

**Asymmetric Michael Reactions Catalyzed by a Highly Efficient and Recyclable Quaternary
Ammonium Ionic Liquid-Supported Organocatalyst in Aqueous Media**

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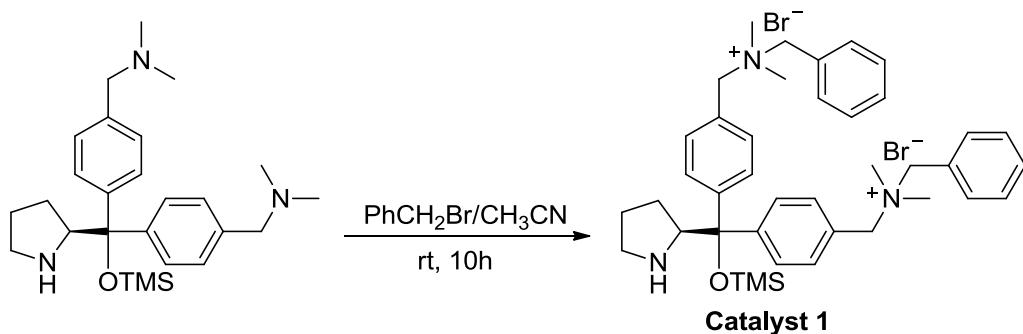
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General information: Commercial reagents were used as received, unless otherwise stated. Merck 60 silica gel was used for chromatography, and Whatman silica gel plates with fluorescence UV254 were used for thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on the Bruker Avance 400. The high resolution mass spectra were analyzed by using ESI-TOF high-acc from the Scripps Research Institute. All the compounds synthesized (shown in Table 3) in the manuscript are known compounds.¹ Their relative and absolute configurations of the products were determined by comparison with the known ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, chiral HPLC analysis, and optical rotation values.

Synthesis of the catalyst1:



Benzyl bromide (521mg, 3 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution of diarylprolinol silyl ether (670 mg, 1.5 mmol) in CH_3CN (10 mL). After addition, the reaction mixture was continued to stirring overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the crude product was washed with diethyl ether (5x10 mL) to give the product **1** as a solid (1.13g, 95% yield). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -4.8$ ($c = 0.5$, MeOH). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH) δ = 7.72-6.97 (m, 18H), 4.56-4.52 (dd, $J = 18\text{Hz}$, 10Hz, 8H), 3.88-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.76 (m, 12H), 2.42-2.26 (m, 3H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.17 (m, 1H), 0.66 (s, 1H), -0.01--0.27 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, MeOH) δ = 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 135.2, 135.2, 134.3, 134.2, 132.8, 132.6, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 86.9, 84.8, 84.4, 70.3, 69.8, 64.2, 56.8, 48.3, 31.1, 29.0, 26.5, 25.8, 3.2, 3.2,

1.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF high-acc) m/z calcd for $C_{40}H_{55}N_3OSi_2^+$ ($M-2Br^-$): 621.4103, found: 621.4102.

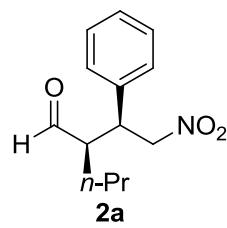
The general procedure for the Michael addition reactions of aldehydes to nitroolefins

In a 5 mL flask was added the catalyst **1** (0.02 mmol), acid (0.12mmol), nitroolefin (0.4 mmol) water (0.5 mL) and aldehyde (0.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for the listed hours and extracted with $Et_2O:Hexane = 1:8$ (v/v). The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate) to give the Michael Addition products shown in Table 2.

Experimental procedure for catalyst **1** recycling on water

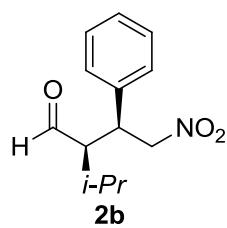
n-Pentanal (0.0689g, 0.8 mmol) was added to a solution of catalyst **1** (15.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), *trans*- β -nitroolefins (59.7mg, 0.4 mmol) and IL-Benzoic acid (48.5 mg, 0.12mmol) on water (0.5 mL) at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with a solvent mixture of ethyl ether-hexane (1:8, 2 x 3 mL). The organic phase was combined and concentrated in vacuum to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt = 5/1) to afford the Michael adduct **2a** (99%) with enantioselectivity (99% *ee*) and diastereoselectivity (*syn/anti* = 96/4). The recovered aqueous phase was used directly for the next cycle by addition of new reactants *n*-Pentanal (0.0689g, 0.8 mmol) and *trans*- β -nitroolefins (59.7mg, 0.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for the listed time in Table 3.

(R)-2-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl) pentanal



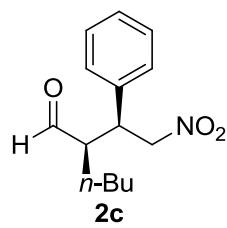
Yield: 93.2mg, 99%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.70 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.73-4.62 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dt, J = 7.2 and 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.67 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.12 (m, 4H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 203.3, 136.7, 128.8, 127.8, 127.83, 78.3, 53.5, 42.9, 29.1, 19.5, 13.7. HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H column, 80:20 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, syn/anti = 96:4, 99% ee, Syn: t_{R} = 11.0 min (minor), t_{R} = 14.6 min (major).

(2R,3S)-2-isopropyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanal



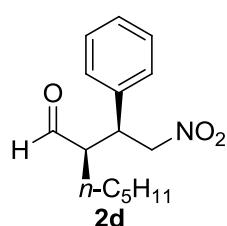
Yield: 68.7mg, 73%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.93 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.17 (m, 5H), 4.69-4.55 (m, 2H), 3.90 (dt, J = 10.4 and 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.74 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 204.3, 137.1, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 79.0, 58.8, 41.9, 27.9, 21.6, 17.0. HPLC: Chiralcel IC column, 80:20 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, syn/anti = 98:2, 99% ee, Syn: t_{R} = 17.3 min (minor), t_{R} = 18.2 min (major).

(R)-2-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)hexanal



Yield: 98.7mg, 99%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.73-4.61 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dt, J = 10.0 and 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.66 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.06 (m, 6H), 0.78 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 203.3, 136.8, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 78.4, 53.8, 43.1, 28.5, 27.0, 22.4, 13.6. HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H column, 80:20 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, syn/anti = 98:2, 99% ee, Syn: t_{R} = 10.2 min (minor), t_{R} = 12.8 min (major).

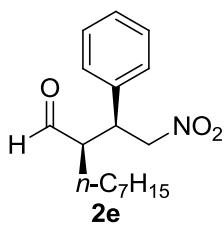
(R)-2-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)heptanal



Yield: 103.2mg, 98%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.73-4.60 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dt, J = 9.2 and 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74-

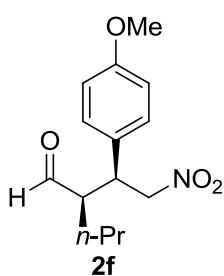
2.66 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.04 (m, 8H), 0.80 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta =$ 203.2, 136.8, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 78.4, 53.8, 43.0, 31.4, 27.2, 25.9, 22.1, 13.7. HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H column, 85:15 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, syn/anti= 98:2, 99% ee, Syn: $t_{\text{R}} = 11.4$ min (minor), $t_{\text{R}} = 14.9$ min (major).

(R)-2-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)nonanal



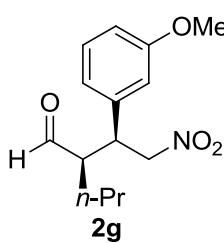
Yield: 109.6mg, 94%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.14 (m, 5H), 4.74-4.55 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dt, $J = 9.6$ and 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.66 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.04 (m, 12H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta =$ 203.2, 136.7, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 78.4, 53.8, 43.0, 31.5, 29.2, 28.7, 27.2, 26.2, 22.4, 14.0. HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H column, 90:10 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, syn/anti= 98:2, 99% ee, Syn: $t_{\text{R}} = 12.9$ min (minor), $t_{\text{R}} = 17.7$ min (major).

(R)-2-((S)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentanal



Yield: 92.3mg, 87%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.69-4.56 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.62 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.14 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta =$ 203.4, 159.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 114.4, 78.6, 55.1, 53.9, 42.4, 29.3, 19.7, 13.9. HPLC: Chiralcel IC column, 80:20 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, syn/anti= 94:6, 99% ee, Syn: $t_{\text{R}} = 24.2$ min (minor), $t_{\text{R}} = 27.6$ min (major).

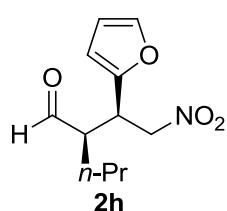
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Yield: 101.9mg, 96%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta =$ 9.69 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.71 (m, 3H), 4.71-4.60 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.65 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.10 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H);

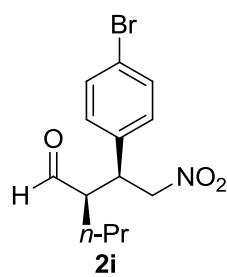
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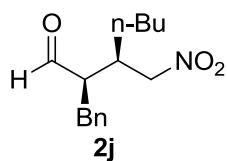
Yield: 89.2mg, 99%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.69 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 3.6 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.63 (m, 2H), 4.01 (dt, *J* = 8.8 and 5.2, 1H), 2.82-2.76 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.16 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 202.3, 150.1, 142.5, 110.3, 108.6, 76.0, 52.0, 36.9, 28.9, 19.8, 13.9. HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H column, 90:10 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, syn/anti= 99:1, 99% ee, Syn: t_R= 14.1 min (major), t_R=30.3 min (minor).

(R)-2-((S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentanal



Yield: 118.1mg, 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.68 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.73-4.58 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dt, *J* = 9.6 and 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.65 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.12 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 202.8, 135.9, 132.2, 129.6, 122.0, 78.0, 53.4, 42.4, 29.4, 19.6, 13.8. HPLC: Chiralcel IC column, 80:20 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, syn/anti= 92:8, 99% ee, Syn: t_R= 19.1 min (minor), t_R=19.6 min (major).

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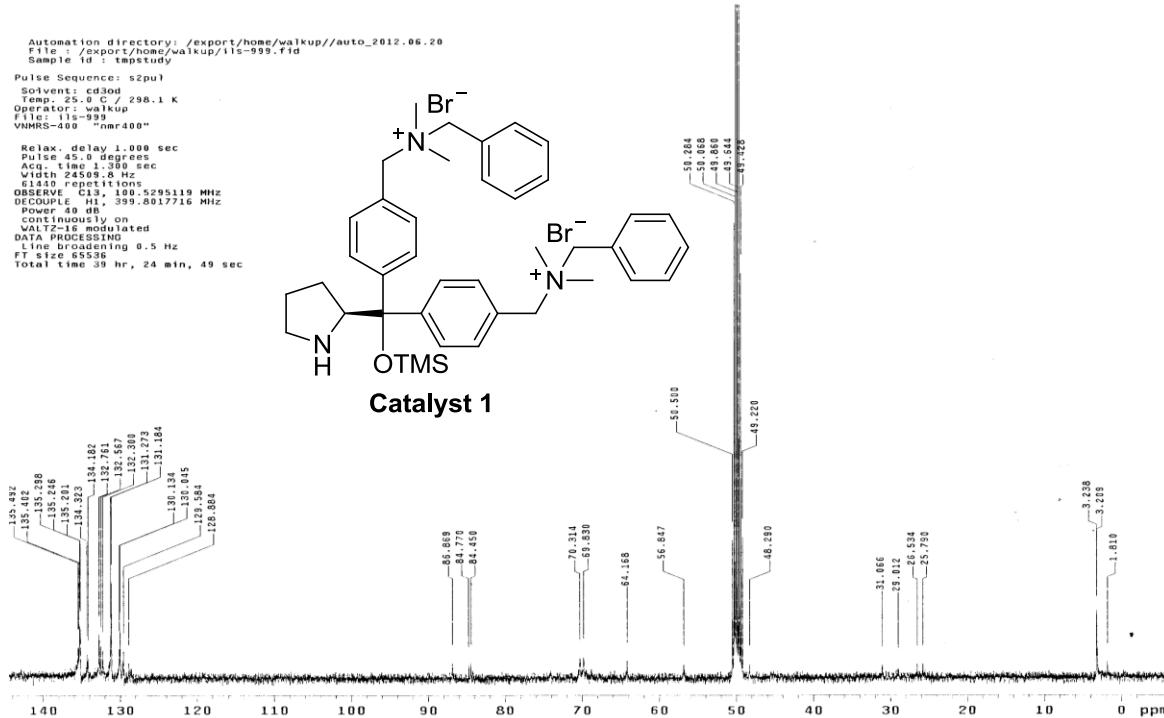
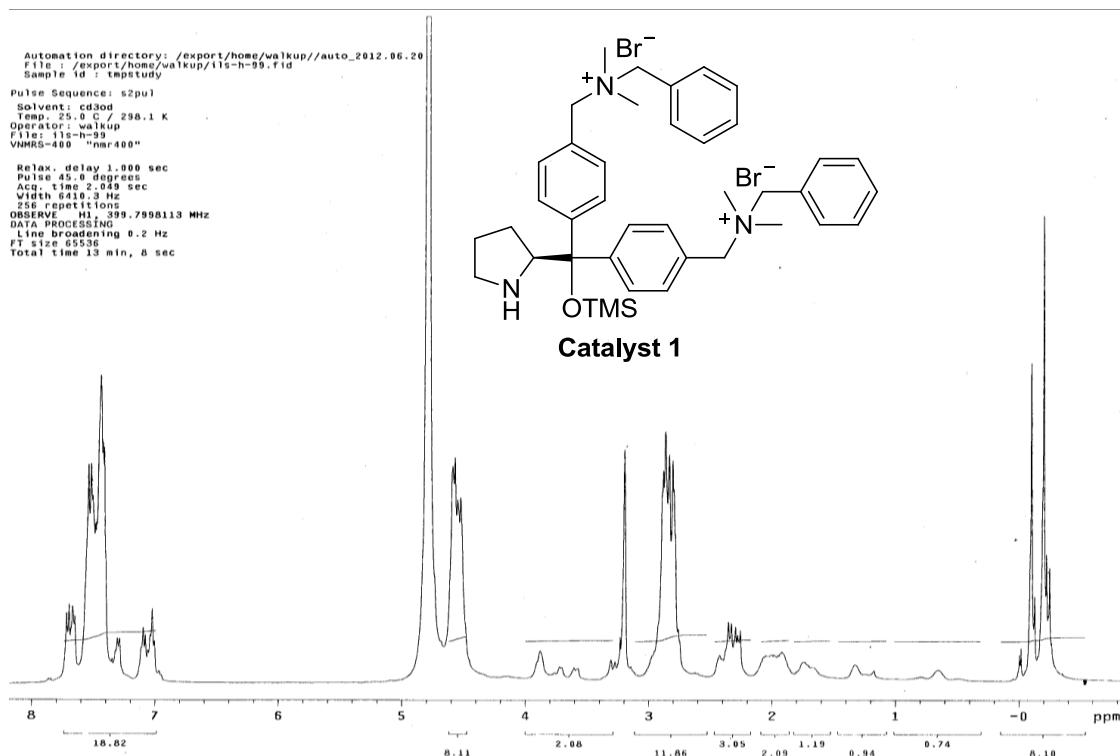


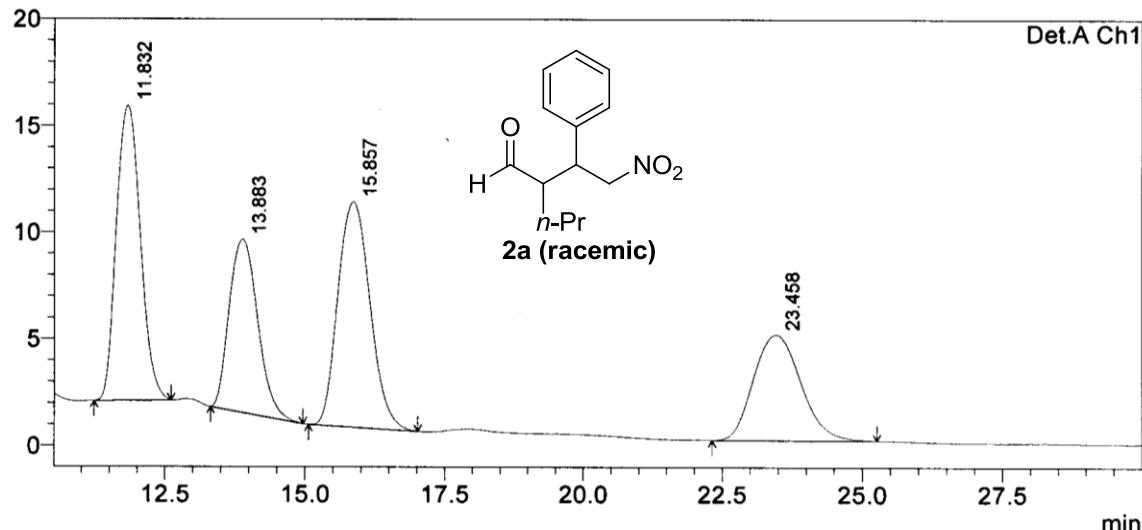
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6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 202.4, 138.2, 128.9, 128.8, 126.8, 76.9, 54.1, 37.0, 31.5, 29.0, 28.9, 22.4, 13.8. HPLC: Chiralcel IC column, 90:10 hexane:isopropanol, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, syn/anti= 96:4, 99% ee, Syn: t_{R} = 11.5 min (minor), t_{R} =16.2 min (major).

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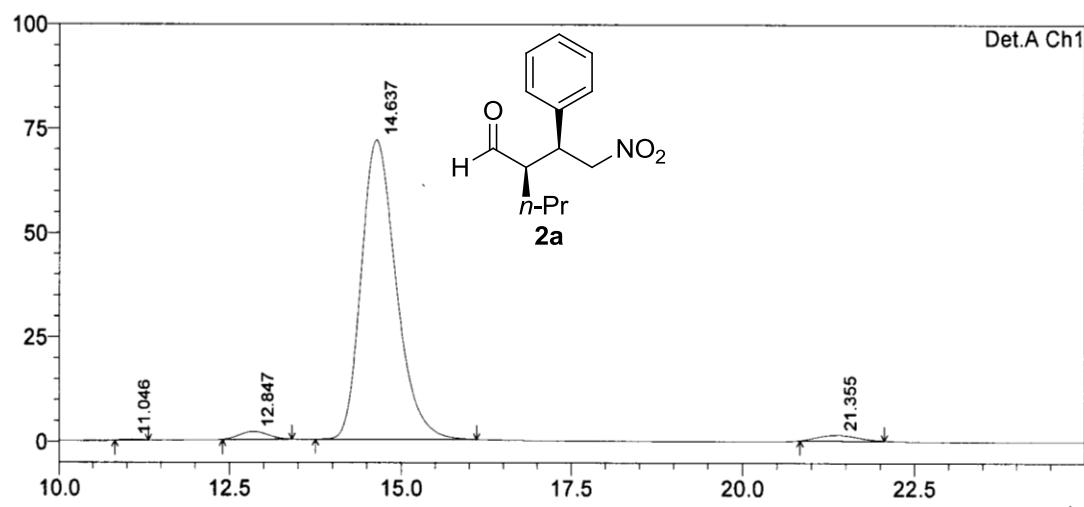
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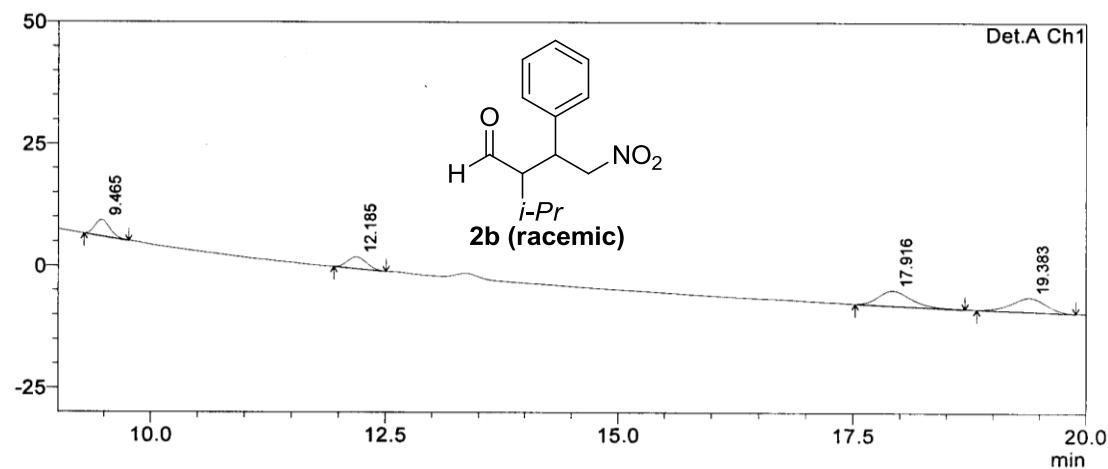
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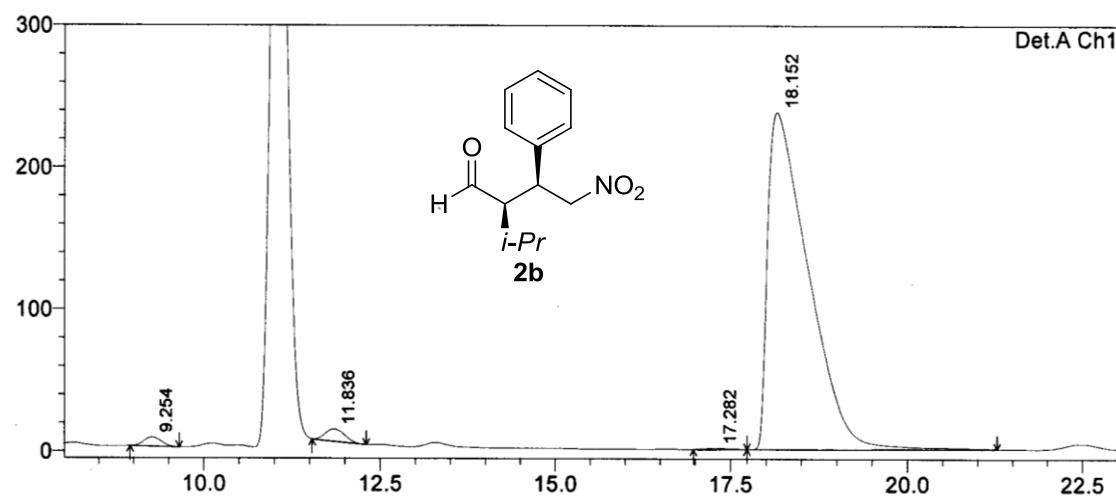
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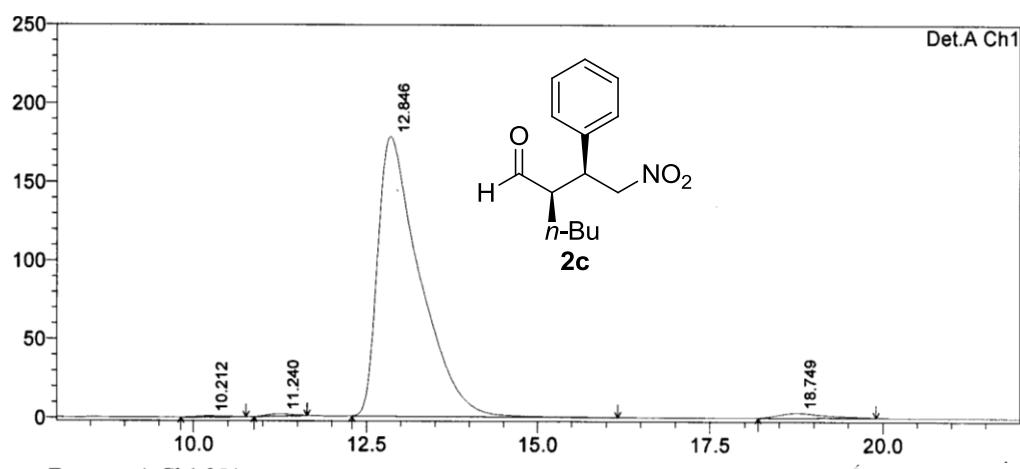
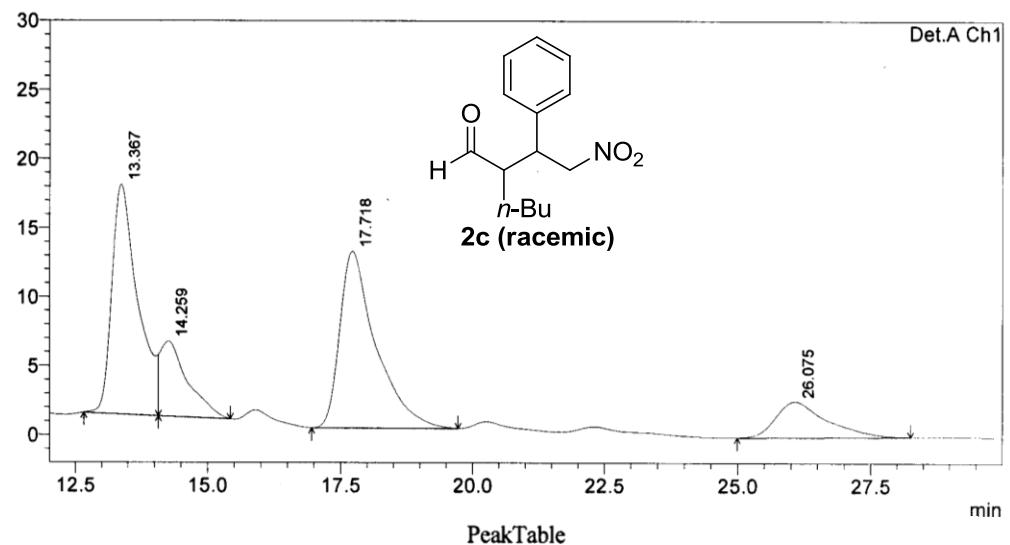
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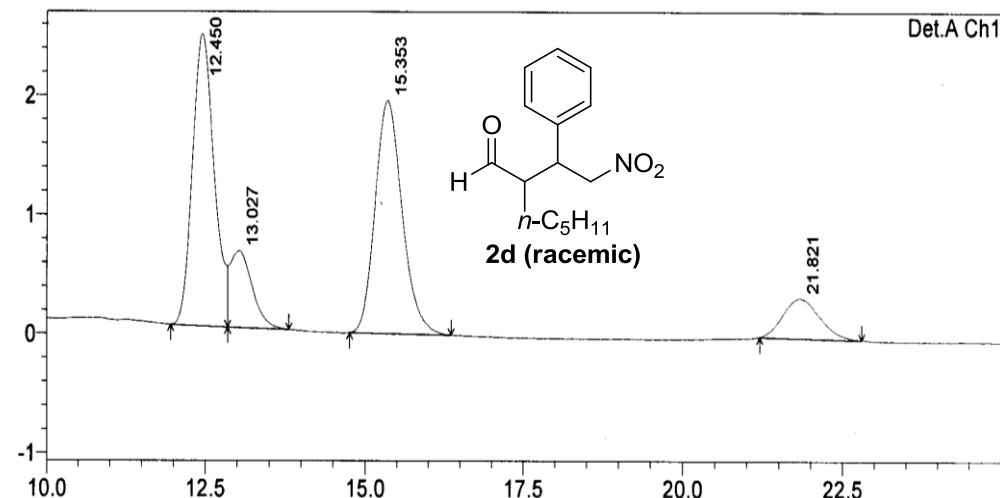
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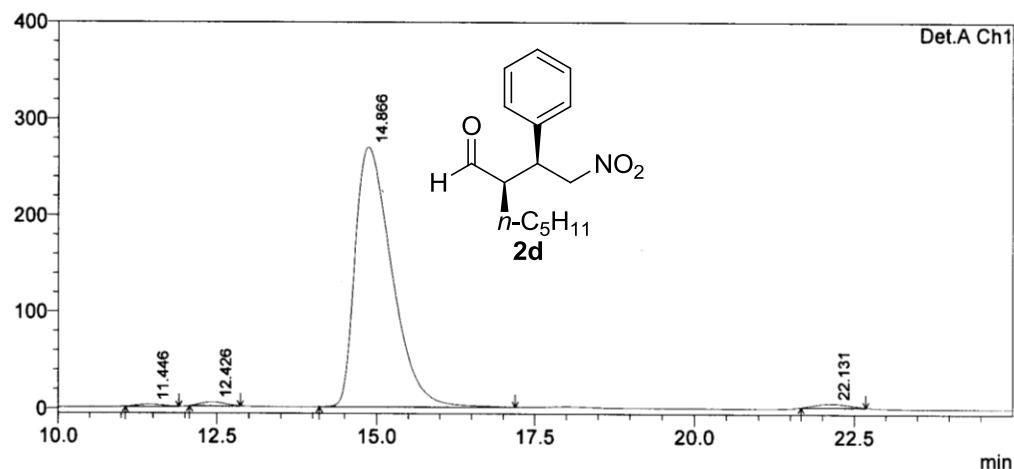
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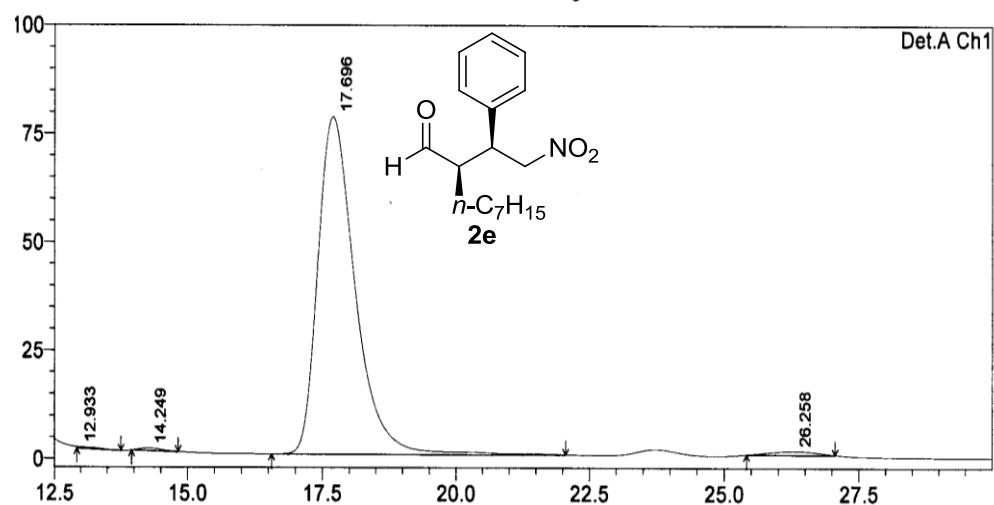
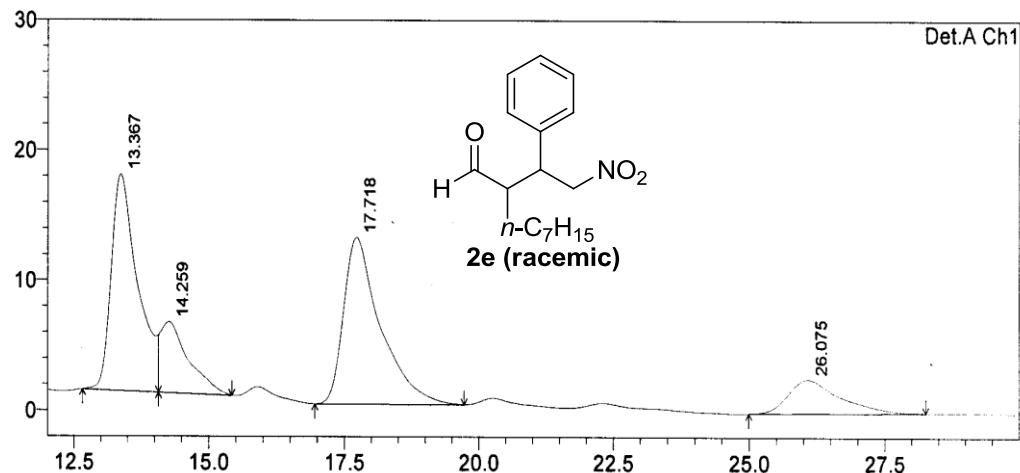
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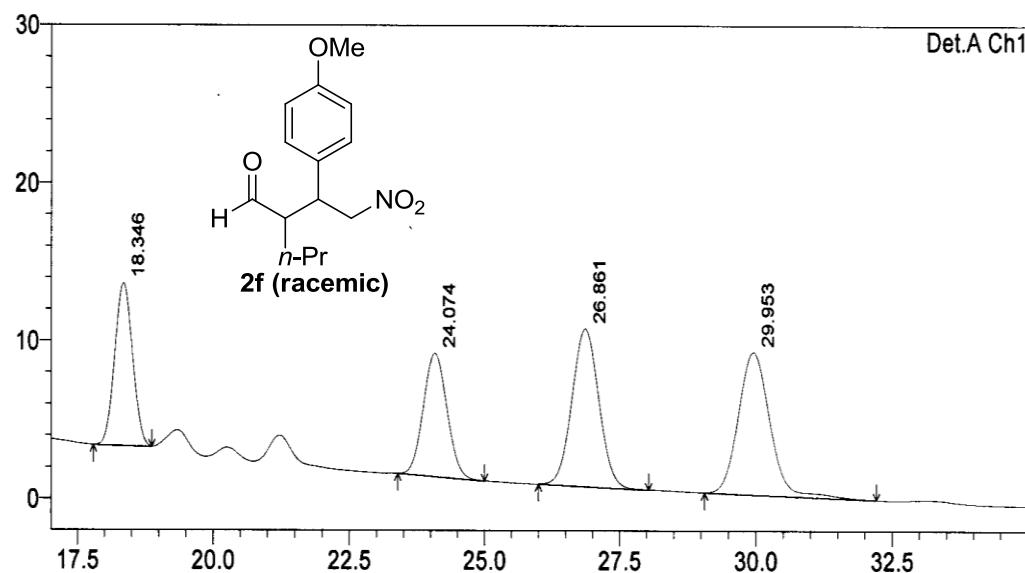
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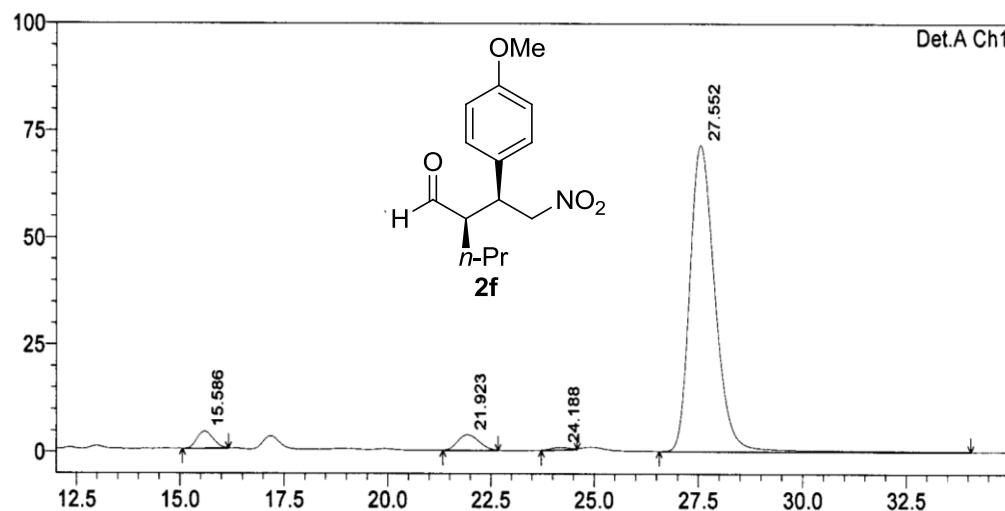
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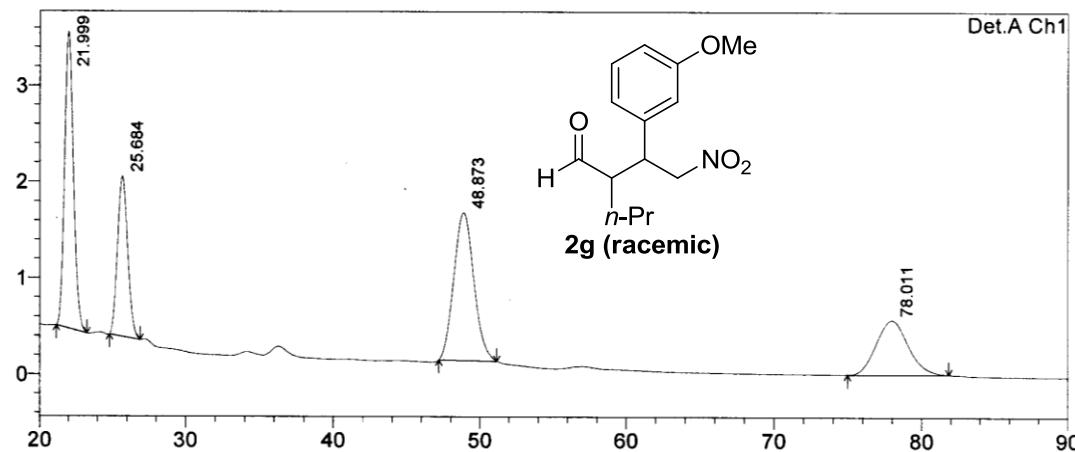
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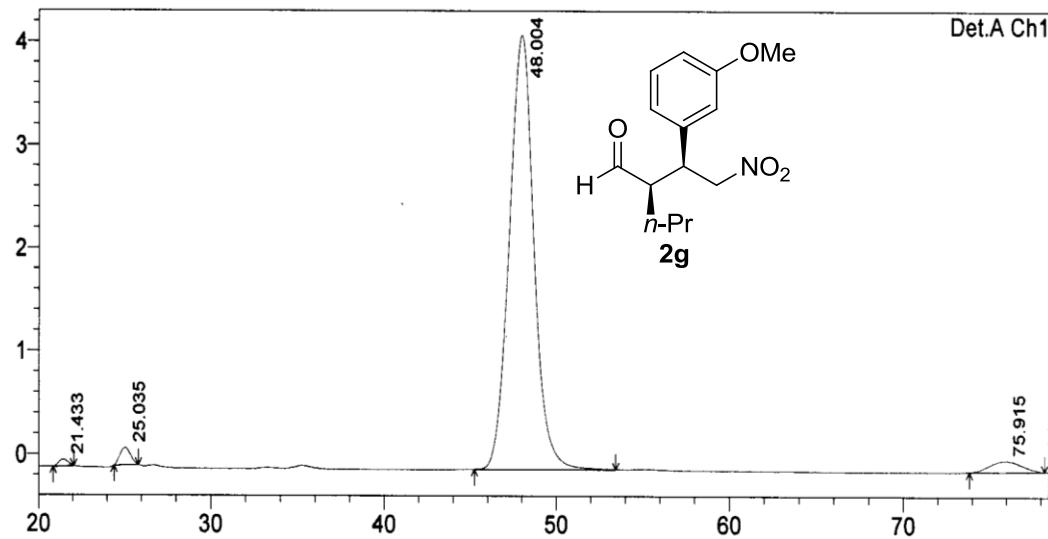
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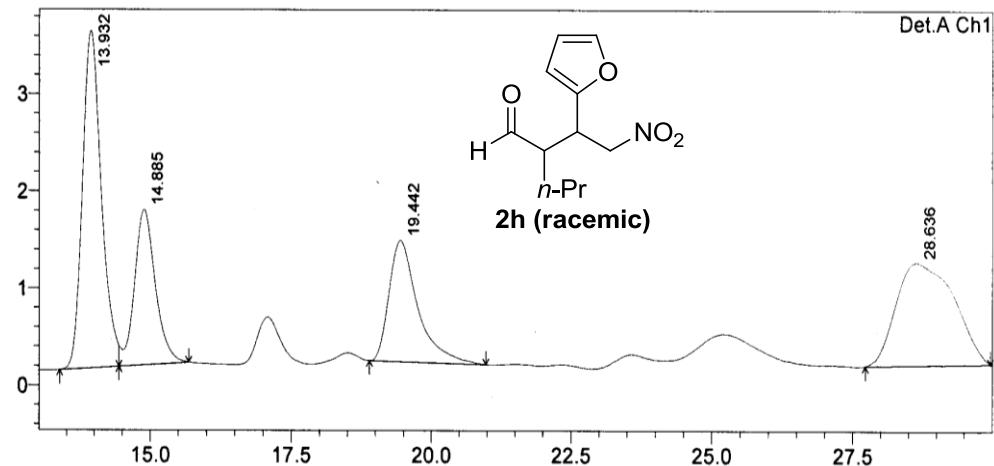
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3	48.873	146378	1535	32.989	22.422
4	78.011	85458	564	19.260	8.232
Total		443717	6847	100.000	100.000



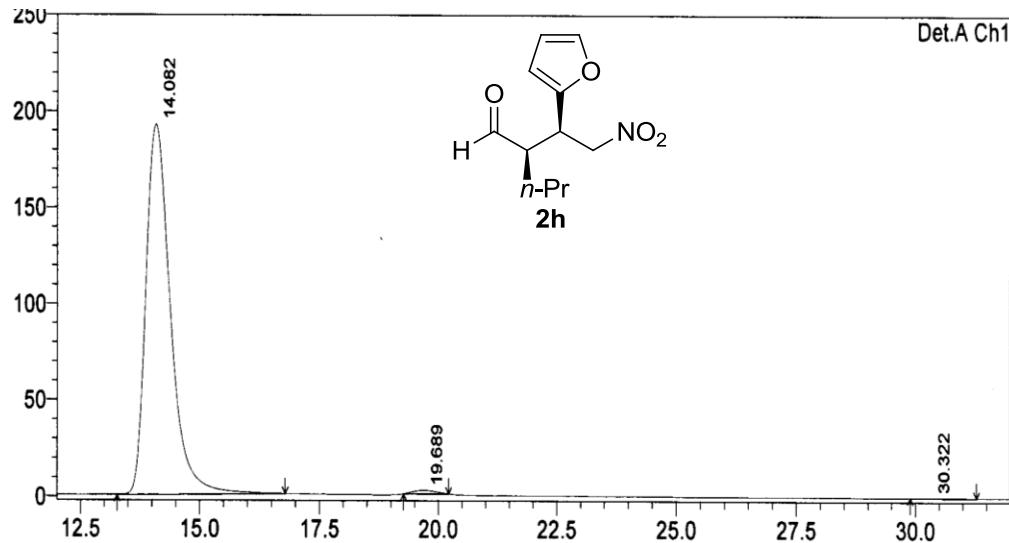
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	21.433	2318	65	0.525	1.424
2	25.035	7075	168	1.601	3.696
3	48.004	418829	4207	94.794	92.503
4	75.915	13609	108	3.080	2.377
Total		441832	4548	100.000	100.000



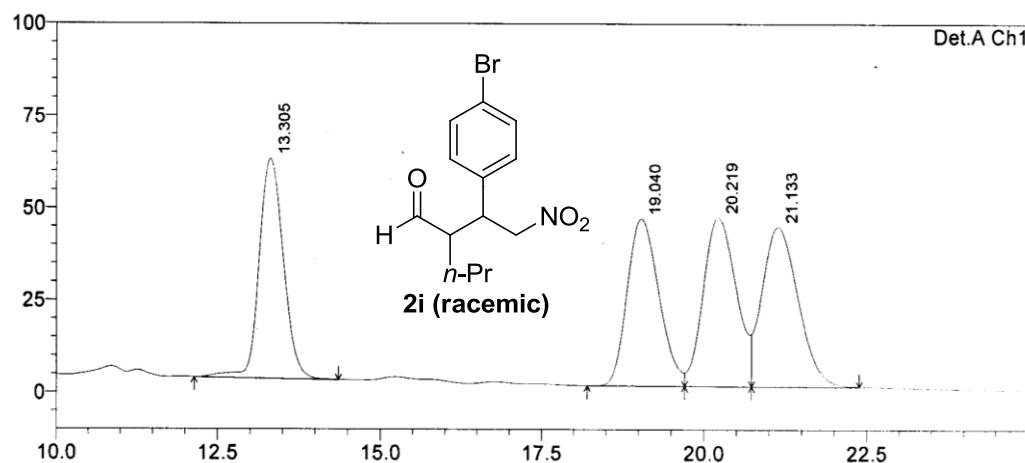
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	13.932	82195	3478	33.516	47.082
2	14.885	41720	1603	17.012	21.693
3	19.442	44926	1250	18.320	16.925
Total		245237	7388	100.000	100.000



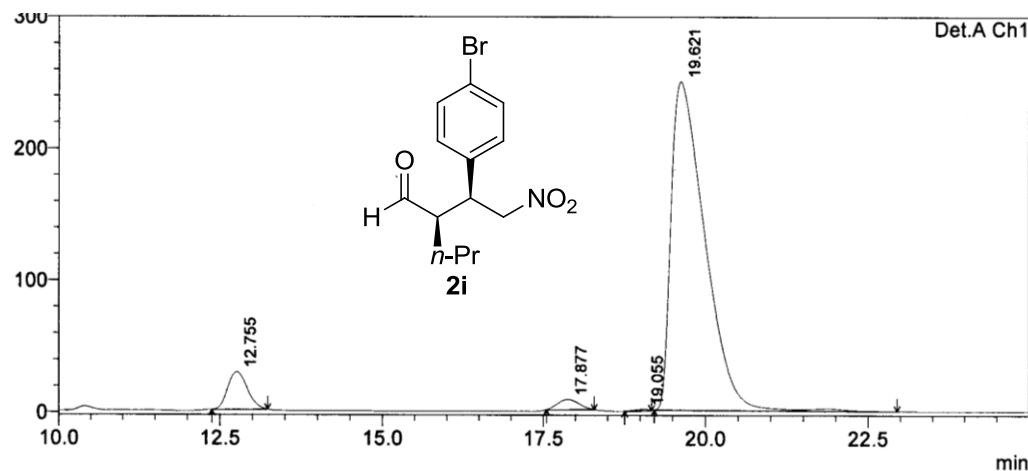
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	14.082	6869590	192299	99.054	99.021
2	19.689	59114	1775	0.852	0.914
3	30.322	6505	127	0.094	0.065
Total		6935209	194201	100.000	100.000



Detector A Ch1 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	13.305	1545430	59580	24.246	30.679
2	19.040	1545332	45366	24.244	23.360
3	20.219	1619043	45912	25.401	23.641
4	21.133	1664185	43346	26.109	22.320
Total		6373990	194204	100.000	100.000



Detector A Ch1 254nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	12.755	594958	28623	6.092	10.001
2	17.877	179237	7774	1.835	2.716
3	19.055	20139	1068	0.206	0.373
4	19.621	8972277	248741	91.867	86.910
Total		9766611	286205	100.000	100.000

