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Catalytic enantioselective 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions of alkyl diazoacetates with α,β -disubstituted acroleins

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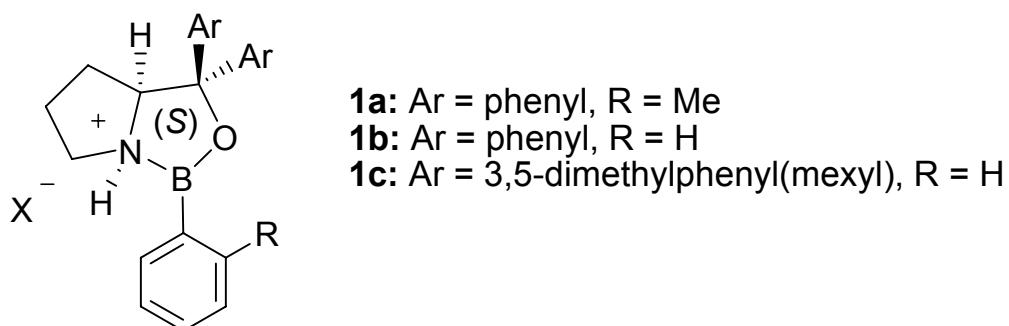
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General Information

Unless stated otherwise, reactions were carried out under a dry argon atmosphere in vacuum-flame dried glassware. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254. Flash chromatography was performed using E. Merck silica gel (40-60 µm particle size). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian at 300 and 75 MHz. Chemical shift values are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with as the internal standard (CHCl_3 : δ 7.26 for ¹H and δ 77.16 for ¹³C). Data are reported as follows: chemical shifts, multiplicity(s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublets of doublets, dq = doublets of quartets, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vertex 70. HRMS were recorded on JEOL JMS-SX102A mass spectrometer with EI resource. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on FUTECS NS 4000 at 256 nm using the indicated chiral column (4.6 mm × 25 cm). Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin-Elmer polarimeter Model 343 plus at 589 nm. Commercial grade reagents and solvents were used without further purification except as indicated below. Ethyl diazoacetate was purchased from Aldrich. Trifluoromethanesulfonic (triflic) acid¹ was distilled from phosphorus pentoxide. The chiral α, α-diaryl-2-pyrrolidinemethanol ligands² were prepared according to literature procedures. Dichloromethane, propionitrile, 2-methacrolien, 2-ethylacrolein,^{3a} 2-isopropylacrolein,^{3b} 2-cyclohexylacrolein,^{3c} 2-benzylacrolein,^{3d} (E)-2-Methyl-2-butenal,^{3e} 1-cyclopentene-1-carboxaldehyde,^{3e} 1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde,^{3e} (E)-2-phenyl-2-pentenal, and (E)-2-phenylcrotonaldehyde,^{3f} 1-cycloheptene-1-carboxaldehyde,^{3g} (E)-2-methyl-2-pentenal were distilled from calcium hydride. Toluene was distilled from sodium.

General Procedure for Preparation of Oxazaborolidinium Catalyst



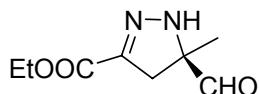
A 25-mL, two-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with stir bar, a glass stopper and a 10-mL pressure-equalizing addition funnel (containing a cotton plug and *ca.* 2 g of 4A molecular sieves,⁴ and functioning as a Soxhlet extractor) fitted on top with a reflux condenser and a nitrogen inlet adaptor was charged with (*S*)-(-)- α,α -diphenyl-2-pyrrolidinemethanol (0.166 mmol, 42 mg, from Aldrich), triphenylboroxine⁵ (0.055 mmol, 17.3 mg) and 20 mL of toluene. The resulting mixture was heated to reflux (bath temperature \sim 145 °C). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to *ca.* 60 °C and the addition funnel and condenser were quickly replaced with a short-path distillation head. The mixture was concentrated by distillation (air-cooling) to a volume *ca.* 5 mL. This distillation protocol was repeated three times by re-charging with 3 \times 5 mL of toluene. The solution was then allowed to cool room temperature and the distillation head was quickly replaced with a vacuum adaptor. Concentration in vacuo (ca. 0.1 mmHg, 1 h) afforded the corresponding oxazaborolidine as clear oil. The oxazaborolidine from (*S*)-(-)- α,α -bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-pyrrolidinemethanol⁶ ligands was prepared in a similar manner.

To an aliquot oxazaborolidine precursor (0.166 mmol, theoretical) at -40 °C was added trifluoromethanesulfonimide or trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.200 M solution in solvent,⁷ freshly prepared, 0.127 mmol, 0.635 mL) dropwise under N₂. After 15-20 min at -40 °C, a slight yellow homogeneous catalyst solution was ready for use in Dies-Alder experiments.

General Procedure for Preparation of Pyrazolines

To a catalyst solution prepared as described above was added the corresponding substituted acrolein (0.635 mmol, 1 equiv) at -78 °C, followed by alkyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature until complete consumption of the acrolein. The reaction mixture was quenched with 30.0 μ L of Et₃N and was allowed to warm to room temperature after 30 min. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography quickly to afford Diels-Alder cycloadduct.

Synthesis and Characterization of Pyrazolines

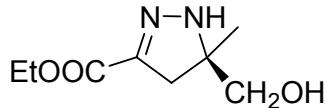


(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 1).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 2-methylacrolein (0.635 mmol, 44.5 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1c** over a course of 2 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [86% yield (100.7 mg)].

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (1H, s, CHO), 6.45 (1H, s, NH), 4.12 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂), 3.30 (1H, d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, CHH), 2.83 (1H, d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, CHH), 1.42 (3H, s, CCH₃), 1.35 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃) ppm; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for C₈H₁₂N₂O₃: m/z 184.0848 ([M]⁺), found: m/z 184.0845 ([M]⁺).

The physical and spectral data were identical to the previously reported for this compound.⁸



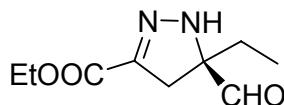
(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate

Reduction of the pyrazoline according to the method⁷ afforded the desired product as colorless oil, in 71% yield and 95% ee.

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 9:1, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 39.6 min (minor) and t_R = 46.9 min (major)).

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.31 (1H, s, NH), 4.30 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂), 3.51 (1H, s, OH), 2.99 (1H, d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, CHH), 2.66 (1H, d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, CHH), 1.34 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.26 (3H, s, CCH₃) ppm; [α]_D²⁰ = -38.9 (*c* = 1.0, C₆H₆; 95% ee).

The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported for this compound.⁸

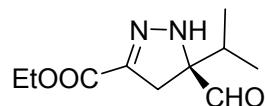


(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-ethyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 2).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 2-ethylacrolein (0.635 mmol, 53.4 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 8:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [91% yield (114.7 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 34.5 min (major) and t_R = 41.2 min (minor)).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.52 (1H, s, CHO), 6.87 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH_2), 3.28 (1H, d, J = 17.7 Hz, CHH), 2.86 (1H, d, J = 18 Hz, CHH), 1.85 (2H, dq, J = 4.1, 7.5 Hz, CCH₂CH₃), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 0.93 (3H, t, J = 7.7 Hz, CH₂CH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 162.0, 141.9, 76.8, 61.3, 36.4, 26.3, 14.1, 7.9 ppm; IR (neat) 3333, 2975, 1726, 1569, 1337, 1256, 1174, 1123, 781, 731 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: m/z 198.1004 ([M]⁺), found: m/z 198.1004 ([M]⁺); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -220.5$ (c = 1.0, C_6H_6 ; 91% ee).



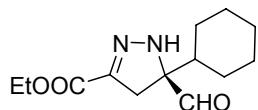
(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-isopropyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 3).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 2-isopropylacrolein (0.635 mmol, 62.3 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [97% yield (130.7 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 21.2 min (major) and t_R = 25.5 min (minor)).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.55 (1H, s, CHO), 6.75 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 3.27 (1H, d, J = 18.0 Hz, CHH), 2.91 (1H, d, J = 18.0 Hz, CHH), 2.17 (1H, m, CH), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 0.98 (6H, app dd, J = 6.8, 10.1 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.0, 162.1, 142.2, 79.8, 61.4, 34.3, 31.9, 17.5, 17.0, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat) 3327, 2970, 2877, 1725, 1569, 1467, 1373, 1261, 1113, 913, 747 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for

$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_3$: m/z 213.1234 ($[M + H]^+$), found: m/z 213.1239 ($[M + H]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -287.8$ ($c = 1.0$, C_6H_6 ; 92% ee).

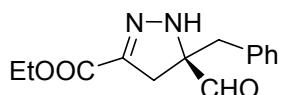


(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-cyclohexyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 5).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 2-cyclohexylacrolein (0.635 mmol, 87.8 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1c** over a course of 1 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [94% yield (151.1 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 97:3, 1.0 mL/min, $t_R = 32.5$ min (major) and $t_R = 48.3$ min (minor)).

1H NMR (300MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.53 (1H, s, CHO), 6.65 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH_2), 3.24 (1H, d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, CHH), 2.94 (1H, d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, CHH), 1.68-1.86 (6H, m, Cy), 1.34 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH_2CH_3), 1.00-1.27 (5H, m, Cy) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 200.5, 162.3, 142.5, 79.7, 61.6, 42.3, 34.7, 28.0, 27.5, 26.4, 26.2, 26.1, 14.5 ppm; IR(neat) 3323, 2929, 2853, 1724, 1449, 1261, 1120, 913, 749 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $C_{13}H_{20}N_2O_3$: m/z 252.1474 ($[M + H]^+$), found: m/z 253.1552 ($[M + H]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -203.9$ ($c = 1.0$, C_6H_6 ; 92% ee).

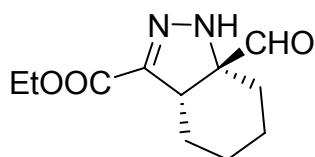


(R)-Ethyl 5-formyl-5-benzyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 7).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 2-benzylacrolein (0.635 mmol, 92.8 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 0.5 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 8:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a slight pale yellow oil [72% yield (118.7 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 9:1, 1.0 mL/min, $t_R = 39.1$ min (major) and $t_R = 50.4$ min (minor)).

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.56 (1H, s, CHO), 7.27-7.34 (3H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.18 (2H, m, ArH), 6.56 (1H, s, NH), 4.28 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 3.24 (1H, d, J = 13.8 Hz, PhCHH), 3.22 (1H, d, J = 17.4 Hz, CHH), 3.01 (1H, d, J = 13.8 Hz, PhCHH), 2.95 (1H, d, J = 17.4 Hz, CHH), 1.33 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.3, 161.9, 142.6, 134.1, 130.2, 129.0, 127.7, 77.0, 61.6, 39.5, 38.0, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat) 3334, 2985, 1727, 1705, 1571, 1421, 1262, 1121, 760, 747, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₃: m/z 260.1161 ([M]⁺), found: m/z 260.1151 ([M]⁺); [α]_D²⁰ = -138.9 (c = 1.0, C₆H₆; 91% ee).



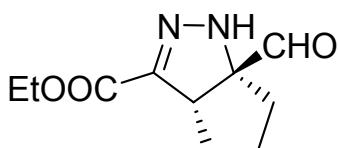
(3aS, 7aR)-Ethyl 7a-formyl-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 2).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 69.9 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** in over a course of 1 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [75% yield (106.9 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 31.7 min (major) and t_R = 36.2 min (minor)).

The *cis* geometry assigned is consistent with nOe data (*vide infra*).

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.38 (1H, s, CHO, positive nOe with δ 3.20 (CCH(C)CH₂)), 6.73 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, dq, J = 1.8, 7.2 Hz, OCH₂), 3.20 (1H, app dd, J = 6.8, 9.8Hz, CCH(C)CH₂, positive nOe with δ 9.38), 2.08-2.15 (1H, m, Cy), 1.62-1.77 (4H, m, Cy), 1.48-1.55 (1H, m, Cy), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.20-1.29 (2H, m, Cy) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 161.9, 147.7, 75.5, 61.4, 41.5, 25.3, 24.0, 21.4, 20.3, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat) 3325, 2938, 2859, 1726, 1706, 1402, 1238, 1175, 1132, 1099, 734, 713 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₃: m/z 225.1234 ([M + H]⁺), found: m/z 225.1239 ([M + H]⁺); [α]_D²⁰ = -228.2 (c = 1.0, C₆H₆; 92% ee).

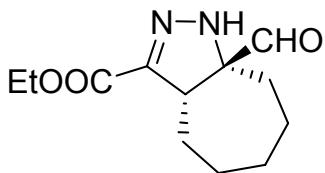


(3a*S*, 6a*R*)-Ethyl 6a-formyl-1,3a,4,5,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 3).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 1-cyclopentene-1-carboxaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 61.0 mg,) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 0.5 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [73% yield (97.2 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 40.2 min (major) and t_R = 48.1 min (minor)).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.60 (1H, s, CHO), 6.81 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, dq, J = 2.8, 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 3.86 (1H, app dd, J = 2.9, 8.6 Hz, $\text{CCH}(\text{C})\text{CH}_2$), 1.83-2.19 (4H, m, Cy), 1.62-1.70 (1H, m, Cy), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2CH_3), 1.22-1.30 (1H, m, Cy) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.1, 162.0, 144.5, 84.4, 61.3, 52.8, 36.5, 33.1, 25.8, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat) 3324, 2962, 2871, 1721, 1704, 1563, 1179, 1124, 1083, 780, 731 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: m/z 211.1077 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$), found: m/z 211.1083 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -407.7$ ($c = 1.0$, C_6H_6 ; 97% ee).



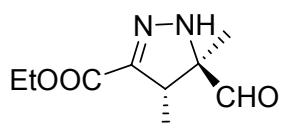
(3a*S*, 8a*R*)-Ethyl 8a-formyl-1,3a,4,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydrocyclohepta[c]pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 4).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with 1-cycloheptene-1-carboxaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 78.9 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 0.5 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [70% yield (105.2 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel AS-H,

hexane/2-propanol = 9:1, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 16.9 min (major) and t_R = 19.9 min (minor)).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.45 (1H, s, CHO), 6.55 (1H, s, NH), 4.29 (2H, dq, J = 2.1, 7.2 Hz, OCH_2), 3.60 (1H, app dd, J = 3.3, 7.5 Hz, $\text{CCH}(\text{C})\text{CH}_2$), 1.75-2.11 (4H, m, Cy), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2CH_3), 1.40-1.68 (6H, m, Cy); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 162.2, 144.8, 78.5, 61.4, 48.2, 31.1, 30.3, 27.6, 27.4, 23.9, 14.4 ppm; IR (neat) 3310, 2929, 2852, 1723, 1707, 1563, 1445, 1246, 1126, 1098, 972, 742, 638 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: m/z 210.1390 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$), found: m/z 239.1396 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -267.7$ (c = 1.0, C_6H_6 ; 85% ee).

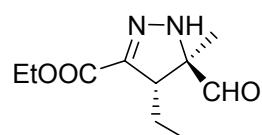


(4*S*, 5*R*)-Ethyl 5-formyl-4,5-dimethyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 5).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with (*E*)-2-Methyl-2-butenal (0.635 mmol, 53.4 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1 h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [93% yield (116.8 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 22.9 min (major) and t_R = 26.6 min (minor)).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.48 (1H, s, CHO), 6.57 (1H, s, NH), 4.30 (2H, dq, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, OCH_2), 3.40 (1H, q, J = 7.3 Hz, CH), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH_2CH_3), 1.30 (3H, s, CCH_3), 1.24 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, CHCH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.9, 161.9, 146.7, 75.9, 61.4, 41.8, 14.3, 13.4, 11.1 ppm; IR (neat) 3334, 2981, 2940, 1726, 1706, 1560, 1420, 1251, 1097, 1047, 769, 698 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: m/z 199.1077 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$), found: m/z 199.1083 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -299.6$ (c = 1.0, C_6H_6 ; 90% ee).



(4*S*, 5*R*)-Ethyl 4-ethyl-5-formyl-5-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3,

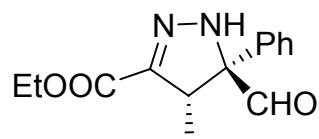
entry 6).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with (*E*)-2-Phenylcrotonaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 62.3 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale colorless oil [90% yield (121.3 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 18.8 min (major) and t_R = 25.2 min (minor)).

The *cis* geometry assigned is consistent with nOe data (*vide infra*).

^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.45 (1H, s, CHO, positive nOe with δ 3.29 (CHCH_2CH_3) and 1.34 (CCH_3)), 6.45 (1H, br s, NH), 4.30 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 3.29 (1H, app dd, J = 4.4, 7.7 Hz, CHCH_2CH_3 , positive nOe with δ 9.45 (CHO)), 1.76 (2H, m, CHCH_2CH_3), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH_2CH_3), 1.34(3H, s, CCH_3), 0.95 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CHCH_2CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.8, 162.1, 146.0, 76.2, 61.4, 47.9, 19.4, 14.3, 13.2, 11.8 ppm; IR (neat) 3327, 2984, 1727, 1707, 1420, 1377, 1101, 1038, 1028, 1016, 707 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: m/z 213.1234 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$), found: m/z 213.1239 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -286.0$ ($c = 1.0$, C_6H_6 ; 85% ee).



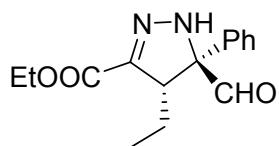
(4*S*, 5*R*)-Ethyl 5-formyl-4-methyl-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 7).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with (*E*)-2-Phenylcrotonaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 92.8 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale yellow oil [70% yield (116.2 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 25.1 min (major) and t_R = 33.5 min (minor)).

The *cis* geometry assigned is consistent with nOe data (*vide infra*).

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (1H, s, CHO, positive nOe with δ 3.84 (CHCH₃)), 7.32-7.48 (5H, m, Ph), 7.05 (1H, s, NH), 4.31 (2H, dq, *J* = 1.6, 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 3.84 (1H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CHCH₃, positive nOe with δ 9.54 (CHO) and 0.83 (CHCH₃)), 1.36 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 0.83 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CHCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 161.7, 148.3, 131.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.2, 82.3, 61.5, 42.3, 14.3, 12.8 ppm; IR (neat) 3327, 2987, 2931, 2890, 1724, 1570, 1494, 1252, 1231, 1136, 1096, 1038, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₃: m/z 261.1234 ([M + H]⁺), found: m/z 260.1239 ([M + H]⁺). [α]_D²⁰ = -464.2 (*c* = 1.0, C₆H₆; 92% ee).



(4*S*, 5*R*)-Ethyl 4-ethyl-5-formyl-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (Table 3, entry 8).

The compound was prepared according to the general procedure with (*E*)-2-Phenylcrotonaldehyde (0.635 mmol, 101.7 mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (0.953 mmol, 108.7 mg) catalyzed by **1b** over a course of 1h. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the title cycloadduct as a pale colorless oil [81% yield (140.6 mg)].

The enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 19:1, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 22.7 min (major) and t_R = 33.0 min (minor)).

¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.48 (1H, s, CHO), 7.35-7.48 (5H, m, ArH), 7.04 (1H, s, NH), 4.31 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂), 3.79 (1H, t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, CHCH₂CH₃), 1.50-1.64 (2H, m, CHCH₂CH₃), 1.36 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 0.58 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CHCH₂CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 161.9, 147.5, 131.4, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 82.2, 61.5, 47.9, 20.7, 14.3, 10.2 ppm; IR (neat) 3324, 2889, 2851, 1724, 1571, 1427, 1223, 1103, 1039, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₃: m/z 275.1390 ([M + H]⁺), found: m/z 275.1396 ([M + H]⁺); [α]_D²⁰ = -457.4 (*c* = 1.0, C₆H₆; 99% ee).

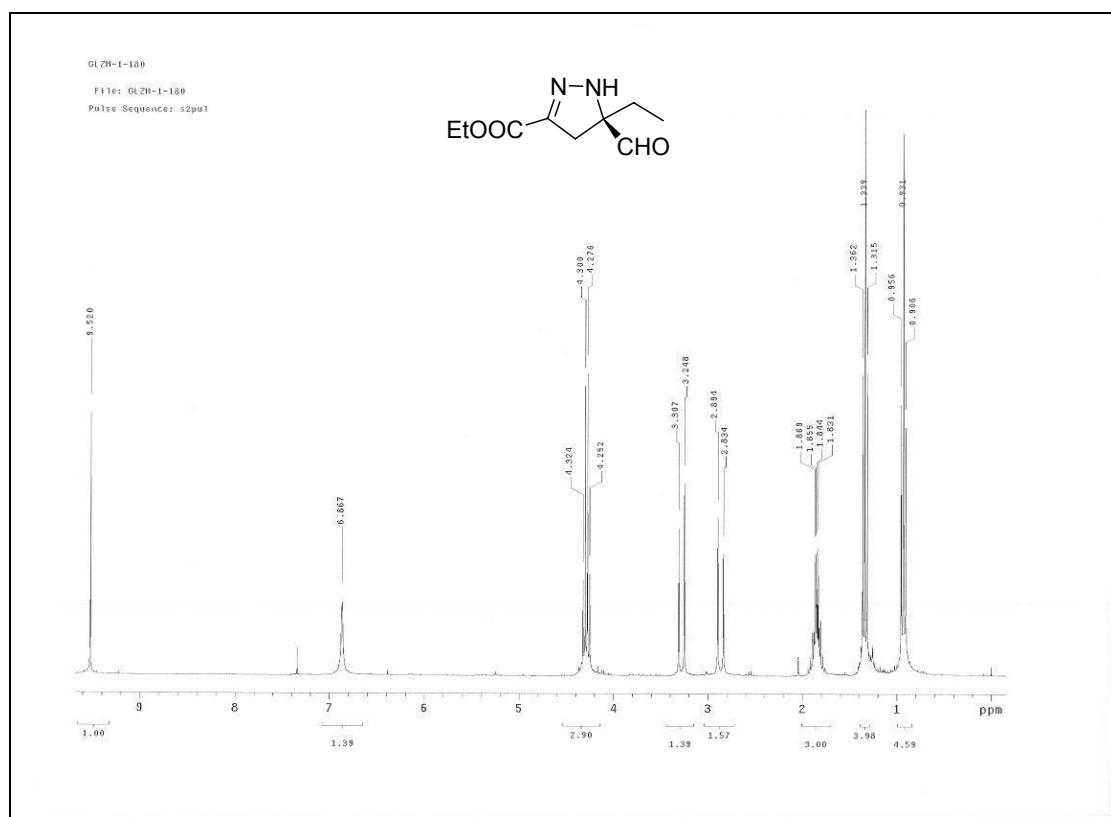
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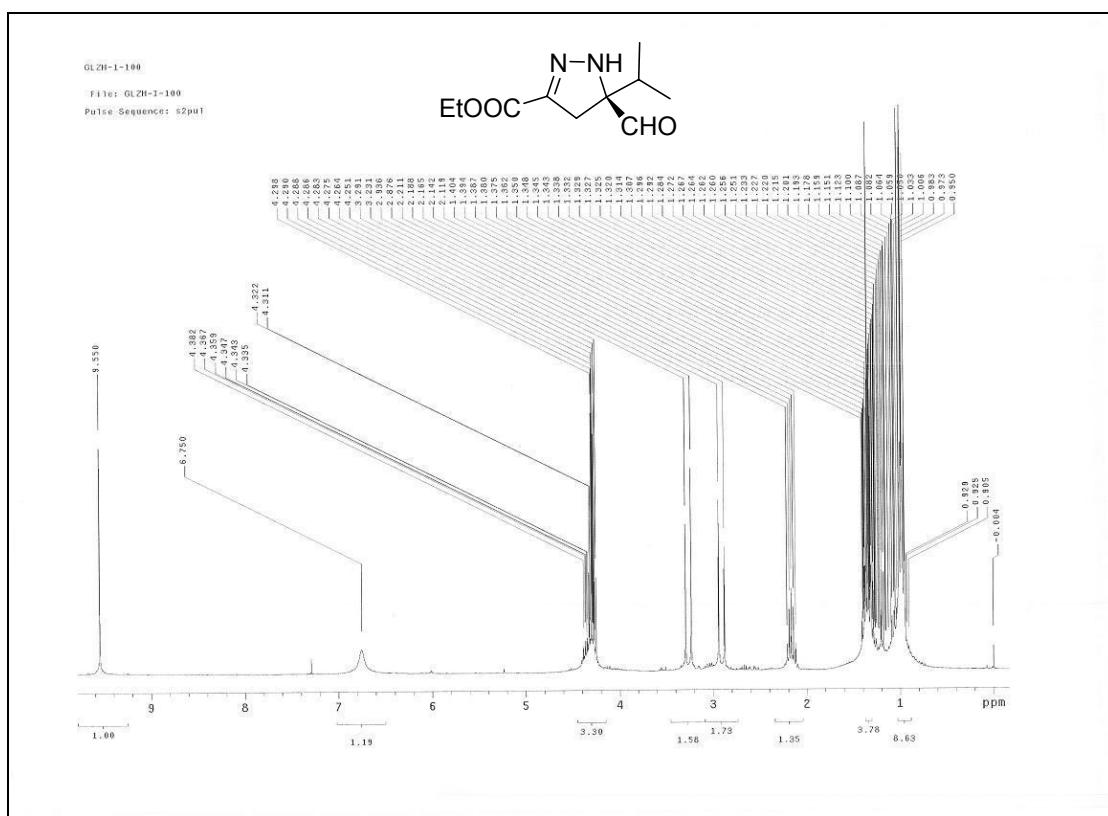
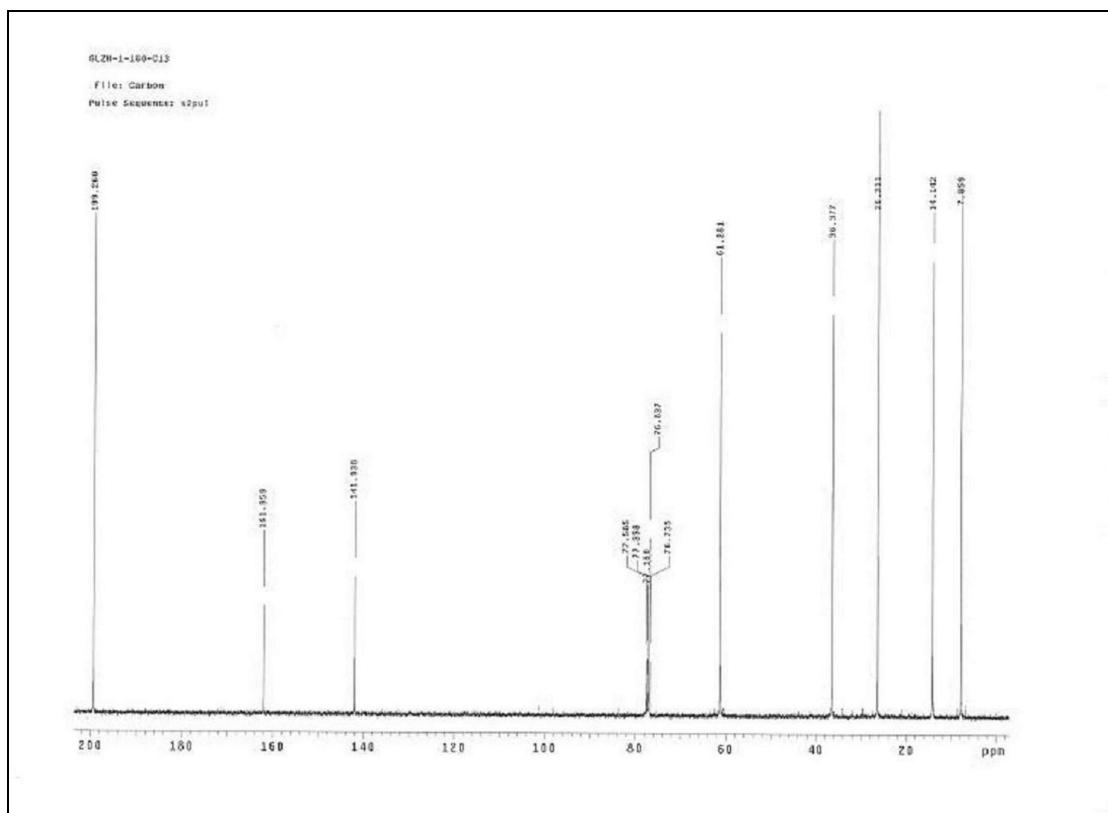
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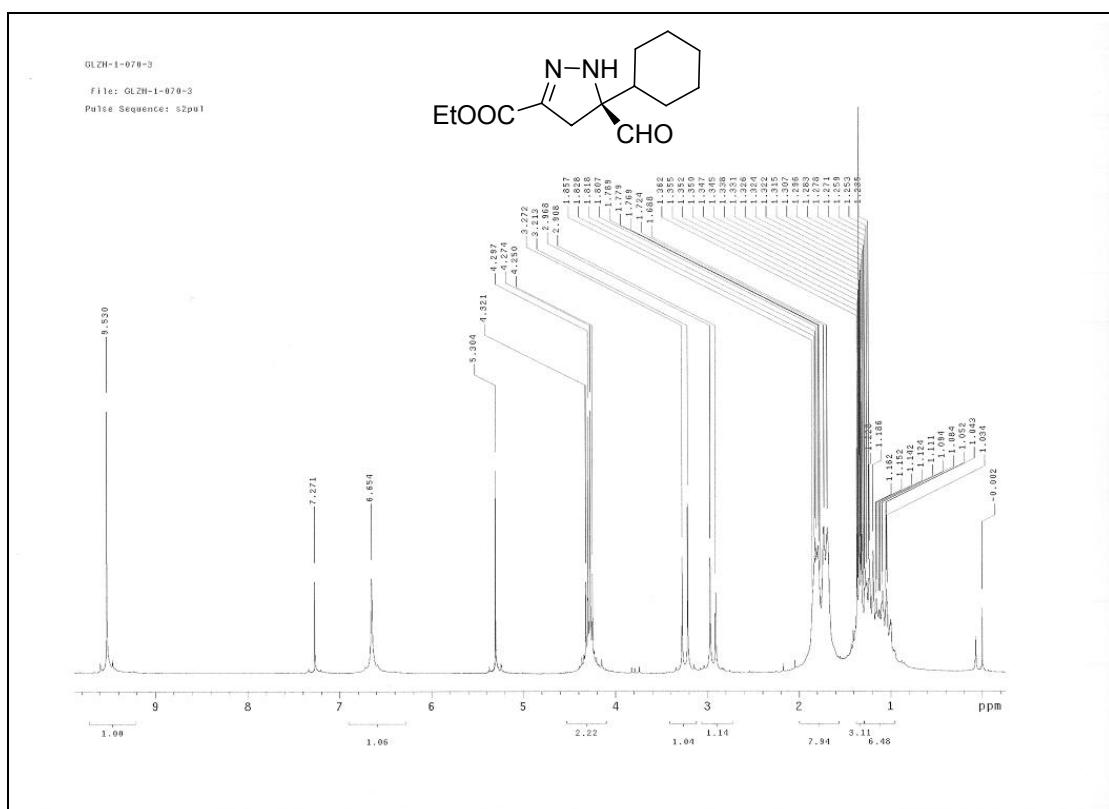
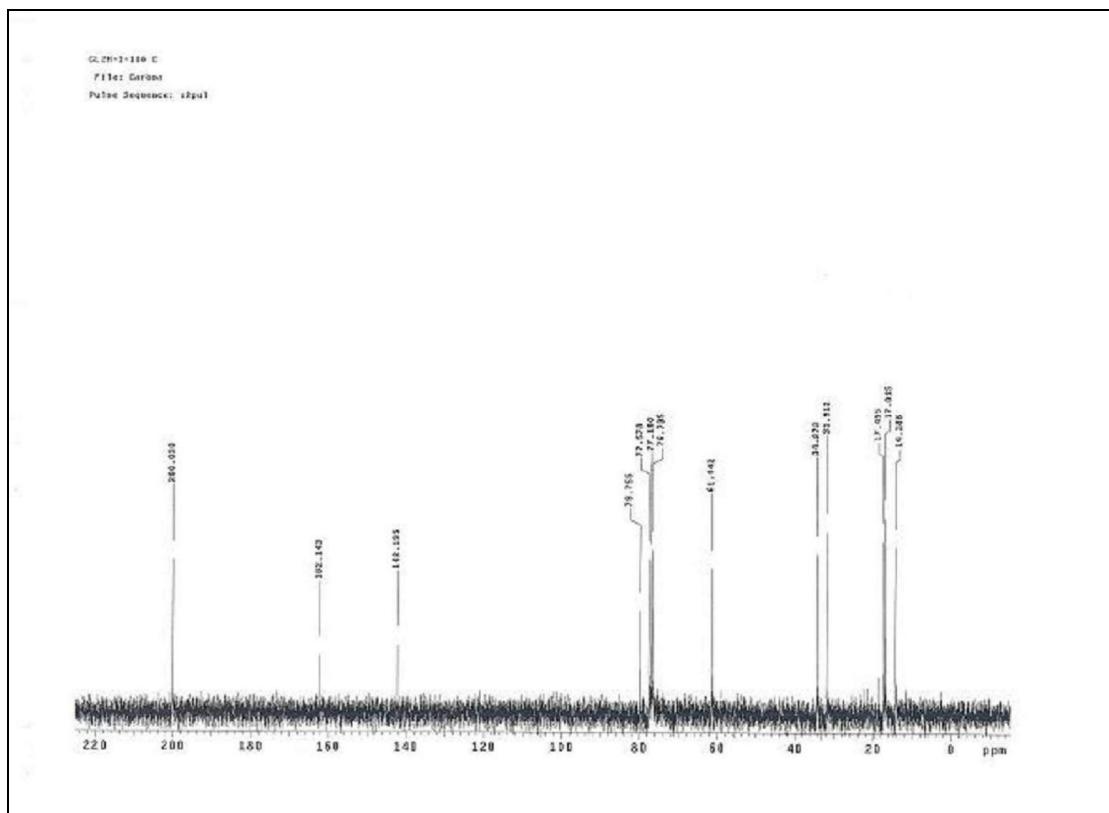
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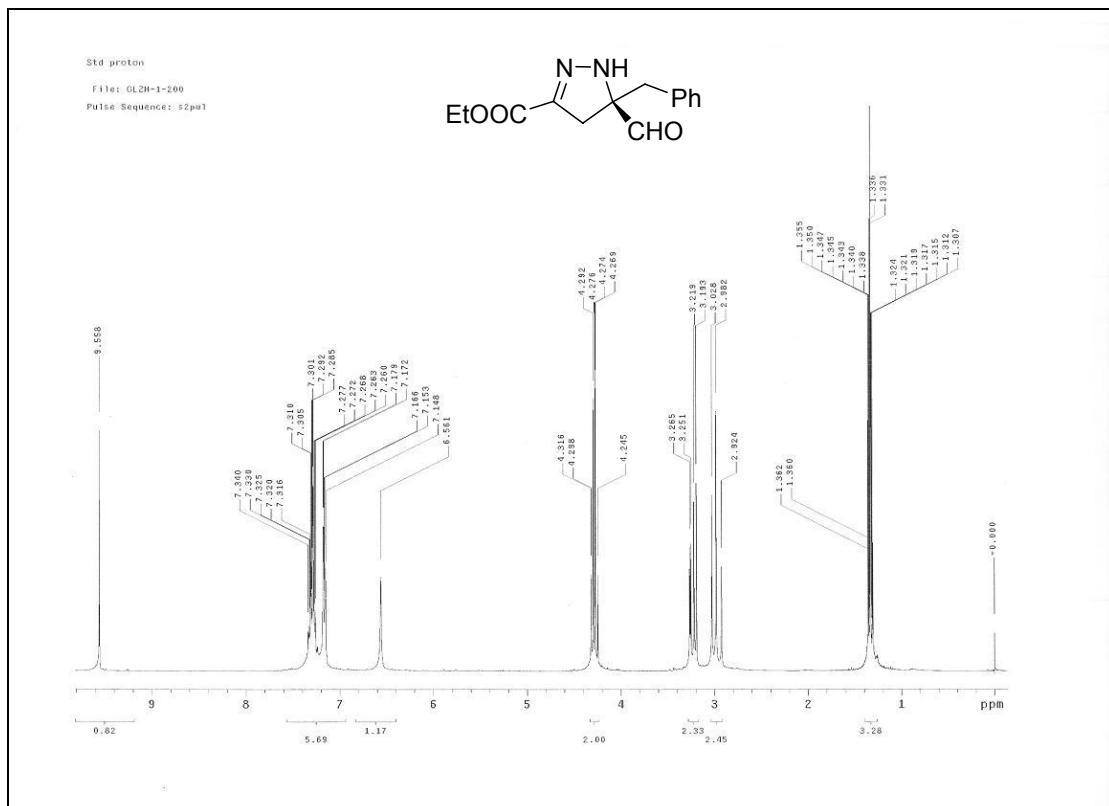
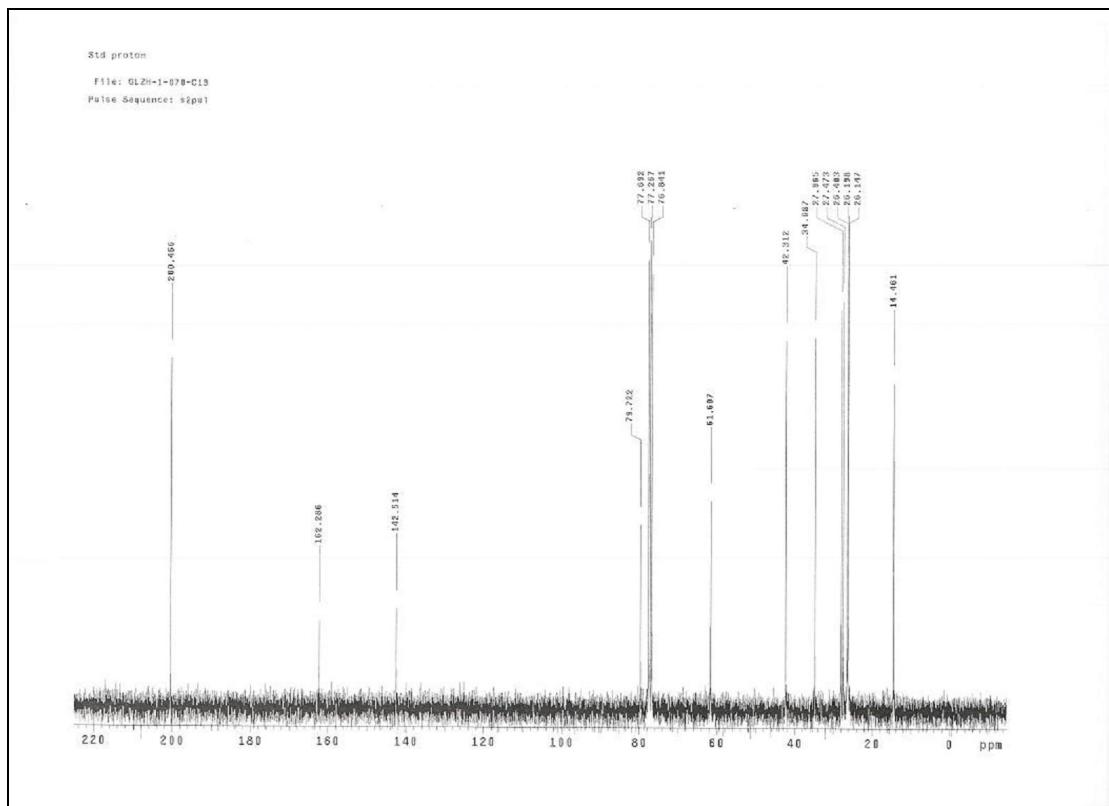
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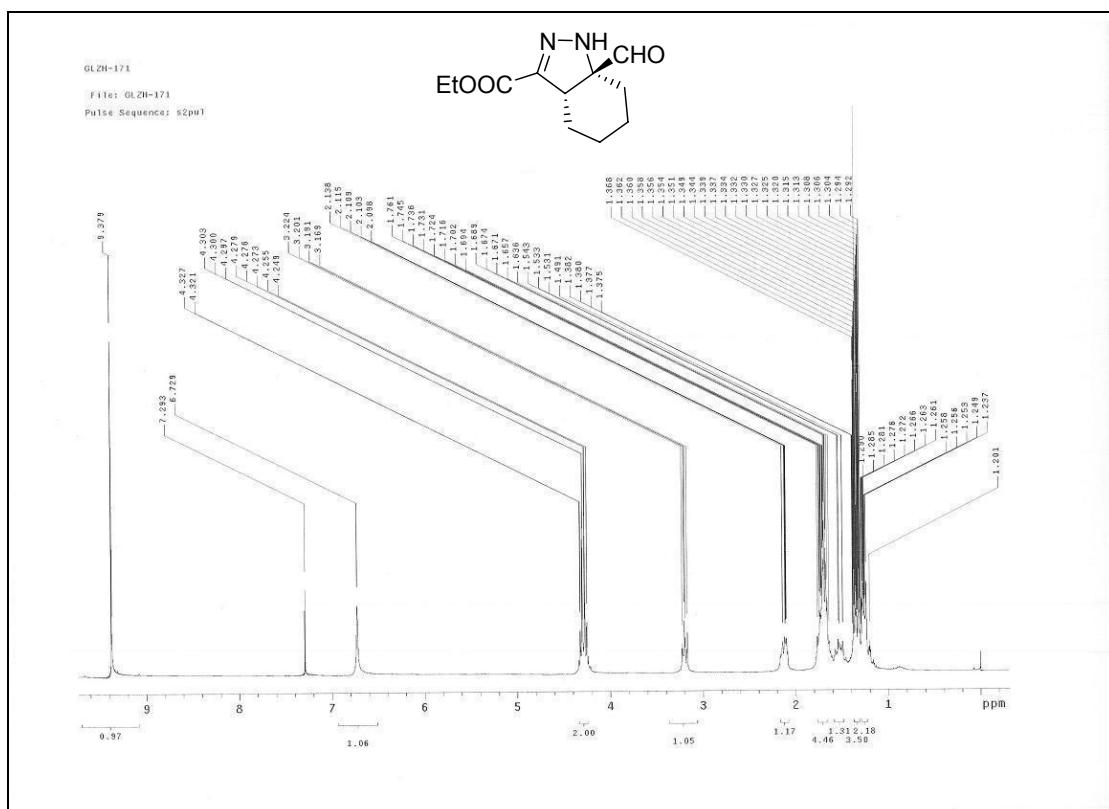
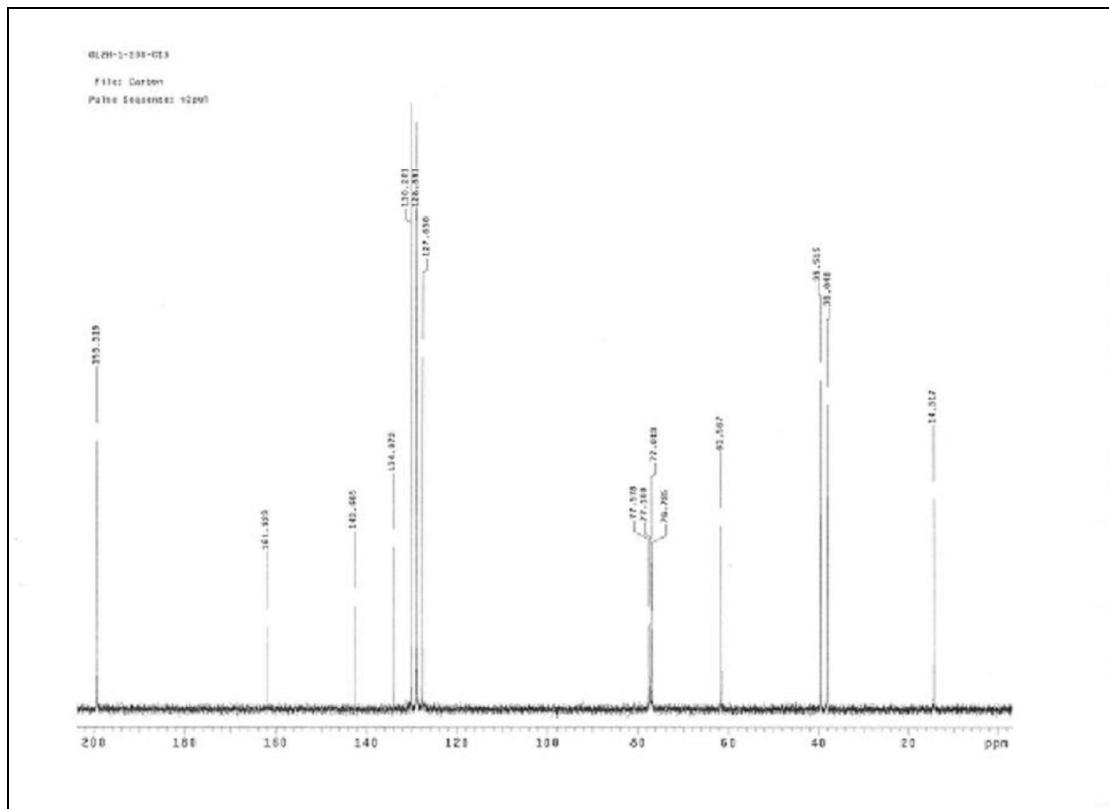
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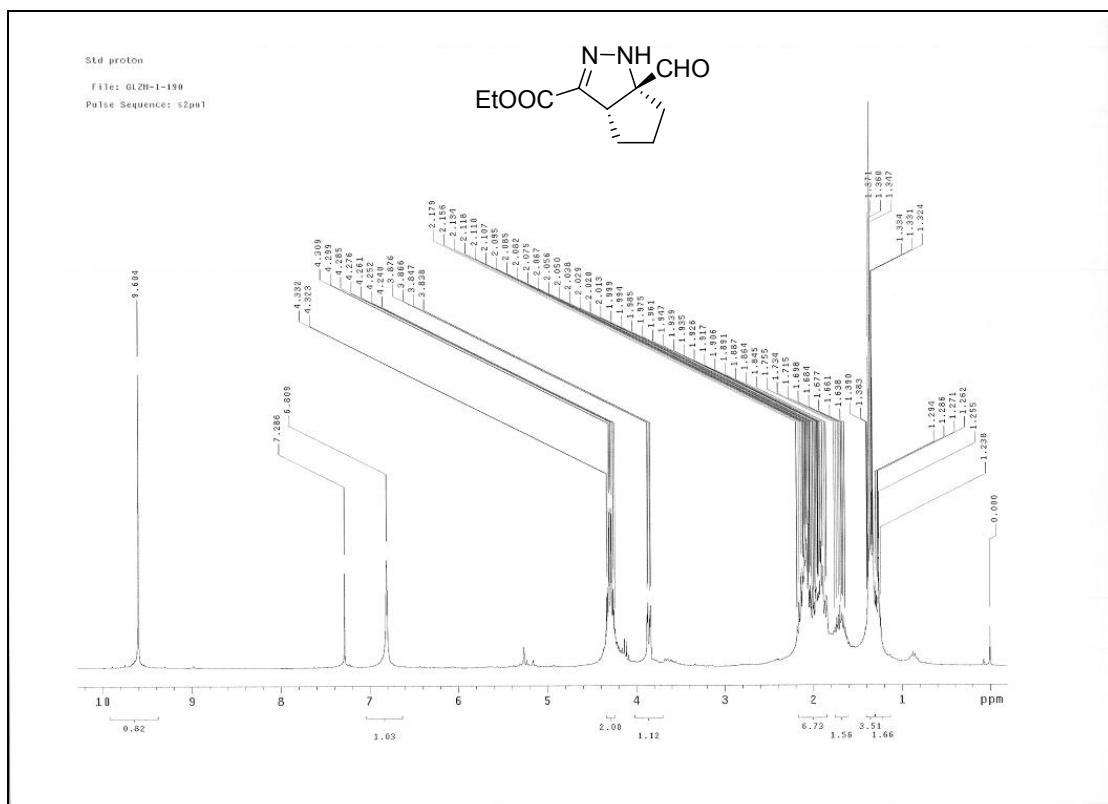
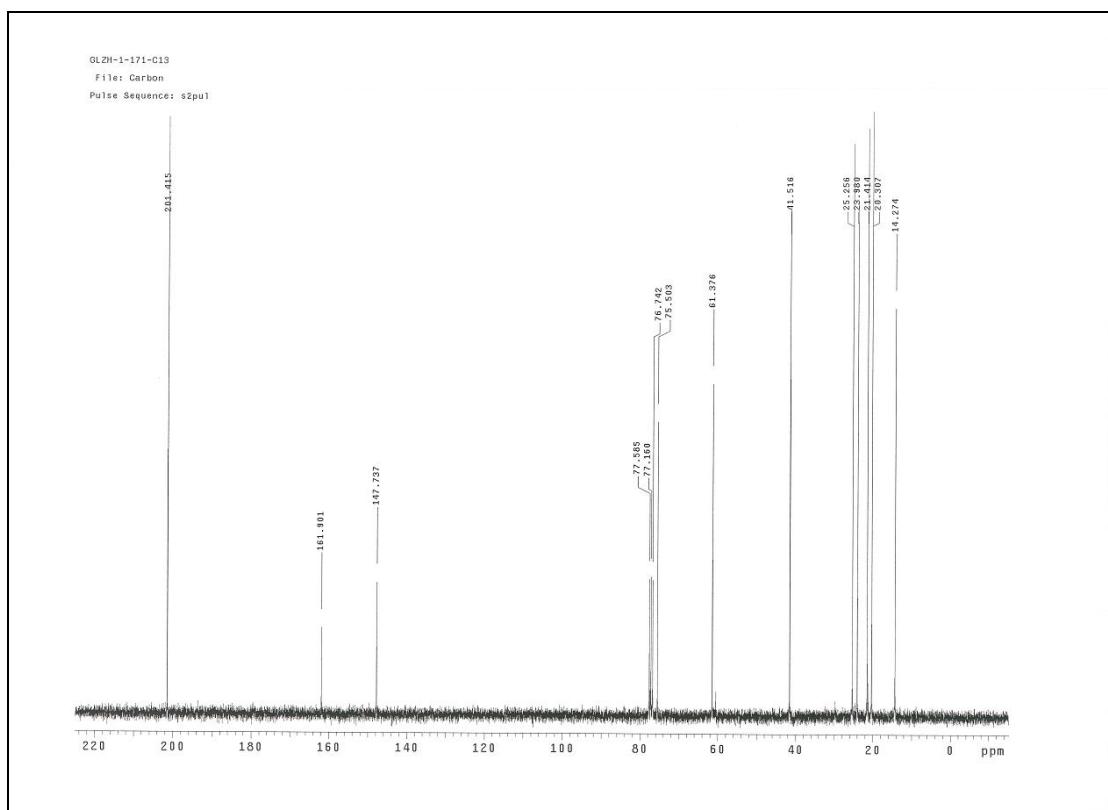


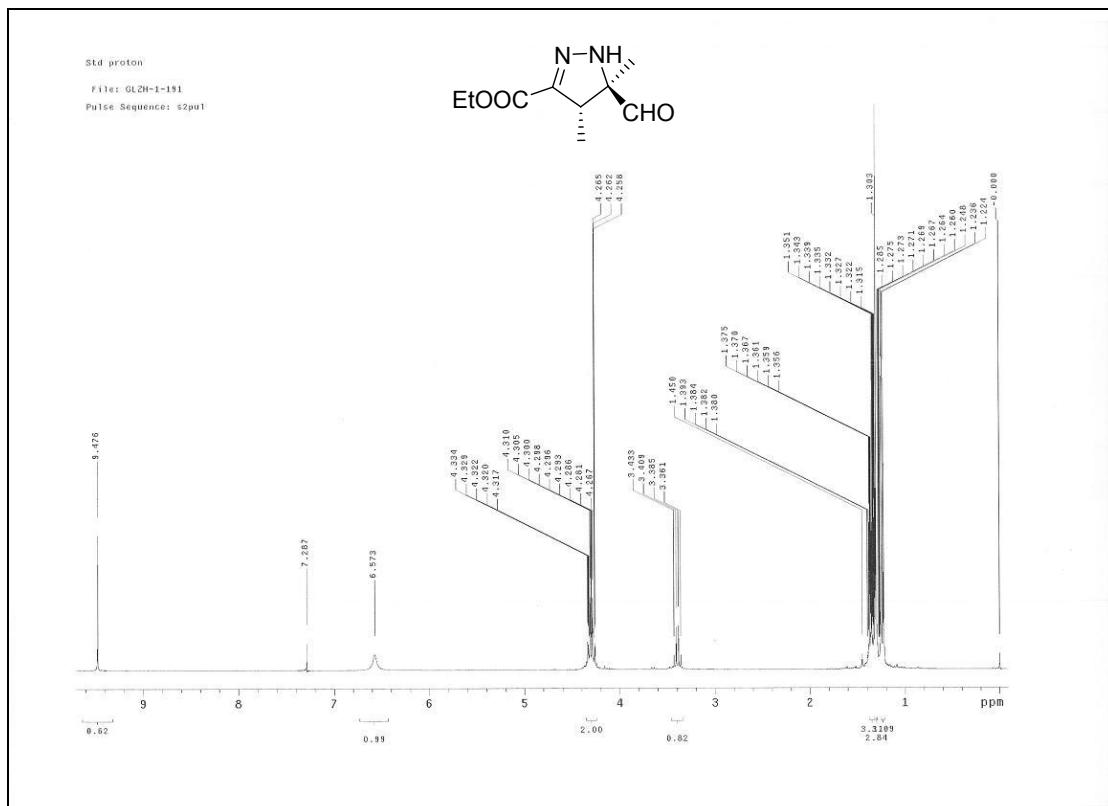
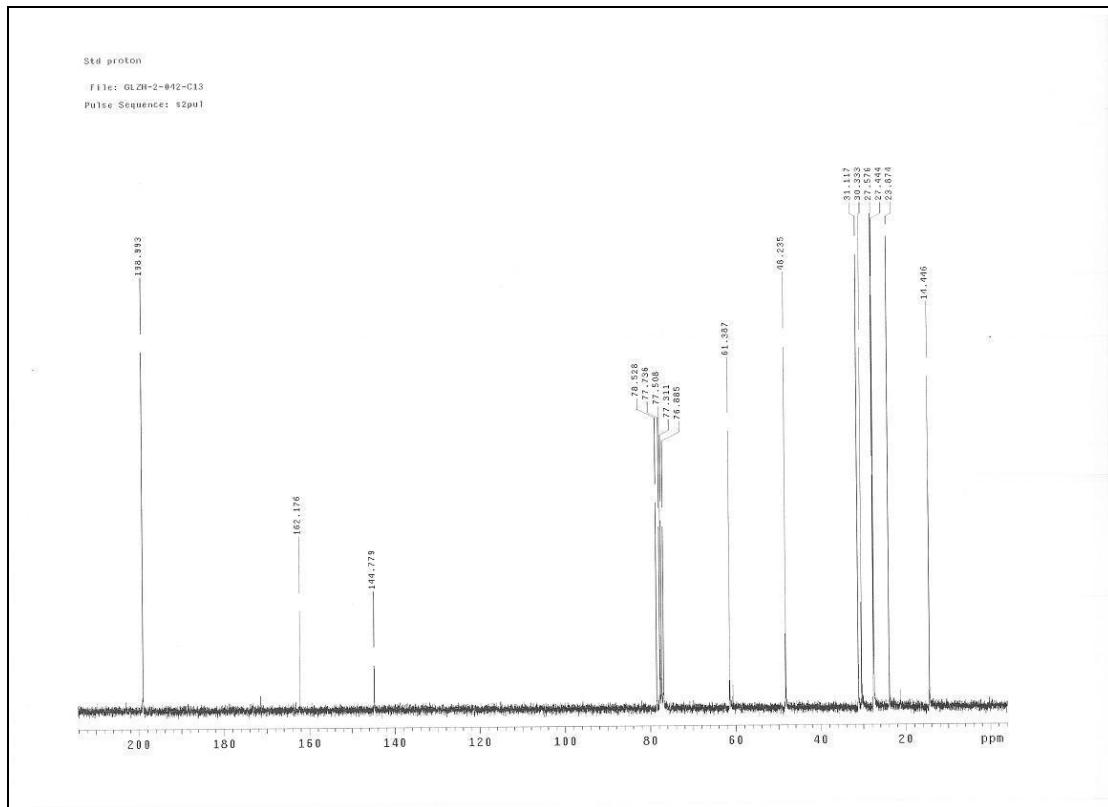


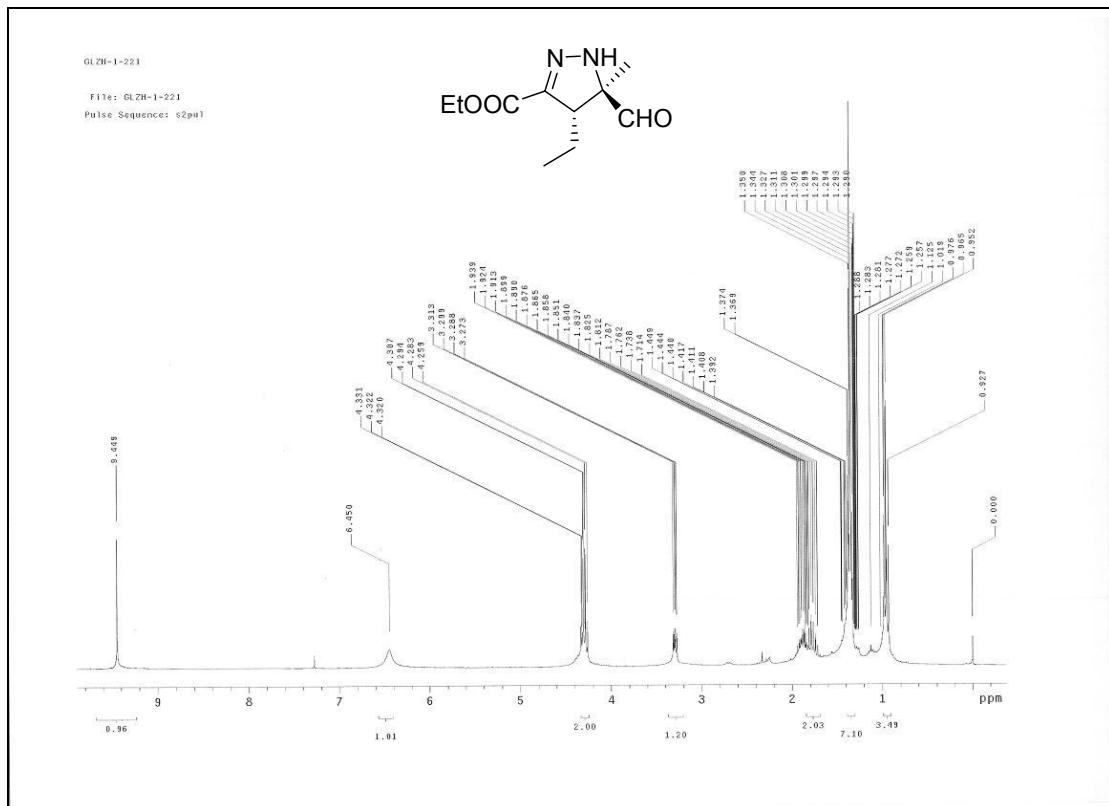
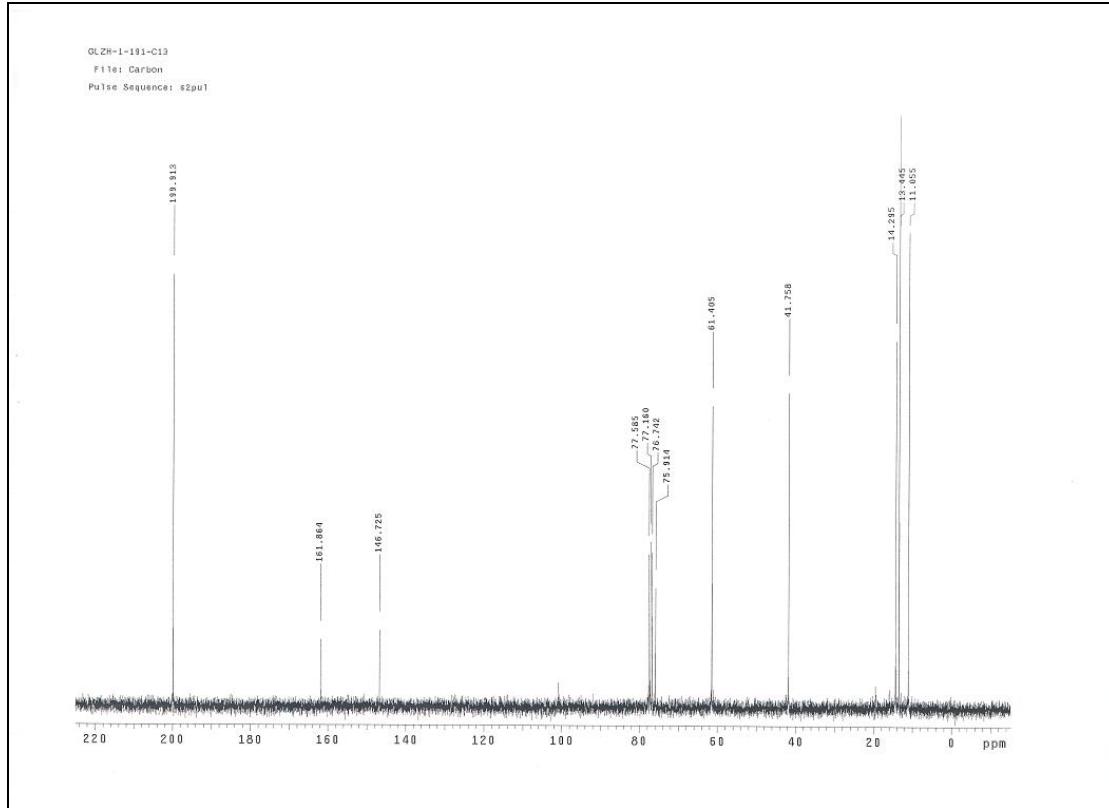


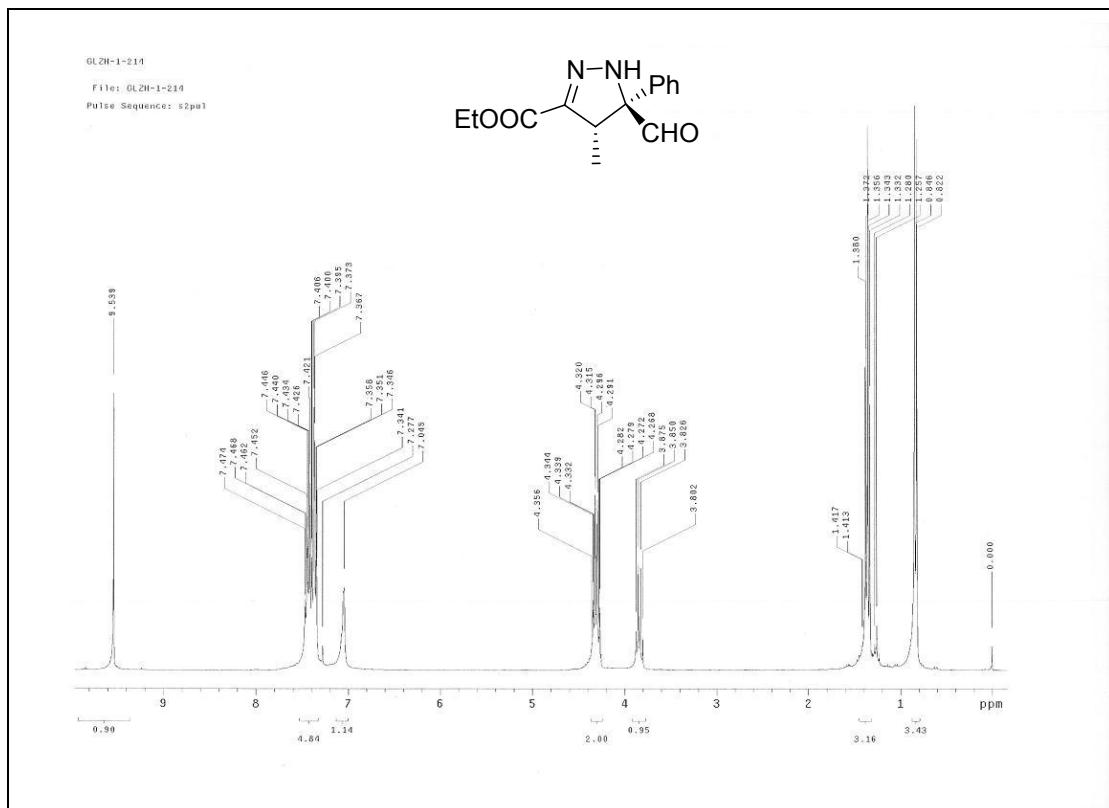
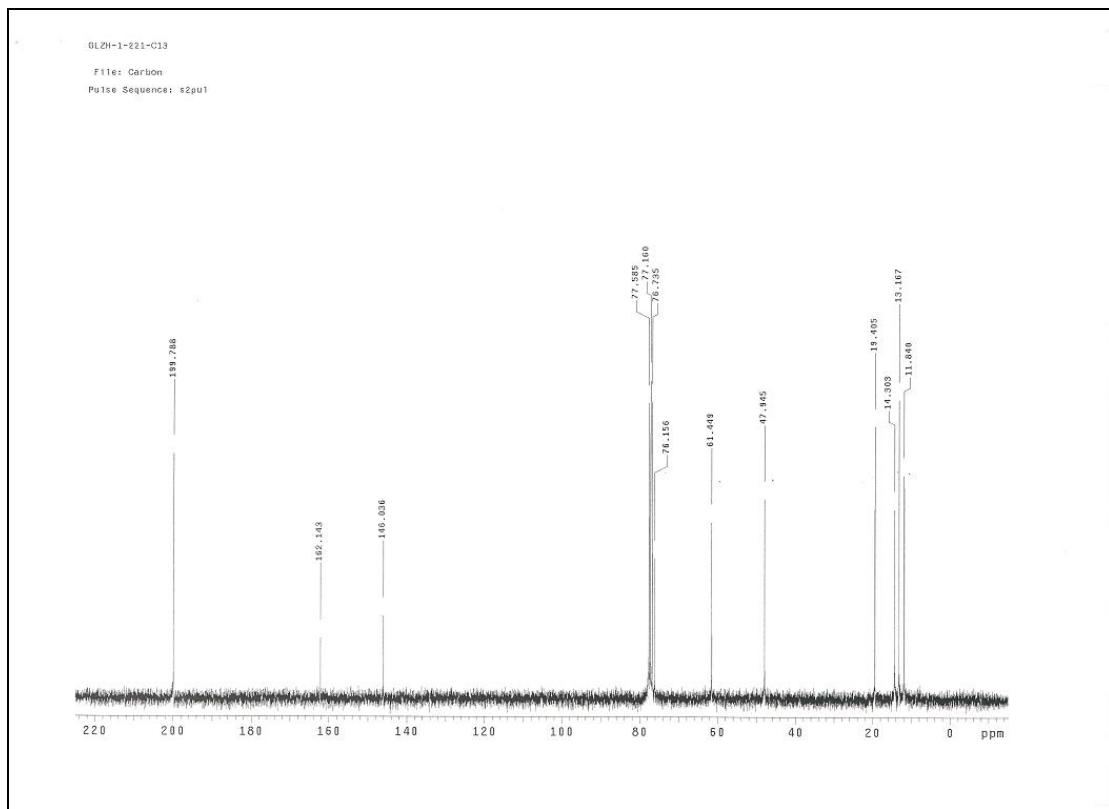


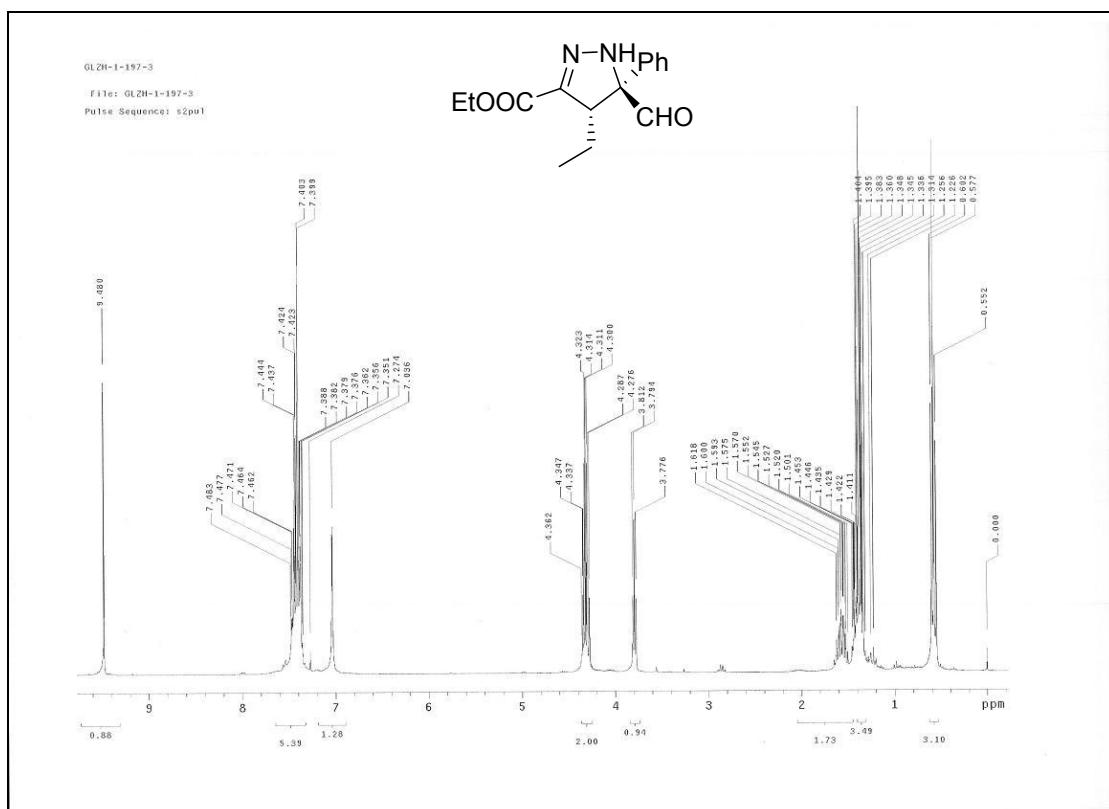
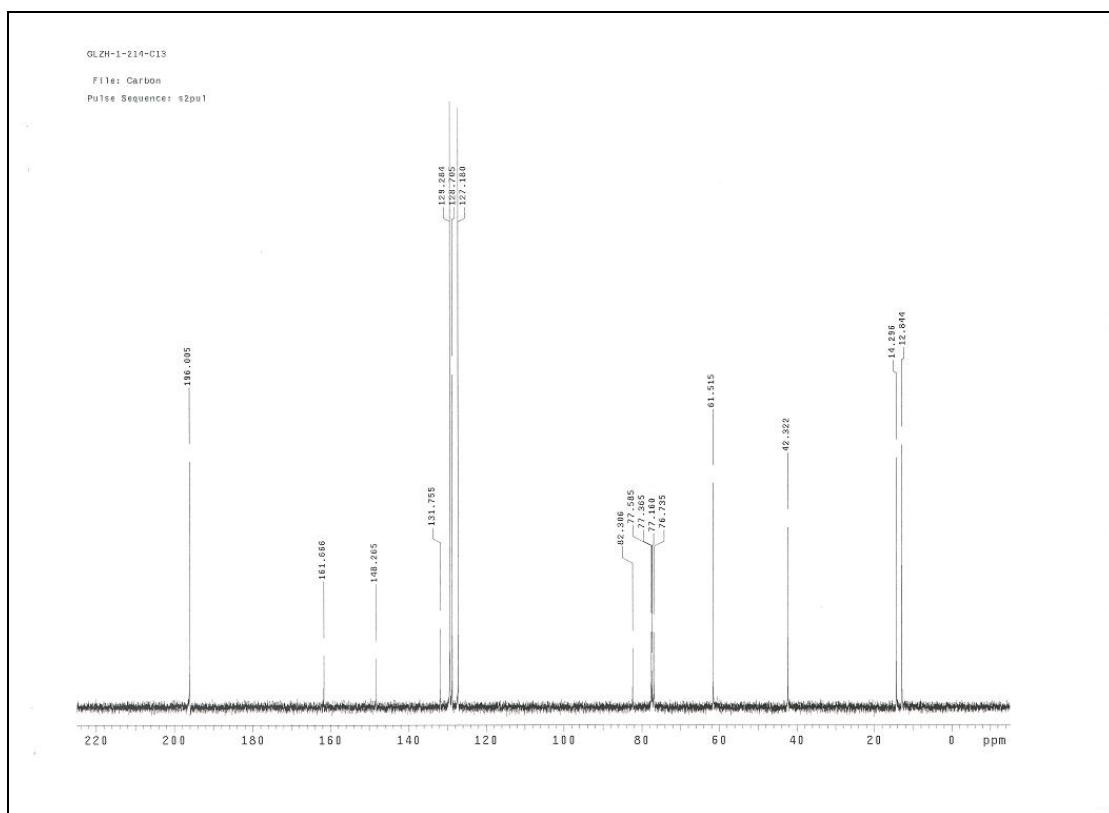


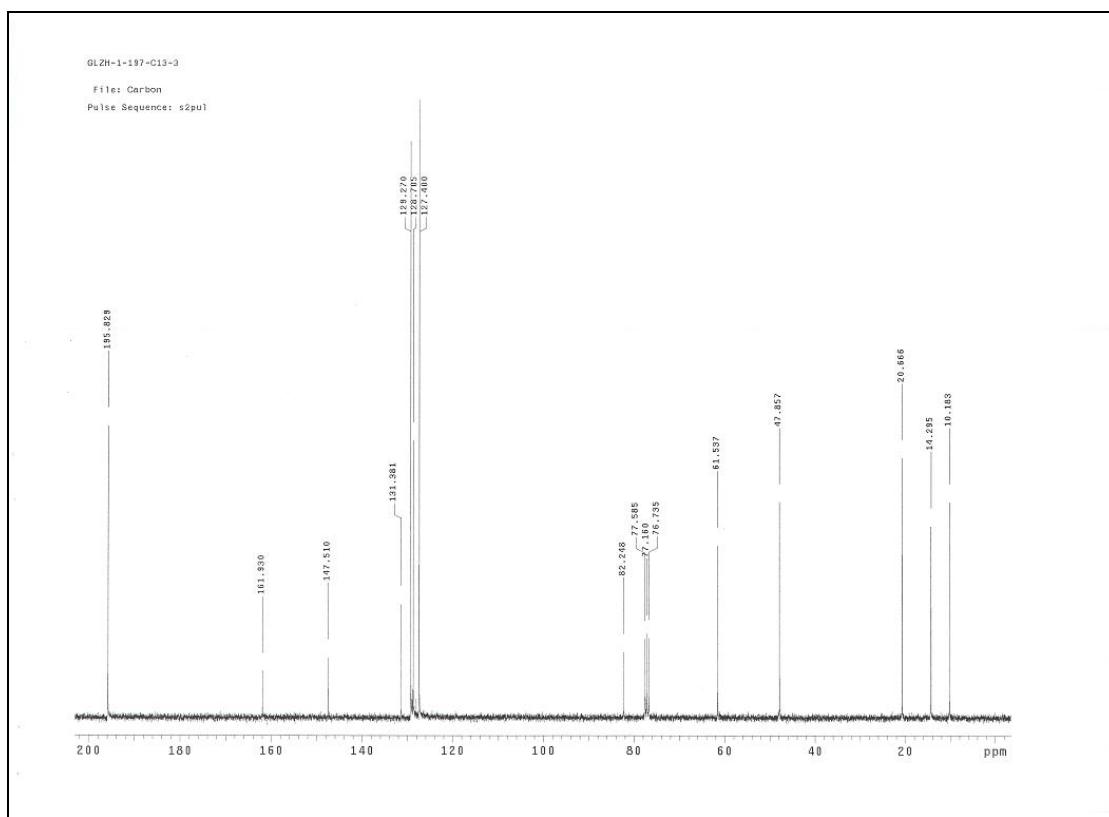




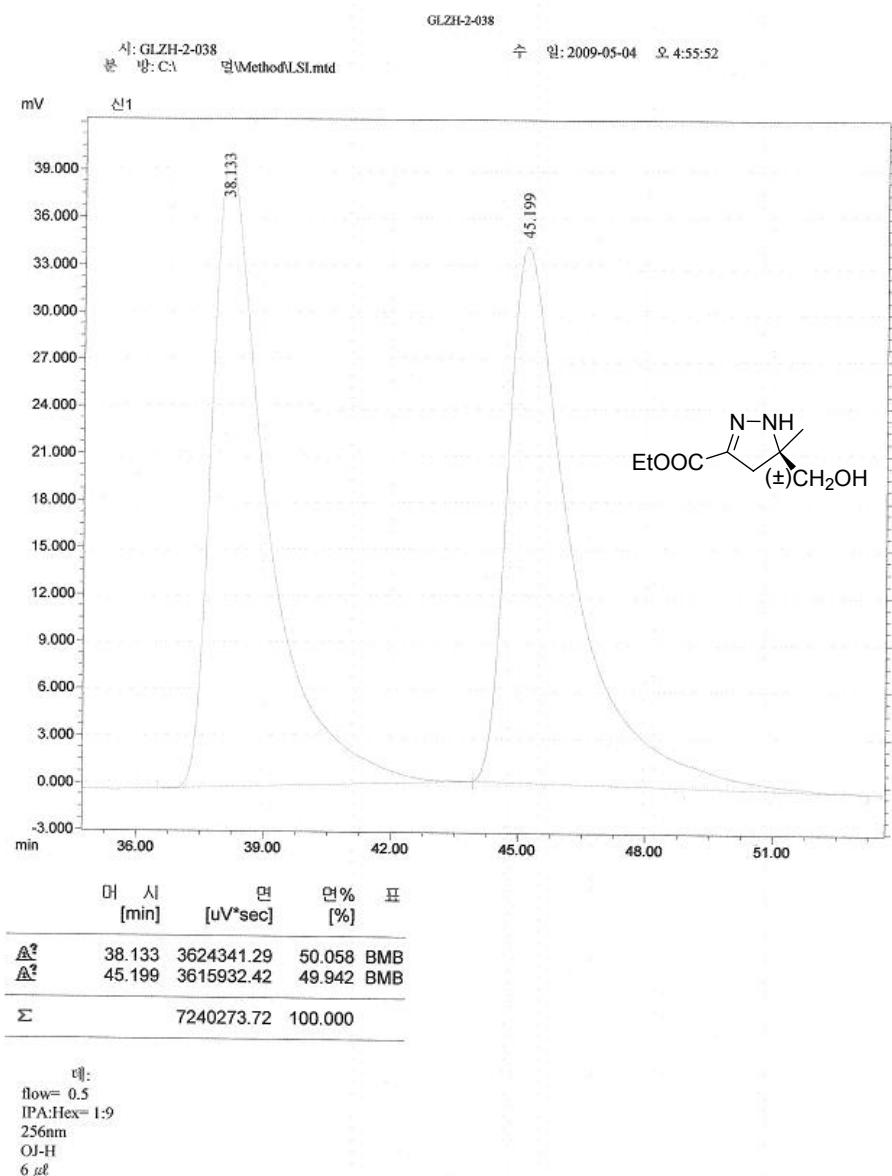






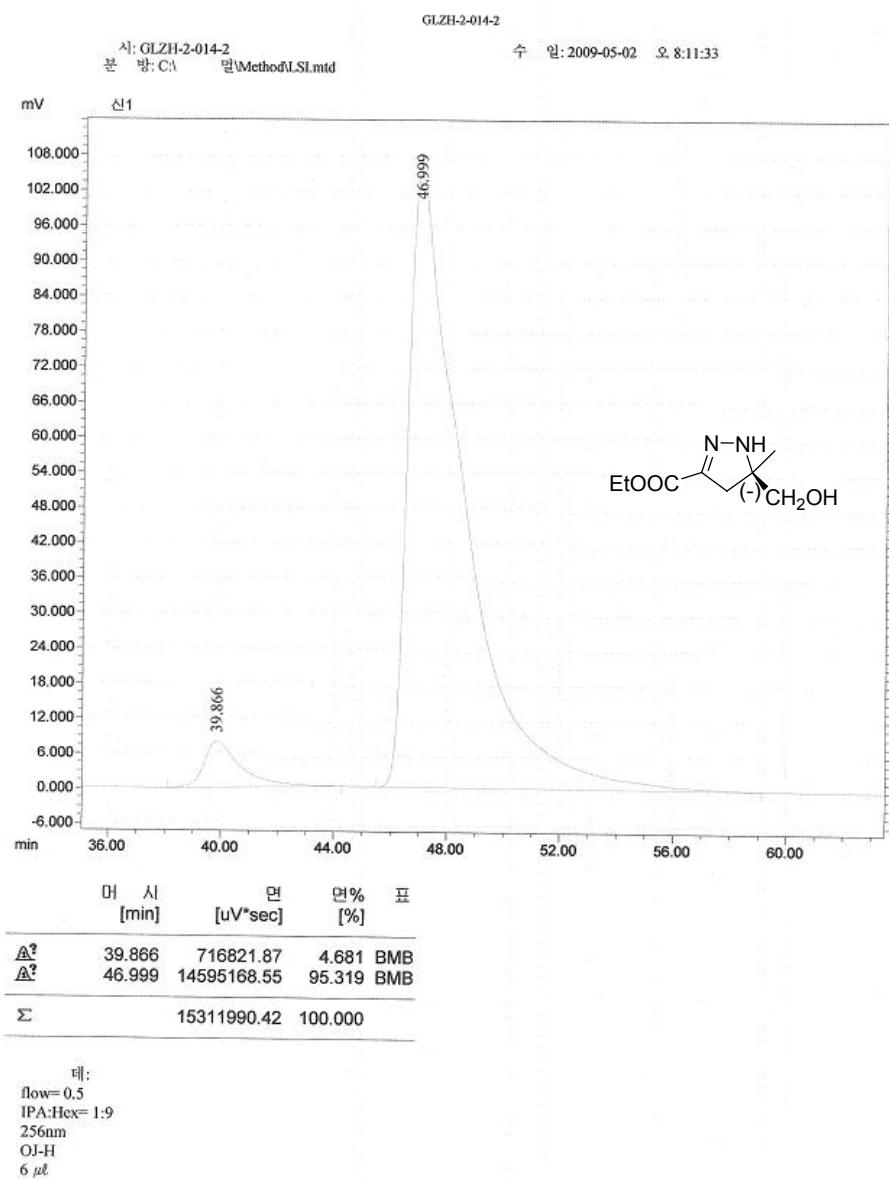


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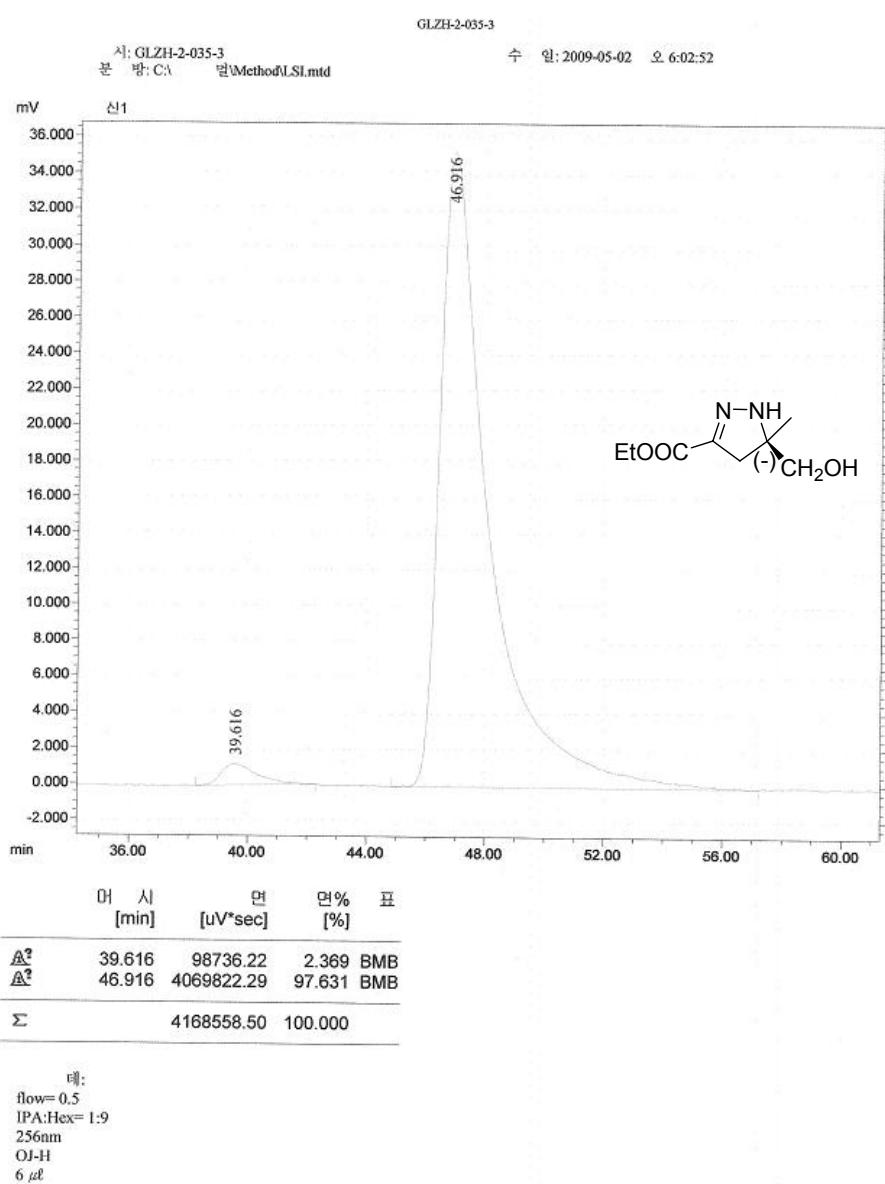
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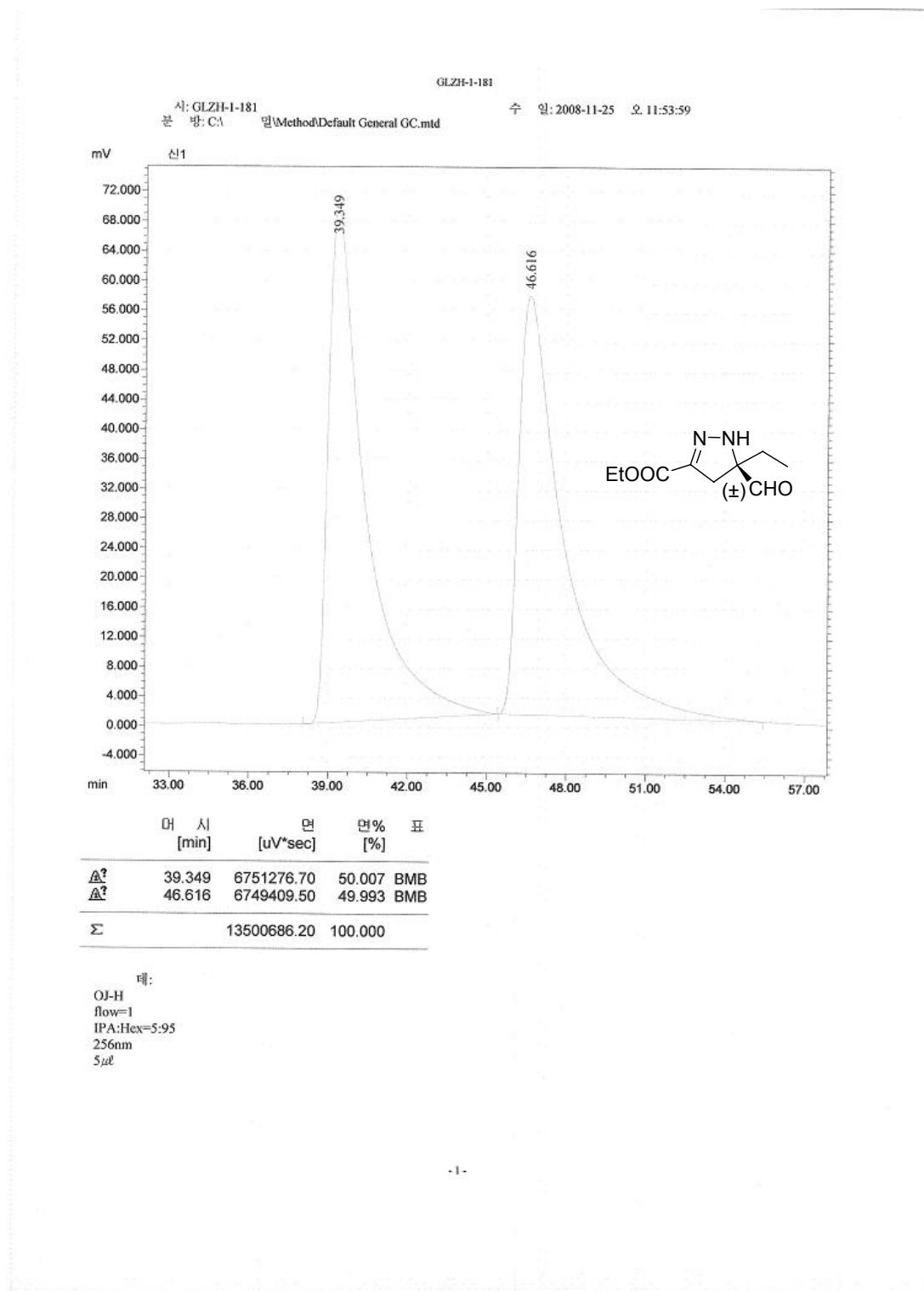
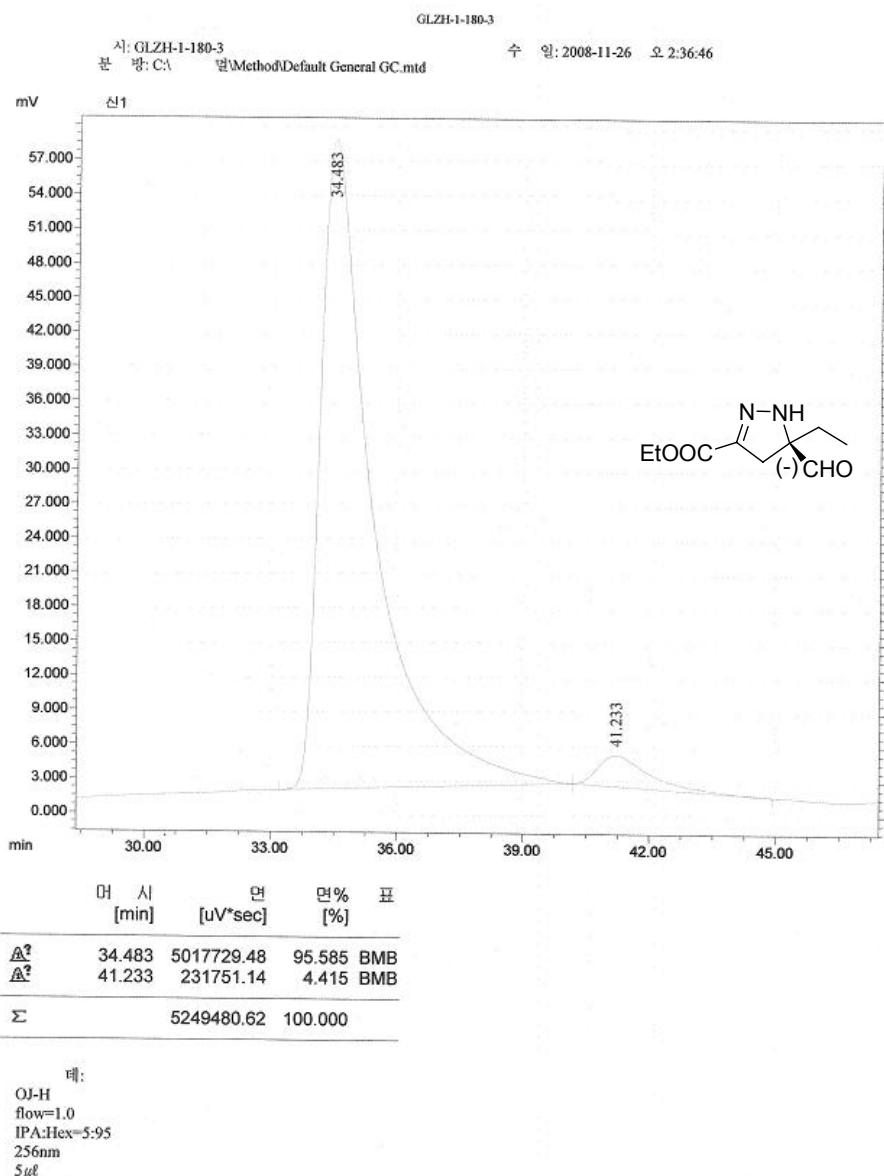
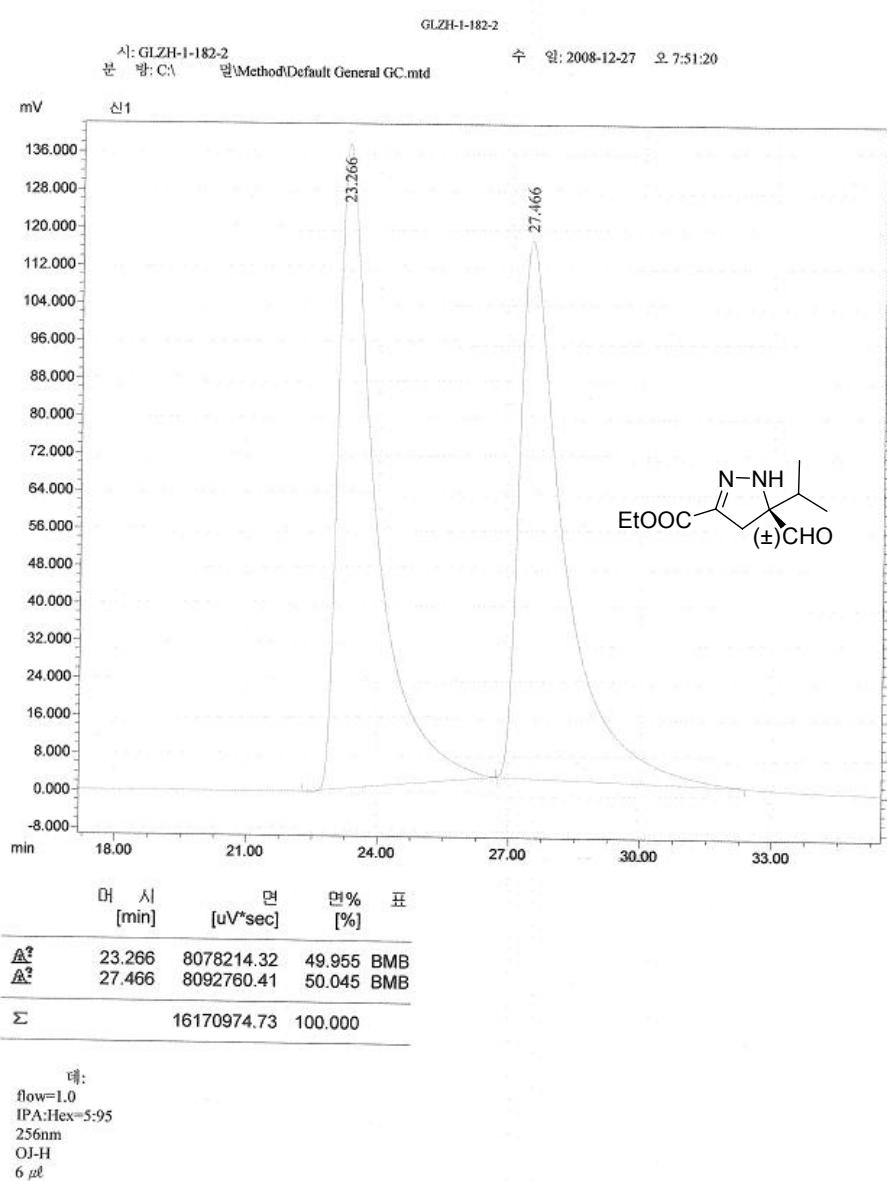


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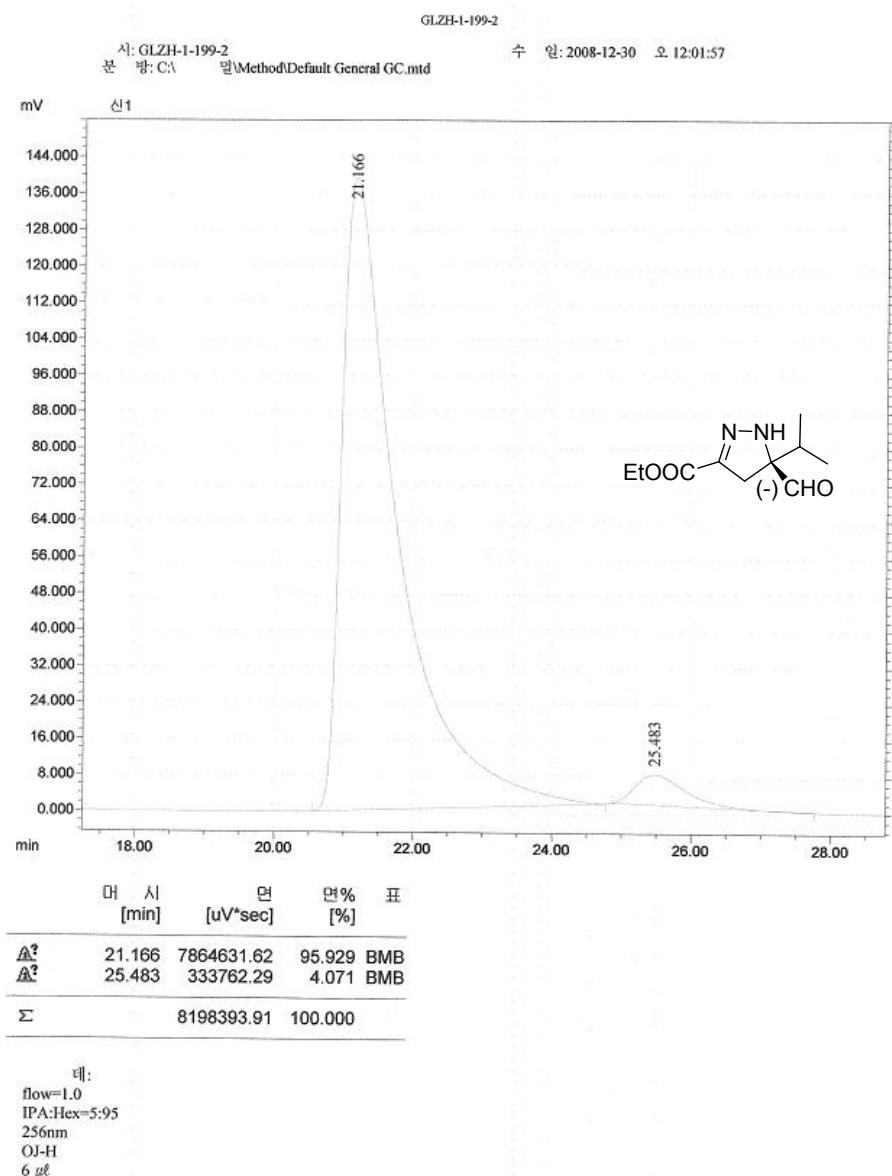


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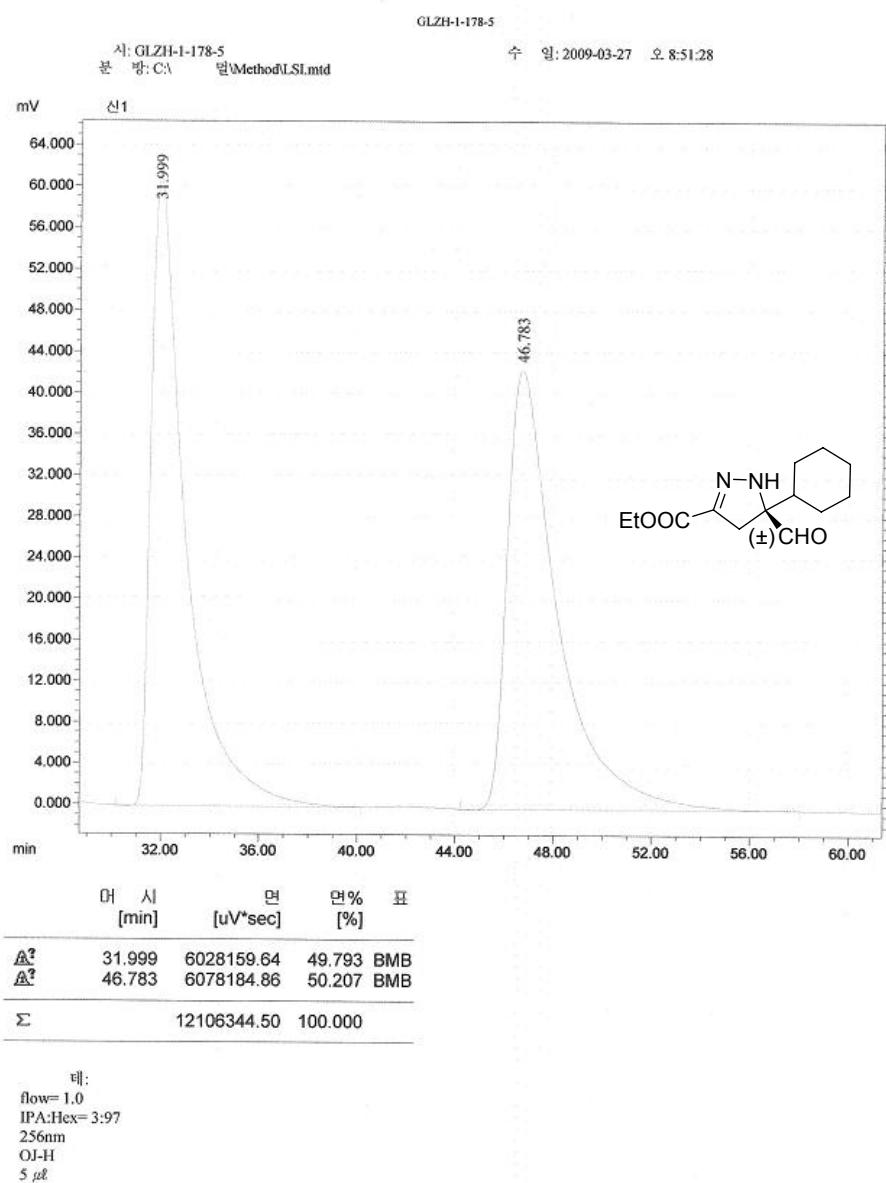
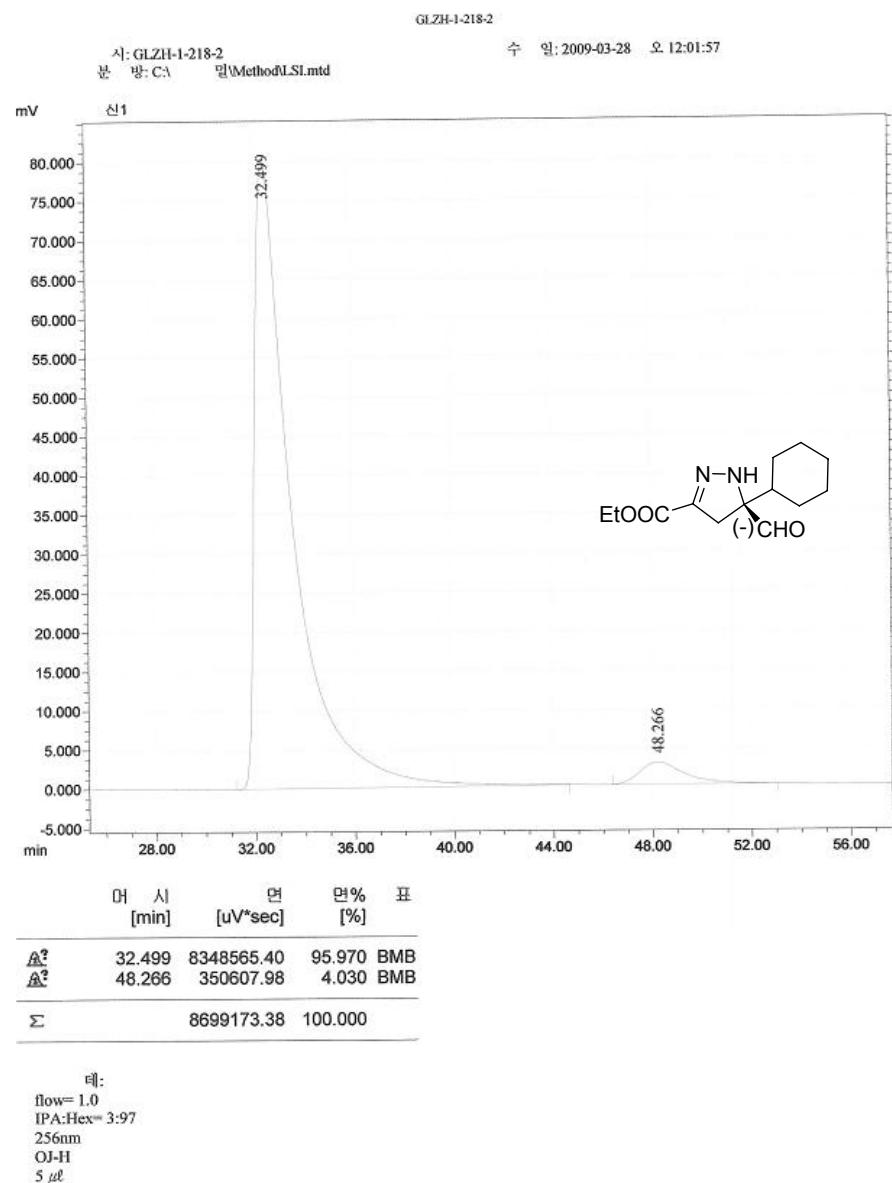
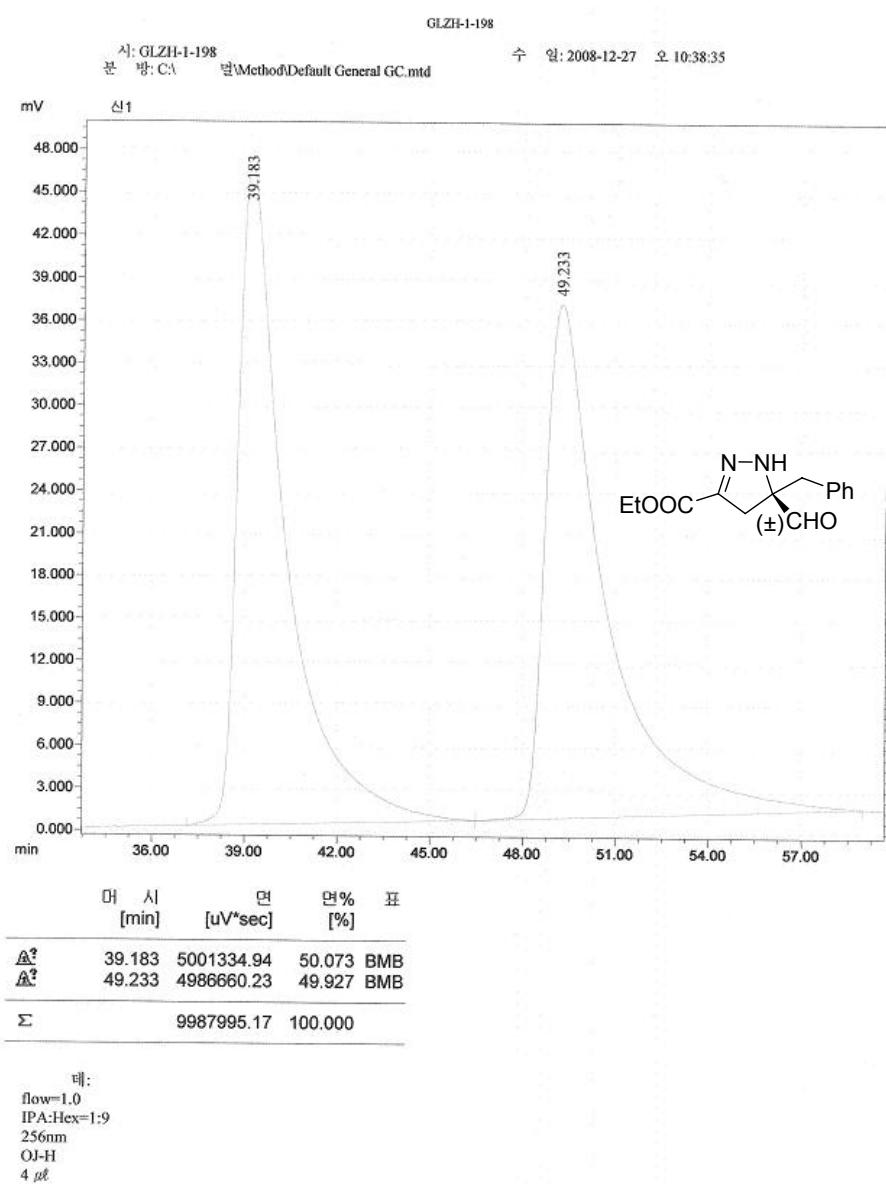


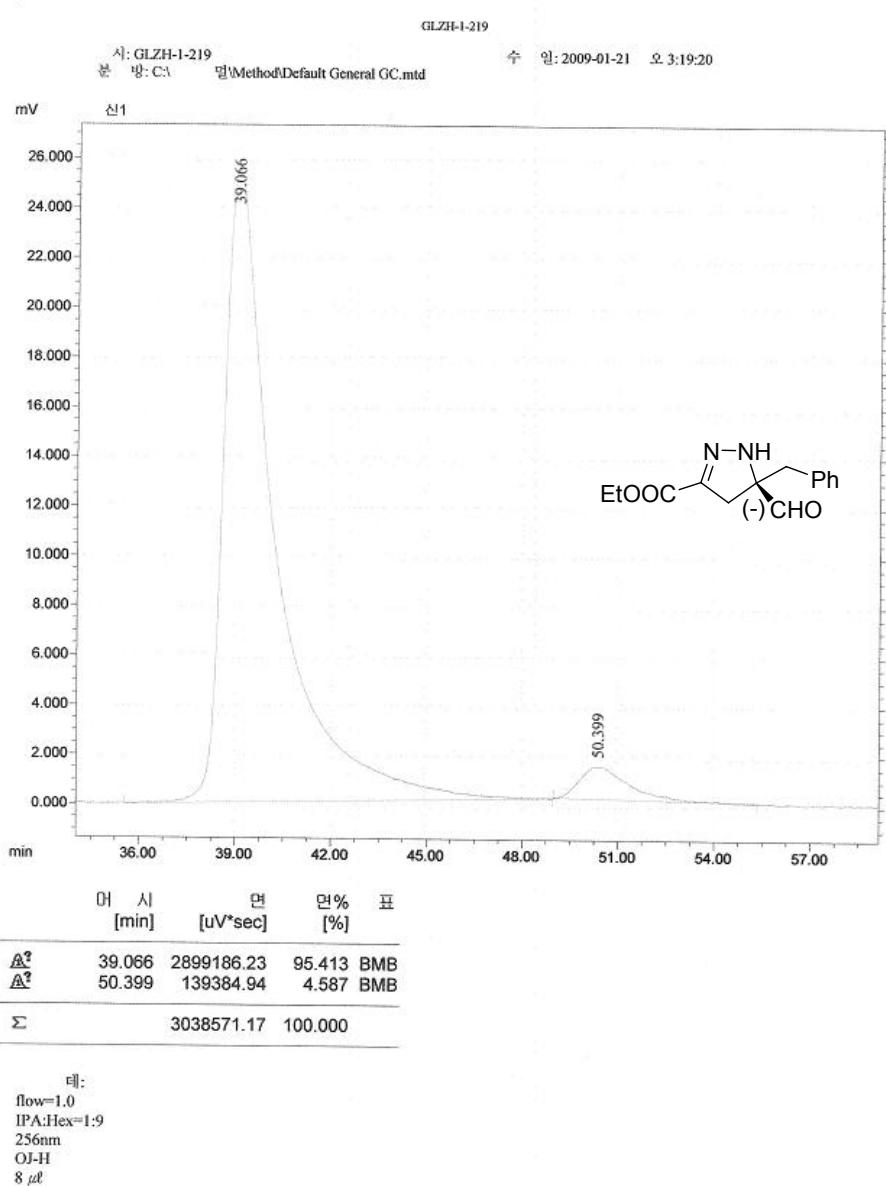
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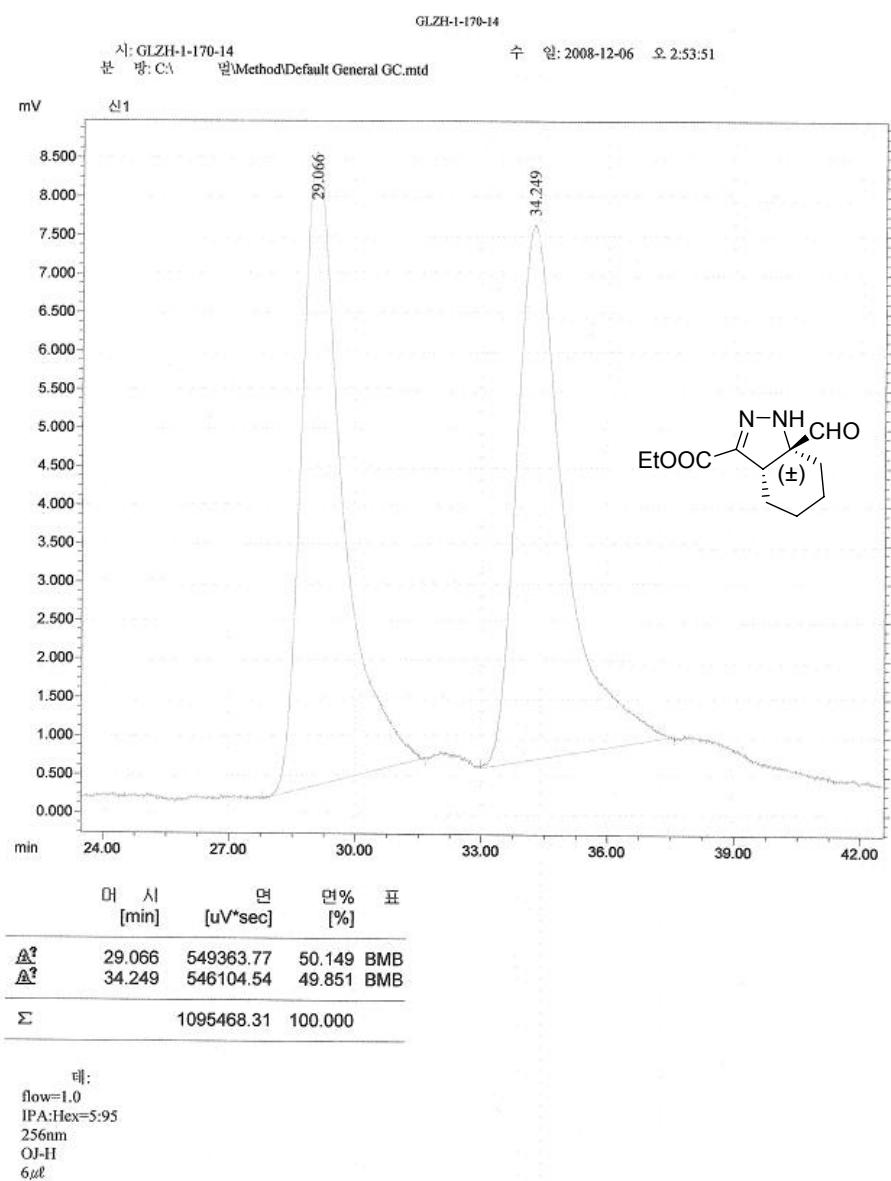




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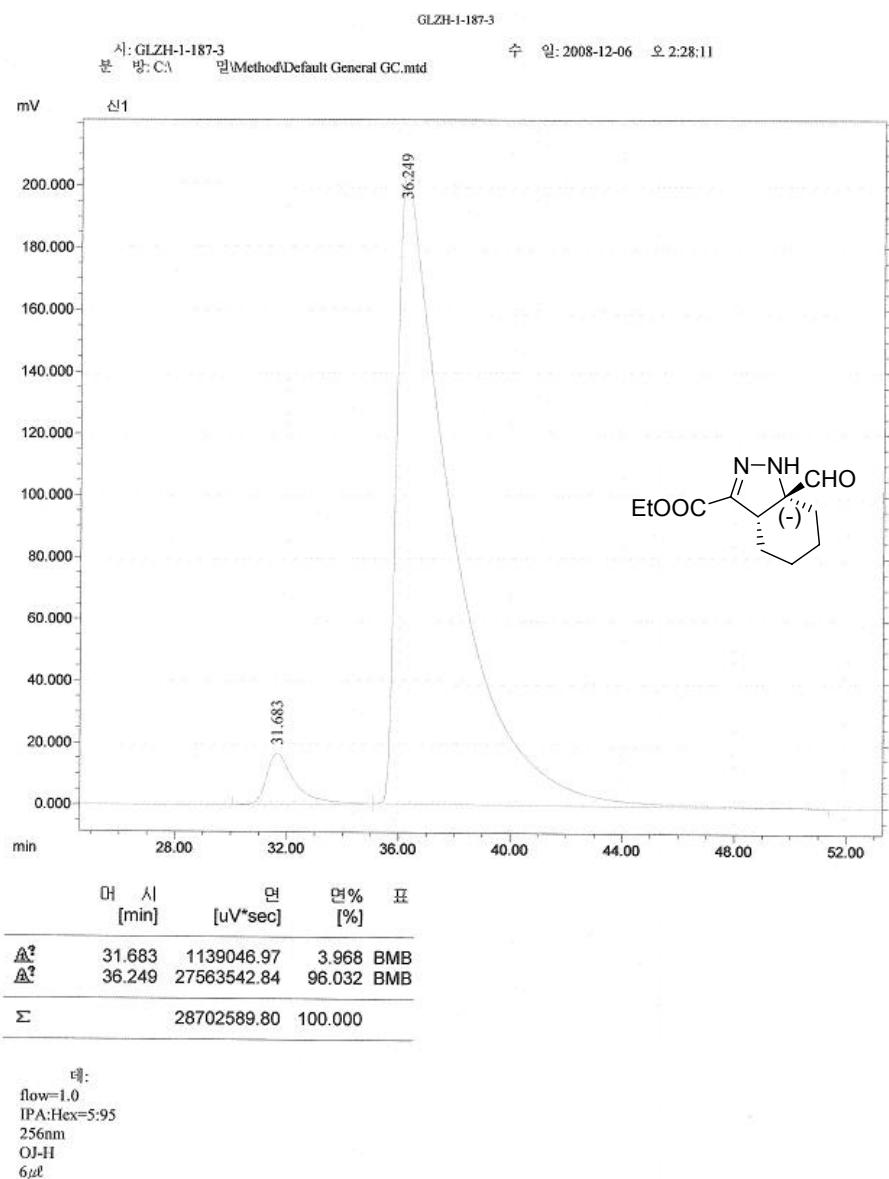
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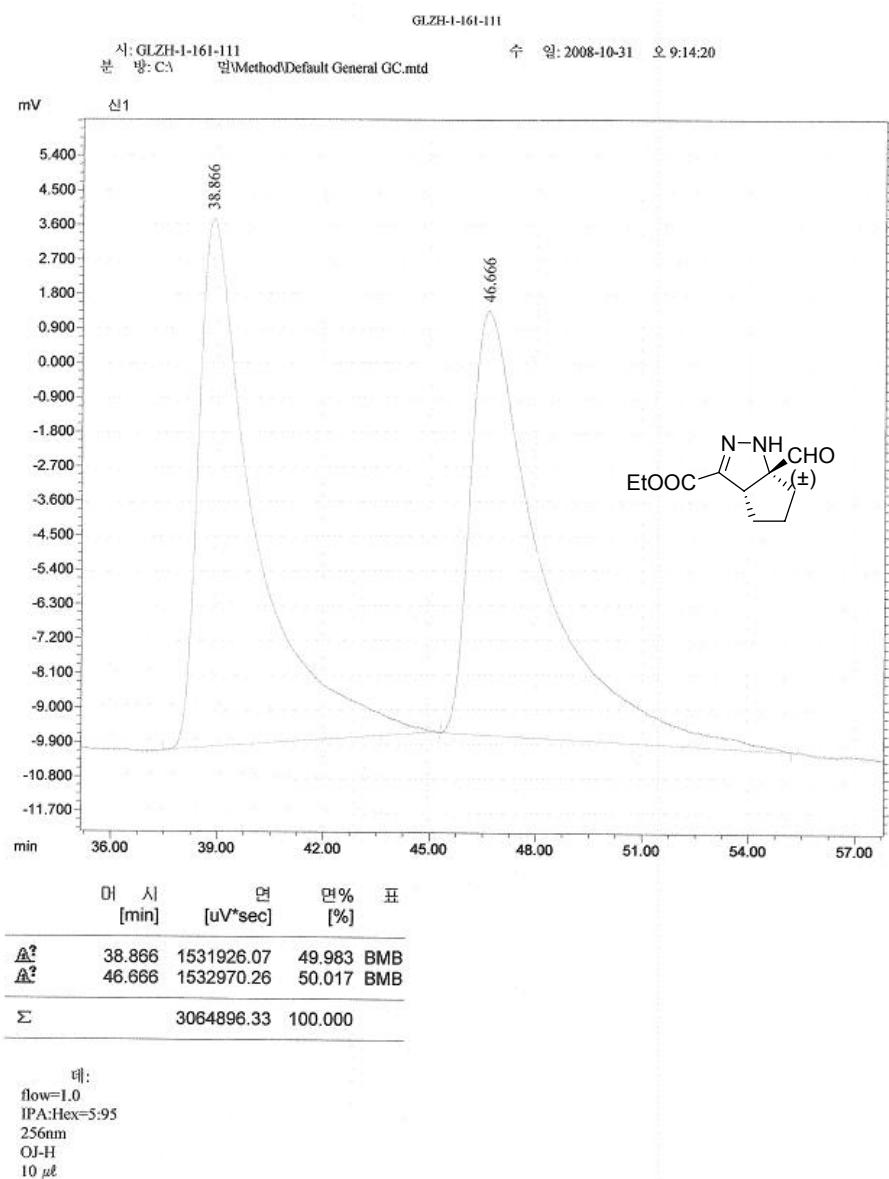
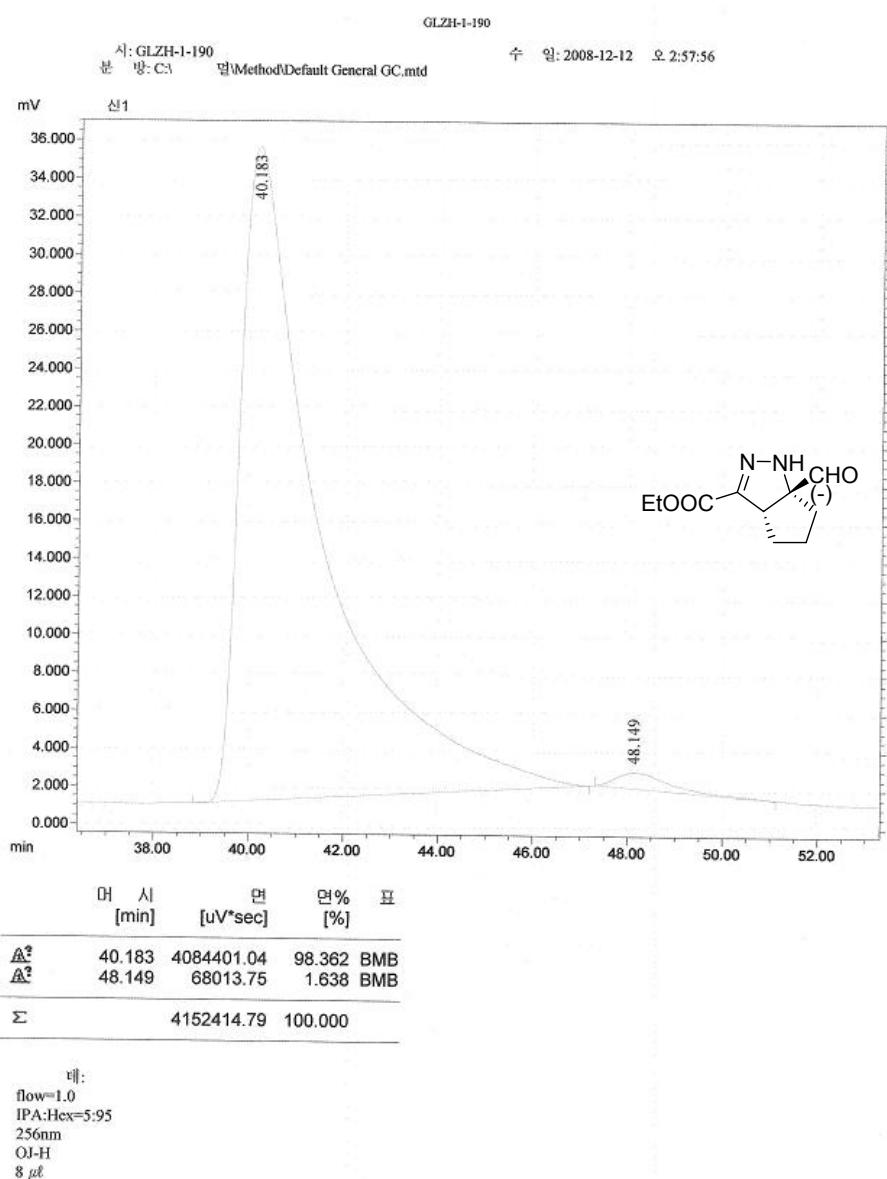


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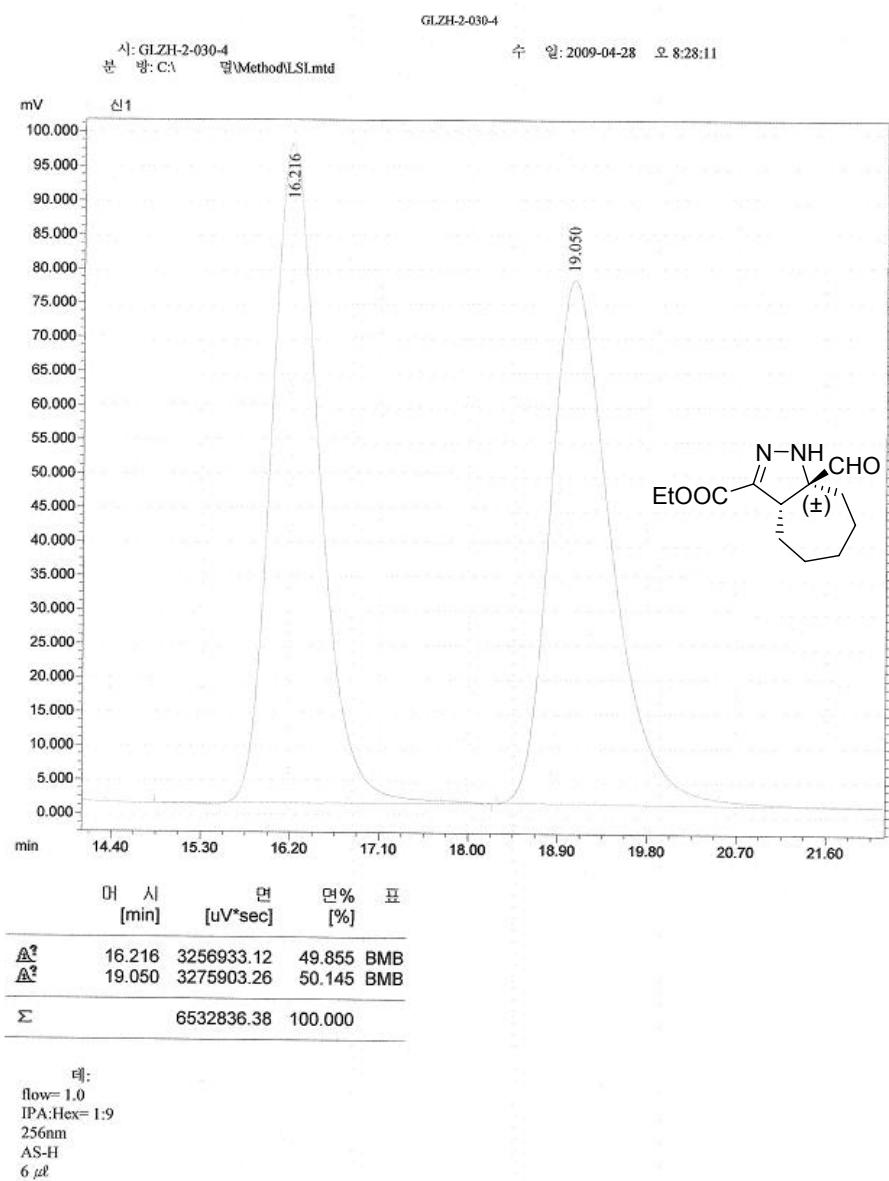
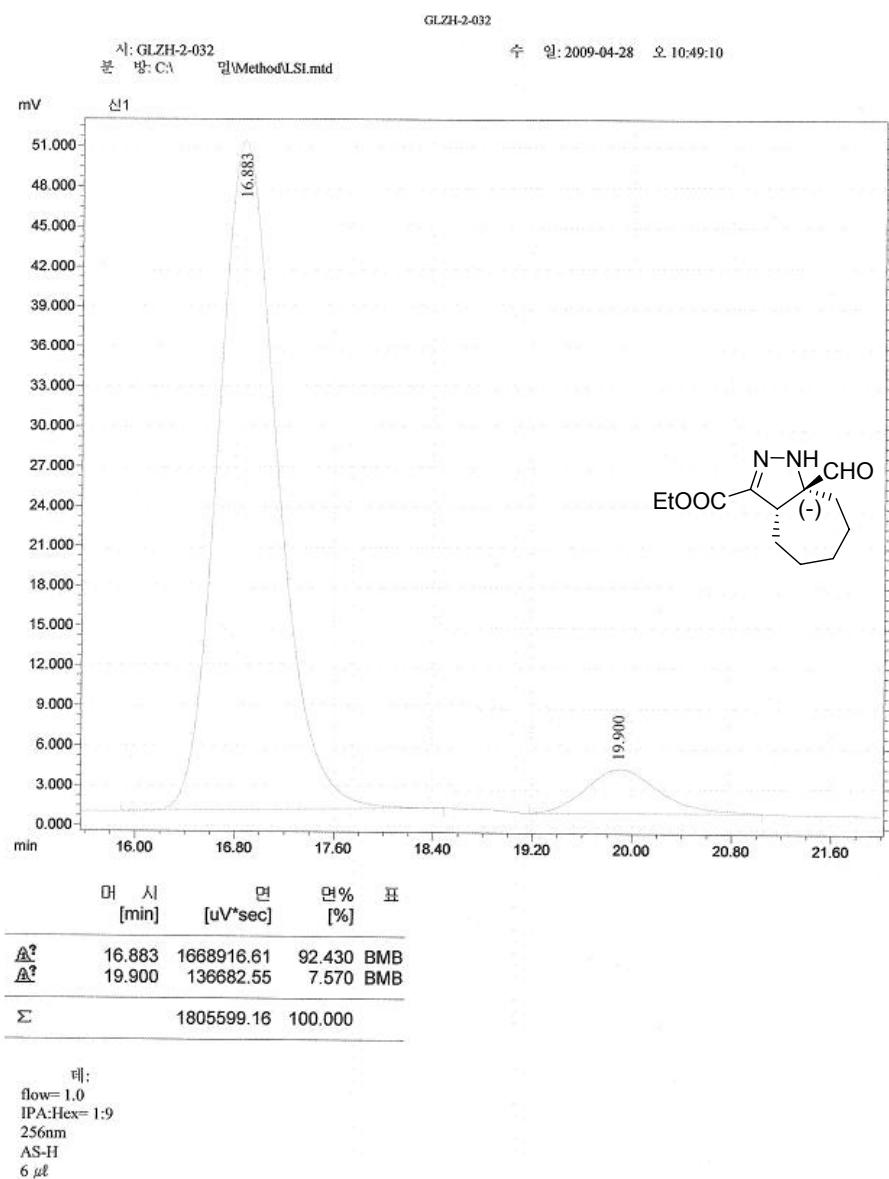


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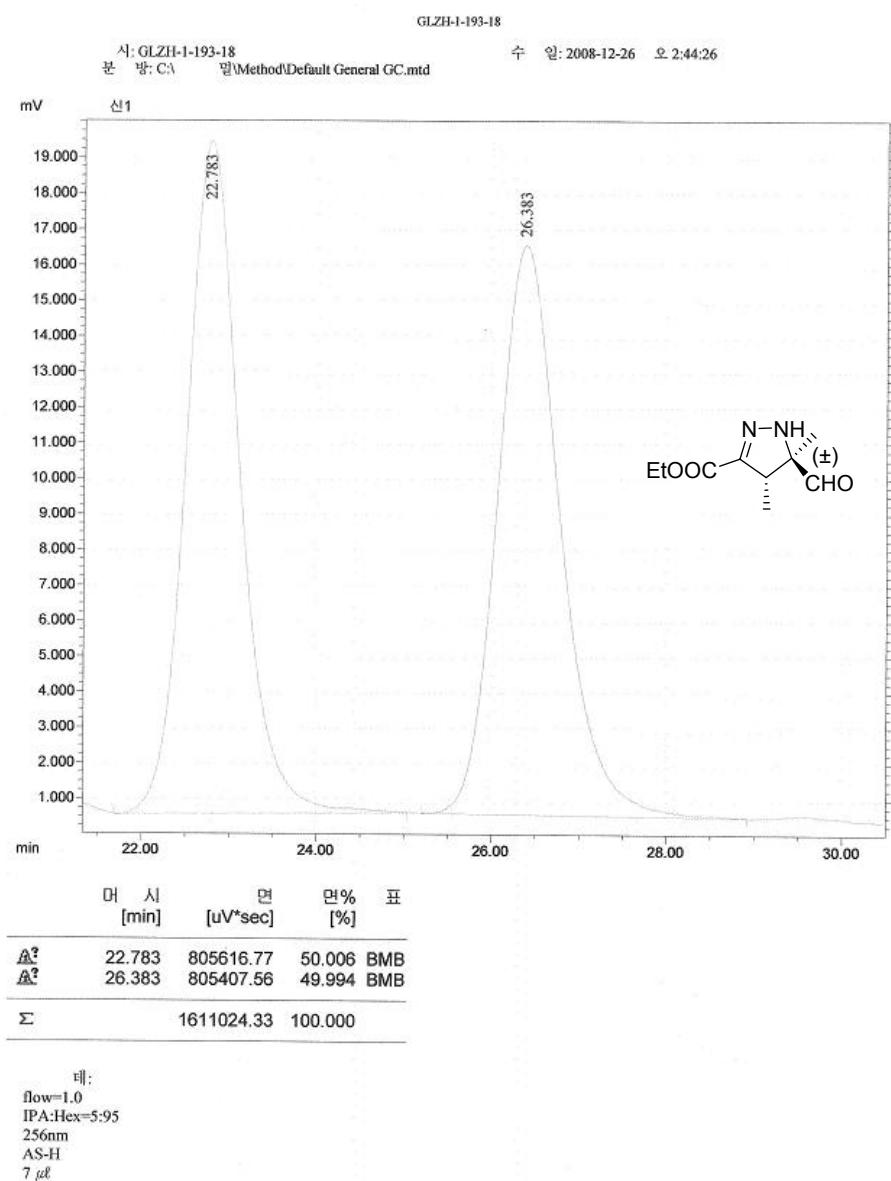
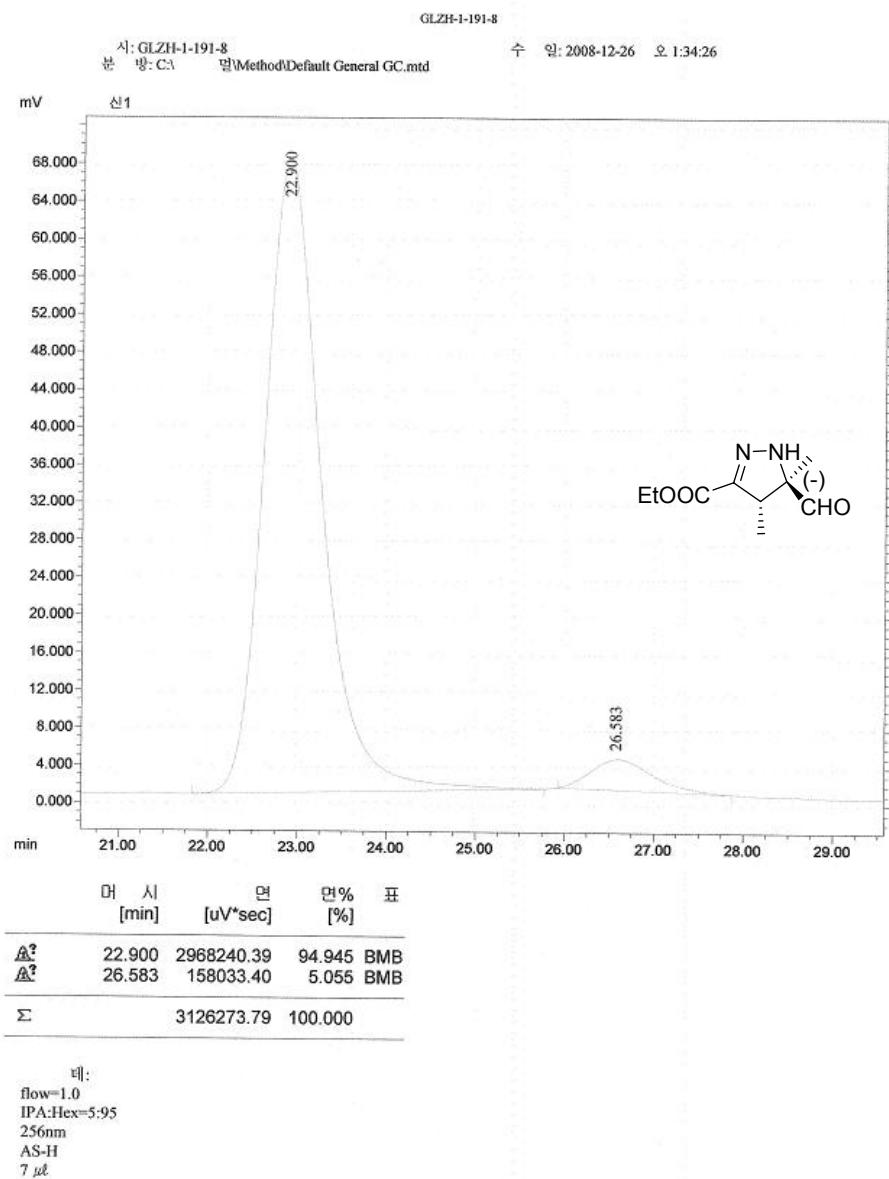
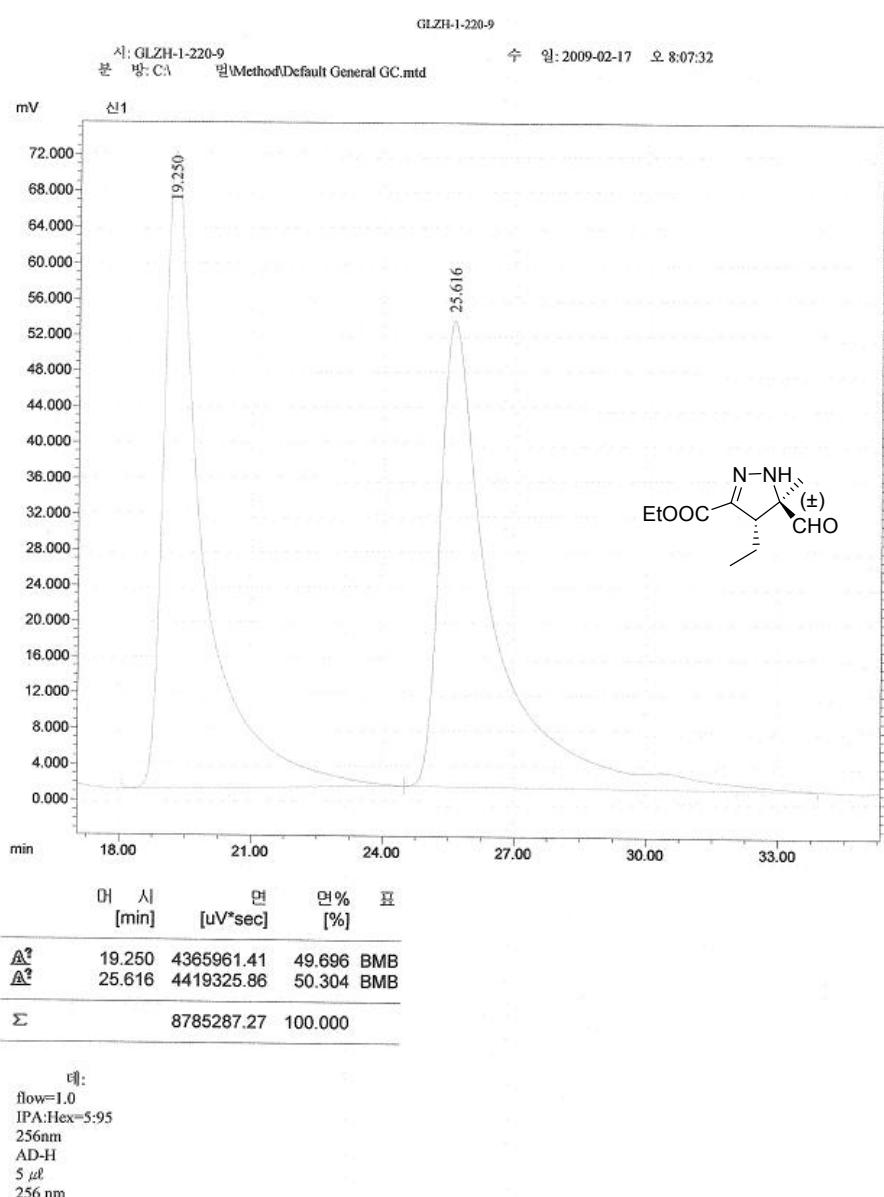


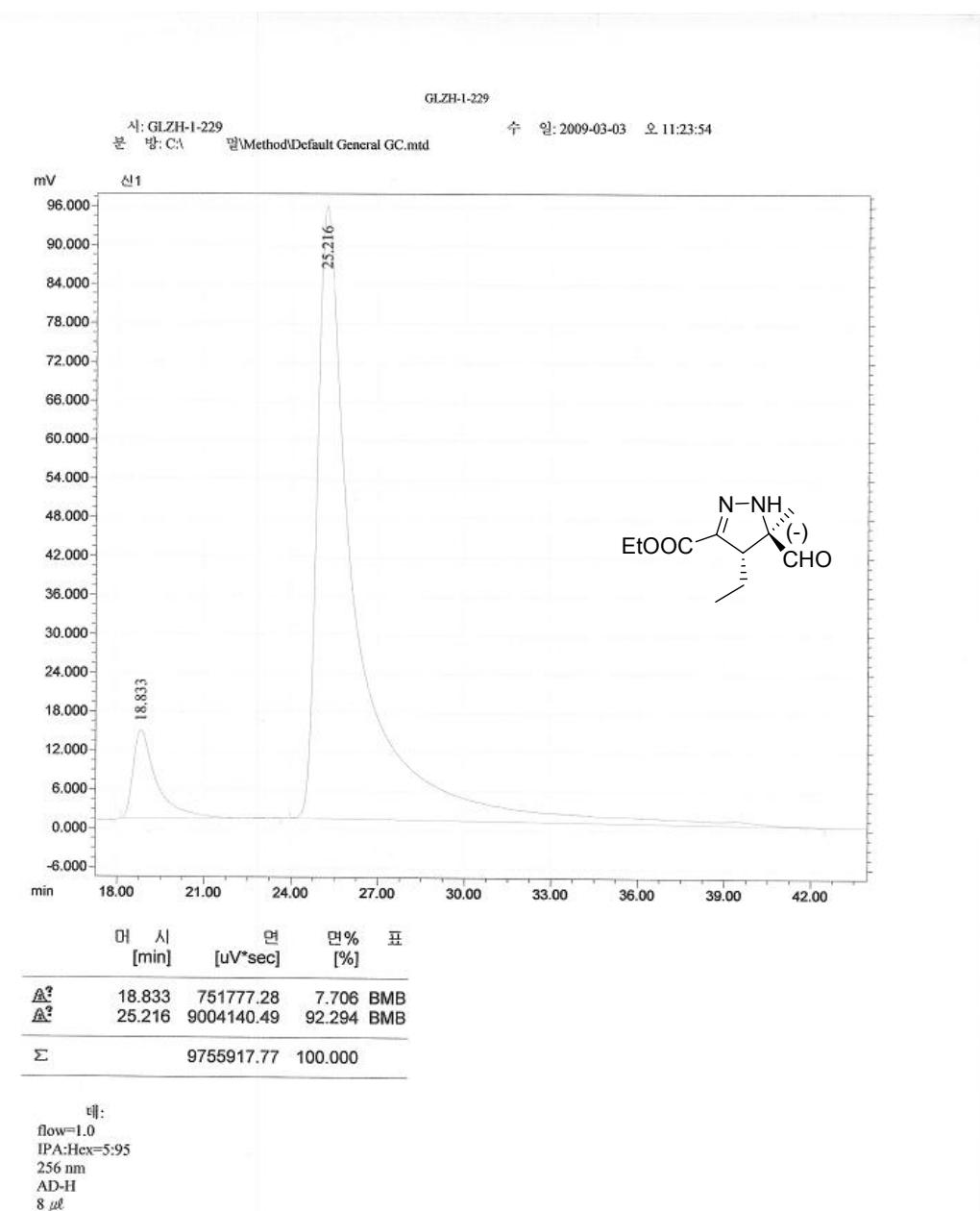
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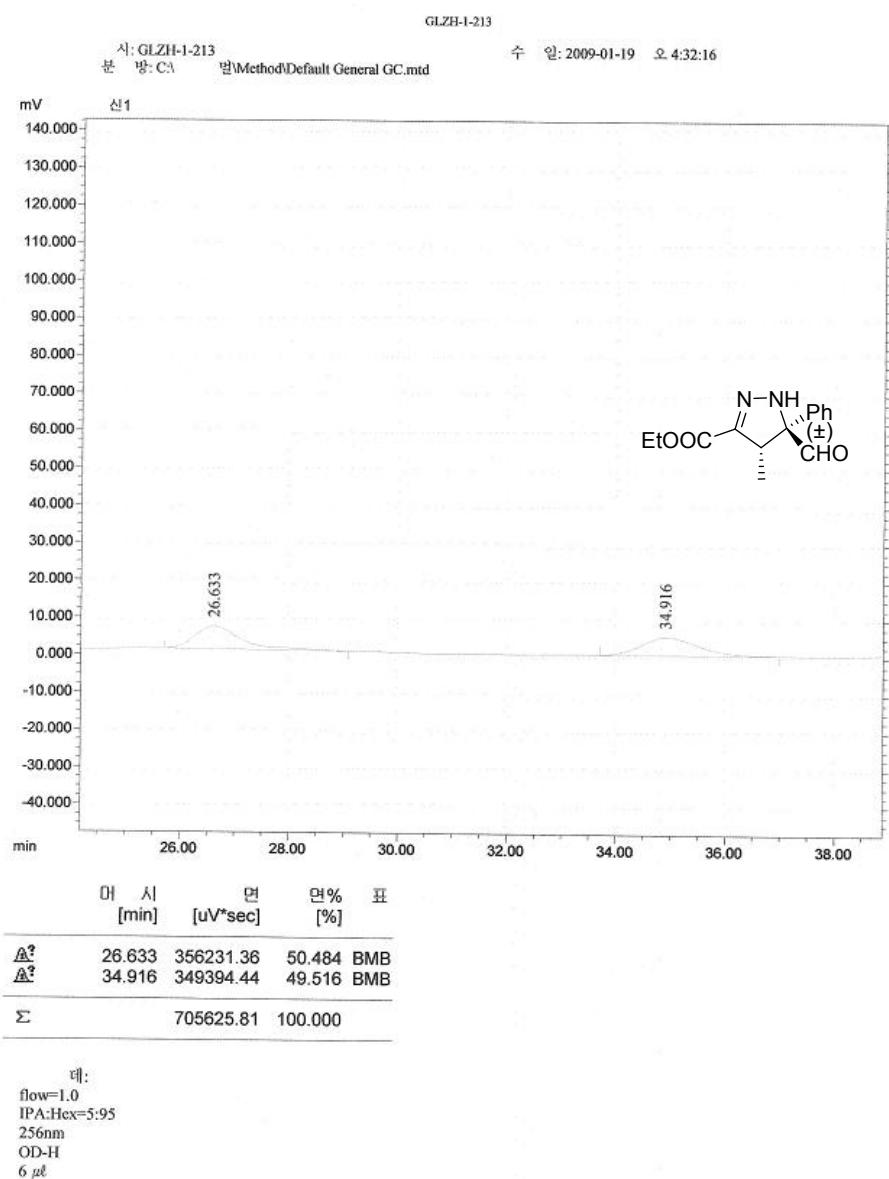


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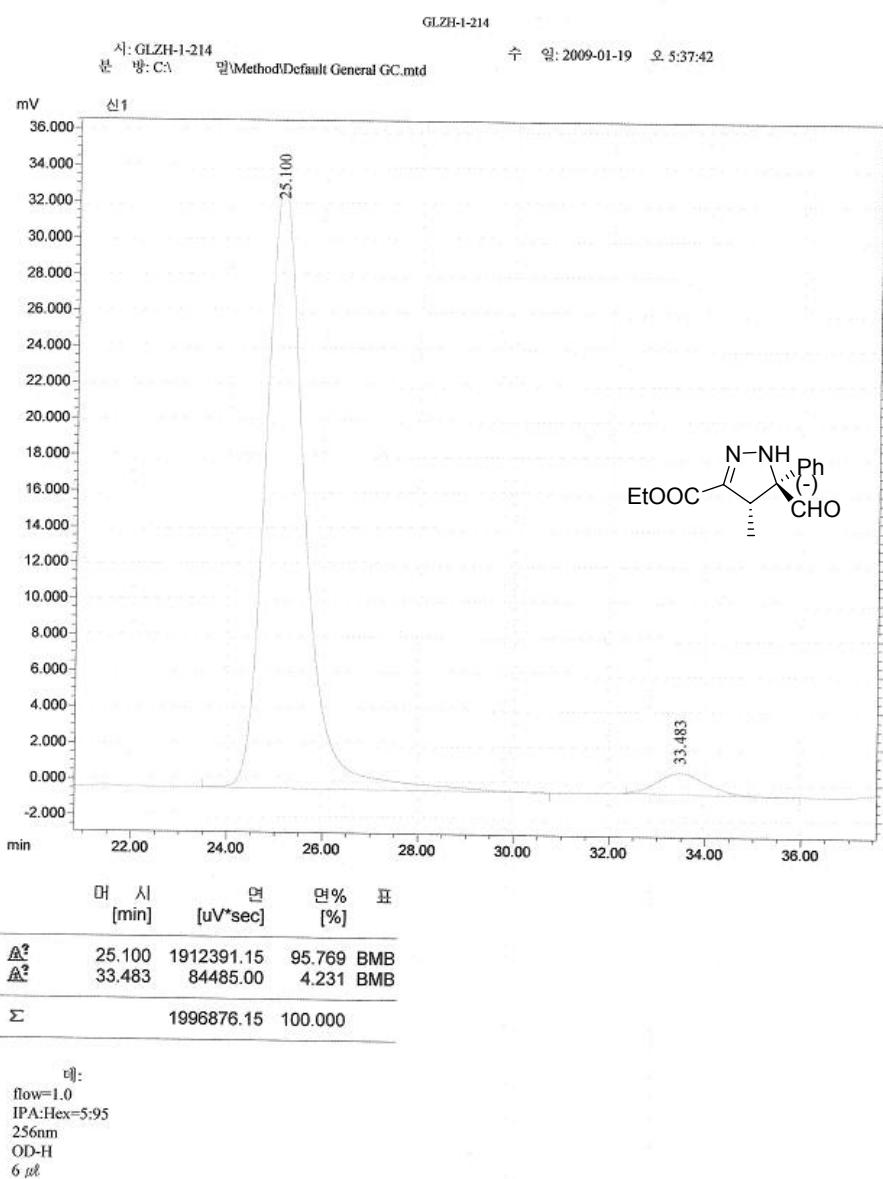


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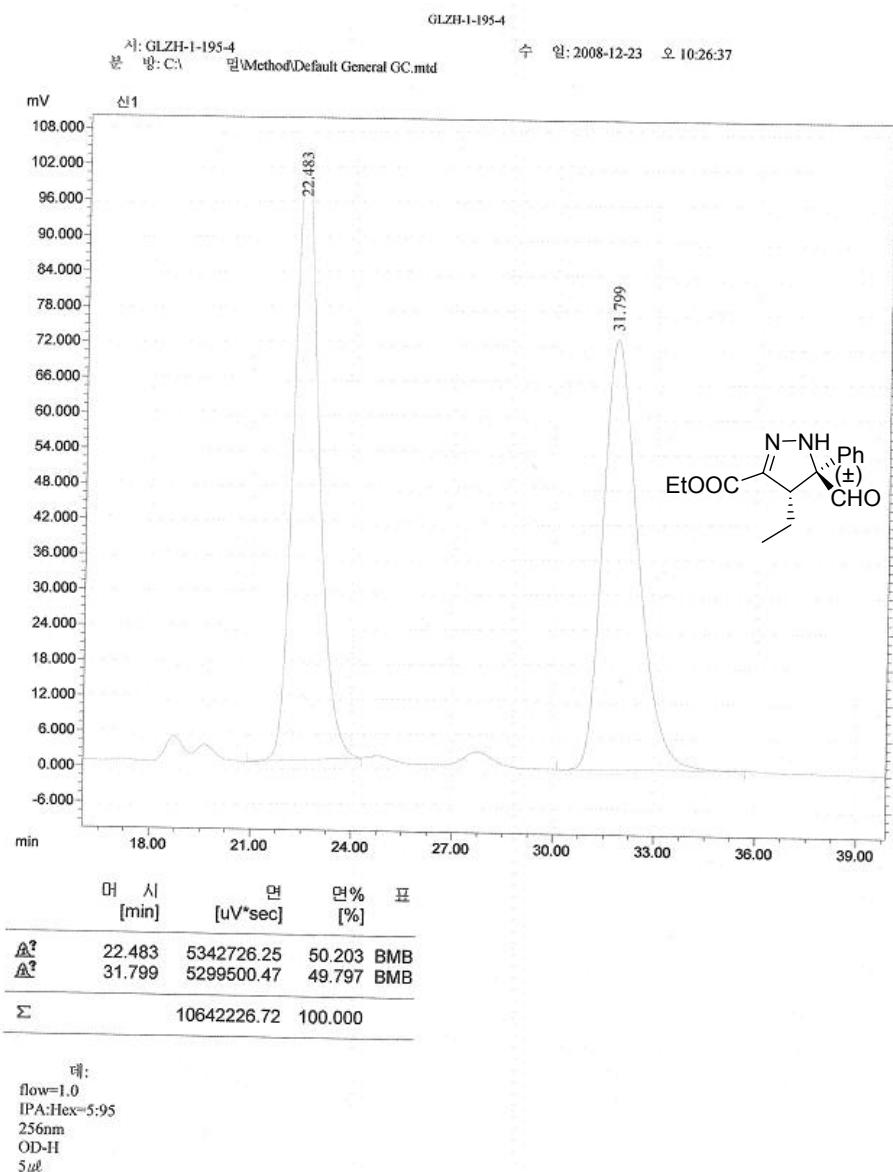


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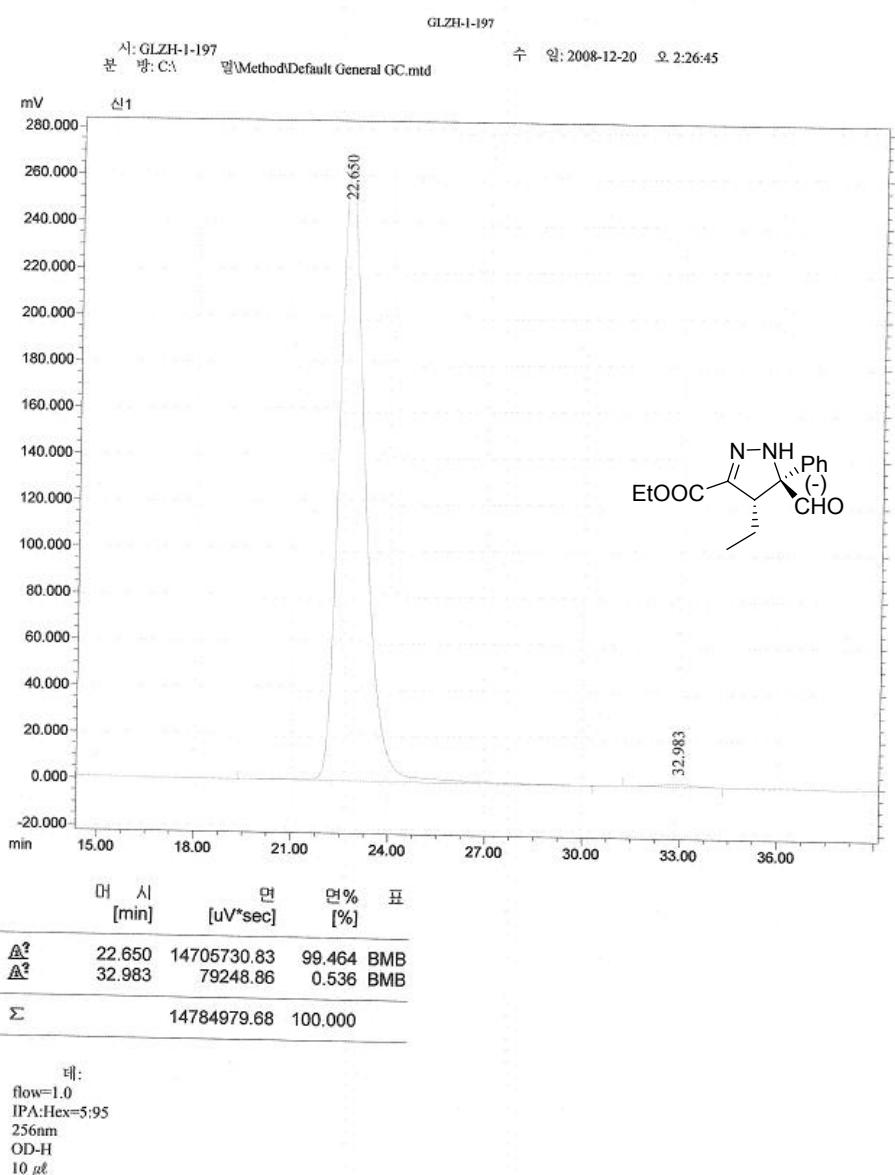


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