

Supporting Information

2,7-Diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes: Novel Asymmetric Access and Controlled Bridge-Opening

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General Methods

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen and using dry solvents unless otherwise stated. All reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers without further purification.

Microwave reactions were carried out in a CEM Discover-S microwave reactor using 150 Watts in dynamic mode.

The progress of reactions was monitored by thin layer chromatography using Merck silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates, which were visualized with UV light and potassium permanganate. Flash column chromatography was carried out using Geduran 60 Å silica gel and the indicated solvent systems.

NMR data were recorded on a Bruker AVIII300, AVIII400, AVIII400neo or AVIII500neo spectrometer in deuterated chloroform (unless otherwise indicated) and spectra were calibrated using residual solvent peaks (¹H = 7.26 ppm; ¹³C = 77.16 ppm). The multiplicities of ¹H NMR signals are abbreviated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad) and combinations thereof.

Mass spectra were recorded on either a Waters Xevo G2-XS Tof or Synapt G2-S mass spectrometer using Zspray in ESI positive mode.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer or a Varian 660-IR FT-IR spectrometer using Agilent Resolutions Pro for processing data. Absorption maxima (ν_{\max}) are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹).

Melting points were measured using a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Optical rotations were measured using a Bellingham and Stanley ADP450 Series Peltier polarimeter at 20 °C using the sodium D line (589.3 nm) and the indicated concentration and solvent.

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed using an LC-20 prominence system from Shimadzu, Chromeleon client, version 6.80 SR15 Build 4656, Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 (250 x 4.6 mm), Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-3 (250 x 4.6 mm), Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2 (250 x 4.6 mm) and Shimadzu SPD-M20A diode Array Detector for the UV detection, monitored at 220 nm or 230 nm.

Some signals in the C-H aromatic region of the ¹³C NMR spectra are not observed due to having equivalent resonances.

Preparation of Catalysts and Reagents

Catalysts **3+S2** were prepared according to literature procedure.¹

Catalyst **S1** was prepared according to literature procedure.²

Catalyst **S3** was commercially available and purchased from Strem Chemicals, inc.

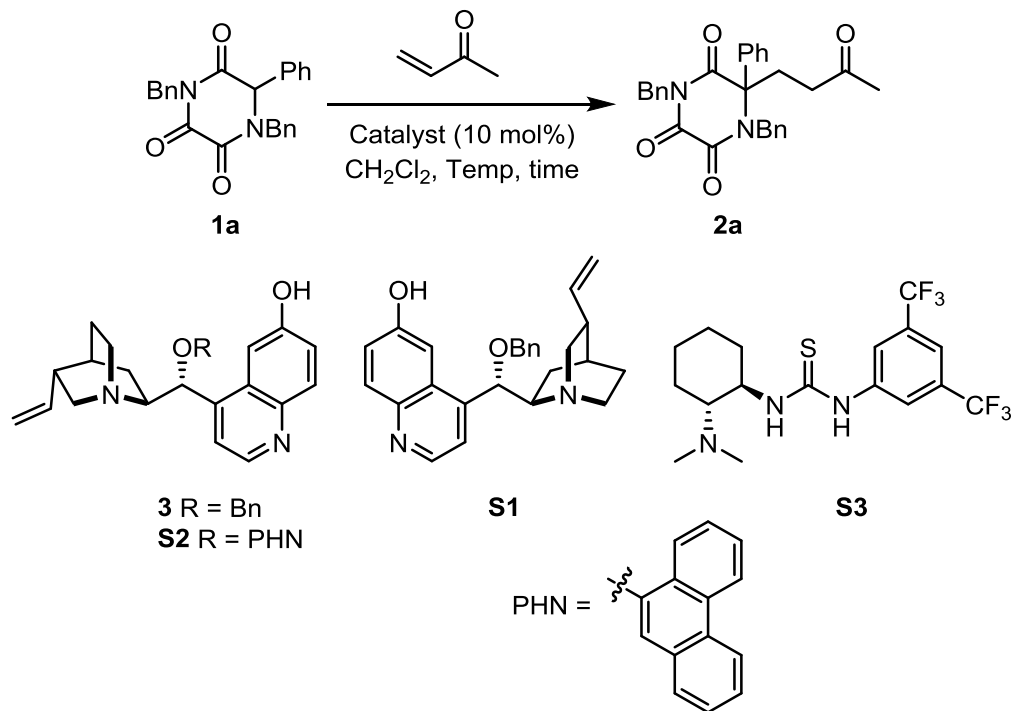
Triketopiperazine **S11** was prepared according to literature procedure.³

1,1'-(1,2-Dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (OxBzt) was prepared according to literature procedure.⁴

Phenyl vinyl ketone (PhVK) was prepared according to literature procedure.⁵

Optimisation Tables

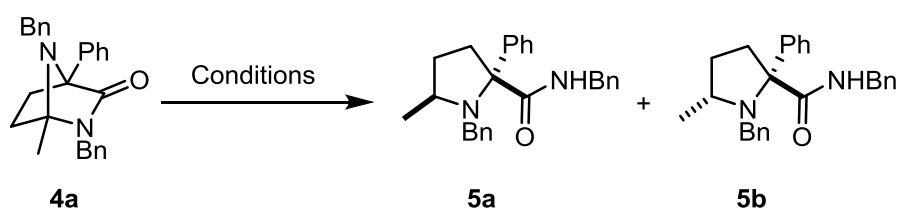
Asymmetric Michael Additions



Entry	Catalyst	Temp (°C)	Time	2a (%)	er
1	3	r.t.	16 h	98	90:10
2	S2	r.t.	2 days	22	77:23
3	S3	r.t.	4 days	37	82:18
4	S1	r.t.	16 h	82	14:86
5	3	3	16 h	90	92:8
6	3	-30	12 days	83	92:8

Figure 1. Optimisation of asymmetric Michael additions

Reductive Ring Opening



Entry	Reducing agent	dr
1	NaBH ₄	1.0:3.2
2	NaBH ₄ /CeCl ₃	1.0:2.0
3	NaCNBH ₃	1.0:1.8
4	Na(OAc) ₃ BH	2.7:1.0
5	DIBAL	4.5:1.0
6	DIBAL (-78 °C)	6.5:1.0
7	L-selectride	NR
8	LiAlH ₄	NR
9	H-cube, H ₂ Pd/C	NR
10	NH ₄ CO ₂ H, Pd/C	NR

General Procedures

General procedure A for the synthesis of amino amides (S6-S8)

To a 2-necked round bottomed flask containing phenylacetic acid derivative (1 eq.) was added thionyl chloride (0.5 M) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour then allowed to cool to room temperature followed by the addition of NBS (1.5 eq.) and HBr (3 drops). The reaction mixture was then heated at 80 °C for 4 hours. Excess thionyl chloride was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting crude compound was heated with hexane (20 mL), filtered while hot and then washed with hot hexane (4 x 20 mL). The washings were concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude α -bromo acid chloride as an oil. The acid chloride was then added dropwise to a solution of benzylamine (5 eq.) in MeCN (1 M) at 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered, washed with MeCN and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The reaction was purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system.

General procedure B for the synthesis of aryl triketopiperazines (1a-g)

To a microwave vial containing a suspension of 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (1.5 eq.) in THF (0.2 M) was added *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetamide (1 eq.) in THF (0.2 M). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes then irradiated for 1 hour at 150 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system.

General procedures Ci and Cii for the racemic and enantioselective Michael additions of α -aryl triketopiperazines (2a-q)

General procedure Ci for the racemic Michael additions of α -aryl triketopiperazines (2a-q)

To a solution of triketopiperazine **1a-j** (1 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M) was added triethylamine (1 eq.) followed by the Michael acceptor (2.5 eq.) at room temperature. The mixture was left to react until the starting material was consumed. The reaction was directly purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system.

General procedure Cii for the enantioselective Michael additions of α -aryl triketopiperazines (2a-q)

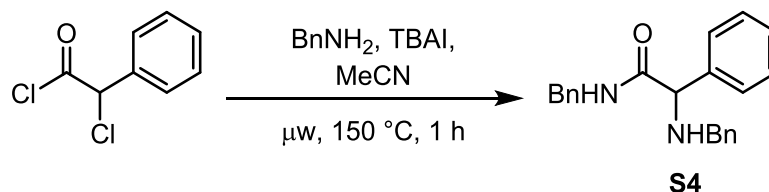
To a mixture of triketopiperazine **1a-j** (1 eq.) and catalyst **3** (10 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M) at -78 °C, the Michael acceptor (2.5 eq.) was added neat. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 3 °C and left to react. After the starting material was consumed the reaction was directly purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system.

General procedure D for the synthesis of diazabicycles (4a-m)

To a solution of triketopiperazine **2a-k, 2n and 2q** (1 eq.) in THF (0.2 M) was added ethanolamine (0.2 M). The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and directly purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system.

Synthesis of Amino Amides (S4-S10)

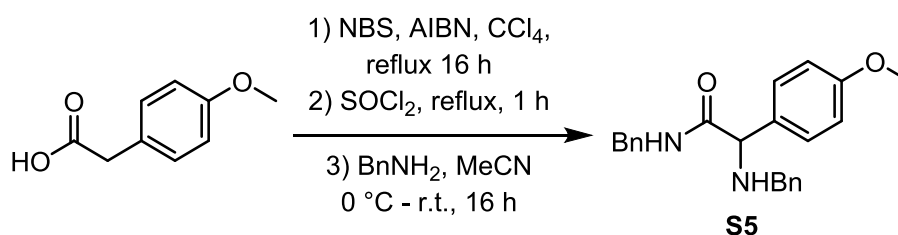
N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetamide **S4**



To a microwave vial containing a solution of benzylamine (0.55 mL, 5 mmol) in MeCN (4 mL) was added α -chlorophenylacetyl chloride (0.16 mL, 1 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. TBAI (185 mg, 0.5 mmol) dissolved in MeCN (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was irradiated for 1 hour in the microwave at 150 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered, washed with MeCN (5 mL) and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (1:0) to (2:1)) to afford **S4** (307 mg, 93%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3302, 3061, 3028, 2845, 1657, 1515, 1453, 1028, 730, 694; **^1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 – 7.19 (m, 16H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.05 (br s, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0, 139.3, 139.2, 138.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 67.1, 52.7, 43.4; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 331.1810, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 331.1813.

N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide **S5**

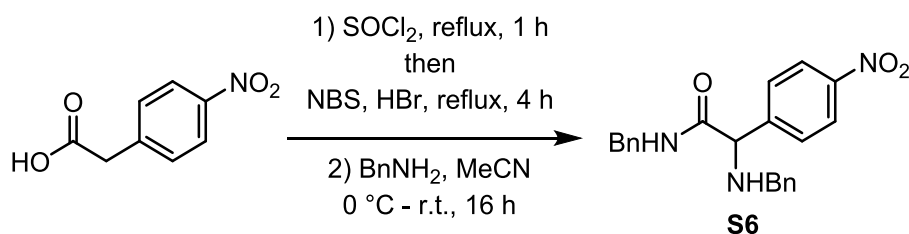


To a 2-necked round bottomed flask containing 4-methoxyphenylacetic acid (1.81 g, 10 mmol), NBS (1.87 g, 10.5 mmol) and AIBN (330 mg, 2 mmol) was added CCl_4 (15 mL). The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 16 hours then allowed to cool to room temperature, filtered, washed with CCl_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. To the resulting oil was added thionyl chloride (15 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give crude 2-bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetyl chloride as an orange oil. The crude product was diluted with MeCN (5 mL) and added dropwise to a solution of benzylamine (5.4 mL, 50 mmol) in MeCN

(50 mL) at 0 °C and stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered, washed with MeCN (10 mL) and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **S5** (1.79 g, 50%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3289, 3030, 2931, 2838, 1511, 1453, 1251, 1177, 1026, 751, 694; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (br s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 12H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H) 1.80 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 159.6, 139.4, 138.5, 131.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 114.4, 66.5, 55.5, 52.6, 43.4; **m/z** (ESI HRMS) C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₂Na requires 383.1735, found [MNa]⁺ 383.1732.

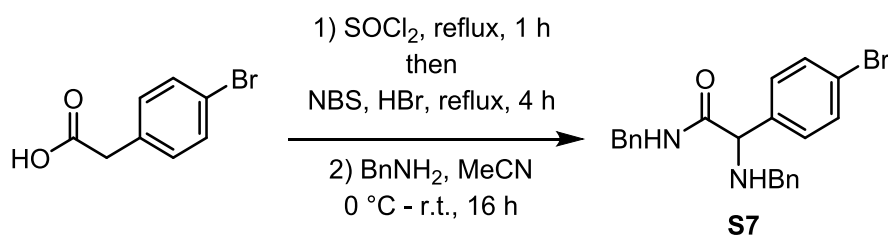
N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide **S6**



Following procedure **A** using 4-nitrophenylacetic acid (1.81 g, 10 mmol), NBS (2.67 g, 15 mmol), HBr (3 drops) and benzylamine (5.4 mL, 50 mmol). The resulting oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (1:0) to (2:1)) to afford **S6** (1.85 g, 68%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3347, 3258, 3033, 2933, 2846, 1668, 1519, 1452, 1343, 750, 734, 689; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45 (br s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.19 (m, 10H), 4.45 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.06 (br s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 147.8, 146.3, 138.6, 138.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 124.1, 66.3, 52.4, 43.5; **m/z** (ES HRMS) C₂₂H₂₂N₃O₃ requires 376.1661, found [MH]⁺ 376.1665.

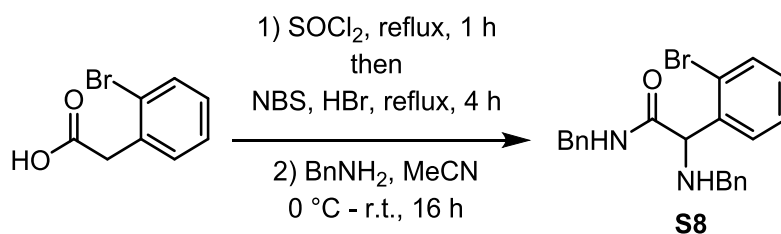
N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-bromophenyl)acetamide **S7**



Following general procedure **A** using 4-bromophenylacetic acid (860 mg, 4 mmol), NBS (1 g, 6 mmol), HBr (3 drops) and benzylamine (2.2 mL, 20 mmol). The resulting oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **S7** (708 mg, 45%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3299, 3062, 3028, 2924, 2848, 1652, 1517, 1486, 1453, 1071, 1010, 907, 727, 696; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.22 (m, 12H), 4.46 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.06 (br s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 139.0, 138.3, 132.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 122.2, 66.3, 52.4, 43.3; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ requires 409.0916, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 409.0924.

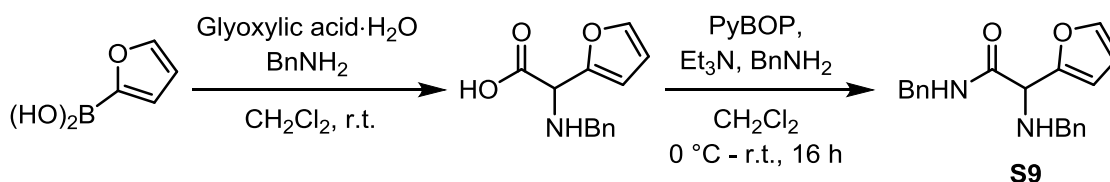
N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(2-bromophenyl)acetamide **S8**



Following general procedure **A** using 2-bromophenylacetic acid (430 mg, 2 mmol), NBS (530 mg, 3 mmol), HBr (3 drops) and benzylamine (1.1 mL, 10 mmol). The resulting oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **S8** (474 mg, 58%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3315, 3061, 3027, 2922, 2844, 1658, 1514, 1453, 1080, 1025, 748, 697; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.22 (m, 12H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (br s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 139.1, 138.5, 138.2, 133.4, 129.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 124.3, 65.8, 52.6, 43.4; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ requires 409.0916, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 409.0911.

N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(furan-2-yl)acetamide **S9**

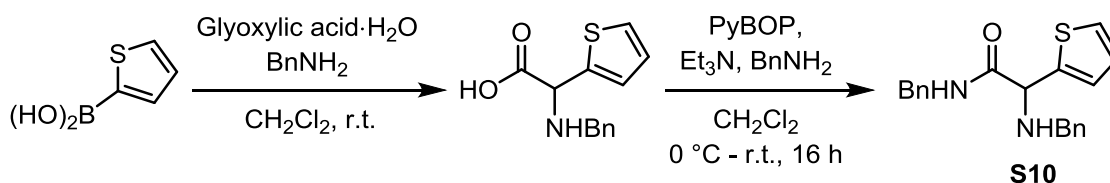


To a solution of glyoxylic acid monohydrate (460 mg, 5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (33 mL) was added benzylamine (0.55 mL, 5 mmol) and 2-furylboronic acid (560 mg, 5 mmol). The flask was

purged with argon and stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The resulting precipitate was filtered, dried under reduced pressure and used without further purification. To a round bottomed flask containing the crude amino acid was added CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, followed by the addition of PyBOP (2.8 g, 5.5 mmol), triethylamine (1.1 mL, 7.5 mmol) and benzylamine (1.4 mL, 12.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **S9** (1.24 g, 78%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3304, 3061, 3028, 2924, 2849, 1657, 1520, 1496, 1453, 1147, 1073, 1010, 734, 697; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (br s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 6.38 – 6.29 (m, 2H), 4.50 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 151.6, 142.6, 139.0, 138.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 110.7, 108.5, 60.4, 52.4, 43.5; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ requires 321.1603, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 321.1604.

N-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetamide **S10**



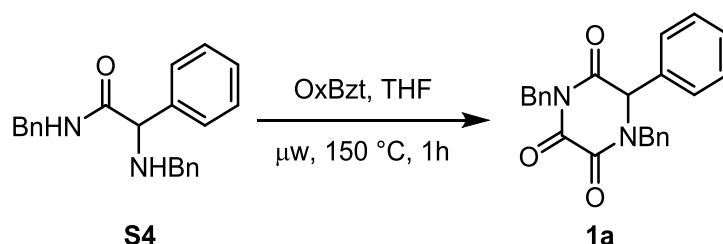
To a solution of glyoxylic acid monohydrate (368 mg, 4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (26 mL) was added benzylamine (0.44 mL, 4 mmol) and 2-thiopheneboronic acid (512 mg, 4 mmol). The flask was purged with argon and stirred at room temperature for 72 hours. The resulting precipitate was filtered, dried under reduced pressure and used without further purification. To a round bottomed flask containing the crude amino acid was added CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, followed by the addition of PyBOP (2.3 g, 4.4 mmol), triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6 mmol) and benzylamine (1.1 mL, 10 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **S10** (749 mg, 56%) as an orange oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3318, 3061, 2922, 2851, 1654, 1517, 1452, 1359, 1234, 1078, 1028, 847, 731, 694; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.16 (m, 12H), 7.01 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 (br s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 142.2, 139.0, 138.2, 128.7, 128.6,

128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 125.5, 62.3, 52.3, 43.4; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₀H₂₁N₂OS requires 337.1375, found [MH]⁺ 337.1372.

Synthesis of α -Aryl Triketopiperazines (**1a-j**)

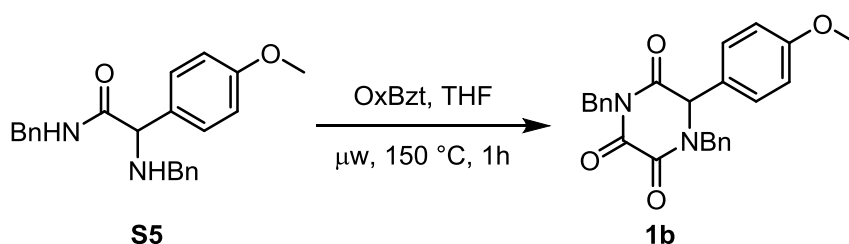
1,4-dibenzyl-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **1a**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (394 mg, 1.35 mmol) in THF (2 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetamide **S4** (307 mg, 0.9 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂) to afford **1a** (247.9 mg, 72%) as a white solid.

m.p. 159 – 161 °C; **IR** ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 3034, 1748, 1673, 1437, 1253, 1188, 720, 698; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.18 (m, 15H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 156.4, 153.0, 135.0, 134.1, 134.0, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.0, 63.8, 48.0, 44.7; *m/z* (ESI HRMS) C₂₄H₂₀N₂O₃Na requires 407.1372, found [MNa]⁺ 407.1370.

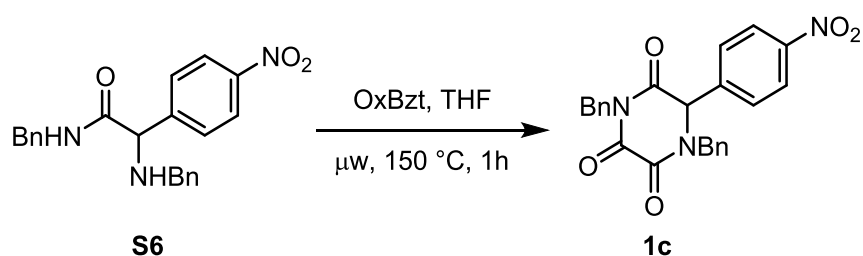
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1b**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (438 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF (2 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide **S5** (360 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: CH₂Cl₂:acetone = (1:0) to (95:5)) to afford **1b** (117.8 mg, 28%) as a white solid.

m.p. 184 – 186 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2966, 2842, 2358, 1749, 1674, 1515, 1352, 1251, 1176, 1022, 831, 728, 695; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 5.52 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 160.9, 156.5, 153.0, 135.1, 134.1, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 125.8, 115.2, 63.2, 55.6, 47.8, 44.7; **m/z** (ESI HRMS) $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 437.1477, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 437.1482.

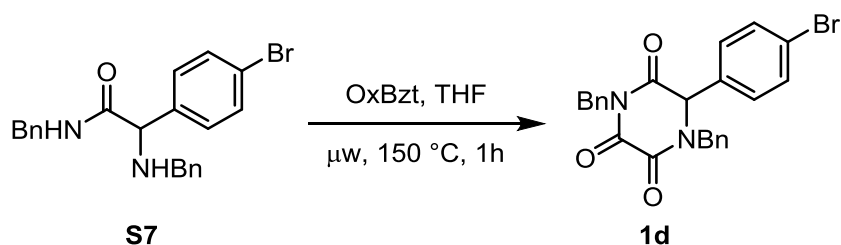
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1c**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (438 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF (2 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide **S6** (375 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2) to afford **1c** (163 mg, 38%) as a white solid.

m.p. 167 – 169 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3089, 3030, 1754, 1684, 1518, 1346, 1254, 976, 727, 702; **^1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.10 (m, 12H), 5.51 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.02 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 155.8, 152.8, 148.9, 140.9, 134.7, 133.3, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 124.9, 63.3, 48.6, 45.0; **m/z** (ESI HRMS) $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires 452.1222, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 452.1219.

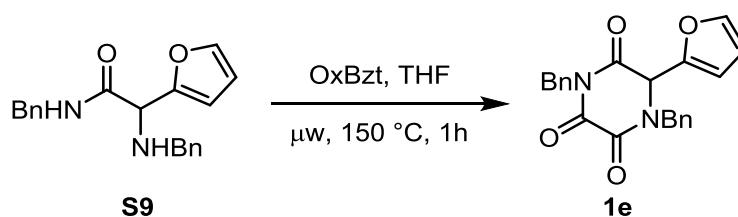
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1d**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (86 mg, 0.30 mmol) in THF (1 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(4-bromophenyl)acetamide **S7** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2) to afford **1d** (23 mg, 21%) as an off white solid.

m.p. 159 – 162 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3028, 2918, 1744, 1676, 1491, 1451, 1434, 1365, 1251, 1188, 1072, 1010, 823, 741, 695; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 5.51 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.02 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 156.2, 152.9, 134.9, 133.7, 133.1, 133.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 124.3, 63.3, 48.1, 44.8; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{BrNa}$ requires 485.0477, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 485.0476.

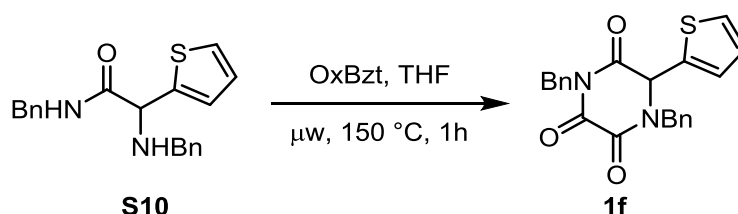
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(furan-2-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1e**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (225 mg, 0.77 mmol) in THF (2 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(furan-2-yl)acetamide **S9** (204 mg, 0.64 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2) to afford **1e** (94.2 mg, 40%) as an off white solid.

m.p. 144 – 146 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 3033, 2925, 1748, 1688, 1496, 1430, 1361, 1255, 1208, 1013, 730, 699; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.11 (m, 11H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 3.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.99 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.7, 156.4, 153.0, 145.8, 144.3, 135.0, 133.9, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 111.6, 111.2, 57.8, 48.0, 44.9; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 397.1164, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 397.1166.

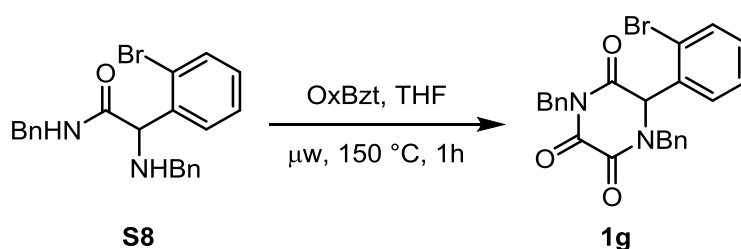
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1f**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (105 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (1 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetamide **S10** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) in THF (1 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2) to afford **1f** (40 mg, 34%) as an off white solid.

m.p. 135 – 137 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3033, 2923, 2853, 1747, 1688, 1495, 1431, 1361, 1253, 1207, 1087, 971, 729, 700; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 11H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.56 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.05 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 156.1, 152.5, 136.9, 134.9, 133.9, 129.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 59.4, 48.0, 44.9; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ requires 413.0936, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 413.0926.

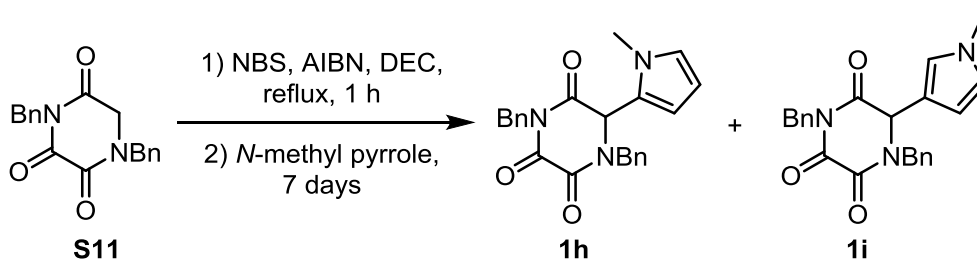
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(2-bromophenyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1g**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1*H*-benzotriazole (85 mg, 0.30 mmol) in THF (1 mL), *N*-benzyl-2-(benzylamino)-2-(2-bromophenyl)acetamide **S8** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2) to afford **1g** (43 mg, 38%) as an off white solid.

m.p. 153 – 155 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 3032, 2932, 1744, 1682, 1494, 1429, 1363, 1257, 1190, 1027, 908, 728, 698; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.64 (br s, 1H), 5.36 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 156.3, 153.1, 134.9, 134.6, 134.0, 133.5, 131.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 124.0, 63.8, 48.2, 44.8; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{BrNa}$ requires 485.0477, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 485.0474.

1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1h** and 1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1i**



To a round bottomed flask containing triketopiperazine **S11** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol), NBS (87 mg, 0.49 mmol) and AIBN (11 mg, 65 μmol , 20 mol%) was added diethylcarbonate (1.6 mL)

and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, filtered, washed with diethylcarbonate (3 x 2 mL) and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude α -bromo triketopiperazine was then used without further purification. To the crude residue was added diethylcarbonate (2 mL) and *N*-methyl pyrrole (58 μ L, 0.65 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 7 days at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **1h** (66.6 mg, 52%) as a colourless waxy solid and **1i** (10.4 mg, 8%) as a colourless waxy solid.

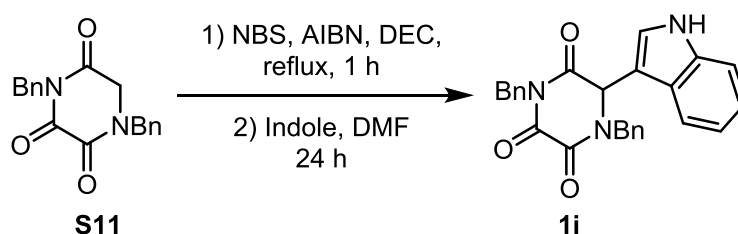
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1h**

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 3032, 2944, 1745, 1684, 1493, 1427, 1359, 1301, 1251, 1207, 1089, 908, 723, 698; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 8H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 156.2, 153.1, 135.1, 133.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.3, 124.1, 109.0, 108.3, 56.5, 48.1, 44.6, 34.2; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₃Na requires 410.1481, found [MNa]⁺ 410.1489.

1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1i**

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 3031, 2942, 1745, 1683, 1495, 1429, 1357, 1253, 1207, 1155, 1088, 1029, 909, 726, 698; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 156.9, 153.1, 135.3, 134.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 123.5, 120.7, 117.5, 106.6, 58.2, 47.6, 44.6, 36.6; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₃Na requires 410.1481, found [MNa]⁺ 410.1484.

1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1H-indol-3-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **1j**



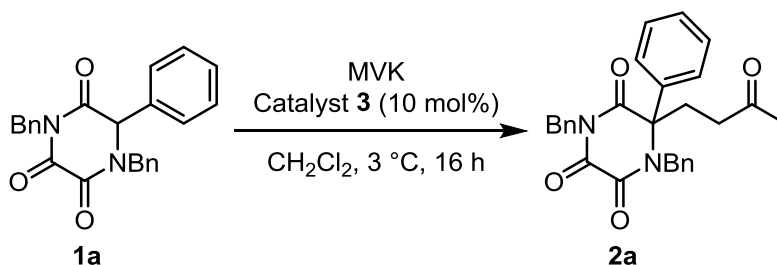
To a round bottomed flask containing triketopiperazine **S11** (308 mg, 1.0 mmol), NBS (267 mg, 1.5 mmol) and AIBN (30 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%) was added diethylcarbonate (5 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, filtered, washed with diethylcarbonate (3 x 3 mL) and

the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude α -bromo triketopiperazine was then used without further purification. To the crude residue was added DMF (5 mL) and indole (177 mg, 1.5 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), washed with water (5 \times 10 mL) and brine (10 mL) and the organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (1:0) to (1:1)) to afford **1j** (329 mg, 78%) as a white solid.

m.p. 178 – 180 °C; **IR** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3270, 3059, 1747, 1691, 1661, 1548, 1494, 1425, 1360, 1272, 1201, 1147, 1100, 1077, 970, 735, 695; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.08 (m, 13H), 5.54 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 156.8, 153.1, 136.7, 135.1, 134.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 124.9, 124.0, 123.5, 121.2, 118.7, 112.0, 109.8, 57.6, 47.8, 44.8; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₆H₂₁N₃O₃Na requires 446.1481, found [MNa]⁺ 446.1480.

Asymmetric Michael Additions (2a-q)

1,4-dibenzyl-6-(3-oxobutyl)-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **2a**

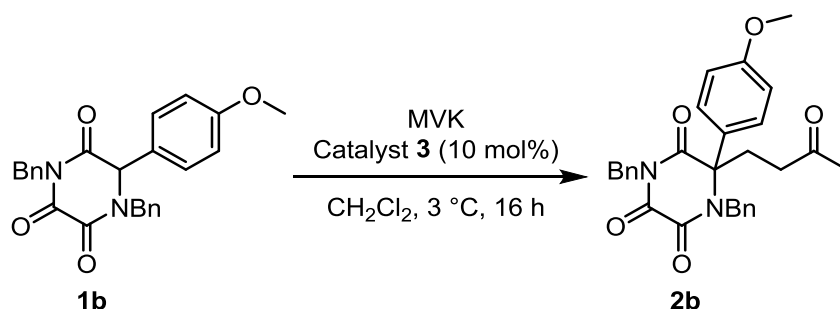


Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1a** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μ mol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (μ L, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2a** (44.6 mg, 98%) as a colourless oil in 8:92 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{minor})$ = 20.5 min, $t(\text{major})$ = 22.4 min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3067, 3035, 1744, 1682, 1495, 1419, 1358, 1266, 1144, 1074, 1029, 707, 693; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.18 (m, 15H), 5.22 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, J = 14.8, 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.1, 169.1, 155.8, 155.1, 138.0, 136.6, 135.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3,

128.2, 126.3, 72.8, 48.9, 44.7, 37.1, 30.1, 29.4; *m/z* (ESI HRMS) C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₄Na requires 477.1790, found [MNa]⁺ 477.1792; [α]_D²⁰ = -23.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

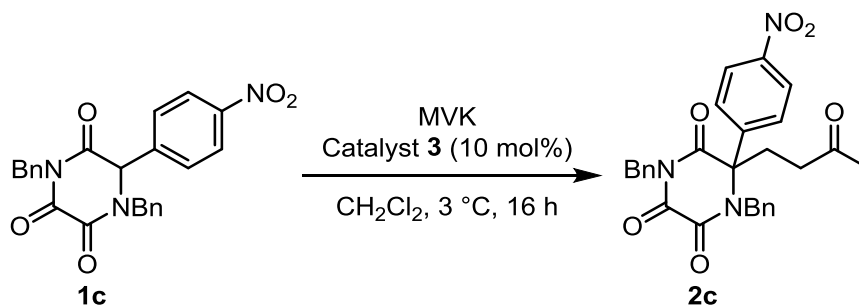
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2b**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1b** (41 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μ mol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μ L, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2b** (40.0 mg, 83%) as a colourless oil in 7:93 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, t(minor) = 13.9 min, t(major) = 16.9 min].

IR ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 3036, 2959, 1739, 1683, 1512, 1420, 1358, 1260, 1229, 1184, 1077, 1031, 824, 698; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 12H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 9.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.2, 169.4, 160.4, 155.9, 155.1, 136.8, 135.2, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 115.0, 72.4, 55.6, 48.8, 44.7, 37.2, 30.2, 29.4; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₉H₂₈N₂O₅Na requires 507.1896, found [MNa]⁺ 507.1898; [α]_D²⁰ = -18.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

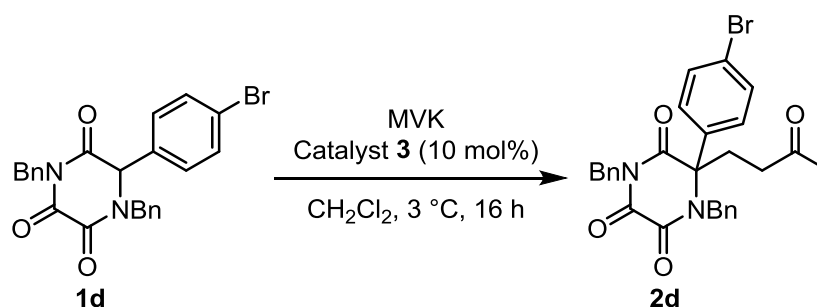
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2c**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1c** (43 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μ mol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μ L, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2c** (34.6 mg, 70%) as a colourless oil in 5:95 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 45:55, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, t(minor) = 23.2 min, t(major) = 27.1 min].

IR ν_{\max} /cm⁻¹ 3080, 3003, 2939, 1751, 1680, 1517, 1417, 1345, 1229, 1109, 1079, 1030, 854, 730, 703; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 5.20 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (ddd, J = 14.4, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, J = 14.7, 10.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7, 168.2, 155.4, 154.7, 148.4, 144.6, 136.1, 134.8, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 124.5, 72.3, 49.0, 45.0, 36.9, 30.5, 29.5; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₆Na requires 522.1641, found [MNa]⁺ 522.1638; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -7.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

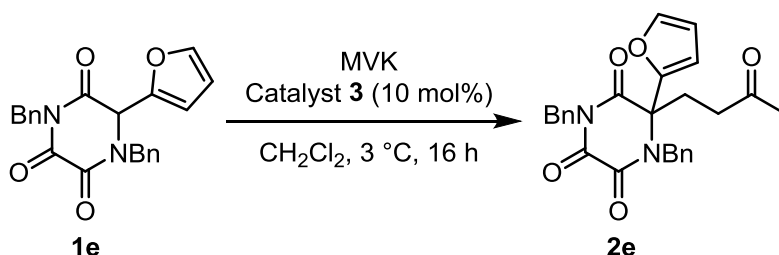
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2d**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1d** (46 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μ mol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μ L, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2d** (46.7 mg, 88%) as a colourless oil in 9:91 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, t(minor) = 21.6 min, t(major) = 24.3 min].

IR ν_{\max} /cm⁻¹ 3063, 3032, 1743, 1716, 1680, 1491, 1360, 1228, 1077, 908, 727, 701; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.16 (m, 12H), 5.16 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (ddd, J = 14.4, 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, J = 14.8, 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 168.8, 155.6, 155.0, 137.1, 136.4, 135.0, 132.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 124.1, 72.4, 48.9, 44.9, 37.0, 30.2, 29.4; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₈H₂₅N₂O₄NaBr requires 555.0895, found [MNa]⁺ 555.0900; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -4.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

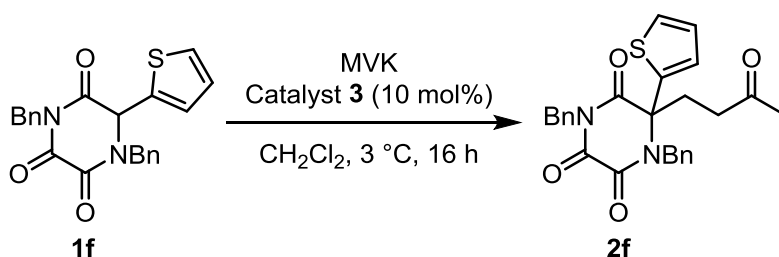
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(furan-2-yl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2e**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1e** (37 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2e** (44 mg, 99%) as a colourless oil in 94:6 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-3, MeCN:water, 35:65, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{major})$ = 24.4 min, $t(\text{minor})$ = 27.8 min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3036, 2935, 1746, 1684, 1495, 1415, 1365, 1342, 1231, 1147, 1015, 908, 731, 700; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.17 (m, 11H), 6.57 (dd, J = 3.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 14.7, 10.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (ddd, J = 14.9, 10.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.0, 167.1, 155.8, 154.9, 149.8, 143.7, 136.3, 135.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 111.1, 110.7, 68.5, 47.7, 44.9, 36.6, 29.5, 28.6; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires 467.1583, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 467.1590; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = -12.1 (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

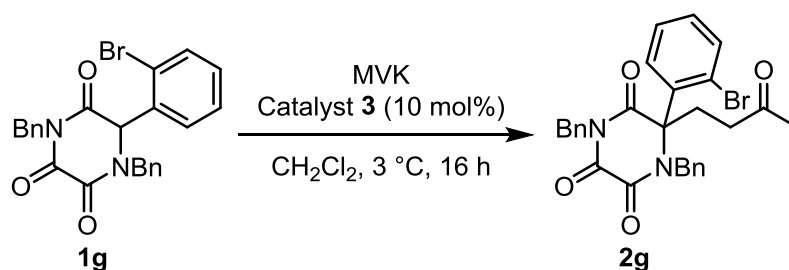
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(3-oxobutyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2f**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1f** (39 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2f** (42.7 mg, 93%) as a colourless oil in 6:94 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor})$ = 21.4 min, $t(\text{major})$ = 23.4 min].

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 1742, 1687, 1495, 1416, 1363, 1227, 1079, 1028, 701; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, $J = 14.6, 11.6, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, $J = 14.8, 11.5, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 11.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.72 (ddd, $J = 17.8, 11.6, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 167.9, 155.4, 154.8, 142.8, 136.7, 135.0, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 70.8, 48.8, 44.9, 37.3, 31.6, 29.3; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{NaS}$ requires 483.1354, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 483.1353; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -33.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

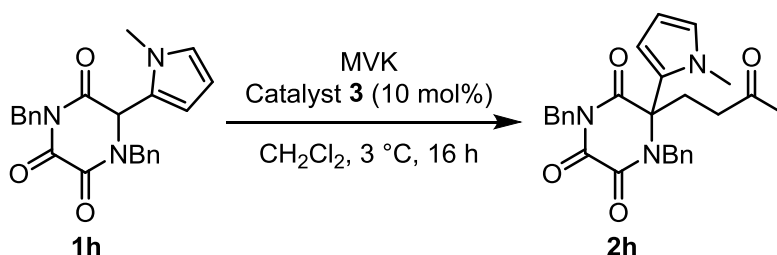
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(2-bromophenyl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2g**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1g** (46 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2g** (47.1 mg, 88%) as a colourless oil in 45:55 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 19.4$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 23.5$ min].

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3064, 3033, 1741, 1717, 1680, 1494, 1419, 1361, 1262, 1227, 1075, 1027, 908, 727, 700; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, $J = 14.0, 11.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (ddd, $J = 14.1, 11.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, $J = 17.6, 11.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 4H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.6, 169.3, 156.5, 155.0, 136.2, 135.9, 135.3, 134.9, 131.2, 130.4, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 124.5, 71.7, 47.7, 44.6, 36.4, 33.0, 29.7; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{BrNa}$ requires 555.0895, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 555.0898; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 1.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

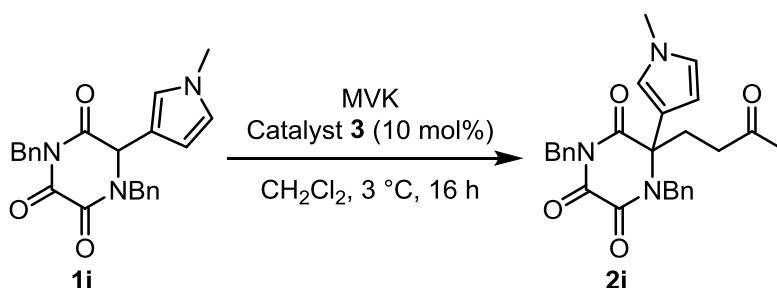
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2h**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1h** (39 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μ mol, 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (20 μ L, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2h** (45.0 mg, 99%) as a colourless oil in 49:51 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-3, MeCN:water, 40:60, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{minor})$ = 15.9 min, $t(\text{major})$ = 18.3 min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3063, 3033, 2947, 1742, 1717, 1681, 1491, 1416, 1358, 1306, 1261, 1222, 1074, 908, 724, 699; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.46 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.60 (m, 4H), 2.52 (ddd, J = 14.5, 9.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 168.8, 156.1, 154.2, 135.8, 135.0, 130.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 125.4, 112.2, 107.4, 67.6, 47.5, 44.9, 37.0, 34.0, 33.2, 29.9; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 480.1899, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 480.1904; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 5.7 (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

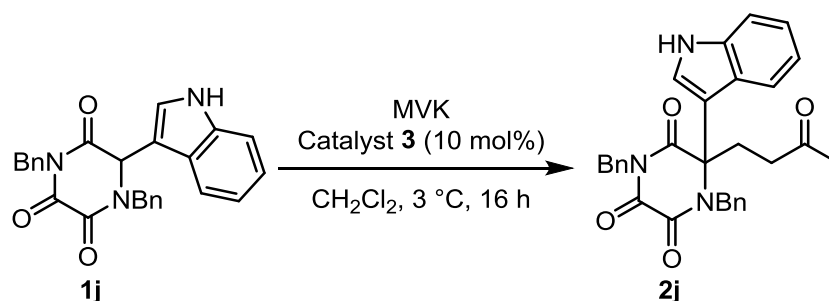
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2i**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1i** (34 mg, 90 μ mol), chiral catalyst **3** (3.5 mg, 9 μ mol 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (18 μ L, 0.21 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2i** (25.1 mg, 63%) as a colourless oil in 77:23 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-3, MeCN:water, 35:65, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{major})$ = 19.5 min, $t(\text{minor})$ = 21.1 min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 3031, 1741, 1714, 1682, 1495, 1419, 1362, 1227, 1166, 1080, 911, 729, 701; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 6.59 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, $J = 2.9, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.81 (ddd, $J = 14.8, 11.8, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, $J = 14.9, 11.6, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 11.7, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.70 (ddd, $J = 17.9, 11.8, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 169.7, 156.1, 155.3, 137.4, 135.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 123.3, 122.9, 120.4, 106.5, 69.5, 48.3, 44.7, 37.4, 36.7, 30.4, 29.4; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ requires 458.2080, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 458.2082; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -21.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

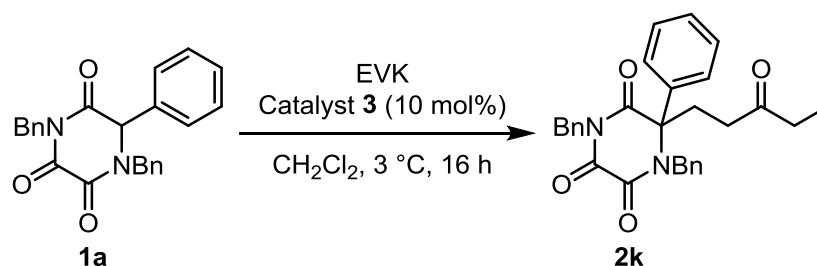
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(1H-indol-3-yl)-6-(3-oxobutyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2j**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1j** (12 mg, 30 μmol), chiral catalyst **3** (1 mg, 3 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (6 μL , 80 μmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2j** (12.5 mg, 91%) as a colourless oil in 27:73 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 60:40, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 5.8$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 9.9$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3343, 1739, 1715, 1676, 1496, 1416, 1362, 1225, 1166, 1017, 980, 909, 728, 699; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.84 – 8.76 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 9H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 5.23 – 5.14 (m, 2H), 5.00 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 11.5, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, $J = 17.6, 11.5, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.77 (ddd, $J = 17.3, 11.7, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.3, 169.6, 156.4, 154.8, 136.9, 136.8, 135.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 124.8, 124.1, 123.3, 121.2, 118.4, 114.1, 112.2, 69.4, 48.0, 44.9, 36.7, 31.9, 29.6; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 516.1899, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 516.1901; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -14.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

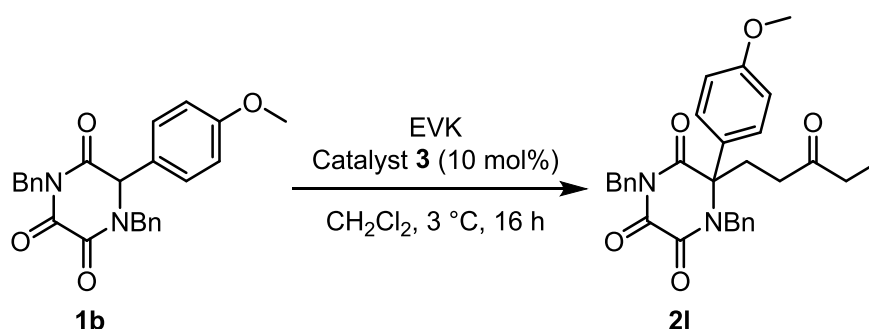
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(3-oxopentyl)-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **2k**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1a** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and ethyl vinyl ketone (25 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2k** (41.3 mg, 91%) as a colourless oil in 4:96 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 28.1$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 30.6$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2938, 1743, 1680, 1495, 1416, 1362, 1261, 1222, 1144, 1077, 1030, 782, 697; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.17 (m, 15H), 5.21 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 0.76 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.9, 169.2, 155.9, 155.2, 138.0, 136.7, 135.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 126.3, 72.8, 48.9, 44.7, 35.8, 35.4, 30.1, 7.7; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 491.1947, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 491.1949; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -23.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

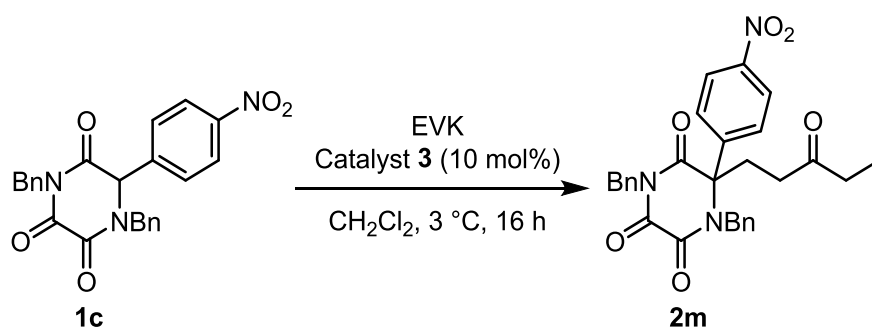
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(3-oxopentyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2l**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1b** (41 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and ethyl vinyl ketone (25 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2l** (37 mg, 75%) as a colourless oil in 3:97 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 22.1$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 27.4$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2970, 2936, 1742, 1681, 1605, 1511, 1416, 1362, 1256, 1222, 1183, 1078, 1031, 910, 832, 728, 700; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 12H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.21 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 9.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dq, $J = 17.6, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 3H), 0.78 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.0, 169.4, 160.4, 156.0, 155.2, 136.8, 135.2, 129.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 115.0, 72.5, 55.6, 48.8, 44.7, 35.9, 35.5, 30.2, 7.7; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires 521.2052, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 521.2048; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -4.8$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

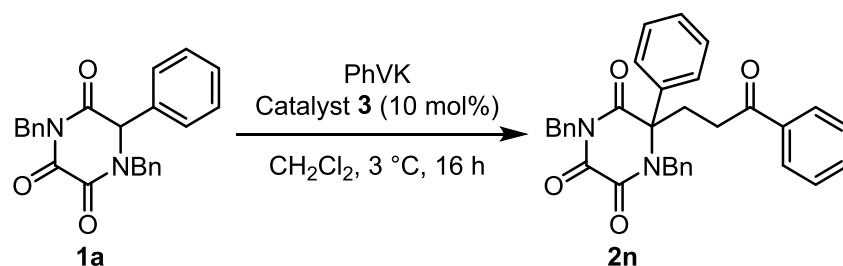
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(3-oxopentyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2m**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1c** (43 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and ethyl vinyl ketone (25 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2m** (31.5 mg, 63%) as a colourless oil in 3:97 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 19.3$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 22.7$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2980, 2933, 1744, 1682, 1608, 1525, 1495, 1415, 1349, 1221, 1113, 1078, 1030, 852, 729, 700; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 5.13 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 4.94 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 10.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, $J = 14.7, 10.2, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dq, $J = 17.6, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 3H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.5, 168.3, 155.4, 154.7, 148.4, 144.7, 136.1, 134.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 124.5, 72.4, 49.0, 45.0, 35.5, 30.6, 7.7; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ requires 536.1798, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 536.1800; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -7.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

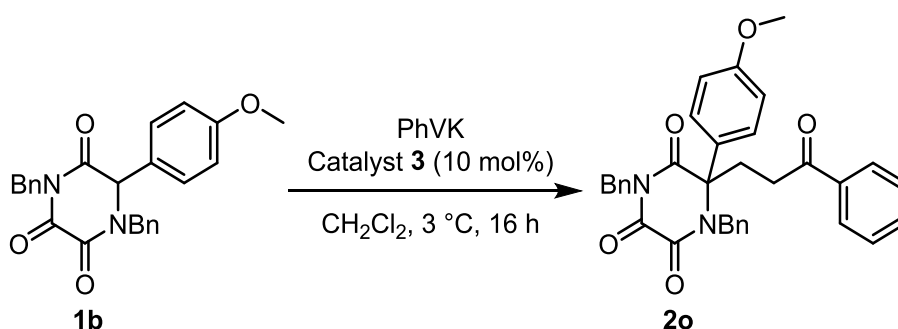
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **2n**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1a** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and phenyl vinyl ketone (33 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2n** (46 mg, 90%) as a colourless oil in 85:15 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, t(major) = 61.3 min, t(minor) = 70.3 min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3064, 3029, 1742, 1678, 1597, 1494, 1415, 1361, 1262, 1228, 1138, 1073, 1002, 746, 690; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.29 (m, 12H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 9.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 9.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.25 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 169.3, 155.9, 155.2, 138.1, 136.4, 136.1, 135.2, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 72.9, 49.0, 44.7, 32.5, 30.6; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₃H₂₈N₂O₄Na requires 539.1947, found [MNa]⁺ 539.1957; [α]_D²⁰ = -12.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

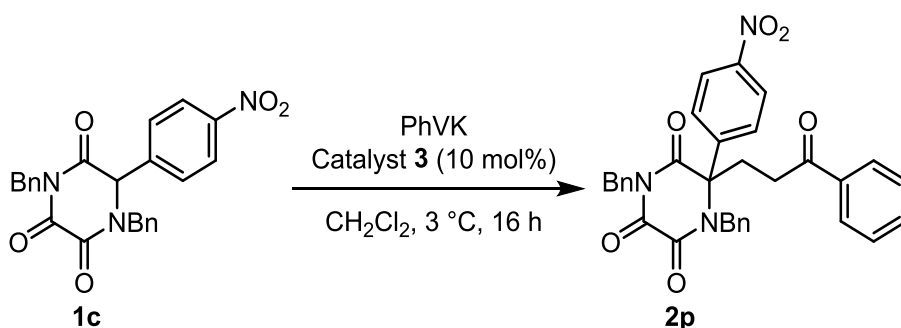
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2o**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1b** (41 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol, 10 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and phenyl vinyl ketone (33 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2o** (52 mg, 95%) as a colourless oil in 87:13 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 60:40, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, t(major) = 22.1 min, t(minor) = 26.0 min].

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3061, 2958, 1741, 1678, 1603, 1511, 1447, 1415, 1362, 1256, 1227, 1182, 1077, 1030, 832, 733, 697; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 5.21 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 9.9, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ddd, $J = 14.6, 9.4, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.23 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 169.5, 160.4, 156.0, 155.2, 136.5, 136.1, 135.3, 133.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 115.0, 72.6, 55.6, 48.8, 44.7, 32.5, 30.7; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires 569.2052, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 569.2048; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -7.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

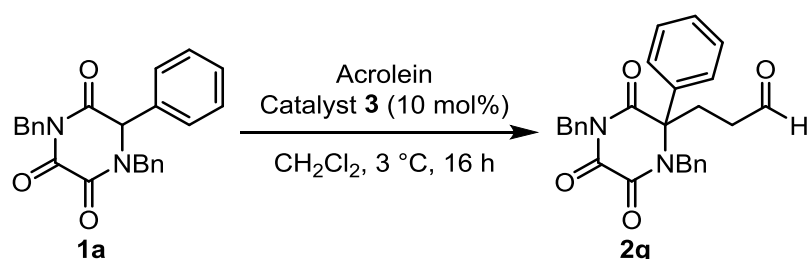
1,4-dibenzyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)piperazine-2,3,5-trione **2p**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1c** (43 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and phenyl vinyl ketone (33 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (2:1)) to afford **2p** (49.5 mg, 88%) as a colourless oil in 4:96 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 42.8$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 50.2$ min].

IR $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3064, 3034, 1744, 1679, 1597, 1521, 1495, 1417, 1348, 1263, 1227, 1140, 1077, 907, 851, 727, 702; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.31 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.4, 168.4, 155.5, 154.8, 148.4, 144.8, 135.9, 134.9, 133.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 124.5, 72.5, 49.0, 45.0, 32.2, 31.0; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ requires 584.1798, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 584.1803; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

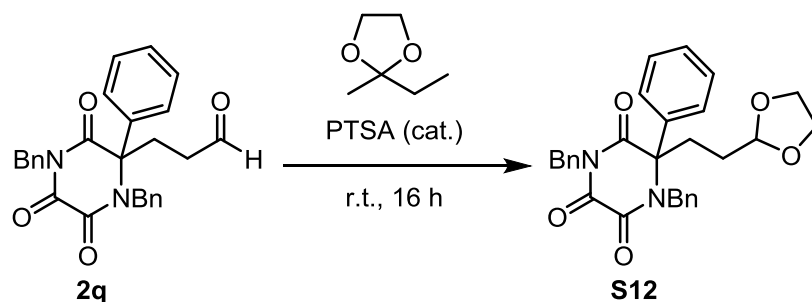
3-(1,4-dibenzyl-3,5,6-trioxo-2-phenylpiperazin-2-yl)propanal **2q**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **1a** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol), chiral catalyst **3** (4 mg, 10 μmol , 10 mol%), CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and acrolein (17 μL , 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **2q** (37.2 mg, 85%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3035, 2943, 1738, 1711, 1680, 1495, 1418, 1361, 1303, 1265, 1148, 1072, 911, 754, 692; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.17 (m, 15H), 5.29 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 11.2, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, $J = 14.7, 11.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.75 (m, 2H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 169.0, 155.7, 155.2, 137.8, 136.6, 135.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 126.2, 72.8, 49.0, 44.9, 38.1, 28.5; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 463.1634, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 463.1631.

6-(2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)-1,4-dibenzyl-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **S12**



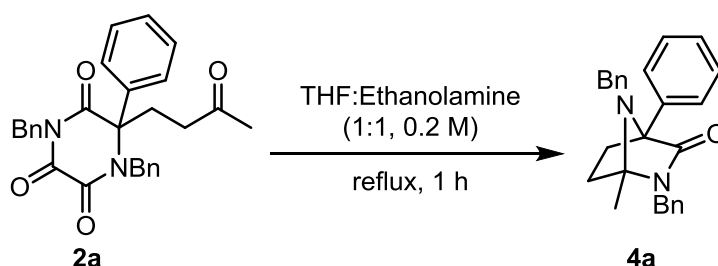
To a vial containing aldehyde **2q** (37 mg, 85 μmol) was added 2-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane (0.25 mL) and PTSA (5 mg) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **S12** (40 mg, 98%) as a colourless oil in 42:58 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1, MeCN:water, 50:50, 1.0 ml/min, λ 230 nm, $t(\text{minor}) = 25.7$ min, $t(\text{major}) = 28.1$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 2951, 2885, 1742, 1683, 1494, 1418, 1363, 1263, 1234, 1128, 1076, 1029, 732, 698; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 – 7.20 (m, 15H), 5.15 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 –

4.98 (m, 2H), 4.35 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.67 (m, 4H), 2.93 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 11.6, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 11.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.35 – 1.13 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 156.0, 154.9, 138.5, 136.5, 135.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.4, 103.1, 73.1, 64.8, 64.8, 48.8, 44.7, 30.7, 28.6; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 507.1896, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 507.1897.

2,7-Diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes (4a-m)

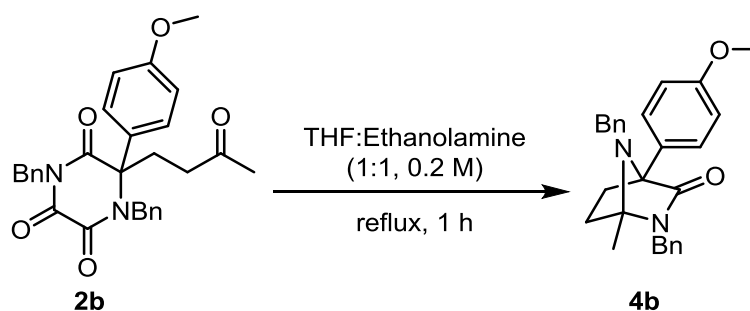
2,7-dibenzyl-1-methyl-4-phenyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4a**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2a** (19 mg, 40 μmol), THF (0.1 mL) and ethanolamine (0.1 mL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4a** (13.9 mg, 87%) as a colourless oil in 92:8 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 70:30, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{major}) = 8.1$ min, $t(\text{minor}) = 9.8$ min].

$\text{IR } \nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3060, 3028, 2979, 2943, 1692, 1494, 1453, 1405, 1318, 1182, 955, 700; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.24 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 4.58 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H).; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.6, 140.8, 138.6, 136.5, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 126.5, 84.1, 75.3, 46.8, 43.7, 35.3, 35.2, 18.2; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 383.2123, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 383.2121; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 15.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

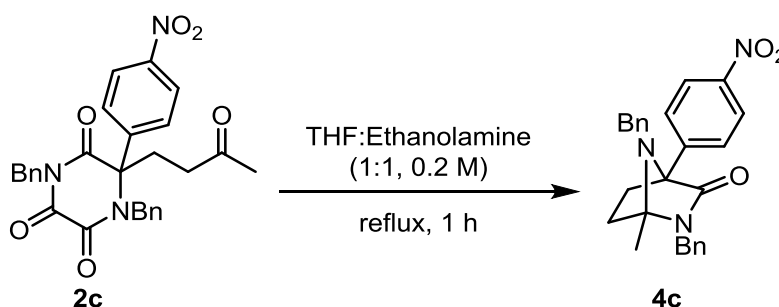
2,7-dibenzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4b**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2b** (26 mg, 53 μ mol), THF (0.14 mL) and ethanolamine (0.14 mL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4b** (11.2 mg, 51%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2979, 2940, 2837, 1689, 1514, 1494, 1454, 1404, 1319, 1246, 1177, 1028, 831, 728, 699; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.8, 159.2, 140.8, 138.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 126.5, 113.9, 84.0, 75.0, 55.4, 46.7, 43.7, 35.2, 34.9, 18.2; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ requires 413.2229, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 413.2231.

2,7-dibenzyl-1-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4c**

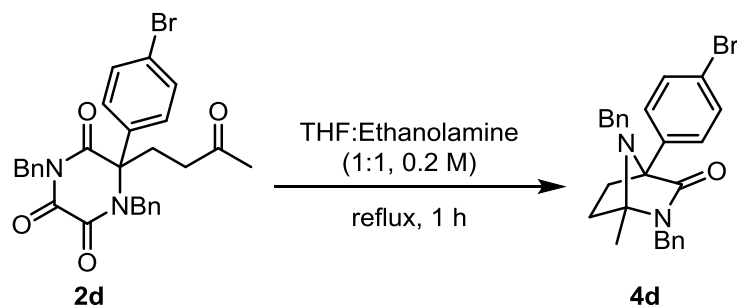


Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2c** (25 mg, 50 μ mol), THF (125 μ L) and ethanolamine (125 μ L). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4c** (13.1 mg, 61%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2940, 2925, 2853, 1692, 1601, 1517, 1494, 1406, 1347, 1317, 1182, 1028, 956, 909, 852, 729, 698; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 – 8.15 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 4.56 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 1H),

1.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 147.4, 144.2, 139.8, 138.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 123.6, 84.4, 74.9, 47.2, 43.9, 35.8, 35.5, 18.0; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ requires 428.1974, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 428.1975.

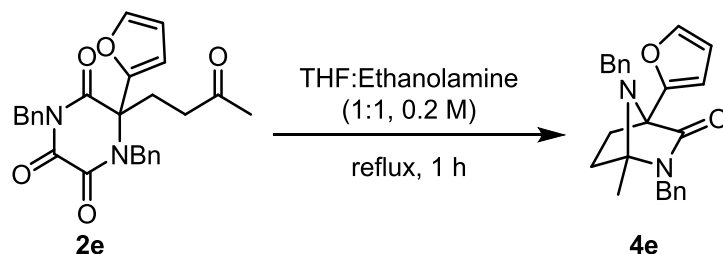
2,7-dibenzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4d**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2d** (45 mg, 85 μmol), THF (215 μL) and ethanolamine (215 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4d** (23.1 mg, 60%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3030, 2923, 2850, 1693, 1493, 1405, 1318, 1182, 1011, 955, 823, 703; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 4.55 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.2, 140.4, 138.4, 135.6, 131.6, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 122.0, 84.1, 74.9, 46.9, 43.8, 35.3, 18.1; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ requires 461.1229, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 461.1226.

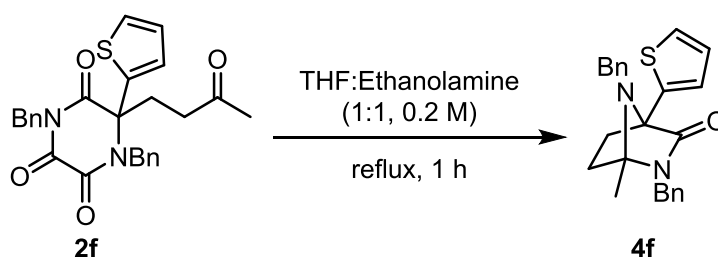
2,7-dibenzyl-4-(furan-2-yl)-1-methyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4e**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2e** (59 mg, 0.13 mmol), THF (325 μL) and ethanolamine (325 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4e** (36.6 mg, 75%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3028, 2945, 1697, 1494, 1454, 1405, 1312, 1185, 1006, 910, 729, 697; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 3.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.57 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 10.4, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.88 (ddd, $J = 11.5, 10.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.74 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 (ddd, $J = 11.4, 9.2, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.2, 148.1, 142.9, 140.1, 138.3, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 111.8, 110.4, 84.3, 72.7, 47.1, 43.8, 35.1, 30.0, 17.9; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ requires 373.1916, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 373.1919.

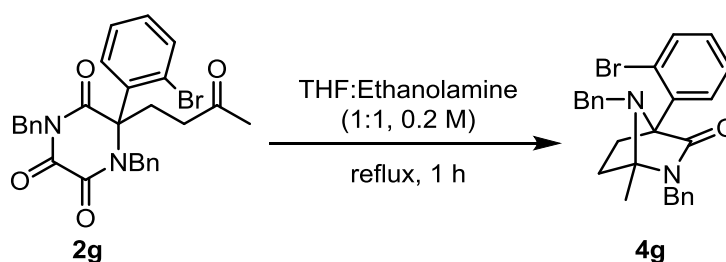
2,7-dibenzyl-1-methyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4f**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2f** (12 mg, 26 μmol), THF (65 μL) and ethanolamine (65 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4f** (5 mg, 50%) as a colourless oil in 93:7 er as determined by HPLC analysis [Phenomenex Lux Amylose-2, MeCN:water, 70:30, 1.0 ml/min, λ 220 nm, $t(\text{major}) = 7.8$ min, $t(\text{minor}) = 9.4$ min].

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3062, 2928, 2851, 1699, 1484, 1454, 1405, 1296, 1182, 1028, 842, 700; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, $J = 12.2, 10.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddd, $J = 12.2, 9.1, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, $J = 11.6, 10.3, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 (ddd, $J = 11.6, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 140.6, 138.3, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 84.5, 73.9, 46.7, 43.9, 36.0, 35.2, 18.2; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ requires 389.1688, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 389.1685; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -7.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

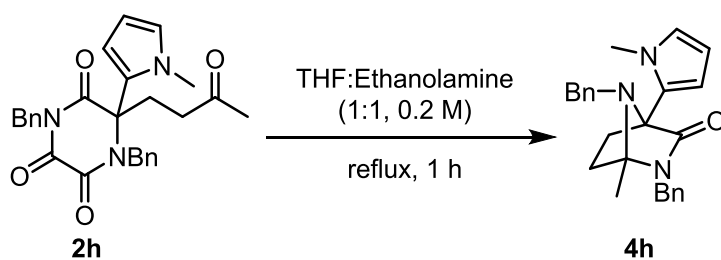
2,7-dibenzyl-4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4g**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2g** (36 mg, 68 μmol), THF (175 μL) and ethanolamine (175 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4g** (9 mg, 29%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2921, 2850, 1688, 1494, 1455, 1406, 1313, 1028, 755, 698; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.08 (m, 13H), 4.65 (br s, 1H), 4.27 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (ddd, $J = 11.8, 10.2, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.85 (br s, 1H), 1.62 (br s, 2H), 1.10 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.1, 140.1, 138.5, 135.5, 133.9, 132.0, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 84.0, 77.4, 48.0, 43.4, 34.8, 29.2, 18.2; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ requires 461.1229, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 461.1233.

2,7-dibenzyl-1-methyl-4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4h**

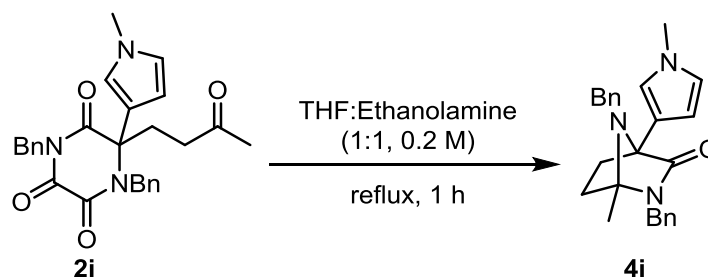


Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2h** (34.7 mg, 76 μmol), THF (190 μL) and ethanolamine (190 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4h** (7.5 mg, 26%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3029, 2924, 2852, 1702, 1494, 1453, 1404, 1322, 1274, 1225, 1179, 1028, 950, 700; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 2.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, $J = 3.7, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 10.4, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.0, 140.0, 138.4, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.5,

124.7, 112.1, 107.0, 84.0, 72.6, 47.4, 43.3, 35.2, 33.5, 29.4, 17.7; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₅H₂₈N₃O requires 386.2232, found [MH]⁺ 386.2230.

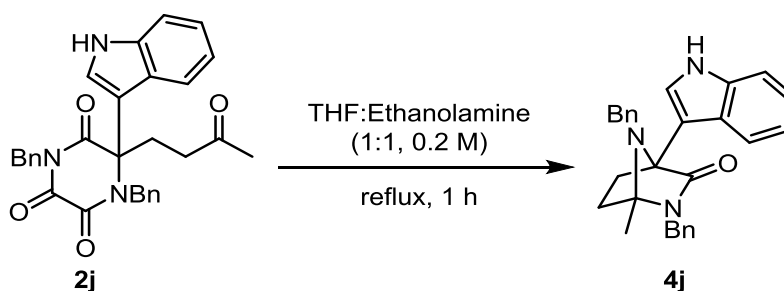
2,7-dibenzyl-1-methyl-4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4i**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2i** (16 mg, 35 μmol), THF (100 μL) and ethanolamine (100 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4i** (3.3 mg, 25%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2922, 2852, 1693, 1494, 1453, 1410, 1272, 1207, 1079, 1028, 793, 733, 700; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 141.6, 138.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 122.4, 122.0, 117.8, 107.8, 84.2, 72.9, 46.4, 43.8, 36.3, 35.1, 34.1, 18.3; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₅H₂₈N₃O requires 386.2232, found [MH]⁺ 386.2233.

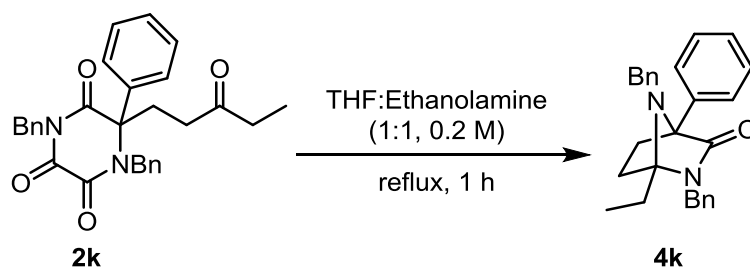
2,7-dibenzyl-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4j**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2j** (9.5 mg, 19 μmol), THF (50 μL) and ethanolamine (50 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4j** (2 mg, 21%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3300, 2924, 2852, 1680, 1494, 1455, 1409, 1351, 1217, 1074, 942, 741, 700; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 – 8.19 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, $J = 12.4, 10.3, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (ddd, $J = 11.6, 10.3, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 (ddd, $J = 12.4, 9.3, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4, 140.9, 138.6, 136.4, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6, 126.3, 126.2, 125.4, 122.2, 120.9, 119.7, 111.3, 109.7, 84.2, 73.0, 47.2, 43.7, 35.5, 31.8, 18.6; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ requires 422.2232, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 422.2235.

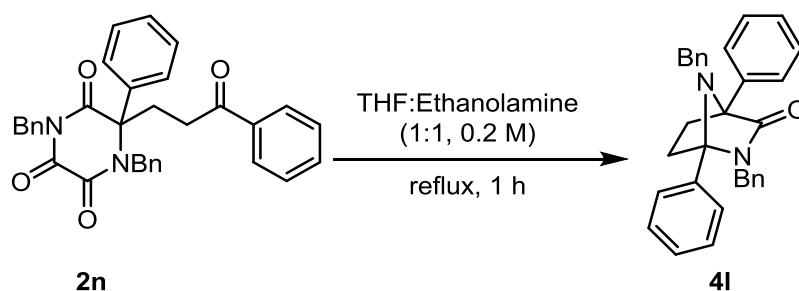
2,7-dibenzyl-1-ethyl-4-phenyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4k**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2k** (24 mg, 50 μmol), THF (125 μL) and ethanolamine (125 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4k** (9.8 mg, 50%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3030, 2931, 2850, 1692, 1494, 1453, 1399, 1314, 1074, 1028, 760, 734, 700; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 8H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 4.63 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.10 (ddd, $J = 11.7, 10.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 9.3, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dq, $J = 14.9, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.54 (dq, $J = 14.7, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 0.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.3, 140.1, 138.8, 136.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.5, 88.1, 75.7, 47.1, 43.7, 34.2, 30.8, 23.0, 7.8; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 397.2280, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 397.2281.

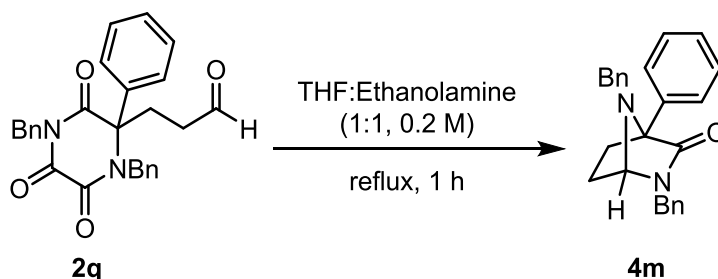
2,7-dibenzyl-1,4-diphenyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4l**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2n** (18 mg, 35 μmol), THF (90 μL) and ethanolamine (90 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4l** (13 mg, 84%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3059, 3031, 2926, 1705, 1494, 1450, 1398, 1322, 1198, 1074, 1029, 951, 911, 752, 731, 695; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 9H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 5H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 4.56 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.10 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, J = 11.9, 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.7, 139.4, 137.6, 134.6, 133.1, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.1, 88.6, 77.5, 48.3, 44.2, 30.3, 26.5; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 445.2280, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 445.2281.

2,7-dibenzyl-4-phenyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **4m**



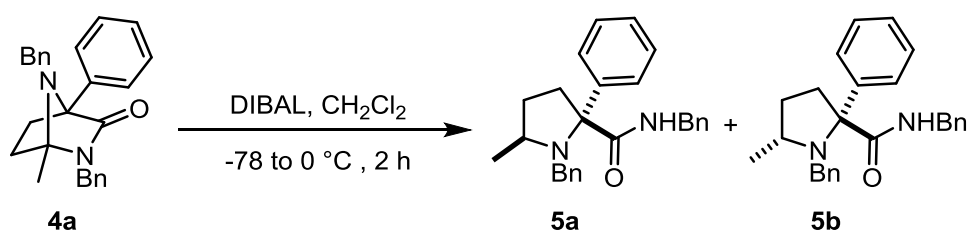
Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **2q** (19 mg, 44 μmol), THF (110 μL) and ethanolamine (110 μL). After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (9:1) to (2:1)) to afford **4m** (4.4 mg, 28%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2916, 2854, 1694, 1494, 1451, 1411, 1330, 1249, 701; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.84 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**

(126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 138.7, 137.0, 135.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.1, 84.1, 73.9, 48.6, 44.8, 29.9, 28.0; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₅H₂₅N₂O requires 369.1967, found [MH]⁺ 369.1966.

Reduction of 4a

N,1-dibenzyl-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide **5a** and **5b**



To a solution of diazabicyclic **4a** (29 mg, 77 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added DIBAL (65 μ L, 77 μ mol) at -78 °C. After 1 hour a further equivalent of DIBAL (65 μ L, 77 μ mol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 1 hour. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) followed by the addition of aqueous Rochelle's salt (3 mL, 20% w/w) and stirred vigorously for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 3 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 9:1) to afford **5a** (11.4 mg, 39%) and **5b** (5.4 mg, 18%) as colourless oils.

Major (2*R*, 5*S*) or (2*S*, 5*R*) *N*,1-dibenzyl-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide **5a**

IR ν_{\max} /cm⁻¹ 3351, 3060, 3028, 2958, 2924, 2864, 1666, 1495, 1452, 1374, 1317, 1111, 1077, 1027, 748, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 10H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.69 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 7.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 11.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dddd, *J* = 13.0, 7.1, 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (dddd, *J* = 12.5, 11.3, 10.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 140.7, 139.4, 138.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 78.3, 63.3, 55.4, 43.8, 38.1, 33.1, 22.2; *m/z* (ES HRMS) C₂₆H₂₉N₂O requires 385.2280, found [MH]⁺ 385.2279.

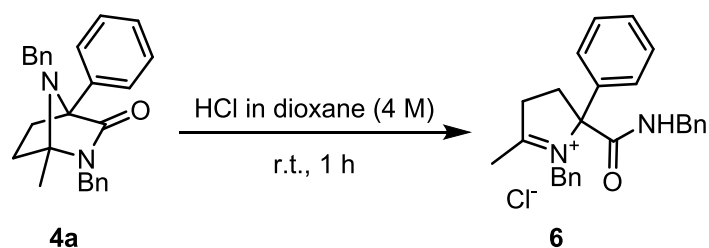
Minor (2*R*, 5*R*) or (2*S*, 5*S*) *N*,1-dibenzyl-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide **5b**

IR ν_{\max} /cm⁻¹ 3349, 3060, 3028, 2958, 2924, 2852, 1657, 1495, 1453, 1371, 1208, 1119, 1079, 1028, 751, 698; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (pd, *J* = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 7.8, 3.6 Hz,

1H), 2.41 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 10.0, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.15 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.1, 141.5, 140.6, 138.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 77.6, 57.5, 52.4, 43.9, 38.2, 31.7, 19.4, 1.2; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 385.2280, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 385.2282.

Formation of Iminium 6

1-benzyl-2-(benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-1-ium chloride **6**

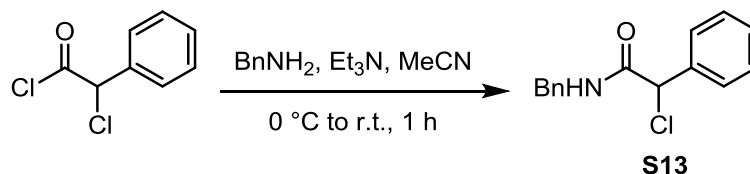


To a round bottomed flask containing diazabicyclic **4a** (39 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added HCl in dioxane (0.2 mL, 4 M) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford **6** (quant.) as a colourless residue.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3169, 3030, 1666, 1530, 1496, 1452, 1359, 1271, 1127, 1079, 1028, 957, 729, 696; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.04 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.66 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 5.31 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.80 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.27 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.5, 168.2, 138.6, 133.8, 131.2, 130.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.3, 126.9, 89.0, 54.1, 44.1, 40.5, 33.4, 21.4; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires 383.2123, found $[\text{M}]^+$ 383.2124.

Synthesis of harmicine Amide **S10**

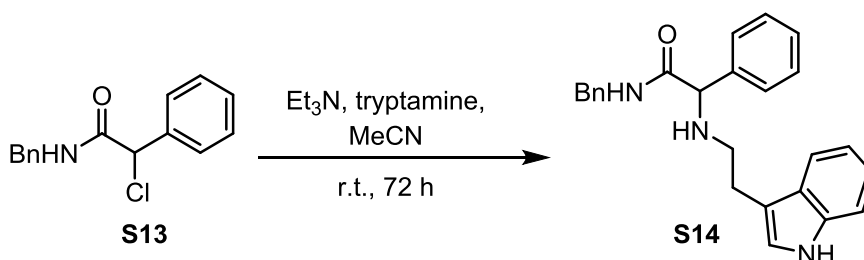
N-benzyl-2-chloro-2-phenylacetamide **S13**



To a solution of benzylamine (0.69 mL, 6.33 mmol) and triethylamine (1.06 mL, 7.60 mmol) in MeCN (30 mL) was added α -chlorophenylacetyl chloride (1.0 mL, 6.33 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour then filtered, washed with MeCN (3 x 5 mL) and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and washed with 1 M HCl (20 mL), the organic layer was dried with MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **S13** as a pale yellow solid (1.55 g, 95%).

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3289, 3064, 3031, 1659, 1530, 1496, 1454, 1213, 1029, 730, 695; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.05 (m, 10H), 6.91 (br s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 137.5, 137.2, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 61.9, 44.3; **m/z** (ES) C₁₅H₁₄NOCINa requires 282.7, found [MNa]⁺ 282.3. Data is in agreement with literature.⁶

2-((2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-*N*-benzyl-2-phenylacetamide **S14**

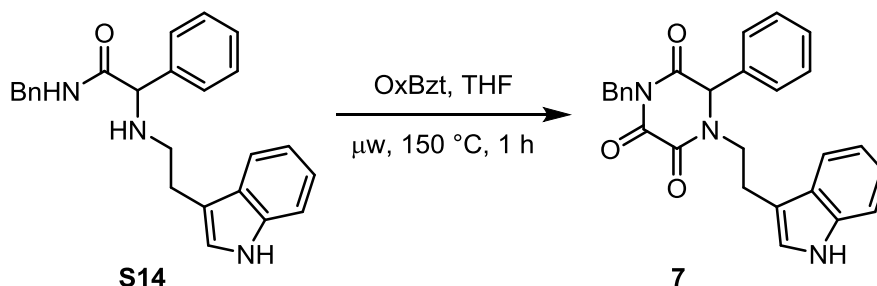


To a solution of **S13** (457 mg, 1.76 mmol) and triethylamine (0.98 mL, 7.04 mmol) in MeCN (9 mL) was added tryptamine (705 mg, 4.40 mmol) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred for 72 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), washed with 1 M HCl (15 mL), and the organic layer was dried with MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:Acetone = 9:1) to afford **S14** (215 mg, 32%) as a brown oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3297, 3059, 2924, 2846, 1654, 1520, 1454, 1230, 908, 731; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.17 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2 Hz,

1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, $J = 14.9, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 14.9, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.87 (m, 4H), 1.99 (br s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 139.4, 138.5, 136.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 122.2, 119.5, 118.9, 113.5, 111.4, 67.7, 48.8, 43.1, 25.9; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ requires 384.2076, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 384.2084.

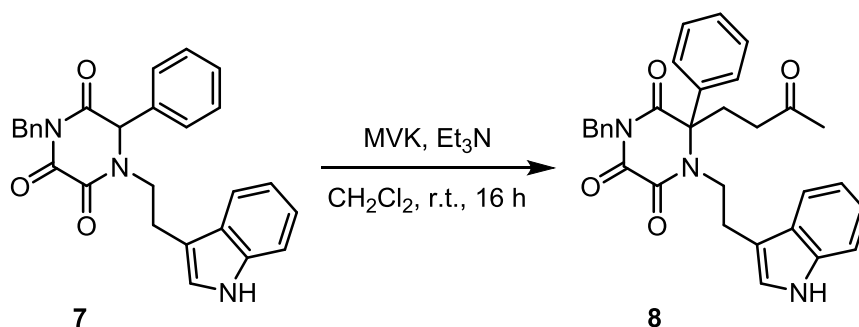
1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **7**



Following general procedure **B** using 1,1'-(1,2-dioxoethane-1,2-diyl)bis-1H-benzotriazole (171 mg, 0.59 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL), **S14** (187 mg, 0.49 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = (1:0)$ to (99:1)) to afford **7** (67.5 mg, 32%) as a waxy yellow solid.

$\text{IR } \nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3332, 3057, 3034, 2937, 1744, 1683, 1454, 1428, 1362, 1198, 908, 732; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 5H), 7.18 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 – 4.77 (m, 2H), 4.20 (ddd, $J = 13.1, 7.8, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dt, $J = 13.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dt, $J = 13.2, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dddd, $J = 13.6, 7.1, 4.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 156.6, 153.0, 136.4, 135.2, 134.5, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.1, 126.9, 122.6, 122.3, 119.9, 118.4, 112.0, 111.6, 66.3, 47.1, 44.6, 23.0; m/z (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ requires 460.1637, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 460.1635.

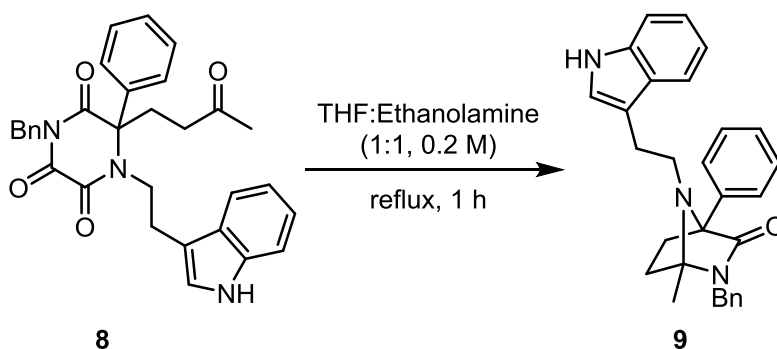
1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(3-oxobutyl)-6-phenylpiperazine-2,3,5-trione **8**



Following general procedure **Cii** using triketopiperazine **7** (66 mg, 0.15 mmol), triethylamine (20 μ L, 0.15 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) and methyl vinyl ketone (30 μ L, 0.375 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **8** (75 mg, 99%) as a yellow oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3339, 2950, 1741, 1712, 1677, 1419, 1362, 1227, 907, 726; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (br s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.15 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (ddd, $J = 13.5, 11.5, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (ddd, $J = 13.4, 11.4, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.61 (ddd, $J = 14.3, 11.8, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (ddd, $J = 17.7, 11.5, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (ddd, $J = 17.3, 11.8, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 169.7, 156.0, 153.8, 138.0, 136.2, 135.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 127.0, 126.6, 122.4, 122.3, 119.7, 118.9, 112.1, 111.3, 71.7, 47.4, 44.7, 37.3, 30.1, 30.0, 23.3; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ requires 530.2056, found $[\text{MNa}]^+$ 530.2057.

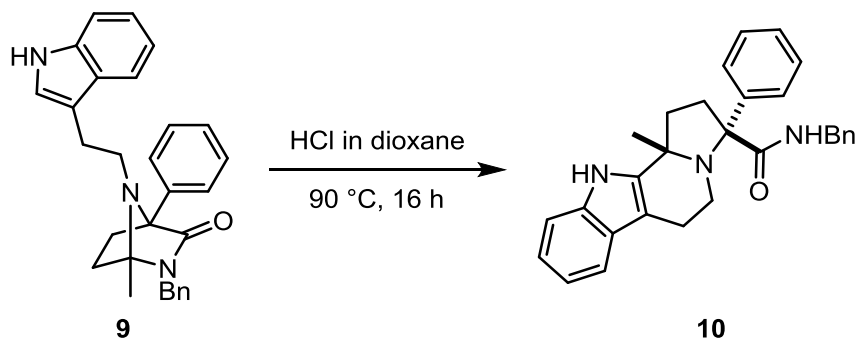
7-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-2-benzyl-1-methyl-4-phenyl-2,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one **9**



Following general procedure **D** using triketopiperazine **8** (54 mg, 0.11 mmol), THF (0.27 mL) and ethanolamine (0.27 mL). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **9** (24 mg, 52%) as a colourless oil.

IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3408, 3298, 3057, 2923, 2852, 1685, 1494, 1455, 1318, 1182, 961, 908, 739; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.86 (br s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.97 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 2.25 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.0, 138.5, 136.5, 136.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 122.0, 121.4, 119.3, 119.0, 114.4, 111.1, 83.9, 76.0, 44.0, 43.8, 35.1, 34.1, 27.1, 17.7; **m/z** (ES HRMS) $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ requires 436.2389, found $[\text{MH}]^+$ 436.2392.

N-benzyl-11b-methyl-3-phenyl-2,3,5,6,11,11b-hexahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indole-3-carboxamide **10**



To a round bottomed flask containing **9** (16 mg, 38 μ mol) was added HCl in dioxane (0.5 ml) and the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 3 mL), the organic layers were combined and washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: hexane:EtOAc = (4:1) to (1:1)) to afford **10** (10.4 mg, 63%) as a pale yellow oil.

IR ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 3284, 2960, 2922, 2852, 1651, 1499, 1449, 1331, 1275, 1117, 908, 732; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.29 (ddd, J = 12.4, 6.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 139.1, 139.0, 137.8, 135.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 121.9, 119.4, 118.3, 110.9, 109.9, 76.6, 62.5, 44.0, 39.9, 37.4, 33.6, 28.4, 19.4; ***m/z*** (ES HRMS) C₂₉H₃₀N₃O requires 436.2389, found [MH]⁺ 436.2388.

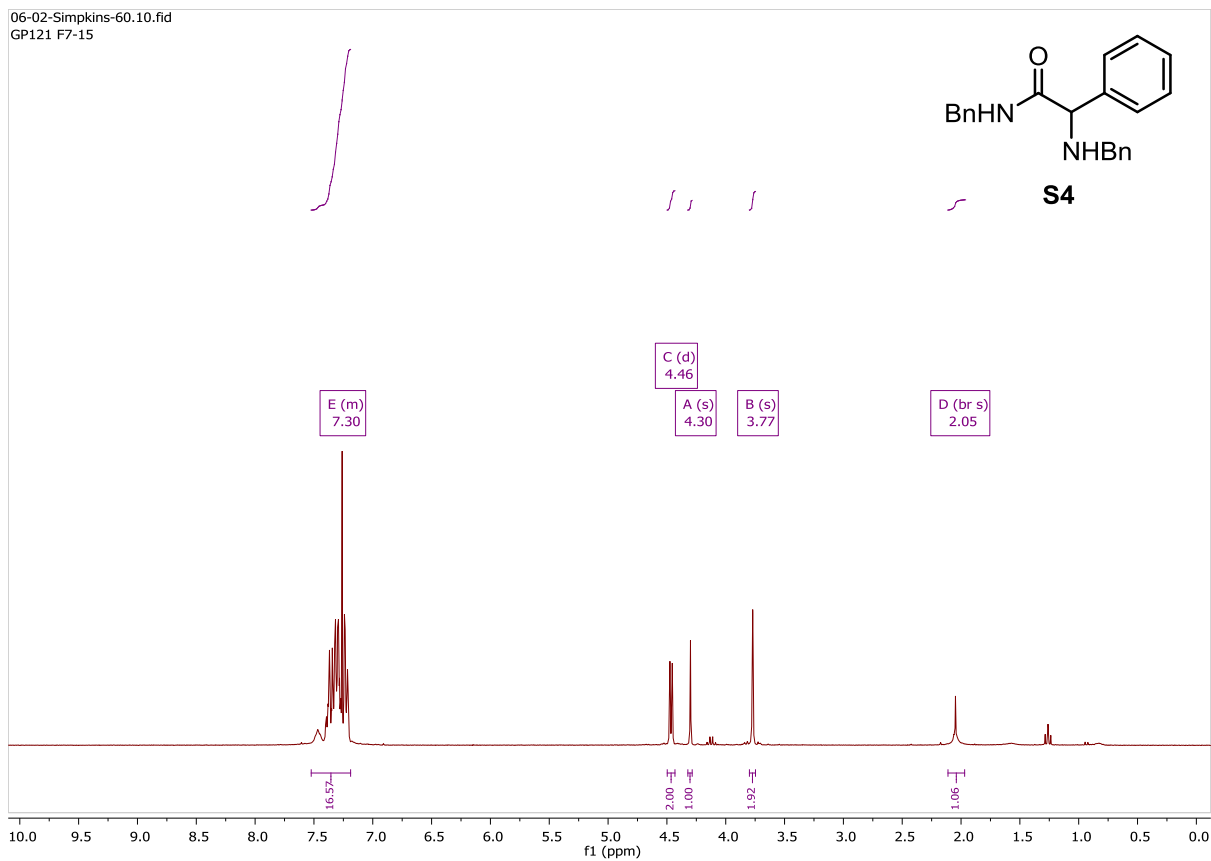
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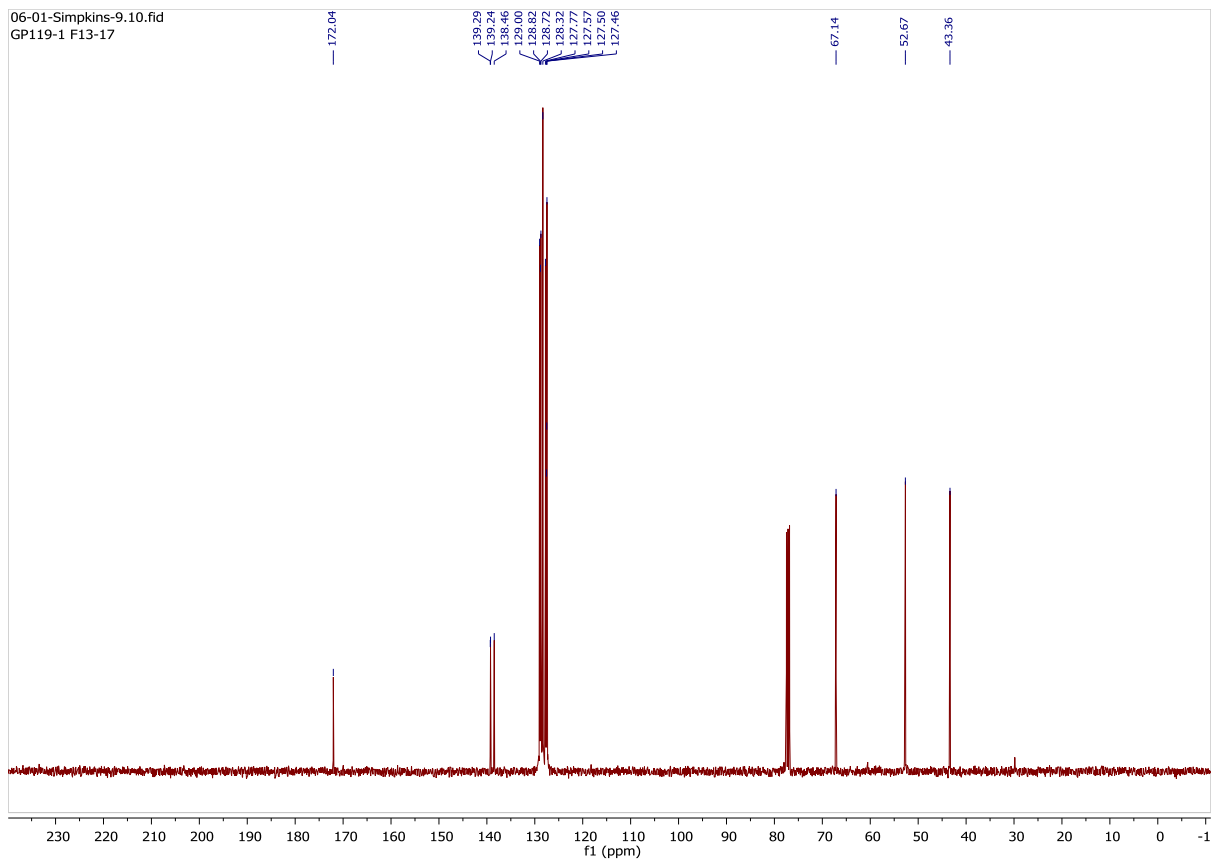
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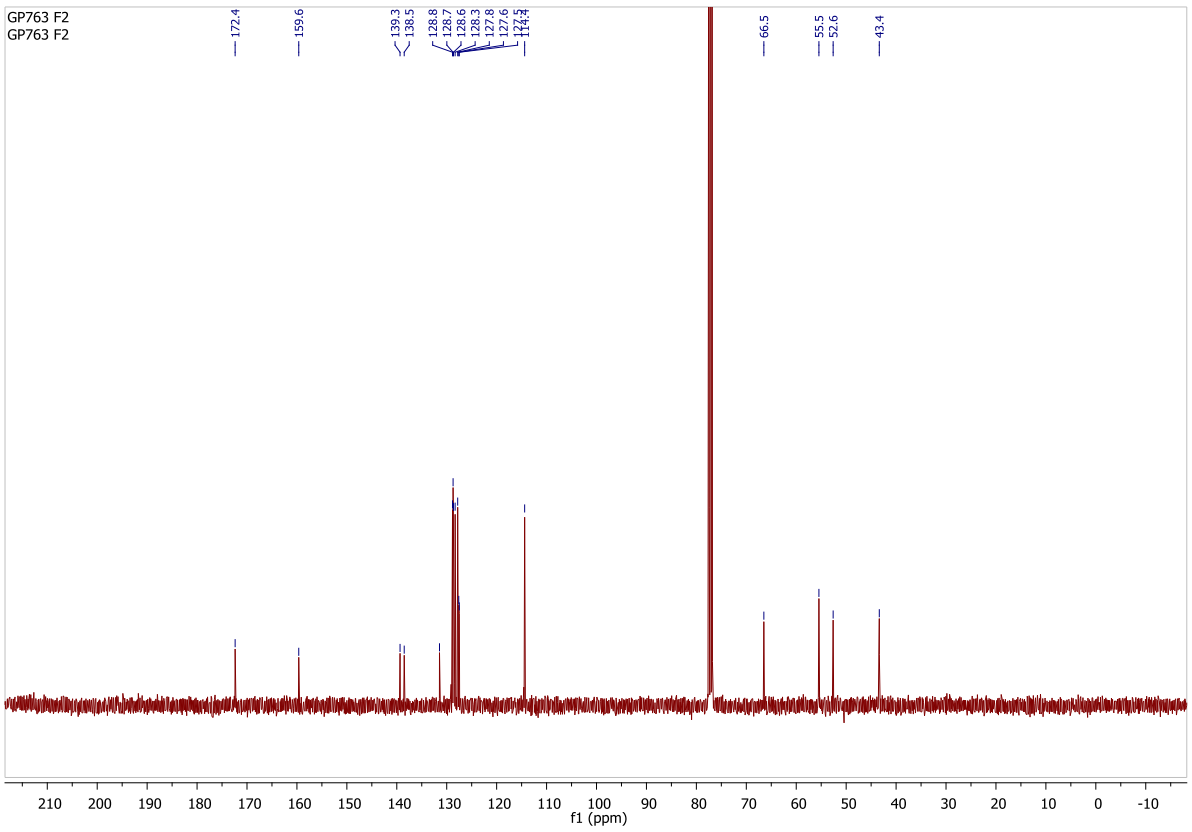
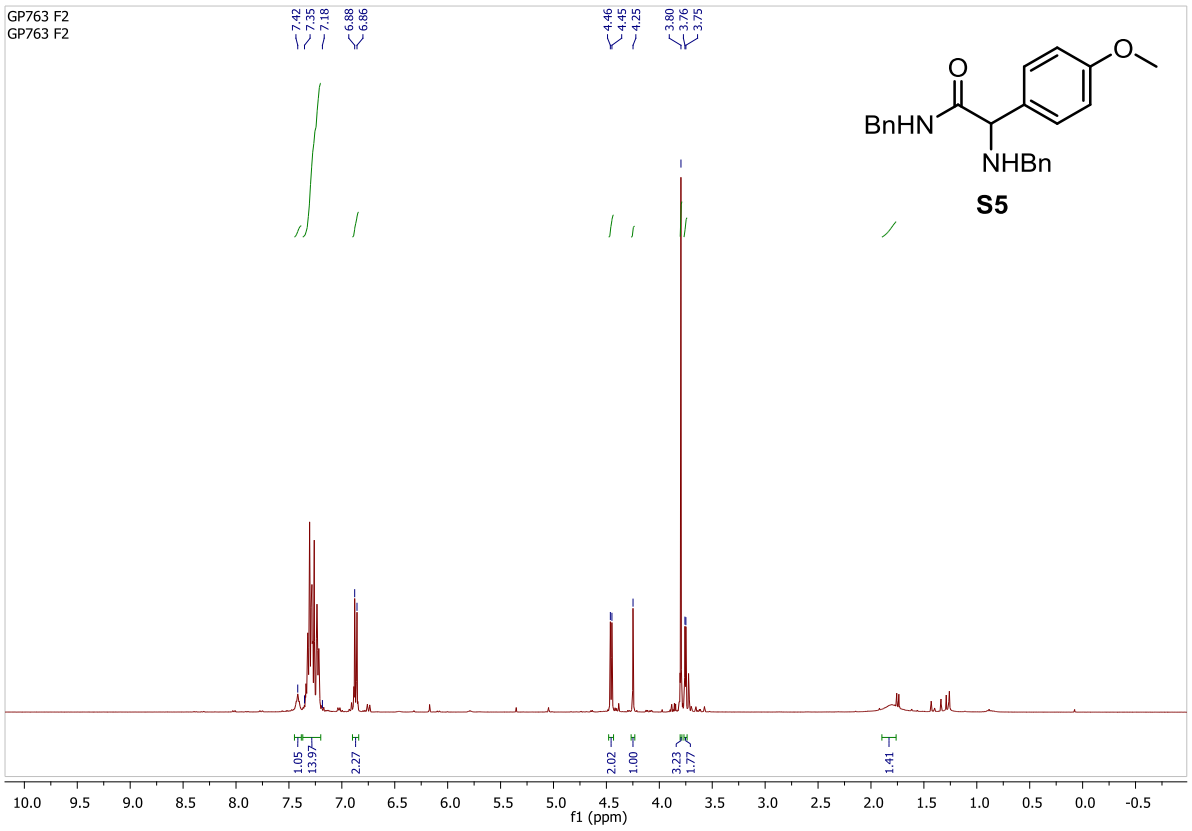
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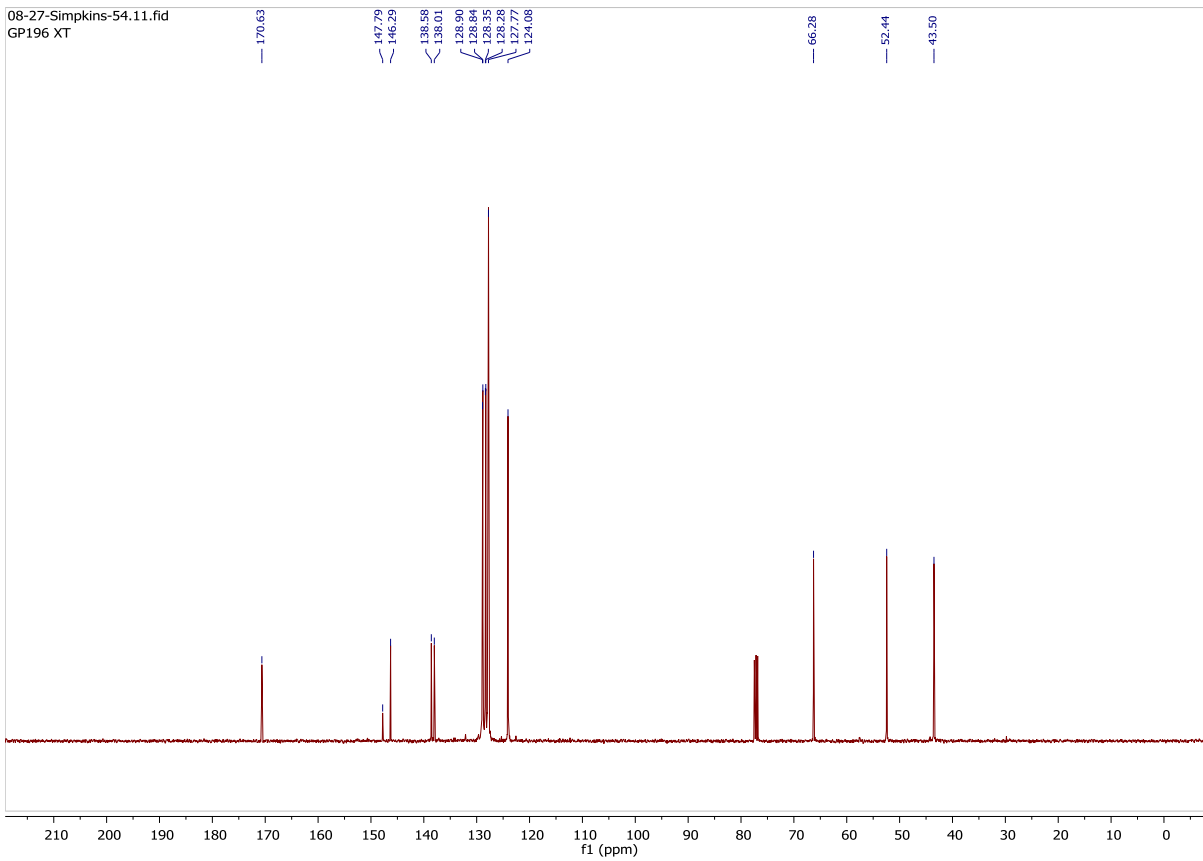
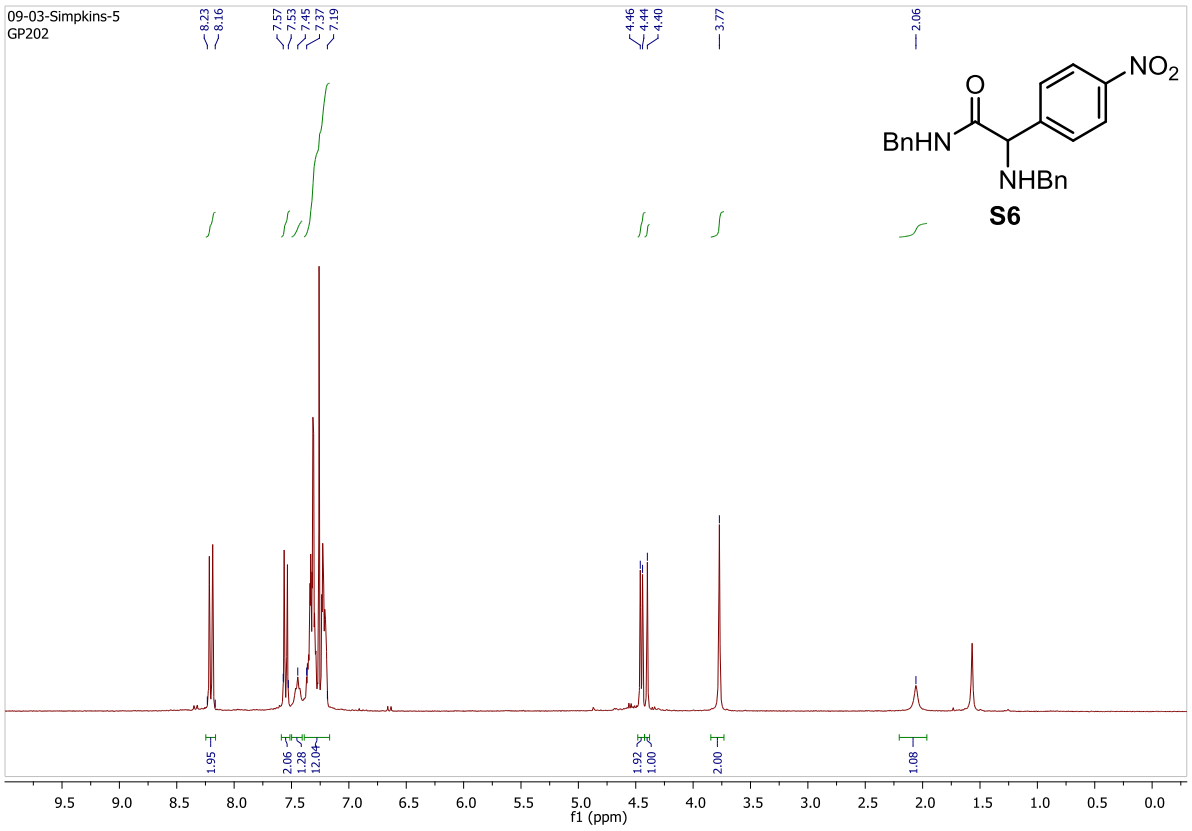
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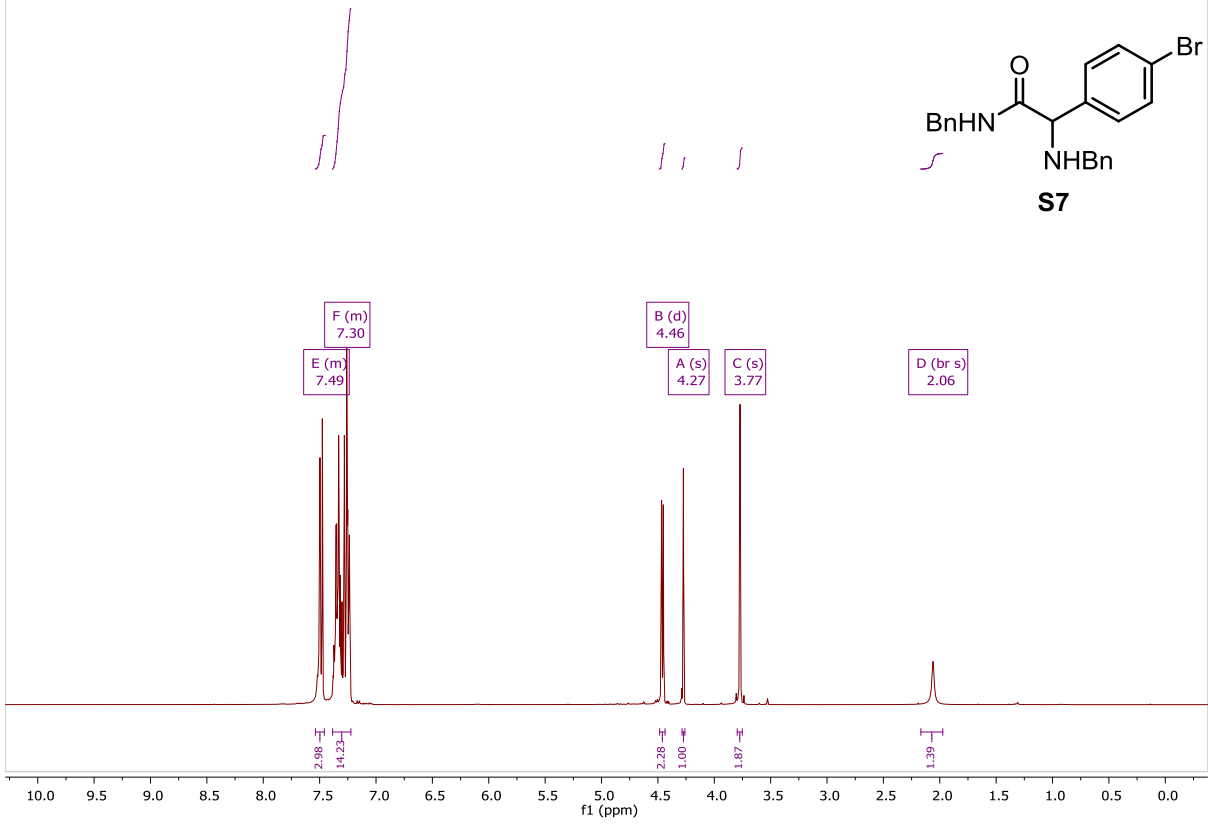
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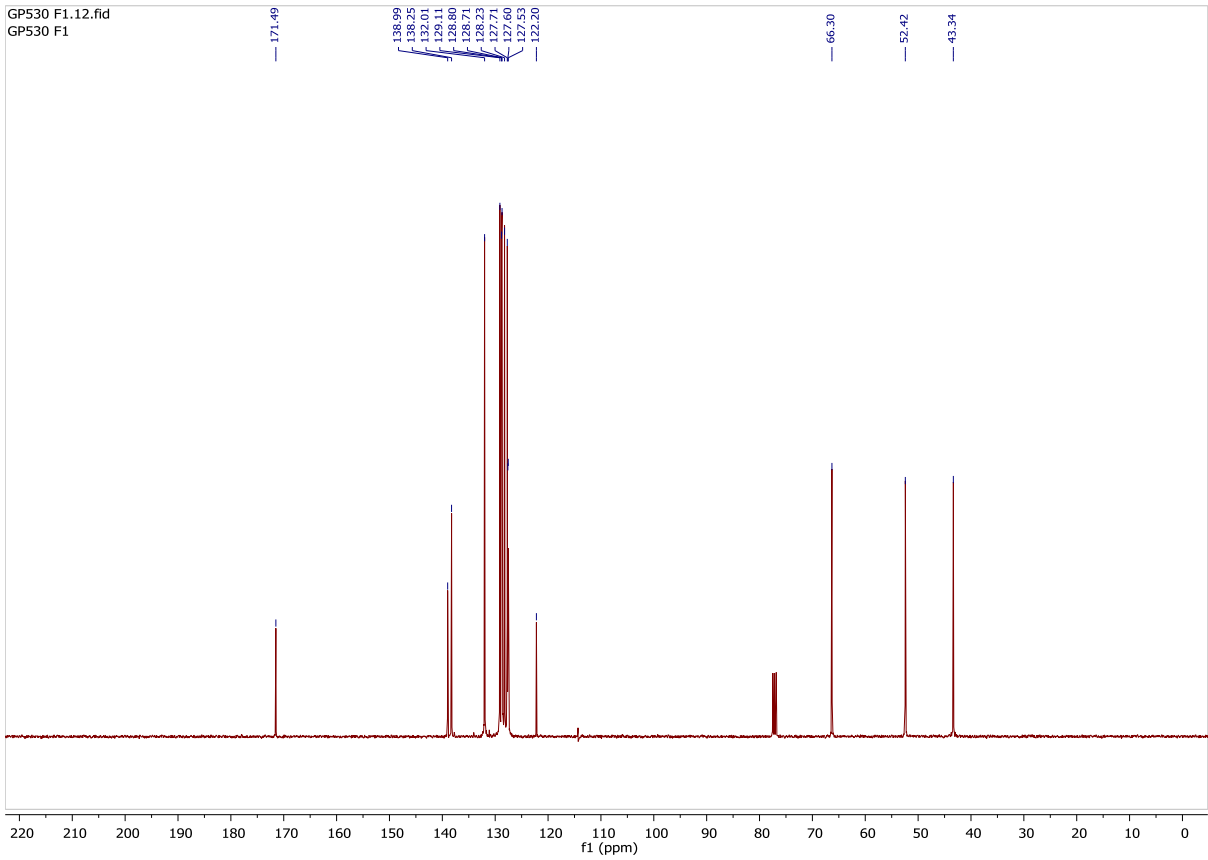




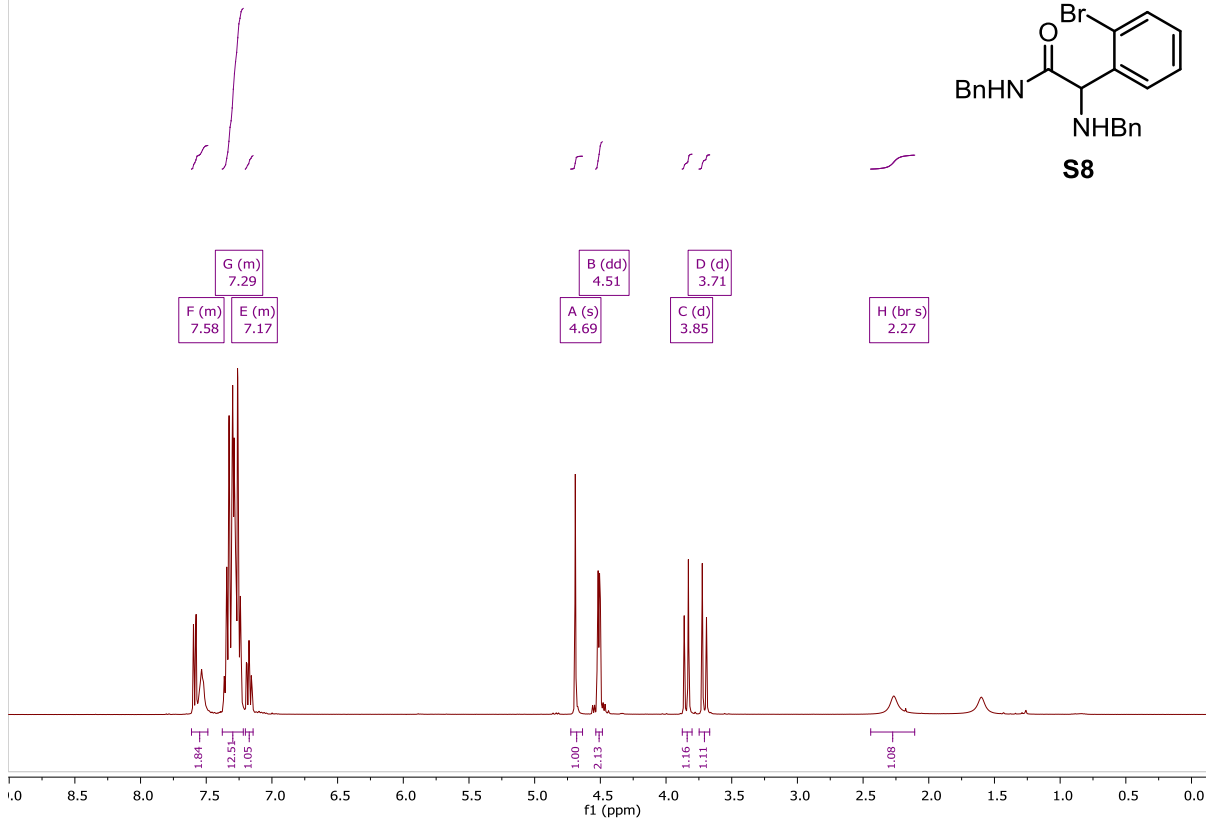
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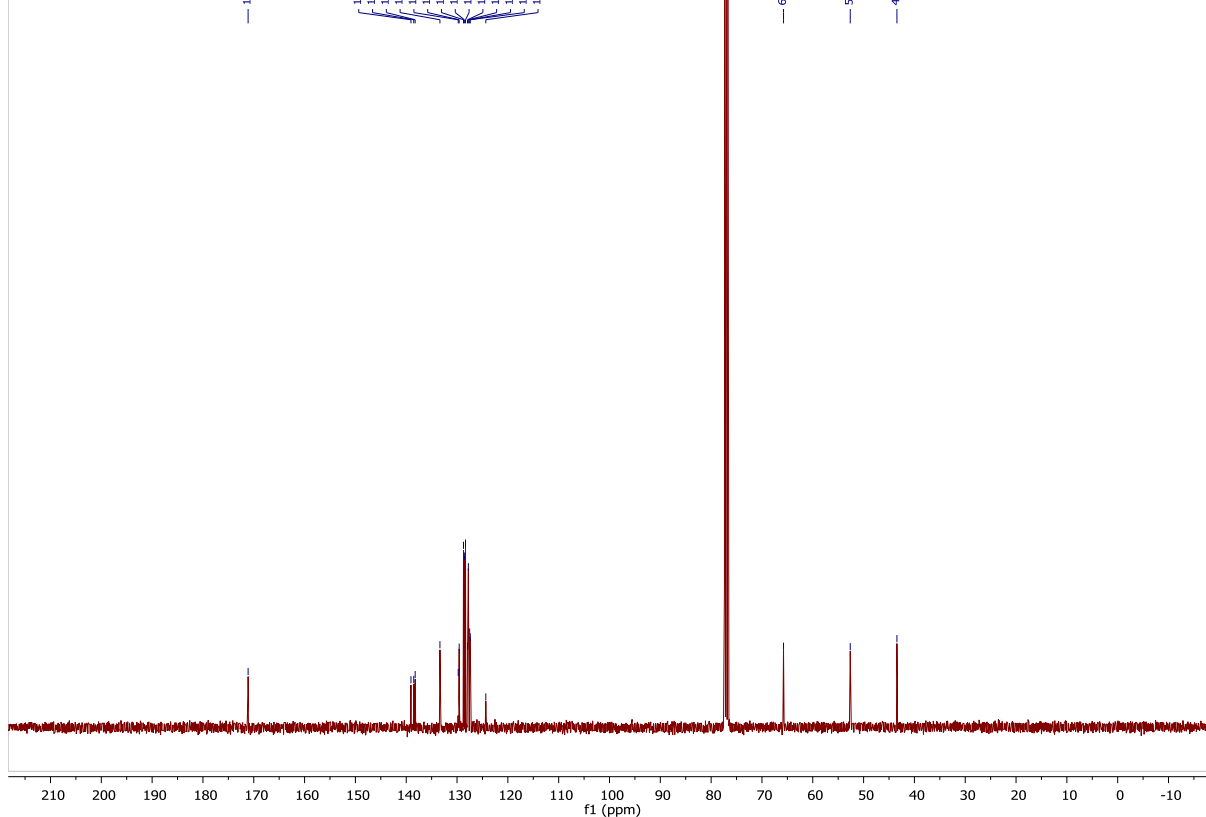
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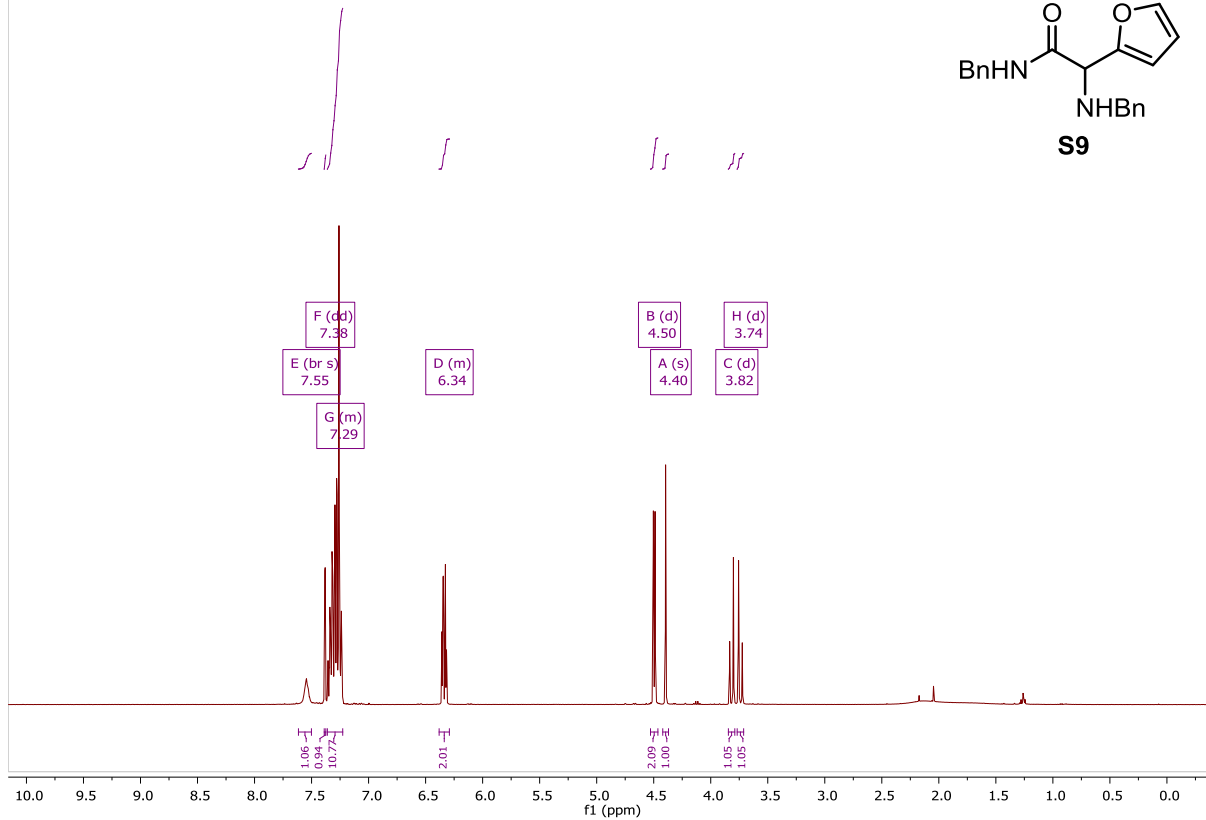
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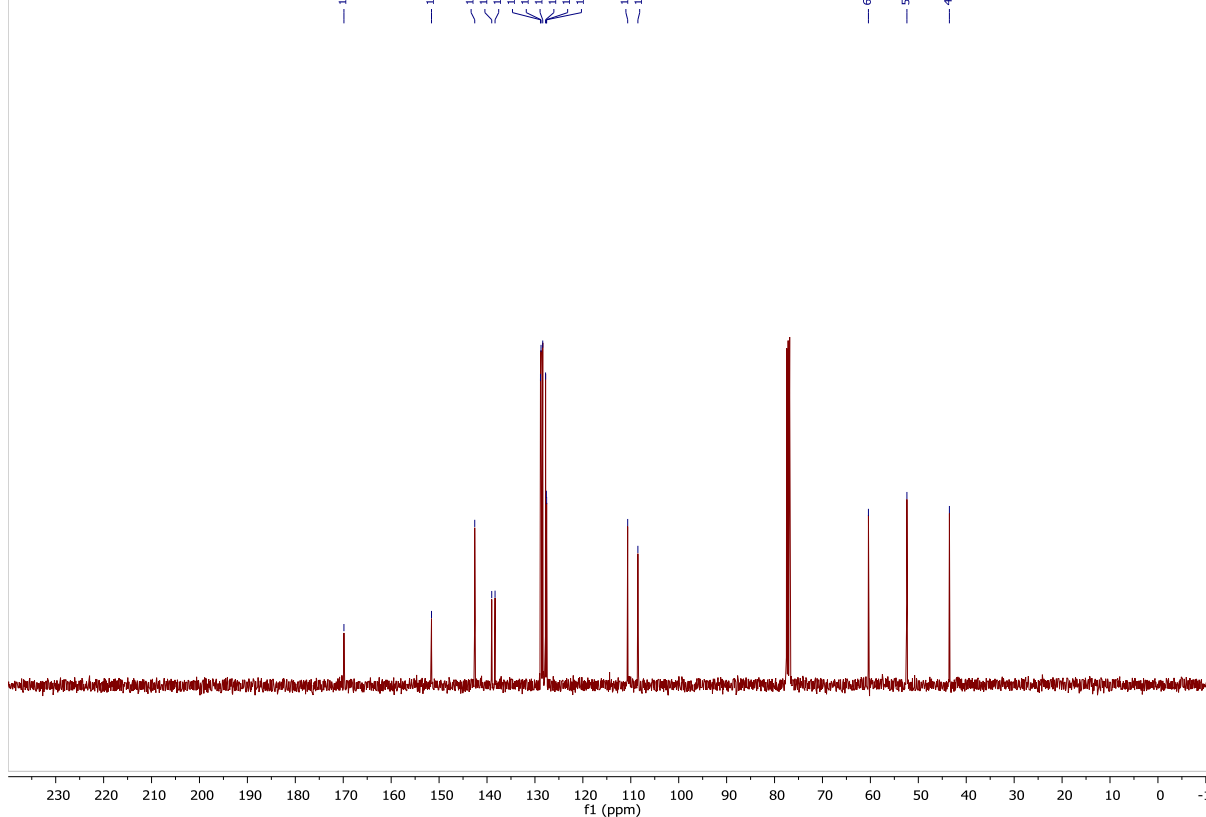
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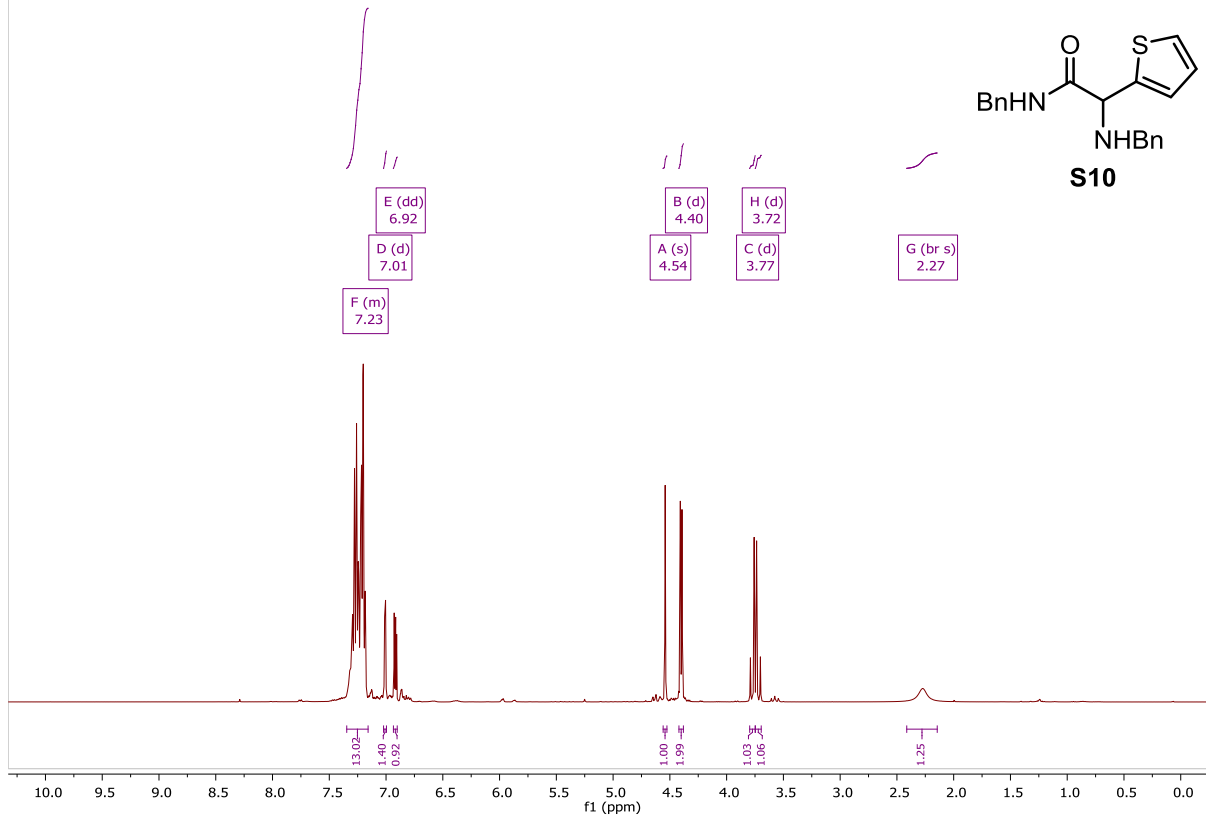
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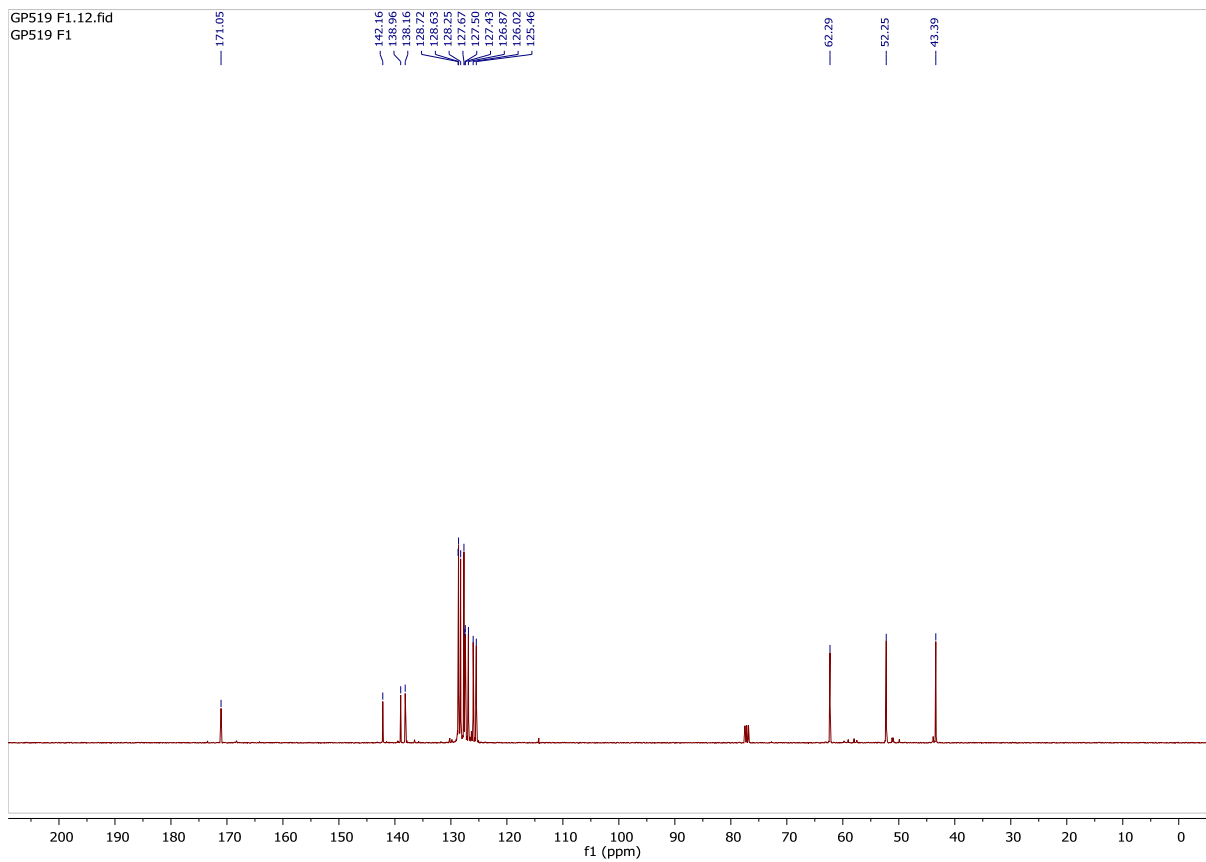
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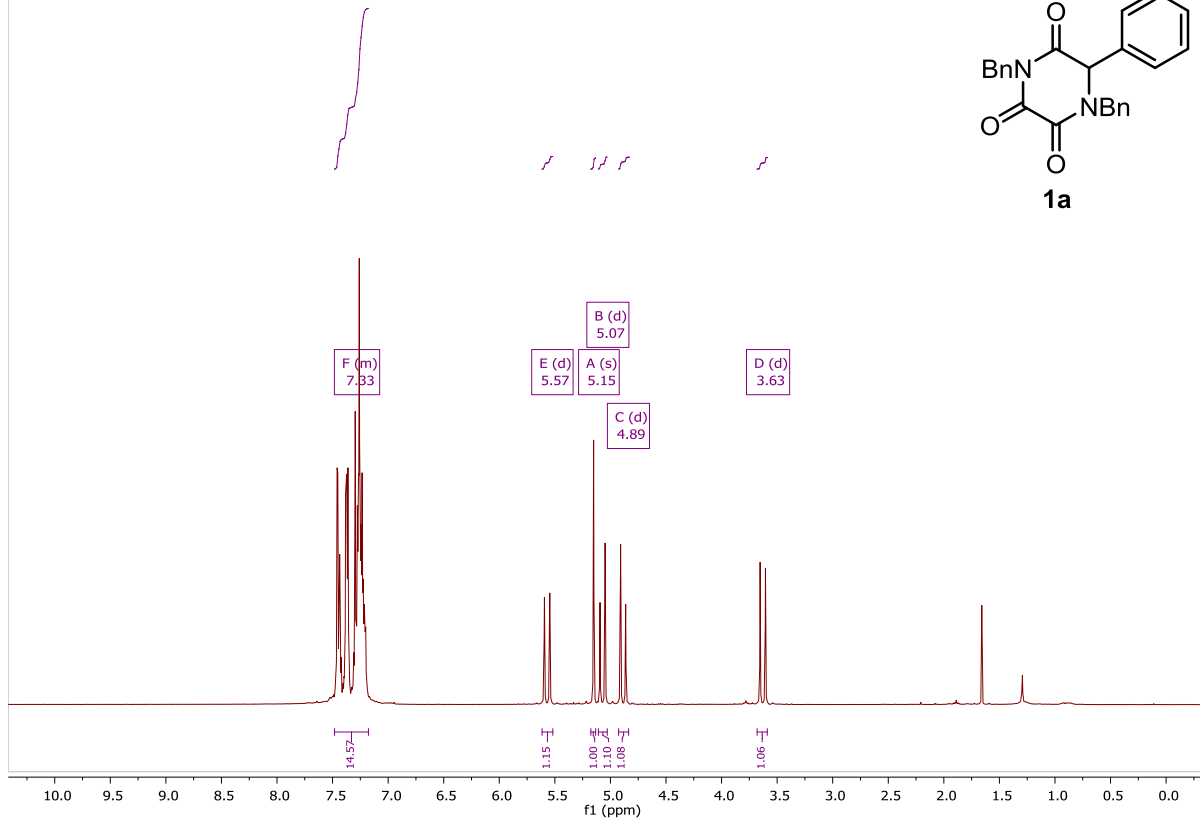
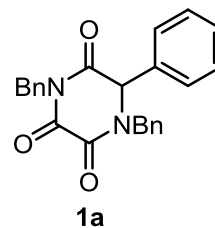
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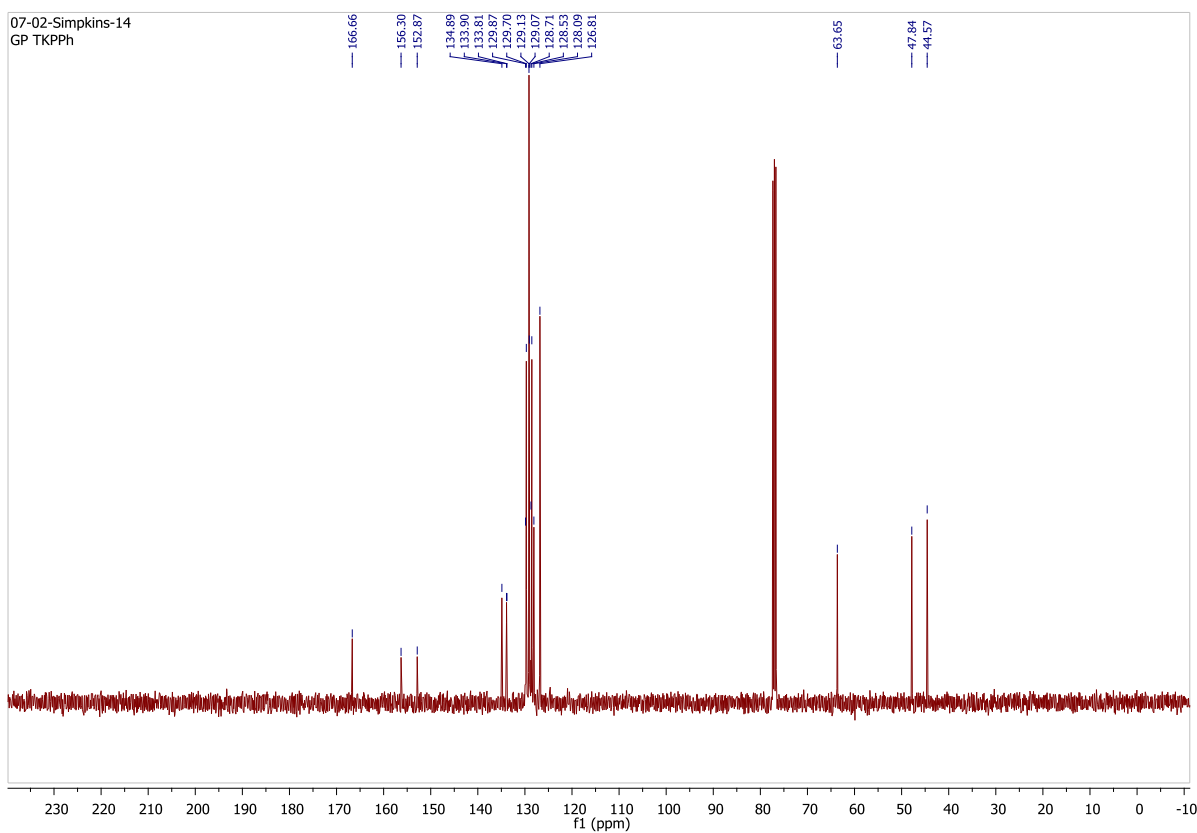
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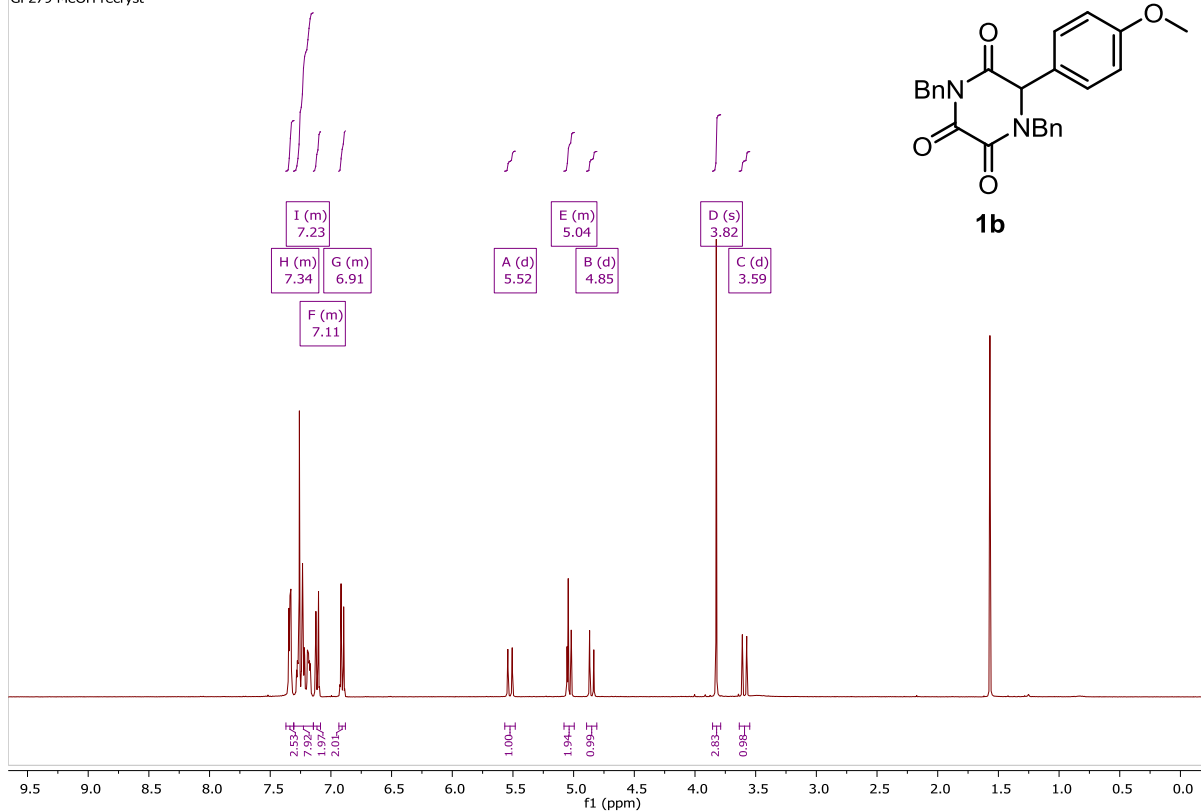
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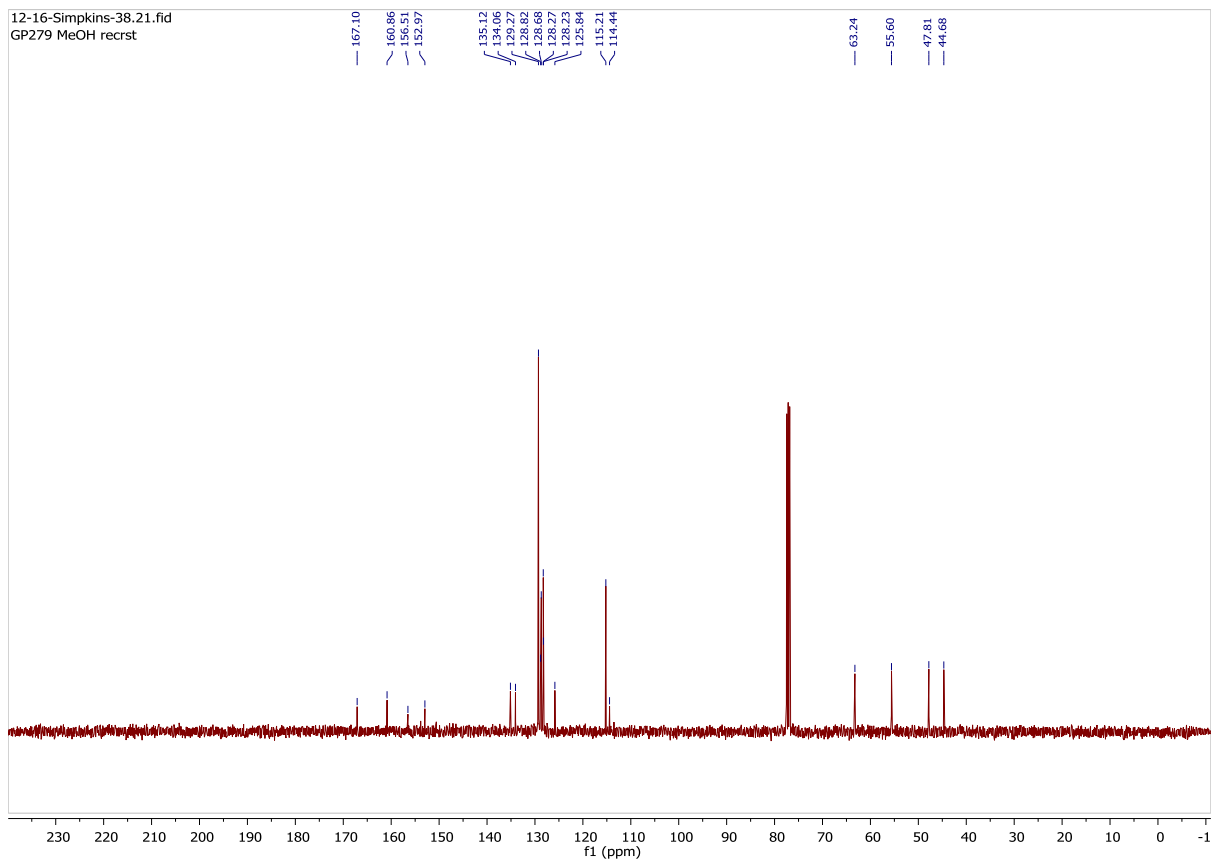
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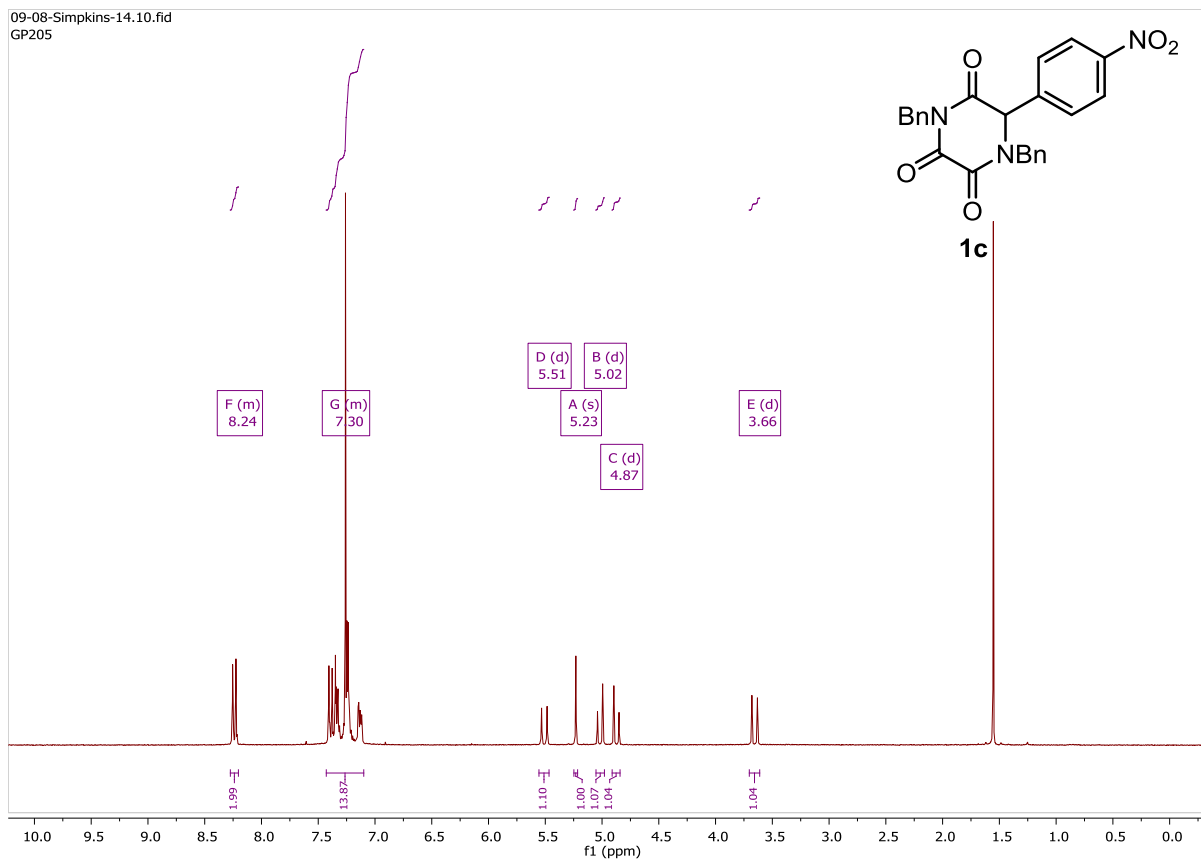
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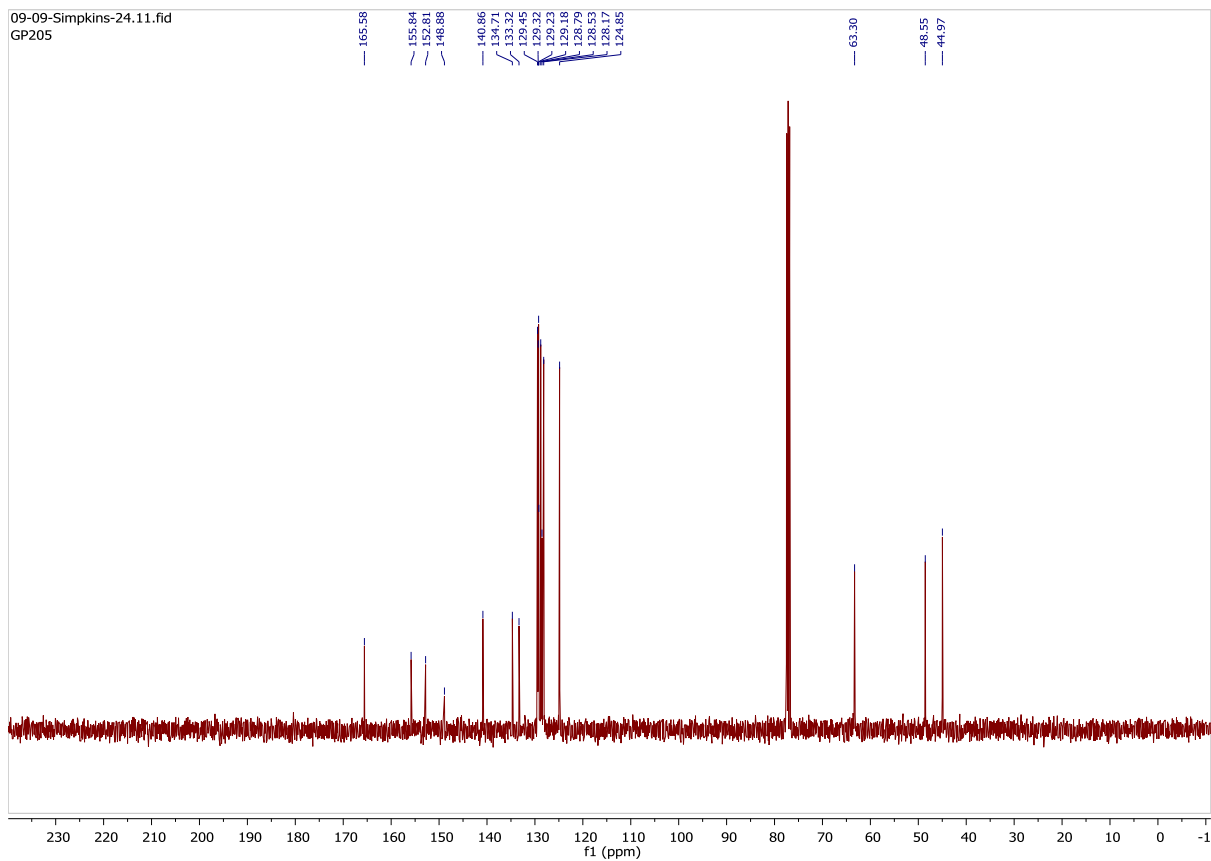
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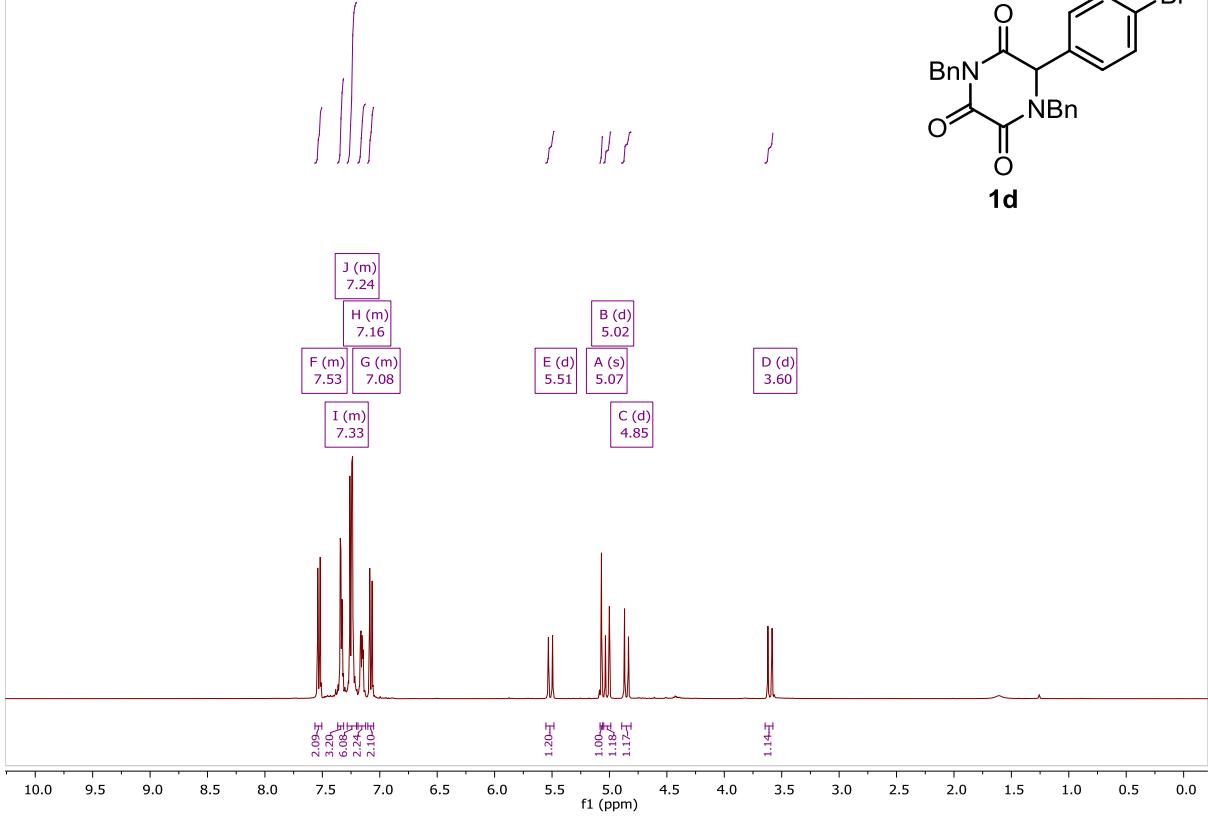
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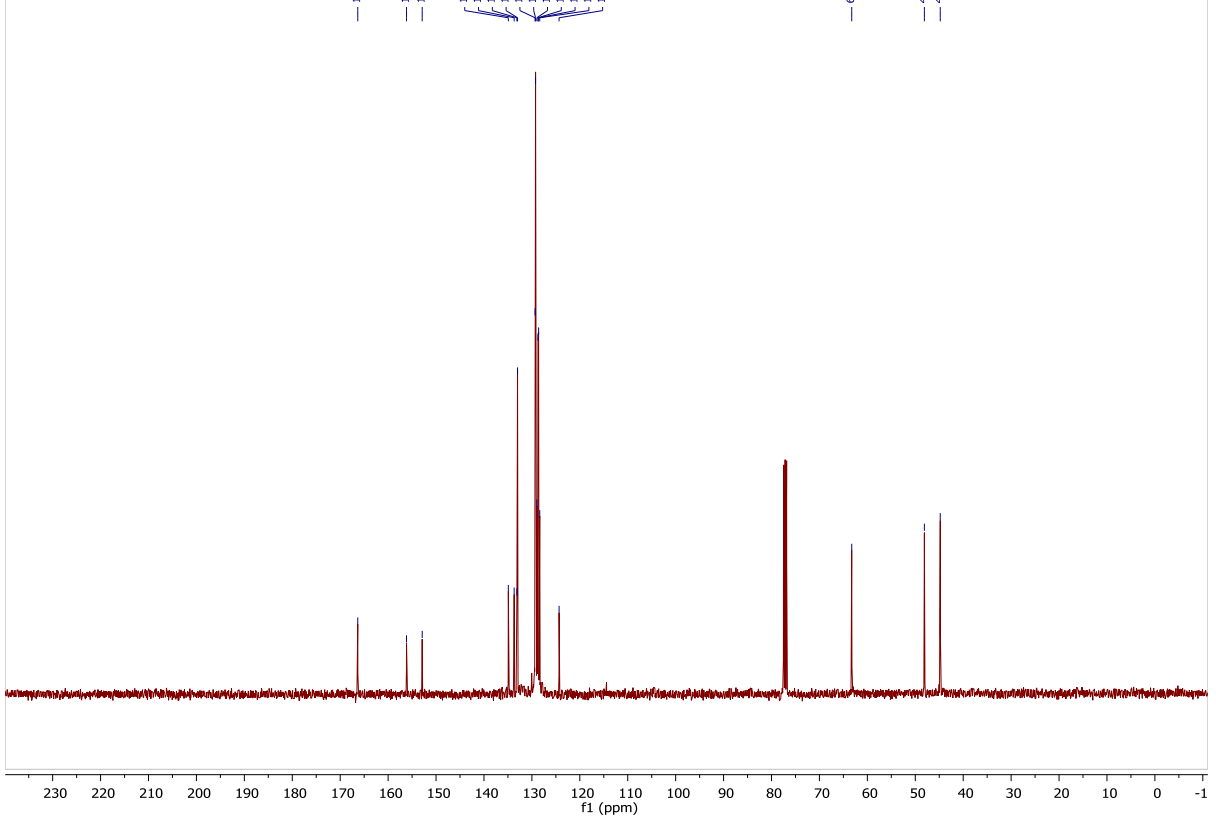
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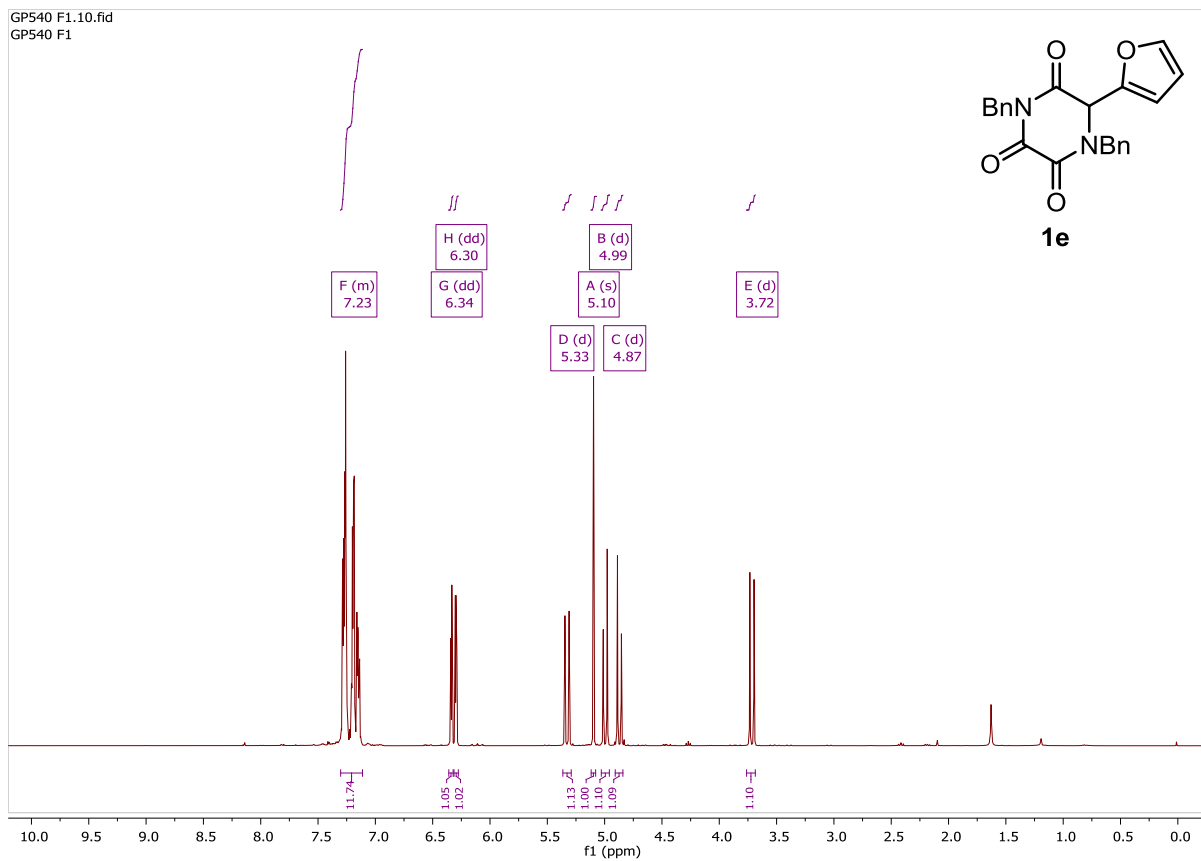
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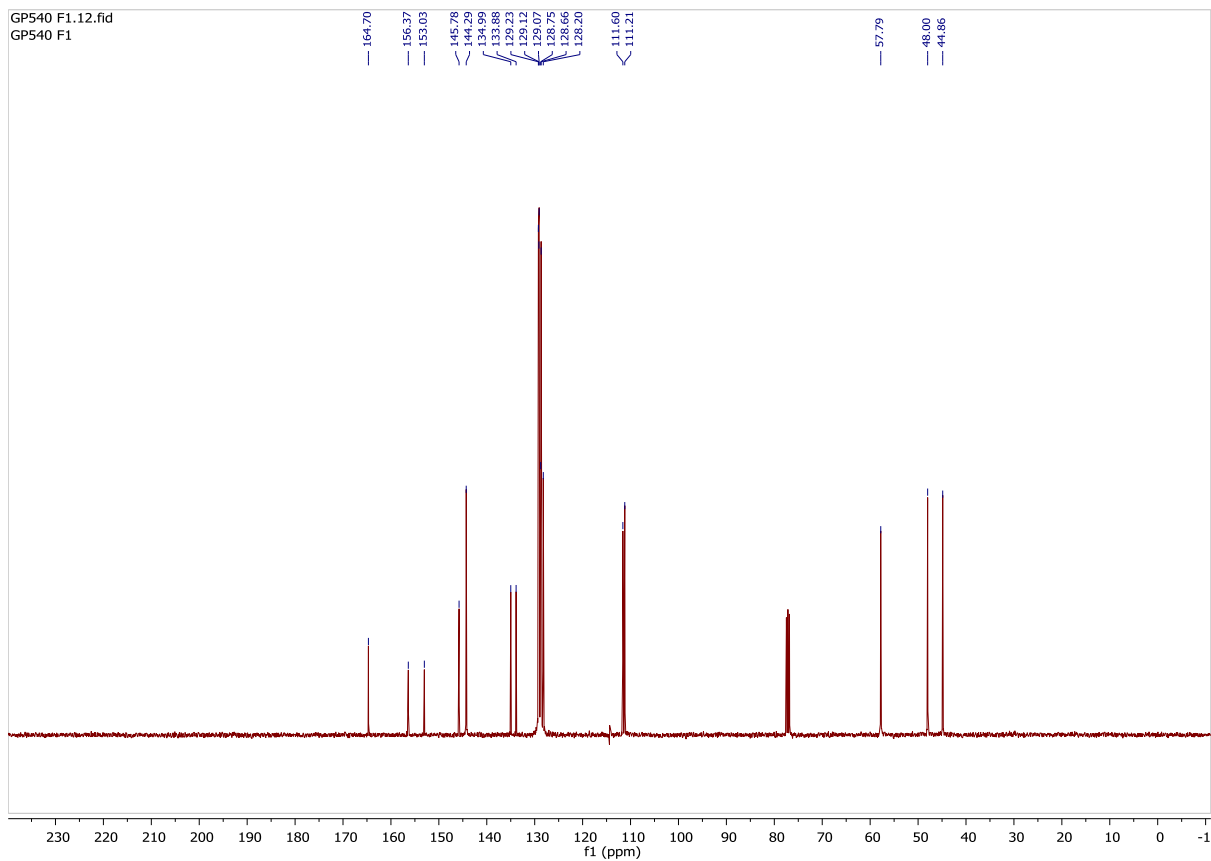
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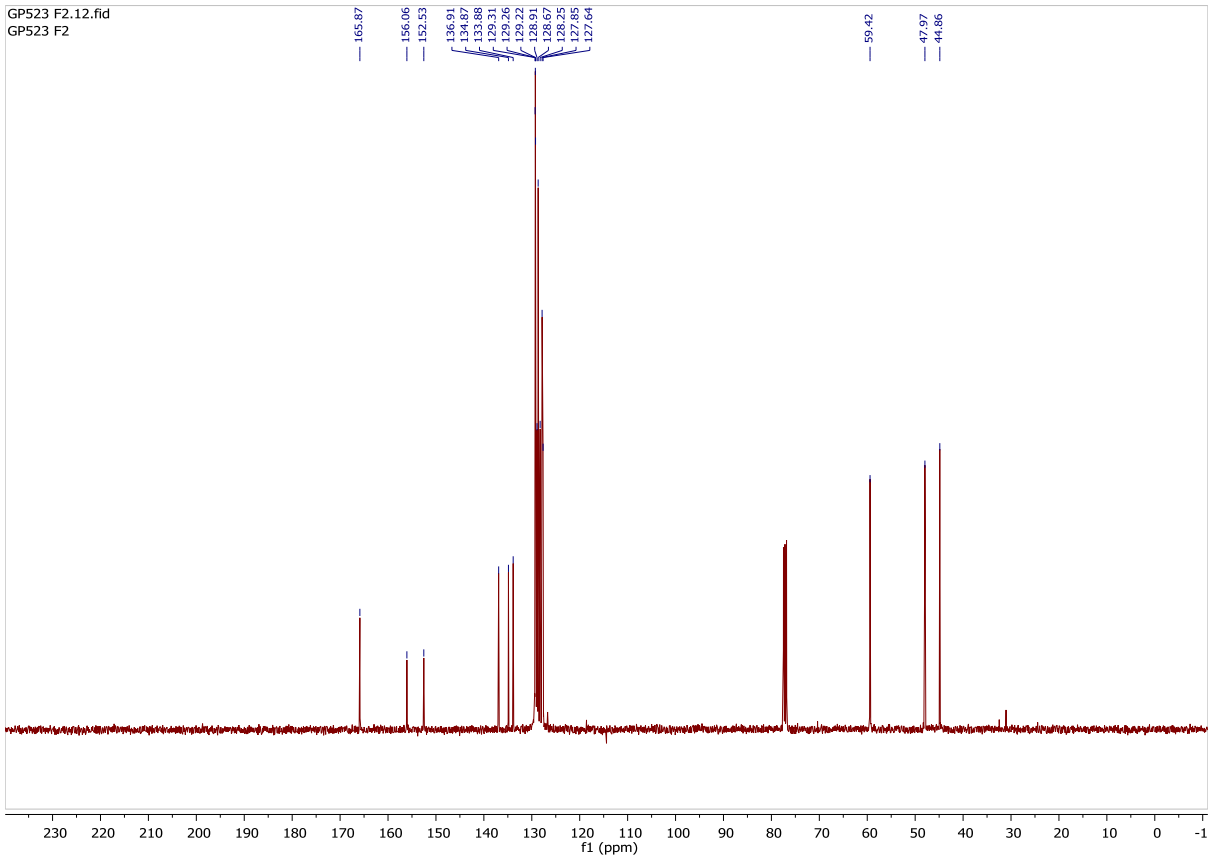
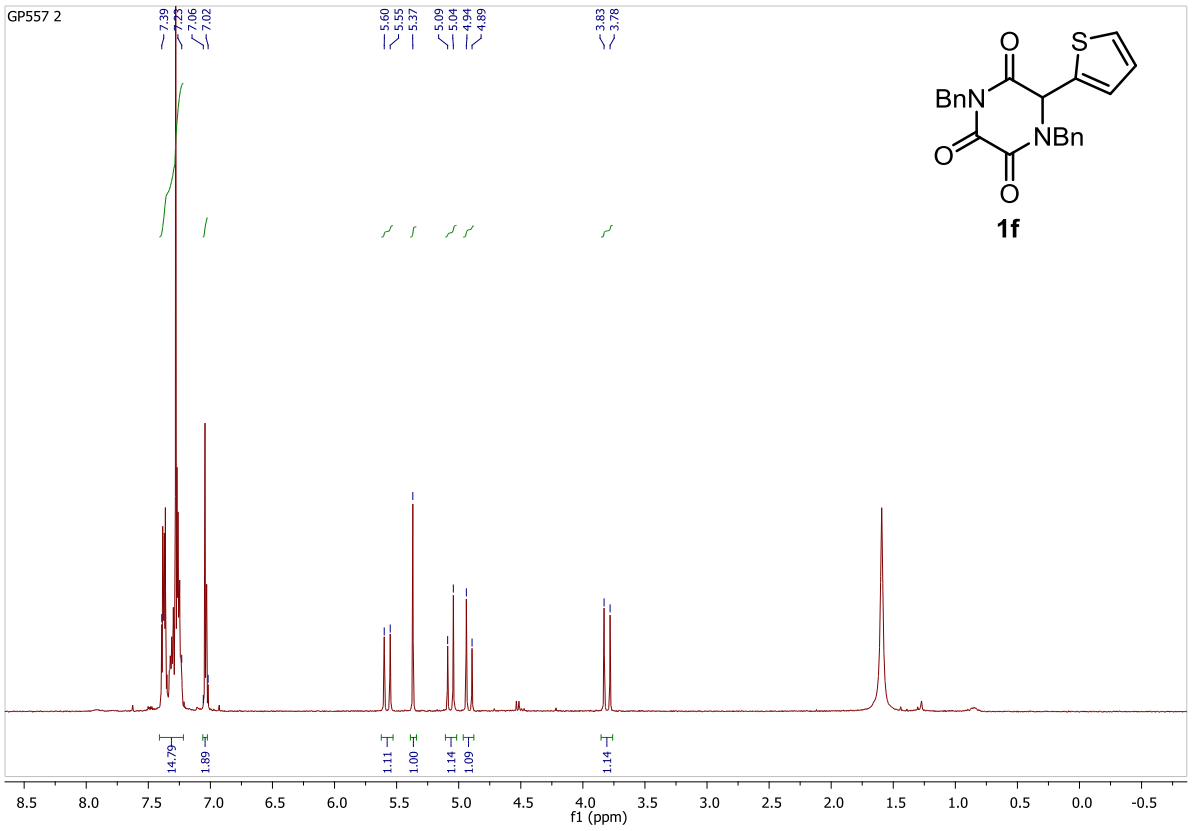


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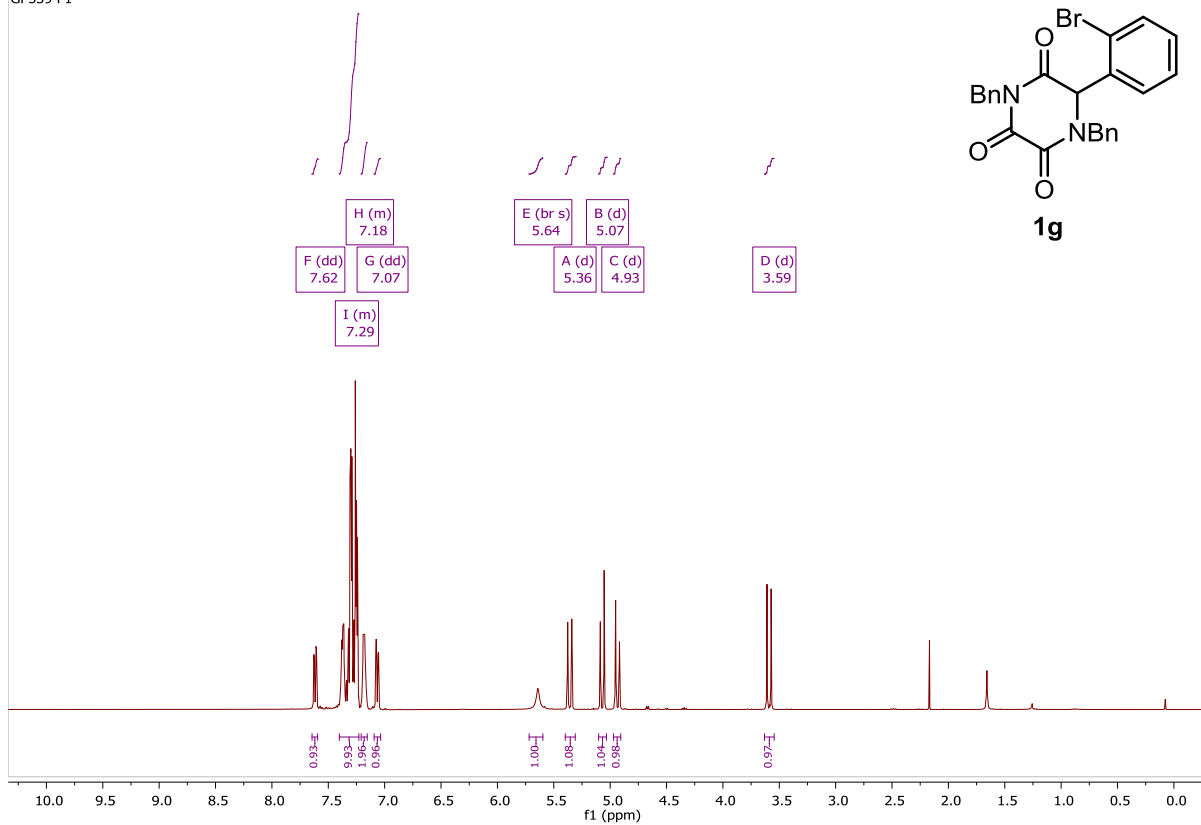


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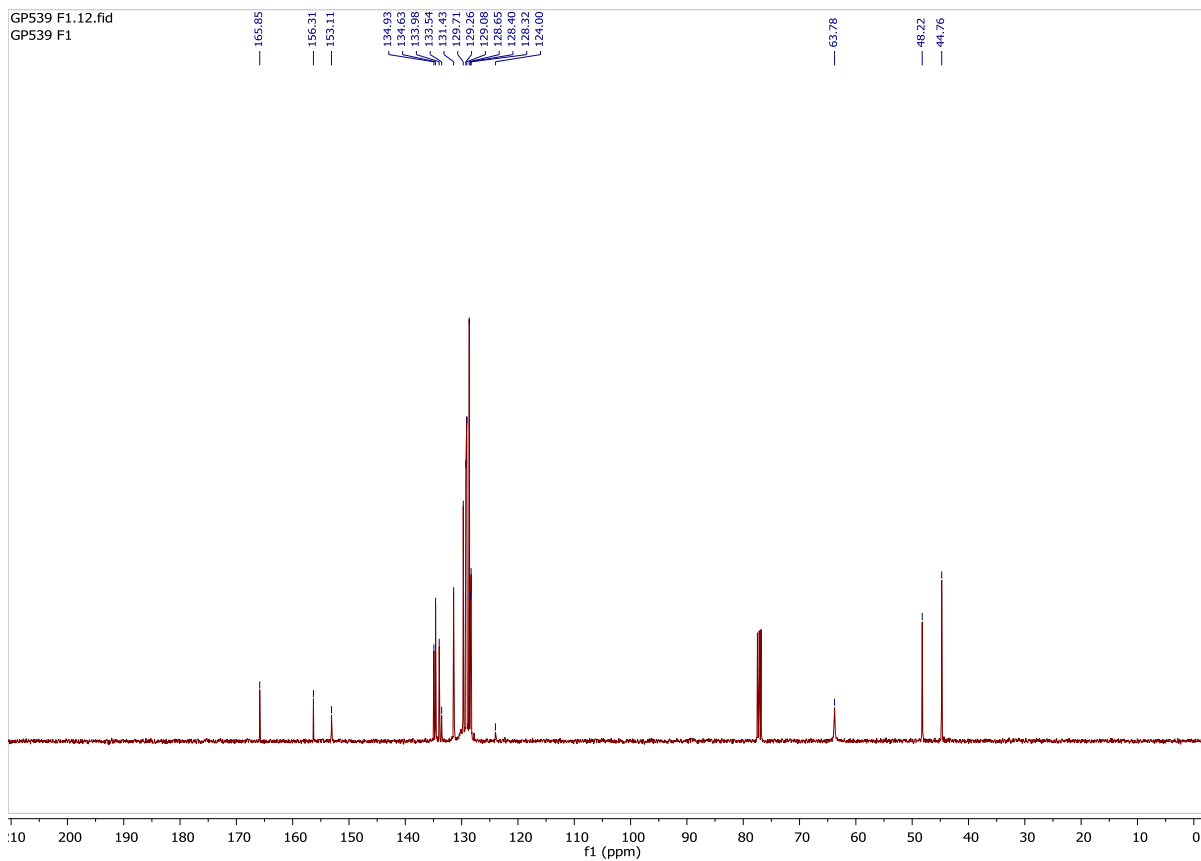


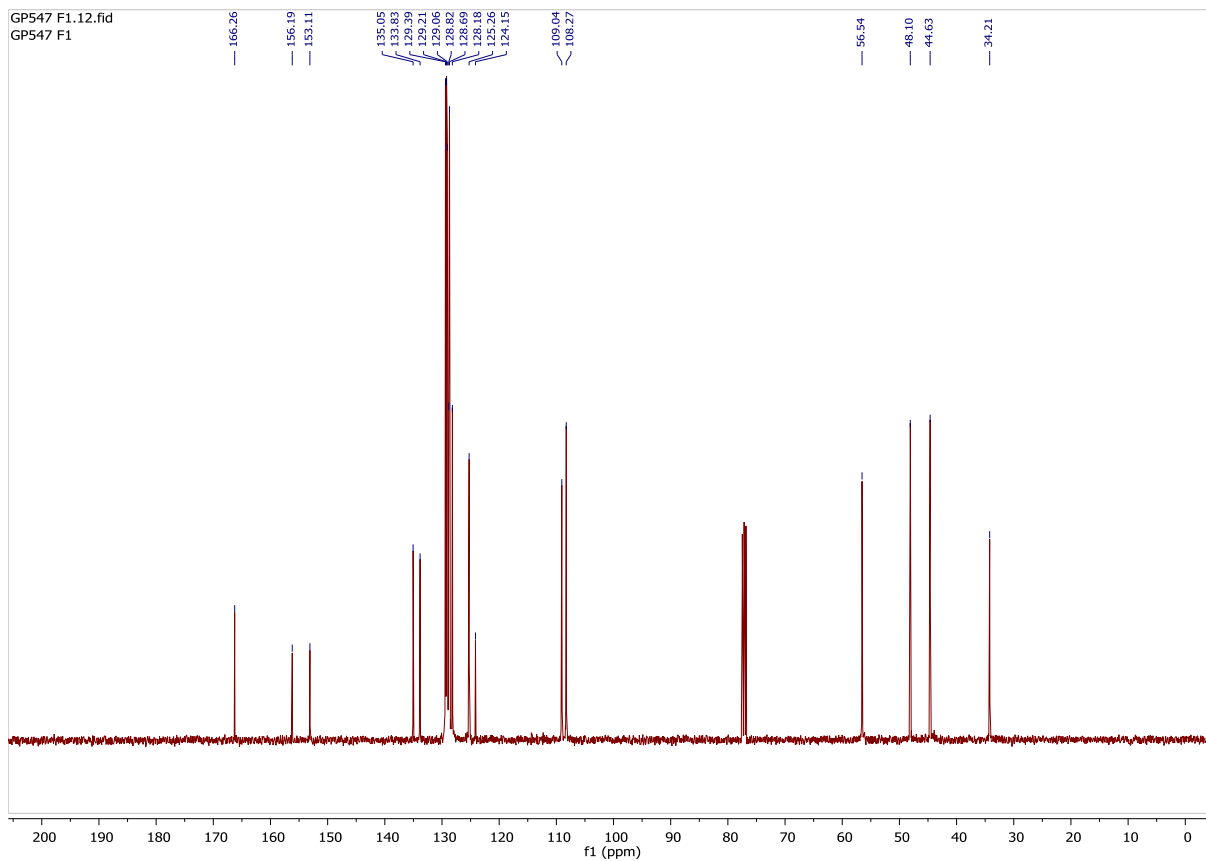
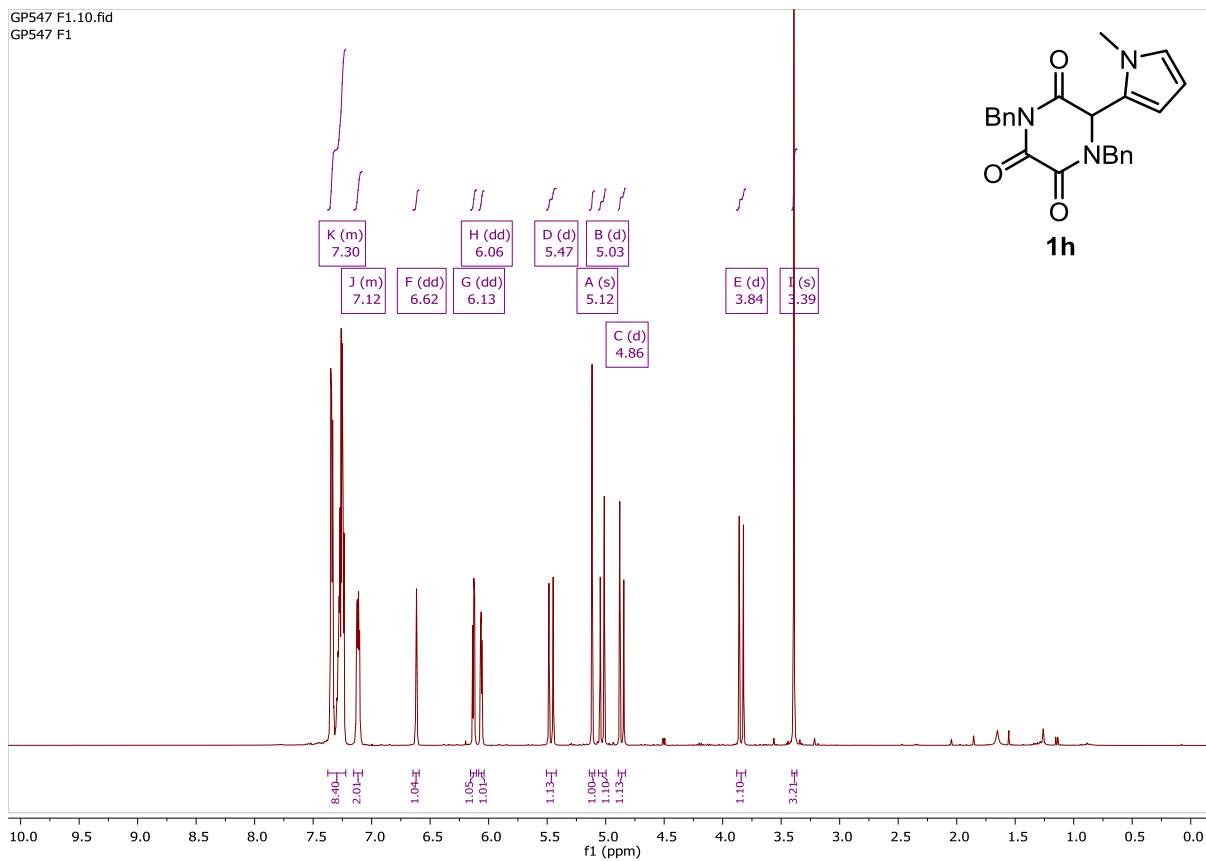


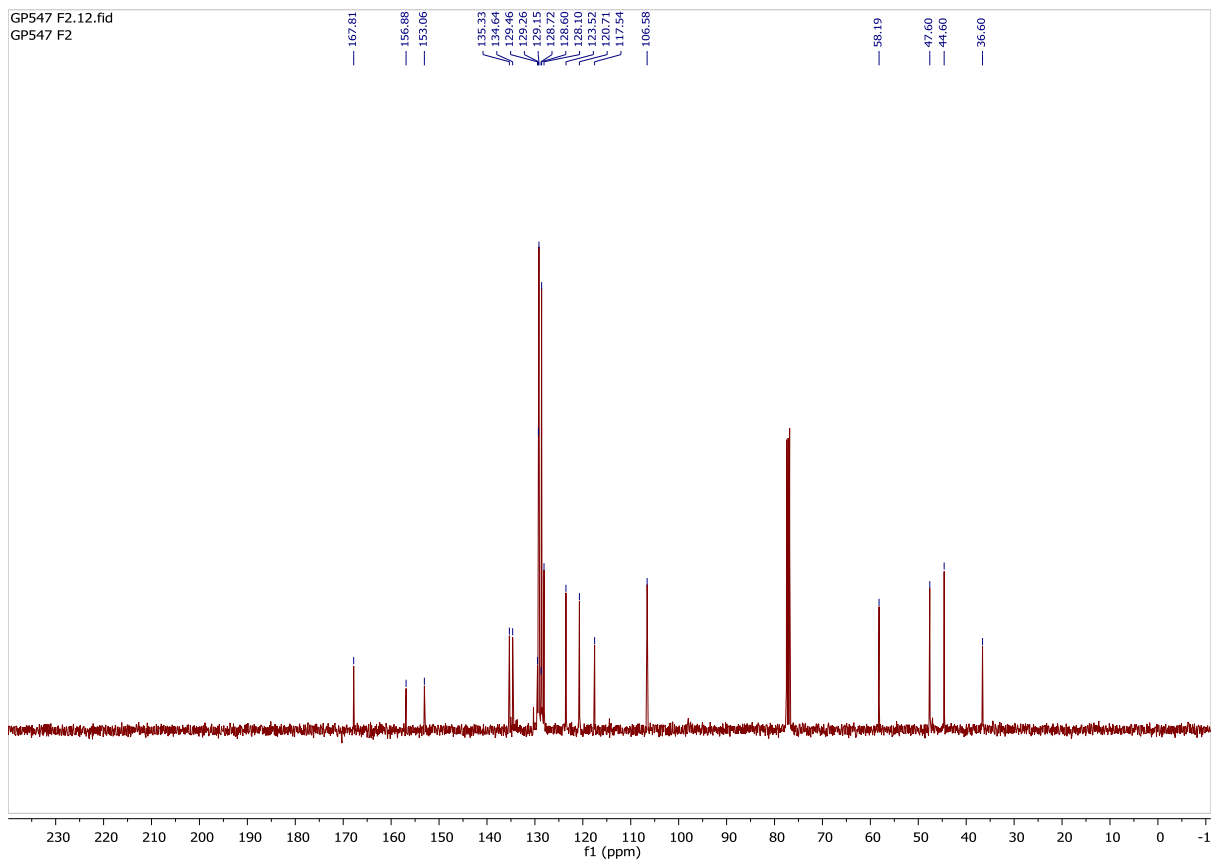
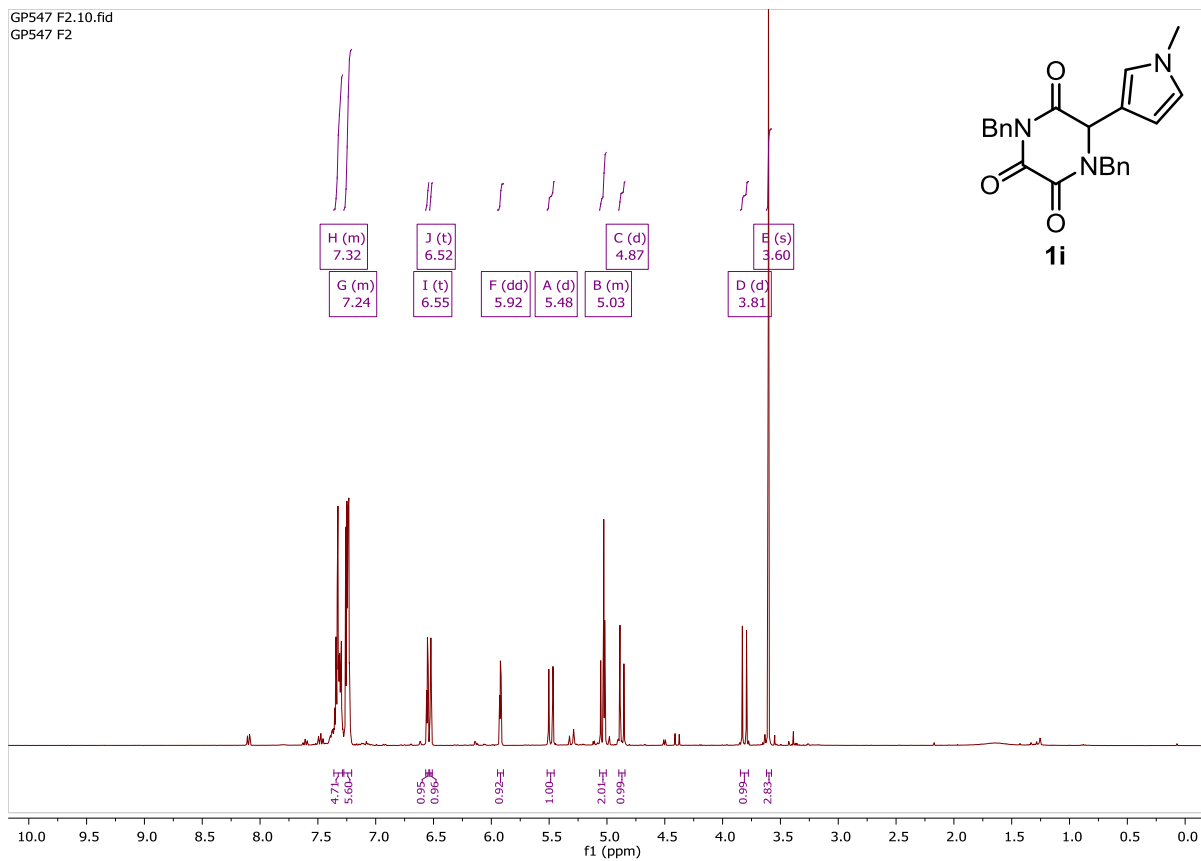
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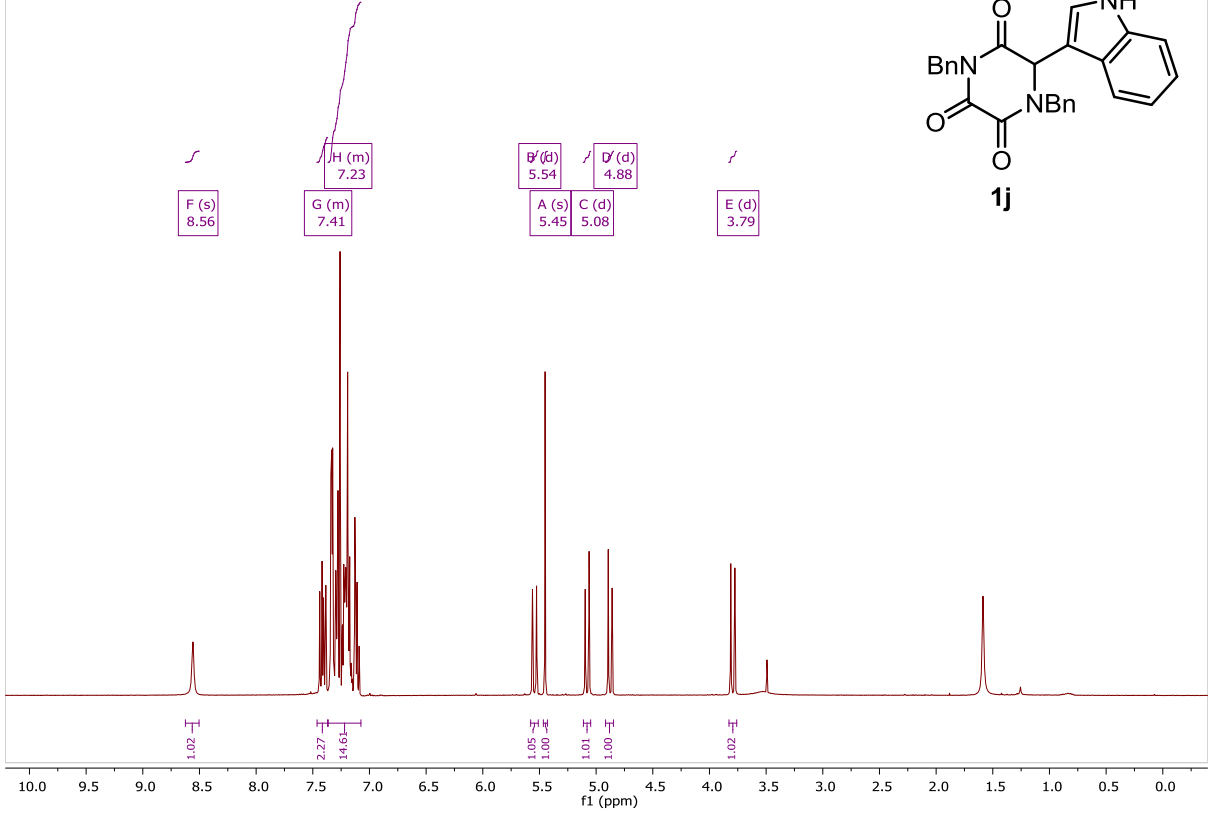
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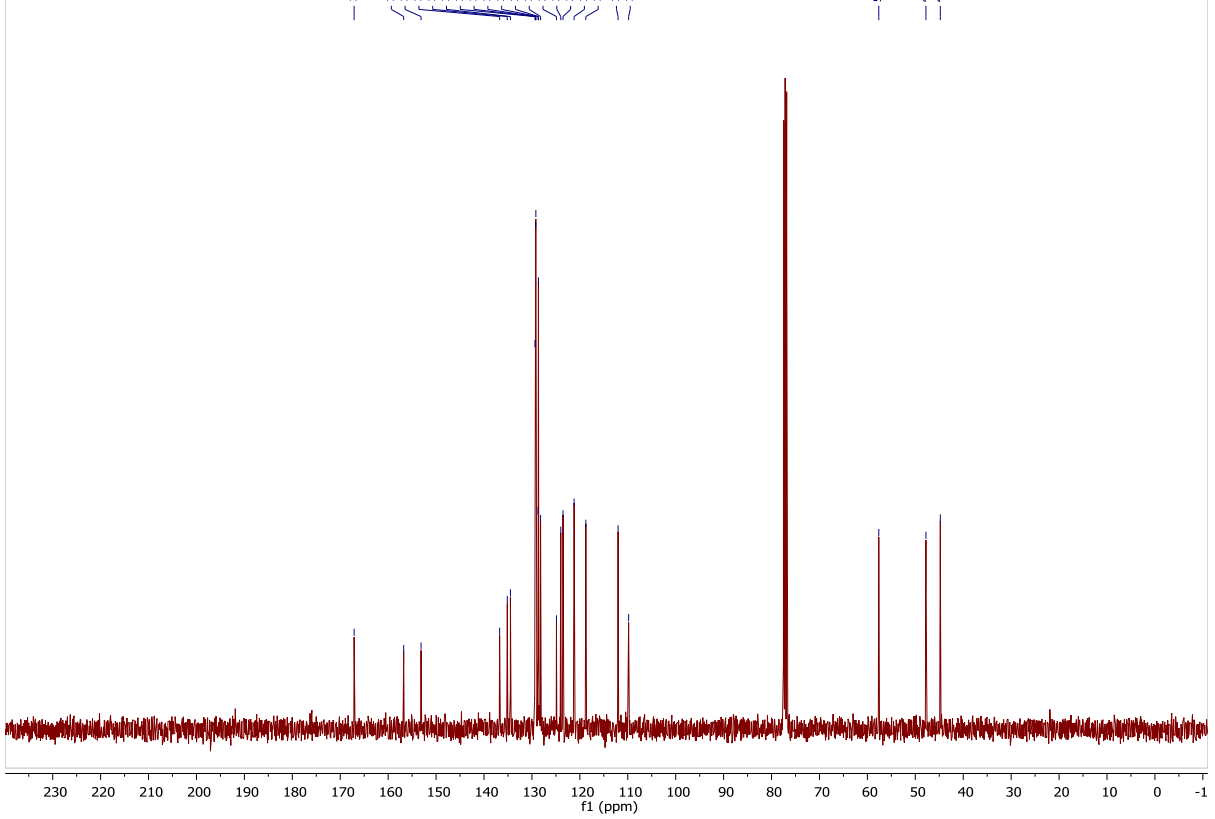




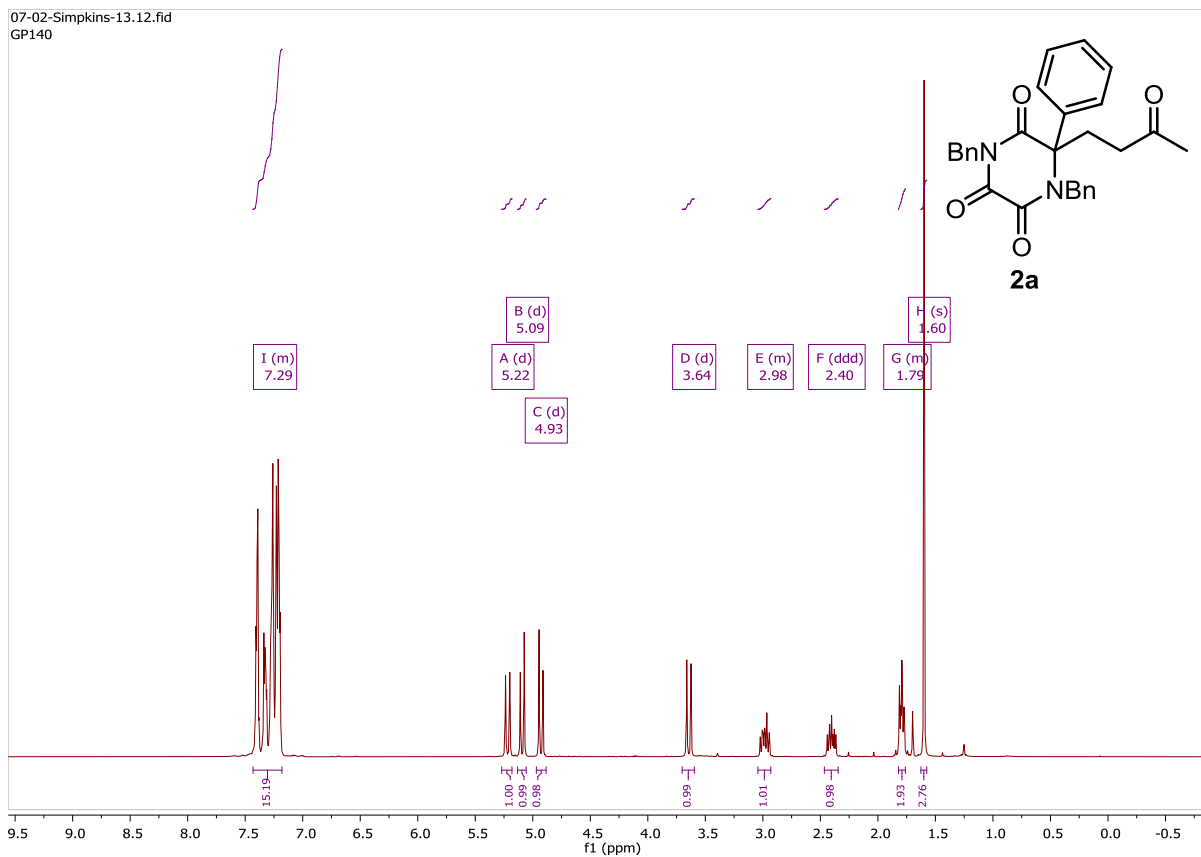
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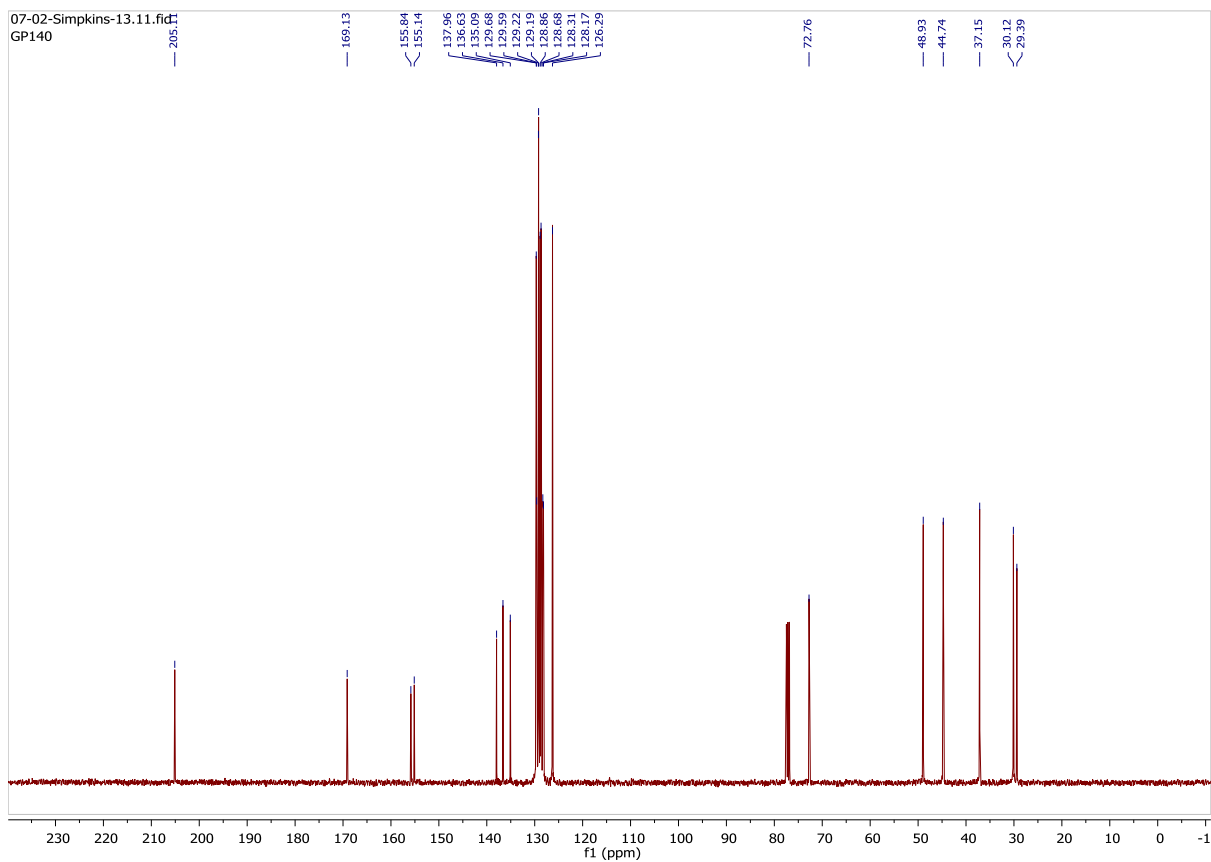
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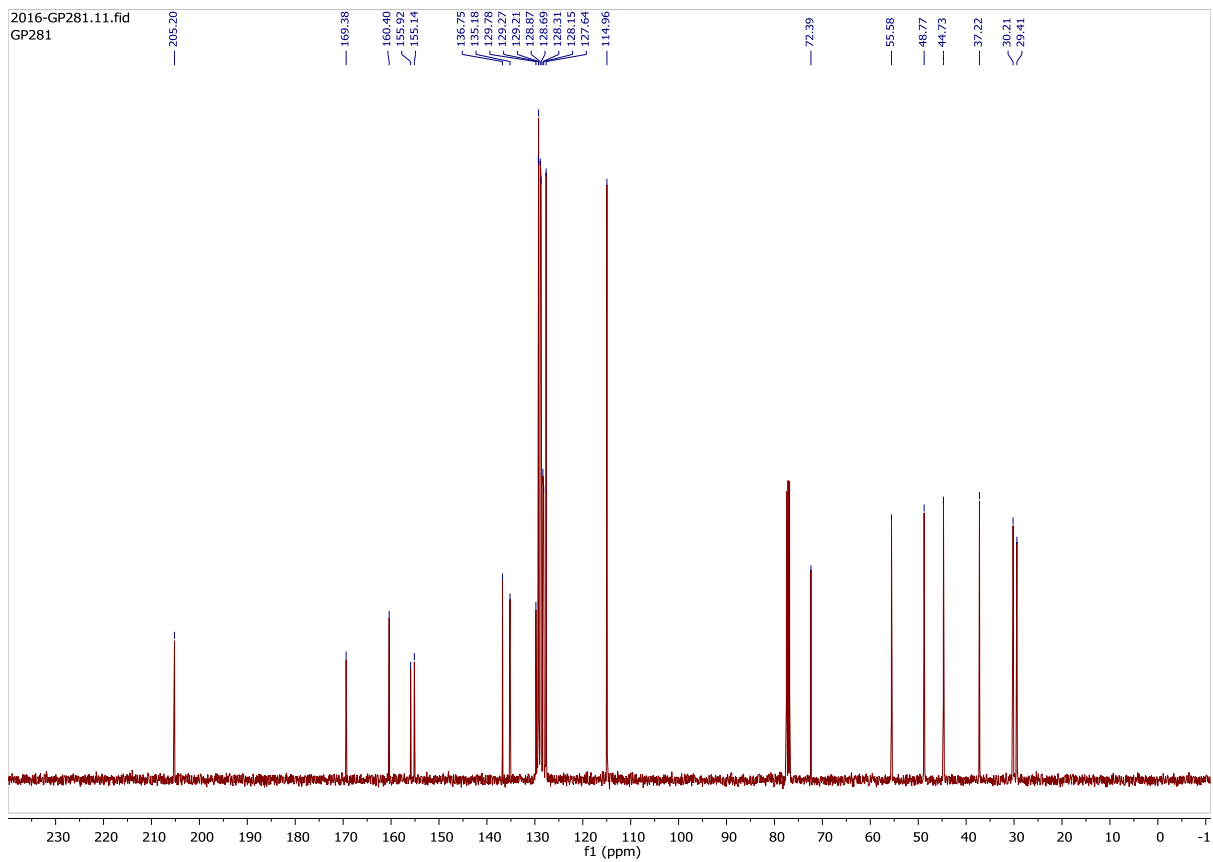
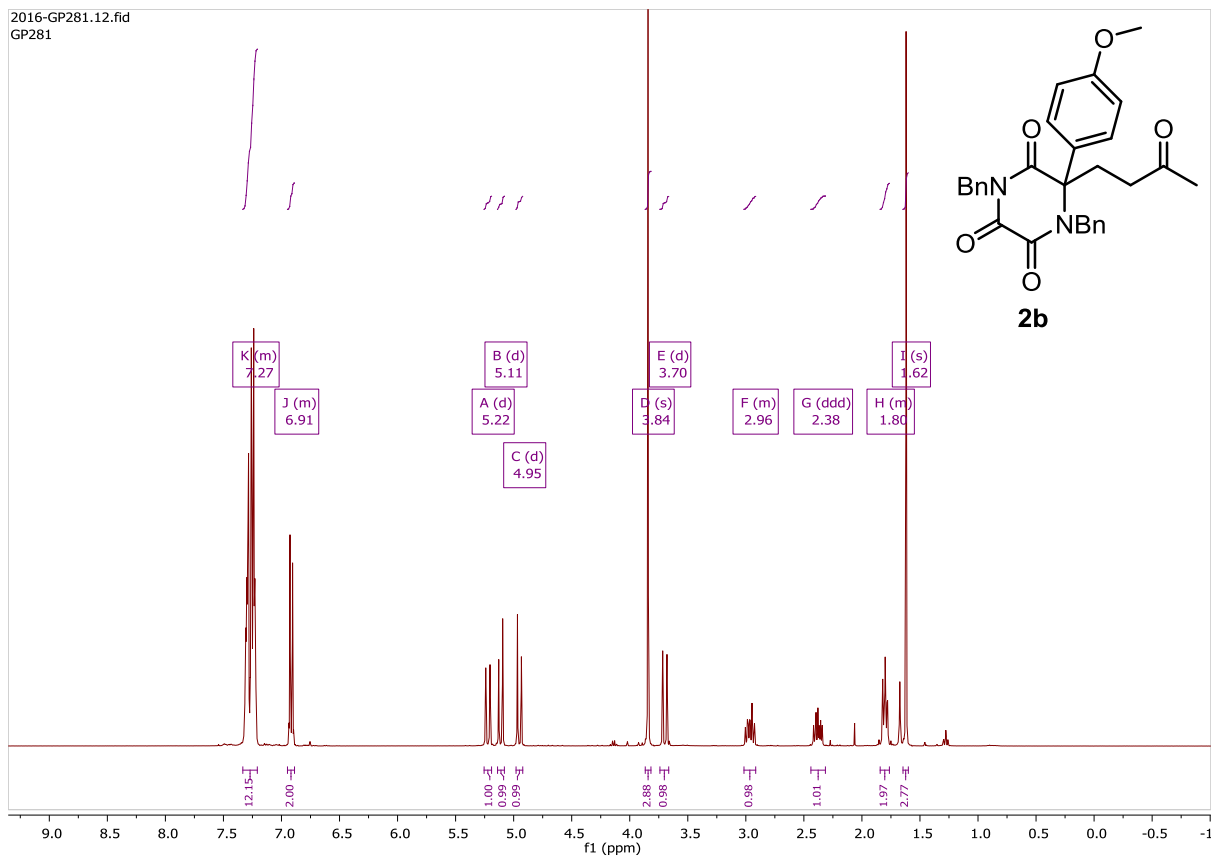


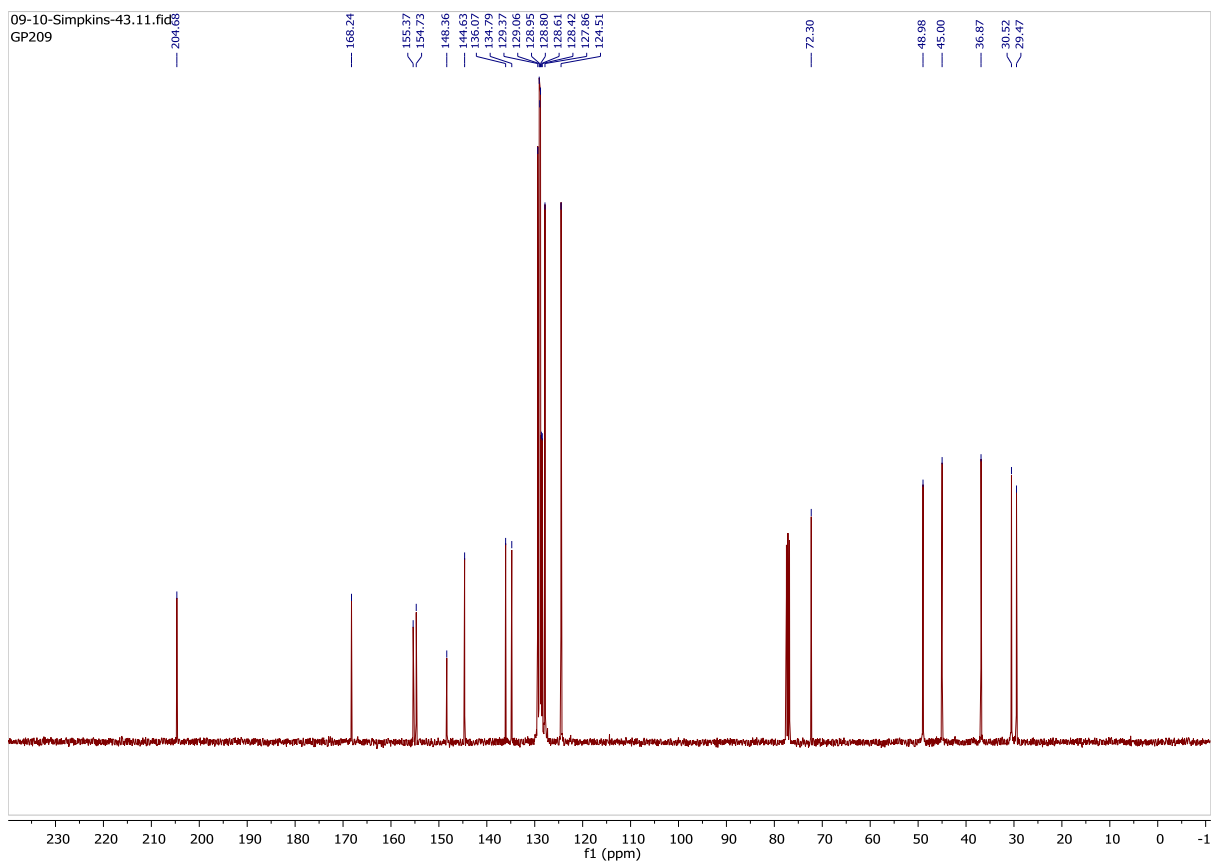
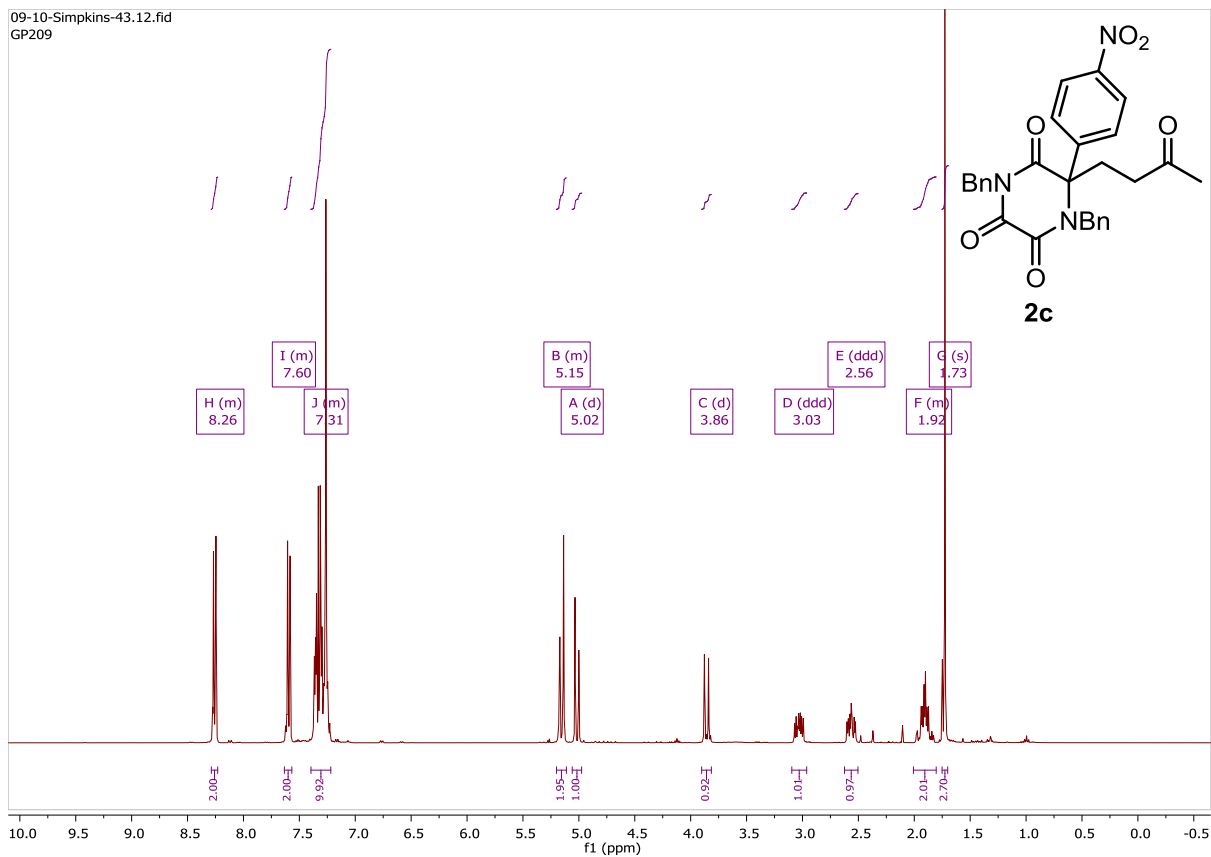
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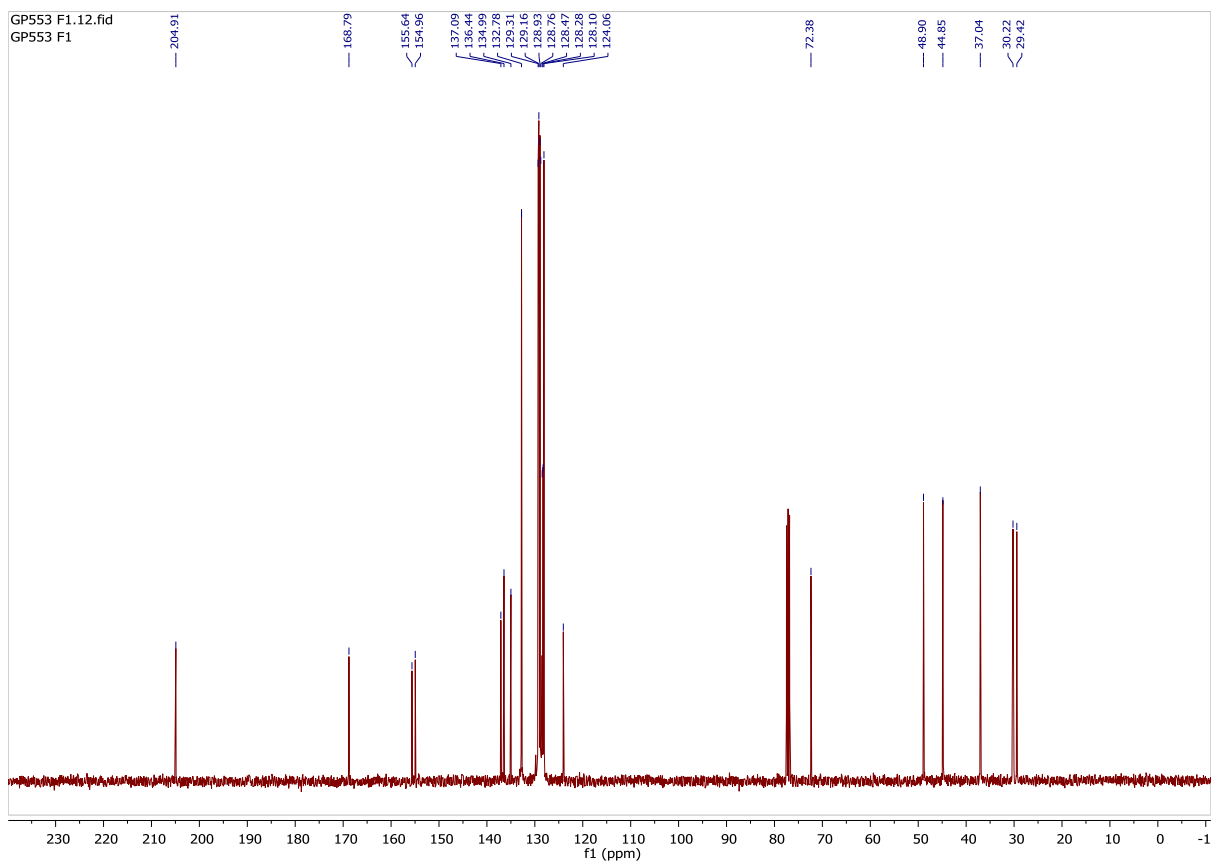
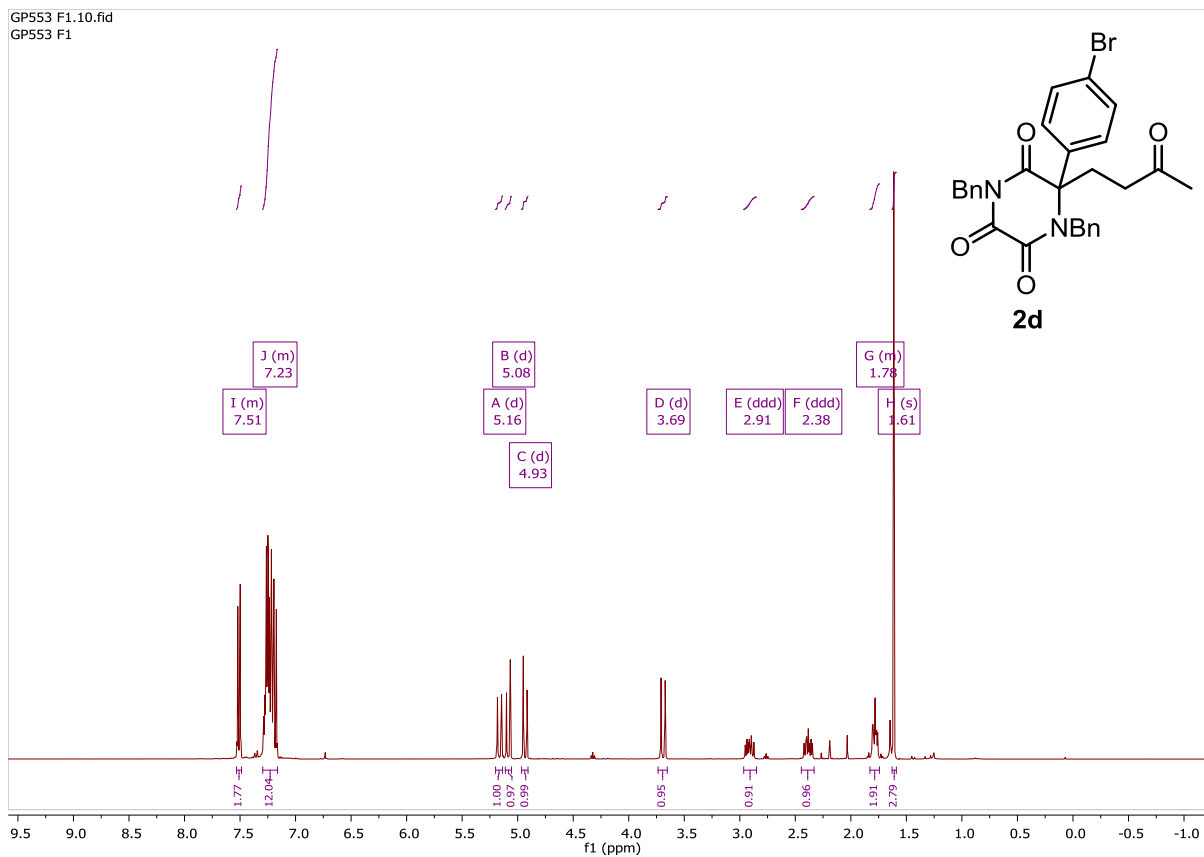


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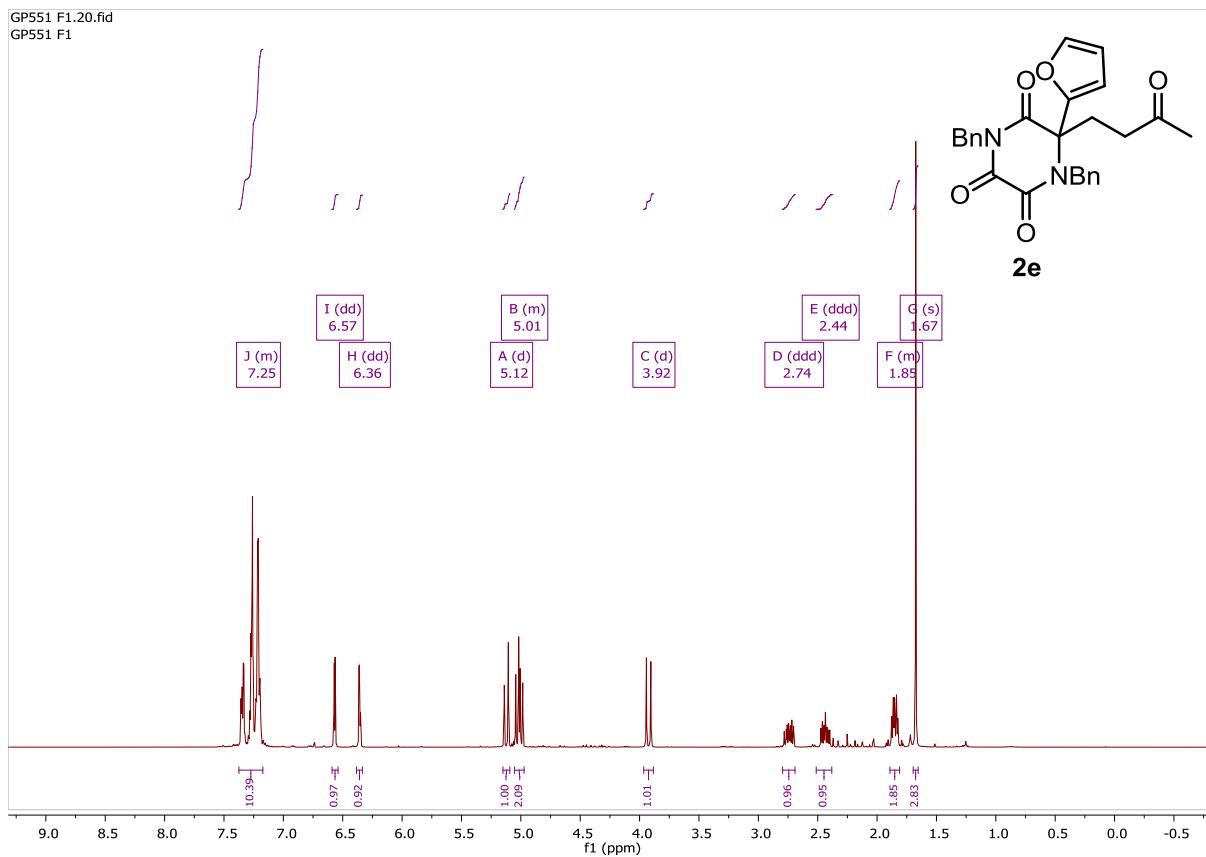




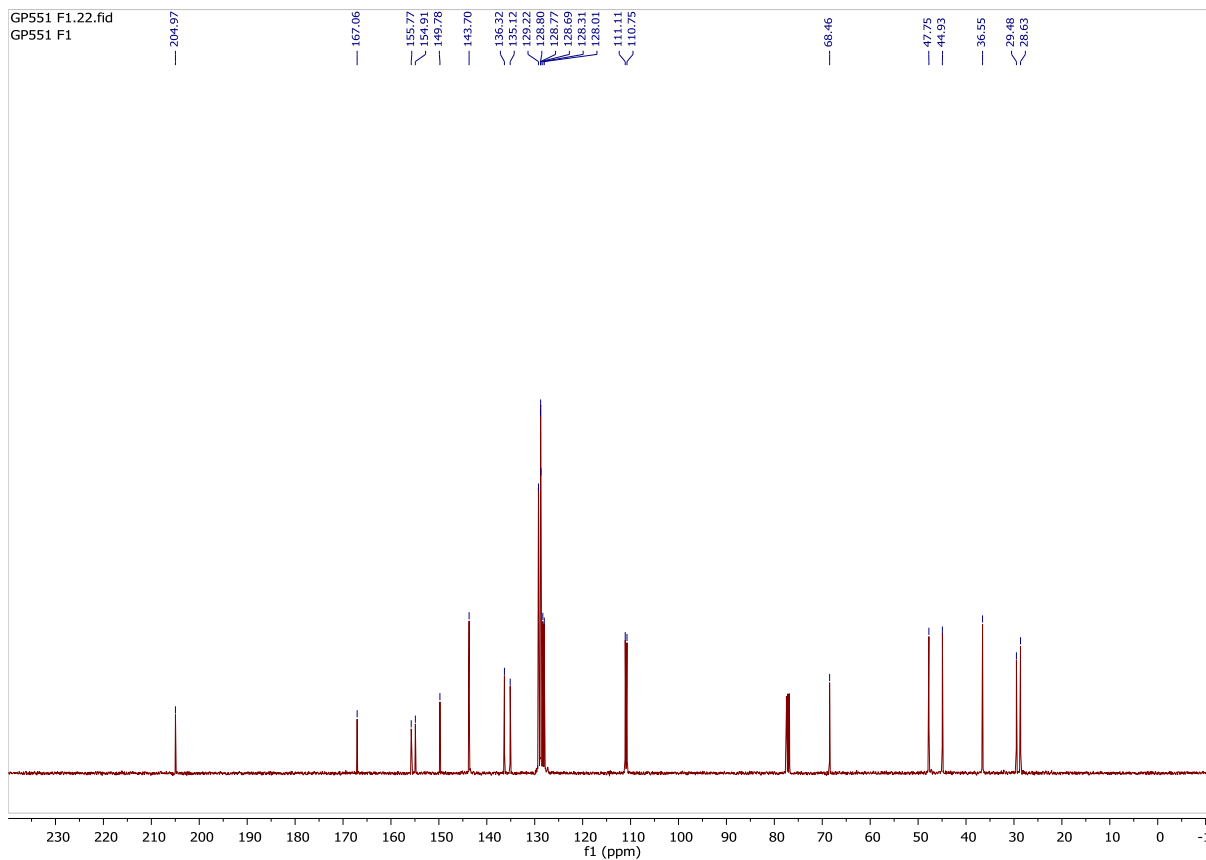


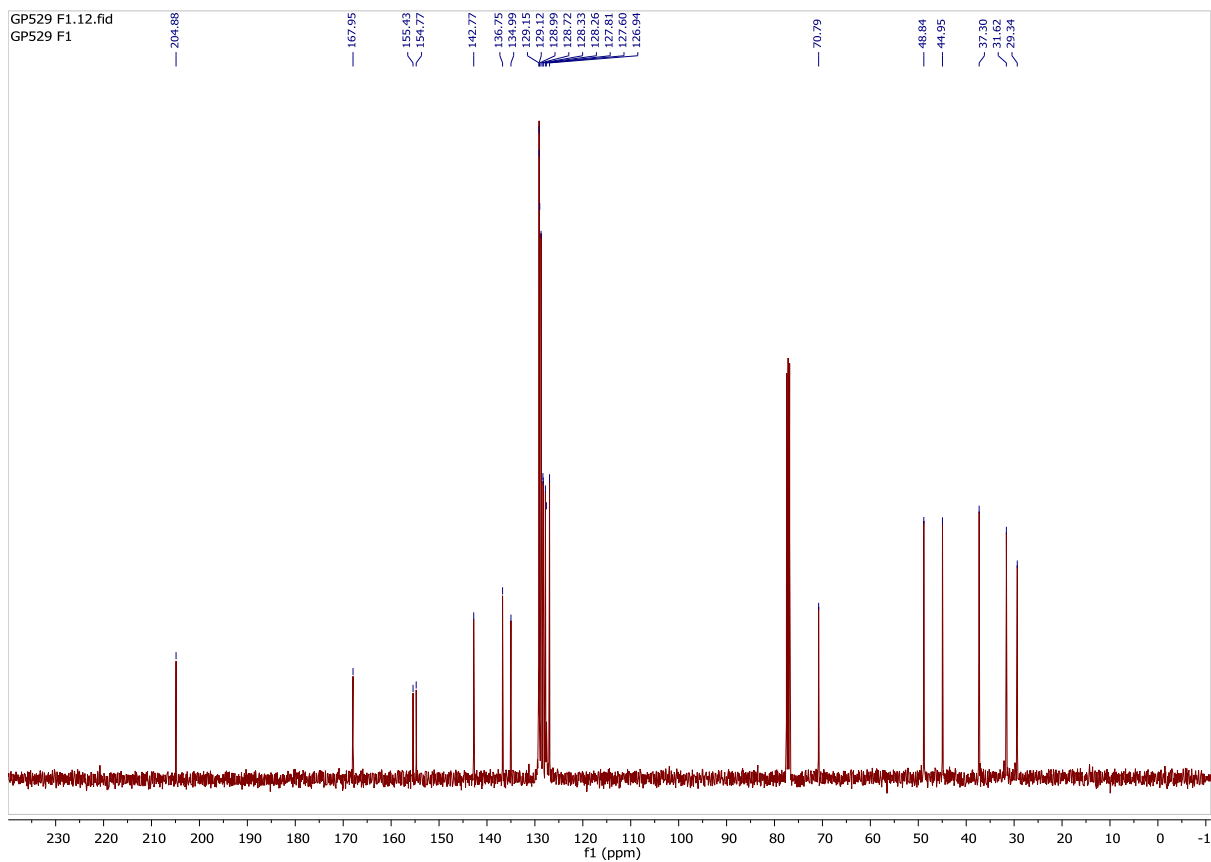
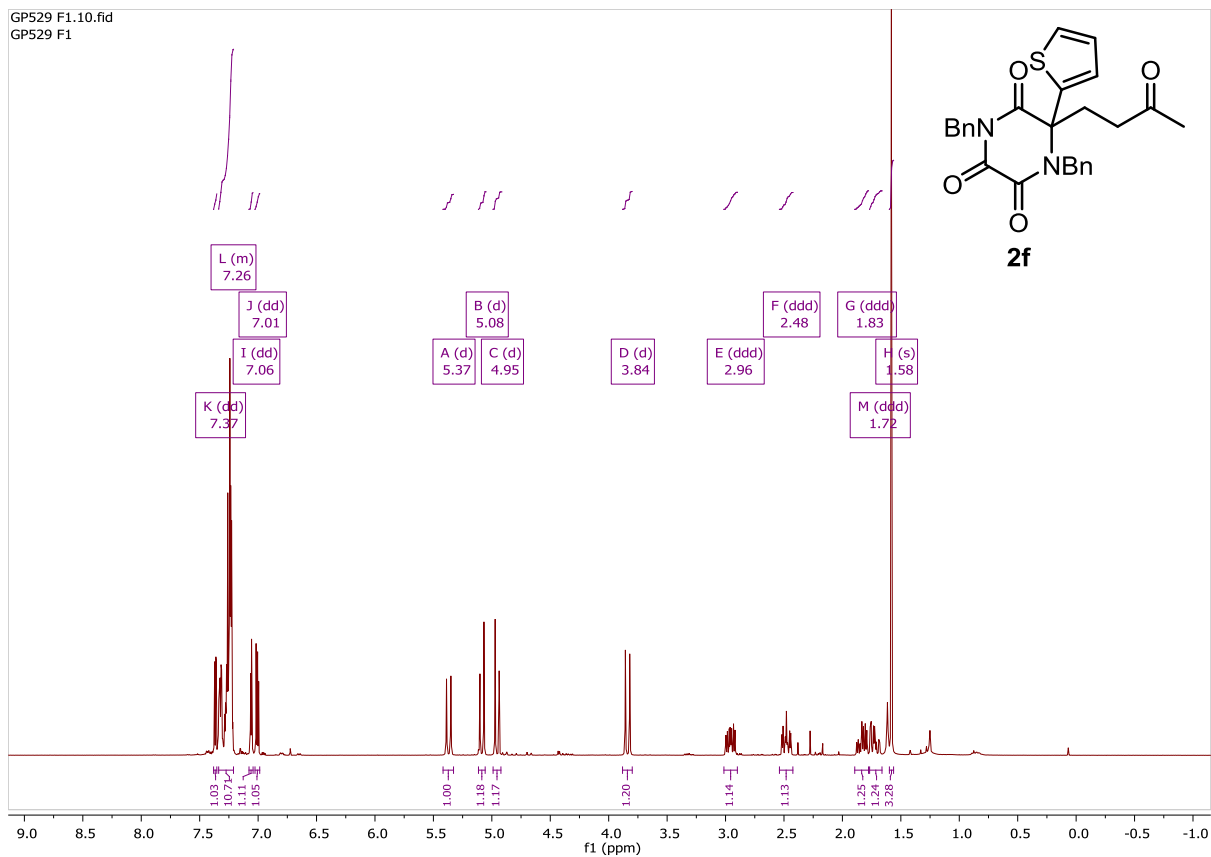


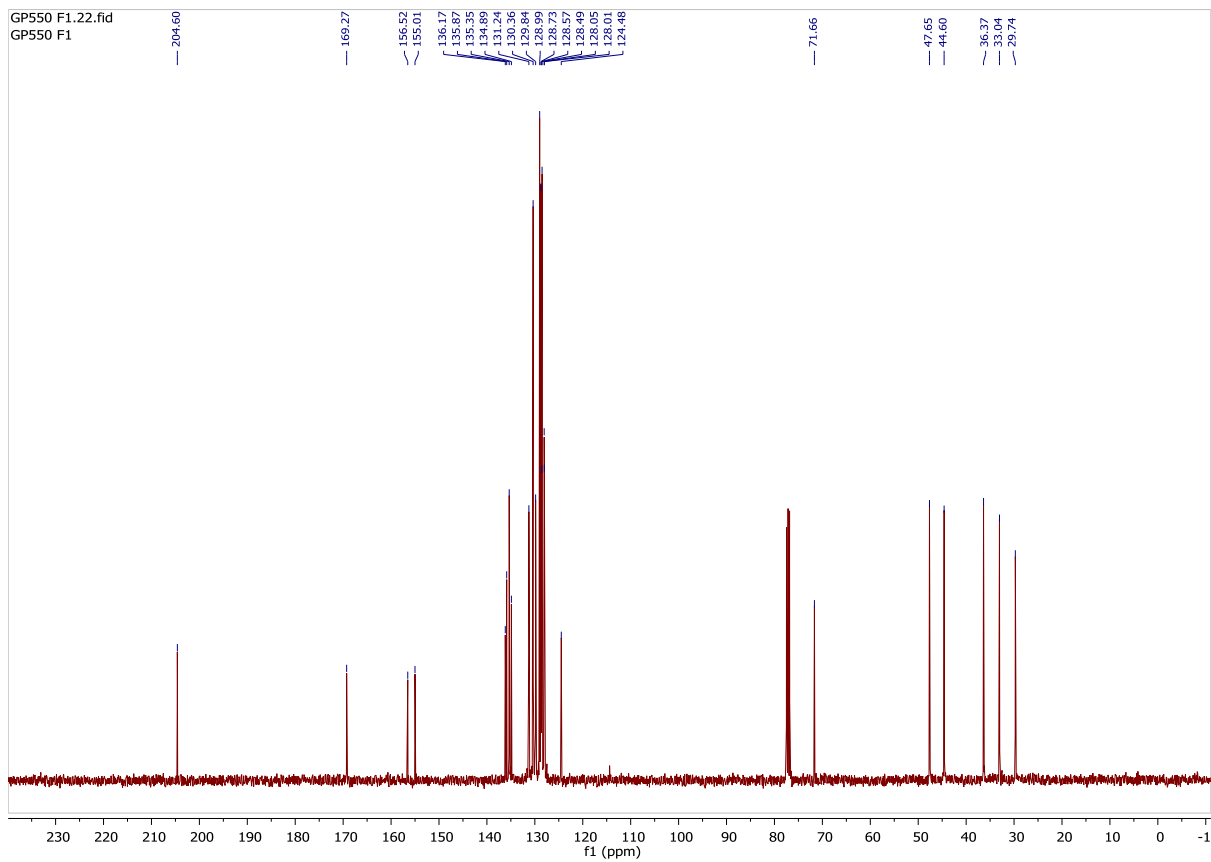
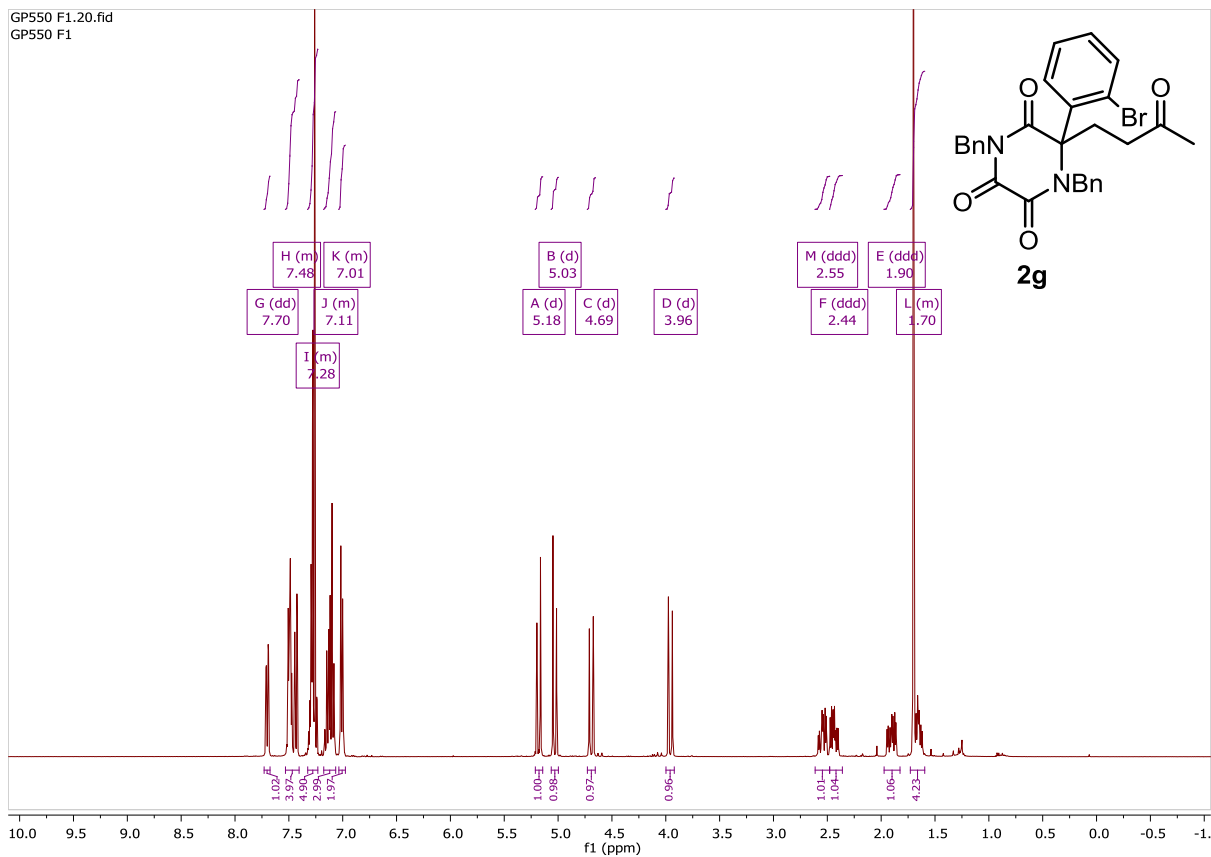
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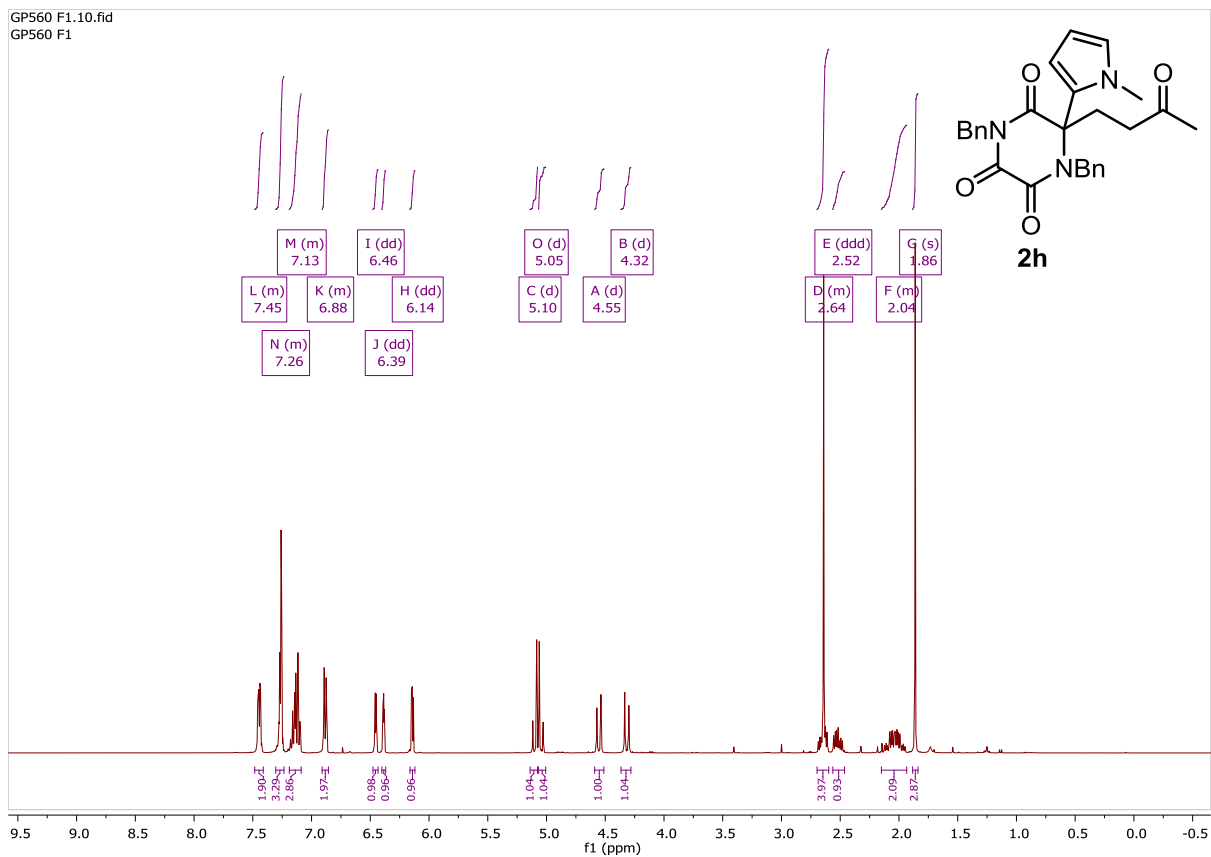
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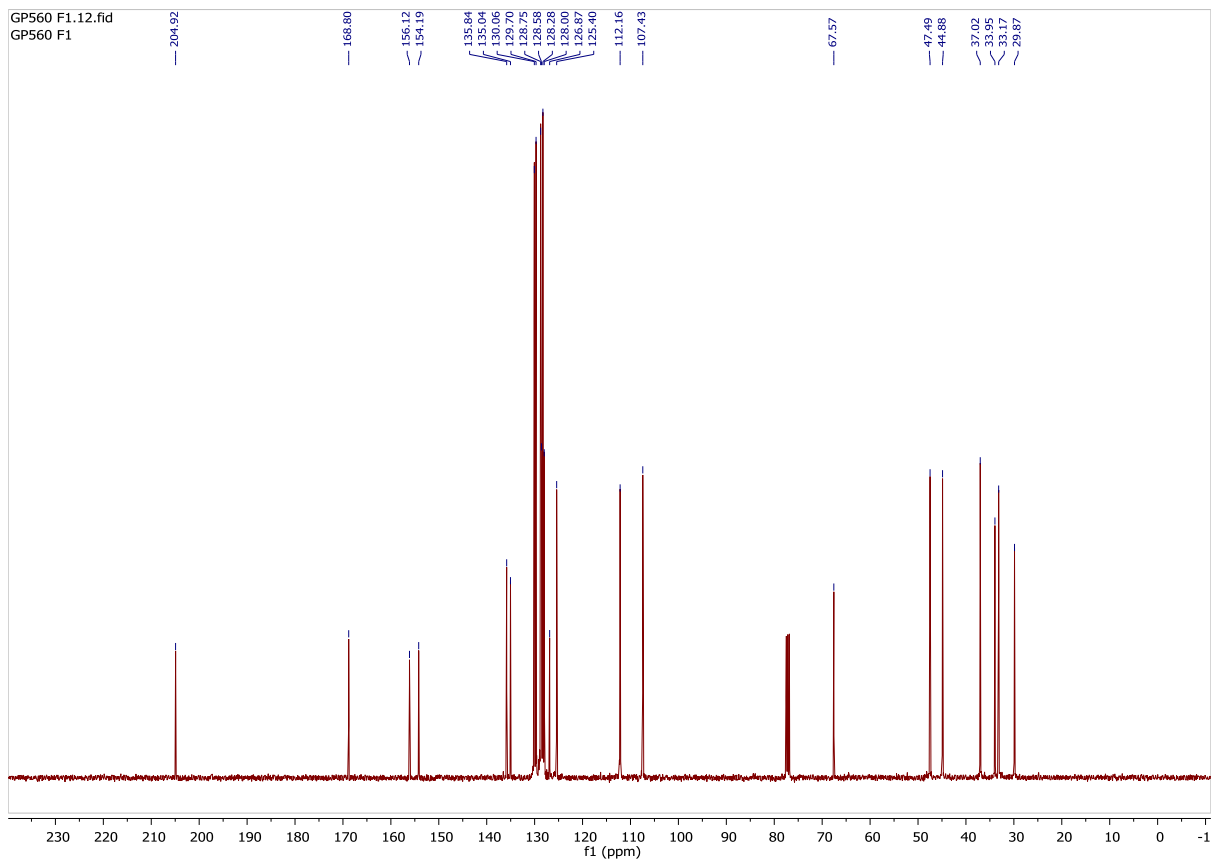


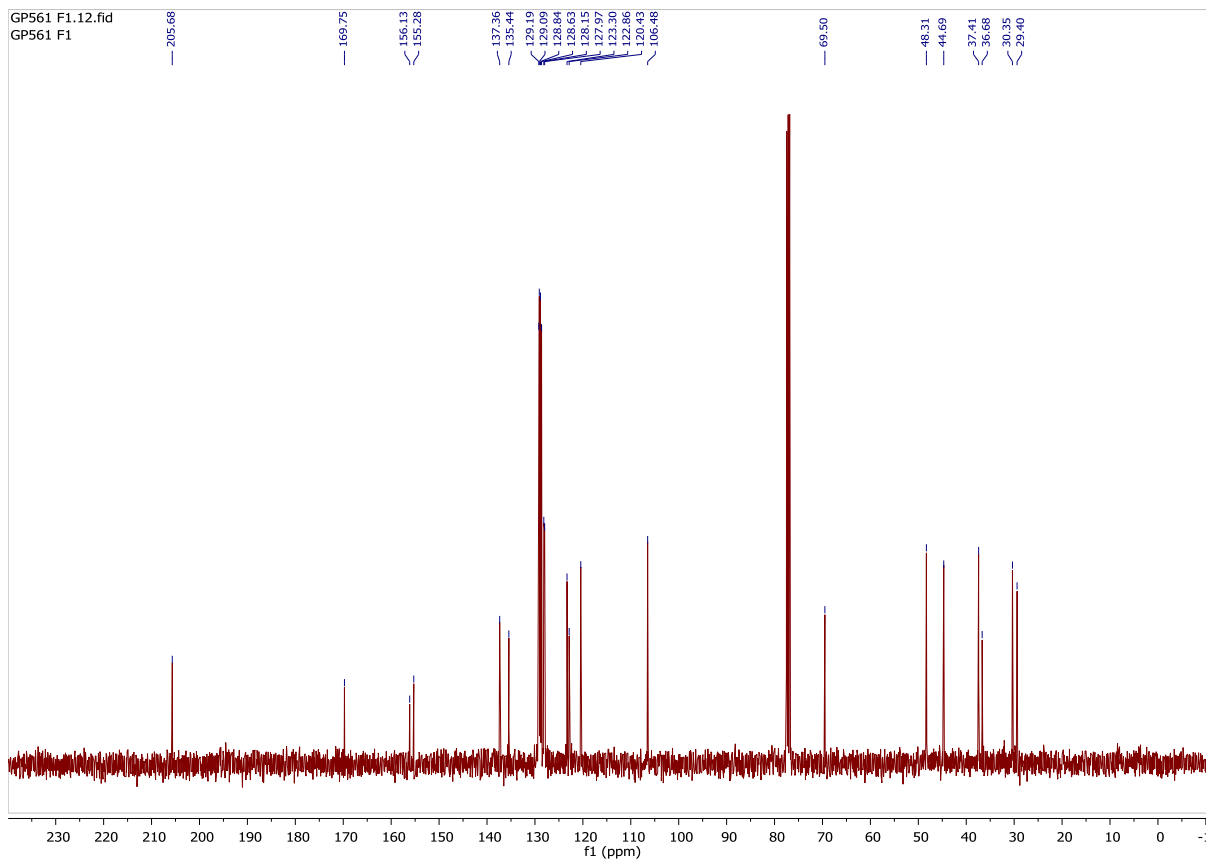
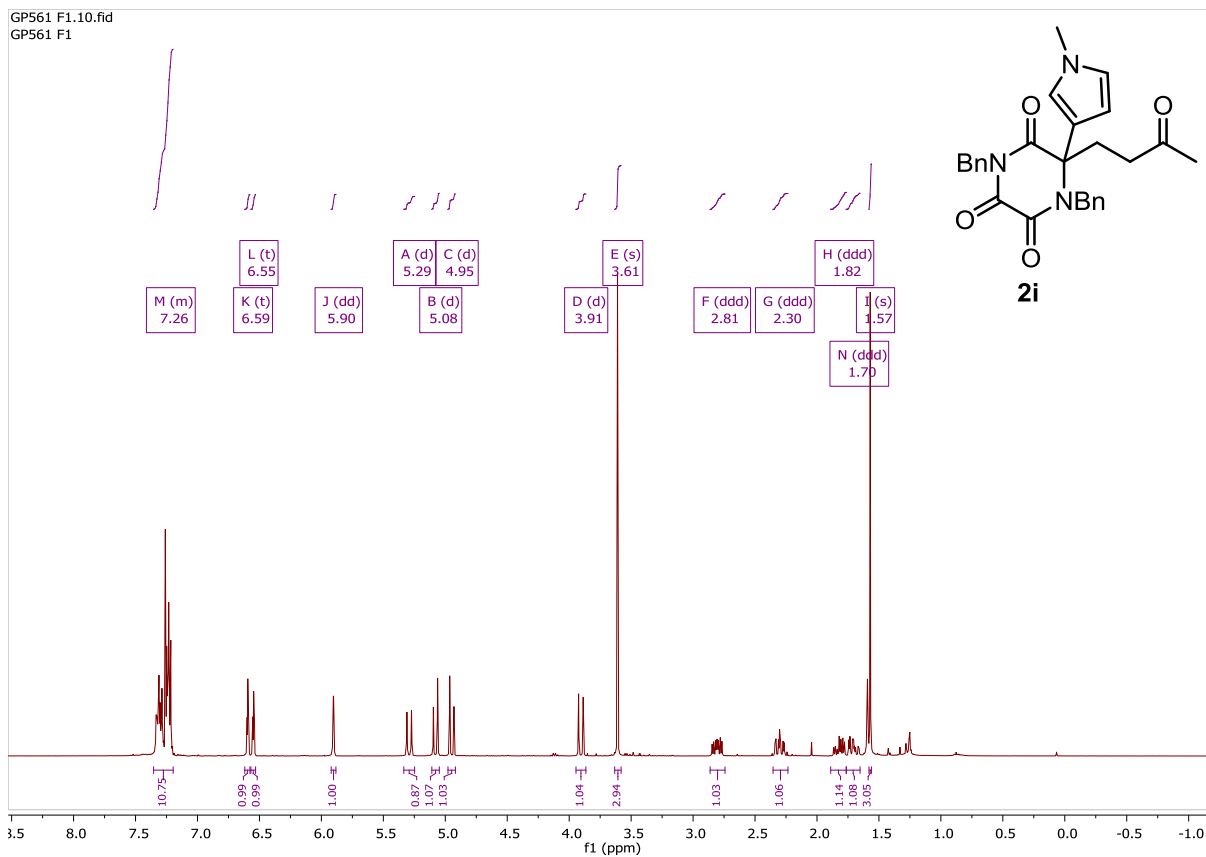


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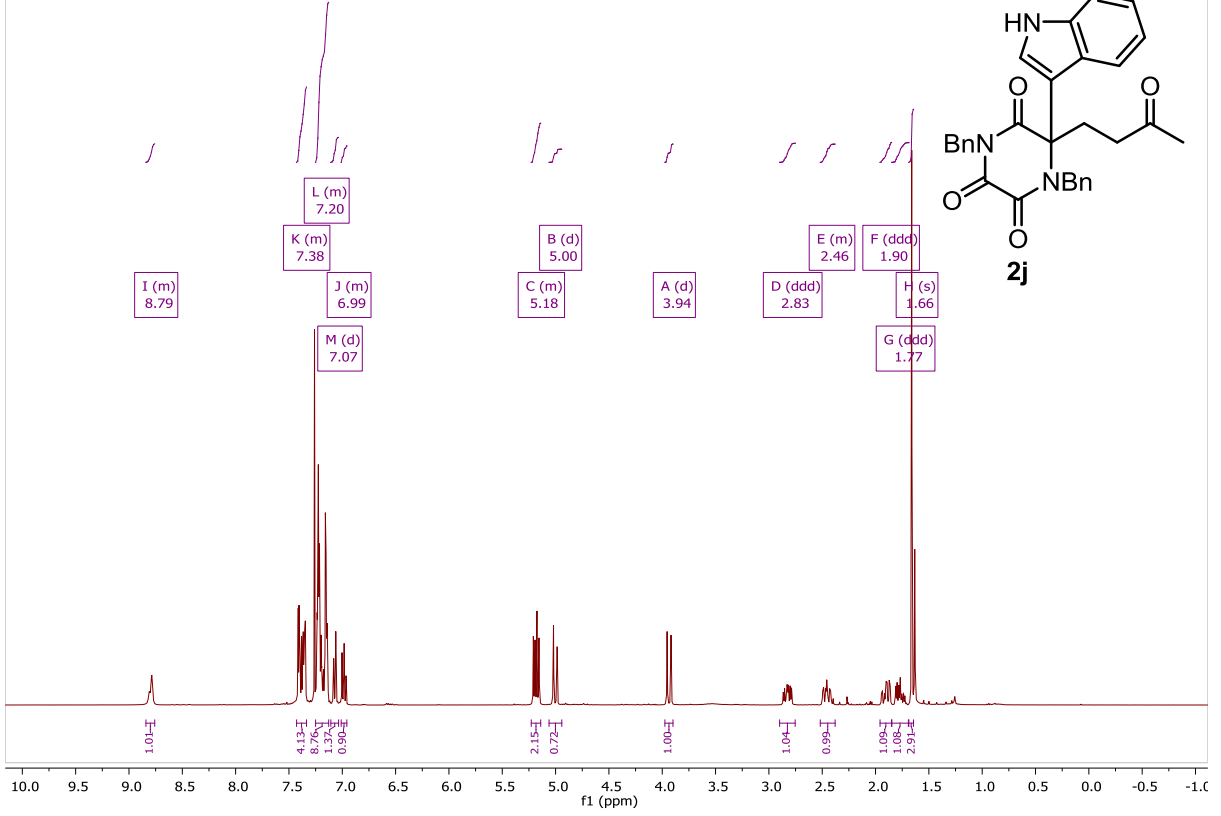


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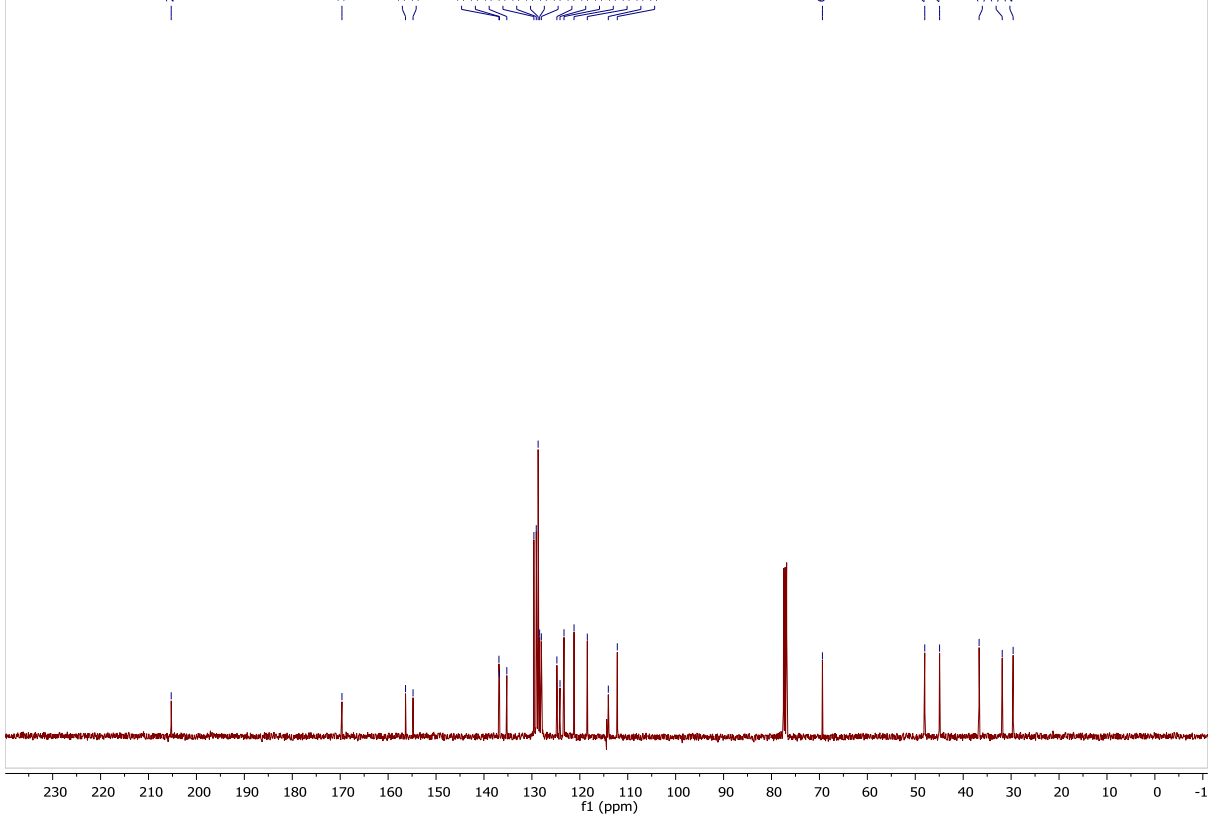




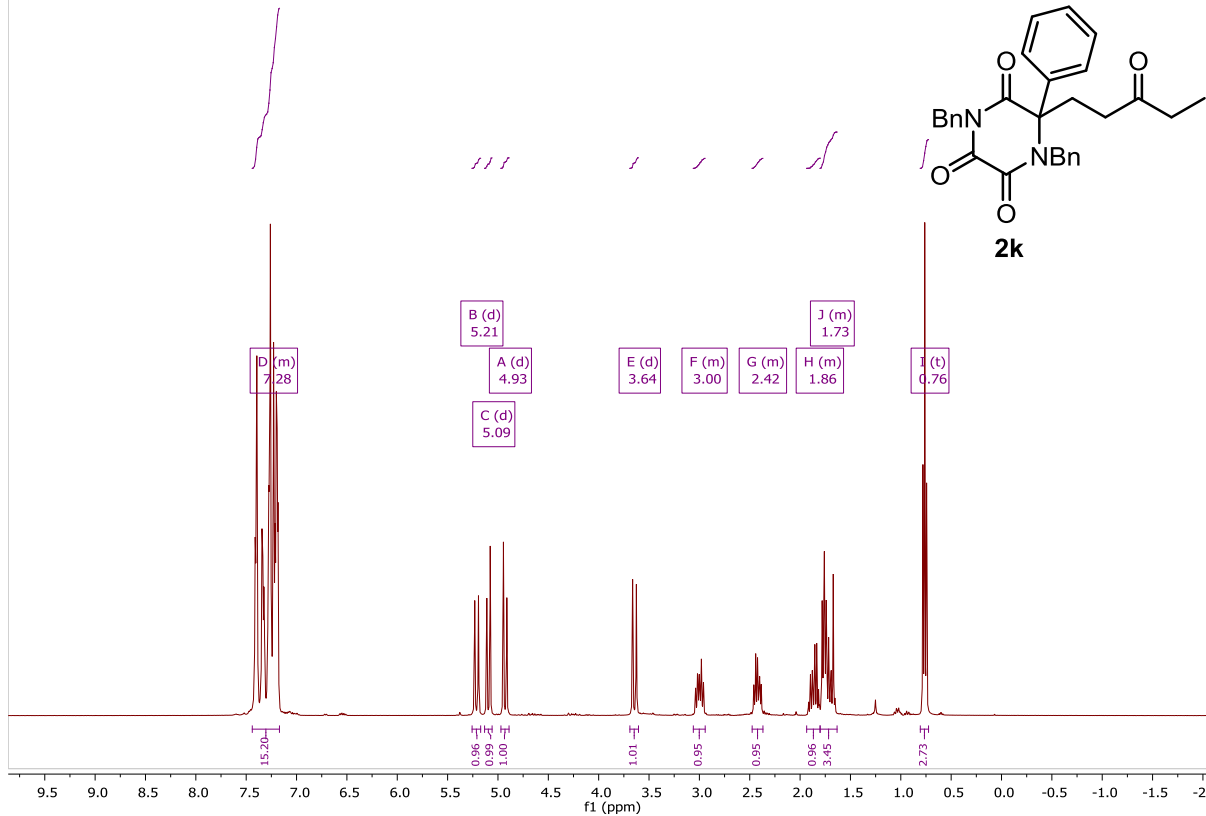
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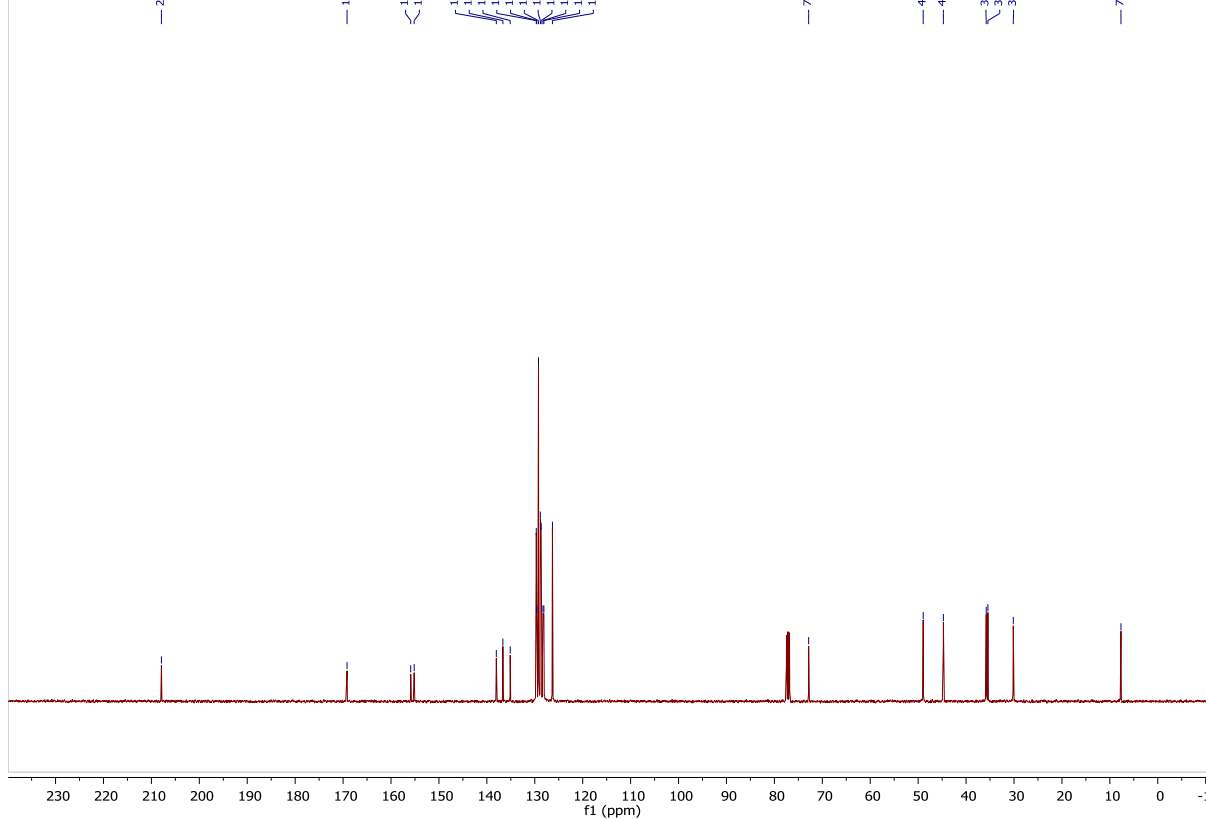
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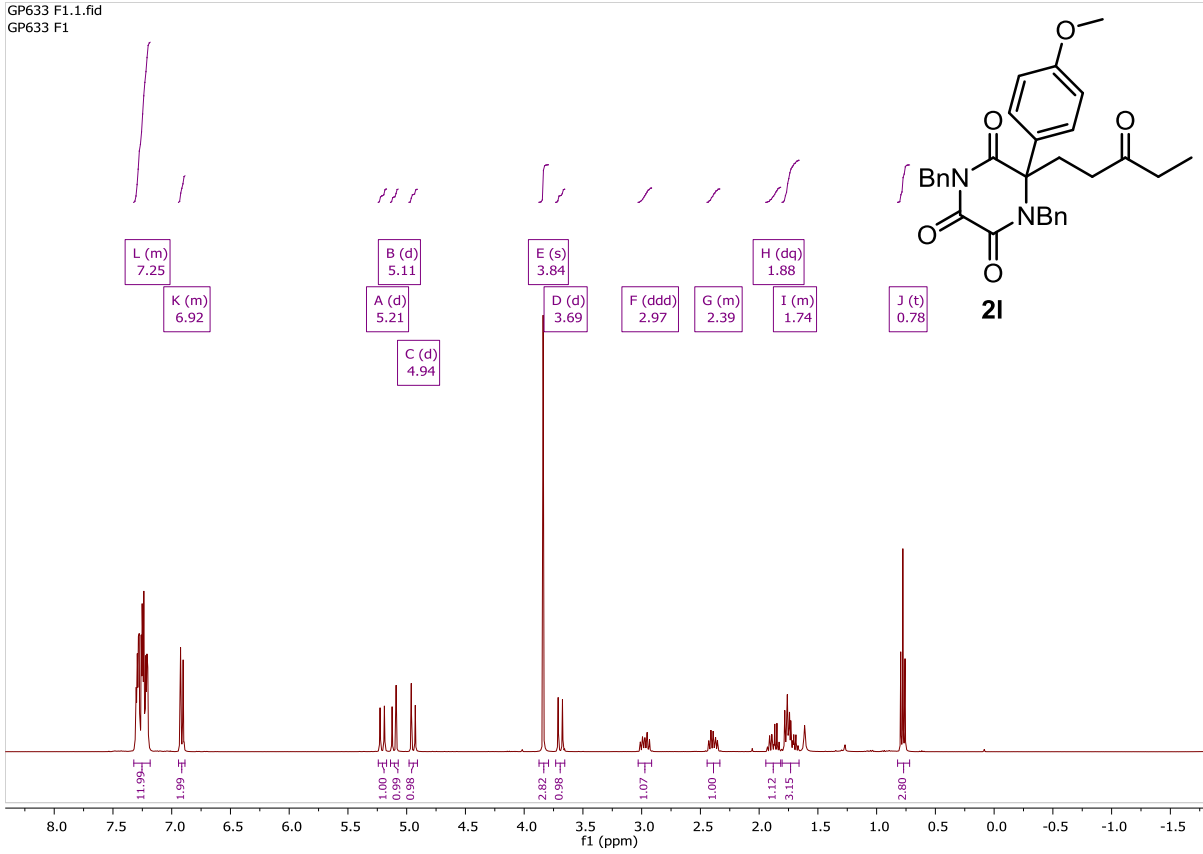
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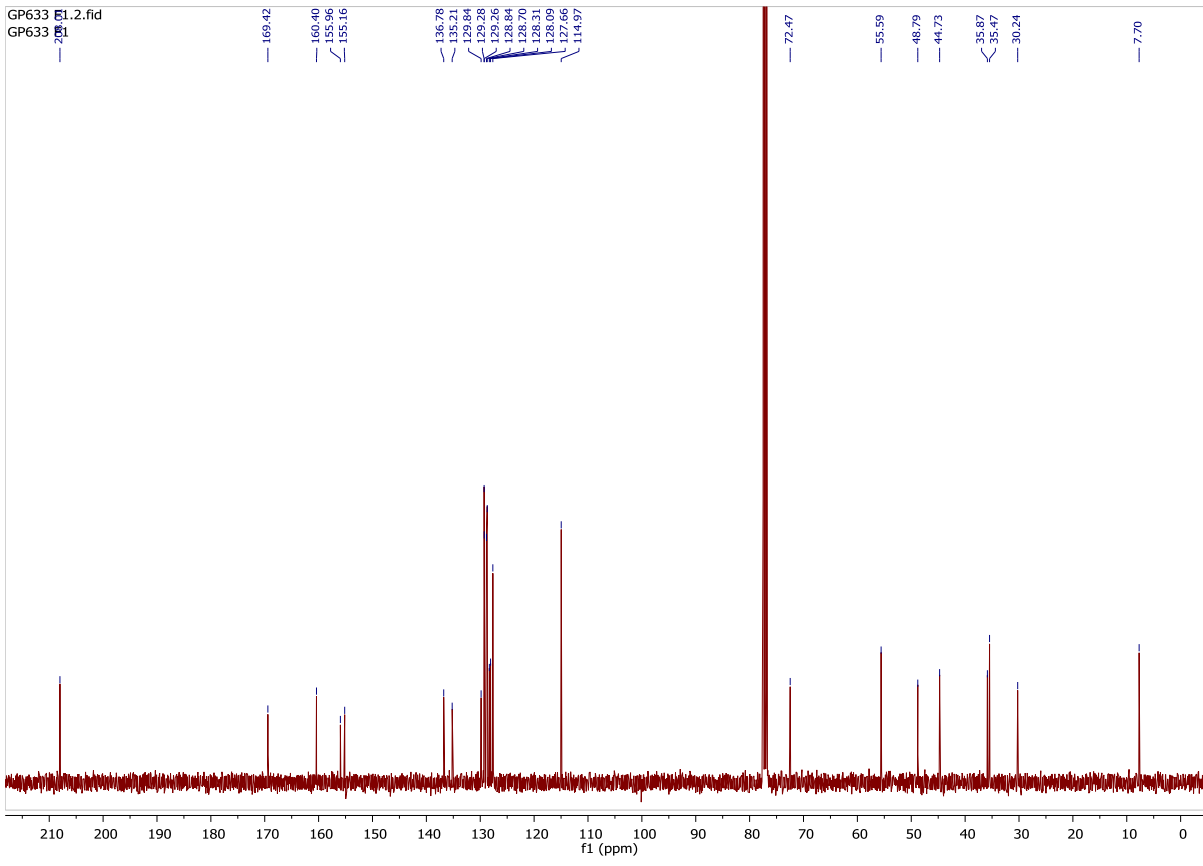
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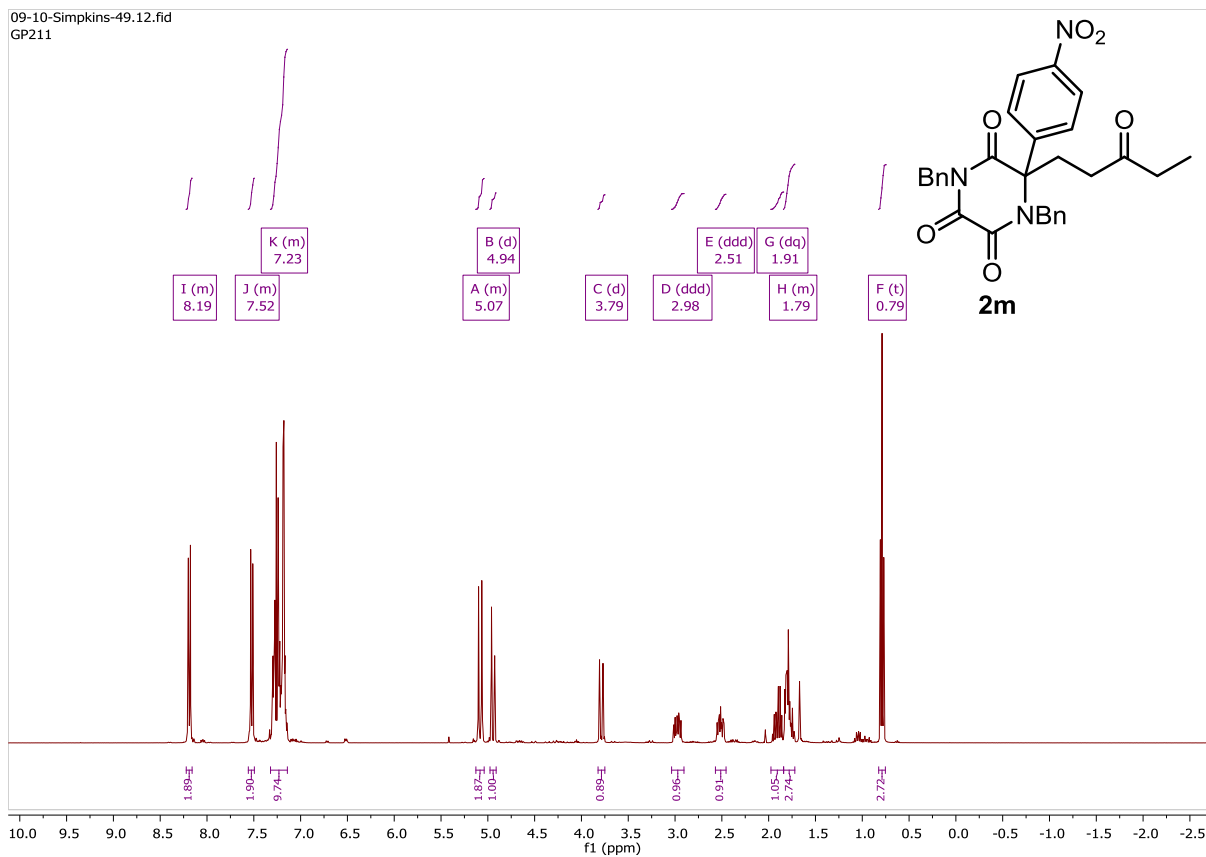
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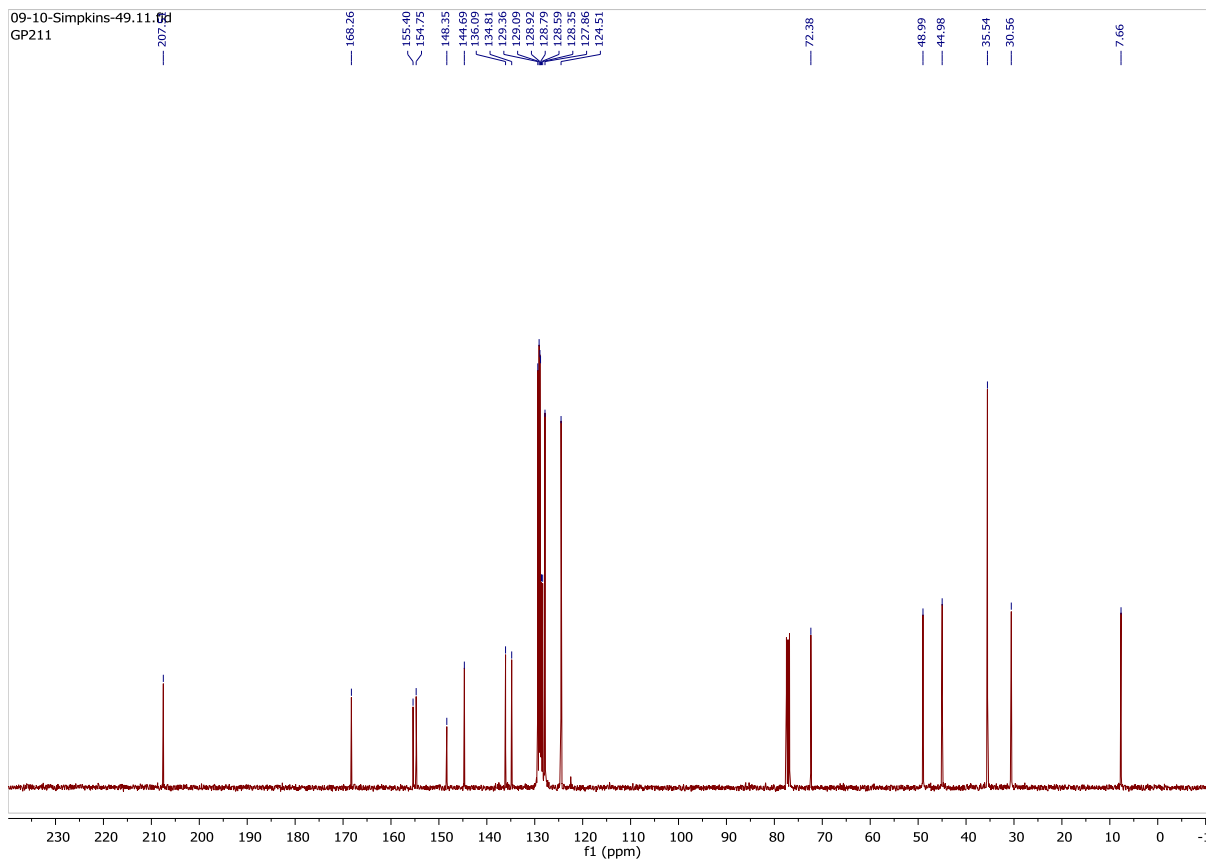
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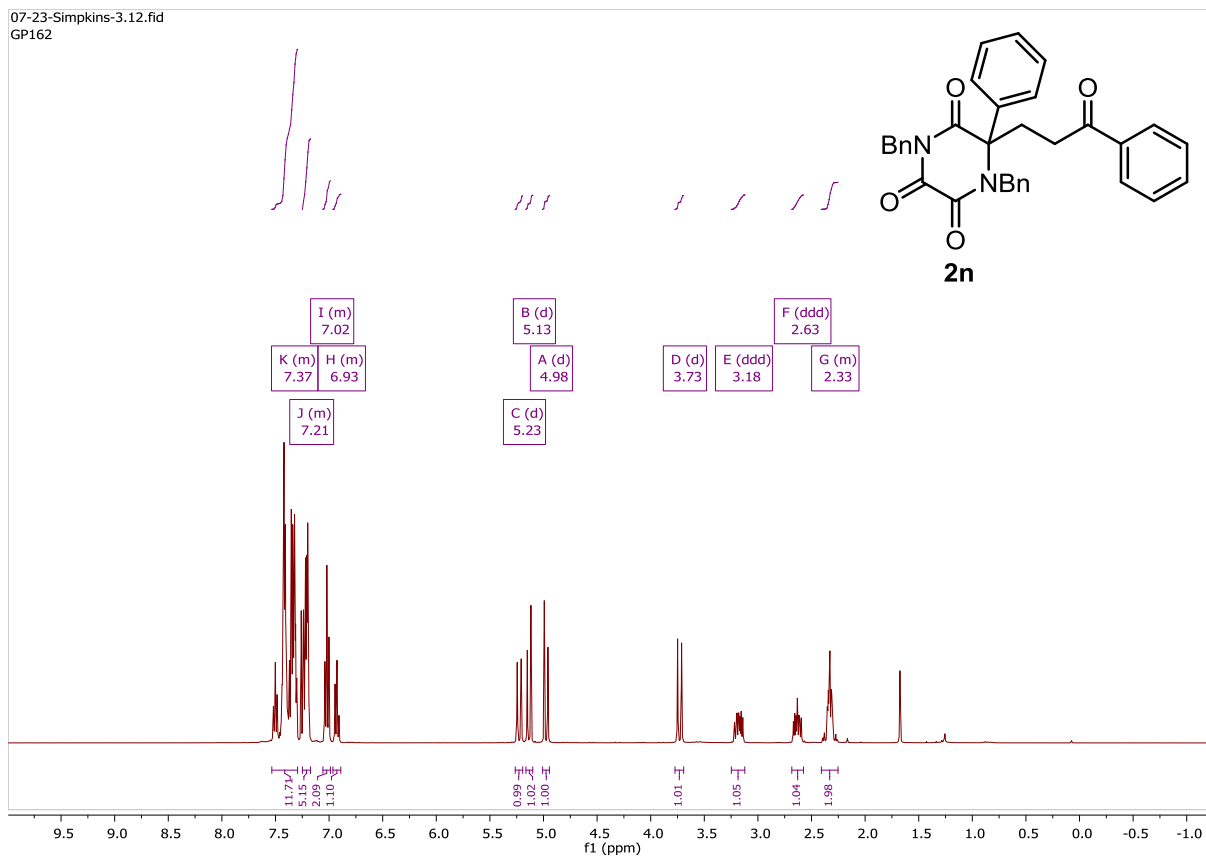
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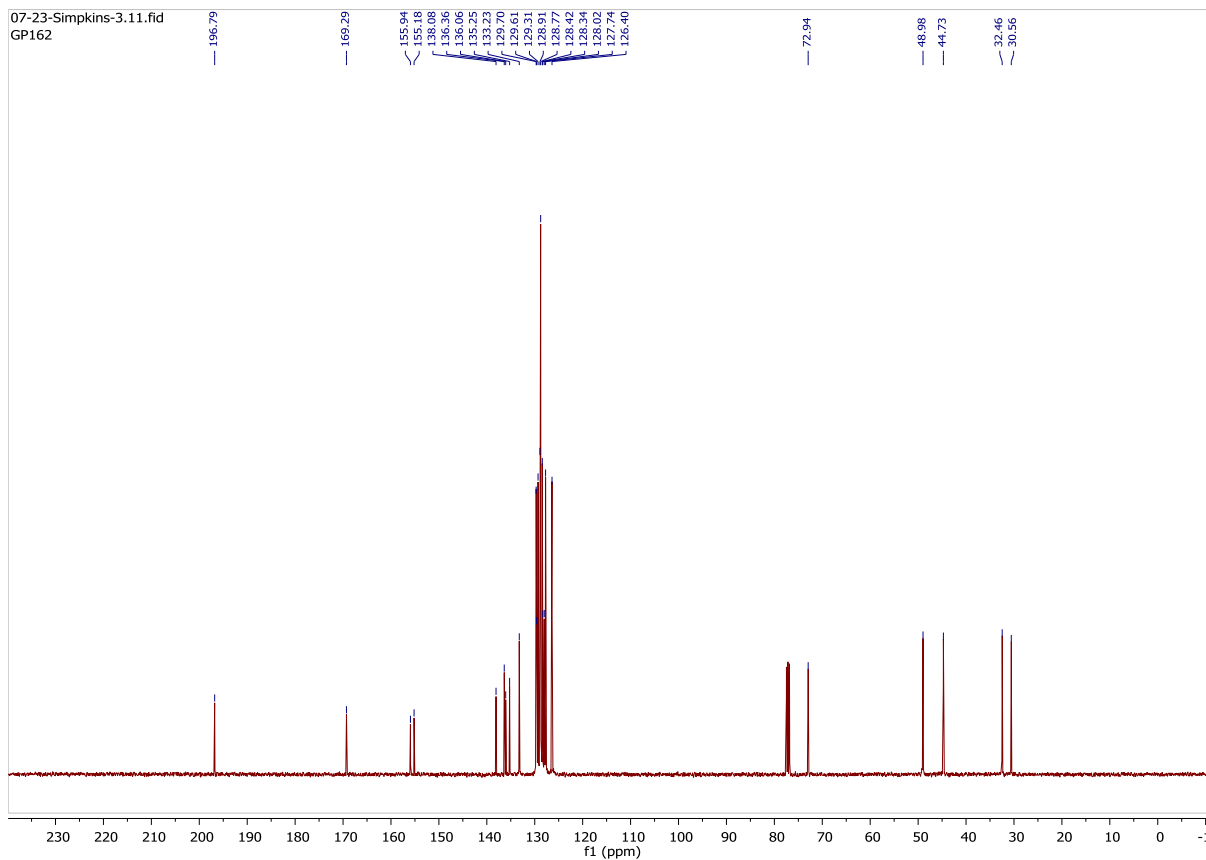
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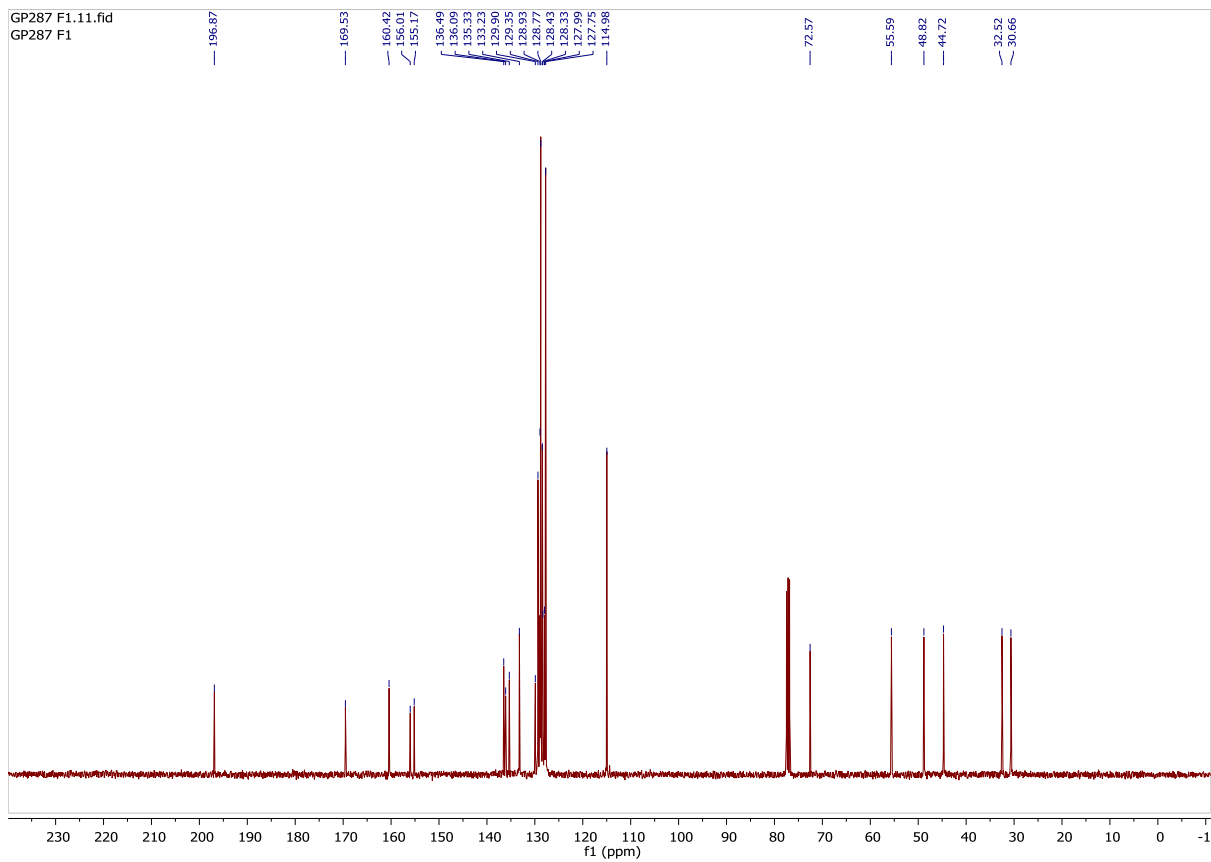
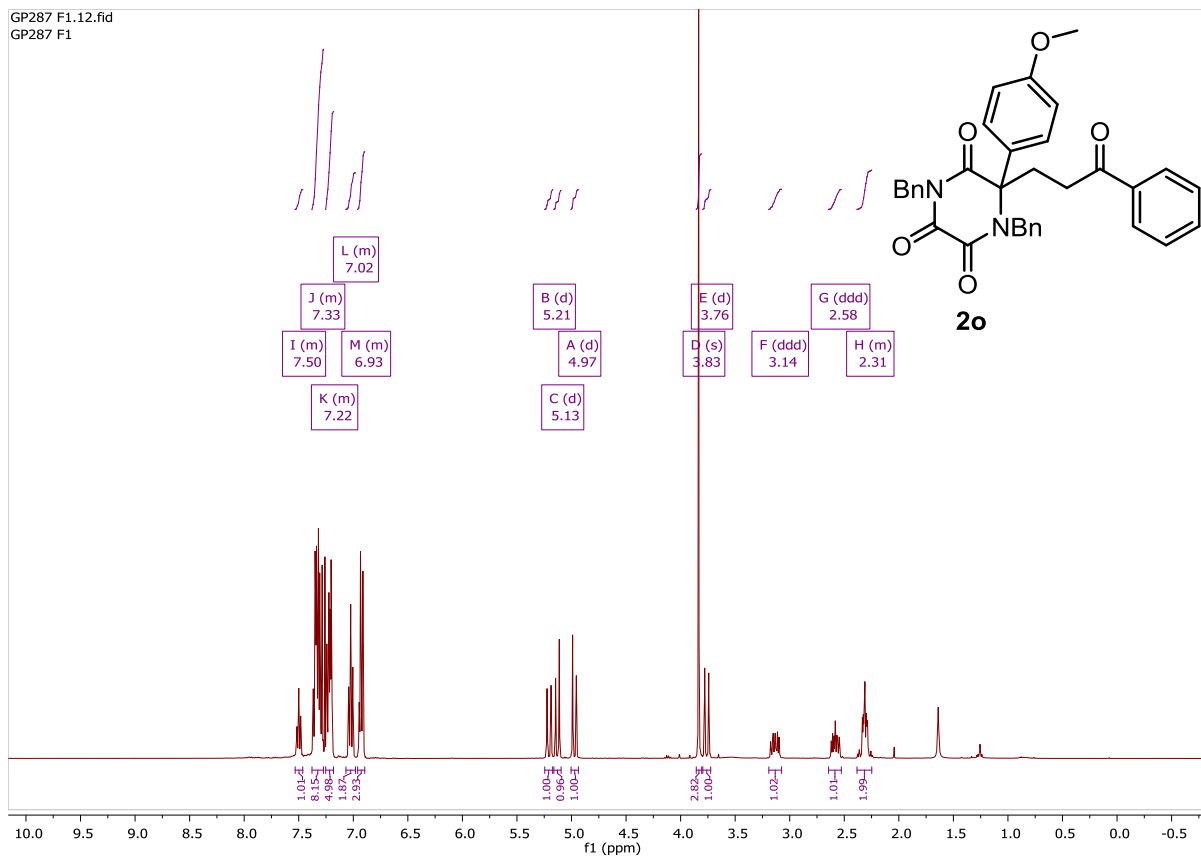


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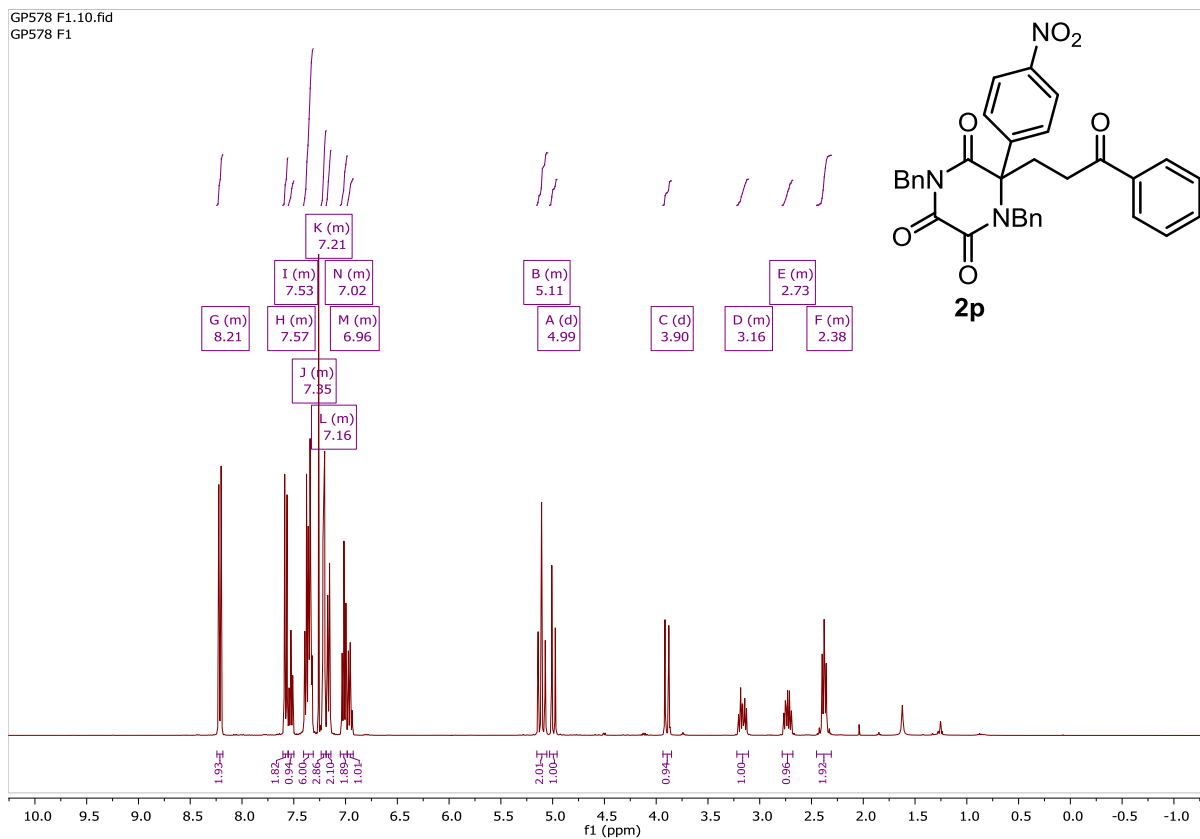


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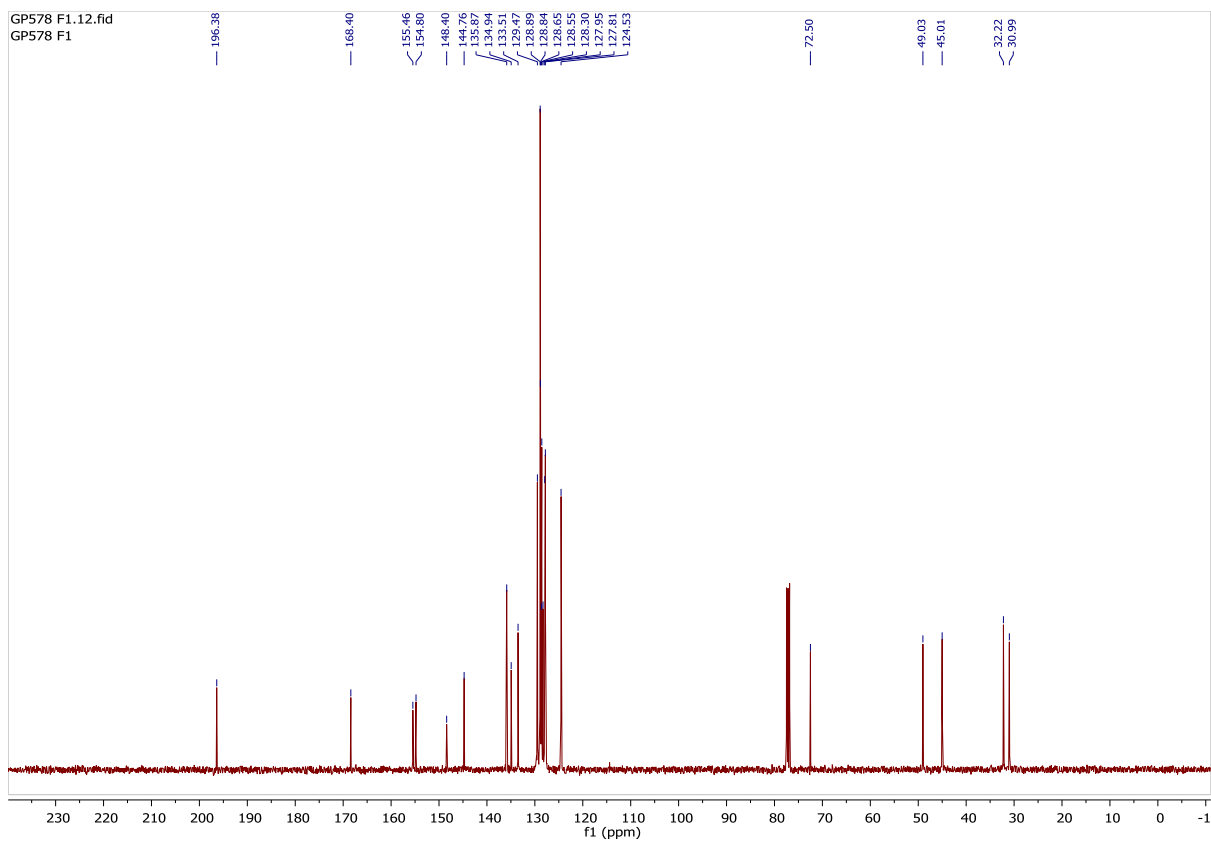




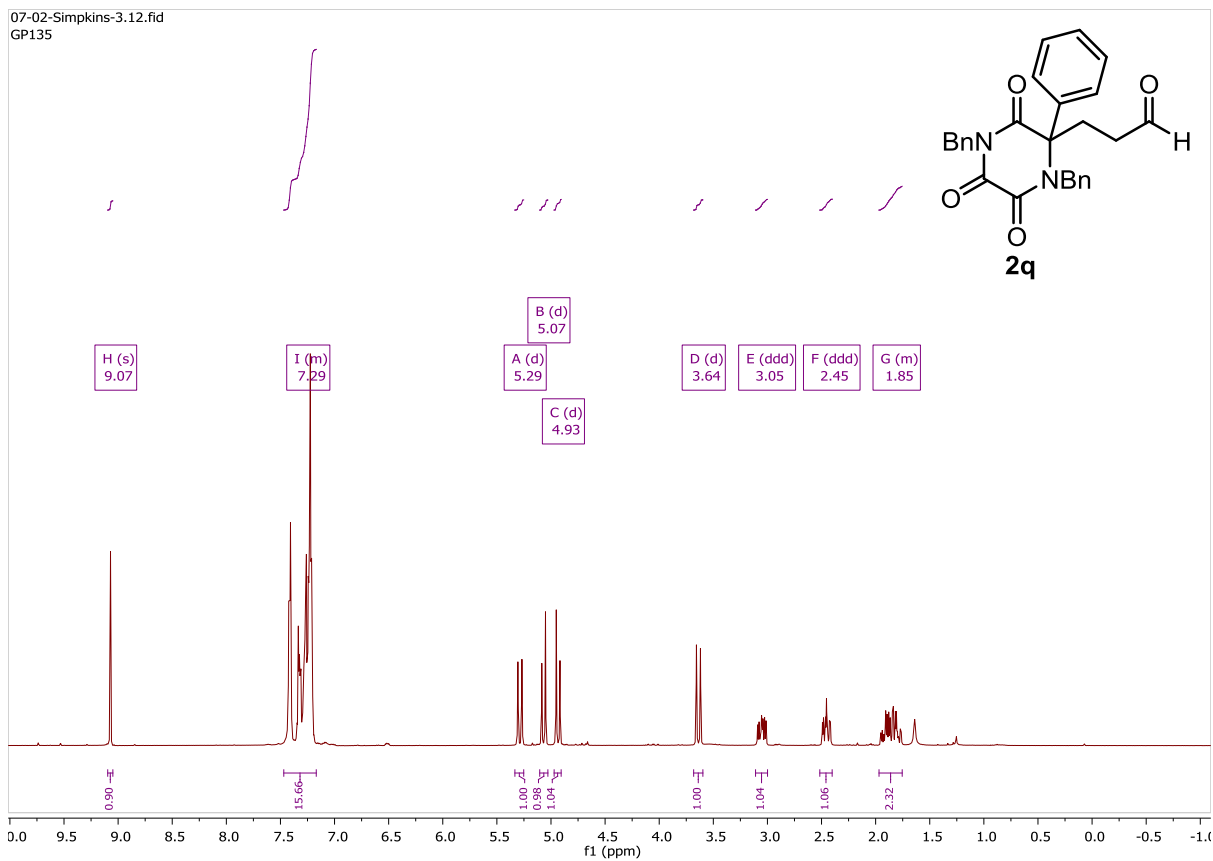
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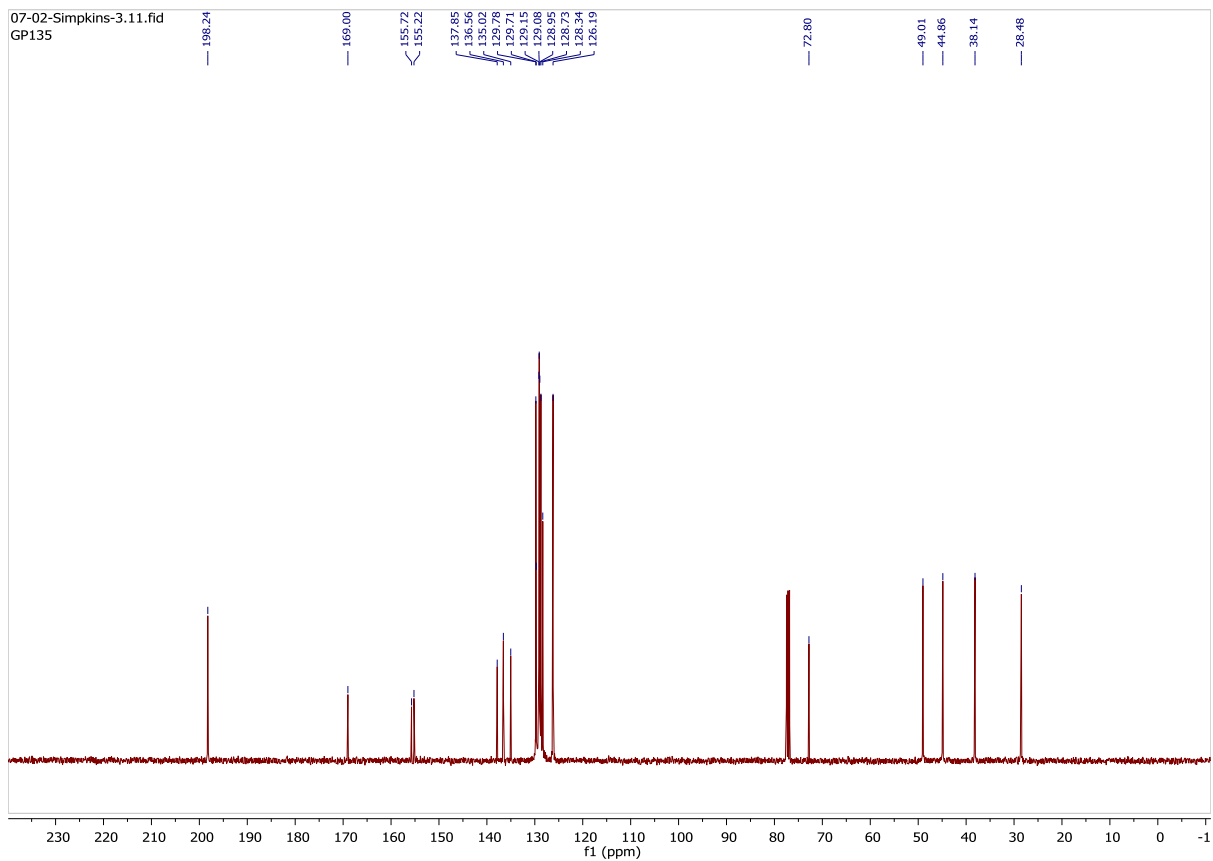
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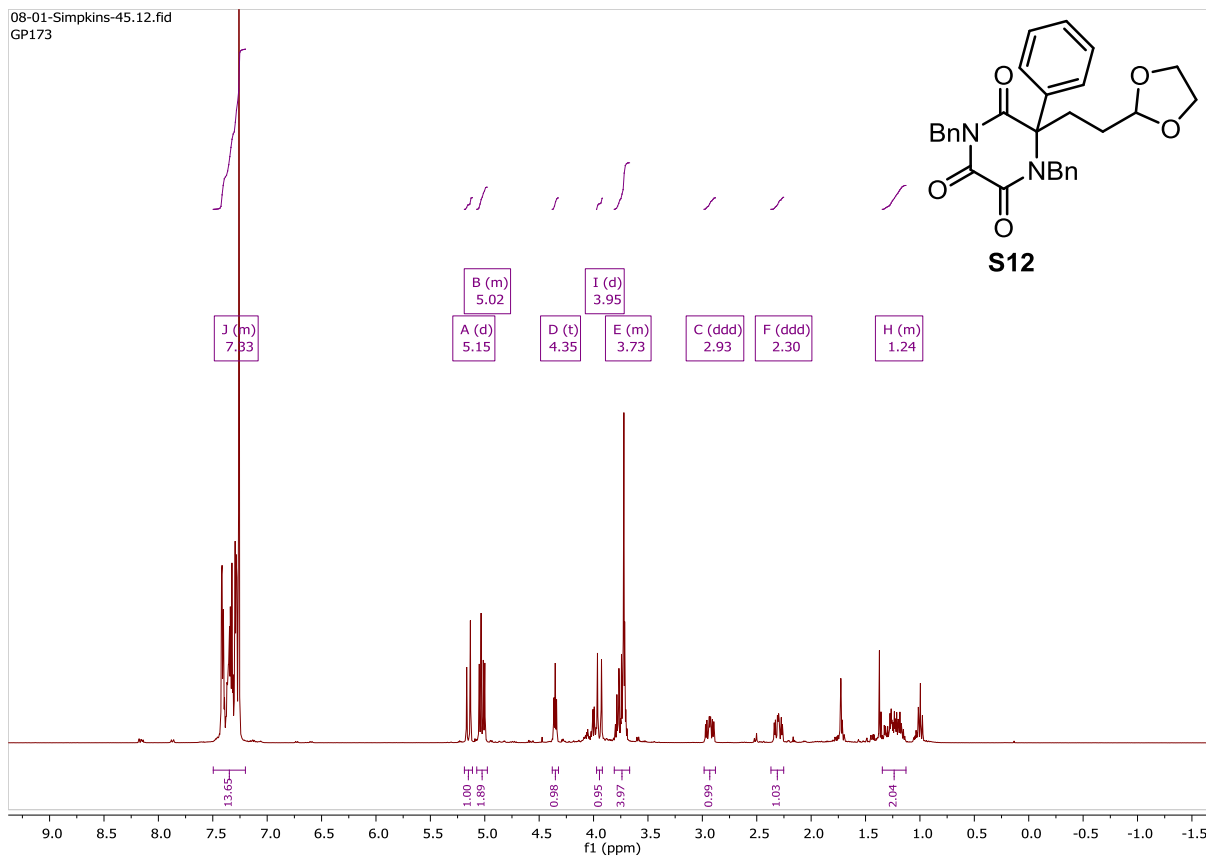
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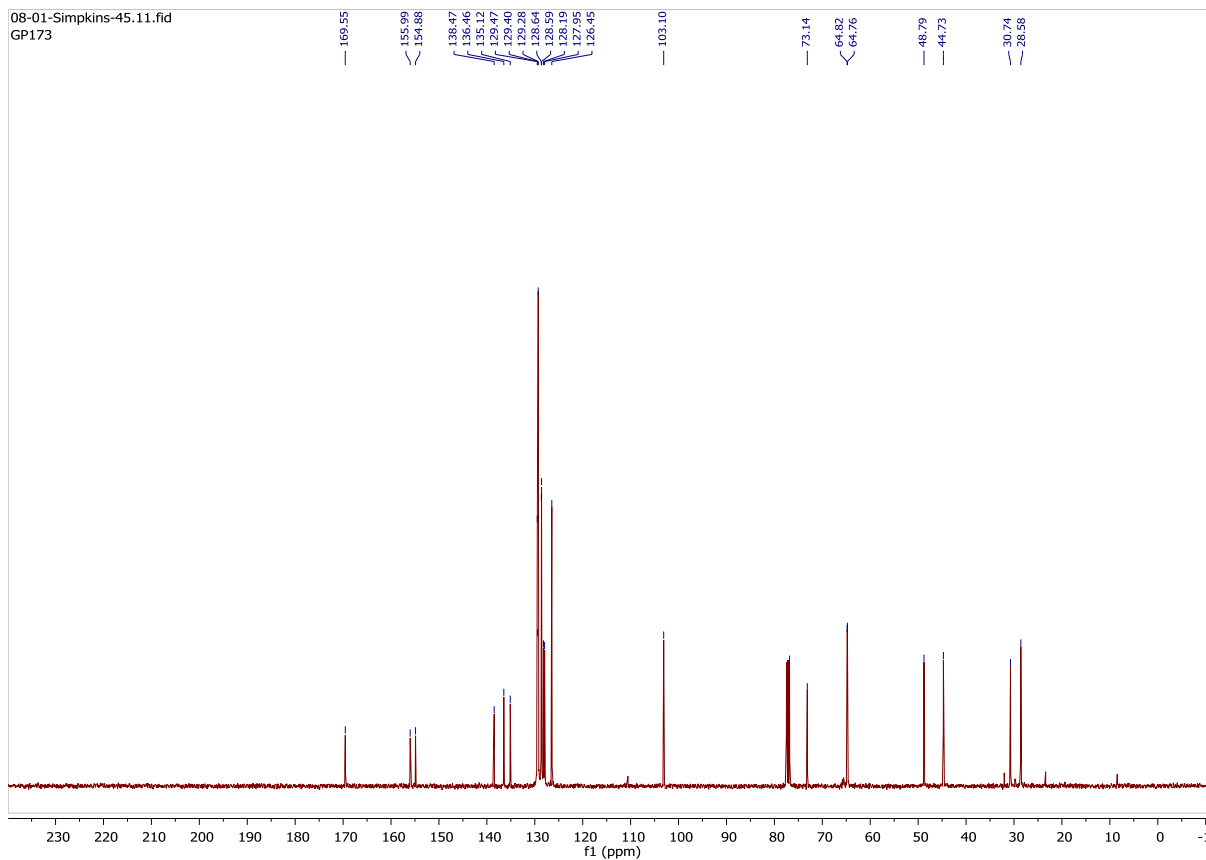
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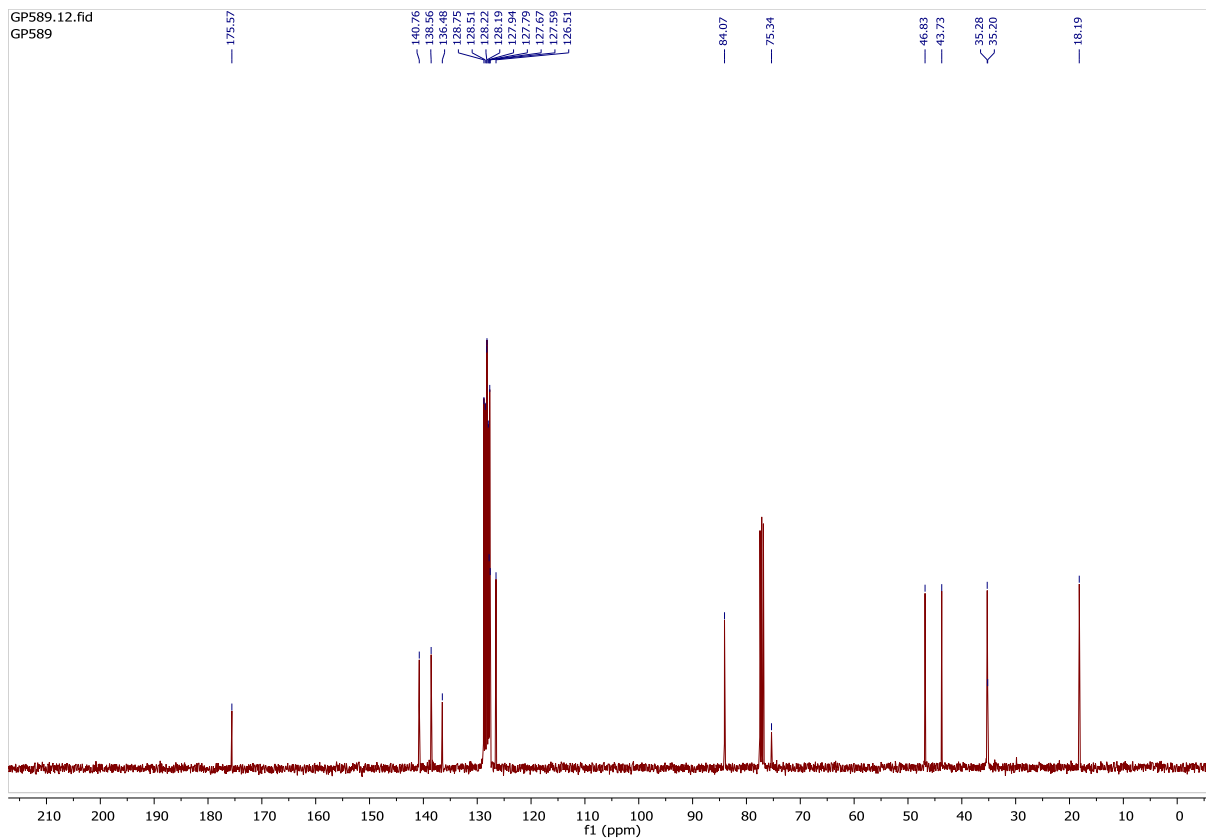
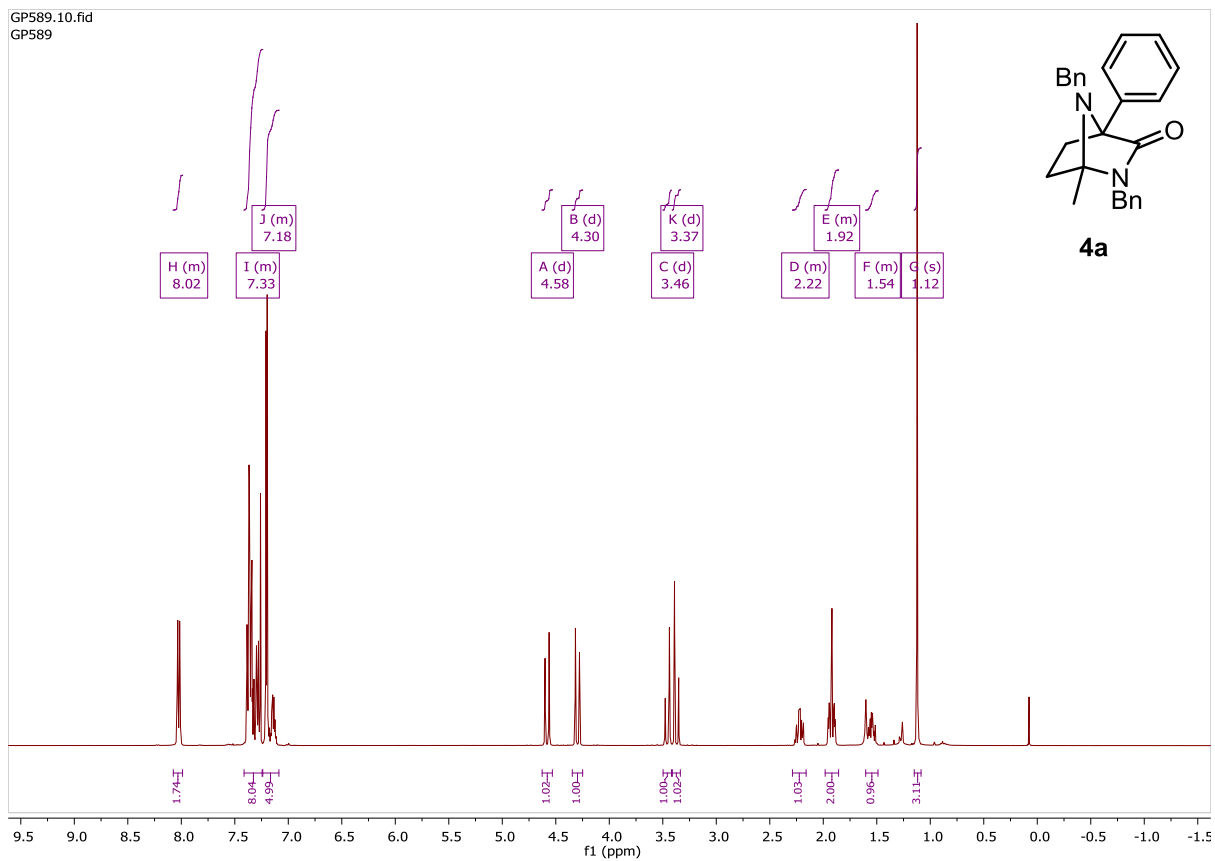


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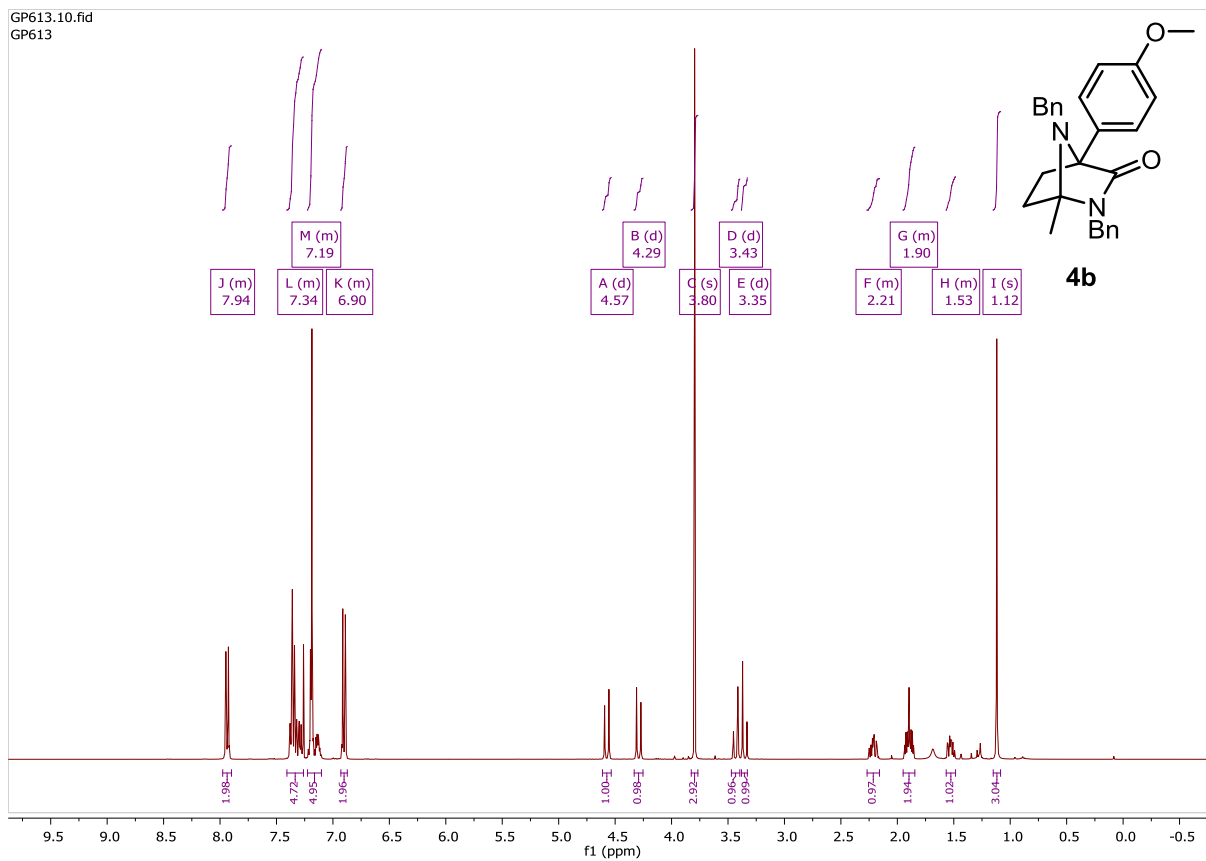


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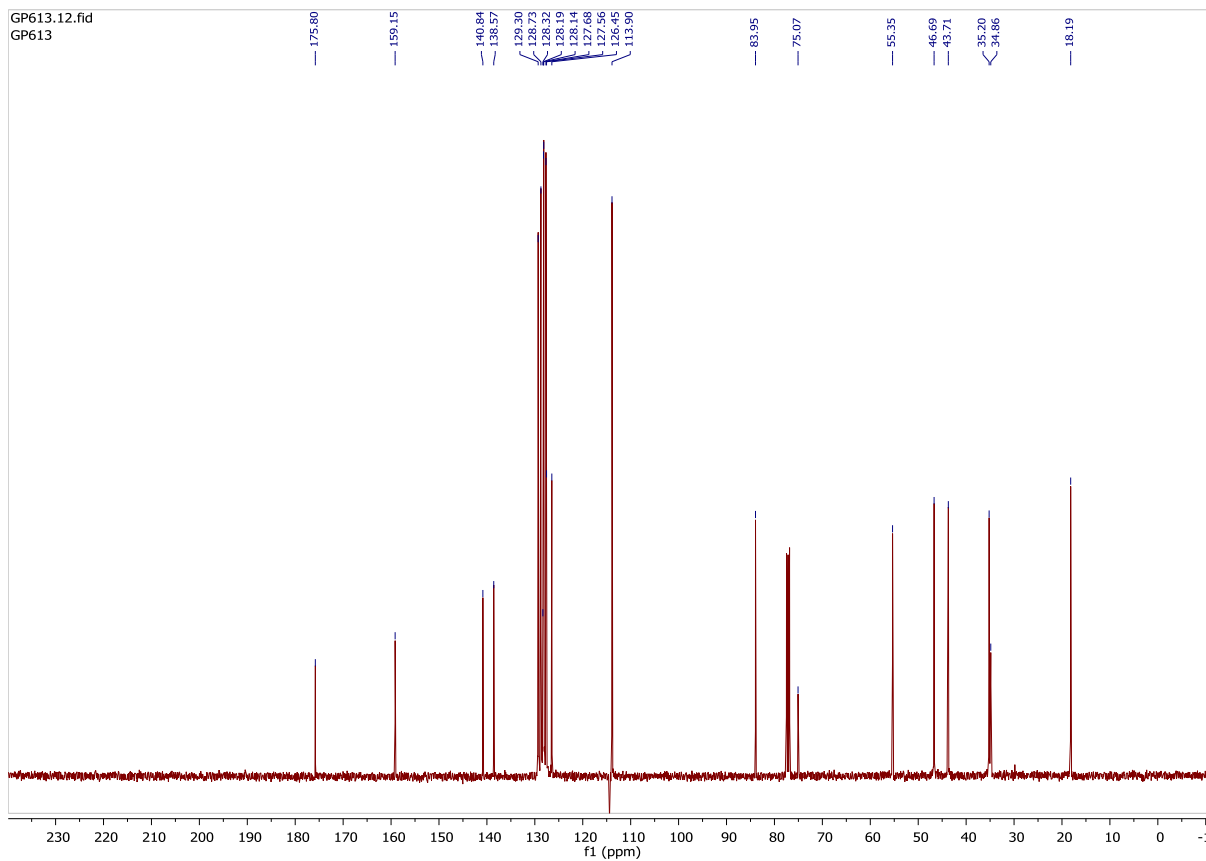


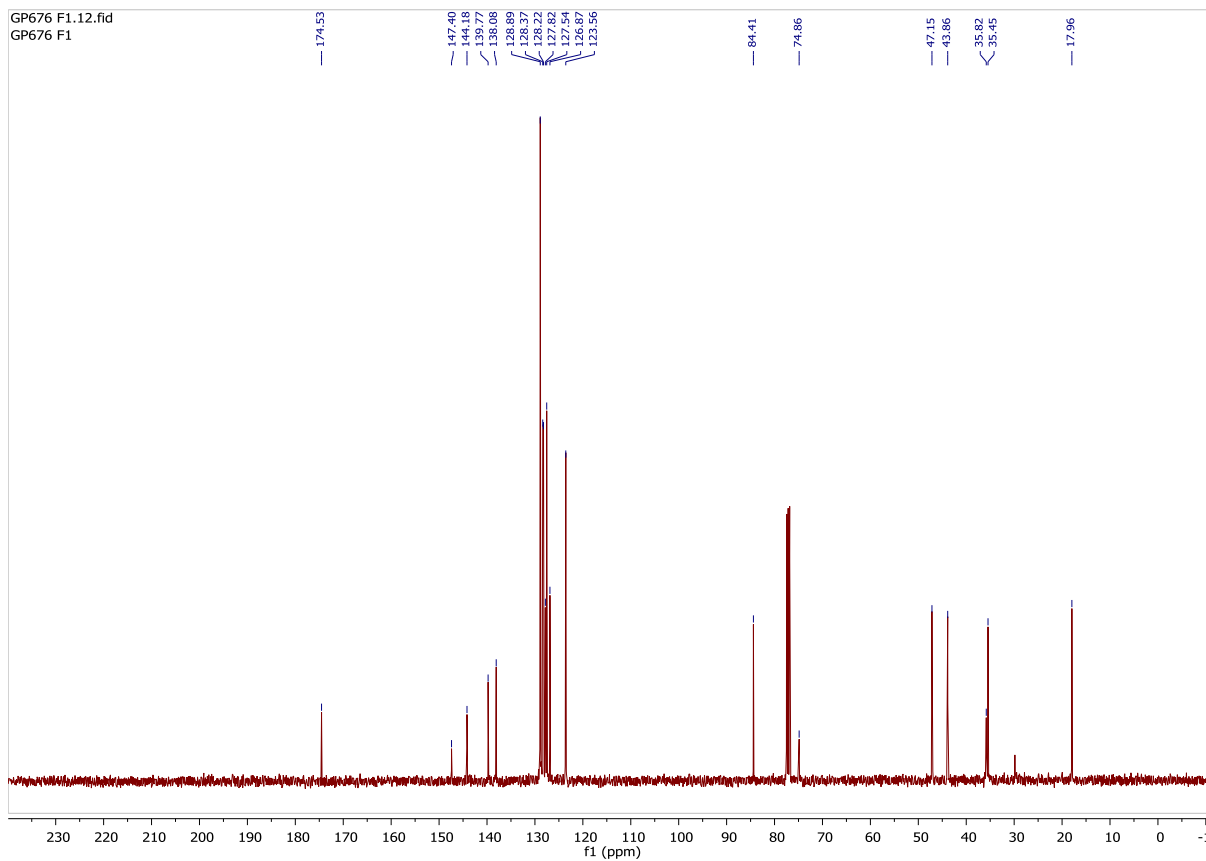
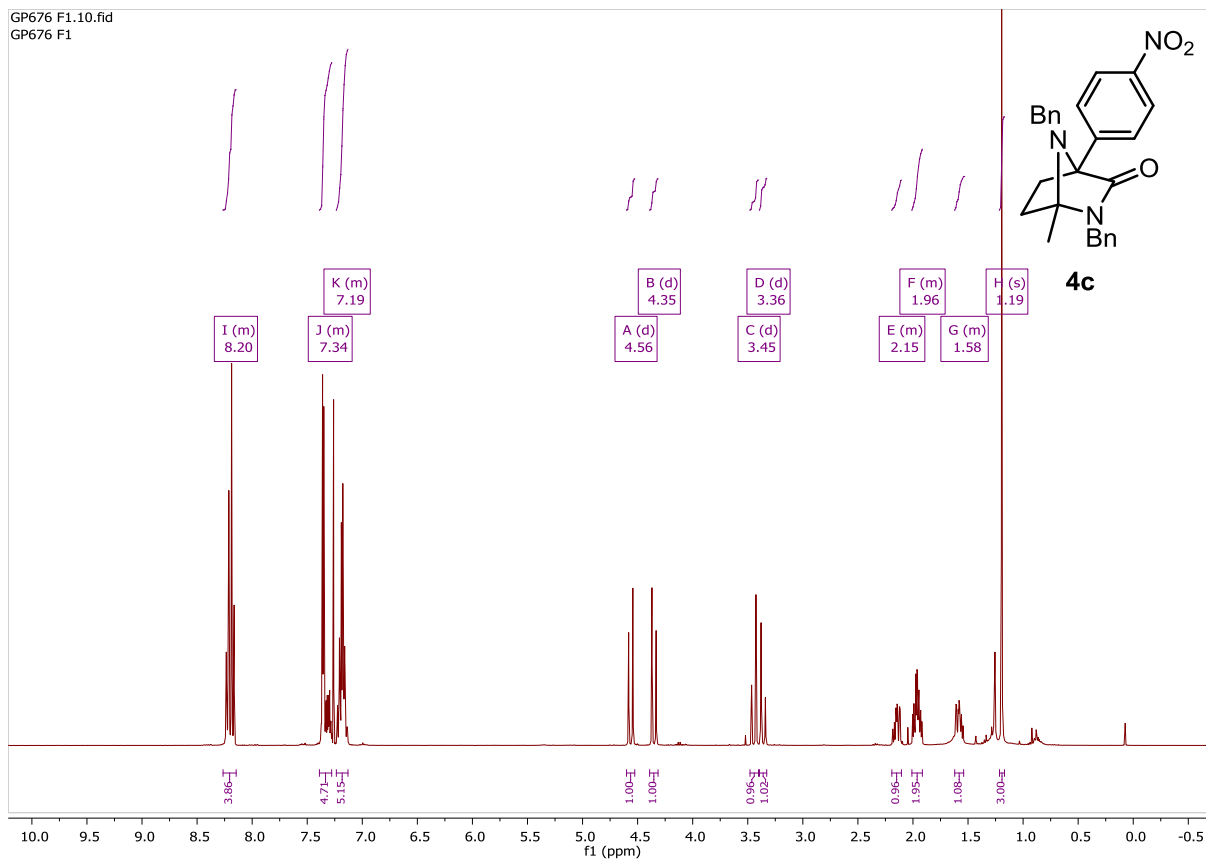


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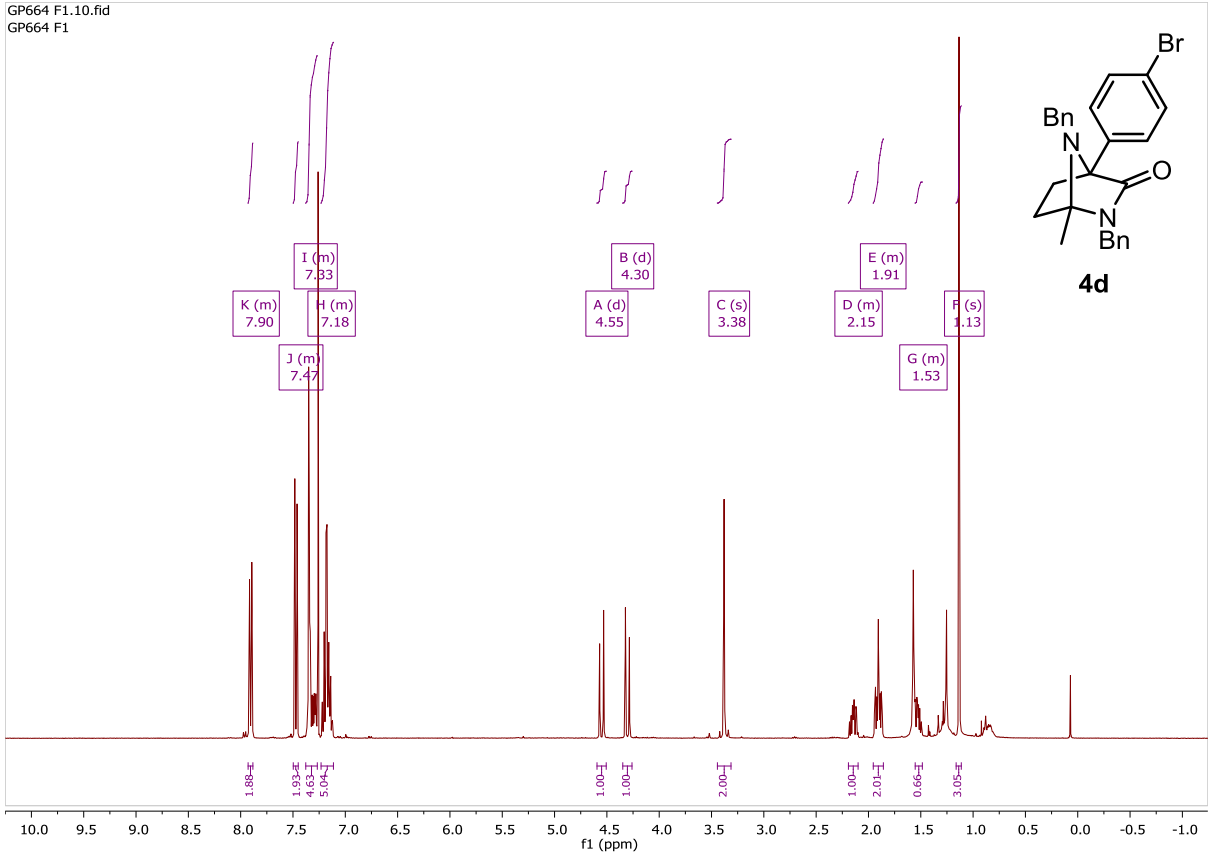


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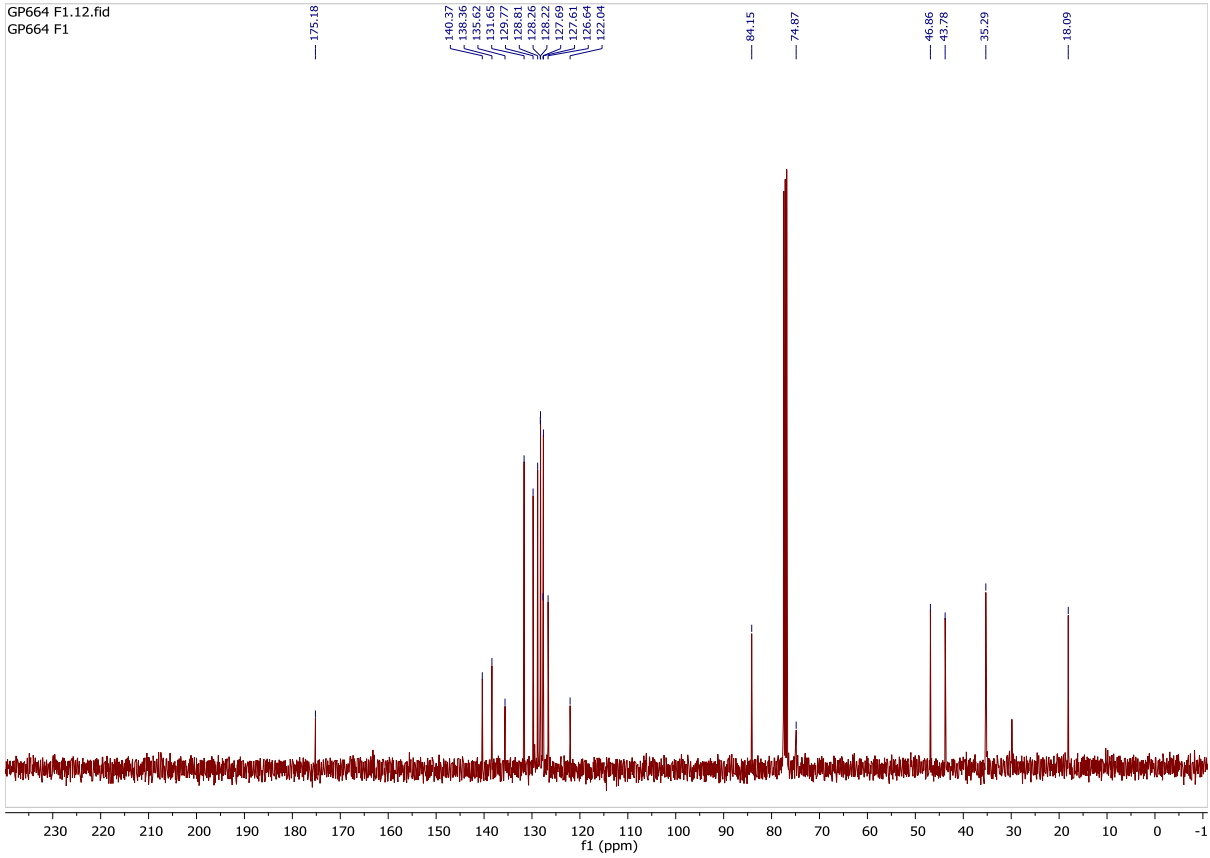


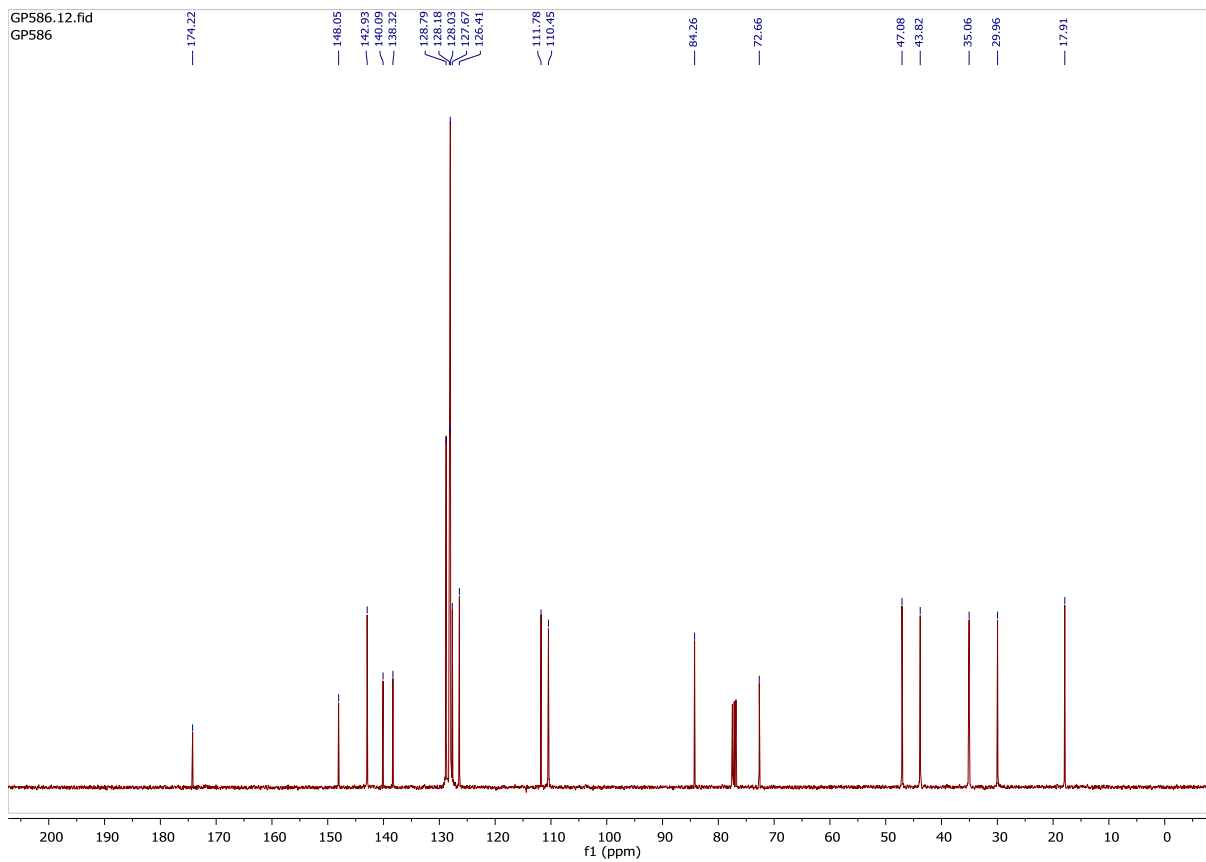
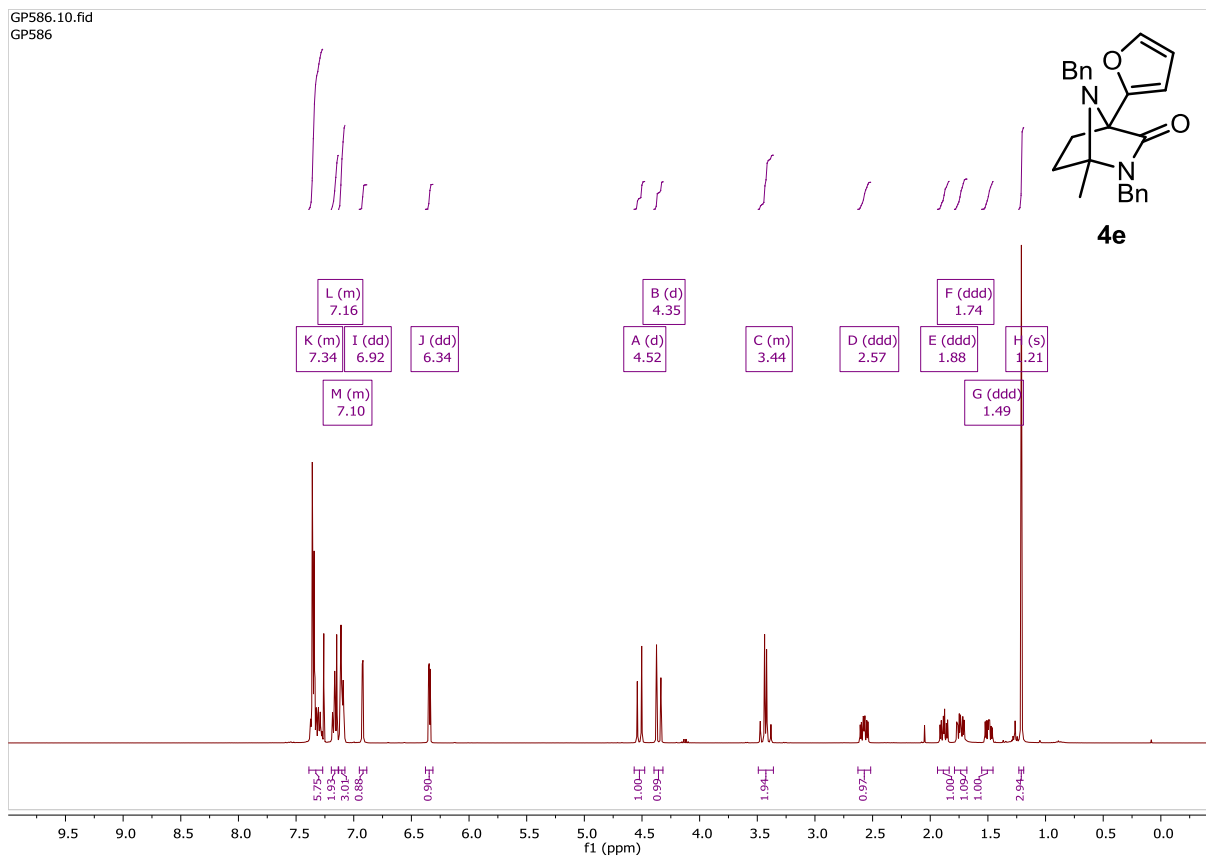


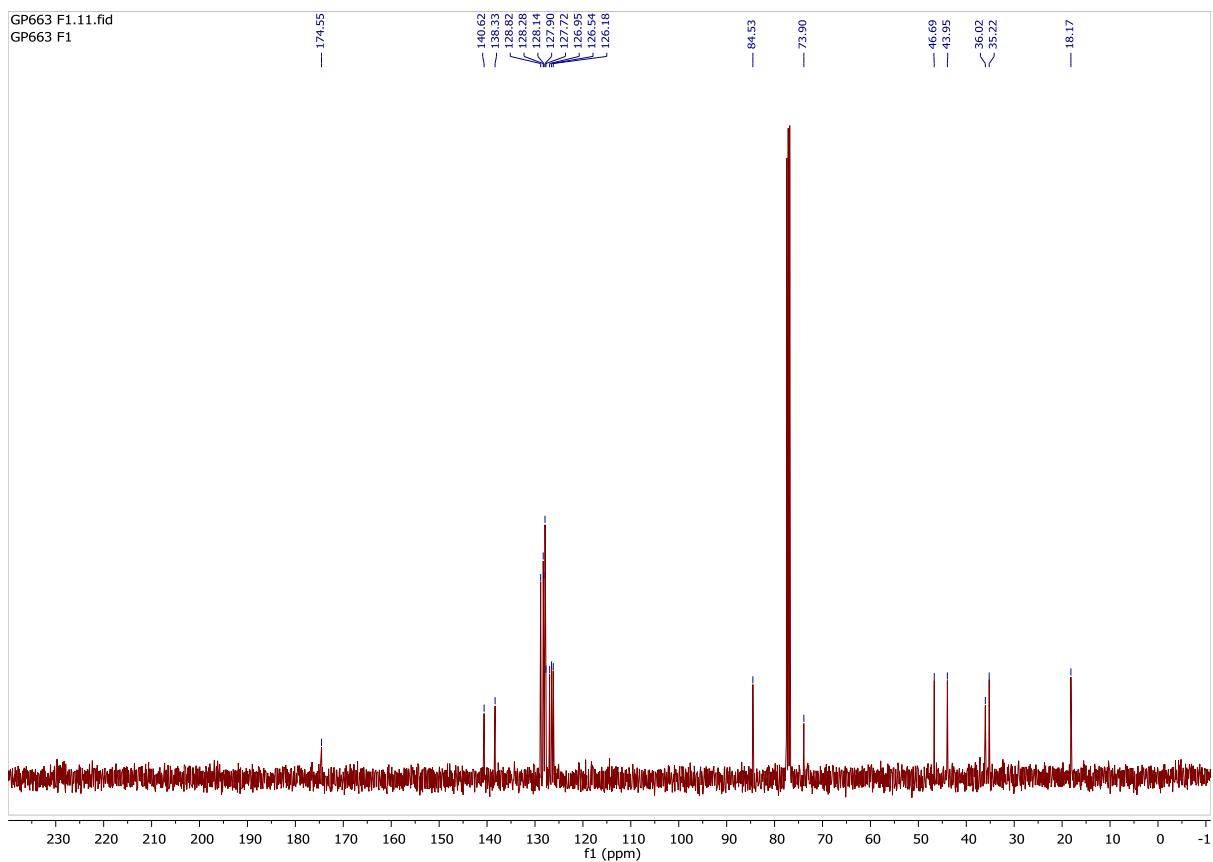
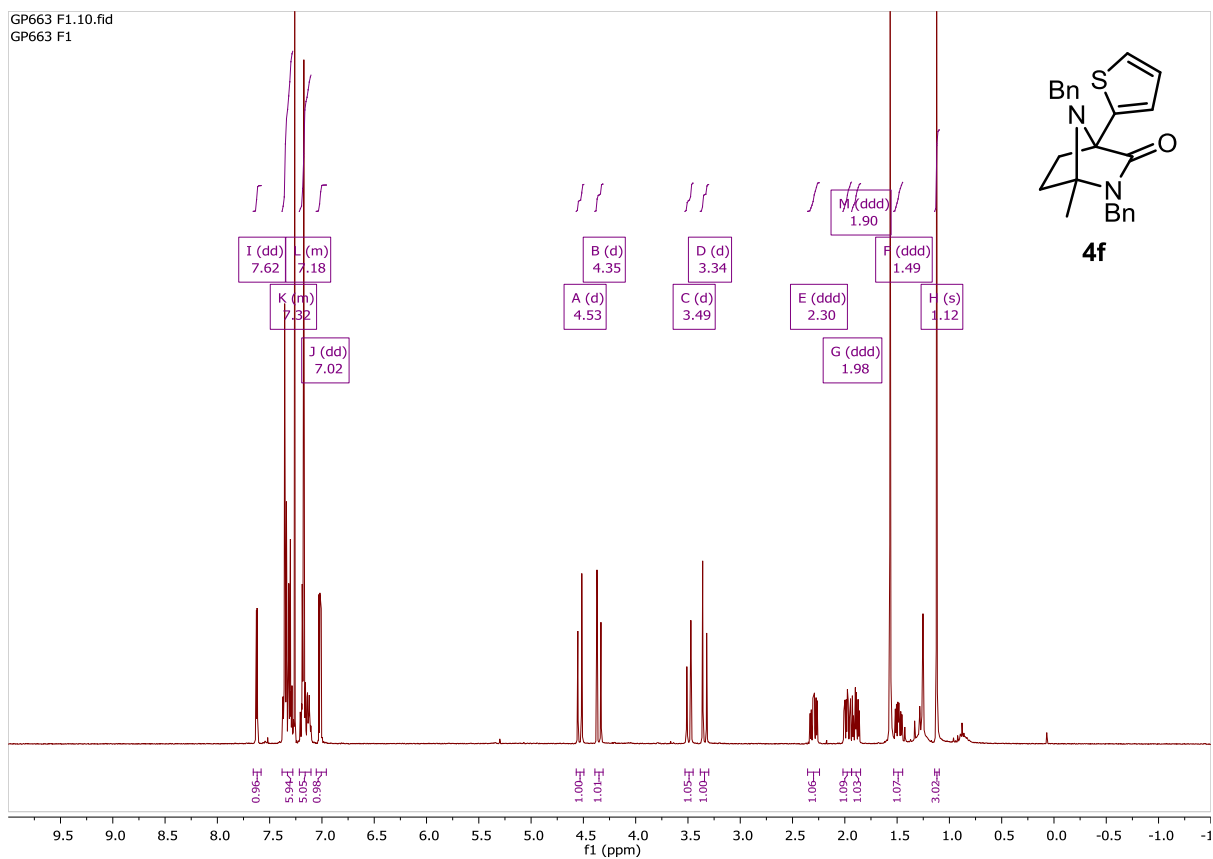
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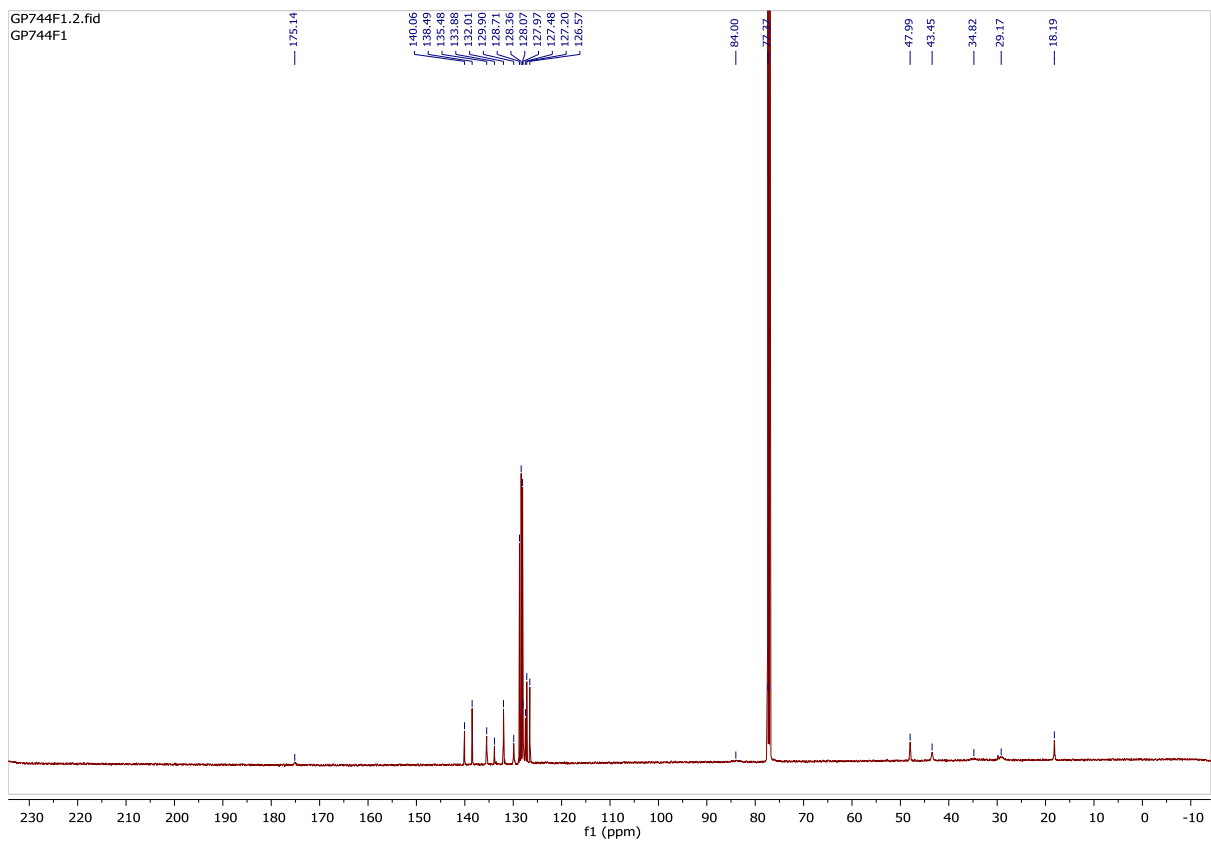
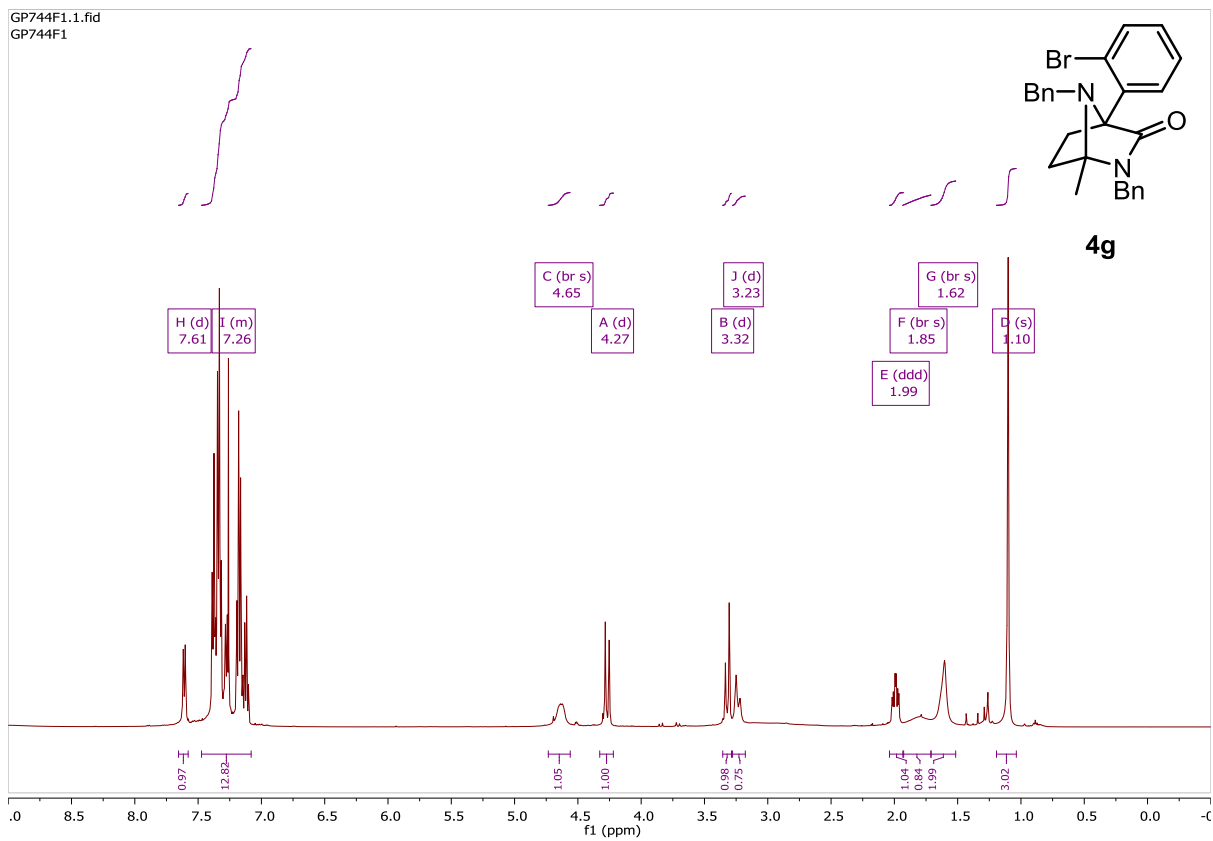


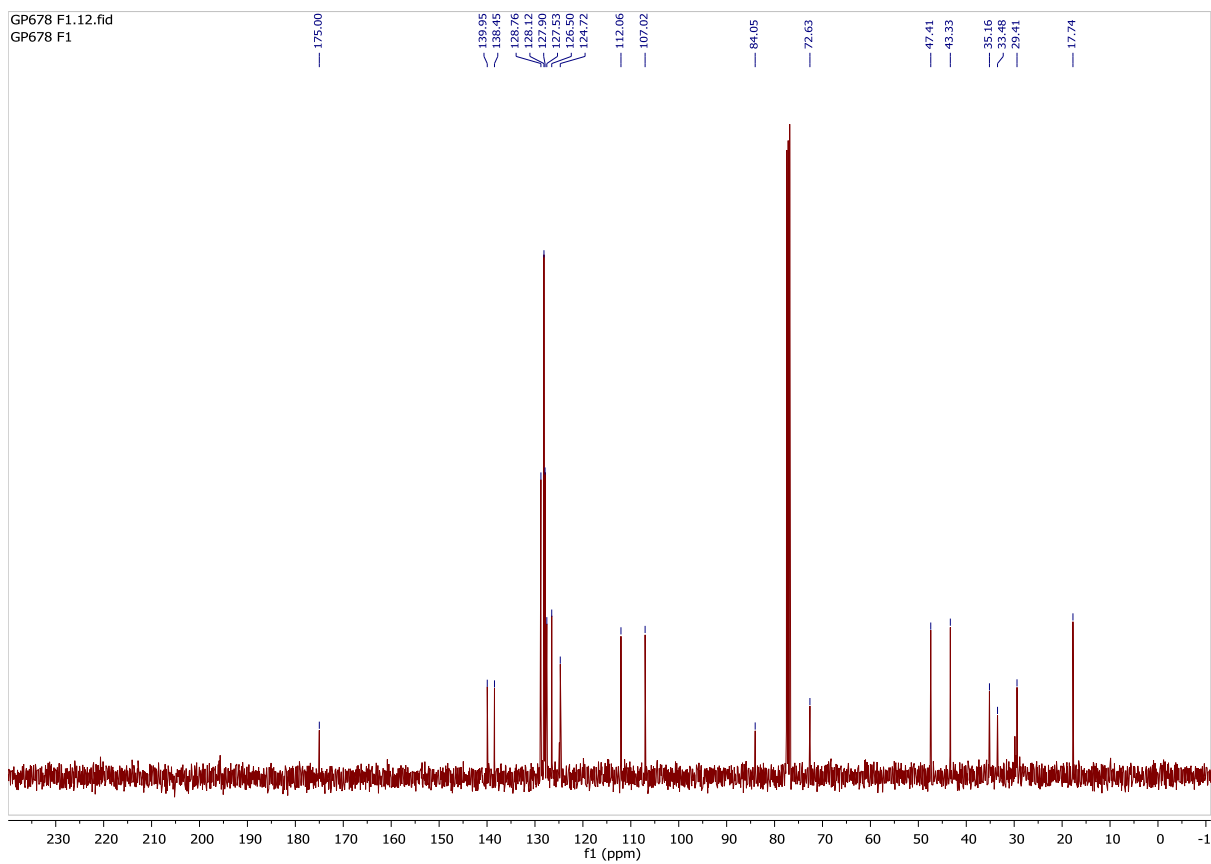
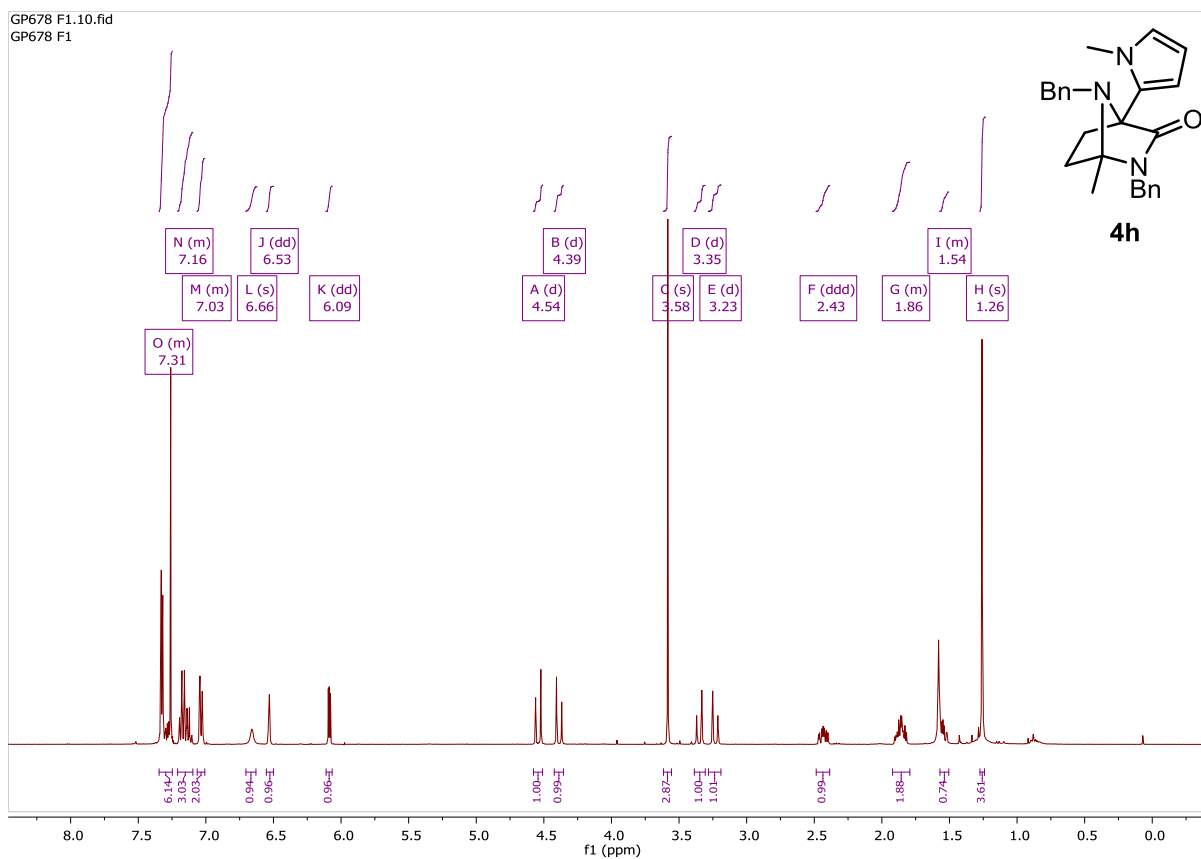
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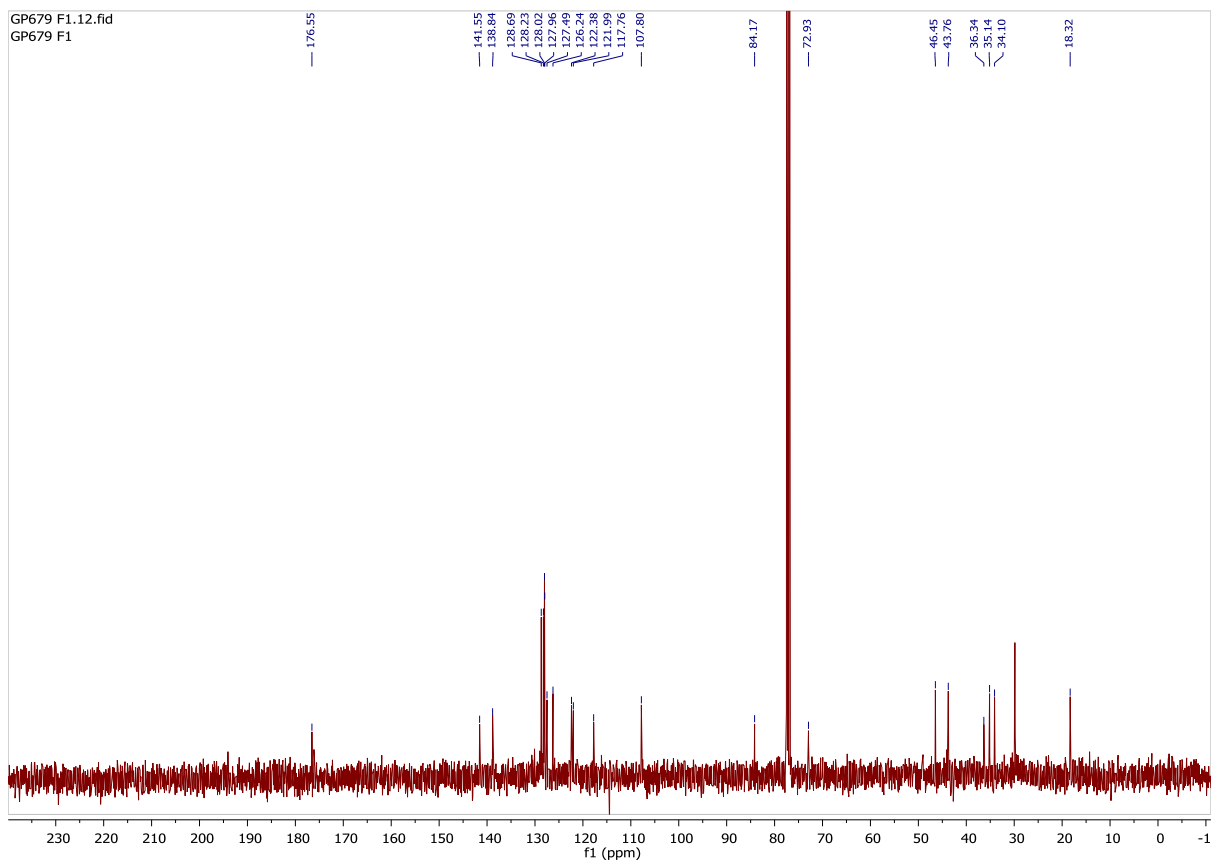
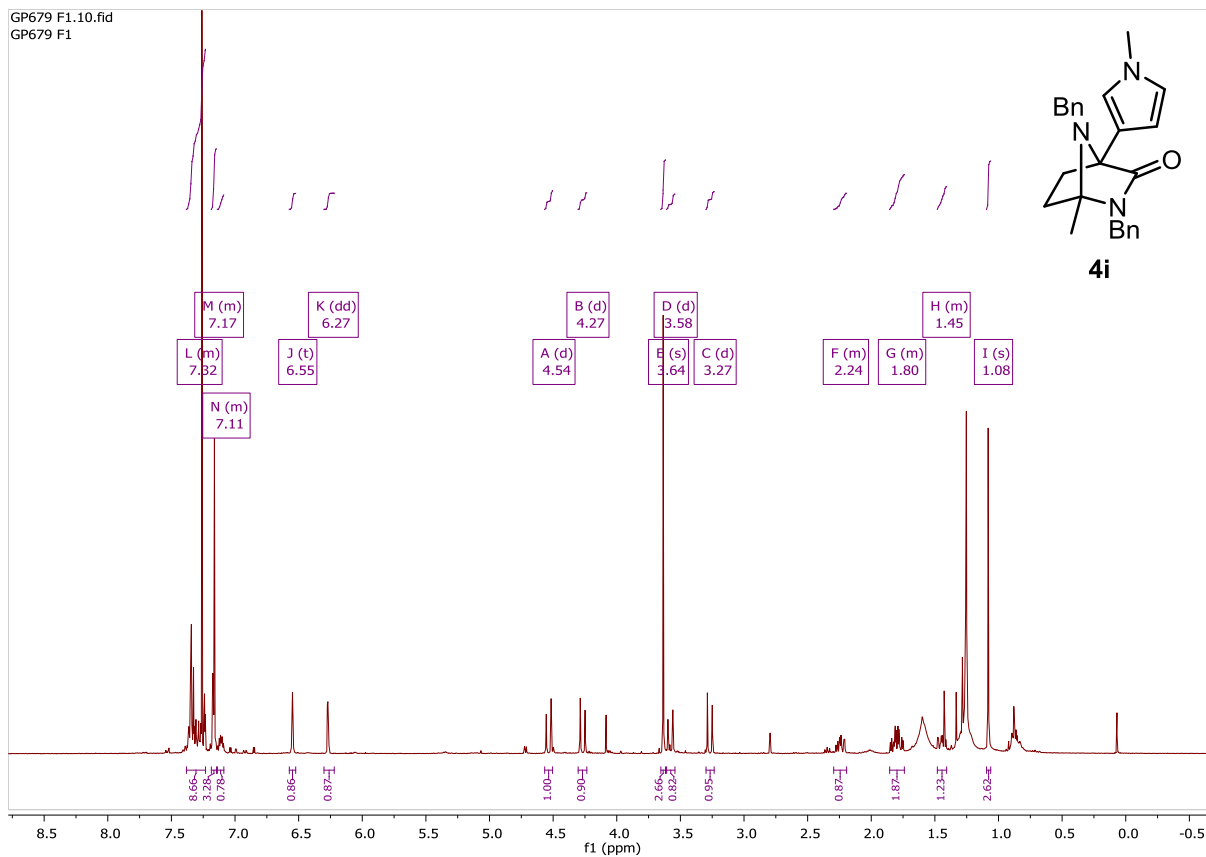


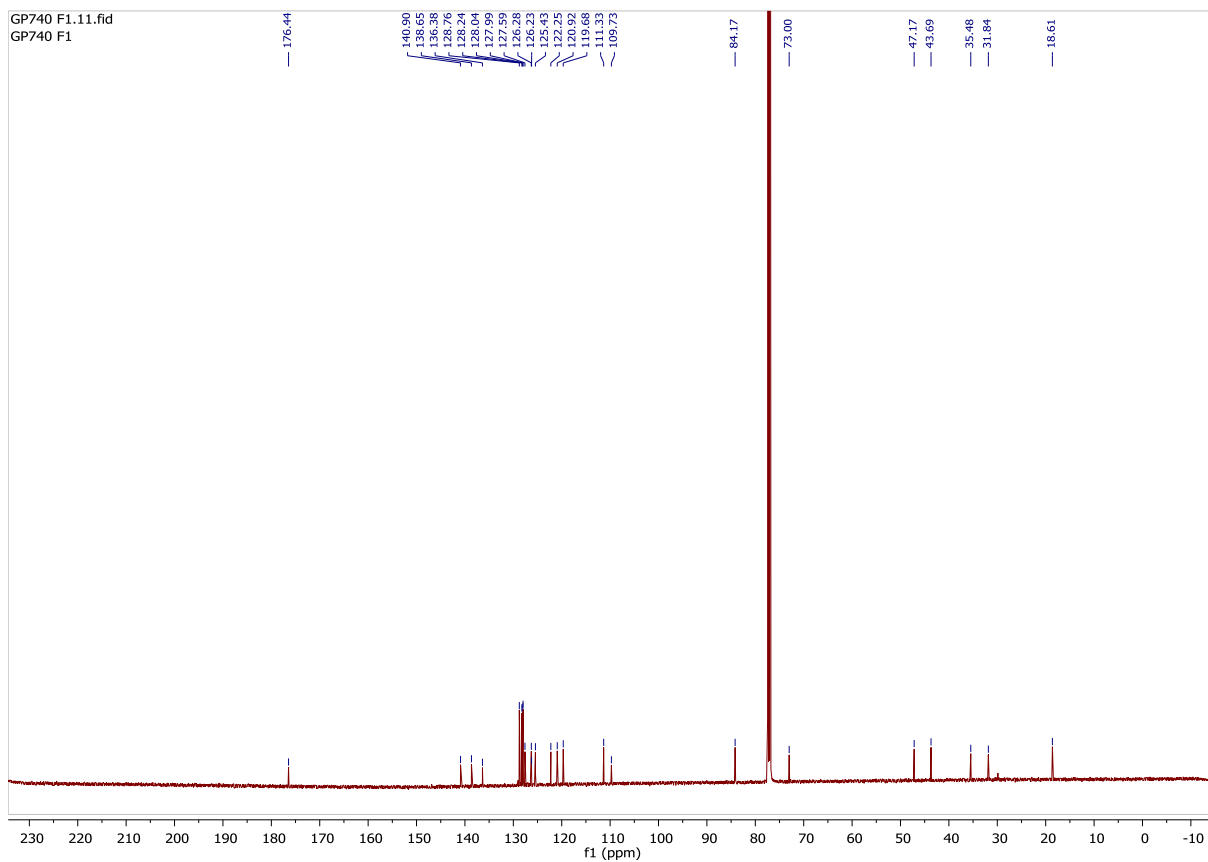
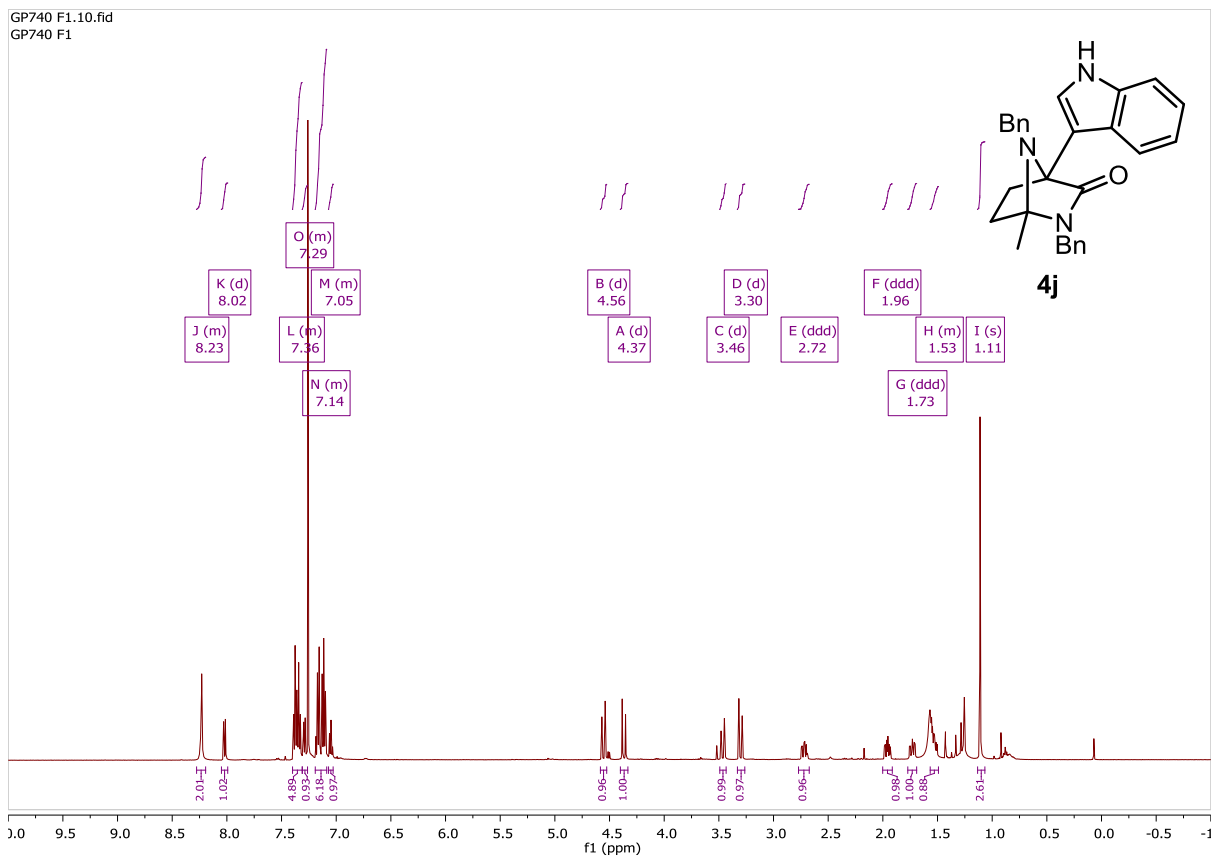




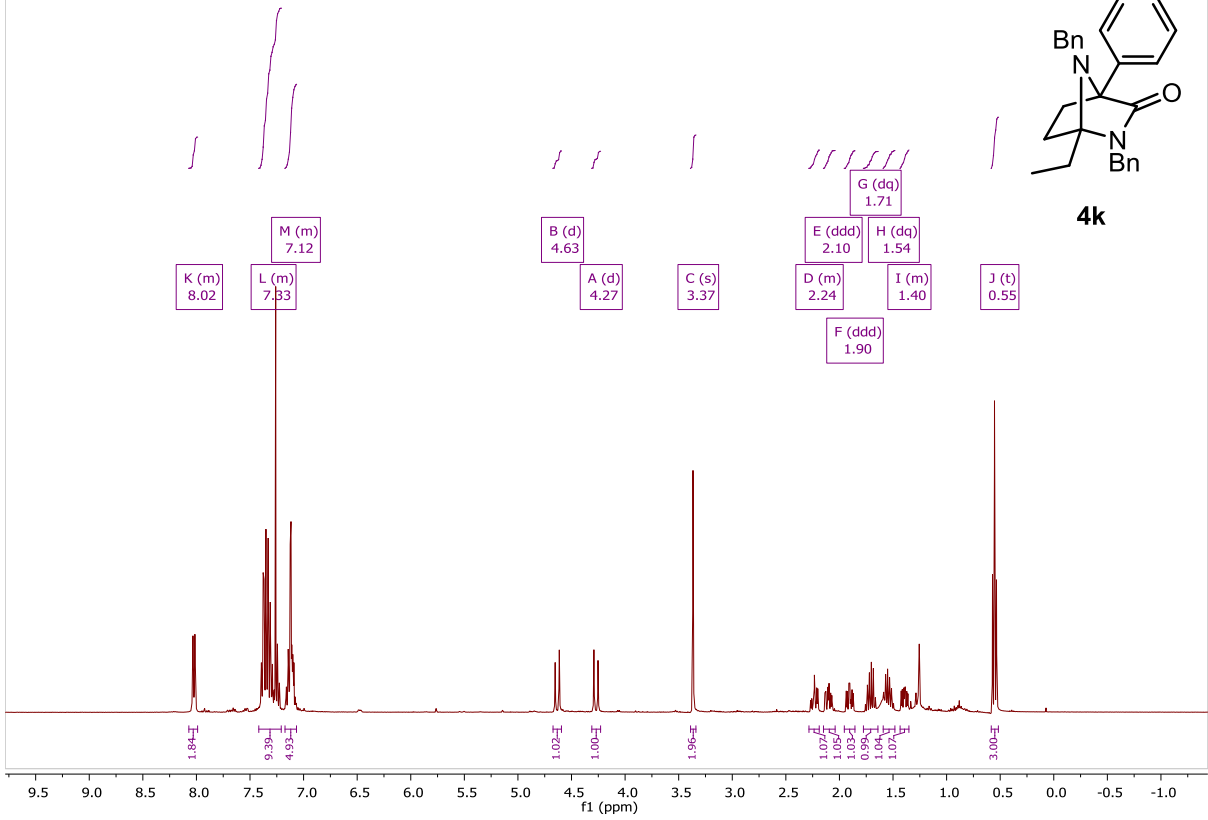




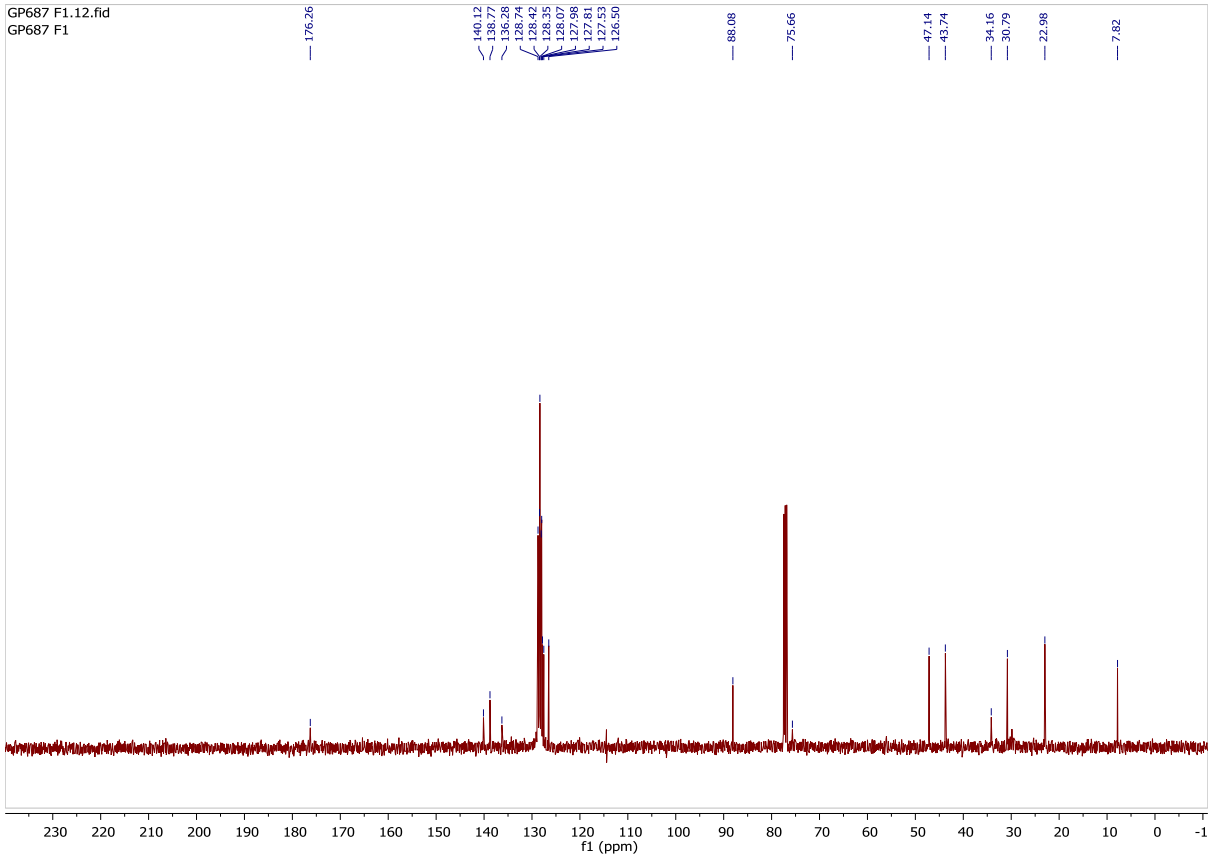




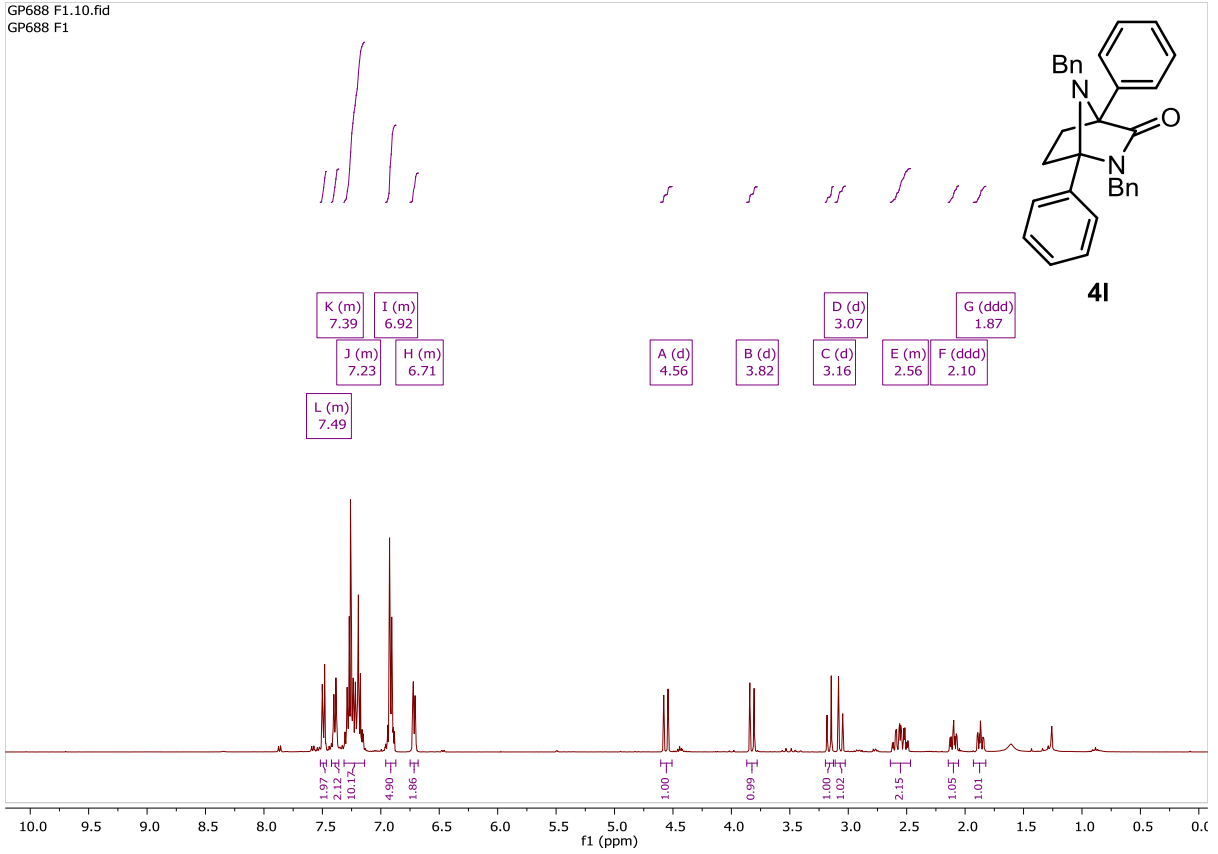
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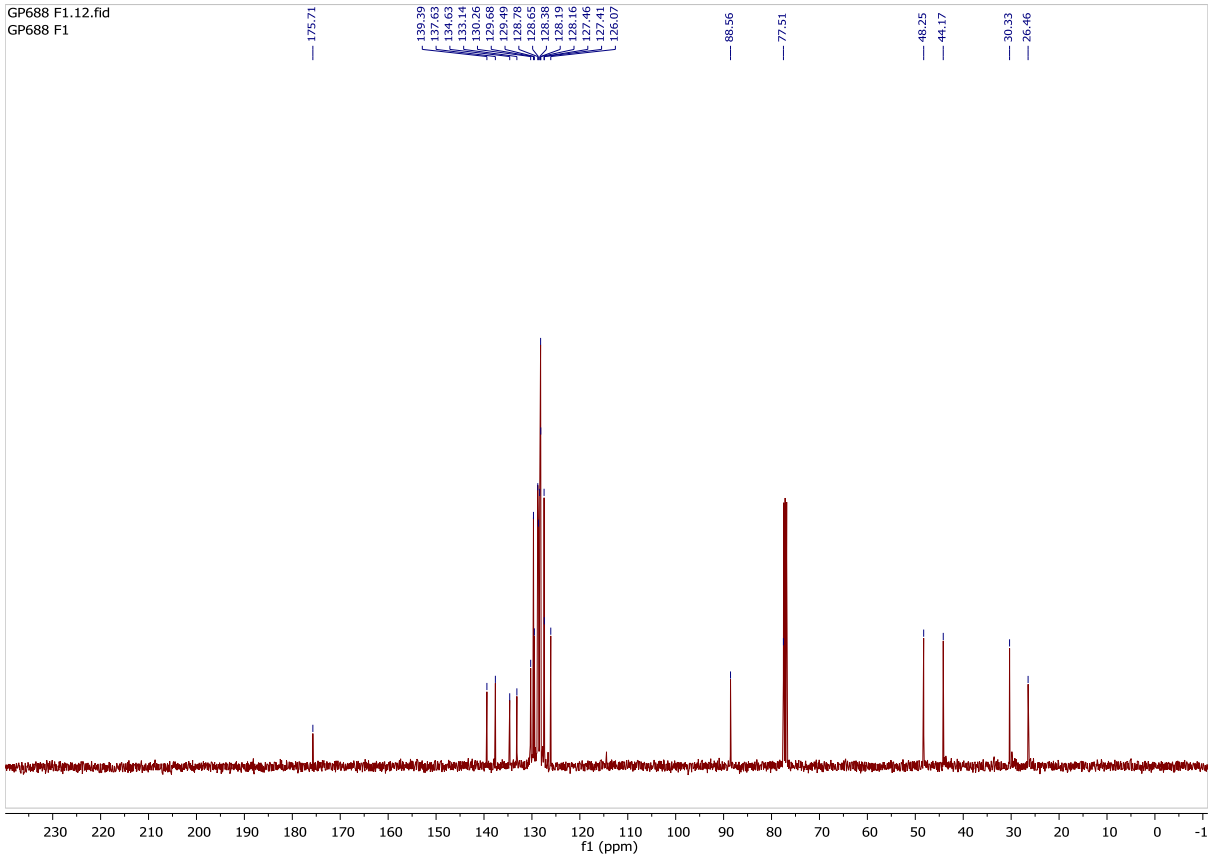
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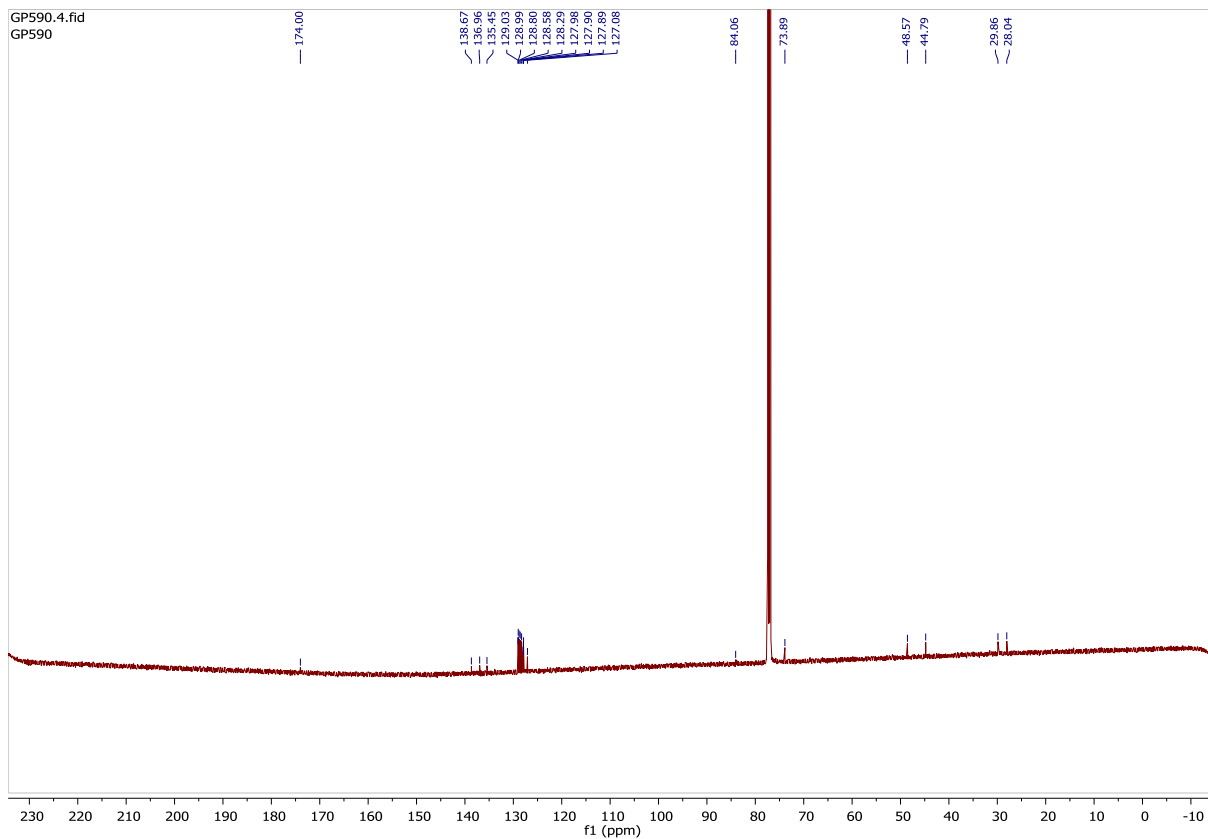
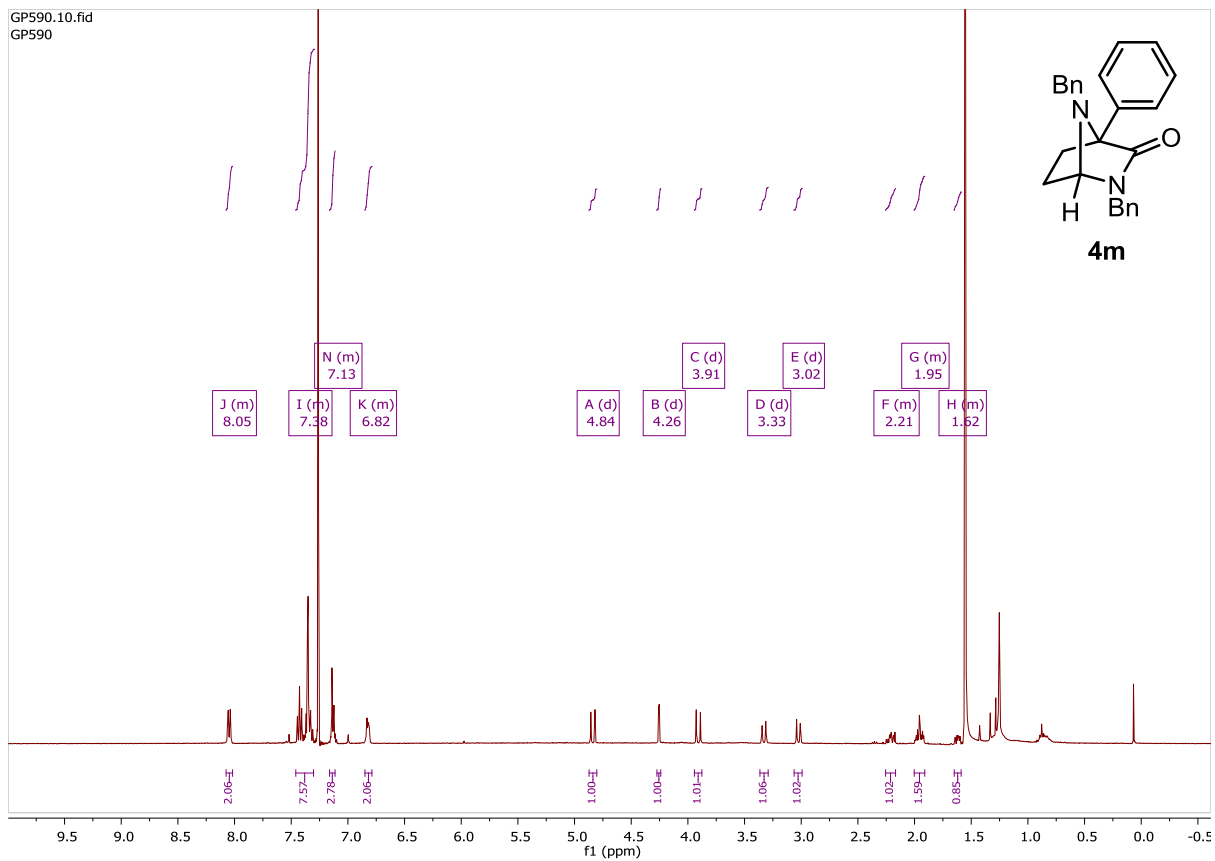


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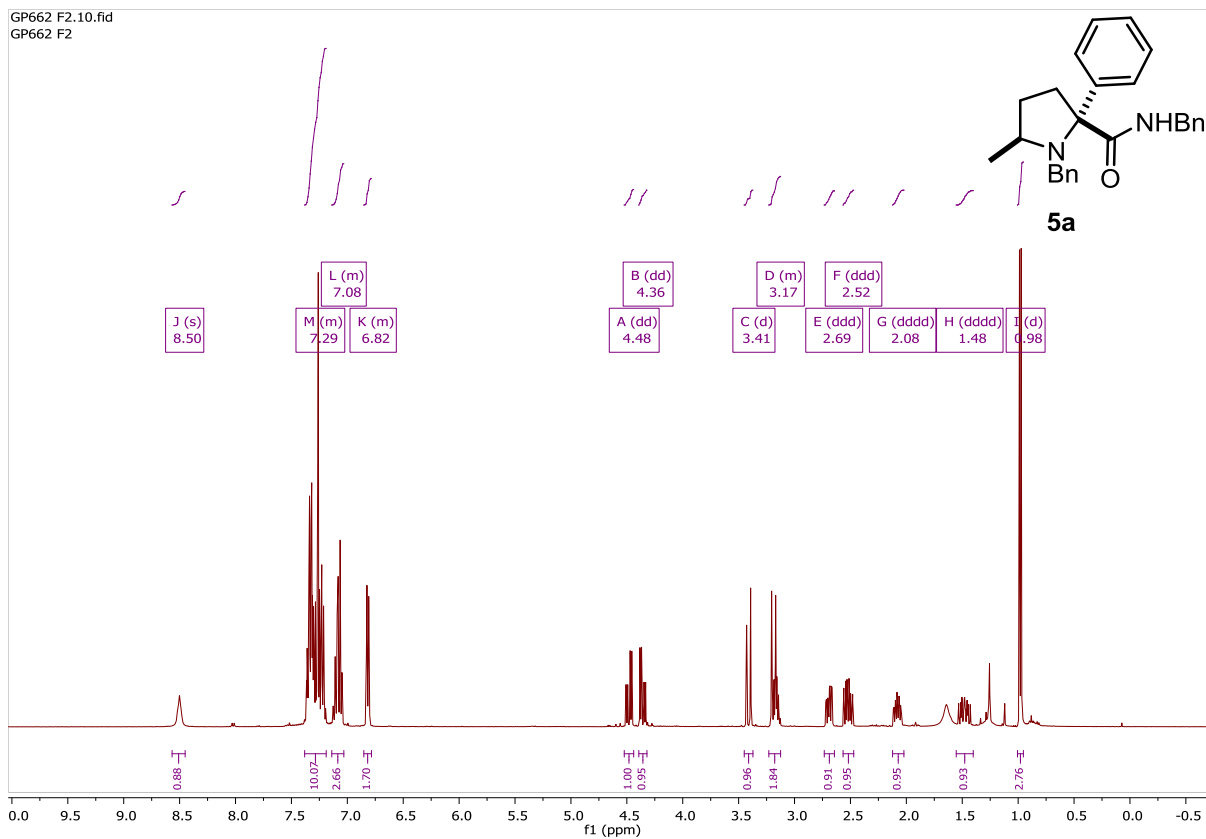


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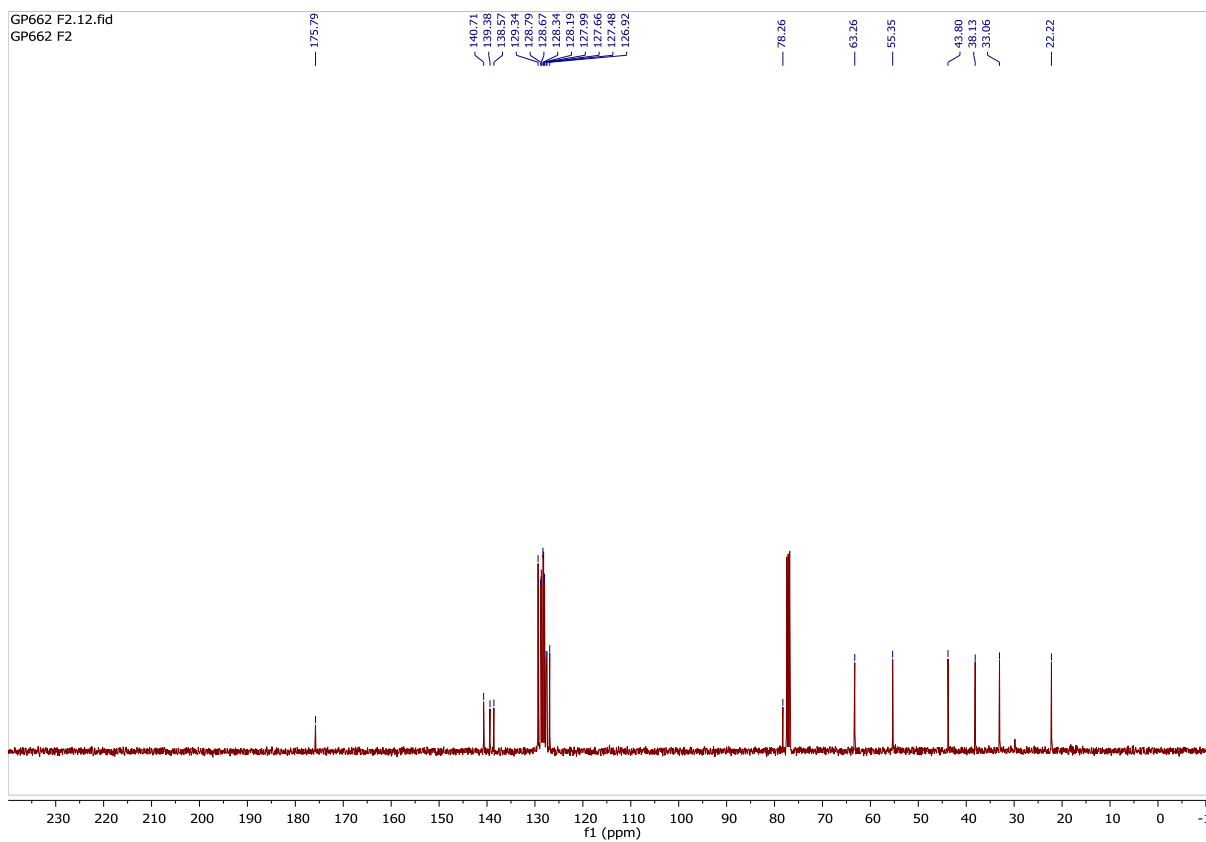


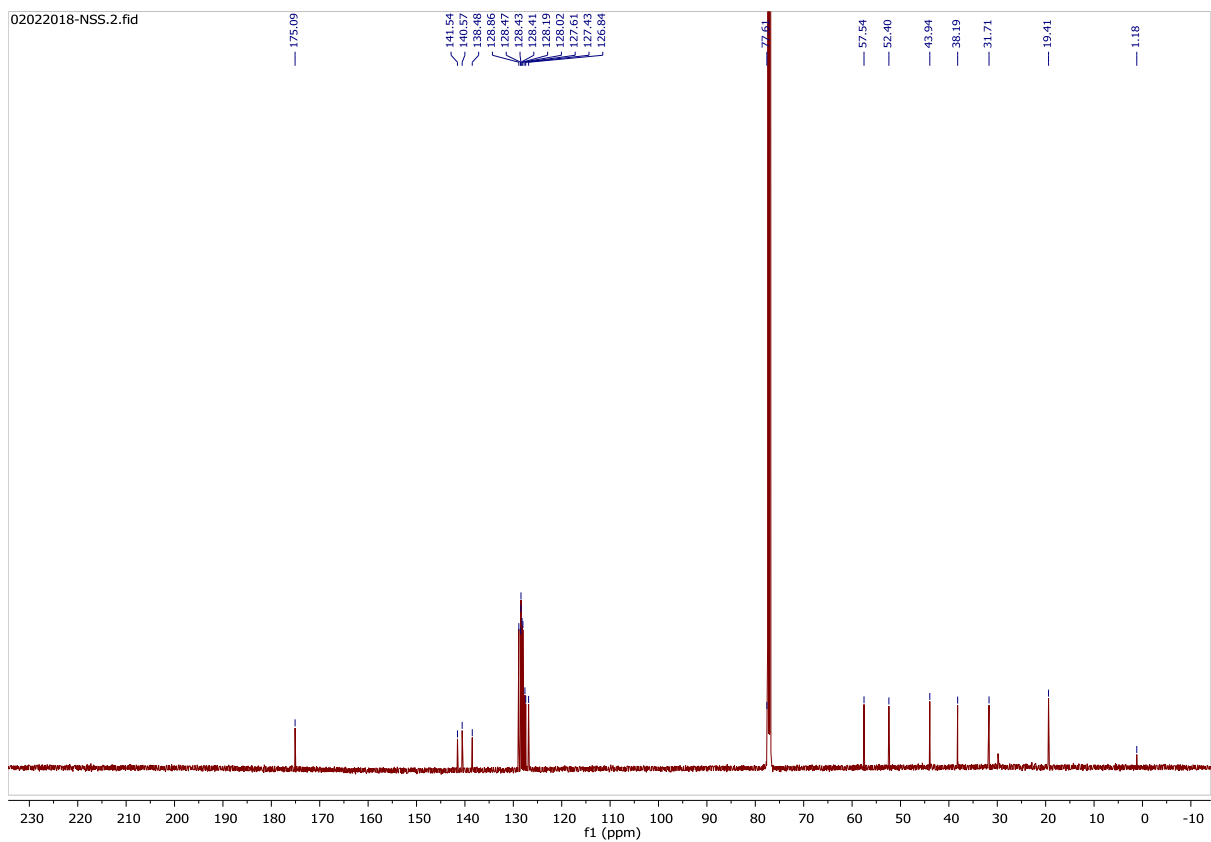
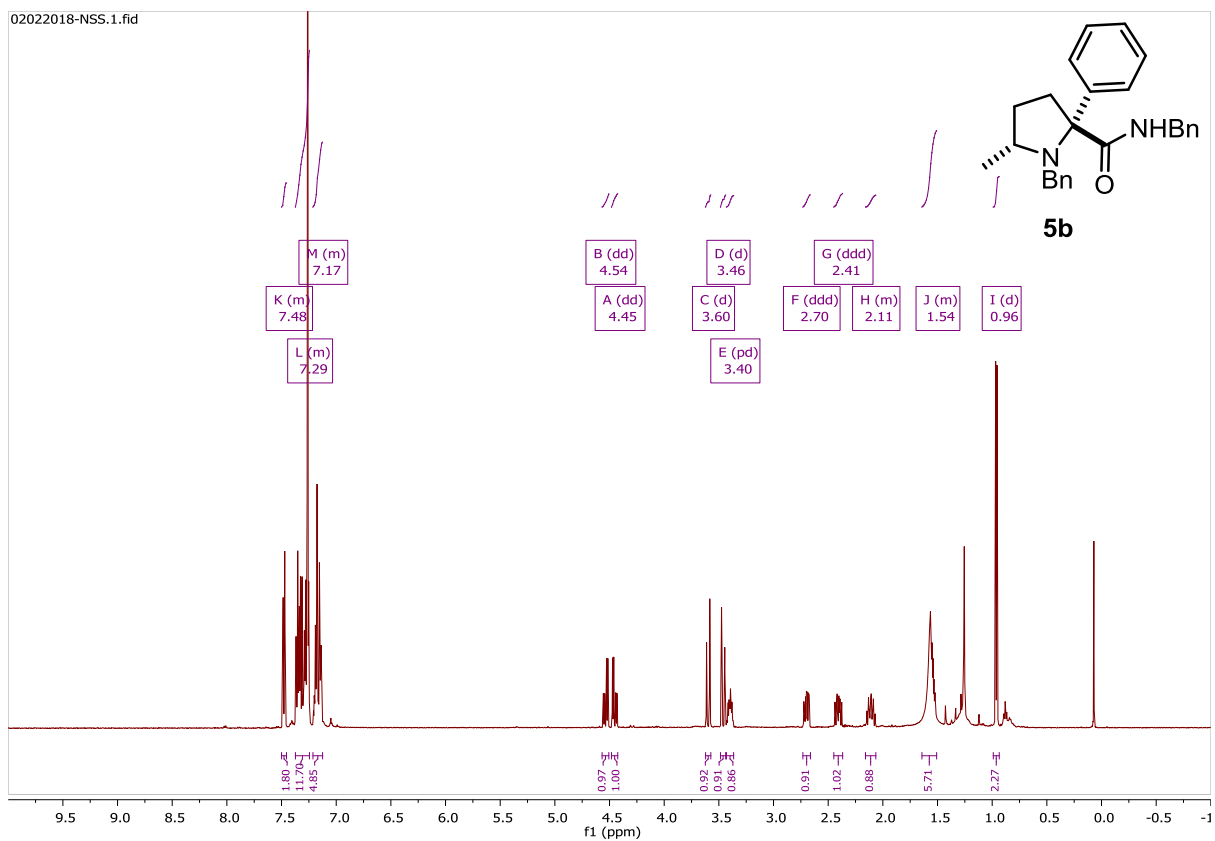


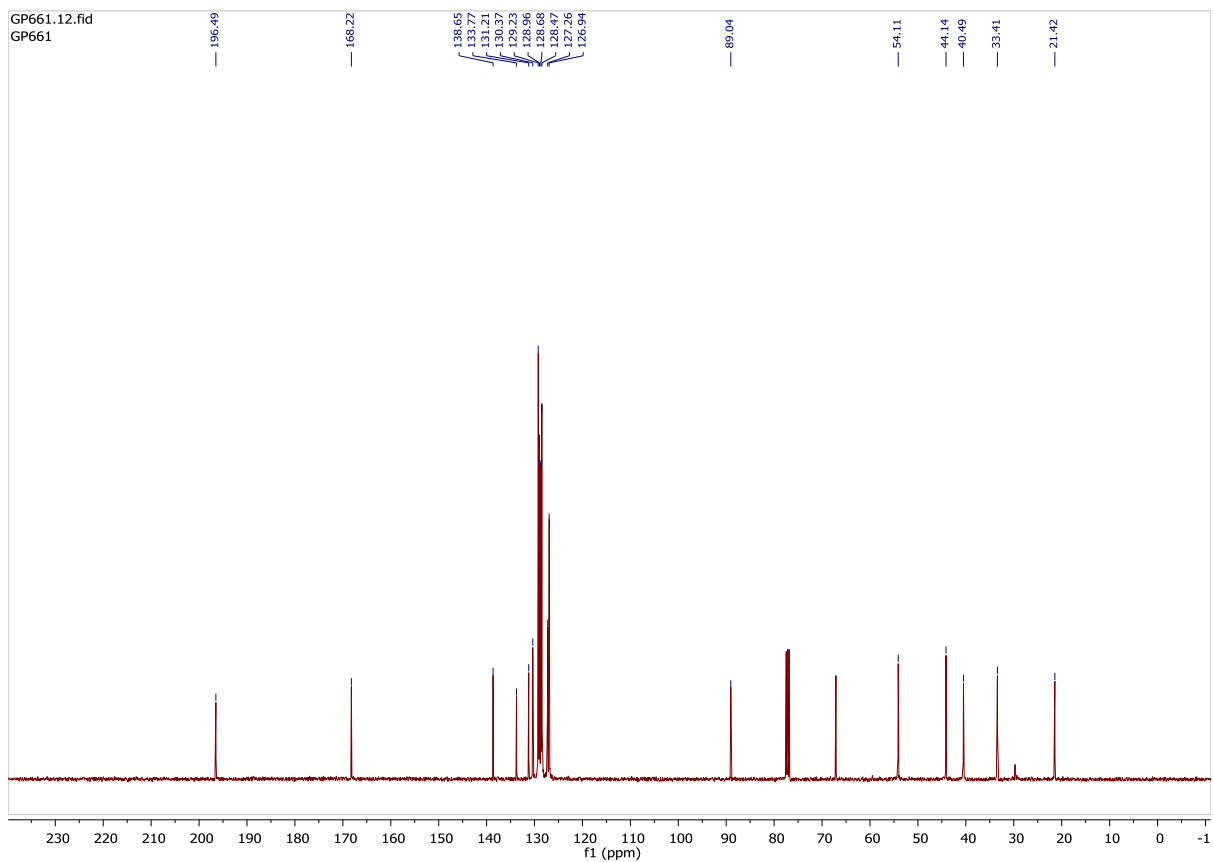
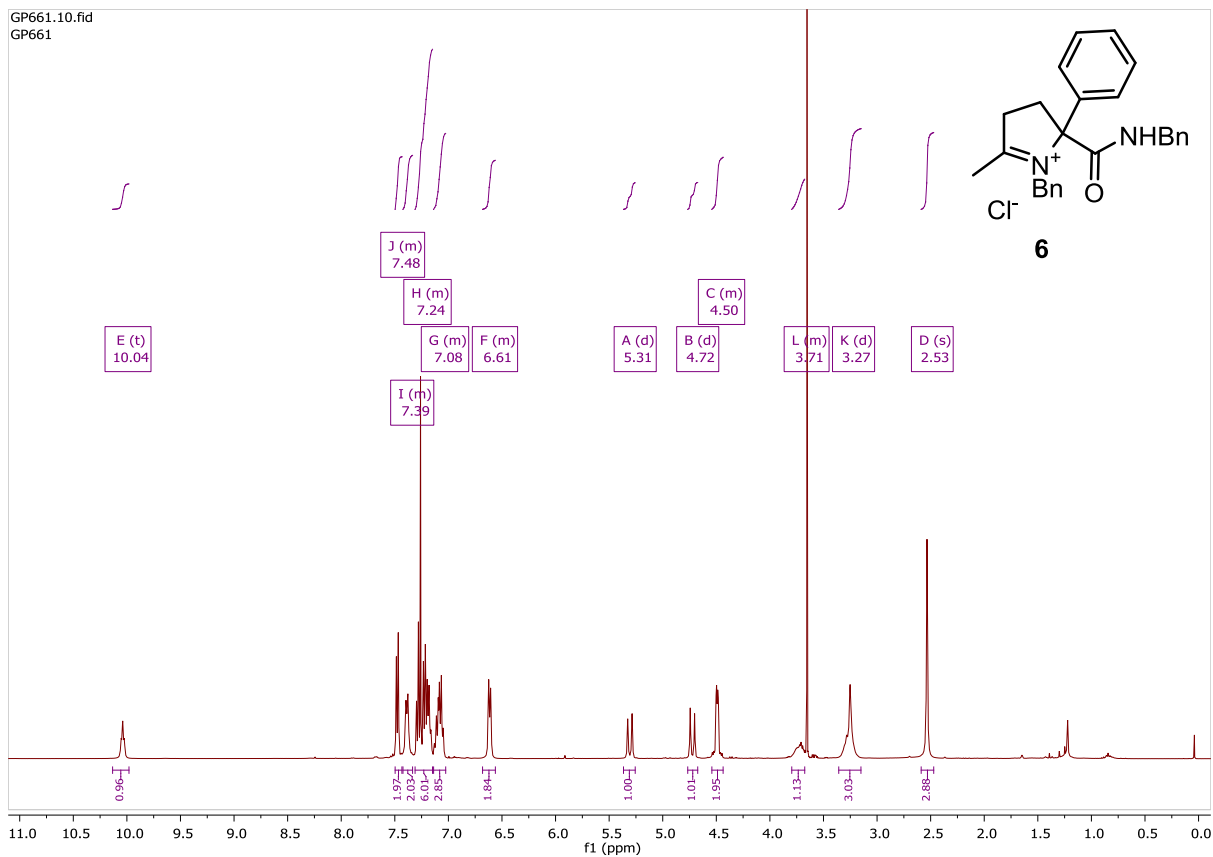
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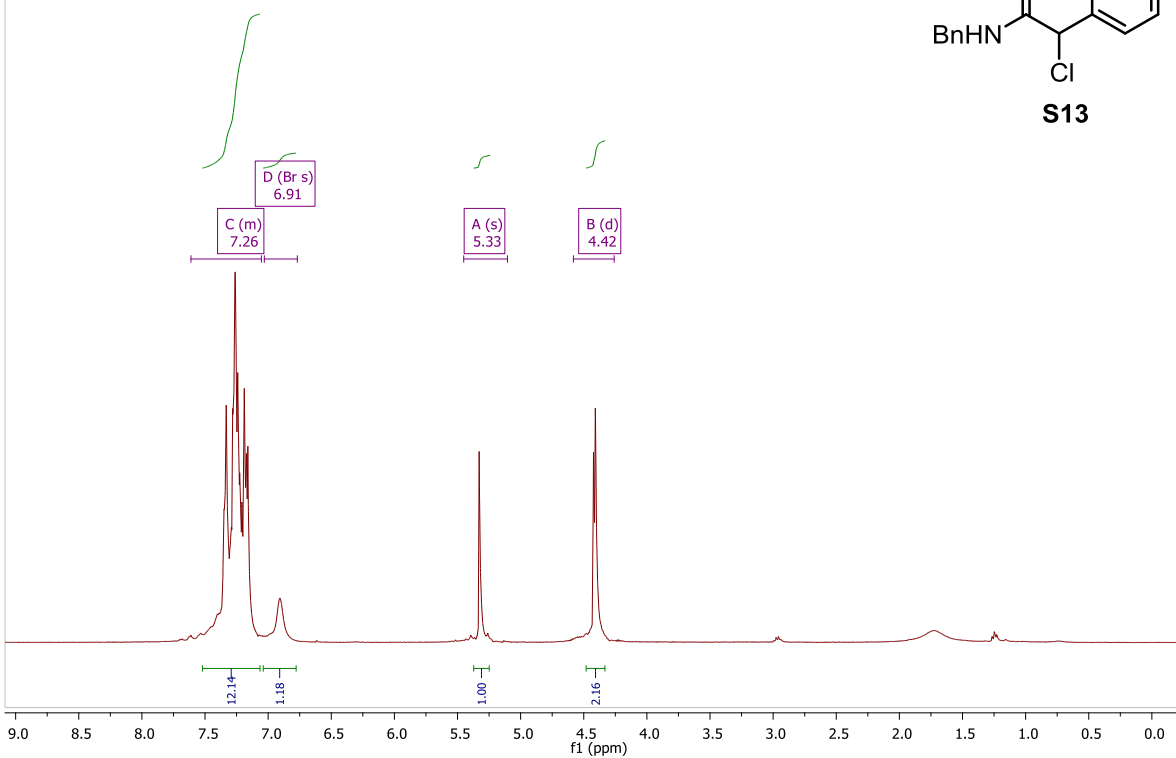
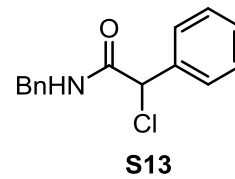
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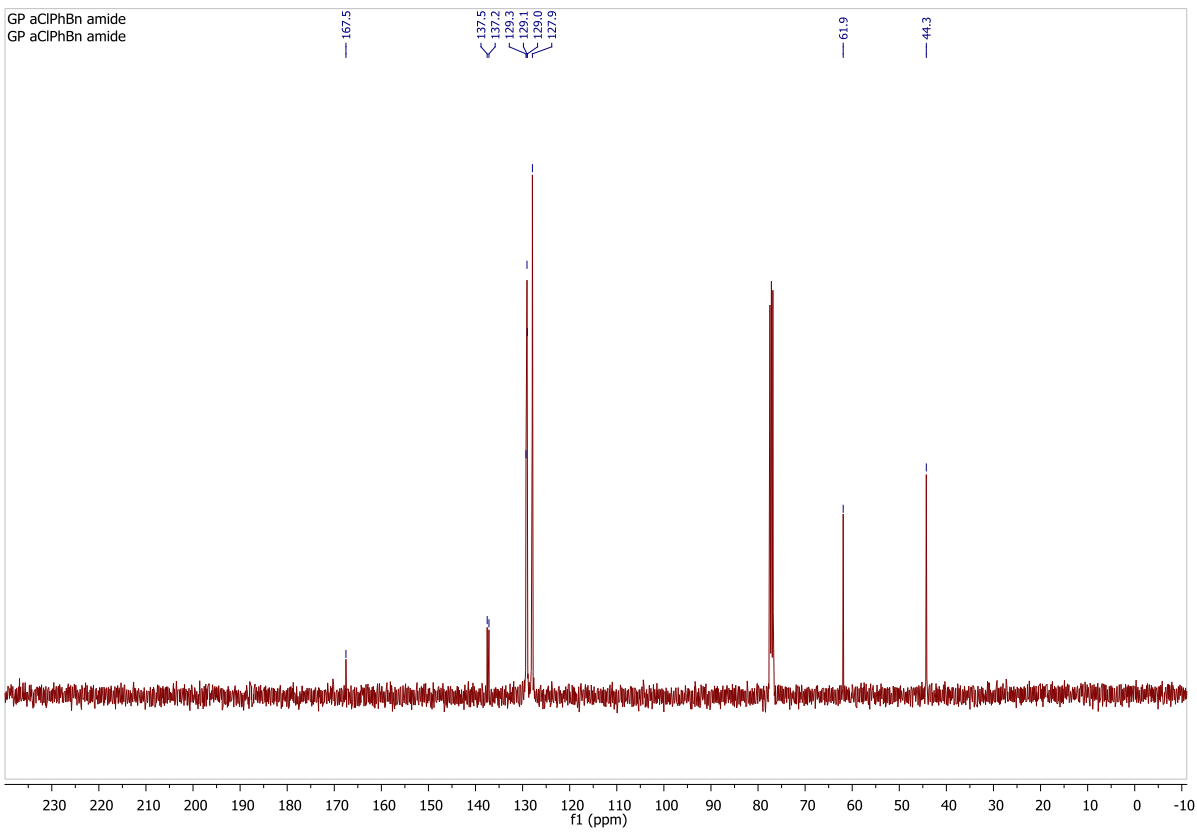




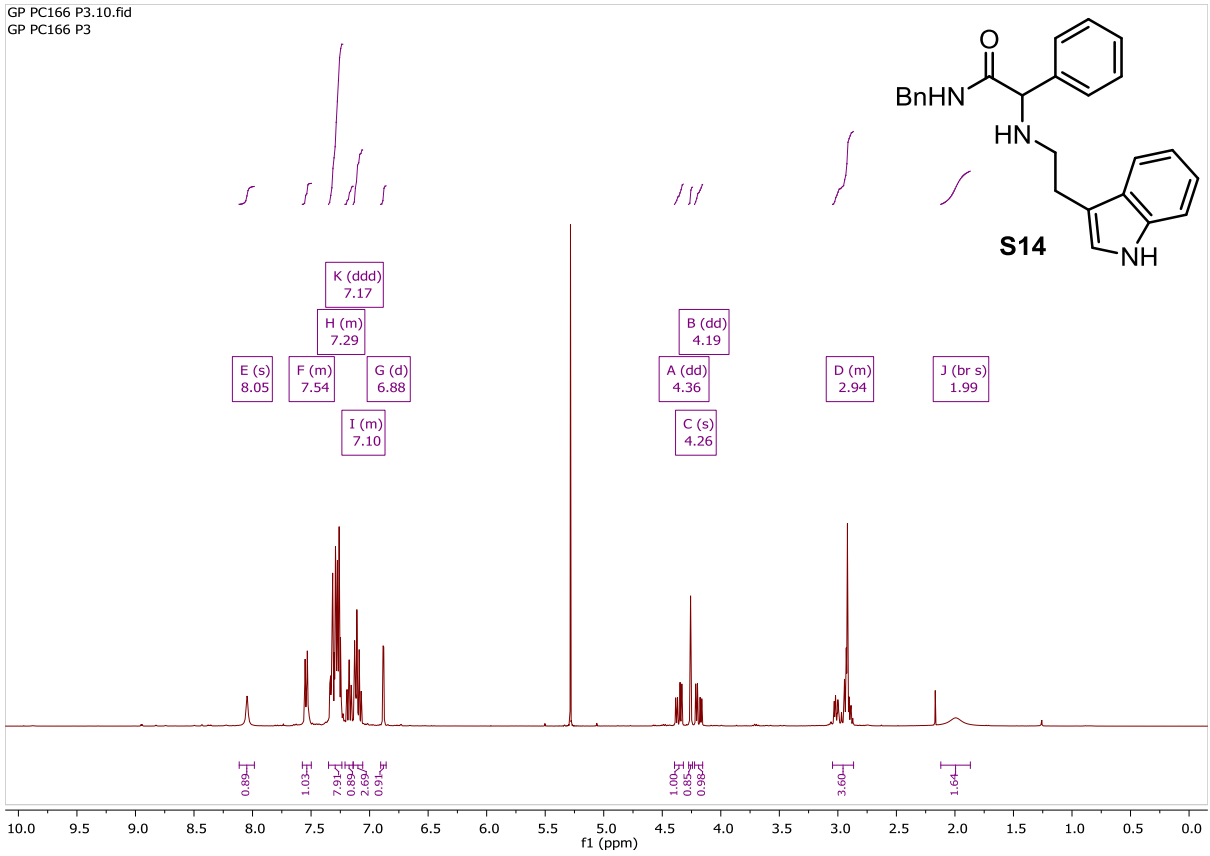
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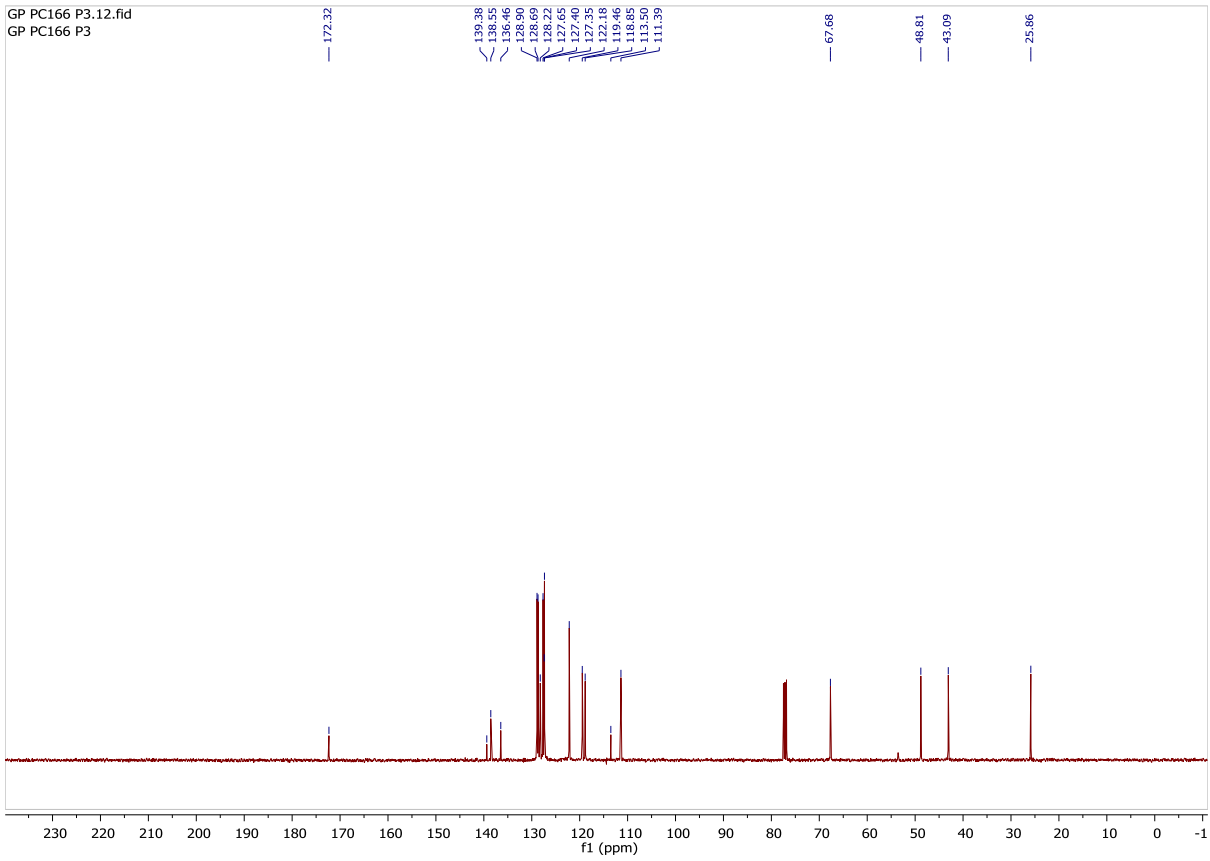
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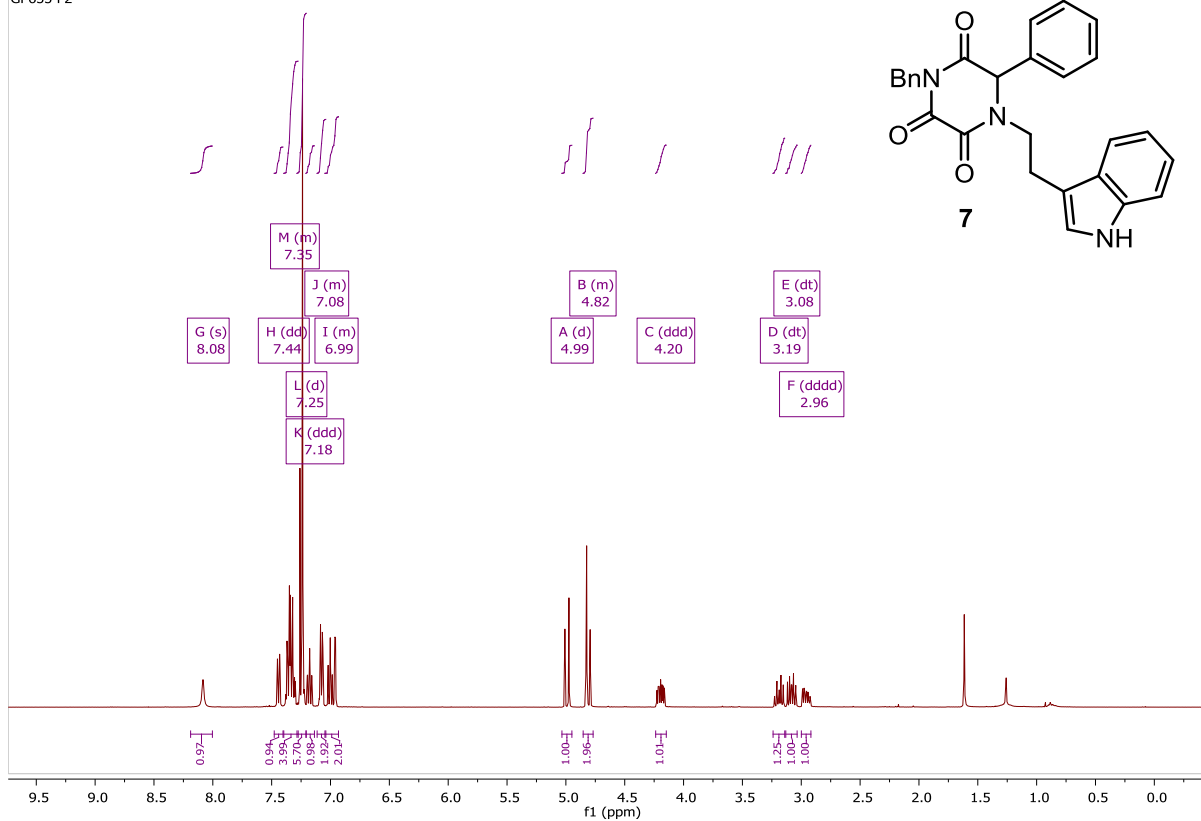
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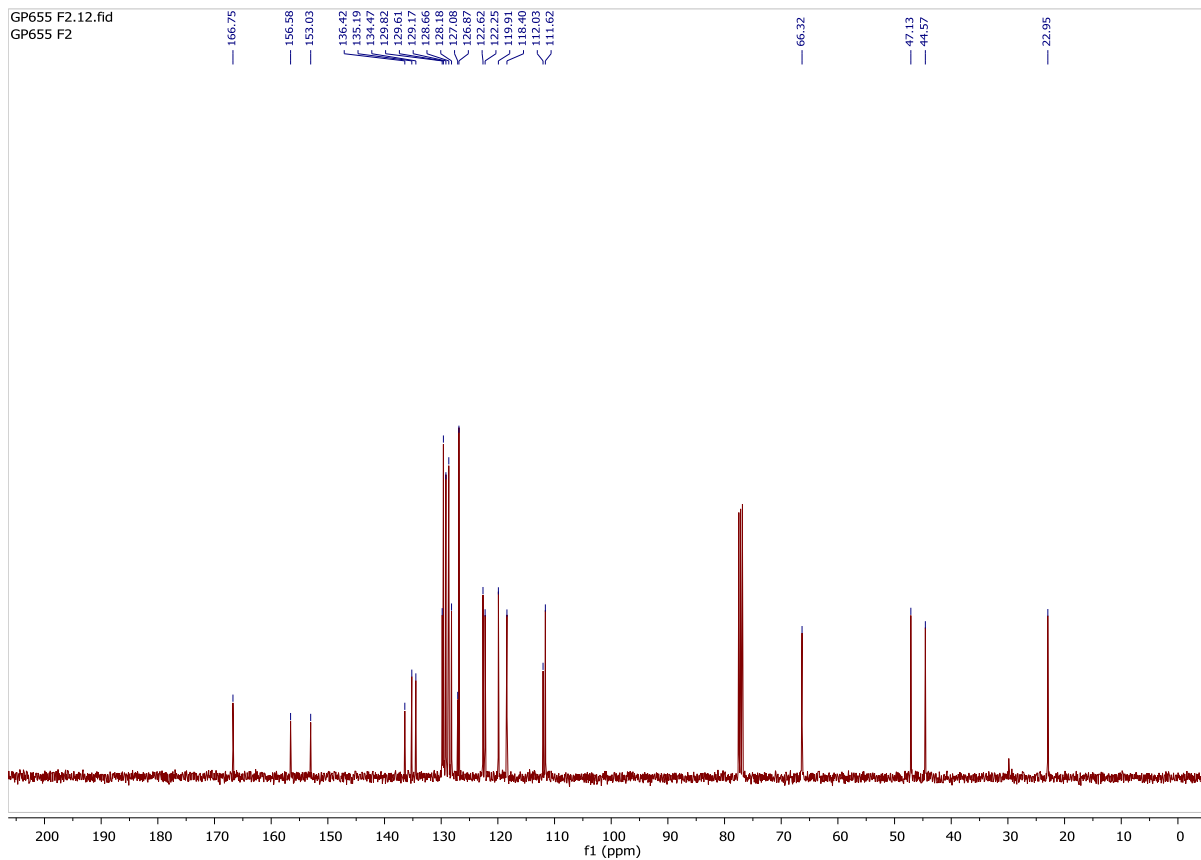
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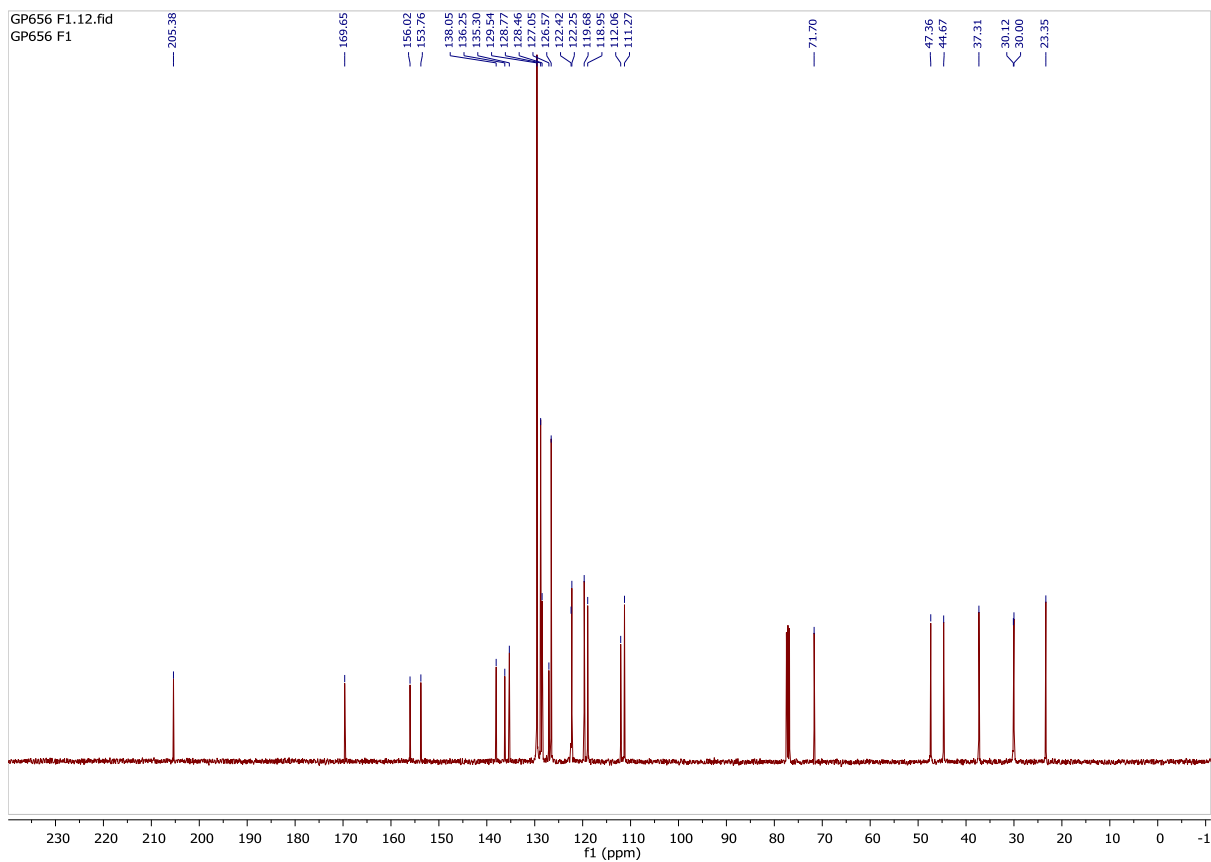
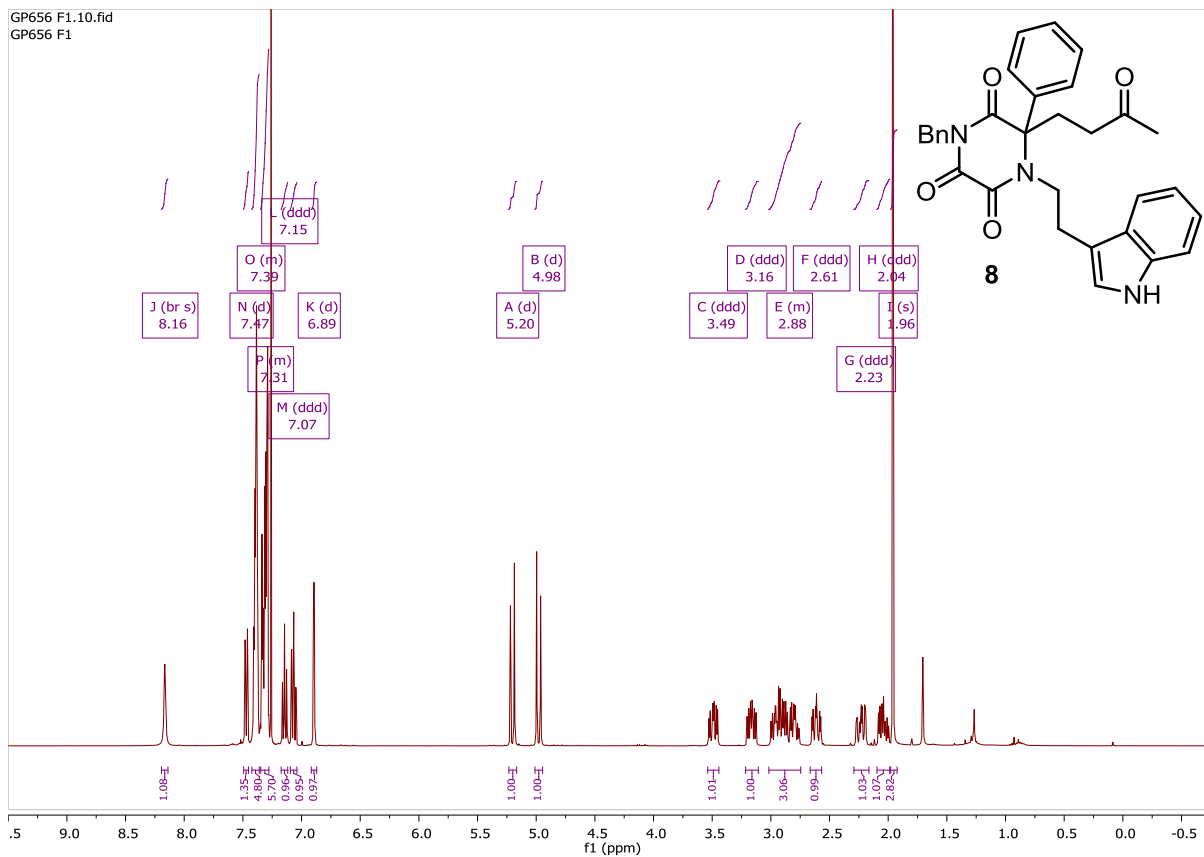


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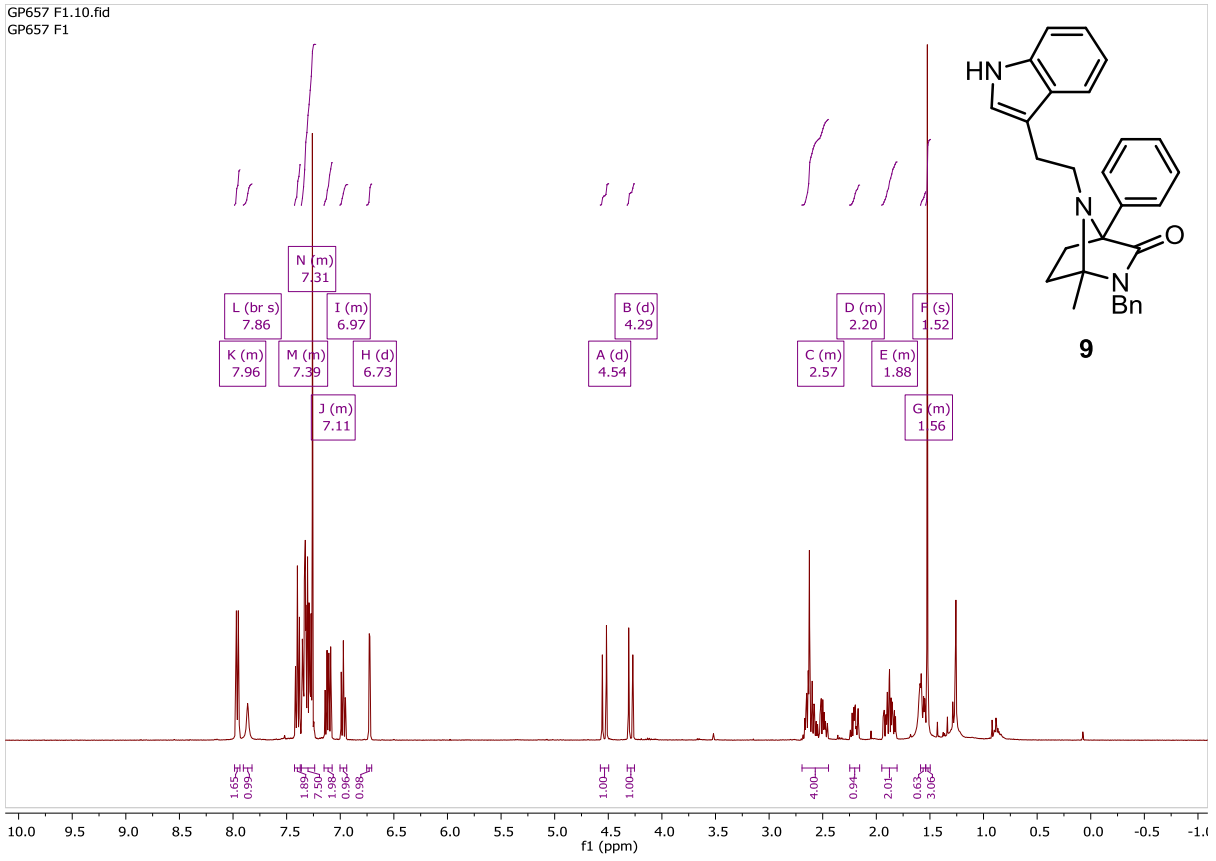


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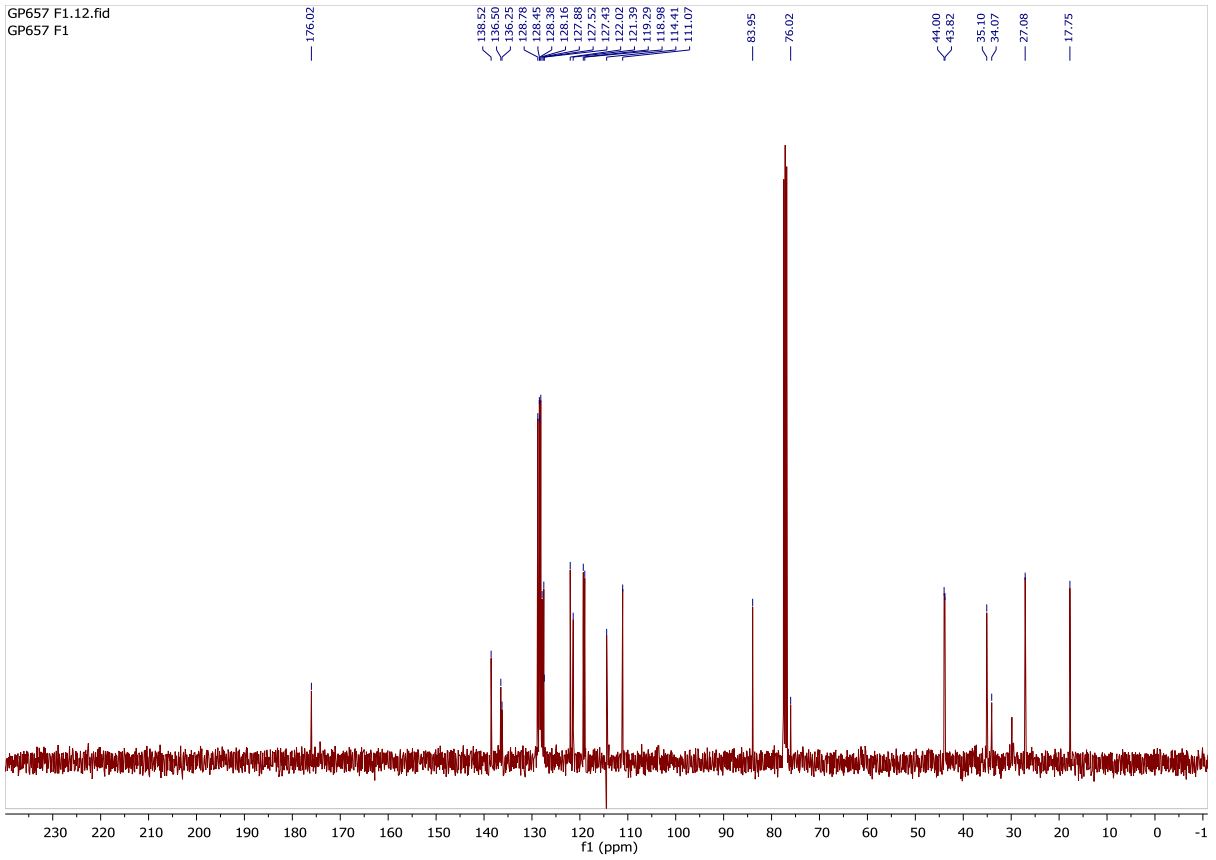




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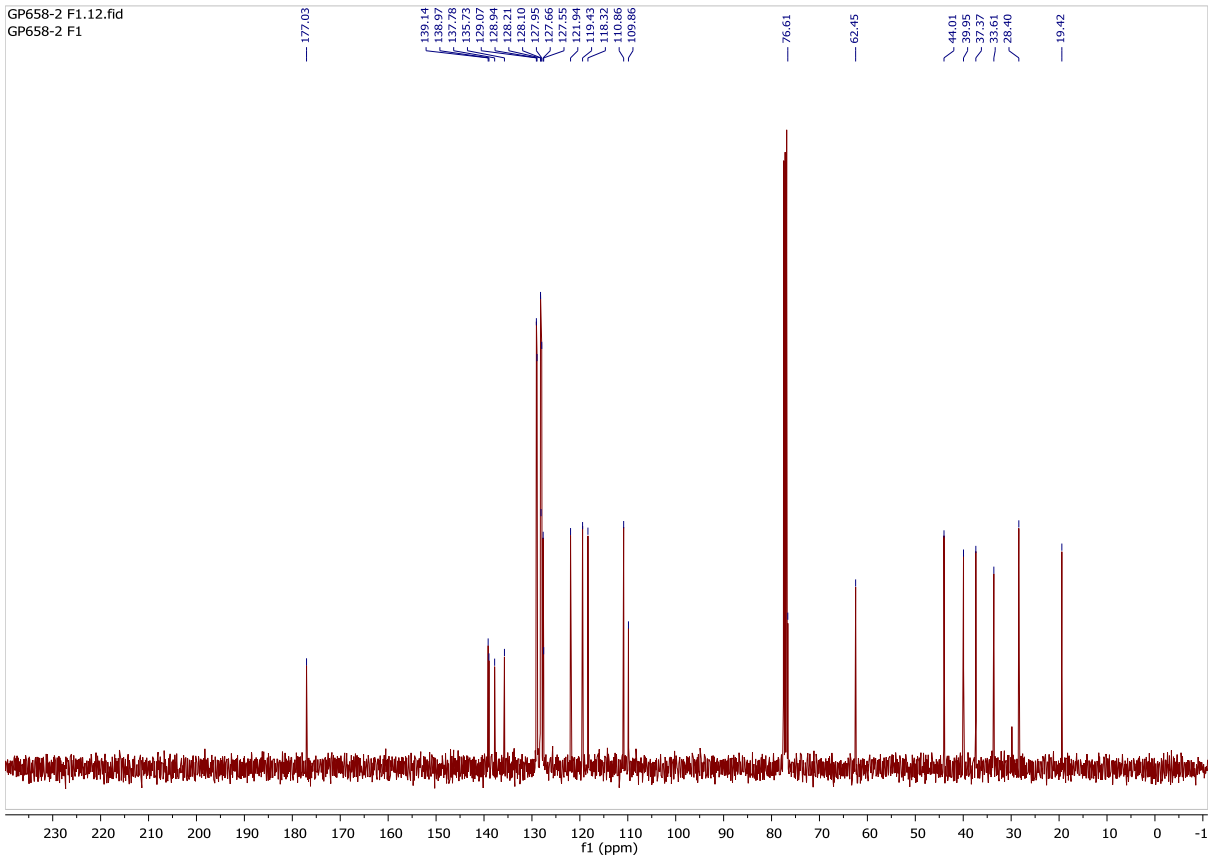
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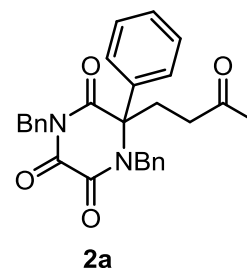
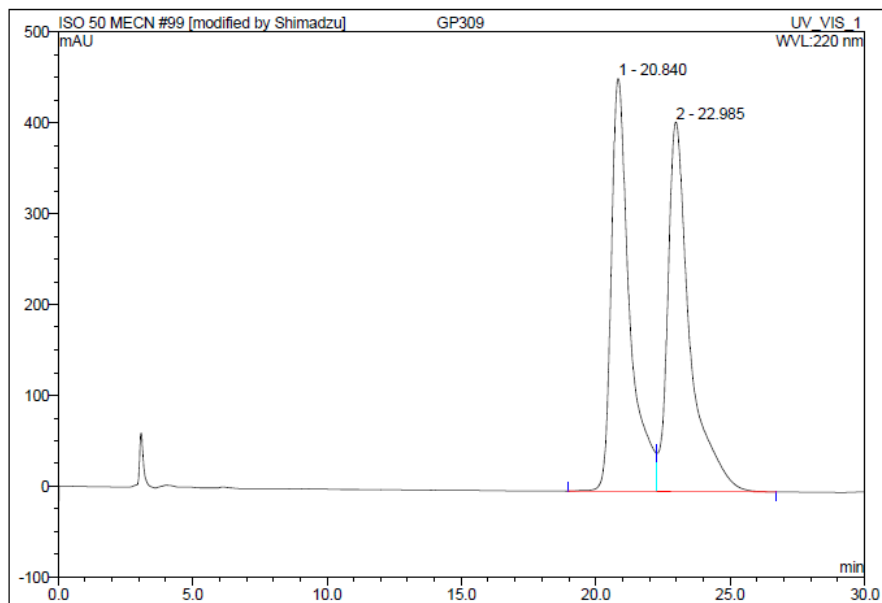


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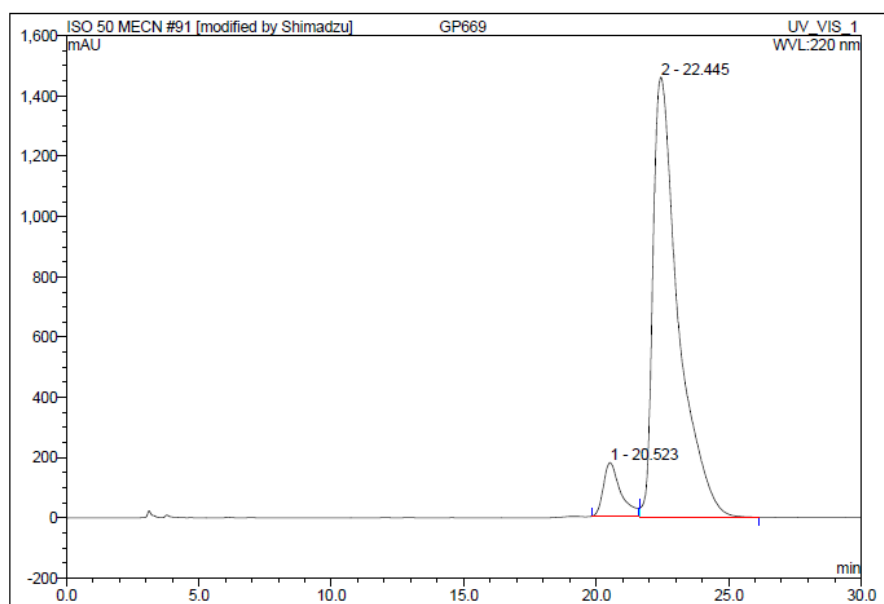
HPLC Traces

Racemic 2a



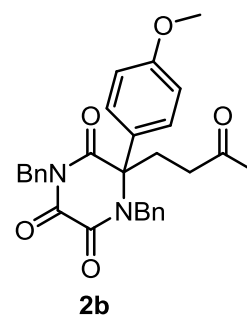
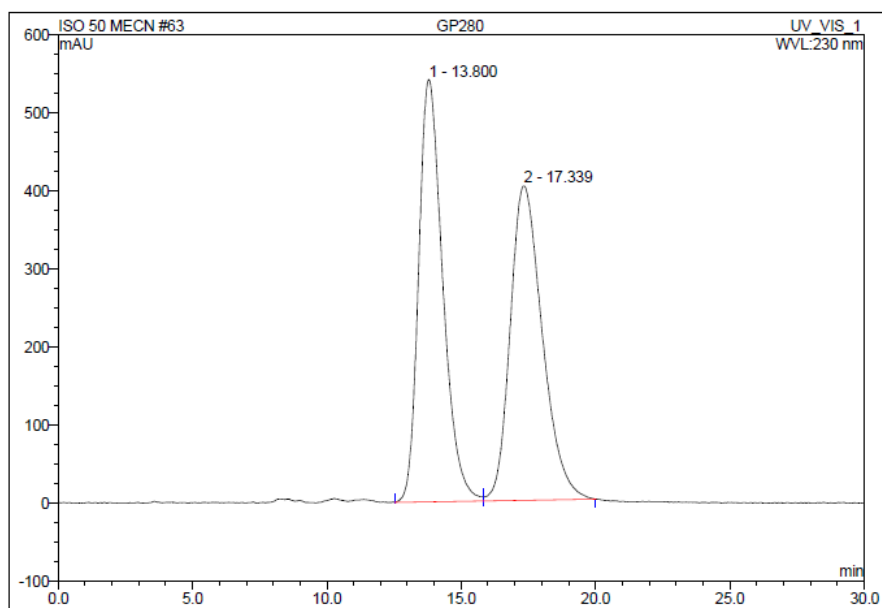
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Enantioenriched 2a



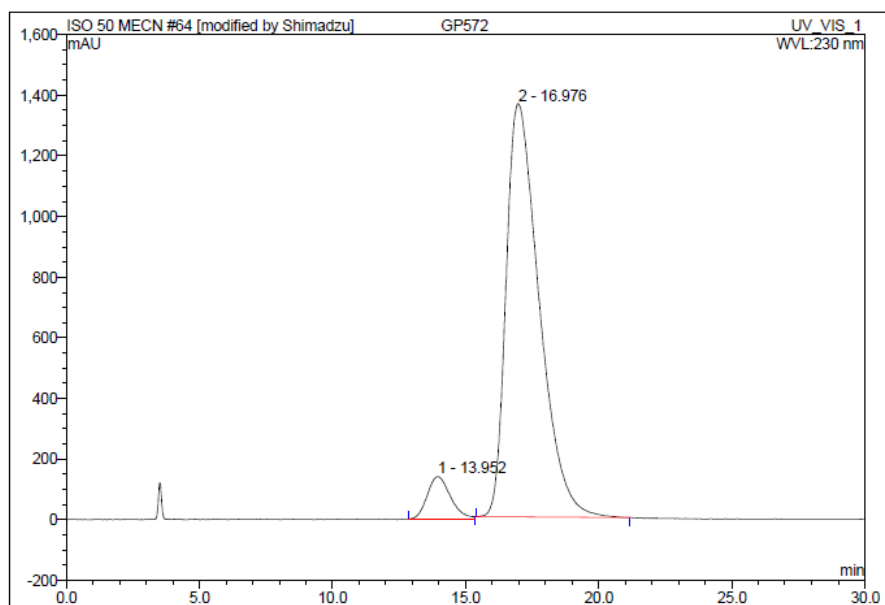
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2	22.45	n.a.	1460.047	1613.796	92.42	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic 2b



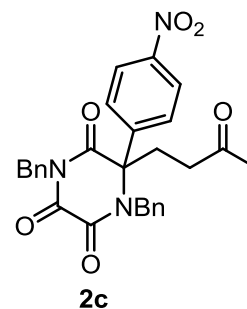
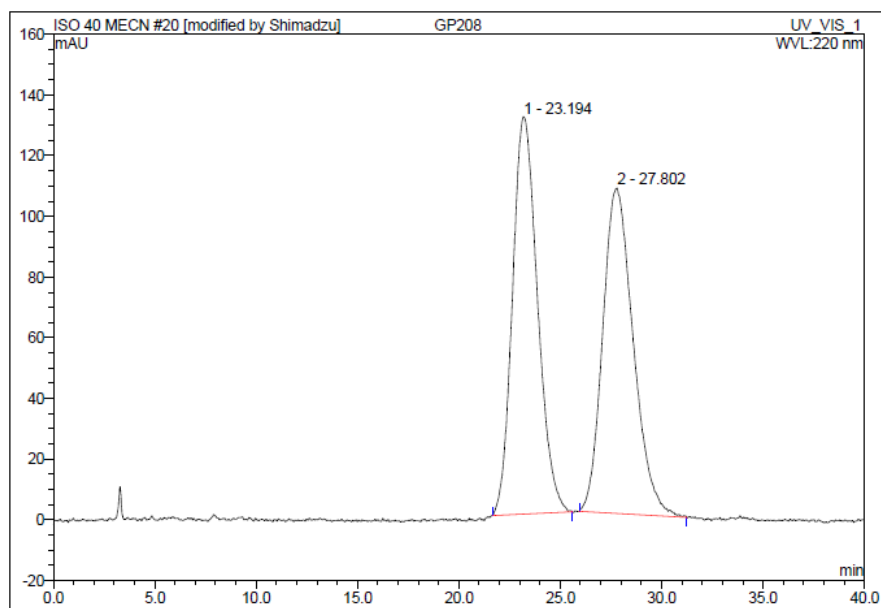
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Enantioenriched 2b



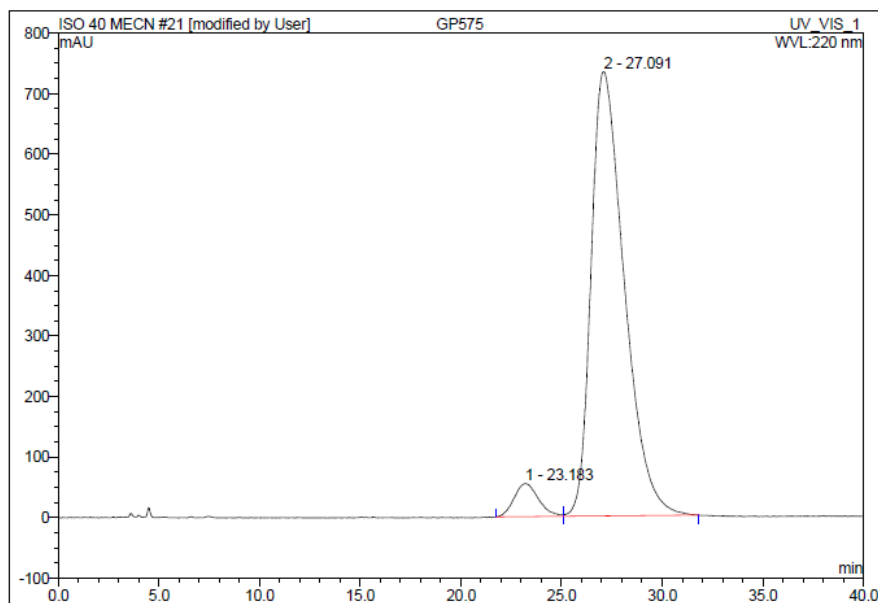
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Racemic 2c



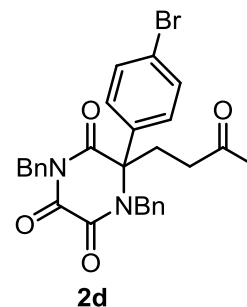
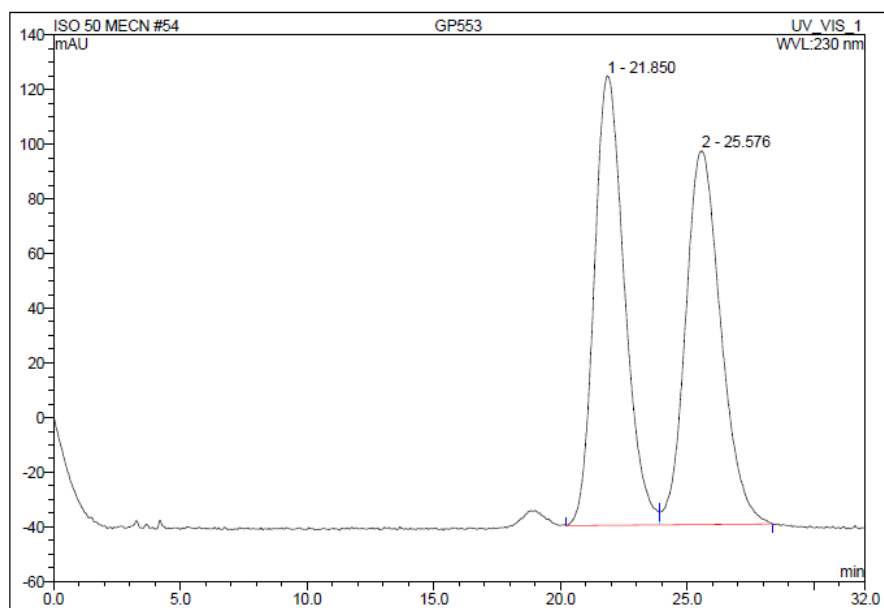
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2	27.80	n.a.	107.295	186.869	49.91	n.a.	BMB*
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Enantioenriched 2c



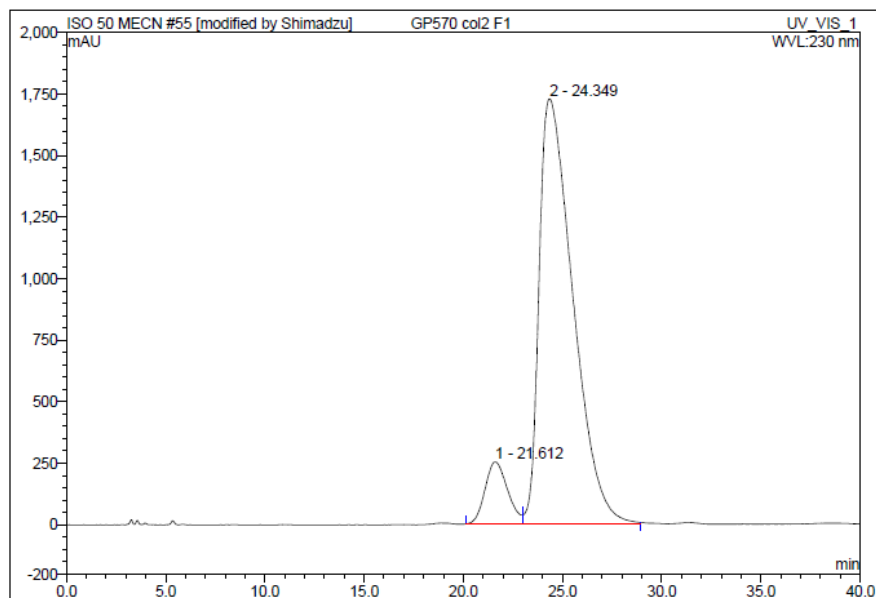
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2	27.09	n.a.	733.882	1402.155	94.82	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic 2d



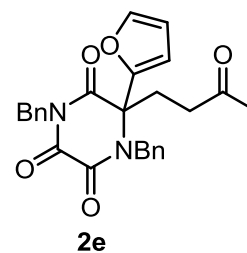
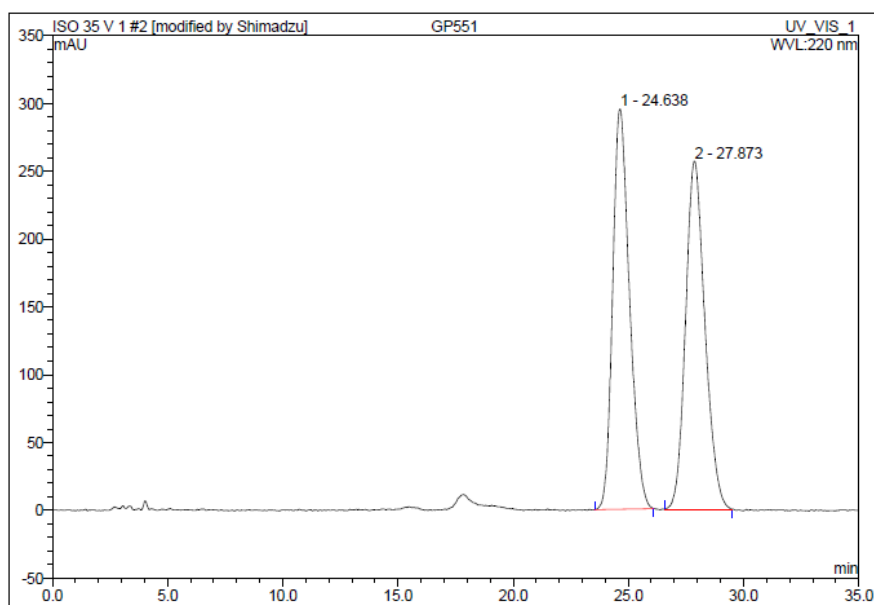
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Enantioenriched 2d



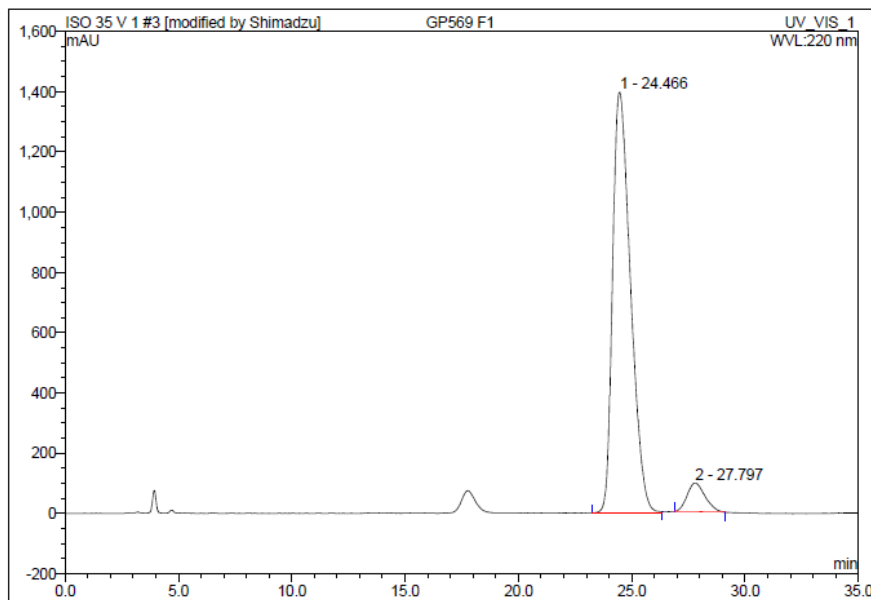
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2	24.35	n.a.	1726.188	3401.101	91.15	n.a.	M *
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Racemic **2e**



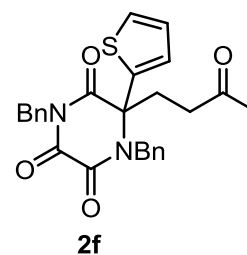
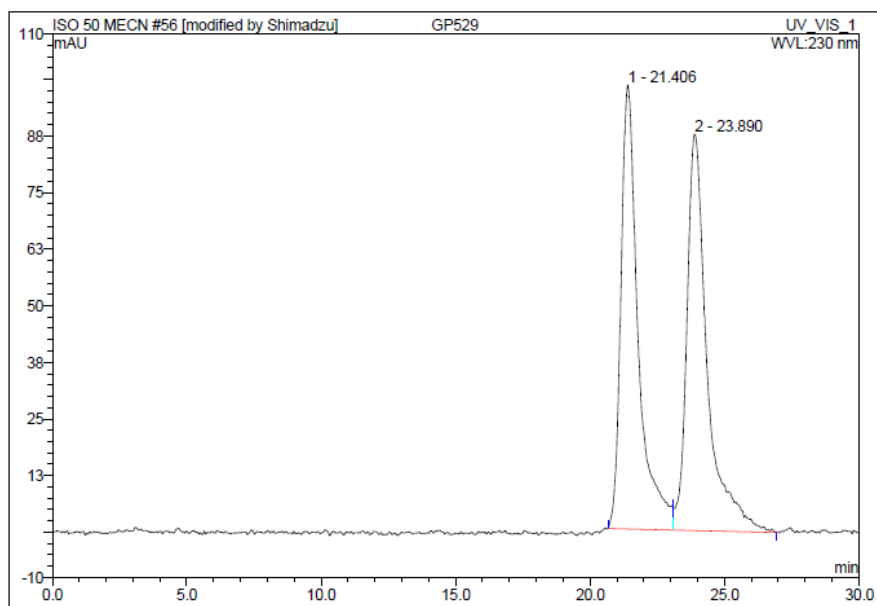
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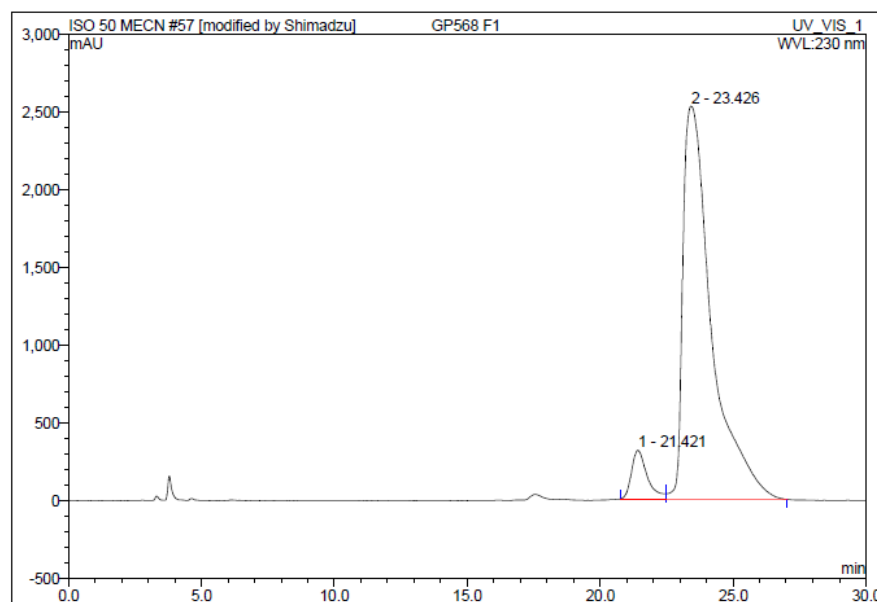
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2	27.80	n.a.	95.256	87.511	6.39	n.a.	BMB*
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Racemic 2f



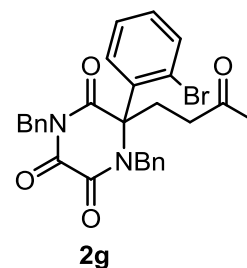
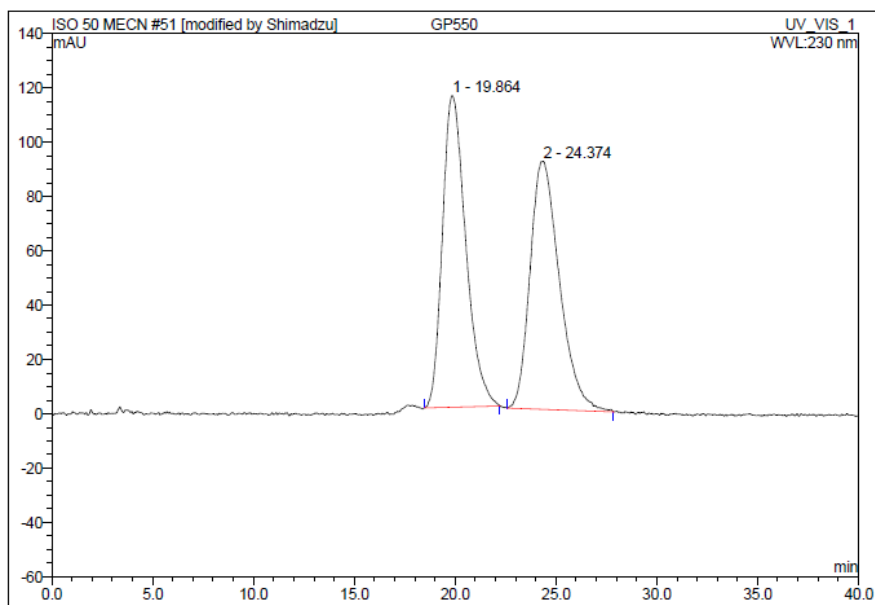
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1	21.41	n.a.	98.037	73.320	48.81	n.a.	BM *
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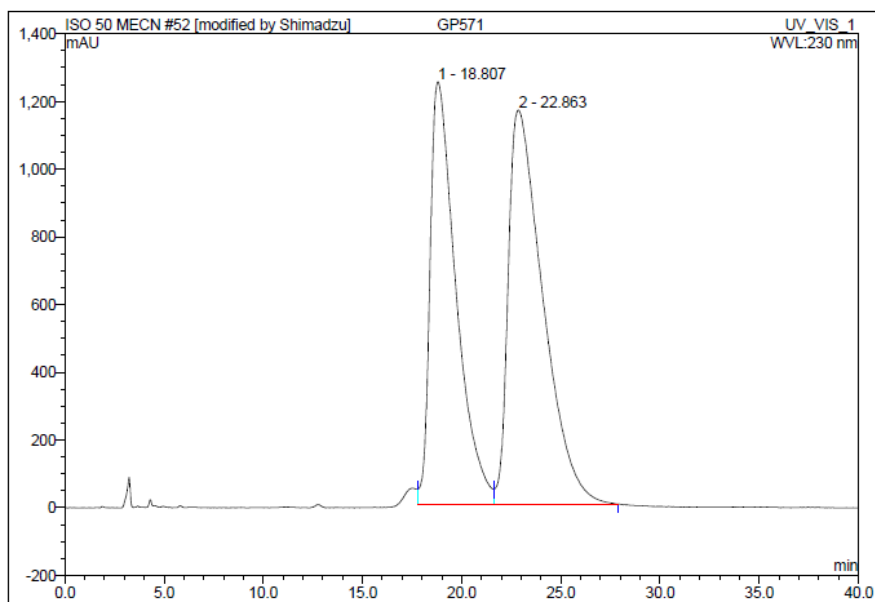
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1	21.42	n.a.	311.979	212.461	6.33	n.a.	BM *
2	23.43	n.a.	2529.509	3144.680	93.67	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic **2g**



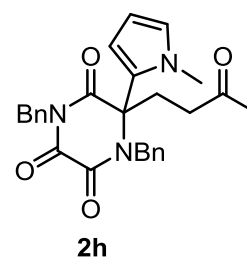
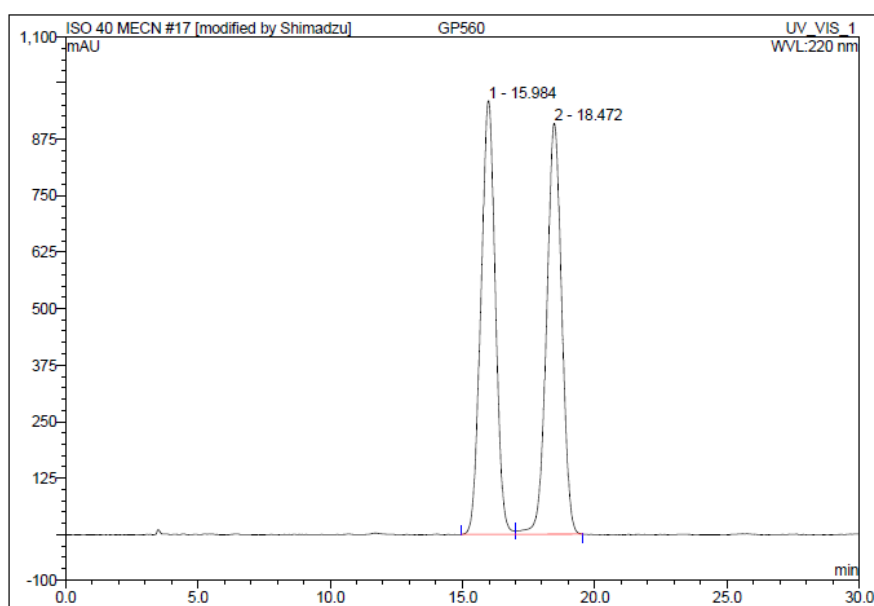
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Enantioenriched **2g**



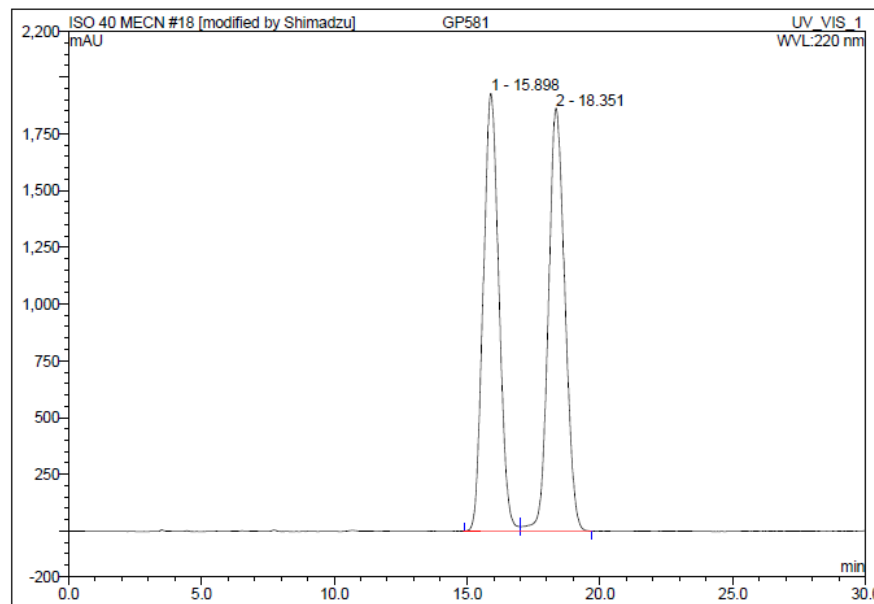
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2	22.86	n.a.	1163.774	2354.138	55.48	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic 2h



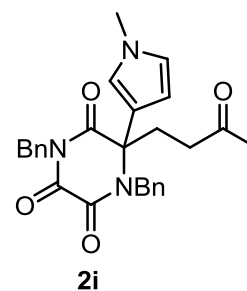
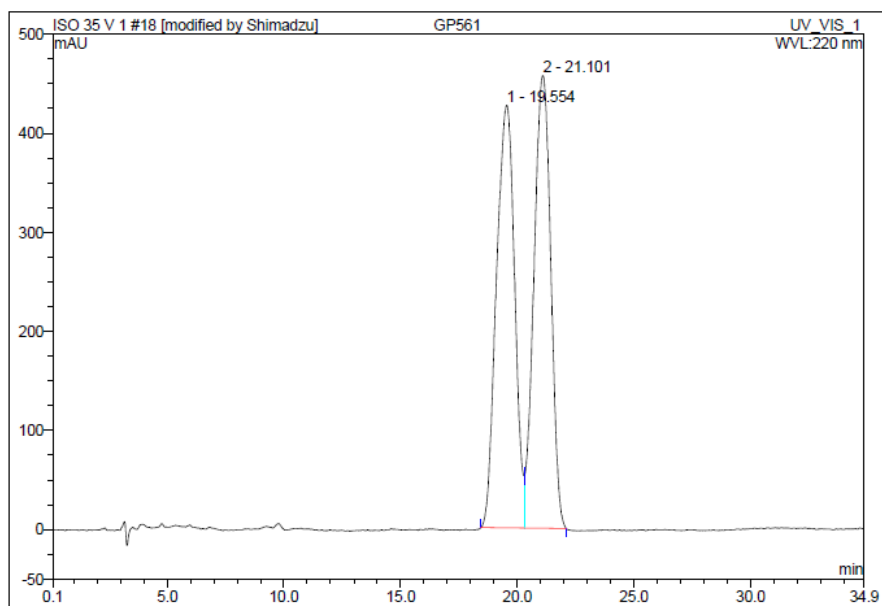
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Enantioenriched 2h



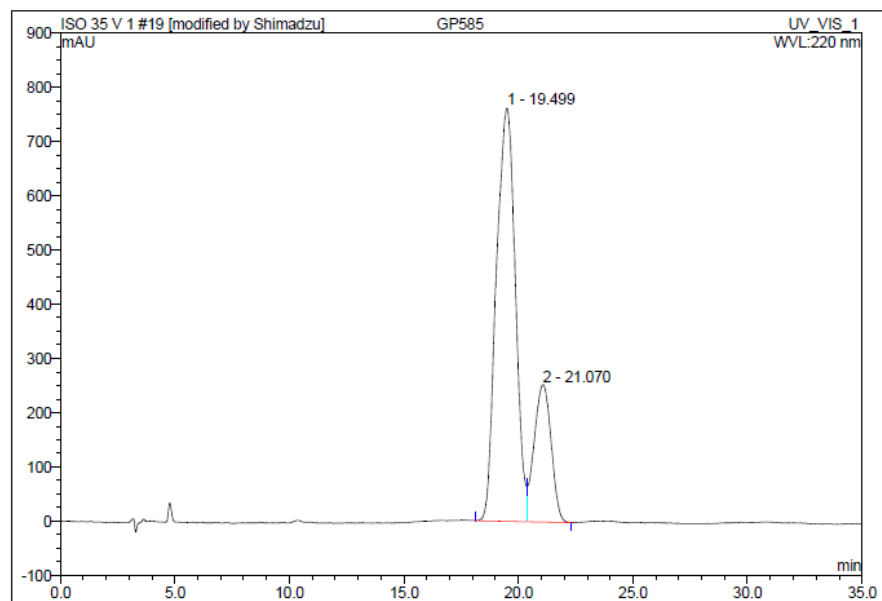
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Racemic 2i



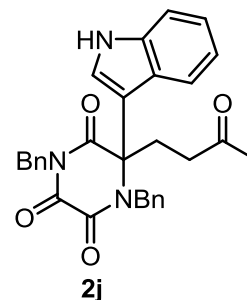
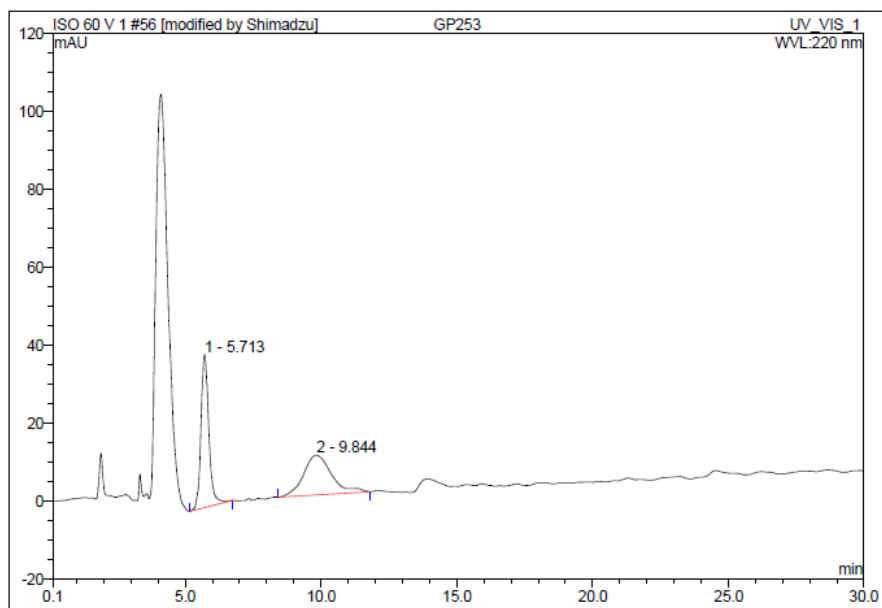
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Enantioenriched 2i



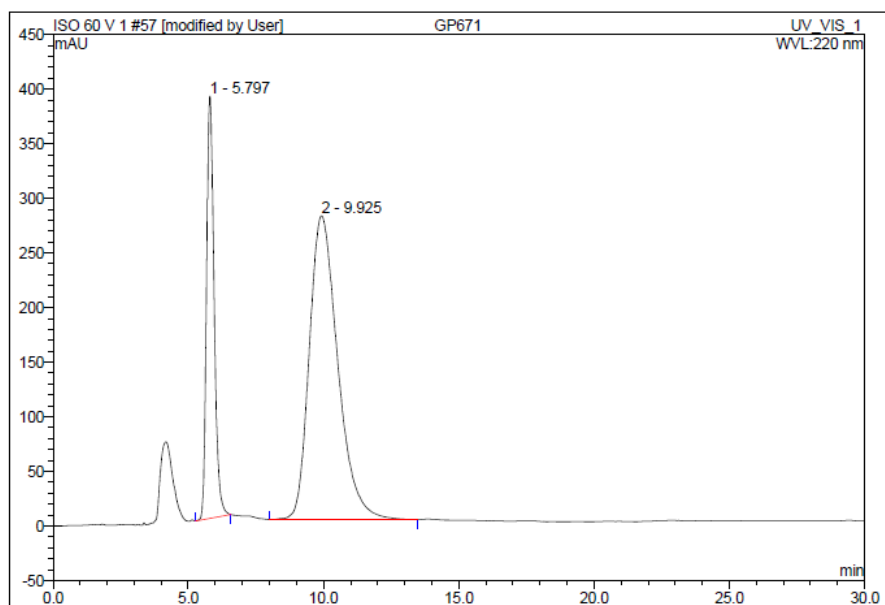
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Racemic 2j



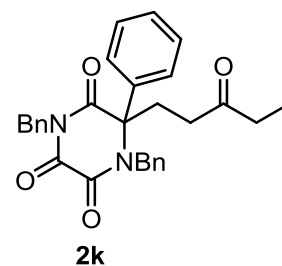
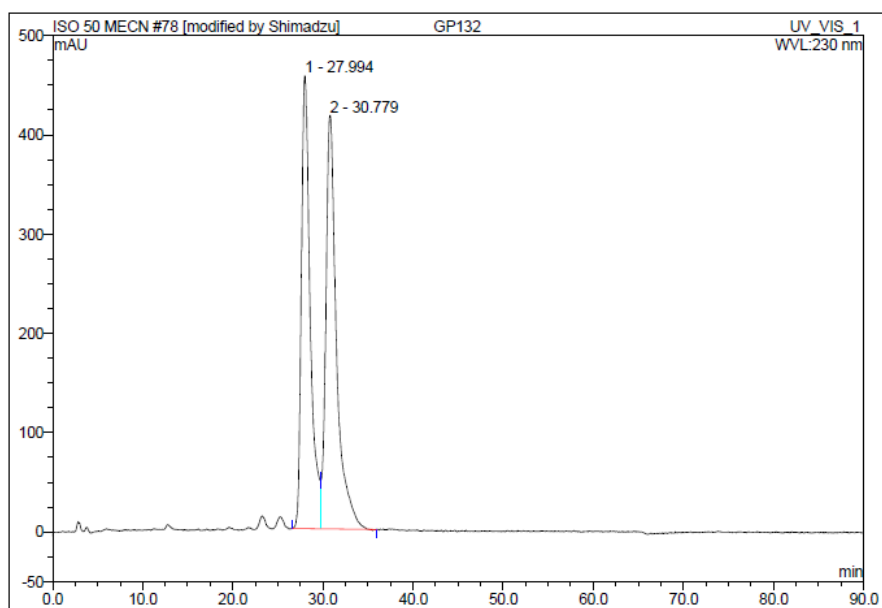
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Enantioenriched 2j



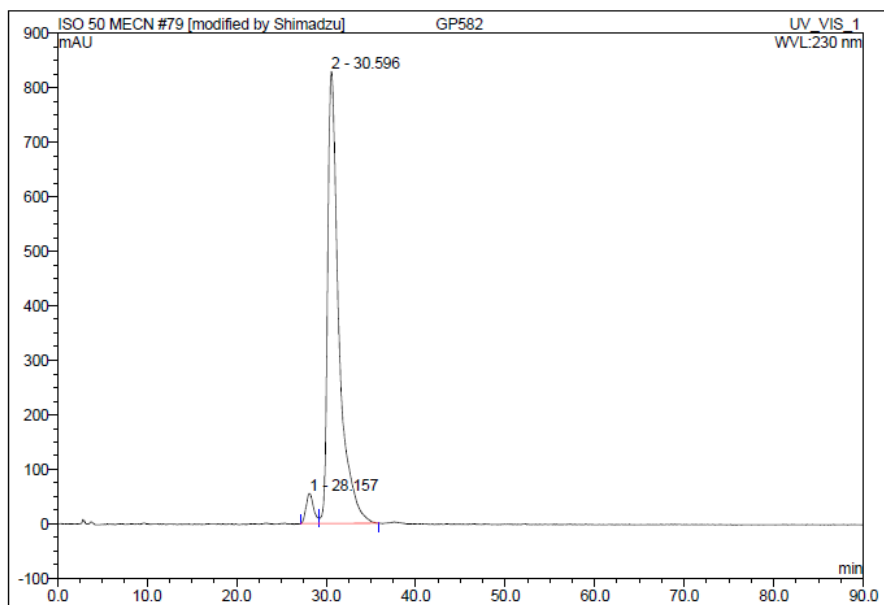
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Racemic 2k



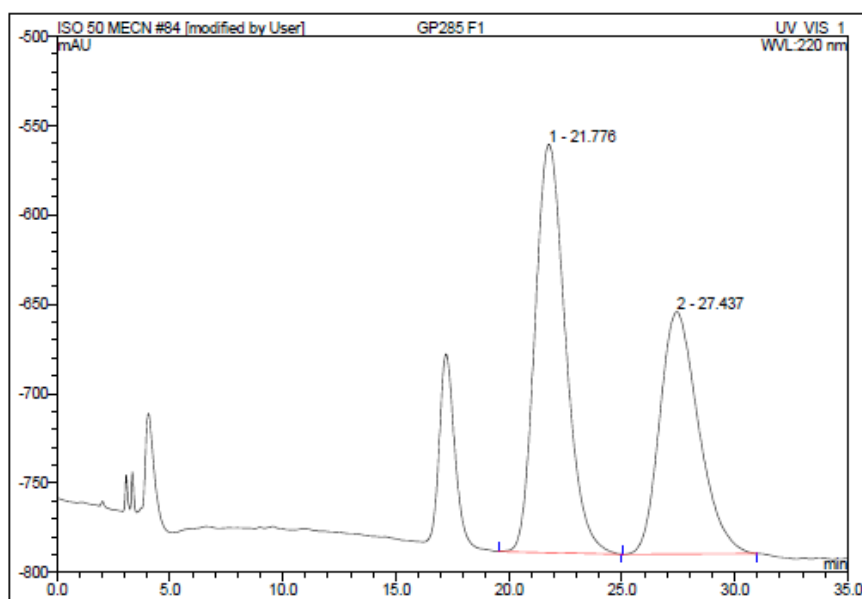
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2	30.78	n.a.	416.599	574.848	52.59	n.a.	MB*
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Enantioenriched 2k

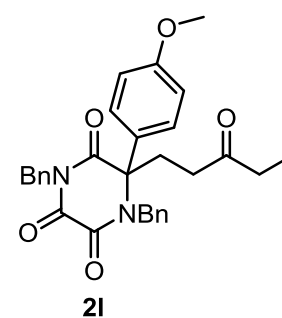


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1	28.16	n.a.	54.747	53.896	4.28	n.a.	BM *
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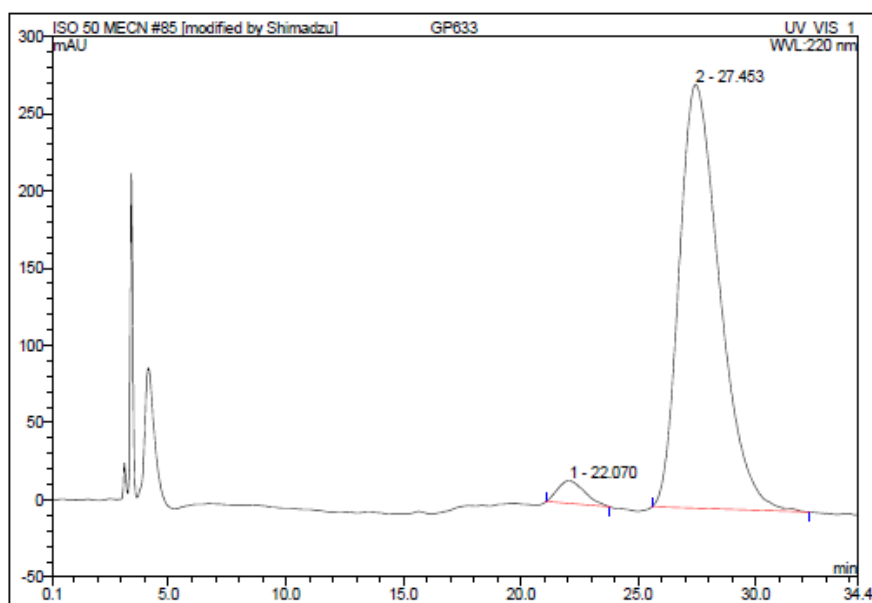
Racemic 2I



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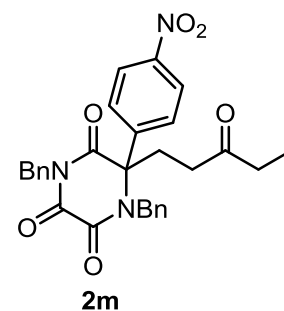
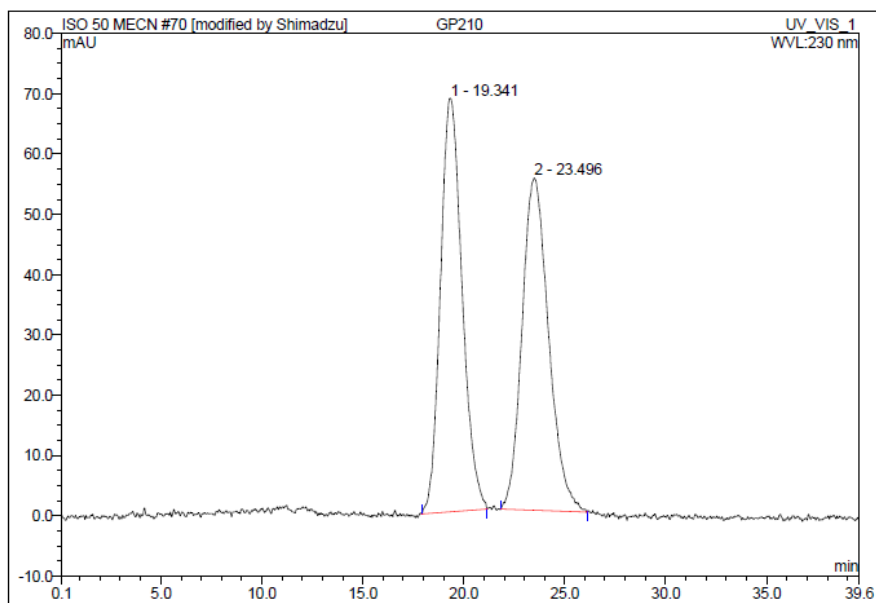


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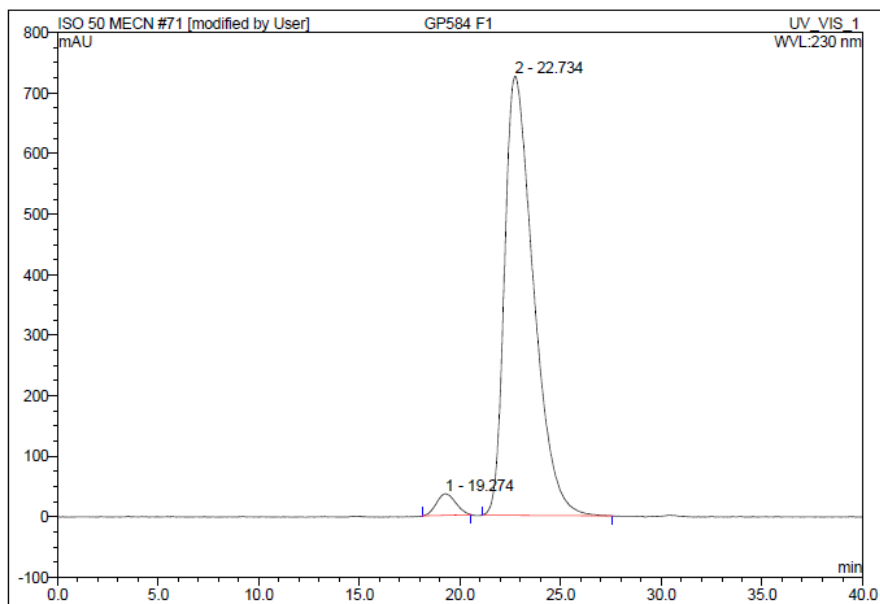
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Racemic 2m



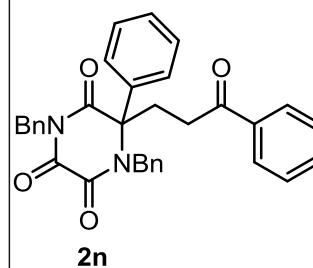
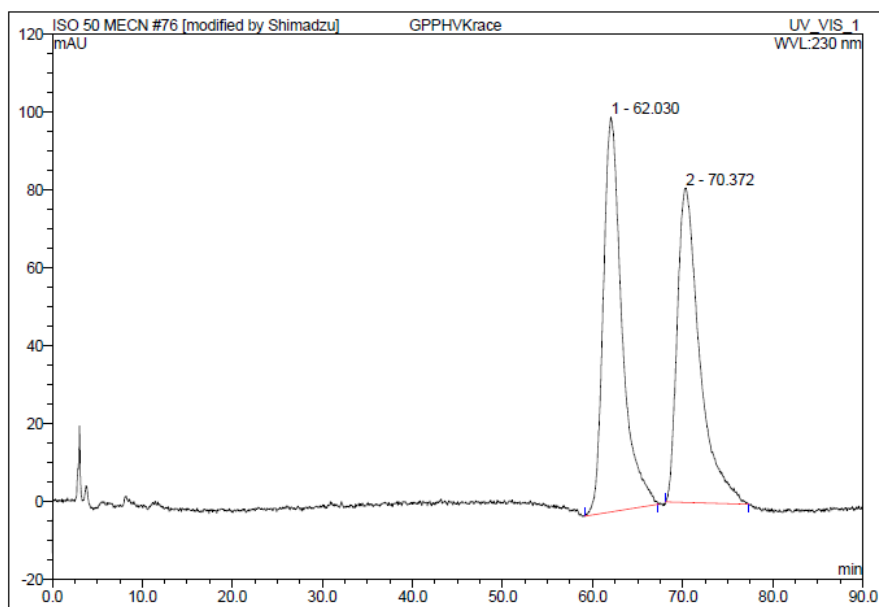
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2	23.50	n.a.	55.127	83.995	49.65	n.a.	BMB*
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Enantioenriched 2m



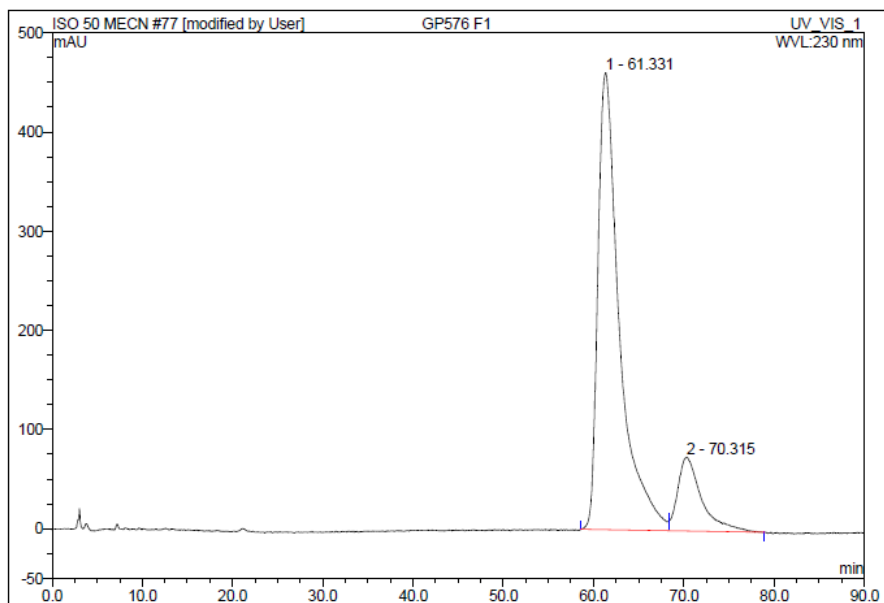
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2	22.73	n.a.	725.399	1207.175	96.84	n.a.	BMB*
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Racemic 2n



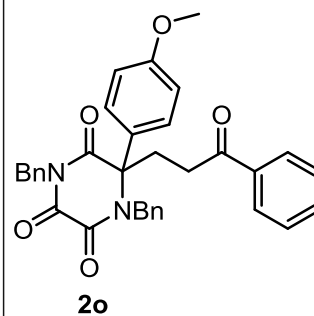
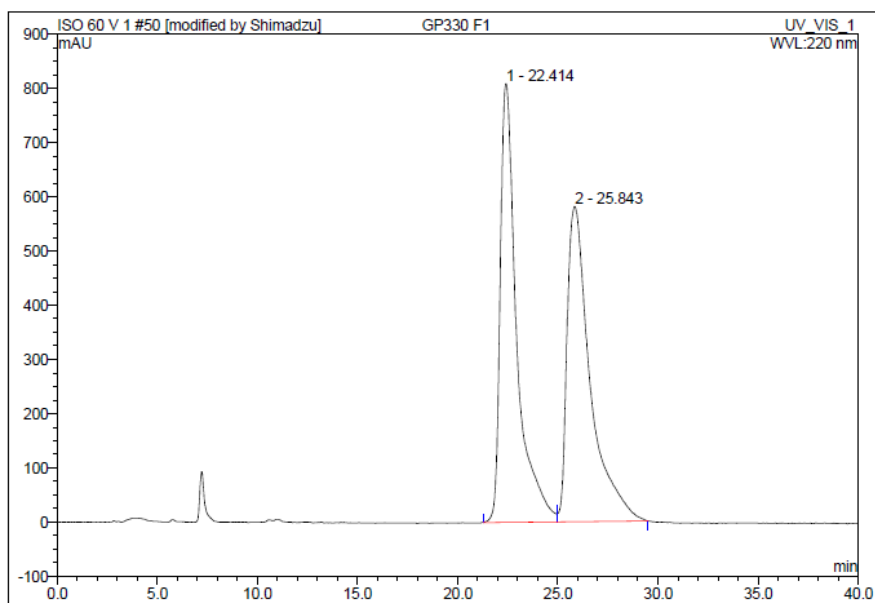
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1	62.03	n.a.	101.474	244.752	51.33	n.a.	BMB*
2	70.37	n.a.	80.817	232.108	48.67	n.a.	BMB*
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Enantioenriched 2n



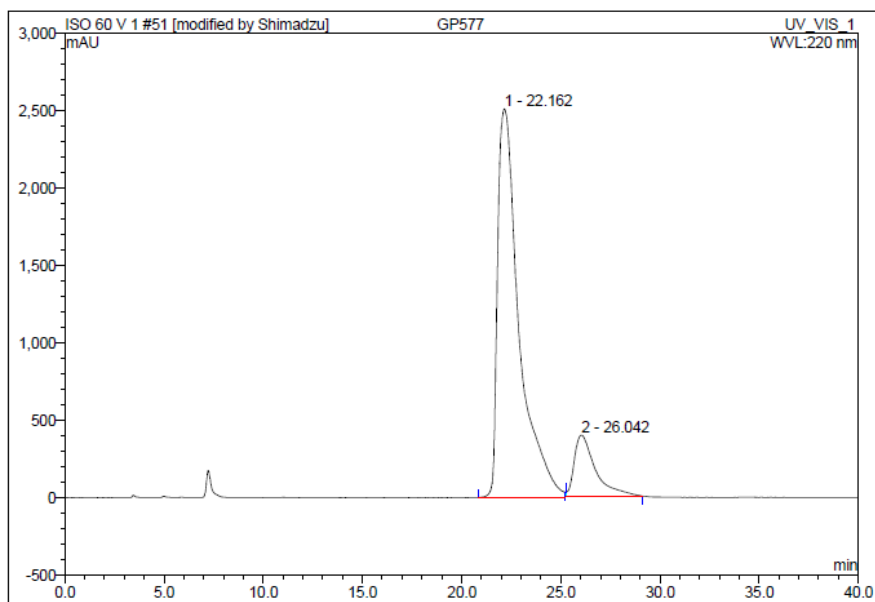
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2	70.31	n.a.	74.566	228.631	15.18	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic **2o**



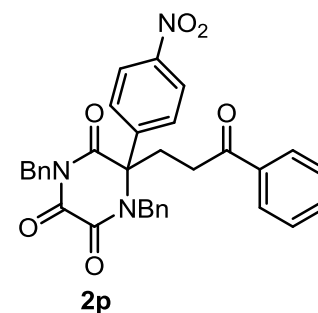
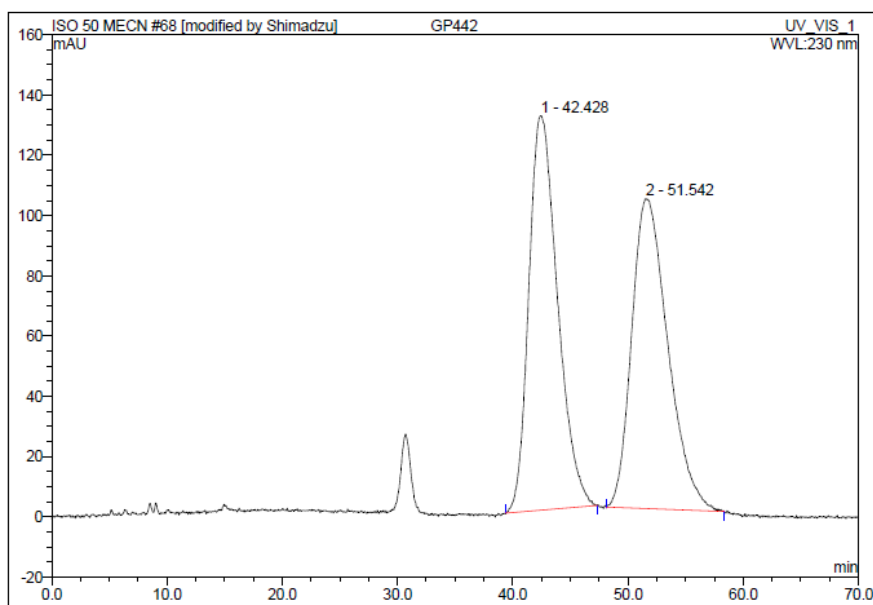
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1	22.41	n.a.	809.199	773.125	49.87	n.a.	BM
2	25.84	n.a.	581.731	777.194	50.13	n.a.	MB
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Enantioenriched **2o**



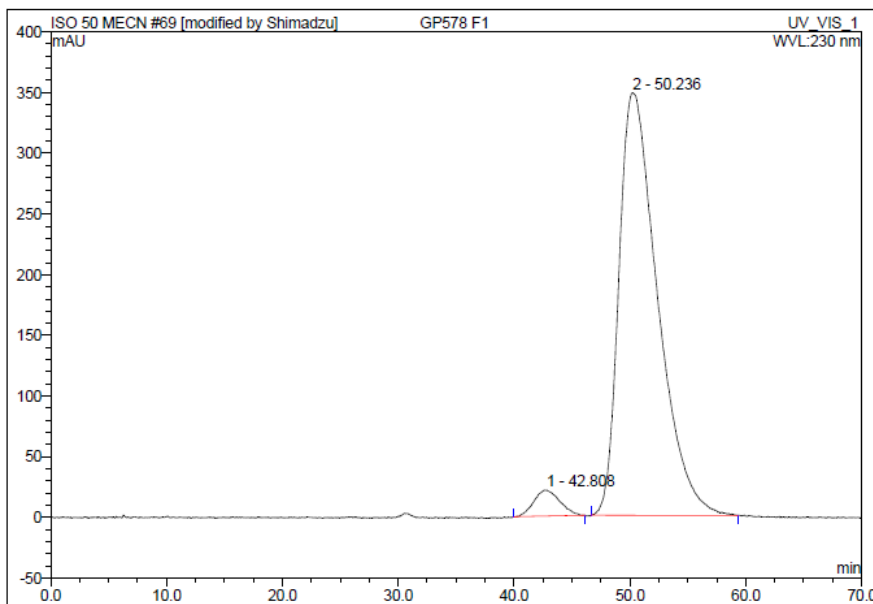
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1	22.16	n.a.	2511.561	3130.746	86.65	n.a.	BM *
2	26.04	n.a.	392.916	482.445	13.35	n.a.	MB*
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Racemic 2p



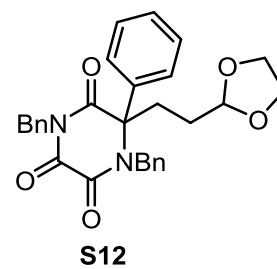
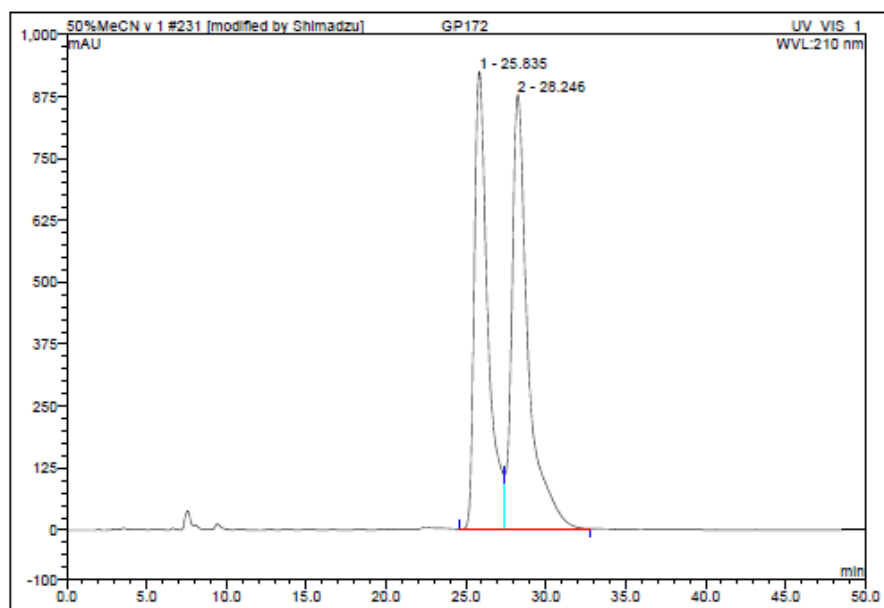
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2	51.54	n.a.	102.868	373.771	49.69	n.a.	BMB*
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Enantioenriched 2p



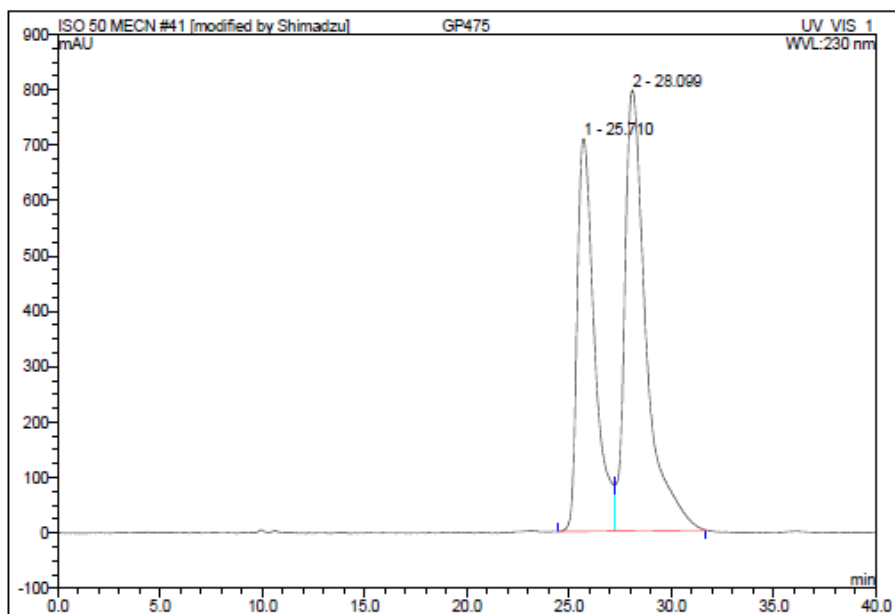
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1	42.81	n.a.	21.362	54.970	3.93	n.a.	BMB*
2	50.24	n.a.	348.274	1343.057	96.07	n.a.	BMB*
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Racemic S12



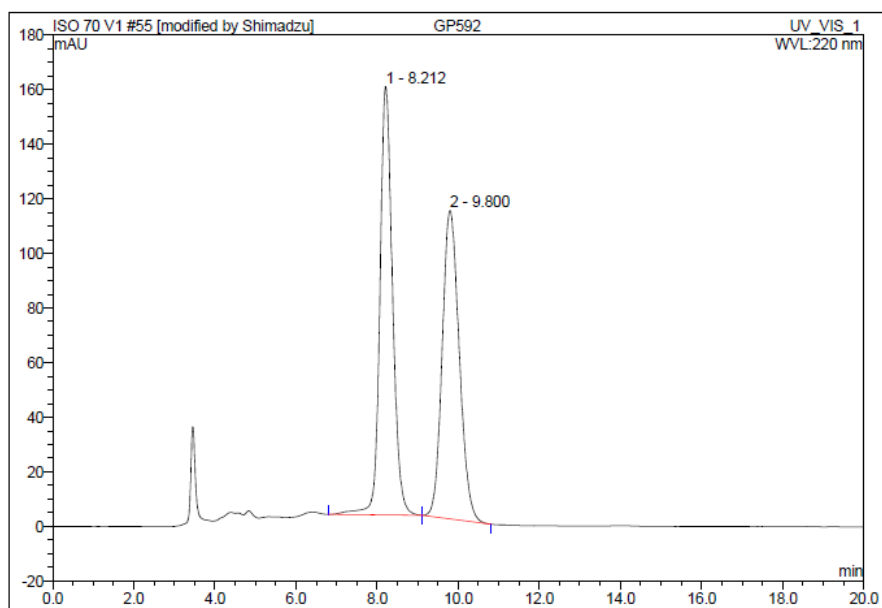
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1	25.84	n.a.	923.568	905.571	46.59	n.a.	BM *
2	28.25	n.a.	876.679	1038.263	53.41	n.a.	M *
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Enantioenriched S12

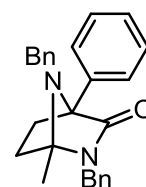


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1	25.71	n.a.	708.926	700.257	41.99	n.a.	BM
2	28.10	n.a.	795.741	967.366	58.01	n.a.	MB
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Racemic 4a

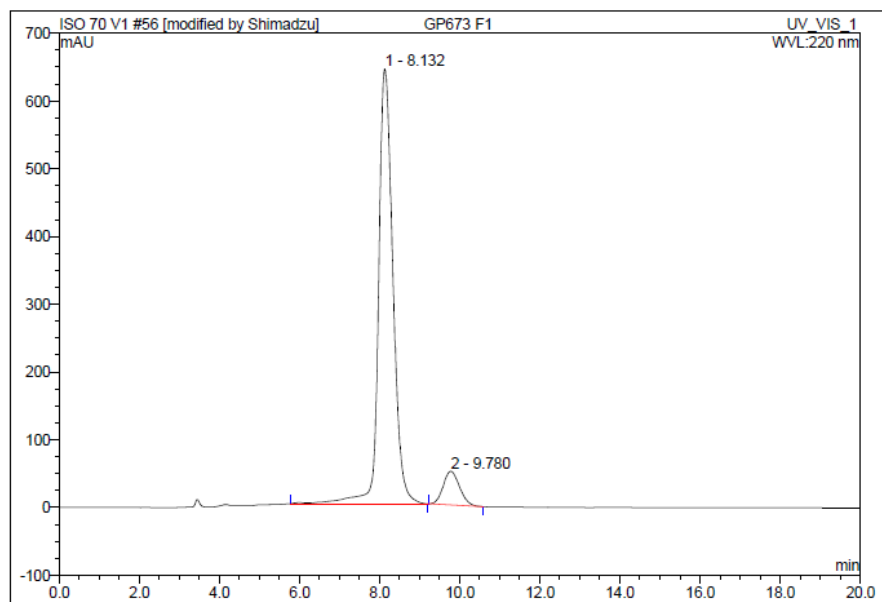


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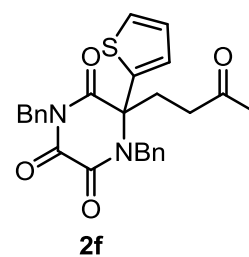
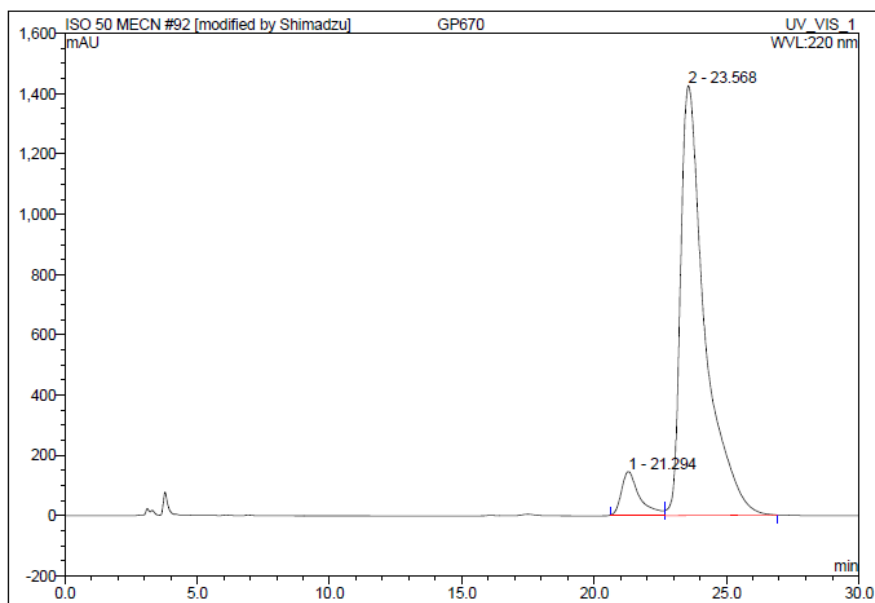
4a

Enantioenriched 4a



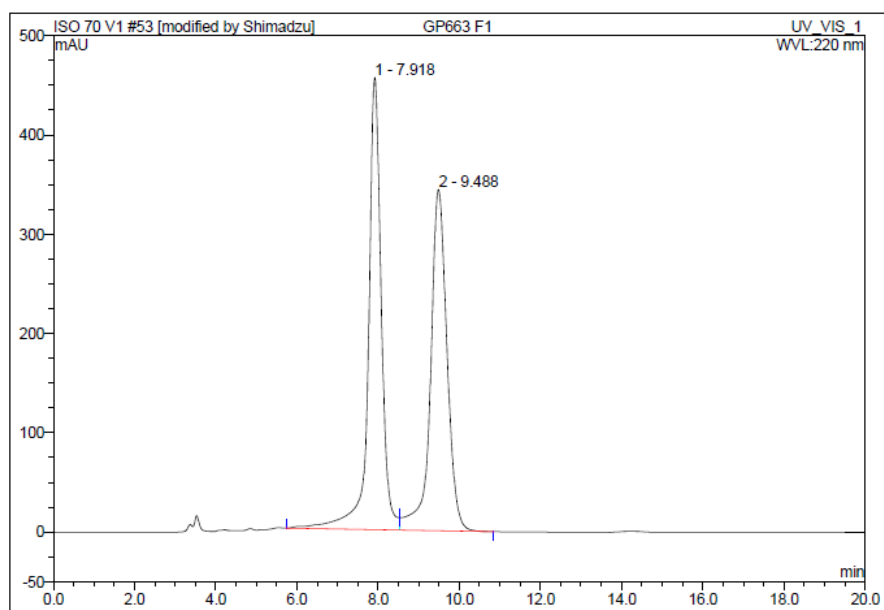
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1	8.13	n.a.	641.599	267.022	91.89	n.a.	MB*
2	9.78	n.a.	49.709	23.556	8.11	n.a.	BMB
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Enantioenriched sample of **2f** used to generate diazabicyclic **4f**

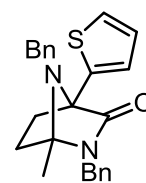


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1	21.29	n.a.	144.430	113.348	6.95	n.a.	BM *
2	23.57	n.a.	1426.436	1516.427	93.05	n.a.	MB*
Total:			1570.867	1629.776	100.00	0.000	

Racemic 4f

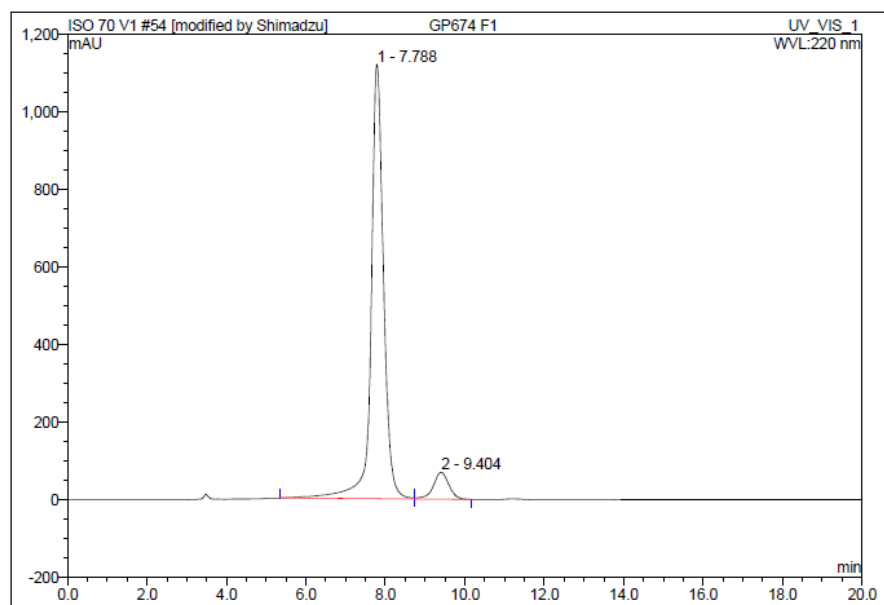


No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Type
1	7.92	n.a.	455.326	168.503	50.97	n.a.	BM
2	9.49	n.a.	343.722	162.098	49.03	n.a.	MB
Total:			799.047	330.601	100.00	0.000	



4f

Enantioenriched 4f



No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Type
1	7.79	n.a.	1120.559	406.547	92.86	n.a.	BM *
2	9.40	n.a.	69.116	31.260	7.14	n.a.	MB*
Total:			1189.675	437.807	100.00	0.000	

X-ray Crystal Structures

The datasets were measured on an Agilent SuperNova diffractometer using an Atlas detector. The data collections were driven and processed and absorption corrections were applied using CrysAlisPro.^[S1] The structure of **2f** was solved using ShelXT^[S2] and that of **4a** was solved using ShelXS^[S3] and both structures were refined by a full-matrix least-squares procedure on F^2 in ShelXL.^[S4] All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. All hydrogen atoms were added at calculated positions and refined by use of a riding model with isotropic displacement parameters based on the equivalent isotropic displacement parameter (U_{eq}) of the parent atom. Figures and reports were produced using OLEX2.^[S5]

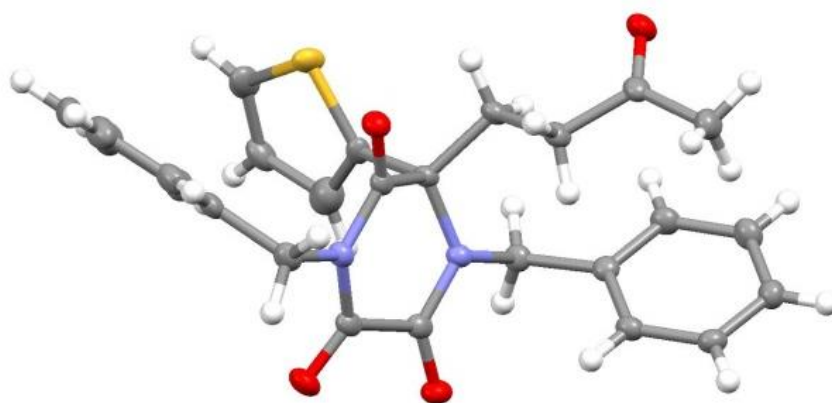
The structure of **2f** occupies a chiral space group and the absolute structure has been determined from the diffraction data, with the Flack parameter being -0.004 (6).

In **2f** the thiophene ring, C(7)-S(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11), (C(7')-S(8')-C(9')-C(10')-C(11')) is disordered over two positions at a refined percentage occupancy ratio of 63.9(3) : 36.1(3).

The structure of **4a** occupies a centrosymmetric space group. Thus in one molecule in the unit cell C(6) is *R* and C(9) is *S* while in the other molecule C(6) is *S* and C(9) is *R*. The relative stereochemistry is the same in all molecules.

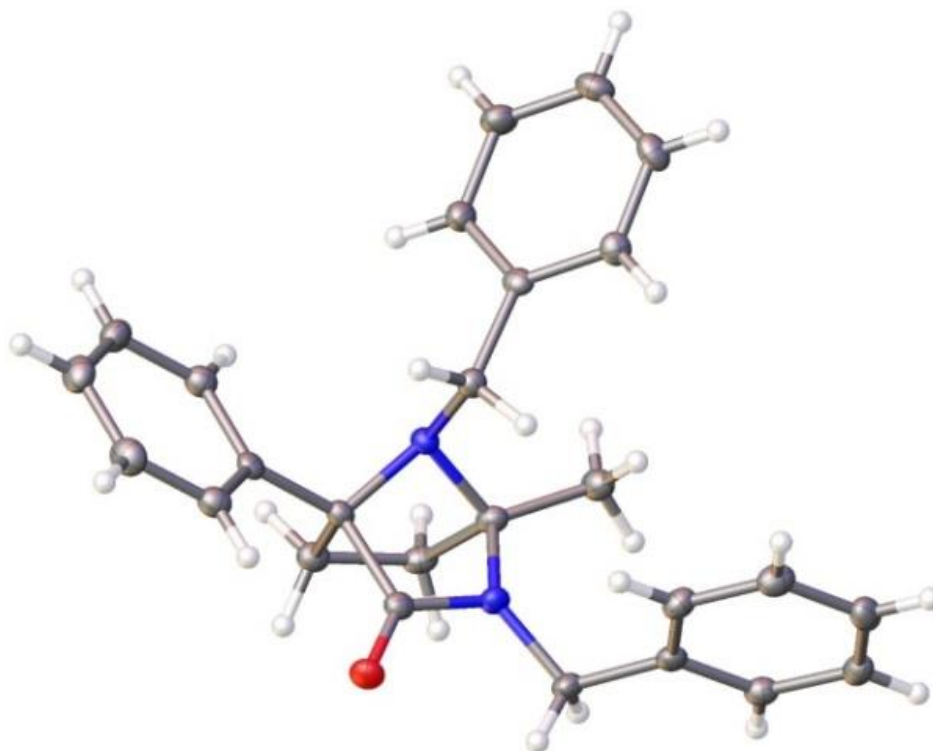
The CIFs for the crystal structures of **2f** and **4a** have been deposited with the CCDC and have been given the deposition numbers: CCDC 1880502 and CCDC 1880503 respectively.

Crystal structure determination of **2f**:



Crystal Data for $C_{26}H_{24}N_2O_4S$ ($M = 460.53$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $a = 7.27000(10)$ Å, $b = 11.16340(10)$ Å, $c = 14.17310(10)$ Å, $\beta = 96.9580(10)^\circ$, $V = 1141.79(2)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $T = 100.01(10)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.556$ mm⁻¹, $D_{calc} = 1.340$ g/cm³, 21276 reflections measured ($12.264^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 144.218^\circ$), 4388 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0209$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0147$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0227 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0582 (all data). Flack = -0.004(6).

Crystal structure determination of **4a**:



Crystal Data for $C_{26}H_{26}N_2O$ ($M = 382.49$ g/mol): triclinic, space group P-1 (no. 2), $a = 9.9803(5)$ Å, $b = 10.7055(5)$ Å, $c = 11.0770(7)$ Å, $\alpha = 76.953(5)^\circ$, $\beta = 64.440(6)^\circ$, $\gamma = 72.474(4)^\circ$, $V = 1011.80(11)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $T = 100.01(10)$ K, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.076$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.255$ g/cm³, 8126 reflections measured ($7.212^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 53.462^\circ$), 4266 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0201$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0362$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0451 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1063 (all data).

[S1] CrysAlisPro, Agilent Technologies, Version 1.171.36.28, **2013**.

[S2] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* **2015**, A71, 3-8.

[S3] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* **2008**, A64, 112-122.

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[S5] Dolomanov, O. V.; Bourhis, L. J.; Gildea, R. J.; Howard J. A. K.; Puschmann, H. *J. Appl. Crystallogr.* **2009**, 42, 339-341.