

Asymmetric Generation of Fluorine-Containing Quaternary Carbons Adjacent to Tertiary Stereocenters: Uses of Fluorinated Methines as Nucleophiles

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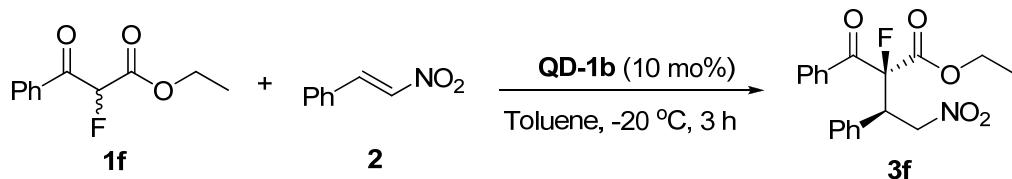
A. General Information

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 or DPX300 (300 MHz) or AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br s (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode, and a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T mass spectrometer in FAB mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F₂₅₄) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine, or ceric ammonium molybdate followed by heating on a hot plate. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040 - 0.063 mm) mesh silica gel. The enantiomeric excesses of products were determined by chiral-phase HPLC analysis.

Substrates **4** and **6a-6e** were prepared according to the literature procedures.¹

B. Representative Procedure

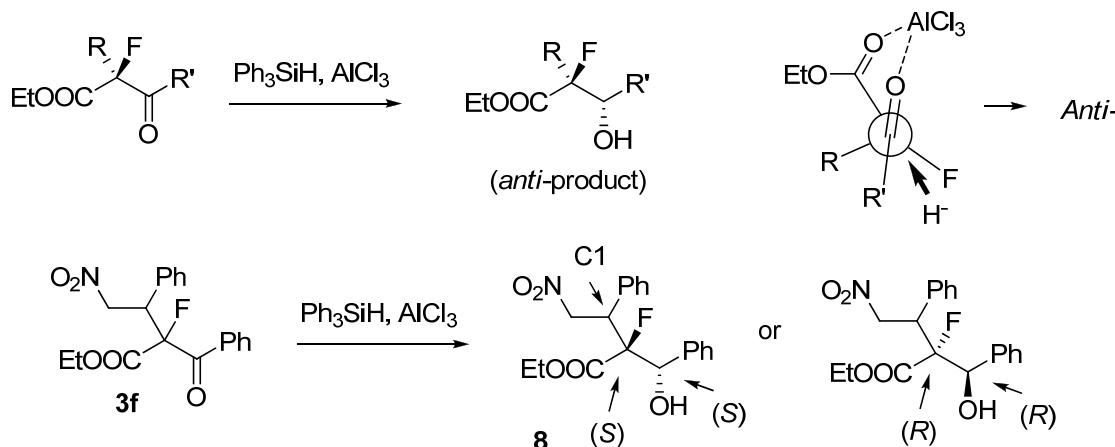


Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate **1f** (10.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added to a mixture of catalyst **QD-1b** (3 mg, 0.005 mmol) and nitroalkene **2** (7.45 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene (0.1 mL) in a sample vial. The vial was then capped and the reaction mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 3 h, and quenched with the addition of aqueous HCl (1 N). The organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexanes = 1:15 to 1:5) afforded the desired product **3f** as a white solid (17.1 mg, 95%). The enantiomeric excess of product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

C. Determination of Absolute Configurations of the Michael Products

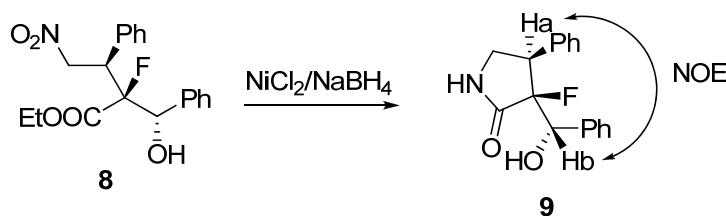
Determination of absolute configuration of **3f**

Michael adduct **3f** was reduced to the corresponding alcohol by $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}/\text{AlCl}_3$. It was well documented in the literature² that the reduction of α -fluoro- β -ketoesters by $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}/\text{AlCl}_3$ led to the formation of *anti*-isomer, and the formation of which can be explained by the chelation model shown below. Therefore, the configurations at the fluorine chiral center and the hydroxyl chiral center can be either both *S* or *R*.

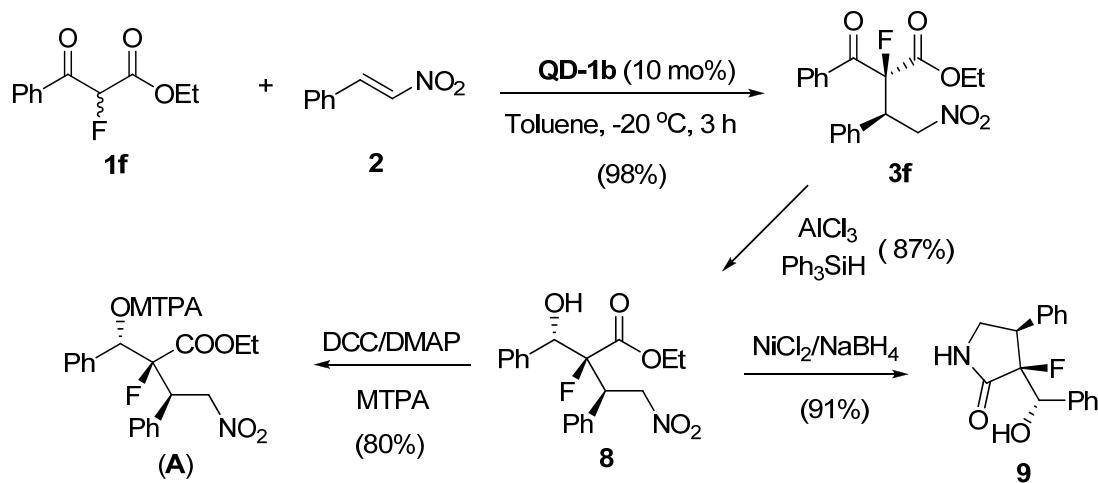


The absolute configuration at the hydroxyl chiral center was determined to be *S*, by using Mosher's method.³ Thus, the configuration at the fluorine chiral center was assigned to be *S* (alcohol **8** in the above Scheme).

Lactam **9** derived from alcohol **8** was used to determine the chiral center at C1 in the Michael adduct. 2D-NOESY experiment showed correlation between H_{a} and H_{b} in lactam **9**, thus absolute configuration of **9** could be determined. The absolute configuration of Michael adduct **3f** was deduced accordingly. Configurations of other Michael adducts were assigned by analogy.



The below Scheme describes the reaction employed in the assignment of absolute configuration of Michael adduct **3f** and the formation of lactam **9**.



(2S,3R)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-((S)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 8

To a stirring solution of **3f** (230 mg, 0.64 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL) were added Ph₃SiH (252 mg, 0.97 mmol) and AlCl₃ (130 mg, 0.97 mmol) at -30 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at this temperature for 3.5 h. The mixture was then diluted with ether (5 mL), and saturated NaHCO₃ was added. Aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Purification by flash column chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate = 5:1) afforded **8** as a white powder (201 mg, 87%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89-0.92 (t, 3H), 2.49-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 1H), 3.85-3.96 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.45 (m, 1H), 5.02-5.27 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5, 47.6 (d, *J* = 25.5 Hz), 62.0, 74.8 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz), 75.7 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 98.6 (d, *J* = 203.1 Hz), 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 133.7, 136.8, 168.3 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz).

Preparation of (*R*)-MTPA (2-methoxy-2-trifluoromethyl-2-phenylacetic acid) Ester A

Compound **8** (18 mg, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and (*R*)-MTPA (23 mg, 0.01 mmol), DCC (26 mg, 0.125 mmol) and DMAP (1.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 5 min and half an hour at room temperature, the reaction was quenched

by addition of water (1 mL) and ether (5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over NaSO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford **A** as a colorless oil (23 mg, 80%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88-0.99 (t, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.88-3.96 (m, 2H), 4.04-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.81-4.85 (dd, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 3.75 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.12 (dd, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26-6.30 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5, 29.7, 46.8, 55.7, 62.5, 75.2, 85.5, 97.5, 124.1, 127.2, 128.3, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 129.2, 129.9, 131.7, 132.0, 132.6, 166.4, 167.3; HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₆FNO₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 308.1063, found = 308.0771.

(S)-MTPA Ester

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96-0.99 (t, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.98-4.11 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.80 (dd, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 3.75 Hz, 1H), 5.03-5.09 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.18-6.23 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5, 29.7, 46.8, 55.7, 62.5, 75.2, 85.5, 97.5, 124.1, 127.2, 128.3, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 129.2, 129.9, 131.7, 132.0, 132.6, 166.4, 167.3.

The absolute configuration at the hydroxyl chiral center was assigned to be *S*, based on the differences in the chemical shifts observed in both diastereomers, according to the model developed by Mosher and Dale.³

(3*S*,4*R*)-3-Fluoro-3-((S)-hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)-4-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one 9

To a suspension of **8** (36 mg, 0.1 mmol) and NiCl₂ (25.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (1.0 mL) at 0 °C under argon was added NaBH₄ (38 mg, 1.0 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 hours, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and then diluted with CHCl₃. The organic layer was separated, and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford the desired product as a white solid (26 mg, 91%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.53-3.66 (m, 3H), 3.81 (br, 1H), 5.21-5.25 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H),

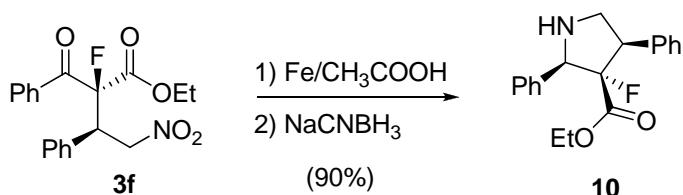
6.45 (s, 1H, -OH), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 44.0 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz), 46.9, 73.2 (d, $J = 28.2$ Hz), 95.5 (d, $J = 190.4$ Hz), 127.1, 127.3, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 129.3, 129.4, 135.0, 135.1, 137.7, 172.5; HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrFNO}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+ = 600.1621$, found = 600.1038.

D. Conversion of Michael Adduct to Chiral Lactam and Pyrrolidine

D.1 Conversion of Michael Adduct to Chiral Lactam

The procedure for the preparation of lactam **9** is described in section C.

D.2 Conversion of Michael Adduct to Pyrrolidine



(2*R*,3*S*,4*R*)-Ethyl 3-fluoro-2,4-diphenylpyrrolidine-3-carboxylate 10

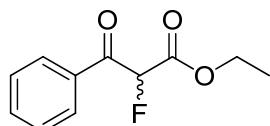
To a solution of **3f** (18 mg, 0.05 mmol) in ethanol (0.5 mL), Fe (56 mg, 0.25 mmol) and acetic acid (0.1 mL) were added. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and NaBH_3CN (6.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for another hour. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution and extracted with CHCl_3 . The organic layer was separated and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford pyrrolidine **10** as a colorless oil (14 mg, 90%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.68-0.71 (t, 3H), 3.59-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.84 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.77-4.81 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.41-7.45 (d, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.49, 48.42 (d, $J = 9.11$ Hz), 54.53 (d, $J = 20.03$ Hz), 60.84, 69.55 (d, $J = 23.68$ Hz), 105.2 (d, $J = 190.4$ Hz), 126.09, 127.43, 127.78, 127.80, 128.28, 128.38, 136.28, 136.87, 167.49 (d, $J = 28.23$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+ = 313.1478$, found = 314.1208.

E. Analytical Data and HPLC Chromatogram of Substrates and Michael Adducts

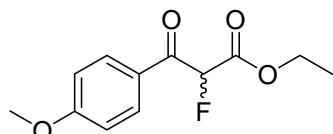
Substrates: **1f** and **6a-6f** were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹

Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate **1f**



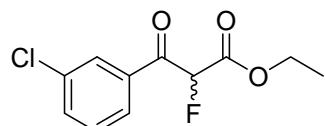
A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.32 (t, 3H), 4.26-4.34 (m, 2H), 5.78-5.94 (d, J = 48.81 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.68 (m, 1H), 8.03-8.05 (d, 2H).

Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxopropanoate **6a**



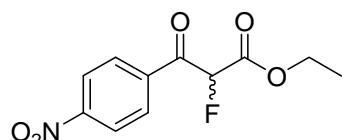
A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.27 (t, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.26-4.33 (m, 2H), 5.76-5.86 (d, J = 49.15 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.97 (m, 2H), 8.03-8.05 (d, 2H).

Ethyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxopropanoate **6b**



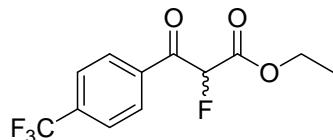
A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.30 (t, 3H), 4.27-4.35 (m, 2H), 5.73-5.89 (d, J = 48.66 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.48 (t, 1H), 7.59-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.94 (m, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H).

Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-oxopropanoate **6c**



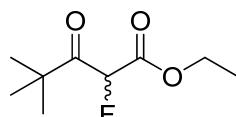
A yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26-1.30 (t, 3H), 4.31-4.34 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.91 (d, J = 48.66 Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.24 (dd, 2H), 8.33-8.36 (d, 2H).

Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-oxo-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoate **6d**



A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25-1.30 (t, 3H), 4.28-4.35 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.91 (d, $J = 48.81$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.78 (d, 2H), 8.14-8.17 (d, 2H).

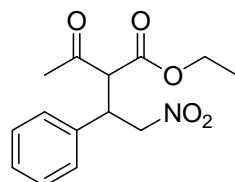
Ethyl 2-fluoro-4,4-dimethyl-3-oxopentanoate (6e)



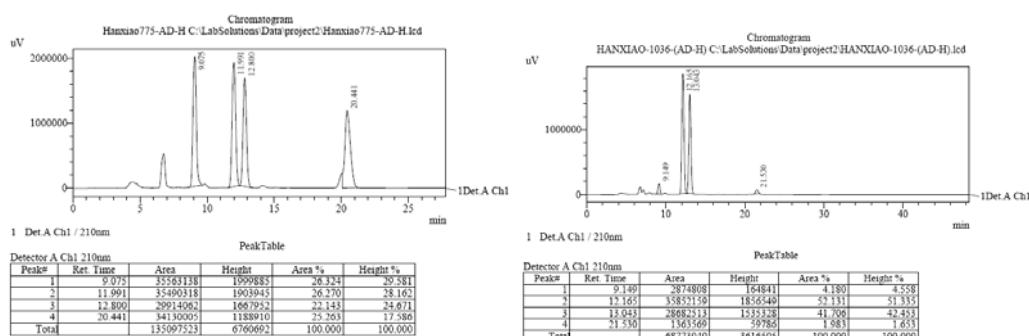
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24-1.25 (d, $J = 1.14$ Hz, 9H), 1.28-1.33 (t, 3H), 4.26-4.34 (m, 2H), 5.39-5.55 (d, $J = 48.81$ Hz, 1H).

Michael Adducts

Ethyl-2-acetyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate (3a)



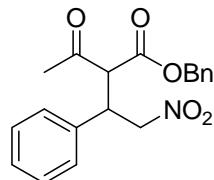
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.97-1.02 (t, 1.6H), 1.25-1.30 (t, 1.4H), 2.05 (s, 1.3H), 2.29 (s, 1.7H), 3.92-4.03 (m, 1.5H), 4.09-4.27 (m, 2.5H), 4.74-76 (d, $J = 6.06$ Hz, 1.2H), 4.81-4.84 (dd, 0.8H), 7.18-7.31 (m, 5H); HPLC [Chiralcel AD-H, $\lambda = 220$ nm, 15% *iPrOH*/hexane, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min, retention times: (major diastereomer) 9.1 12.1 min, (minor diastereomer) 13.0 21.5 min].



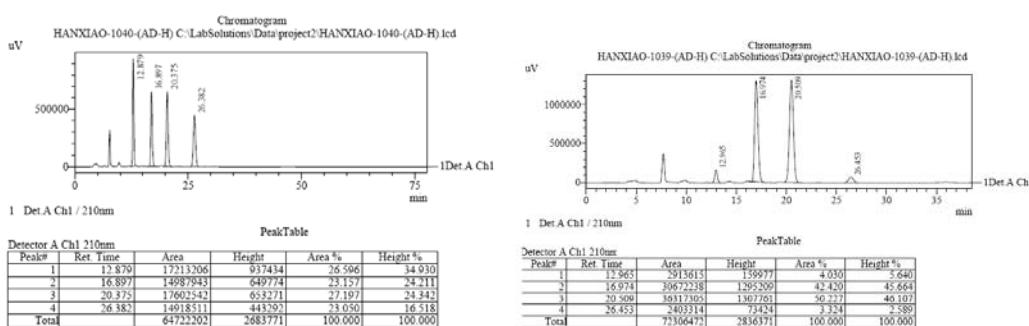
Racemic 3a

Enantiomeric enriched 3a

Benzyl-2-acetyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 3b



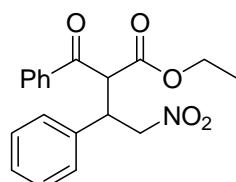
A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.00 (s, 1.3H), 2.25 (s, 1.7H), 4.03-4.06 (d, *J* = 9.54 Hz, 0.5), 4.15-4.28 (m, 1.5H), 4.73-4.80 (m, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1.1H), 5.19 (s, 0.9H), 7.07-7.28 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.07, 30.17, 42.23, 42.50, 61.16, 61.83, 67.64, 67.82, 77.74, 127.78, 127.83, 128.24, 128.32, 128.46, 128.53, 128.69, 128.75, 128.96, 129.10, 134.45, 134.59, 136.21, 166.68, 167.33, 199.92, 200.86; The ee values for both major and minor diastereomers were 85% (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 15% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min, t_R (major) = 12.8 min, 20.4 min, t_R (minor) = 16.9 min, 26.4 min).



Racemic 3b

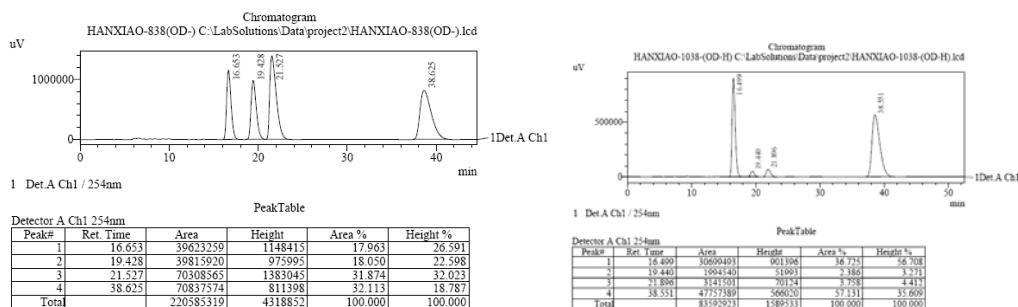
Enantiomeric enriched 3b

Ethyl-2-benzoyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 3c



A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87-0.92 (t, 1.7H), 1.15-1.19 (t, 1.3H), 3.83-3.91 (m, 1.1H), 4.15-4.39 (m, 0.9H), 4.41-4.53 (m, 1H), 4.73-4.85 (m, 1.1H), 4.89-4.96 (m, 1.9H), 7.17-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.89 (m, 0.9H), 8.05-8.09 (m, 1.1H); ¹³C NMR (75

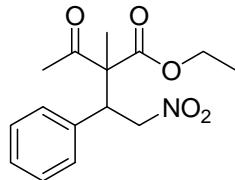
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.50, 13.81, 42.99, 43.03, 56.30, 56.94, 61.87, 62.14, 77.89, 127.89, 128.04, 128.20, 128.26, 128.48, 128.66, 128.82, 128.84, 128.87, 133.74, 134.15, 135.76, 135.95, 136.17, 136.68, 166.88, 167.62, 192.61, 192.67; The ee values of both diastereomers were 88% (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 15% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.75 mL/min, t_R (major) = 21.5 min, 38.6 min, t_R (minor) = 16.6 min, 19.4 min).



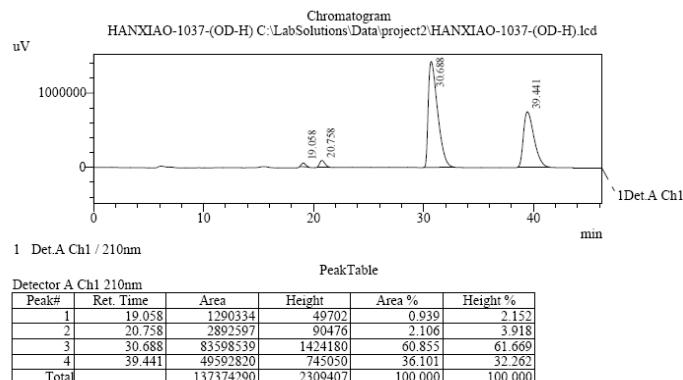
Racemic **3c**

Enantiomeric enriched **3c**

Ethyl-2-acetyl-2-methyl-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate **3d**

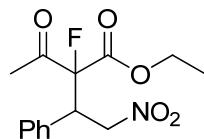


A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.18-1.21 (t, 1.8H), 1.29-1.32 (t, 1.2H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 1.8H), 2.17 (s, 1.2H), 4.01-4.10 (m, 0.6H), 4.11-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.30 (m, 1.4H), 4.87-4.98 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.12 (t, 0.8H), 7.13 (d, J = 1.53 Hz, 1.2H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 3H); The ee values of the major and minor diastereomers were 94% and 93%, respectively (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 210 nm, 10% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 20.7 min, 30.6 min, t_R (minor) = 19.1 min, 39.4 min), which were consistent with literature values.⁴

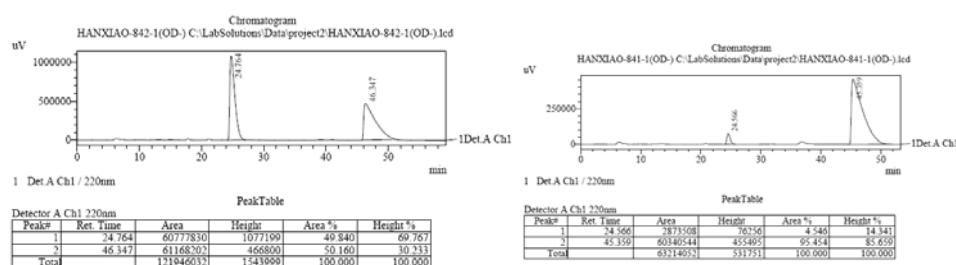


Enantiomeric enriched **3d**

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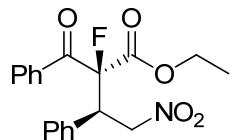
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.31-1.37 (t, 3.0H), 1.86-1.88 (d, $J = 5.61$ Hz, 3H), 4.29-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.49-65 (m, 1H), 4.81-4.90 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.39 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.90, 26.37, 47.17 (d, $J = 18.00$ Hz), 63.61, 77.21 (d, $J = 31.63$ Hz), 100.52 (d, $J = 206.19$ Hz), 128.94, 129.03, 129.49, 129.51, 132.43, 164.45 (d, $J = 25.64$ Hz), 201.20 (d, $J = 28.91$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 320.0910$, found = 320.0551; The ee values of major and minor diastereomers were 91% and 90%, respectively (the major and minor isomers were separated by column, and only the HPLC chromatogram of the major isomer is shown below (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 220$ nm, 10% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 24.7 min, 46.3 min).



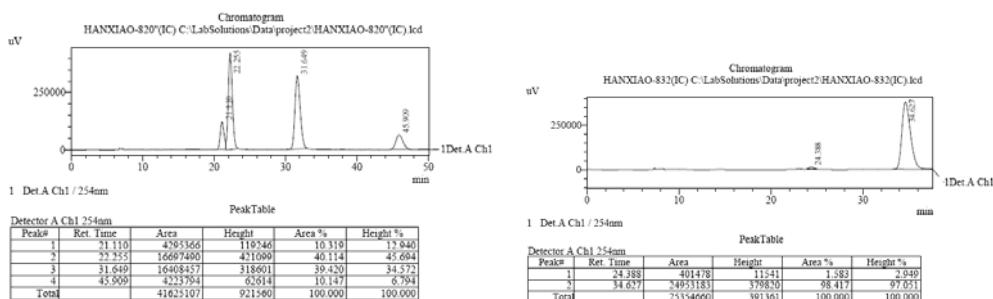
Racemic **3e**

Enantiomeric enriched **3e**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 3f



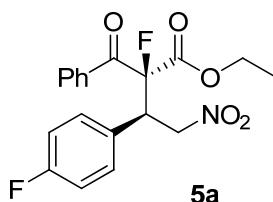
A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.30 (t, 3.0H), 4.27-4.38 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.94 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.75 (d, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.77, 47.84 (d, *J* = 19.09 Hz), 63.85, 75.70 (d, *J* = 4.91 Hz), 100.73 (d, *J* = 206.73 Hz), 128.42, 128.70, 128.91, 129.18, 129.64, 133.19, 133.69, 134.07, 165.49 (d, *J* = 26.18 Hz), 191.70 (d, *J* = 25.64 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FNO₅ [M+Na]⁺ = 382.1067, found = 382.0630; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel IA, λ = 254 nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 22.2 min, 31.6 min).



Racemic 3f

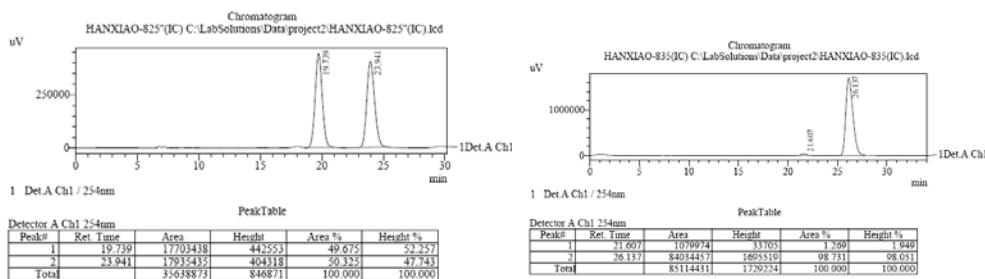
Enantiomeric enriched 3f

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate 5a



A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97-1.02 (t, 3.0H), 4.29-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.80 (m, 0.6H), 4.85-4.87 (m, 2.4H), 6.91-6.97 (t, 2H), 7.28-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.56 (t, 1H), 7.69-7.79 (d, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.86, 47.19 (d, *J* = 19.09 Hz), 63.83, 75.75 (d, *J* = 4.91 Hz), 100.74 (d, *J* = 207.29 Hz), 115.76 (d, *J* = 21.27 Hz), 128.50, 128.98, 129.03, 129.20, 129.29, 131.49, 131.52, 131.63, 133.97, 161.03, 164.32, 165.42 (d, *J* = 25.64 Hz), 191.55 (d, *J* = 25.64 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₇F₂NO₅ [M+Na]⁺ = 400.0927, found = 400.0873; The

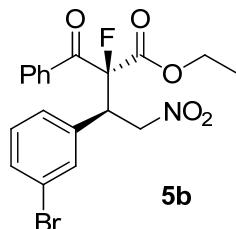
ee value of the major diastereomer was 98% (Chiralcel IA, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 22.4 min, 34.6 min).



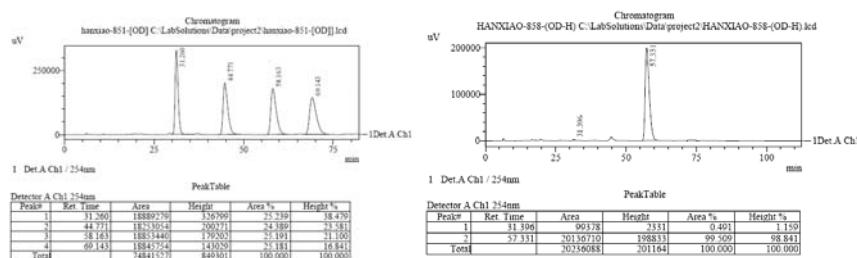
Racemic **5a**

Enantiomeric enriched **5a**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate 5b



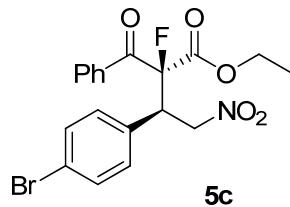
A yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25-1.30 (t, 3.0H), 4.28-4.38 (m, 2H), 4.69-4.93 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.05 (t, 1H), 7.28-7.57 (m, 6H), 7.73-7.74 (d, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.84, 47.43 (d, $J = 19.13$ Hz), 63.83, 75.52 (d, $J = 4.55$ Hz), 100.48 (d, $J = 207.69$ Hz), 122.73, 128.46, 129.35, 130.23, 131.83, 132.74, 133.80, 134.07, 135.71, 165.33 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz), 191.17 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrFNO}_5$ [M] $^+ = 437.0274$, found = 437.1107; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 99% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 31.3 min, 58.1 min, t_R (minor) = 44.7 min, 69.1 min).



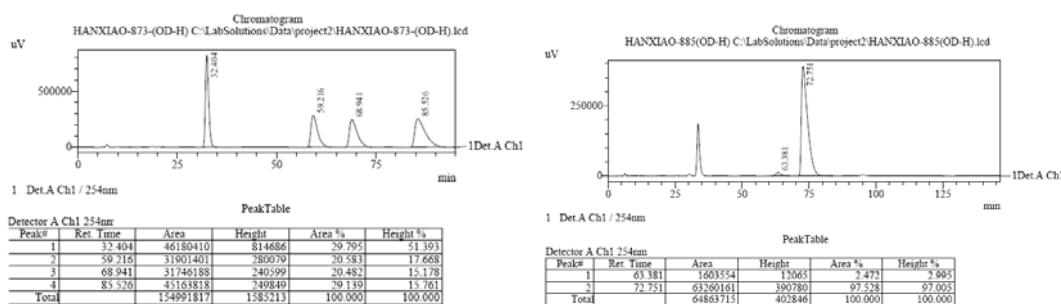
Racemic **5b**

Enantiomeric enriched **5b**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate 5c



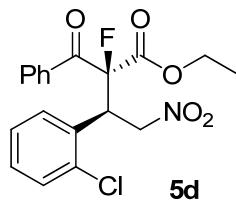
A yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97-1.02 (t, 0.5H), 1.25-1.30 (t, 2.5H), 3.94-3.98 (m, 0.3H), 4.28-4.39 (m, 1.7H), 4.71-4.89 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 3.5H), 7.48-7.56 (m, 1.5H), 7.72-7.75 (d, 1.7H), 8.06-8.09 (d, 0.3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.85, 47.34 (d, *J* = 19.11 Hz), 63.89, 75.57 (d, *J* = 5.47 Hz), 100.57 (d, *J* = 206.77 Hz), 122.93, 128.57, 129.32, 129.37, 131.43, 131.94, 132.44, 132.88, 133.85, 134.09, 165.38 (d, *J* = 25.51 Hz), 191.20 (d, *J* = 25.51 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₇BrFNO₅ [M]⁺ = 437.0274, found = 437.1520; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 254 nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 32.4 min, 85.8 min, t_R (minor) = 59.2 min, 68.9 min).



Racemic 5c

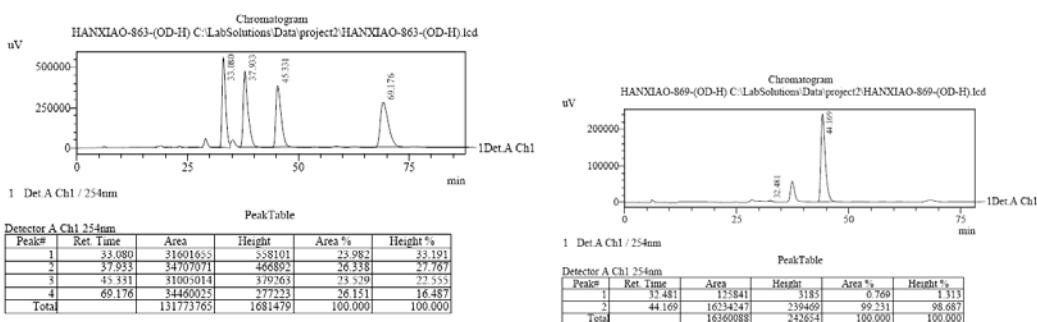
Enantiomeric enriched 5c

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate 5d



A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96-0.99 (t, 0.5H), 1.25-1.28 (t, 2.5H), 3.94-4.03 (m, 0.3H), 4.28-4.39 (m, 1.7H), 4.75-4.80 (m, 1H), 4.85-4.89 (m, 0.3H), 5.01-5.05 (m, 1H), 5.43-

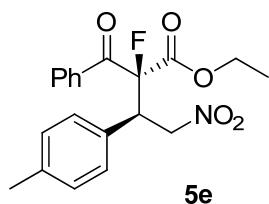
5.51 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.747 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.77, 43.11 (d, $J = 20.05$ Hz), 63.80, 75.32 (d, $J = 6.37$ Hz), 100.33 (d, $J = 206.78$ Hz), 127.25, 128.52, 129.31, 130.37, 132.53, 133.98, 134.68, 135.73, 165.51 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz), 191.88 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClFNO}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 416.0677$, found = 416.0265; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 99% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 33.1 min, 45.3 min, t_R (minor) = 37.9 min, 69.1 min).



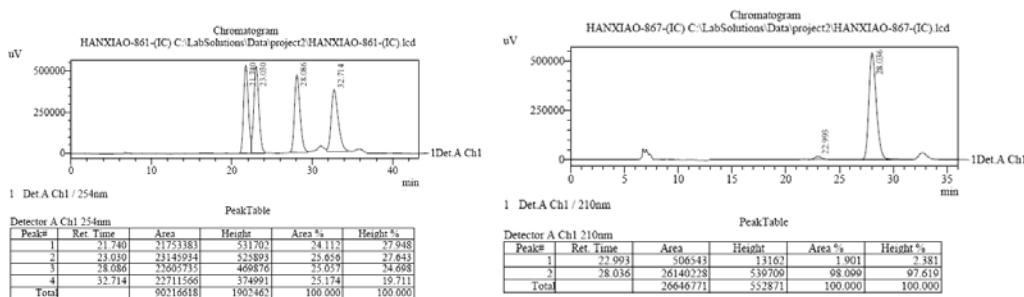
Racemic 5d

Enantiomerically enriched 5d

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-p-tolylbutanoate 5e



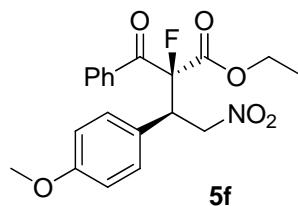
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.26-1.29 (t, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 4.27-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.81 (m, 1H), 4.87-4.89 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.05 (d, 2H), 7.18-7.19 (d, 2H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.72 (d, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.85, 21.04, 47.60 (d, $J = 19.13$ Hz), 63.67, 75.90 (d, $J = 4.56$ Hz), 100.82 (d, $J = 205.86$ Hz), 128.61, 129.25, 129.37, 129.55, 130.15, 133.74, 134.20, 138.36, 165.67 (d, $J = 26.43$ Hz), 191.69 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 396.1223$, found = 396.0783; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 96% (Chiralcel IC, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 5% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 23.0 min, 28.0 min, t_R (minor) = 21.7 min, 32.7 min).



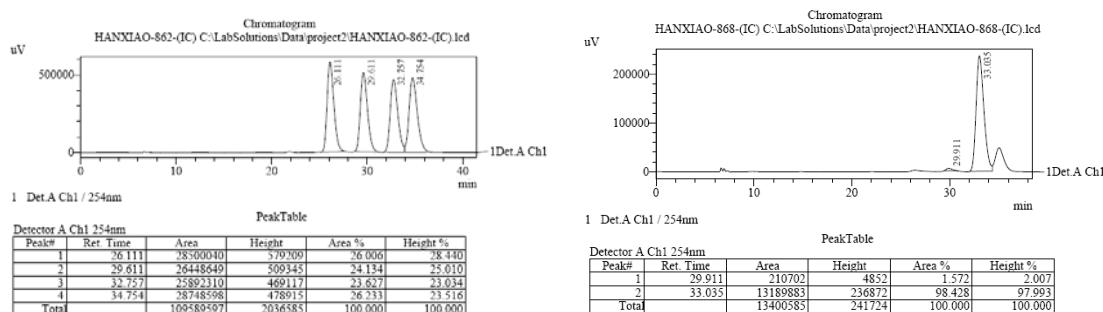
Racemic 5e

Enantiomeric enriched 5e

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate 5f



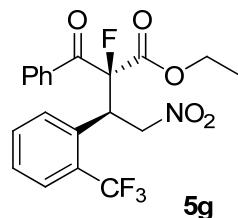
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.97-1.02 (t, 0.4H), 1.26-1.30 (t, 2.6H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.95-3.97 (m, 0.3H), 4.27-4.37 (m, 1.7H), 4.68-4.87 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.77 (t, 1.7H), 6.85-6.88 (d, 0.3H), 7.21-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.5-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 1.7H), 8.05-8.09 (d, 0.3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.79, 47.21 (d, $J = 19.08$ Hz), 55.08, 63.59, 75.85 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 100.82 (d, $J = 206.19$ Hz), 114.10 (d, $J = 9.82$ Hz), 124.87, 128.53, 129.20, 130.45, 133.67, 134.12, 159.51, 165.55 (d, $J = 25.63$ Hz), 191.73 (d, $J = 25.64$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 412.1172$, found = 412.0791; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel IC, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 7.5% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 29.6 min, 32.7 min, t_{R} (minor) = 26.1 min, 34.7 min).



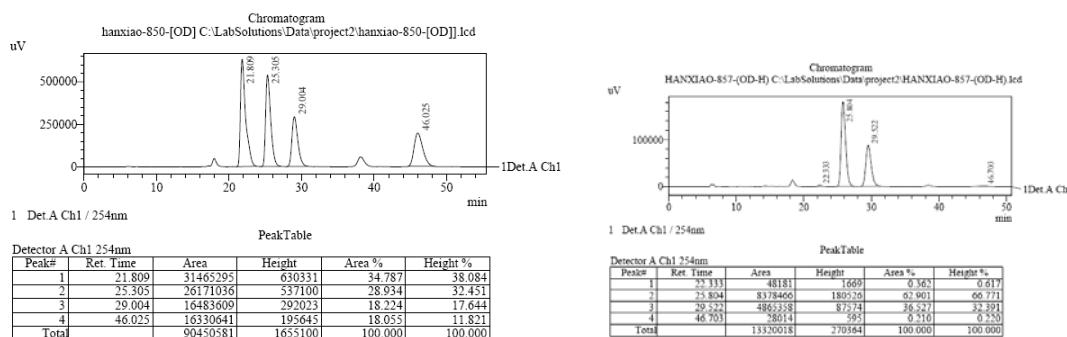
Racemic 5f

Enantiomeric enriched 5f

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanoate 5g



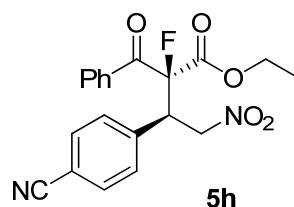
A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.81-0.86 (t, 0.75H), 1.25-1.30 (t, 2.1H), 3.78-3.98 (m, 0.5H), 4.24-4.41 (m, 1.5H), 4.57-4.70 (m, 0.9H), 4.85-4.89 (m, 0.3H), 5.07-5.30 (m, 1.5H), 5.45-5.59 (m, 0.3H), 7.38-7.75 (m, 6H), 7.71-7.78 (m, 2.5H), 8.05-8.09 (d, 0.5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.59, 42.72 (d, *J* = 17.46 Hz), 63.87, 75.97 (d, *J* = 7.64 Hz), 99.73 (d, *J* = 207.83 Hz), 122.09, 125.72, 127.19, 128.50, 129.40, 130.03, 132.35, 134.41, 165.47 (d, *J* = 26.18 Hz), 190.48 (d, *J* = 25.10 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇F₄NO₆ [M+Na]⁺ = 450.0941, found = 450.0424; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 99% (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 254 nm, 7.5% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 21.8 min, 25.3 min, t_R (minor) = 29.0 min, 46.0 min).



Racemic 5g

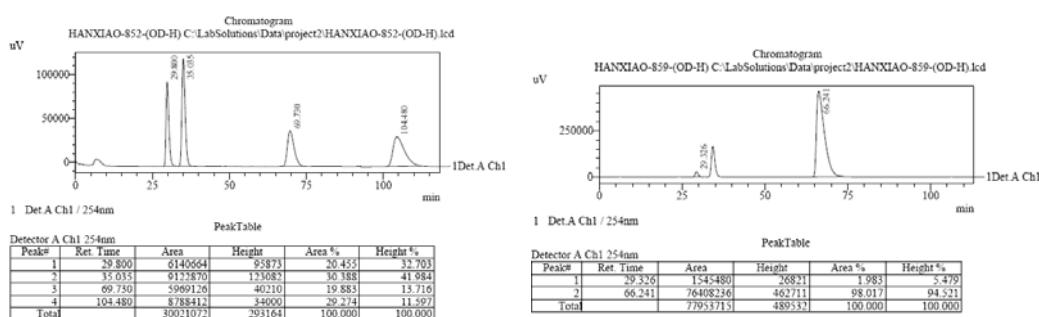
Enantiomeric enriched 5g

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate 5h



A yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96-1.00 (t, 0.5H), 1.26-1.31 (t, 2.5H), 3.93-4.00

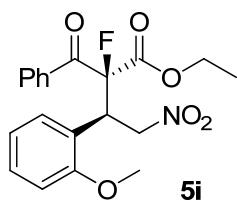
(m, 0.4H), 4.30-4.43 (m, 1.6H), 4.80-4.98 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 1.5H), 7.46-7.69 (m, 5.5H), 7.71-7.79 (m, 1.7H), 8.05-8.11 (d, 0.3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.79, 42.54 (d, J = 19.08 Hz), 63.03, 75.20 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 100.38 (d, J = 207.83 Hz), 112.66, 118.02, 128.60, 129.30, 130.57, 132.42, 133.39, 134.32, 138.83, 165.03 (d, J = 25.64 Hz), 190.64 (d, J = 25.08 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}+2\text{Na}$] $^+$ = 430.0917, found = 430.8738; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 99% (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 254 nm, 20% *iPrOH*/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 29.8 min, 69.7 min, t_{R} (minor) = 35.0 min, 104.5 min).



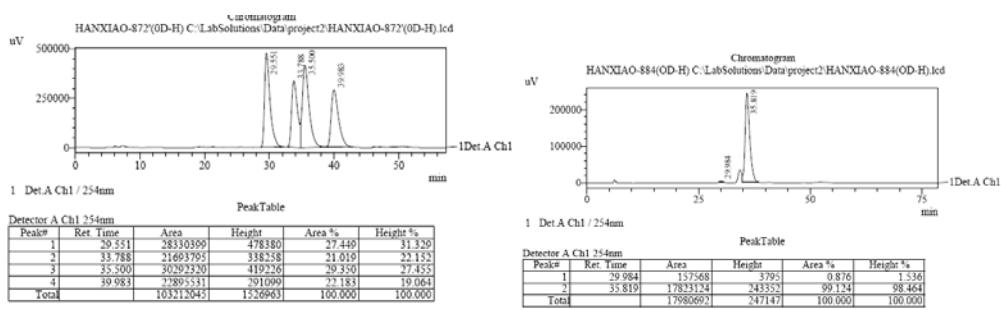
Racemic **5h**

Enantiomeric enriched **5h**

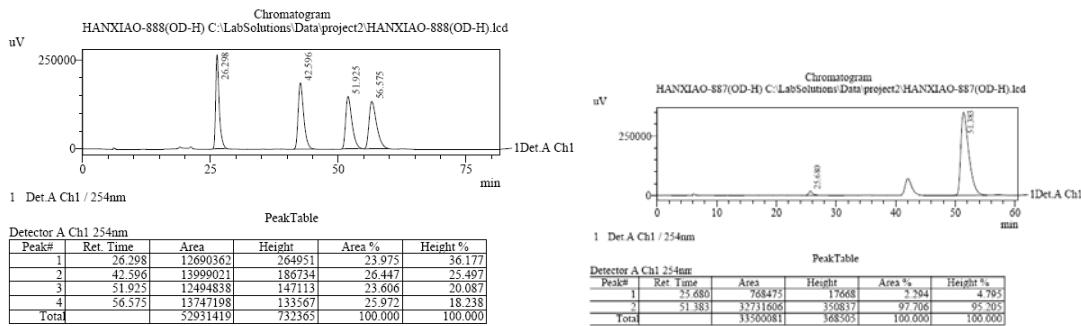
(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate **5i**



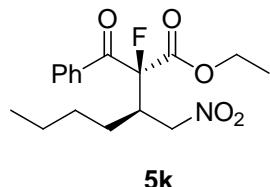
A yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91-0.96 (t, 0.4H), 1.22-1.27 (t, 2.6H), 3.76 (s, 2.6H), 3.83 (s, 0.4H), 4.27-4.34 (m, 2H), 4.81-4.88 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.06 (m, 1H), 5.24-5.28 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.79 (d, 1.7H), 8.05-8.10 (d, 0.3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.71, 40.97 (d, J = 20.18 Hz), 55.58, 63.34, 75.34 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 100.10 (d, J = 205.67 Hz), 111.14, 120.75, 122.56, 128.31, 129.20, 129.28, 129.34, 129.40, 129.63, 133.61, 133.96, 134.01, 157.41, 165.86 (d, J = 25.09 Hz), 191.33 (d, J = 24.55 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_6$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ = 412.1172, found = 412.0705; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 98% (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 254 nm, 5% *iPrOH*/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 29.5 min, 35.5 min, t_{R} (minor) = 33.8 min, 39.9 min).



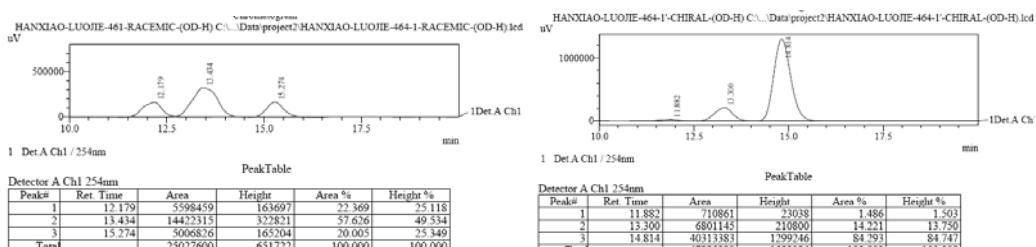
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25-1.28 (t, 3H), 4.26-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.80-4.87 (m, 2H), 5.11-5.20 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.89 (d, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.82, 43.88 (d, $J = 20.05$ Hz), 63.81, 76.51 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 100.25 (d, $J = 206.77$ Hz), 126.70, 126.88, 128.52, 129.09, 1229.36, 129.41, 134.00, 134.47, 165.27 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 191.18 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_5\text{S} [\text{M}]^+ = 365.0733$, found = 365.1551; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 96% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 26.3 min, 51.9 min, t_R (minor) = 42.5 min, 56.5 min).



(2S,3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-3-(nitromethyl)heptanoate **5k**



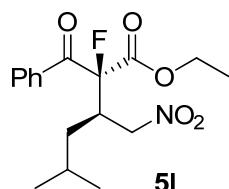
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.86-0.89 (t, 3.0H), 1.21-1.24 (t, 3H), 1.27-1.47 (m, 5H), 1.56-1.61 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.62 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.43 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.70 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.49 (t, 2H), 7.59-7.60 (t, 1H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.73, 22.44, 28.23, 28.26, 29.18, 41.90, 42.07, 63.38, 74.81 (d, $J = 2.74$ Hz), 100.96 (d, $J = 203.14$ Hz), 128.70, 129.68, 129.74, 133.94, 133.97, 134.19, 166.02 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 191.66 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_5$ [M+Na] $^+$ = 339.1; The ee value for the major isomer was 97%, t_{R} (major) = 14.8 min, t_{R} (minor) = 11.8 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% *iPrOH*/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).



Racemic **5k**

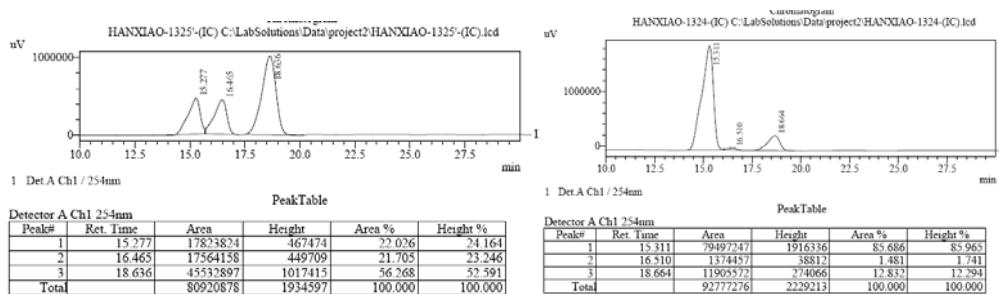
Enantiomeric enriched **5k**

(2S,3R)-Ethyl 2-benzoyl-2-fluoro-5-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)hexanoate **5l**



A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.94-0.96 (d, 2.6H), 0.97-0.99 (d, 0.8H), 1.01-1.02 (d, 2.6H), 1.24-1.26 (t, 3H), 1.32-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.70 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.72 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.38 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.41 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.77 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.49 (t, 2H), 7.55-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.94-8.05(d, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.71, 21.17, 23.46, 25.64, 37.49, 37.51, 40.19,

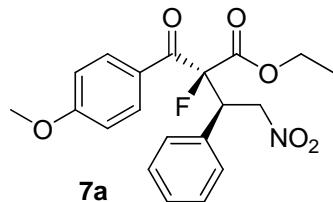
40.37, 63.37, 74.96, 74.98, 100.96 (d, $J = 202.22$ Hz), 128.69, 129.67, 129.73, 133.98, 134.01, 134.17, 166.01 (d, $J = 26.41$ Hz), 191.61 (d, $J = 25.5$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z for $C_{17}H_{22}FNO_5$ $[M+Na]^+ = 339.1$; The ee value of the major isomer was 96%, t_R (major) = 15.2 min, t_R (minor) = 16.5 min (Chiralcel IC, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 3% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min)



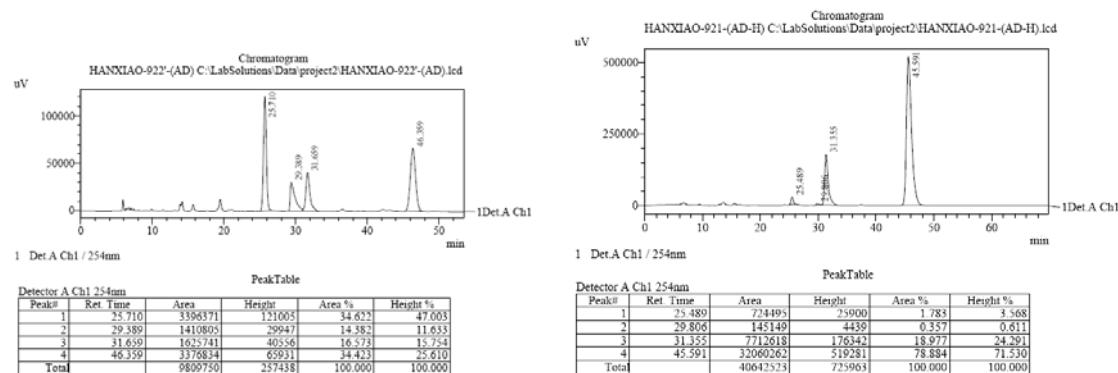
Racemic 5l

Enantiomeric enriched 5l

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 7a



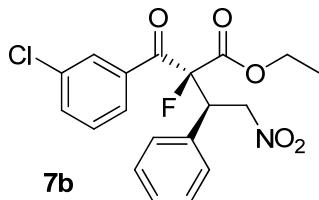
A white oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.94-0.98 (t, 0.6H), 1.23-1.29 (t, 2.4H), 3.82 (s, 2.4H), 3.87 (s, 0.6H), 3.89-3.96 (m, 0.4H), 4.25-4.36 (m, 1.5H), 4.73-4.92 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.83 (d, 1.5H), 6.92-6.95 (d, 0.5H), 7.22-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.72-7.79 (d, 1.5H), 8.08-8.15 (d, 0.5H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.52, 13.75, 46.85 (d, $J = 18.00$ Hz), 47.86 (d, $J = 19.09$ Hz), 55.39, 55.51, 62.86, 63.45, 75.86 (d, $J = 5.46$ Hz), 100.76 (d, $J = 206.73$ Hz), 113.66, 114.00, 126.73, 126.77, 128.37, 128.58, 128.73, 128.79, 129.42, 129.45, 129.61, 129.64, 131.90, 132.00, 132.76, 134.49, 165.82 (d, $J = 25.71$ Hz), 187.80 (d, $J = 25.08$ Hz), 189.25 (d, $J = 24.54$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}FNO_6$ $[M+H]^+ = 390.1353$, found = 390.0976; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel AD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 10% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 25.7 min, 46.3 min, t_R (minor) = 29.2 min, 31.6 min).



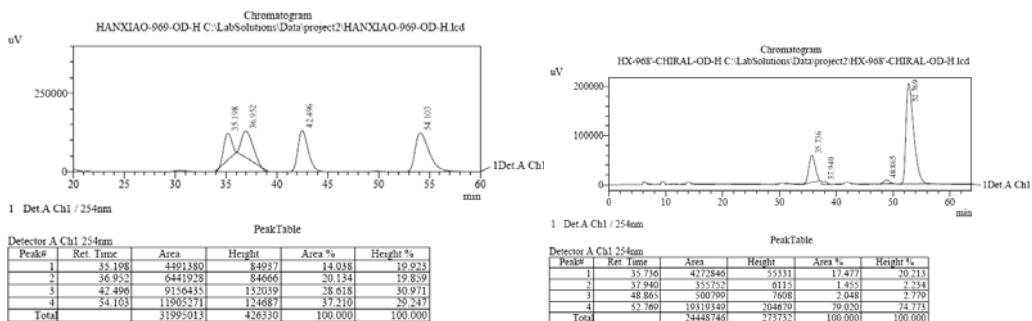
Racemic 7a

Enantiomeric enriched 7a

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-phenylbutanoate 7b



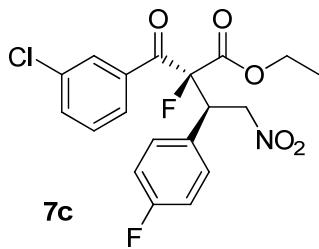
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.98-1.02 (t, 0.5H), 1.31-1.34 (t, 2.5H), 3.94-4.01 (m, 0.4H), 4.32-4.43 (m, 1.6H), 4.77-4.96 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.56-7.59 (d, 0.8H), 7.65 (s, 0.8H), 7.95-8.05 (d, 0.2H), 8.12 (s, 0.2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.59, 13.85, 46.98 (d, $J = 18.21$ Hz), 47.89 (d, $J = 19.12$ Hz), 63.32, 63.92, 75.57 (d, $J = 4.56$ Hz), 100.96 (d, $J = 206.79$ Hz), 127.13, 127.21, 127.27, 128.76, 128.86, 128.93, 129.09, 129.12, 129.18, 129.29, 129.70, 130.16, 133.03, 133.68, 134.65, 134.69, 135.57, 165.16 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 191.13 (d, $J = 26.42$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{FClNO}_5$ [$\text{M}+2\text{Na}$] $^+$ = 439.0557, found = 439.0437; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 96% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 36.9 min, 54.1 min, t_{R} (minor) = 35.1 min, 42.5 min).



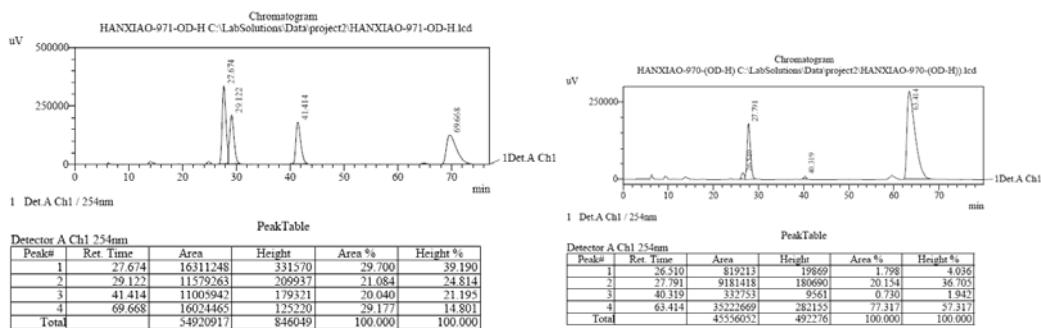
Racemic 7b

Enantiomeric enriched 7b

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-2-fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-nitrobutanoate 7c



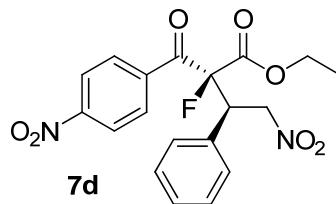
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.01-1.04 (t, 0.5H), 1.31-1.35 (t, 2.5H), 3.97-4.04 (m, 0.4H), 4.32-4.43 (m, 1.6H), 4.75-4.93 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.98 (m, 1.6H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 0.4H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2.5H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 0.5H), 7.51-7.55 (d, 0.8H), 7.61-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.75 (s, 0.8H), 8.02-8.05 (d, 0.2H), 8.13 (s, 0.2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.85, 46.26 (d, $J = 18.21$ Hz), 47.15 (d, $J = 19.12$ Hz), 63.43, 64.03, 75.59 (d, $J = 5.46$ Hz), 101.00 (d, $J = 206.77$ Hz), 115.80, 115.98, 127.28, 12.34, 129.21, 129.25, 129.84, 131.52, 131.54, 131.58, 131.60, 133.92, 134.82, 135.33, 135.36, 161.78, 164.93, 165.03 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 190.72 (d, $J = 26.42$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{ClNO}_5$ [M-O] $^+$ = 395.0736, found = 395.2298; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 96% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 27.7 min, 69.7 min, t_R (minor) = 29.1 min, 41.5 min).



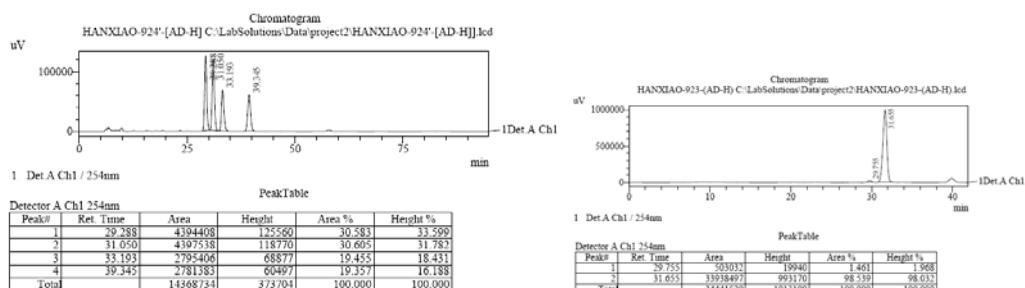
Racemic 7c

Enantiomeric enriched 7c

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-4-nitro-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylbutanoate 7d



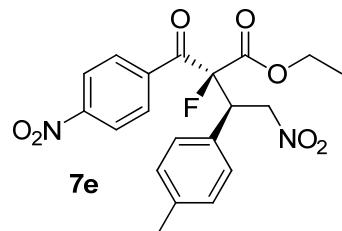
A white solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.95-0.98 (t, 0.7H), 1.31-1.35 (t, 2.3H), 3.93-3.98 (m, 0.5H), 4.34-4.42 (m, 1.5H), 4.76-4.95 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.68 (d, 1.5H), 8.10-8.15 (d, 1.5H), 8.20-8.23 (d, 0.5H), 8.31-8.35 (d, 0.5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.60, 13.90, 46.98 (d, $J = 17.31$ Hz), 47.91 (d, $J = 18.22$ Hz), 63.61, 64.22, 75.31 (d, $J = 5.46$ Hz), 75.51 (d, $J = 7.29$ Hz), 101.25 (d, $J = 206.78$ Hz), 123.43, 123.90, 129.02, 129.25, 129.36, 129.38, 129.73, 129.74, 129.99, 130.05, 131.21, 131.26, 132.69, 132.71, 137.50, 137.53, 139.01, 139.04, 150.27, 150.97, 164.29 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 164.67 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz), 192.22 (d, $J = 27.34$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_7$ [M+Na] $^+$ = 427.0917, found = 427.2564; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel AD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 10% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 29.3 min, 31.1 min, t_R (minor) = 33.1 min, 39.3 min).



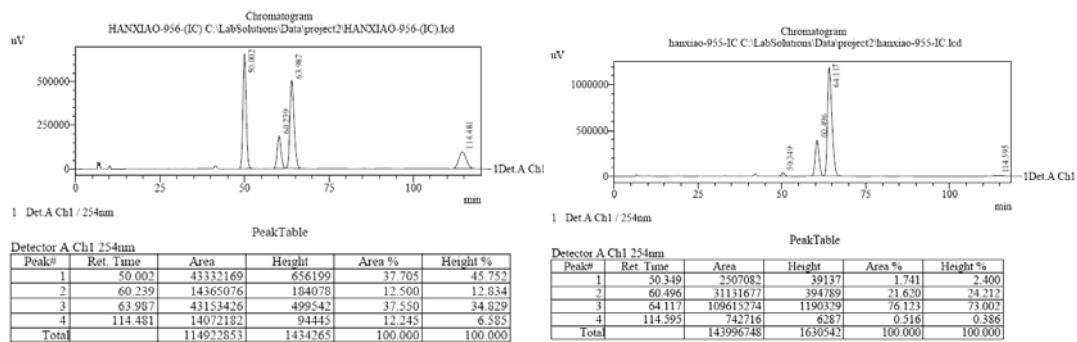
Racemic **7d**

Enantiomeric enriched **7d**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-4-nitro-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-p-tolylbutanoate **7e**



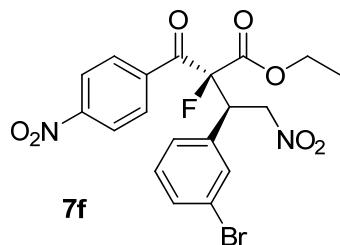
A yellow solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98-1.01 (t, 0.6H), 1.31-1.34 (t, 2.4H), 2.26 (s, 2.3H), 2.33 (s, 0.7), 3.95-3.99 (m, 0.4H), 4.32-4.42 (m, 1.6H), 4.72-4.92 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.05 (d, 1.5H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 0.8H), 7.71-7.77 (m, 1.5H), 8.14-8.19 (d, 1.5H), 8.21-8.25 (d, 0.4H), 8.31-8.35 (d, 0.4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.90, 21.05, 47.59 (d, *J* = 18.22 Hz), 64.14, 75.43 (d, *J* = 5.46 Hz), 101.28 (d, *J* = 206.78 Hz), 123.40, 123.87, 129.19, 129.56, 129.70, 130.07, 131.21, 138.85, 150.27, 164.75 (d, *J* = 25.51 Hz), 192.12 (d, *J* = 27.33 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₉FN₂O₇ [M]⁺ = 418.1176, found = 418.1648; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 96% (Chiralcel IC, λ = 254 nm, 10% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 50.0 min, 63.9 min, t_R (minor) = 60.1 min, 114.5 min).



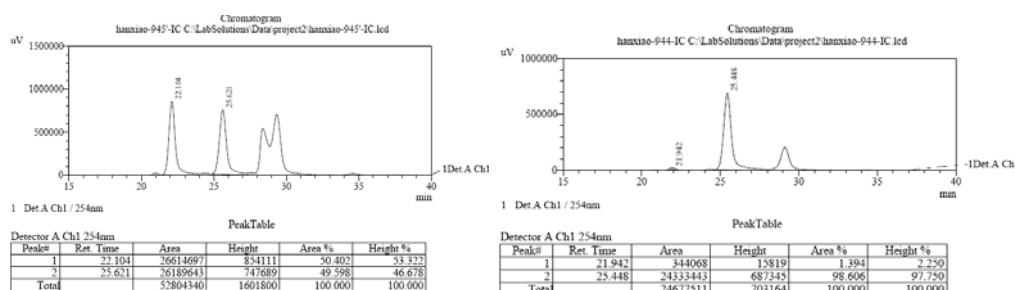
Racemic **7e**

Enantiomeric enriched **7e**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitro-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)butanoate **7f**



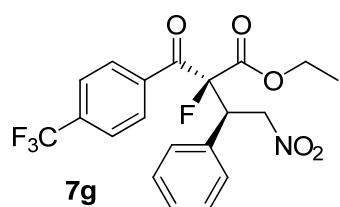
A yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.01-1.04 (t, 0.6H), 1.31-1.34 (t, 2.6H), 3.97-4.06 (m, 0.4H), 4.32-4.42 (m, 1.6H), 4.73-4.92 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.15 (m, 0.7H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1.3H), 7.34-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.85 (d, 1.6H), 8.18-8.22 (d, 1.6H), 8.25-8.29 (d, 0.4H), 8.32-8.35 (d, 0.4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.89, 47.37 (d, $J = 18.21$ Hz), 64.38, 75.10 (d, $J = 4.56$ Hz), 100.92 (d, $J = 207.70$ Hz), 122.97, 123.59, 123.94, 127.86, 128.37, 130.25, 130.54, 131.27, 132.16, 132.45, 132.71, 135.17, 138.60, 150.49, 164.49 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz), 192.32 (d, $J = 27.33$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrFN}_2\text{O}_7$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ = 505.0023, found = 505.2551; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel IC, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 15% *iPrOH*/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 22.1 min, 25.6 min, t_{R} (minor) = 28.5 min, 29.5 min).



Racemic **7f**

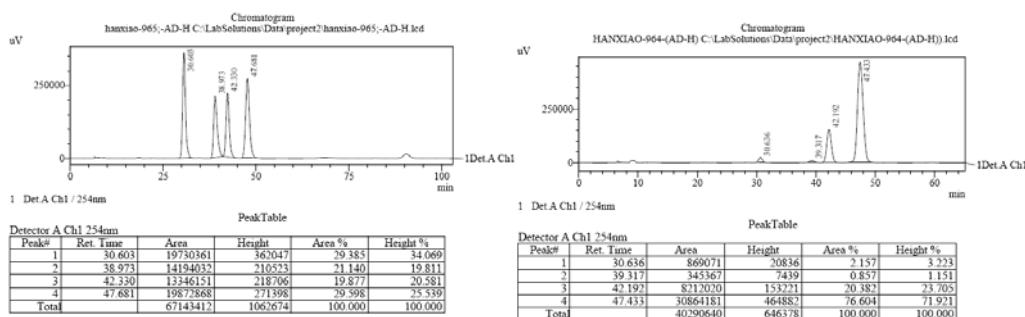
Enantiomeric enriched **7f**

(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-4-nitro-3-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)butanoate 7g



A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.98-1.01 (t, 0.5H), 1.32-1.35 (t, 2.5H), 3.95-4.00 (m, 0.3H), 4.33-4.44 (m, 1.7H), 4.79-4.99 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.65 (d, 1.6H), 7.75-7.78 (d, 1.6H), 7.79-7.81 (d, 0.4H), 8.22-8.25 (d, 0.4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.86, 47.91 (d, $J = 18.21$ Hz), 64.02, 75.49 (d, $J = 5.46$ Hz), 101.11 (d, $J = 206.77$ Hz), 122.25,

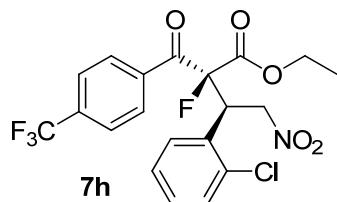
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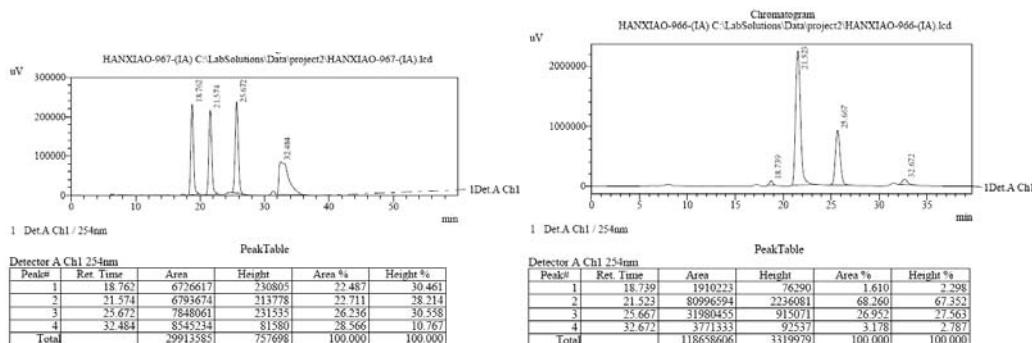
Racemic 7g

Enantiomeric enriched 7g

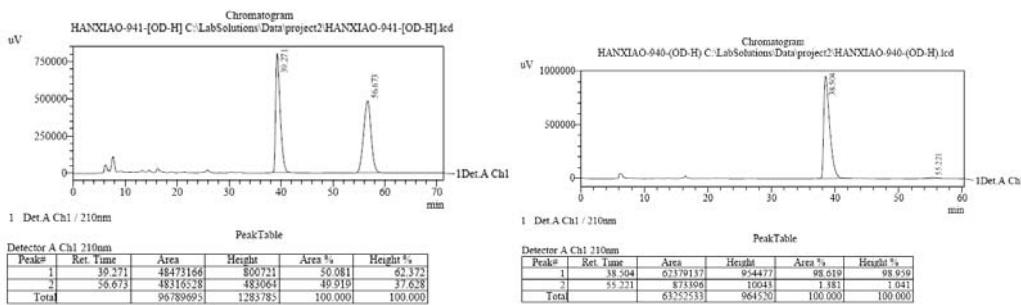
(2S, 3R)-Ethyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)butanoate 7h



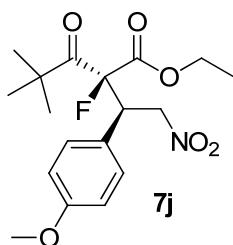
A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.96-0.99 (t, 0.6H), 1.29-1.32 (t, 2.4H), 3.92-4.02 (m, 0.4H), 4.31-4.42 (m, 1.6H), 4.74-4.78 (m, 1H), 4.82-4.86 (m, 0.2H), 5.00-5.04 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.53 (m, 0.8H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.63 (d, 1.6H), 7.75-7.79 (d, 0.4H), 7.81-7.85 (d, 1.6H), 8.15-8.19 (d, 0.4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.81, 43.08, 64.14, 75.09 (d, $J = 6.37$ Hz), 100.63 (d, $J = 207.69$ Hz), 122.21, 124.38, 125.50, 125.86, 127.37, 127.65, 129.55, 129.61, 129.69, 129.89, 130.26, 130.44, 130.48, 130.53, 132.17, 134.89, 135.16, 135.72, 136.70, 164.94 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 190.87 (d, $J = 25.50$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{16}ClF_4NO_5[M-Cl+H]^+ = 427.1043$, found = 427.0031; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 95% (Chiralcel IA, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 5% *i*PrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 18.7 min, 21.5 min, t_R (minor) = 25.6 min, 32.6 min).



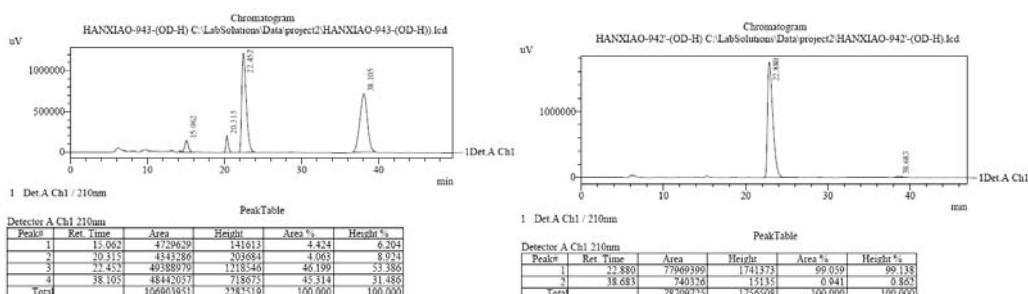
A white solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.89-0.90 (s, 9H), 1.32-1.35 (t, 3H), 4.29-4.36 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.64 (m, 0.5H), 4.67-4.78 (m, 1.5H), 4.80-4.83 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.94, 25.46 (d, $J = 4.55$ Hz), 45.58 (d, $J = 3.64$ Hz), 47.71 (d, $J = 18.21$ Hz), 63.65, 74.91 (d, $J = 4.56$ Hz), 102.32 (d, $J = 211.10$ Hz), 123.07, 131.70, 131.72, 131.88, 132.24, 164.81 (d, $J = 25.51$ Hz), 204.79 (d, $J = 24.60$ Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrFNO}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 417.0587$, found = 418.1651; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 97% (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 210$ nm, 5% $i\text{PrOH}/\text{hexane}$, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_{R} (major) = 39.2 min, 56.7 min).



(S)-Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-((R)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-4,4-dimethyl-3-oxopentanoate 7j



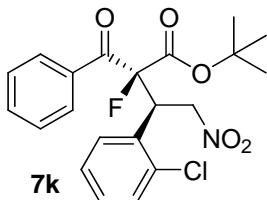
A yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87-0.88 (d, 9H), 1.31-1.36 (t, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 4.28-4.36 (m, 2H), 4.50-4.87 (m, 3H), 6.79-6.84 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.95, 25.46 (d, *J* = 4.55 Hz), 45.64 (d, *J* = 3.67 Hz), 47.71 (d, *J* = 19.12 Hz), 55.22, 63.44, 75.29 (d, *J* = 4.56 Hz), 102.52 (d, *J* = 211.10 Hz), 114.03, 124.85, 131.23, 159.79, 165.13 (d, *J* = 25.51 Hz), 205.06 (d, *J* = 24.58 Hz); HRMS (IT-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₄FNO₆ [M+H]⁺ = 392.1485, found = 392.1051; The ee value of the major diastereomer was 98% (Chiralcel OD-H, λ = 210 nm, 5% iPrOH/hexane, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, t_R (major) = 22.4 min, 38.1 min, t_R (minor) = 15.1 min, 20.3 min).



Racemic 7j

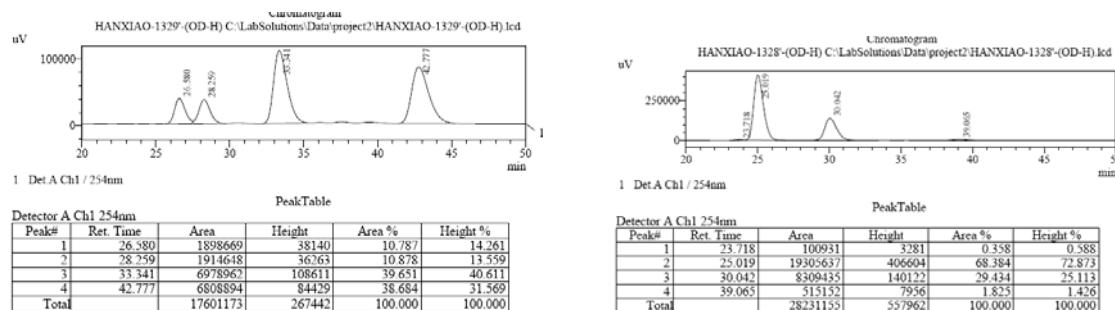
Enantiomeric enriched 7j

(2S,3R)-*tert*-Butyl 2-benzoyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobutanoate 7k



A colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (s, 2.5H), 1.42 (s, 6.5H), 4.67-4.72 (m, 0.3H), 4.79-4.87 (m, 1 H), 4.99-5.03 (m, 0.8H), 5.39-5.47 (m, 0.7H), 5.63-5.70 (m, 0.3H), 7.12-7.20 (m,

1.5H), 7.27-7.41 (m, 5.5H), 7.75-7.79 (d, 1.5H), 8.10-8.15 (d, 0.5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.08, 27.55, 43.02, 43.18, 75.80, 76.01, 85.59, 86.10, 100.24 (d, $J = 206.77$ Hz), 127.21, 127.53, 128.47, 128.76, 128.90, 128.92, 128.94, 129.26, 129.31, 129.54, 129.93, 130.01, 130.11, 130.28, 131.93, 132.73, 133.15, 133.18, 133.99, 134.01, 134.47, 135.49, 135.94, 164.30 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz), 191.06 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FClNO}_5$ [M+Na] $^+$ = 421.1; The ee value of the major isomer was 98%, t_{R} (major) = 25.0 min, t_{R} (minor) = 23.7 min (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 2.5% iPrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).



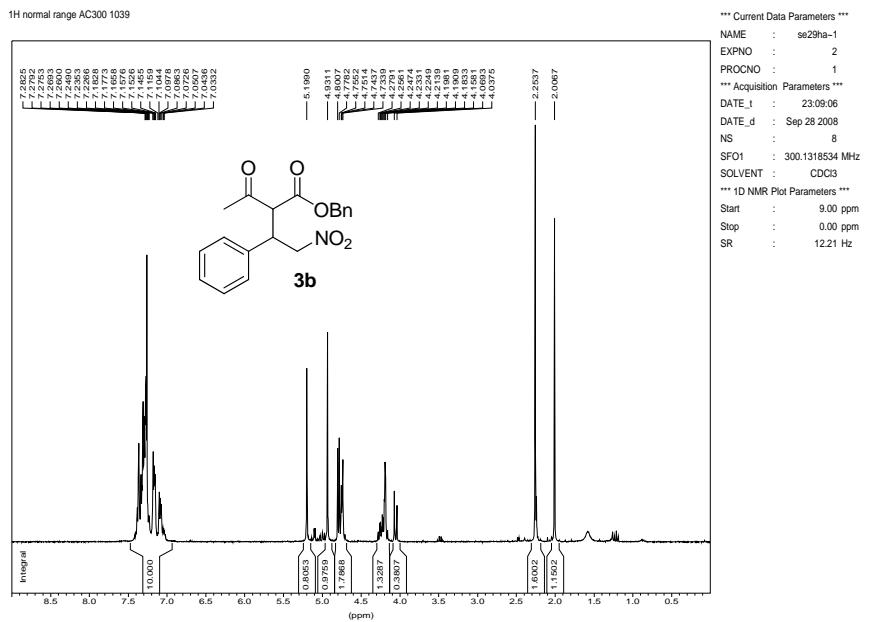
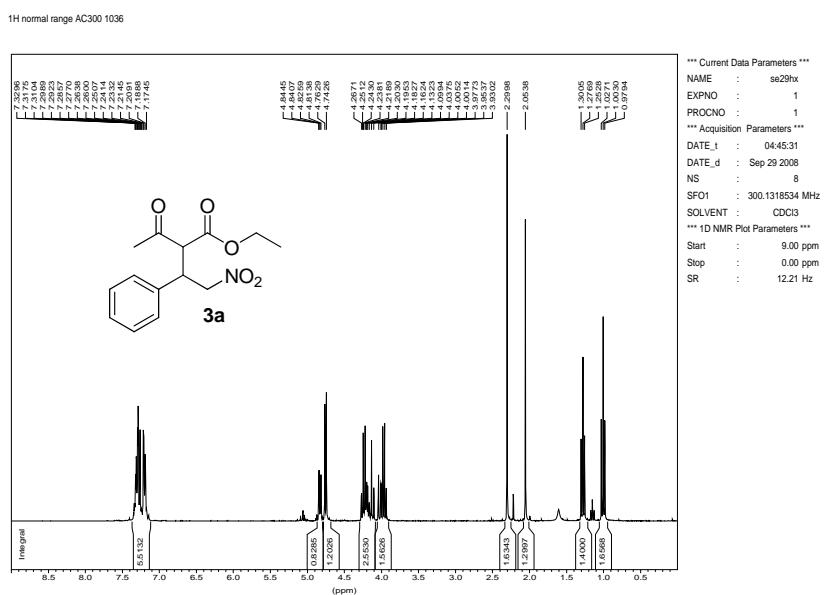
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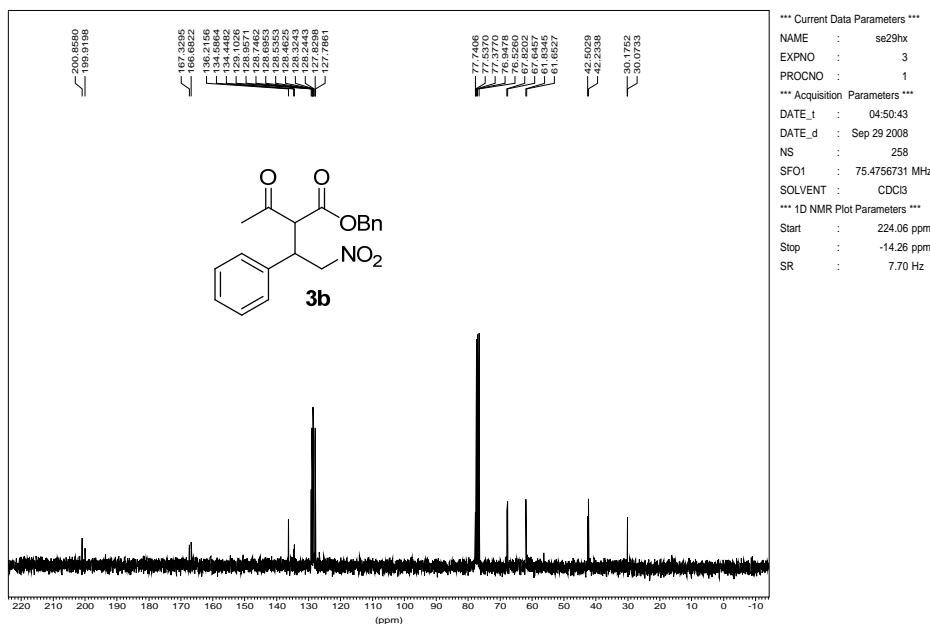
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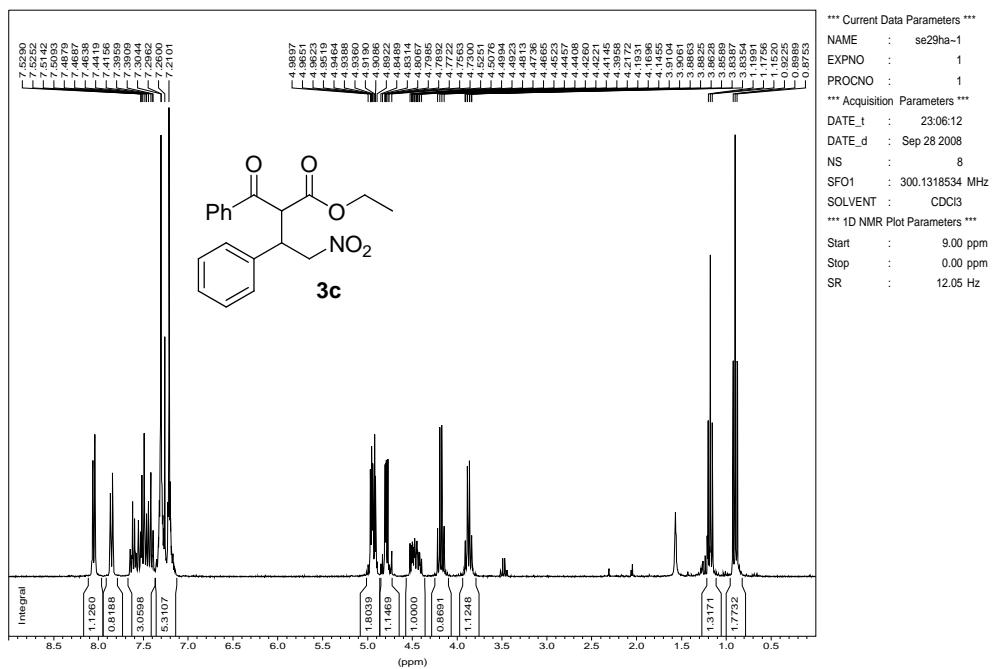
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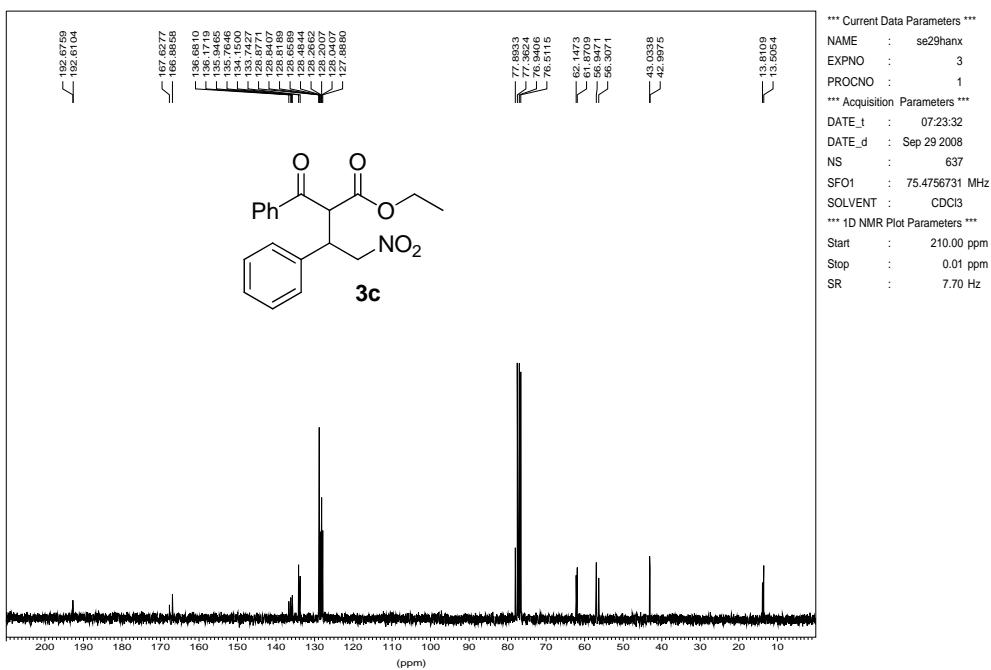
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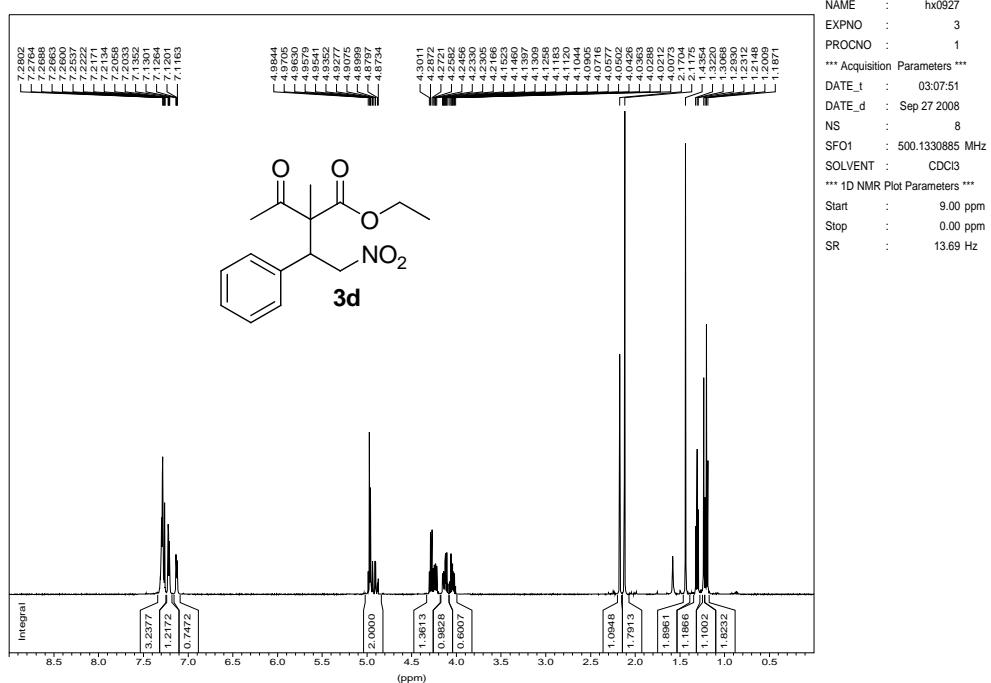
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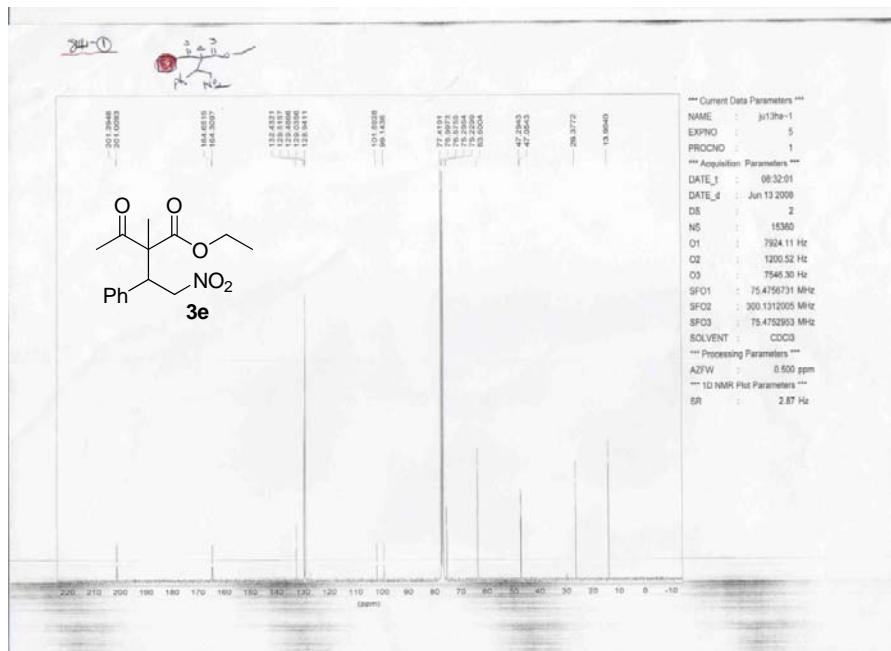
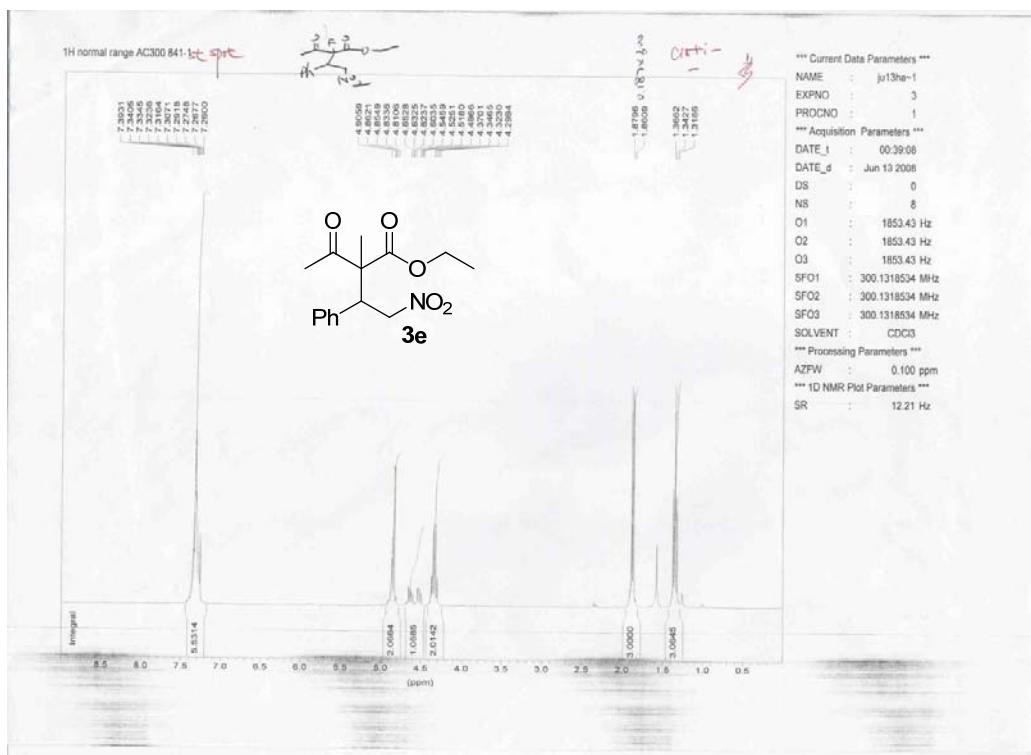


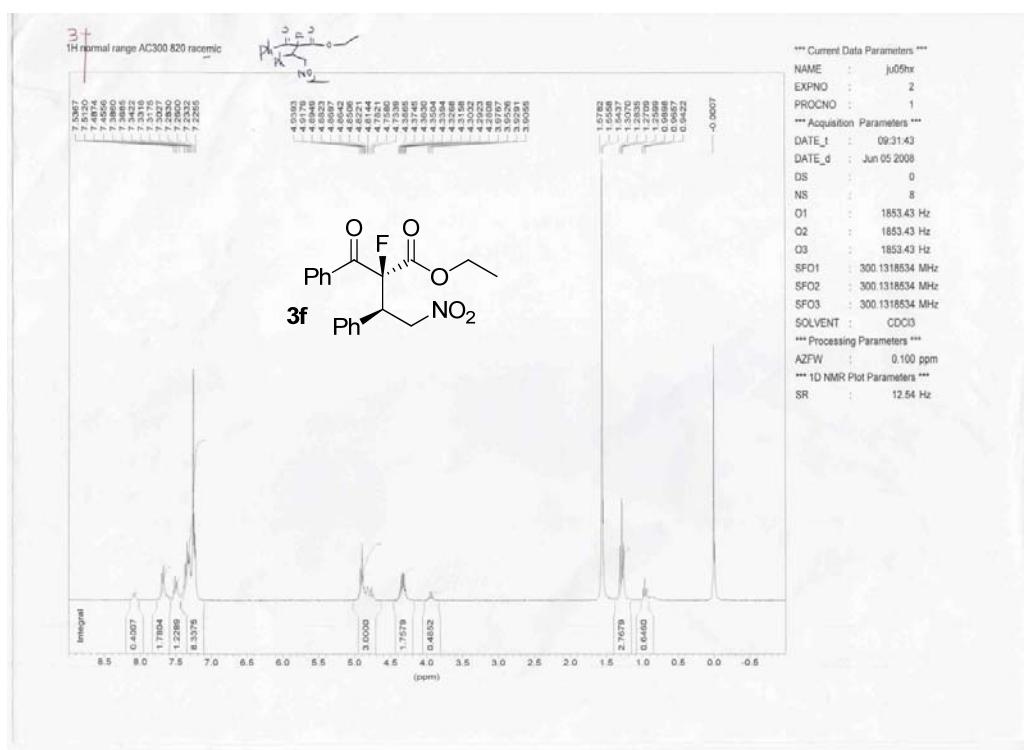
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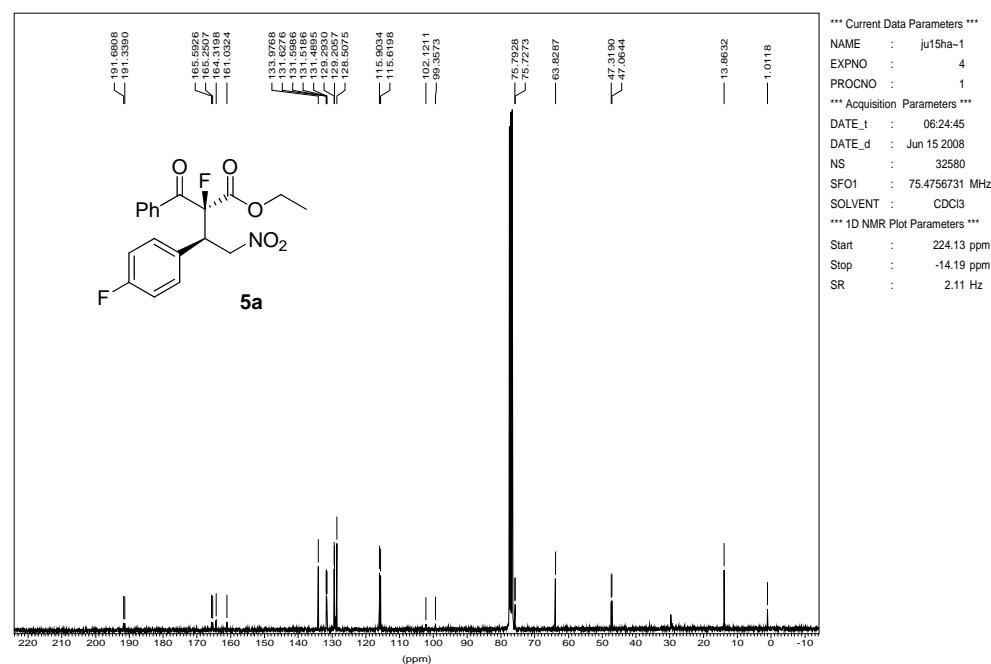
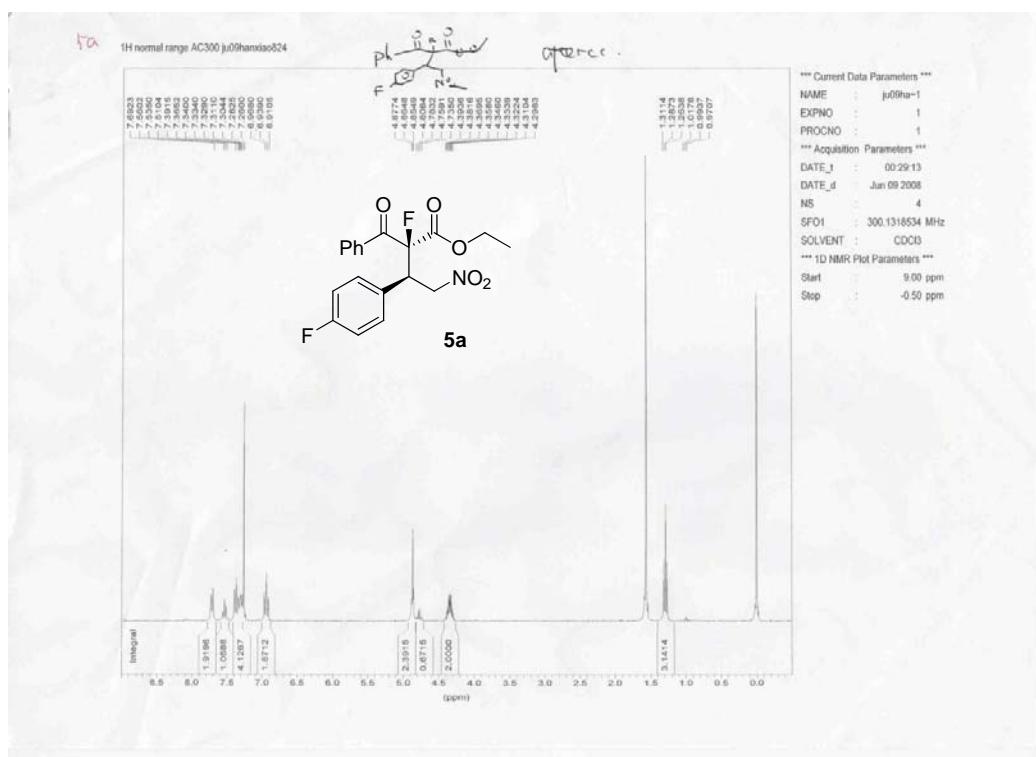


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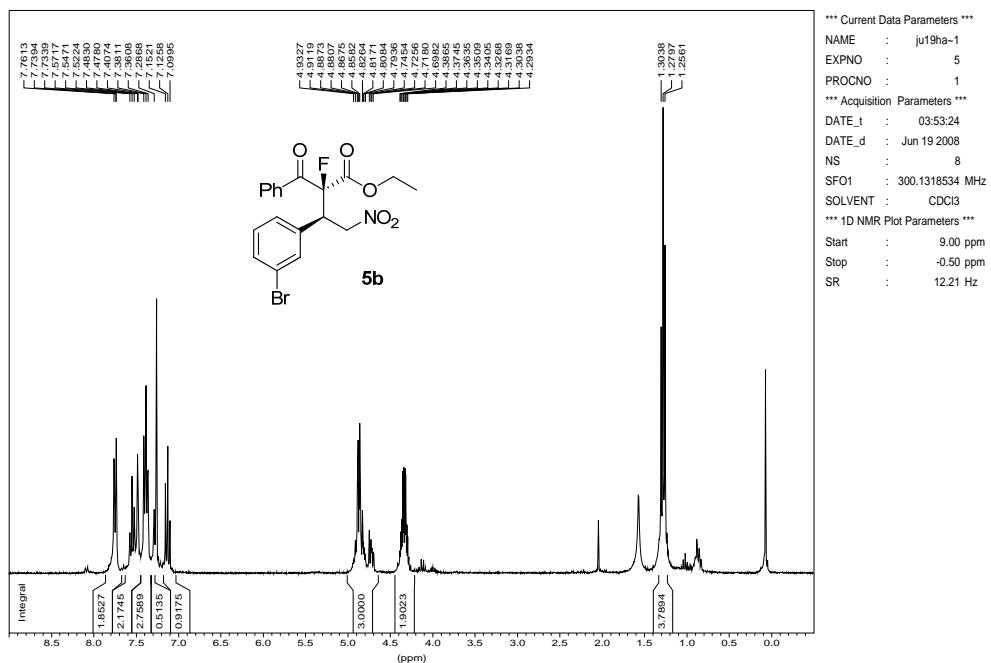




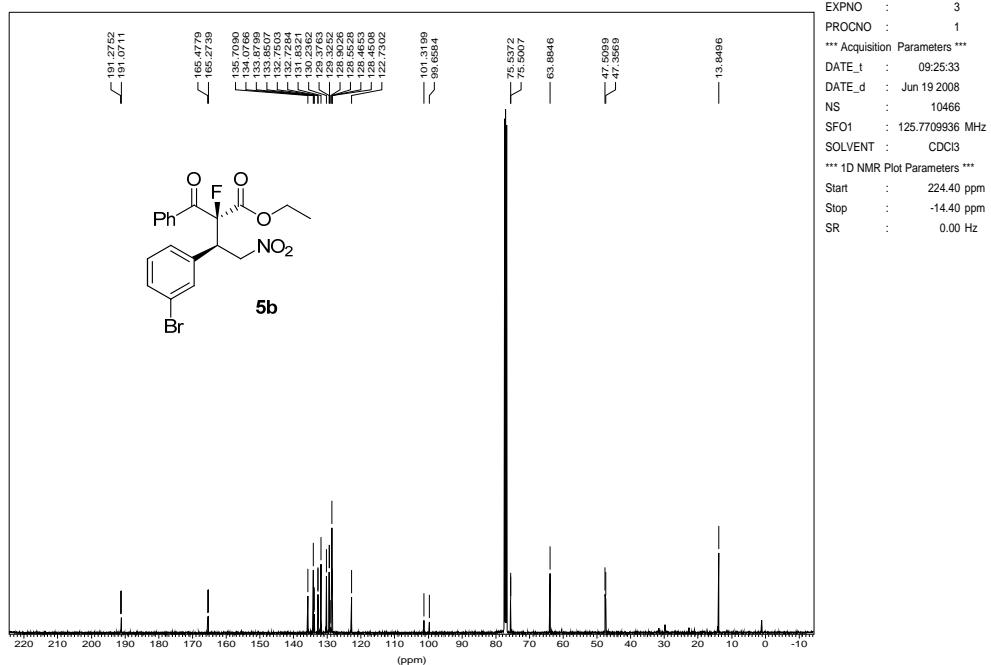




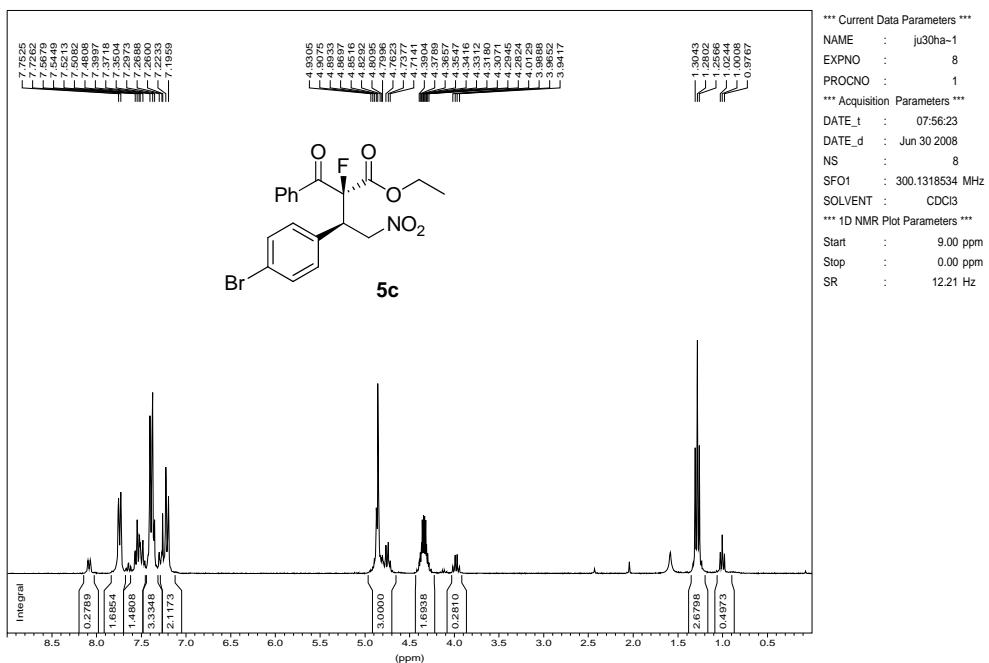
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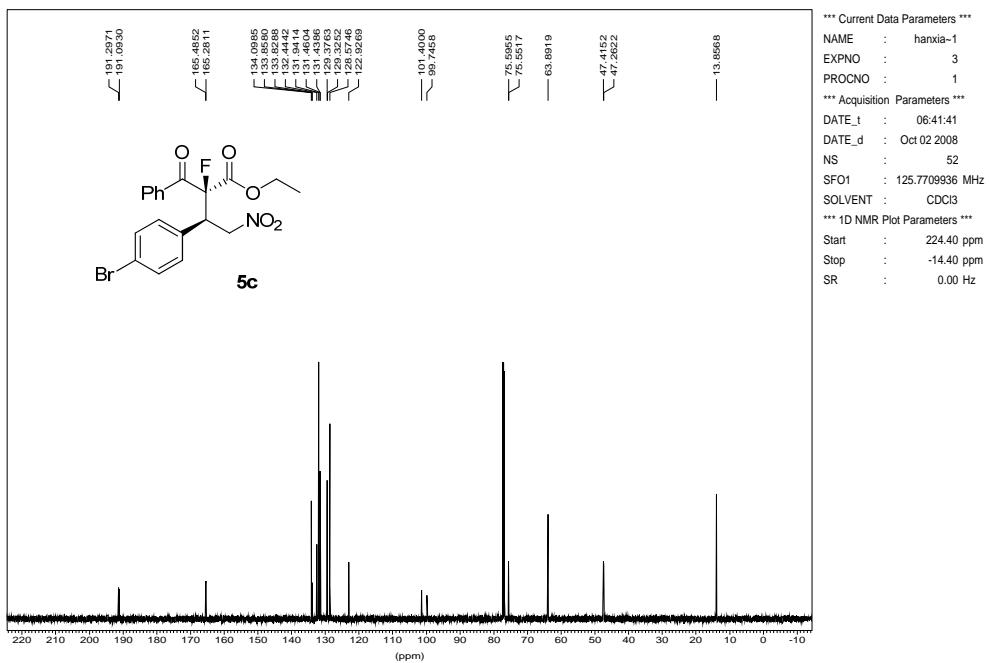
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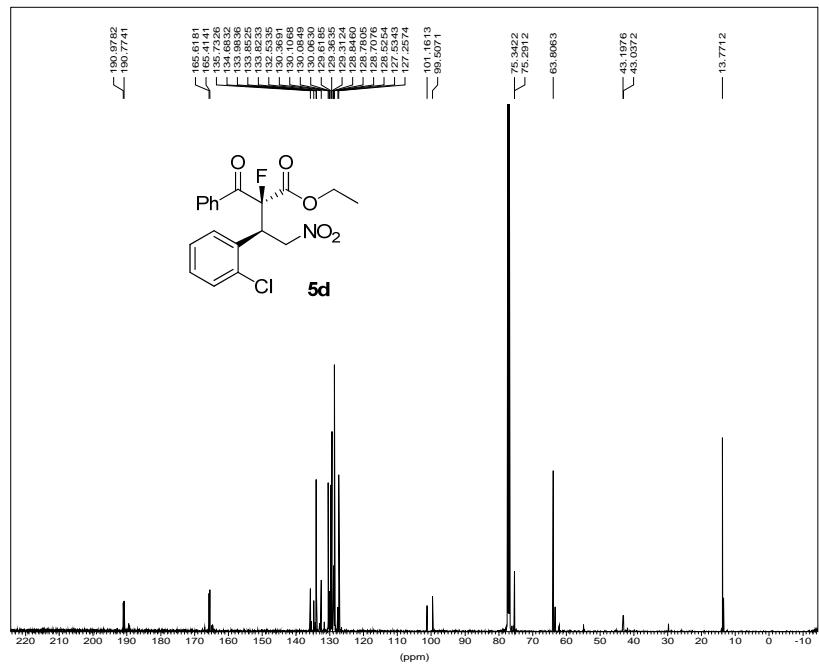
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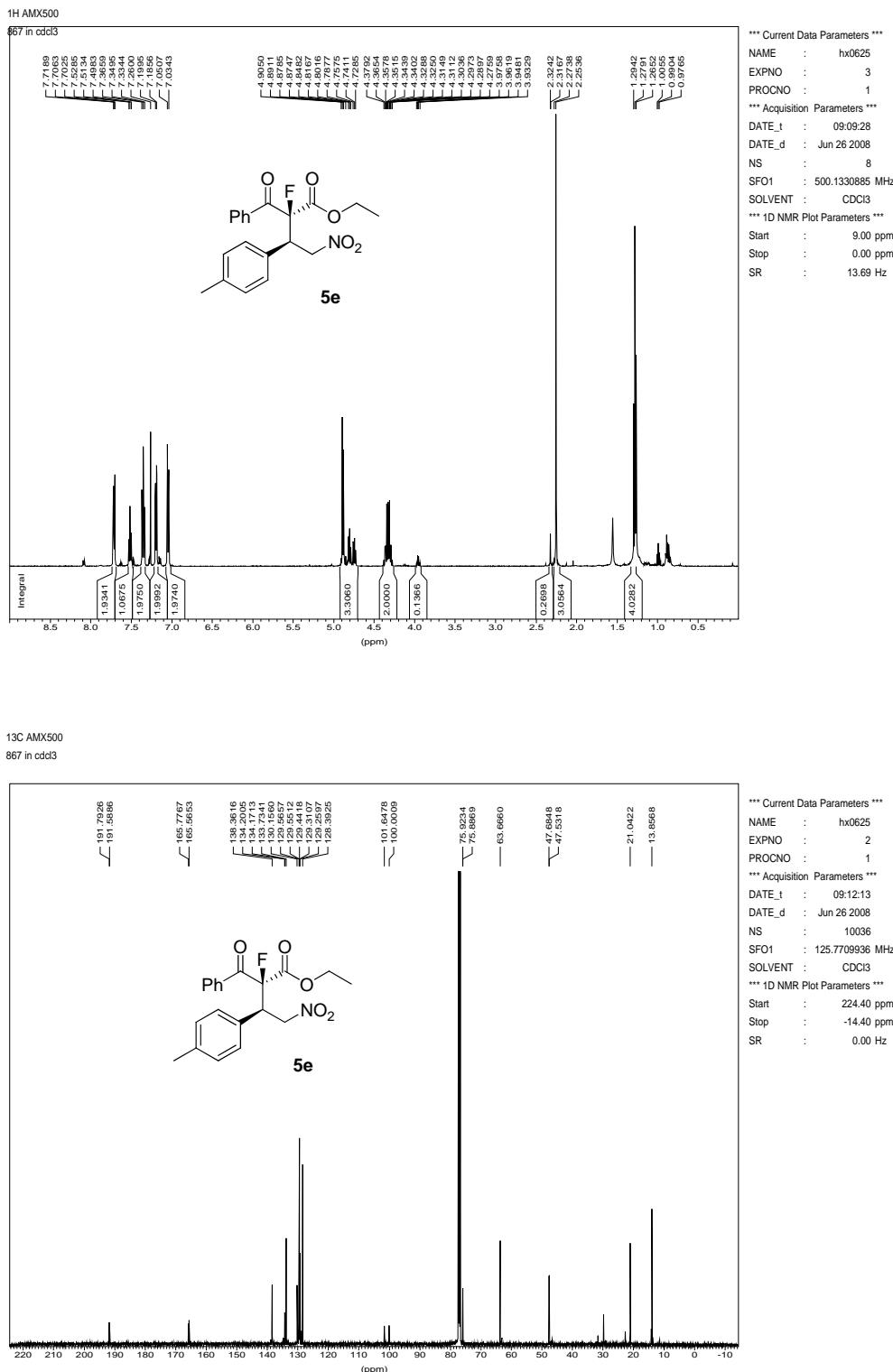
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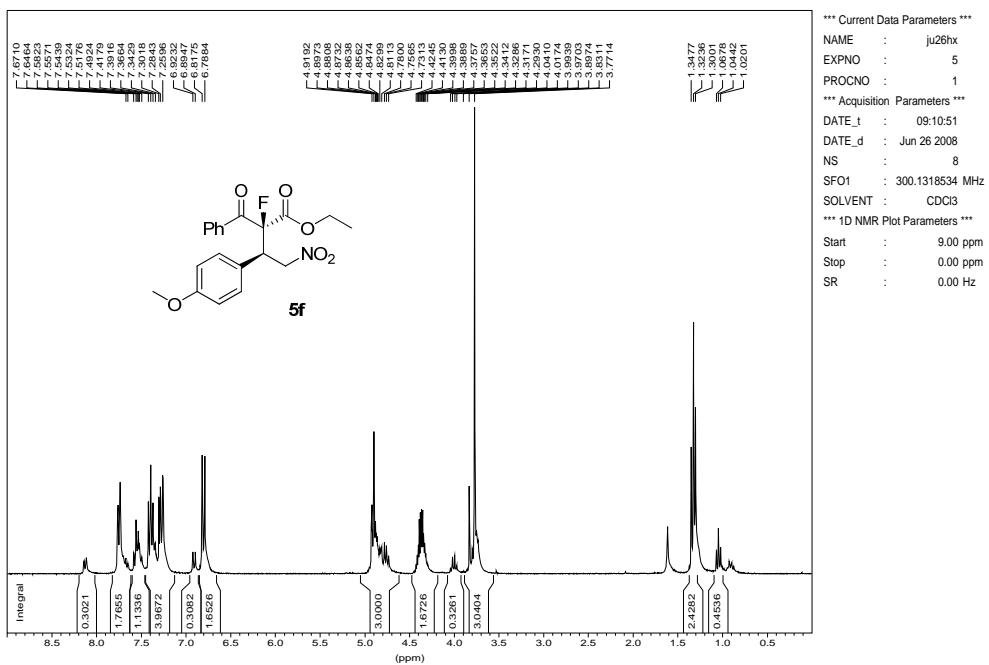
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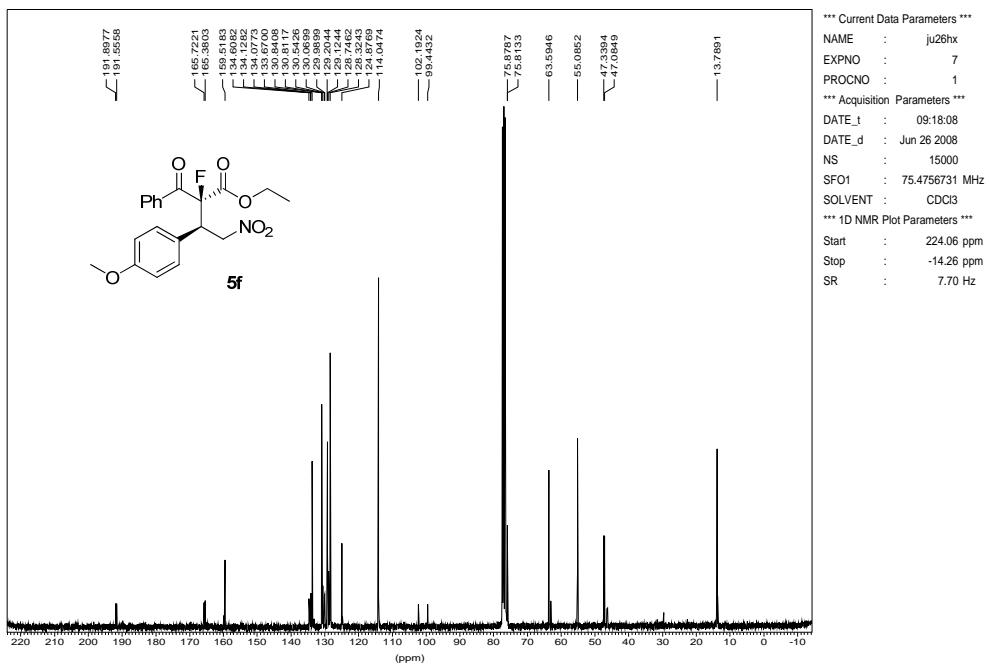




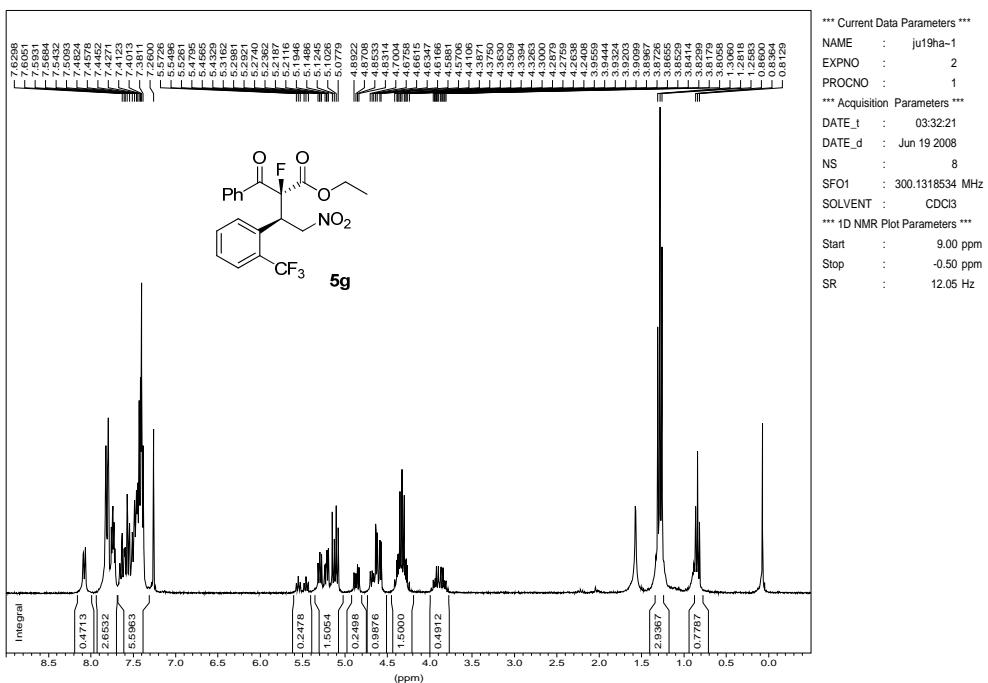
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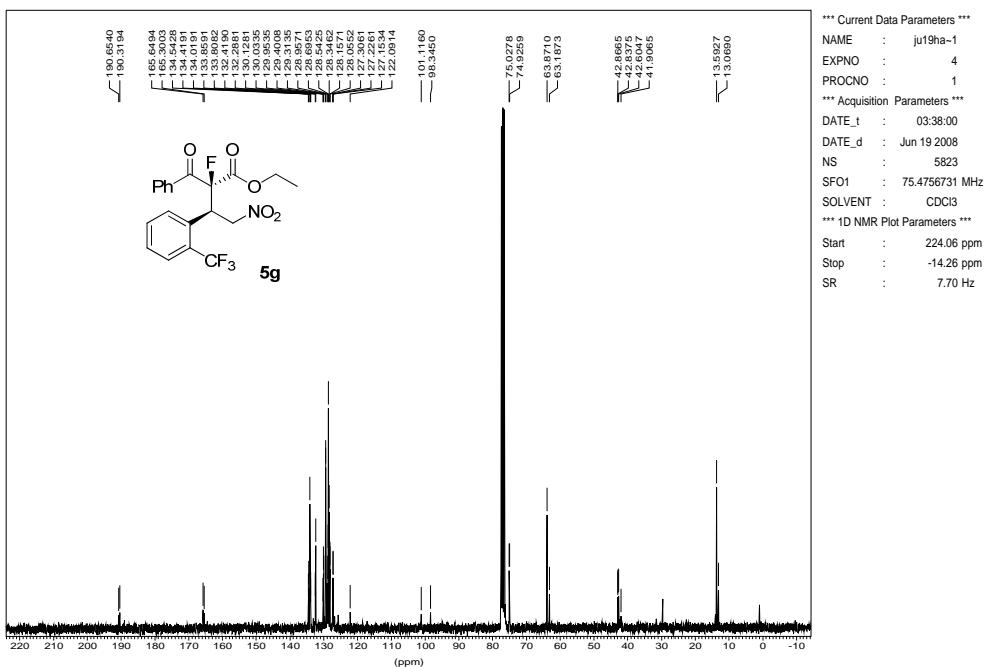
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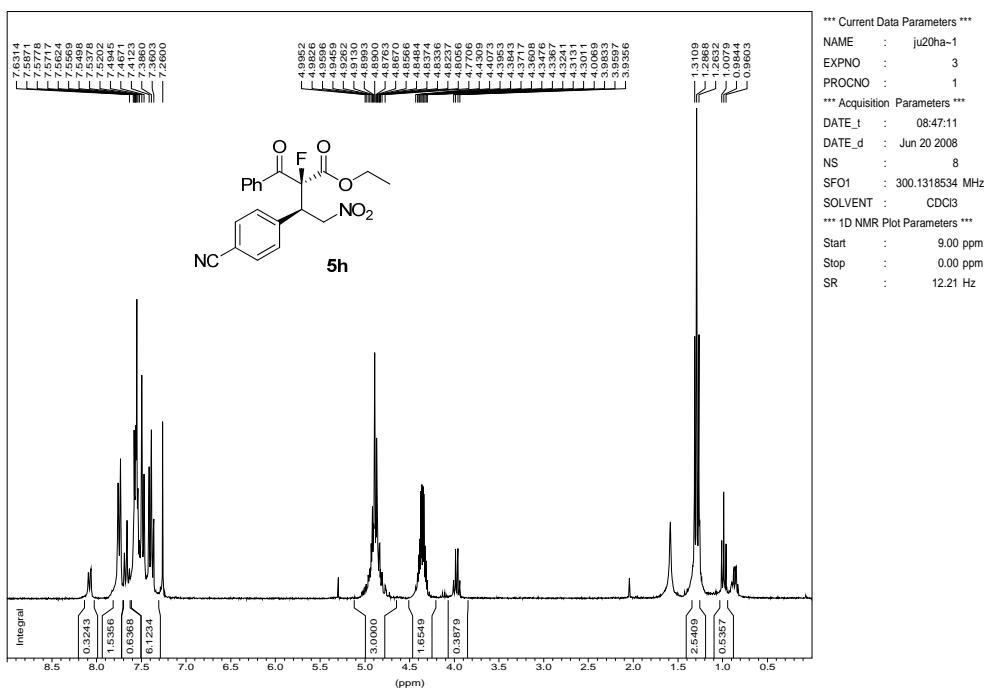
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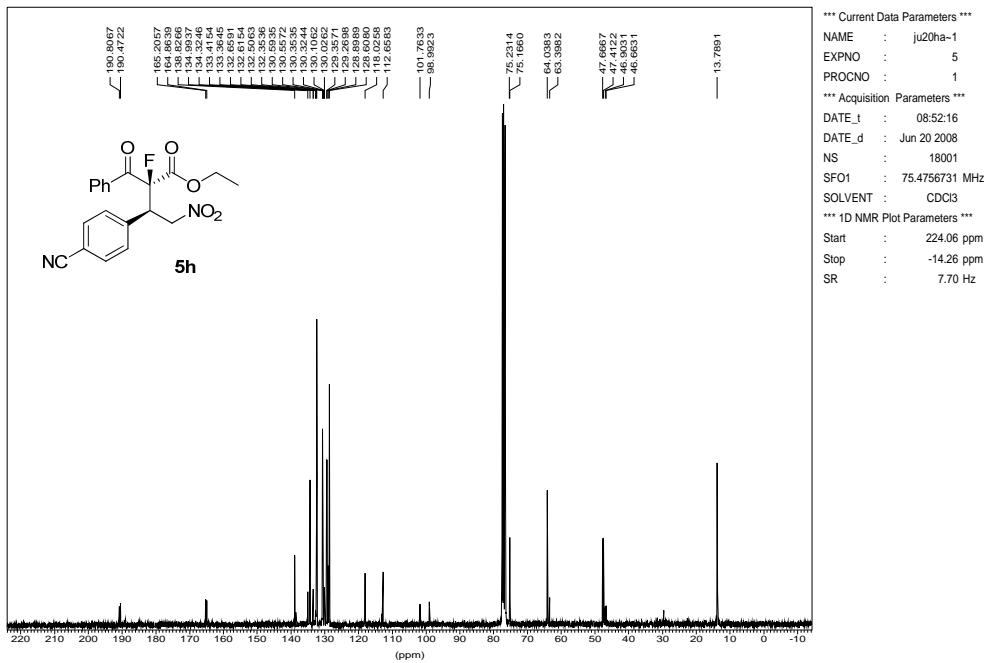
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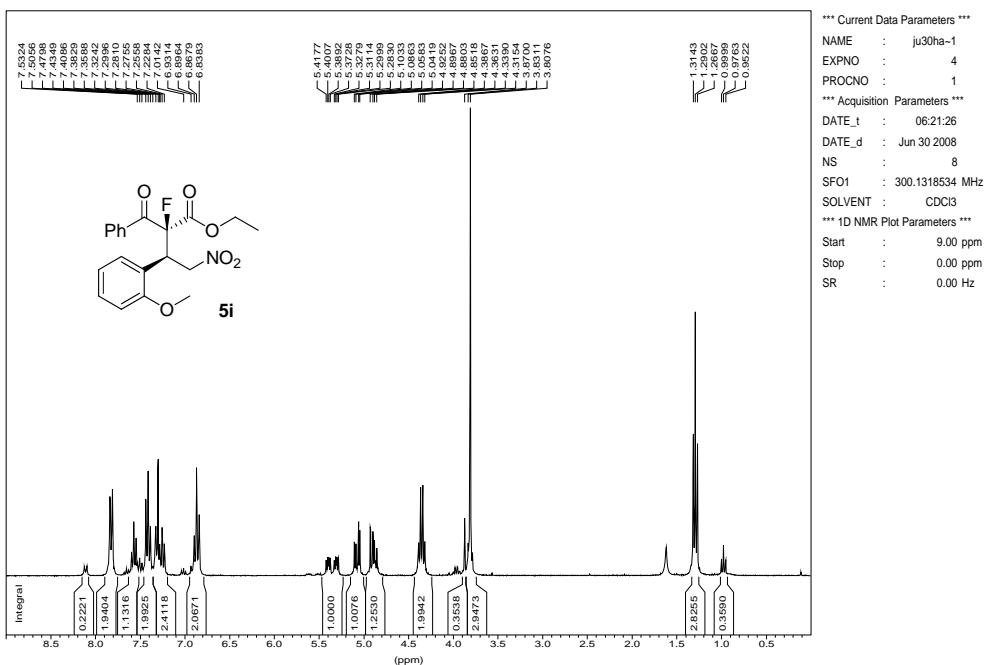
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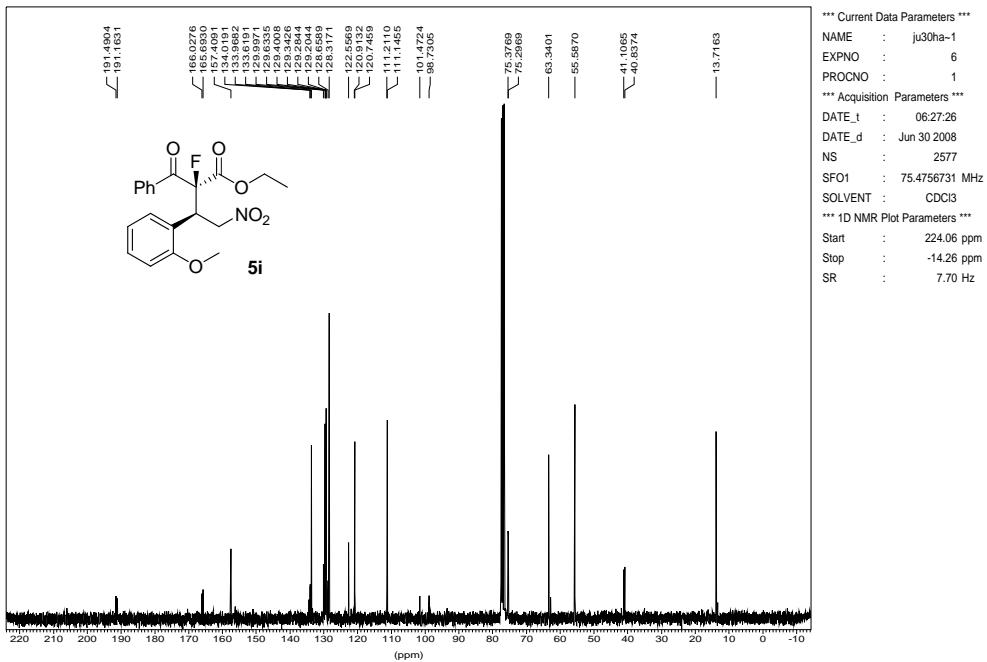
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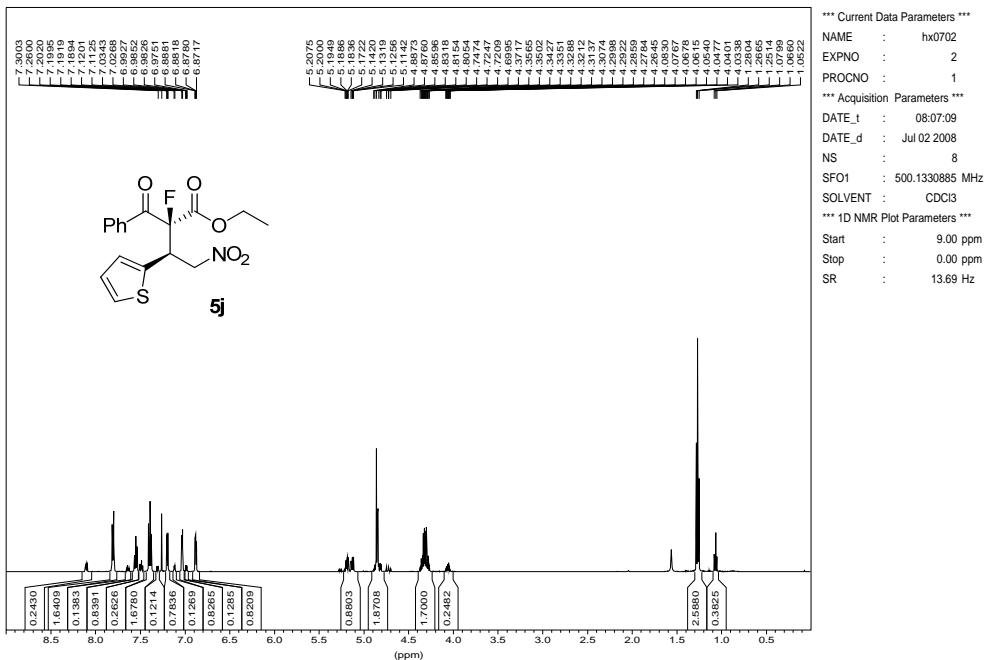
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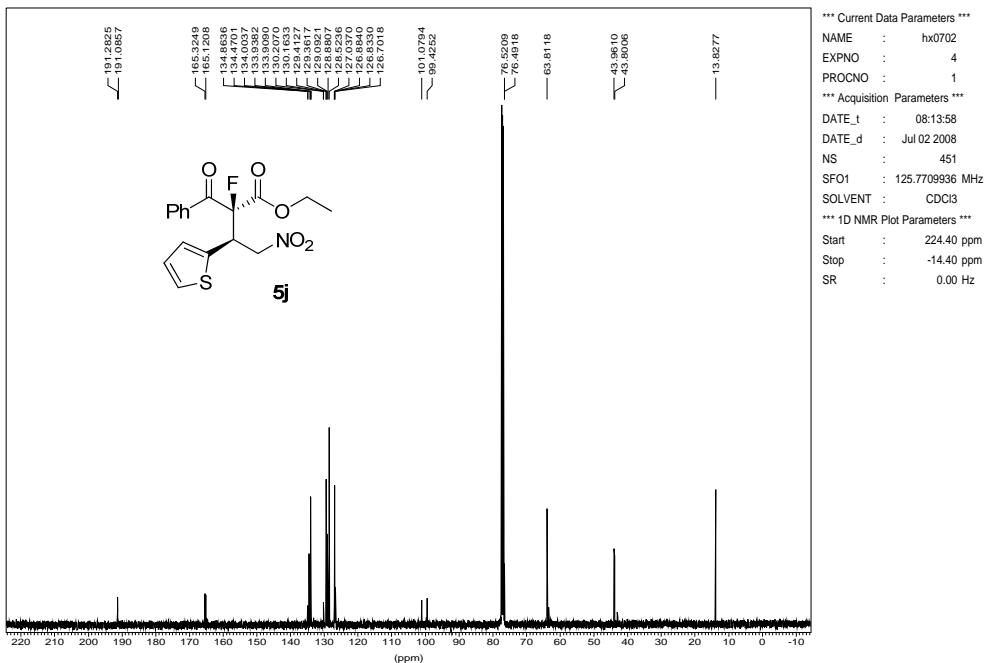
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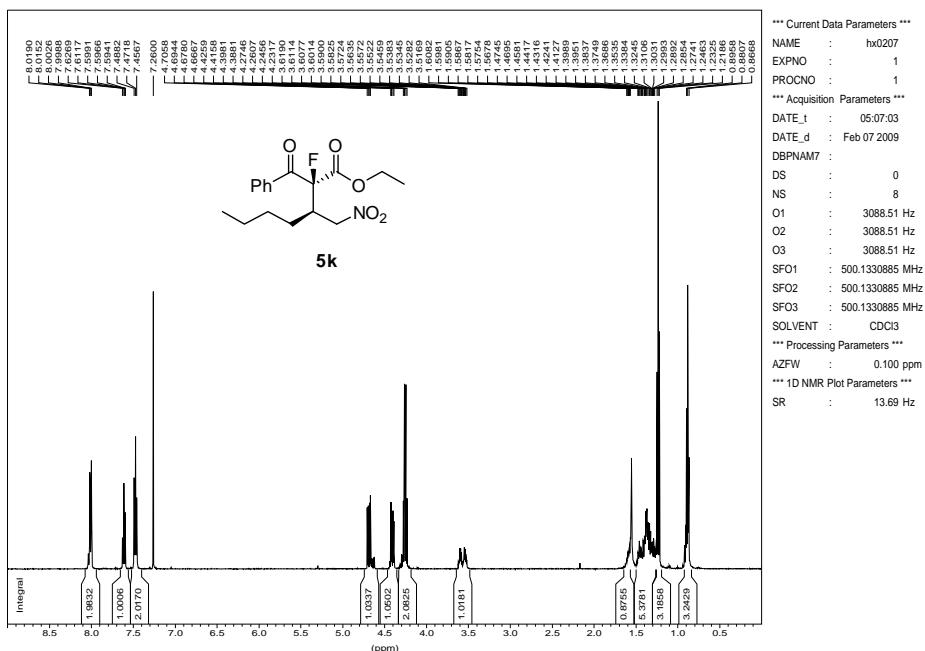
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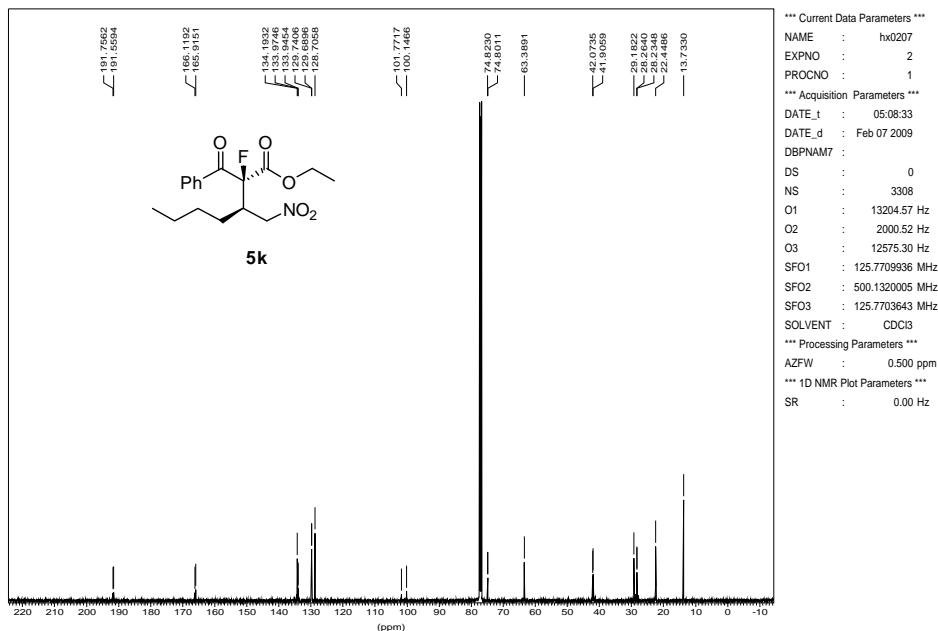
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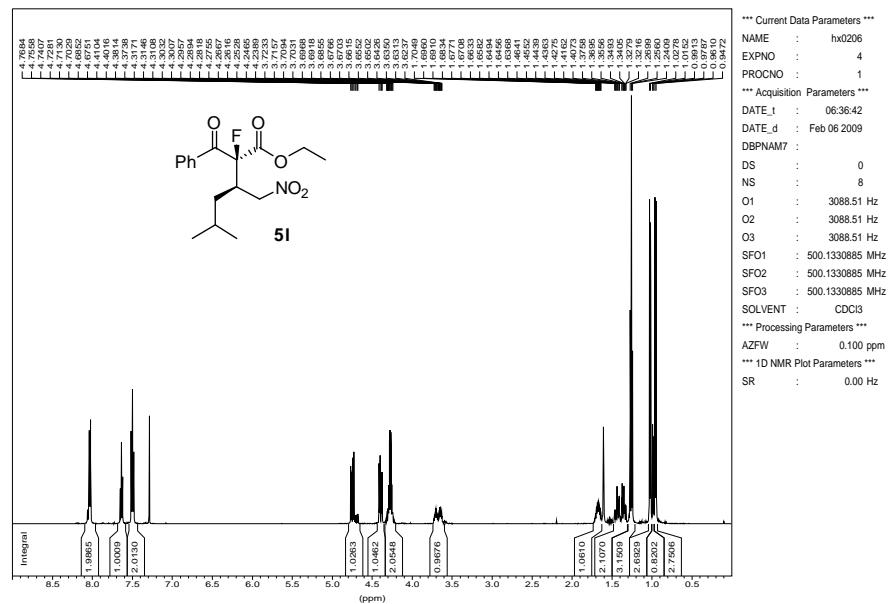
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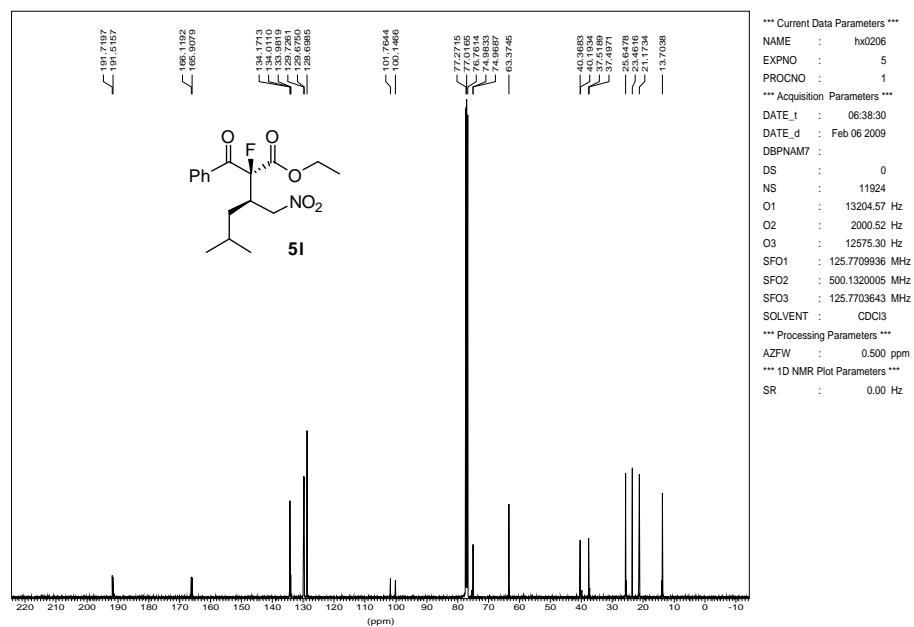
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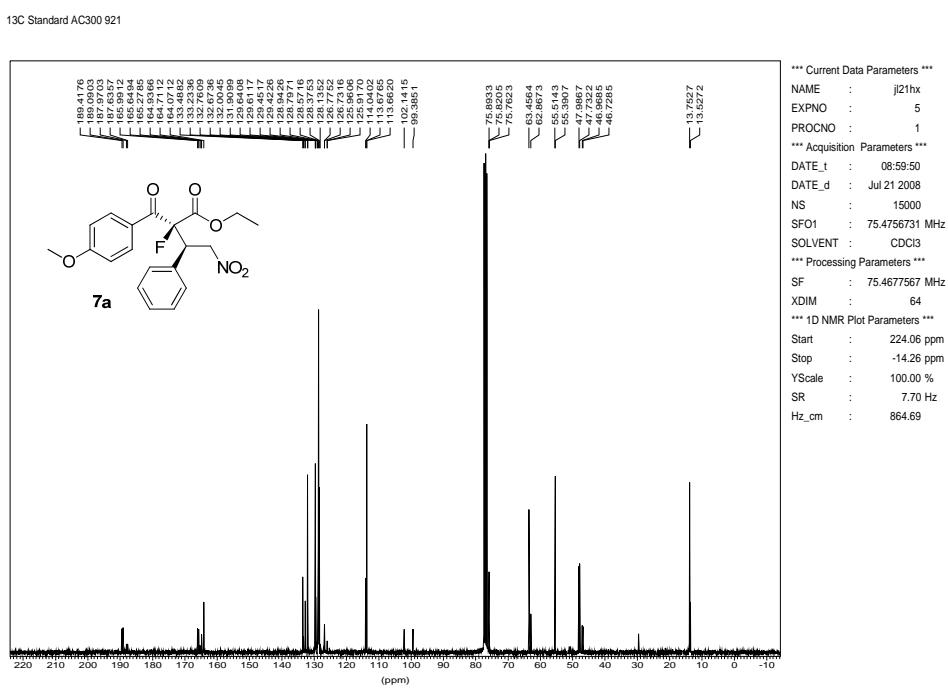
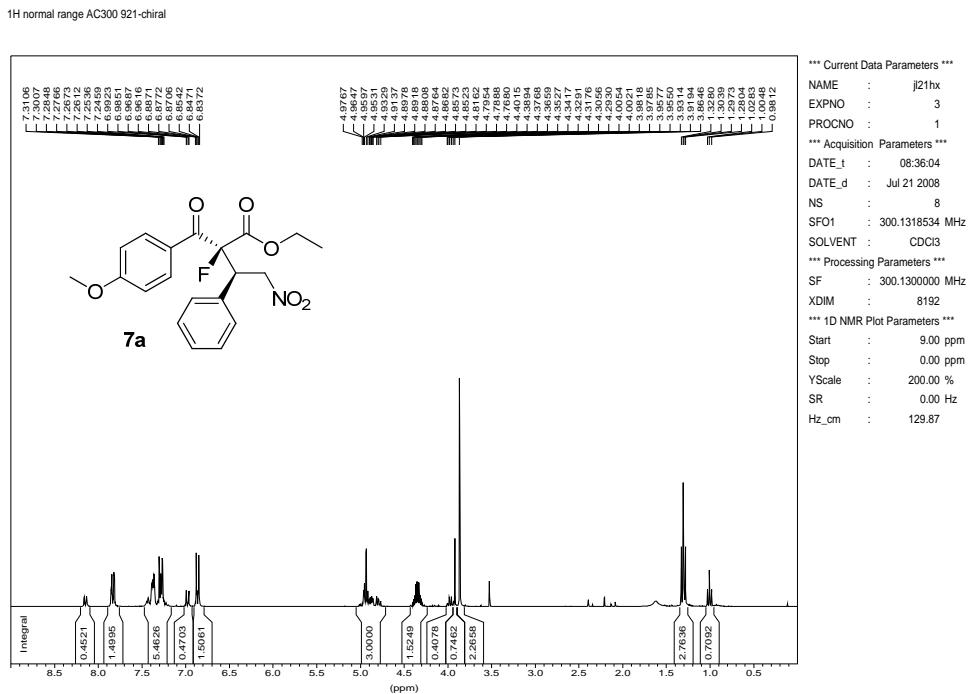


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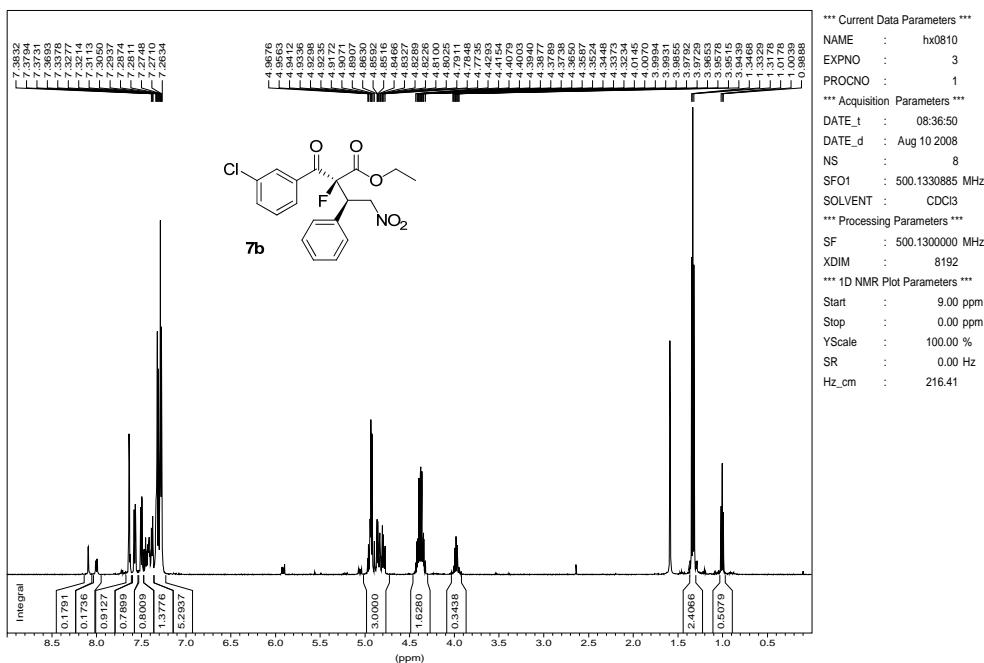


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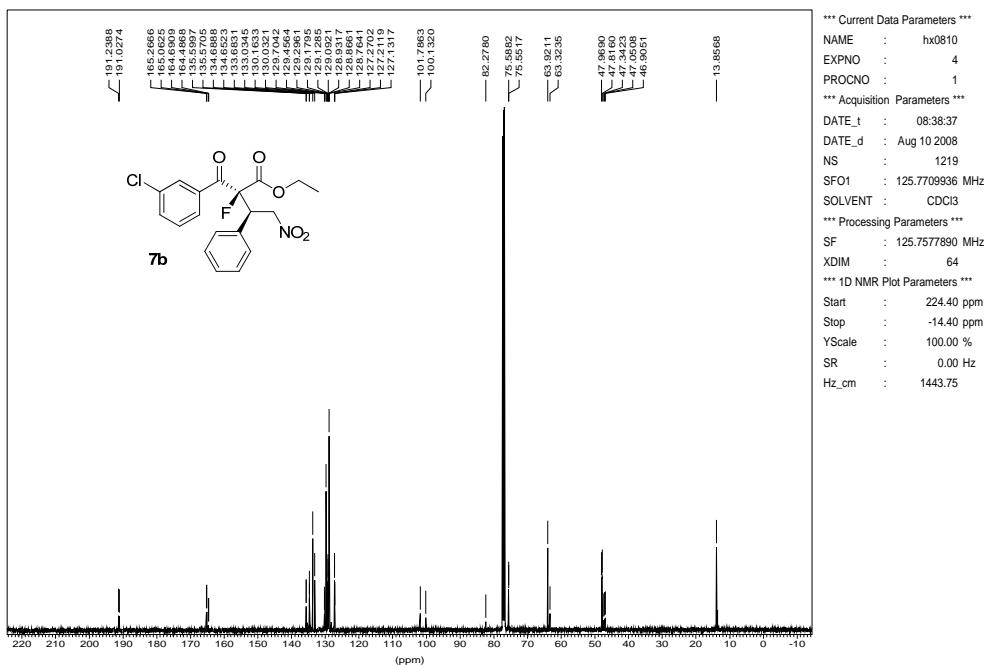




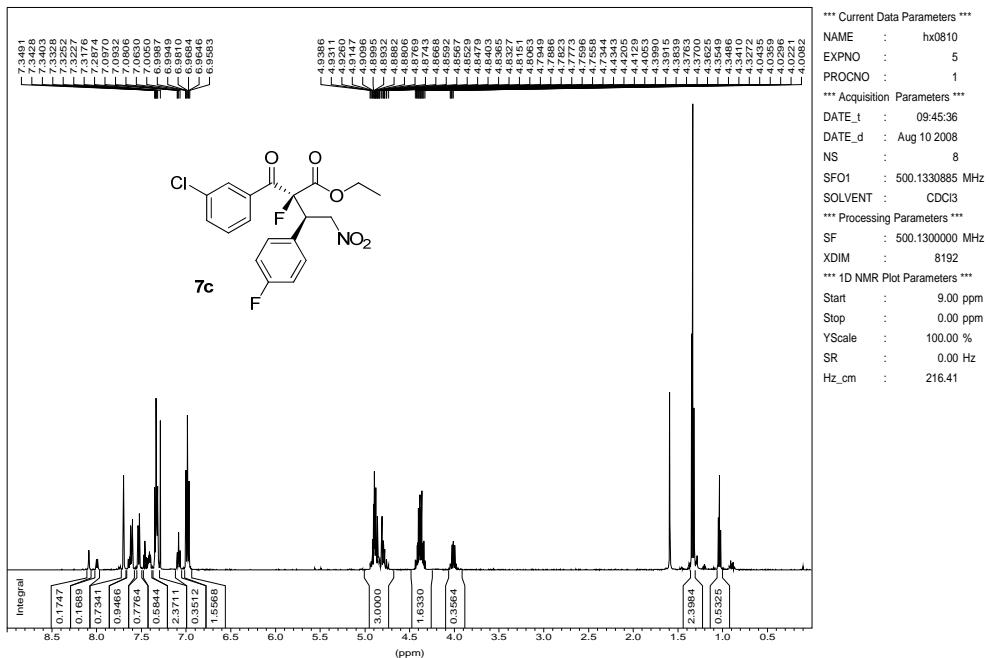
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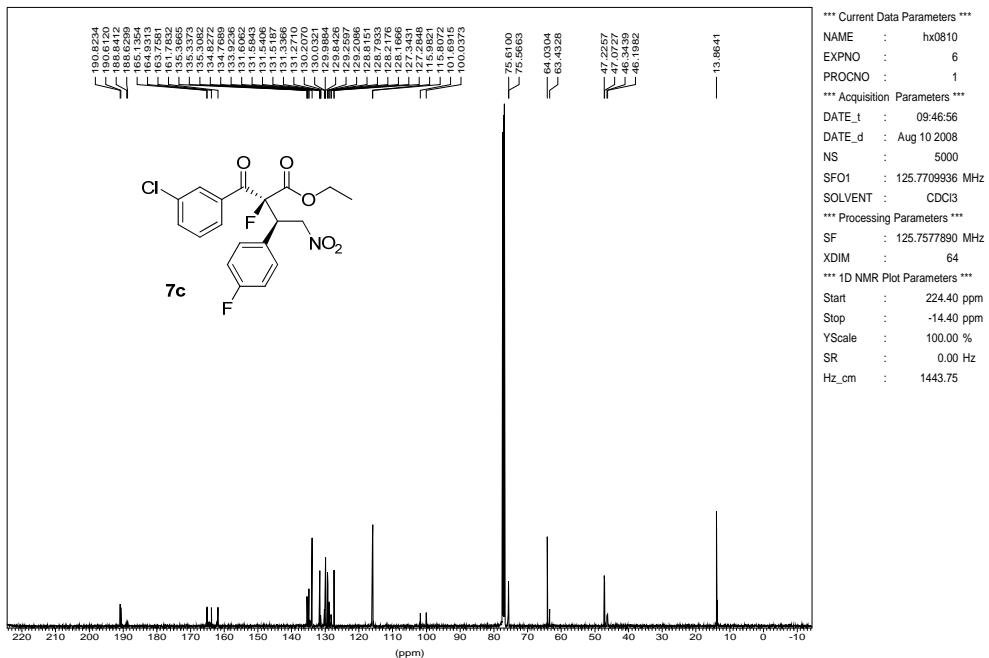
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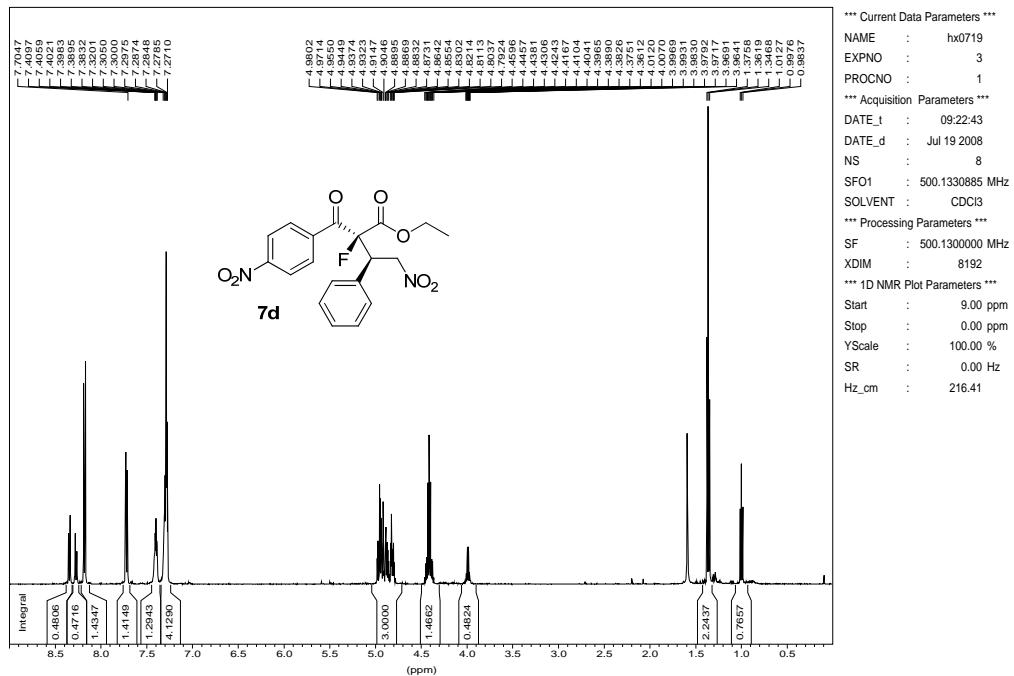
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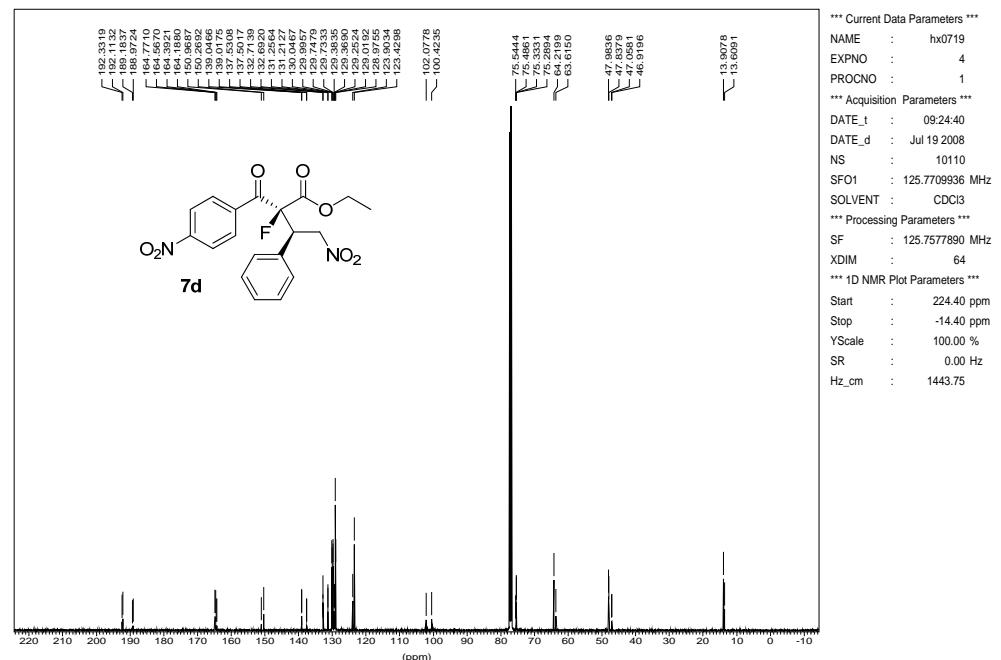
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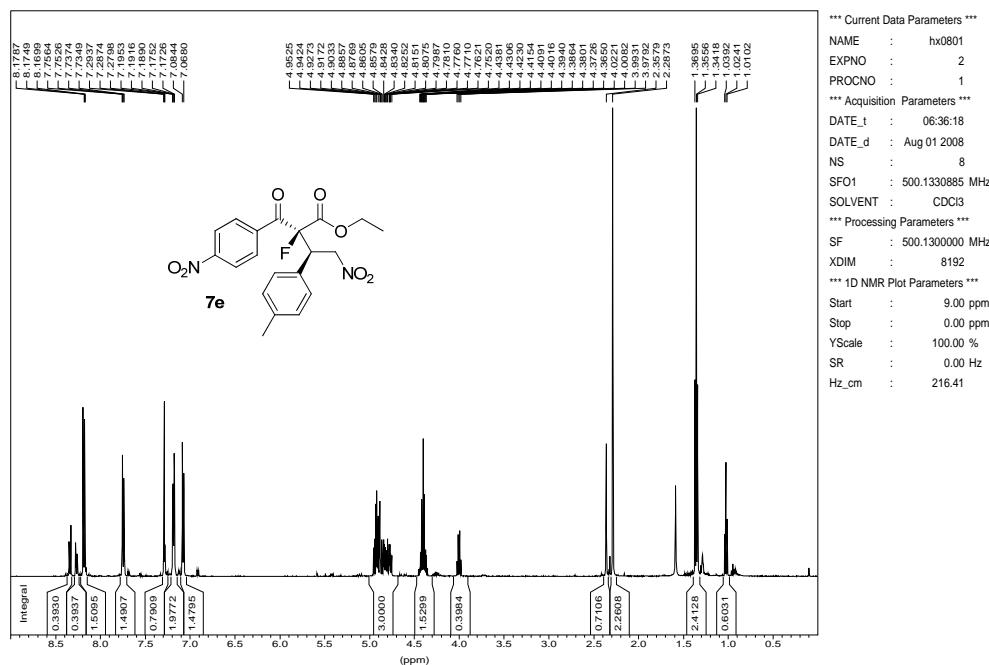
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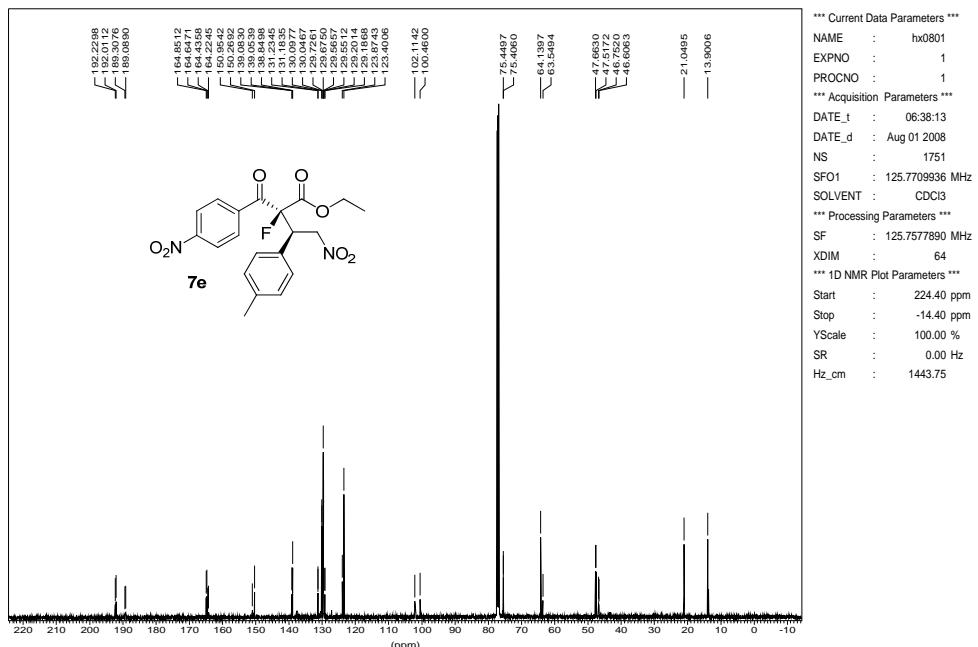
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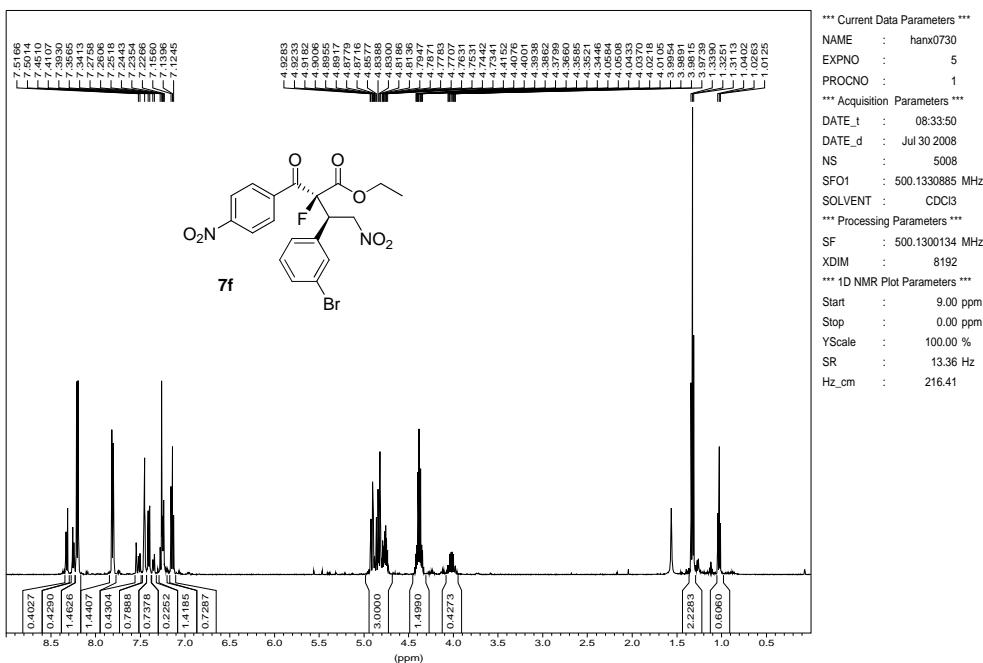
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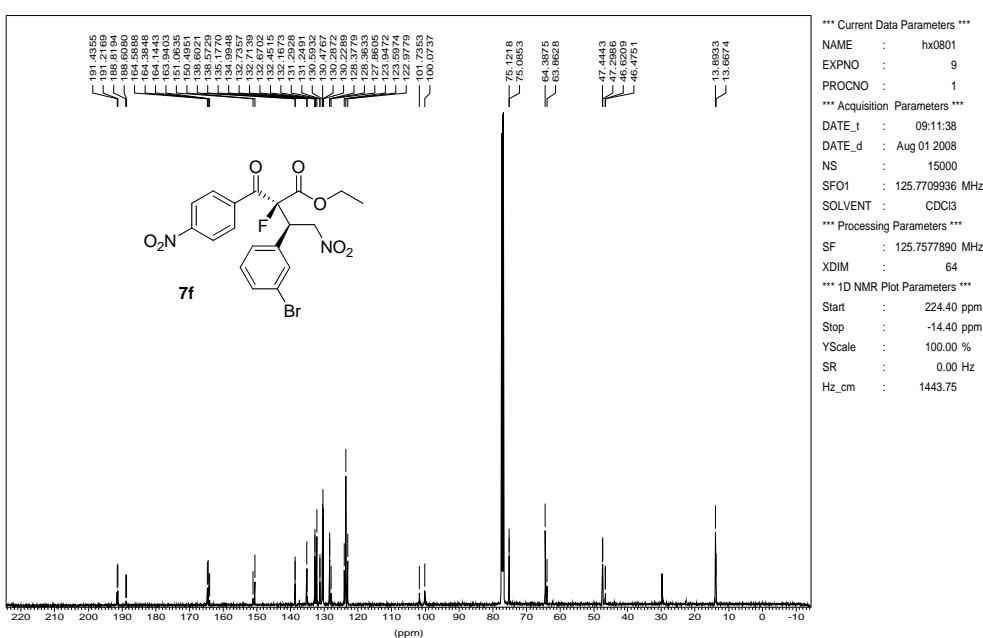
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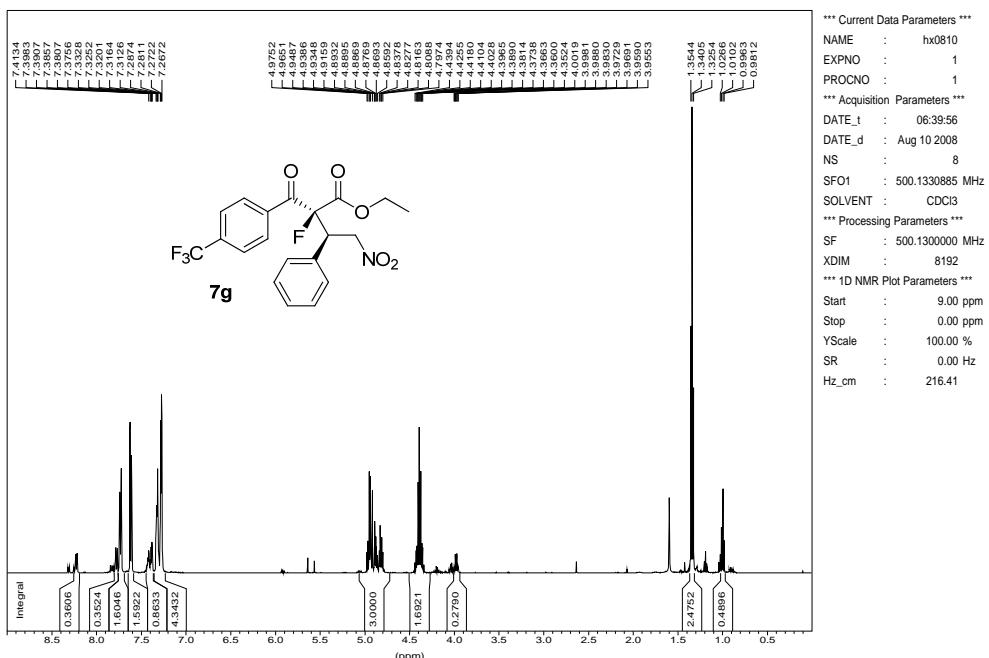
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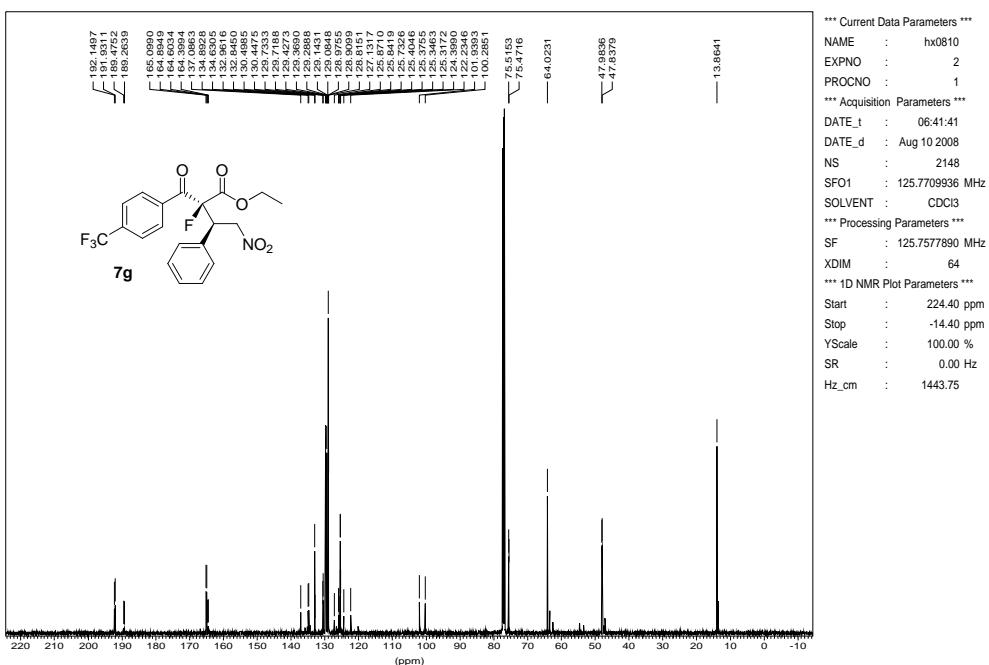
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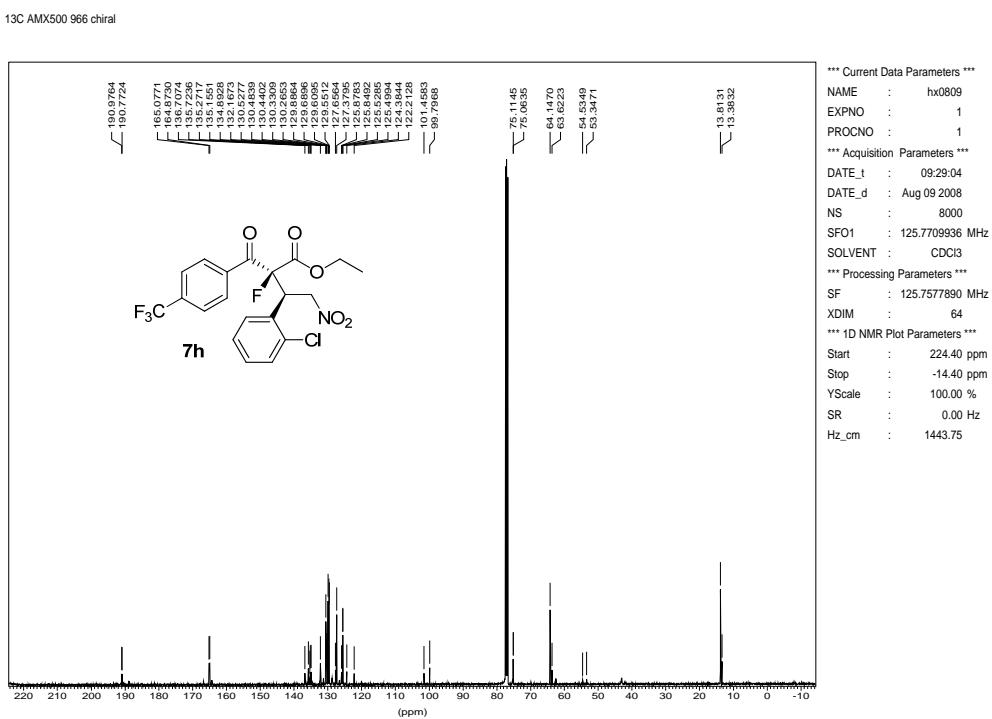
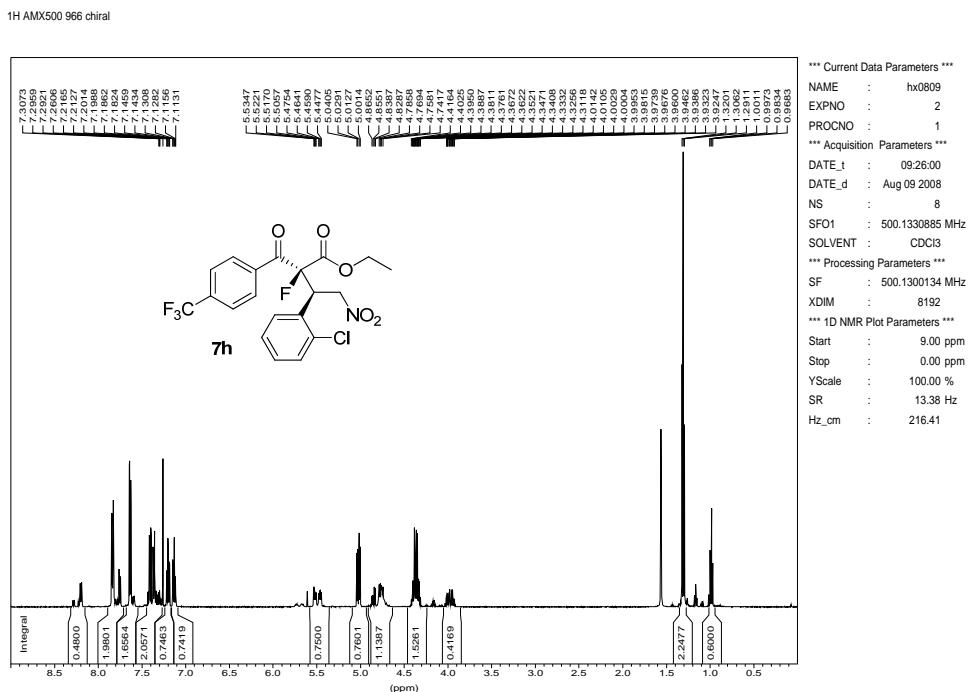


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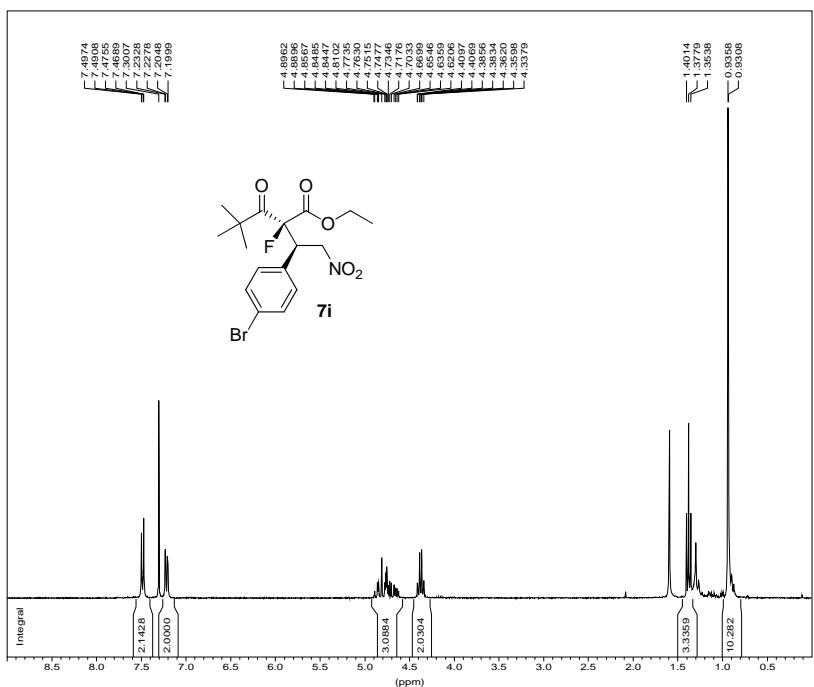


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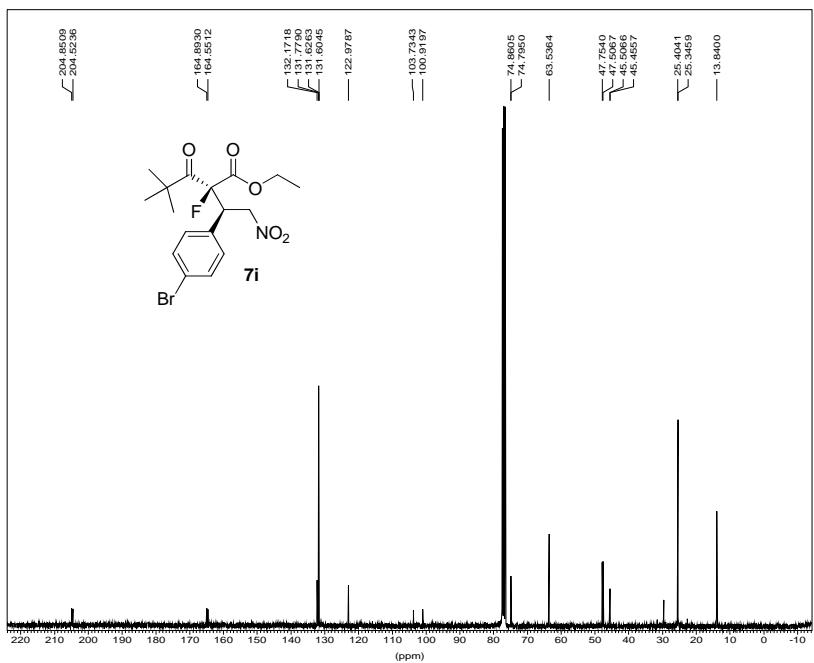
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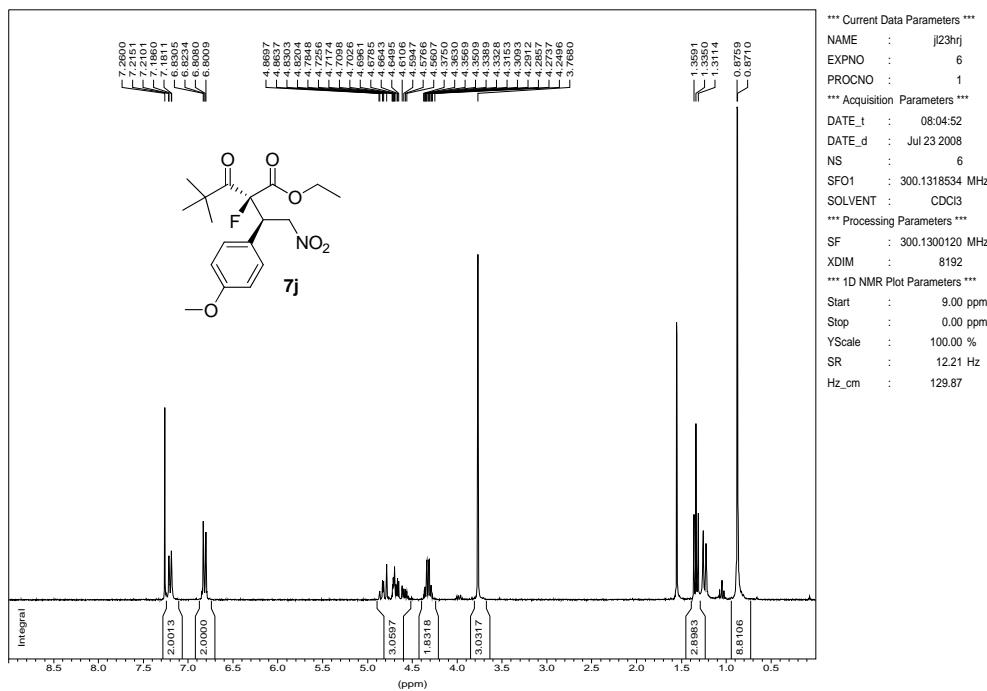
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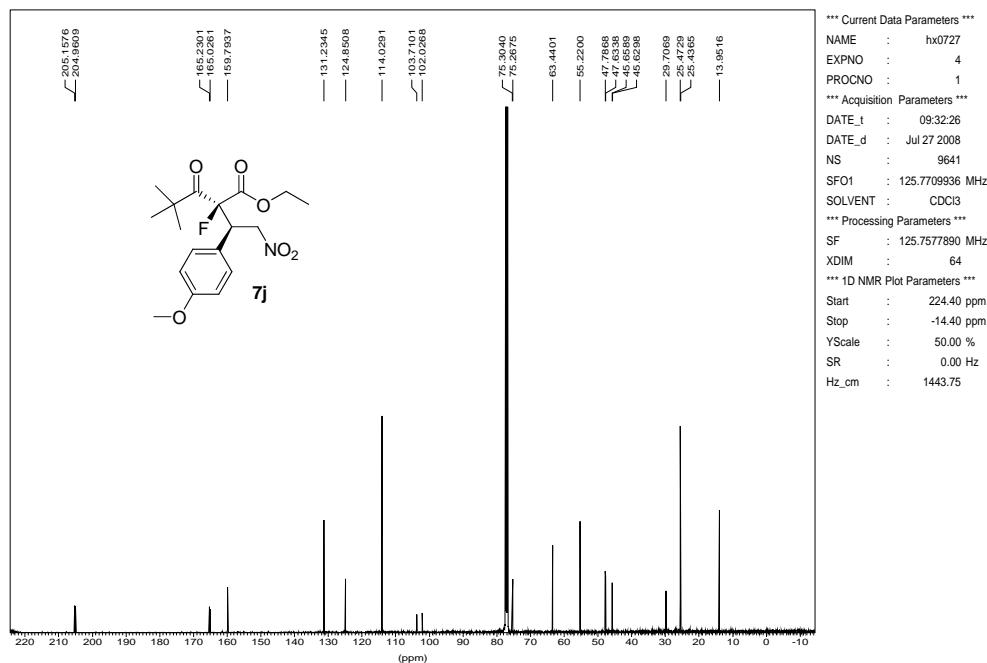
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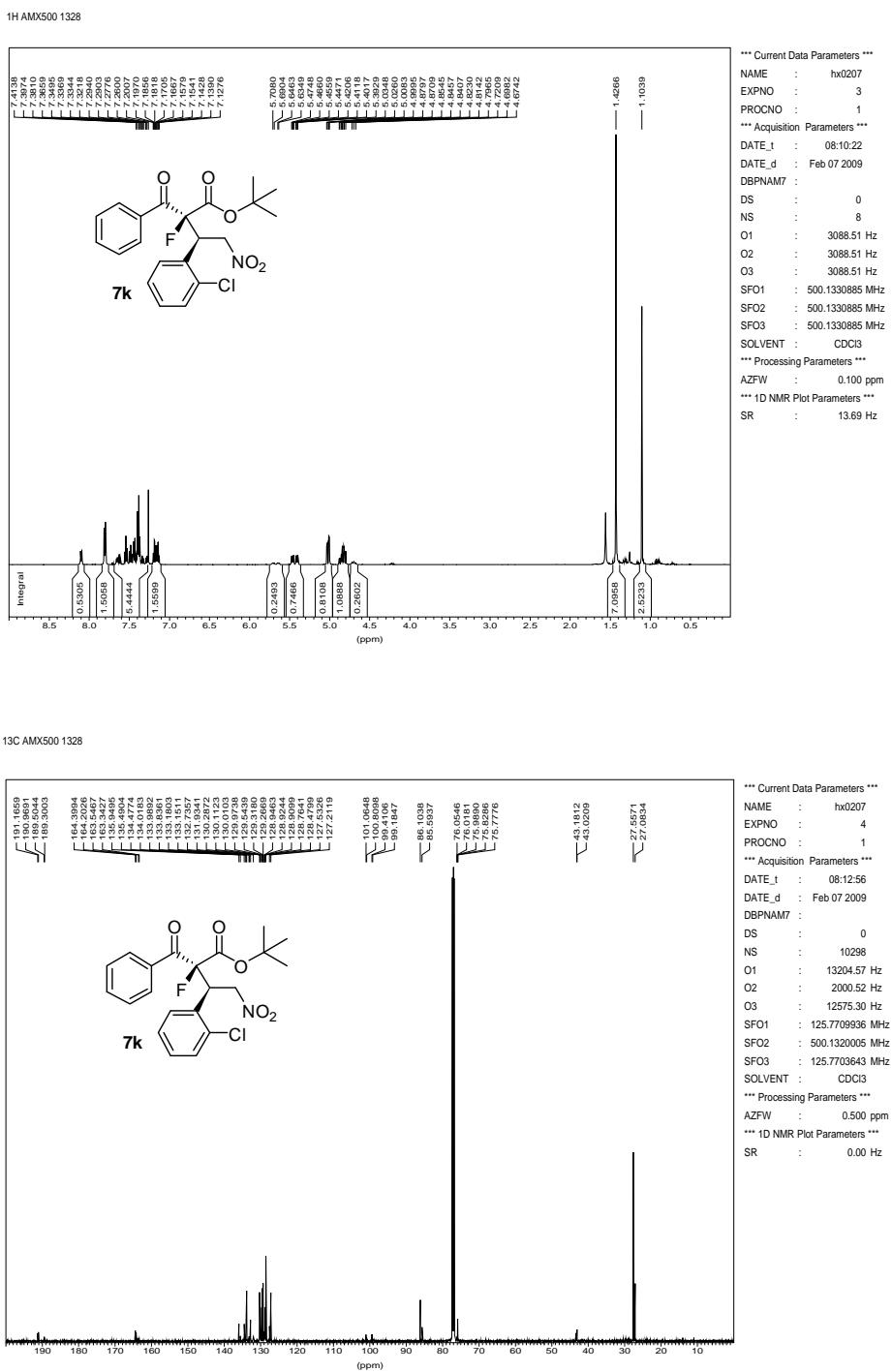
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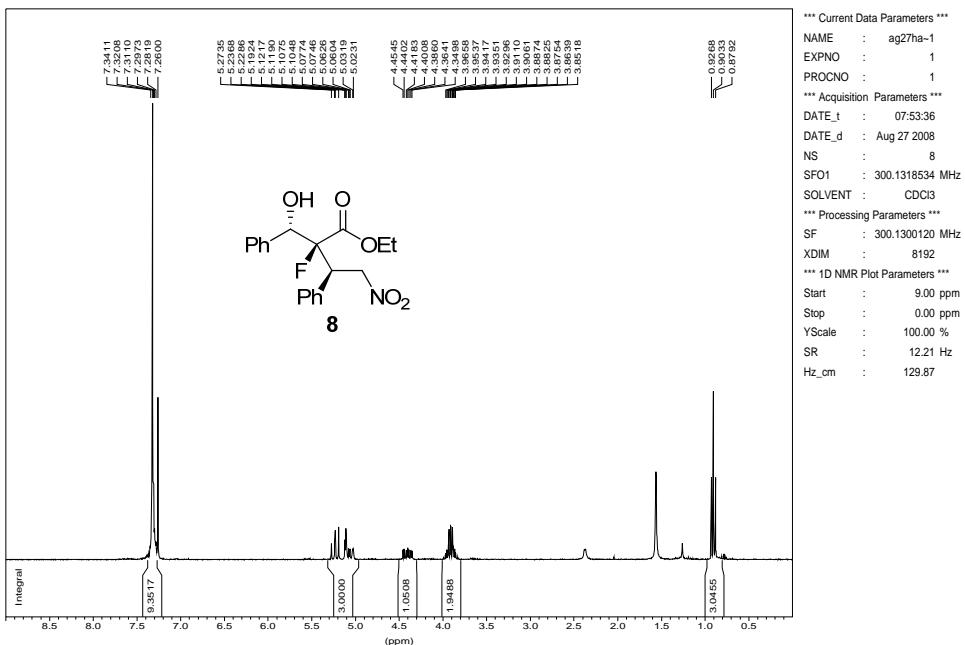


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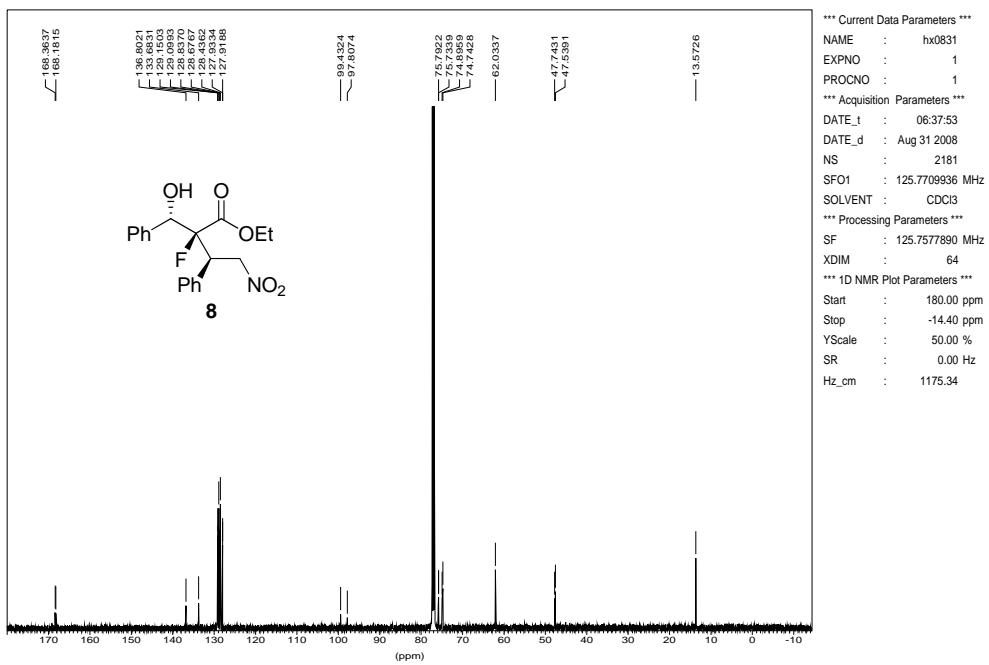




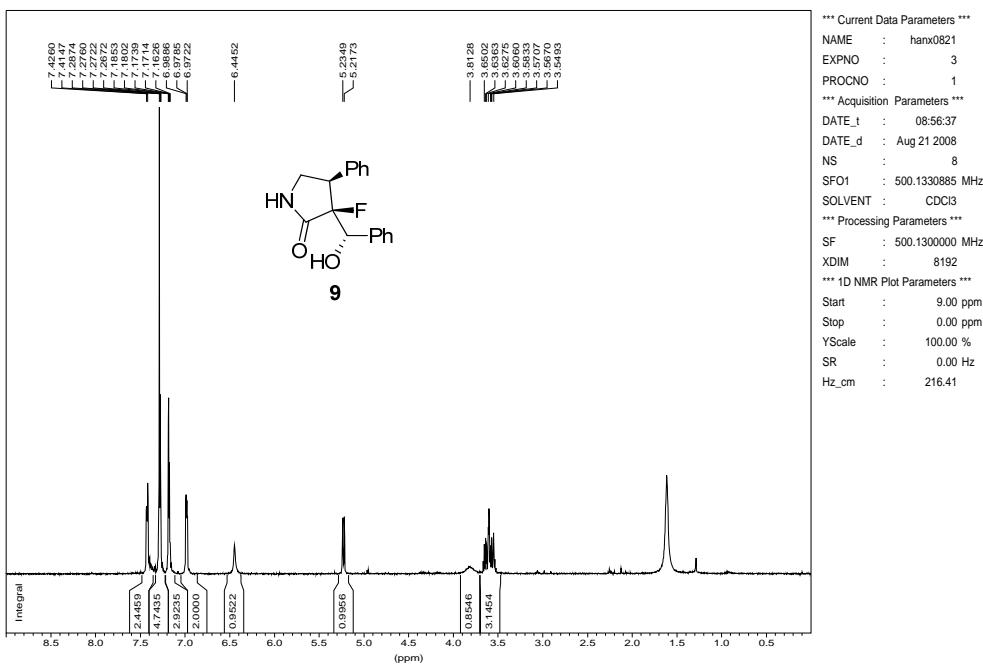
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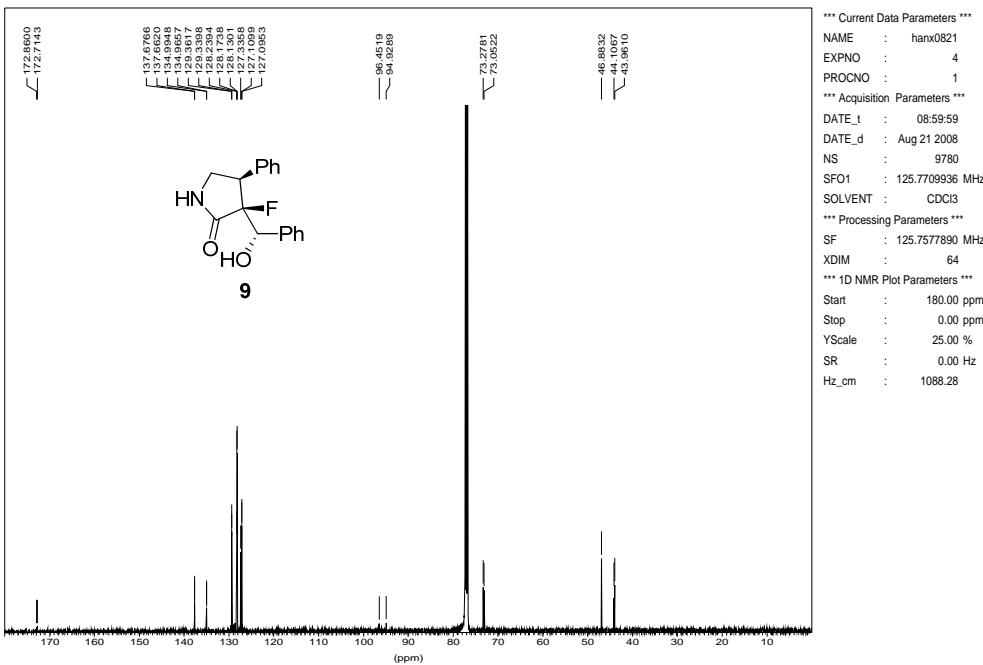
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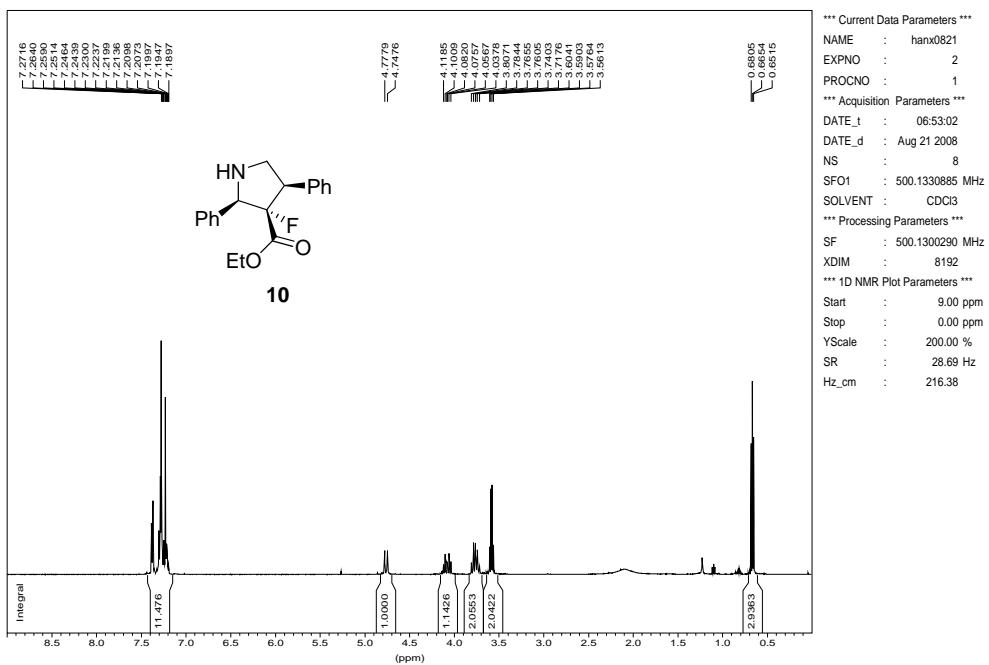
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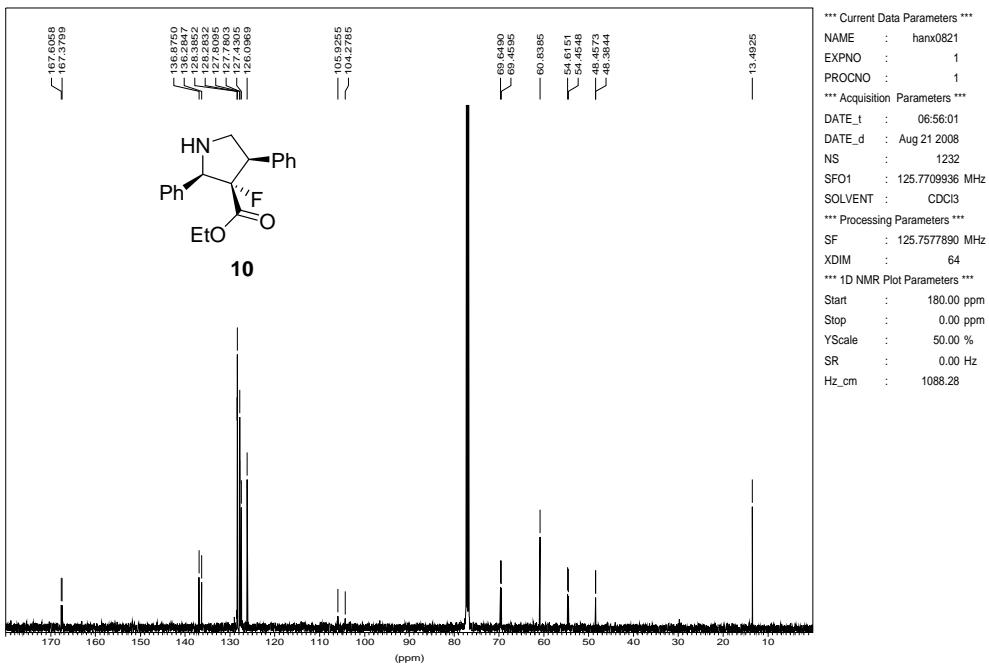
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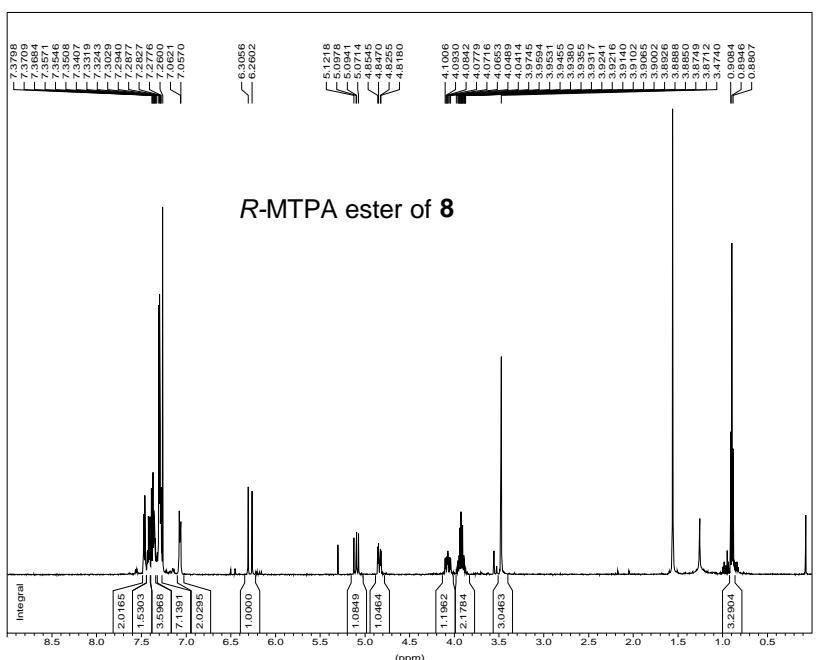


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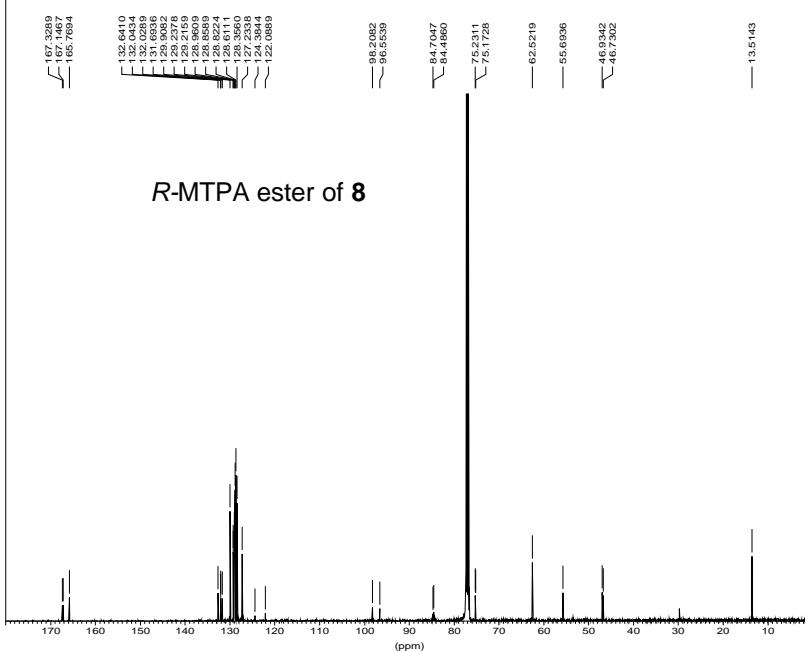
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