

Supporting Information

Stereoselective Synthesis of Epoxyisoprostanes: An Organocatalytic and “Pot-economy” Approach

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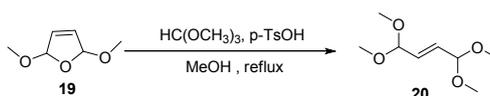
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General remarks

All the commercial reagents were used as such without further purification unless otherwise stated. All solvents were used as commercial reagent grade without further purification. Reactions requiring anhydrous solvents and inert atmosphere were mentioned in the experimental procedure. The flash column chromatography was carried out over silica gel (230-400 mesh). TLC analysis was performed on precoated silica gel GF254 slides, and visualized by either UV irradiation or KMnO_4 staining. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts in ^1H NMR spectra were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from the internal standard Me_4Si (TMS, $\delta = 0$ ppm). Chemical shifts in ^{13}C NMR spectra were reported relative to the central line of the chloroform signal ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm). Peaks were labeled as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiplet (m). High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer. Enantiomeric excesses of compounds were determined by HPLC using a Daicel chiral column. Optical rotations were measured using a 5 mL cell with 1 dm path length on a digital polarimeter and were reported as follows: (*c* in gram per 100 mL of solvent).

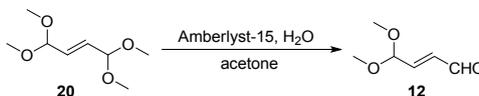
Experimental details and characterization data

(*E*)-1,1,4,4-tetraMethoxybut-2-ene (**20**)^[1]



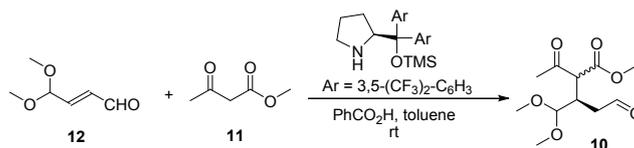
To a solution of 2,5-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydrofuran (**19**, 8.00 g, 61.5 mmol) in methanol (80 mL) was added trimethyl orthoformate (26.1 g, 246 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and *p*-TsOH (1.06 g, 6.15 mmol, 10 mol%). After the solution was refluxed for 1 h, potassium carbonate (849 mg) was added and stirred for 10 mins. Then the mixture was concentrated and dissolved in dichloromethane. After filtration and concentration, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give compound **20** (7.25 g, 67% yield) as a colorless oil. TLC: $R_f = 0.36$ (hexane/EtOAc, 6:1, I_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 5.79$ (s, 2 H), 4.83 (s, 2 H), 3.30 (s, 12 H).

(*E*)-4,4-diMethoxybut-2-enal (**12**)^[2]



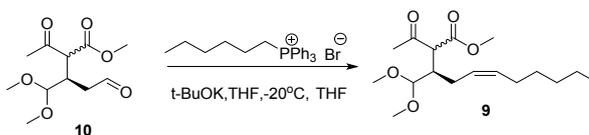
To a solution of **20** (6.34 g, 36.0 mmol) in acetone (120 mL) at 0 °C was added water (1.94 mL, 108 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and Amberlyst-15 (1.39 g). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for about 2.5 h. Then the mixture was filtered and treated with water (80 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×150 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford compound **12** as light yellow oil (3.02 g, 65% yield). TLC: $R_f = 0.32$ (hexane/EtOAc, 6:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.63$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, $J = 15.9, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (m, 1H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 3.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 6H).

Methyl (3*R*)-2-acetyl-3-(dimethoxymethyl)-5-oxopentanoate (**10**)



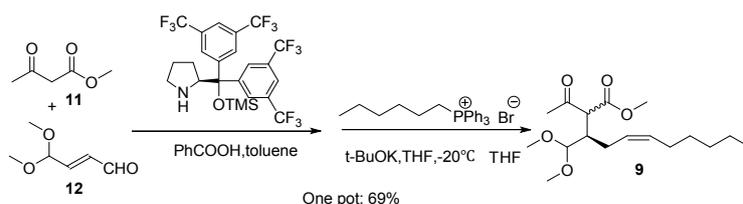
To a solution of **12** (1.30 g, 10.0 mmol) in toluene (17 mL) was added methyl acetoacetate **11** (2.32 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), benzoic acid (122 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol%) and (*S*)-2-(bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)((trimethylsilyloxy)methyl)pyrrolidine (597 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol%). The mixture was stirred for about 16 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography to give product **10** as colorless oil (2.12 g, 86% yield, 96% ee). TLC: R_f = 0.33 (hexane/EtOAc, 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.78-9.51 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.70 (m, 3H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.32 (m, 6H), 3.16-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.5/202.0 (CH₃C=O), 200.8/200.5 (-CH=O), 169.4/169.1 (-CHCO₂CH₃), 129.9/128.3 (-CH(OCH₃)₂), 64.9/64.2/58.3/57.9 (-CHO(CH₃)₂), 55.7 (-COCHCO₂CH₃), 52.4 (-CO₂CH₃), 36.6/36.4 (-CH₂CHO), 30.4/30.2 (CH₃CO-), 20.1/20.0 (-CHCH₂CHO). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₈O₆Na [M+Na]⁺: 269.0996, found: 269.0988. [α]_D²⁰ = + 9.1 (c = 0.80, CH₂Cl₂) Enantiomeric purity was determined after aldehyde **10** was transformed to compound **26** via subsequent Wittig reaction and cyclization.

Methyl (3*R*,*Z*)-2-acetyl-3-(dimethoxymethyl) undec-5-enoate (**9**)



To a solution of hexyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (8.33 g, 19.5 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (60 mL) at -20 °C was added *t*-BuOK (2.08 g, 18.5 mmol, 3.8 equiv.) under nitrogen atmosphere. After 1 h, aldehyde **10** (1.20 g, 4.87 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (22 mL) was added dropwise via a syringe and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -20 °C and another 12 h at room temperature. Then the reaction was quenched with water (30 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 70 mL), the combined organic layer was washed with brine (90 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuum, and purified by flash column chromatography to give product **9** as colorless oil (1.10 g, 72% yield). TLC: R_f = 0.45 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.52-5.38 (m, 1H), 5.37-5.25 (m, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (m, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.27 (m, 6H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 203.0/202.6 (CH₃CO-), 169.9/169.6 (-CO₂CH₃), 132.7/132.4 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 126.3 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 106.0 (-CH(OCH₃)₂), 58.6/58.5/56.2/55.9 (-CH(OCH₃)₂), 54.3/54.0 (-COCHCO₂CH₃), 52.0 (-COOCH₃), 42.6/42.1 (-CHCH(OCH₃)₂), 31.5 (CH₃CO-), 30.4 (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 29.5/29.2 (-CHCH₂CH=CH-), 27.1 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 25.8/25.6 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 22.5 (-CH₂CH₃), 14.0 (-CH₃). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₃₀O₅K [M+K]⁺: 353.1725, found: 353.1710. [α]_D²⁰ = + 5.5 (c = 0.38, CH₂Cl₂).

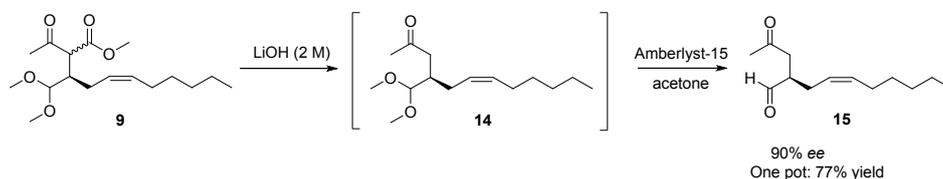
One-pot operation for the synthesis of **9**



To a solution of **12** (1.04 g, 8.0 mmol) in toluene was added methyl acetoacetate **11** (1.21 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), benzoic acid (98 mg, 0.8 mmol, 10 mol%) and (*S*)-2-(bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)((trimethylsilyloxy)methyl)pyrrolidine (480 mg, 0.8 mmol, 10 mol%). After the solution was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to afford the crude aldehyde **10** (2.10 g).

To a suspension of hexyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (13.7 g, 40.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added *t*-BuOK (3.40 g, 30.4 mmol, 3.8 equiv.) at -20 °C under N₂, the resulting orange mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h. Then crude aldehyde **10** (2.10 g) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise *via* a syringe. The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h and another 10 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL), the combined organic layer was washed with brine (140 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuum and purified via flash column chromatography to afford compound **9** as colorless oil (1.74 g, 69% yield for two steps).

One-pot preparation of (*R,Z*)-2-(2-oxopropyl) dec-4-enal (**15**)



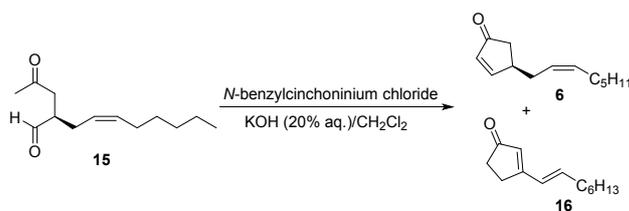
To a solution of aldehyde **9** (1.08 g, 3.44 mmol) in THF (120 mL) was added aqueous solution of LiOH (2 M, 35.0 mL). The mixture was refluxed for 10 h. Then the solution was cooled to room temperature and H₂O (65.0 mL) was added. After extraction with ether (2 × 120 mL), the combined organic layer was washed subsequently with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (30 mL), H₂O (2 × 90 mL) and brine (60 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product **14** (875 mg) as light yellow oil. TLC: R_f = 0.48 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.49-5.39 (m, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 208.4 (CH₃CO-), 132.2 (-CH=CHC₅H₁₁), 126.7 (-CH=CHC₅H₁₁), 107.1 (-CH(OCH₃)₂), 55.2/54.4 (-CH(OCH₃)₂, 2H), 42.6 (CH₃COCH₂-), 37.4 (-CHCH(OCH₃)₂), 31.5 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 30.4 (CH₃CO-), 29.3 (-CH₂C₃H₇), 27.4 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 27.2 (-CH₂CH=CHC₅H₁₁), 22.5 (-CH₂CH₃), 14.0 (-CH₃). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₂₈O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 279.1931, found: 279.1917. [*a*]_D²⁰ = +14.1 (*c* = 0.34, CH₂Cl₂).

To the crude **14** (875 mg) in acetone (20 mL) was added water (0.38 mL) and amberlyst-15 (2.53

g). Then the mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was treated with water (30 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (60 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuum and purified via flash column chromatography to afford compound **15** as colorless oil (556 mg, 77% yield from **9**, 90% *ee*). TLC: R_f = 0.44 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.72 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.89 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 206.5 (CH₃C=O), 203.0 (CHO), 133.4 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 124.7 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 46.7 (-CHCHO), 41.5 (CH₃COCH₂-), 31.4 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 30.0 (CH₃CO-), 29.1 (-CH₂C₃H₇), 27.2 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 26.1 (-CH₂CHCHO), 22.5 (-CH₂CH₃), 14.0 (-CH₃). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₂₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 211.1693, found: 211.1681. [α]_D²⁰ = +44.6 (*c* = 0.50, CH₂Cl₂).

To determine the enantiomeric purity, aldehyde **15** was transformed to compound **27** via Wittig reaction with (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane.

(*R,Z*)-4-(Oct-2-en-1-yl) cyclopent-2-en-1-one (**6**)



To a solution of aldehyde **15** (250 mg, 1.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added aqueous solution of KOH (20%, 40 mL) and *N*-benzylcinchoninium chloride (1.30 g, 3.09 mmol, 2.6 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for about 10 h at room temperature. Then the solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in excess diethyl ether and filtered. The filter residue was washed with ether and dried to recover the crude phase-transfer catalyst (0.93 g). The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified via flash column chromatography to give product **6** (68 mg, 30% yield, 87% *ee*) and byproduct **16** (75 mg, 33% yield) as colorless oil.

Compound **6**:

TLC: R_f = 0.49 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.62 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58-5.41 (m, 1H), 5.39-5.24 (m, 1H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.92 (m, 3H), 1.35-1.19 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 209.8 (-CO-), 168.0 (-CH=CHCO-), 134.0 (-CH=CHCO-), 132.9 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 125.4 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 41.4 (-COCH₂-), 40.5 (-COCH₂CH-), 31.9 (-CH₂CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 31.5 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 29.2 (-CH₂C₃H₇), 27.3 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 22.5 (-CH₂CH₃), 14.0 (-CH₃). [α]_D²⁰ = +14.4 (*c* = 0.16, CH₂Cl₂).

Compound **16**:

TLC: R_f = 0.36 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.54 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (m, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.28 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 209.6 (-CO-), 172.8 (-

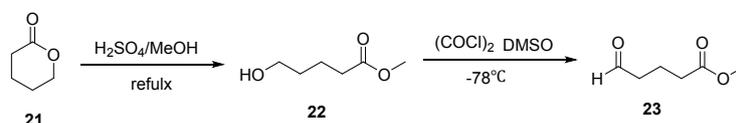
COCH=CH-), 141.2 (-COCH=CH-), 129.0 (-CH=CH-C₆H₁₃), 126.5 (-CH=CH-C₆H₁₃), 34.8 (-CH₂CO-), 33.2 (-CH₂C₅H₁₁), 31.6 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 28.9 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 28.6 (-CH₂C₃H₇), 27.1 (-CH₂CH₂CO-), 22.5 (-CH₂CH₃), 14.0 (-CH₃).

Procedure for the recycling of catalyst:

The filter residue was dried to give the crude catalyst, which was directly used in the next cyclization reaction.

To a solution of aldehyde **15** (40 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7.0 mL) was added aqueous solution of 20% KOH (3.0 mL) and *N*-benzylcinchoninium chloride (210 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.6 equiv.). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Then the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in excess ether and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via flash column chromatography to give product **6** (6 mg, 16% yield, 81% ee) and byproduct **16** (10 mg, 27% yield).

Methyl 5-oxopentanoate (**23**)^[3]



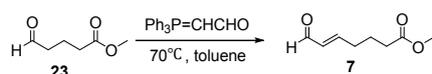
To a flask charged with δ-valerolactone **21** (15.0 g, 150 mmol) in MeOH (300 mL) was added concentrated sulphuric acid (0.8 mL, 15.0 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), the reaction mixture was refluxed for 21 h. Solid NaHCO₃ was added, and the solution was filtered and partially concentrated under vacuum. Then water (100 mL) was added, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The desired hydroxyester **22** was obtained as colorless oil (16.9 g, 85% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.29 (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 2 H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.92 (s, 1 H), 1.78-1.66 (m, 2 H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 2 H).

To a solution of oxalylchloride (1.40 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (15.0 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of DMSO (2.30 mL, 29.9 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (15.0 mL) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, then a solution of alcohol **22** (1.80 g, 13.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15.0 mL) was added. The solution was stirred for 30 min, then Et₃N (10.1 mL, 72.5 mmol, 5.3 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was distilled under vacuum to give aldehyde **23** (1.68 g, 95% yield) as a colorless oil.

TLC: R_f = 0.41 (hexane/EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.78 (s, 1 H), 3.70-3.62 (m, 3 H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.00-1.89 (m, 2 H).

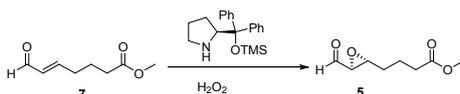
E-Methyl 7-oxohept-5-enoate (**7**)^[4]



The aldehyde **23** (7.09 g, 54.5 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetaldehyde (34.82 g, 114 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) in toluene (150 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. Then the solution was cooled to room temperature, poured into petrol ether (300 mL) and stirred until a clear yellow solution was formed. The

mixture was filtered, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified via flash column chromatography to give enal **7** (4.67 g, 55% yield) as a pale yellow oil with a 5:1 *E/Z* ratio. TLC: $R_f = 0.31$ (hexane/EtOAc, 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.52$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.14 (dd, $J = 15.7, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.32 (m, 4H), 1.91-1.82 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 193.7$ ($-\text{CHO}$), 173.3 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 157.0 ($\text{HCOCH}=\text{CH}-$), 133.4 ($\text{HCOCH}=\text{CH}-$), 51.5 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 33.1 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$), 31.8 ($-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-$), 22.9 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$).

Methyl 4-((2*R*,3*S*)-3-formyloxiran-2-yl) butanoate (**5**)^[4]

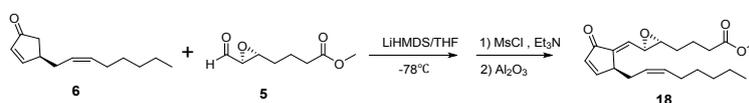


To a solution of enal **7** (1.9 g, 12.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (*S*)-2-(diphenyl((trimethylsilyloxy)methyl)pyrrolidine) (0.396 g, 1.2 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in CH_2Cl_2 (30.0 mL) was added H_2O_2 (30% aqueous solution, 1.6 mL, 15.8 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) at 0°C . The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h, then saturated aqueous solutions of NaHCO_3 and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ ($V/V = 1/1$, 30 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated under vacuum and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ 98:2) to give epoxy aldehyde **5** (1.07 g, 10:1 *E/Z*, 51% yield, 92% ee) as a colorless oil.

TLC: $R_f = 0.28$ (hexane/EtOAc, 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.02$ (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 6.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (td, $J = 7.1, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.3$ ($-\text{CHO}$), 173.5 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 59.0 ($\text{HCOCH}-$), 56.4 ($-\text{OCH}-\text{CH}_2-$), 51.8 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 33.4 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$), 30.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$), 21.3 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -25.2$ ($c = 0.43$, CHCl_3).

To determine the enantiomeric purity, the epoxy aldehyde **5** was reduced with NaBH_4 and benzoylated.

Methyl-4-((2*R*,3*R*)-3-((*E*)-2-((*Z*)-oct-2-en-1-yl)-5-oxocyclopent-3-en-1-ylidene) methyl) oxiran-2-yl) butanoate (**18**)^[4]



Cyclopentenone **6** (57 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (1 mL) was added to a solution of LiHMDS (60 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (3 mL) at -78°C . The mixture was stirred for 20 min, then a solution of epoxy aldehyde **5** (103 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in THF (1 mL) was added. The solution was stirred at -78°C for 2 h, then quenched at -78°C with saturated NH_4Cl (4 mL) and warmed to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ether (2×8 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to yield a mixture of the aldol product.

The mixture was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) and treated with Et_3N (0.25 mL, 1.8 mmol, 6.0

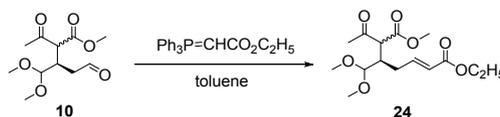
equiv.) and methanesulfonyl chloride (70 μ L, 0.89 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h, then quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and EtOAc. After vigorous stirring, the organic layer was separated, extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was passed through a short column of silica gel (hexane/EtOAc) to afford the corresponding mesylate, which was used for the next step without further purification.

To the resulting solution of the mesylate was added neutral aluminum oxide (0.30 g, 3.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv.). The mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature for 15 h, then filtered through a plug of celite. The mixture was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography to give the EC methyl ester **18** (53 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow oil.

The spectral data (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, HRMS, and optical rotation) of **18** was in excellent agreement with the published data.^[4]

TLC: Rf = 0.52 (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.54 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.31 (m, 3H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 195.9 (-CO-), 173.6 (-COOCH₃), 162.1 (-CH=CH-CO-), 141.2 (-CO-C=CH-), 134.6 (-CH=CH-CO-), 133.5 (-CO-C=CH-), 131.1 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 124.5 (-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 60.0 (-O-CH-CH₂-), 55.1 (-CO-C=CH-CH-), 51.8 (-COOCH₃), 43.5 (-CH₂COOCH₃), 33.6 (-CH₂-CH=CH-C₅H₁₁), 32.0 (-CH₂CH₂CH₃), 31.7 (-CO-CH=CH-CH-), 31.4 (-CH₂CH₂CH₂COOCH₃), 29.3 (-CH₂C₃H₇), 27.5 (-CH₂C₄H₉), 22.7 (-CH₂CH₃), 21.5 (-CH₂CH₂COOCH₃), 14.2 (-CH₃). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₃₁O₅ [M+H]⁺: 347.2217, found: 347.2221. [α]_D²⁰ = + 165.7 (c = 0.19, CHCl₃).

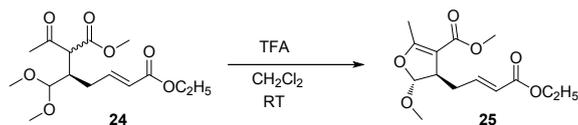
1-Ethyl 7-methyl (*E*)-6-acetyl-5-(dimethoxymethyl)hept-2-enedioate (**24**)



To a solution of aldehyde **10** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in toluene at room temperature was added ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene) acetate (51 mg, 0.18 mmol, 64 mg). After stirring overnight, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give product **24** (25 mg, 65% yield) as colorless oil.

TLC: Rf = 0.35 (hexane/EtOAc, 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.90 (m, 1H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75-3.69 (m, 3H), 3.69-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.26 (m, 6H), 2.80-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.22 (m, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.5/202.0 (CH₃CO-), 169.6/169.2 (-COOCH₃), 166.2 (-COOC₂H₅), 146.4 (-CH=CH-COO-), 123.5/123.2 (-CH=CH-COOCH₃), 105.7 (-CH(OCH₃)₂), 60.3 (-COOCH₂CH₃), 58.4/57.9 (-CH(OCH₃)₂, 2H), 56.1/55.9 (-COCHCOOCH₃), 54.8/54.5 (-COOCH₃), 52.3 (-CHCH(OCH₃)₂), 41.3/41.0 (CH₃CO-), 30.8/30.4 (-CH₂CH=CH-), 14.2(-COOCH₂CH₃). [α]_D²⁰ = - 11.4 (c = 0.50, CH₂Cl₂).

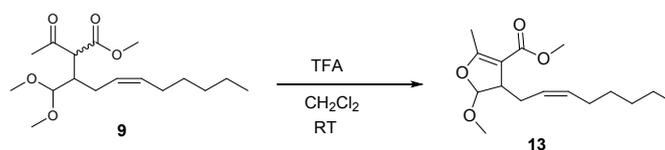
Methyl (*E*)-4-(4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-2-en-1-yl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (**25**)



To a solution of **24** (25 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane at room temperature was added TFA (5 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.5 equiv.). After stirring for about 1 h, the mixture was purified by column chromatography to give product **25** (19 mg, 84% yield, 95% *ee*) as colorless oil.

TLC: $R_f = 0.39$ (hexane/EtOAc, 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.87$ (m, 1H), 5.87 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.19-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 167.4$ ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 166.2 ($-\text{O}-\text{C}=\text{C}-$), 165.6 ($-\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$), 145.2 ($-\text{CH}=\text{CHCOOC}_2\text{H}_5$), 123.4 ($-\text{CH}=\text{CHCOOC}_2\text{H}_5$), 109.9 ($-\text{O}-\text{C}=\text{C}-$), 104.9 ($-\text{CH}-\text{OCH}_3$), 60.3 ($-\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 55.8 ($-\text{CH}-\text{OCH}_3$), 50.9 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 50.7 ($-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}-$), 47.5 ($-\text{CHCH}=\text{CH}-$), 33.8 ($\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{C}-$), 14.3 ($-\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.4$ ($c = 0.42$, CH_2Cl_2).

Methyl-(*Z*)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-4-(oct-2-en-1-yl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (**13**)

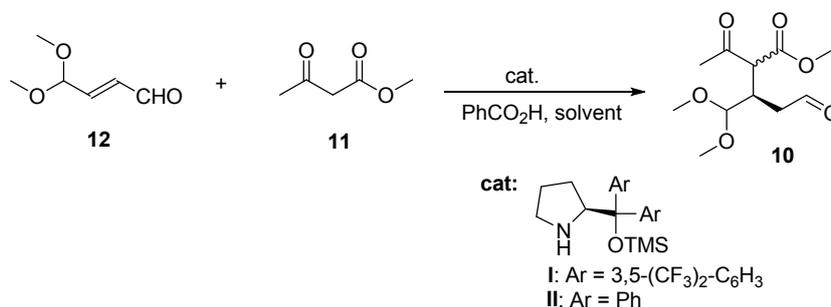


To a solution of **9** (30 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane at room temperature was added TFA (5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv.). After stirring for about 1 h, the mixture was purified by column chromatography to give product **13** (23 mg, 85% yield) as colorless oil.

TLC: $R_f = 0.59$ (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 5.57$ -5.41 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.23 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dd, $J = 14.2, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.39-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 166.8$ ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 165.9 ($\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{C}-$), 132.7 ($-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$), 125.2 ($-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$), 110.4 ($-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{COOCH}_3$), 105.7 ($-\text{CH}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$), 55.6 ($-\text{CH}-\text{OCH}_3$), 50.7 ($-\text{COOCH}_3$), 48.7 ($-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}-$), 31.5 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 29.3 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$), 28.7 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$), 27.3 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 22.5 ($-\text{CHCH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$), 14.3 ($\text{CH}_3-\text{C}=\text{C}-$), 14.0 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 305.1723, found: 305.1727. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -116.2$ ($c = 0.74$, CH_2Cl_2).

Investigation on the Michael reaction of (*E*)-4,4-dimethoxybut-2-enal with methyl acetoacetate

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions^[a]

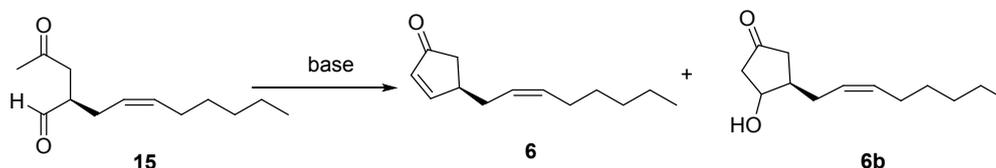


Entry	catalyst	solvent	yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1	I	CHCl ₃	19	N.D
2	I	toluene	83	96
3	I	H ₂ O	45	88
4	II	CHCl ₃	15	N.D.
5	II	toluene	32	90

^[a]All reactions were carried out with **12** (0.5 mmol), **11** (1.0 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), and PhCO₂H (10 mol%) in the indicated solvent (1 mL) at room temperature for 24 h. ^[b]Product was isolated by flash chromatography. ^[c]The *ee* value was determined by chiral HPLC after **10** was converted to compound **26**.

Investigation on the intramolecular aldol/dehydration reaction

Table S2. Optimization of the cyclization reaction promoted by bases^[a]

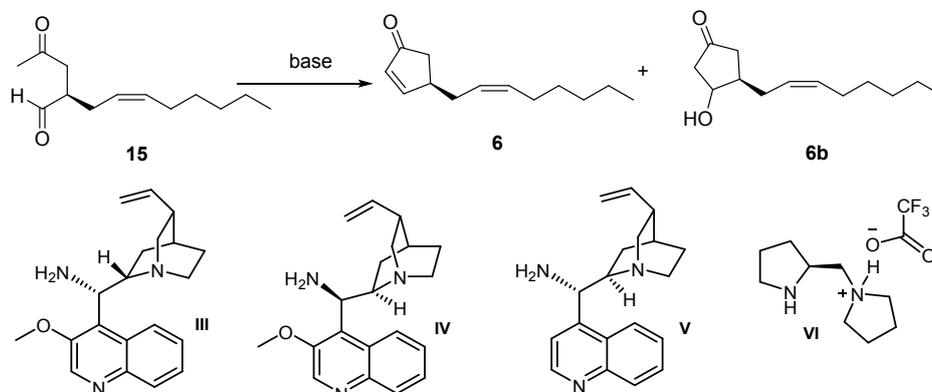


Entry	base	solvent	T (°C)	product	yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1 ^[d]	NaOH (aq.)	Et ₂ O	RT	6	63	3
2 ^[e]	Ba(OH) ₂	MeOH	RT	6	11	28
3 ^[f]	NaOMe	MeOH/THF	0	6	15	4
4 ^[g]	LDA	THF	-78	6b	trace	-
5 ^[h]	LiHMDS	THF	-78	6b	trace	-
6 ^[i]	DBU	THF	RT	complex	-	-
7 ^[j]	DIPEA/TMSCl/TiCl ₄	DCM	0	complex	-	-
8 ^[k]	DIPEA/TMSOTf/TiCl ₄	DCM	0	complex	-	-

^[a] Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with reactant (0.25 mmol) in the indicated solvent at room temperature. ^[b] Isolated yield. ^[c] The *ee* value was determined by chiral HPLC. ^[d] NaOH (5%, 2 mL), Et₂O (2 mL). ^[e] Ba(OH)₂ (0.15 mmol), MeOH (10 mL). ^[f] NaOMe (0.75 mmol), MeOH (1 mL), THF (4 mL). ^[g] LDA (0.275 mmol), THF (4 mL). ^[h] LiHMDS (0.275 mmol), THF (4 mL). ^[i] DBU (0.10 mmol), THF (2 mL). ^[j] DIPEA

(0.75 mmol), TMSCl (0.125 mmol), TiCl₄ (0.275 mmol), DCM (6 mL). ^[k] DIPEA (0.75 mmol), TMSOTf (0.125 mmol), TiCl₄ (0.275 mmol), DCM (5 mL).

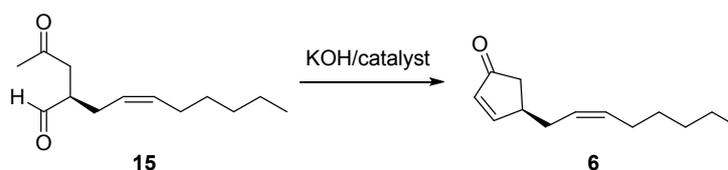
Table S3. Screening of the cyclization reaction promoted by various amine organocatalysts



Entry	catalyst	solvent	T (°C)	product	yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1 ^[d]	Piperidine/HOAc	toluene	RT	NR	NR	-
2 ^[e]	Bn ₂ NH/CF ₃ COOH	THF	RT	NR	NR	-
3 ^[f]	III	toluene	RT	NR	NR	-
4 ^[f]	IV	toluene	RT	NR	NR	-
5 ^[f]	V	toluene	RT	NR	NR	-
6 ^[f]	VI	DCM	RT	NR	NR	-

^[a] Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with reactant (0.25 mmol) in the indicated solvent at room temperature. ^[b] Isolated yield. ^[c] The *ee* value was determined by chiral HPLC. ^[d] Catalyst (20 mol%), toluene (3.0 mL). ^[e] Catalyst (30 mol%), THF (1.5 mL). ^[f] Catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (3.0 mL)

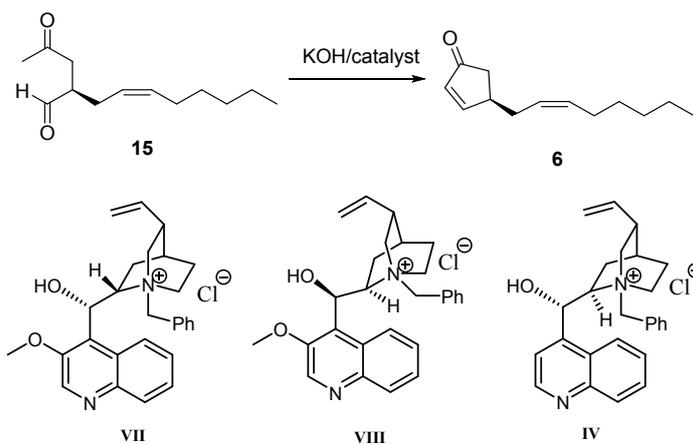
Table S4. Screening of the cyclization reaction under phase-transfer conditions^[a]



Entry	catalyst	solvent	T (°C)	product	yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1	<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NOH	THF/Et ₂ O/H ₂ O (2:1:1)	RT	6	27	3
2	<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NOH	THF/Et ₂ O/H ₂ O (2:1:1)	0	6	14	7
3	<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NI	Et ₂ O/H ₂ O (2:1)	RT	6	30	5
4	<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NBr	Et ₂ O/H ₂ O (2:1)	RT	6	24	3

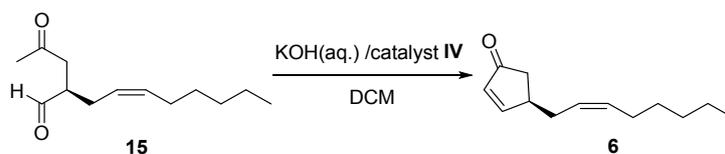
^[a] Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with reactant (0.25 mmol), aq. KOH (5%, 4 mL), PTC catalyst (0.25 mmol), in the indicated solvent at room temperature. ^[b] Isolated yield. ^[c] The *ee* value was determined by chiral HPLC.

Table S5. Optimization of the cyclization reaction under phase-transfer conditions^[a]



Entry	catalyst	solvent	yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1	VII (1.0 equiv.)	DCM	13	48
2	VII (1.0 equiv.)	Et ₂ O	24	7
3	VII (1.0 equiv.)	toluene	12	33
4	VII (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	14	85
5	VII (2.5 equiv.)	Et ₂ O	41	13
6	VII (2.5 equiv.)	toluene	24	33
7	VII (2.5 equiv.)	DCM/Et ₂ O (1:1)	17	63
8	VII (2.5 equiv.)	DCM/toluene (1:1)	11	72
9	VIII (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	10	61
10	IV (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	24	85
11 ^[d]	IV (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	8	55
12 ^[e]	IV (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	21	64
13 ^[f]	IV (2.5 equiv.)	DCM	22	82

^[a] Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with reactant **15** (0.25 mmol), aq. KOH (20%, 4 mL), PTC catalyst, in the indicated solvent (9 mL) at room temperature. ^[b] Isolated yield. ^[c] The *ee* value was determined by chiral HPLC. ^[d] At 0 °C. ^[e] aq. LiOH (20%, 4 mL) instead of aq. KOH. ^[f] aq. NaOH (20%, 4 mL) instead of aq. KOH.

Table S6. Effects of concentrations under phase-transfer conditions^[a]

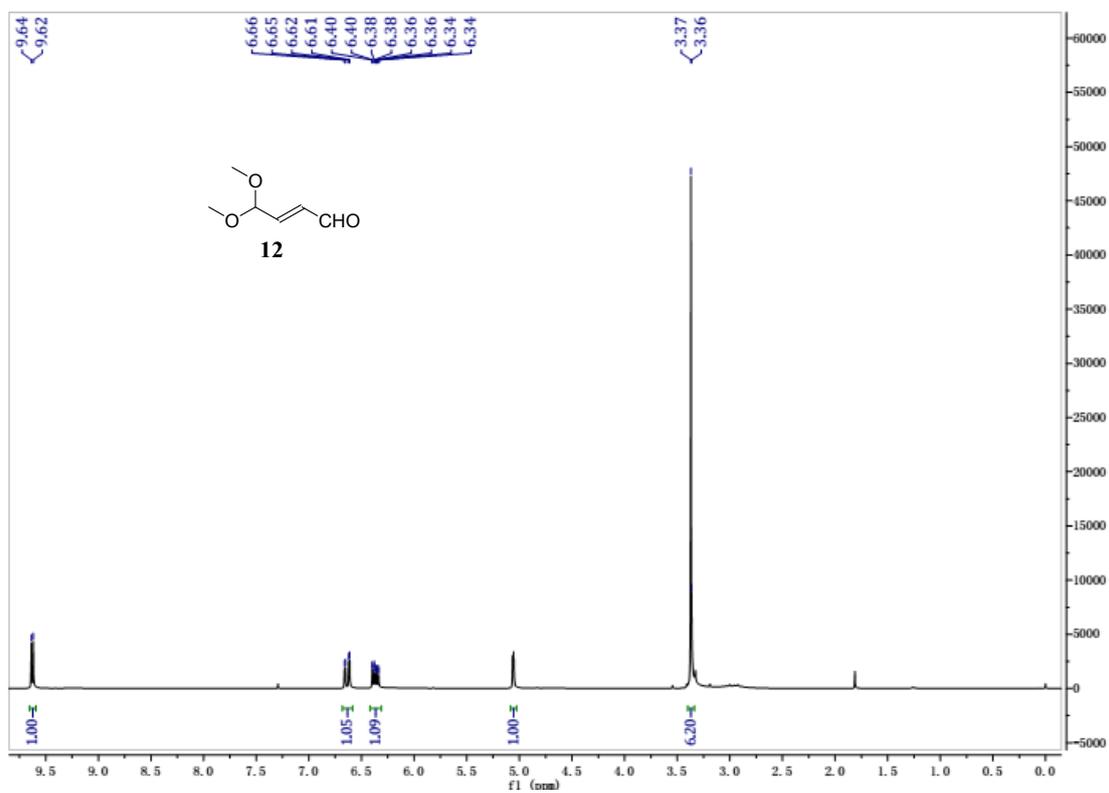
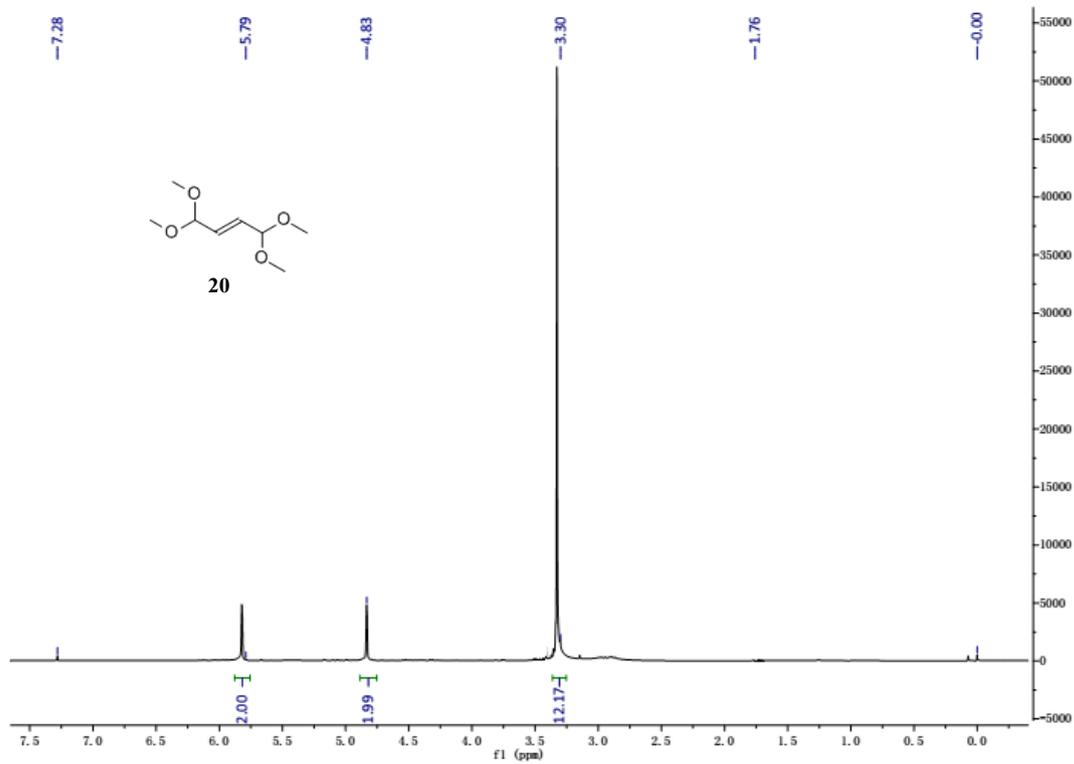
Entry	KOH (aq.)	DCM	Yield (%) ^[b]	Ee (%) ^[c]
1	5% / 4 mL	10 mL	19	41
2	20% / 4 mL	10 mL	24	85
3	40% / 4 mL	10 mL	trace	ND
4	10% / 4mL	10 mL	26	85
5	10% / 8 mL	10 mL	30	87
6	10% / 2 mL	10 mL	6	ND
7	10% / 8 mL	5 mL	8	ND
8	10% / 8 mL	15 mL	15	82
9	10% / 12 mL	10 mL	13	85

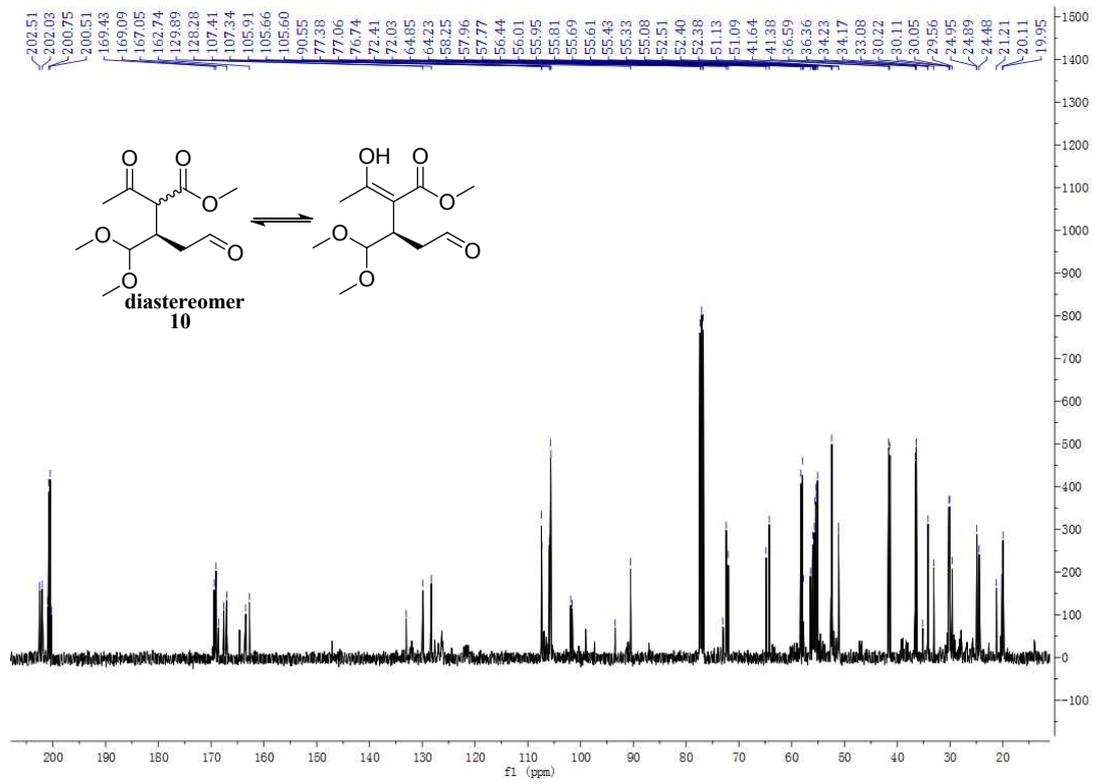
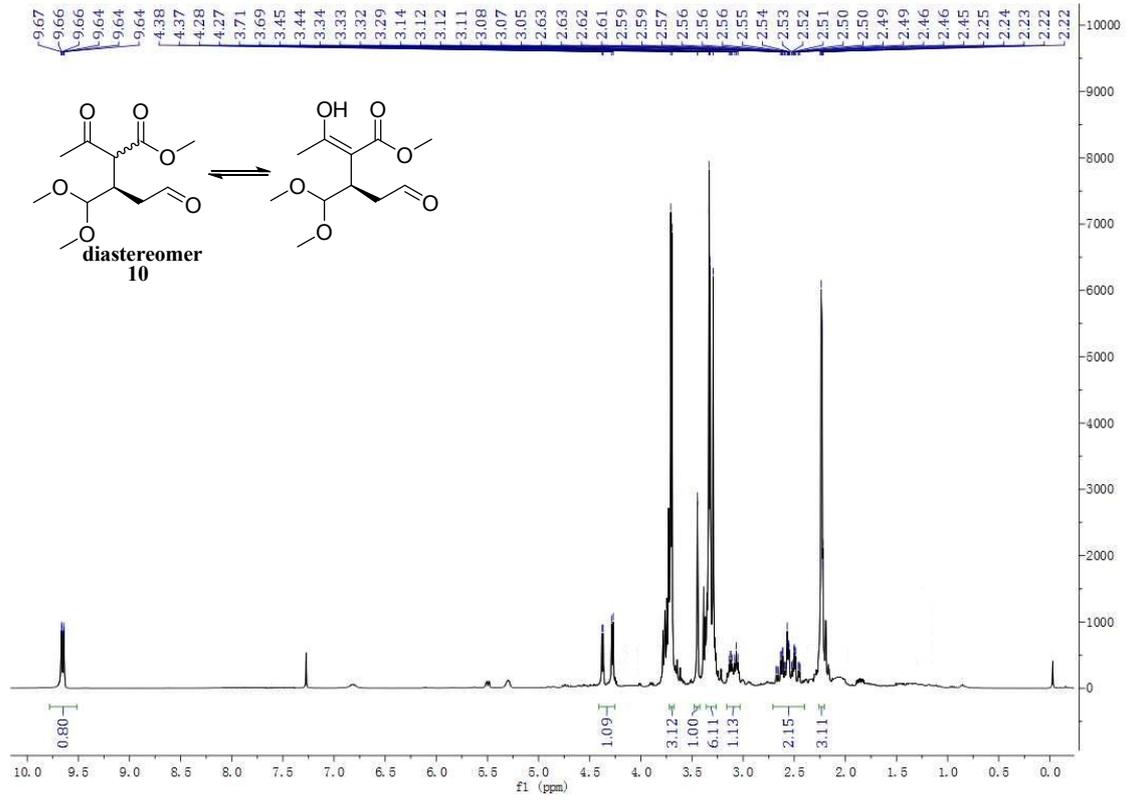
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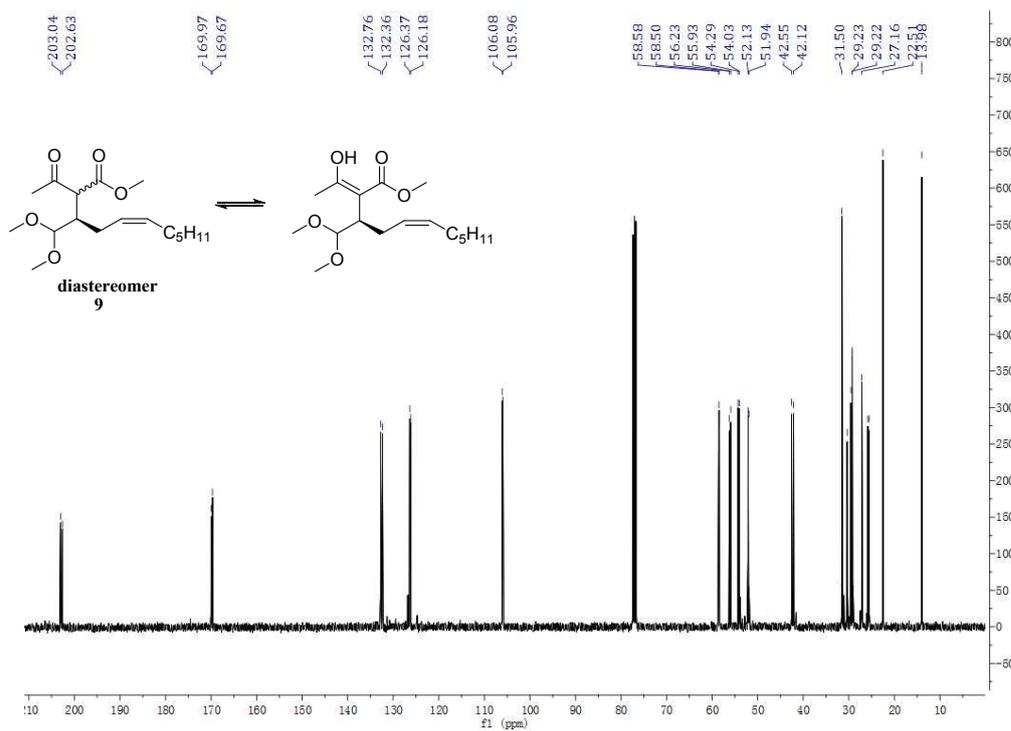
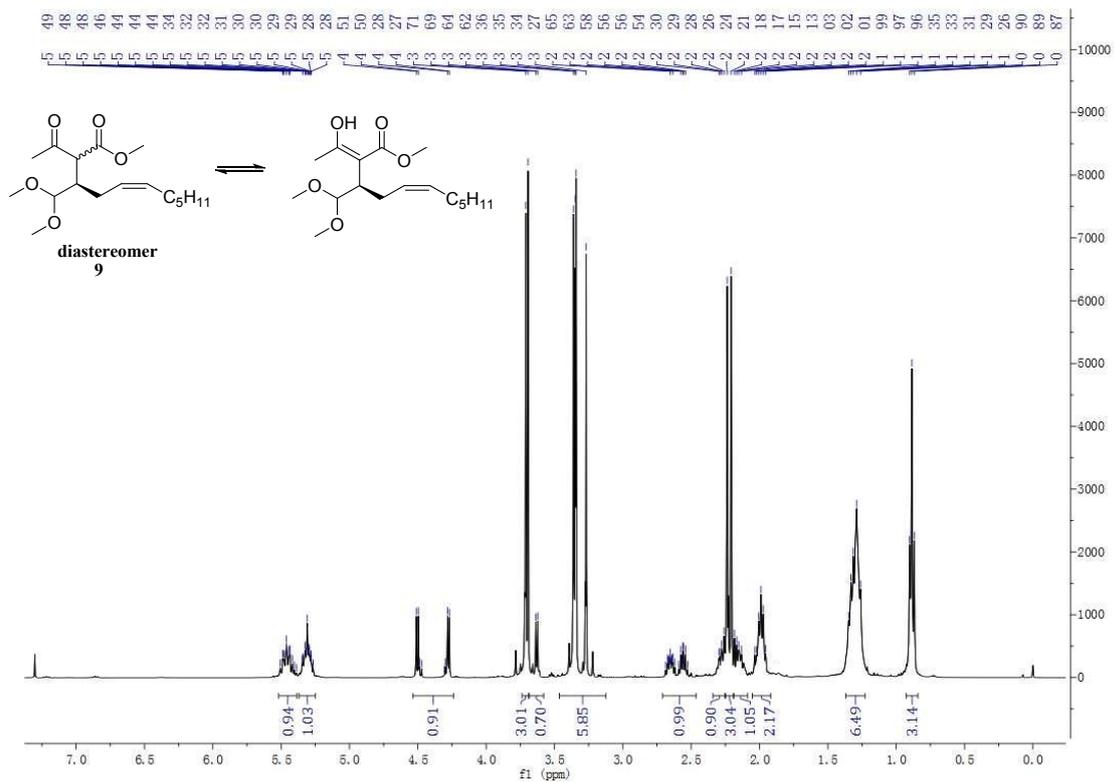
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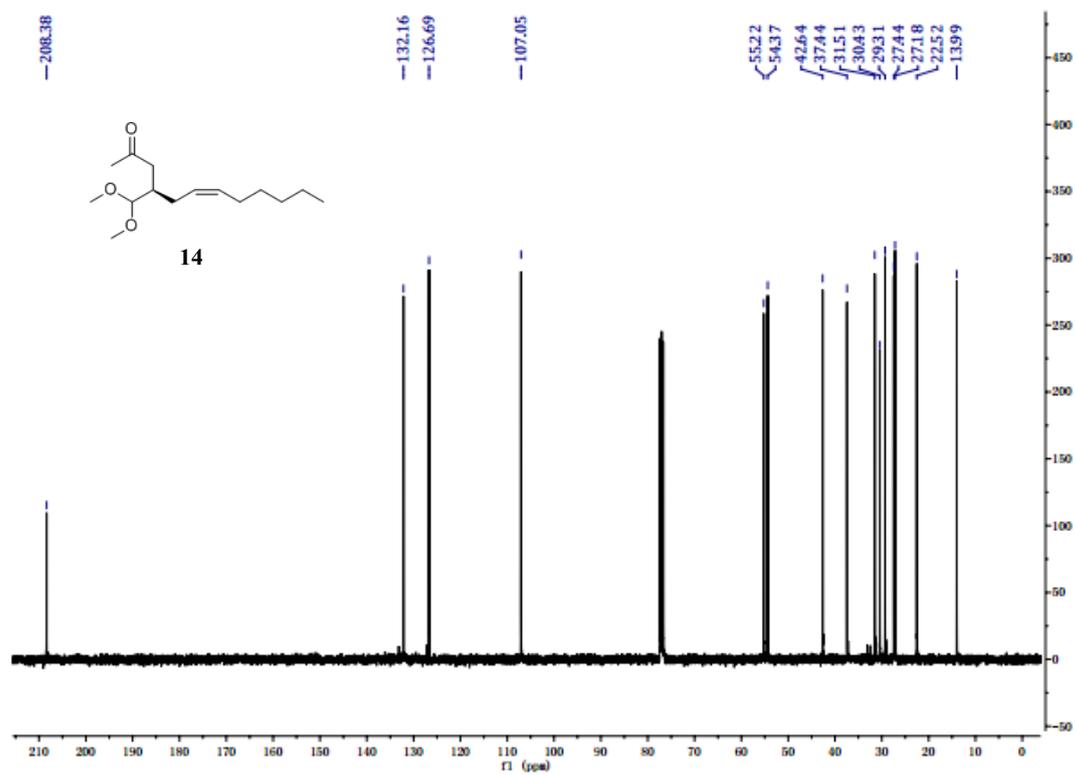
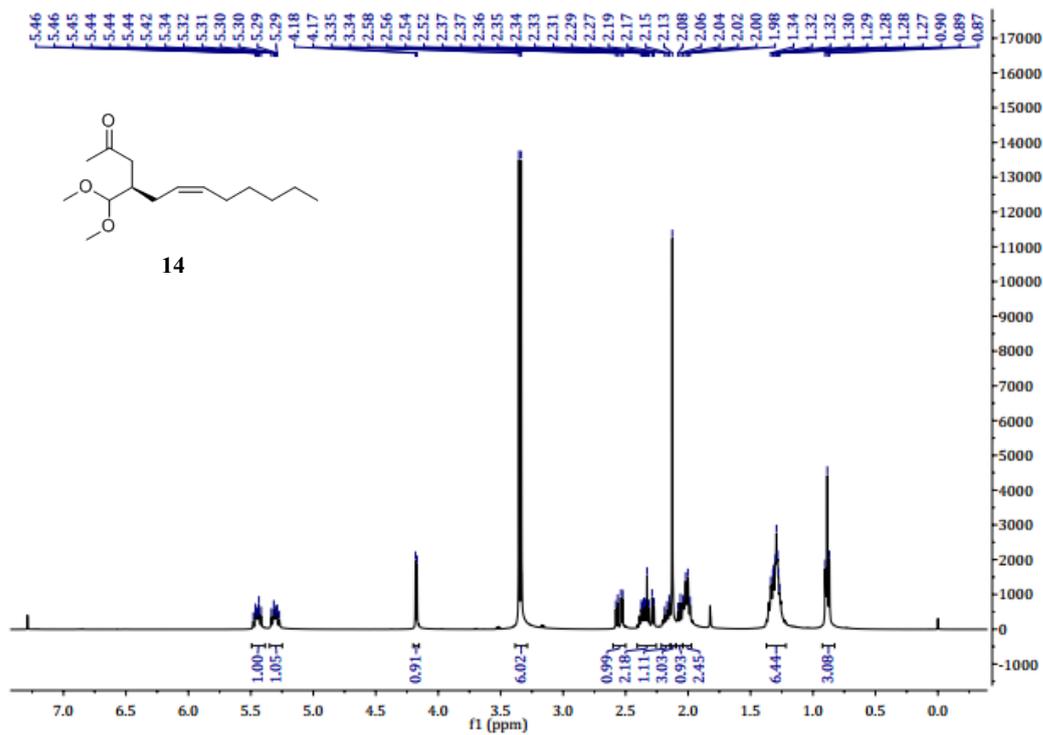
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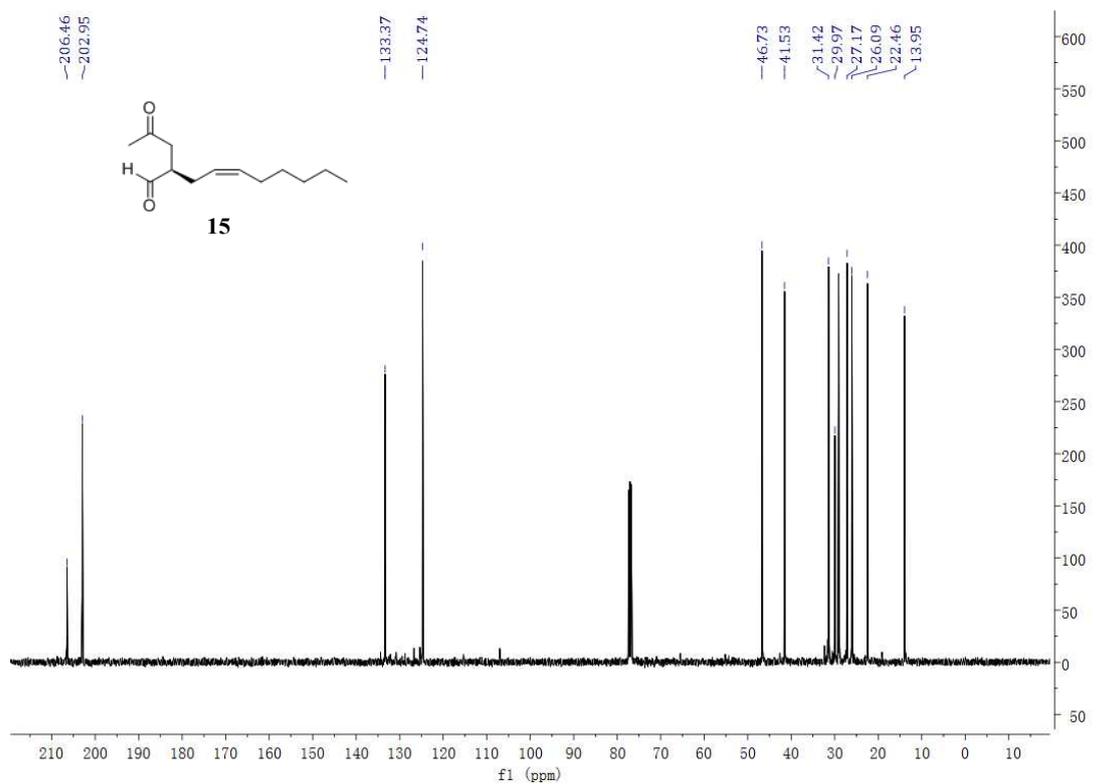
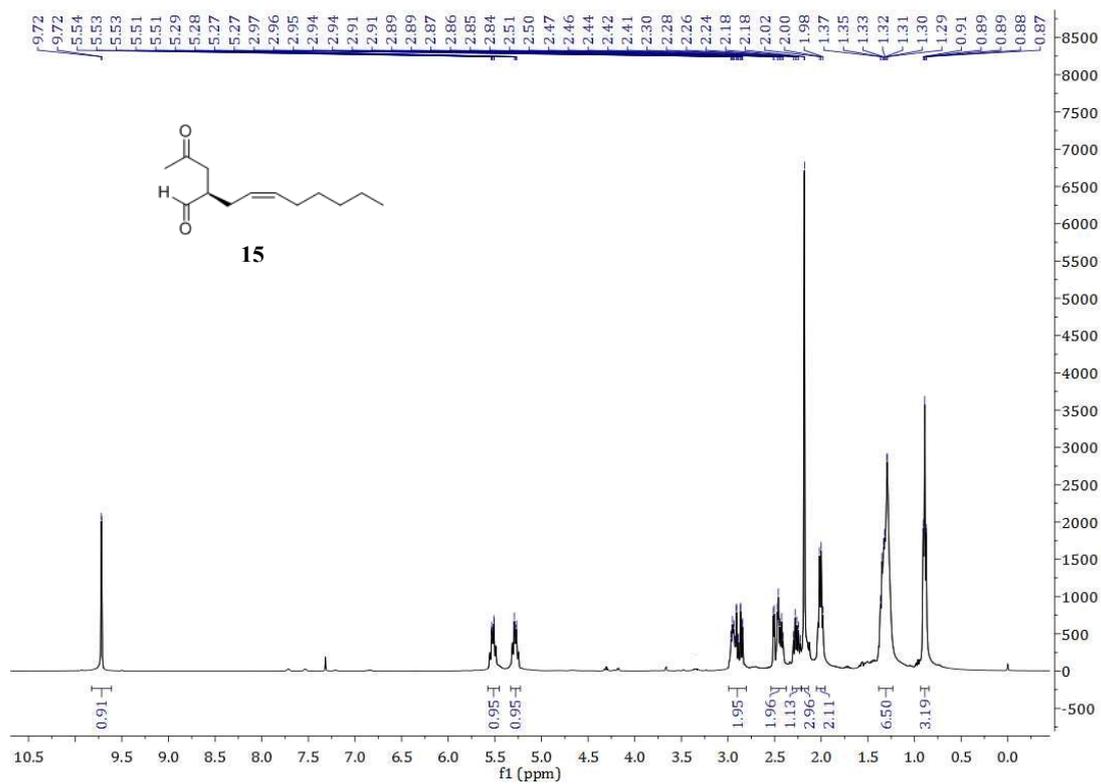
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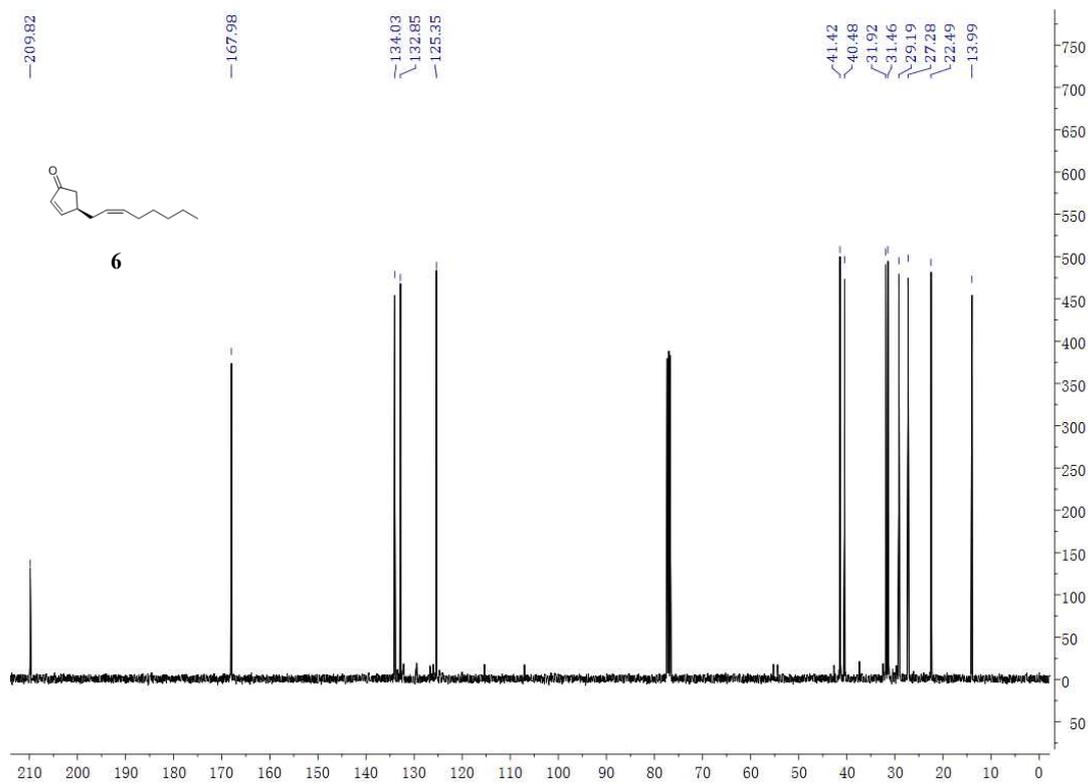
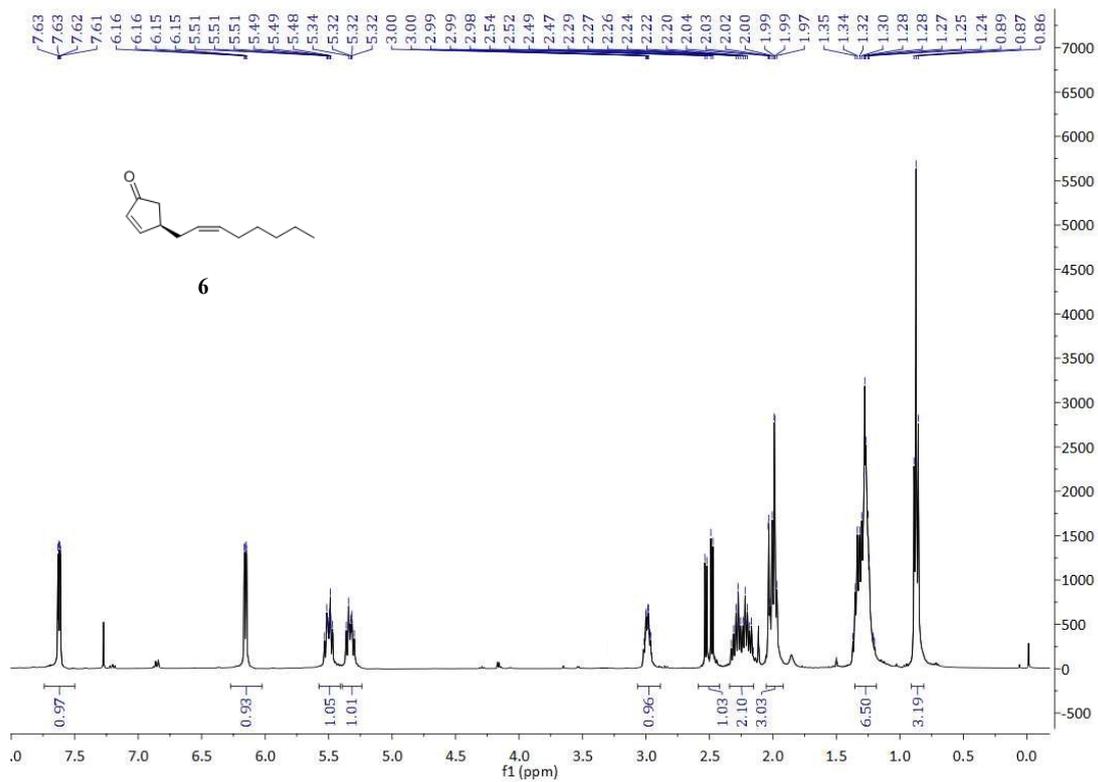


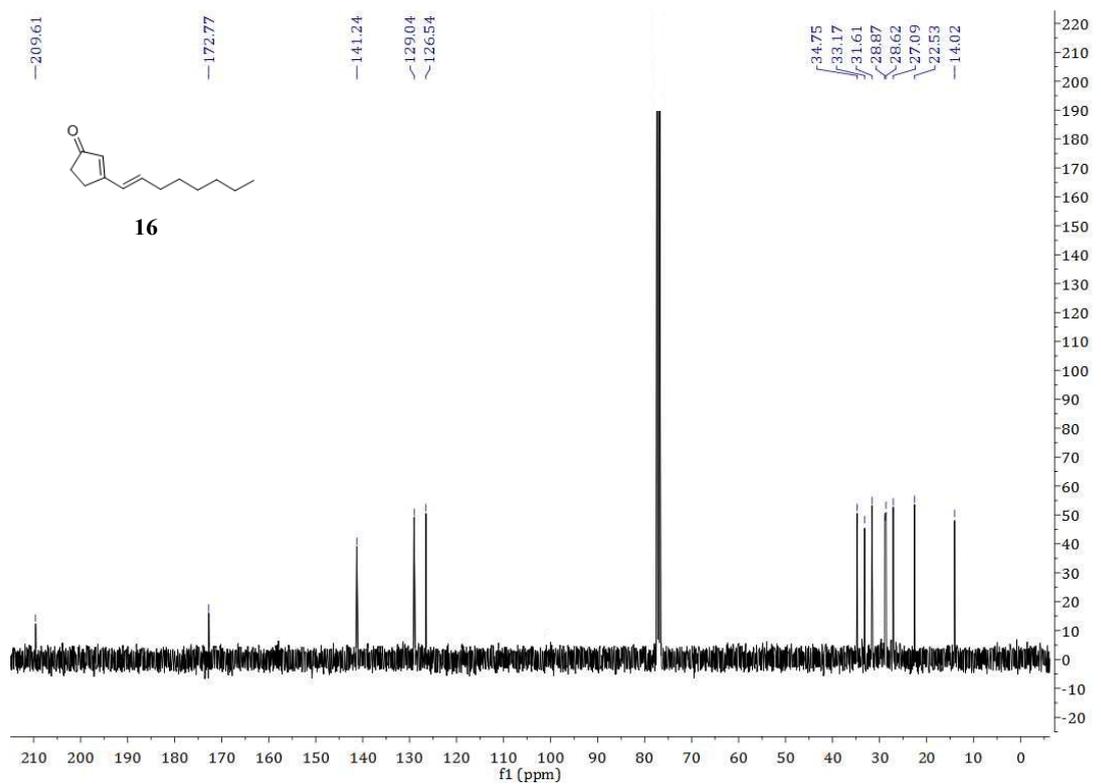
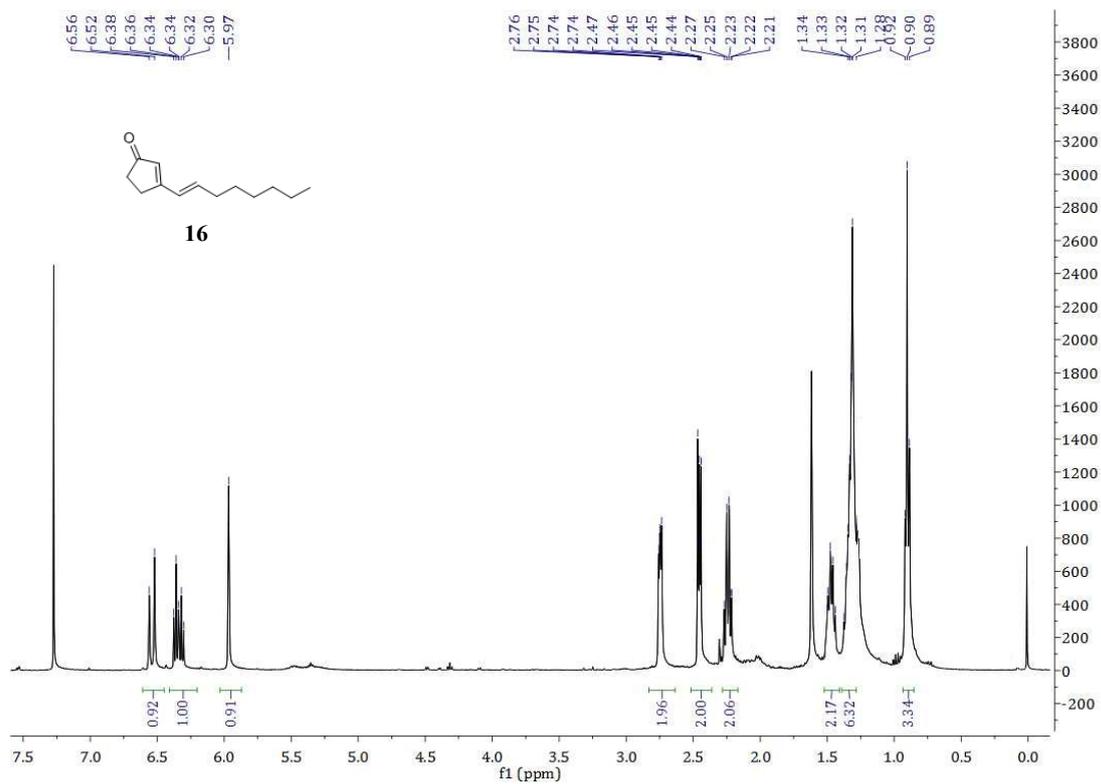


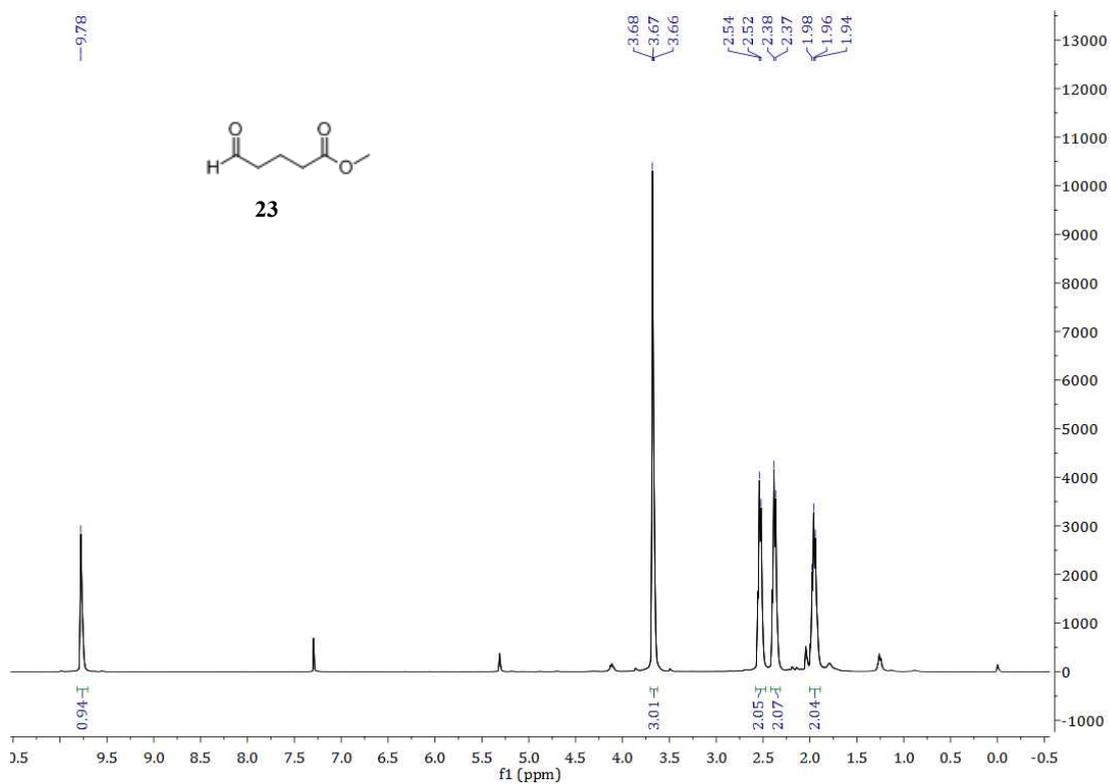
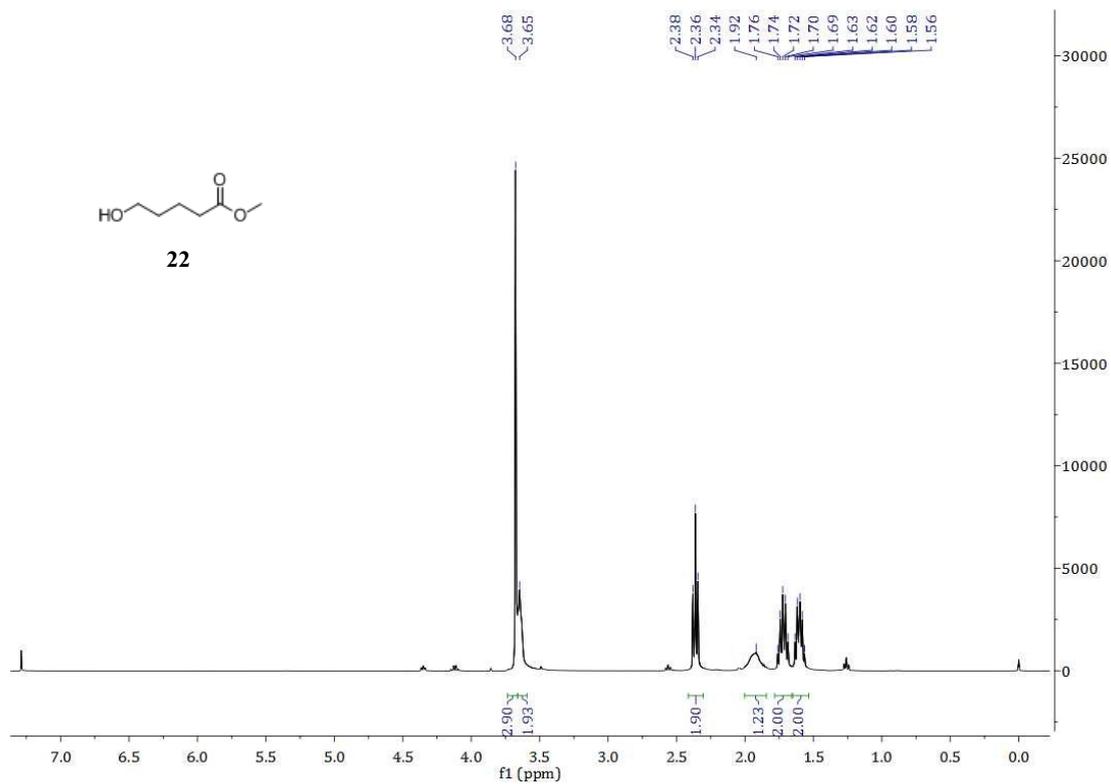


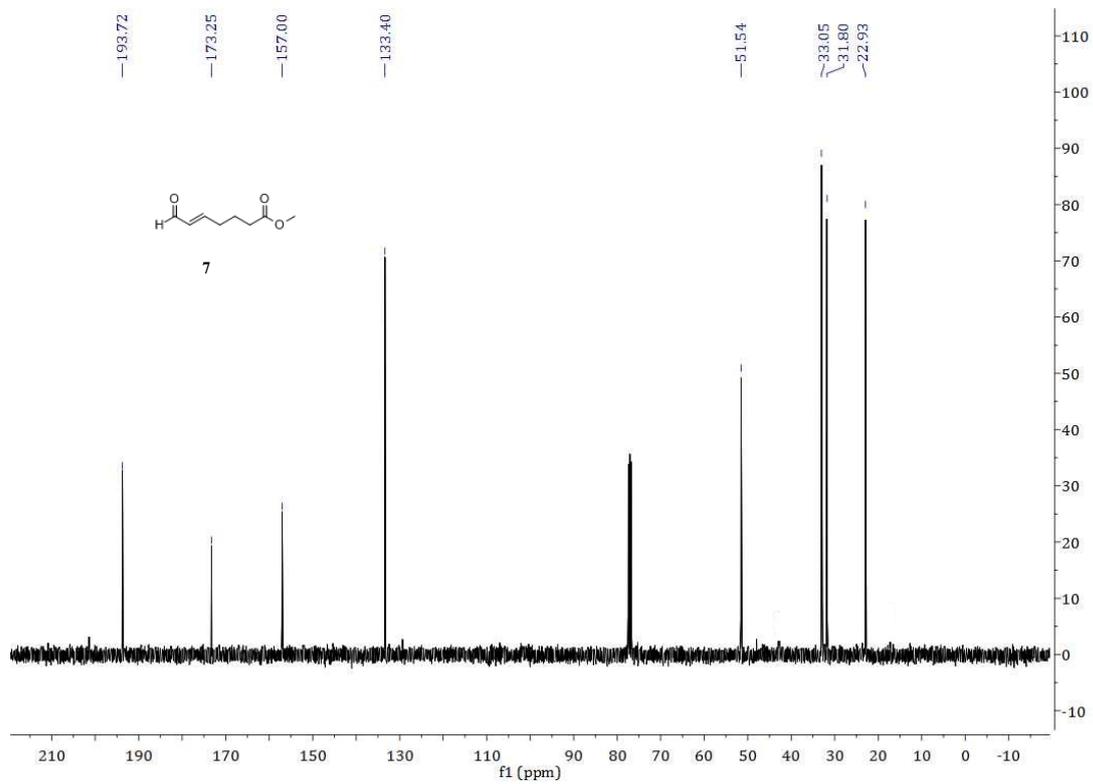
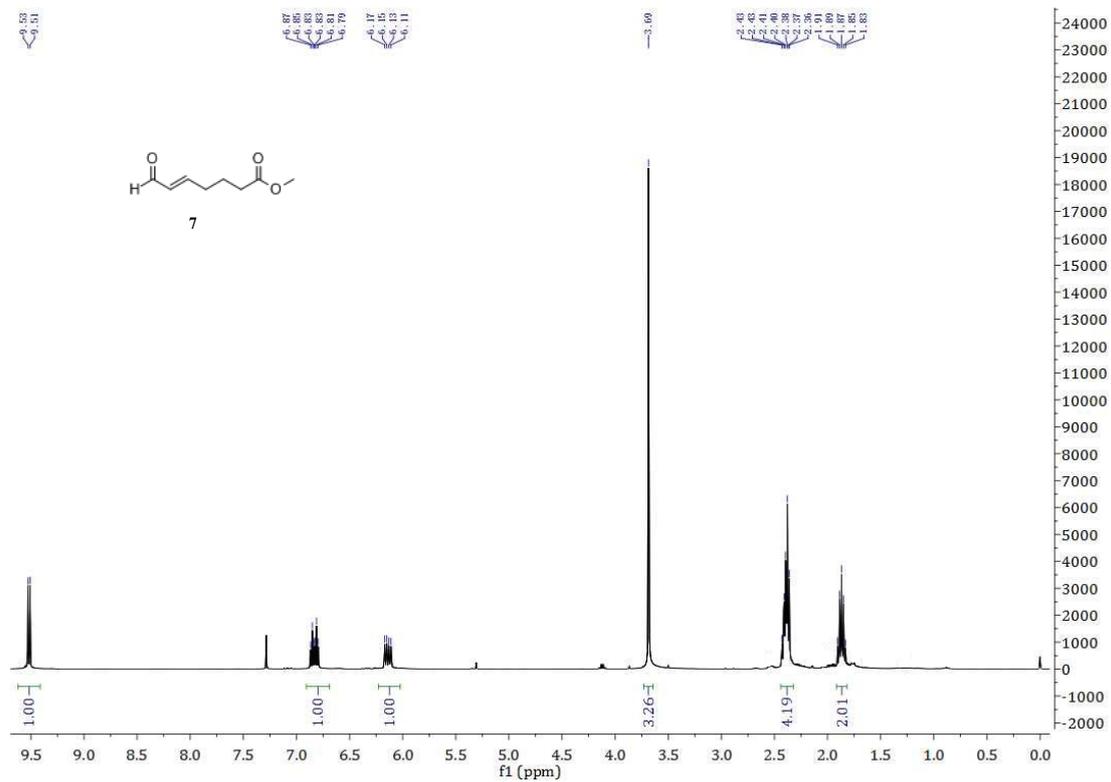


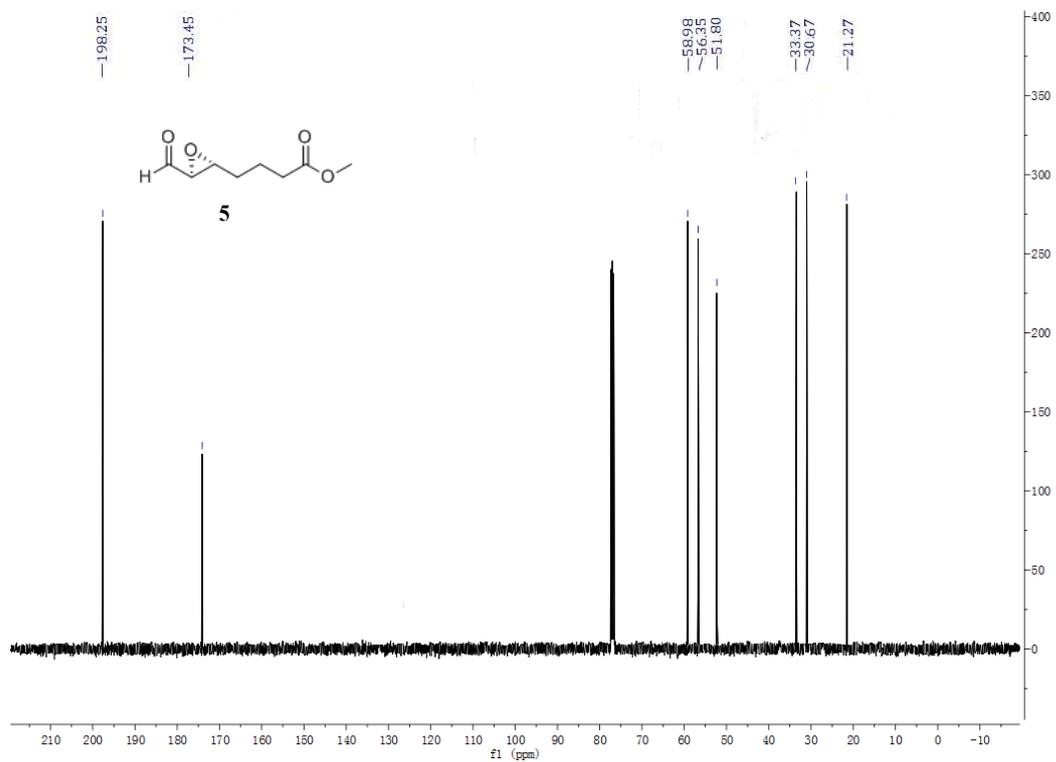
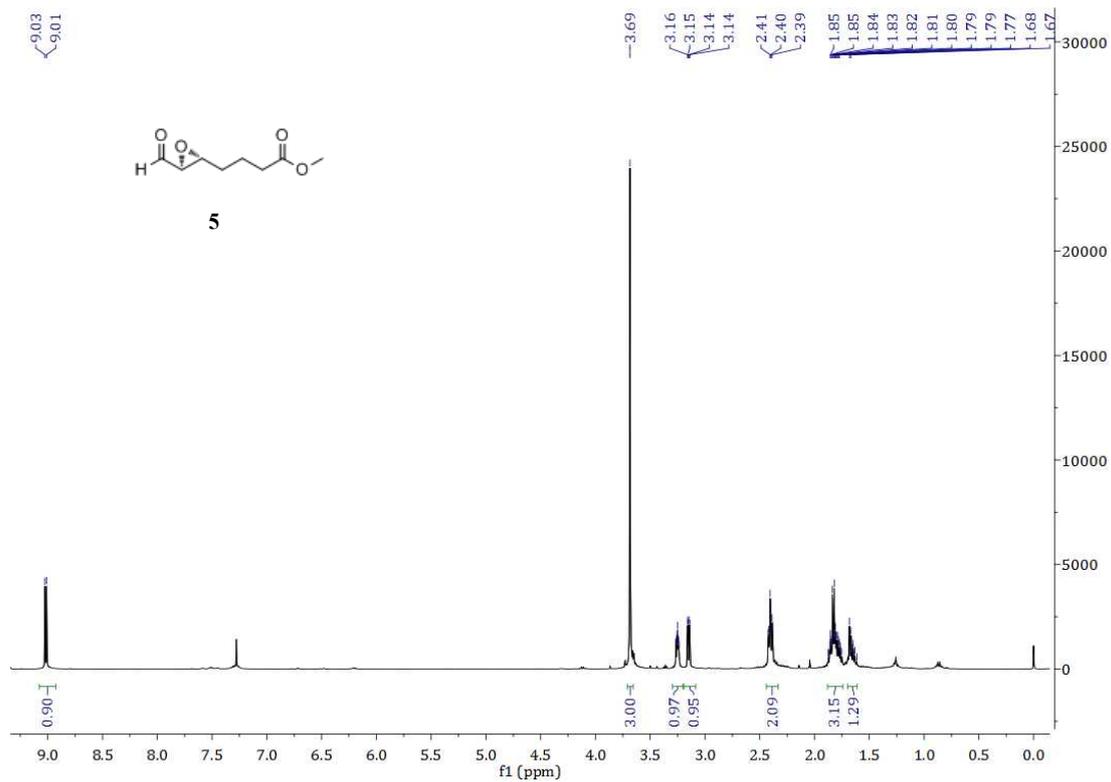


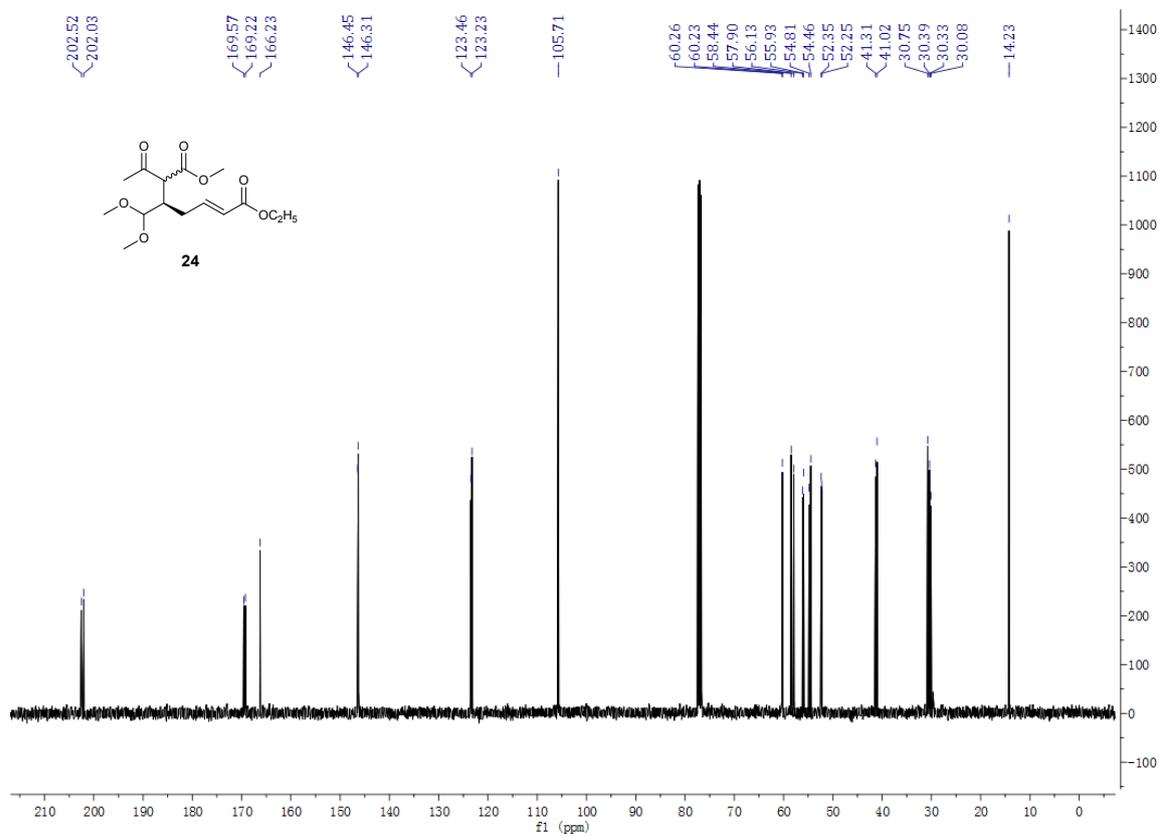
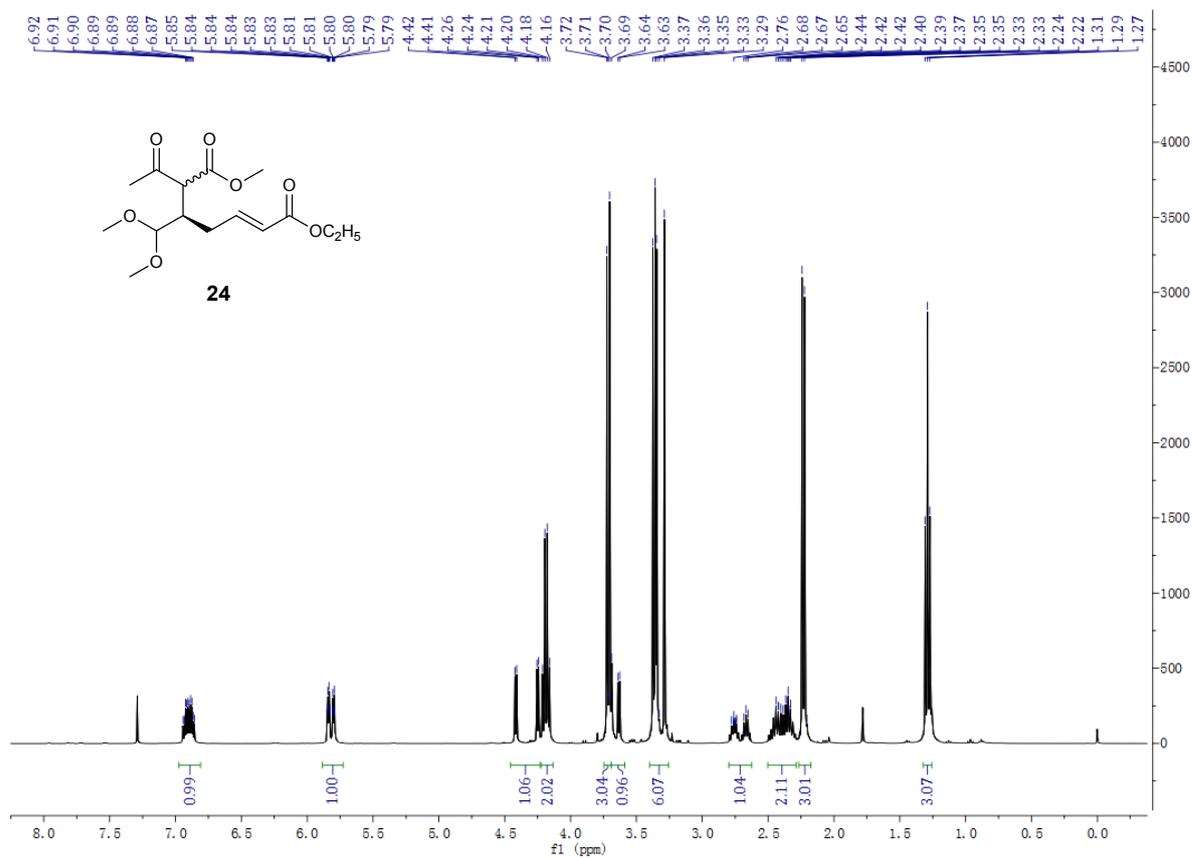


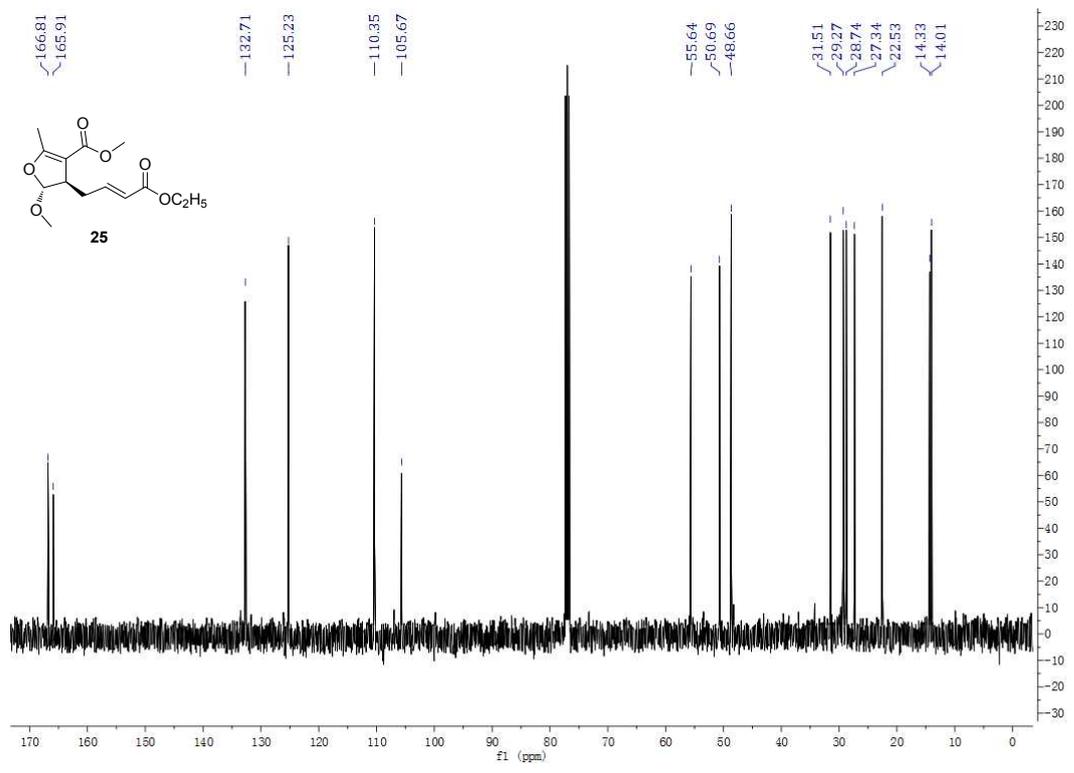
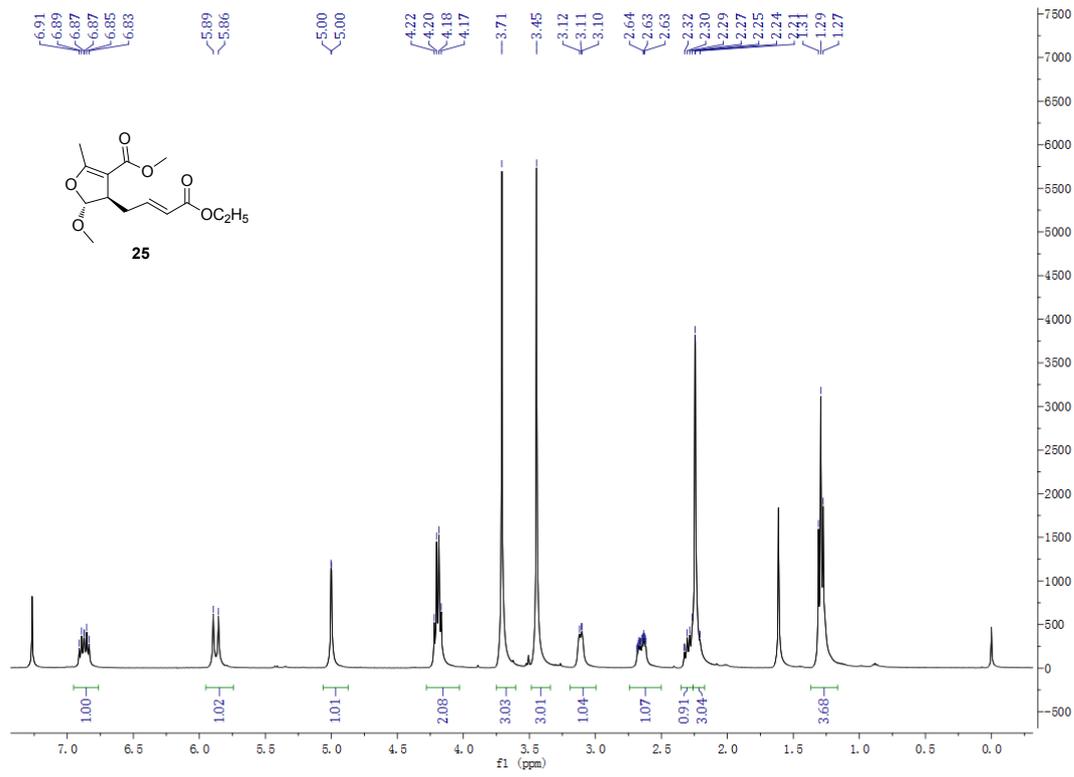


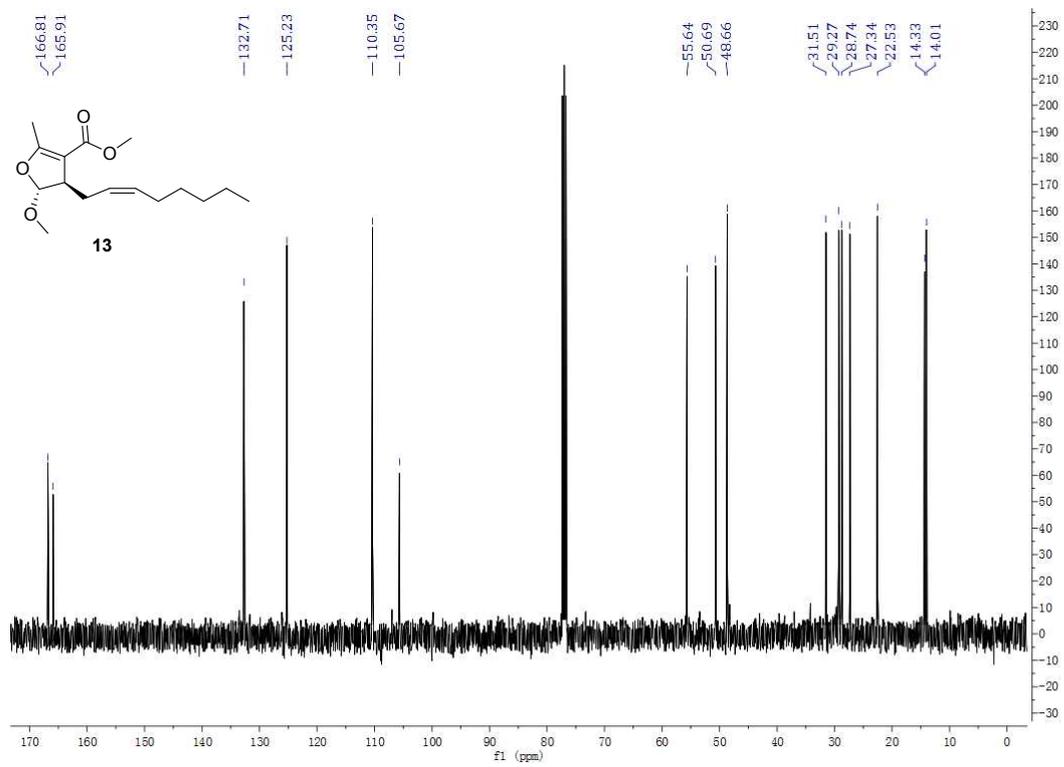
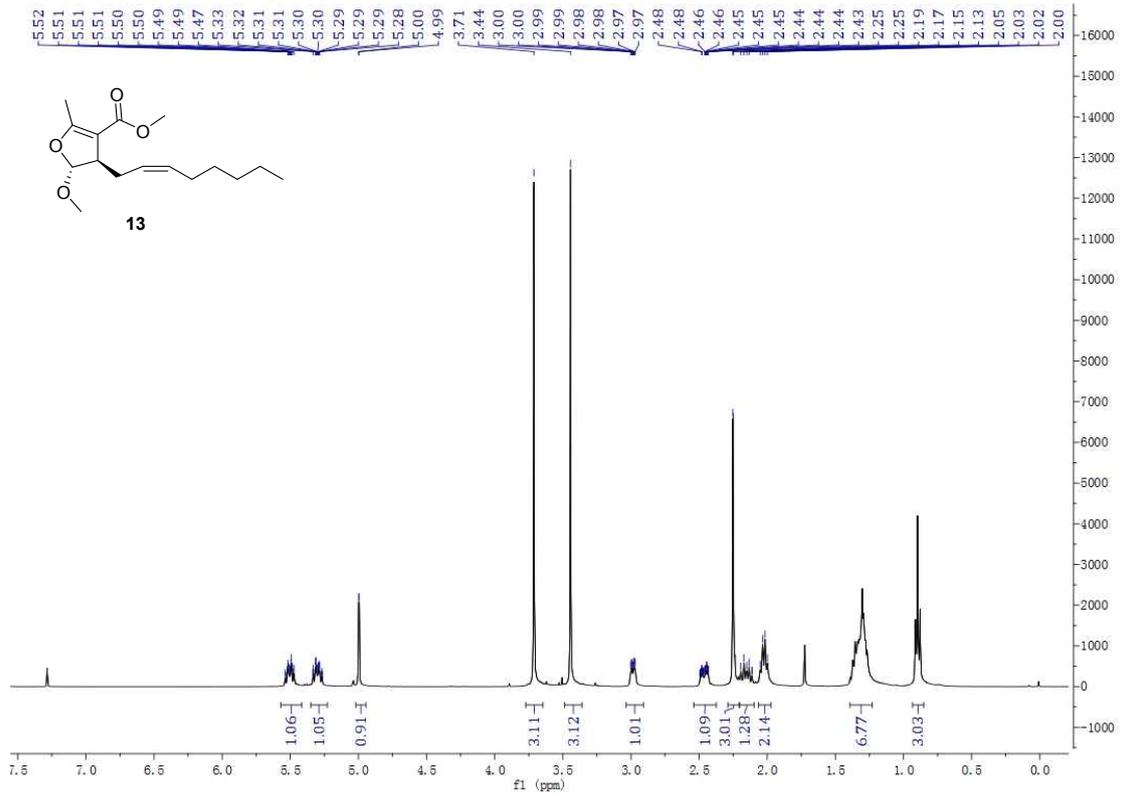


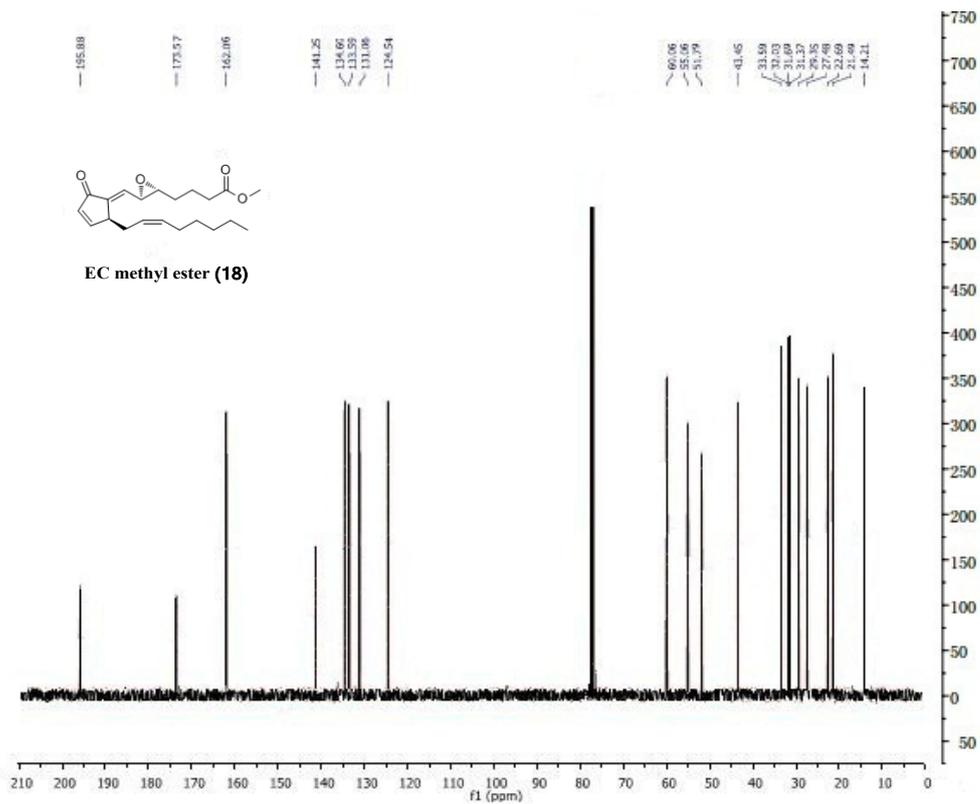
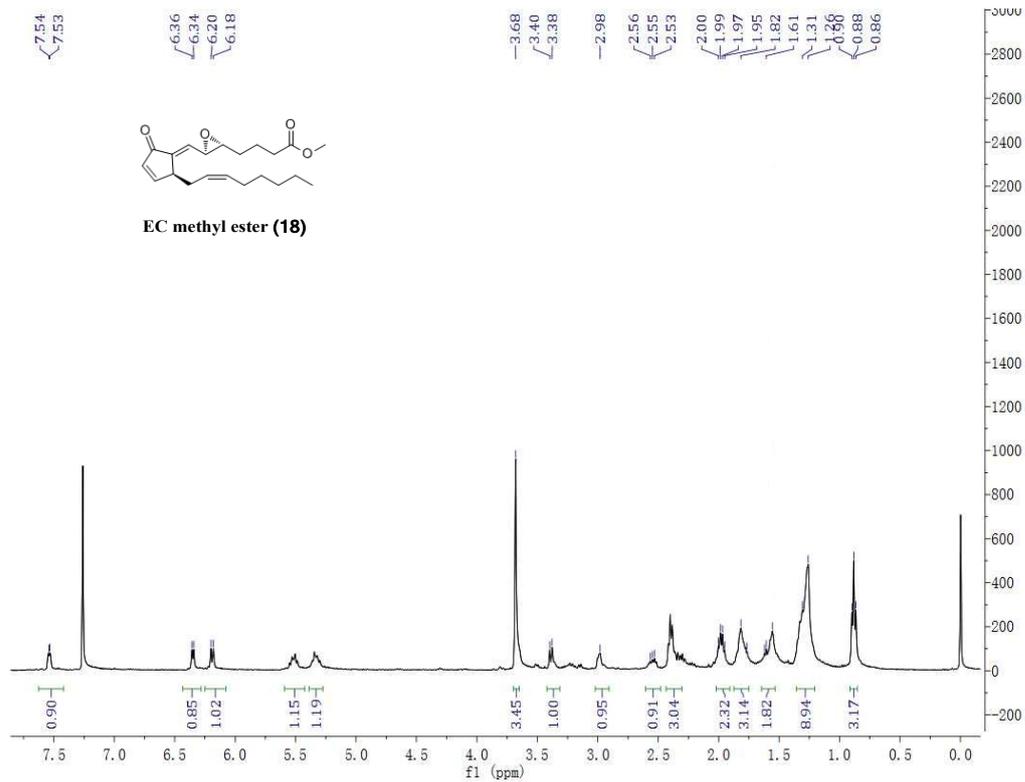




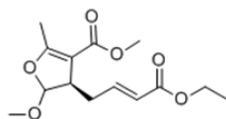






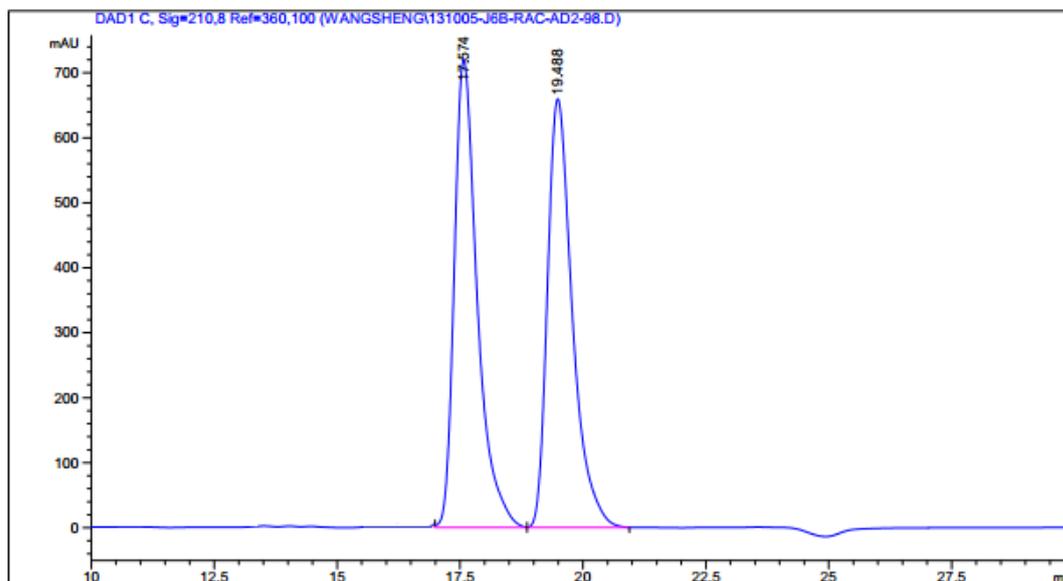


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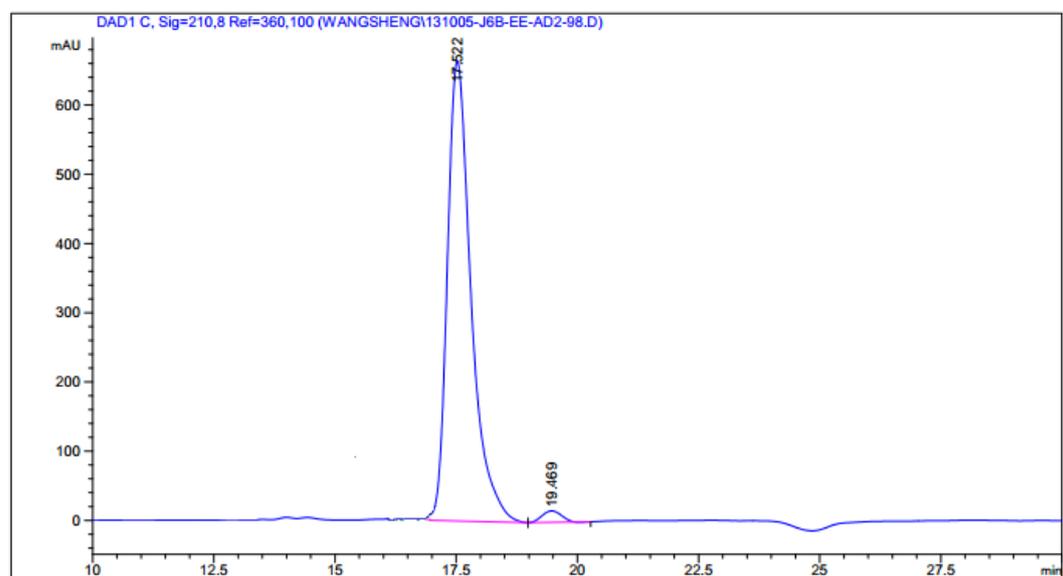
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HPLC: (hexane: *i*-PrOH = 98:2, 0.8 mL/min, chiral AD-H)



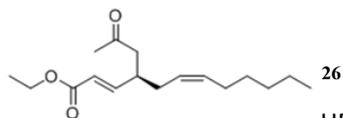
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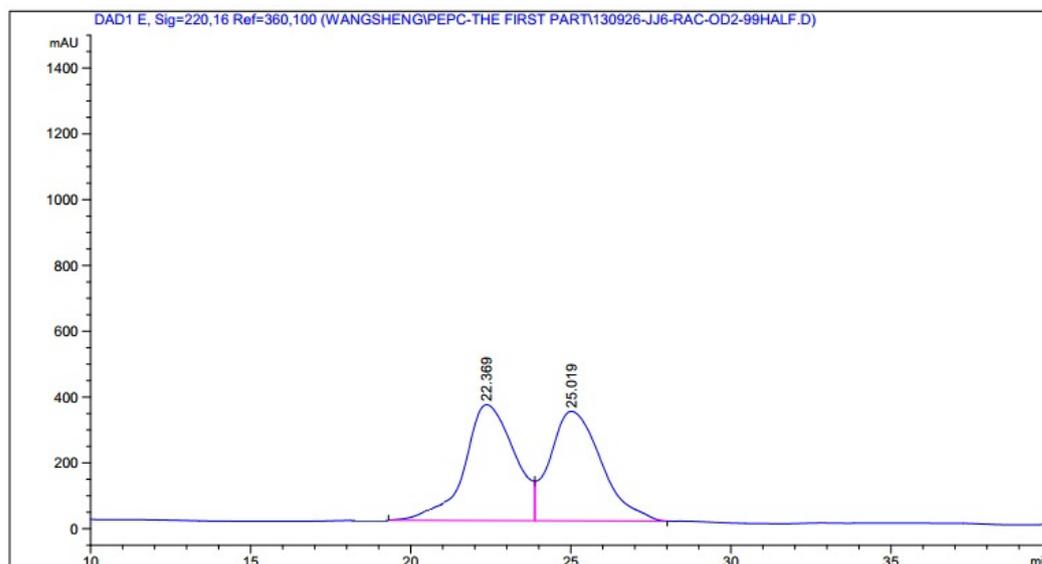


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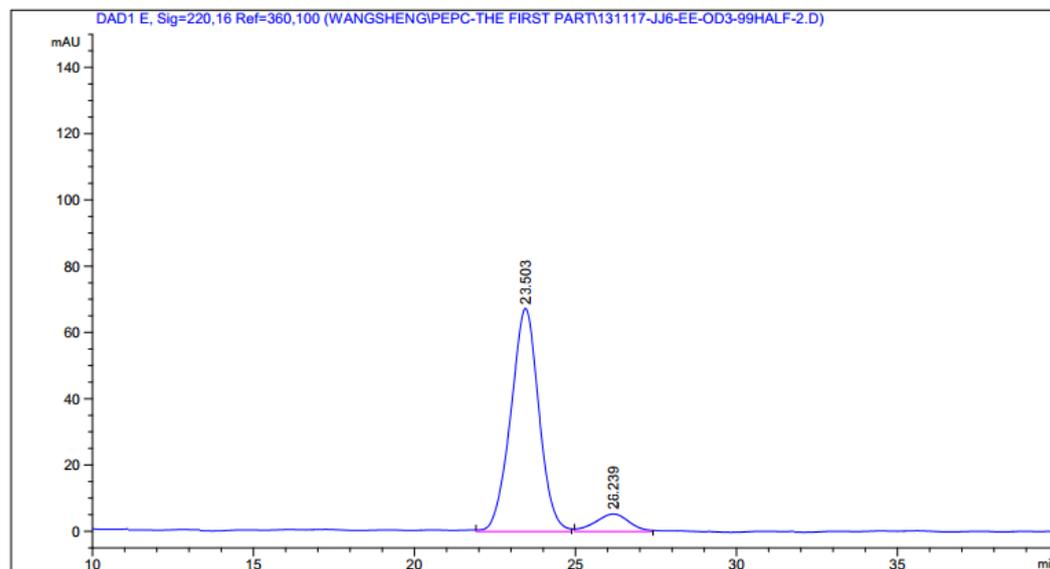


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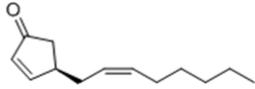
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1	22.369	FM	1.7719	3.74743e4	352.49246	50.1825
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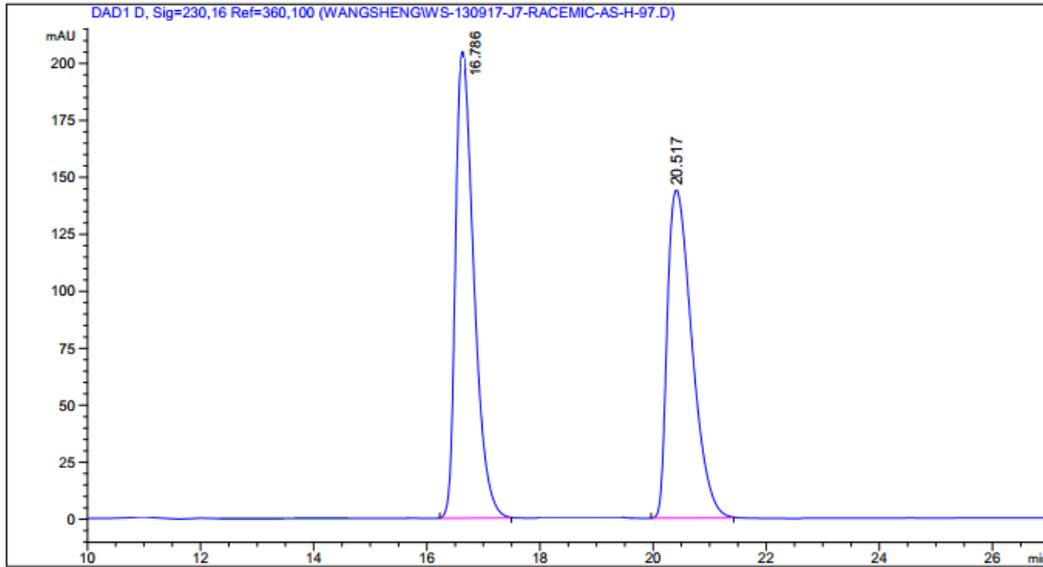


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1	23.503	MF	1.0122	4152.28174	67.33751	95.0595
2	26.239	MF	1.2175	215.80429	5.27209	4.9405

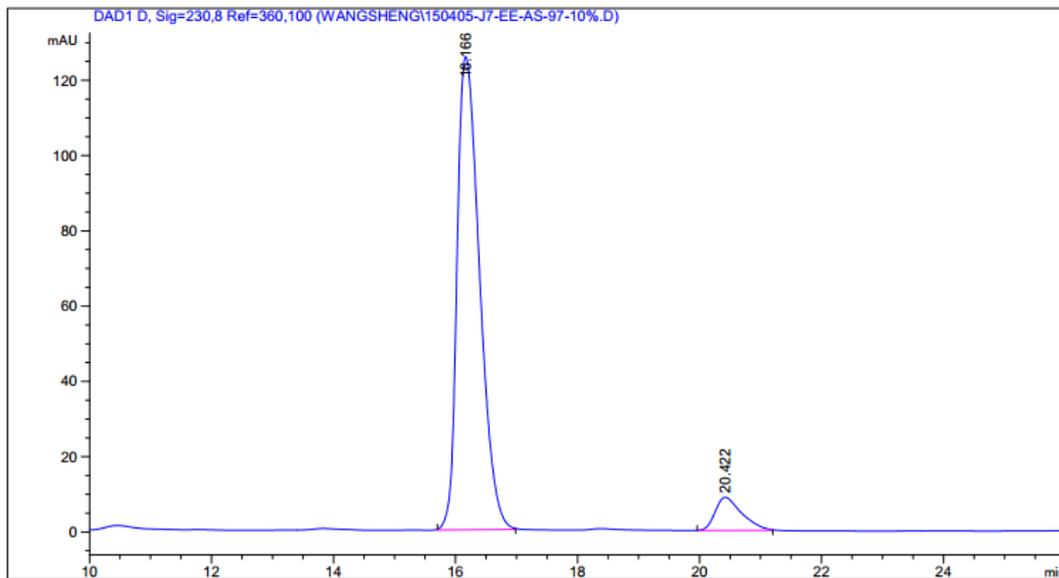


6 HPLC: (hexane: *i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, chiral AS-H)



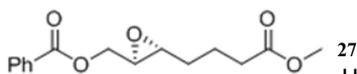
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1	16.786	BB	0.3489	4612.56738	204.69792	51.5128
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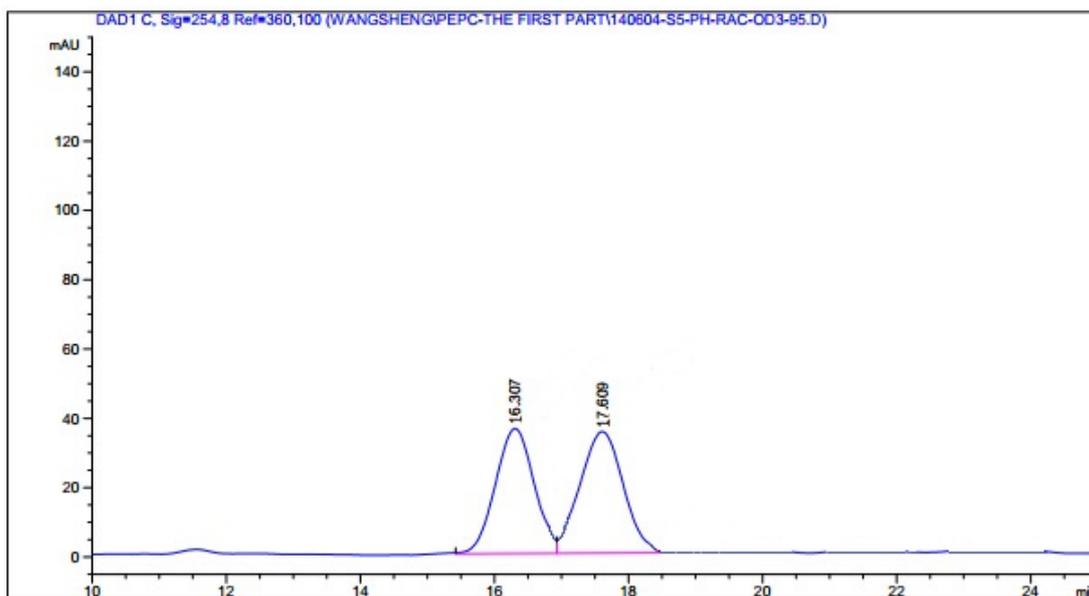


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1	16.166	MM	0.4268	3221.41504	125.80131	93.2769
2	20.422	MM	0.4626	232.18980	8.36473	6.7231

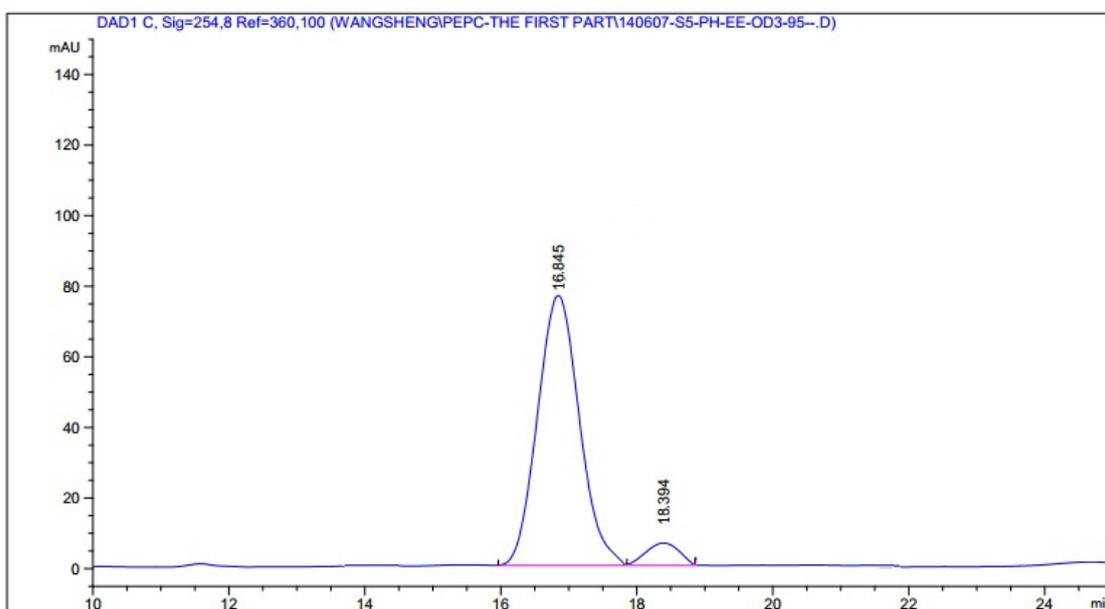


27 HPLC: (hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.8 mL/min, chiral OD-H)



信号 1: DAD1 C, Sig=254,8 Ref=360,100

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1	16.307	MF	0.6754	1419.53955	36.07079	49.6425
2	17.609	MF	0.7605	1439.98242	35.07640	50.3575



信号 1: DAD1 C, Sig=254,8 Ref=360,100

峰 #	保留时间 [min]	类型	峰宽 [min]	峰面积 [mAU*s]	峰高 [mAU]	峰面积 %
1	16.845	MF	0.7157	3193.93872	76.47227	96.1309
2	18.394	MF	0.3851	128.55124	7.05336	3.8691