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Brønsted acid mediated N–O bond cleavage for α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction

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General Procedures

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware and were stirred using a magnetic stir plate. All reactions were carried out using anhydrous solvent unless otherwise noted. CH₃CN, and CH₂Cl₂ were dried over calcium hydride. Dry THF was prepared by distilling over sodium ketyl.

All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on WhatmanPartisil® K6F TLC plates (silica gel 60 Å, 0.25 mm thickness) and visualized using a UV lamp (366 or 254 nm) or by use of one of the following visualization reagents: PMA: 10 g phosphomolybdic acid/ 100 mL ethanol; KMnO₄: 0.75 g potassium permanganate, 5 g K₂CO₃, / 100mL water. Products were isolated by column chromatography (Merck silica gel 100-200μm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically homogenous materials unless noted otherwise. ¹³C and ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker400 or Bruker 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shift values (δ) are reported in ppm and calibrated to the residual solvent peak CDCl₃ δ = 7.2600 ppm for ¹H, δ = 77.16 for ¹³C; or calibrated to tetramethylsilane (δ = 0.00). All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature (290 K) unless otherwise noted. ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constant, integration). The following abbreviations are used to indicate multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; sext, sextet; sept, septet; m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublet; dt, doublet of triplet; dq, doublet of quartet; td, triplet of doublet; tt, triplet of triplet; dq, doublet of quartet; br, broad; app, apparent.

Mass spectra were recorded by electrospray ionization (ESI) method on a Q-TOF Micro with lock spray source. The crystal data were collected and integrated using a BrukerAxs kappa apex2 CCD diffractometer, with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation.

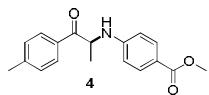
The silyl enol ethers were synthesized following literature procedures published previously and were purified by silica gel column chromatography or distillation (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2008, **47**, 3795; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2012, **51**, 1942). The parent nitrosobenzene was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich company; other nitrosobenzene derivatives were synthesized following literature procedures published previously (*J. Org. Chem.* 2005, **70**, 2350).

Synthesis of silyl enol ethers of 1,7-diphenylheptane-1,7-dione: To a 100mL round bottom flask (primary flask) equipped with a magnetic stir bar and rubber septum was added CH₂Cl₂ (20mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The flask was cooled to 0°C and hexamethyldisilane (5.3 mmol, 1.5

equiv.) followed by triflic acid (5.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added drop-wise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for one hour. A secondary flask was equipped with a rubber septum was charged with CH₂Cl₂ (20mL), triethylamine (7.2 mmol, 2 equiv.), and 1,7-diphenylheptane-1,7-dione (3.5 mmol, 1equiv.) were added. The secondary flask was cooled to 0°C and the content of the primary flask was transferred into it via syringe. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for additional 3 h. Reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with hexanes. Combined organic layers dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude product as a mixture of mono- and di-silylated silyl enol ethers. The pure silyl enol ethers were isolated after purification via silica gel (neutralized with triethylamine) column chromatography to provide mono-silylated silyl enol ether in 40% yield ($R_f = 0.2$ in hexane). The di-silylated silyl enol ether was isolated only in 10% yield ($R_f = 0.7$ in hexane). However, better yield of di-silylated silyl enol ether (55% yield) was achieved when excess hexamethyldisilane (3.5 equiv.) and triflic acid (3.5 equiv.) were used.

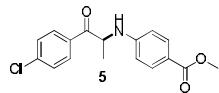
General procedure for the α -amination of ketones using phenylboronic acid promoted N–O bond cleavage:

Nitroso compound (1.2 equiv.) was taken in a 16x100 mm oven dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir. The test tube was capped with a septum and kept under vacuum for 10 min and then purged with nitrogen. Dry CH₃CN (3 mL) and silyl enol ether (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 5 h at room temperature. Afterward, phenylboronic acid (3.0 equiv.) was added in one portion and the stirring was continued for additional 17 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then transfer to a pear shape flask after dilution with CH₂Cl₂. The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column and purified to provide pure nitroso aldol products **4-16**.

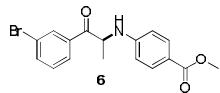


4: Compound **4** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to

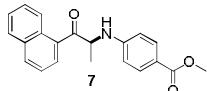
provide pure compound (42 mg, 94%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.92-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.96 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.80 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (d, J = 6.44 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.10 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.08 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.1, 167.3, 150.3, 145.1, 131.8 (2 \times C), 129.8, 128.8, 118.8, 112.1, 52.7, 51.7, 20.8, 19.7; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 298.1624 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



5: Compound **5** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1 \rightarrow 10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (44 mg, 93%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 2H), 5.12 (q, J = 6.92 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.96 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 198.1, 167.2, 149.3, 140.7, 132.5, 131.8, 130.1, 129.5, 120.0, 113.1, 53.6, 51.8, 19.3; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_3\text{Na}^+$ m/z (%) = 340.0781 ([M+Na] $^+$, 100%).

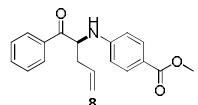


6: Compound **6** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1 \rightarrow 10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (48 mg, 90 %) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.12 (t, J = 1.72 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.91(m, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dq, J^1 = 0.96 Hz, J^2 = 7.96 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.89 Hz, 1H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 2H), 5.11 (q, J = 6.96 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.96 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.3, 167.3, 149.7, 137.0, 136.1, 131.8, 131.7, 130.7, 127.1, 123.5, 119.5, 112.5, 53.3, 51.8, 19.4; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{BrH}^+$ m/z (%) = 362.0392 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

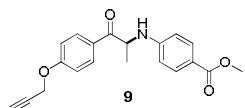


7: Compound **7** was prepared following general α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction protocol described above (24 h reaction time) and purified by silica gel column

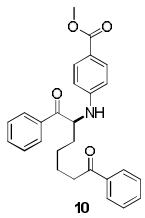
chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (37 mg, 75.0%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.42 (d, J = 8.28 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.24 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.52 (m, 3H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.18 (q, J = 7.00 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.04 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 202.8, 167.3, 149.8, 134.1, 133.6, 133.4, 131.8, 130.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 124.5, 119.5, 112.7, 55.9, 51.7, 18.6; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{K}^+$ m/z (%) = 372.1015 ([M+K] $^+$, 100%).



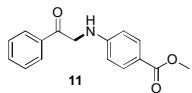
8: Compound **8** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (37 mg, 81%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.86 (dt, J^1 = 9.44 Hz, J^2 = 2.48 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.72 Hz, 2H), 5.69-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.23 (t, J = 5.36 Hz, 1H), 5.08-5.05 (m, 1H), 5.01-4.96 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.82-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 198.6, 167.3, 150.3, 134.9, 134.1, 131.9, 131.8, 129.1, 128.6, 119.5, 119.3, 112.5, 56.9, 51.7, 36.9; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 310.1559 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



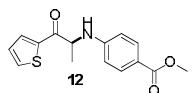
9: Compound **9** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (36 mg, 72%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.01-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.63-6.60 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.78-4.77 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.57 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 5.52 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 197.9, 167.4, 162.0, 150.3, 131.8, 130.9, 127.8, 118.8, 115.1, 112.1, 77.7, 76.5, 56.0, 52.5, 51.7, 19.7; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 338.1372 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



10: Compound **10** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→15% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (63 mg, 98%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.91 (dd, $J^1 = 8.48$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.28$ Hz, 2H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.84$ Hz, 2H) 6.56 (d, $J = 8.80$ Hz, 2H), 5.17-5.15 (m, 1H) 5.12-5.10 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.79 (td, , $J^1 = 7.08$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.32$ Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 199.5, 167.3, 150.7, 136.9, 134.7, 134.1, 133.1, 131.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 119.0, 122.2, 57.0, 51.7, 38.2, 32.8, 24.6, 24.0; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 430.2129 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

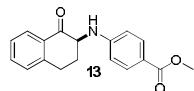


11: Compound **11** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (28 mg, 70%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.2, 167.4, 150.7, 134.7, 134.3, 131.8, 129.1, 128.0, 119.1, 112.1, 51.7, 49.6; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 270.1130 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

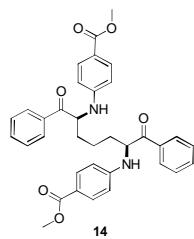


12: Compound **12** was prepared following general α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction protocol described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (37 mg, 86%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J^1 = 3.84$

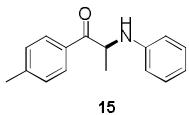
Hz, $J^2 = 3.08$ Hz, 1H), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H), 4.95 (q, $J = 5.52$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, $J = 5.52$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 192.6, 167.3, 149.5, 140.8, 135.2, 133.0, 131.8, 128.7, 113.1, 52.2, 51.9, 20.1$; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{SH}^+$ m/z (%) = 290.0934 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$).



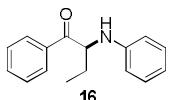
13: Compound **13** was prepared following general α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction protocol described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1-15% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (25 mg, 55%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.06$ (dd, $J^1 = 6.64$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.2$ Hz 1H), 7.90 dd, $J^1 = 5.00$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.8$ Hz 2H), 7.54 (td, $J^1 = 7.48$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.4$ Hz 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.60$ Hz 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.68$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J^1 = 6.96$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.92$ Hz 2H), 5.60 (d, $J = 3.84$ Hz, 1H), 4.28(dt, $J^1 = 13.52$ Hz, $J^2 = 4.28$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.10 (ddd, $J^1 = 17.16$ Hz, $J^2 = 3.88$ Hz, $J^3 = 2.72$ Hz 1H), 2.77-2.70 (m, 1H), 1.98 (qd, $J^1 = 26.56$ Hz, $J^2 = 4.36$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 196.0, 167.4, 150.5, 143.5, 134.2, 131.8, 131.6, 129.1, 127.9, 127.1, 119.2, 112.2, 59.4, 51.8, 30.6, 28.4$.



14: Compound **14** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (10 \rightarrow 35% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (80 mg, 92%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.87$ -7.85 (m, 4H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 4H), 6.54-6.52 (m, 4H), 5.07-5.02 (m, 4H) 3.84 (s, 6H), 2.04-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.59 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.2$ (2xC), 167.3, 150.5 (2xC), 134.7 (2xC), 134.1, 131.8, 129.2, 128.4, 119.3 (2xC), 112.3, 56.9 (2xC), 51.7, 32.7, 32.5, 20.5, 20.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 579.2536 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%).



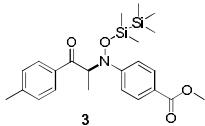
15: Compound **15** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 92%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.93-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.65 (m, 3H), 5.10 (q, J = 6.88 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.88 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.3, 146.8, 144.7, 132.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 118.0, 113.6, 53.4, 21.8, 19.8; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 240.1434 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



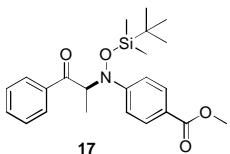
16: Compound **16** was prepared following the general procedure for α -amination of ketones described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (36 mg, 96%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.60 (tt, J^1 = 7.36 Hz, J^2 = 1.28 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.68 (m, 3H), 5.08-5.06 (m, 1H) 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.09-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.44 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.6, 147.2, 135.4, 133.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 118.0, 113.7, 58.9, 26.0, 9.3; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ m/z (%) = 240.1477 ([M+Na] $^+$, 100%).

Isolation of the intermediates **3** and **17**:

Nitroso compound (1.2 equiv.) was taken in a 16x100 mm oven dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir. The test tube was capped with a septum and kept under vacuum for 10 min and then purged with nitrogen. Dry CH_3CN (3 mL) and the corresponding silyl enol ether (0.15, mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature until silyl enol ether was consumed (for TMS-SiMe₂-silyl enol ether, 5 h; for TBS-silyl enol ether, 16 h). The reaction mixture was transfer to a pear shape flask after dilution with CH_2Cl_2 . The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column and purified to provide pure nitroso aldol intermediates **3** or **17**.



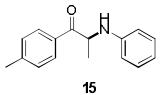
3: Compound **3** was prepared following the above procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (65 mg, 98%) as colorless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.98-7.92 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.96 (q, J = 6.64 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) 1.28 (d, J = 6.64 Hz, 3H), – 0.01 (s, 3H), – 0.02 (s, 3H), – 0.04 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.3, 167.0, 156.8, 143.9, 134.4, 130.5, 129.3, 129.2, 124.8, 118.4, 68.0, 52.0, 21.8, 11.4, – 0.5, – 2.1.



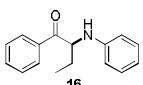
17: Compound **17** was prepared following the above procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (58 mg, 95%) as colourless liquid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.99 (d, J = 7.55 Hz, 2H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.65, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 4.94 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.31 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.87(s, 9H), – 0.12 (s, 3H), – 0.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.9, 166.9, 157.0, 137.2, 133.1, 130.3, 129.0, 128.5, 125.3, 119.1, 68.4, 52.0, 26.1, 18.1, 11.8, – 4.70 (2xC).

General procedure for the α -amination of ketones using silica gel promoted N–O bond cleavage:

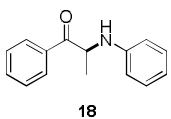
Nitroso compound (1.2 equiv.) was taken in a 16x100 mm oven dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir. The test tube was capped with a septum and kept under vacuum for 10 min and then purged with nitrogen. Dry CH_3CN (3 mL) and silyl enol ether (0.15, mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 24 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was transfer to a pear shape flask after dilution with CH_2Cl_2 . The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column (30 g of Merck 100-200 mesh silica gel was used and height of the column was 30 cm) and purified to provide pure nitroso aldol products **15-41**.



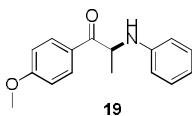
15: Compound **15** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (31 mg, 90%) as white solid. Details of NMR-spectra were described in the preceding paragraph.



16: Compound **16** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (36 mg, 96%) as white solid. Details of NMR-spectra were described in the preceding paragraph.

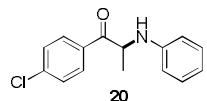


18: Compound **18** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 96%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.02-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.85 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.35 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.75 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (q, J = 6.85 Hz, 1H) 4.71 (s, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.9, 146.8, 134.9, 133.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 118.1, 113.7, 53.6, 19.8; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 226.1373 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

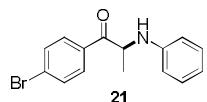


19: Compound **19** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (32 mg, 84%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.01 (dt, J^1 = 8.92 Hz, J^2 = 2.84 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.66 (m, 3H), 5.09-5.06

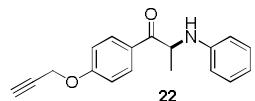
(m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H) 1.47 (d, $J = 6.88$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.2, 164.1, 146.8, 130.9, 129.5, 127.7, 117.9, 114.2, 113.6, 55.7, 53.1, 19.9$.



20: Compound **20** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography ($1 \rightarrow 4\%$ EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (34 mg, 86%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.96$ (dt, $J^1 = 8.64$ Hz, $J^2 = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, $J^1 = 8.64$ Hz, $J^2 = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.73 (tt, $J^1 = 8.32$ Hz, $J^2 = 1$ Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.64 (m, 2H), 5.07 (m, 1H), 4.64-4.63 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, $J = 6.92$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.7, 146.5, 140.3, 133.2, 130.0, 129.6, 129.4, 118.2, 113.6, 53.6, 19.6$; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 304.0379 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

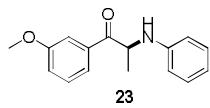


21: Compound **21** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography ($1 \rightarrow 4\%$ EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (37 mg, 80%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.89$ -7.86 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 2H), 5.07-5.05 (s, 1H), 4.64 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, $J = 6.92$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.9, 146.5, 133.5, 132.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 118.2, 113.6, 53.6, 19.6$; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 304.0379 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

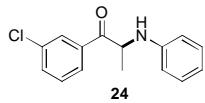


22: Compound **22** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography ($1 \rightarrow 5\%$ EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 79%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.04$ -8.01 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 2H), 5.08 (q, $J =$

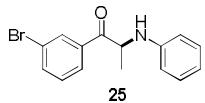
6.90 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 2.35 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (brs, 1H), 2.57 (t, J = 2.40 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.90 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.2, 161.8, 146.7, 130.8, 129.5, 128.4, 117.9, 115.0, 113.6, 77.7, 76.5, 56.0 53.1, 19.8.



22: Compound **22** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 87%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.96 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.67 (m, 3H), 5.11 (q, J = 6.88 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.88 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.7, 160.2, 146.7, 136.2, 130.0, 129.5, 121.0, 120.1, 118.0, 113.6, 113.1, 55.6, 53.6, 19.8.

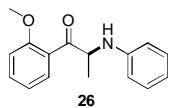


24: Compound **24** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 84%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.98 (t, J = 1.54 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dt, J^1 = 7.80 Hz, J^2 = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J^1 = 8.6 Hz, J^2 = 1 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (q, J = 6.90 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.7, 146.5, 136.4, 135.4, 133.7, 130.3, 129.6, 128.7, 126.6, 118.3, 113.7, 53.8, 19.6; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 260.0900 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

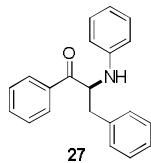


25: Compound **25** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (38 mg, 84%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.14 (t, J = 1.7

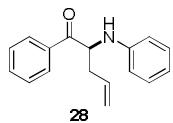
Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.74 (ddd, $J^1 = 8.00$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.96$ Hz, $J^3 = 1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.88$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J^1 = 8.64$ Hz, $J^2 = 1$ Hz, 2H), 5.06 (q, $J = 6.96$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 1.48 (d, $J = 6.90$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.6, 146.4, 136.6, 131.6, 130.6, 129.5, 127.0, 123.4, 121.8, 118.3, 113.7, 53.7, 19.5$.



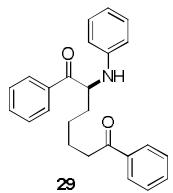
26: Compound **26** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (31 mg, 80%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.72$ (dd, $J^1 = 7.72$ Hz, $J^2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.73 (m, 3H), 5.23 (q, $J = 6.96$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, $J = 6.96$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 202.3, 158.5, 146.1, 134.3, 131.3, 129.4, 126.0, 121.2, 118.7, 114.7, 111.7, 58.3, 55.8, 18.4$.



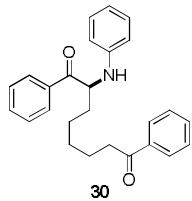
27: Compound **27** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (40 mg, 89%) as yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.96$ (d, $J = 7.92$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.36$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.64$ Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 3.30 (dd, $J^1 = 13.76$ Hz, $J^2 = 5.68$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J^1 = 13.76$ Hz, $J^2 = 5.68$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 199.6, 146.6, 136.6, 135.5, 133.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.0, 118.2, 113.8, 59.1, 38.8$; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 302.1518 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



28: Compound **28** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (29 mg, 76%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.61 (tt, J^1 = 7.6 Hz, J^2 = 1.16 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.77-7.72 (m, 3H), 5.79-5.68 (m, 1H), 5.17 (t, J = 5.56 Hz, 1H), 5.09-5.06 (m, 1H), 5.02 (qd, J^1 = 16.96 Hz, J^2 = 1.32 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.48 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.6, 146.3, 135.3, 133.8, 132.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 119.0, 118.6, 114.2, 58.0, 37.1.

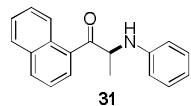


29: Compound **29** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (33 mg, 61%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.60 (tt, J^1 = 7.4 Hz, J^2 = 1.20 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.68 (m, 3H), 5.10 (dd, J^1 = 6.6 Hz, J^2 = 4.68 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.89 (td, J^1 = 8.20 Hz, J^2 = 1.76 Hz, 2H), 2.09-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.63 (m, 3H), 1.60-1.39 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.7, 200.1, 147.2, 137.0, 135.3, 133.7, 133.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 118.1, 113.8, 57.9, 38.4, 33.1, 25.0, 24.1; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 372.2196 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

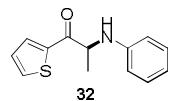


30: Compound **30** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→10% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (52 mg, 90%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.00 (d, J = 7.23

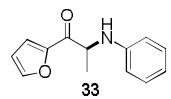
Hz, 2H), 7.91(d, J = 7.32 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.68 (m, 3H), 5.09-5.07 (m, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.31 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.8, 200.3, 147.3, 137.1, 135.4, 133.7, 133.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 118.1, 113.7, 58.0, 38.4, 33.1, 29.2, 25.1, 24.1.



31: Compound **31** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones (36 h) and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (31 mg, 75%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.32 (d, J = 8.00 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.04, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 8.32 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.65 (m, 3H), 5.02 (q, J = 6.52 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (brs, 1H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.72 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 204.4, 146.7, 134.5, 134.1, 133.0, 130.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.2, 126.8, 125.6, 124.5, 118.8, 118.1, 113.7, 56.5, 19.0; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 276.1396 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

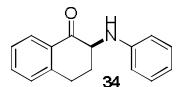


32: Compound **32** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (30 mg, 86%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.88 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 4.8, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.87-4.85 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.3, 146.6, 141.1, 134.5, 132.7, 129.5, 128.3, 118.3, 113.7, 55.5, 20.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOSH}^+$ m/z (%) = 232.0879 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

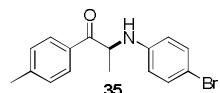


33: Compound **33** was prepared following general α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction protocol described above and purified by silica gel column

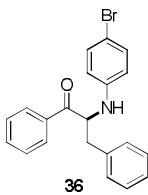
chromatography (1→7% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (26 mg, 81%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.63 (dd, J^1 = 1.64 Hz, J^2 = 0.64 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J^1 = 4.68 Hz, J^2 = 0.68 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.66 (dd J^1 = 8.64 Hz, J^2 = 1.00 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (dd J^1 = 3.60 Hz, J^2 = 1.68 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (q, J = 6.80 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 190.2, 151.2, 146.9, 146.6, 129.5, 118.4, 118.2, 113.7, 112.6, 54.2, 19.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 216.1084 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



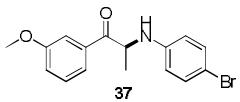
34: Compound **34** was prepared following general α -amination of ketones through aromatic nitroso aldol reaction protocol described above and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1-5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (20 mg, 54%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.07 (dd, J^1 = 6.76 Hz, J^2 = 1.16 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J^1 = 7.52 Hz, J^2 = 1.44 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.60 Hz), 7.29 (d, J = 7.68 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 3H), 5.24 (brs, 1H), 4.20 (dd, J^1 = 13.40 Hz, J^2 = 4.36 Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.08 (ddd, J^1 = 17.12 Hz, J^2 = 3.96 Hz, J^3 = 2.80 Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.71 (m, 1H), 1.98 (qd, J^1 = 26.48 Hz, J^2 = 4.32 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.7, 146.9, 143.7, 134.0, 131.8, 129.6, 129.0, 127.9, 127.0, 118.1, 112.3, 60.2, 31.1, 28.4; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 230.1249 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



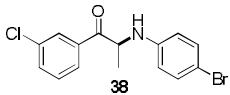
35: Compound **35** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→3% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (36 mg, 77%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.81 (d, J = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.96 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (q, J = 6.92 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 145.7, 145.0, 132.2, 132.1, 129.8, 128.7, 115.1, 109.5, 53.3, 21.9, 19.7; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 318.0488 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).



36: Compound **36** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (45 mg, 80%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.94 (dd, , J^1 = 7.16 Hz, J^2 = 1.36 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (tt, J^1 = 7.40 Hz, J^2 = 1.16 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.88 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 5.27-5.23 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 8.24 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J^1 = 13.84 Hz, J^2 = 5.48 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J^1 = 13.84 Hz, J^2 = 5.92 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.2, 145.7, 136.3, 135.3, 133.9, 132.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6(2×C), 127.1, 115.4, 109.8, 59.2, 38.7 ; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 380.0660 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

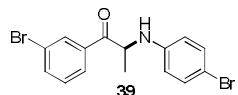


37: Compound **37** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (31 mg, 62%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.57 (d, J = 7.68 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.04 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 (ddd, J^1 = 8.24 Hz, J^2 = 2.60 Hz, J^3 = 0.72 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.84 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (q, J = 6.60 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.2, 160.2, 145.6, 136.0, 132.2, 130.0, 120.9, 120.3, 115.2, 113.1, 109.6, 55.7, 53.6, 19.6.

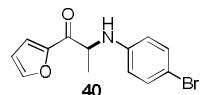


38: Compound **38** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1→3% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (38 mg, 75%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.96 (t, J = 1.72 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H) 7.59 (ddd, J^1 = 8.00 Hz, J^2 = 2.00 Hz, J^3 = 1.00 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.84 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.84 Hz, 2H), 5.02-4.89 (m, 1H), 4.68

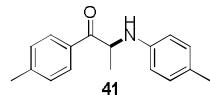
(s, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.2, 145.4, 136.2, 135.5, 133.9, 132.3, 130.4, 128.7, 126.6, 115.2, 109.9, 53.7, 19.4; $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClBrNOH}^+$ m/z (%) = 337.9942 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%).



39: Compound **39** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1 → 5% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (44 mg, 78%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.11 (t, J = 1.68 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H) 7.74 (ddd, J^1 = 8.00 Hz, J^2 = 2.00 Hz, J^3 = 1.00 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.88 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.84 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.84 Hz, 2H), 5.00-4.99 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.1, 145.4, 136.8, 136.4, 132.3, 131.6, 130.6, 127.0, 123.4, 115.2, 109.8, 53.7, 19.4.



40: Compound **40** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1 → 4% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (29 mg, 65%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.64 (dd, J^1 = 1.56 Hz, J^2 = 0.60 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J^1 = 3.6 Hz, J^2 = 0.52 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.59 (dd, J^1 = 3.6 Hz, J^2 = 1.72 Hz, 1H), 6.54-6.50 (m, 2H), 4.88-4.82 (m, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.88 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 189.7, 151.2, 147.0, 145.6, 132.2, 118.5, 115.2, 112.8, 109.8, 54.2, 19.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_2\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 294.0327 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%).



41: Compound **41** was prepared following the above general procedure for α -amination of ketones and purified by silica gel column chromatography (1 → 3% EtOAc : hexane) to provide pure compound (27 mg, 71%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.92 (d, J = 8.16 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.12 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (q,

J = 6.84 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.88 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 200.7, 144.6, 144.5, 132.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 127.2, 113.9, 53.7, 21.8, 20.5, 19.8.

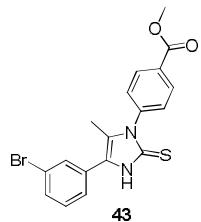
Gram scale synthesis of compounds **6** and **15**:

Nitroso compound (1.2 equiv.) was taken in a 250 ml oven dried round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir. The flask was capped with a septum and kept under vacuum for 10 min and then purged with nitrogen. Dry CH₃CN (80 mL) and corresponding silyl enol ether (6.1 mmol, 1.7 g, 1.0 equiv.) were added and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature until silyl enol ether was consumed. Afterward, phenylboronic acid (3.0 equiv.) was added in one portion and stirring was continued for additional 24 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column and purified to provide pure nitroso aldol products **6** (2.01 g, 91%) or **15** (1.34 g, 92%). Details of NMR-spectra were described in the preceding paragraph.

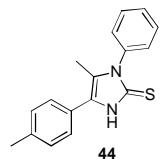
Synthesis of fully substituted imidazoles:

STEP-I: Nitroso aldol product **6** or **15** (0.15 mmol, 1 equiv.), p-TSOH (5 equiv.), and NH₄SCN (5 equiv.) were taken into a schlenk tube under nitrogen and the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 10 min. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give yellow solid. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from ethanol to give pure compound **43** (53 mg, 87% yield) or **44** (36 mg, 85% yield) as pale yellow solid.

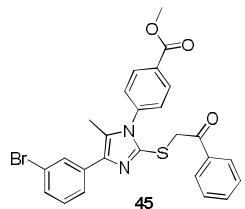
STEP-II: The recrystallized product **43** or **44** (0.15 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 2-bromo acetophenone (1 equiv.) were taken into a schlenk tube. EtOH (3 mL) and Et₃N (3 drops) were added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 6 h. The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column and purified (1→15% EtOAc : hexane) to provide fully substituted imidazoles **45** (66 mg, 85% yield) or **46** (48 mg, 82% yield) as pale yellow solid.



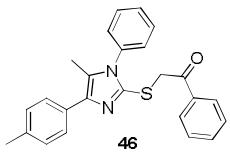
43: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 12.02 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 1.36 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 6.76 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 6.32 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 166.2, 162.0, 139.8, 131.3, 131.1 (2 \times C), 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 128.7, 125.9, 124.7, 123.7, 123.1, 52.6, 11.2.



44: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 12.01(s, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.0, 138.0, 136.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 127.1, 125.7, 122.8, 21.3, 11.1; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{SNa}^+$ m/z (%) = 303.0938 ([M+Na] $^+$, 100%).



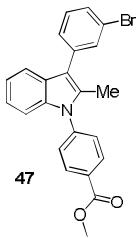
45: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.21 (d, J = 8.52 Hz, 2H), 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.84 (t, J = 1.72 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H) 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.2, 166.1, 140.7, 139.3, 137.5, 136.6, 135.7, 133.8, 131.1, 130.0(2 \times C), 129.6, 128.8(3 \times C), 128.0, 127.0, 125.5, 122.8, 52.6, 41.0, 11.4.



46: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.5, 139.9, 138.5, 136.2, 135.8, 135.7, 133.6, 132.0, 129.6, 129.2 (2 \times C), 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.0, 126.4, 41.2, 21.3, 11.3; HRMS (TOF MS ES $^+$) $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}\text{H}^+$ m/z (%) = 399.1526 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%).

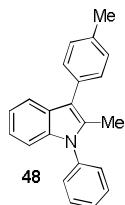
Synthesis of substituted indoles:

To a solution of aldol product **6** or **15** (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 18-crown-6 (0.17 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in 1.5 ml CH_3CN /DCE (1/4, v/v) mixture was added silyl aryl triflate (0.21 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) under nitrogen. Then, anhydrous CsF (0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and anhydrous Cs_2CO_3 (0.30 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the aldol product (6 h). After completion, ethyl acetate and water were added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude-residue was re-dissolved in a mixture of MeOH/DCM/AcOH (1.5 ml, 1:1:1) and silica gel was added to get a slurry. The mixture was heated at 40 °C for 4 h (TLC monitored). After cooling, the crude mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel column and purified (1→2% EtOAc : hexane) to provide fully substituted indoles **47** (40 mg, 64% yield) or **48** (31 mg, 70% yield) as yellow waxy solid.



47: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.26 (d, J = 8.28 Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 166.5, 141.9, 137.4, 137.2, 133.5, 132.5, 131.1, 130.2, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 122.7, 122.5, 121.2, 120.6, 118.8, 115.2, 110.2, 52.5, 12.3.



48: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 138.1, 137.6, 135.6, 133.5, 132.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 121.7, 120.4, 118.9, 115.3, 110.2, 21.4, 12.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES⁺)C₂₂H₁₉NH⁺ m/z (%) = 298.1592 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

Crystallographic experimental section:

Crystal structure of compound **4** (CCDC number: 1440804):



Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **4**.

Identification code	4			
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ N O ₃			
Formula weight	297.34			
Temperature	296(2) K			
Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.6614(2) Å	alpha = 90 deg.	b = 9.0050(2) Å	beta = 91.9684(13) deg.
	c = 18.1004(4) Å	gamma = 90 deg.		
Volume	1573.82(6) Å ³			
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.255 Mg/m ³			
Absorption coefficient	0.085 mm ⁻¹			

F(000)	632
Crystal size	0.280 x 0.220 x 0.160 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.252 to 27.150 deg.
Limiting indices	-12<=h<=12, -11<=k<=11, -17<=l<=23
Reflections collected / unique	12074 / 3472 [R(int) = 0.0196]
Completeness to theta	= 25.242 99.9 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3472 / 0 / 207
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0408, wR2 = 0.1077
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0559, wR2 = 0.1188
Extinction coefficient	0.0107(17)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.185 and -0.144 e.Å ⁻³

Crystal structure of compound **18** (CCDC number: **1440807**):

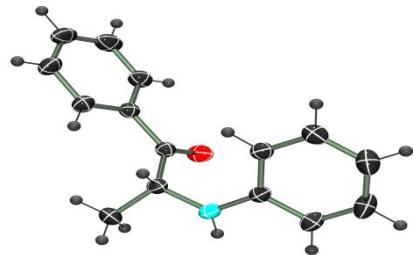


Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for **18**.

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Formula weight	225.28
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.9551(4) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 9.4163(6) Å beta = 95.037(2) deg. c = 14.8711(9) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1249.15(12) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.198 Mg/m ³

Absorption coefficient	0.075 mm^-1
F(000)	480
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.160 x 0.100 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.560 to 24.999 deg.
Limiting indices	-10<=h<=8, -10<=k<=11, -17<=l<=17
Reflections collected / unique	9305 / 2188 [R(int) = 0.0497]
Completeness to theta	= 24.999 99.9 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	2188 / 0 / 160
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.048
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0394, wR2 = 0.0992
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0624, wR2 = 0.1100
Extinction coefficient	0.014(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.118 and -0.133 e.A^-3

Crystal structure of compound **35** (CCDC number: **1440806**):

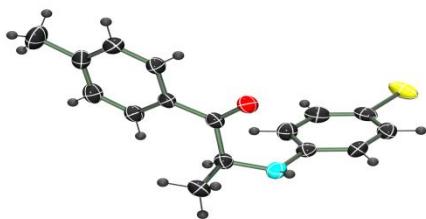


Table 3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **35**.

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Empirical formula	C16 H16 Br N O
Formula weight	318.21
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å

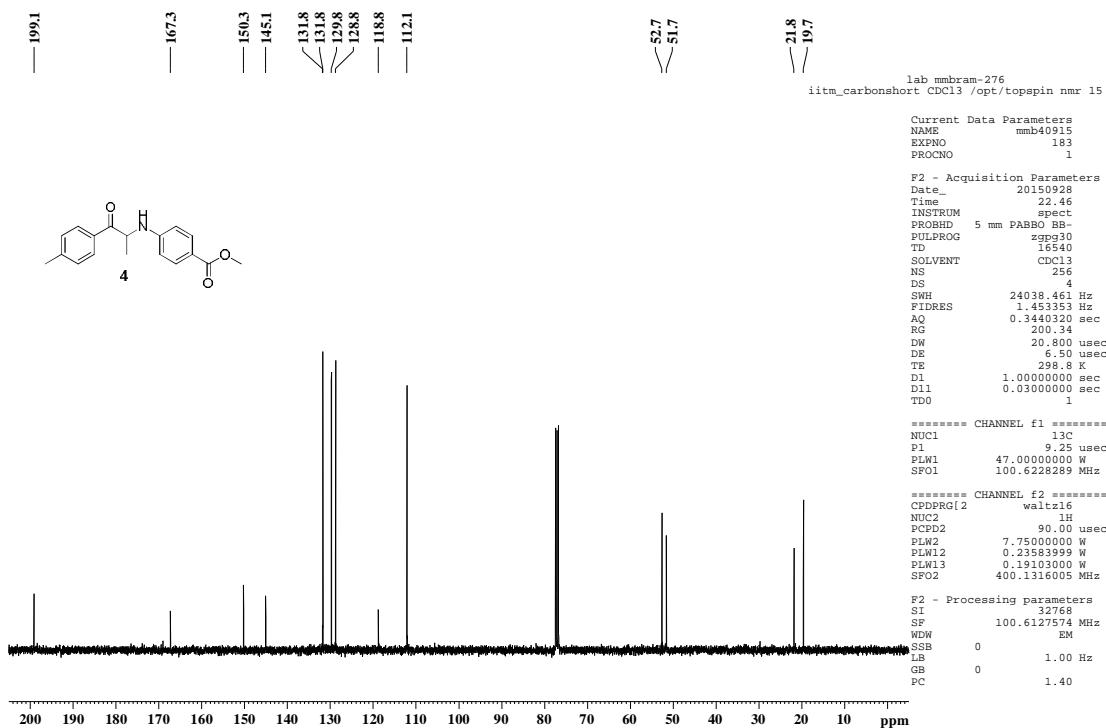
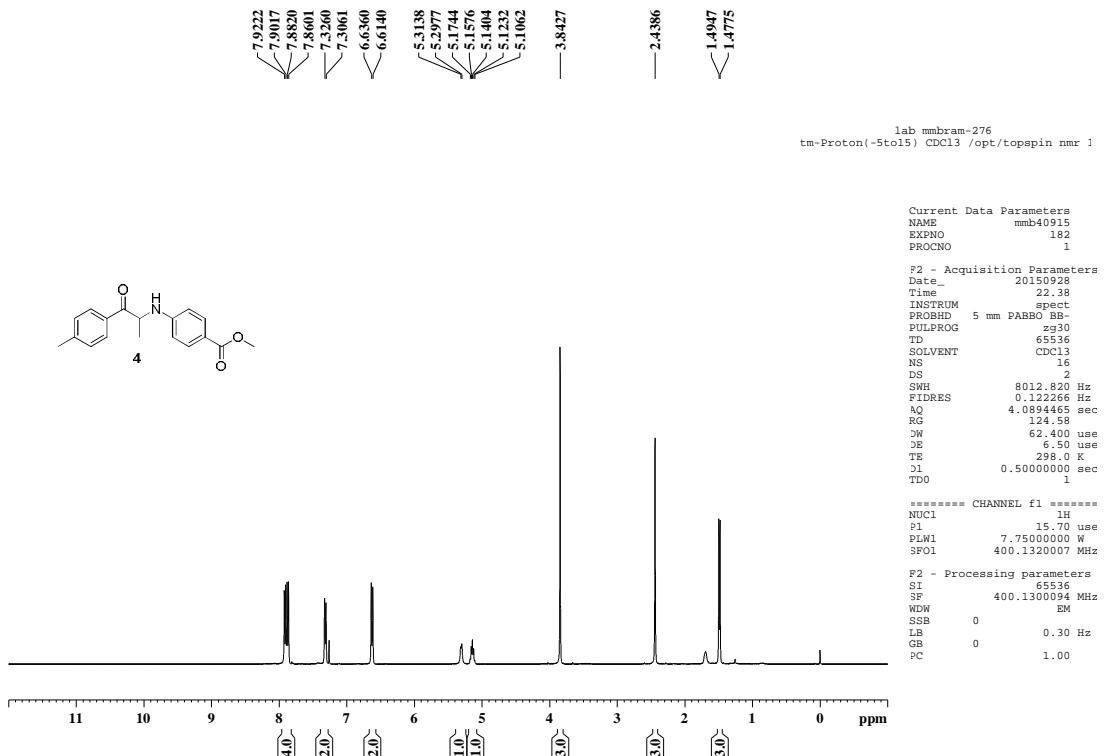
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.4037(4) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 9.4552(3) Å beta = 100.5942(17) deg. c = 13.0281(5) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1501.88(9) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.407 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	2.729 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	648
Crystal size	0.350 x 0.250 x 0.250 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.084 to 24.999 deg.
Limiting indices	-13<=h<=14, -8<=k<=11, -15<=l<=14
Reflections collected / unique	10970 / 2651 [R(int) = 0.0237]
Completeness to theta = 24.999	100.0 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2651 / 0 / 178
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.035
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0420, wR2 = 0.0952
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0663, wR2 = 0.1063
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.631 and -0.912 e.Å ⁻³

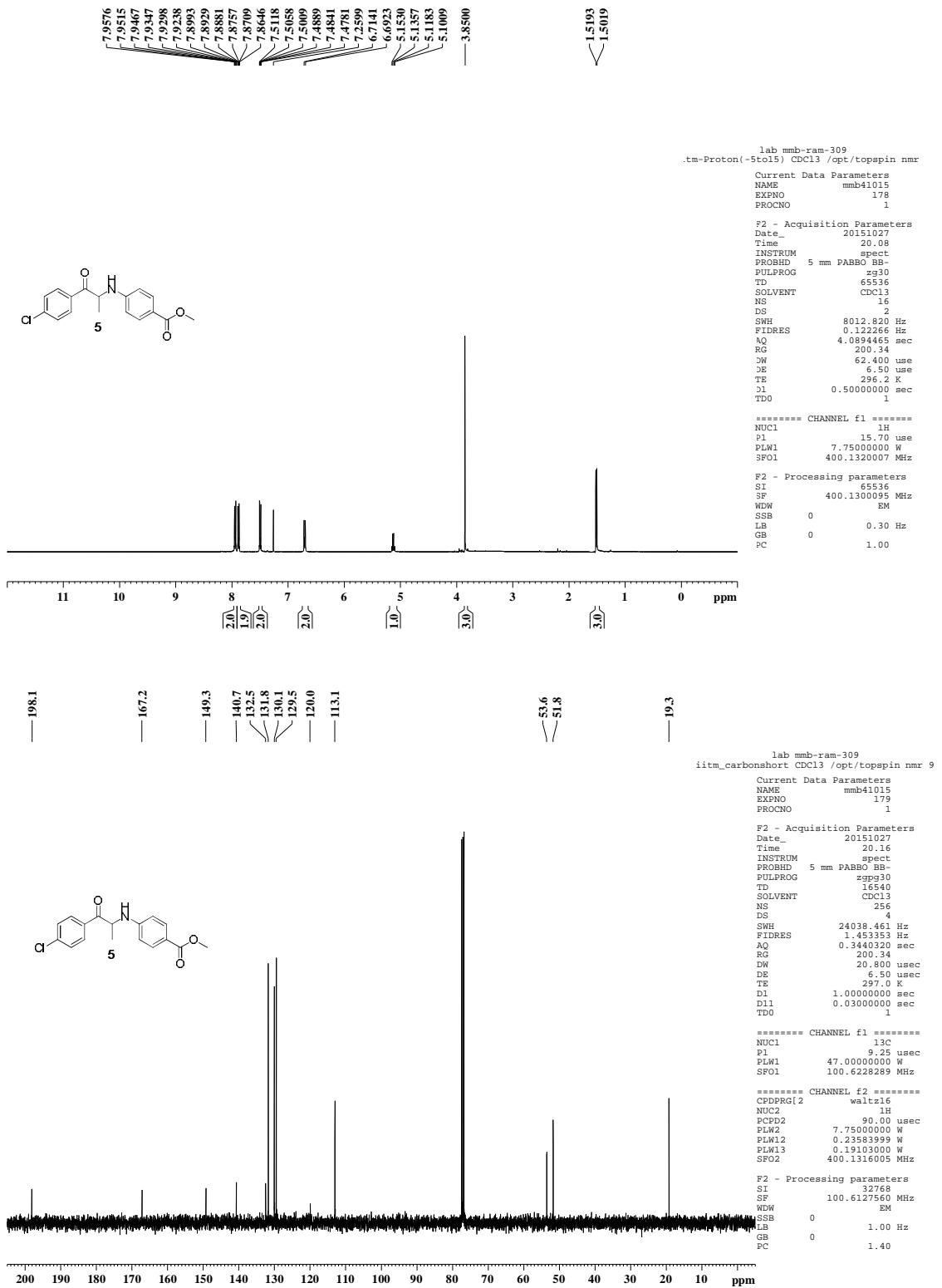
Crystal structure of compound **44** (CCDC number: **1440805**):

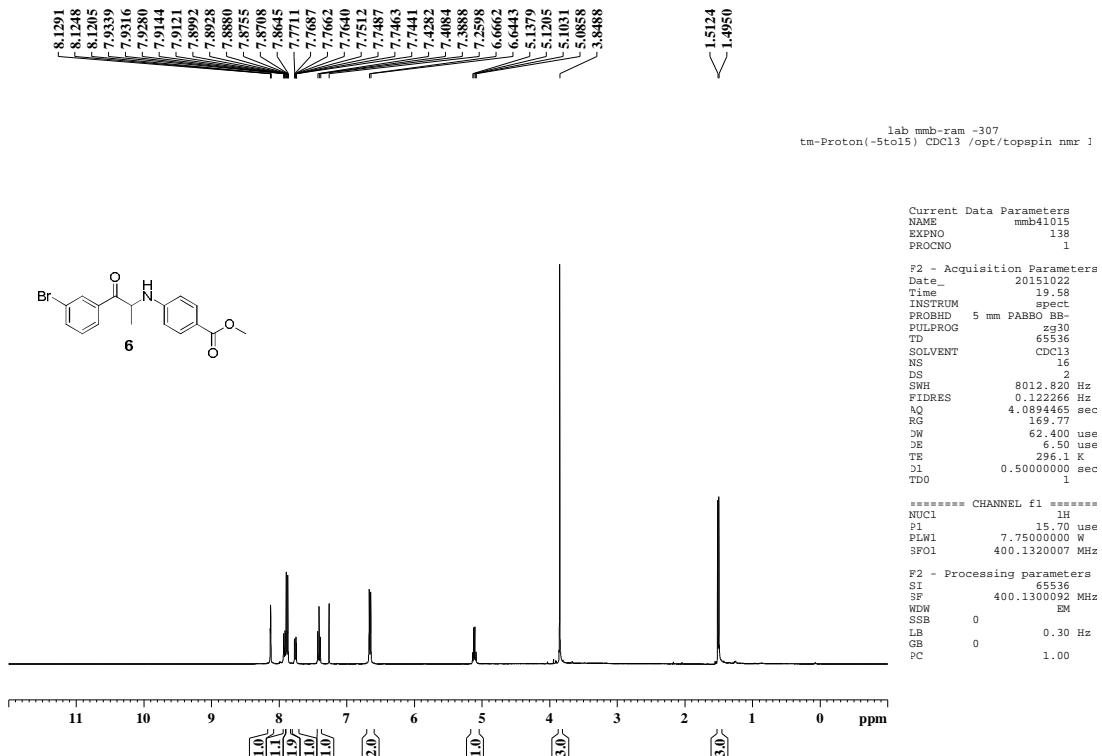


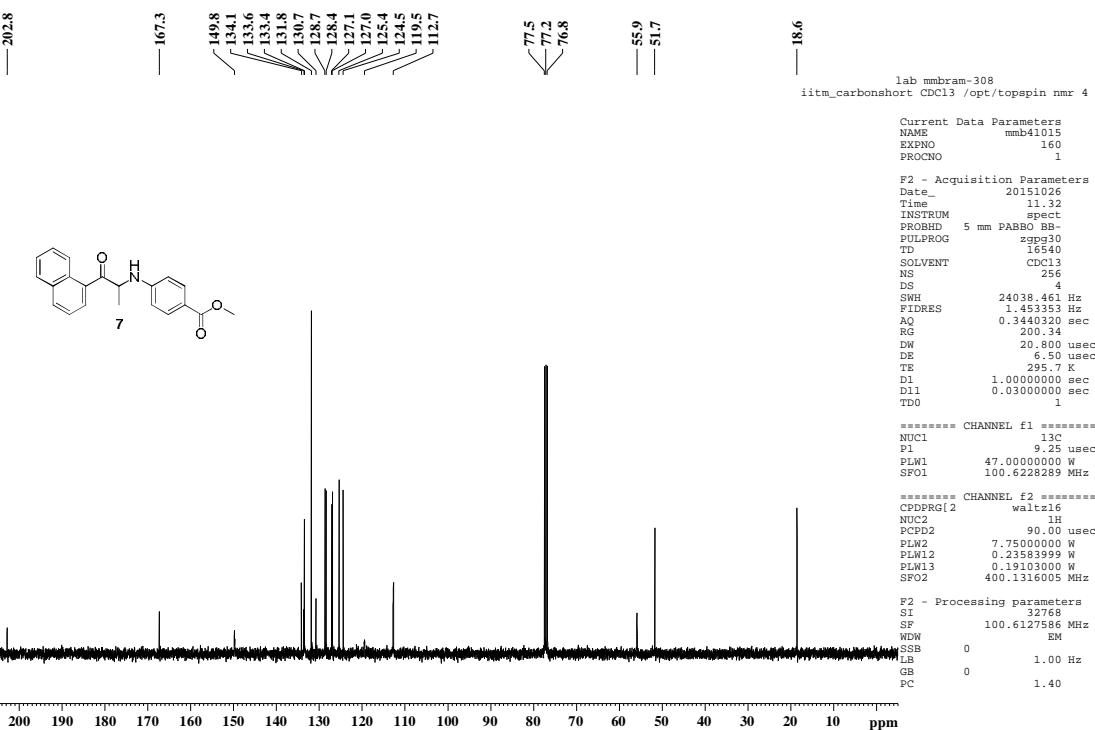
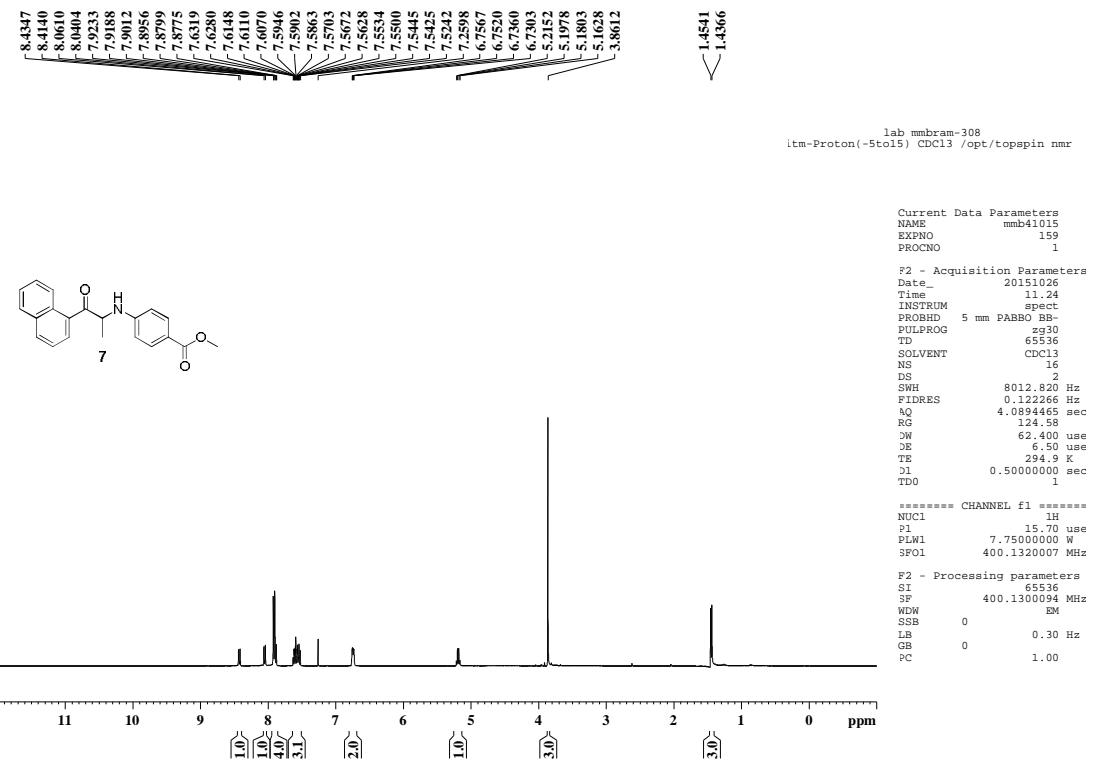
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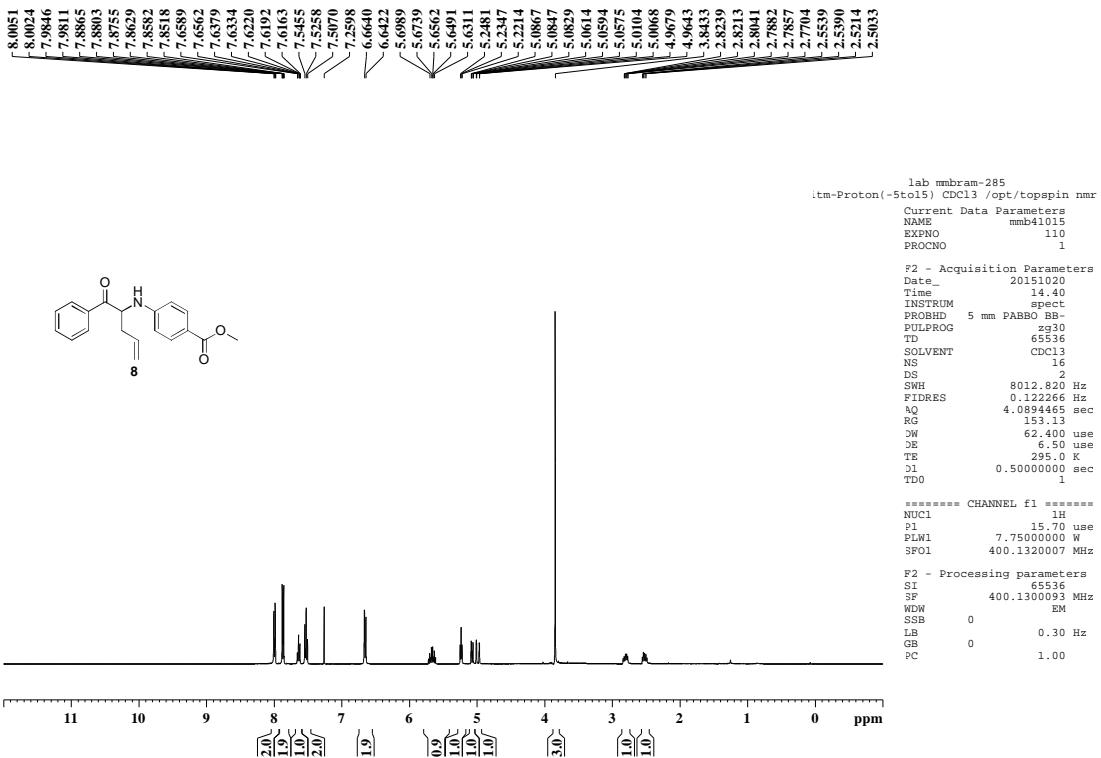
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Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.0979(2) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 9.8360(2) Å beta = 102.3206(11) deg. c = 17.0069(4) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1486.84(6) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.253 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.209 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	592
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.250 x 0.200 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.291 to 24.998 deg.
Limiting indices	-9<=h<=10, -11<=k<=11, -19<=l<=20
Reflections collected / unique	11081 / 2614 [R(int) = 0.0175]
Completeness to theta	= 24.998 100.0 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2614 / 0 / 187
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.049
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0343, wR2 = 0.0897
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0418, wR2 = 0.0969
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.187 and -0.194 e.Å ⁻³

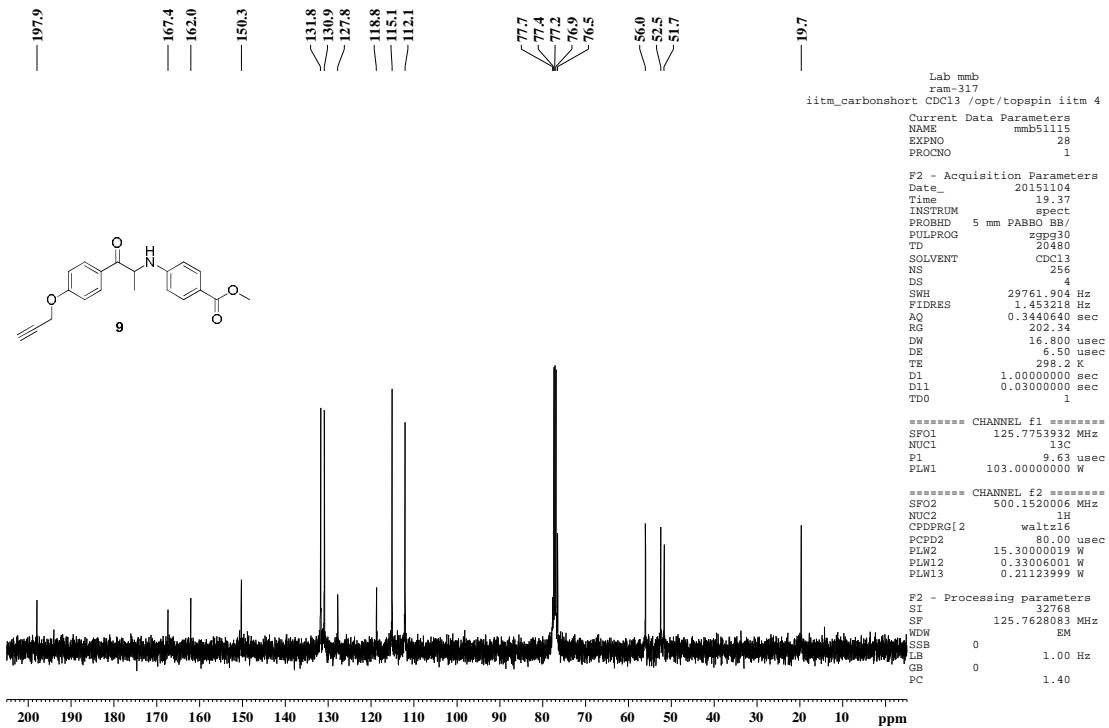
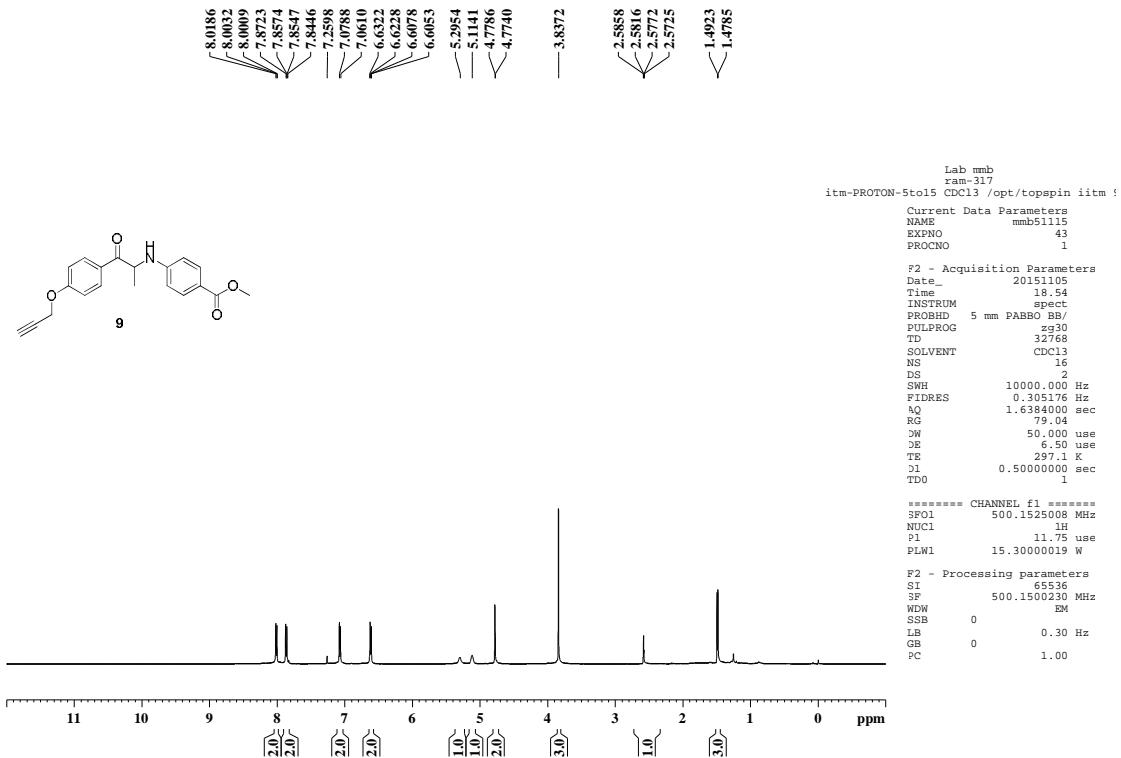


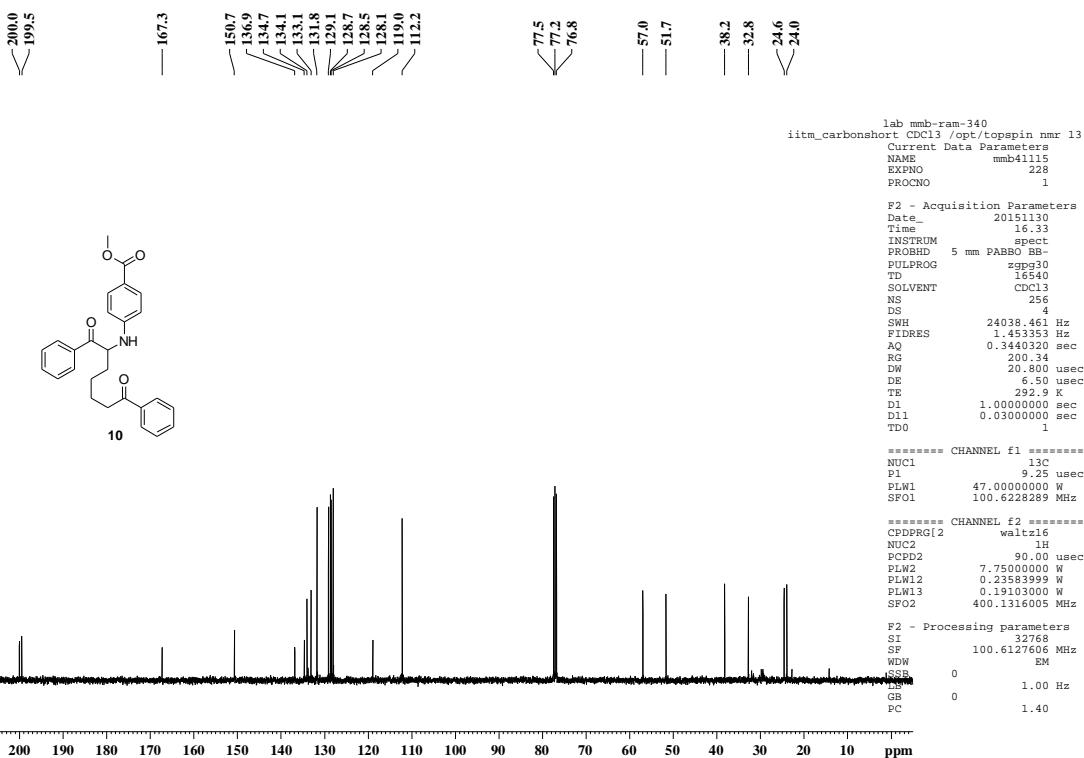
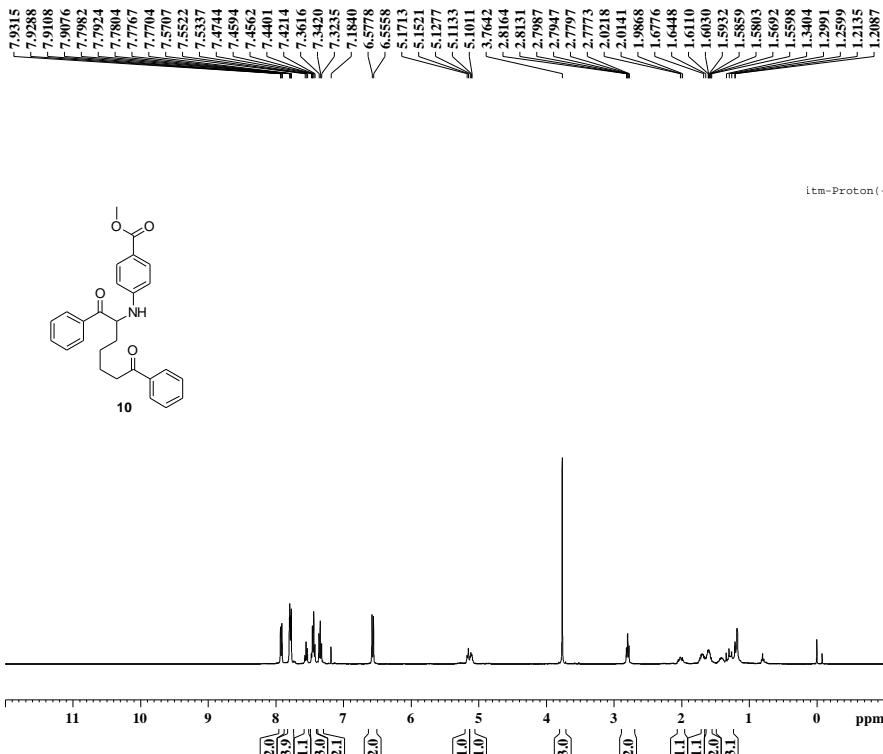


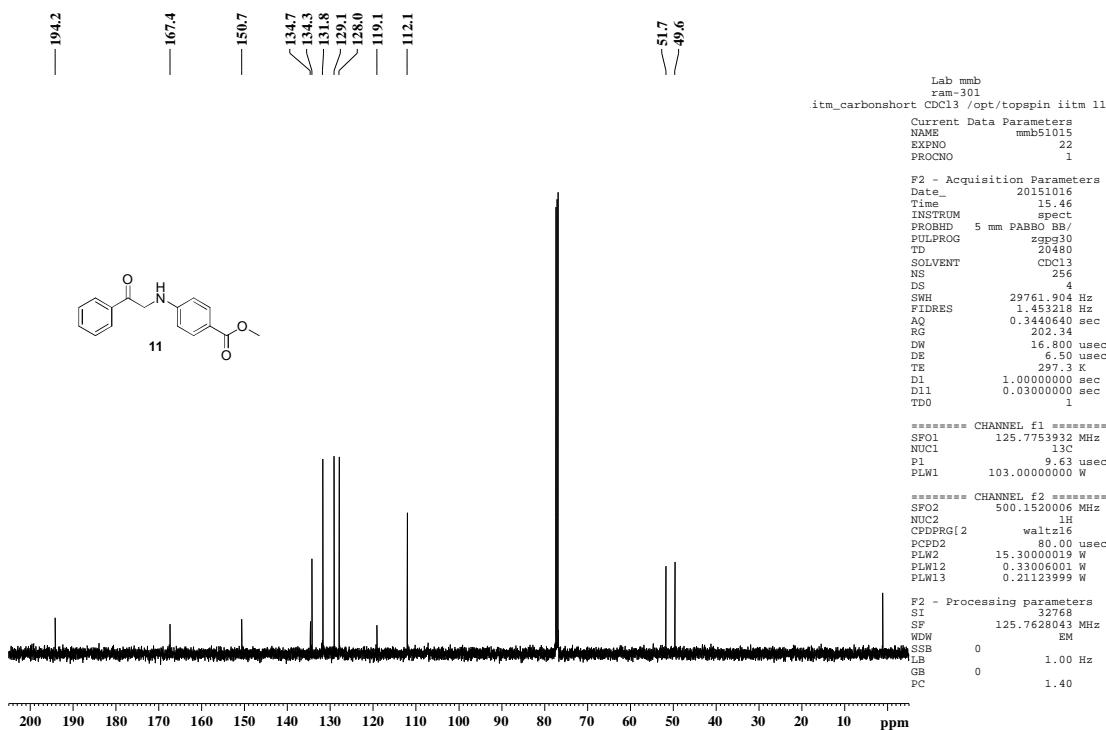
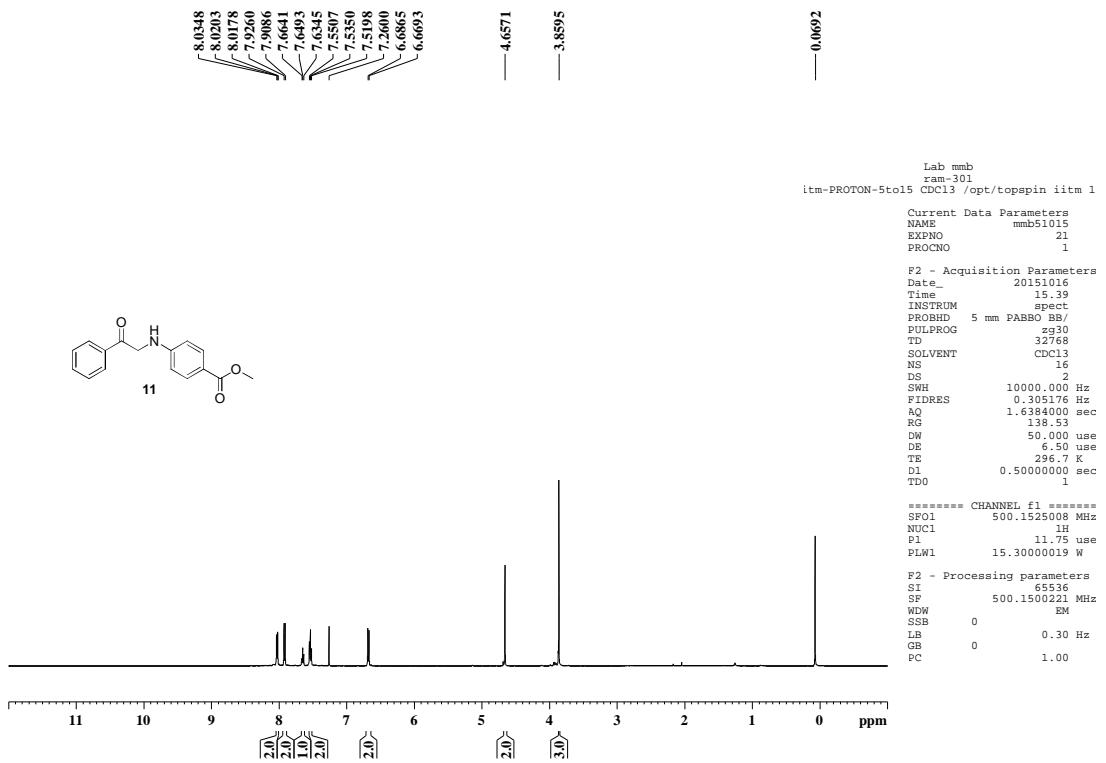


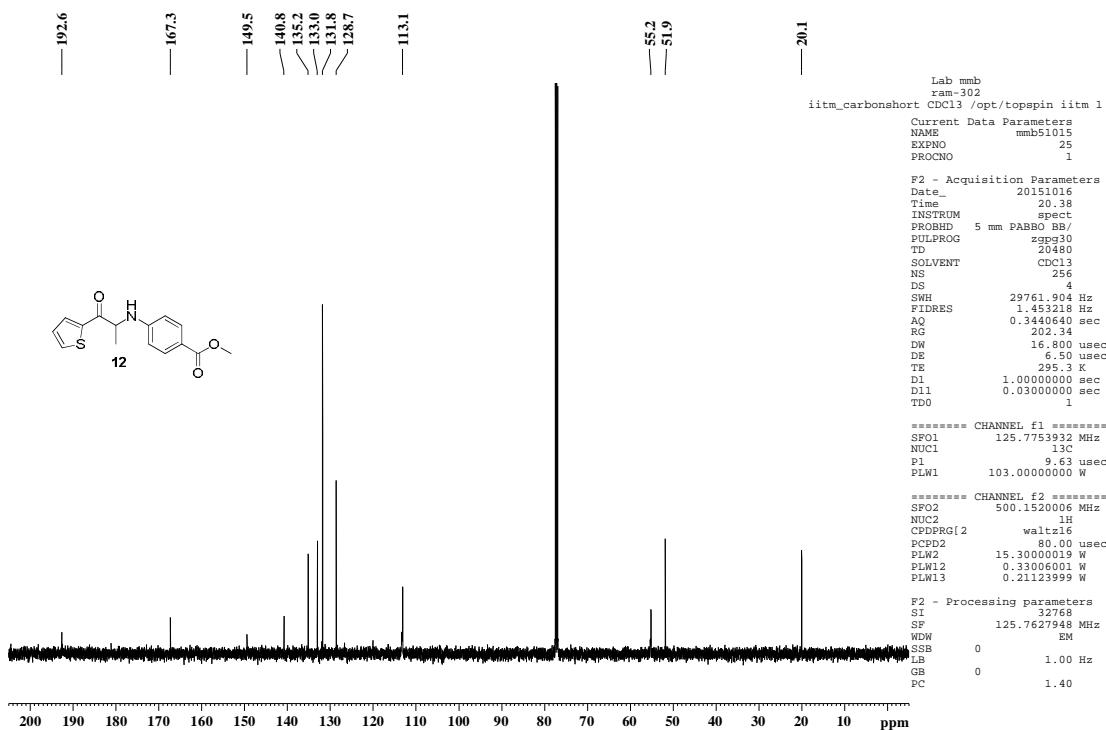
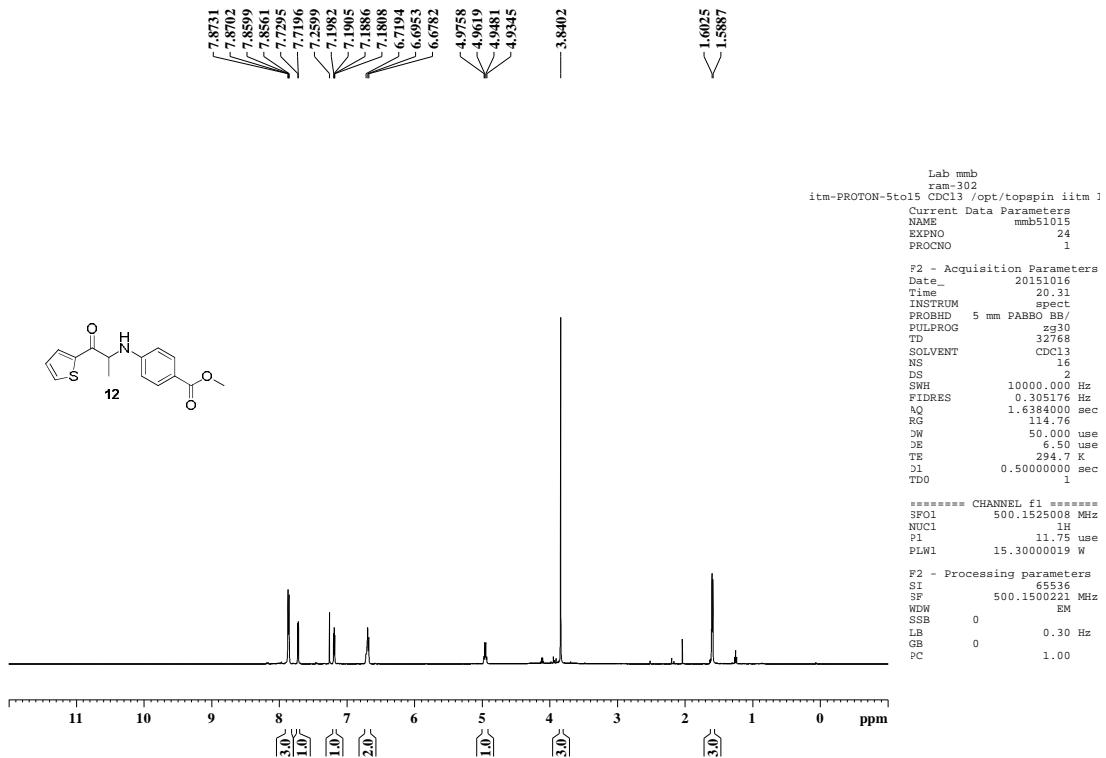


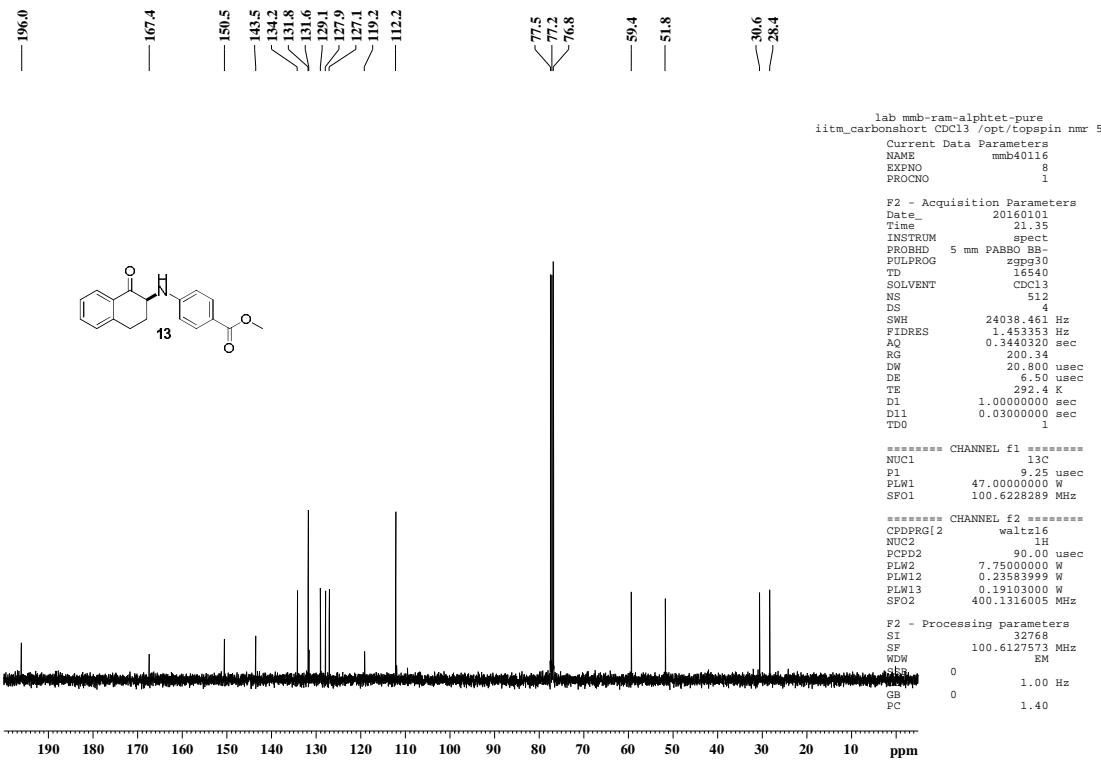
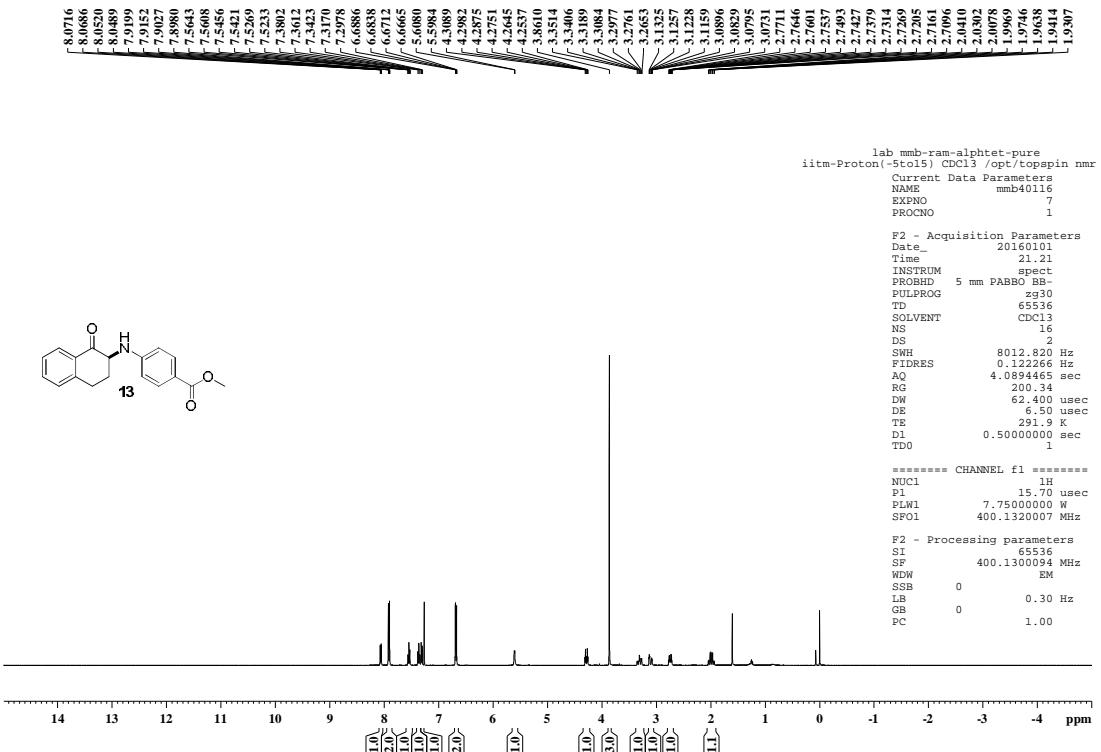


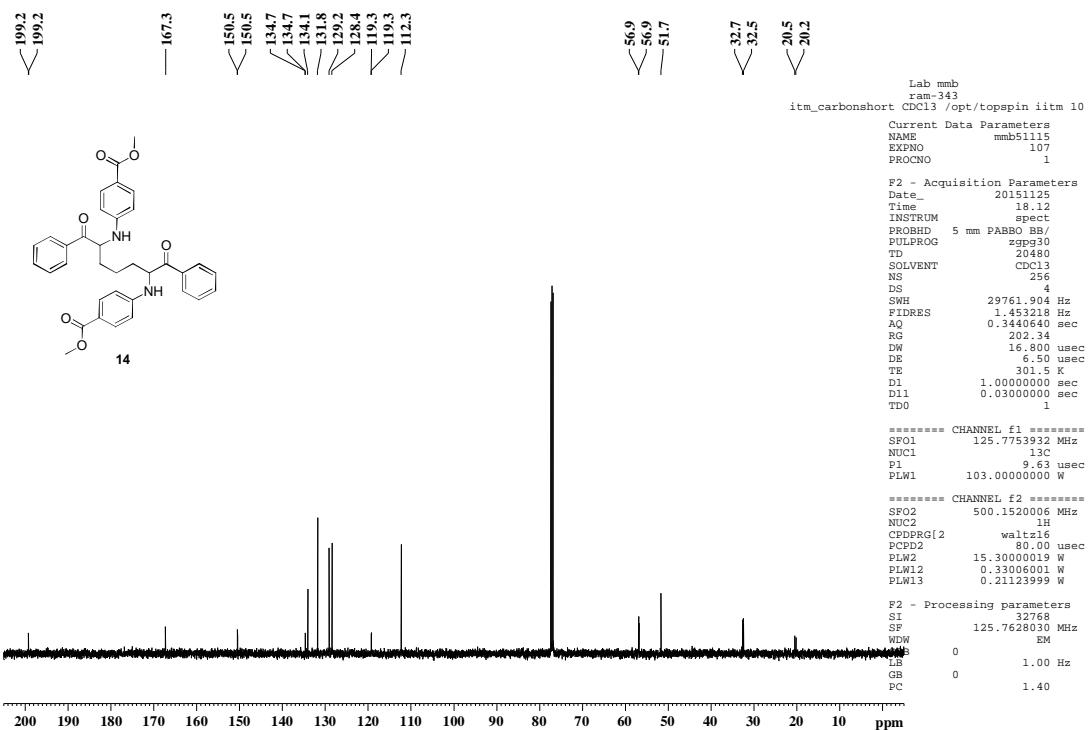
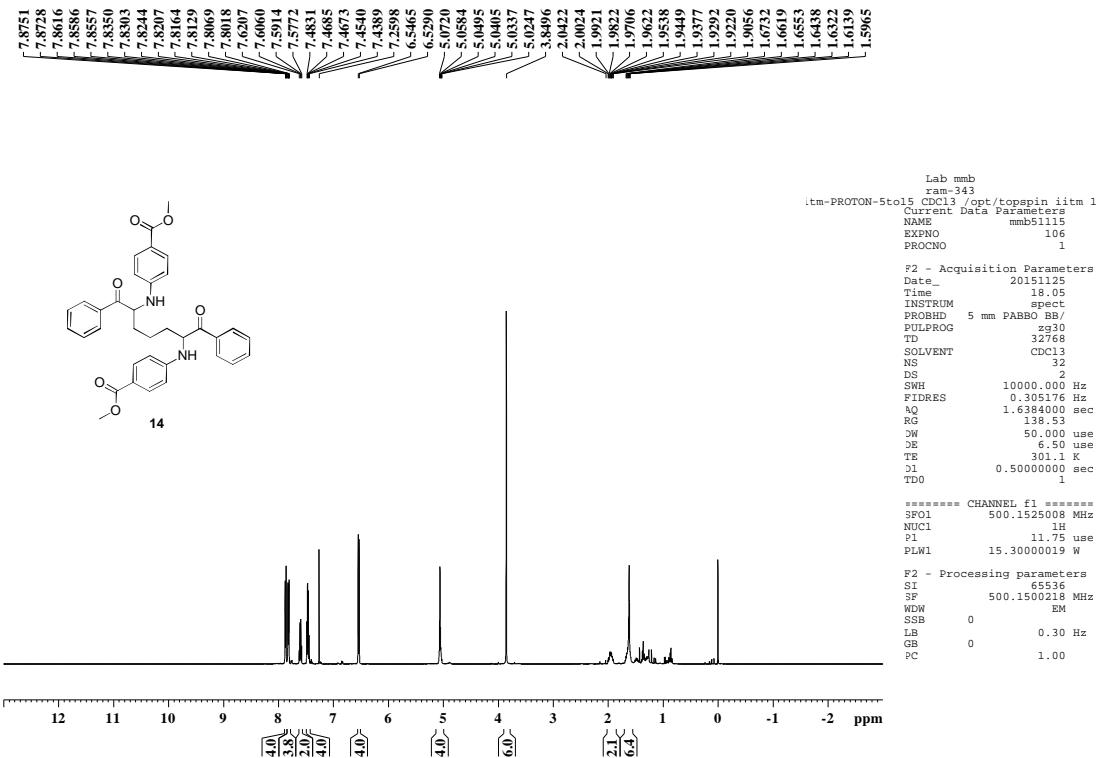


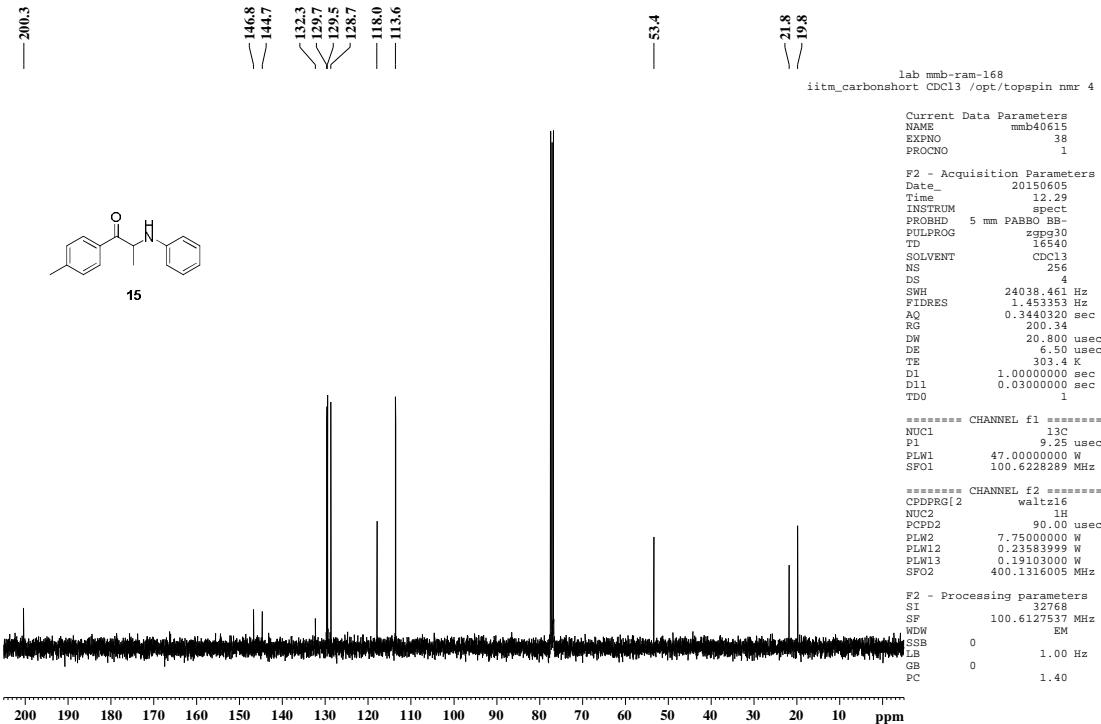
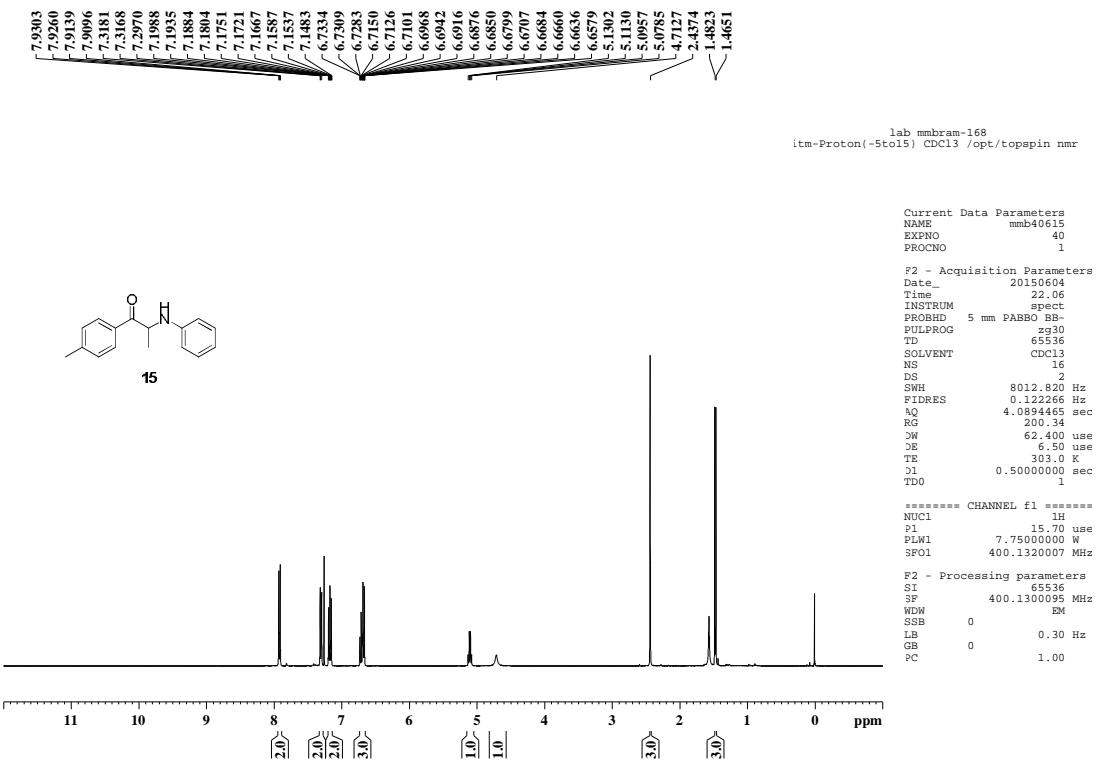


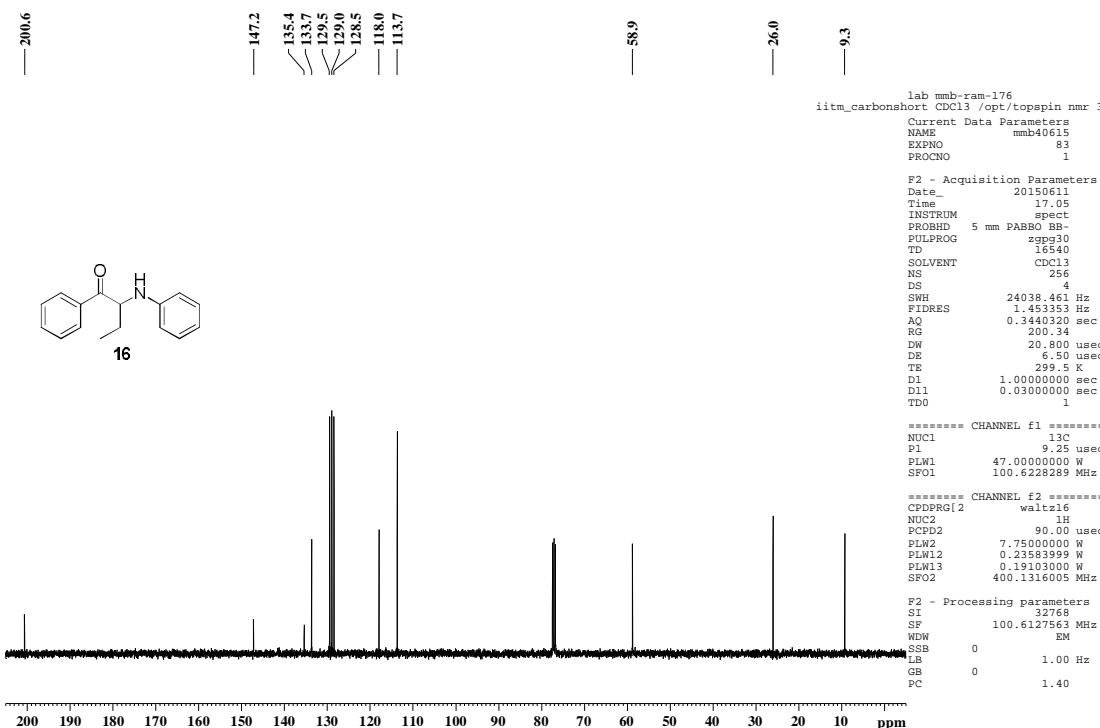
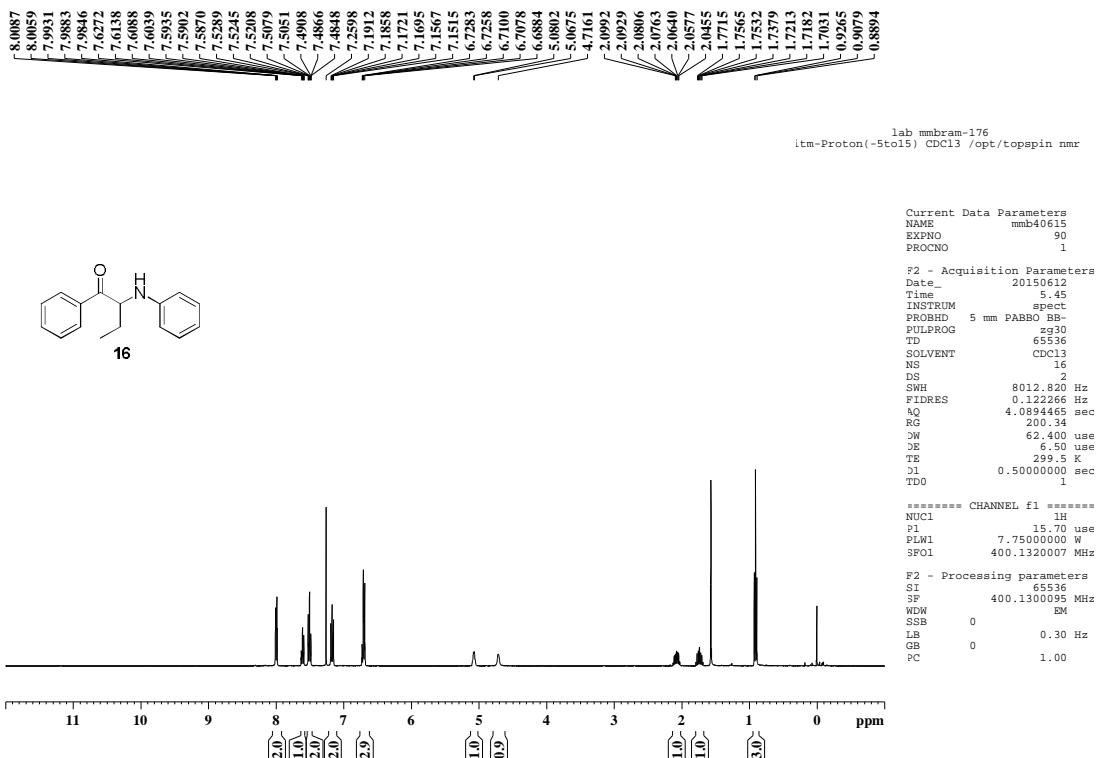


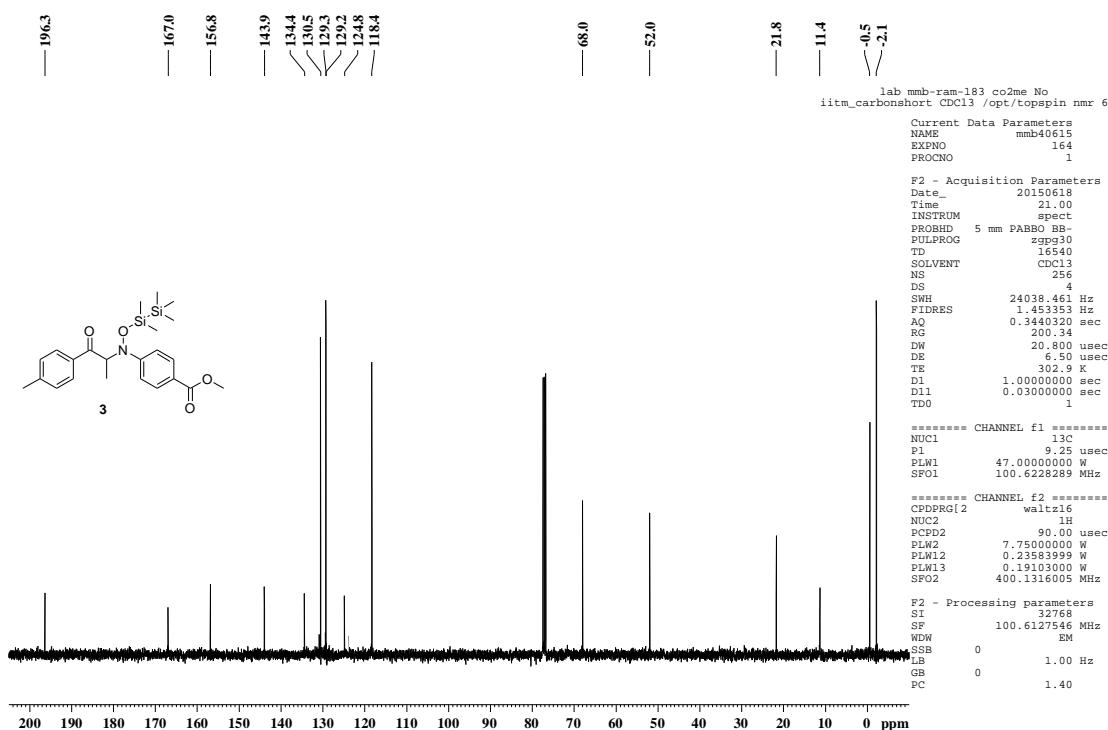
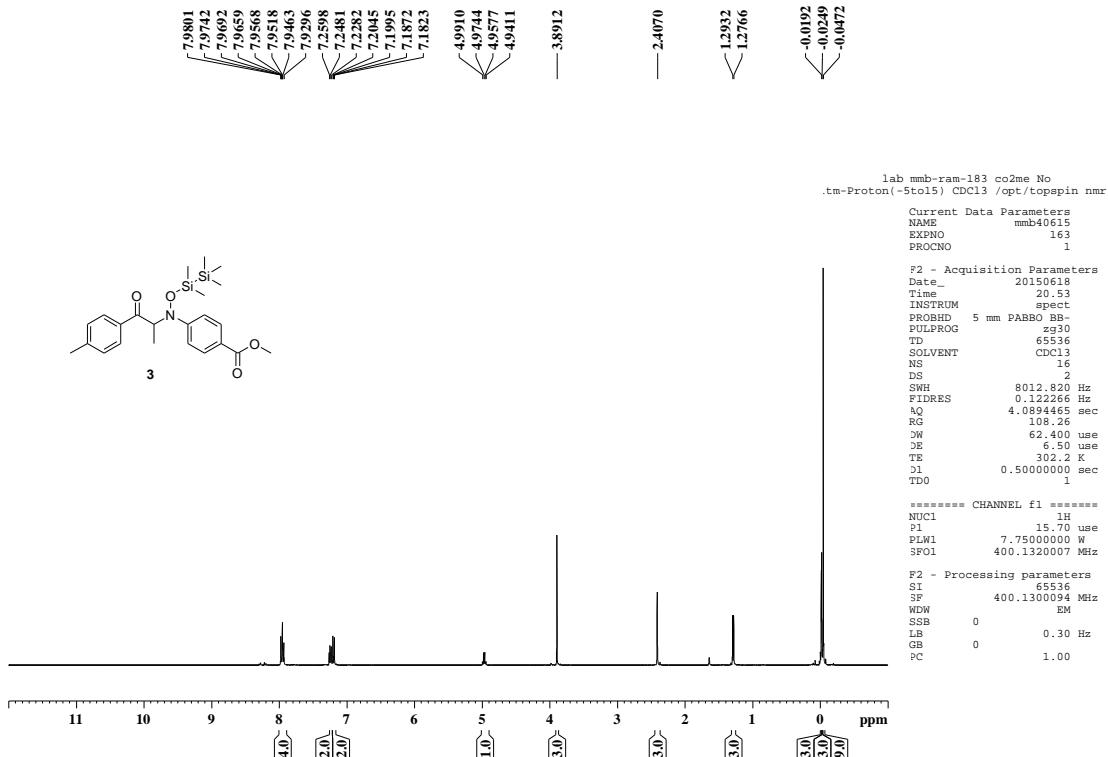


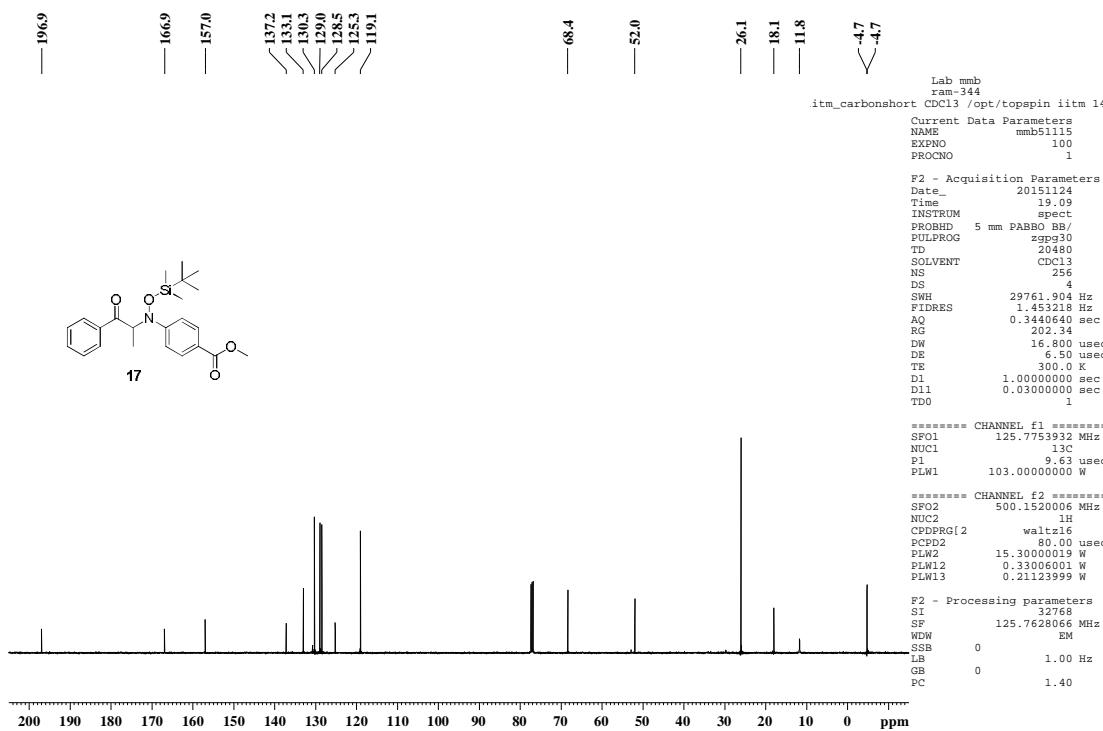
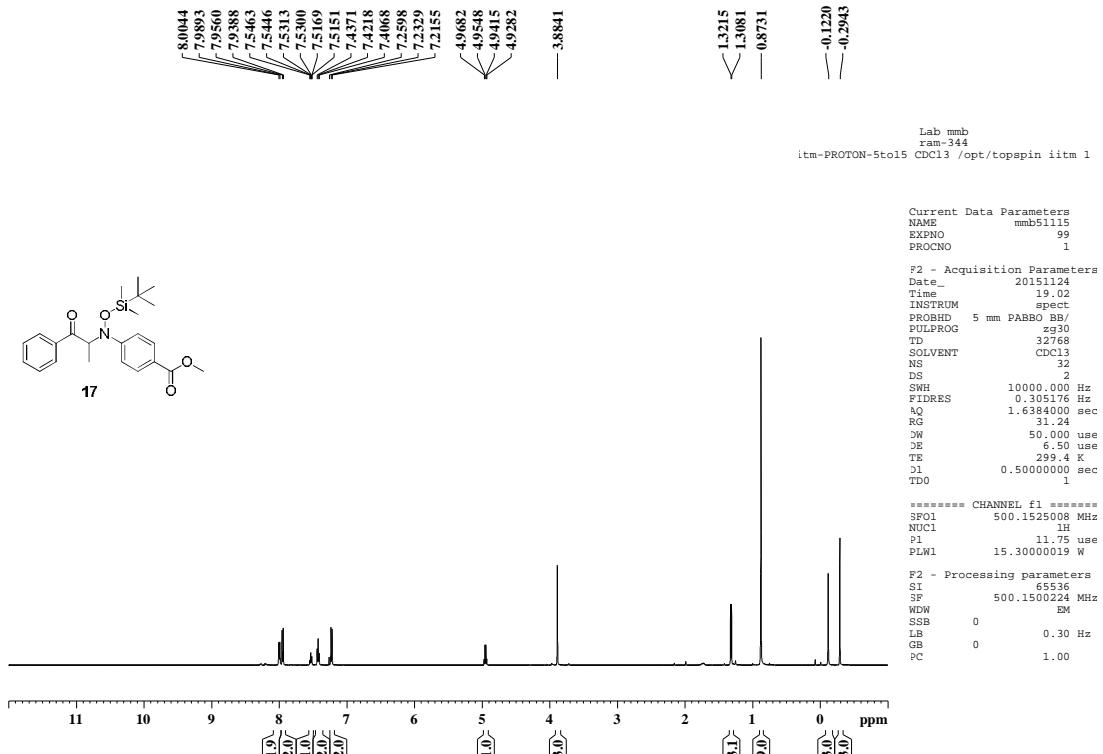


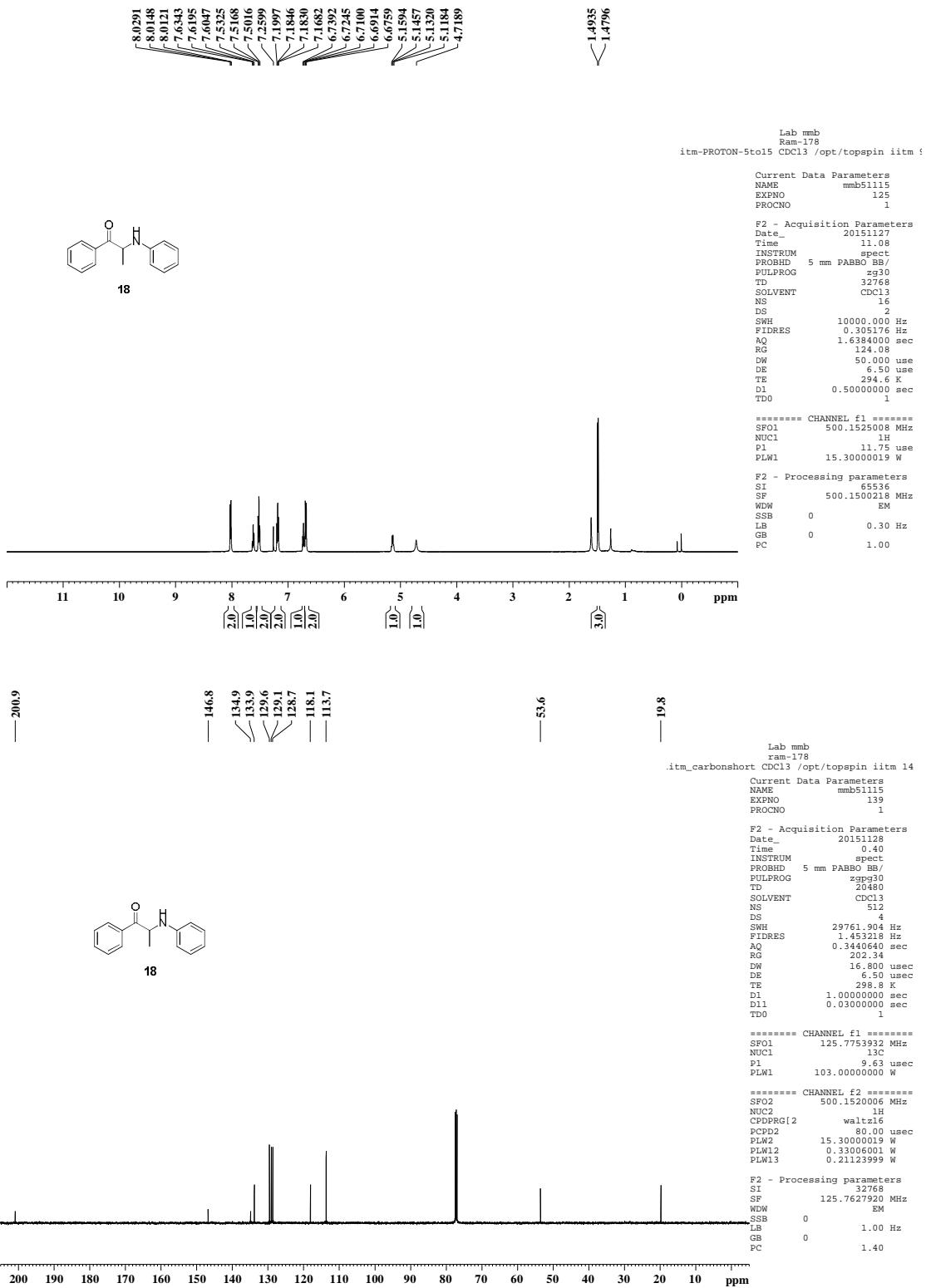


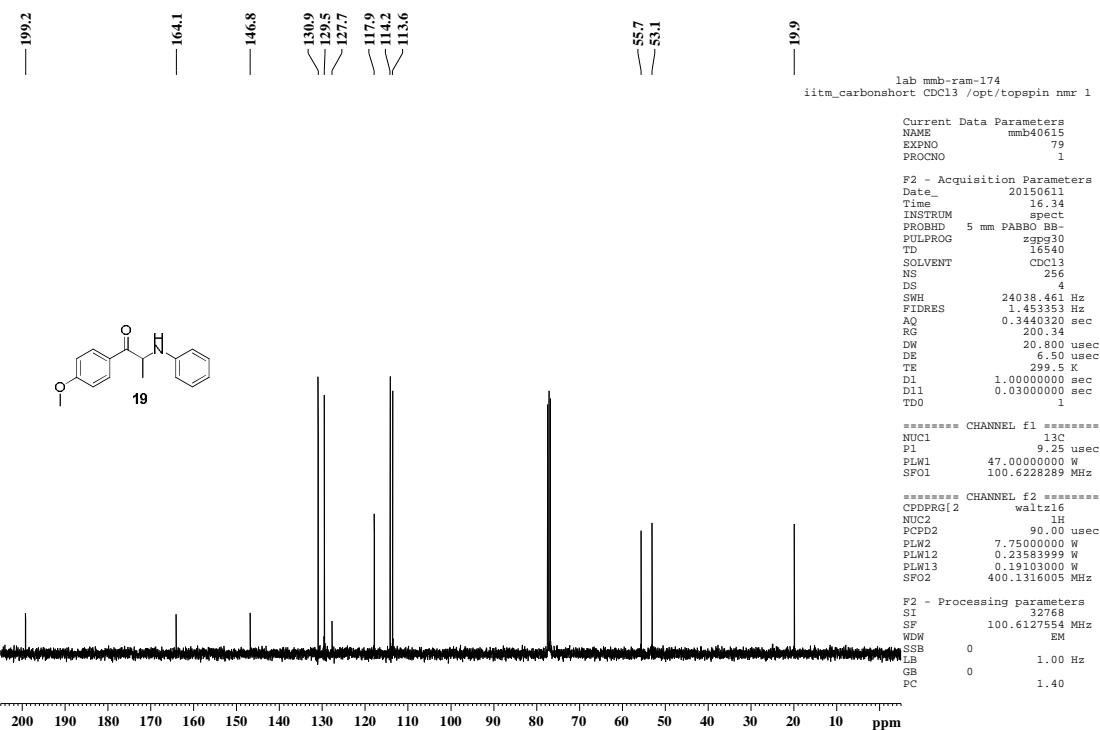
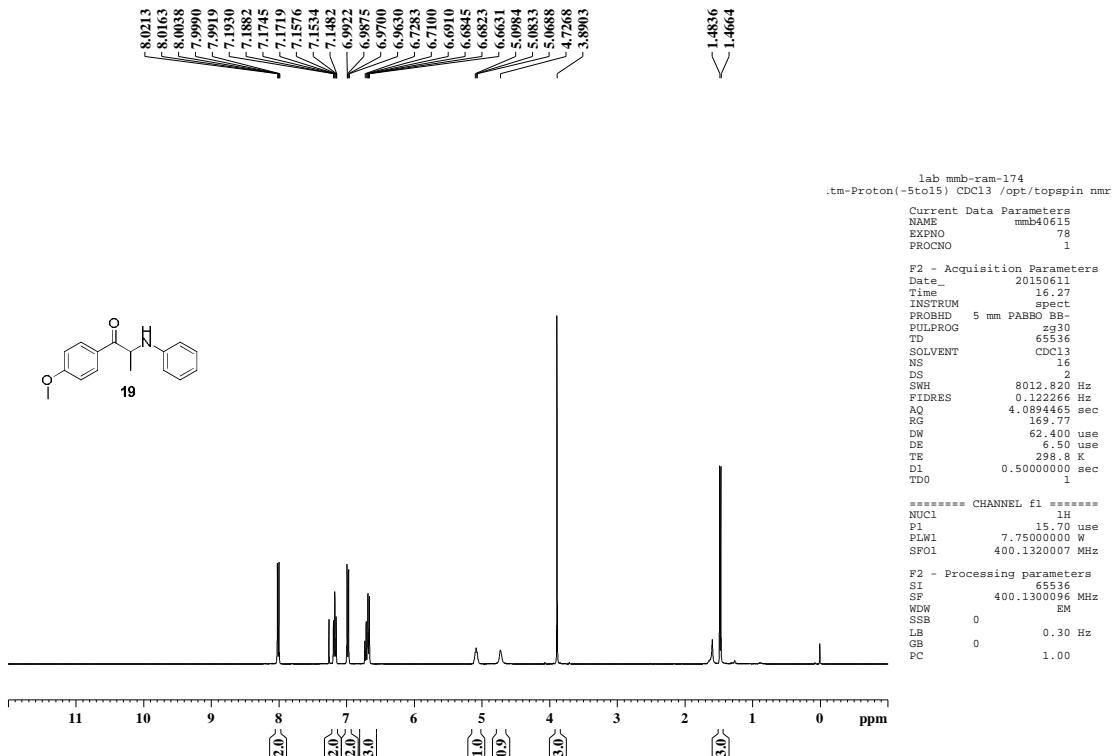


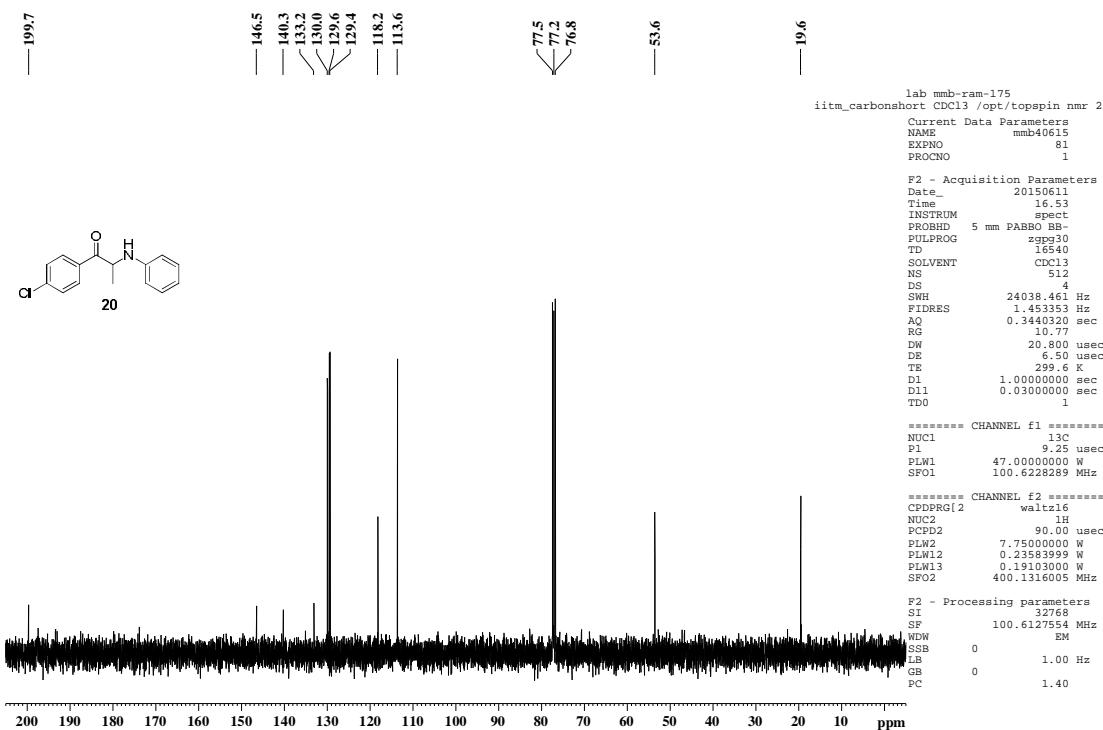
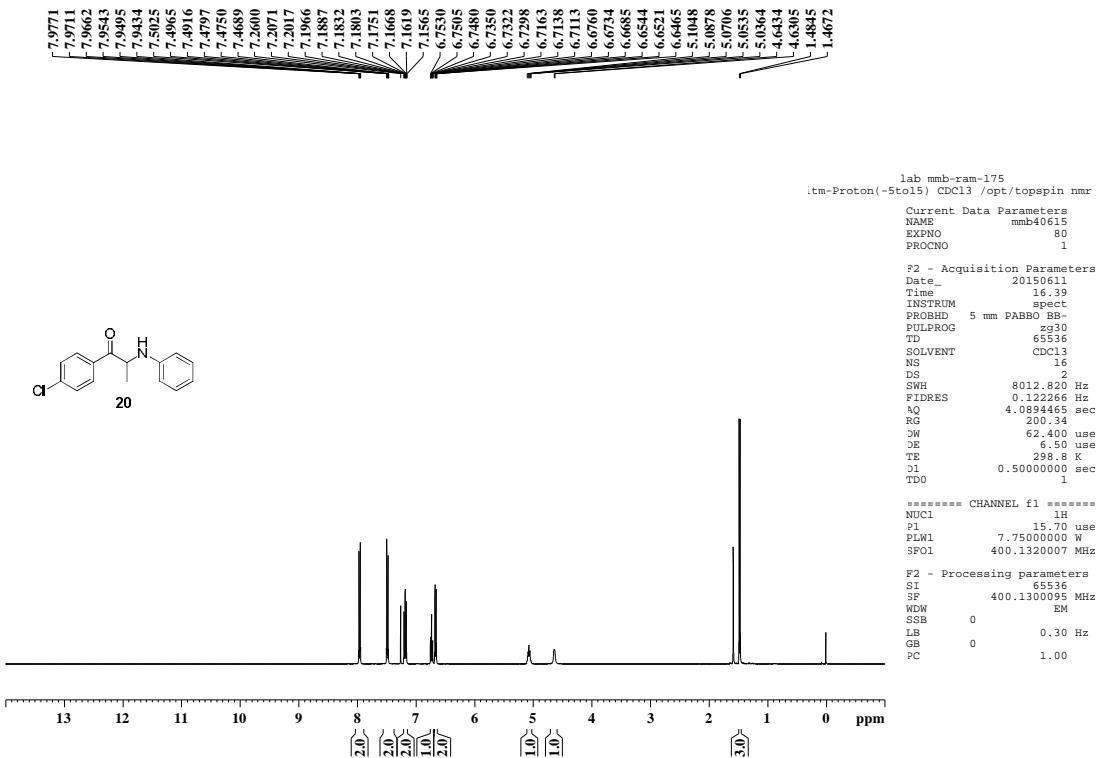


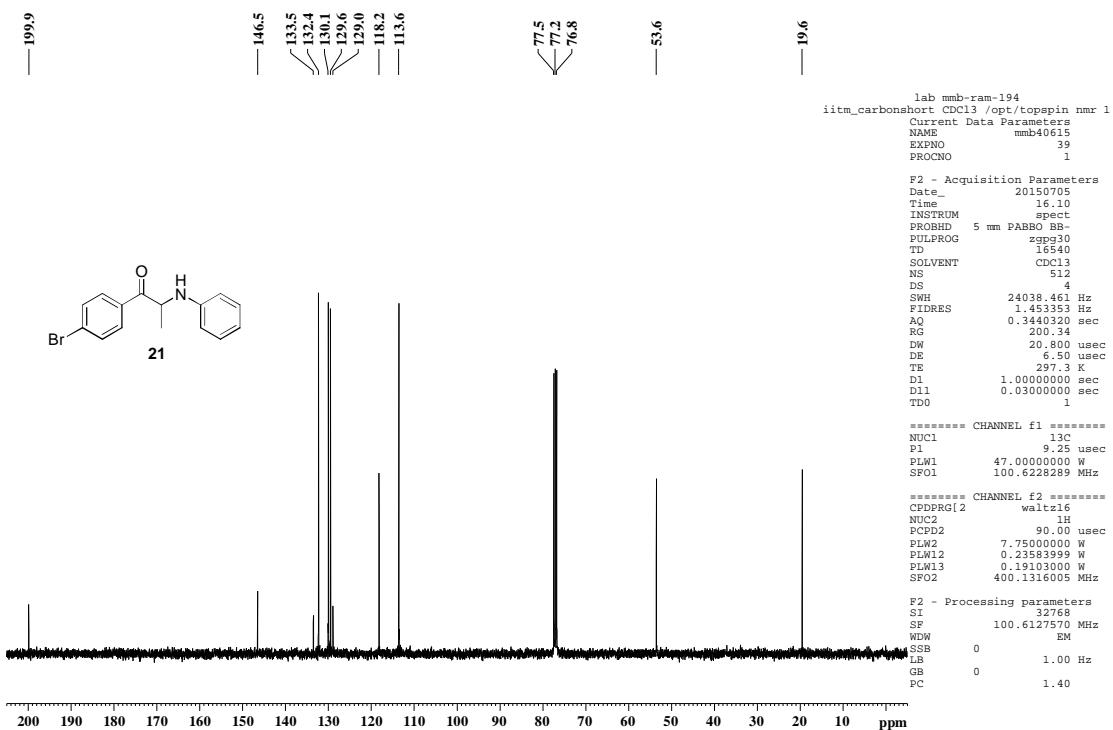
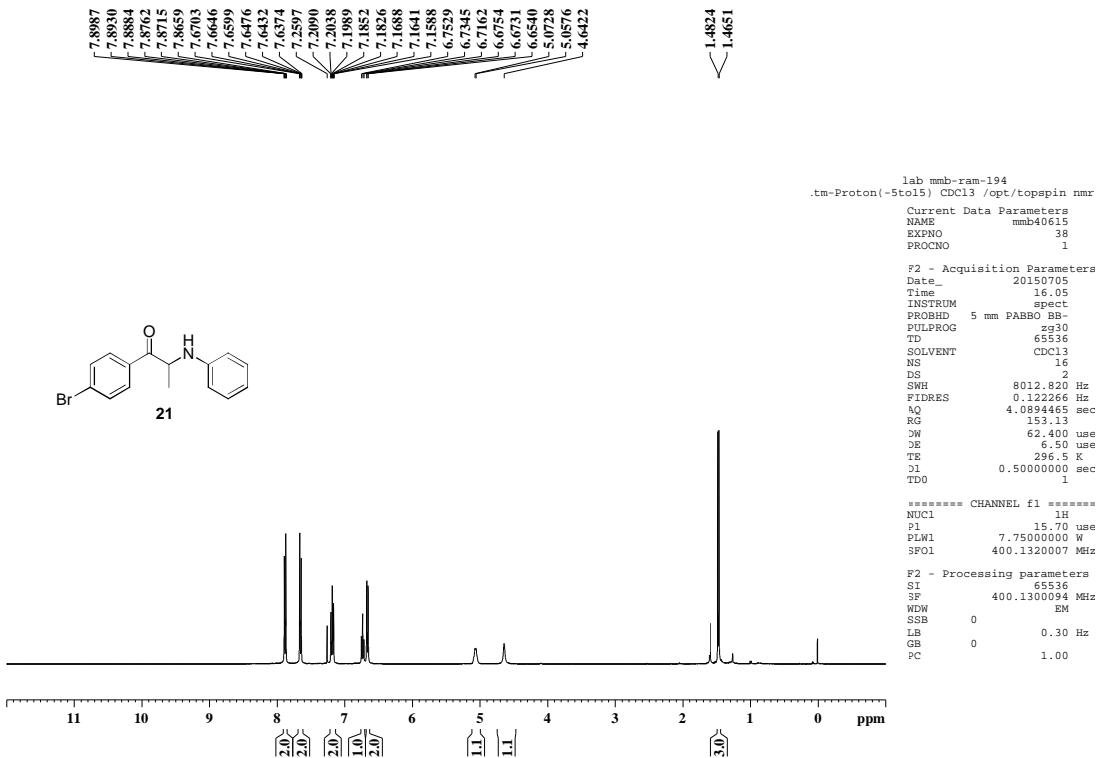


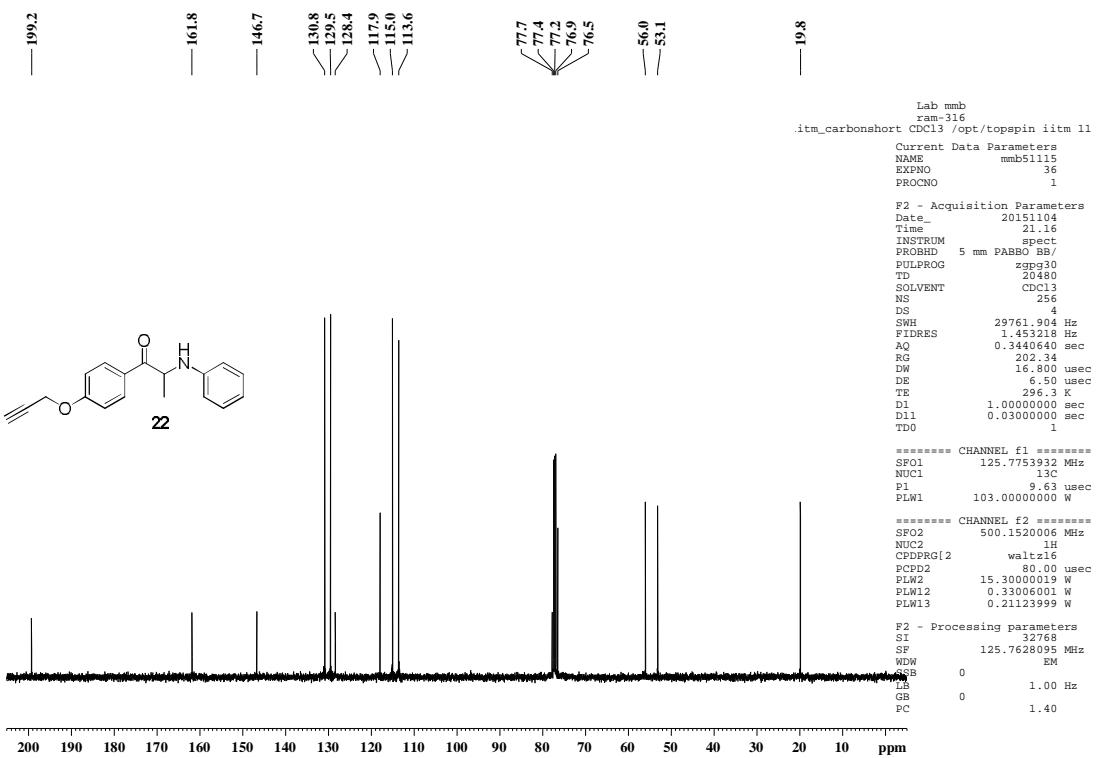
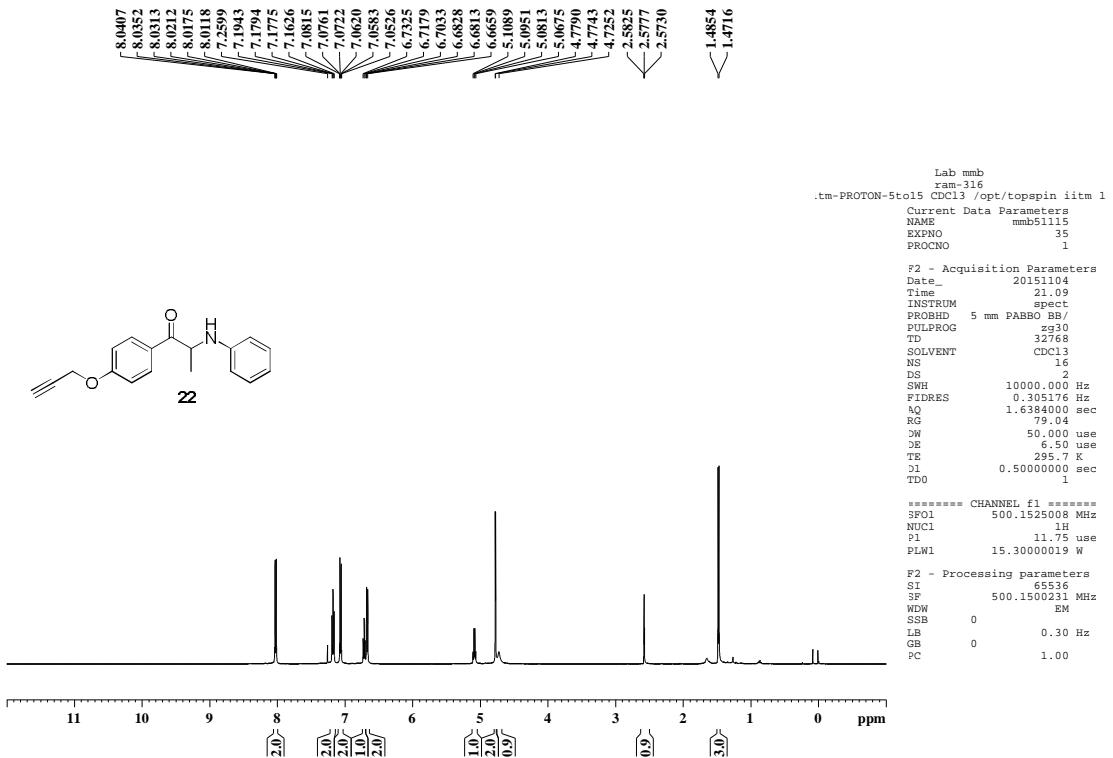


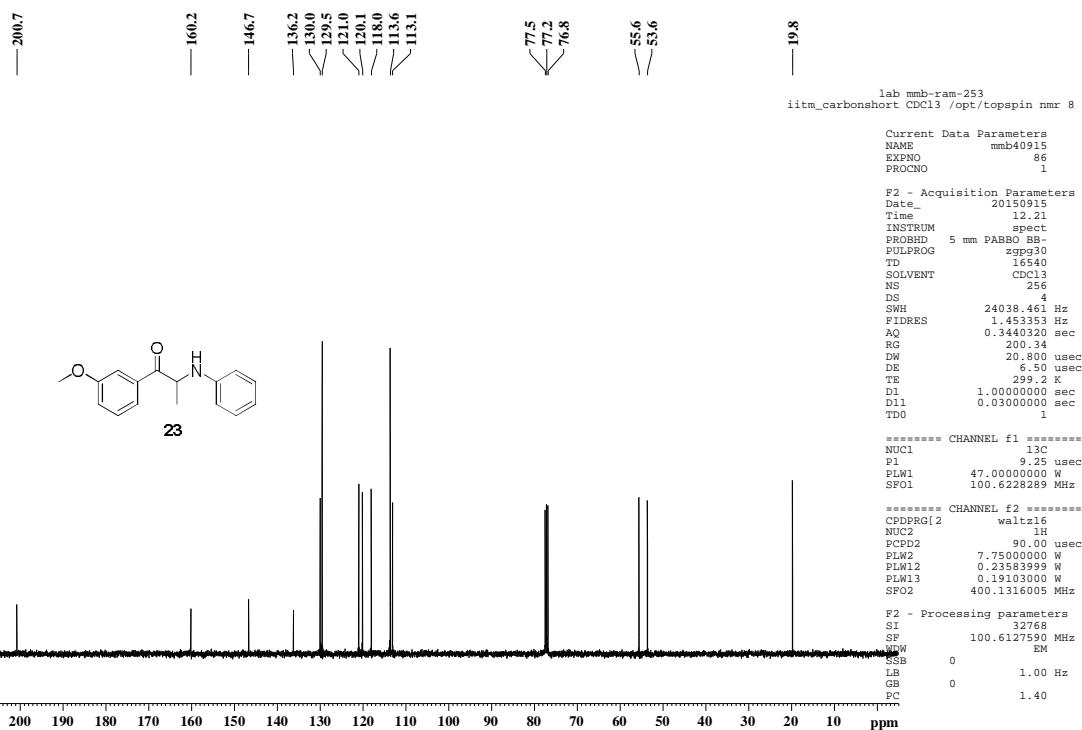
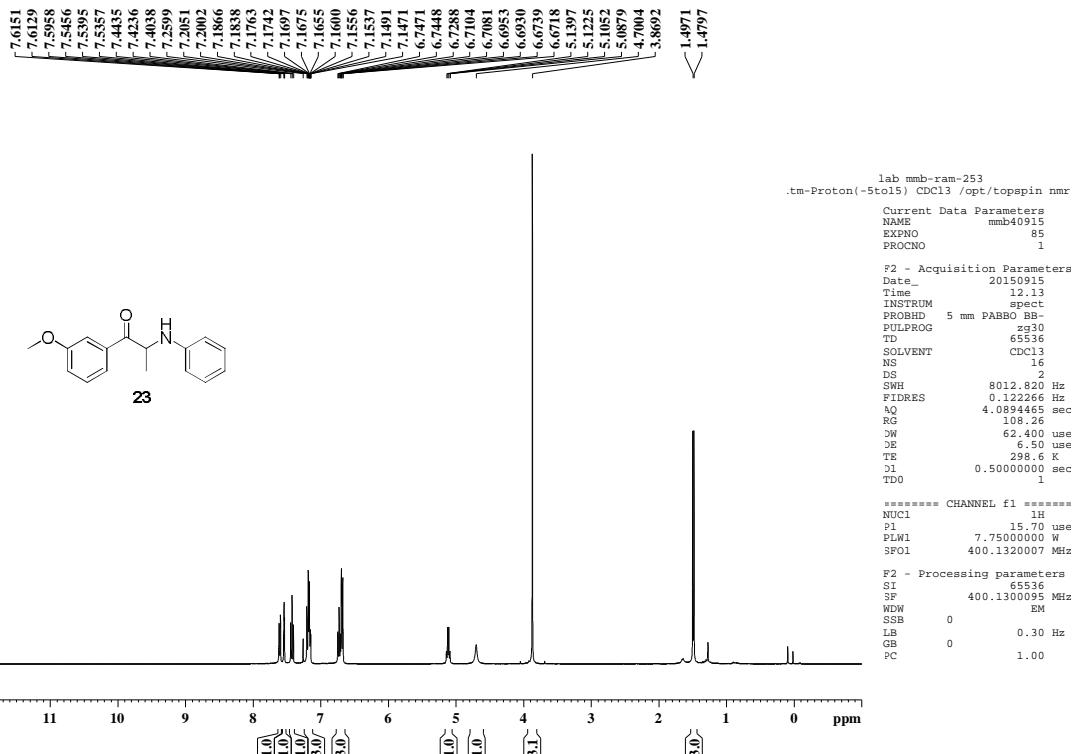


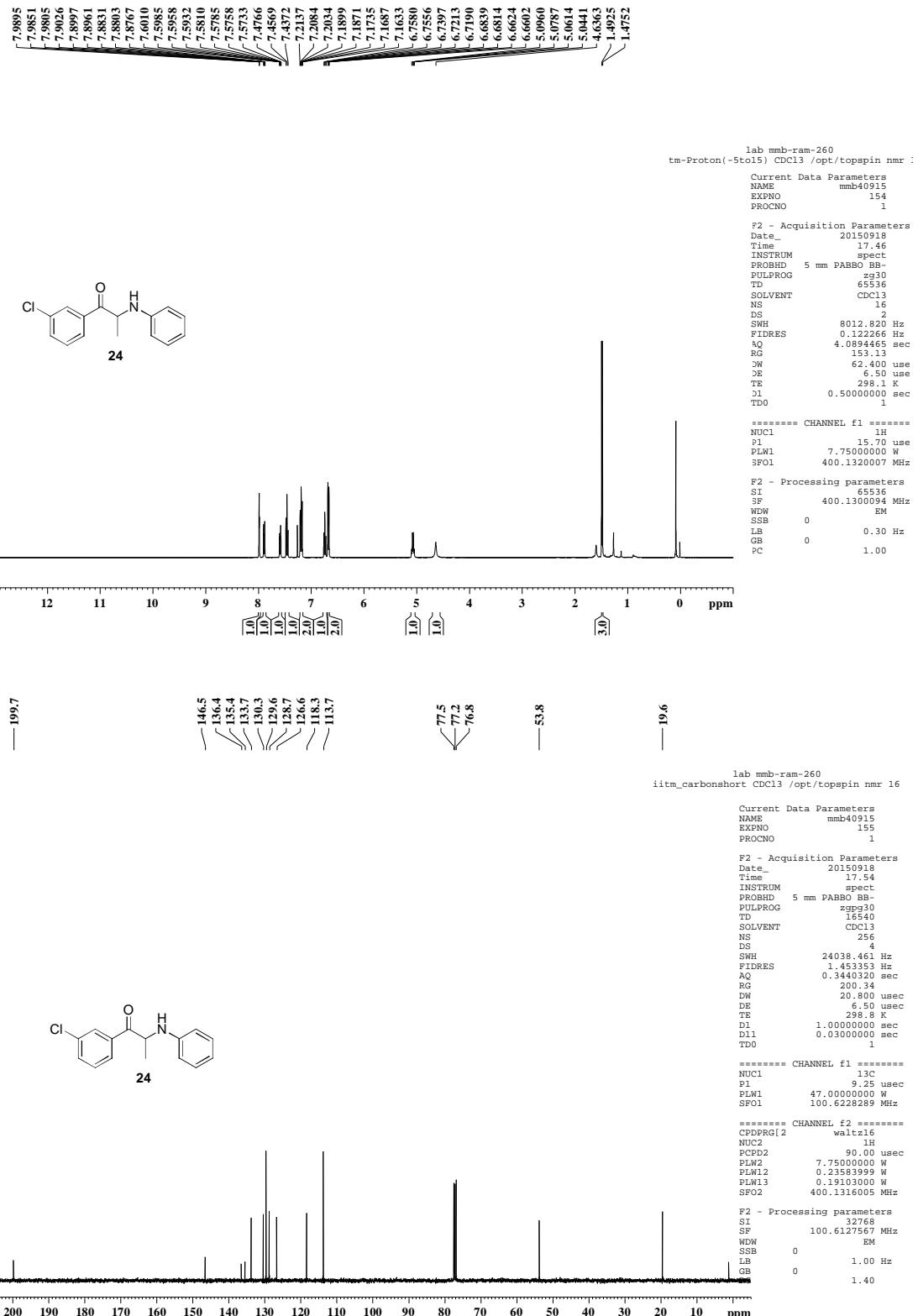


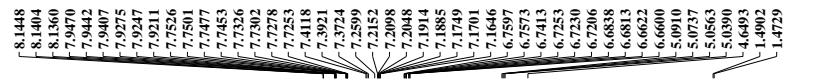












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DW      62.400 usec
DE      6.50 usec
TB      298.8 K
D1      0.5000000 sec
TD0     1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
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PLW1    7.7500000 W
SPO1    400.1320007 MHz

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