Supporting Information For:

Indium or Zinc-Mediated One-Pot Synthesis of Homoallylamines, β-Amino Esters, and β-Amino Nitriles

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General. Reagents were obtained from commercial sources. Indium powder was purchased from Aldrich (99.99%, stabilized with 1% MgO). Particularly oxidizable aldehydes such as benzaldehyde and isobutyraldehyde were distilled from time to time. All liquid aldehydes were stored under nitrogen in the cold. Allyl bromide was stored in the cold and sometimes redistilled over P₄O₁₀ when its water content became too high (decreased reactivity with indium under the employed reaction conditions). Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium and benzophenone. All reactions were run in flamed-dried glassware under nitrogen and magnetic stirring. Column chromatography of all amines was performed on basic alumina (Acros organics, 50-200 μm). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on aluminium sheets precoated with silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ (E. Merck). The plates were inspected by UV light followed by development with iodine vapor. Melting points were determined with a Kofler bench or an heating microscope. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 205 FT-IR spectrometer and are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). NMR spectra were measured using dilute solutions on a Brucker ARX 400 (¹H at 400.13 MHz, ¹³C at 100.61 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale from tetramethylsilane (TMS) which is used as an internal standard. Elemental analyses were performed by ICSN (Gif sur Yvette). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained under electronic impact at 70 eV from a Varian MAT 311 spectrometer at the Centre Régional de Mesures Physiques de l'Ouest (Rennes).

Representative procedures.

Synthesis of homoallylamines: In a two-necked reaction flask equipped with a condenser (in all these experiments, air cooling was sufficient and no circulation of tap water was used) connected to an oil bubbler, benzaldehyde (102 μ l, 1 mmole) was injected through a septum followed by dibenzylamine (202 μ l, 1.05 mmole) and titanium(IV) isopropoxide (342 μ l, 1.15 mmole). This reaction mixture was smoothly stirred at 40 °C for 2 hours and then allowed to cool at rt. Vacuum was cautiously applied to remove 2-propanol formed as visualized by foaming. As viscosity increased, removal of 2-propanol

was completed by applying vacuum while heating at 40 °C under stirring for ca. 40 min. After cooling at rt, anhydrous THF (1 mL) was introduced under nitrogen followed by indium powder (92 mg, 0.8 mmole) or zinc dust (82 mg, 1.25 mmole) and allyl bromide (130 μ l, 1.5 mmole). The resulting mixture was smoothly stirred at 30 °C for 4 hours and then allowed to cool at rt. Saturated aqueous sodium carbonate (5 mL) was added during which indium or zinc hydroxide and titanium dioxide precipitated. This resulting mixture was extracted and the settled minerals were washed with ether (4 x ca. 10 mL). After drying of the organic extracts (Na₂SO₄), filtration of suspended minerals over a short pad of celite, and concentration, the remaining residue was purified by chromatography on basic alumina (4 g) with elution by petroleum ether. The homoallylamine 2 (R = Ph, R' = Bn) [1-dibenzylamino-1-phenylbut-3-ene] eluted rapidly as showed by TLC and was isolated after removal of solvent.

Synthesis of β-amino esters: The same procedure as previously described for the synthesis of $\mathbf{2}$ (R = Ph, R' = Bn) was followed except that allyl bromide was replaced by isopropyl bromoacetate (162 μl, 1.25 mmole) with further reaction at 40 °C for 40 h in darkness (wrapping with an aluminium foil). Additionally to prevent any leak of solvent as reaction time was far longer, hermetic sealing was realized by putting a second reversed septum on the lateral neck and by tight stoppering of the top of the condenser. Work-up was performed by addition of 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate (5 mL) instead of aqueous Na₂CO₃ (to prevent a possible saponification). After the same extractive procedures, another difference was that the crude product needed to be dissolved in hot petroleum ether before its deposit on basic alumina. Elution with petroleum ether afforded a small amount of isopropyl dibenzylaminoacetate (a few %, $R_{\rm f} = 0.37$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9)) followed by more polar β-amino ester $\mathbf{3}$ (R = Ph) [isopropyl 3-dibenzylamino-3-phenylpropanoate].

Synthesis of β -amino nitriles: The same procedure as previously described for the synthesis of **3** was followed using iodoacetonitrile (87 μ l, 1.2 mmole) as a reactive halide with further reaction at 40 °C for 18 h in darkness (aluminium foil). Addition of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate (5 mL) followed by the same extractive procedure with ether afforded an oily colored residue. Chromatography on basic alumina (8 g) with transfer using petroleum ether plus a minimum amount of toluene, and gradient elution from petroleum ether to petroleum ether+3% ethyl acetate afforded solid β -amino nitrile **4** (R = Ph, R' = Bn) which still contained yellow impurities. Purification was completed by recristallization in petroleum ether+10% ethyl acetate to afford white crystals melting at 109 °C.

In all the described reactions with diallylamine, 157 μ l e.g. 1.25 mmole was used starting from 1 mmole of aldehyde.

PHYSICAL DATA OF THE COMPOUNDS

1-Dibenzylamino-1-phenylbut-3-ene (**2**: R = Ph, R' = Bn): Colorless oil which readily cristallized yielding white crystals, m.p. 61-63 °C (petroleum ether); $R_f = 0.54$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3085, 3064, 3029, 2930, 2835, 2803, (1947, 1882, 1873, and 1810: small, aromatic harmonics), 1641, 1603, 1494, 1455, 1120, 1073, 1029, 971, 912, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ = 7.41-7.32 (m, 6H aromatic), 7.32-7.24 (m, 5H aromatic), 7.24-7.17 (m, 4H aromatic), 5.79 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.2, 10.1, 7.2, 6.3 Hz, H-C₃), 5.04 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.1, 1.9, 1.5 Hz, H-C₄), 4.99 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.1, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, H-C₄), 3.81 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 7.5 Hz, H-C₁), 3.79 (d, 2H, J = 13.9 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.18 (d, 2H, J = 13.9 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.84 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.7, 7.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, H-C₂), 2.55 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.9, 6.3, 1.5 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.17 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 138.51 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 136.63 (dtddd, J = 153.1, 6.4, 3.3, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, C₃ e.g. CH=CH₂), 128.93 (dm, J = 157.1 Hz, 2 CH_{ortho} of Ph), 128.75 (dm, J = 158.1 Hz, 4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.17 (broad dd, J = 159.3, 7.6 Hz, 4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 127.89 (ddm, J = 159.6, 7.6 Hz, 2 CH_{meta} of Ph), 127.04 (dddd, J = 160.1, 7.8, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, CH_{para} of Ph), 126.76 (broad dt, J = 160.0, 7.5 Hz, 2 CH_{para} of Bn), 116.07 (ddt, J = 157.5, 153.5, 6.0 Hz, C₄), 61.48 (dm, J = 134.9 Hz, C₁), 53.47 (tttd, J = 131.9, 4.3, 4.2, 3.7 Hz, 2 CH₂Ph), 35.29 (tddt, J = 126.0, 11.5, 7.0, 4.5 Hz, C₂); elemental analysis calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N (327.47): C 88.03, H 7.69, N 4.28; found: C 88.25, H 7.61, N 4.28.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-dibenzylaminobut-3-ene (2: R = p -Br-C₆H₄, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 99 °C (petroleum ether); $R_f = 0.54$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:19); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3086, 3066, 3029, 2931, 2835, 2803, 1641, 1603, 1588, 1494, 1455, 1074, 1012, 913, 699, 539 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.8, 2.6-1.9 Hz), 7.36 (pseudo dm, 4H, $J \approx 8$ Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.30 (t pseudo t, 4H, $J \approx 7.5$, 1.5 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.22 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.3, 1.4 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.10 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.8, 2.6-1.9 Hz), 5.74 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9, 6.7 Hz, H-C₃), 5.04 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.1, 1.9, 1.5 Hz, H-C₄), 5.00 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.2, 1.9, 1.2 Hz, H-C₄), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 7.6 Hz, H-C₁), 3.77 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.18 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.82 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.6, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₂), 2.53 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.9, 6.7, 1.4 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.83 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 137.72 (C_{ipso} δ to Br), 136.13 (C₃), 131.05 (2 CH β to Br), 130.58 (2 CH γ to Br), 128.70 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.26 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 126.90 (2 CH_{para} of Bn), 120.94 (C_{ipso} α to Br), 116.47 (C₄), 60.92 (C₁), 53.45 (2 CH₂Ph), 34.88 (C₂).

1-Dibenzylamino-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-ene (2: R = p-MeO-C₆H₄, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 93 °C; R_f = 0.39 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3085, 3064, 3028, 3004, 2932, 2835, 2802, (2062, 1948, 1885, 1873, and 1812: small, aromatic harmonics), 1640, 1609, 1583, 1512, 1494, 1455, 1305, 1250, 1179, 1100, 1072, 1038, 1029, 971, 911, 862, 832, 699, 549 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (pseudo dm, 4H, $J \approx 7.5$ Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.30 (psreudo tt, 4H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.21 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.4, 1.3 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.15 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz), 6.90 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz), 5.78 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.1, 6.5 Hz, H-C₃), 5.03 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.2, 1.9, 1.5 Hz, H-C₄), 4.99 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.2, 1.9, 1.2 Hz, H-C₄), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.78 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 7.6 Hz, H-C₁), 3.18 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.83 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.6, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, H-C₂), 2.54 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.9, 6.5, 1.4 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.53 (C_{ipso} α to OMe), 140.28 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 136.79 (C₃), 130.62 (C_{ipso} δ to OMe), 129.95 (2 CH γ to OMe), 128.75 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.17 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 126.73 (2 CH_{para} of Bn), 115.96 (C₄), 113.22 (2 CH β to OMe), 60.79 (C₁), 55.19 (OMe), 53.43 (2 CH₂Ph), 35.46 (C₂); HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO 316.1701 [M - CH₂CH=CH₂]⁺, found 316.1698 (45), 224 (5.5) [PhCH₂-N=C-C₆H₄-OMe]⁺, 121 (7.3) [p-MeO-CH₂CH=CH₂]⁺, found 316.1698 (45), 224 (5.5) [PhCH₂-N=C-C₆H₄-OMe]⁺, 121 (7.3) [p-MeO-

 $C_6H_4CH_2$]⁺, 107 (1.0) [p-MeO- C_6H_4]⁺, 91 (100), [C_7H_7]⁺, 65 (3.5), [C_5H_5]⁺.

1-Cyclohexyl-1-dibenzylaminobut-3-ene (2: $R = c - C_6H_{11}$, R' = Bn): Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:19); IR (neat, KBr) v 3084, 3063, 3027, 2924, 2851, 2798, (1945, 1869, and 1807: small, aromatic harmonics), 1637, 1603, 1494, 1452, 1028, 980, 906, 745, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (pseudo dm, 4H, $J \approx 8$ Hz, H_{ortho}), 7.28 (pseudo tt, 4H, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, H_{meta}), 7.20 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.4, 1.4 Hz, H_{para}), 5.84 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.1, 10.1, 7.0, 6.9 Hz, H-C₃), 5.04 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.1, 1.9, 1.6 Hz, H-C₄), 4.98 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.3 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.9 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9 Hz, H-C₄), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 1013.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.52 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.46 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.3, 7.0, 5.6, 1.4 Hz, H-C₂), 1H, J = 13.0 Hz, H equatorial which correlates with C at 31.12 ppm), 1.73-1.47 (m, 5H, 4H equatorial β and γ to C_1 at 1.73-1.56 ppm, and H α to C_1 at 1.54 ppm), 1.25-1.00 (m, 3H axial with 1H δ to C_1 tdt at 1.07 ppm, 2 J_{aa} = 12.4 Hz, J_{gem} = 12.0 Hz, 2 J_{ae} = 3.2 Hz), 0.98-0.78 (m, 2H axial β to C₁ which correlates with C at 31.02 and 31.12 ppm); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.53 (2 C_{ipso}), 139.04 (C₃), 128.93 (4 CH_{ortho}), 128.04 (4 CH_{meta}), 126.62 (2 CH_{para}), 115.14 (C₄), 62.05 (C₁), 54.35 (2 CH₂Ph), 40.23 (CH α to C₁), 31.45 (C₂), 31.12 and 31.02 (2 CH₂ β to C₁), 26.66, 26.64, and 26.62 (2 CH₂ γ to C₁ and CH₂ δ to C₁); HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N 292.2065 $[M - CH_2CH = CH_2]^+$, found 292.2071 (67), 250 (13) $[M - C_6H_{11}]^+$, 91 (100), $[C_7H_7]^+$, 65 (1.9) $[C_5H_5]^+$.

3-Dibenzylamino-2-methylhex-5-ene (2: R = i-Pr, R' = Bn): See compound **22** in L. Tussa, C. Lebreton, P. Mosset, *Chem. Eur. J.* **1997**, *3*, 1064-1070.

3-Dibenzylamino-1-phenylhex-5-ene (2: R = PhCH₂CH₂, R' = Bn): Slightly yellow oil; $R_f = 0.55$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3084, 3062, 3026, 2930, 2800, 1946 and 1870 and 1807 (harmonics of Ph), 1639, 1602, 1494, 1454, 1363, 1073, 1029, 909, 746 with a shoulder at 730, 698, cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (pseudo dm, 4H, J = 8.2 Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.29 (pseudo tt, 4H, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.25-7.18 (m, 4H, 2H_{meta} of Ph and 2H_{para} of Bn), 7.13 (ddt, 1H, J = 8.2, 6.5, 1.4 Hz, H_{para} of Ph), 7.06 (dm, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz, H_{ortho} of Ph), 5.72 (dddd, 1H, J= 17.0, 10.2, 7.5, 6.5 Hz, H-C₅), 5.00 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.0, 2.1, 1.4 Hz, H-C₆), 4.97 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.2, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, H-C₆), 3.70 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.51 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.84 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, 10.5, 5.5 Hz, H-C₁), 2.66 (dddd, 1H, J = 8.2, 8.2, 5.7, 5.1 Hz, H-C₃), 2.51 (dddt, 1H, J = 13.7, 10.5,14.0, 6.5, 5.1, 1.4 Hz, H-C₄), 2.41 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.7, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, H-C₁), 2.03 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.0, 8.2, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, H-C₄), 1.82 (dddd, 1H, J = 13.9, 10.5, 8.2, 5.7 Hz, H-C₂), 1.63 (dddd, 1H, J = 13.9, 10.5, 5.7, 5.5 Hz, H-C₂); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.91 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 140.34 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 137.29 (C₅ e.g. <u>C</u>H=CH₂), 128.91 (4 <u>C</u>H_{ortho} of Bn), 128.35 (2 <u>C</u>H_{ortho} of Ph), 128.26 (2 <u>CH_{meta} of Ph)</u>, 128.15 (4 <u>CH_{meta} of Bn)</u>, 126.75 (2 <u>CH_{para} of Bn)</u>, 125.55 (<u>CH_{para} of Ph)</u>, 115.96 (C_6) , 57.15 (C_3) , 53.42 $(2 CH_2Ph)$, 33.64 (C_4) , 33.48 (C_1) , 32.56 (C_2) ; HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): calcd for $C_{26}H_{29}N$ 355.2300 [M]+, found 355.2317 (0.3), calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N$ 314.1909 [M – $CH_2CH=CH_2$]+, found 314.1910 (71), 250 (2.1) $[M-CH_2CH_2Ph]$ +, 91 (100), $[C_7H_7]$ +, 65 (4.4), $[C_5H_5]^+$.

1-Diallylamino-1-phenylbut-3-ene (2: R = Ph, R' = allyl): Colorless liquid; $R_{\rm f} = 0.54$ (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) ν 3077, 3028, 3006, 2977, 2927, 2812, 1641, 1601, 1493, 1452, 1417, 995, 916, 758, 746, 702, 649, 543 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H, H_{meta} of Ph), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H, H_{ortho} and H_{para} of Ph), 5.82 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 10.1, 7.2, 5.3 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.70 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H-C₃ e.g. CH₂CH=CH₂), 5.16 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 2.0, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.11 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.1, 2.0, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.99 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.1, 2.0, 1.5 Hz, H-C₄), 4.93 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.2, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, H-C₄), 3.82 (dd, 1H, J = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, H-C₁), 3.26 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.4, 5.2, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.83 (ddddd, 2H, J = 14.4, 7.3, 1.4, 0.9 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.68 (ddddd, 1H, J = 14.2, 6.9, 6.4, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, H-C₂), 2.52 (ddddd, 1H, J = 14.2, 8.5, 6.9, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.83 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 136.84 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 136.37 (C₃), 128.72 (2C, CH_{ortho} of Ph), 127.92 (2C, CH_{meta} of Ph), 126.93 (CH_{para} of Ph), 116.86 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 116.04 (C₄), 63.29 (C₁), 52.61 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 36.50 (C₂).

4-Diallylamino-3-ethylhept-6-ene (**2**: R = CHEt₂, R' = allyl): Colorless liquid; $R_{\rm f} = 0.55$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:19); IR (neat, KBr) v 3078, 3007, 2965, 2933, 2876, 2806, 1640, 1460, 1450, 1417, 1379, 1264, 1159, 1101, 995, 915 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (dddd, 1H, J = 17.1, 10.1, 7.2, 6.9 Hz, H-C₆ e.g. CH₂CH=CH₂), 5.77 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 10.0, 7.3, 5.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.12 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 2.0, 1.8, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.04 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.0, 2.0, 1.7, 1.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.02 (ddt, 1H, J = 17.1, 2.0, 1.6 Hz, H-C₇), 4.95 (ddt, 1H, J = 10.1, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, H-C₇), 3.20 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.4, 5.1, 1.8, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 3.01 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.4, 7.3, 1.4, 1.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.66 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.0, 6.4, 5.8 Hz, H-C₄), 2.28 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.7, 6.9, 6.4, 1.4 Hz, H-C₅), 2.11 (dddt, 1H, J = 14.7, 7.2, 5.8, 1.4 Hz, H-C₅), 1.55-1.42 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.39-1.27 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.25-1.13 (m, 1H, H-C₃), 0.83 (t, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz, CH₃), 0.81 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.90 (C₆), 138.06 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 115.85 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 115.02 (C₇), 59.71 (C₄ e.g. CH-N), 53.53 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 43.02 (C₃ e.g. CHEt₂), 32.34 (C₅), 21.80 (CH₂CH₃), 21.74 (CH₂CH₃), 11.23 (CH₃), 10.80 (CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-dibenzylamino-3-phenylpropanoate (3: R = Ph, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 62 °C (petroleum ether); $R_f = 0.32$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) ν 3444 (very small, overtone of C=O), 3086, 3063, 3029, 2980, 2934, 2836, 2805, (1948, 1876, and 1809: small, aromatic harmonics), 1732 (C=O), 1603, 1585 (small), 1494, 1454, 1374, 1258, 1170, 1108, 1082, 1074, 1029, 975, 908, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.32 (m, 6H aromatic), 7.32-7.25 (m, 7H aromatic), 7.21 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.3, 1.3 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 4.93 (septet, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz, OCH(CH₃)₂), 4.31 (dd, 1H, J = 8.2, 7.3 Hz, H-C₃ e.g. CH-N), 3.72 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.27 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.05 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, H-C₂), 2.75 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 8.2 Hz, H-C₂), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃), 1.10 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.26 (C₁), 139.68 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 138.14 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 128.78 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.57 (2 CH_{ortho} of Ph), 128.18 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 128.02 (2 CH_{meta} of Ph), 127.33 (CH_{para} of Ph), 126.90 (2

 $\underline{\text{CH}}_{\text{para}}$ of Bn), 67.80 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 59.07 (C₃), 53.83 (2 $\underline{\text{CH}}_{2}$ Ph), 36.50 (C₂), 21.72 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_{3}$), 21.71 (CH₃); HRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): calcd for C₂₆H₂₉NO₂ 387.2198 [M]⁺, found 387.2181 (2.8), 310 (1.3) [M-Ph]⁺, 296 (8.5) [M-CH₂Ph]⁺, 286 (80) [M-CH₂CO₂*i*-Pr]⁺, 196 (22) [(PhCH₂)₂N]⁺, 91 (100), [C₇H₇]⁺, 77 (0.9) [C₆H₅]⁺, 65 (3.1), [C₅H₅]⁺; elemental analysis calcd for C₂₆H₂₉NO₂ (387.52): C 80.59, H 7.54, N 3.61; found: C 80.15, H 7.91, N 3.54.

Isopropyl 3-dibenzylamino-3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoate (3: R = p-F-C₆H₄, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 85 °C (petroleum ether); $R_f = 0.30$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3429 (very small, overtone of C=O), 3086, 3064, 3029, 2981, 2935, 2836, 2825, 2806, (1954, 1894, and 1811: small, aromatic harmonics), 1728 (C=O), 1603, 1585 (small), 1509, 1495, 1454, 1373, 1355, 1307, 1278, 1256, 1224, 1170, 1161, 1109 (with a shoulder at 1098), 1075, 1046, 1030, 983, 973, 910, 873, 839, 826, 736, 700, 560, 533, 515 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (pseudo dm, 4H, $J \approx 7.5$ Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.30 (pseudo tt, 4H, $J \approx 7.5$, 1.5 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.24 (dd pseudo tt, 2H, $J_{HF} = 5.0$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 9.0$, 3.1-2.1 Hz, H γ to F), 7.22 (ddt, 2H, J = 7.9, 6.1, 1.6 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.04 (dd pseudo t, 2H, $J_{HF} = 8.4$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 9.0$, 3.1-2.1 Hz, H β to F), 4.92 (qq, 1H, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, $C\underline{H}Me_2$), 4.29 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, H-C₃), 3.68 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, $C\underline{H}_2Ph$), 3.27 (d, 2H, J = 13.7Hz, $C_{H_2}Ph$), 3.03 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 6.8 Hz, H-C₂), 2.73 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 8.6 Hz, H-C₂), 1.14 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, \text{CH}_3$), 1.11 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, \text{CH}_3$); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.15 (C₁), 162.04 $(C_{ipso} \alpha \text{ to } F, d, J_{CF} = 245.7 \text{ Hz}), 139.47 (2 C_{ipso} \text{ of Bn}), 134.18 (C_{ipso} \delta \text{ to } F, d, J_{CF} = 3.3 \text{ Hz}),$ 130.02 (2 CH γ to F, d, $J_{CF} = 7.9$ Hz), 128.74 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.26 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 127.01 (2 <u>CH</u>_{para} of Bn), 114.87 (2 <u>CH</u> β to F, d, $J_{CF} = 21.1$ Hz), 67.92 (O<u>C</u>H(CH₃)₂), 58.38 (C₃), 53.79 (2 <u>C</u>H₂Ph), 36.19 (C₂), 21.71 (2 <u>C</u>H₃).

Isopropyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-dibenzylaminopropanoate (**3**: R = p-Cl-C₆H₄, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 84-85 °C (petroleum ether); R_f = 0.33 (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3444 (very small, overtone of C=O), 3087, 3064, 3029, 2981, 2936, 2835, 2805, (1947, 1900, 1870, 1809: small, aromatic harmonics), 1732 (C=O), 1602 (with a shoulder at 1596), 1494, 1454, 1374, 1309, 1254, 1170, 1107, 1074, 1030, 1015, 975, 908, 824, 726, 699, 539 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 10H, 4H_{ortho} of Bn + 4H_{meta} of Bn + 2H γ to Cl), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H, 2H_{para} of Bn + 2H β to Cl), 4.92 (qq, 1H, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, CHMe₂), 4.28 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, H-C₃), 3.67 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.27 (d, 2H, J = 13.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.02 (dd, 1H, J = 14.6, 6.8 Hz, H-C₂), 2.73 (dd, 1H, J = 14.6, 8.6 Hz, H-C₂), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.05 (C₁), 139.35 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 136.96 (C_{ipso} δ to Cl), 133.09 (C_{ipso} α to Cl), 129.81 (2 CH γ to Cl), 128.73 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.27 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 128.21 (2 CH β to Cl), 127.04 (2 CH_{para} of Bn), 67.98 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 58.37 (C₃), 53.78 (2 CH₂Ph), 35.91 (C₂), 21.72 (2 CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-dibenzylamino-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (3: R = p -MeO- C_6H_4 , R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 99.5-100.5 °C (petroleum ether); $R_f = 0.30$ (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:9); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3442 (very small, overtone of C=O), 3086, 3064, 3029, 2980, 2935, 2836, 2804, (2061, 1948, 1885, 1809: small, aromatic harmonics), 1731 (C=O), 1610, 1584, 1513, 1495, 1455,

1374, 1306, 1251, 1180, 1108, 1073, 1036, 1030, 975, 909, 835, 828, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (broad pseudo dm, 4H, $J \approx 8$ Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.29 (pseudo tt, 4H, $J \approx 7.5$, 1.5 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.21 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.3, 1.4 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.19 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.7, 3.0-2.1 Hz, H arom. γ to OMe), 6.89 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.7, 3.0-2.1 Hz, H arom. β to OMe), 4.93 (qq, 1H, J = 6.3, 6.2 Hz, CHMe₂), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J = 8.2, 7.4 Hz, H-C₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.71 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.25 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.03 (dd, 1H, J = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, H-C₂), 2.72 (dd, 1H, J = 14.4, 8.2 Hz, H-C₂), 1.15 (d, 3H, J = 6.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.12 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.33 (C₁), 158.74 (C_{ipso} α to OMe), 139.77 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 130.19 (C_{ipso} δ to OMe), 129.64 (2 CH γ to OMe), 128.78 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.17 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 126.87 (2 CH_{para} of Bn), 113.33 (2 CH β to OMe), 67.78 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 58.43 (C₃), 55.21 (OMe), 53.77 (2 CH₂Ph), 36.72 (C₂), 21.752 (CH₃), 21.746 (CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-diallylamino-3-phenylpropanoate (3: R = Ph, R' = allyl): Colorless liquid; $R_{\rm f} = 0.35$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3442 (small, overtone of C=O), 3079, 3030, 2980, 2933, 2880, 2814, 1732 (C=O), 1642, 1602, 1583 (small), 1494, 1468, 1453, 1418, 1374, 1313, 1305, 1282, 1258, 1195, 1175, 1145, 1109, 1081, 995, 987, 968, 918, 861, 824, 764, 752, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H, H_{meta} of Ph), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H, H_{ortho} and H_{para} of Ph), 5.80 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 10.2, 7.3, 5.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.16 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 1.9, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.12 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.2, 1.9, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.94 (1H, qq, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 4.37 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.6 Hz, H-C₃), 3.23 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 5.1, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.76 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 7.3, 1.4, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.95 (dd, 1H, J = 14.4, 8.1 Hz, H-C₂), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J = 14.4, 7.6 Hz, H-C₂), 1.17 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.36 (C₁), 138.30 (C_{ipso}), 136.89 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 128.47 (2 CH_{ortho}), 128.01 (2 CH_{meta}), 127.27 (CH_{para}), 116.92 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 67.61 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 59.78 (C₃), 52.74 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 37.87 (C₂), 21.80 (CH₃), 21.72 (CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-diallylaminopropanoate (3: R = p -Cl-C₆H₄, R' = allyl): Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.34$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3442 (small, overtone of C=O), 3079, 2980, 2935, 2881, 2814, 1902 and 1844 (small, aromatic harmonics), 1733 (C=O), 1643, 1594, 1492, 1468, 1451, 1417, 1374, 1310, 1255, 1174, 1146, 1108, 1094, 1015, 920, 864, 830, 540 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.5, 2.5-2.0 Hz, H γ to Cl), 7.19 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.5, 2.5-2.0 Hz, H β to Cl), 5.79 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 10.2, 7.2, 5.3 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.16 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.3, 1.9, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.13 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.2, 1.9, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.94 (1H, qq, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 4.34 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.6 Hz, H-C₃), 3.19 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 5.3, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.76 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 7.2, 1.4, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.92 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.6 Hz, H-C₂), 2.62 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 8.1 Hz, H-C₂), 1.17 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃), 1.14 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.11 (C₁), 137.11 (C_{ipso} δ to Cl), 136.53 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 133.00 (C_{ipso} α to Cl), 129.73 (2 CH γ to Cl), 128.20 (2 CH β to Cl), 117.17 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 67.78 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 59.17 (C₃), 52.69 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 37.52 (C₂), 21.78 (CH₃), 21.71 (CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-cyclohexyl-3-diallylaminopropanoate (3: R = c-C₆H₁₁, R' = allyl): Colorless liquid; R_f = 0.52 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3440 (small, overtone of C=O), 3078, 3006, 2979, 2925, 2853, 2805, 1731 (C=O), 1643, 1468, 1449, 1419, 1373, 1312, 1278, 1258, 1224, 1177, 1110, 995, 962, 917, 850, 822 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.76 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 10.1, 7.3, 5.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.15 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 1.9, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.06 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.99 (1H, qq, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, CH₂(CH₃)₂), 3.17 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 5.0, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.96 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.7, 7.0, 5.2 Hz, H-C₃), 2.90 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 7.3, 1.4, 0.8 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.44 (dd, 1H, J = 14.9, 5.2 Hz, H-C₂), 2.19 (dd, 1H, J = 14.9, 7.0 Hz, H-C₂), 2.02 (dm, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 1.76-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.38 (dddt, 1H, J = 11.6, 11.2, 8.4, 3.3 Hz), 1.28-1.19 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃), 1.22 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃), 1.19-1.07 (m, 2H), 0.97-0.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.30 (C₁), 137.48 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 116.28 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 67.47 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 61.17 (C₃), 53.10 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 41.24 (CH α to C₃), 33.83 (CH₂, C₂), 30.96 and 30.35 (2 CH₂ β to C₃), 26.54 and 26.45 and 26.32 (2 CH₂ γ to C₃ and CH₂ δ to C₃), 21.85 (CH₃), 21.75 (CH₃).

Isopropyl 3-diallylamino-4-ethylhexanoate (3: R = CHEt₂, R' = allyl): Colorless liquid; R_f = 0.54 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3441 (small, overtone of C=O), 3079, 2978, 2966, 2936, 2877, 2807, 1731 (C=O), 1642, 1467, 1452, 1420, 1374, 1308, 1260, 1180, 1145, 1110, 994, 963, 918, 860 (small), 823 (small) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.78 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 10.1, 7.3, 5.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.15 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 2.0, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.07 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.1, 2.0, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.99 (1H, qq, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.16 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 5.1, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 3.14 (overlapped ddd, 1H, J = 7.9, 6.6, 5.5 Hz, H-C₃), 2.92 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 7.3, 1.4, 1.0 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.46 (dd, 1H, J = 14.9, 5.5 Hz, H-C₂), 2.17 (dd, 1H, J = 14.9, 6.6 Hz, H-C₂), 1.55-1.31 (m, 4H, (CH₂CH₃)₂), 1.24 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.23 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.20-1.06 (m, 1H, H-C₄ e.g. CHEt₂), 0.83 (pseudo t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz, CH(CH₂CH₃)₂), 0.81 (pseudo t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz, CH(CH₂CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.22 (C₁), 137.39 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 116.35 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 67.48 (OCHMe₂), 57.93 (C₃ e.g. CH-N), 53.14 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 43.35 (C₄ e.g. CHEt₂), 33.93 (C₂), 21.85 (CH-CH₃), 21.79 (CH-CH₃), 21.47 (CH₂CH₃), 21.44 (CH₂CH₃), 11.10 (CH₂CH₃), 10.20 (CH₂CH₃).

3-Dibenzylamino-3-phenylpropionitrile (**4**; R = Ph, R' = Bn): White crystals melting at 109 °C (petroleum ether + 10% EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (ether/petroleum ether 1:4); IR (CCl₄, KBr) v 3087, 3065, 3030, 2933, 2838, 2807, 2251 (C \equiv N), (1948, 1875, and 1811: small, aromatic harmonics), 1602, 1495, 1455, 1124, 1075, 1029, 976, 699, 534 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (broad dm, 4H, J = 7.3 Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.42 (pseudo tt, 2H, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, H_{meta} of Ph), 7.39-7.32 (m, 5H, 1H_{para} of Ph at 7.36 ppm and 4H_{meta} of Bn psreudo tt at 7.35 ppm, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.26 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.5, 1.3 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.22 (pseudo dm, 2H, J ≈ 7 Hz, H_{ortho} of Ph), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J = 9.3, 6.5 Hz, H-C₃), 3.79 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.23 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.10 (dd, 1H, J = 16.9, 9.3

Hz, H-C₂), 2.72 (dd, 1H, J = 16.9, 6.5 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.75 (2 C_{ipso} of Bn), 135.49 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 128.77 (dm, J = 158.5 Hz, 4 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{ortho}}$ of Bn), 128.53 (4 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{meta}}$ of Bn, dd, J = 159.9, 7.7 Hz and 2 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{ortho}}$ of Ph)*, 128.26 (d pseudo t, J = 161.0, 7.7 Hz, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{para}}$ of Ph), 128.15 (2 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{meta}}$ of Ph), 127.30 (dt, J = 160.3, 7.5 Hz, 2 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{para}}$ of Bn), 118.31 (C₁ e.g. $\underline{\text{C}}\text{N}$), 58.39 (dm, J = 139.3 Hz, C₃), 53.67 (tttd, J = 132.7, 4.5, 4.0, 4.0 Hz, 2 $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_{\text{2}}\text{Ph}$), 20.25 (td, J = 134.6, 5.1 Hz, C₂); elemental analysis calcd for C₂₃H₂₂N₂ (326.44): C 84.63, H 6.79, N 8.58; found: C 84.45, H 6.83, N 8.59.

*Whereas these carbons superimpose in dilute CDCl₃ solution, they split when concentration increases. For instance, in a 0.59 M solution in CDCl₃, the 4 \underline{CH}_{meta} of Bn were recorded at 128.48 ppm while the 2 \underline{CH}_{ortho} of Ph were recorded at 128.46 ppm.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-dibenzylaminopropionitrile (4: R = p-Cl-C₆H₄, R' = Bn): Slightly yellow crystals melting at 151 °C (petroleum ether + 15% EtOAc); R_f = 0.20 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (Nujol, KBr) v 3083, 3027, 2251 (small, C=N), 2240 (very small), (1955, 1914, 1878, and 1819: small, aromatic harmonics), 1600, 1493, 1486, 1412, 1241, 1125, 1110, 1095, 1085, 1075, 1031, 1013, 977, 912, 907, 861, 836, 830, 786, 747, 731, 726, 702, 544, 498, 488, 468 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (broad pseudo dm, 4H, J = 7.5 Hz, H_{ortho} of Bn), 7.40 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.5, 2.6-1.9 Hz, H $_{\rm Y}$ to Cl), 7.35 (psreudo tt, 4H, J = 7.4, 1.8-1.4 Hz, H_{meta} of Bn), 7.27 (ddt, 2H, J = 8.1, 6.4, 1.3 Hz, H_{para} of Bn), 7.17 (d pseudo t, 2H, J = 8.5, 2.6-1.9 Hz, H $_{\rm B}$ to Cl), 4.19 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 6.9 Hz, H-C₃), 3.76 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.23 (d, 2H, J = 13.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.06 (dd, 1H, J = 16.9, 8.8 Hz, H-C₂), 2.72 (dd, 1H, J = 16.9, 6.9 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.42 (2 Cipso of Bn), 134.20 (Cipso), 134.15 (Cipso), 129.41 (2 CH $_{\rm Y}$ to Cl), 128.77 (2 CH $_{\rm B}$ to Cl), 128.70 (4 CH_{ortho} of Bn), 128.61 (4 CH_{meta} of Bn), 127.44 (2 CH_{para} of Bn), 118.00 (C₁ e.g. CN), 57.87 (C₃), 53.65 (2 CH₂Ph), 19.96 (C₂); elemental analysis calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₂Cl (360.89): C 76.55, H 5.87, N 7.76; found: C 76.69, H 5.91, N 7.47.

3-Diallylamino-3-phenylpropionitrile (4; R = Ph, R' = allyl): Yellow oil; R_f = 0.21 (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3078, 3070, 3031, 3007, 2978, 2928, 2818, 2248 (C≡N), 1642, 1602, 1495, 1453, 1420, 1356, 1266, 1122, 1082, 997, 981, 923, 783, 759, 744, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (pseudo ddt, 2H, H_{meta} of Ph, $J \approx 7.5$, 6.5, 1.6 Hz), 7.32 (pseudo ddt, 1H, H_{para} of Ph, J = 8.5, 5.9, 1.5 Hz), 7.27 (pseudo dm, 2H, H_{ortho} of Ph, J ≈ 6.5 Hz), 5.84 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.0, 5.5 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.22 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 1.8, 1.6, 1.5 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.17 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.2, 1.8, 1.6, 1.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 7.1 Hz, H-C₃), 3.22 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.5, 5.5, 1.6, 1.6 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.92 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.5, 7.0, 1.5, 1.1 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.91 (dd, 1H, J = 16.8, 7.1 Hz, H-C₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.46 (C_{ipso} of Ph), 135.82 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 128.56 (2C, CH_{ortho} of Ph), 128.10 (CH_{para} of Ph), 127.83 (2C, CH_{meta} of Ph), 118.30 (C₁ e.g. CN), 117.72 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 59.72 (C₃), 52.73 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 21.43 (C₂).

3-Cyclohexyl-3-diallylaminopropionitrile (**4**; R = c-C₆H₁₁, R' = allyl): Slightly yellow oil with a small bug-like smell; $R_f = 0.34$ (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9); IR (neat, KBr) v 3079, 3007, 2927, 2853, 2810, 2241 (C=N), 1642, 1449, 1419, 1266, 1115, 997, 920 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.75 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 10.1, 7.7, 4.6 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.19 (dddd, 2H, J = 17.2, 1.9, 1.9, 1.2 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 5.10 (dddd, 2H, J = 10.1, 1.9, 1.9, 0.8 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 3.35 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 4.6, 1.9, 1.9 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.96 (dddd, 2H, J = 14.3, 7.7, 1.2, 0.8 Hz, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 2.77 (ddd, 1H, J = 9.6, 6.2, 4.3 Hz [apparent ddd, J = 9.6, 6.1, 4.4 Hz], H-C₃), 2.43 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 4.3 Hz [apparent dd, J = 17.2, 4.4 Hz], H-C₂)*, 2.36 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 6.2 Hz [apparent dd, J = 17.2, 6.1 Hz], H-C₂)*, 2.07 (dm, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 1.80-1.55 (m, 5H), 1.34-1.07 (m, 3H), 1.03-0.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.72 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 119.58 (C₁ e.g. CN), 117.00 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 60.17 (C₃), 52.74 (2C, N(CH₂CH=CH₂)₂), 39.63 (CH α to C₃, correlates with protons at 1.61 ppm), 30.65 and 30.54 (2 CH₂ g to C₃ correlates with protons at 2.07, 1.74, and 1.03-0.80 ppm), 26.36 and 26.10 and 25.99 (2 CH₂ g to C₃ and CH₂ δ to C₃, correlates with protons at 1.80-1.61 and 1.34-1.07 ppm), 14.72 (C₂).

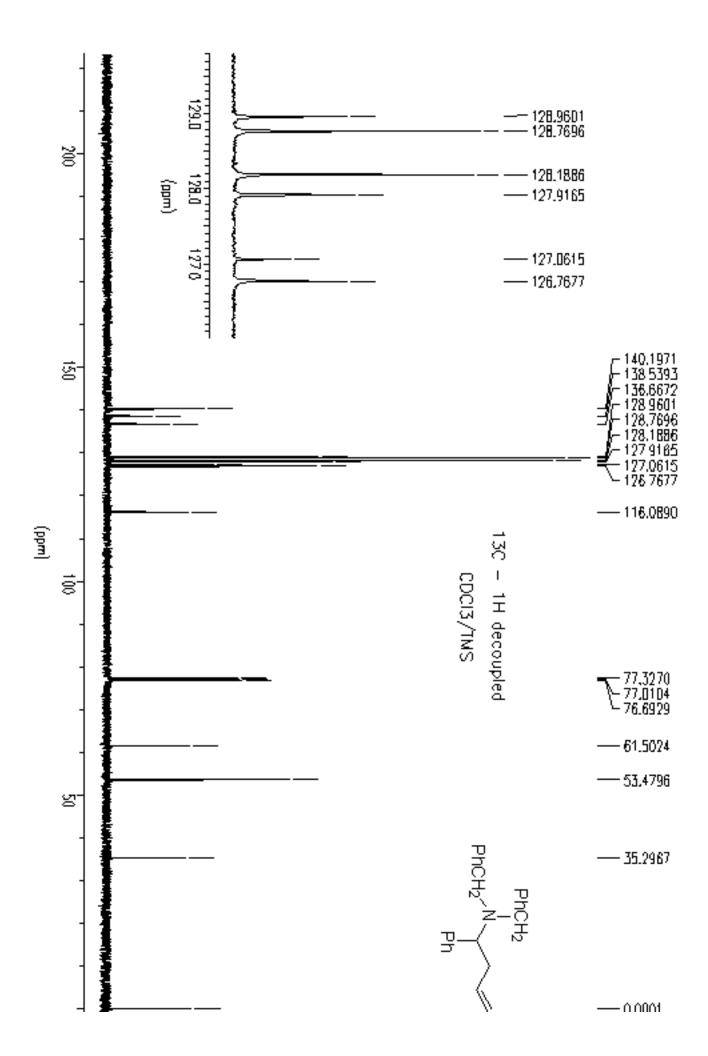
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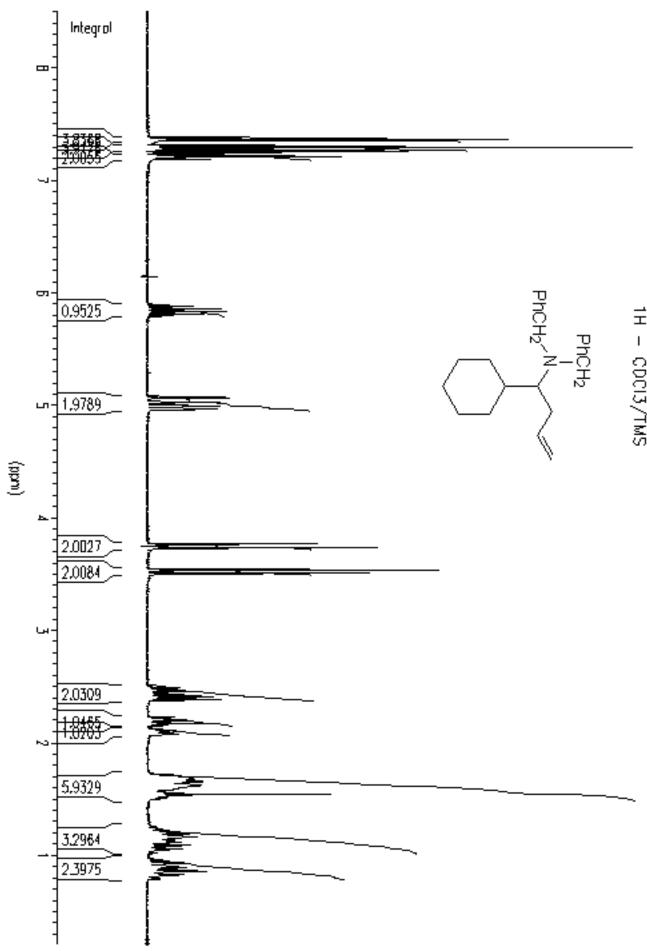
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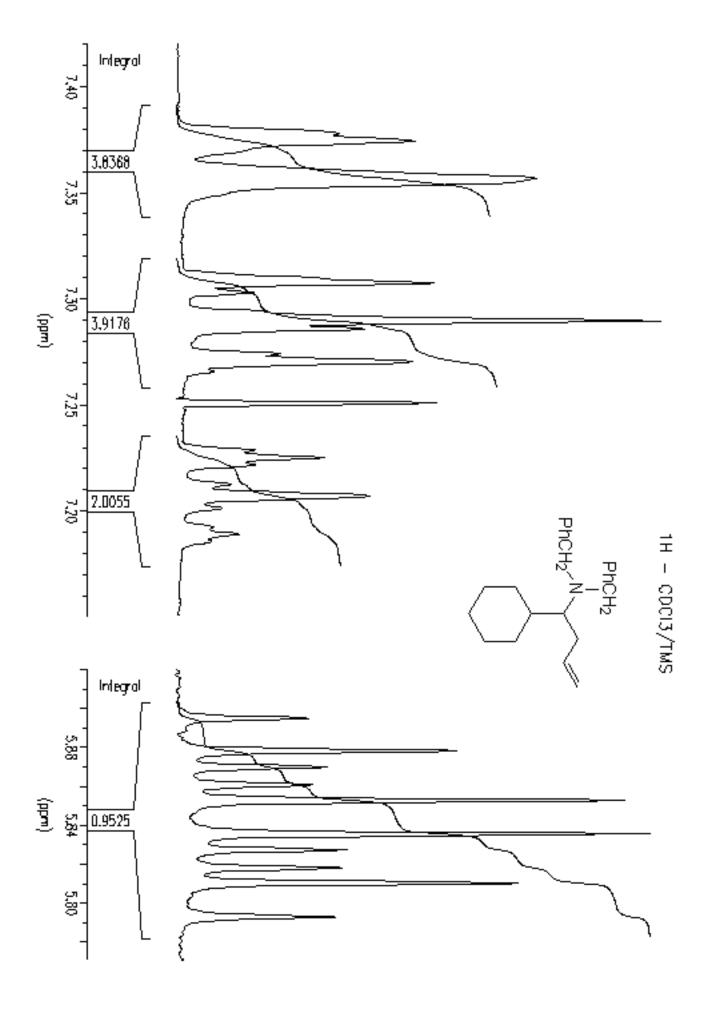
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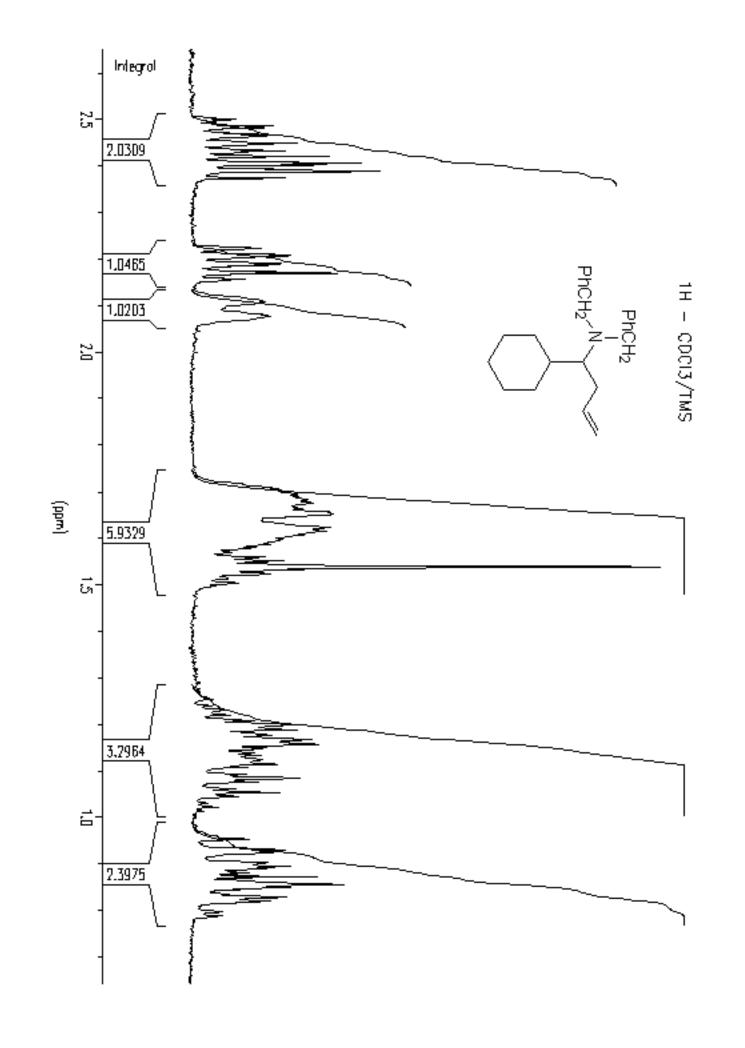
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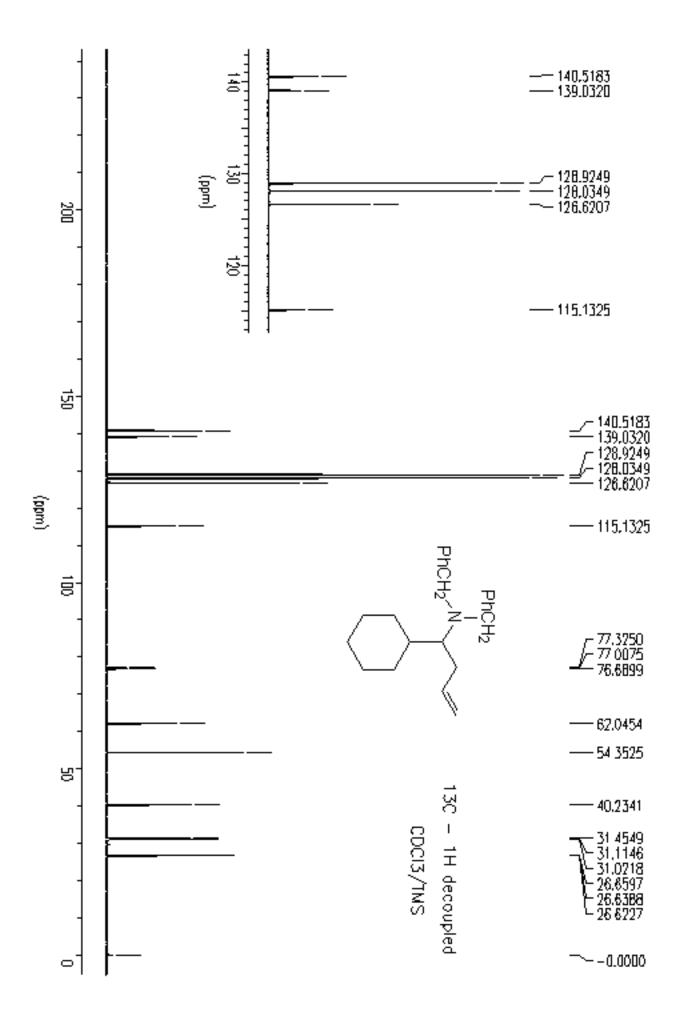


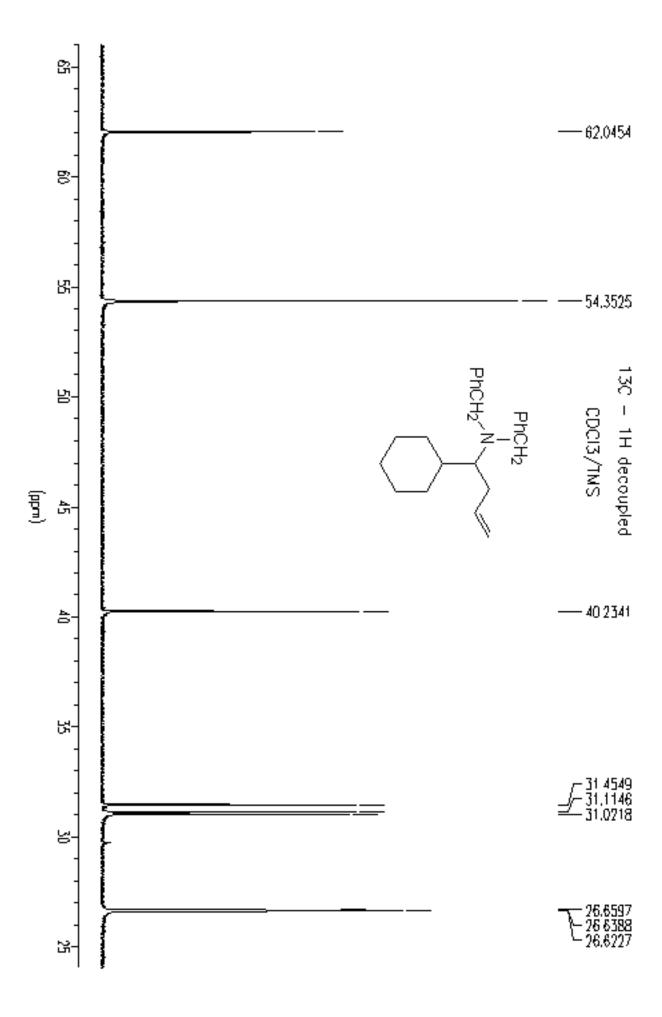
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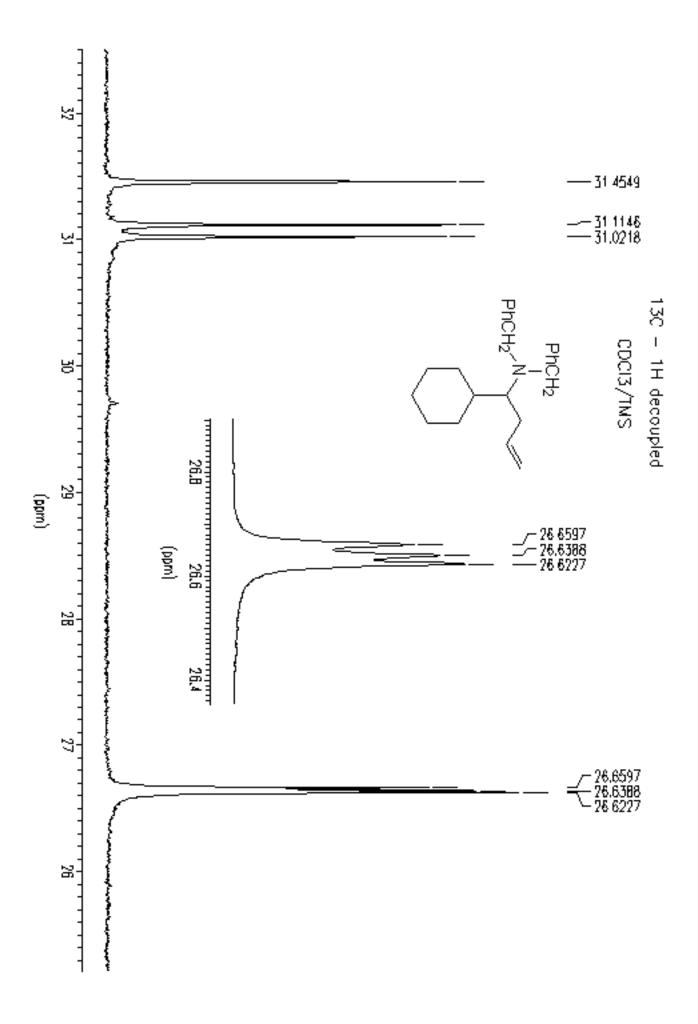


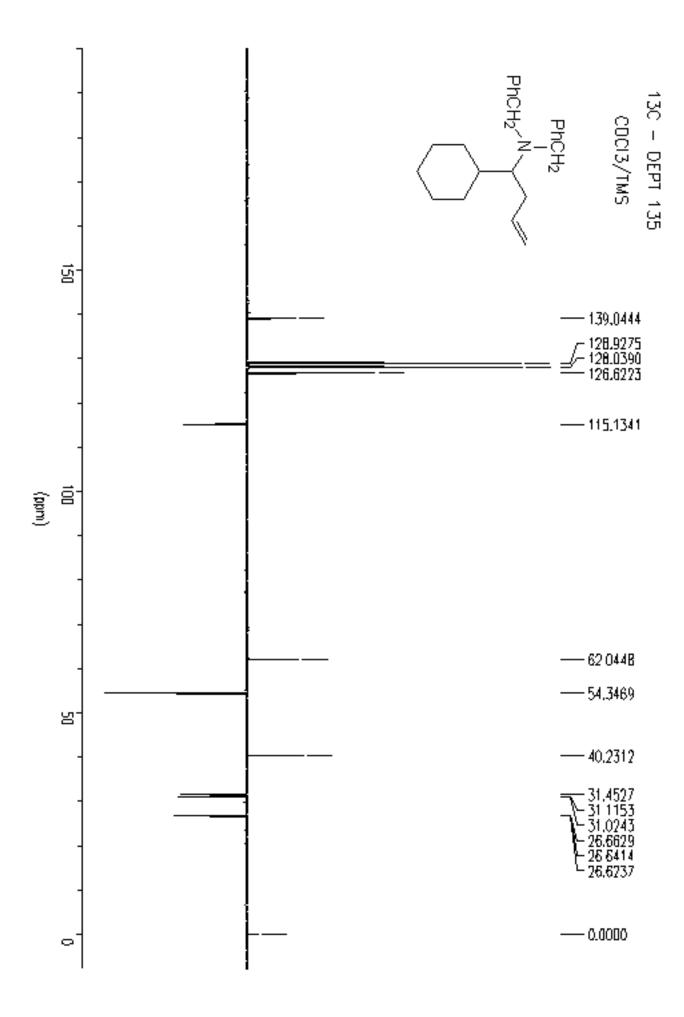


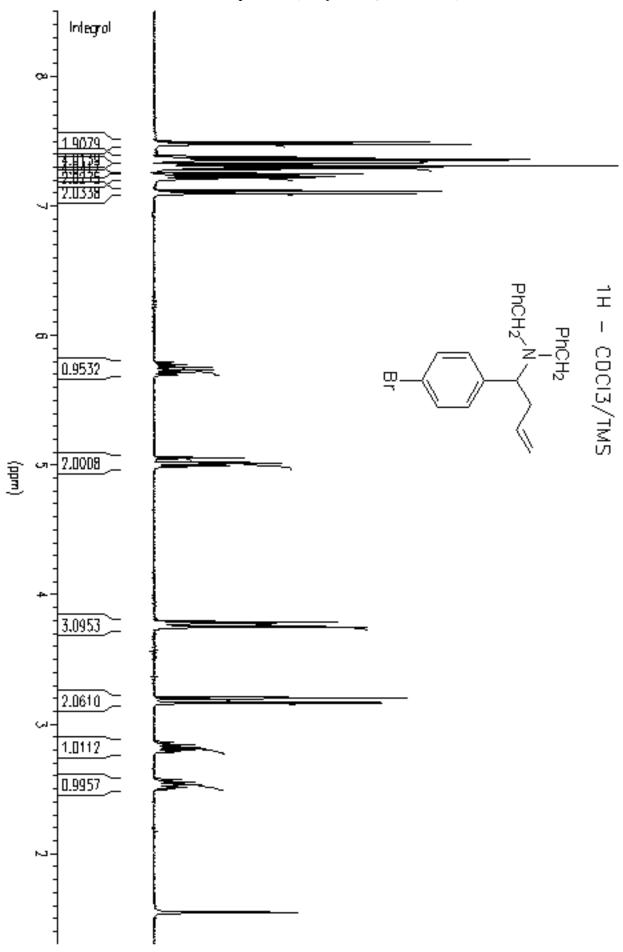


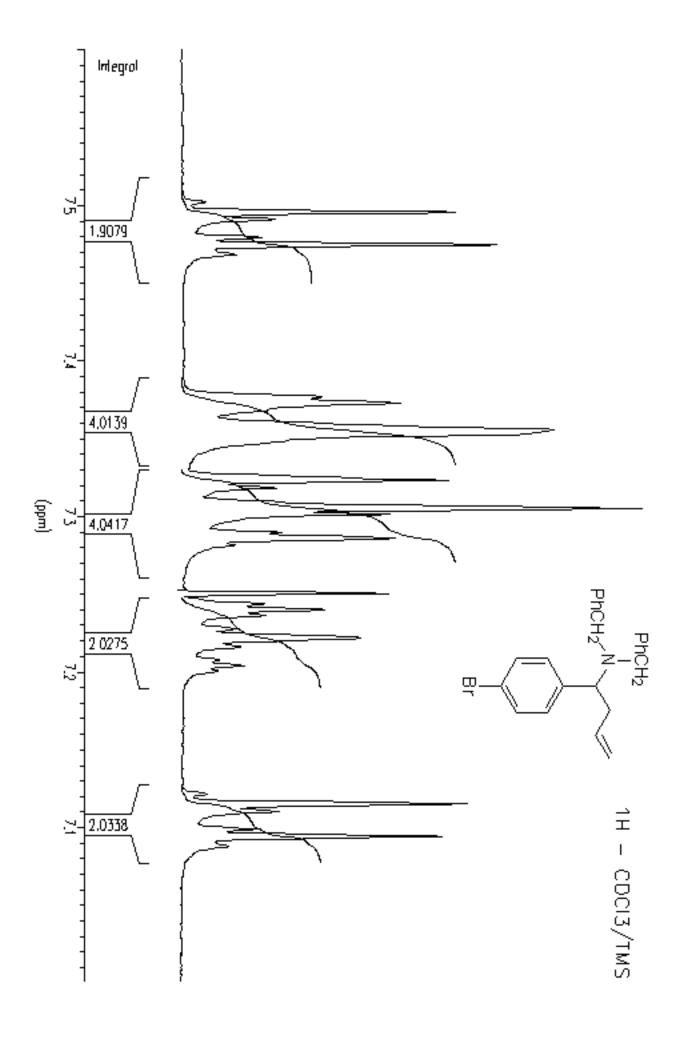




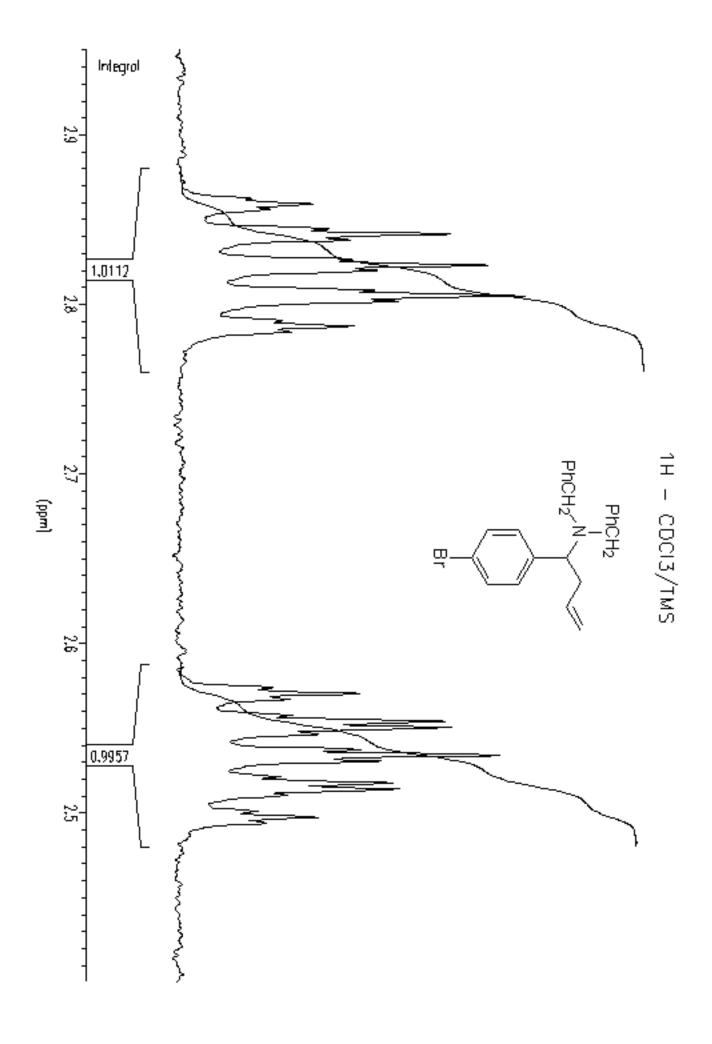


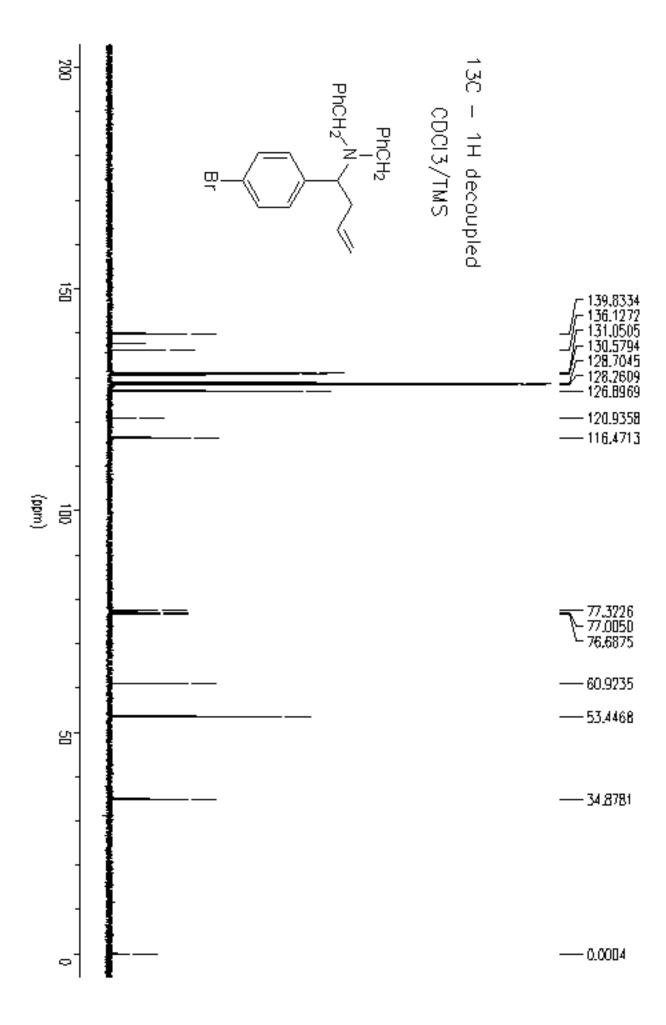


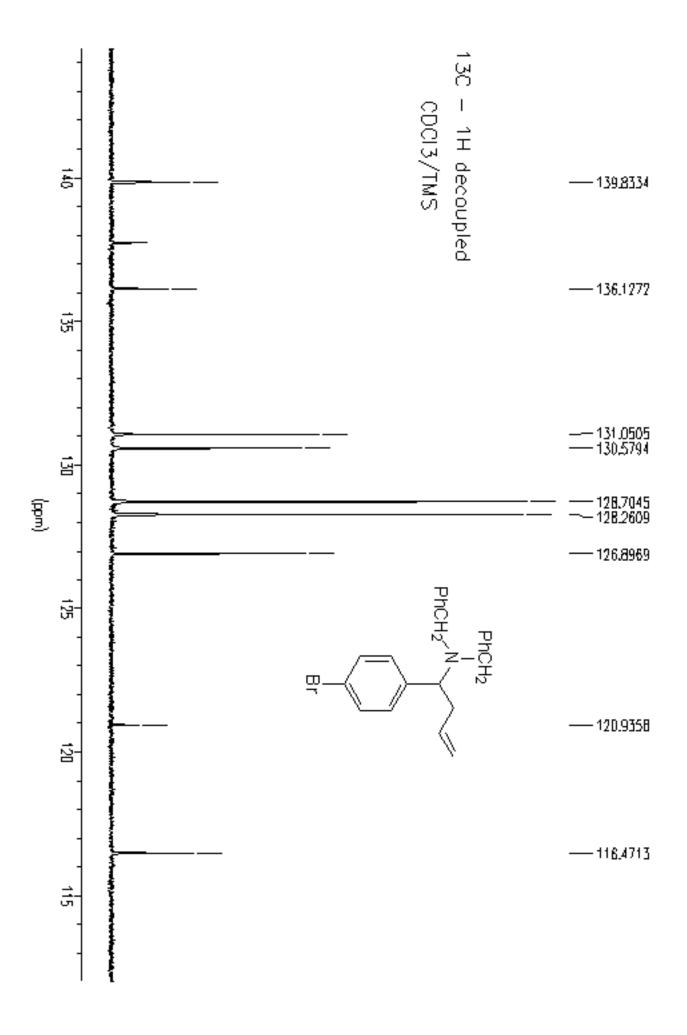


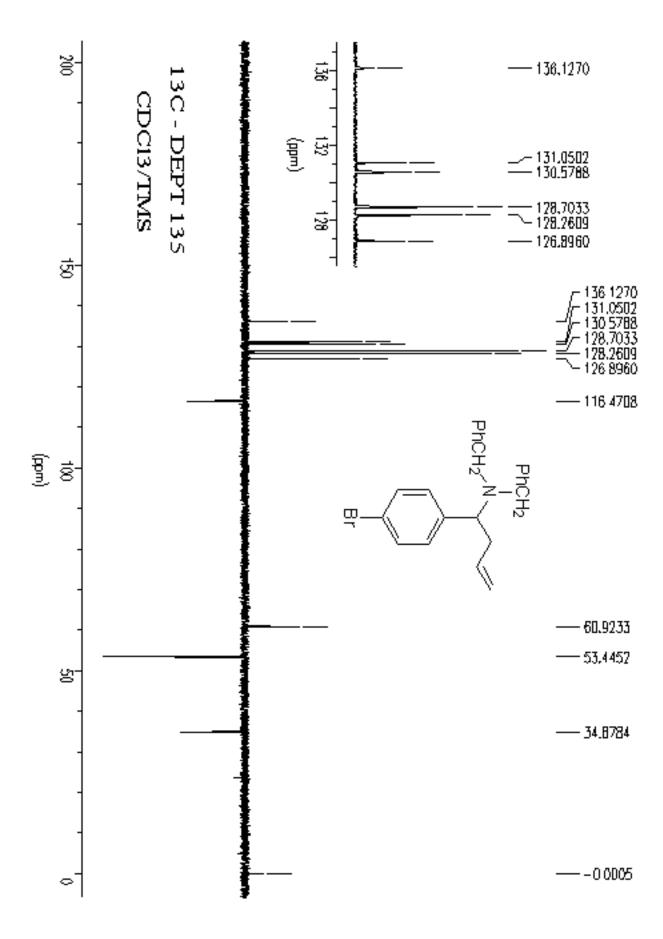


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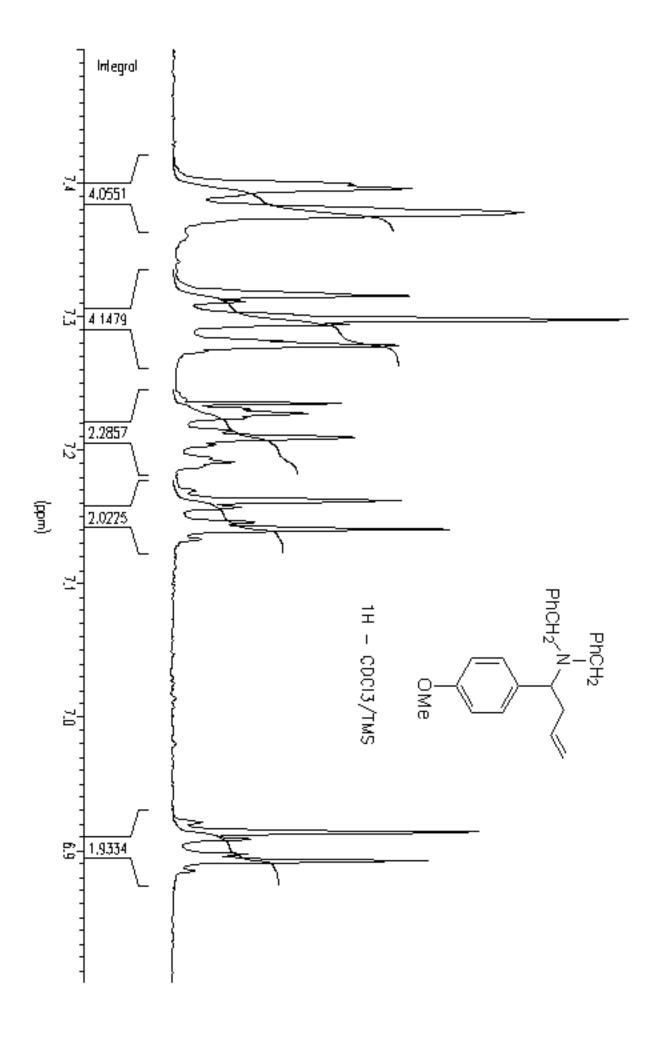




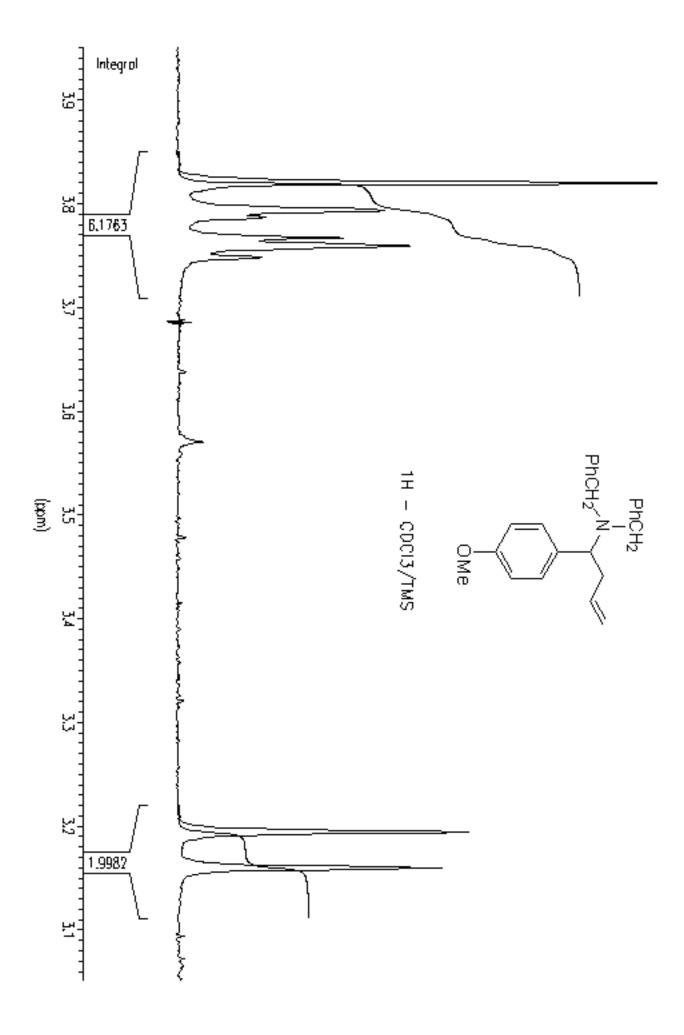


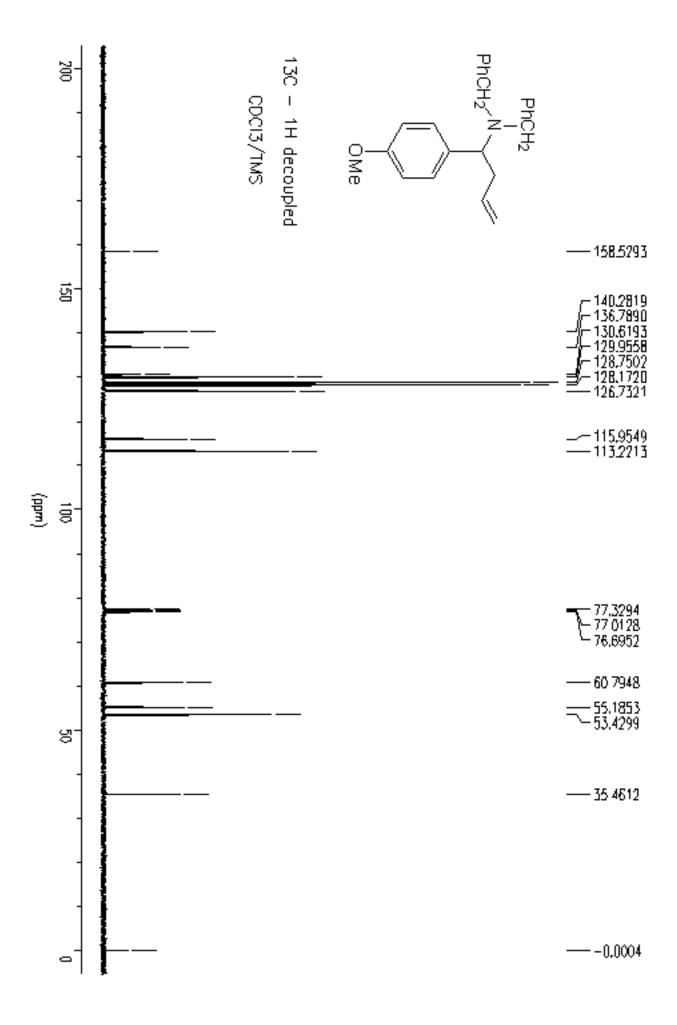
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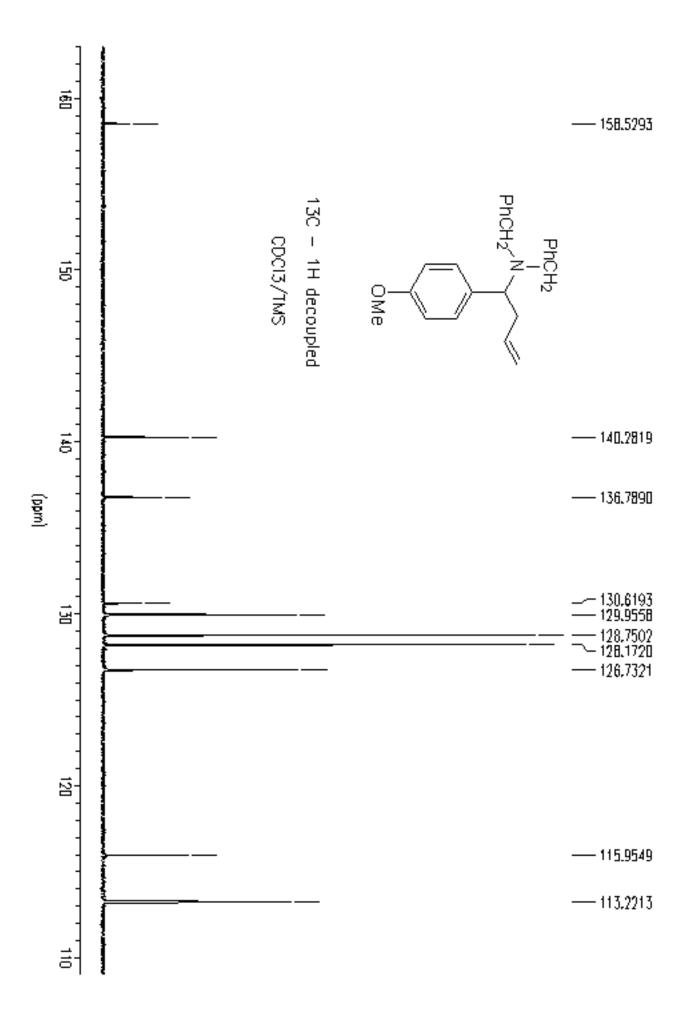
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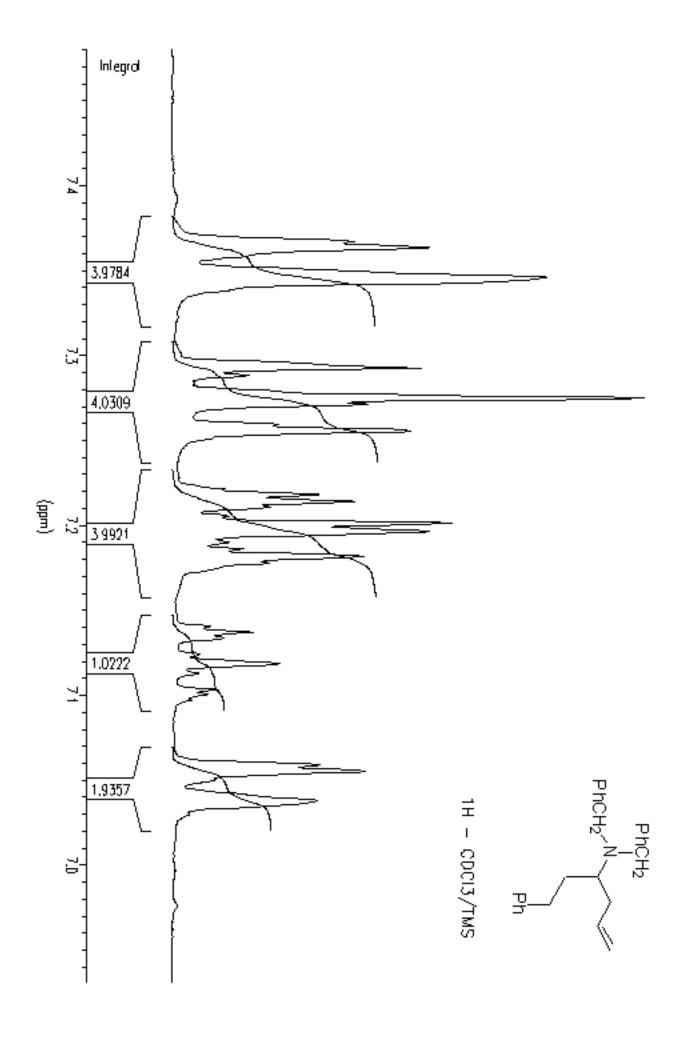


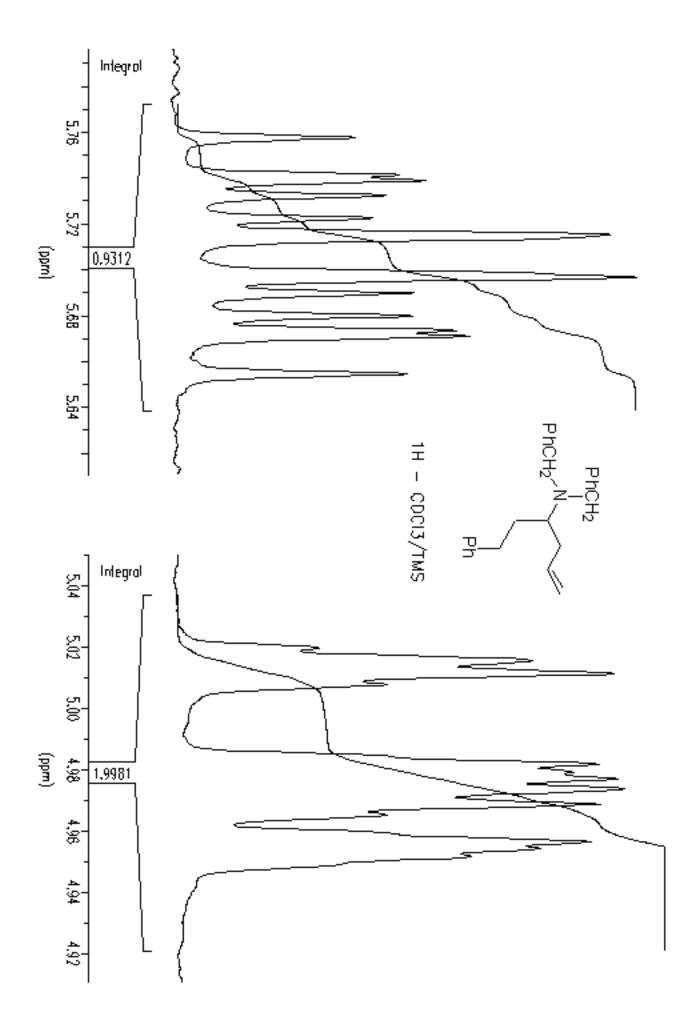


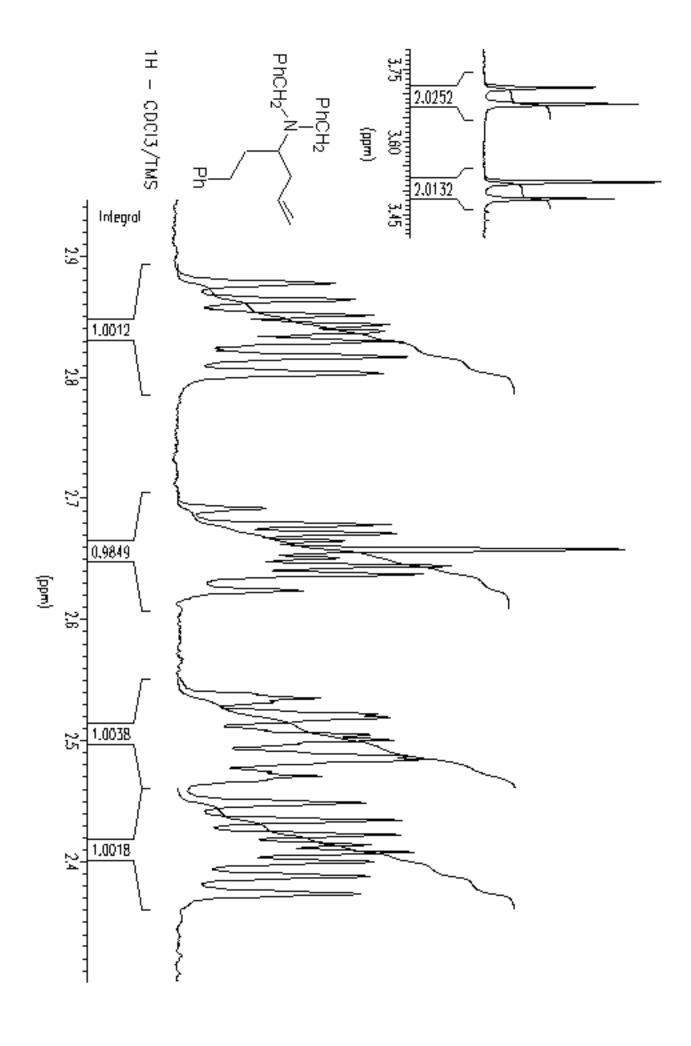


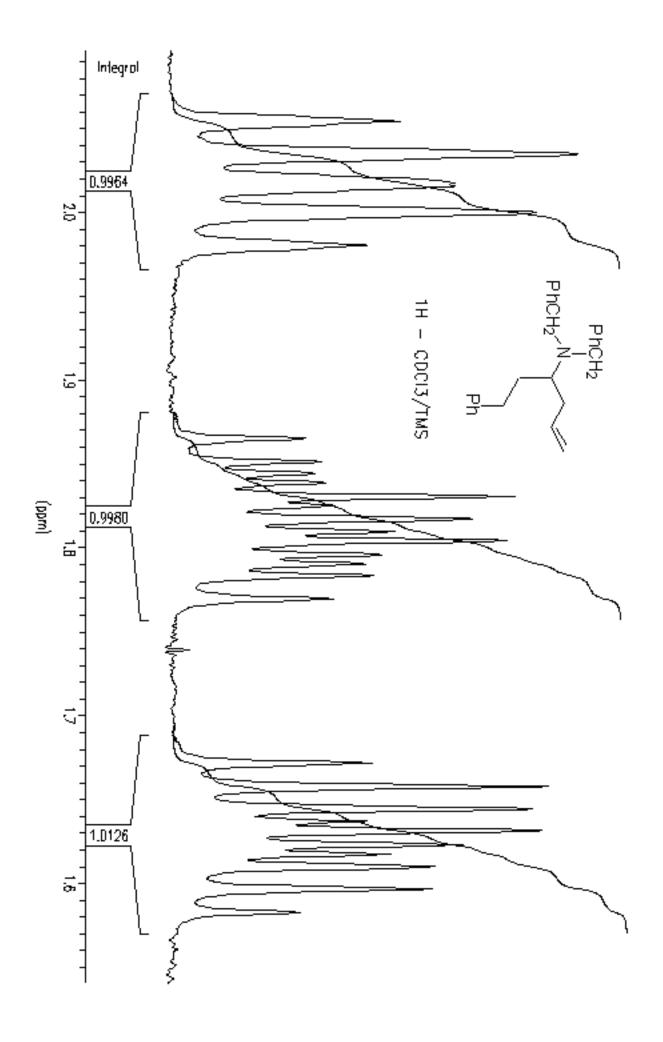
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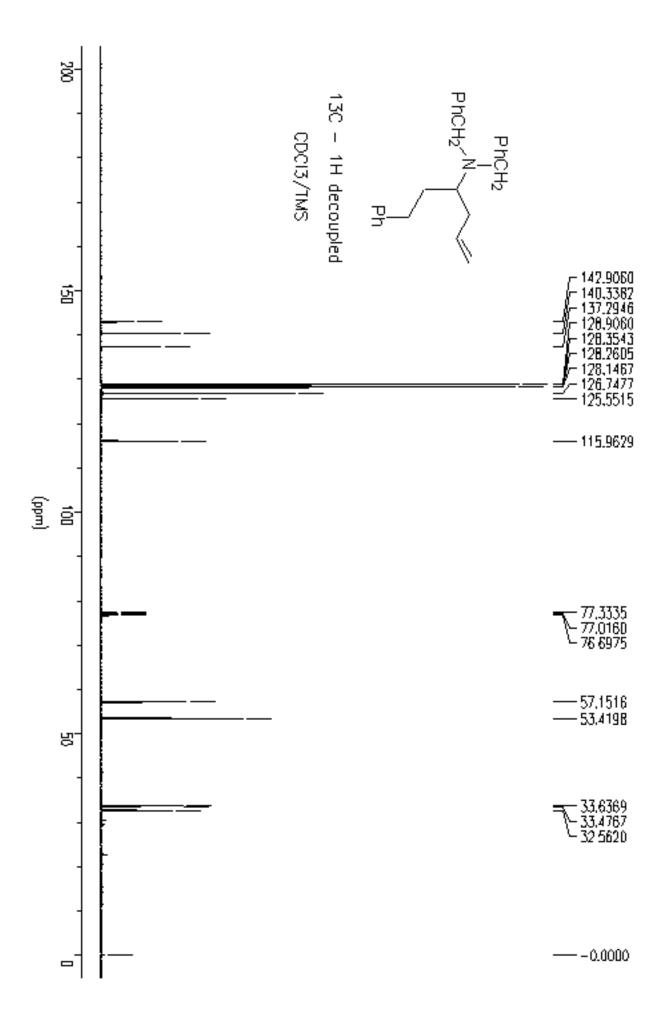
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