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Chiral Bicyclic NHC/Ir Complexes for Catalytic Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of Ketones

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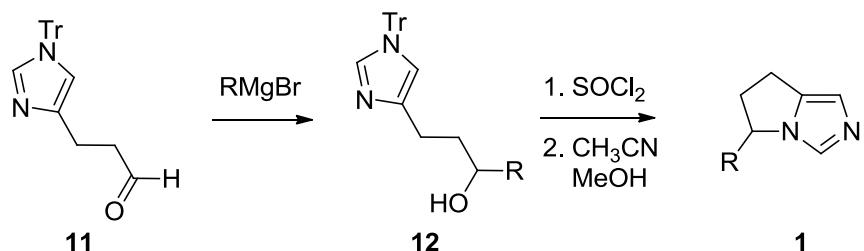
<General>

All anaerobic and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under predried nitrogen or glove box techniques under prepurified argon. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature at 400 MHz or 500 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz or 125 MHz for ¹³C. Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal SiMe₄ standard for ¹H NMR and chloroform-d (δ 77.0) for ¹³C NMR. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on Orbitrap mass spectrometers. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at 173K on a CCD diffractometer with Mo Ka (λ = 0.71073) radiation and graphite monochromator.

<Materials>

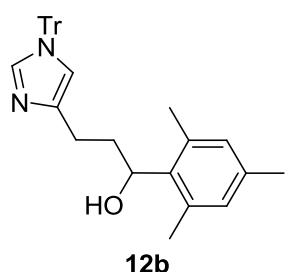
THF was distilled from sodium benzophenone-ketyl under argon prior to use. CH₂Cl₂ and 1,2-dichloroethane were distilled from CaH₂ under nitrogen and stored in a glass flask with a Teflon stopcock under nitrogen. Methanol was distilled from magnesium under nitrogen and stored in a glass flask with a Teflon stopcock under nitrogen. 3-(l-Trityl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)propionaldehyde (**11**), (R)-5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole (**1a**), and (R)-7-isopropyl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[5,1-b]oxazole were prepared according to the reported procedures.¹ Aryl magnesium bromides in THF were prepared from magnesium and corresponding aryl bromides. Di(4-tolyl)methyl bromide and di-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl bromide were prepared from the corresponding alcohols and acetyl bromide according to the reported procedures.² Anhydrous CH₃CN, anhydrous *i*-PrOH, thionyl chloride, 1,2-dibromoethane, α, α'-dibromo-*p*-xylene, diphenylmethyl bromide, benzyl bromide, di(4-tolyl)methyl bromide, silver oxide, bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)diiridium(I) dichloride, and potassium *tert*-butoxide were used as received.

<Procedures for the Preparation of Chiral Imidazoles 1>



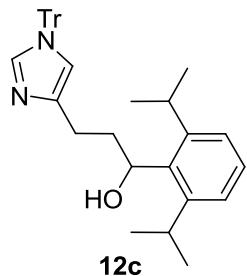
General Procedure A: To a solution of 3-(1-trityl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)propionaldehyde (**11**) (1.0 eq.) in dry THF was added aryl magnesium bromide (1.5 eq.) in THF under N₂ atmosphere at 0 °C. The mixture was gradually warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 15 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. Then the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel to give the desired alcohol **12**.

1-Mesityl-3-(1-trityl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)propan-1-ol (12b); Following the General Procedure A; The aldehyde **11** (1.80 g, 4.91 mmol) and mesitylmagnesium bromide in THF (1.00 M, 7.37 mL, 7.37 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc) to give **12b** (1.85 g, 78% yield) as white solid; mp 189-191 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.89 (dtd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (br s, 1H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.0 Hz 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 9H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 25.7, 35.2, 70.7, 75.1, 117.9, 128.0, 129.7, 129.9, 135.8, 136.0, 137.4, 138.1, 141.1, 142.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O (M⁺+H) 487.2744, found 487.2724.

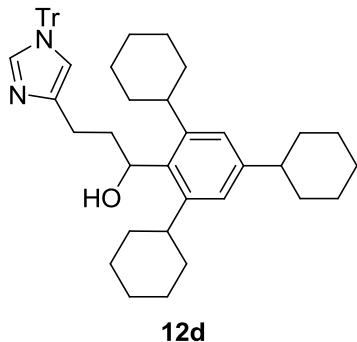


1-(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)-3-(1-trityl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)propan-1-ol (12c); Following the General Procedure A; The aldehyde **11** (3.02 g, 8.21 mmol) and 2,6-diisopropylphenylmagnesium bromide in THF (1.00 M, 12.3 mL, 12.3 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc) to give **12c** (3.17 g, 73% yield) as white solid; mp 190-191 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.93 (dtd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddt, *J* = 14.4, 10.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (br s, 1H), 3.98 (br s, 1H), 4.22 (br s, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 9H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.7, 25.9, 29.1, 37.3, 69.3,

75.1, 117.9, 127.2, 128.0, 129.7, 138.2, 138.3, 141.0, 142.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₂O (M⁺+H) 529.3213, found 529.3202.



1-(2,4,6-Tricyclohexylphenyl)-3-(1-trityl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)propan-1-ol (12d); Following the General Procedure A; The aldehyde **11** (2.00 g, 5.46 mmol) and tricyclohexylphenylmagnesium bromide in THF (1.00 M, 8.19 mL, 8.19 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc) to give **12d** (2.46 g, 65% yield) as white solid; mp 216-220 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.19-1.52 (m, 15H), 1.64-1.91 (m, 15H), 1.98 (dtd, *J* = 14.4, 7.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddt, *J* = 13.6, 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (tt, *J* = 11.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dq, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dq, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (br s, 1H), 3.56 (br s, 1H), 3.58 (br s, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.94 (br s, 2H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 9H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 26.0, 26.3, 26.5, 27.1, 27.3, 27.3, 34.5, 34.8, 35.3, 37.4, 40.2, 44.6, 69.6, 75.2, 117.9, 128.0, 129.8, 136.0, 138.3, 141.5, 142.7, 146.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₉H₅₉N₂O (M⁺+H) 691.4622, found 691.4601.



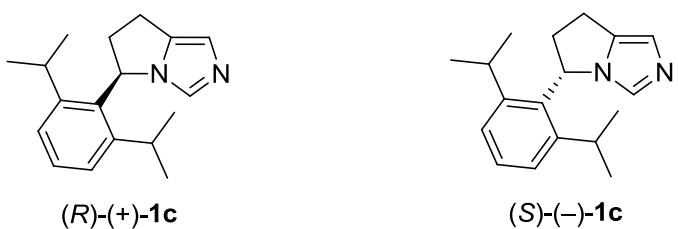
General Procedure B: To a solution of alcohol **12** (1.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ was added thionyl chloride (3.5 eq.). The resulting mixture was heated to 40 °C and stirred for 1 h. Then the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give a crude product. The product was dissolved in 30 mL of CH₃CN and refluxed for 20 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, added 30 mL of MeOH, and refluxed for an additional 11 h. After concentration, the residue was partitioned between Et₂O and H₂O. The organic layer was extracted with 1N HCl (10 mL) twice. The combined aqueous extracts were adjusted to pH = 8 by addition of NaOH solution

and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel to give racemic **1**.

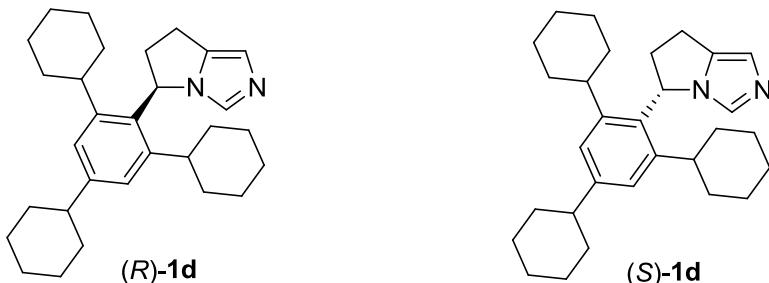
(+)- and (-)-5-Mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole (1b); Following the General Procedure B; The alcohol **12b** (1.75 g, 3.6 mmol) was used; purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH) to give racemic **1b** (575 mg, 71% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.75 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.65–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.91–3.08 (m, 3H), 5.71 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.5, 20.7, 21.7, 36.2, 56.0, 119.4, 129.3, 130.1, 131.6, 131.8, 136.4, 136.6, 136.7, 137.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₂ (M⁺+H) 227.1543, found 227.1537; Enantiomerically pure (*R*)-**1b** and (*S*)-**1b** were obtained as clear oil by separation using preparative HPLC: Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, 2 cm × 25 cm, hexane/i-PrOH = 9/1, 5.0 mL/min; *t*₊ = 26.2 min [(+)-**1b** [α]_D²² +137.6 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃)], *t*₋ = 43.4 min [(-)-**1b**].



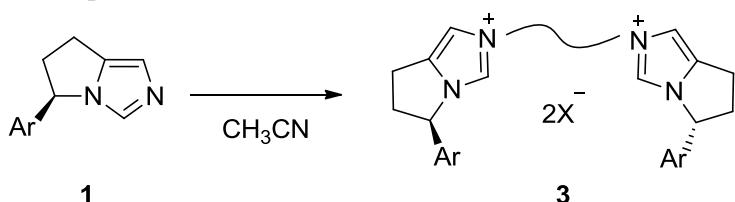
(R)-(+)- and (S)-(−)-5-(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole (1c); Following the General Procedure B; The alcohol **12c** (3.17 g, 6.00 mmol) was used; purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH) to give racemic **1c** (950 mg, 59% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.47 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.95–3.12 (m, 3H), 3.33 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 23.9, 24.1, 24.7, 28.1, 29.9, 38.1, 54.8, 120.1, 122.7, 126.0, 128.7, 129.8, 131.7, 136.1, 147.1, 149.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₅N₂ (M⁺+H) 269.2012, found 269.2010; Enantiomerically pure (*R*)-(+)-**1c** and (*S*)-(−)-**1c** were obtained as white solid by separation using preparative HPLC: Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, 2 cm × 25 cm, hexane/i-PrOH = 9/1, 5.0 mL/min; *t*_R = 18.9 min [(*R*)-(+)-**1c** [α]_D¹⁸ +113.6 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃), mp 100–102 °C], *t*_S = 29.8 min [(*S*)-(−)-**1c**]; The absolute configuration was determined by anomalous dispersion effects in X-ray diffraction measurements on **8cv**.



(+)- and (-)-5-(2,4,6-Tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole (**1d**); Following the General Procedure B; The alcohol **12d** (2.46 g, 3.56 mmol) was used; purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH) to give racemic **1d** (1.15 g, 75% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.75 (qt, *J* = 10.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.07-1.62 (m, 17H), 1.67-1.92 (m, 12H), 2.02 (tt, *J* = 11.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (tt, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.81 (tt, *J* = 11.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.12 (m, 3H), 5.78 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 26.08, 26.14, 26.2, 26.88, 26.95, 27.18, 27.21, 27.5, 34.3, 34.5, 34.9, 35.0, 35.5, 38.4, 39.4, 41.1, 44.5, 54.7, 120.0, 121.9, 125.1, 129.6, 130.1, 136.3, 146.0, 147.6, 147.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₄₃N₂ (M⁺+H) 431.3421, found 431.3419; Enantiomerically pure (*R*)-**1d** and (*S*)-**1d** were obtained as white solid by separation using preparative HPLC: Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, 2 cm × 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 9/1, 5.0 mL/min; *t*₊ = 11.5 min [(+)-**1d** [α]_D²² +44.1 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃), mp 218-220 °C], *t*₋ = 55.0 min [(-)-**1d**].



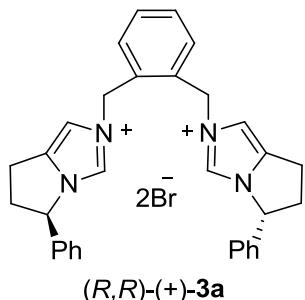
<Procedures for the Preparation of Bisimidazolium Salts **3**>



General Procedure C: A mixture of **1** (2.2 eq.) and linking reagent (1 eq.) in dry CH₃CN was heated to 90 °C and stirred for 3 days. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by reprecipitation to give the desired bisimidazolium salts **3**.

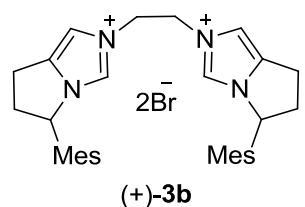
(*R,R*)-(+)2,2'-(1,2-Phenylenebis(methylene))bis(5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium) dibromide ((*R,R*)-(+)3a**);** Following the General Procedure C; (*R*)-**1a** (130 mg, 0.71 mmol) and α,α'-dibromo-*p*-xylene (84.7 mg, 0.32 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation (CH₂Cl₂/ether) to give (*R,R*)-(+)**3a** (201 mg, 99% yield) as light brown solid; mp 98-99 °C; [α]_D²² +122.7 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.54-2.68 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.27 (m, 6H), 5.96 (t, *J* = 6.4,

2H), 6.21 (s, 4H), 7.09 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.43 (m, 12H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 9.07 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 22.8, 37.6, 51.9, 64.5, 115.5, 126.4, 129.0, 129.4, 129.5, 130.8, 132.8, 136.6, 139.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{32}\text{BrN}_4$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$) 551.1805, found 551.1791.

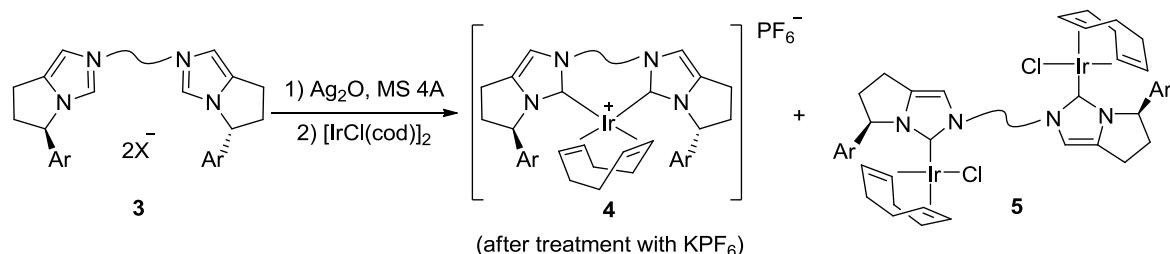


(+)-2,2'-(Ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(5-mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-i^{um}) dibromide ((+)-3b)

Following the General Procedure C; (+)-**1b** (120 mg, 0.53 mmol) and 1,2-dibromoethane (45.3 mg, 0.24 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation (CH_2Cl_2 /ether) to give (+)-**3b** (132.2 mg, 86% yield) as light brown solid; mp 156-157 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{22} +143.9$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.71 (s, 6H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 2.64-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.91-3.29 (m, 6H), 5.11-5.33 (m, 4H), 6.00 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 8.73 (s, 2H), 9.31 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 19.0, 20.7, 22.7, 34.4, 48.9, 60.3, 117.3, 128.3, 130.1, 131.1, 132.1, 134.9, 136.8, 137.8, 139.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{40}\text{BrN}_4$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$) 559.2431, found 559.2415.



<Procedures for the Preparation of Ir Complexes 4 and 5>

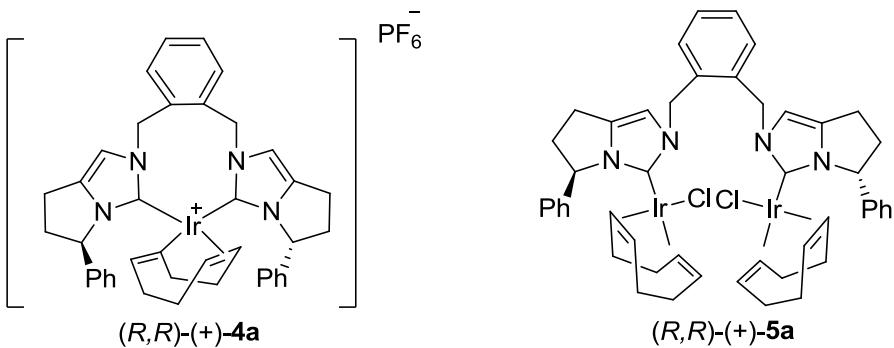


General Procedure D: A mixture of bisimidazolium salt **3** (1.0 eq.), Ag_2O (5.0 eq.), and powdered 4A molecular sieves in 1,2-dichloroethane was refluxed with stirring overnight in dark. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting silver complex was dissolved in dichloromethane

under N₂, and then added a solution of [IrCl(cod)]₂ (1.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in dark at room temperature. To remove insoluble silver salts, the suspension was filtered through Celite and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude solid was then purified by gradient column chromatography (SiO₂, first CH₂Cl₂ to give **5**; then CH₂Cl₂/acetone with KPF₆ (2.0 eq.) to give **4**).

[(R,R)-(+)-2,2'-(1,2-Phenylenebis(methylene)bis(5-mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene)](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridium hexafluorophosphate ((R,R)-(+)-4a); Following the General Procedure D; (*R,R*)-(+)-**3a** (101 mg, 0.15 mmol) was used; purified by recrystallization (THF/hexane) to give (*R,R*)-(+)-**4a** (68.4 mg, 51% yield) as red solid; mp 184-186 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +182.7$ (*c* 0.50, THF); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.18-1.24 (s, 2H), 1.67-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dq, *J* = 13.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.98-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.33 (m, 5H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.83 (m, 3H), 2.91-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (td, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.00-5.12 (m, 3H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.91 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.75 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.3, 20.7, 28.9, 29.1, 33.2, 33.3, 37.7, 39.9, 51.6, 51.9, 61.7, 62.4, 75.7, 75.9, 76.0, 79.5, 112.1, 113.8, 125.1, 125.8, 127.5, 128.3, 128.4, 128.9, 129.2, 129.6, 129.65, 129.75, 130.8, 131.9, 134.9, 135.1, 138.4, 138.7, 141.0, 142.2, 172.6, 173.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₄₂IrN₄ (M⁺-PF₆) 771.3033, found 771.3010.

(R,R)-(+)-2,2'-(1,2-Phenylenebis(methylene)bis((5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene)(1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((R,R)-(+)-5a); (*R,R*)-(+)-**5a** (42.8 mg, 25% yield) was obtained as yellow solid; mp 163-164 °C; ¹H NMR spectra of **5a** indicated that conformational isomers derived from the restricted rotation around the carbene–Ir bond axis exist in a 2:1:1 ratio; The following data are for a mixture of the isomers ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.84-0.98 (m, 2.0H), 1.02-2.21 (m, 16.0H), 2.32-2.49 (m, 2.0H), 2.74-3.10 (m, 8.0H), 4.07-4.55 (m, 4.0H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 0.5H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1.0H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.77-5.83 (m, 1.5H), 5.85 (s, 1.0H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 0.5H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1.0H), 6.42 (s, 1.0H), 6.51 (s, 0.5H), 6.62 (s, 0.5H), 7.21-7.43 (m, 14.0H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 22.2, 27.3, 28.3, 28.5, 29.5, 29.7, 30.3, 31.0, 31.8, 32.0, 34.6, 34.7, 36.0, 37.5, 39.5, 48.0, 50.9, 51.9, 52.1, 52.2, 52.5, 52.8, 62.2, 64.0, 81.9, 82.4, 82.9, 84.6, 84.9, 126.7, 126.8, 127.8, 128.2, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.5, 129.6, 133.9, 134.6, 135.3, 137.3, 137.5, 137.7, 139.5, 142.48, 142.53, 176.0, 176.2, 176.5; $[\alpha]_D^{22} +89.7$ (*c* 0.50, THF); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₁ClIrN₄ (M⁺-IrCl(cod)-cod+H) 699.1861, found 699.1880.



The crystal structure (Fig. S1) and the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of $(R,R)-(+)-\mathbf{4a}$ demonstrated that *cis*-chelating bis-NHC ligand adopted the C_1 symmetric coordination mode toward the Ir center instead of the C_2 symmetric mode. The NMR spectrum measured at higher temperature (50°C) in CDCl_3 remained uncharged (The complex is not enough soluble in toluene- d_8).

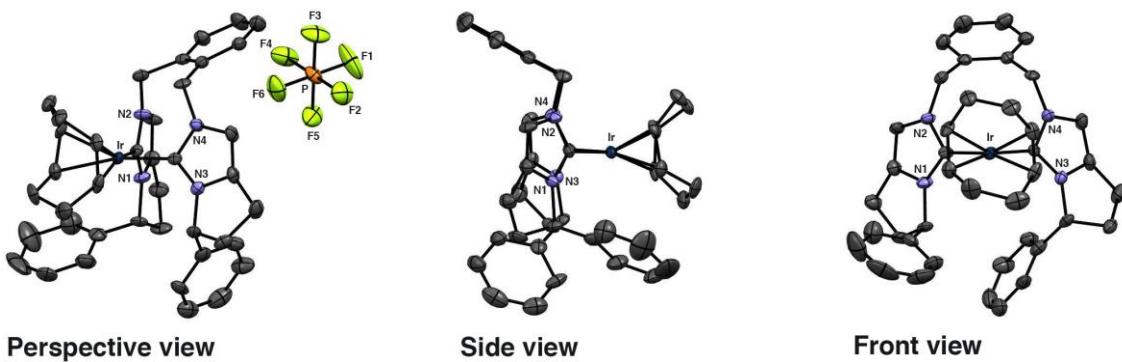
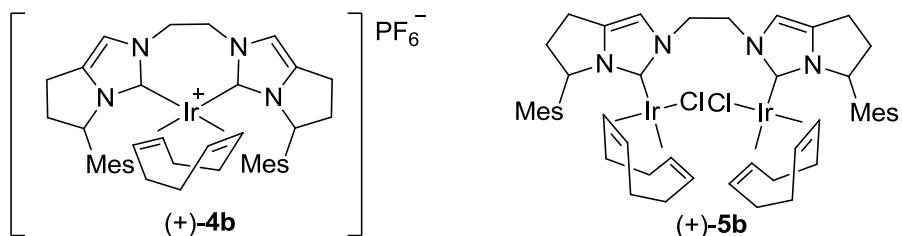


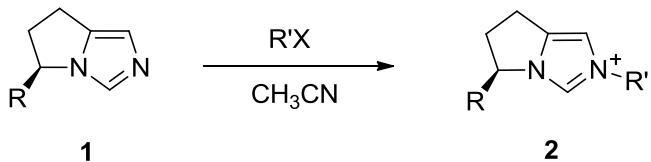
Fig. S1 Crystal Structure of **4a**: Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity (perspective view). Hydrogen atoms and PF_6^- anion are omitted for clarity (side and front views).

[(+)-2,2'-(Ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(5-mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene)](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridium hexafluorophosphate ((+)-4b**);** Following the General Procedure D: (+)-**3b** (103 mg, 0.16 mmol) was used; purified by recrystallization (THF/hexane) to give (+)-**4b** (32.5 mg, 22% yield) as red solid; mp 174-175 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_D^{24} +161.3$ (*c* 0.50, THF); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.16-1.22 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.89 (m, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.98-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.29 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.68 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88-3.02 (m, 6H), 3.61-3.67 (m, 1H), 4.06 (td, $J = 7.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (td, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dt, $J = 14.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.96-5.00 (m, 1H), 5.71-5.85 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 18.3, 18.8, 20.5, 20.6, 21.0, 21.1, 21.9, 22.3, 28.9, 29.2, 32.9, 33.6, 35.7, 37.1, 47.3, 49.4, 53.7, 58.9, 59.5, 70.5, 73.4, 74.1, 114.3, 116.4, 129.7, 130.2, 131.2, 132.3, 133.7, 134.1, 134.8, 135.3, 135.6, 137.3, 137.9, 138.7, 170.4, 171.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{50}\text{IrN}_4$ (M^+-PF_6) 779.3659, found 779.3663.

[(+)-2,2'-(Ethane-1,2-diyl)bis((5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene)(1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride] ((+)-5b): (+)-5b (51.7 mg, 35% yield) was obtained as yellow solid; mp 163-164 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24} +128.5$ (*c* 0.50, THF); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.78-0.96 (m, 4H), 1.18-1.33 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.79-1.96 (m, 6H), 2.10 (td, *J* = 7.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.37-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.74 (s, 6H), 2.76-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.90-3.25 (m, 6H), 4.36-4.45 (m, 4H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 4H), 6.96 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 19.1, 20.8, 21.4, 22.5, 27.6, 29.9, 31.0, 33.7, 35.8, 51.6, 51.9, 53.3, 57.4, 81.6, 84.9, 115.1, 129.6, 131.3, 134.7, 136.0, 137.5, 137.6, 174.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{62}\text{ClIr}_2\text{N}_4$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$) 1115.3916, found 1115.3906.

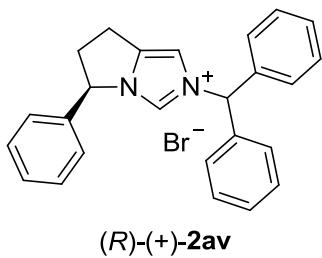


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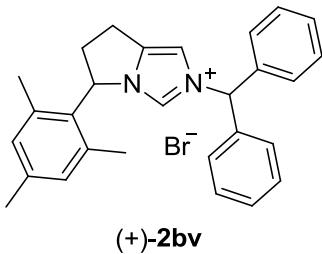


General Procedure E: A mixture of **1** (1 eq.) and alkylhalide (1.2 eq.) in dry acetonitrile was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 3 days. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by reprecipitation to give **2**.

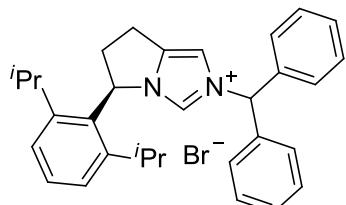
(R)-(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-i um bromide
((R)-(+)-2av): Following the General Procedure E: **(R)-1a** (220 mg, 1.19 mmol) and diphenylmethyl bromide (353 mg, 1.43 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$) to give **(R)-(+)-2av** (488 mg, 95% yield) as light brown solid; mp 87-89 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{22} +68.6$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.61-2.66 (m, 1H), 3.12-3.17 (m, 3H), 6.03 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 15H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 22.8, 37.6, 64.5, 67.3, 114.1, 126.4, 127.4, 127.9, 128.8, 129.0, 129.2, 129.27, 129.30, 129.4, 129.5, 131.6, 136.2, 136.7, 138.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}$): 351.1856, found 351.1848.



(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium bromide ((+)-2bv); Following the General Procedure E: (+)-**1b** (100 mg, 0.442 mmol) and diphenylmethyl bromide (131 mg, 0.531 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$) to give (+)-**2bv** (132 mg, 71% yield) as light brown solid; mp 96-97 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24} +88.2$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.77 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.73 (dq, *J* = 13.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.30 (m, 2H), 6.31 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.38 (m, 10H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 19.2, 20.7, 21.1, 23.0, 34.4, 60.8, 66.9, 114.4, 127.7, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.16, 129.18, 129.24, 130.0, 130.9, 131.7, 134.9, 136.2, 136.8, 137.8, 138.4, 138.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2$ (M^+-Br) 393.2325, found 393.2307.

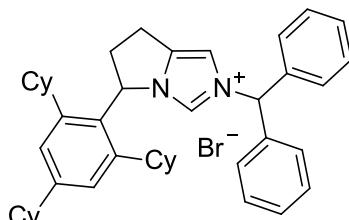


(R)-(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium bromide ((R)-(+)-2cv); Following the General Procedure E: (*R*)-(+)-**1c** (100 mg, 0.372 mmol) and diphenylmethyl bromide (110 mg, 0.446 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$) to give (*R*)-(+)-**2cv** (155 mg, 81% yield) as light brown solid; mp 124-126 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24} +107.9$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.69 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dtd, *J* = 9.6, 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.48 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.44 (m, 11H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 23.0, 23.9, 24.4, 24.5, 24.9, 28.8, 30.0, 36.1, 59.6, 67.0, 114.7, 123.8, 125.9, 127.8, 128.5, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 130.0, 130.6, 136.1, 136.6, 138.2, 147.8, 148.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2$ (M^+-Br) 435.2795, found 435.2776.



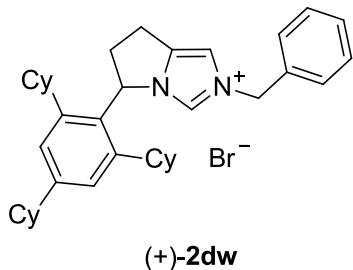
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(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-(2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-i um bromide ((+)-2dv); Following the General Procedure E: (+)-1d (80.0 mg, 0.186 mmol) and diphenylmethyl bromide (55.2 mg, 0.223 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) to give (+)-2dv (85.7 mg, 68% yield) as white solid; mp 185-186 °C; [α]_D¹⁹ +53.6 (*c* 1.00, THF); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.75 (q, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.07-2.04 (m, 29H), 2.38-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dq, *J* = 14.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.26 (m, 3H), 3.35 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.46 (m, 10H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.0, 23.4, 25.8, 26.0, 26.1, 26.8, 26.9, 27.3, 27.6, 34.1, 34.2, 34.6, 34.9, 35.7, 35.8, 40.3, 40.7, 44.5, 56.9, 59.3, 67.0, 114.4, 123.0, 125.0, 126.6, 127.4, 127.8, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 129.1, 129.2, 130.8, 136.2, 136.9, 141.5, 148.3, 147.8, 149.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₅₃N₂ (M⁺-Br) 597.4203, found 597.4181.



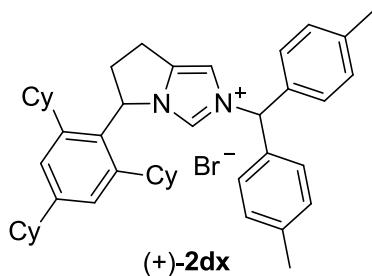
(+)-2dv

(+)-2-Benzyl-5-(2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-i um bromide ((+)-2dw); Following the General Procedure E; (+)-1d (60 mg, 0.139 mmol) and benzyl bromide (28.6 mg, 0.167 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) to give (+)-2dw (78.0 mg, 93% yield) as white solid; mp 177-178 °C; [α]_D²⁴ +4.6 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.28 (q, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 0.70 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 0.94-2.03 (m, 29H), 2.40-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.04-3.34 (m, 3H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.9, 25.6, 26.0, 26.1, 26.8, 26.88, 26.97, 27.04, 27.2, 34.1, 34.2, 34.5, 34.6, 35.0, 35.2, 36.2, 40.2, 40.9, 44.5, 54.0, 59.1, 115.4, 122.9, 125.2, 126.5, 129.2, 129.6, 133.6, 138.2, 146.3, 147.3, 149.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₄₉N₂ (M⁺-Br) 521.3890, found 521.3859.

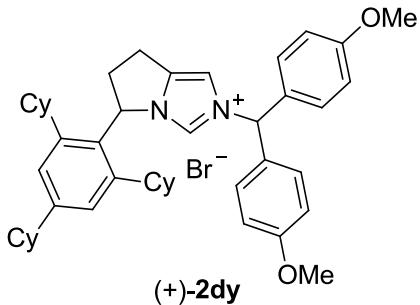


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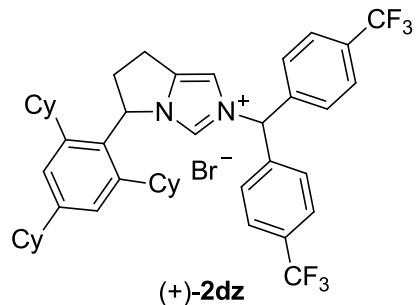
(+)-2-(4,4'-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium bromide ((+)-2dx); Following the General Procedure E; (+)-**1d** (80 mg, 0.186 mmol) and di-(4-tolyl)methyl bromide (61.4 mg, 0.223 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation (CH₂Cl₂/hexane) to give (+)-**2dx** (85.3 mg, 65% yield) as white solid; mp 168-169 °C; [α]_D²⁴ +77.6 (c 1.00, THF); ¹H NMR δ 0.76 (q, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.07-2.06 (m, 29H), 2.31-2.33 (m, 6H), 2.40-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.70 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01-3.25 (m, 3H), 3.40 (dt, *J* = 18.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 21.0, 21.1, 22.9, 23.3, 25.8, 26.0, 26.1, 26.7, 26.8, 27.3, 27.6, 34.1, 34.2, 34.5, 34.8, 35.8, 40.3, 40.6, 44.5, 59.3, 66.9, 114.4, 122.8, 125.0, 126.7, 127.2, 127.6, 129.0, 129.2, 129.6, 129.7, 130.3, 133.3, 134.0, 136.8, 138.3, 138.7, 138.7, 139.0, 146.3, 147.7, 149.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₅H₅₇N₂ (M⁺-Br) 625.4516, found 625.4490.



(+)-2-(4,4'-Di-methoxymethylphenyl)-5-(2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium bromide ((+)-2dy); Following the General Procedure E; (+)-**1d** (80 mg, 0.186 mmol) and di-(4-methoxymethylphenyl)methyl bromide (68.5 mg, 0.223 mmol) were used; Since this compound could not be purified by reprecipitation, the crude mixture was used without isolation for the next step (see the preparation of (+)-**8dy**).

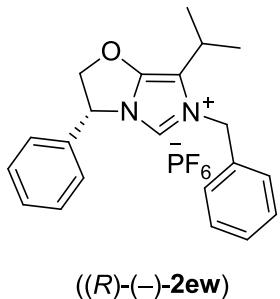


(+)-2-(4,4'-Di-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-(2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ium bromide ((+)-2dz); Following the General Procedure E; (+)-**1d** (80 mg, 0.186 mmol) and di-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl bromide (85.4 mg, 0.223 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$) to give **(+)-2dz** (102.9 mg, 68% yield) as light brown solid; mp 185-186 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_D^{24} +135.3$ (*c* 1.00, THF); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.60 (q, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.03-1.12 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.92 (m, 27H), 1.98-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.21-3.40 (m, 2H), 6.38 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 6H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 22.9, 25.7, 25.99, 26.04, 26.7, 26.85, 26.91, 27.3, 27.6, 34.1, 34.6, 34.8, 35.6, 35.7, 40.4, 40.9, 44.5, 59.6, 65.2, 114.0, 123.1, 123.47 (q, *J* = 277 Hz), 123.51 (q, *J* = 277 Hz), 125.2, 126.13, 126.17, 126.19, 128.3, 129.8, 131.24 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 131.25, 131.27 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 138.6, 139.7, 140.3, 146.1, 147.6, 149.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{51}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2$ (M^+-Br) 733.3951, found 733.3944.

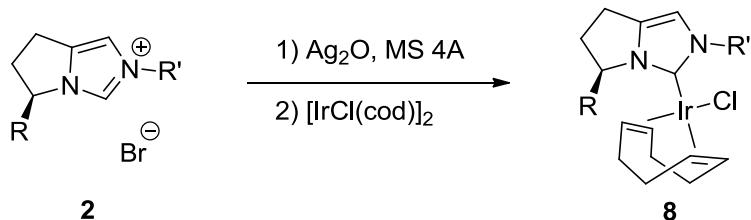


(*R*)-6-Benzyl-7-isopropyl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[5,1-b]oxazol-6-ium hexafluorophosphate ((*R*)-(-)-2ew); Following the General Procedure E; (*R*)-7-isopropyl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[5,1-b]oxazole (194 mg, 0.849 mmol) and benzyl bromide (174.0 mg, 1.02 mmol) were used; purified by reprecipitation ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{ether}$); Then, the bromide counter anion was converted into PF_6^- . The residue was dissolved in acetone/ H_2O (1/1) and added KPF_6 . After stirring at room temperature for 8 h, the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give (*R*)-(-)-**2ew** (232.6 mg, 59% yield) as brown solid; mp 67-68 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_D^{22} -60.7$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.84 (sept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.0 Hz,

1H), 5.15 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (t, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.43 (m, 10H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 20.8, 21.2, 23.5, 52.4, 60.8, 84.0, 113.7, 123.9, 126.7, 127.8, 129.3, 129.5, 129.8, 130.1, 132.1, 134.1, 147.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+-\text{PF}_6^-)$ 319.1805, found 319.1794.



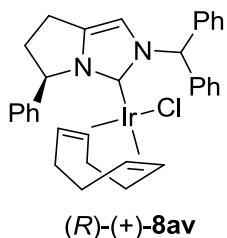
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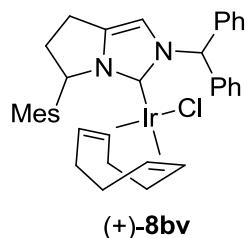
General Procedure F: A mixture of imidazolium salt **2** (1 eq.), Ag₂O (2.5 eq.), and powdered 4A molecular sieves in 1,2-dichloroethane was refluxed with stirring overnight in dark. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting silver complex was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ under N₂, and then added a solution of [IrCl(cod)]₂ (0.52 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in dark at room temperature. To remove insoluble silver salts, the suspension was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by column chromatography (SiO₂) to give the desired product.

[(R)-(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((*R*)-(+)-8av); Following the General Procedure F: (*R*)-(+)-2av (100 mg, 0.237 mmol) and [IrCl(cod)]₂ (82.9 mg, 0.123 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/hexane = 1/1) to give (*R*)-(+)-8av (113.9 mg, 70% yield) as yellow solid; mp 216-220 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21} +115.5$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR spectra of 8av indicated that conformational isomers derived from the restricted rotation around the carbene–Ir bond axis exist in a 2:1 ratio; The following data are for a mixture of the isomers; ¹H NMR (CD₃Cl) δ 0.82-0.92 (m, 0.65H), 1.04-1.16 (m, 1.30H), 1.18-1.44 (m, 2.70H), 1.46-2.05 (m, 4.00H), 2.21-2.27 (m, 0.35H), 2.30-2.50 (m, 1.65H), 2.66 (td, *J* = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 0.35H), 2.75-3.09 (m, 3H), 4.11 (td, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz,

0.35H), 4.23-4.29 (m, 0.35H), 4.48-4.55 (m, 1.30H), 5.37 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.35H), 5.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.65H), 6.51 (s, 1.00H), 7.21-7.48 (m, 15H), 7.99 (s, 0.65H), 7.99 (s, 0.35H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 22.2, 28.1, 28.6, 29.4, 31.8, 32.3, 34.0, 34.4, 37.8, 39.5, 48.6, 51.7, 52.1, 52.2, 62.3, 64.0, 67.6, 67.7, 82.9, 83.3, 84.3, 111.6, 111.7, 126.3, 126.9, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 127.88, 127.92, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.40, 128.46, 128.51, 128.6, 128.9, 129.5, 129.8, 130.0, 136.6, 137.6, 139.3, 139.9, 140.4, 141.0, 142.6, 176.6, 177.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{34}\text{IrN}_2$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$) 651.2346, found 651.2343; A single crystal suitable for X-ray single-crystal structure determination was obtained by recrystallization from hot hexane.³

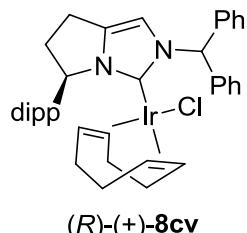


[(+)-2-Benzhydryl-5-mesityl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((+)-8bv); Following the General Procedure F: (+)-**2bv** (90 mg, 0.190 mmol) and $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})]_2$ (66.5 mg, 0.099 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) followed by recrystallization (THF/hexane) to give (+)-**8bv** (117.6 mg, 85% yield) as yellow solid; mp 101-102 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21} +82.0$ (c 1.00, THF); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.70 (dtd, J = 13.2, 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 0.78-0.91 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.18 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.00 (td, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.41-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.64 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.88-3.05 (m, 3H), 4.36-4.41 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.47 (m, 1H), 6.02-6.08 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.40 (m, 10H), 8.05 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 19.4, 20.8, 21.5, 22.5, 27.3, 29.9, 31.0, 33.7, 35.4, 51.1, 53.1, 57.6, 67.7, 81.8, 84.8, 111.6, 126.5, 127.4, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 129.5, 129.7, 131.1, 134.6, 135.6, 137.4, 137.7, 138.4, 140.5, 140.7, 176.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{40}\text{IrN}_2$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$) 693.2815, found 693.2797.

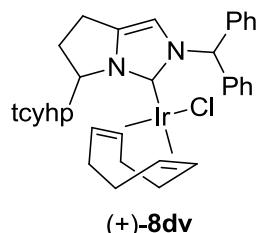


[(*R*)-2-Benzhydryl-5-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((*R*)-(+)-8cv); Following the General Procedure F: (*R*)-(+)-**2cv** (80 mg, 0.155 mmol) and $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})]_2$ (54.2 mg, 0.081 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2) to give (*R*)-(+)-**8cv** (99.1 mg, 83% yield) as yellow solid; mp

114-116 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21} +121.6$ (*c* 1.00, THF); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.74 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.82-0.90 (m, 1H), 1.02-1.11 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.58-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.8, 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.0, 7.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (td, *J* = 7.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (td, *J* = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.68 (sept, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94-3.17 (m, 3H), 4.05 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (td, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (td, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.39 (m, 12H), 8.38 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 22.0, 22.5, 23.3, 24.8, 26.4, 28.0, 28.4, 29.8, 33.0, 33.5, 35.4, 51.3, 53.3, 56.0, 67.9, 81.1, 83.6, 112.2, 123.2, 125.5, 126.8, 127.4, 128.0, 128.4, 128.5, 129.5, 136.1, 138.1, 140.3, 140.8, 147.3, 147.8, 176.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{46}\text{IrN}_2$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}$) 735.3285, found 735.3264; A single crystal suitable for X-ray single-crystal structure determination was obtained by slow diffusion of pentane into a solution of (*S*)-(-)-**8cv** in CH_2Cl_2 .

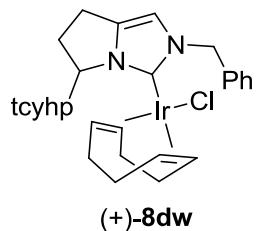


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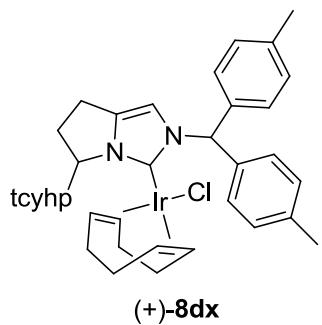


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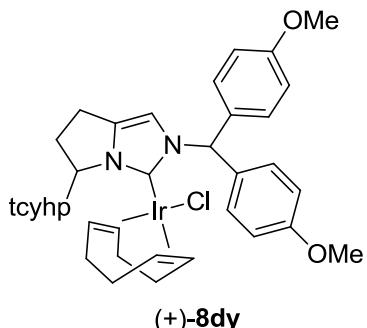
clooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((+)-8dw); Following the General Procedure F: (+)-**2dw** (45 mg, 0.075 mmol) and [IrCl(cod)]₂ (26.1 mg, 0.039 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1/9) to give (+)-**8dw** (57.8 mg, 90% yield) as yellow solid; mp 154-156 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21} +68.3$ (*c* 1.00, THF); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.83-1.04 (m, 4H), 1.13-1.95 (m, 32H), 2.04 (ddt, *J* = 15.2, 10.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.75 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02-3.14 (m, 3H), 3.67-3.76 (m, 1H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (td, *J* = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.09-6.15 (m, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.36 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.2, 26.1, 26.2, 26.5, 26.9, 27.0, 27.5, 27.7, 27.8, 29.7, 30.4, 32.5, 33.3, 33.9, 34.27, 34.35, 34.5, 34.9, 35.6, 37.6, 39.3, 40.4, 44.7, 50.8, 53.3, 55.1, 55.7, 80.4, 83.8, 112.3, 122.5, 124.6, 127.1, 127.6, 128.7, 133.7, 137.7, 138.6, 145.8, 147.0, 147.4, 176.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₄₈ClIrN₂Na (M⁺-cod+Na) 771.3027, found 771.3052.



[(+)-2-(4,4'-Dimethylbenzhydryl)-5-(2,4,6-trihexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imida-zol-2-ylidene](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((+)-8dx); Following the General Procedure F: (+)-**2dx** (40 mg, 0.056 mmol) and [IrCl(cod)]₂ (19.6 mg, 0.030 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1/9) to give (+)-**8dx** (44 mg, 81% yield) as yellow solid; mp 170-171 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{19} +118.3$ (*c* 0.50, THF); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.86-0.96 (m, 4H), 1.06-1.94 (m, 32H), 2.04-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 3H), 2.41-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.92-3.14 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.99 (td, *J* = 7.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (td, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 7H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.1, 21.4, 22.3, 26.18, 26.23, 26.6, 26.9, 27.0, 27.3, 27.7, 27.8, 29.7, 31.1, 31.9, 33.2, 33.6, 34.4, 34.9, 35.0, 35.5, 37.6, 39.3, 40.4, 50.6, 54.1, 55.8, 67.6, 79.4, 84.1, 111.9, 122.6, 124.6, 126.6, 129.0, 129.1, 129.4, 133.7, 136.8, 137.6, 137.8, 138.0, 138.1, 145.9, 147.0, 147.3, 176.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₃H₆₈IrN₂ (M⁺-Cl) 925.5006, found 925.4985.

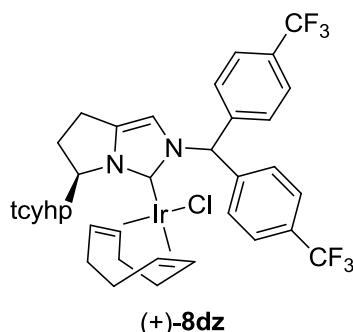


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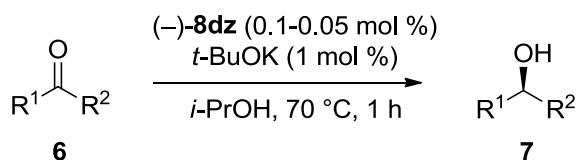


[(+)-2-(4,4'-Trifluoromethylbenzhydryl)-5-(2,4,6-trihexylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazol-2-ylidene](1,5-cyclooctadiene)iridiumchloride ((+)-8dz); (+)-**2dz** (60 mg, 0.074 mmol) and [IrCl(cod)]₂ (25.8 mg, 0.038 mmol) were used; purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1/9) to give (+)-**8dz** (51.5 mg, 65% yield) as yellow solid; mp 178-180 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +112.5$ (*c* 1.00, THF); ¹H NMR δ 0.83-1.96 (m, 36H), 2.06 (ddt, *J* = 15.2, 10.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.96-3.18 (m, 3H), 3.65-3.73 (m, 1H), 4.07 (td, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (td, *J* = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.74 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.3, 26.16,

26.5, 26.87, 26.93, 27.0, 27.3, 27.76, 27.81, 31.0, 32.1, 33.3, 33.6, 34.40, 34.43, 34.6, 34.9, 35.4, 37.6, 39.5, 40.5, 44.7, 50.8, 54.5, 56.0, 67.1, 80.7, 85.1, 111.3, 122.7, 123.9 (q, $J = 276$ Hz), 124.7, 125.7, 127.1, 129.8, 130.2 (q, $J = 33.3$ Hz), 133.2, 139.2, 143.7, 143.8, 145.7, 147.0, 147.7, 177.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{53}H_{62}F_6IrN_2$ ($M^+ - Cl^-$) 1033.4441, found 1033.4438. Anal. calcd for $C_{53}H_{62}ClF_6IrN_2$ C, 59.56; H, 5.85, found C, 59.10; H, 5.76.

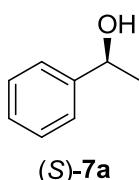


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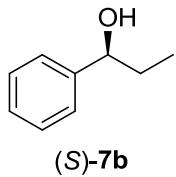
General Procedure G: $(-)-8\text{dz}$ (0.20 μmol , 0.1 or 0.05 mol %) was weighed into a flask. To this were added a solution of $t\text{-BuOK}$ in $i\text{-PrOH}$ (10 or 20 mL, 2 mM, 1 mol %) and aryl ketone **6** (2.00 or 4.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.), then the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ether/hexane) to give **7**. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined by HPLC analysis with chiral stationary phase column (Daicel Chiralcel; OD-H, OB-H, or AD-H).

(S)-1-Phenylethanol ((S)-7a); Following the General Procedure G; 88% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁴ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ $i\text{-PrOH}$ = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 8.6 min (minor), t_S = 10.1 min (major); 97% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -54.8$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3).

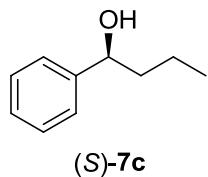


(S)-1-Phenylpropanol ((S)-7b); Following the General Procedure G; 93% yield; this product was

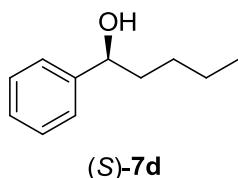
characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁴ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, *t_R* = 11.8 min (minor), *t_S* = 12.6 min (major); 97% ee; [α]_D²⁰ −45.3 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



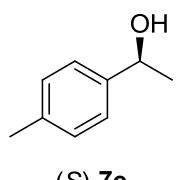
(S)-1-Phenylbutanol ((S)-7c); Following the General Procedure G; 79% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁴ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 0.8 mL/min, *t_R* = 16.1 min (minor), *t_S* = 17.9 min (major); 97% ee; [α]_D²³ −54.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



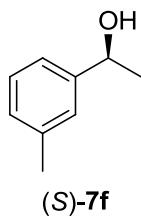
(S)-1-Phenylpentanol ((S)-7d); Following the General Procedure G; 15% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁴ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, *t_R* = 12.5 min (minor), *t_S* = 13.7 min (major); 97% ee; [α]_D²³ −39.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



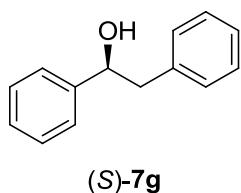
(S)-1-(*p*-Tolyl)ethanol ((S)-7e); Following the General Procedure G; 86% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁵ Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, *t_R* = 12.3 min (minor), *t_S* = 12.9 min (major); 92% ee; [α]_D²³ −49.7 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



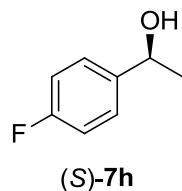
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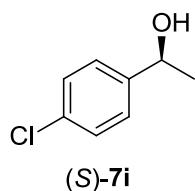
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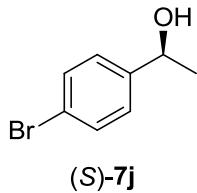
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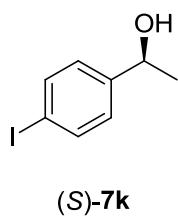
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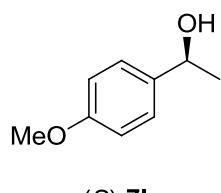
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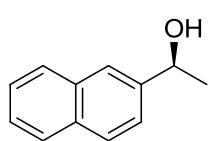
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(S)-1-(*p*-Methoxyphenyl)-ethanol ((S)-7l); Following the General Procedure G; 55% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁵ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 1.0 mL/min, *t*_R = 18.0 min (minor), *t*_S = 19.8 min (major); 94% ee; [α]_D²³ −45.2 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



(S)-1-(2-Naphthyl)-1-ethanol ((S)-7m); Following the General Procedure G; 37% yield; this product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously;⁵ Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, *t*_S = 16.6 min (major), *t*_R = 18.6 min (minor); 83% ee; [α]_D²³ −39.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).

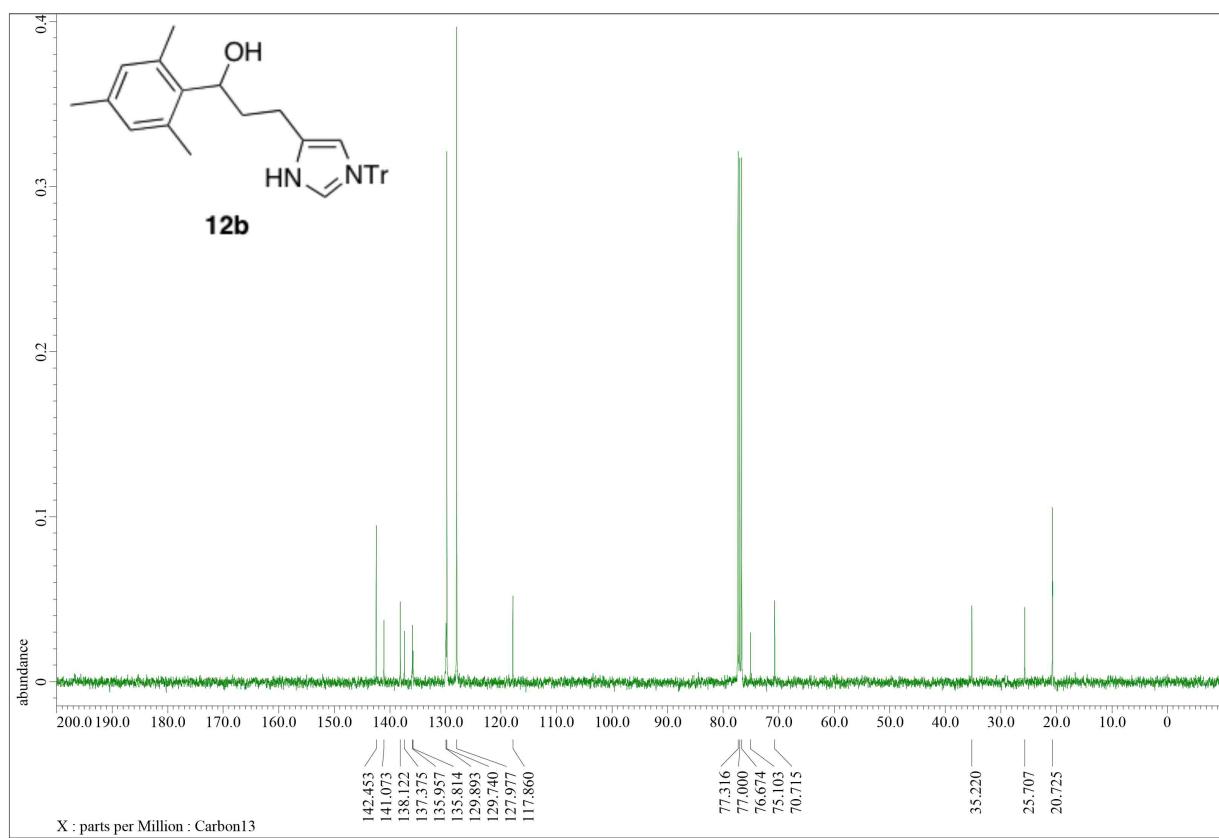
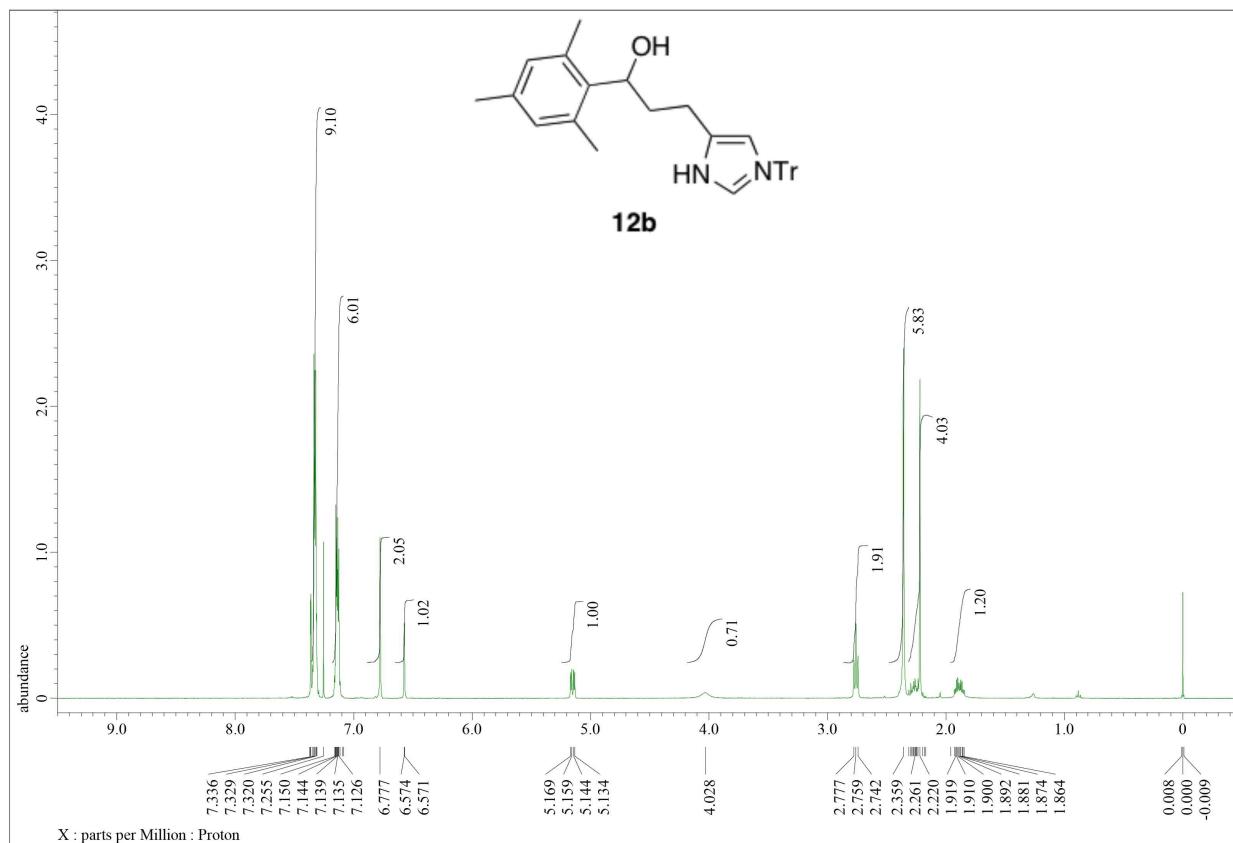


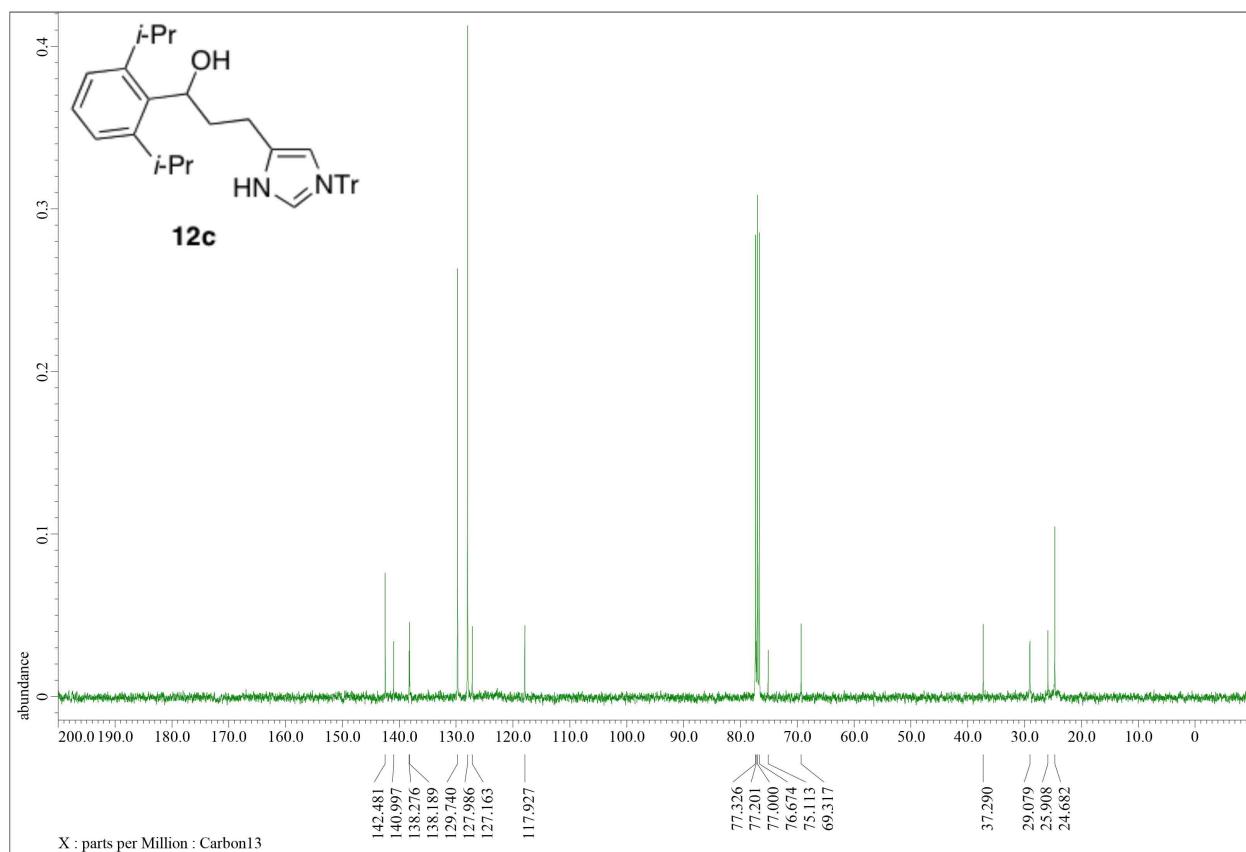
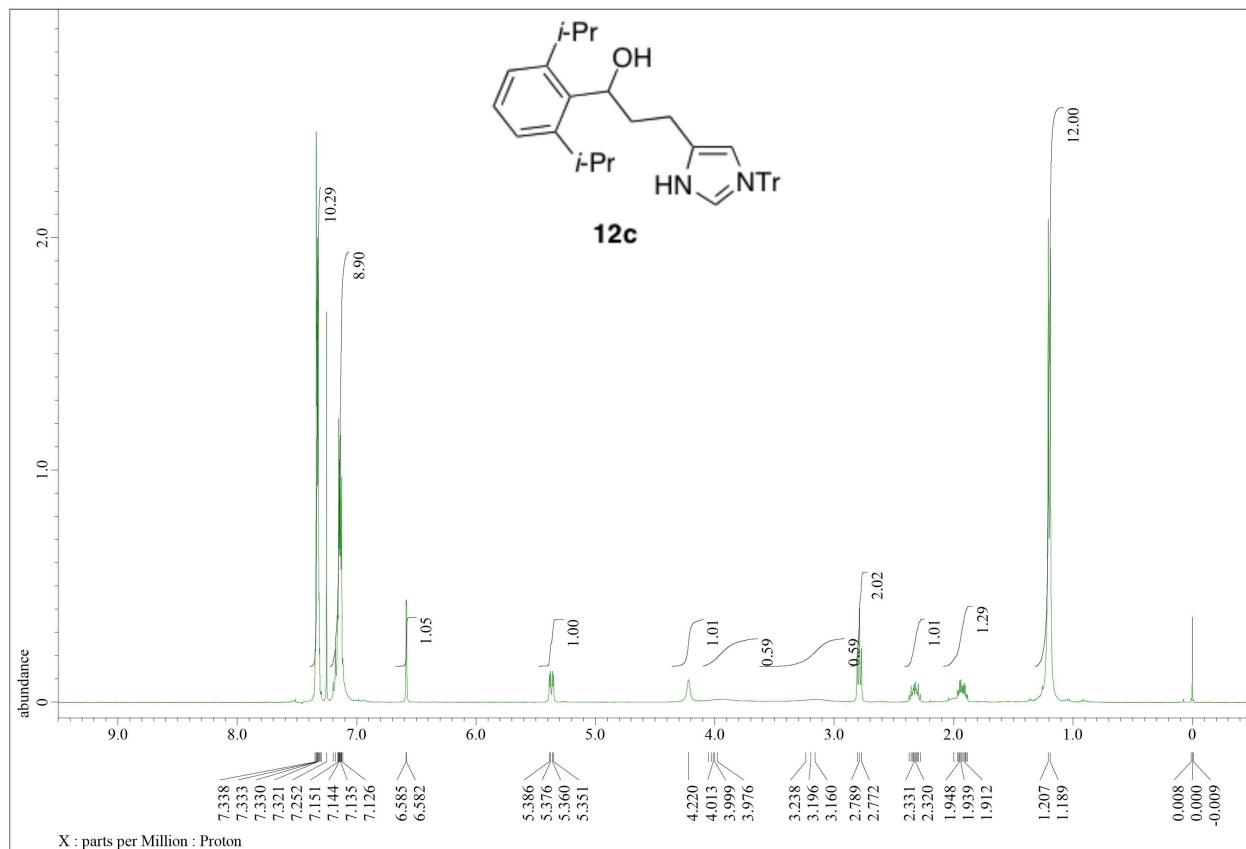
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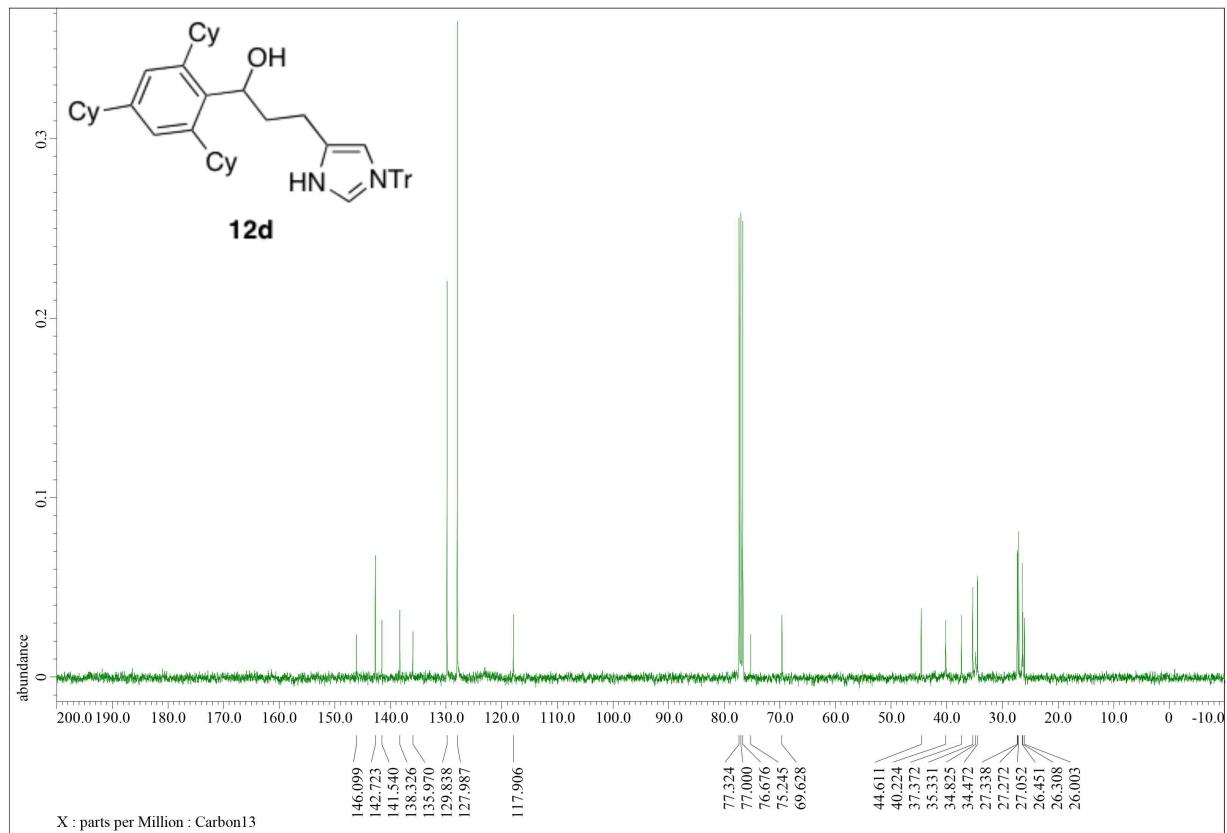
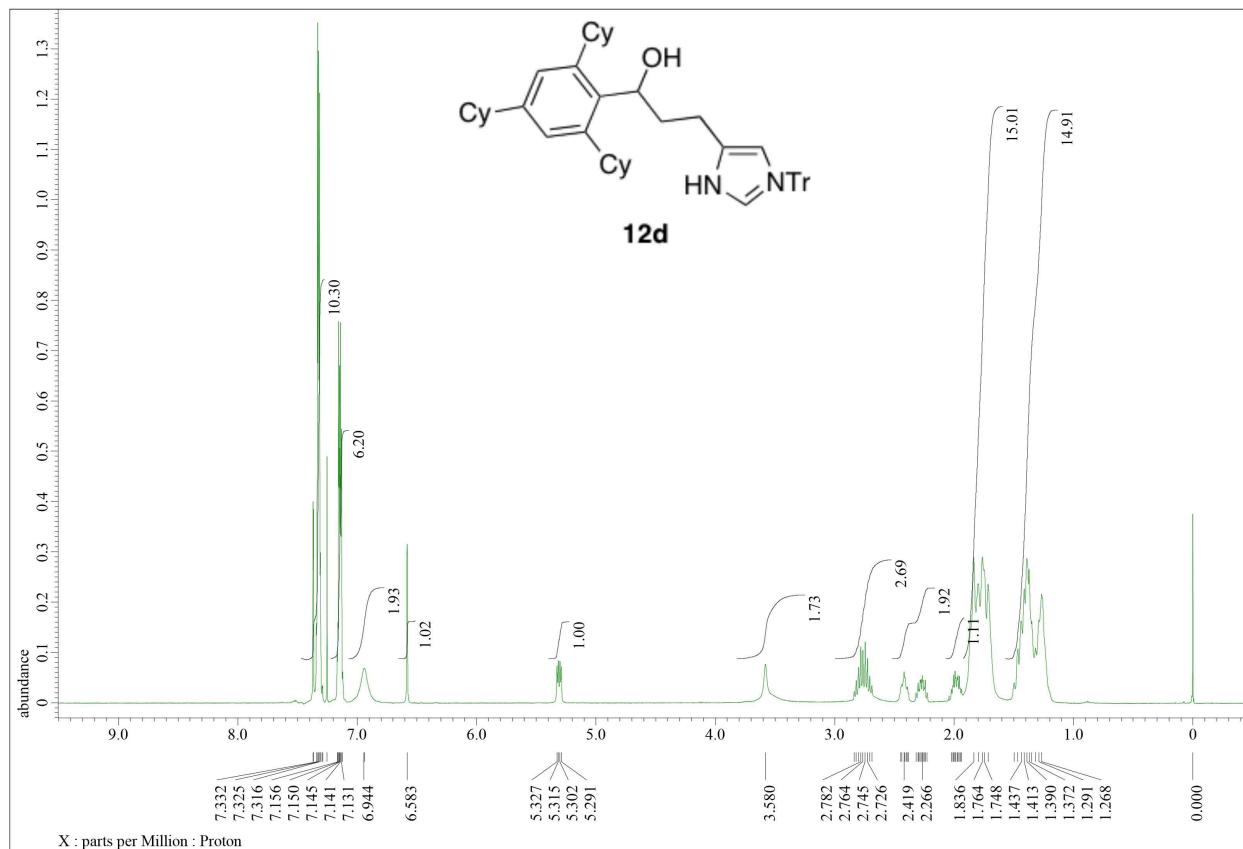
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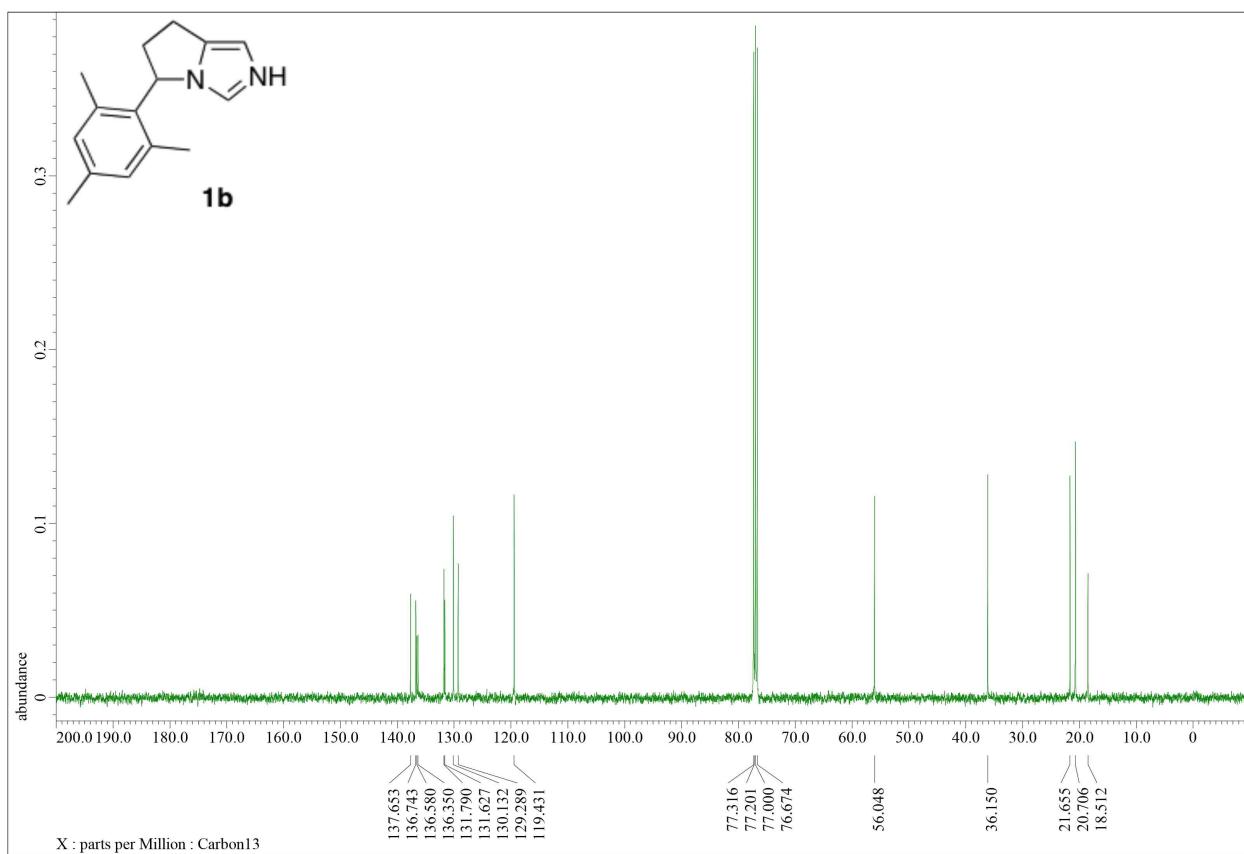
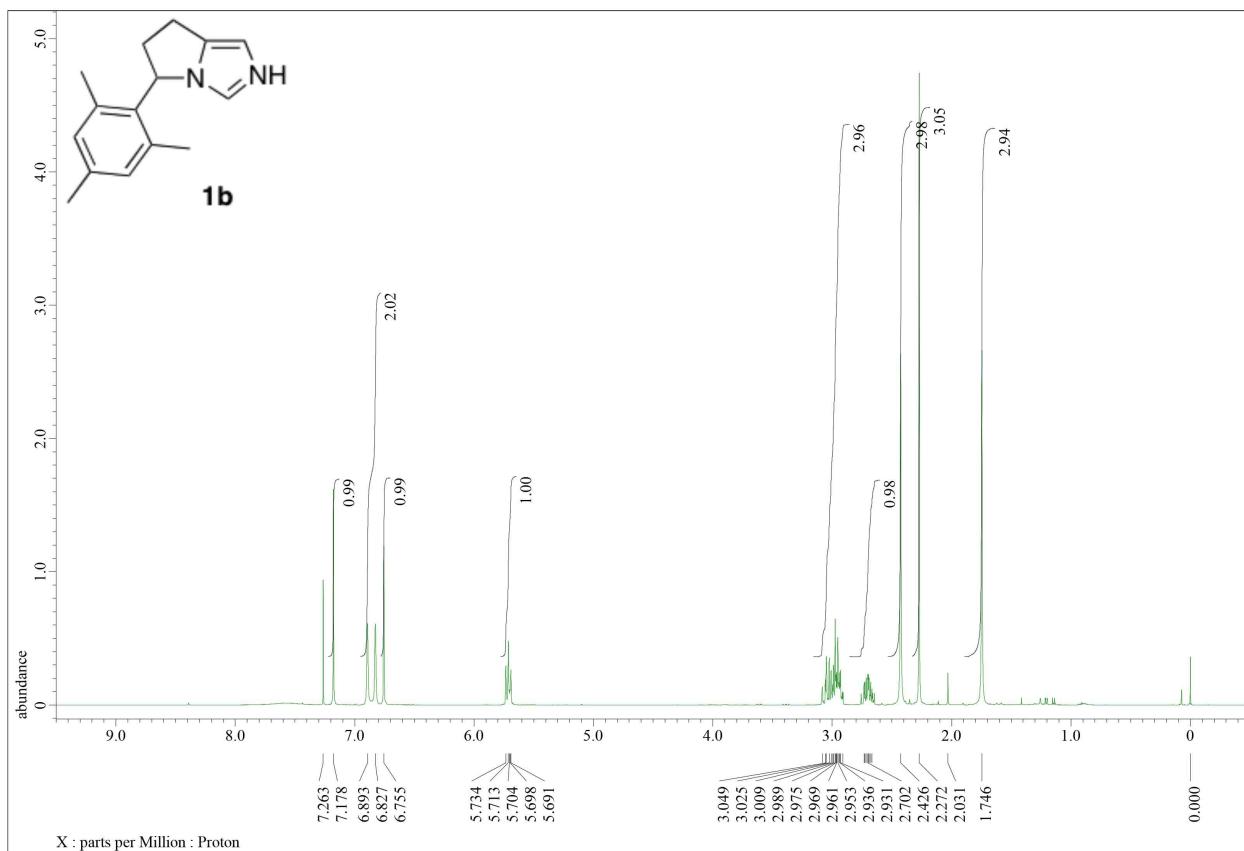
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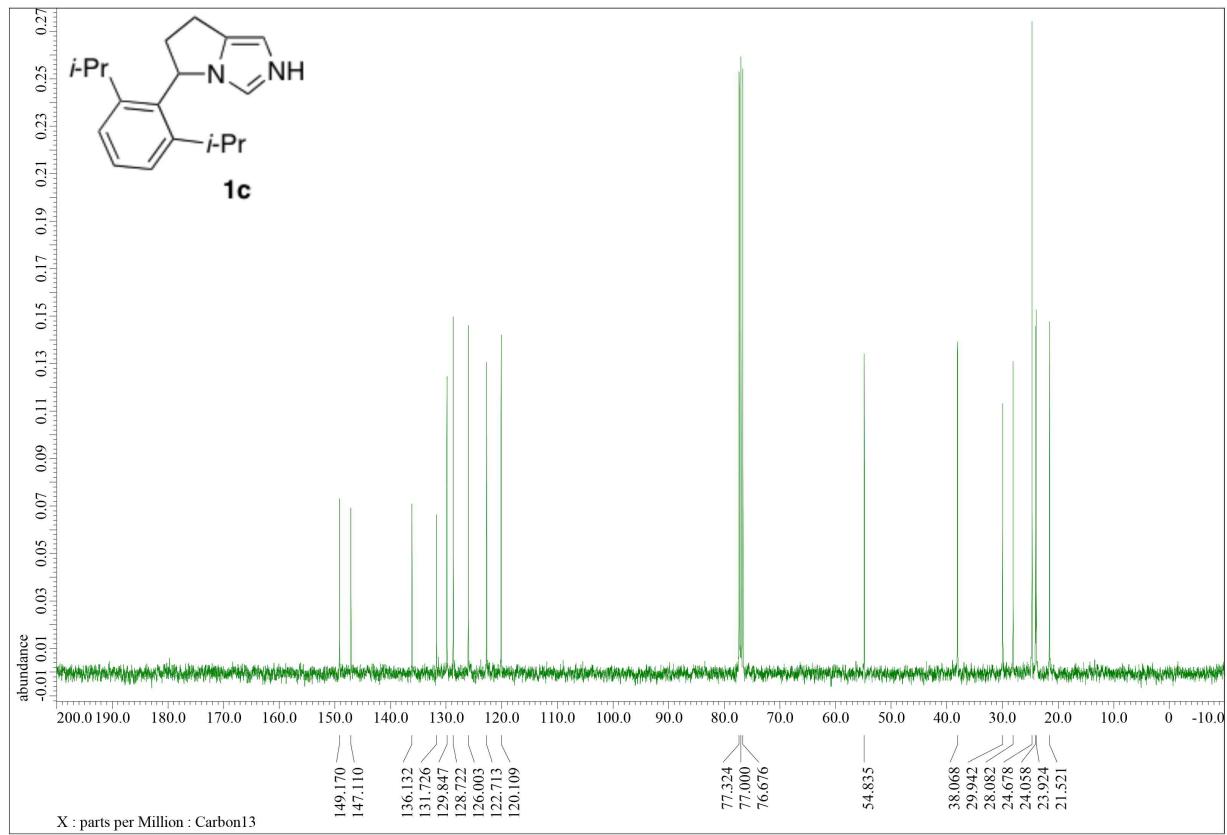
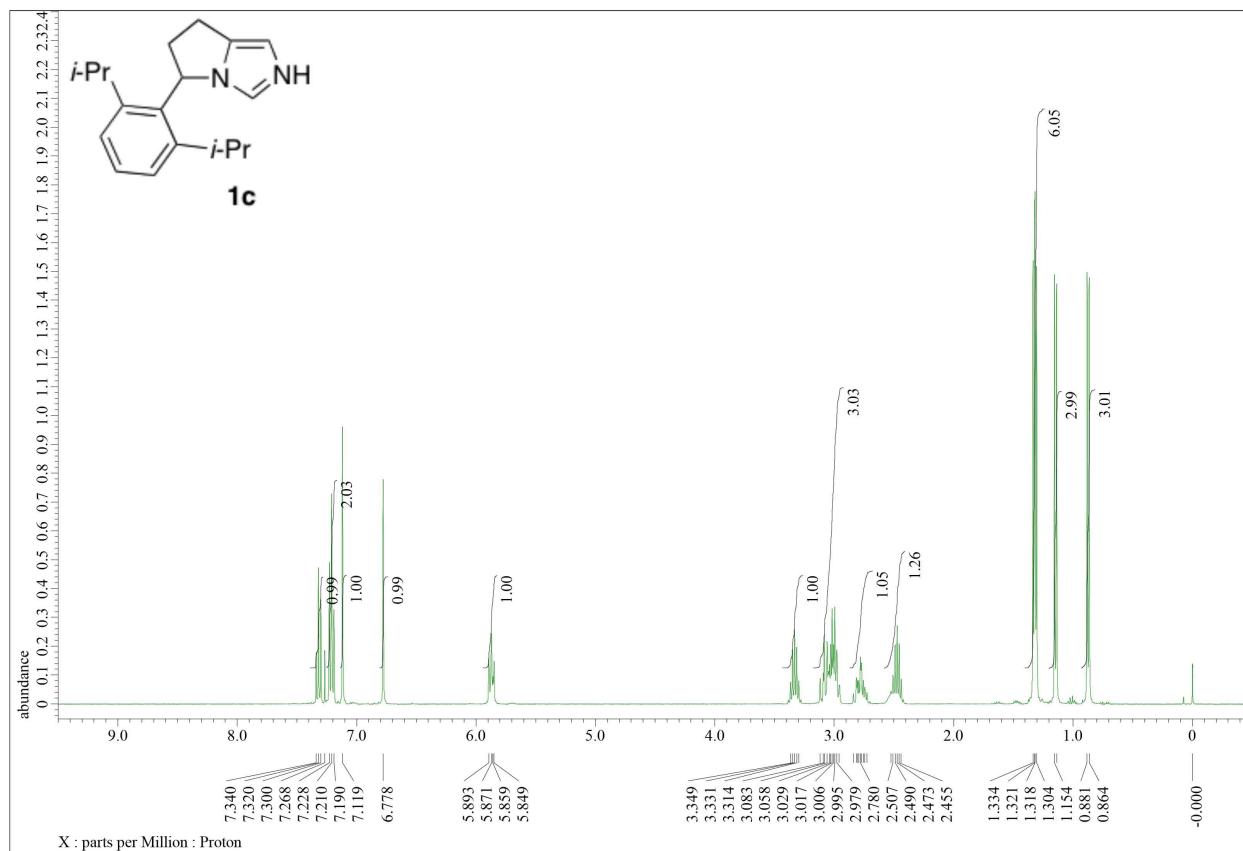
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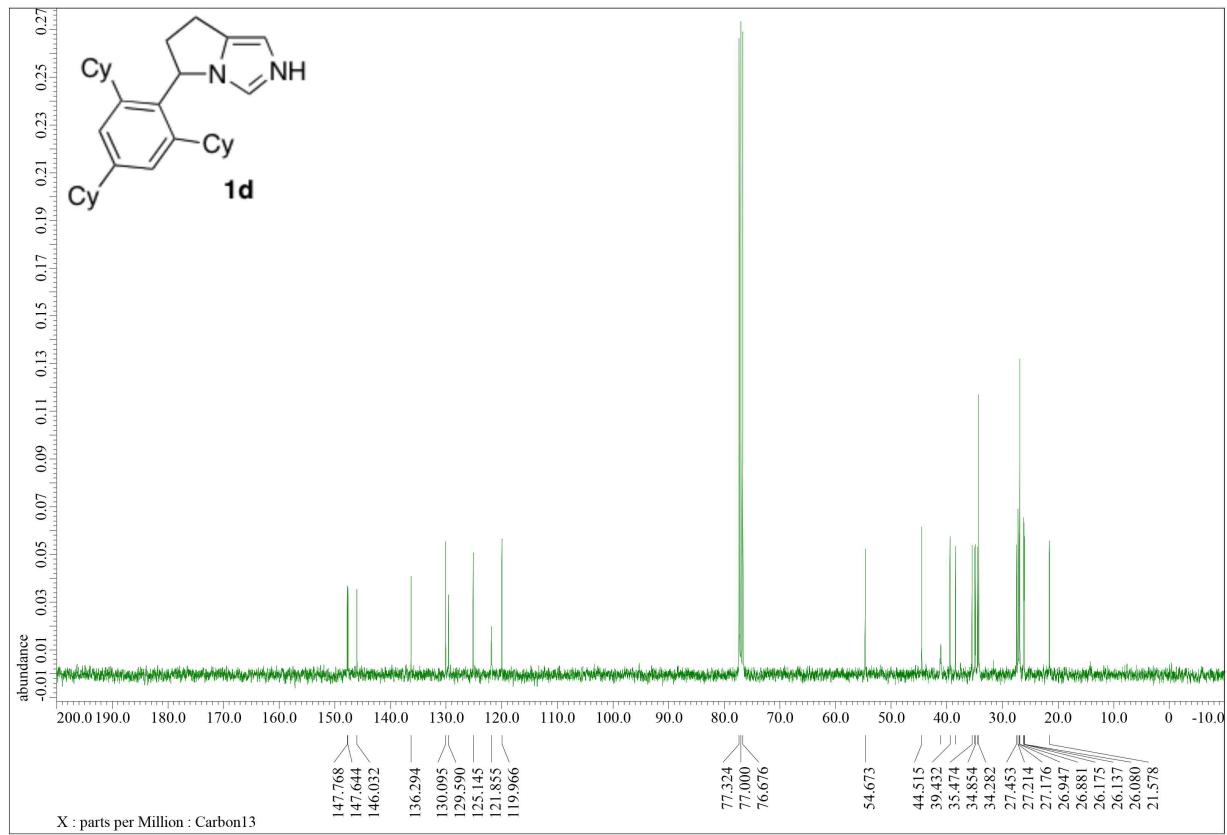
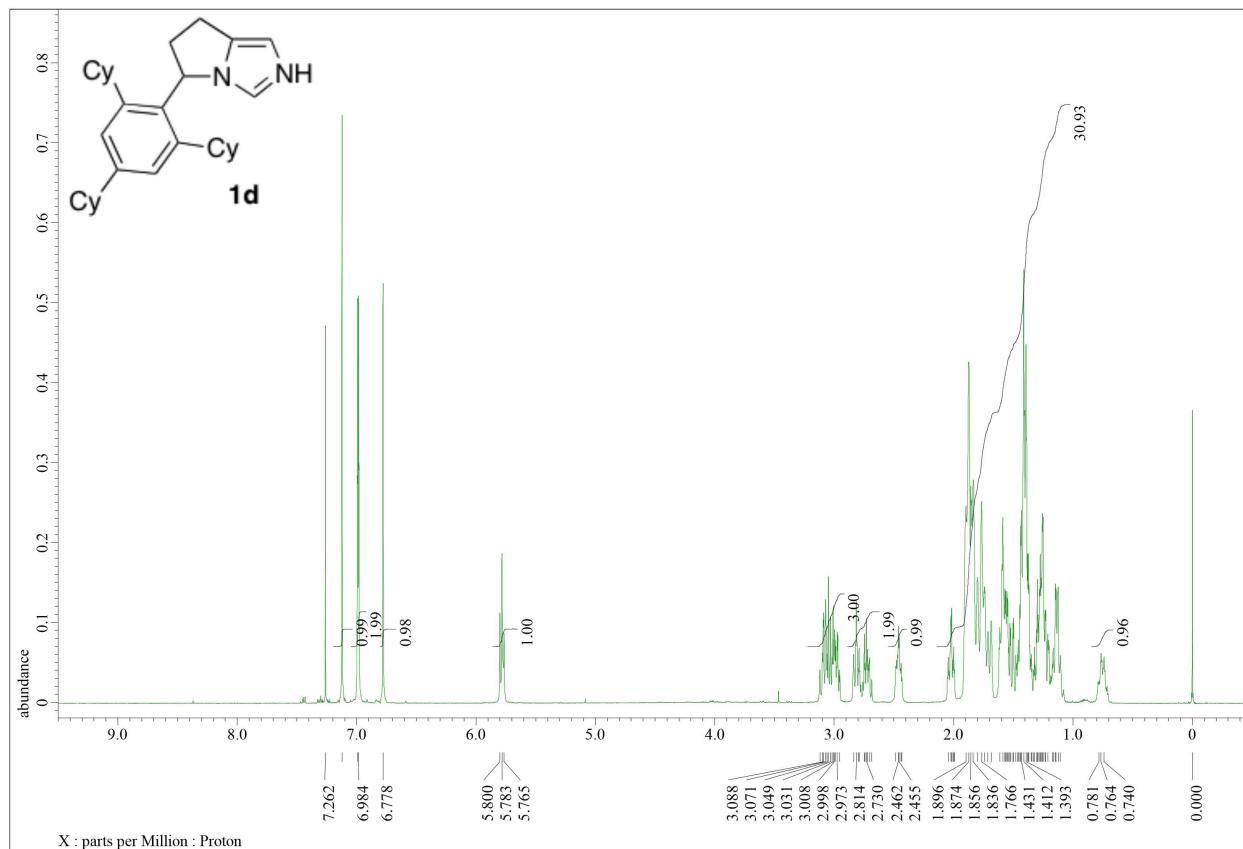


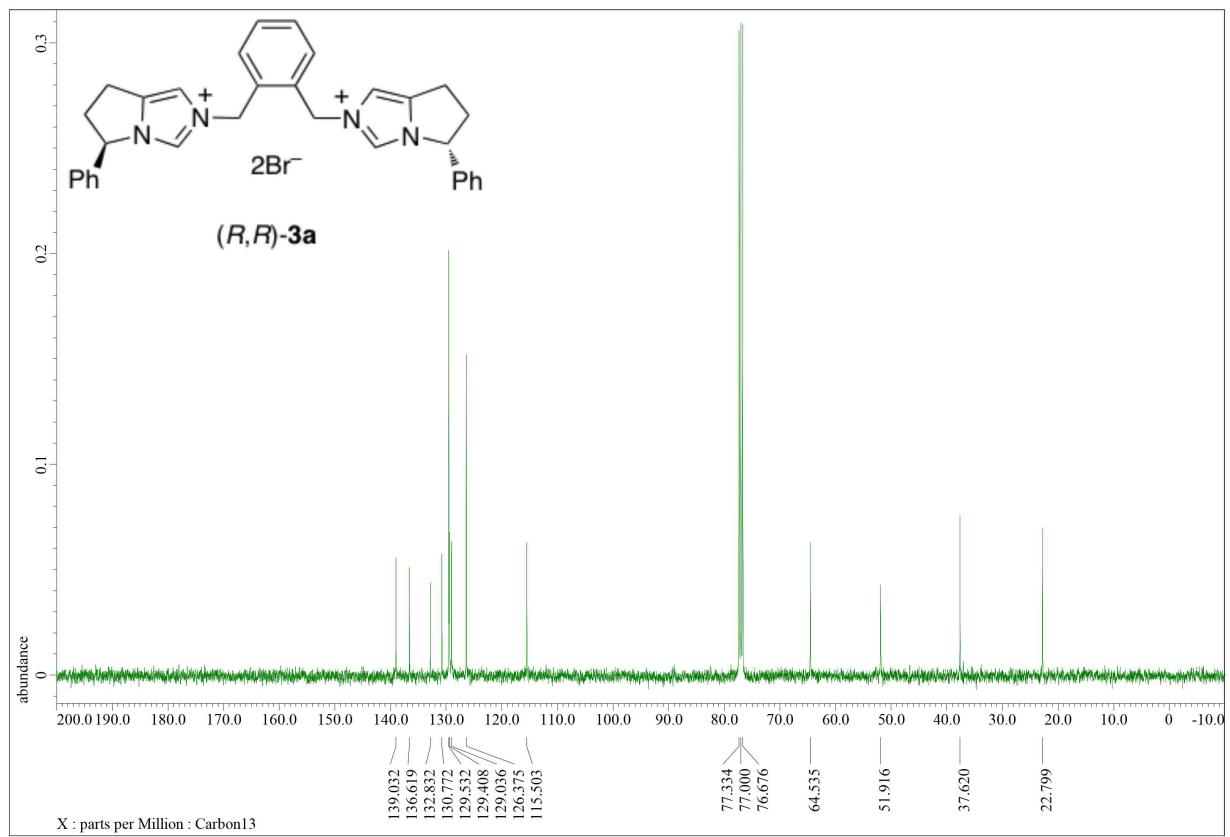
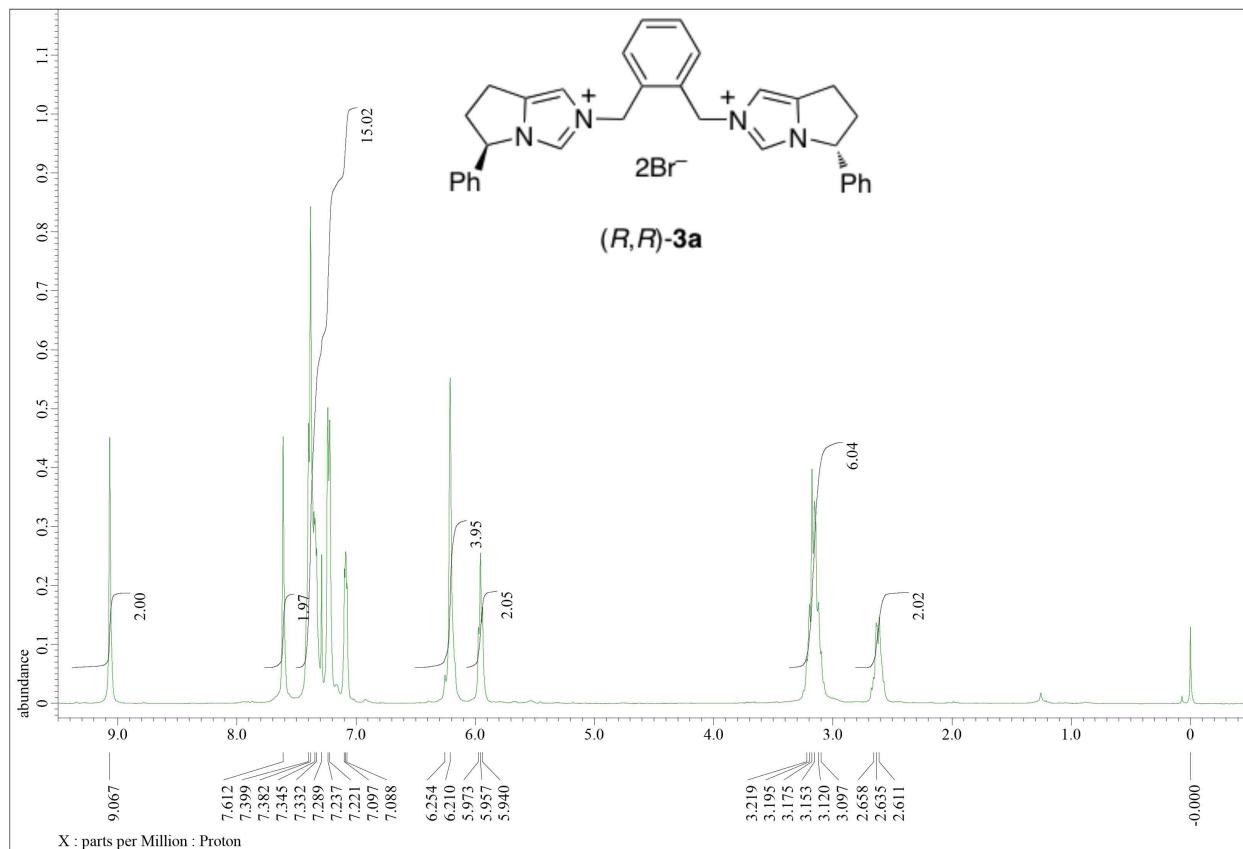


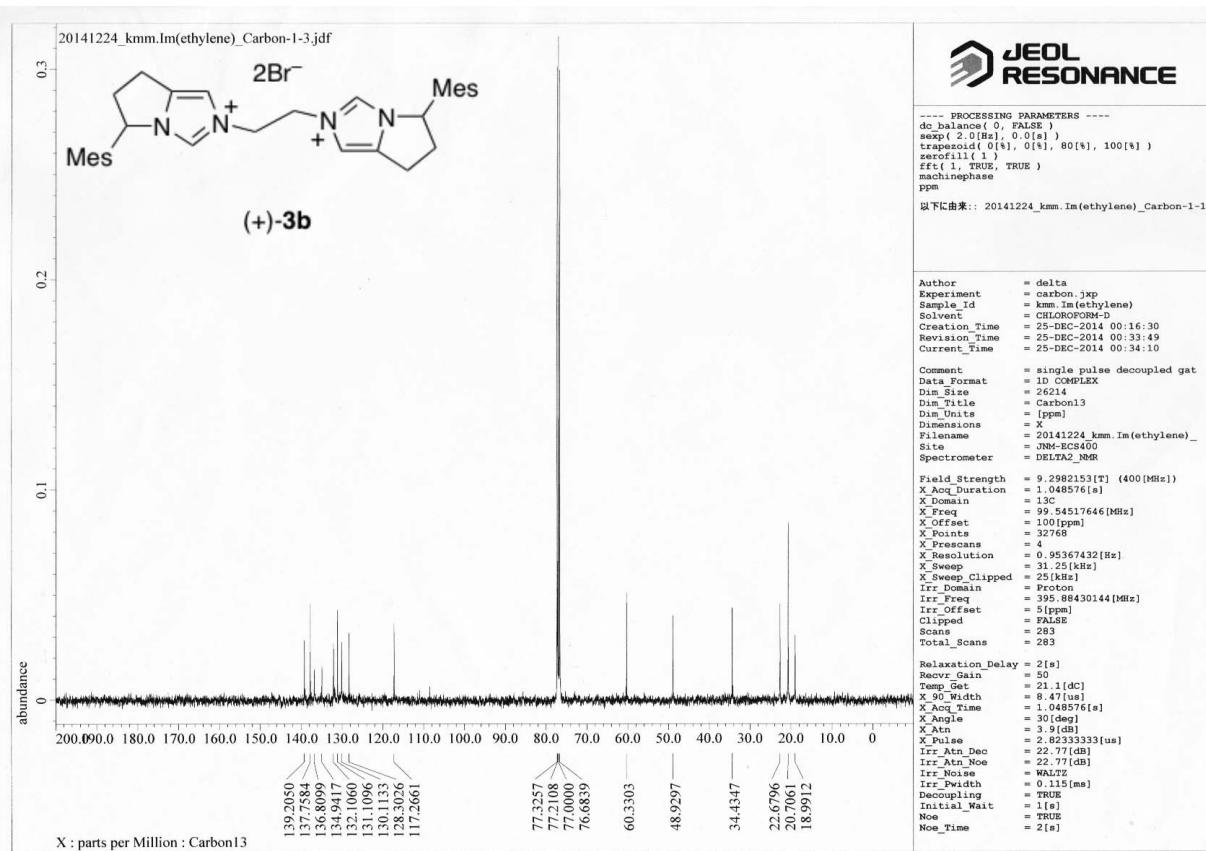
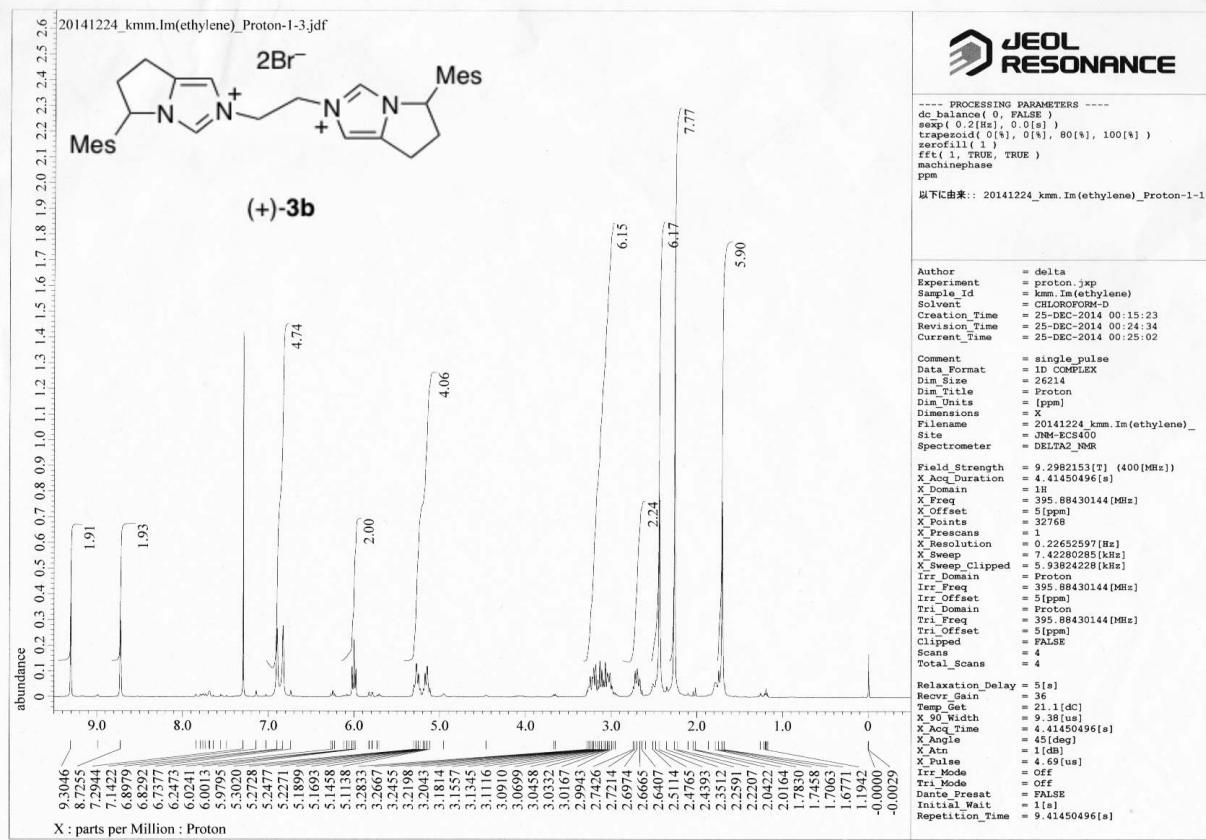


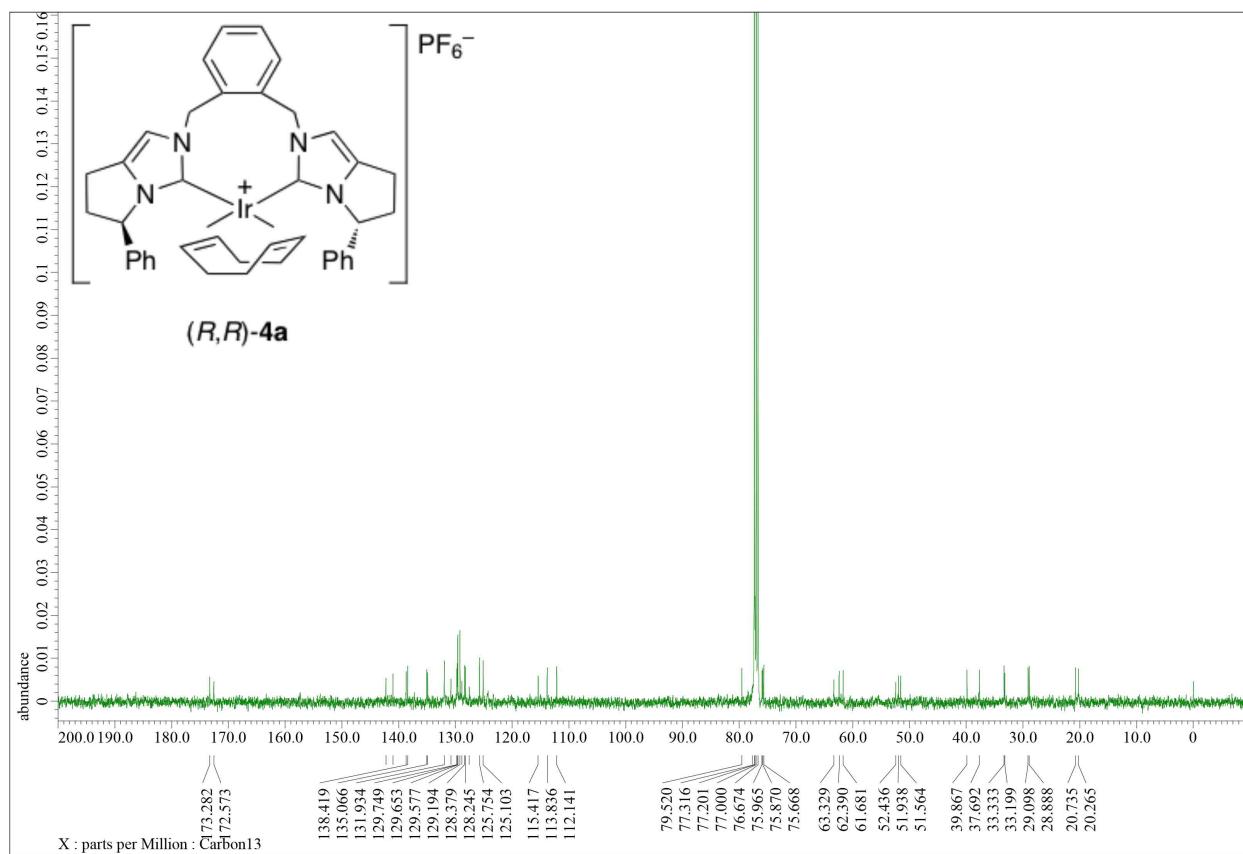
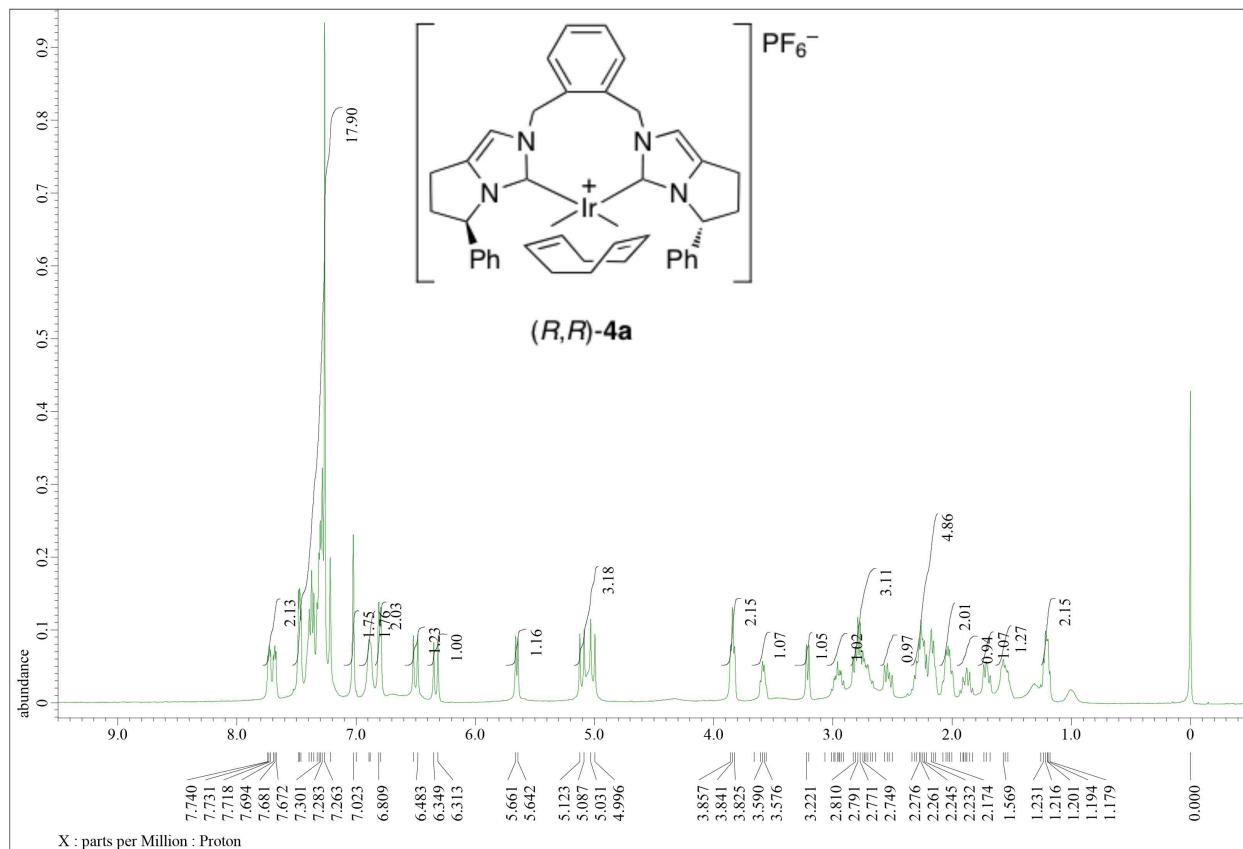


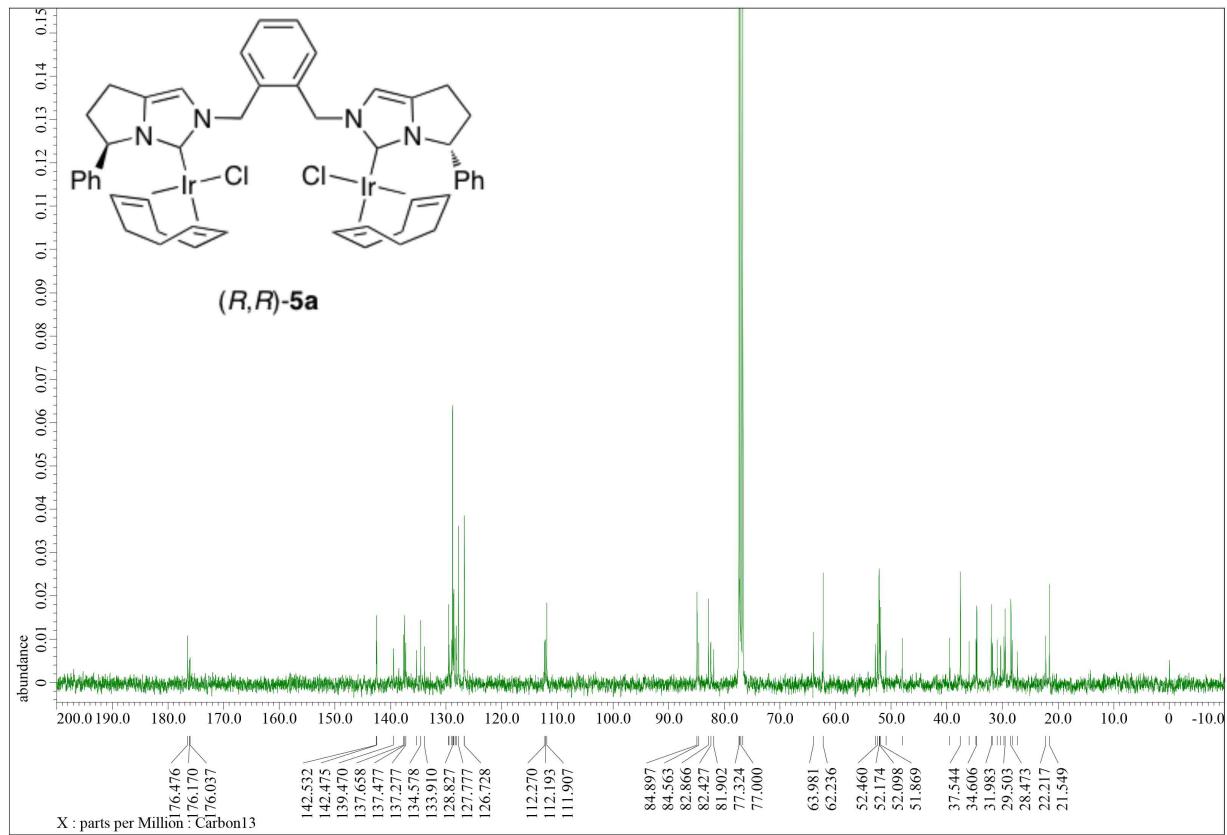
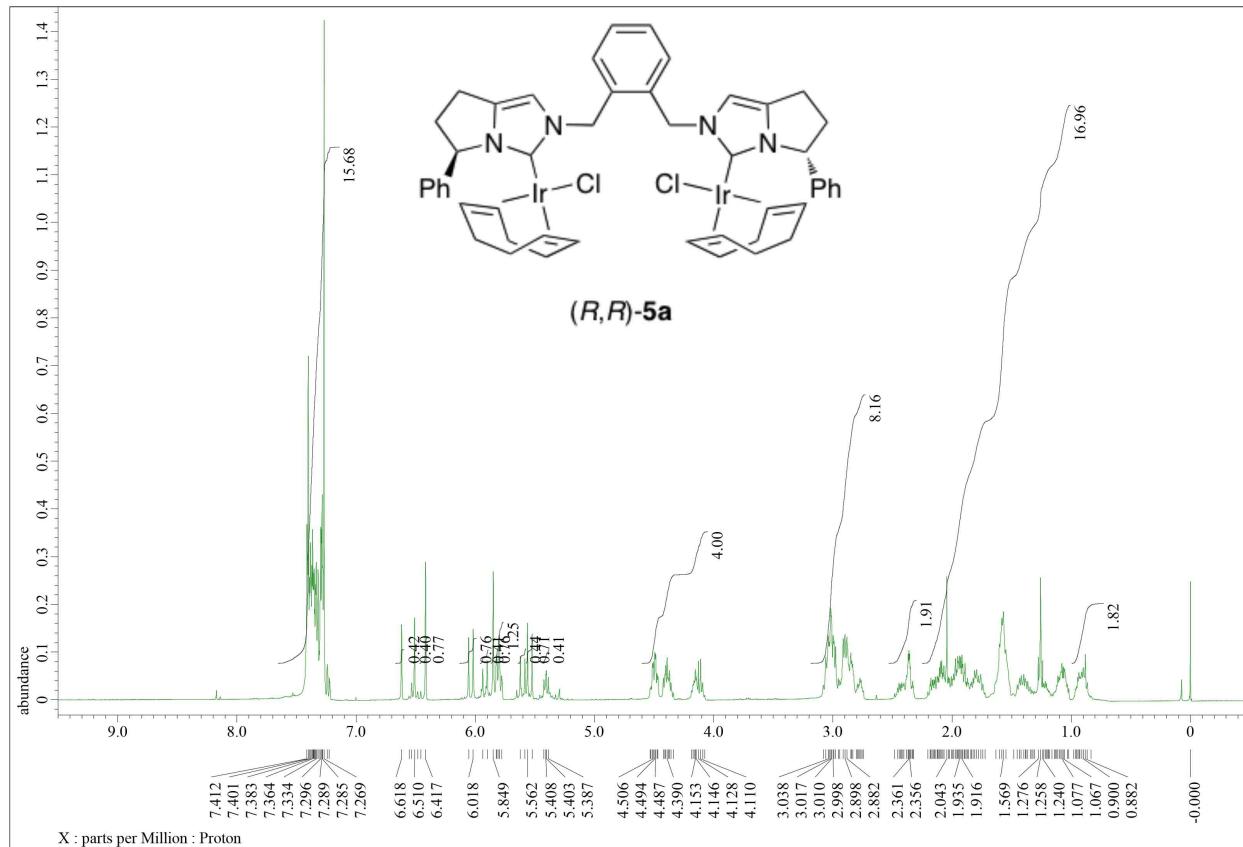


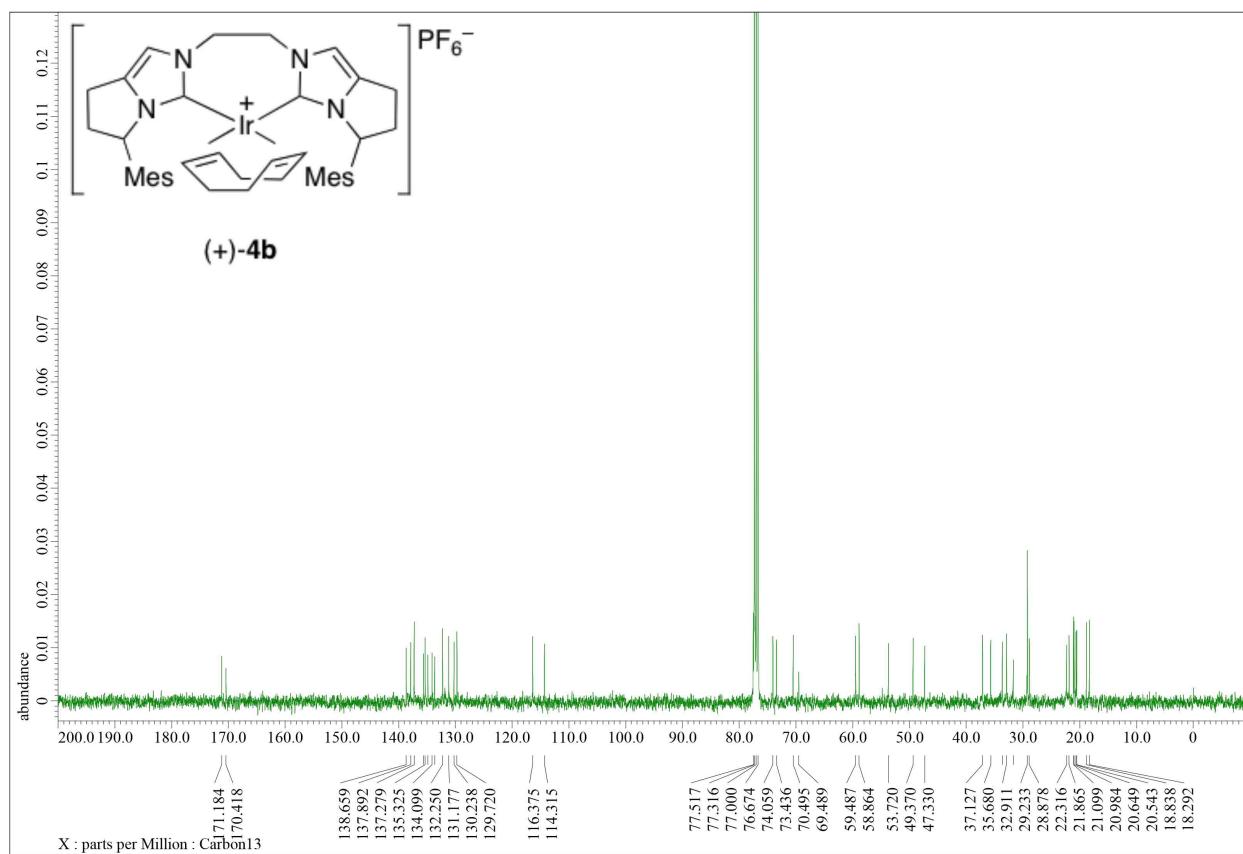
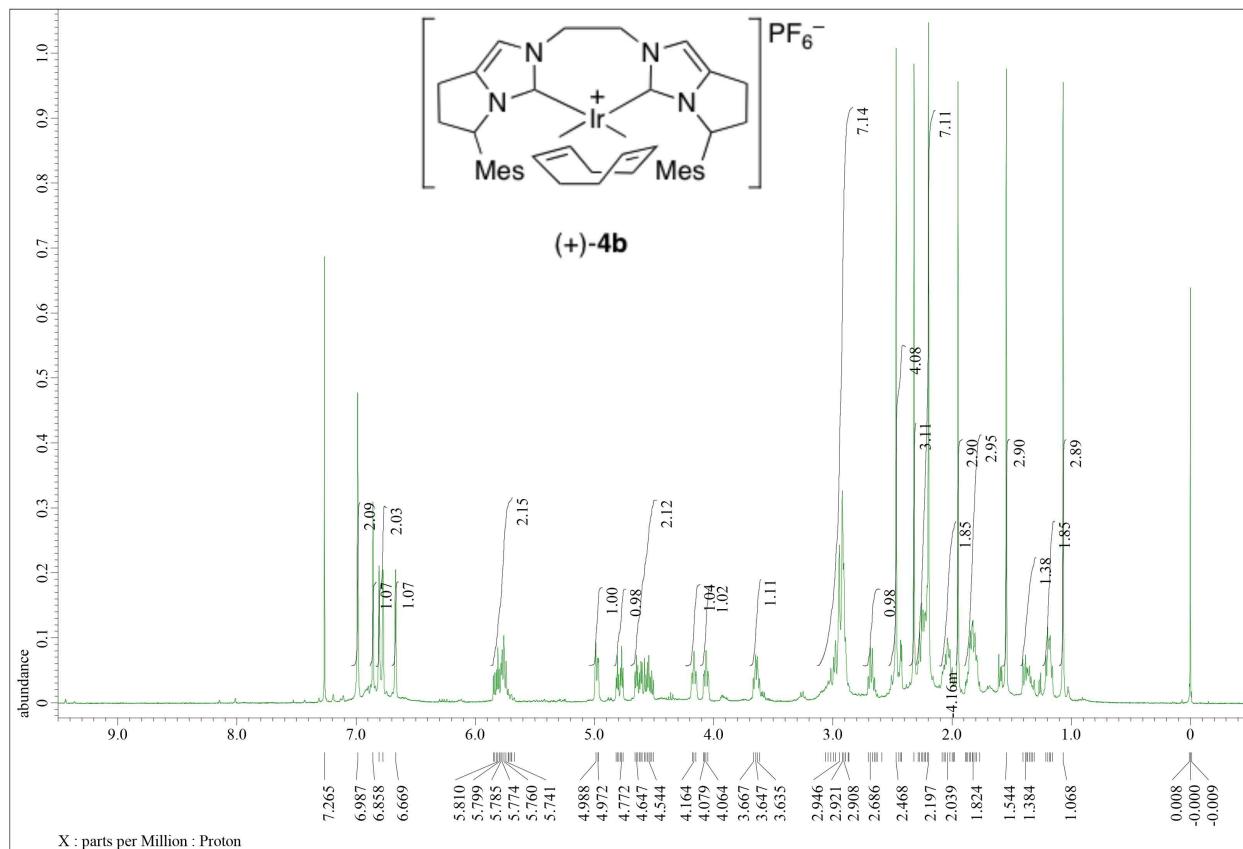


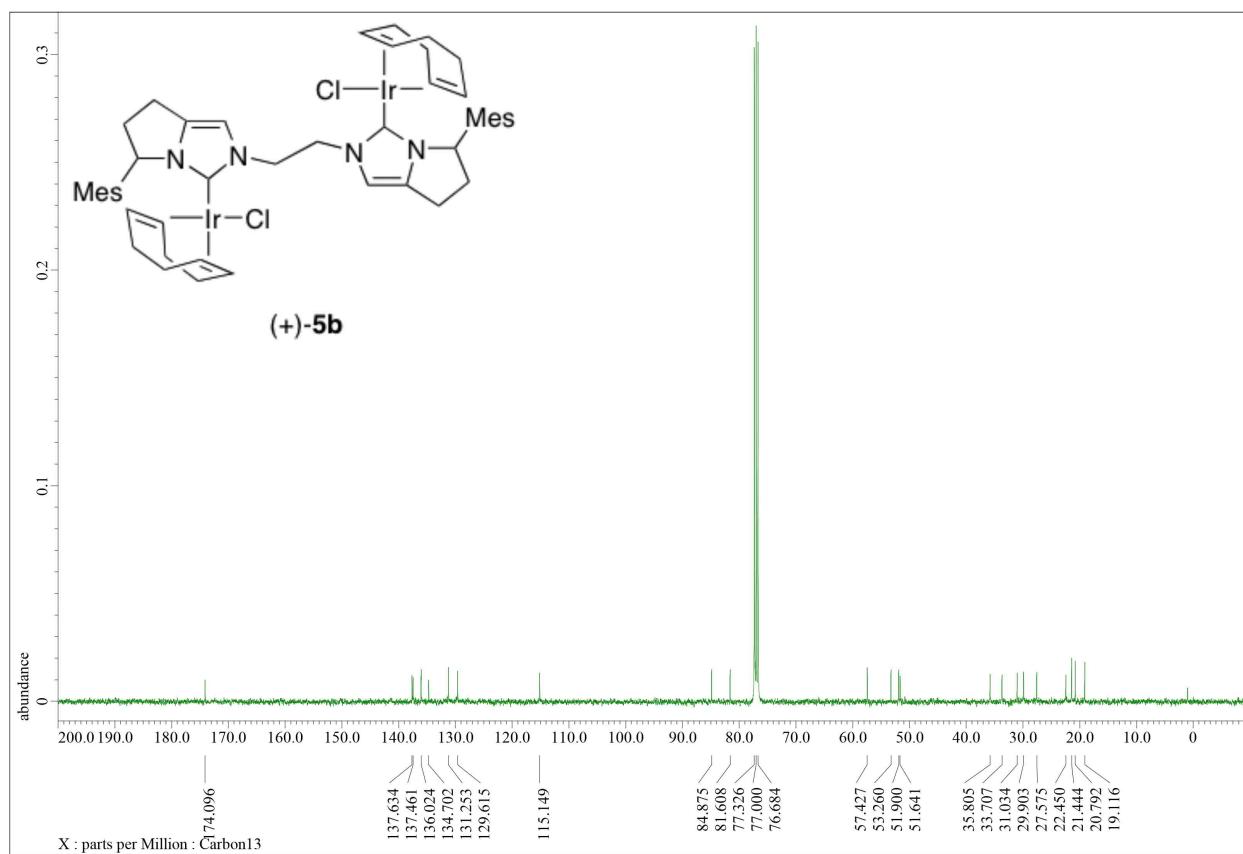
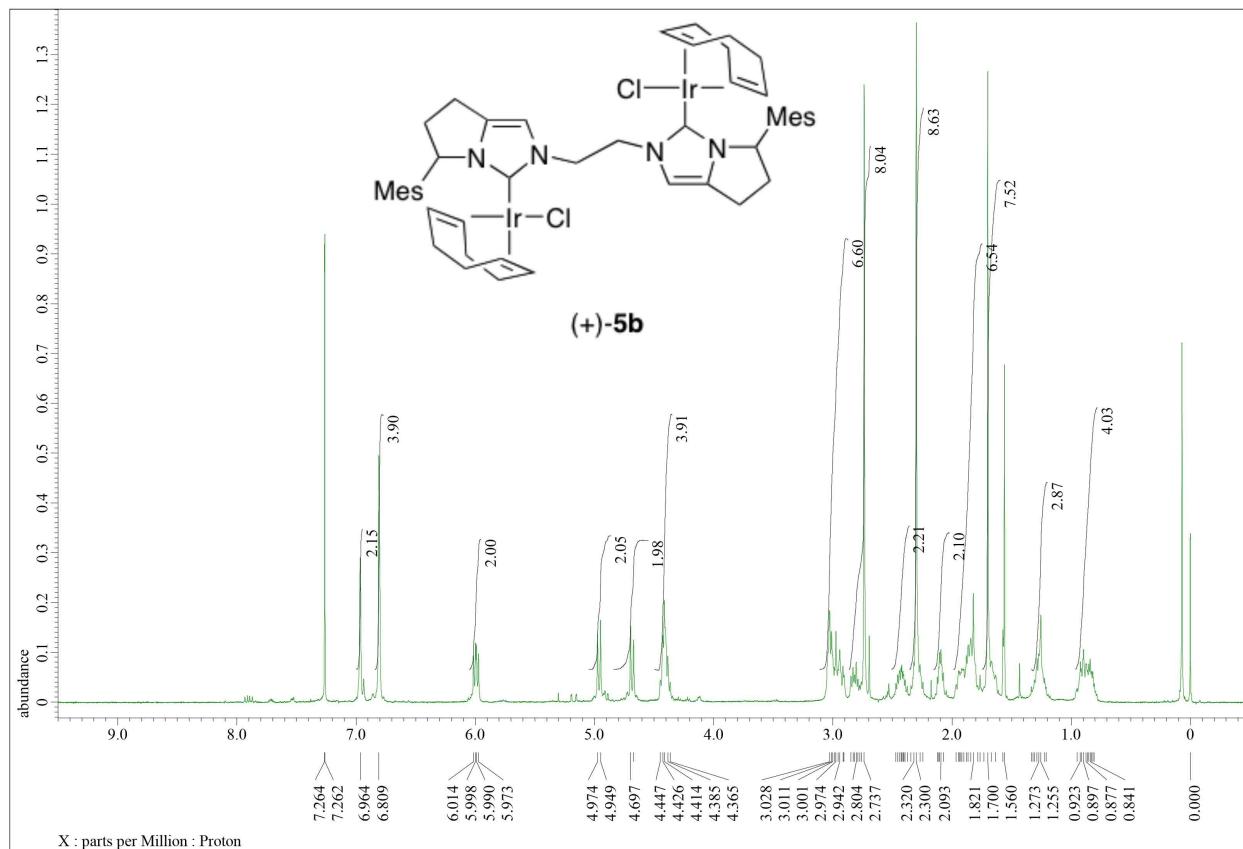


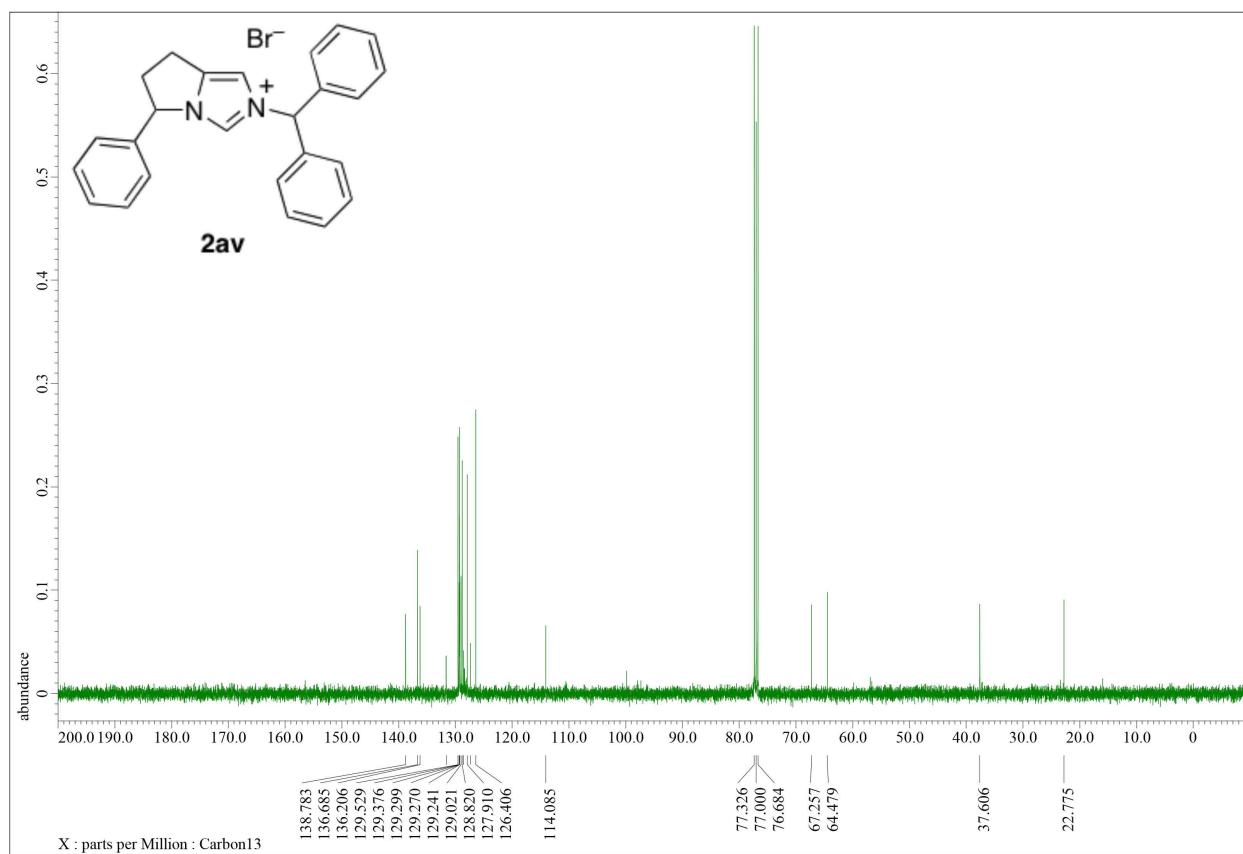
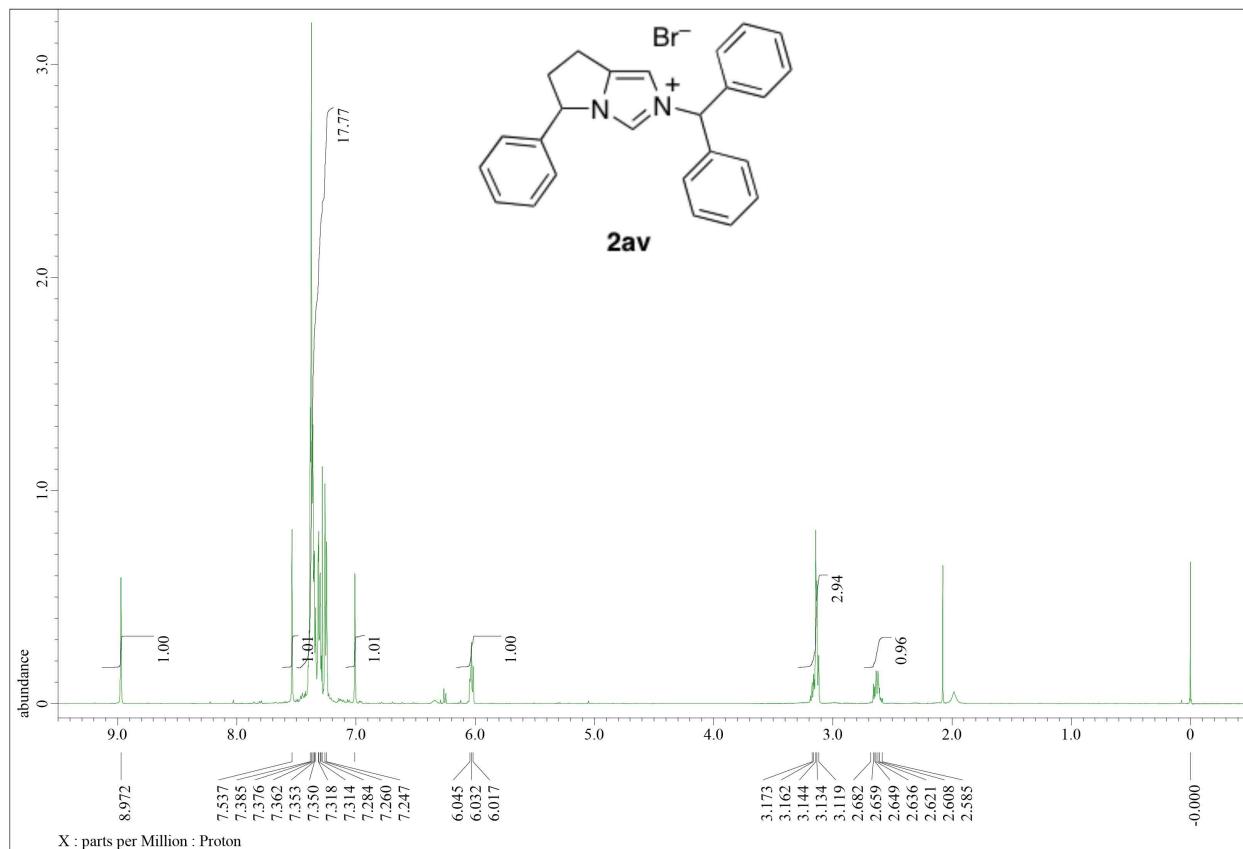


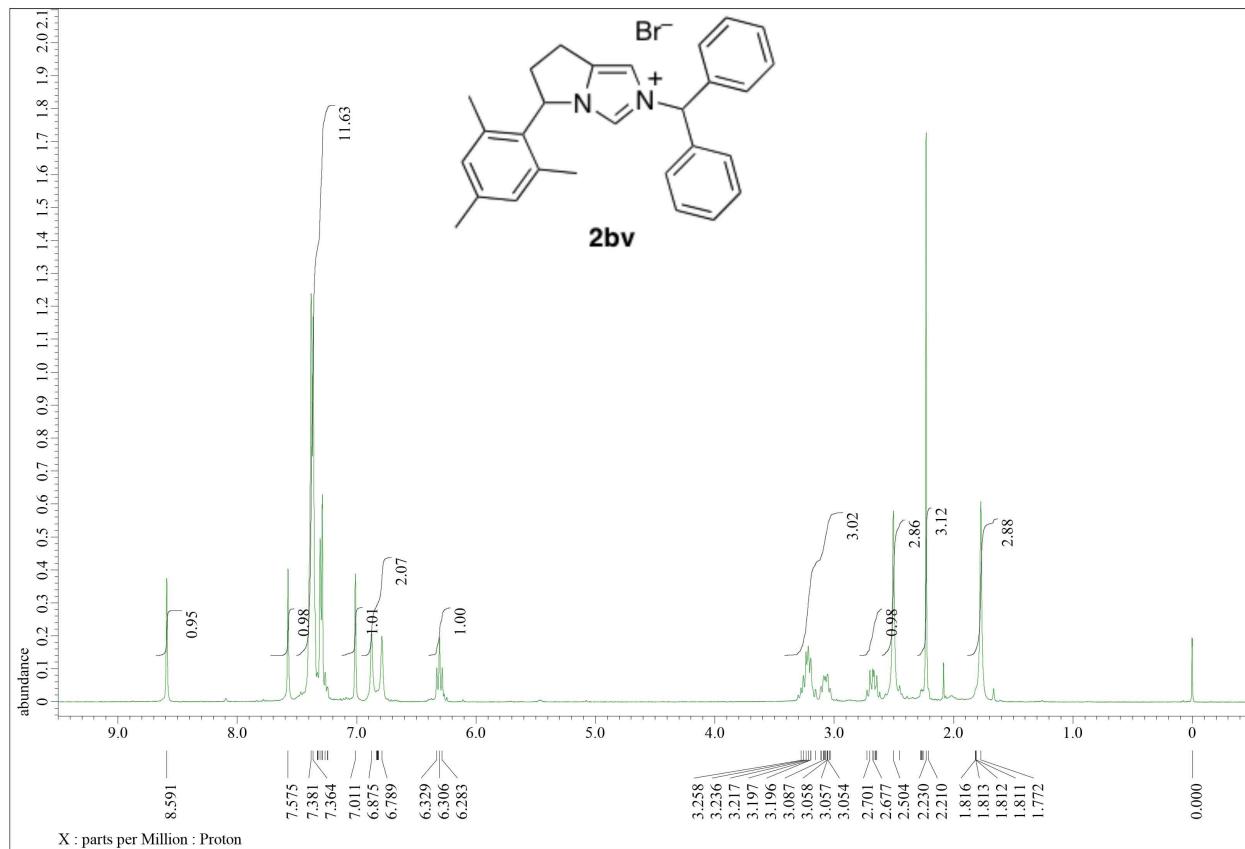


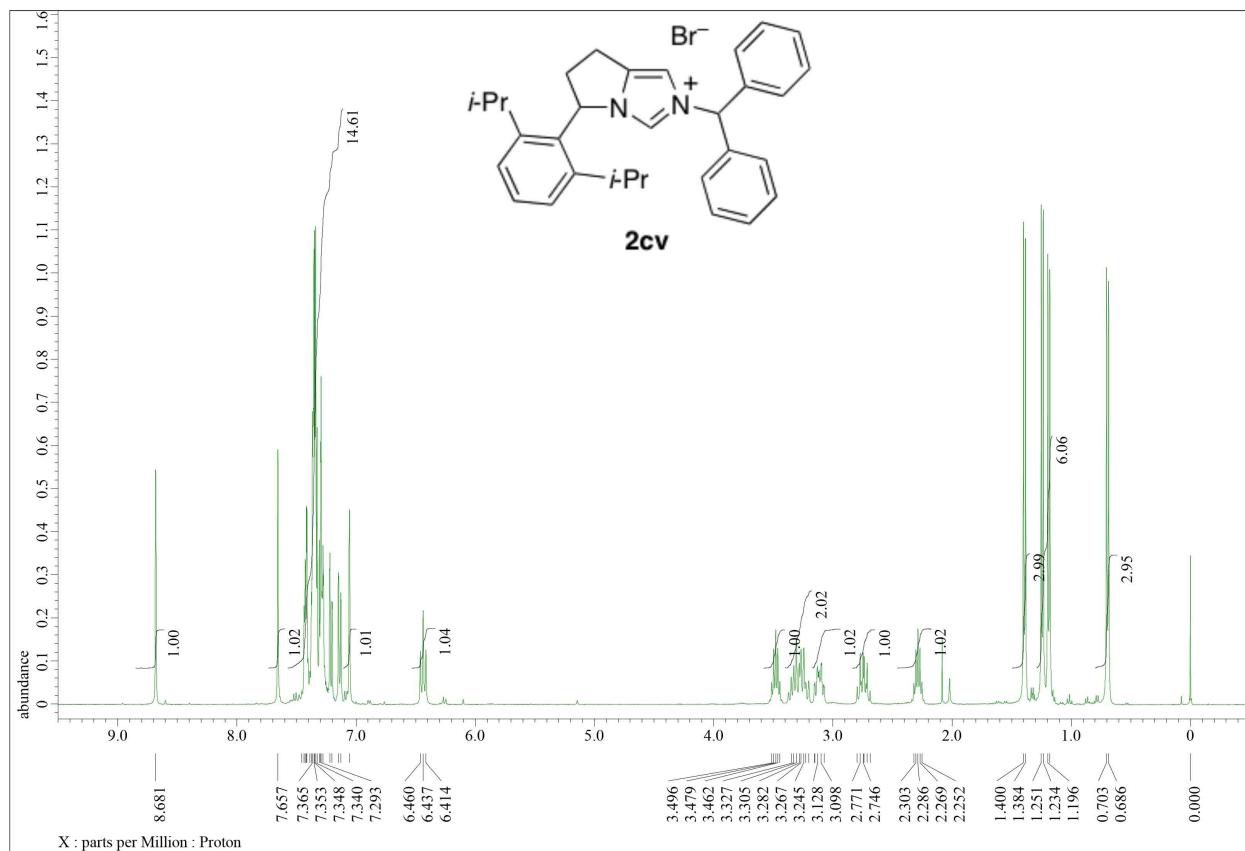


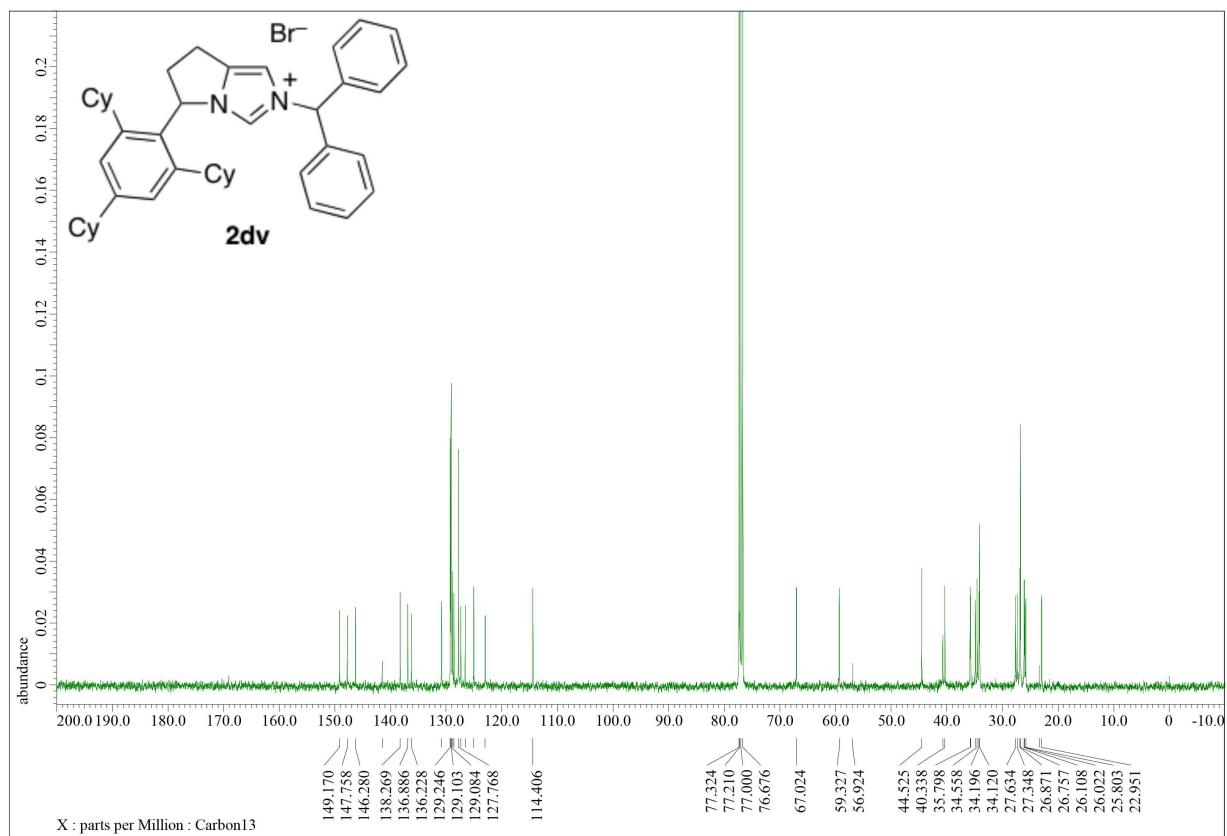
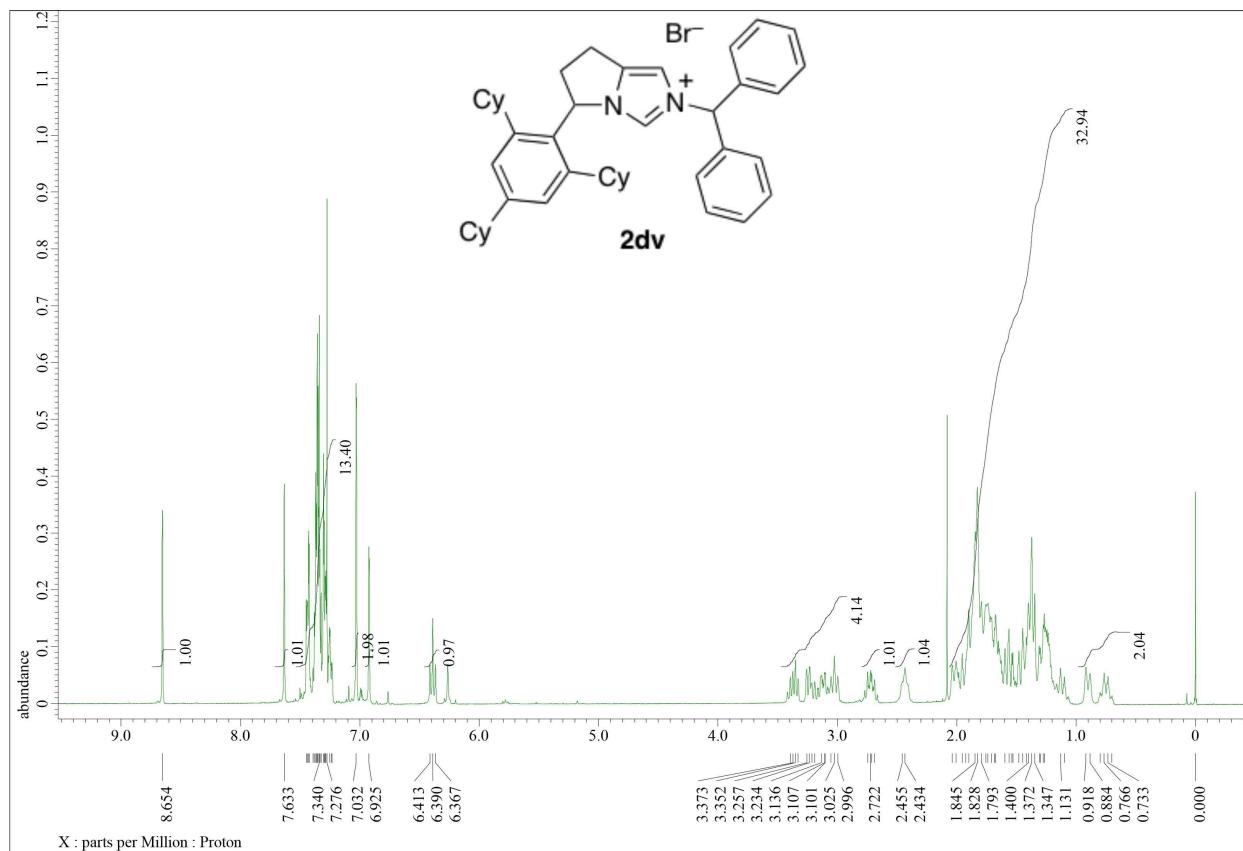


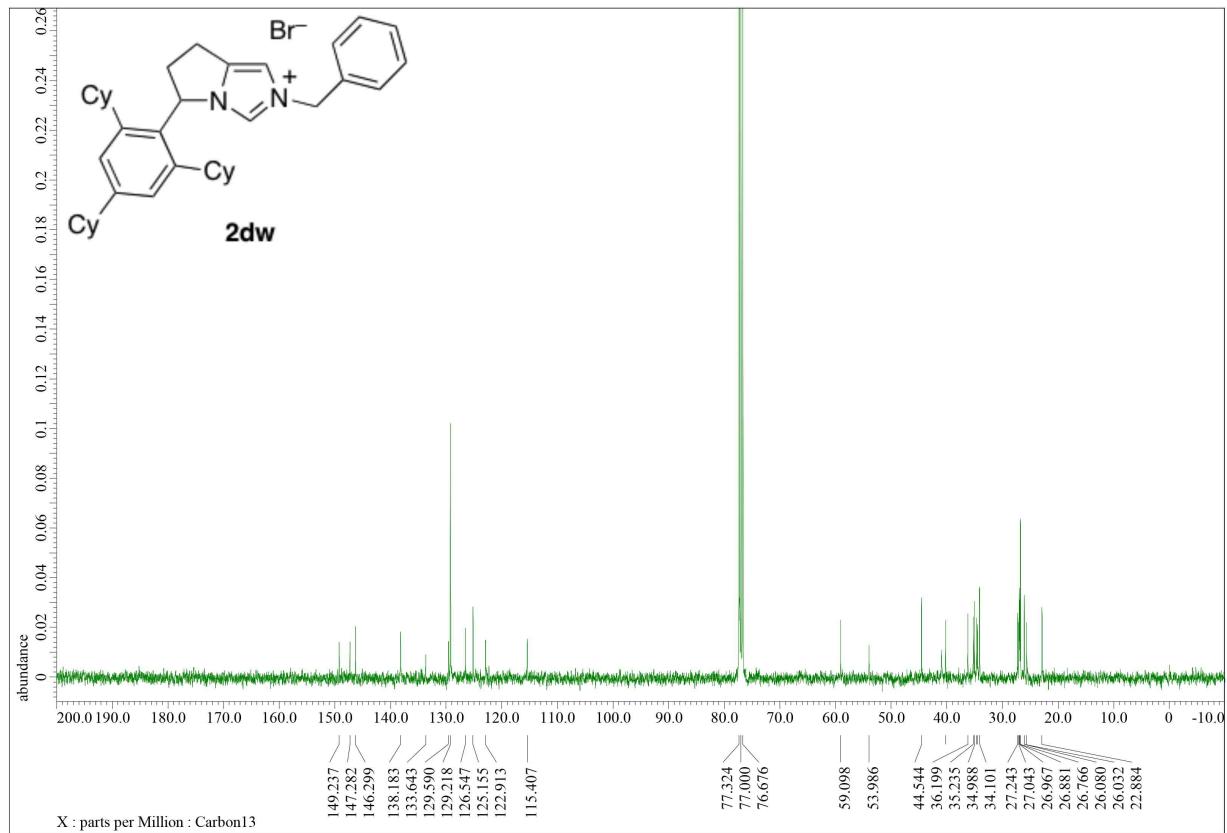
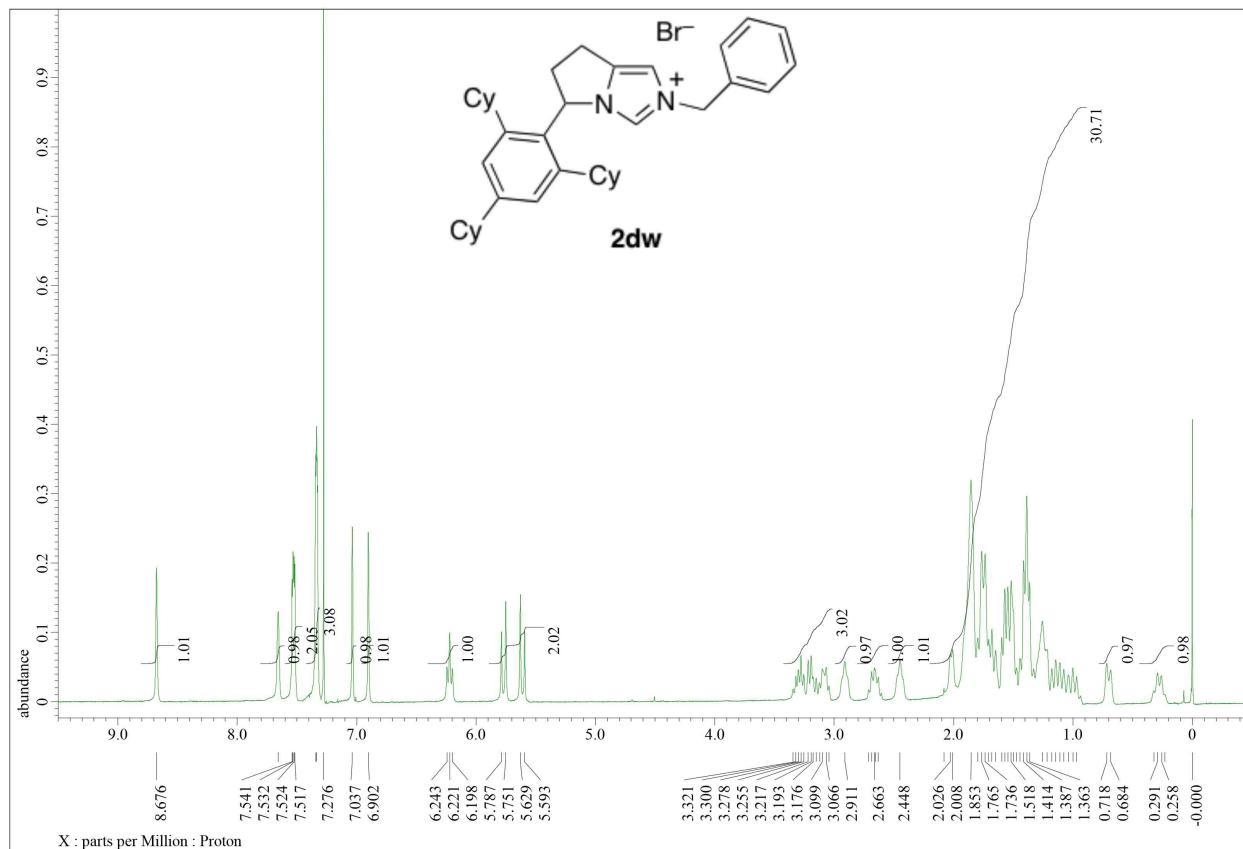


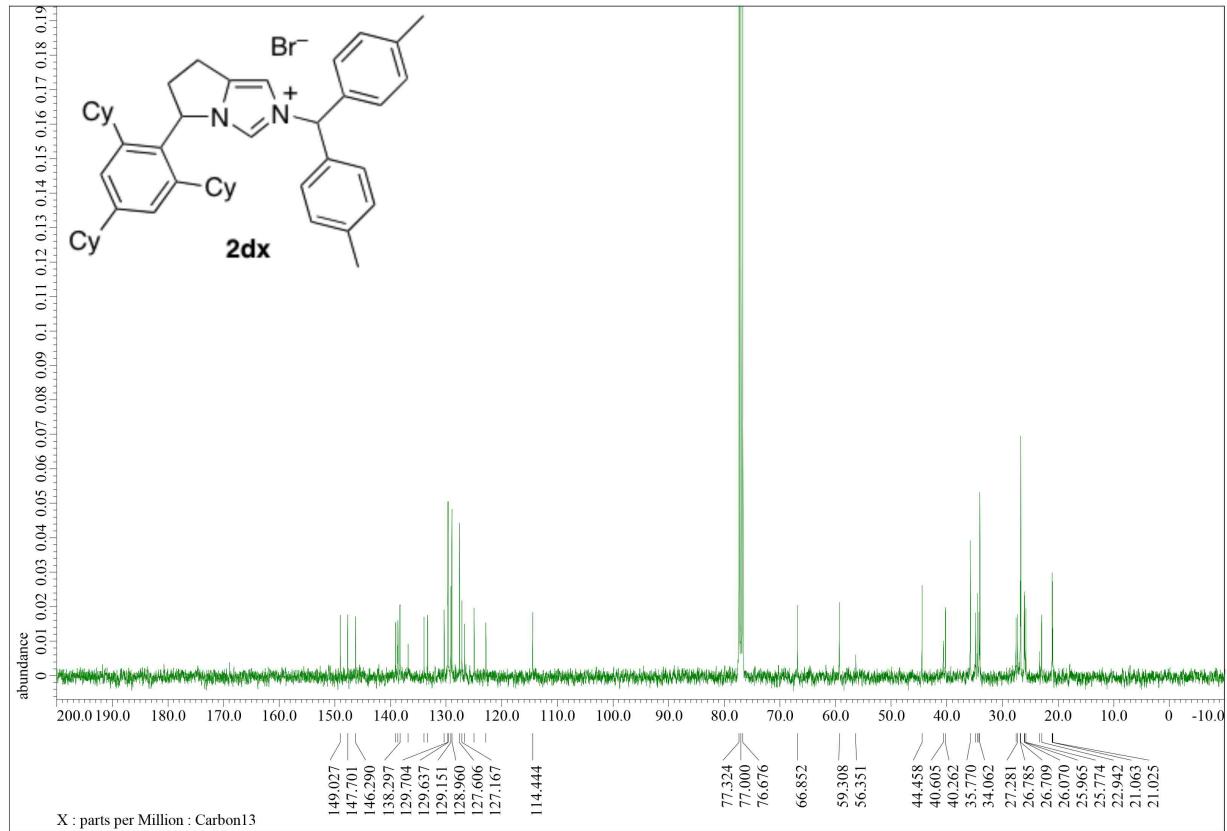
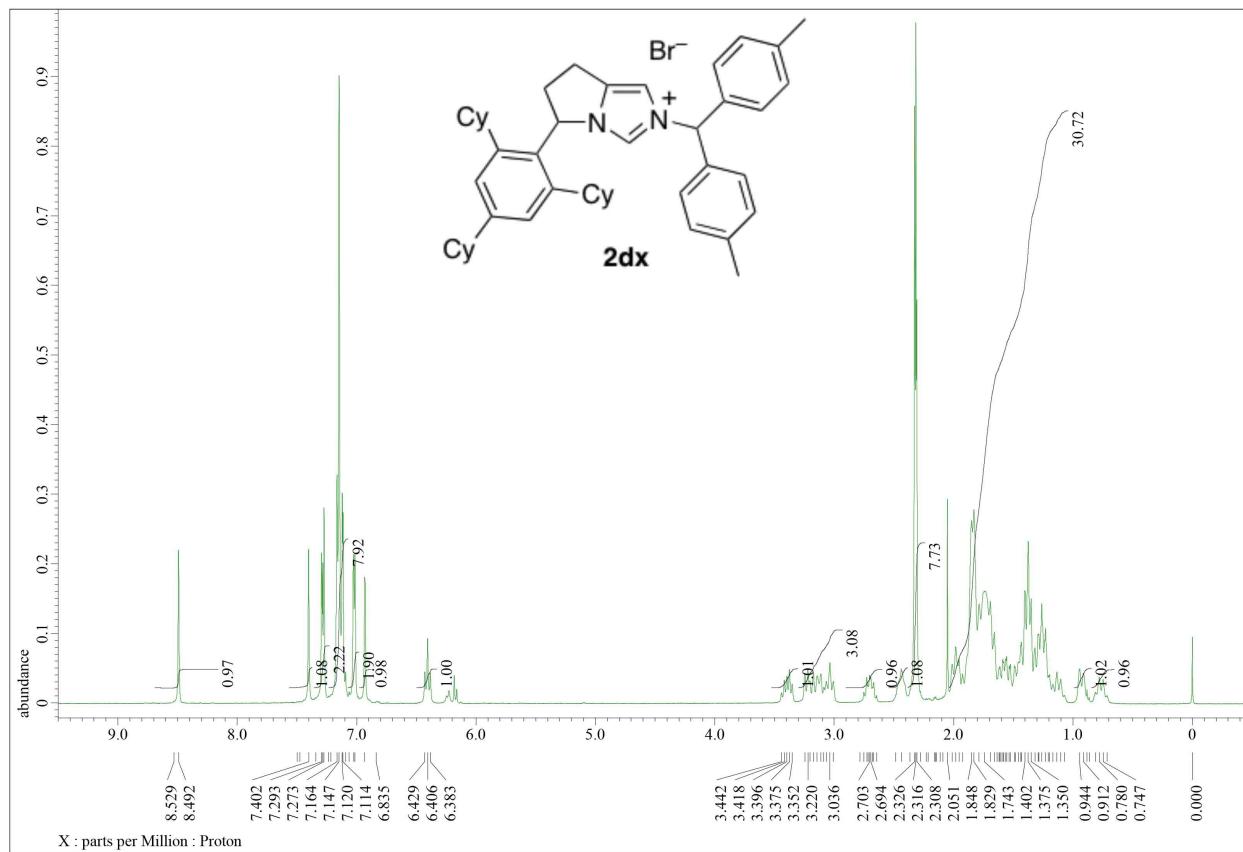


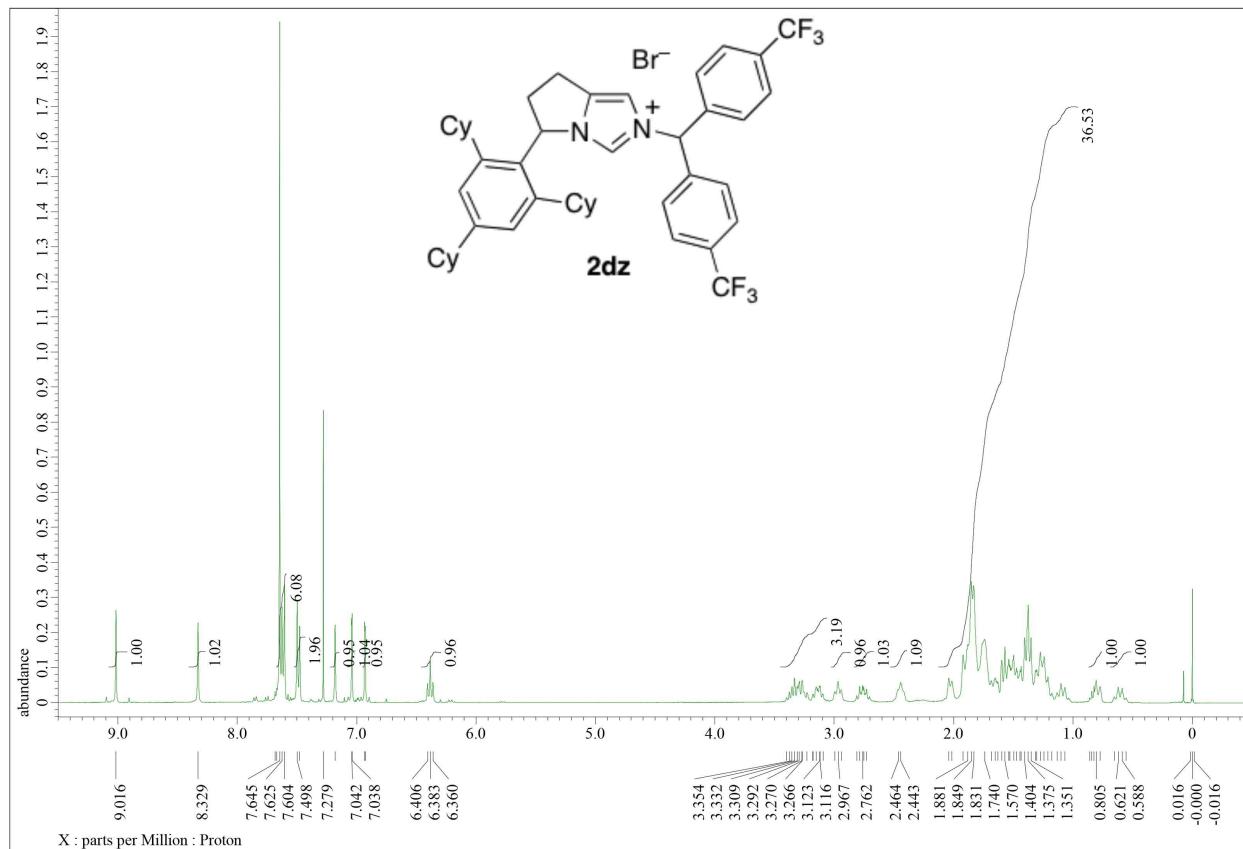


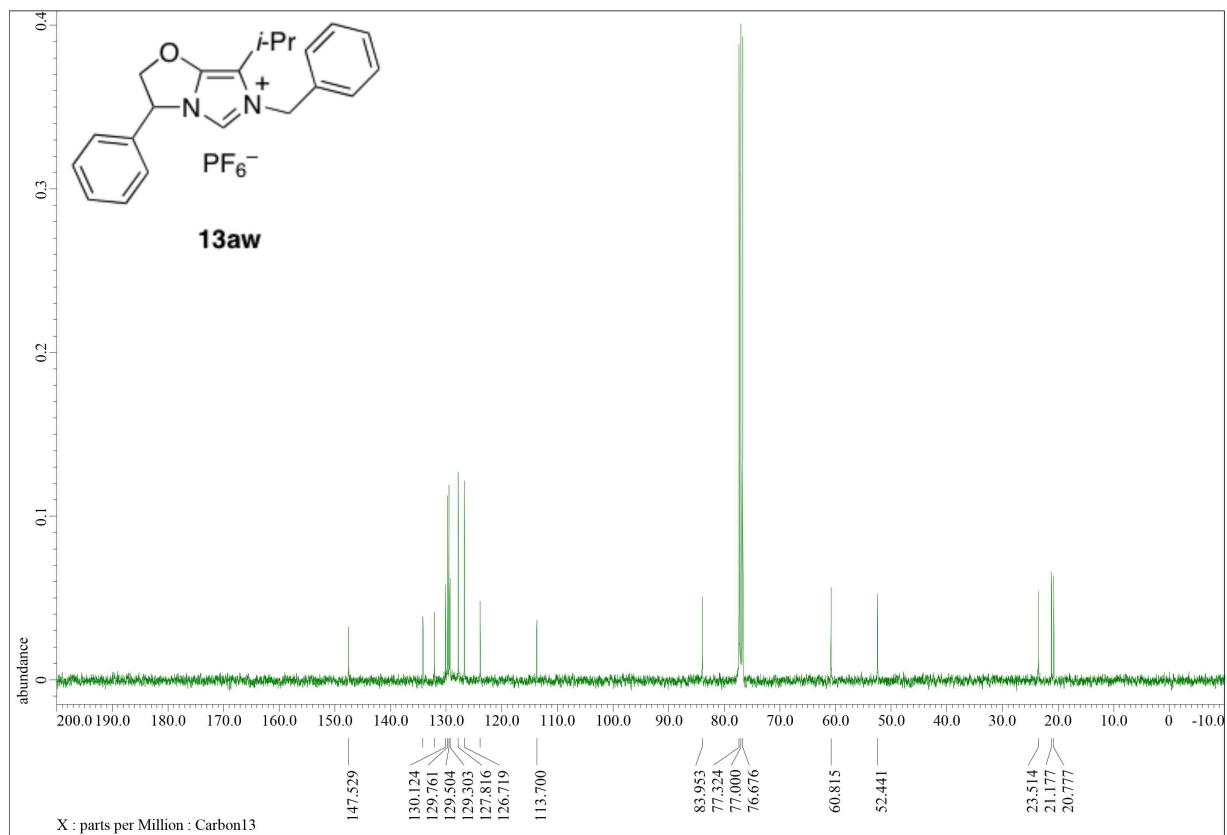
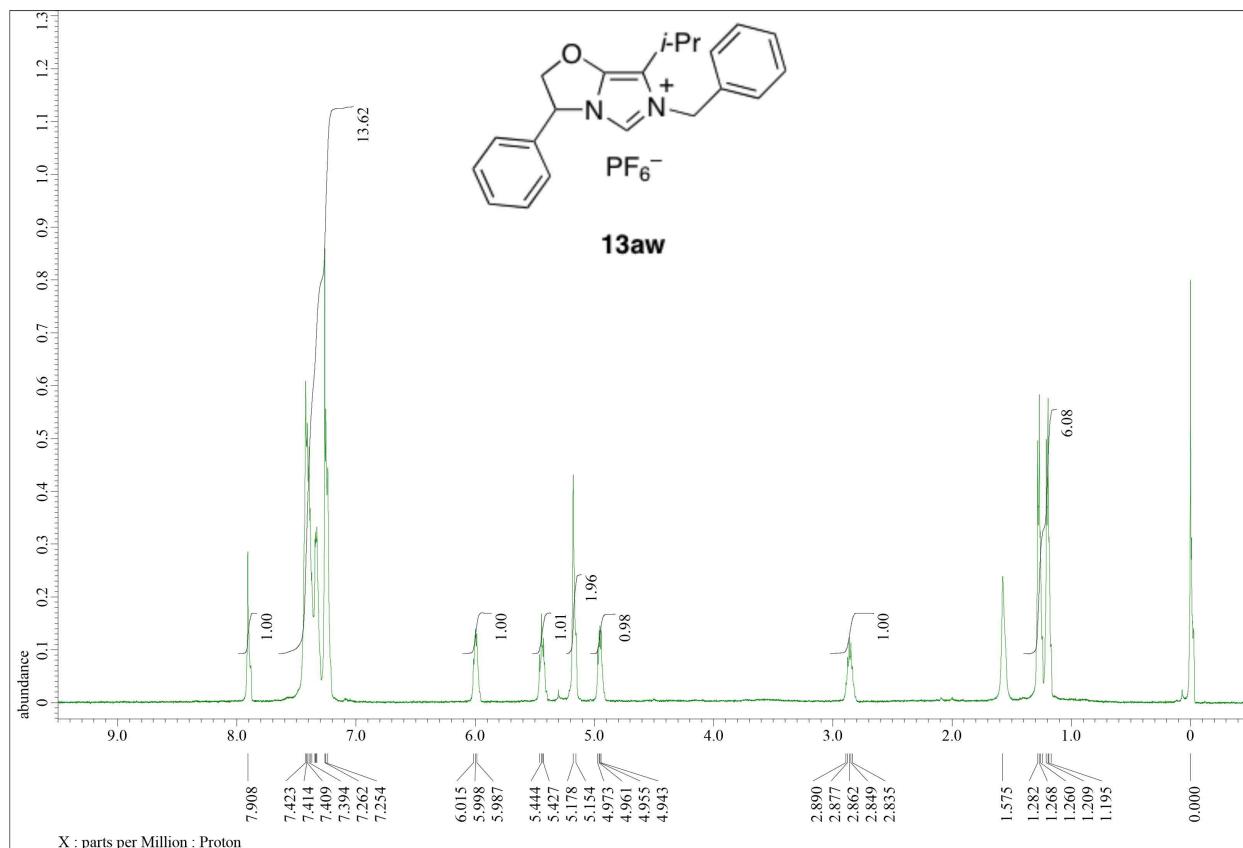


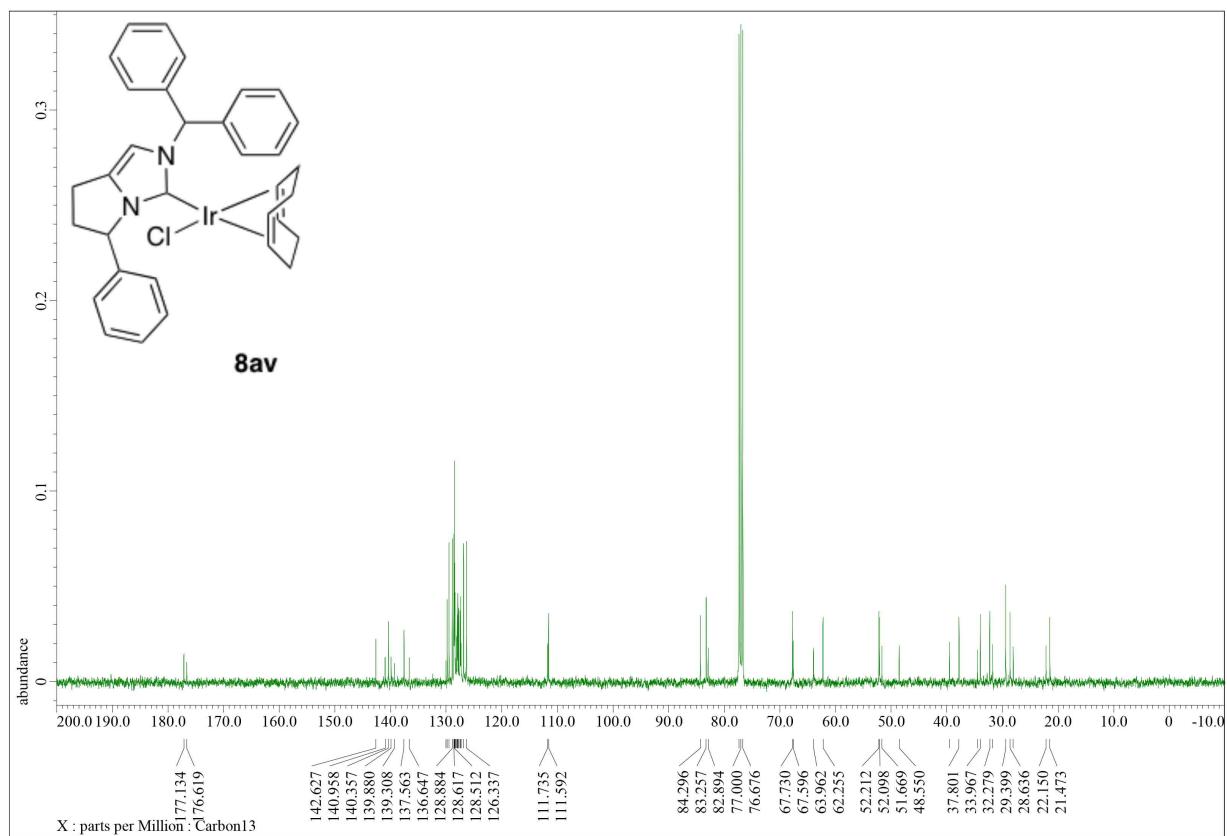
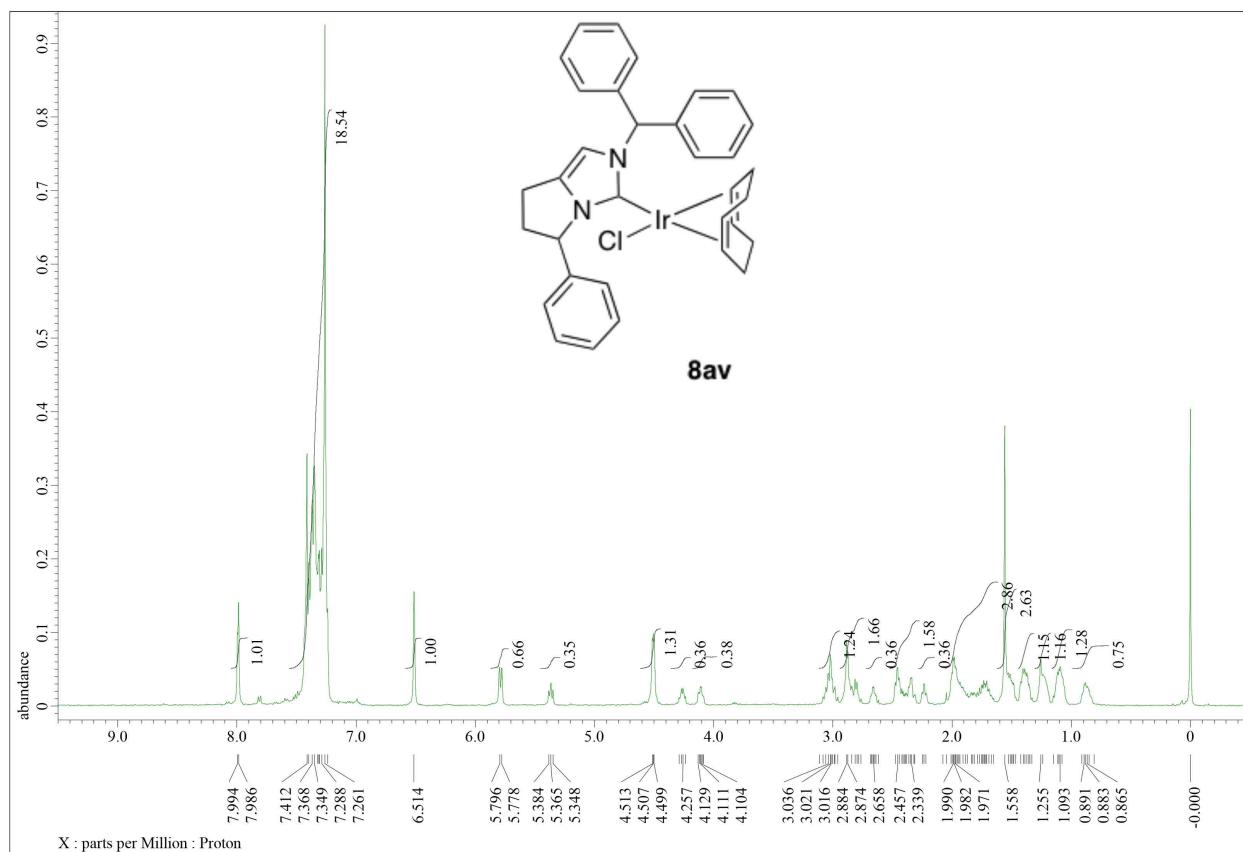


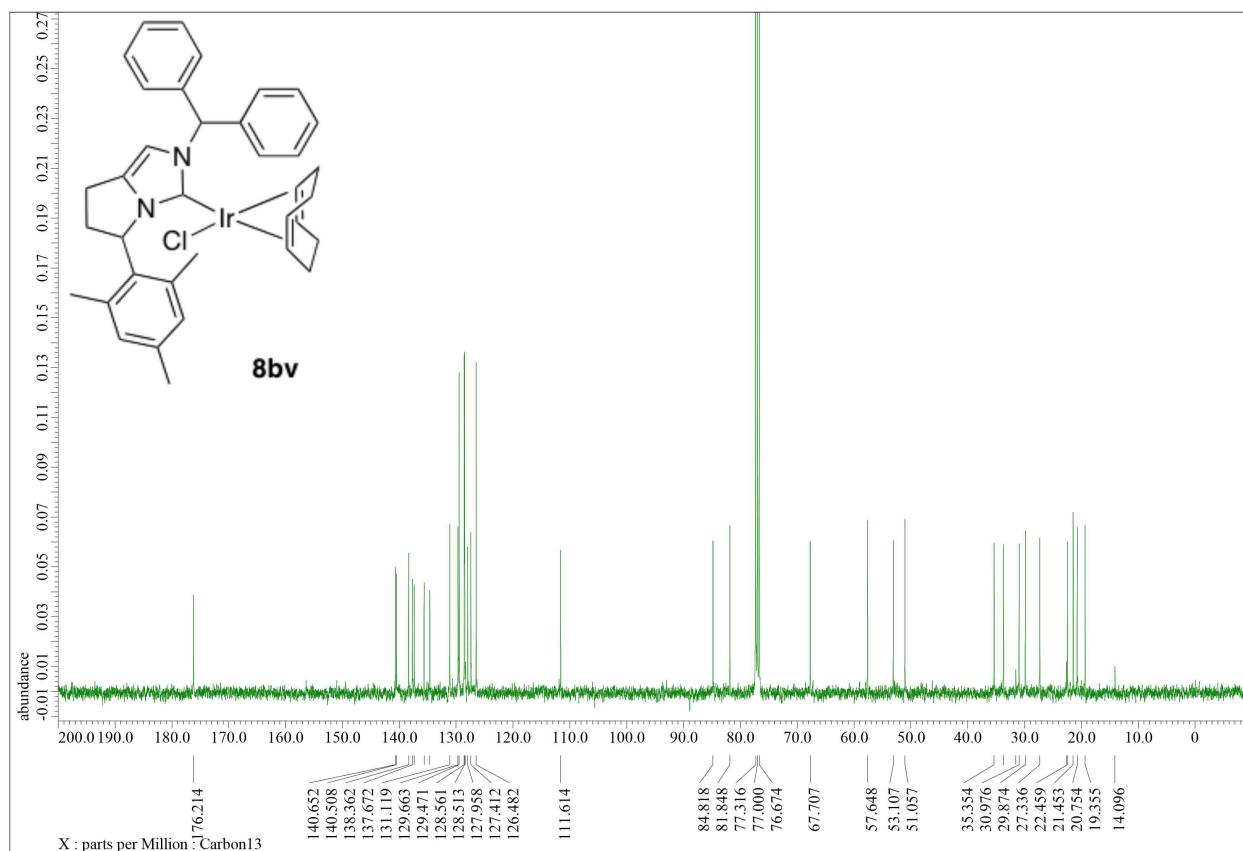
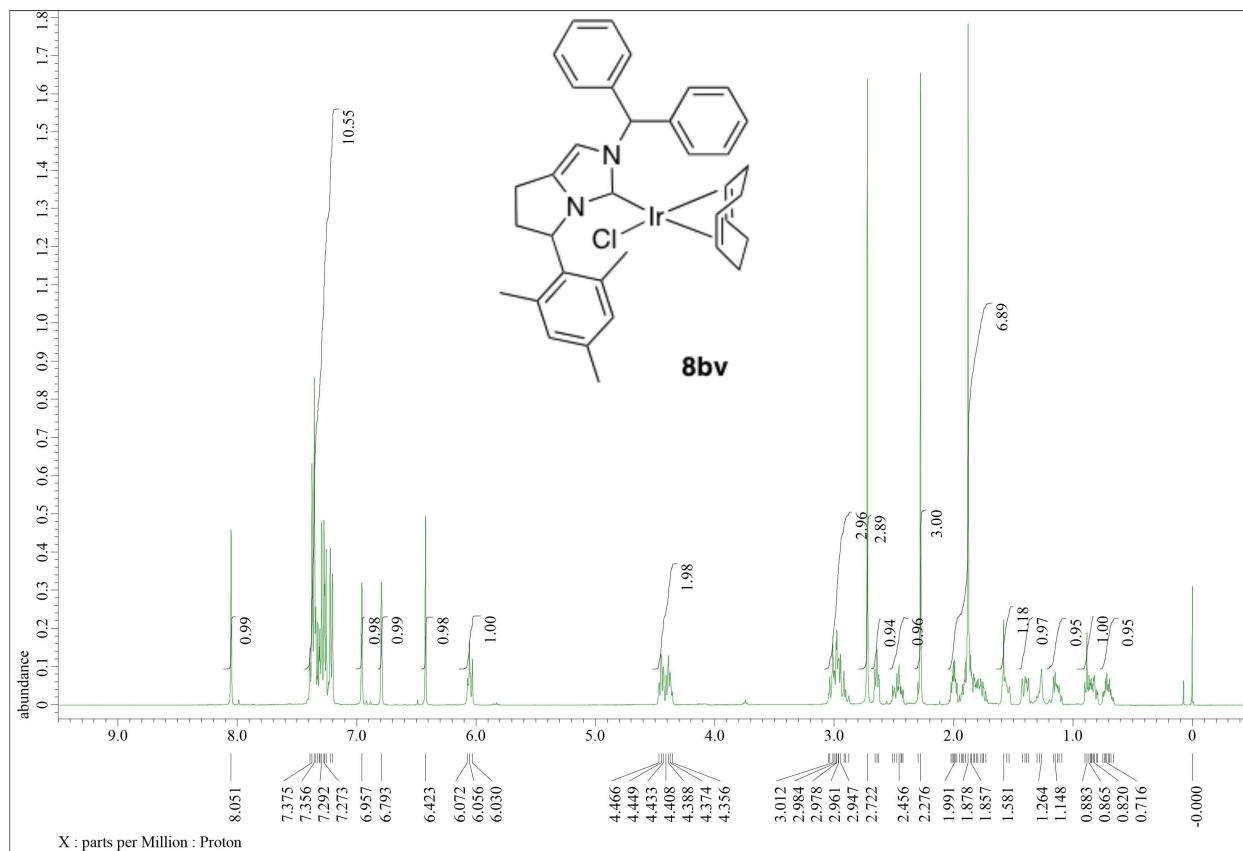


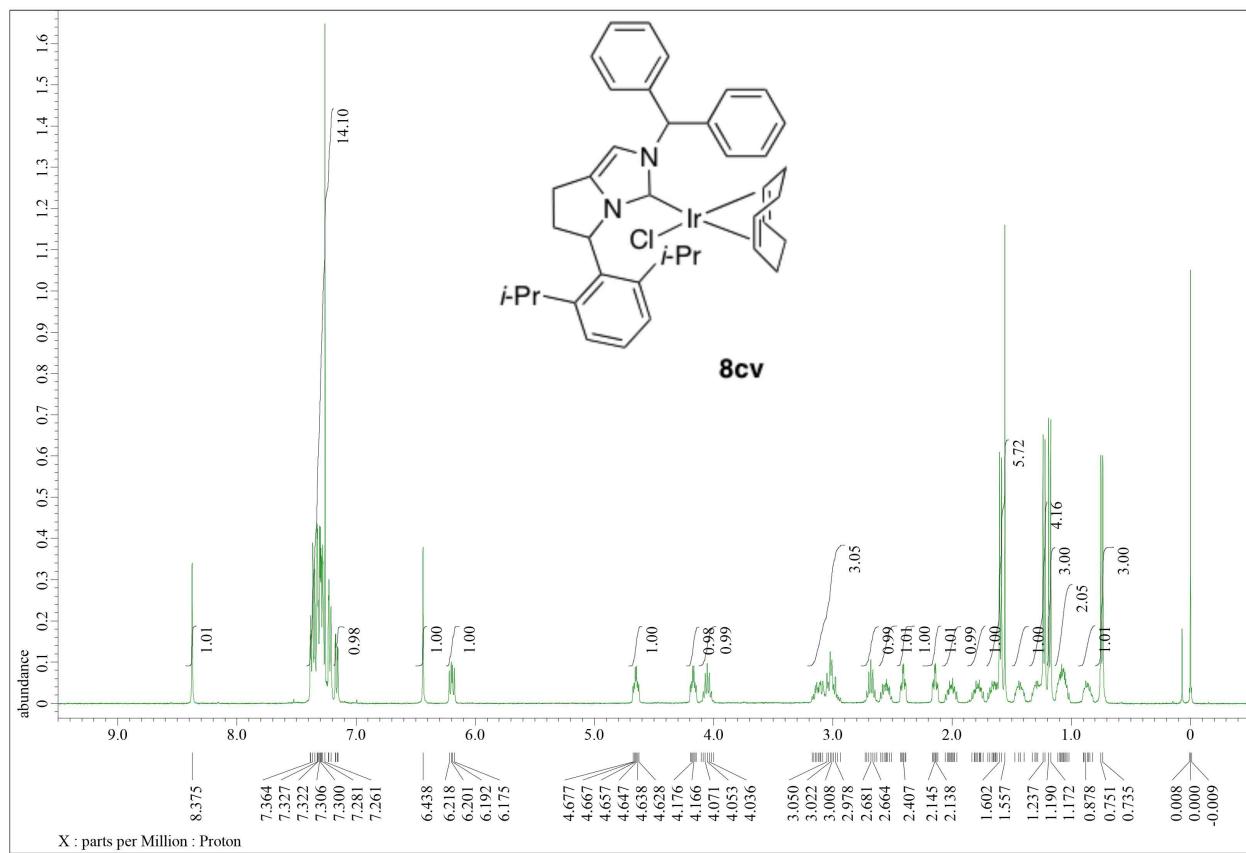
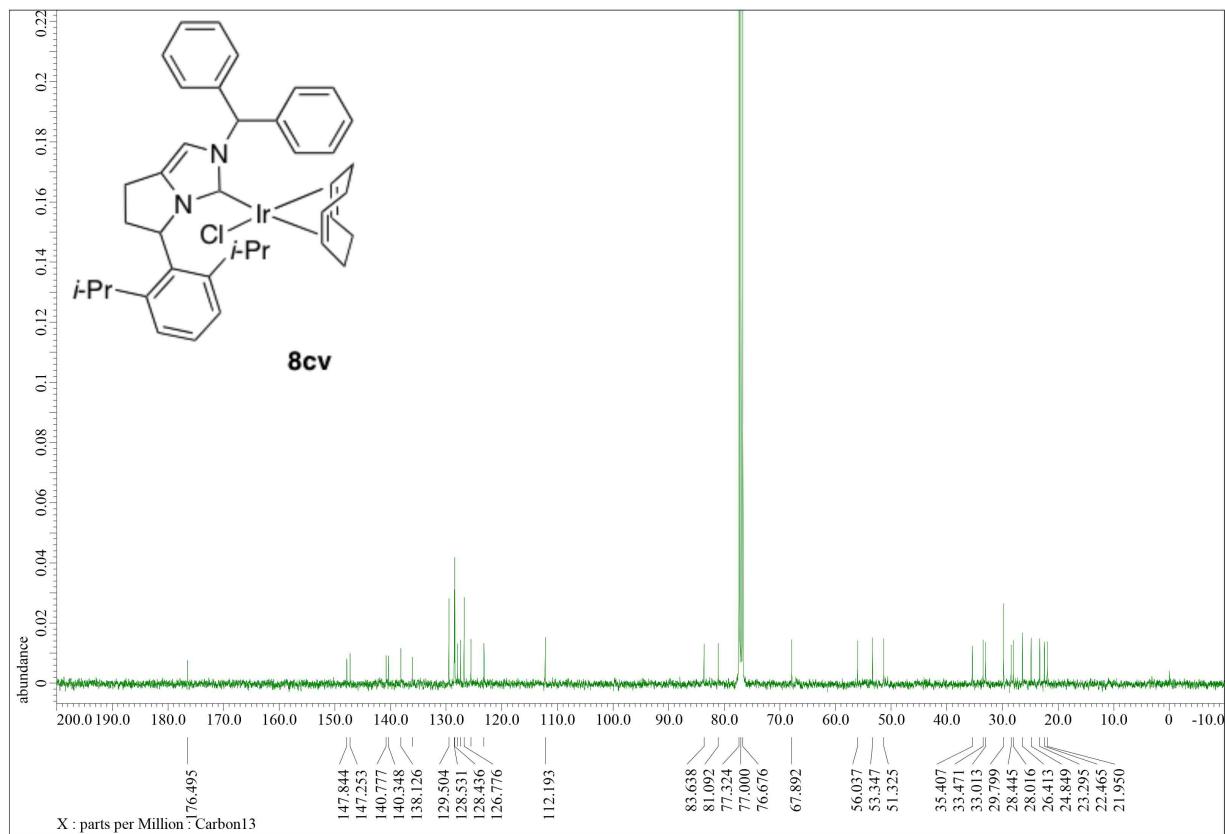


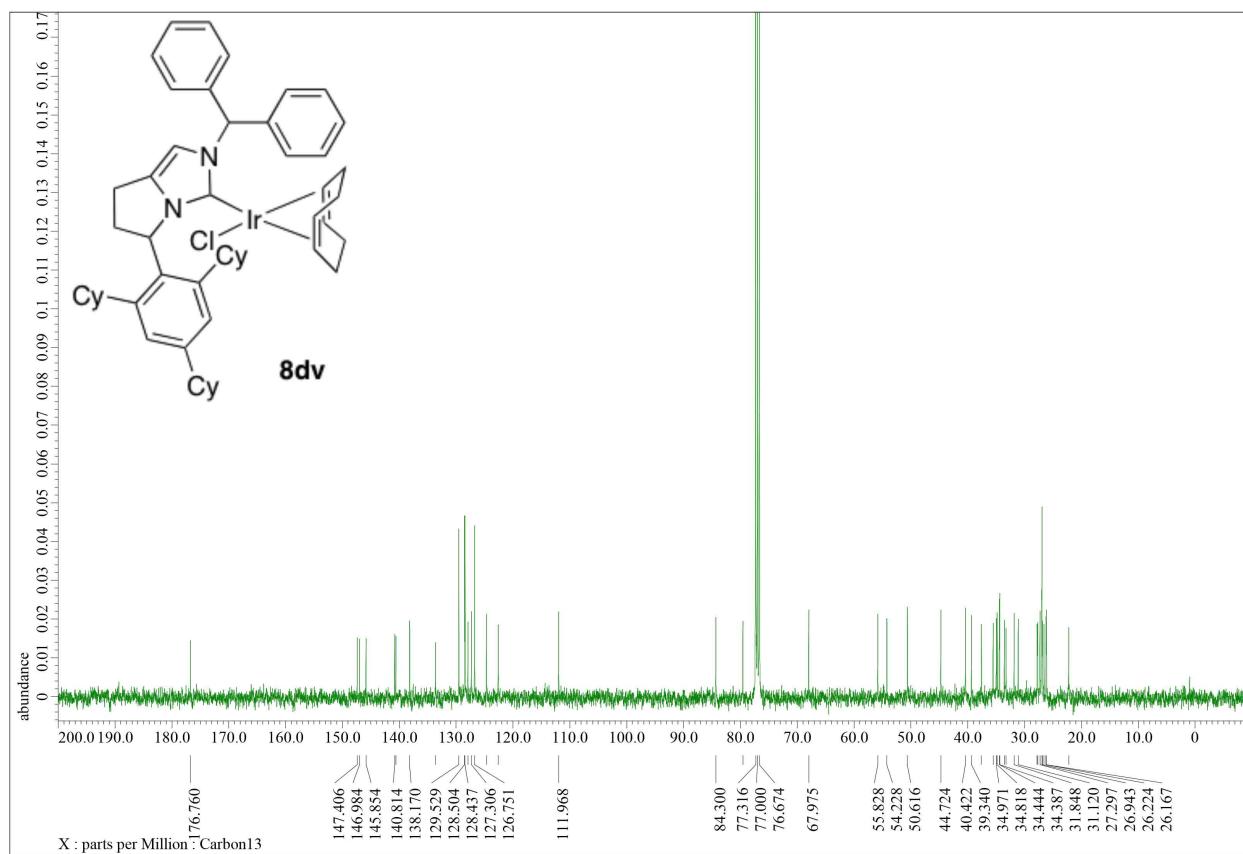
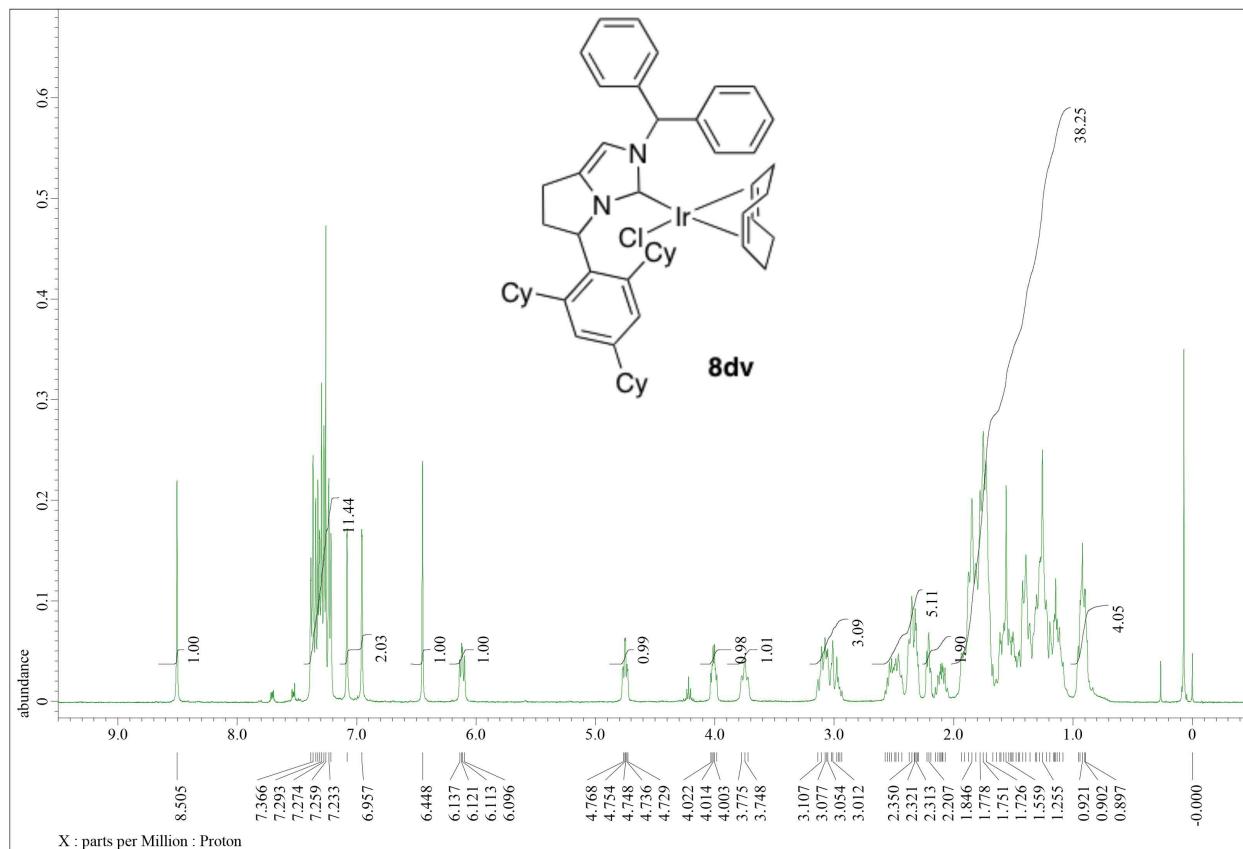


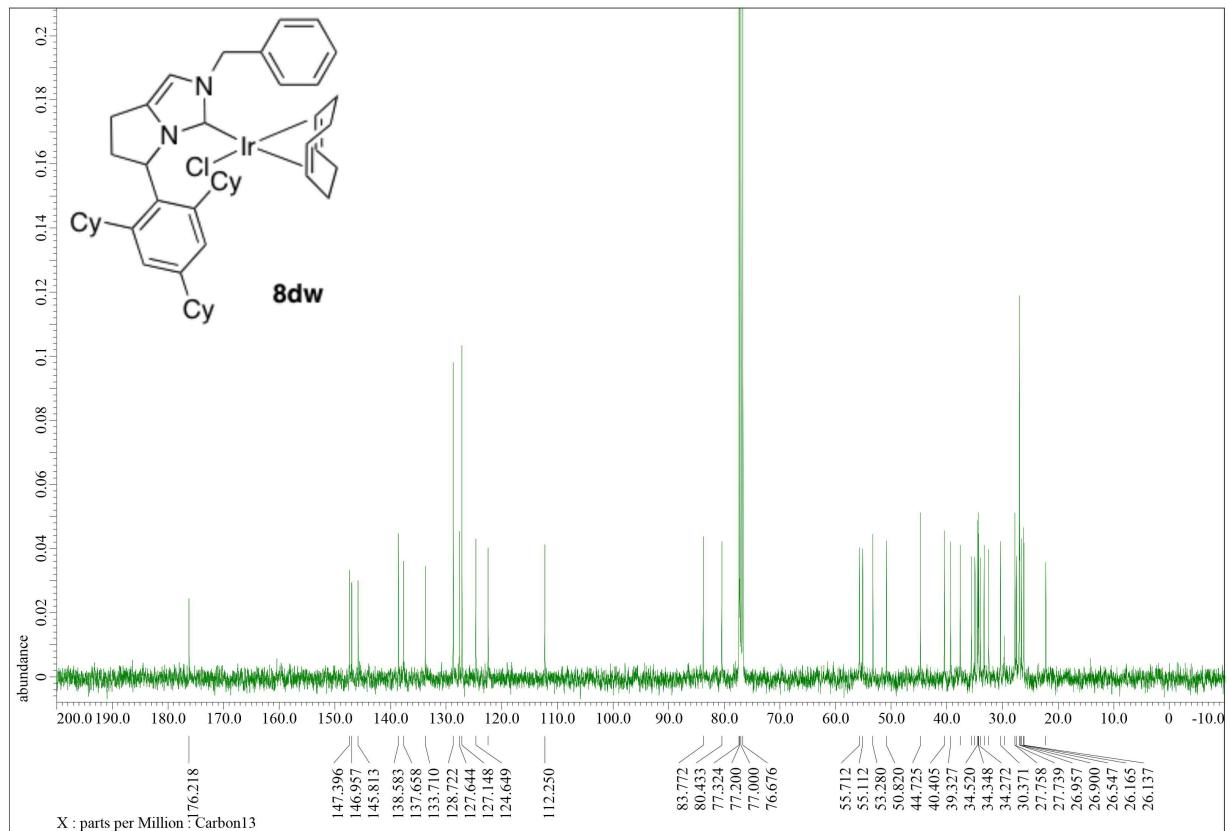
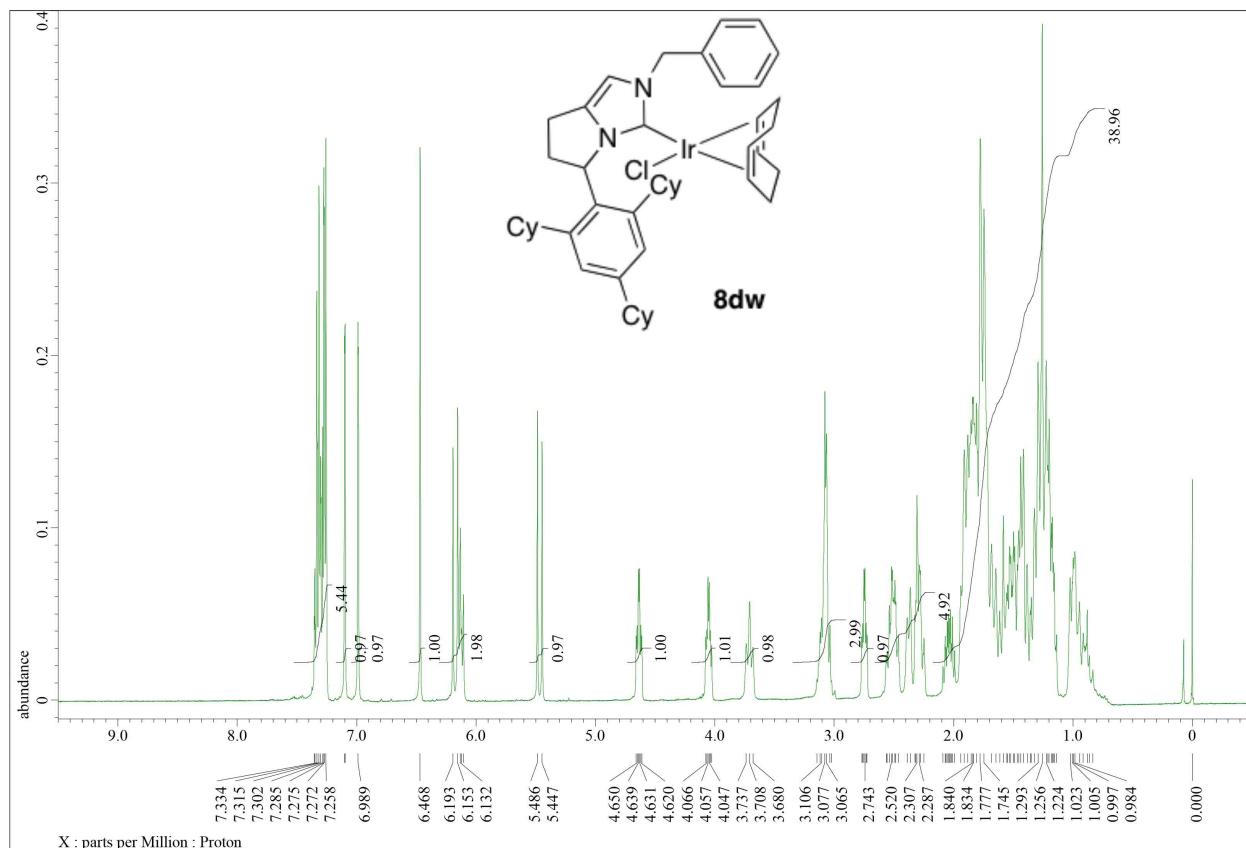


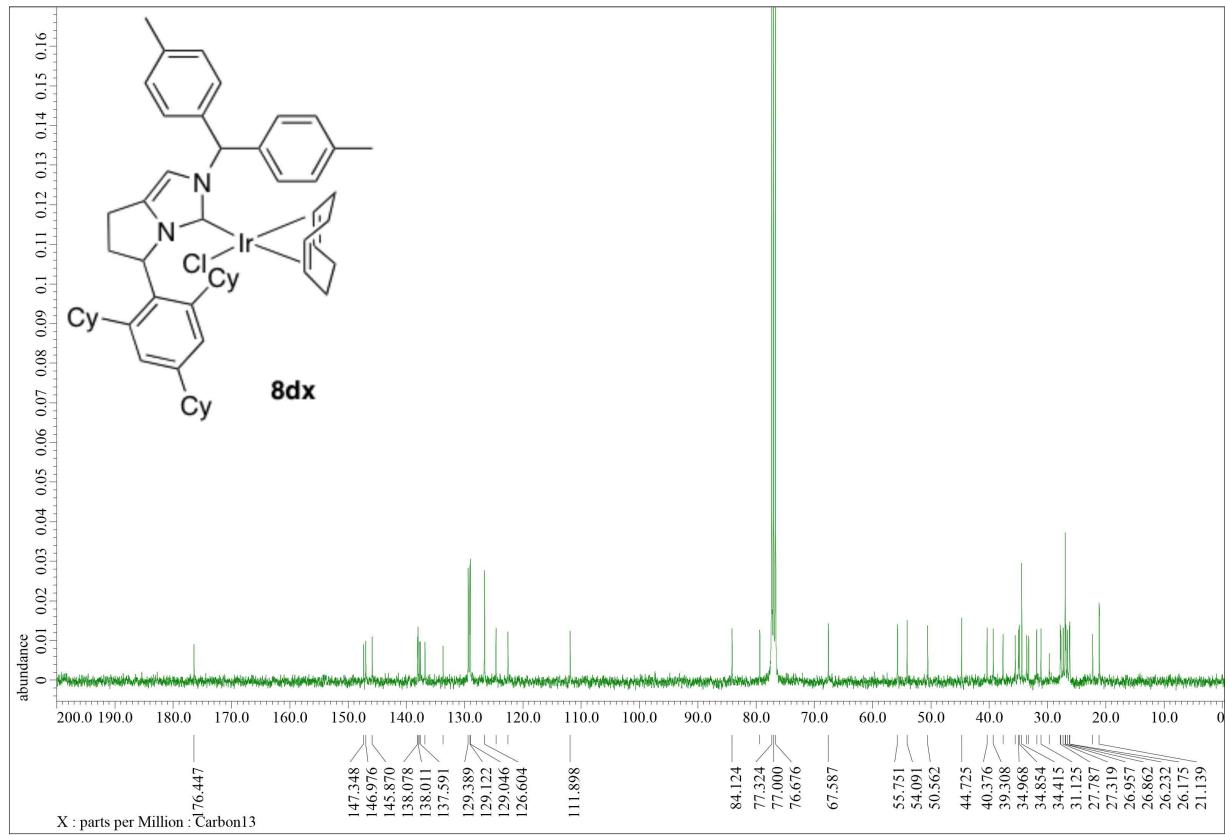
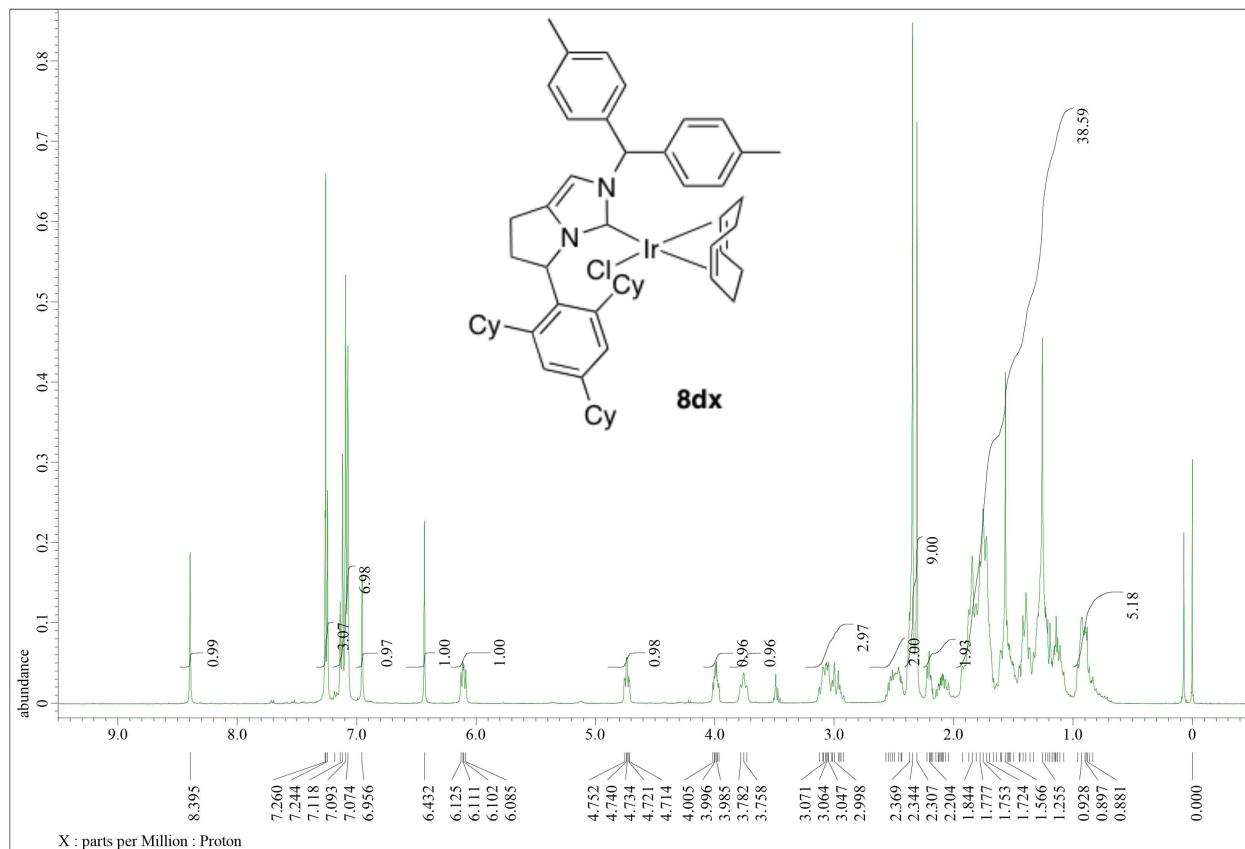


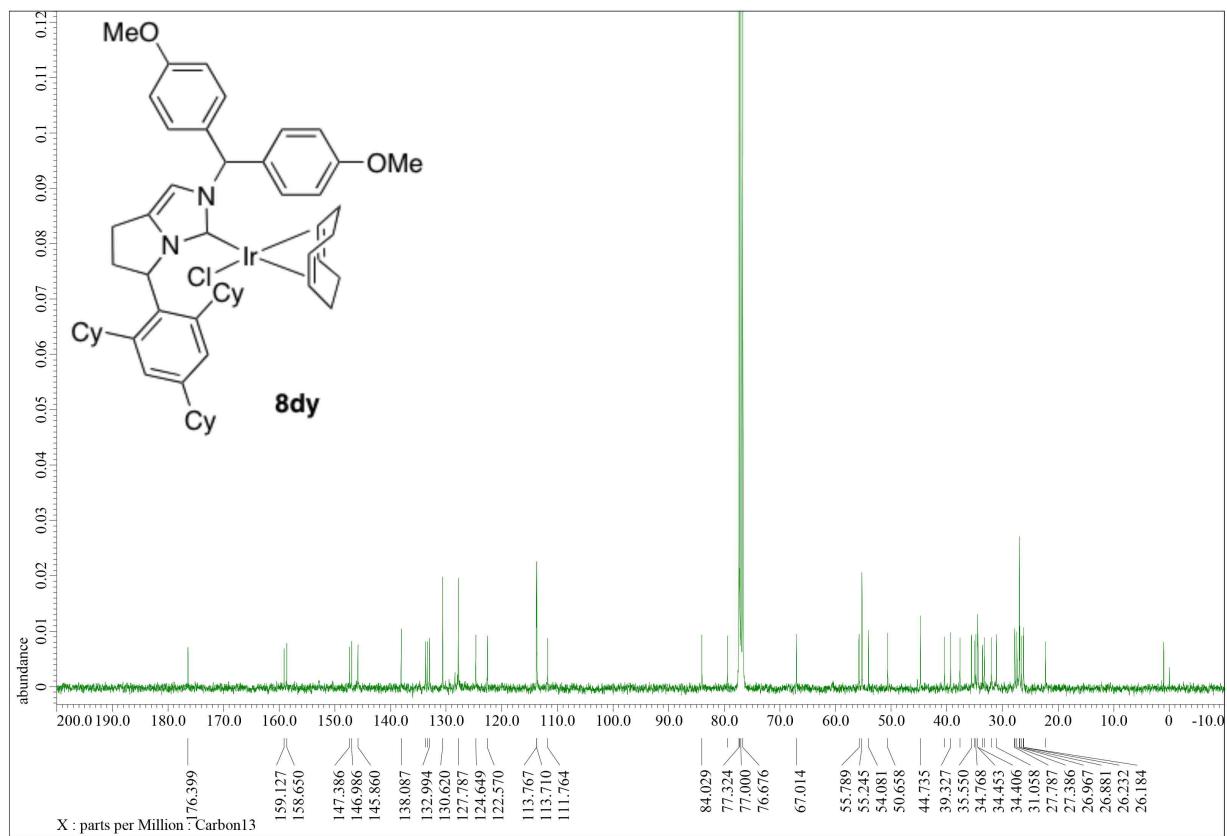
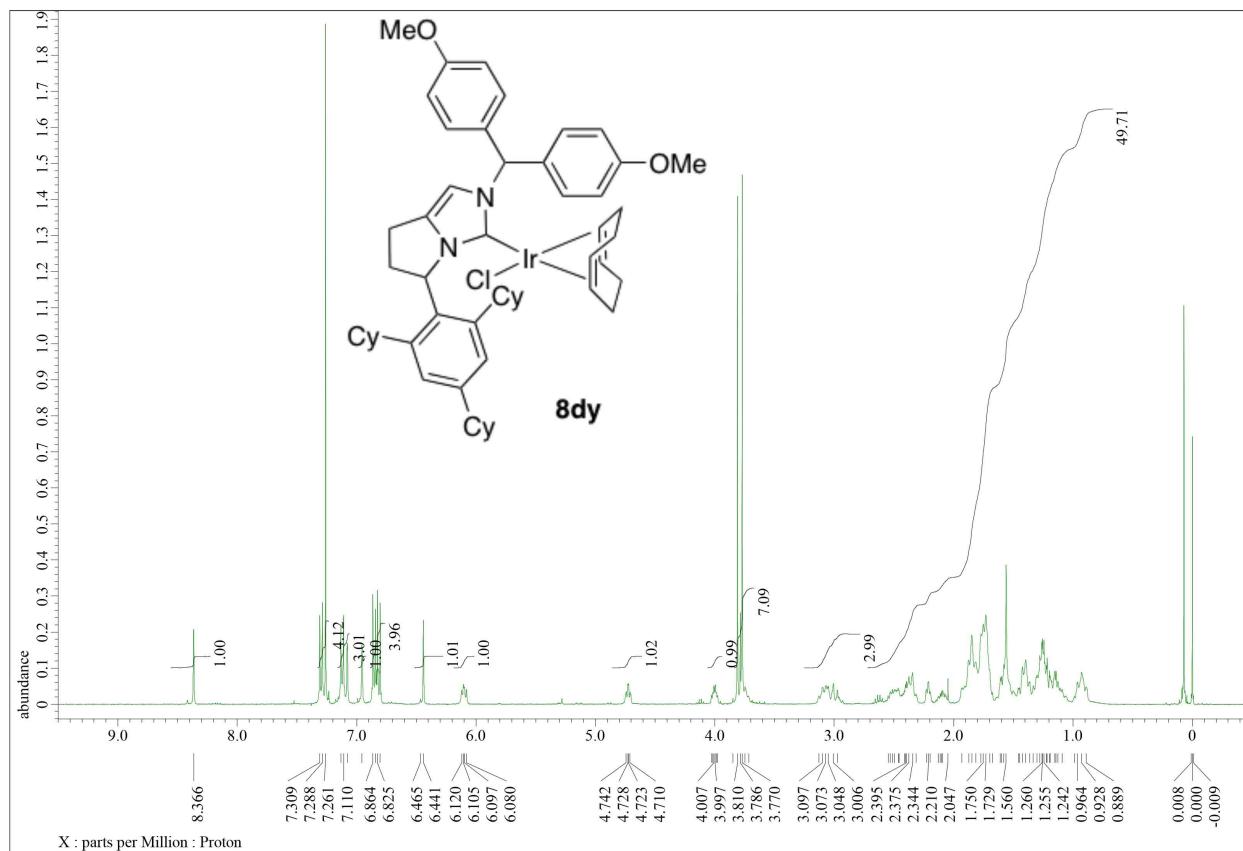


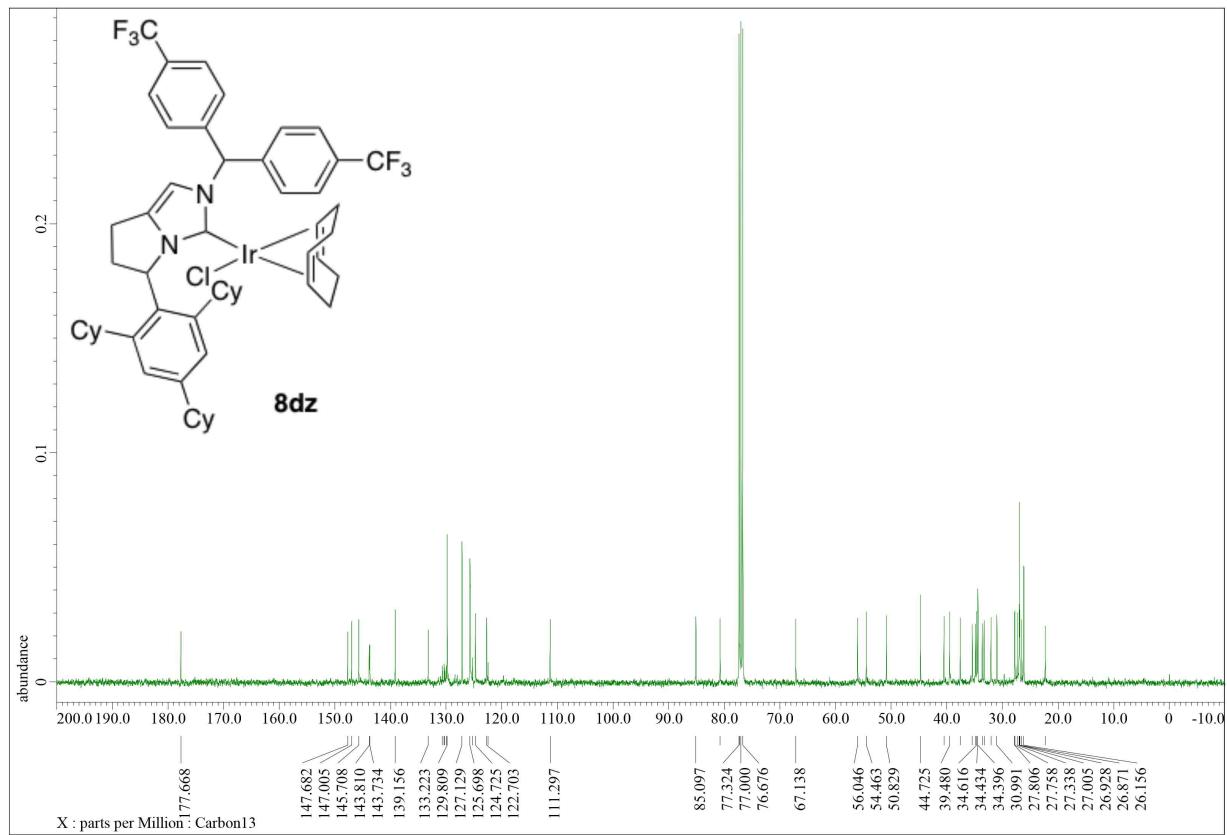
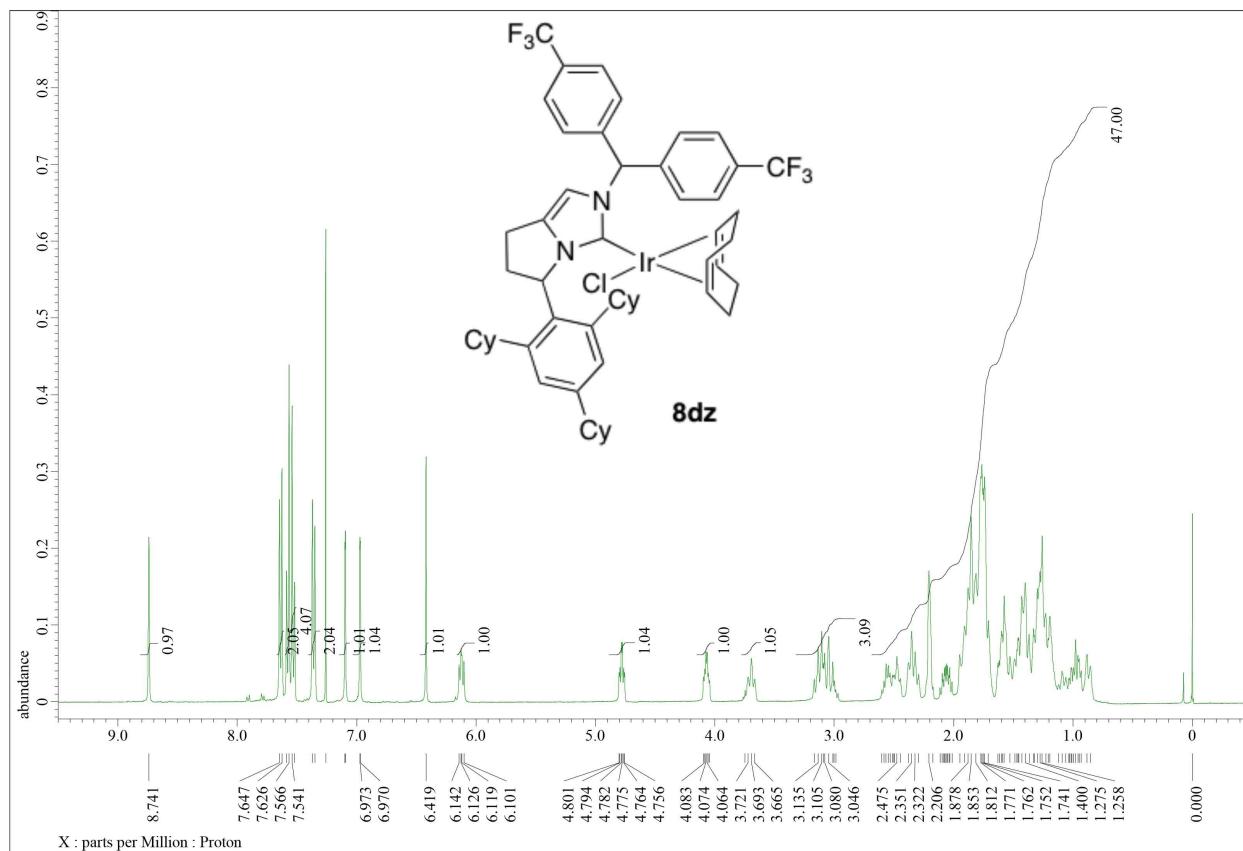




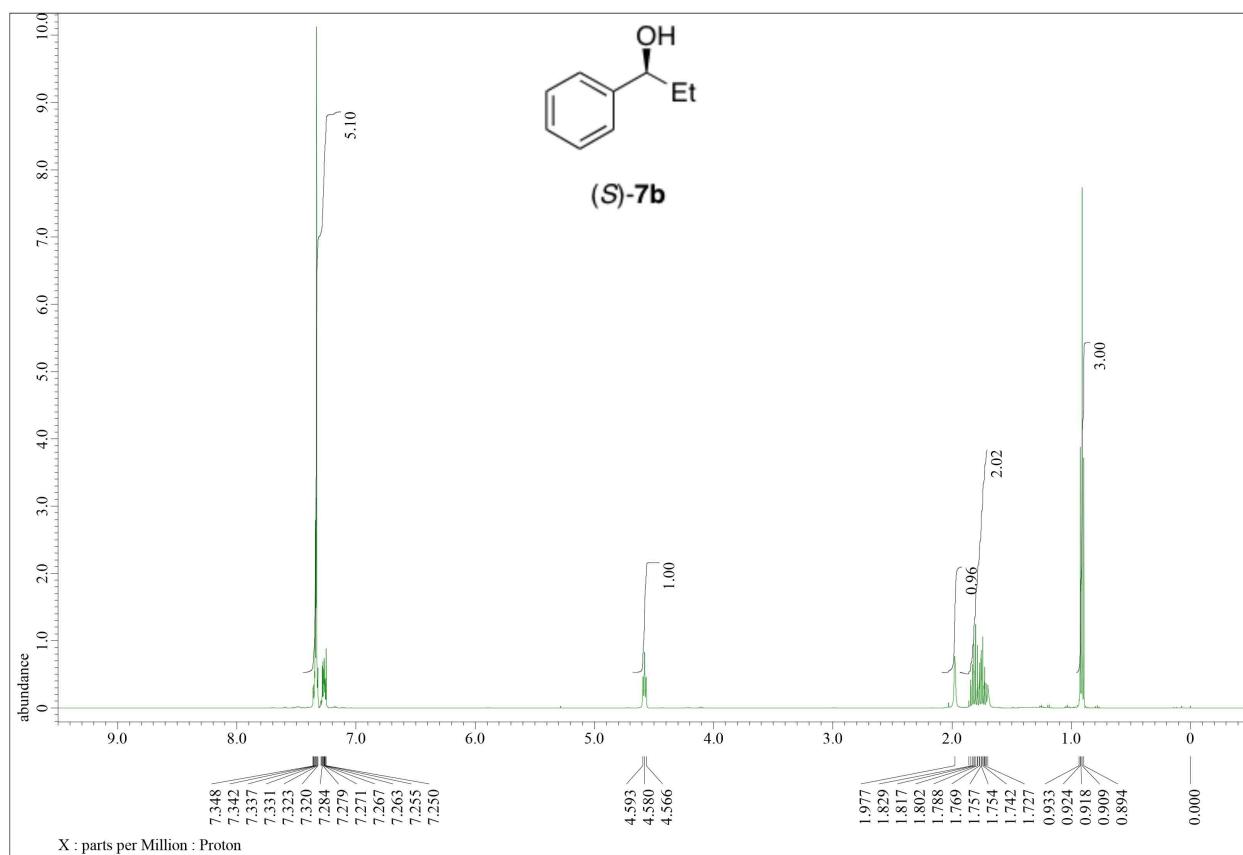
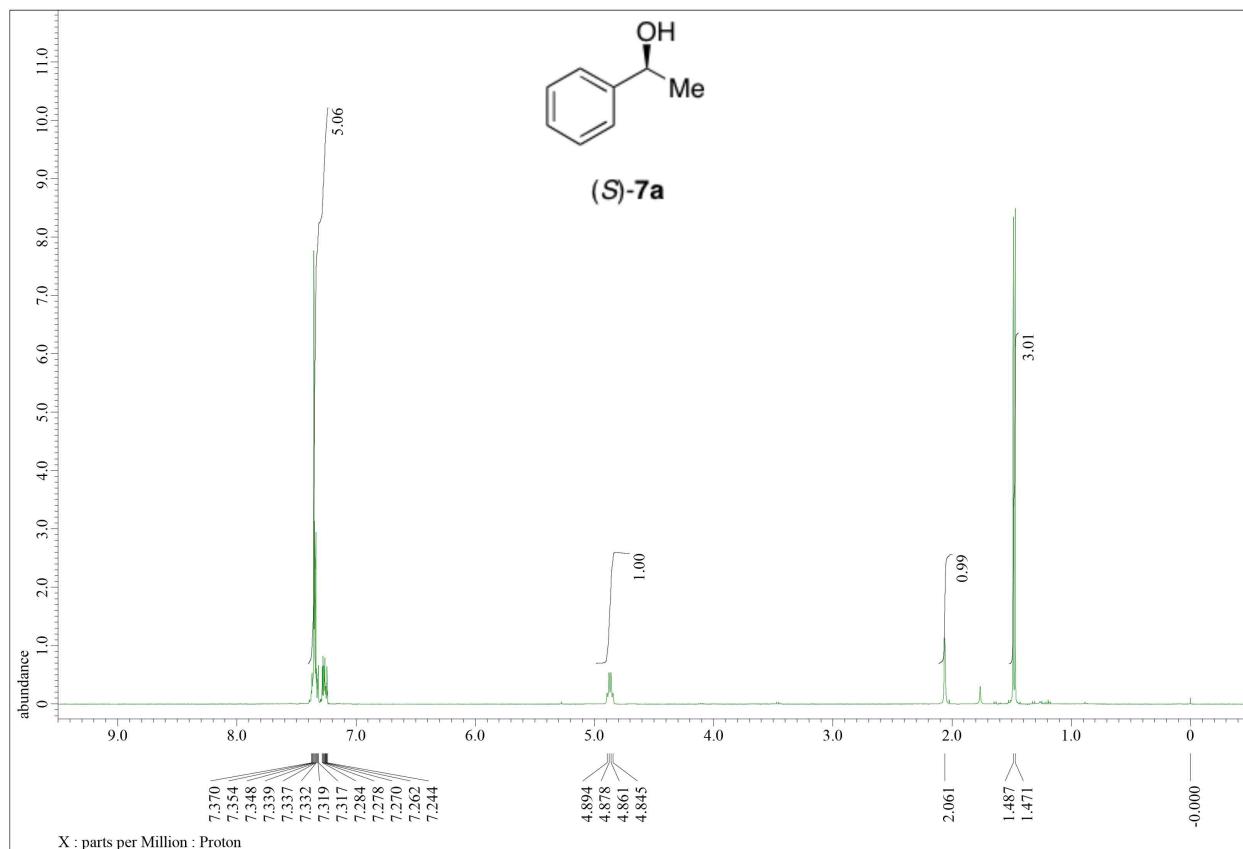


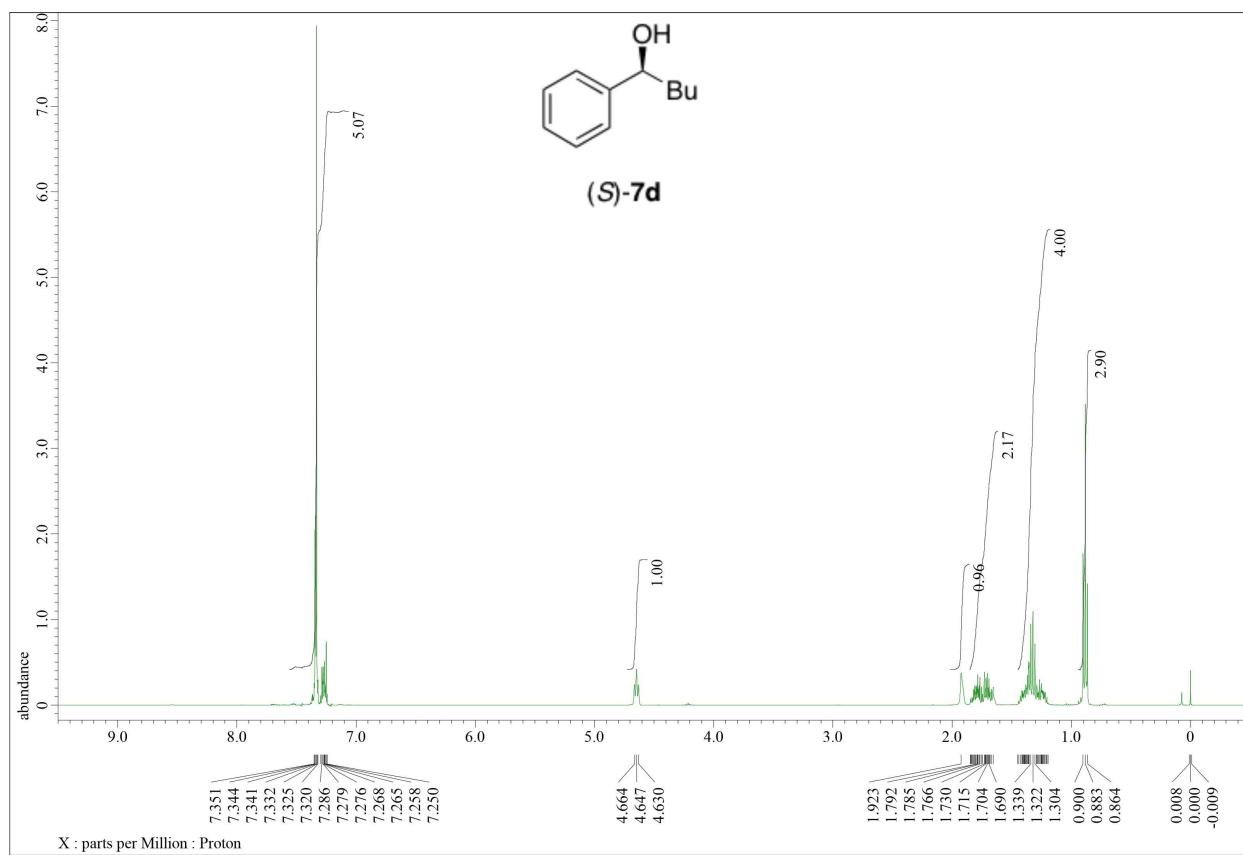
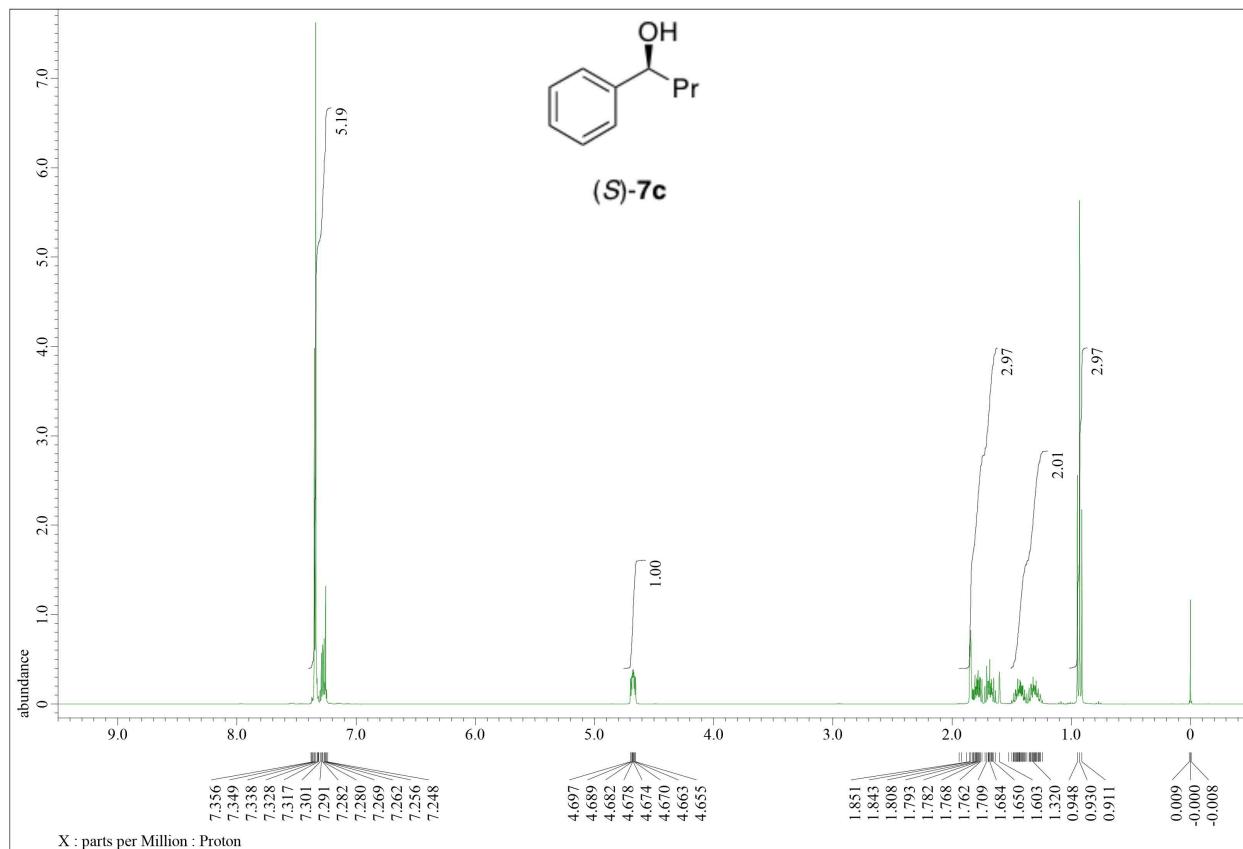


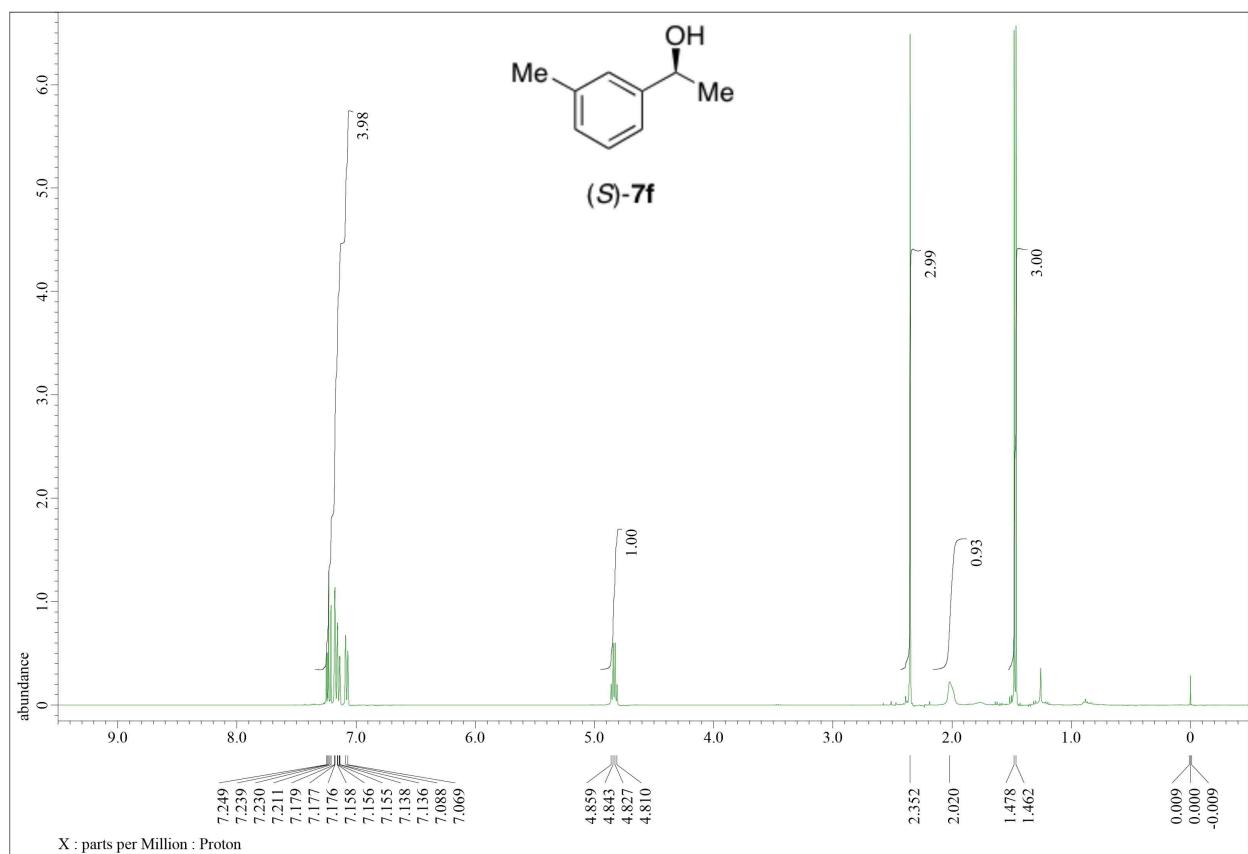
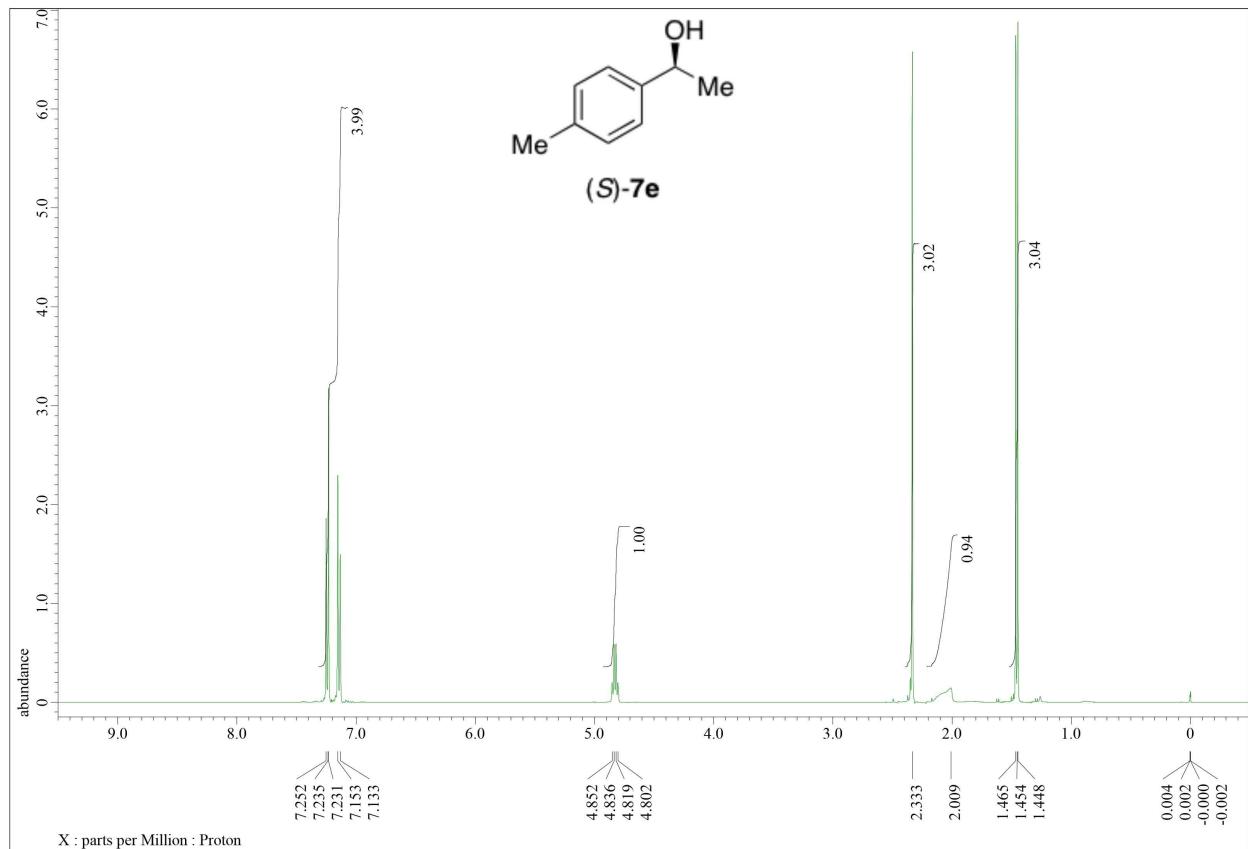


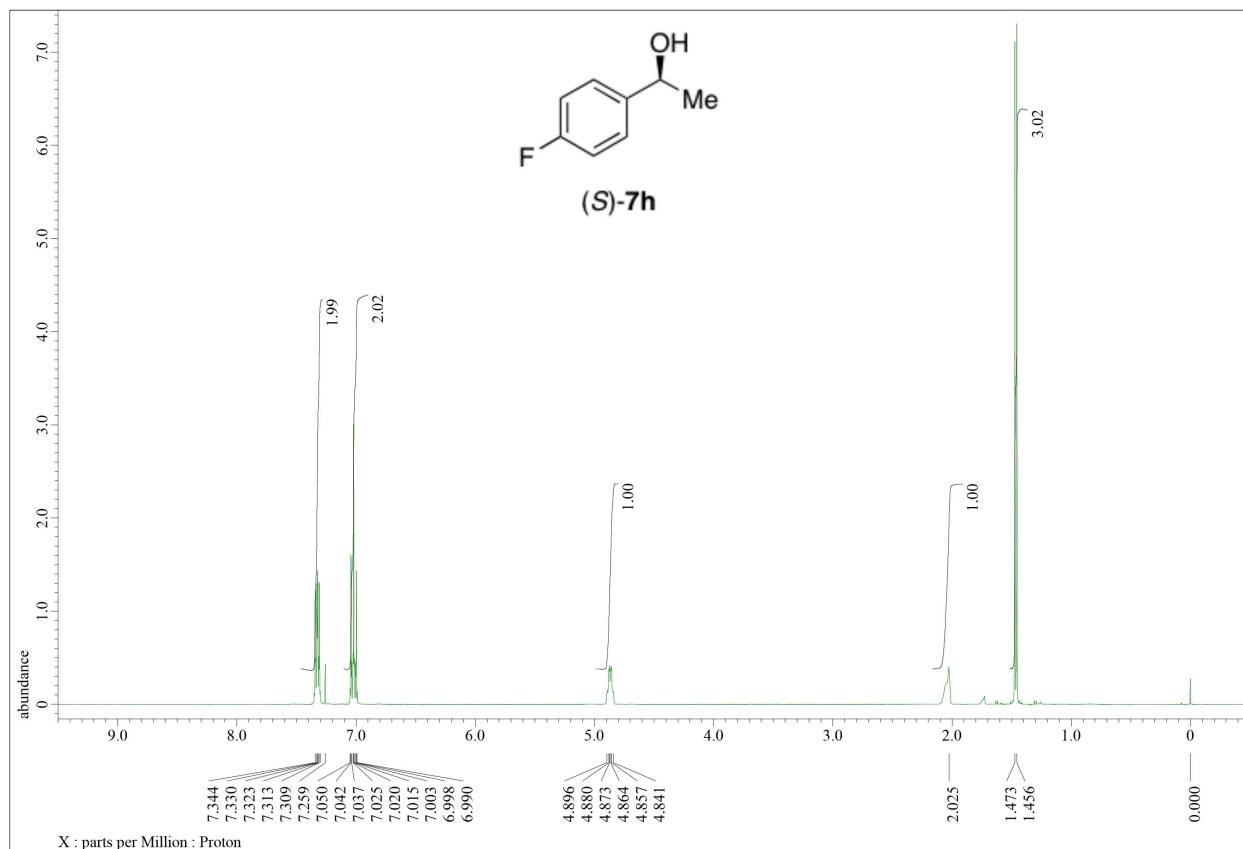
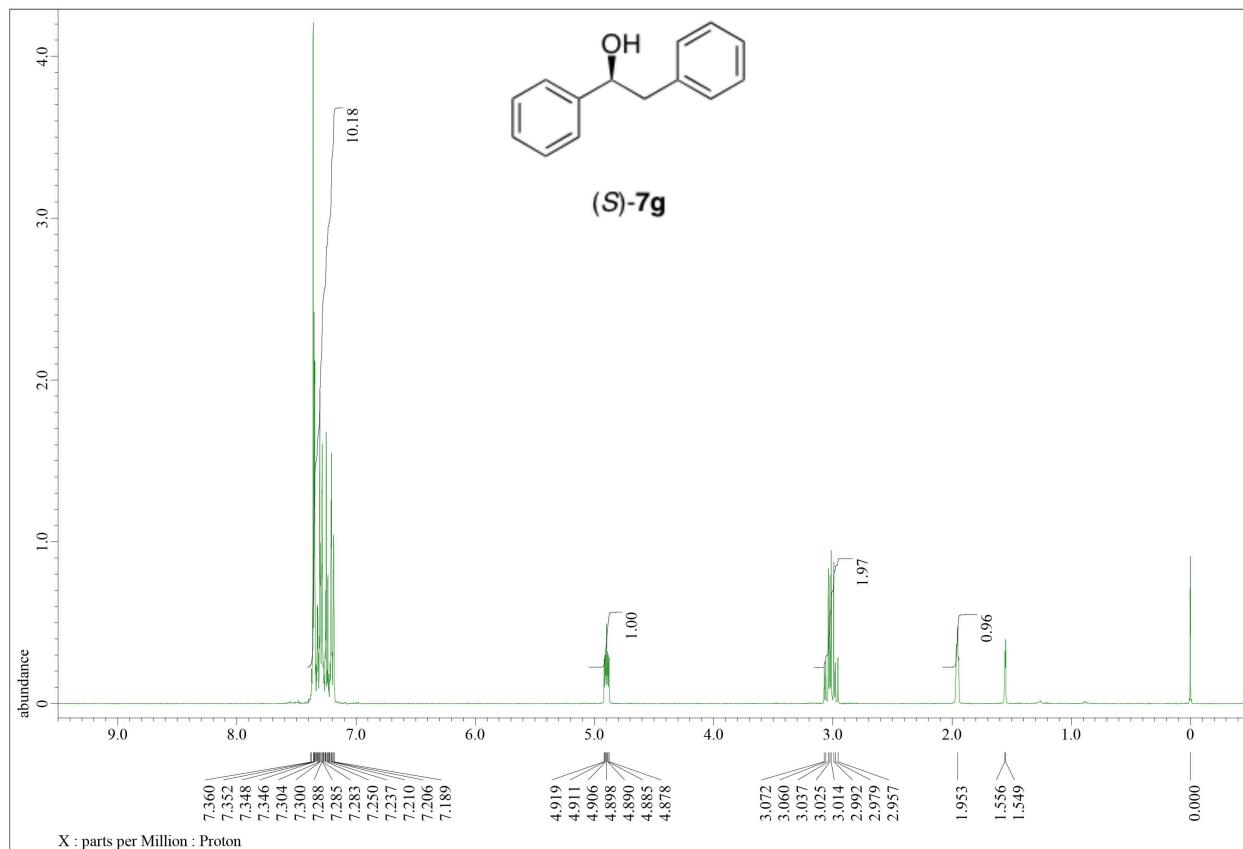


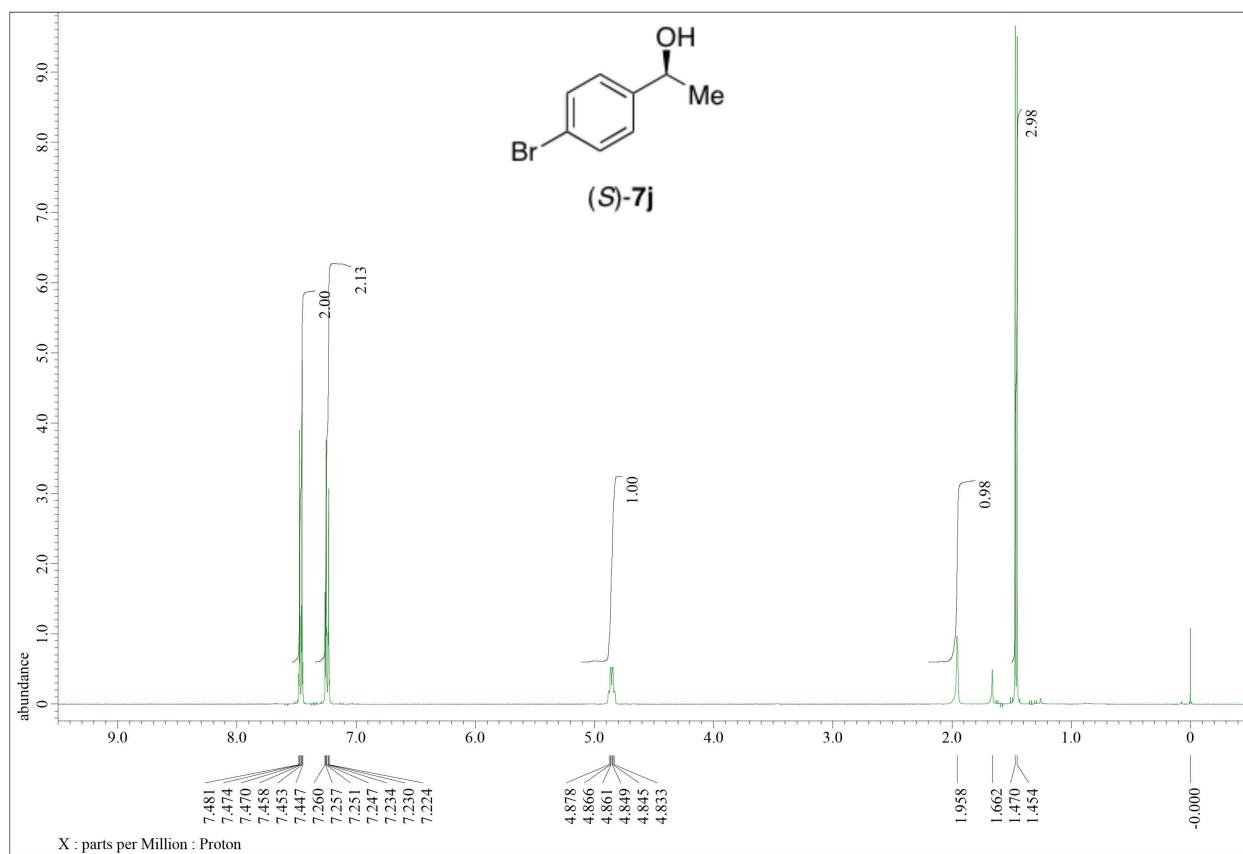
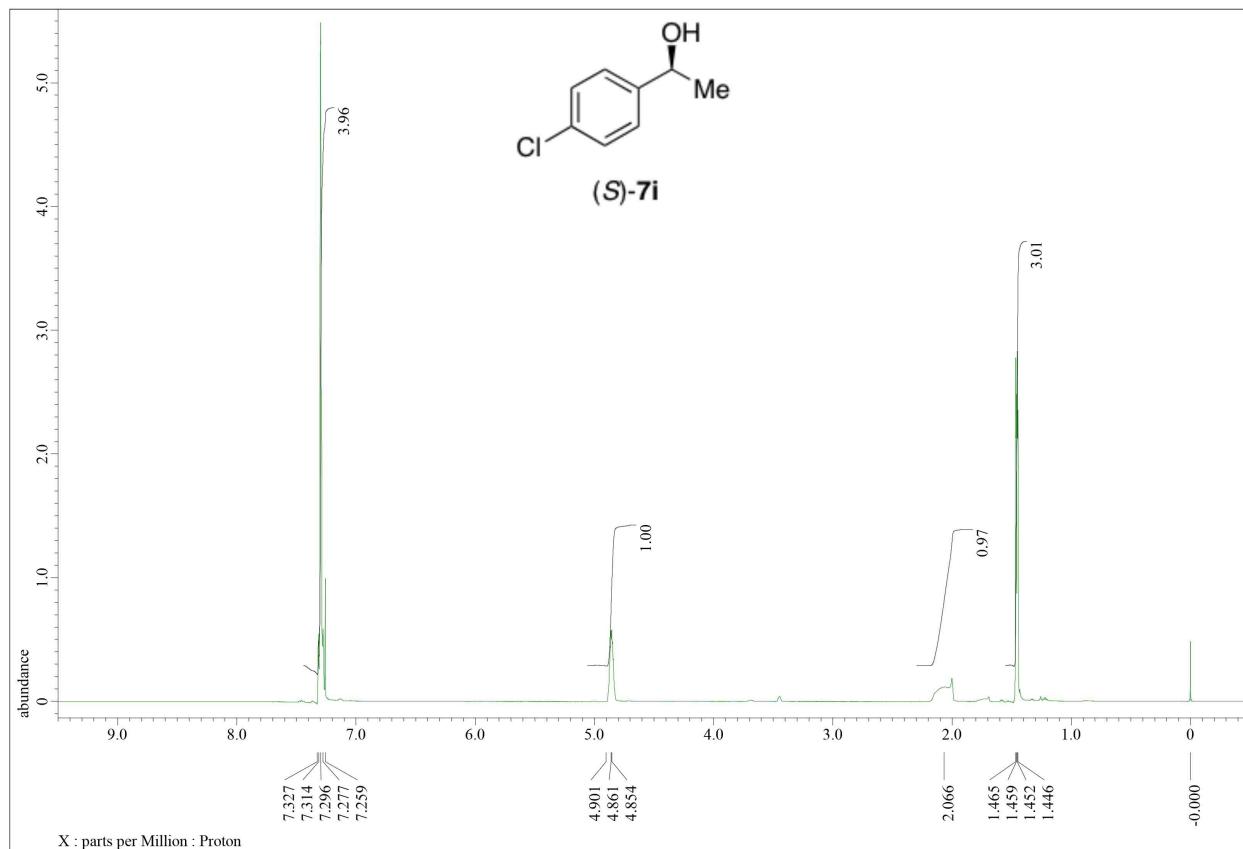
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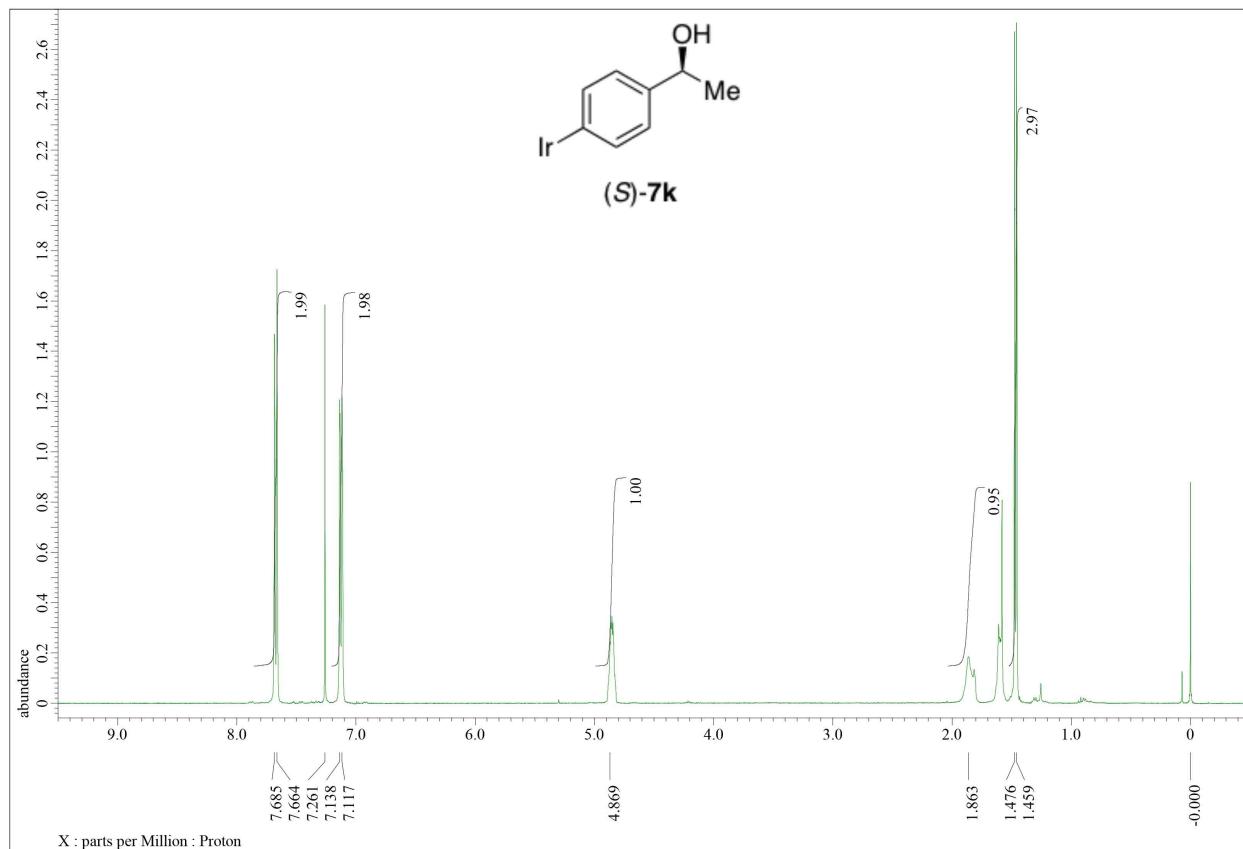


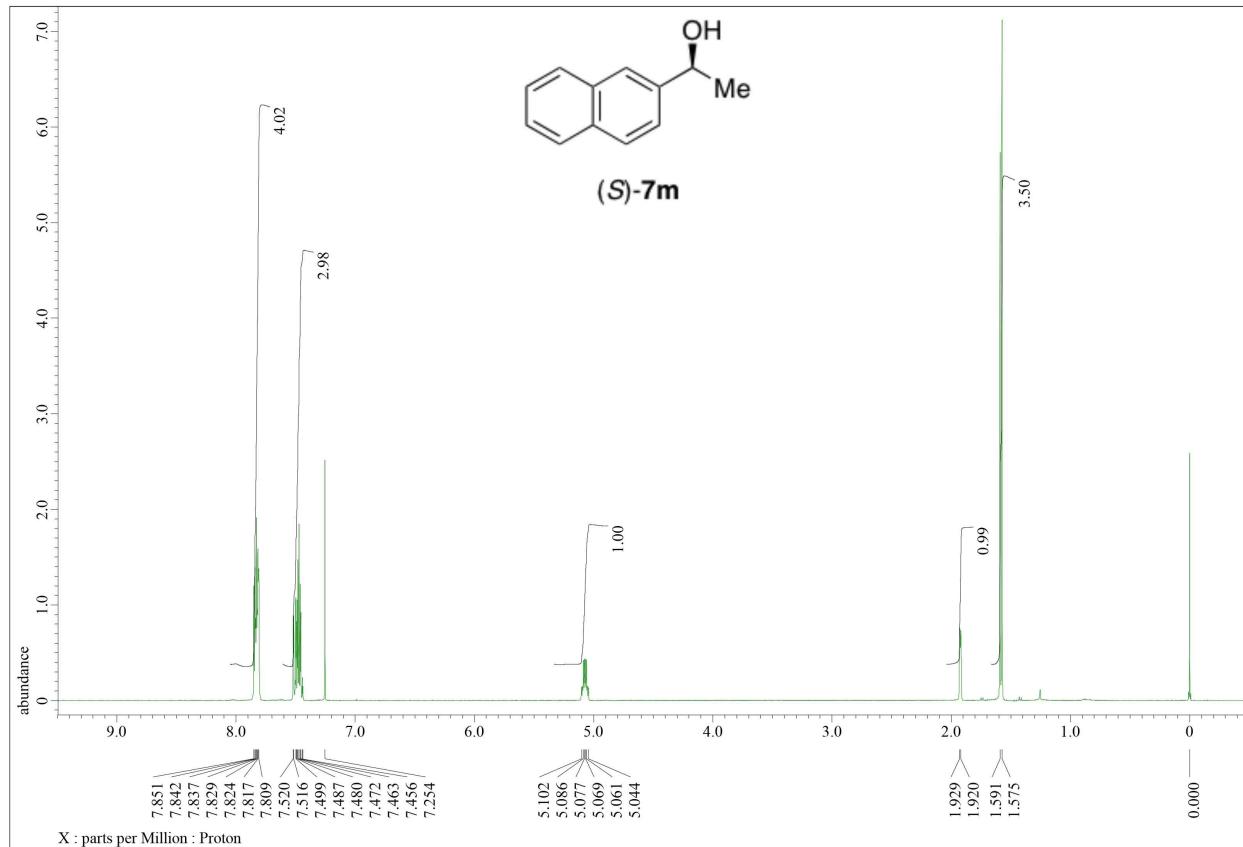








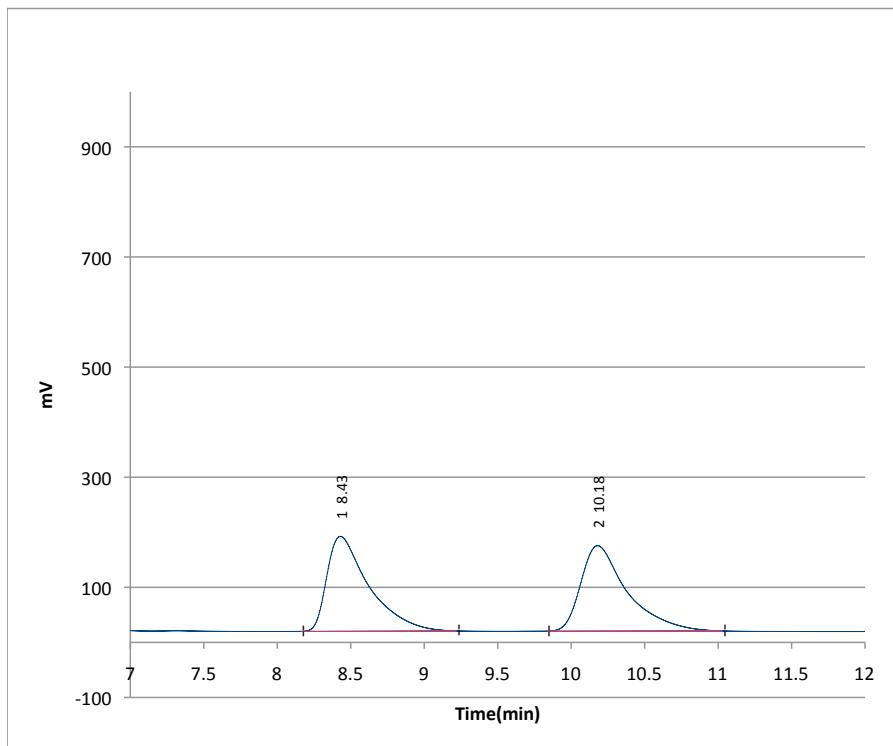




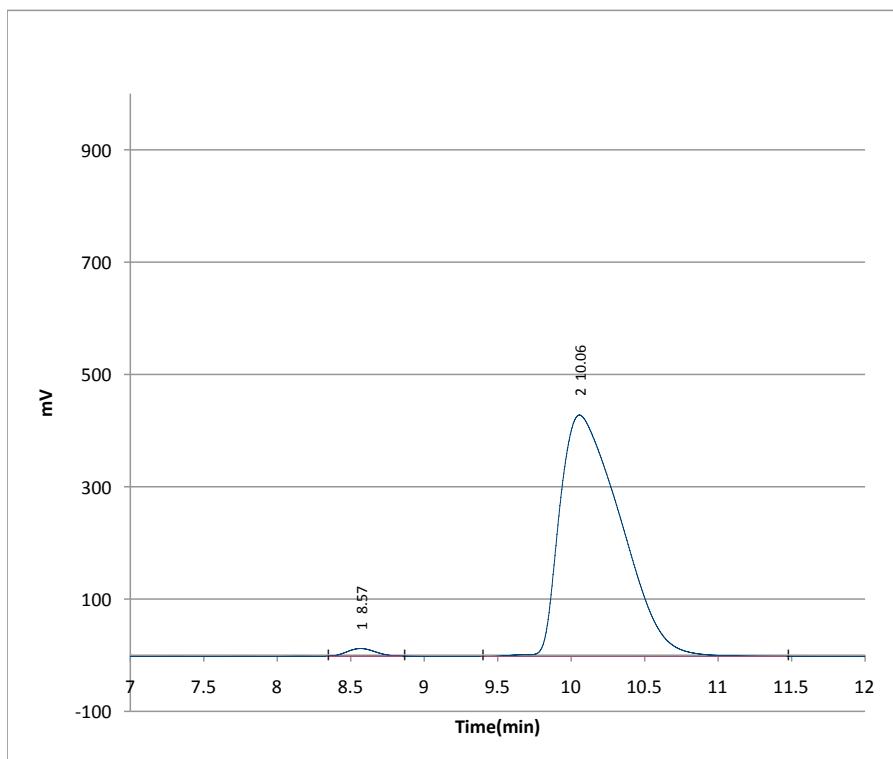
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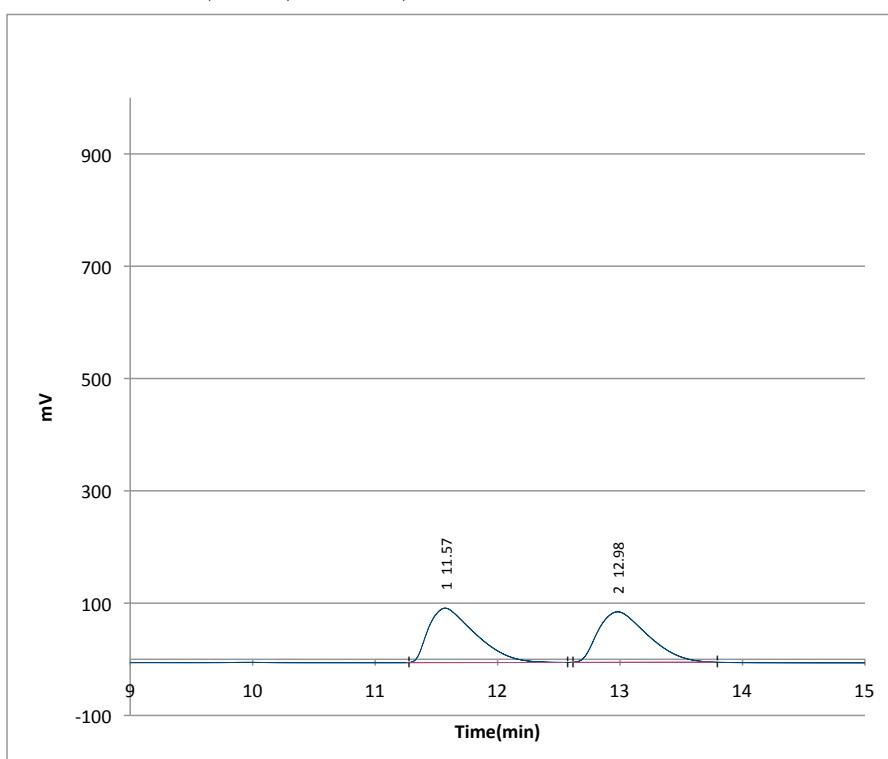
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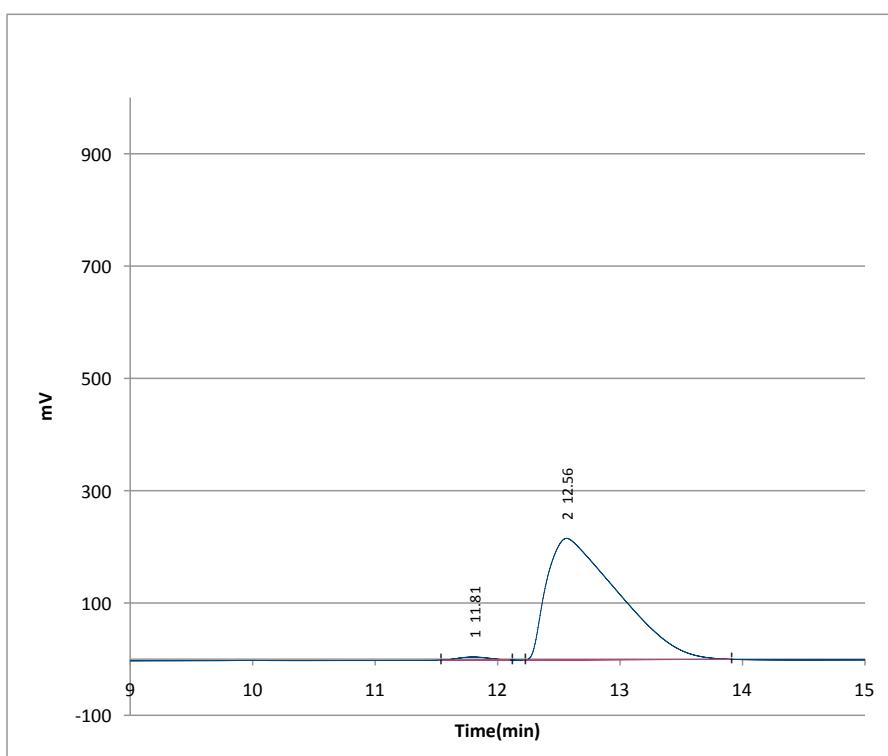
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2	10.06	(S)-isomer	12315170	98.5006	429990	2985	1.768	----

(Table 4, entry 2)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/iPrOH = 98/2



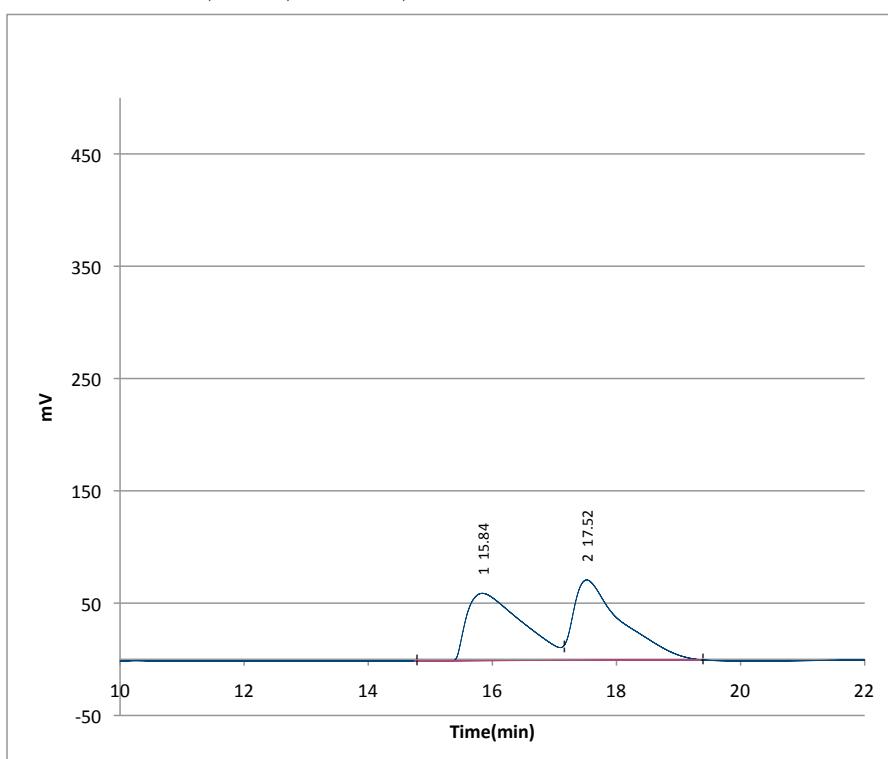
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1	11.57	(R)-isomer	2567029	50.3844	96952	4182.5	1.754	1.92
2	12.98	(S)-isomer	2527864	49.6156	90020	4802.8	1.514	----



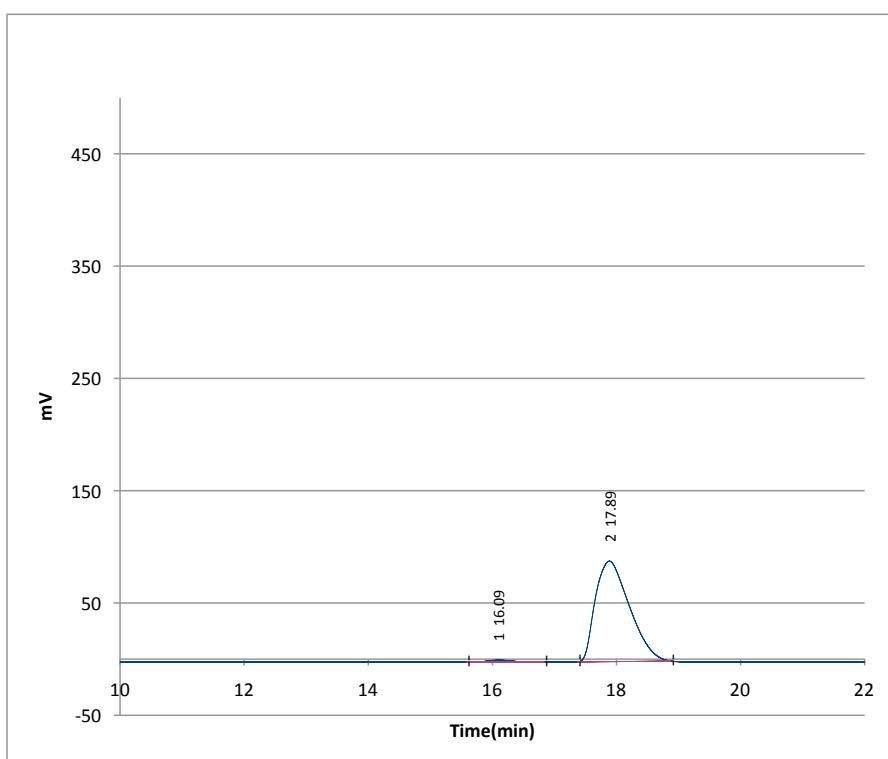
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1	11.81	(R)-isomer	99393.8	1.1204	5540	10420.8	1.022	0.972
2	12.56	(S)-isomer	8771908	98.8796	216623	2109.8	2.267	----

(Table 4, entry 4)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



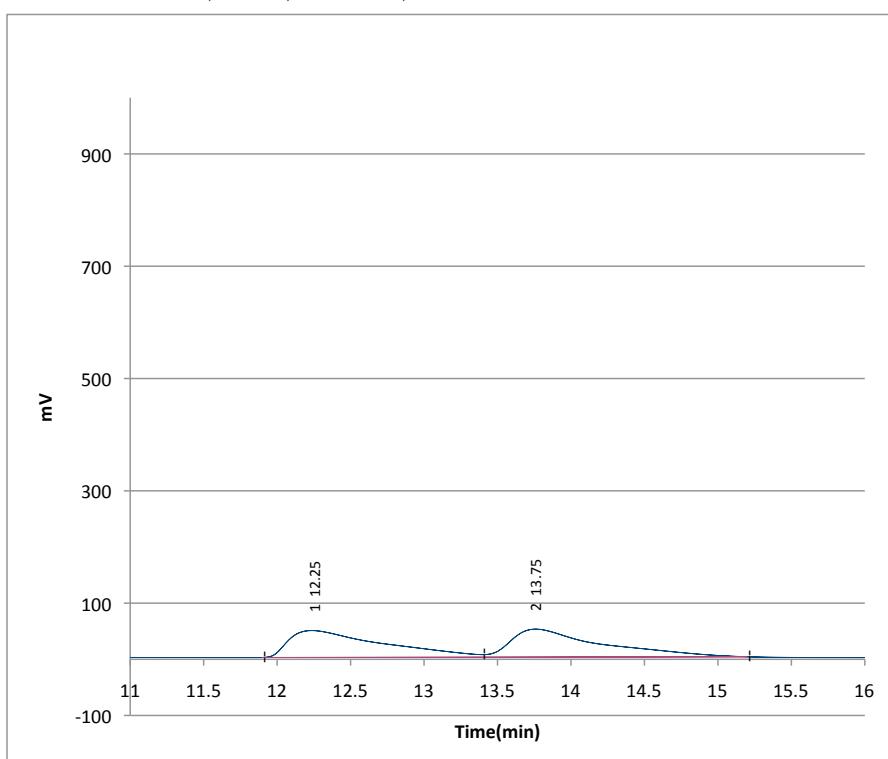
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1	15.84	(R)-isomer	3711331	48.9923	59977	1482.2	----	1.089
2	17.52	(S)-isomer	3863999	51.0077	71451	2374.1	----	----



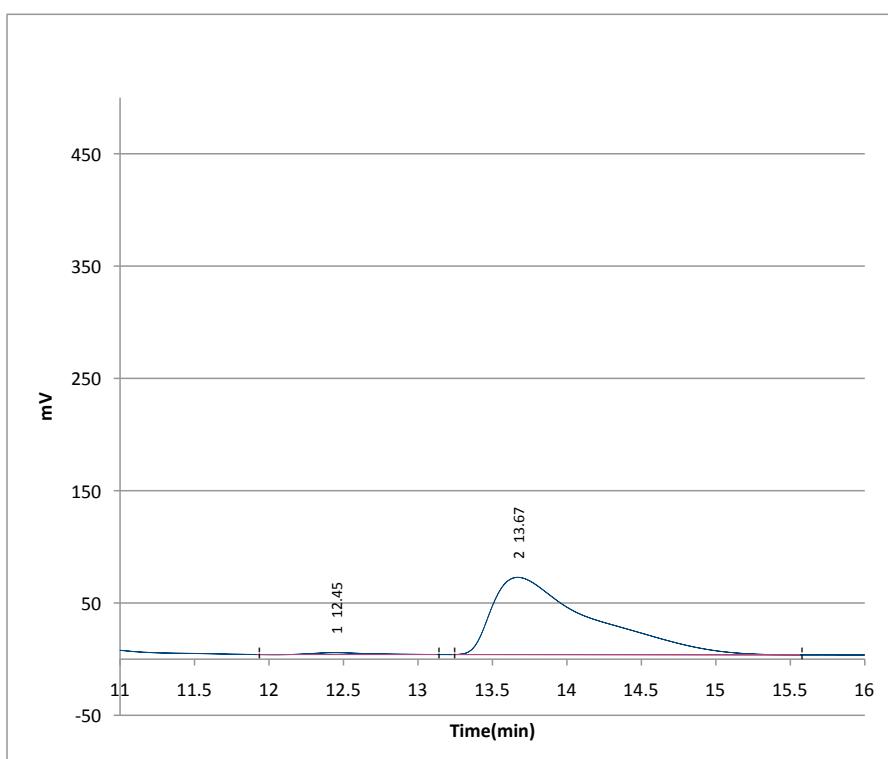
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1	16.09	(R)-isomer	49397.4	1.4307	1786	7919.1	1.159	2.087
2	17.89	(S)-isomer	3403339	98.5693	89480	5099.2	1.44	----

(Table 4, entry 6)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



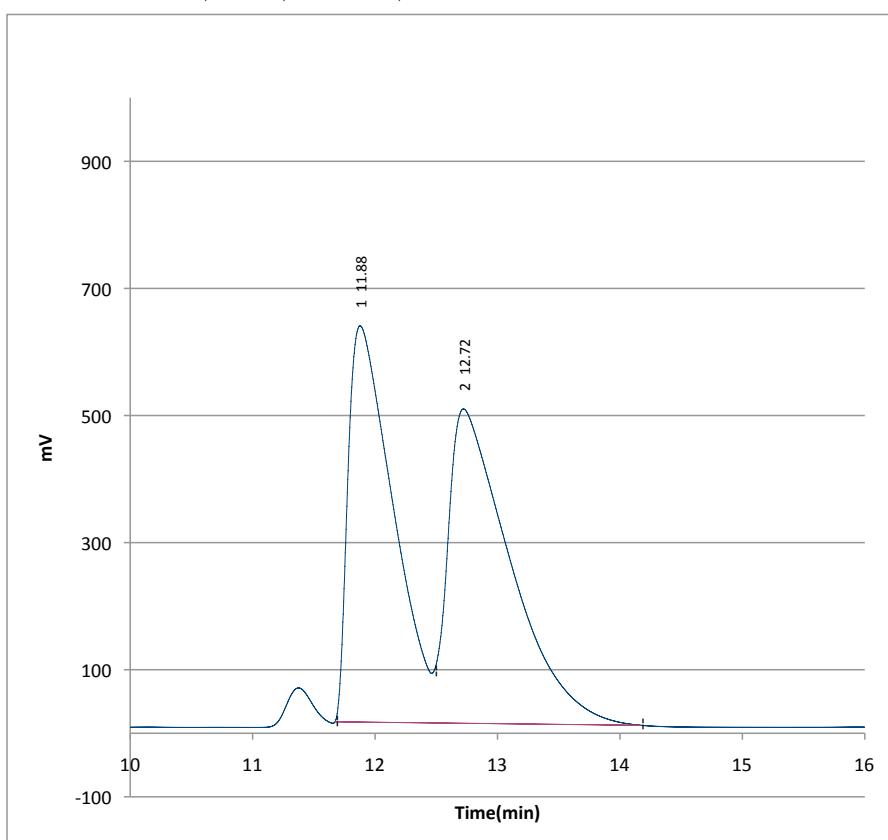
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1	12.25	(R)-isomer	2116952	49.9618	47823	1731.3	----	1.305
2	13.75	(S)-isomer	2120192	50.0382	49826	2363	----	----



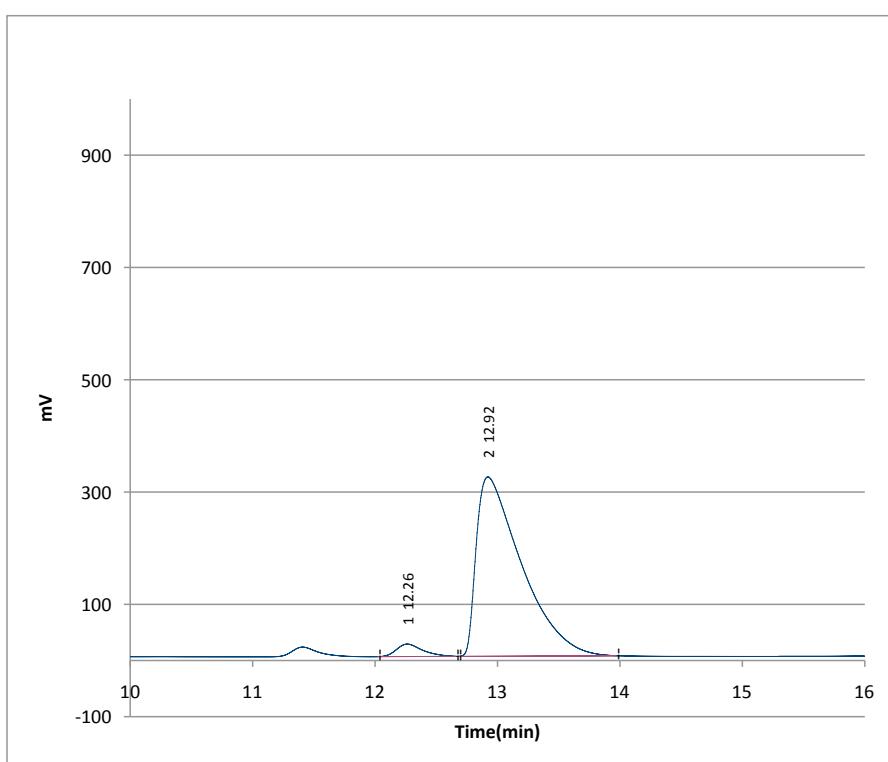
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1	12.45	(R)-isomer	41044.3	1.2777	1698	4559.7	1.546	1.152
2	13.67	(S)-isomer	3171402	98.7223	68826	1555.3	2.603	----

(Table 4, entry 8)

Chiral Column: AD-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2

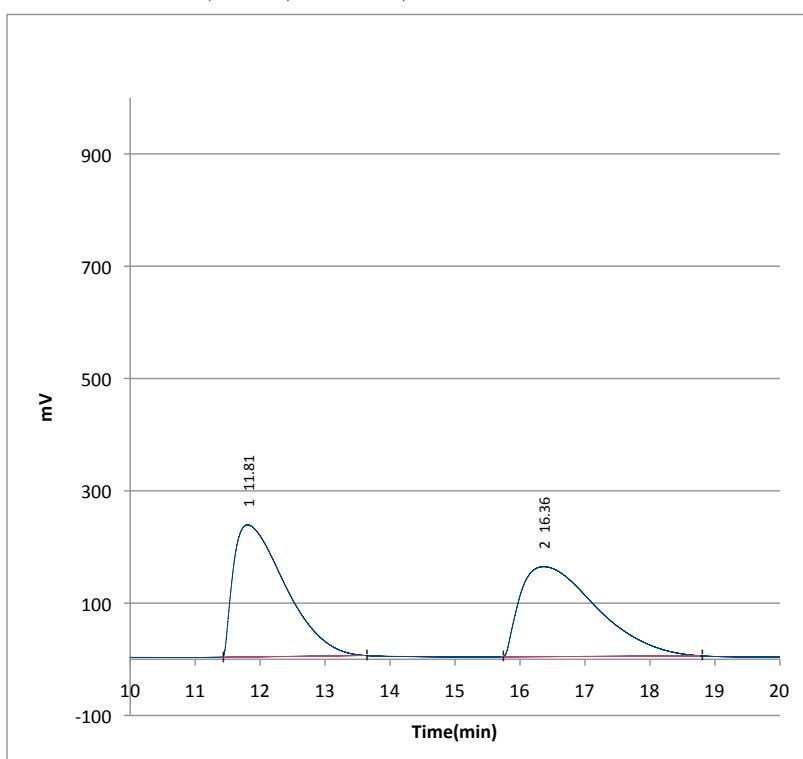


No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	11.88		15858662	47.5367	623646	4934.2	----	1.047
2	12.72		17502217	52.4633	494659	2924.9	----	----

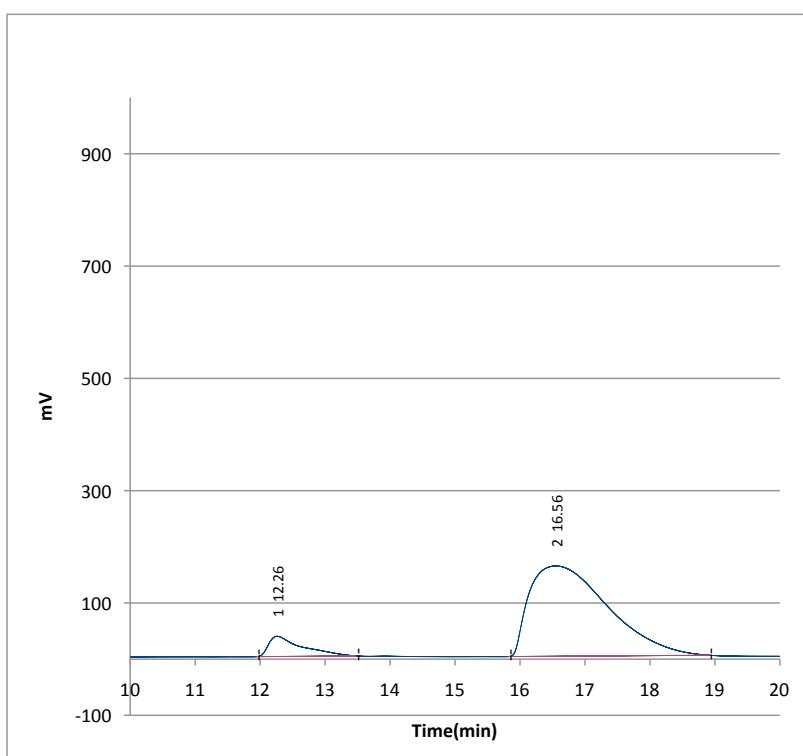


No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	12.26	(R)-isomer	327506.6	3.8466	22184	13710.5	1.393	1.16
2	12.92	(S)-isomer	8186695	96.1534	319381	5170.9	2.647	----

(Table 4, entry 10)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2

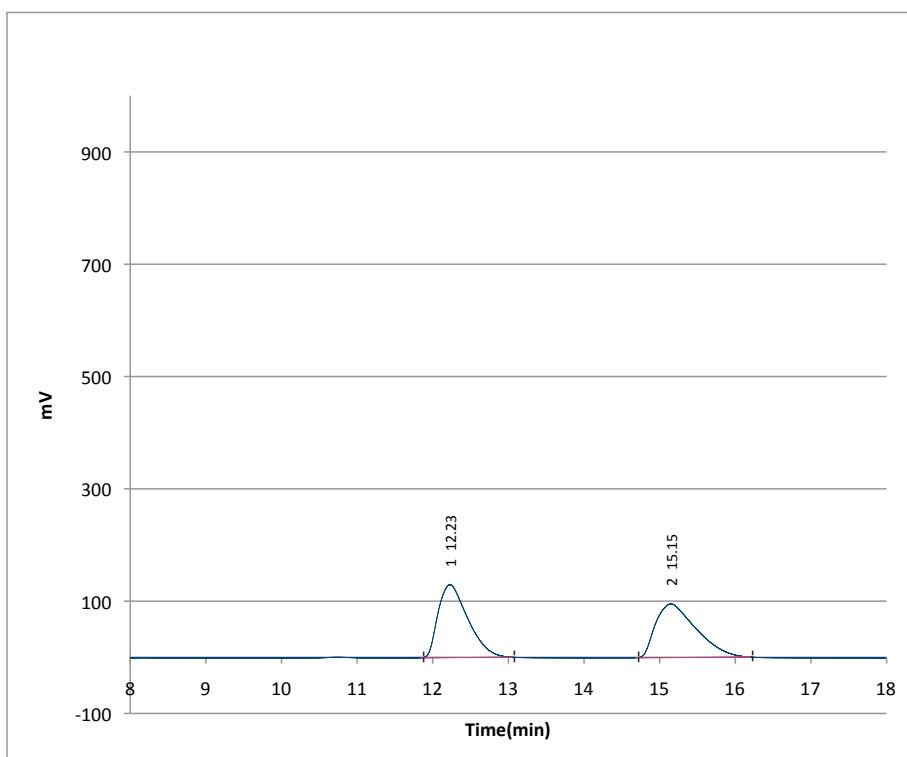
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1	11.81	(R)-isomer	12980433	49.7812	235283	1041.9	2.476	2.528
2	16.36	(S)-isomer	13094540	50.2188	160257	934.4	2.197	----



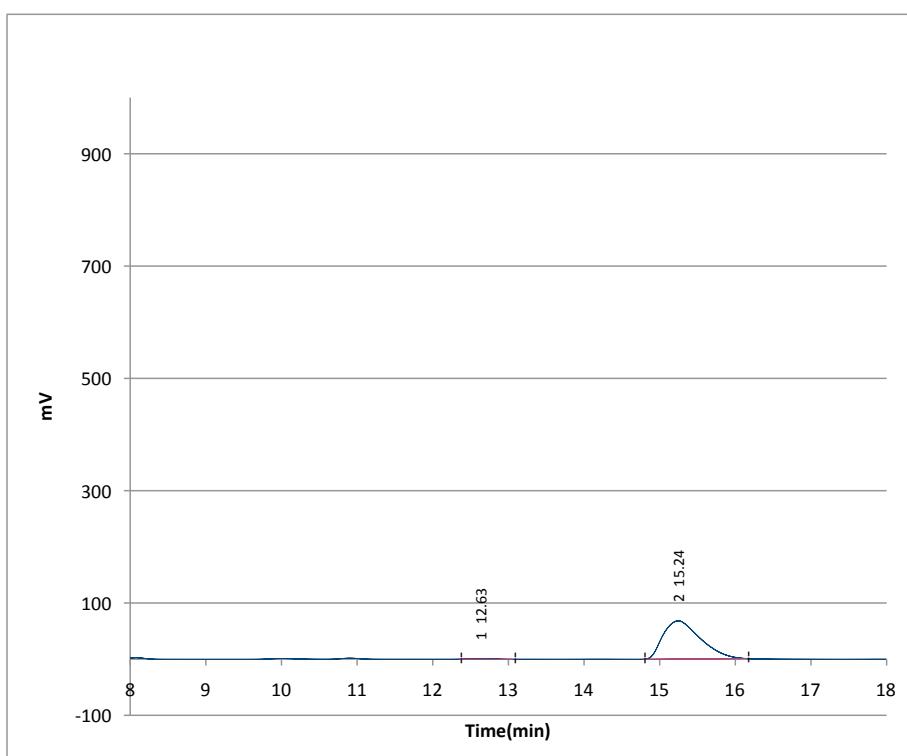
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1	12.26	(R)-isomer	1288723	8.7141	36004	1915.9	2.634	2.622
2	16.56	(S)-isomer	13500170	91.2859	160767	942.4	1.988	----

(Table 4, entry 12)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 95/5



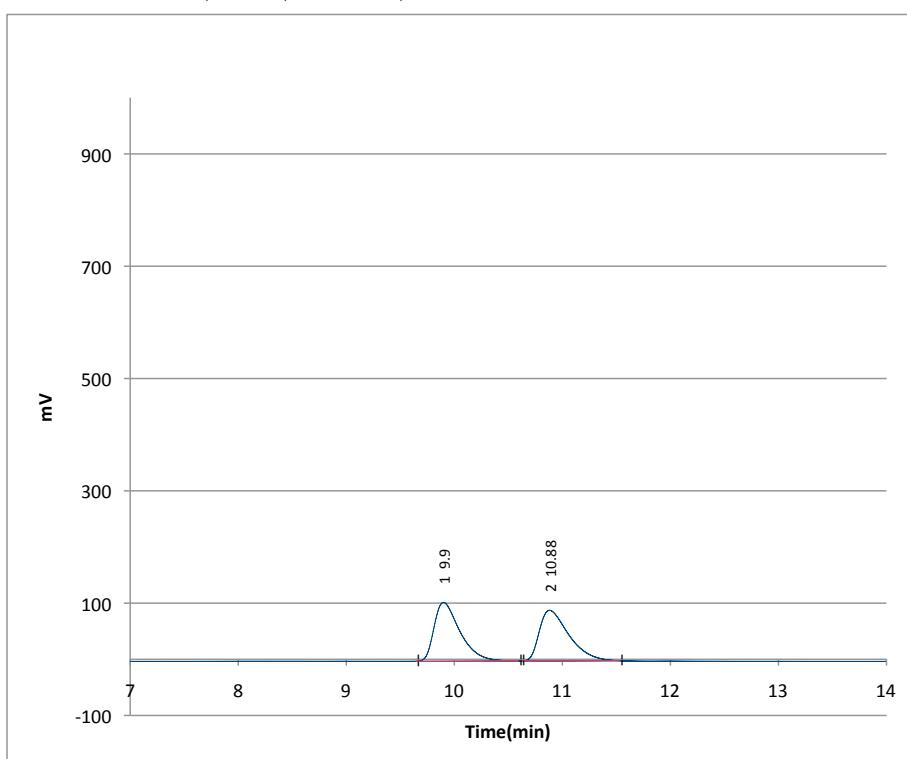
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1	12.23 (<i>R</i>)-isomer	3537587	49.9746	129802	4459.6	1.529	3.372	
2	15.15 (<i>S</i>)-isomer	3541190	50.0254	95441	3659.3	1.632	---	



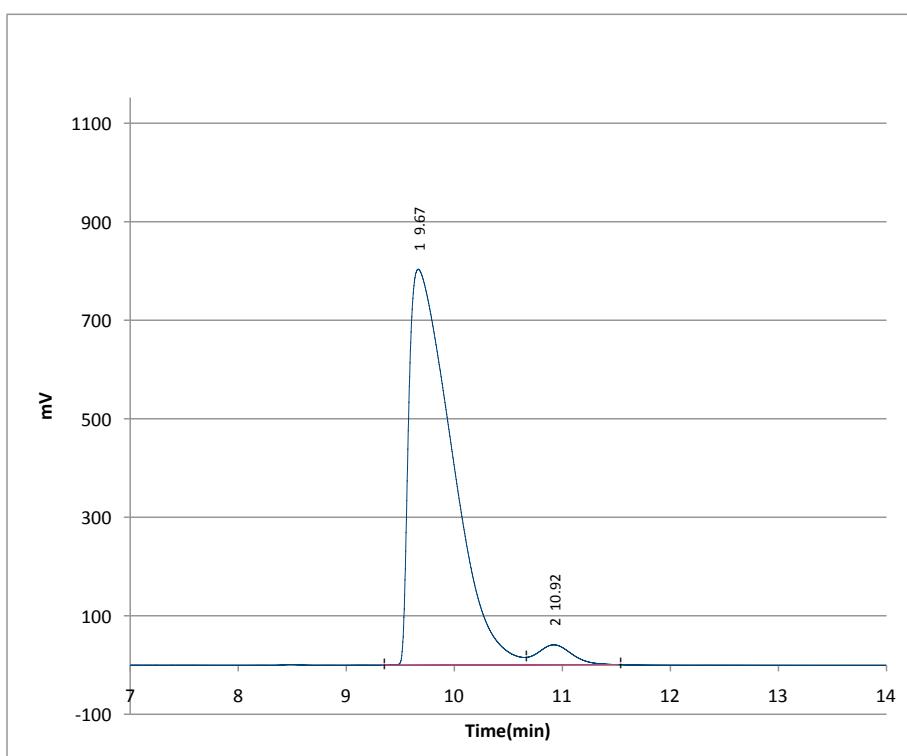
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1	12.63 (<i>R</i>)-isomer	26233.4	1.1129	1300	9094.4	1.169	3.622	
2	15.24 (<i>S</i>)-isomer	2330930	98.8871	68221	4439.8	1.474	---	

(Table 4, entry 14)

Chiral Column: OB-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/iPrOH = 98/2



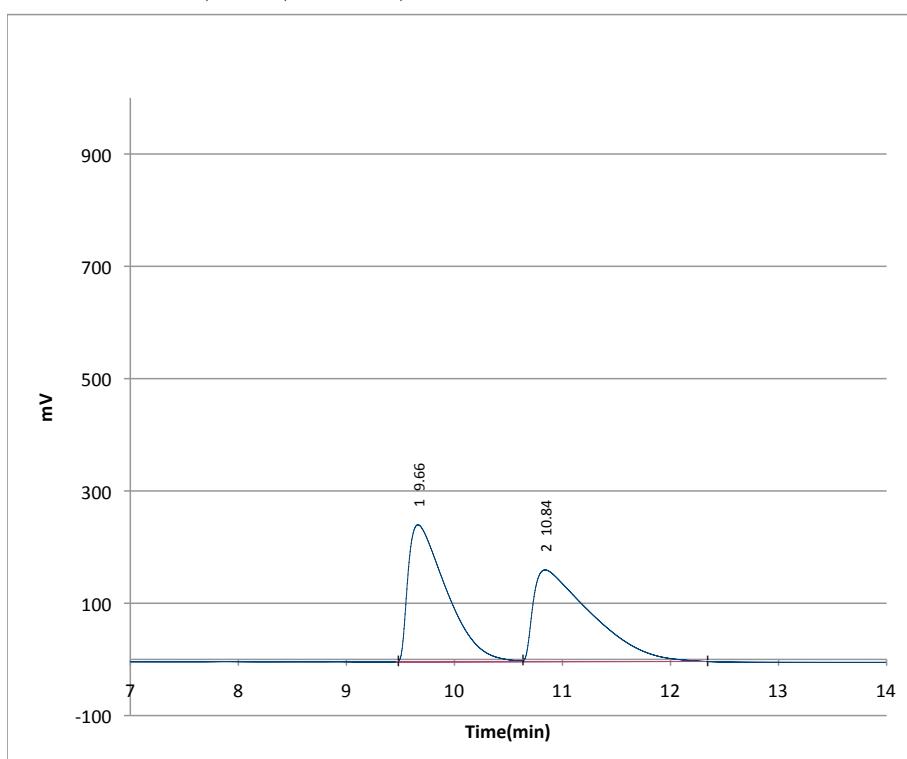
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1	9.9	(S)-isomer	1742118	50.5146	104728	7517.9	1.65	2.012
2	10.88	(R)-isomer	1706625	49.4854	90178	6984.5	1.722	---



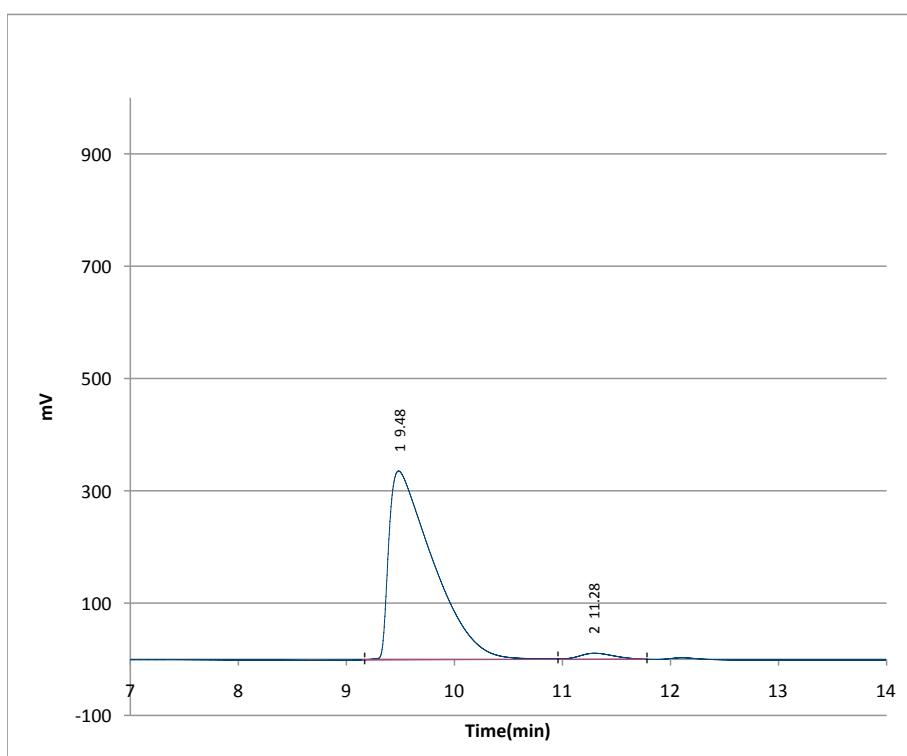
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1	9.67	(S)-isomer	22075007	95.9744	803868	2802.9	3.114	1.88
2	10.92	(R)-isomer	925921.9	4.0256	40616	5193.2	----	----

(Table 4, entry 15)

Chiral Column: OB-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



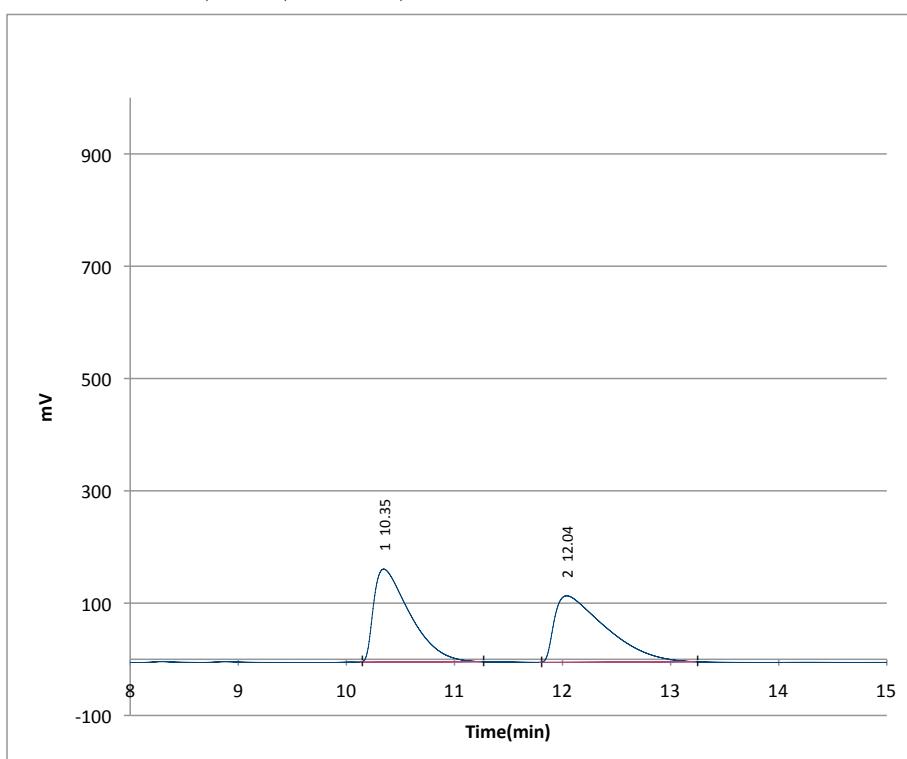
No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	9.66	(S)-isomer	6020833	49.8336	244261	3476.4	2.642	1.434
2	10.84	(R)-isomer	6061029	50.1664	163490	1933.9	3.459	---



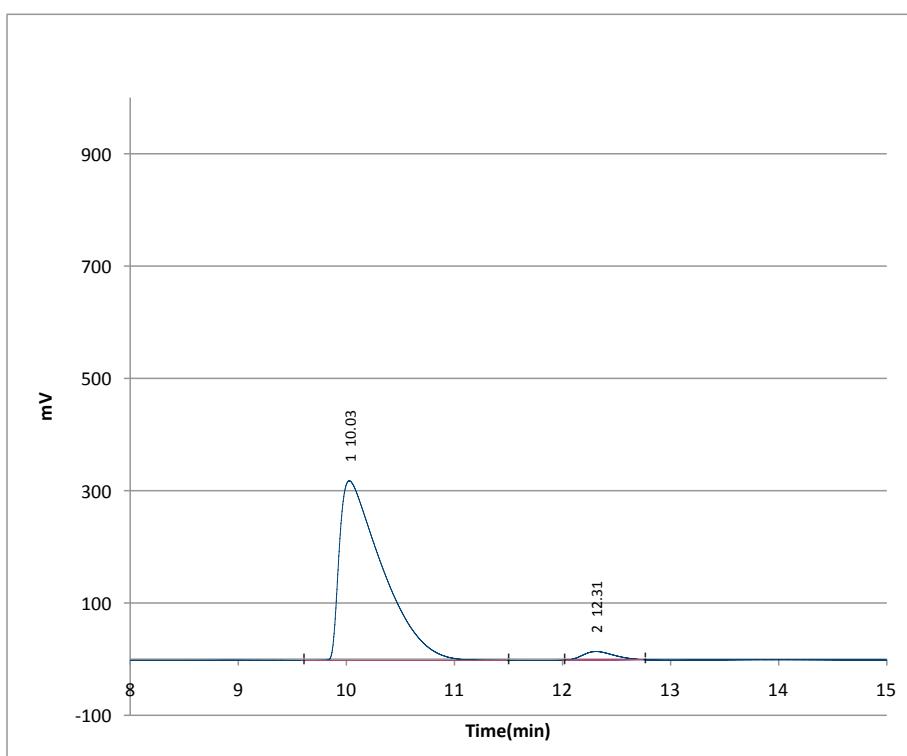
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1	9.48	(S)-isomer	9518005	97.504	336051	2535.8	3.096	2.676
2	11.28	(R)-isomer	243655.8	2.496	10942	5807.6	----	----

(Table 4, entry 18)

Chiral Column: OB-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



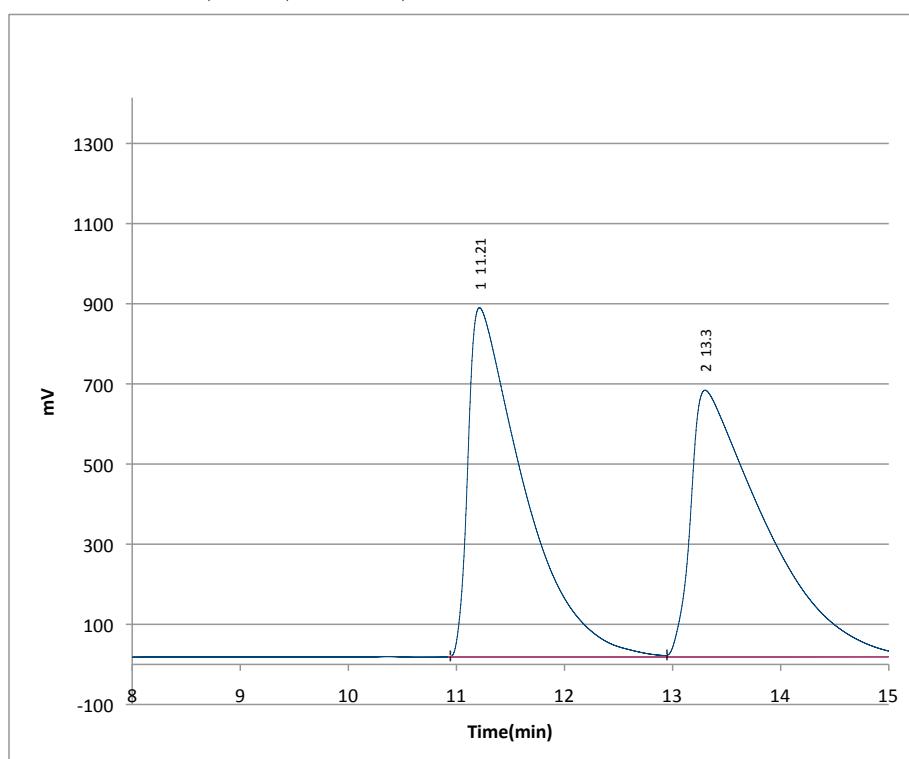
No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	10.35	(S)-isomer	3851702	49.7781	165594	4186.6	2.368	2.182
2	12.04	(R)-isomer	3886047	50.2219	118401	2804.8	2.873	---



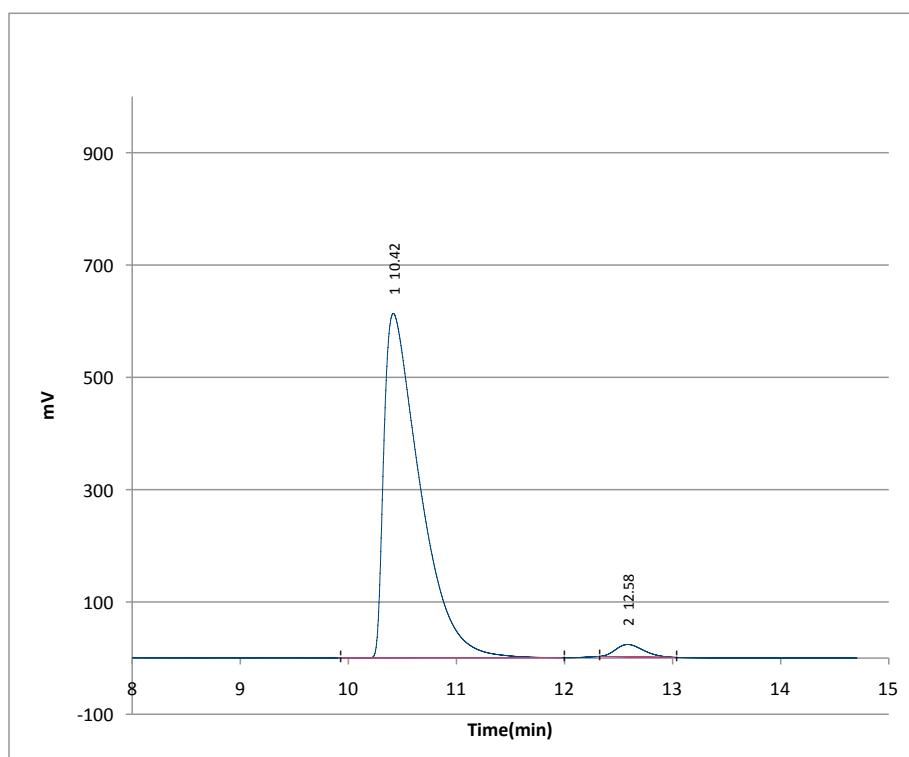
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1	10.03	(S)-isomer	8809076	96.6523	319853	2697.1	2.98	3.468
2	12.31	(R)-isomer	305118.5	3.3477	15167	8228.3	1.28	---

(Table 4, entry 20)

Chiral Column: OB-H, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



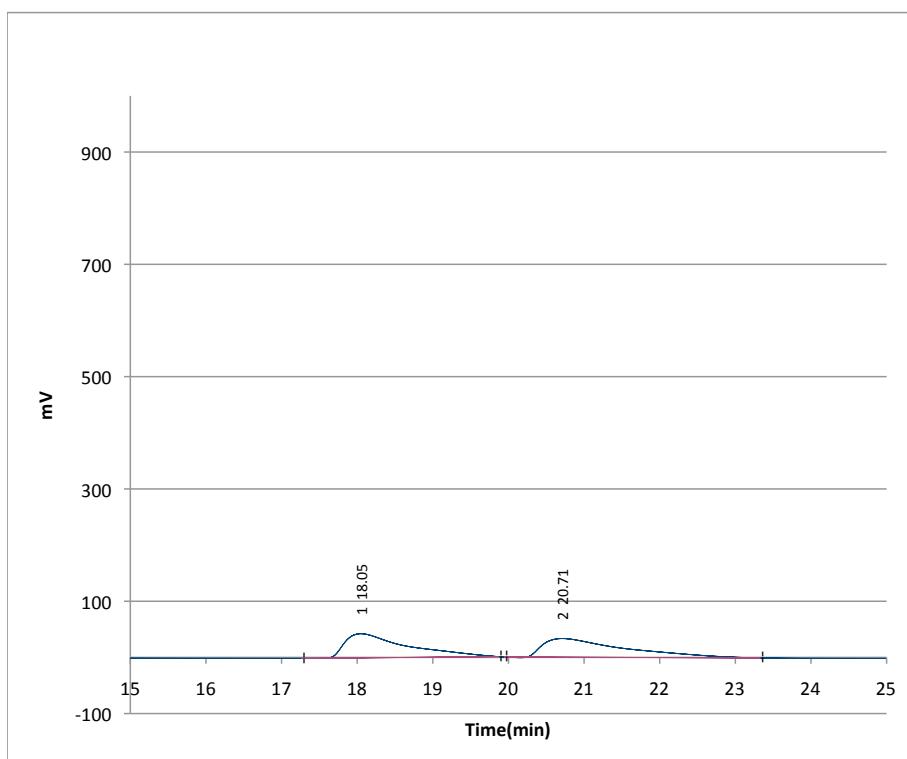
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1	11.21	(S)-isomer	31129394	49.5465	871525	2229.3	3.214	1.883
2	13.3	(R)-isomer	31699305	50.4535	665461	1763.3	3.074	----



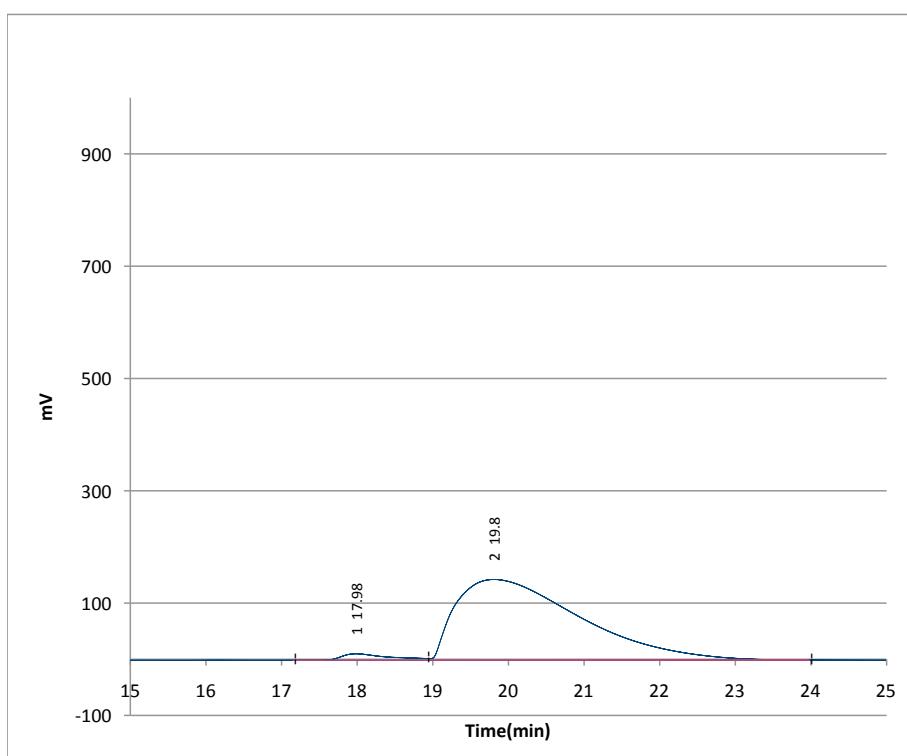
No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	10.42		14153649	97.2822	613439	4344.2	2.63	3.887
2	12.58		395419.9	2.7178	22113	10876.2	1.256	----

(Table 4, entry 22)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 98/2



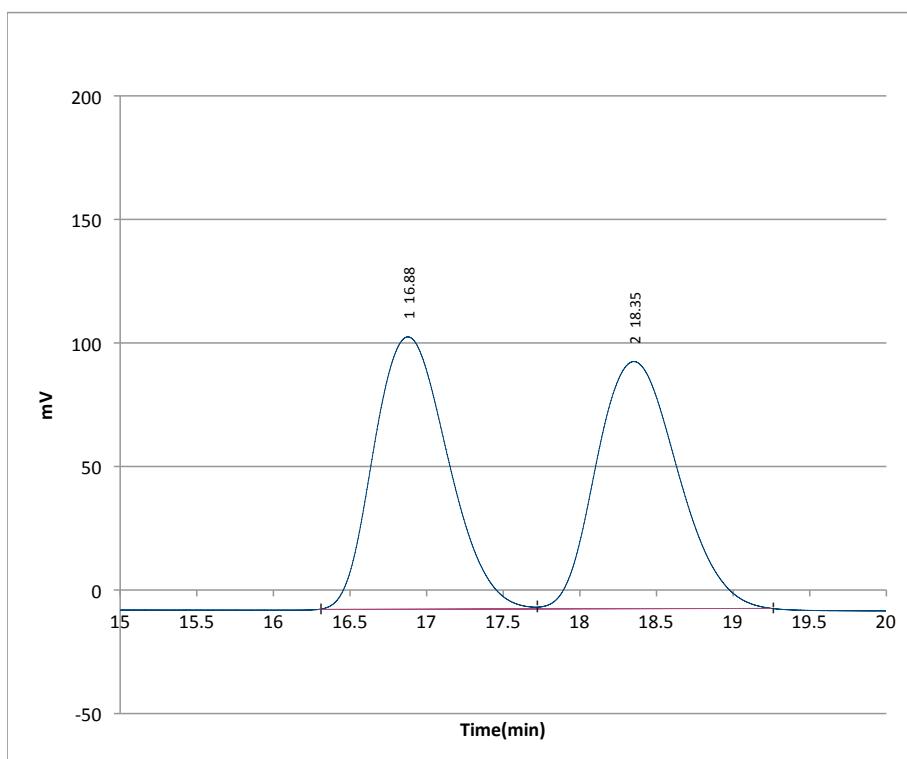
No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	18.05	(R)-isomer	2446734	49.8297	43031	1720.3	2.685	1.348
2	20.71	(S)-isomer	2463456	50.1703	33233	1408	3.052	---



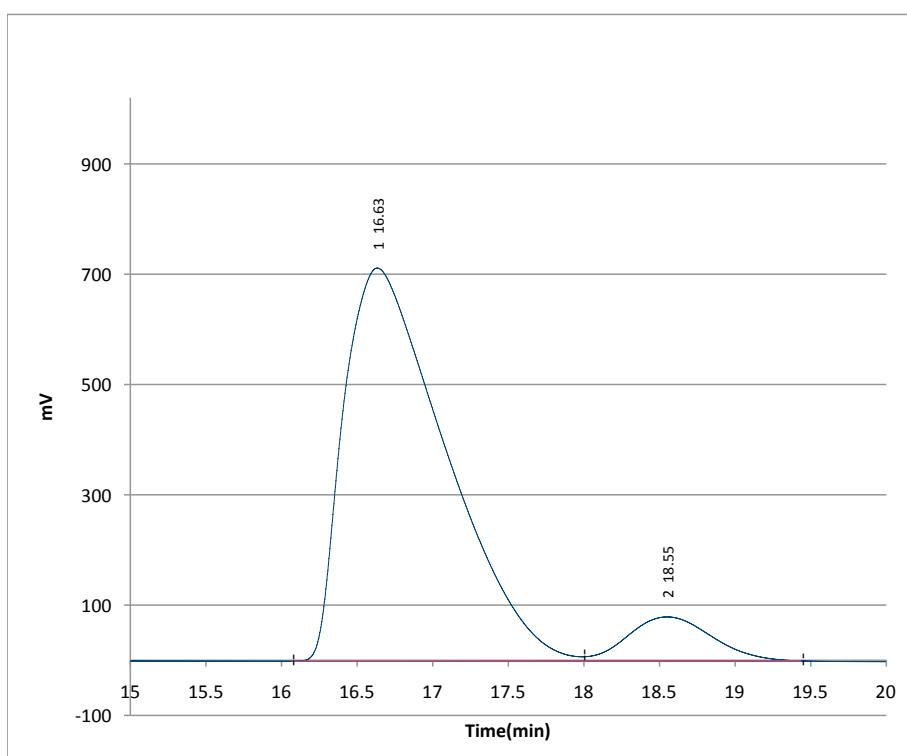
No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	17.98	(R)-isomer	498330.9	2.9411	11581	3949.3	----	0.871
2	19.8	(S)-isomer	16445253	97.0589	143785	678.1	2.329	----

(Table 4, entry 24)

Chiral Column: OD-H, 254 nm, 1.0 mL/min, Hex/*i*-PrOH = 95/5



No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	16.88	(S)-isomer	3698477	50.0614	110238	5723.6	1.198	1.577
2	18.35	(R)-isomer	3689403	49.9386	100041	5602.2	1.186	----



No.	Rt	Peak Name	Area	Area(%)	Height	NTP	Tf	Resolution
1	16.63	(S)-isomer	33299514	91.5274	712778	2867.3	1.879	1.69
2	18.55	(R)-isomer	3082498	8.4726	79978	5239.7	----	----