

Proline derived Guanidine catalysts forge extensive H-bonded architectures: A solution and solid state study.

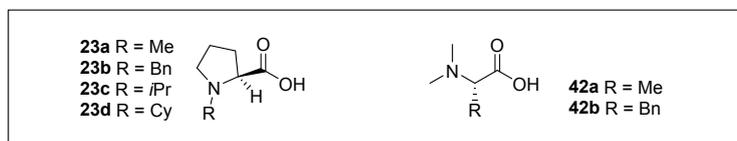
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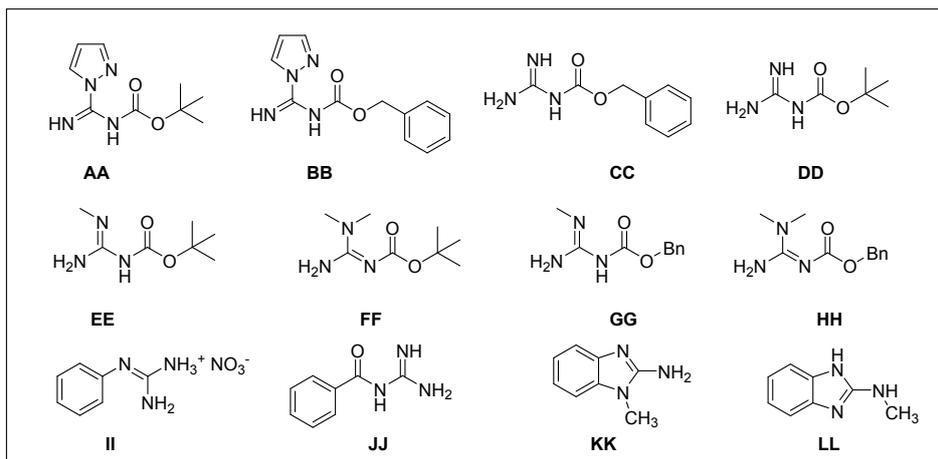
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Appendix I: NMR, IR, MS and HPLC data.

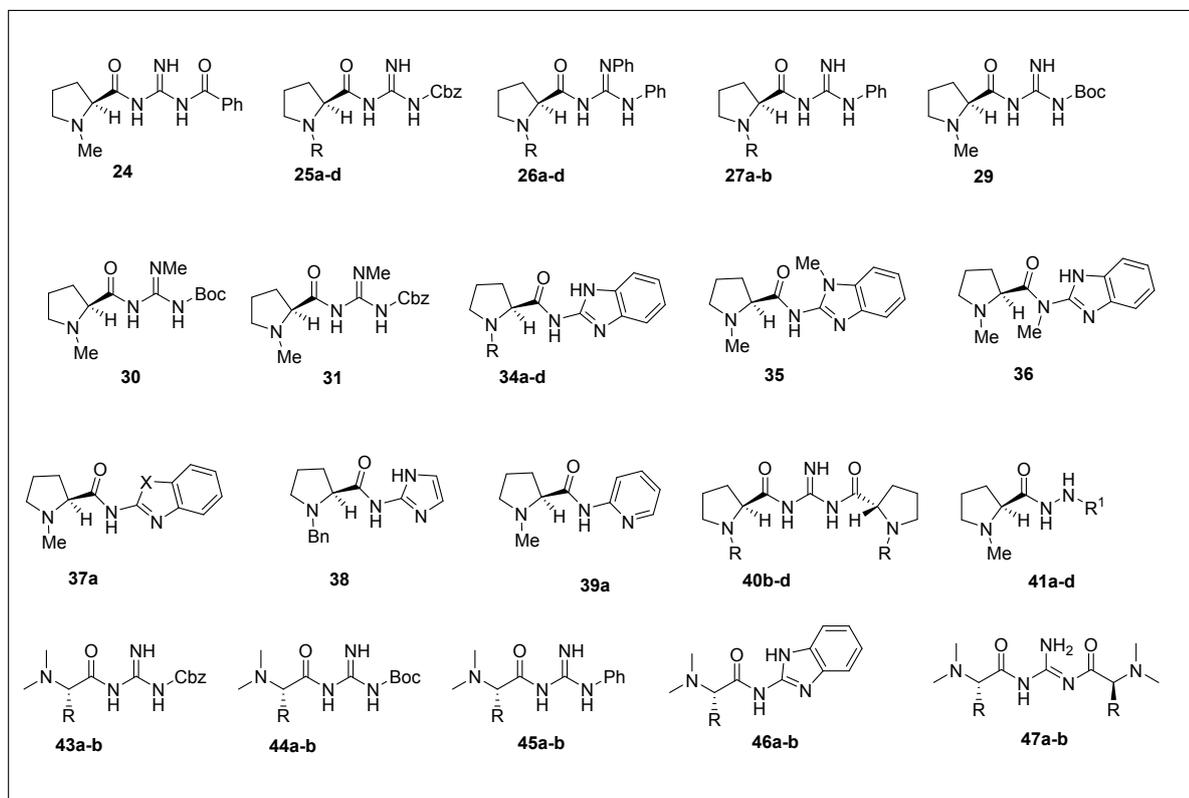
List of compounds



Amino acid derivatives



Guanidine derivatives



Catalysis structure

Experimental details

Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (particle size 40e63 mm) and TLCs were conducted on precoated Kieselgel 60 F254 (Art. 5554; Merck) with the eluent specified in each case. All non-aqueous reactions were conducted in oven-dried apparatus under a static atmosphere of nitrogen. Diethyl ether (DE), THF and dichloromethane (DCM) were dried on a Pure Solv MD-3 solvent purification system. Dry methanol (ME) and DMF were purchased from Aldrich. Chemical shifts are reported in δ values relative to the solvent signals as an internal standard. Proton and carbon were recorded in CDCl_3 unless otherwise stated on a Bruker, AC400 spectrometer. Mass spectra data were obtained at the EPSRC Mass Spectrometry Service Centre at the University of Wales, Swansea. Infrared spectra were recorded as thin films (oils) on a Bruker Tensor 27 series instrument.

Abbreviations

DE = Diethyl ether

EA = Ethyl acetate

PE = Petroleum ether

CF = Chloroform

ME = Methanol

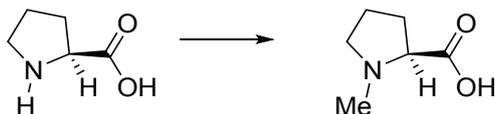
DCM = Dichloromethane

DMF = Dimethylformamide

THF = Tetrahydrofuran

Compounds **AA**,¹ **BB**,² and **JJ**³ were prepared by previously reported procedures. Other guanidine and amidine derivatives were prepared by the modified literature procedures given below.

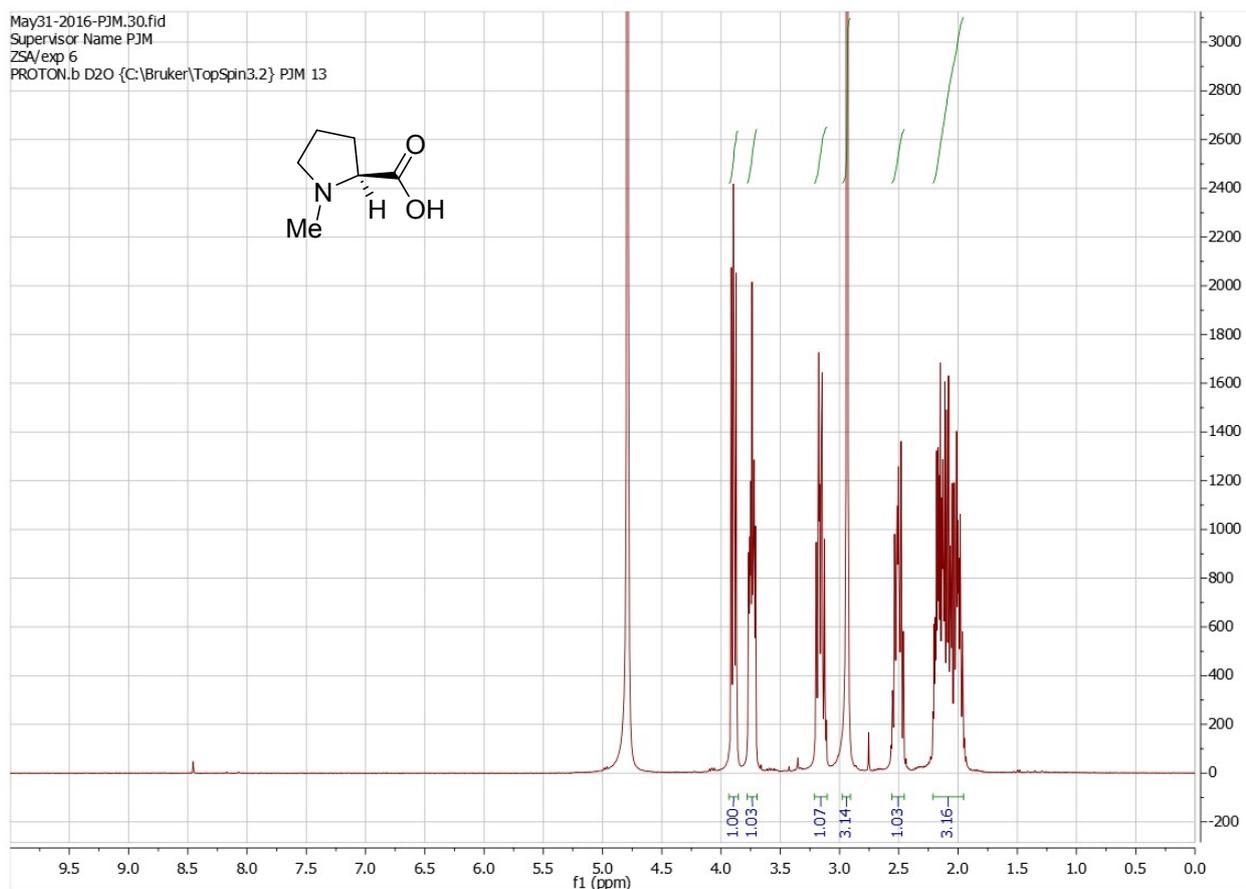
N-methyl-*L*-proline **23a**⁴



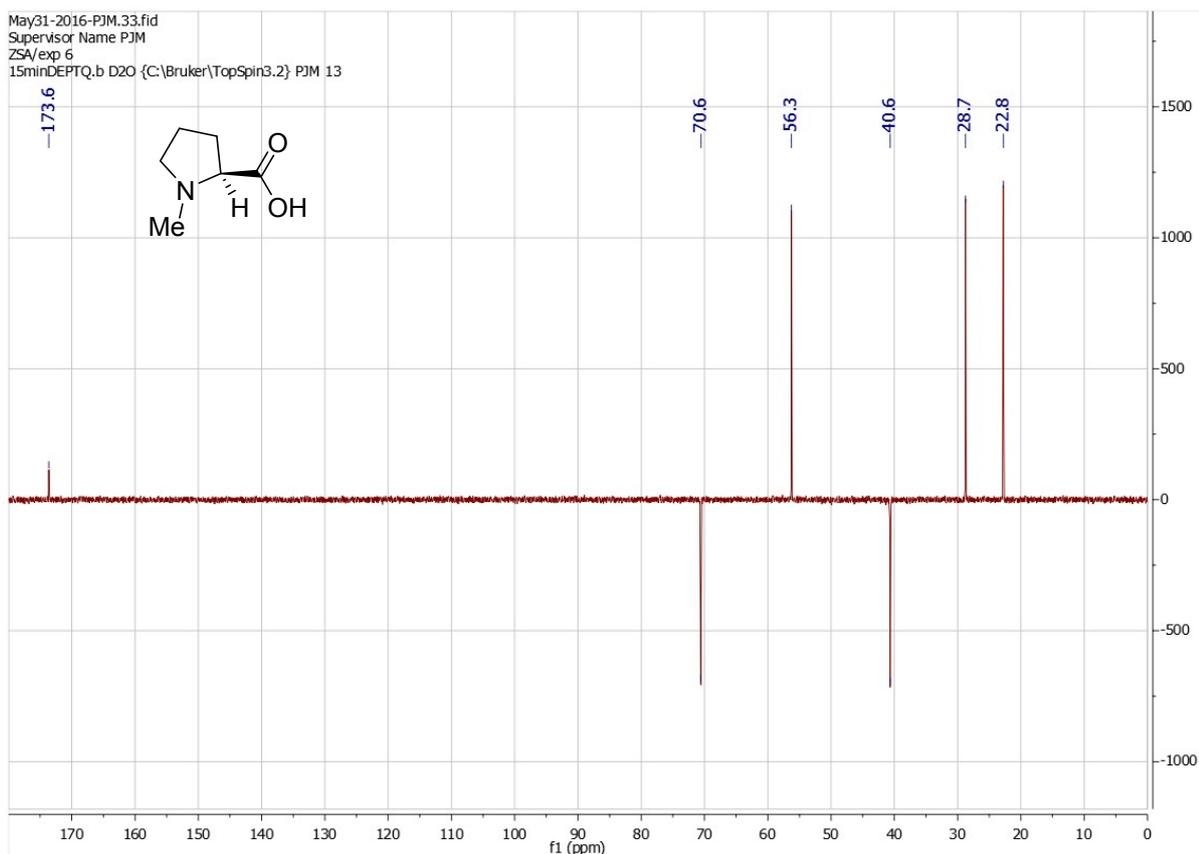
L-proline (10.0 g, 86.7 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (100 mL) together with formaldehyde (37 % aqueous, 7.6 mL, 95.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred. The flask was purged with N₂ gas and 10% Pd/C (0.43 g) was added following which the flask was purged with hydrogen gas (balloon) and stirred overnight. The solution was filtered through Celite© and evaporated to dryness and the solid obtained dissolved in a minimum of methanol (ca 50 mL) and diethyl ether was added to the cloud point (ca 1 mL). The solution was cooled overnight in a freezer to give crystal of **23a**, which were removed by decanting the mother liquor. After drying under high vacuum the title compound **23a** (11.1 g, 85.9 mmol) was obtained as a white crystalline solid in 99 % yield.

R_f 0.23 (90% ME/DE); **Mp** 142-144 °C (lit.^{4a} Mp 142-145 °C); [α]_D²² -84.0 (MeOH, c = 2.0); (lit. [α]_D²³ -78.0 (MeOH, c = 2.0)); δ_{H} (D₂O) 3.78 (1H, dd, *J* 9.0, 7.2 Hz, CH), 3.56-3.52 (1H, m, CH), 2.99-2.90 (1H, m, CH), 2.75 (3H, s, Me), 2.35-2.29 (1H, m, CH), 2.00-1.79 (3H, m, CH); δ_{C} (D₂O) 173.6, 70.6, 56.3, 40.6, 28.7, 22.7; ν_{max} (KBr disk) 2900, 1668, 1611, 1467, 1400, 1353, 1326, 1233, 1182, 1112, 1055, 1024, 807, 774 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI, -ve ion)** *m/z* 128.01 (100 %, [M-H]⁻); **HRMS** *m/z* found 128.0720, C₆H₁₀NO₂ ([M-H]⁻) requires 128.0717.

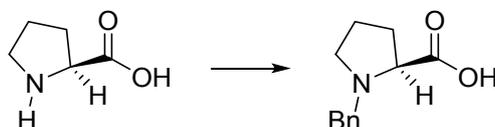
N-methyl-*L*-proline **23a**⁴: ¹H NMR (D₂O)



N-methyl-*L*-proline **23a**⁴: ¹³C NMR (D₂O)



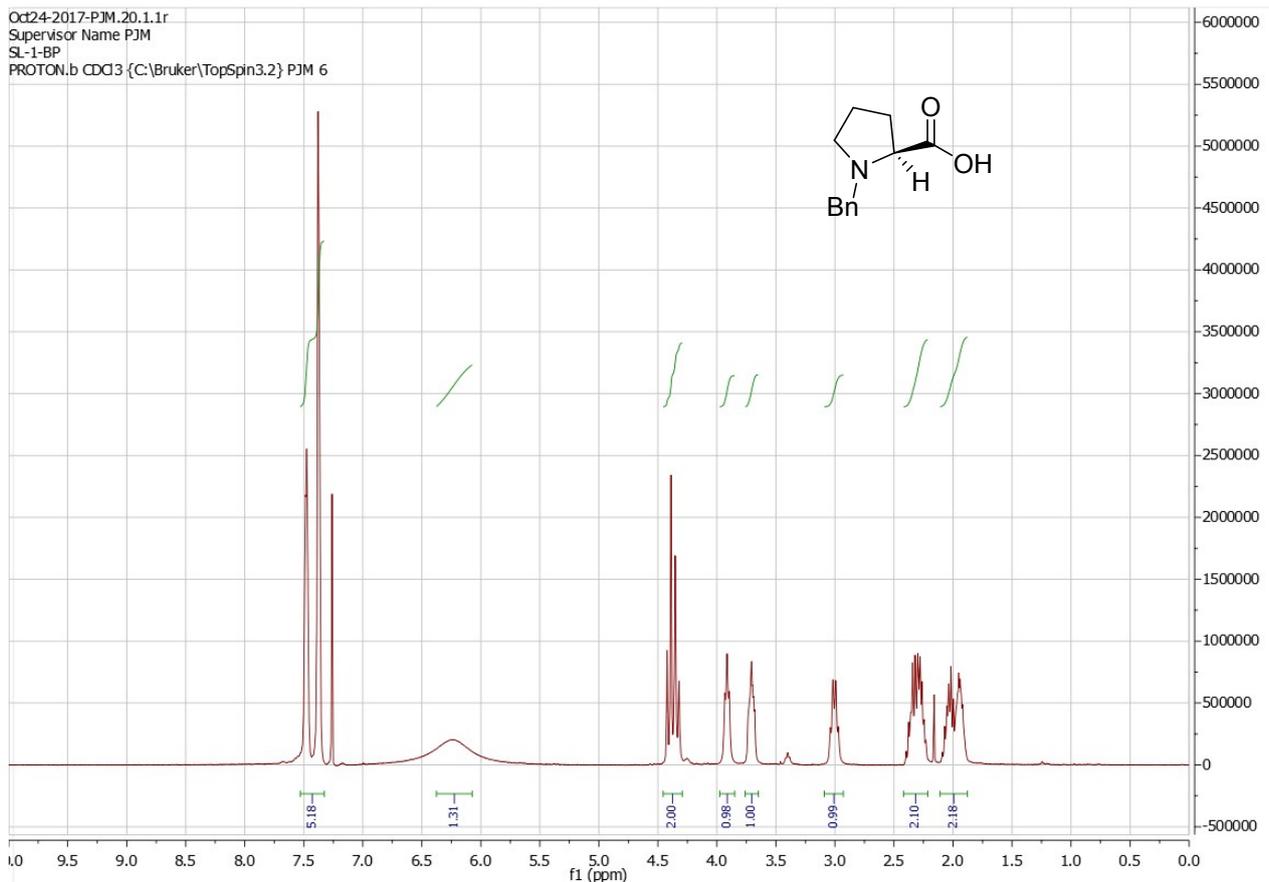
N-benzyl-*L*-proline **23b**^{4a}



L-Proline (10.00 g, 86.86 mmol) and KOH (14.7 g, 262.06 mmol, 3.02 equiv.) were dissolved in *i*-PrOH (1 L) and heated with stirring to 40 °C. As soon as the solution became transparent, benzyl chloride (12.03 g, 10.94 mL, 95.02 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added in a dropwise fashion over 3 h. After 24 h, the reaction was cooled to rt and neutralized using HCl (conc.) to 5-6 pH and chloroform (100 mL) was added and the mixture stirred overnight. The reaction was then filtered and the residue washed with CHCl₃. The filtrate was evaporated to give the crude product which was triturated with acetone (100 mL) and filtered and the solid product washed with further small portions of acetone. The solid obtained was dried under vacuum (P₂O₅) for two days to give the product **23b** (8.20 g, 40.0 mmol) as a pale yellow solid in 46 % yield.

R_f 0.36 (80% ME/EA); **Mp** 170-171 °C (lit.^{4a} Mp 174-175 °C); **[α]_D¹⁹** -22.5 (EtOH, c = 1.0; lit. **[α]_D²⁰** -25.8 (EtOH, c = 1.0)); **δ_H** (CDCl₃) 7.51-7.44 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 7.41-7.35 (3H, m, 3 x CH), 5.84 (1H, br s OH), 4.39 (1H, d, *J* 12.9 Hz, CH), 4.31 (1H, d, *J* 12.9 Hz, CH), 3.98-3.85 (1H, m, CH), 3.71-3.60 (1H, m, CH), 3.10-2.93 (1H, m, CH), 2.42-2.21 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 2.10-1.88 (2H, m, 2 x CH); **δ_C** (CDCl₃) 171.1, 130.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 67.0, 57.6, 53.3, 28.7, 22.8; **ν_{max}** (KBr disk) 3432, 3036, 2873, 1745, 1634, 1394, 1321, 1203, 1005 cm⁻¹; **MS(ES, -ve)** **m/z** 204.1 (100 %, [M-H]⁻) **MS(ES)** **m/z**, (206.1, 100%, [M+H]⁺); **HRMS(ESI)** **m/z** found 204.1030, C₁₂H₁₄NO₂ ([M-H]⁻) requires 204.1030.

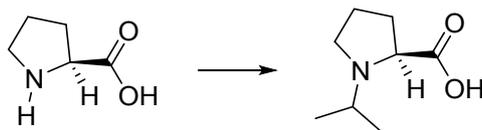
N-benzyl-*L*-proline 23b^{4a}: ¹H NMR



N-benzyl-*L*-proline 23b^{4a}: ¹³C NMR



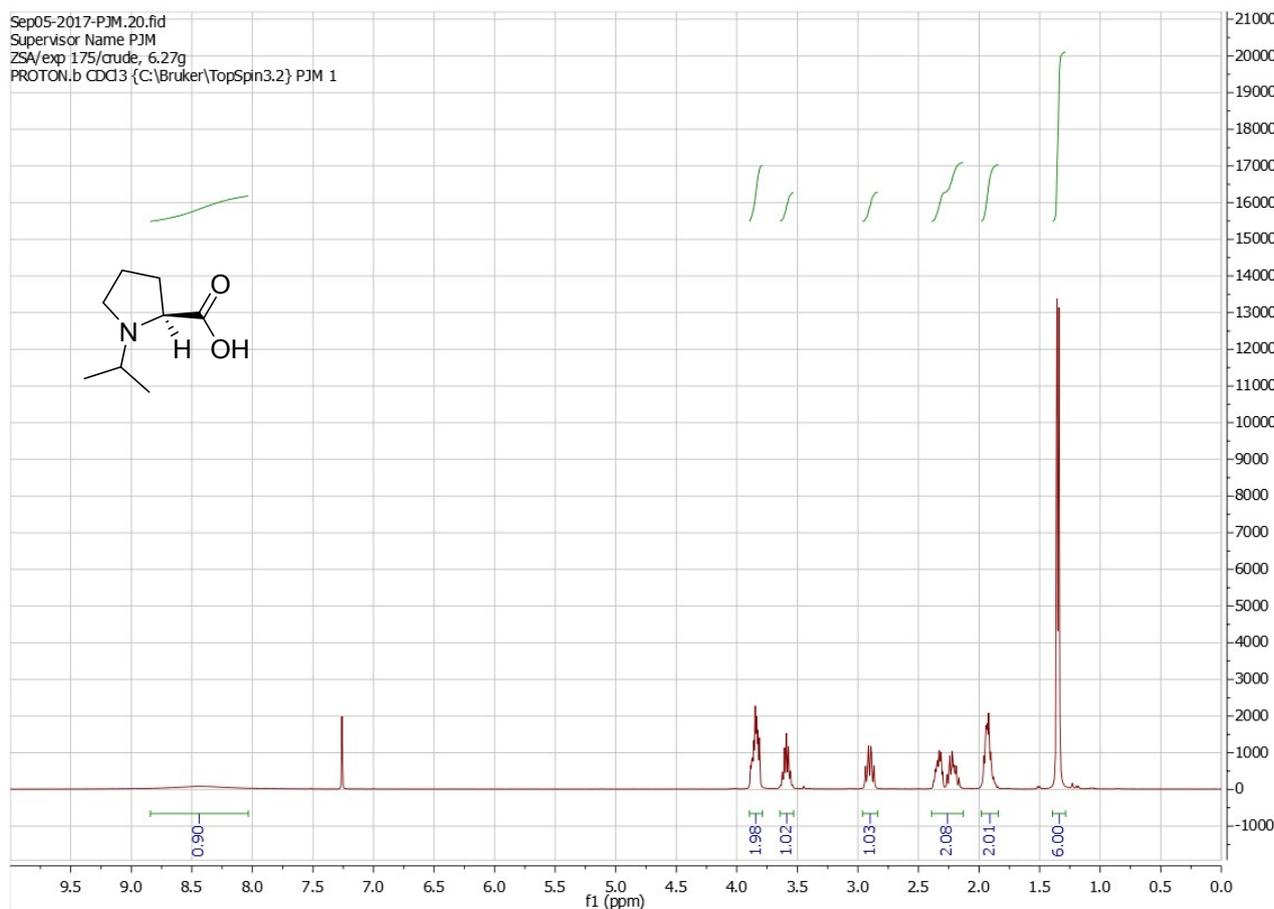
N-isopropyl-*L*-proline **23c**⁵



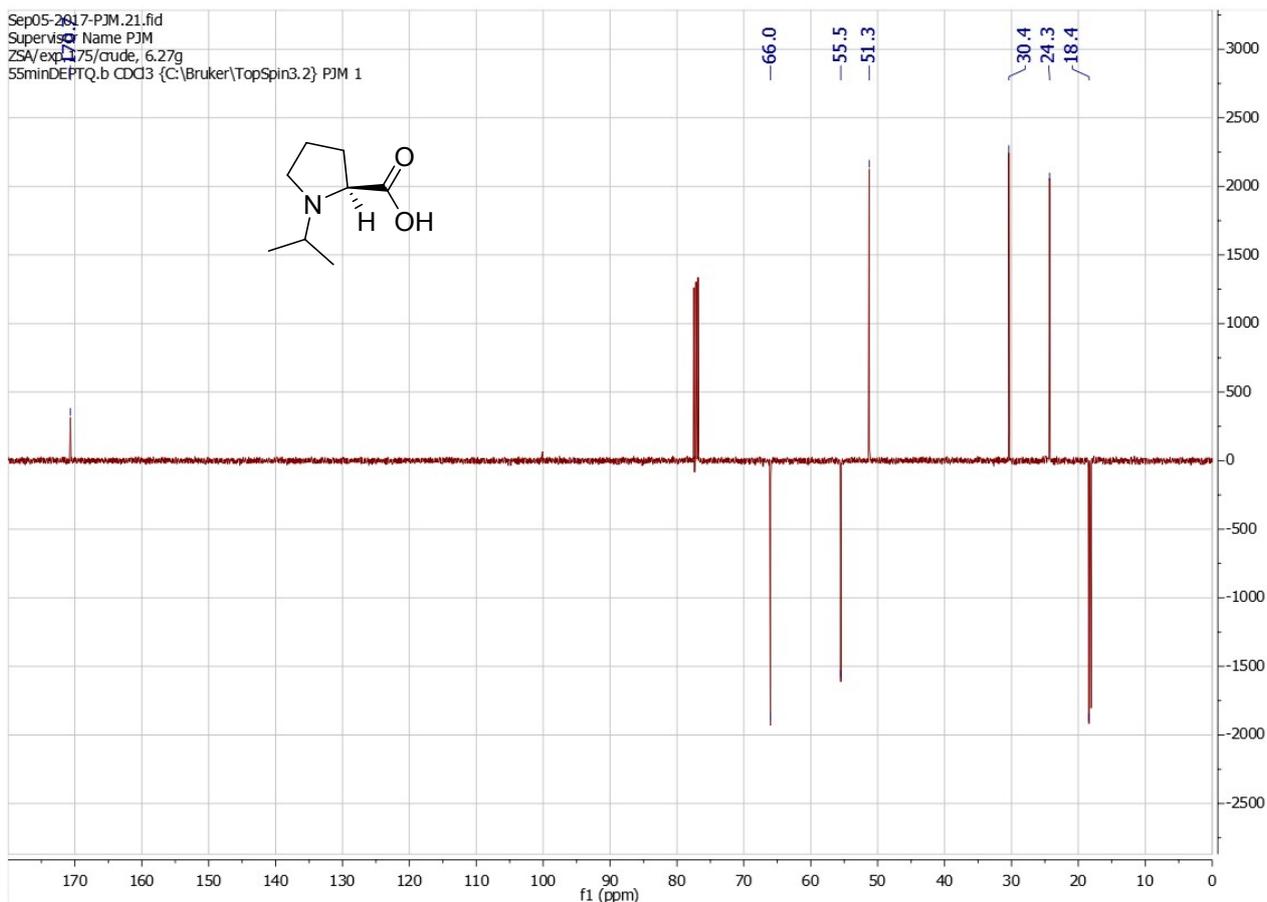
Acetone (16.6 g, 19.0 mL, 260.57 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added to *L*-proline (6.0 g, 52.11 mmol) and stirred for 1 h, following which dry MeOH (10 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for a further 1 h. Pd/C (0.5 g, 4.53 mmol) was cautiously added and the mixture purged with hydrogen gas and was stirred for 42 h replenishing the hydrogen as needed. The reaction was filtered through Celite© and evaporated to dryness to give a crude product which was re-dissolved in a minimum amount of methanol and the product precipitated by the addition of DE to give **23c** (7.78 g, 49.5 mmol) as yellow crystals in 95% yield.

R_f 0.21 (50 % ME/DE); **Mp** 189 °C; **[α]_D¹⁸** -68.1 (MeOH, c 1.28; Lit.⁵ **[α]_D²⁰** -55.0 (MeOH, c = 1.28)); **δ_H** 3.67 (1H, dd, *J* 4.7, 8.1 Hz, CH), 3.50 (1H, ddd, 2.7, 7.1, 11.0, CH), 3.37 (1H, septet, *J* 6.4 Hz, CH), 2.97 (1H, app dt, *J* 11.0, 6.6, CH), 1.96-2.05 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.79-1.89 (1H, m, CH), 1.52-1.67 (1H, m, CH), 1.19 (3H, d, *J* 6.4 Hz, Me), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* 6.4 Hz, Me); **δ_C** 70.7, 66.0, 55.5, 51.3, 30.4, 24.3, 18.4, 18.1; **v_{max}** (KBr disk) 3432, 3036, 2873, 1634, 1394, 1321, 1203, 1080, 1005 cm⁻¹; **MS(EI, -ve)** *m/z* 156.1 (100 %, [M-H]⁻); **MS(ESI)** *m/z* 158.1 (100 %, [M+H]⁺); **HRMS(ESI)** *m/z* found 156.1032, C₈H₁₄NO₂ ([M-H]⁻) requires 156.1030.

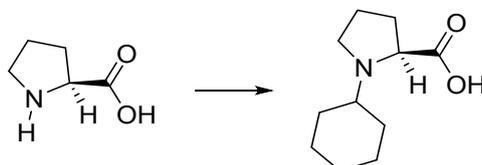
N-isopropyl-*L*-proline **23c**⁵: ¹H NMR



N-isopropyl-*L*-proline **23c**⁵: ¹³C NMR



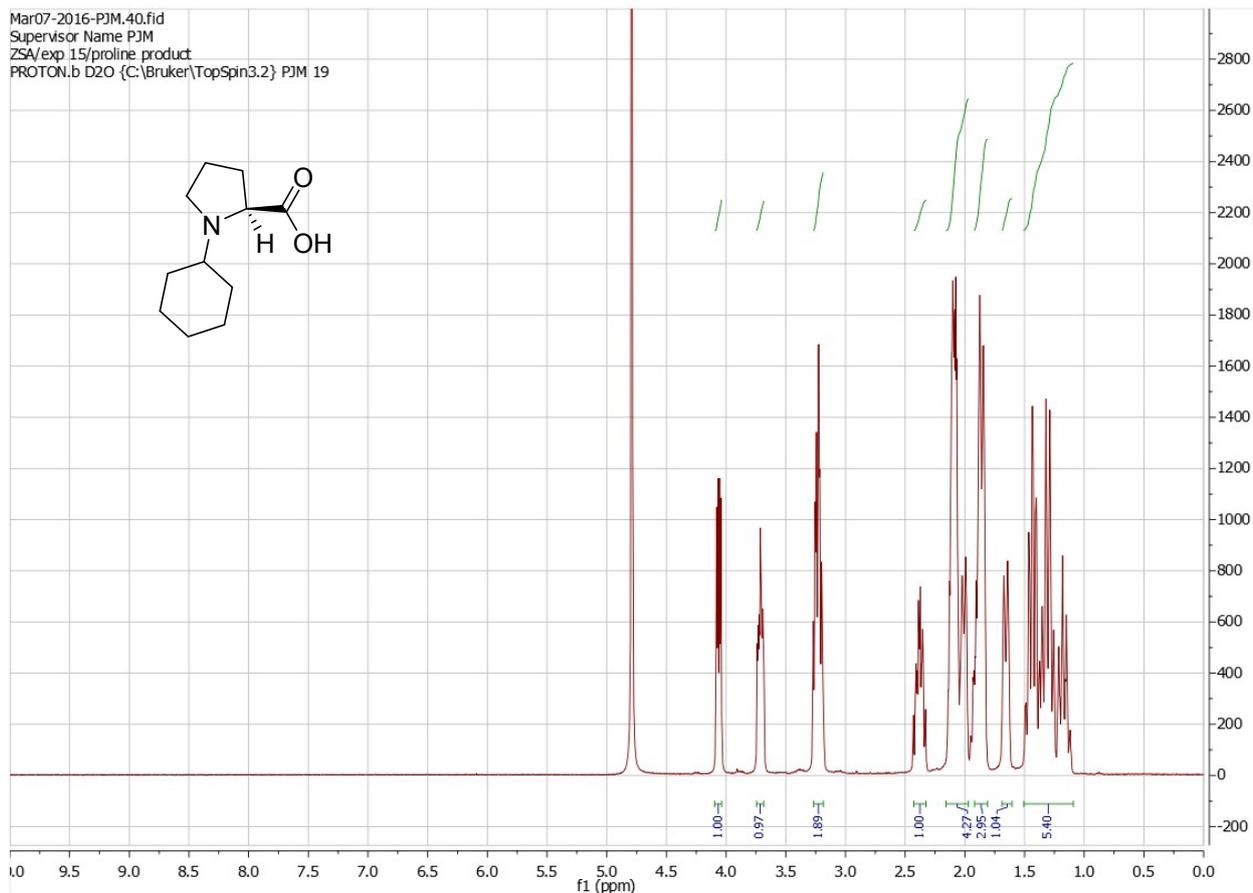
N-cyclohexyl-*L*-proline **23d**⁶



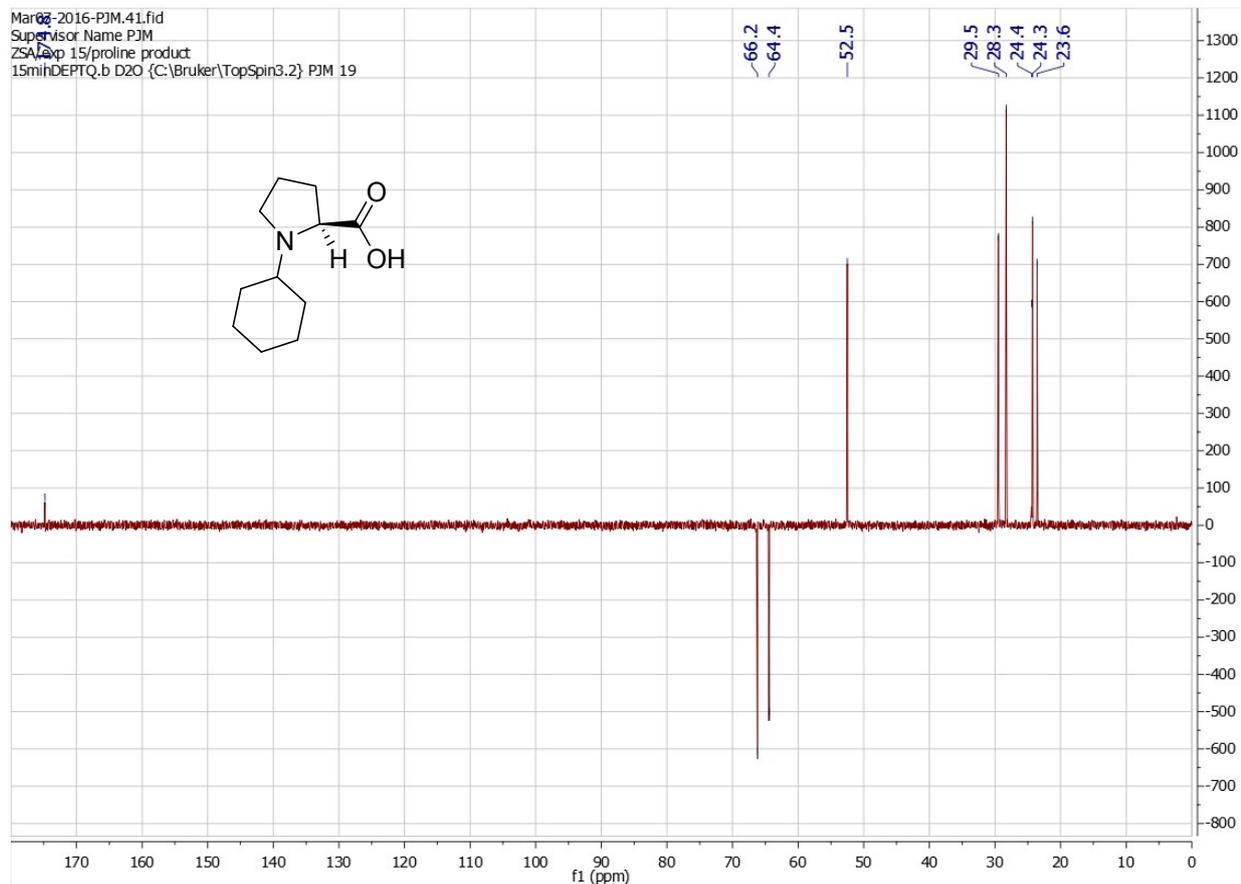
Methanol (100 mL) was added to Pd/C (10 %, 0.50 g) in a dry 500 mL RBF under a nitrogen atmosphere. *L*-Proline (11.5 g, 99.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and cyclohexanone (10.8 g, 11.4 mL, 109.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were then added and the reaction flask evacuated under reduced pressure and hydrogen gas was introduced (balloons). The mixture was vigorously stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere (balloons replaced as needed) overnight. The reaction was filtered through a Celite© pad which was washed with further methanol (excess). The filtrate was evaporated under reduce pressure to give **23d** (18.95 g, 96.1 mmol) as an off-white solid in 96% yield.

Rf 0.25 (5% MeOH/EtOAc); **Mp** 180-183 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ - 36.5 (MeOH, $c = 2.8$); δ_H (D₂O) 4.06 (1H, dd, J 10.0, 4.7 Hz, CH), 3.74-3.69 (1H, m, CH), 3.27-3.19 (2H, m, CH), 2.43-3.33 (1H, m, CH), 1.14-1.99 (4H, m, 4 x CH), 1.93-1.83 (3H, m, 3 x CH), 1.68-1.63 (1H, m, CH), 1.50-1.11 (5H, m, 5 x CH); δ_C (D₂O) 174.8, 66.2, 64.4, 52.5, 29.5, 28.3, 24.4, 24.3, 23.6; ν_{max} 3401, 3027, 2967, 2874, 2812, 1656, 1385; **MS(EI -ve)** m/z 196.1 (100 %, [M-H]⁻); **HRMS(ES -ve)** m/z found 196.1343, C₁₁H₁₈NO₂ ([M-H]⁻) requires 196.1343.

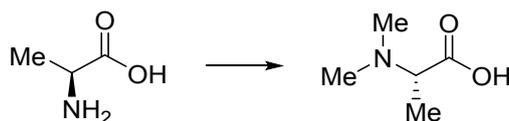
N-cyclohexyl-*L*-proline 23d⁶: ¹H NMR (D₂O)



N-cyclohexyl-*L*-proline 23d⁶: ¹³C NMR (D₂O)



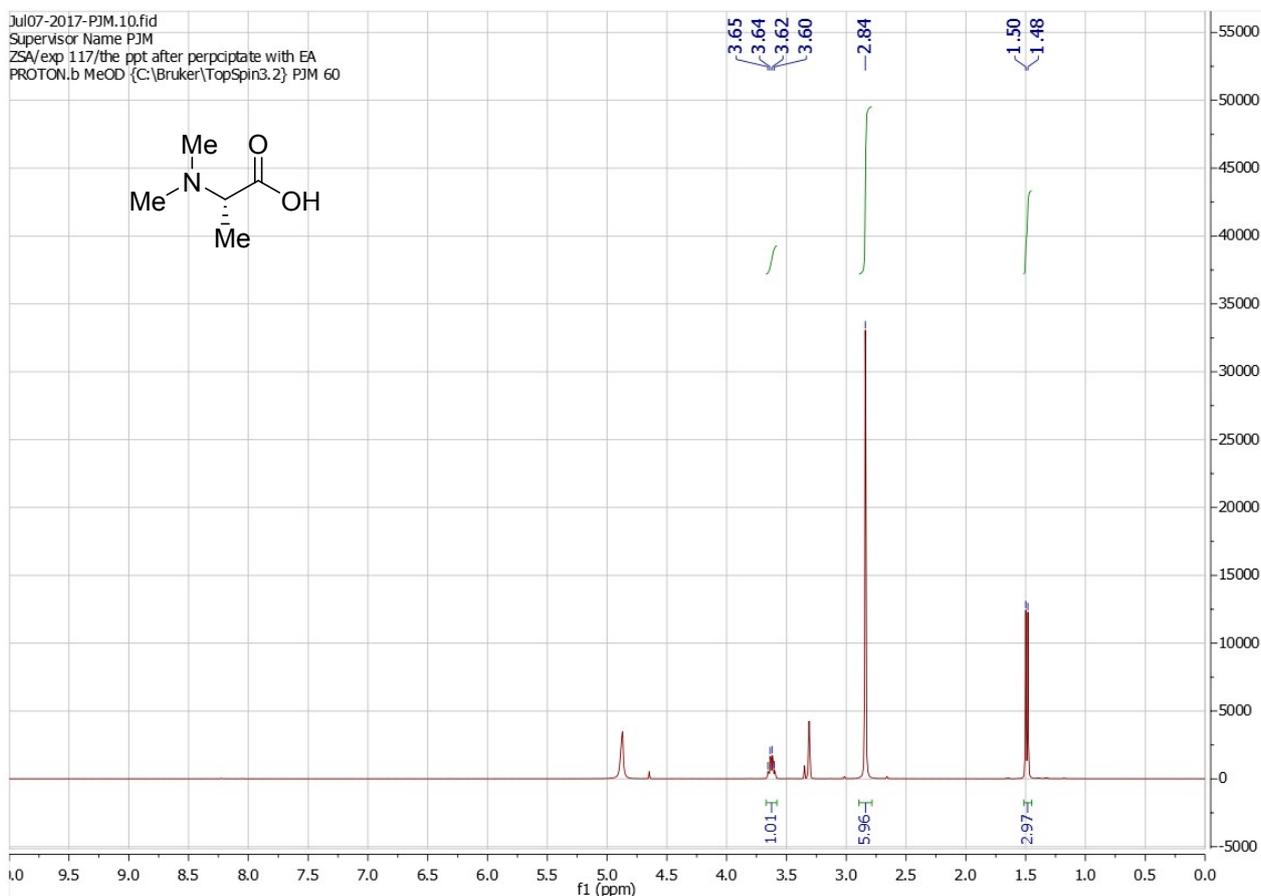
N,N-dimethyl-*L*-alanine **42a**^{7a}



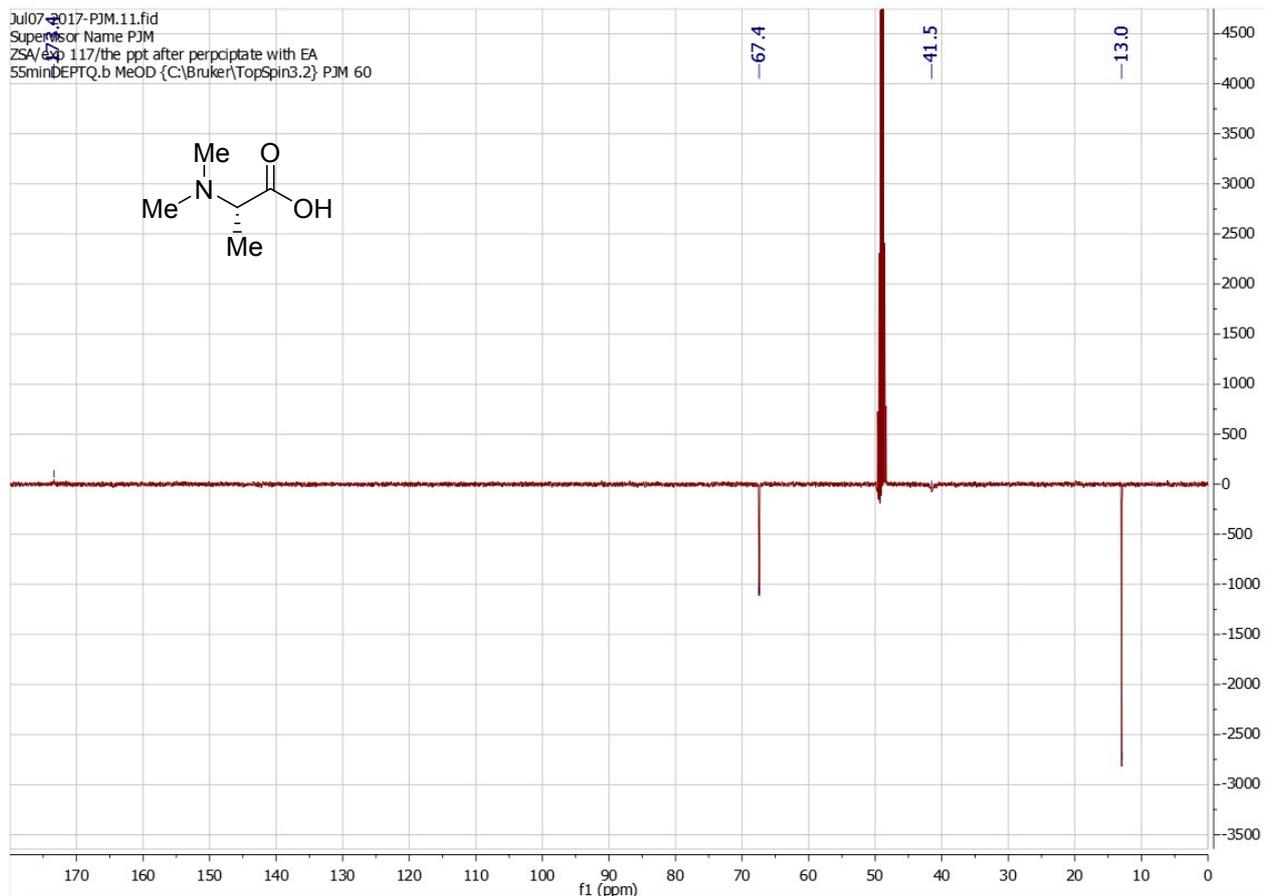
To a suspension of *L*-alanine (20.0 g, 0.225 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in water (100 mL) was added aqueous formaldehyde 37% w/w (52.8 g, 0.65 mol, 64.8 mL, 2.9 equiv.) and palladium on charcoal (6.0 g, 10%). The flask was purged with nitrogen and then saturated with hydrogen under balloon pressure. After purging and back-filling with hydrogen three times, the reaction mixture was stirred under hydrogen at rt and atmospheric pressure for 7 days. Upon completion, the resulting aqueous slurry was heated to reflux for 30 min and then filtered while hot. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and azeotroped repeatedly with toluene to afford a white solid. The crude product was dissolved in a hot EtOH/acetone (20 mL/150 mL) mixture, then cooled overnight in a freezer. The cooled mixture was then diluted with PE until the cloud point, then kept in the freezer overnight. An initial crop of **42a** (15.4 g) was obtained as a white solid. After evaporation and recrystallization of the product in the same manner a second crop (8.53 g) was obtained. Repetition of this gave a third crop (5.33 g, 20%) to give an overall yield of 79 % (29.3 g).

Mp 184-185 °C (Lit.^{7a} 184 °C); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ 8.3 (H₂O, c = 5.0, Lit^{7b} 7.8 (H₂O, c = 5)); δ_H (CD₃OD) 3.63 (1H, q, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH), 2.84 (6H, s, 2 x CH₃), 1.49 (3H, d, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH₃); δ_C (CD₃OD) 173.4, 67.4, 41.5, 13.0; ν_{max} 2939, 1596, 1329; **MS (ESI -ve)** *m/z* 59.0 (100 %), 116.1 ([M-H]⁻, 6 %), **HRMS (ESI -ve)** *m/z* found 116.0718, C₅H₁₀NO₂ ([M-H]⁻) requires 116.0717.

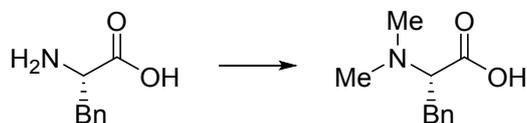
N,N-dimethyl-*L*-alanine **42a**^{7a}: ¹H NMR (CD₃OD)



N,N-dimethyl-*L*-alanine **42a**^{7a}: ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD)



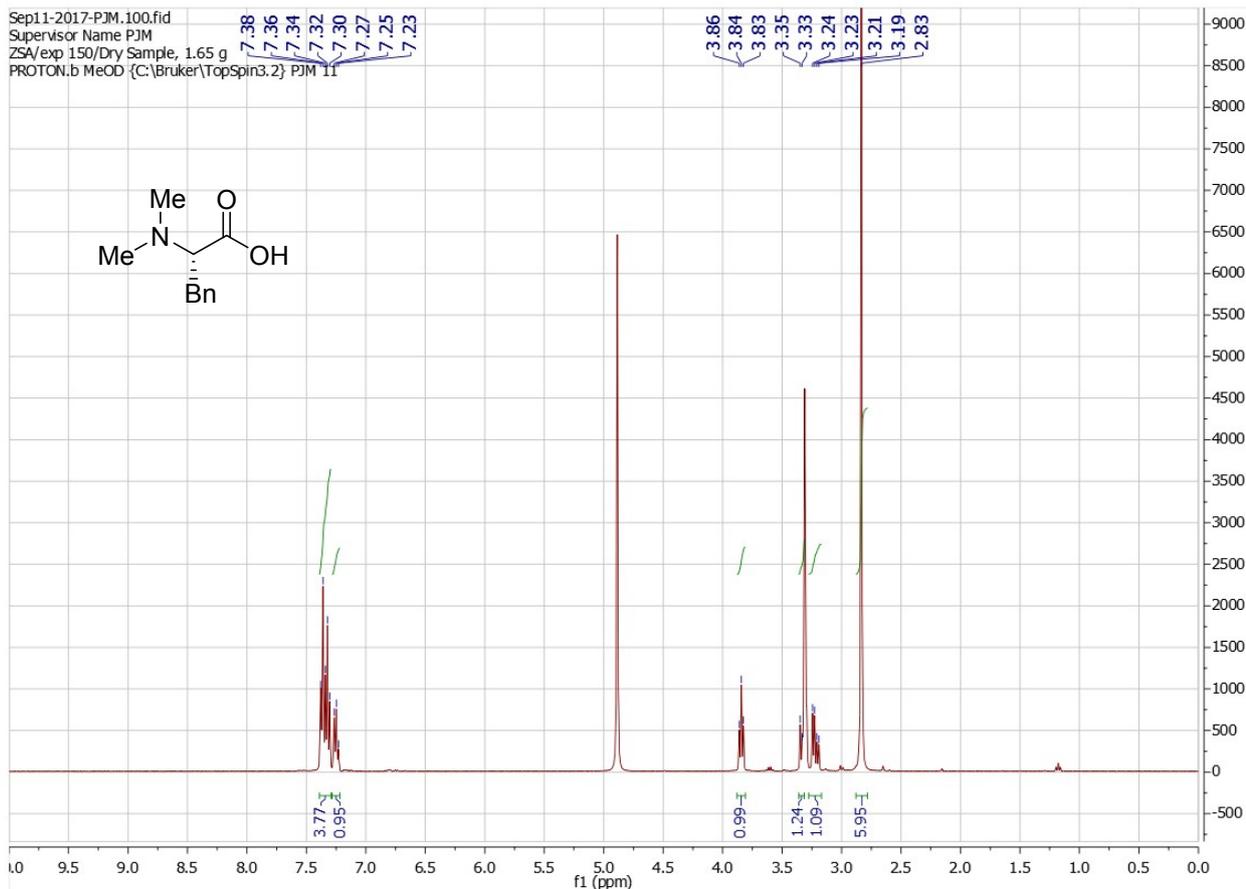
N,N-dimethyl-*L*-phenylalanine **42b**^{7b}



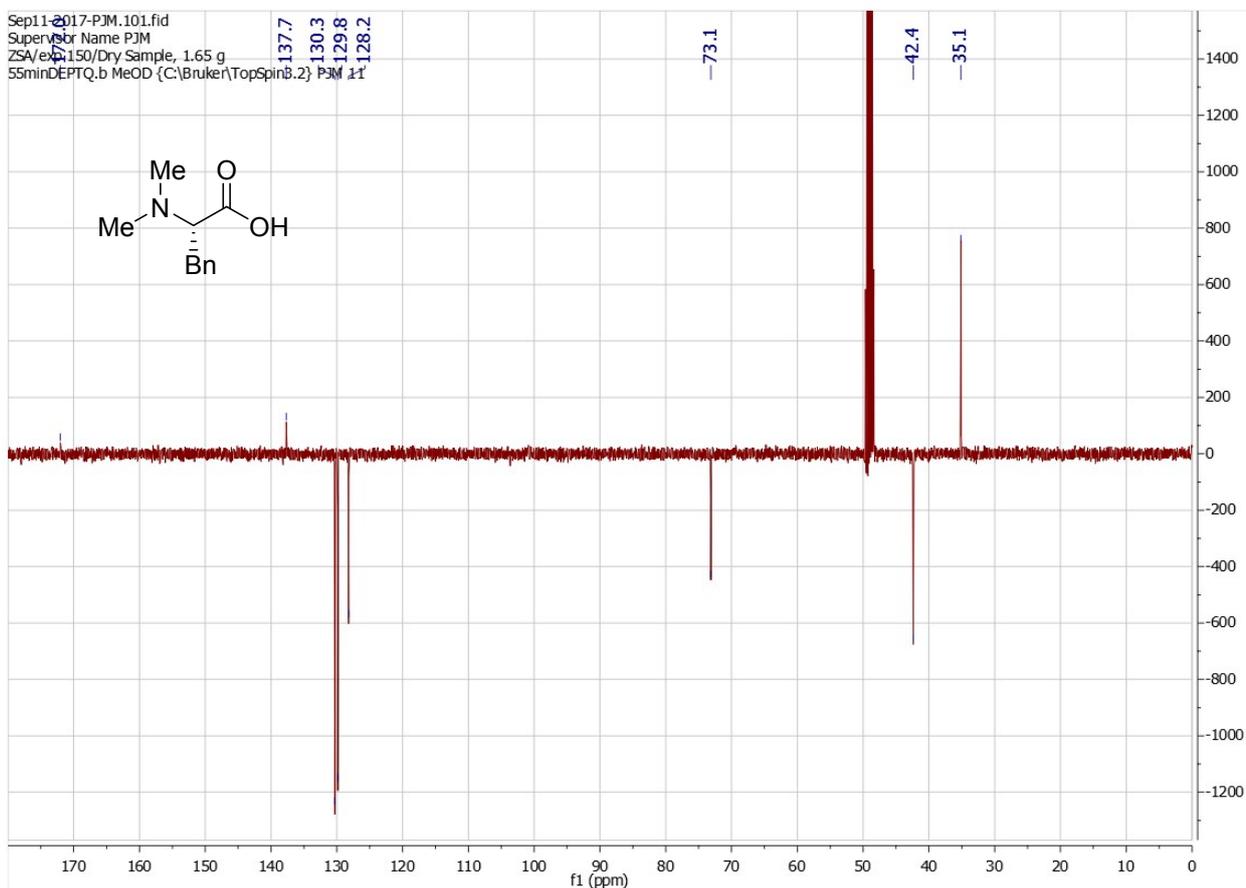
Aqueous formaldehyde (37% w/w, 6.42 g, 79.7 mmol, 5.9 mL, 6.5 equiv.) was added to a solution of *L*-phenylalanine (2.0 g, 12.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in water (100 mL) and the mixture stirred for 10 min. The reaction flask was evacuated under reduced pressure, purged with nitrogen gas and Pd/C (10%, 0.60 g) was added. The reaction flask was purged with hydrogen gas (balloons), then vigorously stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere (balloons replaced as needed) for 5 days. The reaction was heated at reflux for 30 min, then filtered whilst hot through a pad of Celite[®]. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, then redissolved in a small volume of water (ca. 20 mL) and evaporated again to remove excess ethanol and formaldehyde. This process was repeated until a greyish solid was obtained which was then dissolved in a minimum amount of hot EtOH (ca. 35 mL), cooled to rt and left in the freezer overnight to give **42b** (1.99 g, 10.3 mmol) as off white crystals in 85 % yield.

Mp 214-216 °C (Lit.^{REF} 218 °C); $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ 76.8 (H₂O, c = 1.98), (Lit.^{7b} 77.5 (H₂O, c = 1.98)); δ_H (CD₃OD) 7.30-7.38 (4H, m, 4 x CH), 7.25 (1H, br t, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH), 3.84 (1H, dd (app triplet), *J* 6.5, 7.1 Hz, CH), 3.31 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 6.5 Hz, CH), 3.21 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 7.1 Hz, CH), 2.83 (6H, s, 2 x CH₃); δ_C (CD₃OD) 172.0, 137.7, 130.3, 129.8, 128.2, 73.1, 42.4, 35.1; ν_{max} 3402, 3029, 2921, 1609, 1516, 1335; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* 194.1 (100%, [M+H]⁺), 161.1 (36 %), **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* found 194.1183, C₁₁H₁₆NO₂ ([M+H]⁺), requires 194.1176.

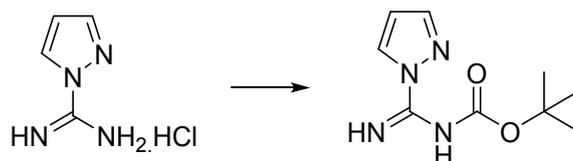
N,N-dimethyl-*L*-phenylalanine 42b^{7b}: ¹H NMR (CD₃OD)



N,N-dimethyl-*L*-phenylalanine 42b^{7b}: ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD)



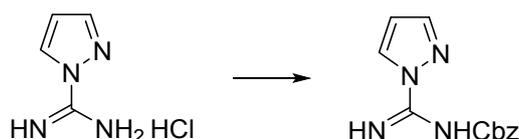
N-Boc-1*H*-Pyrazole-1-Carboxamide **AA**.¹



1*H*-Pyrazole-1-carboximidine (10.0 g, 68 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (22.2 g, 102 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous THF (40 mL) and *N*-diisopropylethylamine (23.6 mL, 136 mmol) was added. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction was diluted with water (50 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with brine (50 mL). After drying (MgSO₄) the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product recrystallised from a minimum volume of warm DE to give **AA** (10.80 g, 51.4 mmol) as a white crystalline solid 75 % yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Mp 100-102 °C (Lit.¹ 98-99 °C); δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 9.05 (1H, br. s, NH), 8.46 (1H, br d, *J* 2.7 Hz, CH), 7.68 (2H, m, CH, NH), 6.40 (1H, d, *J* 1.5 Hz, CH), 1.55 (s, 9H, ^tBu); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 163.6, 155.3, 143.5, 129.0, 109.1, 80.3, 28.3; ν_{max} 3432, 3316, 3144, 3126, 2977, 2964, 1655, 1606, 1510, 1364, 1308; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* 210.1 ([100%, M]⁺), 211.1 ([91%, M+H]⁺), 155.1 (51); **HRMS (ESI)** found 210.1123, C₉H₁₄N₄O₂ [M]⁺ requires 210.1117; found 211.1197, C₉H₁₅N₄O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 211.1190

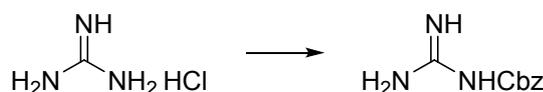
N-Cbz-1*H*-Pyrazole-1-Carboxamide **BB**.



1*H*-pyrazole-1-carboximidine hydrochloride (10.0 g, 68.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and benzyl CFate (17.5 g, 14.6 mL, 20.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were dissolved in dry THF (50 mL) and *N*-diisopropylethylamine (16.8 g, 22.6 mL, 129.6 mmol, 1.90 equiv.) was added drop-wise over 5 minutes. After 24 h the reaction was diluted with water (120 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 200 mL) and the organic phase combined and washed with brine (200 mL). After drying (MgSO₄) and evaporation, recrystallisation from dichloromethane yielded **BB** (13.3 g, 54.5 mmol) as rectangular transparent crystals in 80 % yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Mp 109 °C (lit. 107-108°C); **R_f** 0.31 (30% EtOAc in Petrol); δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 9.05 (1H, br s, NH), 8.46 (1H, d, *J* 2.7 Hz, CH), 7.70 (1H, br d, *J* 1.6, CH), 7.65 (1H, br s, NH), 7.44 (2H, br d, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH), 7.29-7.39 (m, 3H, 3 x CH), 6.42 (1H, dd, *J* 2.7, 1.6 Hz, CH), 5.22 (s, 2H, CH₂); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 163.9, 155.4, 143.9, 136.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 109.5, 67.8; ν_{max} 3442, 3308, 3144, 3067, 2963, 1664, 1607, 1530, 1272; **m/z (ESI)** 245.1 (100%, [M+H]⁺), 130.2 (23 %); **HRMS (ESI)** found 245.1041, C₁₂H₁₃N₄O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 245.1039.

N-Cbz-Guanidine **CC**.²

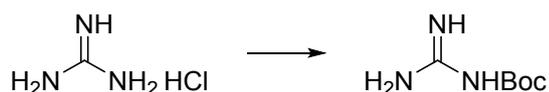


A solution of benzyl chloroformate (13.1 g, 10.9 mL, 76.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dioxane (25 mL) was added slowly (15 h) at 5 °C under vigorous stirring to a mixture of guanidine hydrochloride (45.7 g, 0.48 mol, 6.25 equiv.) and sodium hydroxide (19.1 g, 0.48 mol, 6.25 equiv.) dissolved in water (100 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred at rt for an additional 10 h, then extracted with

ethyl acetate (4 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under vacuum to give a crude product. Recrystallization from EA/PE gave **CC** (13.5 g, 69.8 mmol) as white crystals in 91 % yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Mp 139-142 °C (Lit.² 140–142 °C); δ_{H} ((CD₃)₂SO) 7.25-7.60 (5H, m, Ph), 6.07-8.01 (4H, br s, 2 x NH, NH₂), 4.96 (2H, s, CH₂); δ_{C} ((CD₃)₂SO) 163.3, 163.0, 138.2, 128.2, 127.3, 64.8; ν_{max} 3450, 3405, 3306, 3065, 3040, 2954, 1621, 1591, 1522, 1290 cm⁻¹; **MS (ESI) m/z** 194.1 (100% [M+H]⁺); **HRMS (ESI) m/z** found 194.0922, C₉H₁₁N₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 194.0924.

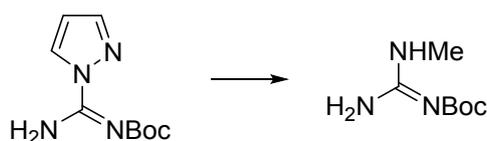
***N*-Boc-Guanidine **DD**.**



A solution of Boc₂O (6.01 g, 6.3 mL, 27.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dioxane (50 mL) was added dropwise over 8 h with vigorous stirring to a cooled (0 °C) solution of guanidinium chloride (13.15 g, 137.7 mmol, 5 equiv.) and sodium hydroxide (6.06 g, 151.4 mmol, 5.5 equiv in water (25 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred at rt for an additional 20 h and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 x 50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a crude compound, which was dissolved in hot EA to which PE was added to the cloud point. Overnight cooling in the freezer gave **DD** (4.3 g, 27.0 mmol) as a white solid in 98 % yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Rf 0.25 (20 % DCM in ME, with 1 % NEt₃); **Mp** 167 °C (dec.) (Lit.² 165 °C (dec.)); δ_{H} ((CD₃)₂SO) 5.49-8.06 (4H, br s, 2 x NH, NH₂), 1.34 (9H, s, 3 x CH₃); δ_{C} ((CD₃)₂SO) 163.4, 162.7, 75.5, 28.3; ν_{max} 3441, 3402, 3315, 3139, 2975, 2935, 1656, 1533, 1308 cm⁻¹; **MS (ESI) m/z** 319.2 (100 %, [2M+H]⁺), 341.2 (40 %, [2M+Na]⁺), 160.1 (60 %, [M+H]⁺), **HRMS (ESI) m/z** found 160.1077, C₆H₁₃N₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 160.1081.

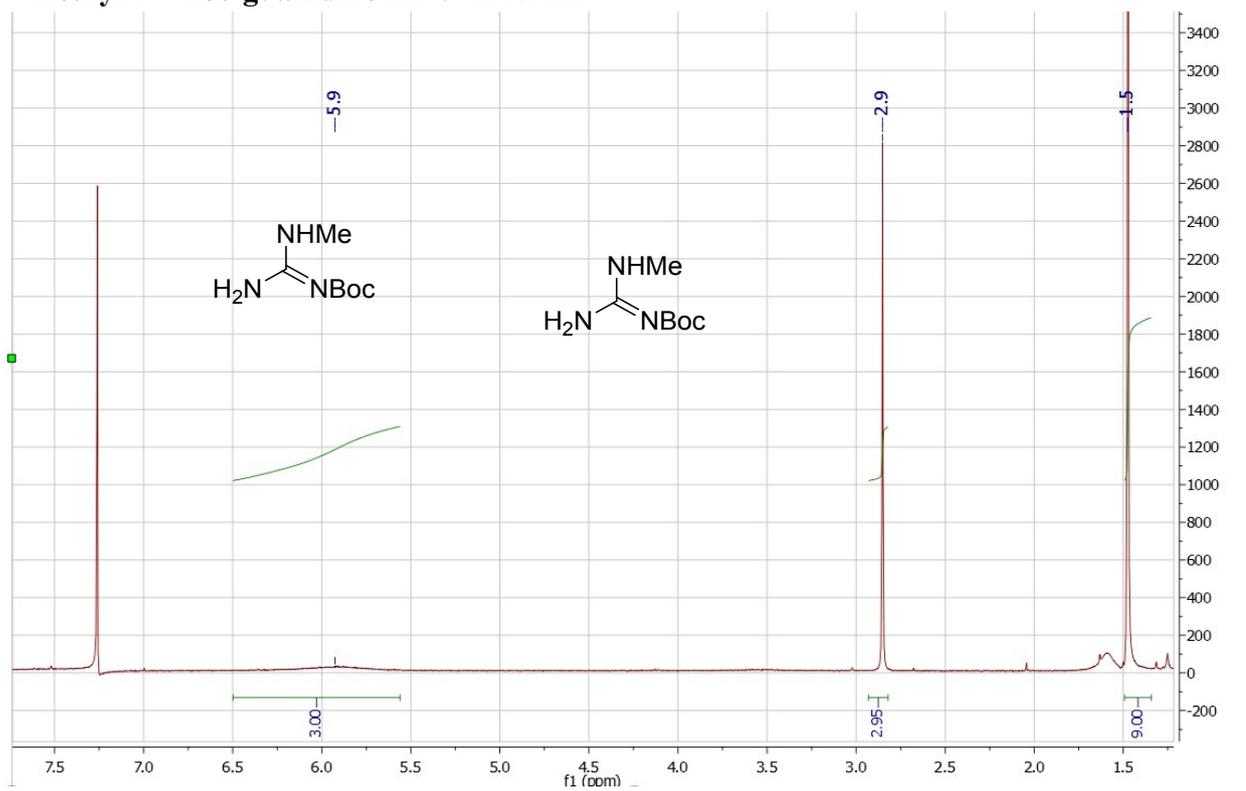
N*-methyl-*N'*-Boc-guanidine **EE*



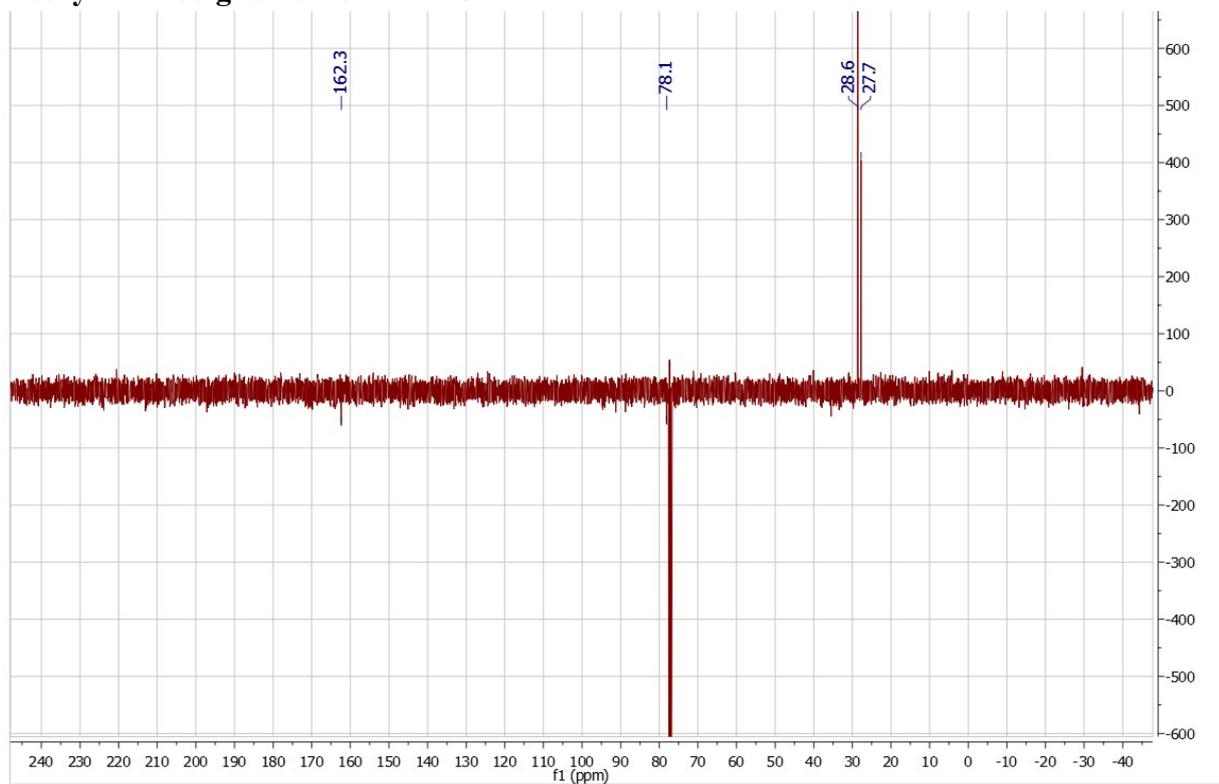
Methylamine (aq. 40 %, 3.5 mL, 2.77 g, 35.7 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added to a solution of **AA** (2.5 g, 11.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (25 mL) and stirring for 24 h. Water (100 mL) was added and the mixture extracted with EA (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL) then dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (gradient elution (70-100 % EA/PE) to give **EE** (1.69 g, 82 %, 0.96 mmol) as an off-white crystalline solid. Data not reported in the literature.

Rf 0.09 (50% EA/PE); **Mp**. 176-178 °C; δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 5.93 (3H, br s, 3 x NH), 2.85 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.47 (9H, s, CH₃); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 162.4, 78.1, 28.6, 27.7; ν_{max} 3245, 3440, 2975, 2931, 1638, 1589, 1362, 1136 cm⁻¹; **MS (ESI) m/z** 174.1(100 %, [M+H]⁺), **HRMS (ESI) m/z** found 174.1237, C₇H₁₆N₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 174.1237.

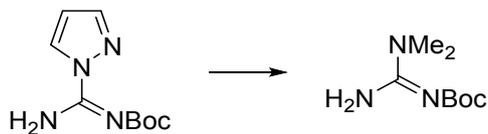
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N-methyl-*N*'-Boc-guanidine EE⁸: ¹³C NMR



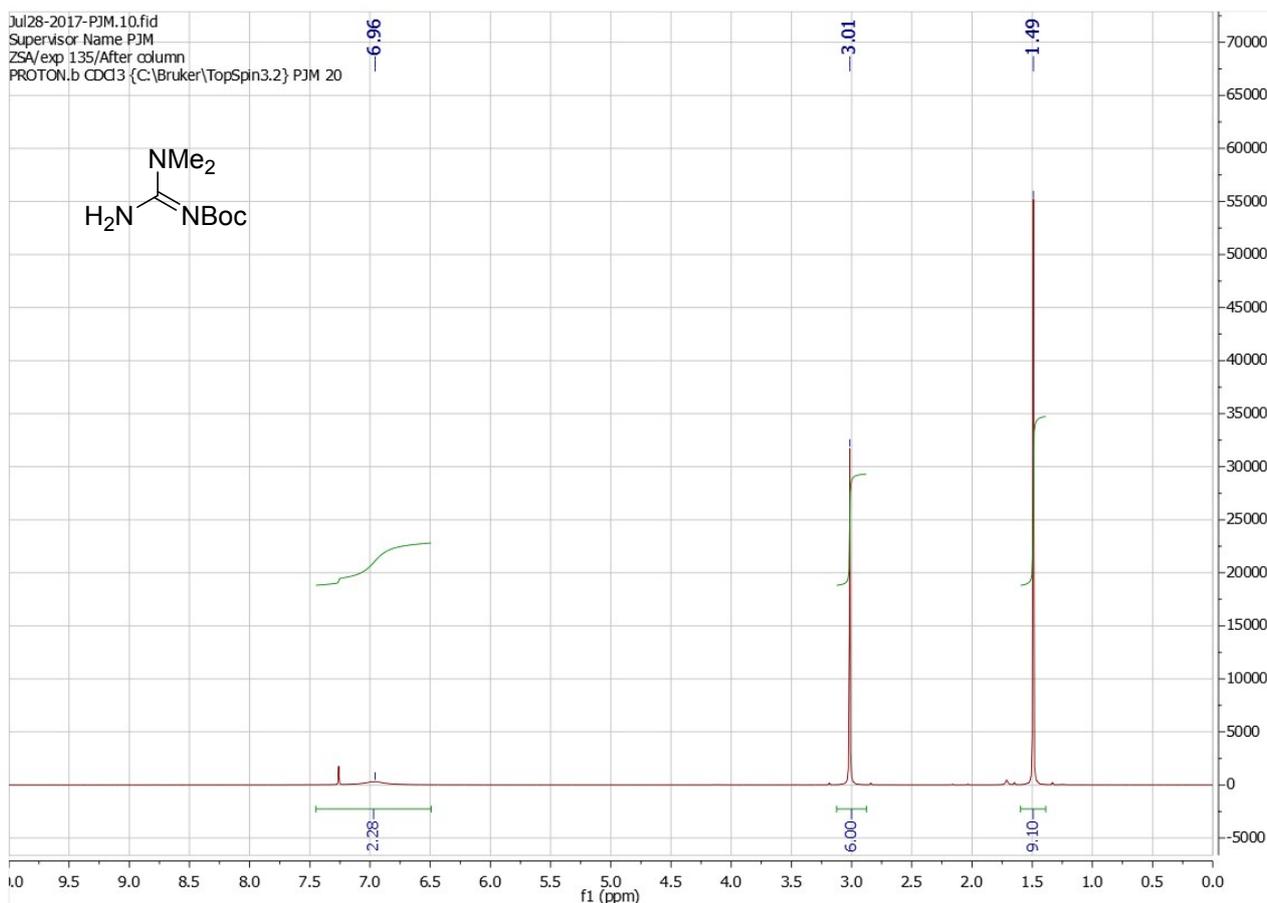
N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Boc-guanidine FF.



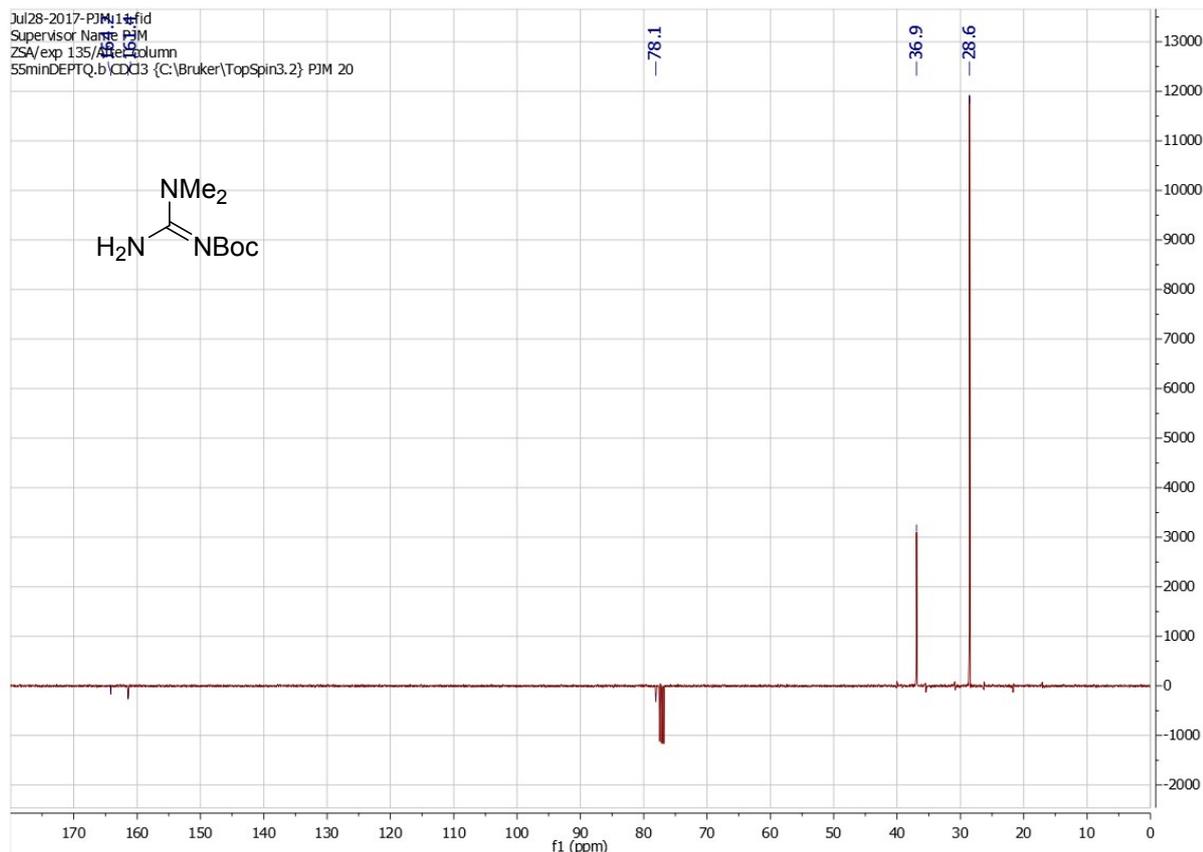
Dimethylamine (aq. 40%, 8.04 g, 71.4 mmol, 9.0 mL, 6 equiv.) was added to a solution of **AA** (2.5 g, 11.89 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (25 mL) and the mixture stirred for 24 h. Water (150 mL) was added and the mixture extracted with EA (2 x 100 mL). The combined extracts washed with water (50 mL), brine (50 mL) and then dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation under vacuum, purification by silica gel chromatography (70-100 % EA/H) gave **FF** (2.19 g, 11.7 mmol) as an off-white crystalline solid in 98 % yield.

Mp 176 °C; **Rf** 0.27 (100% EA); δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 6.50-7.45 (2H, br s, NH₂), 3.01 (6H, s, 2 x CH₃), 1.49 (9H, s, 3 x CH₃); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 164.2, 161.4, 78.1, 36.9, 28.6; ν_{max} 3370, 3231, 2976, 2933, 1651, 1589, 1317, 1268; **m/z** (ESI) 188.1 (48 %, [M+H]⁺); **HRMS** (ESI) found 188.1393, C₈H₁₈N₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 188.1394.

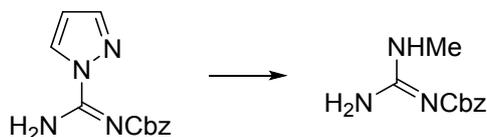
N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Boc-guanidine FF ¹H NMR



N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Boc-guanidine FF ¹³C NMR



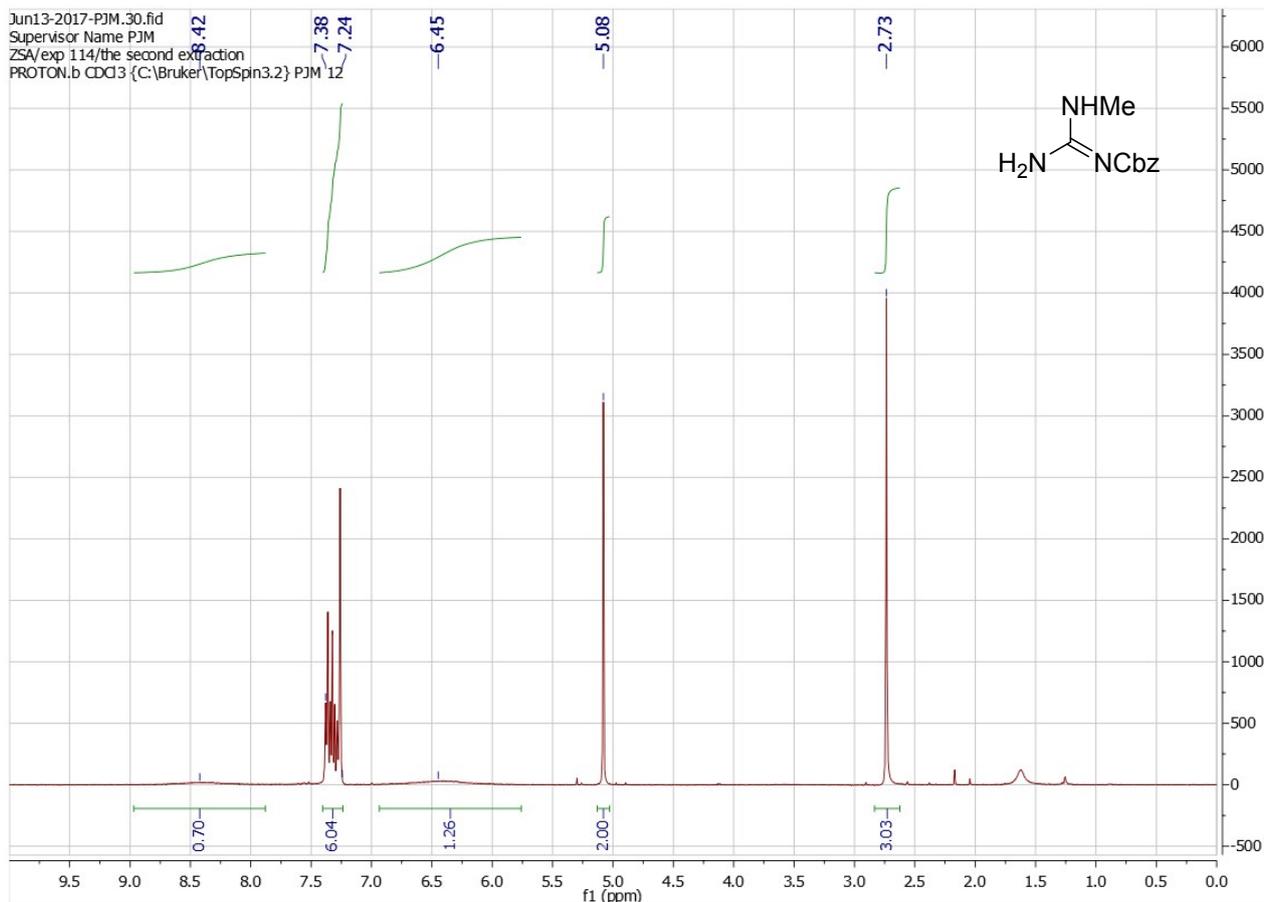
N-methyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine GG.



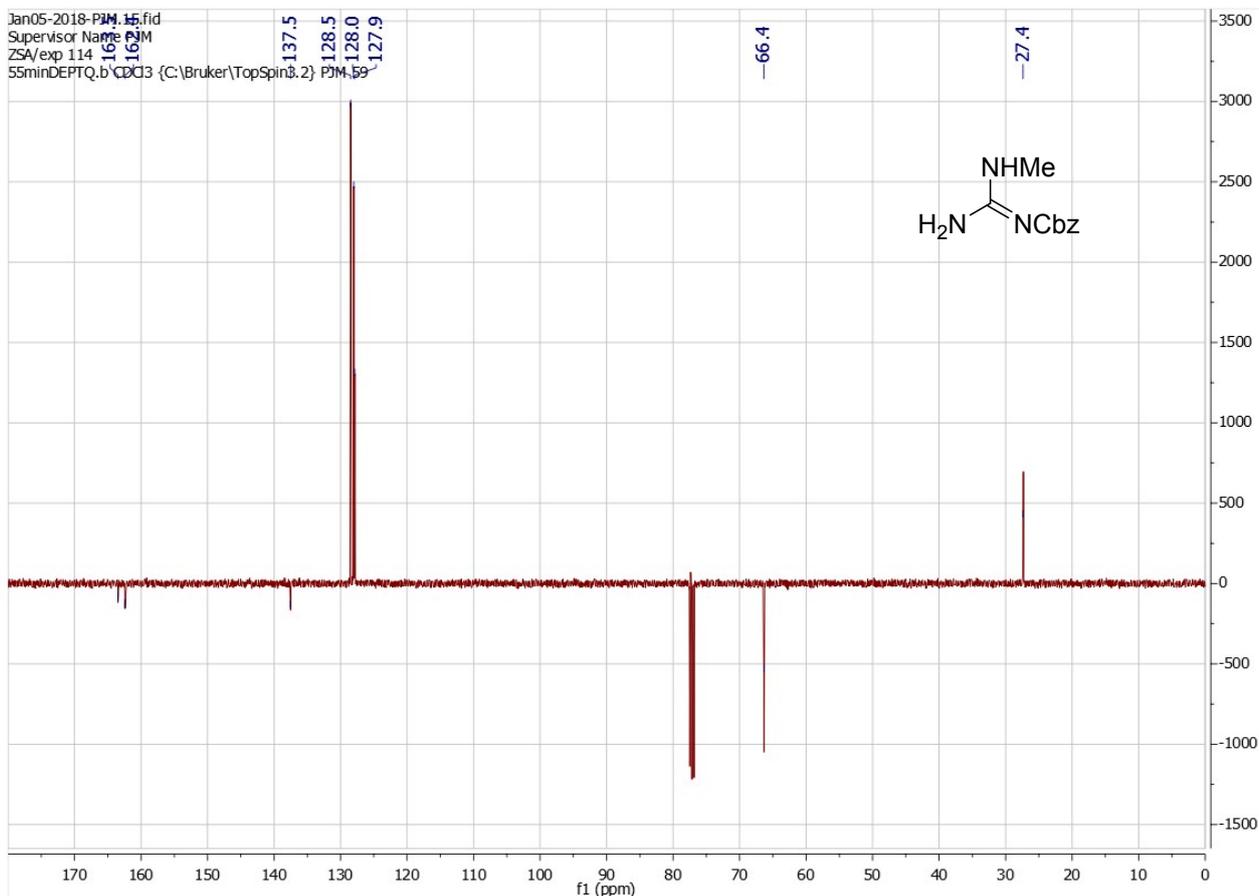
Methylamine (aq. 40 %, 1.27 g, 16.4 mmol, 1.6 mL, 2.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of **BB** (2.0 g, 8.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (25 mL). The reaction was vigorously stirred for 90 min, at which point TLC indicated the complete consumption of **BB**. The reaction was diluted with water (50 mL), extracted with CF (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine (2 x 50 mL). After drying (MgSO₄) and evaporation under vacuum, the crude product was dissolved in the minimum volume of DCM and hexane was added to the cloud point. After standing for 24 h, filtration gave **GG** (1.39 g, 6.71 mmol) as a white crystalline solid in 82 % yield.

Mp 164 °C; **Rf** 0.15 (EA); δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 8.75-7.93 (1H, br s, NH), 7.24-7.38 (5H, m, Ph), 5.76-6.92 (2H, br s, NH₂), 5.08 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.73 (3H, s, CH₃); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 163.5, 162.4, 137.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 66.4, 27.4; ν_{max} 3391, 3305, 3164, 2984, 2925, 1622, 1578, 1494, 1291, 1016; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* 208.1 (100 % [M+H]⁺), 164.1 (67 %); **HRMS (ESI)** found 208.1091, C₁₀H₁₄N₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺) requires 208.1081.

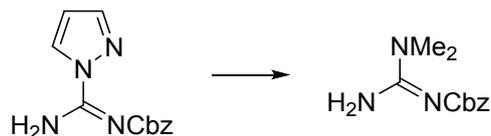
N-methyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine GG: ¹H NMR



N-methyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine GG: ¹³C NMR



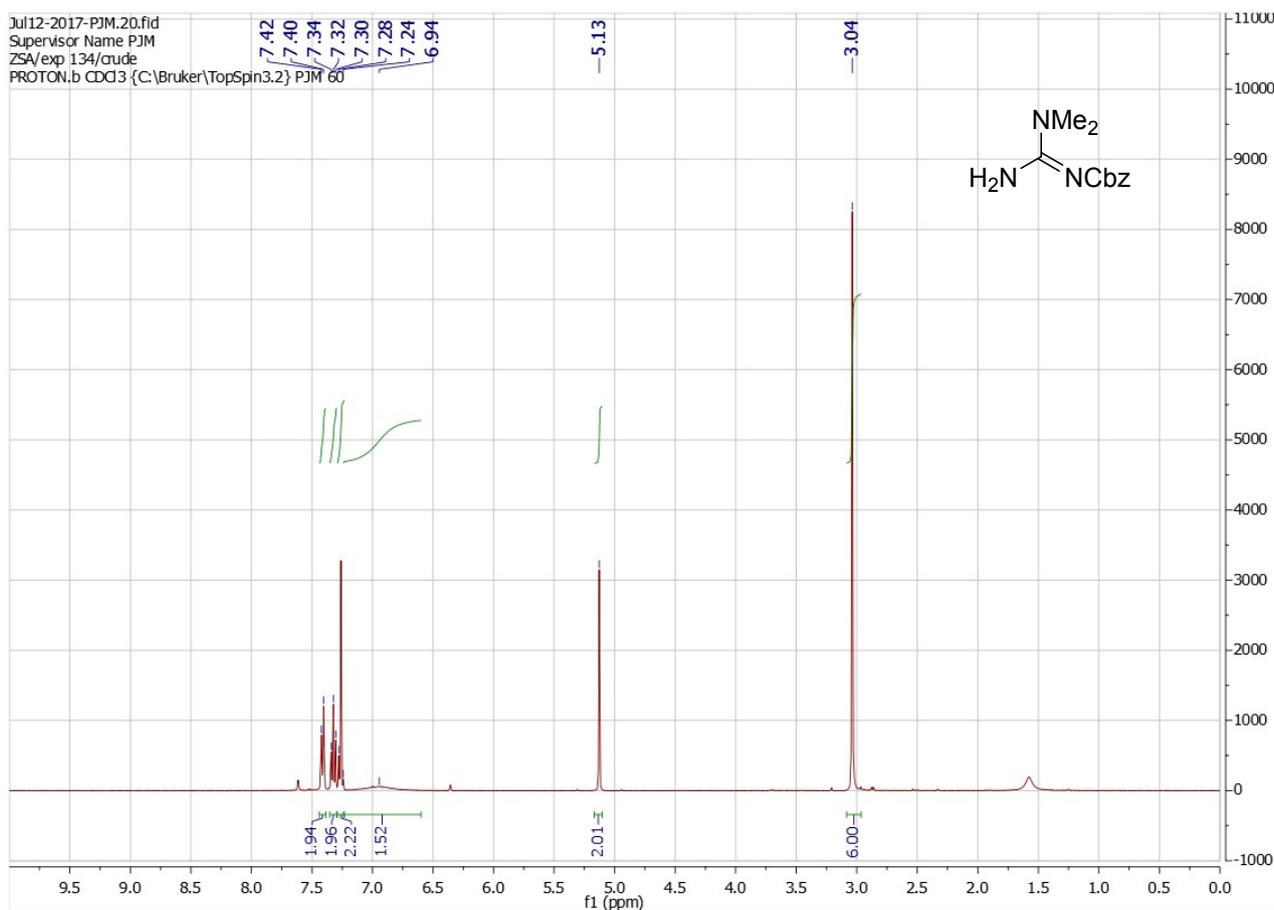
N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine **HH**.



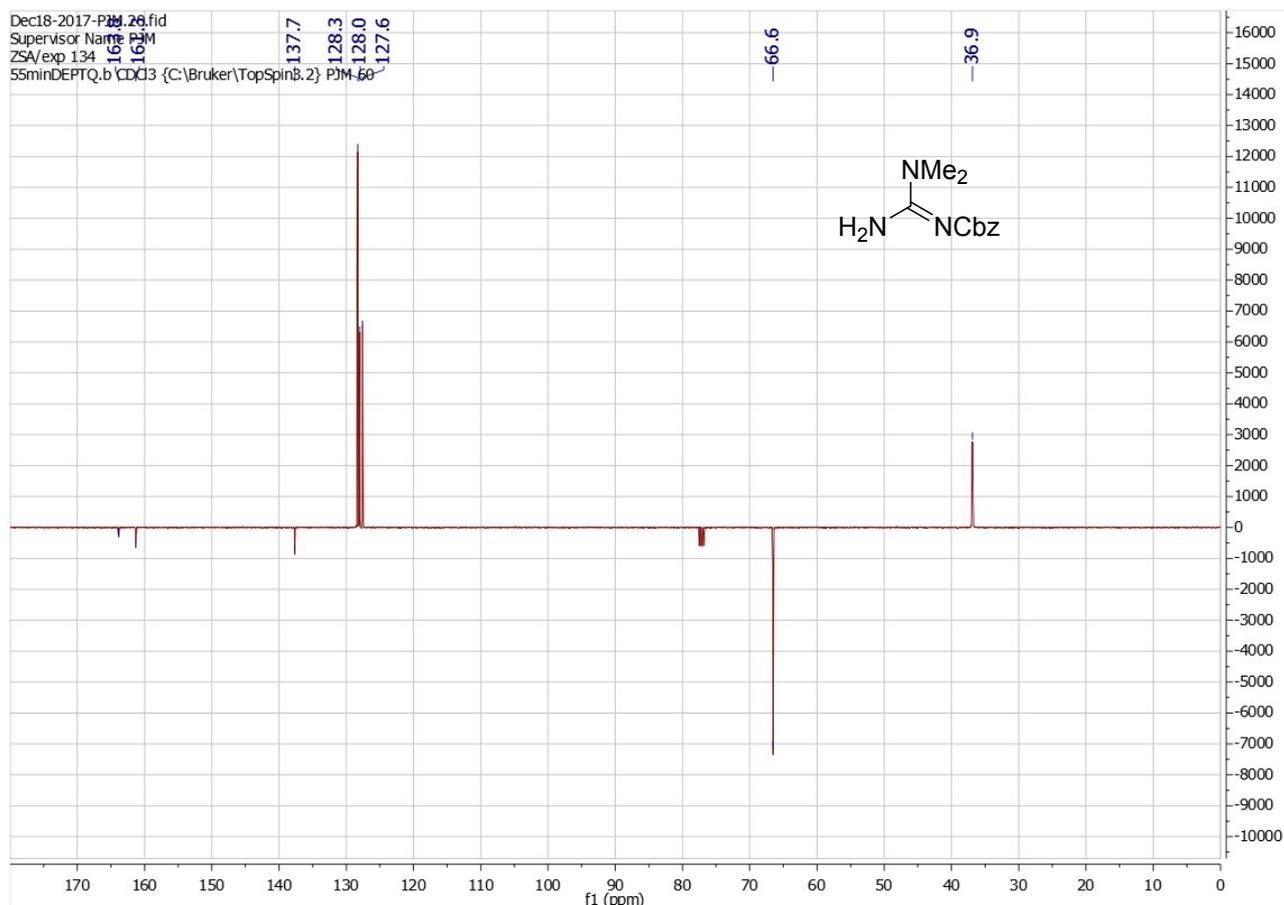
Dimethylamine (aq., 40%, 1.27 g, 16.4 mmol, 1.6 mL, 2.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of **BB** (2.50 g, 10.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in THF (25 mL) and the mixture vigorously stirred for 48 h, at which point TLC indicated the complete consumption of **BB**. Water (150 mL) was added, the mixture extracted with CF (3 x 100 mL) and the combined extracts washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine (2 x 50 mL), then dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in the minimum amount of DCM and hexane was added to the cloud point. After standing for 24 h, the product was collected by filtration to give **HH** (2.20 g, 9.94 mmol) as a pale yellow crystalline solid in 97 % yield.

Mp 79-81 °C; **Rf** 0.09 (50% EA in PE); δ_{H} (CDCl₃) 7.41 (2H, br d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2 x CH), 7.32 (2H, br t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2 x CH), 7.24-7.28 (1H, m, CH), 6.61-7.24 (2H, br s, NH₂), 5.13 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.04 (6H, s, 2 x CH₃); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 163.8, 161.3, 137.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 66.6, 36.9; ν_{max} 3376, 3285, 3037, 2957, 2894, 1575, 1479, 1442; **m/z** (ESI) 222.1 (100 % [M+H]⁺); **HRMS** (ESI) found 222.1237, C₁₁H₁₆N₃O₂ (100 % [M+H]⁺) requires 222.1237.

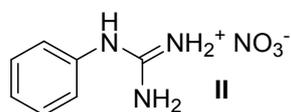
N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine **HH**: ¹H NMR



N,N-dimethyl-*N'*-Cbz-guanidine HH: ¹³C NMR



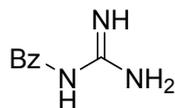
Phenylguanidinium nitrate II.⁹



Aniline (9.3 g, 9.12 mL, 99.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in EtOH (75 mL) and an aqueous solution of HNO₃ (9.0 mL, 131.2 mmol, of a 65% w/w solution prepared from 90 % w/w nitric acid by slow addition to water (**CAUTION**)) was then cautiously added. An aqueous solution of cyanamide (50% w/w, 12.6 g, 11.5 mL, 148.0 mmol, 1.48 equiv.) was then added to the mixture, which was then heated to reflux for 16 h. The mixture was cooled (ice) and DE (800 mL) was added and the mixture stirred vigorously for 1 h. The grey precipitate was removed by filtration, washed with DE (excess) and dried under vacuum to give **II** (11.7 g, 85.9 mmol) as a grey solid in 86% yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

R_f 0.28 (10 % MeOH/EA); **Mp** 112-115 °C (Lit.⁹ Mp 120-122 °C); **δ_H** ((CD₃)₂SO) 9.62 (1H, s, NH) 7.45 (2H, br t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2 x CH), 7.33-7.40 (4H, br s, 2 x NH₂), 7.29 (1H, br t, *J* 7.8 Hz, CH), 7.24 (2H, br d, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2 x CH); **δ_C** (DMSO) 155.7, 135.3, 129.7, 126.5, 124.5; **v_{max}** 3332, 3189, 3055, 1614, 1598, 1584, 1312 cm⁻¹; **MS** (ESI) *m/z* 136.1 [M+H]⁺, **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* found 136.0867, C₇H₁₀N₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺) requires 136.0869.

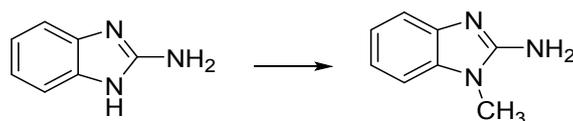
Preparation of *N*-carbamimidoylbenzamide **JJ**.³



Sodium metal (2.33g, 99.9 mmol) was added in portions to dry ethanol (60 mL) under a constant flow of nitrogen gas to produce a solution of sodium ethoxide. Guanidine carbonate (9.0 g, 49.9 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) was then added and the mixture stirred for 24 h at rt. The reaction was filtered under an inert atmosphere to remove precipitated sodium carbonate, following which ethyl benzoate **108** (10.5 g, 70.0 mmol, 0.7 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for a further 24 h. The reaction was evaporated to dryness at 70°C under rotary evaporation following which dioxane (ca 100 mL) was added to the residue and the mixture heated under reflux for 10 min, then hot filtered. The filtrate was cooled to rt and on standing white crystals formed, which were removed by filtration, to give **JJ** (3.68 g, 22.55 mmol) in 32 % yield. Data was in agreement with the literature.

R_f 0.28 (10 % ME in EA); **Mp** 184-186 °C (Lit.³ 211-214 °C, 158-160 °C); δ_{H} (CD₃OD); 7.84-7.86 (2H, m, CH), 7.42-7.51 (1H, m, CH), 7.38-7.41 (2H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz CH); δ_{C} (MeOH) 126.2, 127.0, 133.8, 134.9, 164.4, 168.9; ν_{max} (KBr disc) 3422, 3314, 3204, 1659, 1626, 1589, 1532, 1448, 1366, 1287, 1136 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 164.0815 [M+H]⁺, HRMS (ESI), *m/z* C₈H₁₀N₃O⁺ [M+H]⁺ requires 164.0818 found 164.0815.

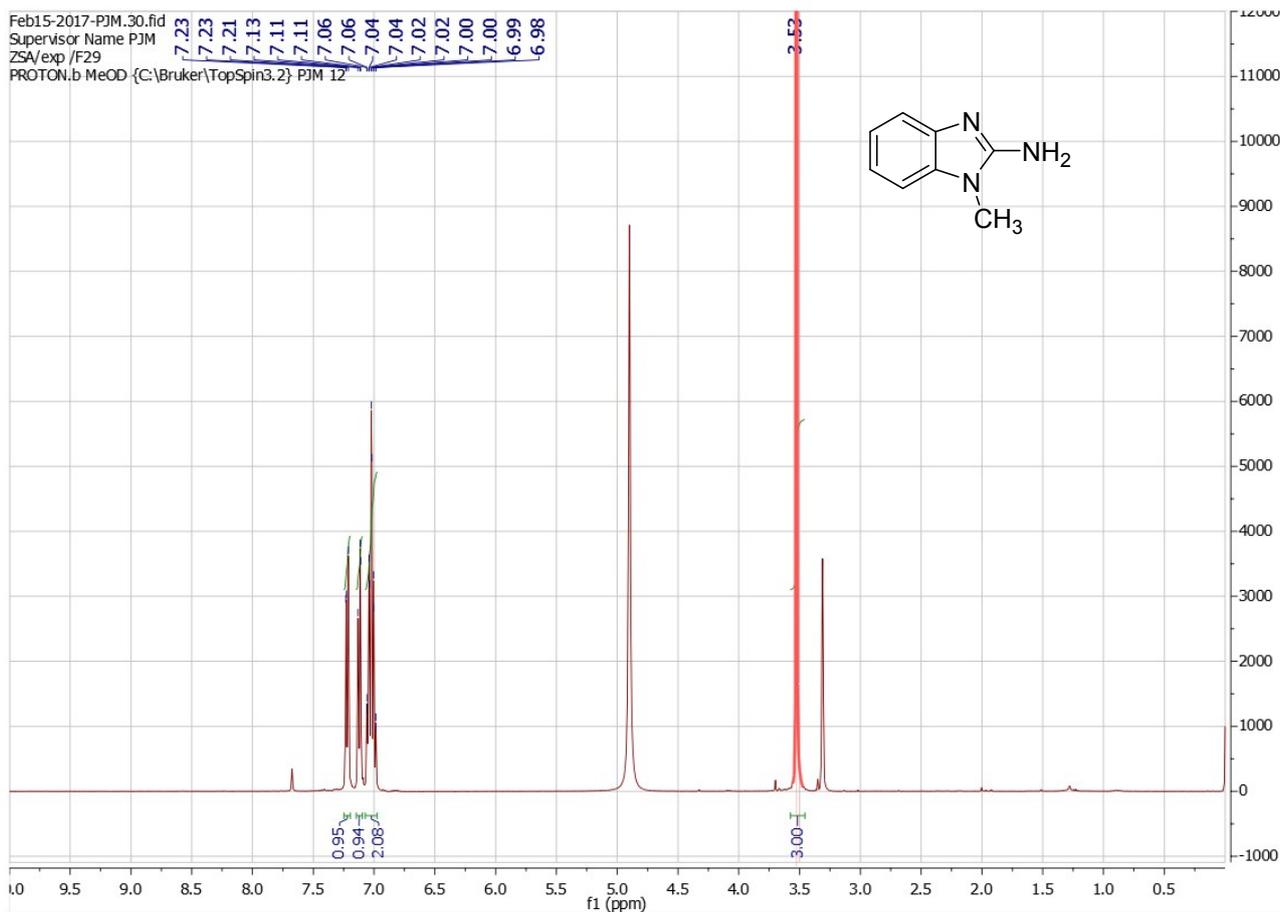
1-Methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine **KK**.¹⁰



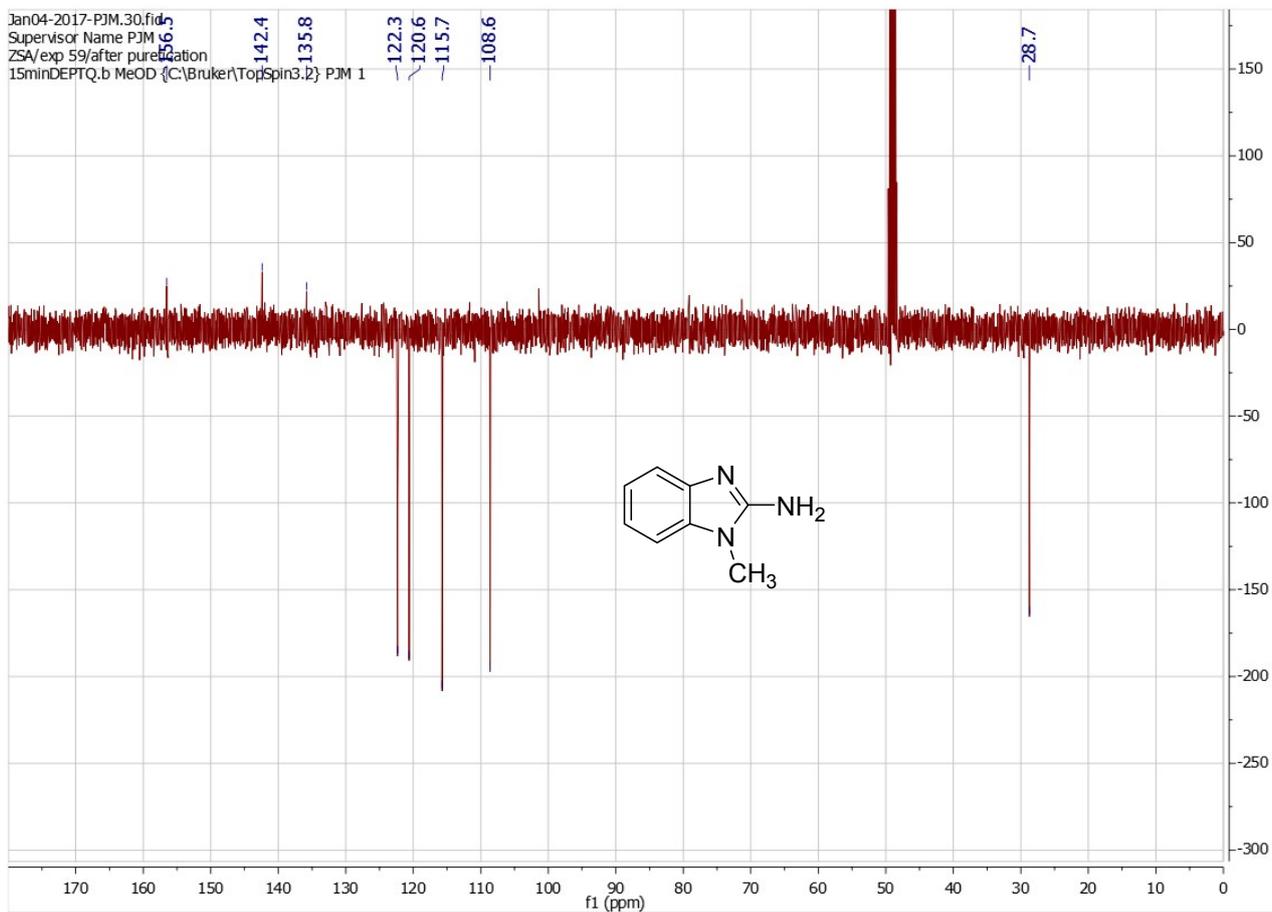
Powdered KOH (10.5 g, 187.8 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of 1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine (5.0 g, 37.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetone (200 mL). A thick white precipitate formed after 10 min whereupon methyl iodide (2.6 mL, 5.86 g, 41.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture stirred vigorously for 30 min. At this point, the brown solution was transferred to a separating funnel containing toluene (250 mL) and the mixture washed with water (120 mL), brine (120 mL) and then dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation under reduced pressure the residue was dissolved in a small volume of toluene and diluted with CHCl₃ to the cloud point then stored at -20 °C overnight. The solid was dissolved in dilute HCl (1M, adjusted to pH = 2) and extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 100 mL). The aqueous acidic layer made alkaline with NaOH (aq. 10 % w/v) and extracted with DCM (3 x 50 mL). The DCM extract dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give **KK** (1.39 g, 25%) as light brown solid. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Mp 203-204 °C (Lit.¹⁰ 202-204 °C); **R_f** 0.13 (20% ME in EA); δ_{H} (CD₃OD) 7.22 (1H, br dd, *J* 6.9, 1.2 Hz, CH), 7.12 (1H, br dd, *J* 7.1, 1.4 Hz, CH), 6.98-7.06 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 3.53 (3H, s, Me); δ_{C} (CD₃OD) 156.4, 142.4, 135.8, 122.3, 120.6, 115.7, 108.6, 28.7; ν_{max} 3448, 3307, 3024, 2727, 1648, 1541, 1317 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 148.1, (100 %, [M+H]⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* found 148.0872, C₈H₁₀N₃ ([M+H]⁺) requires 148.0875.

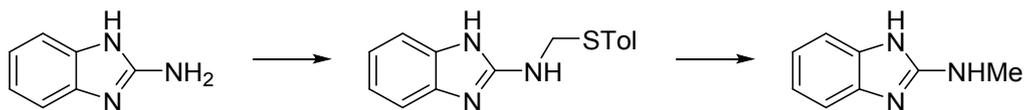
1-Methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-amine KK¹⁰: ¹H NMR (CD₃OD)



1-Methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-amine KK¹⁰: ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD)



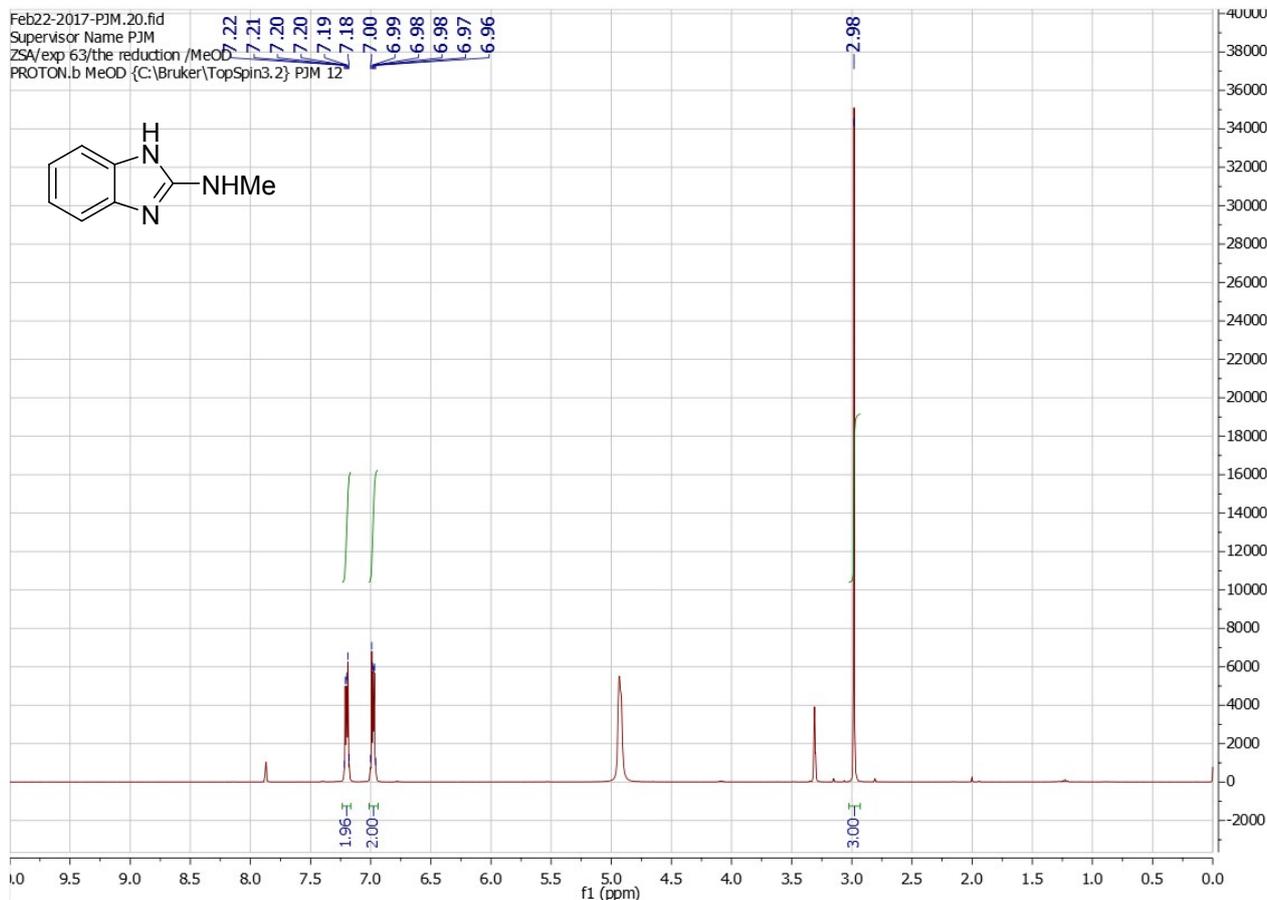
N-Methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine LL¹¹



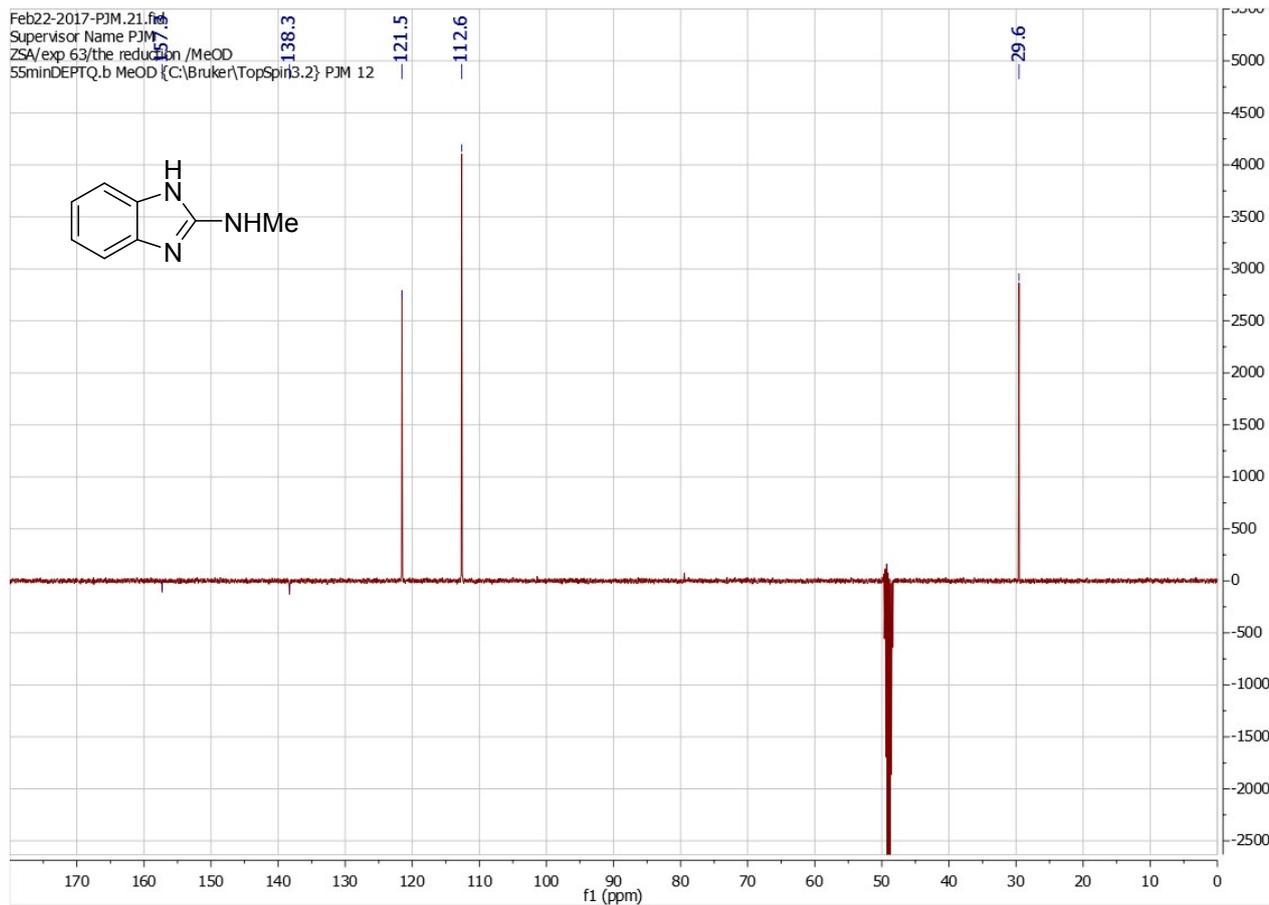
1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine (4.00 g, 30.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), formaldehyde (aq. 37 % w/v; 5.03 mL, 5.49 g, 67.6 mmol, 2.25 equiv.) and *p*-thiocresol (8.43 g, 68.0 mmol 2.26 equiv.) were dissolved in absolute ethanol (100 mL) and heated under reflux for 7 h. After cooling to rt, the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with CF and recrystallized from hot ethanol to give 2-(*p*-tolylthiomethylamino)benzimidazole (6.90 g, 85%) as a white solid. This compound (6.90 g) was dissolved in ethanol (200 mL) and sodium borohydride (6.88 g, 0.19 mol, 7.5 equiv) was added in small portions over 1 h with stirring and the reaction was then heated under reflux for 1 h. After cooling, methanol (80 mL) was added, followed by HCl (aq. 1M, 160 mL) and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure to give a white solid. The solid was dissolved in HCl (aq. 1M, 200 mL) and this solution was washed with DE (4 x 150 mL) before it was neutralized (pH 7-8) with sodium hydroxide (aq. 10% w/w) and extracted with EA (3 x 150 mL). The combined EA extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give **LL** (3.0 g, 20.6 mmol) as a white solid in 69 % yield over two steps. Data was in agreement with the literature.

Mp 170-173 °C (Lit.¹¹ 167-168 °C); δ_{H} (CD₃OD) 7.18-7.22 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 6.96-7.00 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 2.98 (3H, s, CH₃); δ_{C} (CD₃OD) 157.3, 138.3, 121.5, 112.6, 79.4, 29.6; ν_{max} 3425, 3050, 2905, 2878, 2848, 1638, 1601, 1327 cm⁻¹; **MS (ESI) m/z** 148.1 (100 %, [M+H]⁺); **HRMS (ESI) m/z** found 148.0865, C₈H₁₀N₃ ([M+H]⁺) requires 148.0869.

N-Methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine LL¹¹: ¹H NMR (CD₃OD)

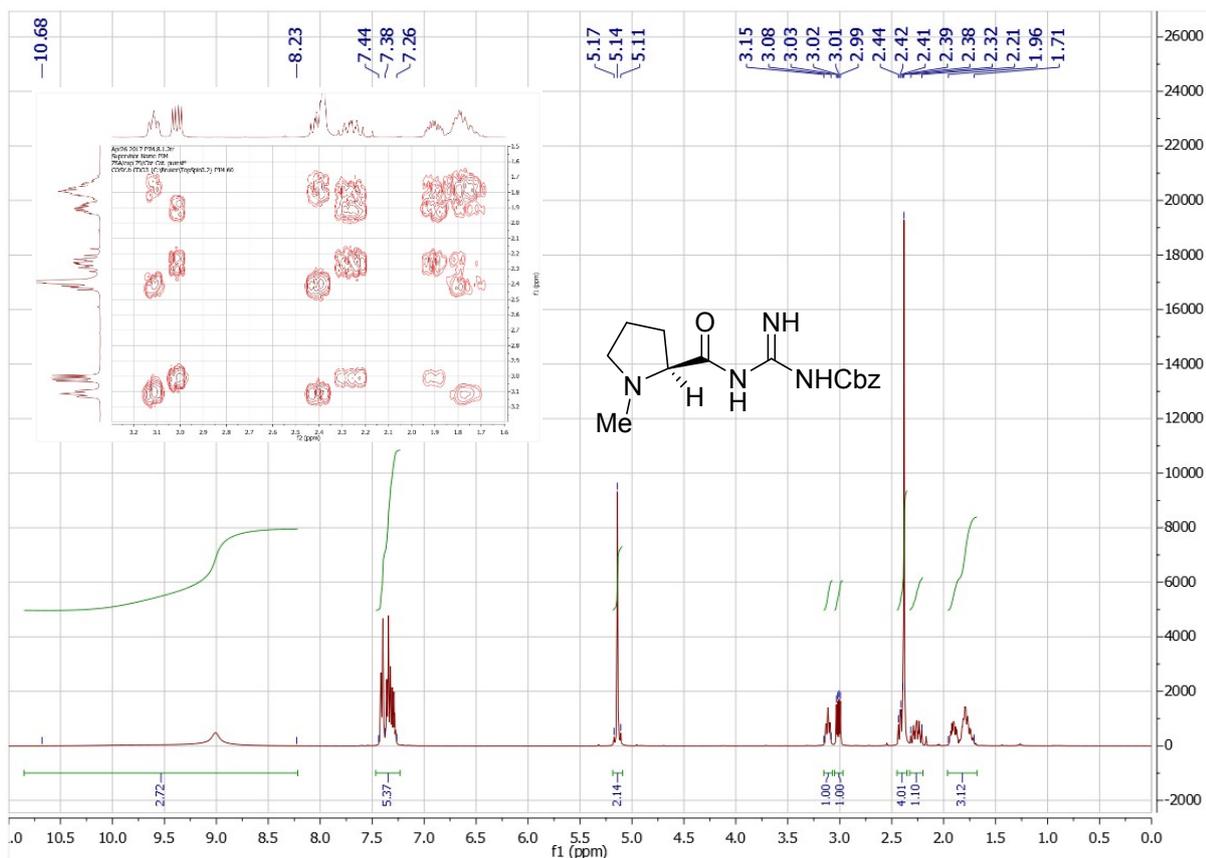


***N*-Methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine LL¹¹: ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD)**



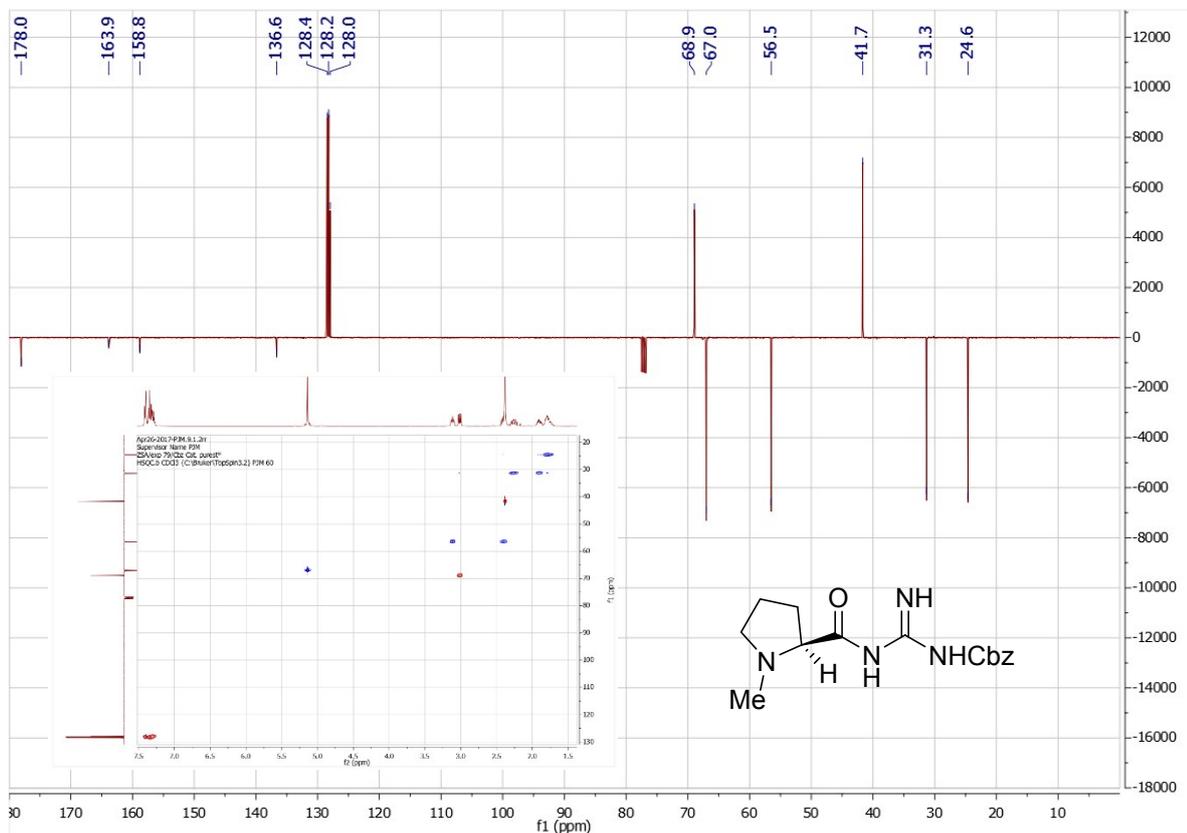
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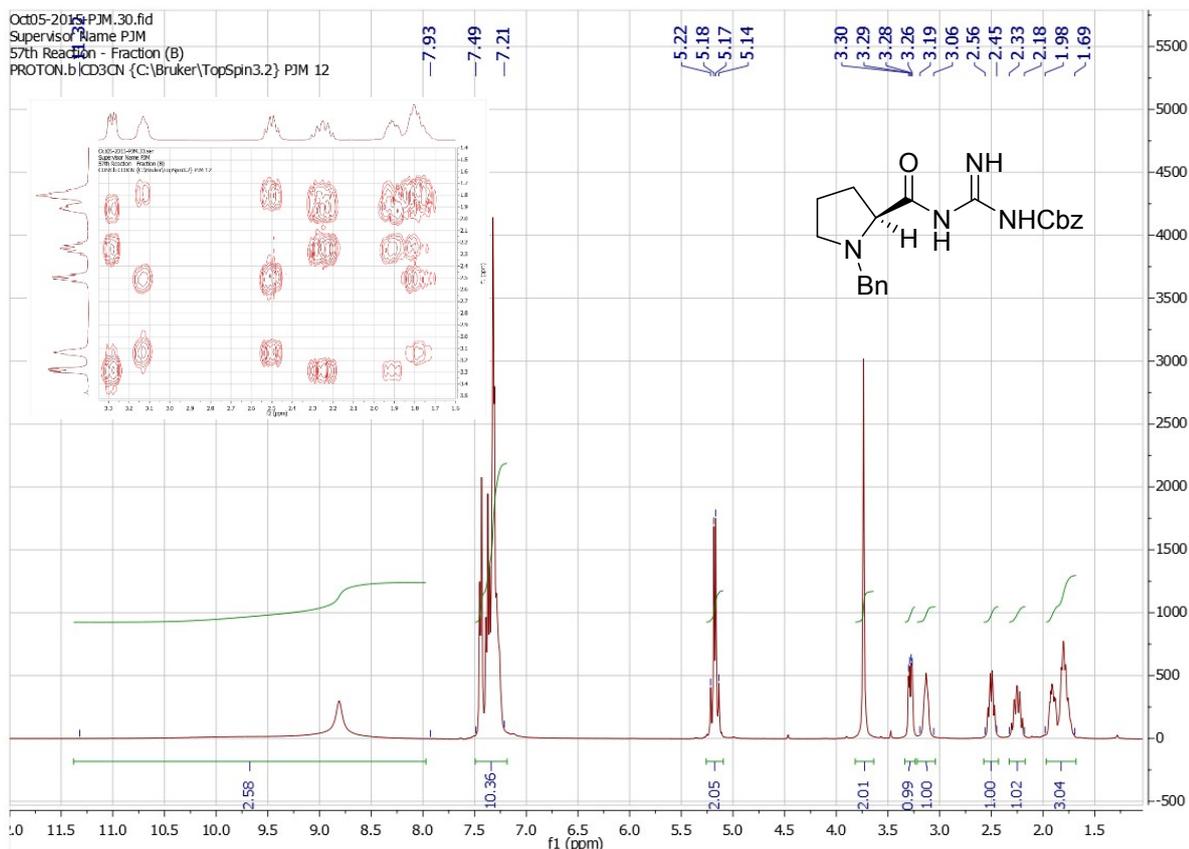
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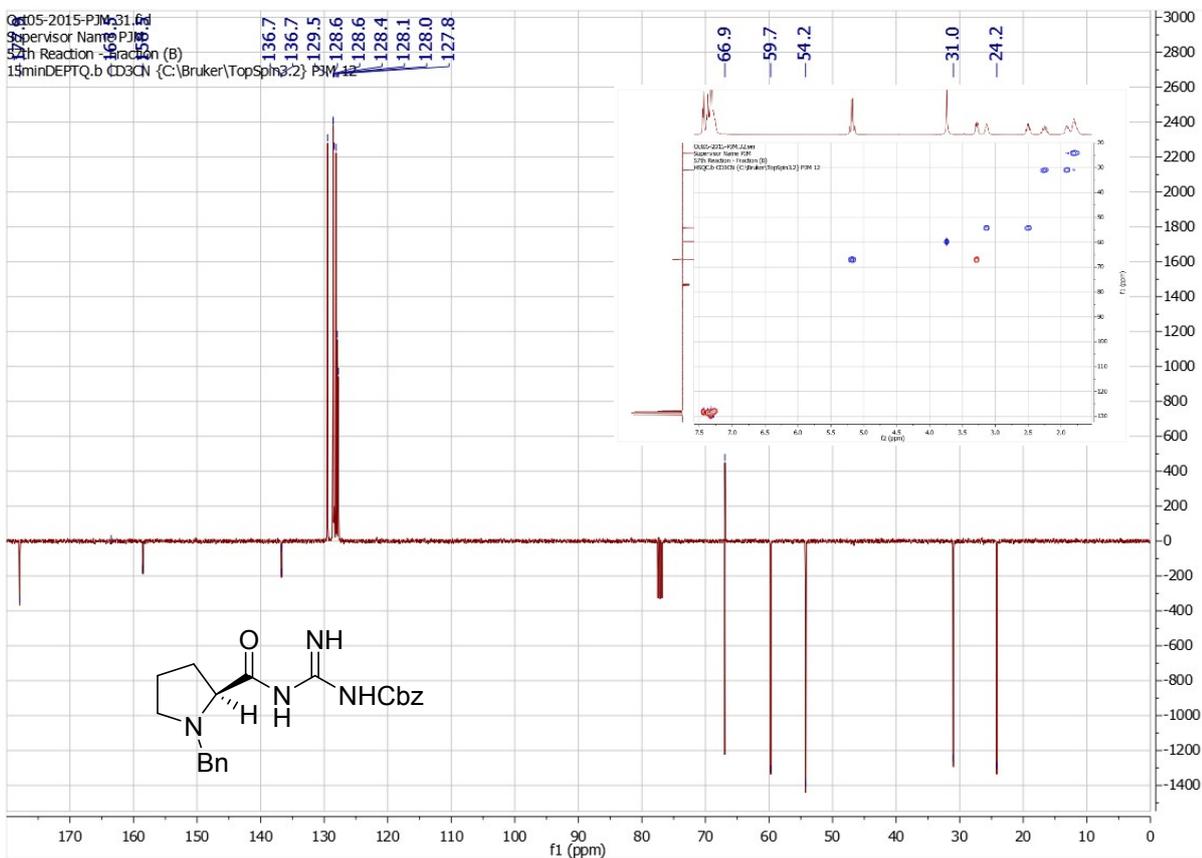
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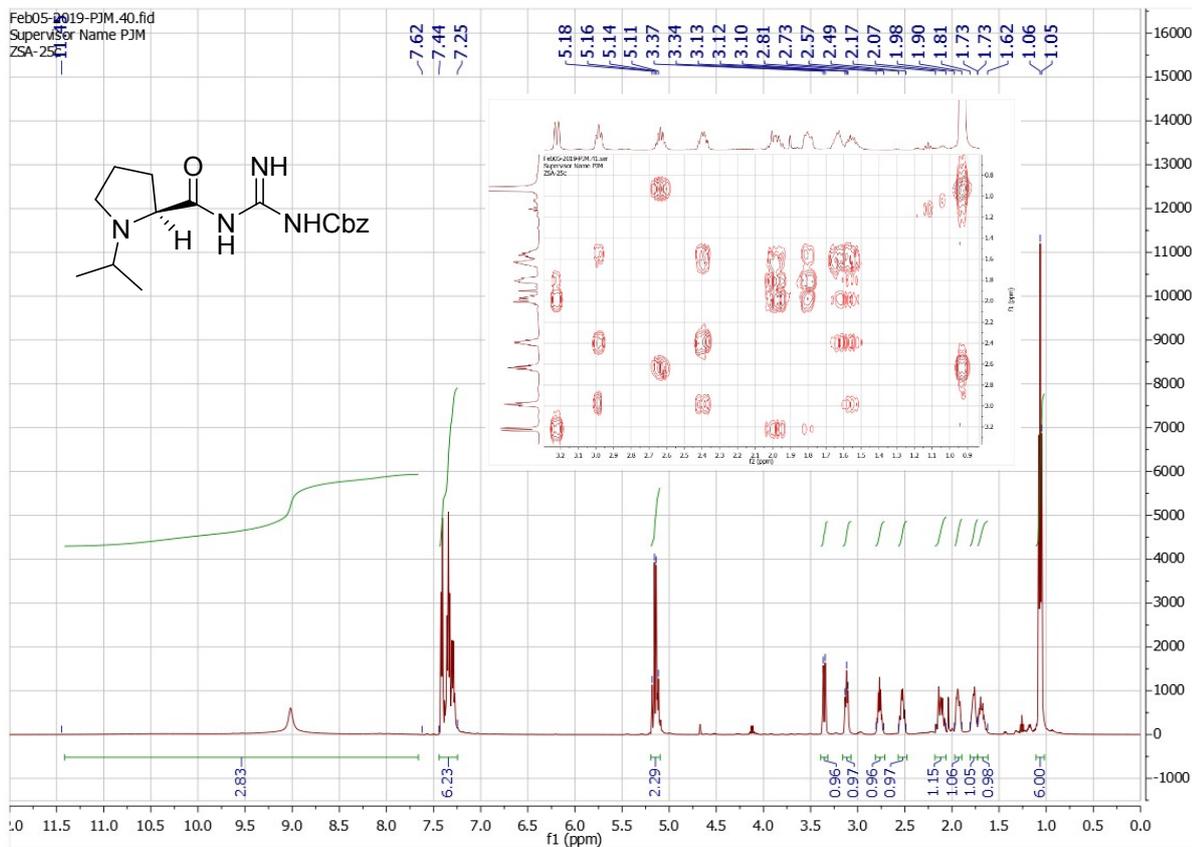
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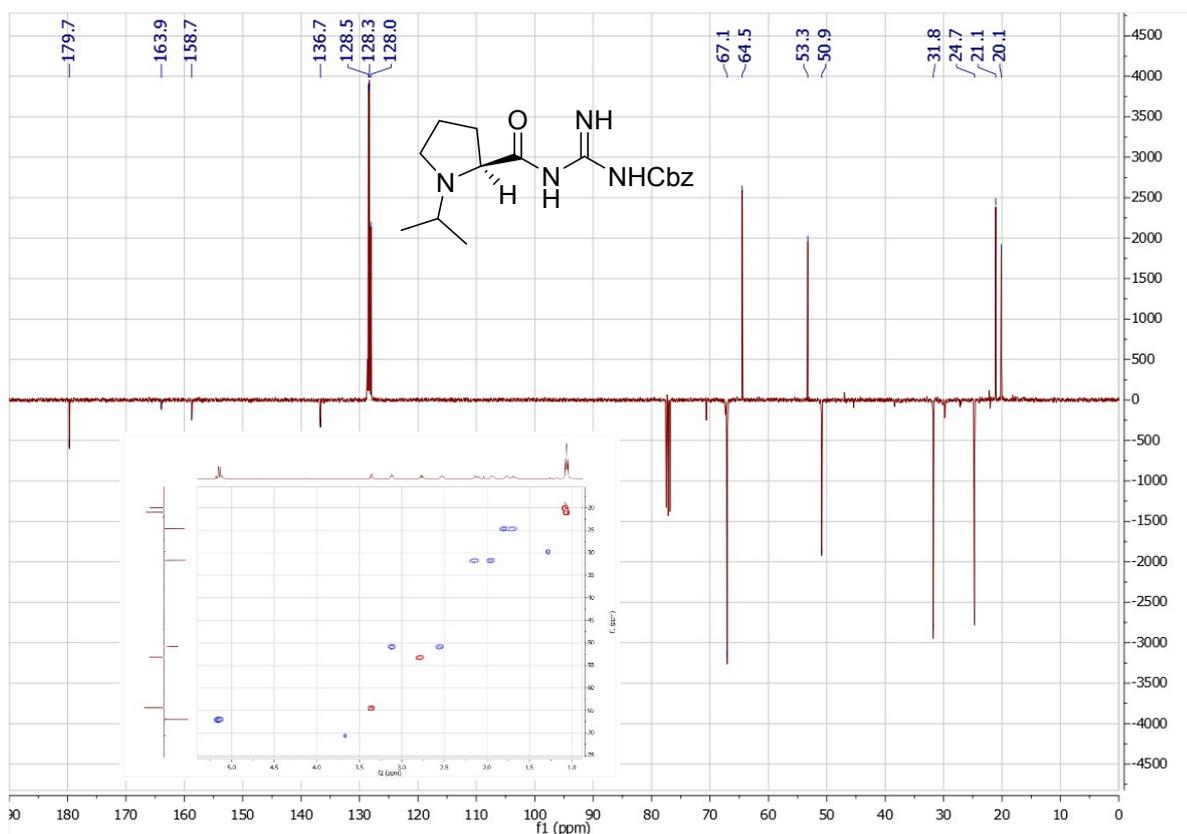
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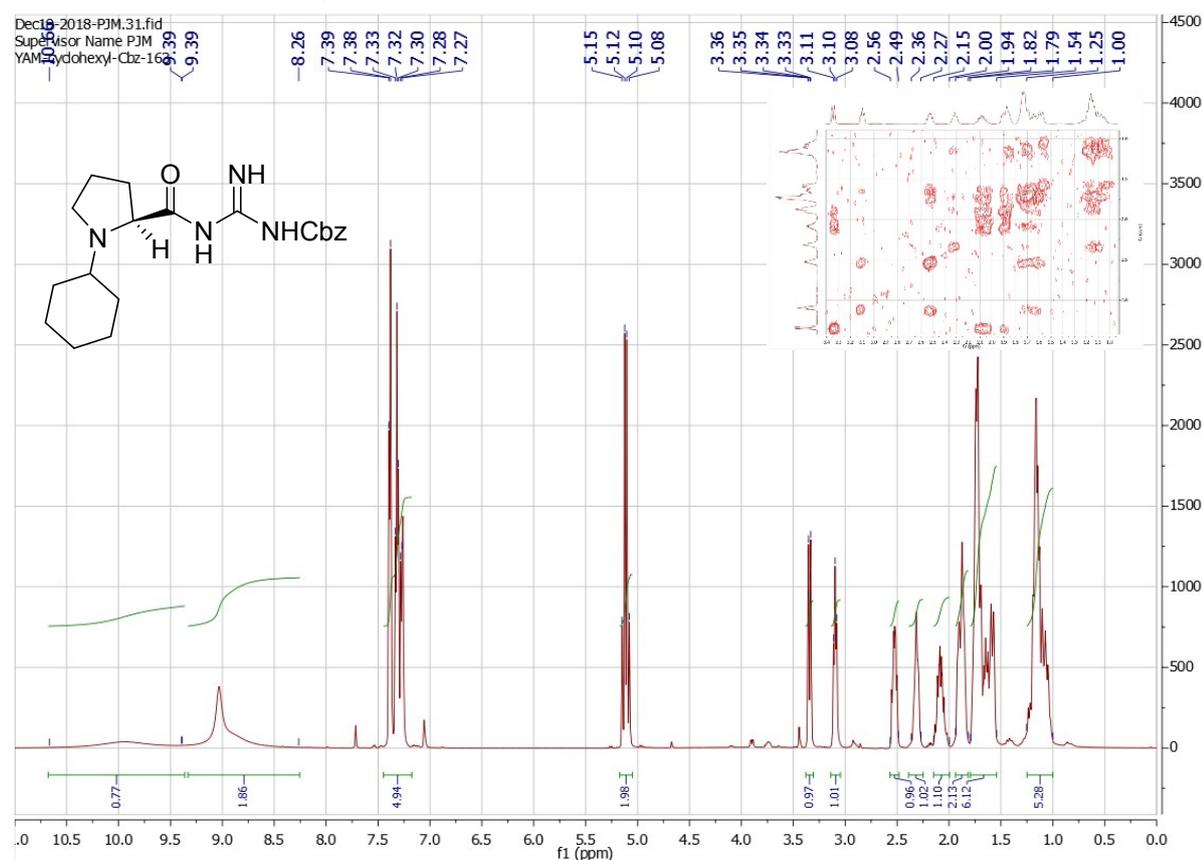


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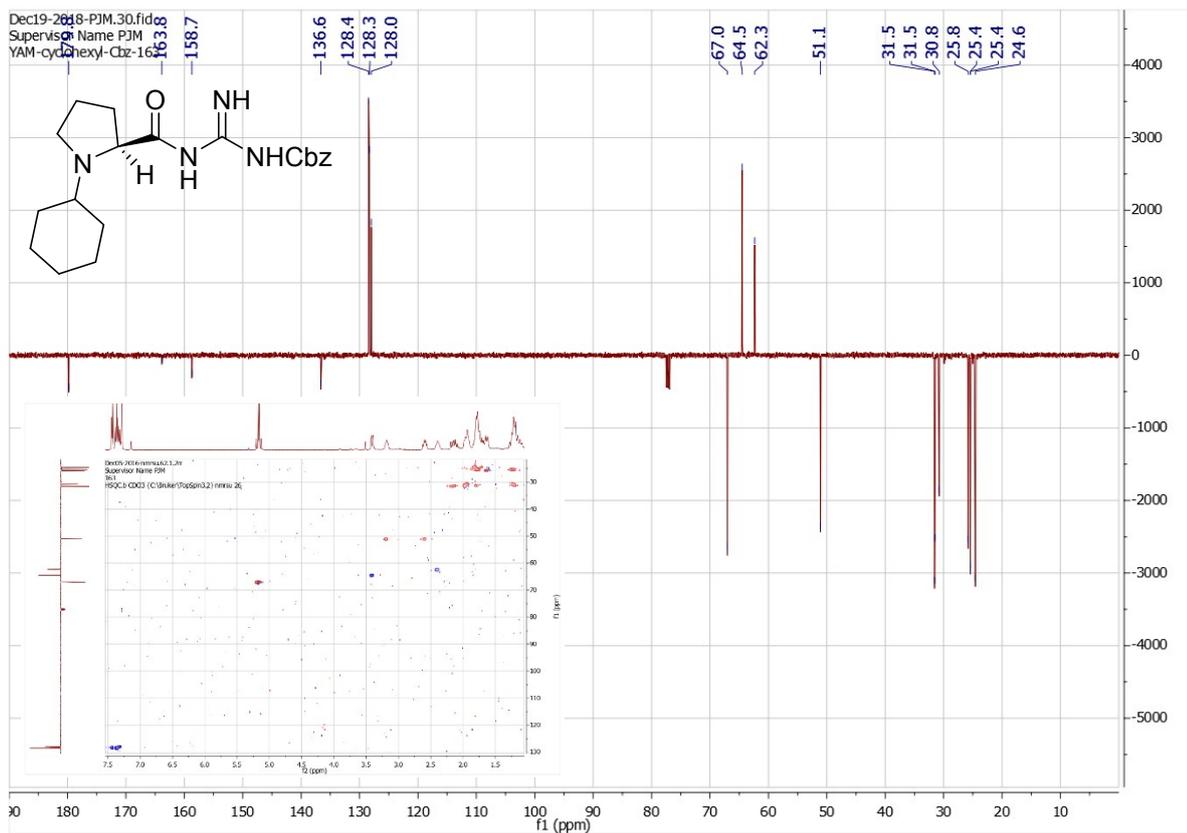
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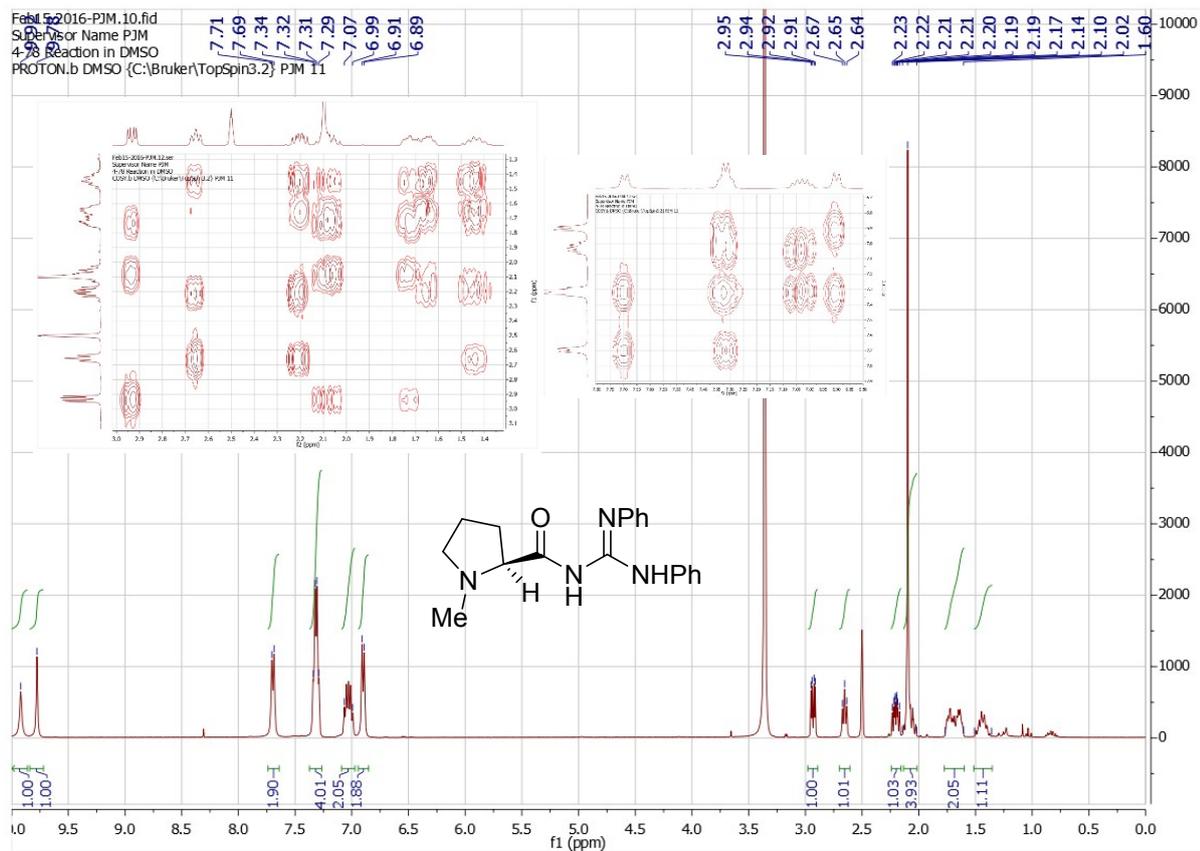


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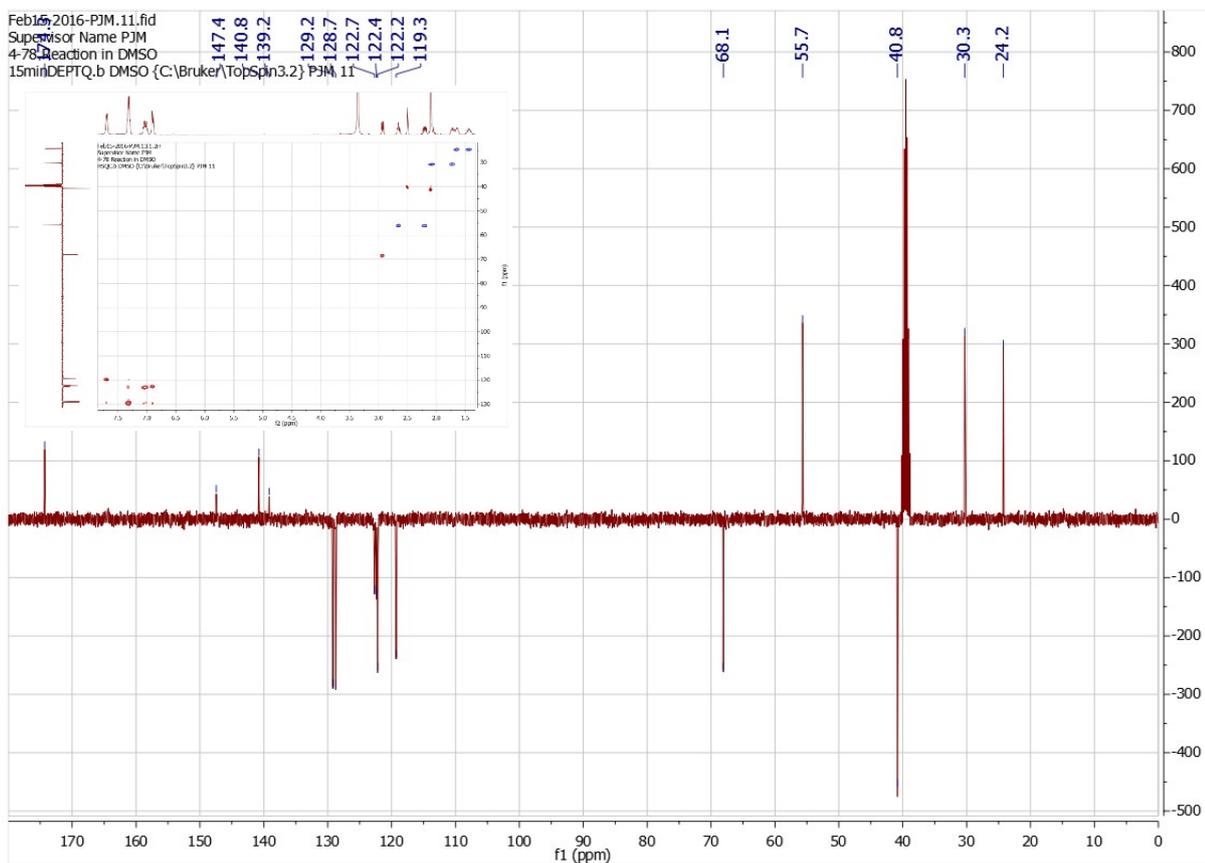
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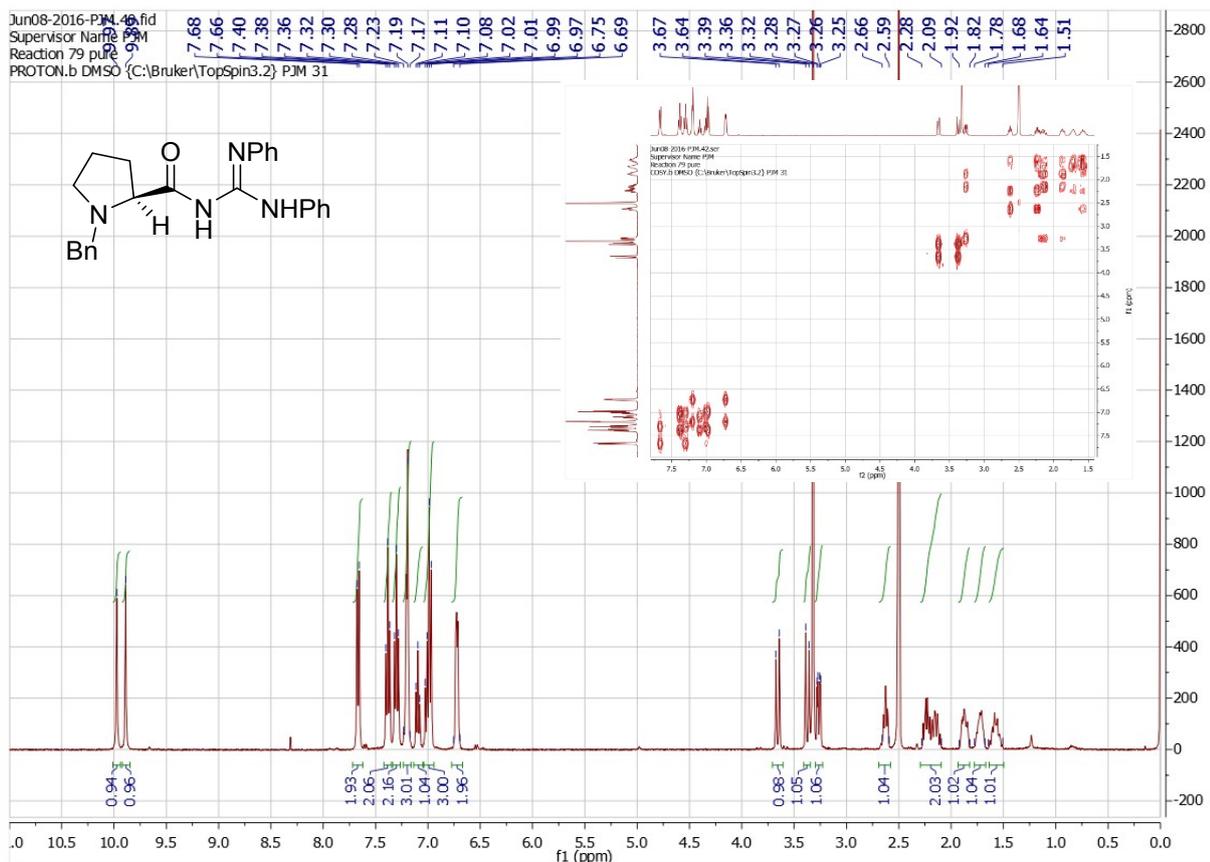
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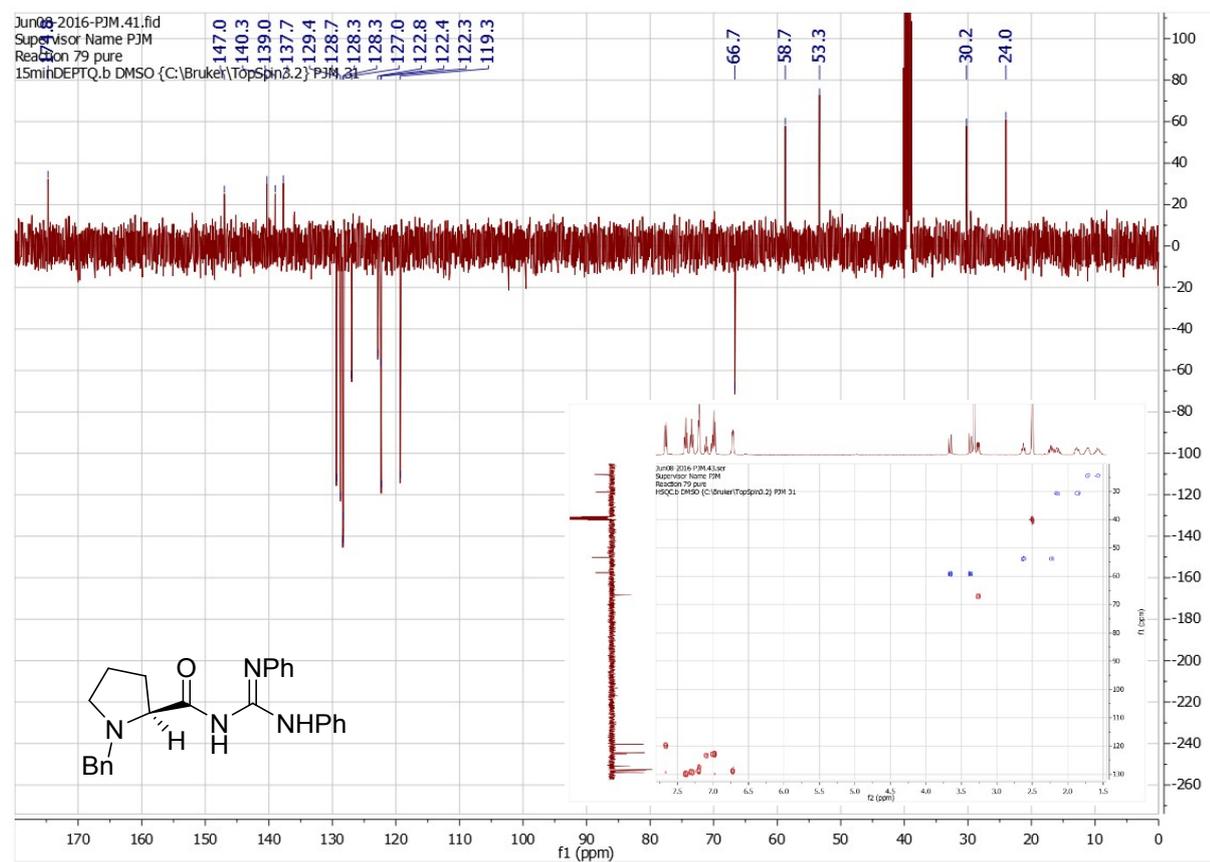
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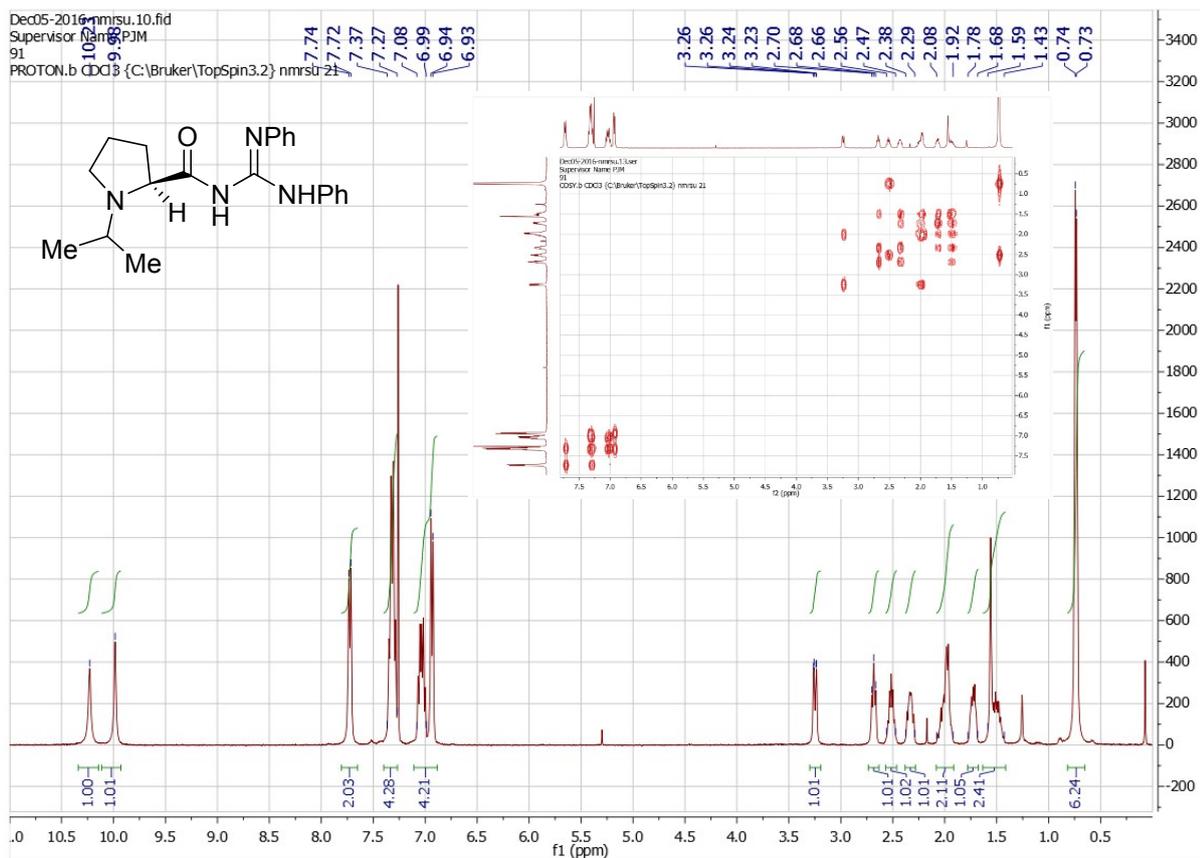


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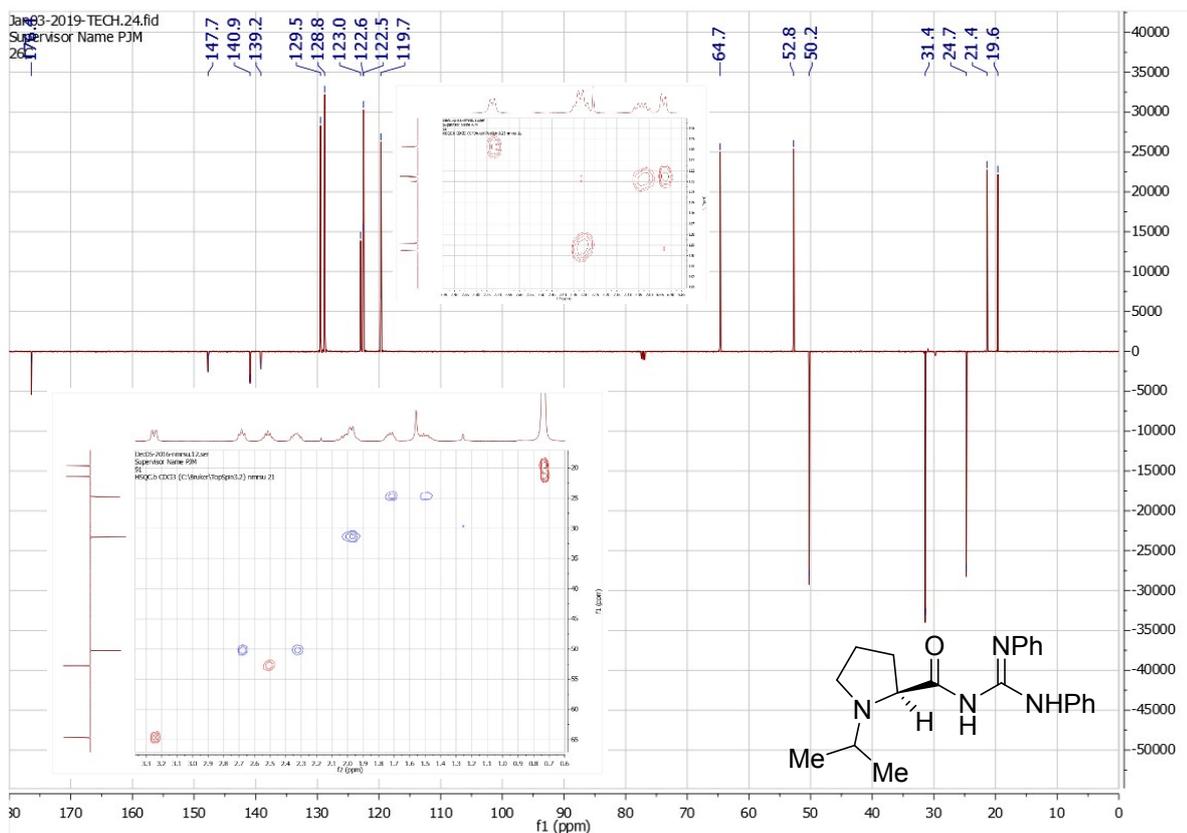
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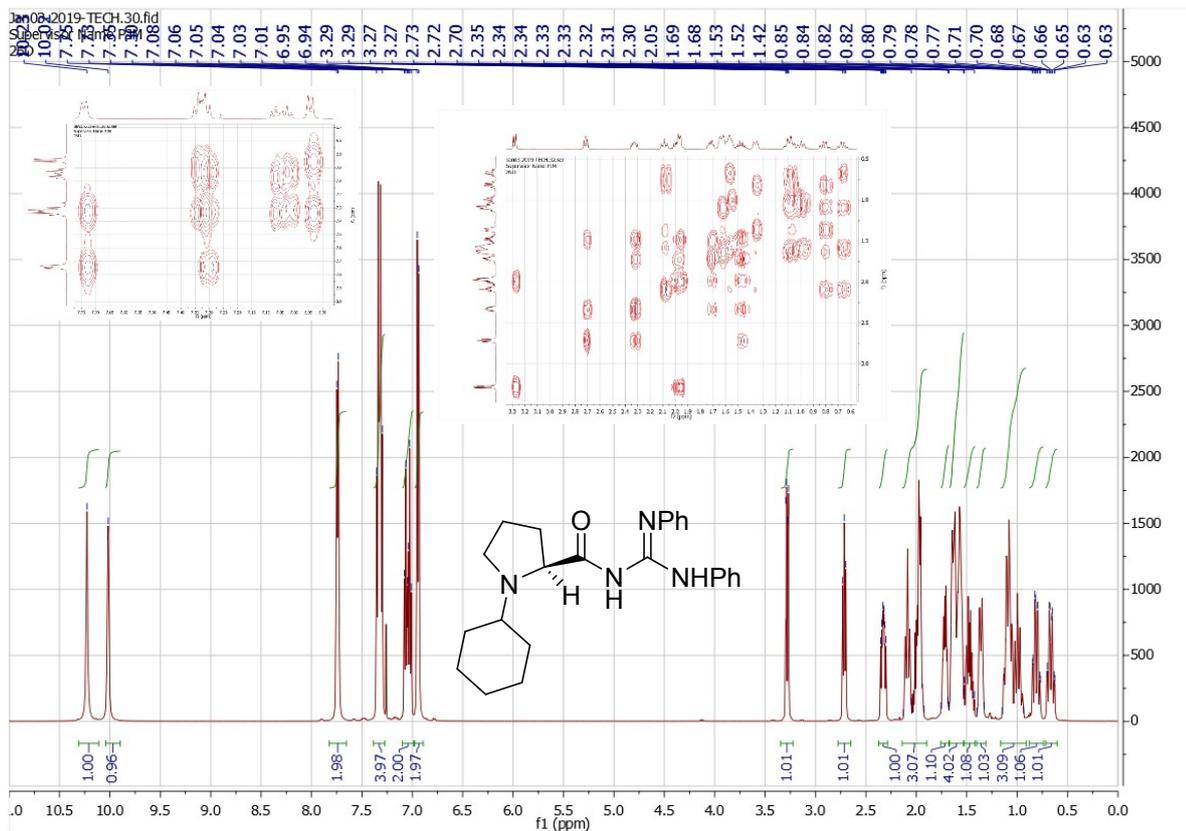
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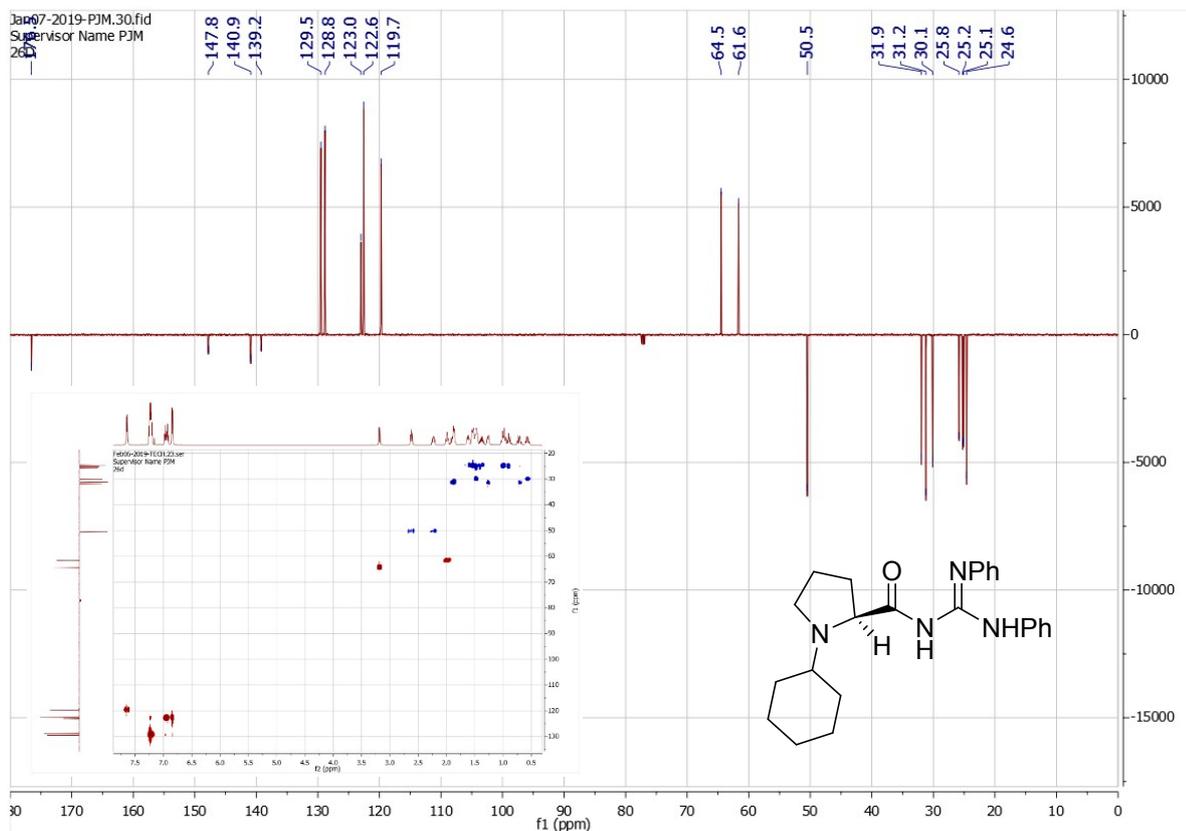
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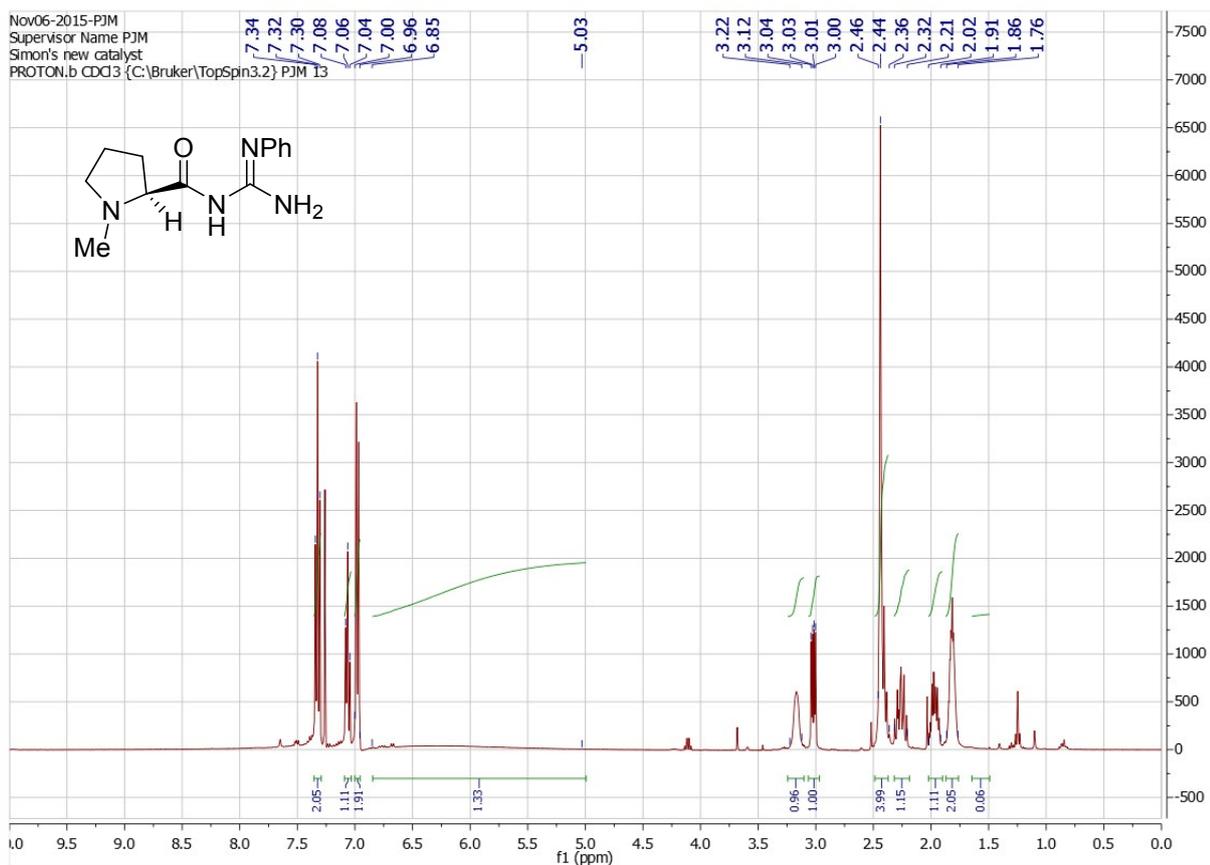


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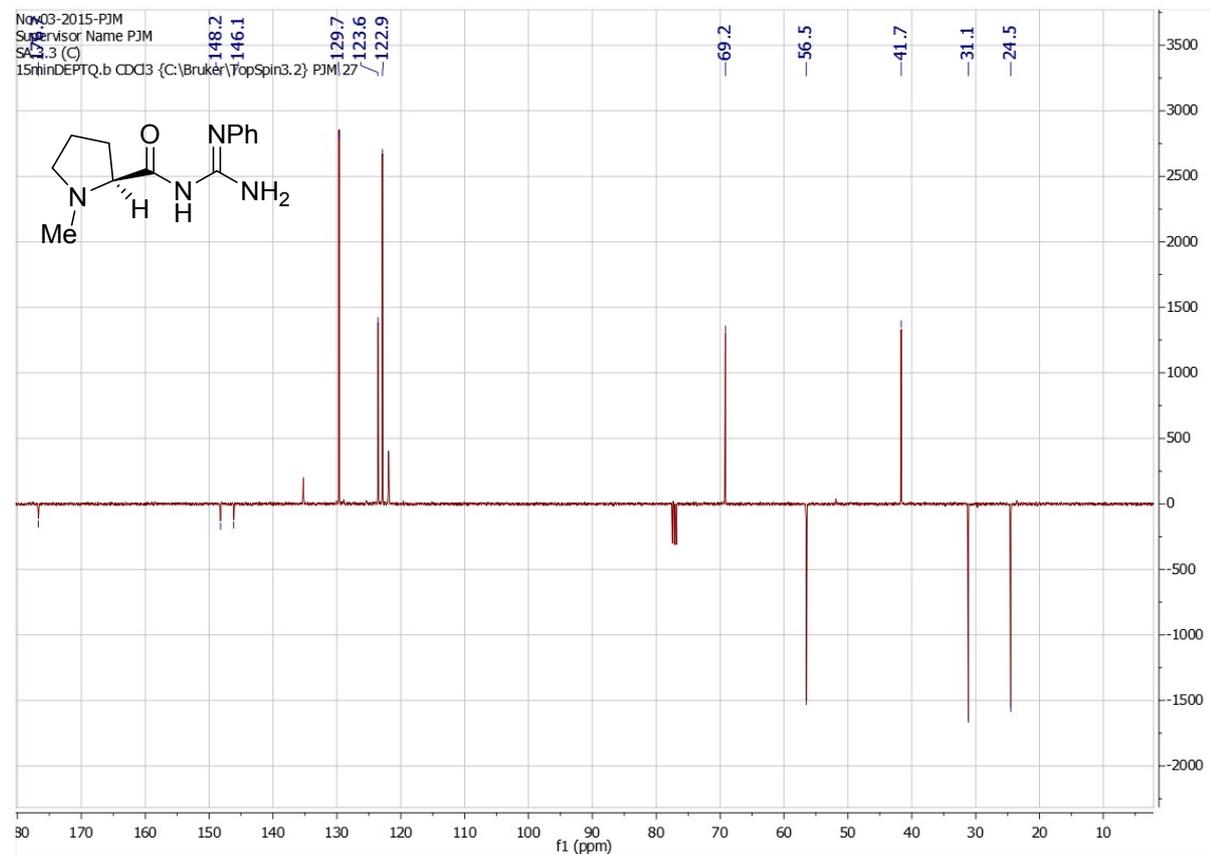
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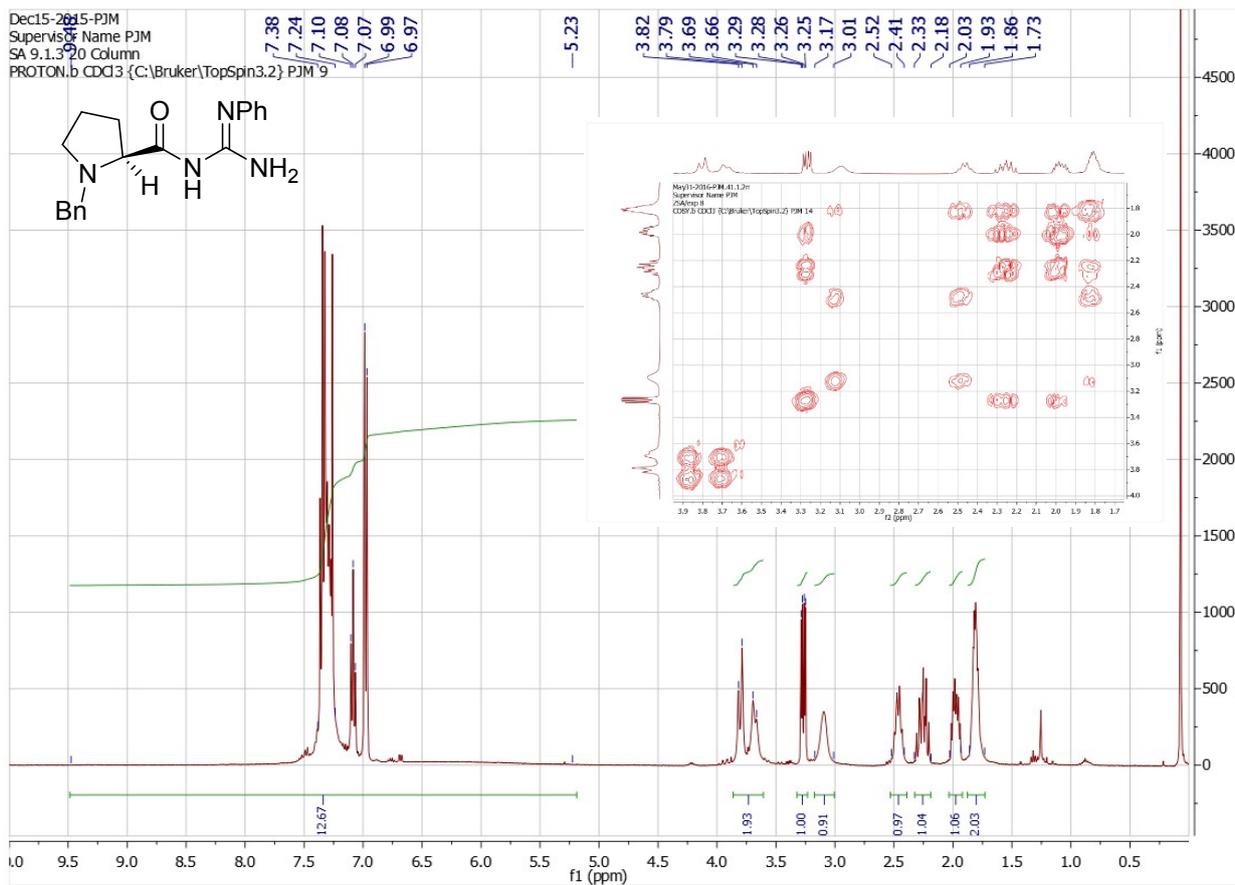
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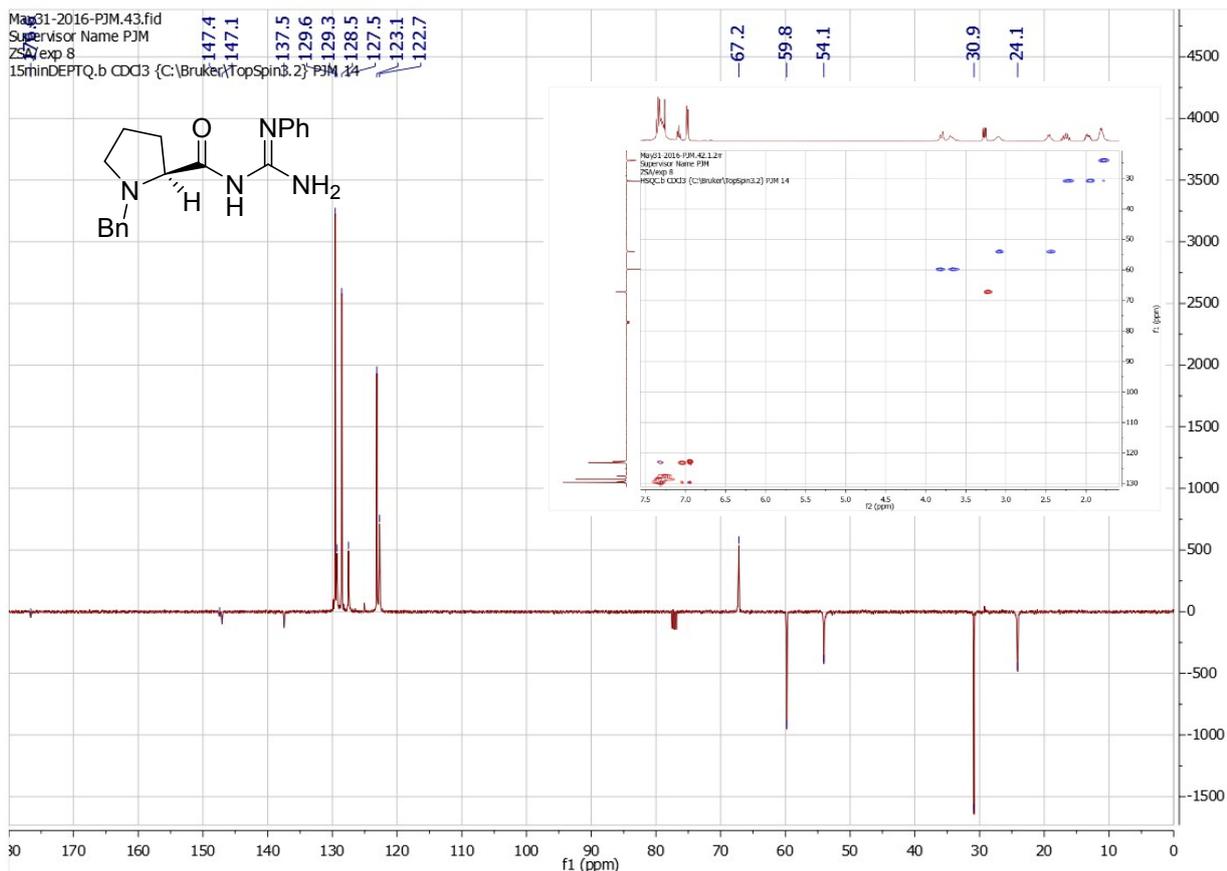
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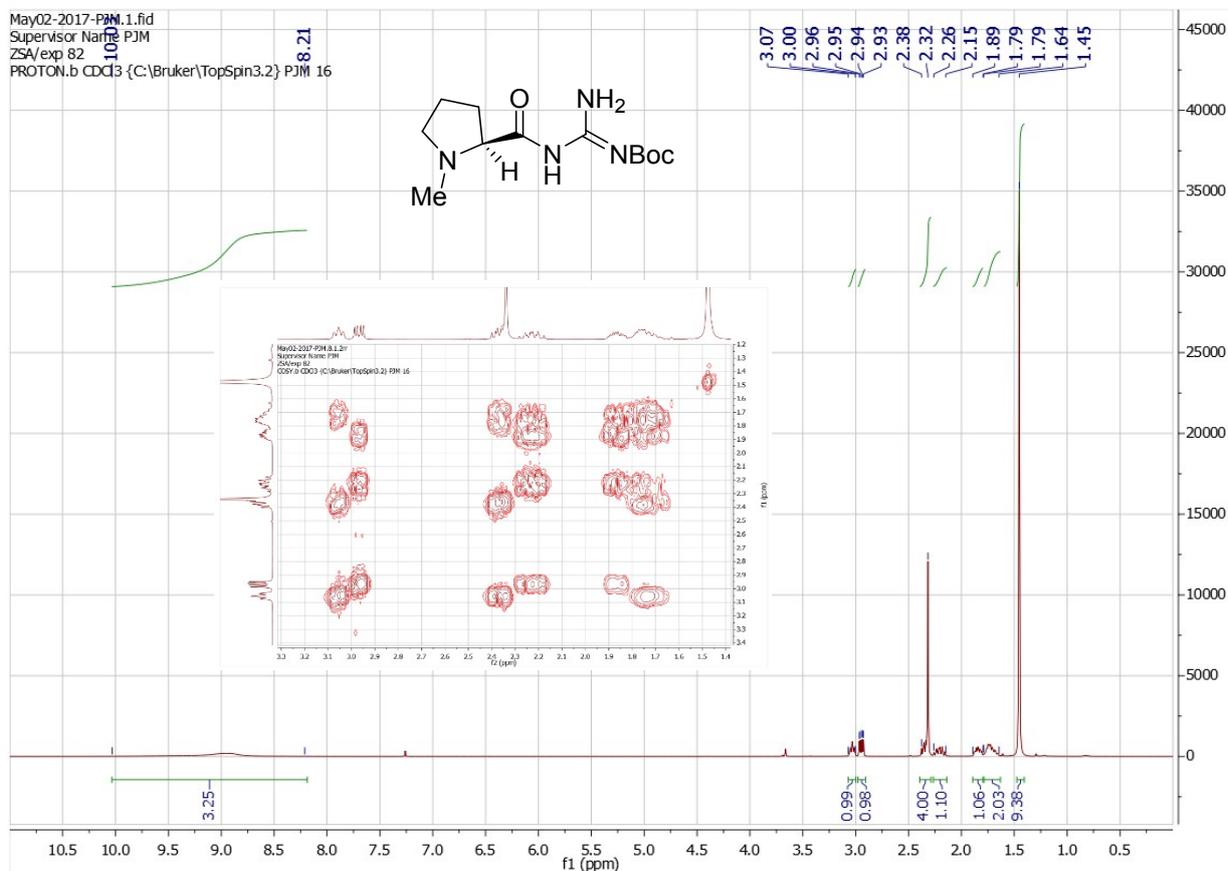


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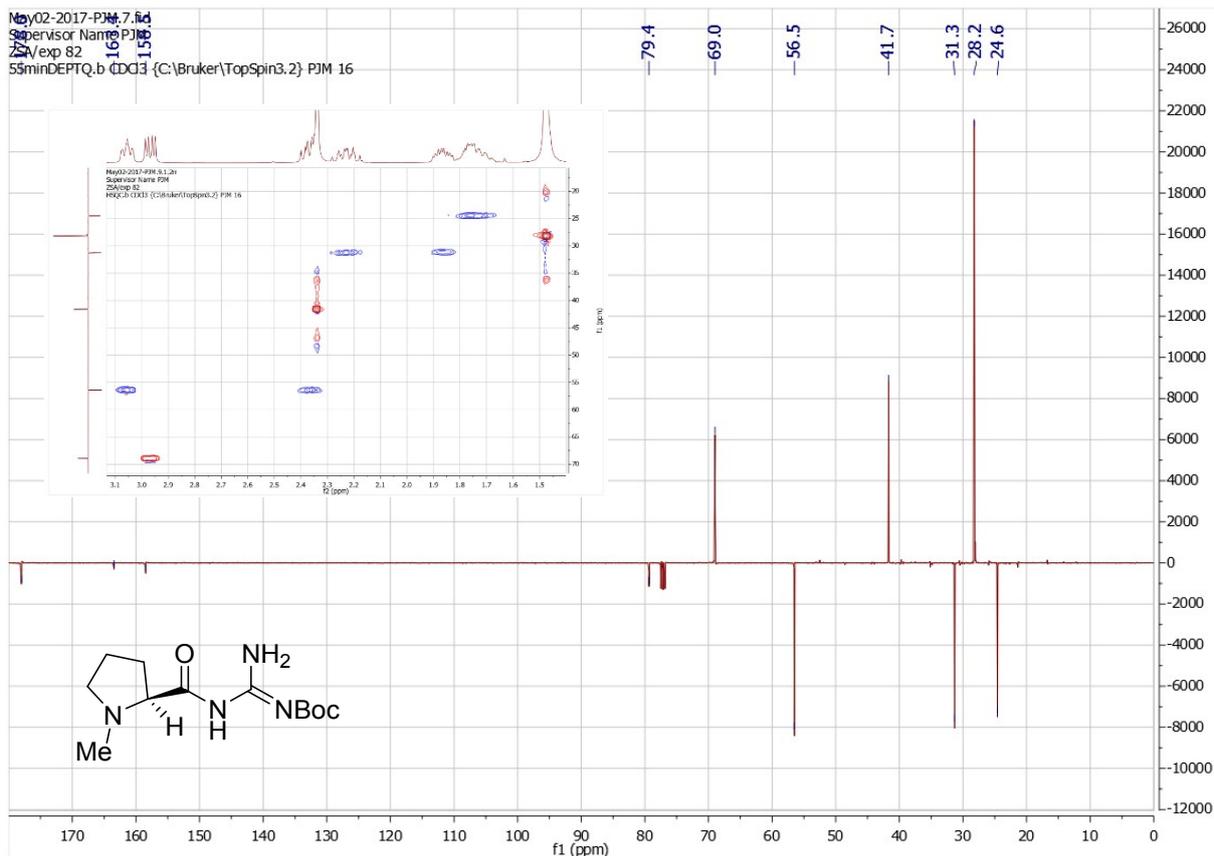
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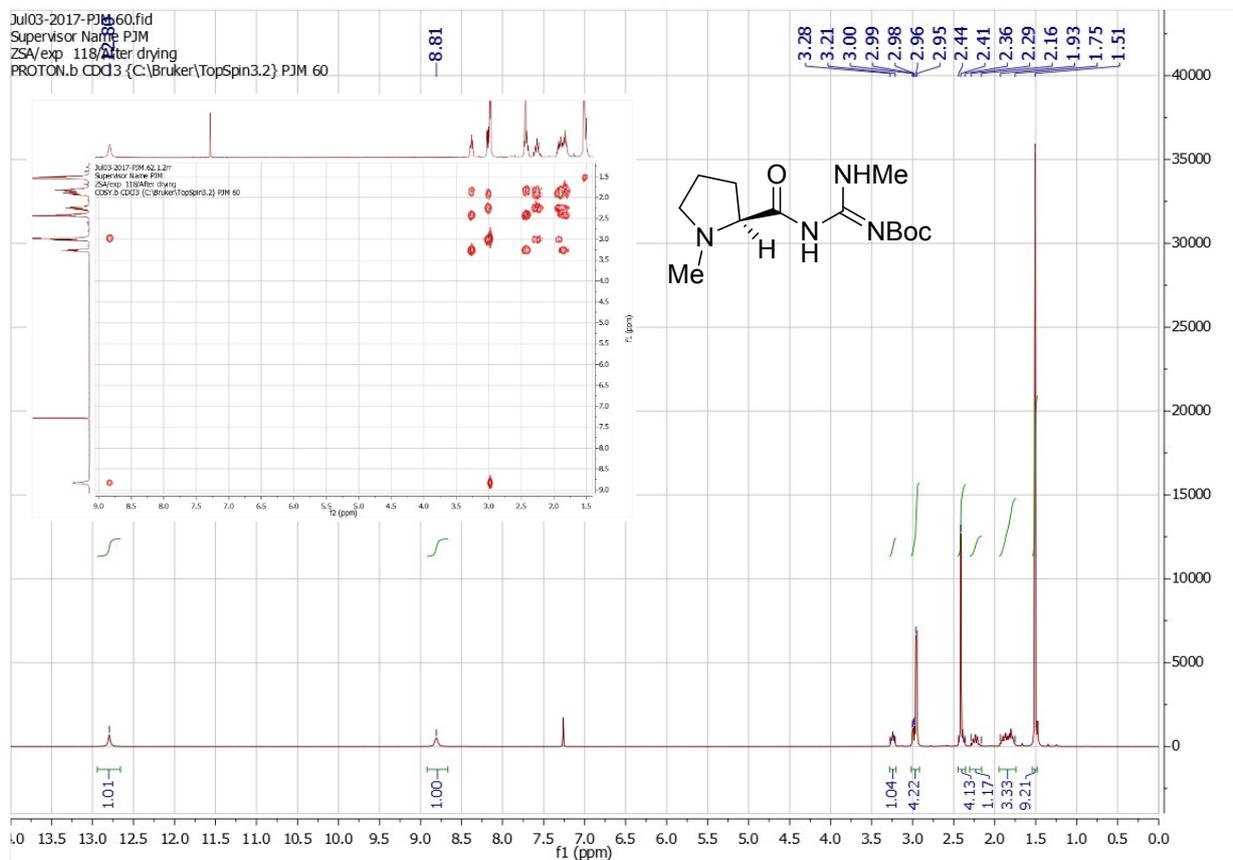
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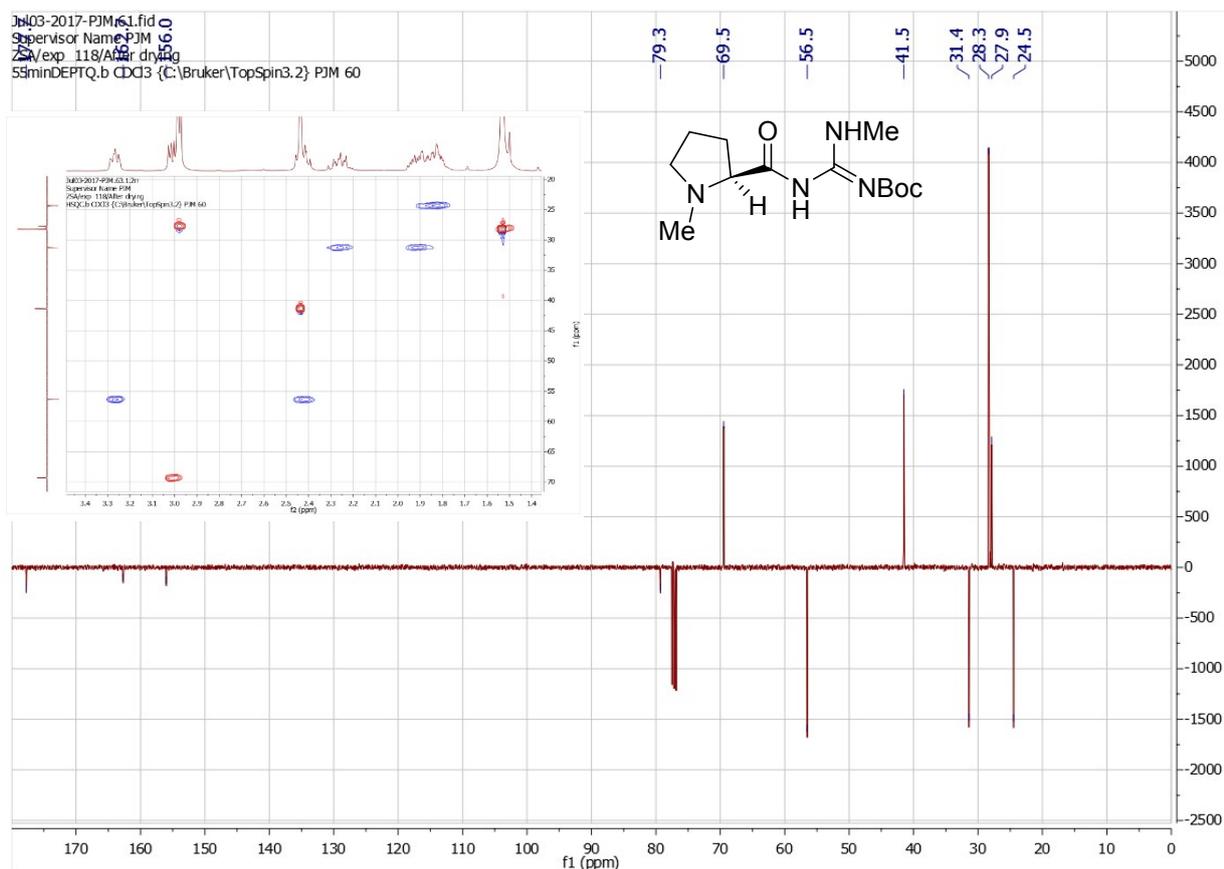
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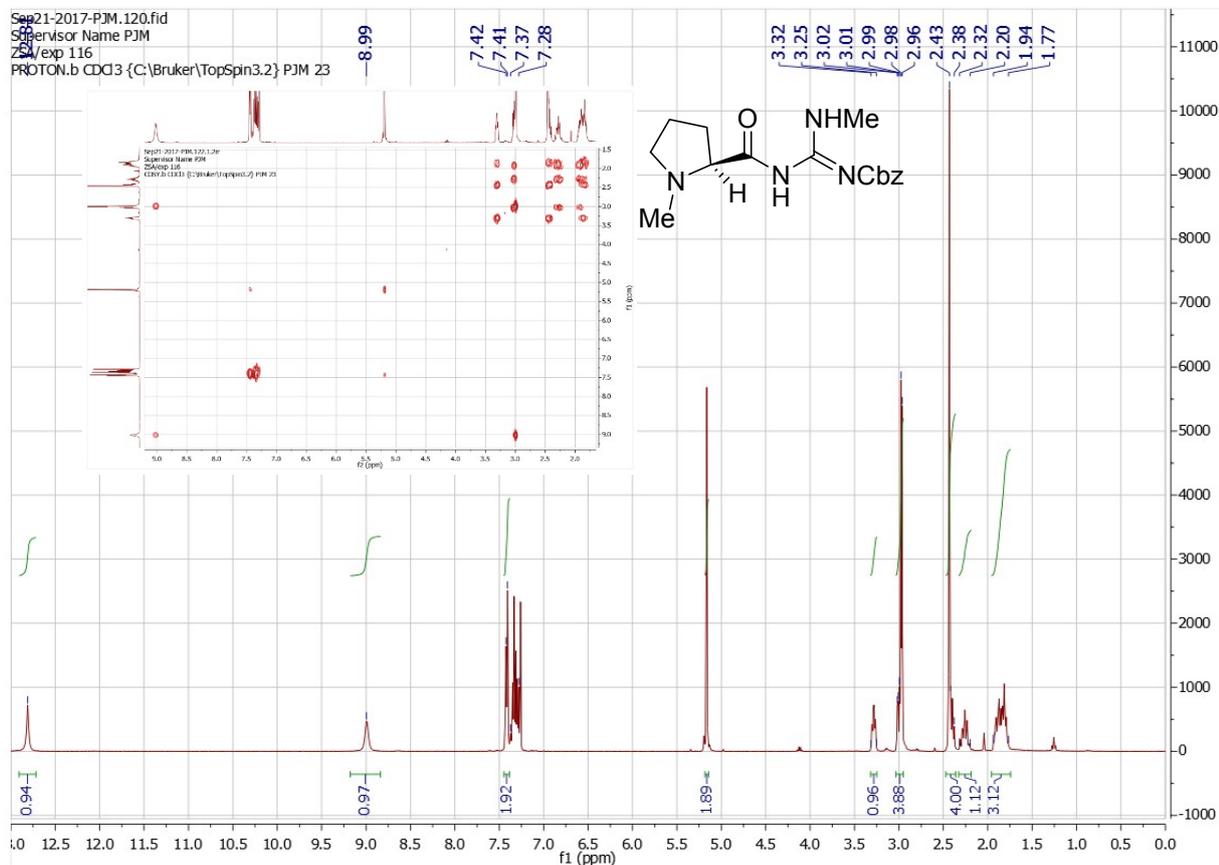
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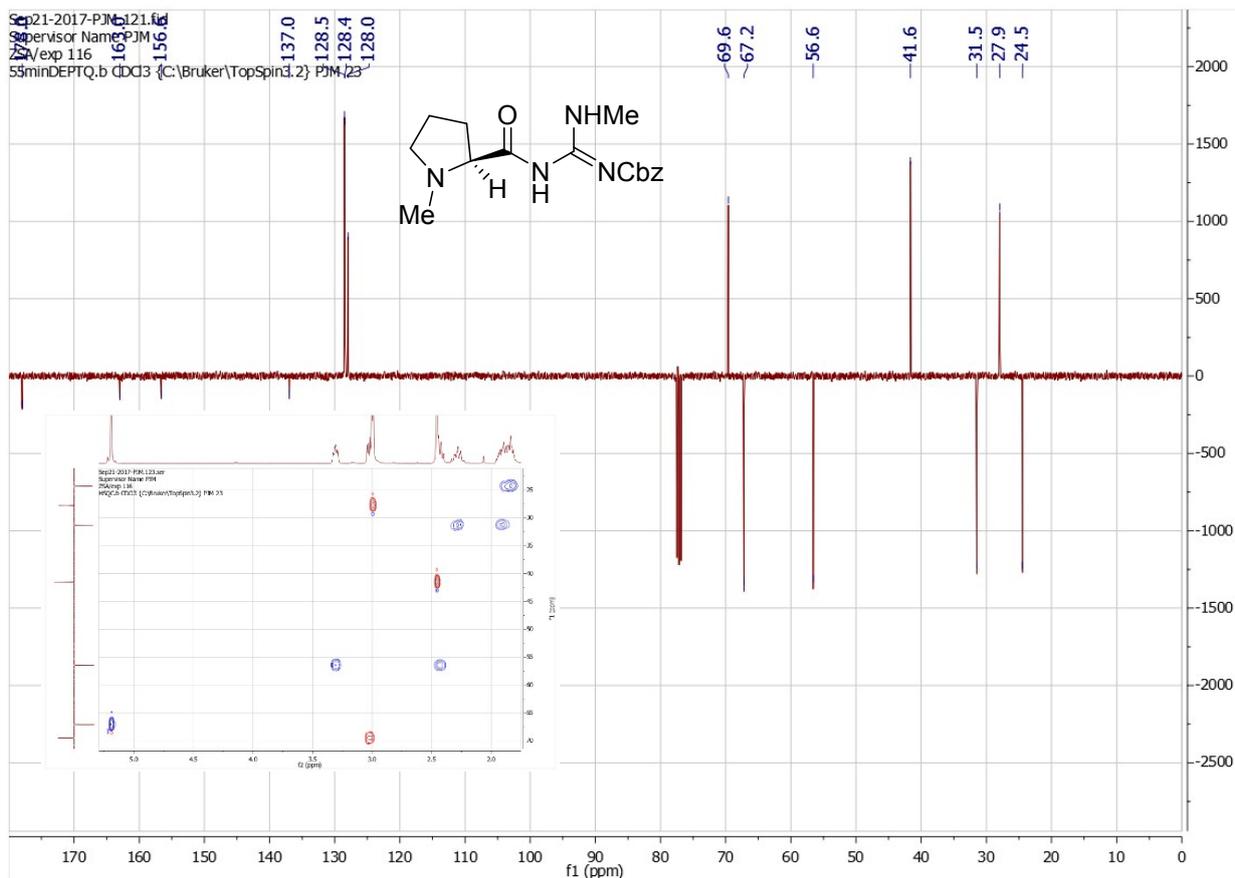
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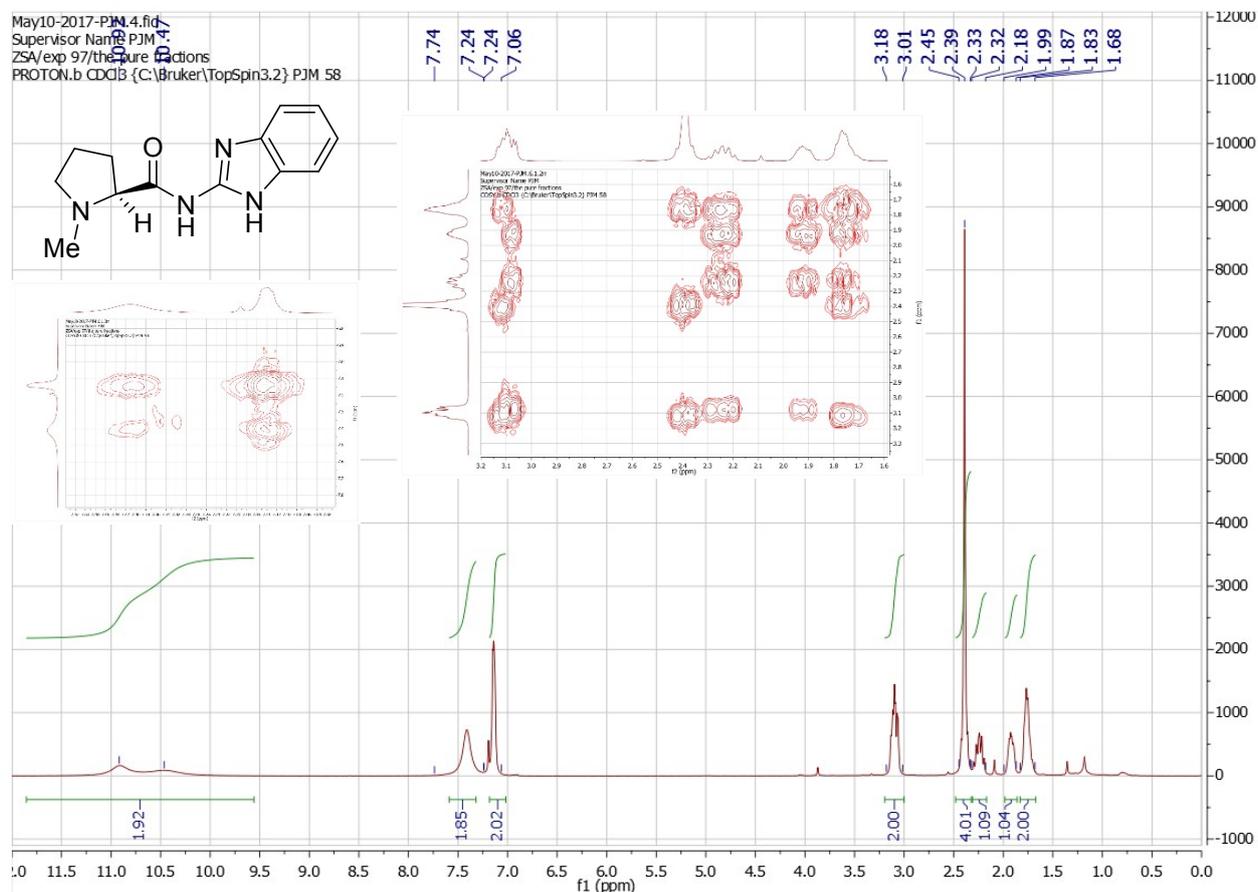
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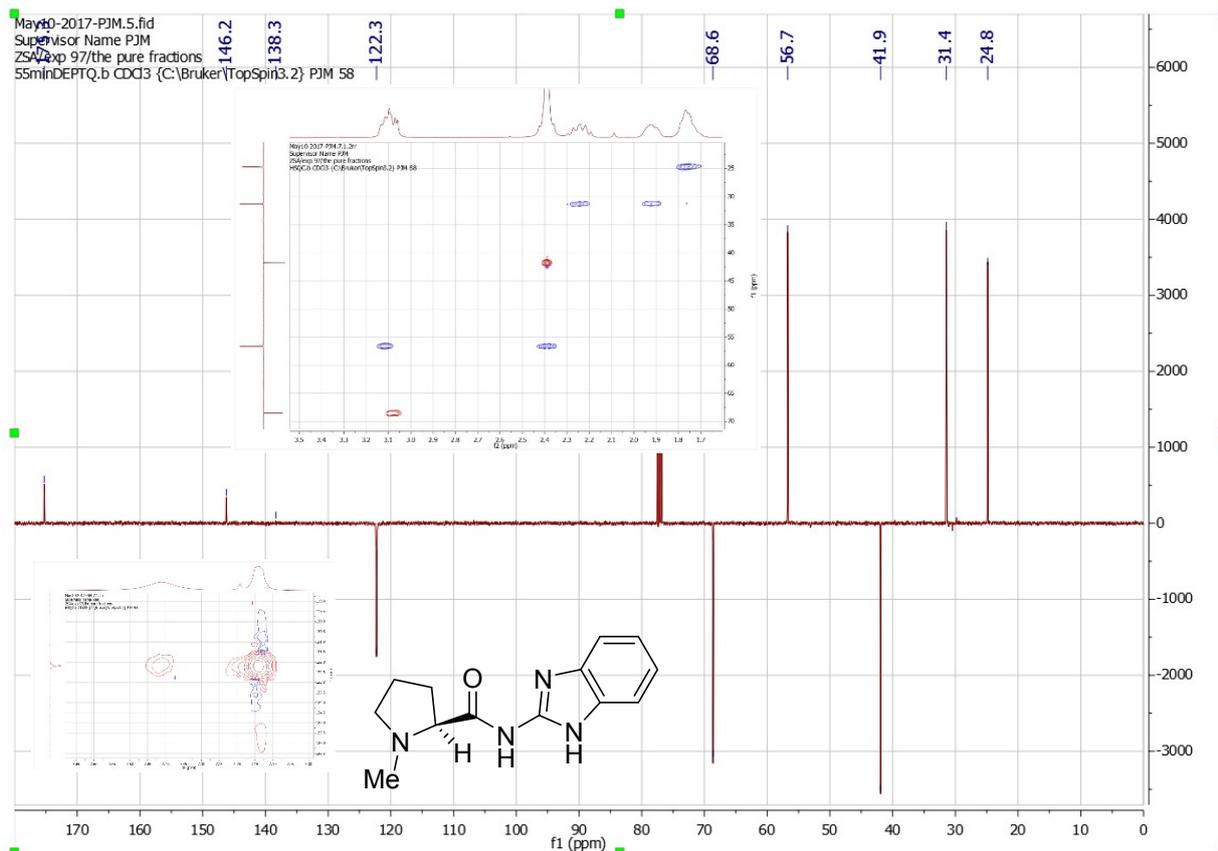


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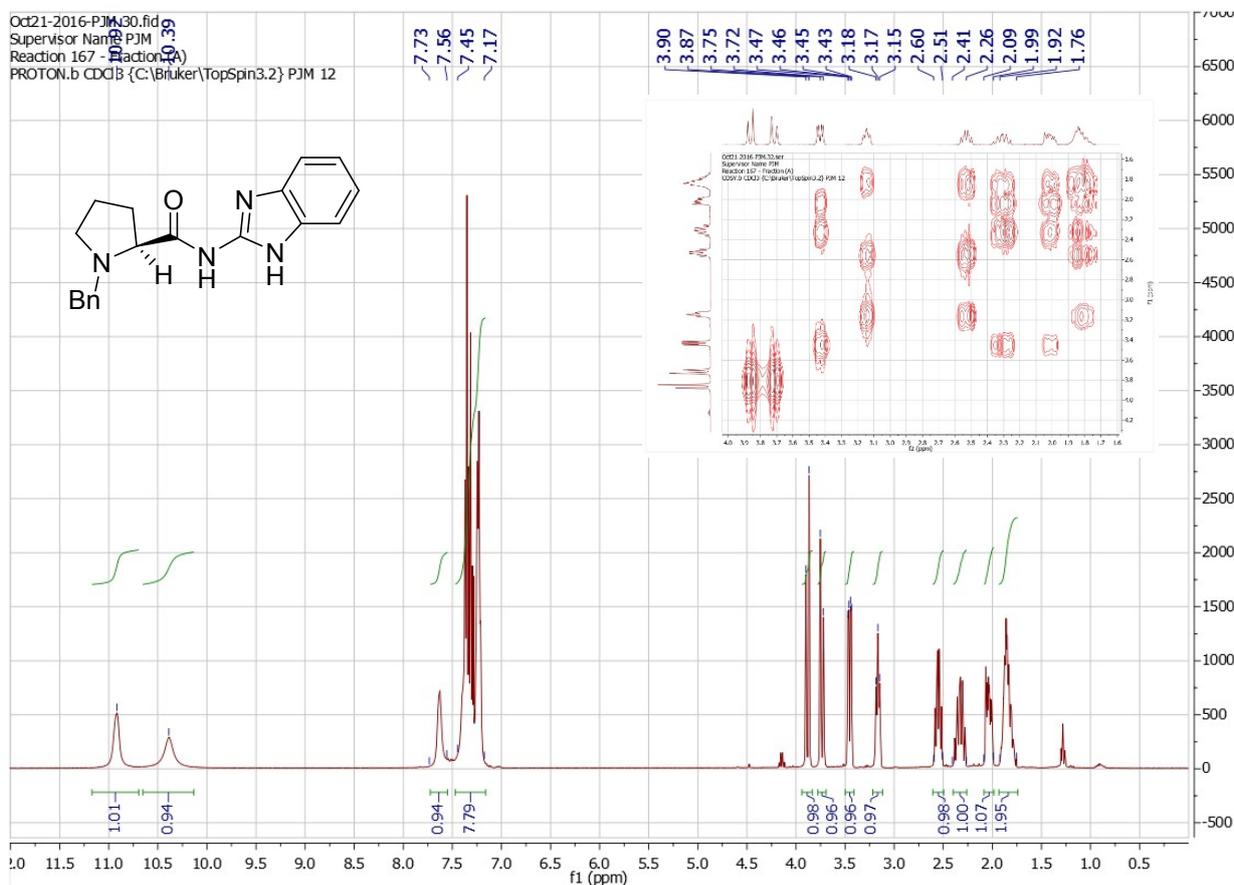
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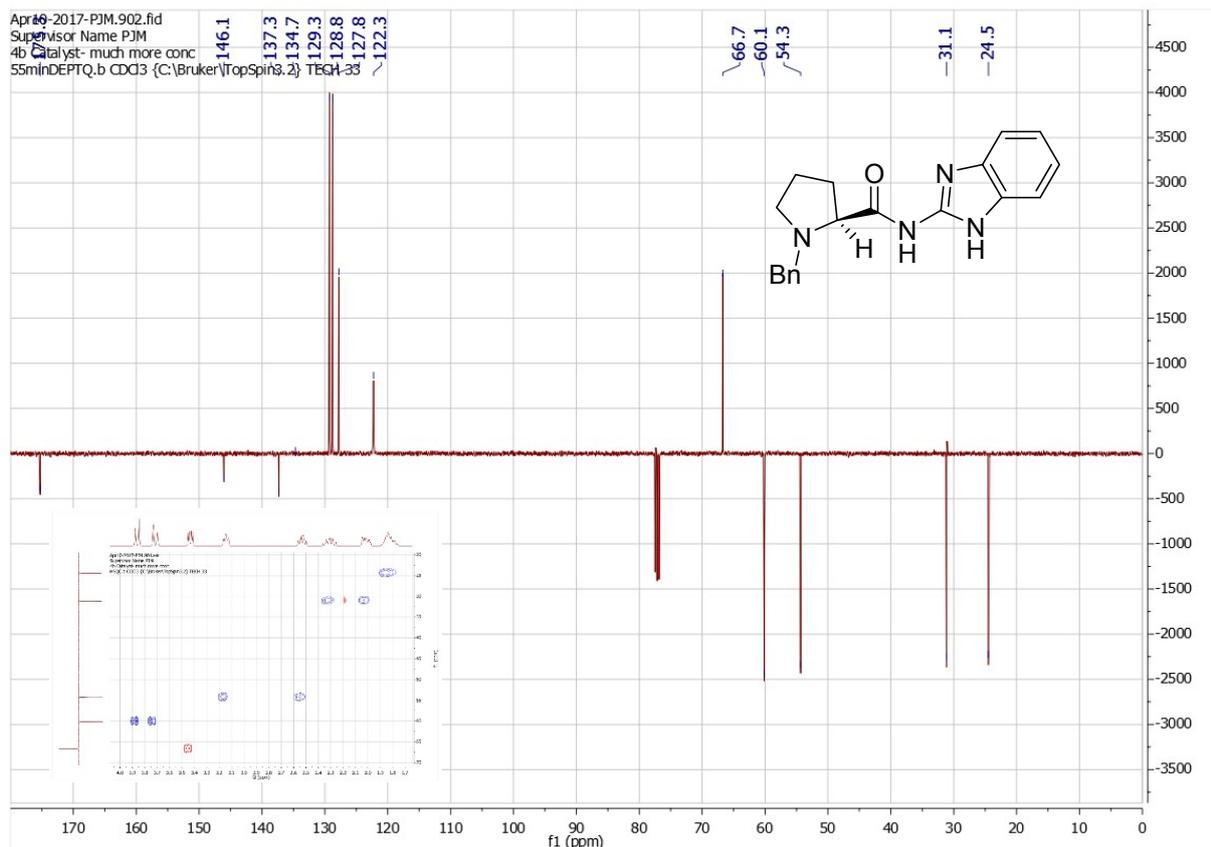
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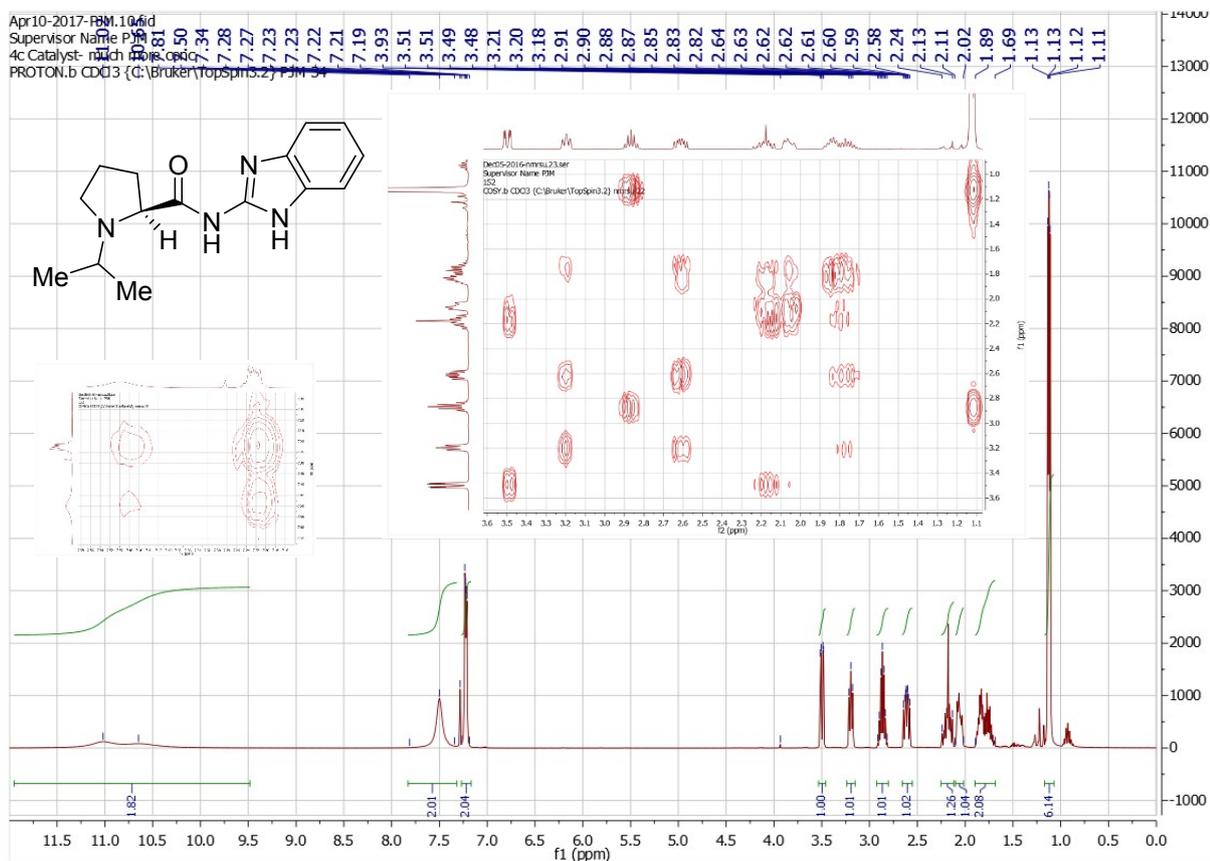
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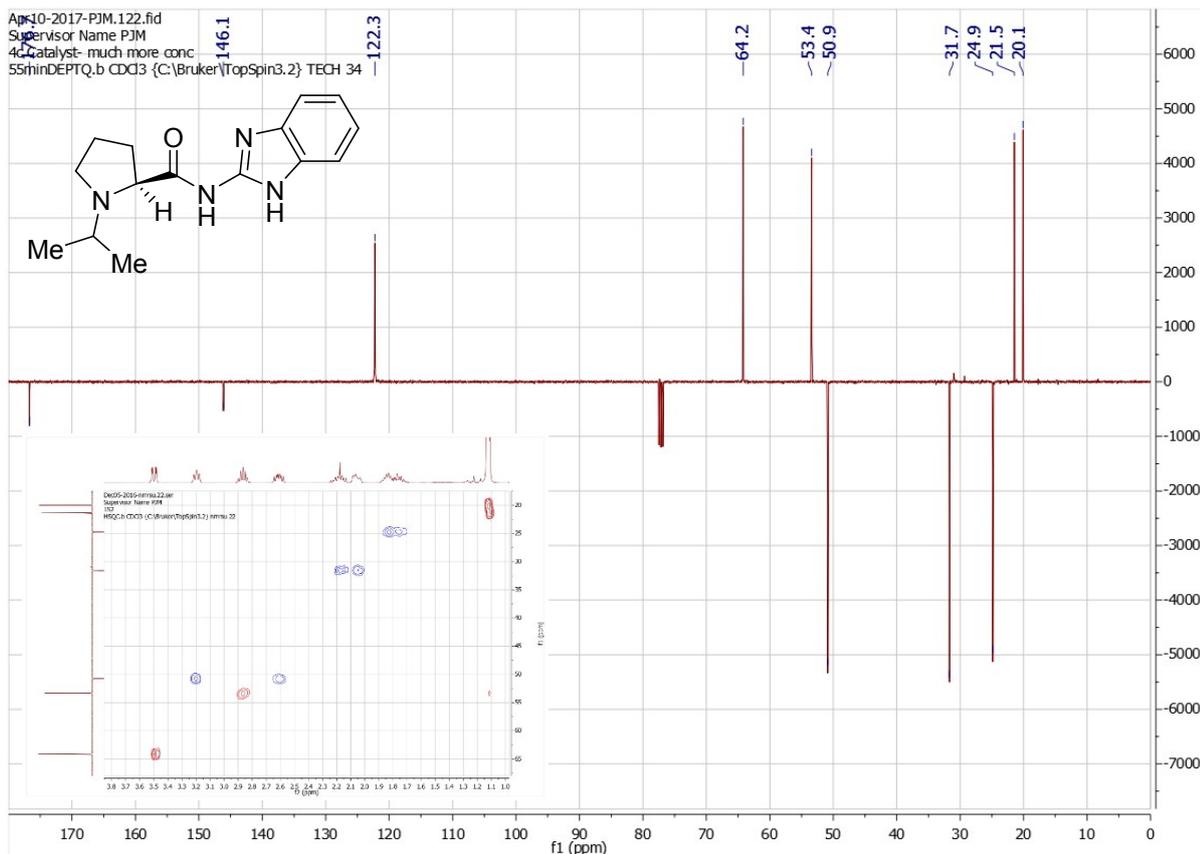
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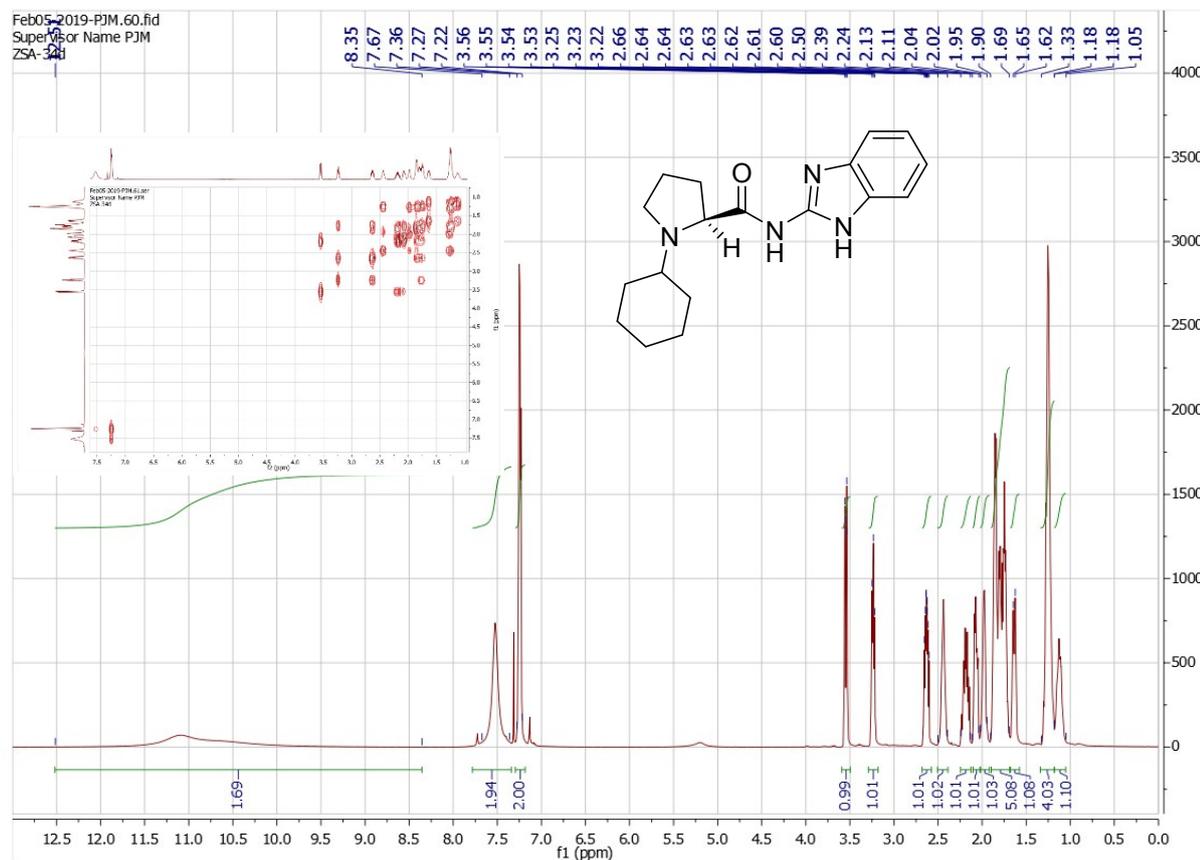
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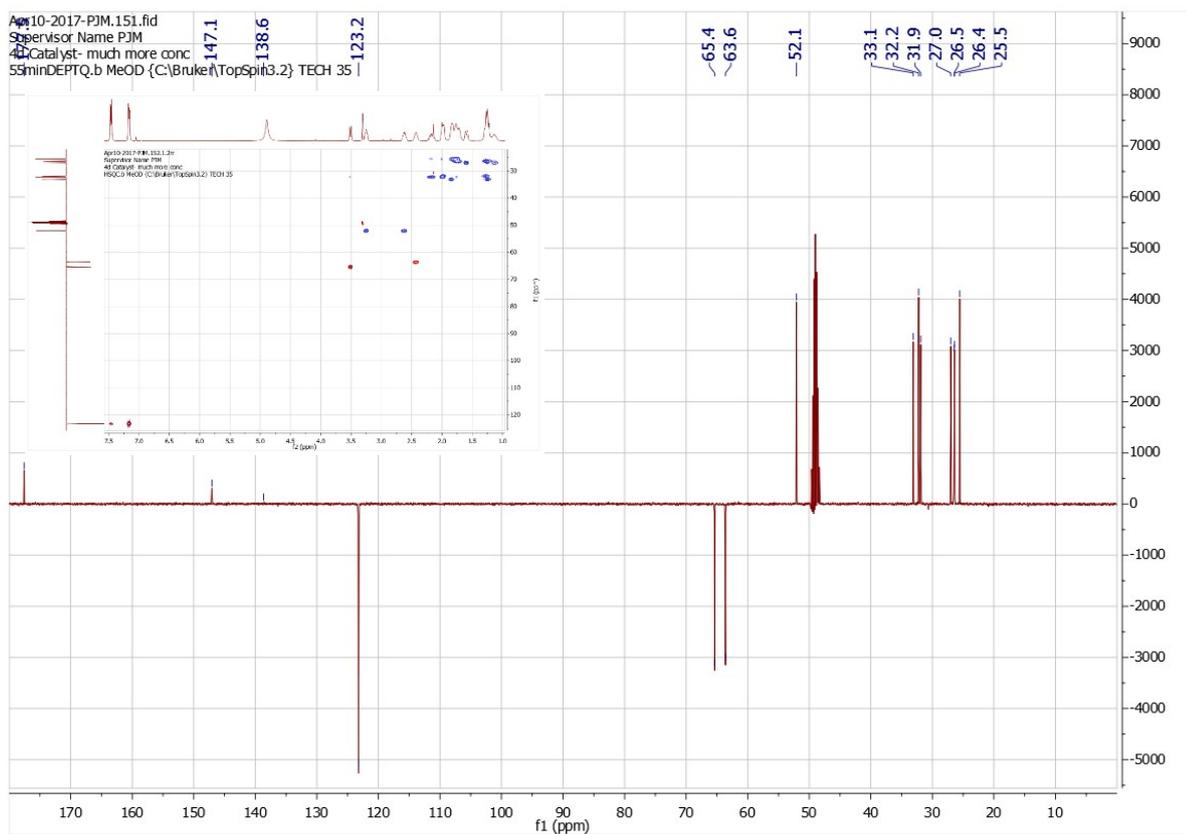
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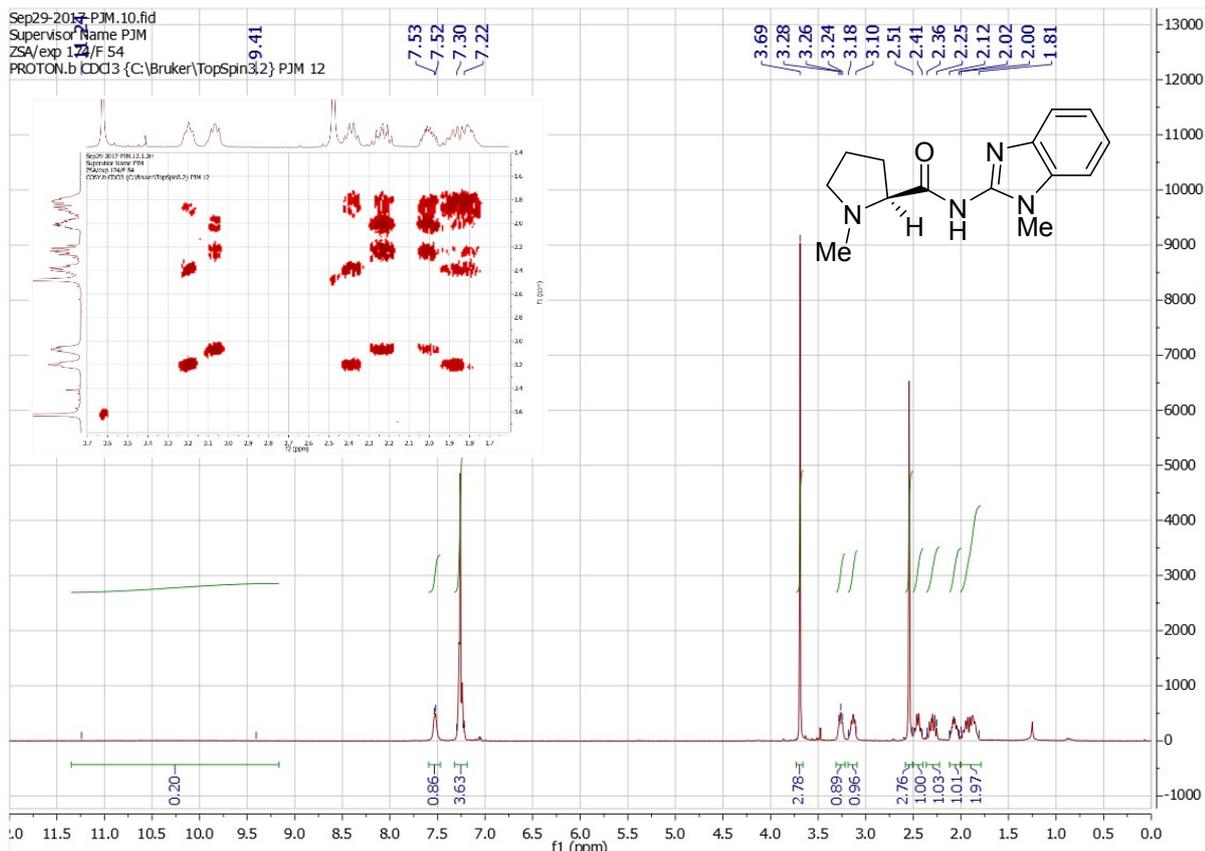
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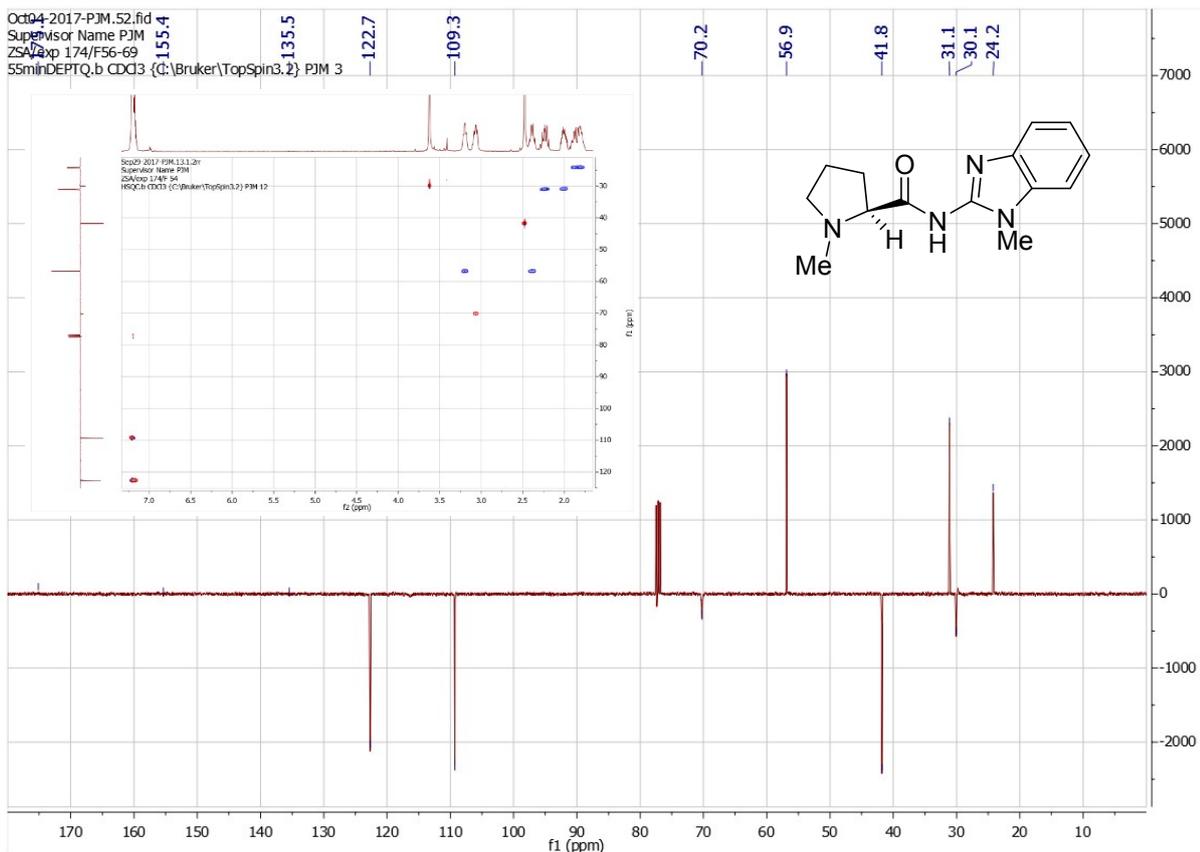


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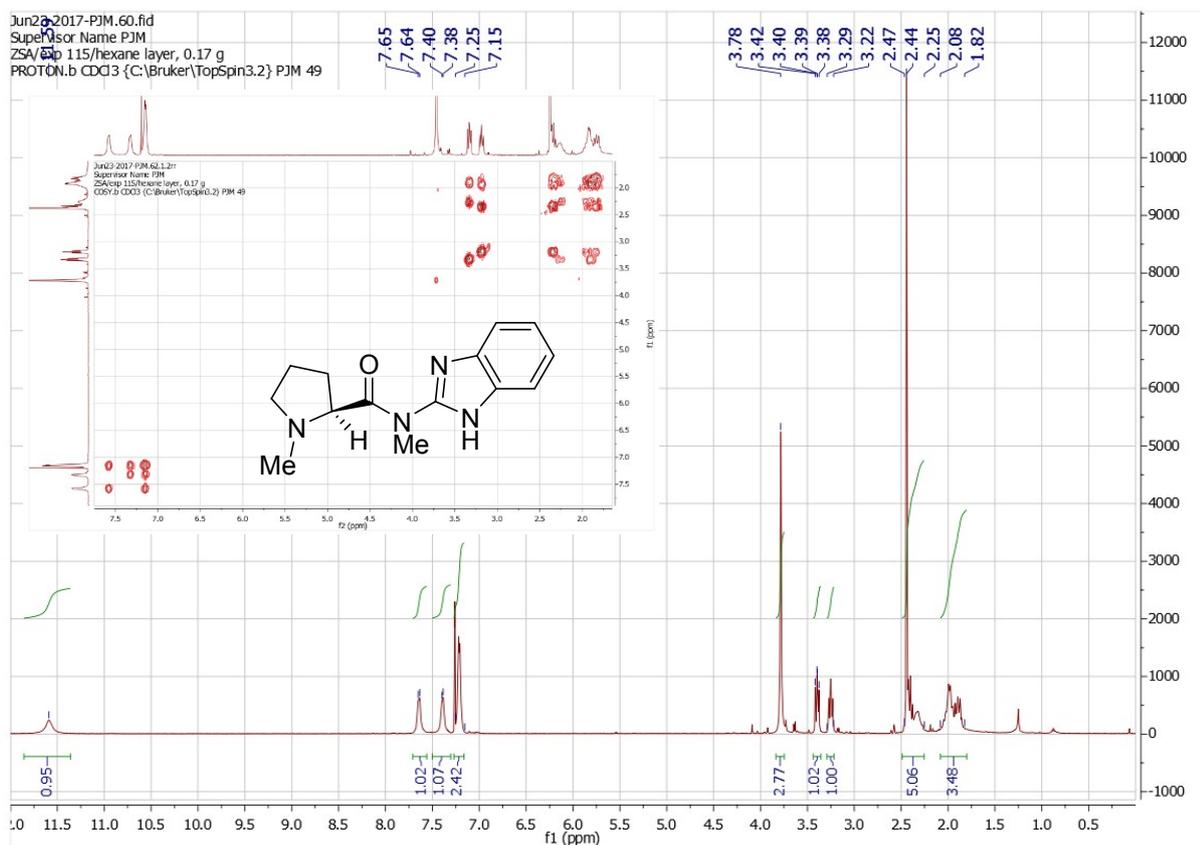
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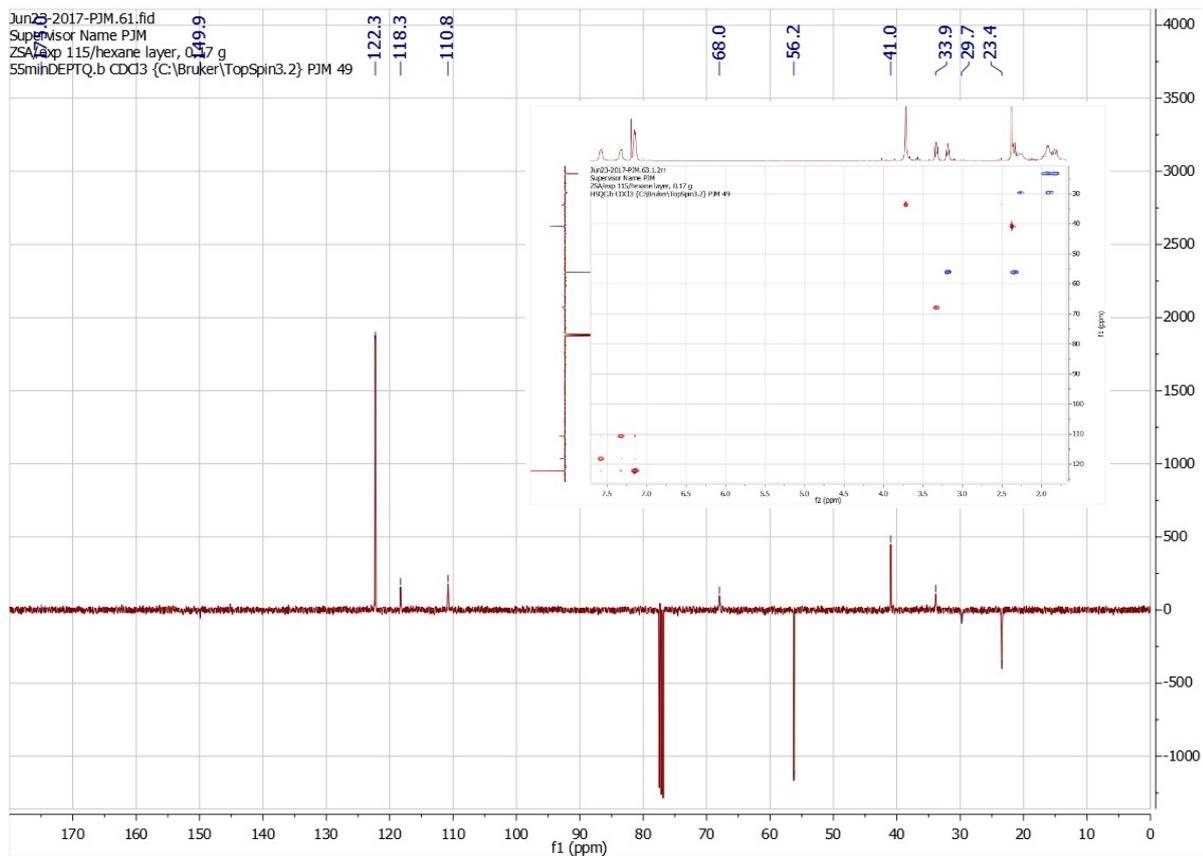
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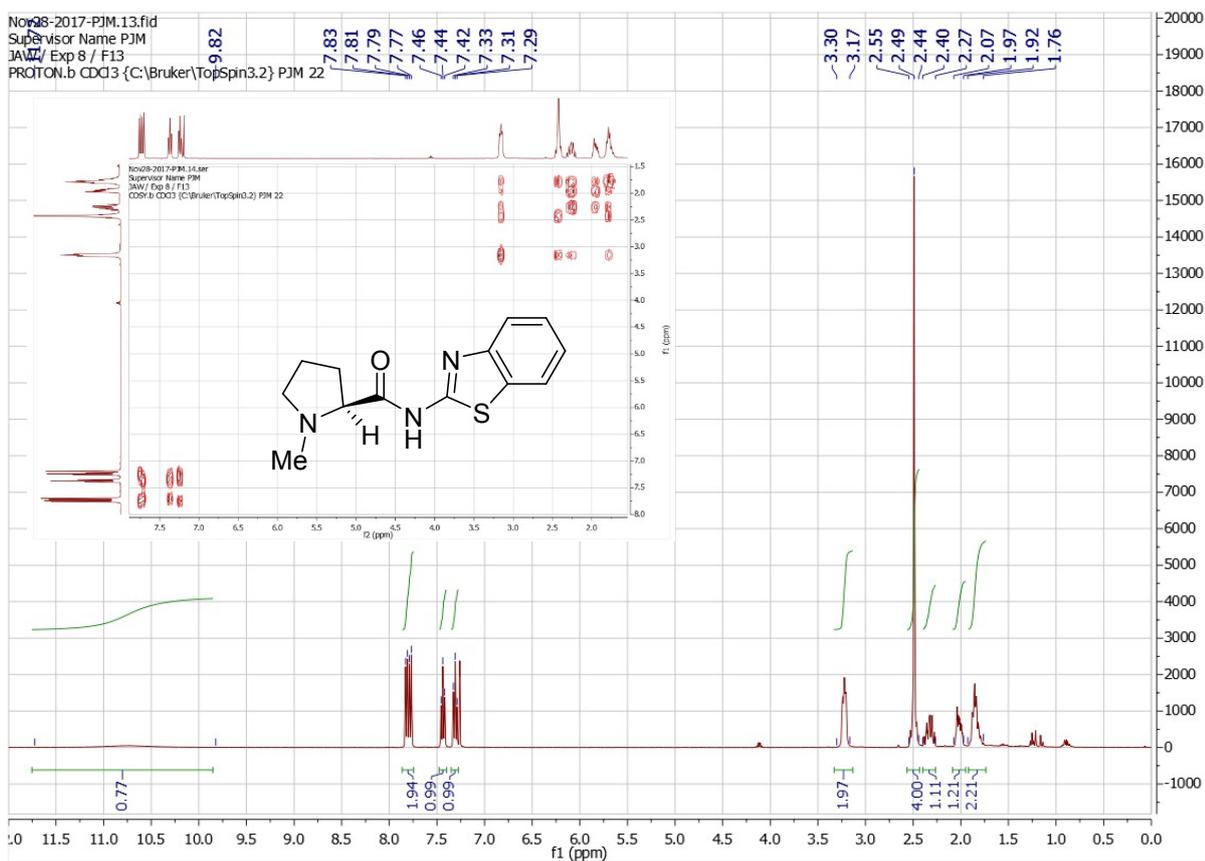
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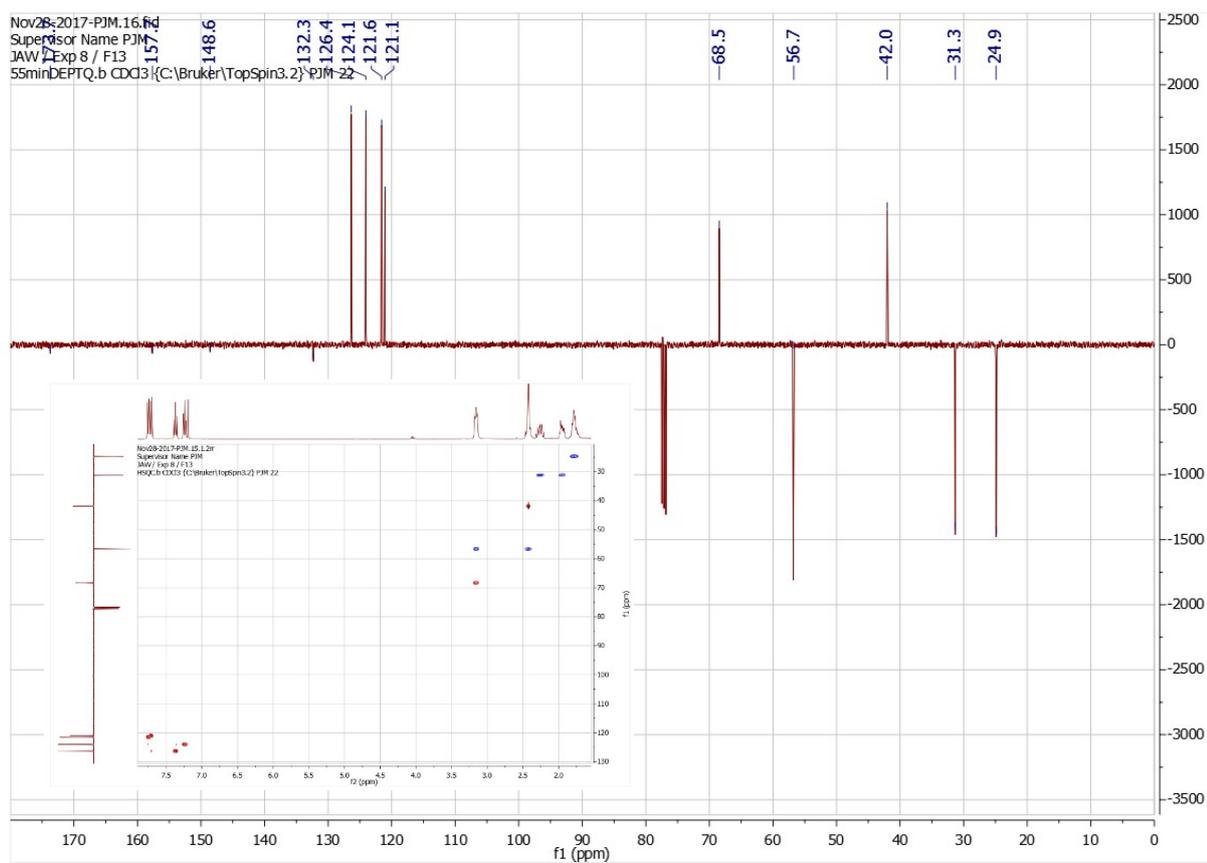


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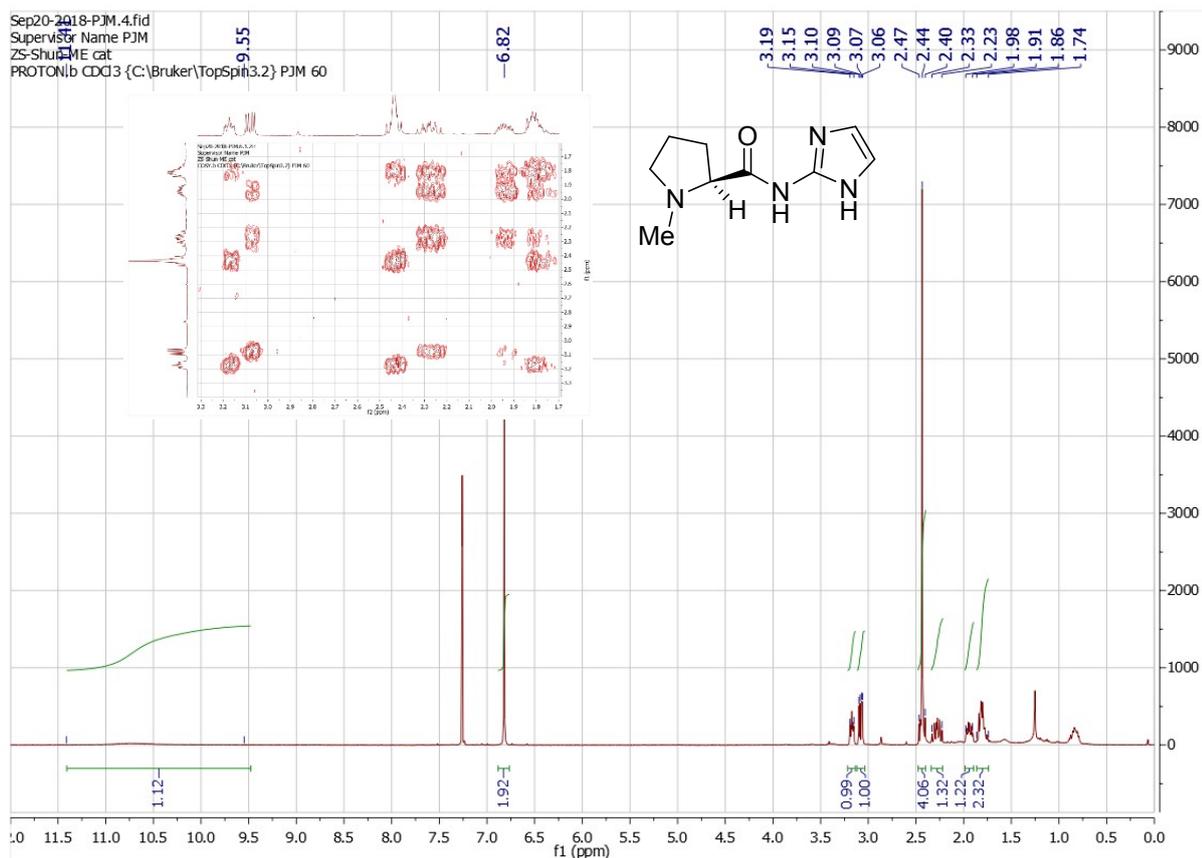
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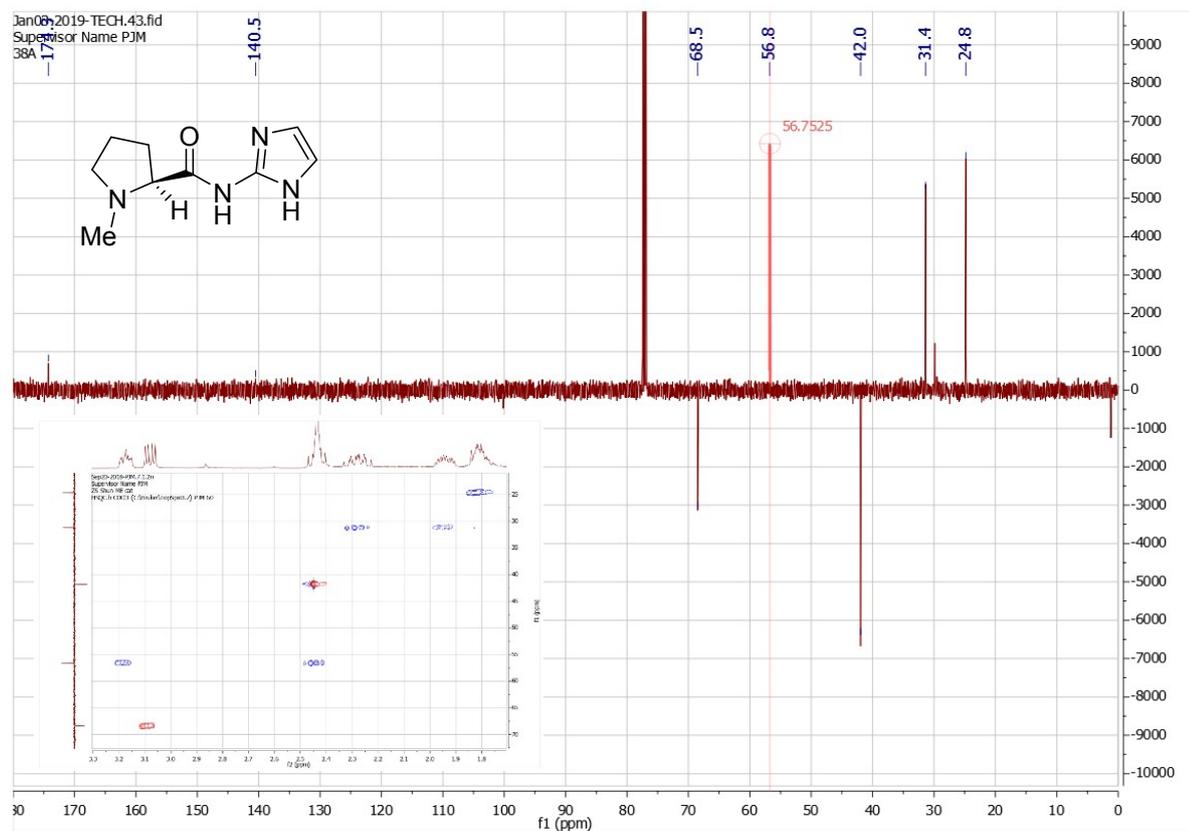


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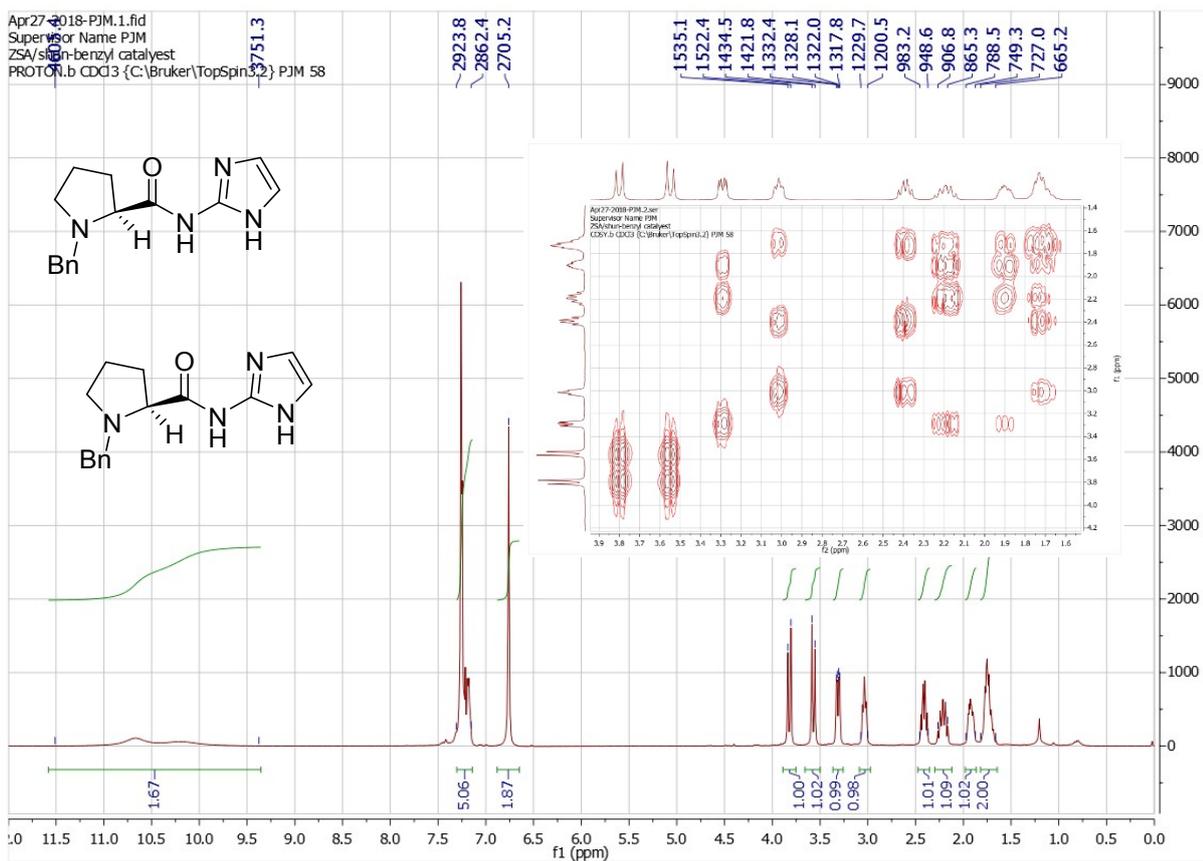
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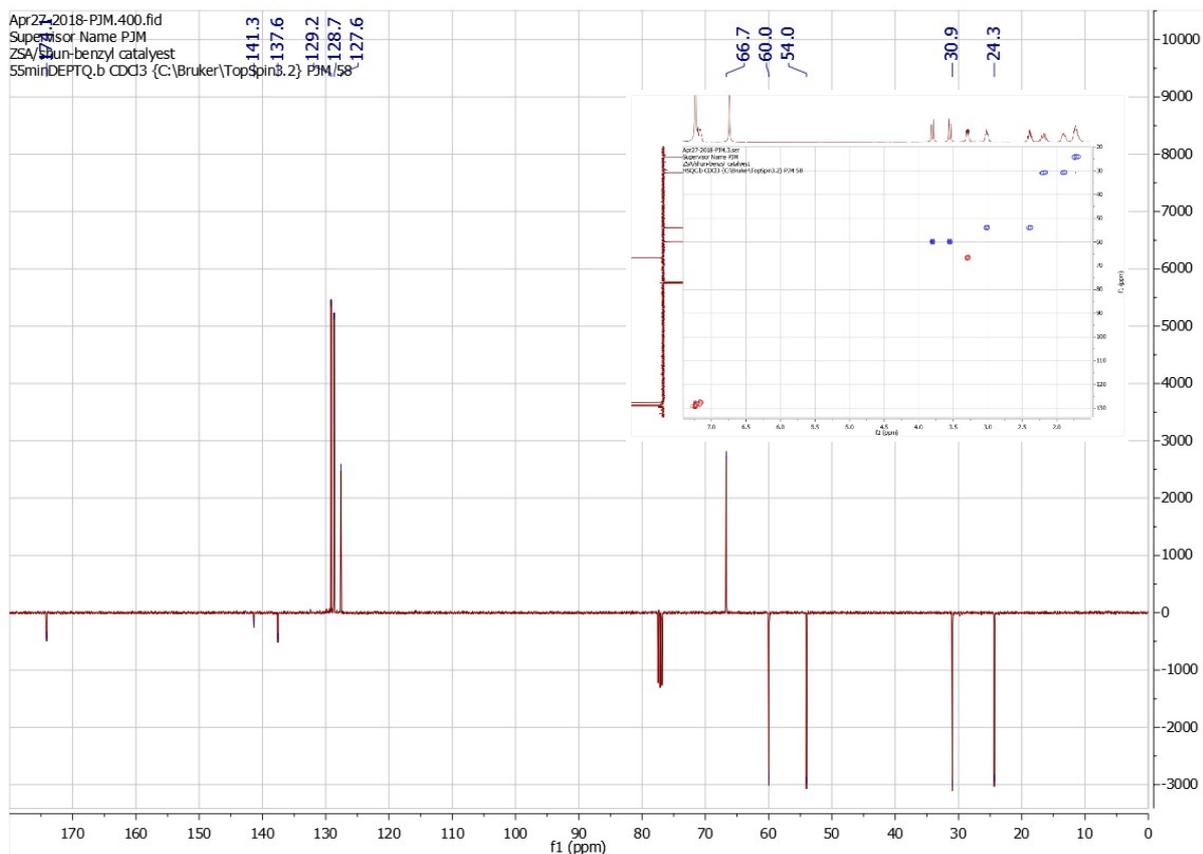


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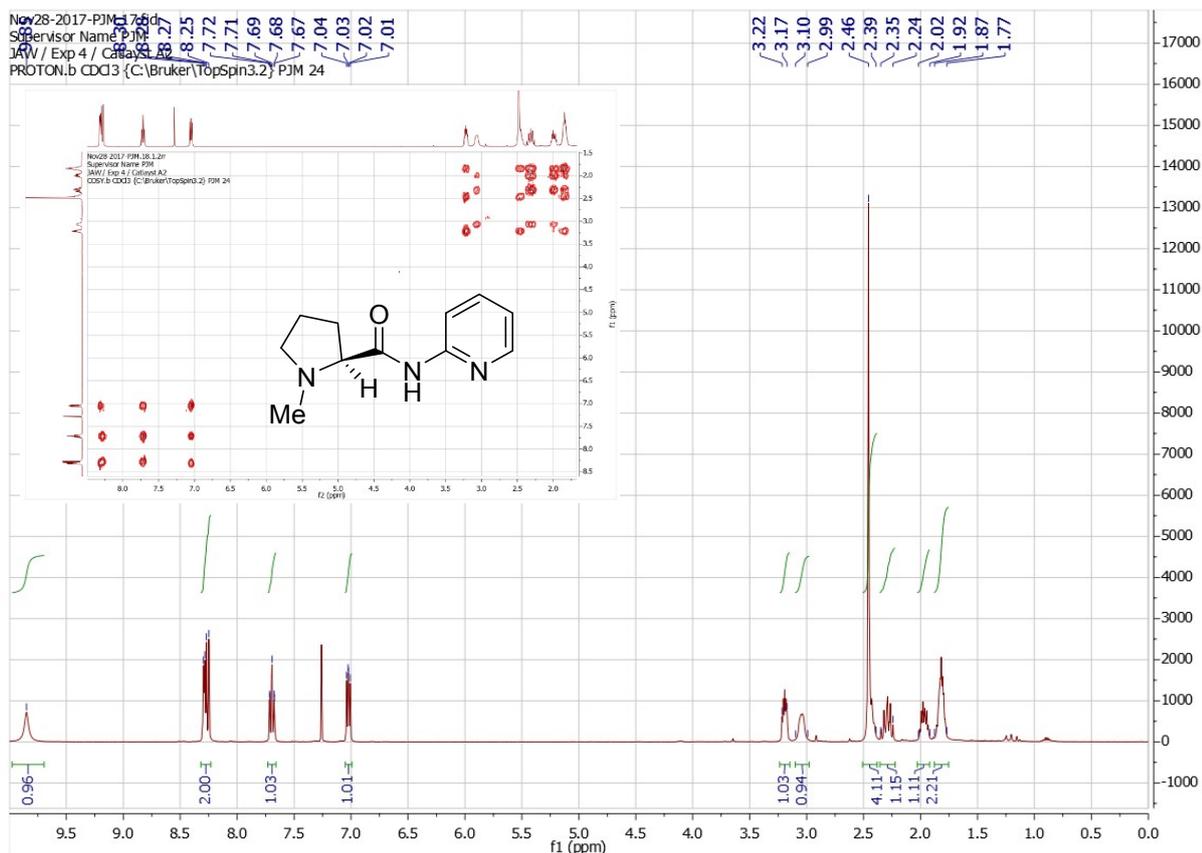
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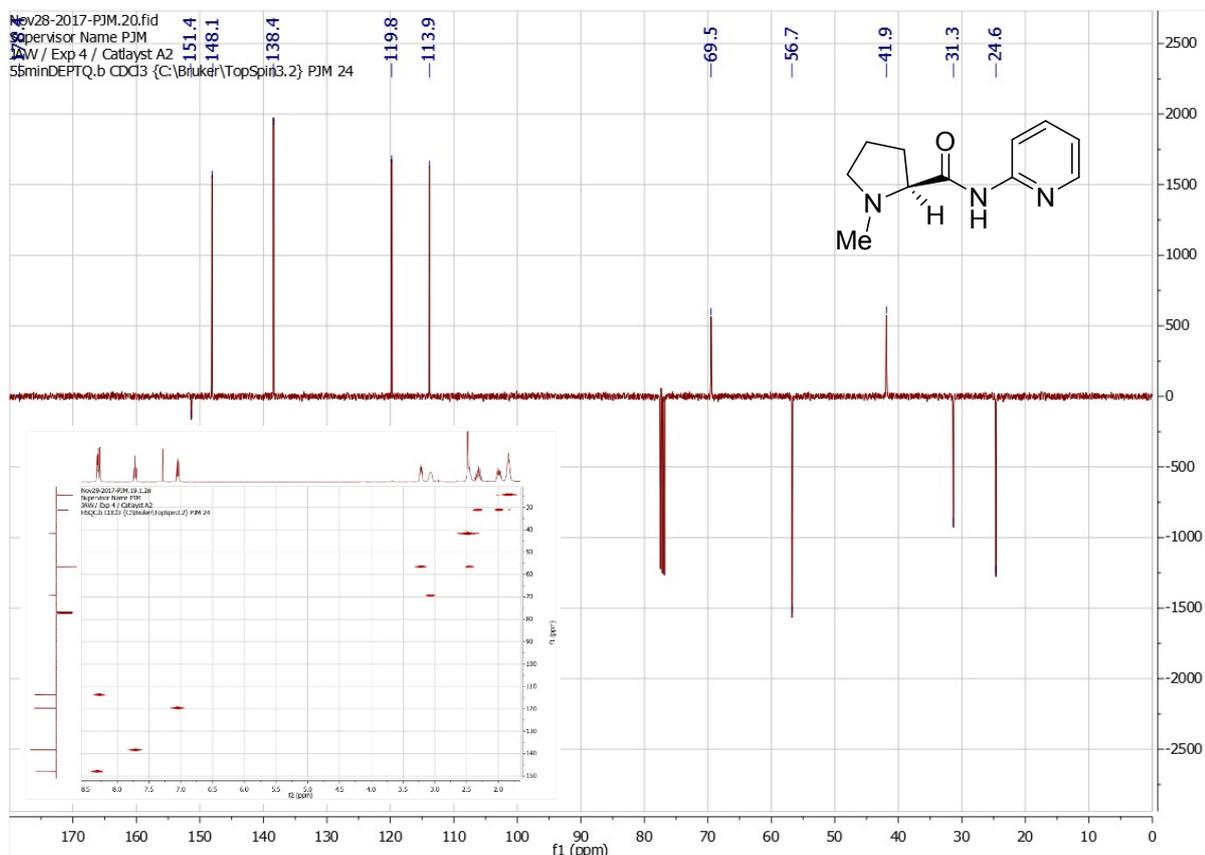
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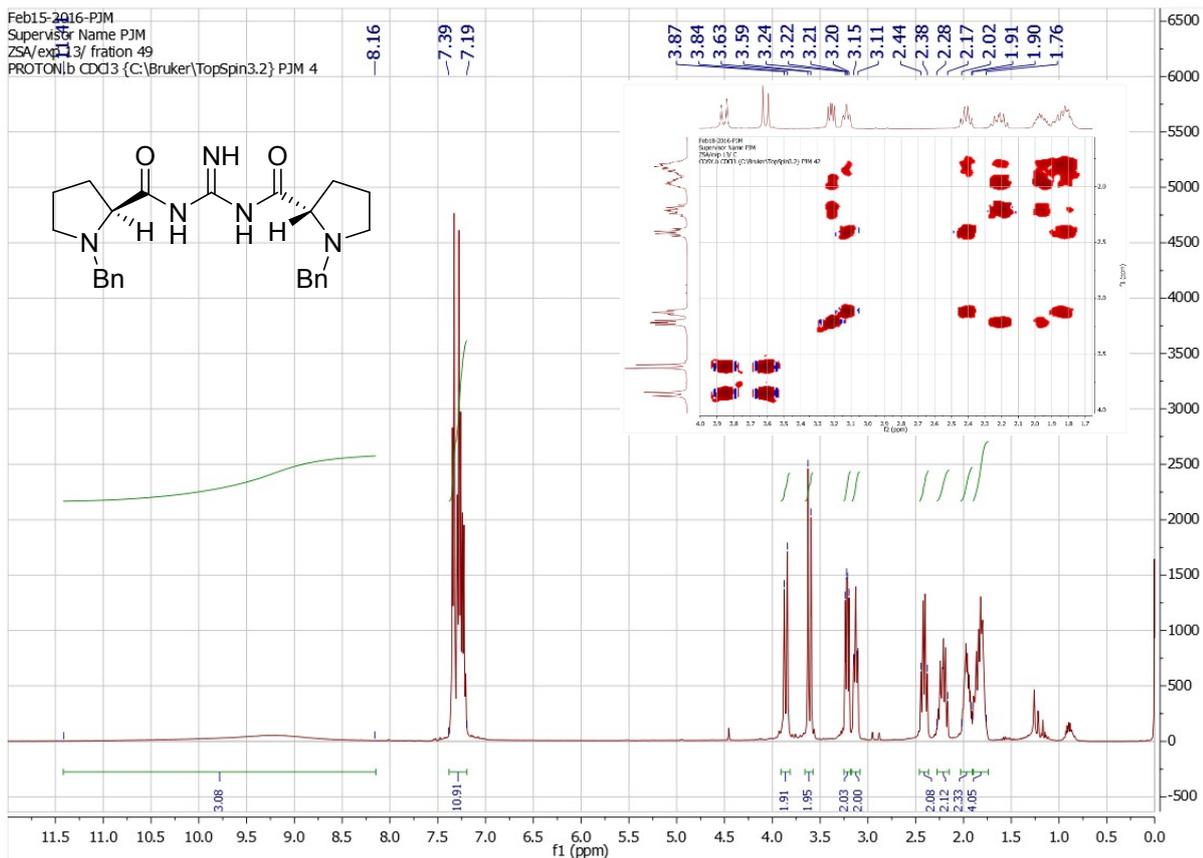
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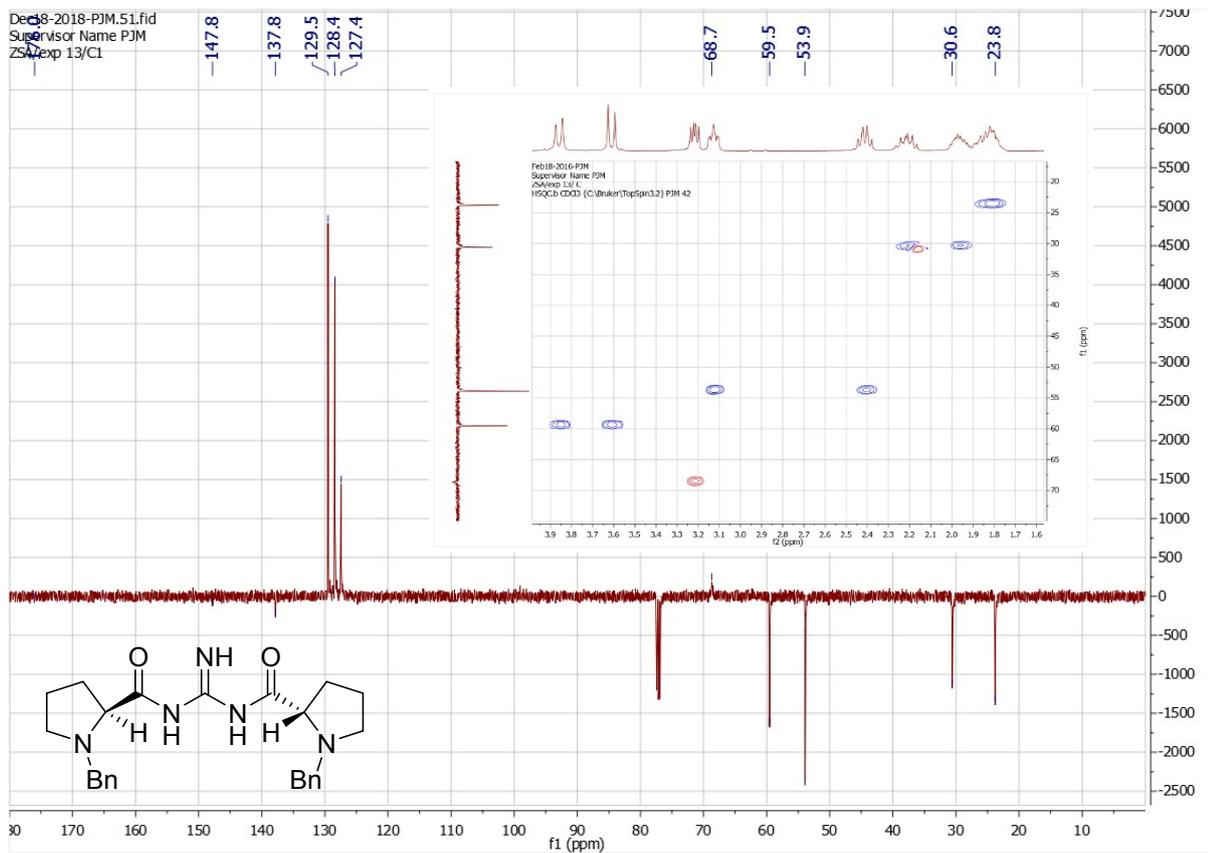
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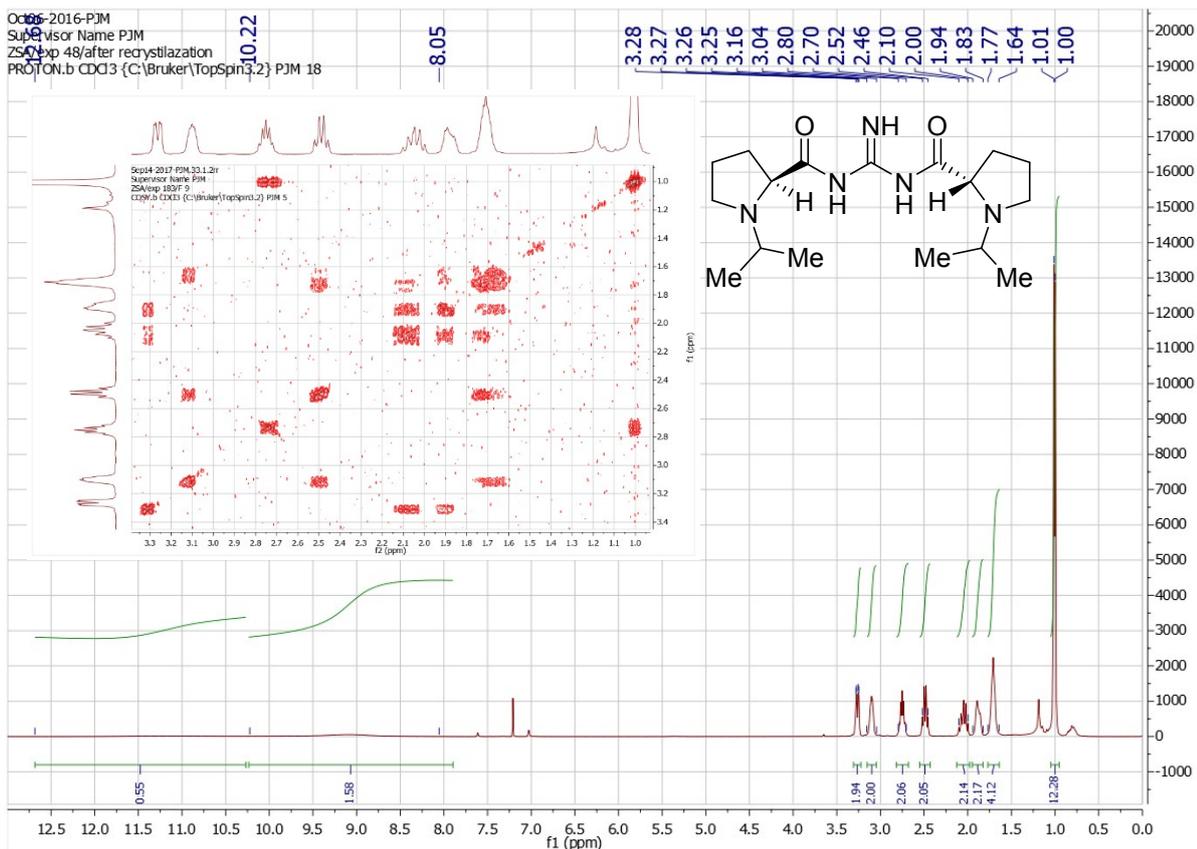
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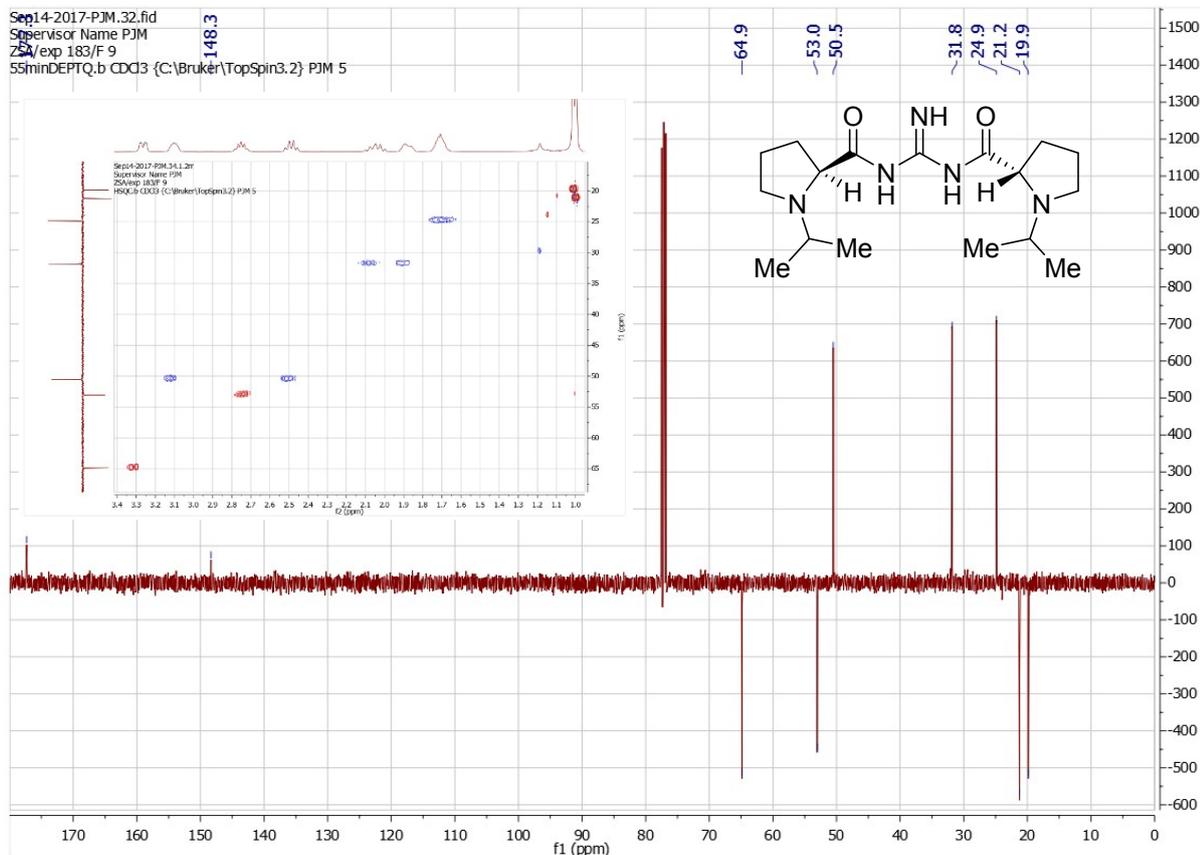


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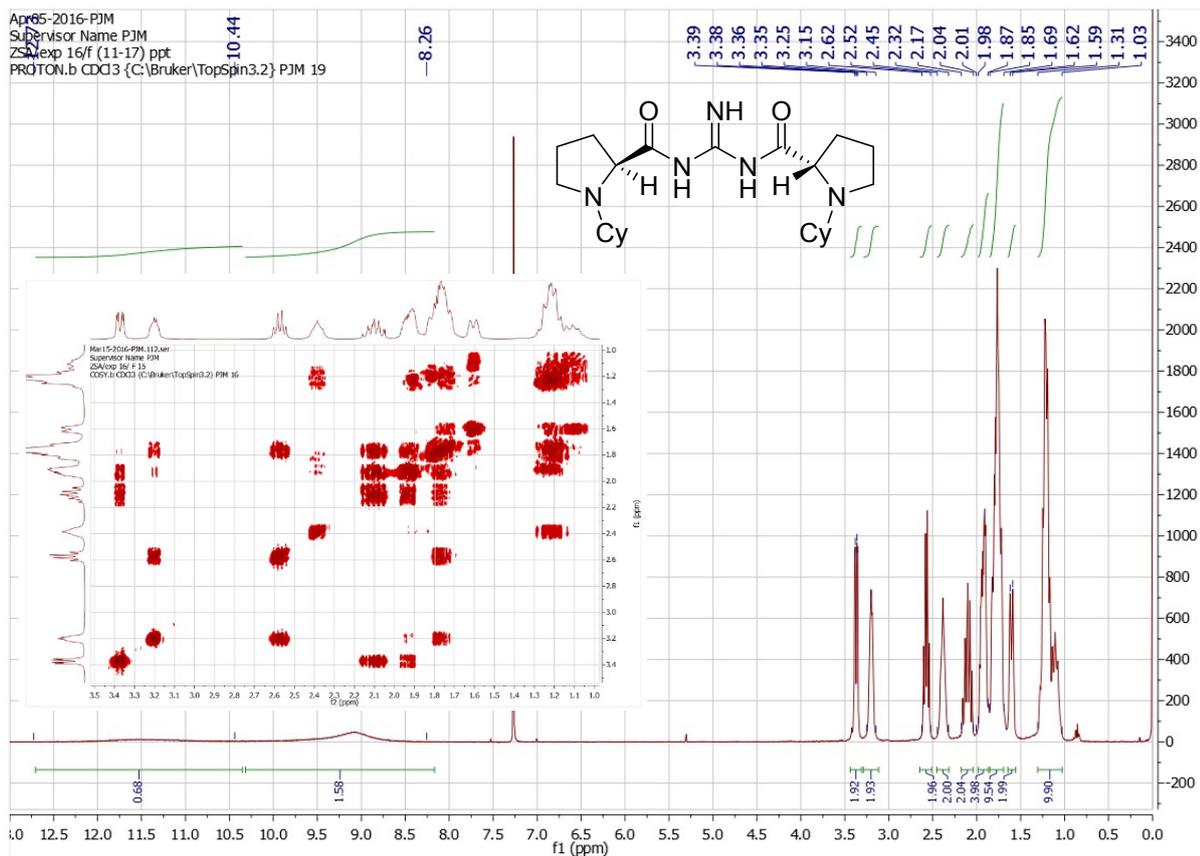
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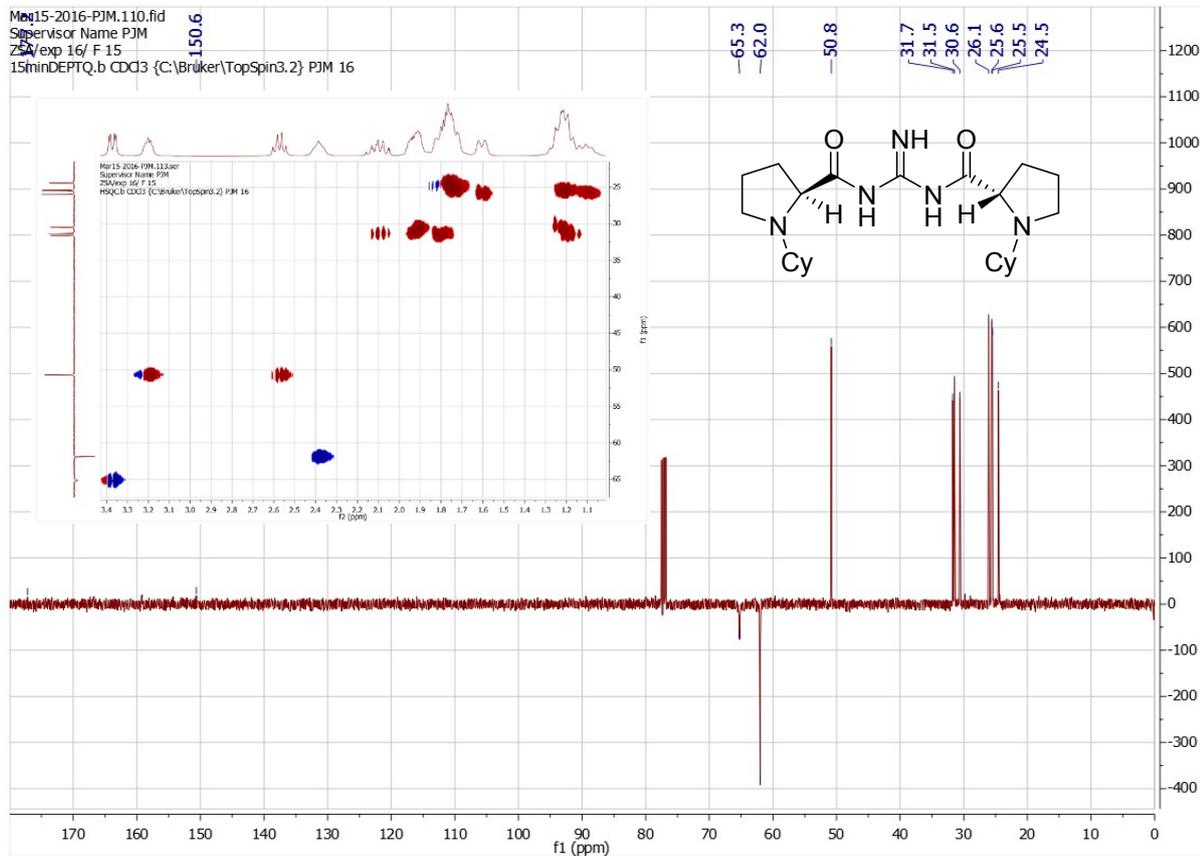
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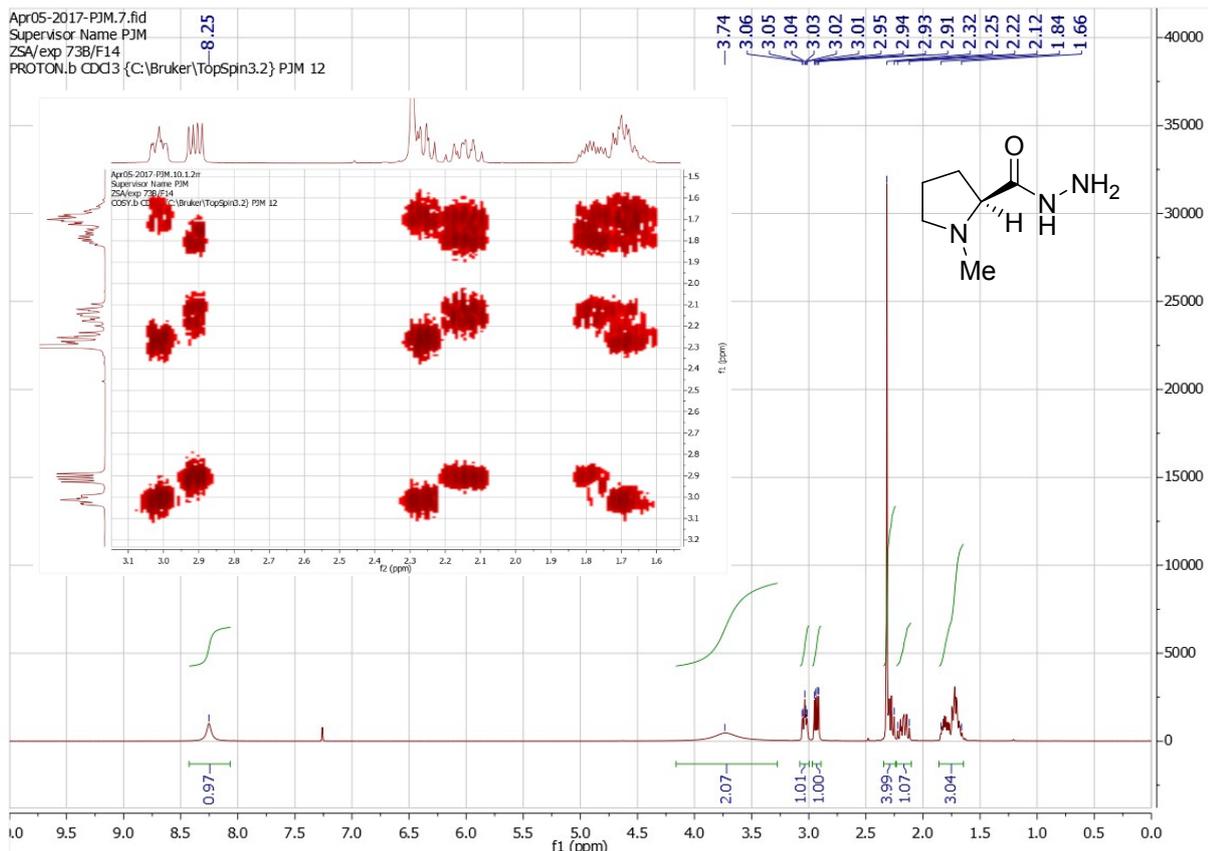
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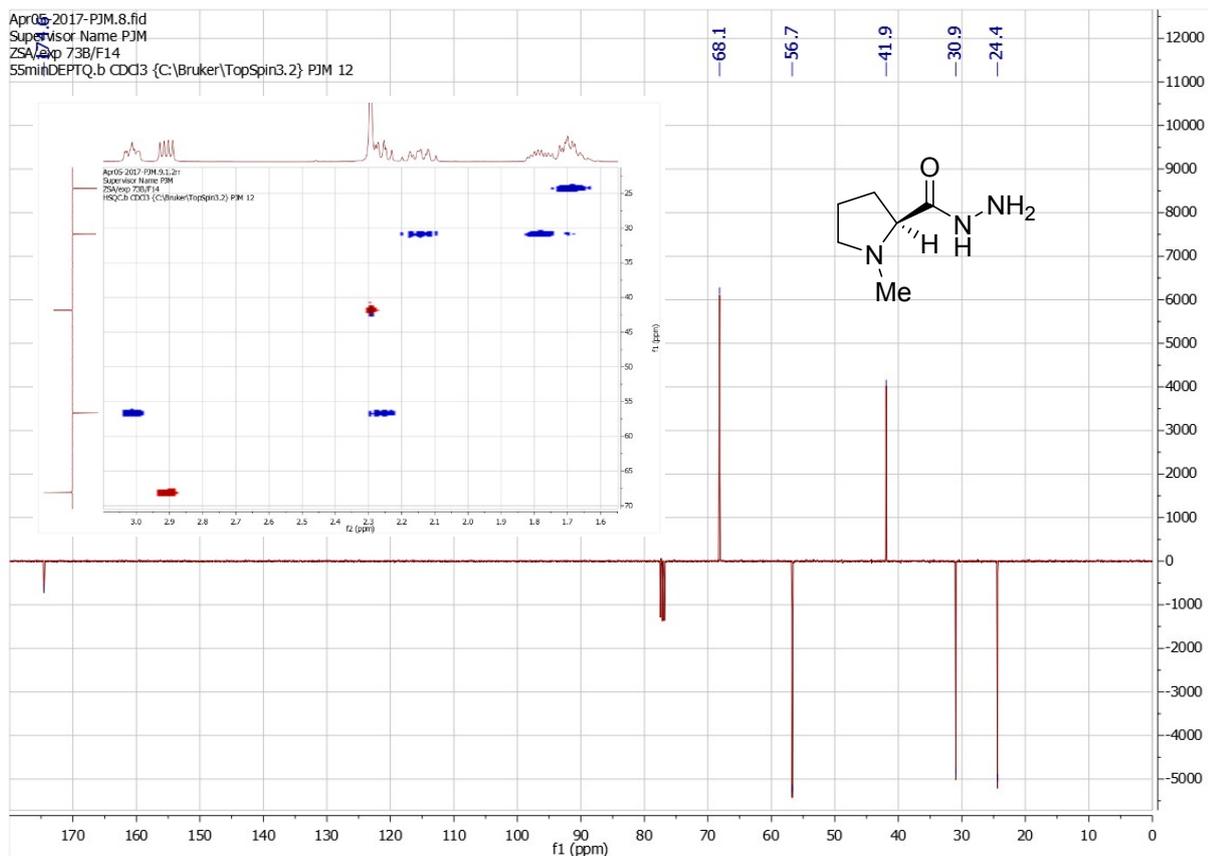
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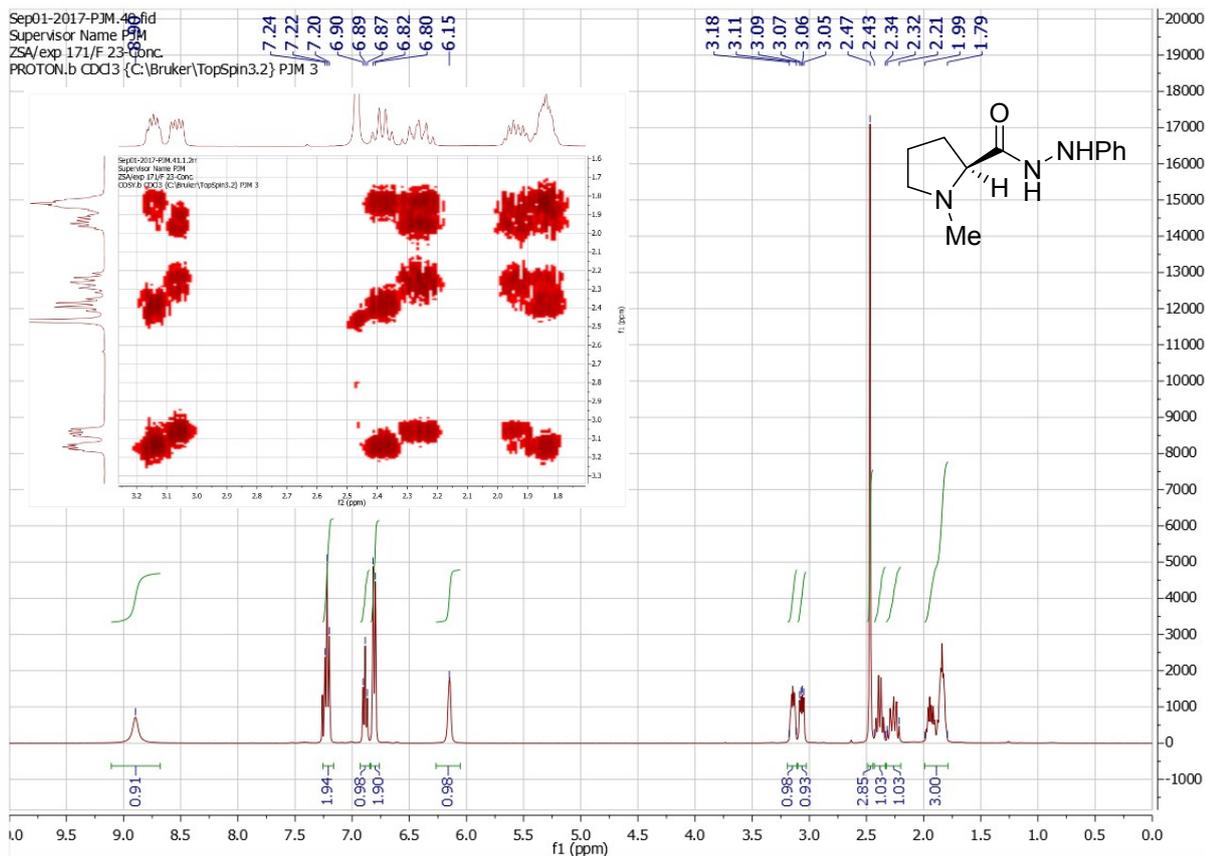


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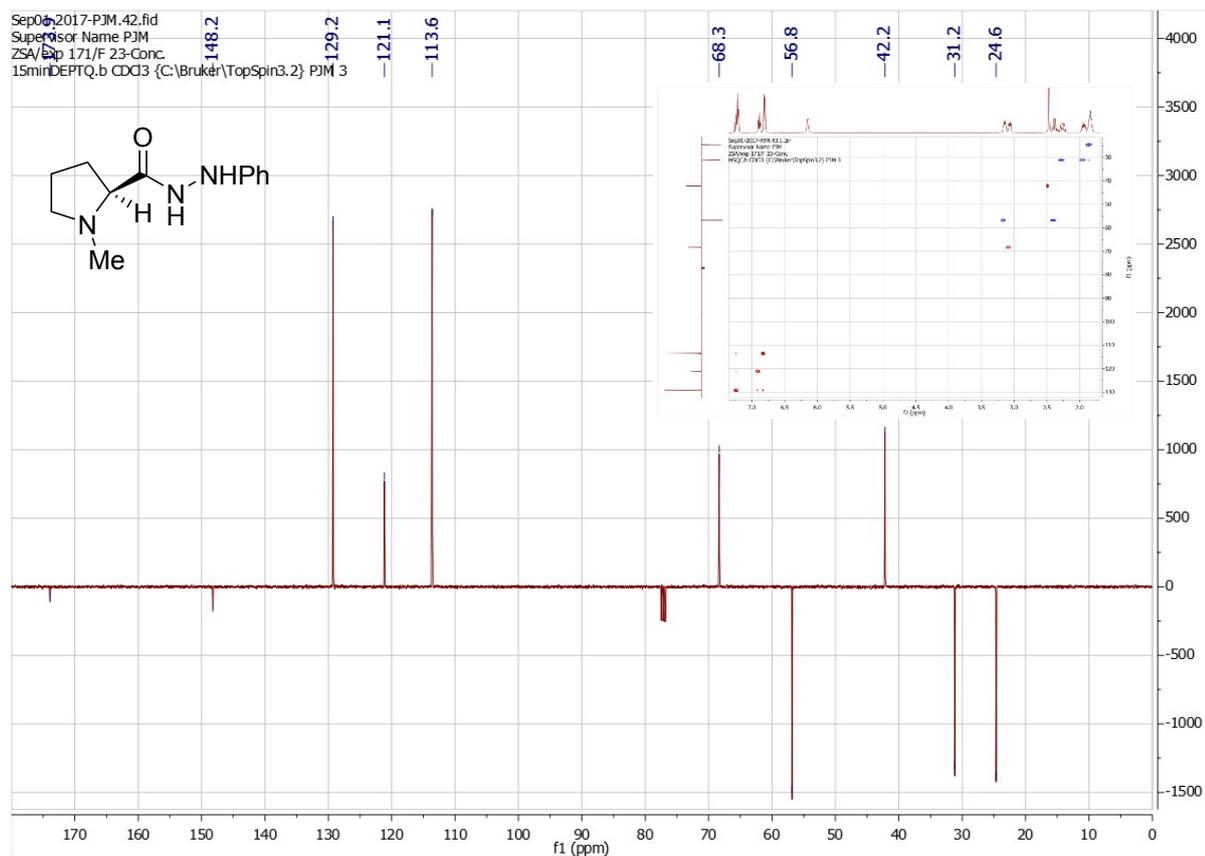
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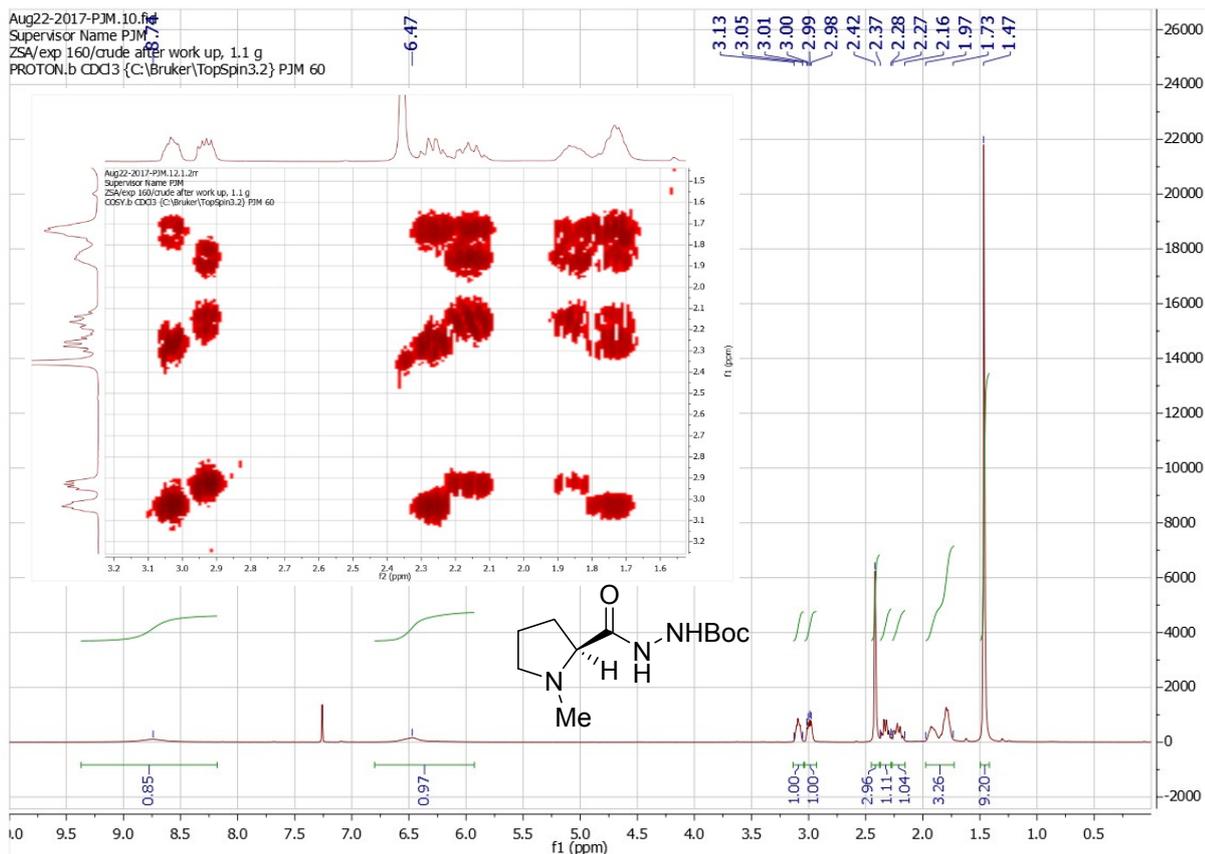
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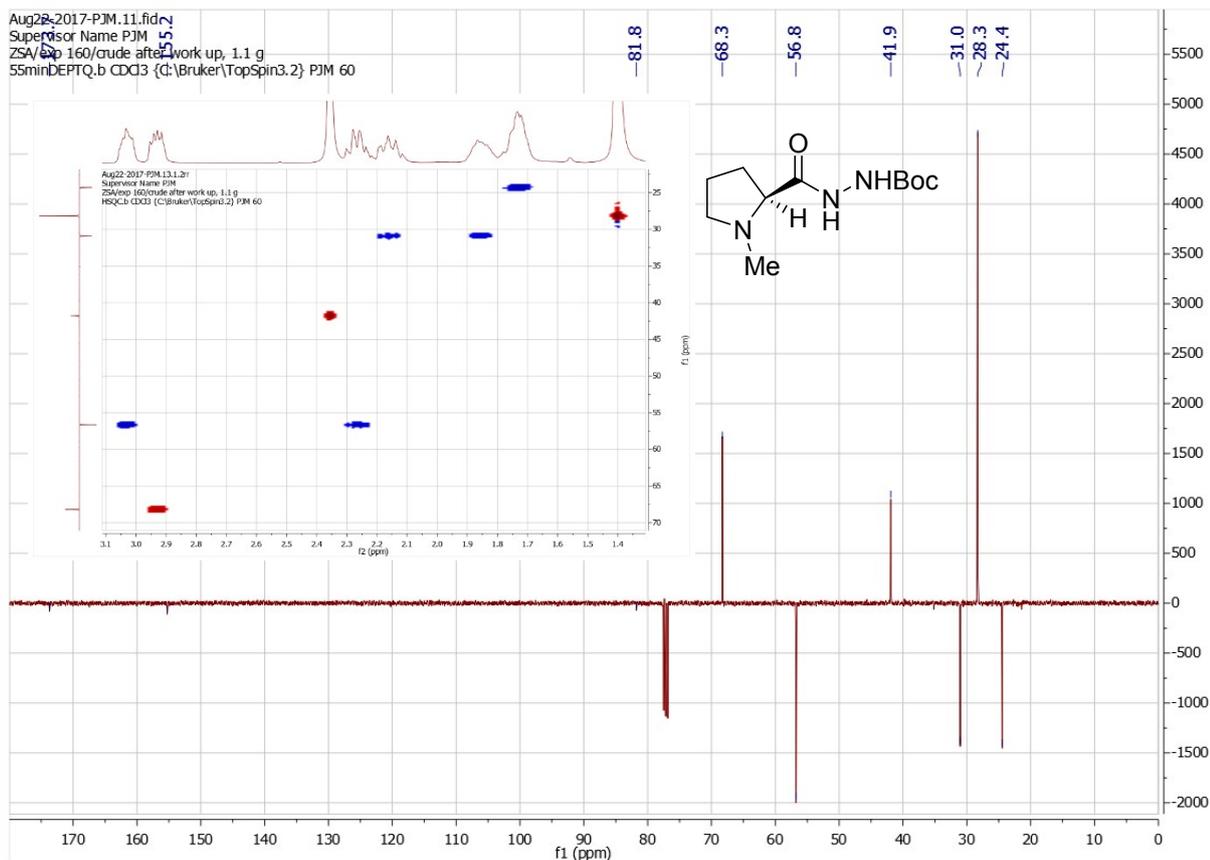
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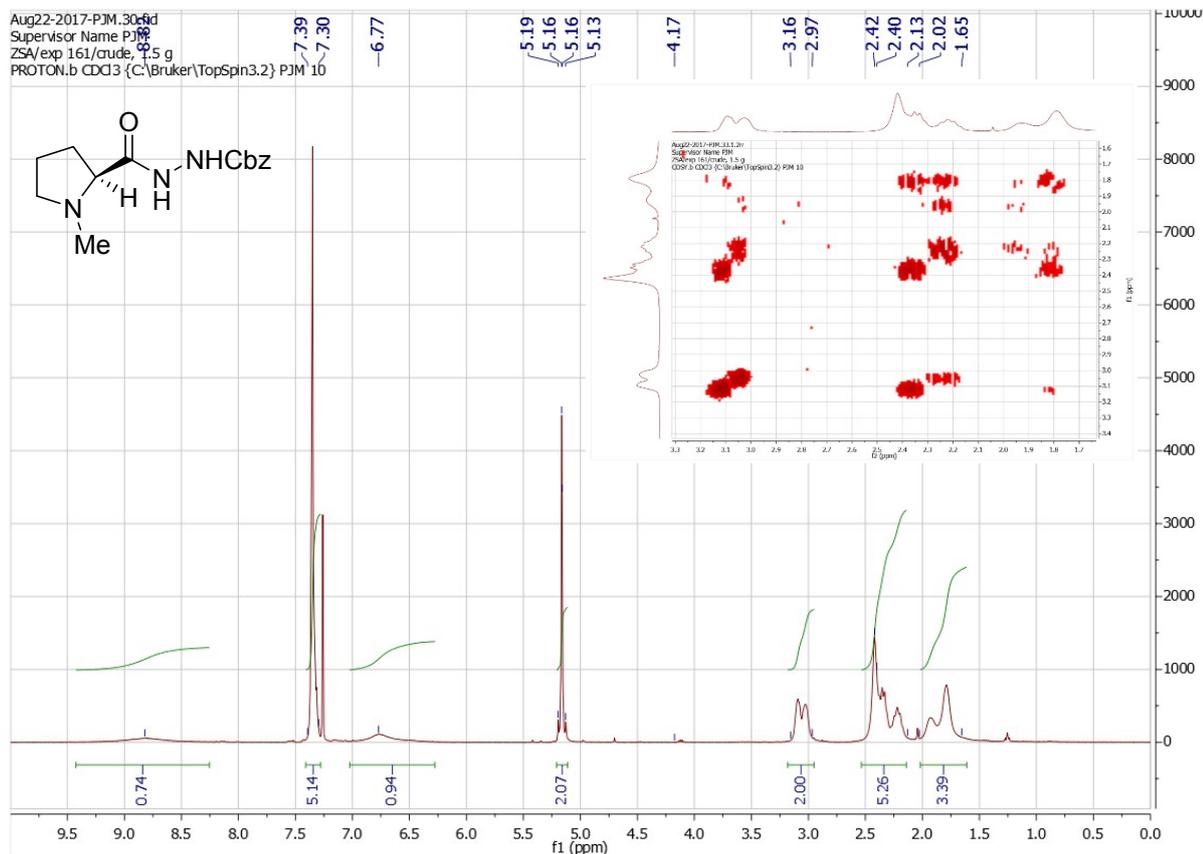
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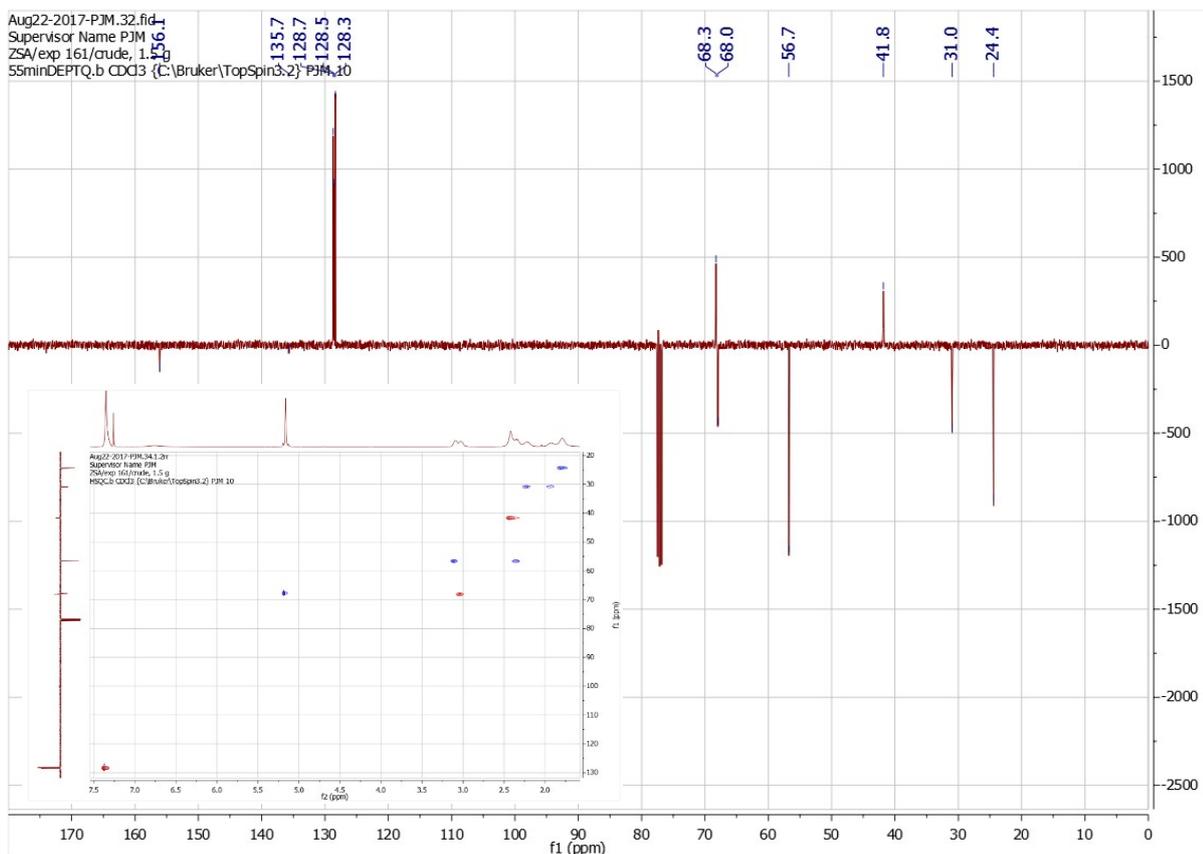


Benzyl 2-(methyl-*L*-prolyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate 41d:

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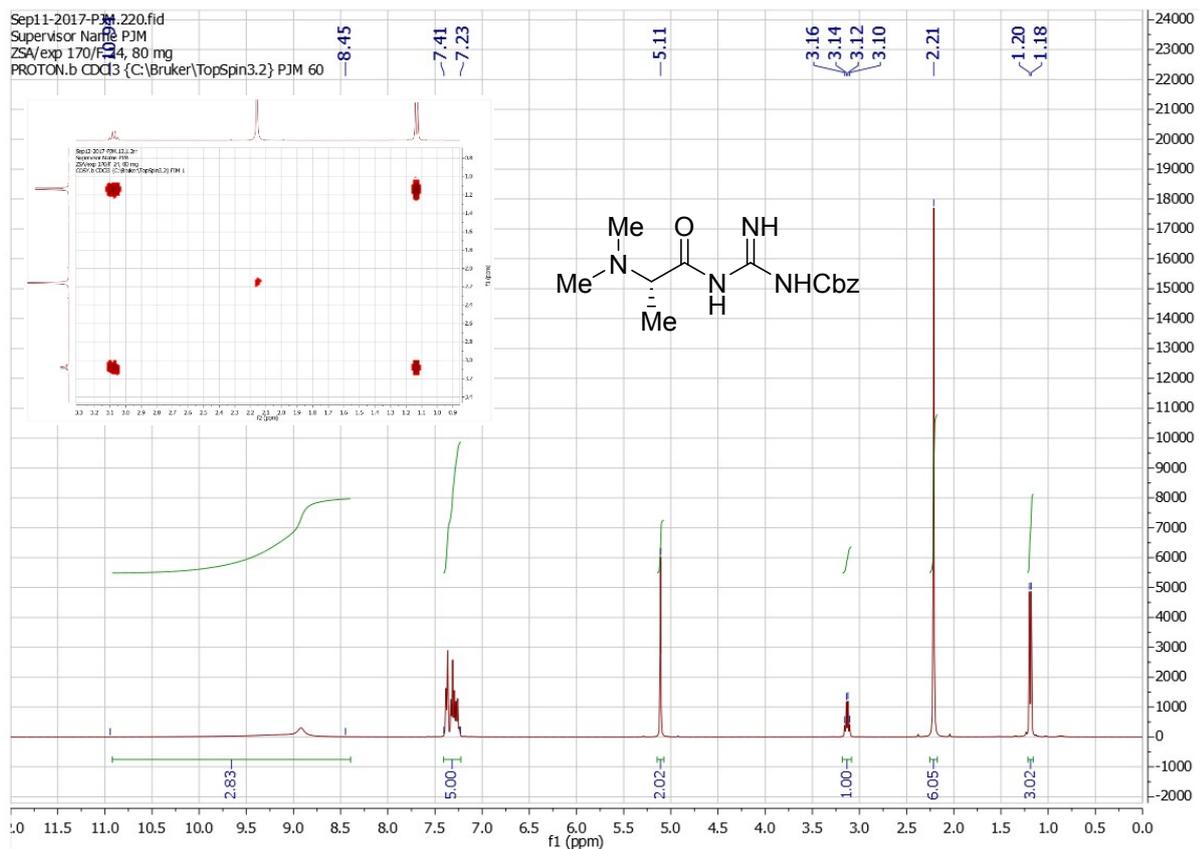


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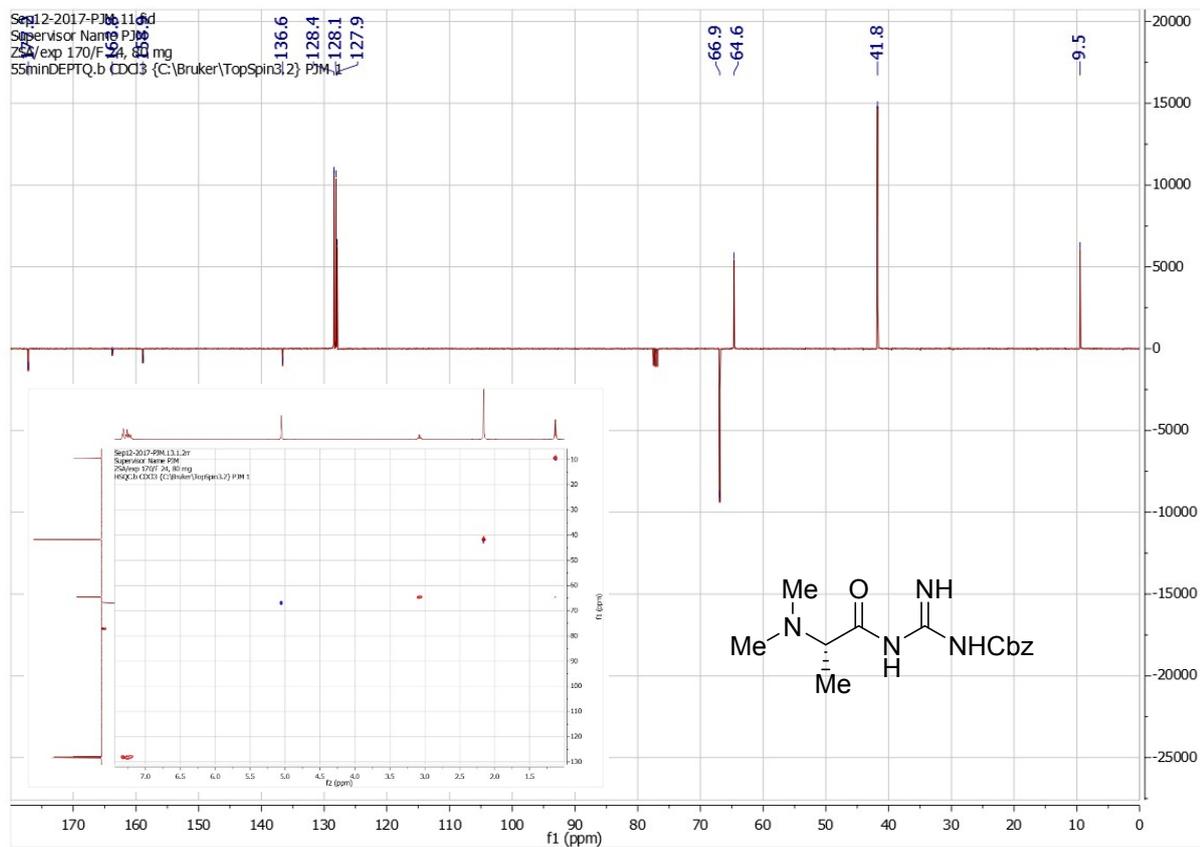
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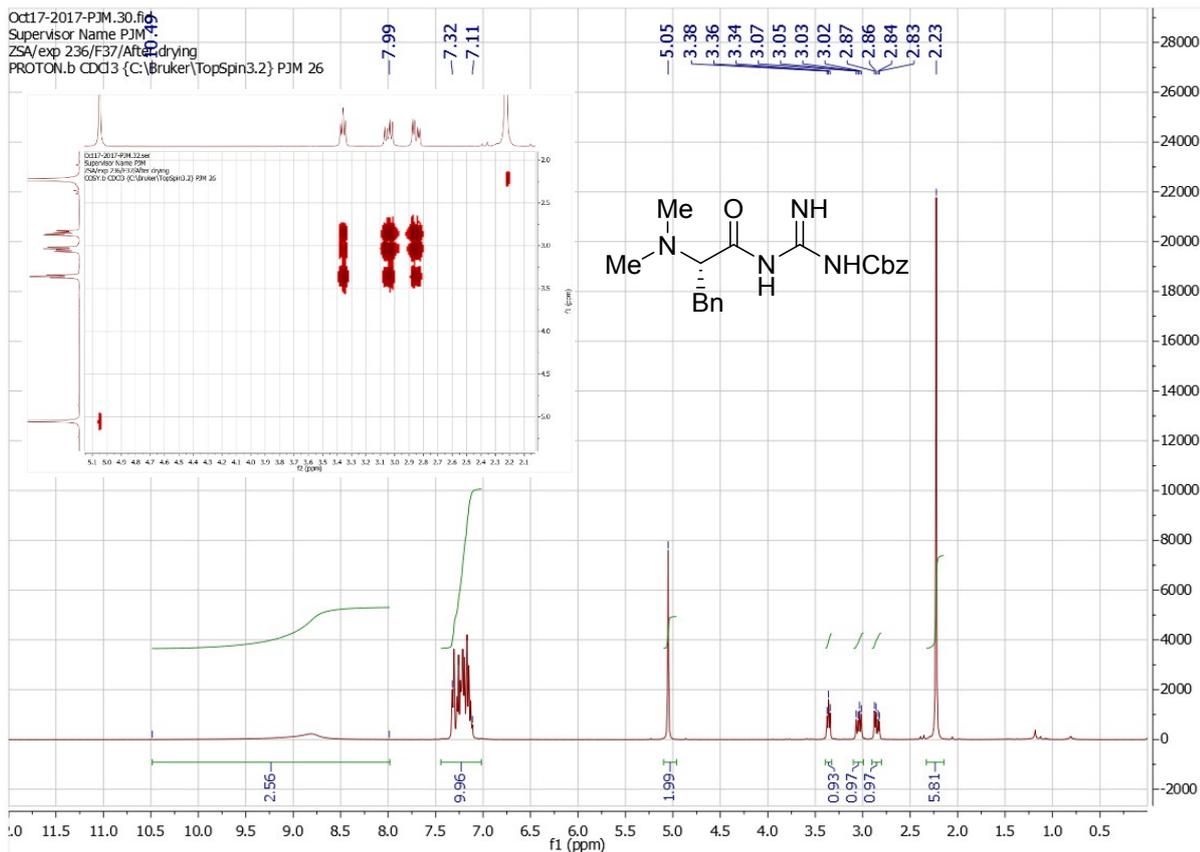
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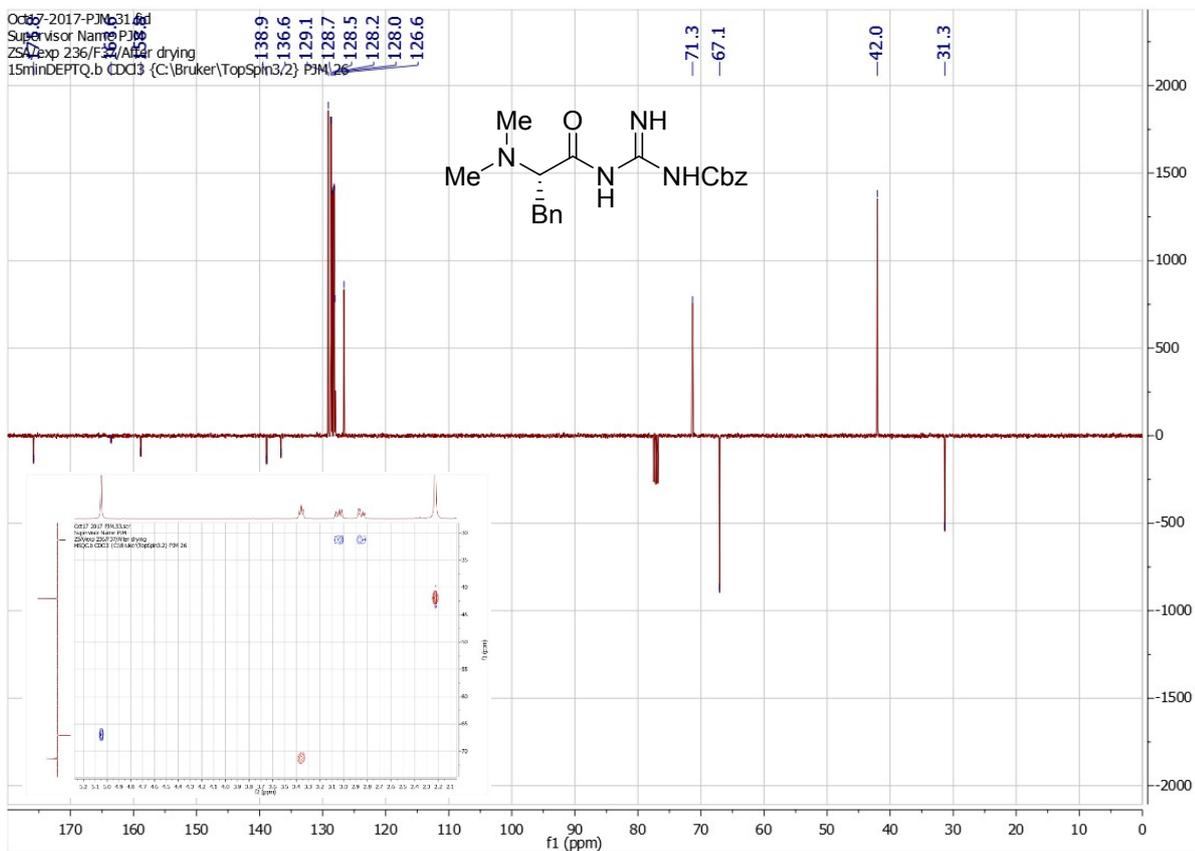
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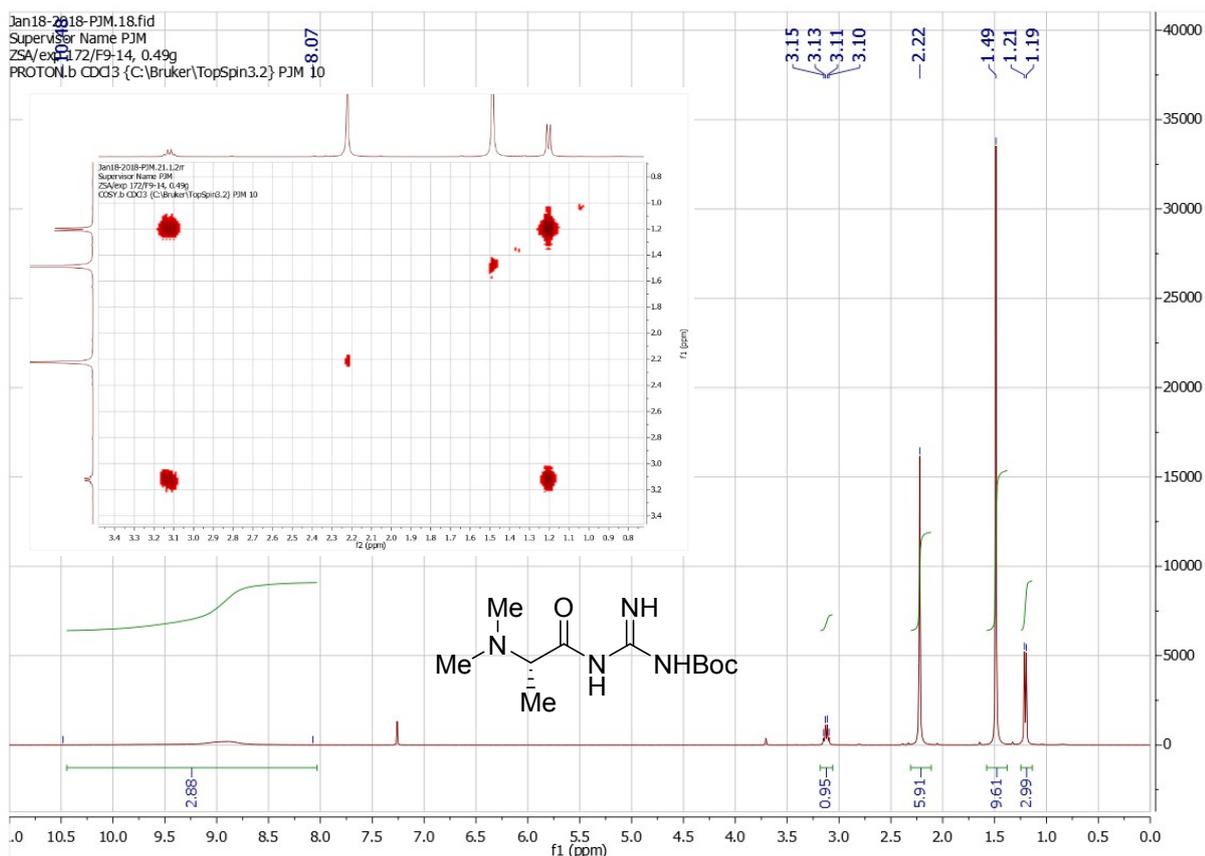
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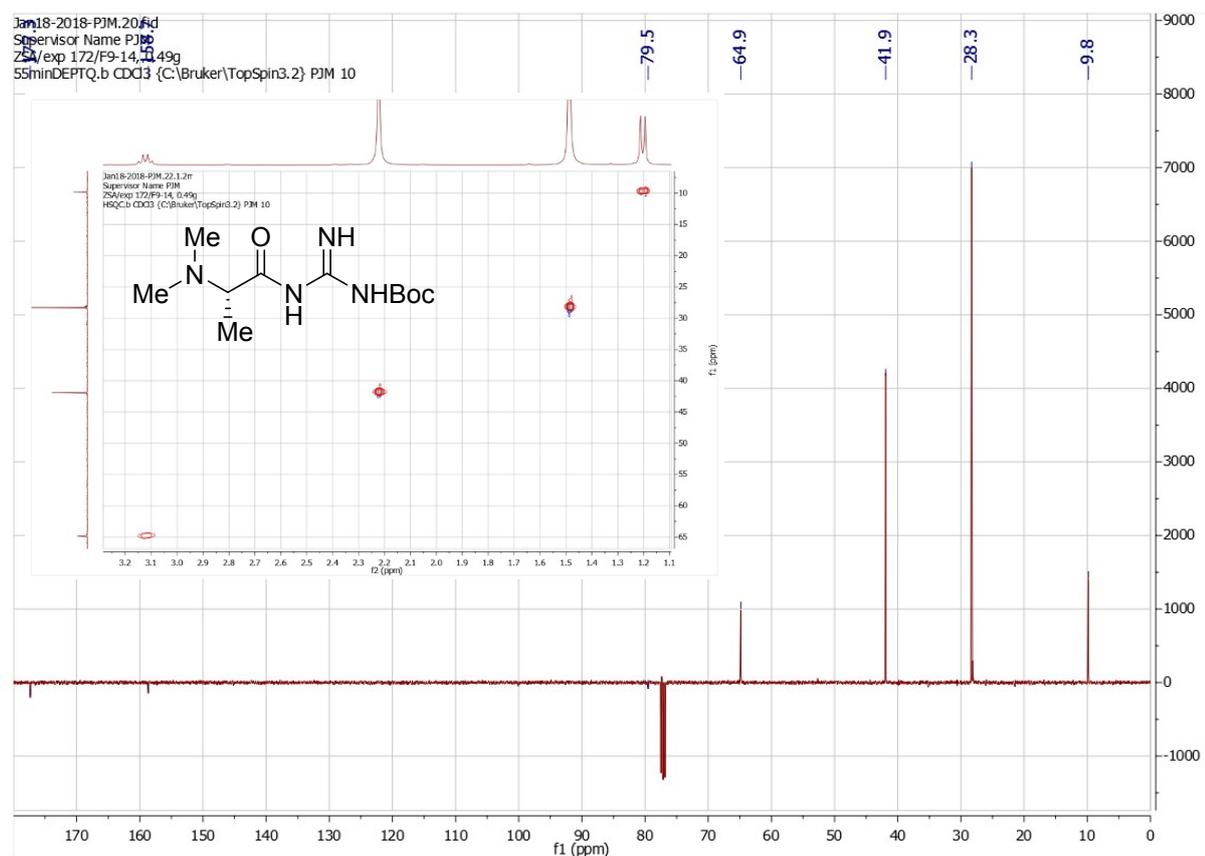
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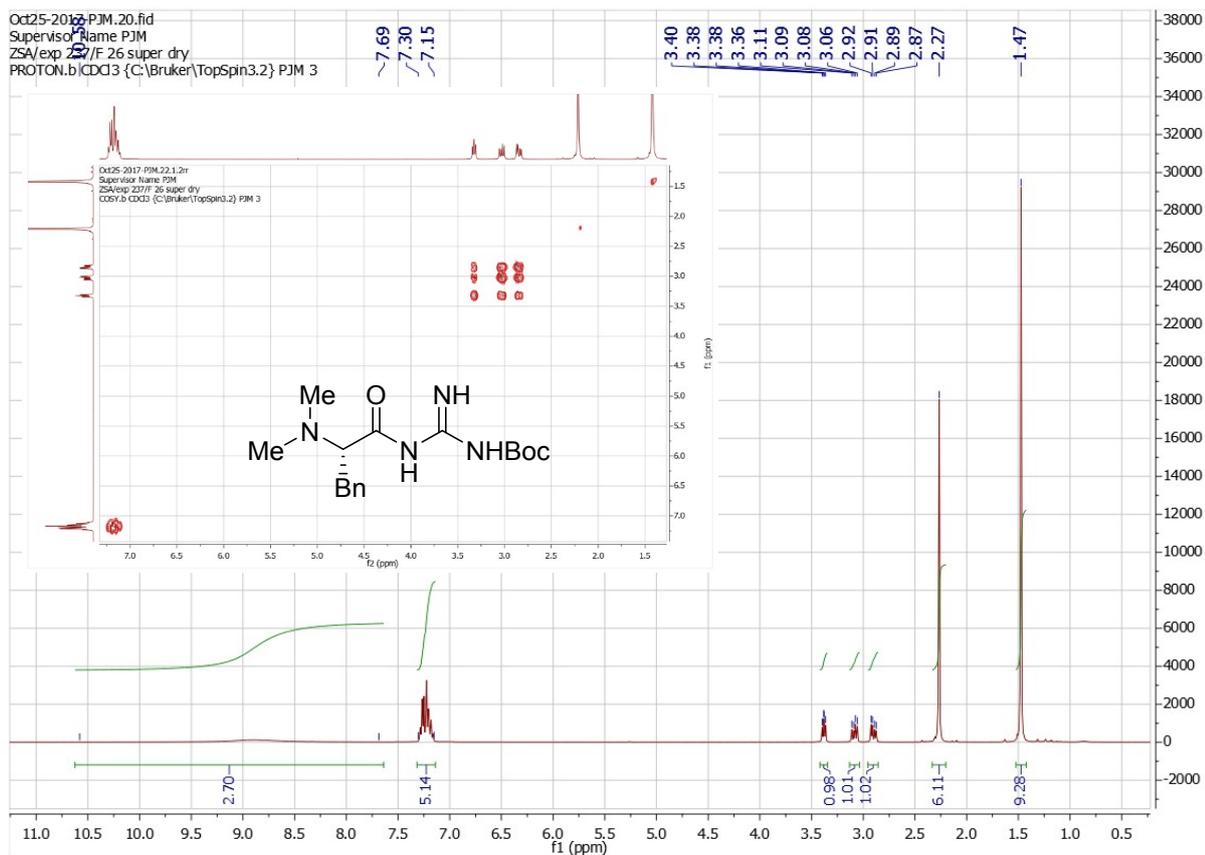


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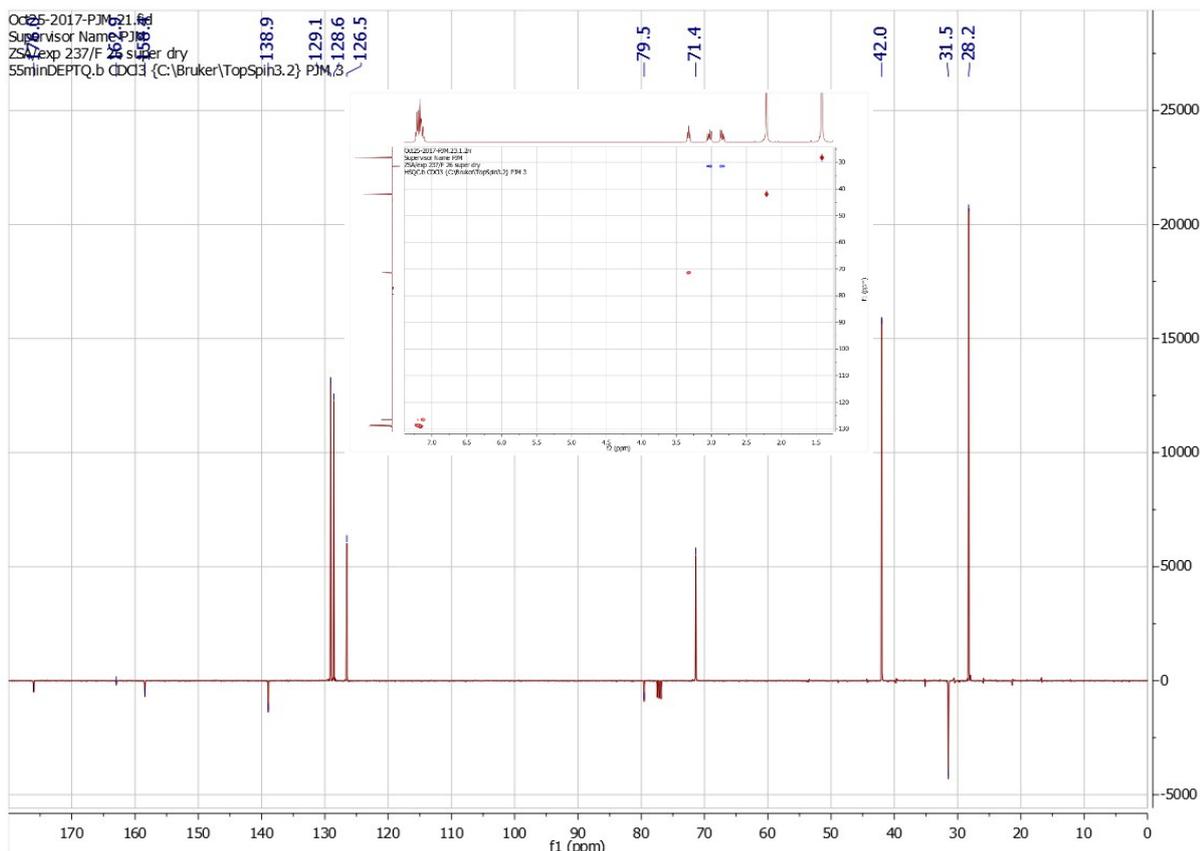
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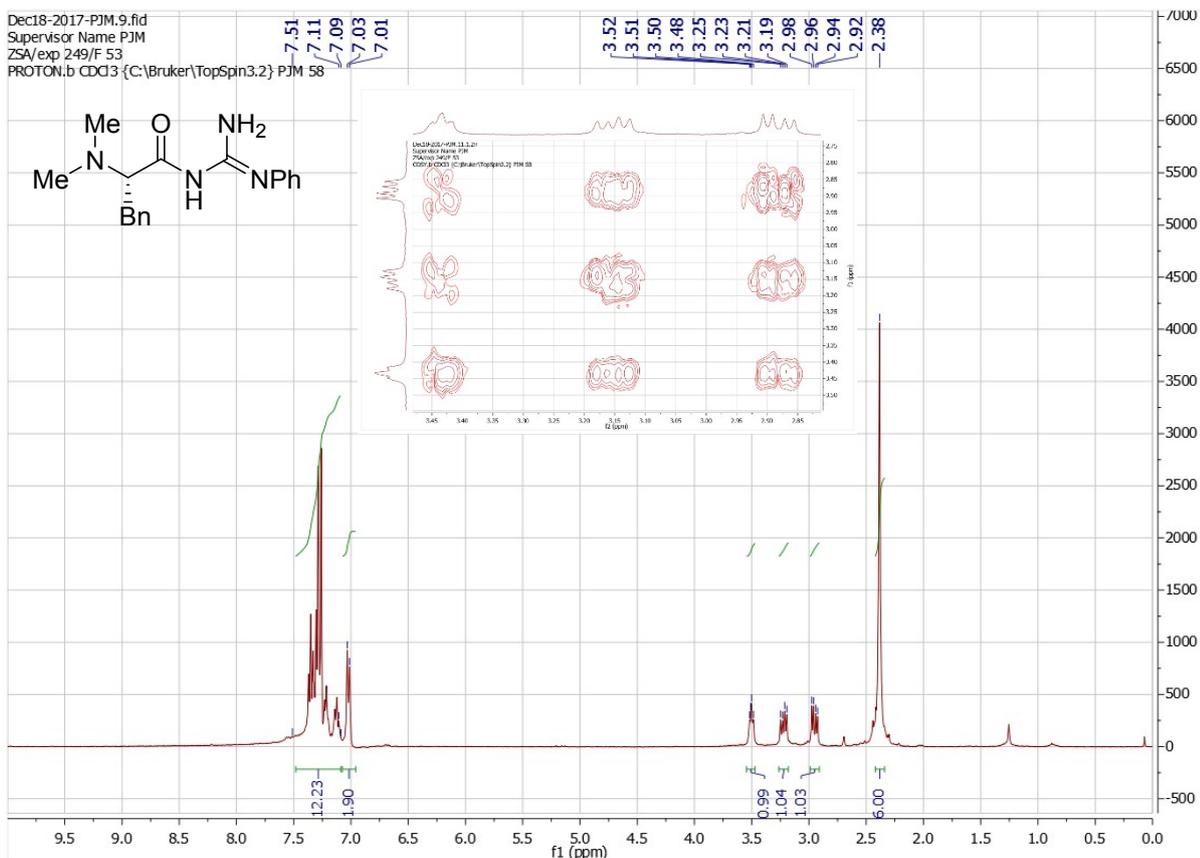
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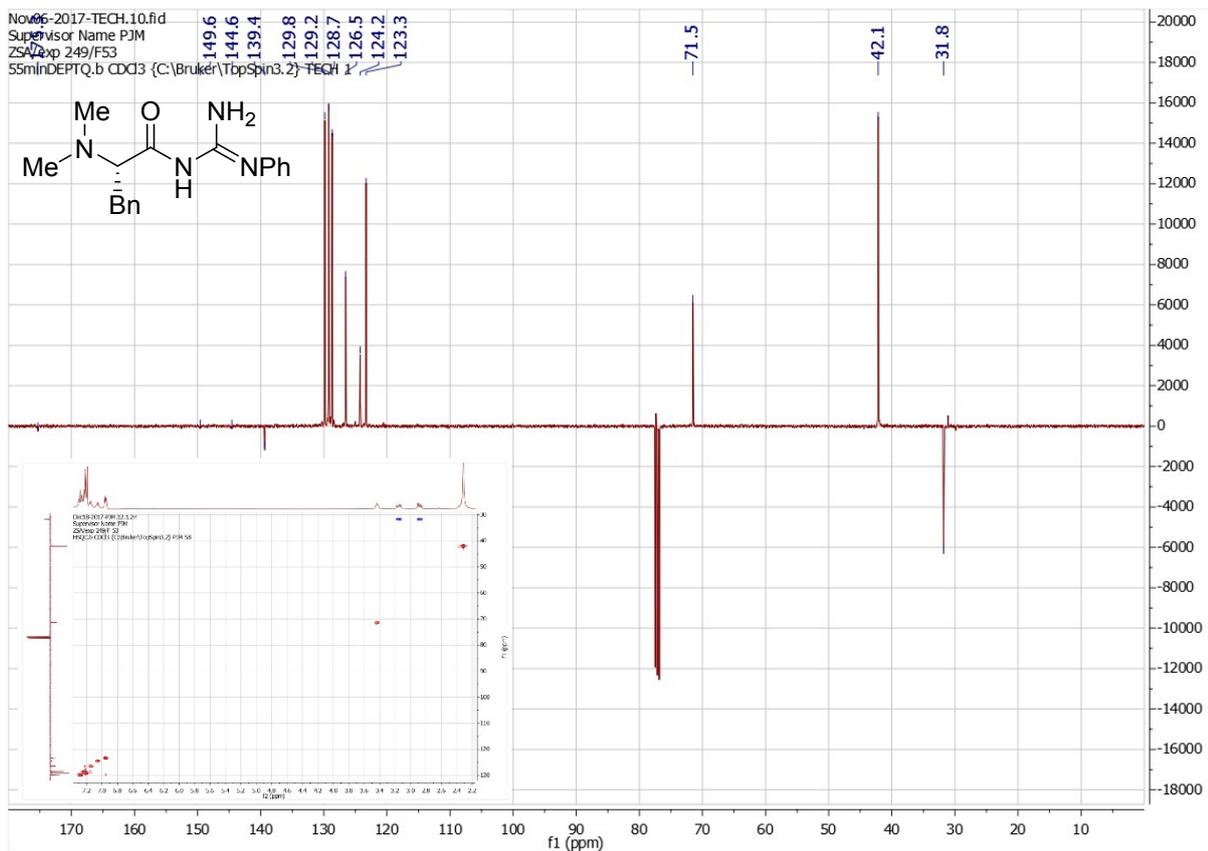
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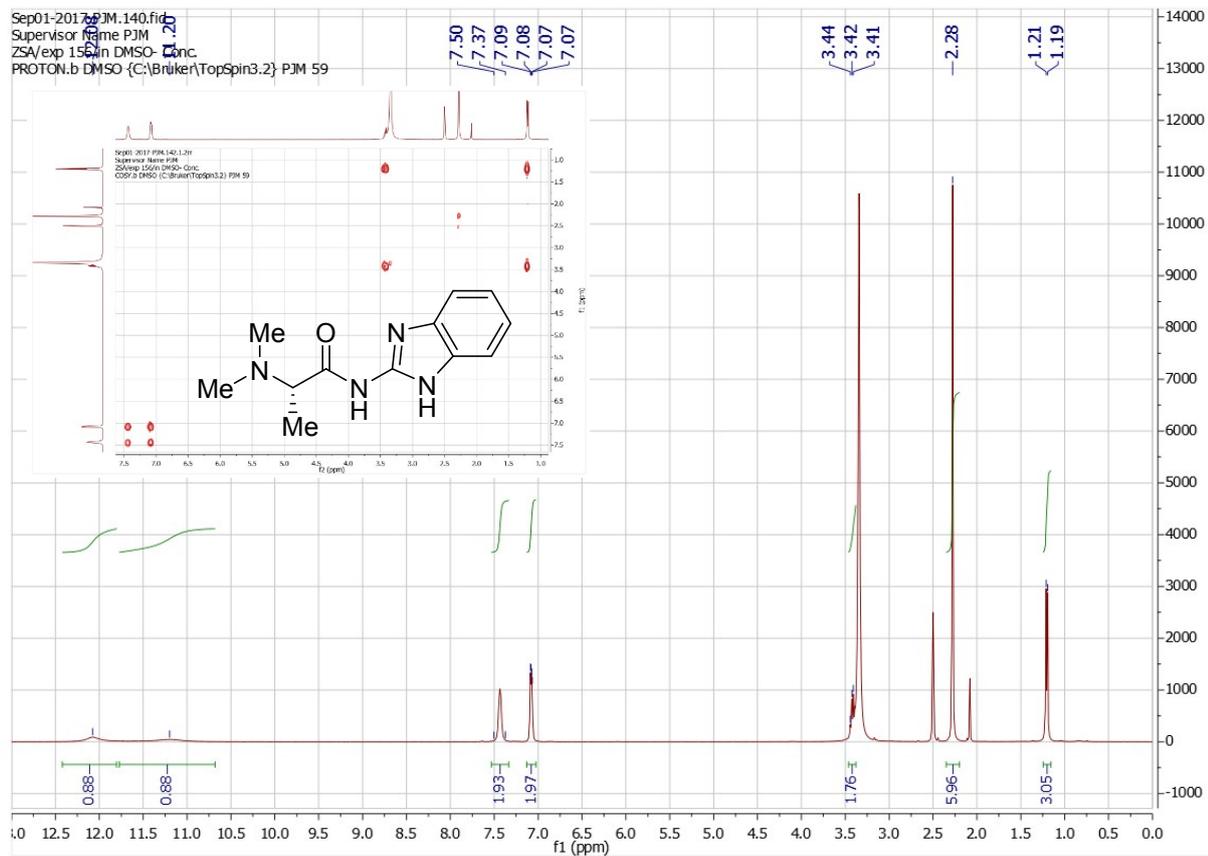
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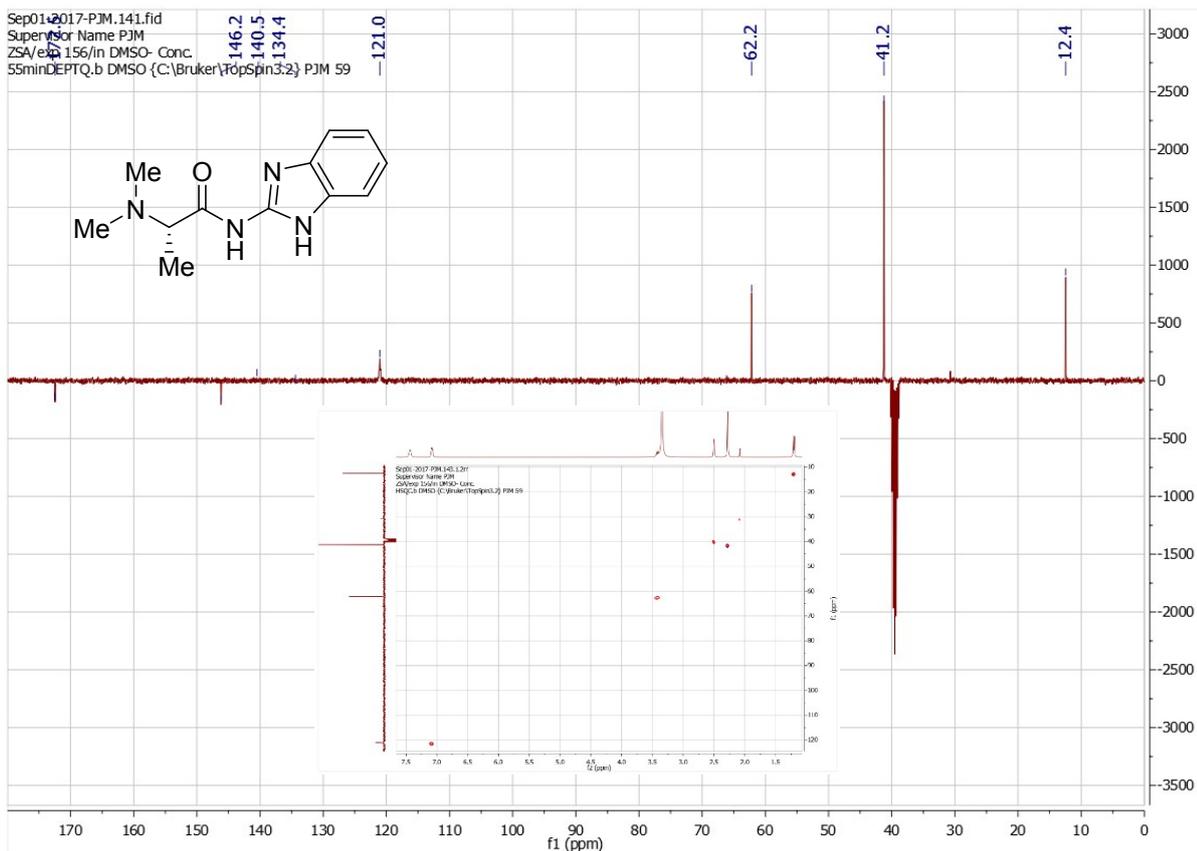
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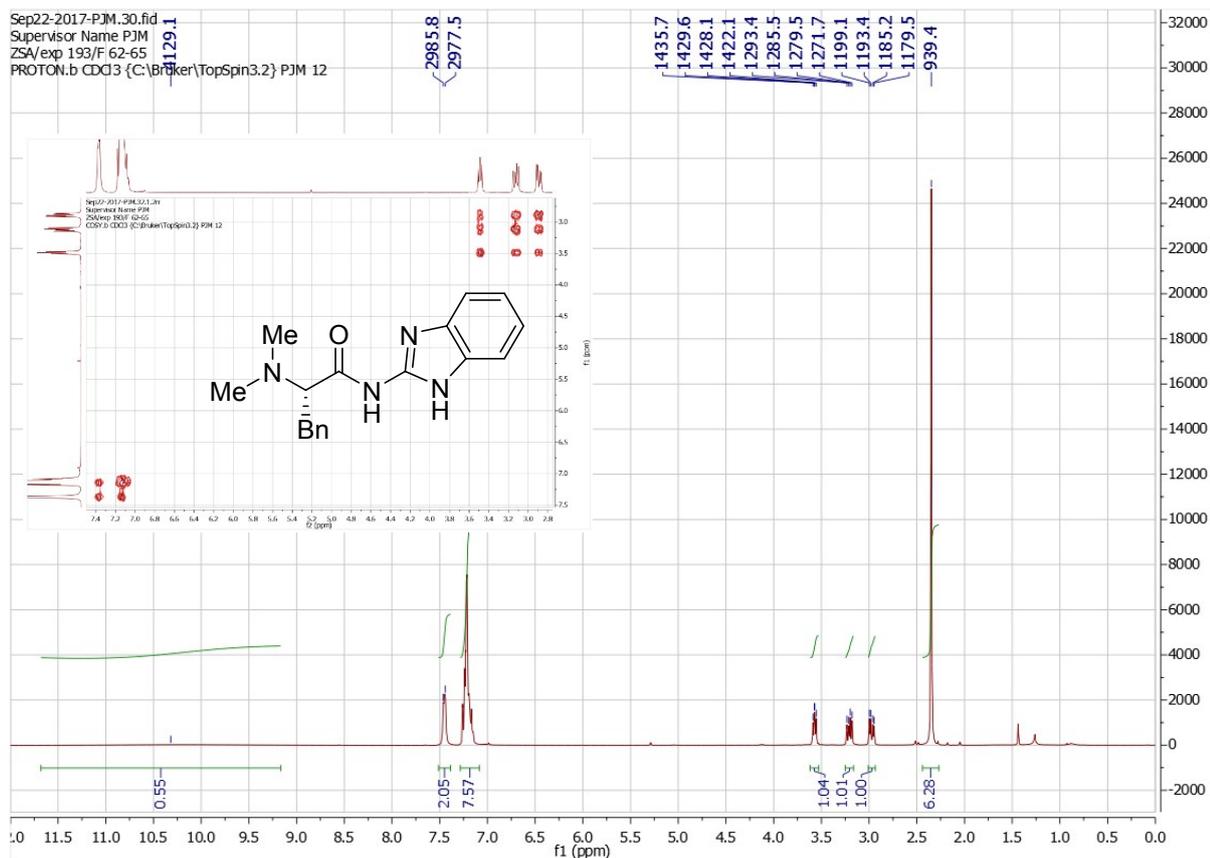
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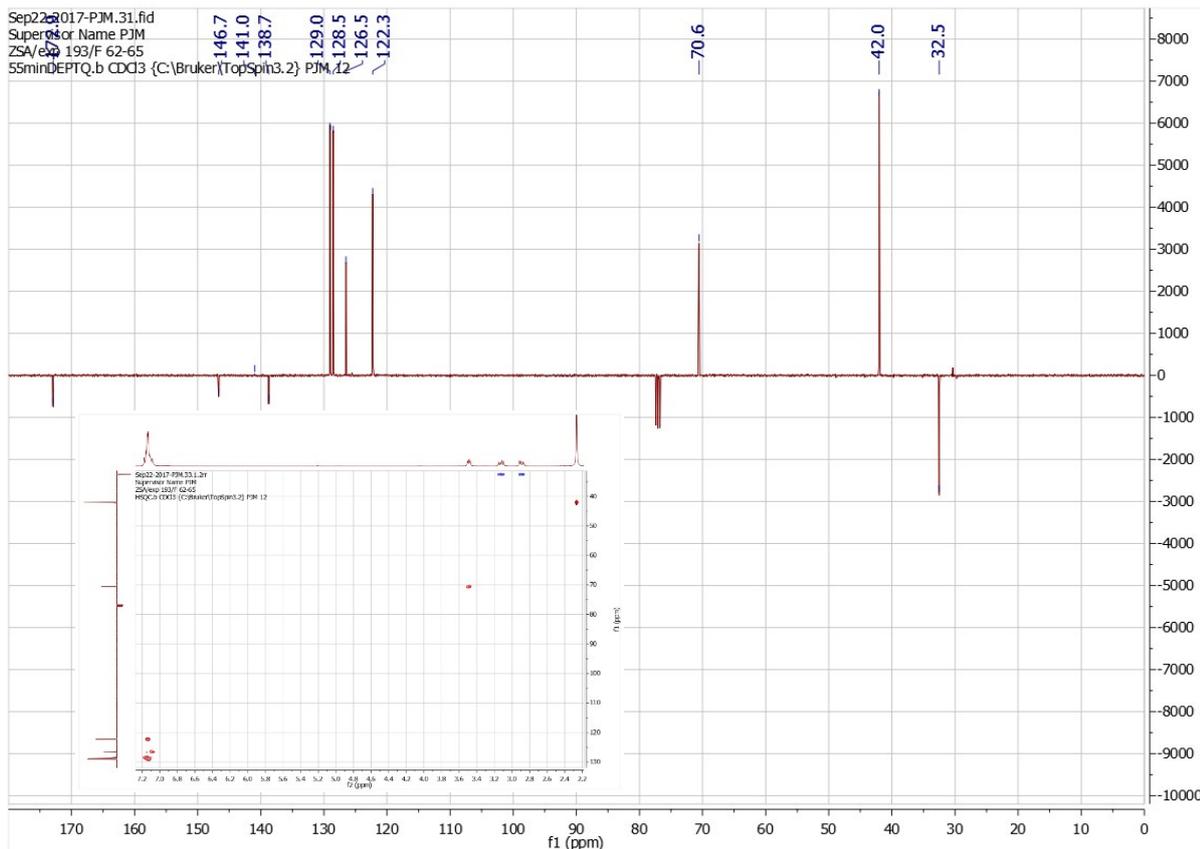


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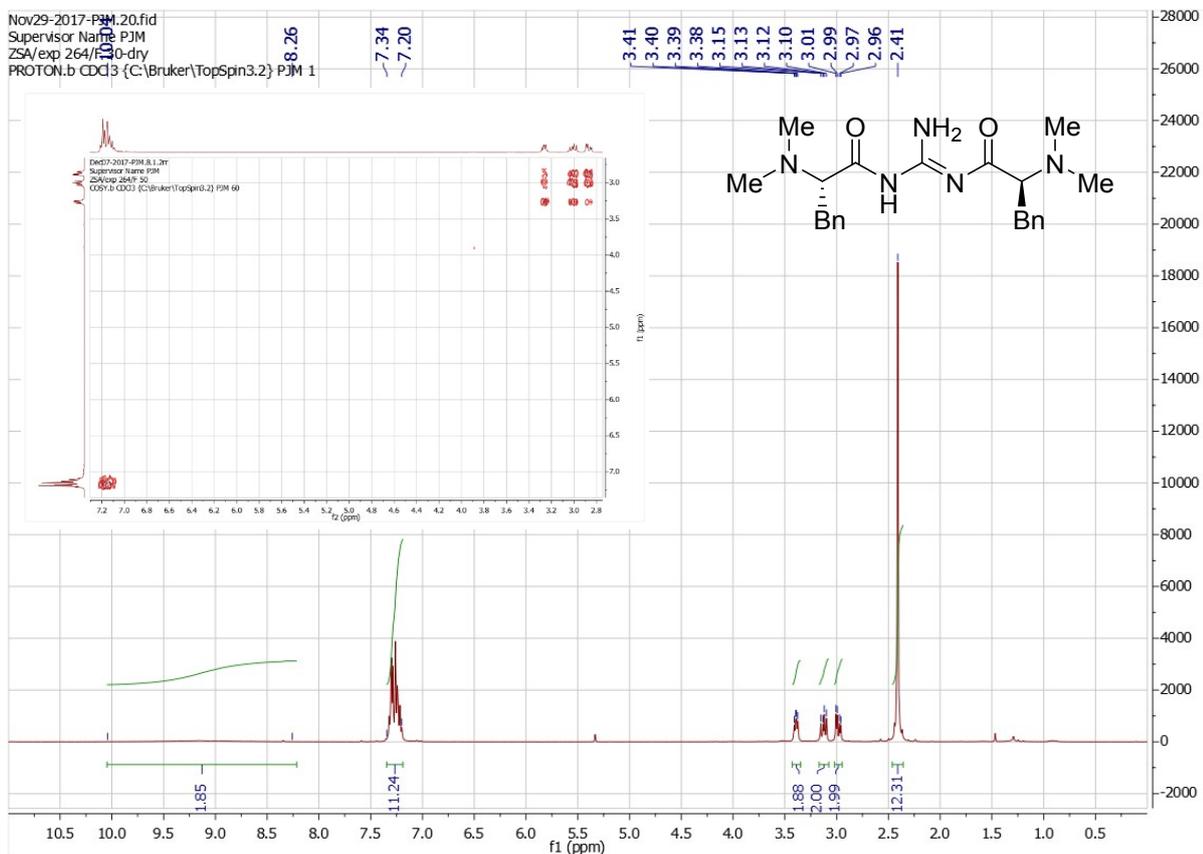


(S)-N-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-2-(dimethylamino)-3-phenylpropanamide 46b:

¹³C NMR, DEPTQ (insert).



(S)-N-(Amino((S)-2-(dimethylamino)-3-phenylpropanamido)methylene)-2-(dimethylamino)-3-phenylpropanamide 47b: ¹H NMR, COSY (insert).



mobile phase 70 % hexane, 30 % isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min at 40 °C, detecting at 254 nm; R enantiomer 13.2 min, S enantiomer 14.3 min). (See SI-HPLC)

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Appendix II: Crystallographic information.

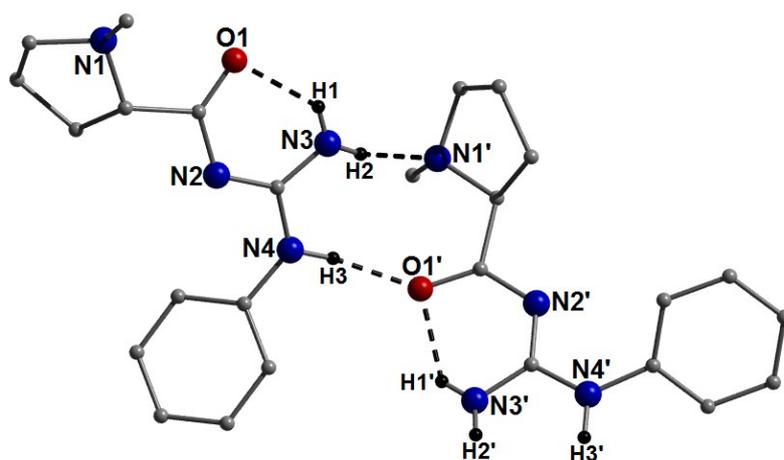


Fig. S1 Two crystallographically related units of **27a** connected through intermolecular H-bonding interactions (dashed lines) at distances of 1.87 Å (N4(H3)···O1') and 2.07 Å (N3(H2)···N1'). The intramolecular H-bond lies at a distance of 2.02 Å (N3(H1)···O1).

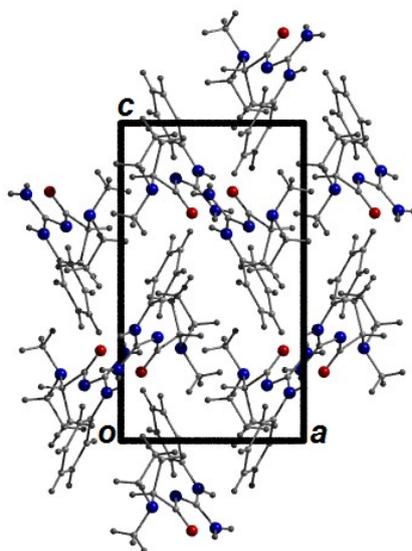


Fig. S2 Unit cell packing arrangement in **27a** as viewed along the *b* unit cell direction.

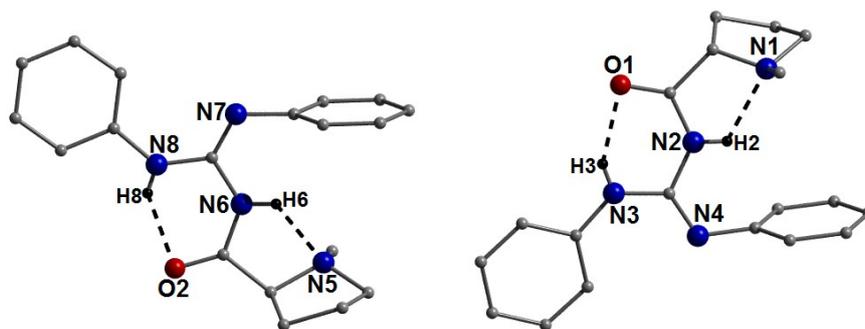


Fig. S3 Crystal structure highlighting the two organic moieties comprising the asymmetric unit in **26a**. The dashed lines represent the intramolecular H-bonding interactions: $N8(H8)\cdots O2 = 2.029 \text{ \AA}$; $N6(H6)\cdots N5 = 2.071 \text{ \AA}$; $N3(H3)\cdots O1 = 2.005 \text{ \AA}$ and $N2(H2)\cdots N1 = 2.149 \text{ \AA}$.

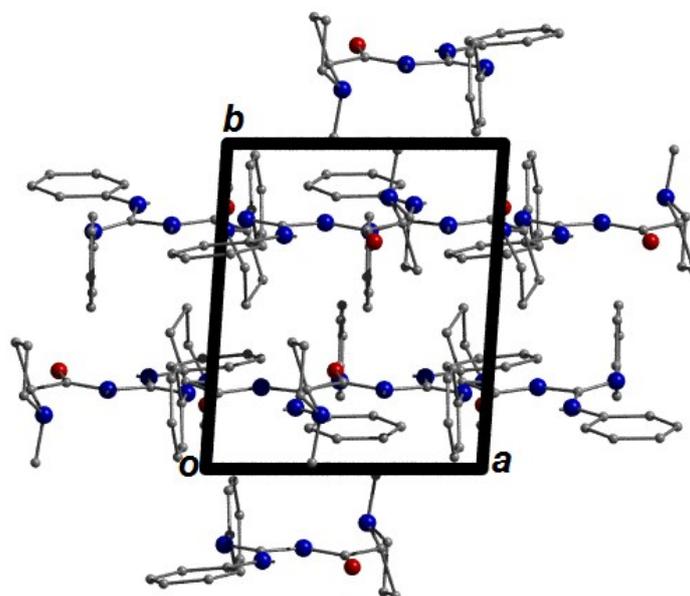


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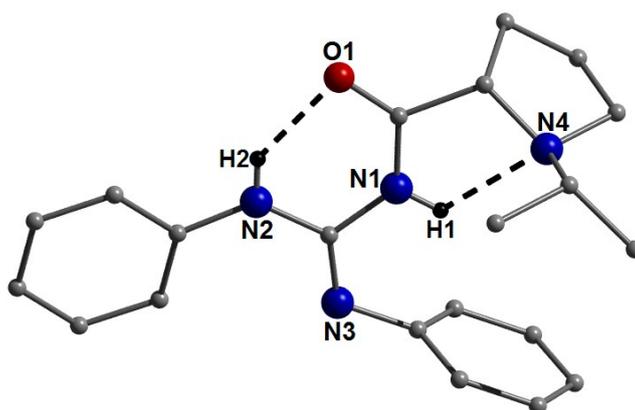


Fig. S5 Crystal structure of **26c** highlighting the intramolecular H-bonding as dashed lines ($N2(H2)\cdots O1 = 2.05 \text{ \AA}$ and $N1(H1)\cdots N4 = 2.21 \text{ \AA}$).

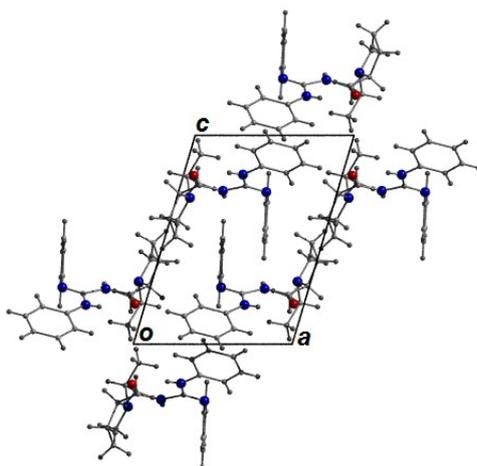


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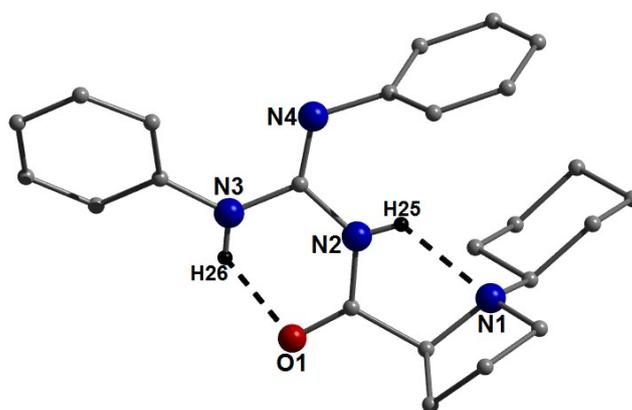


Fig. S7 Crystal structure of **26d** highlighting the intramolecular H-bonding as dashed lines with distances of 1.97 Å (N3(H26)⋯O1) and 2.14 Å (N2(H25)⋯N1).

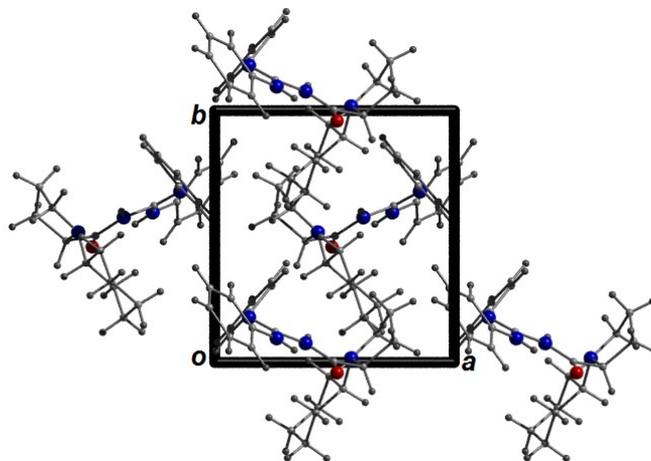


Fig. S8 Unit cell packing arrangement in **26d** as viewed along the *c* unit cell direction.

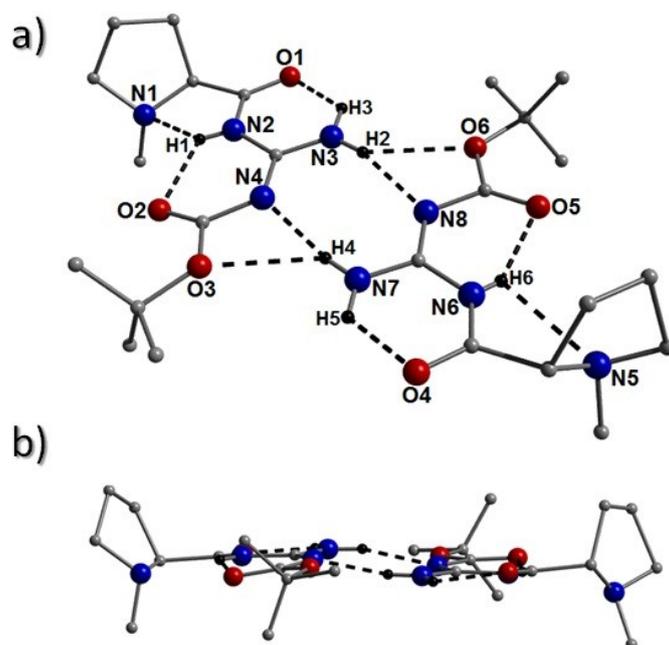


Fig. S9 A H-bonded dimer comprising the asymmetric unit in **29**. The dashed lines represent the intra- ($N2(H1)\cdots O2 = 2.09 \text{ \AA}$; $N2(H1)\cdots N1 = 2.10 \text{ \AA}$; $N3(H3)\cdots O1 = 1.94 \text{ \AA}$; $N6(H6)\cdots O5 = 2.05 \text{ \AA}$; $N6(H6)\cdots N5 = 2.49 \text{ \AA}$; $N7(H5)\cdots O4 = 2.06 \text{ \AA}$) and intermolecular hydrogen bonding interaction ($N4\cdots(H4)N7 = 2.04 \text{ \AA}$; $N3(H2)\cdots N8 = 2.06 \text{ \AA}$; $O3\cdots(H4)N7 = 2.58 \text{ \AA}$; $N3(H2)\cdots O6 = 2.54 \text{ \AA}$).

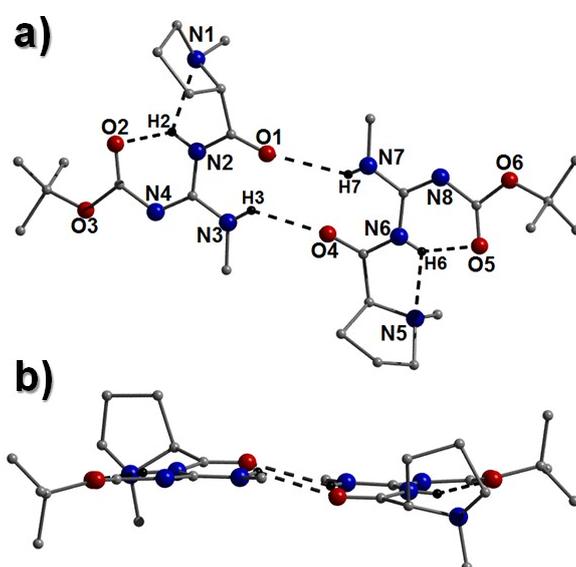


Fig. S10 A H-bonded dimeric unit observed in the asymmetric unit of **30**. The dashed lines represent the intra- ($N2(H2)\cdots O2 = 1.92 \text{ \AA}$; $N6(H6)\cdots O5 = 2.02 \text{ \AA}$; $N2(H2)\cdots N1 = 2.37 \text{ \AA}$; $N6(H6)\cdots N5 = 2.33 \text{ \AA}$) and intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions ($N3(H3)\cdots N4' = 2.37 \text{ \AA}$; $O1\cdots(H7)N7 = 2.48 \text{ \AA}$).

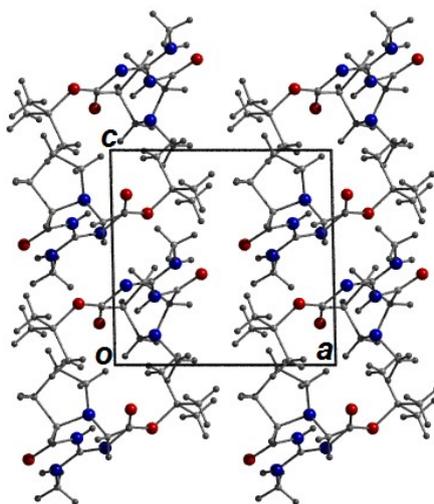


Fig. S11 Unit cell packing arrangement in **30** as viewed along the *b* unit cell direction.

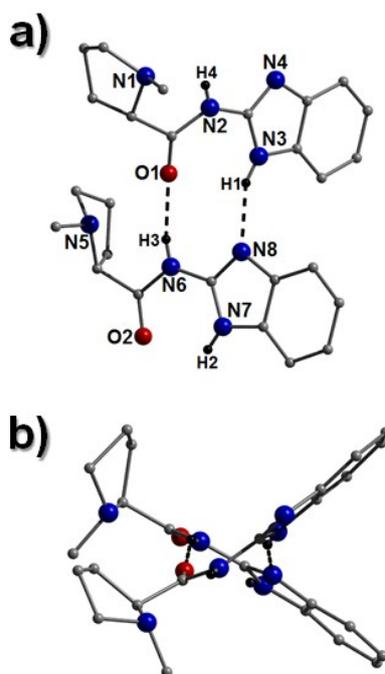


Fig. S12 Crystal structure showing the two moieties comprising the asymmetric unit in **34a** as viewed approximately perpendicular (a) and parallel (b) to their benzimidazole aromatic rings. The dashed lines represent the H-bonding interactions connecting the two units at distances 2.37 Å (N6(H3)···O1) and 2.01 Å (N8···(H1)N3). The intramolecular H-bonding distances (not shown) are: N2(H4)···N1 = 2.21 Å; N3(H1)···O1 = 2.35 Å; N6(H3)···N5 = 2.34 Å and N7(H2)···O2 = 2.26 Å.

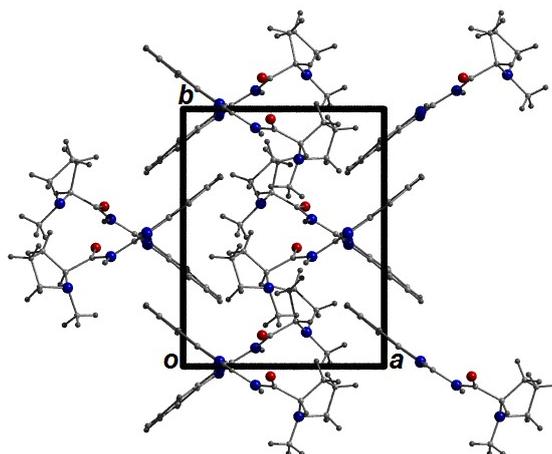


Fig. S13 Crystal packing arrangement in **34a** as viewed along the *c* direction of the unit cell.

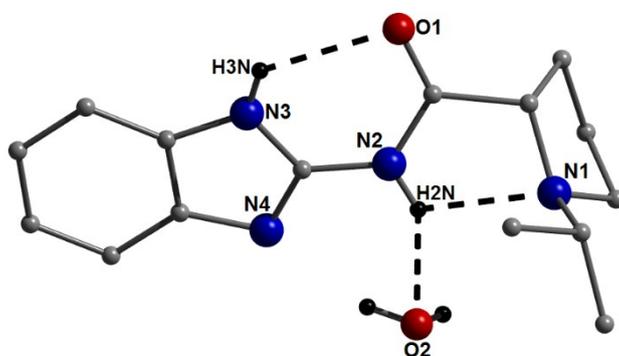


Fig. S14 Crystal structure of **34c** showing intramolecular H-bonding (dashed lines) at distances of 2.12 Å (N2(H2N)⋯N1) and 2.28 Å (N3(H3N)⋯O1) along with two intermolecular interaction with a water solvent of crystallisation (N2(H2N)⋯O2 = 2.15 Å and N4⋯H20(O2) = 2.09 Å).

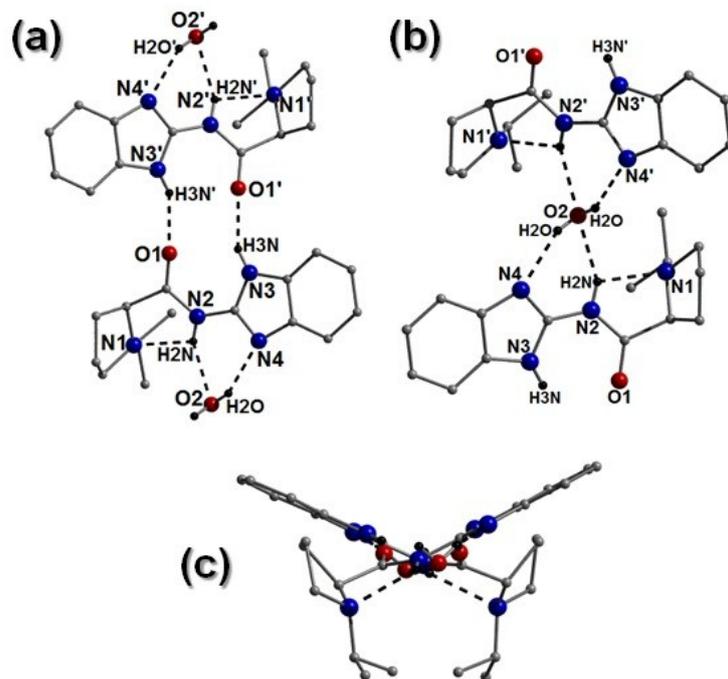


Fig. S15 Crystal structure of **34c** showing the intermolecular H-bonding (dashed lines) between each organic unit (a) and (b) via the waters of crystallisation (labelled O2) as they propagate along the *a* direction of the unit cell (c). Selected H-bonding distances: O1 \cdots (H3N')N3' = 2.03 Å; N4 \cdots (H2O)O2 = 2.09 Å and N2(H2N) \cdots O2 = 2.15 Å.

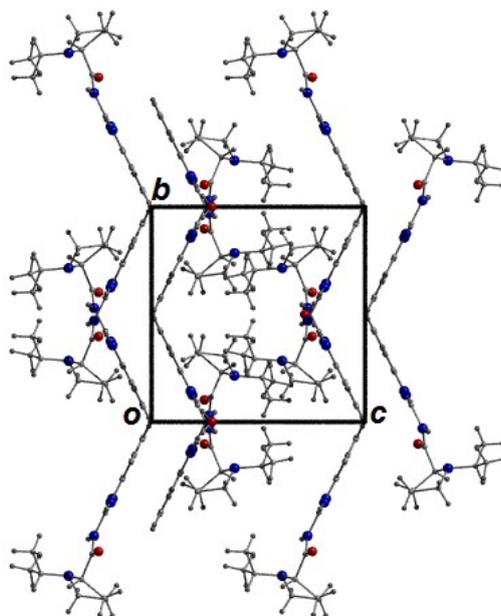


Fig. S16 Crystal packing motif observed in **34c** as viewed along the *a* unit cell direction.

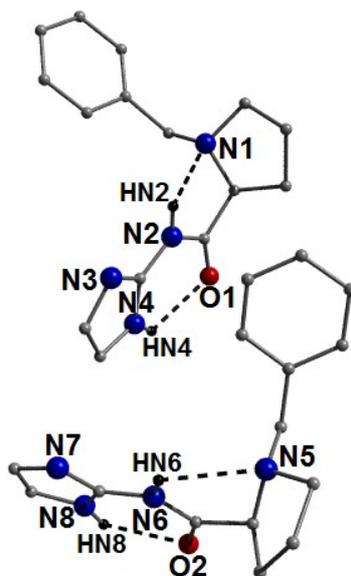


Fig. S17 Asymmetric unit in **38**. Selected intramolecular H-bond distances (dashed lines): N4(HN4)···O1 = 2.24 Å, N2(HN2)···N1 = 2.36 Å, N6(HN6)···N5 = 2.51 Å and N8(HN8)···O2 = 2.26 Å.

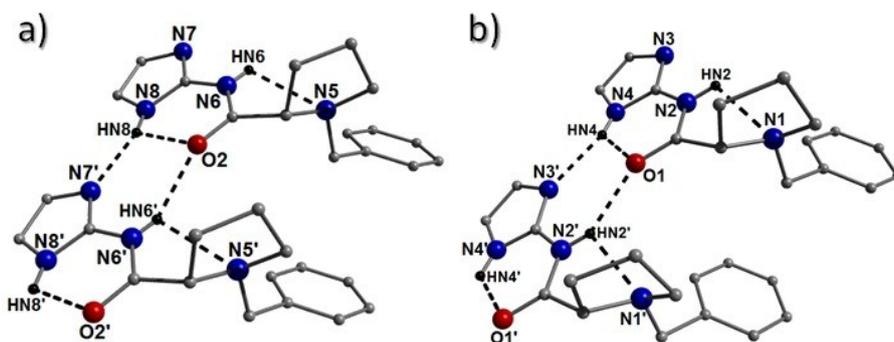


Fig. S18 Intermolecular H-bonding observed by both moieties (a and b, respectively) in the asymmetric unit of **38**. Dashed lines represent intermolecular H-bonding at distances (Å): 2.16 (O1···HN2'(N2')), 2.16 (N4(HN4)···N3'), 2.22 (O2···HN6'(N6')) and 2.06 (N8(HN8)···N7'). Intramolecular H-bonds also shown (see Fig. S17 for bond lengths).

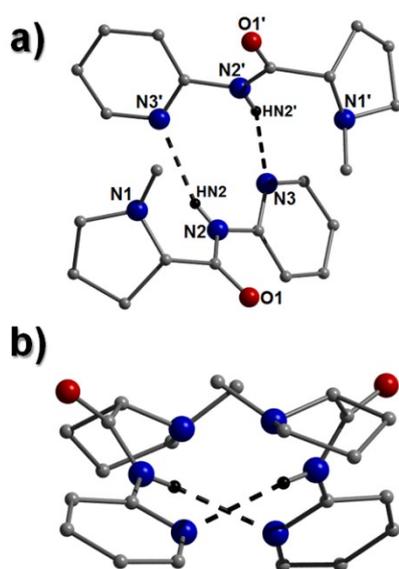


Fig. S19 Crystal structure representation of a pair of crystallographically related units in **39a**. The intermolecular H-bonded interactions are represented as dashed lines ($N2(HN2)\cdots N3' = 2.35 \text{ \AA}$).

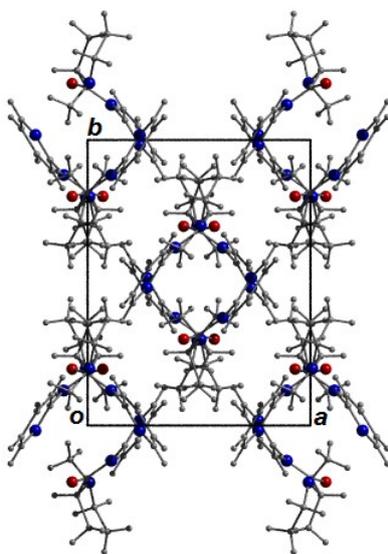


Fig. S20 The packing arrangement observed in **39a** as viewed along the c unit cell direction.

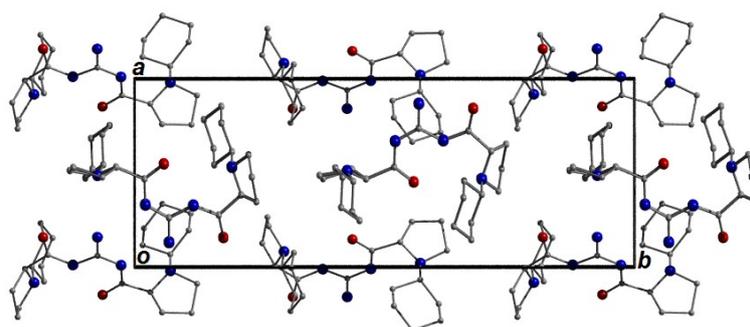


Fig. 21 Packing arrangement observed in the crystal structure of **40d** as viewed along the *c* direction of the unit cell.

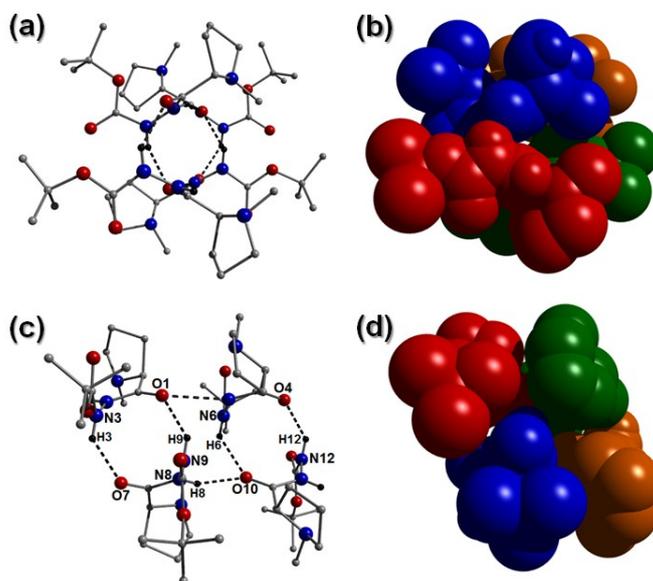


Fig. S22 (a) Crystal structure highlighting the four organic units that make up the asymmetric unit in **41c** (*crystal 2*) as viewed along the *a* (figure a) and *c* (figure c) unit cell directions, respectively. Figures b and d represent their equivalent space-fill representations where each colour denotes a single molecule of **41c**. Selected intermolecular H-bonding interactions (dashed lines): N3(H3)⋯O7 = 2.16 Å, N6(H6)⋯O10 = 2.21 Å, N9(H9)⋯O1 = 2.13 Å and N12(H12)⋯O4 = 2.20 Å.

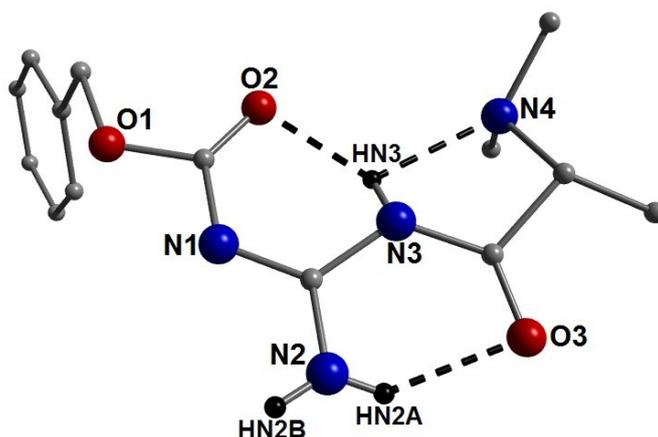


Fig. S23 The crystal structure obtained from **43a** highlighting (dashed line) the intramolecular H-bonding interactions (N2(HN2A)⋯O3 = 2.07 Å; N3(HN3)⋯O2 = 1.96 Å and N3(HN3)⋯N4 = 2.30 Å). The majority of hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

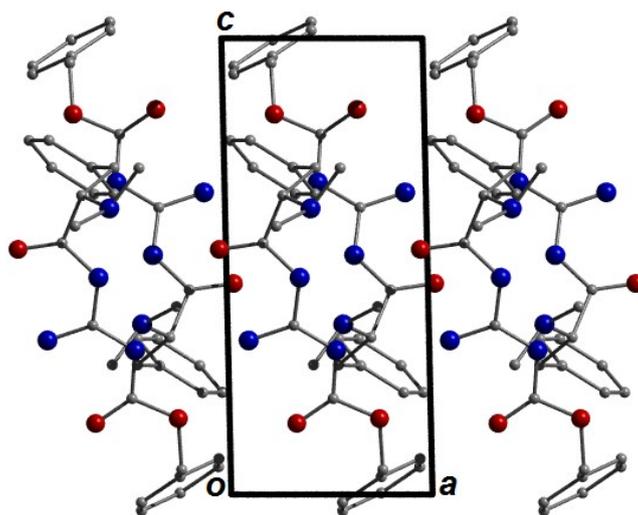


Fig. S24 The packing arrangement observed in **43b** as viewed along the *b* unit cell direction.

Powder X-ray diffraction

All PXRD samples were collected at room temperature on a Rigaku MiniFlex600 (CuK α radiation, 40.0 kV, 15.0 mA), over a 2θ range of 5 to 40°.

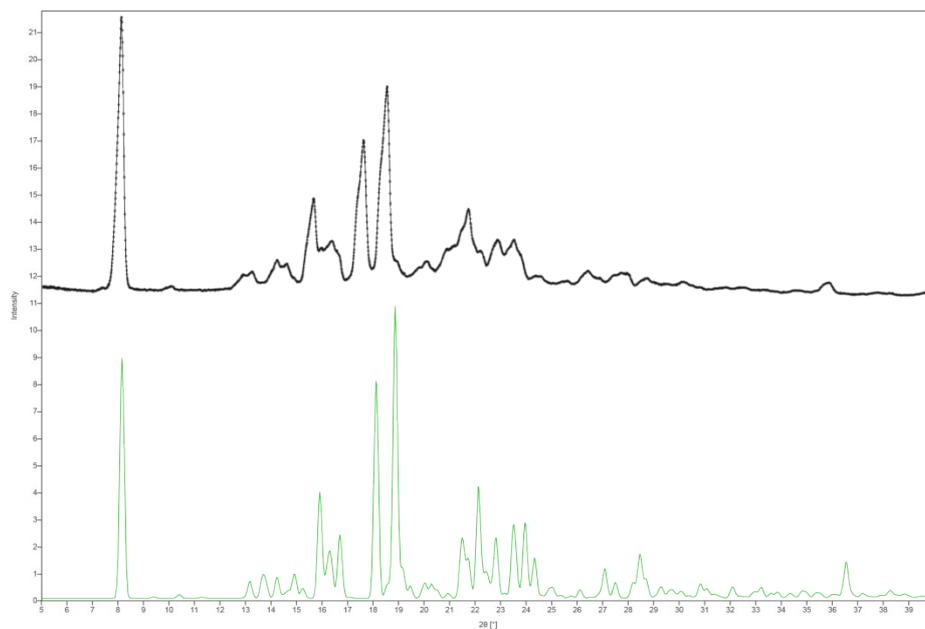
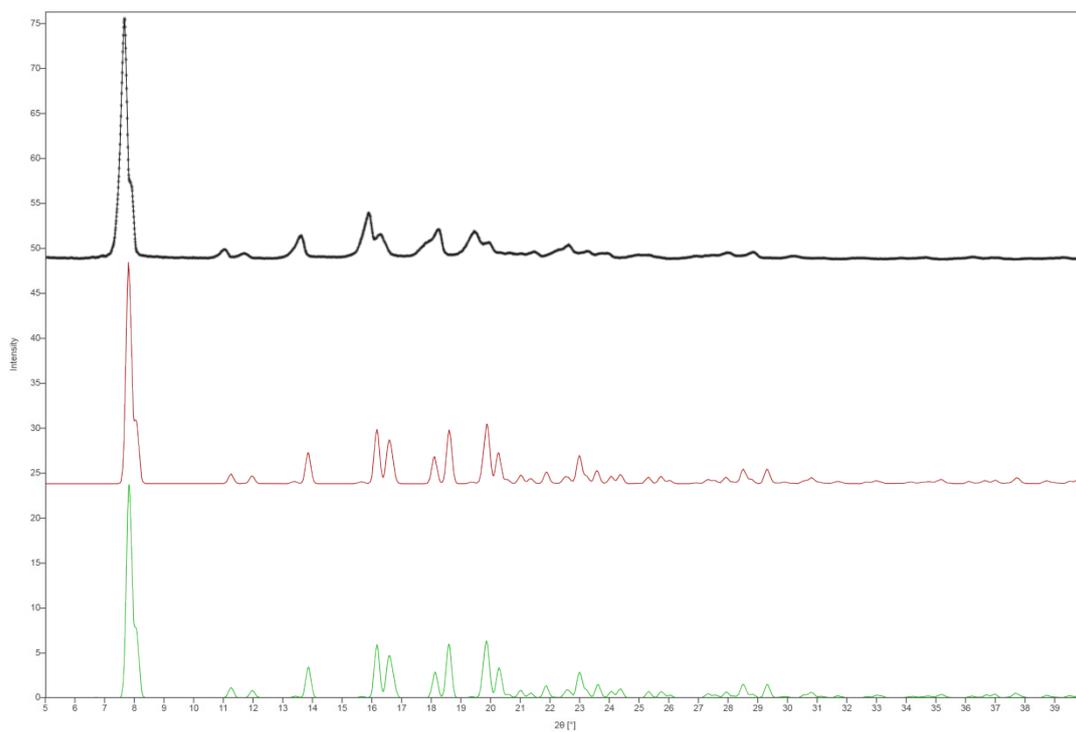


Fig. S25 Powder X-ray diffraction spectrum obtained from a polycrystalline sample of **26a** (black trace) and a simulated pXRD spectrum obtained using single crystal data of sample **26a** (green trace).



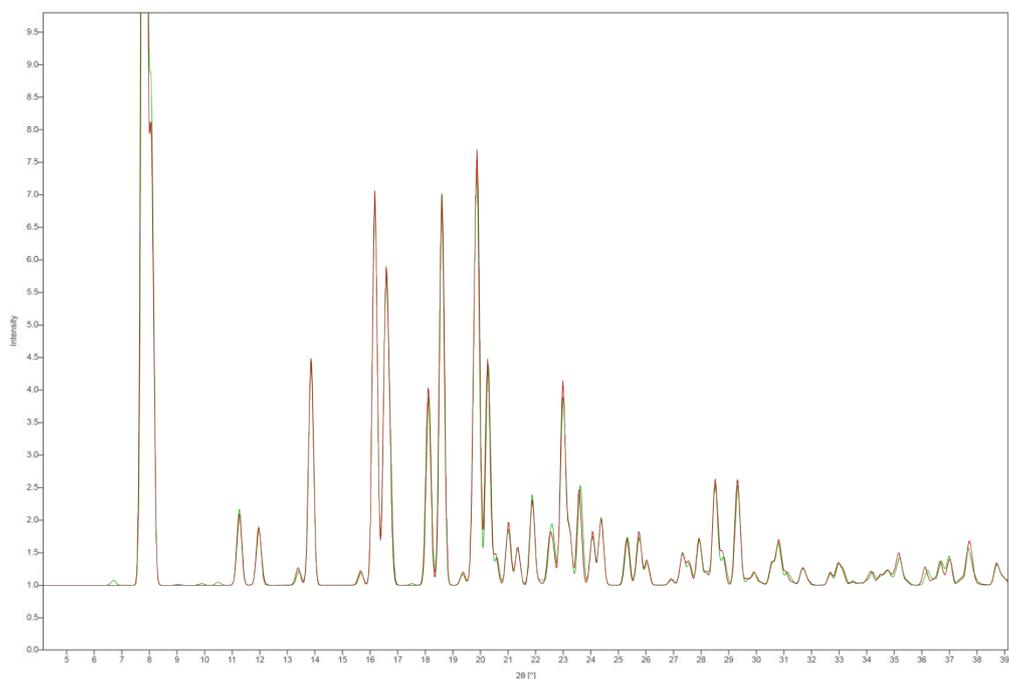


Fig. S26 41c (Top) The pXRD spectrum obtained from a polycrystalline sample of **41c** (black trace) along with the simulated spectra originating from the single crystal structures of **41c-crystal 1** (red trace) and **41c-crystal 2** (green trace). (Bottom) An overlay of the simulated spectra from the single crystal data of **41c-crystal 1** (red trace) and **41c-crystal 2** (green trace).

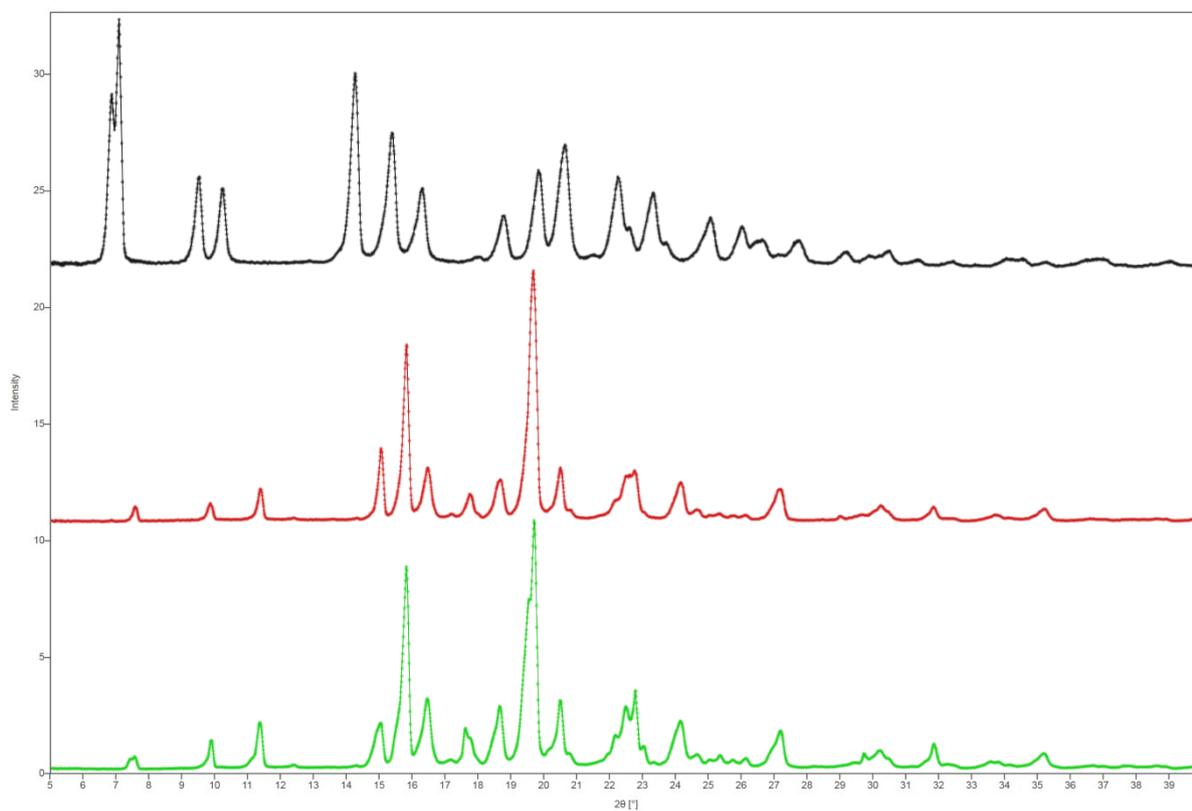


Fig. S27 (Top) The pXRD spectrum obtained from a polycrystalline racemic sample of **25a** (black trace). (Middle and bottom) pXRD spectra obtained from an 86%ee (93:7 S:R; red trace) and 100%ee (all S; green trace) samples of **25a** obtained from HPLC.

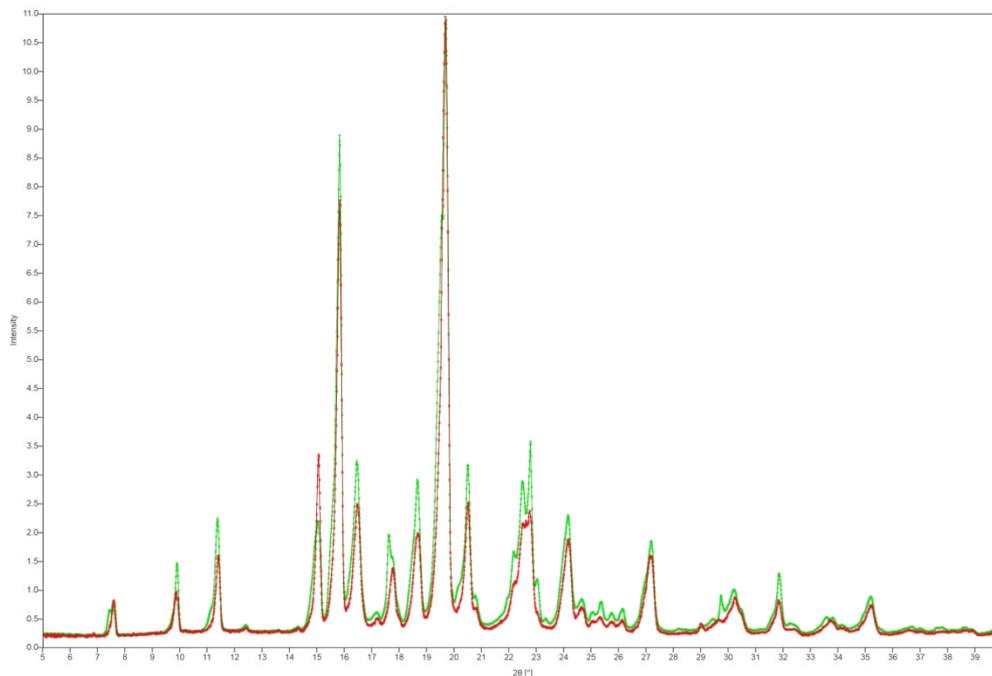


Fig. S28 25a Overlay of the pXRD spectra obtained from an 86%ee (93:7 S:R; red trace) and 100%ee (all S; green trace) sample of **25a** obtained from HPLC.

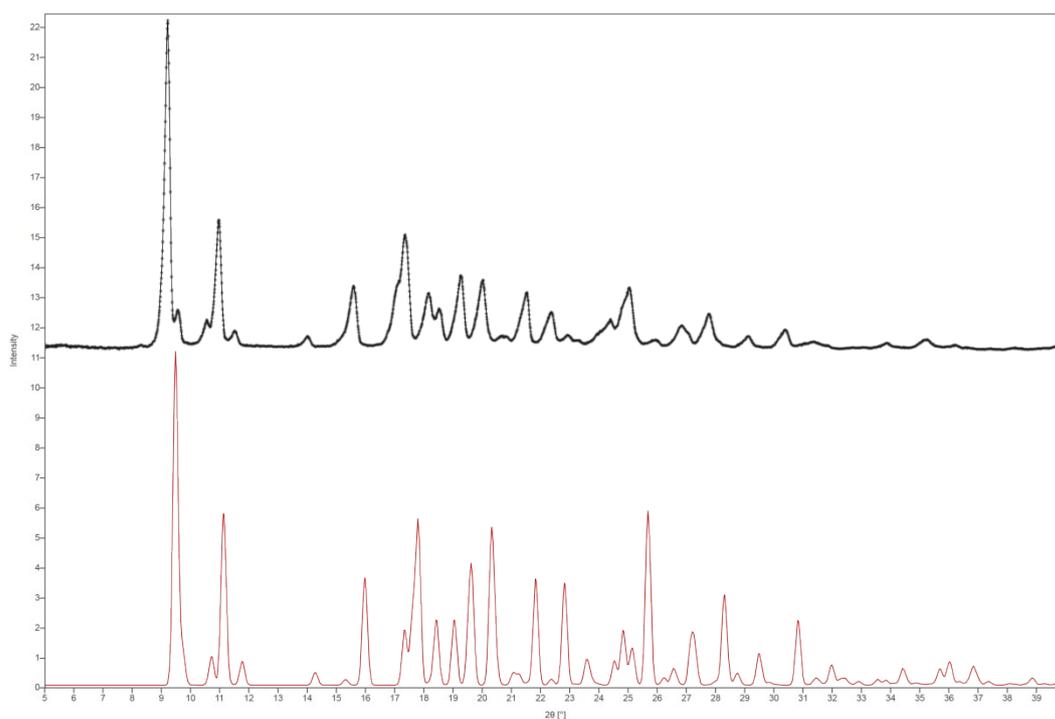


Fig. S29 The pXRD spectrum obtained from a polycrystalline sample of **31** (black trace) along with a simulated spectrum obtained from its corresponding single crystal data (red trace).

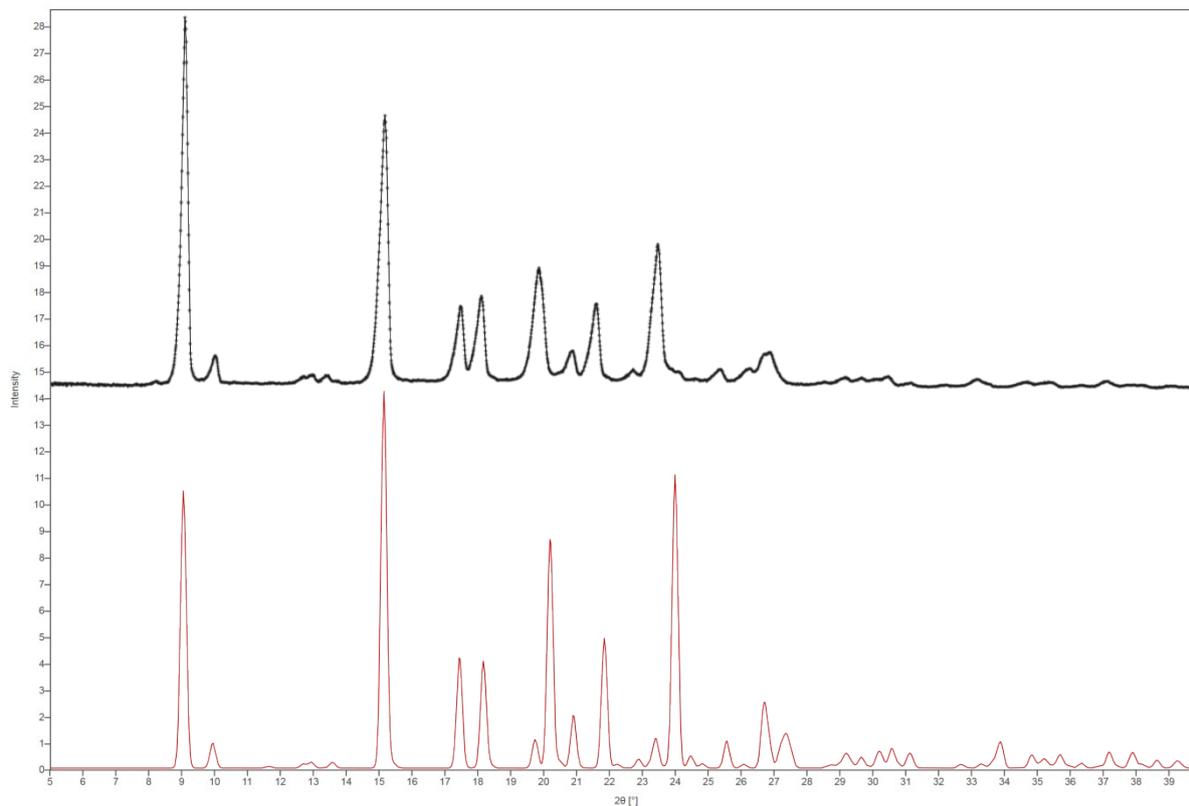


Fig. S30 The pXRD spectrum of **41b** (black trace) along with its corresponding simulation spectrum obtained from its single crystal data (red trace).

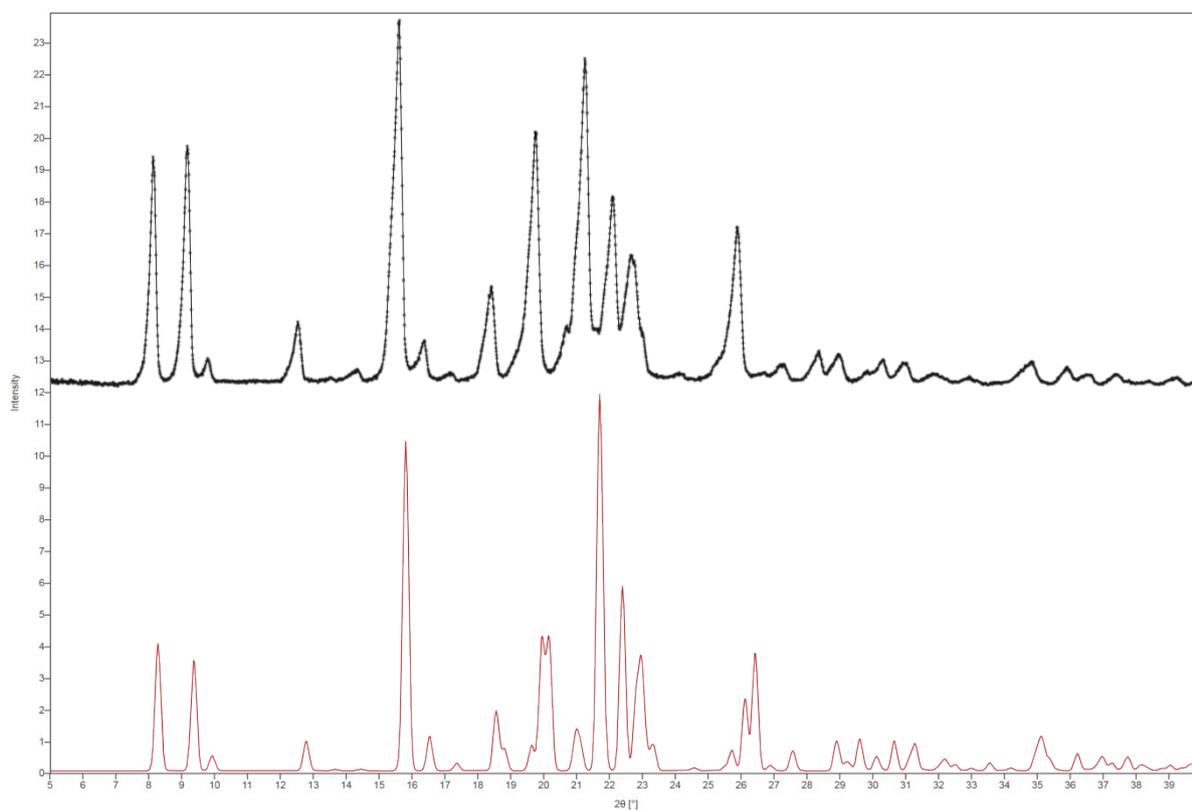


Fig.S31 Powder XRD spectrum of **43a** (top) along with its corresponding simulation using single crystal data (bottom).

Table S1 Selected crystal data obtained from **25a**, **26a**, **26c** and **26d**.

	25a	26a	26c	26d
Formula ^a	C ₁₅ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₃	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₁	C ₂₁ H ₂₆ N ₄ O ₁	C ₂₄ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₁
M _w	304.35	322.41	350.46	390.52
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁	P-1	P2 ₁	P2 ₁
a/Å	5.5616(3)	8.27490(10)	8.600(3)	9.3748(2)
b/Å	17.9003(13)	9.89550(10)	9.896(4)	9.6012(2)
c/Å	15.5410(9)	21.8743(3)	11.880(3)	12.5616(3)
α/°	90	82.1070(10)	90	90
β/°	94.111(5)	86.6940(10)	106.38(2)	104.848(2)
γ/°	90	85.7750(10)	90	90
V/Å ³	1543.19	1767.32	970.018	1092.91
Z	4	4	2	2
T/K	100(2)	30(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ ^b /Å	0.71073	0.6889	0.6889	0.6889
D _c /g cm ⁻³	1.310	1.212	1.200	1.187
μ(Mo-Kα)/ mm ⁻¹	0.094	0.073	0.072	0.074
Meas./indep. (R _{int}) refl.	30287 / 8146 (0.855)	30447 / 15842 (0.0939)	17850 / 4416 (0.0907)	11102 / 4942 (0.0627)
Restraints, Parameters	1, 423	0, 551	1, 245	1, 1.014
wR2 (all data) ^c	0.1447	0.2295	0.1311	0.1321
R1 ^{d,e}	0.0684	0.0817	0.0491	0.0519
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.004	1.162	1.094	1.014

^a Includes guest molecules. ^b Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. ^c wR2 = $[\sum w(IF_o^2I - IF_c^2I)^2 / \sum wIF_o^2I^2]^{1/2}$. ^d For observed data. ^e $R1 = \sum |F_oI - IF_cII| / \sum IF_oI$

Table S2 Selected crystal data obtained from **27a** and **29-31**.

	27a	29	30	31
Formula ^a	C ₁₃ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₁	C ₁₂ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₃	C ₁₃ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₃	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₃
M _w	246.31	270.33	284.36	318.37
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P2 ₁	P1	P-1
a/Å	7.98857(9)	9.62820(10)	9.1851(3)	8.9903(5)
b/Å	11.71525(11)	13.8844(2)	9.3856(2)	10.1684(6)
c/Å	13.99640(13)	11.73000(10)	9.6867(3)	10.7191(7)
α/°	90	90	68.200(2)	104.553(6)
β/°	90	102.9130(10)	89.701(2)	110.229(6)
γ/°	90	90	86.138(2)	105.243(6)
V/Å ³	1309.9	1528.43	773.411	821.31(10)
Z	4	4	2	2
T/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ ^b /Å	0.6889	0.9028	1.54184	0.9028
D _c /g cm ⁻³	1.249	1.175	1.221	1.287
μ(Mo-Kα)/mm ⁻¹	0.083	0.086	0.721	0.165
Meas./indep. (R _{int}) refl.	28908 / 6422 (0.0444)	14738 / 6228 (0.0696)	26740 / 5379 (0.0619)	7772 / 5673 (0.1676)
Restraints, Parameters	0, 176	1, 375	3, 387	12, 455
wR2 (all data) ^c	0.1235	0.2109	0.1750	0.2073
R1 ^{d,e}	0.0474	0.0747	0.0609	0.0767
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.071	1.037	1.077	0.956

^a Includes guest molecules. ^b Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. ^c wR2 = $[\sum w(IF_o^2I - IF_c^2I)^2 / \sum wIF_o^2I^2]^{1/2}$. ^d For observed data. ^e $RI = \sum IIF_oI - IF_cII / \sum IF_oI$

Table S3 Selected crystal data obtained from **34a**, **34b**, **34c** and **38b**.

	34a	34b	34c H₂O	38b
Formula ^a	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₁	C ₁₉ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₁	C ₃₀ H ₄₂ N ₈ O ₃	C ₁₅ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₁
M _w	244.30	320.39	562.72	270.33
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Hexagonal	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁	P6 ₅	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2	P2 ₁
a/Å	9.8292(2)	9.8466(4)	12.0576(2)	15.4703(10)
b/Å	12.6358(4)	9.8466(4)	11.3774(2)	5.1282(2)
c/Å	10.1195(2)	29.7164(12)	11.1889(2)	19.1266(13)
α/°	90	90	90	90
β/°	94.835(2)	90	90	112.939(5)
γ/°	90	120	90	90
V/Å ³	1252.37	2495.17	1534.94	1397.41
Z	4	6	2	4
T/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ ^b /Å	1.54184	0.6889	0.71073	0.6889
D _c /g cm ⁻³	1.296	1.279	1.213	1.285
μ(Mo-Kα)/mm ⁻¹	0.695	0.082	0.081	0.079
Meas./indep. (R _{int}) refl.	11865 / 4184 (0.0523)	25029 / 3740 (0.1031)	33986 / 4257 (0.0475)	19276 / 6319 (0.1359)
Restraints, Parameters	1, 343	7, 221	0, 200	1, 377
wR2 (all data) ^c	0.1207	0.1919	0.0998	0.1584
R1 ^{d,e}	0.0451	0.0650	0.0386	0.0633
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.033	0.948	1.066	0.861

^a Includes guest molecules. ^b Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. ^c wR2 = $[\sum w(IF_o^2I - IF_c^2I)^2 / \sum wIF_o^2I^2]^{1/2}$. ^d For observed data. ^e $RI = \sum |IF_oI - IF_cI| / \sum IF_oI$

Table S4 Selected crystal data obtained from **39**, **40b**, **49d** and **41b**.

	39	40b	40d	41b
Formula ^a	C ₁₁ H ₁₅ N ₃ O ₁	C ₂₅ H ₃₁ N ₅ O ₂	C ₂₃ H ₃₉ N ₅ O ₂	C ₁₂ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₁
M _w	205.26	433.55	417.59	219.28
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C222 ₁	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P2 ₁	C2
a/Å	9.88050(10)	6.83130(10)	10.0504(6)	12.7286(3)
b/Å	12.7554(2)	9.9682(2)	24.8719(7)	13.6712(3)
c/Å	17.4319(2)	34.4021(7)	10.3198(6)	15.1669(4)
α/°	90	90	90	90
β/°	90	90	114.323(7)	113.349(3)
γ/°	90	90	90	90
V/Å ³	2196.94	2342.64	2350.69	2423.14
Z	8	4	4	8
T/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ ^b /Å	1.54184	0.71073	0.71073	1.54184
D _c /g cm ⁻³	1.241	1.229	1.180	1.202
μ(Mo-Kα)/ mm ⁻¹	0.663	0.080	0.077	0.632
Meas./indep. (R _{int}) refl.	6642 / 2053 (0.0233)	32332 / 75609 (0.0842)	73118 / 12524 (0.0833)	53582 / 4618 (0.0717)
Restraints, Parameters	0, 141	0, 301	1, 542	9, 324
wR2 (all data) ^c	0.1094	0.1189	0.3114	0.0980
R1 ^{d,e}	0.0415	0.0482	0.1049	0.0357
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.069	1.049	1.255	1.051

^a Includes guest molecules. ^b Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. ^c wR2 = $[\sum w(IF_o^2I - IF_c^2I)^2 / \sum wIF_o^2I^2]^{1/2}$. ^d For observed data. ^e $R1 = \sum |IF_oI - IF_cI| / \sum IF_oI$

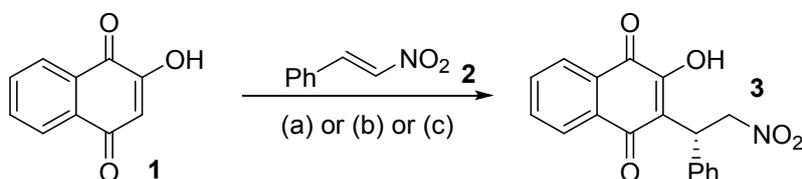
Table S5 Selected crystal data obtained from **41c**, **43a**, **43b** and **44**.

	41c-crystal 1	41c-crystal 2	43a	43b	44b
Formula ^a	C ₁₁ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃	C ₁₁ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₃	C ₃₆ H ₄₅ N ₈ O ₂	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₃
M _w	243.31	243.31	292.34	621.80	368.43
Crystal System	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Pnma2 ₁	P2 ₁	I2/a	P2 ₁	P2 ₁
a/Å	9.7621(4)	9.7687(5)	12.4402(4)	12.4470(4)	5.41730(10)
b/Å	13.2127(4)	21.9014(12)	12.9330(4)	12.0122(5)	13.9827(2)
c/Å	21.9038(7)	13.1820(7)	19.1393(6)	24.2818(6)	12.3897(2)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	90	89.865(5)	99.889(3)	102.043(2)	91.2540(10)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
V/Å ³	2825.23(17)	2820.3(3)	3033.55(17)	3550.61	938.276
Z	8	8	8	4	2
T/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	35(2)	100(2)
λ ^b /Å	1.54184	0.6889	1.54184	0.6889	1.54184
D _c /g cm ⁻³	1.144	1.146	1.280	1.163	1.304
μ(Mo-Kα)/mm ⁻¹	0.689	0.079	0.758	0.070	0.729
Meas./indep. (R _{int}) refl.	21112 / 4209 (0.1546)	17512 / 9516 (0.1767)	11819 / 2837 (0.0597)	14653 / 9041 (0.1237)	12000 / 3534 (0.0308)
Restraints, Parameters	69, 280	1, 629	0, 205	397, 940	1, 256
wR2 (all data) ^c	0.3834	0.1955	0.2952	0.1969	0.0682
R1 ^{d,e}	0.1390	0.0743	0.1348	0.0721	0.0278
Goodness of fit on F ²	1.477	0.676	1.126	0.918	1.039

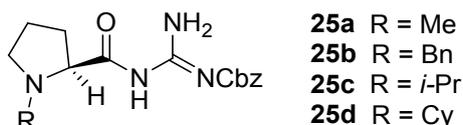
^a Includes guest molecules. ^b Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. ^c wR2 = $[\sum w(IF_o^2I - IF_c^2I)^2 / \sum wIF_o^2I^2]^{1/2}$. ^d For observed data. ^e $RI = \sum |IF_oI - IF_cII| / \sum IF_oI$

Appendix III: Detailed information on catalytic reactions.

Data for catalysts studied in the reaction of **1** with **2** to give **5** in all solvents studied. Results are given as ee (% yield/time in h).



Catalysts **25a**, **25b**, **25c** and **25d**



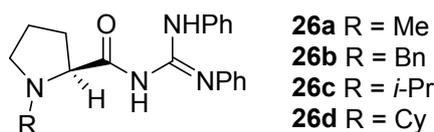
(a) Catalyst (0.1 eqv), at 0 °C 7-8 h then rt, (b) -78 °C to -20 °C, see (Table I)

Table I: Entries and results.

Entry	Cat.	Cons.	Acetonitrile	DCM	THF	Toluene	EtOAc	PhH	Xylene
1	25a	a b	34 (88/93)	37 (88/99) 13 (61/50)	18 (100/50)	44 (100/75)	31(100/76)	26 (72/48) 28 (18/36)	---- 9(18/81)
2	25b	a	7 (5/93)	8 (47/90)	15 (100/94)	13 (100/86)	5 (100/92)	-----	-----
3	25c	a	15 (10//89)	5 (20/90)	1 (20/89)	5 (32/90)	4 (20/90)	----	----
4	25d	a	1 (39/99)	4 (39/89)	----	----	----	----	----

(i) Precipitate formation during reaction.

Catalysts **26a-d**



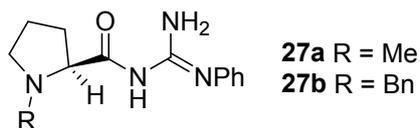
(a) Catalyst (0.1 eqv), at 0 °C for 7-8 h then rt, see (Table II)

Table II: Entries and results.

Entry	Catalyst	Cons.	Acetonitrile	DCM	THF	Toluene	EtOAc
1	26a ⁽ⁱ⁾	a	4 (42/90)	1 (72/93)	3 (100/41)	3 (100/38)	4 (100/40)
2	26b	a	6 (38/72)	3 (38/76)	1 (72/51)	1 (72/35)	3 (72/97)
3	26c	a	3 (22/95)	5 (22/68)	----	----	----
	26d	a	1 (58/81)	1 (58/90)	----	----	----

i) Using with 0.04 eqv of catalyst **26a**.

Catalysts 27a-b:



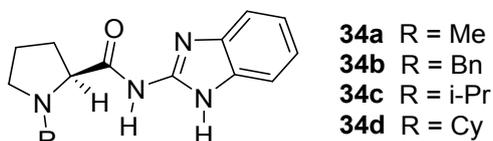
(a) Catalyst **27a-b**; 0.1 eqv, entries 1-3 at 0 °C, see (Table III).

Table III: Entries and results.

Entry	Catalyst	Cons.	Acetonitrile	DCM	THF	Toluene	EtOAc
1	27a	a	16 (21/93)	21 (4/91)	16 (96/85)	NR ⁽ⁱ⁾	22 (96/87)
2	27a	a	----	25 (54/92)	----	----	----
3	27b	a	1 (48/91)	1 (48/93)	2 (48/36)	2 (48/90)	4 (68/82)

i) Catalyst **27a** was insoluble in toluene.

Catalysts 34a-d

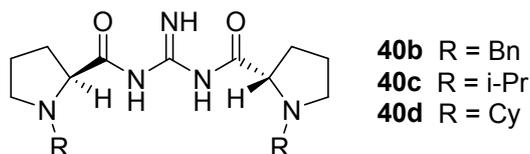


(a) Catalyst **34a-d**; 0.1 eqv, at 0 °C for 7-8 h then rt, see (Table IV).

Table IV: Entries and results.

Entry	Catalyst	Cons.	Acetonitrile	DCM	Toluene
1	34a	a	7 (39/90)	27 (39/88)	32 (100/87)
2	34b	a	3 (58/89)	12 (58/92)	----
3	34c	a	2 (88/81)	(100/90)	----
4	34d	a	2 (58/91)	9 (85/96)	----

Catalysts 40b-d

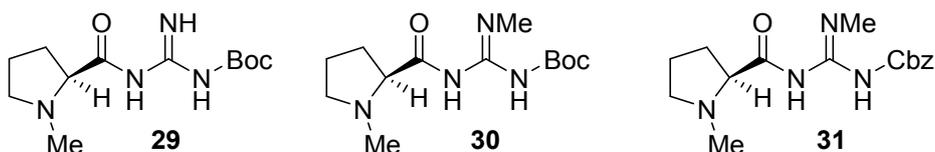


(a) Conditions: Catalyst **40b-d** (0.1 eqv), then either (a) 0 °C, 7-8 h then rt or (b) -78 °C to -20 °C, or (c) with benzoic acid (BA); see table V

Table V: Entries and results.

Entry	Cat.	Cons.	DCM	MeCN	THF	PhMe	Xylenes	PhH
1	40b	a	6 (96/91)	----	----	----	7 (24/82)	----
		b	4 (48/92)	----	----	----	----	----
2	40c	a	4 (29/81)	4 (5/60)	4 (72/80)	4 (5/48)	4 (5/67)	4 (5/37)
		b	3 (5/48)	----	----	4 (5/53)	----	----
3	40d	a	1(46/100)	2 (24/87)	1 (144/91)	2 (72/39)	2 (48/65)	2 (72/75)
		b	7 (48/89)	----	----	----	----	----
		c	1 (24/63)	----	----	1 (24/41)	1 (24/53)	----

Catalysts 29, 30 and 31.

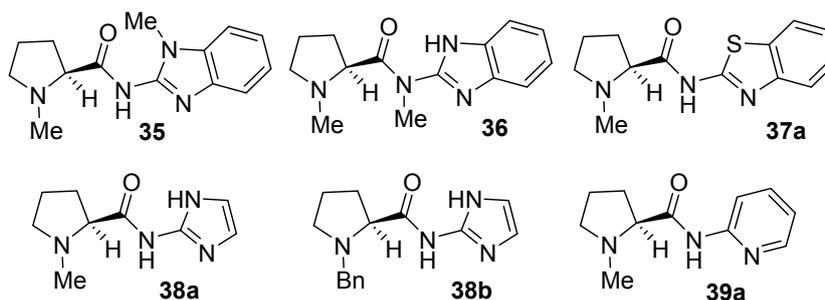


(a) Conditions: Catalyst **29**, **30** or **31** (0.1 eqv) then either (a) 0 °C, 7-8 h then rt, or (b) with benzoic acid (BA, 0.1 eqv), or (c); -78 °C - -20 °C; see table VI

Table VI: Entries and results.

Entry	Cat.	Cons.	DCM	PhMe	Xylene	Et ₂ O	PhH	CCl ₄
1	29	a	19 (28/75)	22 (2/89)	22 (2/80)	19 (124/80)	17 (4/90)	21 (28/64)
		b	28 (168/63)	37 (48/90)	----	----	----	----
		c	----	18 (24/38)	----	----	----	----
2	30	a	9 (120/86)	7 (48/70)	4 (48/91)	5 (120/54)	7 (48/85)	3 (120/55)
3	31	a	5 (120/65)	4 (46/7)	----	1 (120/22)	----	----

Catalysts 35, 36, 37a, 38a, 38b and 39.

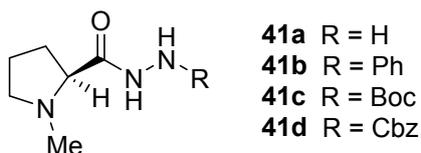


Conditions: Catalyst (0.1 eqv) then either (a) 0 °C, 7-8 h then rt, or (b) with benzoic acid (BA); see table VII

Table VII: Entries and results.

Entry	Cat.	Cons.	DCM	PhMe	Xylenes	Et ₂ O	PhH
1	35	a	4 (48/91)	5 (49/86)	----	3 (120/55)	----
2	36	a	6 (120/75)	14 (48/19)	10 (22/48)	8 (48/48)	10 (48/80)
3	37a	a	3 (48/25)	0 (48/14)	----	----	4 (48/37)
4	38a	a	16 (100/69)	16 (120/54)	----	----	----
5	38b	a	13 (96/70)	5 (96/67)	----	----	----
6	39a	a	2 (48/78)	2 (48/16)	----	----	0 (48/87)

Catalysts **41a-d**.

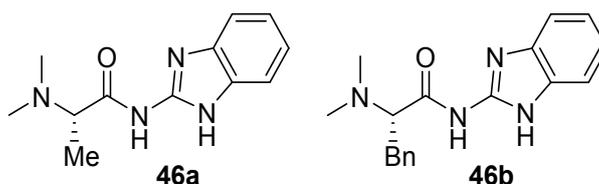


Conditions: Catalyst **41a-d** (0.1 eqv) then either (a) 0 °C, 7-8 h then rt or (b) -78 °C - -20 °C, see table VIII

Table VIII: Entries and results.

Entry	Cat.	Cons.	DCM	PhMe	Xylenes	Et ₂ O	PhH
1	41a	a	3 (100/70)	5 (2/71)	4 (72/68)	4 (124/41)	NR
2	41b	a	3 (48/87)	3 (1/86)	3 (1/59)	----	2 (1/56)
		b	----	17 (24/63)	----	----	----
3	41c	a	4 (168/42)	13 (168/19)	10 (168/10)	2 (168/28)	9 (168/71)
4	41d	a	2 (10/66)	10 (10/27)	5 (48/74)	4 (96/36)	8 (10/72)
		b	3 (48/80)	----	----	----	----

Catalysts **46a-b**:



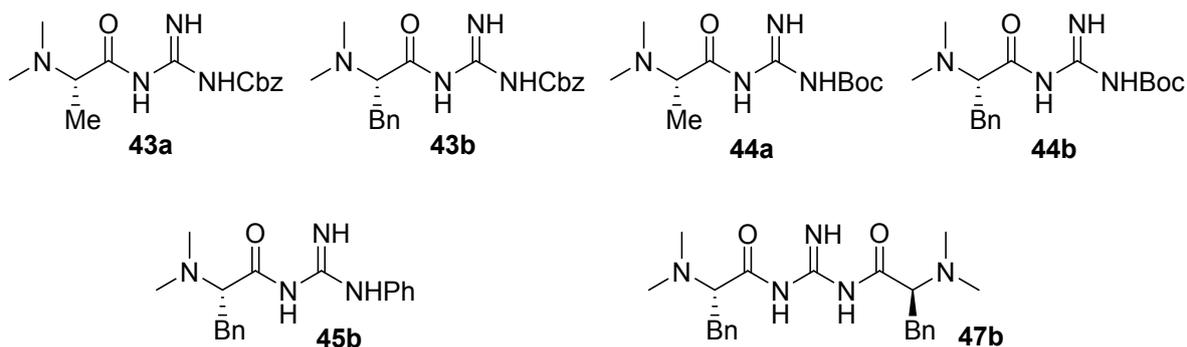
Conditions: Catalysts **46a,b** (0.1 eqv), 0 °C, 7-8 h then rt, see table IX.

Table IX: Entries and results.

Entry ⁱ	Cat.	DCM	PhMe	Xylenes	THF	Ether	PhH	CCl ₄
1	46a	10 (168/88)	16 (168/37)	14 (168/48)	10 (168/54)	9 (168/88)	----	9 (168/67)
2	46b	10 (120/79)	20 (120/57)	28 (120/41)	17 (120/75)	9 (120/81)	9 (72/65)	15 (72/49)

i) Results are given as ee (time (h)/yield (%))

Catalysts 43a, 43b, 44a, 44b, 45b and 47b.



Conditions: Catalyst **43a**, **43b**, **44a**, **44b**, **45b** or **47b** (0.1 eqv) then either (a) 0 °C, 7-8 h, then rt, or (b) with (BA); or (c); -78 °C to -20 °C; see table X.

Table X: Entries and results.

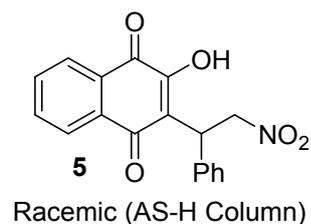
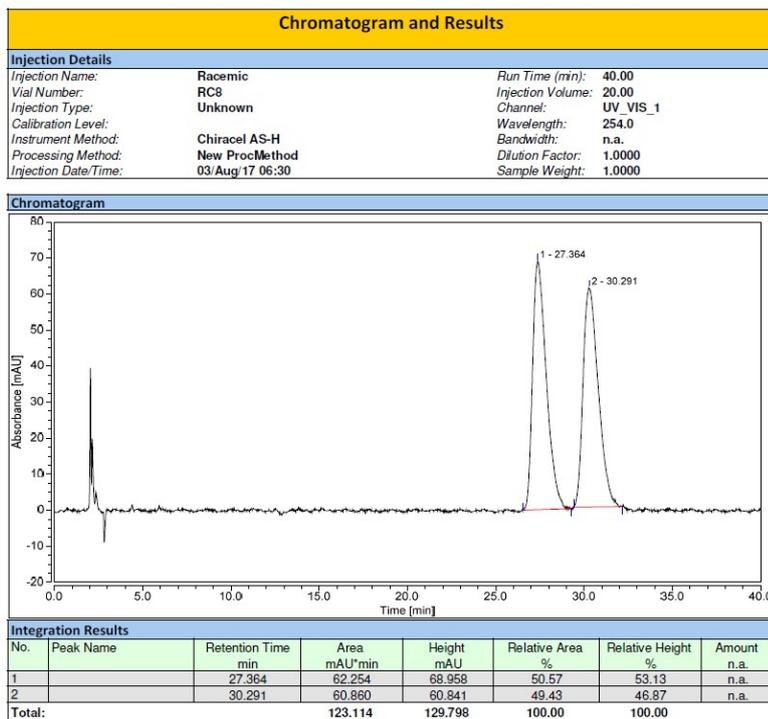
Entry	Cat.		DCM	PhMe	Xylenes	THF	Et ₂ O	PhH	CCl ₄
1	43a	a	7 (96/88)	13 (18/88)	10 (40/65)	9 (96/60)	8 (96/69)	10(18/75)	7 (96/67)
		b	7 (96/88)	----	----	----	----	----	----
2	43b	a	4 (28/92)	15 (72/43)	15 (72/33)	6 (72/99)	6 (48/43)	9 (2/97)	7 (99/75)
		b	7(120/34)	25 (2/67)	21 (2/44)	----	----	----	----
		c	----	22 (10/54)	----	----	----	----	----
3	44a	a	10 (44/65)	11 (20/40)	15 (20/39)	10 (72/77)	10 (20/44)	11 (20/54)	11 (44/76)
		b	8 (24/75)	----	----	----	----	----	----
4	44b	a	9 (8/49)	18 (1/46)	20 (15/41)	15 (10/85)	11 (10/57)	13 (15/63)	6 (8/89)
		b	----	30 (48/91)	----	----	----	----	----
		c	-----	31(10/40)	----	-----	----	----	----
5	45b	a	18 (8/81)	21 (10/96)	21 (8/100)	21 (10/66)	----	21 (10/76)	18 (10/36)
6	47b	a	21 (2/67)	23 (2/59)	24 (2/61)	21 (18/95)	----	25 (2/54)	----
		c	25(24/33)	25 (72/42)	----	----	----	----	----

Appendix IV: HPLC analysis, representative examples.

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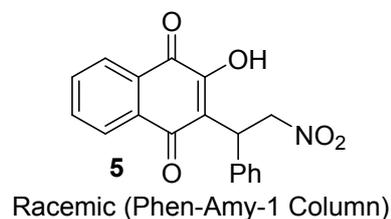
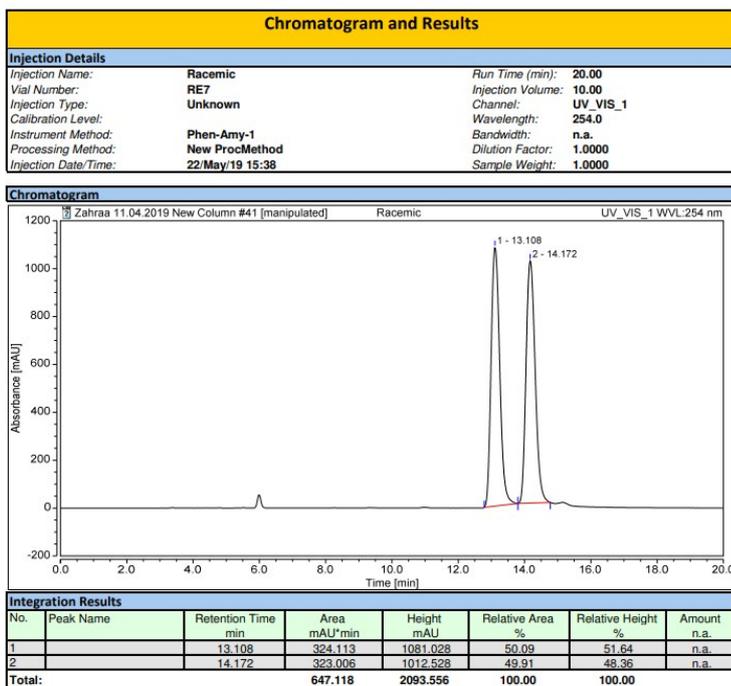
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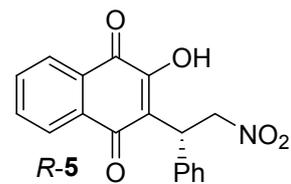
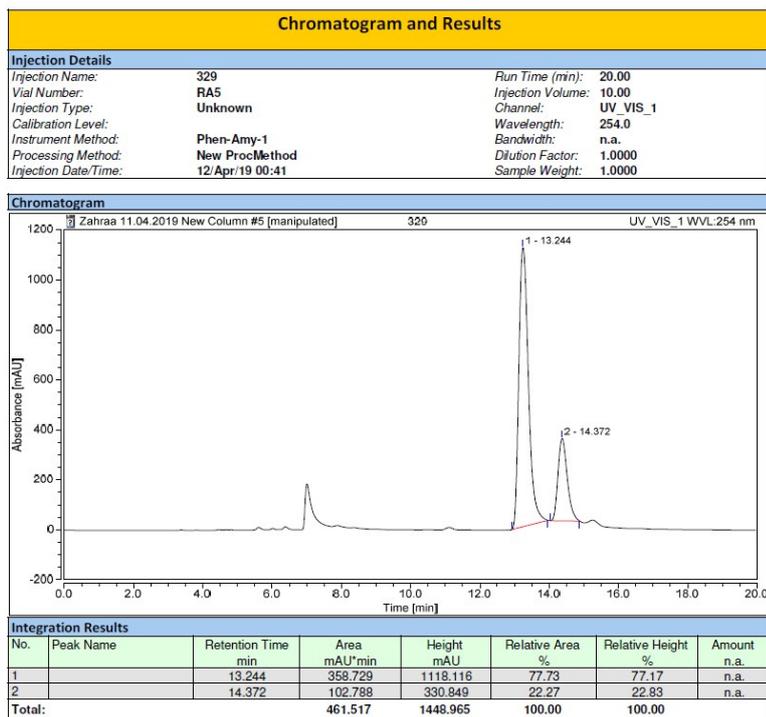
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Results with catalysts **25a** and **29**.

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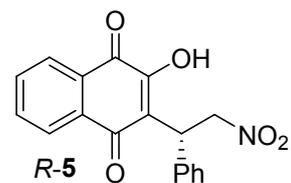
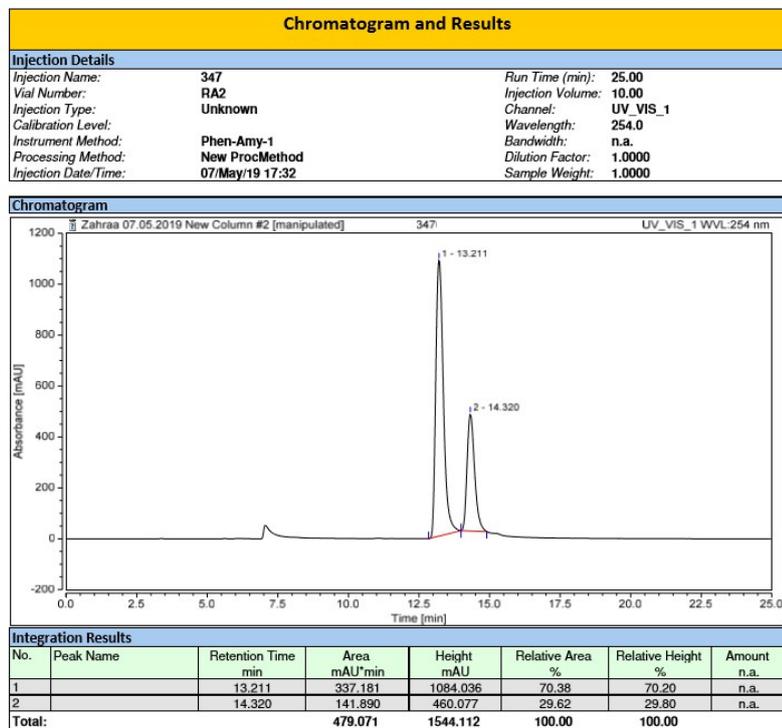
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56% ee catalyst **25a** (PhMe)

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41% ee catalyst **29** (PhMe)