

Mechanistic Interrogation of the Asymmetric Lithiation-trapping of *N*-Thiopivaloyl Azetidine and Pyrrolidine

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1. Experimental details

1.1 General

Water is distilled water. Brine refers to a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl. THF was freshly distilled from sodium and benzophenone ketyl or dried using a Grubbs solvent purification system. Petrol refers to the fraction of petroleum ether boiling in the range 40-60 °C. All reactions were carried out under O₂-free Ar or N₂ using oven-dried and/or flame-dried glassware.

Flash column chromatography was carried out using Fluka Chemie GmbH silica (220-440 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was carried out using Merck F₂₅₄ aluminium-backed silica plates. ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C (100.6 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol ECX-400 instrument with an internal deuterium lock. Chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million and referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_H 7.27) and or CDCl₃ (δ_C 77.0, central line of triplet). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with broadband proton decoupling. ¹³C NMR spectra were assigned using DEPT experiments. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hertz. IR spectra were recorded on an ATI Matteson Genesis FT-IR spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus. Electrospray high and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics microOTOF spectrometer. Chiral stationary phase HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1200 series instrument and a multiple wavelength, UV/Vis diode array detector; integration was normally performed at 230 nm.

The following compounds were made according to the reported procedures: diamines (*R,R*)-**4** and (*S,S*)-**4**¹ and (+)-sparteine surrogate **21**.²

1.2 General Procedures

General Procedure A: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1**

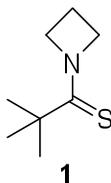
s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. Then, the electrophile (0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure B: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9**

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (86 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the electrophile (0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

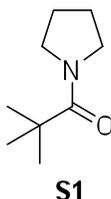
1.3 Experimental Procedures and Characterisation Data

2,2-Dimethyl-1-azetidinyl-1-ylpropan-1-thione **1**³



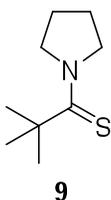
Trimethylacetyl chloride (7.21 mL, 58.6 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of azetidine hydrochloride (5.00 g, 53.3 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Et₃N (37.1 mL, 266 mmol, 5.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (75 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) (15 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduce pressure to give the crude *N*-pivaloyl azetidine. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (150 mL) and phosphorous(V) sulfide (14.80 g, 66.6 mmol, 1.25 eq.) was added. The resulting solution was heated to 75 °C for 6 h. The solution was allowed to cool to rt and then poured into 1 M HCl_(aq) (150 mL). 1 M HCl_(aq) was added until pH 3 was obtained. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M HCl_(aq) (50 mL), water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave thioamide **1** (6.40 g, 78%) as a yellow oil, *R*_F (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.51 (br t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 4.29 (br t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 2.33-2.25 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.36 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.1 (C=S), 56.6 (NCH₂), 56.0 (NCH₂) 43.1 (CMe₃), 29.8 (CMe₃), 14.6 (CH₂). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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2,2-Dimethyl-1-pyrrolidin-1-yl-propanone S1

Trimethylacetyl chloride (3.87 g, 32.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of pyridine (4.30 mL, 54.0 mmol, 1.7 eq.) and pyrrolidine (2.89 mL, 32.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in CHCl_3 (28 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was heated at 65 °C and stirred for 16 h. The solution was allowed to cool to rt and then water (50 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product as a yellow solid. Recrystallisation from CHCl_3 gave amide **S1** (5.09 g, 100%) as colourless needles, mp 53-56 °C (lit.,⁴ 56-59 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.54 (br s, 4H, NCH_2), 1.86 (br s, 4H, CH_2), 1.25 (s, 9H, CMe_3); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4 (C=O), 47.8 (NCH_2), 38.9 (CMe_3), 27.5 (CMe_3), 23.0 (CH_2). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁵

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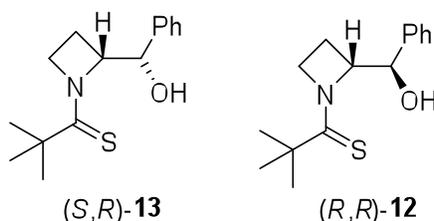
2,2-Dimethyl-1-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropan-1-thione 9³

Phosphorous(V) sulfide (17.78 g, 80.0 mmol, 1.25 eq.) was added to a stirred solution amide **S1** (10.0 g, 64 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in pyridine (100 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was heated at 75 °C for 6 h. The solution was allowed to cool to rt and then poured into 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (150 mL). 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ was added until pH 3 was obtained. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (100 mL), water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography

on silica with 7:3 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave thioamide **9** (5.09 g, 100%) as pale yellow needles, mp 32-35 °C (lit.,⁶ 33-35 °C); R_F (7:3 petrol-EtOAc) 0.5; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.83 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H, NCH_2), 3.74 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H, NCH_2), 1.95 (quintet, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.81 (quintet, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.29 (s, 9H, CMe_3); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) rotamers δ 208.4 ($\text{C}=\text{S}$), 57.5 (NCH_2), 52.7 (NCH_2) 43.4 (CMe_3), 30.1 (CMe_3), 27.2 (CH_2), 22.8 (CH_2). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

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1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*S*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,R*)-13**
and 1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,R*)-**12****



(Scheme 3 and Scheme 4)

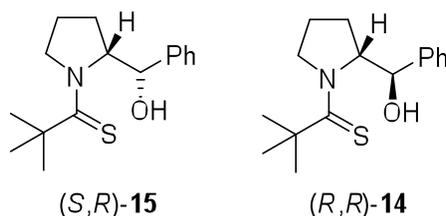
Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (76 μL , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained an 86:14 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (12 mg, 9%, 58:42 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 151-153 °C; R_F (4:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CHCl_3) 3203 (OH), 2921, 1441, 1414, 1341, 1242, 1126, 996, 980, 731 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H, *o*-Ph), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.32 (tt, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 5.47 (br s, 1H, CHO), 5.28 (dddd, $J = 9.5, 5.0, 2.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, NCH), 4.54 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.23 (ddd, $J = 9.5, 5.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.92-3.85 (m, 1H NCH_AH_B), 2.32 (dddd, 11.5, 9.5, 9.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.19-2.06 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.30 (s, 9H, CMe_3); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.1 ($\text{C}=\text{S}$), 139.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.2 (Ph), 127.7 (Ph), 126.7 (Ph), 73.7 (OCH or NCH), 73.5 (OCH or NCH), 56.1 (NCH_2), 43.4 (CMe_3) 29.5 (CMe_3), 17.2 (CH_2); MS (ESI) m/z 286 [$(\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$, 100], 264 [$(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$, 30], 208 (100); HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 286.1414, found 286.1414 (0.0 ppm error); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +40.9$ (c 0.65 in

CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.4 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.0 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (99 mg, 75%, 75:25 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 109-111 °C (lit.,³ 116-117 °C); *R*_F (4:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.39-7.29 (m, 3H, Ph), 5.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CHOH), 5.22 (dddd, *J* = 9.0, 7.5, 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, NCH), 5.17 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.31 (td, *J* = 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 4.20-4.13 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.20 (dddd, *J* = 12.0, 10.0, 9.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.86 (ddt, *J* = 12.0, 9.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.35 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.3 (C=S), 139.9 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 127.3 (Ph), 76.3 (OCH or NCH), 73.8 (OCH or NCH), 56.0 (NCH₂), 43.6 (CMe₃), 29.6 (CMe₃), 18.3 (CH₂); [α]_D +74.8 (*c* 0.75 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 17.8 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.4 min. Spectroscopic data for *rac*-**12** is consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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Note: In Hodgson's paper,³ *rac*-**12** was reported as the only diastereomer generated. In our hands, we always observed two diastereomers, **12** (major) and **13** (minor). Both have been fully characterised, including X-ray crystallography (see Section 2).

1-((*R*)-2-((*S*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,R*)-15** and 1-((*R*)-2-((*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,R*)-**14****



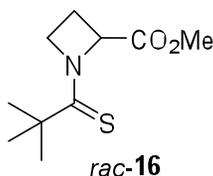
(Scheme 3)

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.), (–)-sparteine **3** (145 μL, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) and *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (86 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 58:42 mixture of diastereomeric alcohols (*S,R*)-**15** and (*R,R*)-**14** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**15** (55 mg, 40%, 86:14 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 169-174

°C; R_F (7:3 petrol-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (CHCl₃) 3386 (OH), 2972, 2876, 1604, 1478, 1411, 1383, 1365, 1160, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, *o*-Ph), 7.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 5.90 (br s, 1H, OCH), 5.36-5.32 (m, 1H, NCH), 4.27-4.22 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.52 (ddd, J = 11.0, 11.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.28 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.12-1.97 (m, 2H, CH), 1.75-1.64 (m, 2H, CH), 1.44 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1 (C=S), 141.9 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 127.2 (Ph), 125.5 (Ph), 71.4 (OCH or NCH), 70.4 (OCH or NCH), 54.7 (NCH₂), 44.2 (CMe₃), 30.7 (CMe₃), 25.0 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 300 [(M + Na)⁺, 20], 278 [(M + H)⁺, 100], 260 (30), 125 (40); HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NOS (M + H)⁺ 278.1573, found 278.1579 (-2.0 ppm error); [α]_D -7.0 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**15** 11.3 min, (*R,S*)-**15** 14.7 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**14** (50 mg, 37%, 82:18 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (7:3 petrol-Et₂O) 0.1; IR (film) 3387 (OH), 2973, 2876, 1605, 1452, 1411, 1383, 1365, 1162, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.68 (ddd, J = 8.0, 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, NCH), 5.29-5.26 (m, 1H, OCH), 4.11 (ddd, J = 11.5, 5.55 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.97 (br d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.25-3.18 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 1.90-1.73 (m, 4H, CH), 1.45 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR rotamers (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6 (C=S), 141.8 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 127.8 (Ph), 127.6 (Ph), 127.1 (Ph), 127.0 (Ph), 74.4 (br, OCH), 69.8 (NCH), 65.3 (NCH₂), 52.7 (NCH₂), 44.3 (CMe₃), 30.7 (CMe₃), 24.3 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 300 [(M + Na)⁺, 20], 278 [(M + H)⁺, 100], 260 (20), 125 (20); HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NOS (M + H)⁺ 278.1573, found 278.1570 (1.1 ppm error); [α]_D +94.2 (*c* 0.8 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**14** 10.6 min, (*S,S*)-**14** 22.4 min.

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***rac*-Methyl 1-(2,2-dimethylpropanethioyl)azetidine-2-carboxylate *rac*-16**



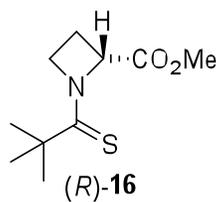
(Racemic standard for Scheme 3)

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.18

mL, 131 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 eq.) in Et₂O (7 mL) at -100 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at -100 °C for 2 min. Then, methyl chloroformate (0.077 mL, 95 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the solution was stirred at -100 °C for 10 min and allowed to warm to rt over the course of 1 h. 2 M HCl_(aq) (3 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave methyl ester *rac*-**16** (13.6 mg, 0.063 mmol, 13%) as a pale yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.02-4.96 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.68-4.59 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 4.52-4.43 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.75-3.73 (m, 3H, CO₂Me), 2.59-2.48 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.24-2.14 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.35-1.33 (m, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.6 (C=S), 170.0 (CO₂Me), 65.9 (CHN), 56.1 (CH₂N), 52.4 (CO₂Me), 43.1 (CMe₃), 29.6 (CMe₃), 19.1 (CH₂). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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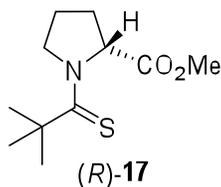
(R)-Methyl 1-(2,2-dimethylpropanethioyl)azetidine-2-carboxylate (R)-16



(Scheme 3)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.08 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), (-)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) and methyl chloroformate (0.06 mL, 71 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave (*R*)-**16** (48 mg, 0.225 mmol, 45%, 67:33 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow oil, [α]_D +45.5 (*c* 0.52 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**16** 12.7 min, (*R*)-**16** 13.8 min.

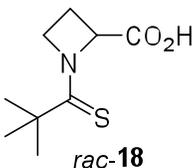
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(R)-Methyl 1-(2,2-dimethylpropanethioyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (R)-17

(Scheme 3)

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (0.084 mL, 86 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) and methyl chloroformate (0.06 mL, 71 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave (R)-**17** (67 mg, 0.29 mmol, 58%, 76:24 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.11 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.0 Hz, CHN), 4.04–3.90 (m, 2H, CH₂N), 3.71 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 2.30–2.10 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.07–1.90 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.42 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR δ 211.6 (C=S), 171.5 (CO₂Me), 68.6 (CHN), 53.4 (CH₂N), 52.3 (CO₂Me), 43.8 (CMe₃), 30.4 (CMe₃), 28.0 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂); [α]_D +25.3 (*c* 1.08 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (S)-**17** 10.6 min, (R)-**17** 11.8 min.

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rac-1-(2,2-Dimethylpropanethioyl)azetidine-2-carboxylic acid rac-18

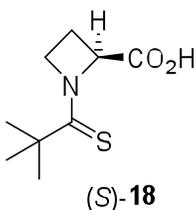
(Racemic standard for Scheme 3)

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.077 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) and TMEDA (145 mg, 0.2 mL, 1.3 mmol, 2.6 eq) in Et₂O (7 mL) at –100 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at –100 °C for 2 min. Then, dry CO₂ (generated from solid CO₂ flushed through CaCl₂ and added into the reaction *via* cannula) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min at –100 °C and then allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and extracted with water (6 x 5 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH < 2 with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (6 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and

evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid *rac*-**18** (47 mg, 0.23 mmol, 46%) as an off-white solid, IR (ATR) 2968, 2924, 2867, 2638 (CO₂H), 2554 (CO₂H), 1705 (C=O), 1455, 1421, 1397, 1365, 1339, 1294, 1254, 1223, 1198, 1164, 1045, 1031, 1005, 931, 825, 780, 721, 680, 655, 563, 537, 528 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.07 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.62 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 4.49 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 9.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 2.64-2.53 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.46-2.35 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.34 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.0 (C=S), 173.8 (CO₂H), 66.5 (CHN), 56.5 (CH₂N), 43.3 (CMe₃), 29.6 (CMe₃), 19.0 (CH₂); MS (ESI) material degraded during analysis.

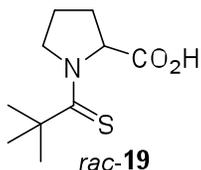
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(S)-1-(2,2-Dimethylpropanethioyl)azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (S)-18



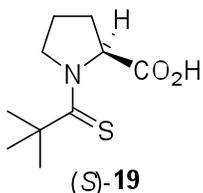
(Scheme 3)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.077 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –78 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Then, dry CO₂ (generated from solid CO₂ flushed through CaCl₂ and added into the reaction *via* cannula) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min at –78 °C and then allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and extracted with water (6 x 5 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH < 2 with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (6 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (S)-**18** (97 mg, 0.48 mmol, 96%, 75:25 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as an off white solid, mp 126–139 °C; [α]_D –62.2 (*c* 0.93 in EtOAc). Acid (S)-**18** was converted into methyl ester (S)-**16** by reaction with Me₃SiCHN₂ in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 2 mL), quenching with glacial AcOH and evaporation under reduced pressure. CSP-HPLC of methyl ester (S)-**16**: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (S)-**16** 14.3 min, (R)-**16** 18.2 min.

Rac-1-(2,2-dimethylpropanethioyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid *rac*-19

(Racemic standard for Scheme 3)

s-BuLi (1.0 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **9** (0.16 mL, 171 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) and TMEDA (0.20 mL, 155 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq) in Et₂O (10 mL) at -78 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. Then, dry CO₂ (generated from solid CO₂ flushed through CaCl₂ and added into the reaction *via* cannula) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min at -78 °C and then allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and extracted with water (6 x 5 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH < 2 with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (6 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid *rac*-**19** (184 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%) as an off-white solid, IR (ATR) 2978, 2869 (CO₂H), 2646 (CO₂H), 2553 (CO₂H), 1703 (C=O), 1474, 1416, 1368, 1336, 1297, 1272, 1225, 1173, 1152, 1090, 1058, 1021, 929, 915, 871, 804, 692, 61, 597, 502 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.25-5.13 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.06-3.98 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.96-3.88 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 2.31-1.99 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₂), 1.43 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 211.8 (C=S), 175.2 (CO₂H), 66.6 (CHN), 53.3 (CH₂N), 43.9 (CMe₃), 30.5 (CMe₃), 27.9 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 216 [(M + H)⁺, 55], 238 [(M + Na)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₇NO₂S (M + Na)⁺ 238.0872, found 238.0878 (-2.2 ppm error).

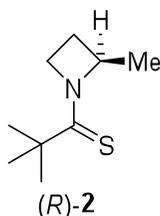
(S)-1-(2,2-Dimethylpropanethioyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (S)-19

(Scheme 3)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **9** (0.08 mL, 86 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under N₂. The resulting solution

was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h. Then, dry CO_2 (generated from solid CO_2 flushed through CaCl_2 and added into the reaction *via* cannula) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and then allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O (10 mL) and extracted with water (6 x 5 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to $\text{pH} < 2$ with 2 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (6 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (*S*)-**19** (79 mg, 0.37 mmol, 74%, 80:20 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as an off white solid. Acid (*S*)-**19** was converted into methyl ester (*S*)-**17** by reaction with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ in $\text{MeOH}/\text{toluene}$ (4:6 v/v, 2 mL), quenching with glacial AcOH and evaporation under reduced pressure. CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**17** 11.6 min, (*R*)-**17** 12.9 min.

(*R*)-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylazetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione (*R*)-2



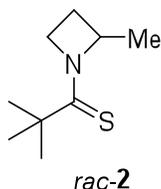
(Scheme 3)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) and methyl iodide (47 μL , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol- Et_2O as eluent gave methylated azetidine (*R*)-**3** (79 mg, 91%, 59:41 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (8:2 petrol- Et_2O) 0.3; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.91-4.82 (m, 1H, NCH), 4.57 (dddd, $J = 10.5, 9.0, 7.0, 1.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 4.43 (dddd, $J = 10.5, 10.0, 5.0, 5.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.54 (dddd, $J = 11.0, 10.0, 9.0, 7.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.85 (dddd, $J = 11.0, 9.5, 5.0, 5.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 1.62 (d, $J = 6.0\text{ Hz}$, 3H, Me), 1.34 (s, 9H, CMe_3); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) rotamers δ 209.6 (C=S), 65.7 (NCH), 64.8 (NCH), 55.6 (NCH₂), 53.7 (NCH₂), 43.3 (CMe_3), 30.9 (CMe_3), 29.6 (CMe_3), 23.1 (CH₂), 18.5 (Me); $[\alpha]_D +0.2$ (c 1.0 in CHCl_3) (lit.,³ $[\alpha]_D -21.3$ (c 1.15 in CHCl_3 for (*R*)-**2** of 99:1 er)); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (99.9:0.1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**2** 11.1 min, (*R*)-**2** 11.9 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

Note: Optical rotation data is not consistent with that reported in the literature³ and the configuration was assigned by CSP-HPLC (see Section 2).

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***rac*-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylazetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione *rac*-2**

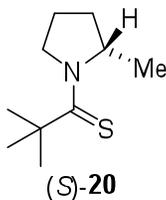


(Racemic standard for Scheme 3)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (90 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and methyl iodide (47 μ L, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O gave methylated azetidine *rac*-2 (58 mg, 67%) as a colourless oil.

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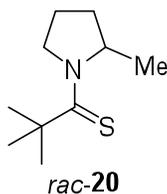


(Scheme 3)

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (86 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.15 mL, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and methyl iodide (47 μ L, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave methylated pyrrolidine (*S*)-20 (78 mg, 84%, 58:42 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; IR (film) 2975, 2876, 1530, 1458, 1410, 1325, 1116, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 85:15 mixture of rotamers δ 5.15-5.07 (m, 0.85H, NCH), 4.84-4.78 (m, 0.15H, NCH), 4.21 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 8.5, 8.5 Hz, 0.15H, NCH_AH_B), 4.00 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 12.0, 7.0

Hz, 0.85H, NCH_AH_B), 3.83-3.76 (m, 0.15H, NCH_AH_B), 3.67 (ddd, $J = 13.5, 6.5, 6.5$ Hz, 0.85H, NCH_AH_B), 2.13-1.86 (m, 3H, CH), 1.66-1.59 (m, 1H, CH), 1.43 (s, 1.35H, CMe_3), 1.39 (s, 7.65H, CMe_3), 1.33 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2.55H, Me), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 0.45H, Me); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 208.8 (C=S), 61.8 (NCH), 52.0 (NCH_2), 44.0 (CMe_3), 30.6 (CMe_3), 30.4 (CH_2), 24.9 (CH_2), 17.7 (Me); MS (ESI) m/z 208 [$(M + Na)^+$, 100], 186 [$(M + H)^+$, 20]; HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{19}NS$ ($M + Na$) $^+$ 208.1136, found 208.1131 (-0.5 ppm error); $[\alpha]_D -10.1$ (c 0.95 in $CHCl_3$); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.5:0.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**20** 8.0 min, (*R*)-**20** 9.0 min. Lab Book Reference PJR 8/650

***rac*-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione *rac*-20**

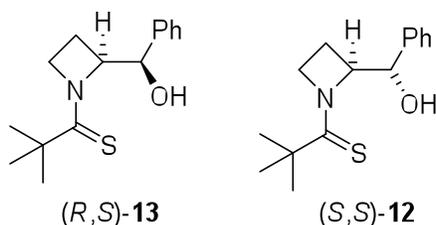


(Racemic standard for Scheme 3)

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (1.0 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (171 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.195 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) and methyl iodide (374 μ L, 6.0 mmol, 4.6 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave methylated pyrrolidine ***rac*-20** (425 mg, 77%) as a yellow oil.

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1-[(2*S*)-2-[(*R*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,S*)-13 and 1-[(2*S*)-2-[(*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,S*)-12

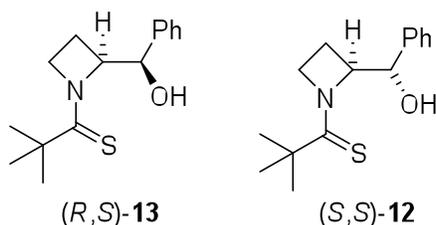


(Scheme 4)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), (+)-sparteine surrogate **21** (116 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained an 86:14 mixture of alcohols (*S,S*)-**12** and (*R,S*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*R,S*)-**13** (9 mg, 7%, 54:46 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.2 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (91 mg, 70%, 54:46 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.2 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.4 min.

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1-[(2*S*)-2-[(*R*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,S*)-13 and 1-[(2*S*)-2-[(*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,S*)-12



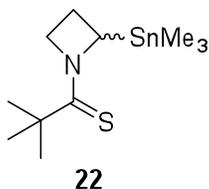
(Scheme 4)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), diamine (*S,S*)-**4** (186 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product which

contained a 77:23 mixture of alcohols (*S,S*)-**12** and (*R,S*)-**13** by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*R,S*)-**13** (26 mg, 20%, 65:35 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min $^{-1}$) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.2 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (96 mg, 73%, 53:47 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min $^{-1}$) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.7 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.9 min.

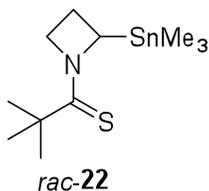
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2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylstannyl)azetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione **22**



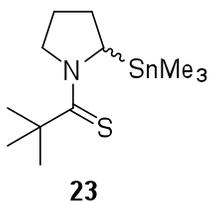
Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (1.38 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (236 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.41 mL, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et $_2$ O (8 mL) and Me $_3$ SnCl (2.25 mL of a 1.0 M solution in hexane, 2.25 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-9:1 petrol-Et $_2$ O as eluent gave stannane (*S*)-**22** (263 mg, 55%, 68:32 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (9:1 petrol-Et $_2$ O) 0.3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 4.65-4.47 (m, 3H, NCH), 2.57-2.48 (m, 1H, CH), 2.26-2.18 (m, 1H, CH), 1.33 (s, 9H, CMe $_3$), 0.15 (s, 9H, SnMe $_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 202.4 (C=S), 61.6 (NCH), 56.8 (NCH $_2$), 42.4 (CMe $_3$), 29.9 (CMe $_3$), 18.3 (CH $_2$), -7.7 (SnMe $_3$); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.5:0.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min $^{-1}$) 5.4 min (major), 8.1 min (minor). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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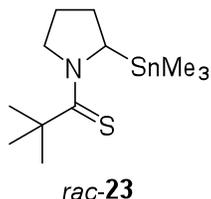
2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylstannyl)azetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione *rac*-22

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (1.38 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (236 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.27 mL, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (8 mL) and Me₃SnCl (2.25 mL of a 1.0 M solution in hexane, 2.25 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-9:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave stannane *rac*-22 (284 mg, 60%) as a colourless oil.

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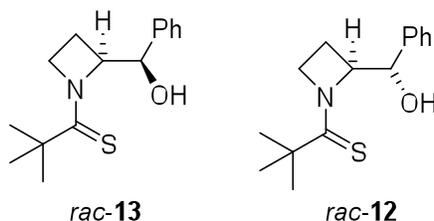
(*S*)-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylstannyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione 23

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (1.0 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (171 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (296 μL, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (7 mL) and trimethyltin chloride (1.50 mL of a 1.0 M solution in hexanes, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave stannane **23** (228 mg, 68%, 78:22 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (95:5 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (film) 2978, 1500, 1482, 1448, 1390, 1370, 1246, 1074, 1036, 912, 809, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.37-4.28 (m, 1H, NCH), 3.91-3.78 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.20-2.09 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.07-2.01 (m, 1H, CH), 1.98-1.88 (m, 1H, CH), 1.40 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.07 (s, 9H, SnMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0 (C=S), 63.7 (NCH), 53.1 (NCH₂), 43.1 (CMe₃), 30.7 (CMe₃), 28.2 (CH₂), 27.6 (CH₂), -6.7 (SnMe₃); MS (ESI) *m/z* 336 [(M(¹²⁰Sn) + H)⁺, 100], 334 [(M(¹¹⁸Sn) + H)⁺, 70], 332 [(M(¹¹⁶Sn) + H)⁺, 30]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₂₅NS¹²⁰Sn (M + Na)⁺ 336.0803 (-1.0 ppm error), found 336.0806; [α]_D +290.89 (*c* 0.70 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.5:0.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**18** 4.9 min, (*R*)-**18** 6.4 min. Lab Book Reference: PJR 8/630A

***rac*-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylstannyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione *rac*-23**

Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (1.0 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (171 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (194 μ L, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (7 mL) and trimethyltin chloride (1.50 mL of a 1.0 M solution in hexanes, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave stannane *rac*-23 (254 mg, 76%) as a colourless oil.

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1-[2-[Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-13 and 1-[(2-[hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-12

(Scheme 5)

n-BuLi (0.06 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of enantioenriched stannane **22** (43 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq., 68:32 er) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (16 μ L, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) and the combined layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 75:25 mixture of alcohols *rac*-12 and *rac*-13 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-13 (9 mg, 26%, 50:50 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.3 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 9.8 min and alcohol *rac*-12 (20 mg, 58%, 50:50

er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.0 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.3 min.

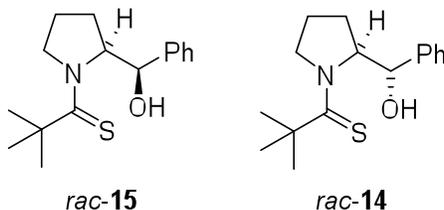
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(Scheme 5)

n-BuLi (0.06 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of enantioenriched stannane **22** (43 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq., 68:32 er) and TMEDA (21 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (16 μ L, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 76:24 mixture of alcohols *rac*-**12** and *rac*-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**13** (8 mg, 24%, 50:50 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.4 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.1 min and alcohol *rac*-**12** (21 mg, 61%, 50:50 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.5 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.4 min.

Lab Book Reference PJR 8/629

1-(2-(Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-15 and 1-(2-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-14



(Scheme 5)

n-BuLi (26 μ L of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.066 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of enantioenriched stannane **23** (20 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1.0 eq., 78:22 er) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (7 μ L, 0.07 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10

min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 60:40 mixture of alcohols *rac*-**14** and *rac*-**15** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**15** (7 mg, 42%, 51:49 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**15** 11.2 min, (*R,S*)-**15** 14.6 min and alcohol *rac*-**14** (9 mg, 52%, 51:49 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**14** 10.6 min, (*S,S*)-**14** 23.1 min.

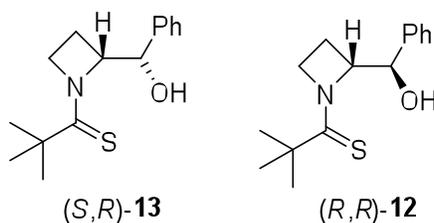
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(Scheme 5)

n-BuLi (26 μL of a 2.5M solution in hexanes, 0.066 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of enantioenriched stannane **23** (20 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1.0 eq., 78:22 er) and TMEDA (10 μL, 0.066 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (7 μL, 0.07 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 76:24 mixture of alcohols *rac*-**14** and *rac*-**15** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**15** (8 mg, 24%, 50:50 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**15** 11.3 min, (*R,S*)-**15** 14.7 min and alcohol *rac*-**14** (21 mg, 61%, 50:50 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**14** 10.6 min, (*S,S*)-**14** 23.0 min.

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1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*S*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,R*)-13**
and 1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione
(*R,R*)-**12****

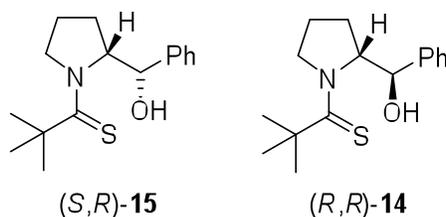


(Scheme 6)

A solution of stannane *rac*-**22** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (3 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *n*-BuLi (0.07 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (42 μL, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in Et₂O (2 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (19 μL, 0.19 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 10 min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 87:13 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (4 mg, 10%, 62:38 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.6 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.3 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (37 mg, 88%, 73:27 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.7 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.8 min.

Lab Book Reference PJR 8/685

1-((*R*)-2-((*S*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,R*)-15** and 1-((*R*)-2-((*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,R*)-**14****

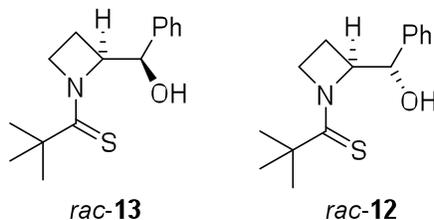


(Scheme 6)

A solution of stannane *rac*-**23** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (3 mL) was added to a stirred solution of *n*-BuLi (0.13 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexane, 0.33 mmol, 1.1 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (77 μL, 0.33 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in Et₂O (2 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 5 min. Then, benzaldehyde (46 μL, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 1 h and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 55:45 mixture of diastereomeric alcohols (*S,R*)-**15** and (*R,R*)-**14** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**15** (32 mg, 39%, 88:12 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**15** 11.7 min, (*R,S*)-**15** 15.2 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**14** (29 mg, 35%, 82:18 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**14** 9.8 min, (*S,S*)-**14** 18.8 min.

Lab Book Reference PJR 8/700

1-[2-[Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-13 and 1-[(2-[hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-12

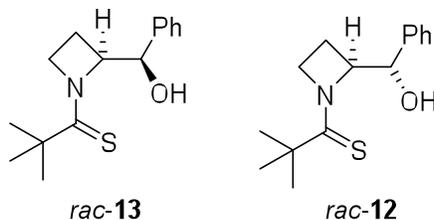


(Control experiment for Scheme 7 – see footnote 20 in main paper)

s-BuLi (0.23 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.3 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –40 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –40 °C for 30 min. Then, benzaldehyde (38 μL, 0.38 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at –40 °C for 10 min and 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 62:38 mixture of alcohols *rac*-12 and *rac*-13 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc gave alcohol *rac*-13 (14 mg, 21%) as a white solid and alcohol *rac*-12 (27 mg, 42%) as a white solid.

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1-[2-[Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-13 and 1-[(2-[hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione *rac*-12



(Scheme 7)

s-BuLi (0.23 mL of a 1.3M solution in hexanes, 0.3 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –40 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –40 °C for 30 min and then cooled to –78 °C and stirred at –78 °C for 10 min. Then, (–)-sparteine **3** (68 μL, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added at the

resulting solution was stirred for 30 min. Benzaldehyde (38 μL , 0.38 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred for 10 min at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 75:25 mixture of alcohols *rac*-**12** and *rac*-**13** by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**13** (12 mg, 19%) as a white solid and alcohol *rac*-**12** (28 mg, 43%) as a white solid.

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(Scheme 7)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min. Then, (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added and the resulting solution was stirred for 15 min. The solution was then cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min. Benzaldehyde (38 μL , 0.38 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 10 min and 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 81:19 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (9 mg, 7%, 59:41 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.1 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (76 mg, 57%, 71:29 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.2 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.2 min.

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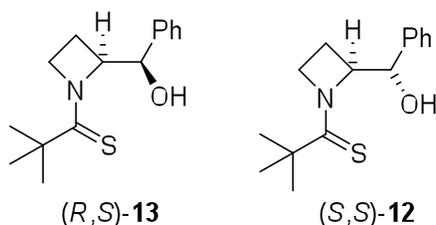
2. Assignment of Stereochemistry

2.1 Assignment of the Configuration of (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13**

Relative stereochemistry:

The relative stereochemistry of racemic (*R*,R**)-**12** and (*S*,R**)-**13** (generated from a *s*-BuLi/TMEDA reaction, described below) were assigned by X-ray crystallography.

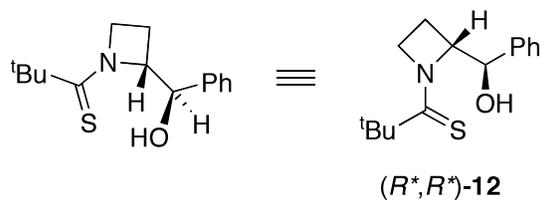
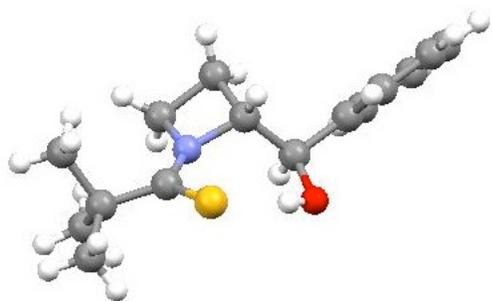
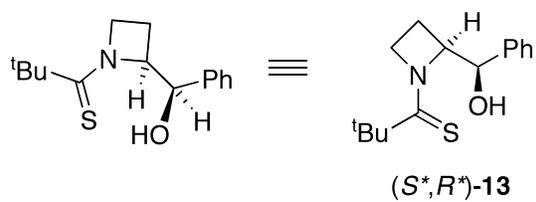
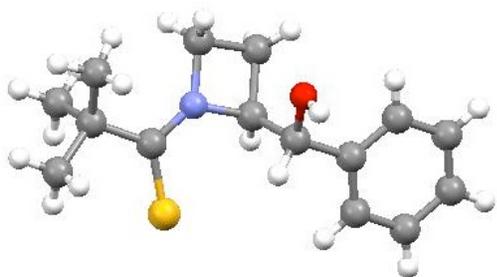
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Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.5 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), TMEDA (0.2 mL, 151 mg, 1.3 mmol, 2.5 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (100 μL, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 65:35 mixture of alcohols (*S*,S**)-**12** and (*R*,S**)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*R*,S**)-**13** (25 mg, 19%) as a white solid and alcohol (*R*,R**)-**12** (49 mg, 37%) as a white solid.

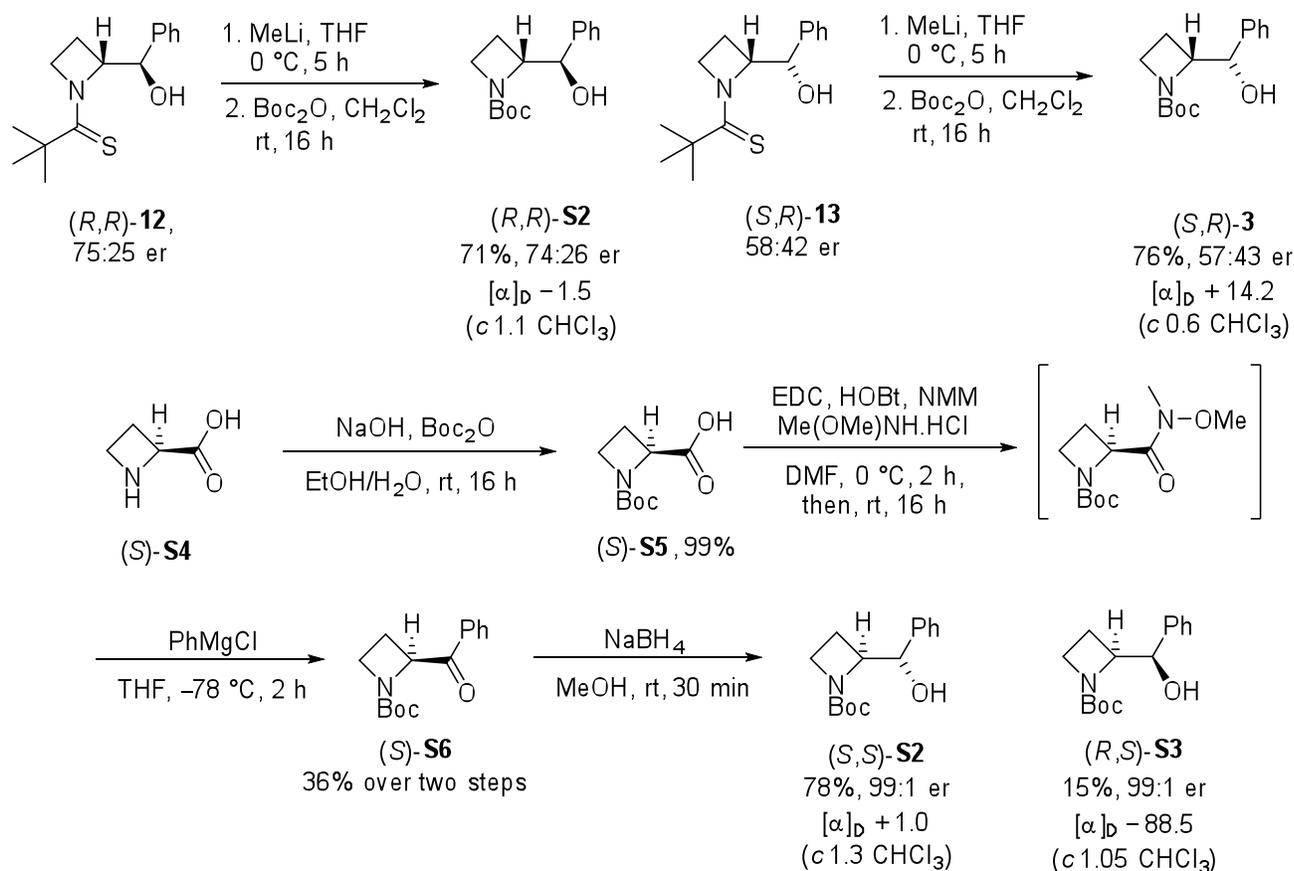
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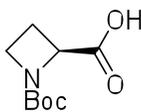
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Absolute stereochemistry:

The absolute stereochemistry of (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** was assigned by conversion into *N*-Boc azetidine alcohols (*R,R*)-**S2** and (*S,R*)-**S3** respectively (Scheme S1). The thiopivaloyl group in each of (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** was removed using MeLi and Boc protection then gave (*R,R*)-**S2** and (*S,R*)-**S3** respectively. The enantiomeric *N*-Boc azetidine alcohols (*S,S*)-**S2** and (*R,S*)-**S3** were independently synthesised from commercially available amino acid (*S*)-**S4** (Scheme S1). Comparison of the optical rotation and CSP-HPLC data of the products generated from each of these routes allowed the assignment of configuration.

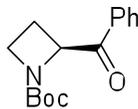


Scheme S1

*Experimental for Scheme S1:***(S)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (S)-S5⁷****(S)-S5**

NaOH (420 mg, 10.5 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of (S)-2-azetidine carboxylic acid (S)-S4 (1.00 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (2.83 g, 12.5 mmol, 1.25 eq.) in 2:1 EtOH-water (30 mL) at rt. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, the volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the remaining suspension was acidified with 1 M HCl_(aq) (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (S)-S5 (1.96 g, 99%) as a white solid, mp 97-99 °C (lit.,⁸ 97-98 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.03 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.77 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.96-3.85 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.46 (br s, 2H, CH₂), 1.46 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.5 (C=O, COOH), 156.6 (C=O, Boc), 82.7 (CMe₃), 60.7 (br, NCH), 47.1 (NCH₂), 28.2 (CMe₃), 19.7 (CH₂); [α]_D -168.1 (c 0.7 in CHCl₃) (lit.,³ [α]_D -116.1 (c 0.75 in CHCl₃)). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁷

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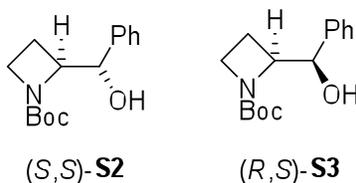
***tert*-Butyl 2S-benzoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (S)-S6⁹****(S)-S6**

N-Me morpholine (0.62 mL, 5.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.), HOBt (870 mg, 5.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and EDC (0.98 mL, 5.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) were added sequentially to a stirred solution of acid (S)-S5 (1.00 g, 4.6 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine.HCl (550 mg, 5.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in DMF (10 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then allowed to warm to rt and stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, EtOAc (30 mL) was added and the solution was washed with 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL), 2 M NaOH_(aq) (2 x 10 mL) and brine (3 x 10 mL), dried

(MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude Weinreb amide (565 mg, 50%) as a pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.04 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, NCH), 4.04 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.87 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.71 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.22 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.51-2.42 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.12 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.0, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.43 (s, 9H, CMe₃). PhMgCl (1.72 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 3.44 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the crude Weinreb amide (565 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. Then, saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (15 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1-3:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ketone (*S*)-**S6** (430 mg, 36% over two steps) as a white solid, mp 77-79 °C; *R*_F (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CHCl₃) 2981, 1720 (C=O, PhCO), 1675 (C=O, Boc), 1426, 1375, 1210, 1010, 920, 815, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H, *o*-Ph), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, *p*-Ph), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.99-3.87 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.61 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.5, 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.06 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.0, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.34 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7 (C=O, PhCO), 155.8 (C=O, Boc), 134.4 (*ipso*-Ph), 133.6 (Ph), 128.9 (Ph), 128.2 (Ph), 79.8 (CMe₃), 63.6 (br, NCH), 46.9 (br, NCH₂), 28.32 (CMe₃), 21.3 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 284 [(M + Na)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 284.1257, found 284.1249 (+3.0 ppm error); [α]_D -140.9 (*c* 0.65 in CHCl₃).

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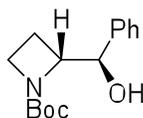
tert*-Butyl (2*S*)-2-[(*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidine-1-carboxylate (*S,S*)-**S2** and *tert*-butyl (2*S*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidine-1-carboxylate (*R,S*)-**S3*



NaBH₄ (73 mg, 1.93 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of ketone (*S*)-**S6** (420 mg, 1.61 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in MeOH (5 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (5 mL) was added dropwise. The

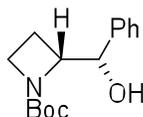
resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 85:15 mixture of alcohols (*S,S*)-**S2** and (*R,S*)-**S3** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,S*)-**S2** (330 mg, 78%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (4:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CHCl₃) 3348 (OH), 2976, 2952, 1687 (C=O), 1445, 1424, 1375, 1246, 1045, 1025, 915, 800, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.36 (m, 2H, *o*-Ph), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H, Ph), 5.75 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.83-3.72 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 1.93-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.48 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1 (C=O), 139.2 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 127.9 (Ph), 127.0 (Ph), 80.1 (OCH), 79.1 (CMe₃), 67.8 (NCH), 46.1 (NCH₂), 28.3 (CMe₃), 18.7 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 286 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 264 [(M + H)⁺, 50], 208 (100), 190 (90); HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 286.1414, found 286.1408 (+2.1 ppm error); [α]_D +1.0 (*c* 1.3 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**S2** 11.1 min, (*S,S*)-**S2** 24.0 min and alcohol (*R,S*)-**S3** (65 mg, 15%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (4:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; IR (film) 3421 (OH), 2970, 1692 (C=O), 1446, 1420, 1378, 1186, 1050, 1040, 910, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, OH not visible) δ 7.29-7.36 (m, 2H, *o*-Ph), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H, Ph), 4.94 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.57 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.73 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.48-3.43 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.16-2.04 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.93 (dddd, *J* = 11.5, 8.5, 7.5 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.48 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4 (C=O), 139.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 127.6 (Ph), 126.7 (Ph), 80.4 (CMe₃), 75.3 (OCH), 66.8 (NCH), 46.7 (NCH₂), 28.5 (CMe₃), 16.2 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 286 [(M + Na)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 286.1414, found 286.1398 (+5.3 ppm error); [α]_D -88.5 (*c* 1.05 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**S3** 14.3 min, (*S,S*)-**S3** 15.8 min.

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tert*-Butyl (2*R*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidine-1-carboxylate (*R,R*)-**S2***(*R,R*)-**S2****

MeLi (0.94 mL of a 1.6 M solution in Et₂O, 1.50 mmol, 6.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (65 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq., 75:25 er.) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was extracted with Et₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 12 by dropwise addition of 1 M NaOH_(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude amino alcohol. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (60 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*R,R*)-**S2** (47 mg, 71%, 74:26 er by CSP HPLC) as a colourless oil, [α]_D -1.56 (*c* 1.1 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**S2** 11.1 min, (*S,S*)-**S2** 25.5 min.

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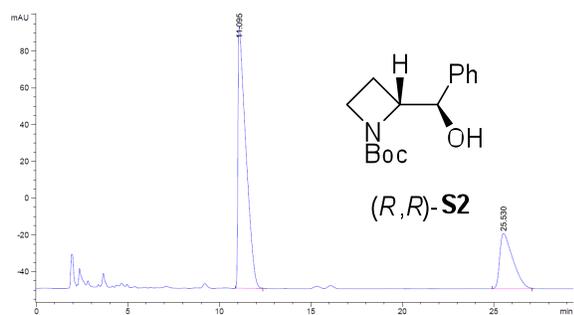
tert*-Butyl (2*R*)-2-[(*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetidine-1-carboxylate (*S,R*)-**S3***(*S,R*)-**S3****

MeLi (0.38 mL of a 1.6 M solution in Et₂O, 0.60 mmol, 6.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (26 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq., 58:42 er) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was extracted with Et₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 12 by dropwise addition of 1 M NaOH_(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL).

The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude amino alcohol. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (60 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**S3** (20 mg, 76%, 57:43 er by CSP HPLC) as a colourless oil, $[\alpha]_D +14.2$ (*c* 0.60 in CHCl_3); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**S3** 14.9 min, (*R,S*)-**S3** 15.8 min.

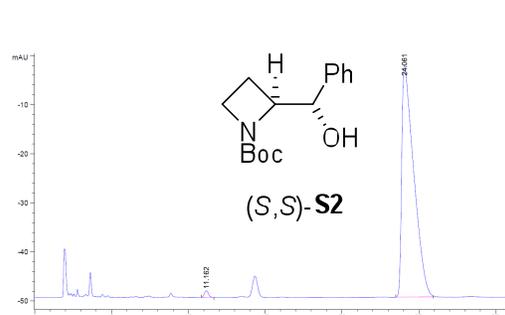
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CSP-HPLC of (*R,R*)-**S2** of 74:26 er



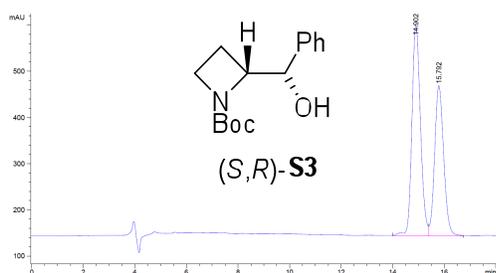
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CSP-HPLC of (*S,S*)-**S2** of 99:1 er



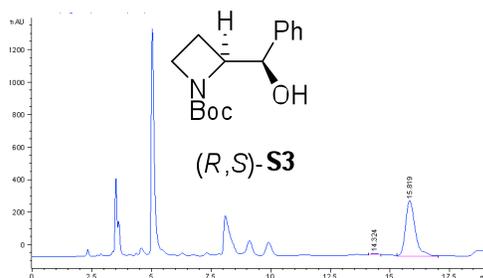
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CSP-HPLC of (*S,R*)-**S3** of 57:43 er



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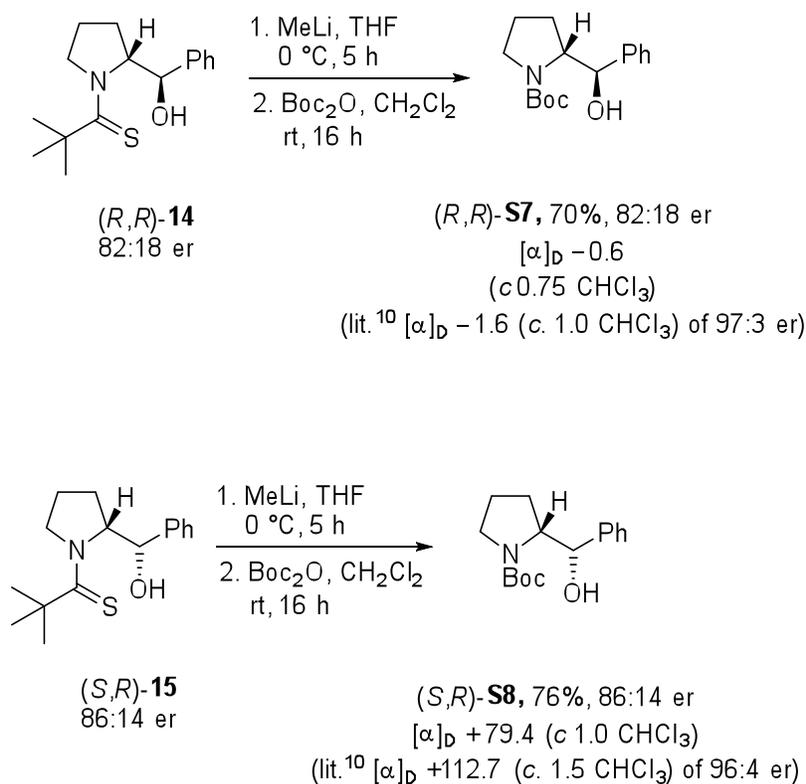
CSP-HPLC of (*R,S*)-**S3** of 99:1 er



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1	14.324	MM	0.3111	149.31052	8.00008	1.5374
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2.2 Assignment of the Configuration of (*R,R*)-**14** and (*S,R*)-**15**

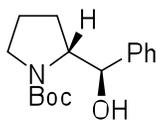
The absolute stereochemistries of (*R,R*)-**14** and (*S,R*)-**15** were assigned by conversion into known¹⁰ alcohols (*R,R*)-**S7** and (*S,R*)-**S8** respectively (Scheme S2). The thiopivaloyl group in each of (*R,R*)-**14** and (*S,R*)-**15** was removed using MeLi and Boc protection then gave (*R,R*)-**S7** and (*S,R*)-**S8** respectively.



Scheme S2

Experimental for Scheme S2:

tert-Butyl (2*R*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (*R,R*)-**S7**

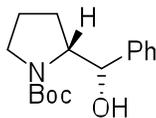
(*R,R*)-**S7**

MeLi (0.58 mL of a 1.6 M solution in Et₂O, 0.93 mmol, 6.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (*R,R*)-**14** (43 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 eq., 82:18 er) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under

Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 5 h. Then, 1 M HCl(aq) (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was extracted with Et₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 12 by dropwise addition of 1 M NaOH(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude amino alcohol. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (37 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, 1 M HCl(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-acetone as eluent gave alcohol (*R,R*)-**S7** (30 mg, 70%, 82:18 er by CSP HPLC) as a colourless oil, [α]_D -0.6 (*c* 0.75 in CHCl₃) (lit.,¹⁰ [α]_D -1.6 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃ for (*R,R*)-**S7** of 97:3 er)); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**S7** 28.6 min, (*S,S*)-**S7** 35.7 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

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tert*-Butyl (2*R*)-2-[(*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (*S,R*)-**S8*



(*S,R*)-**S8**

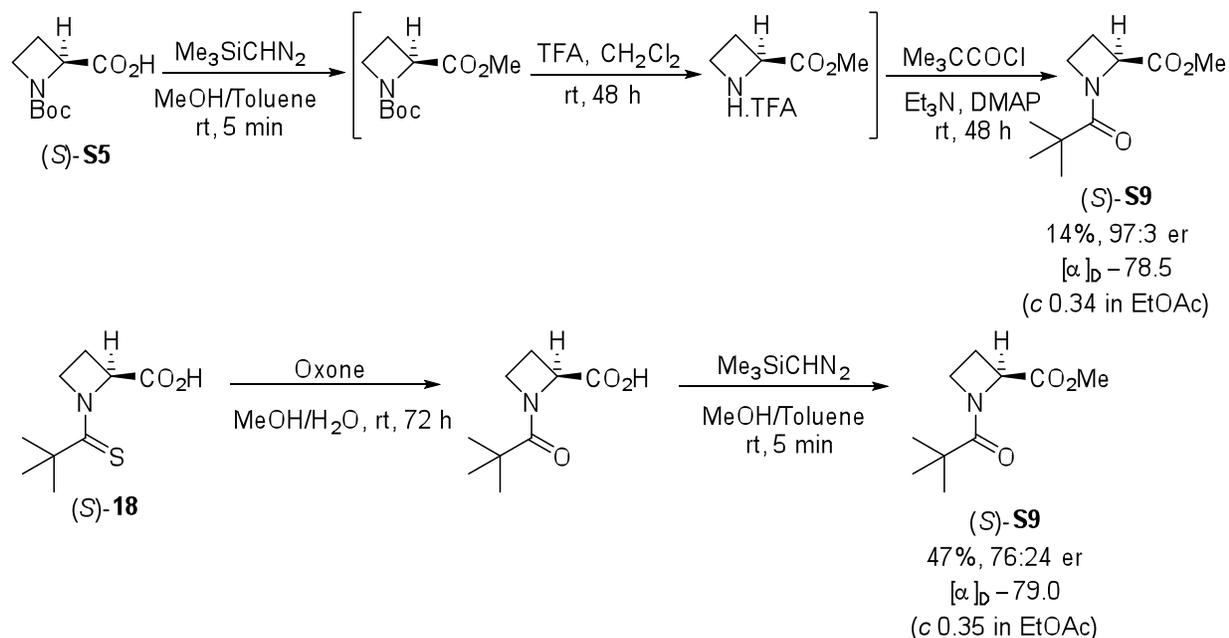
MeLi (0.45 mL of a 1.6 M solution in Et₂O, 0.72 mmol, 6.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (*S,R*)-**15** (33 mg of 86:14 er, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 5 h. Then, 1 M HCl(aq) (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was extracted with Et₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 12 by dropwise addition of 1 M NaOH(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude amino alcohol. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (28 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, 1 M HCl(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash

column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-acetone as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**S8** (17 mg, 50%, 86:14 er by CSP HPLC) as a colourless oil, [α]_D +79.4 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃) (lit.,¹⁰ [α]_D +112.7 (*c* 1.5 in CHCl₃ for (*S,R*)-**S8** of 96:4 er)); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**S8** 25.7 min, (*R,S*)-**S8** 28.3 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

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2.3 Assignment of the Configuration of (*R*)-**16** and (*S*)-**18**

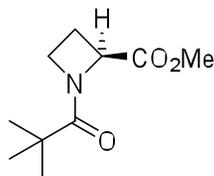
The configuration of (*S*)-**18** was assigned by conversion of (*S*)-**18** into amido ester (*S*)-**S9** which was independently synthesised from *N*-Boc acid (*S*)-**S5** (Scheme S3).



Scheme S3

Experimental for Scheme S3:

(S)-Methyl 1-pivaloylazetid-2-carboxylate (S)-S9



(S)-S9

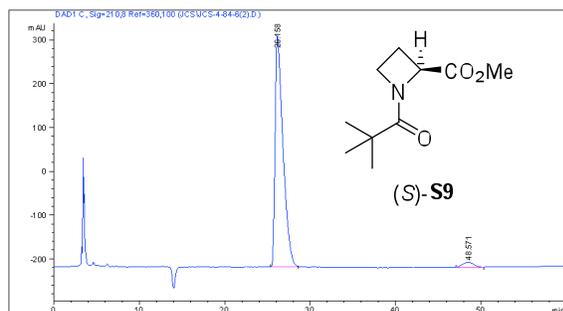
Me₃SiCHN₂ (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of acid (S)-S5 (50 mg, 0.248 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 3 mL) at rt. After 5 min, glacial AcOH (4 mL) was added and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude ester (57 mg) as a colourless oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.60 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.01 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.87 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 2.54-2.43 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.16 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.5, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.40 (s, 9H, CMe₃). Freshly distilled TFA (0.57 mL, 0.855 g, 7.50 mmol, 30 eq) was added to a stirred solution of the crude methyl ester (57 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at rt. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 48 hours. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude TFA salt (88 mg) as a yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.11 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.24 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 10.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 4.10 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 10.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.84 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 2.97-2.86 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.75-2.63 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B). Pivaloyl chloride (0.15 mL, 150 mg, 1.24 mmol, 5 eq) was added to a stirred solution of the crude TFA salt (88 mg), Et₃N (0.35 mL, 251 mg, 2.48 mmol, 10 eq) and DMAP (6.1 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.2 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at rt under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 48 hours. Then, 2 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was absorbed onto a plug of silica and eluted with 80 mL of EtOAc-pentane (1:1) to give the crude product. Purification by dry column flash chromatography through 13 cm of silica in a 2 cm diameter flash column, eluting with 50 mL aliquots of 5% increasing polarity of EtOAc-pentane (95:5 to 70:30) as eluent gave amido-ester (S)-S9 (6.8 mg, 0.034 mmol, 14% over 3 steps from (S)-S5, 97:3 er by CSP-HPLC) in the sixth fraction as a pale yellow oil, IR (ATR) 2959, 1744 (C=O), 1631 (C=O), 1573, 1435, 1407, 1381, 1362, 1281, 1242, 1199, 1179, 1159, 1135, 1065, 1025,

980, 933, 881, 756, 632 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.70 (br s, 1H, CHN), 4.48 (br s, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{N}$), 4.30 (br s, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{N}$), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO_2Me), 2.61-2.48 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.22-2.13 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.20 (s, 9H, CMe_3); ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0 (C=O, CO_2Me), 123.6 (NC=O), 60.1 (CHN), 52.4 (CO_2Me), 29.8 (CH_2N), 27.1 (CMe_3), 20.4 (CH_2), 14.3 (CMe_3); MS (ESI) m/z 200 $[(\text{M} + \text{H})^+]$, 100, 222 $[(\text{M} + \text{Na})^+]$, 65; HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 222.1101, found 222.1097 (+1.7 ppm error); $[\alpha]_D -78.5$ (c 0.34 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**S9** 26.2 min, (*R*)-**S9** 48.5 min. A second portion of (*S*)-**S9** (13.3 mg, 0.0668 mmol, 26.9% over 3 steps of lesser purity) was isolated from the fifth fraction.

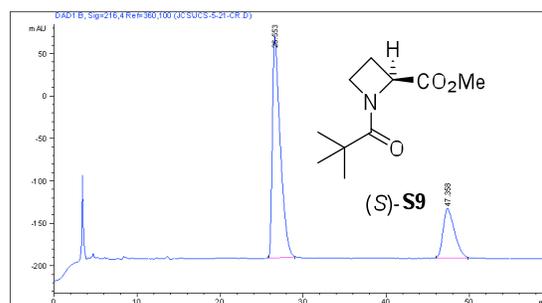
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Oxone (142 mg, 0.46 mmol, 5.1 eq) was added to a stirred solution of acid (*S*)-**18** (18.6 mg, 0.092 mmol, 1.0 eq, 75:25 er) in MeOH/water (1:1, 5 mL) at rt. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 72 hours. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with water (2 x 5 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product (15.9 mg), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.04 (dd, $J = 8.5, 7.0$ Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.45-4.29 (m, 2H, CH_2N), 2.55-2.45 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.22-2.13 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.23 (s, 9H, CMe_3). The residues were dissolved in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 3 mL) and to this stirred solution was added $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ (2.0 M in Et_2O) dropwise at rt until the yellow colour persisted (~0.05 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 5 min. Then, glacial AcOH (5 mL) was added to destroy excess $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give (*S*)-**S9** (6.9 mg, 0.044 mmol, 47% over 2 steps, 76:24 er) as a pale yellow oil that did not require further purification, $[\alpha]_D -79.0$ (c 0.35 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**S9** 25.6 min, (*R*)-**S9** 47.4 min.

Lab Book Reference: JCS-5-20, JCS-5-21

CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**S9** of 97:3 er

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2	48.571	BV	1.1214	1068.66125	11.25896	3.0736
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CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**S9** of 76:24 er

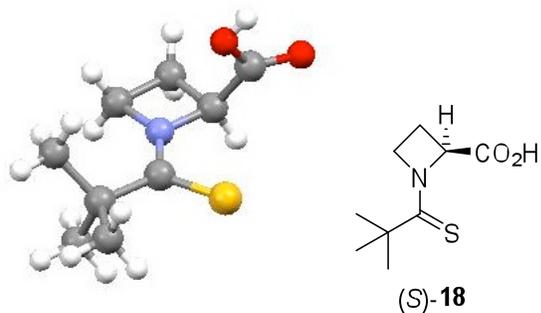
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2	47.358	BB	1.1755	5481.72510	58.05973	24.1484
Totals :				2.27001e4	319.01637	

The configuration of acid (*S*)-**18** was also assigned by X-ray crystallography of a sample grown from an enantioenriched sample (of 97:3 er).

Enantioenrichment of (*S*)-**18**

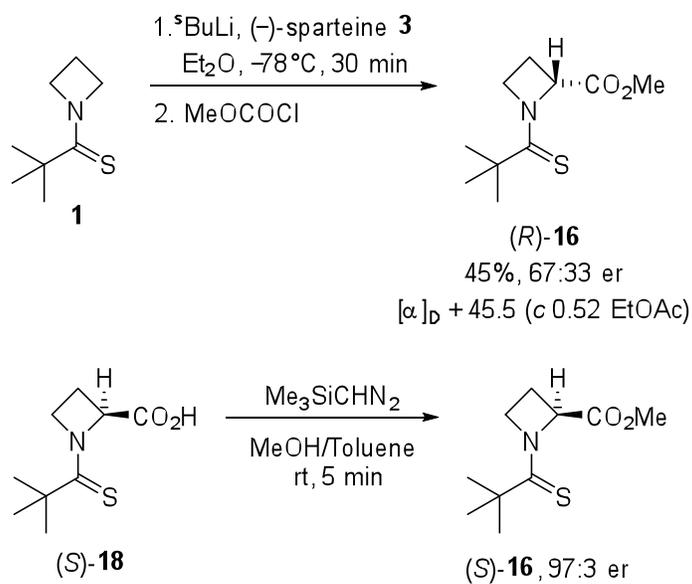
A stirred solution of acid (*S*)-**18** (60 mg, 75:25 er) in hexane (~ 2 mL) was gently heated to reflux. Then, boiling EtOAc was added until all solid material just dissolved and the solution was allowed to slowly cool to rt. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C for 30 min. The formed crystals were collected by filtration to give *rac*-**18** (29 mg). The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (*S*)-**21** (30 mg, 97:3 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as a white solid. Acid (*S*)-**18** was converted into methyl ester (*S*)-**16** by reaction with Me₃SiCHN₂ in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 2 mL), quenching with glacial AcOH and evaporation under reduced pressure. CSP-HPLC of methyl ester (*S*)-**16**: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**16** 13.5 min, (*R*)-**16** 17.0 min.

Crystals suitable of (*S*)-**18** for X-ray crystallography were prepared by dissolving (*S*)-**18** (30 mg, 97:3 er) in the minimum amount of EtOAc. The solution was placed into a small glass vial and placed upright in a sealed vessel containing pentane (~ 20 mL). After several days, suitable crystals had precipitated in the glass vial. These were collected and subjected to X-ray analysis.

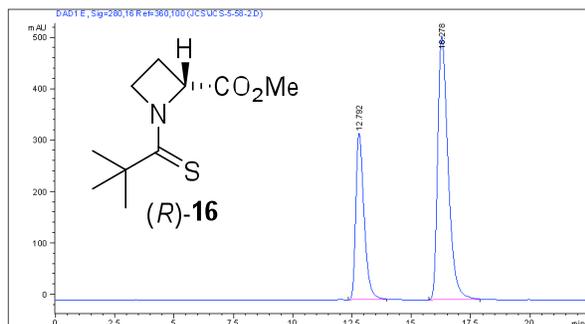


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The configuration of (R)-16 was assigned by conversion of acid (S)-18 of known configuration into (S)-16 and comparison of CSP-HPLC data (Scheme S4).

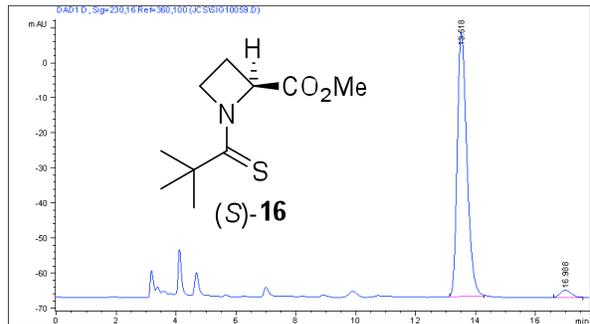


Scheme S4

CSP-HPLC of (*R*)-19 of 67:33 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.792	BB	0.3663	7852.21631	324.50208	33.4335
2	16.278	BB	0.4657	1.56338e4	512.79816	66.5665

Totals : 2.34861e4 837.30023

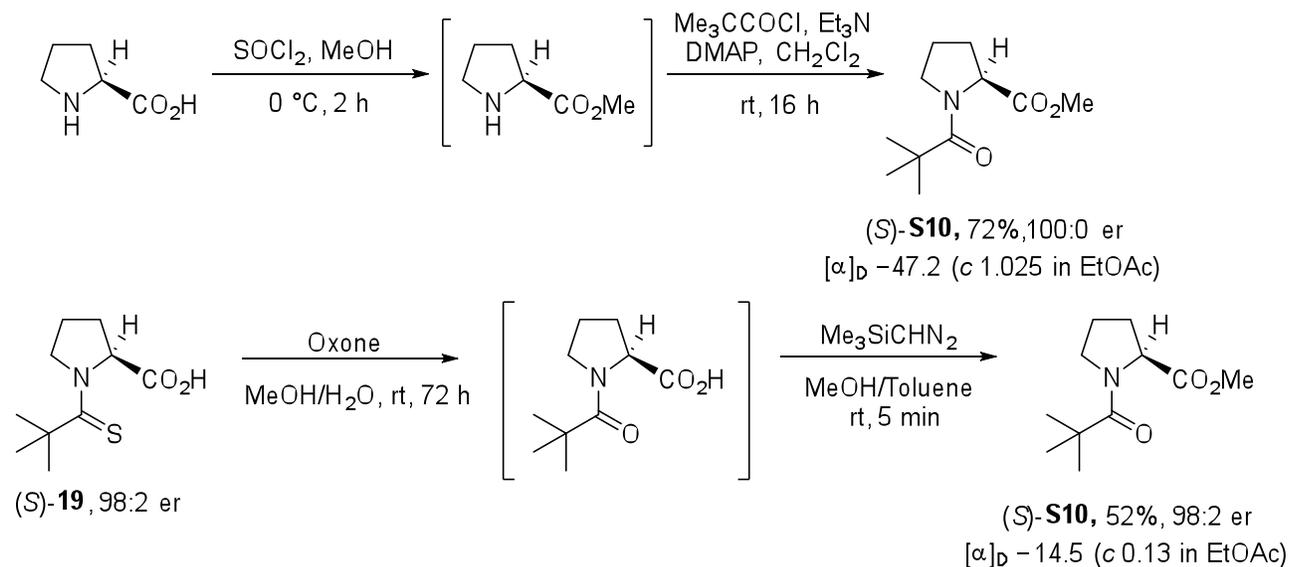
CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-19 of 97:3 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.518	BB	0.3408	1684.25671	75.34917	97.0404
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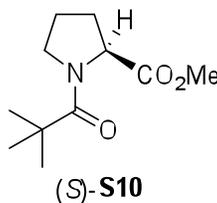
Totals : 1735.62484 77.38912

2.4 Assignment of the Configuration of (*R*)-17 and (*S*)-19

The configuration of acid (*S*)-19 was assigned by conversion of (*S*)-19 into amido ester (*S*)-S10 which was independently synthesised from *N*-Boc acid (*S*)-S5 (Scheme S5).



Scheme S5

*Experimental for Scheme S5***(S)-Methyl 1-pivaloylpyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (S)-S10**

Oxone (18 mg, 0.059 mmol, 5 eq) was added to a stirred solution of acid (*S*)-**19** (5 mg, 0.023 mmol, 1.0 eq, 98:2 er) in MeOH/water (1:1 v/v, 1 mL) at rt. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 72 h. Then, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with water (2 x 5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product (7.2 mg), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.68–4.61 (br m, 1H, CHN), 3.74–3.69 (m, 2H, CH₂N), 2.15–1.87 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₂), 1.29 (s, 9H, CMe₃). The residues were redissolved in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 2 mL) and Me₃SiCHN₂ (2.0 M soln in Et₂O) was added dropwise at rt until the yellow colour persisted (~0.03 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 5 min. Then, glacial AcOH (5 mL) was added to destroy excess Me₃SiCHN₂ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 80 mL of 1:1 EtOAc-pentane gave (*S*)-**S10** (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol, 52% over 2 steps, 98:2 er), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.52–4.45 (br m, 1H, CHN), 3.82–3.66 (m, 2H, CH₂N), 3.72 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 2.17–2.01 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.00–1.81 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.23 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9 (C=O), 173.5 (C=O), 60.9 (CHN), 52.1 (CH₂N), 48.2 (CO₂Me), 38.8 (CMe₃), 27.9 (CH₂), 27.3 (CMe₃), 26.1 (CH₂); [α]_D –14.5 (c 0.13 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (96:4 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**S10** 13.1 min, (*R*)-**S10** 17.8 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.¹¹

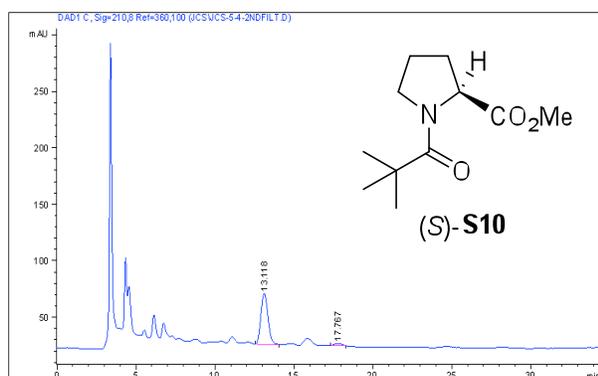
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Thionyl chloride (2.53 mL, 4.13 g, 34.8 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *L*-proline (2.0 g, 17.4 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (18 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product (2.97 g). A portion of the crude product (0.59 g) was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and DMAP (74 mg, 0.60 mmol), Et₃N (2.10 mL, 1.53 g, 15.1 mmol) and pivaloyl chloride (0.58 mL, 546 mg, 4.53 mmol) were added sequentially at 0 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was

allowed to warm to rt over 4 h. Then, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with 2 M HCl (2 x 20 mL), K_2CO_3 (10% w/w, 30 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification through a plug of silica with 8:2 hexane-EtOAc (200 mL) as eluent gave (*S*)-**S10** (509 mg, 2.39 mmol, 69% over 2 steps) as a pale red oil, $[\alpha]_D -47.2$ (c 1.025 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (96:4 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**S10** 13.3 min.

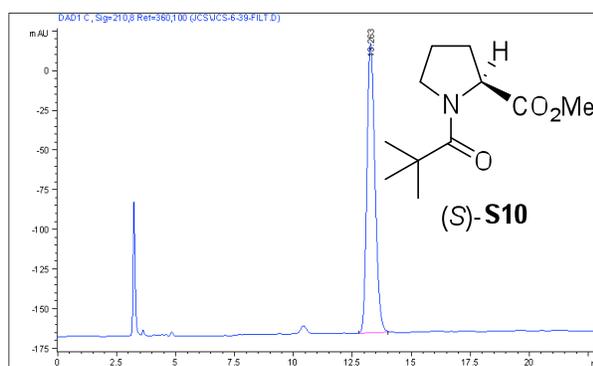
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CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**S10** of 98:2 er



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1	13.118	BB	0.4821	1404.90295	44.77237	97.9871
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Totals :				1433.76332	45.91179	

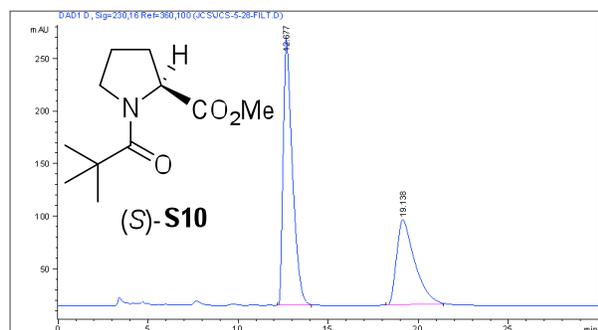
CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**S10** of 100:0 er



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1	13.263	BB	0.3697	4351.46973	182.84155	100.0000
Totals :				4351.46973	182.84155	

In a separate experiment, a sample of (*S*)-**S10** of 61:39 er was also prepared.

CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**S10** of 61:39 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.677	BB	0.4978	9011.98730	254.08043	61.4294
2	19.138	BB	0.9681	5658.48389	81.28988	38.5706
Totals :				1.46705e4	335.37031	

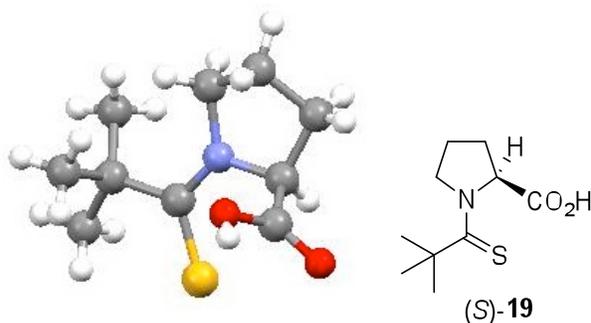
The configuration of acid (*S*)-**19** was also assigned by X-ray crystallography of a sample grown from an enantioenriched sample (of 98:2 er).

Enantioenrichment of (*S*)-**19**

A stirred solution of acid (*S*)-**19** (80 mg, 80:20 er) in hexane (~ 2 mL) was gently heated to reflux. Then, boiling EtOAc was added until all solid material just dissolved and the solution was allowed to slowly cool to rt. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C for 30 min. The formed crystals were collected by filtration to give *rac*-**19** (21 mg). The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (*S*)-**19** (59 mg, 90:10 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as a white solid. This procedure was repeated again to give *rac*-**19** (9.9 mg) and (*S*)-**19** (49.5 mg, 96:4 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester). This procedure was repeated once more to give *rac*-**19** (4.4 mg) and (*S*)-**19** (44.1 mg, 98:2 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as a white solid. $[\alpha]_D^{25} -23.9$ (c 0.095 in EtOAc of 98:2 material). Acid (*S*)-**19** was converted into methyl ester (*S*)-**17** by reaction with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 2 mL), quenching with glacial AcOH and evaporation under reduced pressure. CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**17** 11.6 min, (*R*)-**17** 12.9 min.

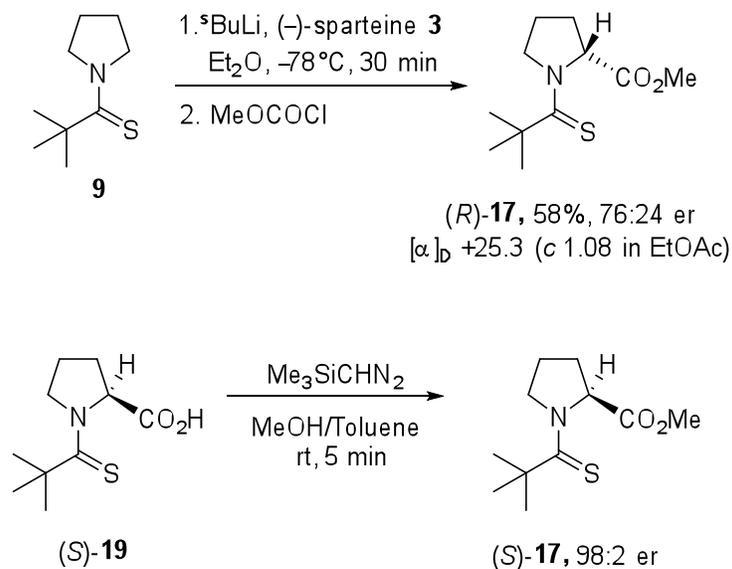
Crystals suitable of (*S*)-**19** for X-ray crystallography were prepared by dissolving (*S*)-**19** (44.1 mg, 98:2 er) in the minimum amount of EtOAc. The solution was placed into a small glass vial and placed upright in a sealed vessel containing pentane (~ 20 mL). After several days, suitable crystals had precipitated in the glass vial. These were collected and subjected to X-ray analysis.

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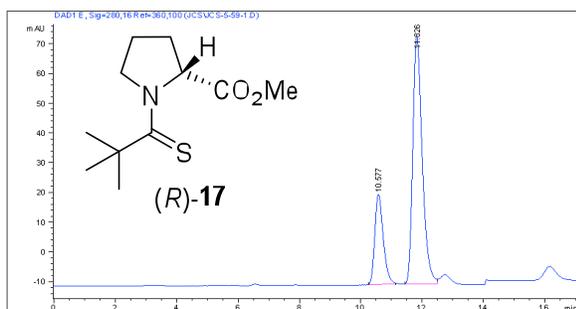


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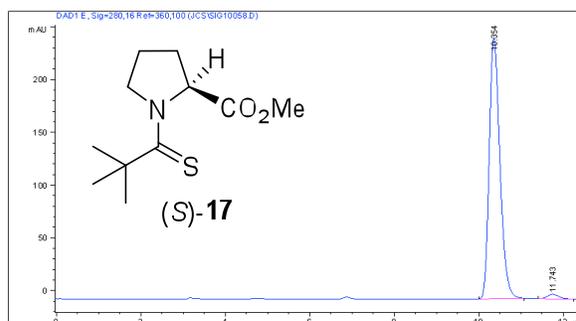
The configuration of (*R*)-**17** was assigned by conversion of acid (*S*)-**19** of known configuration into (*S*)-**17** and comparison of CSP-HPLC data (Scheme S6).



Scheme S6

CSP-HPLC of (*R*)-**20** of 76:24 er

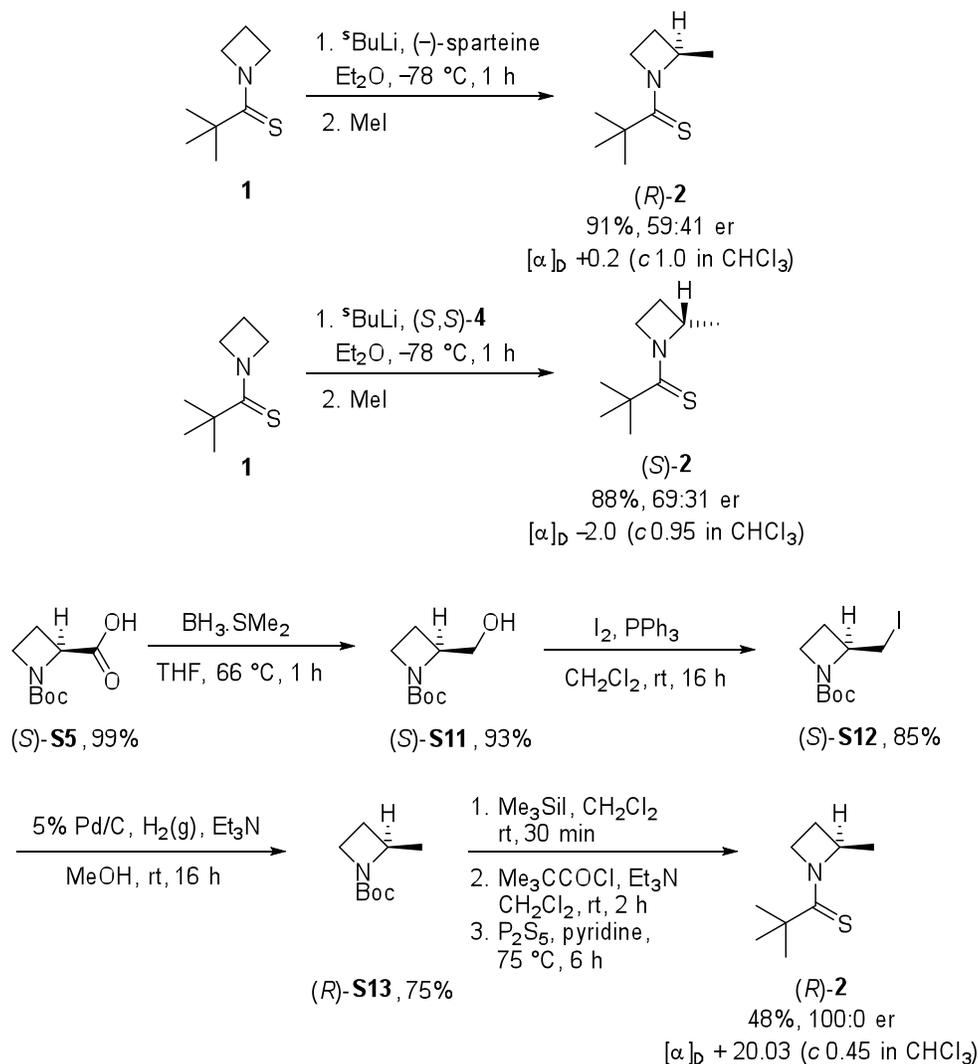
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1	10.577	BB	0.2891	580.77203	30.37472	24.4911
2	11.826	BB	0.3268	1790.58789	83.29710	75.5089
Totals :				2371.35992	113.67181	

CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-**20** of 98:2 er

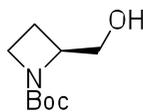
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1	10.354	BB	0.2708	4340.60693	247.26425	98.1432
2	11.743	BB	0.2908	82.12236	4.33949	1.8568
Totals :				4422.72929	251.60374	

2.5 Assignment of the Configuration of (*R*)-2

The configuration of (*R*)-2 was assigned by comparison to (*R*)-2 which was independently synthesised from *N*-Boc acid (*S*)-S5 (Scheme S7).

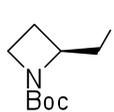


Scheme S7

*Experimental for Scheme S7***(S)-tert-Butyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (S)-S11****(S)-S11**

Borane dimethyl sulfide complex (0.51 mL, 5.42 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc acid (S)-S5 (840 mg, 4.17 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. After gas evolution ceased, the resulting solution was stirred and heated at 66 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to rt and MeOH (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 6:4-1:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (S)-S11 (725 mg, 93%) as a colourless oil, R_F (1:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.42 (br s, 1H, NCH), 4.25 (br s, 1H, OH), 3.88-3.82 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.79-3.68 (m, 3H, $\text{NCH}_A\text{H}_B + \text{OCH}_2$), 2.16 (dddd, $J = 11.5, 11.5, 9.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.91 (br s, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.43 (s, 9H, CMe_3); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.5 (C=O), 80.3 (CMe_3), 67.0 (OCH_2), 63.6 (NCH), 46.7 (NCH $_2$), 28.3 (CMe_3), 17.9 (CH_2); $[\alpha]_D -19.8$ (c 0.45 in CHCl_3) (lit.,³ $[\alpha]_D -21.5$ (c 0.83 in CHCl_3)). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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(S)-tert-Butyl 2-(iodomethyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (S)-S12¹²**(S)-S12**

Iodine (1.28 g, 5.06 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added in three portions to a stirred solution of imidazole (459 mg, 6.74 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and triphenylphosphine (1.33 g, 5.06 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) at 0 °C over 30 min. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt and then stirred at rt for 10 min. Then, a solution of alcohol (S)-S11 (630 mg, 4.17 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solids were removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was

dissolved in Et₂O (25 mL) and the solids were removed by filtration. The organic layer was washed with sat. Na₂S₂O_{3(aq)} (15 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave iodide (*S*)-**S12** (851 mg, 85%) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (9:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; IR (CHCl₃) 2975, 2968, 1695 (C=O), 1510, 1446, 1420, 1278, 1190, 1035, 915, 815, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.21-4.15 (m, 1H, NCH), 3.81-3.69 (m, 2H, NCH), 3.51 (br d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BI), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 9.0 Hz, CH_AH_BI), 2.29 (dddd, *J* = 11.5, 9.0, 8.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.89 (dddd, *J* = 11.5, 9.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.43 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6 (C=O), 79.7 (CMe₃), 61.1 (NCH), 44.9 (NCH₂), 28.3 (CMe₃), 23.4 (CH₂), 11.6 (CH₂I); MS (ESI) *m/z* 320 [(M + Na)⁺, 60], 241 (100); HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₆INO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 320.0118, found 320.0108 (+3.0 ppm error); [α]_D -88.7 (*c* 0.95 in CHCl₃). Lab Book Reference PJR 8/687

(*R*)-tert-Butyl-2-methylazetidone-1-carboxylate (*R*)-S13¹³



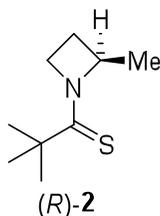
(*R*)-S13

5% Pd/C (65 mg, 10 wt% of (*S*)-**S12**) was added to a stirred solution of iodide (*S*)-**S12** (650 mg, 2.18 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Et₃N (0.30 mL, 2.18 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in MeOH (10 mL) at rt. Then, the reaction flask evacuated under reduced pressure and back-filled with Ar three times. After a final evacuation, a balloon of H₂ was attached and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at rt under H₂ for 16 h. The solids were removed by filtration through Celite[®] and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL). Then, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and washed with 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave methyl azetidone (*R*)-**S13** (280 mg, 75%) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (4:1 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.26 (dq, *J* = 6.5, 6.5 Hz 1H, NCH), 3.81-3.77 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.30-2.21 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.74 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.0, 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.42 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.4 (C=O), 78.9 (CMe₃), 57.9 (br, NCH), 45.7 (br, NCH₂), 28.4

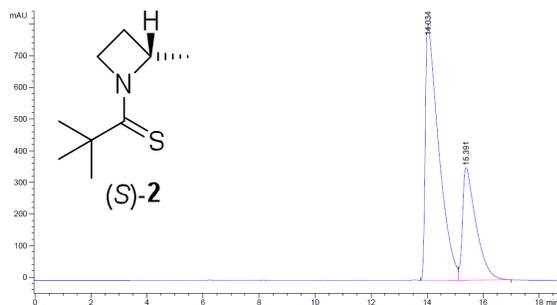
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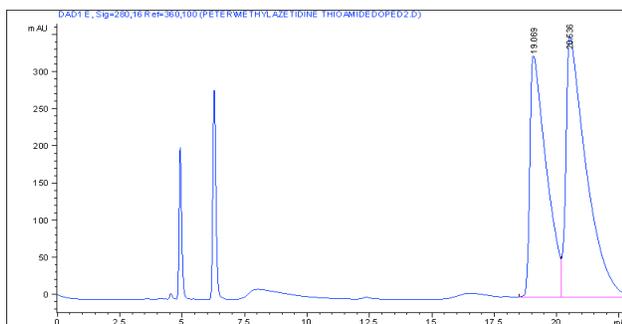
(*R*)-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylazetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione (*R*)-2



Trimethylsilyliodide (16 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc methyl azetidine (*R*)-**S13** (16 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) under N₂ at rt. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Then, Et₃N (18 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and trimethylacetylchloride (17 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added sequentially and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL) and phosphorus(V) sulfide (32 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The resulting solution was stirred heated at 75 °C for 6 h. The solution was allowed to cool to rt and then poured into 1 M HCl_(aq) (15 mL). Conc. HCl was added until pH 3 was obtained. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M HCl_(aq) (100 mL), water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 hexane-Et₂O as eluent gave methylazetidine (*R*)-**2** (7.6 mg, 48%, 100:0 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow oil, *R*_F (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; [α]_D +20.03 (*c* 0.45 in CHCl₃) (lit.,³ [α]_D -21.3 (*c* 1.15 in CHCl₃ for (*R*)-**2** of >99:1 er)); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.9:0.1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R*)-**2** 19.2 min. **Note:** Optical rotation data is not consistent with that reported in the literature and the absolute stereochemical configuration was assigned by CSP-HPLC.

CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-2 of 69:31 er

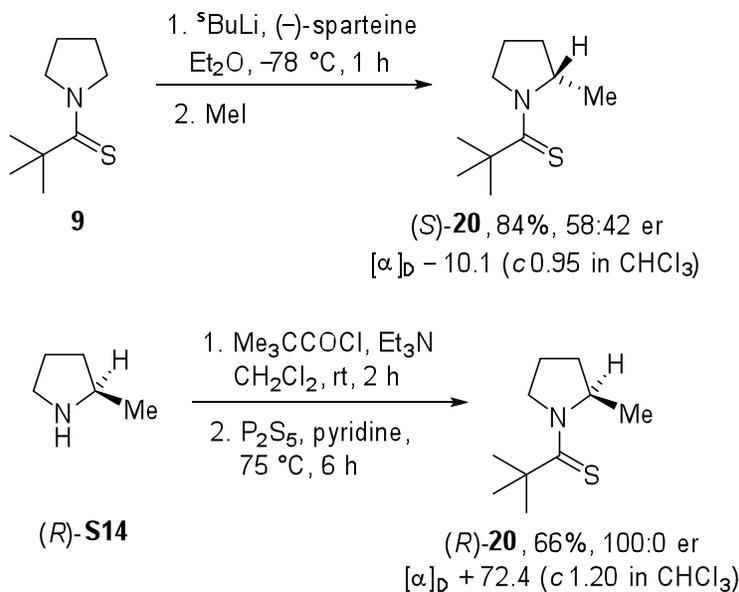
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2	15.391	VB	0.4837	1.18704e4	355.40292	30.5960
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CSP-HPLC of (*S*)-2 (69:31 er) doped with (*R*)-2 (>99:1 er)

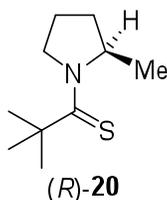
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2	20.536	VBA	0.7834	1.98367e4	350.97443	57.1832
Totals :				3.46898e4	676.36819	

2.6 Assignment of the Configuration of (*S*)-20

The configuration of (*S*)-20 was assigned by comparison to (*R*)-20 which was independently synthesised from commercially available (*R*)-(-)-methylpyrrolidine (*R*)-S14 (Scheme S8).



Scheme S8

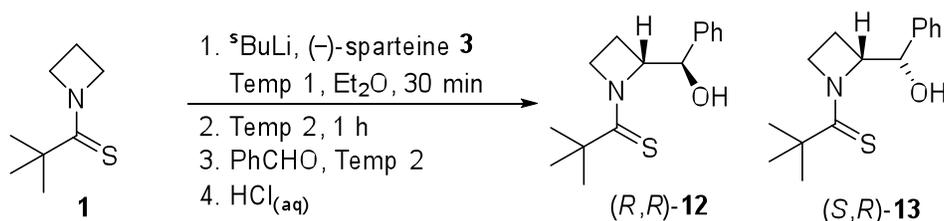
*Experimental for Scheme S8***(*R*)-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione (*R*)-20**

Trimethylacetyl chloride (320 μL , 2.6 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of (*R*)-(-)-methylpyrrolidine (202 μL , 2.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Et_3N (338 μL , 2.6 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred at rt for 2 h. Then, 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduce pressure to give the crude *N*-pivaloyl pyrrolidine. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (35 mL) and phosphorous(V) sulfide (556 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.25 eq.) was added. The resulting solution was heated to 75 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h. The solution was allowed to cool to rt and then poured into 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (30 mL). 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ was added until pH 3 was obtained. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ (50 mL), water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol- Et_2O as eluent gave methylated pyrrolidine (*R*)-**20** (243 mg, 66%, 100:0 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (8:2 petrol- Et_2O) 0.2; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +72.4$ (c 1.20 in CHCl_3); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.5:0.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*R*)-**20** 13.9 min.

3. Additional Experiments

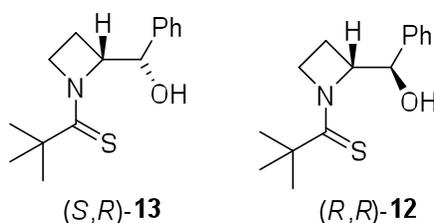
Having established that a dynamic resolution of diastereomeric lithiated intermediates was responsible for the enantioselectivity in the lithiation-trapping of **1**, we briefly explored different temperatures and additional electrophiles with azetidine **1** (Table S1).

Table S1. Asymmetric lithiation-PhCHO trapping of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** at different temperatures.



Entry	Temp 1 / °C ^a	Temp 2 / °C ^b	Product	Yield/% ^c	Er ^d
1	-100	-100	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	66	77:23
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	7	57:43
2	-78	-78	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	75	75:25
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	9	58:42
3	-78	-50	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	82	68:32
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	13	58:42
4	-78	-40	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	14	56:44
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	84	62:38
5	-78	-30	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	76	59:41
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	11	55:45
6	-78	-30 ^e	(<i>R,R</i>)- 12	72	75:25
			(<i>S,R</i>)- 13	7	59:41

^a Temp 1 = lithiation temperature. ^b Temp 2 = incubation temperature. ^c % Yield after purification by chromatography. ^d Er determined by CSP-HPLC after purification by chromatography (see Supporting Information). ^e Reaction cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min before addition of PhCHO.

*Experimental for Table S1***1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*S*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,R*)-13 and 1-[(2*R*)-2-[(*R*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]azetid-1-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,R*)-12**

(Table S1, entry 1)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –100 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –100 °C for 30 min. Then, benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at –100 °C for 1 h. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 87:13 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (9 mg, 7%, 57:43 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.4 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.0 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (87 mg, 66%, 77:23 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.4 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.8 min.

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(Table S1, entry 3)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Then, the solution was warmed to –50 °C and stirred for 1 h. Benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at –50 °C for

10 min. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 80:20 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (17 mg, 13%, 58:42 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.2 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (108 mg, 82%, 68:32 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.4 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.9 min.

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(Table S1, entry 4)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Then, the solution was warmed to –40 °C and stirred for 1 h. Benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at –40 °C for 10 min. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained an 80:20 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (19 mg, 14%, 56:44 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.1 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (111 mg, 84%, 62:38 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.2 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.8 min.

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(Table S1, entry 5)

s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Then, the solution was warmed to –30 °C and stirred for 1 h. Benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at –30 °C for 10 min. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 75:25 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (15 mg, 11%, 55:45 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.5 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.2 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (100 mg, 76%, 59:41 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.5 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.5 min.

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(Table S1, entry 6)

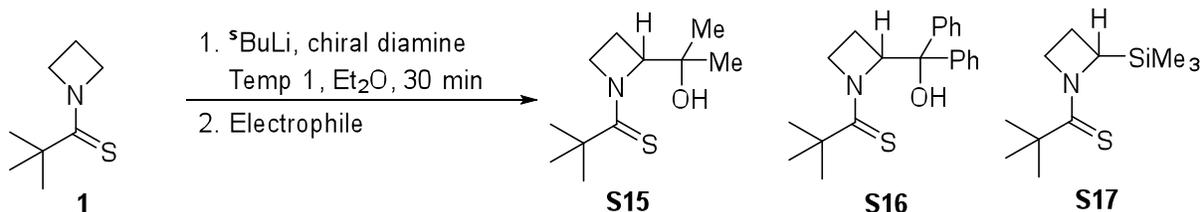
s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Then, the solution was warmed to –30 °C and stirred for 1 h. The solution was then cooled to –78 °C and stirred at –78 °C for 30 min. Benzaldehyde (76 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at –30 °C for 10 min. Then, 1 M HCl_(aq) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 86:14 mixture of alcohols (*R,R*)-**12** and (*S,R*)-**13** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*S,R*)-**13** (9 mg, 7%, 59:41 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**13** 7.4 min, (*R,S*)-**13** 10.1 min and alcohol (*R,R*)-**12** (95 mg, 72%, 75:25 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid,

CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**12** 18.3 min, (*S,S*)-**12** 20.5 min.

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In an attempt to explore the dynamic resolution mechanism further, we briefly explored two other carbonyl electrophiles and Me₃SiCl. In these cases, we have been unable to determine the absolute configuration of the major enantiomers of the products, **S15-S17**.

Table S2. Asymmetric lithiation-trapping of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** with different electrophiles.

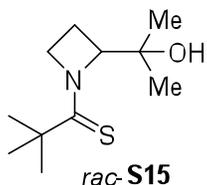


Entry	Diamine	Electrophile	Product	Yield /% ^a	Er ^b
1	3	Me ₂ C=O	S15	34	60:40
2	3	Ph ₂ C=O	S16	36	56:44
3	3	Me ₃ SiCl	S17	56	56:44
4	(<i>S,S</i>)- 4	Me ₃ SiCl	S17	45	47:53

^a % Yield after purification by chromatography. ^b Er determined by CSP-HPLC after purification by chromatography (see Supporting Information).

Experimental for Table S2

rac-1-(2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)azetidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione **S15**



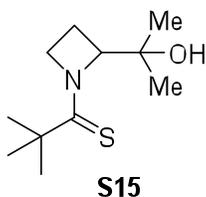
(Racemic standard for Table S2, entry 1)

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.18

mL, 131 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 eq.) in Et₂O (7 mL) at -100 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at -100 °C for 2 min. Then, distilled, dry acetone (0.073 mL, 58 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the solution was stirred at -100 °C for 10 min and allowed to warm to rt over the course of 1 h. 2 M HCl_(aq) (3 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**S15** (40 mg, 0.187 mmol, 37%) as a brown solid, mp 74–77 °C; IR (ATR) 3264 (OH), 2967, 2924, 1464, 1433, 1402, 1362, 1300, 1255, 1173, 1136, 986, 948, 541, 474 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.00 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.46-4.40 (m, 2H, CH₂N), 2.52–2.41 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.97-1.87 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.36 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.30 (s, 3H, Me), 1.15 (s, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.5 (C=S), 79.1 (CHN), 73.3 (C(Me)₂OH), 56.3 (CH₂N), 43.8 (CMe₃), 29.8 (CMe₃), 25.7 (Me), 23.2 (Me), 19.5 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 238 [(M+Na)⁺, 85] 216 [(M+H)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₂₂NOS (M+Na)⁺ 238.1236, found 238.1229 (+3.0 ppm error). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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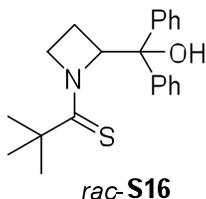
1-(2-(2-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)azetid-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione **S15**



(Table S2, entry 1)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.08 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), (-)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) and freshly distilled, dry acetone (0.06 mL, 48 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave **S15** (23 mg, 0.107 mmol, 22%, 60:40 er by CSP-HPLC) as a brown solid, mp 70–75 °C; [α]_D -7.5 (*c* 0.95 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) 13.0 min (major), 14.1 min (minor).

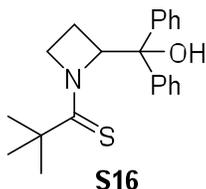
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Rac*-1-(2-(Hydroxydiphenylmethyl)azetid-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione **S16*

(Racemic standard for Table S2, entry 2)

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.18 mL, 131 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 eq.) in Et₂O (7 mL) at -100 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at -100 °C for 2 min. Then, a solution of benzophenone (182 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in Et₂O (0.5 mL) was added and the solution was stirred at -100 °C for 10 min and allowed to warm to rt over the course of 1 h. 2 M HCl_(aq) (3 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-8:2 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac*-**S16** (55 mg, 0.16 mmol, 32%) as a white solid, mp 191–193 °C; *R_F* (8:2 petroleum ether-EtOAc) 0.4; IR (ATR) 3163 (O–H), 2961, 2929, 1467, 1395, 1366, 1316, 1287, 1247, 1214, 1060, 1013, 767, 704, 587 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.38–7.30 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H, Ph), 5.93 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.16 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 10.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 3.41–3.32 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BN), 2.72–2.61 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.11–2.02 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.18 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6 (C=S), 144.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 142.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.5 (*m*-Ph), 128.1 (*m*-Ph), 127.8 (*p*-Ph), 127.7 (*p*-Ph), 127.5 (*o*-Ph), 127.3 (*o*-Ph), 82.8 (C(Ph)₂OH), 77.3 (CHN), 56.7 (CH₂N), 43.7 (CMe₃), 29.7 (CMe₃), 21.0 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 340 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₆NOS (M+H)⁺ 340.1730, found 340.1723 (+2.0 ppm error).

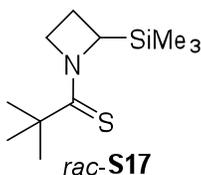
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1-(2-(Hydroxydiphenylmethyl)azetidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione S16

(Table S2, entry 2)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.5 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.08 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (7 mL) and a solution of benzophenone (182 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) in Et₂O (0.5 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica eluting with 95:5-8:2 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol **S16** (61 mg, 0.18 mmol, 36%, 56:44 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 179–183 °C; [α]_D +23.6 (*c* 0.85 in CHCl₃). CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) 8.0 min (minor), 12.9 min (major).

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***rac*-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylsilyl)azetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione *rac*-S17**

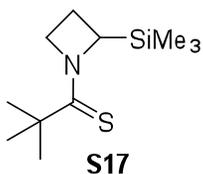
(Racemic standard for Table S2, entries 3 and 4)

s-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (0.18 mL, 131 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2.4 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at –100 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at –100 °C for 2 min. Then, trimethylsilyl chloride (0.133 mL, 109 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the solution was stirred at –100 °C for 10 min and allowed to warm to rt over the course of 1 h. 2 M HCl_(aq) (3 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave silane *rac*-**S17** (73 mg, 0.32 mmol, 64%) as a white solid, *R_f* (8:2 petrol ether–EtOAc) 0.46; IR (ATR) 2950, 1474, 1441,

1361, 1244, 1134, 1016, 1110, 1003, 945, 833, 752, 687, 645, 496 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.61 (ddd, $J = 11.0, 6.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, CHN), 4.52–4.39 (m, 2H, CH_2N), 2.47–2.35 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 2.10–2.00 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 1.33 (s, 9H, CMe_3), 0.18 (s, 9H, SiMe_3); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.1 (C=S), 62.2 (CHN), 57.1 (CH_2N), 42.9 (CMe_3), 30.0 (CMe_3), 17.1 (CH_2), -1.30 (SiMe_3); MS (ESI) m/z 230 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{24}\text{NSSi}$ (M + H)⁺ 230.1393, found 230.1388 (+2.3 ppm error). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.³

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2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-(trimethylsilyl)azetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione **S17**



(Table S2, entry 3)

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.08 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), (–)-sparteine **3** (0.14 mL, 141 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et_2O (5 mL) and trimethylsilyl chloride (95 μL , 81 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave silane **S17** (64 mg, 0.28 mmol, 56%, 56:46 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 49–52 °C; $[\alpha]_D +15.6$ (c 0.52 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) 4.7 min (major), 5.9 min (minor).

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(Table S2, entry 4)

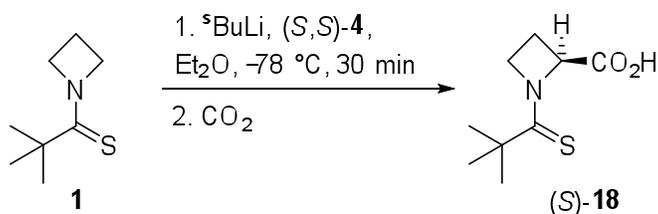
Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.08 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), diamine (*S,S*)-**4** (186 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et_2O (5 mL) and trimethylsilyl chloride (95 μL , 81 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 hexane-EtOAc as eluent gave silane **S17** (51 mg, 0.22 mmol, 45%, 47:53 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white

solid, mp 46–49 °C; $[\alpha]_D +19.2$ (*c* 1.145 in EtOAc); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) 4.7 min (minor), 5.5 min (major).

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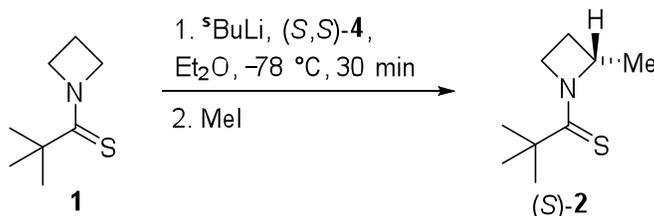
Experiments were also conducted using alternative ligand/electrophile combinations and the experimental detail is reported below.

(S)-1-(2,2-Dimethylpropanethioyl)azetidine-2-carboxylic acid (S)-18



s-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a solution of *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (0.077 mL, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) and (*S,S*)-diamine **4** (178 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. Then, dry CO₂ (generated from solid CO₂ flushed through CaCl₂ and added into the reaction *via* cannula) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min at -78 °C and then allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and extracted with water (6 x 5 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH < 2 with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (6 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give acid (S)-**18** (71 mg, 0.36 mmol, 71%, 57:43 er by CSP-HPLC of the methyl ester) as an off-white solid. Acid (S)-**18** was converted into methyl ester (S)-**16** by reaction with Me₃SiCHN₂ in MeOH/toluene (4:6 v/v, 2 mL), quenching with glacial AcOH and evaporation under reduced pressure. CSP-HPLC of methyl ester (S)-**16**: Chiralcel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (S)-**16** 14.5 min, (R)-**16** 18.3 min.

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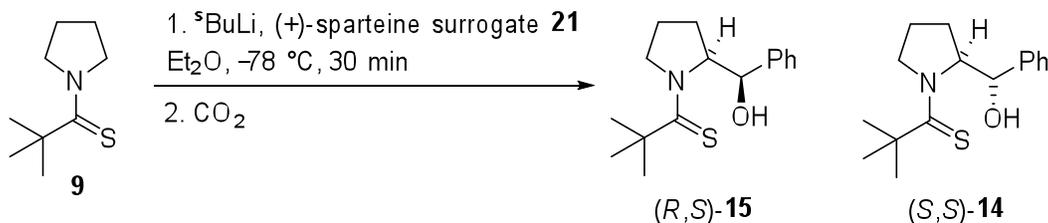
(S)-2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-methylazetidin-1-yl)propane-1-thione (S)-2

Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.46 mL of a 1.3M solution in hexanes, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.), *N*-thiopivaloyl azetidine **1** (79 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (*S,S*)-**4** (186 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) and methyl iodide (47 μL , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol- Et_2O gave methylated azetidine (*S*)-**2** (76 mg, 88%, 69:31 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -2.0$ (*c* 0.95 in CHCl_3) (lit.,³ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -21.3$ (*c* 1.15 in CHCl_3 for (*R*)-**2** of 99:1 er)); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99.9:0.1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min^{-1}) (*S*)-**2** 14.0 min, (*R*)-**2** 15.4 min.

Note: Optical rotation data is not consistent with that reported in the literature³ and the configuration was assigned by CSP-HPLC (see Section 2).

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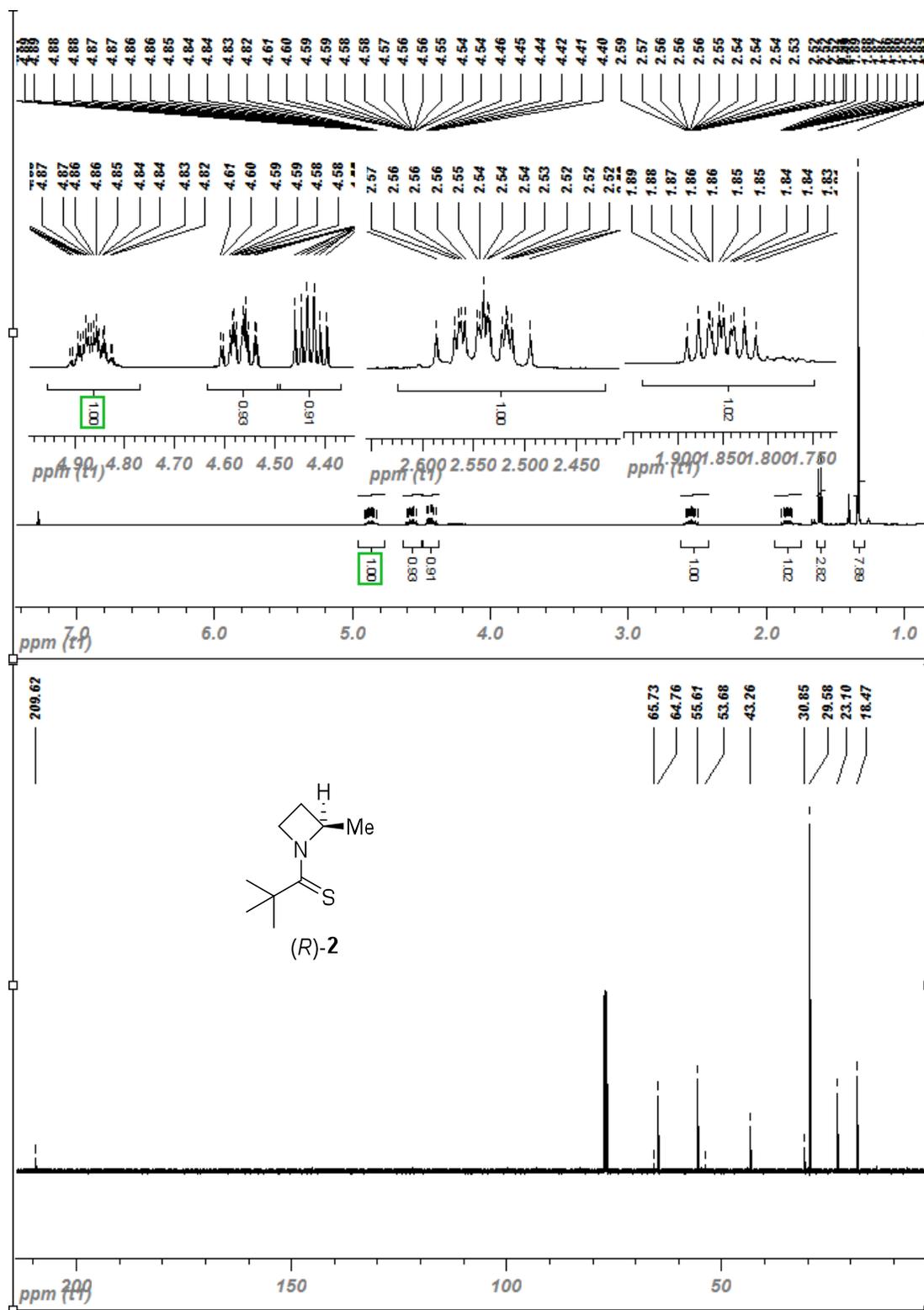
1-((*S*)-2-((*R*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*R,S*)-15** and 1-((*S*)-2-((*S*)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (*S,S*)-**14****

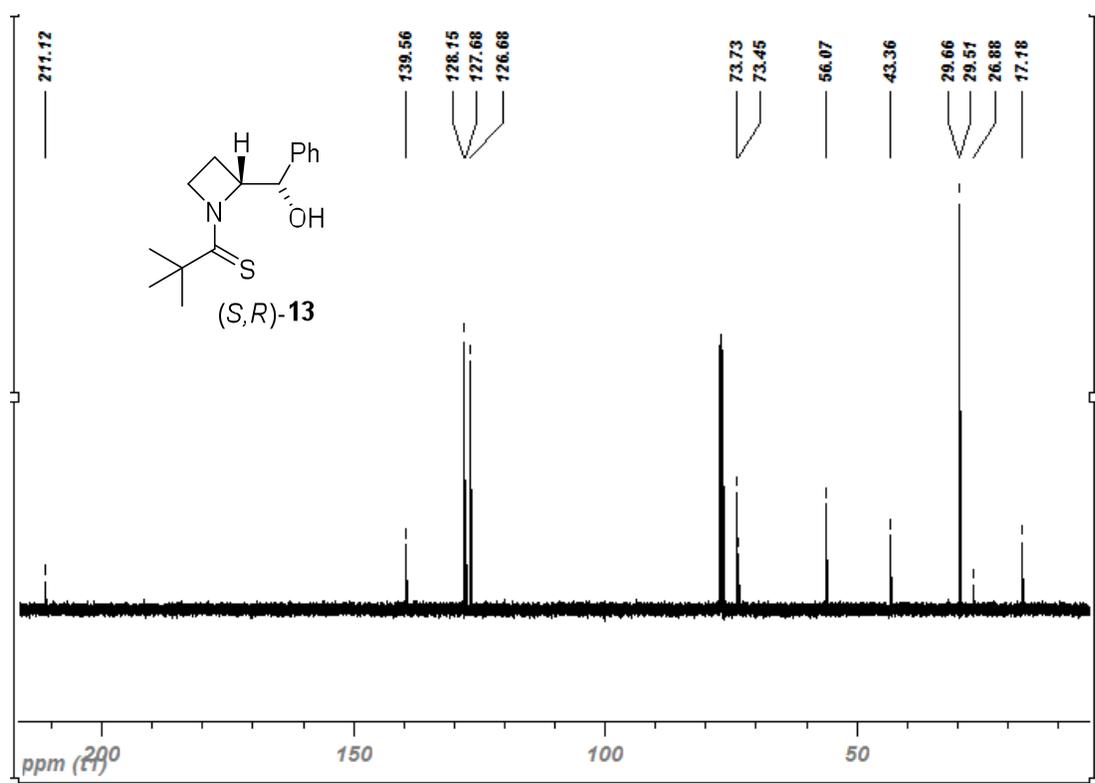
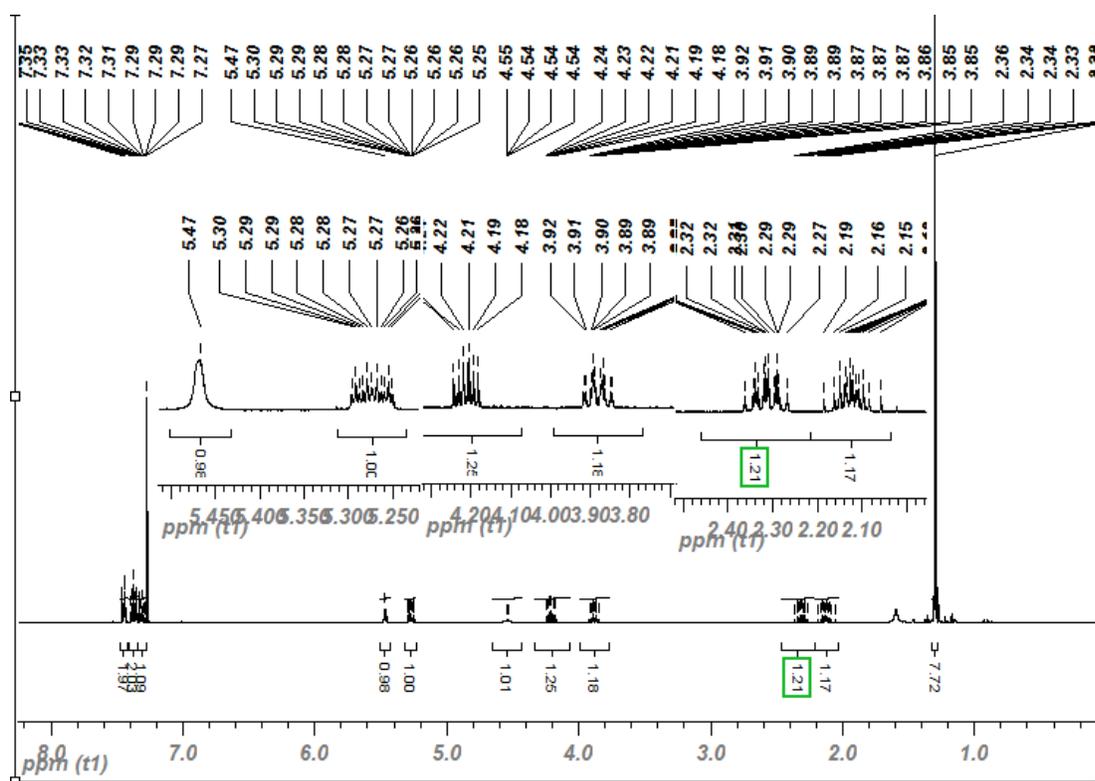


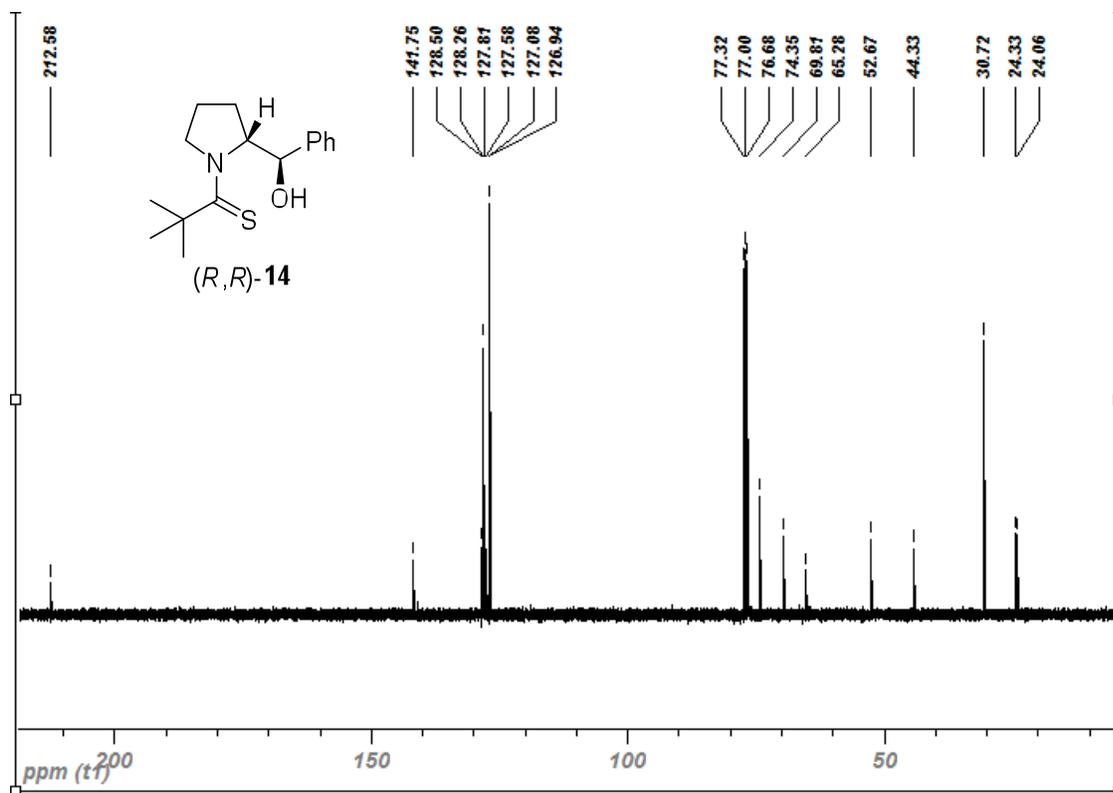
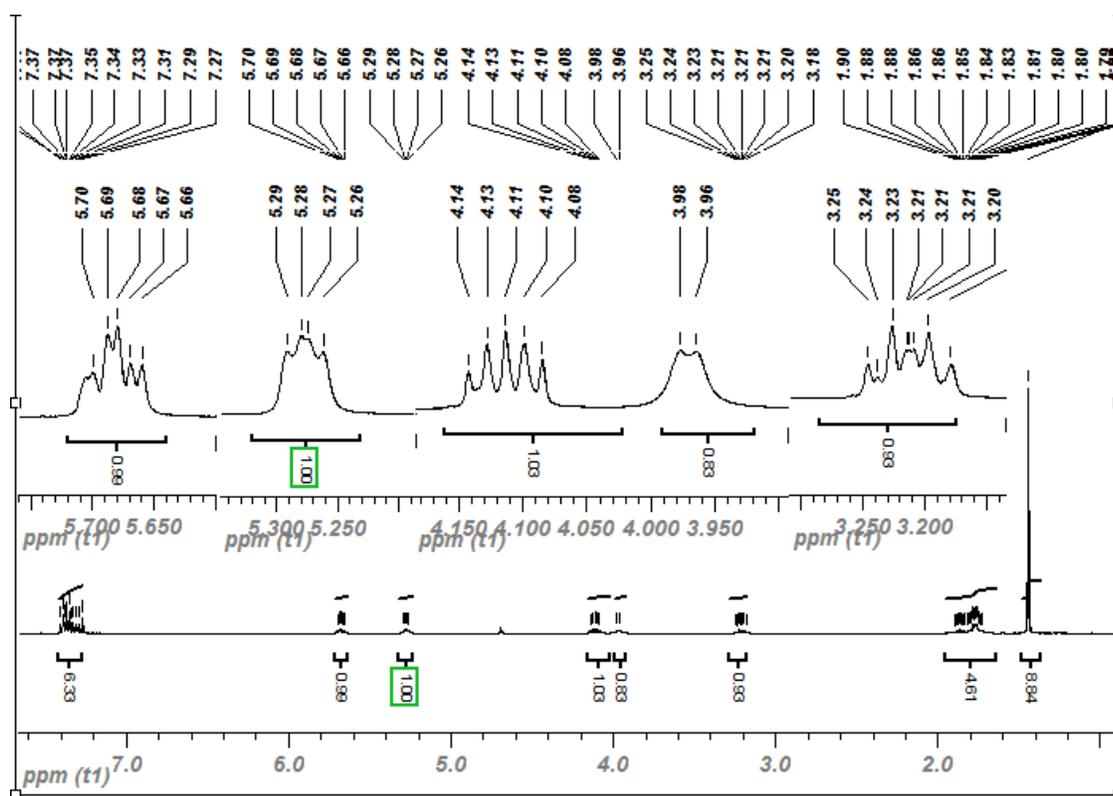
Using general procedure B, *s*-BuLi (0.50 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.), (+)-sparteine surrogate **21** (120 mg, 0.65 mmol, 1.3 eq.) and *N*-thiopivaloyl pyrrolidine **9** (86 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et_2O (5 mL) and benzaldehyde (76 μL , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 78:22 mixture of diastereomeric alcohols (*R,S*)-**15** and (*S,S*)-**14** by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 8:2-7:3 petrol- Et_2O as eluent gave alcohol (*R,S*)-**15** (86 mg, 62%, 85:15 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid,

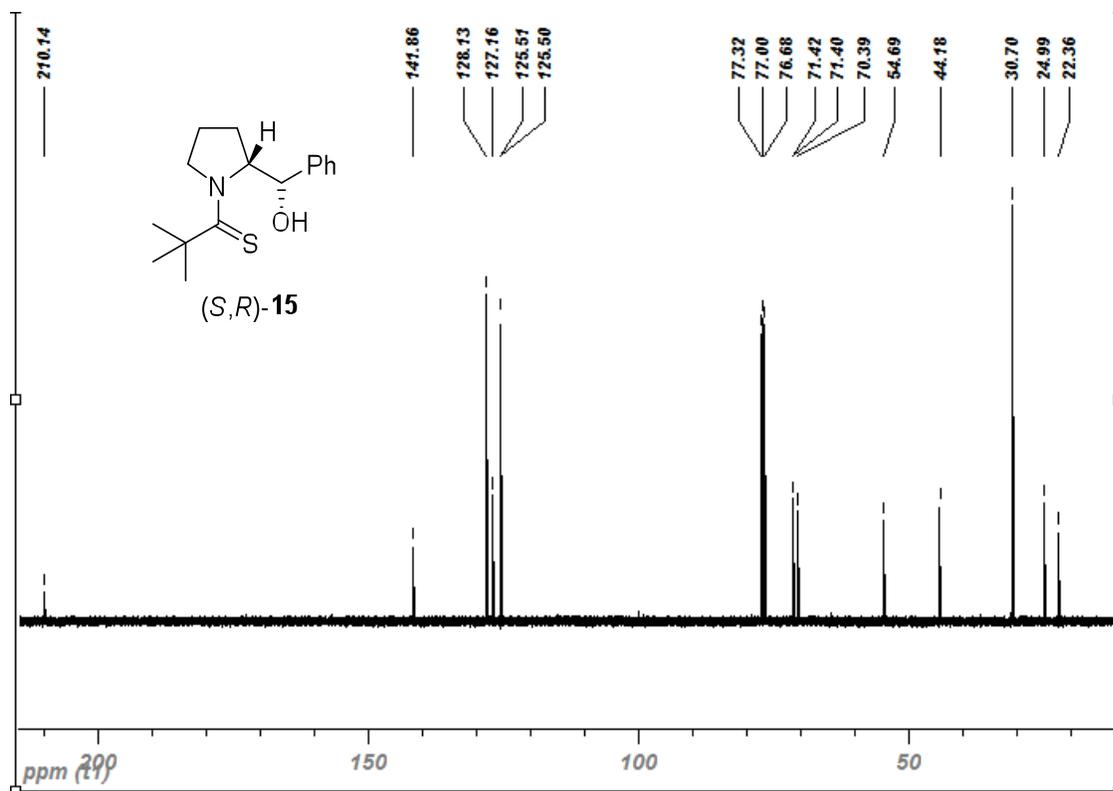
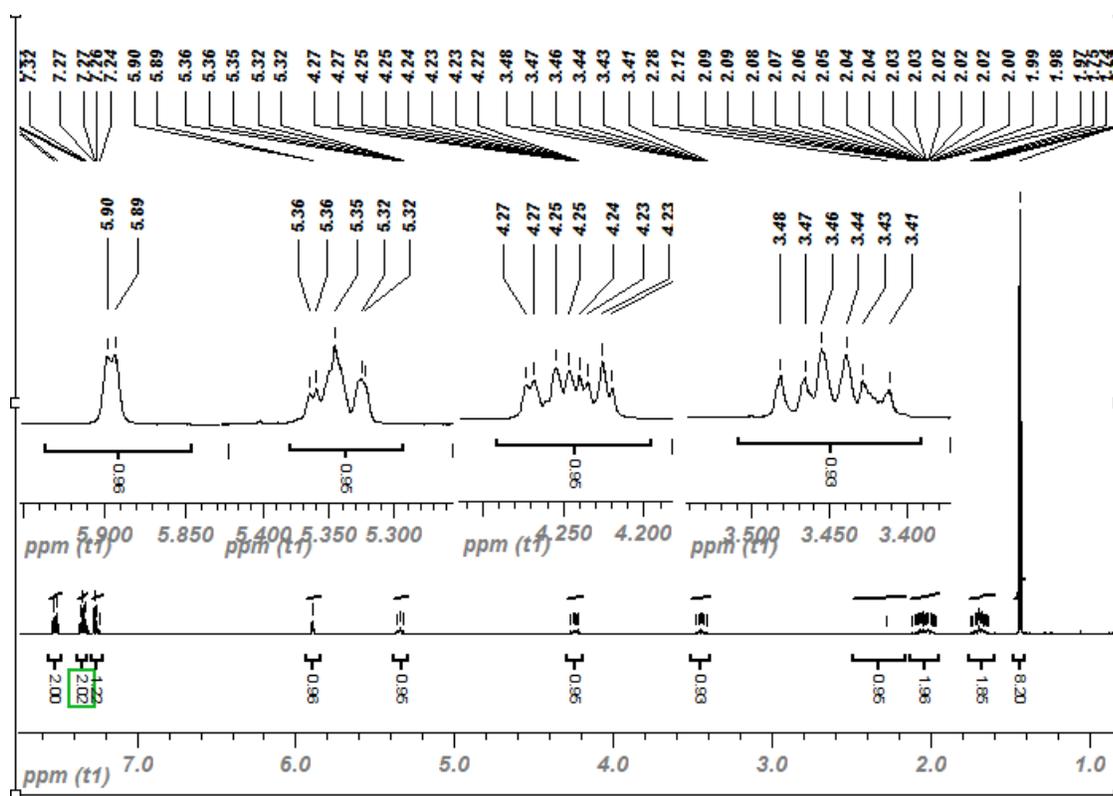
CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*S,R*)-**15** 11.2 min, (*R,S*)-**15** 14.6 min and alcohol (*S,S*)-**14** (33 mg, 24%, 92:8 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) (*R,R*)-**14** 10.8 min, (*S,S*)-**14** 19.8 min.

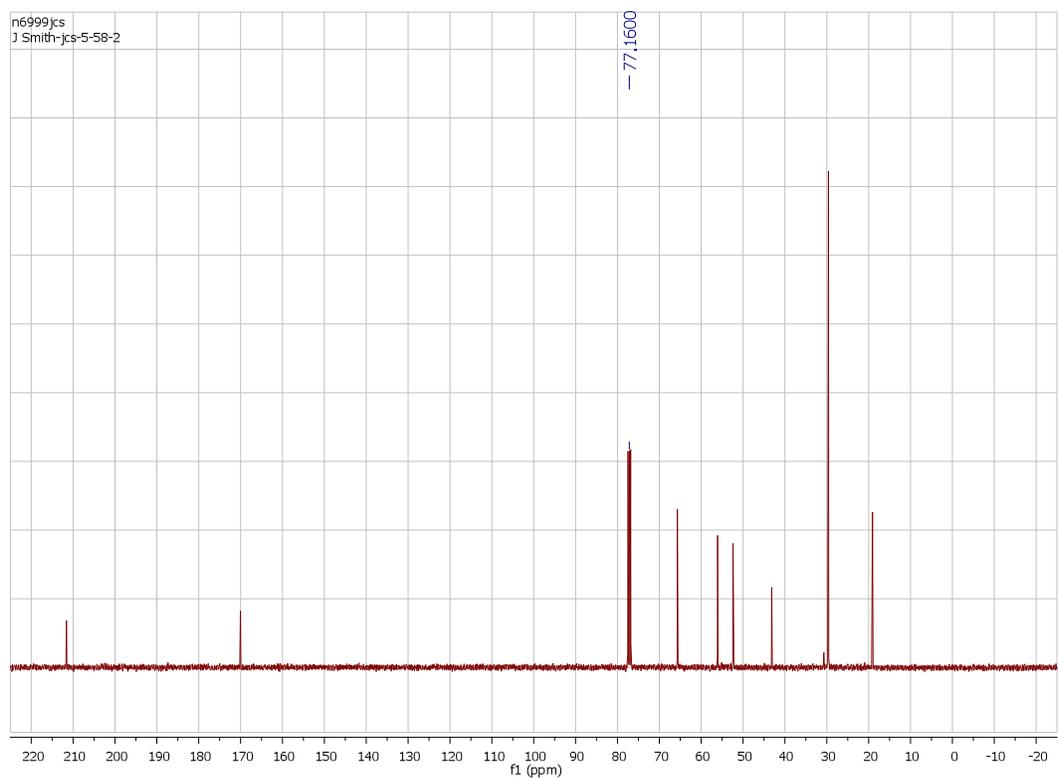
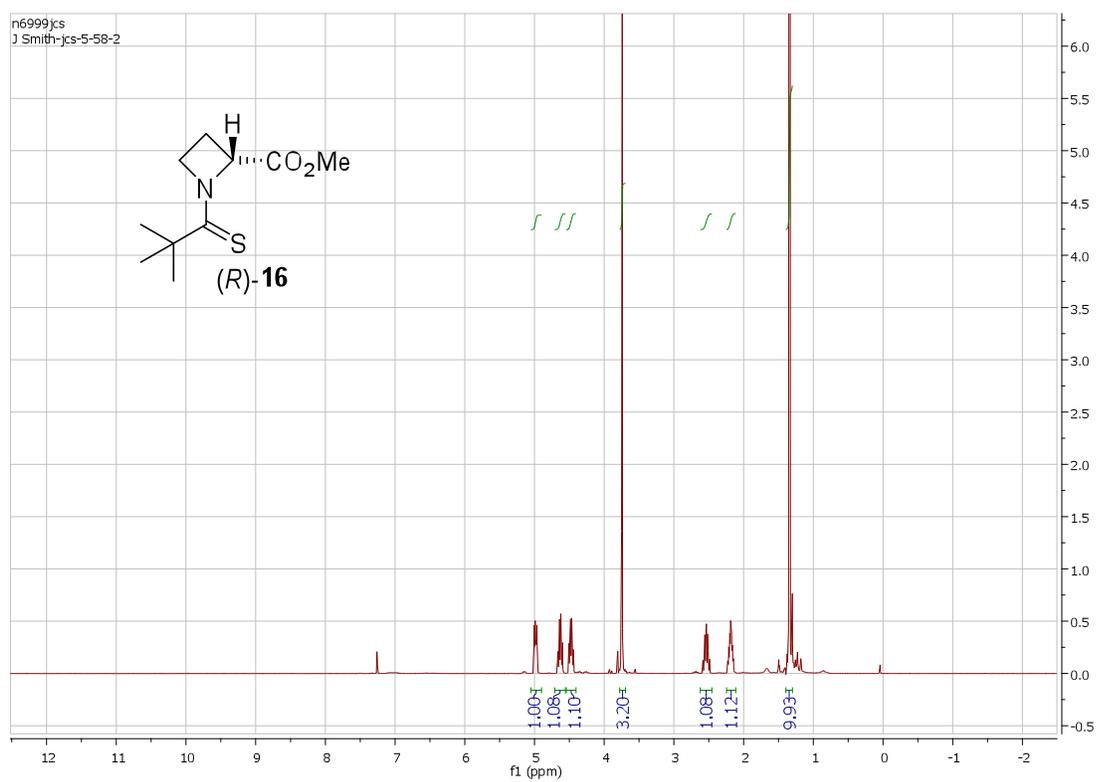
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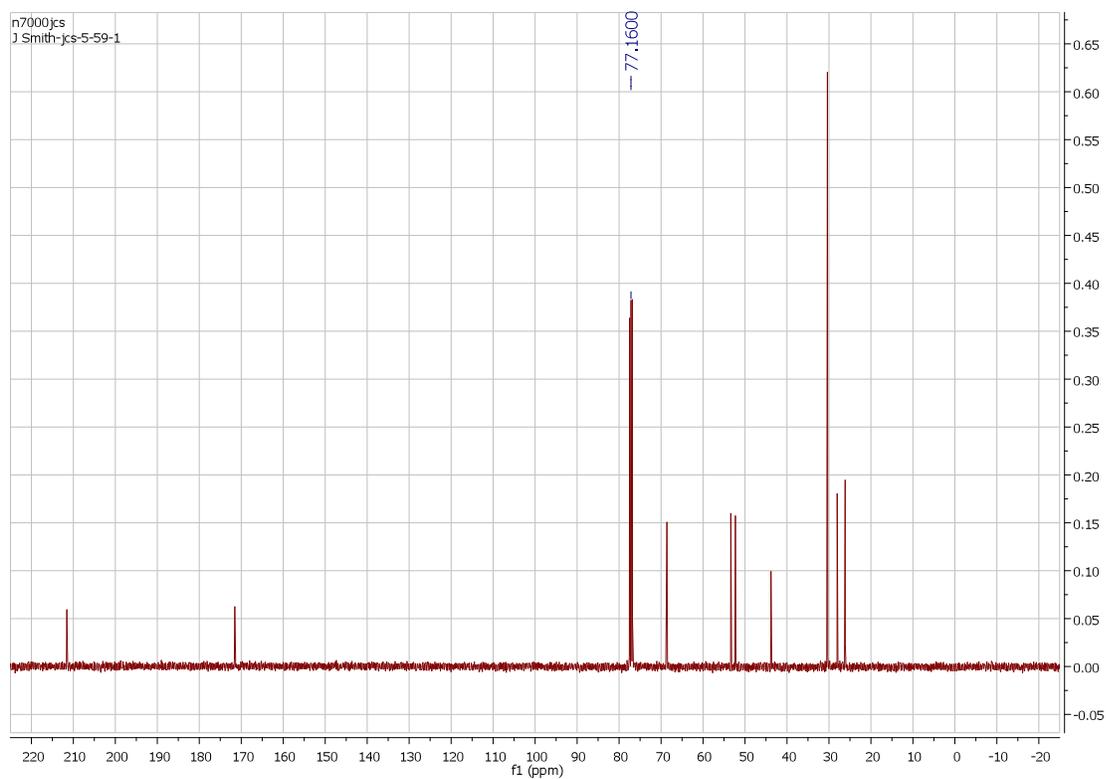
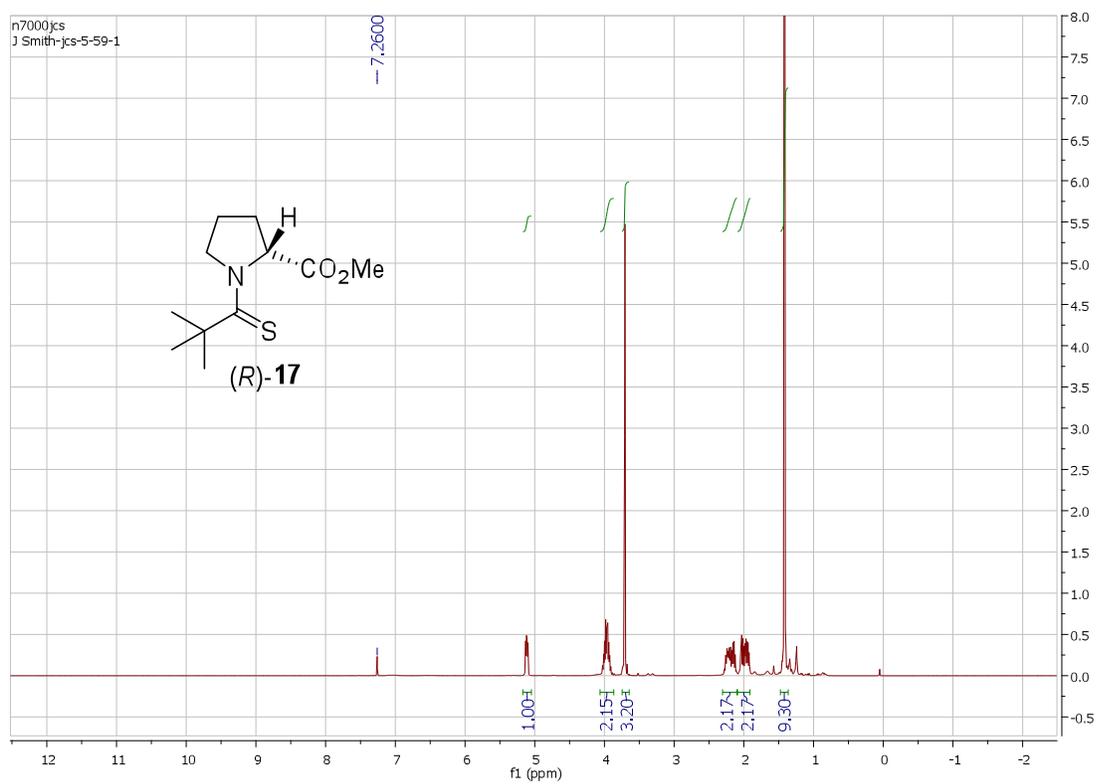
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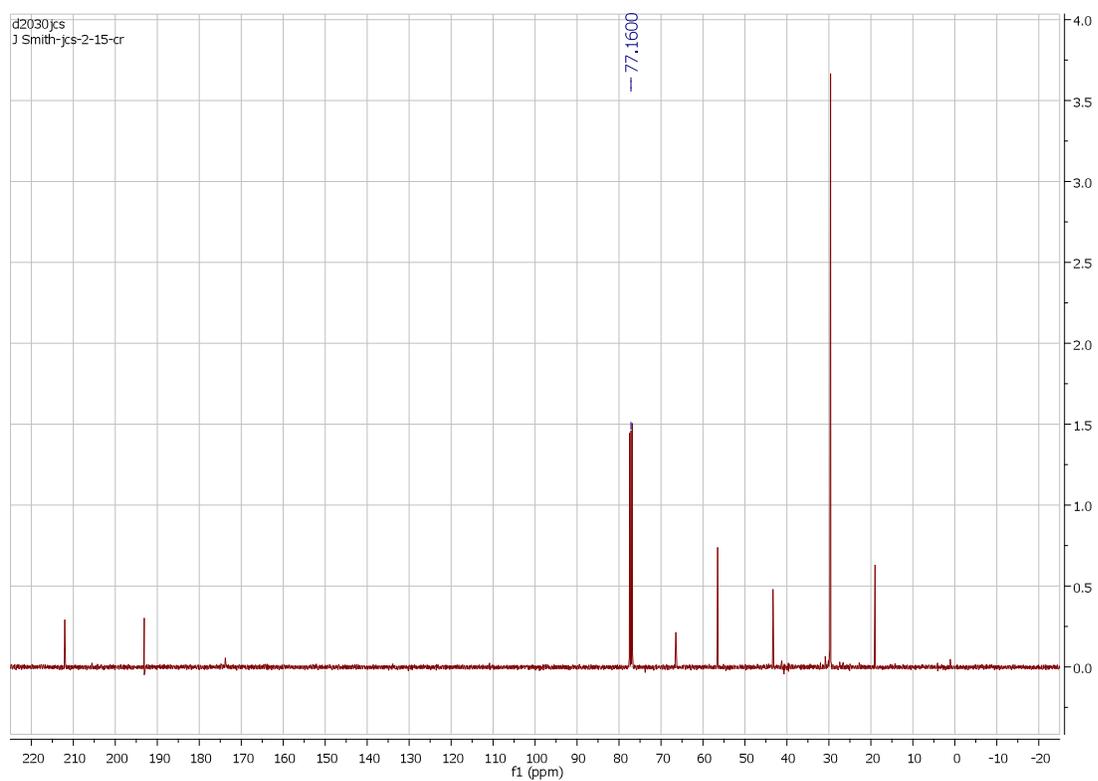
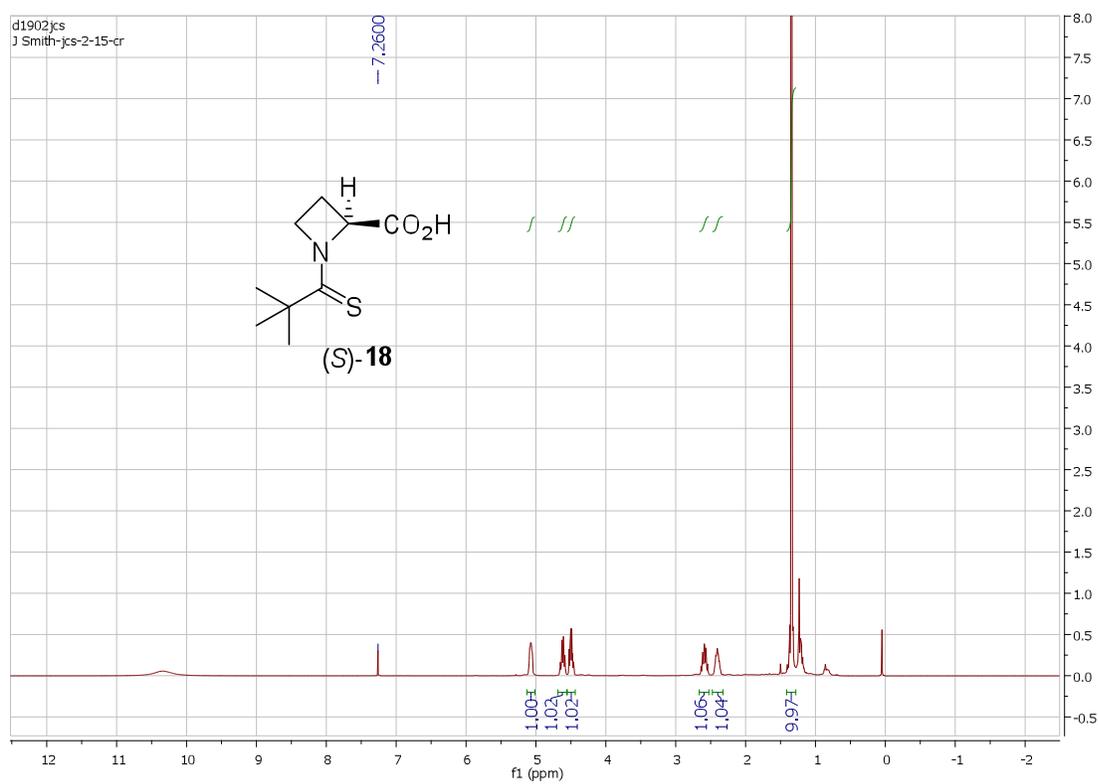


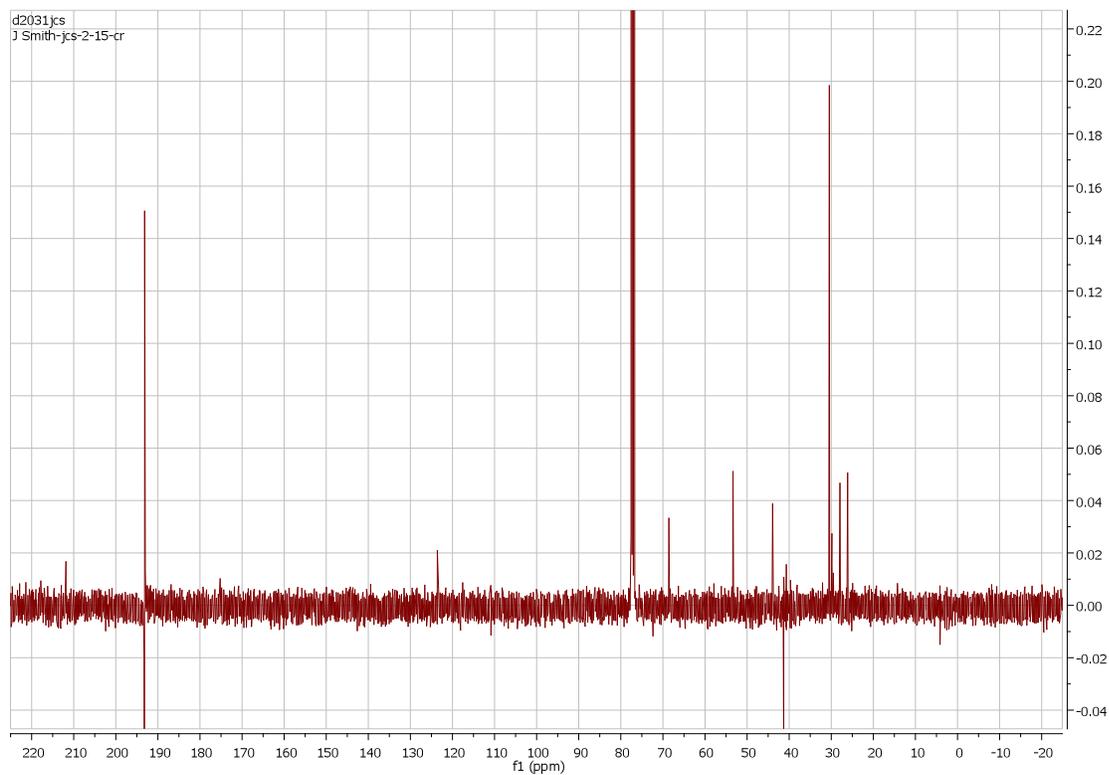
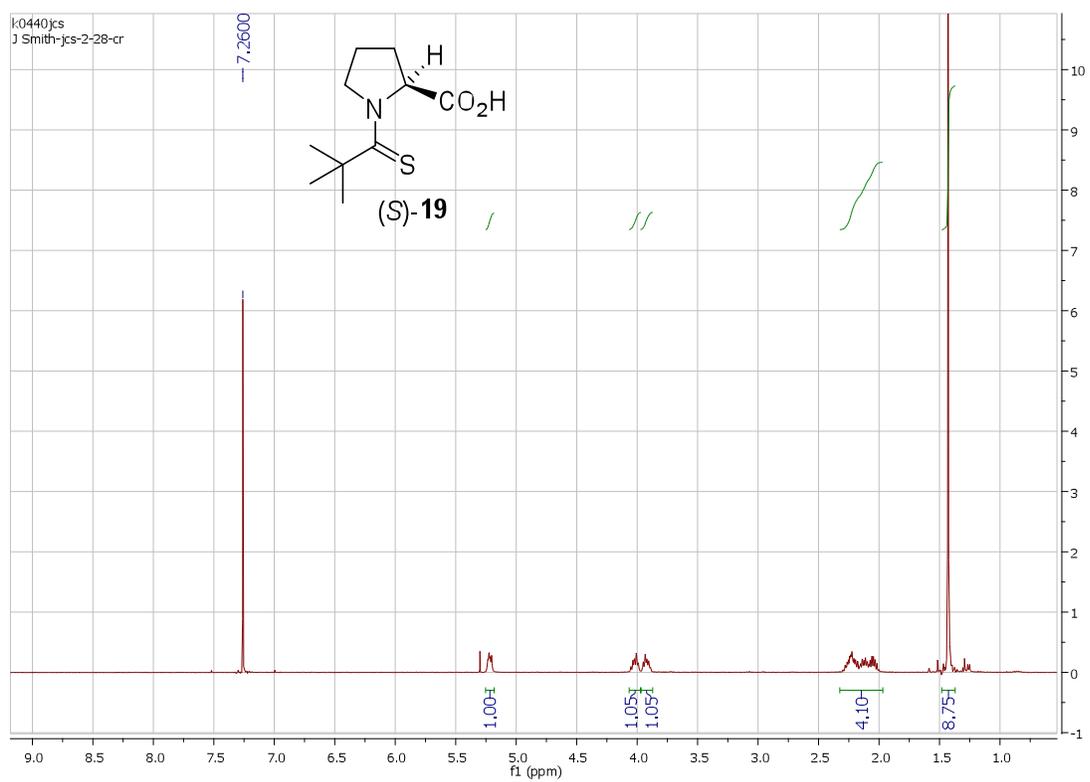


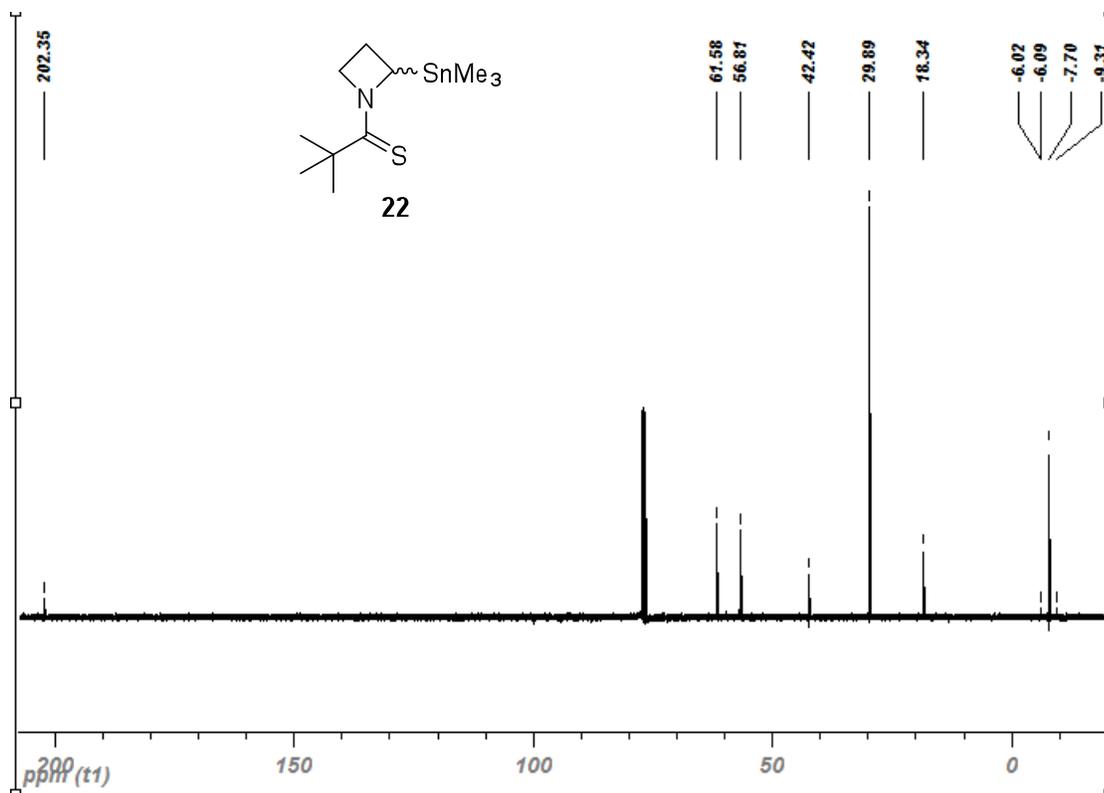
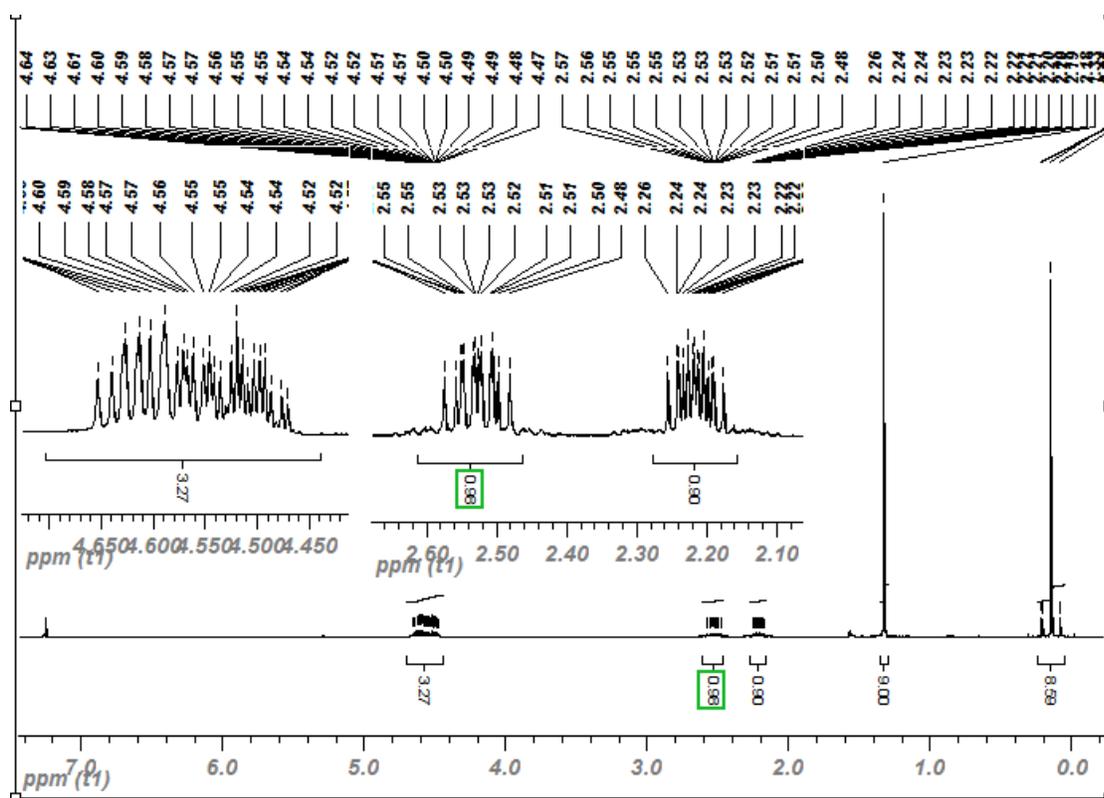


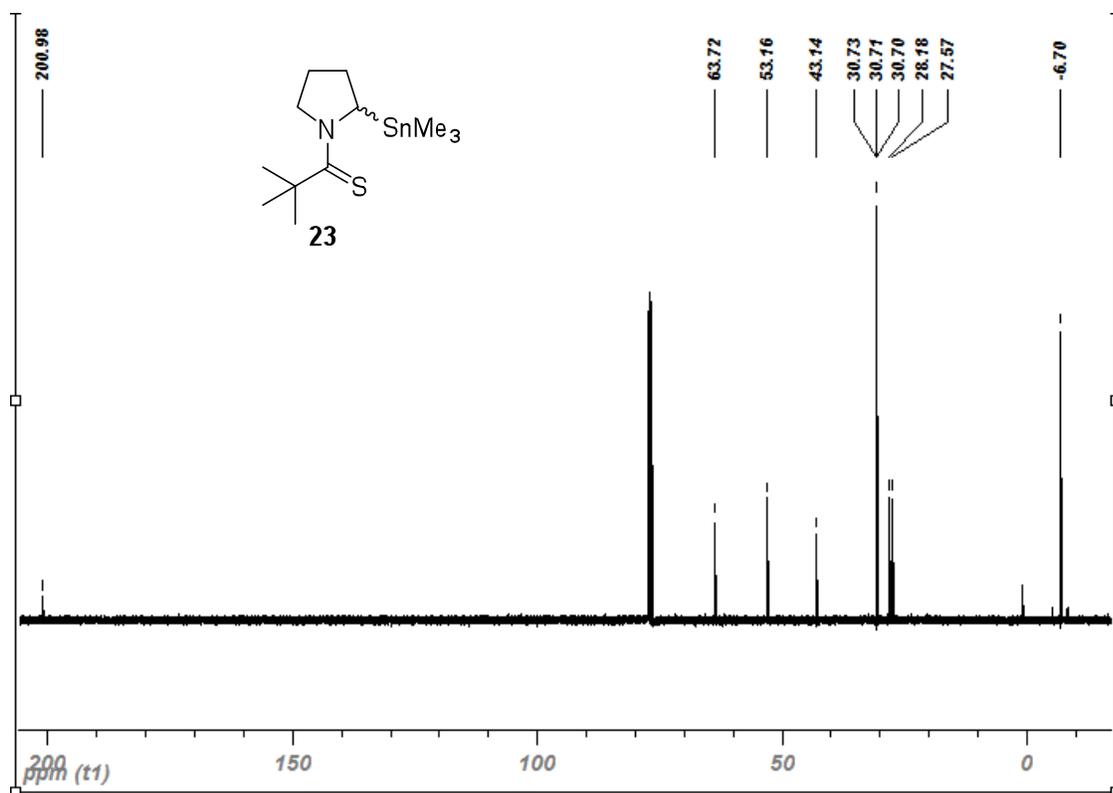
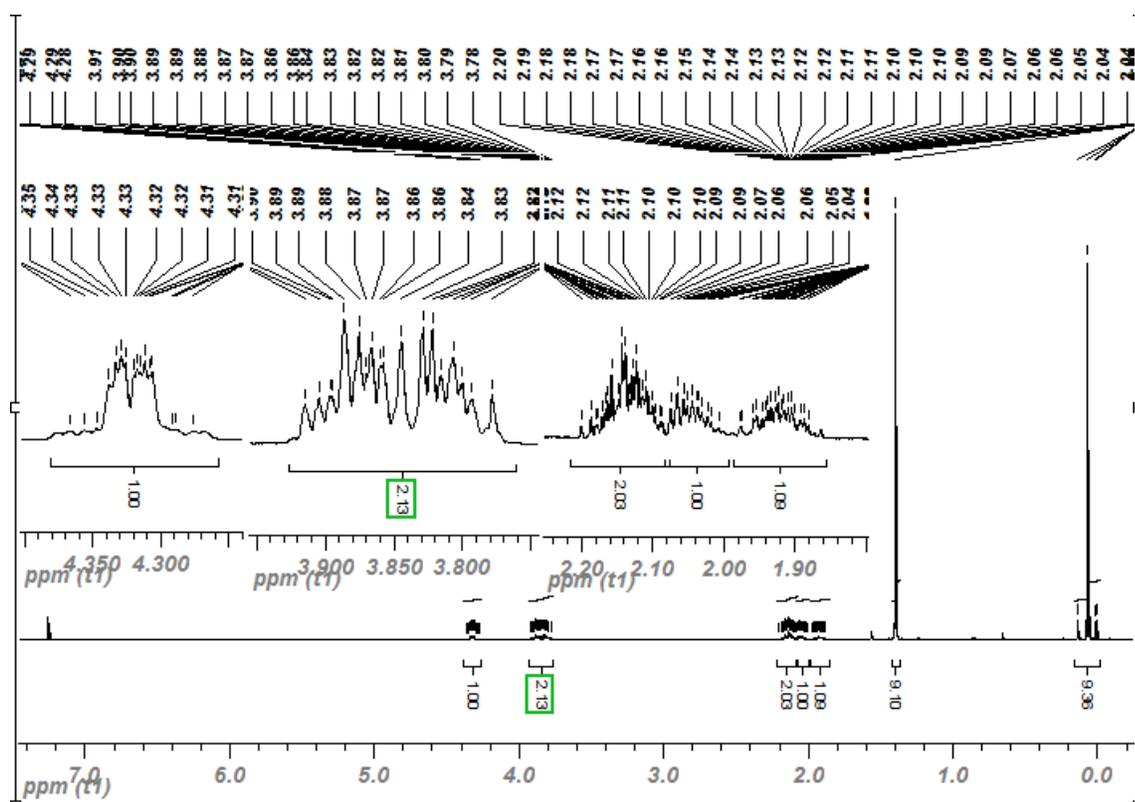


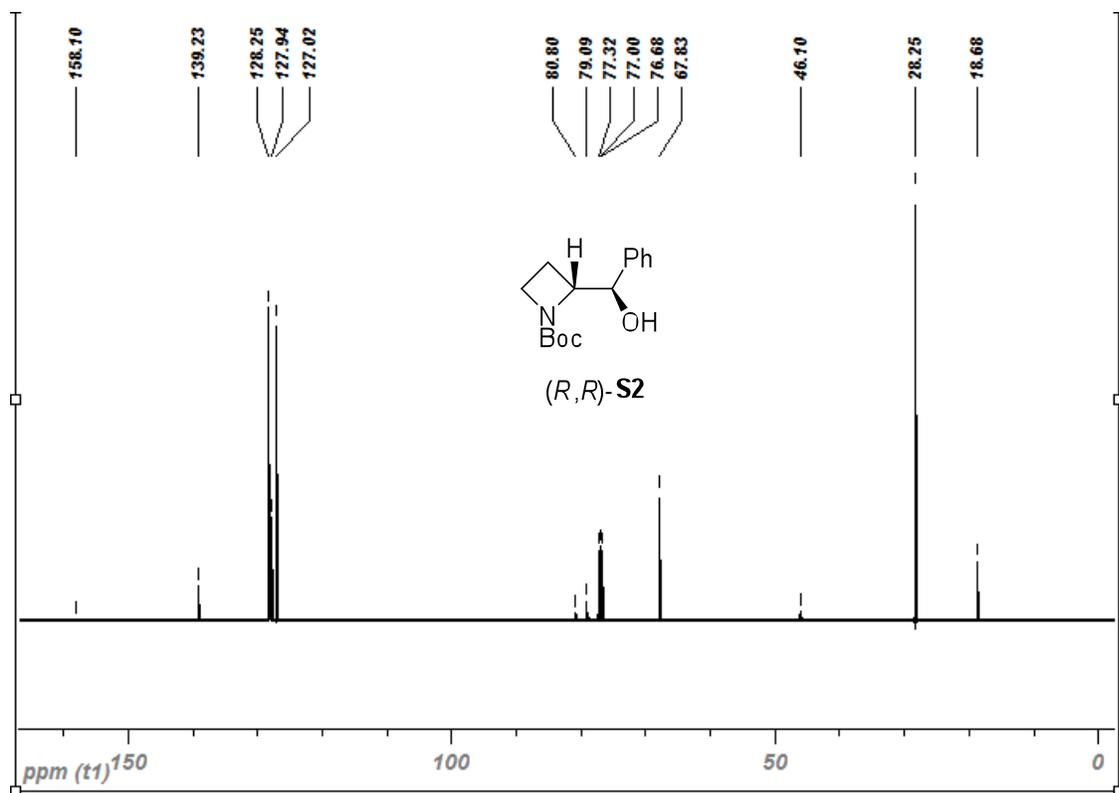
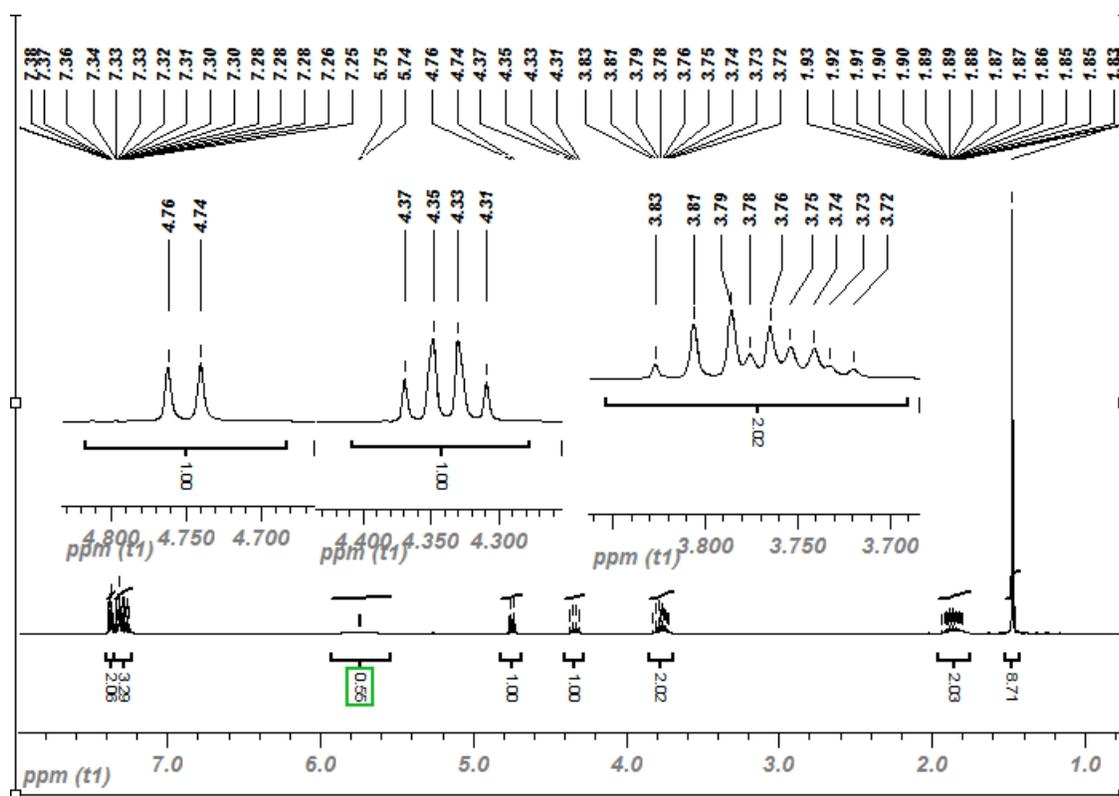


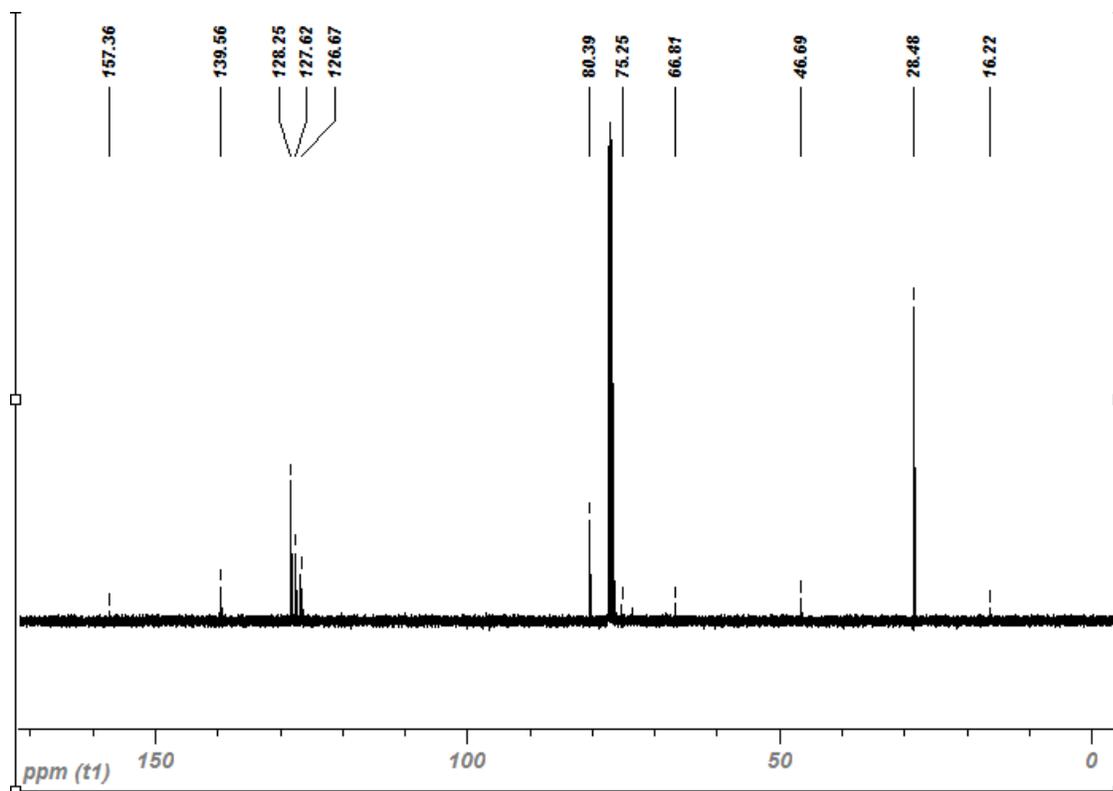
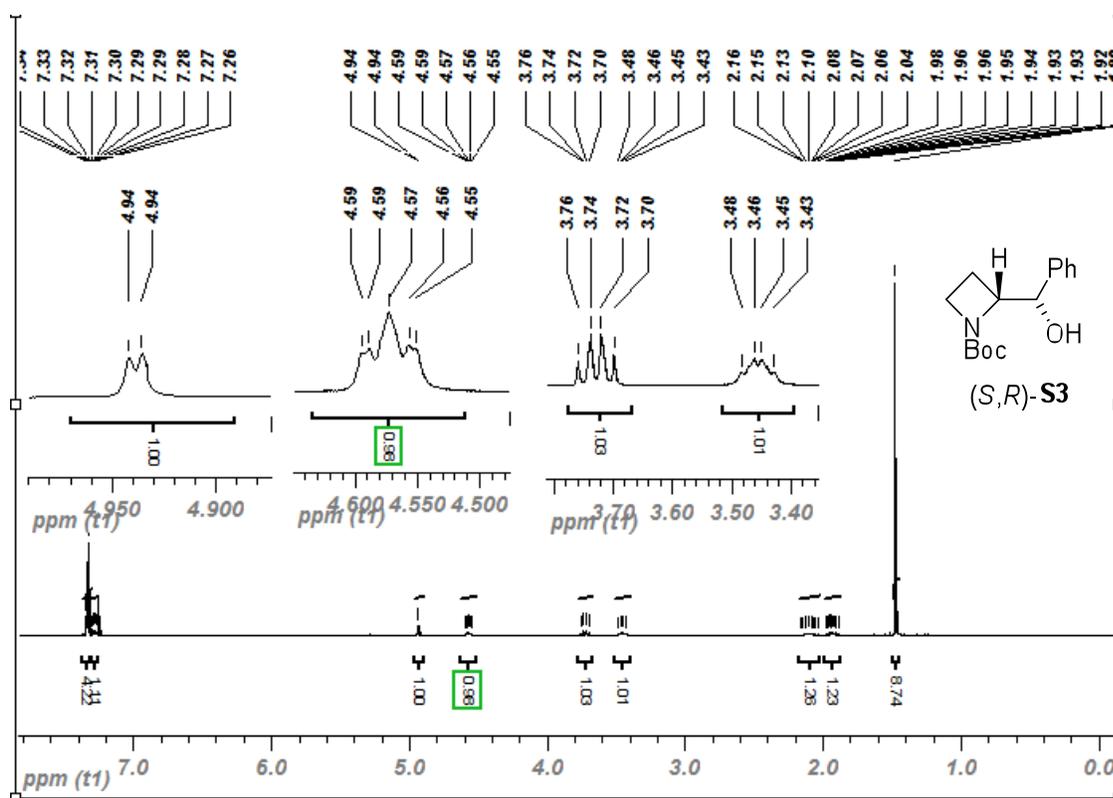


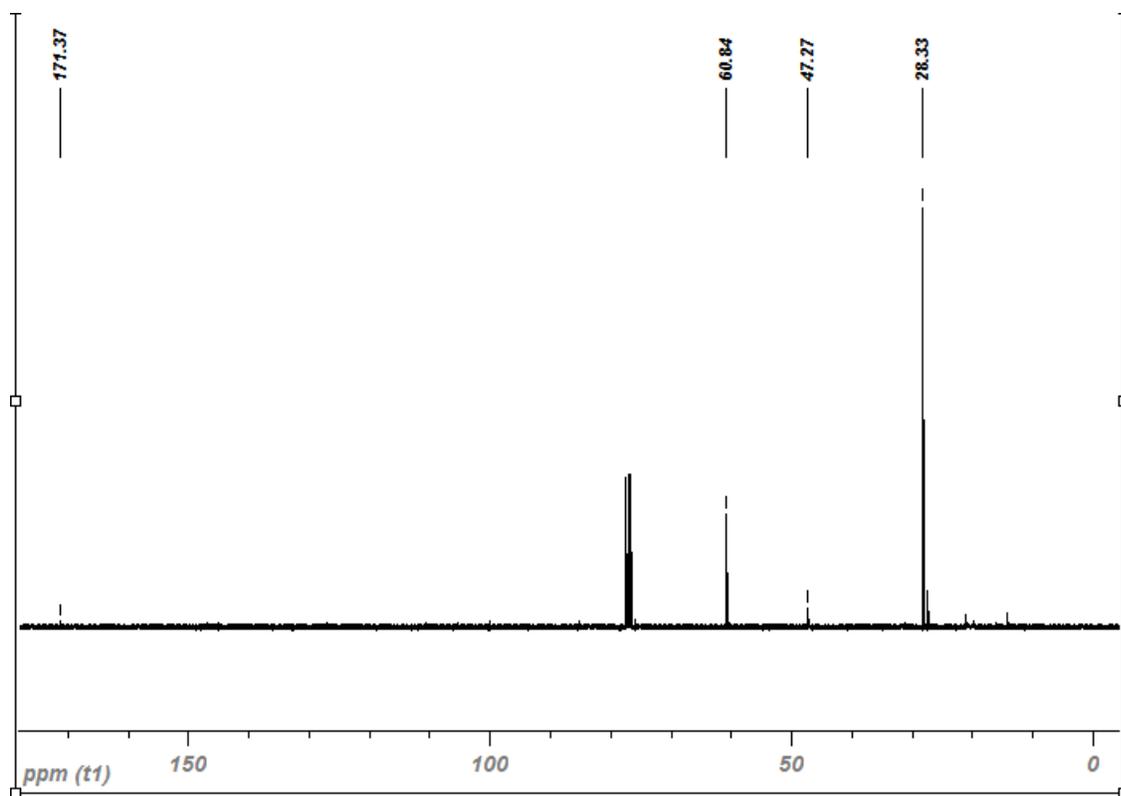
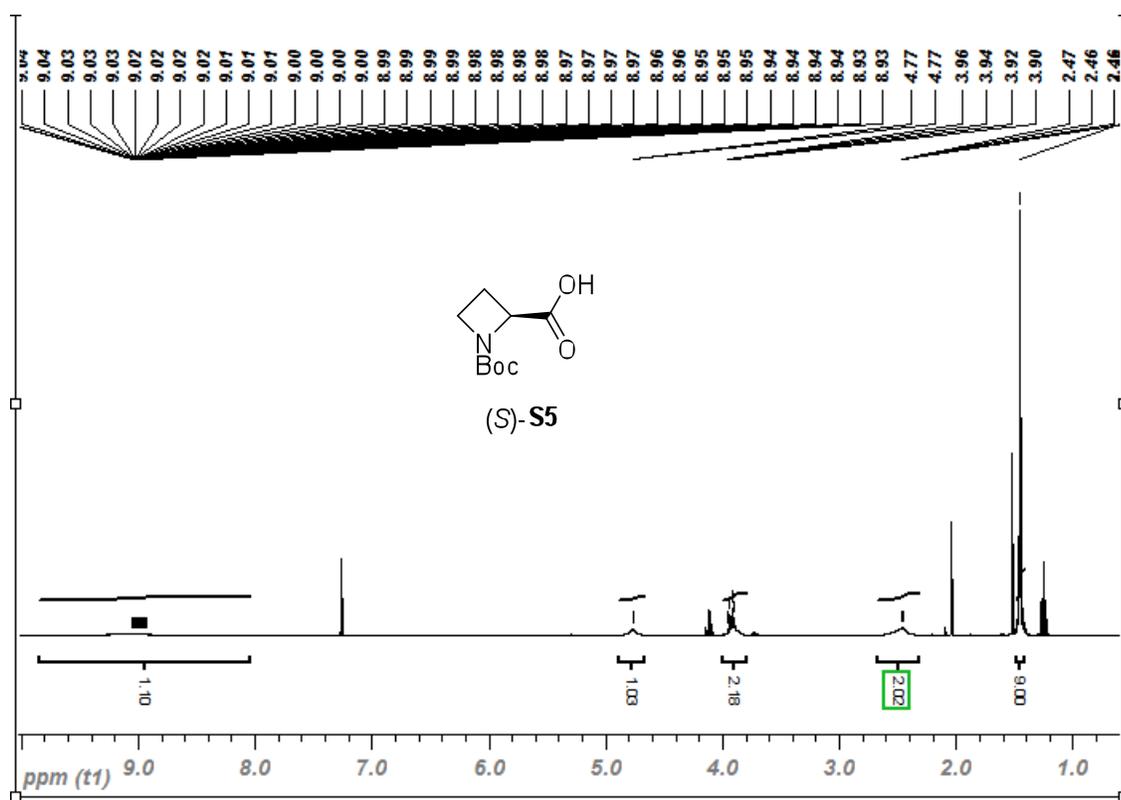


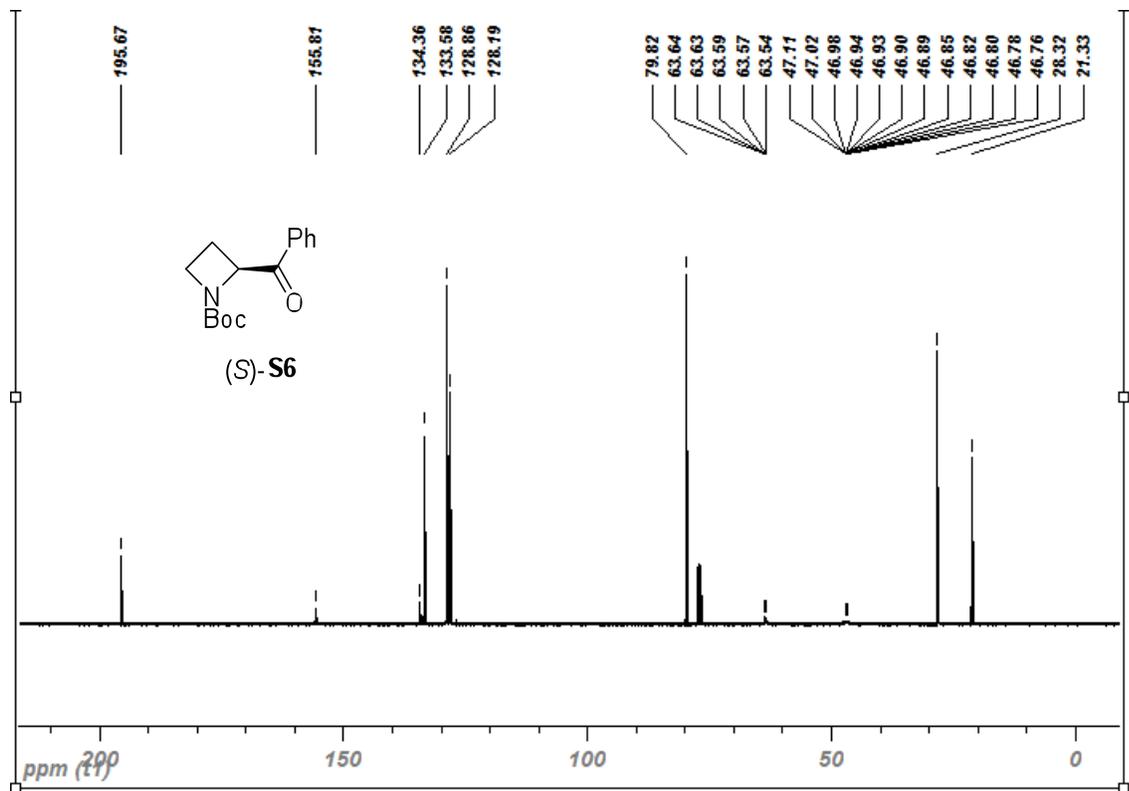
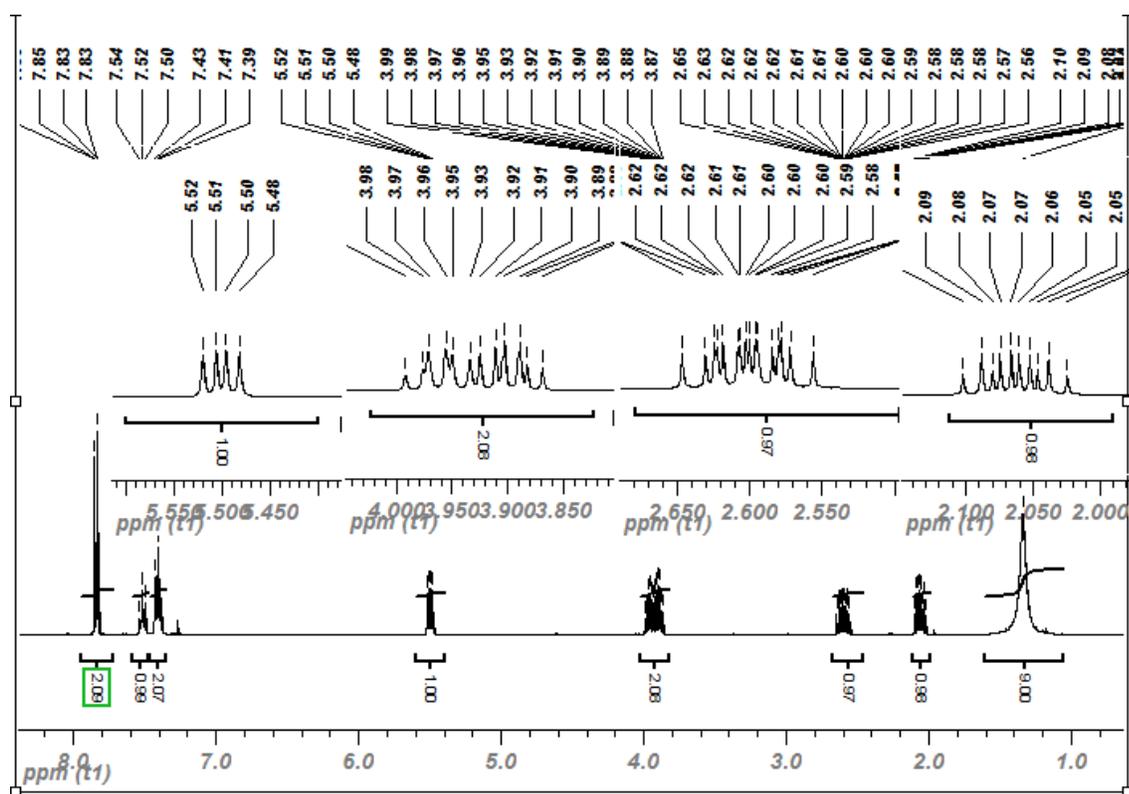


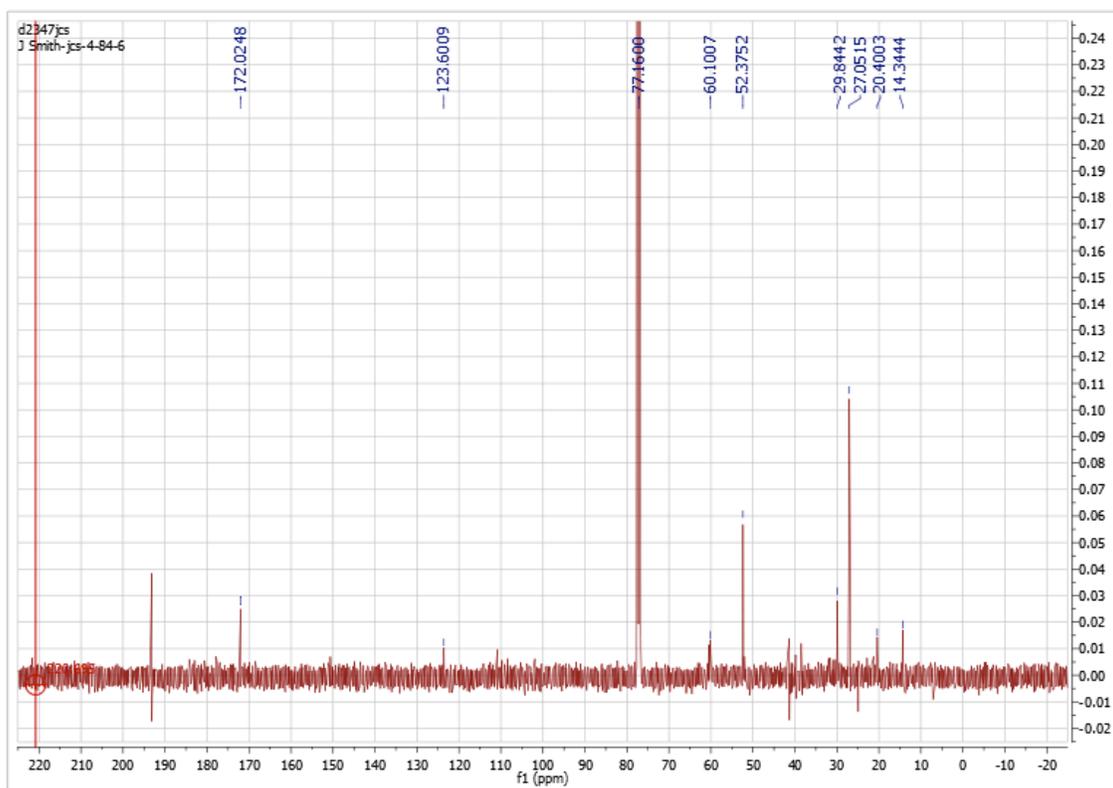
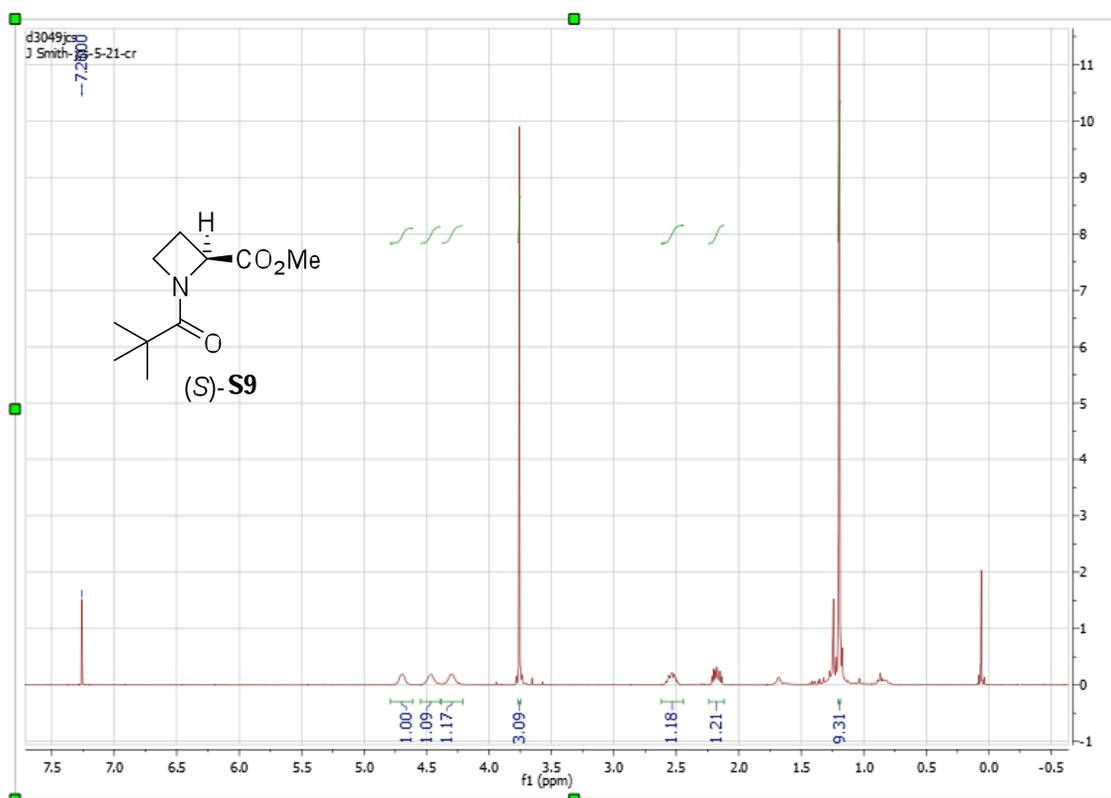


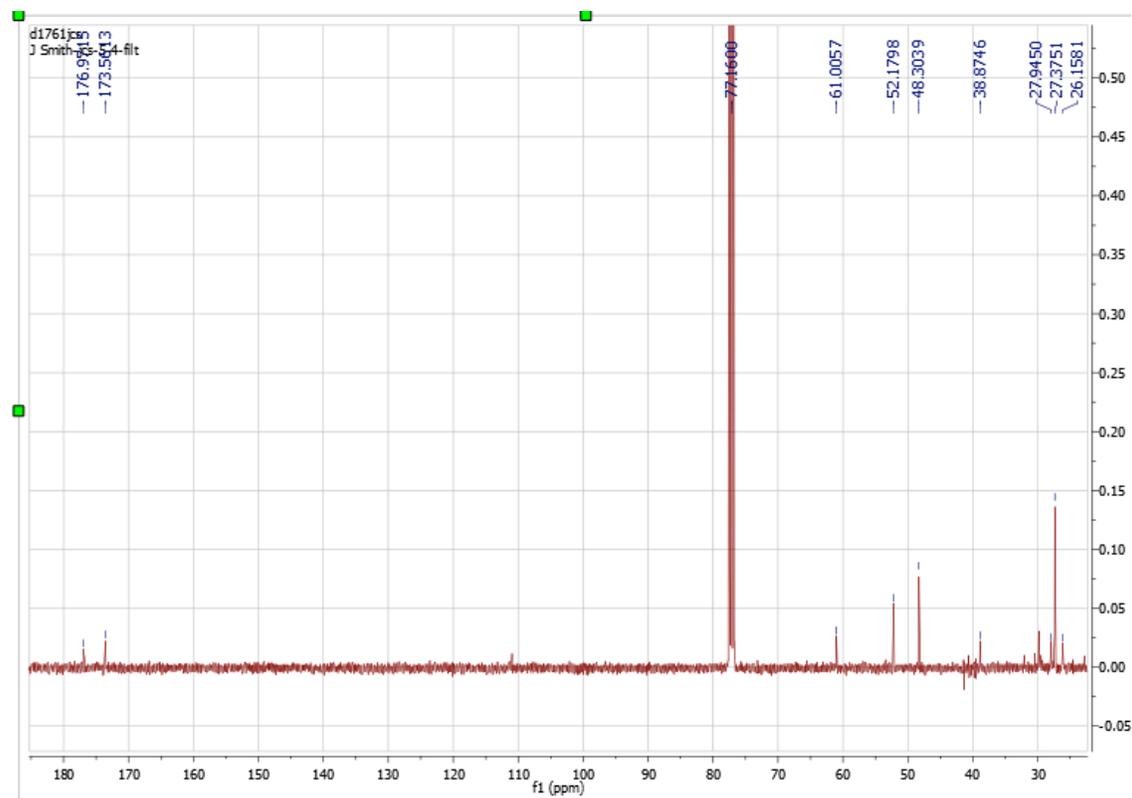
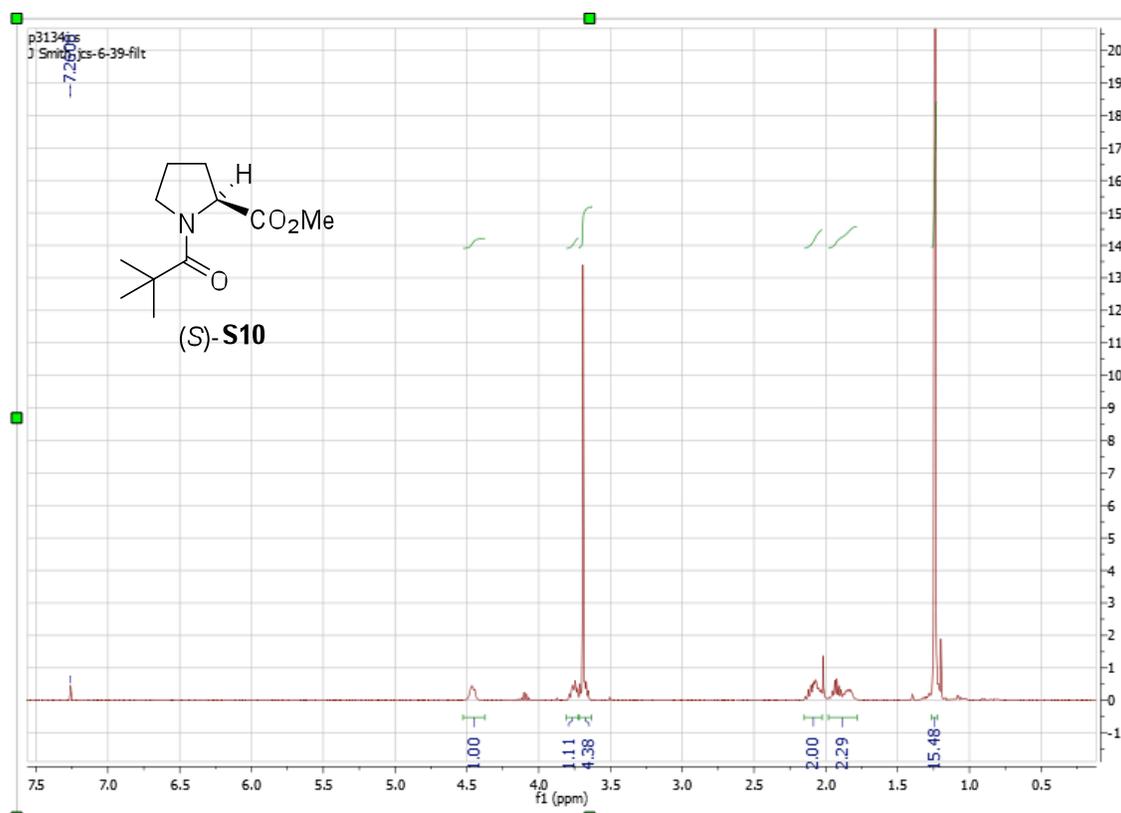


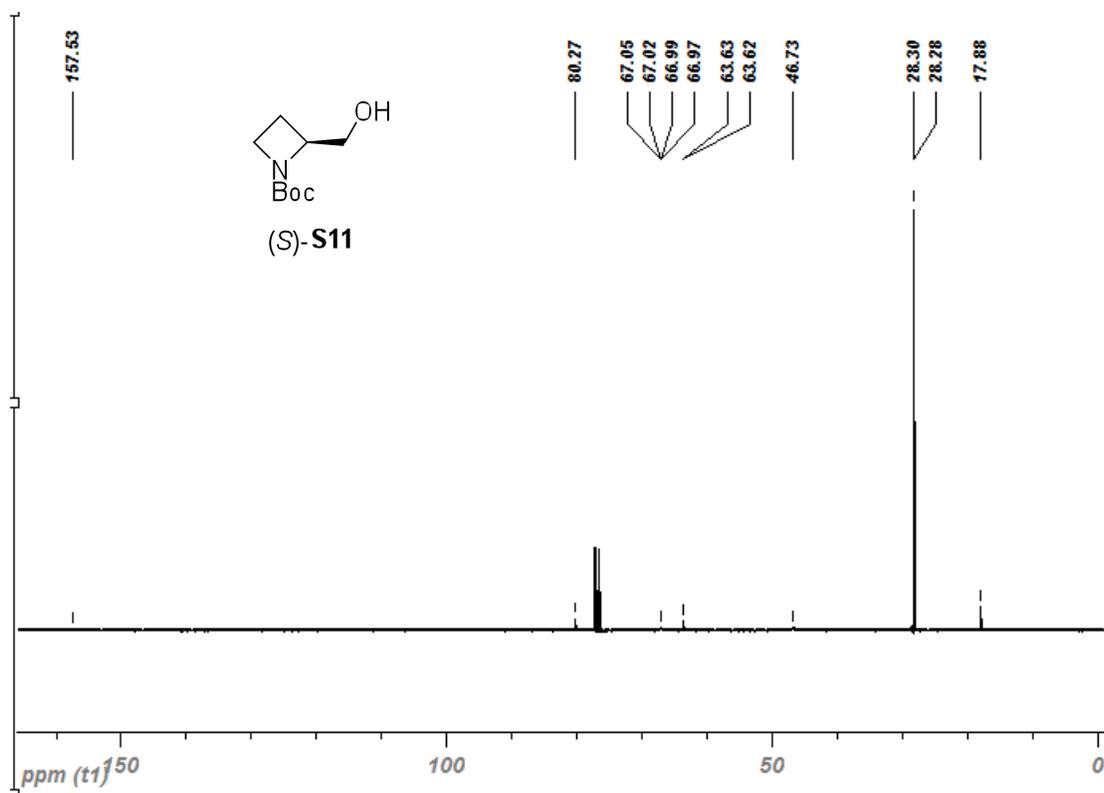
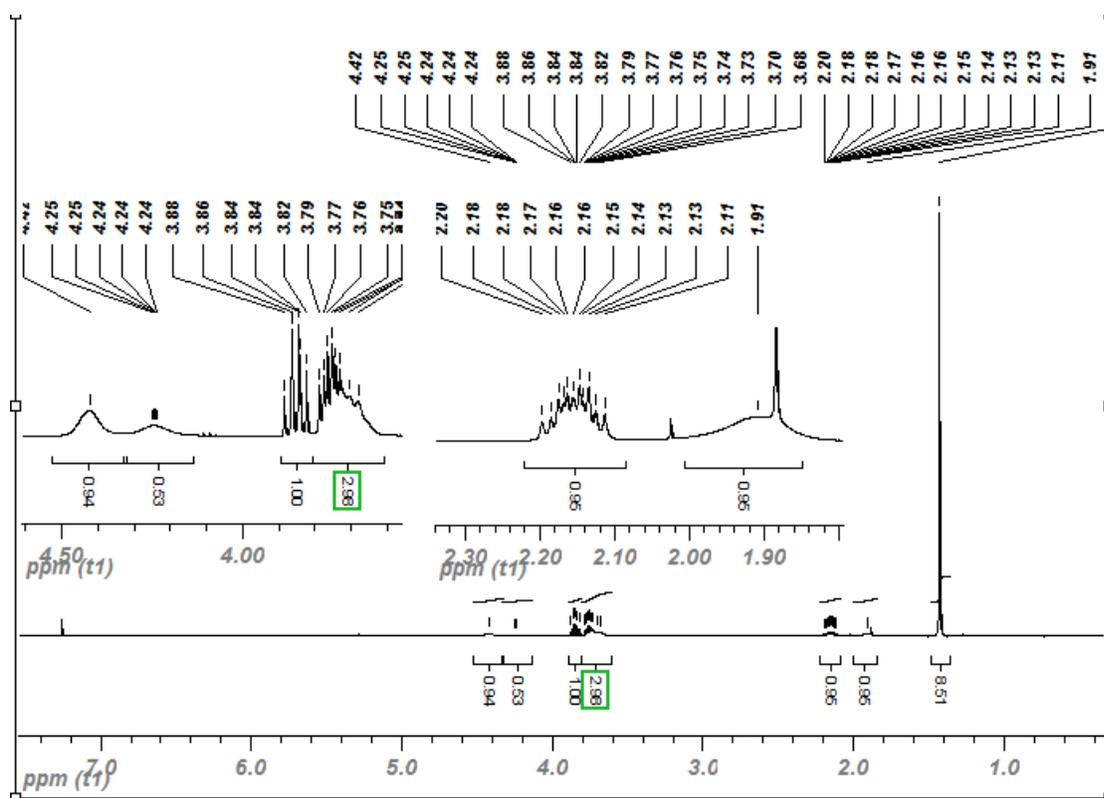


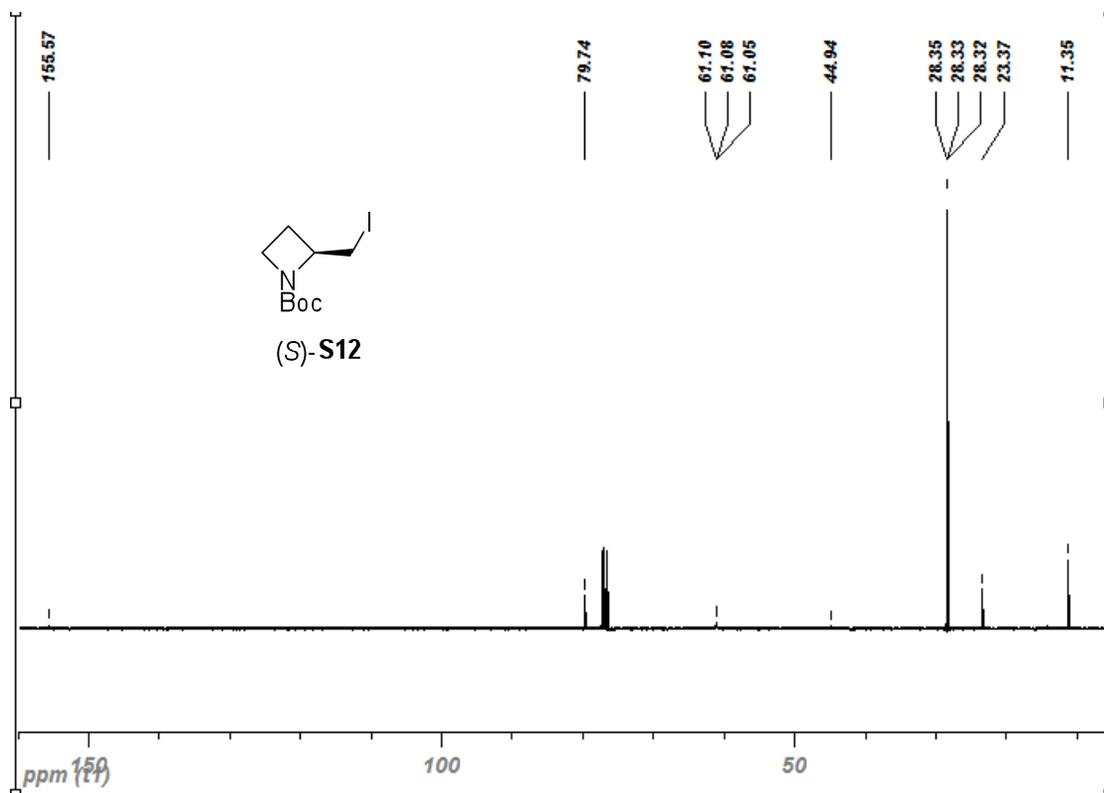
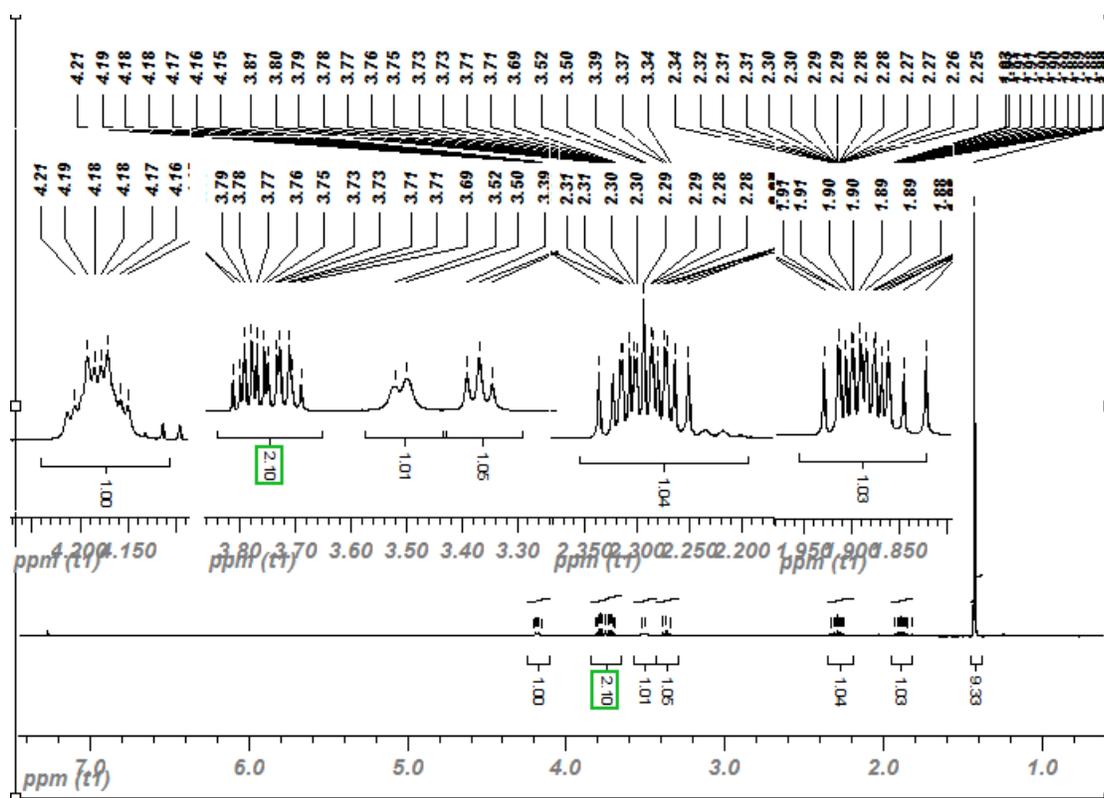


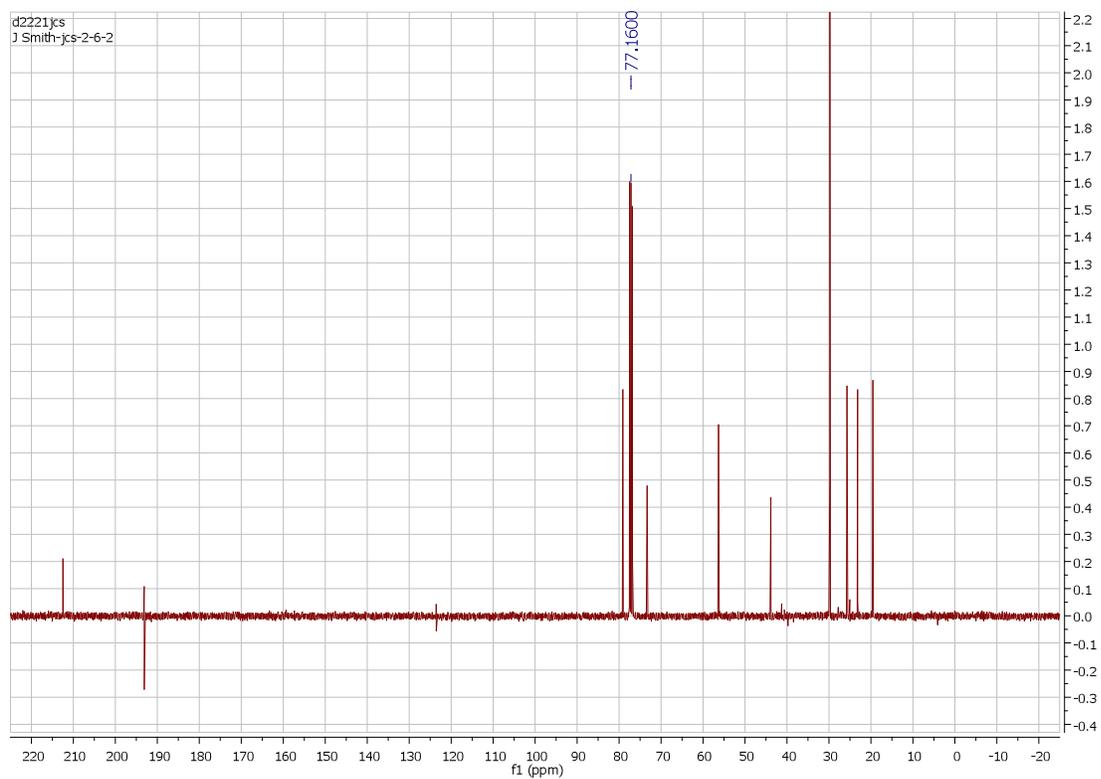
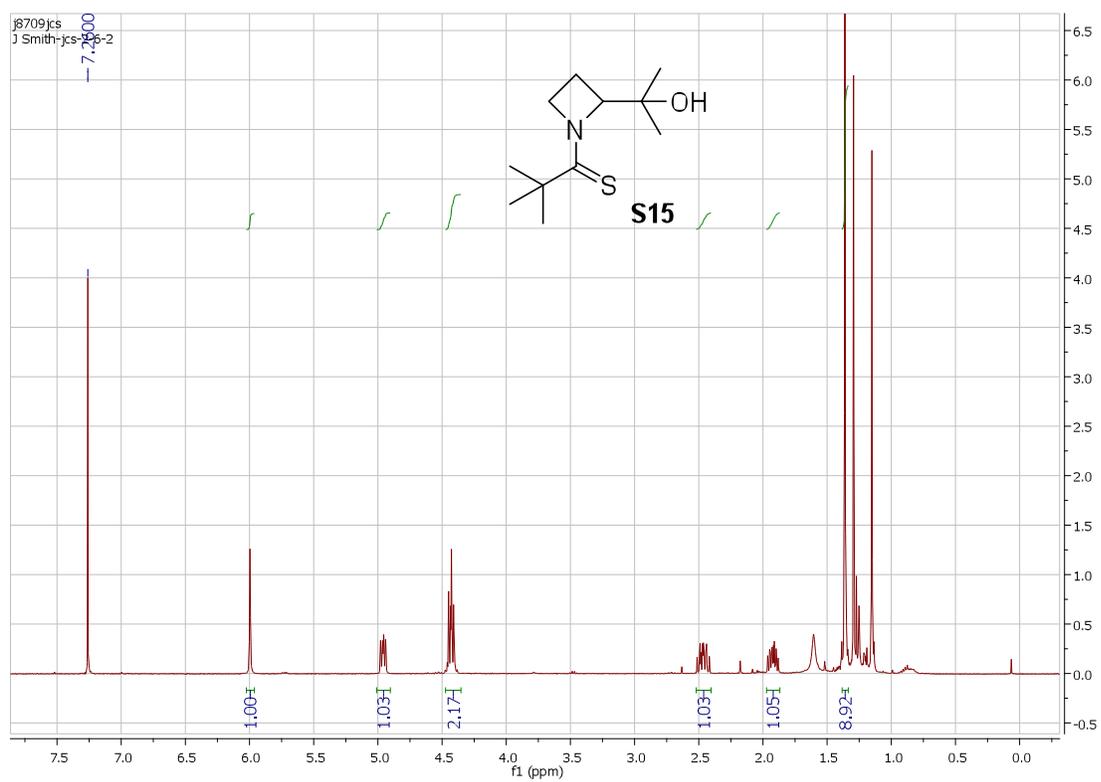


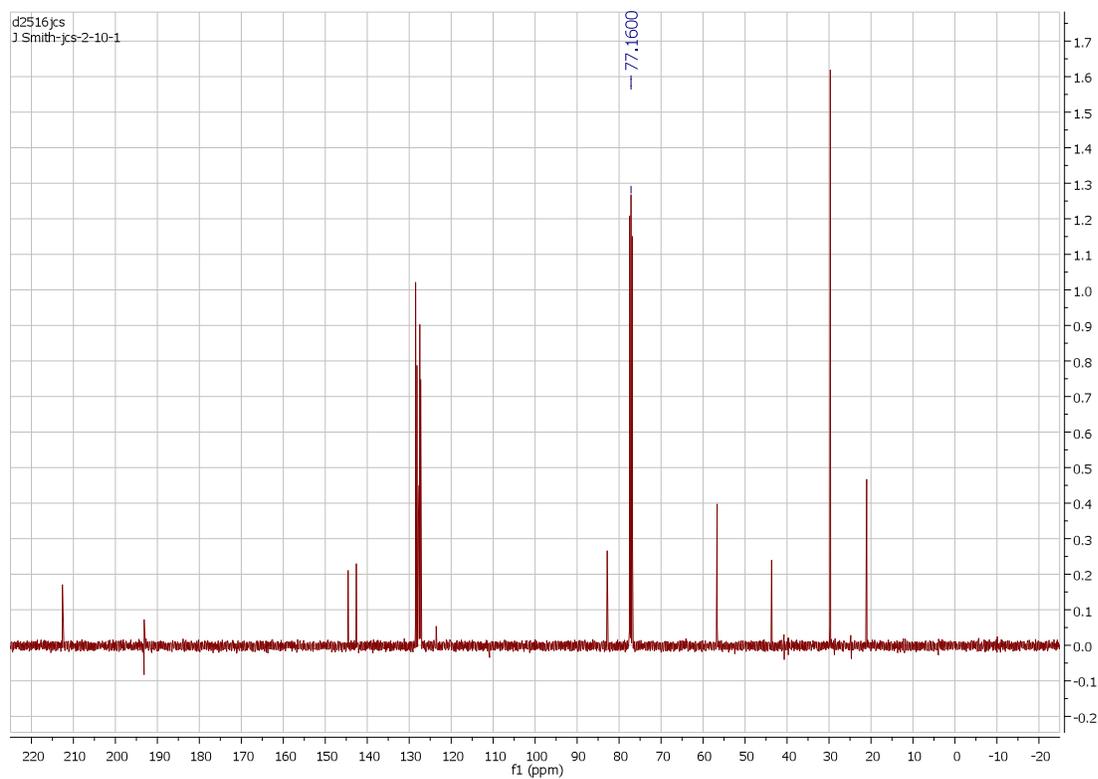
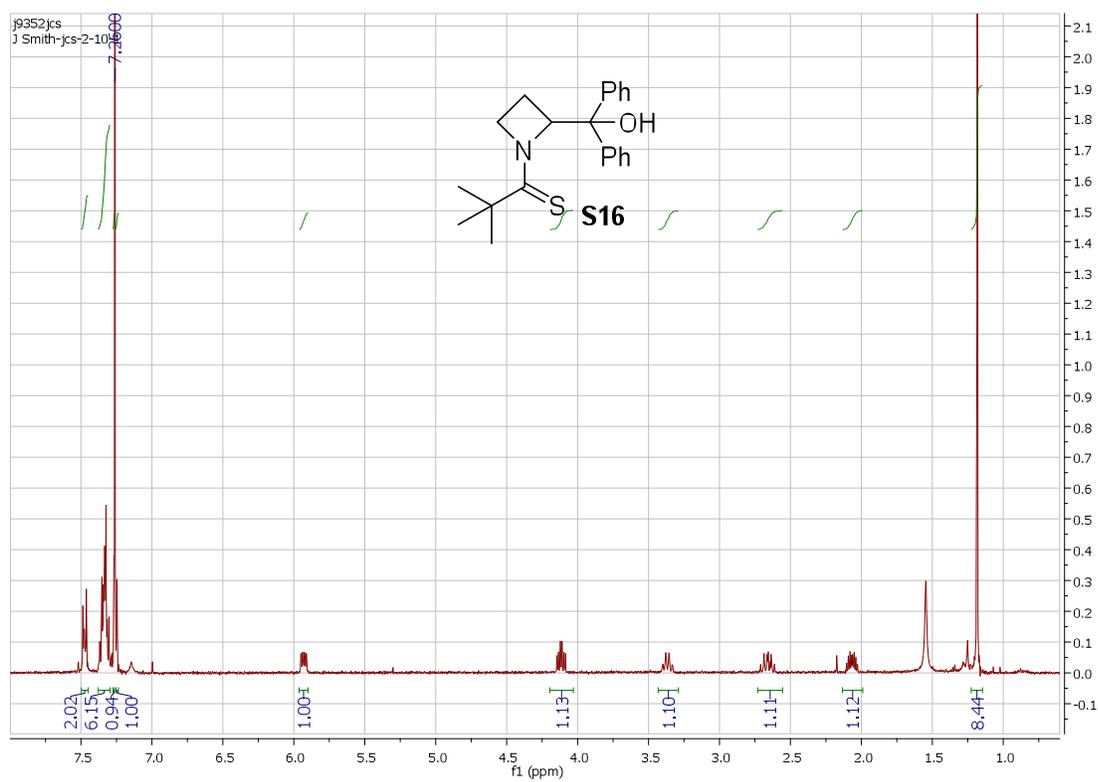


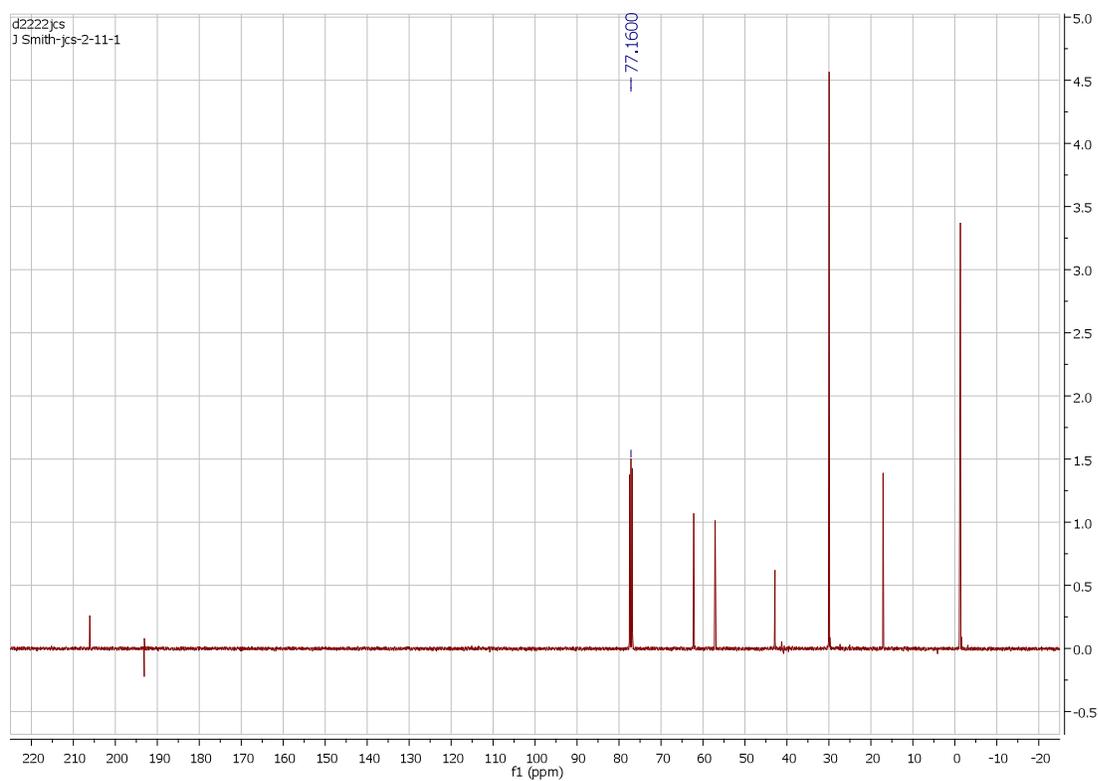
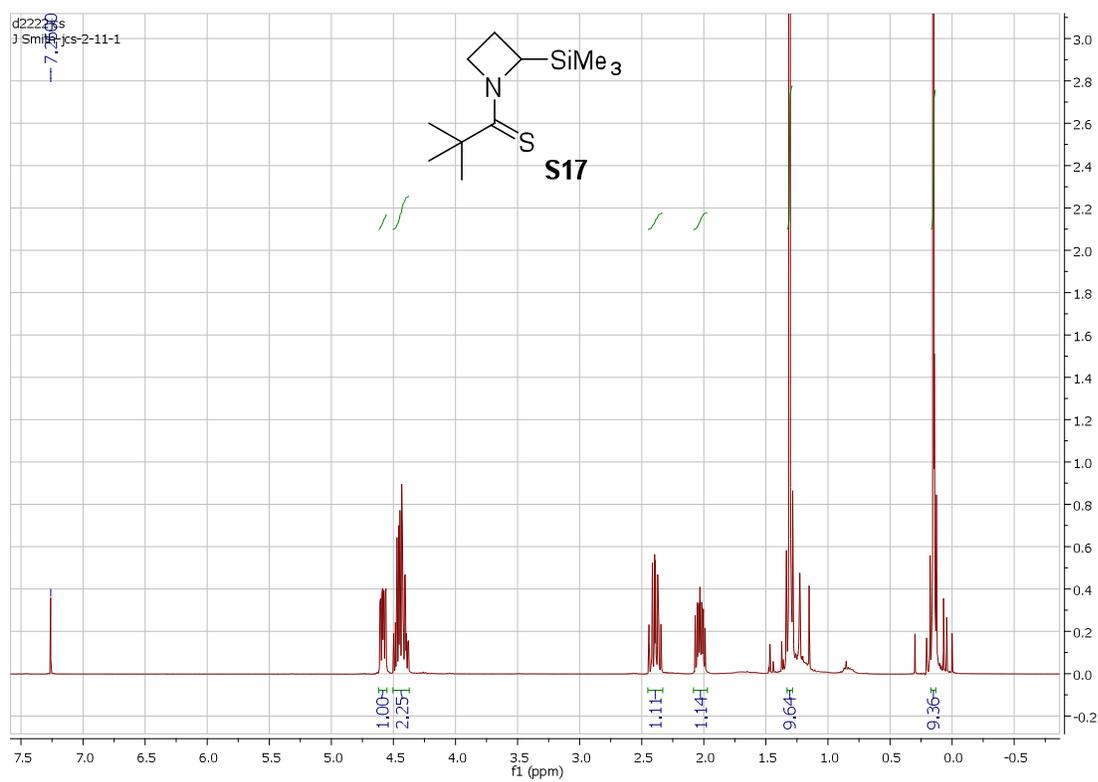






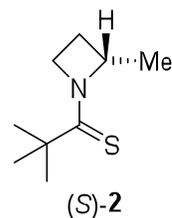
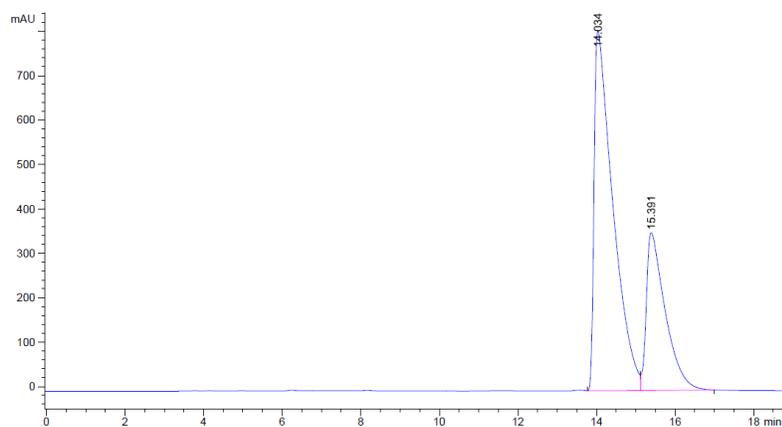






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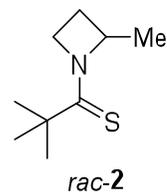
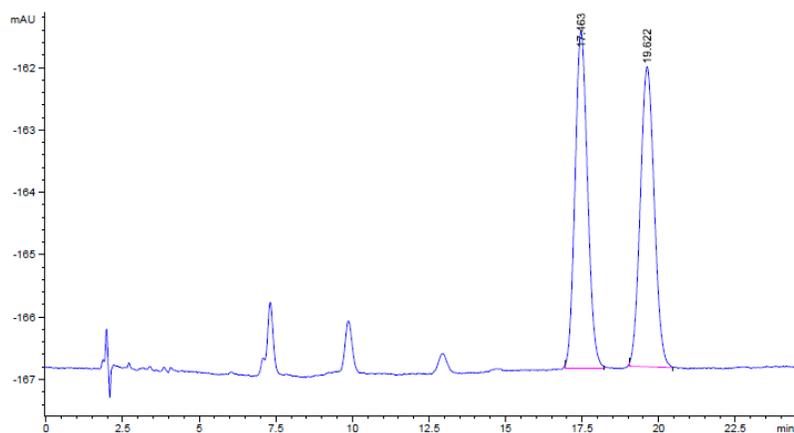
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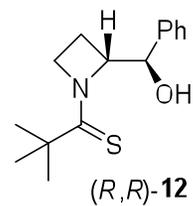
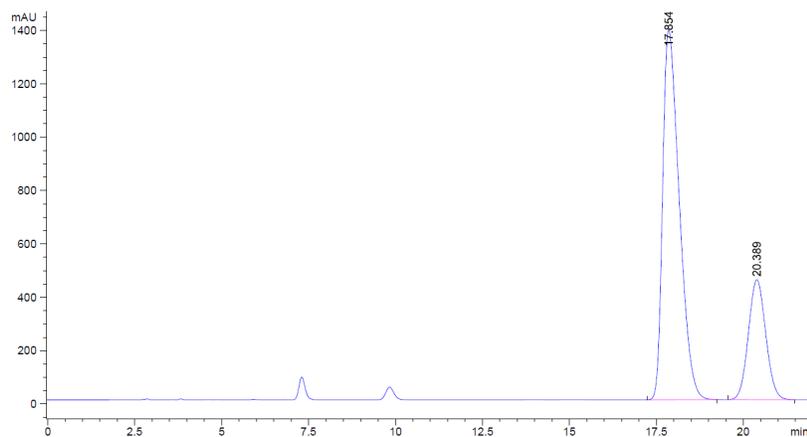
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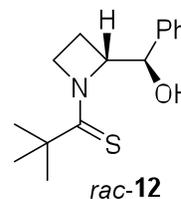
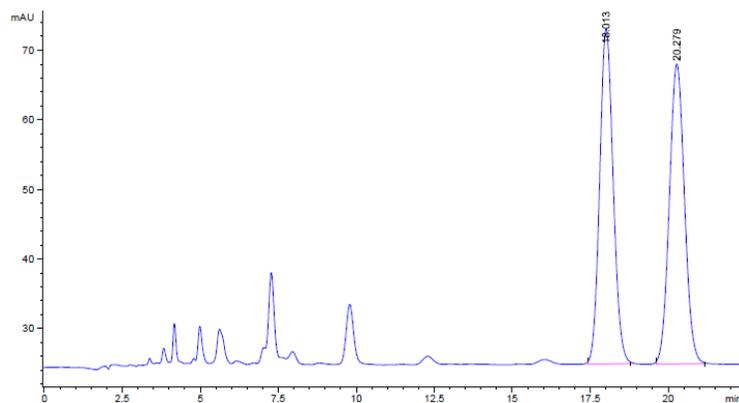
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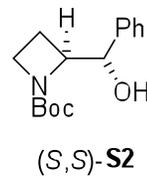
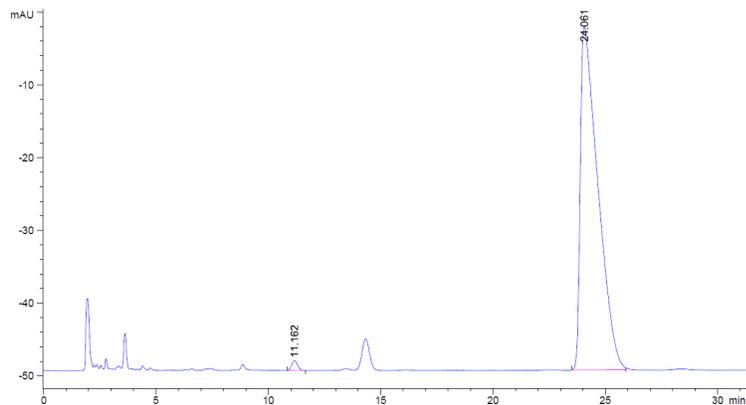
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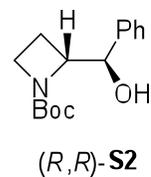
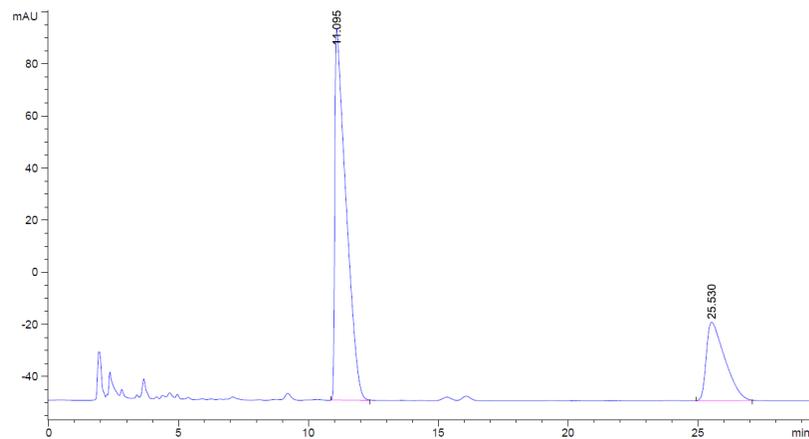
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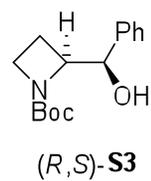
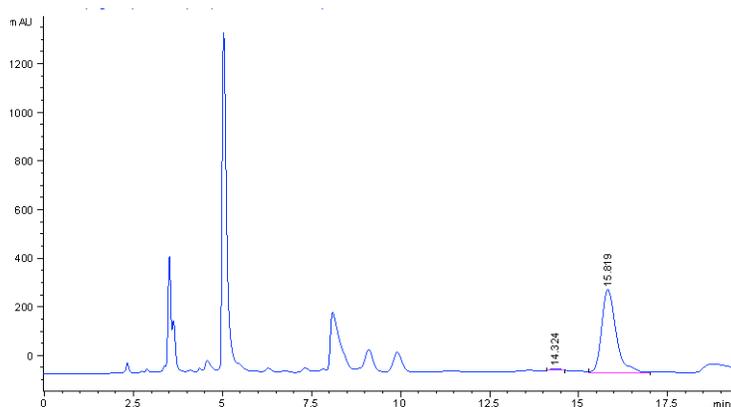
CSP-HPLC of (*S,S*)-**S2** of 99:1 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	11.162	BB	0.2869	24.89183	1.36396	0.9598
2	24.061	BB	0.7699	2568.67676	47.27539	99.0402

CSP-HPLC of (*R,R*)-**S2** of 75:25 er

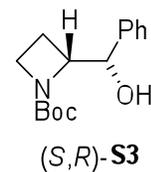
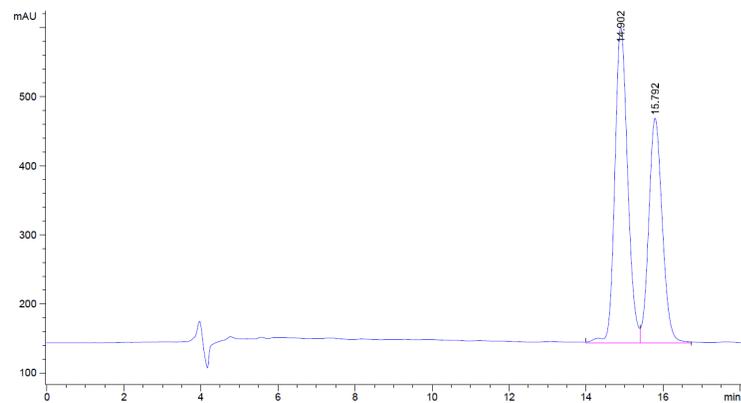
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	11.095	BB	0.4127	4284.12207	142.50230	74.0968
2	25.530	BB	0.7324	1497.66797	30.10507	25.9032

CSP-HPLC of (R,S)-S3 of 99:1 er

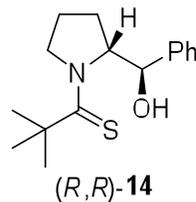
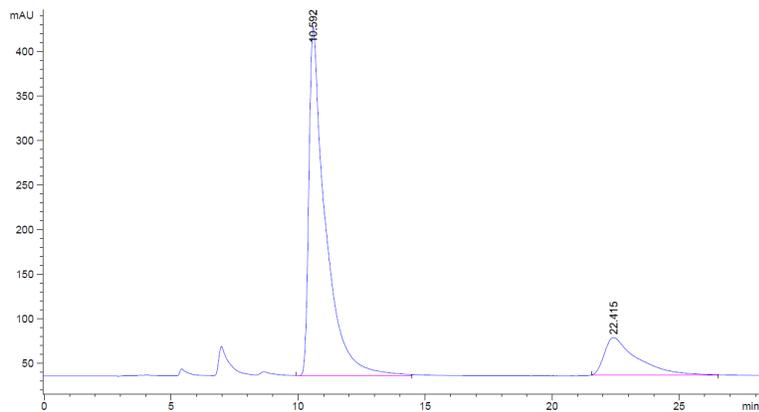


Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	14.324	MM	0.3111	149.31052	8.00008	1.5374
2	15.819	VB	0.4288	9562.29102	341.41754	98.4626
Totals :				9711.60153	349.41762	

CSP-HPLC of (S,R)-S3 of 57:43 er

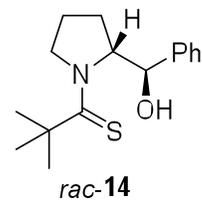
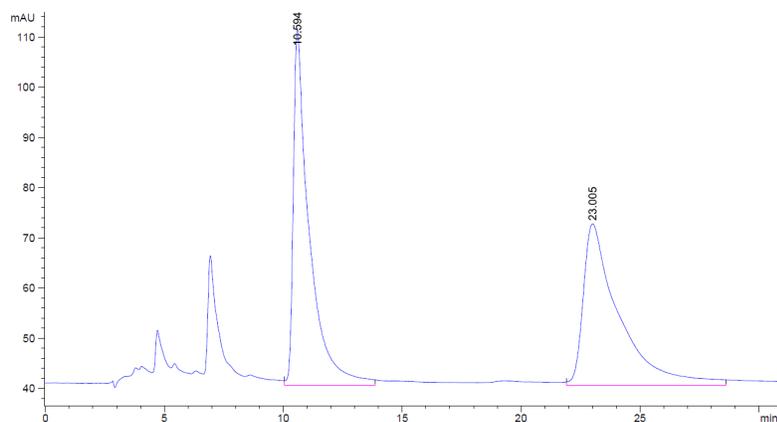


Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	14.902	MM	0.3858	1.05954e4	457.66769	57.0778
2	15.792	MM	0.4072	7967.68994	326.12051	42.9222

CSP-HPLC of (R,R)-14 of 82:18 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.592	MM	0.7530	1.76860e4	391.46387	82.1876
2	22.415	MM	1.5051	3833.06519	42.44429	17.8124

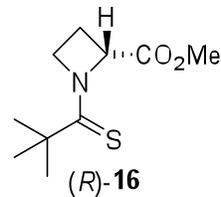
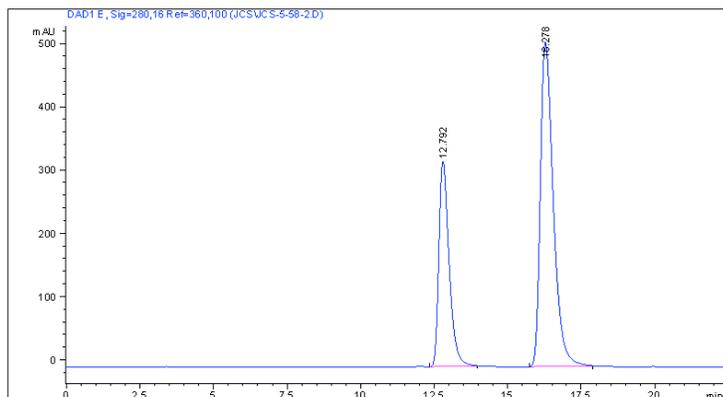
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CSP-HPLC of rac-14 of 50:50 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.594	MM	0.7766	3294.32764	70.70055	49.5635
2	23.005	MM	1.7412	3352.35986	32.08914	50.4365

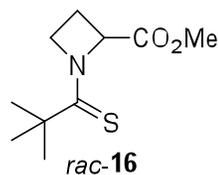
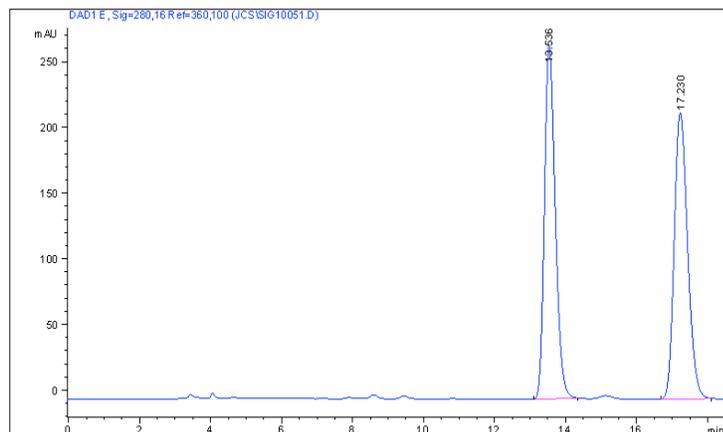
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CSP-HPLC of (R)-16 of 67:33 er



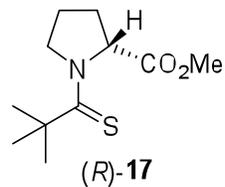
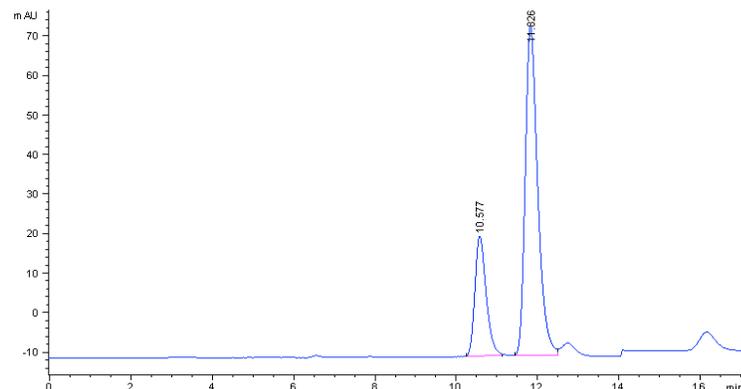
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.792	BB	0.3663	7852.21631	324.50208	33.4335
2	16.278	BB	0.4657	1.56338e4	512.79816	66.5665
Totals :				2.34861e4	837.30023	

CSP-HPLC of rac-16 of 50:50 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.536	BB	0.3271	5703.49072	269.24261	50.0292
2	17.230	BB	0.4050	5696.83545	217.90982	49.9708
Totals :				1.14003e4	487.15244	

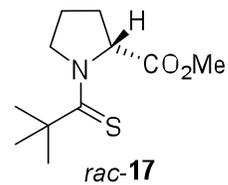
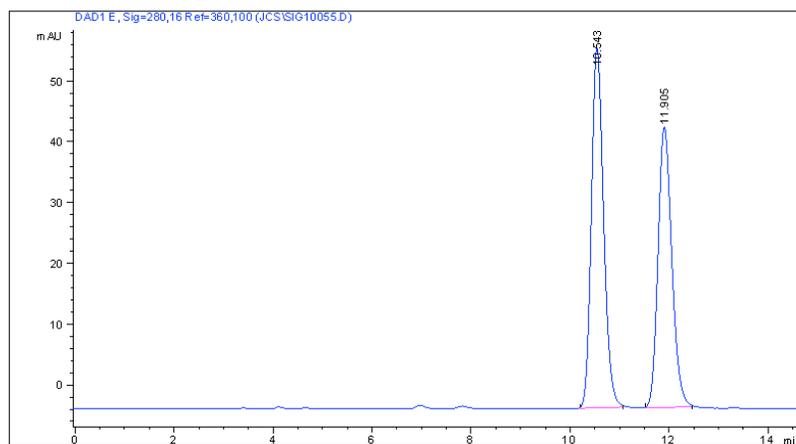
CSP-HPLC of (R)-17 of 76:24 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.577	BB	0.2891	580.77203	30.37472	24.4911
2	11.826	BB	0.3268	1790.58789	83.29710	75.5089

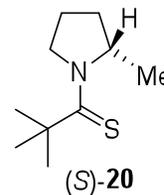
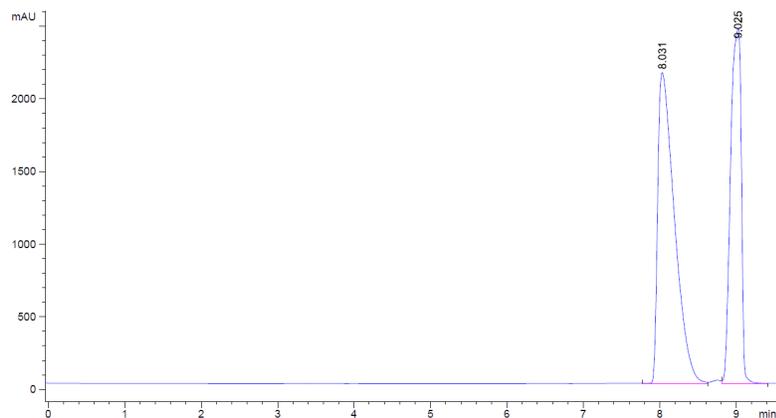
Totals : 2371.35992 113.67181

CSP-HPLC of rac-17 of 54:46 er



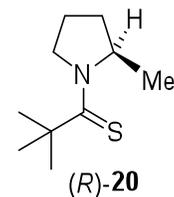
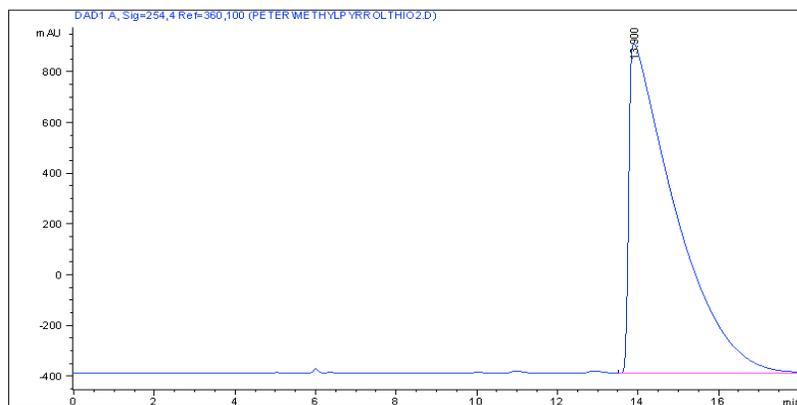
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.543	BB	0.2674	1022.90955	59.25338	53.5426
2	11.905	BB	0.2963	887.54871	46.16060	46.4574

Totals : 1910.45825 105.41398

CSP-HPLC of (S)-20 of 58:42 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	8.031	BV	0.2329	3.24516e4	2140.43945	57.8625
2	9.025	VB	0.1609	2.36324e4	2442.75171	42.1375

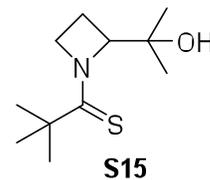
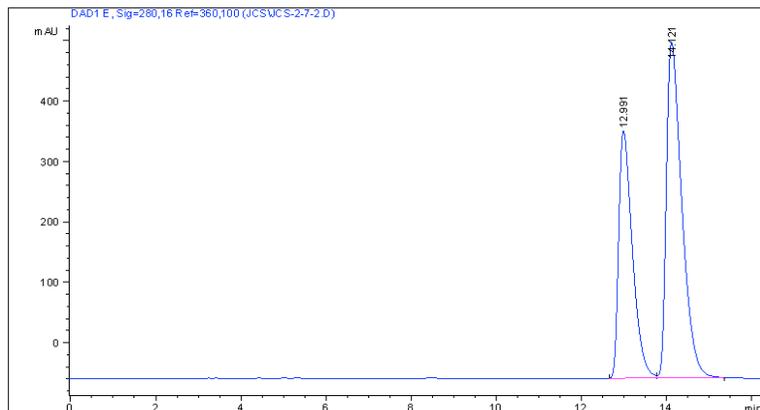
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CSP-HPLC of (R)-20 of 100:0 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.900	BBA	1.0214	1.02801e5	1298.89954	100.0000

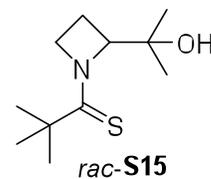
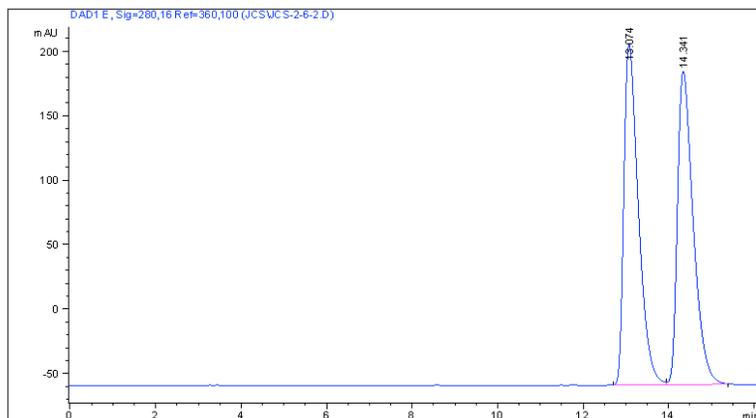
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CSP-HPLC of S15 of 60:40 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.991	BV	0.3409	9157.42285	409.49518	39.6060
2	14.121	VB	0.3810	1.39639e4	556.09570	60.3940

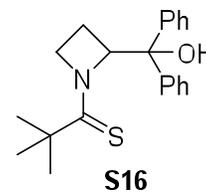
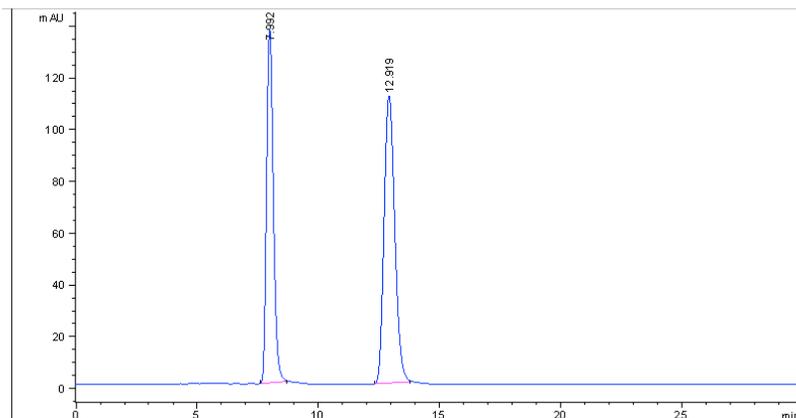
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CSP-HPLC of *rac*-S15 of 50:50 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.074	BV	0.3565	6233.15088	264.94638	49.9182
2	14.341	VB	0.3896	6253.57422	243.53642	50.0818

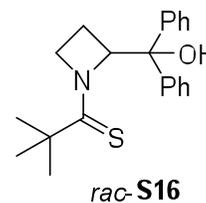
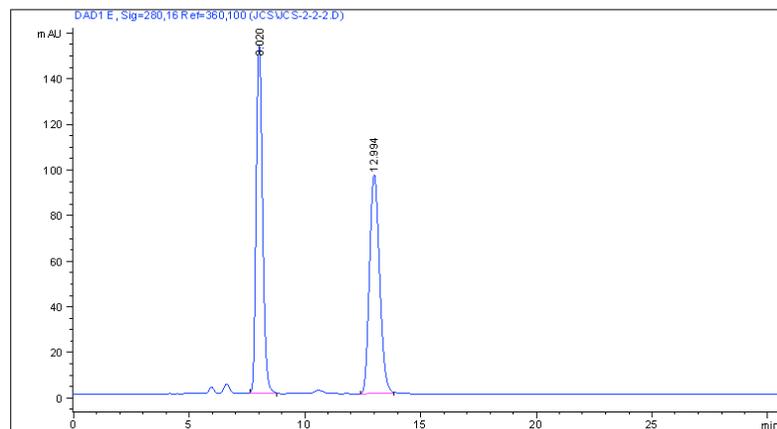
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CSP-HPLC of 16 of 56:44 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	7.992	BB	0.3047	2654.87158	136.62863	43.7902
2	12.919	BB	0.4819	3407.83398	111.08730	56.2098

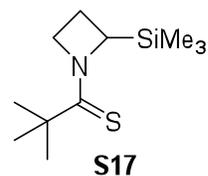
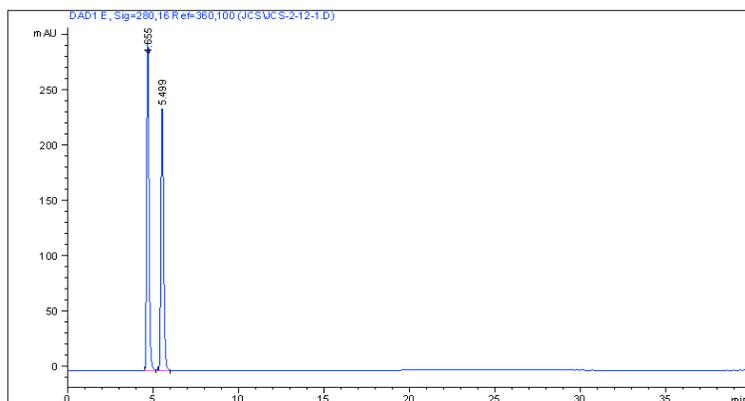
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CSP-HPLC of *rac*-S16 of 50:50 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	8.020	BB	0.3037	2954.64209	152.71715	50.3148
2	12.994	BB	0.4786	2917.67456	95.99203	49.6852

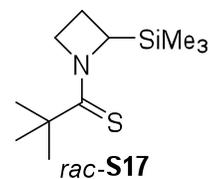
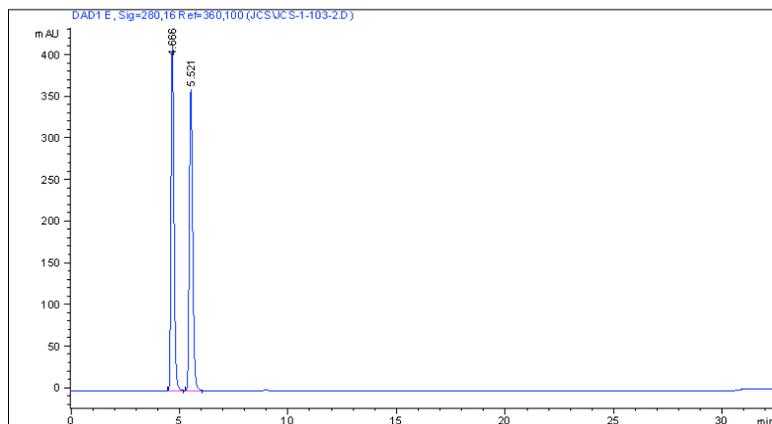
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CSP-HPLC of S17 of 53:47 er



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	4.655	BB	0.1501	2843.43530	296.02966	52.4863
2	5.499	BB	0.1708	2574.04126	236.88319	47.5137

Totals : 5417.47656 532.91286

CSP-HPLC of *rac*-S17 of 50:50 er

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	4.666	BB	0.1464	3931.13916	415.39651	50.0459
2	5.521	BB	0.1706	3923.92236	361.69928	49.9541

Totals : 7855.06152 777.09579

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