

Readily Accessible Sp³-Rich Cyclic Hydrazine Frameworks Exploiting Nitrogen Fluxionality

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General Details

All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros Organics in Sure-Seal™ bottles for use as reaction solvents. All other solvents were reagent grade and used as received. Petroleum ether refers to the fraction that boils in the range 40-60 °C. Commercially available starting materials were used without purification.

Thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated aluminium-backed plates (Merck Silicagel 60 F254), visualized by UV 254 nm then stained with phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) or potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) dip and heated. Flash column chromatography was performed using 40-63 µm Silica Gel.

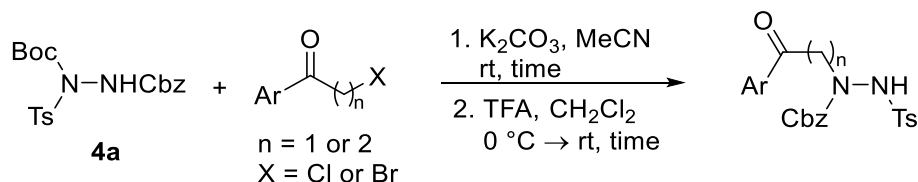
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX (300 or 400 MHz) or AV (500 or 600 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent residual peaks (CDCl₃ δ_H: 7.26 ppm, δ_C: 77.16 ppm; D₆-DMSO δ_H: 2.50 ppm, δ_C: 39.52 ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are abbreviated as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), broad (br), or some combination of these.

Low-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6130 Quadrupole LC-MS instrument. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Bruker MaXis Impact. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer and are given in cm⁻¹. Melting points were recorded with a Gallenkamp MPD350 apparatus and are reported as observed. Optical rotations were measured using an AA-1000 polarimeter using a 2 dm cuvette and reported as observed.

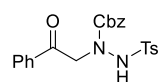
Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

1-Benzyl 2-(*tert*-butyl) 1-tosylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4b**).** *tert*-Butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (3.22 g, 11.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triethylamine (1.65 mL, 11.8 mmol, 1.05 equiv), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (138 mg, 1.1 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were stirred at 0 °C. Then benzyl chloroformate (1.69 mL, 11.8 mol, 1.05 equiv) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was added via syringe pump over 1 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with sodium hydrogen carbonate (20 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/pet ether) to give **4b** (4.35 g, 10.4 mmol, 92%) as a colourless oil. *R*_f = 0.12 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (film) 3336, 2981, 1736, 1365, 1155 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.92 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-*H*), 7.36-7.25 (7H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.95 and 6.63 (minor rotamer) (1H, s, NH), 5.28-5.13 (2H, m, CH₂Ph), 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃) 1.49 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 153.5 (C=O), 151.5 (C=O), 145.3 (Ar-C), 131.7 (Ar-C), 134.2 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.2 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 82.8 (C), 69.6 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₂NaO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 443.1247; found 443.1245.

General method 1: Synthesis of keto hydrazines using triply protected hydrazines 4a-b



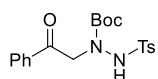
To a solution of hydrazine **4a**^[1] or **4b** (1.0 equiv) in anhydrous CH₃CN (0.1 M) was added halide (1.1 equiv) followed by potassium carbonate (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until completion of the reaction (6-24 h). Water (10 mL) was then added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (15-40% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the tetrasubstituted hydrazine. To this compound (1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (0.1 M) was added trifluoroacetic acid (10 equiv) at 0 °C. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (15-40% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the following compounds.



Benzyl 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5a**).**

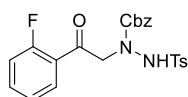
Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (693 mg, 1.65 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromoacetophenone (360 mg, 1.81 mol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (250

mg 1.81 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (17 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (1.27 mL, 16.5 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (17 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5a** (582 mg, 1.33 mmol, 81%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.38 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 123-124 °C; IR (film) 3220, 2924, 1724, 1340, 1184 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.90-7.48 (7H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.34-7.23 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.14-7.04 (3H, m, Ar-*H*), 5.07 (2H, s, CH_2Ph), 4.92 (2H, s, NCH_2), 2.43 (major) and 2.38 (minor) (3H, s, CH_3); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 193.8 (C=O, rotamer), 193.4 (C=O, rotamer), 157.1 (C=O), 144.5 (Ar-C, rotamer), 144.3 (Ar-C, rotamer), 135.3 (Ar-C), 134.4 (Ar-C, rotamer), 134.3 (Ar-C, rotamer), 134.2 (Ar-CH), 133.9 (Ar-C), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 68.8 (CH_2), 59.1 (NCH_2 rotamer), 58.2 (NCH_2 rotamer), 21.8 (CH_3 rotamer), 21.7 (CH_3 rotamer); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 461.1142; found 461.1139.



tert-Butyl 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5b).

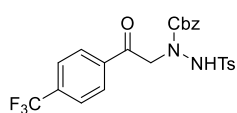
Hydrazine **4b** (310 mg, 0.74 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromoacetophenone (161 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (112 mg 0.81 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (8.0 mL, 0.1 M) were stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solution was then quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. The product was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to give a white solid. This was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen with 3 wt% palladium on charcoal (30 mg) and ethyl acetate (3.0 mL). The reaction was carefully monitored by TLC, as over-reduction to *rac*-**6b** was seen to occur after Cbz removal. Generally the reaction was complete in approximately 2 h. The crude reaction mixture was then filtered through a plug of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil, which was purified by column chromatography (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to give **5b** (153 mg, 0.38 mmol, 51%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.52 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 148-150 °C; IR (film) 3219, 2981, 1710, 1695, 1329, 1156 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.93 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.85 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.64 (1H, q, J 8.0, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.49 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.41-7.30 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.21 and 7.00 (minor rotamer) (1H, s, NH), 5.01 (2H, s, CH_2N), 2.50-2.42 (3H, m, CH_3), 1.20 and 1.15 (minor rotamer) (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 193.9 (minor rotamer) and 193.6 (C=O), 155.6 and 154.7 (minor rotamer, C=O), 144.5 (minor rotamer) and 144.4 (Ar-C), 134.5 (Ar-C), 134.0 (Ar-CH), 133.6 (Ar-C), 134.2 (Ar-CH), 133.9 (Ar-C), 129.7 (minor rotamer) and 129.3 (Ar-CH), 128.9 and 128.7 (minor rotamer, Ar-CH), 128.8 and 128.6 minor rotamer, Ar-CH, 128.0 (minor rotamer) and 127.9 (Ar-CH), 83.1 (minor rotamer) and 82.8 (C), 58.9, and 58.1 (minor rotamer, CH_2), 27.6 and 27.5 (minor rotamer, CH_3), 21.6 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 427.1298; found 427.1296.



Benzyl

1-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-

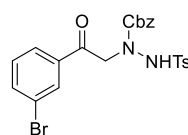
carboxylate (5c). Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (300 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromo-2'-fluoroacetophenone (171 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (8.0 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (555 μ L, 7.20 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (8.0 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5c** (204 mg, 0.45 mmol, 62%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.21 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 122-123 $^{\circ}$ C; IR (film) 3211, 2966, 1721, 1693, 1609, 1499, 1255, 1200 cm^{-1} ; δH (600 MHz; D₆-DMSO at 100 $^{\circ}$ C) 9.97 (1H, s, NH), 7.80 (1H, t, J 7.5 Ar- H), 7.73-7.67 (3H, m, Ar- H), 7.38-7.27 (7H, m, Ar- H), 7.21-7.14 (2H, m, Ar- H), 4.84 (2H, s, CH₂Ph), 4.81 (2H, s, NCH₂) 2.36 (3H, s, CH₃); δC (150 MHz, D₆-DMSO at 100 $^{\circ}$ C) 144.0 (Ar-C), 136.1 (d, J 9.0, Ar-CH) 130.6 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 125.4 (Ar-CH), 117.2 (d, J 24 Ar-CH), 68.0 (CH₂), 61.7 (CH₂), 21.4 (CH₃), 2 C=O, 4 Ar-C not seen; δF (376 MHz, D₆-DMSO) -108.8 (C-F); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁FN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 479.1047; found 479.1048.



Benzyl

1-(2-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)-2-

tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5d). Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (300 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromo-4'-(trifluoromethyl)acetophenone (211 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (8.0 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (555 μ L, 7.20 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (8.0 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5d** (204 mg, 0.40 mmol, 56%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.19 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 203-205 $^{\circ}$ C. IR (film) 3263, 2925, 1710, 1687, 1324, 830, 811 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 8.05-7.97 (2H, m, Ar- H), 7.81-7.68 (4H, m, Ar- H), 7.36-7.03 (7H, m, Ar- H), 5.11-4.87 (4H, m, NCH₂ and CH₂Ph), 2.43 and 2.39 (minor rotamer) (3H, s, CH₃); δC (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 192.4 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.0 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 136.7 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 135.5 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 126.0 (Ar-CH), 68.9 (CH₂), 59.1 (CH₂) and 58.3 (CH₂, minor rotamer), 21.8 (CH₃), CF₃, 2 Ar-C and C=O not seen; δF (376 MHz; CDCl₃) -63.3 (CF₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₁F₃N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 529.1015; found 529.1016.

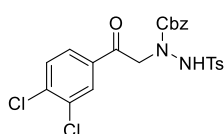


Benzyl

1-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-

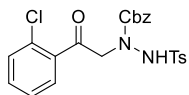
carboxylate (5e). Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (300 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2,3'-bromoacetophenone (220 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (8.0 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (555 μ L, 7.20 mmol, 10 equiv) and

dichloromethane (8.0 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5e** (201 mg, 0.39 mmol, 54%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.18 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 131-133 °C. IR (film) 3230, 2964, 2919, 1719, 1682, 1494, 1343, 1215 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.03 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar- H), 7.86-7.68 (4H, m, Ar- H), 7.41-7.02 (8H, m, Ar- H), 5.09-4.85 (4H, m, NCH_2 and CH_2Ph), 2.43 and 2.39 (minor rotamer) (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 192.1 (C=O), 156.8 (C=O), 144.6 (Ar-C), 137.0 (Ar-CH), 131.1 (Ar-CH), 130.5 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 126.5 (Ar-CH), 123.3 (Ar-C), 68.9 (CH_2), 58.9 (CH_2) and 58.1 (CH_2 , minor rotamer), 21.8 (CH_3), 3 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{79}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 539.0247; found 539.0240.



Benzyl 1-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5f). Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (204 mg, 0.76 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromo-3',4'-dichloroacetophenone (212 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1

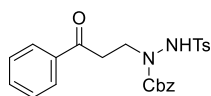
equiv) and acetonitrile (8.0 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (586 μL , 7.60 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (8.0 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5f** (157 mg, 0.31 mmol, 41%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.22 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 174-177 °C. IR (film) 3257, 2928, 1710, 1421, 1183 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.97 (1H, d, J 8.9, Ar- H), 7.81-7.67 (3H, m, Ar- H), 7.58 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar- H), 7.37-7.01 (7H, m, Ar- H), 5.07-4.87 (4H, m, NCH_2 and CH_2Ph), 2.43 and 2.39 (minor rotamer) (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 191.8 (C=O, major rotamer), 191.4 (C=O, minor rotamer), 156.7 (C=O), 144.7 (Ar-C), 138.9 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 133.7 (Ar-C), 131.1 (Ar-CH), 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 68.9 (CH_2), 58.8 (CH_2 , major rotamer), 58.0 (CH_2 , minor rotamer), 21.8 (CH_3), 2 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}^{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 529.0362; found 529.0357.



Benzyl 1-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5g). Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (300 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromo-2'-chloroacetophenone (184 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1

equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (7.2 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (555 μL , 7.20 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (7.2 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5g** (191 mg, 0.40 mmol, 56%) as a white solid. R_f = 0.42 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 89-93 °C; IR (film) 3195, 2941, 1728, 1704, 1417, 1382, 1219 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; d_6 -DMSO) 10.63 and 10.52 (minor rotamer) (1H, s, NH), 7.76-7.43 (5H, m, Ar- H), 7.36-7.10 (8H, m, Ar- H), 5.15-4.35 (4H, m, NCH_2 and CH_2Ph), 2.30 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) 195.7 (C=O), 155.6 (C=O), 144.0 (Ar-C), 137.8 (Ar-C), 136.1 (Ar-C), 135.8 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-CH), 131.2 (Ar-CH), 130.8 (Ar-C), 130.2 (Ar-CH), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-

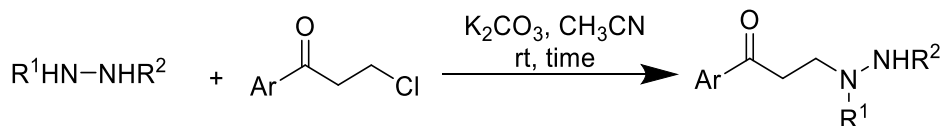
CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 125.8 (Ar-CH), 67.8 (CH₂), 60.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁³⁵ClN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 495.0752; found 495.0737.



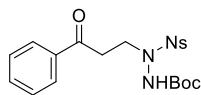
Benzyl 1-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5h).

Following general procedure 1, hydrazine **4a** (300 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3-chloropropiophenone (133 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (109 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (7.2 mL, 0.1 M), then trifluoroacetic acid (555 μ L, 7.20 mmol, 10 equiv) and dichloromethane (7.2 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5h** (293 mg, 0.65 mmol, 90%) as a white solid. *R_f* = 0.20 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 122-123 °C; IR (film) 3231, 3034, 1702, 1666, 1380, 1307, 1184 cm⁻¹; δ *H* (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.95 (2H, d, *J* 7.8 Ar-H), 7.75 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-H), 7.60 (1H, t, *J* 7.3, Ar-H), 7.49 (2H, t, *J* 7.6, Ar-H), 7.33 (3H, d, *J* 4.9, Ar-H), 7.22 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-H), 7.15 (2H, s, Ar-H), 4.91 (2H, br s, CO₂CH₂), 4.08 (2H, br s, NCH₂), 3.40 (2H, br s, COCH₂), 2.42 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃); δ *C* (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 198.3 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.5 (Ar-C), 136.4 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 133.5 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 68.5 (CH₂), 46.8 (CH₂), 35.9 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 1 C=O, 1 Ar-H and 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 475.1298; found 475.1302.

General method 2: Synthesis of keto hydrazines using diprotected hydrazines



To a solution of protected hydrazine (1.0 equiv) in acetonitrile (0.1 M) was added the organic halide (1.0 equiv) followed by potassium carbonate (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until completion of the reaction (6-24 h, monitored by TLC). Water (10 mL) was then added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (30-40% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the following compounds.



tert-Butyl

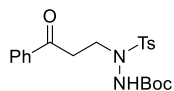
2-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(3-oxo-3-

phenylpropyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5i).

Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate^[2] (250 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetonitrile (7.9 mL, 0.1 M), 3-chloropropiophenone (133 mg, 0.83 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and potassium carbonate (112 mg, 0.87 mmol, 1.1 equiv) yielded **5i** as a white solid (249 mg, 0.56 mmol, 70%). *R_f* = 0.39 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p; 157-159 °C; IR (film) 3316, 2984, 1735, 1679, 1526, 1317, 1208 cm⁻¹; δ *H* (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.80

(4H, t, J 9.1, Ar-CH), 7.61 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-CH), 7.32 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-CH), 6.36 (1H, br s, NH), 3.88 (2H, br s, COCH₂), 3.34 (2H, t, J 6.3, CH₂NNs), 1.27 (9H, br s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 197.0 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 196.6 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.6 (Ar-C), 135.1 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 132.0 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 81.8 (C), 46.2 (NCH₂), 37.3 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₅⁷⁹BrN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 519.0560; found 519.0564.

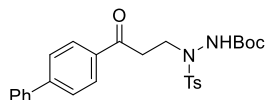
***tert*-Butyl 2-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5j).**



Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (100 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetonitrile (3.5 mL, 0.1 M), 3-chloropropiophenone (59 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (48 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv) yielded **5j** as a white solid (139 mg, 0.33 mmol, 95%). R_f = 0.29 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 136-137.5 °C; IR (film) 2986, 2900, 1451, 1250, 1066 cm⁻¹; δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.95-7.78 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.59-7.26 (5H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.38 (major) and 6.03 (minor) (1H, br s, NH), 3.89 (2H, br s, NCH₂), 3.38 (2H, t, J 6.2, CH₂CO), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.26 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 198.0 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.6 (Ar-C), 136.5 (Ar-C), 133.9 (Ar-C), 133.6 (Ar-CH), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 81.8 (C), 46.4 (NCH₂), 37.4 (CH₂), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), 1 Ar-CH and 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₆N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 441.1455; found 441.1459.

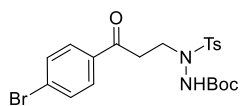
***tert*-Butyl**

2-(3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-oxopropyl)-2-



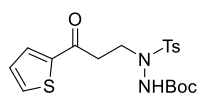
tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5k).

Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (500 mg, 1.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv), acetonitrile (17.5 mL, 0.1 M), 1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-chloropropan-1-one^[4] (470 mg, 1.92 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and potassium carbonate (265 mg, 1.92 mmol, 1.1 equiv) yielded **5k** as a white solid (635 mg, 1.28 mmol, 73%). M.p. 156-157 °C; R_f = 0.34 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (film) 3299, 2983, 2900, 1718, 1660, 1603, 1380, 1252 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 8.04 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-*H*), 7.82 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.71 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.65 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.50 (2H, t, J 7.5, Ar-*H*), 7.43 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-*H*), 7.35 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-*H*), 3.93 (2H, br s, COCH₂), 3.43 (2H, t, J 6.1, CH₂NTs), 2.45 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.59 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 197.6 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 146.1 (Ar-C), 144.5 (Ar-C), 139.8 (Ar-C), 135.1 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 81.5 (C, seen on HMBC), 46.4 (NCH₂), 41.4 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₇H₃₀N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 517.1768; found 517.1771.



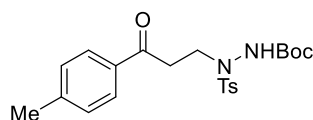
tert-Butyl 2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5l). Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (150 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1.0 equiv),

acetonitrile (5.2 mL, 0.1 M), 4'-bromo-3-chloropropiophenone (129 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (75 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.05 equiv) yielded **5l** as a white solid (216 mg, 0.44 mmol, 85%). R_f = 0.29 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 165-166 °C; IR (film) 3267, 2975, 2927, 1732, 1714, 1368, 1159 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.80 (4H, t, J 9.1, Ar-CH), 7.61 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-CH), 7.32 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-CH), 6.36 (1H, br s, NH), 3.88 (2H, br s, COCH_2), 3.34 (2H, t, J 6.3, CH_2NTs), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar- CH_3) 1.27 (9H, br s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 197.0 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 196.6 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.6 (Ar-C), 135.1 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 132.0 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-C), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 81.8 (C), 46.2 (NCH_2), 37.3 (CH_2), 27.9 (CH_3), 21.6 (CH_3), 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}^{79}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 519.0560; found 519.0564.



tert-Butyl 2-(3-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5m). Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (200 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetonitrile (7.0 mL, 0.1 M),

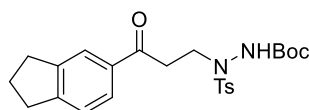
3-chloro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (123 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (102 mg, 0.74 mmol, 1.05 equiv) yielded **5m** as a pale yellow solid (222 mg, 0.52 mmol, 75%). R_f = 0.38 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 39-40 °C; IR (film) 3320, 2978, 1718, 1654, 1347, 1237, 1152 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.80 (2H, t, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.76 (2H, d, J 3.4, Ar-H), 7.68 (2H, d, J 4.8, Ar-H), 7.16 (1H, t, J 4.3, Ar-H), 6.35 (1H, br s, NH), 3.90 (2H, br s, COCH_2), 3.33 (2H, t, J 6.3, CH_2NTs), 2.45 (3H, s, CH_3) 1.28 (9H, br s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 190.9 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.5 (Ar-C), 143.7 (Ar-C), 134.2 (Ar-CH), 132.6 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 81.7 (C), 46.3 (NCH_2), 38.0 (CH_2), 27.8 (CH_3), 21.6 (CH_3), Ar-CH and 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 447.1018; found 447.1021.



tert-Butyl 2-(3-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5n). Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (2.59 g, 9.03 mmol, 1.0 equiv),

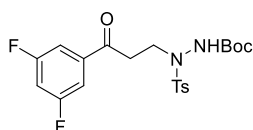
acetonitrile (90 mL, 0.1 M), 3-chloro-1-(*p*-tolyl)propan-1-one^[5] (1.65 g, 9.03 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (1.37 g, 9.93 mmol, 1.1 equiv) yielded **5n** after purification by column chromatography (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether) as a white solid (3.41 g, 7.88 mmol, 79%). M.p. 146-147 °C; R_f = 0.17 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (neat) 3314, 1719, 1667, 1346, 1154, 1101, 1023, 973, 813, 775, 739 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.83 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar- H), 7.78 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar- H), 7.30 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar- H), 7.24 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar- H), 6.41

(0.74H, br s, NH major), 6.09 (0.26H, br s, NH minor), 3.86 (2H, br s, NCH₂), 3.34 (2H, t, *J* 6.8, CH₂CO), 2.41 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.40 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.26 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 199.9 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.5 (Ar-C), 144.4 (Ar-C), 134.1 (Ar-C), 134.1 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 81.7 (C, seen on HMBC), 46.5 (NCH₂), 37.2 (CH₂CO), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₂₈N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 455.1611; found 455.1612.



tert-Butyl 2-(3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-3-oxopropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5o).

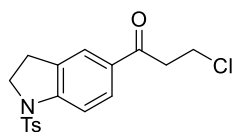
Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (2.81 g, 9.82 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetonitrile (98 mL, 0.1 M), 3-chloro-1-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)propan-1-one^[5] (2.05 g, 9.82 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (1.49 g, 10.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) yielded **5o** after purification by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc in petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (3.84 g, 8.37 mmol, 85%). *R*_f = 0.31 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (neat) 3303, 2975, 1724, 1675, 1366, 1237, 1152, 1090, 814, 753 cm⁻¹; δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.81-7.77 (3H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.73 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-*H*), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-*H*), 7.28 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-*H*), 6.38 (1H, br s, NH), 3.86 (2H, br m, NCH₂), 3.35 (2H, t, *J* 6.7, CH₂CO), 2.94 (4H, t, *J* 7.4, CH₂), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.11 (2H, p, *J* 7.4, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.27 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 198.0 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 150.8 (Ar-C), 145.0 (Ar-C), 144.5 (Ar-C), 135.1 (Ar-C), 134.0 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 126.8 (Ar-CH), 124.6 (Ar-CH), 124.2 (Ar-CH), 81.6 (C, seen on HMBC), 46.6 (NCH₂), 37.3 (CH₂CO), 33.2 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 25.5 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₃₀N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 481.1768; found 481.1772.



tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5p).

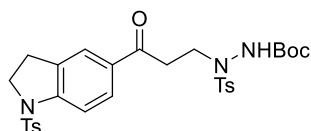
Following general procedure 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (350 mg, 1.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3-chloro-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)propan-1-one (250 mg, 1.22 mol, 1.1 equiv), potassium carbonate (185 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and acetonitrile (12 mL, 0.1 M) gave **5p** (409 mg, 0.90 mmol, 74%) as a white solid. *R*_f = 0.29 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 158-159 °C; IR (film) 3250, 2923, 1733, 1692, 1240, 1028 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.81 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.46 (2H, d, *J* 5.6, Ar-*H*), 7.35 (2H, d, *J* 7.8, Ar-*H*), 7.05 (1H, t, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 6.39 and 5.96 (minor rotamer) (1H, s, NH), 3.95-3.62 (2H, br m, CH₂N), 3.34 (2H, t, *J* 6.4, COCH₂), 2.45 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.30 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 164.2 (C=O), 163.1 (dd, *J* 251.4, 11.7, Ar-CF), 144.7 (Ar-C), 139.3 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 111.1 (dd, *J* 18.9, 6.3, Ar-CH), 108.7 (t, *J* 25.0, Ar-CH), 81.9 (C), 50.8 (CH₂), 46.0 (CH₂), 27.9

(CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 1 C=O and 1 Ar-C not seen; δF (376 MHz; CDCl₃) -107.8 (Ar-CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₄N₂NaO₅SF₂ [M+Na]⁺ 477.1266; found 477.1264.



3-Chloro-1-(1-tosylindolin-5-yl)propan-1-one (12).

Aluminium trichloride (733 mg, 5.50 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was slowly added to a solution of 1-tosylindoline^[6] (1.37 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-chloropropionyl chloride (525 μ L, 5.50 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in dichloromethane (5.0 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. Water (10 mL) was carefully added at 0 °C, the layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was recrystallised from EtOAc to give **12** as a tan-coloured solid (1.72 g, 4.72 mmol, 94%). M.p. 152-154 °C; IR (neat) 1676, 1602, 1486, 1350, 1247, 1159, 1099, 1038, 969, 819 cm⁻¹; δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.81 (1H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-*H*), 7.71 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.70 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, Ar-*H*), 7.67 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, Ar-*H*), 7.26 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 3.97 (2H, t, *J* 8.6, NCH₂), 3.89 (2H, t, *J* 6.8, CH₂Cl), 3.37 (2H, t, *J* 6.8, CH₂CO), 3.01 (2H, t, *J* 8.6, NCH₂CH₂), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); δC (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 195.3 (C=O), 146.8 (Ar-C), 144.8 (Ar-C), 133.9 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-C), 132.1 (Ar-C), 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 125.3 (Ar-CH), 113.6 (Ar-CH), 50.3 (NCH₂), 41.1 (CH₂CO), 39.0 (CH₂Cl), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₈Cl³⁵NNaO₃S [M+Na]⁺ 386.0588; found 386.0584.



tert-Butyl

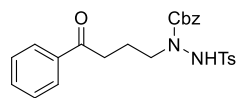
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tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5q).

Following general method 2, *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (897 mg, 3.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetonitrile (32 mL, 0.1 M), 3-chloro-1-(1-tosylindolin-5-yl)propan-1-one (**12**) (1.14 g, 3.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (476 mg, 3.44 mmol, 1.1 equiv) yielded **5q** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc in petroleum ether) as a white foam (1.42 g, 2.31 mmol, 75%). M.p. 87-89 °C; *R*_f = 0.32 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (neat) 3294, 2974, 1674, 1602, 1353, 1244, 1159, 1090, 1051, 973, 813 cm⁻¹; δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.80 (1H, d, *J* 8.6, Ar-*H*), 7.78 (2H, d, *J* 8.3, Ar-*H*), 7.71 (2H, d, *J* 8.3, Ar-*H*), 7.68 (1H, s, Ar-*H*), 7.66 (1H, d, *J* 8.6, Ar-*H*), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, Ar-*H*), 7.27 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, Ar-*H*), 6.33 (1H, br s, NH), 3.97 (2H, t, *J* 8.6, NCH₂CH₂C), 3.84 (2H, br m, NCH₂CH₂CO), 3.29 (2H, t, *J* 6.7, NCH₂CH₂CO), 3.00 (t, *J* 8.6, 2H NCH₂CH₂C), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.25 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δC (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 196.6 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 146.7 (Ar-C), 144.8 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 133.9 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-C), 132.1 (Ar-C), 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 125.4 (Ar-CH), 113.6 (Ar-CH), 81.6 (C, seen on HMBC), 50.4 (NCH₂CH₂C), 46.6 (NCH₂CH₂CO), 36.8 (NCH₂CH₂CO), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃),

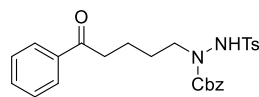
27.4 (NCH₂CH₂C), 21.74 (CH₃), 21.70 (CH₃), one Ar-C and Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₃₀H₃₅N₃NaO₇S₂ [M+Na]⁺ 636.1809; found 636.1809.

Other Aryl Ketone Syntheses



Benzyl 1-(4-oxo-4-phenylbutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5r).

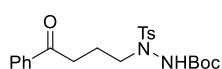
Hydrazine **4a**^[1] (400 mg, 0.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one^[10] 158 mg, 0.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (376 mg, 1.44 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (224 μ L, 1.44 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (10 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the tetrasubstituted hydrazine. To this hydrazine was added trifluoroacetic acid (735 μ L, 9.60 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and dichloromethane (9.6 mL, 0.1 M), the solution was then stirred for 2 h. The resulting yellow solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil, which was purified by column chromatography (25% EtOAc/pet ether) to yield **5r** as a white solid (215 mg, 0.46 mmol, 48%). R_f = 0.26 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 136-137 °C; IR (film) 3179, 3060, 2955, 1709, 1687, 1369, 1270 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.91 (2H, d, J 7.6 Ar-CH), 7.72 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-CH), 7.58 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-CH), 7.46 (2H, t, J 7.7, Ar-CH), 7.31 (3H, t, J 6.9, Ar-CH), 7.19 (2H, d, J 7.5, Ar-CH), 7.10-7.00 (3H, m, Ar-CH and NH), 4.78 (2H, br s, COOCH₂), 3.79 (2H, br s, CH₂NCbz), 3.01 (2H, br s, COCH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, Ar-CH₃), 2.15-2.08 (2H, m, COCH₂CH₂); δC (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 199.2 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.4 (Ar-C), 136.7 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 127.7 (Ar-C), 68.3 (CH₂), 50.6 (CH₂), 35.6 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 21.7 (Ar-CH₃), 1 C=O and 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 489.1455; found 489.1455.



Benzyl 1-(5-oxo-5-phenylpentyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5s).

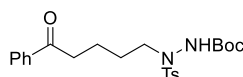
Hydrazine **4a**^[1] (200 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 5-hydroxy-1-phenylpentan-1-one^[10] (84 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (188 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (112 μ L, 0.72 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (4.8 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the tetrasubstituted hydrazine. To this hydrazine was added trifluoroacetic acid (368 μ L, 4.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and dichloromethane (4.8 mL, 0.1 M), the solution was then stirred for 2 h. The resulting yellow solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil, which was purified by column chromatography (25% EtOAc/pet ether) to yield **5s** as a white solid (140

mg, 0.29 mmol, 61%). $R_f = 0.28$ (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 86-88 °C; IR (film) 3214, 2957, 1699, 1671, 1364, 1181 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.96 (2H, d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.74 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.59 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.49 (2H, t, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.38-7.30 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.22 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.15 (2H, s, Ar-H), 6.99 (1H, s, NH), 4.90 (2H, br s, COOCH_2), 3.72 (2H, br s, CH_2NCbz), 2.99 (2H, br s, COCH_2), 2.42 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.79-1.67 (4H, m, $\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 199.8 (C=O), 144.5 (Ar-C), 136.9 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 133.1 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 68.4 (CH_2), 50.7 (CH_2), 37.9 (CH_2), 26.5 (CH_2), 21.7 (Ar- CH_3), 20.9 (CH_2), 1 C=O, 1 Ar-C and 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 503.1611; found 503.1615.



***tert*-Butyl 2-(4-oxo-4-phenylbutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5t).**

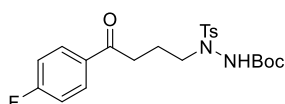
To a solution of *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (4.20 g, 14.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dimethylformamide (146 mL) was added 4-iodo-1-phenylbutan-1-one^[8] (6.04 g, 22.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) followed by potassium carbonate (3.34 g, 24.2 mmol, 1.6 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, ethyl acetate (100 mL) was added, and mixture was washed with water (5 × 80 mL), brine (80 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **5t** as a white solid (4.92 g, 11.4 mmol, 78%). $R_f = 0.32$ (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 133-135 °C; IR (neat) 3277, 2977, 2910, 1717, 1677, 1342, 1161, 994, 665 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.96 (2H, d, J 7.2, Ar-H), 7.74 (2H, d, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.56 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.45 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.30-7.25 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.37 (0.70H, br s, NH major), 5.84 (0.30H, br s, NH minor), 3.52 (2H, br s, NCH_2), 3.17 (2H, t, J 6.8, CH_2CO), 2.39 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.00 (2H, p, J 6.5, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 1.33 (9H, s, (CH_3)₃); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 199.9 (C=O), 153.6 (Boc-C=O), 144.4 (Ar-C), 137.0 (Ar-C), 134.2 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 81.7 (C), 49.5 (NCH_2), 35.5 (CH_2CO), 28.1 (Boc- CH_3), 21.7 (CH_3), 21.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 455.1611; found 455.1612.



***tert*-Butyl 2-(5-oxo-5-phenylpentyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5u).**

To a solution of *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (2.58 g, 9.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (90 mL) was added 5-iodo-1-phenylpentan-1-one^[10] (3.92 g, 13.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) followed by potassium carbonate (1.99 g, 14.4 mmol, 1.6 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 28 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, ethyl acetate (60 mL) was added, and mixture was washed with water (5 × 50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and

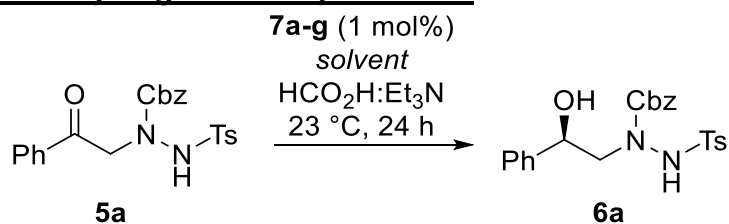
concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **5u** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon standing to a white solid (2.63 g, 5.90 mmol, 65%). $R_f = 0.31$ (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 89-91 °C; IR (neat) 3226, 3141, 2958, 1697, 1680, 1315, 1117, 1041, 976, 772, 693 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.96 (2H, d, J 7.6, Ar-*H*), 7.77 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.56 (1H, t, J 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.46 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-*H*), 7.36–7.28 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.40 (0.68H, br s, NH major), 5.84 (0.32H, br s, NH minor), 3.48 (2H, br s, NCH_2), 3.01 (2H, t, J 7.1, CH_2CO), 2.41 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.88–1.79 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$), 1.68 (2H, p, J 7.6, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 1.31 (9H, br s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 200.1 (C=O), 153.4 (Boc-C=O), 144.4 (Ar-C), 137.0 (Ar-C), 134.4 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 81.6 (C), 49.5 (NCH_2), 37.8 (CH_2CO), 28.1 (Boc- CH_3), 26.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 21.7 (CH_3), 21.1 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$), 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 469.1768; found 469.1765.



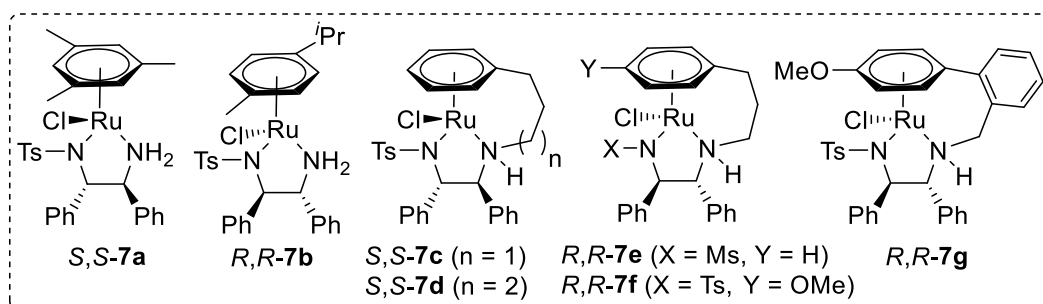
tert-Butyl 2-(4-(4-fluorocyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-yl)-4-oxobutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5v).

To a solution of *tert*-butyl 2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate^[3] (4.24 g, 14.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dimethylformamide (150 mL) was added 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-iodobutan-1-one^[11] (6.48 g, 22.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv) followed by potassium carbonate (3.27 g, 23.7 mmol, 1.6 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 26 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, ethyl acetate (100 mL) was added, and mixture was washed with water (5 × 80 mL), brine (80 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **5v** as a white solid (5.25 g, 11.7 mmol, 79%). M.p. 135-137 °C; $R_f = 0.34$ (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (neat) 3254, 2980, 1738, 1670, 1596, 1508, 1366, 1242, 1159, 1048, 814, 742, 655 cm^{-1} ; δH (300 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.00 (2H, dd, J 8.1, 5.8, Ar-*H*), 7.74 (2H, d, J 8.0 Hz, Ar-*H*), 7.33-7.26 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.12 (2H, t, J 8.4, Ar-*H*), 6.33 (0.74H, br s, NH major), 5.83 (0.26H, br s, NH minor), 3.50 (2H, br s, NCH_2), 3.16 (2H, t, J 6.9, CH_2CO), 2.40 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.00 (2H, p, J 6.5, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 1.33 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 198.5 (C=O), 165.9 (d, J 254.5, CF), 153.6 (Boc-C=O), 144.5 (Ar-C), 134.2 (Ar-C), 133.5 (d, J 2.9, Ar-C), 130.9 (d, J 7.4, Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 115.8 (d, J 21.7, Ar-CH), 81.8 (C), 49.6 (NCH_2), 35.4 (CH_2CO), 28.1 (Boc- CH_3), 21.7 (CH_3), 21.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$); δF (376 MHz; CDCl_3) -105.5 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 473.1517; found 473.1522.

Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation: Optimization



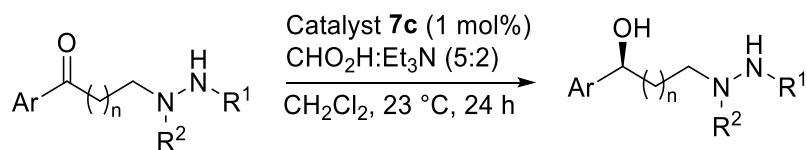
The catalyst (1 mol%) was stirred in formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) azeotrope (0.11 mL) for 10 min. Aryl ketone **5a** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and solvent (so that [S] = 0.2-0.5 M) were added and the solution was stirred for 24-48 h at 23 °C. The solution was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Enantiomeric excess (98% *ee*) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak ADH column 2-propanol/hexane = 15/85; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 26.8 min; t_R 28.8 min.



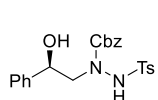
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[a]	Ee [%] ^[b]
1	<i>S,S</i> - 7a	CH ₂ Cl ₂	86	97 (<i>R</i>)
2	<i>R,R</i> - 7b	CH ₂ Cl ₂	16 ^[c]	91 (<i>S</i>) ^[d]
3	<i>S,S</i> - 7c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	97	99 (<i>R</i>)
4	<i>S,S</i> - 7d	CH ₂ Cl ₂	7	97 (<i>R</i>)
5	<i>R,R</i> - 7e	CH ₂ Cl ₂	97	97 (<i>S</i>) ^[d]
6	<i>R,R</i> - 7f	CH ₂ Cl ₂	80	99 (<i>S</i>) ^[d]
7	<i>R,R</i> - 7g	CH ₂ Cl ₂	16	98 (<i>S</i>) ^[d]
8	<i>S,S</i> - 7c	CHCl ₃	96	99 (<i>R</i>)
9	<i>S,S</i> - 7c	EtOAc	88	99 (<i>R</i>)
10	<i>S,S</i> - 7c	MeCN ^[e]	66	98 (<i>R</i>)
11	<i>S,S</i> - 7c	MeOH ^[f]	92	99 (<i>R</i>)

[a] Isolated yield after column chromatography. [b] Determined by HPLC analysis using chiralpak ADH. [c] reaction run for 48 h. [d] Opposite *S*-enantiomer produced. [e] reaction run at 0.3 M. [f] reaction run at 0.2 M.

General method 3: Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation (ATH)

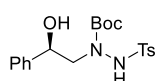


A solution of catalyst (0.5 - 1 mol%) in formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) azeotrope (so that [S] = 1.0 M) was stirred for 15 min. The ketone substrate (1.0 equiv) and Dichloromethane (so that [S] = 0.25 – 0.5 M) were added and stirred at 23 °C. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (35-40% EtOAc/ pet ether) to give the following alcohols.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate

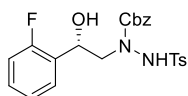
(6a). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5a** (100 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.4 mg, 2.3 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.23 mL, 1.0 M) in dichloromethane (0.46 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6a** as a white solid (97 mg, 0.22 mmol, 97%). M.p. 100-101 °C; *R_f* = 0.29 (40% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D³¹ –50.5 (c 0.30, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (98% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak ADH column 2-propanol/hexane = 15/85; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 26.8 min; *t_R* 28.8 min. IR (film) 3228, 2925, 1716, 1340, 1185 cm⁻¹; δ*H* (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.73-7.71 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.32-7.13 (12H, m, Ar-*H*), 5.13-4.85 (3H, m, CHOH and OCH₂Ph), 3.88-3.73 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.79 (1H, br s, OH), 2.39 (3H, s, CH₃); δ*C* (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.6 (Ar-C), 141.1 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 126.0 (Ar-CH), 71.0 (CH, seen on HSQC), 68.8 (CH₂), 58.4 (NCH₂), 21.8 (CH₃), C=O, 2 Ar-C and 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₄N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 463.1298; found 463.1302.



tert-Butyl (R)-1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate

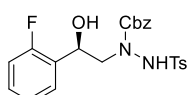
(6b). Following general method 4, aryl ketone **5b** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (S,S)-catalyst **7c** (1.6 mg, 2.5 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5:2 FA:TEA complex (0.25 mL, 1 M) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.50 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6b** as a white solid (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 99%). *R_f* = 0.21 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 138-139 °C; [α]_D²⁸ = –4.8 (c 0.12, CHCl₃); Enantiomeric excess (99% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 1.5/98.5; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 37.7 min; *t_R* 42.4 min; IR (film) 3456, 3128, 2975, 1709, 1089; δ*H* (500 MHz, CHCl₃) 7.82 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.36 (7H, m, Ar-*H*), 5.17 (1H, dd, *J* 9.9, 3.6, CHPh), 3.86 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 9.9, NCHH), 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.18 (9H, br s, C(CH₃)₃); δ*C* (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 144.6 (C=O), 141.4 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-C), 132.1 (Ar-C), 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.8 (Ar-CH),

128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 126.0 (Ar-CH), 82.9 (C), 75.2 (CH), 58.8 (CH₂) 27.8 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ES⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅S (M+Na)⁺ 429.1451; found 429.1455.



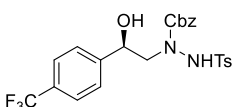
Benzyl (S)-1-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6c).

Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5c** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7f** (1.5 mg, 2.2 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.22 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.44 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6c** as a colourless oil (97 mg, 0.21 mmol, 97%). *R_f* = 0.21 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]³²_D +4.0 (c 0.22, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 56.4 min; *t_R* 61.4 min. IR (film) 3503, 3237, 2926, 1713, 1305, 1128 cm⁻¹; δ*H* (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.73 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, Ar-CH), 7.47 (1H, t, *J* 7.3, Ar-H), 7.42 (1H, d, *J* 7.7, Ar-H), 7.38-7.26 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.20 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-H), 7.18-7.11 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.00 (1H, t, *J* 10.0, Ar-H), 5.44-5.34 (1H, m, CHOH), 4.86 (2H, br s, CH₂Ph), 3.99-3.89 and 2.95-2.75 (minor rotamer) (2H, m, NCH₂) 2.40 (3H, s, CH₃); δ*C* (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 159.9 (d, *J* 245.0, Ar-CF), 144.6 (Ar-C), 135.0 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (d, *J* 12.5, Ar-C), 127.7 (d, *J* 3.8, Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, *J* 3.8, Ar-CH), 115.4 (d, *J* 21.3, Ar-CH), 68.7 (CH₂), 66.3 (CH, seen on HSQC), 57.0 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 1 Ar-C, 4 Ar-CH, C=O not seen; δ*F* (376 MHz, CDCl₃) -118.6 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₃FN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 481.1204; found 481.1209.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6c).

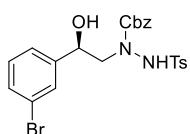
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5c** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.5 mg, 2.2 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.22 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.44 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6c** as a colourless oil (97 mg, 0.21 mmol, 97%). [α]³²_D -3.17 (c 0.30, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (77% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 56.4 min; *t_R* 61.4 min.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-hydroxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6d).

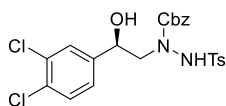
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5d** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.24 mg, 2.0 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.2 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.4 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6d** as a white solid (97 mg, 0.19 mmol, 96%). *R_f* = 0.19 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 147-148 °C; [α]³²_D -18.1 (c 0.06, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H

column 2-propanol/hexane = 8/92; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 20.6 min; t_R 25.4 min; IR (film) 3439, 3144, 2923, 1716, 1401, 1324, 1087 cm^{-1} ; δH (600 MHz; d_6 -DMSO at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$) 9.66 (1H, s, NH), 7.68 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.61 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.50 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.39-7.25 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.15 (2H, d, J 7.5, Ar-H), 5.31 (1H, s, OH), 4.96-4.92 (1H, t, J 8.2, CHOH), 4.75-4.63 (2H, m, CH_2Ph), 3.75-3.58 (2H, m, NCH_2), 2.38 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (150 MHz; D_6 -DMSO at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$) 155.7 (C=O), 148.1 (Ar-C), 143.9 (Ar-C), 137.3 (Ar-C), 136.3 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (q, J 26.3, Ar-C), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 125.3 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 124.8 (q, J 225.0, CF_3), 69.5 (CH), 67.7 (CH_2), 58.0 (CH_2), 21.4 (CH_3); δF (286 MHz, D_6 -DMSO) -61.8 (CF_3); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 531.1172; found 531.1173.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6e).

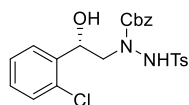
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5e** (80 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.0 mg, 1.5 μmol , 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.15 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.3 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6e** as a white solid (80 mg, 0.15 mmol, 99%). R_f = 0.20 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 135-136 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -16.0 (c 0.50, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 9/91; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 19.6 min; t_R 25.1 min; IR (film) 3456, 3222, 2929, 1715, 1323, 1211, 1185 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.73 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-CH), 7.50 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.42 (1H, d, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.36-7.32 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.27-7.05 (6H, m, Ar-H) 5.11 (1H, d, J 9.5, CHOH), 4.87 (2H, br s, CH_2Ph), 3.90-3.65 (2H, m, NCH_2) 2.41 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.8 (Ar-C), 143.4 (Ar-C), 131.1 (Ar-CH), 130.2 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 124.6 (Ar-CH), 122.8 (Ar-C), 70.6 (CH, seen on HSQC), 68.8 (CH_2), 58.5 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3), 2 Ar-C, 1 Ar-CH, C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}^{79}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 541.0403; found 541.0411.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6f).

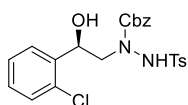
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5f** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.2 mg, 2.0 μmol , 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.2 mL, 1 M) and dichloromethane (0.4 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6f** as a white solid (100 mg, 0.2 mmol, 99%). M.p. 141-142 $^\circ\text{C}$; R_f = 0.21 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -37.7 (c 0.12, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (92% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 12/88; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 18.4 min; t_R 24.1 min; IR (film) 3424, 3118, 2968, 2891, 1715, 1466, 1394, 1203 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.73 (2H,

d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.45 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.40 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.36-7.32 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.22 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.19-7.05 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.12 (1H, dd, J 9.1, 2.1, CHOH), 4.87 (2H, br s, CH₂Ph), 3.81 (1H, t, J 8.9, NCHH), 3.71 (1H, d, J 13.8, NCHH) 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.9 (Ar-C), 141.2 (Ar-C), 132.8 (Ar-C), 131.9 (Ar-C), 130.6 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 125.3 (Ar-CH), 70.5 (CH, seen on HSQC), 68.9 (CH₂), 58.7 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃), 1 Ar-C, C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₂³⁵Cl₂N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 531.0519; found 531.0517.



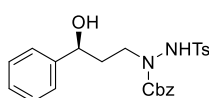
Benzyl (S)-1-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6g).

Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5g** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7f** (1.3 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.2 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.4 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6g** as a colourless oil (100 mg, 0.2 mmol, 99%). R_f = 0.21 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +35.8$ (c 0.12, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 57.1 min; t_R 65.2 min; IR (film) 3443, 3115, 2896, 1717, 1457, 1432, 1250 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.74 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-H), 7.57 (1H, d, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.40 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.35-7.10 (9H, m, Ar-H), 5.48 (1H, m, CHOH), 4.88 (2H, br s, CH₂Ph), 3.87 and 2.92 (minor rotamer) (2H, br s, NCH₂), 2.40 (3H, s, CH₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.6 (Ar-C), 138.4 (Ar-C), 131.9 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 69.0 (CH, seen on HSQC), 68.7 (CH₂), 56.6 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 2 Ar-C, 2 Ar-CH, C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₄³⁵ClN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 497.0908; found 497.0905.



Benzyl (R)-1-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6g).

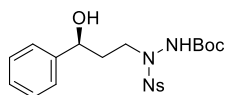
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5g** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.3 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.2 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.4 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6g** as a colourless oil (100 mg, 0.2 mmol, 99%). $[\alpha]_D^{32} -14.7$ (c 0.10, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (19% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 57.1 min; t_R 65.2 min.



Benzyl (S)-1-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6h).

Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5h** (100 mg,

0.22 mmol), catalyst **7c** (1.4 mg, 2.2 μ mol), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.22 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.88 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6h** as a colourless oil (100 mg, 0.22 mmol, 99%). R_f = 0.23 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -4.6 (c 0.75, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess was determined after cyclisation to **8h**. IR (film) 3503, 3228, 2951, 1707, 1340, 1185 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.73 (2H, d, J 7.9, Ar-CH), 7.38-7.29 (5H, m, Ar-H) 7.47 (4H, dd, J 13.5 and 7.9, Ar-H), 7.21 (3H, d, J 7.9, Ar-H), 7.02 (1H, br s, NH), 5.01-4.59 (3H, m, CHOH and CH_2Ph), 3.84 (2H, br s, NCH_2), 2.42 (3H, s, CH_3) 2.09-2.03 (2H, m, CH_2CHOH); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.4 (Ar-C), 143.4 (Ar-C), 135.1 (Ar-C), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 125.6 (Ar-CH), 72.3 (CH), 68.4 (CH_2), 48.7 (CH_2), 35.0 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_3), C=O and 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 477.1455; found 477.1457.

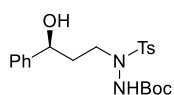


tert-Butyl

(S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)-2-((4-

nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-hydrazine-1-carboxylate (6i). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5i** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.4

mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.22 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.88 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6i** as a white solid (86 mg, 0.19 mmol, 86%). R_f = 0.18 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 112-114 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -5.0 (c 0.30, CHCl_3); enantiomeric excess was determined after cyclisation to **8i**. IR (film) 3512, 3287, 2951, 1712, 1620, 1350, 1158 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.28 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-H), 8.04 (2H, t, J 9.2, Ar-H), 7.29 (3H, d, J 4.3, Ar-H), 7.28-7.19 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.62 (1H, s, NH), 4.84 (1H, t, J 6.1, CHOH), 3.84-3.45 (2H, m, NCH_2), 1.95 (2H, q, J 6.1, CH_2CHOH), 1.26-1.18 (9H, m, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 153.5 (C=O), 150.5 (Ar-C), 143.9 (Ar-C), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 125.7 (Ar-CH), 124.0 (Ar-CH), 83.3 (C) and 82.6 (minor rotamer), 71.7 (CH), 47.5 (CH_2), 36.4 (CH_2), 27.9 (CH_3) and 27.8 (minor rotamer), 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 474.1305; found 474.1307.



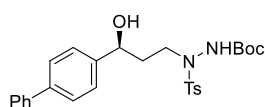
tert-Butyl

(S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-

carboxylate (6j). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5j** (97 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.4 mg, 2.3 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic

acid : triethylamine complex (0.23 mL, 1.0 M) in dichloromethane (0.92 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6j** as a colourless oil (96 mg, 0.23 mmol, 98%). R_f = 0.22 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -34.4 (c 0.20, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 15/85; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 15.4 min; t_R 20.1 min; IR (film) 3294, 2985, 1745, 1393, 1159, 1055 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.81-7.79 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.38-7.27 (7H, m, Ar-H), 6.45 (major) and 6.08 (minor) (1H, br s, NH), 4.97 (1H, br s, CHOH), 3.68-3.48 (2H, m,

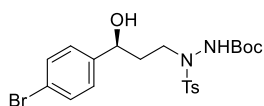
NCH₂), 2.95 (1H, br s, OH), 2.42 (3H, s, Ts-CH₃), 1.97 (2H, br s, CHCH₂), 1.32 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 153.9 (C=O), 144.7 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 125.8 (Ar-CH), 81.9 (C), 71.5 (CH), 47.8 (NCH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₈N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 443.1611; found 443.1610.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-

tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6k). Following general method 3, aryl

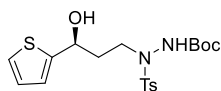
ketone **5k** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.3 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.20 mL, 1.0 M) and Dichloromethane (0.80 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6k** as a white solid (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 99%). M.p. 62-63 °C; R_f = 0.19 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -17.7 (c 0.62, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess was determined after cyclisation to **8k**. IR (film) 3513, 3303, 2926, 1704, 1391, 1247 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.84 (2H, d, J 7.1, Ar-CH), 7.60 (4H, t, J 7.1, Ar-H) 7.47 (4H, dd, J 13.5, 7.9, Ar-H), 7.36 (3H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 6.40 (1H, br s, NH), 5.07 (1H, s, CHOH), 3.81-3.42 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.46 (3H, s, CH₃) 2.09-1.96 (2H, m, CH₂CHOH), 1.26 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 153.9 (C=O), 150.5 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 143.5 (Ar-C), 140.3 (Ar-C), 133.7 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 126.2 (Ar-CH), 81.9 (C), 71.2 (CH), 47.8 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃) 21.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₇H₃₂N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 519.1924; found 519.1924.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-

tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6l). Following general method 3, aryl

ketone **5l** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.27 mg, 2.0 μ mol), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.20 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.80 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6l** as a white solid (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 99%). M.p. 121-124 °C; R_f = 0.17 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -25.8 (c 0.65, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (91% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 25.0 min; t_R 30.2 min. IR (film) 3513, 3303, 2925, 1704, 1367, 1247 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.83 (2H, d, J 7.1, Ar-CH), 7.48 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-H), 7.36 (2H, d, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.36 (2H, d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 5.02 (1H, br s, CHOH), 3.88-3.01 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.46 (3H, s, CH₃) 2.05-1.82 (2H, m, CH₂CHOH), 1.36 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 154.1 (C=O), 144.8 (Ar-C), 143.6 (Ar-C), 133.5 (Ar-C), 131.5 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 121.0 (Ar-C), 82.1 (C), 70.8 (CH), 47.8 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₇⁷⁹BrN₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 521.0716; found 521.0716.

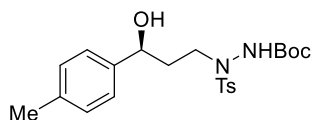


tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-

1-carboxylate (6m). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5m** (100

mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.5 mg, 2.4 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5 :

2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.24 mL, 1.0 M) and Dichloromethane (0.48 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6m** as a colourless oil (97 mg, 0.23 mmol, 97%). R_f = 0.21 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ –6.5 (c 0.13, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (98% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 22.4 min; t_R 24.5 min; IR (film) 3453, 3309, 2926, 1704, 1354, 1252 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.82 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-CH), 7.35 (2H, d, J 6.6, Ar-H), 7.26 (1H, d, J 4.0, Ar-H), 7.08-6.94 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.43 (1H, s, NH), 5.27 (1H, br s, CHOH), 3.79-3.47 (2H, m, NCH_2), 2.45 (3H, s, CH_3) 2.20-2.03 (2H, m, CH_2CHOH), 1.34 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 153.8 (C=O), 148.4 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 133.7 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 124.4 (Ar-CH), 123.5 (Ar-CH), 82.0 (C), 67.7 (CH), 47.6 (CH_2), 36.6 (CH_2), 27.9 (CH_3), 21.6 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 449.1175; found 449.1179.

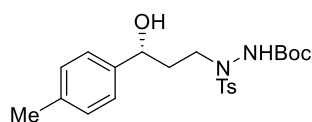


tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-

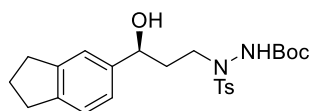
1-carboxylate ((S)-6n). Following general method 3, aryl ketone

5n (433 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst (S,S)-**7c** (6.2 mg, 10

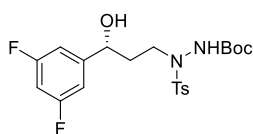
μ mol, 1.0 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (1.0 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (3.0 mL, 0.33 M) yielded (S)-**6n** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (432 mg, 0.99 mmol, 99%). R_f = 0.40 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{23}_D$ –23.4 (c 0.46, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 24.3 min; t_R 27.1 min; IR (neat) 3313, 2977, 2927, 1719, 1367, 1153, 813 cm^{-1} ; δH (300 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.82 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar- H), 7.34 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar- H), 7.29 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar- H), 7.17 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar- H), 6.40 (1H, br s, NH), 5.01-4.90 (1H, m, CHOH), 3.68 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.50 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.45 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.36 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.20 (1H, br s, OH), 1.98 (2H, dd, J 11.5, 6.1, CH_2CHOH), 1.35 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (101 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.6 (Ar-C), 141.6 (Ar-C), 140.2 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 137.1 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.2 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 125.8 (Ar-CH), 81.5 (C, seen on HMBC), 71.4 (CHOH), 47.7 (NCH_2), 36.5 (CH_2CHOH), 28.0 (Boc- CH_3), 21.7 (CH_3), 21.2 (CH_3), Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 457.1768; found 457.1765.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate ((R)-6n). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5n** (433 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst (*R,R*)-**7c** (3.1 mg, 5.0 μ mol, 1.0 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (1.0 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (3.0 mL, 0.33 M) yielded (*R*)-**6n** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (373 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%). $[\alpha]_D^{22} +39.6$ (c 0.40, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 24.6 min; t_R 30.5 min.

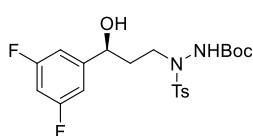


tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6o). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5o** (917 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (12.4 mg, 20 μ mol, 1.0 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (2.0 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (4.0 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6o** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a white foam (905 mg, 1.96 mmol, 98%). M.p. 41-43 °C; R_f = 0.52 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{23} -25.9$ (c 0.62, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 24.3 min; t_R 34.4 min; IR (neat) 3311, 2930, 2846, 1704, 1351, 1246, 1152, 814, 715 cm⁻¹; δH (300 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.80 (2H, d, J 7.7, Ar-*H*), 7.32 (2H, d, J 7.7, Ar-*H*), 7.24 (1H, s, Ar-*H*), 7.19 (1H, d, J 7.8, Ar-*H*), 7.12 (1H, d, J 7.8, Ar-*H*), 6.38 (1H, br s, NH), 4.92 (1H, t, J 4.9, CHOH), 3.67 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.50 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.89 (4H, t, J 7.3, CH₂), 2.67 (1H, br s, OH), 2.43 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.07 (2H, p, J 7.3, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.97 (2H, dd, J 11.8, 6.1, CH₂CHOH), 1.32 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δC (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.6 (Ar-C), 144.2 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 143.6 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 133.5 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 124.4 (Ar-CH), 123.8 (Ar-CH), 121.9 (Ar-CH), 81.5 (C, seen on HMBC), 71.8 (CHOH), 47.8 (NCH₂), 36.7 (CH₂CHOH), 32.9 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 28.1 (Boc-CH₃), 25.6 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), one Ar-C and Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₃₂N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 483.1924; found 483.1921.



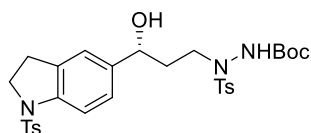
tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6p). Following general procedure 4, aryl ketone **5p** (572 mg, 1.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*R,R*)-catalyst **7f** (8.4 mg, 13 μ mol, 0.01 equiv), 5:2 FA:TEA complex (1.26 mL, 1 M) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6p** as a white solid (572 mg, 1.26 mmol, 99%). R_f = 0.46 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{24} +55.3$ (c 0.03, CHCl₃); Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by HPLC

analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 13.5 min; t_R 16.3 min. M.p. 110-111 °C; IR (film) 3333, 3165, 2980, 1740, 1625, 1183 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.84 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-H), 7.37 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-H), 6.95 (2H, d, J 6.3, Ar-H), 6.70 (1H, t, J 7.7, Ar-H), 6.33 (1H, s, NH), 5.08 (1H, d, J 5.1, CHOH), 3.79-3.65 (1H, br m, CHHN), 3.48-3.37 (1H, br m, CHHN), 2.46 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.04-1.95 (1H, br m, CHOHCHH), 1.92-1.79 (1H, br m, CHOHCHH), 1.37 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 163.1 (dd, J 246.2, 12.5, Ar-CF), 154.3 (C=O), 149.0 (Ar-C), 144.9 (Ar-C), 133.3 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 108.5 (dd, J 21.3, 6.3, Ar-CH), 102.4 (t, J 26.3, Ar-CH), 82.3 (C), 70.4 (CH), 47.8 (CH_2), 36.4 (CH_2), 27.9 (CH_3), 21.6 (CH_3); δF (376 MHz; CDCl_3) -109.9 (Ar-CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{SF}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 479.1423; found 479.1421.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6p). Following general procedure 4,

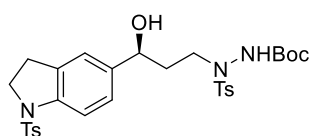
aryl ketone **5p** (266 mg, 0.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (S,S)-catalyst **7c** (3.6 mg, 6 μmol , 0.01 equiv), 5:2 FA:TEA complex (0.59 mL, 1 M) and CH_2Cl_2 (2.4 mL, 0.25 M) yielded **6p** as a white solid (266 mg, 0.59 mmol, 99%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -14.2 (c 0.10, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (80% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 13.5 min; t_R 16.3 min.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-(1-tosylindolin-5-yl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate ((R)-6q). Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5q** (1.42 g, 2.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst (R,R)-**7c**

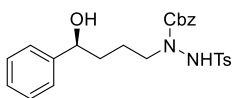
(14.3 mg, 23 μmol , 1.0 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (2.3 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (6.9 mL, 0.33 M) yielded (R)-**6q** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a white foam (1.13 g, 1.84 mmol, 92%). M.p. 65-68 °C; R_f = 0.22 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +20.9 (c 0.32, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (88% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 20/80; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 41.3 min; t_R 46.2 min; IR (neat) 3305, 2928, 1722, 1599, 1486, 1350, 1245, 1158, 1089, 1052, 974, 813 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.79 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.66 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.58 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.22 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.17 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 7.13 (1H, s, Ar-H), 6.32 (1H, br s, NH), 4.91 (1H, br m, CHOH), 3.90 (2H, t, J 8.4, $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}$), 3.64 (1H, br m, NCHHCH_2CO), 3.44 (1H, br m, NCHHCH_2CO), 2.94 (1H, br s, OH), 2.87 (2H, t, J 8.2, $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}$), 2.43 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.37 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.98-1.83 (2H, m, $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$), 1.32 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (151 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.8 (Ar-C), 144.2 (Ar-C), 141.4

(Ar-C), 140.3 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 134.0 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-C), 129.82 (Ar-CH), 129.80 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 125.5 (Ar-CH), 122.8 (Ar-CH), 114.9 (Ar-CH), 81.8 (C, seen on HMBC), 71.4 (CHOH), 50.3 (NCH₂CH₂C), 47.9 (NCH₂CH₂CHOH, seen on HMBC), 36.1 (NCH₂CH₂CHOH, seen on HMBC), 28.1 (Boc-CH₃), 28.0 (NCH₂CH₂C), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), one Ar-C Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₃₀H₃₇N₃NaO₇S₂ [M+Na]⁺ 638.1965; found 638.1961.



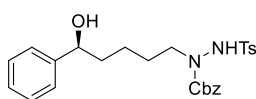
tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-(1-tosylindolin-5-yl)propyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate ((S)-6q).

Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5q** (505 mg, 0.82 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst (S,S)-**7c** (5.1 mg, 8.2 μmol, 1.0 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (0.8 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (1.6 mL, 0.5 M) yielded (S)-**6q** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (356 mg, 0.58 mmol, 71%). [α]_D²² – 20.6 (c 0.38, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (89% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 20/80; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t*_R 39.7 min; *t*_R 47.1 min.



Benzyl (S)-1-(4-hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6r).

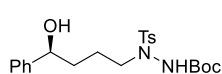
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5r** (60 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1 mg, 1.3 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.13 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.26 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6r** as a colourless oil (60 mg, 0.13 mmol, 99%). *R*_f = 0.20 (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D³² – 13.0 (c 0.92, CHCl₃); enantiomeric excess was determined after cyclisation to **8r**; IR (film) 3510, 3285, 2946, 1717, 1375, 1184 cm⁻¹; δ*H* (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.72 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, Ar-H), 7.40-7.30 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.21 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-H), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* 6.1, Ar-H), 4.88 (2H, s, CH₂Ph), 4.69 (1H, s, CHOH), 3.70 (2H, br s, NCH₂), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.85-1.62 (4H, m, CH₂CH₂CHOH); δ*C* (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.5 (Ar-C), 144.4 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.7 (Ar-CH), 125.8 (Ar-CH), 74.2 (CH), 68.4 (CH₂), 50.8 (CH₂), 35.7 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), C=O, 1 Ar-C and 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₅S [M+Na]⁺ 489.1455; found 489.1455.



Benzyl (S)-1-(5-hydroxy-5-phenylpentyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6s).

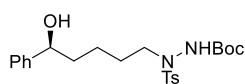
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5** (80 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (1.0 mg, 1.7 μmol, 0.01 equiv), 5 : 2 formic acid : triethylamine complex (0.17 mL, 1.0 M) and dichloromethane (0.34 mL, 0.5 M)

yielded **6s** as a colourless oil (80 mg, 0.17 mmol, 99%). $R_f = 0.20$ (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D -8.2$ (c 1.13, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess was determined after cyclisation to **8s**; IR (film) 3489, 3233, 2925, 1707, 1340, 1215 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.72 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 7.38-7.31 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.21 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.14 (2H, s, Ar-H), 6.91 (1H, s, NH), 4.88 (2H, s, CH_2Ph), 4.69-4.61 (1H, m, CHOH), 3.65 (2H, br s, NCH_2), 2.42 (3H, s, CH_3) 1.85-1.62 (4H, m, NCH_2CH_2 and CH_2CHOH), 1.42-1.31 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.6 (Ar-C), 144.5 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 125.8 (Ar-CH), 74.3 (CH), 68.3 (CH_2), 50.9 (CH_2), 38.5 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 22.6 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_3), 1 C=O, 1 Ar-C and 2 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 505.1768; found 505.1767.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(4-hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6t).

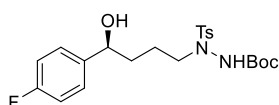
Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5t** (5.21 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) catalyst **7c** (37 mg, 60 μmol , 0.5 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (12 mL, 1.0 M), dichloromethane (24 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6t** as a white, sticky foam (5.21 g, 12.0 mmol) in quantitative yield. $R_f = 0.35$ (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{28}_D -18.0$ (c 0.32, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (91% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 2.5/97.5; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 87.8 min; t_R 97.6 min; IR (neat) 2979, 2930, 1703, 1351, 1151, 1088, 753, 700, 659 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.76 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-H), 7.35-7.33 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.33-7.27 (3H, m, Ar-H), 6.27 (0.70H, br s, NH major), 5.77 (0.30H, br s, NH minor), 4.77 (1H, br s, CHOH), 3.44 (2H, br s, 2H, NCH_2), 2.45 (1H, br s, OH), 2.42 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.92-1.82 (2H, m, CH_2CHOH), 1.75-1.63 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 1.31 (9H, br s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 153.8 (Boc-C=O), 144.8 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 134.0 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 125.9 (Ar-CH), 81.9 (C), 73.5 (CHOH), 50.0 (NCH_2), 36.3 (CH_2CHOH), 28.1 (Boc- CH_3), 23.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 21.7 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 457.1768; found 457.1763.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(5-hydroxy-5-phenylpentyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6u).

Following general method 3, aryl ketone **5u** (2.60 g, 5.82 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (18 mg, 29 μmol , 0.5 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (6.0 mL, 1.0 M), dichloromethane (12 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6u** as a white solid (2.46 g, 5.48 mmol, 94%). M.p. 83.5-85 °C; $R_f = 0.43$ (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{28}_D -18.4$ (c 0.35, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 4/96; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 39.8 min; t_R 47.0 min; IR (neat) 3310, 2930, 1702, 1351, 1151, 756, 700, 659 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.75 (2H, d, J 7.0, Ar-H), 7.34 (4H, d, J 3.8,

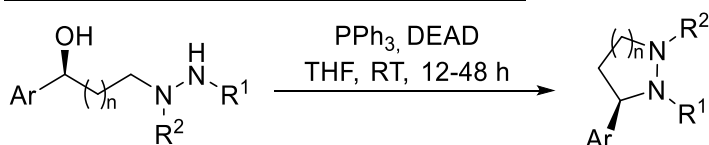
Ar-*H*), 7.32-7.27 (3H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.35 (0.80H, br s, *NH* major), 5.81 (0.20H, br s, *NH* minor), 4.66 (1H, t, *J* 6.1, *CHOH*), 3.41 (2H, br d, *J* 16.7, *NCH*₂), 2.41 (3H, s, *CH*₃), 2.21 (1H, br s, *OH*), 1.84-1.77 (1H, m, *CHHCHOH*), 1.76-1.69 (1H, m, *CHHCHOH*), 1.59 (2H, tt, *J* 10.5, 5.4, *CH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 1.55-1.49 (1H, m, *CHHCH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 1.48-1.39 (1H, m, *CHHCH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 1.31 (9H, br s, (*CH*₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 153.5 (C=O), 144.9 (Ar-C), 144.4 (Ar-C), 134.3 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 126.0 (Ar-CH), 81.7 (C), 74.1 (*CHOH*), 49.8 (*NCH*₂), 38.7 (*CH*₂*CHOH*), 28.1 (Boc-*CH*₃), 26.9 (*CH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 22.8 (*CH*₂*CH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 21.7 (*CH*₃). HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₃₂N₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 471.1924; found 471.1921.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-hydroxybutyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (6v). Following general method 3,

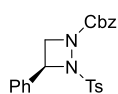
aryl ketone **5v** (3.25 g, 7.21 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (22 mg, 36 μ mol, 0.5 mol%), formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) complex (7.0 mL, 1.0 M), dichloromethane (14 mL, 0.5 M) yielded **6v** as a colourless gum (3.26 g, 7.21 mmol) in quantitative yield. *R*_f = 0.36 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁸ –13.9 (*c* 0.94, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (87% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 4/96; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t*_R 29.9 min; *t*_R 34.4 min; IR (neat) 3310, 2979, 2930, 1703, 1509, 1350, 1220, 1152, 813, 658 cm⁻¹; δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.76 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, Ar-*H*), 7.37-7.27 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.02 (2H, t, *J* 8.6, Ar-*H*), 6.23 (0.75H, br s, *NH* major), 5.77 (0.25H, br s, *NH* minor), 4.78 (1H, br s, *CHOH*), 3.46 (1H, br s, *NCHH*), 3.41 (1H, br s, *NCHH*), 2.57 (1H, br s, *OH*), 2.42 (3H, s, *CH*₃), 1.94-1.78 (2H, m, *CH*₂*CHOH*), 1.71-1.61 (2H, m, *CH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 1.31 (9H, br s, (*CH*₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 162.2 (d, *J* 244.7, CF), 154.0 (Boc-C=O), 144.7 (Ar-C), 140.6 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (d, *J* 8.0, Ar-CH), 115.3 (d, *J* 21.1, Ar-CH), 82.0 (C), 72.7 (*CHOH*), 50.0 (*NCH*₂), 36.5 (*CH*₂*CHOH*), 28.1 (Boc-*CH*₃), 22.8 (*CH*₂*CH*₂*N*), 21.7 (*CH*₃); δ F (376 MHz; CDCl₃) –115.6 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₂₉FN₂NaO₅S [M+Na]⁺ 475.1673; found 475.1671.

General method 4: Mitsunobu cyclisation

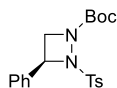


To a solution of alcohol (1.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (0.01 M) was added triphenylphosphine (1.5-2.5 equiv) and diethyl azodicarboxylate (1.5-2.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until completion of the reaction (12-48 h, monitored by TLC). The

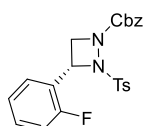
reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-30% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to give the following compounds.



Benzyl (S)-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8a). Following general method 4, **6a** (91 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (142 mg, 0.54 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (77 μ L, 0.54 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (21 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8a** as a white solid (75 mg, 0.18 mmol, 86%). R_f = 0.32 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); M.p. 113-114.5 $^{\circ}$ C; $[\alpha]_D^{32} +21.5$ (c 0.50, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^{\circ}$ C). [Chiralcel ODH column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 21.7 min; t_R 27.2 min. IR (film) 3032, 1751, 1720, 1305, 1185 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.89-7.87 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.34-7.31 (12H, m, Ar-H), 5.25-4.96 (3H, m, CHPh and OCH_2Ph), 4.23 (1H, t, J 8.6, NCHH), 4.00 (1H, t, J 8.6, NCHH), 2.44 (3H, s, Ts- CH_3); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 160.3 (C=O), 145.4 (Ar-C), 137.3 (Ar-C), 135.5 (Ar-C), 130.6 (Ar-C), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 126.4 (Ar-CH), 68.5 (CH_2), 61.6 (CH), 56.6 (CH_2), 21.9 (CH_3), 2 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 445.1192; found 445.1194.

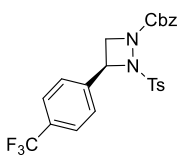


tert-Butyl (S)-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8b) Following general procedure 5, alcohol **6b** (450 mg, 1.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (727 mg, 2.77 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (436 μ L, 2.77 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (111 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8b** as a white solid (328 mg, 0.84 mmol, 76%). R_f = 0.25 (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether); M.p. 166-167 $^{\circ}$ C; $[\alpha]_D^{28} +7.6$ (c 0.09, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (98% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^{\circ}$ C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 0.6/99.4; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 54.5 min; t_R 63.1 min. IR (film) 2980, 2932, 1733, 1395, 1358 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.93 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-CH), 7.37 (7H, m, Ar-CH), 5.06 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 5.9, CHPh), 4.21 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCHH), 3.96 (1H, dd, J 8.5, 5.9, NCHH), 2.51 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.45 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 159.3 (C=O), 145.2 (Ar-C), 137.6 (Ar-C), 130.8 (Ar-CH), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 130.0 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.9 (Ar-CH), 126.4 (Ar-CH), 82.9 (C), 61.3 (CH), 56.3 (CH_2), 28.0 (CH_3), 21.8 (CH_3); HRMS (ES $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (M+Na) $^+$ 411.1349; found 411.1352.



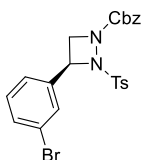
Benzyl (R)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8c). Following general method 4, **6c** (44 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv),

triphenylphosphine (36 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (22 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (10 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8c** as a colourless oil (32 mg, 70 μ mol, 75%). R_f = 0.26 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32}$ -15.6 (c 0.15, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 15.0 min; t_R 21.1 min; IR (film) 3034, 2924, 1720, 1236, 1162 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.83 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.55 (1H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.30-7.26 (7H, m, Ar-H), 7.19 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.10 (1H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 6.96 (1H, t, J 10.0, Ar-H), 5.20-5.04 (3H, m, CH_2Ph and NCHPh), 4.14 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCHH), 3.90 (1H, dd, J 8.4, 6.0, NCHH), 2.40 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 160.1 (C=O), 159.7 (d, J 246.3, Ar-CF), 145.5 (Ar-C), 135.4 (Ar-C), 130.4 (d, J 8.8, Ar-CH), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 130.0 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (d, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 124.7 (d, J 13.8, Ar-C), 124.7 (d, J 2.5, Ar-CH), 115.5 (d, J 20.0, Ar-CH), 68.4 (CH_2), 57.1 (d, J 3.8, CH), 56.1 (d, J 2.5, CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3); δF (376 MHz; CDCl_3) -118.4 (CF); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 463.1098; found 463.1097.



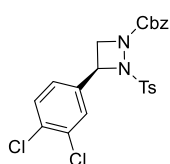
Benzyl (S)-2-tosyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8d). Following general method 4, **6d** (60 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (77 mg, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (63 μ L, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (12 mL,

0.01 M) yielded **8d** as a white solid (48 mg, 0.10 mmol, 82%). M.p. 117-119 $^\circ\text{C}$; R_f = 0.21 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32}$ +18.9 (c 2.86, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 19.5 min; t_R 24.3 min; IR (film) 2925, 1750, 1693, 1360, 1151, 1087 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; d_6 -DMSO) 7.89 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.79 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.65 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.54 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.39-7.32 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.38-5.09 (3H, m, CHOH and CH_2Ph), 4.09 (1H, t, J 8.9, NCHH), 3.93 (1H, dd, J 8.9, 5.8, NCHH), 2.46 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; d_6 -DMSO) 159.5 (C=O), 145.6 (Ar-C), 135.6 (Ar-C), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.2 (Ar-C), 129.0 (q, J 31.9, Ar-C), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.7 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 125.6 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 124.1 (q, J 272.2, CF_3), 67.8 (CH_2), 60.1 (CH), 56.1 (CH_2), 21.3 (CH_3), 1 Ar-C not seen; δF (376 MHz; d_6 -DMSO) -61.1 (CF_3); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 513.1066; found 513.1061.



Benzyl (S)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8e). Following general method 4, **6e** (61 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv),

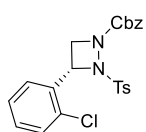
triphenylphosphine (77 mg, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (63 μ L, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (12 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8e** as a colourless oil (47 mg, 90 μ mol, 79%). R_f = 0.25 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +34.8 (c 0.38, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 9/91; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 19.6 min; t_R 25.1 min; IR (film) 2923, 1718, 1302, 1212 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.87 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.50 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.38-7.29 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.23 (1H, t, J 7.8, Ar-H), 5.19 (1H, d, J 12.3 CHHAr), 5.11 (1H, d, J 12.3, CHHAr), 5.07 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 6.0, NCHAr), 4.23 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCHH), 3.97 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 6.0, NCHH), 2.46 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 160.1 (C=O) 145.5 (Ar-C), 139.5 (Ar-C), 135.3 (Ar-C), 131.9 (Ar-CH), 130.6 (Ar-CH), 131.0 (Ar-CH), 130.3 (Ar-C) 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 68.5 (CH_2), 60.5 (CH), 56.2 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3), 1 Ar-C and 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{79}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 523.0298; found 523.0294.



Benzyl (S)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate

(8f). Following general method 4, **6f** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (129 mg, 0.49 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (76 μ L, 0.49 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (20 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8f**

as a white solid (75 mg, 0.15 mmol, 78%). M.p. 133-135 $^\circ\text{C}$; R_f = 0.23 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +33.2 (c 4.40, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 25.0 min; t_R 33.1 min; IR (film) 2983, 1711, 1337, 1313, 1212 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.86 (2H, d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.50-7.27 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.19 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar-H), 5.25-4.98 (3H, m, CHAr and CH_2Ph), 4.25 (1H, t, J 8.9, NCHH), 3.94 (1H, t, J 8.9, NCHH), 2.43 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 160.1 (C=O), 145.6 (Ar-C), 137.4 (Ar-C), 135.2 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-C) 133.0 (Ar-C), 131.0 (Ar-CH), 130.2 (Ar-C) 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 125.6 (Ar-CH), 68.6 (CH_2), 60.0 (CH), 56.1 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}^{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 513.0413; found 513.0413.

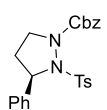


Benzyl (R)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-tosyl-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (8g).

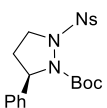
Following general method 4, **6g** (81 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (112 mg, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate

(66 μ L, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (17 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8g** as a colourless oil (50 mg, 0.11 mmol, 65%). R_f = 0.24 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +33.2 (c 0.44, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis

(25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 13.6 min; t_R 17.1 min. IR (film) 2924, 1749, 1271, 1186 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.92 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.83 (1H, d, J 7.0, Ar-H), 7.37-7.27 (9H, m, Ar-H), 5.25 (1H, dd, J 8.6, 5.9, CHAr), 5.21 (1H, d, J 12.4, CHHPh), 5.11 (1H, d, J 12.4, CHHPh), 4.25 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCHH), 3.83 (1H, dd, J 8.6, 5.8, NCHH), 2.48 (3H, s, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 160.2 (C=O) 145.6 (Ar-C), 135.4 (Ar-C), 135.3 (Ar-C), 131.0 (Ar-C) 130.1 (Ar-CH), 130.0 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.2 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 68.4 (CH_2), 59.8 (CH), 56.5 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 479.0803; found 479.0805.

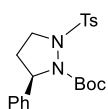


Benzyl (R)-3-phenyl-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8h). Following general method 4, **6h** (60 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (52 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (31 μL , 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (13 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8h** as a white solid (51 mg, 0.12 mmol, 90%). M.p. 105-106 °C; R_f = 0.24 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +52.1$ (c 0.02, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (96% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 13.0 min; t_R 14.1 min. IR (film) 3034, 2959, 2925, 1702, 1344, 1216, 1181 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.84 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-CH), 7.37-7.31 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.28-7.22 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.21-7.18 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.37 (1H, dd, J 8.0, 4.7, CHPh), 5.09 (1H, d, J 12.2, CO_2CHHPh), 4.82 (1H, d, J 12.2, CO_2CHHPh), 3.98 (1H, ddd, J 11.0, 8.4, 5.7, NCHH), 3.29 (1H, dt, J 10.8, 8.3, NCHH), 2.45-2.39 (4H, m, CH_3 and CHPhCHH), 2.17 (1H, dtd, J 12.7, 7.2, 5.1, CHPhCHH); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 157.3 (C=O), 144.8 (Ar-C), 139.9 (Ar-C) 135.6 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 126.2 (Ar-CH), 68.2 (CH_2), 63.4 (CH), 47.8 (CH_2), 33.8 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 459.1349; found 459.1349.

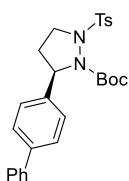


tert-Butyl (R)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8i). Following general method 4, **6i** (42 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (37 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (22 μL , 0.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (9 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8i** as a colourless oil (36 mg, 0.08 mmol, 85%). R_f = 0.18 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +7.8$ (c 0.17, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (99% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 25.6 min; t_R 28.9 min. IR (film) 2979, 2931, 1712, 1530, 1346, 1161 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.27 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar-H), 8.18 (2H, t, J 8.7, Ar-H) 7.43 (2H, d, J 6.9, Ar-H), 7.36 (2H, t, J 7.4, Ar-H), 7.31 (1H, d, J 7.1, Ar-H), 5.04 (1H, t, J 8.6, CHPh), 4.21 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.42 (1H,

br s, NCHH), 2.59 (2H, dt, J 12.9, 6.5, CHPhCHH), 2.31 (1H, p, J 11.5, CHPhCHH), 1.27 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 155.8 (C=O seen on HMBC), 142.9 (Ar-C), 130.7 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 123.7 (Ar-CH), 114.1 (Ar-C), 82.7 (C), 65.4 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₃N₃O₆ [M+Na]⁺ 456.1200; found 456.1198.

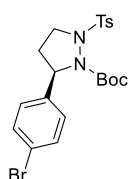


tert-Butyl (R)-5-phenyl-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8j). Following general method 4, **6j** (72 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (112 mg, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (74 mg, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (17 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8j** as a colourless oil (62 mg, 0.15 mmol, 90%). R_f = 0.30 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +23.5$ (c 0.70, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 10.9 min; t_R 17.4 min. IR (film) 2987, 2900, 1706, 1405, 1075 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.86-7.85 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.45-7.25 (7H, m, Ar-H), 4.99 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 6.2, CHPh), 4.10 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.29 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.48-2.26 (5H, m, CH₂, CH₃), 1.25 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 156.6 (C=O), 144.7 (Ar-C), 141.5 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 126.8 (Ar-CH), 82.0 (C), 65.6 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₆N₂NaO₄S [M+Na]⁺ 425.1505; found 425.1504.



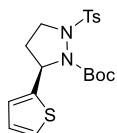
tert-Butyl (R)-5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8k). Following general method 4, **6k** (84 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (66 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (39 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (17 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8k** as a white solid (70 mg, 0.15 mmol, 86%). M.p. 109-111 °C; R_f = 0.24 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +75.0$ (c 0.03, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 9.5 min; t_R 10.5 min. IR (film) 2980, 2924, 1701, 1393, 1357, 1255 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.90 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.63 (4H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.60 (2H, d, J 7.9, Ar-H), 7.56 (2H, s, Ar-H), 7.47 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.37 (1H, t, J 7.4, Ar-H), 7.27 (1H, d, J 9.4, Ar-H), 5.07 (1H, t, J 8.8, CHAr), 4.17 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.33 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.58-2.49 (1H, m, CHArCHH), 2.46-2.35 (4H, m, CH₃ and CHNCHH), 1.30 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 156.8 (C=O seen on HMBC), 150.5 (Ar-C), 144.6 (Ar-C), 140.9 (Ar-C), 140.1 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 82.1 (C), 65.3 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃),

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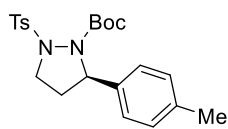
tert-Butyl (R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8l).

Following general method 4, **6l** (61 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (47 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (28 μ L, 0.18 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (12 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8l** as a colourless oil (52 mg, 0.11 mmol, 90%). R_f = 0.22 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +34.6 (c 0.25, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 12.5 min; t_R 15.5 min. IR (film) 2979, 2928, 1705, 1366, 1133 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.77 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 7.39 (2H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 7.30 (2H, s, Ar-H), 7.19 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-H), 4.88 (1H, t, J 9.8 CHAr), 4.07 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.20 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.43 (1H, sex, J 6.9, CHArCHH), 2.46 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.05-1.82 (1H, m, CHArCHH), 1.19 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δC (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 156.3 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 144.8 (Ar-C), 140.4 (Ar-C), 133.6 (Ar-C), 131.4 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 121.1 (Ar-C), 82.2 (C), 65.0 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₅⁷⁹BrN₂O₄S [M+Na]⁺ 503.0611; found 503.0612.



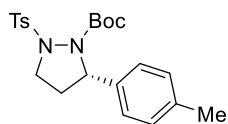
tert-Butyl (R)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8m).

Following general method 4, **6m** (41 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (39 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (24 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (10 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8m** as a colourless oil (28 mg, 0.07 mmol, 72%). R_f = 0.26 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +31.3 (c 0.07, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (73% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 3/97; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 18.5 min; t_R 19.5 min. IR (film) 2978, 2925, 1704, 1256, 1133 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.79 (2H, d, J 7.9, Ar-H), 7.25 (1H, d, J 5.1, Ar-H), 7.23 (2H, d, J 7.9, Ar-H), 6.99 (1H, s, Ar-H), 6.94 (1H, t, J 3.7, Ar-H), 5.29 (1H, t, J 8.7, CHAr), 4.27 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.32 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.64-2.44 (2H, m, CHArCH₂), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.32 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δC (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 156.3 (C=O seen on HMBC), 144.6 (Ar-C), 133.3 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 126.2 (Ar-CH), 125.1 (Ar-CH), 124.9 (Ar-CH), 82.3 (C), 60.7 (CH), 49.2 (CH₂), 35.5 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₄S₂ [M+Na]⁺ 431.1070; found 431.1073.



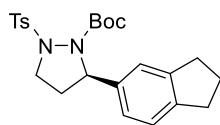
tert-Butyl (R)-5-(p-tolyl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate ((R)-8n).

Following general method 4, (*S*)-**6n** (217 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (328 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) (197 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (50 mL, 0.01 M) yielded (*R*)-**8n** after purification by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (190 mg, 0.46 mmol, 91%). Alternatively replacing DEAD with diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) in general method 4, (*R*)-**8n** was obtained as a colourless gum (249 mg, 0.60 mmol, 91%). M.p. 103-106 °C; R_f = 0.35 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{23}_D$ -26.8 (c 0.59, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess for reaction with DEAD (93% ee) and reaction with DIAD (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 12.2 min; t_R 16.3 min; IR (neat) 2979, 2928, 1705, 1330, 1159, 1133, 1088, 814, 761 cm⁻¹; δH (300 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.88 (2H, d, J 8.1, Ar-*H*), 7.37 (2H, d, J 6.5, Ar-*H*), 7.27 (2H, d, J 9.0, Ar-*H*), 7.16 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-*H*), 4.98 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCH), 4.13 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.31 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.53-2.44 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.37 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.35-2.26 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 1.27 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δC (101 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.7 (Ar-C), 138.4 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 136.9 (Ar-C), 134.0 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 82.0 (C), 65.6 (NCH), 49.4 (NCH₂), 36.2 (CH₂CHN), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃), Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₂₈N₂NaO₄S [M+Na]⁺ 439.1662; found 439.1660.



tert-Butyl (S)-5-(p-tolyl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate ((S)-8n).

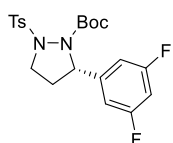
Following general method 4, (*R*)-**6n** (306 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (462 mg, 1.76 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) (347 μ L, 1.76 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (70 mL, 0.01 M) yielded (*S*)-**8n** after purification by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (236 mg, 0.57 mmol, 81%). $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +26.0 (c 0.49, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 5/95; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 12.2 min; t_R 16.3 min.



tert-Butyl (R)-5-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8o).

Following general method 4, **6o** (115 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (164 mg, 0.63 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) (98 μ L, 0.63 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (25 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8o** after purification by column chromatography (10-20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (98 mg, 0.22 mmol, 89%). R_f = 0.20 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{22}_D$

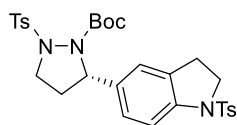
+25.1 (c 0.22, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 7.9 min; *t_R* 11.1 min; IR (neat) 2930, 1707, 1366, 1332, 1160, 1135, 1088, 815, 750 cm⁻¹; δ H (600 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.87 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-*H*), 7.33-7.20 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.17 (1H, d, *J* 7.6, Ar-*H*), 4.96 (1H, t, *J* 8.6, NCH), 4.11 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.27 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.90 (4H, t, *J* 7.8, CH₂), 2.47-2.42 (m, 1H, CHHCHN), 2.41 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.38-2.29 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 2.07 (2H, p, *J* 7.8, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.27 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (151 MHz; CDCl₃) 144.7 (Ar-C), 144.3 (Ar-C), 143.3 (Ar-C), 138.4 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 134.0 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 124.9 (Ar-CH, seen on HMBC), 124.3 (Ar-CH), 123.0 (Ar-CH, seen on HMBC), 81.9 (C), 65.9 (NCH), 49.5 (NCH₂), 36.4 (CH₂CHN), 33.0 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 25.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₃₀N₂NaO₄S [M+Na]⁺ 465.1818; found 465.1815.



tert-Butyl (S)-5-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate

(8p). Following general procedure 5, alcohol **6p** (239 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (330 mg, 1.26 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (198 μ L, 1.26 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran

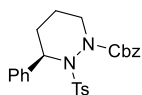
(50 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8p** as a white solid (193 mg, 0.44 mmol, 88%). *R_f* = 0.08 (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁴ -16.4 (c 0.11, CHCl₃); Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (15 °C). [Chiralcel OD column 2-propanol/hexane = 1/99; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t_R* 34.7 min; *t_R* 43.2 min. M.p. 103-104 °C; IR (film) 2974, 1721, 1680, 1155, 1113 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.85 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-*H*), 6.98 (2H, d, *J* 6.0, Ar-*H*), 6.70 (1H, tt, *J* 8.8, 2.2, Ar-*H*), 6.33 (1H, s, NH), 4.98 (1H, d, *J* 8.9, CHAr), 4.24-4.12 (1H, br m, CHHN), 3.33-3.21 (1H, br m, CHHN), 2.54-2.46 (1H, m, CHArCHH), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.36-2.24 (1H, br m, CHArCHH), 1.27 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 162.9 (dd, *J* 246.3, 12.5, Ar-CF), 145.5 (Ar-C), 145.0 (Ar-C), 133.5 (Ar-C), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 109.6 (d, *J* 25.0, Ar-CH), 102.6 (t, *J* 25.0, Ar-CH), 82.5 (C), 64.8 (CH), 49.2 (CH₂), 35.7 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), C=O not seen; δ F (376 MHz; CDCl₃) -109.7 (Ar-CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₄N₂NaO₄SF₂ [M+Na]⁺ 461.1317; found 461.1322.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-tosyl-5-(1-tosylindolin-5-yl)pyrazolidine-1-carboxylate ((S)-8q).

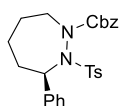
Following general method 4, (*R*)-**6q** (308 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (328 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) (197 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (50 mL, 0.01 M) yielded (*S*)-**8q** after purification by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) as a colourless gum (244 mg, 0.41 mmol, 82%). Alternatively

replacing DEAD with diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) in general method 4, (S)-**8q** was obtained as a white foam (274 mg, 0.46 mmol, 92%). M.p. 148-151 °C (decomposition); R_f = 0.29 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -34.3 (c 0.20, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess for reaction with DEAD (85% ee) and reaction with DIAD (85% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 54.3 min; t_R 59.1 min; IR (neat) 2928, 1711, 1488, 1334, 1248, 1161, 1090, 1055, 976, 815 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.83 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (2H, d, J 8.2, Ar-*H*), 7.56 (1H, d, J 8.9, Ar-*H*), 7.26-7.19 (6H, m, Ar-*H*), 4.91 (1H, t, J 8.7, NCH), 4.07 (1H, br m, NCHHCH₂CH), 3.98-3.85 (2H, m, NCH₂CH₂C), 3.24 (1H, br m, NCHHCH₂CH), 2.91 (2H, t, J 8.4, NCH₂CH₂C), 2.47-2.41 (NCH₂CHHCH), 2.41 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.37 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.33-2.26 (NCH₂CHHCH), 1.26 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δC (151 MHz; CDCl_3) 144.9 (Ar-C), 144.2 (Ar-C), 141.3 (Ar-C), 136.8 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 134.1 (Ar-C), 133.9 (Ar-C), 132.0 (Ar-C), 129.8 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 123.6 (Ar-CH, seen on HSQC), 114.5 (Ar-CH), 82.0 (C), 65.3 (NCH, seen on HSQC), 50.3 (NCH₂CH₂C), 49.3 (NCH₂CH₂CH, seen on HSQC), 36.2 (NCH₂CH₂CH), 28.1 (NCH₂CH₂C), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), one Ar-CH and Boc-C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₃₀H₃₅N₃NaO₆S₂ [M+Na]⁺ 620.1859; found 620.1864.

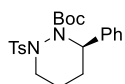


Benzyl (R)-3-phenyl-2-tosyltetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (8r).

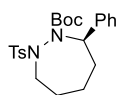
Following general method 4, **6r** (46 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (39 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (23 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (10 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8r** as a colourless oil (29 mg, 0.06 mmol, 63%). R_f = 0.29 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +43.8 (c 0.04, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 1.5/98.5; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 34.0 min; t_R 36.3 min. IR (film) 2953, 2925, 1706, 1353, 1260 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.79-7.66 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.31 (6H, m, Ar-*H*) 7.22-7.06 (6H, m, Ar-*H*), 5.21-5.08 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.85 (1H, d, J 11.8, CO₂CHH), 4.70 (1H, d, J 11.9, CO₂CHH), 4.28-4.02 (1H, m, NCHH), 3.71-3.44 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.43-2.31 (4H, m, CH₃ and CHPhCHH), 2.17-2.10 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.97 (1H, br s, CH₂CHHCH₂), 1.78-1.71 (1H, m, CH₂CHHCH₂); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 155.9 (C=O), 144.4 (Ar-C), 138.6 (Ar-C), 135.5 (Ar-C), 134.9 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-CH), 132.0 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 68.2 (CH₂), 57.4 (CH), 43.6 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 19.1 (CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₄S [M+Na]⁺ 473.1505; found 473.1503.



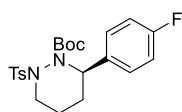
Benzyl (R)-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2-diazepane-1-carboxylate (8s). Following general method 4, **6s** (27 mg, 56 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (22 mg, 84 μ mol, 1.5 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (13 μ L, 84 μ mol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (5.6 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8s** as a colourless oil (17 mg, 38 μ mol, 67%). R_f = 0.31 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D +22.3$ (c 0.09, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 2/98; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 14.8 min; t_R 16.8 min. IR (film) 2925, 2856, 1705, 1401, 1126 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.34-7.23 (5H, m, Ar-CH), 7.15-7.00 (6H, m, Ar-H) 6.90-6.84 (3H, m, Ar-H), 5.11-5.00 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.85 (1H, d, J 11.8, CO_2CHHPh), 4.70 (1H, d, J 11.9, CO_2CHHPh), 4.28-4.02 (1H, m, NCHH), 3.71-3.44 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.43-2.31 (4H, m, CH_3 and CHPhCHH) 2.17-2.10 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.99-1.72 (4H, br s, $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 156.2 (minor rotamer) and 156.1 (C=O), 143.5 (Ar-C) and 143.4 (minor rotamer), 142.6 (Ar-C) and 142.3 (minor rotamer), 136.3 (minor rotamer) and 136.2 (Ar-C), 136.1 (minor rotamer) and 135.0 (Ar-C), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 128.9 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 68.5 (minor rotamer) and 67.0 (CH_2), 68.4 (CH), 54.1 (minor rotamer) and 52.9 (CH_2), 36.2 (minor rotamer) and 36.1 (CH_2), 28.3 (CH_2) and 28.2 (minor rotamer), 27.2 (minor rotamer) and 26.3 (CH_2), 21.5 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 487.1662; found 487.1656.



tert-Butyl (R)-6-phenyl-2-tosyltetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (8t). Following general method 4 **6t** (3.72 g, 8.56 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (5.61 g, 21.4 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (3.37 mL, 21.4 mmol, 2.5 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (860 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8t** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon standing to a white solid (2.16 g, 5.19 mmol, 61%). M.p. 99-102 $^\circ\text{C}$; R_f = 0.24 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{28}_D -26.3$ (c 0.31, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (91% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 2/98; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 13.7 min; t_R 15.3 min; IR (neat) 2980, 1707, 1357, 1157, 747, 659 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.45 (2H d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.39-7.28 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.05 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 5.21 (1H, t, J 5.9, NCH), 3.66 (1H, dt, J 13.1, 6.7, NCHH), 3.41 (1H, dt, J 12.9, 6.4, NCHH), 2.34 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.01-1.95 (2H, m, CH_2CHN), 1.93-1.85 (1H, m, CHHCH_2N), 1.55-1.48 (1H, m, CHHCH_2N), 1.47 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 156.9 (Boc-C=O), 143.2 (Ar-C), 140.6 (Ar-C), 136.7 (Ar-C), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 82.5 (C), 58.9 (NCH), 44.9 (NCH $_2$), 28.2 (Boc- CH_3), 24.9 (CH_2CHN), 21.6 (CH_3), 19.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$); HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 439.1662; found 439.1657.

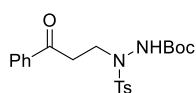


tert-Butyl (R)-7-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2-diazepane-1-carboxylate (8u). Following general method 4, **6u** (2.44 g, 5.67 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (3.72 g, 14.2 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (2.24 mL, 14.2 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (570 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8u** as a colourless, highly viscous oil (969 mg, 2.25 mmol, 40%). $R_f = 0.29$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); IR (neat) 2932, 1714, 1320, 1157, 1089, 957, 753, 698, 665 cm^{-1} ; $[\alpha]^{28}_{\text{D}} +1.4$ (c 0.22, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 2/98; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 11.5 min; t_R 13.5 min; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.68-7.56 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.36 (2H, t, J 7.5, Ar-*H*), 7.31-7.28 (1H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.21 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-*H*), 4.92 (1H, br s, NCH), 4.17 (1H, dt, J 14.0, 4.1, NCHH), 3.13 (1H, ddd, J 14.2, 10.7, 3.6, 1H, NCHH), 2.40 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.24-2.15 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 2.09-2.03 (2H, m, CHHCHN, CHHCH₂CH₂N), 1.81-1.67 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂N), 1.55-1.45 (1H, m, CHHCH₂CH₂N), 1.26 (9H, s, (CH_3)₃); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 155.7 (Boc-C=O), 143.3 (Ar-C), 142.6 (Ar-C), 137.2 (Ar-C), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 82.2 (C), 66.4 (NCH), 51.7 (NCH₂), 31.8 (CH₂CHN), 28.5 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.0 (Boc-CH₃), 27.0 (CH₂CH₂CH₂N), 21.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 453.1818; found 453.1816.



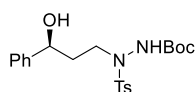
tert-Butyl (R)-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-tosyltetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (8v). Following general method 4, **6v** (805 mg, 1.78 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (1.17 g, 4.45 mmol, 2.5 equiv), diethyl azodicarboxylate (701 μL , 4.45 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (178 mL, 0.01 M) yielded **8v** as a colourless oil (466 mg, 1.07 mmol, 60%). $R_f = 0.21$ (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{28}_{\text{D}} -9.8$ (c 0.52, CHCl_3). Enantiomeric excess (82% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 0.8/99.2; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 23.4 min; t_R 25.8 min; IR (neat) 2977, 1707, 1510, 1351, 1222, 1154, 835, 652 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.45 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ar-*H*), 7.42 (2H, dd, J 8.3, 5.7, Ar-*H*), 7.10 (2H, d, J 8.0, Ar-*H*), 7.00 (2H, t, J 8.7, Ar-*H*), 5.15 (1H, t, J 6.1, NCH), 3.71 (1H, dt, J 13.0, 6.6, NCHH), 3.40 (1H, dt, J 12.6, 6.2, NCHH), 2.36 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.99-1.92 (3H, m, CH₂CHN, CHHCH₂N), 1.55-1.49 (1H, m, CHHCH₂N), 1.45 (9H, s, (CH_3)₃); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 162.2 (d, J 245.6, CF), 156.8 (Boc-C=O), 143.5 (Ar-C), 136.7 (Ar-C), 136.5 (d, J 2.8, Ar-C), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 129.2 (d, J 8.0, Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 115.0 (d, J 21.4, Ar-CH), 82.6 (C), 58.5 (NCH), 44.9 (NCH₂), 28.2 (Boc-CH₃), 25.1 (CH₂CHN), 21.6 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₂CH₂N); δF (282 MHz; CDCl_3) -115.9 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 457.1568; found 457.1564.

Large Scale Synthesis



tert-Butyl 2-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-carboxylate (5j).

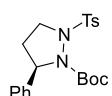
tert-Butyl carbazate (10.0 g, 75.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *para*-toluenesulphonyl chloride (15.1 g, 79.4 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (250 mL) were cooled to 0 °C. Pyridine (30 mL, 379 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added dropwise over 30 min, then the reaction was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 2 M HCl (50 mL) mixed with ice cold water (50 mL), which was added portionwise over 10 min. This was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a pale yellow solid. This crude material was dissolved in acetonitrile (400 mL), then 3-chloropropiophenone (12.8 g, 75.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium carbonate (11.0 g, 79.4 mmol, 1.05 equiv) were added. This was stirred for 18 h and then quenched with water (100 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a pale yellow solid. This was purified by recrystallisation from an 8:1 mixture of ethyl acetate : dichloromethane (900 mL) to give **5j** as a white solid (20.7 g, 49.5 mmol, 65%). [Data on page **S8**].



tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)-2-tosylhydrazine-1-

carboxylate (6j) 5j (5.00 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **7c** (37 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.5 mol%) and formic acid : triethylamine (5 : 2) azeotrope (12.0 mL,

1M) were combined and stirred in dichloromethane (47.8 mL, 0.25 M) for 72 h. The solution was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a red oil. This was purified by column chromatography (33% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **6j** as a white solid (5.00 g, 11.9 mmol, 99%). [Data on page **S20**].

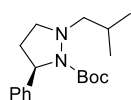


tert-Butyl (R)-5-phenyl-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (8j) 6j (6.00 g, 14.3

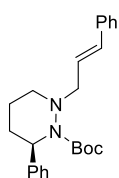
mmol, 1.0 equiv), triphenylphosphine (6.74 g, 25.7 mmol, 1.8 equiv), diethylazodicarboxylate (4.05 mL, 25.7 mmol, 1.8 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (143 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred at rt for 24 h. The solution was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. This was purified by column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **8j** as a white solid (5.57 g, 13.8 mmol, 97%). [Data on page **S32**].

Nitrogen Functionalisation: Reductive Amination

N.B. Magnesium turnings were activated by washing them with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid solution (2 x 20 mL), water (20 mL) and methanol (20 mL).

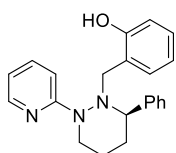


tert-Butyl (R)-2-isobutyl-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9b). Cyclic hydrazine **8i** (84 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), activated magnesium turnings (24 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (2.0 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature for 2 hours. The solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. To this was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (212 mg, 1.00 mmol, 5.0 equiv), isobutyraldehyde (91 μL , 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (2 mL, 0.1 M). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with 1 M NaOH (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (5-10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **9b** as a colourless oil (39 mg, 0.13 mmol, 63%). $R_f = 0.38$ (15% ethyl acetate in heptane). $[\alpha]^{32}_D +35.8$ (c 0.30, dichloromethane). IR (film) 2955, 2878, 1690, 1366, 1173 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.39-7.15 (5H, m, Ar-*H*), 4.97 (1H, t, J 8.4, *CHPh*), 3.15 (1H, td, J 11.3, 5.9, *NCHHCH*₂), 3.03 (1H, ddd, J 11.6, 6.6, 2.3, *NCHHCH*₂), 2.71 (1H, dd, J 11.5, 7.1, *NCHHCH*(CH_3)₂), 2.56-2.43 (2H, m, *NCHHCH*(CH_3)₂ and *CHHCHPh*), 2.23-2.10 (1H, m, *CHHCHPh*), 1.80 (1H, nonet, J 7.0, *CH*(CH_3)₂), 1.36 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.05 (3H, d, J 6.6, *CHCH*₃), 1.02 (3H, d, J 6.6, *CHCH*₃); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 143.8 (Ar-C), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 125.7 (Ar-CH), 80.1 (C), 66.8 (CH_2), 63.1 (CH), 53.3 (CH_2), 34.9 (CH_2), 28.3 (CH_3), 27.5 (CH), 21.3 (CH_3), 20.9 (CH_3), C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 327.2048; found 327.2052.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-cinnamyl-6-phenyltetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (9k). Cyclic hydrazine **8o** (134 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv), activated magnesium turnings (38 mg, 1.55 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (3.1 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature for 2 h. The solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. To this was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (323 mg, 1.52 mmol, 5.0 equiv), *E*-cinnamaldehyde (193 μL , 1.52 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (3.1 mL, 0.1 M). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with 1 M NaOH (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and

concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (5-10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **9k** as a colourless oil (105 mg, 0.28 mmol, 91%). R_f = 0.16 (10% ethyl acetate in heptane); $[\alpha]^{32}_D +24.0$ (c 0.35, CHCl_3). IR (film) 3007, 2866, 1681, 1390, 1069 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.48-7.43 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.35 (2H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.32-7.27 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.25-7.20 (1H, m, Ar-H), 6.22 (1H, d, J 15.9, C=CH), 6.09 (1H, dt, J 15.8, 6.3, C=CH), 5.37 (1H, s, CHPh), 3.58 (2H, d, J 7.0, $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}$), 3.22-3.07 (1H, m, NCHHCH_2), 2.99-2.92 (1H, m, NCHHCH_2), 2.42-2.21 (1H, m, CHHCHPh), 2.09-1.95 (2H, m, CHHCHPh and NCH_2CHH), 1.53 (10H, s, NCH_2CHH and $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 142.0 (Ar-C), 137.2 (Ar-C), 131.7 (C=CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (C=CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 126.3 (Ar-CH), 80.5 (C), 57.9 (CH_2), 55.2 (CH, seen on HSQC), 49.0 (CH_2), 29.7 (CH_2), 28.5 (CH_3), 25.6 (CH_2), 17.9 (CH_3), C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 401.2199; found 401.2197.

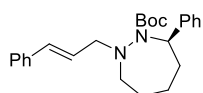


(R)-2-((6-Phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)tetrahydropyridazin-1(2H)-

yl)methyl)phenol (10j). Cyclic hydrazine **9j** (53 mg, 155 μmol , 1.0 equiv) in $\text{HCl}/1,4\text{-dioxane}$ (4M, 2.5 mL) was stirred for 2 h at rt. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated NaHCO_3

solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2×15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) and salicylaldehyde (83 μL , 0.78 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (164 mg, 0.78 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at rt, quenched with aqueous NaOH (1M, 4.0 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc /petroleum ether) to give **10j** as a colourless, viscous oil (33 mg, 96 μmol , 62%). R_f = 0.17 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{29}_D +61.4$ (c 0.02, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2926, 1591, 1466, 1437, 1348, 1258, 1159, 957, 770, 753, 693 cm^{-1} ; δH (600 MHz; CDCl_3 ; 233 K) Two conformers in a ratio of 66:34 are observed at 233 K: 8.36 (1H, d, J 4.4, Ar-H), 8.16 (2H, d, J 4.1, Ar-H), 7.54-7.50 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.50-7.47 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.42 (4H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.37-7.33 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.23 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.19 (1H, t, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.16-7.10 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.92 (1H, d, J 8.0, Ar-H), 6.75 (1H, t, J 7.1, Ar-H), 6.70 (1H, dd, J 6.6, 5.5, Ar-H), 6.63 (2H, dd, J 6.3, 5.5, Ar-H), 6.57 (1H, d, J 8.7, Ar-H), 4.73 (2H, d, J 10.8, NCHHCH_2), 4.34 (1H, d, J 12.4, NCHH), 4.16 (1H, br d, J 2.4, NCH), 4.12 (1H, d, J 12.3, NCHH), 3.89 (2H d, J 10.4, NCH), 3.65 (3H, br d, J 10.6, NCHHCH_2 , OH), 3.49 (1H, m, NCHHCH_2), 2.96 (2H, t, J 11.2, NCHHCH_2), 2.45 (1H, ddd, J 17.6, 9.2, 4.3, CH_2), 2.24-2.08 (3H, m, CH_2 , CH_2), 1.98-1.94 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.94-1.68 (6H, m, CH_2). *N.B.* Compound

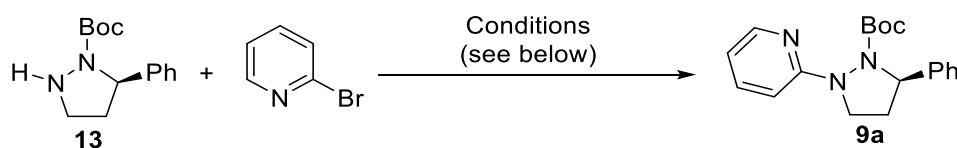
decomposes in CDCl_3 within several hours. δC (150 MHz; CDCl_3 ; 233 K) Chemical shifts for the major conformer at 233 K: 159.7 (Ar-C), 158.2 (Ar-C), 147.2 (Ar-CH), 141.2 (Ar-C), 137.8 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 127.7 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.8 (Ar-CH), 121.8 (Ar-C), 118.3 (Ar-CH), 116.9 (Ar-CH), 113.2 (Ar-CH), 108.5 (Ar-CH), 59.0 (NCH_2), 50.8 (NCH), 45.1 (NCH_2CH_2), 31.1 (NCHCH_2), 23.6 (NCH_2CH_2); HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1914; found 346.1917.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-cinnamyl-7-phenyl-1,2-diazepane-1-carboxylate (9o).

To a solution of cyclic hydrazine **8p** (160 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (10 mL) was added activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in anhydrous THF (6.0 mL) and cinnamaldehyde (233 μL , 1.85 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (392 mg, 1.85 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h at rt, quenched with aqueous NaOH (1M, 4.0 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10-20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **9o** as a colourless oil (131 mg, 0.33 mmol, 90%). R_f = 0.62 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{27} -9.0$ (c 0.20, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2939, 2873, 1702, 1456, 1326, 985, 781, 706 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) Two conformers in a 50:50 ratio are observed: 7.46 (1H, d, J 7.5, Ar-*H*), 7.42 (1H, d, J 7.1, Ar-*H*), 7.30-7.20 (8H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.43 (1H, d, J 15.9, C=CH), 6.02-5.88 (1H, m, C=CH), 5.12 (0.5H, dd, J 9.5, 6.4, NCH), 4.85 (0.5H, dd, J 10.5, 5.3, NCH), 4.01 (0.5H, dd, J 14.1, 7.5, CHHCH), 3.76 (0.5H, dd, J 14.2, 7.5, CHHCH), 3.58 (0.5H, dd, J 14.0, 4.7, CHHCH), 3.46 (0.5H, dd, J 14.0, 4.3, CHHCH), 3.29-3.20 (0.5H, m, NCHH), 3.08-2.99 (0.5H, m, NCHH), 2.86-2.81 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.29-2.19 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 2.06-1.88 (2H, m, CHHCHN, CHHCH₂CHN), 1.69-1.61 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂N), 1.57-1.52 (1H, m, CHHCH₂CHN), 1.53 (4.5H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.47 (4.5H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) Two conformers are observed: 156.8 (Boc-C=O), 154.7 (Boc-C=O), 143.31 (Ar-C), 143.27 (Ar-C), 137.5 (Ar-C), 137.3 (Ar-C), 131.6 (alk-CH), 131.4 (alk-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-CH), 127.7 (alk-CH), 127.5 (alk-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.5 (Ar-CH), 80.5 (C), 80.4 (C), 62.2 (NCH), 60.9 (CH_2CH), 60.5 (NCH), 59.7 (CH_2CH), 52.2 (NCH_2), 51.6 (NCH_2), 33.8 (CH_2CHN), 33.3 (CH_2CHN), 30.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 30.3 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 29.0 (Boc- CH_3), 28.8 (Boc- CH_3), 25.6 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHN}$), 25.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHN}$); HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 415.2356; found 415.2359.

Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Screen 1 – 96 Well Screen



The reactions were performed in an aluminium heating block with 96 x 750 μ L vials, each with a teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar. These vials were arranged in 12 columns (labelled 1-12) and 8 rows (labelled A-H). The following powders were weighed into the vials using a Mettler Toledo QX96 powder dispenser inside a glovebox.

All vials in rows A, E: Sodium *tert*-butoxide (4.3 mg, 44 μ mol, 2.0 equiv).

All vials in rows B, F: Caesium carbonate (14.4 mg, 44 μ mol, 2.0 equiv).

All vials in rows C, G: Potassium carbonate (6.1 mg, 44 μ mol, 2.0 equiv).

All vials in rows D, H: Potassium phosphate tribasic (9.4 mg, 44 μ mol, 2.0 equiv).

All vials in column 1: [XantPhos Pd(allyl)]Cl (1.7 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 2: [(*R*)-BINAP Pd(allyl)]Cl (1.9 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 3: Pd(dppf)Cl₂ · dichloromethane (1.8 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 4: [P(*t*Bu)₃] Pd(crotyl) Cl (0.9 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 5: JohnPhos (0.8 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv) and palladium (II) acetate (0.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 1.0 equiv).

All vials in column 6: AdBrettPhos (1.7 mg, 2.7 μ mol, 0.12 equiv) and palladium (II) acetate (0.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 7: [*t*BuBrettPhos Pd(allyl)]OTf (1.7 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 8: MorDalPhos (1.2 mg, 2.6 μ mol, 0.12 equiv) and palladium (II) acetate (0.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 9: [BrettPhos Pd(crotyl)]OTf (1.9 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 10: [*t*BuXPhos Pd(allyl)]OTf (1.6 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 11: XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (1.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 12: RuPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (1.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

The following stock solutions were then made:

Stock Solution 1: *tert*-butyl (*R*)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**13**) (286 mg, 1.15 mmol) and 2-bromopyridine (333 mg, 2.10 mmol) in toluene (4.42 mL).

Stock Solution 2: *tert*-butyl (*R*)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**13**) (286 mg, 1.15 mmol) and 2-bromopyridine (333 mg, 2.10 mmol) in dioxane (4.42 mL).

All vials in rows A-D were dosed with 85 μ L of Stock Solution 1 which contained *tert*-butyl (*R*)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**13**) (5.5 mg, 22 μ mol, 1.0 equiv, obtained by deprotection of **8j** using procedure in general method 5) and 2-bromopyridine (6.4 mg, 41 μ mol, 1.8 equiv).

All vials in rows E-H were dosed with 85 μL of Stock Solution 2 which contained *tert*-butyl (*R*)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**13**) (5.5 mg, 2.2 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and 2-bromopyridine (6.4 mg, 41 μmol , 1.8 equiv).

The plate was sealed with a silicone and PFA mat and placed on an HEL polyblock. The plate was then heated at 90 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 16 h. The vials were then cooled to rt and DMSO (300 μL) was added to each using a multichannel pipette. A 5 μL aliquot was extracted from each then added to a 96-well analytical plate and diluted with DMSO (50 μL). The plate was analyzed by reverse phase LCMS (XBridge C₁₈ 3.5- μm 2.1 \times 35 mm Column, 1.6 mL min⁻¹, 50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; gradient 5:95 to 99:1 (pH 9 H₂O + 10 mM NH₄HCO₂) / MeCN over 0.7 min + 0.3 min hold). The LCMS traces were processed using in-house software and the results visualized using Spotfire software to give **Figure S1**.

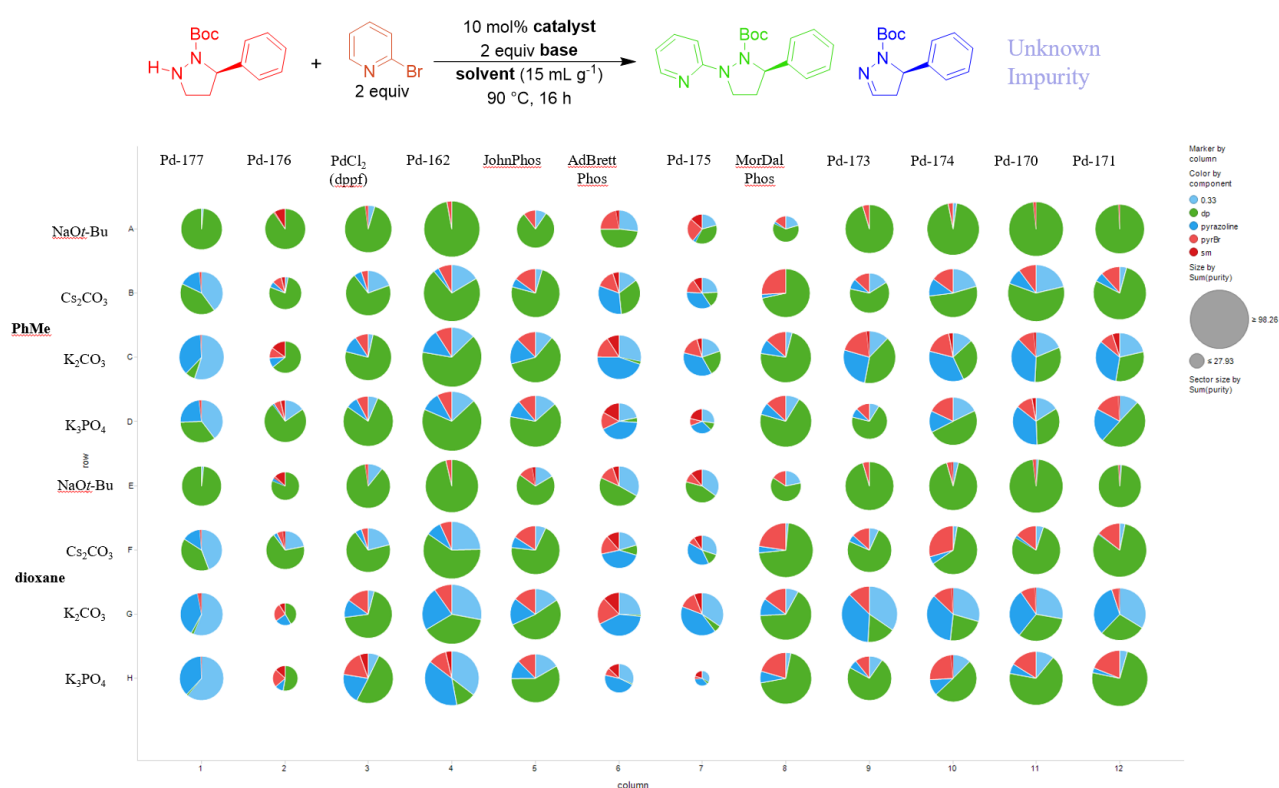
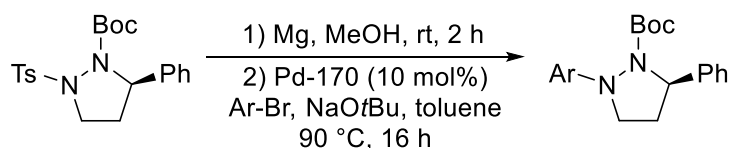


Figure S1 High throughput screening of the Buchwald-Hartwig coupling using **13**

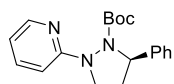
From this reaction screen conditions used in vial A11 were chosen for subsequent Buchwald-Hartwig aminations (see general method 5).

General method 5: Buchwald-Hartwig Amination



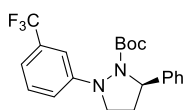
N.B. Magnesium turnings were activated by washing them with 1 M hydrochloric acid solution (2 x 20 mL), water (20 mL) and methanol (20 mL).

tert-Butyl-(*R*)-5-phenyl-2-tosylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**8j**) (1.0 equiv), activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv) and MeOH (0.1 M) were combined and stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature for 2 hours. The solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give a clear oil. To this was added toluene (1.0 M) was added XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (0.1 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (2.0 equiv) and aryl halide (2.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 16 h. The mixture was cooled to rt then quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give the following compounds.



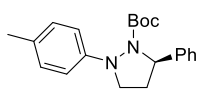
***tert*-Butyl (*R*)-5-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (**9a**).**

Following general method 5, **8j** (72 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (22 mg, 0.90 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (1.8 mL, 0.1 M), then XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (12 mg, 18 μmol, 0.1 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (35 mg, 0.36 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 2-bromopyridine (34 μL, 0.36 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (0.18 mL, 1.0 M) yielded **9a** as a white solid (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 85%). M.p. 98-99 °C; *R*_f = 0.34 (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁵ -91.3 (c 0.04, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2989, 1698, 1588, 1388, 1161 cm⁻¹; ¹H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 8.25 (1H, d, *J* 4.8, Ar-H), 7.59 (1H, td, *J* 7.8, 1.8, Ar-H), 7.30-7.18 (5H, m, Ar-H), 6.95 (1H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-H), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* 6.7, 5.3, Ar-H), 5.19 (1H, t, *J* 8.1, CHPh), 4.89 (1H, t, *J* 10.3, NCHH), 3.49-3.41 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.58-2.51 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 2.09-1.98 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 160.9 (Ar-C), 156.8 (C=O), 147.3 (Ar-CH), 142.1 (Ar-C), 137.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 115.8 (Ar-CH), 110.4 (Ar-CH), 81.5 (C), 65.5 (CH), 48.2 (CH₂), 36.2 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 326.1863; found 326.1867.



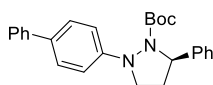
tert-Butyl (R)-5-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9c).

Following general method 5, **8j** (85 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (26 mg, 1.05 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (2.1 mL, 0.1 M), then XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (7 mg, 10 μ mol, 0.05 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (40 mg, 0.42 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 3-bromobenzotrifluoride (55 μ L, 0.42 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (0.21 mL, 1.0 M) yielded **9c** as a clear oil (69 mg, 0.18 mmol, 85%). R_f = 0.28 (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -9.8 (c 0.25, dichloromethane). IR (film) 2978, 2930, 1704, 1451, 1367, 1164 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.37 (1H, t, J 8.0, Ar-CH), 7.30-7.21 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.19 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.15 (1H, d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.11 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 1.6, Ar-CH), 5.20 (1H, t, J 7.5, CHPh), 3.85 (1H, ddd, J 11.0, 6.5, 4.5, NCHH), 3.69 (1H, ddd, J 11.0, 8.9, 6.3, NCHH), 2.54 (1H, qd, J 6.3, 4.5, CHPhCHH), 2.13 (1H, dt, J 15.7, 7.2, CHPhCHH), 1.39 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 156.1 (C=O), 150.7 (Ar-C), 141.4 (Ar-C), 131.1 (q, J 32.5, Ar-C), 129.3 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 124.3 (q, J 271.3, CF_3), 118.2 (Ar-CH), 117.9 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 111.9 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 81.7 (C), 63.3 (CH), 52.3 (CH_2), 35.4 (CH_2), 28.1 (CH_3); δF (282 MHz; CDCl_3) -62.8 (CF_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{F}_3\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 415.1604; found 415.1597.



tert-Butyl (R)-5-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)pyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9e).

Following general method 5, **8j** (105 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (32 mg, 1.30 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (2.6 mL, 0.1 M), then XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (18 mg, 26 μ mol, 0.1 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (50 mg, 0.52 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 4-chlorotoluene (63 μ L, 0.52 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (0.26 mL, 1.0 M) yielded **9e** as an orange oil (73 mg, 0.22 mmol, 82%). R_f = 0.30 (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -27.5 (c 0.26, dichloromethane); IR (film) 2978, 2924, 1697, 1512, 1366, 1134 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.30-7.23 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.08 (2H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 6.91 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar-H), 5.09 (1H, t, J 7.8, CHPh), 3.95-3.80 (1H, m, NCHH), 3.62-3.54 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.54-2.42 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 2.29 (3H, s, Ar- CH_3), 2.09-1.99 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.35 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 148.3 (Ar-C), 142.2 (Ar-C), 130.3 (Ar-C), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 115.8 (Ar-CH), 81.0 (C), 63.6 (CH), 53.0 (CH_2), 35.7 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_3), 20.5 (CH_3), C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 361.1892; found 361.1896.



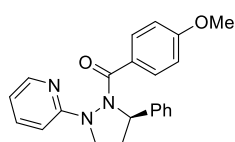
tert-Butyl (R)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9f).

Following general method 5, **8j** (101 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (30 mg, 1.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (2.5 mL, 0.1 M), then XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (8 mg, 12 μ mol, 0.05 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (48 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 4-bromobiphenyl (116 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (0.25 mL,

1.0 M) yielded **9f** as a clear oil (73 mg, 0.18 mmol, 73%). $R_f = 0.17$ (15% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D -28.2$ (c 0.19, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3030, 2977, 1700, 1608, 1366, 1132 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.61 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-H), 7.56 (2H, d, J 8.7, Ar-CH), 7.44 (2H, t, J 7.7, Ar-CH), 7.31-7.27 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.10 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar-H), 5.18 (1H, t, J 7.6, CHPh), 3.96 (1H, ddd, J 10.7, 6.2, 4.2, NCHH), 3.74-3.64 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.61-2.53 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 2.20-2.10 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.41 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 155.9 (C=O), 149.7 (Ar-C), 141.9 (Ar-C), 140.9 (Ar-C), 133.8 (Ar-C), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 115.9 (Ar-CH), 81.4 (C), 63.6 (CH), 52.8 (CH_2), 35.7 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.2043; found 423.2037.

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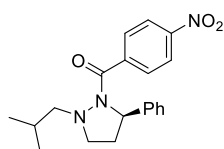
N.B. Magnesium turnings were activated by washing them with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid solution (2 x 20 mL), water (20 mL) and methanol (20 mL).



(R)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(5-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazolidin-1-

yl)methanone (10a). Cyclic hydrazine **9a** (29 mg, 90 μmol , 1.0 equiv)

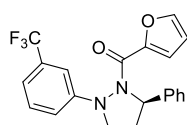
was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2 mL) and stirred for 2 h. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride (38 mg, 0.23 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (90 μL , 0.1 M) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (31 μL , 0.18 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 30 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10a** as a white solid (26 mg, 70 μmol , 82%). $R_f = 0.21$ (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); M.p. 131-132 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]^{32}_D -26.7$ (c 0.06, CH_2Cl_2). IR (film) 2924, 1643, 1597, 1466, 1258 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.25 (1H, d, J 4.0, Ar-H), 7.78 (2H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 7.45 (1H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.26-7.19 (5H, m, Ar-H), 6.88-6.74 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.60 (1H, s, CHPh), 4.65 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.60 (1H, s, NCHH), 2.63 (1H, dt, J 12.4, 6.1, CHPhCHH), 2.22 (1H, td, J 13.4, 7.2, CHPhCHH); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 161.9 (C=O), 147.8 (Ar-CH), 141.0 (Ar-C), 137.5 (Ar-CH), 130.7 (Ar-C), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 126.4 (Ar-C), 116.4 (Ar-CH), 113.3 (Ar-CH), 110.6 (Ar-CH), 69.6 (CH), 55.3 (CH_3), 34.0 (CH_2), 1 Ar-CH, 1 CH_2 and 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 360.1712; found 360.1712.



(R)-(2-Isobutyl-5-phenylpyrazolidin-1-yl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone

(10b). Cyclic hydrazine **9b** (43 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2 mL) and stirred for 2 h. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and a solution of 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (63 mg,

0.34 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (135 μ L, 0.1 M) were added. The mixture was cooled over an ice bath then *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (47 μ L, 0.27 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 5 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10b** as a white solid (37 mg, 0.1 mmol, 77%). R_f = 0.18 (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +5.2$ (c 0.17, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 10/90; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 17.4 min; t_R 36.3 min; IR (film) 2923, 2851, 1635, 1521, 1346 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.24 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar-H), 7.84-7.74 (2H, br m, Ar-H), 7.33 (5H, br m, Ar-H), 5.48 (1H, br s, CHPh), 3.24-3.09 (1H, br m, NCH_2CH_2), 2.83-2.74 (1H, br m, CHPhCHH), 2.49-2.29 (3H, br m, CHPhCHH and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.45 (1H, br s, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.55 (6H, s, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 166.6 (C=O), 148.2 (Ar-C), 142.8 (Ar-C), 142.1 (Ar-C), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 125.7 (Ar-CH), 123.6 (Ar-CH), 122.9 (Ar-CH), 65.8 (CH_2), 61.8 (CH), 33.2 (CH_2), 27.2 (CH), 20.5 (CH_3), 20.2 (CH_3), 1 CH_2 not seen; HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 376.1632; found 376.1632.

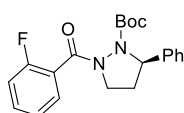


(R)-Furan-2-yl(5-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazolidin-1-yl)methanone (10c).

Cyclic hydrazine **9c** (41 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2 mL) and stirred for 2 h. It was

then concentrated *in vacuo* then 2-furoyl chloride (26 μ L, 0.26 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and dichloromethane (100 μ L, 0.1 M) were added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then a solution of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (37 μ L, 0.21 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 5 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10c** as a yellow solid (28 mg, 71 μ mol, 69%). R_f = 0.18 (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +0.9$ (c 0.33, CHCl_3). IR (film) 2927, 1649, 1470, 1337, 1124 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.55 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.40-7.21 (9H, m, Ar-H), 6.95 (1H, d, J 3.0, Ar-H), 6.38 (1H, dd, J 3.5 and 1.6, Ar-H), 5.75 (1H, t, J

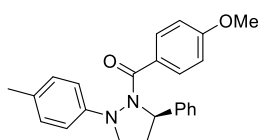
8.2, *CHPh*), 4.12-4.07 (1H, br m, *NCHH*), 3.62-3.48 (1H, br m, *NCHH*), 2.68-2.62 (1H, m, *CHPhCHH*), 2.37-2.28 (1H, m, *CHPhCHH*); δC (125 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 162.5 (C=O, seen on HMBC), 150.3 (Ar-C), 145.7 (Ar-CH), 139.8 (Ar-C), 131.6 (q, *J* 31.3, Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 123.9 (q, *J* 270, Ar-C), 119.5 (Ar-CH), 118.7 (Ar-CH), 118.2 (Ar-CH), 112.9 (Ar-CH), 111.7 (Ar-CH), 62.5 (CH), 54.3 (CH_2), 32.6 (CH_2), 1 Ar-C and 1 Ar-CH not seen; δF (282 MHz; $CDCl_3$) -62.8 (CF_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $F_3C_{21}H_{17}N_2O_2$ $[M+Na]^+$ 409.1134; found 409.1131.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(2-fluorobenzoyl)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate

(9d). Cyclic hydrazine **8j** (64 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (19 mg, 0.80 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (1.6 mL, 0.1 M) were combined

and stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature for 2 hours. The solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over $MgSO_4$ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. To this was added then 2-fluorobenzoyl chloride (48 μL , 0.40 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.6 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 18 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **9d** as a clear oil (46 mg, 0.12 mmol, 77%). R_f = 0.21 (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). $[\alpha]^{32}_D +7.1$ (c 0.12, $CHCl_3$). IR (film) 2978, 1725, 1714, 1368, 1154 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; d_6 -DMSO at 373 K) 7.47 (1H, d, *J* 5.3, Ar-H), 7.39-7.25 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.25-7.13 (3H, m, Ar-H), 5.27 (1H, t, *J* 6.6, *CHPh*), 4.05-3.91 (1H, br m, *NCHH*), 3.47 (1H, dd, *J* 17.9 and 8.5, *NCHH*), 2.69-2.60 (1H, m, *CHPhCHH*), 2.23-2.16 (1H, br m, *CHPhCHH*), 1.38 (9H, s, $C(CH_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; d_6 -DMSO at 373 K) 159.9 (C=O), 157.9 (C=O), 143.7 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 141.7 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 141.3 (Ar-C, seen on HMBC), 132.5 (d, *J* 7.5, Ar-CH), 129.2 (d, *J* 2.5, Ar-CH), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 116.2 (d, *J* 21.3, 82.1 Ar-C), 63.5 (CH), 28.0 (CH_3), 2 x CH_2 , 2 x C=O and 1 x Ar-C not seen; δF (282 MHz; $CDCl_3$) -112.3 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $C_{21}H_{23}N_2O_3F$ $[M+Na]^+$ 393.1585; found 393.1587.



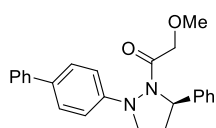
(R)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(5-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)pyrazolidin-1-

yl)methanone (10e). Cyclic hydrazine **9e** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv)

was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2 mL) and stirred for 2 h. It

was then concentrated *in vacuo* and 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride (34 μL , 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and dichloromethane (100 μL , 0.1 M) were added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then a solution of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (36 μL , 0.21 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric

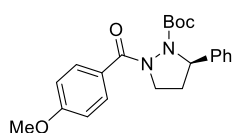
acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10e** as a white solid (32 mg, 86 μ mol, 84%). R_f = 0.18 (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); M.p. 165-166 °C; $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ – 3.8 (*c* 0.17, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2923, 1635, 1509, 1254, 1175 cm⁻¹; δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.81-7.73 (2H, br m, Ar-H), 7.78 (2H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-CH), 7.32 (2H, t, *J* 7.4, Ar-H), 7.26 (1H, t, *J* 7.2, Ar-H), 7.05 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-H), 6.91 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-H), 6.78 (2H, d, *J* 8.8, Ar-H), 5.72-5.64 (1H, br m, CHPh), 3.92-3.79 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.80 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.60-3.39 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.58 (1H, sextet, *J* 12.0, CHPhCHH), 2.32-2.18 (4H, br m, CHPhCHH and CH₃Ar); δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 161.7 (Ar-C), 132.3 (Ar-CH), 130.9 (Ar-CH), 129.5 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-C), 113.8 (Ar-CH), 113.0 (Ar-CH), 62.8 (CH, seen on HSQC), 55.2 (OCH₃), 29.7 (CH₂), 20.5 (CH₃), 3 Ar-C, 1 CH₂ and 1 C=O not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 395.1730; found 395.1727.



(R)-1-(2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-phenylpyrazolidin-1-yl)-2-

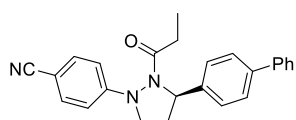
methoxyethan-1-one (10f). Cyclic hydrazine **9f** (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2.0 mL) and stirred for

2 h. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and methoxyacetyl chloride (26 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and dichloromethane (110 μ L, 0.1 M) were added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then a solution of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (39 μ L, 0.22 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10f** as a white solid (28 mg, 74 μ mol, 66%). R_f = 0.16 (50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ – 17.5 (*c* 0.35, CHCl₃). IR (film) 2926, 1686, 1485, 1197, 1128 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.57 (2H, d, *J* 7.3, Ar-H), 7.51 (2H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-CH), 7.46-7.38 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.37-7.23 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.06 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, Ar-H), 5.46 (1H, t, *J* 8.5, CHPh), 4.48 (1H, d, *J* 15.5, NCHH), 4.06 (2H, d, *J* 15.6, CH₂OMe) 3.49-3.43 (4H, m, NCHH and OCH₃), 2.63-2.56 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 2.35-2.25 (1H, br m, CHPhCHH); δC (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 174.5 (C=O), 148.9 (Ar-C), 140.3 (Ar-C), 140.1 (Ar-C), 135.0 (Ar-C), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 116.3 (Ar-CH), 70.5 (CH₂), 61.8 (CH), 59.4 (OCH₃), 54.4 (CH₂), 32.0 (CH₂), 1 Ar-CH not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 395.1730; found 395.1721.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-5-phenylpyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9g).

Cyclic hydrazine **8j** (36 mg, 90 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (11 mg, 0.45 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (0.9 mL, 0.1 M) were combined and stirred (800 rpm) at room temperature for 2 hours. The solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a clear oil. Then a solution of 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride (30 μ L, 0.23 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (0.9 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 18 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **9g** as a clear oil (27 mg, 70 μ mol, 80%). R_f = 0.21 (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +19.6$ (c 0.18, dichloromethane); IR (film) 2989, 2924, 1712, 1611, 1388, 1161 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.58-7.49 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.36-7.23 (5H, m, Ar-H), 6.79 (2H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 5.32 (1H, br s, CHPh), 4.34-4.17 (1H, m, NCHH), 3.81 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.54 (1H, d, J 8.6, NCHH), 2.55 (1H, dtd, J 12.5, 8.3, 4.2, CHPhCHH), 2.27 (1H, br s, CHPhCHH), 1.35 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 161.6 (C=O), 140.6 (Ar-C), 132.2 (Ar-C), 130.2 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 126.5 (Ar-CH), 113.1 (Ar-CH), 82.3 (C), 62.9 (CH), 55.3 (CH_3), 36.2 (CH_2), 28.0 (CH_3), C=O, Ar-C and CH_2 not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 405.1790; found 405.1793.

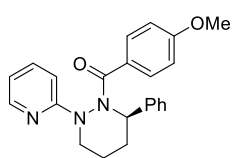


(R)-4-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-propionylpyrazolidin-1-

yl)benzonitrile (10h). Cyclic hydrazine **9h** (20 mg, 47 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2.0 mL) and

stirred for 2 h. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* then propionyl chloride (12 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and dichloromethane (47 μ L, 0.1 M) were added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then a solution of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (16 μ L, 94 μ mol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The mixture was then quenched with 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10h** as a yellow oil (12 mg, 31 μ mol, 66%). R_f = 0.16 (50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} -22.2$ (c 0.12, CHCl_3). IR (film) 2925, 2220, 1675, 1603, 1504, 1175 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.56 (4H, t, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.53 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-H), 7.45 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.40-7.34 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.03 (2H, d, J 8.4, Ar-H), 5.51 (1H, t, J 7.3, CHPh), 4.12-4.04 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.60-3.52 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.67-2.52 (2H, m, CHPhCHH and CO_2CHH), 2.35-2.20 (2H, m, CHPhCHH and CO_2CHH), 1.12 (3H, t, J 7.4, CH_3); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 153.5 (C=O), 140.7 (Ar-C), 140.5

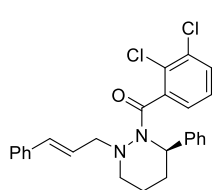
(Ar-C), 139.1 (Ar-C), 133.5 (Ar-CH), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 127.1 (Ar-CH), 119.2 (Ar-C), 115.3 (Ar-CH), 114.1 (Ar-CH), 104.0 (CN), 61.2 (CH), 53.1 (CH₂), 33.7 (CH₂), 26.4 (CH₂), 8.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₃N₃O [M+Na]⁺ 404.1733; found 404.1732.



(R)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(6-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)tetrahydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)methanone (10i).

A solution of cyclic hydrazine **9i** (53 mg, 155 μmol, 1.0 equiv) in 4M HCl/dioxane (2.5 mL) was stirred for 2 h at rt. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved anhydrous dichloromethane (2.0 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride (79 mg, 0.47 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (54 μL, 0.31 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 26 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20-33% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **10i** as a colourless gum (49 mg, 131 μmol, 85%). *R*_f = 0.22 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁹ +72.8 (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (91% *ee*) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 96/4; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t*_R 21.2 min; *t*_R 32.2 min; IR (neat) 2932, 1660, 1590, 1470, 1434, 1301, 1248, 1171, 1027, 840, 756, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H (600 MHz; CDCl₃; 233 K) Three conformers in a ratio of 66:27:7 are observed at 233 K: 8.31 (0.14H, d, *J* 4.3, Ar-*H*), 8.26 (0.47H, d, *J* 4.5, Ar-*H*), 8.00 (0.39H, d, *J* 4.5, Ar-*H*), 7.83 (0.14H, t, *J* 7.6, Ar-*H*), 7.58 (1.90H, t, *J* 7.3, Ar-*H*), 7.54-7.46 (0.88H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.45-7.41 (0.78, m, Ar-*H*), 7.41-7.29 (2.66H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.19-7.15 (1.12H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.98 (0.39H, t, *J* 7.6, Ar-*H*), 6.88 (1.07H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-*H*), 6.83 (0.47H, d, *J* 8.5, Ar-*H*), 6.77-6.70 (1.29H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.46 (0.39H, dd, *J* 6.3, 5.7, Ar-*H*), 6.19 (0.39H, d, *J* 8.6, Ar-*H*), 6.04 (0.39H, t, *J* 5.6, NCH), 5.22 (0.47H, t, *J* 5.5, NCH), 4.80-4.73 (0.39H, m, NCHH), 4.70 (0.14H, br d, *J* 12.7, NCHH), 4.53 (0.47H, br s, NCHH), 4.46 (0.14H, d, *J* 10.9, NCH), 3.83 (1.41H, s, OCH₃), 3.73 (1.18H, s, OCH₃), 3.72 (0.42H, s, OCH₃), 3.66 (0.47H, br s, NCHH), 3.32-3.25 (0.39H, m, NCHH), 3.04 (0.14H, t, *J* 10.7, NCHH), 2.63-2.56 (0.14H, m, CH₂), 2.36-2.23 (0.82H, m, CH₂), 2.24-2.11 (0.61H, m, CH₂), 2.11-1.76 (2.30H, m, CH₂), 1.69-1.63 (0.47H, m, CH₂); ¹³C (150 MHz; CDCl₃; 233 K) Three conformers are observed at 233 K: 173.8 (C=O), 173.0 (C=O), 172.9 (C=O), 162.1 (Ar-C), 161.7 (Ar-C), 160.9 (Ar-C),

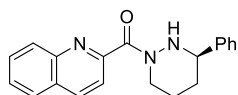
158.3 (Ar-C), 157.9 (Ar-C), 148.5 (Ar-CH), 146.6 (Ar-CH), 140.8 (Ar-C), 140.2 (Ar-C), 139.8 (Ar-C), 139.0 (Ar-CH), 136.6 (Ar-CH), 130.4 (Ar-CH), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 128.9 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.2 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 126.2 (Ar-CH), 126.0 (Ar-C), 125.6 (Ar-C), 115.5 (Ar-CH), 114.2 (Ar-CH), 114.1 (Ar-CH), 113.7 (Ar-CH), 112.9 (Ar-CH), 112.8 (Ar-CH), 109.0 (Ar-CH), 108.1 (Ar-CH), 107.0 (Ar-CH), 63.2 (NCH), 60.4 (NCH), 55.6 (OCH₃), 55.4 (OCH₃), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.0 (NCH), 46.3 (NCH₂), 45.8 (NCH₂), 44.2 (NCH₂), 30.7 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₂), 19.3 (CH₂), 19.1 (CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 374.1863; found 374.1858.



(R)-(2-Cinnamyl-6-phenyltetrahydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)(2,3-

dichlorophenyl)methanone (10k). Cyclic hydrazine **9k** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (2.0 mL) and stirred for 2 h. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and 2,3-dichlorobenzoyl

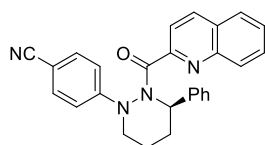
chloride (139 mg, 0.66 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and dichloromethane (100 μ L and 2 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was cooled over an ice bath then a solution of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (93 μ L, 0.53 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 30 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The mixture was then quenched with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid (5.0 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 5.0 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo*. and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10k** as a clear oil (95 mg, 0.21 mmol, 80%). R_f = 0.10 (10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32} +2.1$ (c 0.61, CHCl₃). IR (film) 2934, 2866, 1642, 1414, 970 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.63 (2H, d, J 7.4, Ar-H), 7.47 (1H, d, J 7.2, Ar-H), 7.44 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.35 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.27-7.18 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.09 (2H, d, J 7.3, Ar-H), 6.09 (1H, d, J 3.5, C=CH), 5.76 (1H, d, J 15.9, C=CH), 5.43-5.33 (1H, br m, CHPh), 3.14 (1H, dd, J 12.9, 7.6, NCHH), 2.90 (1H, d, J 11.5, NCHHCH=CH), 2.69 (1H, d, J 11.3, NCHH), 2.27-2.15 (2H, m, CHPhCHH and NCHHCH=CH), 1.69-1.50 (2H, m, CHPhCHH and CH₂CHHCH₂), 1.52-1.46 (1H, m, CH₂CHHCH₂); δC (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 169.9 (C=O), 140.8 (Ar-C), 136.5 (Ar-C), 133.1 (Ar-C), 131.9 (C=CH) 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-C), 127.5 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 126.1 (Ar-CH), 125.5 (Ar-CH), 57.8 (CH₂), 48.4 (CH), 40.8 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₂), 1 Ar-C not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O³⁵Cl₂ [M+Na]⁺ 473.1158; found 473.1151.



(R)-4-(3-Phenyl-2-(quinoline-2-carbonyl)tetrahydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)benzonitrile

(10l). To a solution of cyclic hydrazine **8t** (167 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.0 equiv)

in methanol (16 mL) was added activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred (800 rpm) for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (12 mL), quinaldoyl chloride (192 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (25-33% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give a white solid. The product was dissolved in 4 M HCl/dioxane solution (4.0 mL) and stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **10l** as a white solid (91 mg, 0.29 mmol, 73% over three steps). M.p. 154-156 °C; *R_f* = 0.49 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁹ +22.0 (*c* 0.52, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 2937, 1714, 1347, 1158, 1090, 750, 698, 665 cm⁻¹; δ H (600 MHz; CDCl₃; 233 K) Three conformers in a ratio of 66:27:7 are observed at 233 K. Only chemical shifts for the major conformer are reported: 8.32 (1H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-*H*), 8.13 (1H, d, *J* 8.4, Ar-*H*), 7.90 (1H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-*H*), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* 8.8, Ar-*H*), 7.78 (1H, d, *J* 8.5, Ar-*H*), 7.65 (1H, t, *J* 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.46 (2H, d, *J* 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.40 (2H, t, *J* 7.4, Ar-*H*), 7.35 (1H, t, *J* 7.2, Ar-*H*), 6.77 (1H, s, NH), 4.39 (1H, d, *J* 13.0, NCHH), 4.02 (1H, d, *J* 10.4, NCH), 3.53-3.47 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.04-1.94 (2H, m, CH₂CHN), 1.92-1.84 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂N); δ C (150 MHz; CDCl₃; 233 K) Chemical shifts for the major conformer at 233 K: 163.1 (C=O), 152.4 (Ar-C), 146.5 (Ar-C), 141.2 (Ar-C), 137.5 (Ar-CH), 130.4 (Ar-CH), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-CH), 128.0 (Ar-C), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 126.9 (Ar-CH), 120.8 (Ar-CH), 62.3 (NCH), 47.0 (NCH₂), 32.8 (CH₂CHN), 25.2 (CH₂CH₂N); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N₃NaO [M+Na]⁺ 340.1420; found 340.1417.



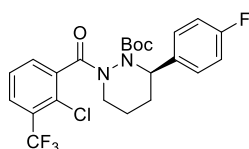
(R)-4-(3-Phenyl-2-(quinoline-2-carbonyl)tetrahydropyridazin-

1(2H)-yl)benzonitrile (10m). A solution of cyclic hydrazine **9m** (92 mg,

0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in HCl/1,4-dioxane (4M, 5.0 mL) was stirred for

2 h at rt. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated

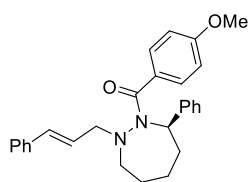
NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (6.0 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of quinaldoyl chloride (144 mg, 0.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (88 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (2.0 mL) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 16 h. The mixture was quenched with saturated Ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **10m** as a pale-yellow oil (77 mg, 0.18 mmol, 73%). *R*_f = 0.32 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁵ –108.2 (c 0.43, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 2930, 2865, 2233, 1666, 1598, 1508, 1371, 1178, 837, 734, 703 cm⁻¹; δ*H* (600 MHz; CDCl₃; 273 K) Two main conformers in a ratio of 67:33 are observed at 273 K. Chemical shifts of the major conformer: 8.02 (1H, d, *J* 8.5, Ar-*H*), 7.96 (1H, d, *J* 8.5, Ar-*H*), 7.79-7.74 (1H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.72 (1H, d, *J* 8.1, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (1H, t, *J* 7.7, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.50 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.39 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, Ar-*H*), 7.31-7.28 (3H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.05 (2H, d, *J* 8.9, Ar-*H*), 6.32 (2H, d, *J* 8.9, Ar-*H*), 5.91 (1H, t, *J* 7.9, NCH), 4.10 (1H, dt, *J* 9.7, 4.9, NCHH), 3.70 (1H, td, *J* 9.4, 6.7, NCHH), 2.41-2.35 (1H, m, NCHCHH), 2.28-2.23 (1H, m, NCH₂CHH), 2.16-2.10 (2H, m, NCHCHH, NCH₂CHH); δ*C* (150 MHz; CDCl₃; 273 K) Chemical shifts of the major conformer at 273 K: 171.6 (C=O), 152.8 (Ar-C), 150.9 (Ar-C), 146.5 (Ar-C), 139.7 (Ar-C), 136.8 (Ar-CH), 132.9 (Ar-CH), 130.1 (Ar-CH), 129.6 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (Ar-CH), 128.1 (Ar-C), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 120.1 (Ar-C), 119.3 (Ar-CH), 99.8 (CN), 58.5 (NCH), 48.9 (NCH₂), 26.2 (NCHCH₂), 19.8 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₇H₂₂N₄NaO [M+Na]⁺ 441.1686; found 441.1680.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-6-(4-fluorophenyl)tetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (9n**).**

To a solution of cyclic hydrazine **8v** (217 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (20 mL) was added activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred (800 rpm) for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL), 2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (304 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The combined

organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-33% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **9n** as a colourless, viscous oil (174 mg, 0.36 mmol, 71%). $R_f = 0.29$ (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{29} -8.8$ (c 0.31, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2976, 1714, 1667, 1511, 1315, 1133, 836, 734 cm^{-1} ; δH (600 MHz; d_6 -DMSO at 373 K) Two main conformers in a ratio of 56:44 are observed at 373 K: 7.90 (0.44H, d, J 7.9, Ar- H), 7.78 (0.56H, d, J 7.6, Ar- H), 7.69-7.59 (1.50H, m, Ar- H), 7.53-7.44 (1.32 H, m, Ar- H), 7.13 (1.0H, t, J 8.6, Ar- H), 6.88-6.77 (2.52H, m, Ar- H), 5.40 (0.44H, br. s, 2H, NCH), 5.13-5.09 (0.56H, m, NCH), 4.26-4.20 (0.56H, m, NCH_2), 3.44-3.31 (1.24H, m, NCH_2), 3.25 (0.48H, br s, NCH_2), 2.29-2.19 (0.8H, m, CH_2), 2.16-2.01 (1.9H, m, CH_2), 1.94-1.86 (0.74H, m, CH_2), 1.79 (0.53 H, br s, CH_2), 1.52 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (150 MHz; d_6 -DMSO at 373 K) Only chemical shifts for the major conformer are reported: 161.7 (C=O), 156.0 (Boc-C=O), 137.3 (Ar-C), 135.3 (Ar-C), 129.7 (Ar-CH), 128.3 (d, J 7.8, Ar-CH), 127.4 (d, J 8.3, Ar-CH), 126.1 (Ar-CH), 122.9 (Ar-C), 113.9 (d, J 21.4, Ar-CH), 82.5 (C), 59.3 (NCH), 41.2 (NCH_2), 27.3 (CH_3), 23.1 (CH_2CHN), 18.3 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$); CF and CF_3 are not observed; δF (376 MHz; d_6 -DMSO) -61.2 (CF_3), -116.3 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClF}_4\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 509.1226; found 509.1229.



(R)-(2-Cinnamyl-7-phenyl-1,2-diazepan-1-yl)(4-

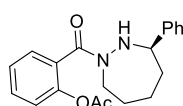
methoxyphenyl)methanone (10o). A solution of cyclic hydrazine **9o**

(140 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in HCl/dioxane (4M, 5.0 mL) was stirred

for 2 h at rt. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane

(15 mL) and saturated NaHCO_3 solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 \times 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved anhydrous dichloromethane (4.0 mL), cooled to 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, and a solution of 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride (182 mg, 1.07 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (125 μL , 0.72 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt then stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5-10% EtOAc/toluene) to give **10o** as a colourless gum (50 mg, 0.12 mmol, 33%). $R_f = 0.40$ (10% EtOAc in toluene); $[\alpha]_D^{27} -2.0$ (c 0.55, CHCl_3); Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 $^\circ\text{C}$). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 2/98; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 55.2 min; t_R 66.8 min; IR (neat) 2918, 2848,

1635, 1605, 1327, 1252, 1171, 1032, 961, 831, 763, 699 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) Chemical shifts for the major conformer: 7.61-7.41 (1H, m, Ar-H), 7.36-7.27 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.25-7.10 (3H, m, Ar-H), 6.86 (2H, d, J 8.3, Ar-H), 6.57 (1H, d, J 15.8, C=CH), 6.12 (1H, dt, J 12.2, 6.3, C=CH), 4.56 (1H, dd, J 8.5, 6.0, NCH), 4.38 (1H, dd, J 14.0, 7.4, CHHCH), 3.90-3.84 (1H, m, CHHCH), 3.83 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.76-3.55 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.98 (1H, br d, J 12.1, NCHH), 2.23-2.10 (1H, m, CHHCHN), 2.03-1.82 (2H, m, CHHCHN, CHHCH₂CHN), 1.81-1.67 (2H, m, CHHCH₂N), 1.57-1.45 (1H, m, CHHCH₂CHN); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) Chemical shifts for the major conformer: 172.2 (C=O), 160.5 (Ar-C), 143.3 (Ar-C), 137.4 (Ar-C), 132.0 (alk-CH), 130.2 (Ar-C), 128.6 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 128.41 (Ar-CH), 128.37 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (128.41 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (128.41 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (alk-CH), 126.5 (Ar-CH), 113.7 (Ar-CH), 64.7 (NCH), 59.6 (CH_2CH), 55.4 (OCH_3), 51.2 (NCH_2), 36.4 (NCHCH_2), 30.8 (NCH_2CH_2), 25.3 ($\text{NCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$); HRMS (ESI^+) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 449.2199; found 449.2201.

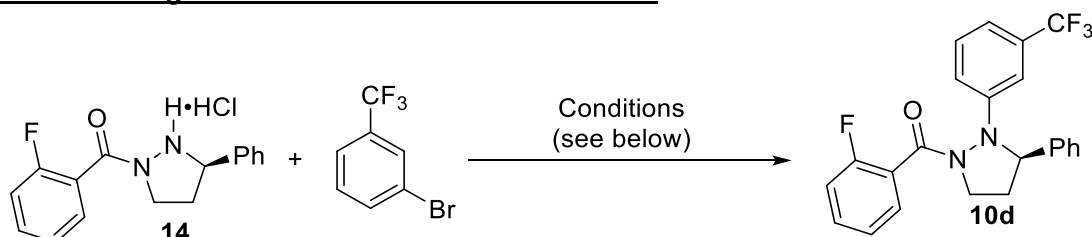


(R)-2-(3-Phenyl-1,2-diazepane-1-carbonyl)phenyl acetate (10p). To a

solution of cyclic hydrazine **8u** (200 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (20 mL) was added activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL), O-acetylsalicyloyl chloride (231 mg, 1.16 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20-50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give a colourless oil. The oil was dissolved in $\text{HCl}/1,4$ -dioxane solution (4M, 5.0 mL) and stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated NaHCO_3 solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 \times 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (33-50% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give **10p** as a colourless, viscous oil (84 mg, 0.25 mmol, 53% over three steps). R_f = 0.39 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{29}_D +10.5$ (c 0.41, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2933, 1766, 1626, 1403, 1198, 908, 732 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) Two conformers in a ratio of 85:15 are observed, only chemical shifts for the major conformer are reported: 7.49 (2H, d, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.44 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar-H), 7.38-7.33 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.29 (2H, t, J 7.6, Ar-

H), 7.20 (1H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-*H*), 5.61 (1H, br s, NH), 4.03 (1H, dd, *J* 10.2, 2.8, NCH), 3.48 (2H, dd, *J* 7.7, 5.4, NCH₂), 2.28 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.01-1.80 (5H m, CH₂CHN, CH₂CH₂N, CHHCH₂CH₂N), 1.63-1.51 (1H, m, CHHCH₂CH₂N); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) Chemical shifts for the major conformer: 169.1 (COO), 166.9 (CON), 147.2 (Ar-C), 141.9 (Ar-C), 130.5 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-C), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 127.6 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 126.1 (Ar-CH), 123.3 (Ar-CH), 65.9 (NCH), 50.6 (NCH₂), 37.8 (CH₂CHN), 27.4 (CH₂CH₂N), 24.2 (CH₂CH₂CH₂N), 21.1 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₂N₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 361.1523; found 361.1518.

Buchwald-Hartwig Amination Screen 2 – 48 Well Screen



The reactions were performed in an aluminium heating block with 48 x 750 μ L vials, each with a teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar. These vials were arranged in 12 columns (labelled 1-12) and 4 rows (labelled A-D). The following powders were weighed into the vials using a Mettler Toledo QX96 powder dispenser inside a glovebox.

All vials in row A: Sodium *tert*-butoxide (4.7 mg, 49 μ mol, 3.0 equiv).

All vials in rows B, F: Caesium carbonate (15.9 mg, 49 μ mol, 3.0 equiv).

All vials in rows C, G: Potassium carbonate (6.8 mg, 49 μ mol, 3.0 equiv).

All vials in rows D, H: Potassium phosphate tribasic (10.4 mg, 49 μ mol, 3.0 equiv).

All vials in column 1: [XantPhos Pd(allyl)]Cl (1.2 mg, 1.6 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 2: [(*R*)-BINAP Pd(allyl)]Cl (1.4 mg, 1.6 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 3: Pd(dppf)Cl₂ · Dichloromethane (1.3 mg, 1.6 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 4: [P(*t*Bu)₃] Pd(crotyl) Cl (0.7 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.12 equiv).

All vials in column 5: [BippyPhos Pd(allyl)]OTf (1.3 mg, 1.6 μ mol, 0.1 equiv)

All vials in column 6: AdBettPhos (1.3 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.12 equiv) and palladium (II) acetate (0.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 7: [*t*BuBrettPhos Pd(allyl)]OTf (1.3 mg, 1.7 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 8: MorDalPhos (0.9 mg, 2.0 μ mol, 0.12 equiv) and palladium (II) acetate (0.5 mg, 2.2 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 9: [BrettPhos Pd(crotyl)]OTf (1.4 mg, 1.7 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 10: [*t*BuXPhos Pd(allyl)]OTf (1.2 mg, 1.7 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 11: XPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (1.1 mg, 1.6 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

All vials in column 12: RuPhos Pd(crotyl)Cl (1.1 mg, 1.7 μ mol, 0.1 equiv).

Stock Solution: (2-Fluorophenyl)-[(3*R*)-3-phenylpyrazolidin-1-yl]methanone hydrochloride (**14**) (258 mg, 0.78 mmol) and 3-bromobenzotrifluoride (265 mg, 164 μ L, 1.18 mmol) in toluene (3.60 mL).

All vials were dosed with 75 μ L of Stock Solution which contained (2-fluorophenyl)-[(3*R*)-3-phenylpyrazolidin-1-yl]methanone hydrochloride (**14**) (5.4 mg, 16 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-bromobenzotrifluoride (5.5 mg, 34 μ L, 25 μ mol, 1.5 equiv).

N.B. **14** was obtained by stirring **9d** (1 g) in HCl/dioxane solution (10 mL) for 2 h. This solution was then concentrated in vacuo to give **14** as a pale yellow solid which was used in the screen without further purification.

The plate was sealed with a silicone and PFA mat and placed on an HEL polyblock. The plate was then heated at 90 °C for 16 h. The vials were then cooled to rt and DMSO (300 μ L) was added to each using a multichannel pipette. A 5 μ L aliquot was extracted from each then added to a 96-well analytical plate and diluted with DMSO (50 μ L). The plate was analyzed by reverse phase LCMS (XBridge C₁₈ 3.5- μ m 2.1 \times 35 mm Column, 1.6 mL min⁻¹, 50 °C; gradient 5:95 to 99:1 (pH 9 H₂O + 10 mM NH₄HCO₂) / MeCN over 0.7 min + 0.3 min hold). The LCMS traces were processed using in-house software and the results visualized using Spotfire software to give Figure S2:

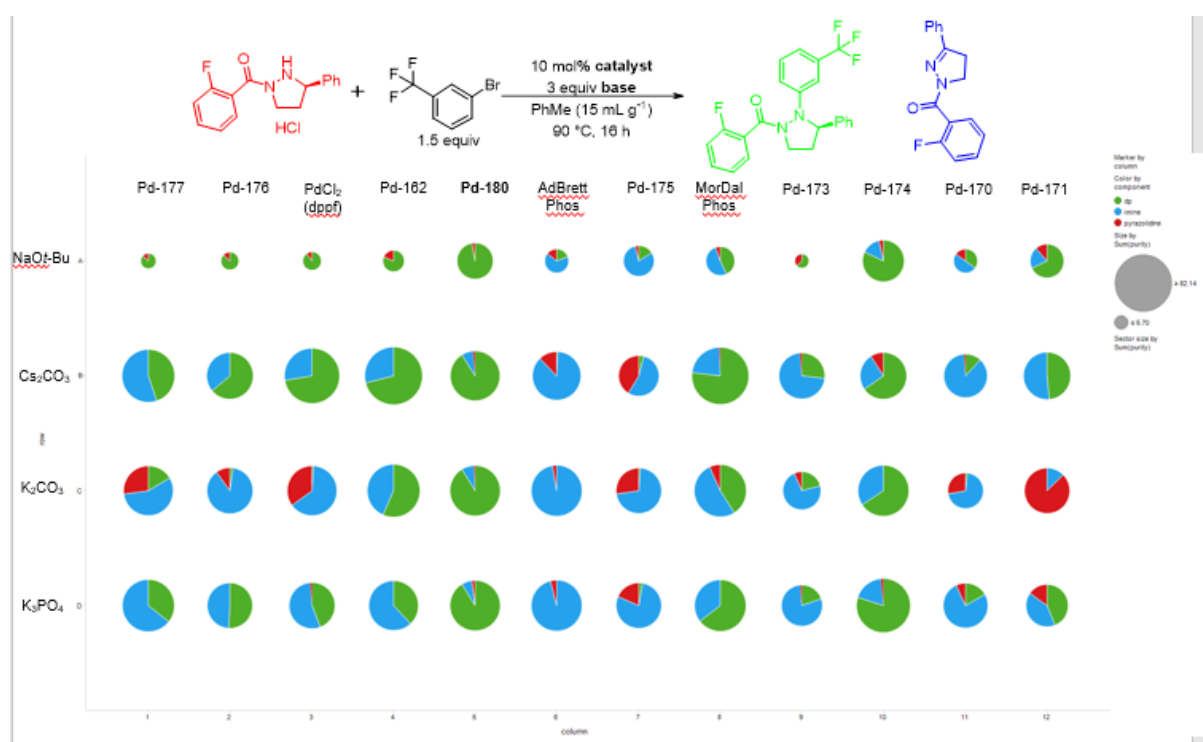
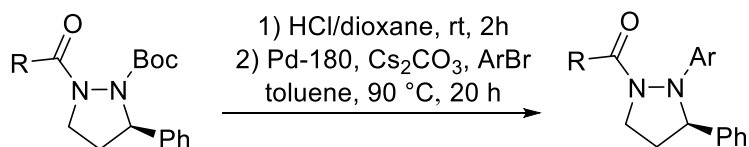
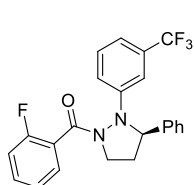


Figure S2 High throughput screening of the Buchwald-Hartwig coupling of **14**

General method 6: Buchwald-Hartwig Amination with Pd-180



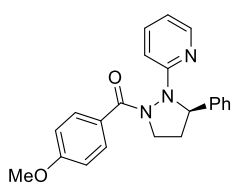
The cyclic hydrazine was dissolved in HCl/dioxane solution (4M, 2.0 mL) and stirred for 2 h at rt. It was then concentrated *in vacuo*. To this was added Pd-180 (0.05 equiv), caesium carbonate (3.0 equiv), aryl bromide (1.5 equiv) and toluene (1.0 M), and the solution was stirred at 90 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5.0 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5.0 mL) and dried over magnesium sulphate. It was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (15-25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give the following compounds.



(R)-(2-Fluorophenyl)(3-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazolidin-

1-yl)methanone (10d). Following general method 6, cyclic hydrazine **9d**

(26 mg, 70 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), with Pd-180 (3 mg, 4 μ mol, 0.05 equiv), caesium carbonate (68 mg, 0.21 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 3-bromobenzotrifluoride (15 μ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and toluene (70 μ L) gave **10d** as a clear oil (21 mg, 54 μ mol, 77%). R_f = 0.15 (15% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ -8.5 (*c* 0.14, CHCl₃); Enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak IA column 2-propanol/hexane = 1/99; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] t_R 33.9 min; t_R 37.8 min; IR (film) 2925, 1659, 1491, 1382, 1211 cm⁻¹; δH (500 MHz; d6-DMSO at 373 K) 7.60-7.03 (13H, m, Ar-H), 5.04 (1H, t, *J* 5.5, CHPh), 4.09-3.87 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.65 (1H, dd, *J* 17.3, 8.9, NCHH), 2.68-2.58 (1H, br m, CHPhCHH), 2.34-2.22 (1H, br m, CHPhCHH); δC (125 MHz, d6-DMSO at 373 K) 159.7 (C=O), 157.8 (Ar-C), 145.7 (Ar-CH), 132.2 (Ar-CH), 130.5 (q, *J* 31.3, Ar-C), 130.5 (Ar-CH), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 127.9 (Ar-CH), 126.8 (Ar-CH), 124.6 (q, *J* 271, CF₃), 124.5 (d, *J* 15, Ar-C), 116.2 (d, *J* 23, Ar-CH), 2 CH₂, 1 CH and 4 Ar-CH not seen; δF (276 MHz; d6-DMSO) -61.1 (minor), -61.4 (CF₃), -114.7 (minor), -115.1 (Ar-CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for F₄C₂₃H₁₈N₂O [M+Na]⁺ 437.1247; found 437.1248.



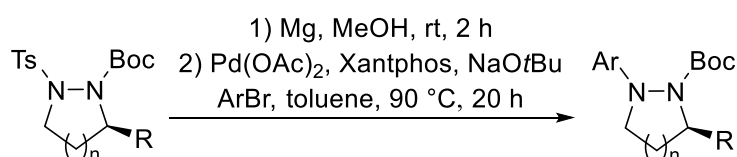
(R)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(3-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazolidin-1-

yl)methanone (10g). Following general method 6, cyclic hydrazine **9g**

(25 mg, 65 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), with Pd-180 (3 mg, 3 μ mol, 0.05 equiv), caesium carbonate (64 mg, 0.20 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 2-bromopyridine (9 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and toluene (65 μ L) gave **10g** as a clear oil (19 mg, 52 μ mol, 80%). R_f = 0.13 (33% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{32}_D$ +9.2 (*c* 0.23, dichloromethane).

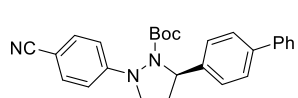
IR (film) 2932, 1651, 1597, 1461, 1432, 1258, 1173 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 8.32 (1H, s, Ar-CH), 7.60 (1H, t, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.53-6.87 (9H, m, Ar-H), 6.69 (1H, s, Ar-H), 5.88 (1H, t, J 7.5, CHPh), 4.70-3.39 (1H, br m, NCHH), 3.76 (3H, s, CH_3), 3.52-3.49 (1H, br m, NCHH), 2.53-2.31 (2H, br m, CHPhCH_2); δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 161.5 (C=O), 148.4 (Ar-C), 138.2 (Ar-C), 130.3 (Ar-CH), 128.4 (Ar-CH), 127.2 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 117.5 (Ar-CH), 113.0 (Ar-CH), 109.1 (Ar-CH), 66.1 (CH), 55.2 (CH_3), 44.7 (CH_2), 2 Ar-C, 2 Ar-CH and 1 CH_2 not seen; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 360.1712; found 360.1712.

General method 7: Buchwald-Hartwig Amination with $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ and Xantphos



N.B. Magnesium turnings were activated by washing them with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid solution (2 × 20 mL), water (20 mL) and methanol (20 mL).

To a solution of cyclic hydrazine in methanol (0.1 M) was added activated magnesium turnings (5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred vigorously (800 rpm) for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in toluene (1.0 M), and palladium acetate (5-10 mol%), Xantphos (10-20 mol%), sodium *tert*-butoxide (2.0 equiv) and aryl bromide (1.5 equiv) were added and the solution was stirred at 90 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 5 mL), dried over magnesium sulphate and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (15-25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give the following compounds.



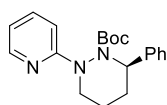
***tert*-Butyl**

(*R*)-5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(4-

cyanophenyl)pyrazolidine-1-carboxylate (9h**).** Following general

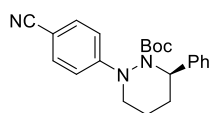
method 7, **8k** (40 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (15 mg, 0.60 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (1.2 mL, 0.1 M), then palladium acetate (3 mg, 12 μmol , 0.1 equiv), Xantphos (14 mg, 25 μmol , 0.2 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (24 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 4-bromobenzonitrile (45 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (0.12 mL, 1.0 M) yielded **9h** as a clear oil (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 86%). R_f = 0.23 (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{32}$ -10.7 (c 0.42, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2977, 2928, 2218, 1705, 1603, 1509, 1338, 1142 cm^{-1} ;

δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.48 (4H, dd, *J* 8.0, 4.8, Ar-H), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-H), 7.35 (2H, t, *J* 7.6, Ar-H), 7.27 (1H, t, *J* 7.4, Ar-H), 7.21 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, Ar-H), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* 8.8, Ar-H), 5.26 (1H, t, *J* 6.9, CHPh), 3.77-3.70 (1H, m, NCHH), 3.66 (1H, dt, *J* 10.5, 7.4, NCHH), 2.53 (1H, td, *J* 12.5, 7.1, CHPhCHH), 2.23-2.12 (1H, m, CHPhCHH), 1.36 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 152.8 (C=O), 140.5 (Ar-C), 139.8 (Ar-C), 133.2 (Ar-C), 128.8 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 127.0 (Ar-CH), 126.6 (Ar-C), 126.6 (Ar-CH), 119.9 (Ar-C), 114.2 (Ar-CH), 102.1 (CN), 82.3 (C), 62.8 (CH), 50.6 (CH₂), 35.1 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₇H₂₇N₃O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 448.1995; found 448.1999.



tert-Butyl (R)-6-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)tetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (9i). Following general method 7, **8t** (208 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methanol (20 mL, 0.1 M), activated magnesium turnings (61

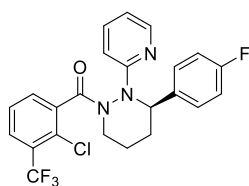
mg, 2.50 mmol, 5.0 equiv), then toluene (1.0 mL, 0.5 M), palladium acetate (5.6 mg, 25 μ mol, 5 mol%), Xantphos (29 mg, 50 μ mol, 10 mol%), sodium *tert*-butoxide (96 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and 2-bromopyridine (95 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) yielded **9i** as an off-white solid (113 mg, 0.33 mmol, 67%). M.p. 72-74 °C; *R*_f = 0.23 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁹ +68.8 (*c* 0.53, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess (91% *ee*) was determined by HPLC analysis (25 °C). [Chiralpak OD-H column 2-propanol/hexane = 0.8/99.2; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 254 nm] *t*_R 6.7 min; *t*_R 7.3 min; IR (neat) 2967, 2876, 1591, 1476, 1439, 1299, 1153, 1075, 1044, 877, 766, 701 cm⁻¹; δ H (500 MHz; CDCl₃) 8.11 (1H, d, *J* 4.4, Ar-H), 7.40 (2H, d, *J* 7.4, Ar-H), 7.34 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.5, 7.0, 1.3, Ar-H), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* 7.2, Ar-H), 7.22 (1H, t, *J* 7.2, Ar-H), 6.57 (2H, dd, *J* 6.9, 5.3, Ar-H), 5.40 (1H, br s, NCH), 4.42 (1H, br s, NCHH), 3.33 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.10-2.00 (3H, m, CH₂CHN, CHHCH₂N), 1.67-1.60 (1H, m, CHHCH₂N), 1.31 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); δ C (125 MHz; CDCl₃) 159.5 (Ar-C), 147.0 (Ar-CH), 141.3 (Ar-C), 136.9 (Ar-CH), 128.5 (Ar-CH), 127.4 (Ar-CH), 127.3 (Ar-CH), 113.5 (Ar-CH), 107.8 (Ar-CH), 81.6 (C), 59.1 (NCH), 43.5 (NCH₂), 28.2 (Boc-CH₃), 27.3 (CH₂CHN), 20.0 (CH₂CH₂N), Boc C=O not observed; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 340.2020; found 340.2023.



tert-Butyl (R)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-6-phenyltetrahydropyridazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (9m). Following general method 7, **8t** (208 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methanol (20 mL, 0.1 M), activated magnesium turnings (61 mg,

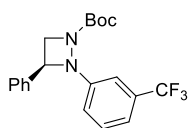
2.50 mmol, 5.0 equiv), then toluene (1.0 mL, 0.5 M), palladium acetate (5.6 mg, 25 μ mol, 5 mol%), Xantphos (29 mg, 50 μ mol, 10 mol%), sodium *tert*-butoxide (96 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and 4-bromobenzonitrile (182 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) gave **9m** as a colourless oil that crystallised upon standing to an off-white solid (104 mg, 0.29 mmol, 57%). M.p. 124-125 °C; *R*_f = 0.19 (20% EtOAc in petroleum ether); [α]_D²⁵ +123.5 (*c* 0.08, CHCl₃); IR (neat)

2977, 2860, 2227, 1704, 1606, 1297, 1168, 835, 714 cm^{-1} ; δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.40 (2H, d, J 8.9, Ar- H), 7.38-7.34 (2H, m, Ar- H), 7.33-7.27 (3H, m, Ar- H), 6.64 (2H, d, J 8.8, Ar- H), 5.35 (1H, br s, NCH), 3.67 (1H, dd, J 16.6, 9.1, NCHH), 3.49 (1H, br s, NCHH), 2.17-2.05 (2H, m, CHHCHN, CHHCH₂N), 1.93 (1H, dd, J 21.6, 10.8, CHHCHN), 1.70-1.63 (1H, m, CHHCH₂N), 1.26 (9H, br s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 155.6 (Boc C=O), 152.3 (Ar-C), 141.2 (Ar-C), 133.3 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 127.8 (Ar-CH), 127.21 (Ar-CH), 120.4 (Ar-C), 111.5 (Ar-CH), 100.1 (CN), 82.1 (C), 60.1 (NCH), 45.8 (NCH₂), 28.2 (Boc-CH₃), 27.0 (CH₂CHN), 20.1 (CH₂CH₂N); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 386.1839; found 386.1837.



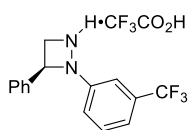
(R)-2-Chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)tetrahydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)methanone (10n).

A solution of cyclic hydrazine **9n** (80 mg, 165 μmol , 1.0 equiv) in 4 M HCl/dioxane (2.5 mL) was stirred for 2 h at rt. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (15 mL) and saturated NaHCO_3 solution (15 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with dichloromethane (2 \times 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved anhydrous toluene (1.0 mL), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (3.7 mg, 16.5 μmol , 10 mol%), Xantphos (19 mg, 33 μmol , 20 mol%), sodium *tert*-butoxide (32 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and 2-bromopyridine (31 μL , 0.33 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 18 h. The mixture was cooled to rt, then quenched with saturated Ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (33-50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to give **10n** as a pale-yellow oil (38 mg, 82 μmol , 50%). R_f = 0.42 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ –57.9 (c 0.12, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 2916, 1659, 1588, 1510, 1467, 1432, 1316, 1222, 1132, 1090, 808, 765, 730, 673 cm^{-1} ; δH (600 MHz; CDCl_3) Only chemical shifts for the major conformer are reported: 8.33 (1H, d, J 4.5, Ar- H), 7.72-7.69 (2H, m, Ar- H), 7.55 (1H, d, J 7.8, Ar- H), 7.12 (1H, br s, Ar- H), 6.96-6.90 (2H, m, Ar- H), 6.82-6.78 (2H, m, Ar- H), 6.69 (2H, t, J 8.4, Ar- H), 5.62 (1H, s, NCH), 4.60 (1H, dt, J 13.0, 7.8, NCHH), 3.59-3.50 (1H, m, NCHH), 2.27-2.22 (1H, m, CHH), 2.20-2.14 (1H, m, CHH), 2.13-2.07 (1H, m, CHH), 1.63-1.56 (1H, m, CHH); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 169.5 (C=O), 162.1 (d, J 246.0, CF), 160.3 (Ar-C), 148.9 (Ar-CH), 138.5 (d, J 9.0, Ar-CH), 138.0 (Ar-C), 136.1 (Ar-C), 128.1 (d, J 8.0, Ar-CH), 125.7 (Ar-CH), 123.9 (Ar-CH), 122.5 (q, J 273.5, CF_3), 121.3 (Ar-CH), 117.0 (Ar-CH), 115.0 (d, J 21.5, Ar-CH), 108.1 (Ar-CH), 60.6 (NCH), 40.4 (NCH₂), 23.7 (CH₂NCH), 19.5 (CH₂NCH₂), 2 Ar-C not seen; δF (282 MHz; CDCl_3) –61.5 (CF_3), –116.1 (CF); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClF}_4\text{N}_3\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 486.0967; found 486.0963.



tert-Butyl (S)-3-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2-diazetidene-1-carboxylate (9q).

Following general method 7, cyclic hydrazine **8b** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (31 mg, 1.29 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methanol (5.0 mL) then palladium acetate (6.0 mg, 26 μ mol, 0.1 equiv), Xantphos (30 mg, 51 μ mol, 0.2 equiv), sodium *tert*-butoxide (49 mg, 0.51 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 3-trifluoromethyl-bromobenzene (71 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and toluene (5.0 mL) yielded **9q** as an orange oil (35 mg, 90 μ mol, 35%). R_f = 0.78 (25% EtOAc/petroleum ether); $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ +4.6 (*c* 0.23, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2978, 1715, 1327, 1120, 1028 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.56 (2H, d, J 7.3, Ar-H), 7.48 (2H, t, J 7.5, Ar-H), 7.42 (1H, d, J 7.2, Ar-H), 7.33 (1H, t, J 7.9, Ar-H), 7.22 (1H, d, J 7.7, Ar-H), 7.15 (1H, s, Ar-H), 6.94 (1H, d, J 8.6, Ar-H), 4.94 (1H, t, J 8.4, CHPh), 4.58 (1H, t, J 8.5, NCHH) 4.10 (1H, t, J 7.6, NCHH), 1.56 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 161.1 (C=O), 153.6 (Ar-C), 139.1 (Ar-C), 130.9 (q, J 31.3, Ar-C), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 129.0 (Ar-CH), 128.7 (Ar-CH), 126.7 (Ar-CH), 124.1 (q, J 271.3, CF_3), 118.4 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 117.4 (Ar-CH), 111.3 (q, J 5.0, Ar-CH), 82.5 (C), 67.7 (CH), 56.8 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_3); δF (376 MHz; CDCl_3) -62.8 (CF_3); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 401.1447; found 401.1450.



(S)-4-Phenyl-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2-diazetidene trifluoroacetic acid (10q).

Cyclic hydrazine **9q** (14 mg, 38 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), trifluoroacetic acid (30 μ L, 0.38 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and dichloromethane (1.0 mL) were stirred at rt for 2 h then concentrated *in vacuo* to yield **10q** as an orange oil (13 mg, 33 μ mol, 88%). $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ -4.8 (*c* 0.36, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2920, 2852 1759, 1460, 1232, 1032 cm^{-1} ; δH (500 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.46-7.37 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.20 (1H, d, J 7.6, Ar-H), 7.05 (1H, s, Ar-H), 6.99 (1H, d, J 8.1, Ar-H), 5.69 (1H, t, J 8.0, CHPh), 4.20 (1H, t, J 8.3, NCHH), 3.73 (1H, t, J 8.3, NCHH), δC (125 MHz; CDCl_3) 146.4 (Ar-C), 137.1 (Ar-C), 130.0 (Ar-CH), 129.4 (Ar-CH), 129.1 (Ar-CH), 125.7 (Ar-CH), 118.2 (q, J 3.8, Ar-CH), 116.4 (Ar-CH), 109.7 (q, J 2.5, Ar-CH), 74.5 (CH), 53.9 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_3), 1 C=O, 2 CF_3 and 1 Ar-C not seen; δF (376 MHz; CDCl_3) -62.9 (CF_3), -70.8 and -70.9 (1:1 rotamer, $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$); HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{F}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 301.0929; found 301.0930.

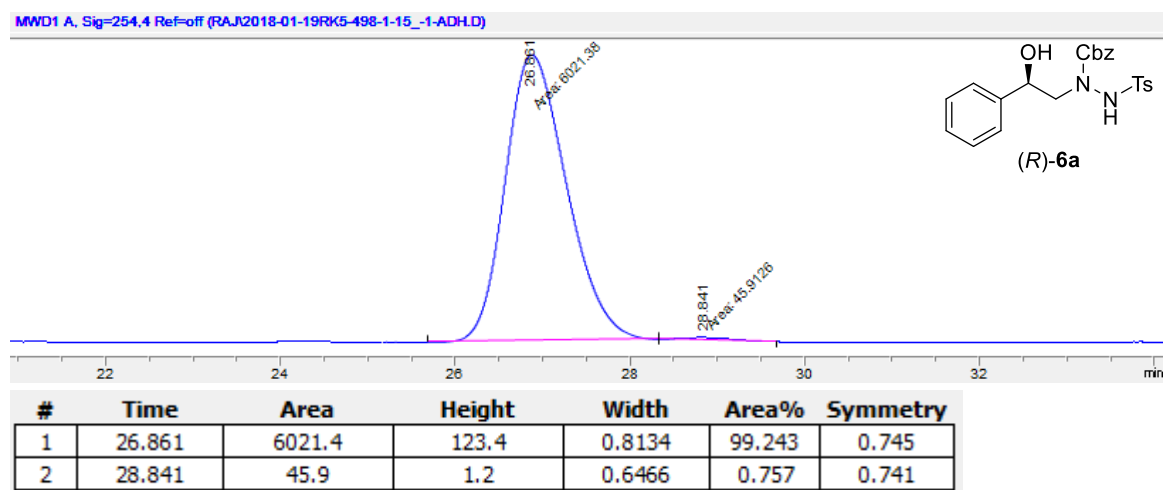
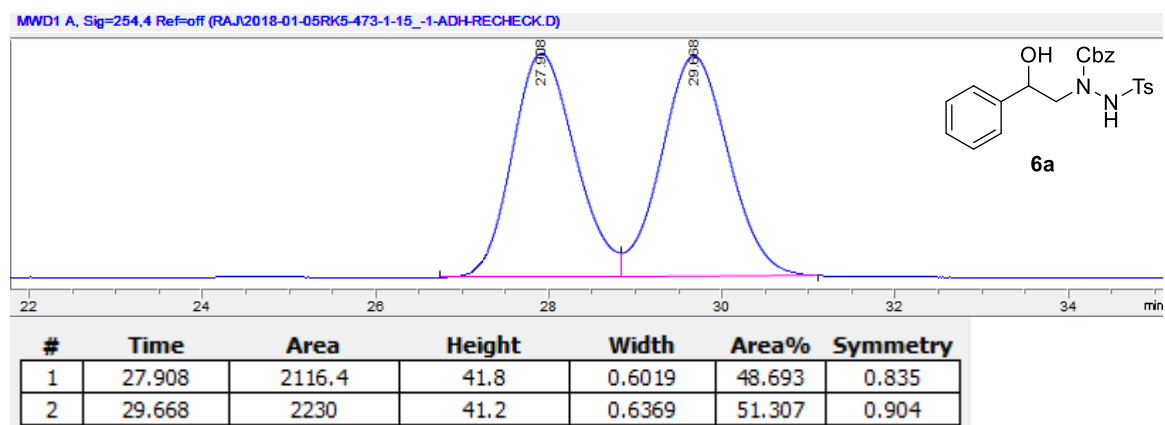
HPLC Profiles of 6a-v, 8a-v, 10b, 10d, 10i and 10o

HPLC analysis was conducted on an Agilent Technologies 1200 Series HPLC, using a ratio of HPLC grade hexane and propan-2-ol as the eluent, and detection by UV at 254 nm. *Racemic* traces were produced by NaBH₄-mediated reduction of the corresponding ketone or mixing of equal quantities of the *R* and *S* enantiomers.

The HPLC profiles of **6h**, **6i**, **6k**, **6r**, and **6s** were not determined, the data for the corresponding hydrazines (**8h**, **8i**, **8k**, **8r**, and **8s**) were used to determine the expected enantiomeric excesses of these compounds.

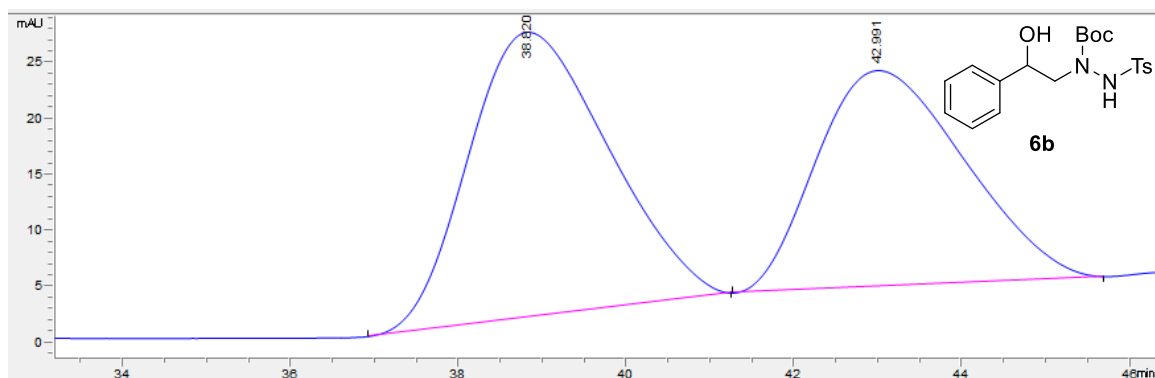
HPLC profile of 6a

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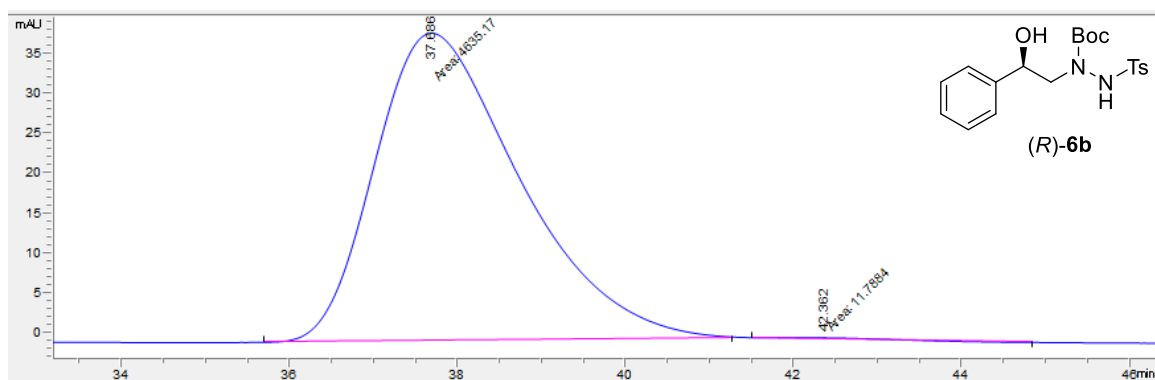


HPLC Trace of **6b**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 98.5:1.5 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



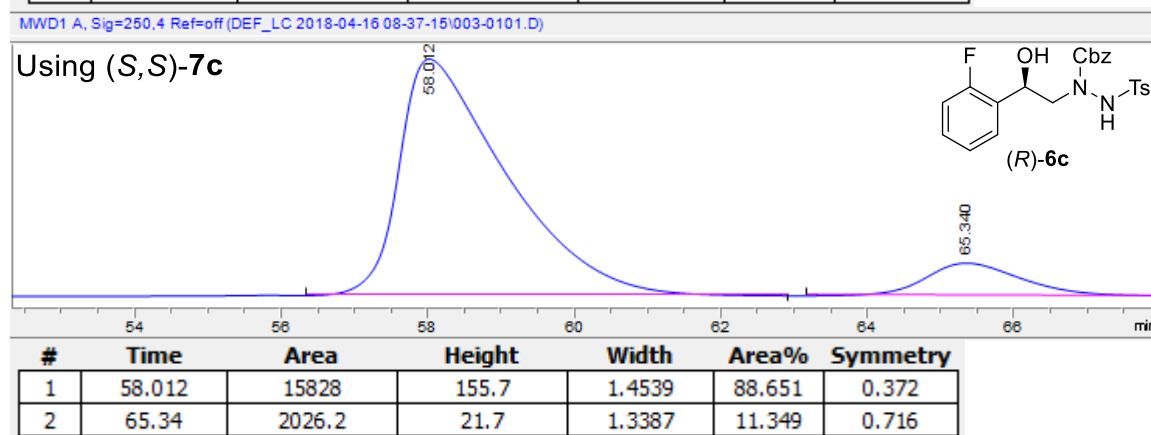
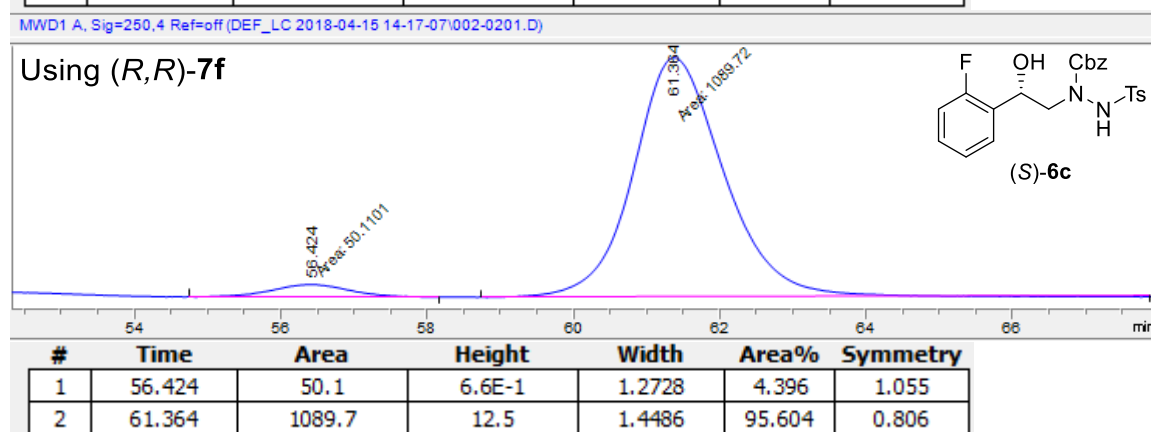
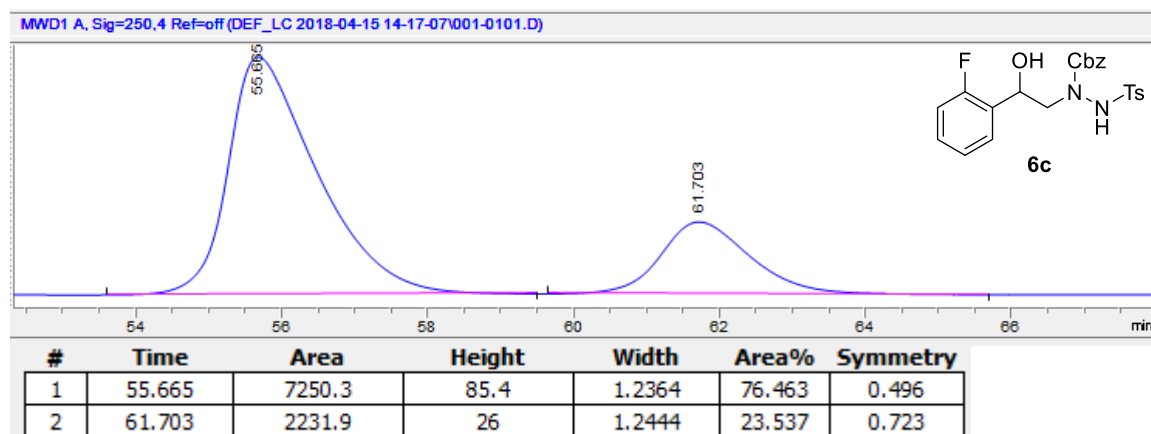
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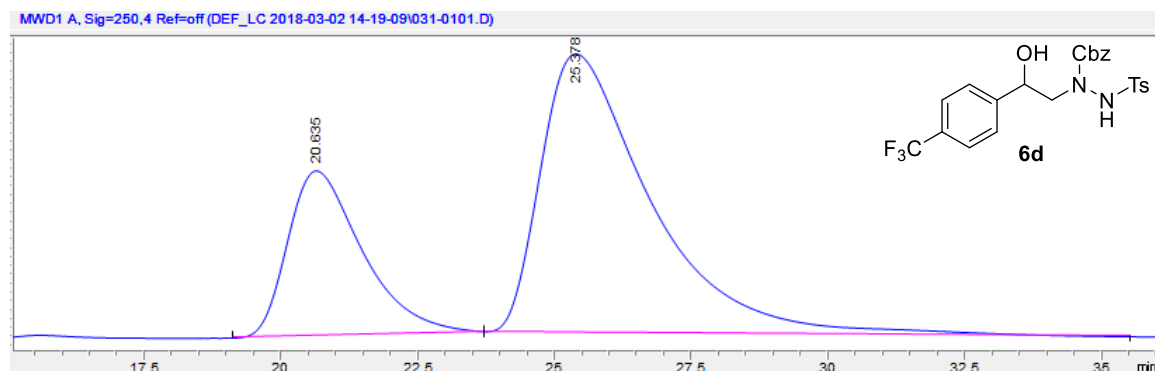
HPLC profile of **6c**

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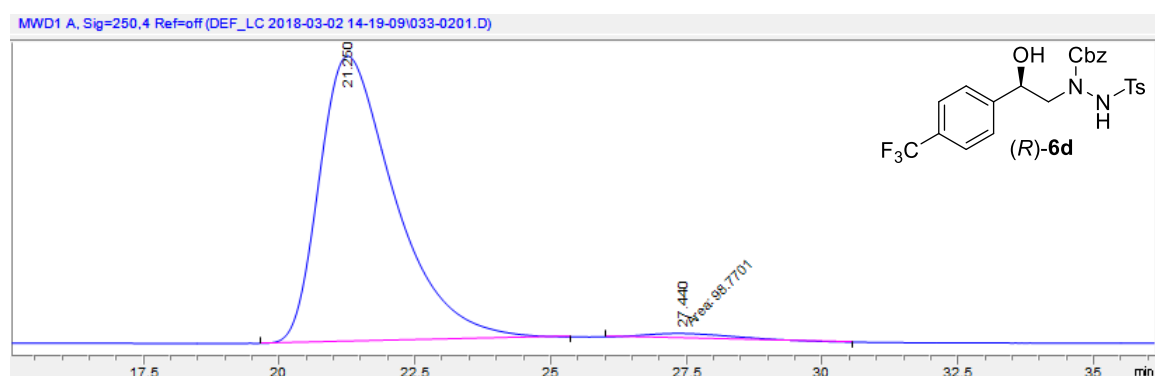


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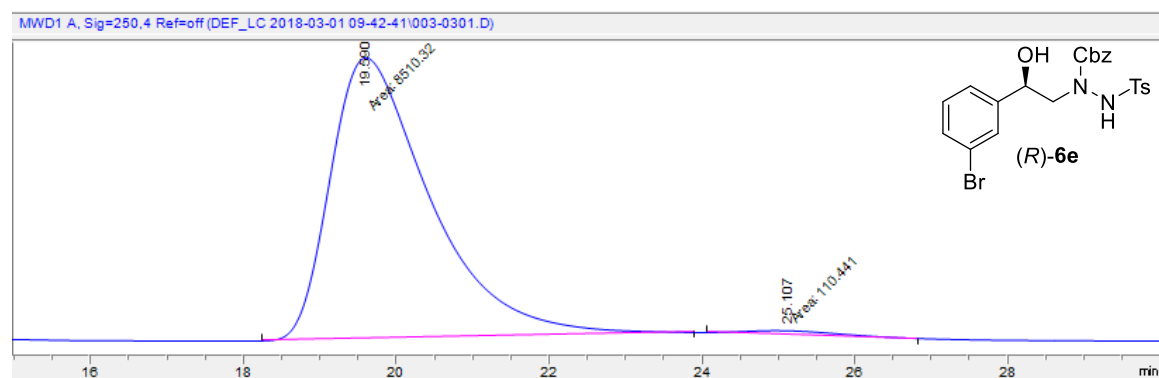
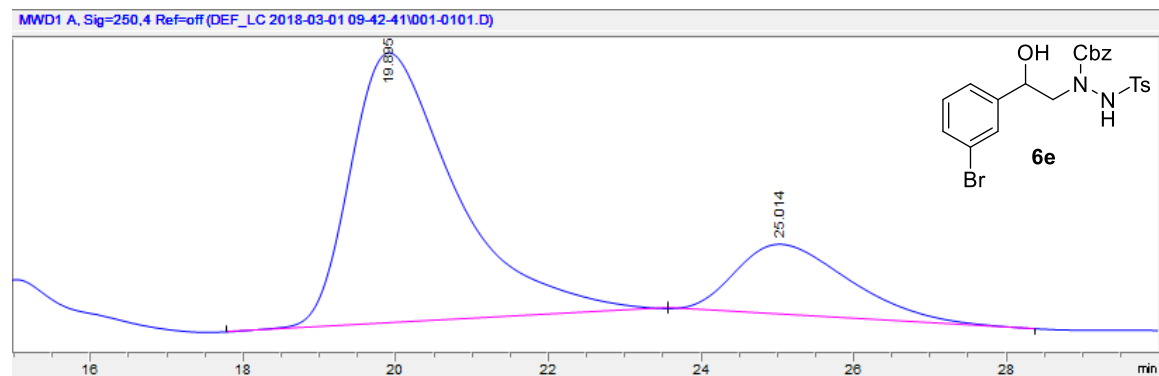
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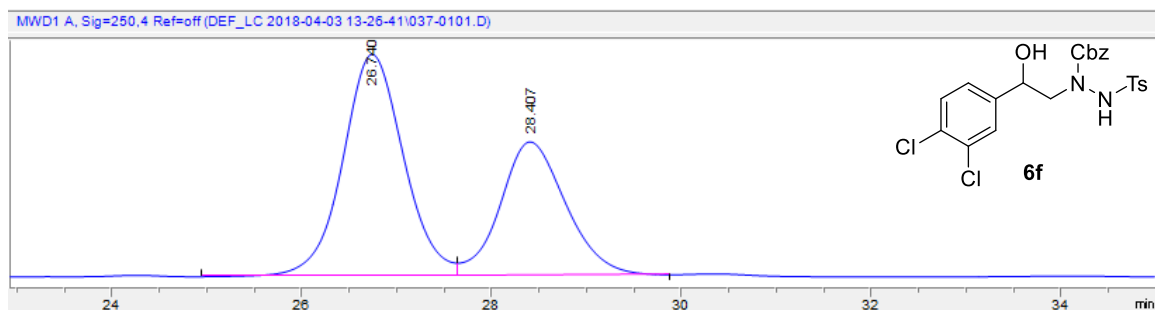
HPLC profile of **6e**

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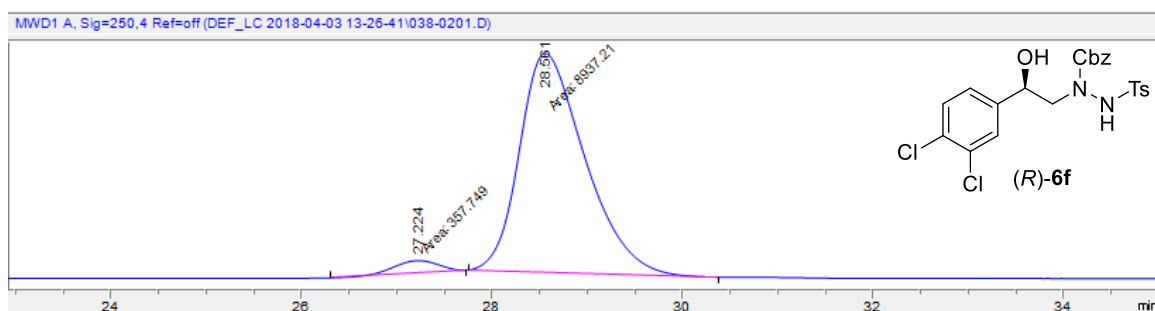


HPLC profile of **6f**

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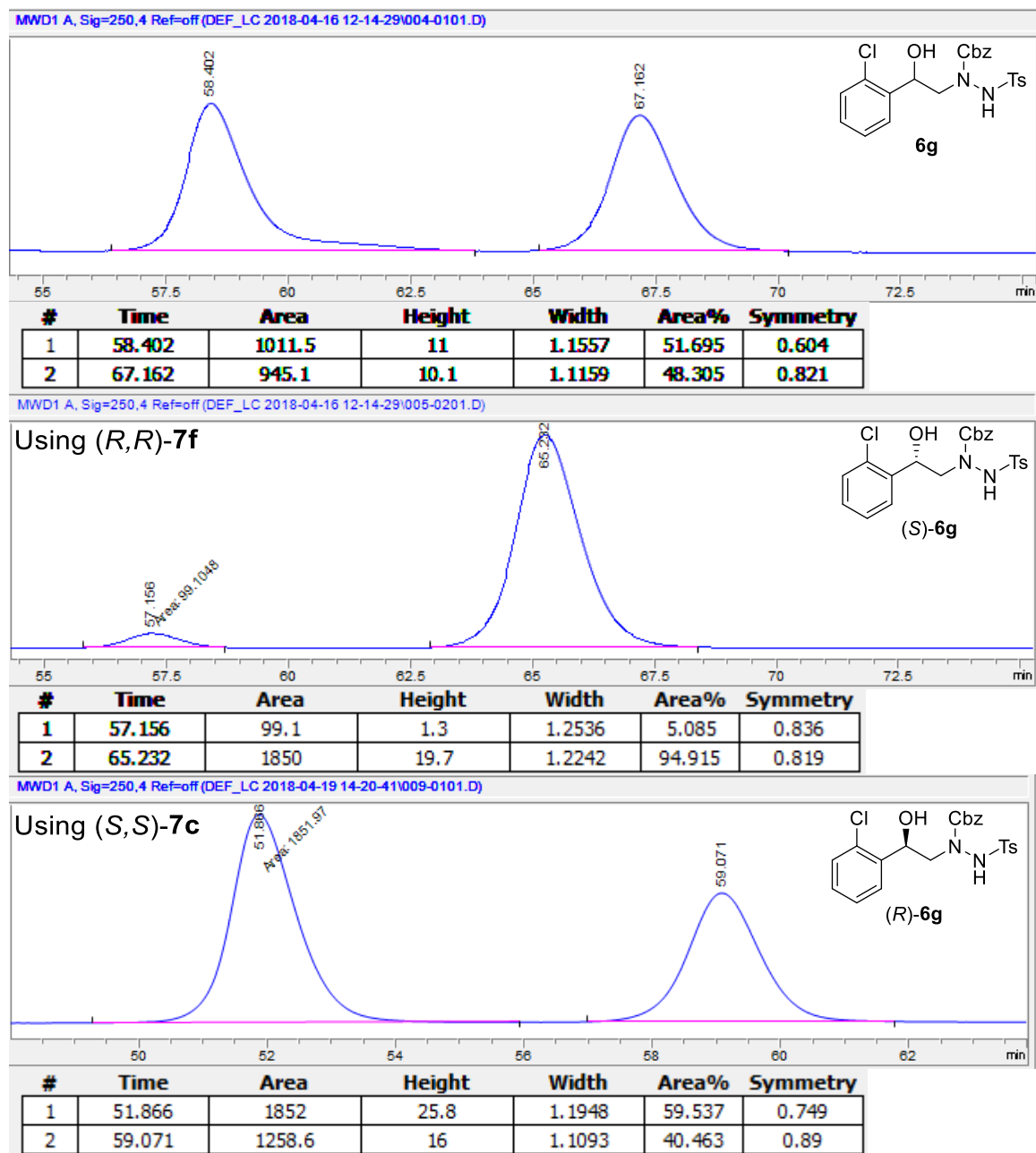
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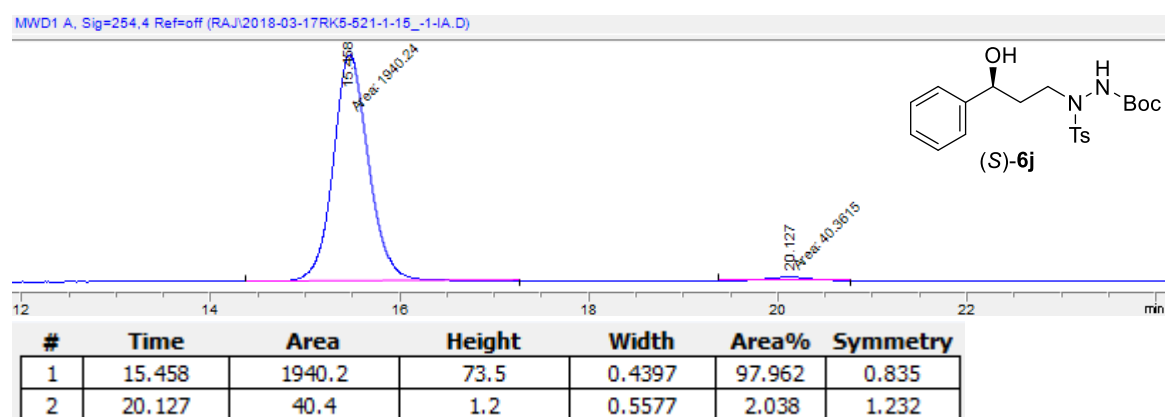
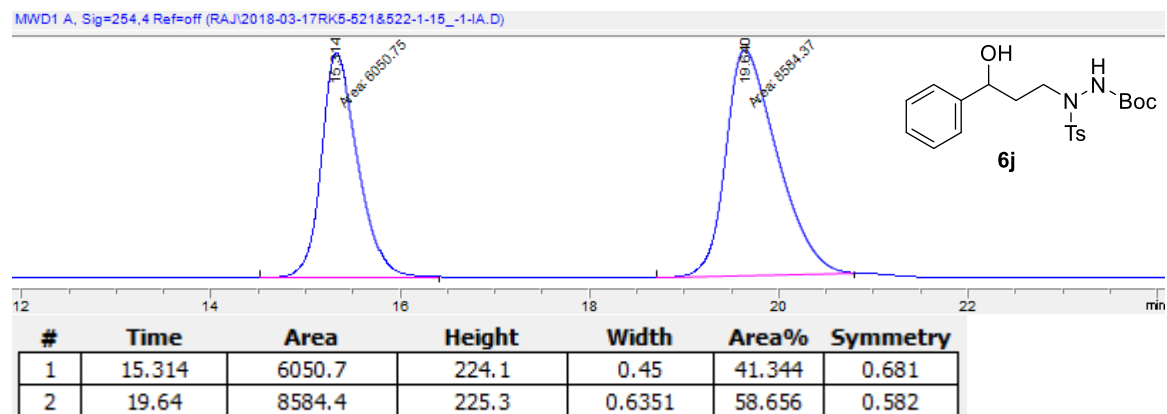
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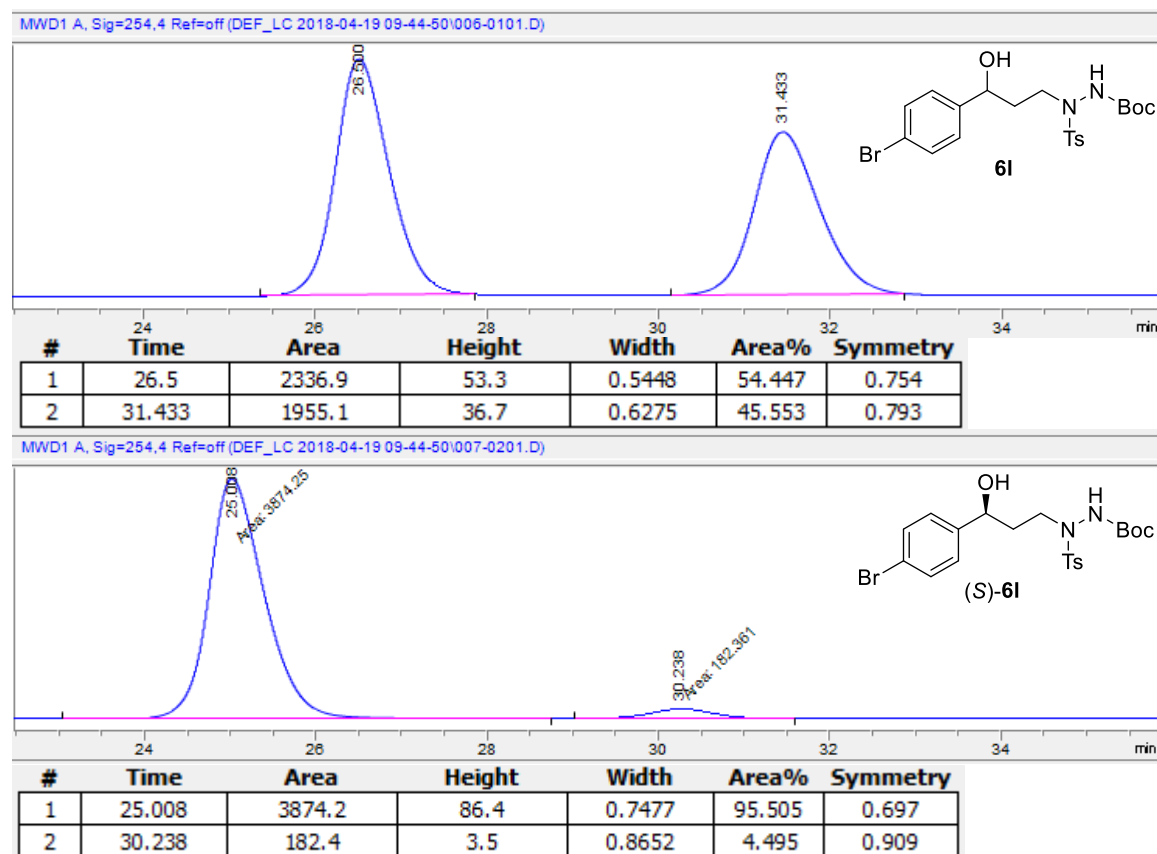
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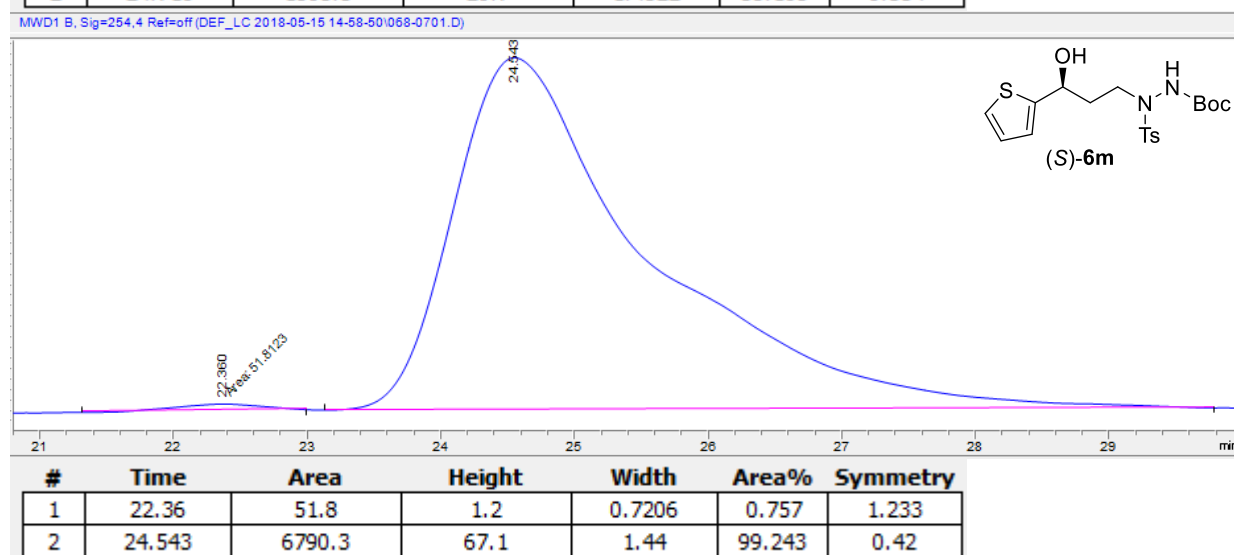
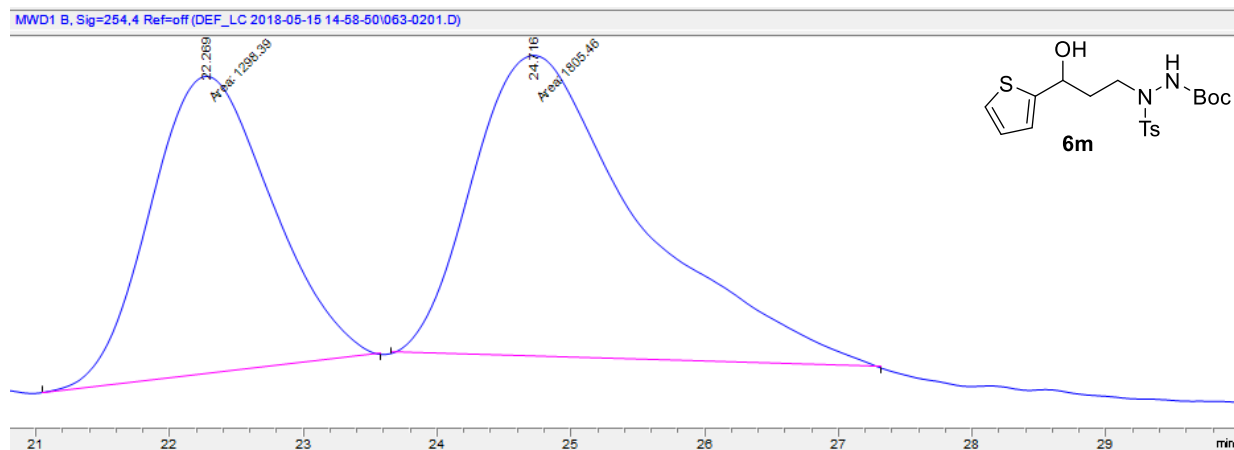
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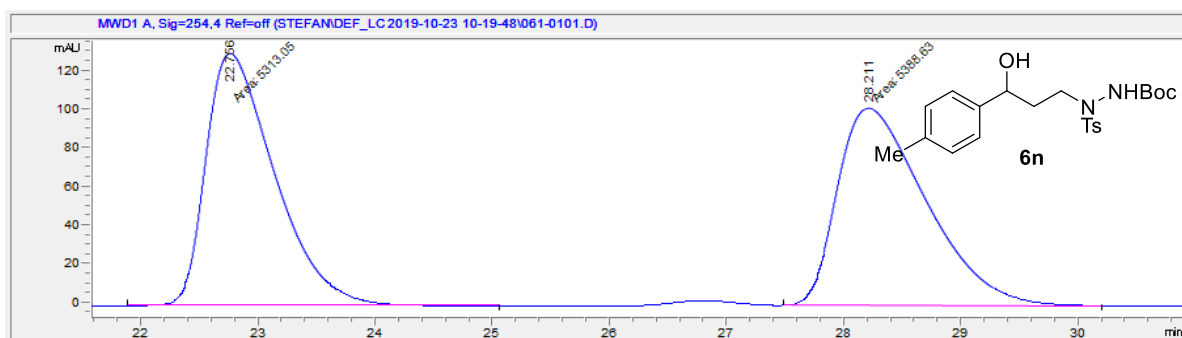
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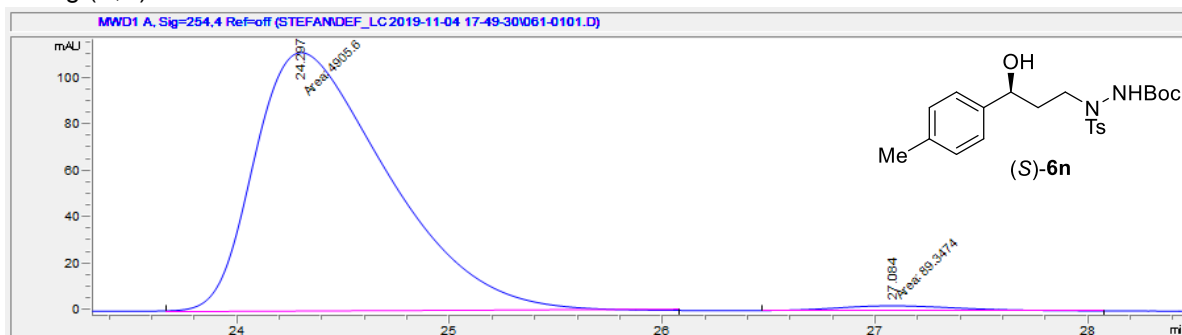
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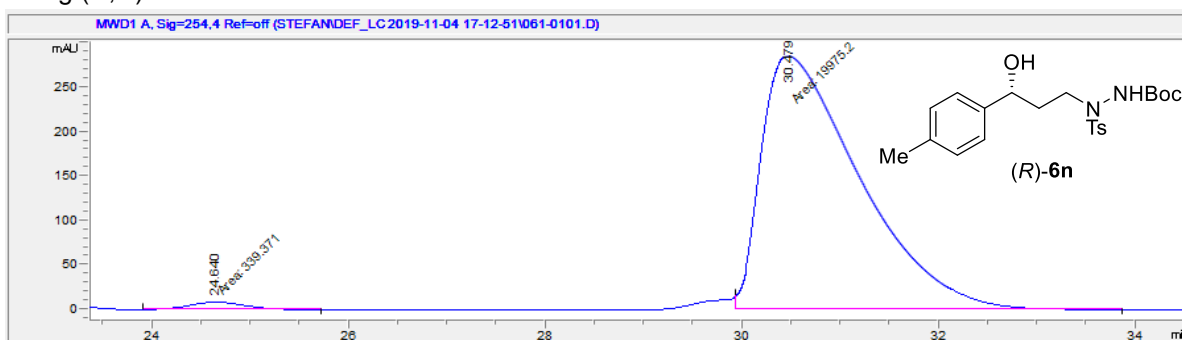
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Using (S,S)-**7c**



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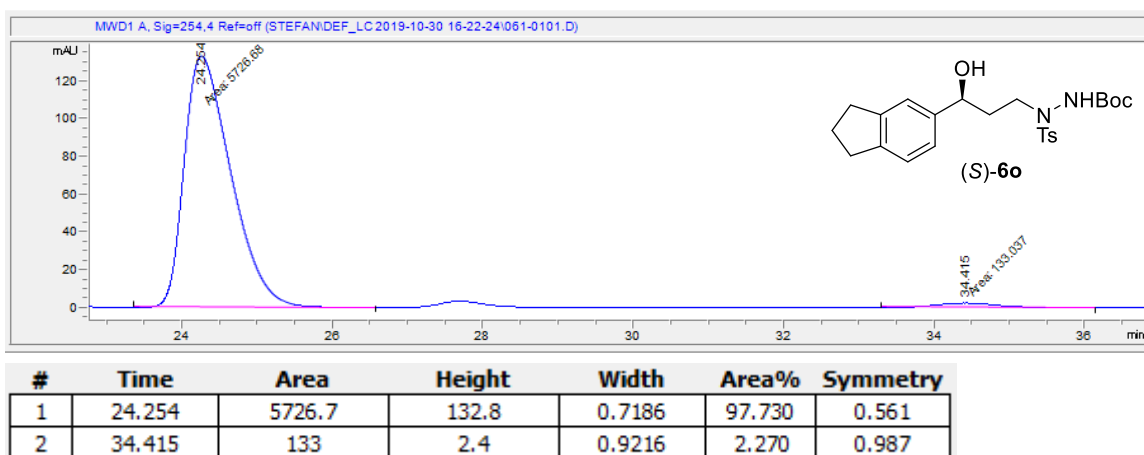
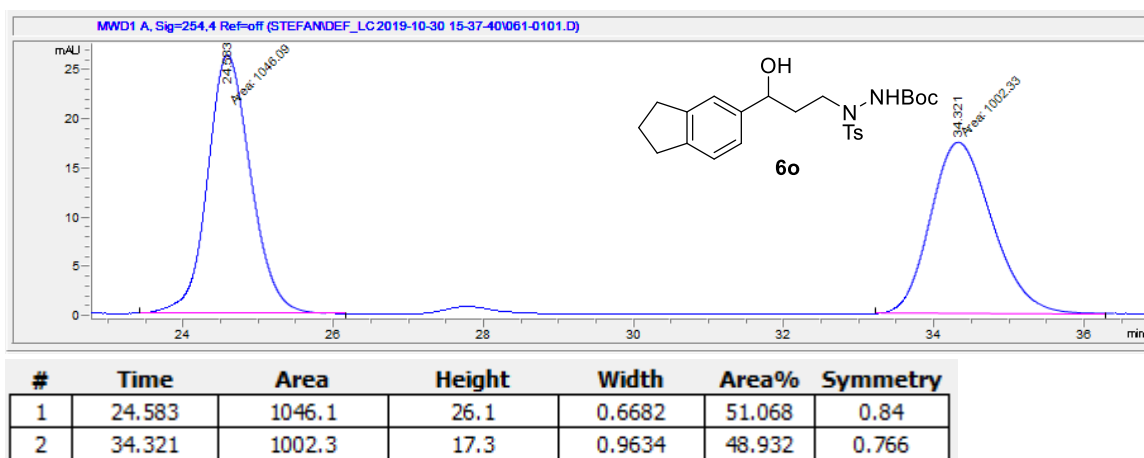
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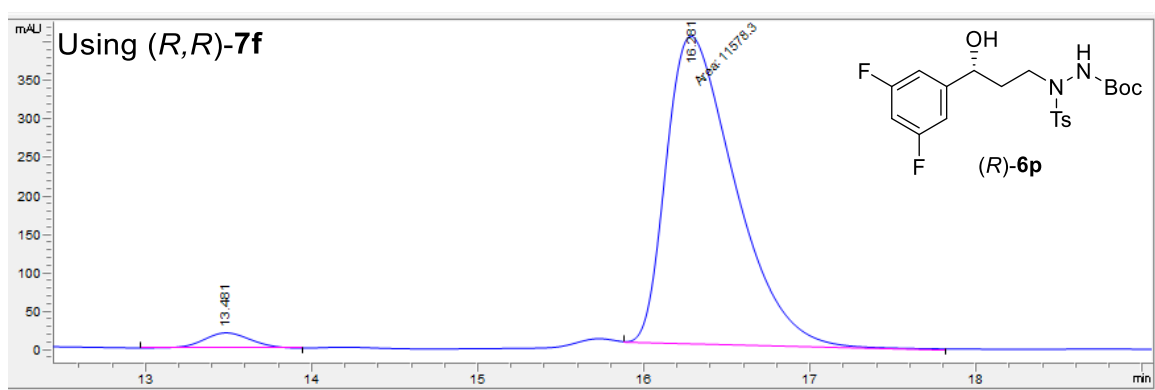
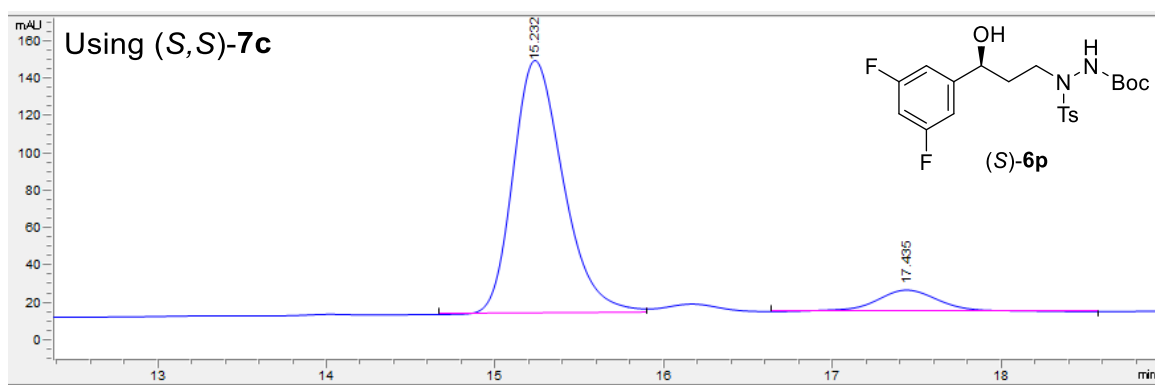
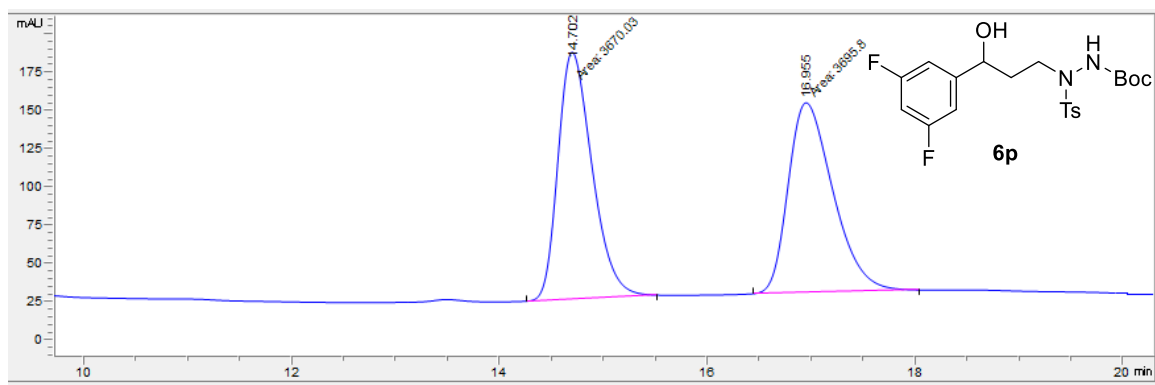
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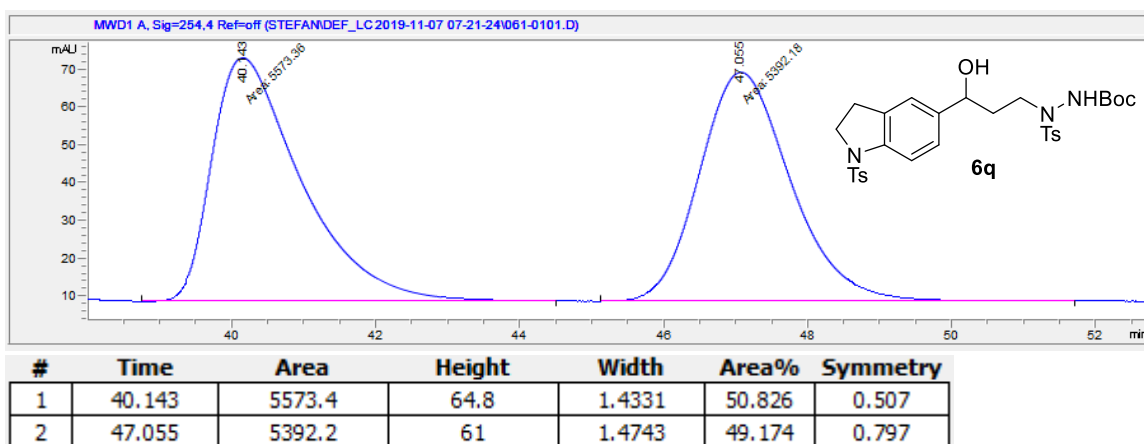
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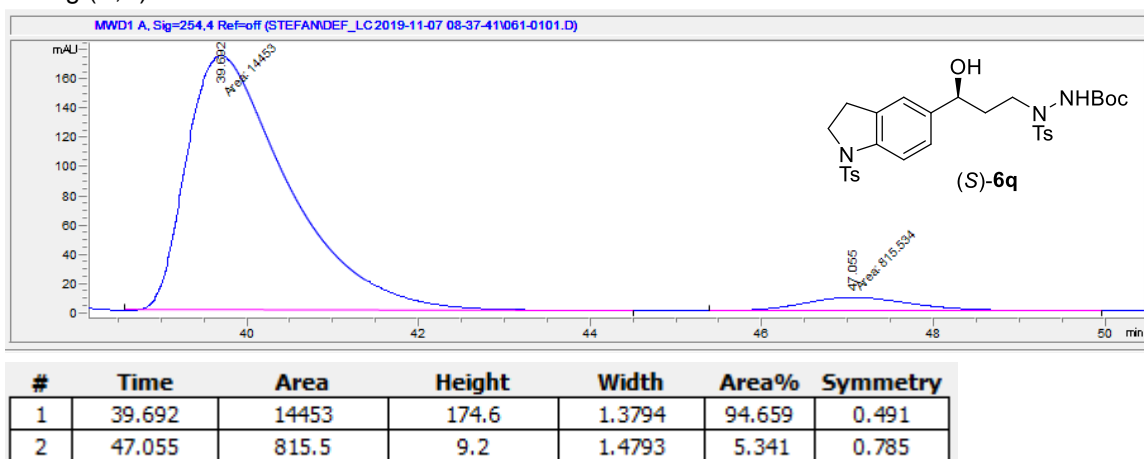


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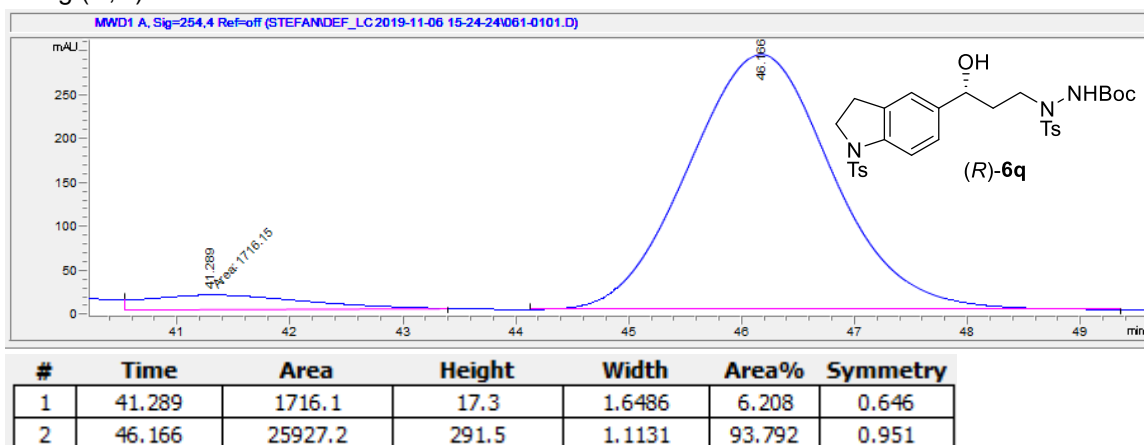
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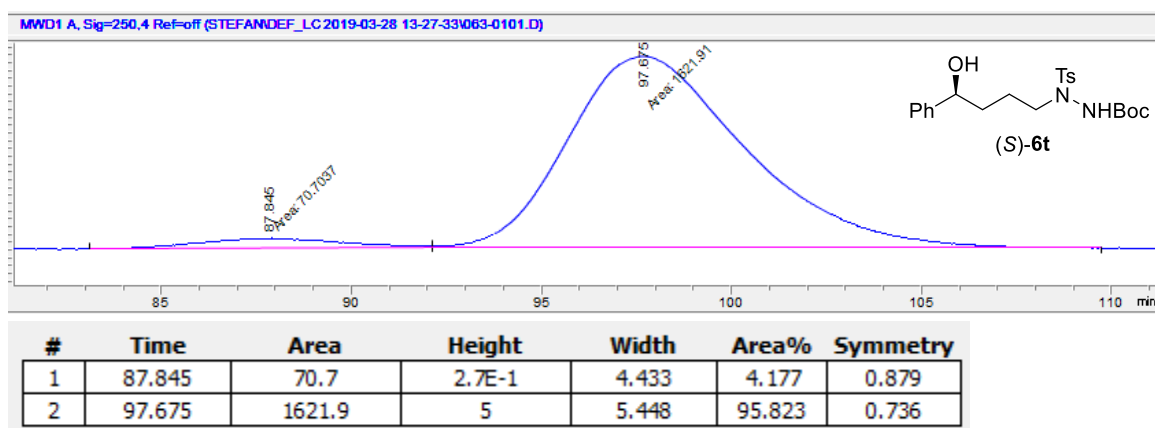
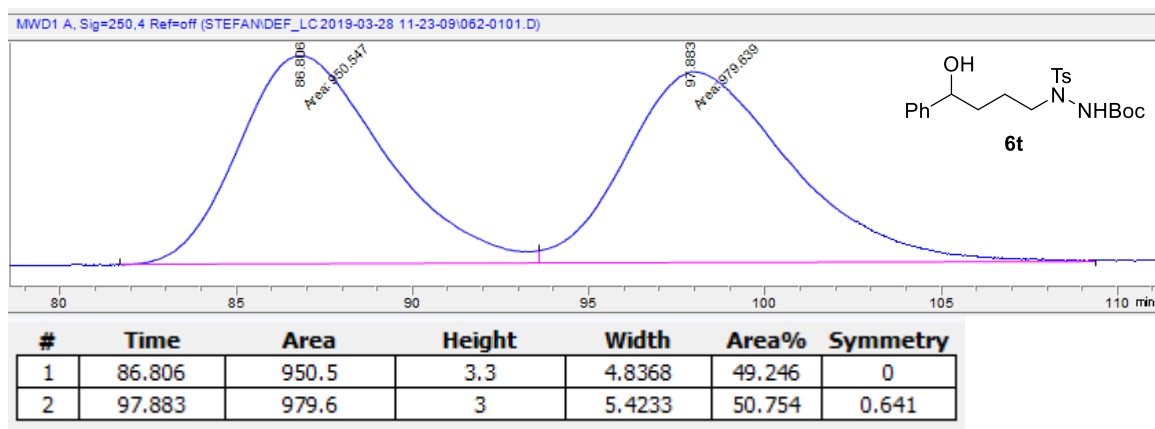


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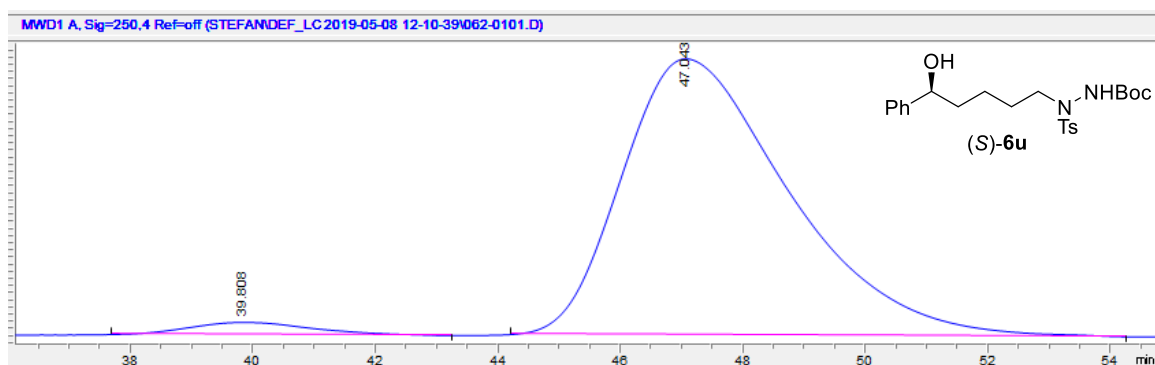
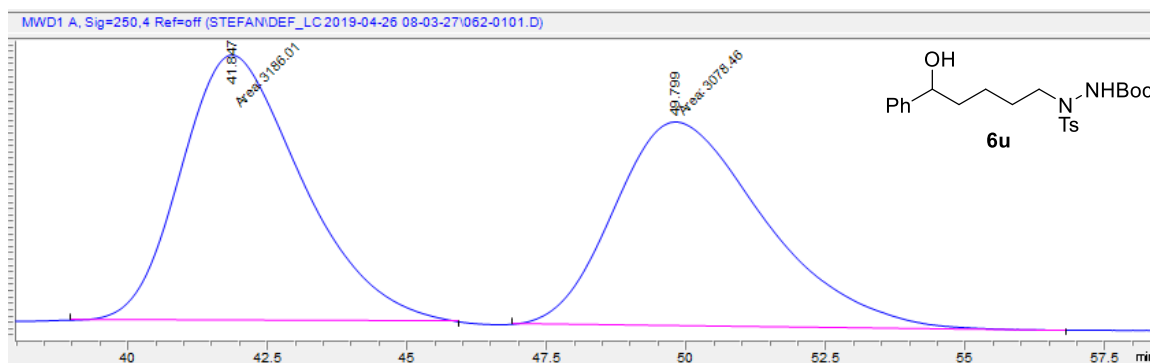
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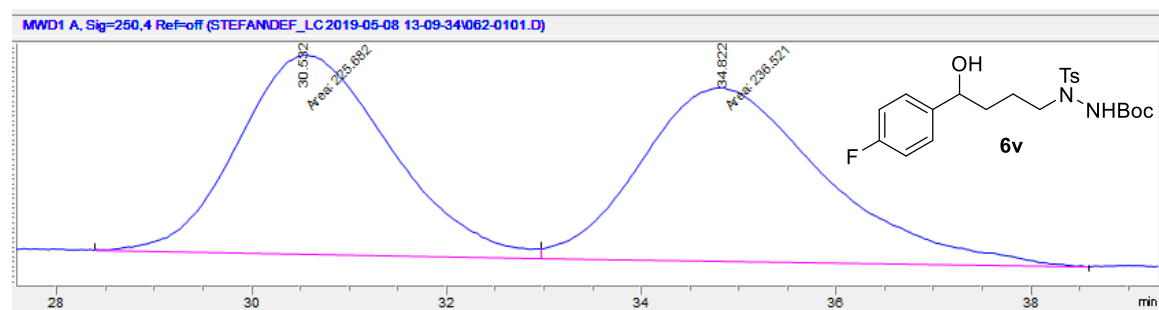
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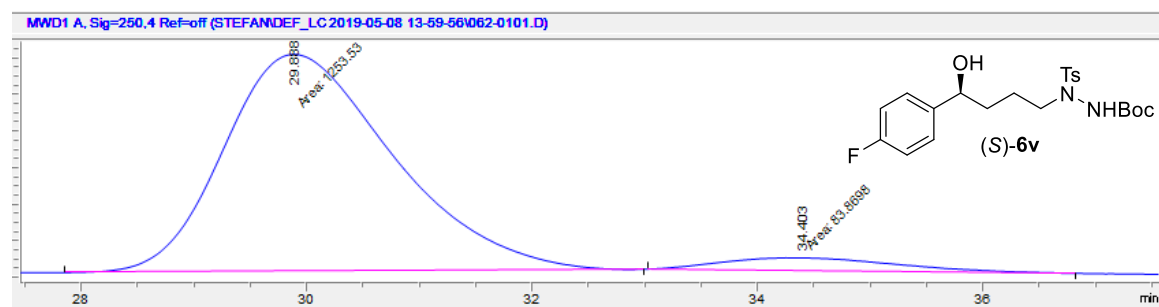


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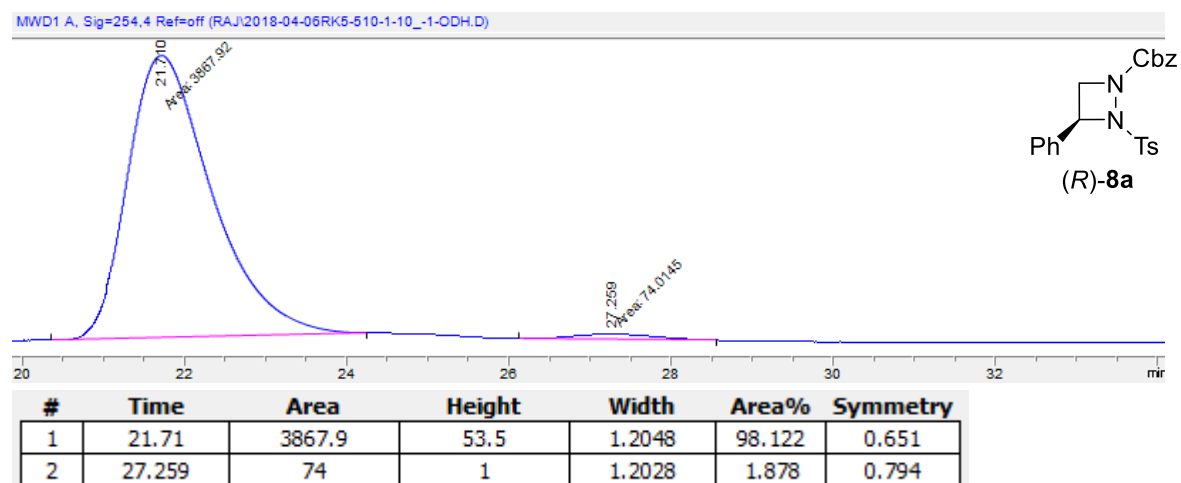
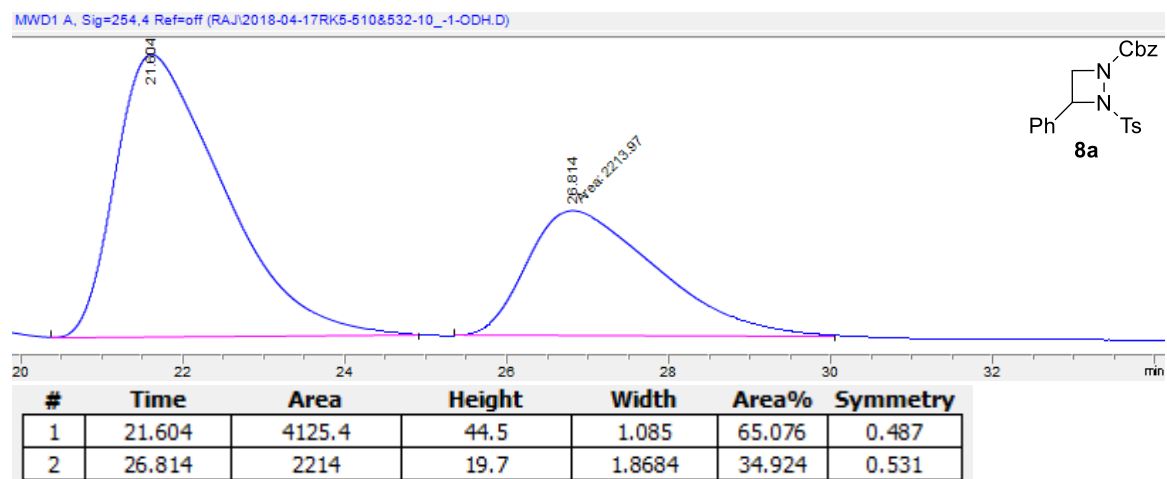
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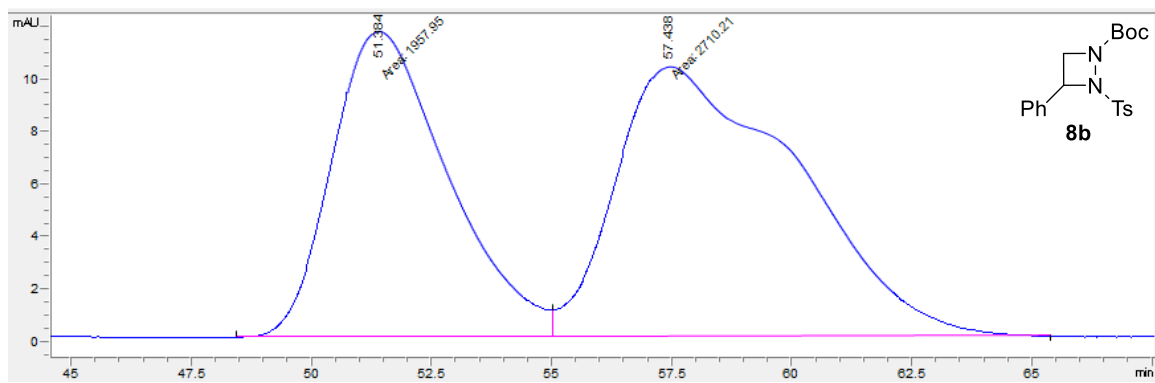
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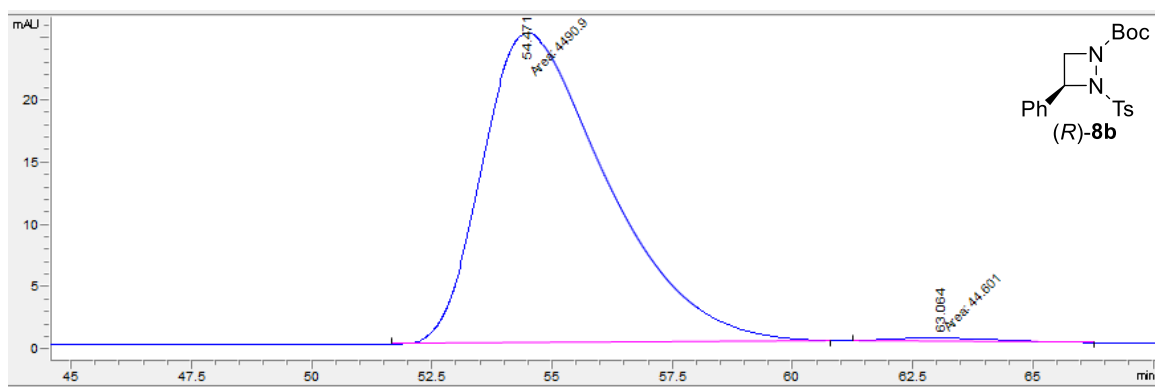


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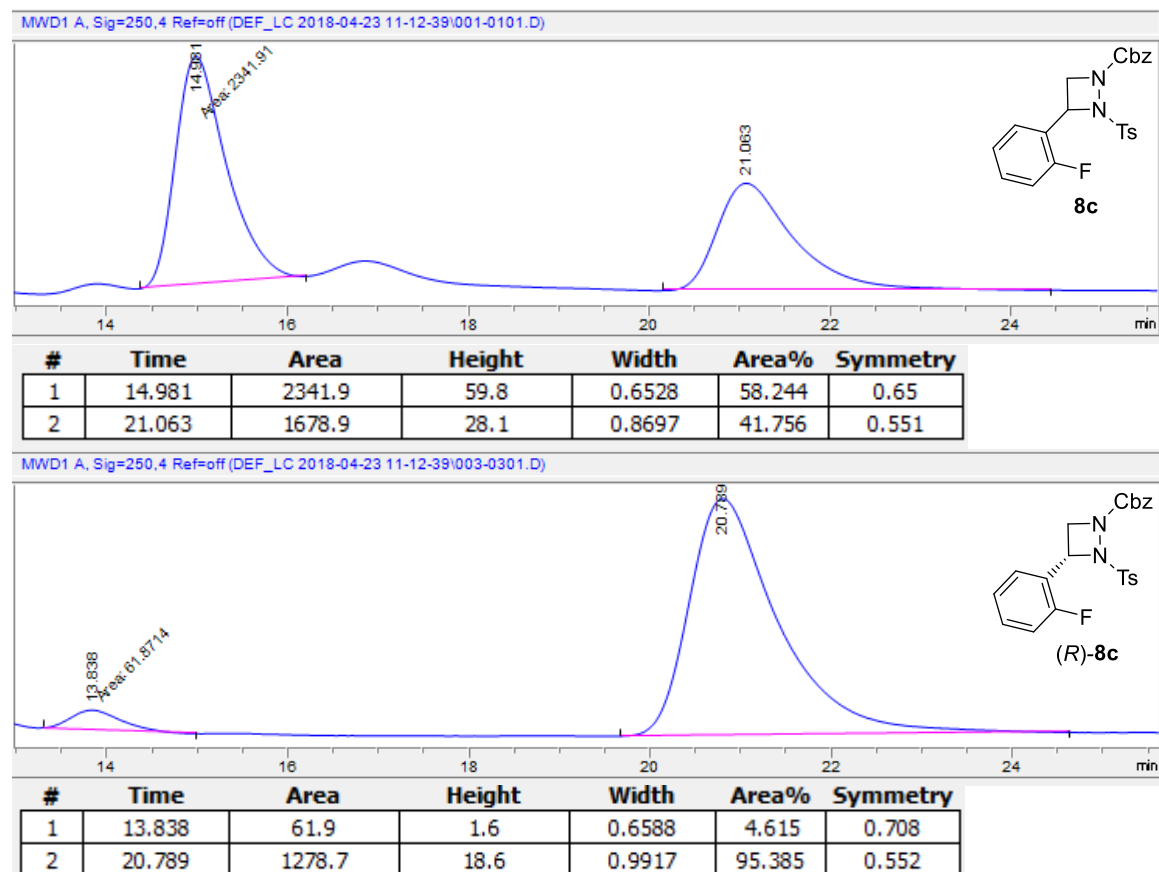
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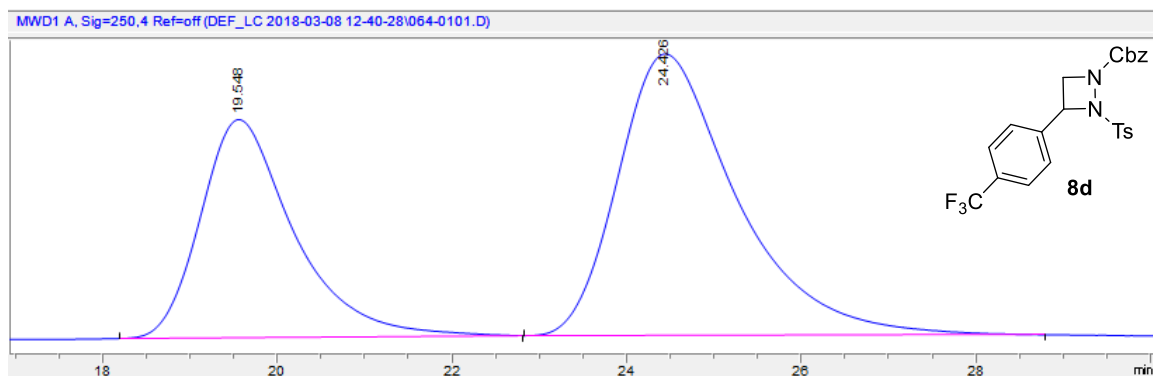
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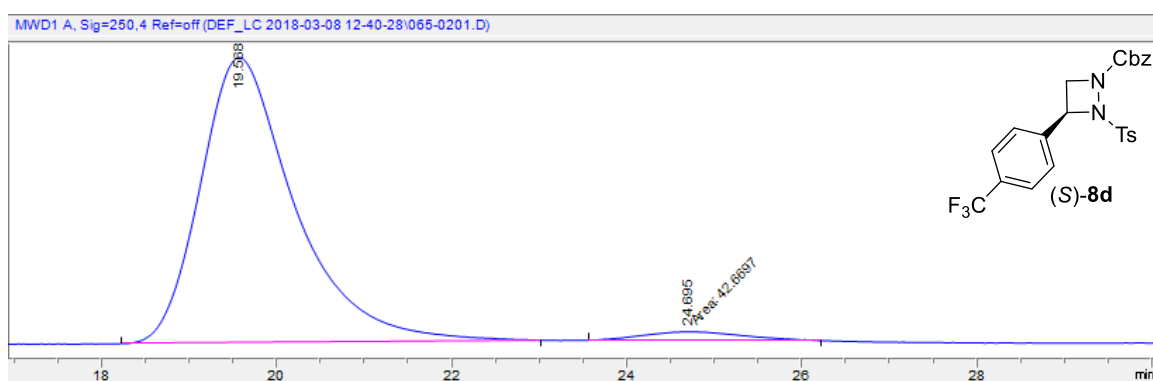


HPLC profile of **8d**

Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 90:10 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	19.548	1473.7	19.8	1.0899	37.836	0.648
2	24.426	2421.3	25.6	1.3272	62.164	0.618

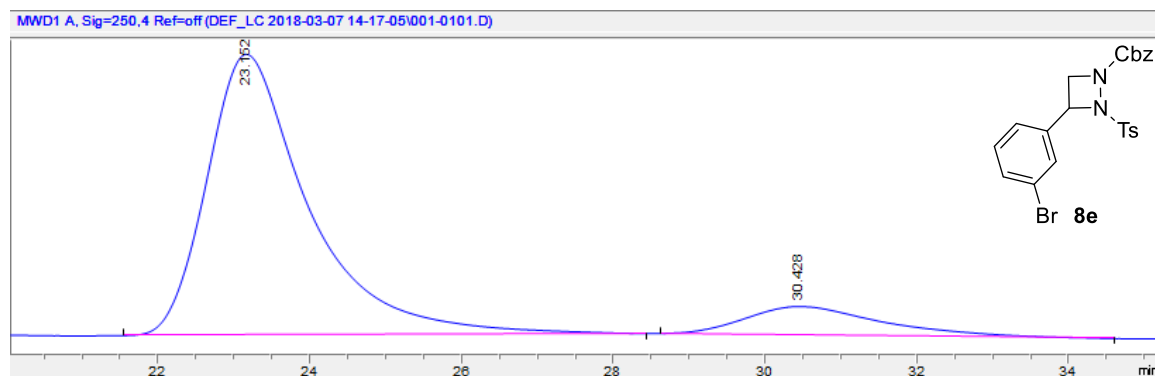


#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	19.568	1326.5	17.7	1.0588	96.884	0.658
2	24.695	42.7	5.3E-1	1.3305	3.116	0.78

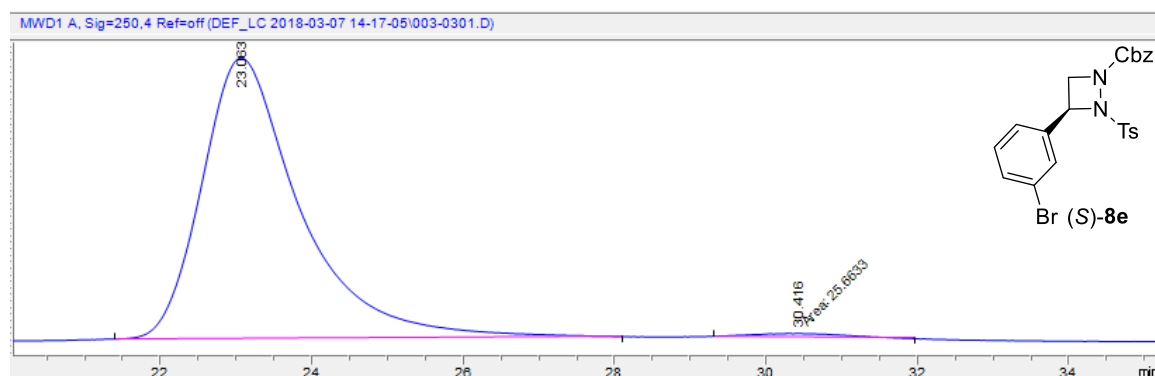
HPLC profile of **8e**

Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 90:10 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.

N.B. The racemic HPLC trace was generated by mixing the (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers.



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	23.152	2653.5	28.5	1.2975	87.914	0.589
2	30.428	364.8	2.9	1.4815	12.086	0.619

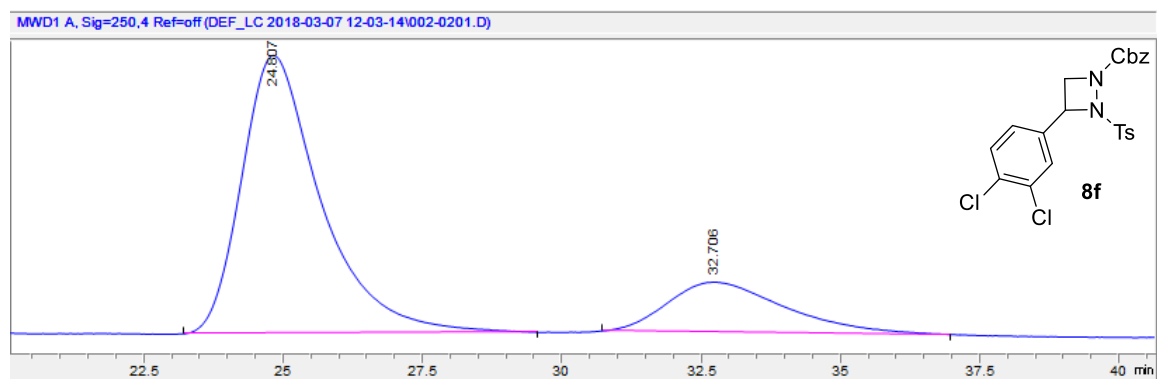


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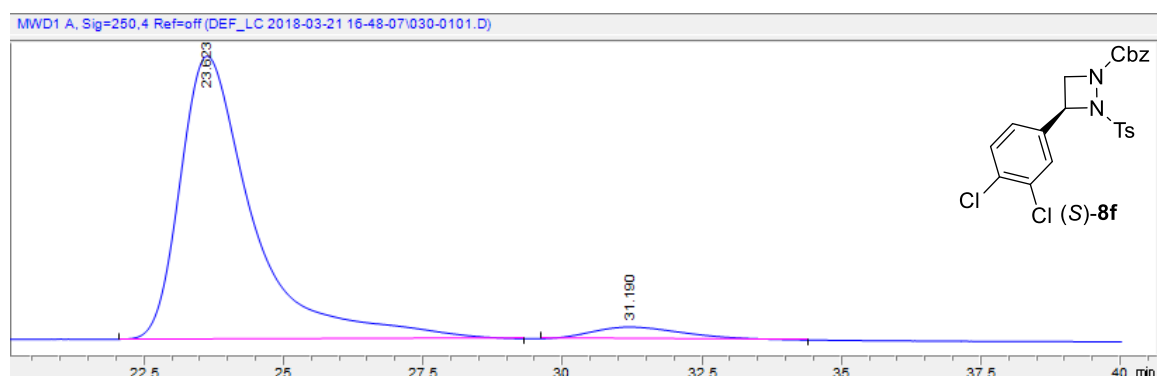
HPLC profile of **8f**

Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 90:10 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.

N.B. The racemic HPLC trace was generated by mixing the (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers.



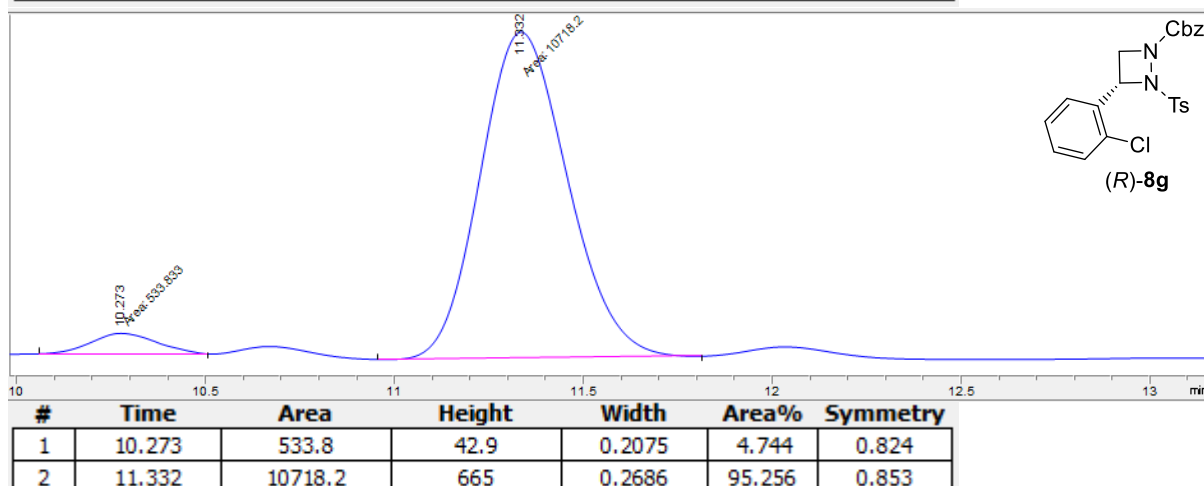
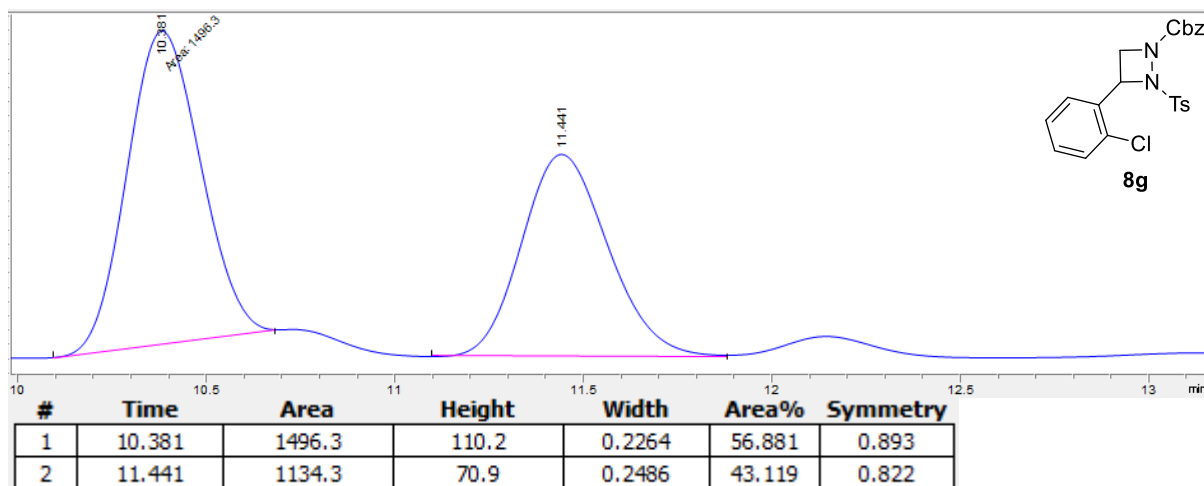
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	24.807	1368.7	13.8	1.25	79.041	0.628
2	32.706	362.9	2.5	1.7194	20.959	0.627



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	23.623	4613.9	50.6	1.3233	94.807	0.532
2	31.19	252.7	2.2	1.3716	5.193	0.657

HPLC profile of **8g**

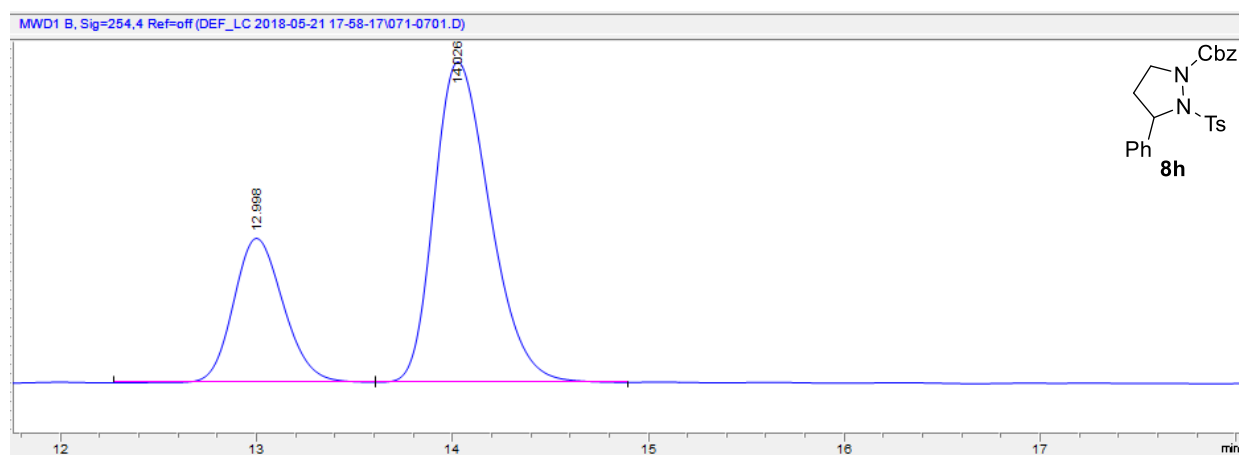
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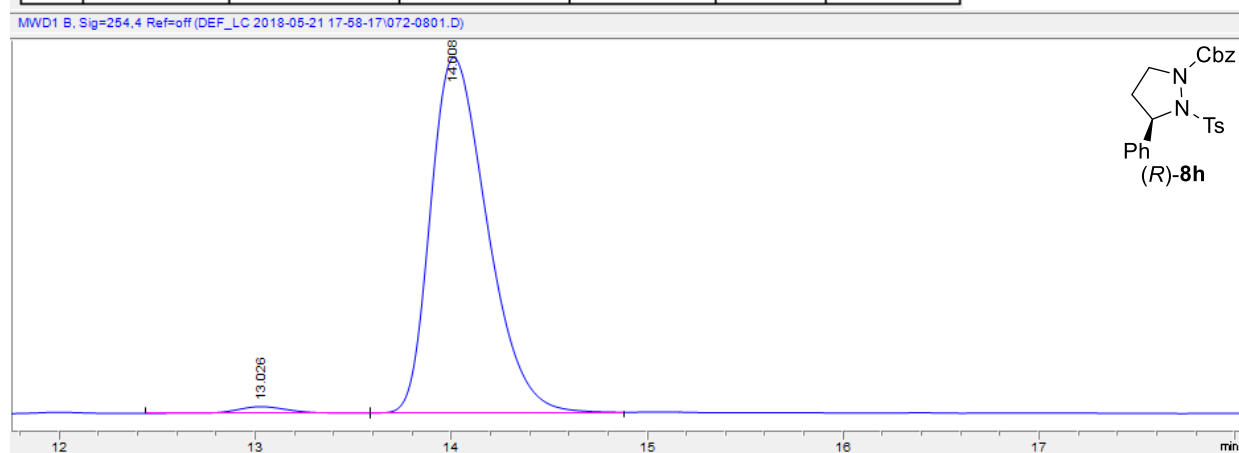
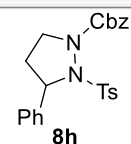
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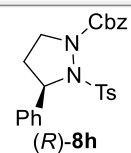
N.B. The racemic HPLC trace was generated by mixing the (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers.



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	12.998	1395	78.3	0.2758	28.780	0.819
2	14.026	3452.2	173.9	0.3096	71.220	0.699

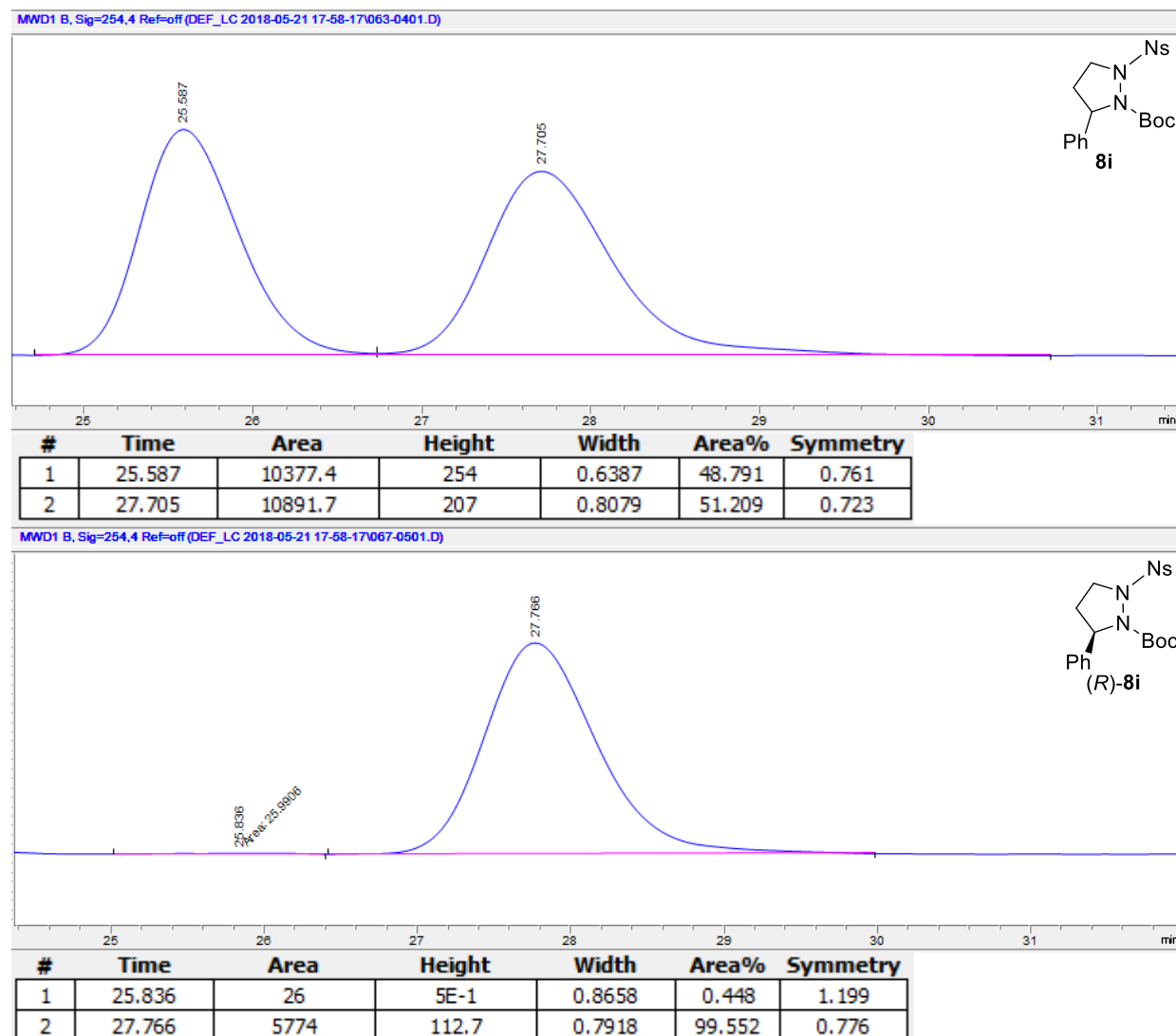


#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	13.026	117.8	6.3	0.2853	1.699	0.869
2	14.008	6813.6	339.6	0.3121	98.301	0.652



HPLC profile of **8i**

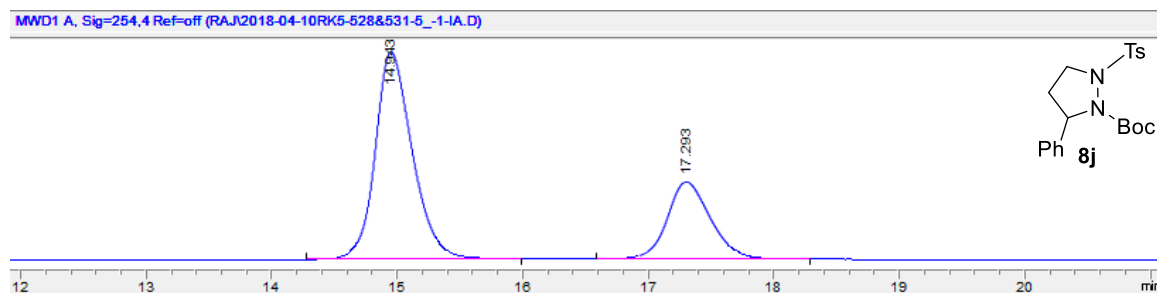
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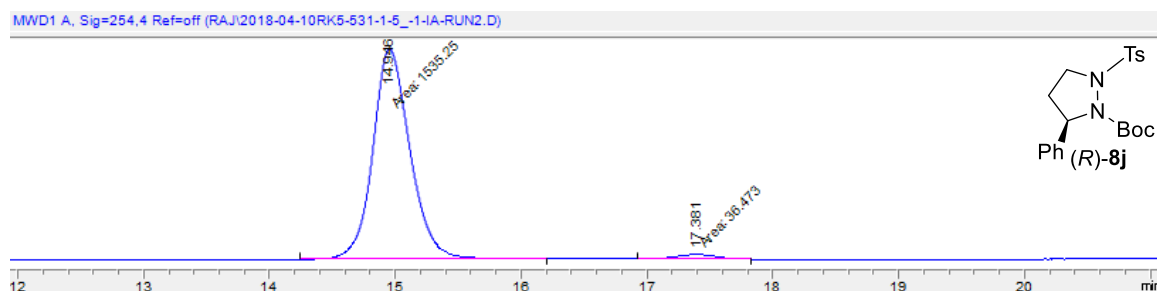
HPLC profile of **8j**

Chiralpak IA column (4.6 cm ø x 250 cm), 95:5 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25°C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.

N.B. The racemic HPLC trace was generated by mixing the (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers.



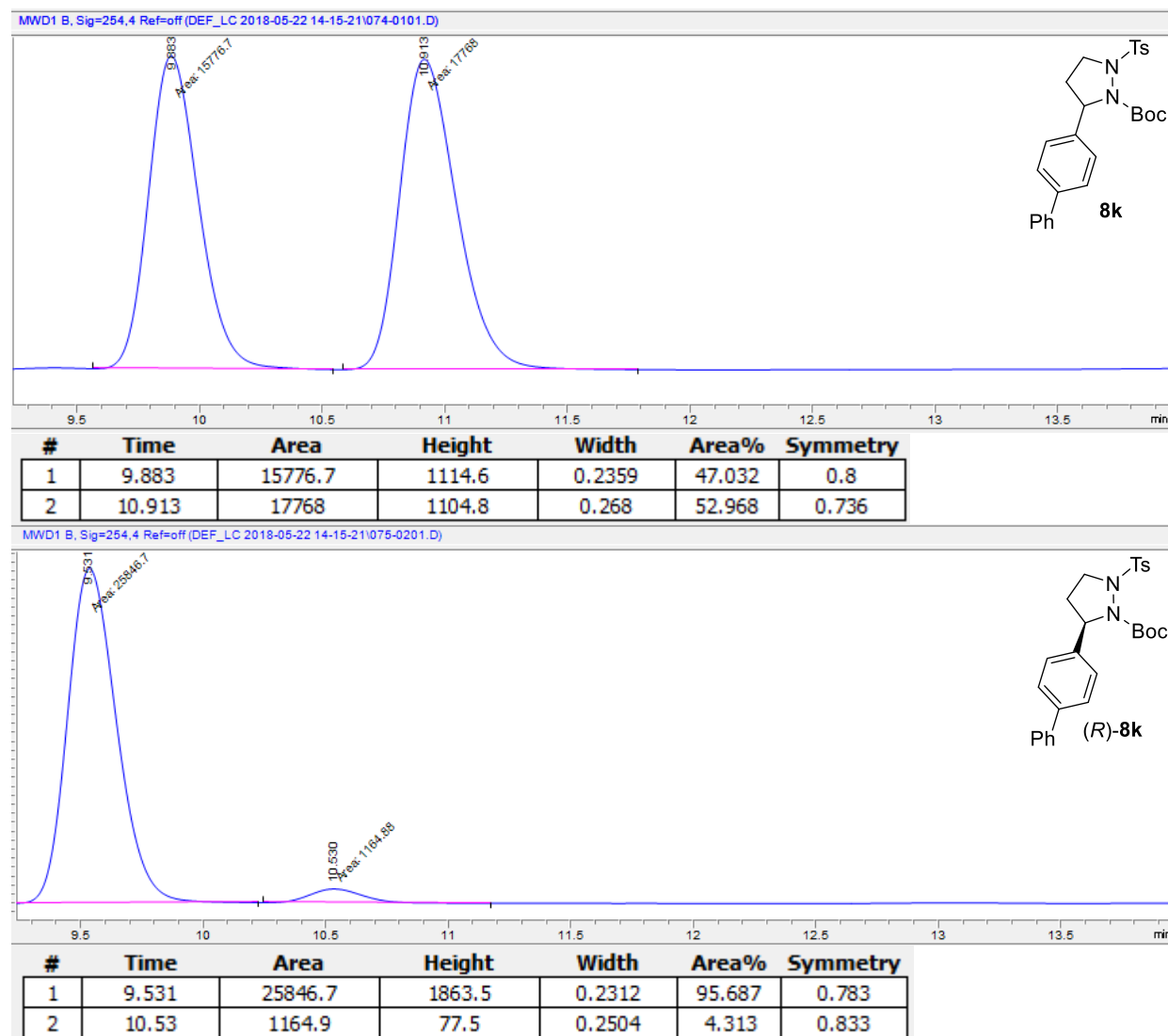
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1	14.943	2899.7	140.8	0.3088	69.625	0.719
2	17.293	1265.1	52.5	0.3521	30.375	0.77



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	14.946	1535.2	74.7	0.3426	97.679	0.798
2	17.381	36.5	1.6	0.3732	2.321	1.044

HPLC profile of **8k**

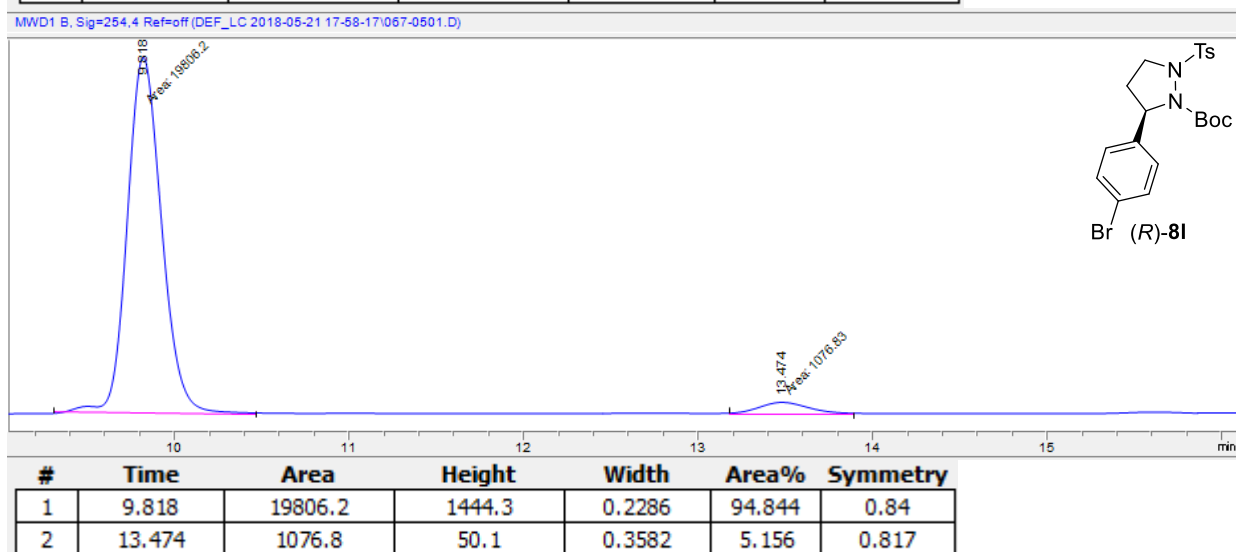
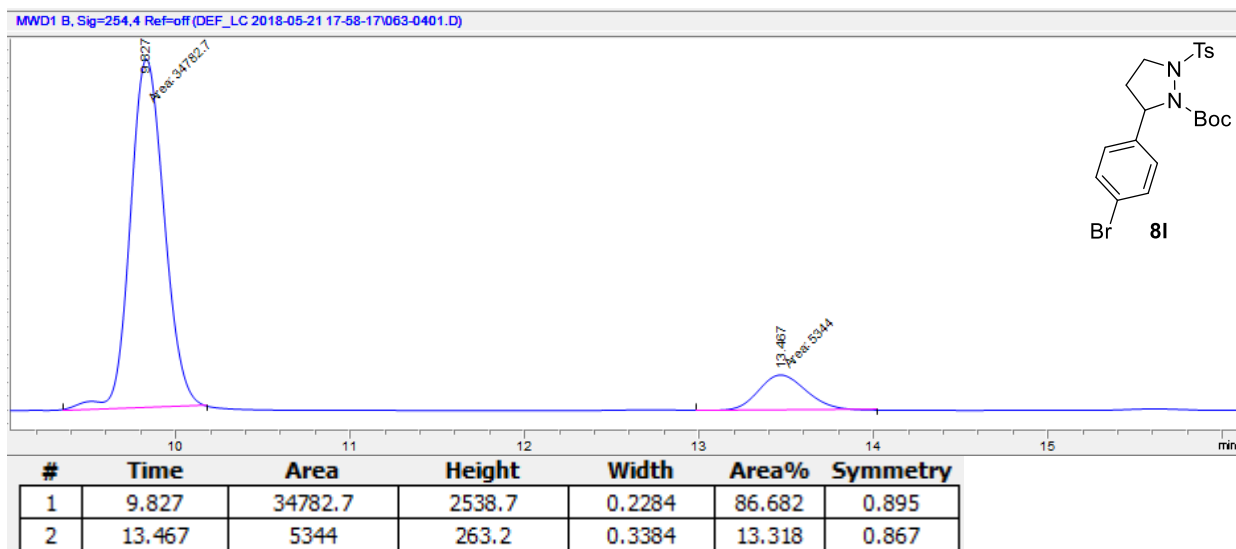
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HPLC profile of **8I**

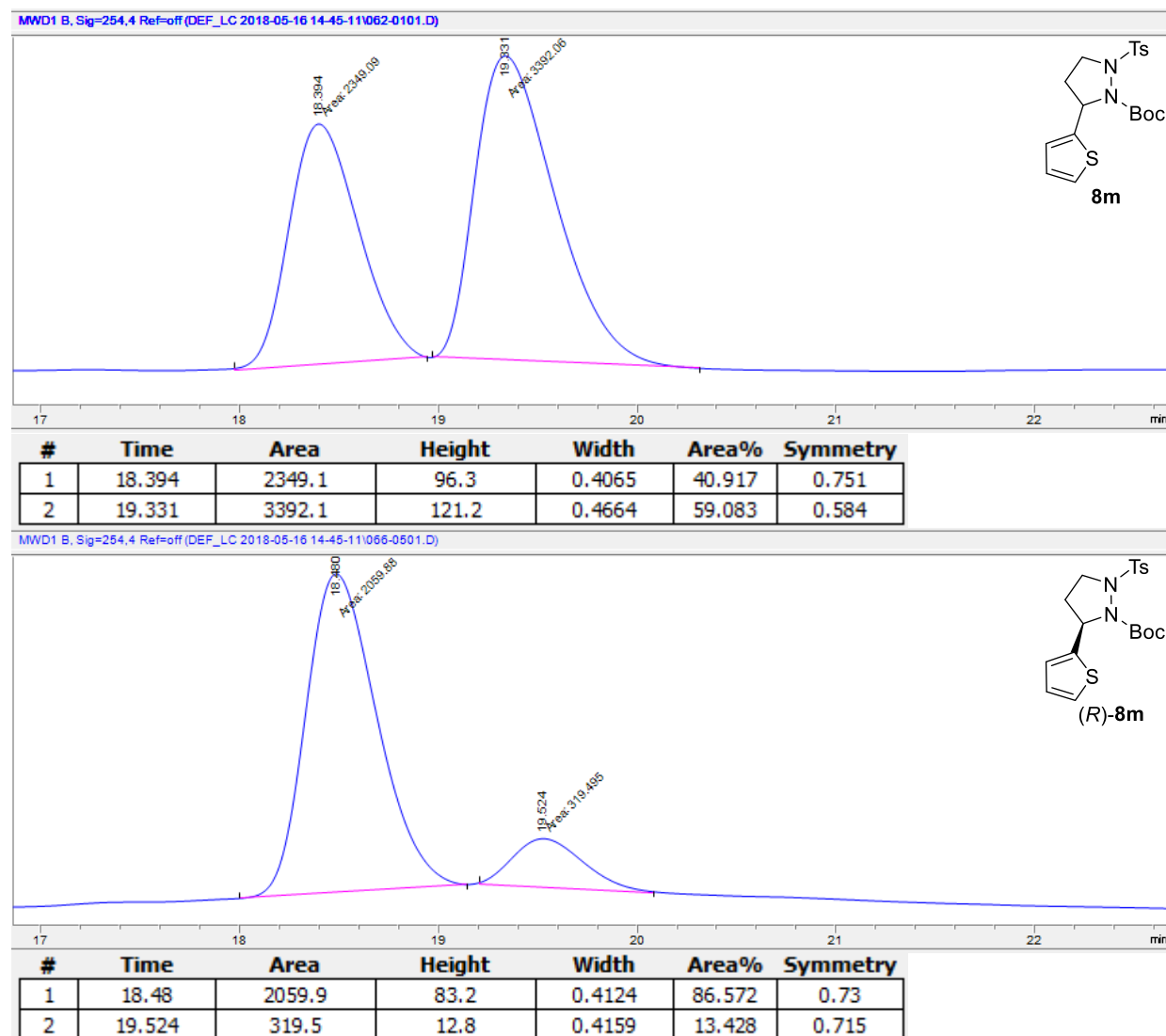
Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 95:5 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.

N.B. The racemic HPLC trace was generated by mixing the (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers.



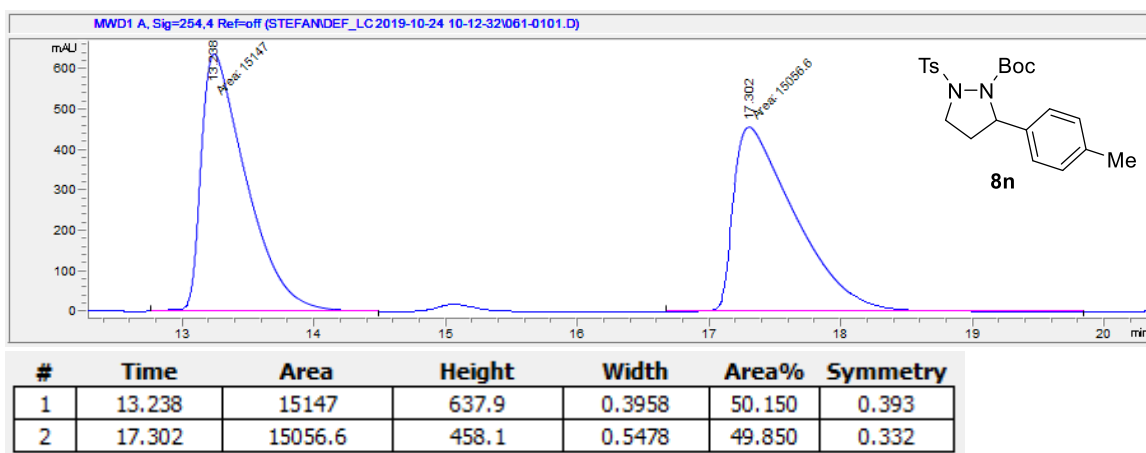
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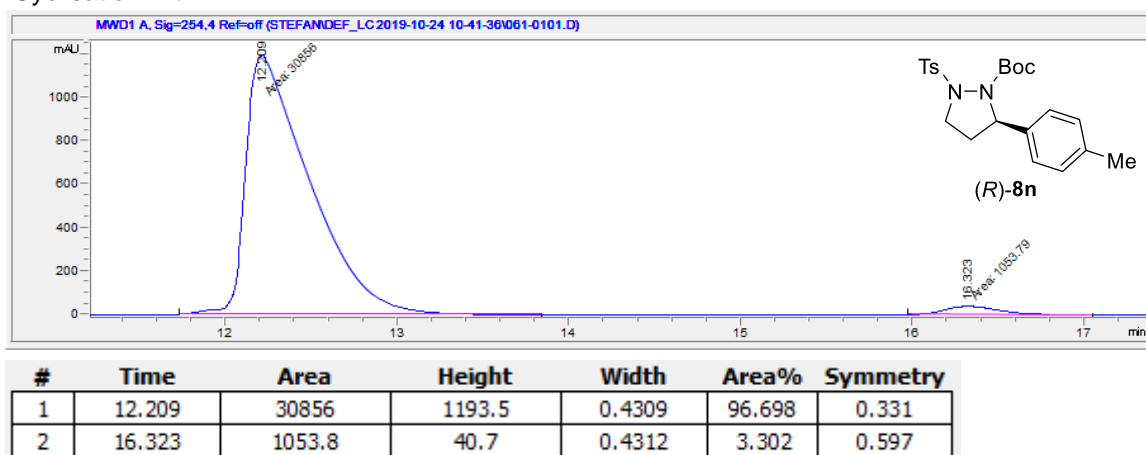


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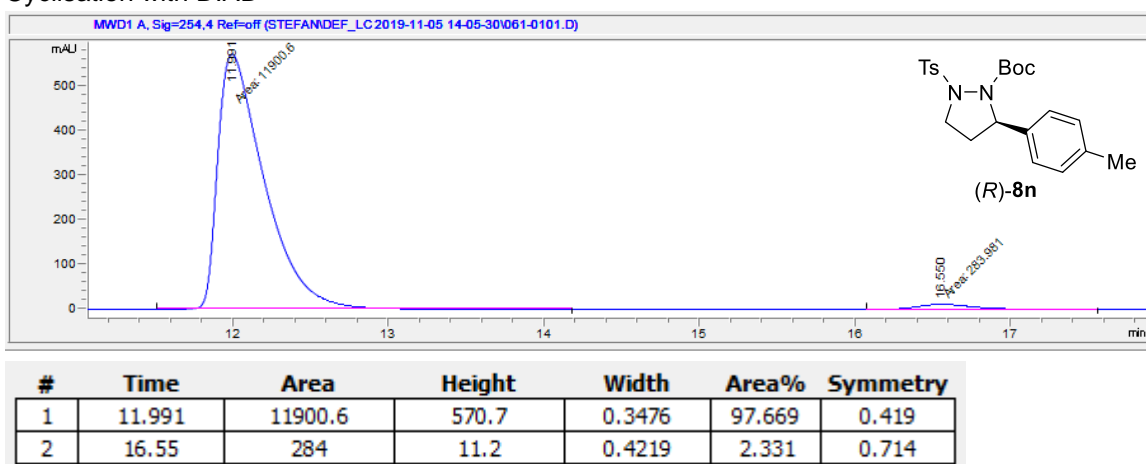
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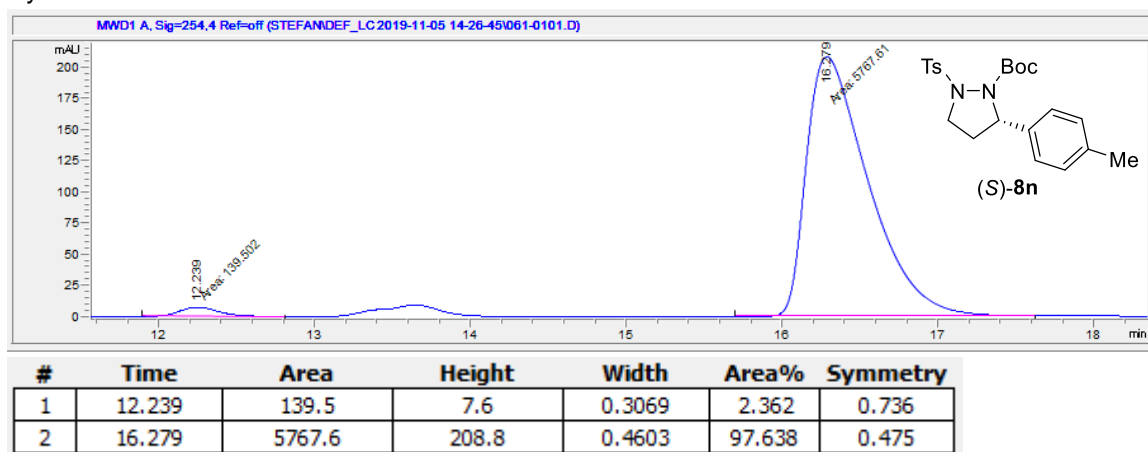
Cyclisation with DEAD



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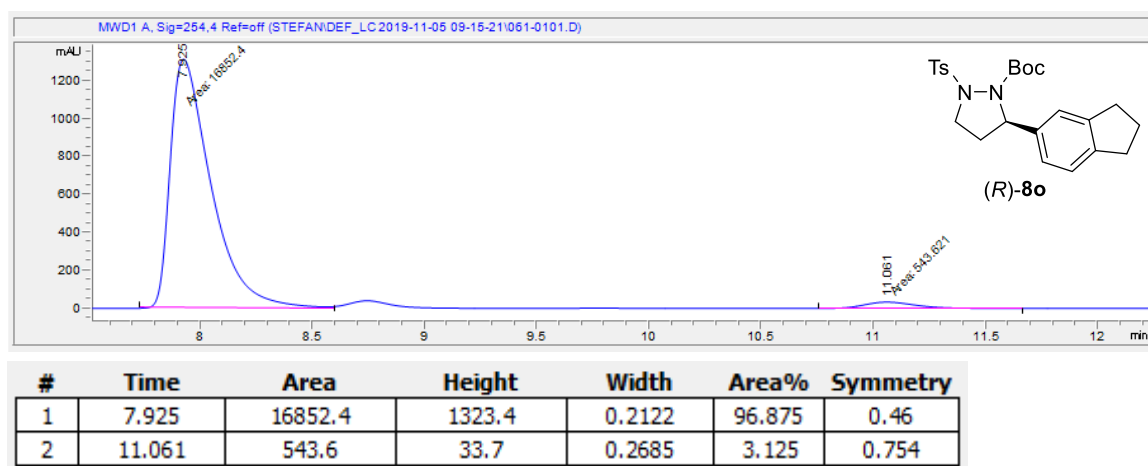
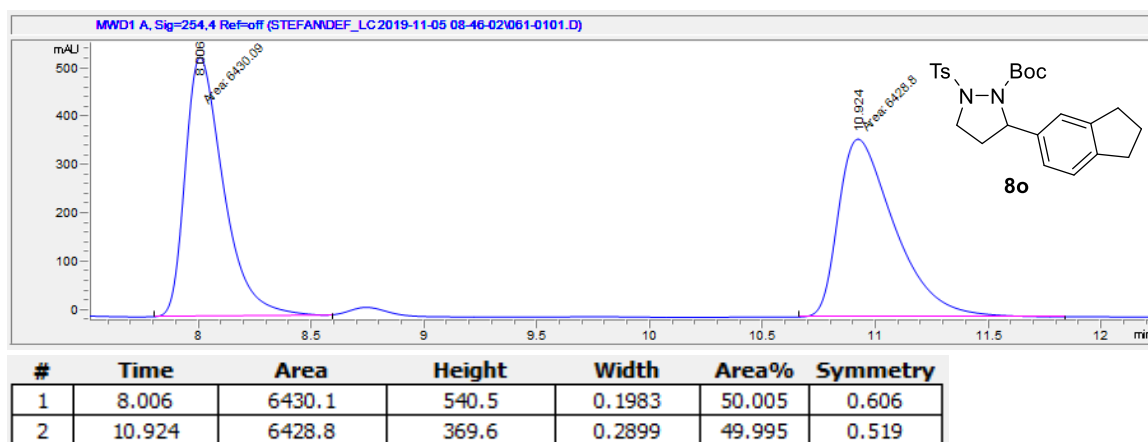


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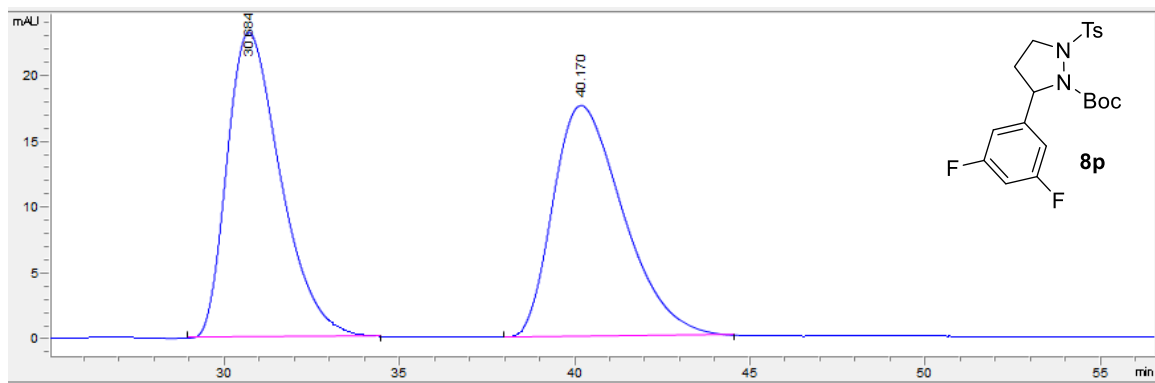
HPLC profile of **8o**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm), 90:10 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25°C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.

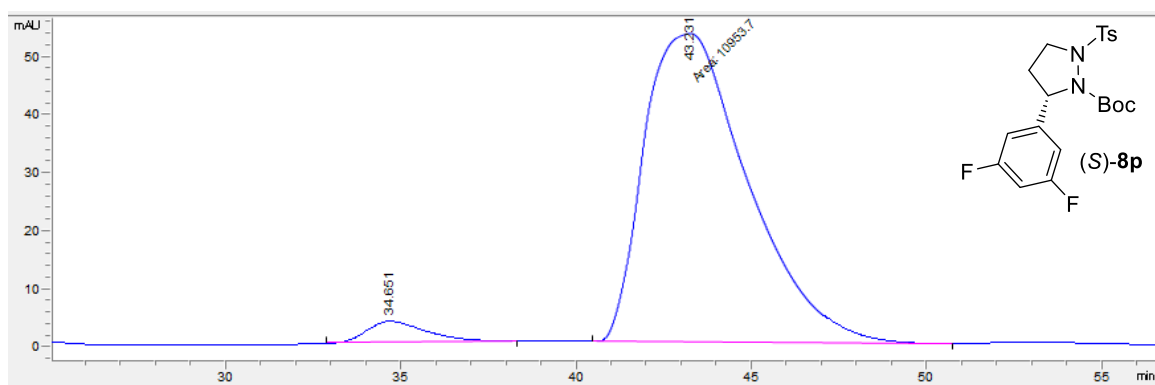


HPLC traces of **8p**

Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 99:1 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 15 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



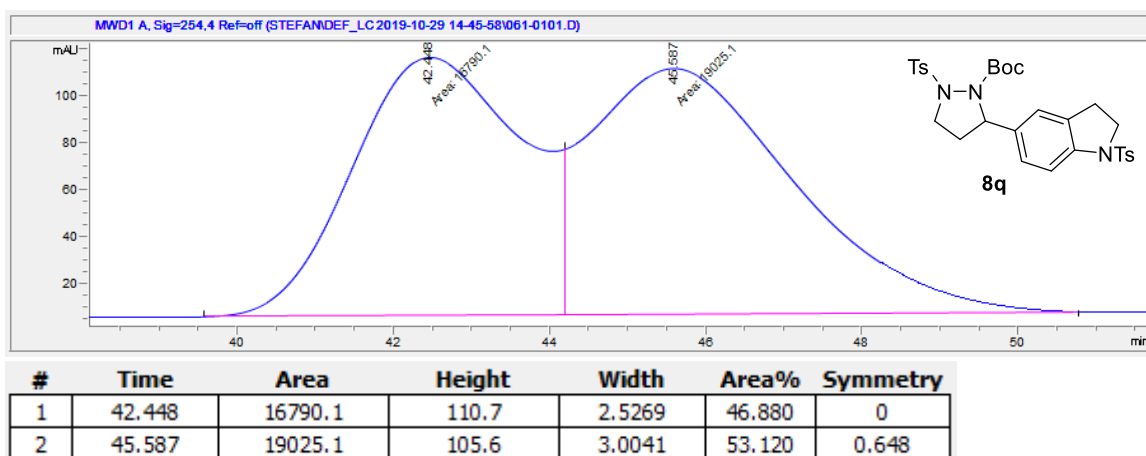
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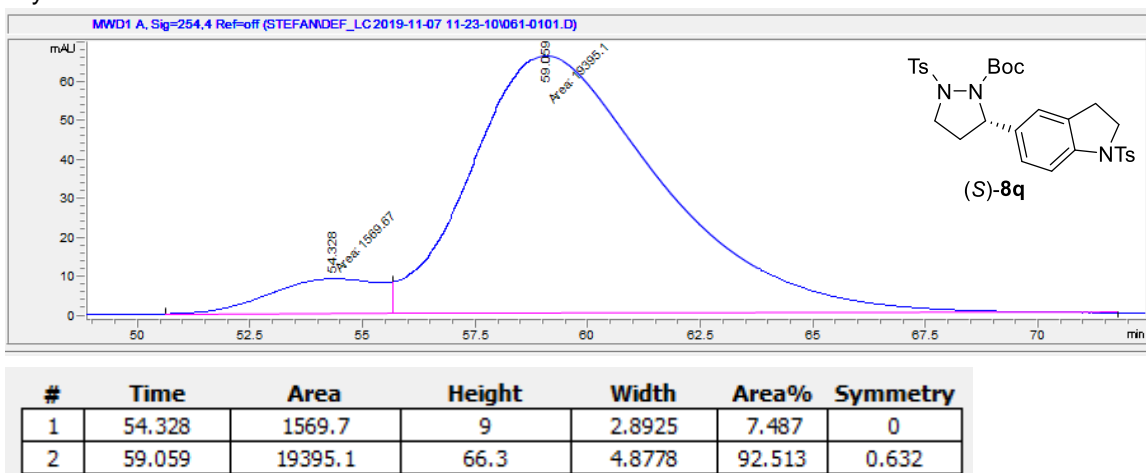
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1	34.651	437.3	3.7	1.4013	3.839	0.613
2	43.231	10953.7	53.1	3.4409	96.161	0.733

HPLC profile of **8q**

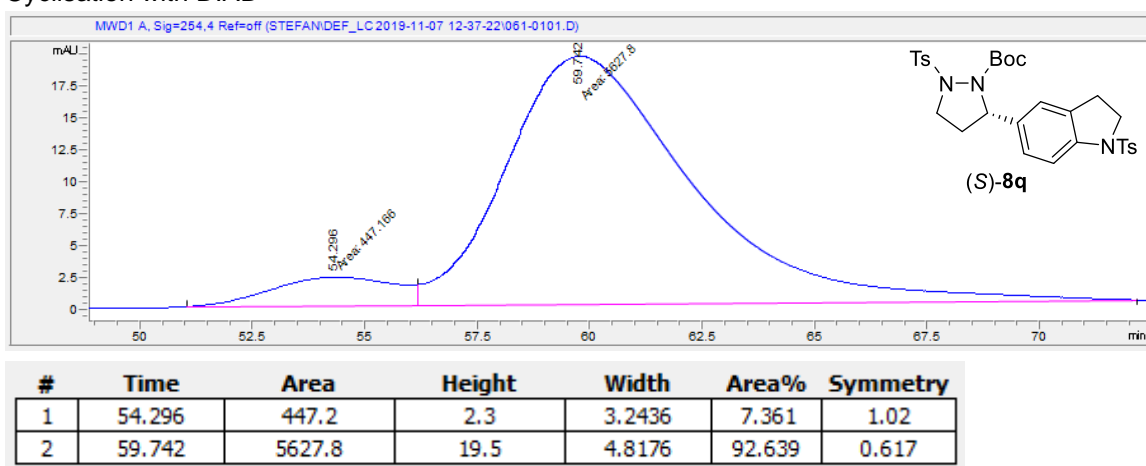
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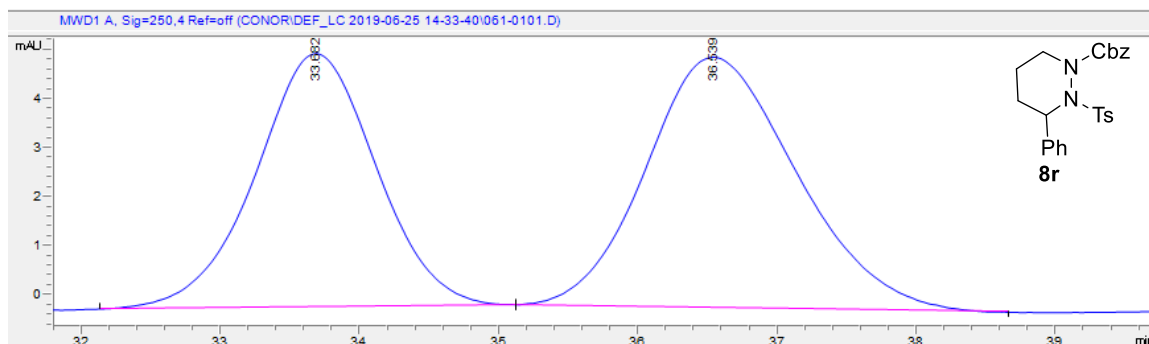


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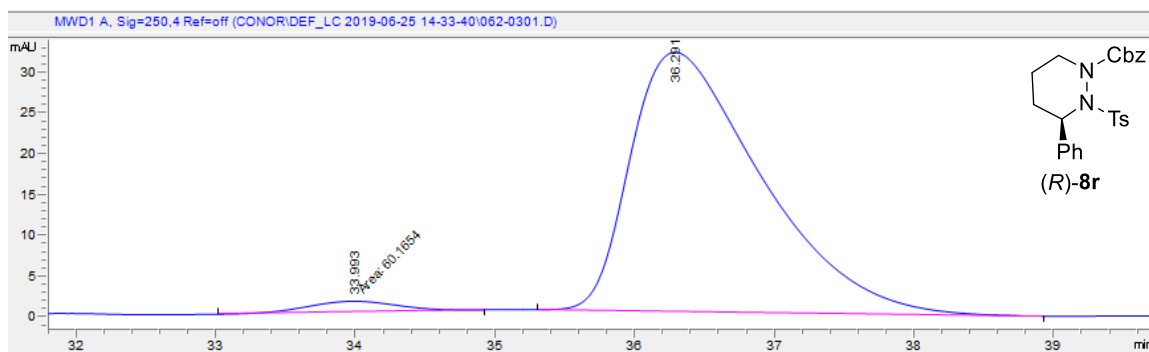


HPLC profile of compound **8r**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 98.5:1.5 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.



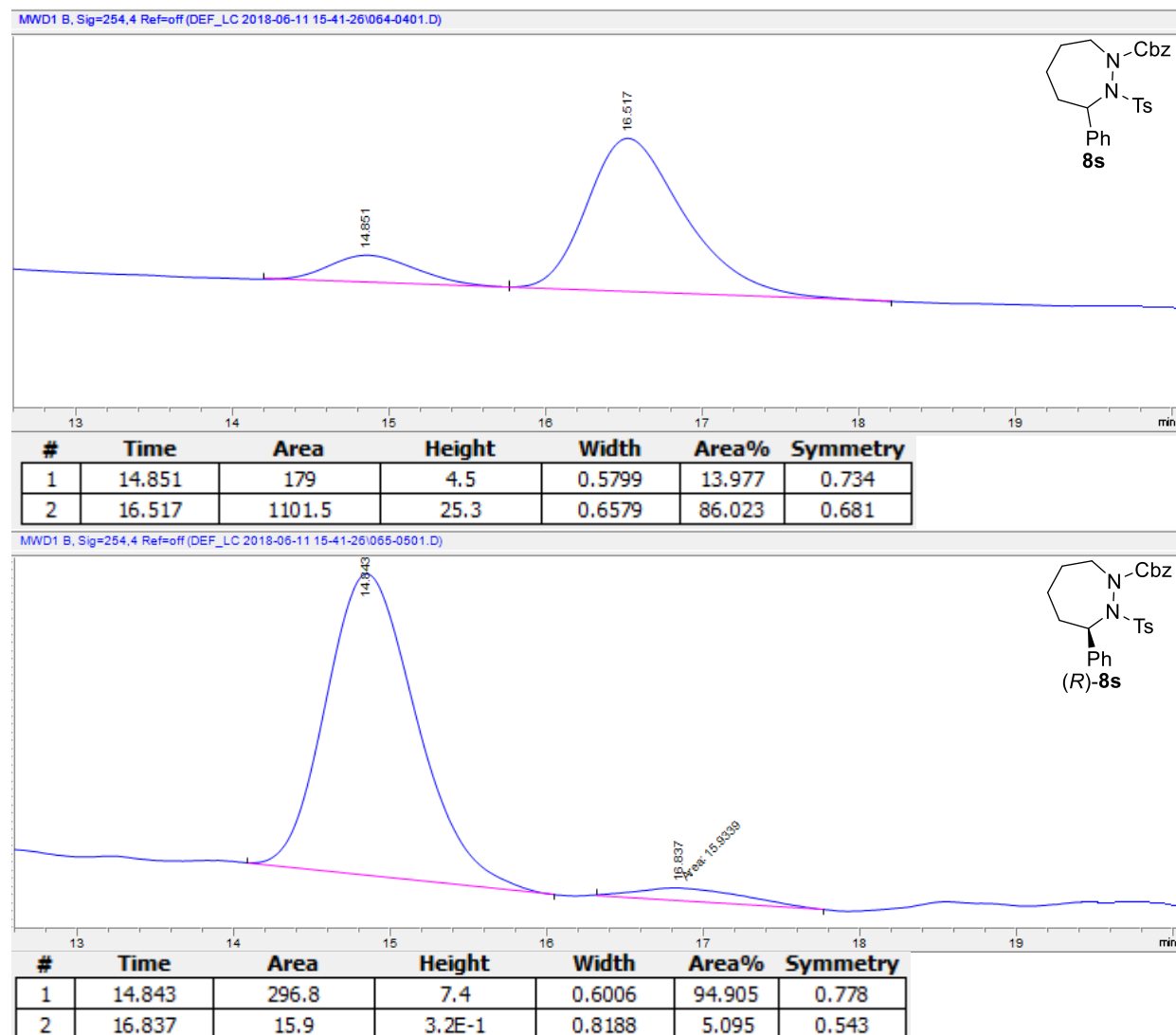
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1	33.682	312.1	5.2	0.8328	44.629	0.993
2	36.539	387.3	5.1	0.9262	55.371	0.8



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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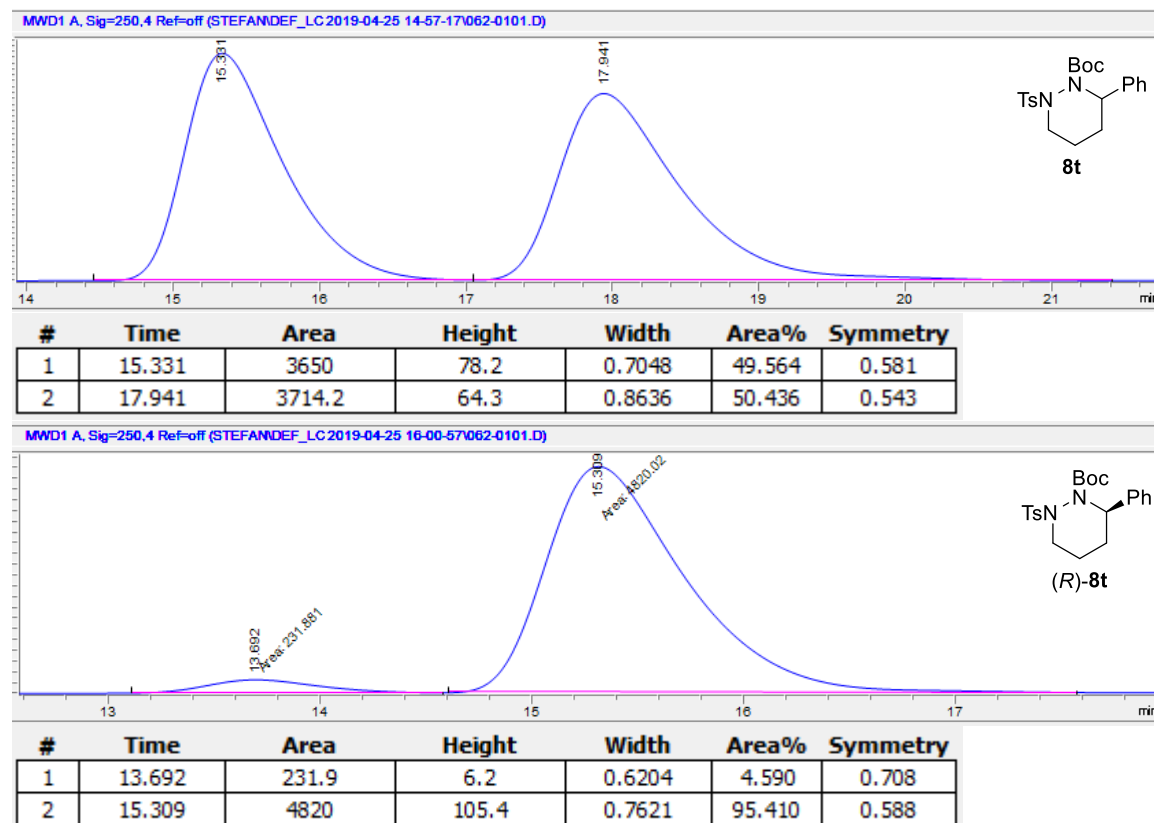
HPLC profile of compound **8s**

Chiralpak OD-H column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) 98:2 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.



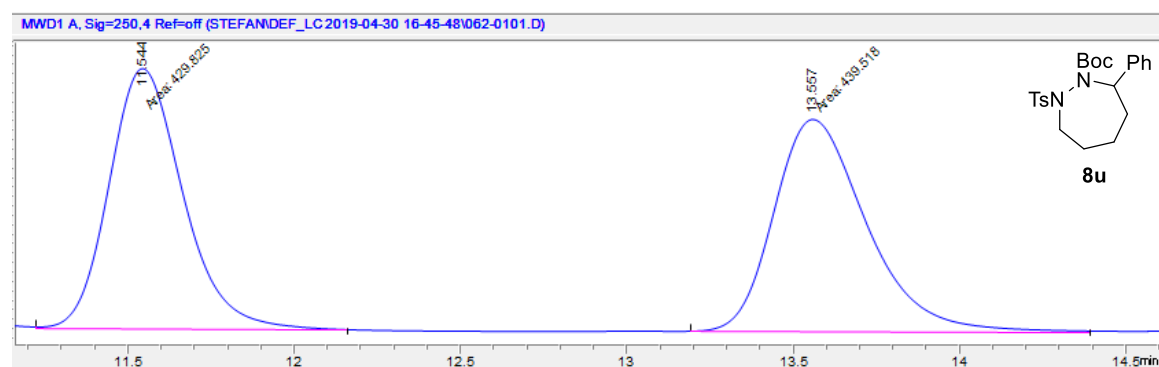
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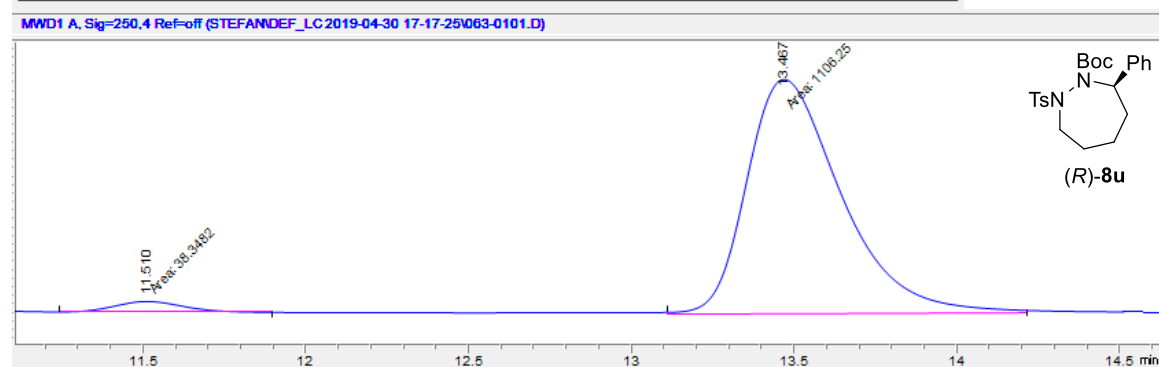


HPLC profile of **8u**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm), 98:2 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



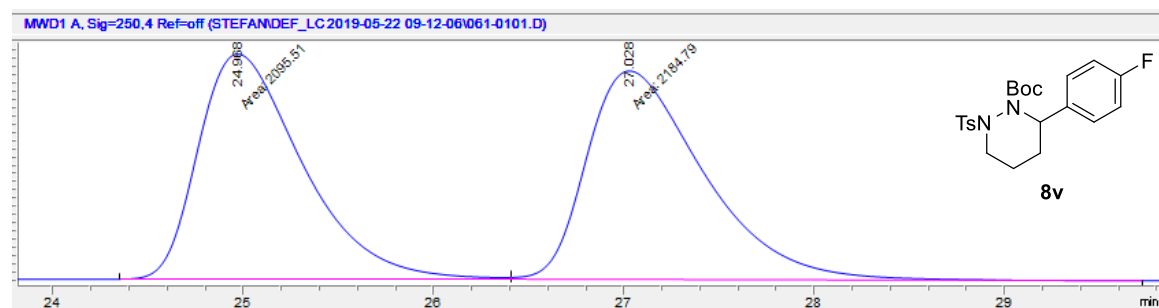
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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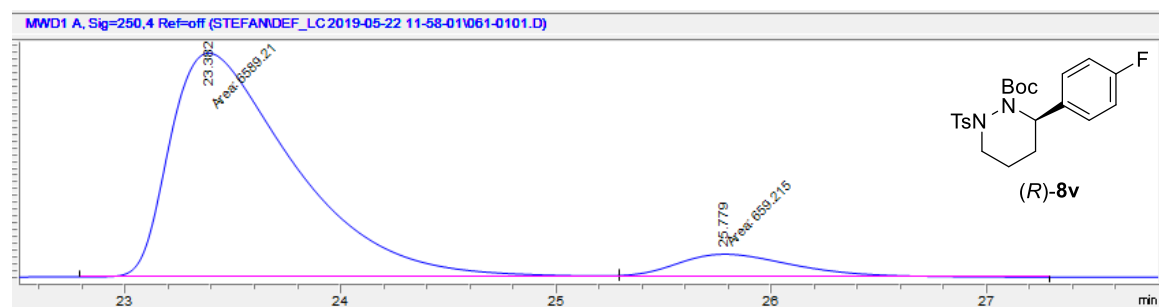
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1	11.51	38.3	2.5	0.2524	3.350	0.825
2	13.467	1106.3	54.8	0.3362	96.650	0.633

HPLC profile of **8v**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm), 99.2:0.8 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	24.968	2095.5	54.9	0.6367	48.957	0
2	27.028	2184.8	50.9	0.7158	51.043	0.56

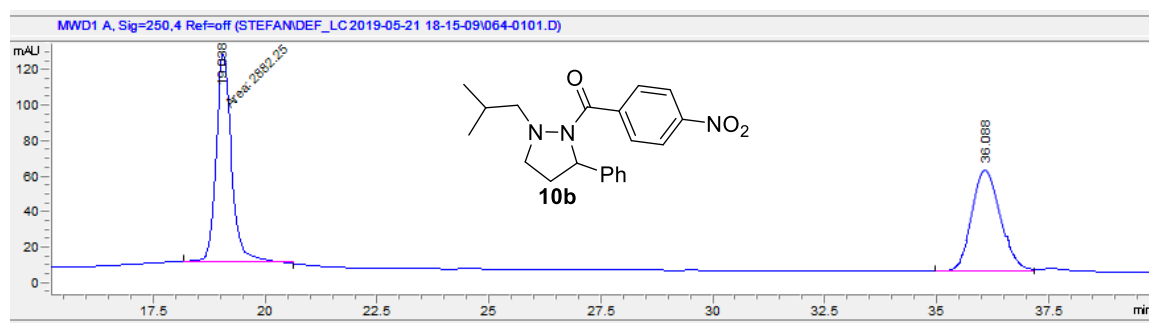


#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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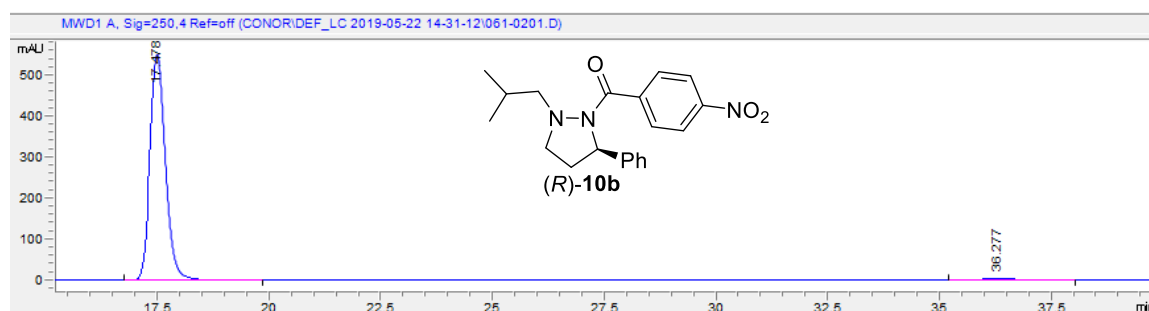
HPLC profiles of functionalised hydrazines **10b**, **10d** and **10i** and **10o**

HPLC profile of compound **10b**

Chiralpak IA (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm) column, 90:10 Hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



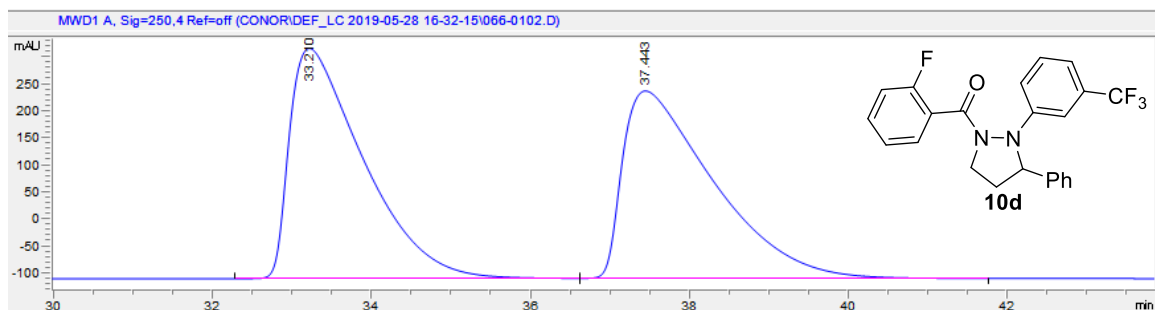
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	19.038	2882.2	117.7	0.4082	52.816	0.816
2	36.088	2574.9	57.5	0.6948	47.184	0.849



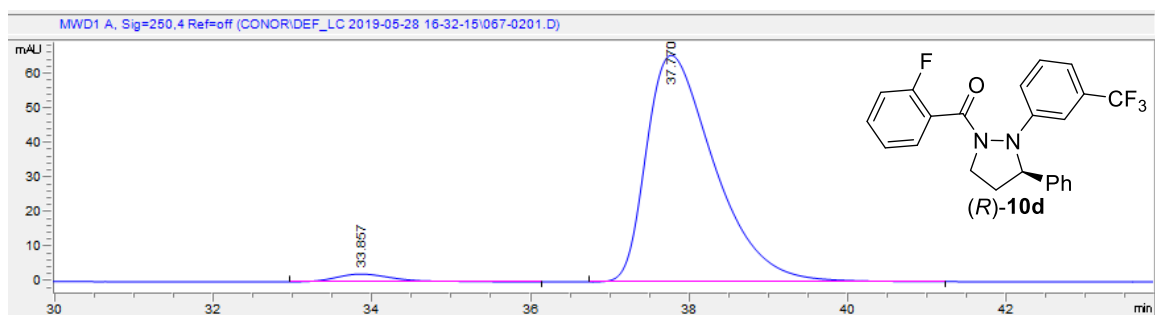
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	17.478	13396.2	554.8	0.3737	97.868	0.78
2	36.277	291.8	5.5	0.751	2.132	0.805

HPLC profile of compound **10d**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm), 99:1 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.



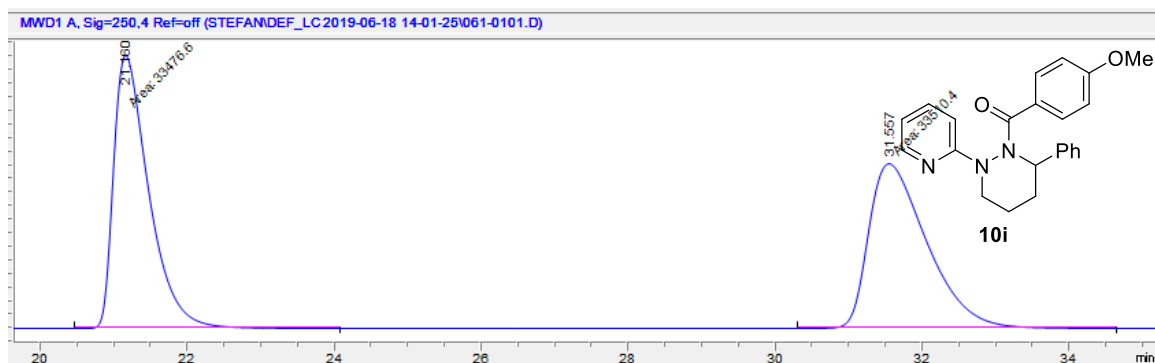
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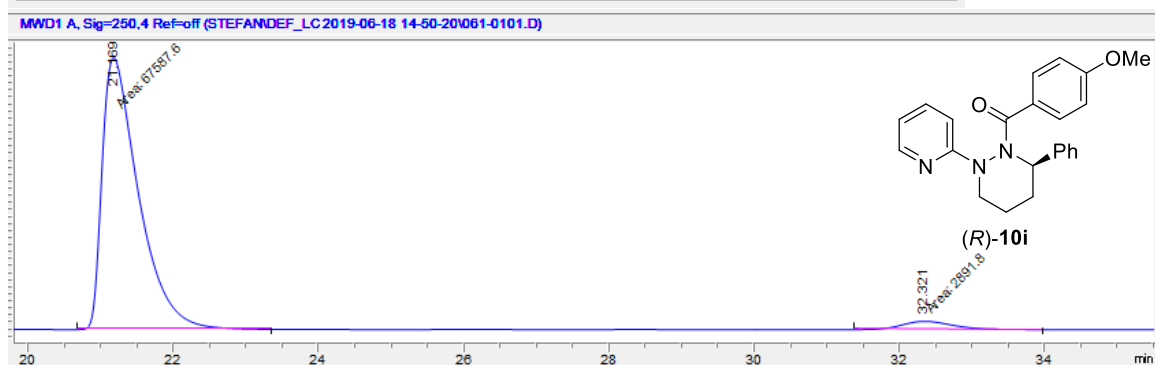
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1	33.857	117.6	2.3	0.6426	2.901	0.721
2	37.77	3934.5	65.9	0.9085	97.099	0.532

HPLC profile of **10i**

Chiralpak IA column (0.46 cm ø x 25 cm), 96:4 hexane:propan-2-ol, T = 25 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min.



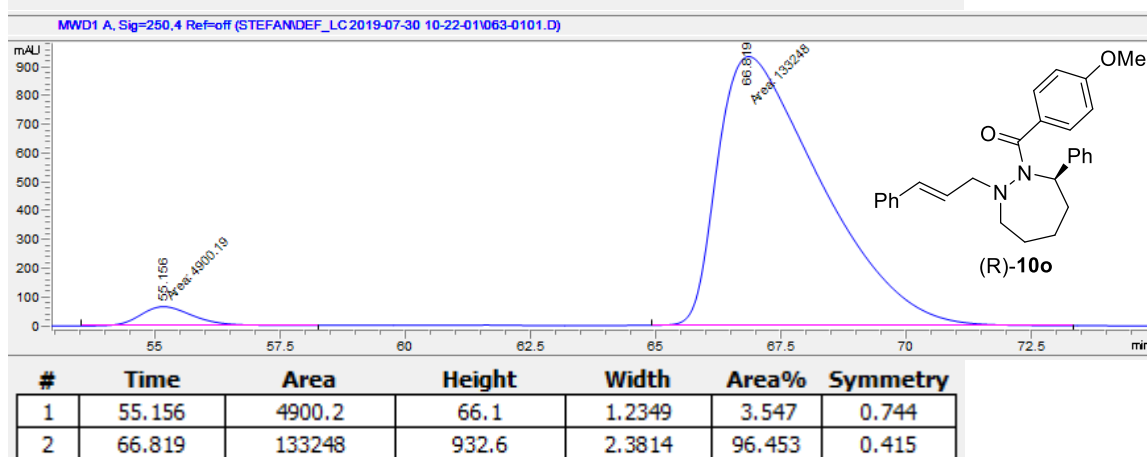
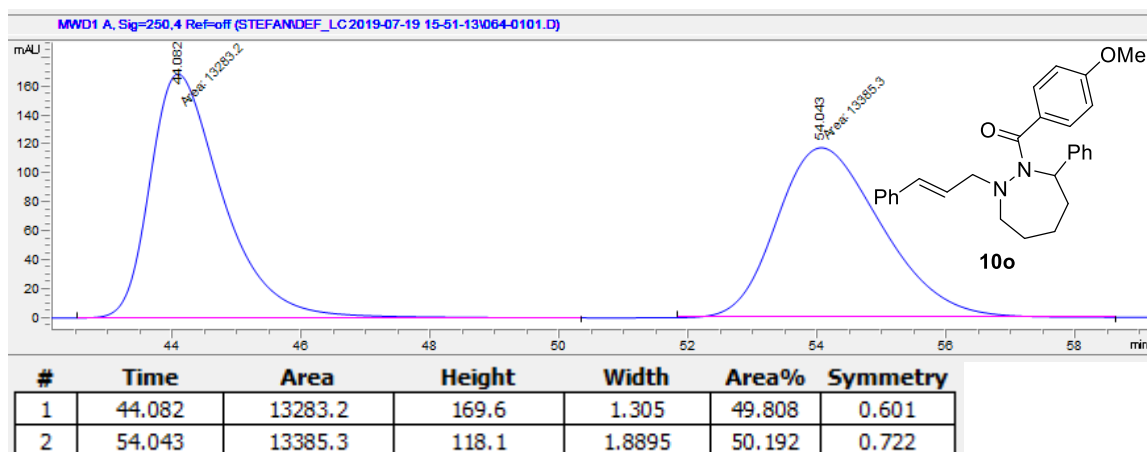
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	21.16	33476.6	1005.1	0.5551	49.975	0.504
2	31.557	33510.4	606.3	0.9212	50.025	0.522



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
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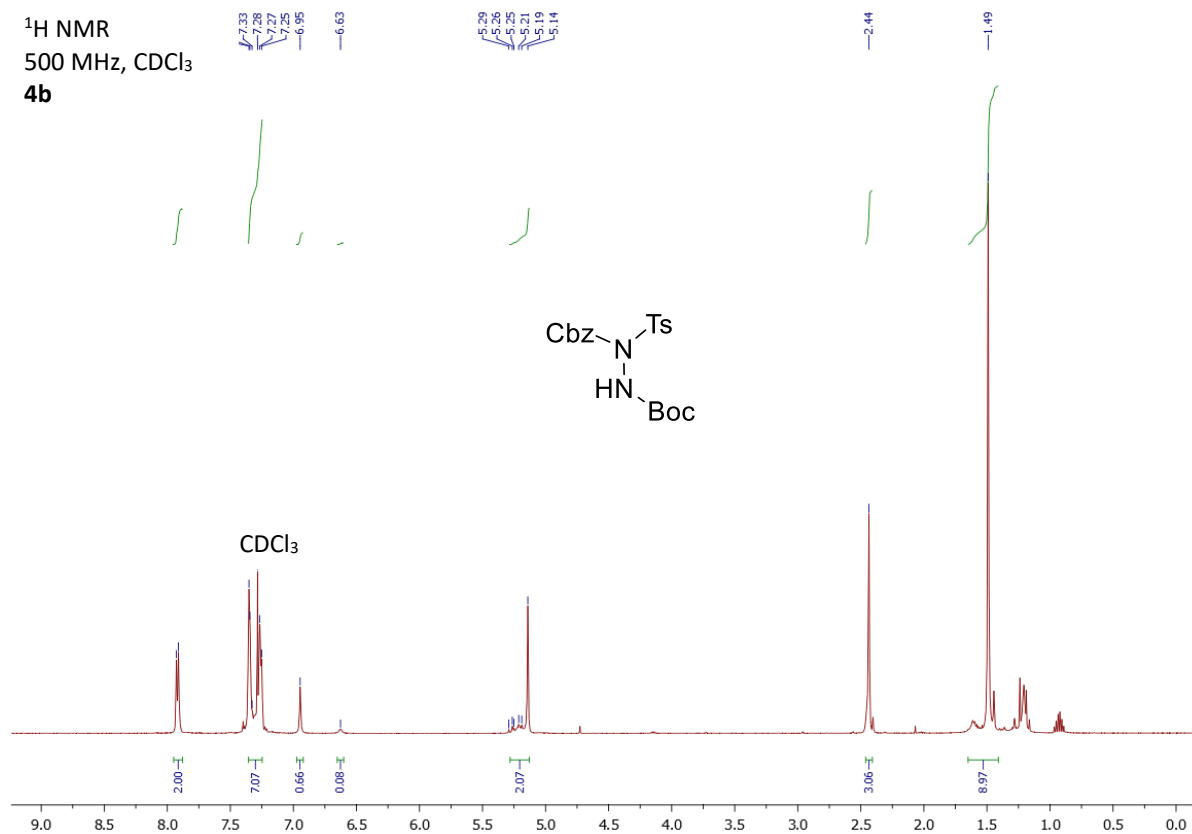
HPLC profile of **10o**

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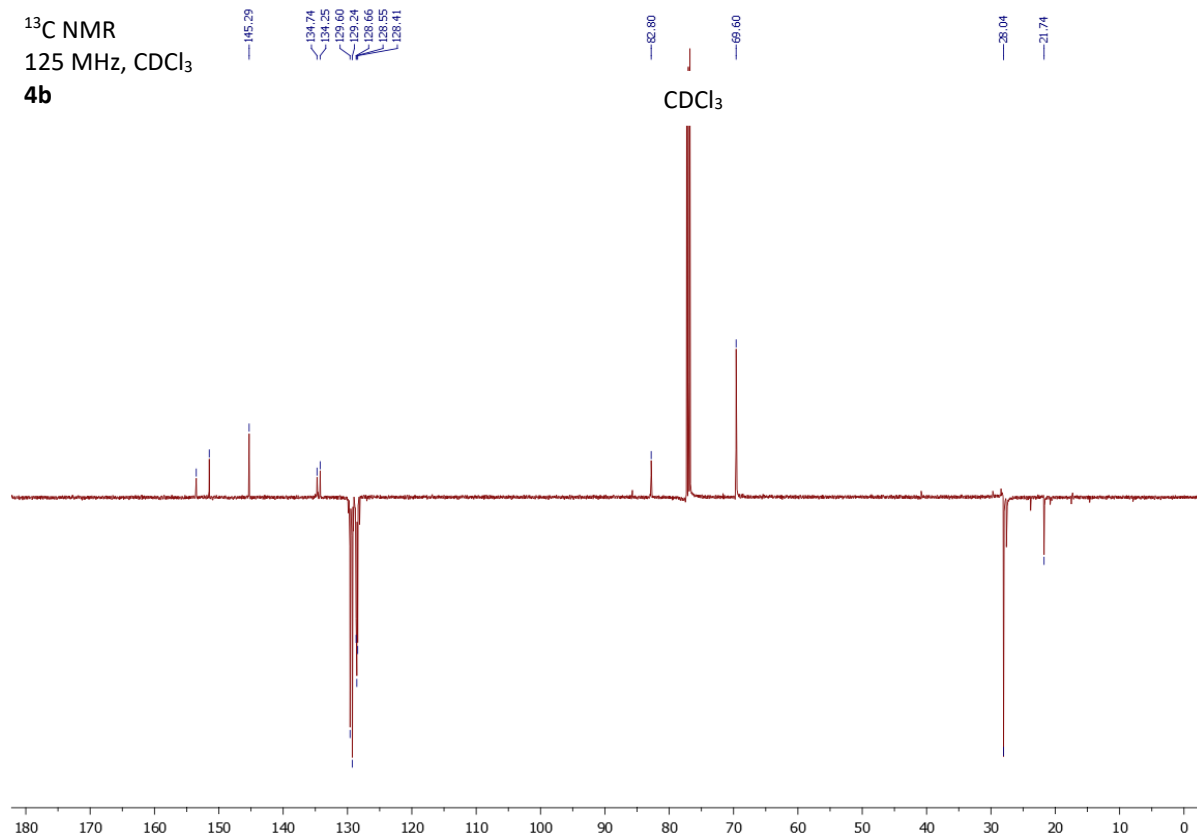


¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 4b, 5a-v, 6a-v, 8a-v, 10a-q and 12

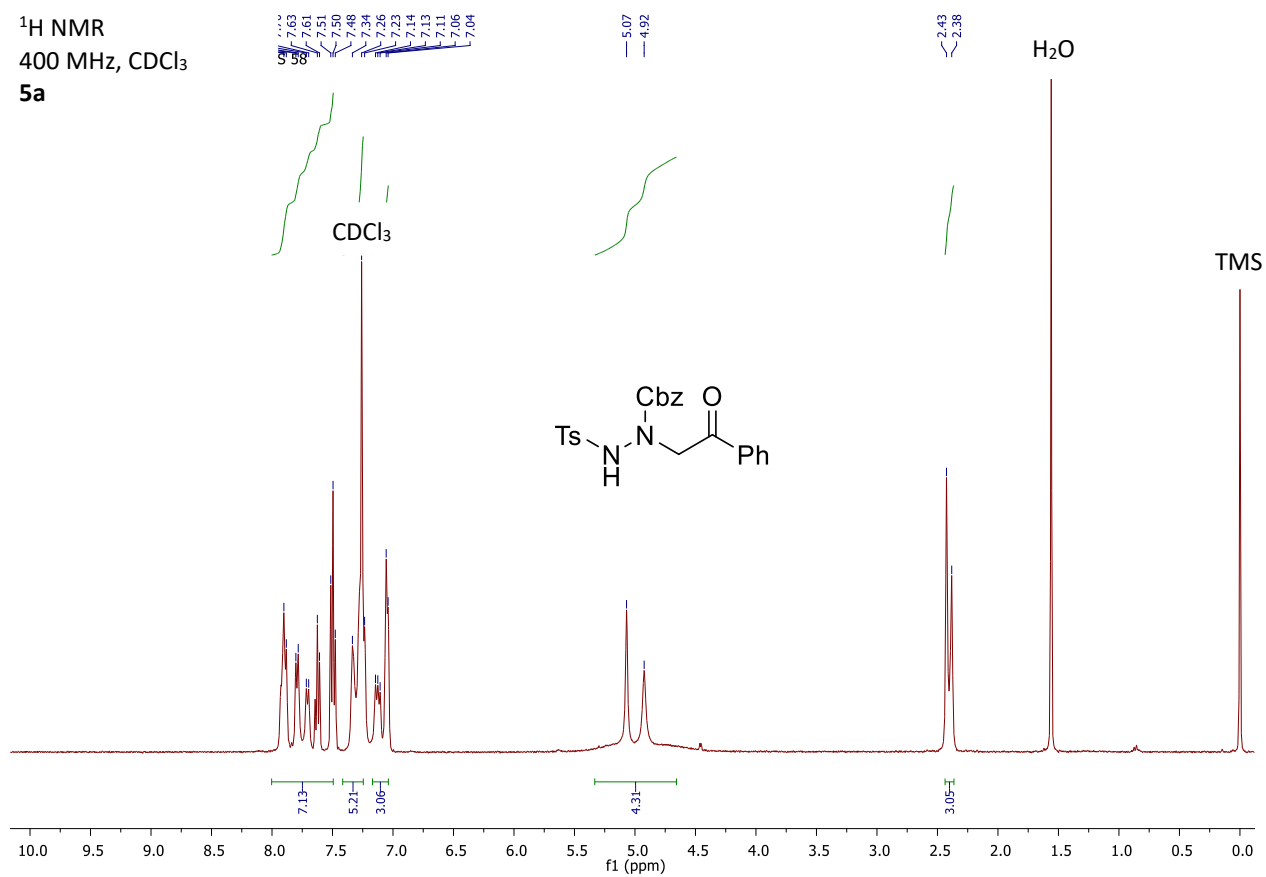
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4b



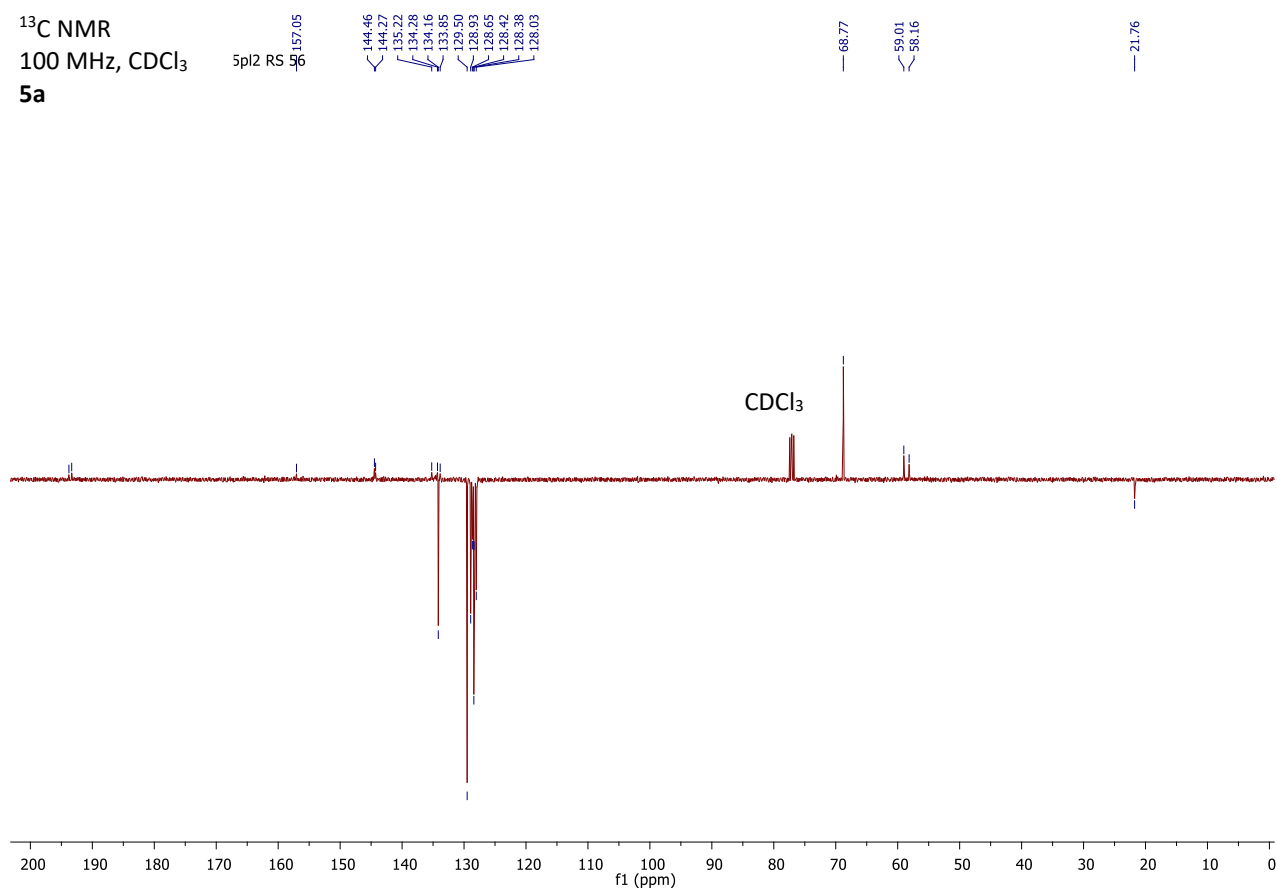
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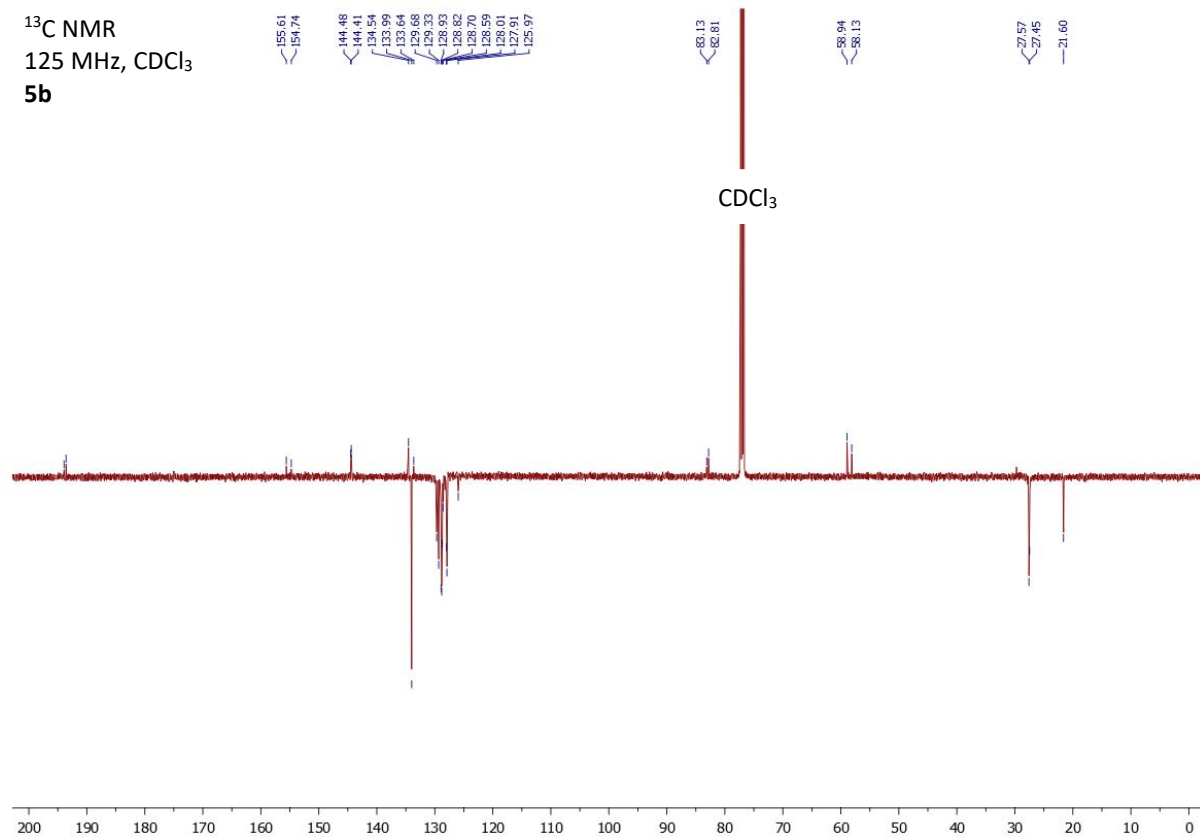
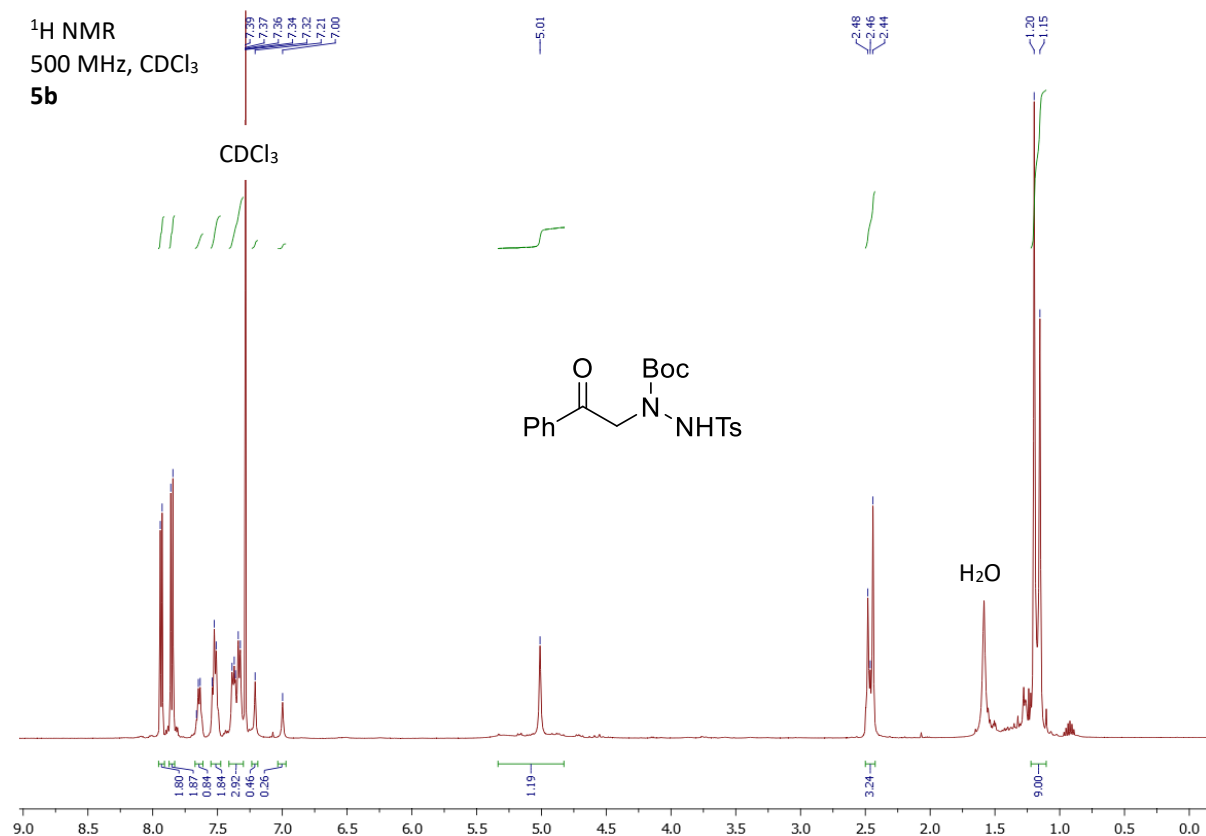


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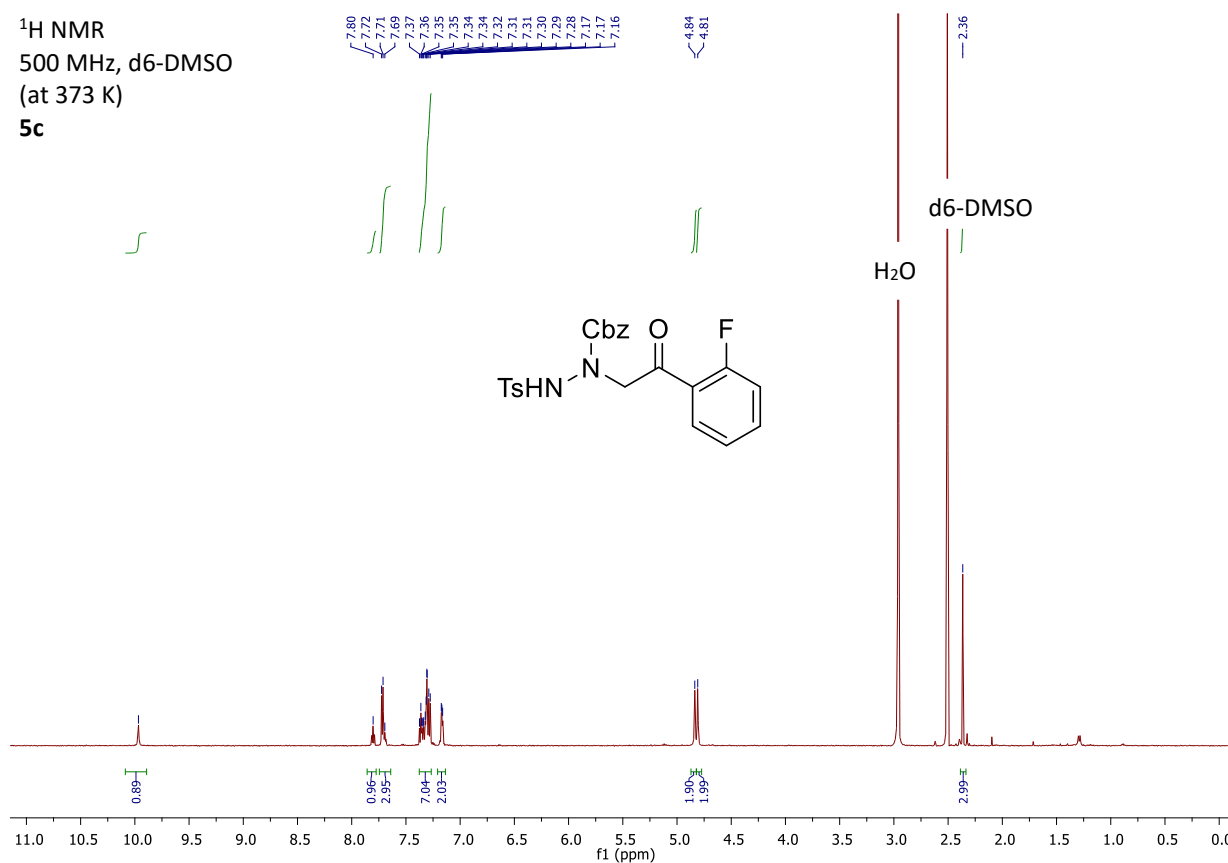


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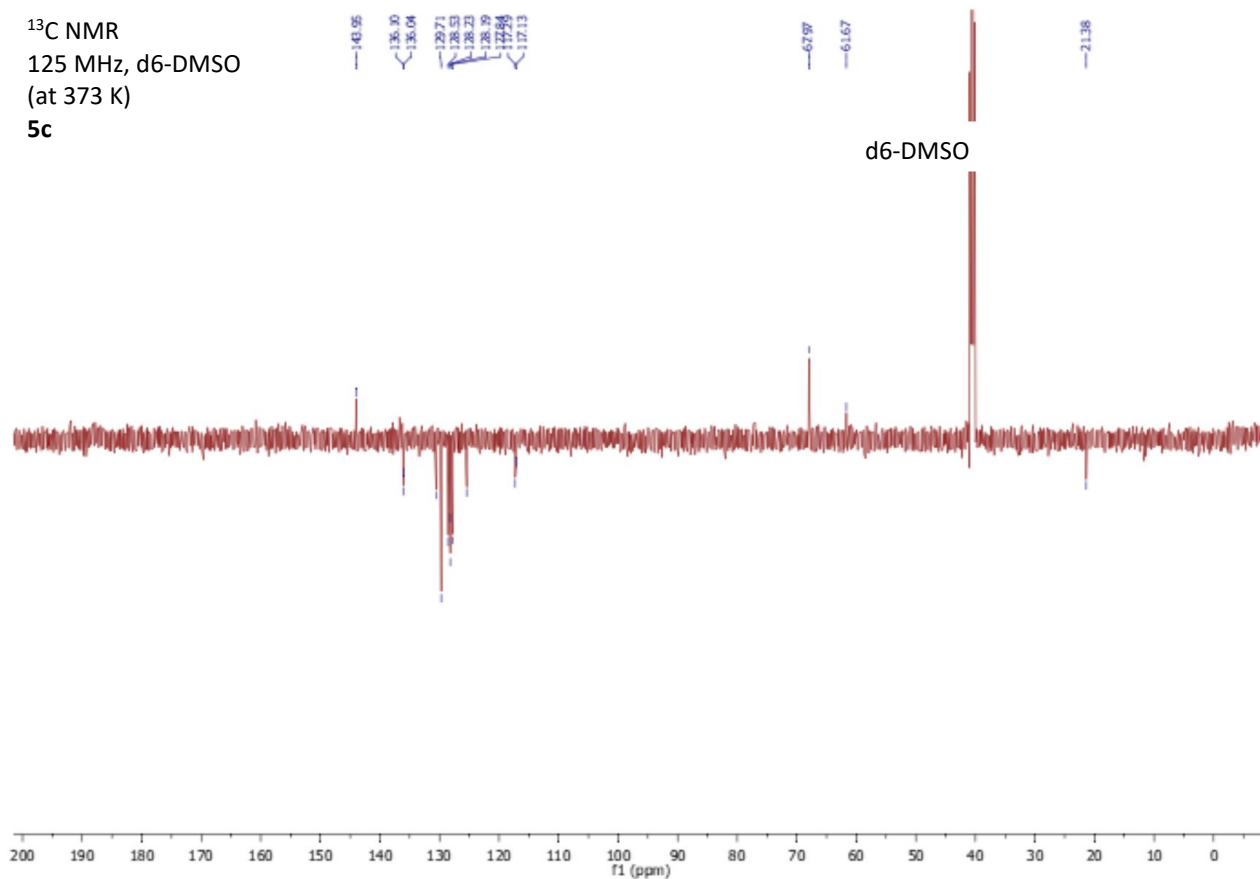


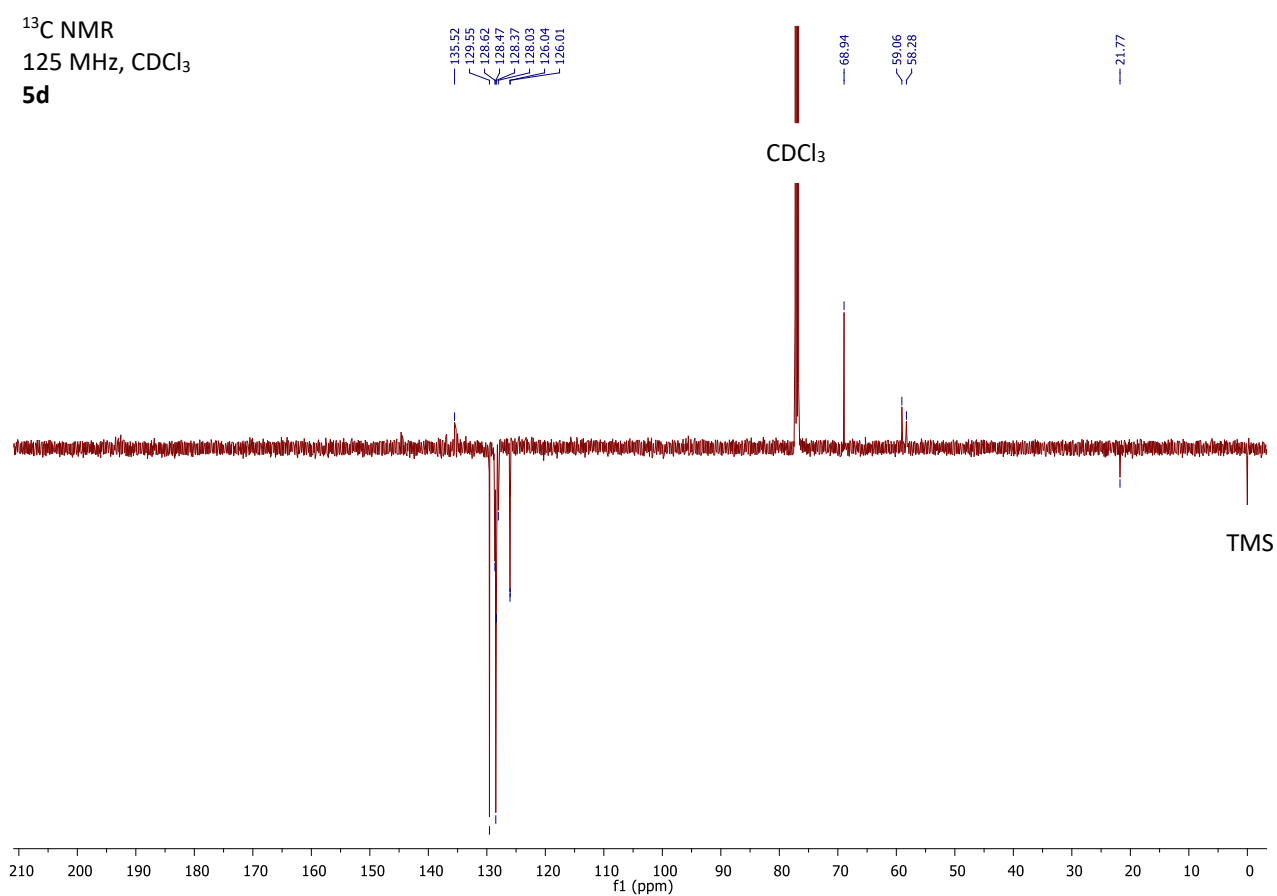
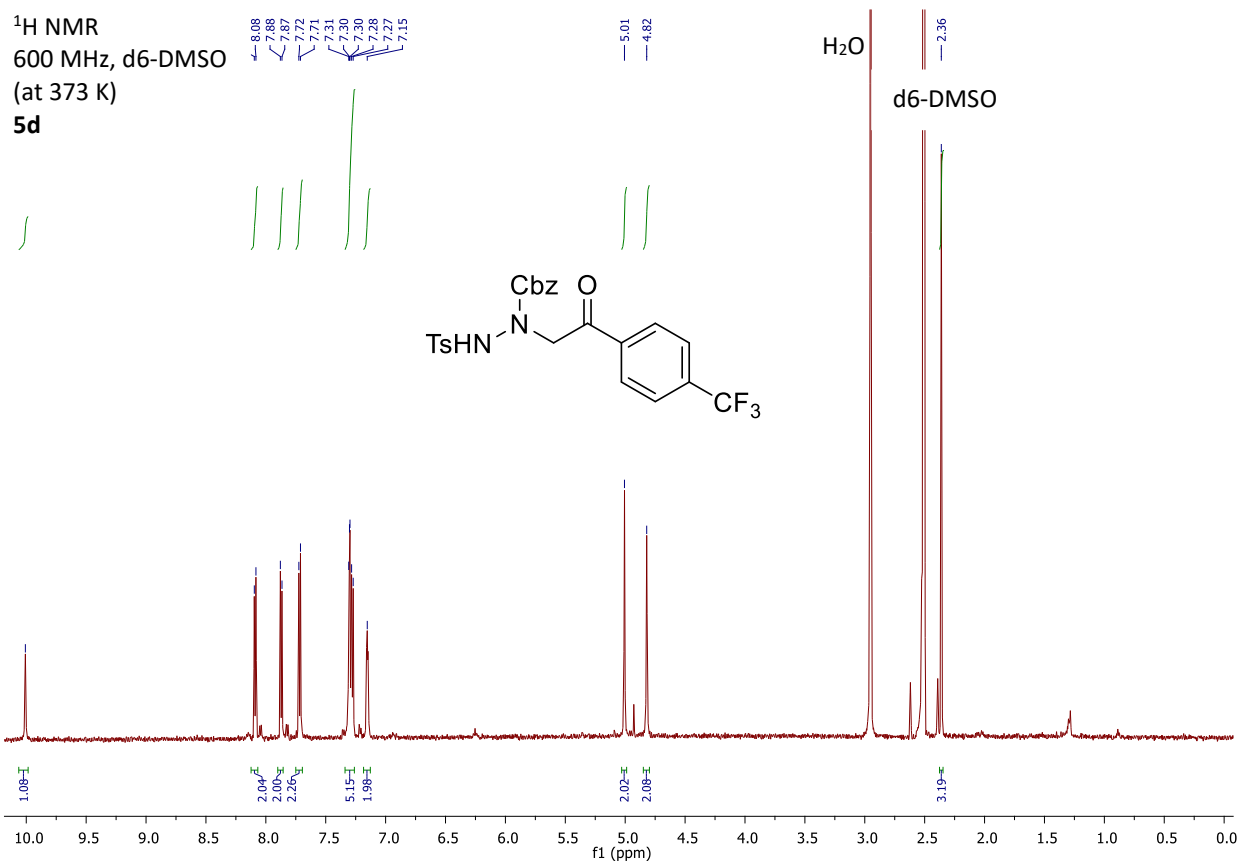


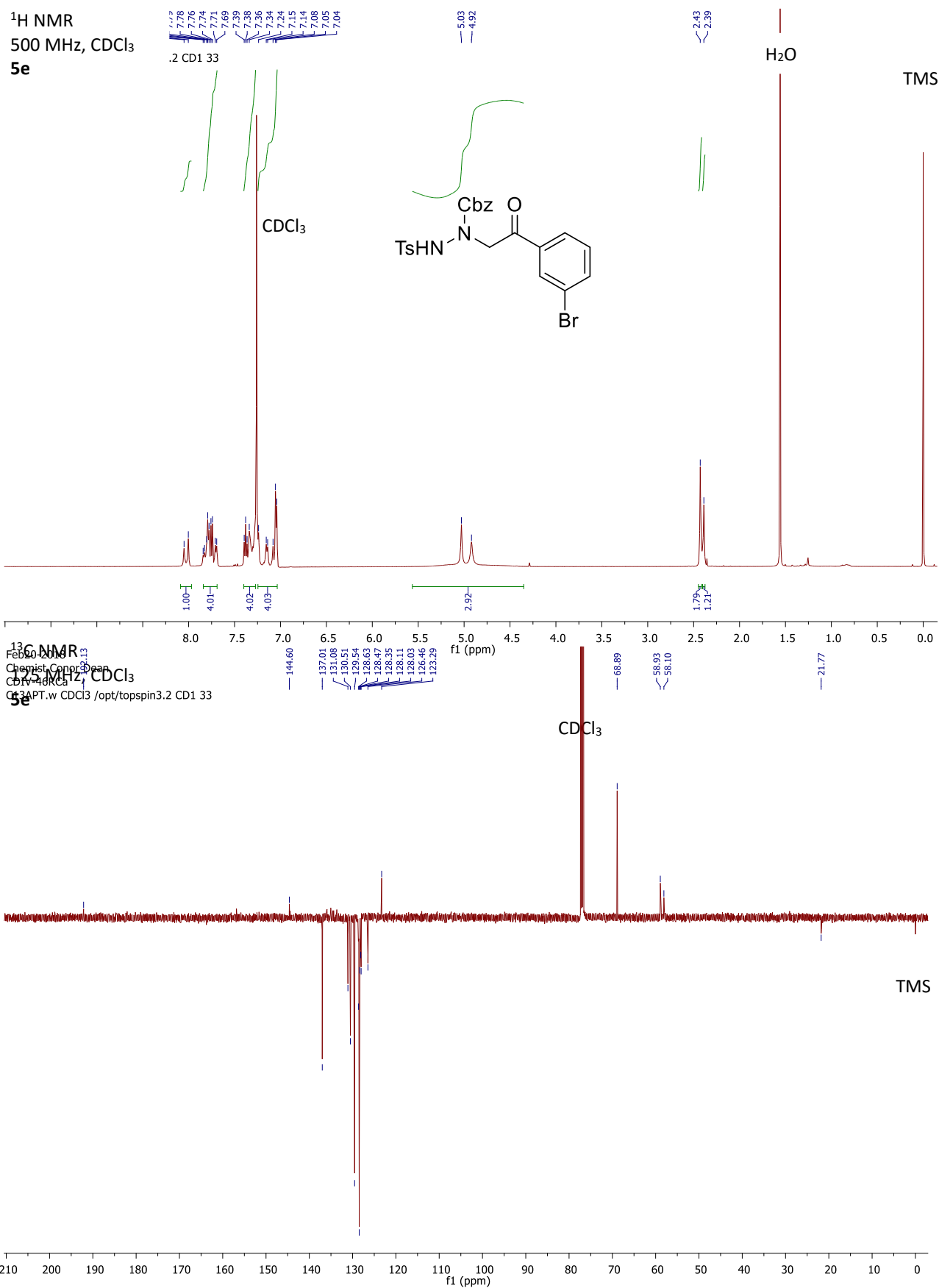
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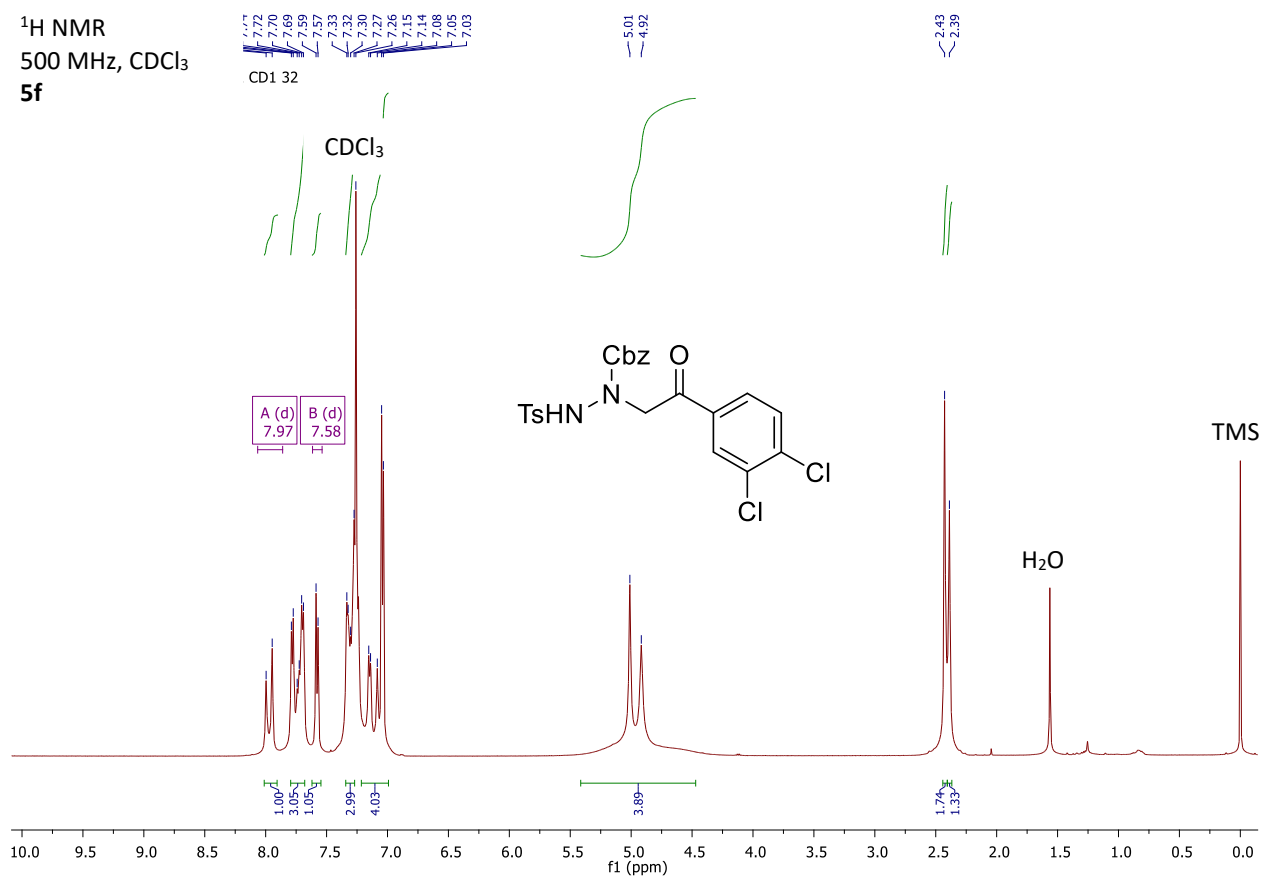
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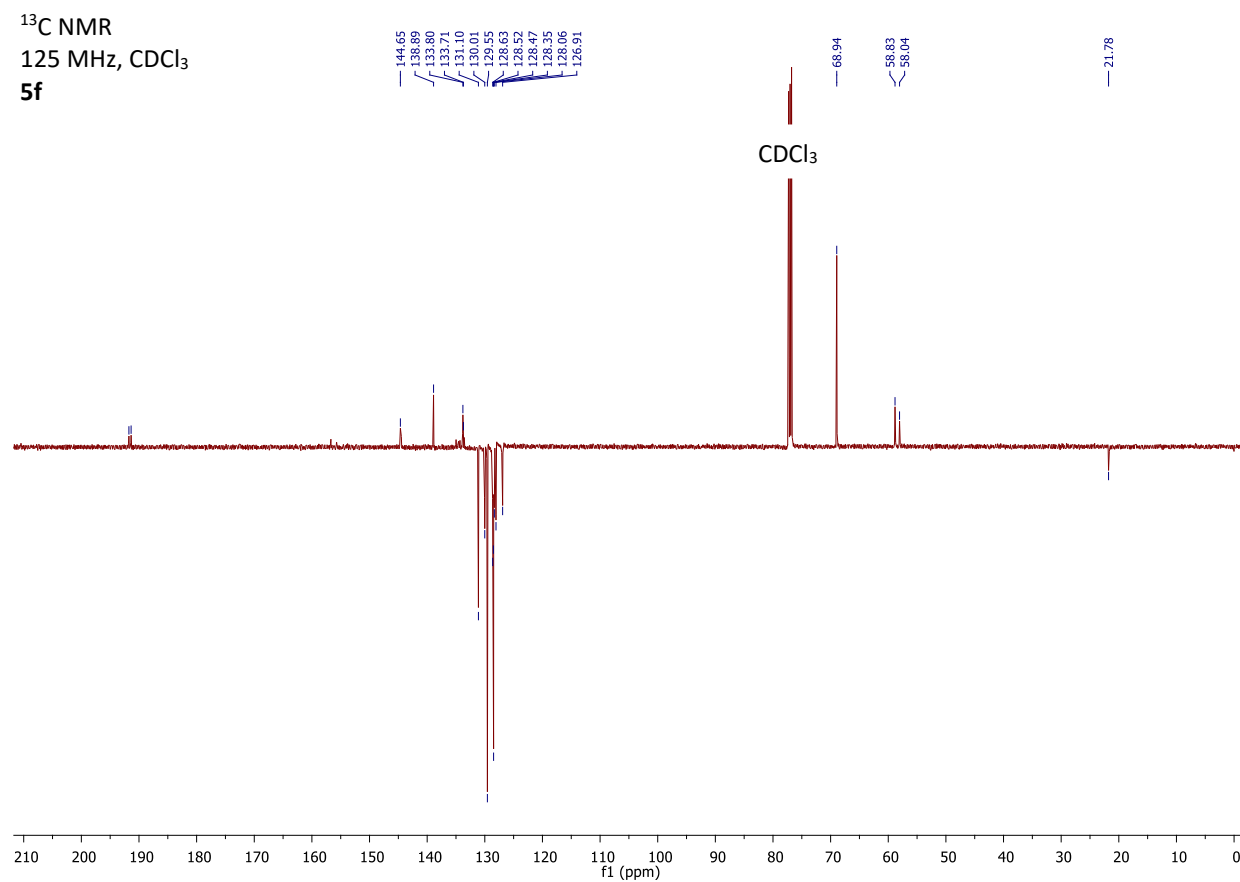




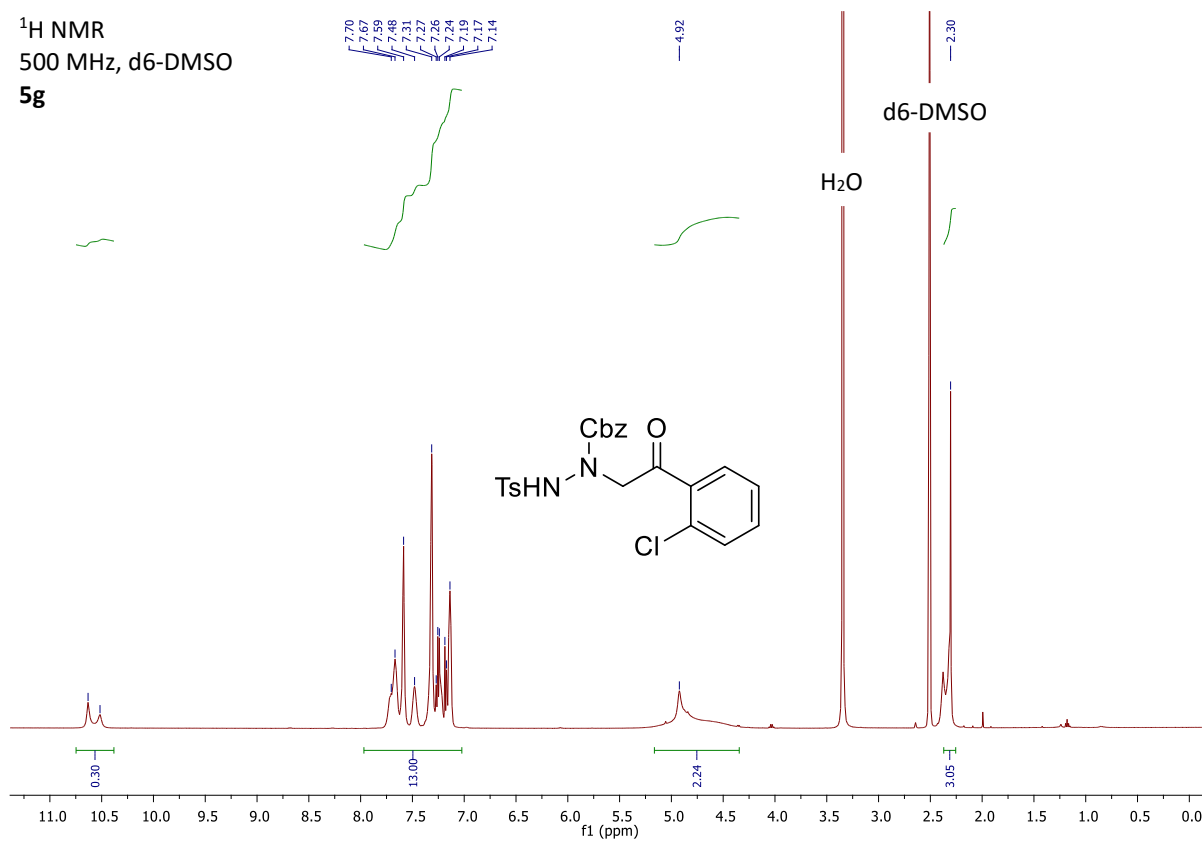
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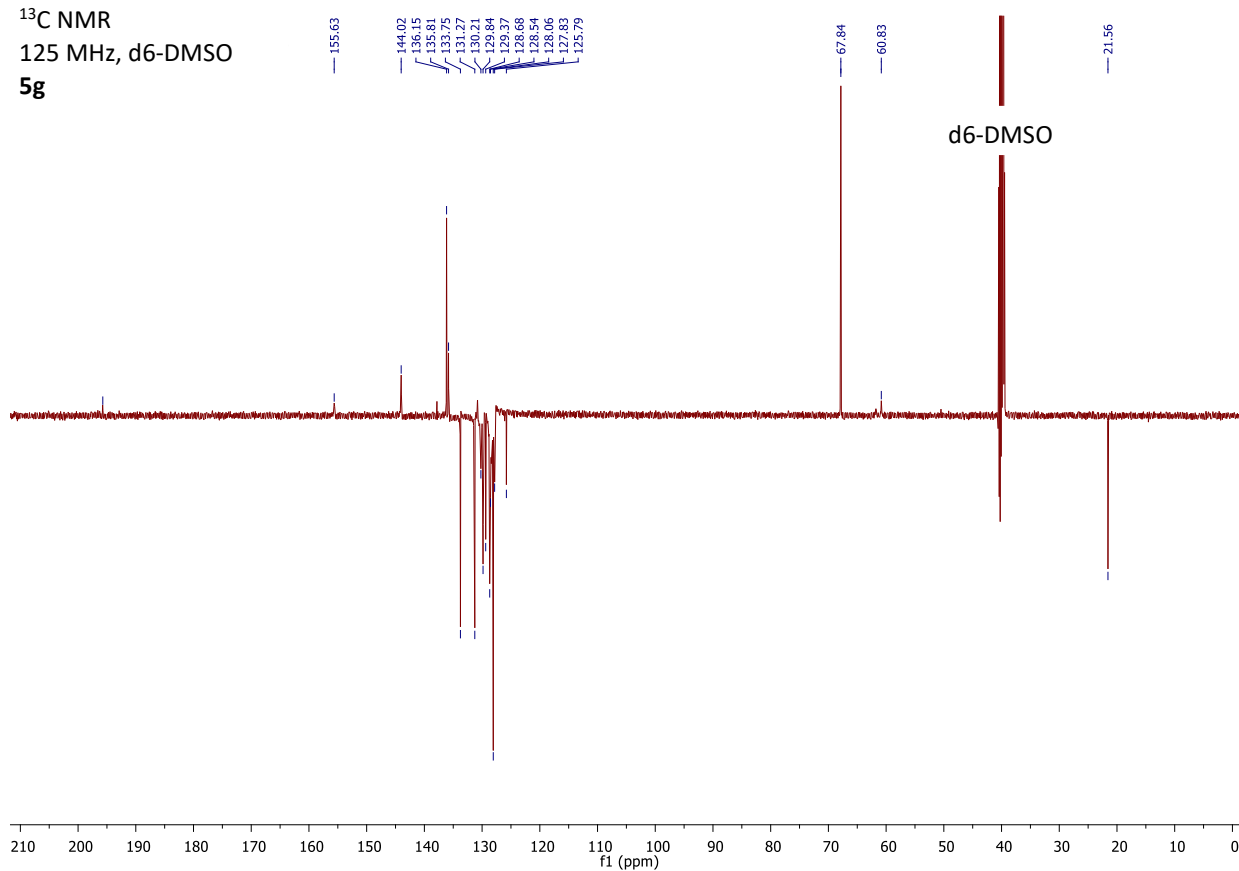
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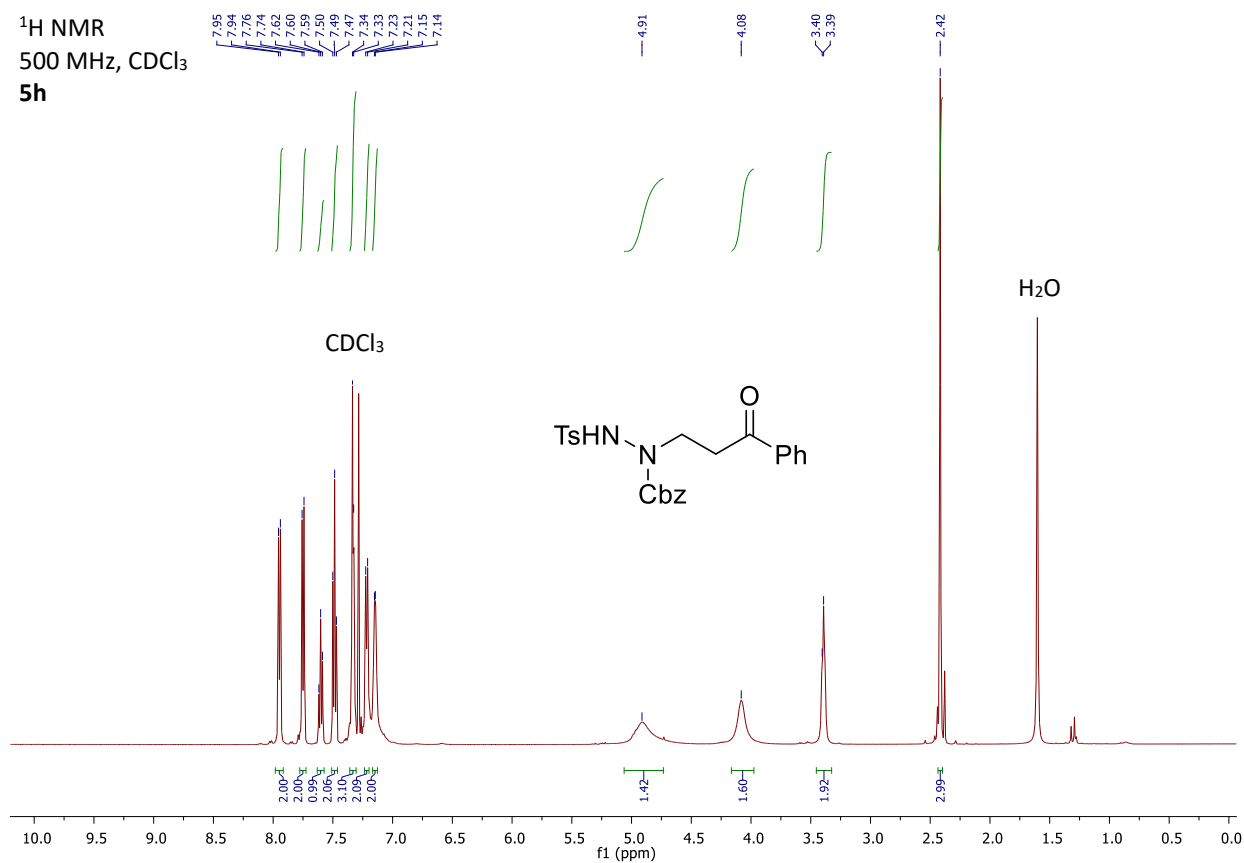
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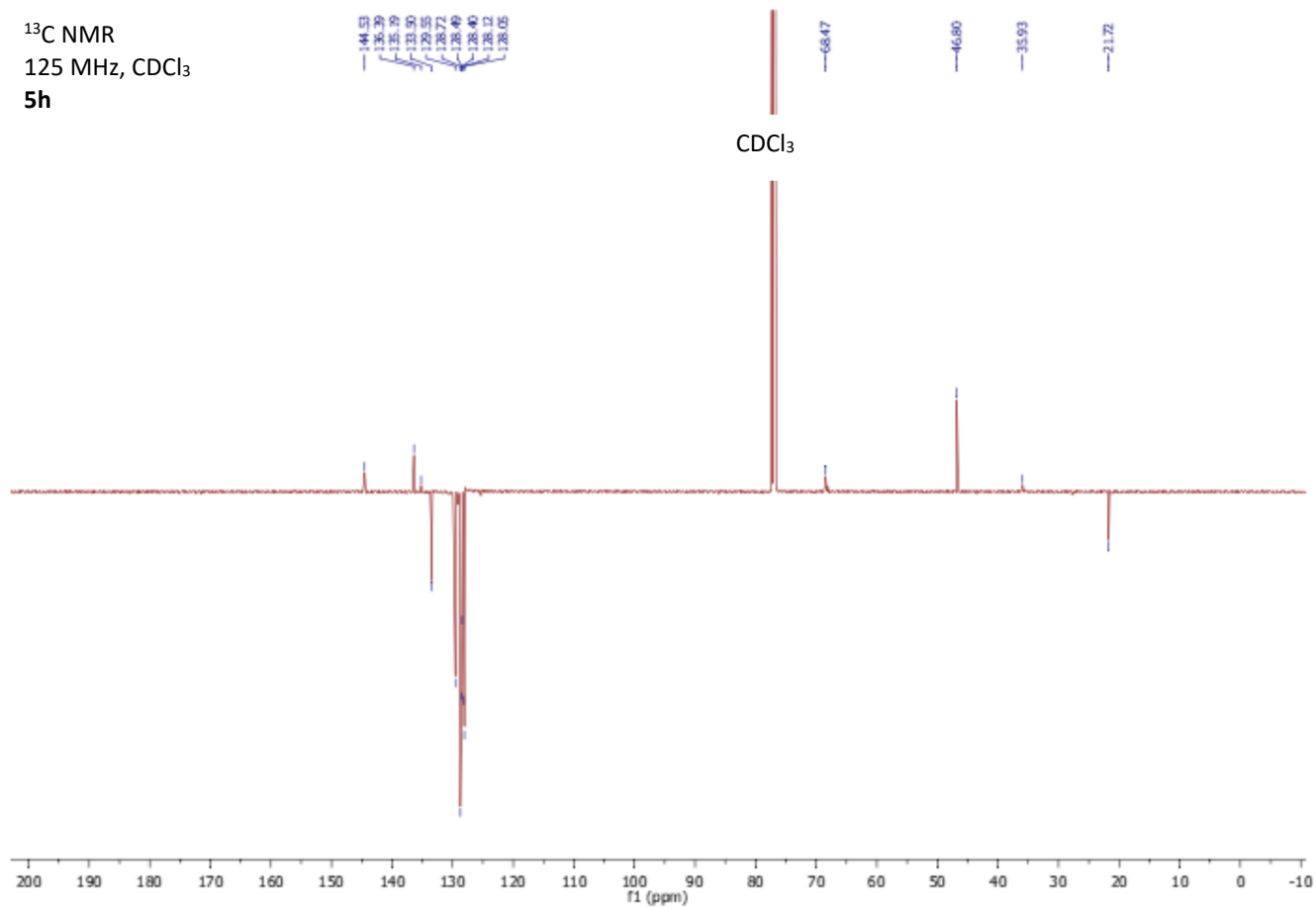
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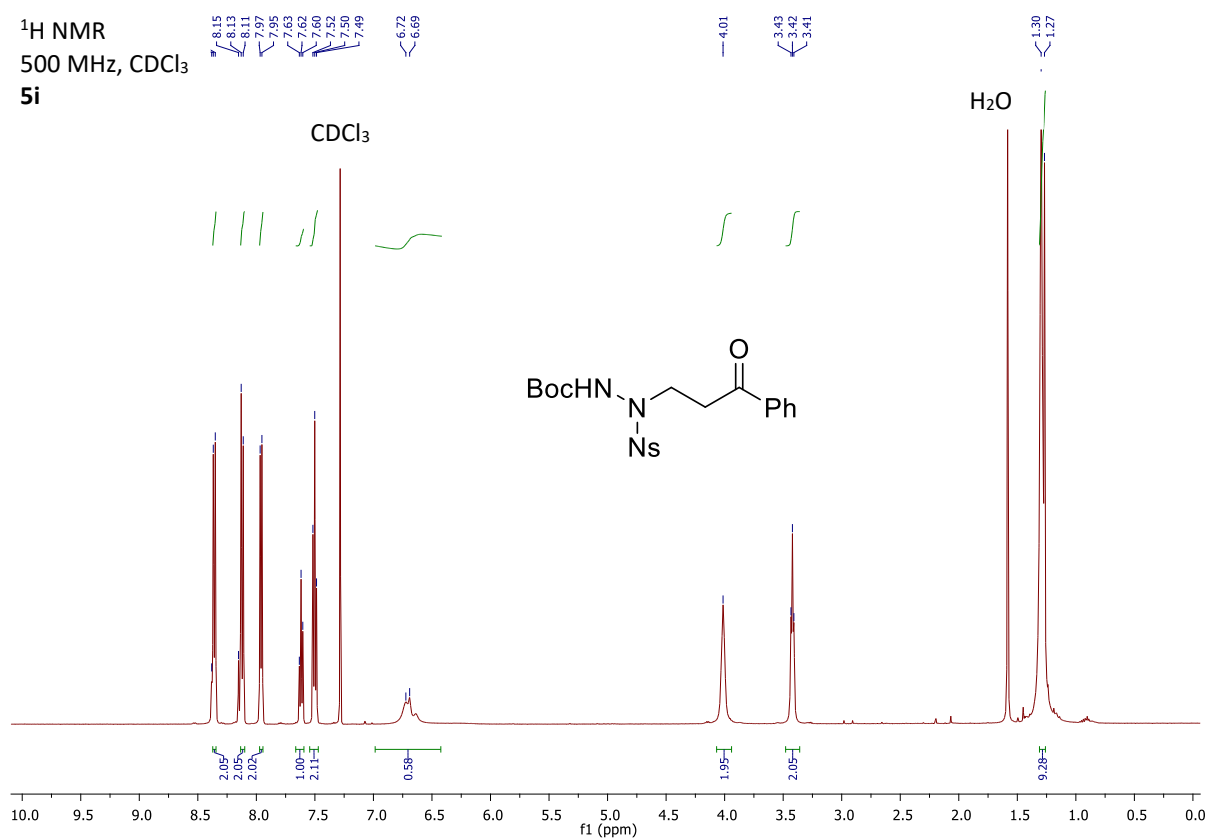
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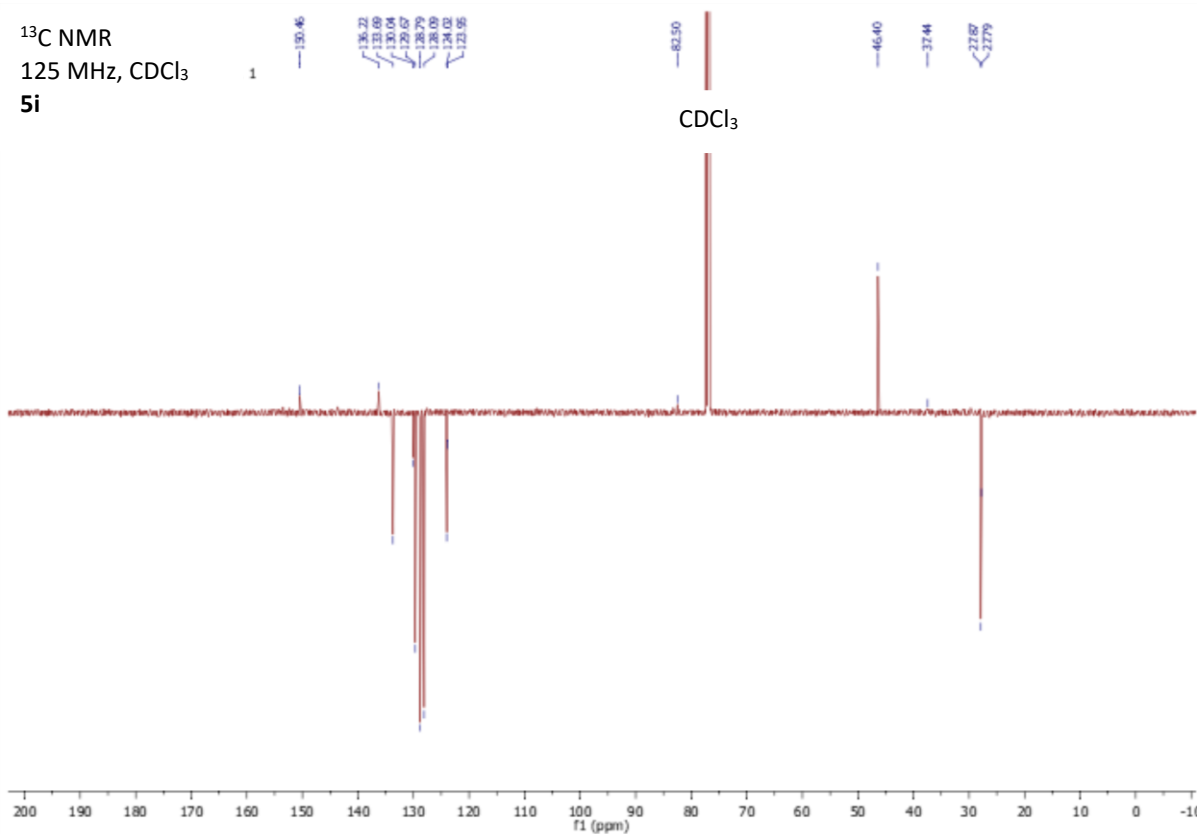
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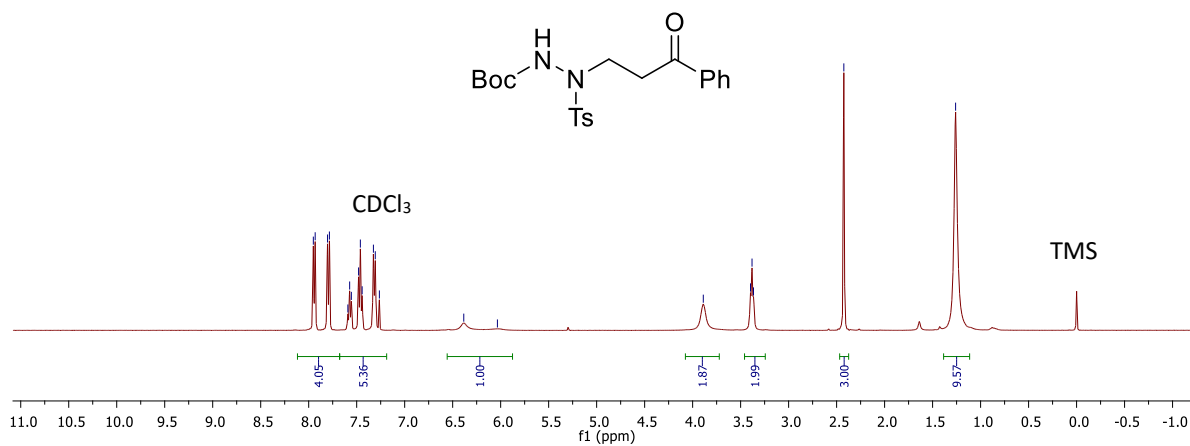
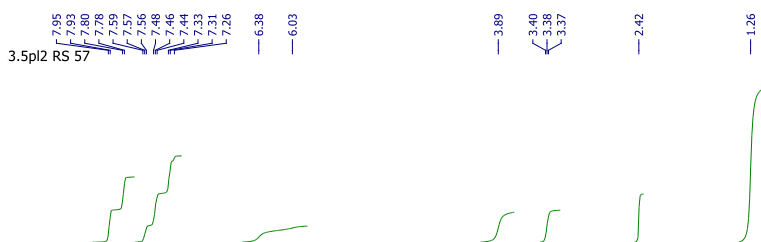
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500 MHz, CDCl₃
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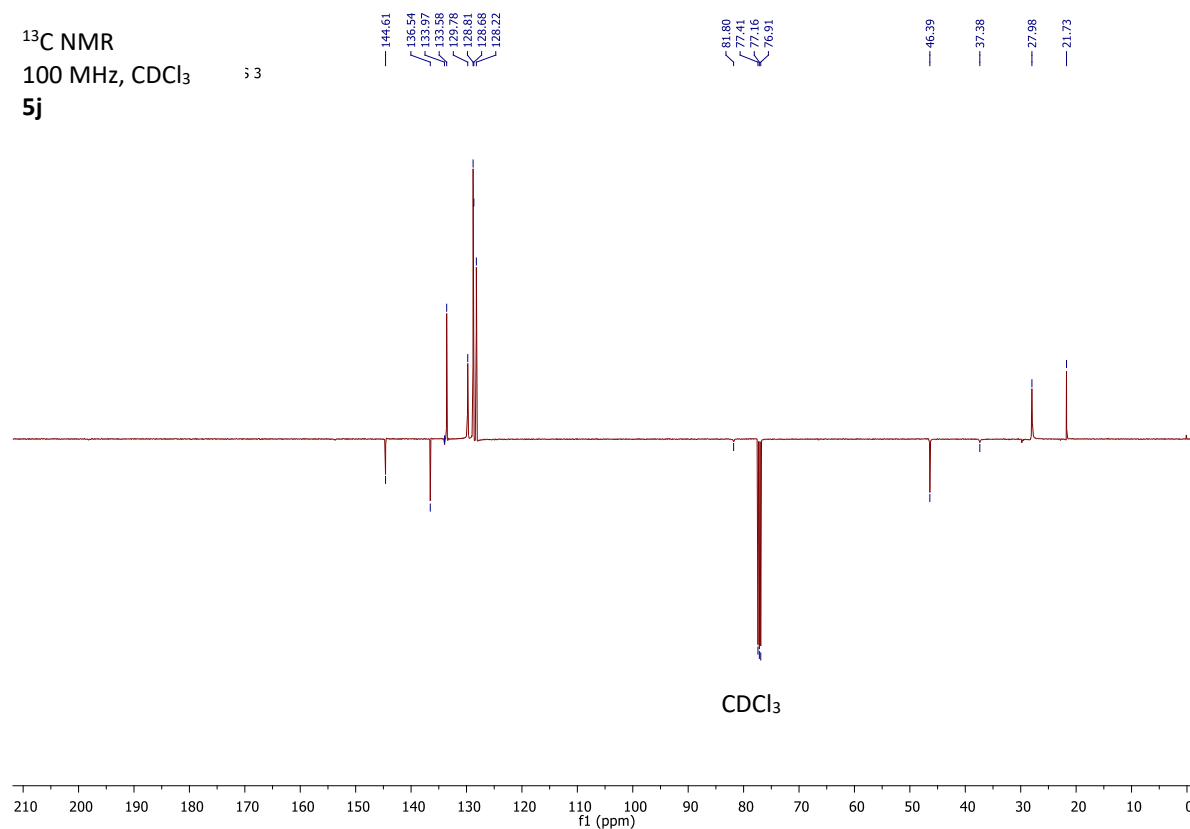
¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5i



¹H NMR
400 MHz, CDCl₃
5j



¹³C NMR
100 MHz, CDCl₃
5j



¹H NMR
500 MHz, CDCl₃
5k

Chemical structure of **5k** is shown above the spectrum:

CC(C)(C)OC(=O)NCC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)c2ccccc2

The spectrum displays the following peaks and integrations:

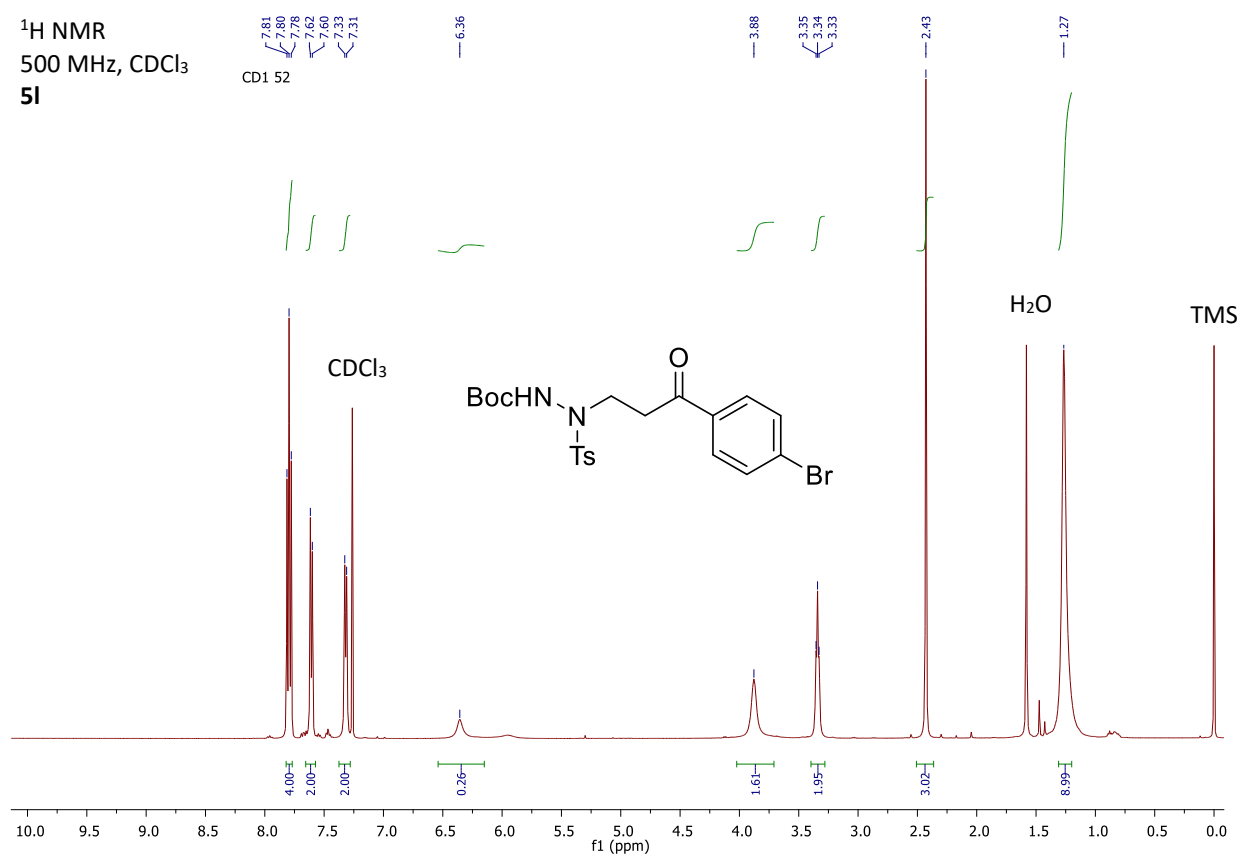
- Aromatic region (7.2-7.7 ppm): Multiple peaks with integrations of 2.00, 1.96, 2.04, 2.09, 2.30, 0.99, and 1.95.
- CDCl₃ solvent peak at 7.26 ppm.
- BocHN-CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-Ph group signals (3.5-4.0 ppm): Two multiplets with integrations of 1.29 and 1.84.
- Water (H₂O) peak at 3.3 ppm with integration of 2.88.
- Aliphatic signals (1.0-1.5 ppm): Two multiplets with integrations of 9.07 and 2.88.

¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5k

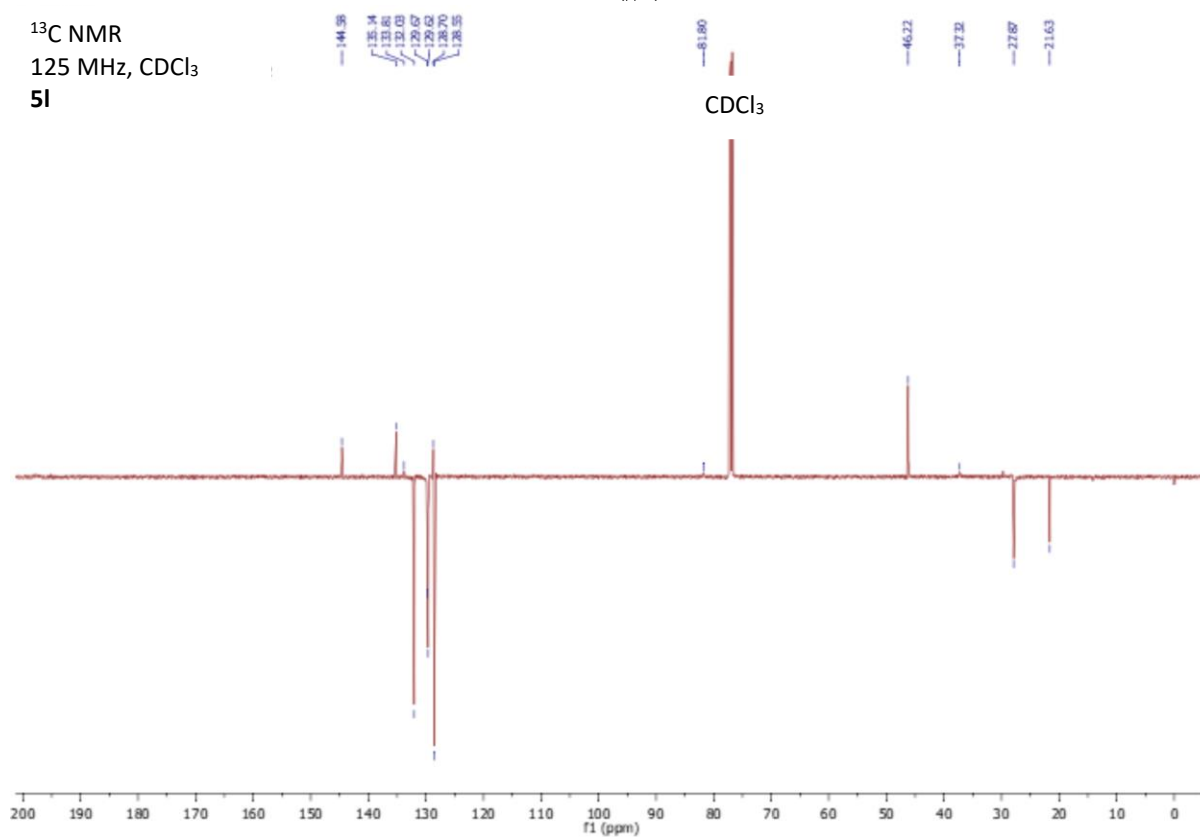
CDCl₃

Chemical shift values (ppm): 146.38, 144.52, 139.77, 135.12, 132.68, 128.99, 128.72, 128.57, 128.34, 127.33, 127.29, 77.0, 46.38, 41.36, 27.88, 21.63.

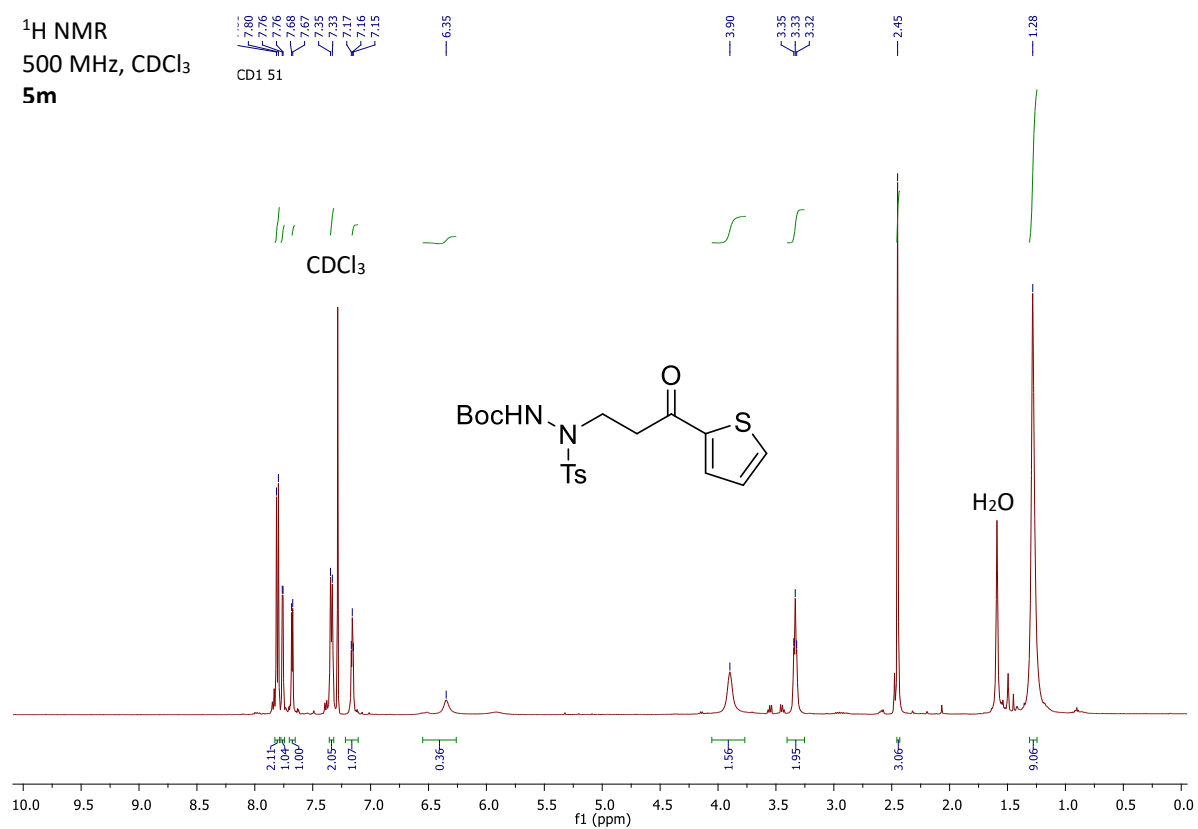
¹H NMR
500 MHz, CDCl₃
5I



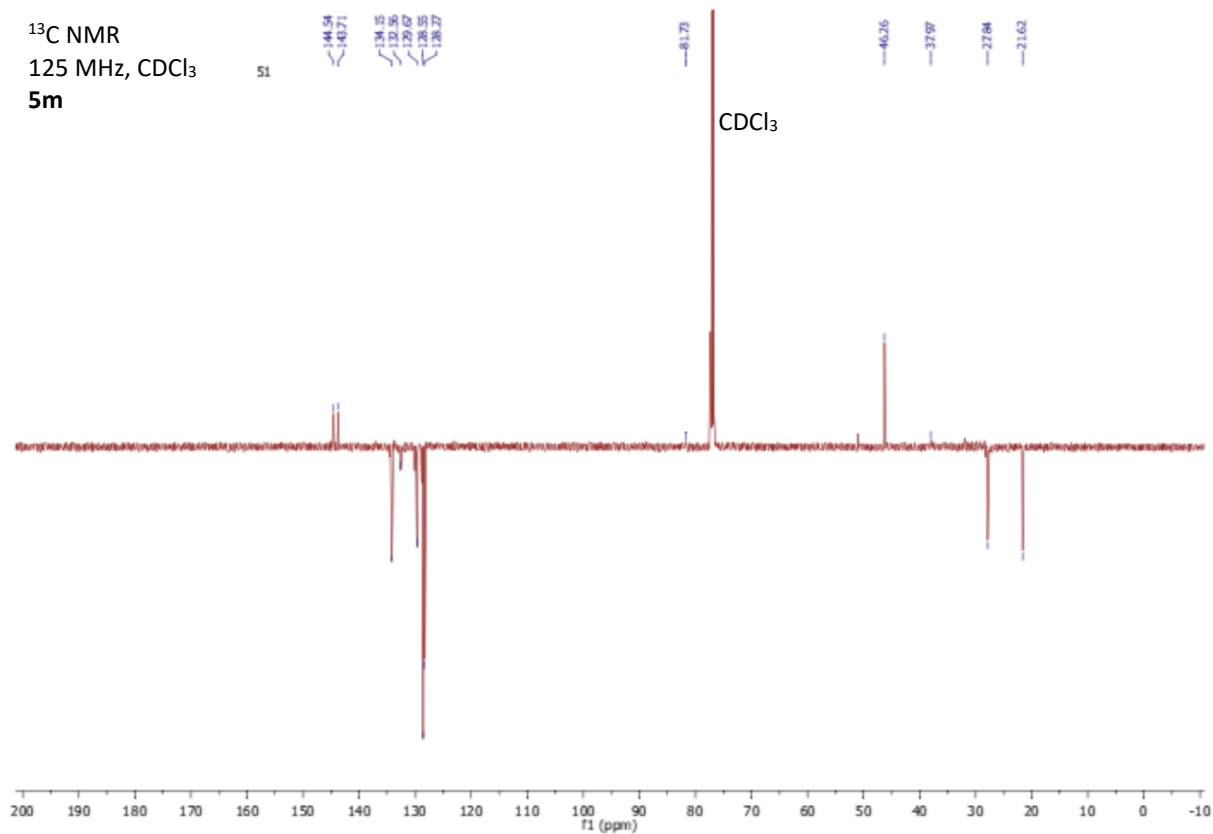
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125 MHz, CDCl₃
5I



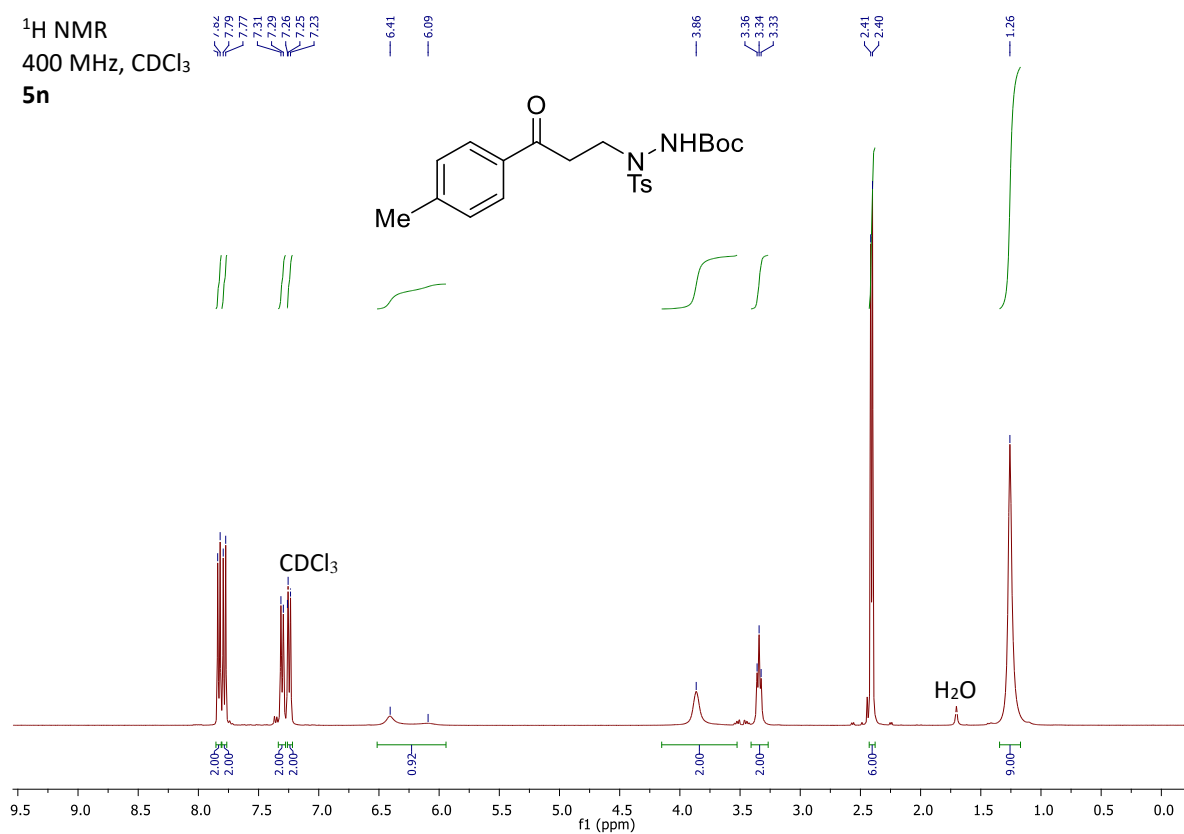
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500 MHz, CDCl₃
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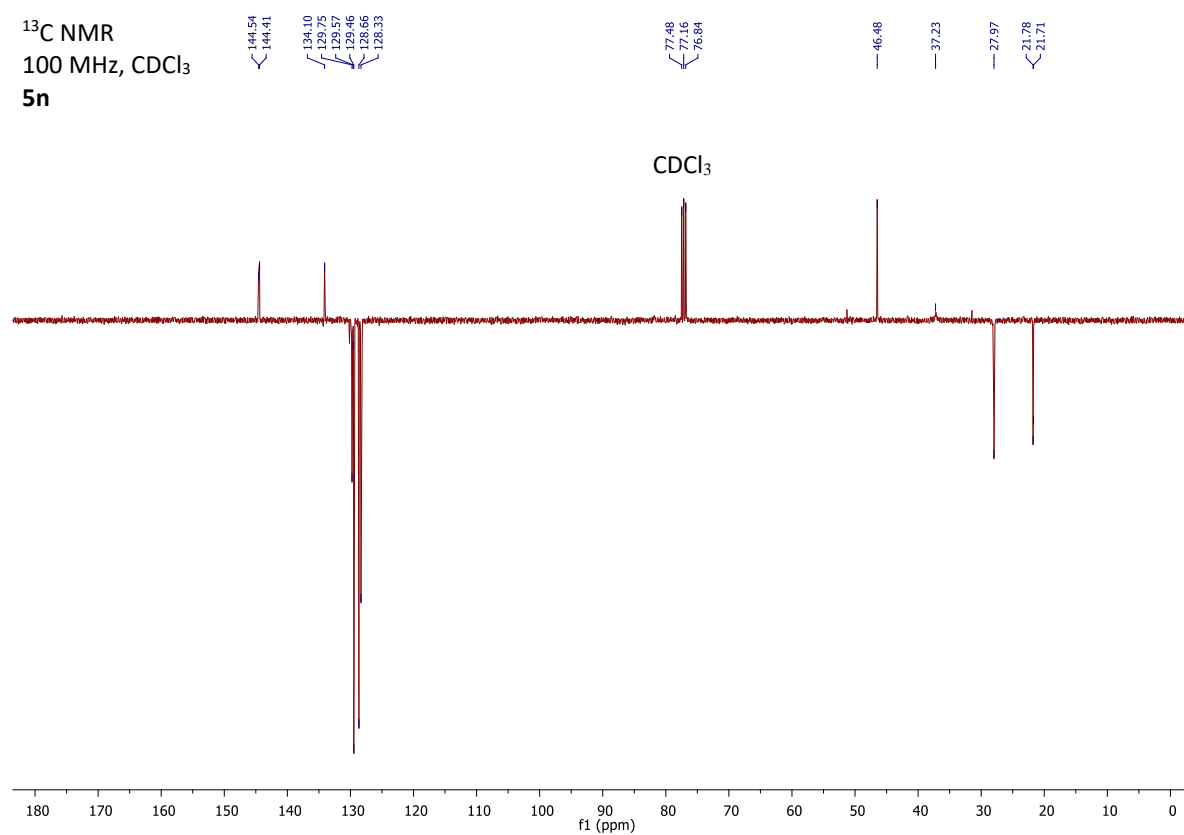
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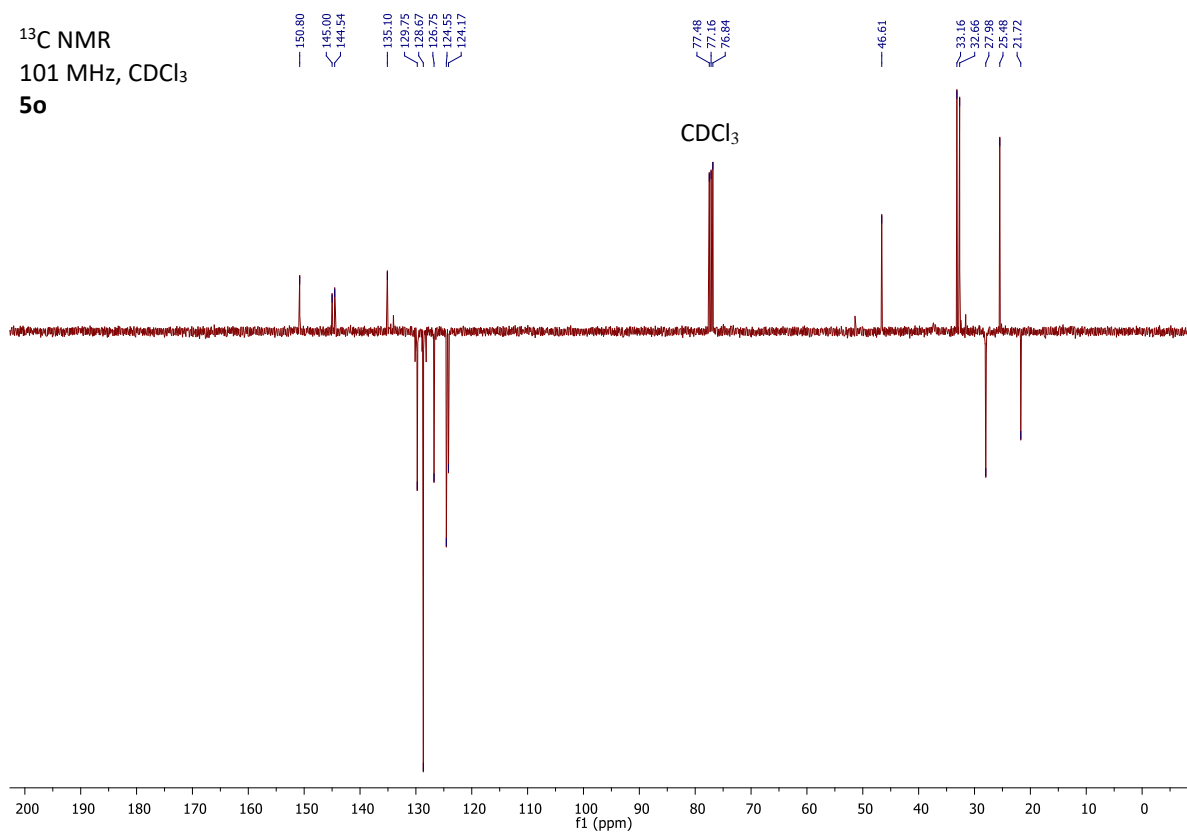
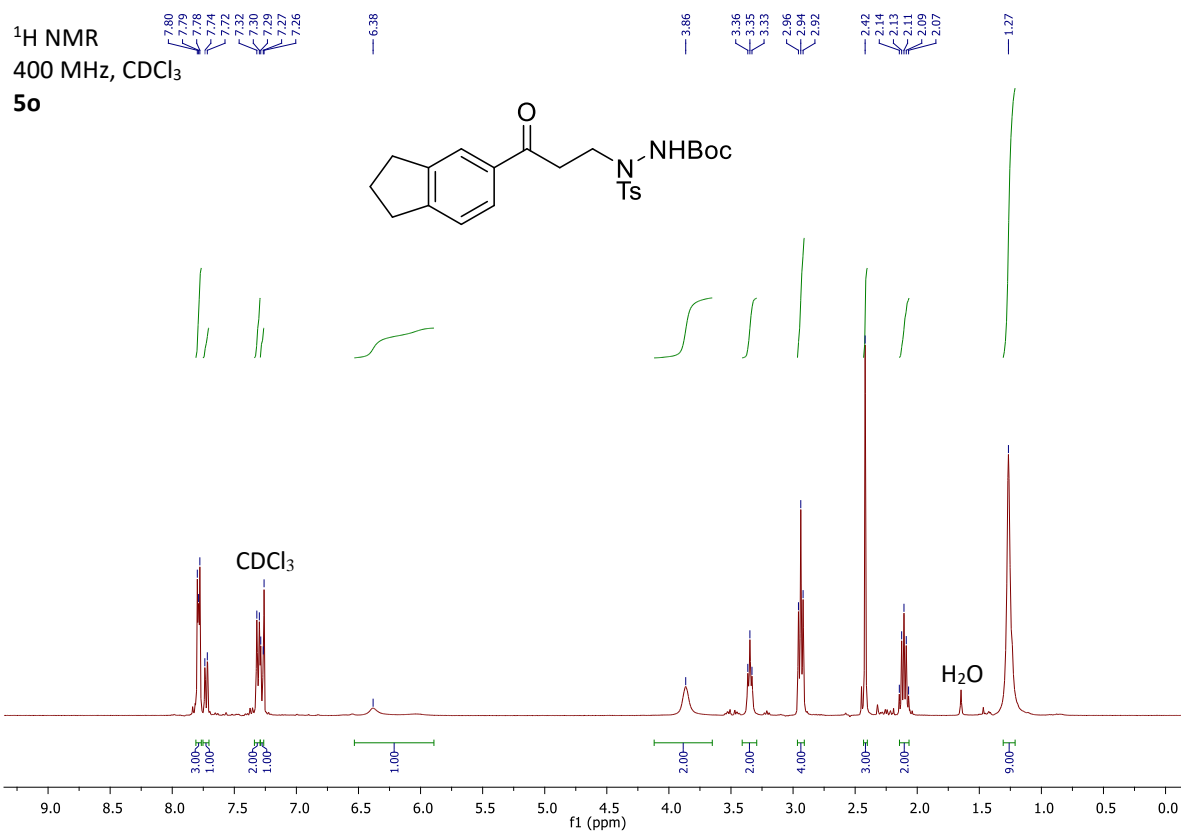


¹H NMR
400 MHz, CDCl₃
5n

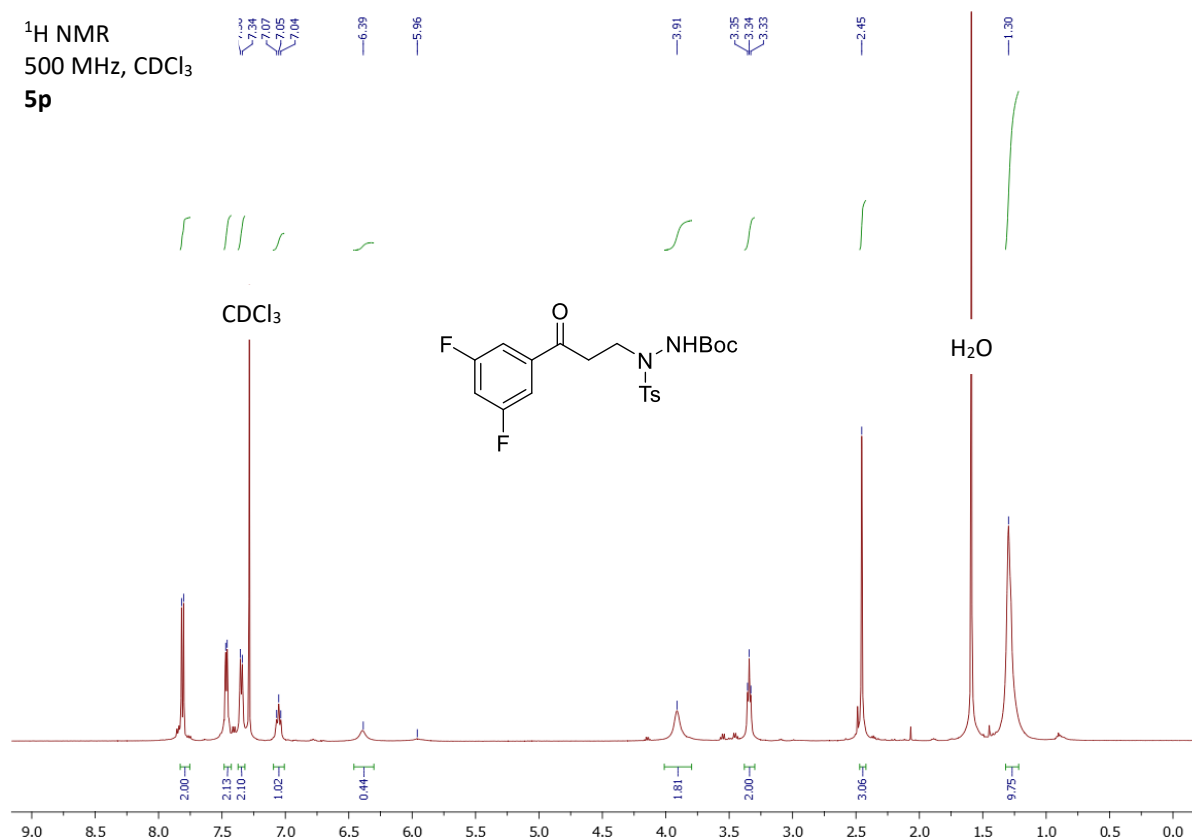


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100 MHz, CDCl₃
5n

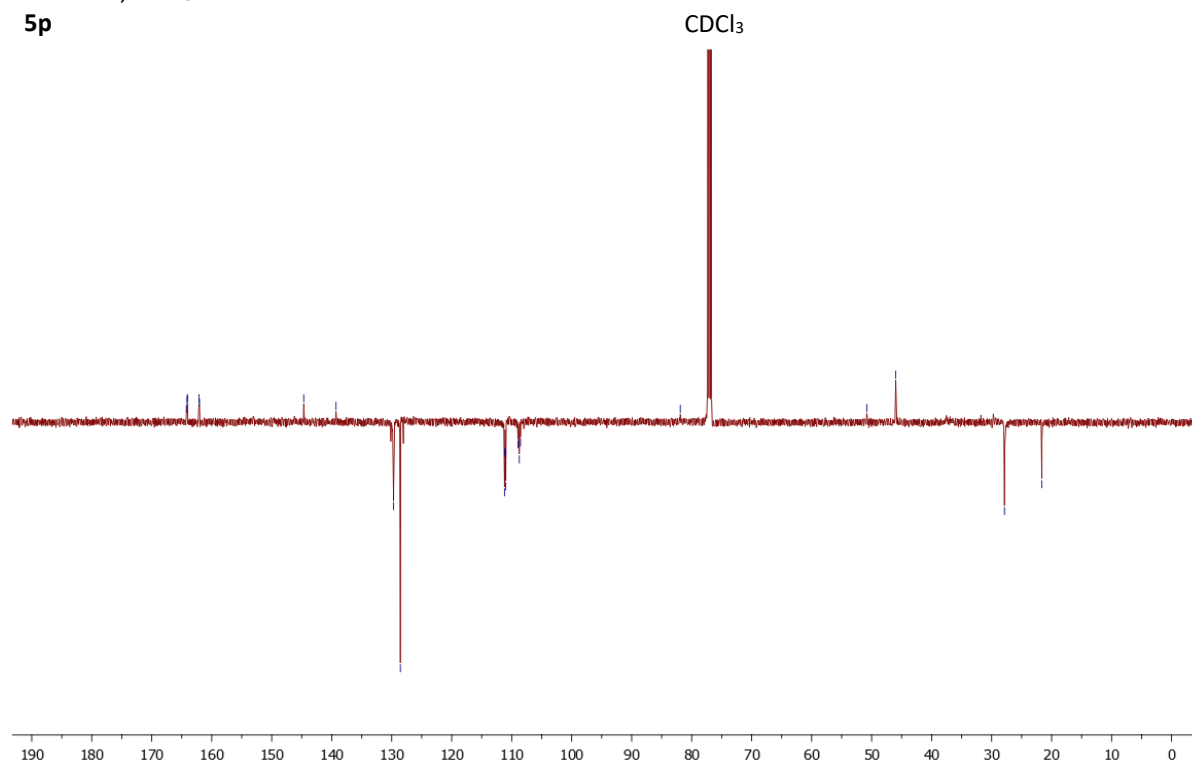




¹H NMR
500 MHz, CDCl₃
5p



¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5p

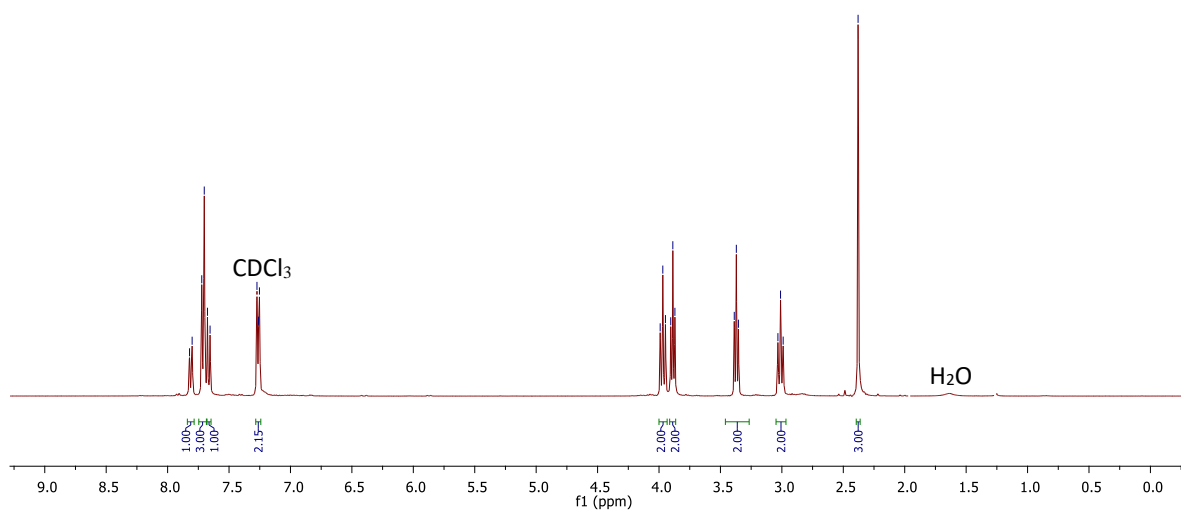
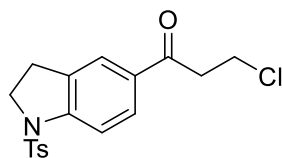


¹H NMR
400 MHz, CDCl₃
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7.68
7.65
7.27
7.26
7.25

3.99
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3.39
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2.38

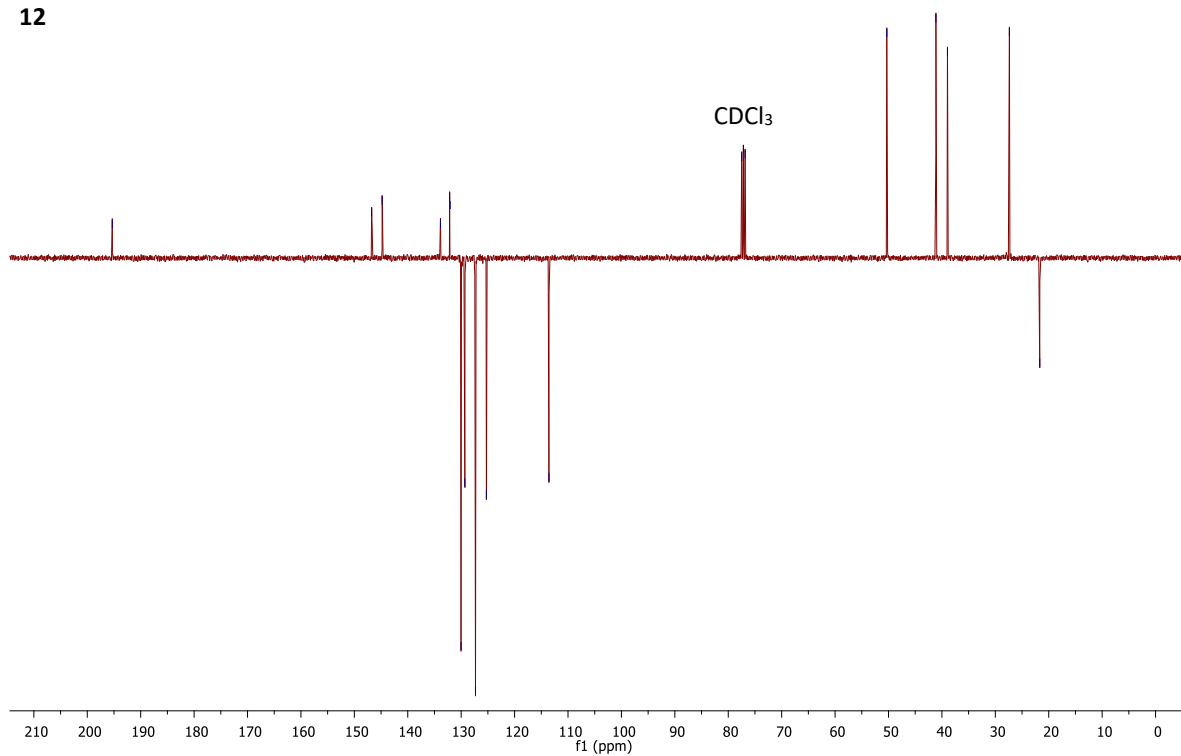


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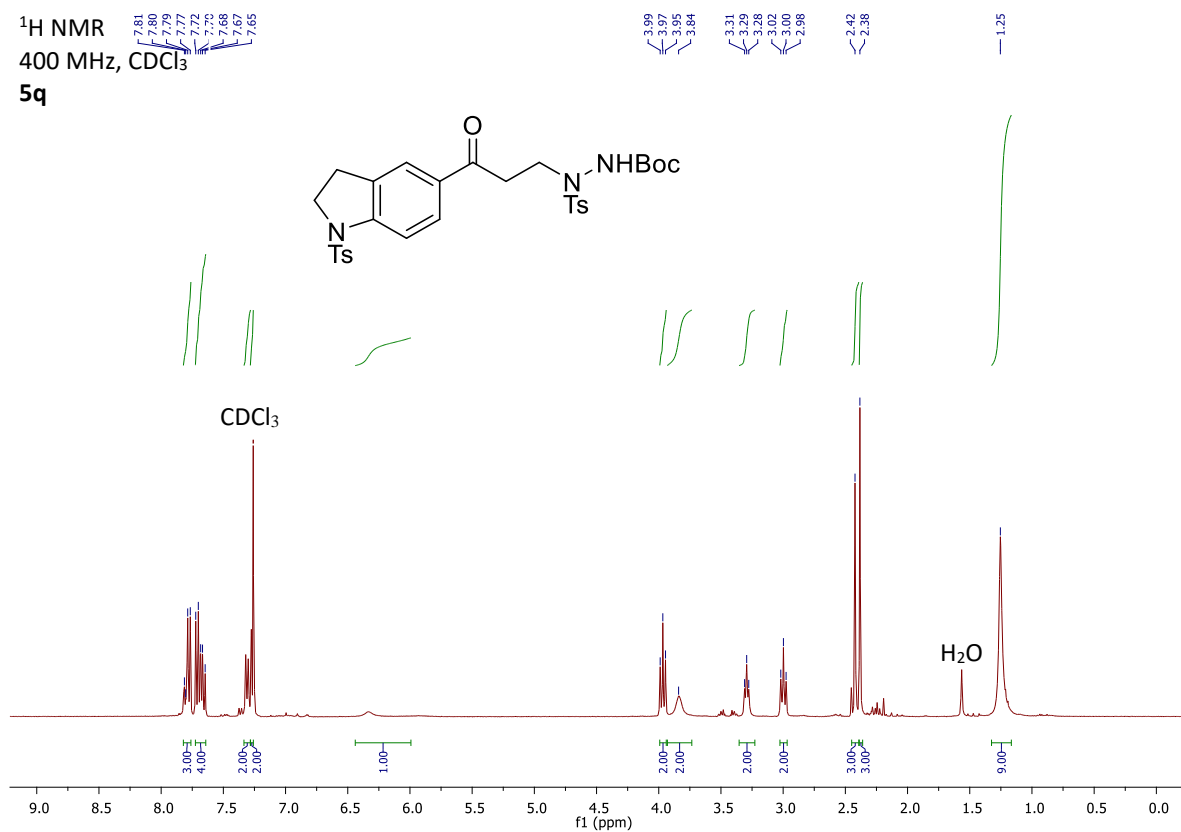
146.77
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125.28
113.57

77.48
77.16
76.84

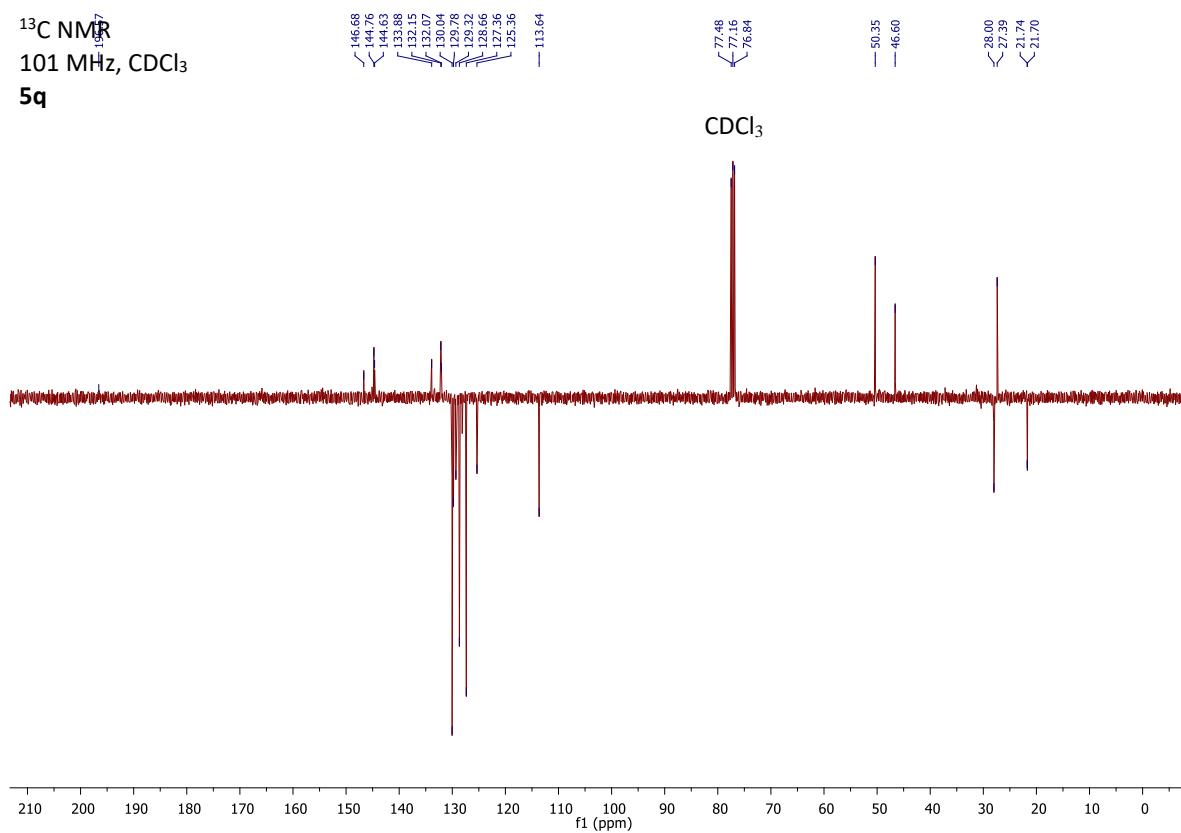
50.32
41.12
38.96
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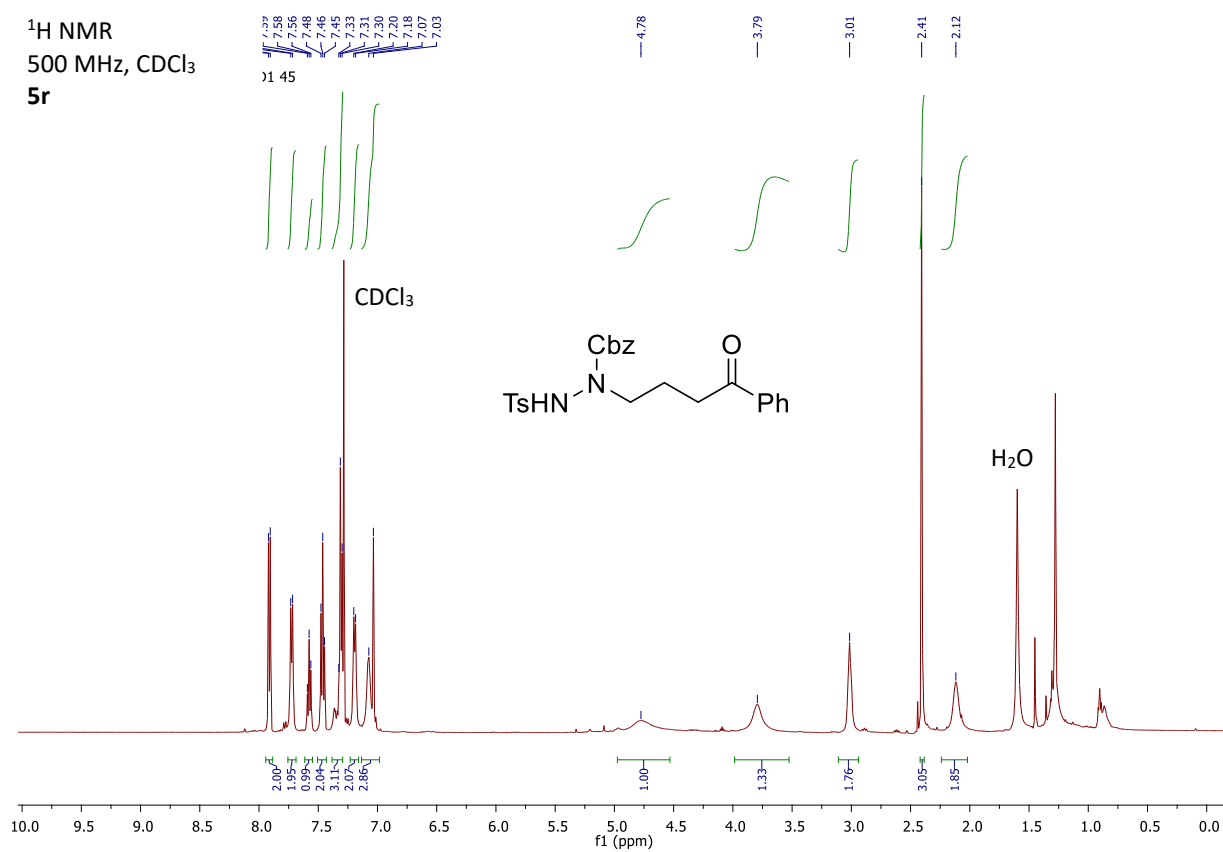
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400 MHz, CDCl₃
5q



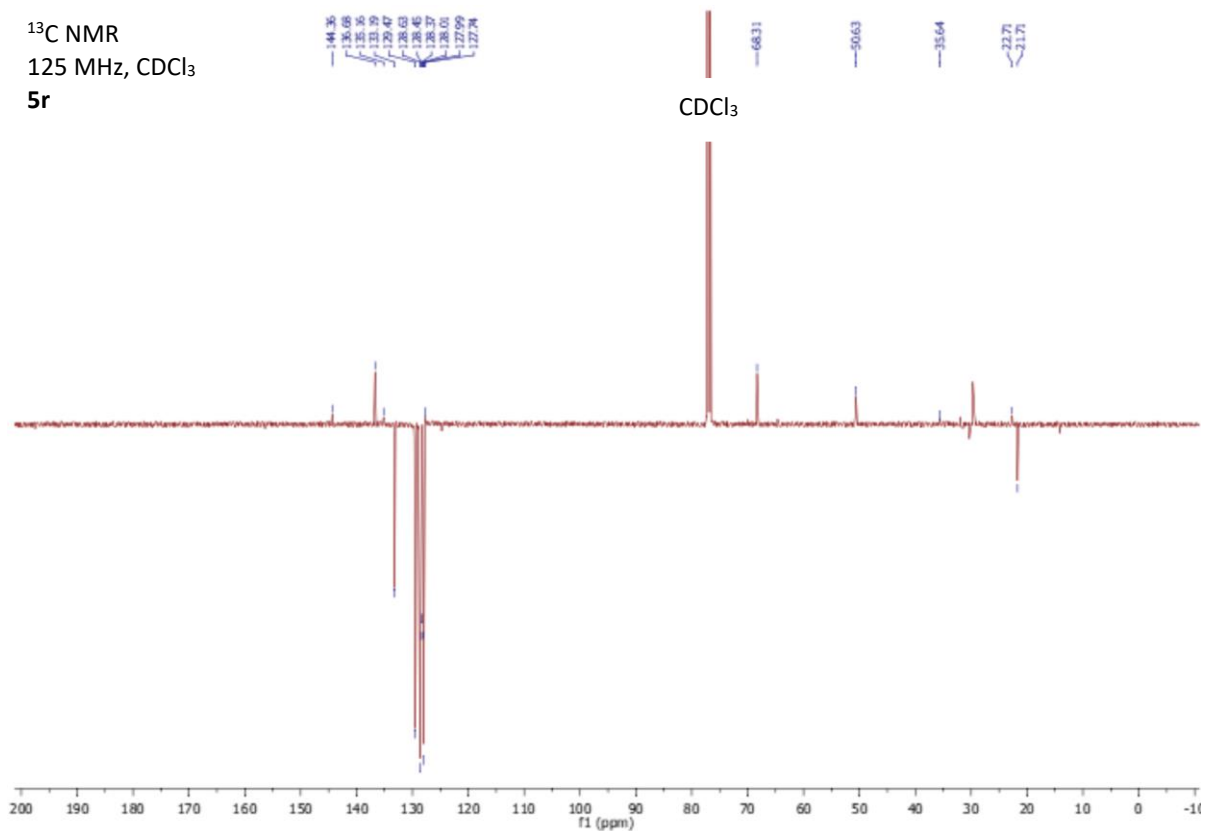
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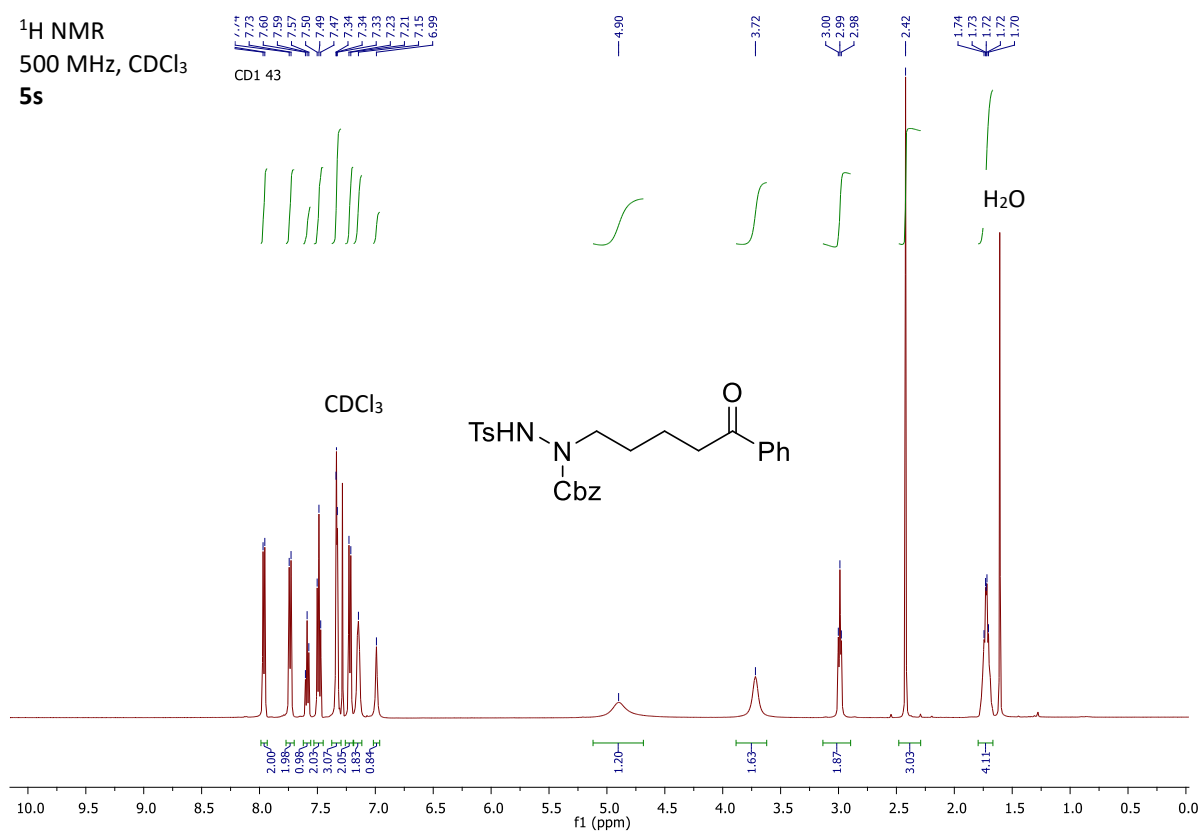
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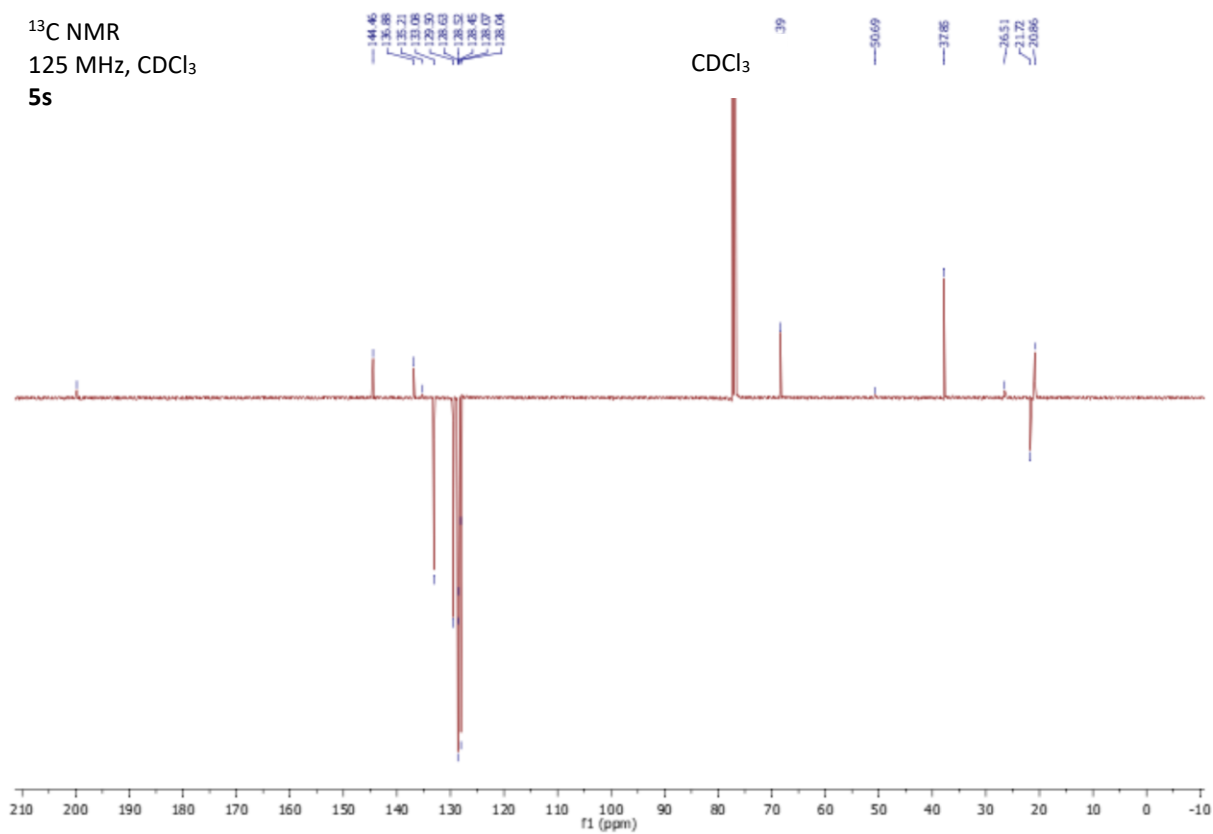
¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5r



¹H NMR
500 MHz, CDCl₃
5s



¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5s



¹H NMR
400 MHz, CDCl₃
5t

Chemical structure of 5t: CC(C)(C)OC(=O)NCCC(=O)c1ccccc1

Peak list (ppm): 7.45, 7.28, 7.26, 6.37, 5.84, 3.52, 3.17, 2.39, 2.00, 1.64, 1.33.

Integration values: 2.00, 1.00, 1.00, 1.00, 0.98, 2.00, 2.00, 3.00, 2.00, 9.00.

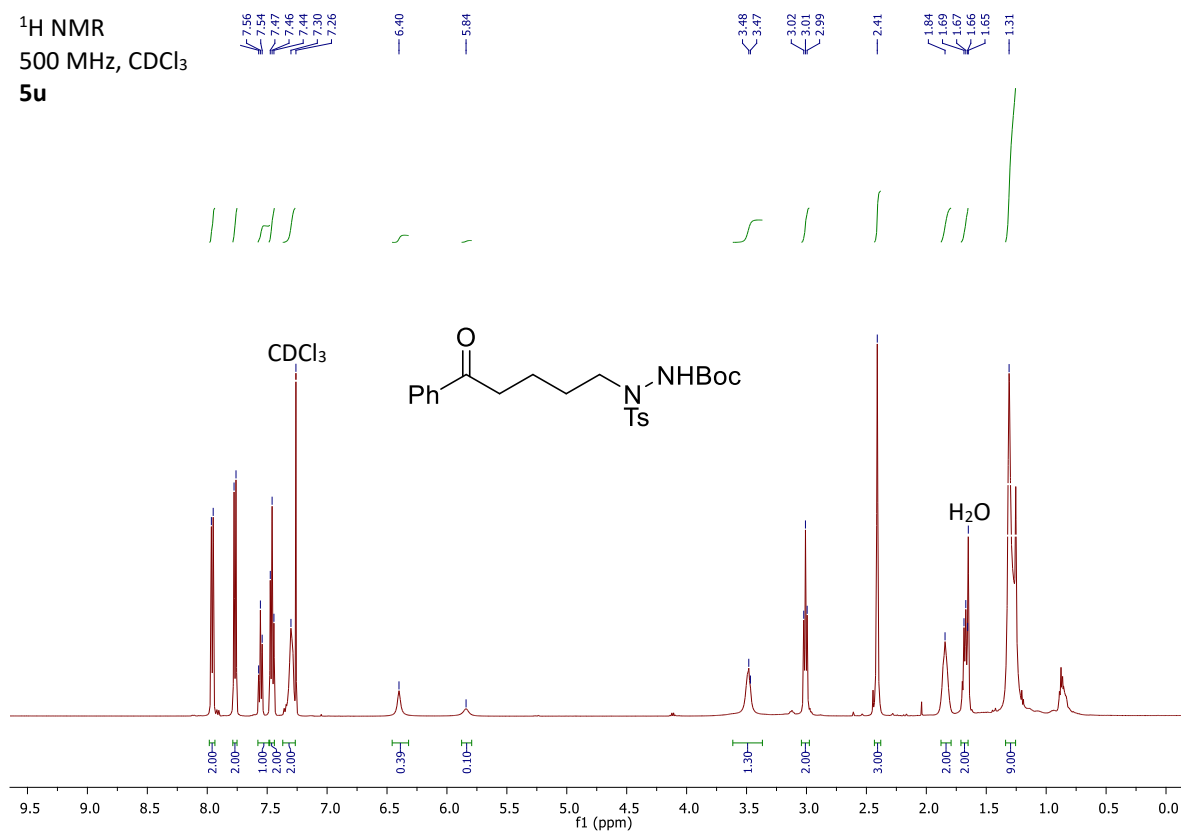
¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
5t

Chemical structure of **5t** is shown in the top right corner.

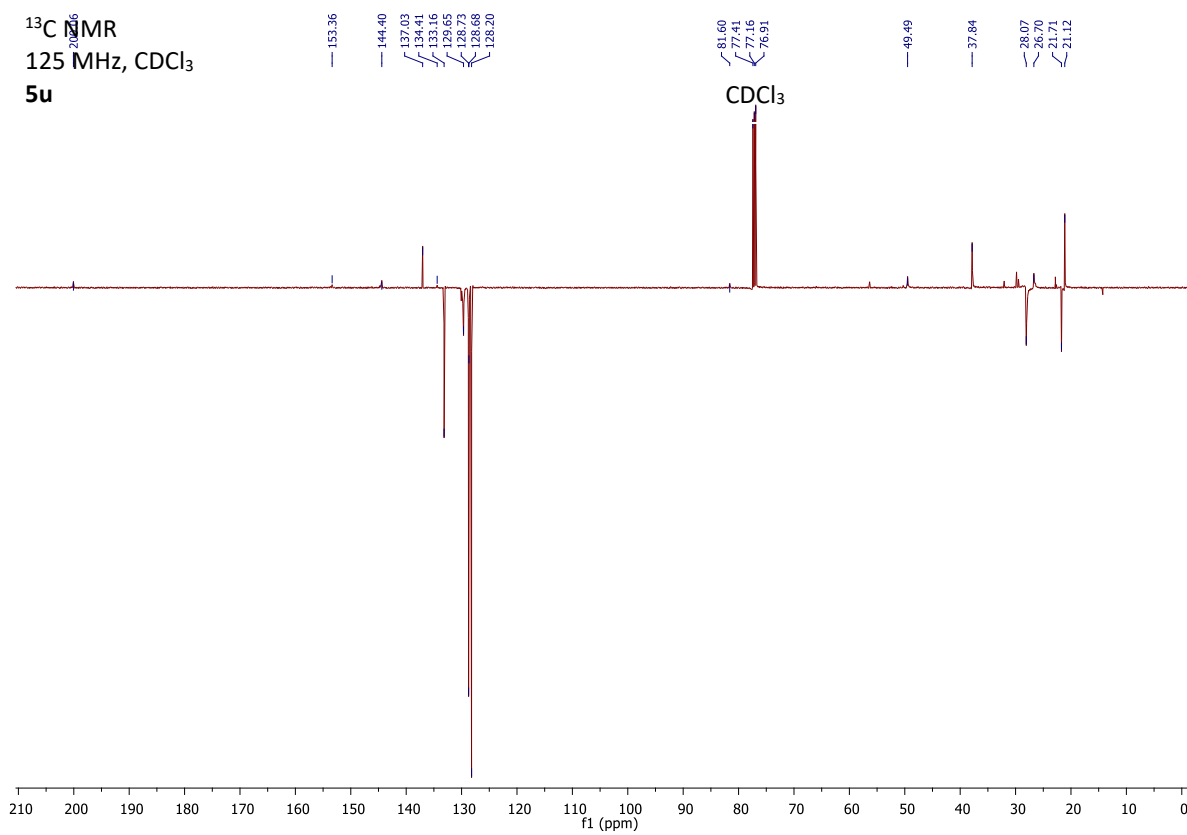
Peak list (ppm):

- 153.59
- 144.44
- 137.02
- 135.18
- 128.69
- 128.68
- 128.58
- 128.23
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- 77.41
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- 76.91
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- 28.10
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- 21.20

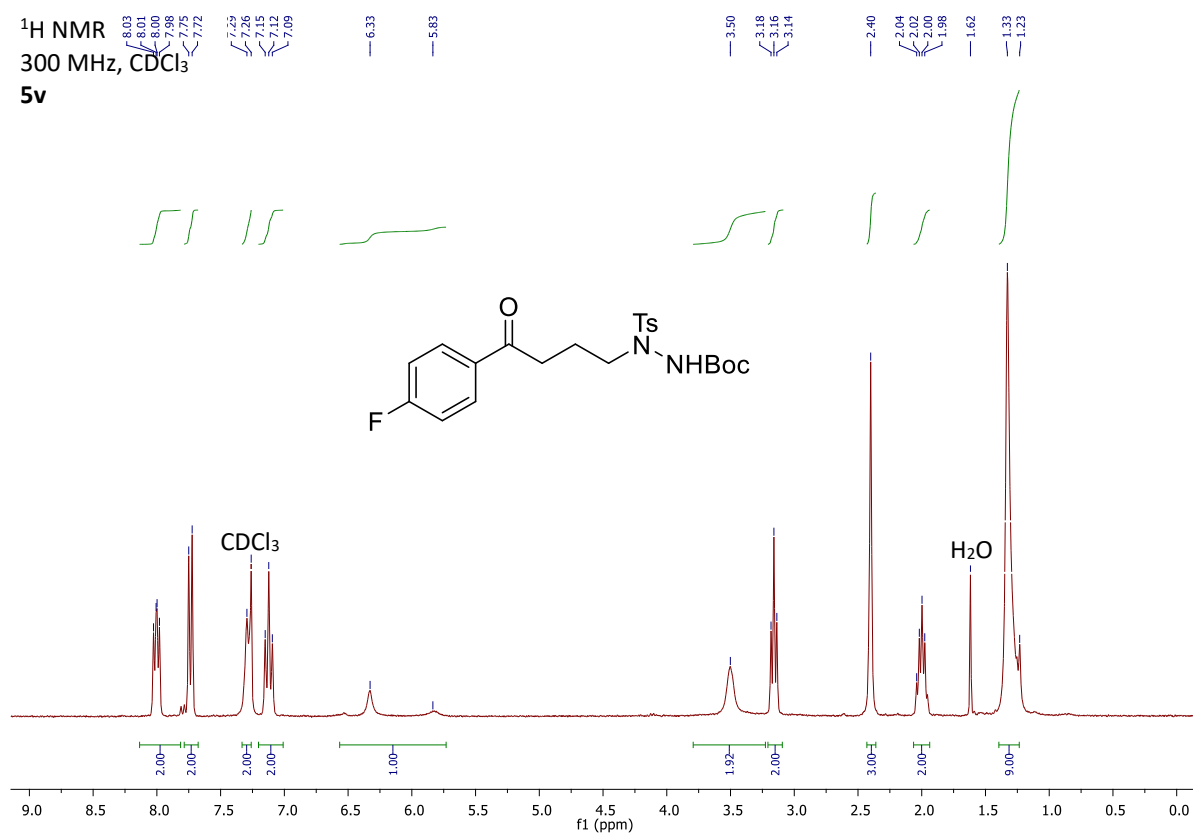
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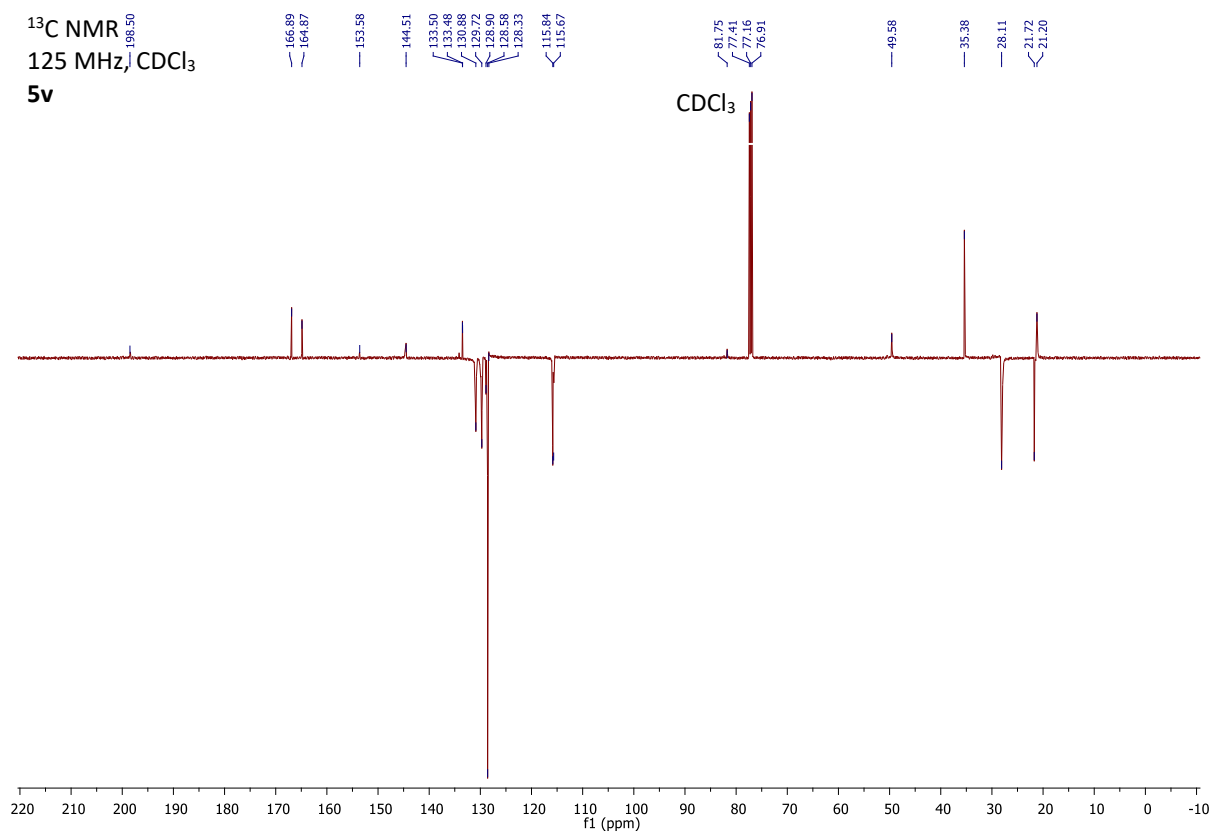
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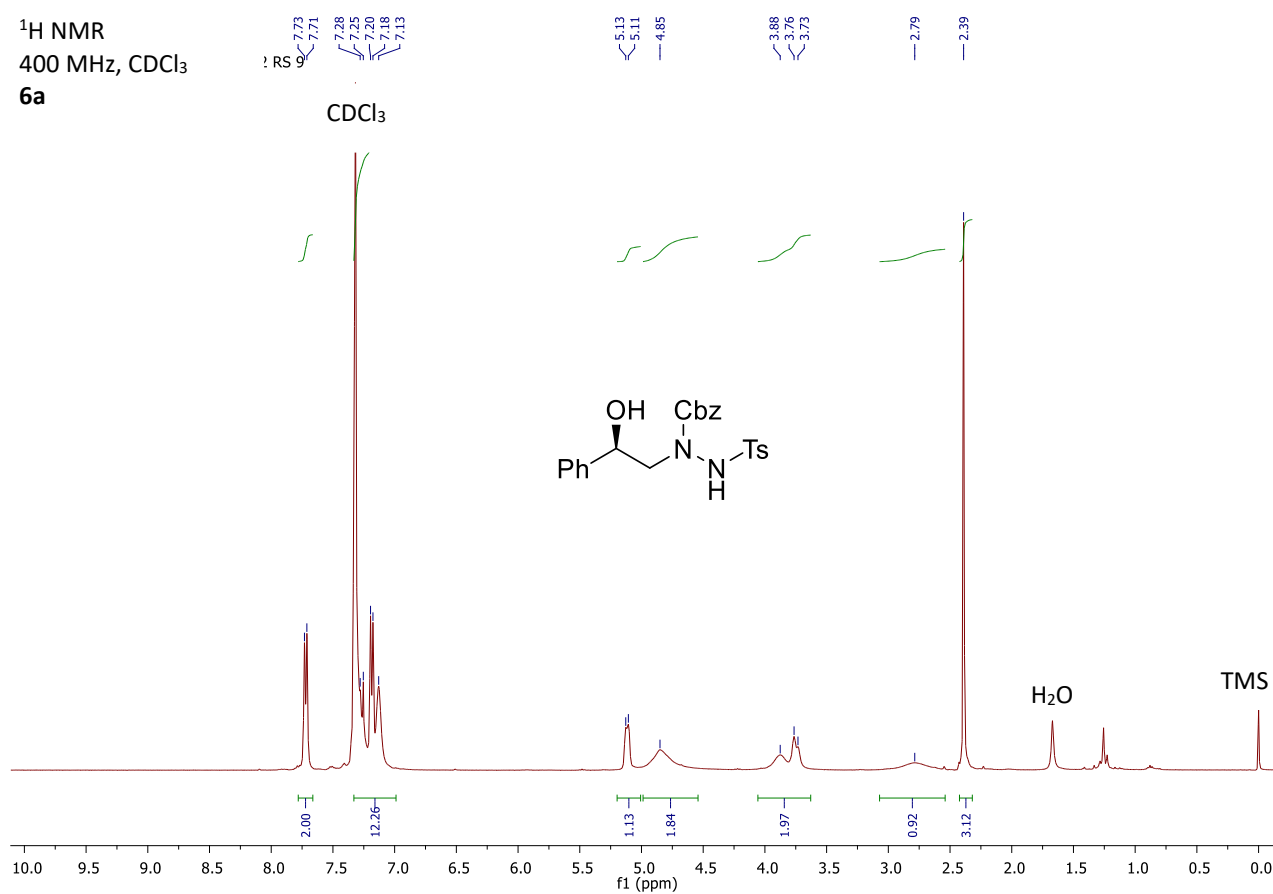
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5v



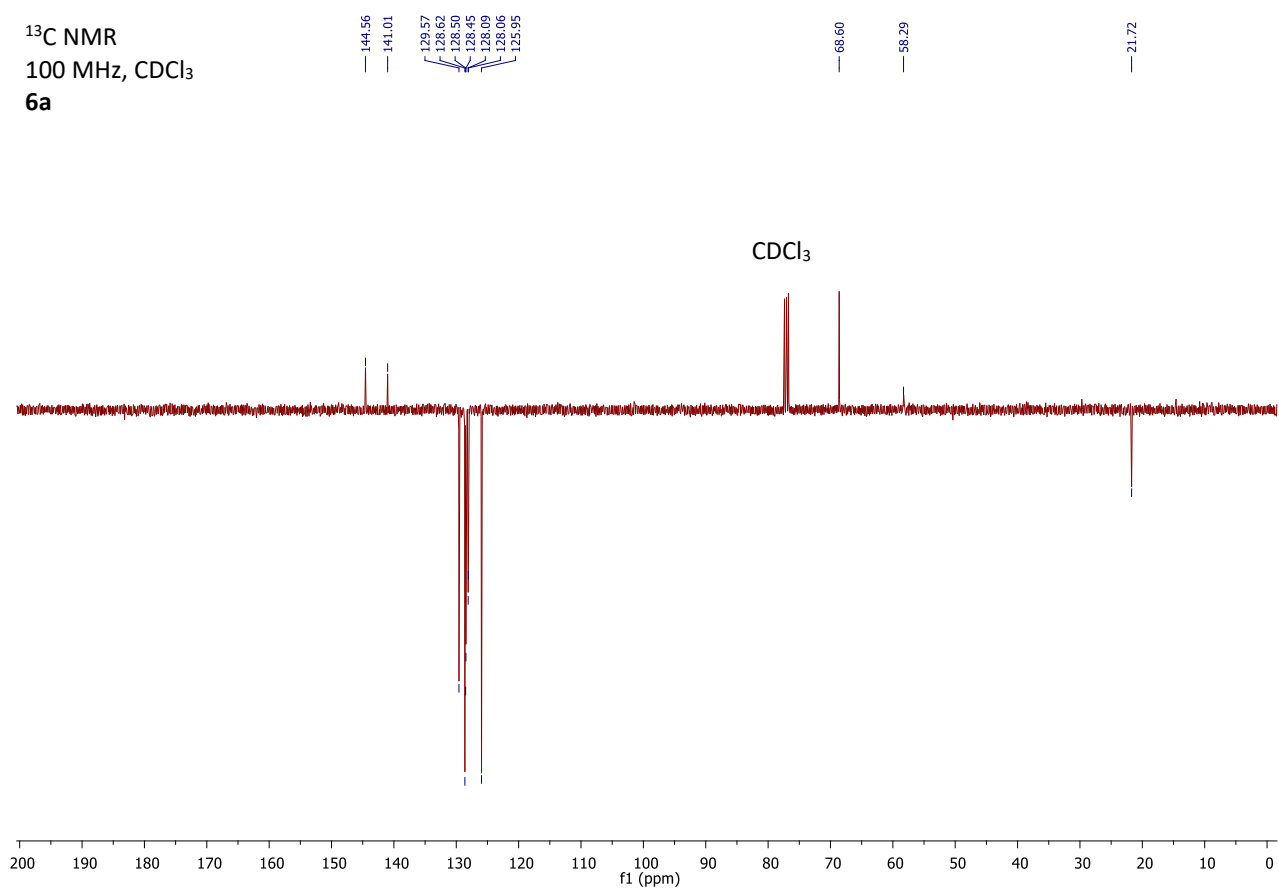
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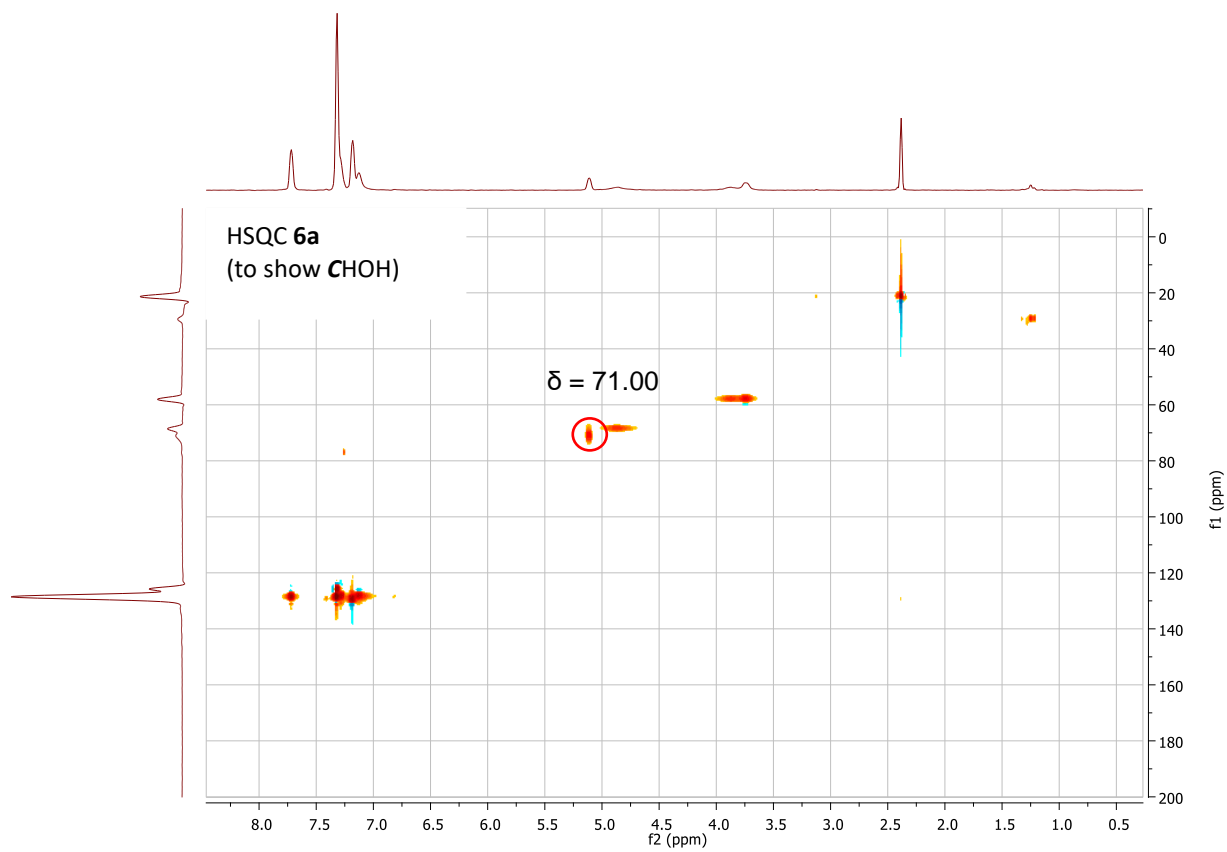


¹H NMR
400 MHz, CDCl₃
6a

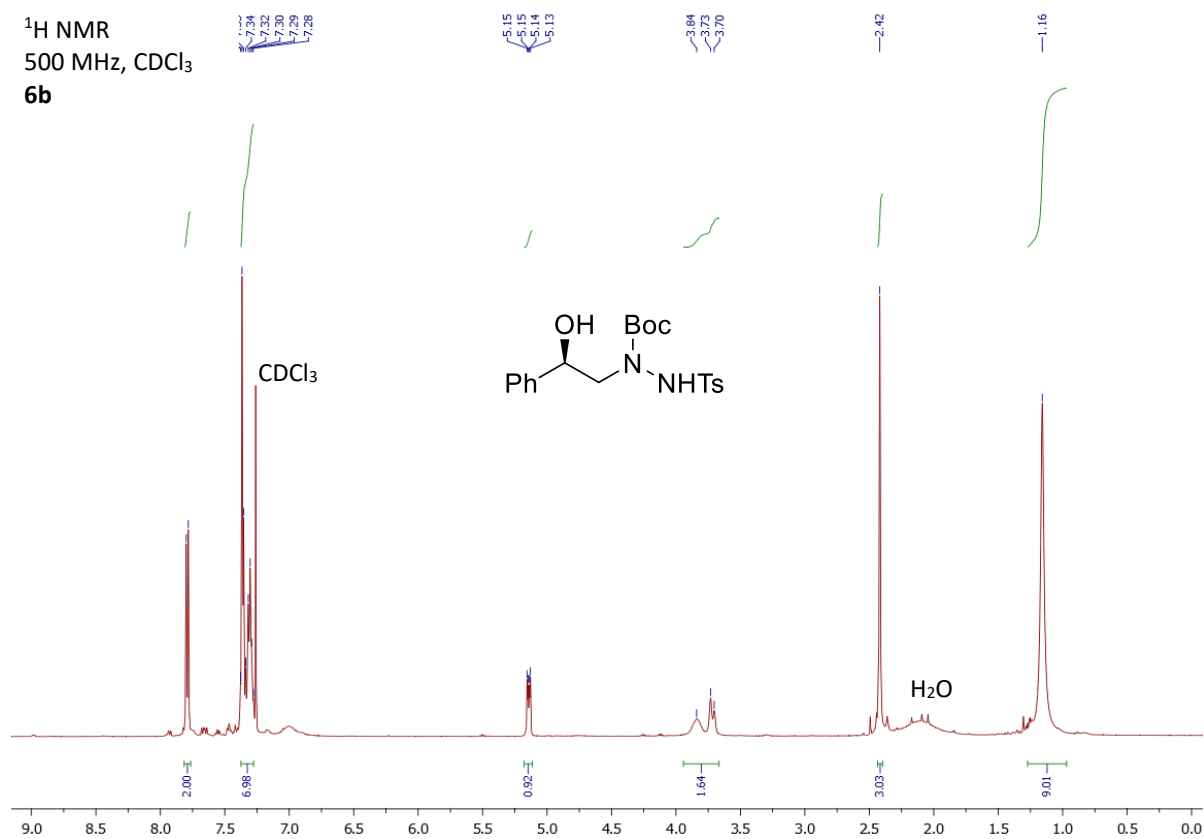


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100 MHz, CDCl₃
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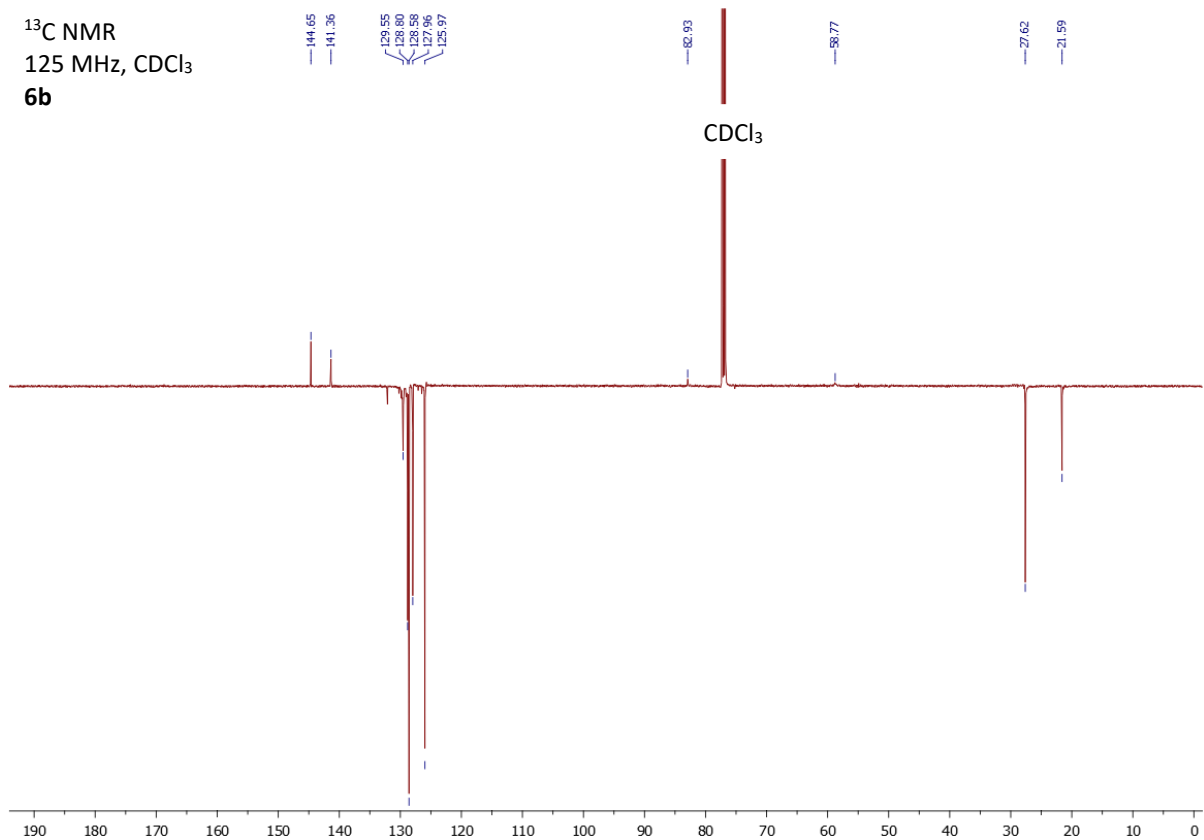




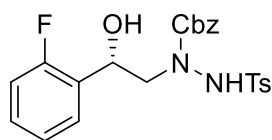
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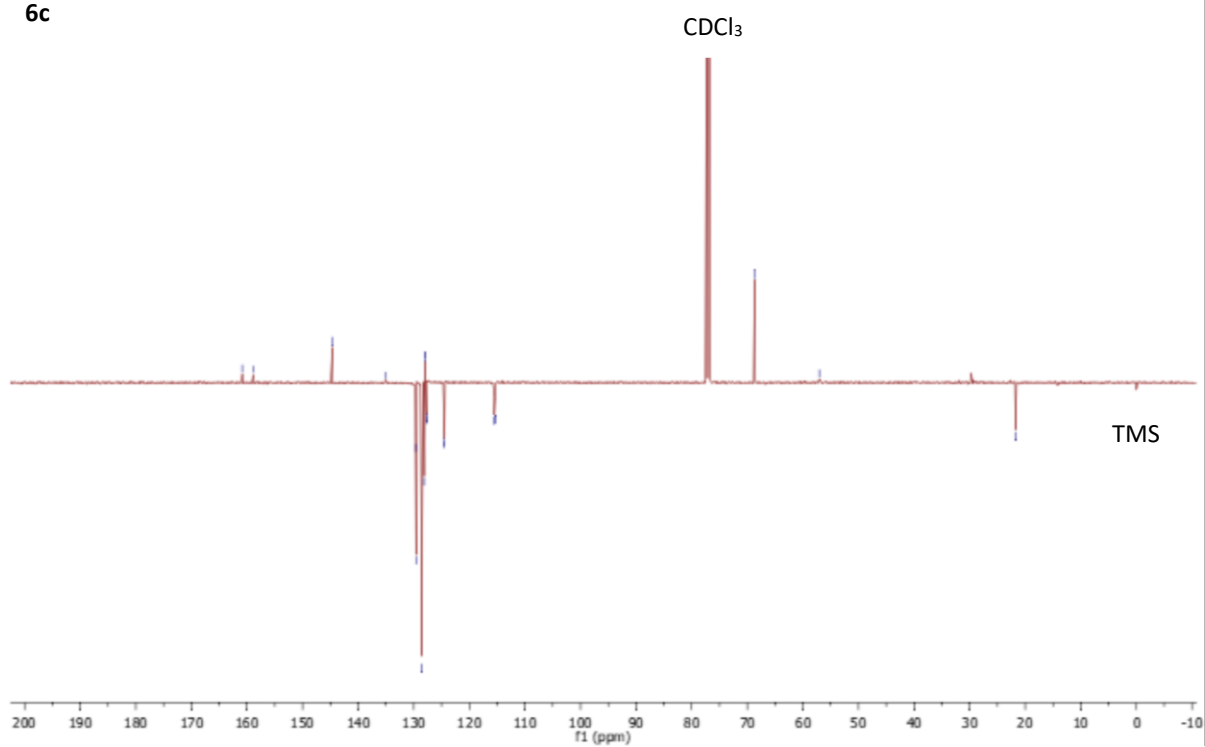
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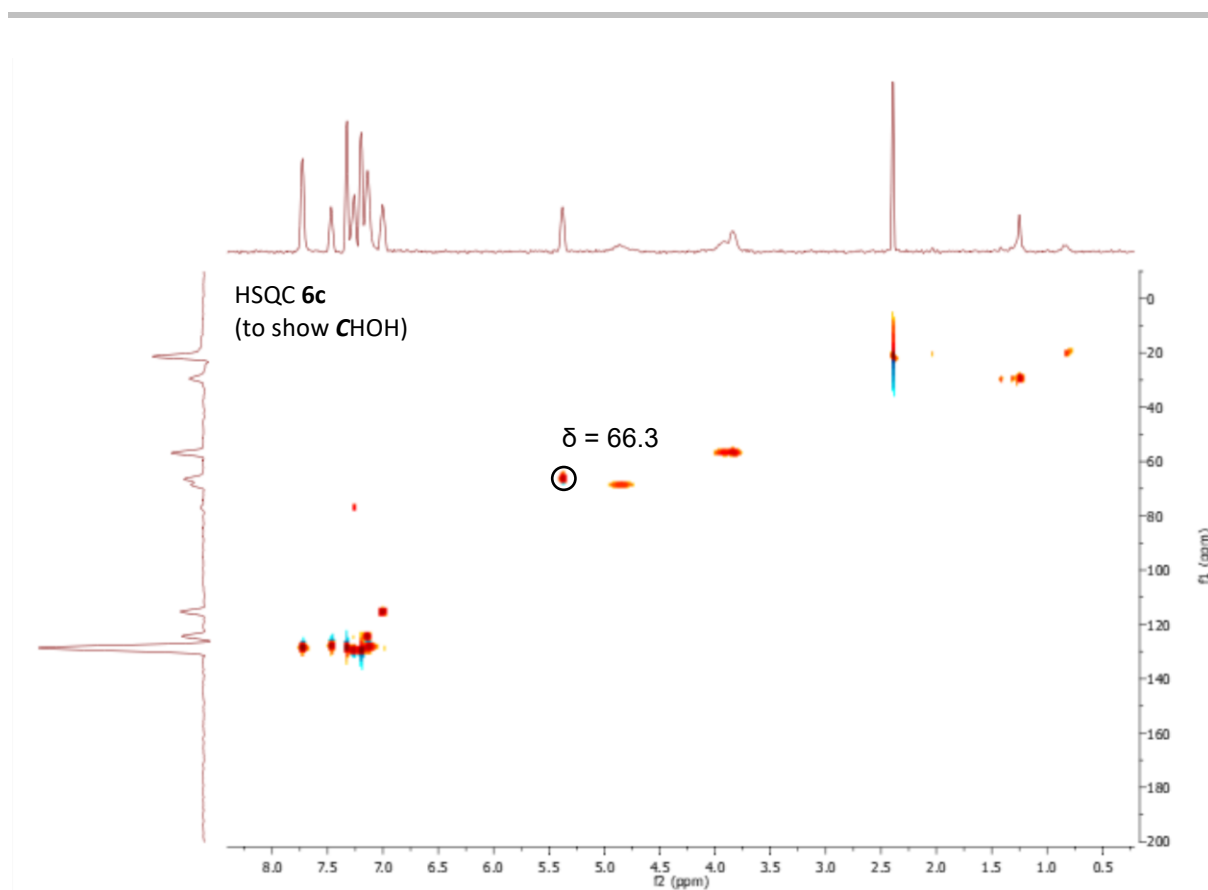


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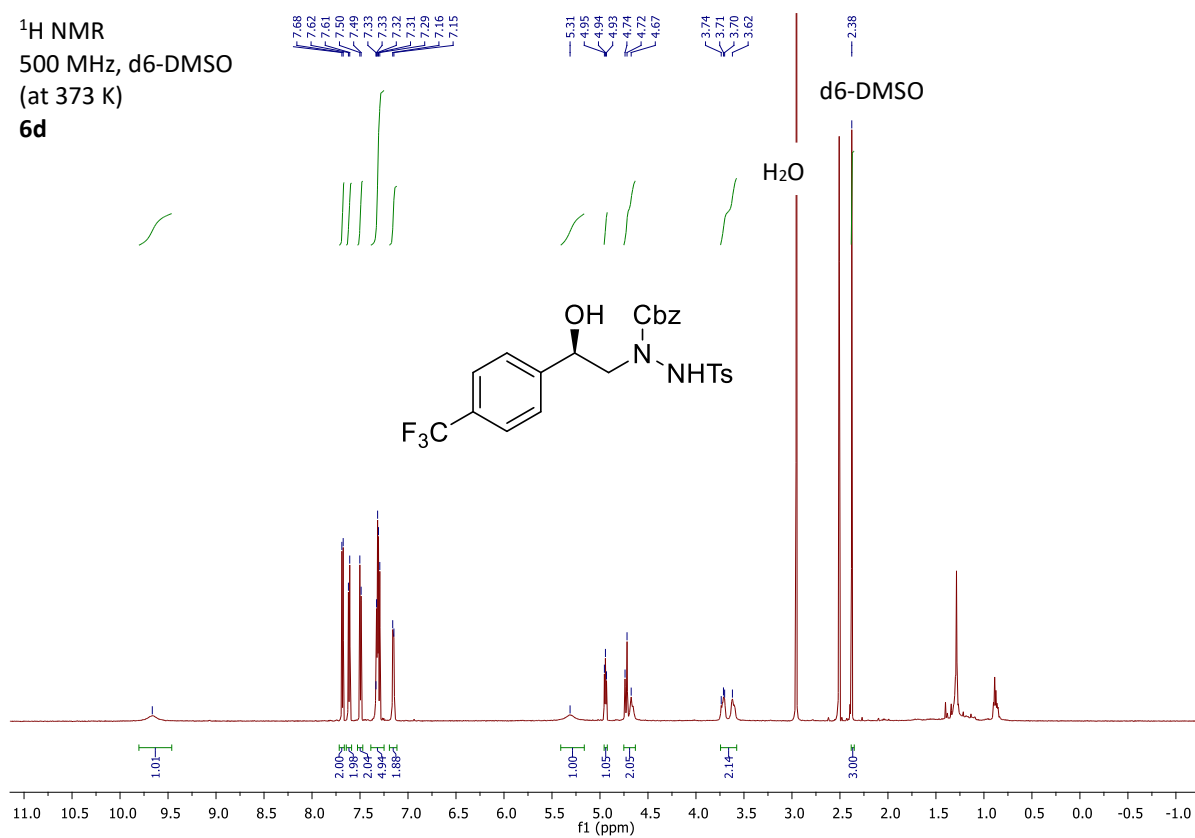


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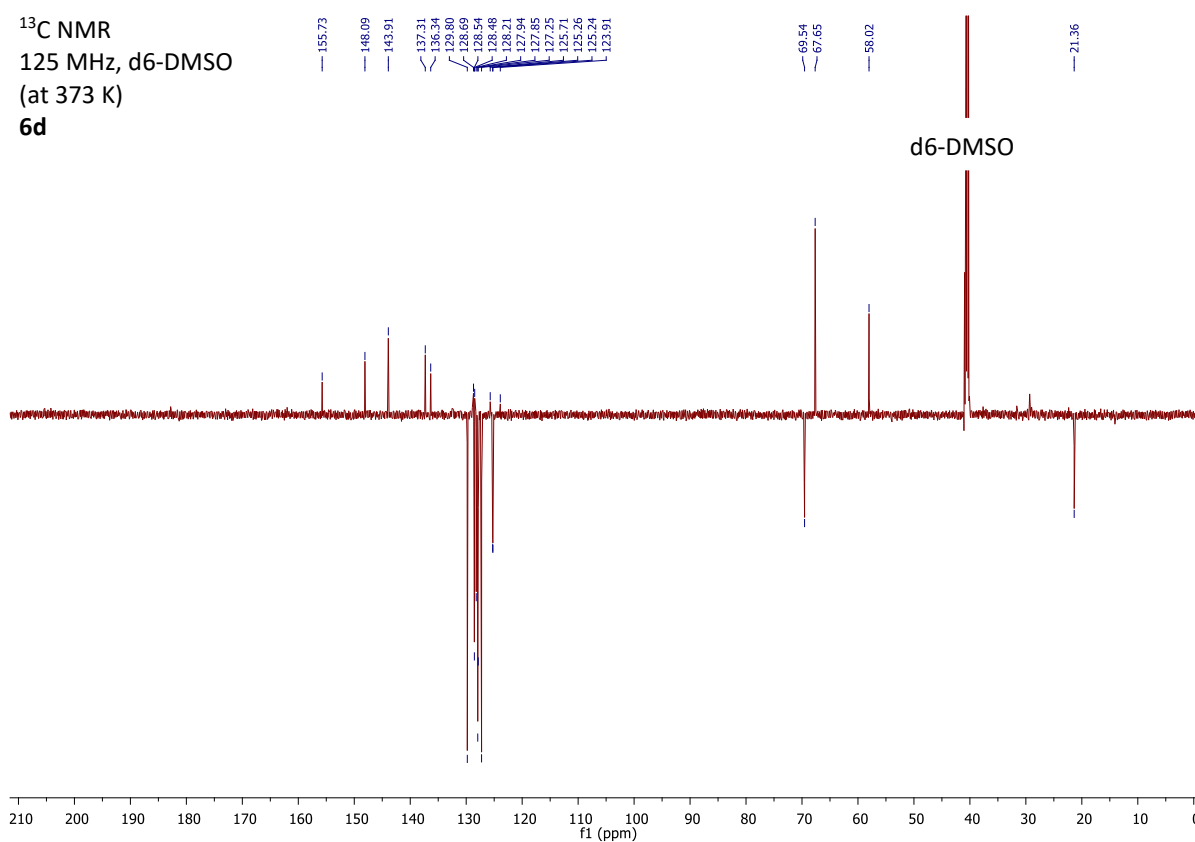


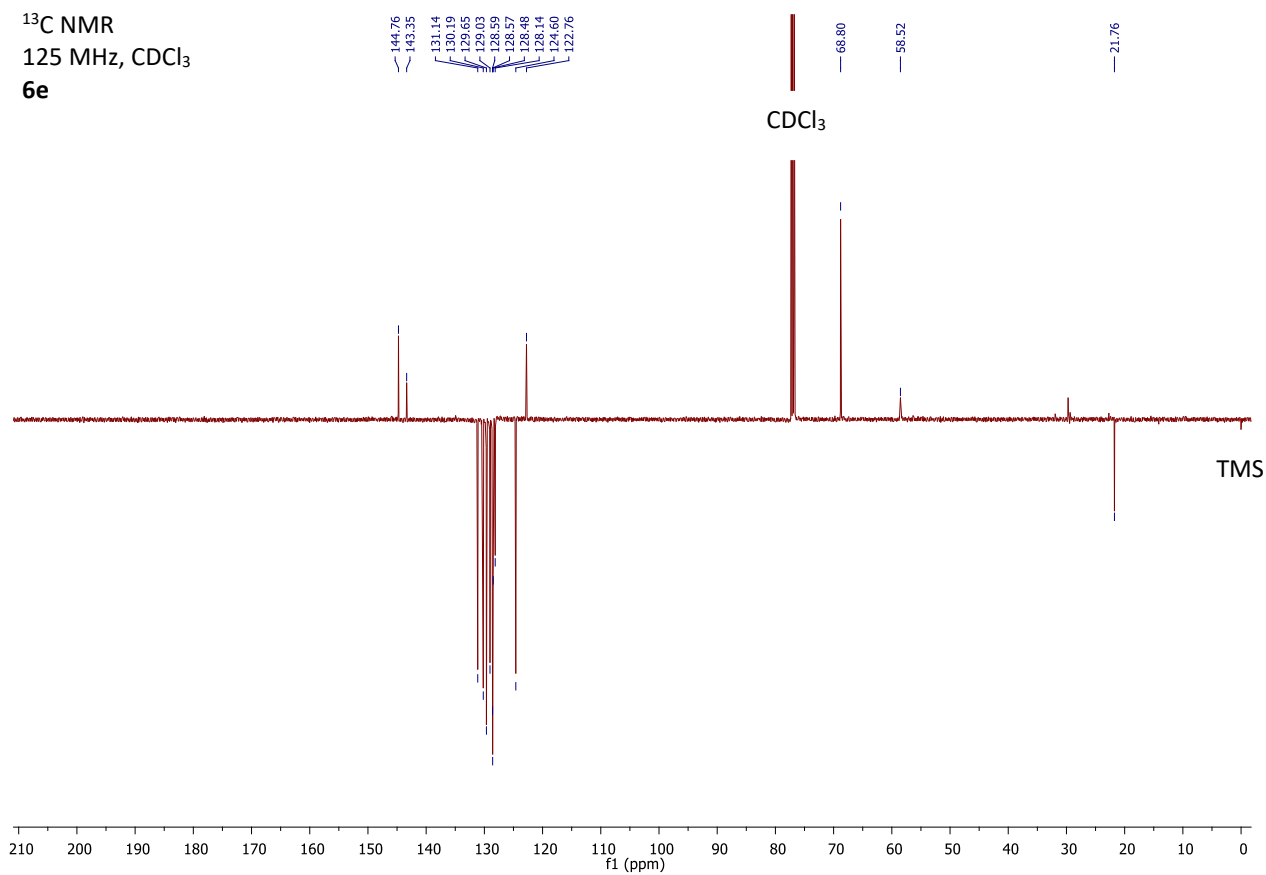
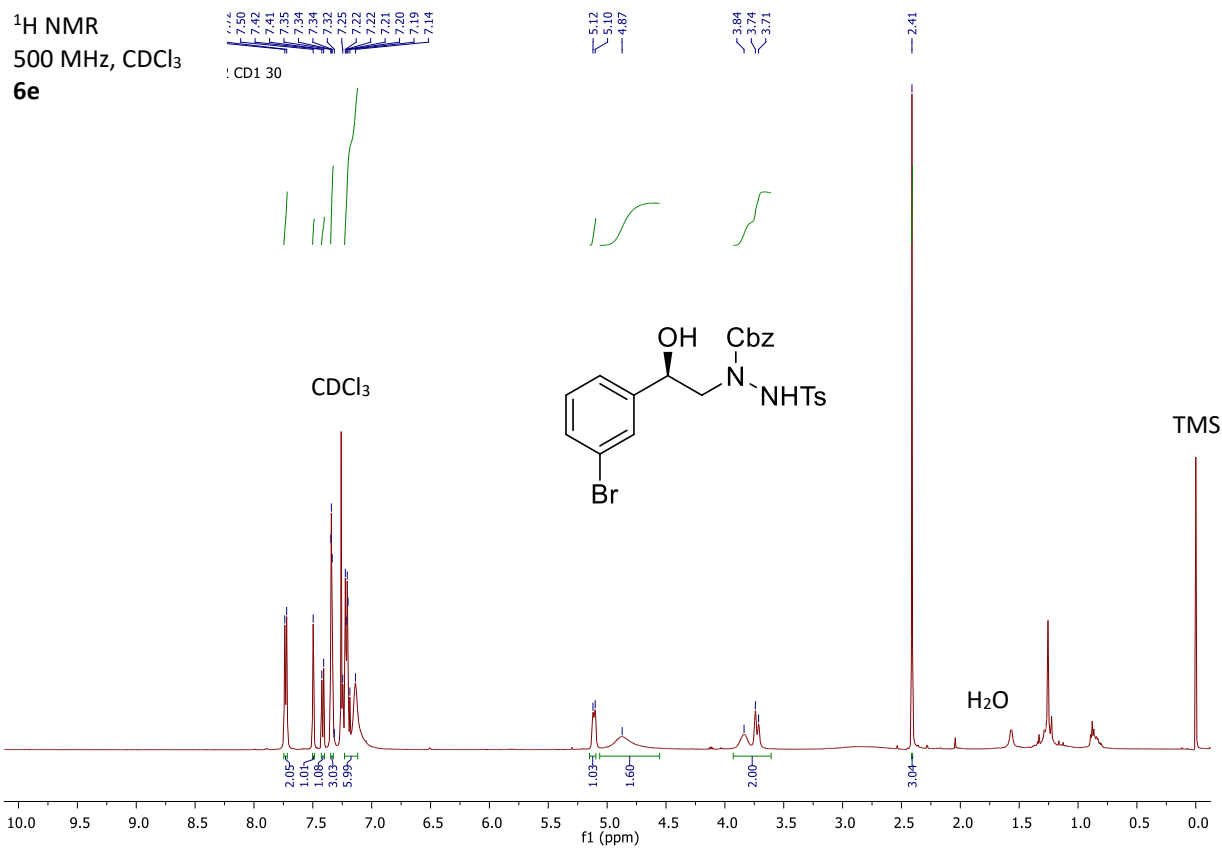


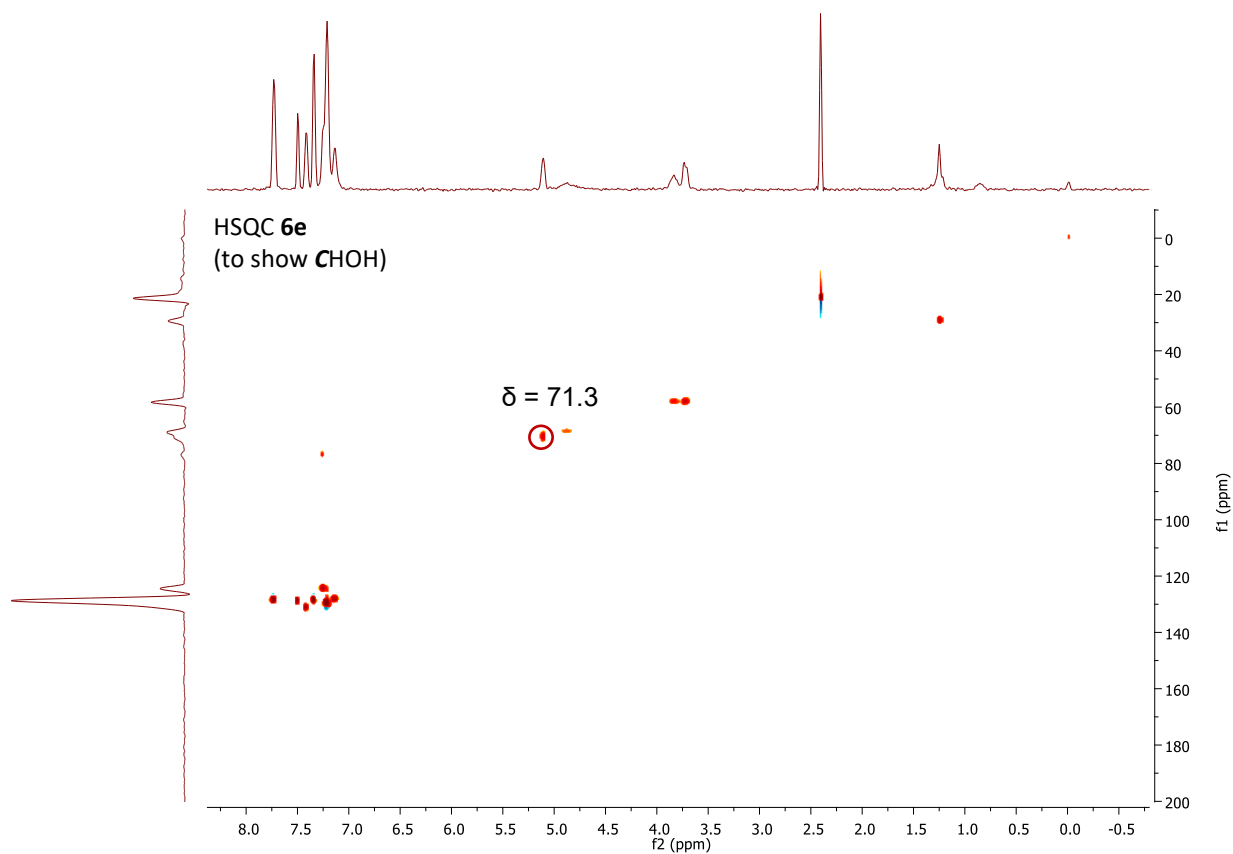
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(at 373 K)
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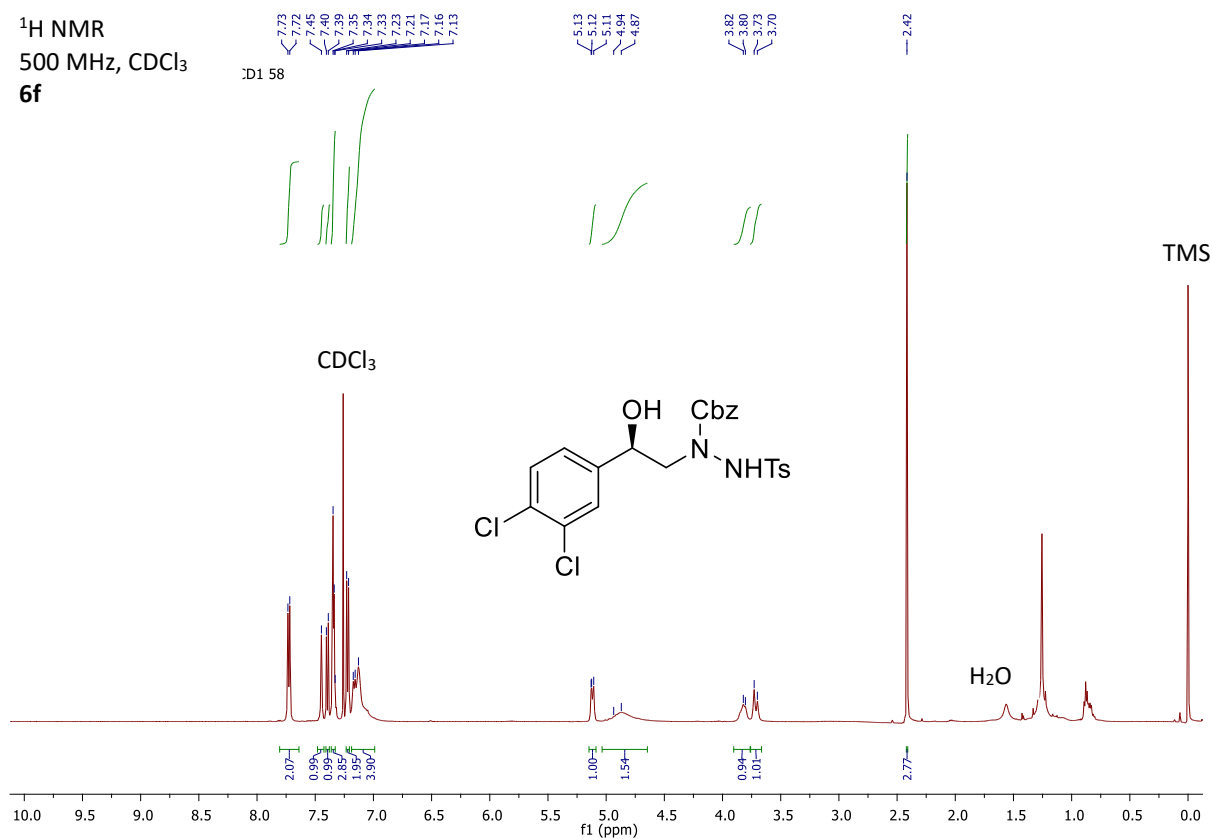
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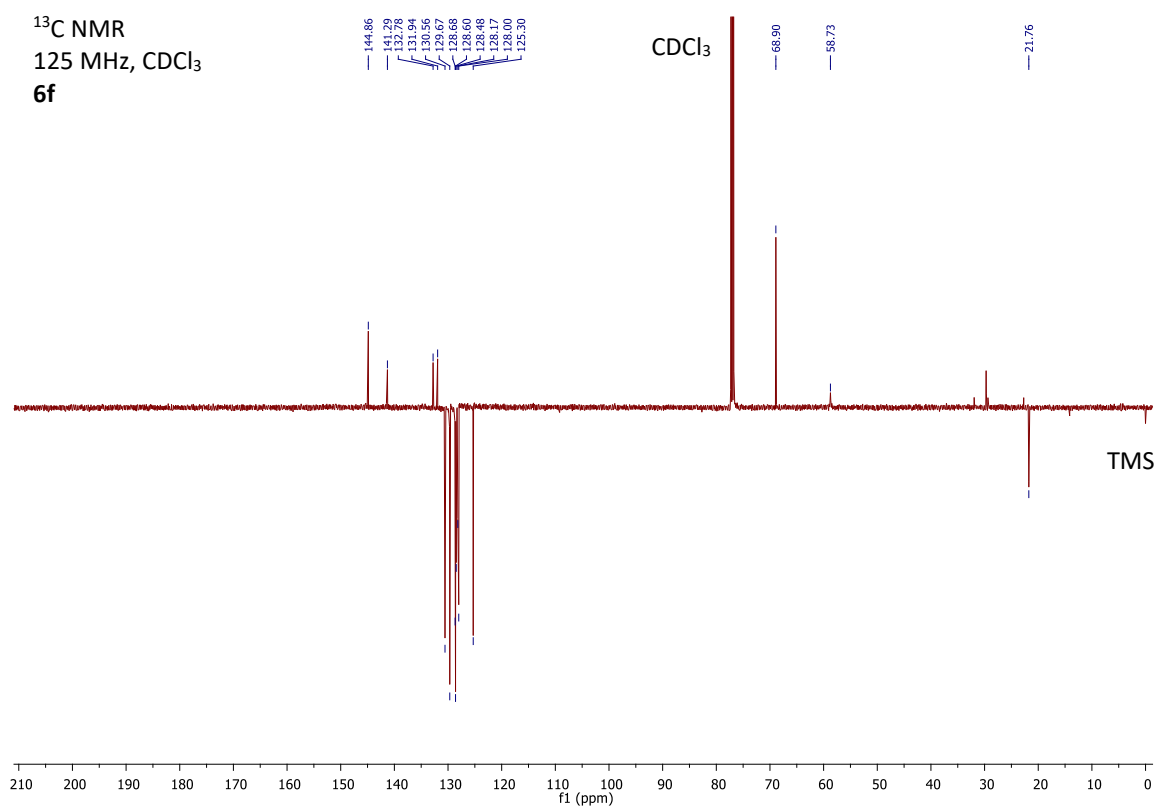


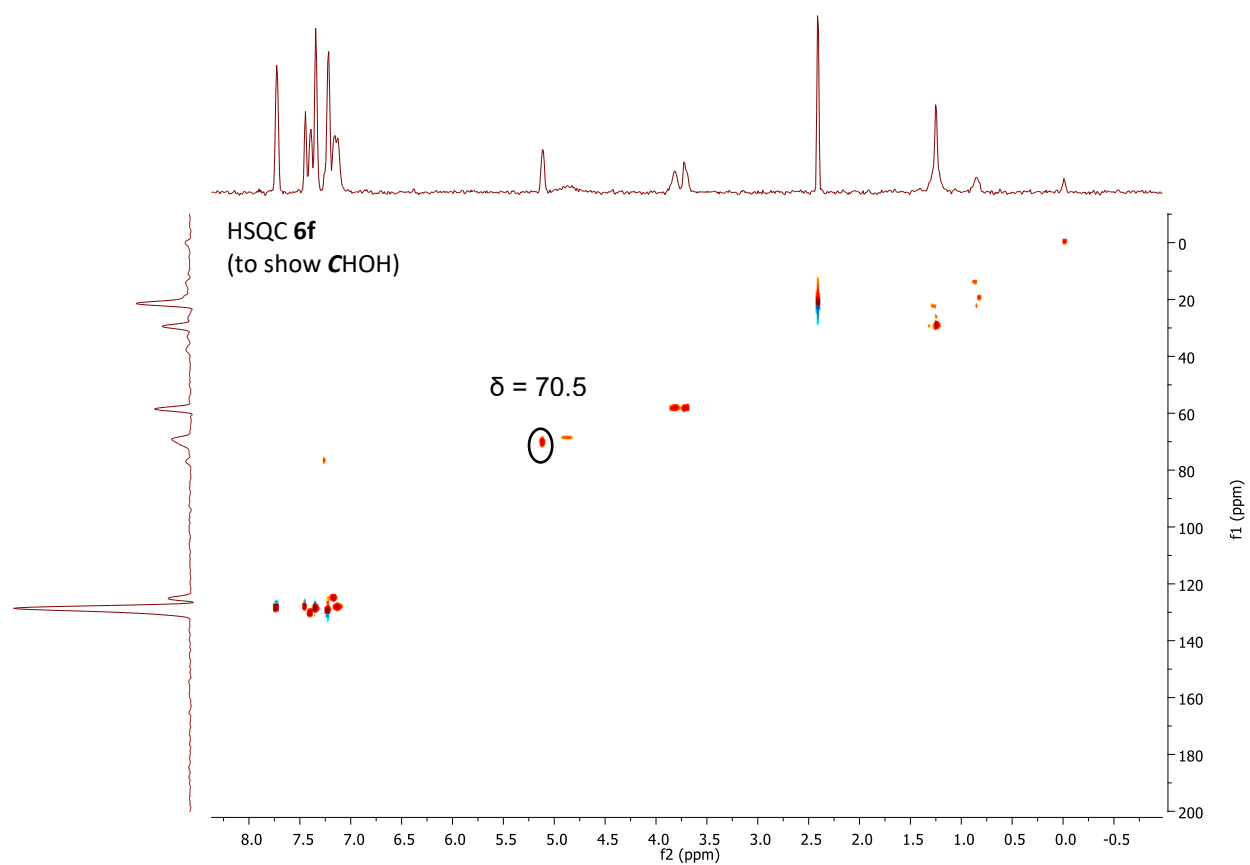


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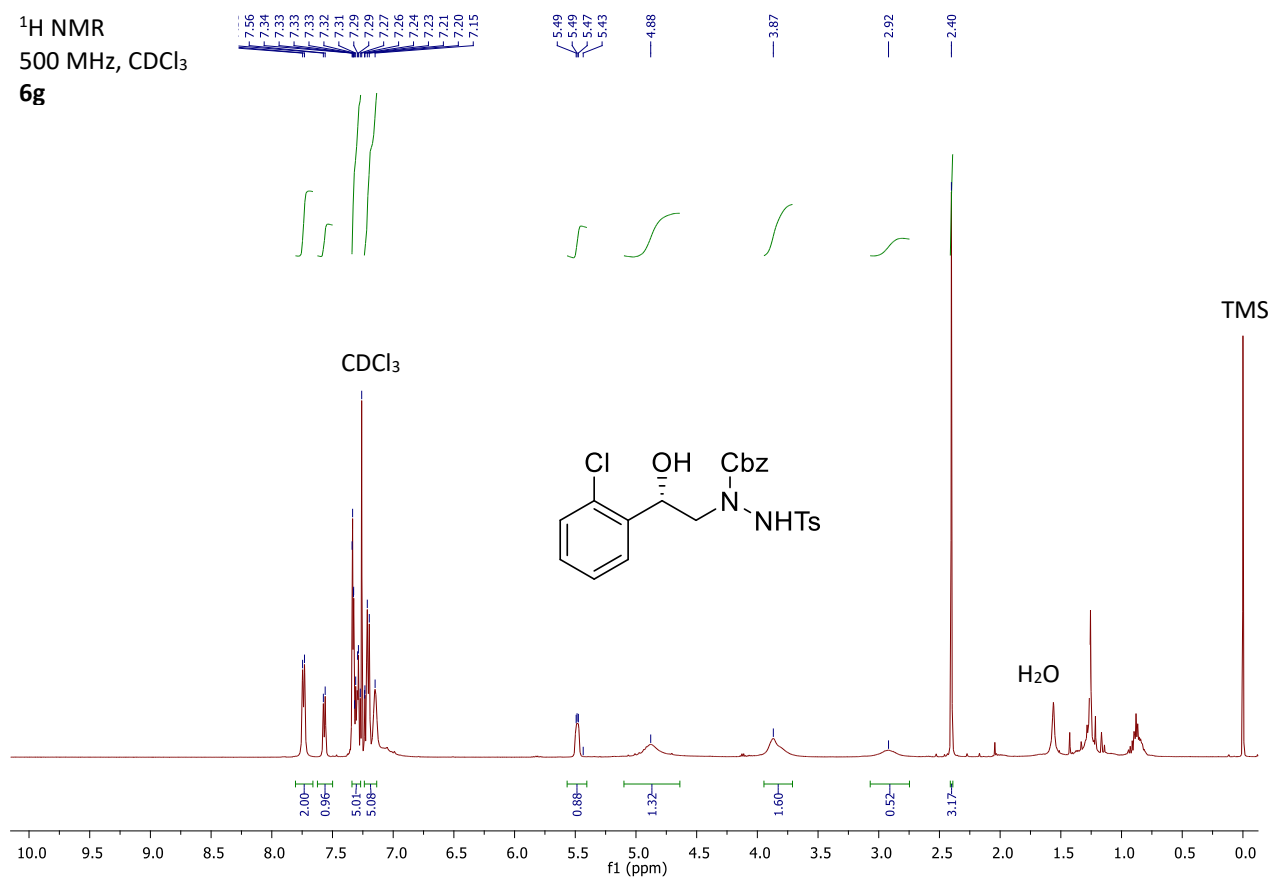


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125 MHz, CDCl₃
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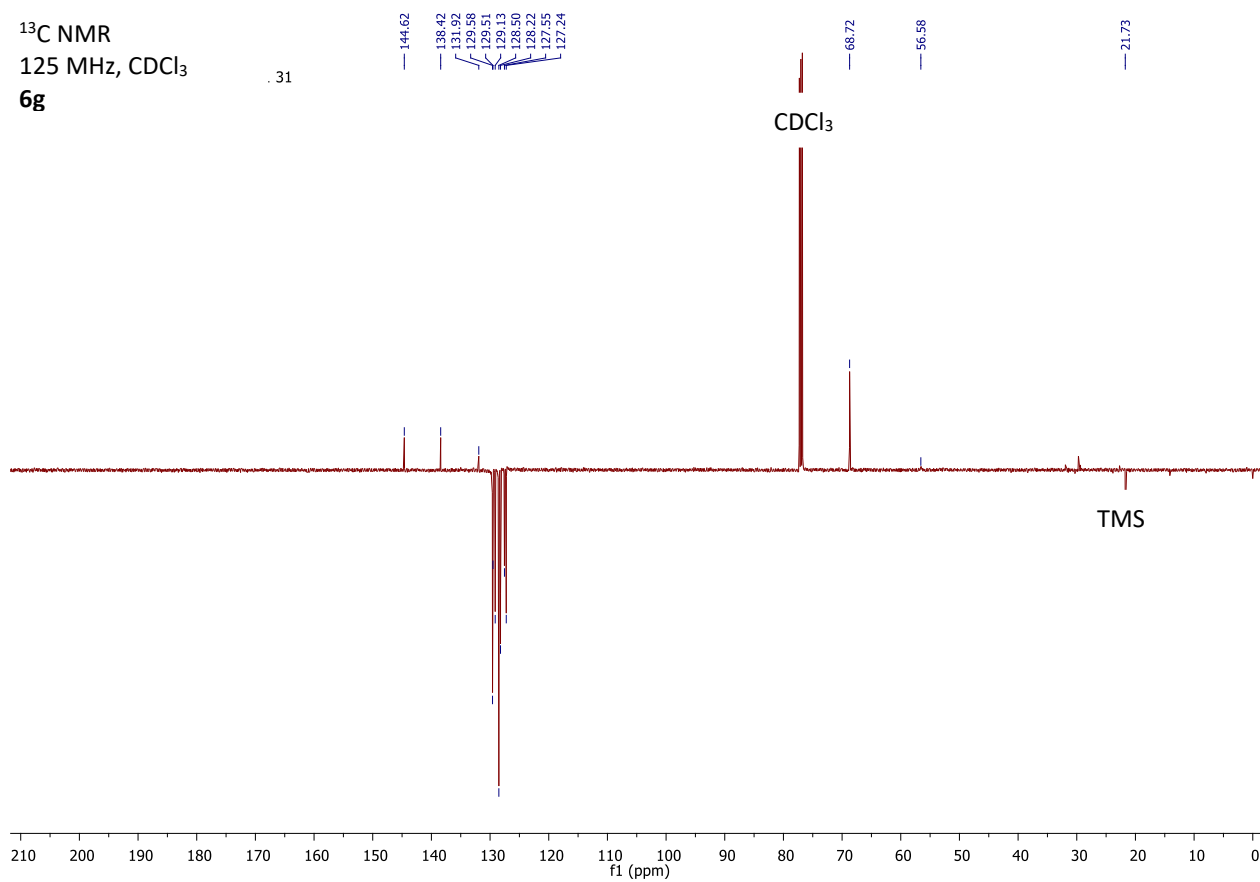


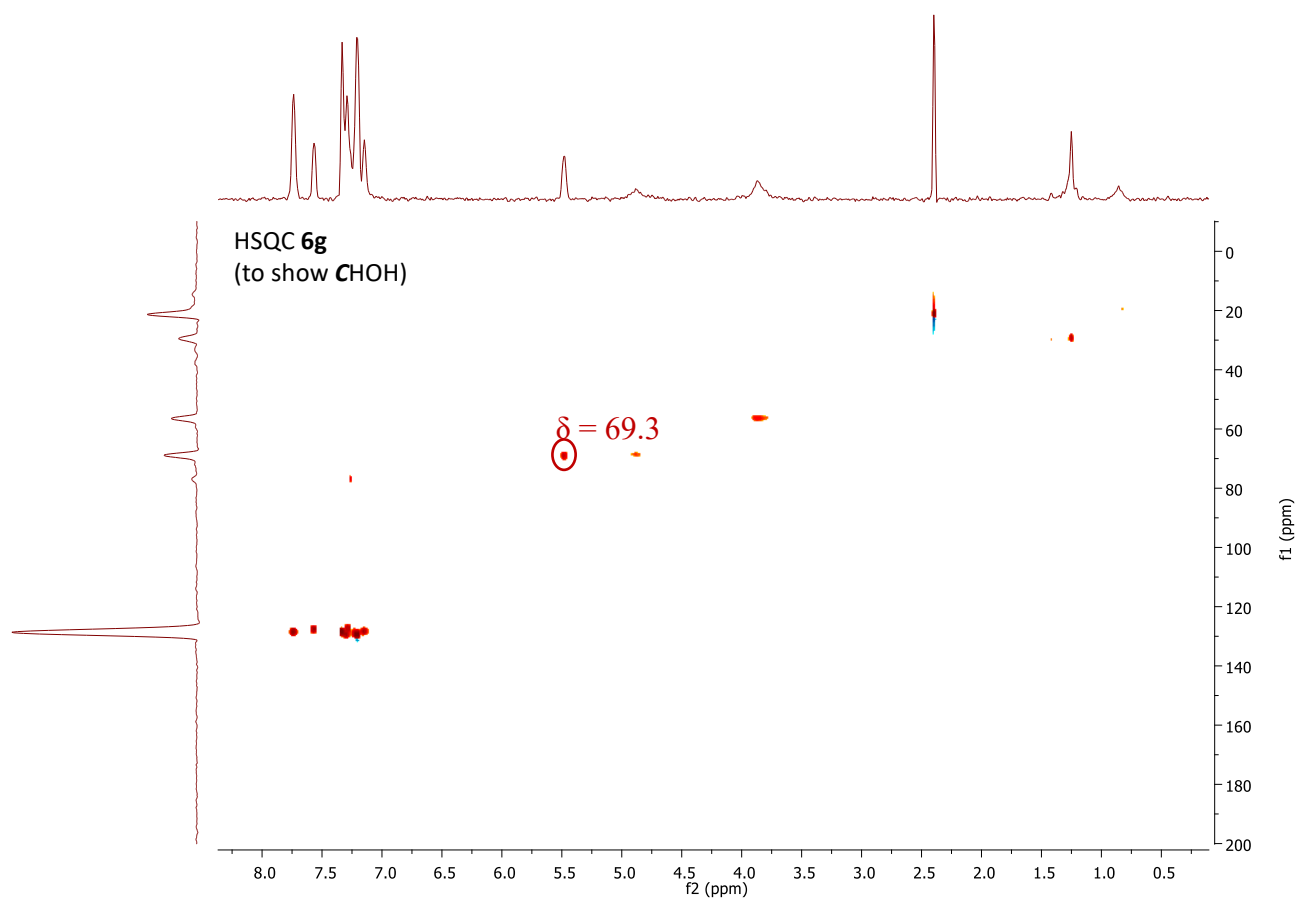


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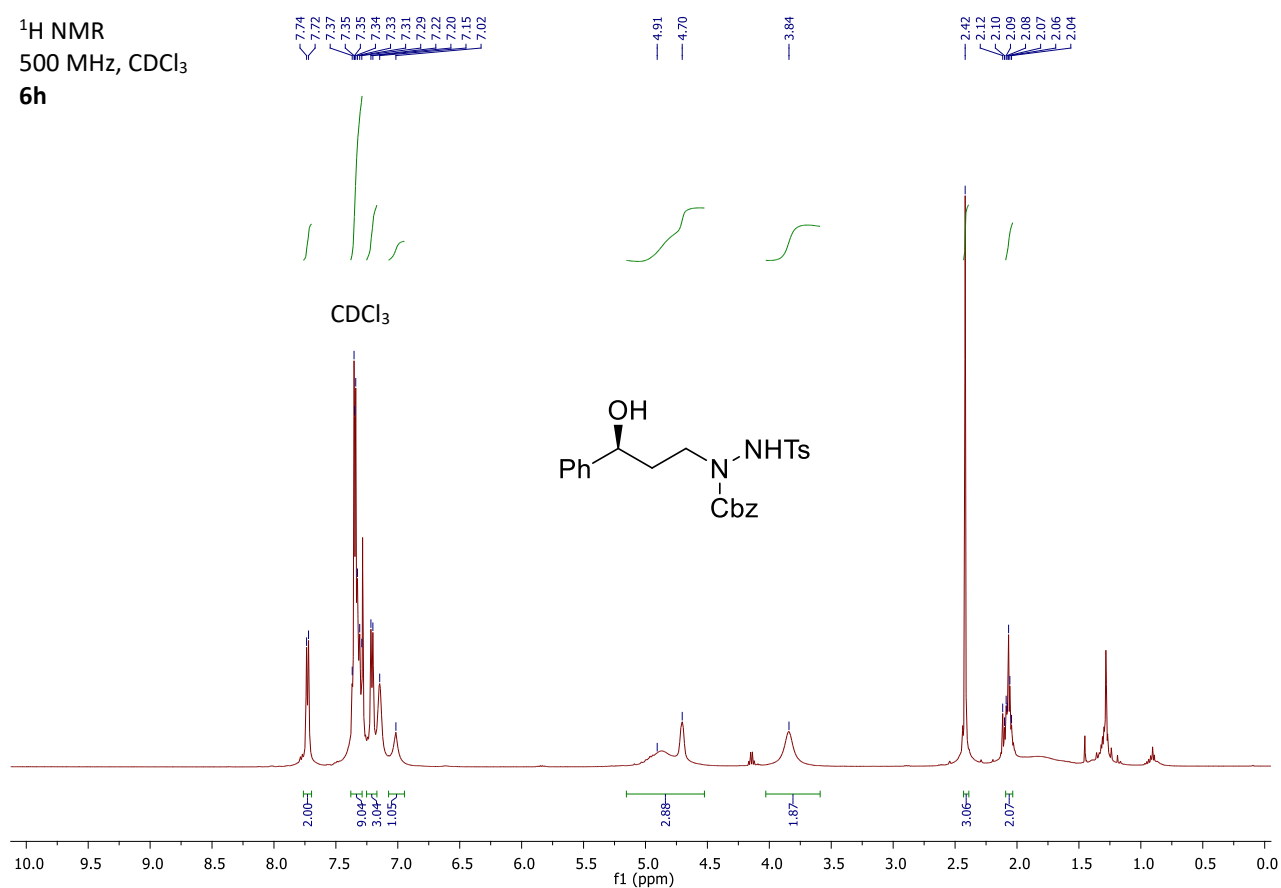


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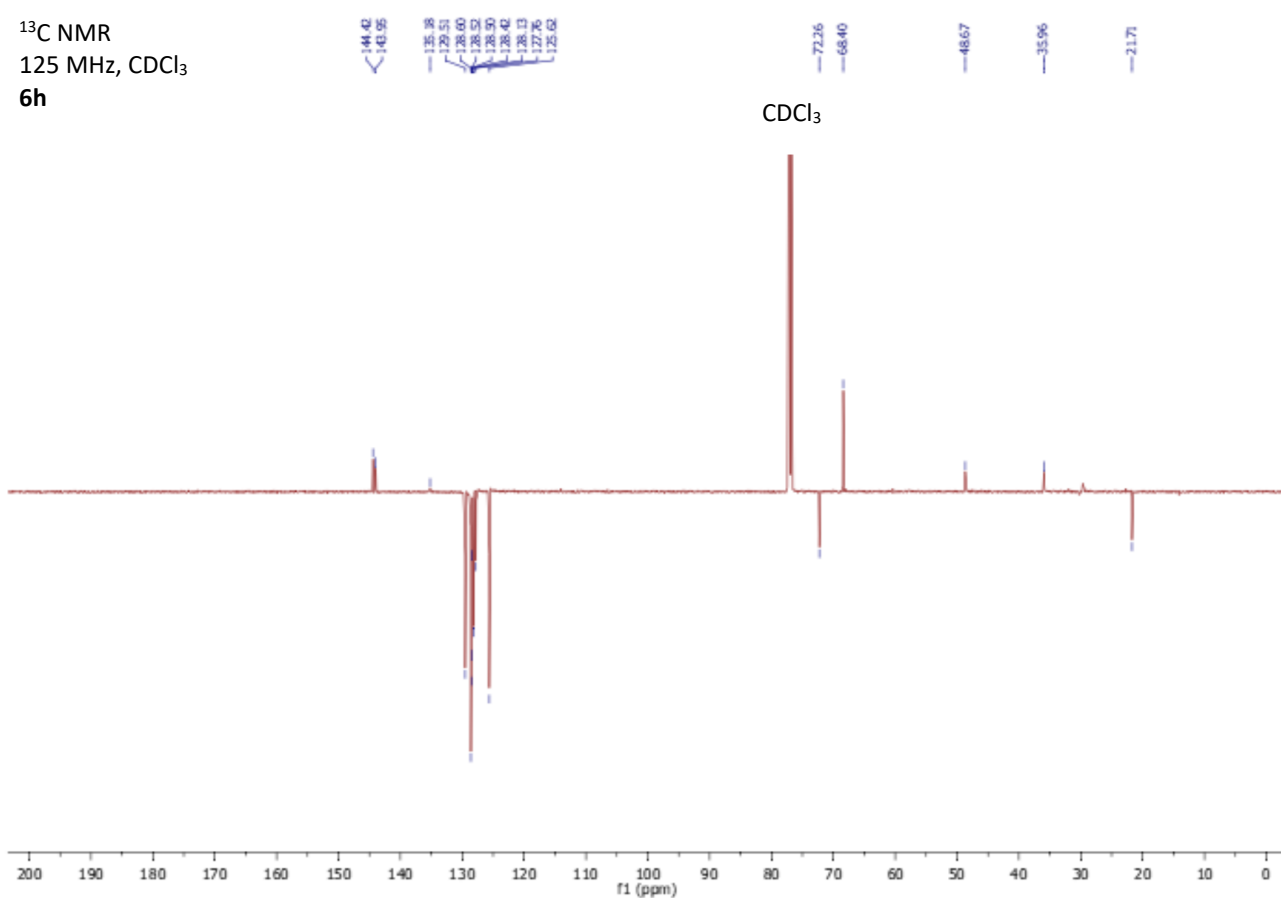




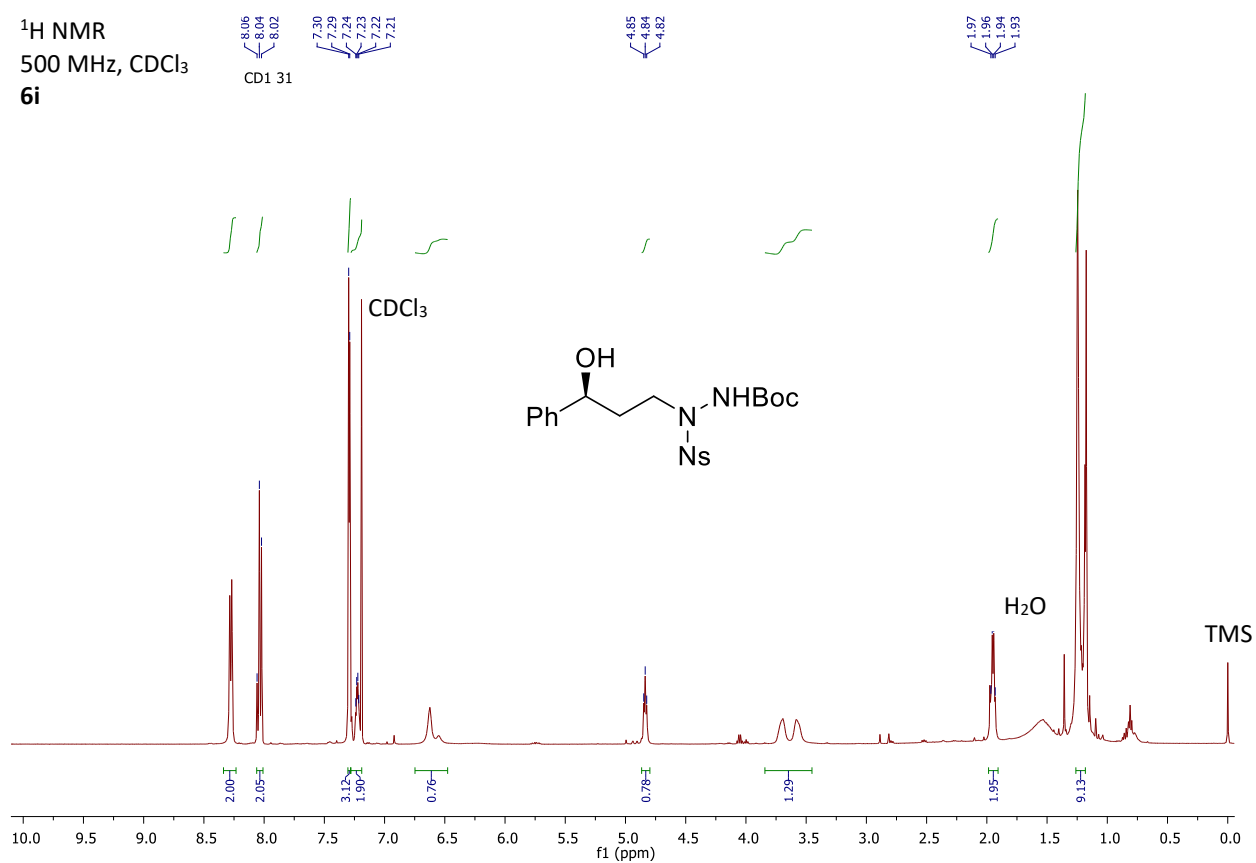
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500 MHz, CDCl₃
6h



¹³C NMR
125 MHz, CDCl₃
6h

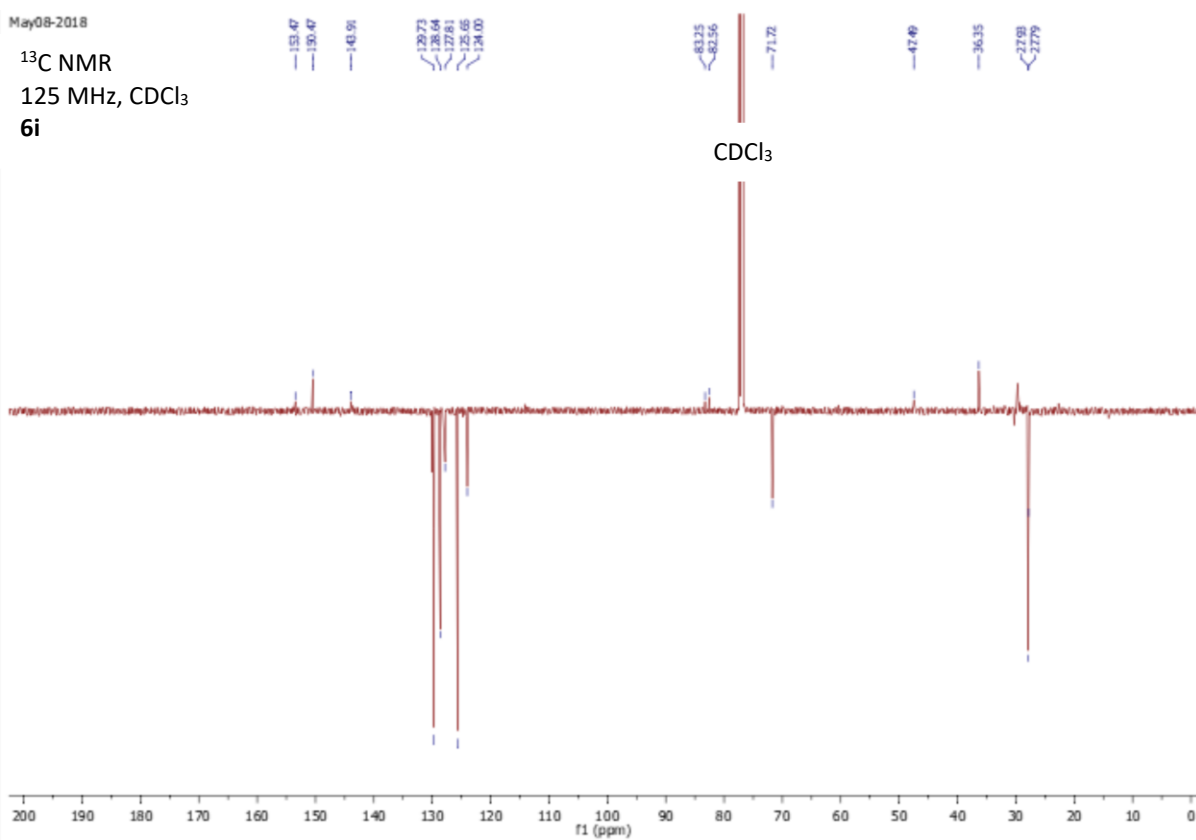


¹H NMR
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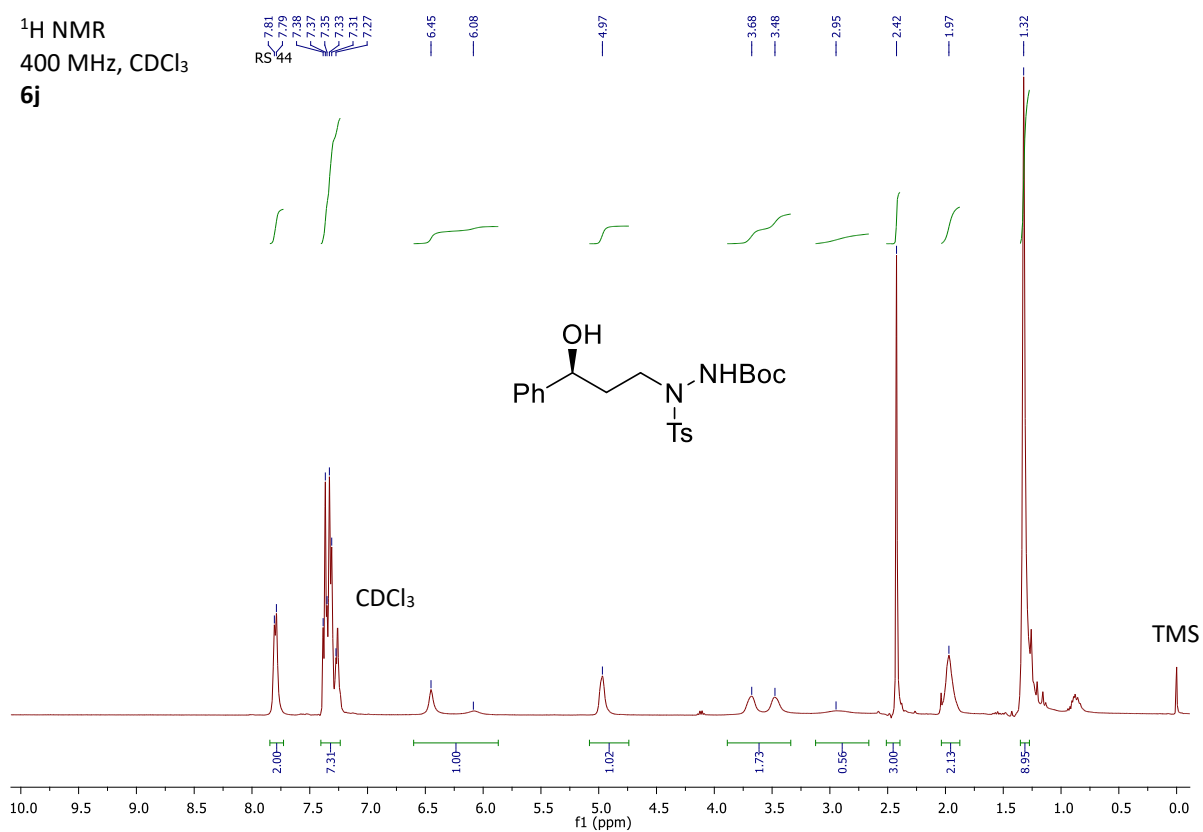


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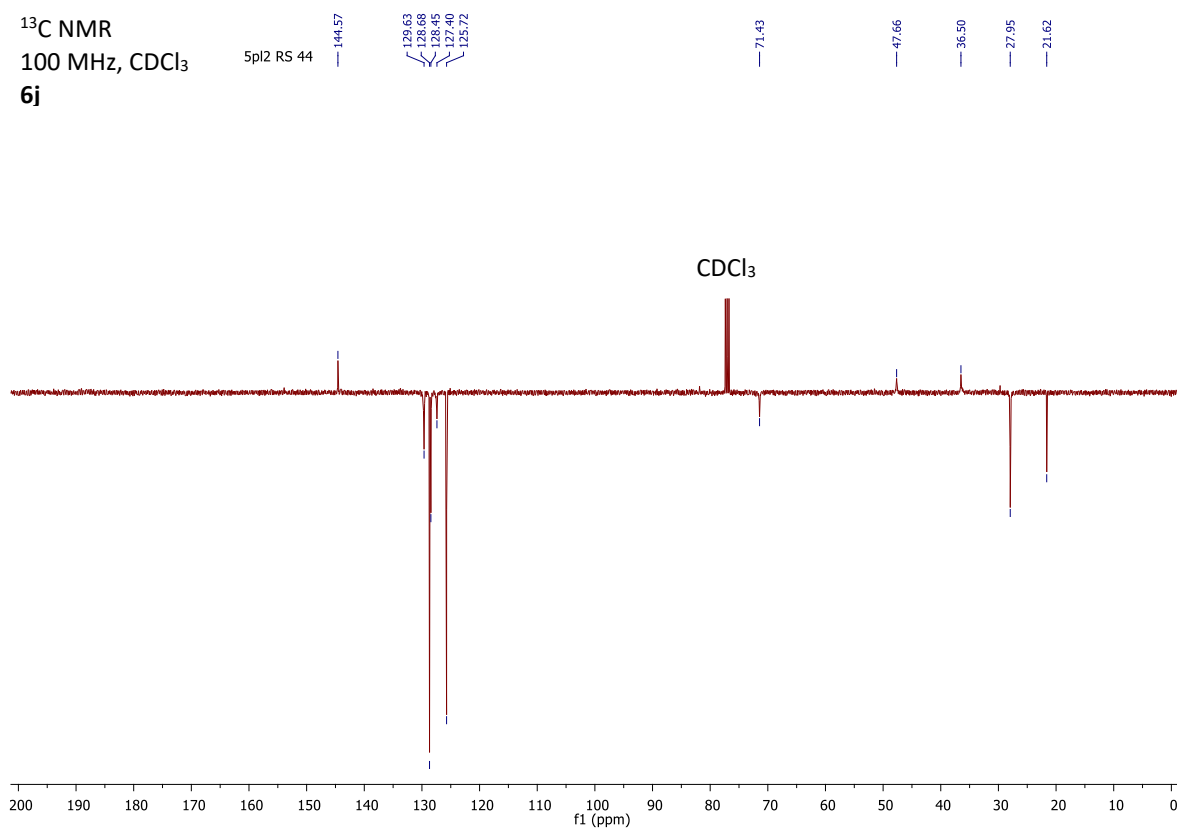
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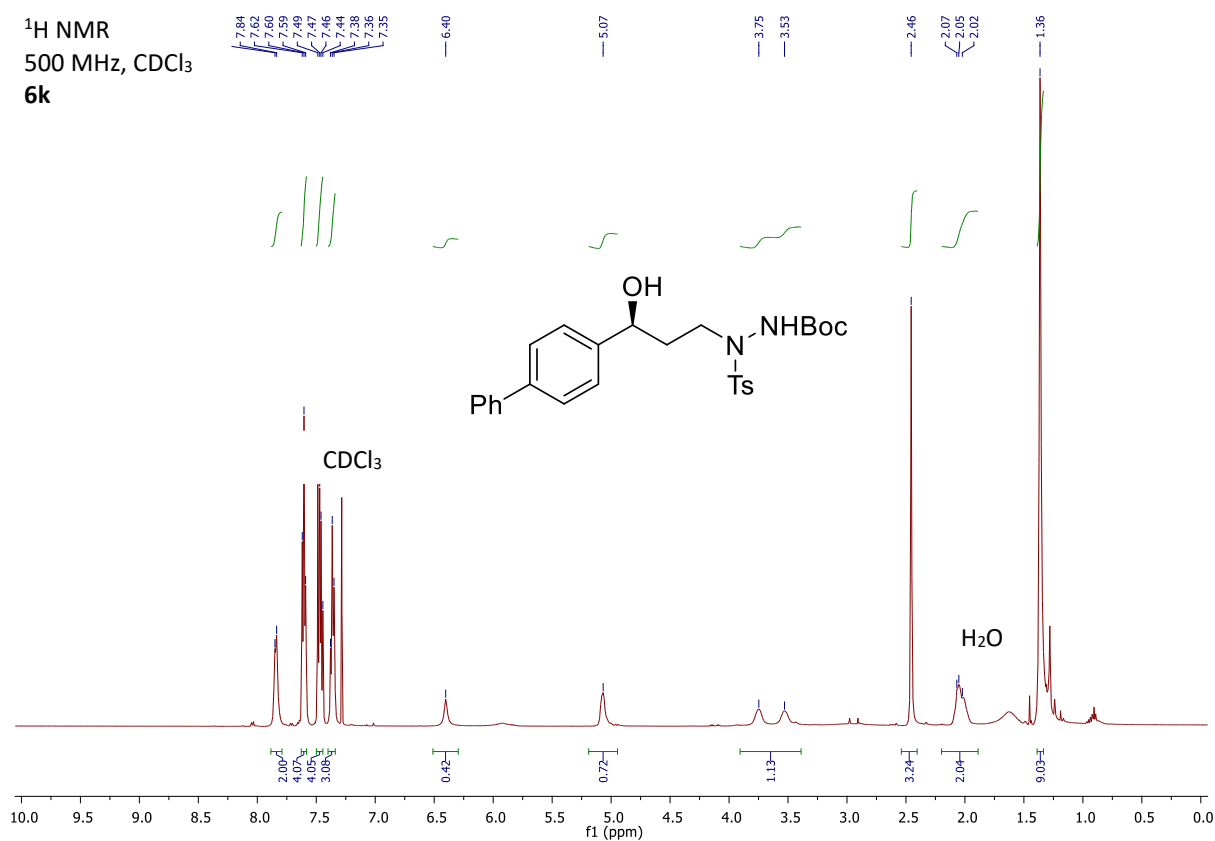
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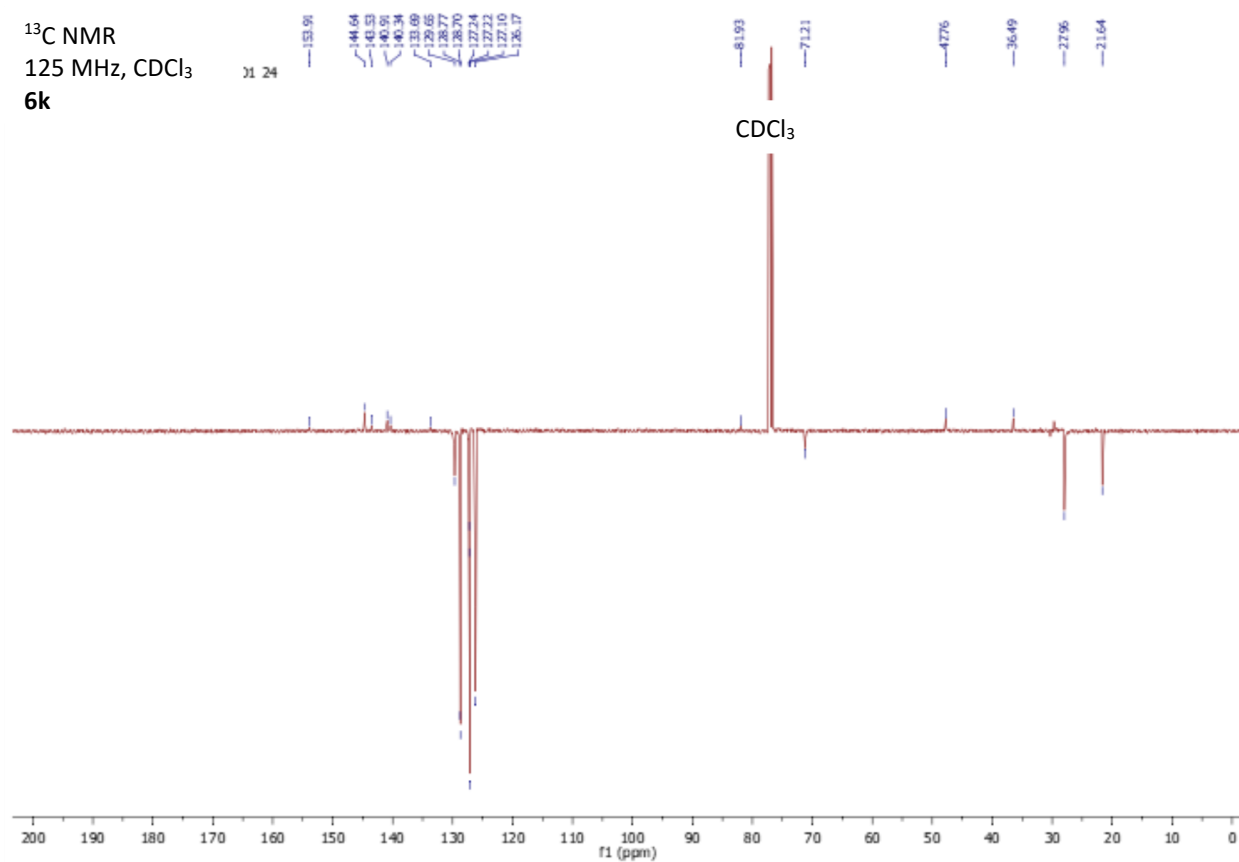
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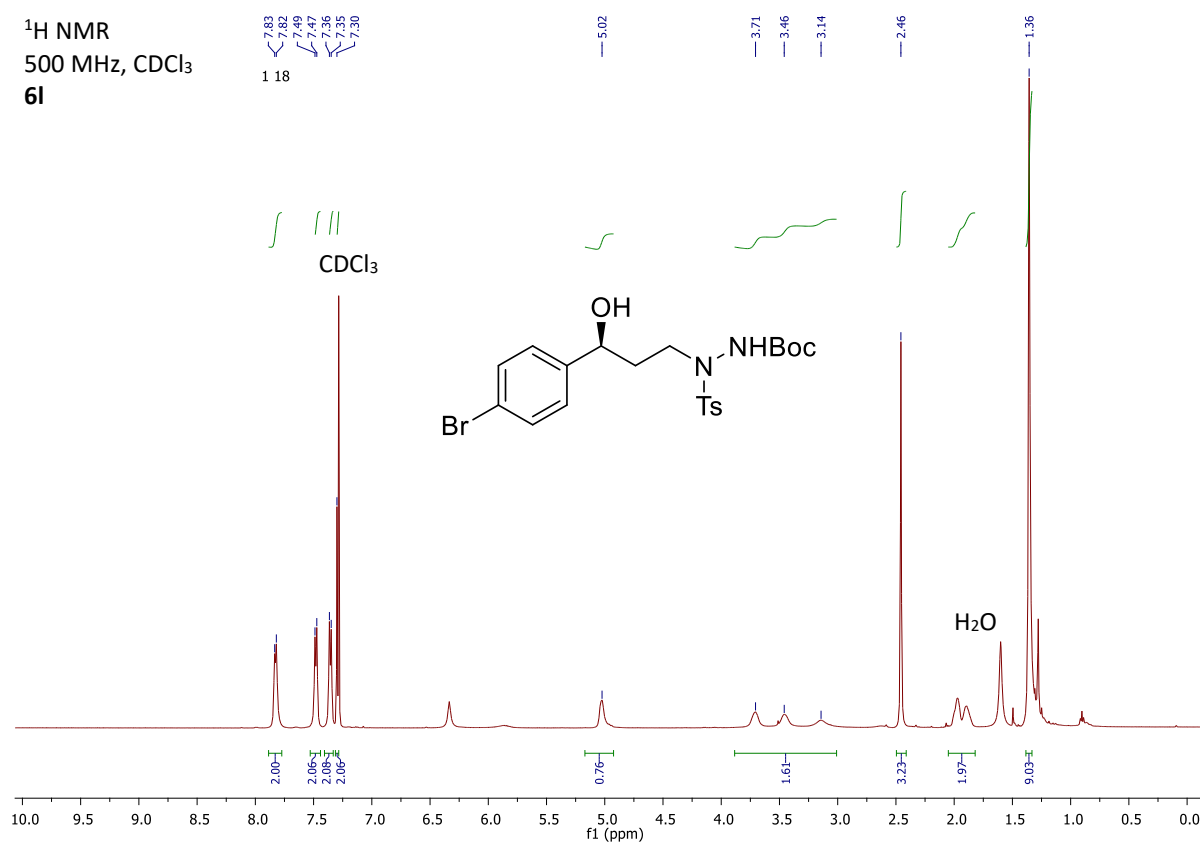
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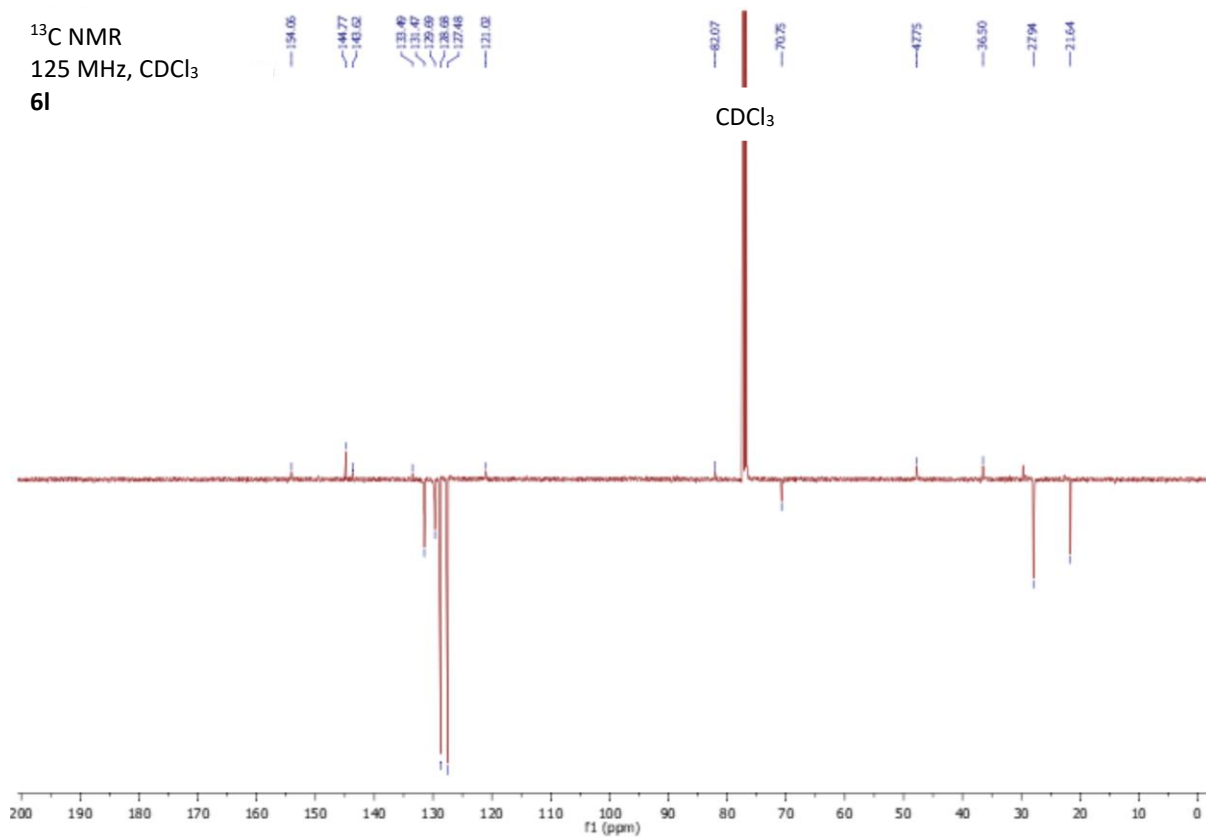
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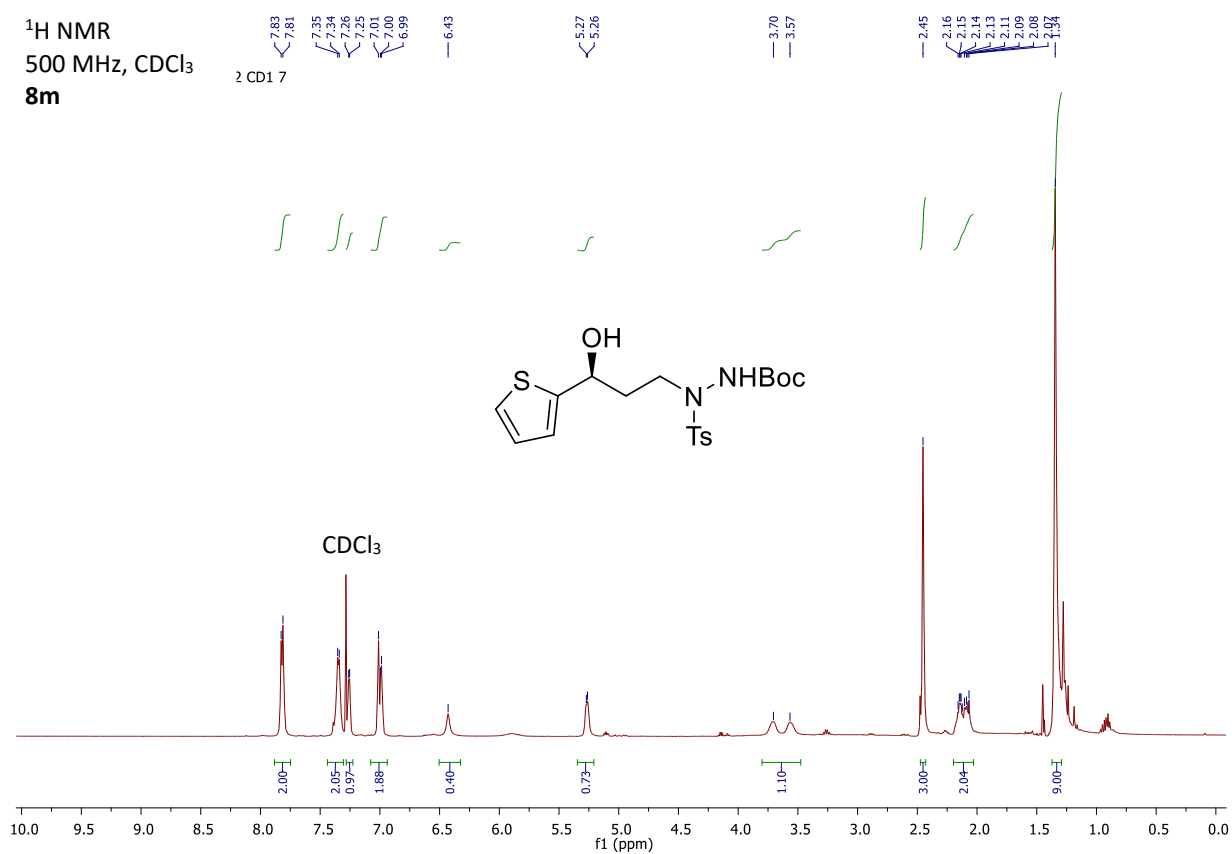
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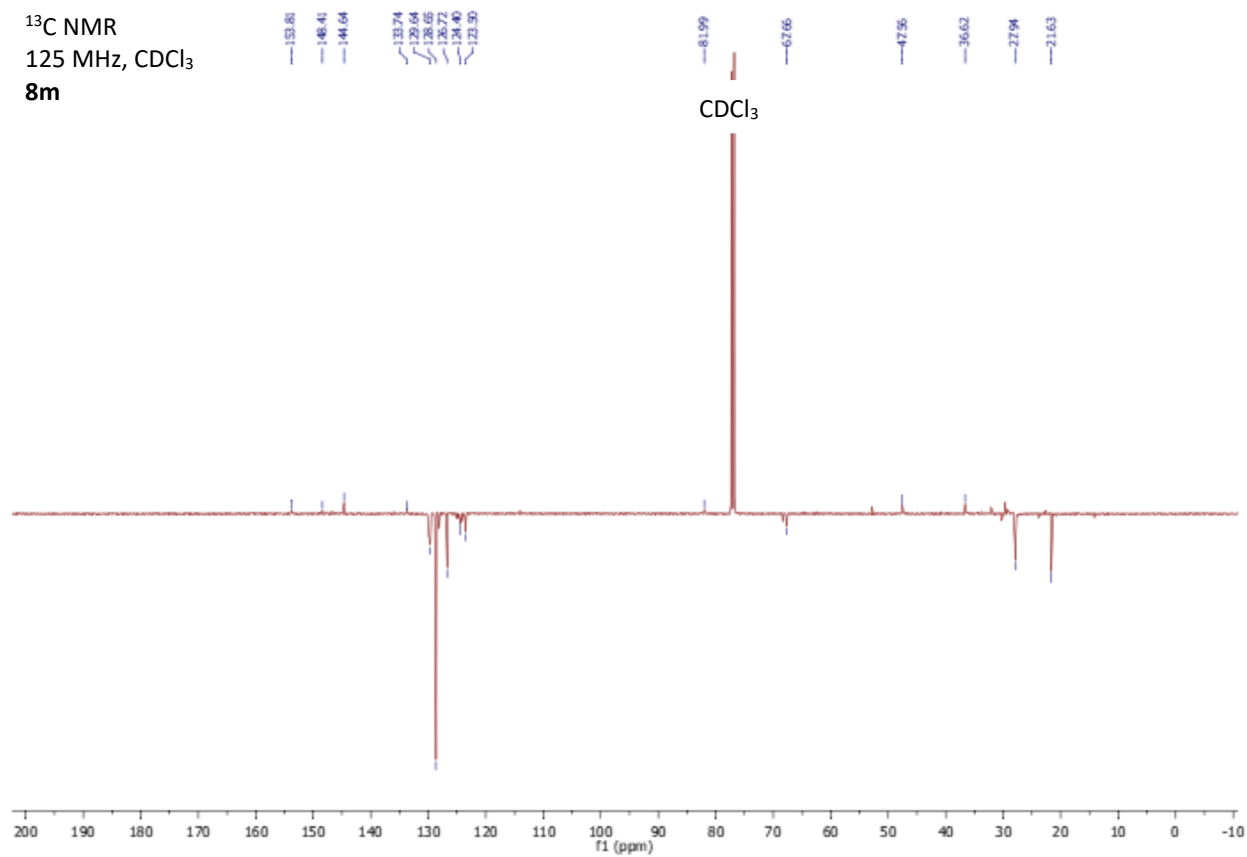
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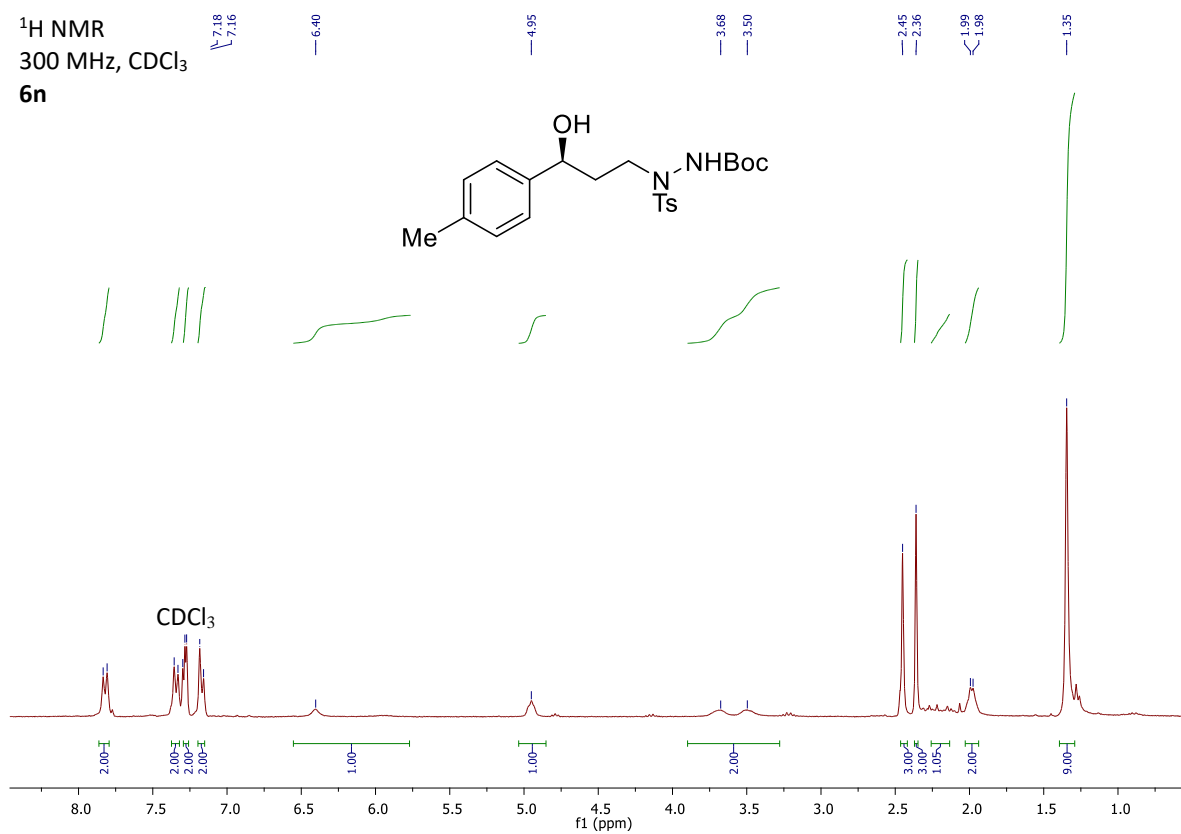
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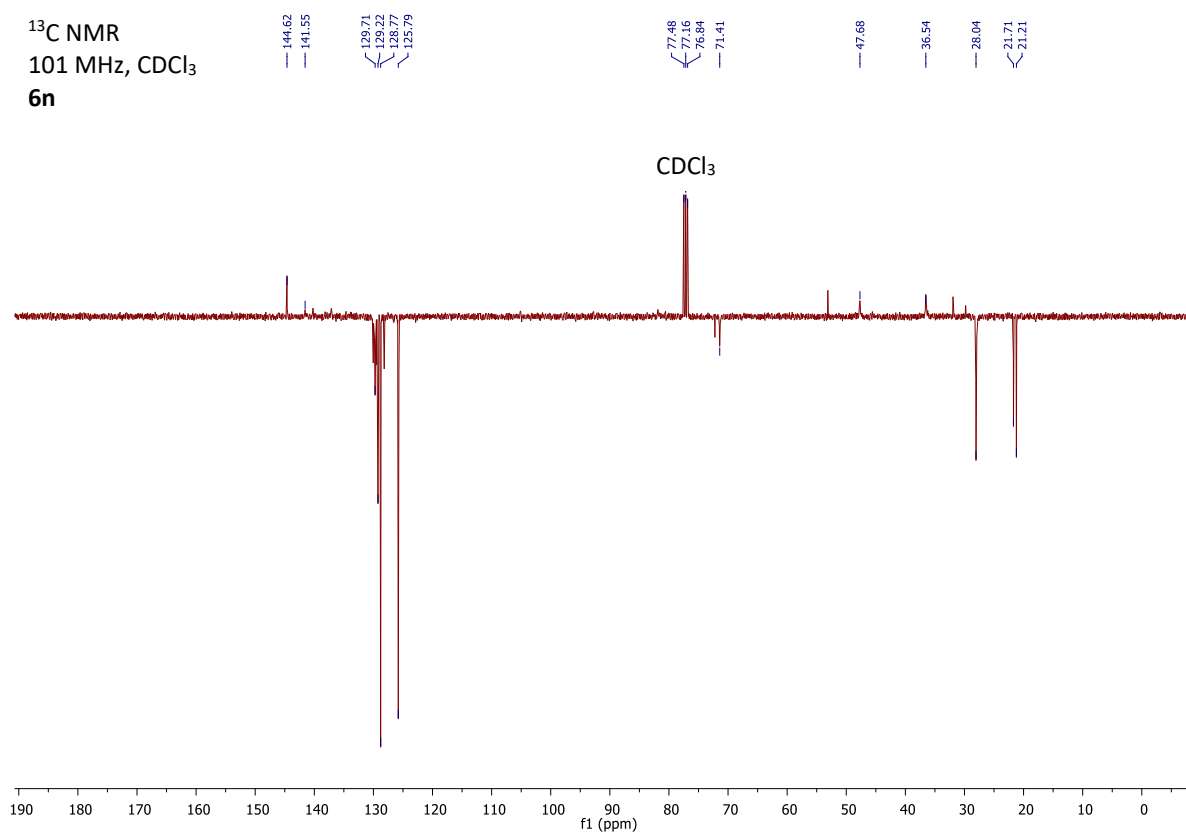
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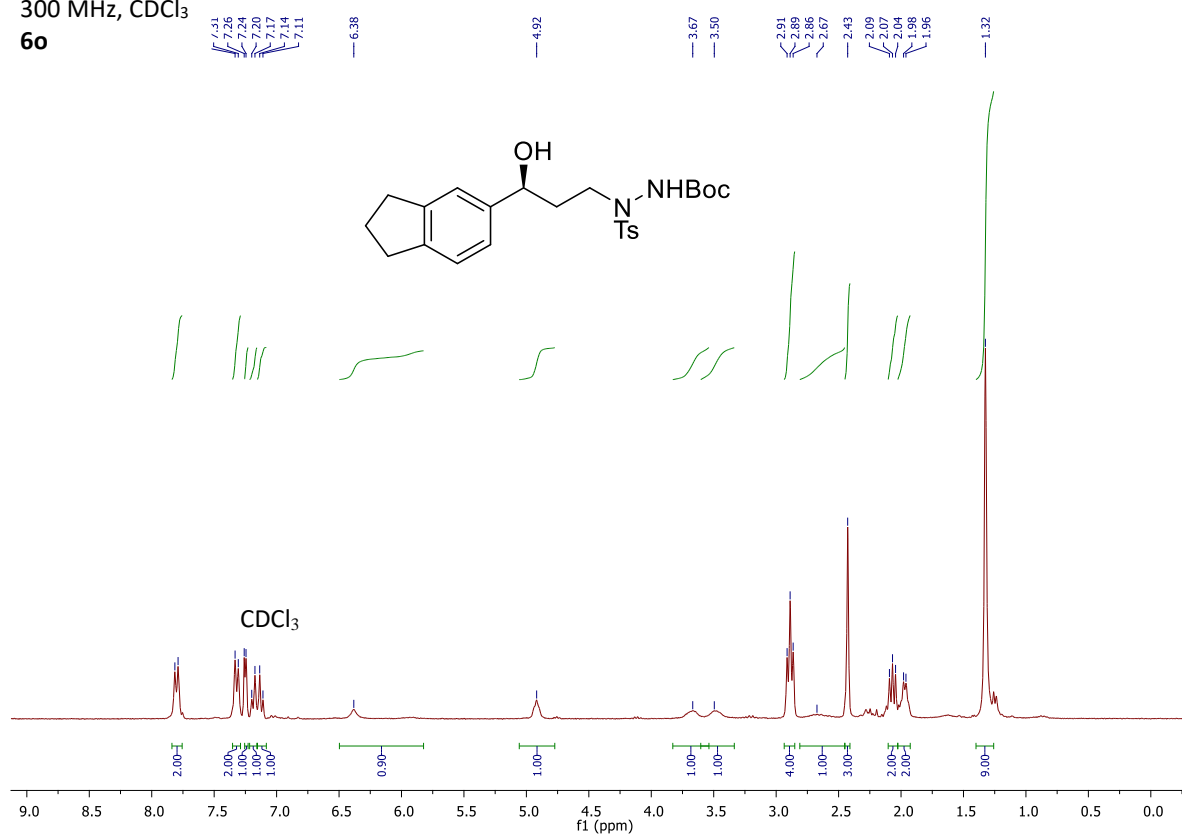
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6n



¹H NMR

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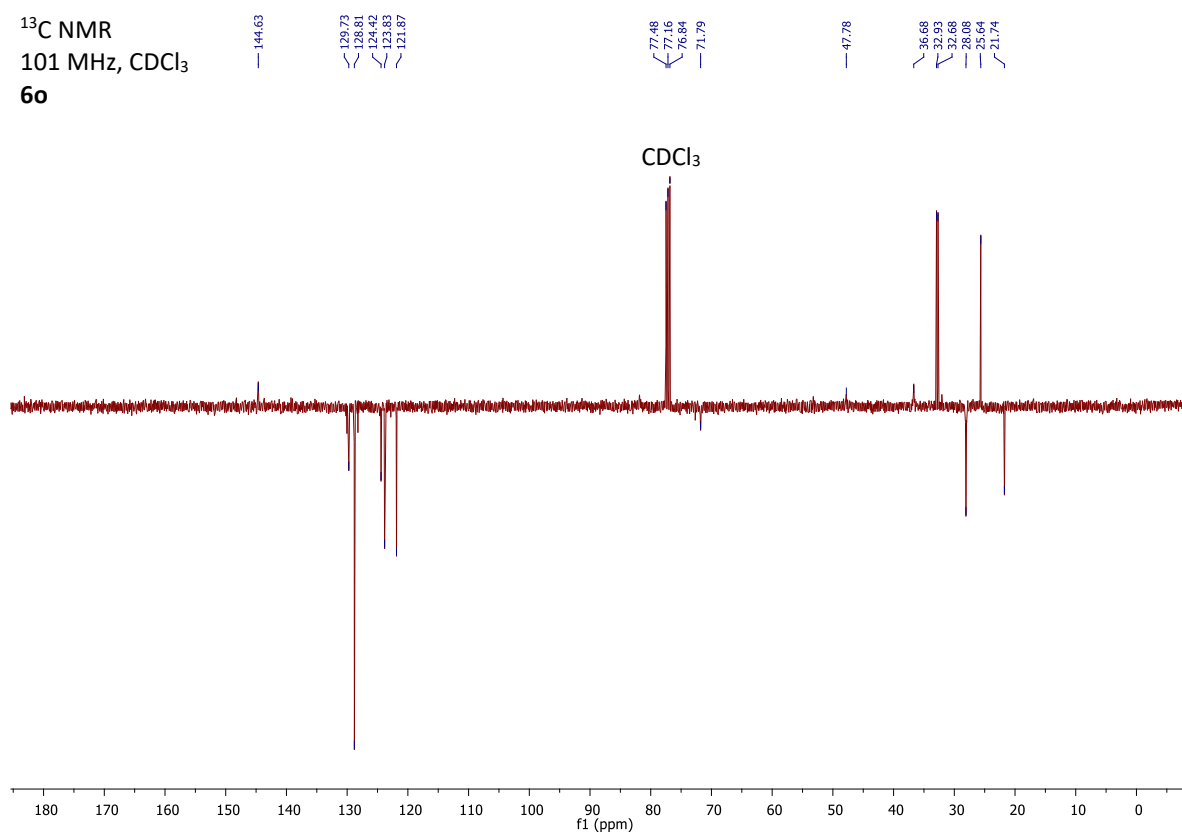
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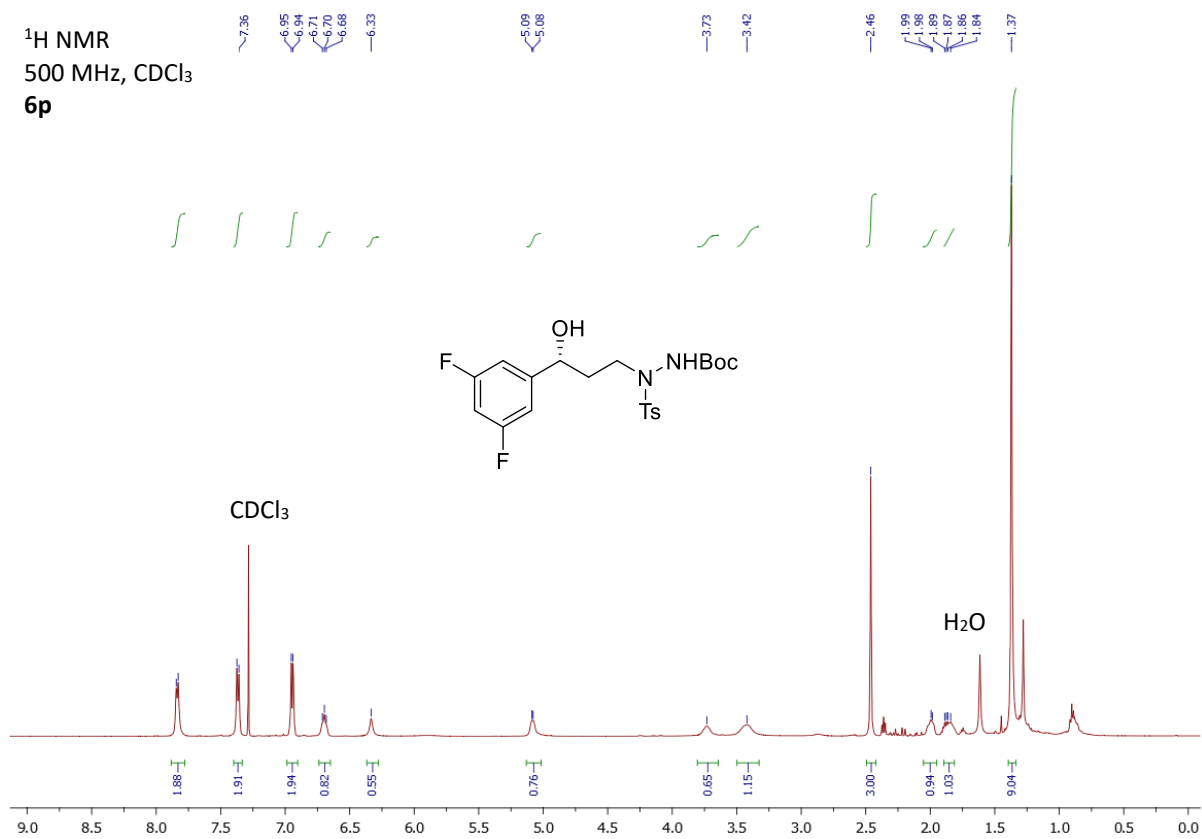
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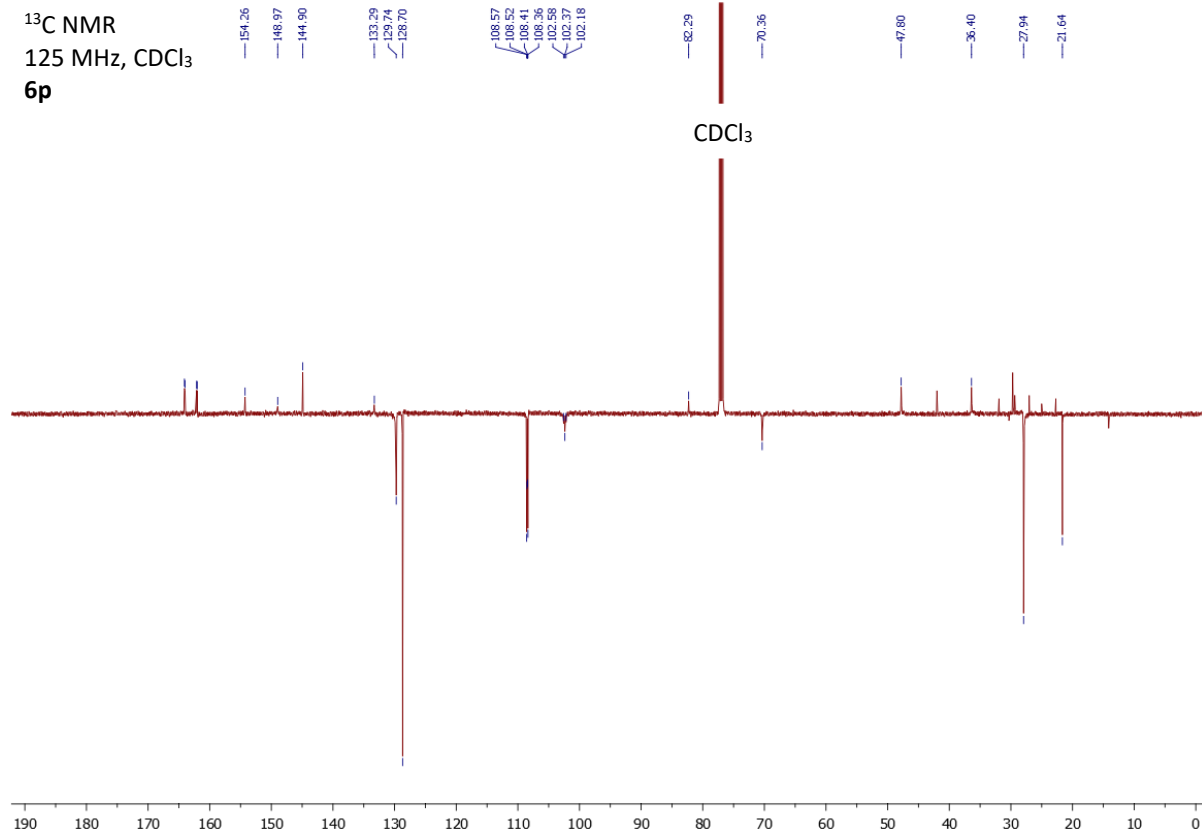
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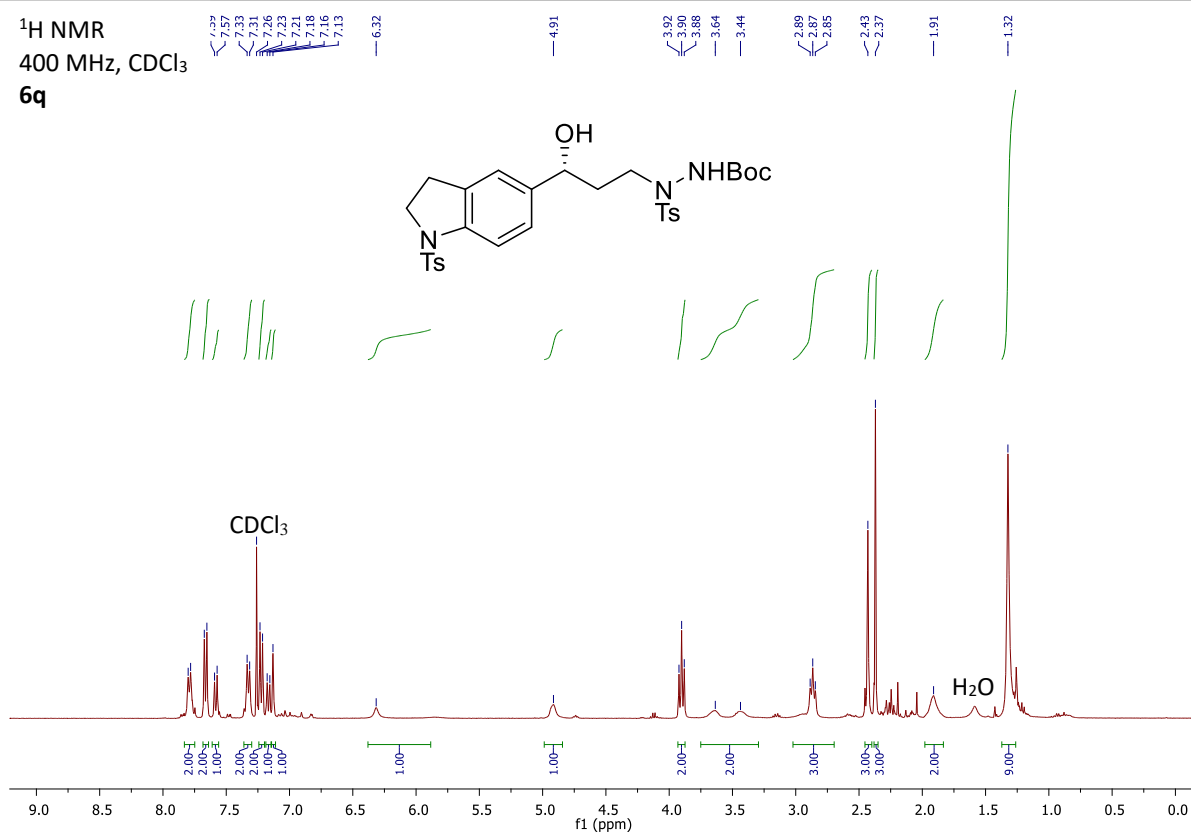
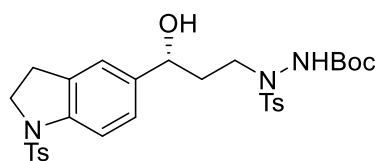
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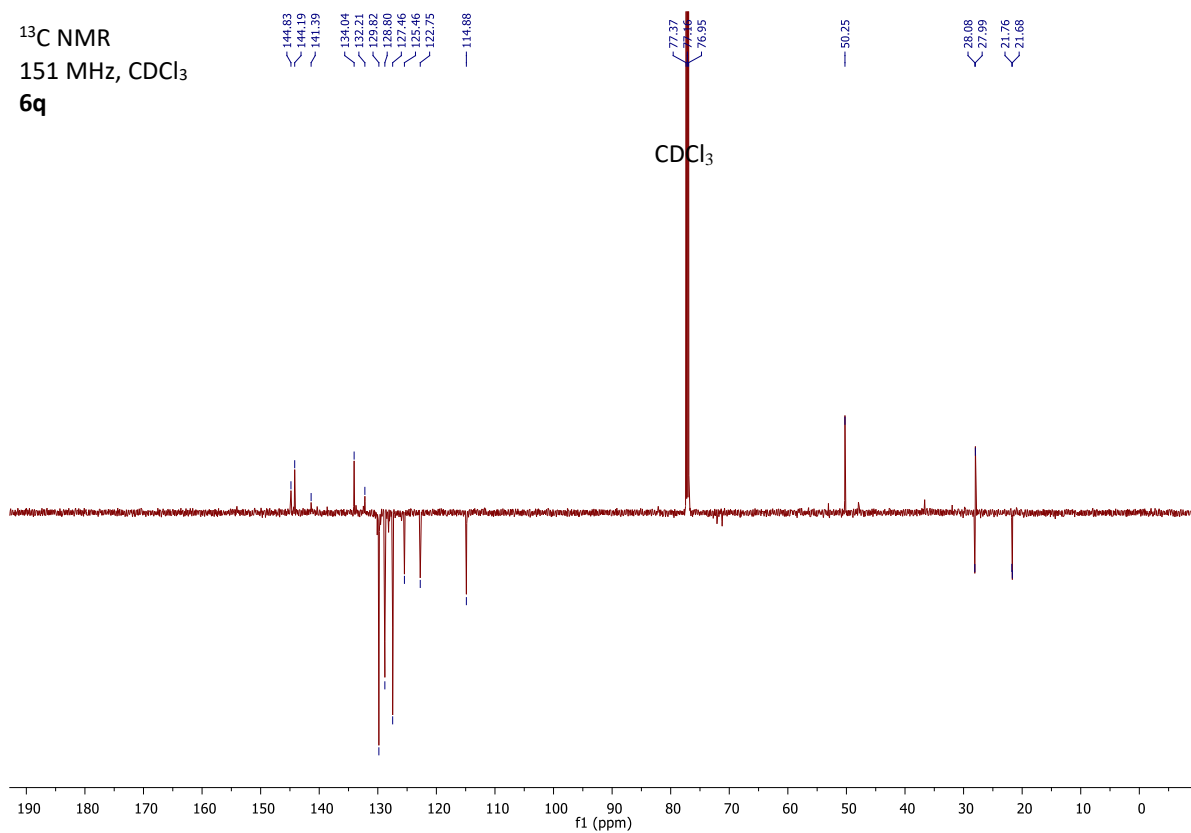
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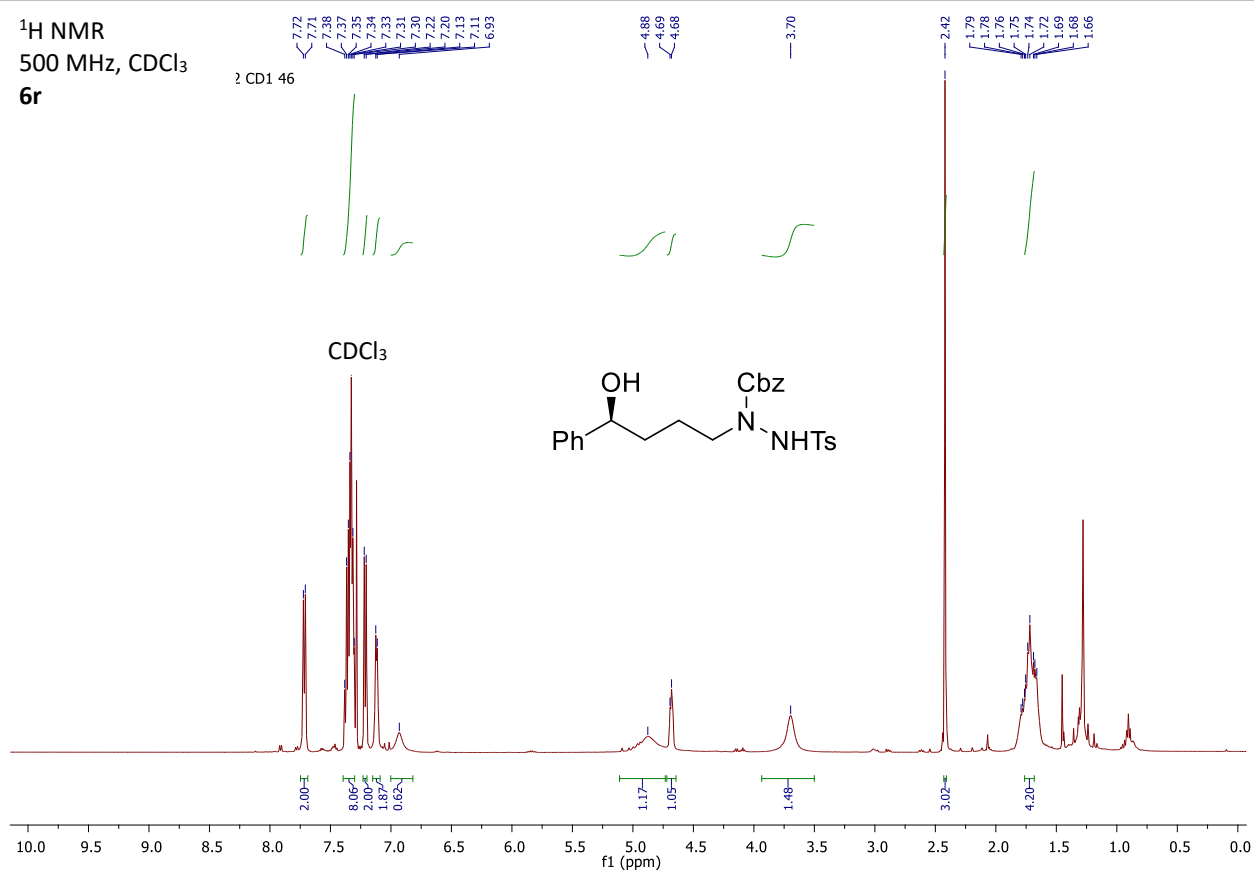
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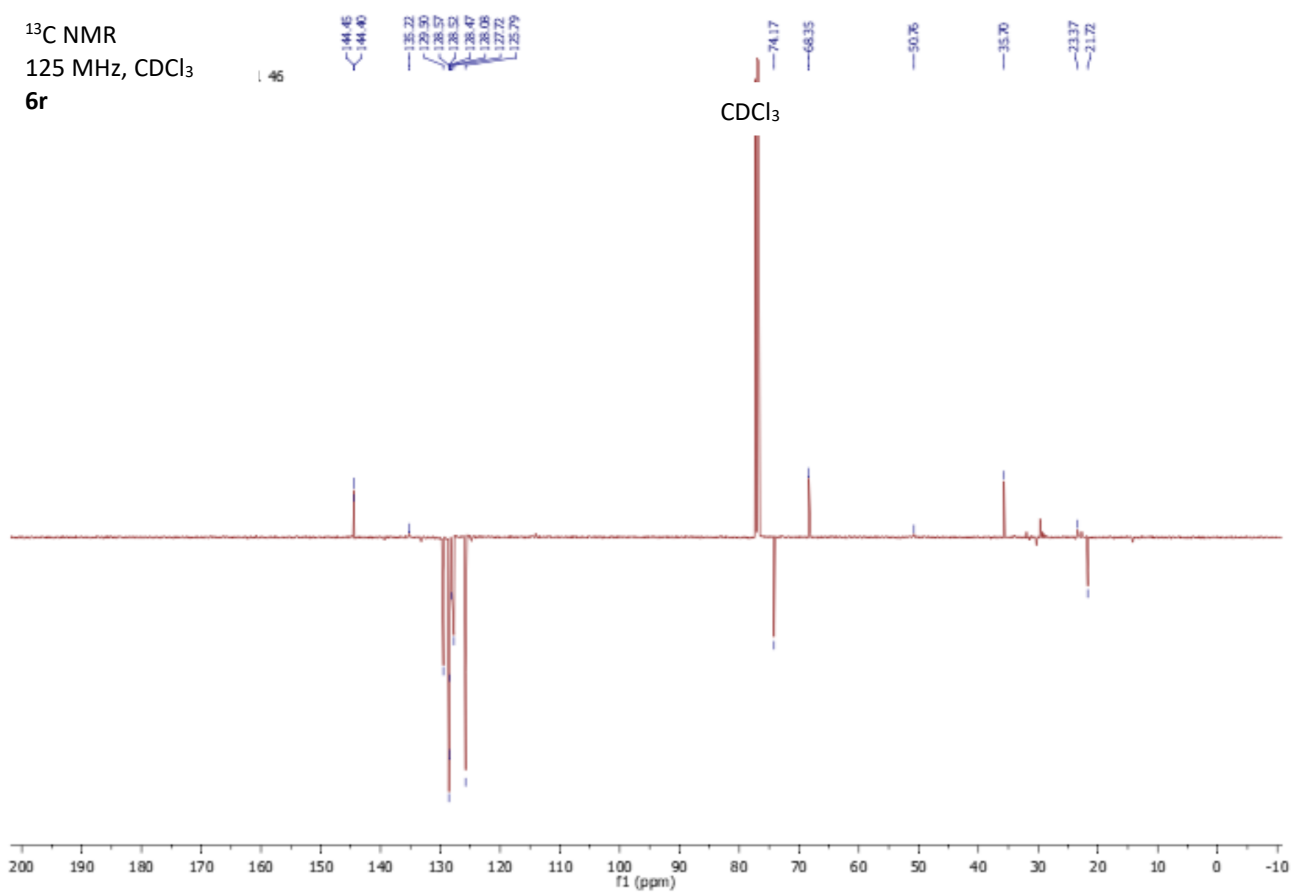
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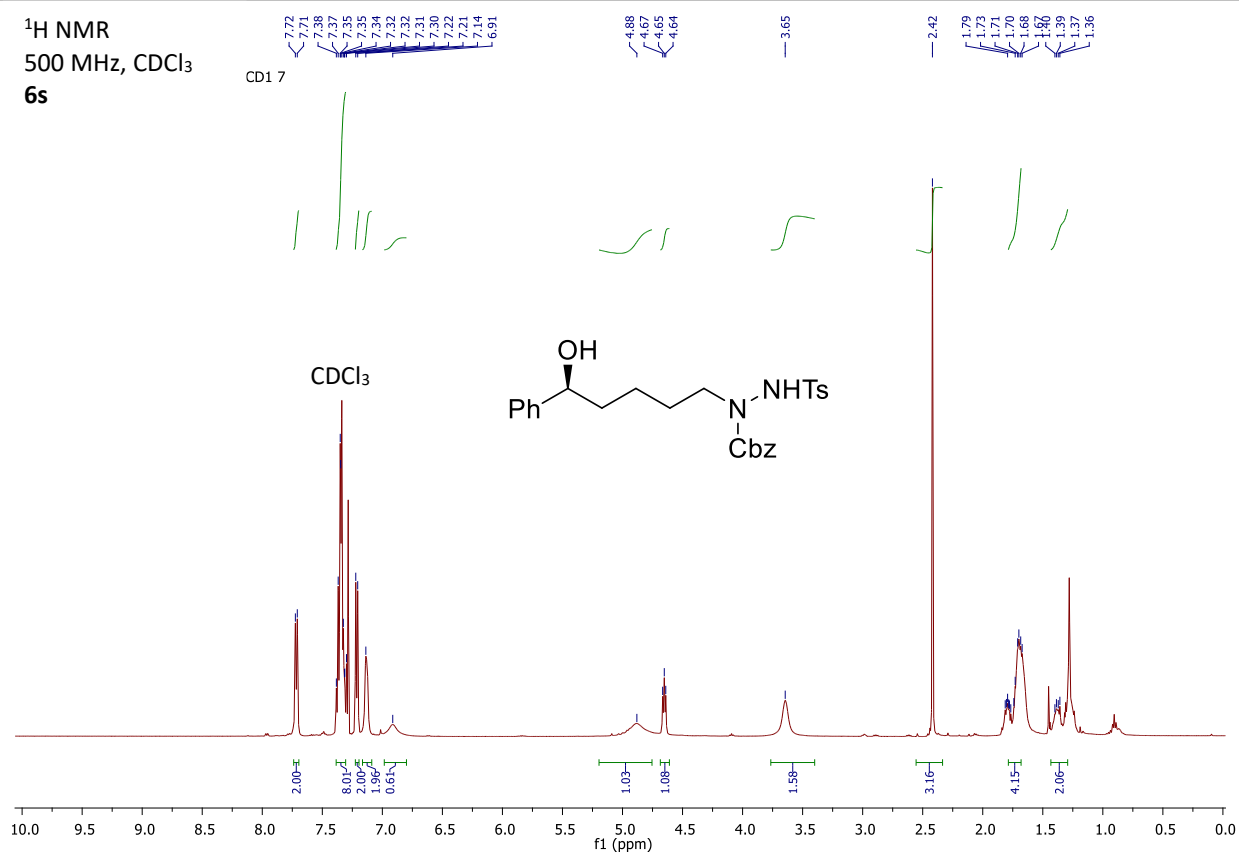
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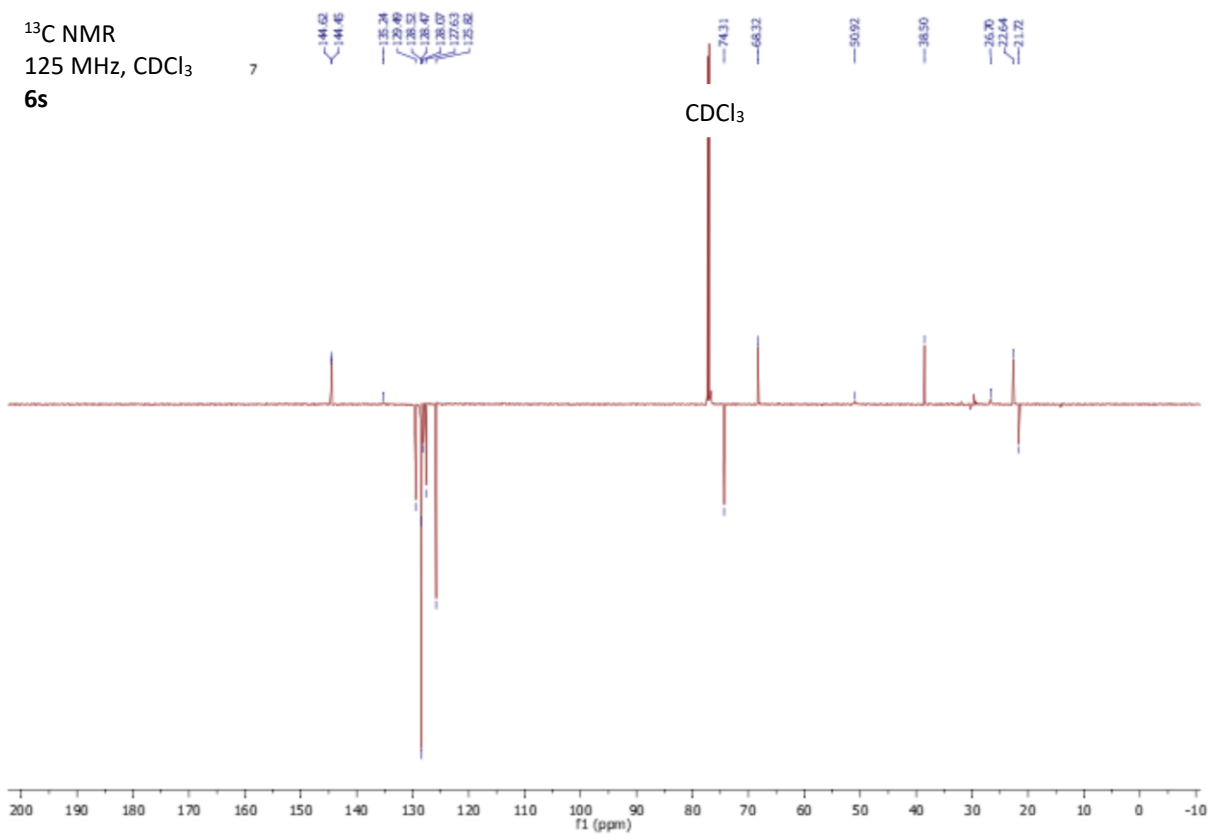
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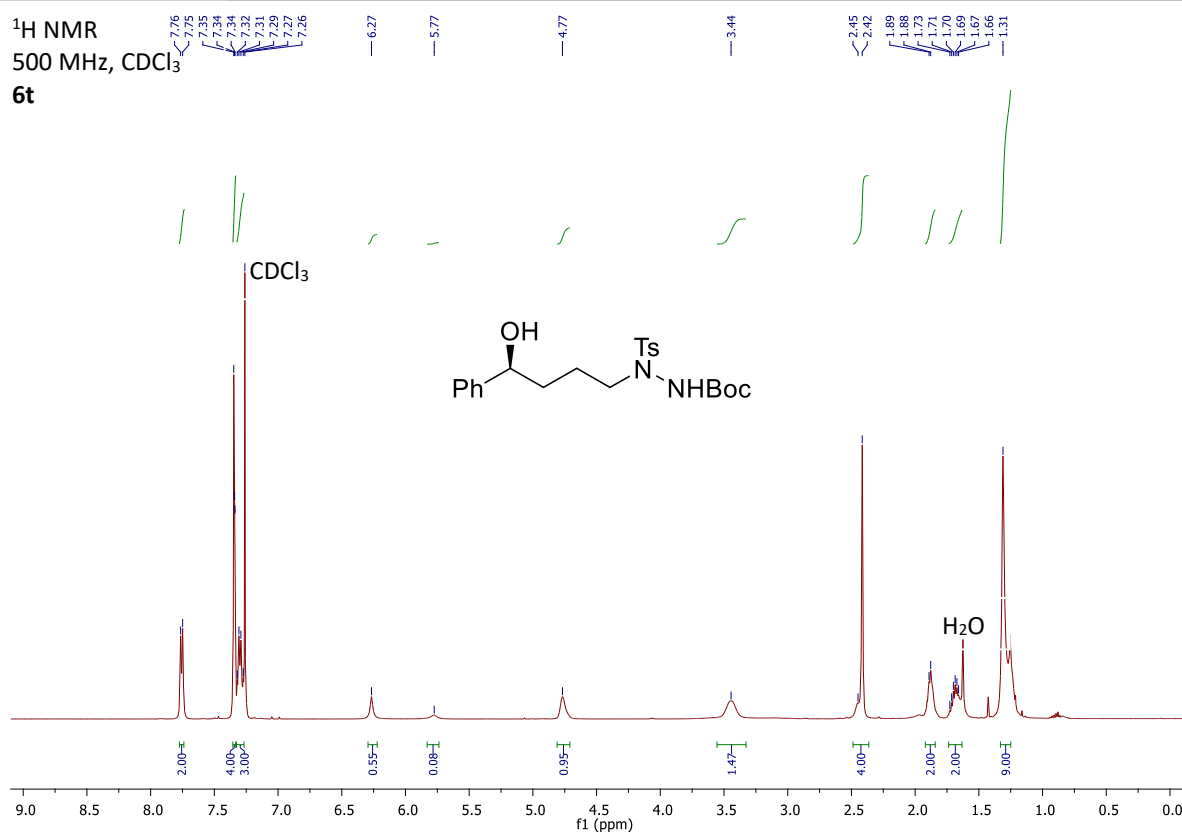
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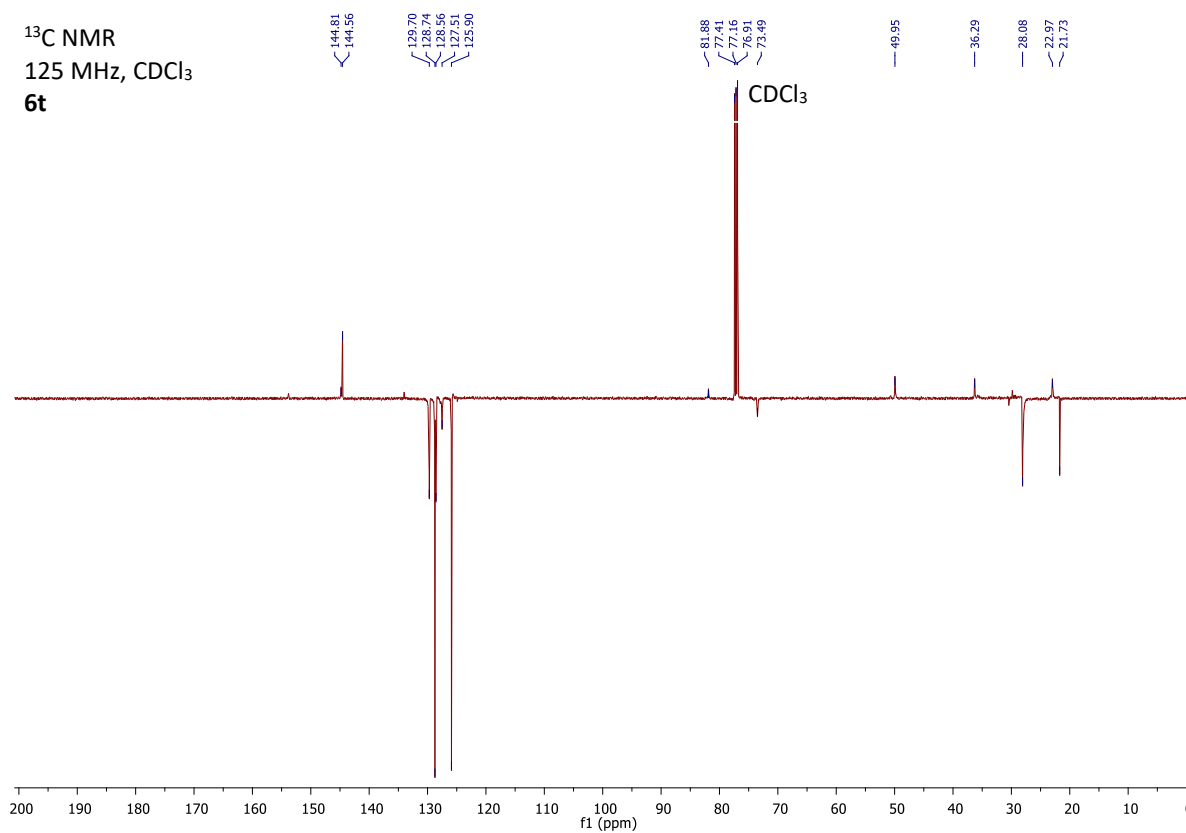
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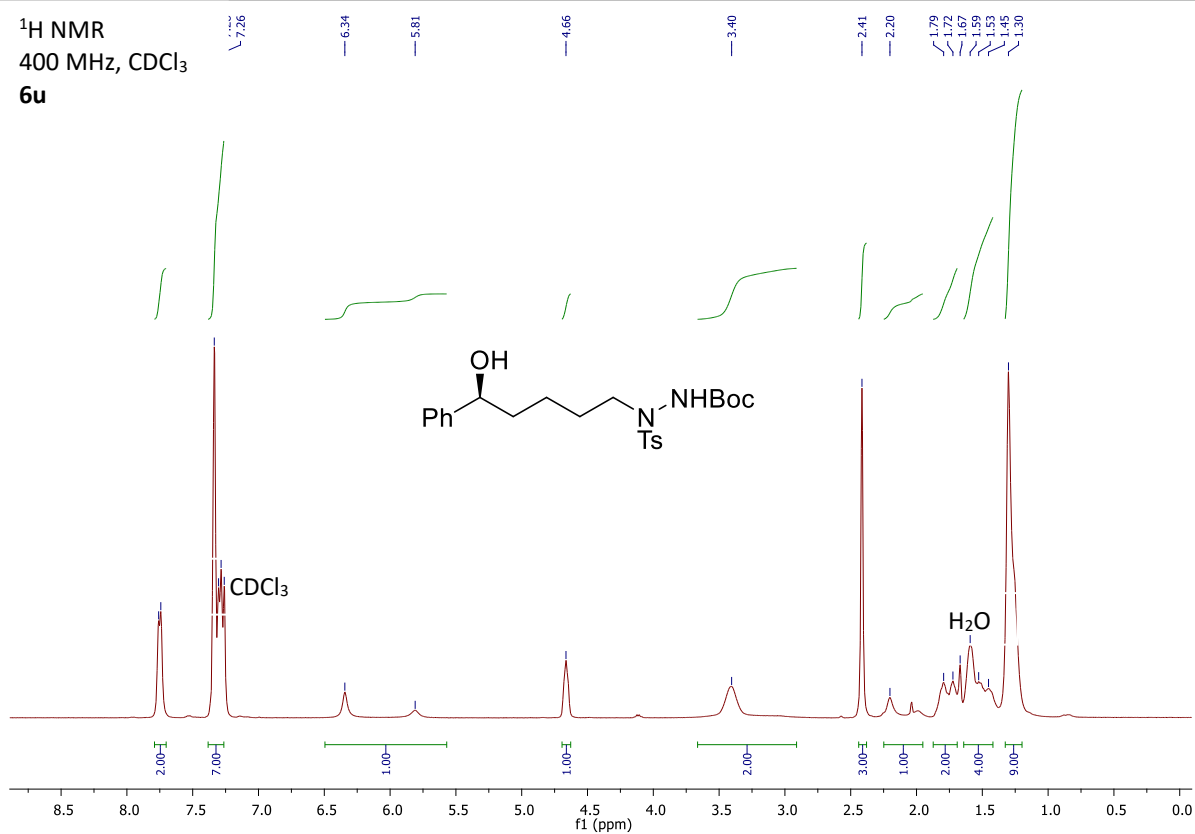
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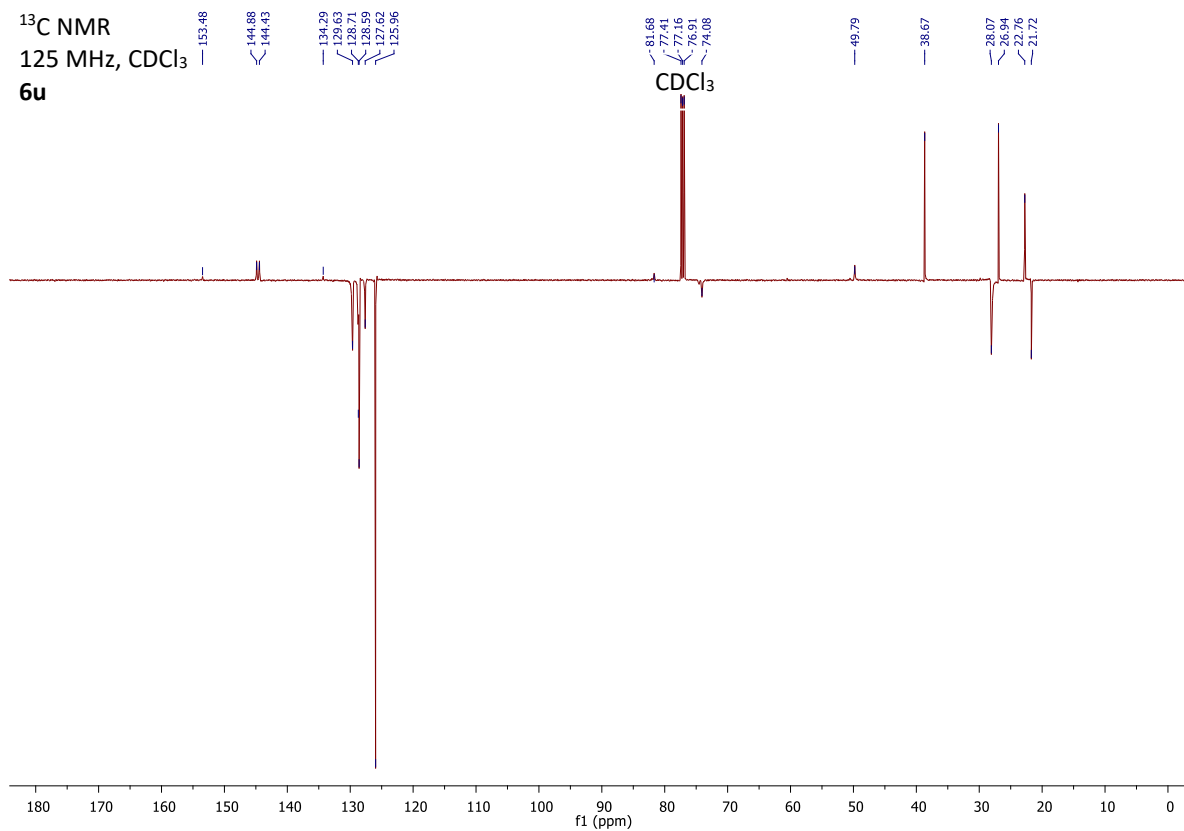
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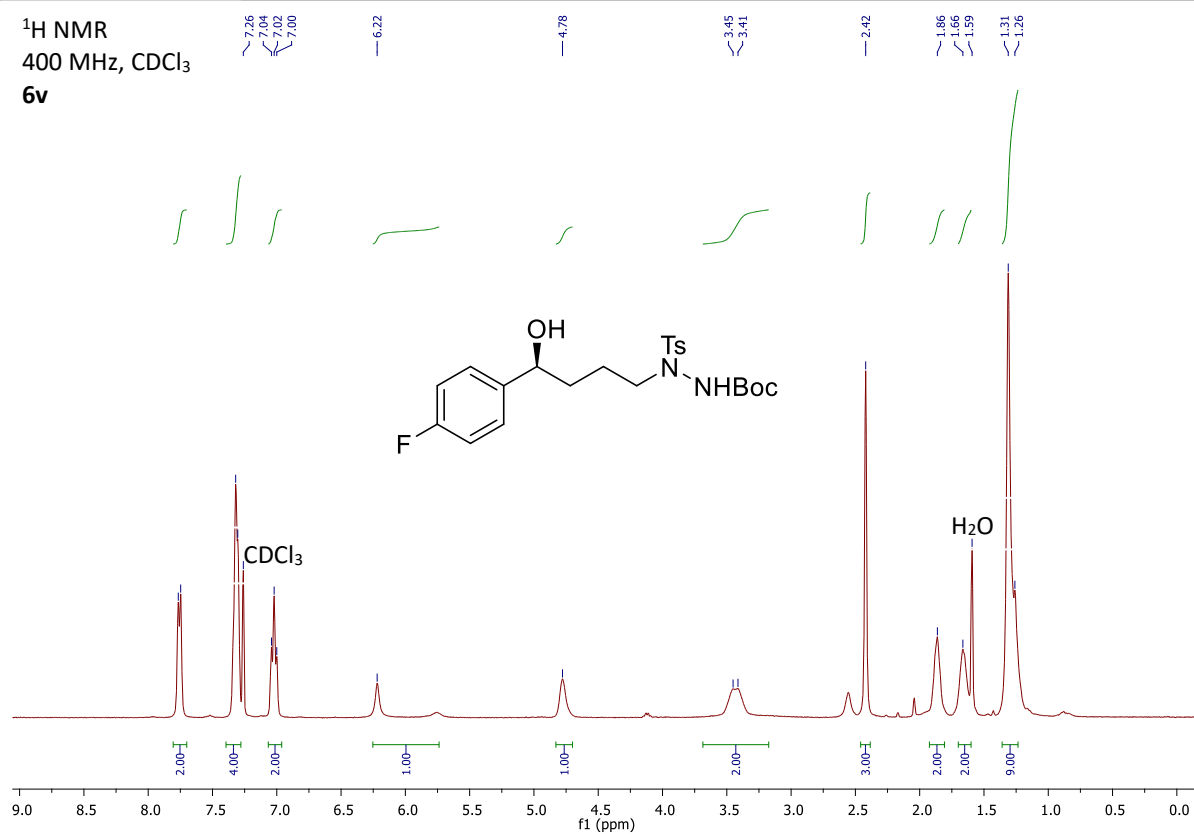
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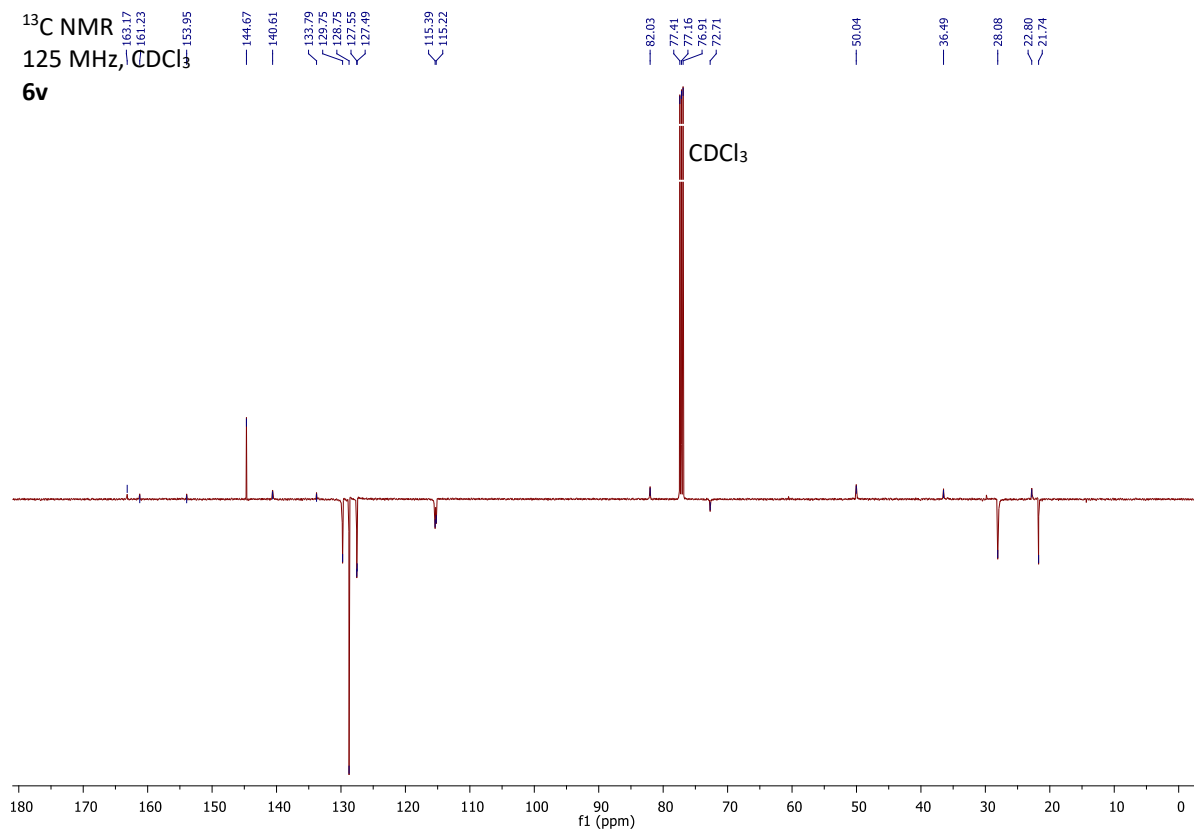
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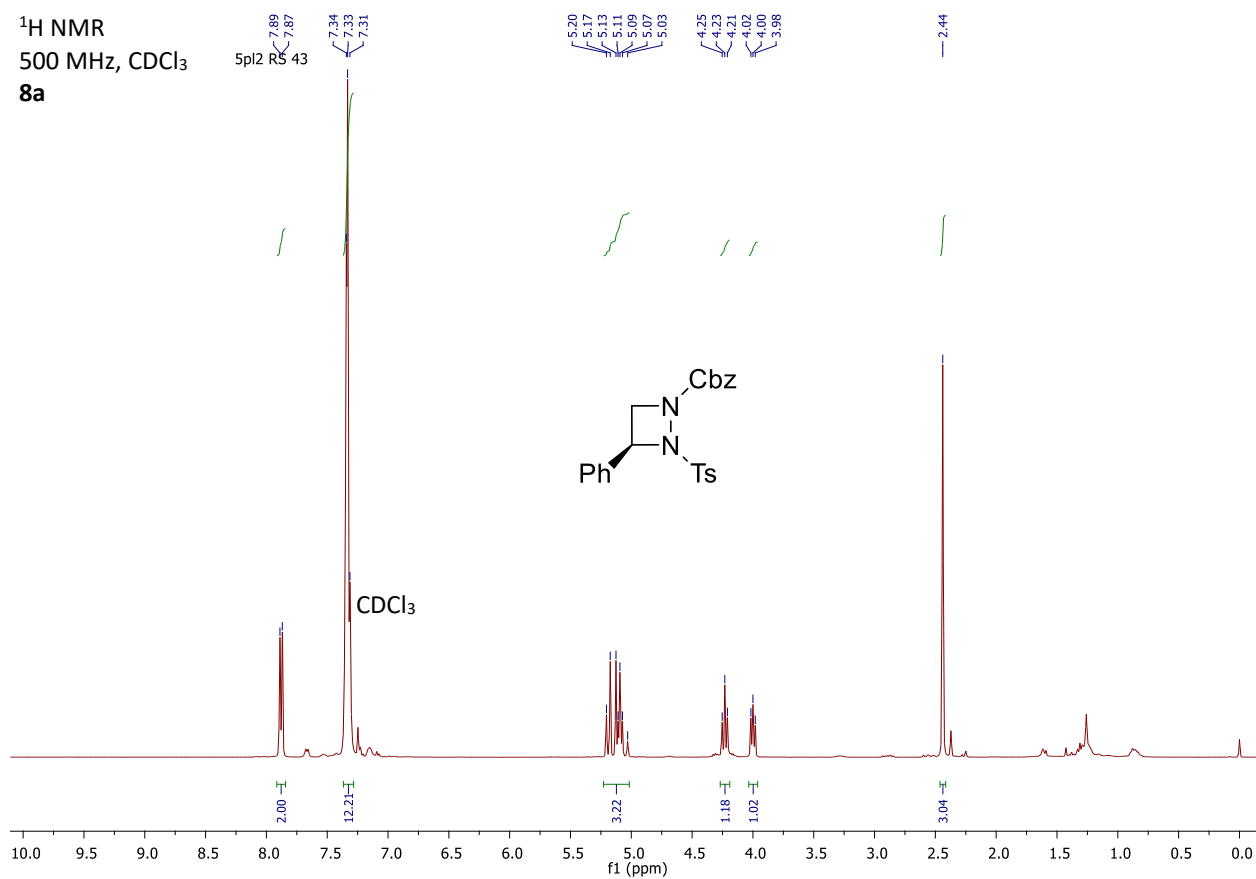
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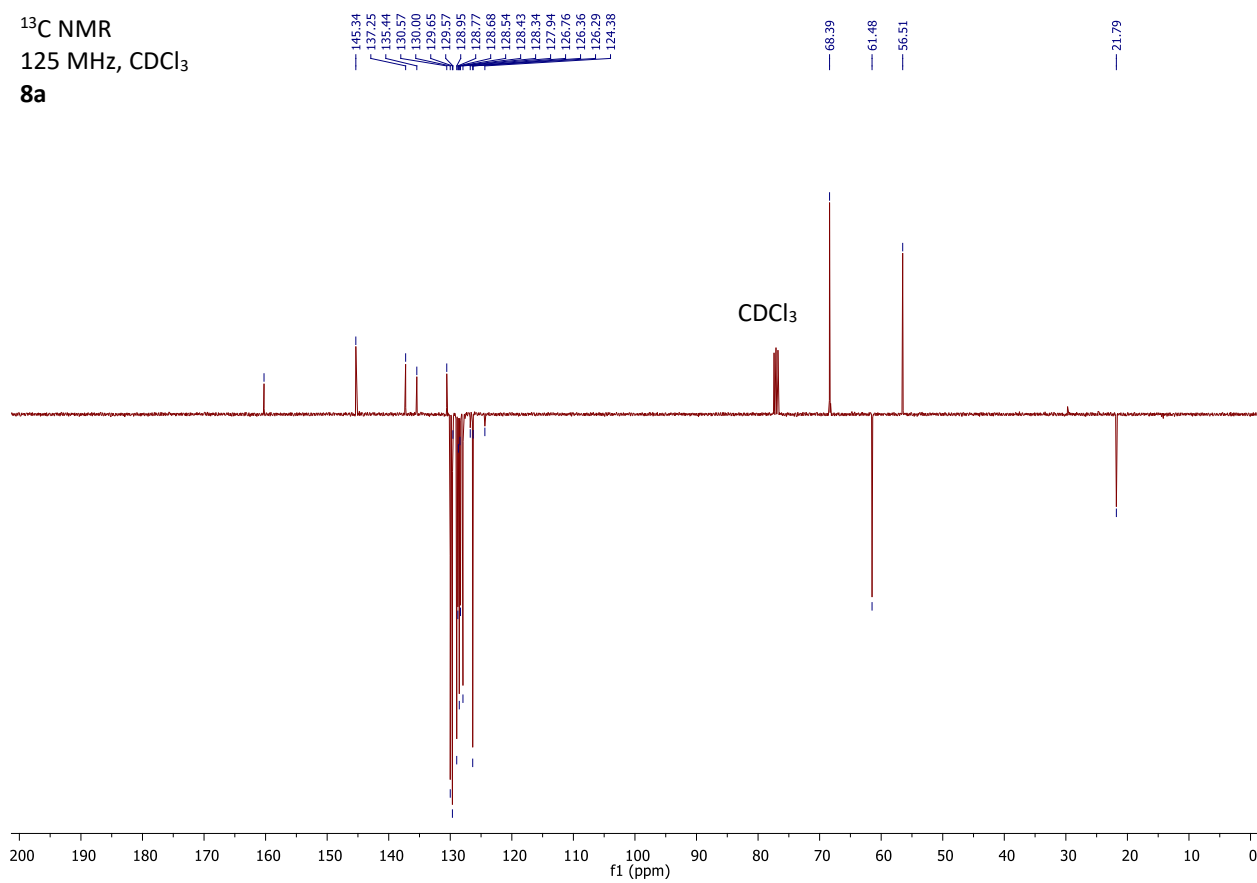
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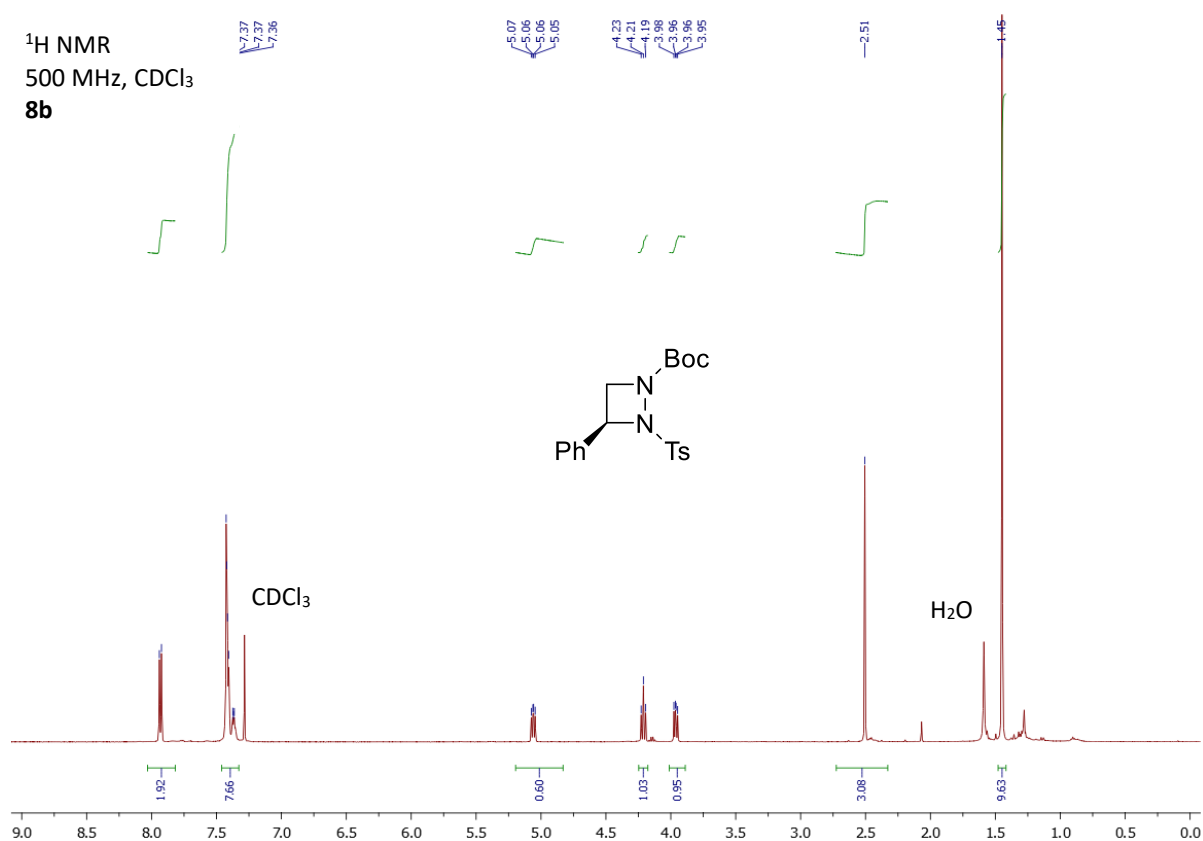
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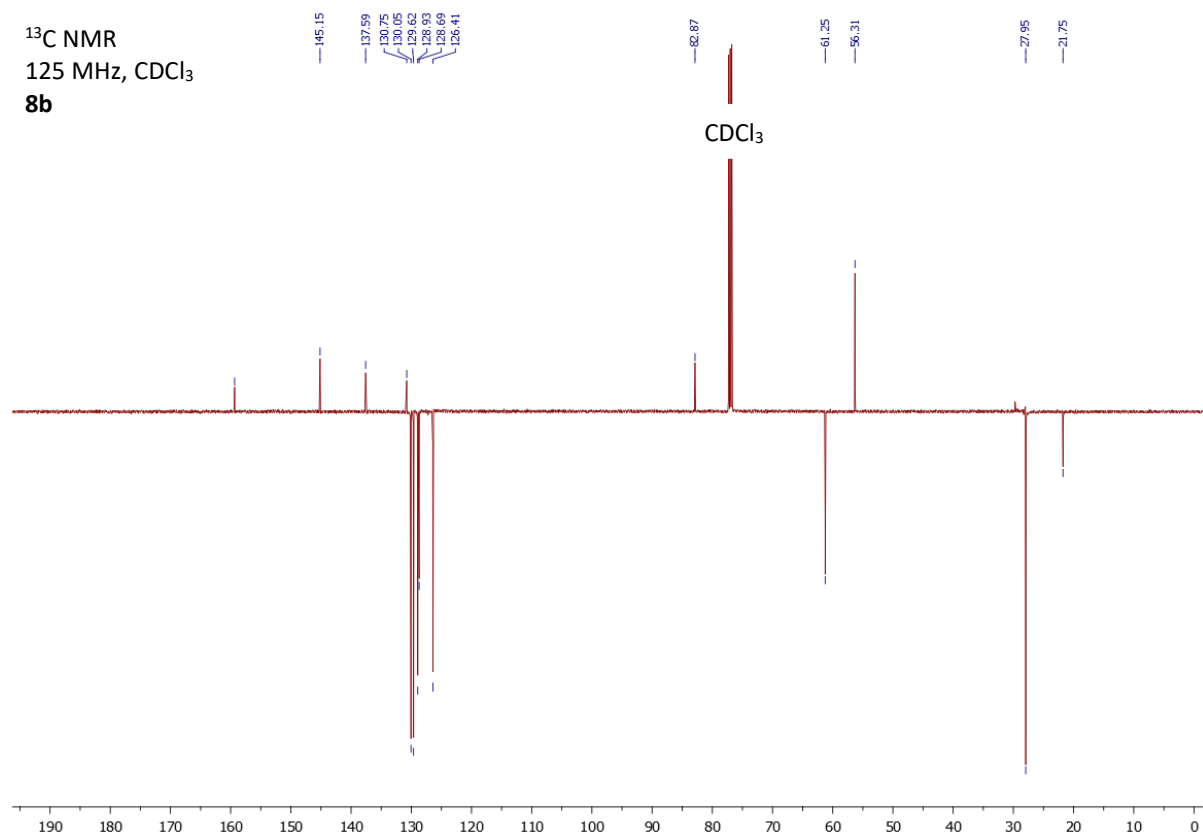
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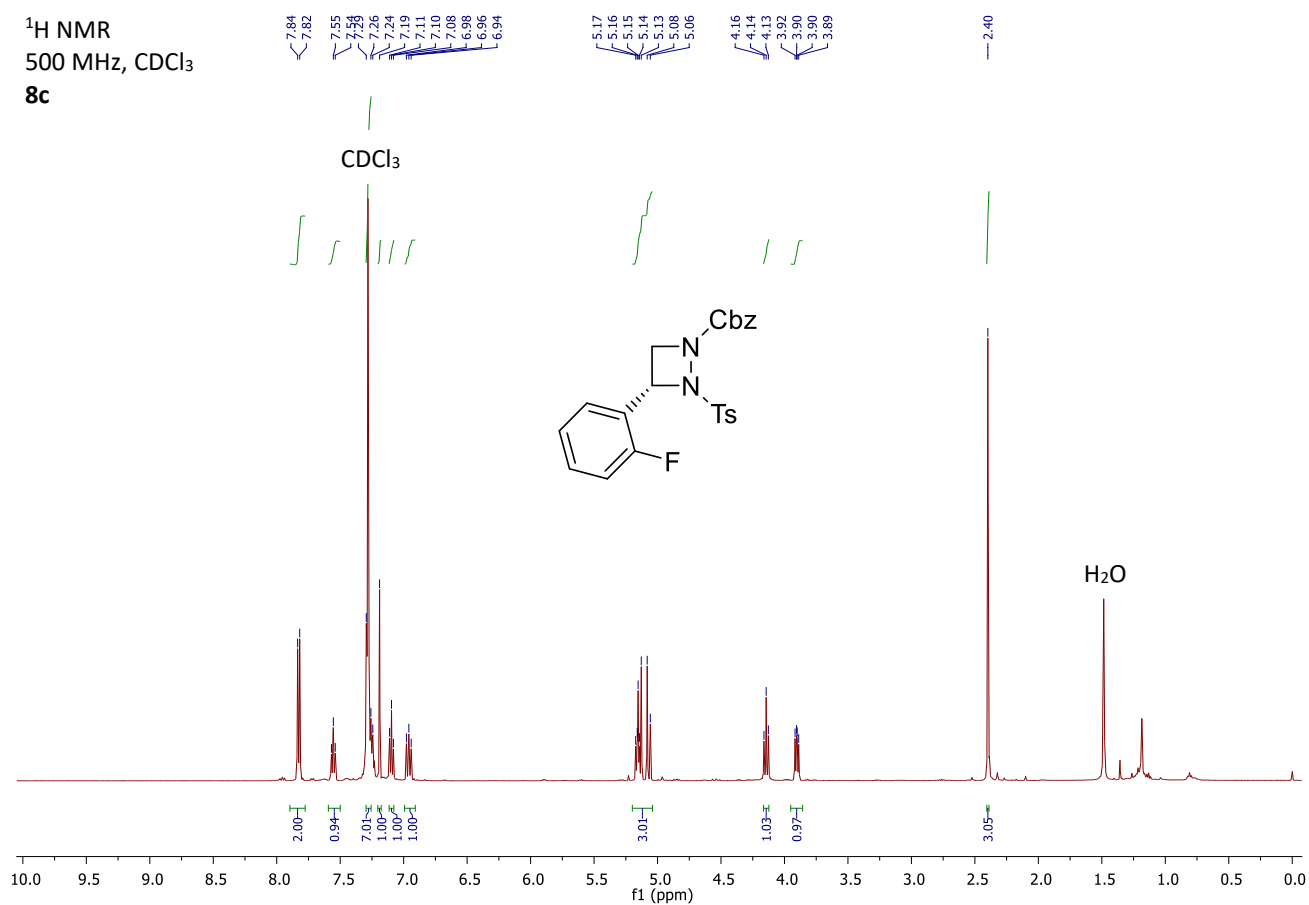
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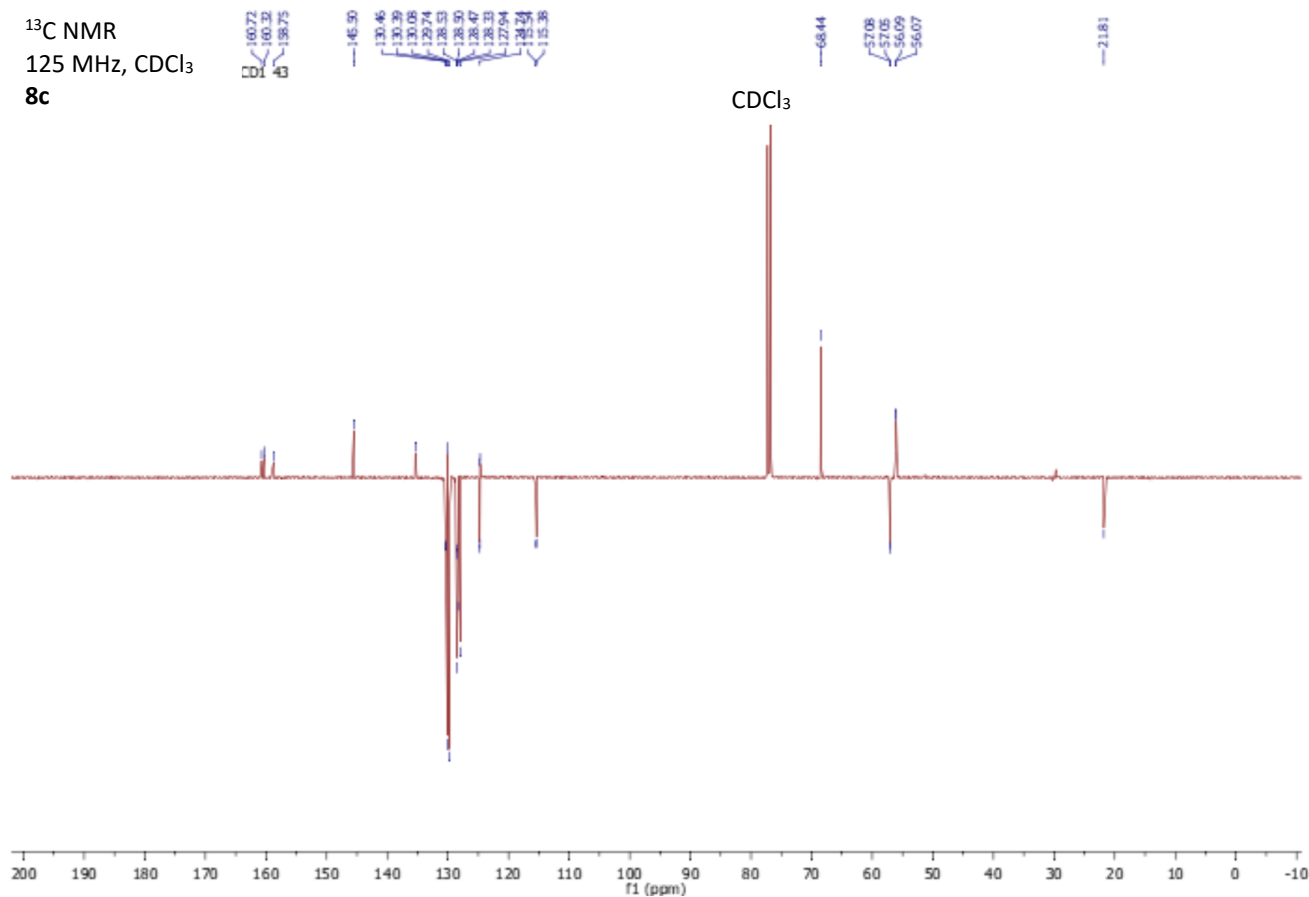
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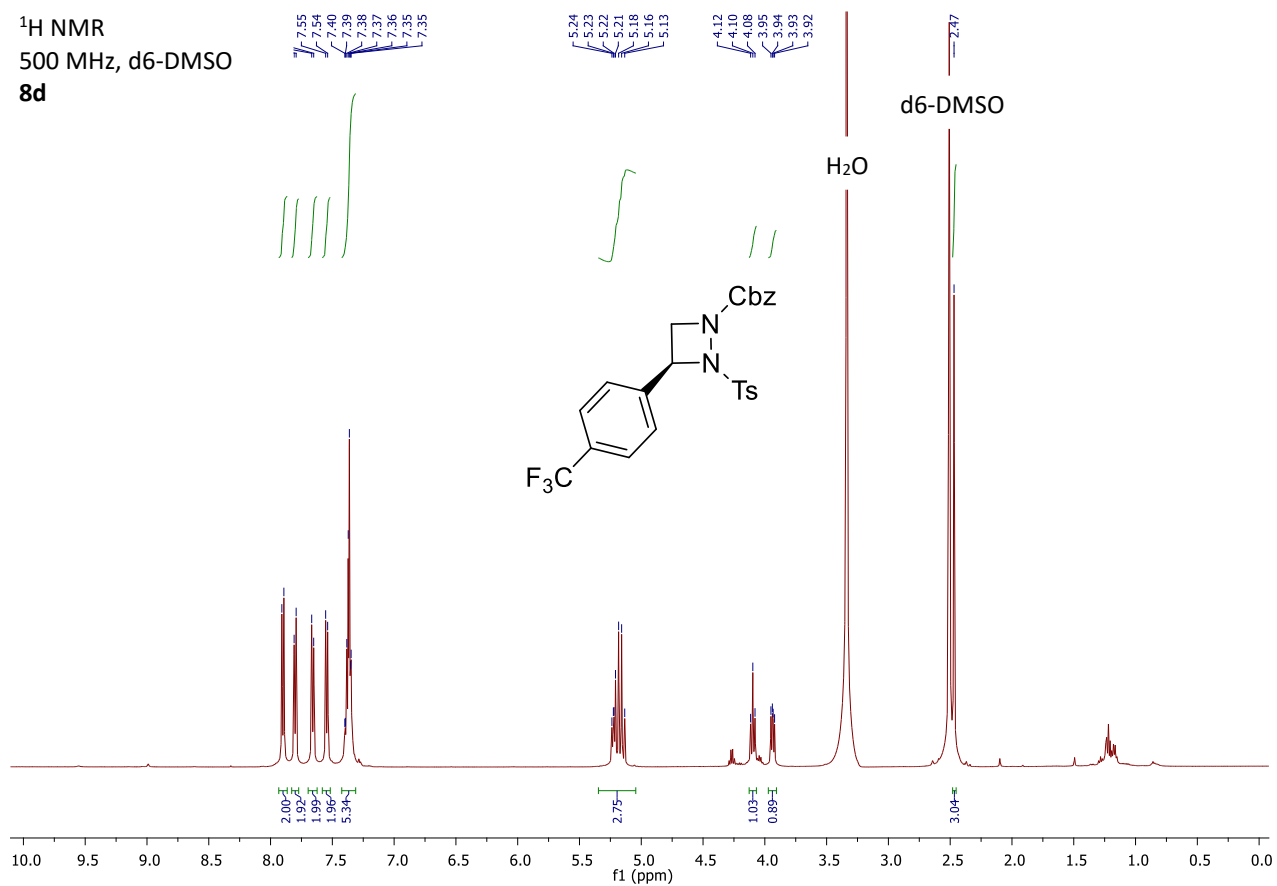
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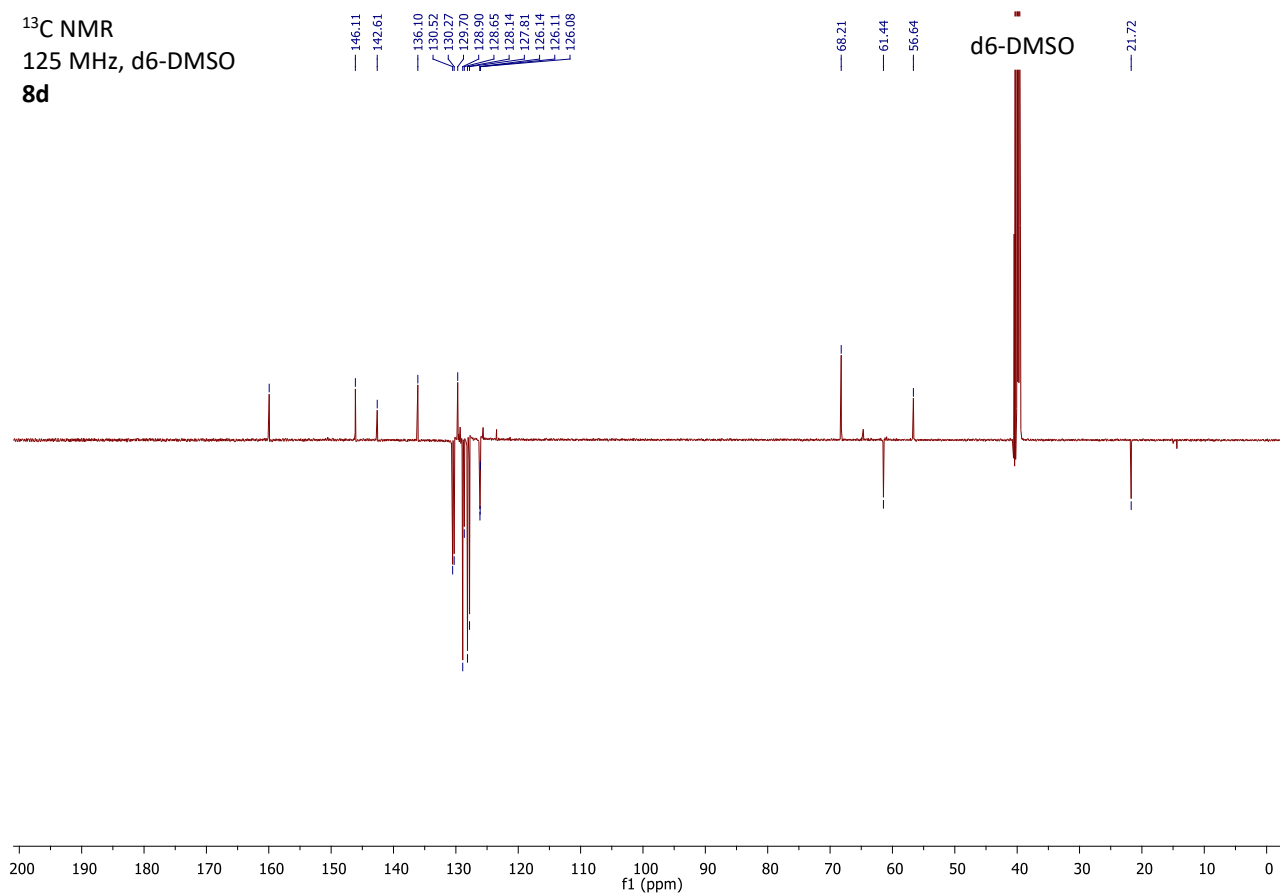
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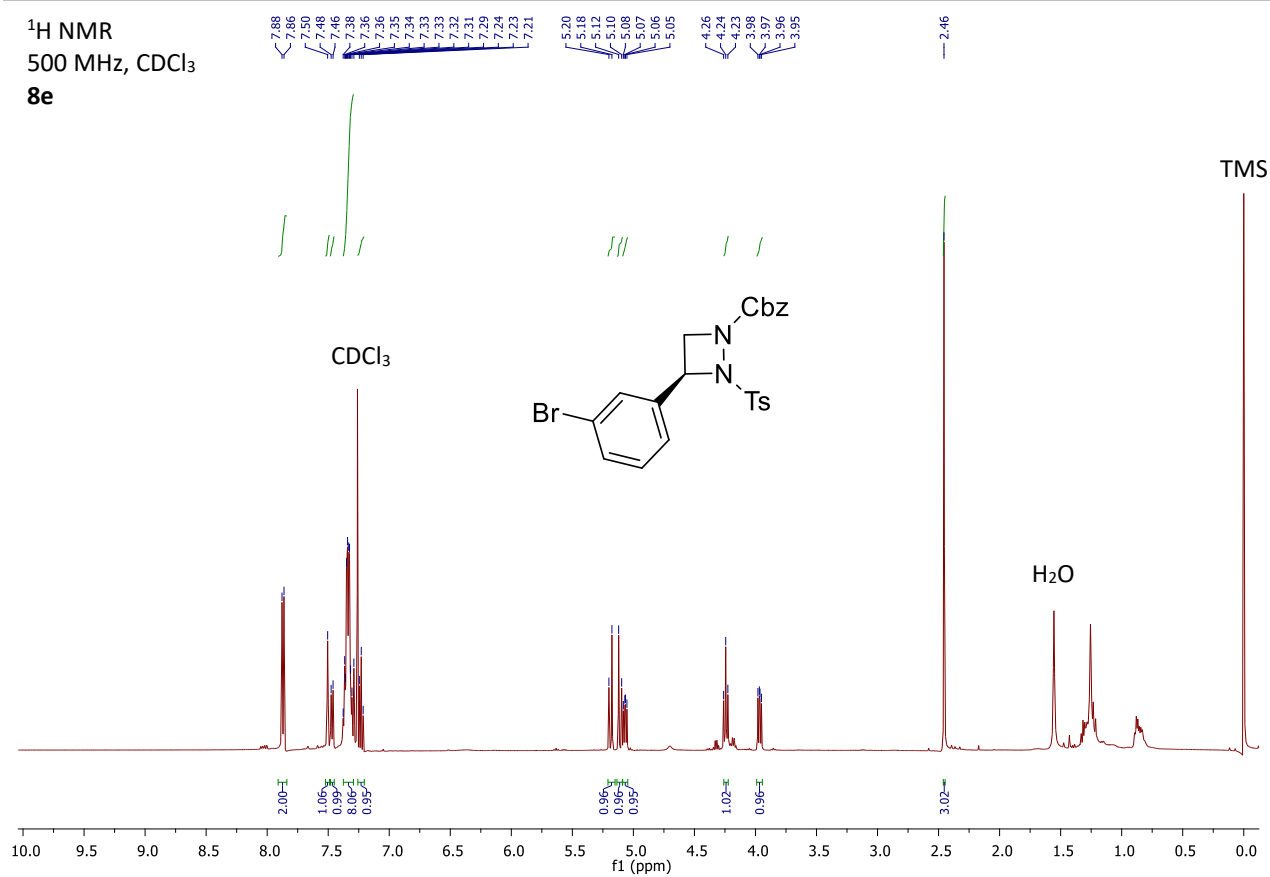
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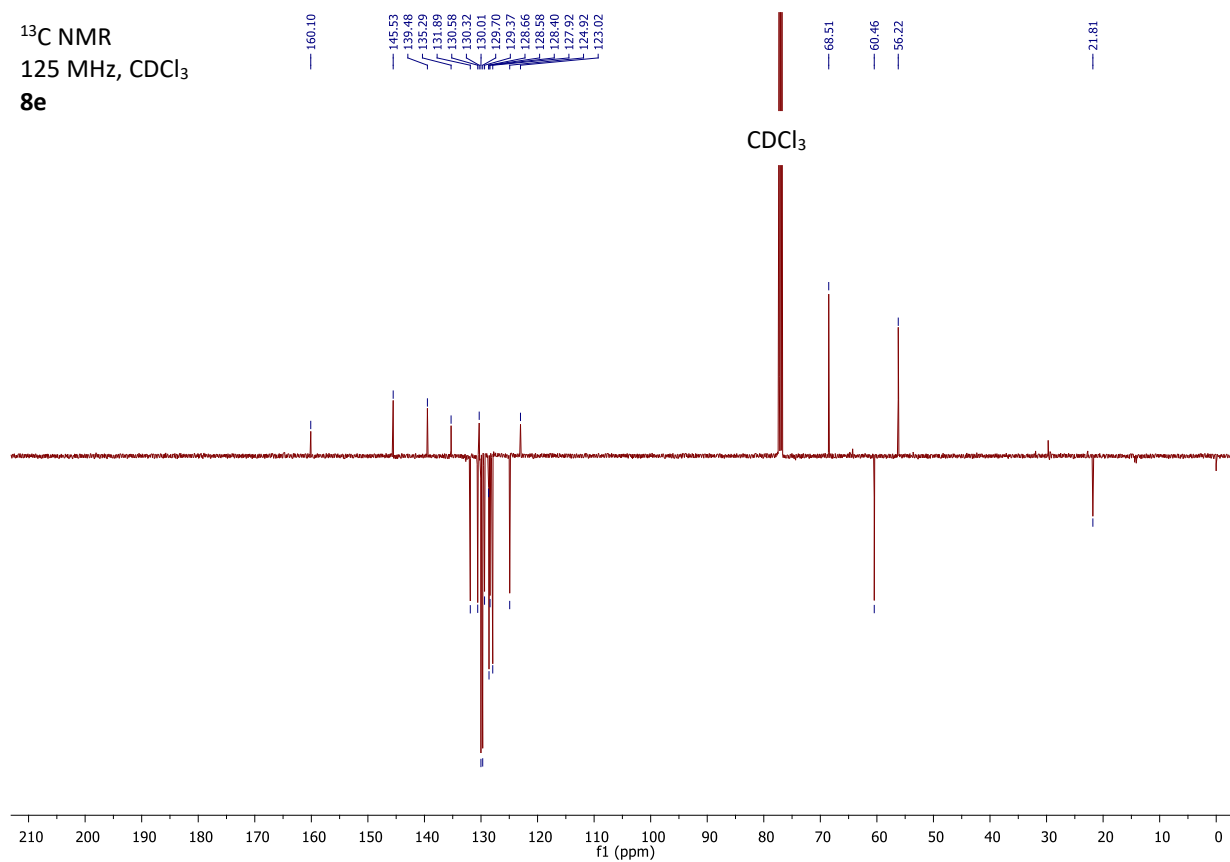
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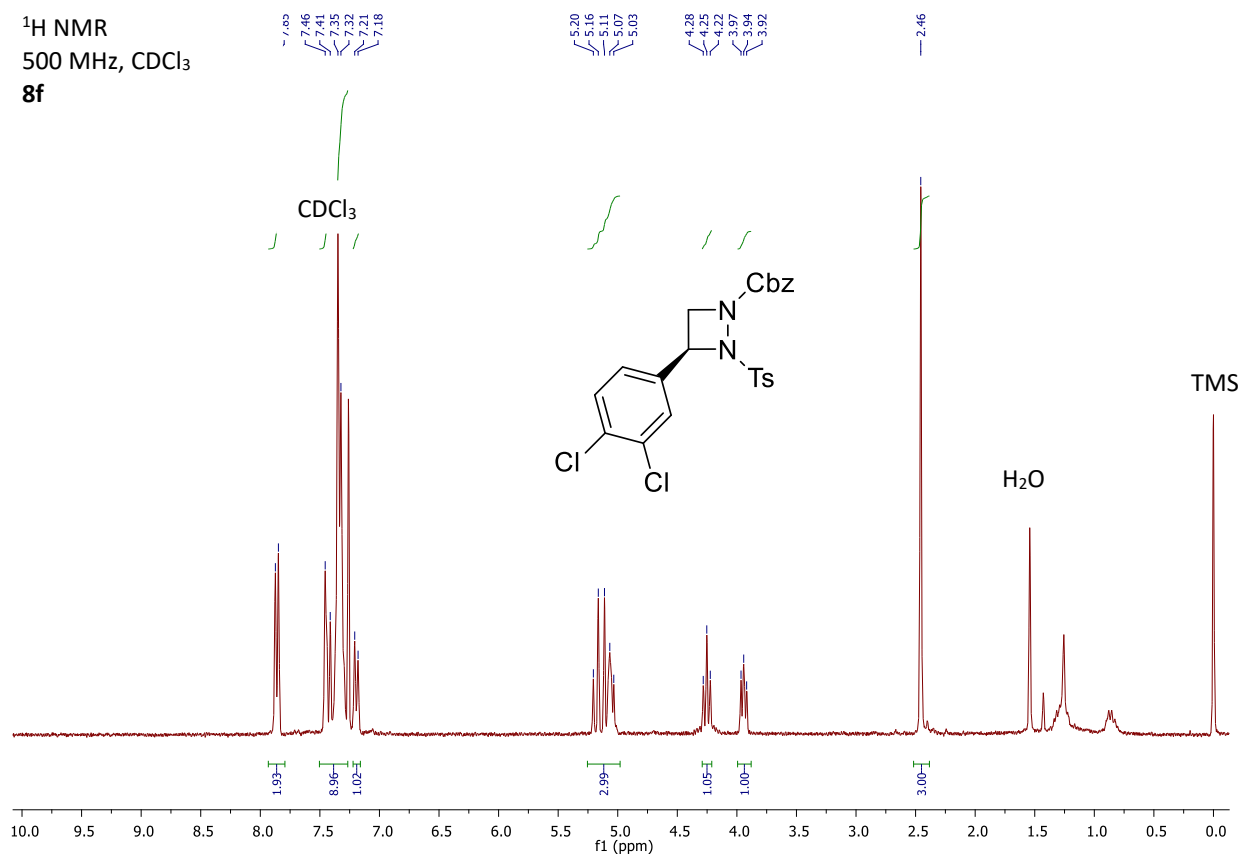
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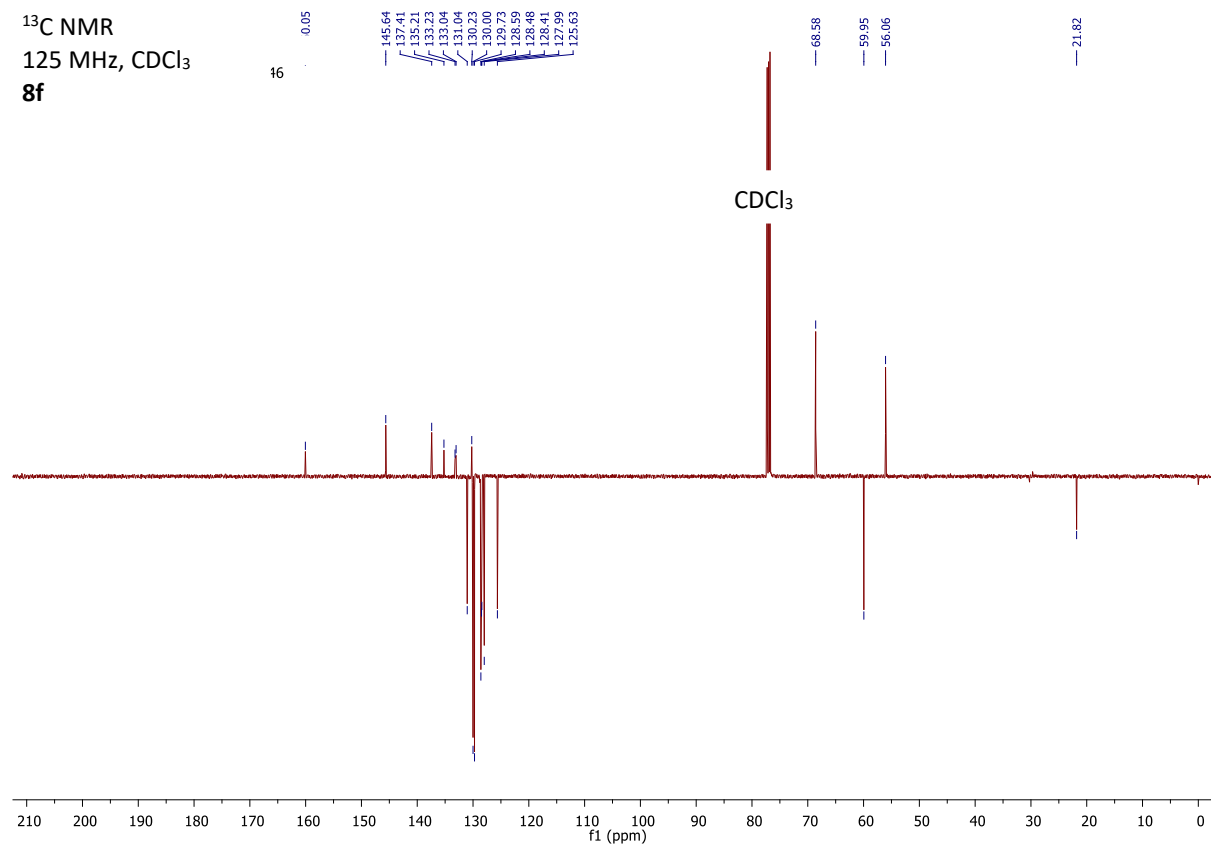
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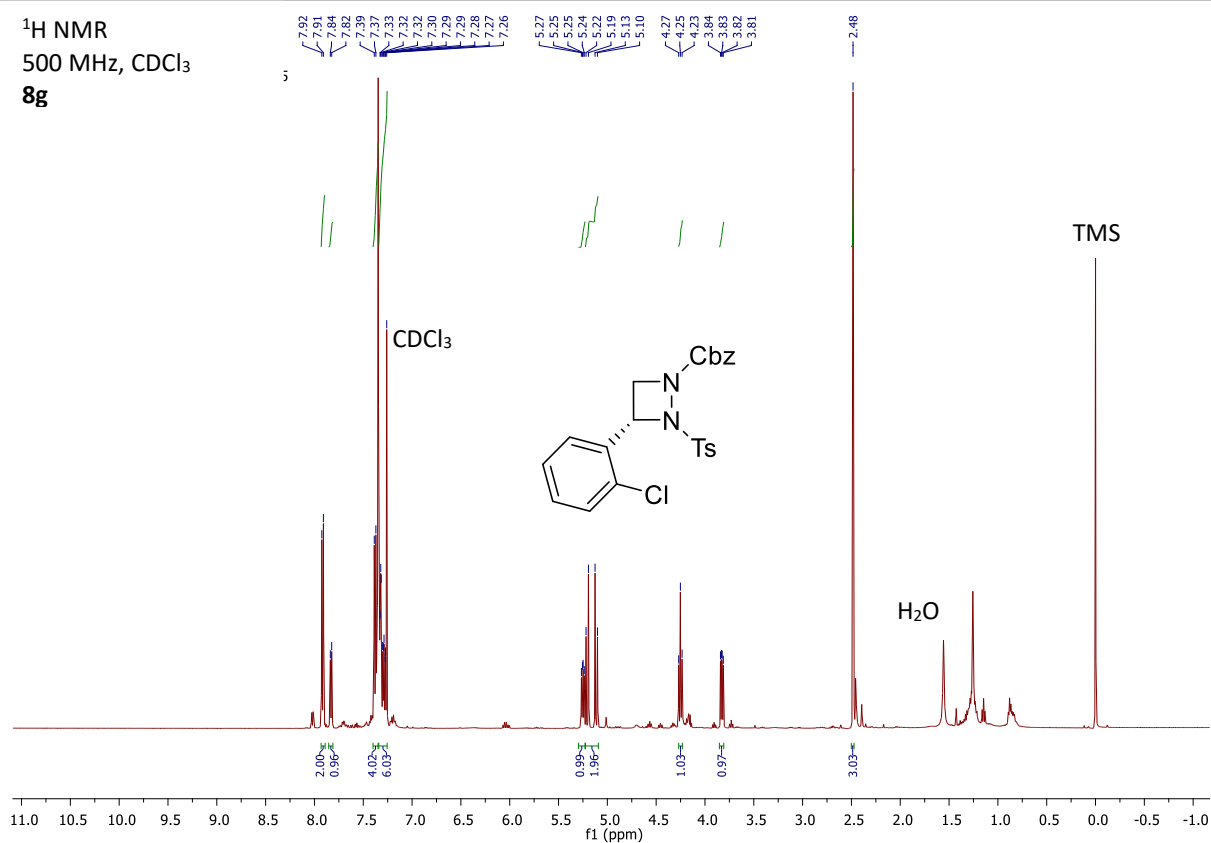
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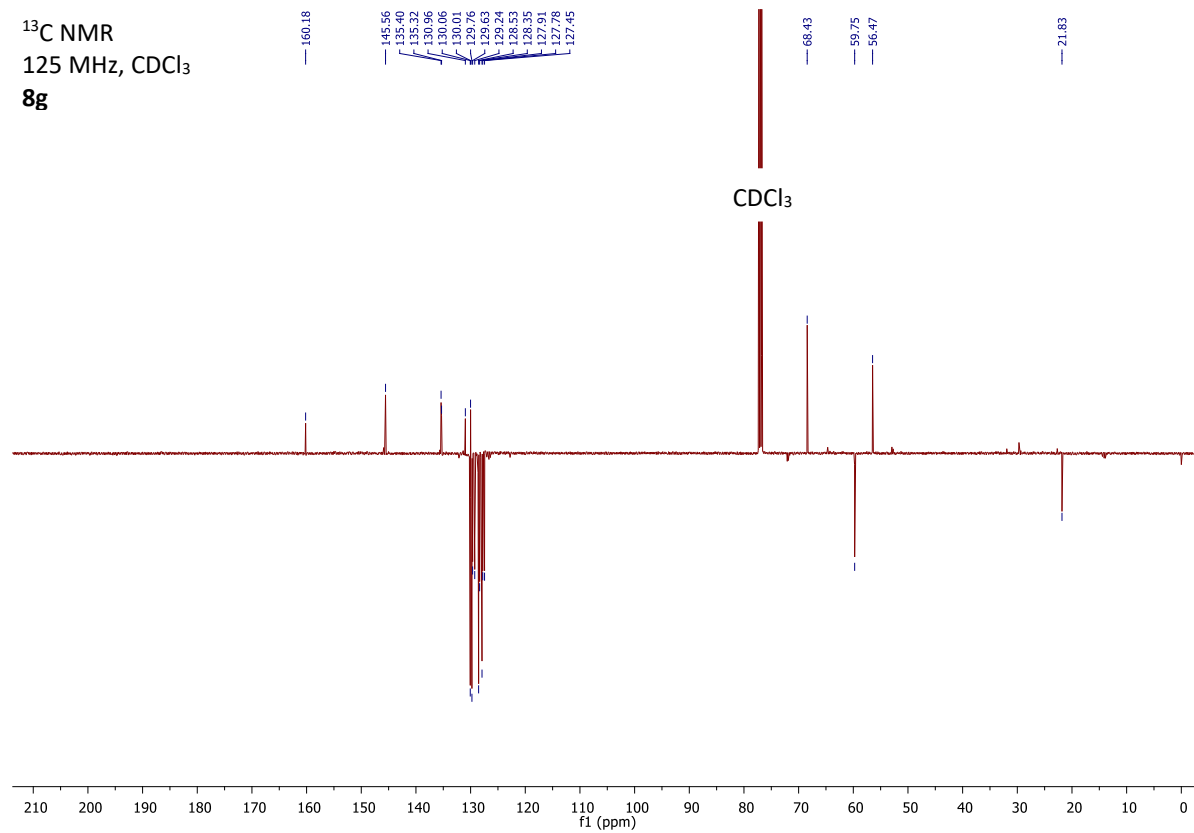
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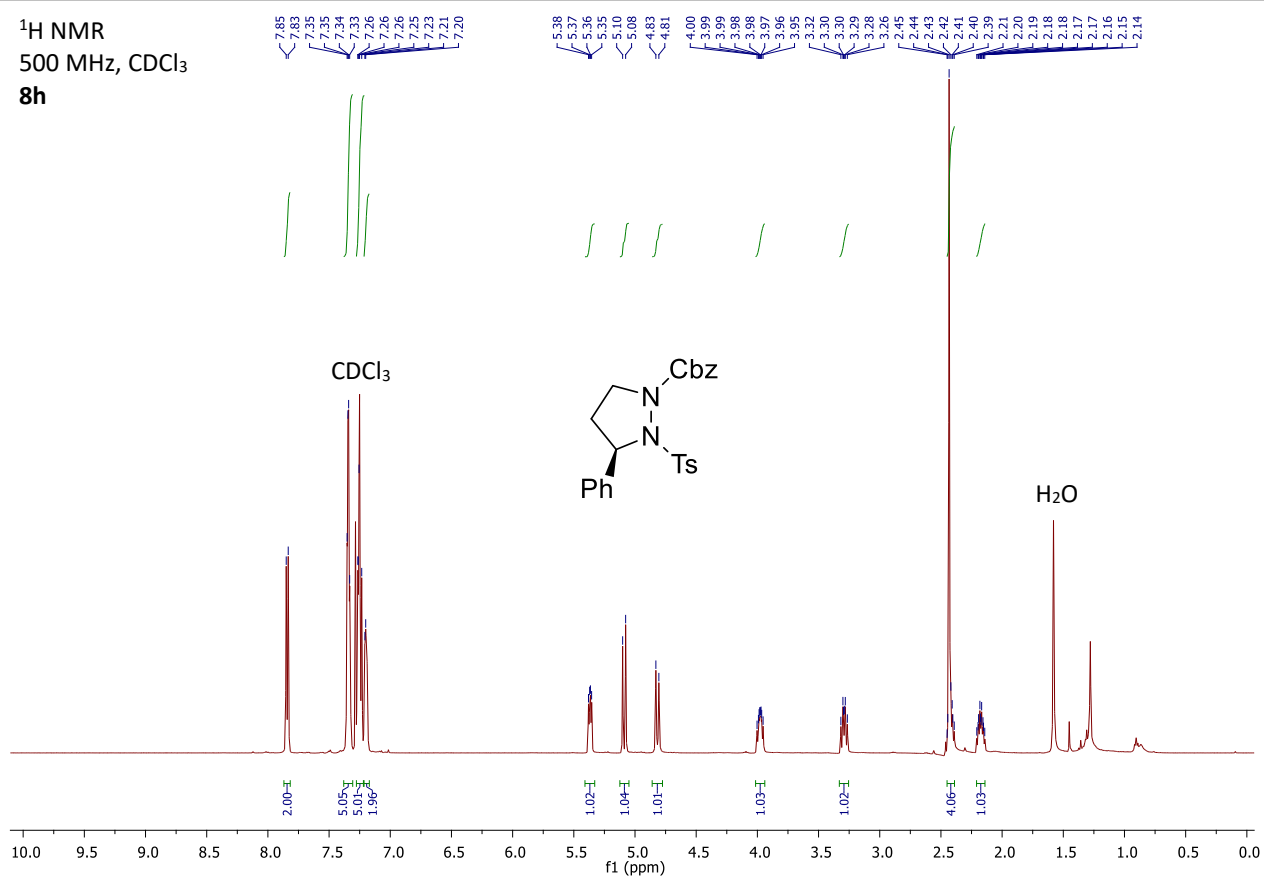
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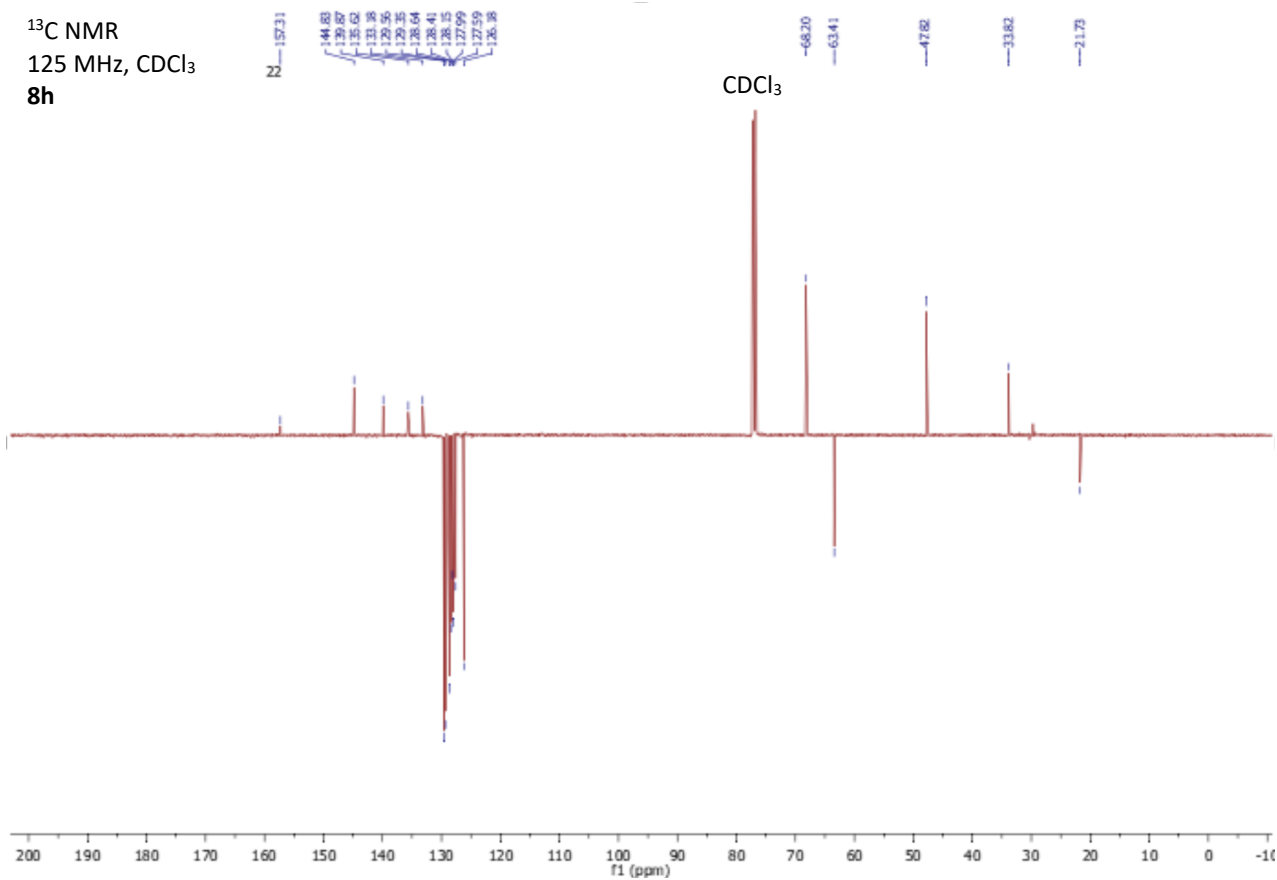
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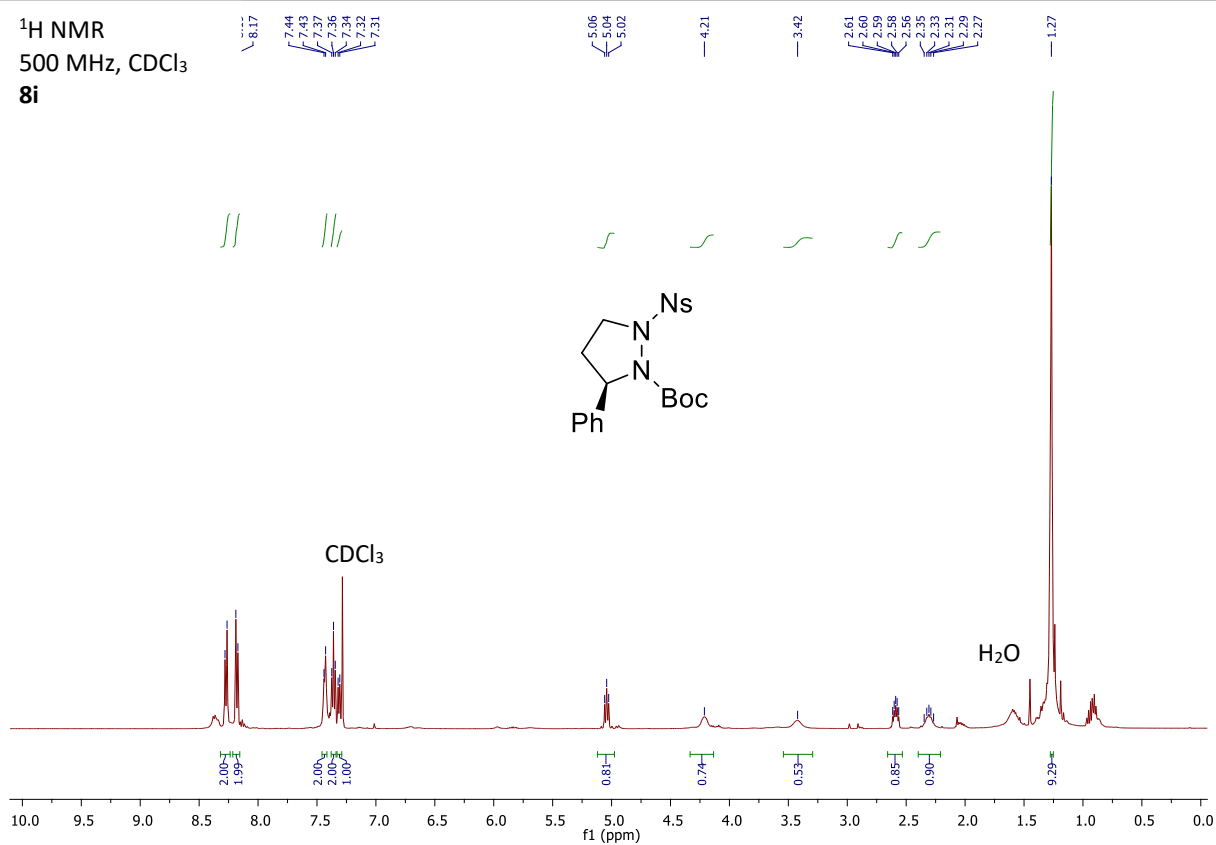
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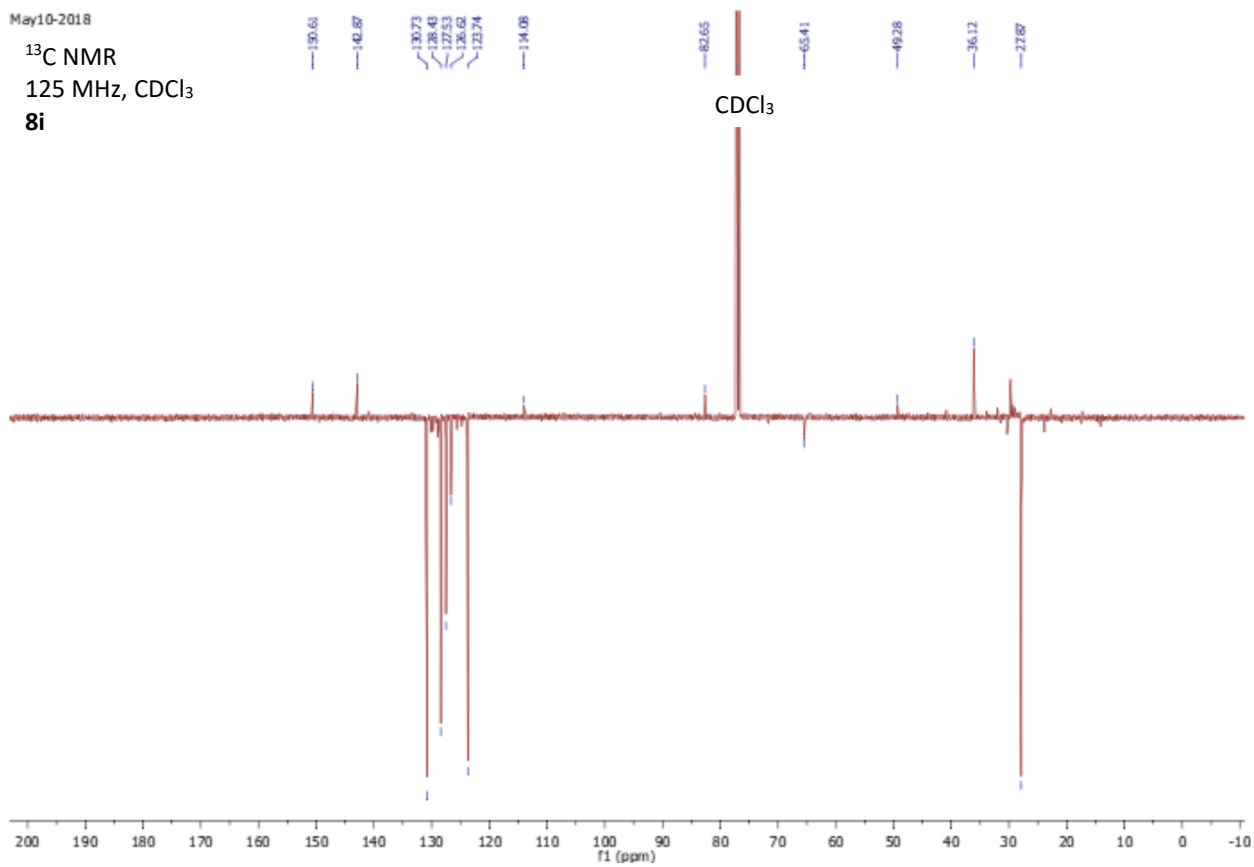


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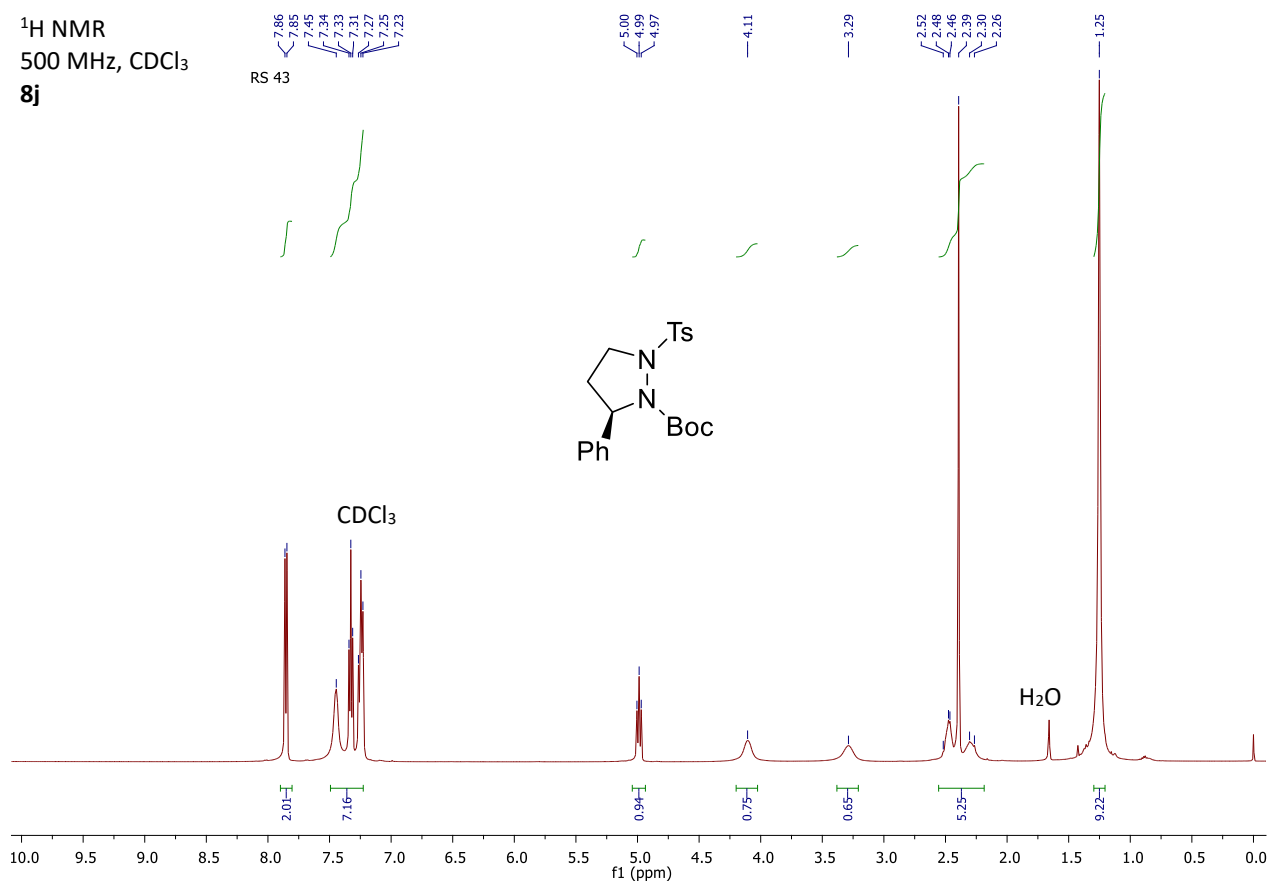
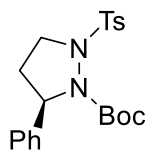
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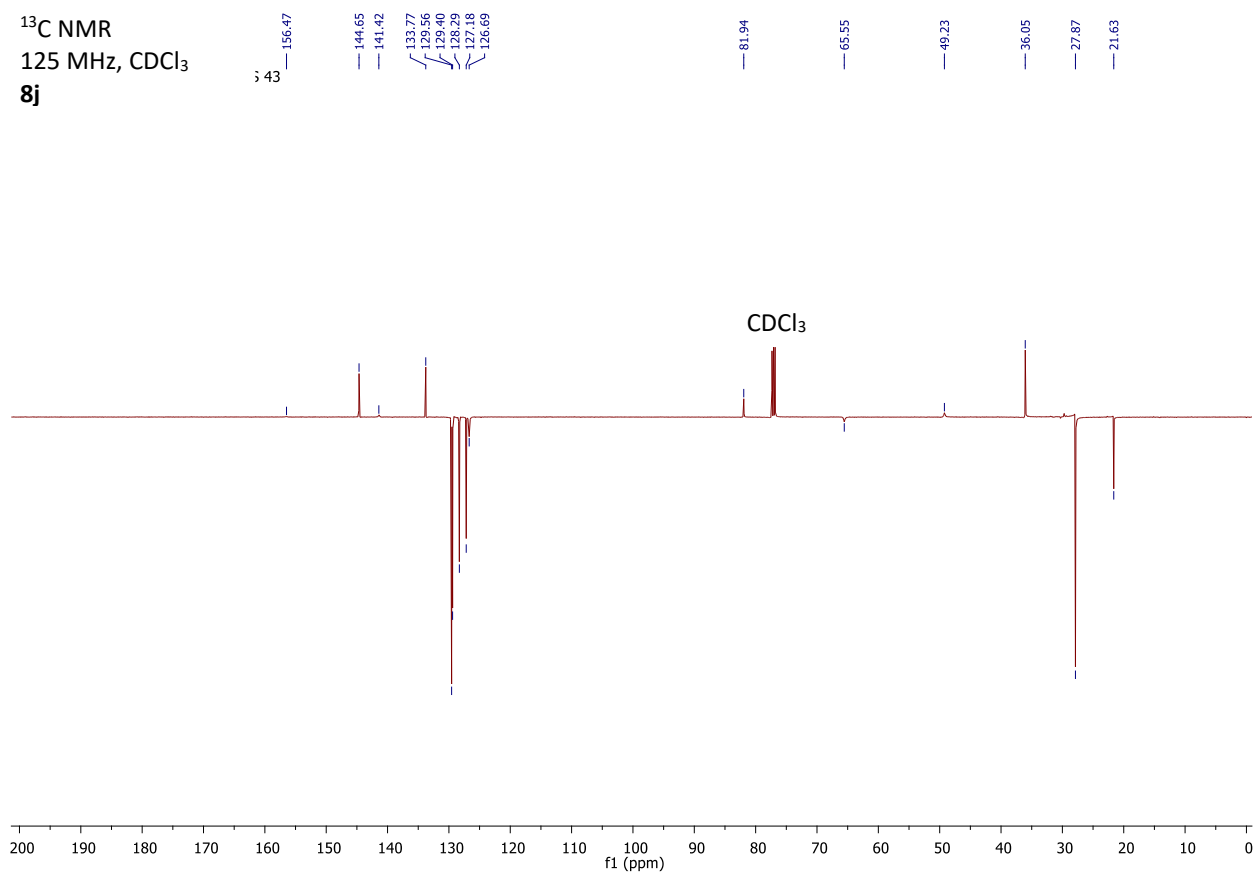
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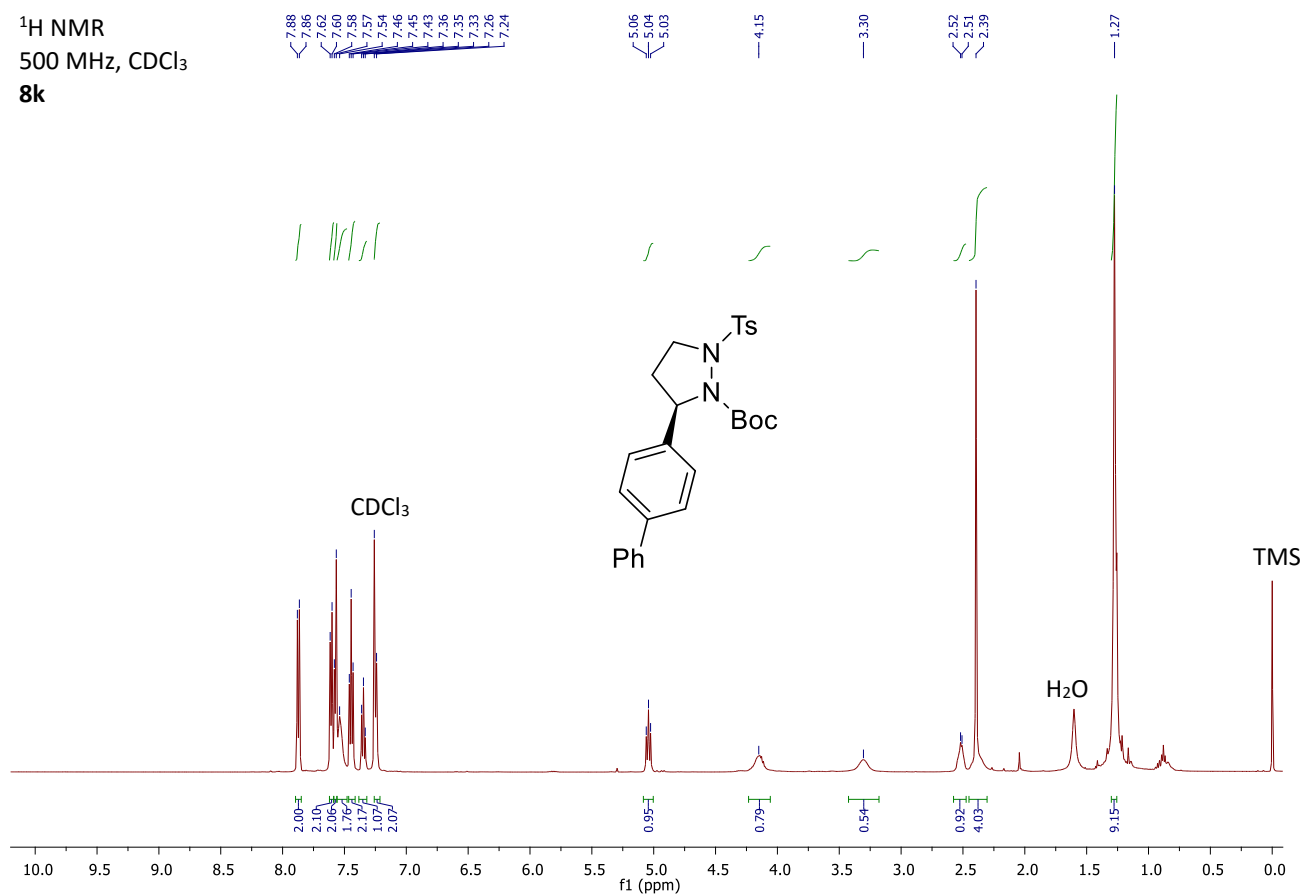


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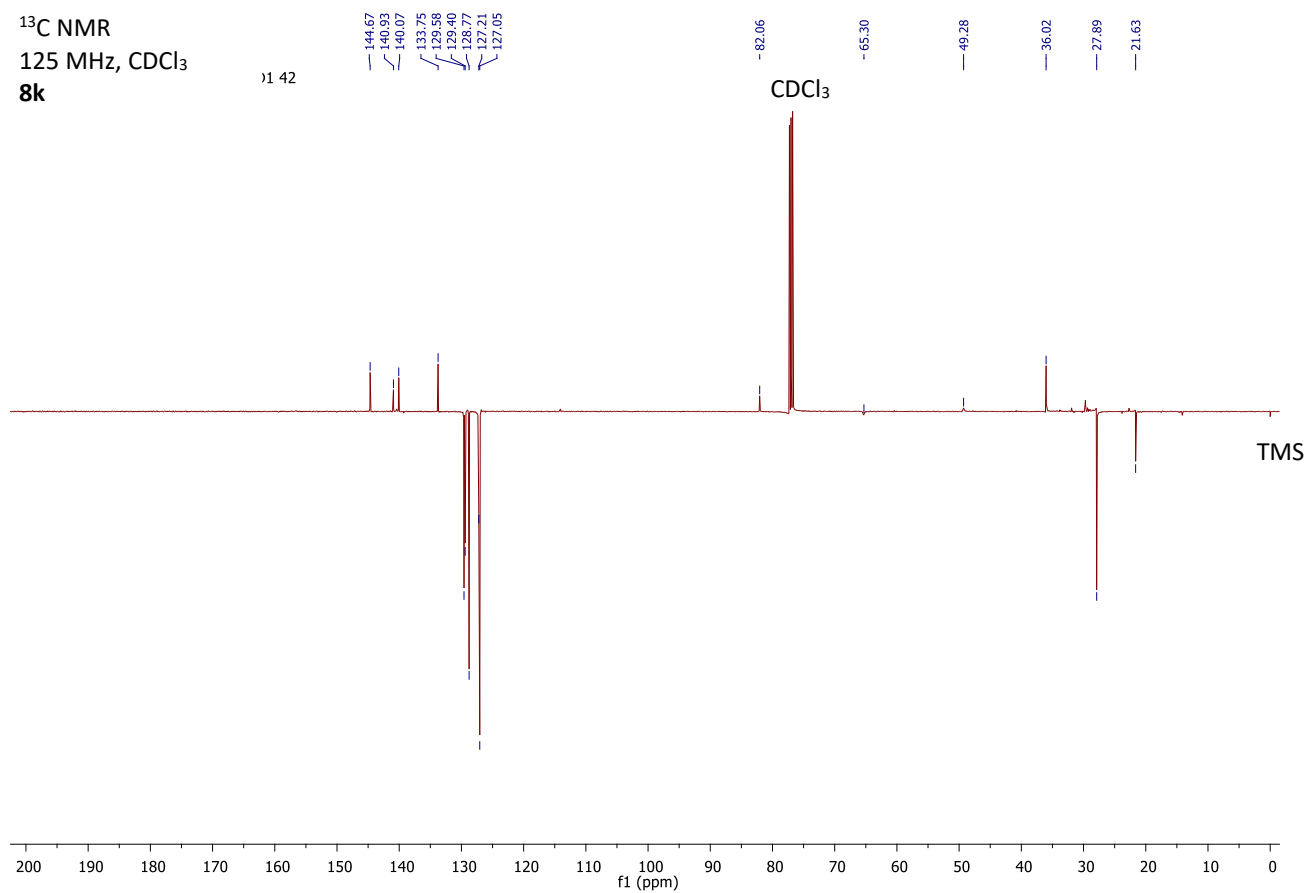
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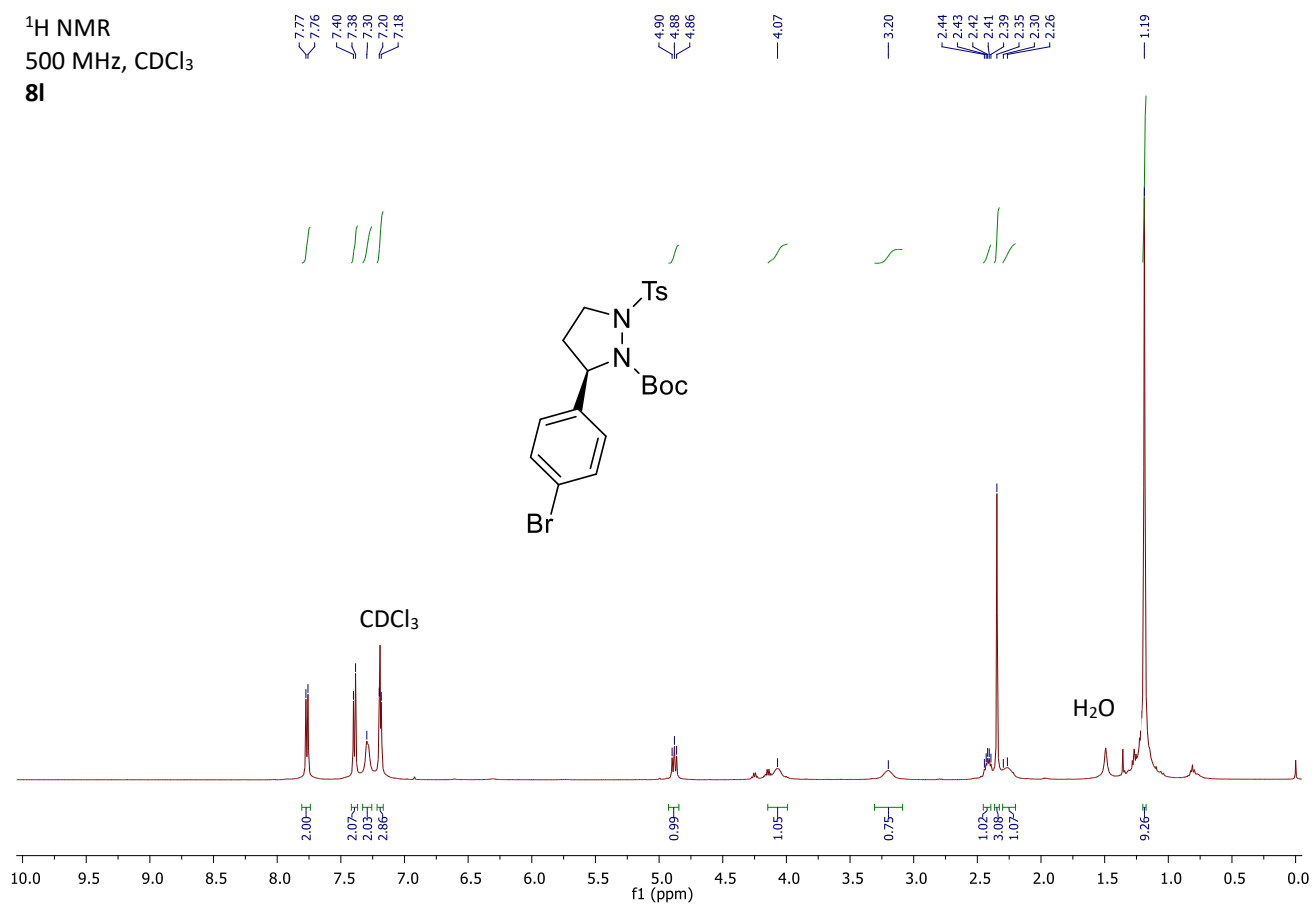
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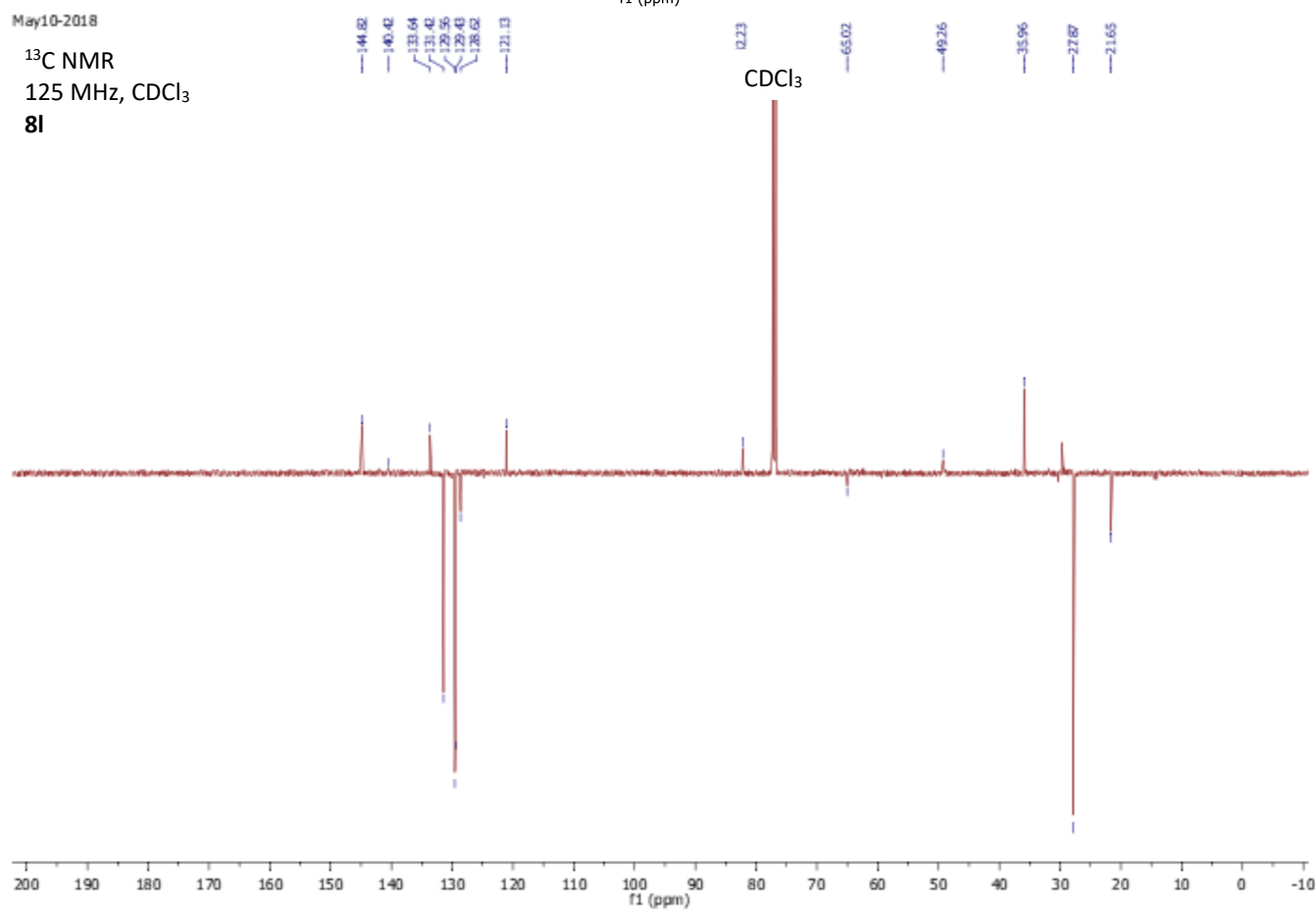


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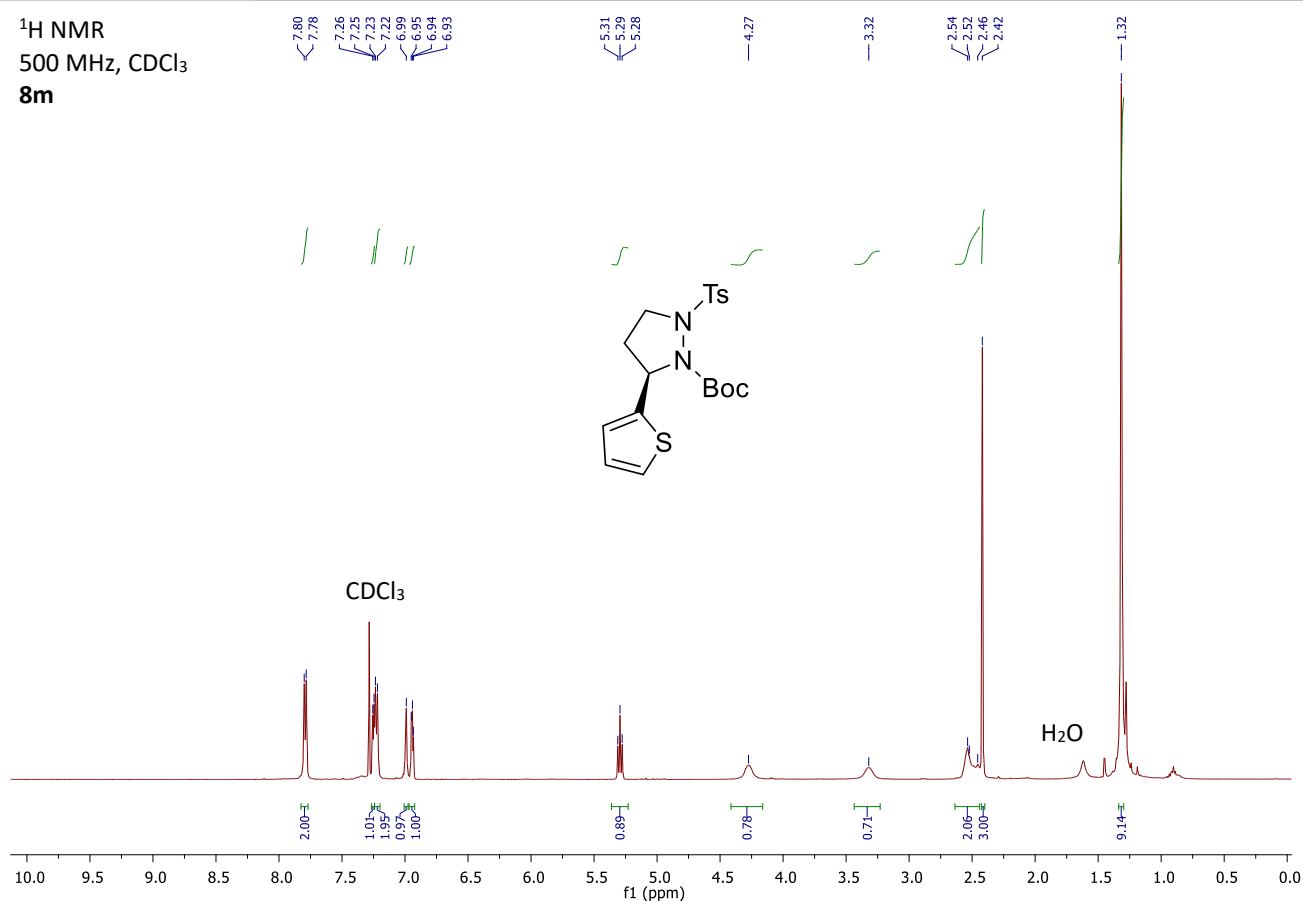


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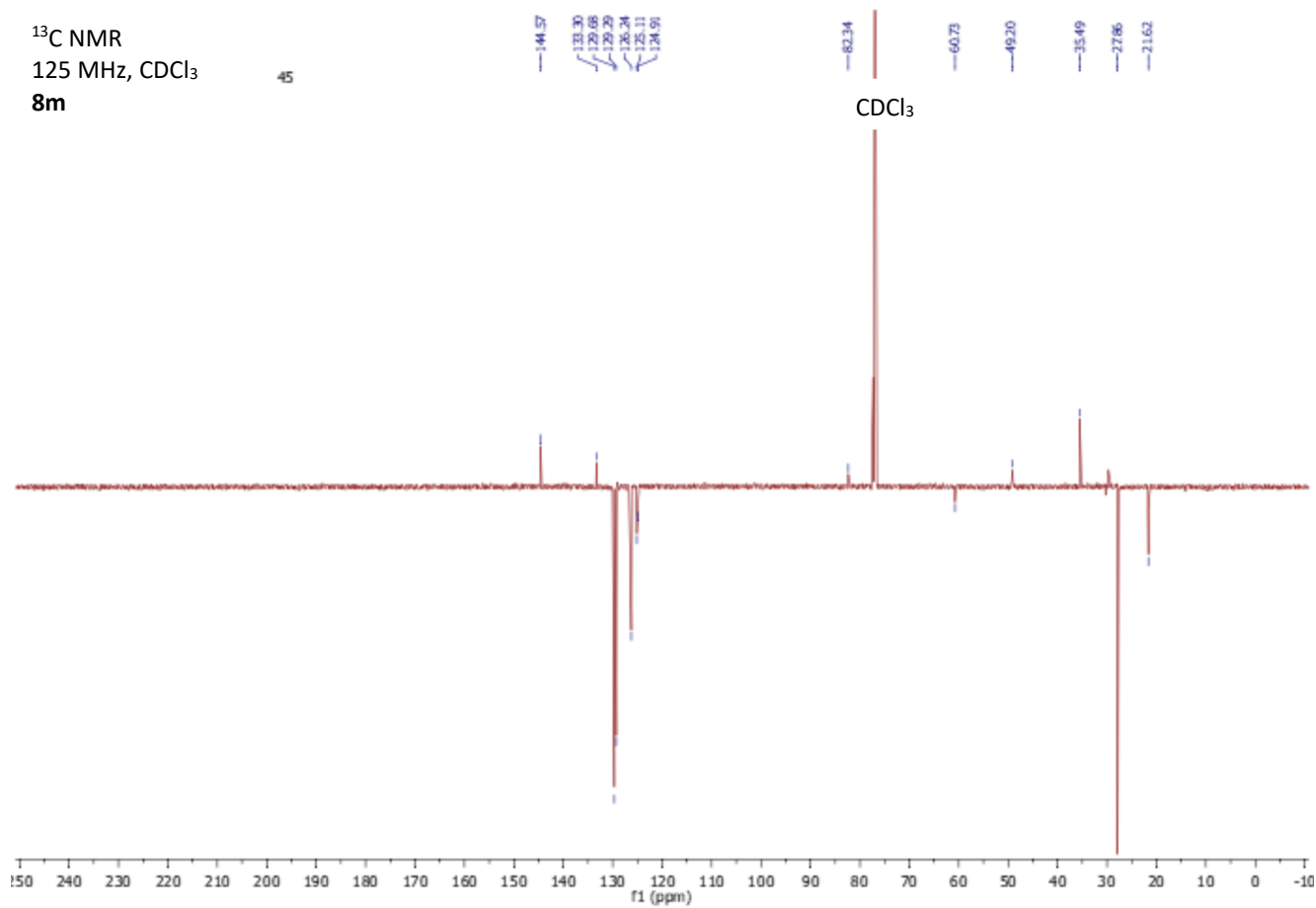
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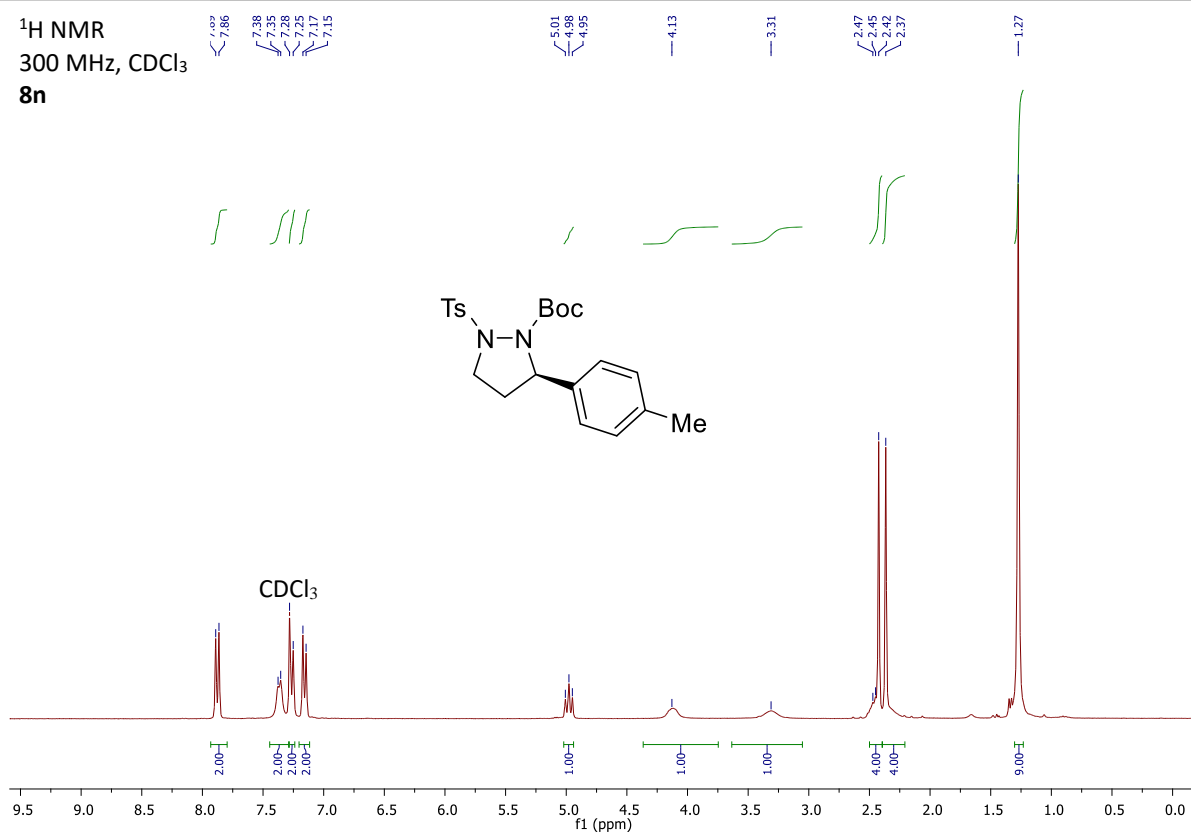
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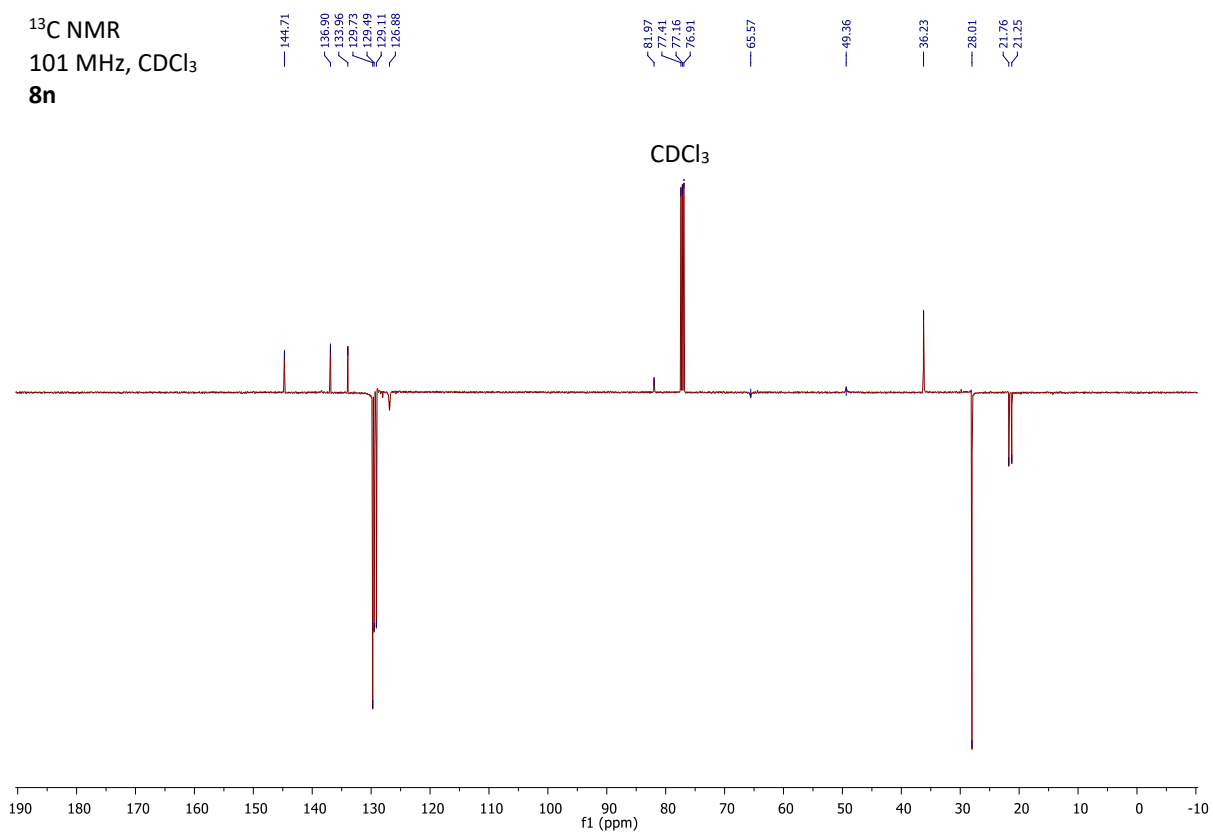
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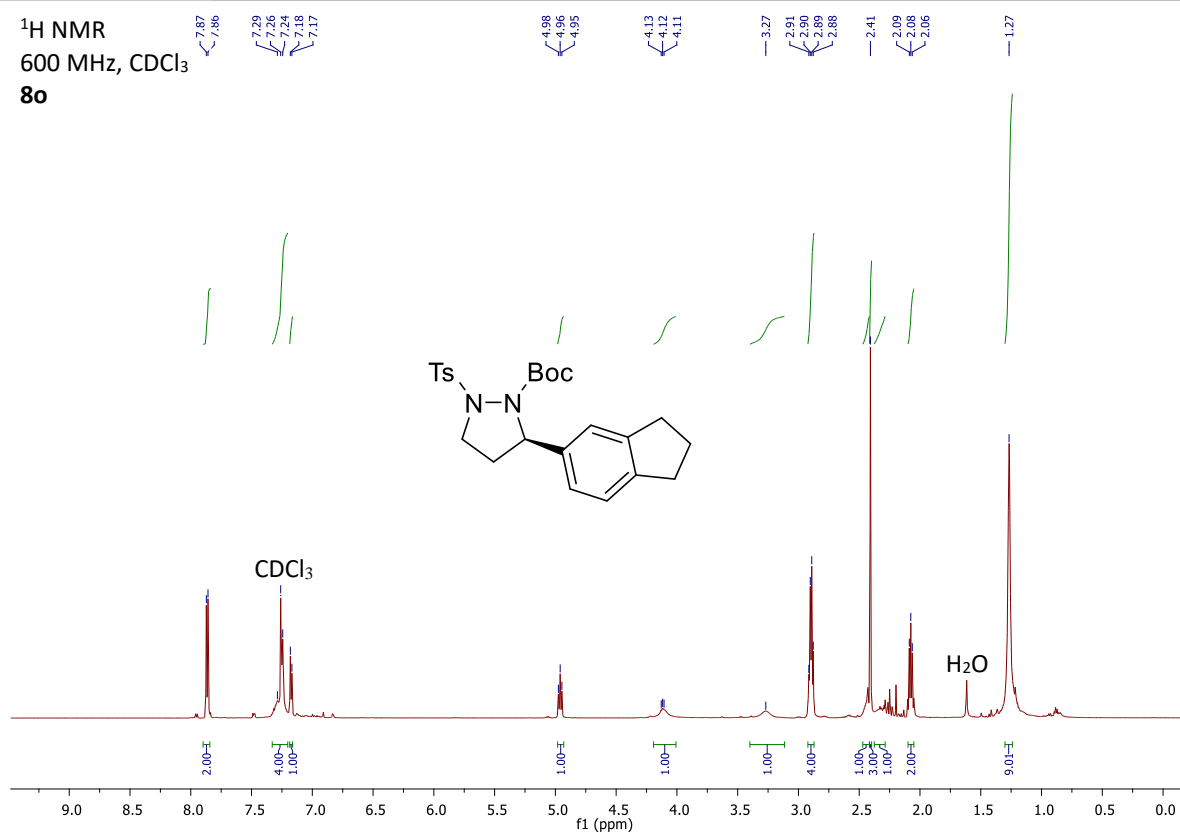
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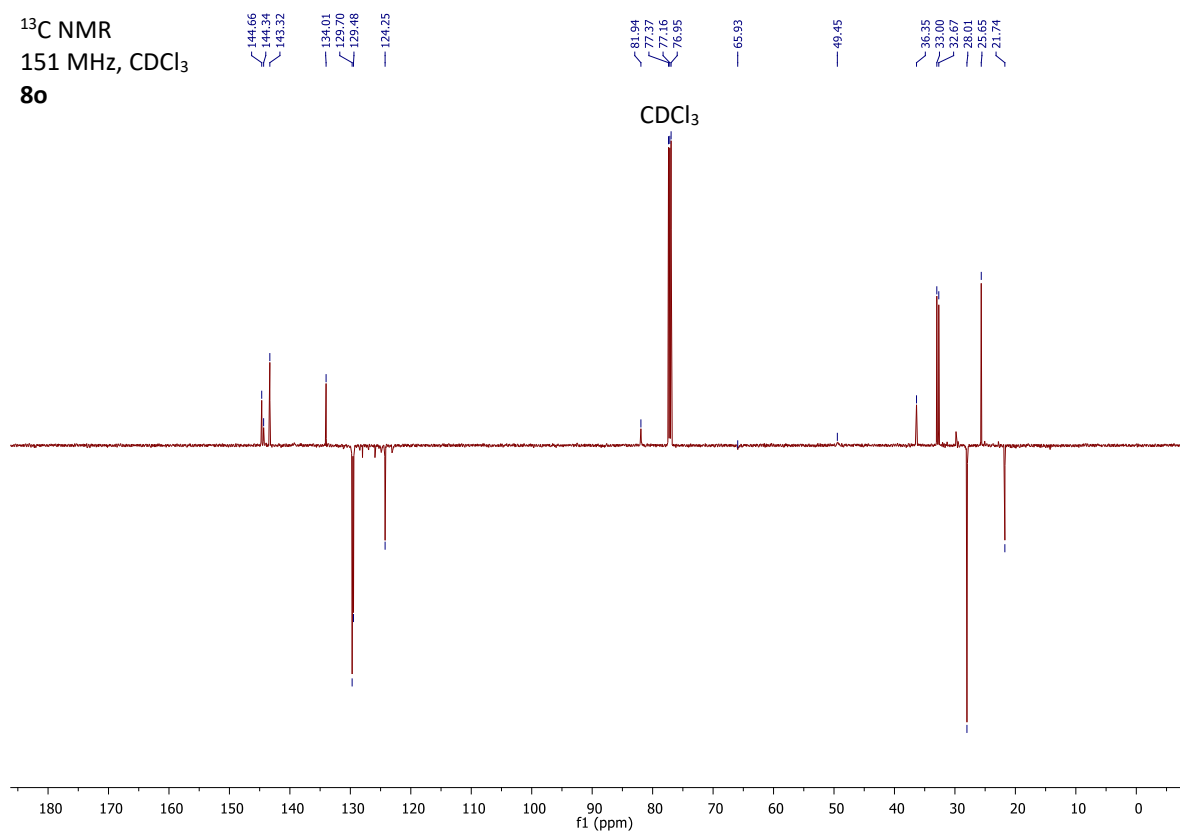
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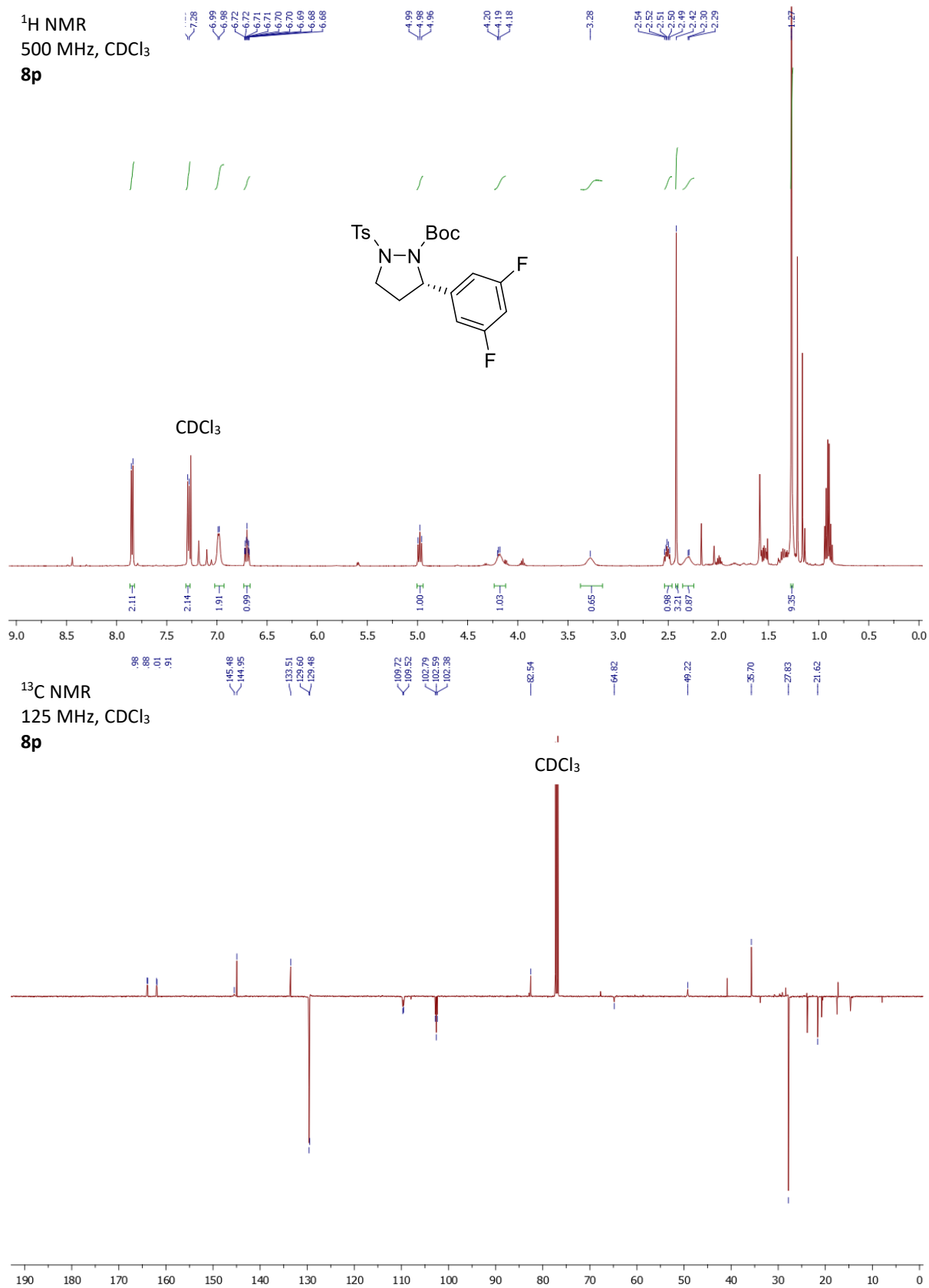


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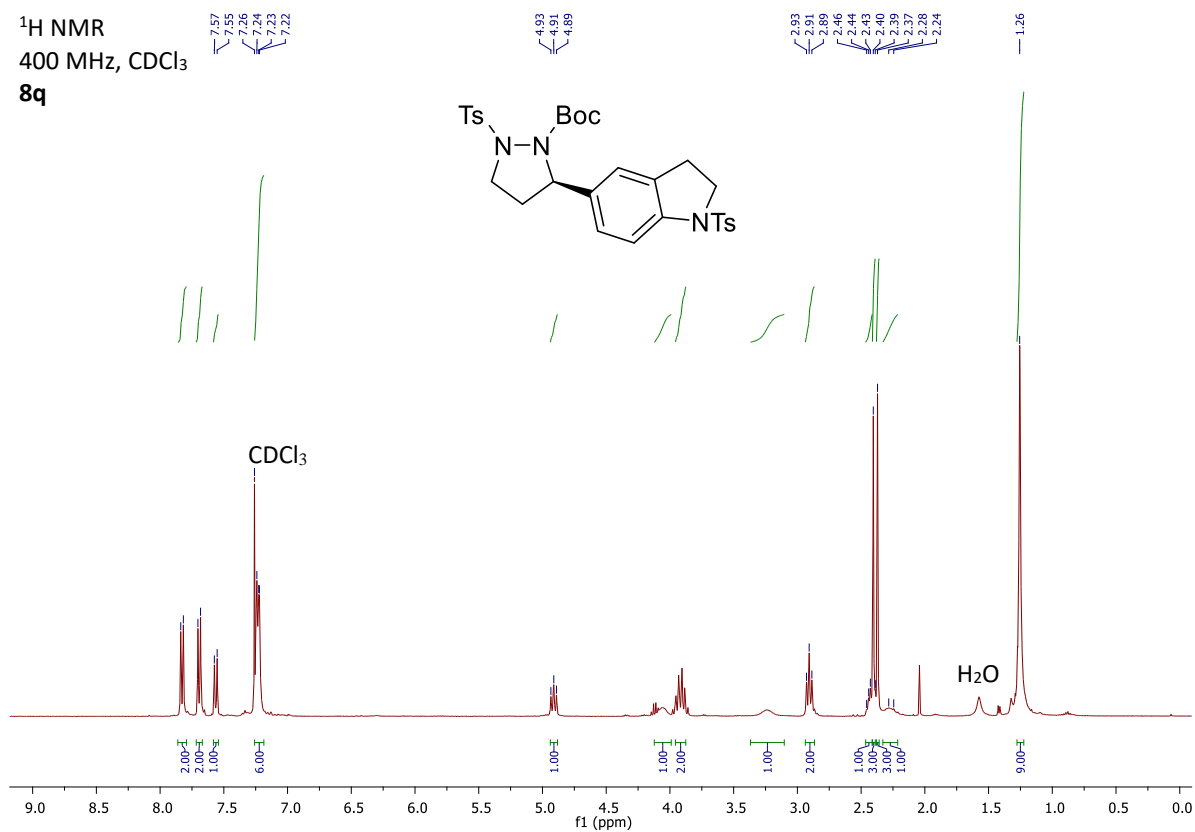


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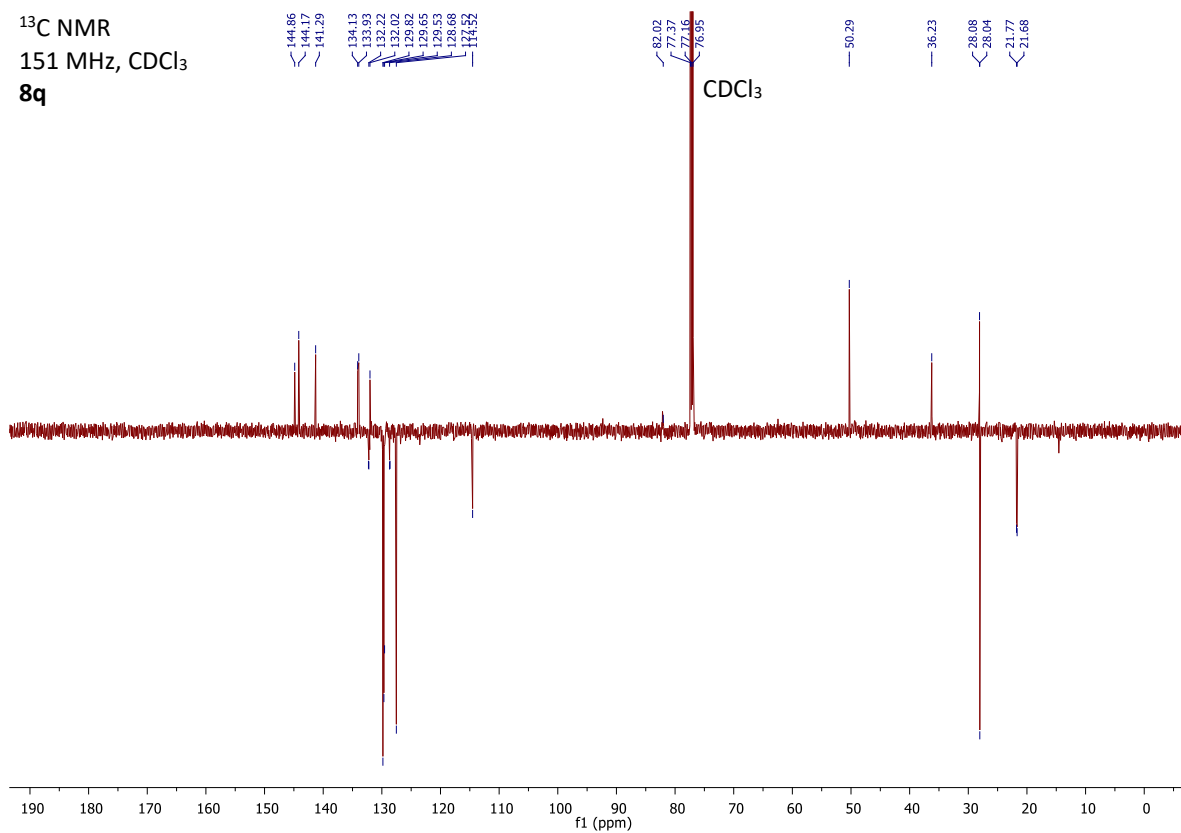




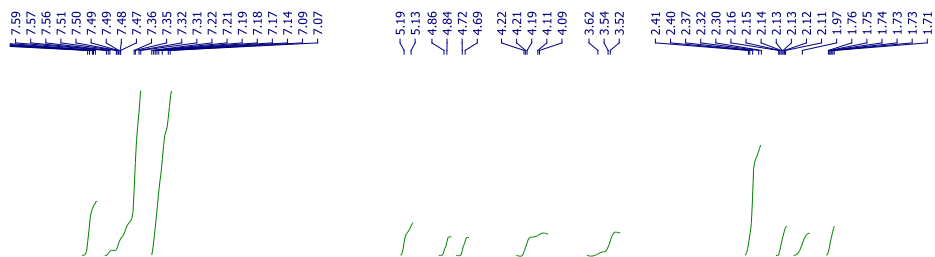
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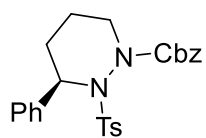
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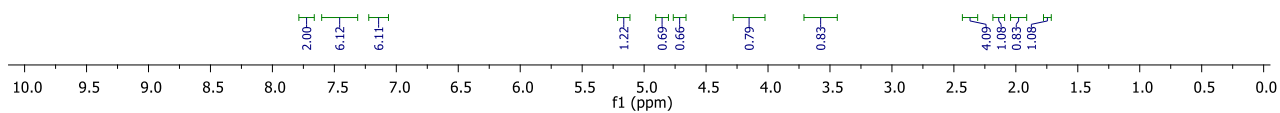
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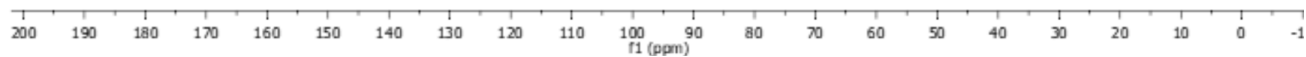
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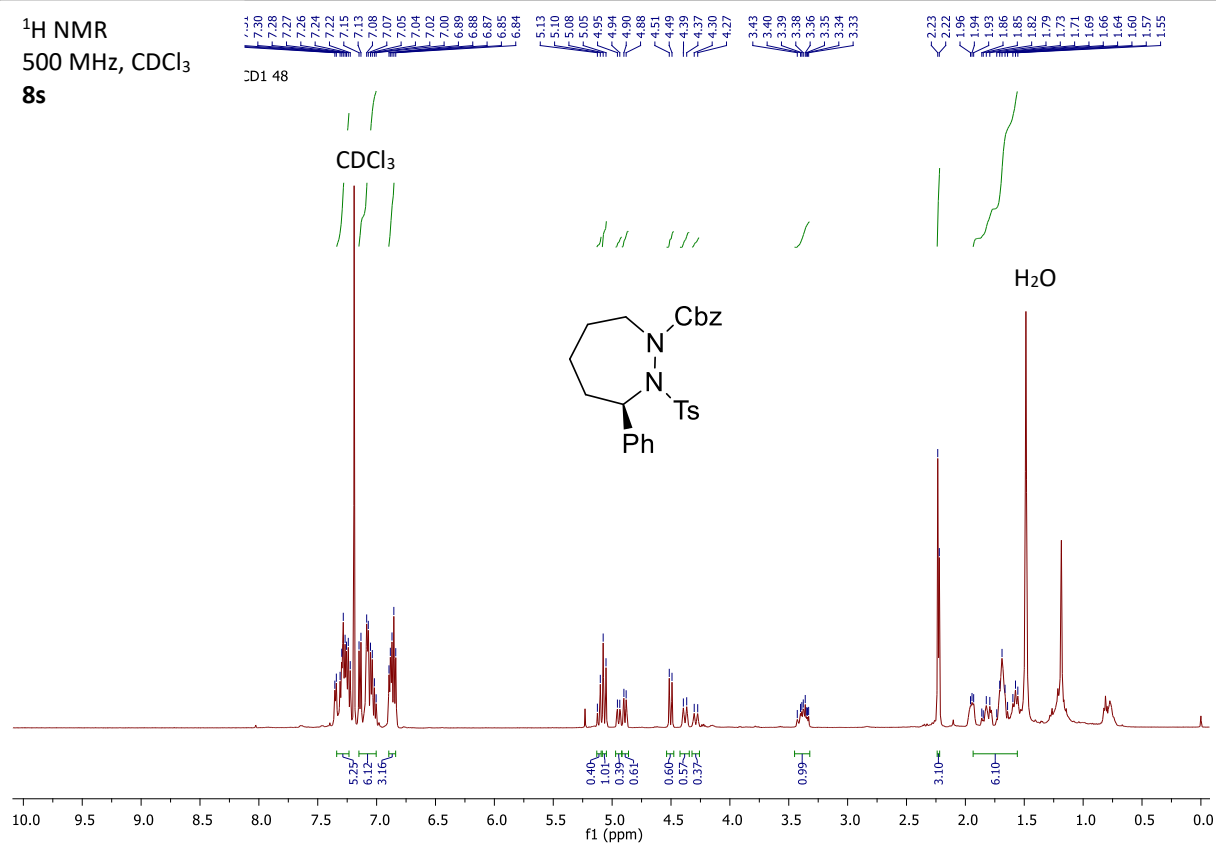
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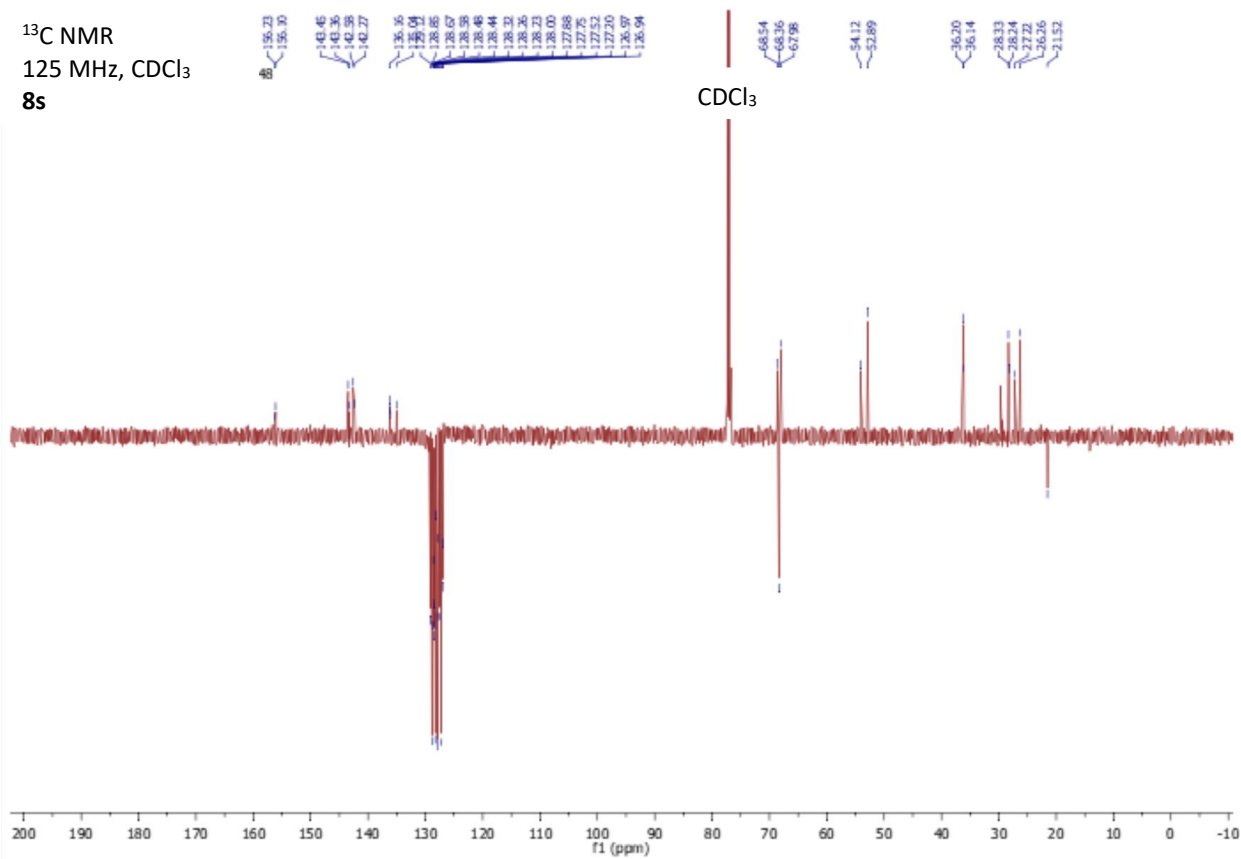
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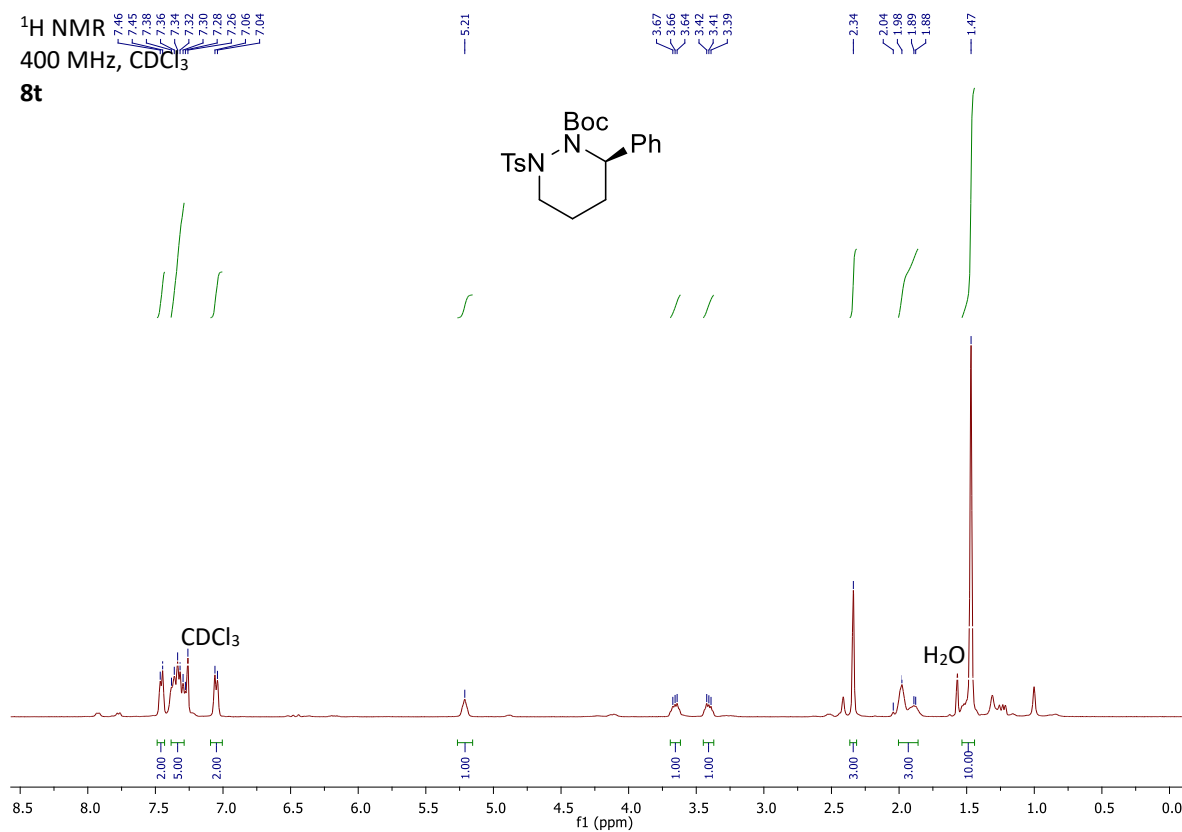
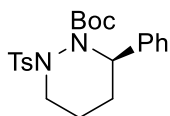
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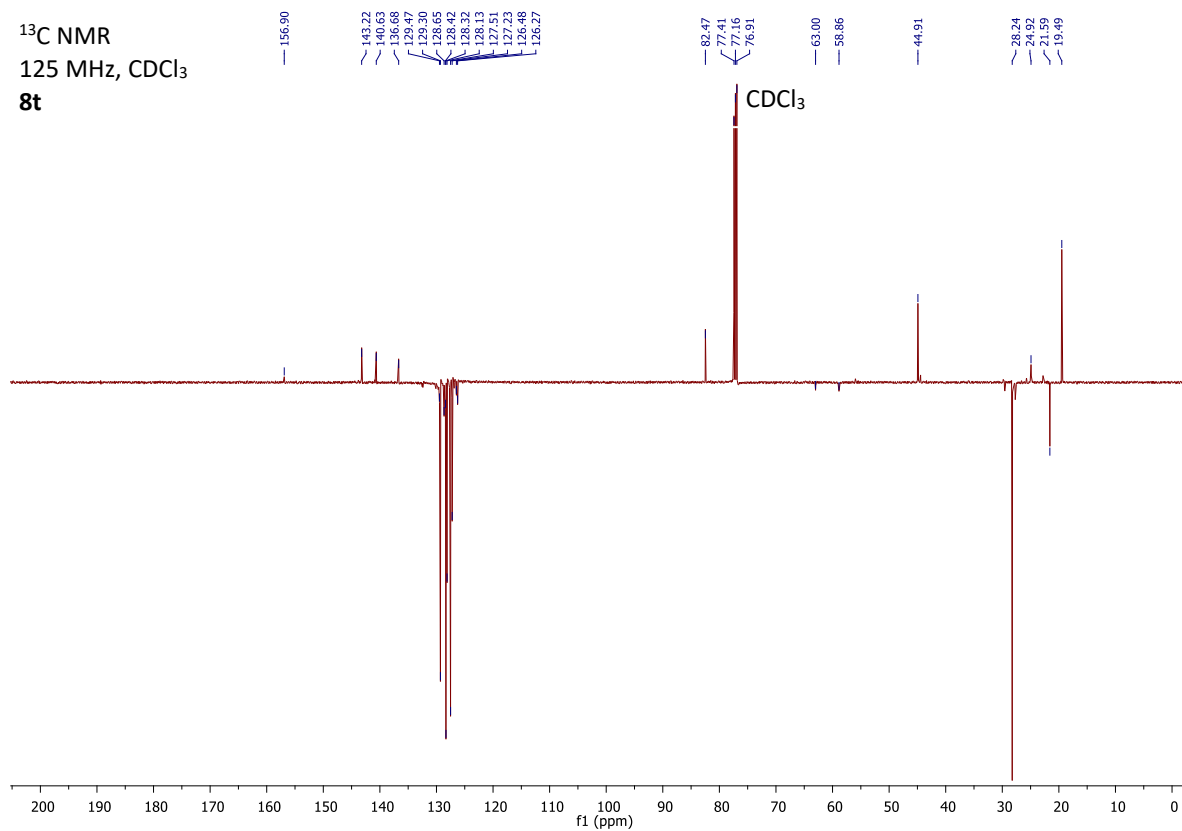
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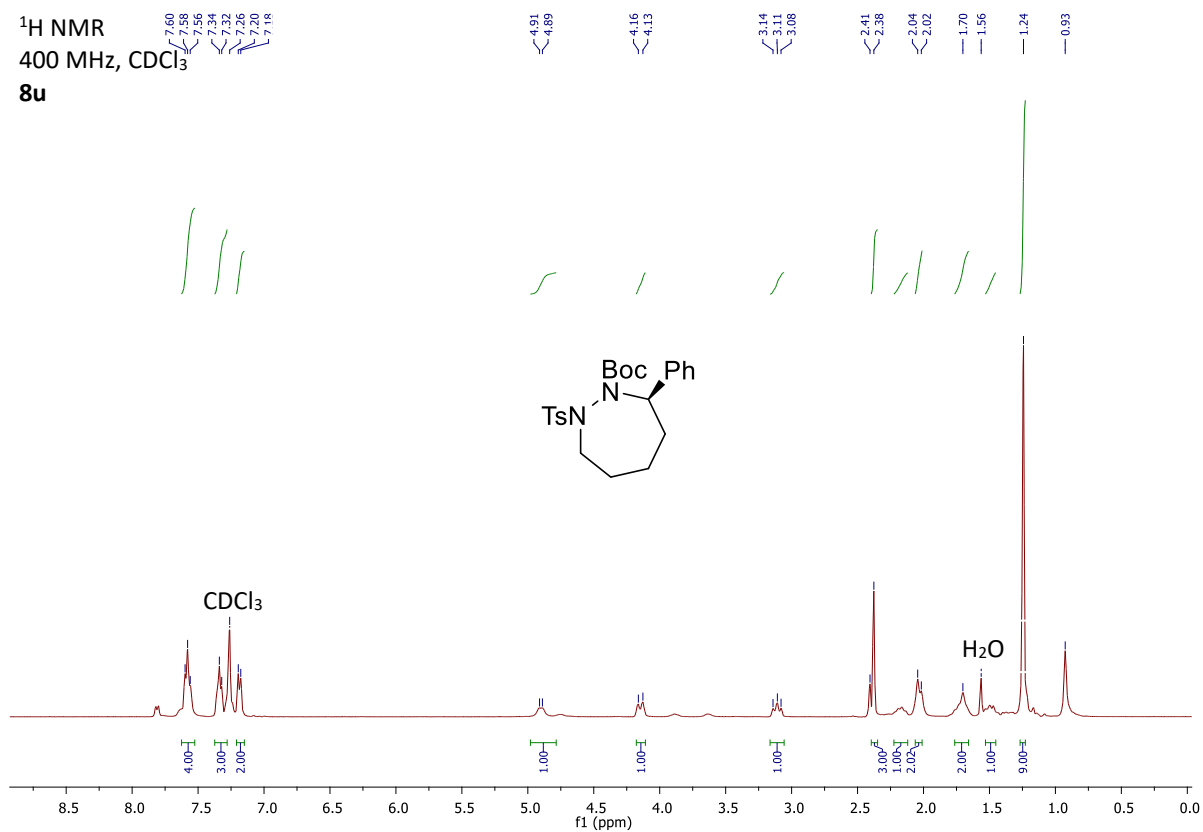
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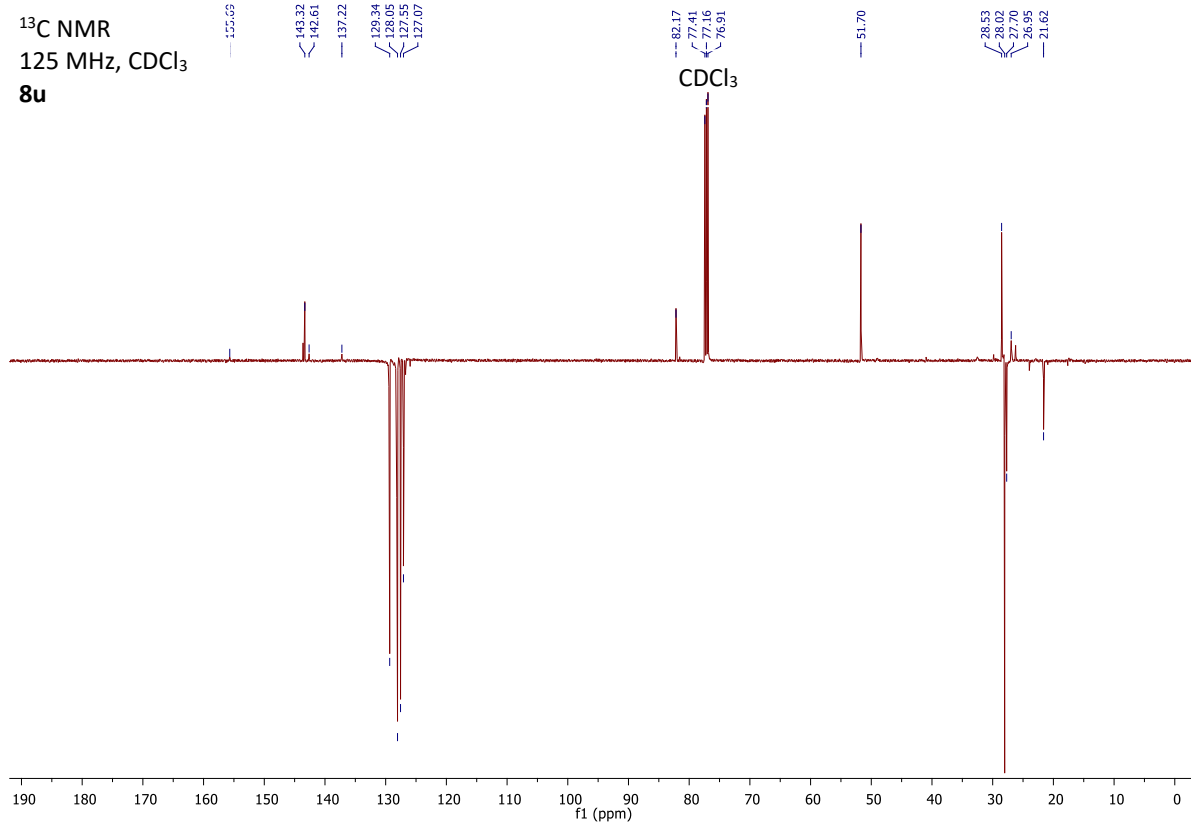
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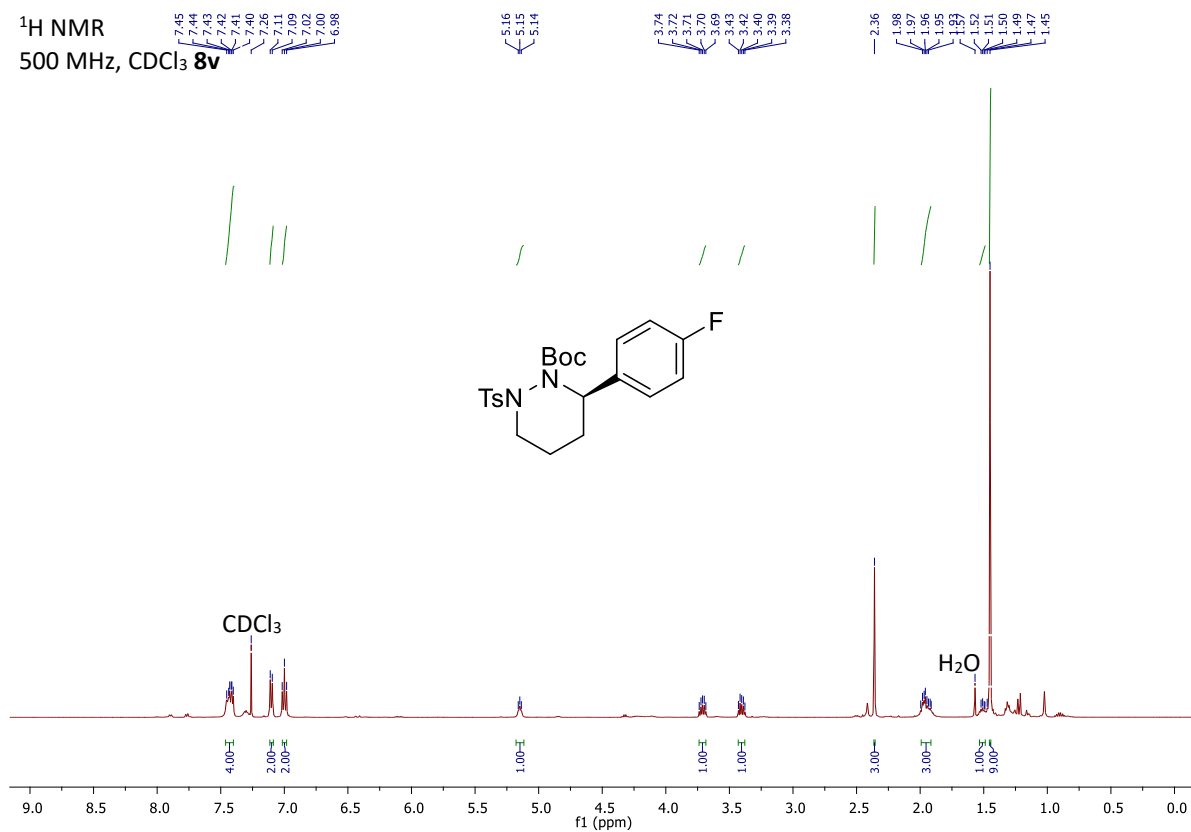
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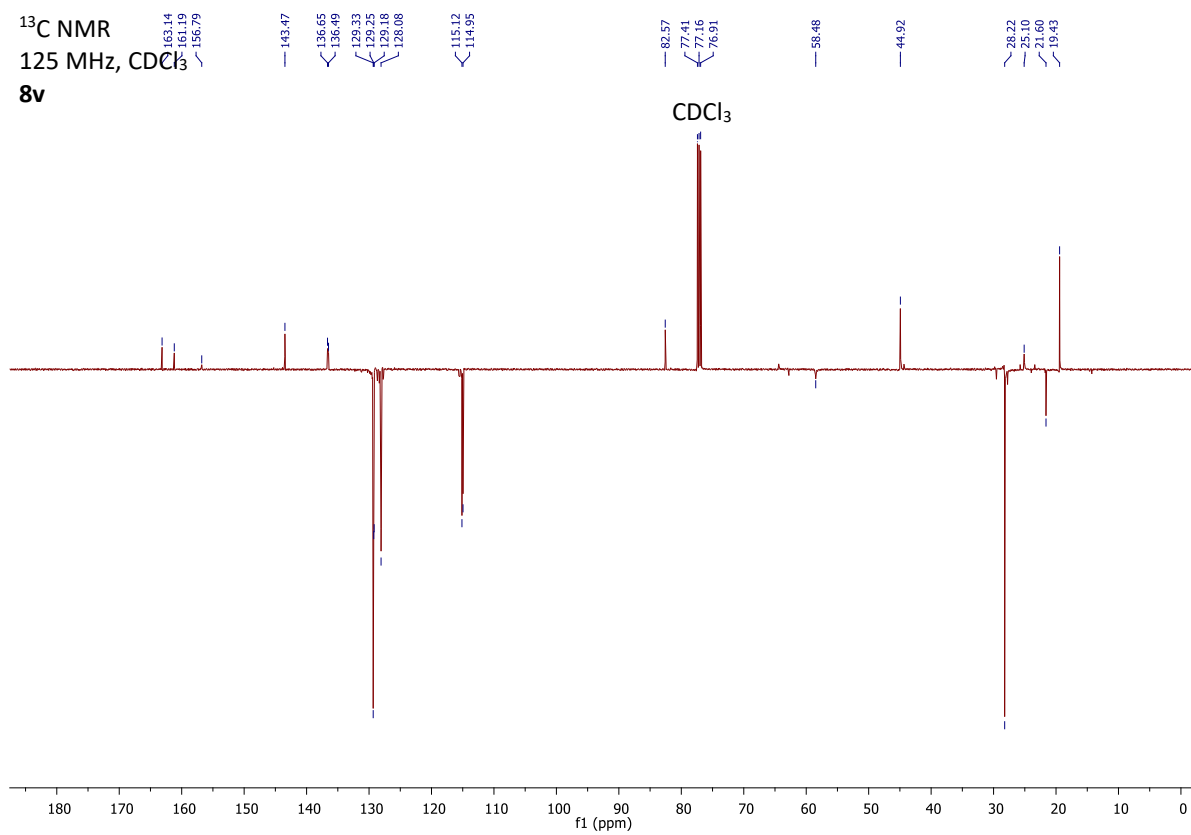
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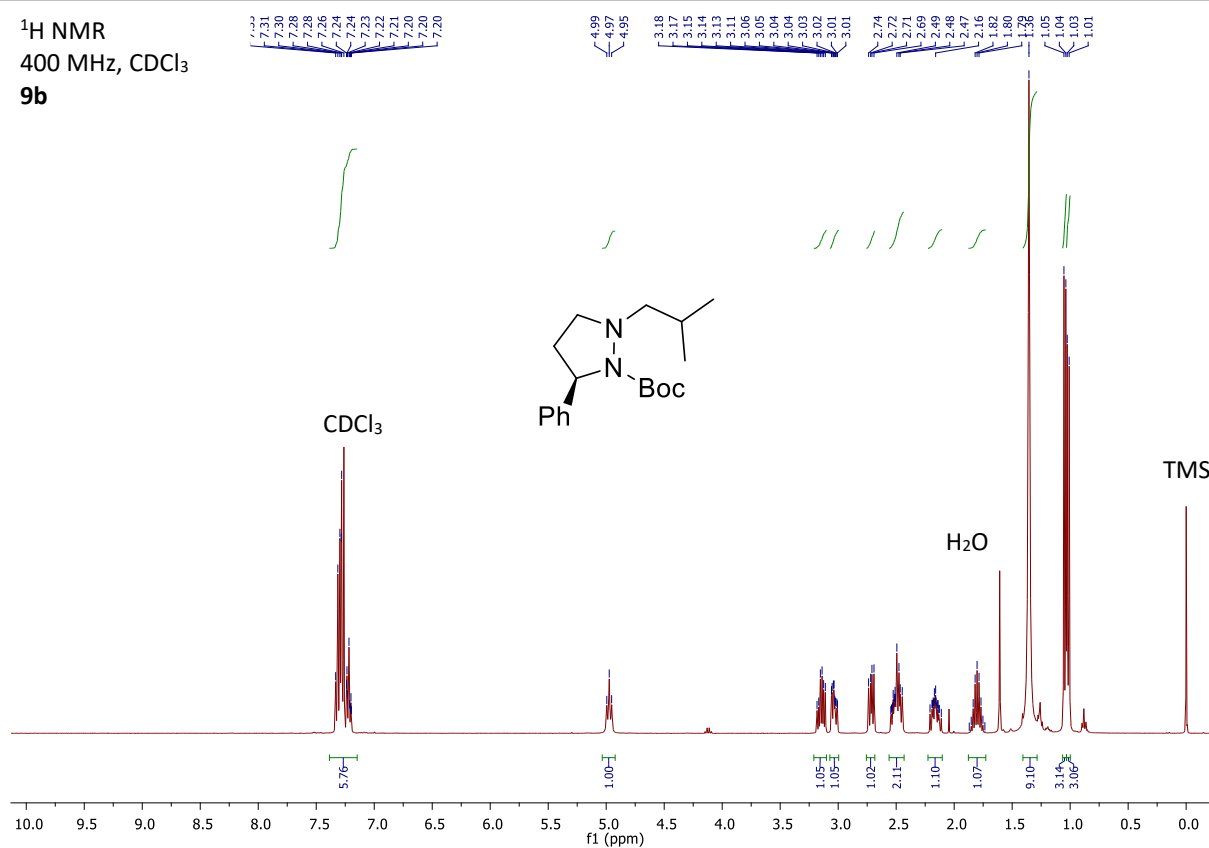
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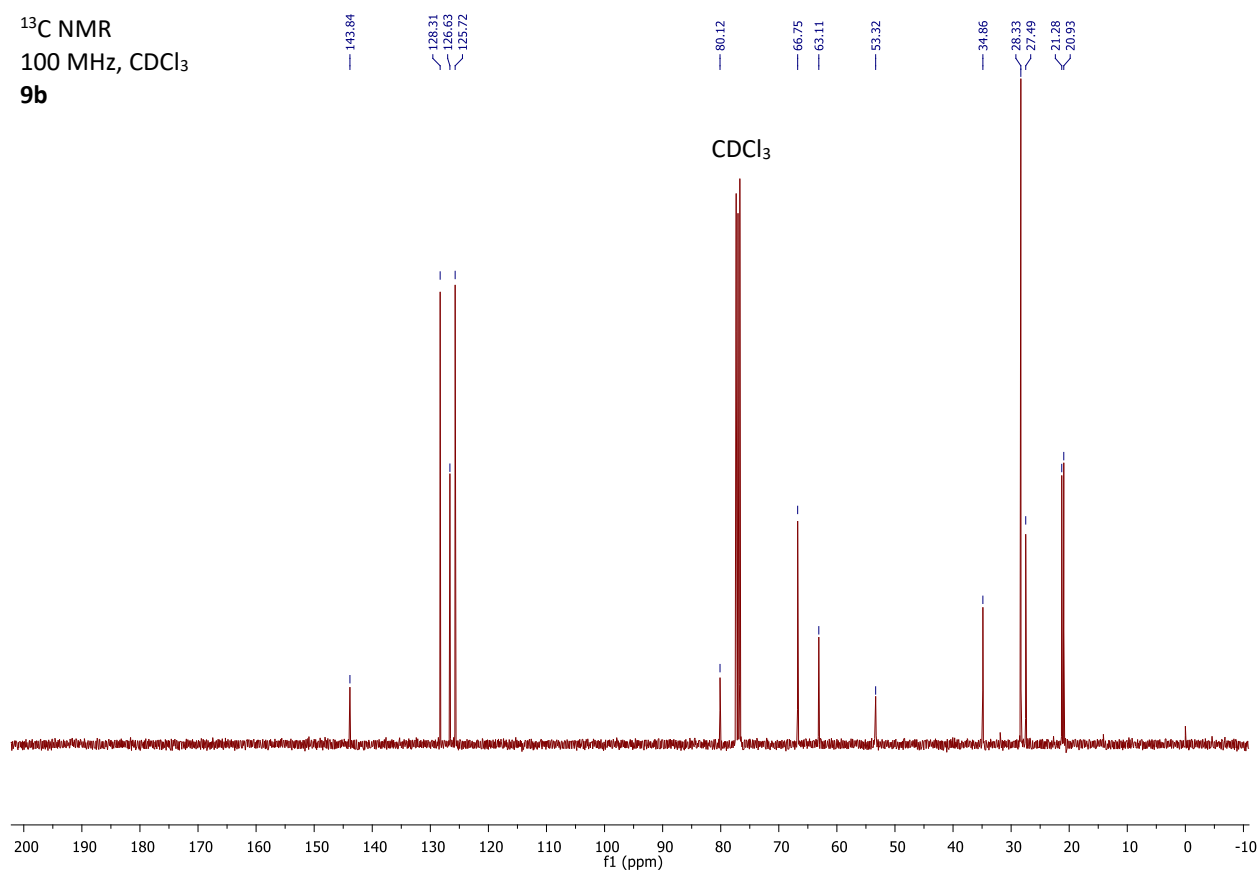
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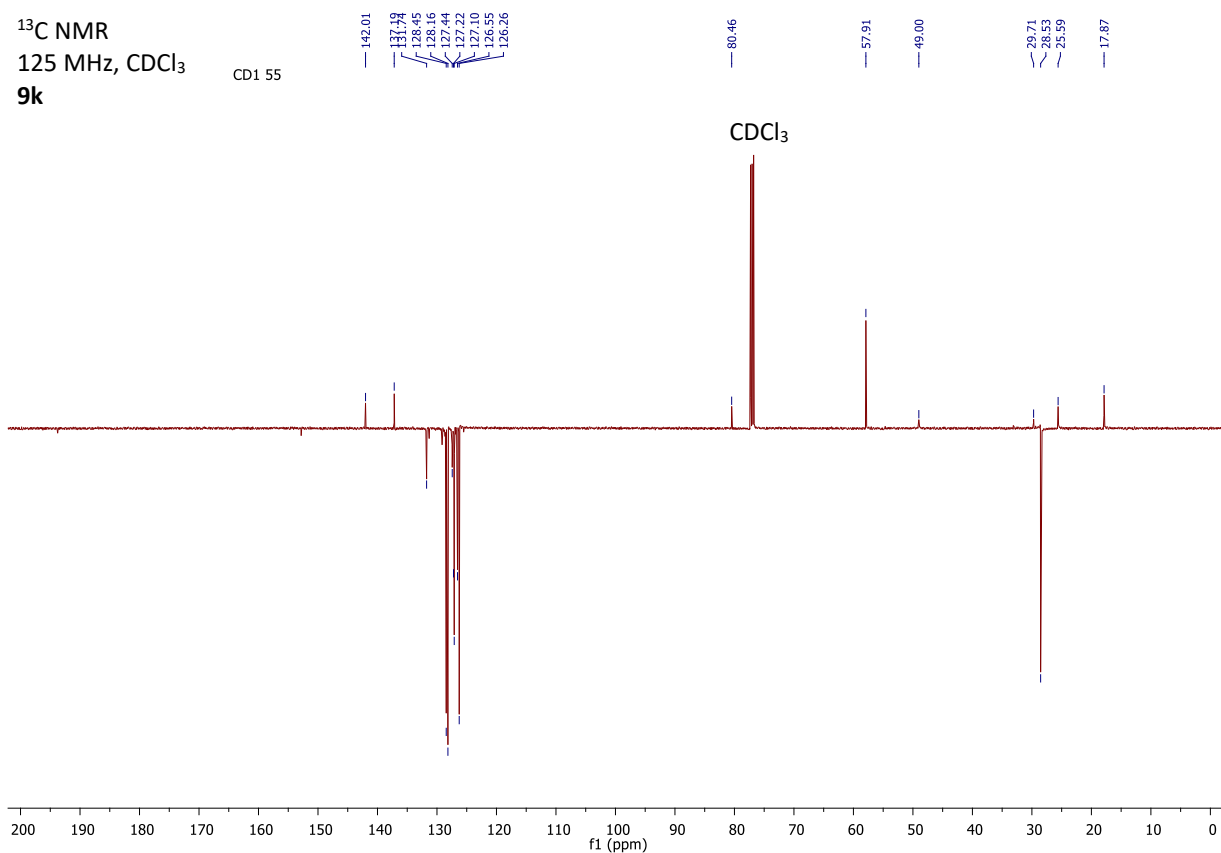
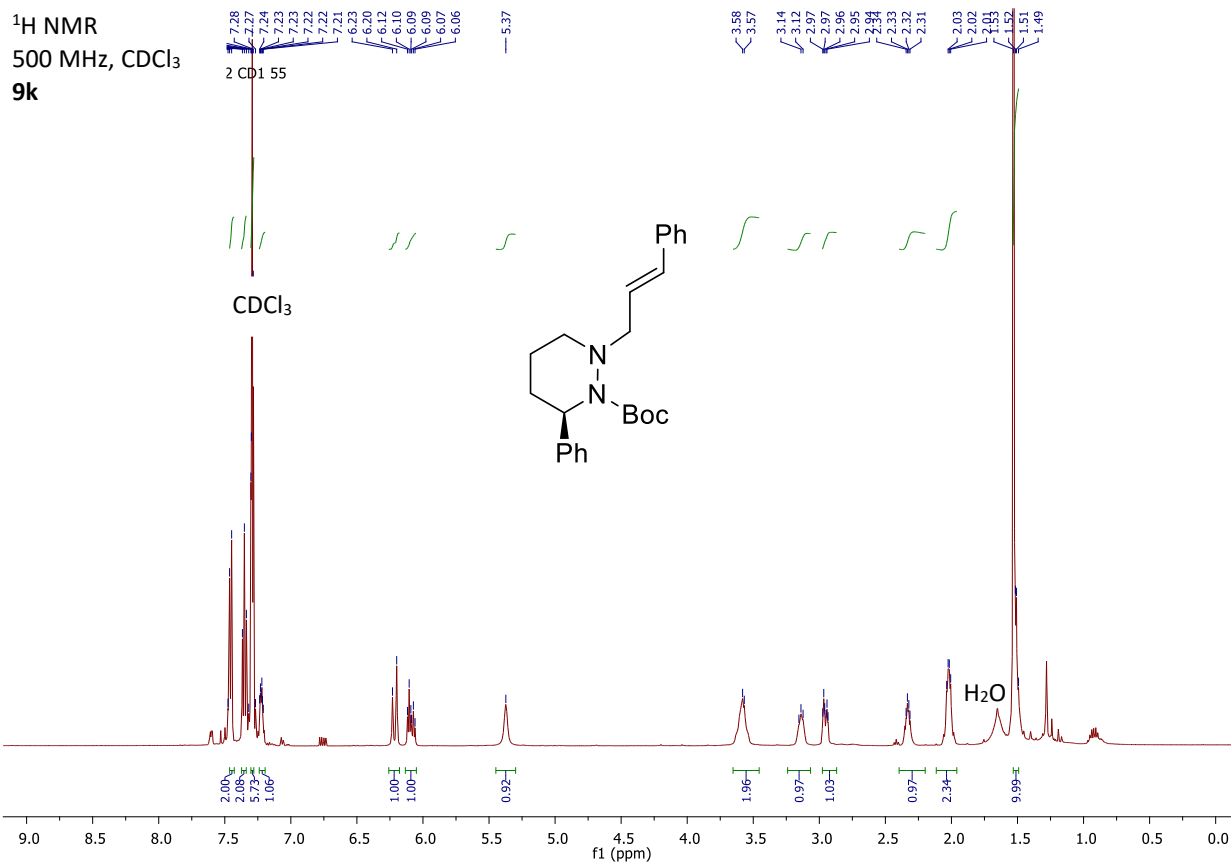


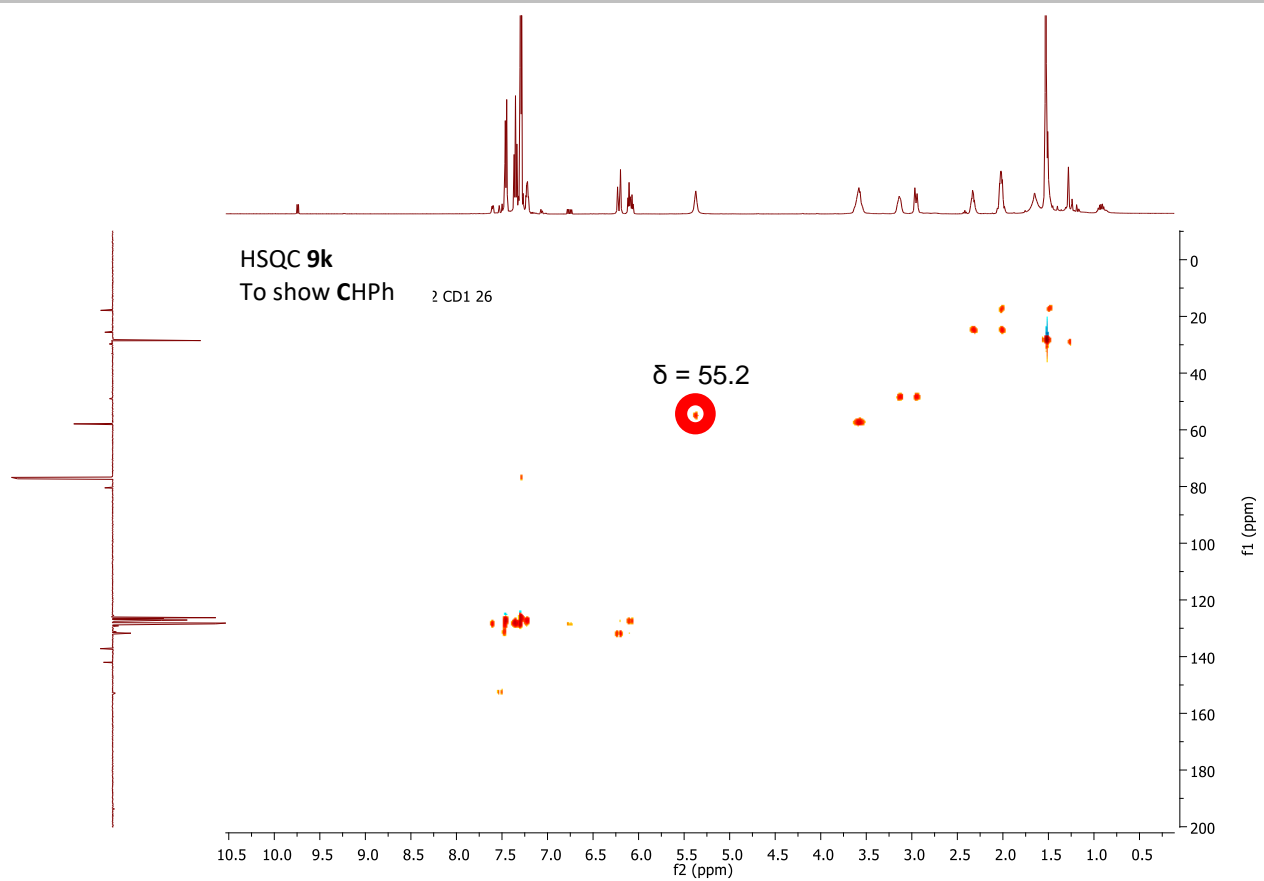
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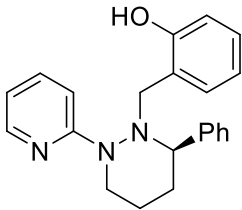


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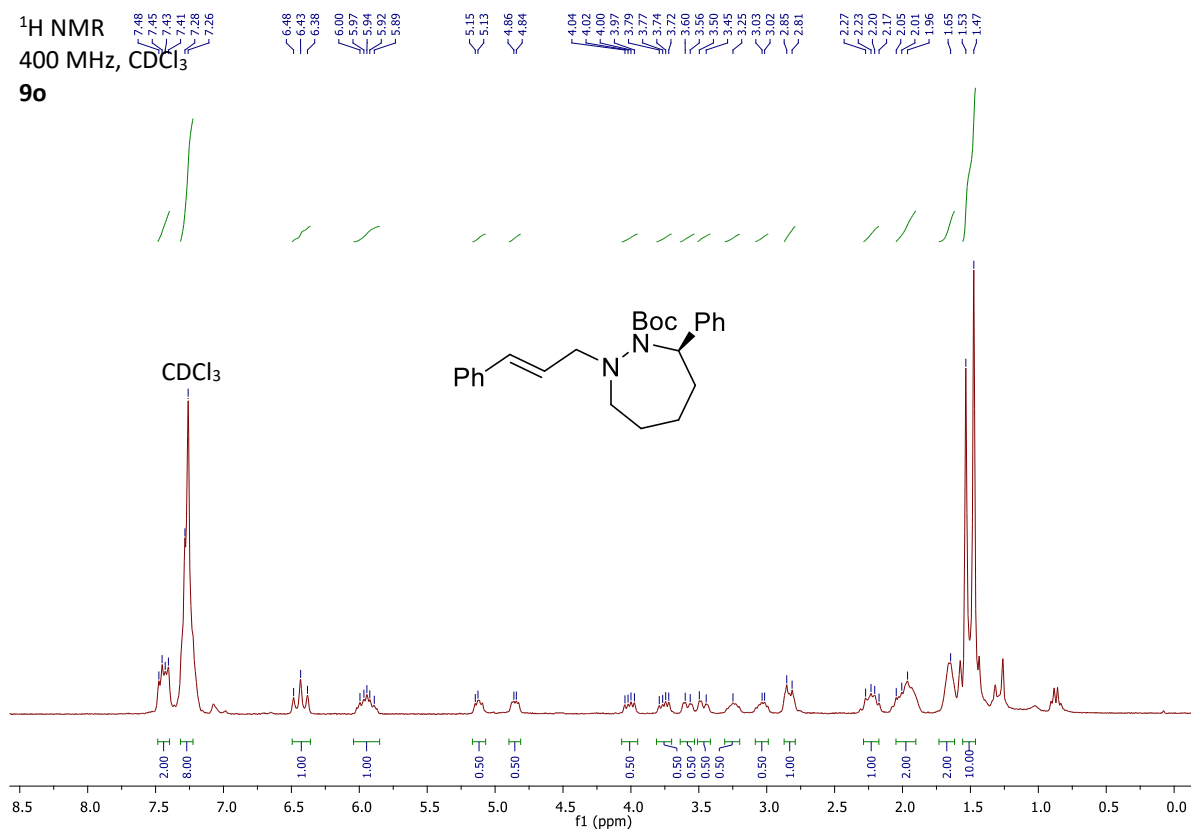




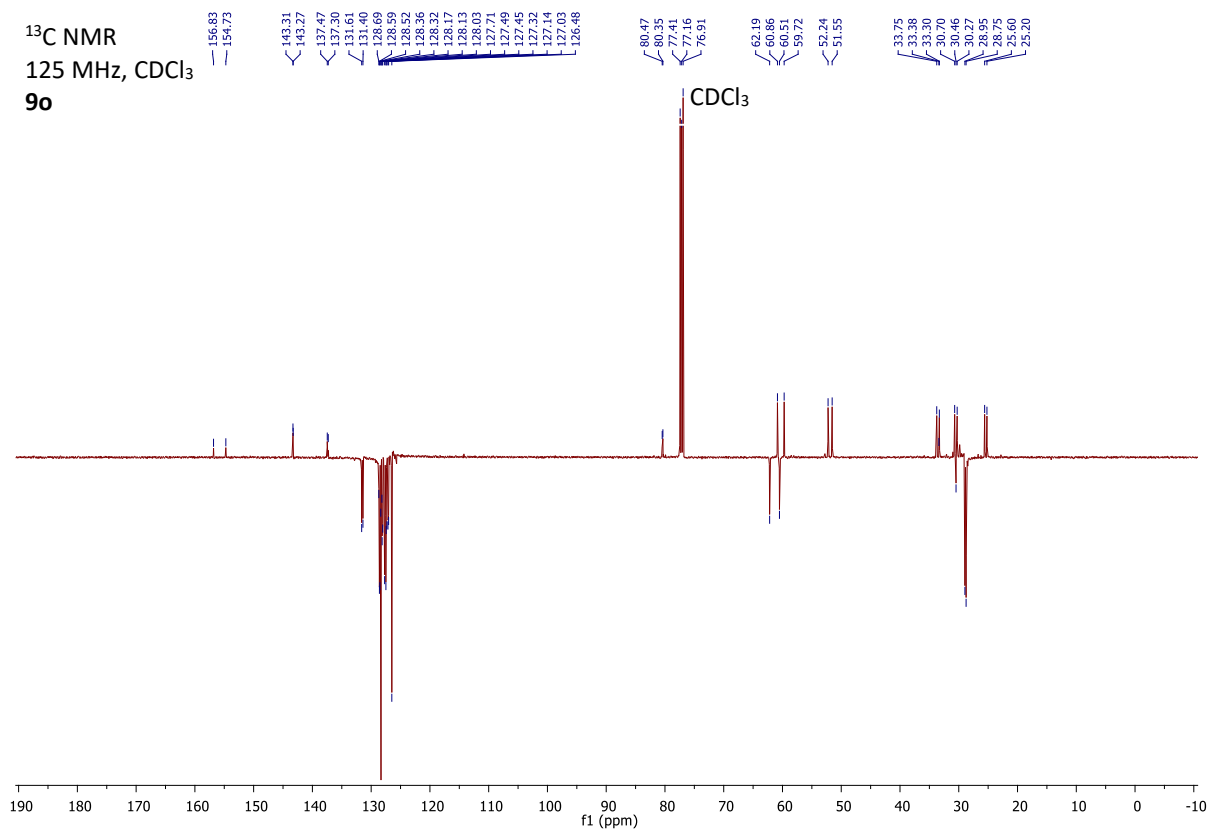




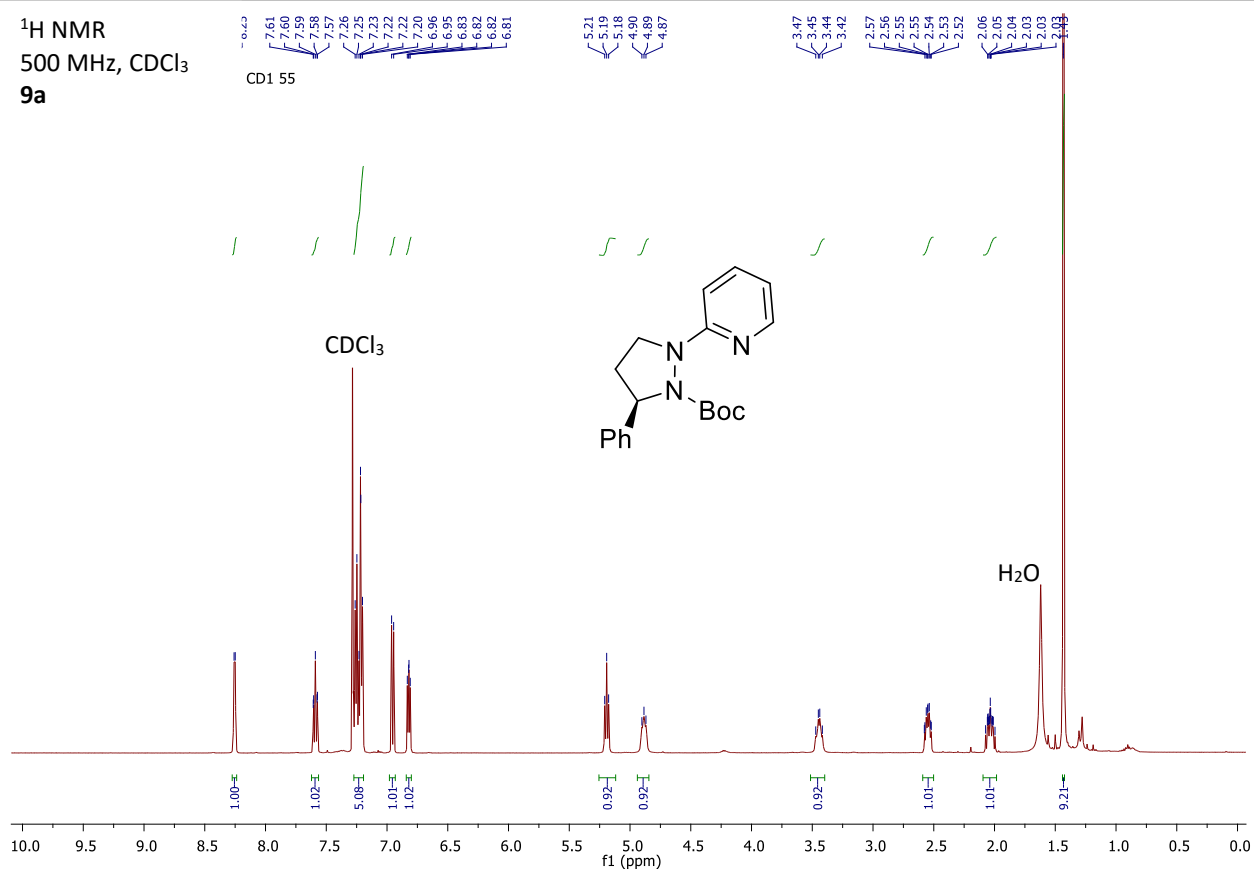
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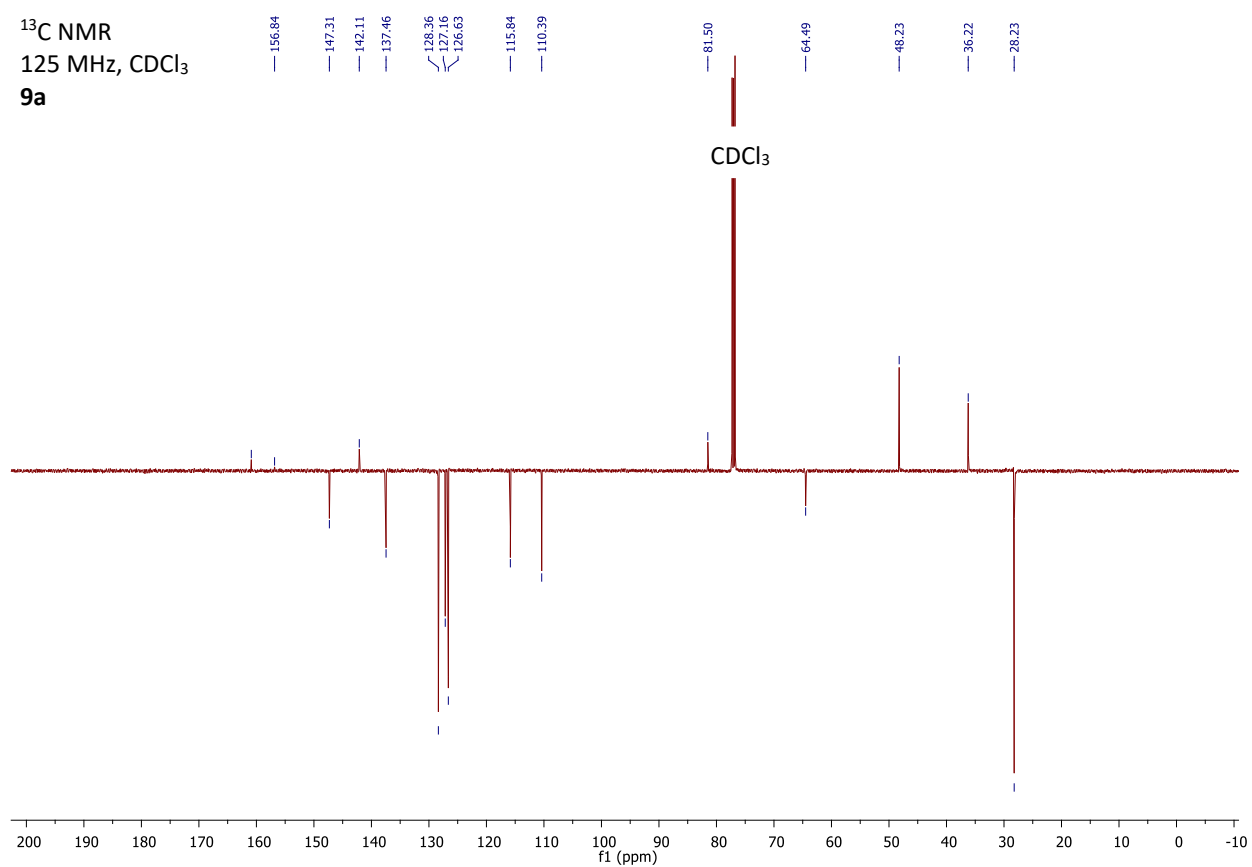
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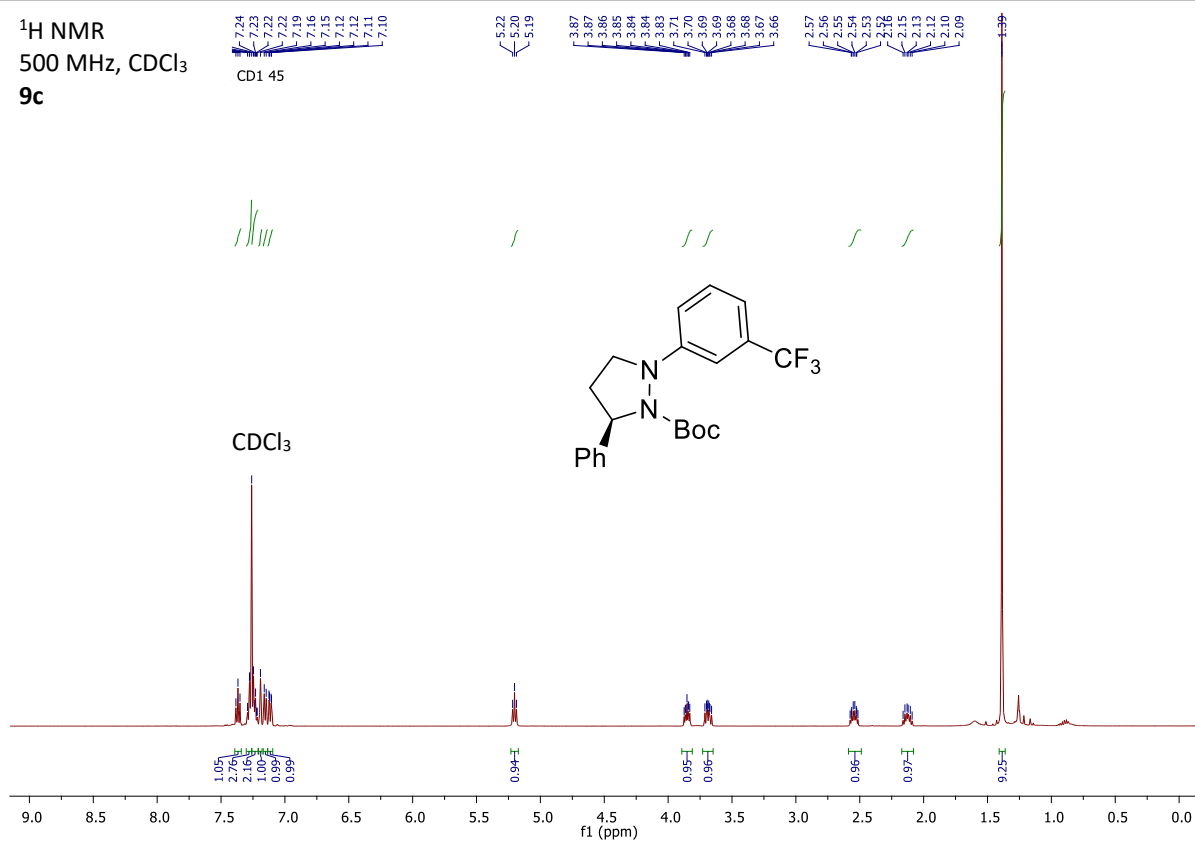
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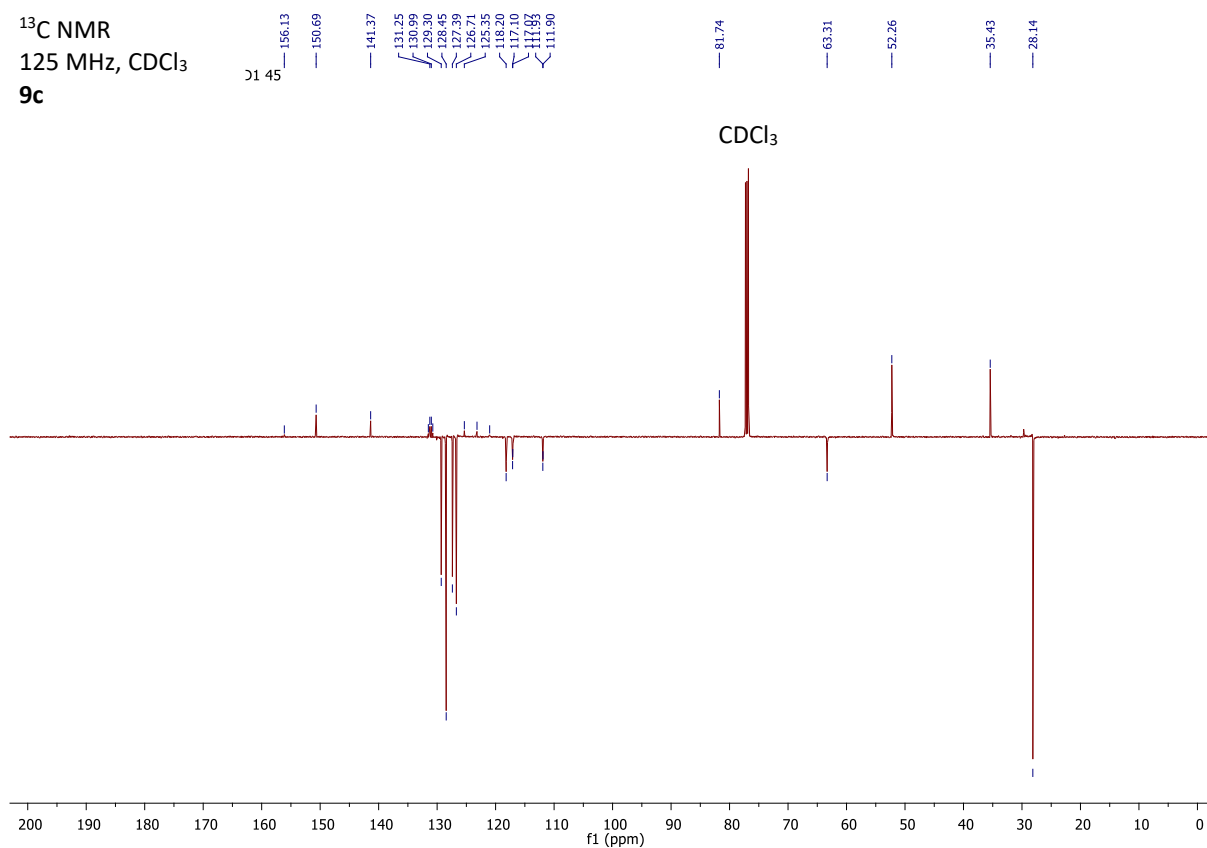
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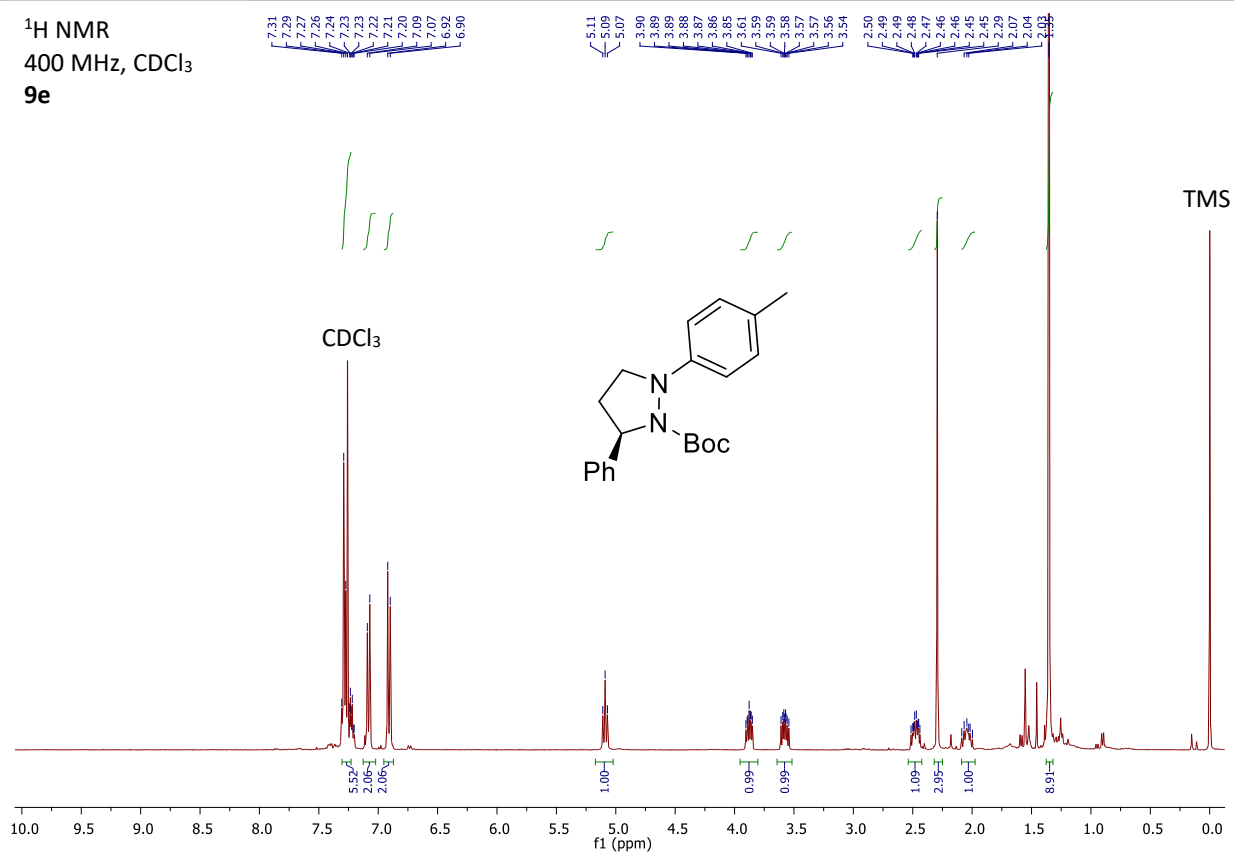
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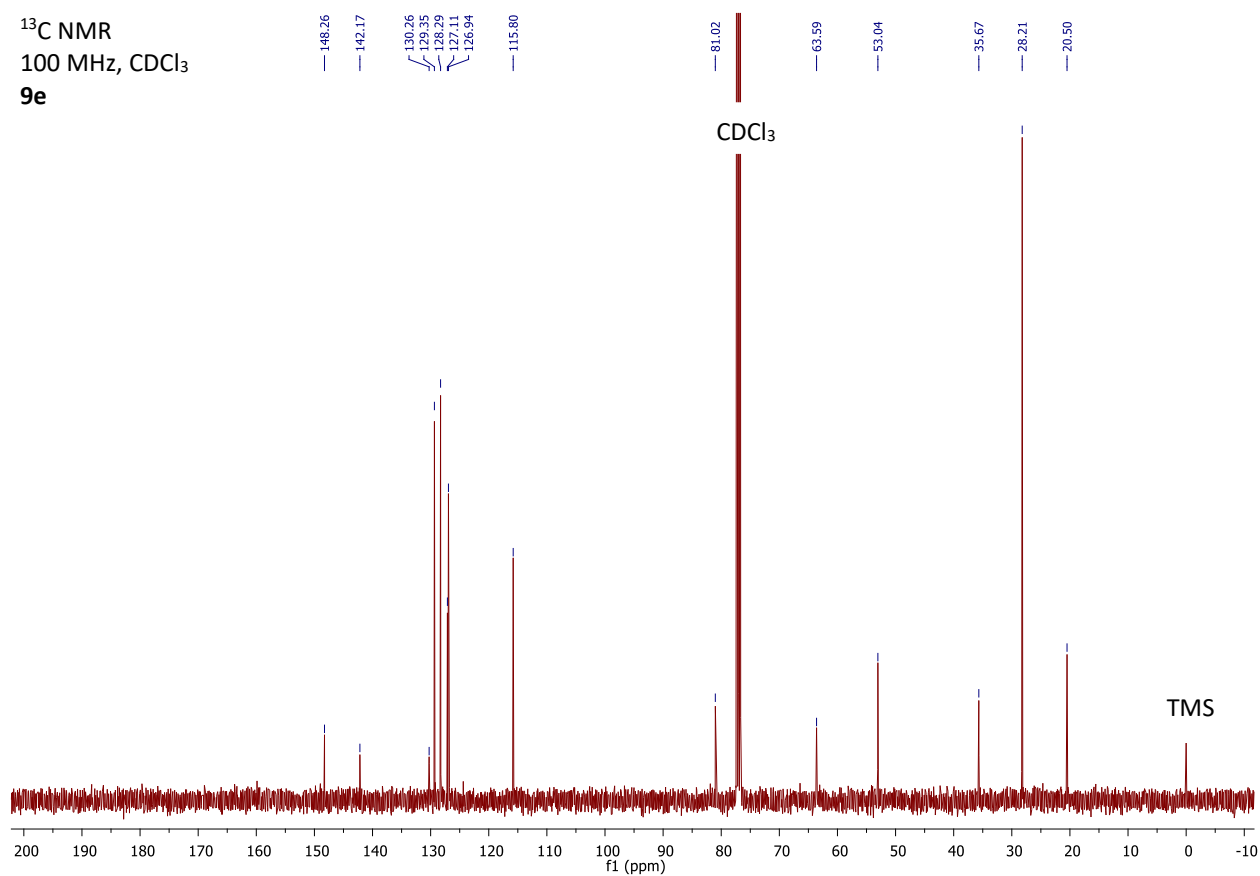
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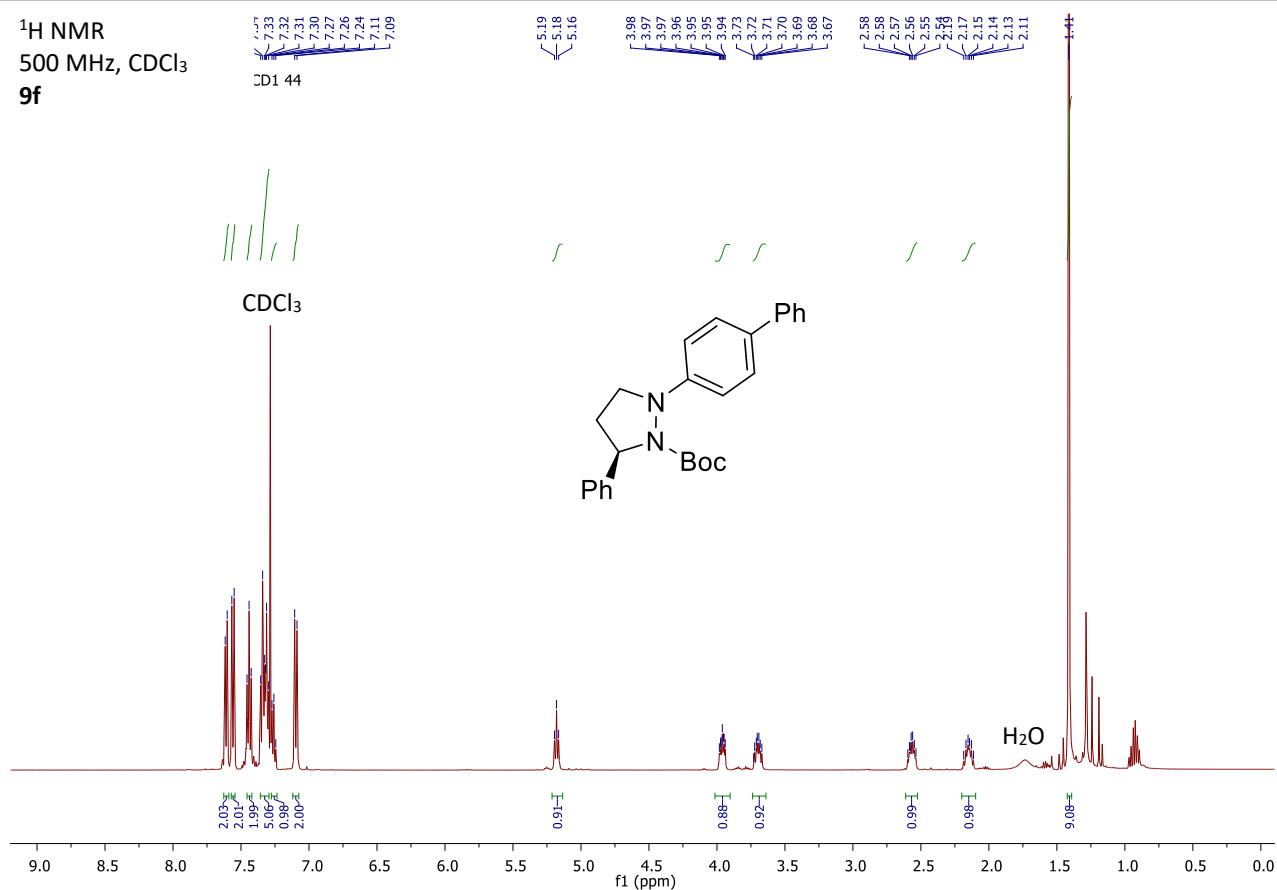
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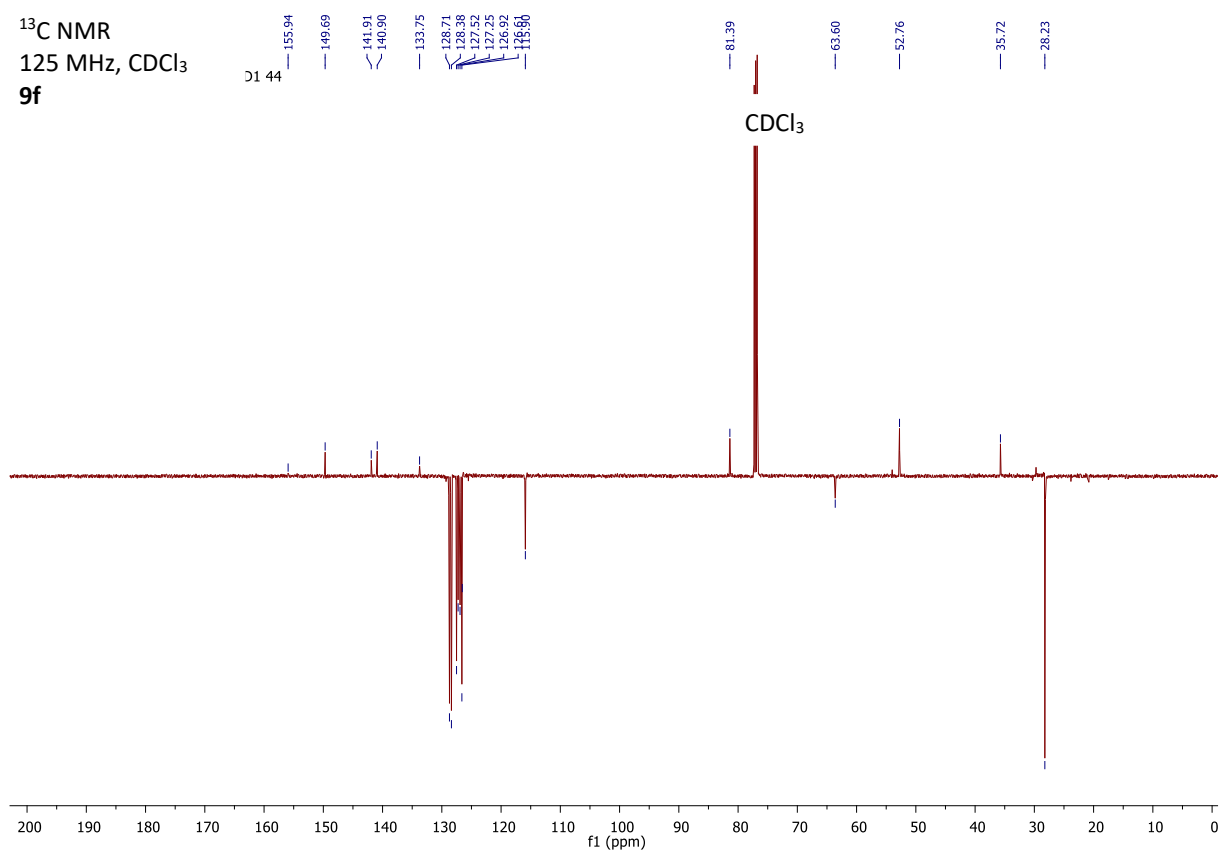
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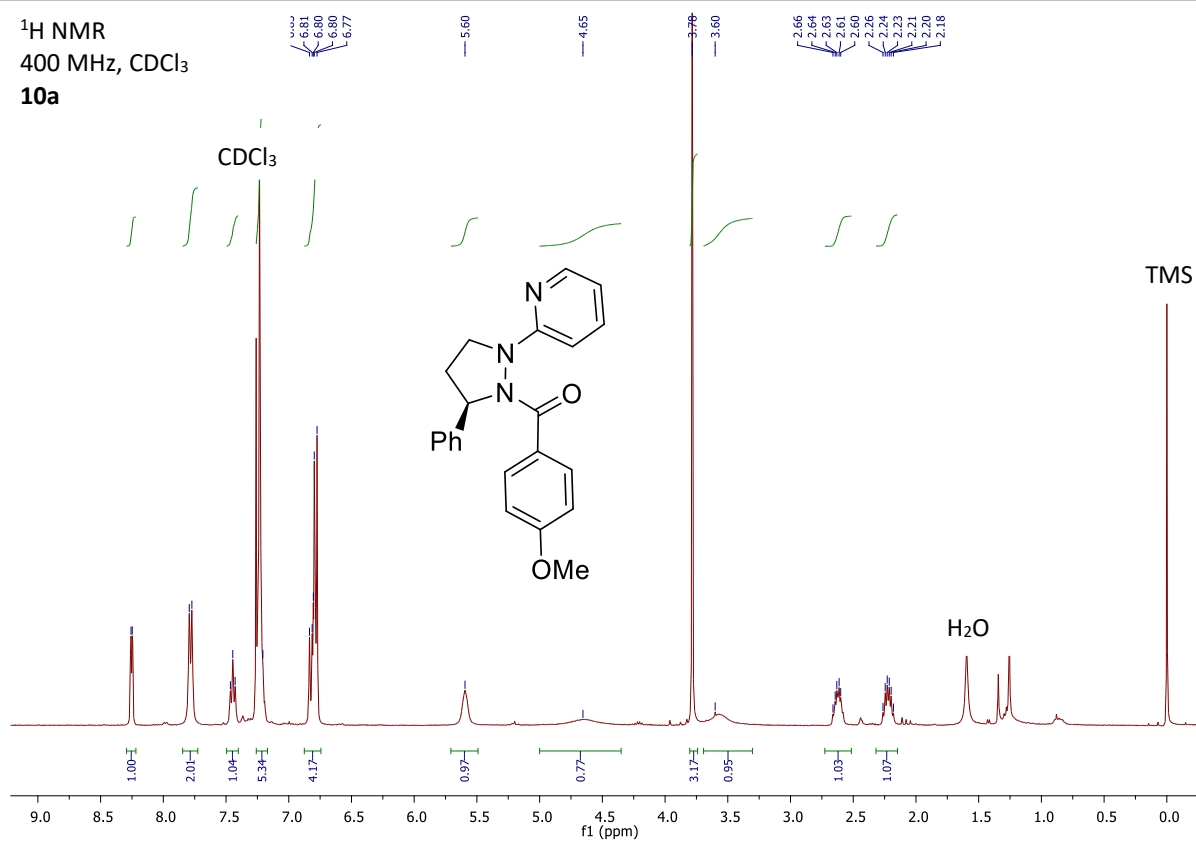
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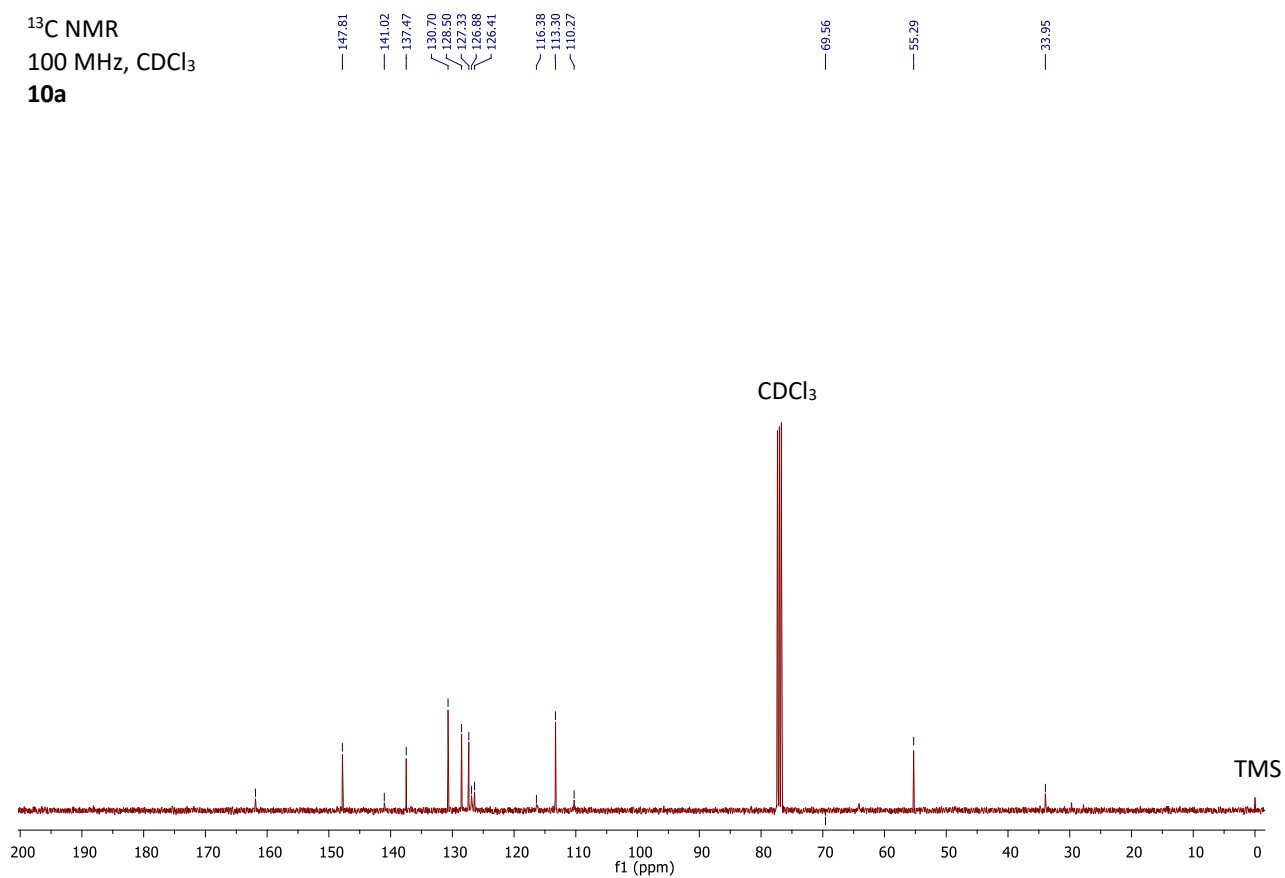
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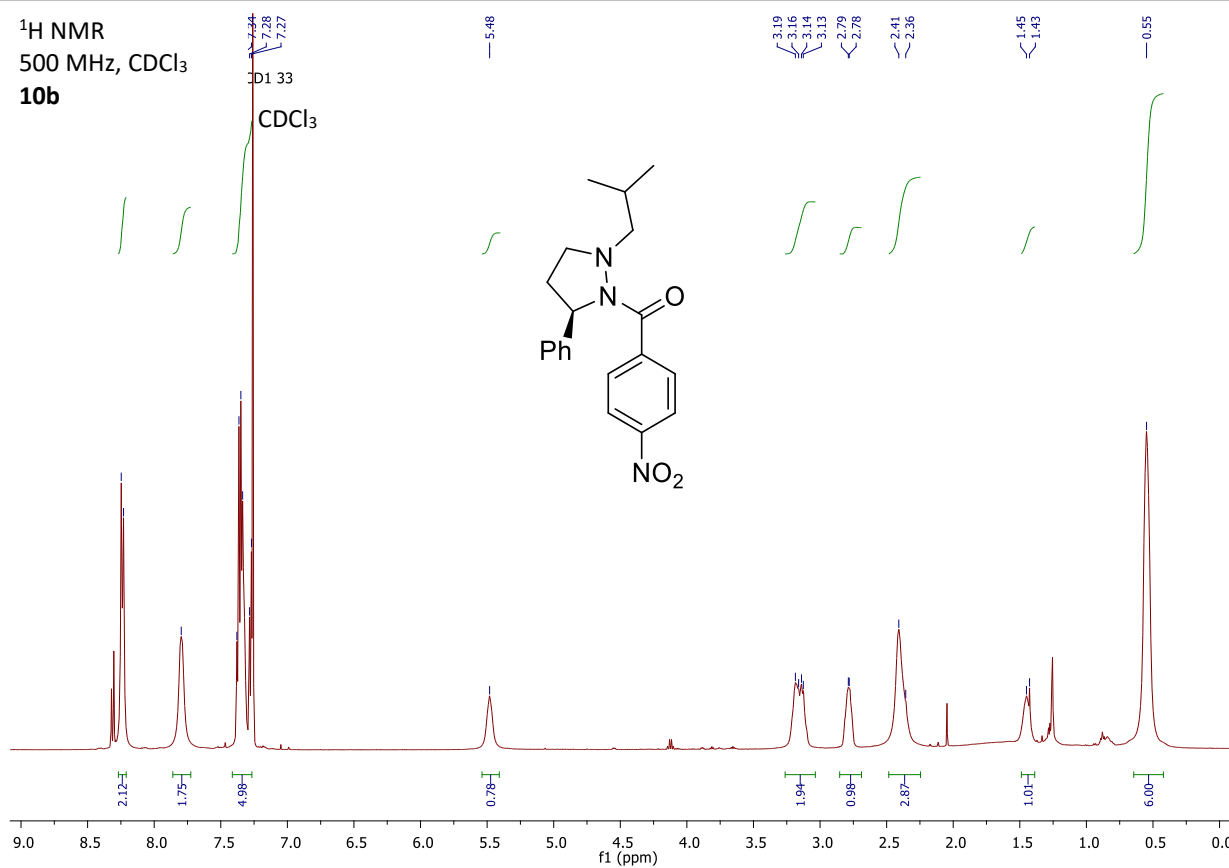
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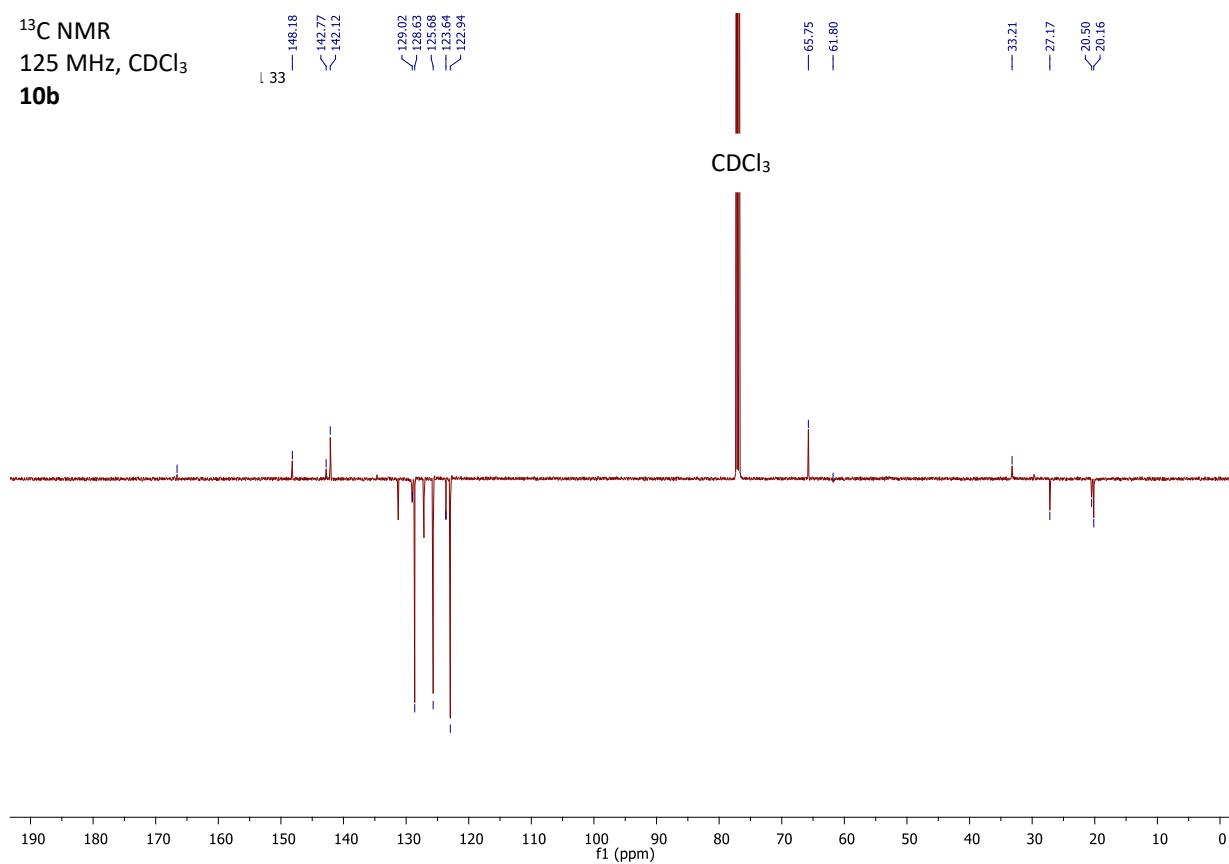
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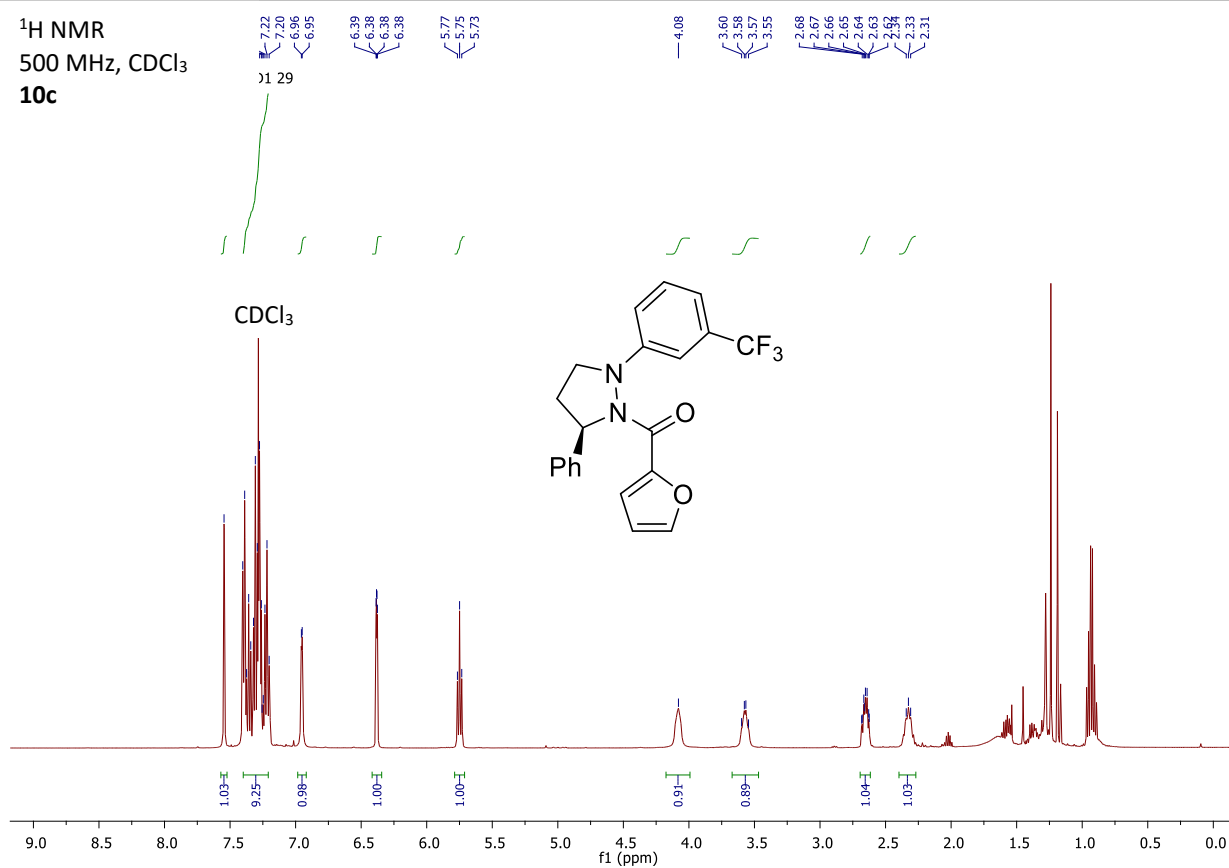
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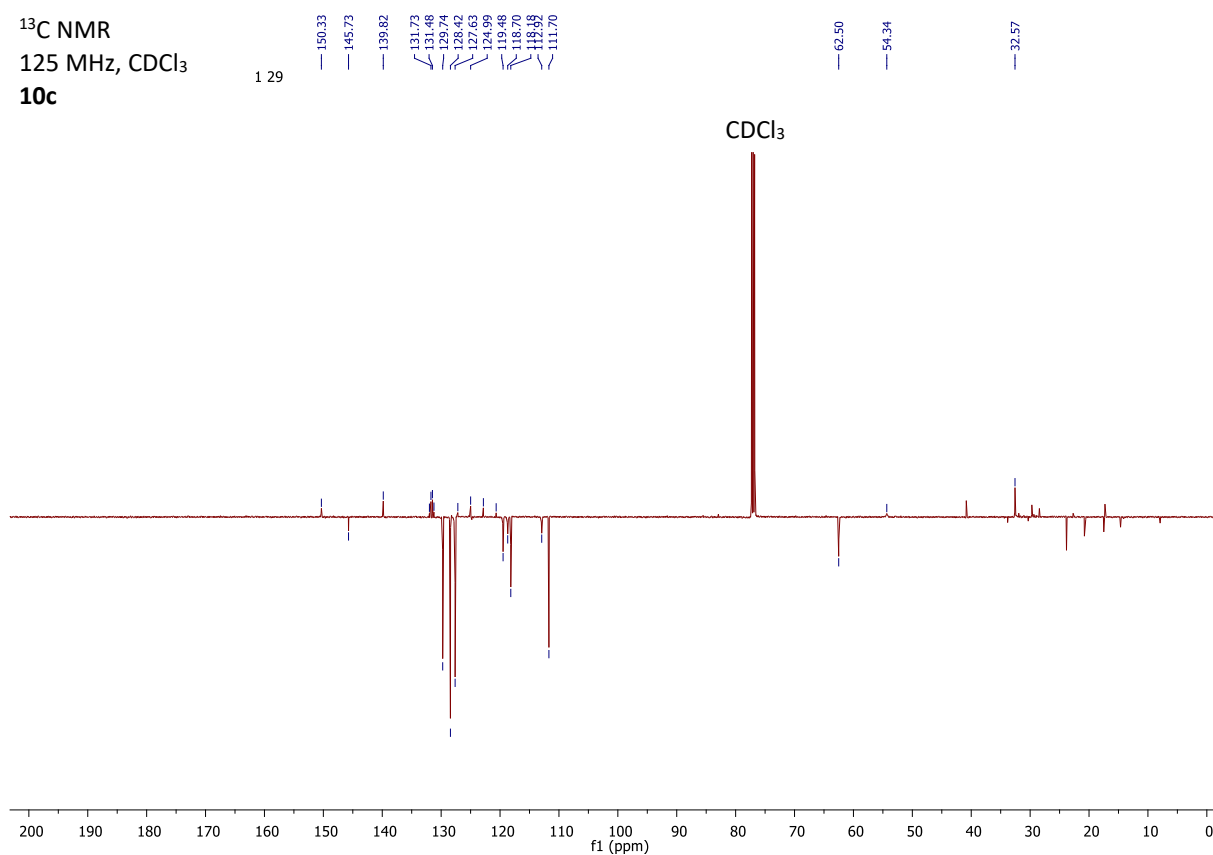
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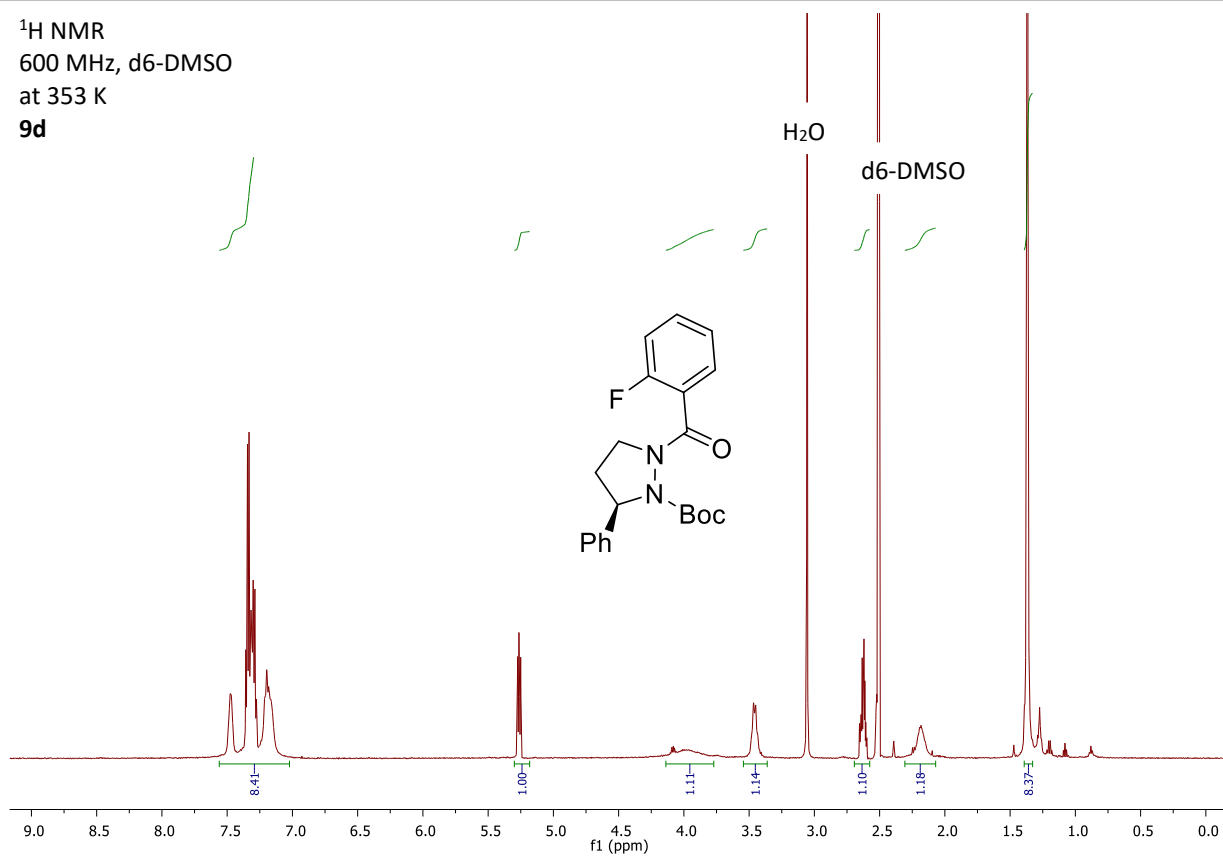
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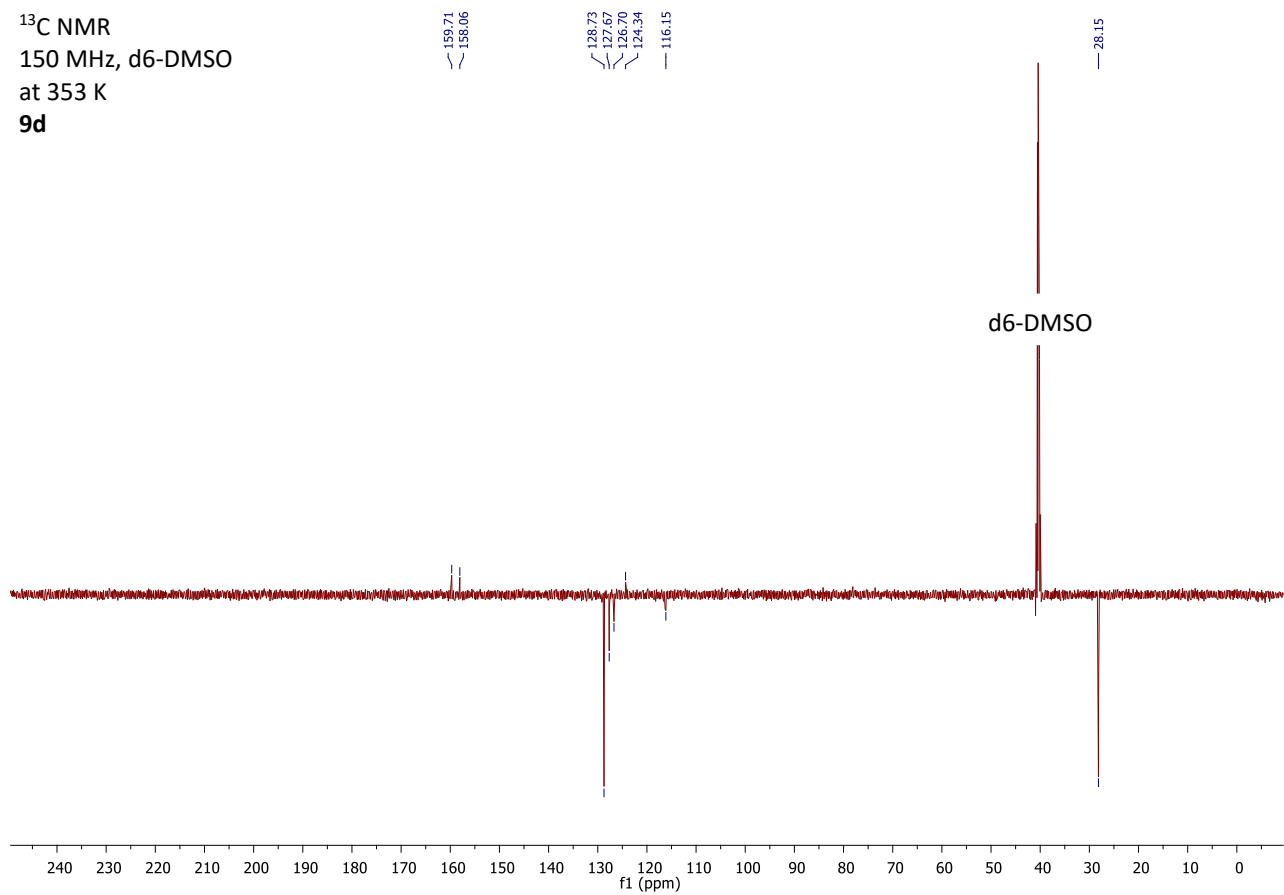
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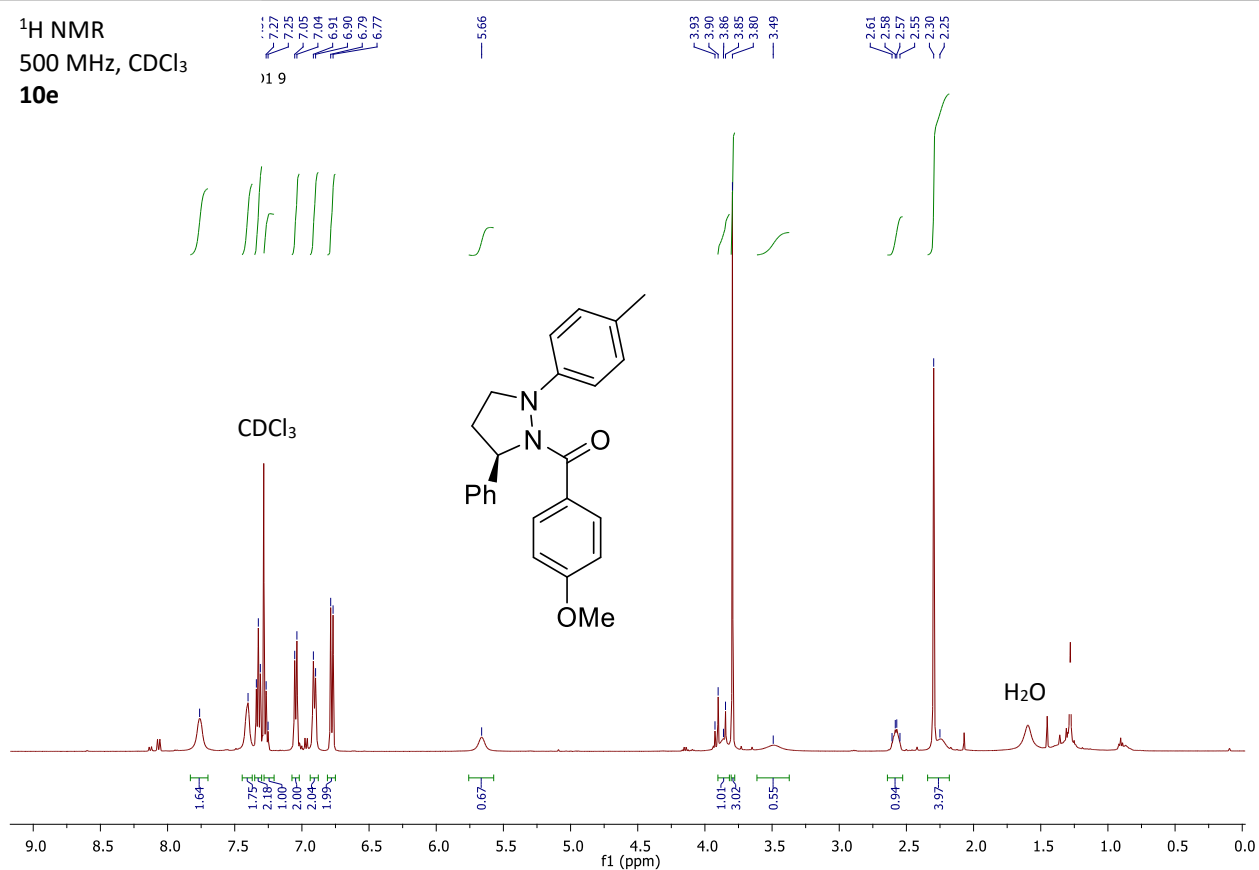
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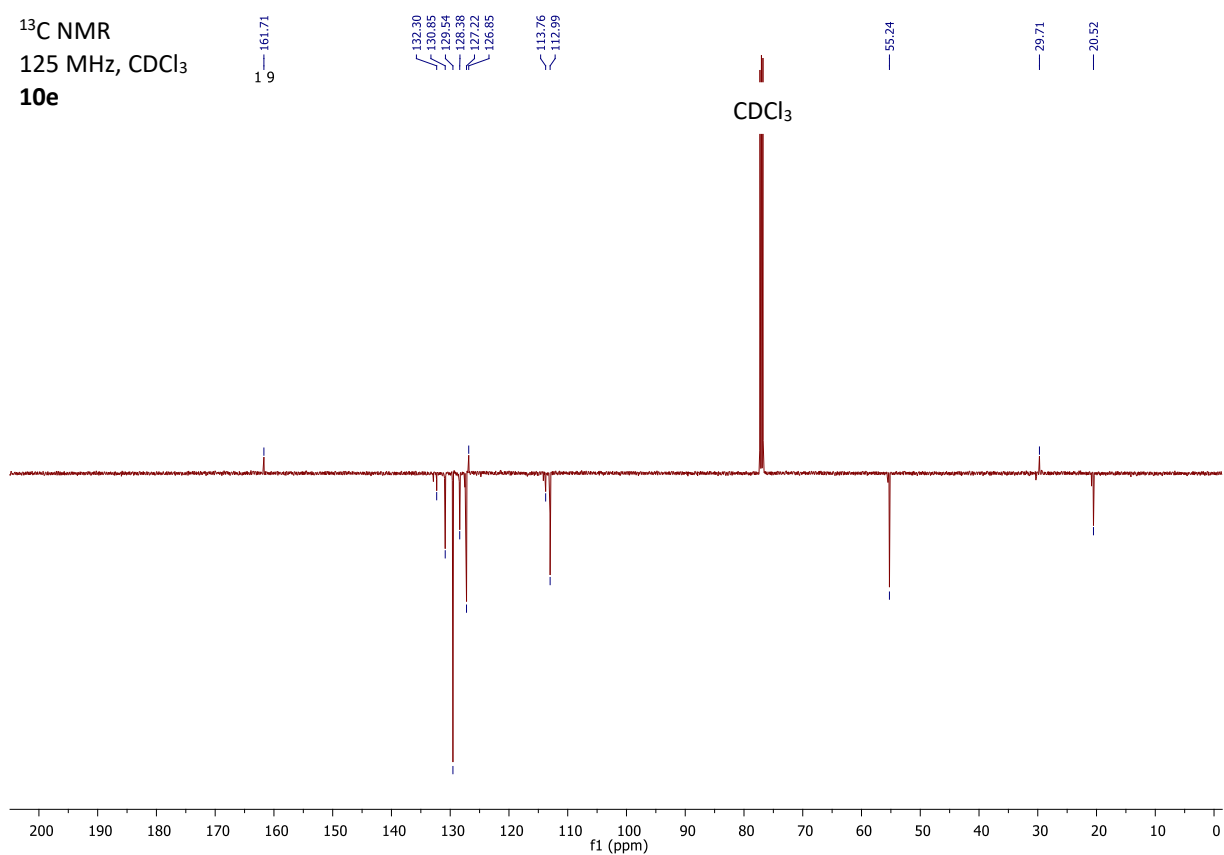
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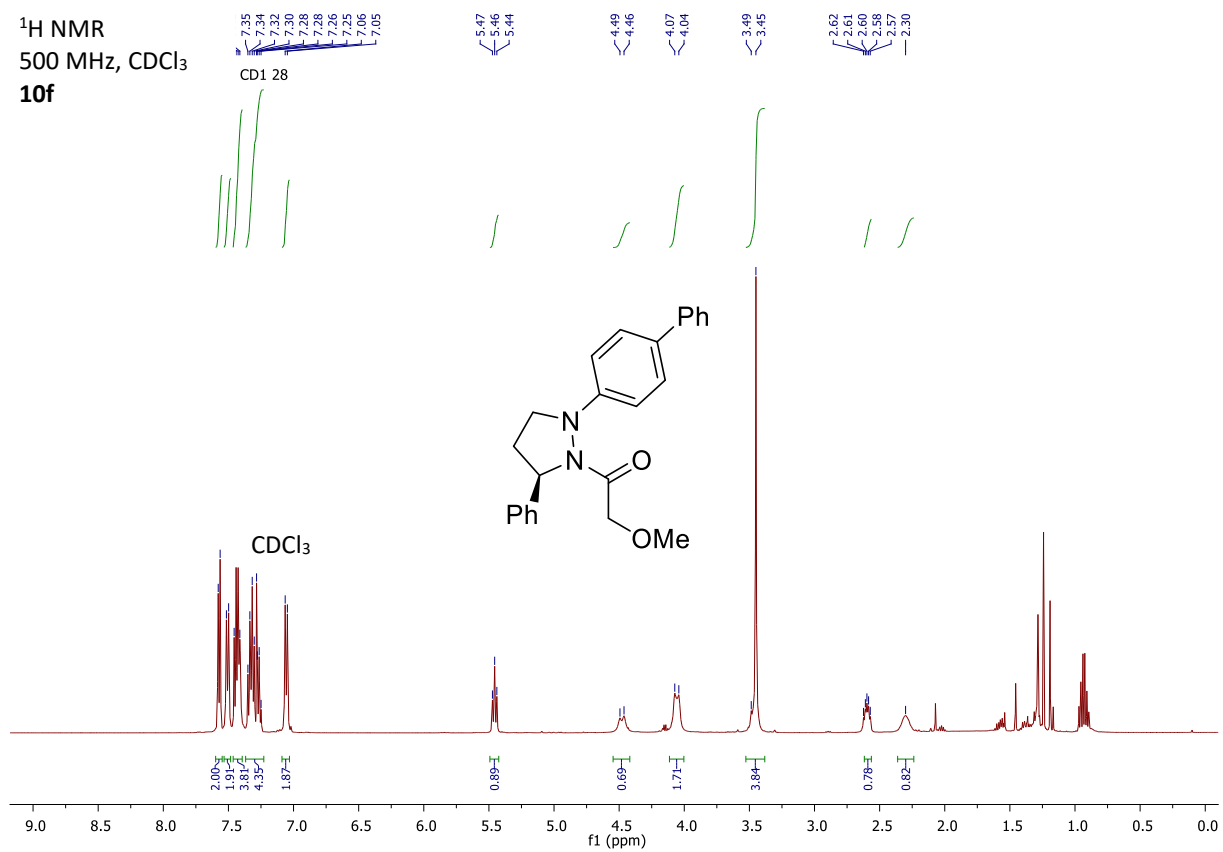
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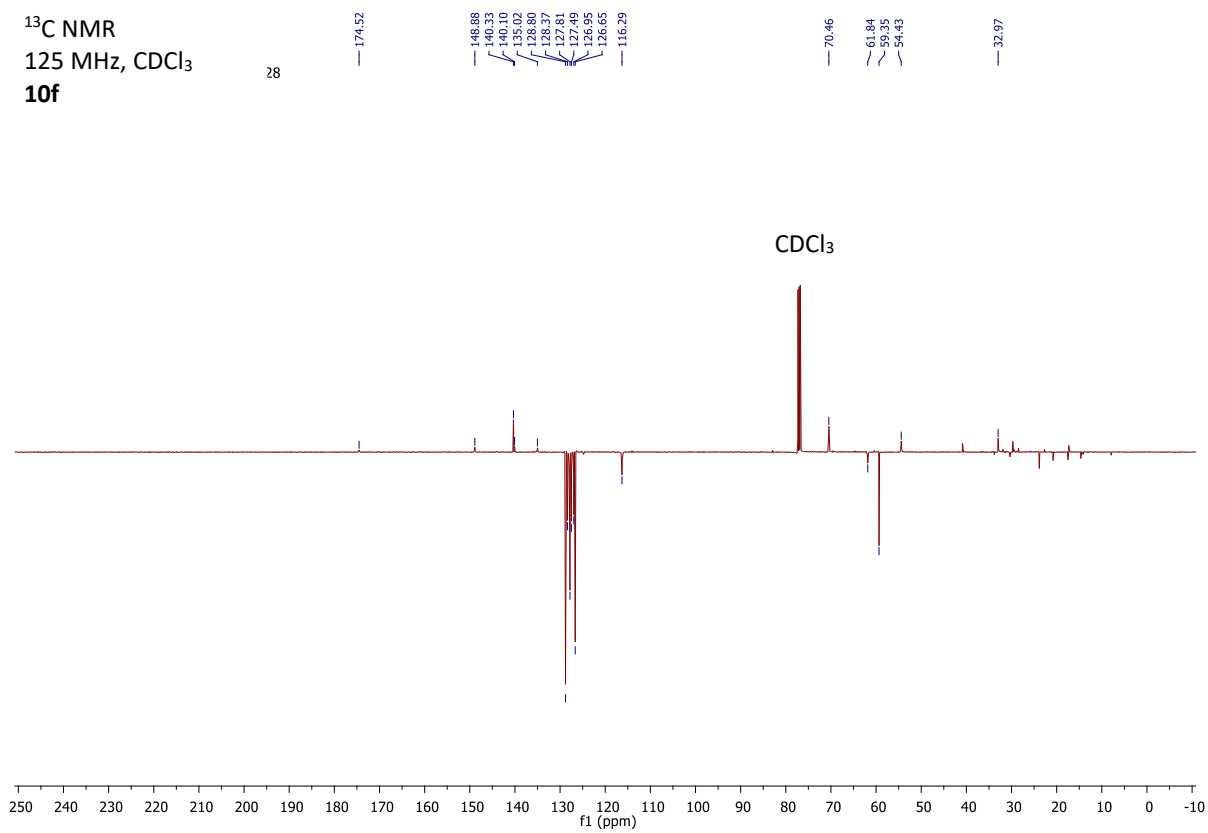
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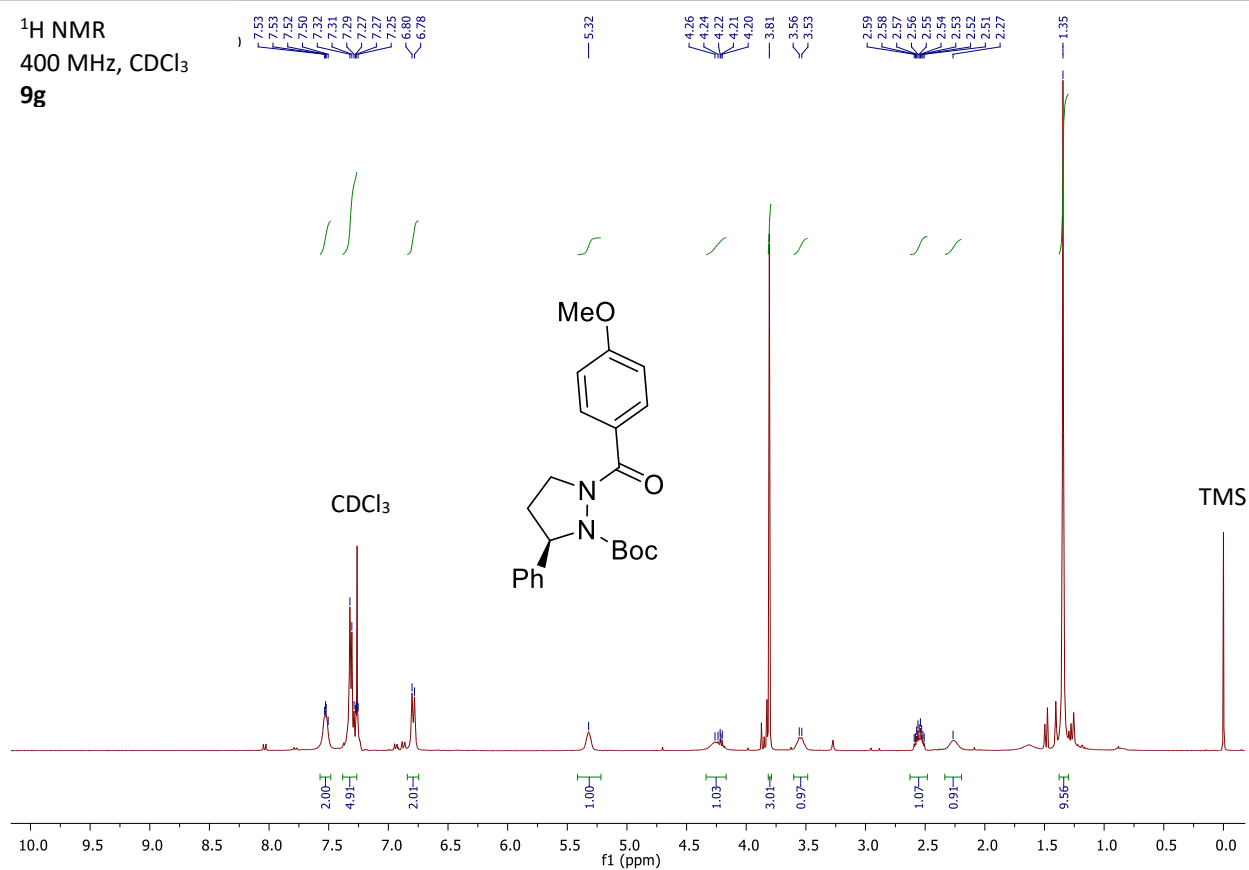
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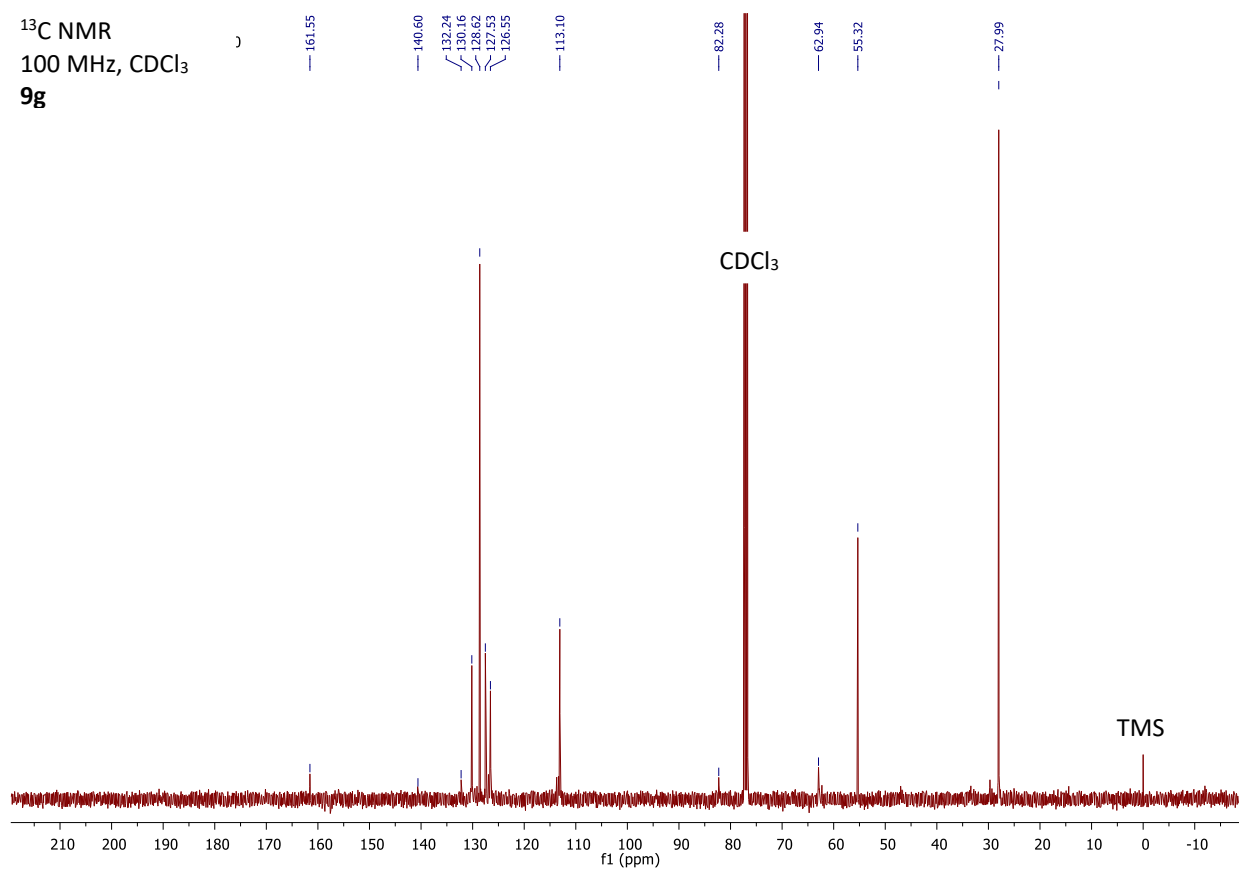
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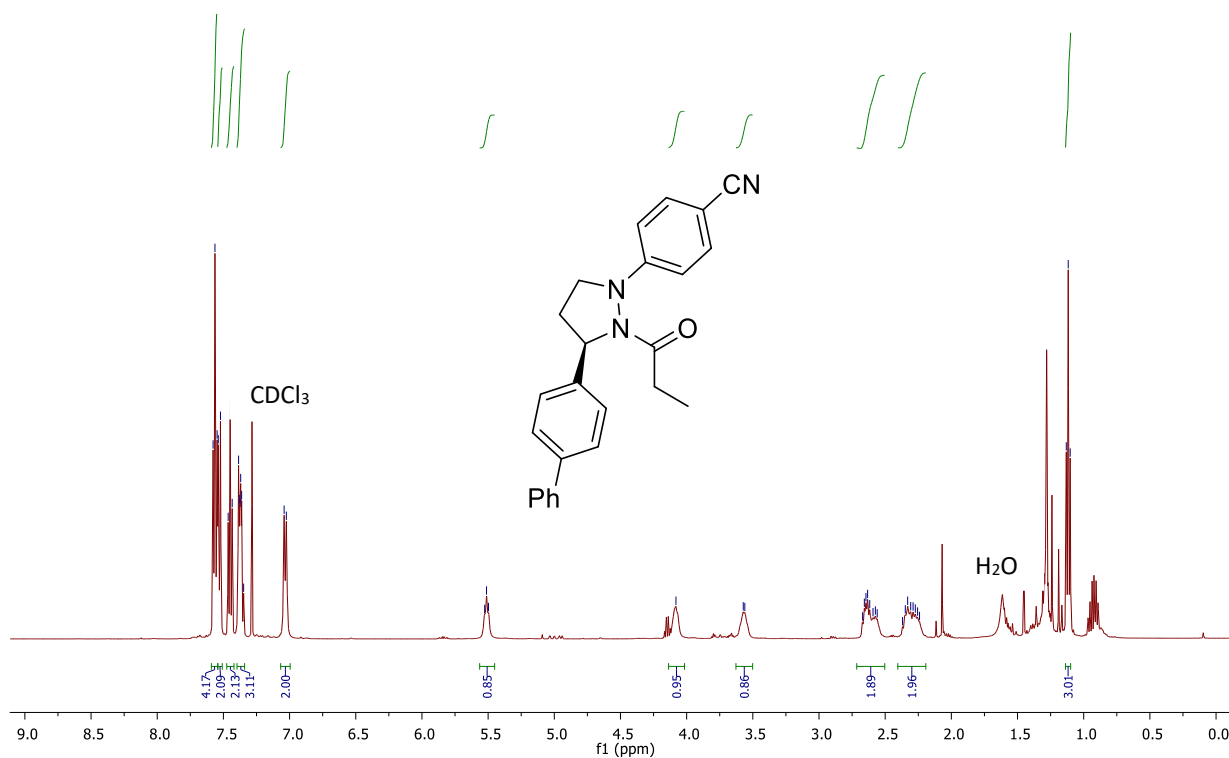
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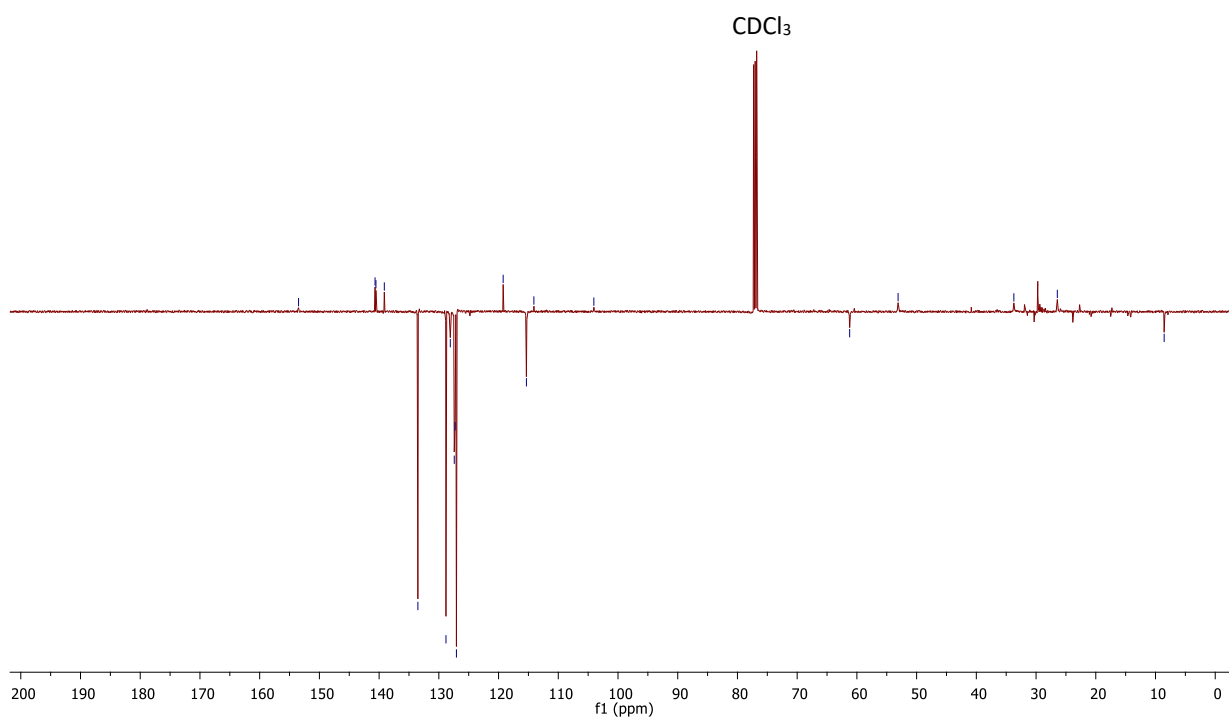
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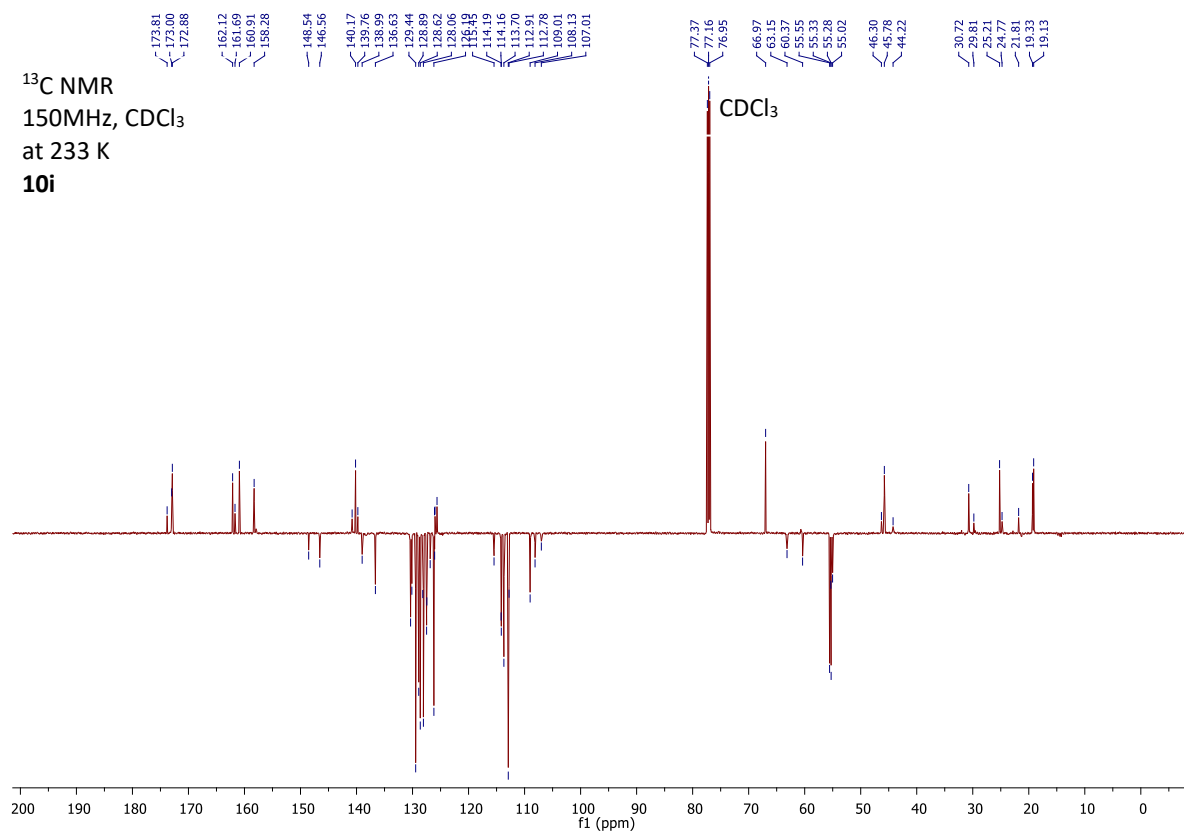
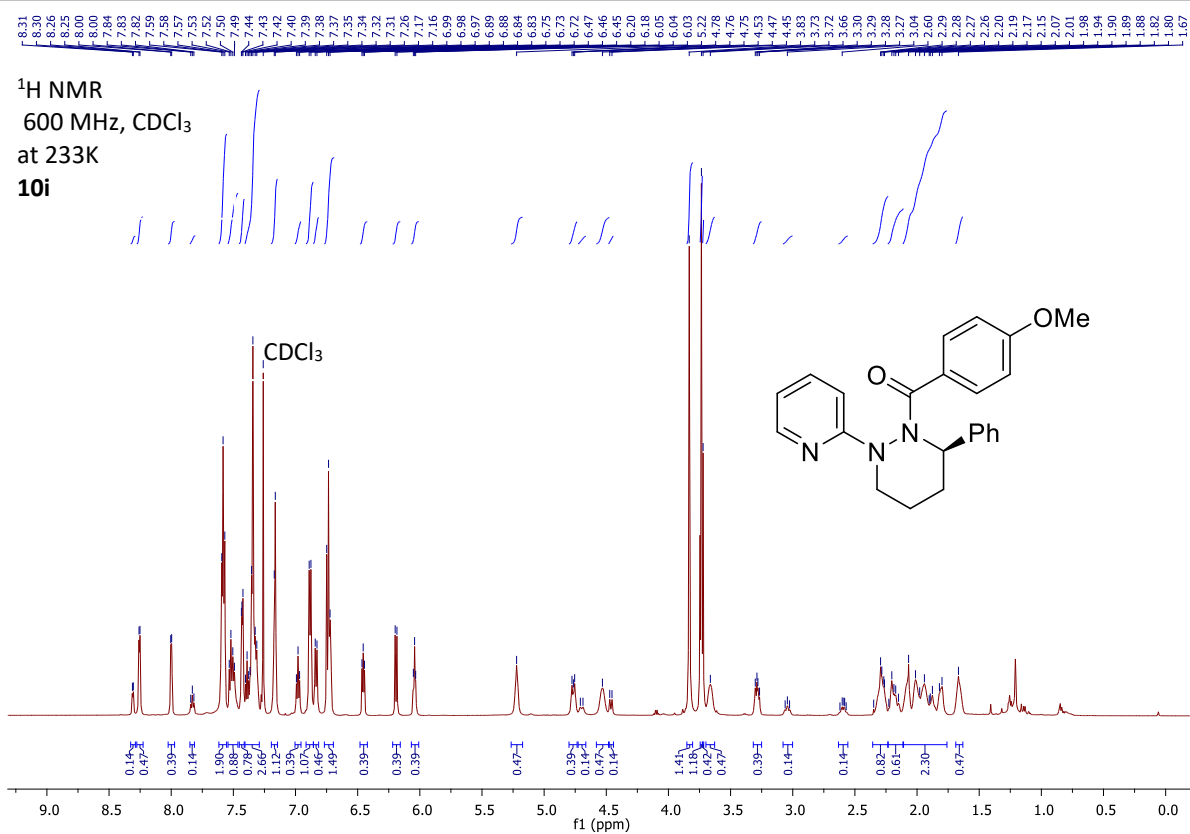
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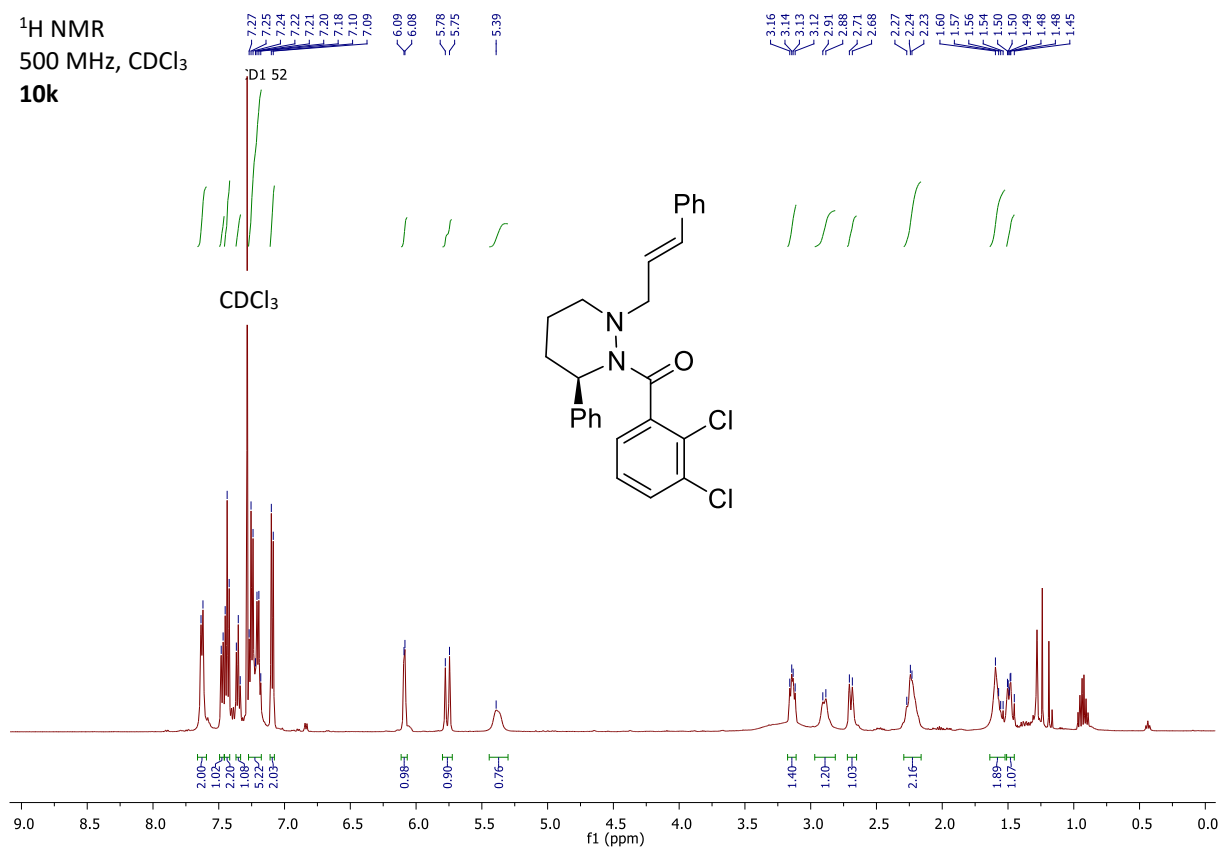
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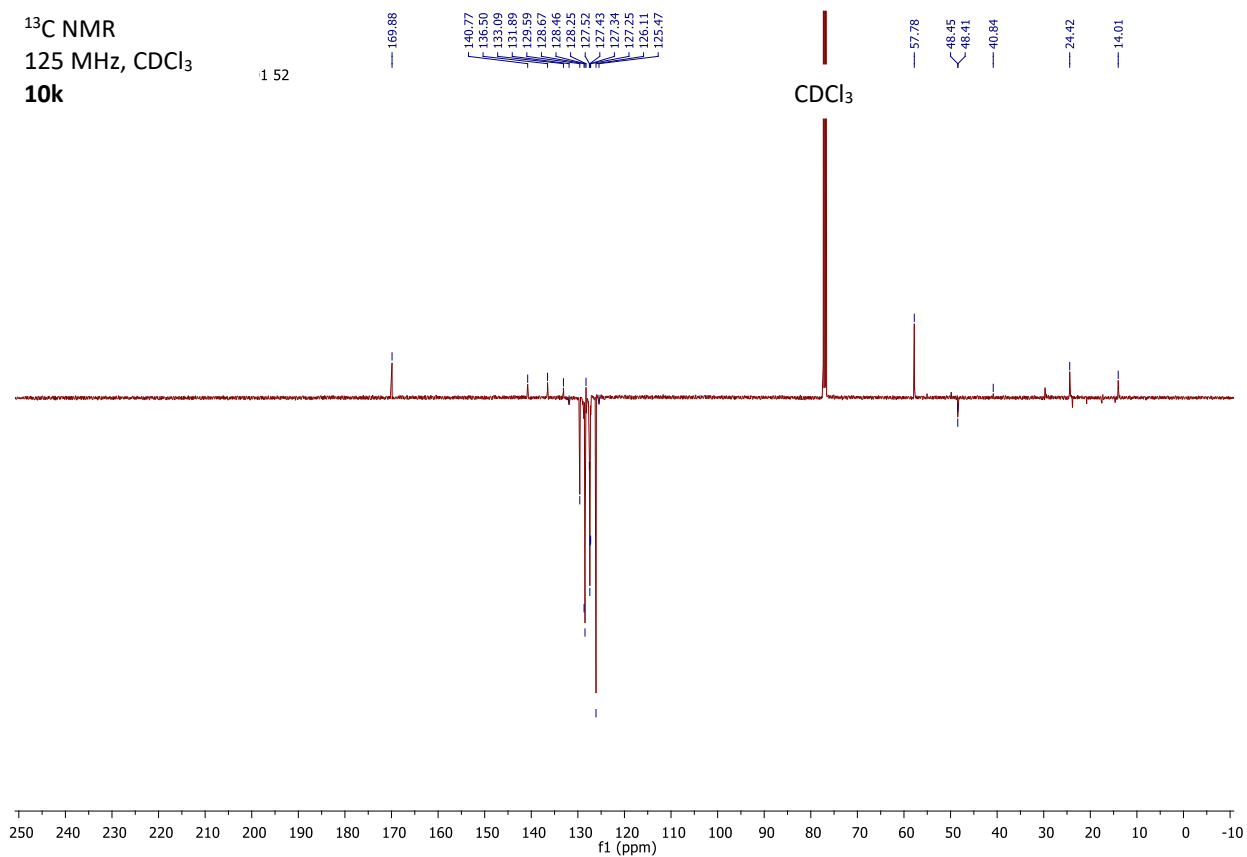


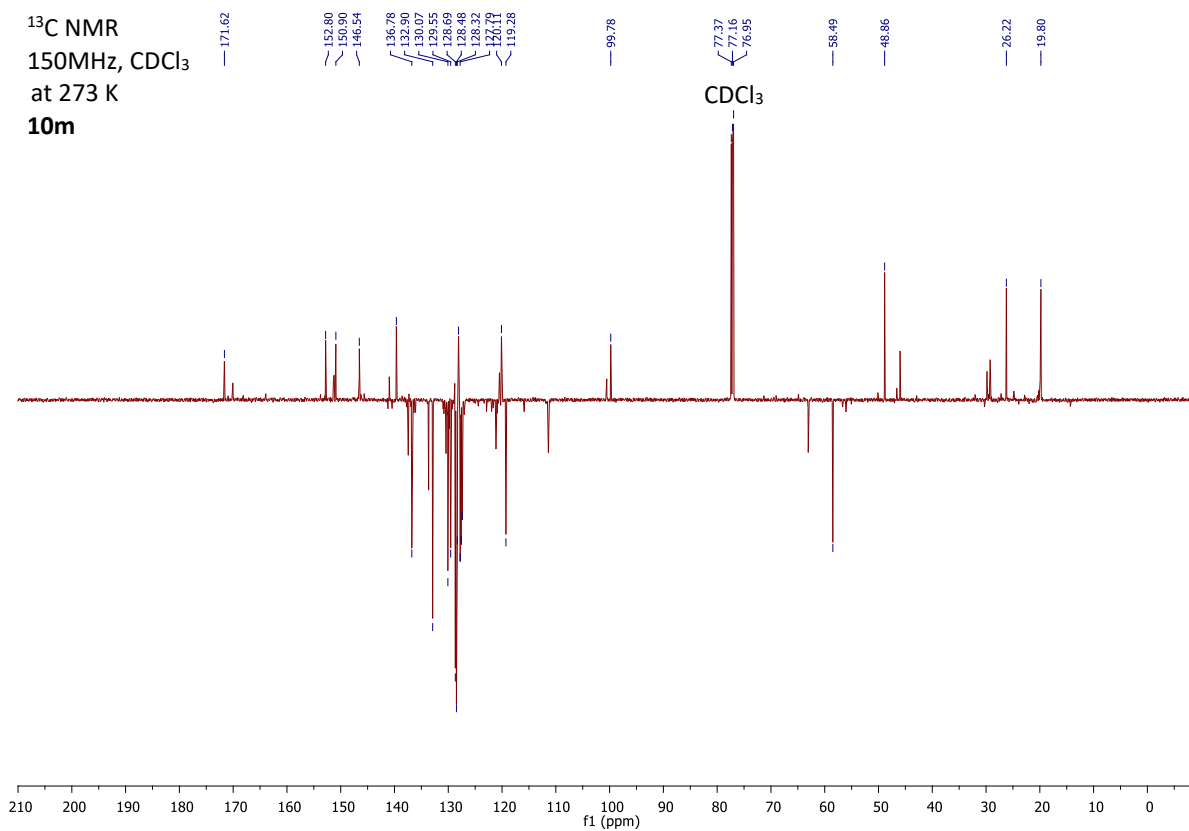
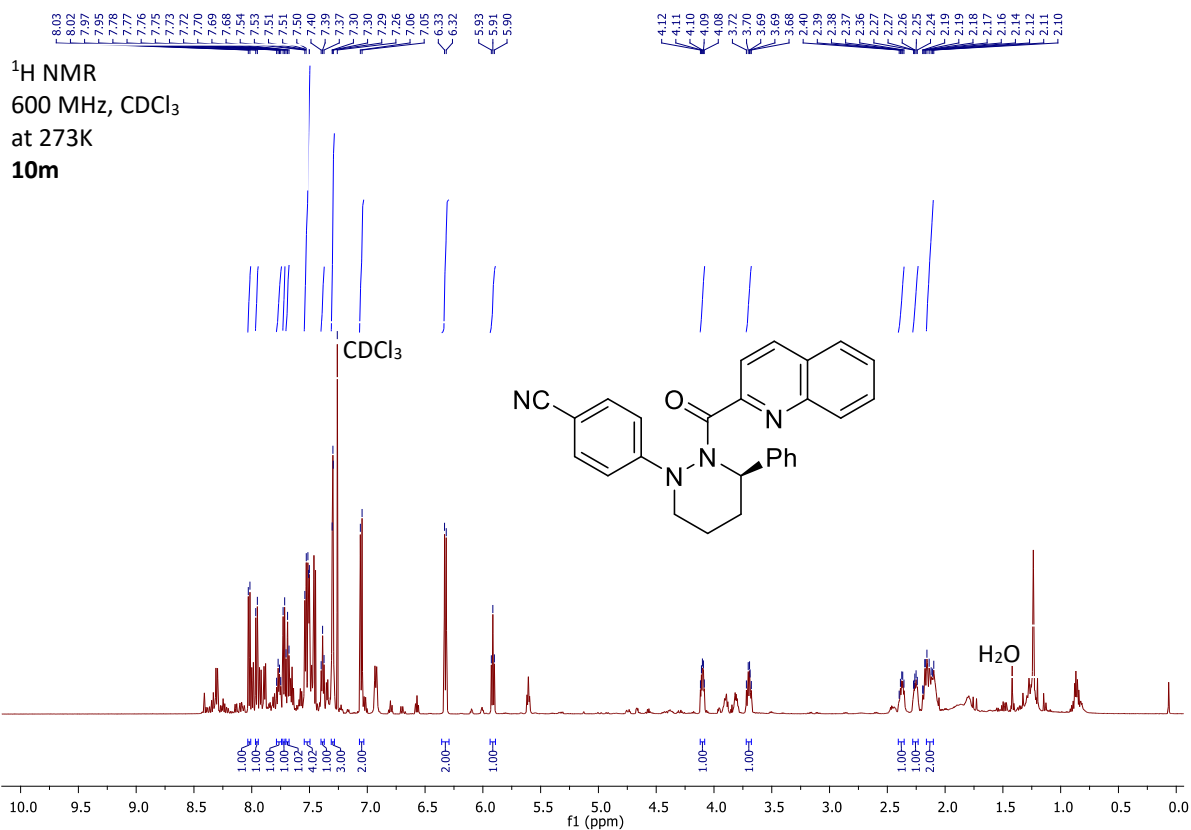


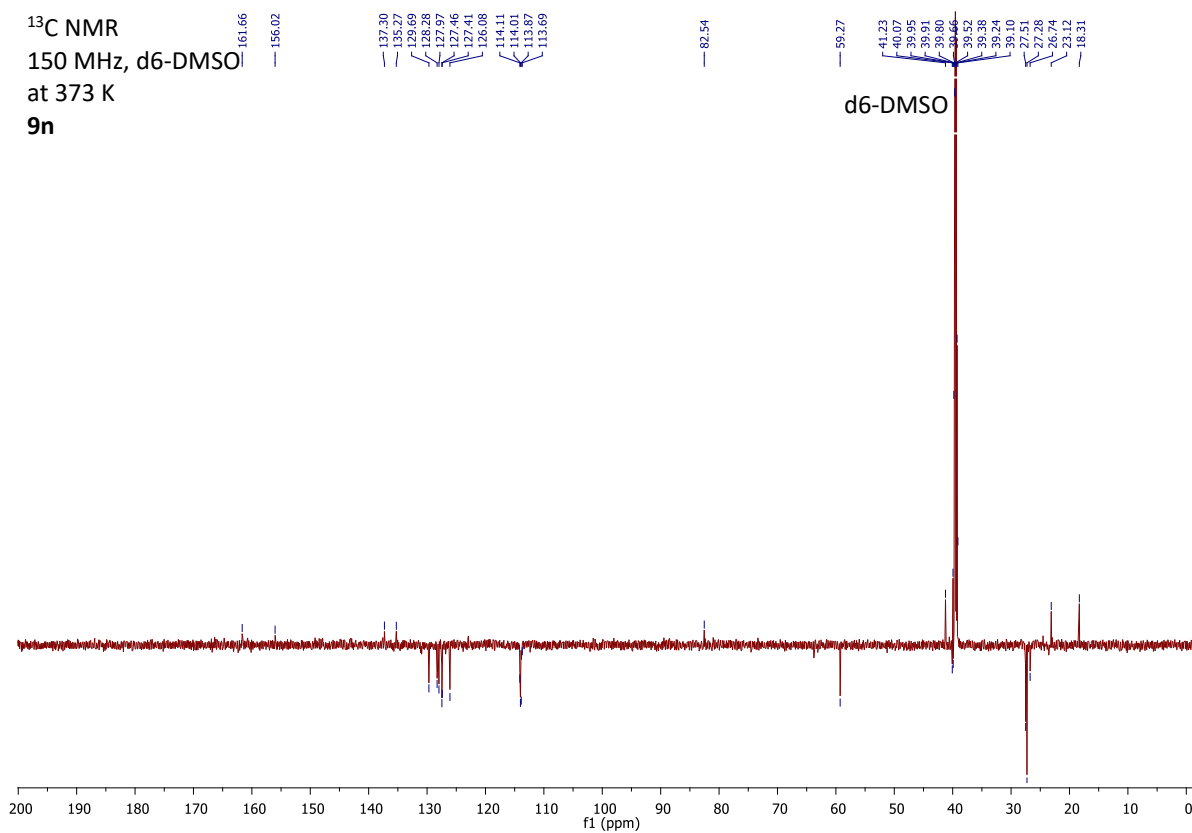
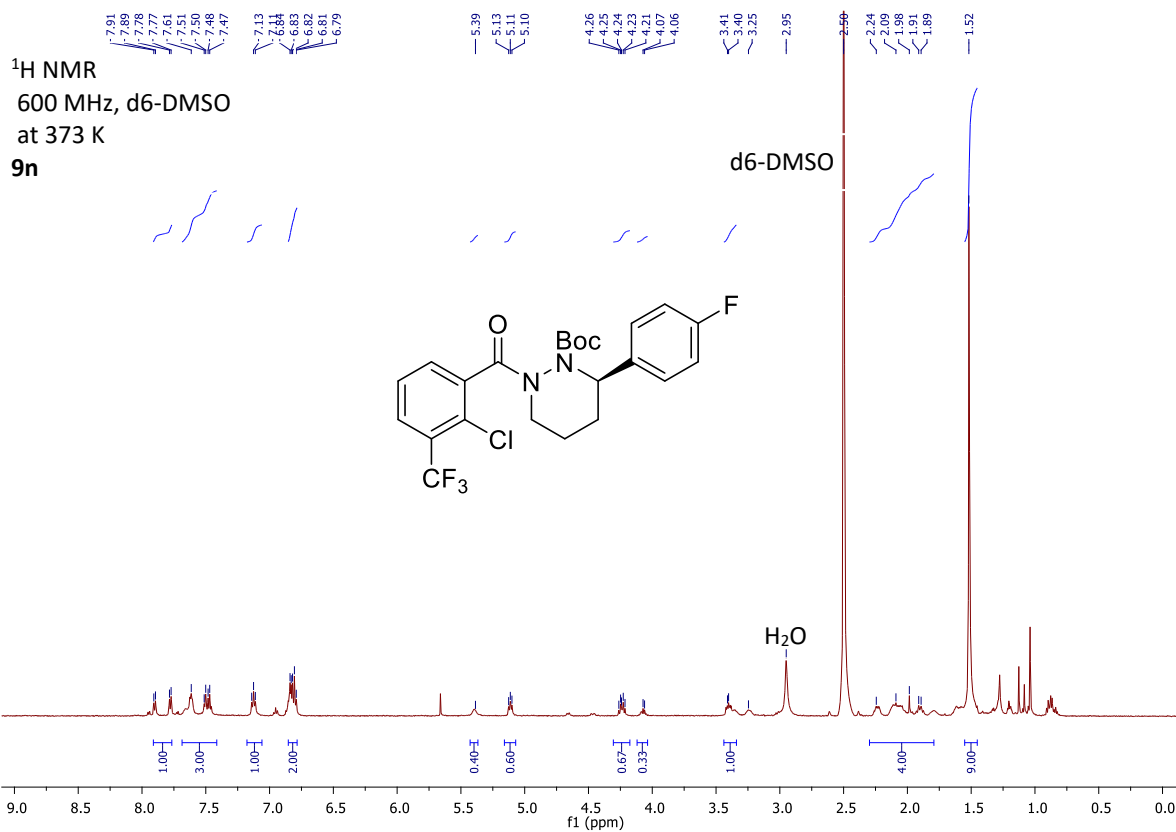
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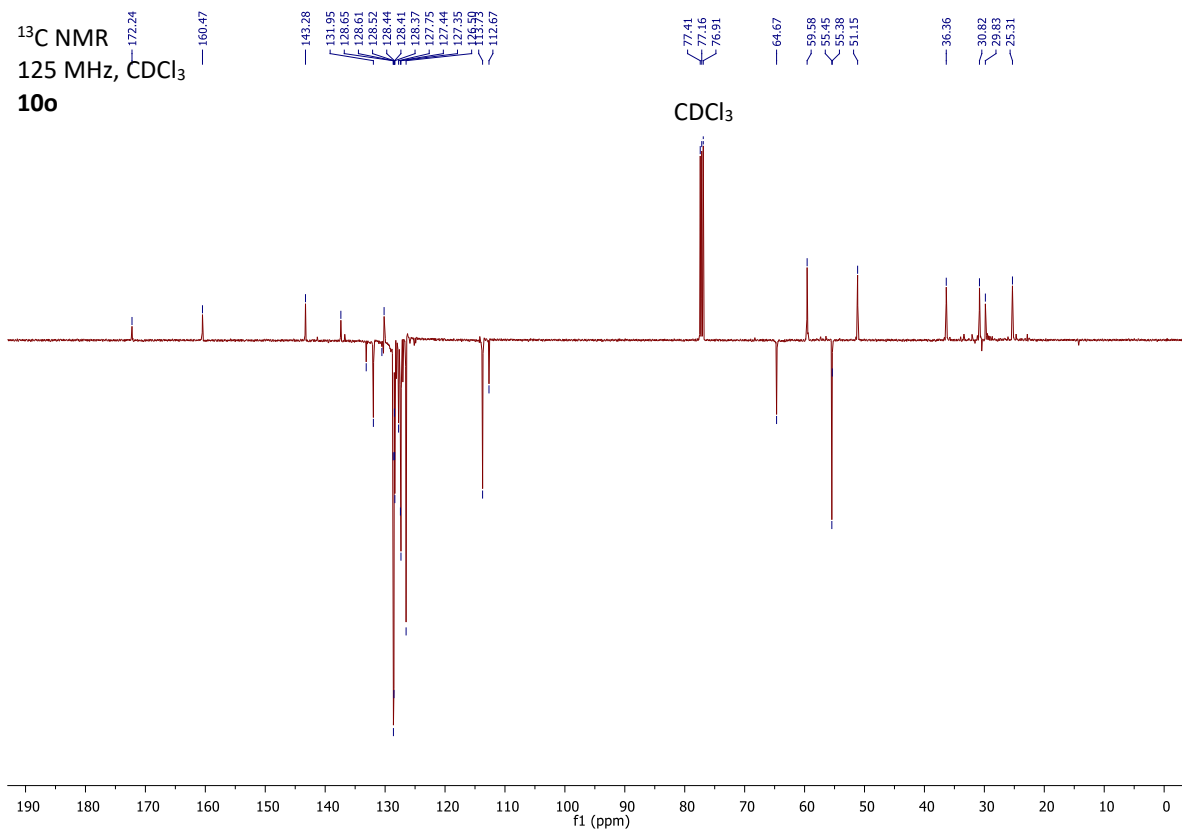
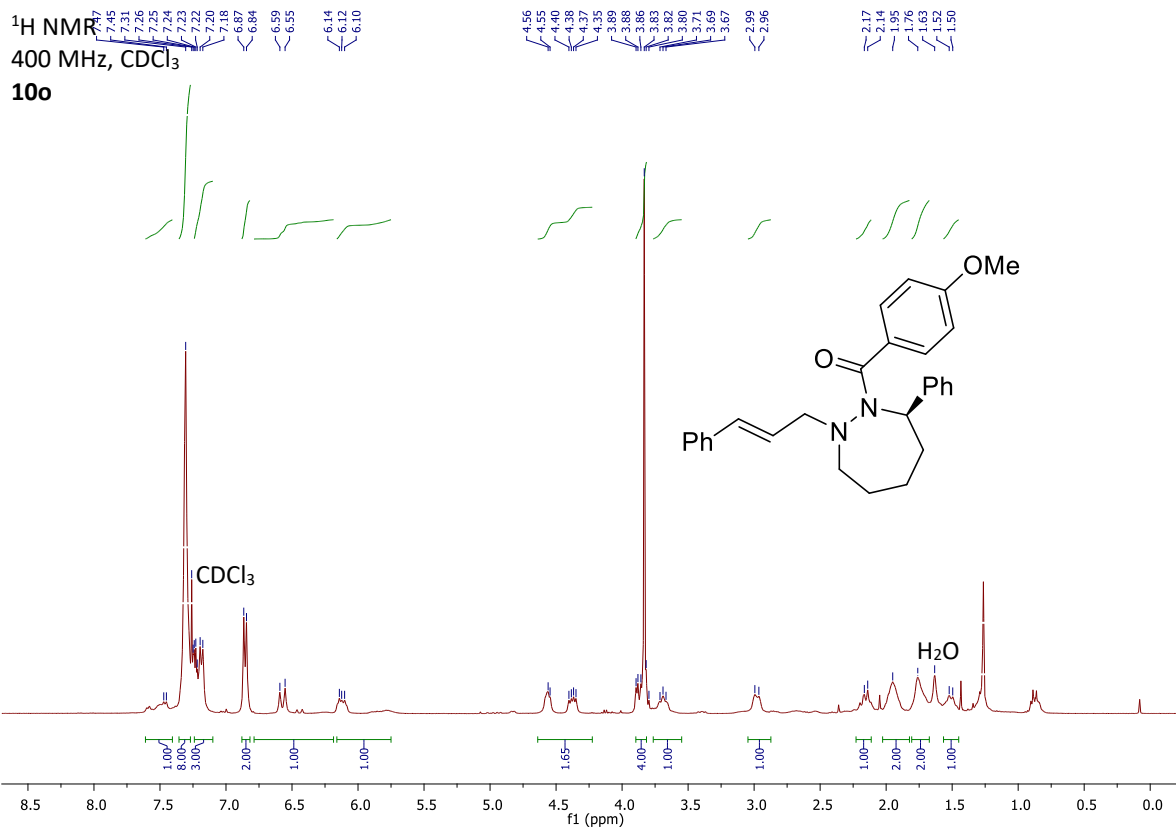


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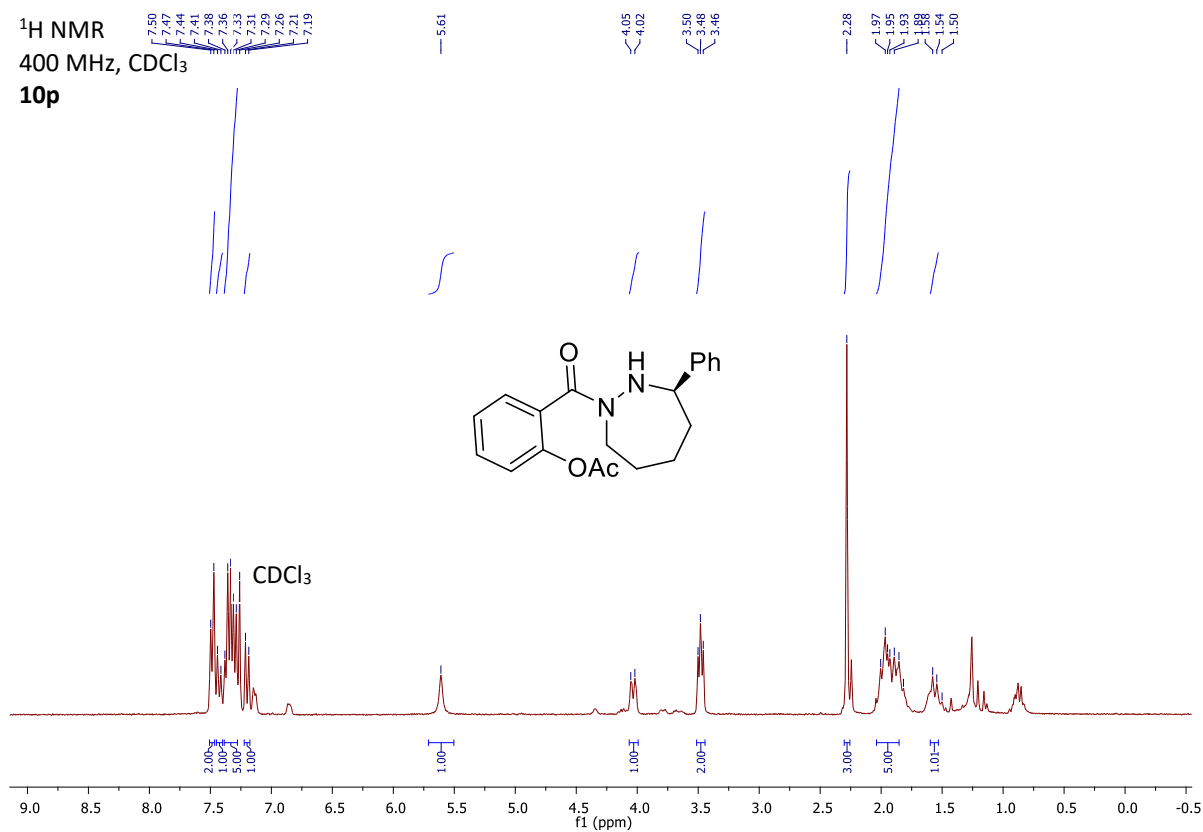




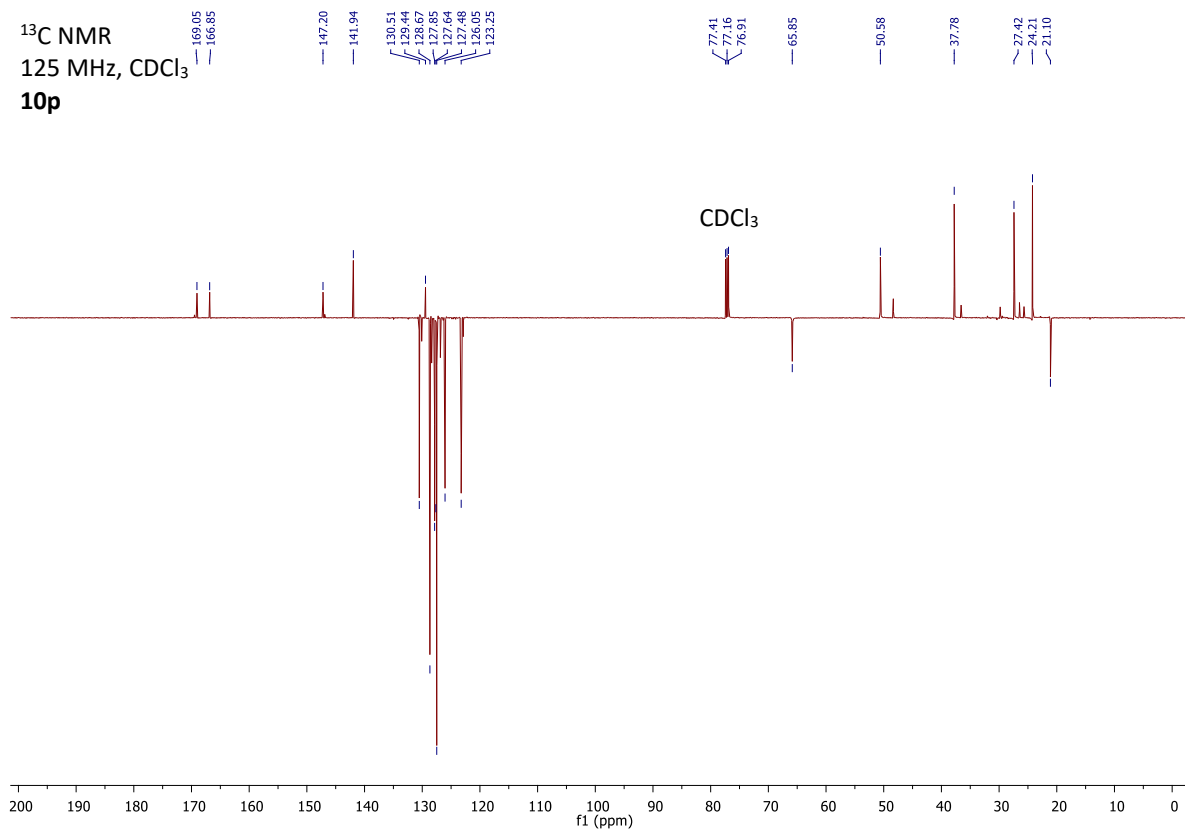




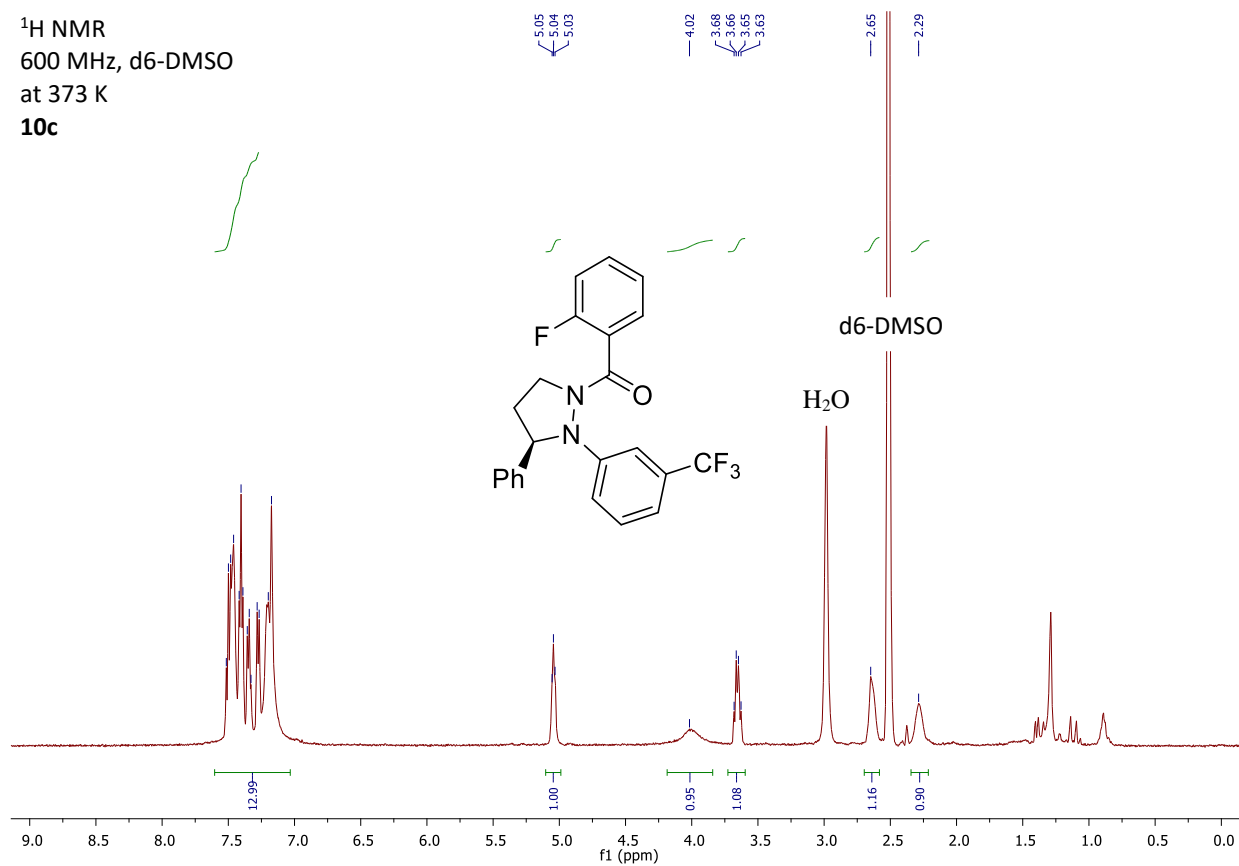
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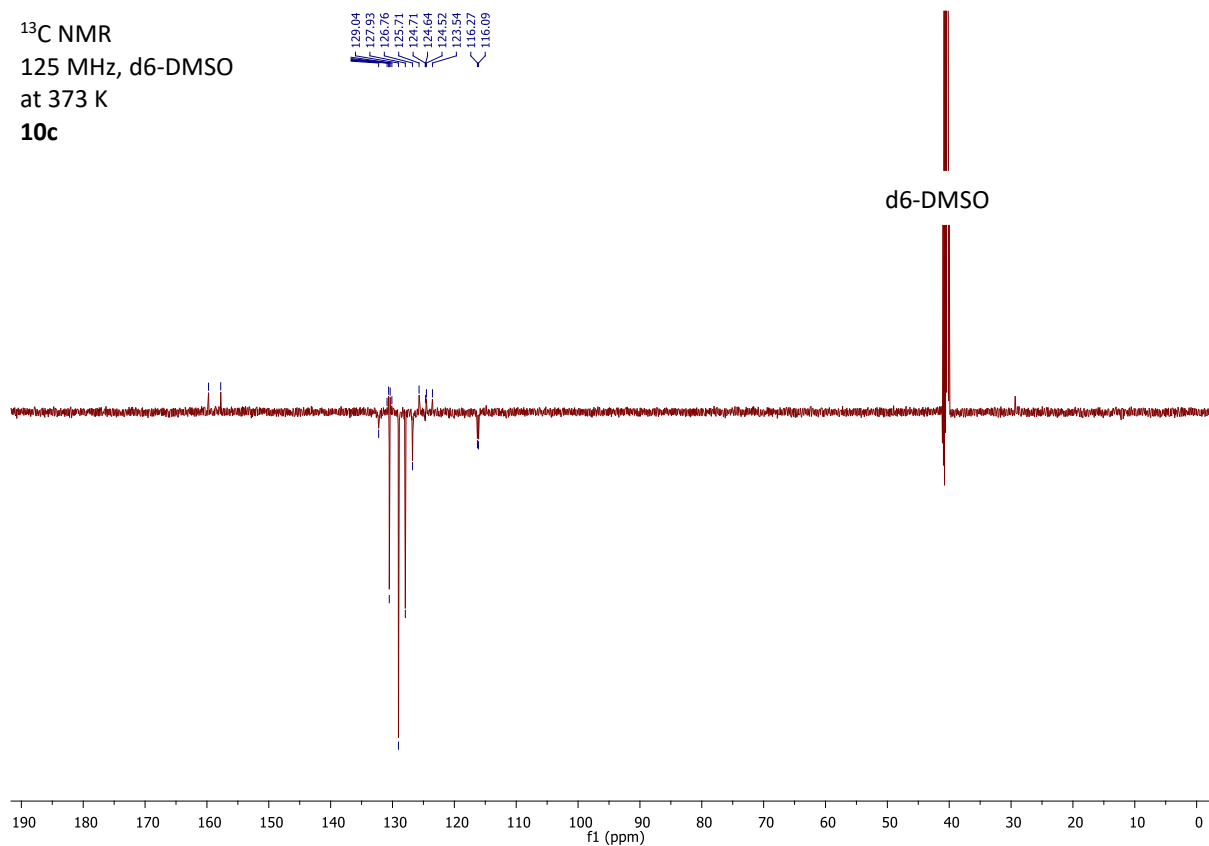
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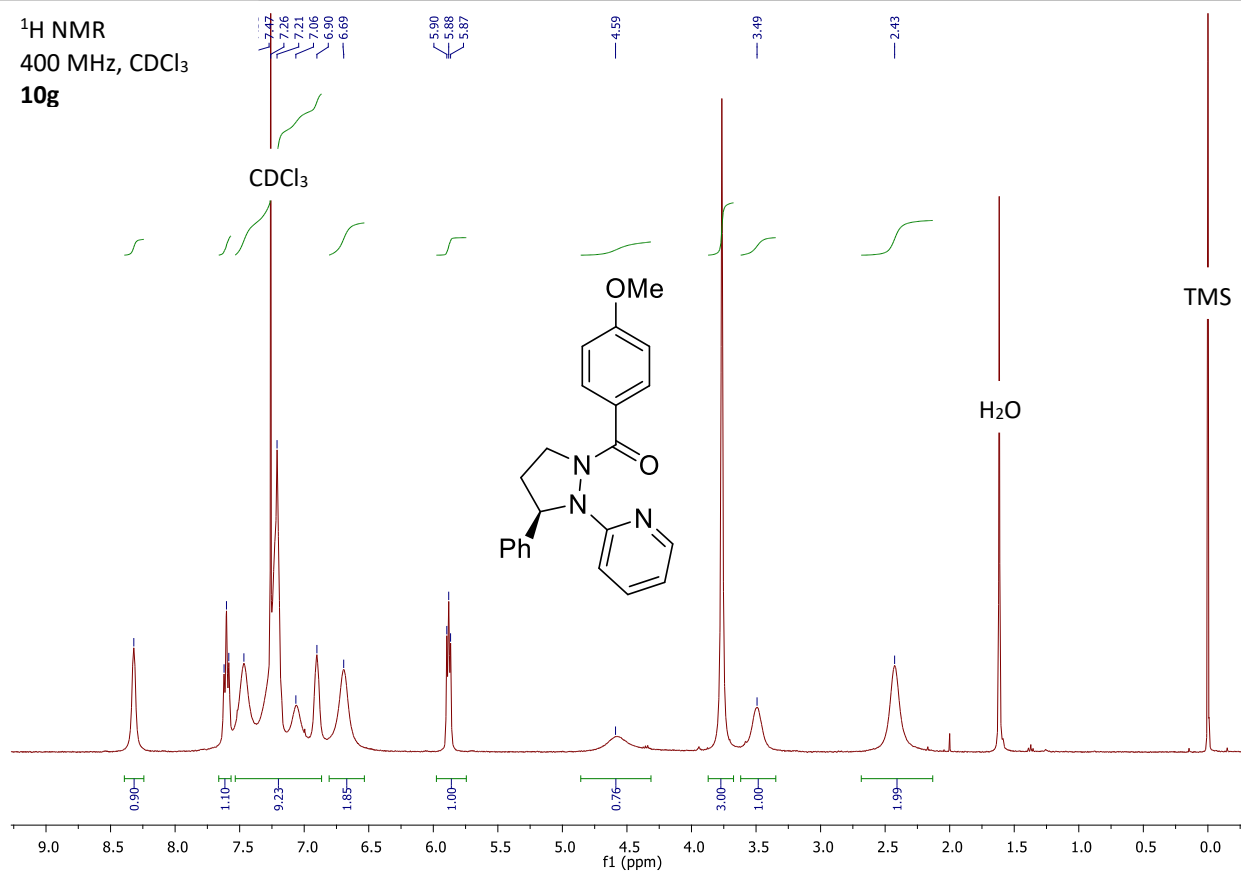
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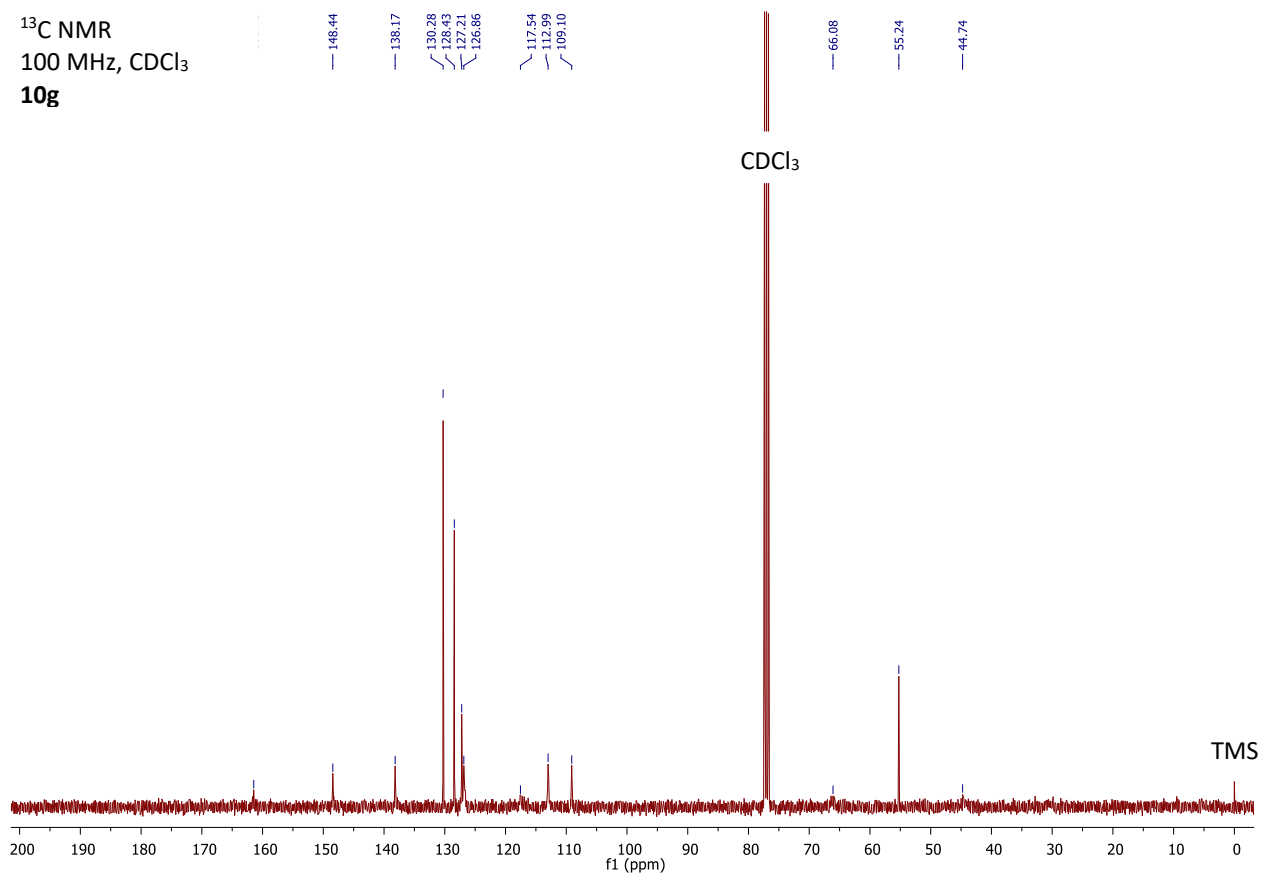
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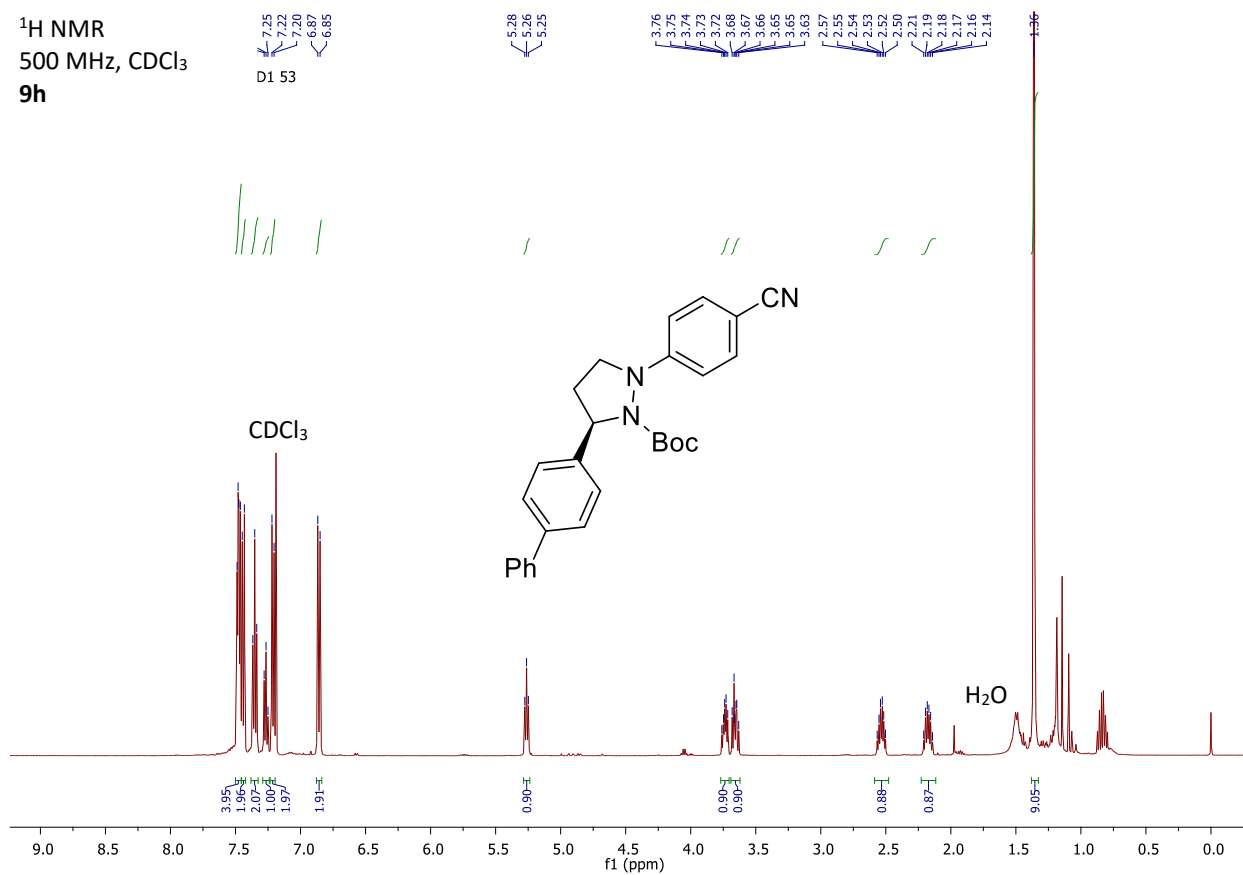
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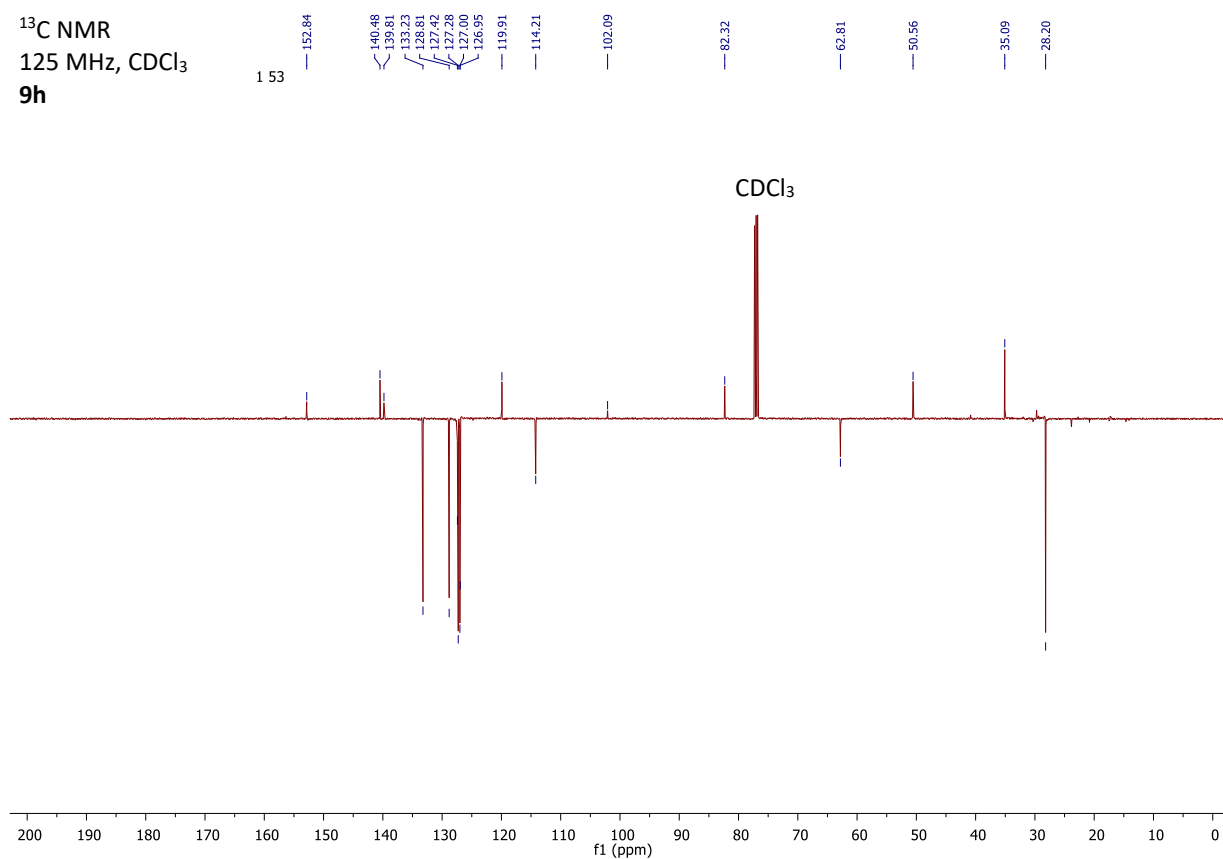
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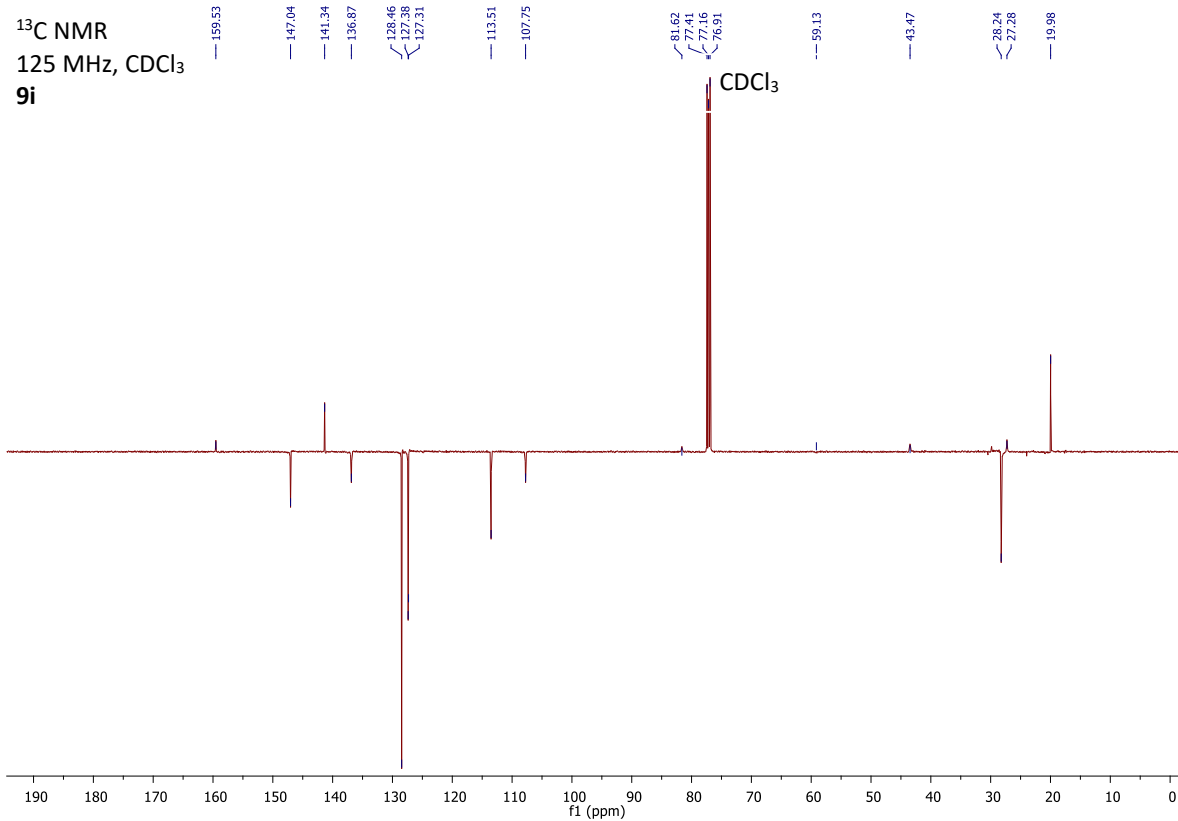
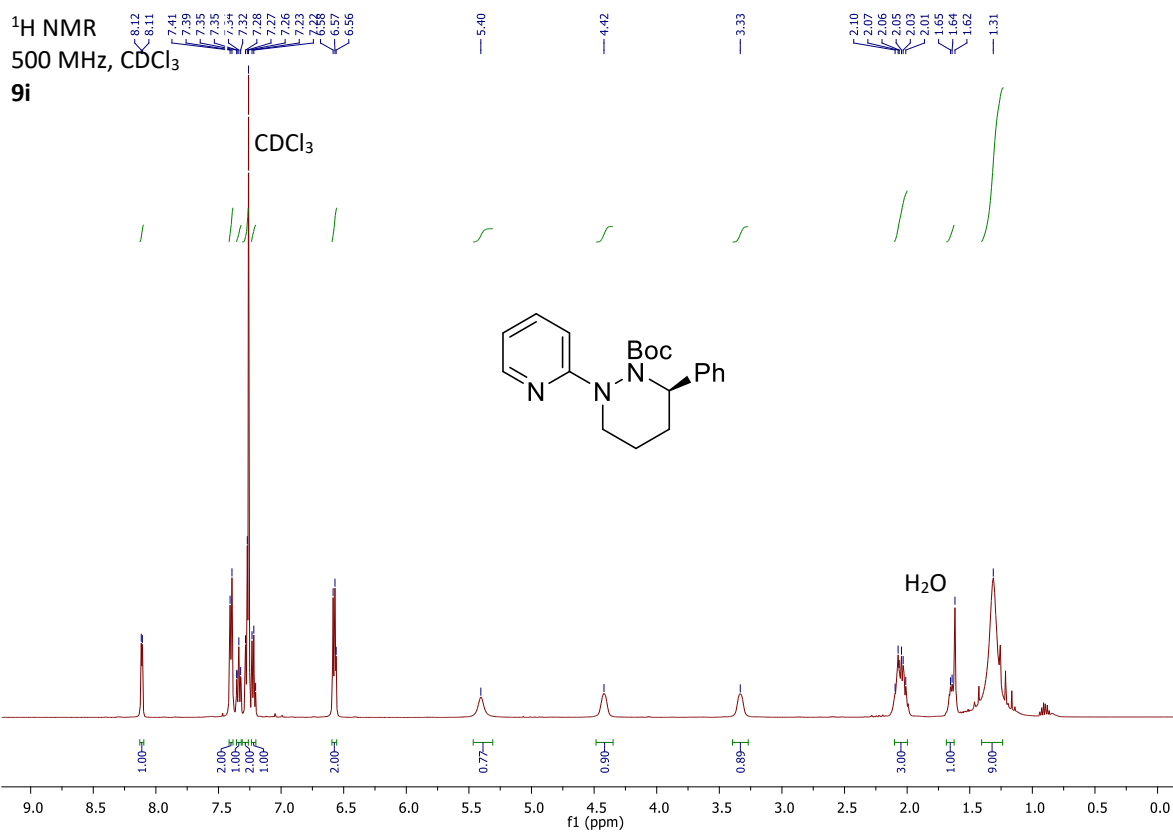


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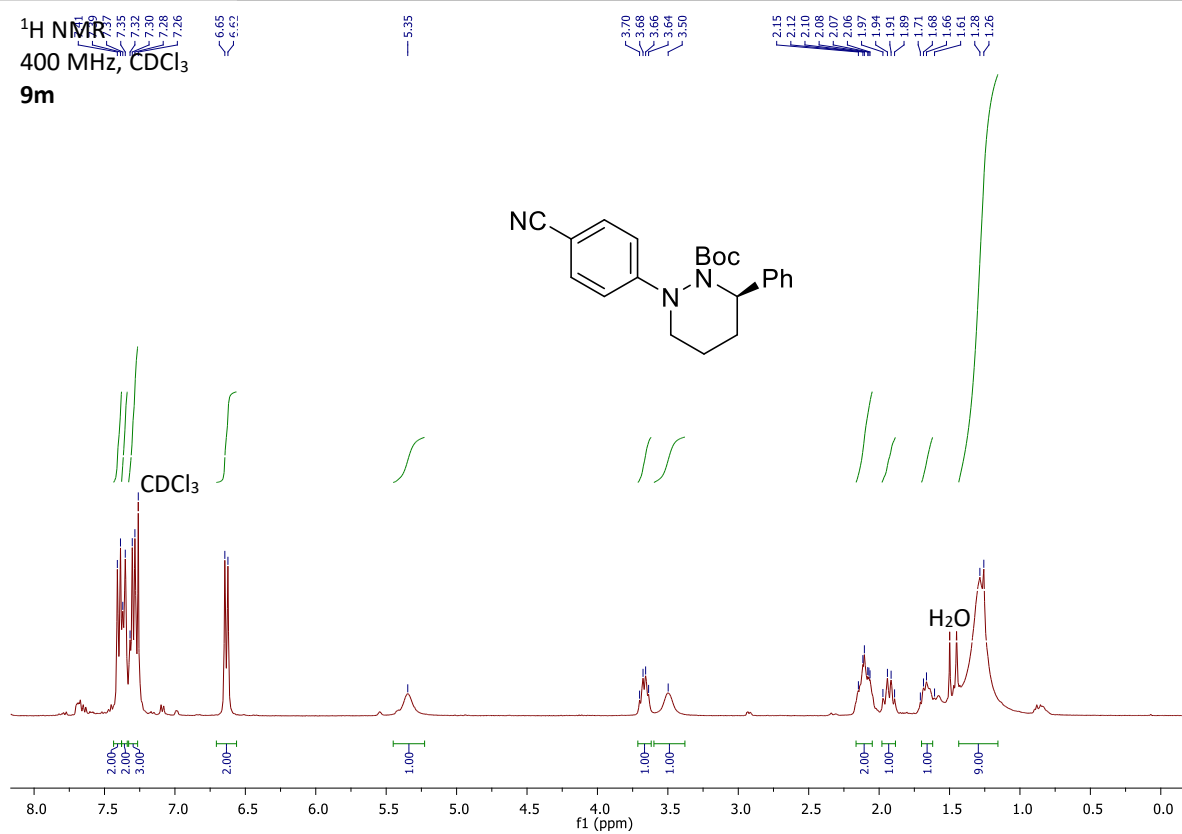
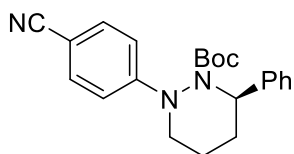


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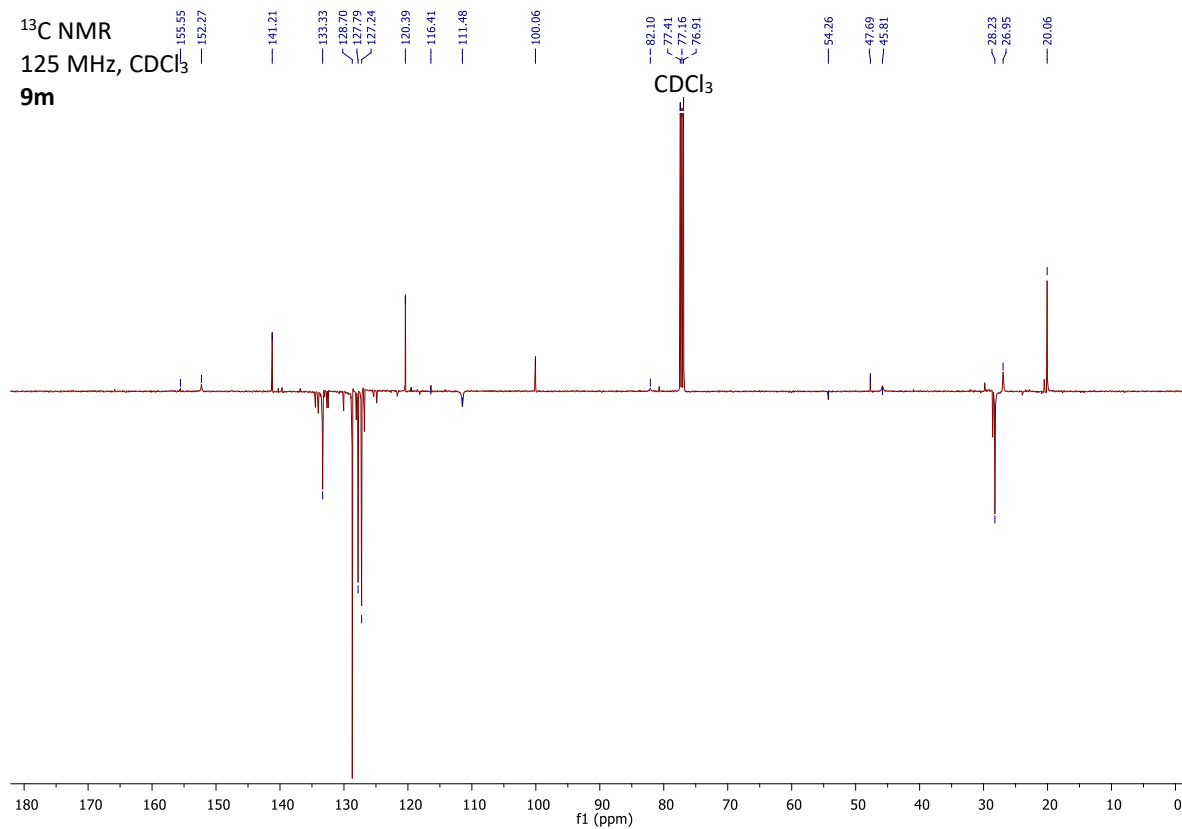


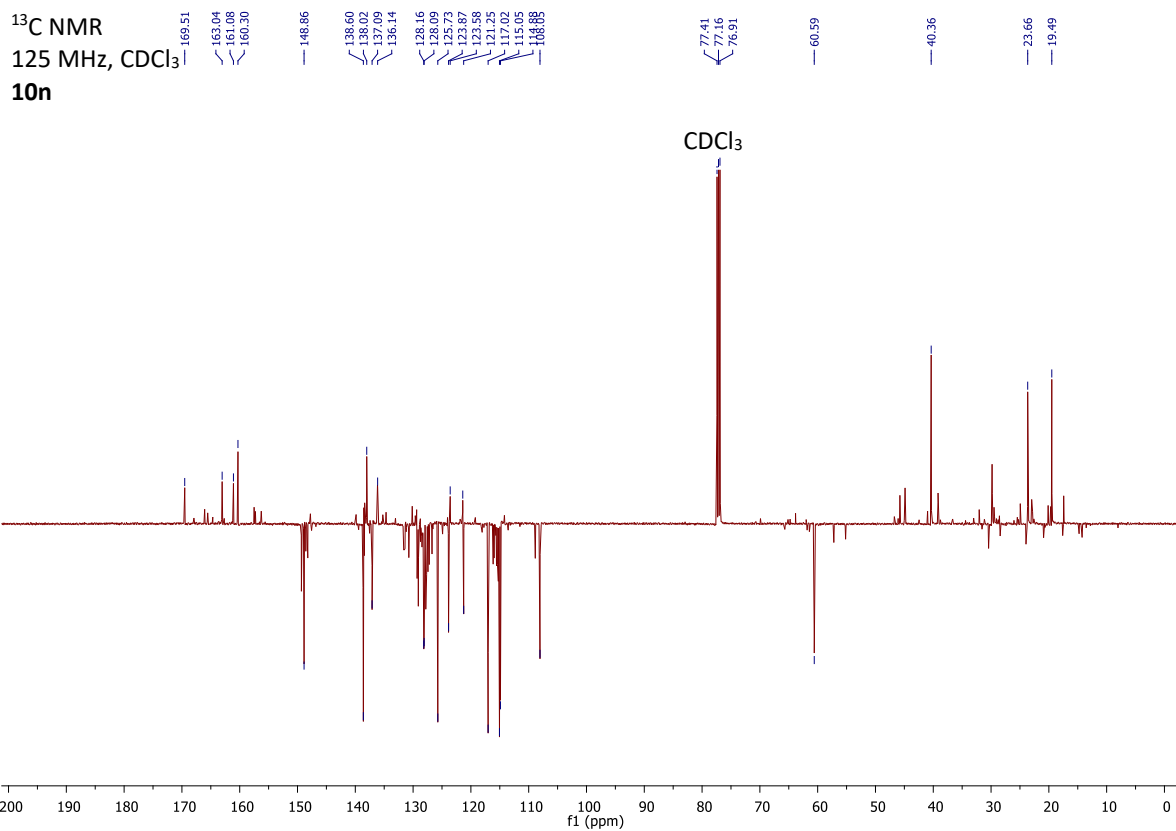
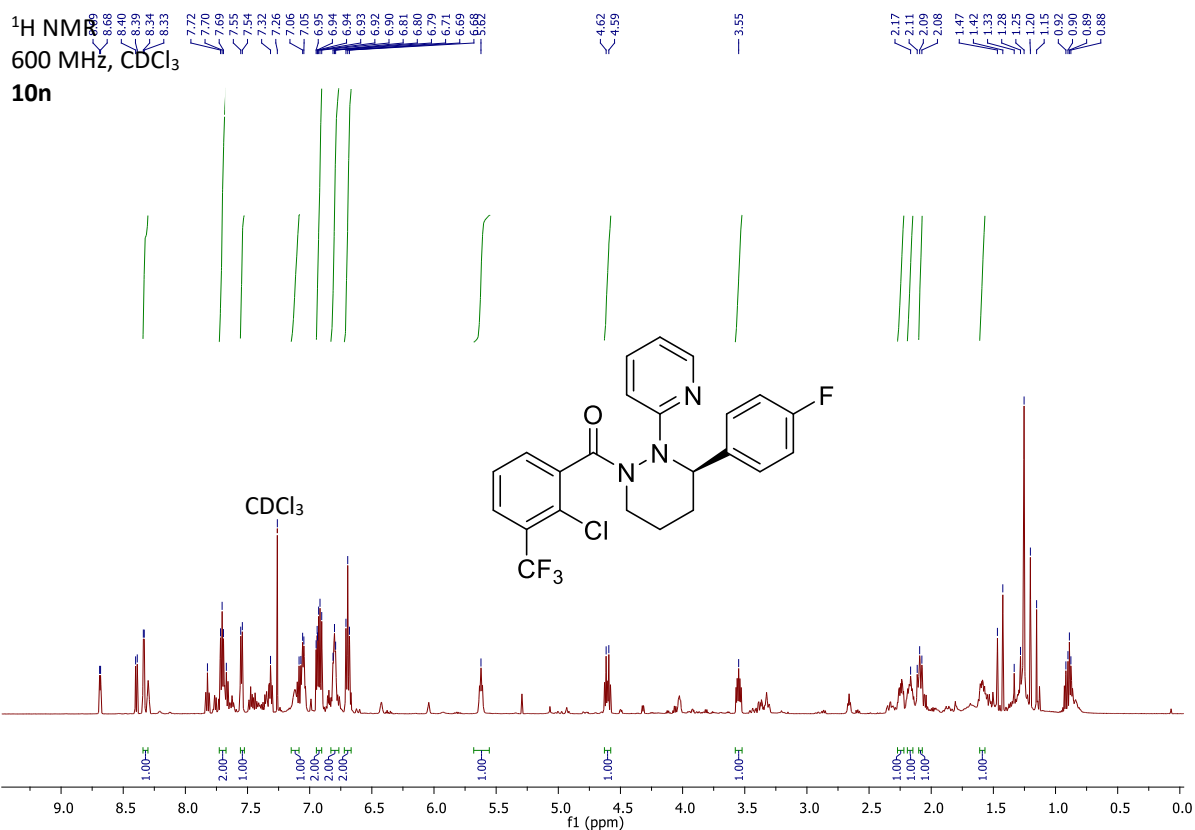


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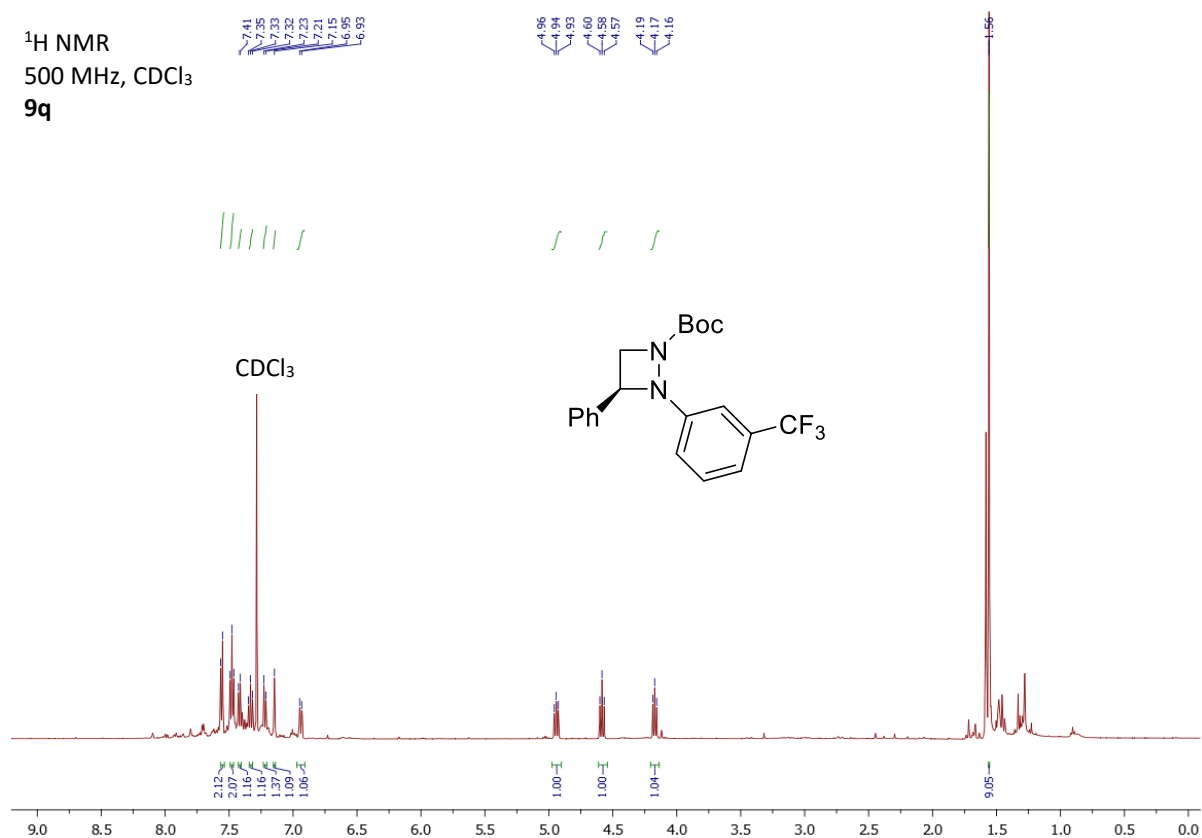


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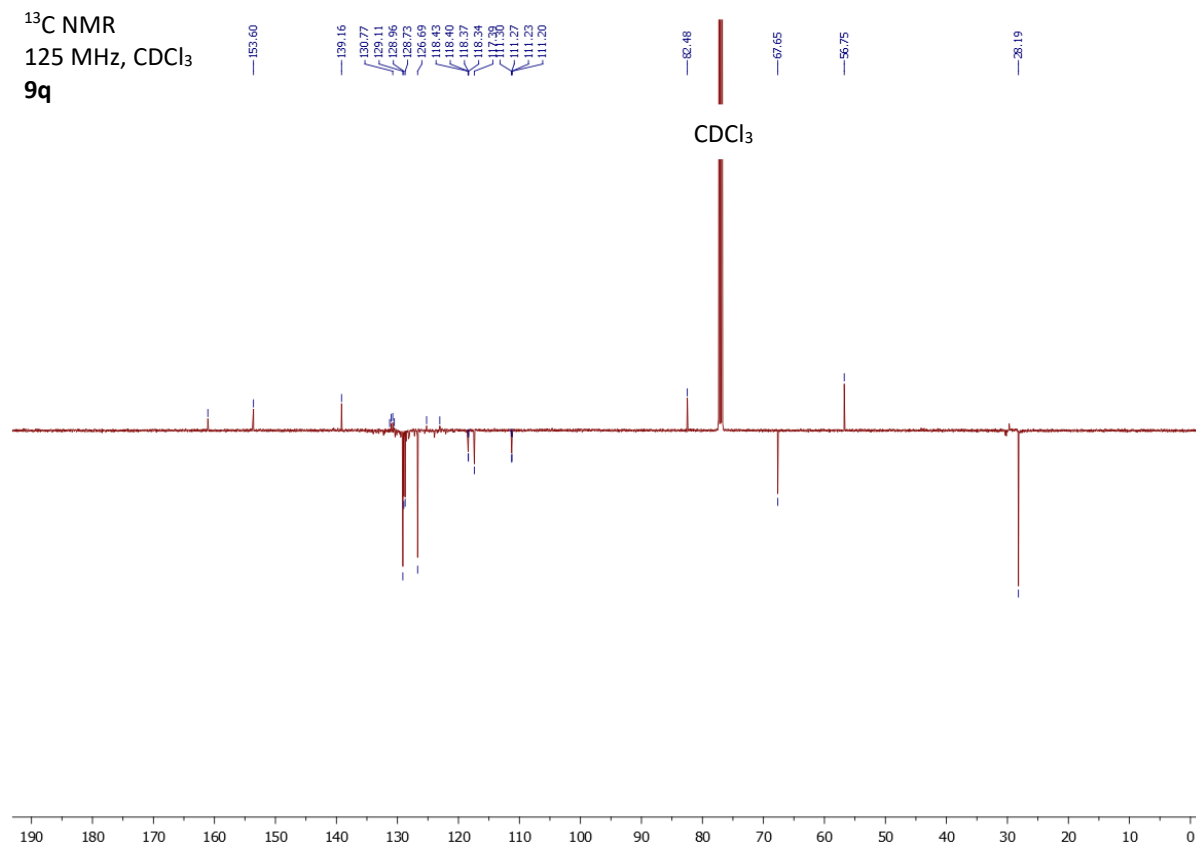




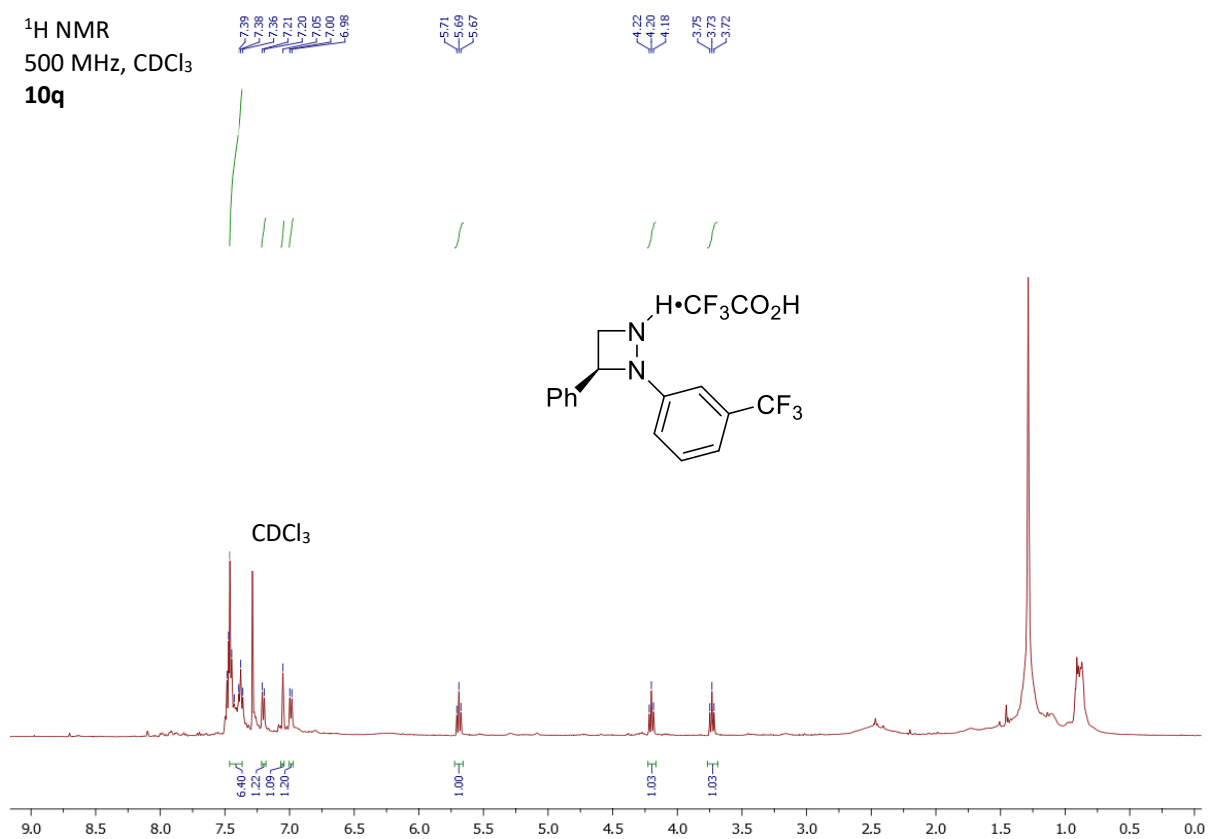
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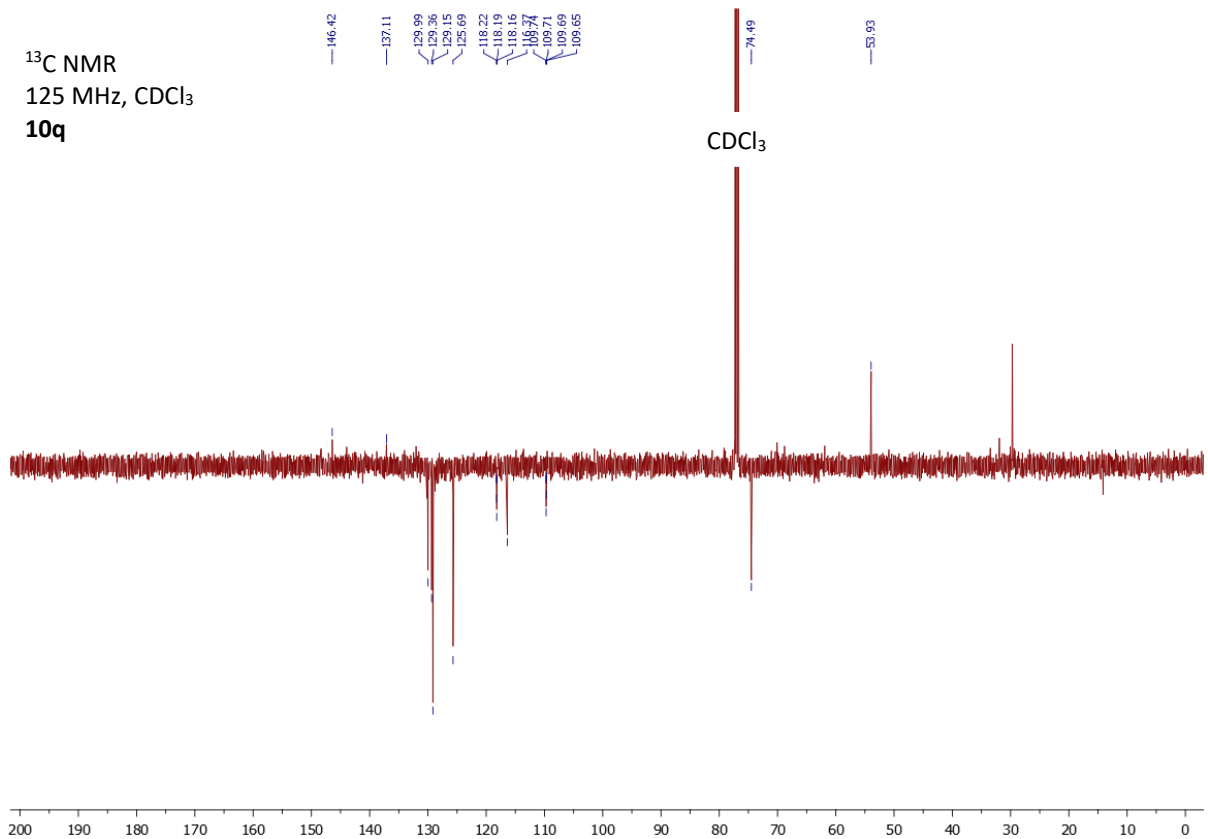
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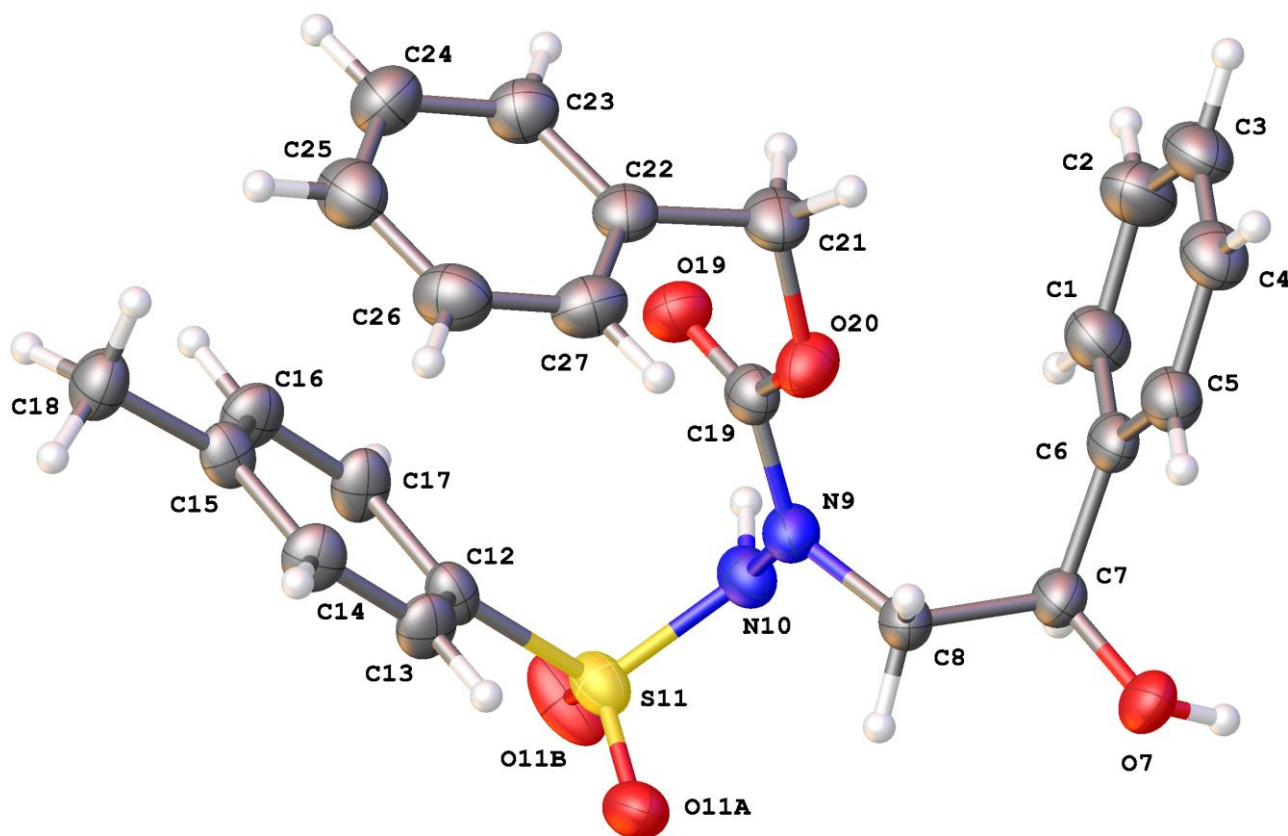
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Depiction of Single Crystal X-ray structures of 6a, 8d, 8h, 9i, 9m, 10a, 10b, 10l and 10o

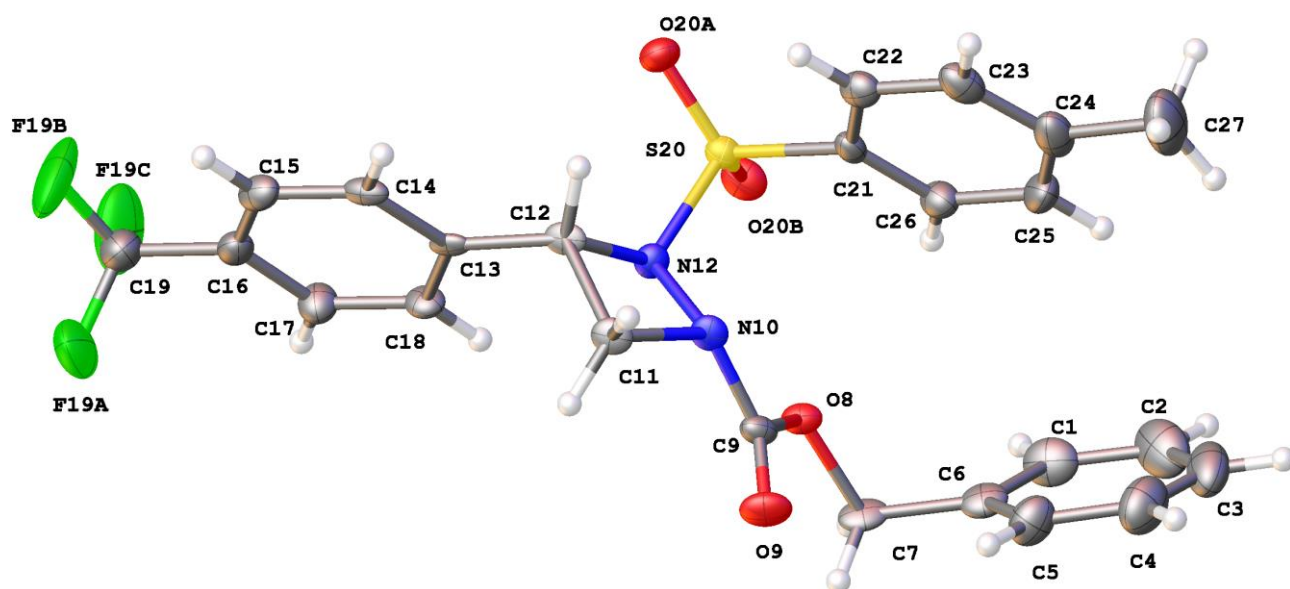
Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of 6a. Single crystals of $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_5S$ were grown from a 9:1 mixture of hexane and isopropyl alcohol. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a duel source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Crystal Data for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_5S$ ($M = 440.50$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12$ (no. 18), $a = 30.4605(6)$ Å, $b = 11.6596(2)$ Å, $c = 6.11590(10)$ Å, $V = 2172.11(7)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.643$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.347$ g/cm³, 21406 reflections measured ($5.802^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 146.864^\circ$), 4351 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0524$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0377$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0362 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0904 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944266.

Flack x: 0.004(13) Shelx2018, Hooft y: 0.005(10) Olex2. Both the Flack parameter and associated Hooft y parameter are small, so confidence in the handedness of the chiral centre is high.



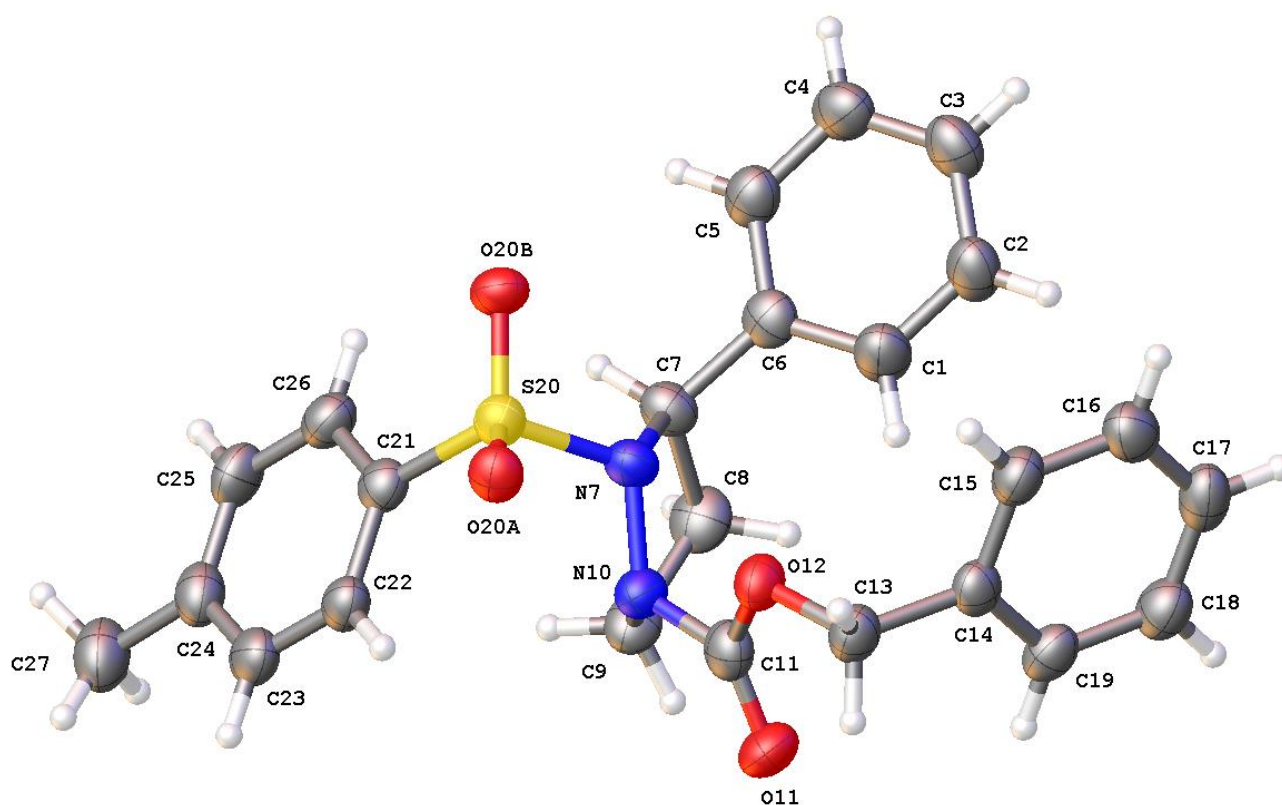
Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of 8d. Single crystals of $C_{24}H_{21}F_3N_2O_4S$ were grown from a 9:1 ratio of hexane and isopropyl alcohol. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a duel source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Crystal Data for $C_{24}H_{21}F_3N_2O_4S$ ($M = 490.49$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 32.8358(3)$ Å, $b = 11.60538(10)$ Å, $c = 5.85758(7)$ Å, $V = 2232.16(4)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.827$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.460$ g/cm³, 72297 reflections measured ($8.08^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.05^\circ$), 4499 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0917$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0256$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0616 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1478 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944267.

Flack x: 0.015(9) Shelx2018, Hooft y: 0.009(5) Olex2. Both the Flack parameter and associated Hooft y parameter are small, so confidence in the handedness of the chiral centre is high.



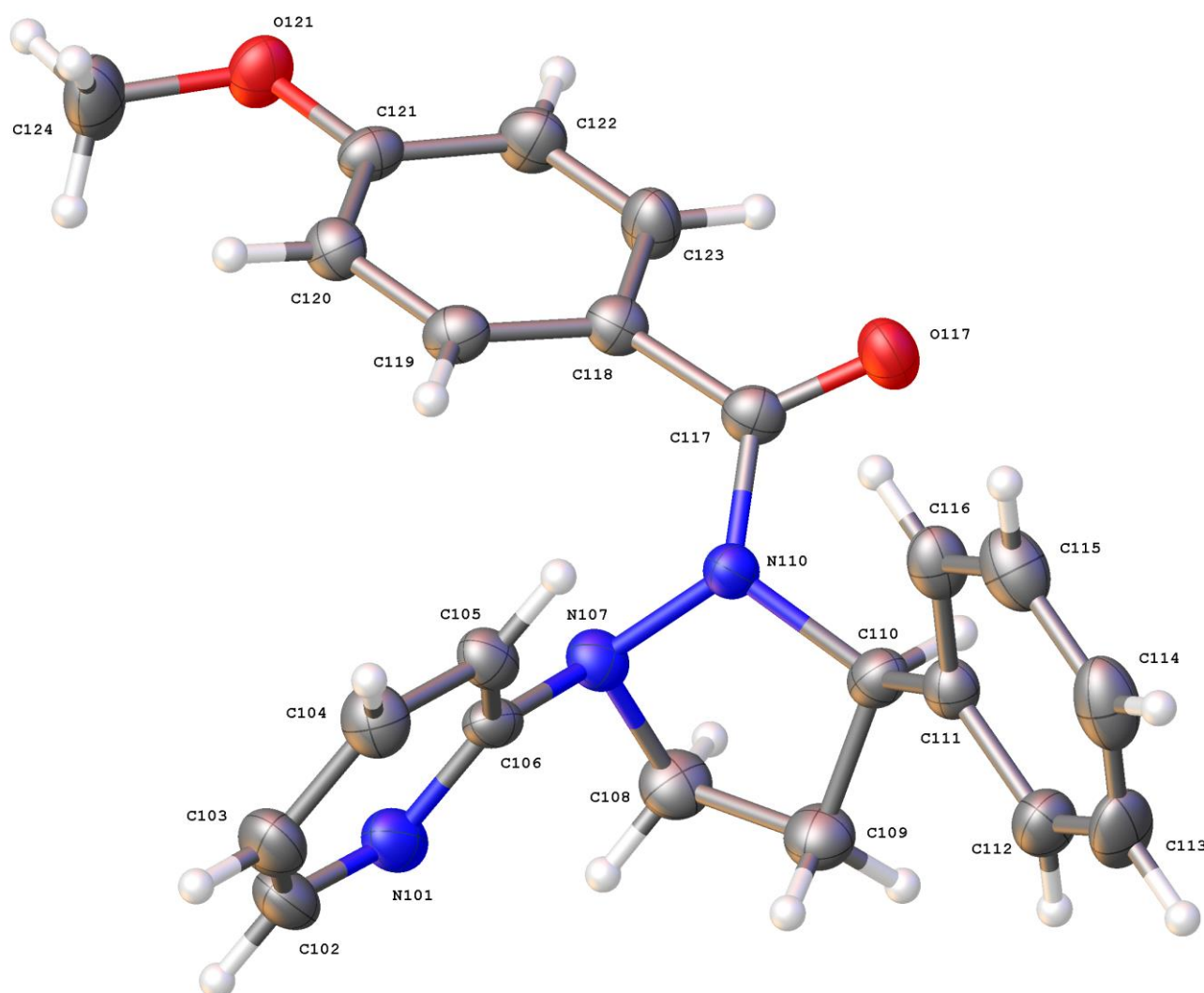
Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of 8h. Single crystals of $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_4S$ were grown from a 9:1 mix of hexane and isopropyl alcohol. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a Mitegen loop with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku 007HF equipped with Varimax confocal mirrors and an AFC11 goniometer and HyPix 6000 detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Crystal Data for $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_4S$ ($M = 436.51$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 6.0985(4)$ Å, $b = 11.5023(5)$ Å, $c = 30.8387(15)$ Å, $V = 2163.2(2)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 100(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.610$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.340$ g/cm³, 17168 reflections measured ($5.732^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 136.448^\circ$), 3915 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.1033$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0835$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0624 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1773 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944268.

Flack x: -0.03(3) Shelx2018, Hooft y: -0.05(2) Olex2. Both the Flack parameter and associated Hooft y parameter are small, so confidence in the handedness of the chiral centre is high.



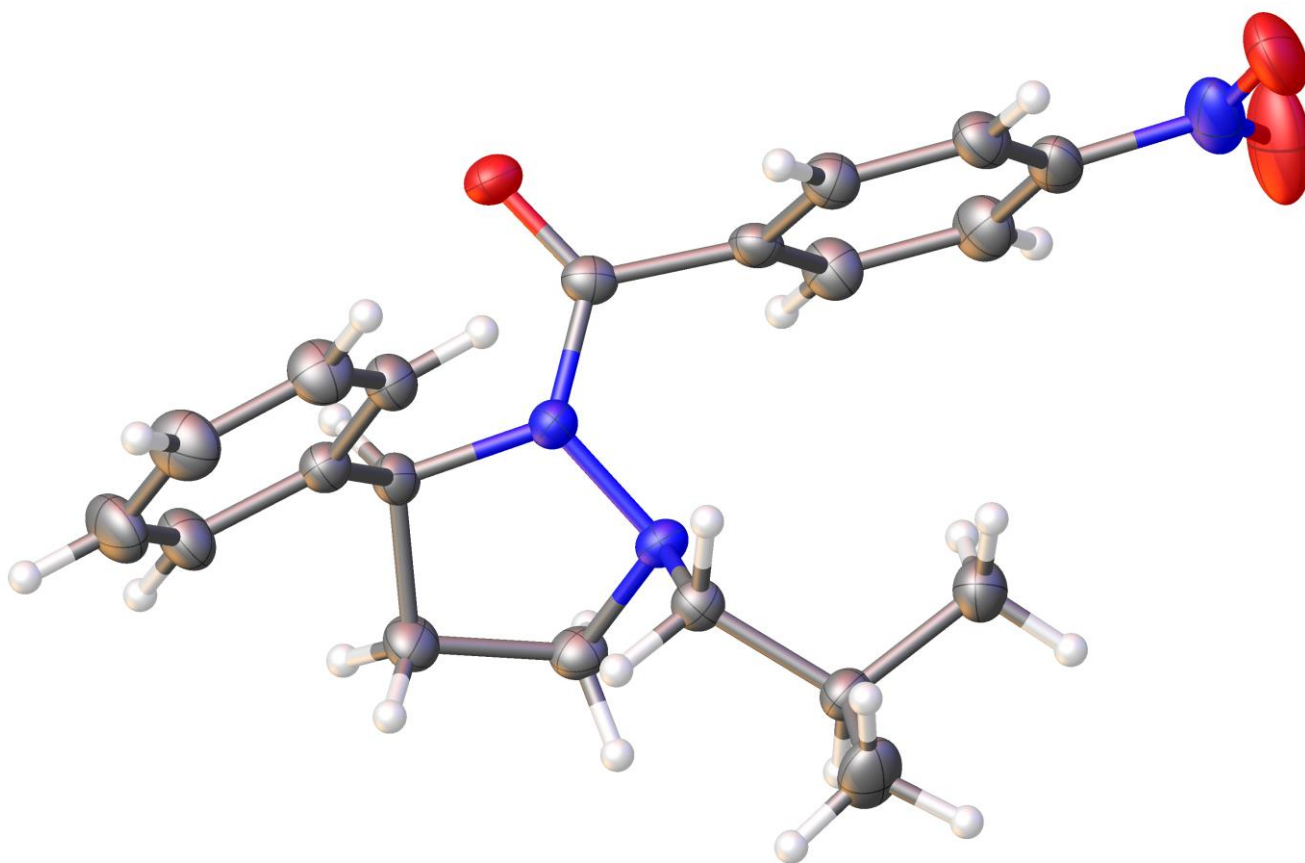
Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of 10a. Single crystals of $C_{44}H_{42.5}N_6O_{4.25}$ were grown from a 9:1 mix of hexane and isopropanol. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a duel source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Crystal Data for $C_{44}H_{42.5}N_6O_{4.25}$ ($M = 723.34$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $a = 10.18405(5)$ Å, $b = 9.71457(5)$ Å, $c = 18.82762(9)$ Å, $\beta = 93.0169(4)^\circ$, $V = 1860.102(16)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.679$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.291$ g/cm³, 35330 reflections measured ($8.694^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.052^\circ$), 7385 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0176$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0104$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0257 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0682 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944269.

Flack x: -0.05(3) Shelx2018, Hooft y: -0.045(2) Olex2. Both the Flack parameter and associated Hooft y parameter are relatively small for a structure with no heavy atoms, so confidence in the handedness of the chiral centre is high.



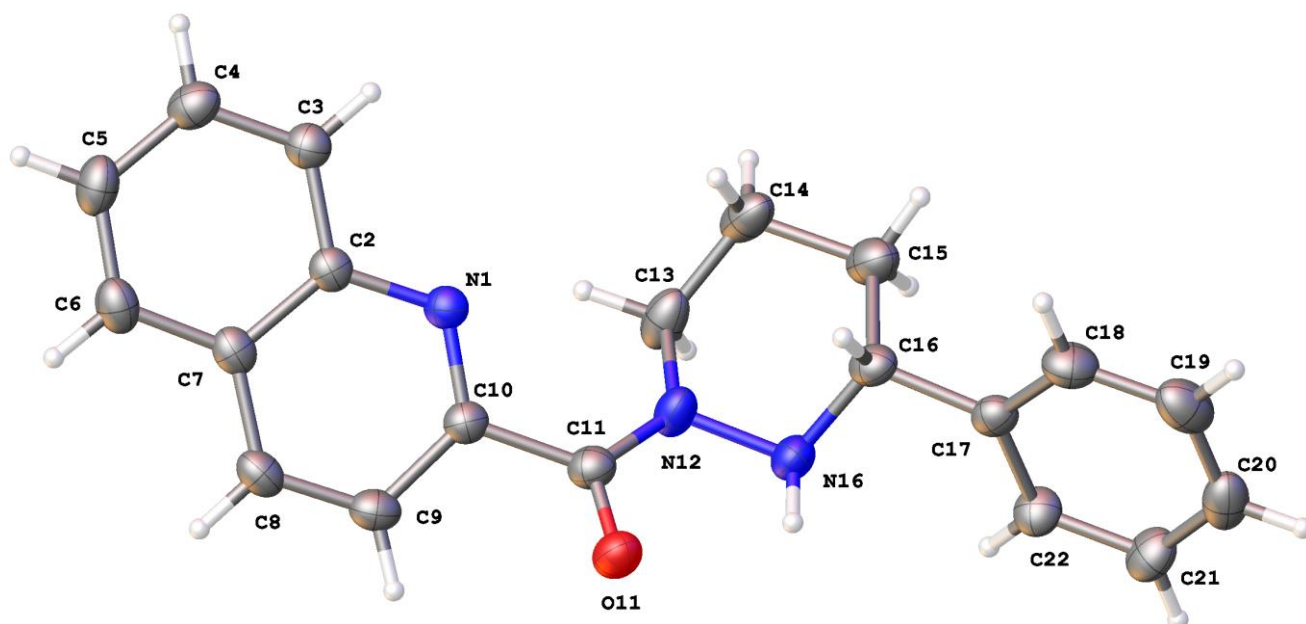
Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of rac-10b. Single crystals of $C_{20}H_{23}N_3O_3$ were grown from 9:1 hexane and isopropanol. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a dual source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Crystal Data for $C_{20}H_{23}N_3O_3$ ($M=353.41$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 7.19100(10)$ Å, $b = 13.50450(10)$ Å, $c = 18.6644(2)$ Å, $V = 1812.52(3)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.716$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.295$ g/cm³, 10496 reflections measured ($8.082^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.174^\circ$), 3514 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0227$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0229$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0325 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1083 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944270.

As the crystal was grown from a racemate the Flack parameter was not determined.



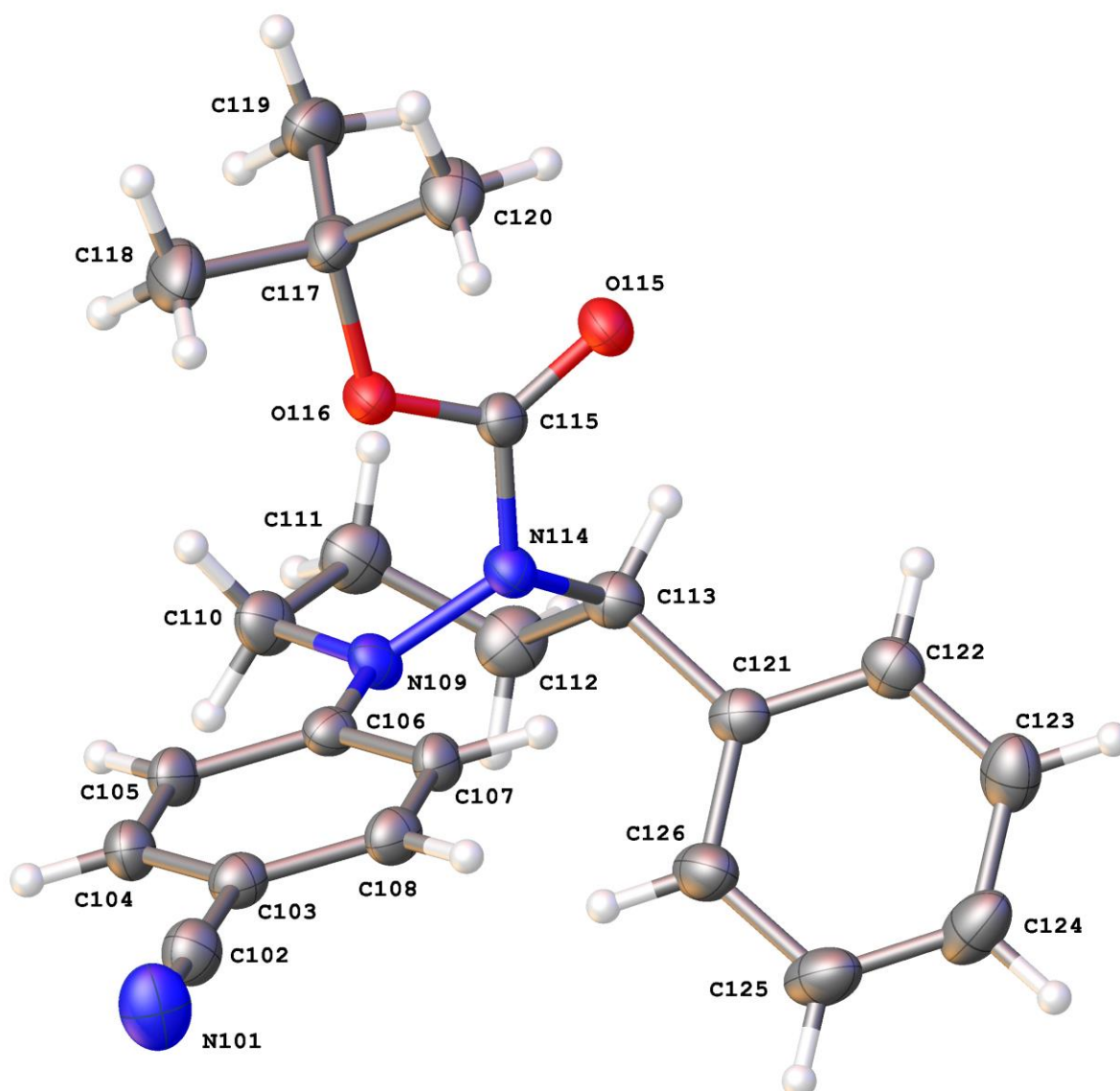
Single crystal X-Ray structure of 10l. Single crystals of $C_{20}H_{19}N_3O$ were grown from ethyl acetate. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a dual source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Crystal Data for $C_{20}H_{19}N_3O$ ($M=317.38$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $a = 10.10659(11)$ Å, $b = 5.94958(5)$ Å, $c = 13.62038(10)$ Å, $\beta = 99.5974(8)^\circ$, $V = 807.530(13)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $T = 150.00(10)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.652$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.305$ g/cm³, 15974 reflections measured ($6.582^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.044^\circ$), 3240 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0310$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0200$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0274 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0705 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944272.

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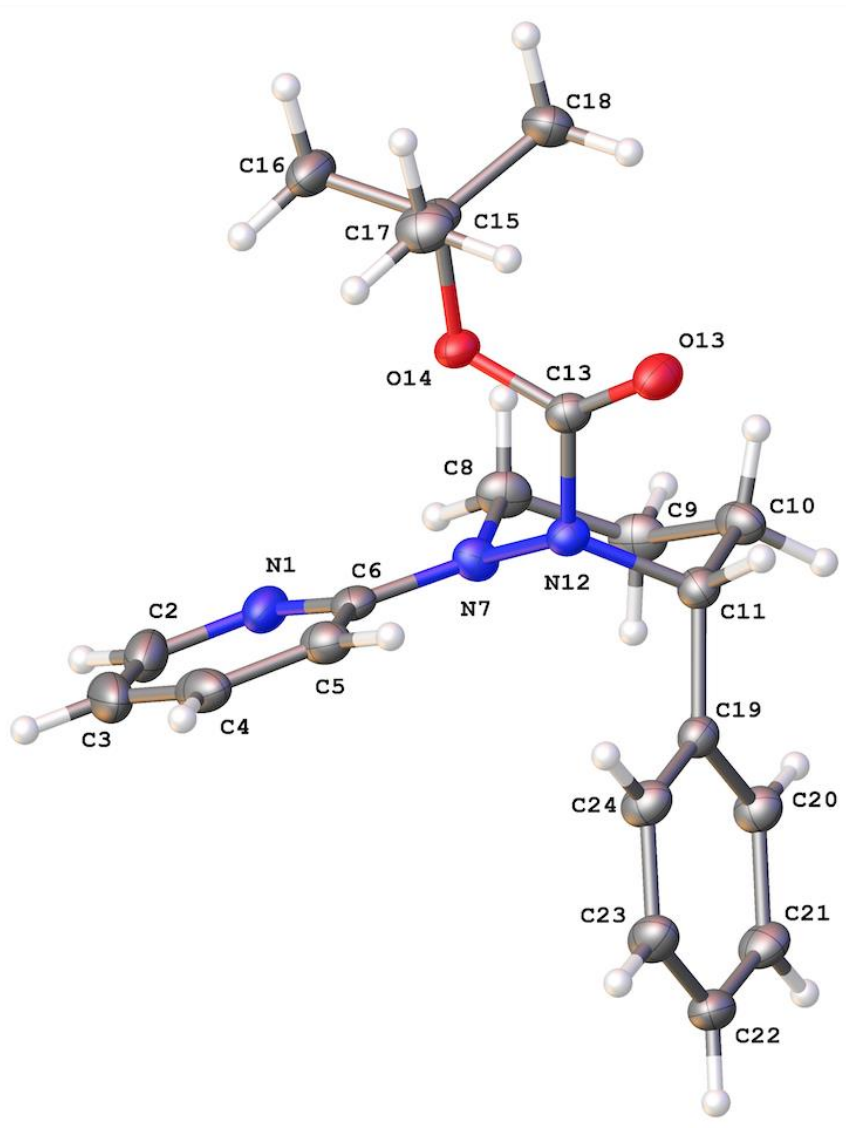
Single crystal X-Ray structure of 9m. Single crystals of $C_{22}H_{25}N_3O_2$ were grown from chloroform. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a dual source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Crystal data for $C_{22}H_{25}N_3O_2$ ($M = 363.45$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $a = 12.47130(5)$ Å, $b = 9.02632(4)$ Å, $c = 17.84198(7)$ Å, $\beta = 92.8702(4)^\circ$, $V = 2005.951(14)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.622$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.203$ g/cm³, 60499 reflections measured ($7.096^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.262^\circ$), 8067 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0352$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0200$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0280 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0743 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944271.

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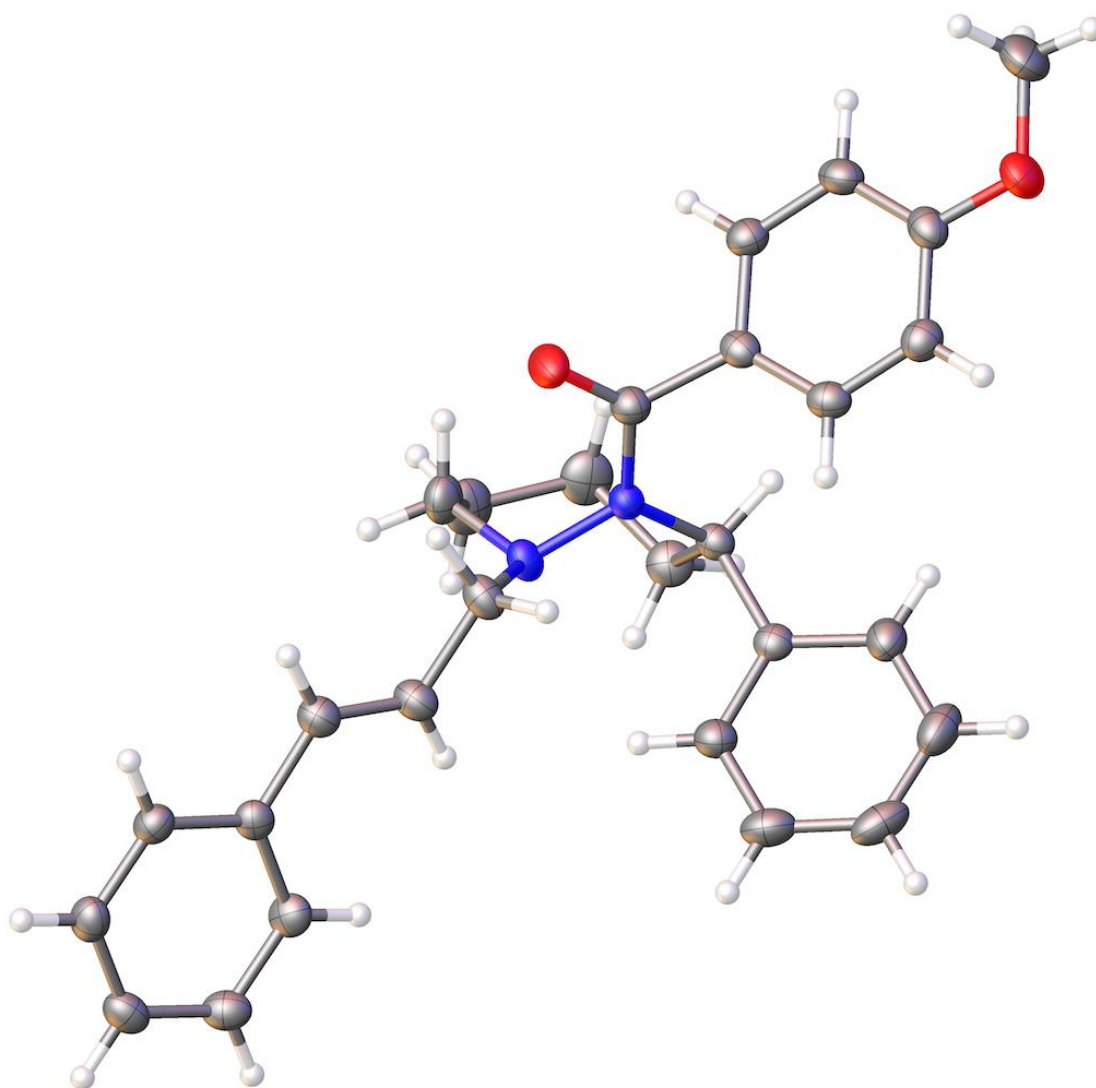
Single crystal X-Ray structure of rac-9i. Single crystals of $C_{20}H_{25}N_3O_2$ were grown from chloroform. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a dual source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Crystal data for $C_{20}H_{25}N_3O_2$ ($M = 339.43$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$ (no. 14), $a = 6.81180(10)$ Å, $b = 17.54950(10)$ Å, $c = 15.11130(10)$ Å, $\beta = 91.4270(10)^\circ$, $V = 1805.90(3)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.652$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.248$ g/cm³, 15714 reflections measured ($7.722^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.218^\circ$), 3594 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0208$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0152$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0330 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0846 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1944273.

As the crystal was grown from a racemate the Flack parameter was not determined.



Single crystal X-Ray structure of 10o. Single crystals of $C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_2$ were grown from MeOH. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with Fomblin oil and placed on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova diffractometer with a dual source (Cu at zero) equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 150(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Crystal Data for $C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_2$ ($M=426.54$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 8.33247(2)$ Å, $b = 15.71709(6)$ Å, $c = 17.93381(5)$ Å, $V = 2348.651(13)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.595$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.206$ g/cm³, 70707 reflections measured ($7.48^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 147.328^\circ$), 4736 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0275$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0106$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0277 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0705 (all data). Data has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 1955341.

Flack x: 0.01(3) Shelx2018, Hooft y: 0.02(3) Olex2. Both the Flack parameter and associated Hooft y parameter are small, so confidence in the handedness of the chiral centre is high.



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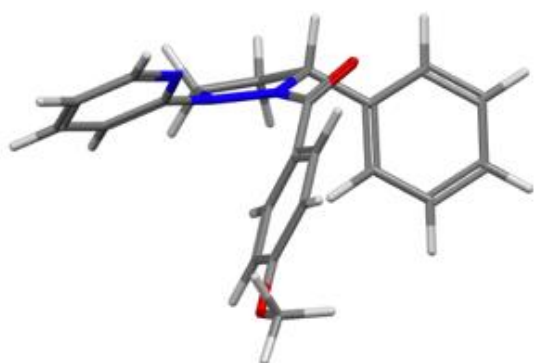
LLAMA Data – for PMI Plot

LLAMA (Lead Likeness And Molecular Analysis – see <https://llama.leeds.ac.uk/> for more information^[12]) was used to generate the PMI plot. The structures **10a-q** were uploaded to a new database, which then automatically analysed their molecular shape. This tool randomly selects a number of 3D-conformers for each molecule, minimises their energy and selects the lowest-energy one (see page **S224-S226**). LLAMA then calculates the moments of inertia in the x, y and z axes. The PMI I1 coordinates are calculated by dividing inertia(x) by inertia(z). The I2 coordinates are calculated by dividing inertia(y) by inertia(z). The raw data was exported as a csv file and then processed using Microsoft Excel to give the following data table:

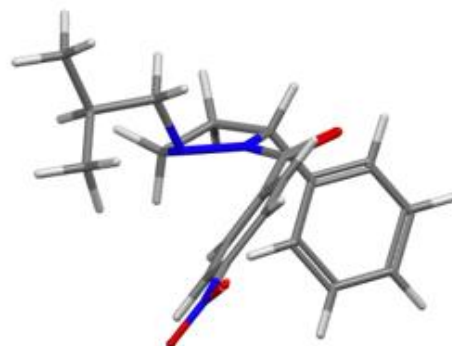
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10b	0.38056	0.78138
10c	0.51087	0.93768
10d	0.51368	0.78822
10e	0.40762	0.76545
10f	0.14534	0.94549
10g	0.27492	0.87452
10h	0.14647	0.98991
10i	0.46902	0.83825
10j	0.34134	0.94557
10k	0.42656	0.79292
10l	0.16026	0.95099
10m	0.29528	0.87679
10n	0.3883	0.87605
10o	0.25736	0.8502
10p	0.64152	0.74401
10q	0.35298	0.776
Average	0.363	0.855

This raw data was then used to generate a scatter plot (**Figure 5** in main paper).

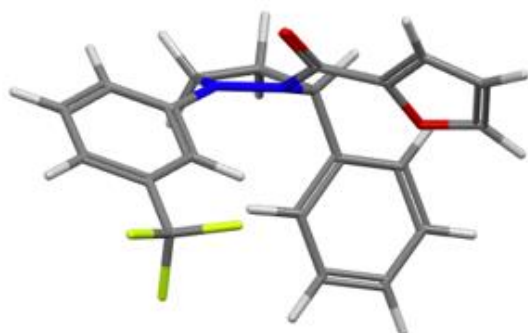
LLAMA Structures for 10a-q



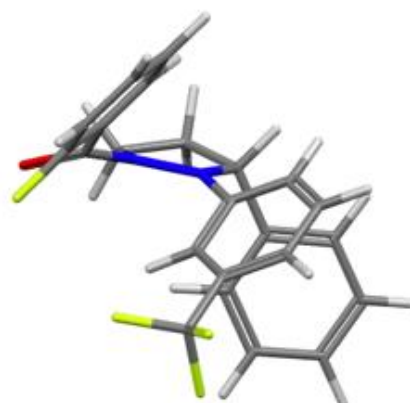
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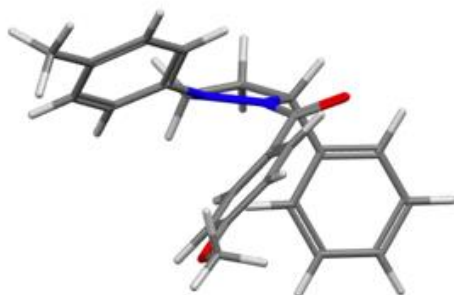
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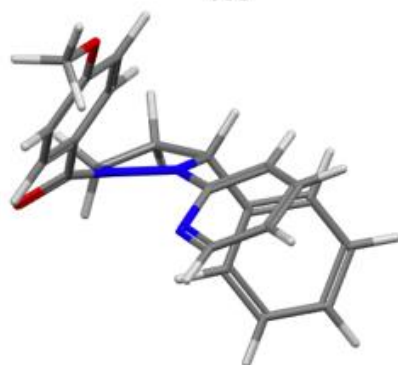
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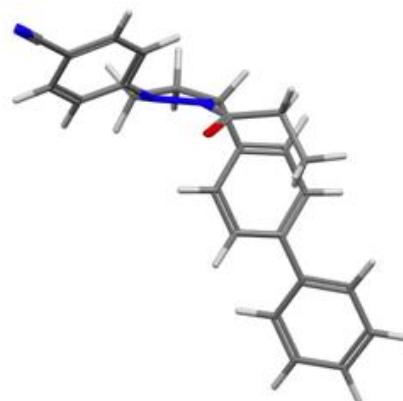
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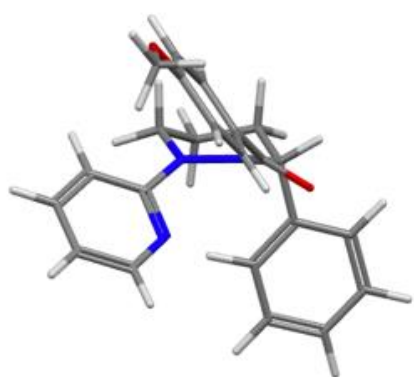
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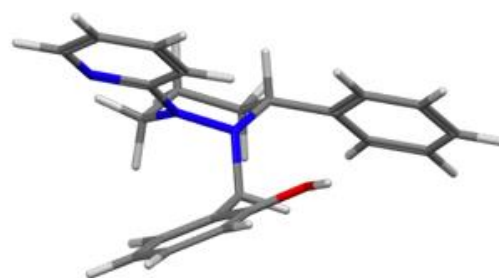
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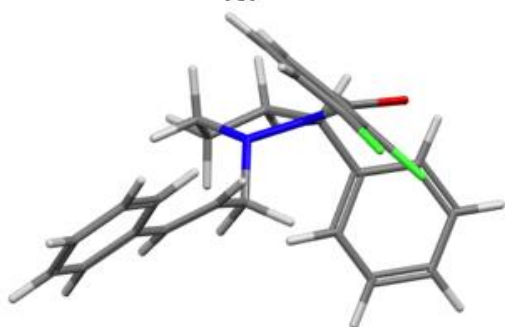
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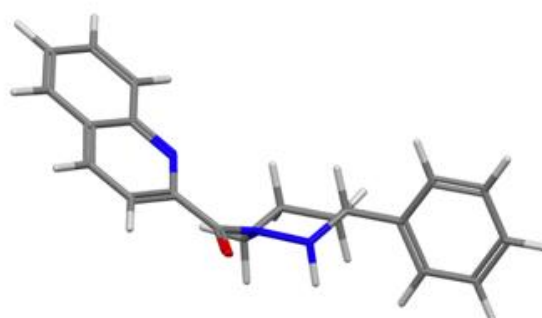
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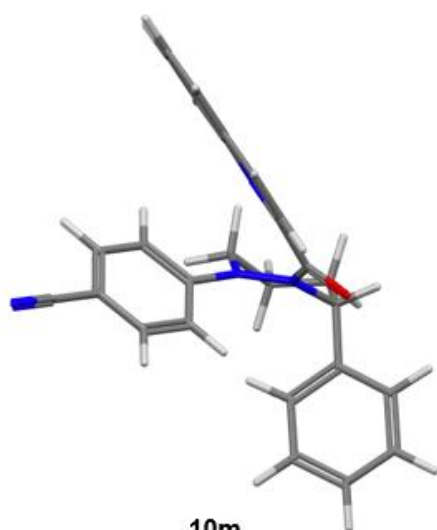
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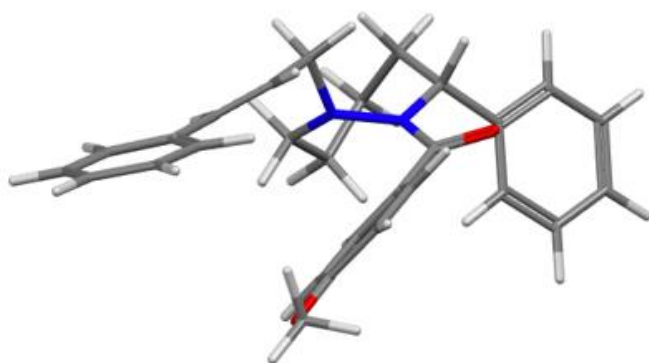
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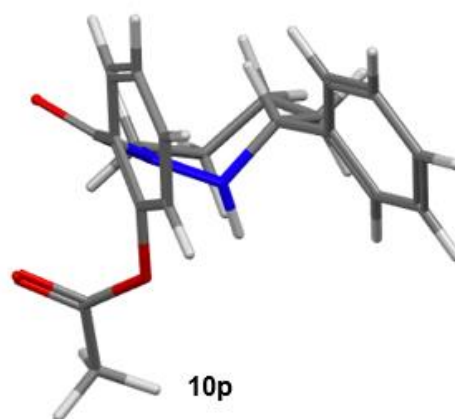
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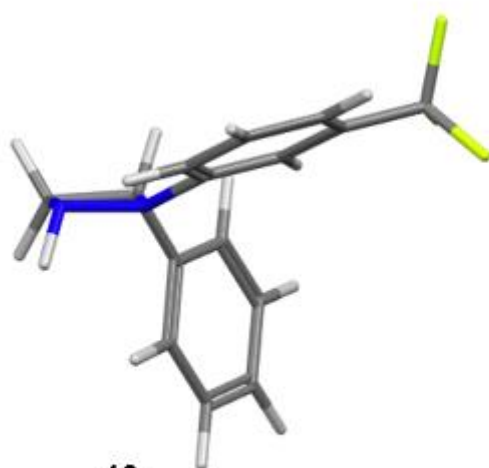
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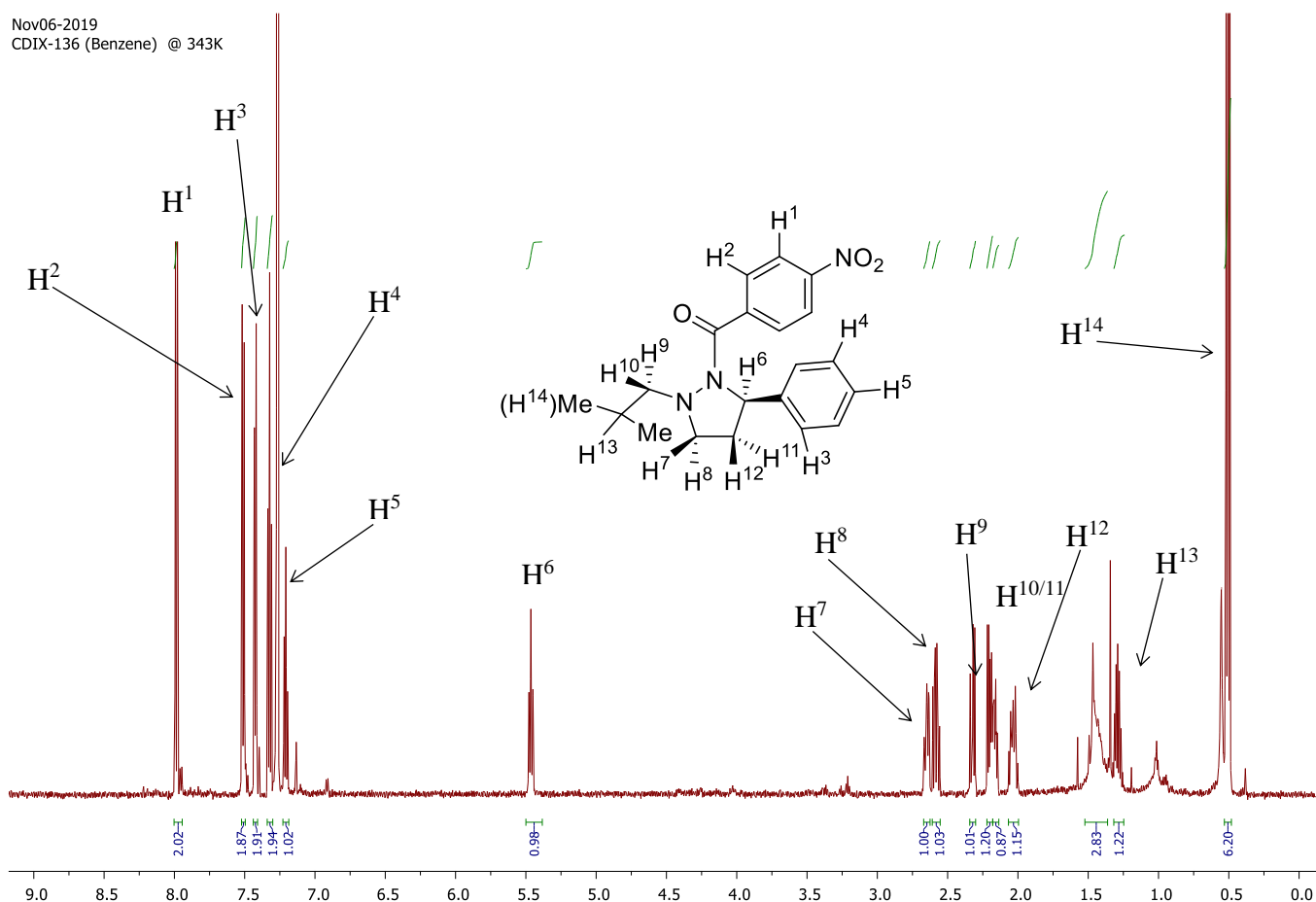


10p



Analysis of 10b by NOESY to Determine Solution State Configuration

10b was chosen for analysis by NOESY as a solid-state structure had already been obtained by X-ray diffraction (see page **S218**). In order to get a suitable NOESY spectrum the compound was first analysed by ^1H NMR in order to find a suitable solvent that would resolve the numerous diastereotopic CH_2 protons (labelled as H^7 , H^8 , H^9 , H^{10} , H^{11} and H^{12} – see below). d_6 -Benzene heated to 343 K on a 600 MHz spectrometer gave a suitable spectrum, which was assigned using a COSY. *N.B.* Complete assignment of diastereotopic protons was done in conjunction with NOESY data.



δH (600 MHz, C_6D_6 at 343 K) 7.99 (2H, d, J 8.5, H^1), 7.51 (2H, d, J 8.4, H^2), 7.42 (2H, d, J 7.7, H^3), 7.32 (2H, t, J 7.6, H^4), 7.21 (1H, t, J 7.3, H^5), 5.46 (1H, t, J 8.4, H^6), 2.67-2.63 (1H, m, H^7), 2.58 (1H, td, J 11.1, 6.7, H^8), 2.32 (1H, dd, J 11.8, 7.7, H^9), 2.23-2.17 (2H, m, H^{10} , H^{11}), 2.03-1.99 (1H, m, H^{12}), 1.29 (1H, septet, J 7.2, H^{13}), 0.51 (6H, dd, J 9.0, 6.9, H^{14}).

Analysis of the compound by NOESY showed several important NOE's which would be expected if the compound was in the *anti,anti*-configuration. An NOE between H^6 and H^8 confirmed that they are on the same face of the molecule (Figure **S4**, see also Figure **7**). An NOE is also observed between H^8 and H^2 , which shows that they are also on the same face. Taken together this gives evidence that H^6 and H^8 are on the opposite face of the molecule to the phenyl group, along with the *p*-methoxybenzoyl substituent.

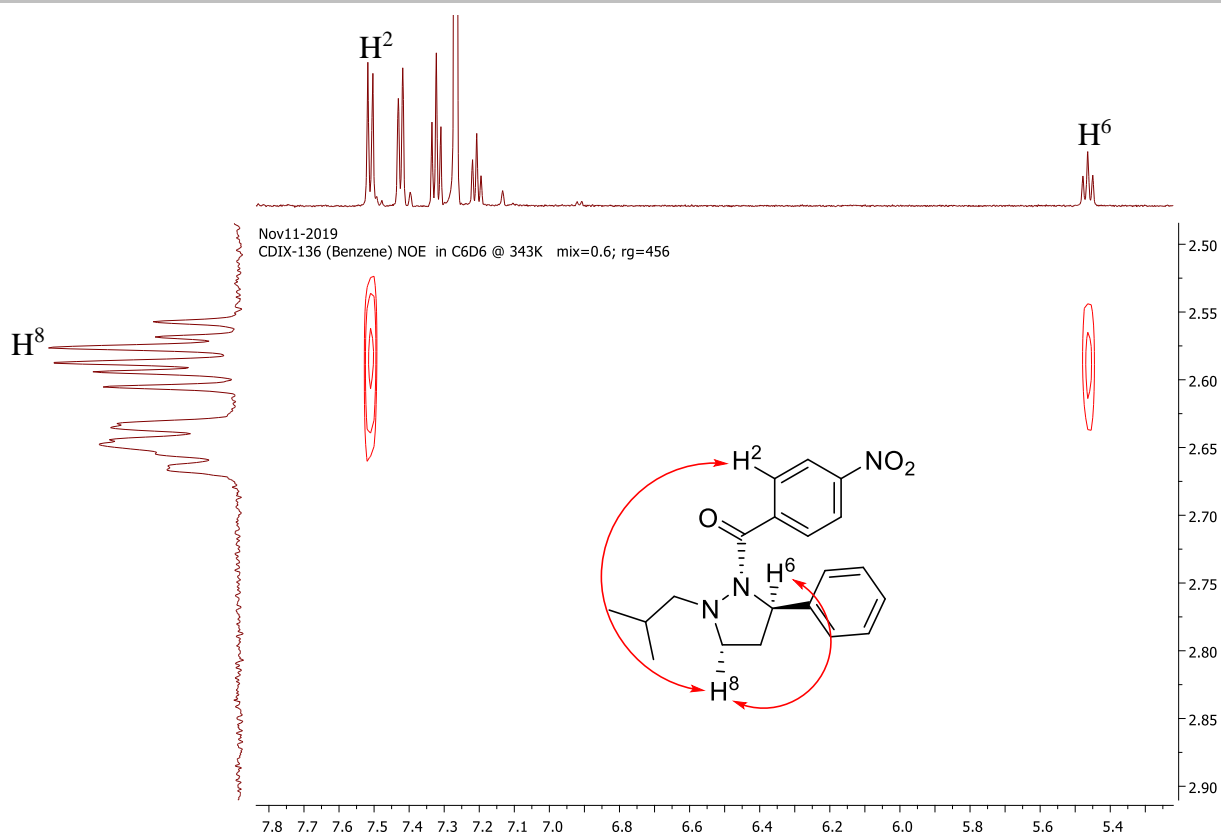


Figure S4 NOESY spectrum showing NOE's between H⁶ to H⁸ and H⁸ to H²

Evidence for the position of the isobutyl group can also be seen (Figure S5, see also Figure 7). H³ (of the phenyl group) shows an NOE to H⁹ and possibly H¹⁰.

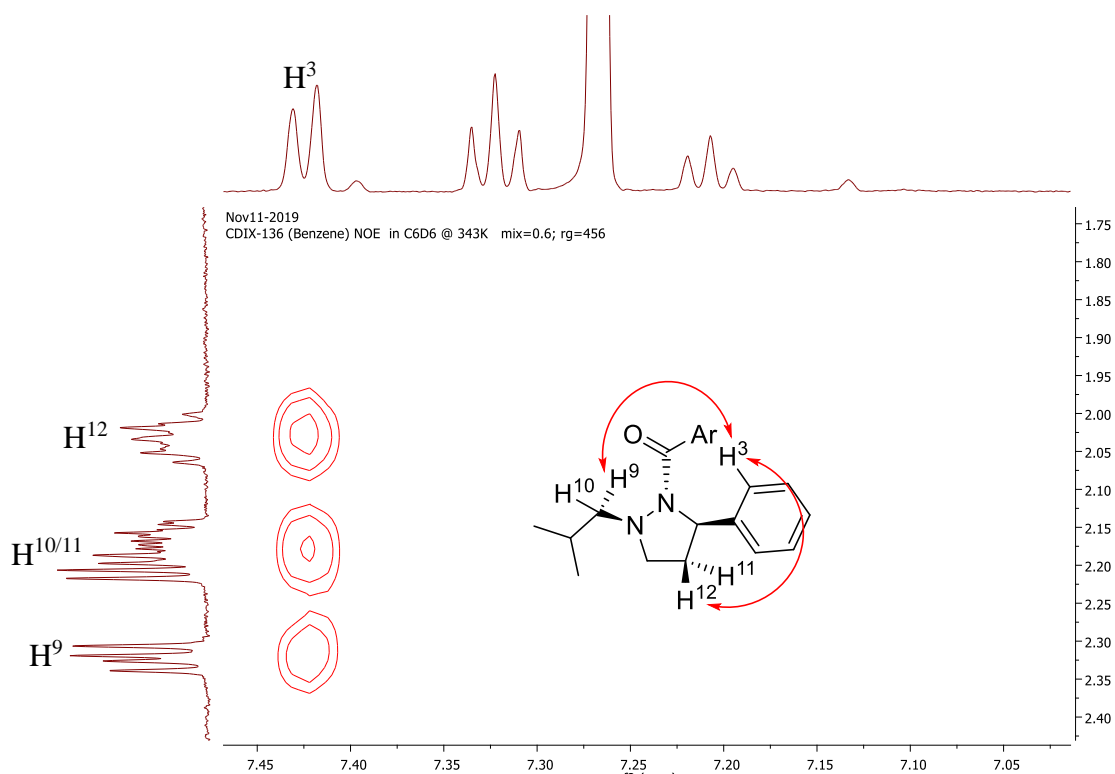


Figure S5 NOESY spectrum showing NOE's between H³ and both H⁹ and H¹²

H¹³ also shows an NOE to H⁷, H⁷ also NOE's to H¹² and H¹⁰ (Figure S6). These are consistent with the assigned configuration

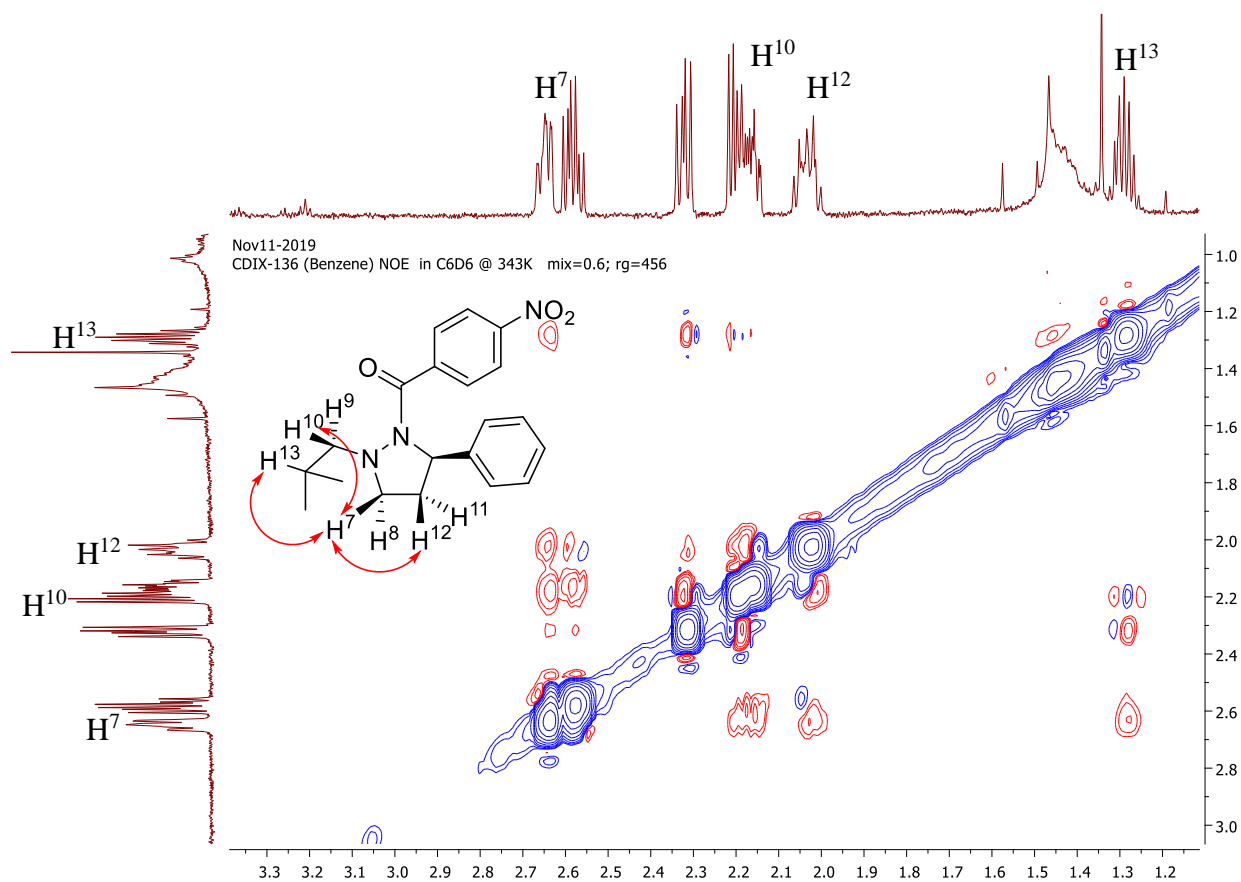


Figure S6 NOESY spectrum showing NOE's from H⁷ to H¹², H¹³ and H¹⁰

Low Temperature Analysis of 10b

Cooling sample to 233 K in both CDCl₃ (Figure S7) and d₆-acetone gave a complex spectrum, which appeared to have one major isomer and two minor isomers in an approximately 84:11:5 ratio.

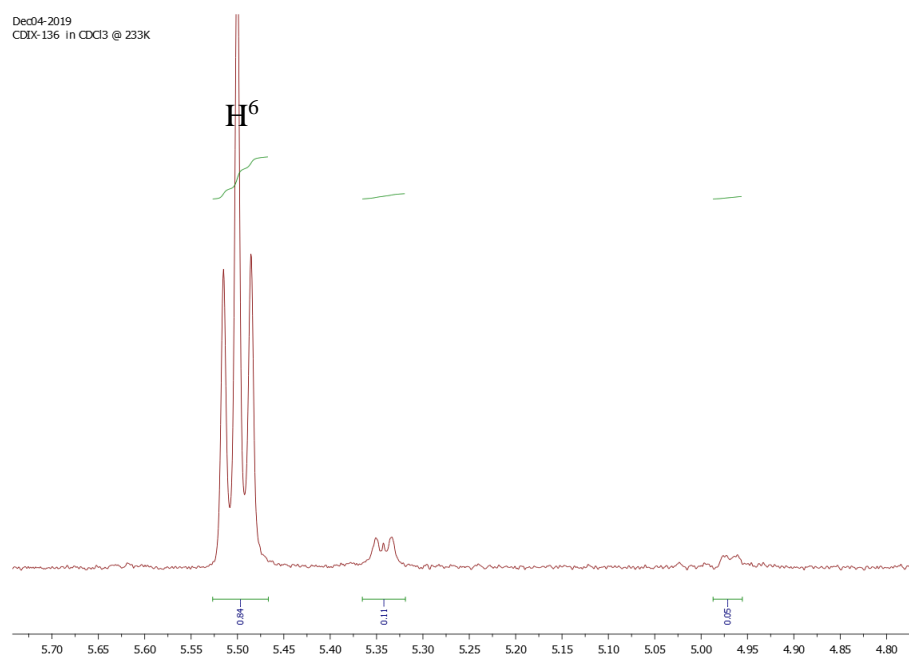


Figure S7 ¹H NMR spectrum of 10b showing the complex mixture of isomers obtained at 233 K (H⁶)

Analysis of 10a by NOESY to Determine Solution State Configuration

10a was chosen for analysis by NOESY as a solid-state structure had already been obtained by X-ray diffraction (see page **S217**). Upon cooling to 233 K in CDCl₃ two isomers were observed in an a 56:44 ratio (see figure **S9**). Using the COSY and NOESY spectra, complete assignment of both isomers was completed (Figure **S8** and **S9**).

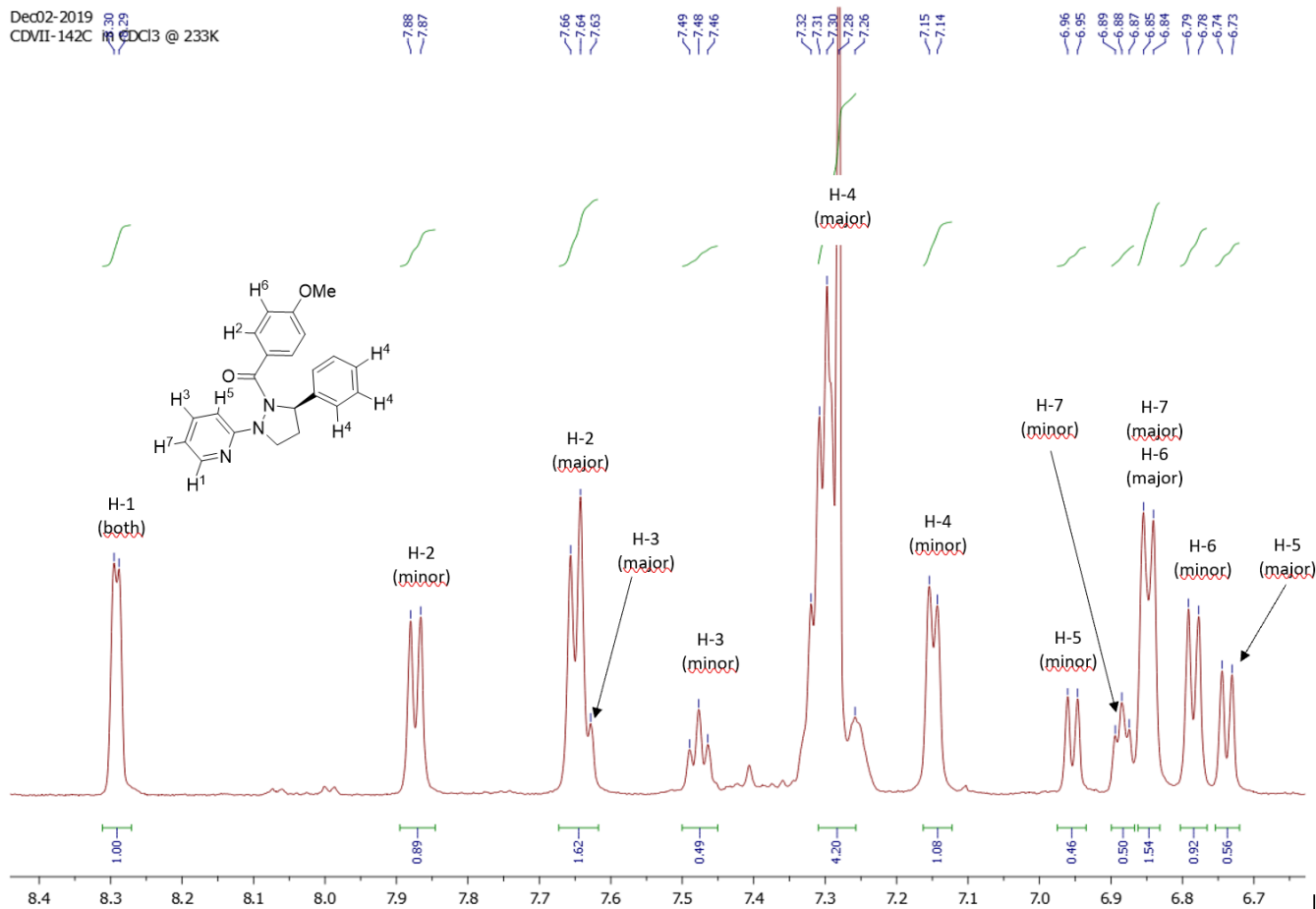


Figure **S8** ¹H NMR spectrum of **10a** in CDCl₃ at 233 K (aromatic protons)

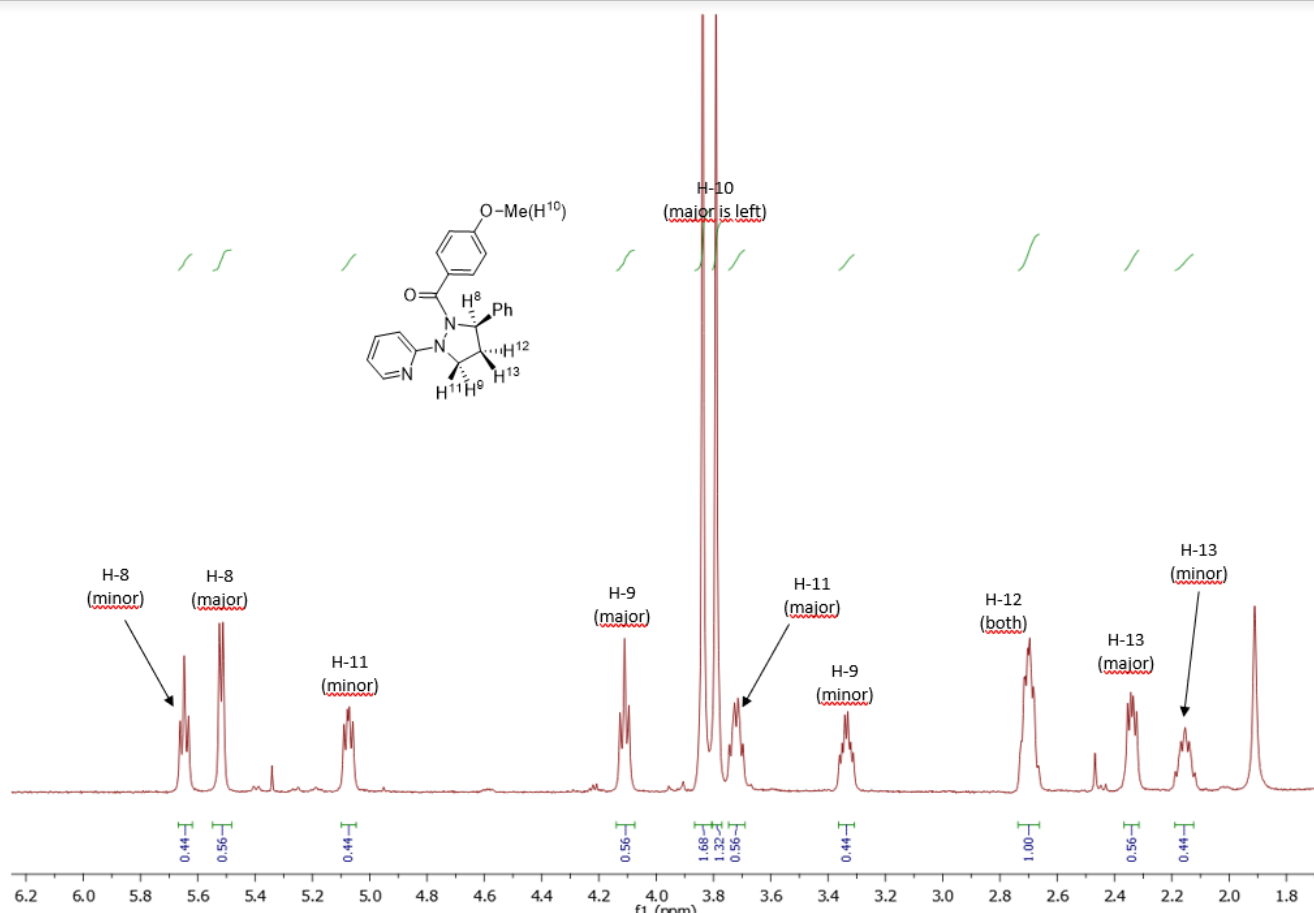


Figure S9 ^1H NMR of **10a** in CDCl_3 at 233 K (aliphatic protons)

δH (600 MHz, CDCl_3 at 233 K) 8.29 (1Hx2, d, J 4.0, H^1 both), 7.87 (2H, d, J 8.5, H^2 minor), 7.66-7.61 (3H, m, H^2 major and H^3 major), 7.48 (1H, t, J 7.7, H^3 minor), 7.31-7.26 (5H, m, H^4 major), 7.15 (5H, d, J 6.8, H^4 minor), 6.95 (1H, d, J 8.3, H^5 minor), 6.88 (1H, t, J 4.0, H^7 minor), 6.85 (3H, d, J 8.4, H^6 major, H^7 major), 6.78 (2H, d, J 8.5, H^6 minor), 6.74 (1H, J 8.4, H^5 major), 5.64 (1H, t, J 8.6, H^8 minor), 5.52 (1H, d, J 7.0, H^8 major), 5.07 (1H, dd, J 11.1, 7.3, H^{11} minor), 4.11 (1H, t, J 9.1, H^9 major), 3.84 (3H, s, H^{10} major), 3.79 (1H, s, H^{10} minor), 3.72 (1H, dd, J 17.6, 10.4, H^{11} major), 3.33 (1H, td, J 11.5, 5.7, H^9 minor), 2.74-2.65 (1Hx2, m, H^{12} both), 2.34 (1H, dd, J 11.9, 6.7, H^{13} major), 2.16 (1H, dd, J 18.8, 10.7, H^{13} minor).

Analysis by NOESY was done in CDCl_3 at 233 K. Initially a mixing time of 0.6 s was used and this gave a clear NOESY spectrum with a number of cross peaks. However, due to the long mixing time cross peaks were seen between major and minor isomers, suggesting that interconversion between isomers was occurring on this timescale. Reducing the mixing time to 0.3 s showed a clear NOE from H^2 to H^8 in the major isomer (**A**), which was not seen in the corresponding minor isomer (**B**) (Figure S10, see also Scheme 2).

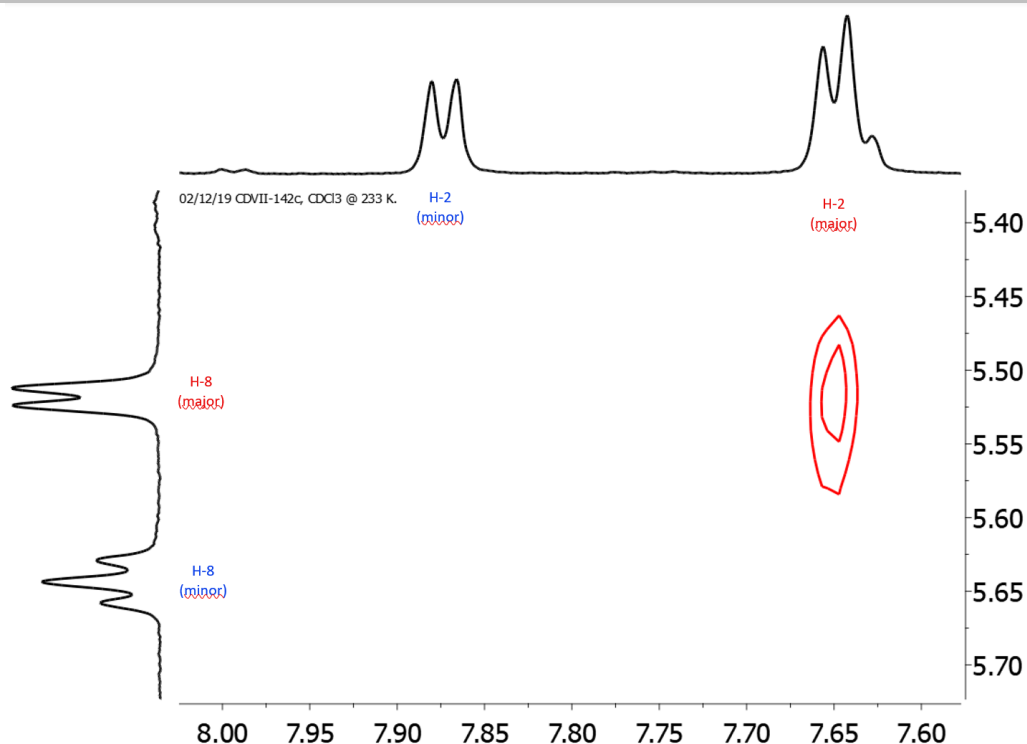


Figure S10 NOESY (0.3 s mix) of **10a** showing an NOE between H^8 and H^2 in the major isomer only

At the 0.3 s mixing time, no NOE's are seen from the pyridyl substituent and the rest of the molecule. At 0.6 s mixing time there is a weak NOE between H^4 and H^5 suggesting they are on the same face of the molecule (Figure S11). However, some caution needs to be applied as the two isomers **A** and **B** are interconverting under the experimental conditions.

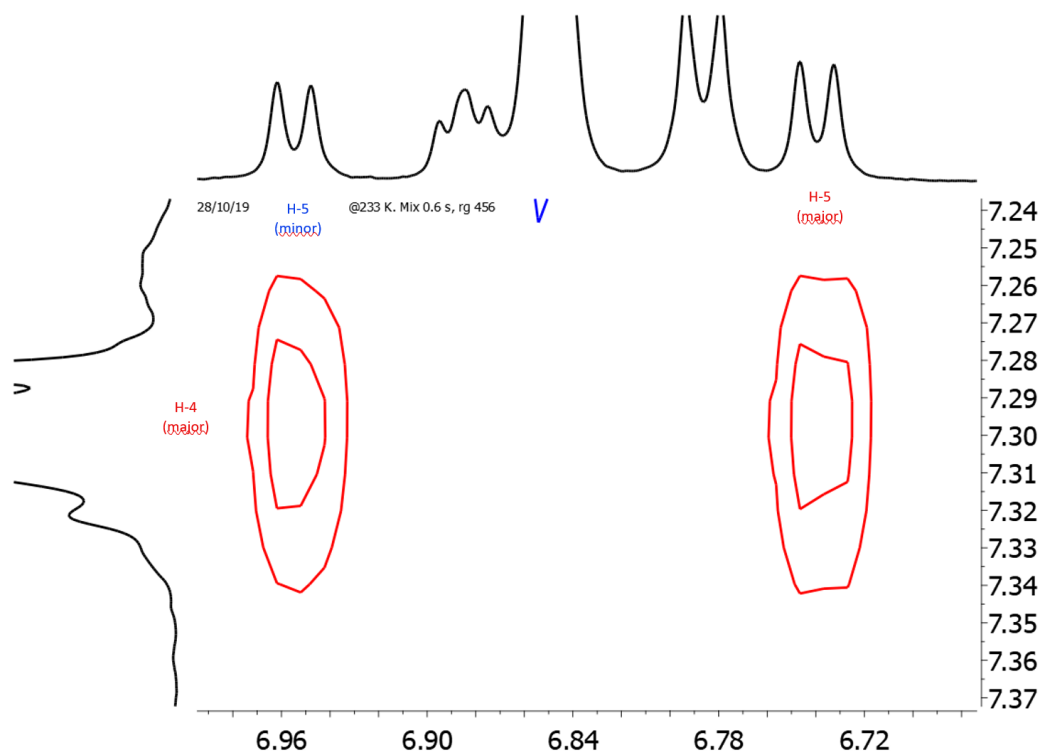


Figure S11 NOESY (0.6 s mix) spectrum of **10a** showing an NOE between H^4 and both isomers of H^5

Calculation of Barrier to Inversion for 10a Using VT NMR

The barrier of inversion for **10a** was calculated using H^9 . In order to calculate the coalescence temperature (T_c) **10a** was analysed by VT NMR in $CDCl_3$. Spectra were collected from 223 K to 293 K in 10 K increments (Figure S12).

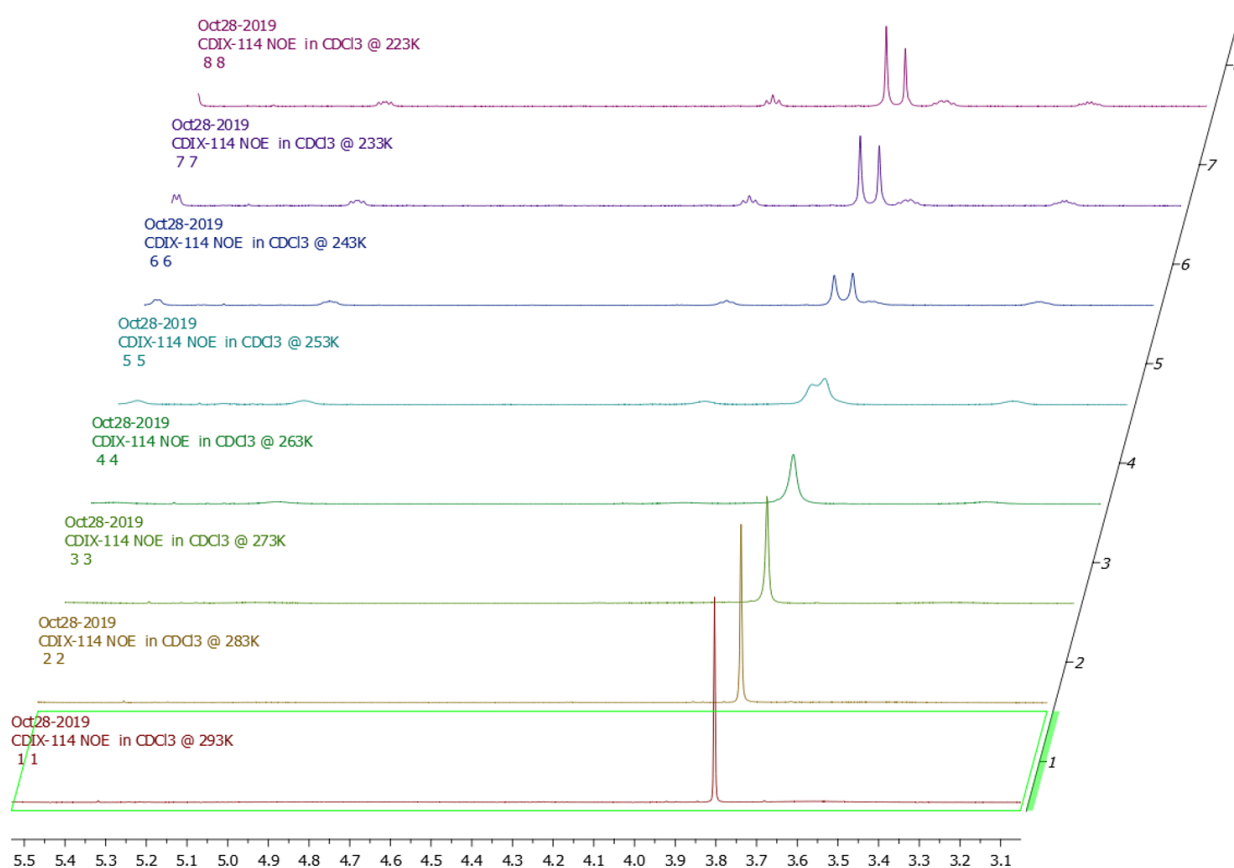


Figure S12 VT 1H NMR analysis of **10a** to show the coalescence of H^9

From this T_c was estimated to be 258 K, which was used to calculate ΔG_A^\ddagger :

The barrier to inversion was calculated using Eyring's equations, modified by Shanan Atidi and Bar-Eli to account for unequal populations of isomers.^[13]

$$\Delta G_A^\ddagger = RT_c \left[10.62 + \log \frac{X}{2\pi(1-\Delta P)} + \log \frac{T_c}{\Delta \nu} \right]$$

$R = 4.57 \text{ cal mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$, $T_c = 258 \text{ K}$, $\Delta \nu = 30 \text{ Hz}$ (peak difference is 0.05 ppm on a 600 MHz spectrometer), $\log \frac{X}{2\pi(1-\Delta P)} = -0.567$

$$\Delta G_A^\ddagger = 12.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} = 54.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

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