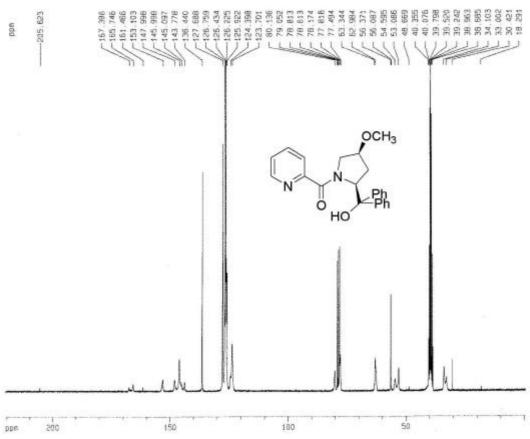
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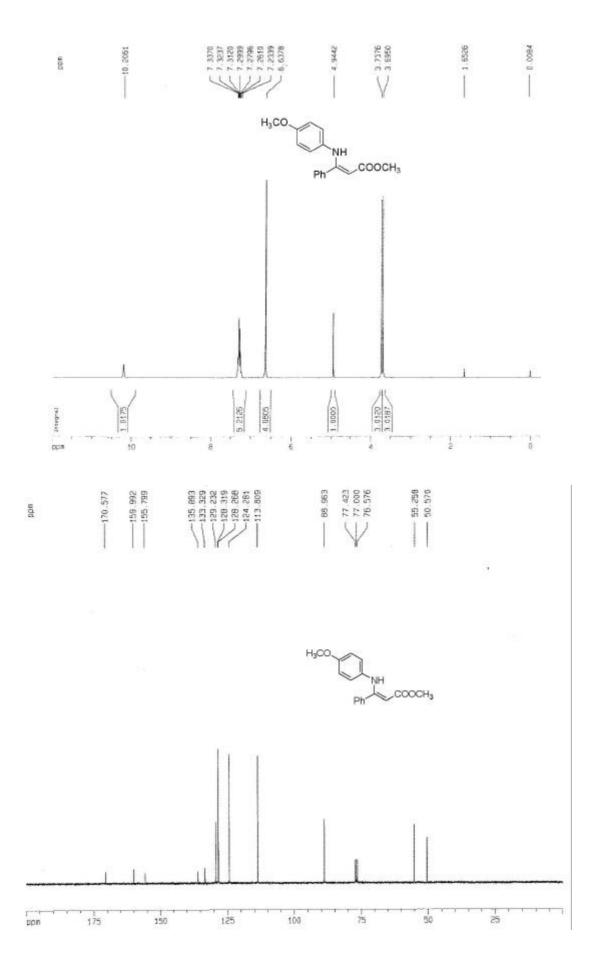


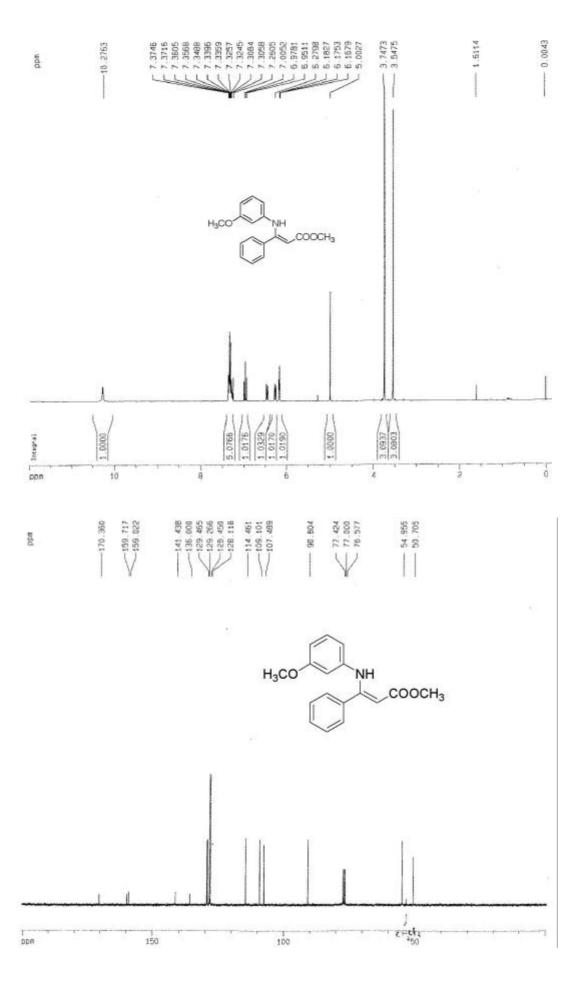


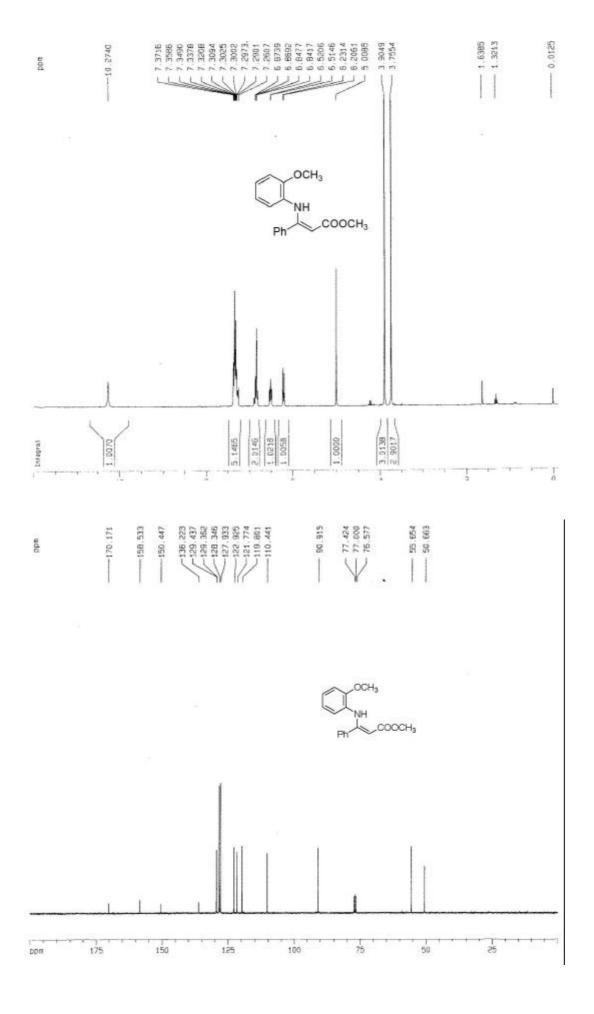


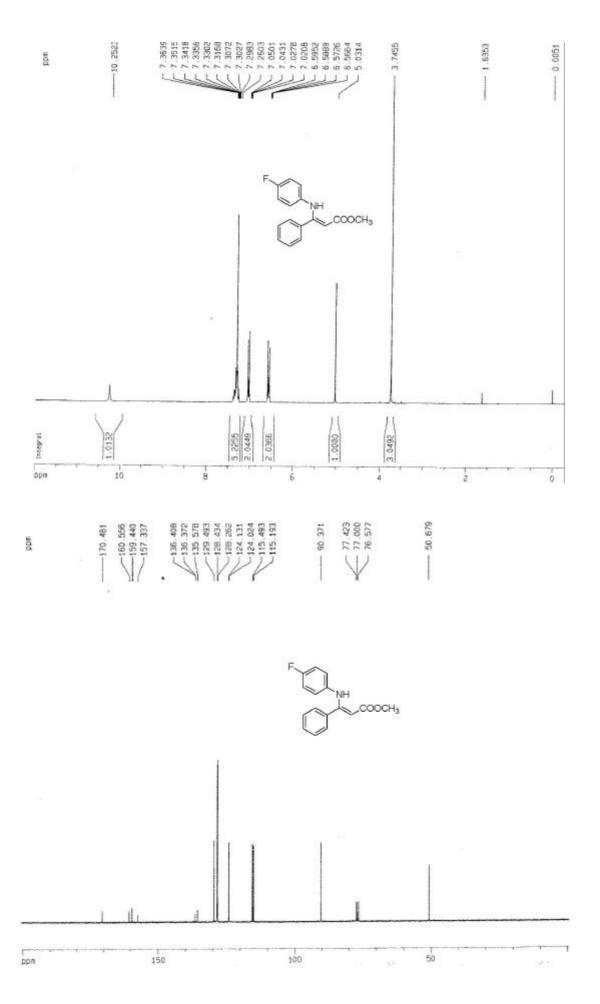


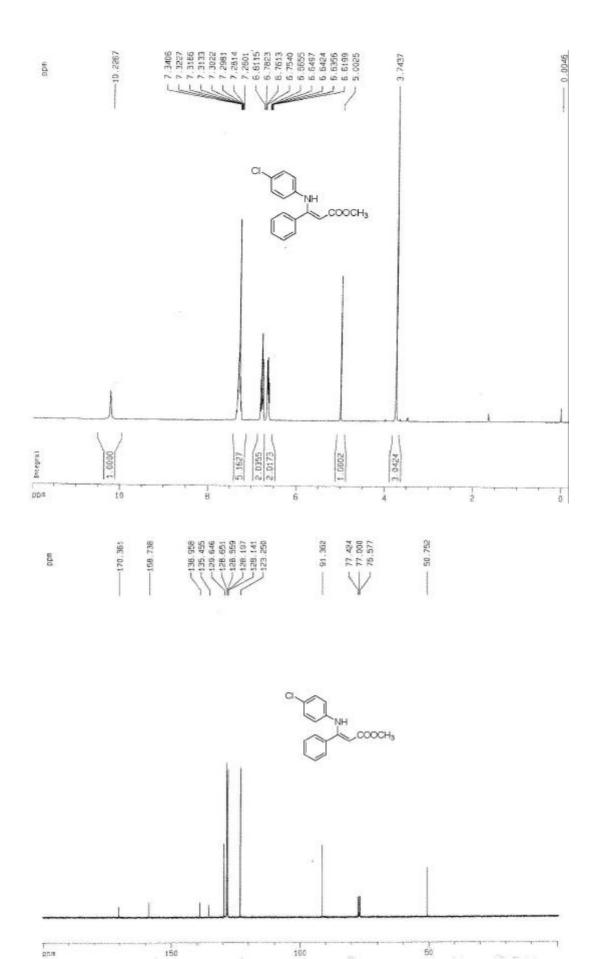


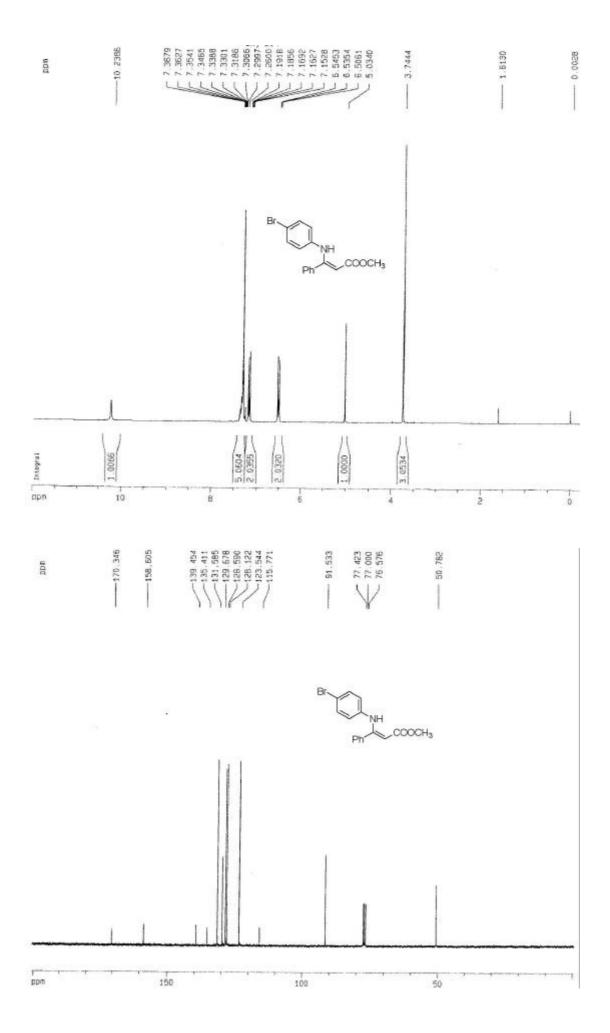


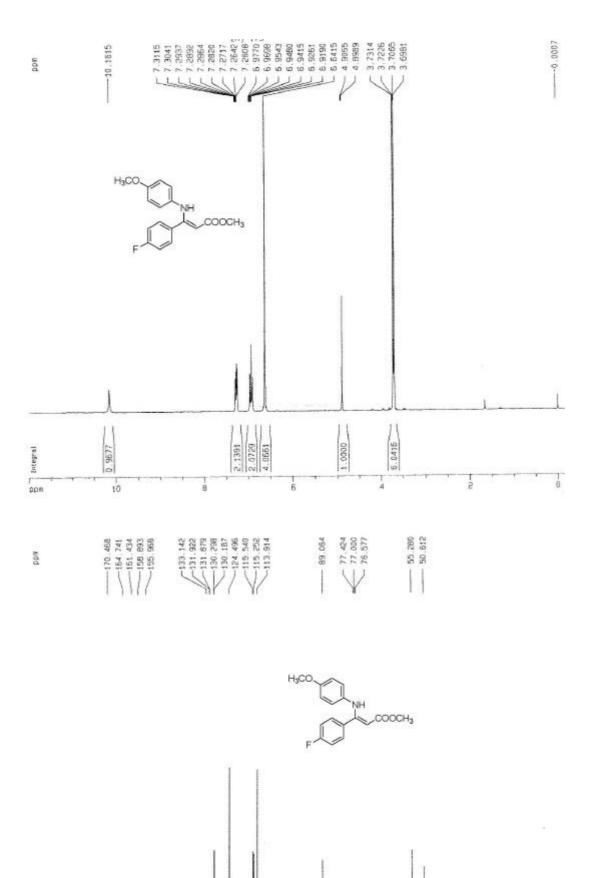








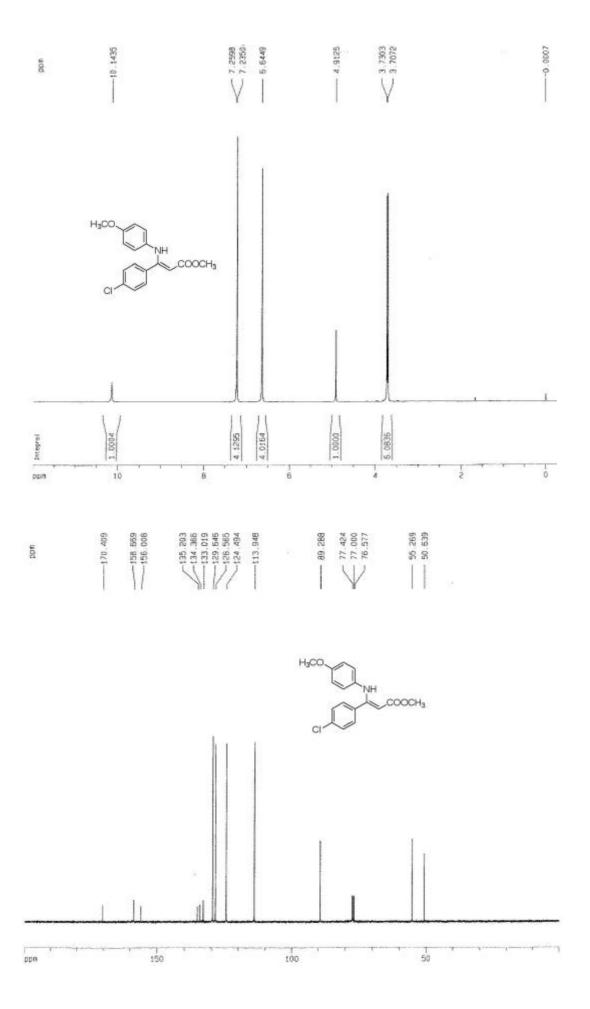


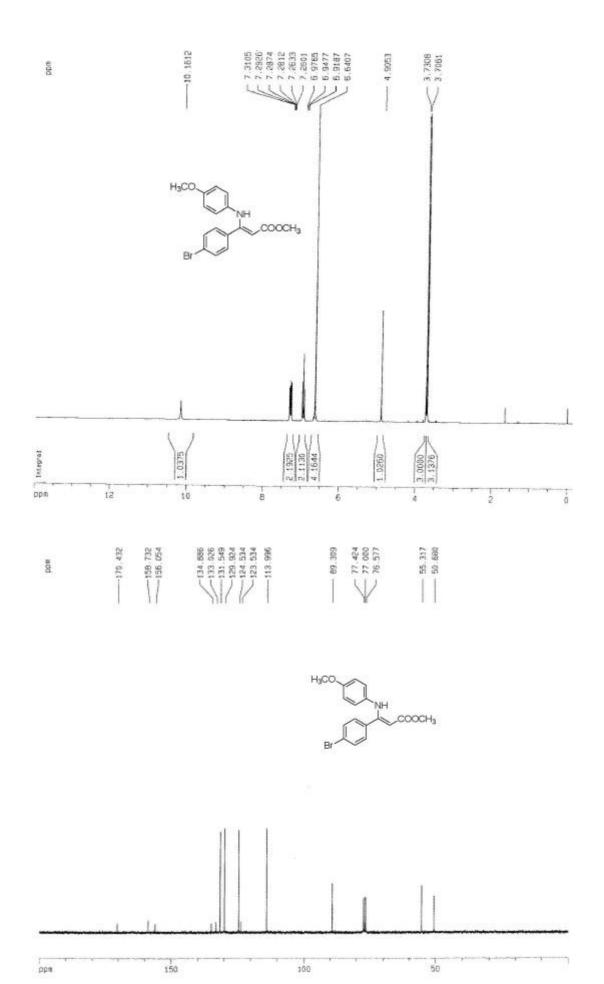


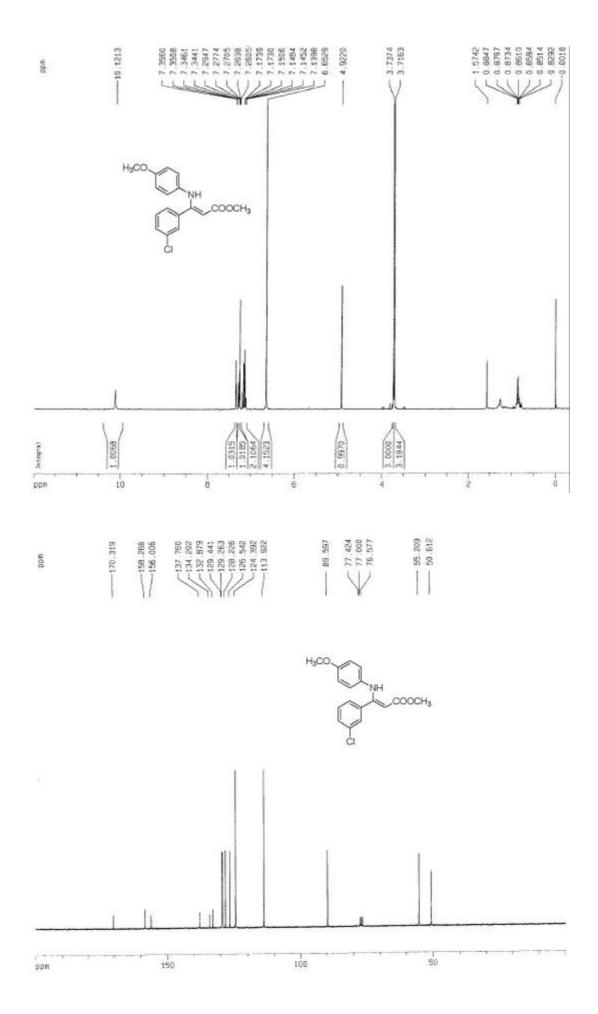
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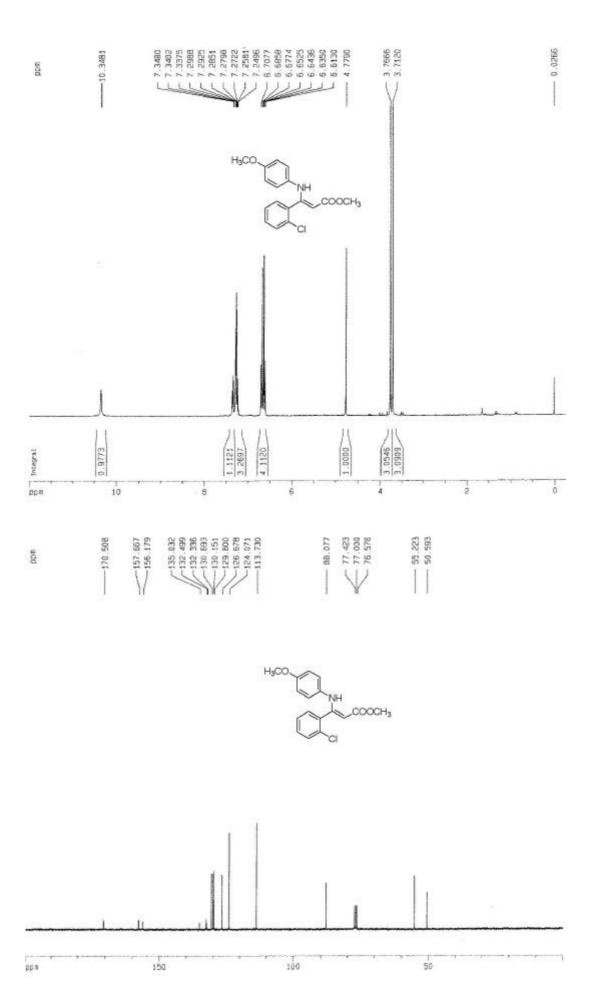
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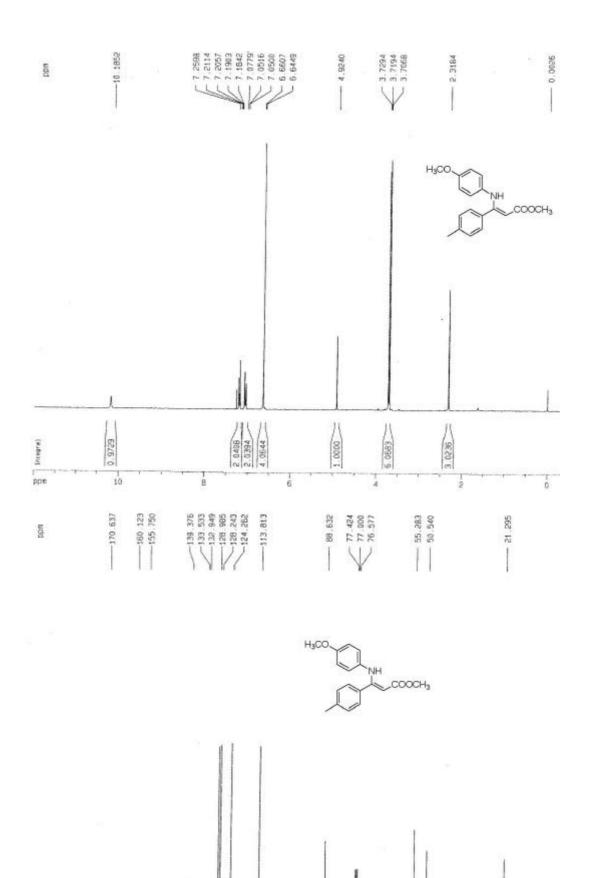
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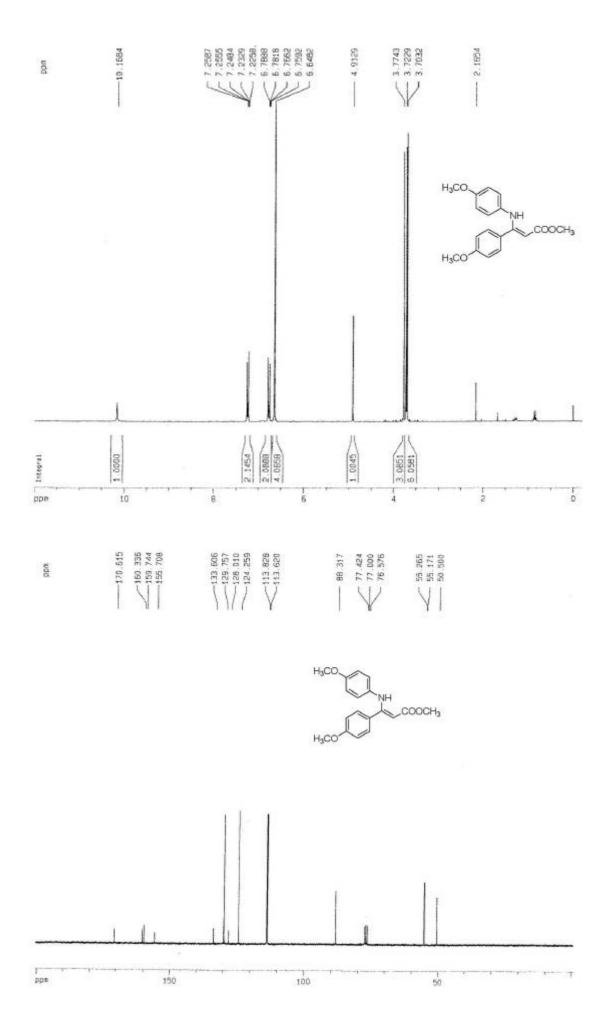


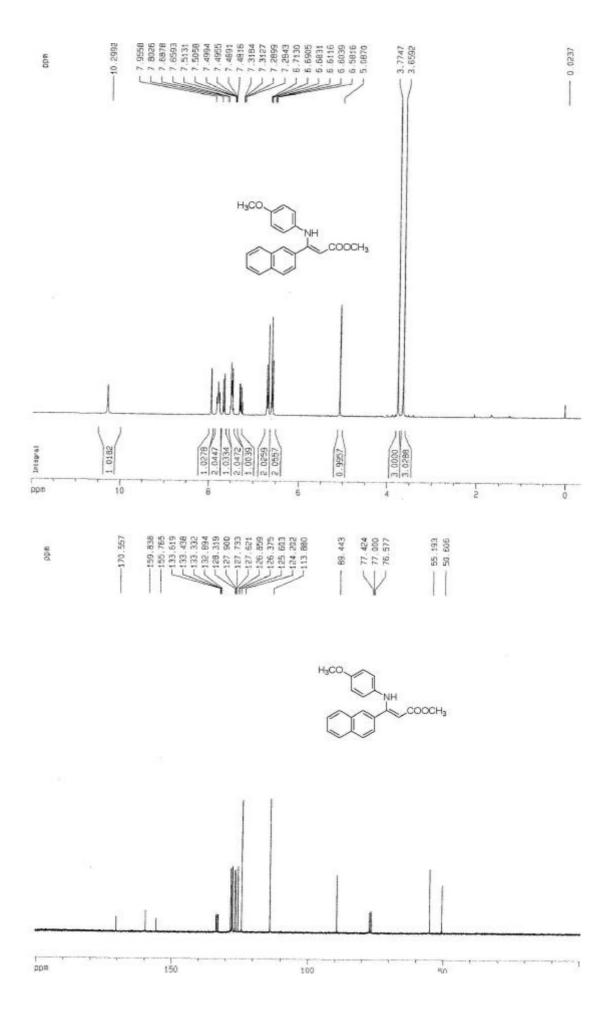


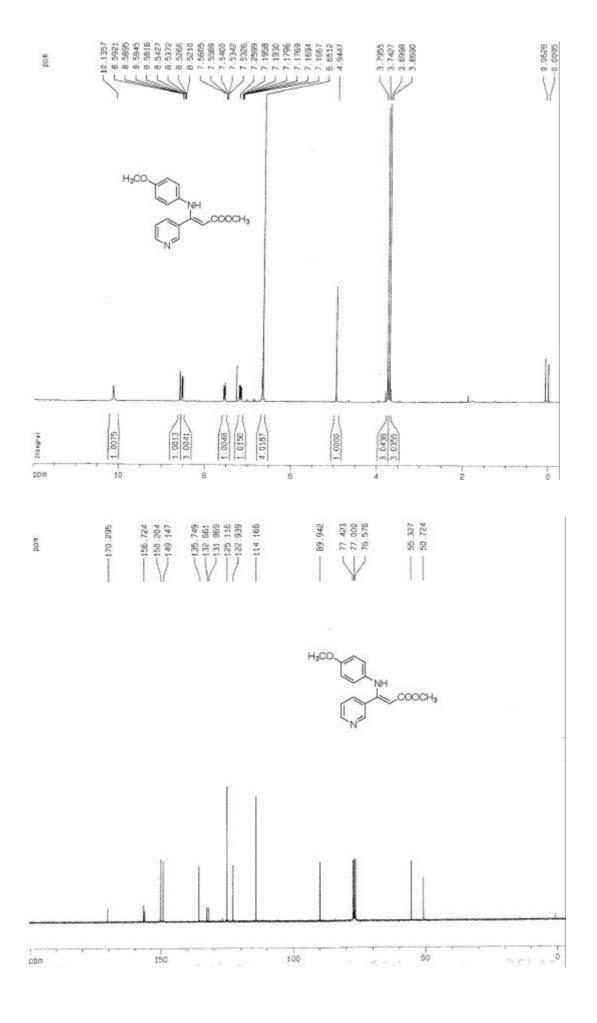


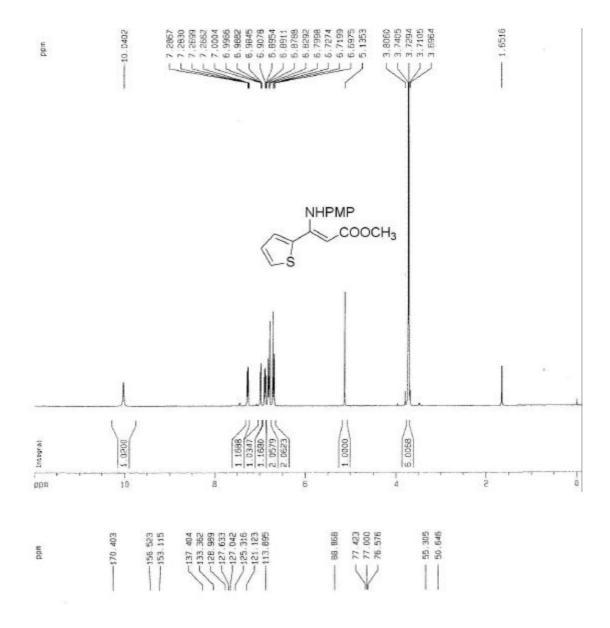


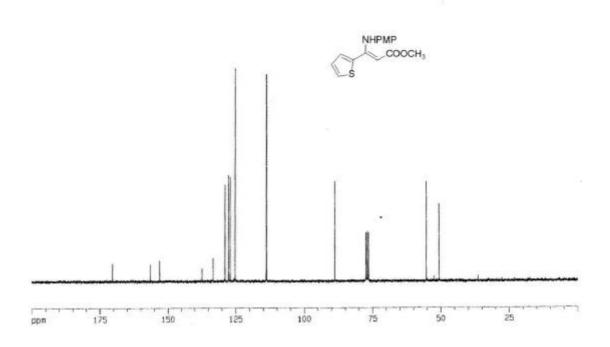
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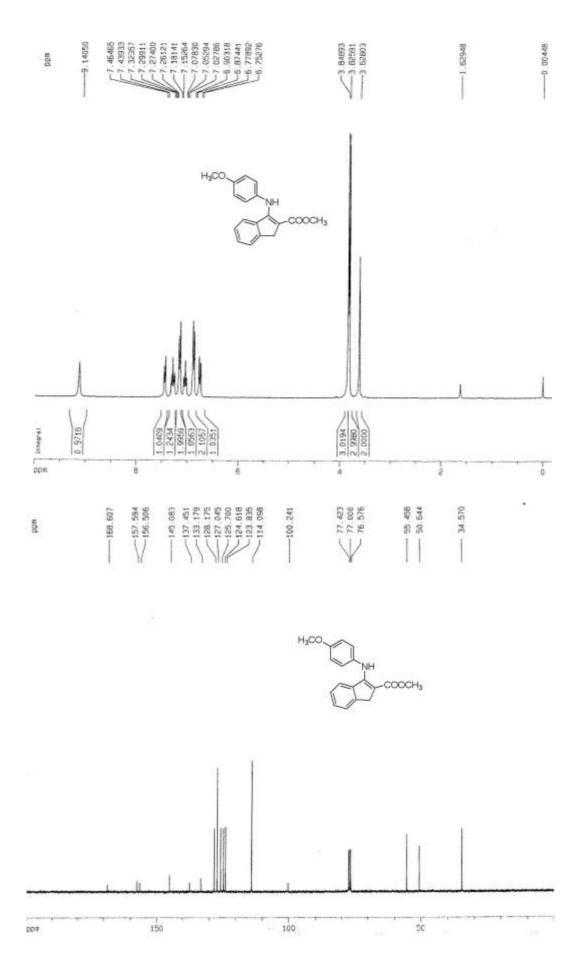


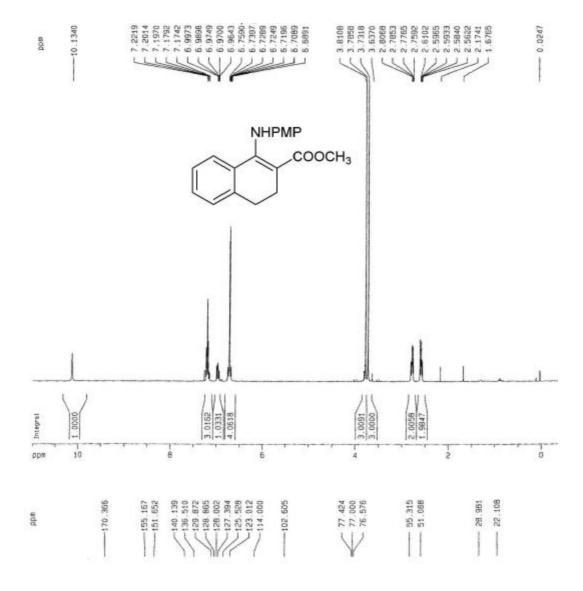


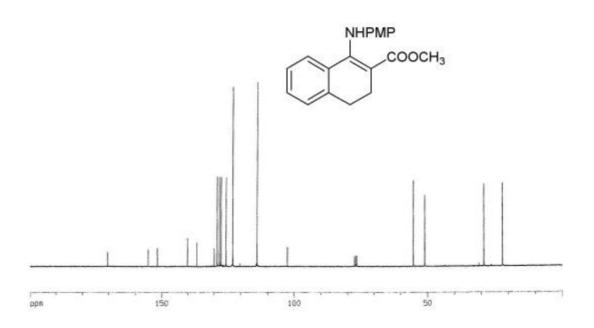


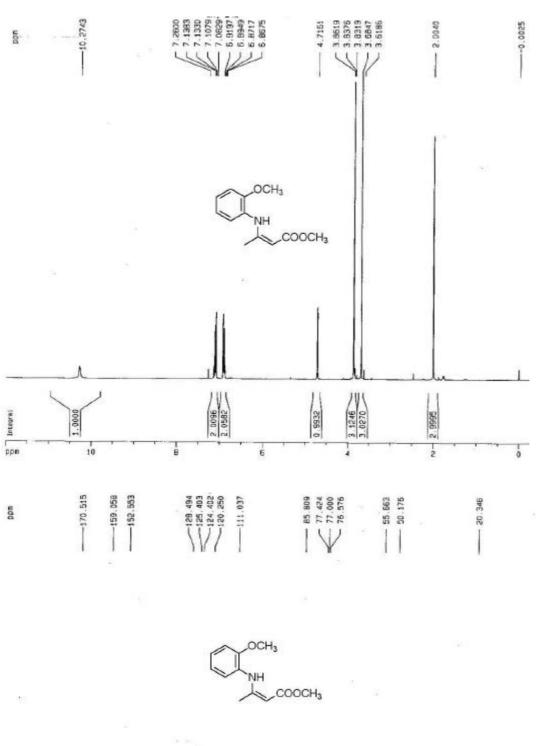


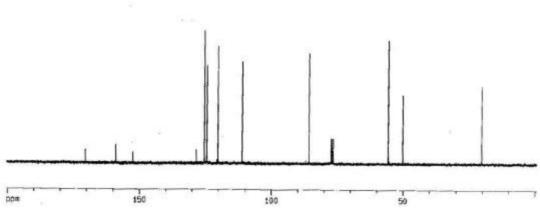


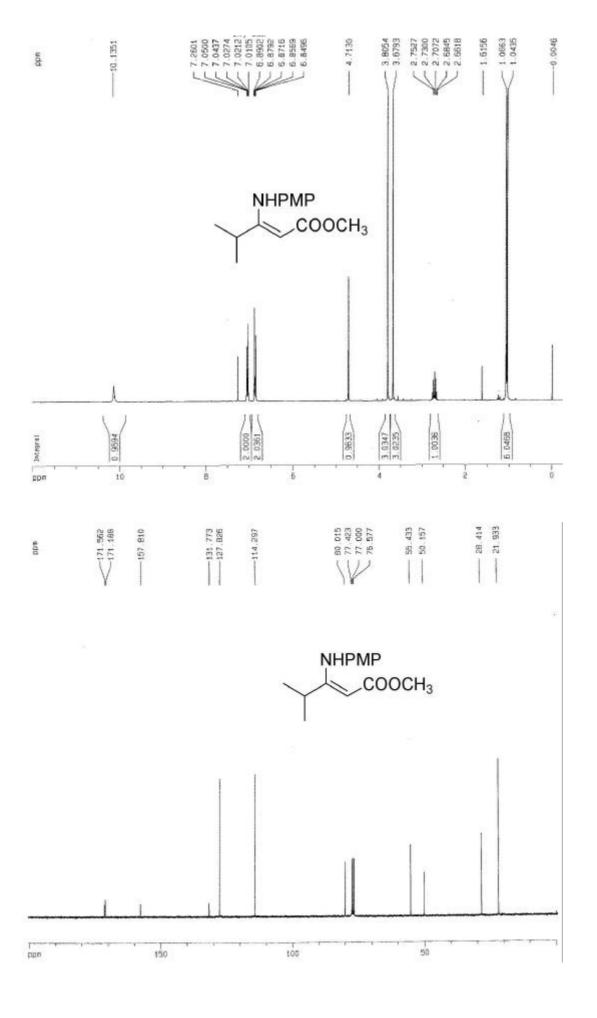


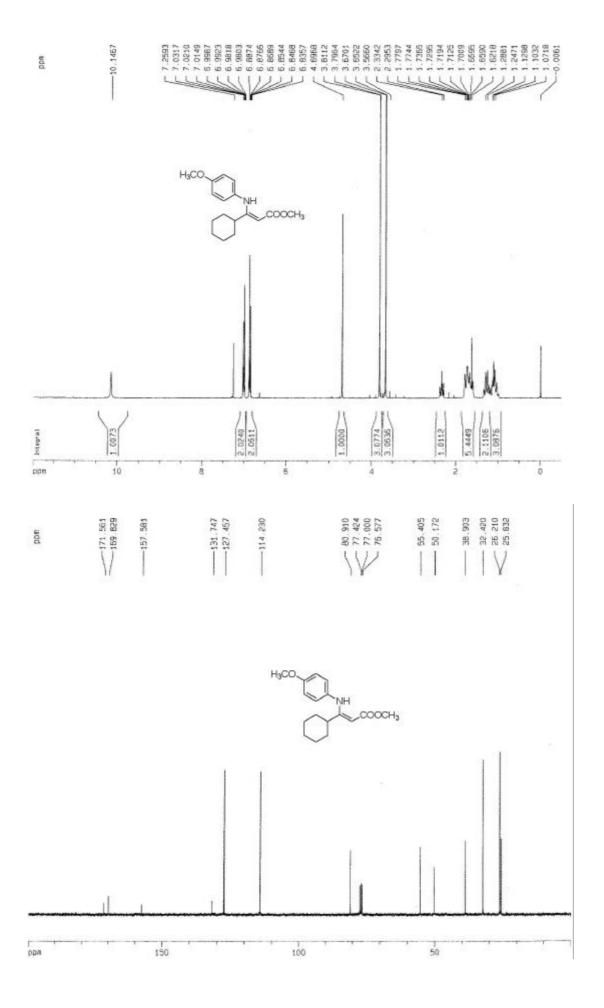


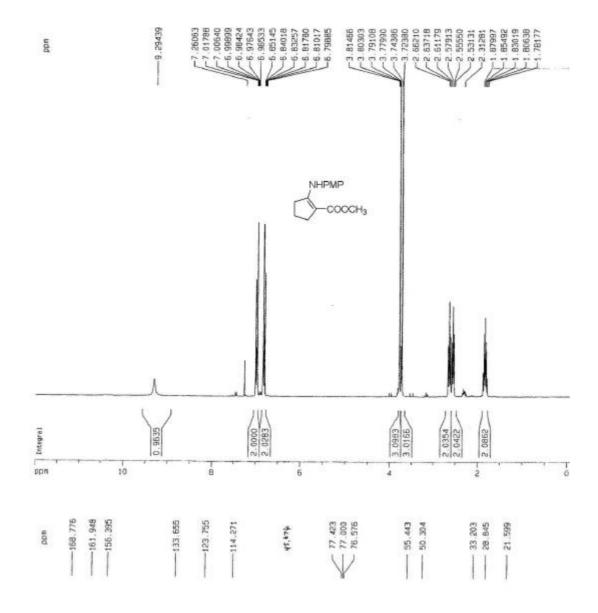


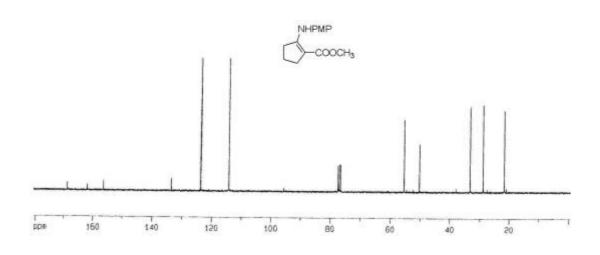


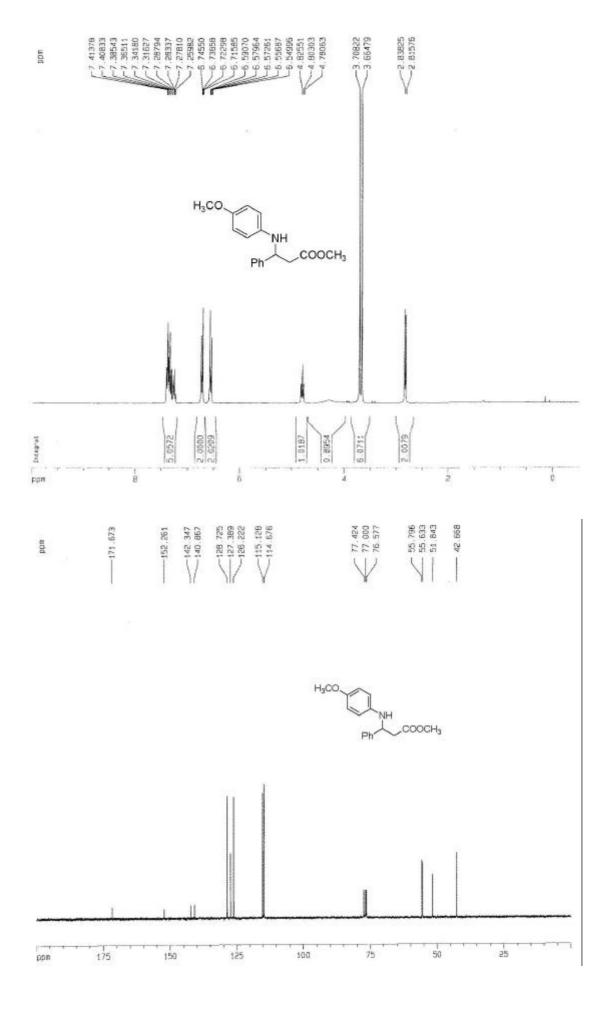


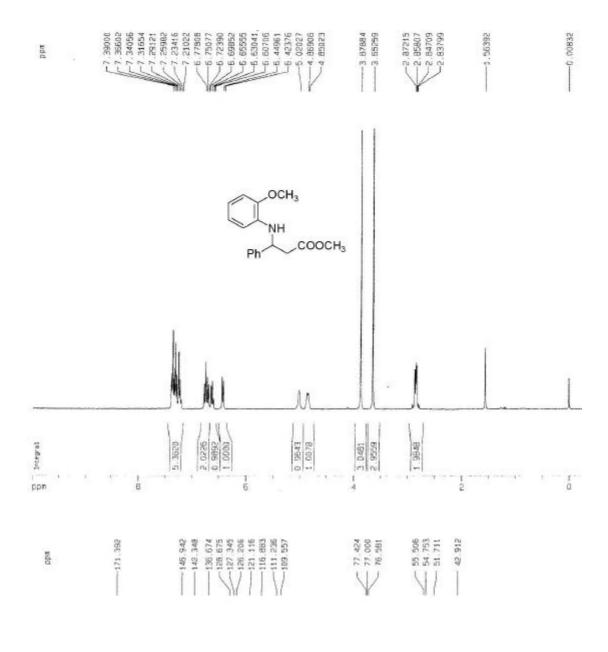


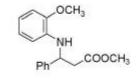


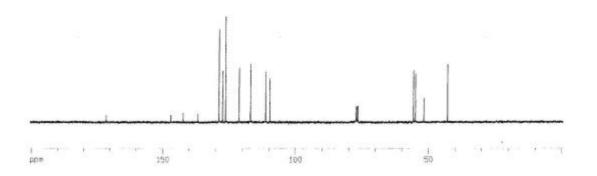


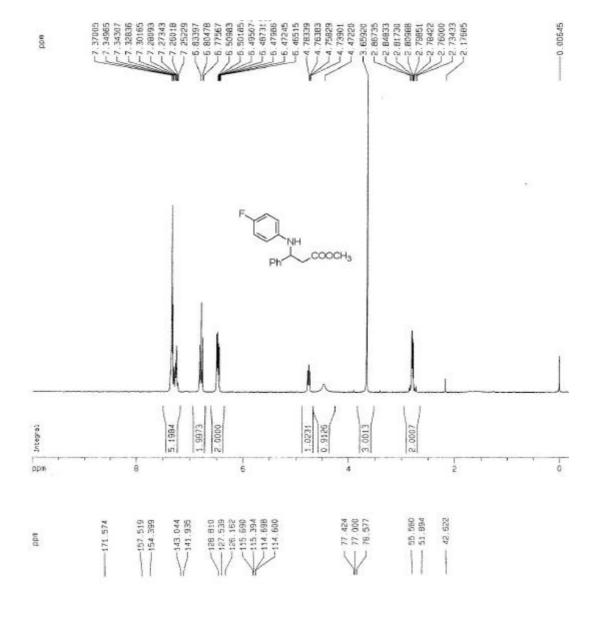


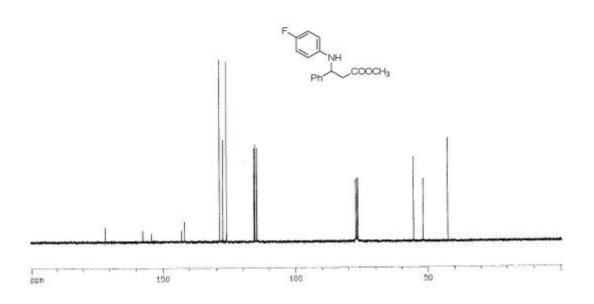


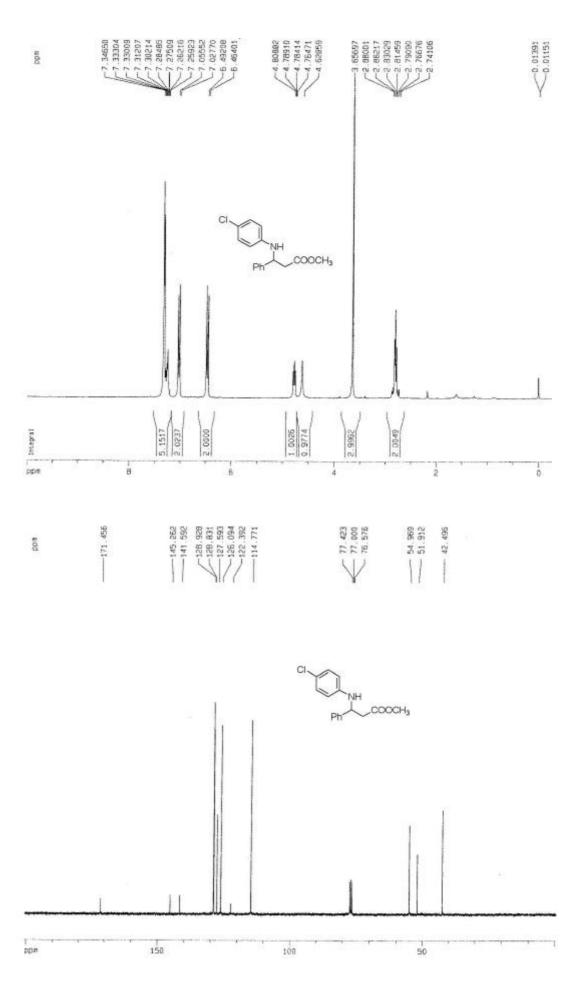


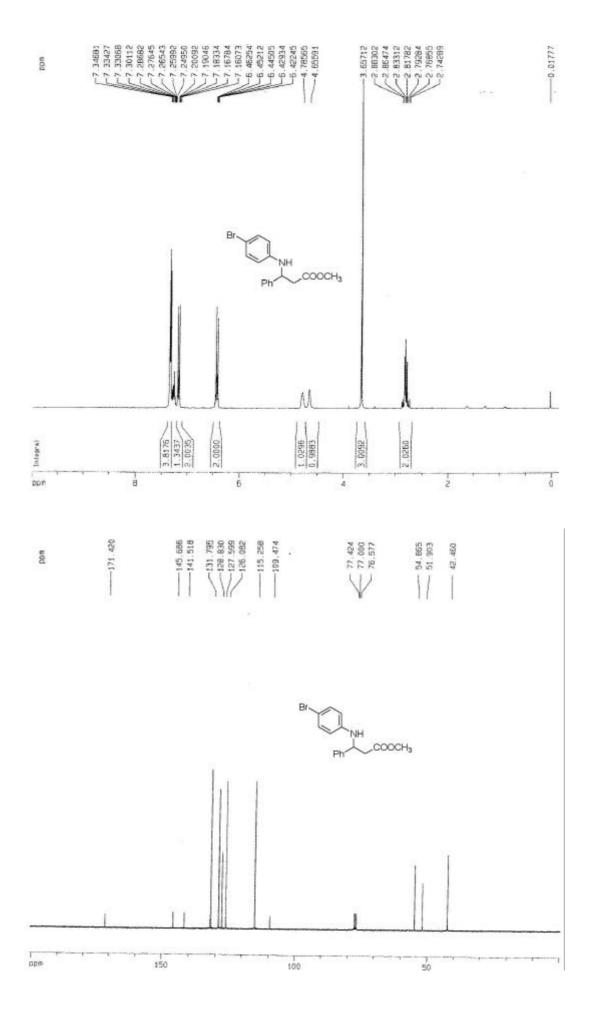


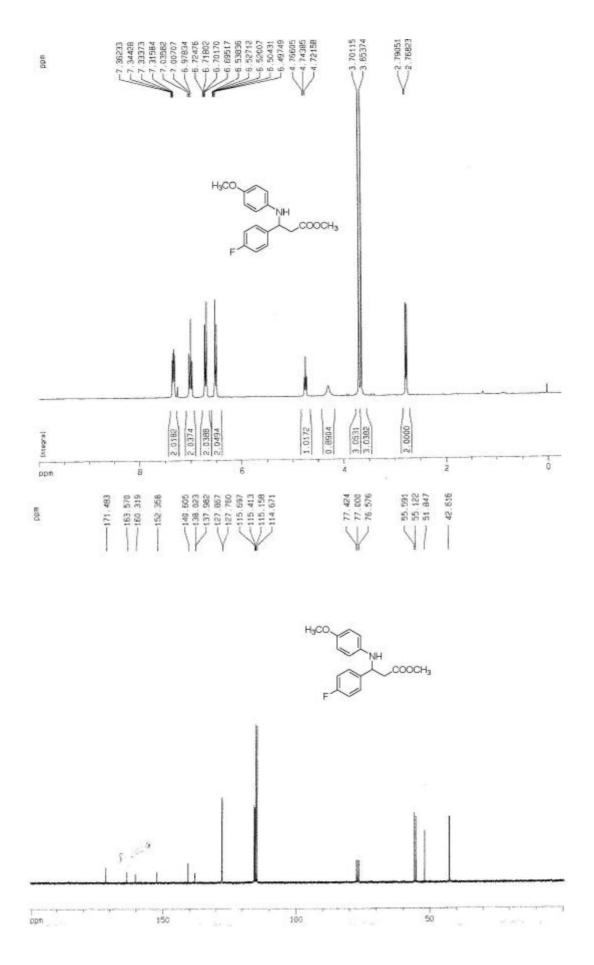


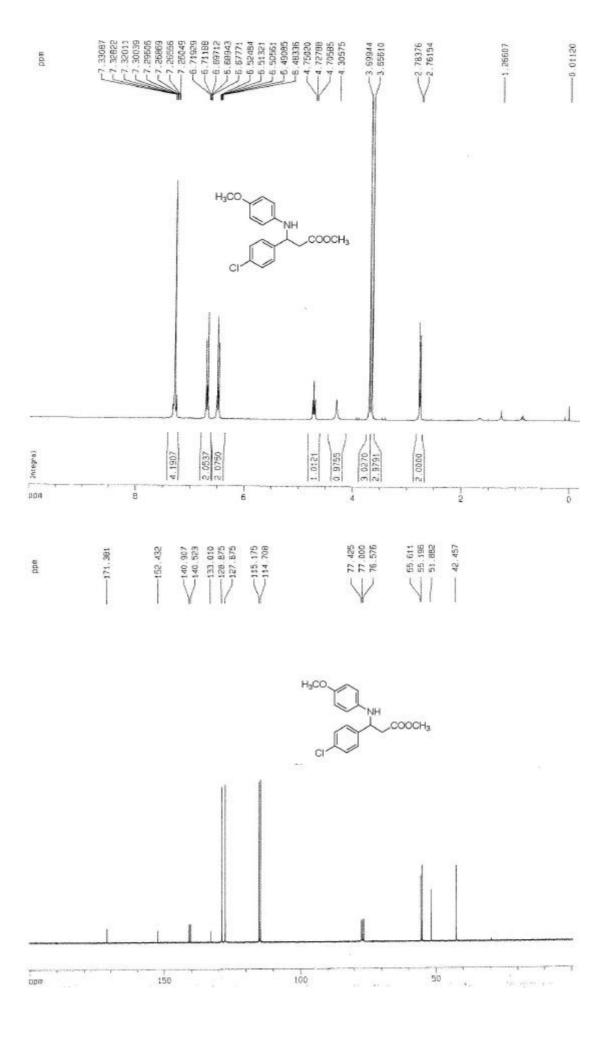


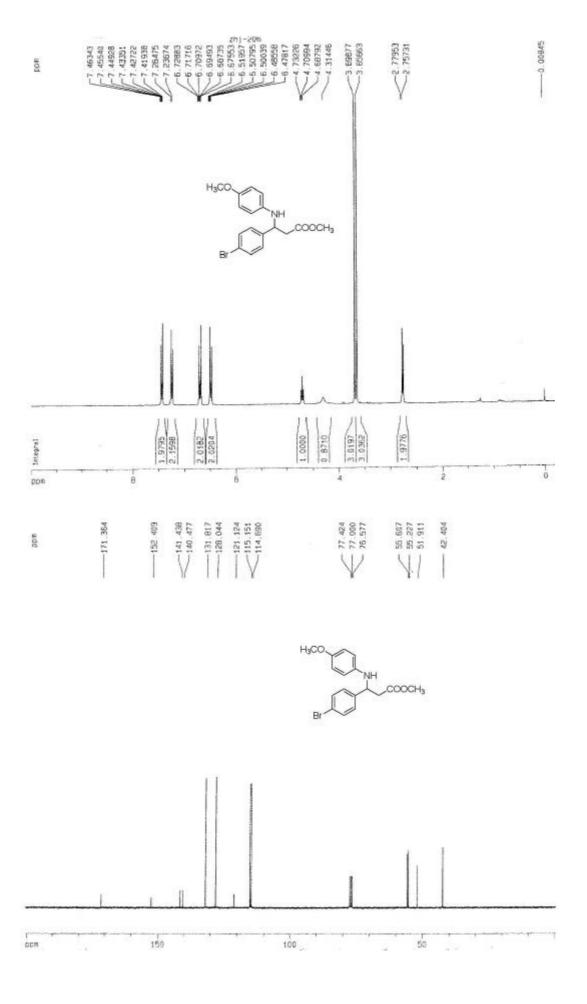


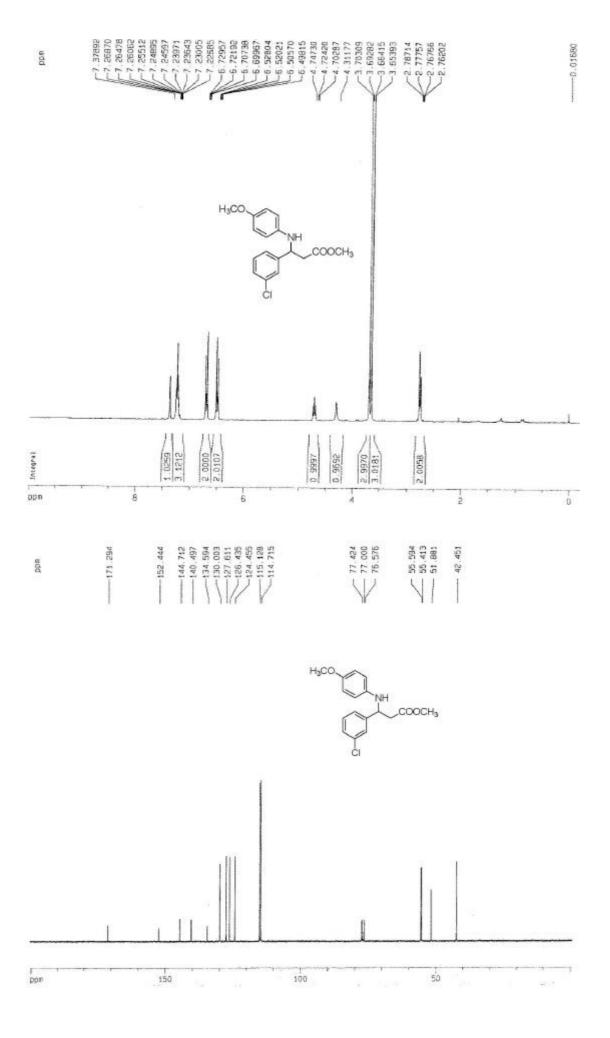


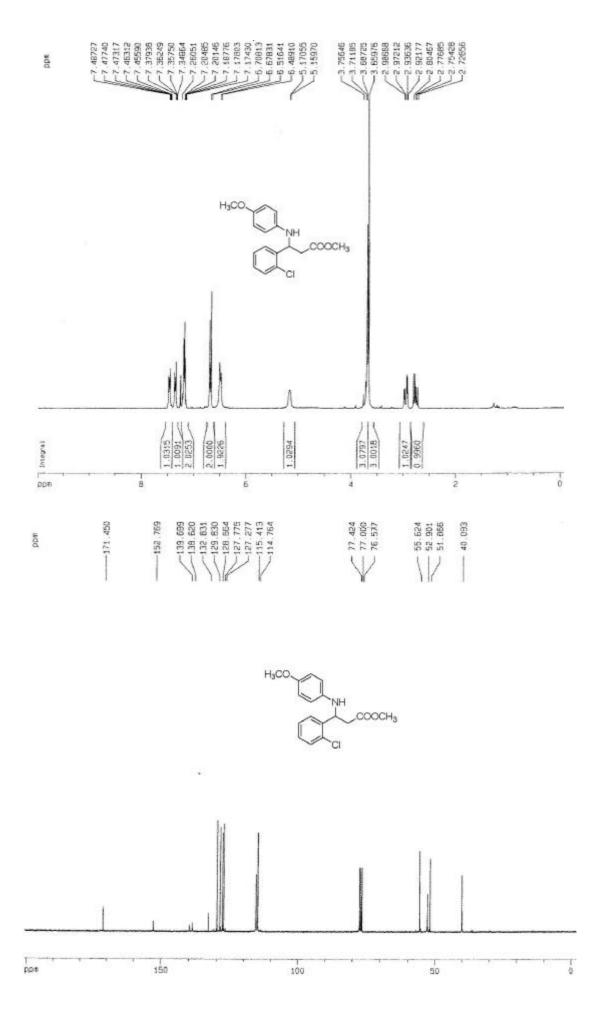


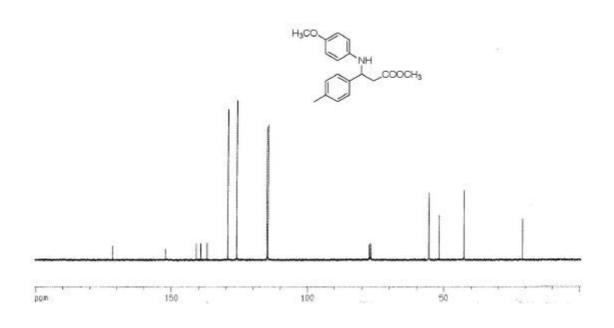


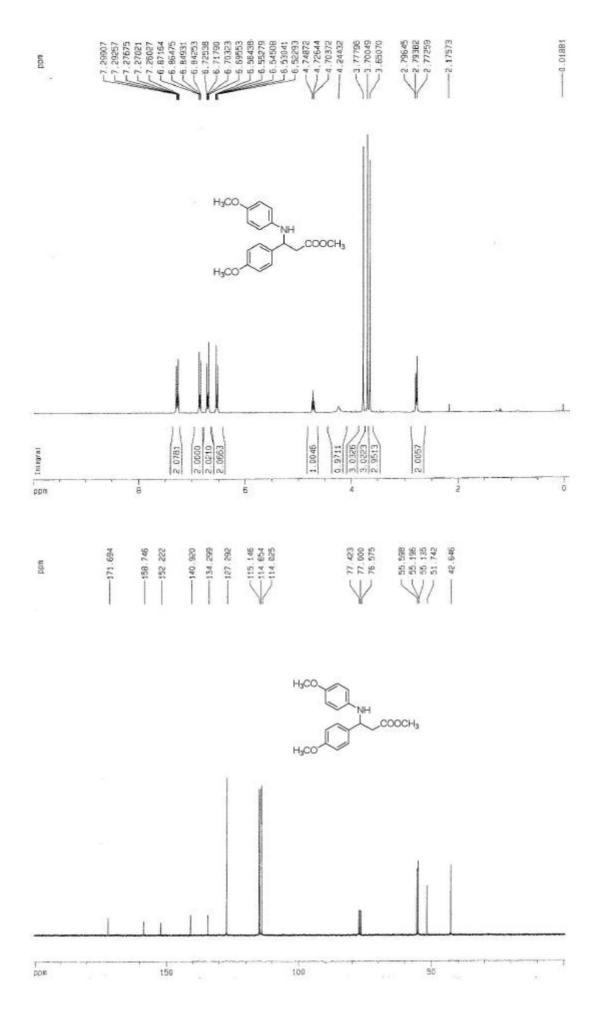


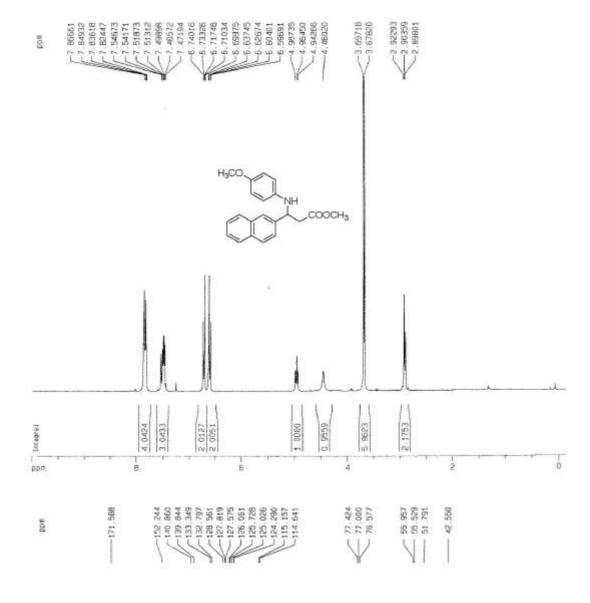


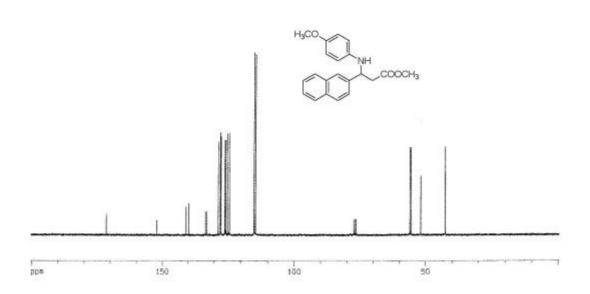


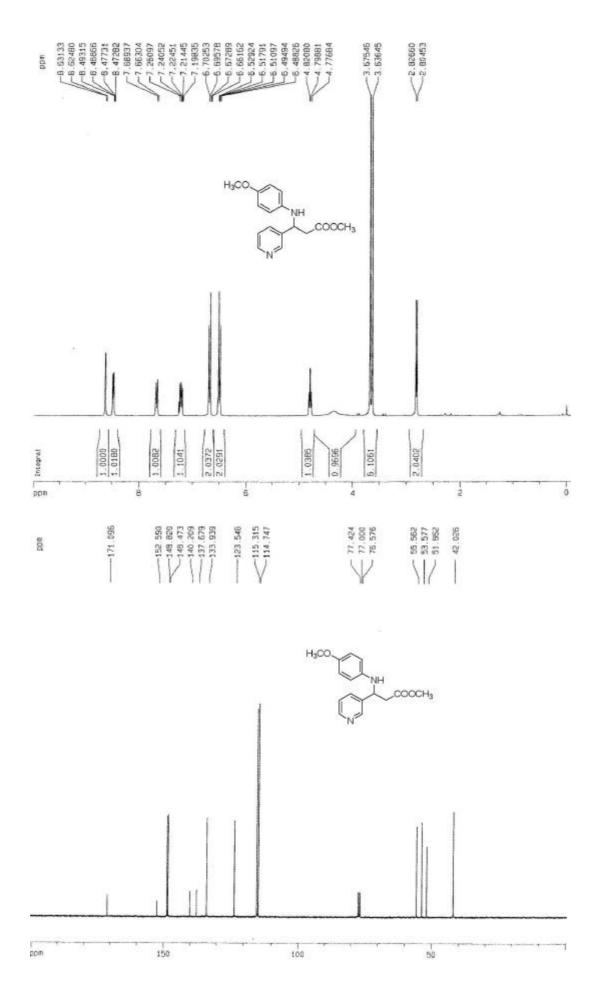


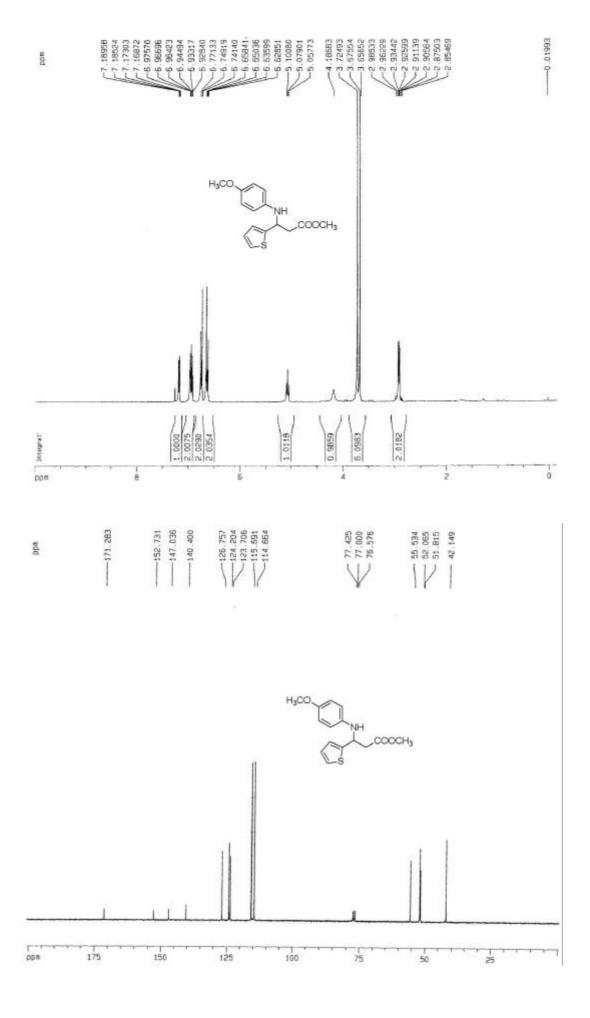


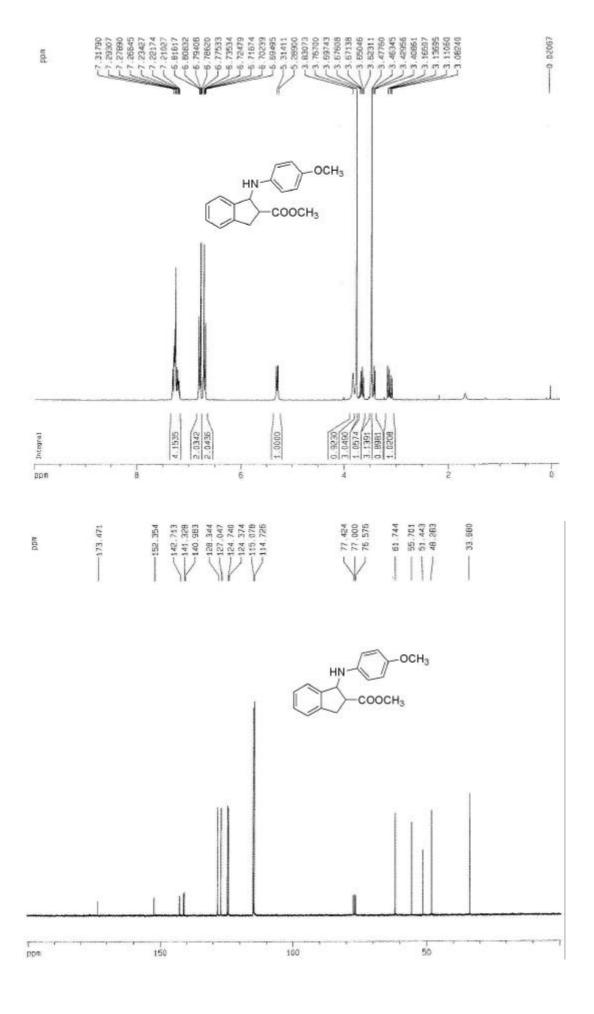


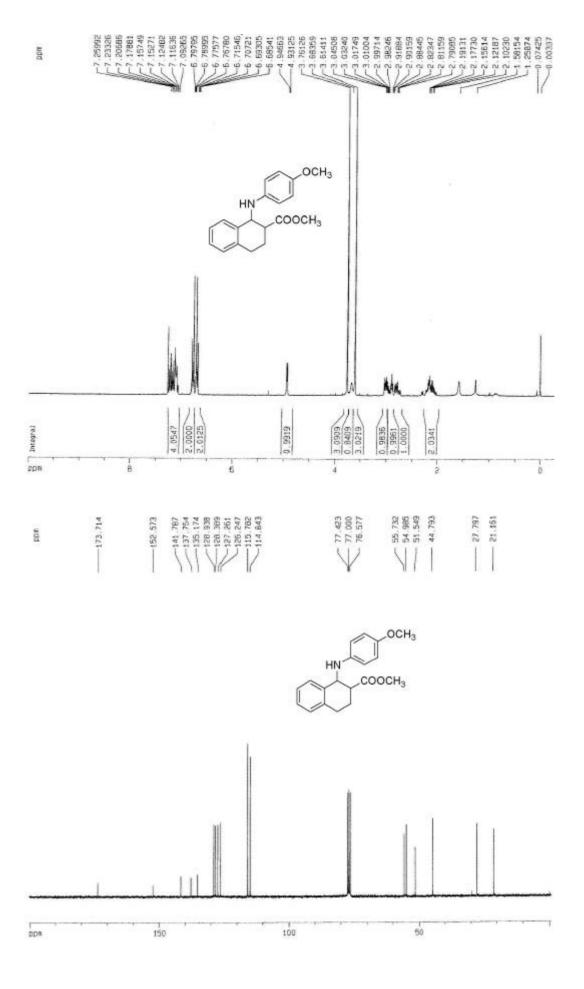


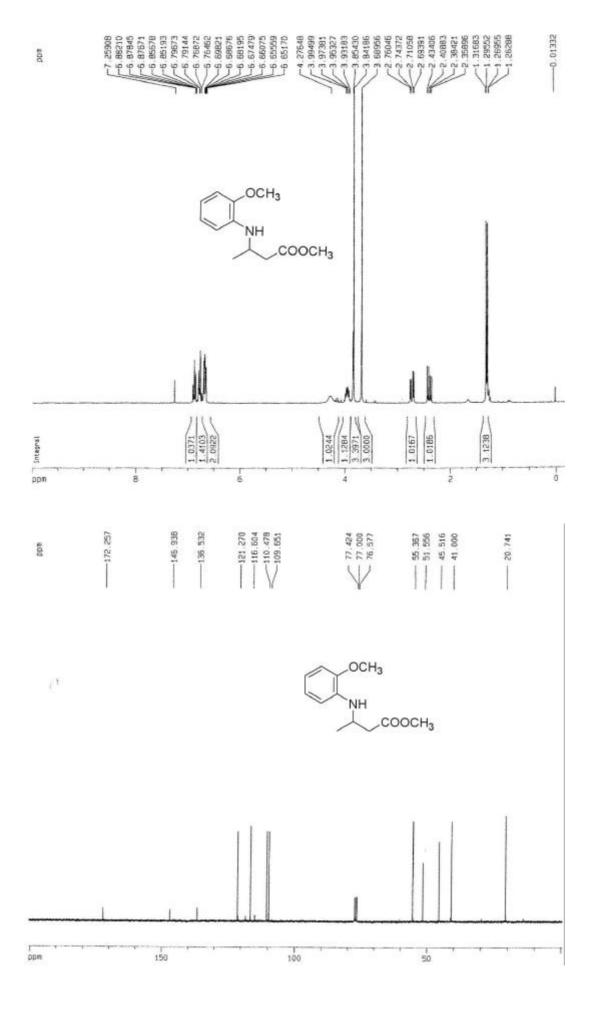


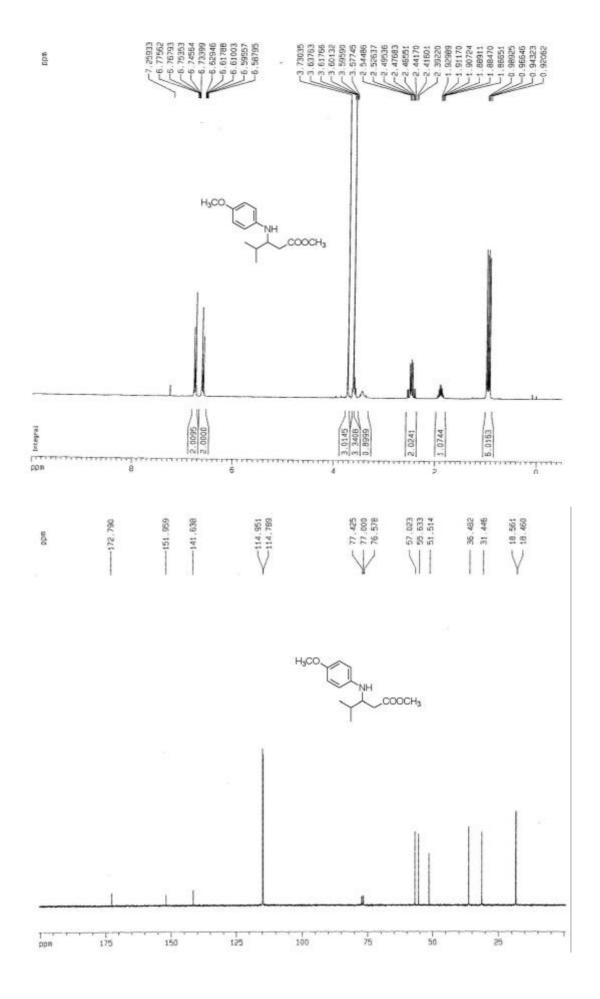


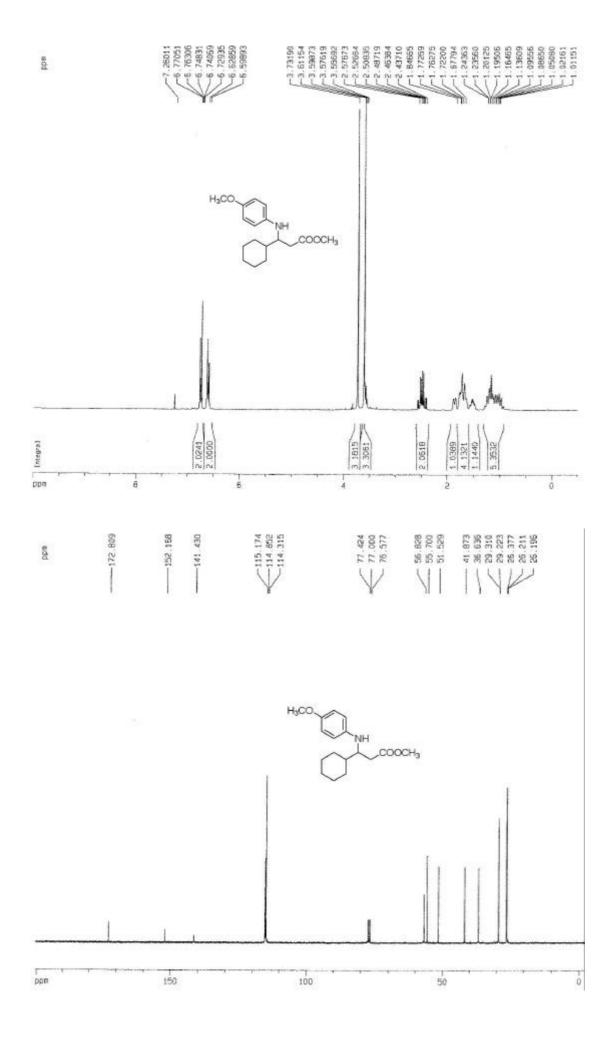


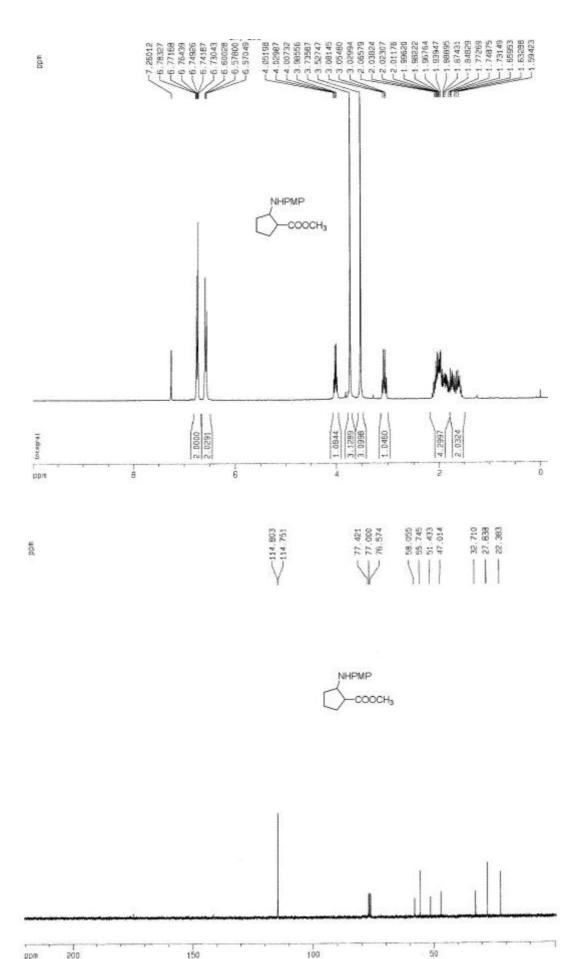




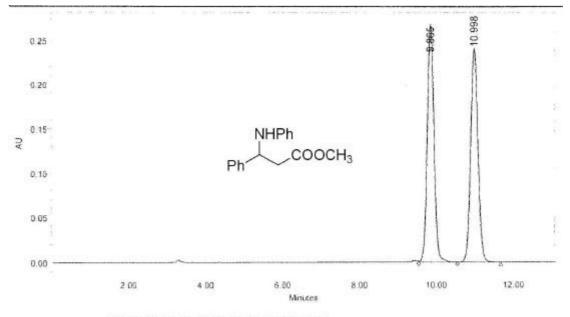




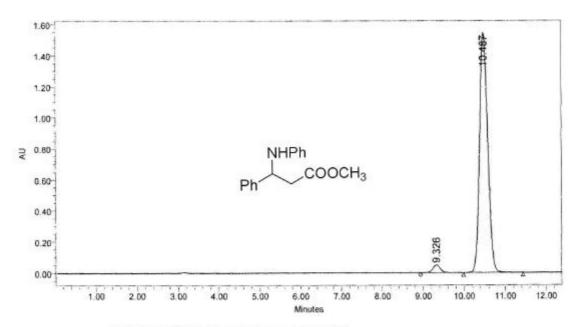




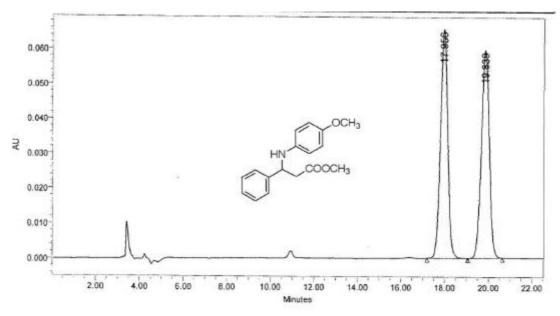
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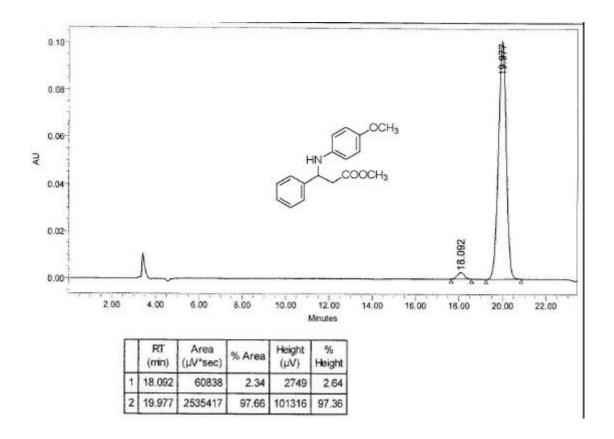
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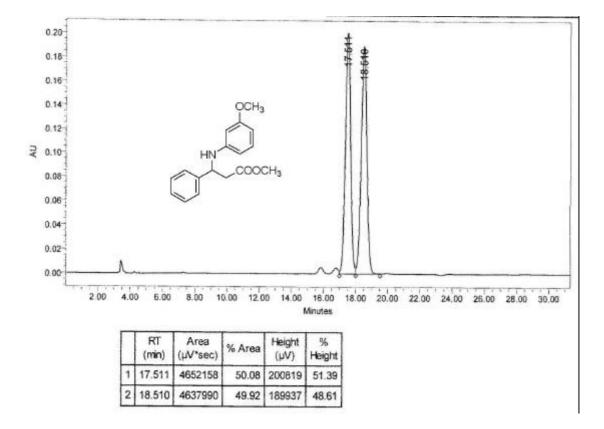


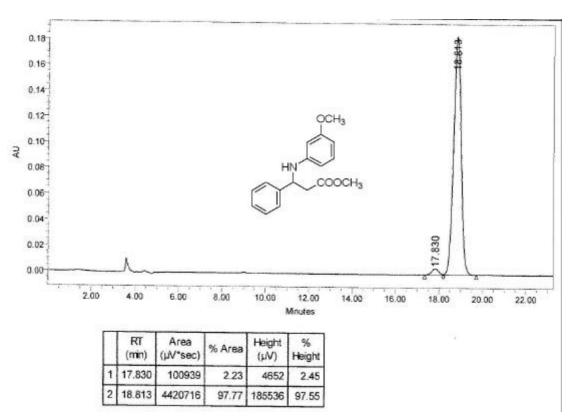
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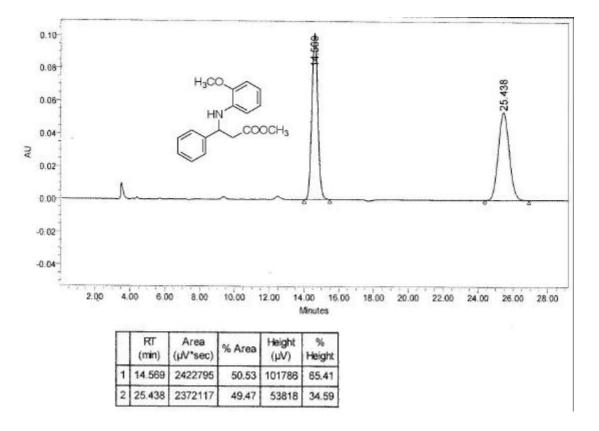


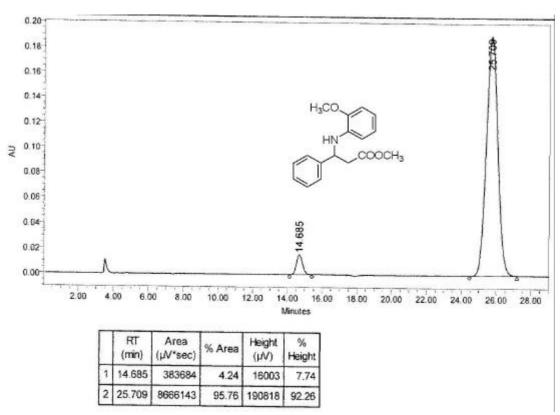
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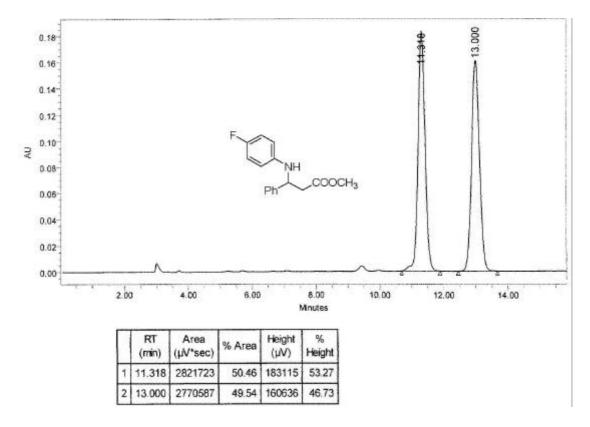


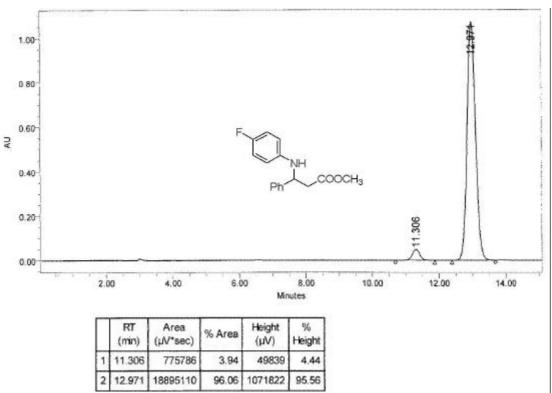


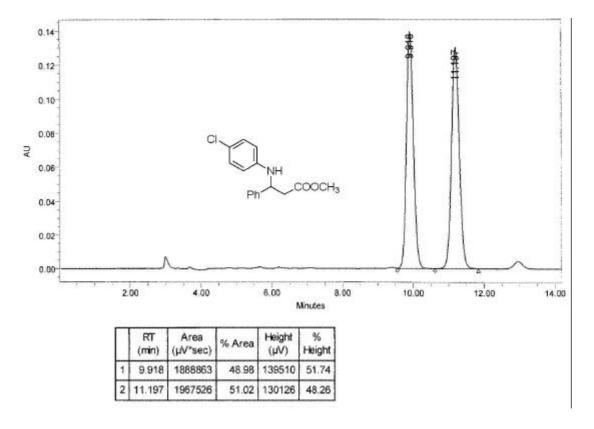


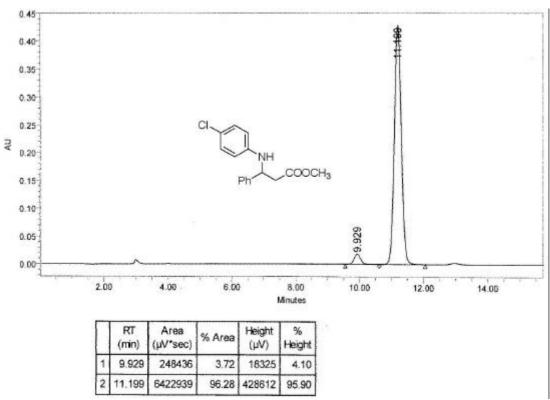


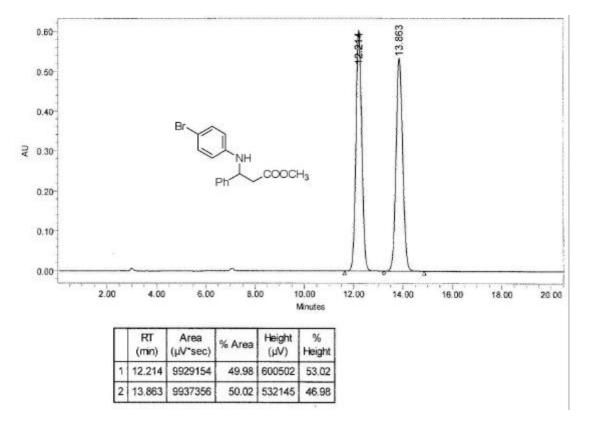


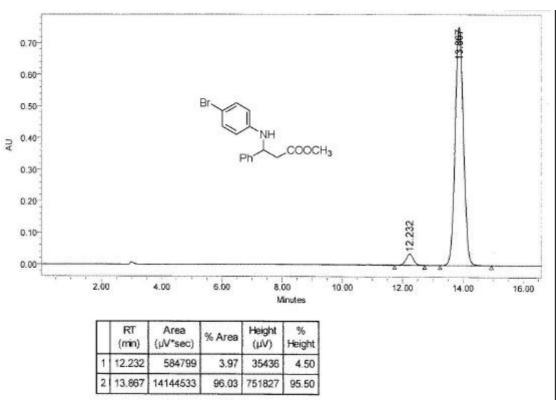


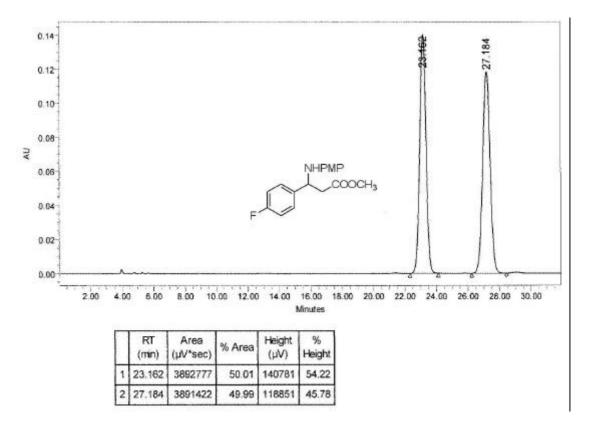


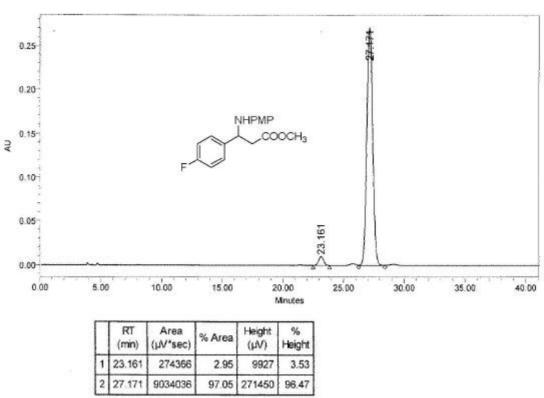


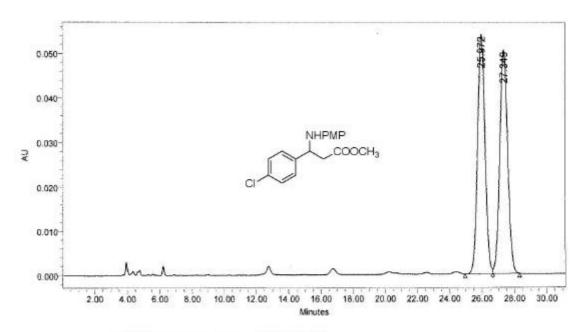




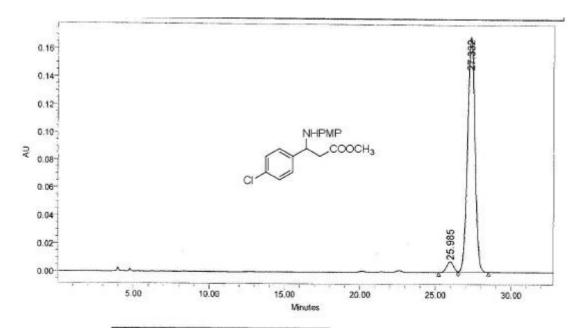




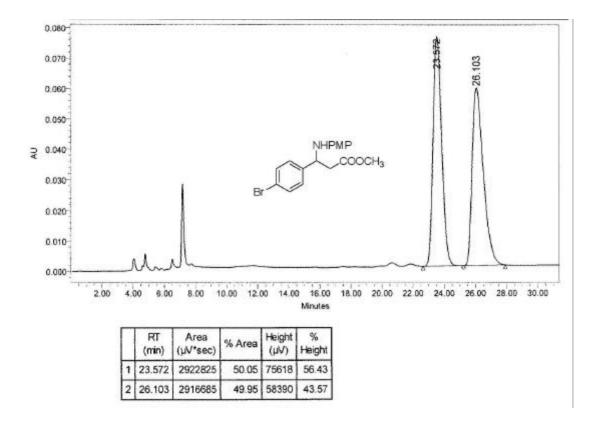


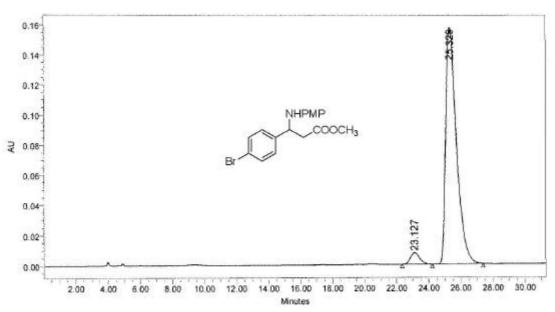


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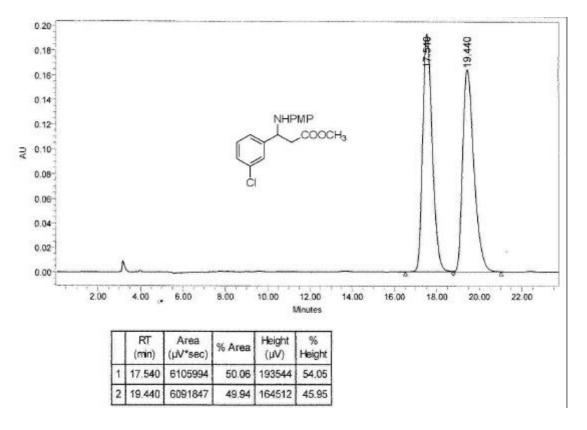


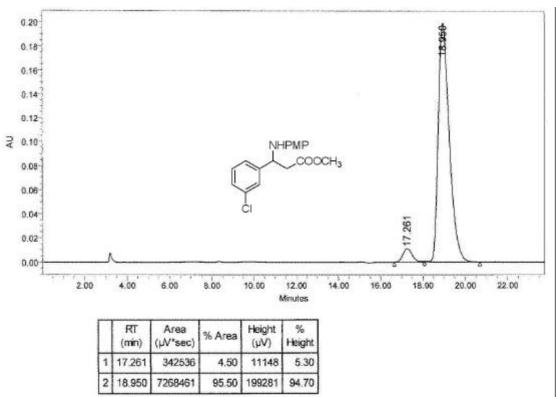
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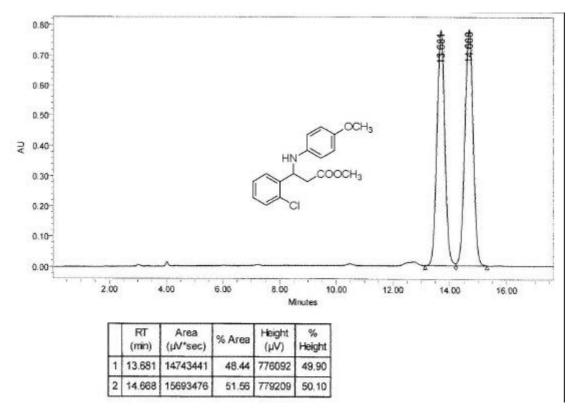


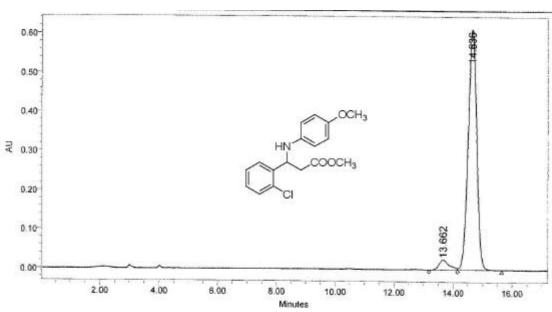


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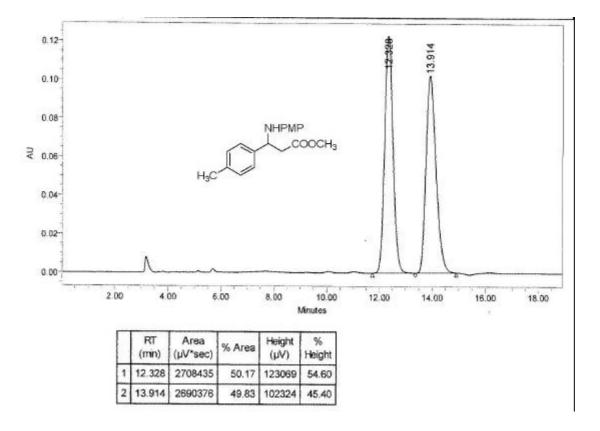


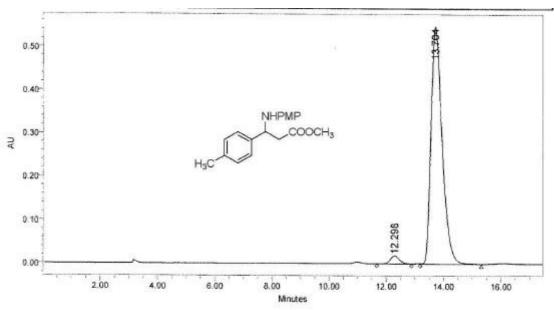




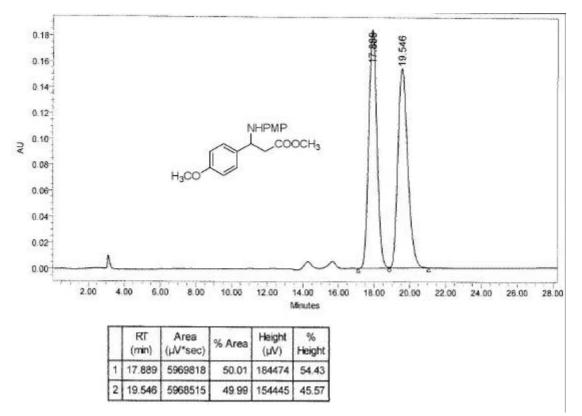


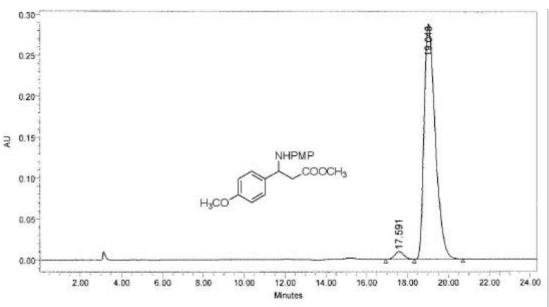
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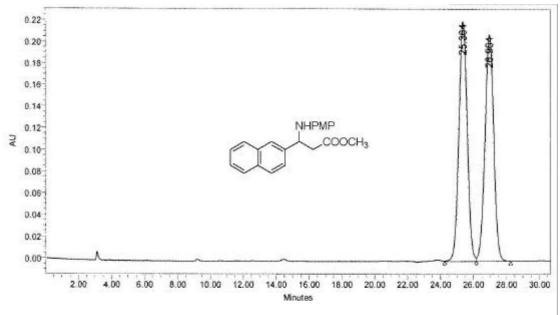


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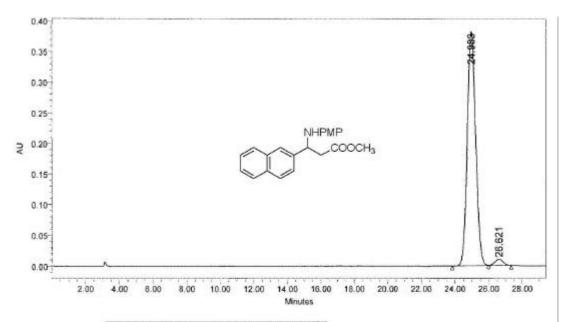




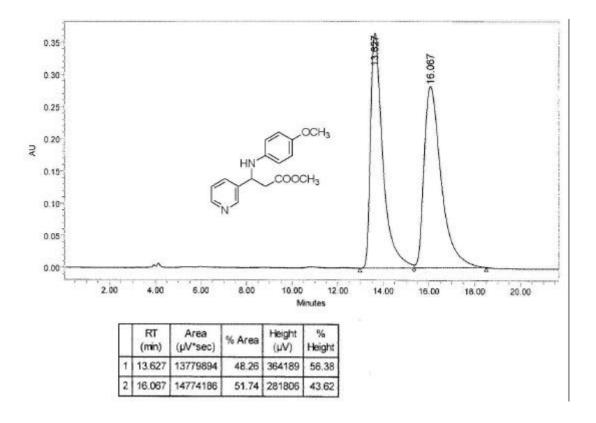
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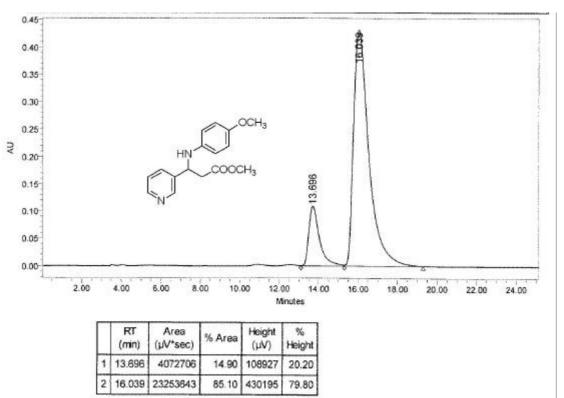


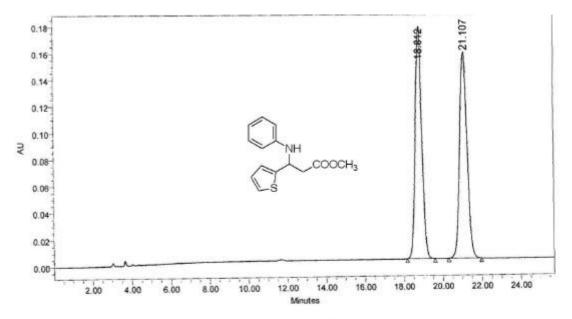
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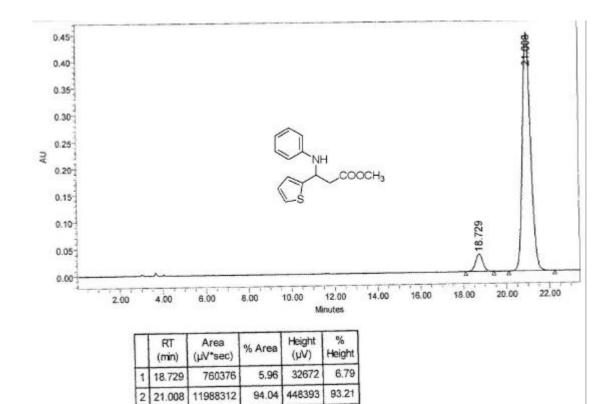
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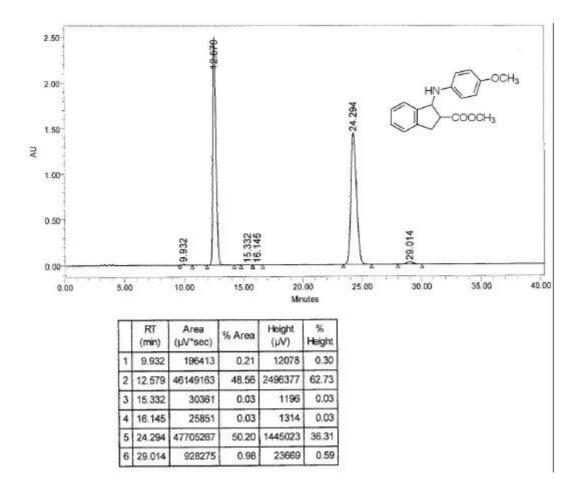


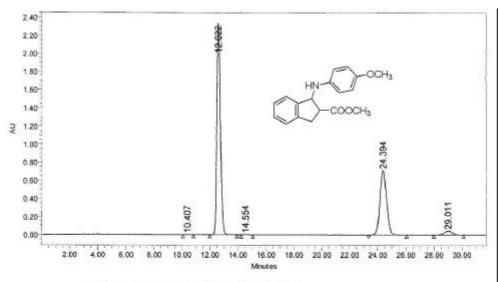




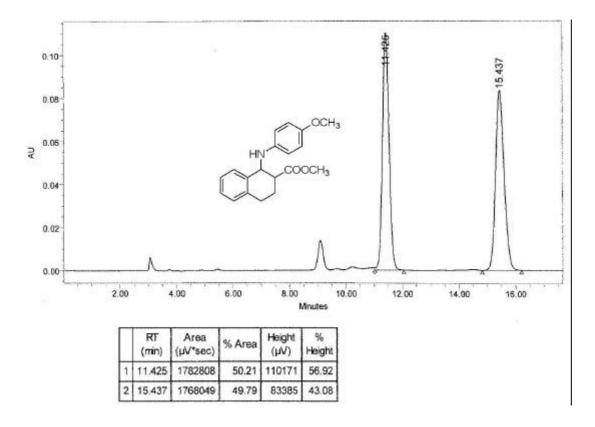
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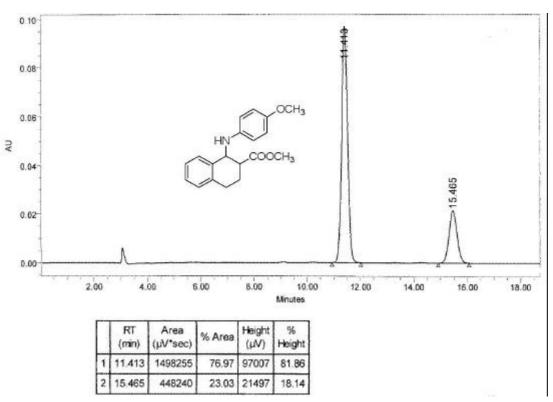


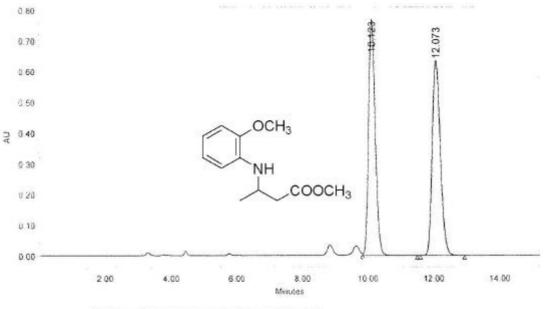




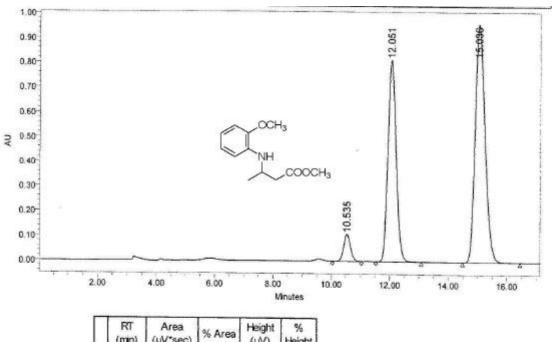
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2	12.622	42037719	62.76	2336270	75.46
3	14.554	46412	0.07	2244	0.07
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5	29.011	1691125	2.52	43207	1.40



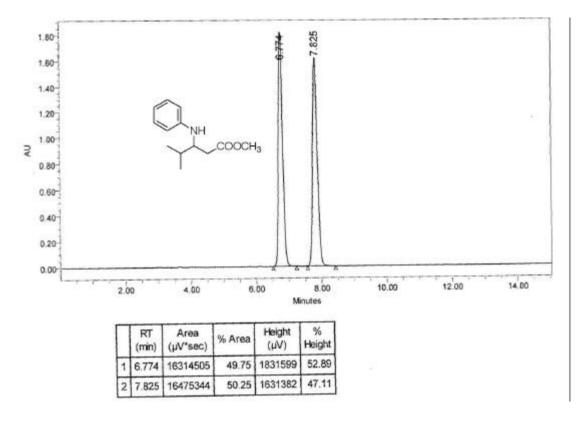


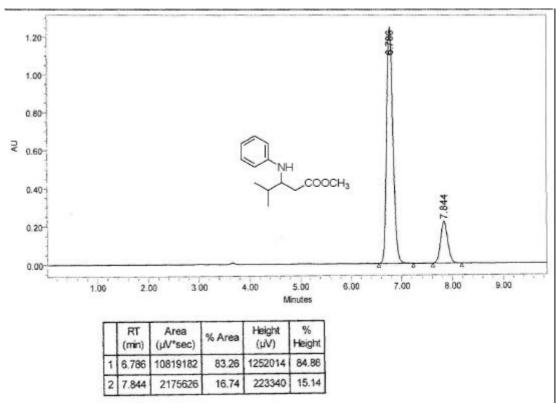


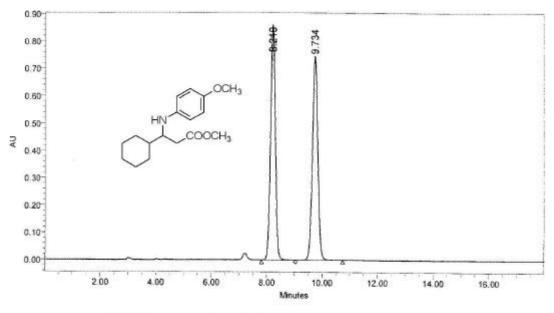
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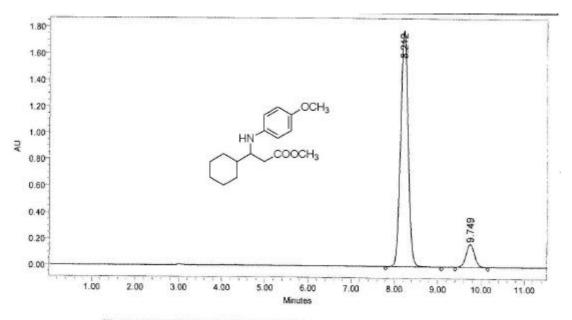
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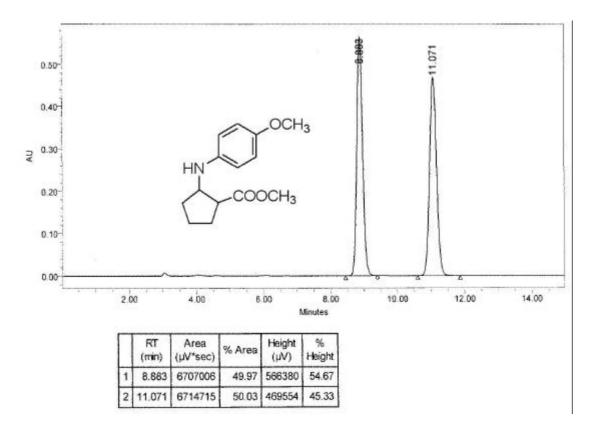


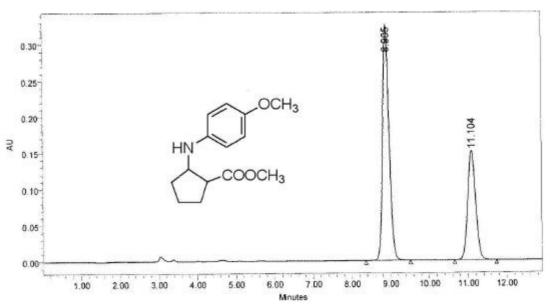


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2	9.734	10138910	50.05	745134	46.32



	RT (min)	Area (µV*sec)	% Area	Height (µV)	% Height
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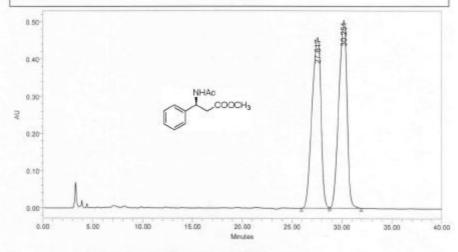




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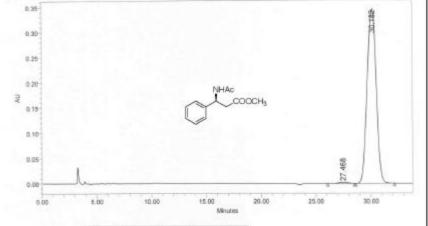


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## SAMPLE INFORMATION

 Acquired By: Date Acquired: Acq. Method: Date Processed: Channel Name: Sample Set Name:

System 5/4/08 5:06:08 PM 100A220 5/4/08 5:41:05 PM 2487Channel 1



	RT (min)	Area (µV*sec)	% Area	Height (µV)	% Height
1	27.468	141976	0.71	2515	0.72
2	30.182	19817701	99.29	345104	99.28