

Highly Enantioselective α -Chlorination of Cyclic β -Ketoesters Catalyzed by N,N' -Dioxide Using NCS as the Chlorine Source

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1. General remarks

Reactions were carried out using commercial available reagents in over-dried apparatus. Toluene, Et_2O and THF were dried and distilled from sodium benzophenone under nitrogen before use. CH_2Cl_2 was dried over powdered CaH_2 and distilled under nitrogen just before use. m-Xylene and mesitylene was directly distilled before use. Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*) were determined by HPLC analysis using the corresponding commercial chiral column as stated in the experimental procedures at 23 °C with UV detector at 254 nm or GC. Optical rotations were reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c g/100 mL, in solvent). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 7.26$). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration and assignment. ^{13}C NMR spectra were collected on commercial instruments (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.0$). HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI Source).

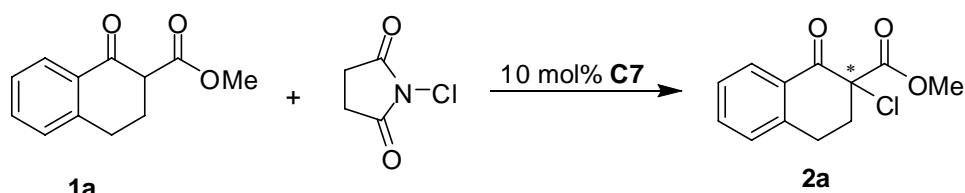
Commercial available NCS (AR) was used without further purification. β -ketoesters **1a-1b**,^[1] **1c-1f**,^[2] N,N' -dioxide catalysts **C1-C11**^[3a,b] and racemic samples of **2a-2o**^[4] were prepared according to the reported procedure. β -ketoesters **1g-1k** were prepared by analogy to the preparation of **1a-1b**. β -ketoesters **1l-1o** were prepared by analogy to the preparation of **1c-1f**.

2. Typical procedure for the enantioselective α -chlorination of NCS to β -ketoester

N,N'-dioxide C7 (3.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), β -ketoester **1a** (20.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) were stirred in a reaction tube in toluene (2 mL) at -20 °C for 5 min, then every 30 minutes NCS (14.0 mg, 0.105 mmol) was added separately in four equal lots. The process was monitored by TLC. After β -ketoester **1a** disappeared, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) on silica gel to afford the desired product.

3. Extra Optimizations and ¹H NMR for comparision of cyclic and acyclic β -ketoesters

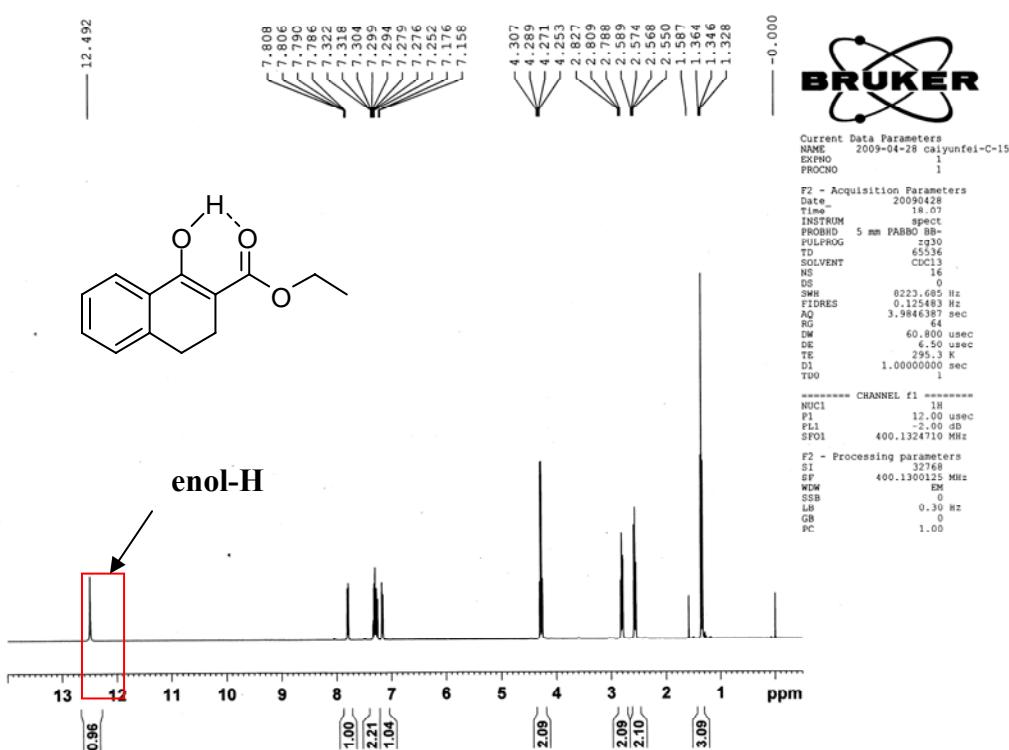
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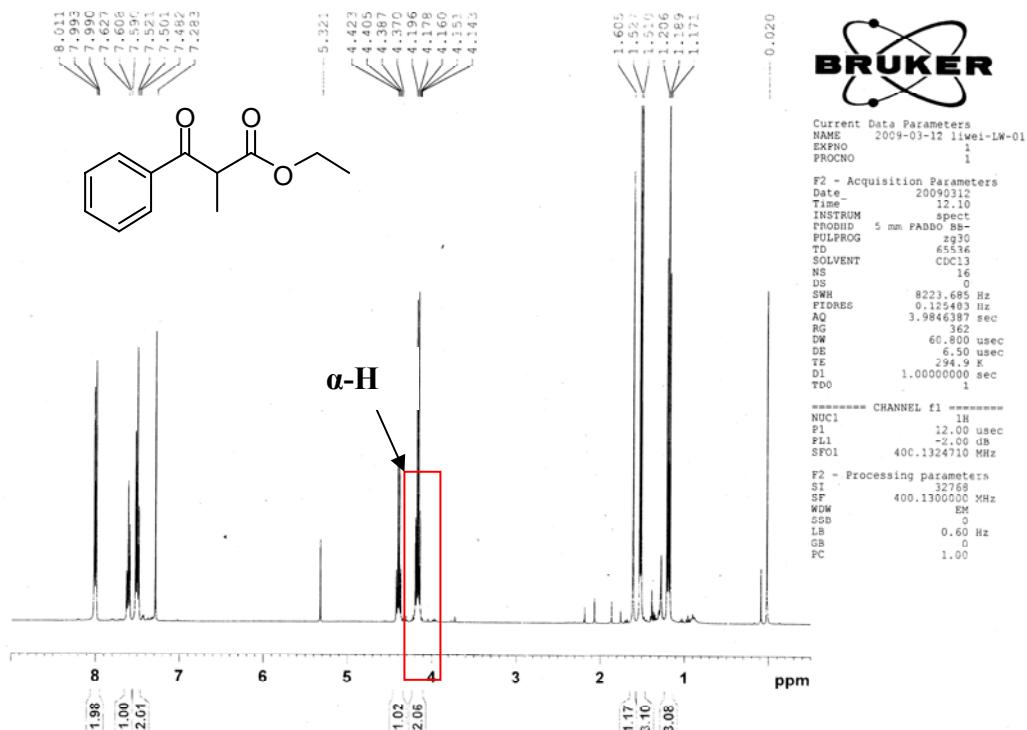


Entry	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[b]	ee [%] ^[c]
1	MeOH	>99	0
2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	>99	48
3	THF	>99	14
4	Et ₂ O	>99	52
5	m-xylene	>99	79
6	mesitylene	>99	81
7	toluene	>99	85

[a] the reactions were performed with **1a** (0.1 mmol), C7 (10 mol%), NCS (0.12 mmol) in 0.5 mL solvent at -20 °C for 4 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H).

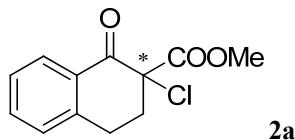
¹H NMR for comparision of cyclic and acyclic β -ketoesters





4. Characterization of the products of the α -chlorination of NCS to β -ketoesters

Methyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2a):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide C7.

The title compound **2a** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a colorless oil over 99% yield.

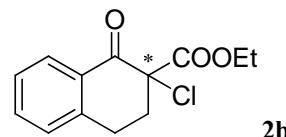
HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 8.37 min, t_r (minor) = 9.85 min, ee = 90%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.08-8.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 7.52-7.57 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.4 Hz),

7.26-7.39 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.96-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.57 (m, 1H).

[α]_D²⁵ -34.9 (*c* 0.63 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2b):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide C7. The title

compound **2b** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a colorless oil over 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 7.29 min, t_r (minor) = 8.02 min, ee = 93%.

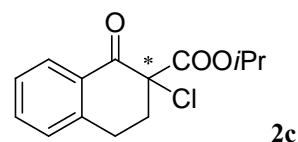
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.06-8.11 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.52-7.57 (td, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz), 7.26-7.39 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.34 (q, 2H), 3.25-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.96-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.57 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.31 (t, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.6, 167.4, 142.5, 134.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 70.1, 63.1, 35.0, 25.6, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClO₃ ([M]+Na⁺) = 275.0445, Found 275.0450.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -27.7 (*c* 0.33 in CHCl₃).

Isopropyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2c):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**.

The title compound **2c** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a colorless oil in 98% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel AS-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (minor) = 7.51 min, t_r (major) = 8.15 min, ee = 93%.

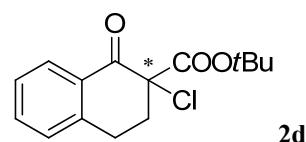
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.08-8.12 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 7.53-7.58 (td, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.4 Hz), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.21 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.34 (m, 1H), 2.97-3.07 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.57 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.32 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.25-1.27 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.7, 166.9, 142.5, 134.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.3, 71.10, 35.0, 25.7, 21.5, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClO₃ ([M]+Na⁺) = 289.0602, Found 289.0601.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -23.9 (*c* 0.27 in CHCl₃).

Tert-butyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2d):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -20 °C for 5 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**.

The title compound **2d** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a colorless oil in 98% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 8.66 min, t_r (minor) = 9.58 min, ee = 95%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.09-8.12 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 7.53-7.57 (td, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.4 Hz), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.24-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.93-3.07 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

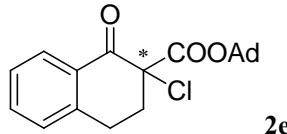
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.0, 166.2, 142.4, 134.3, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 84.1, 71.6, 35.3, 27.7,

25.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}ClO_3$ ($[M]+Na^+$) = 303.0758, Found 303.0759.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -13.2 (c 0.26 in $CHCl_3$).

1-Adamantyl 2-Chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-carboxylate (2e):



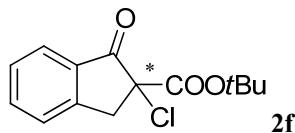
Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 6 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2e** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et_2O = 15 : 1) to afford a white solid in 98% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 12.92 min, t_r (minor) = 14.37 min, ee = 97%).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.07-8.10 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz), 7.51-7.55 (td, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.91-3.06 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 1.64 (s, 6H).

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -7.0 (c 0.43 in $CHCl_3$).

Tert-butyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (2f):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -78 °C for 48 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**.

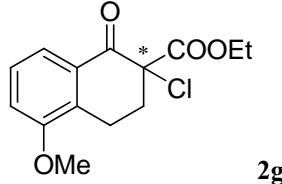
The title compound **2f** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et_2O = 10 : 1) to afford a white solid in 60% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 8.86 min, t_r (minor) = 11.76 min, ee = 98%).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.85-7.87 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.68-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.04 (d, 1H, J = 17.7), 3.51-3.56 (d, 1H, J = 17.7), 1.43 (s, 9H).

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -15.0 (c 0.04 in $CHCl_3$).

Ethyl 2-chloro-5-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2g):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**.

The title compound **2g** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et_2O = 10 : 1) to afford a white solid in 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 10.70 min, t_r

(minor) = 8.28 min, ee = 91%).

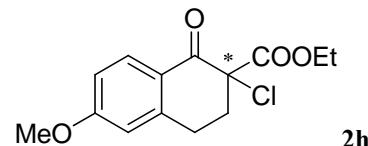
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.68-7.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.05-7.08 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.9 Hz), 4.27-4.33 (q, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.02-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.55 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.30 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.9, 167.4, 156.5, 131.6, 130.7, 127.5, 120.3, 115.0, 70.7, 63.0, 55.7, 34.3, 19.7, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClO₄ ([M]+Na⁺) = 305.0551, Found 305.0565.

[α]_D²⁵ -16.4 (*c* 0.33 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-chloro-6-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2h):



Prepared according to the corresponding procedure at -20 °C for 8 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2h** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 5 : 1) to afford a white solid in 95% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) *t*_r (major) = 10.59 min, *t*_r (minor) = 12.13 min, ee = 95%).

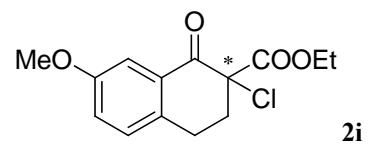
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.86-6.90 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 4.28-4.34 (q, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.93-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.53 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 186.4, 167.7, 164.4, 145.2, 131.6, 123.0, 114.1, 112.5, 70.8, 63.0, 55.6, 35.2, 25.9, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClO₄ ([M]+Na⁺) = 305.0551, Found 305.0552.

[α]_D²⁵ -33.6 (*c* 0.30 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-chloro-7-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2i):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2i** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a colorless oil in 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) *t*_r (major) = 7.34 min, *t*_r (minor) = 7.94 min, ee = 91%).

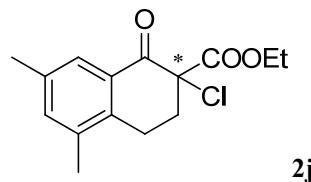
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.76 Hz), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.34 (q, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.17-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.91-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.55 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.7, 167.5, 158.7, 135.2, 130.4, 130.0, 123.1, 110.5, 70.8, 63.1, 55.5, 35.3, 24.9, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClO₄ ([M]+Na⁺) = 305.0551, Found 305.0546.

[α]_D²⁵ -29.9 (*c* 0.27 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 2-chloro-5,7-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2j):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 4 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2j** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a colorless over 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 9.99 min, t_r (minor) = 10.97 min, ee = 91%.

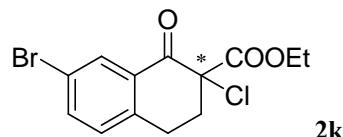
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.33 (m, 2H), 2.89-3.04 (m, 3H), 2.51-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.27-1.30 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.3, 167.5, 137.9, 136.9, 136.5, 136.3, 129.7, 126.8, 70.6, 63.0, 34.3, 22.8, 20.8, 19.2, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇ClO₃ ([M]⁺Na⁺) = 303.0758, Found 303.0756.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -12.3 (*c* 0.24 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 7-bromo-2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2k):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -78 °C for 10 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2k** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 10 : 1) to afford a white solid in 98% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 14.92 min, t_r (minor) = 16.60 min, ee = 93%.

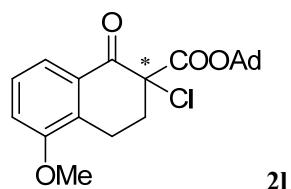
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.20 (d, 1H, J = 2.1Hz), 7.63-7.66 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2Hz, 2.3Hz), 7.18 (d, 1H, 8.2 Hz), 4.30-4.34 (m, 2H), 3.17-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.94-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.32 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 186.4, 167.1, 141.2, 137.2, 131.6, 131.2, 130.6, 121.2, 70.6, 63.3, 34.8, 25.2, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂BrClO₃ ([M]⁺H⁺) = 330.9731, Found 330.9735.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -28.3 (*c* = 0.85 in CHCl₃).

1-Adamantyl 2-chloro-5-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2l):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 6 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2l** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a white solid in 96% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 11.89 min, t_r

(minor) = 10.62 min, ee = 94%).

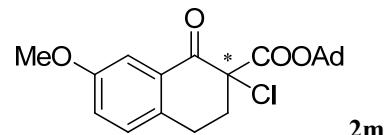
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.67-7.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.30-7.34 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.05-7.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.00-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.16 (m, 9H), 1.62-1.64 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.3, 165.8, 156.5, 131.5, 131.2, 127.5, 120.1, 114.7, 84.1, 71.6, 55.7, 40.9, 36.0, 34.7, 30.9, 20.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₅ClO₄ ([M]+Na⁺) = 411.1334, Found 411.1234.

[α]_D²⁵ -4.8 (*c* 0.45 in CHCl₃).

1-Adamantyl 2-chloro-7-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2m):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 6 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2m** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a white solid in 98% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) *t*_r (major) = 5.76 min, *t*_r (minor) = 6.66 min, ee = 94%).

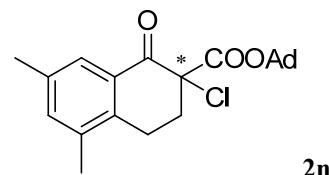
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.54-7.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.09-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.12-36.20 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.17 (m, 9H), 1.63-1.64 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.1, 165.9, 158.7, 135.1, 130.9, 129.9, 122.9, 110.3, 84.2, 71.7, 55.6, 41.0, 36.0, 35.6, 30.9, 25.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₅ClO₄ ([M]+Na⁺) = 411.1334, Found 411.1337.

[α]_D²⁵ 1.7 (*c* 0.47 in CHCl₃).

1-Adamantyl 2-chloro-5,7-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2n):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 6 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2e** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a white solid in 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) *t*_r (major) = 5.76 min, *t*_r (minor) = 6.66 min, ee = 94%).

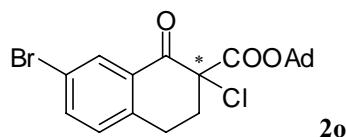
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 2.86-3.02 (m, 3H), 2.47-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.16 (m, 9H), 1.63-1.64 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.6, 165.9, 137.9, 136.7, 136.4, 136.3, 130.1, 126.6, 84.0, 71.5, 40.9, 36.0, 34.6, 30.9, 23.1, 20.8, 19.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₄H₂₇ClO₃ ([M]+Na⁺) = 409.1541, Found 409.1532.

[α]_D²⁵ 1.2 (*c* 0.49 in CHCl₃).

1-Adamantyl 7-bromo-2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2o):



Prepared according to the general procedure at -78 °C for 10 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2o** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a white solid up to 99% yield.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_r (major) = 5.63 min, t_r (minor) = 6.09 min, ee = 86%.

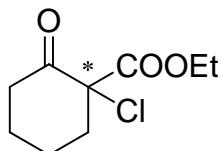
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.20 (d, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz), 7.62-7.64 (dd, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.2 Hz), 7.15-7.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 3.13-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.88-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.17 (m, 9H), 1.63-1.65 (m, 6H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 186.8, 165.4, 141.1, 136.9, 131.7, 131.4, 130.5, 121.2, 84.5, 71.3, 40.9, 35.9, 35.2, 30.9, 25.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂BrClO₃ ([M]+H⁺) = 437.0514, Found 437.0662.

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 5.6 (*c* 0.92 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl 1-chloro-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate



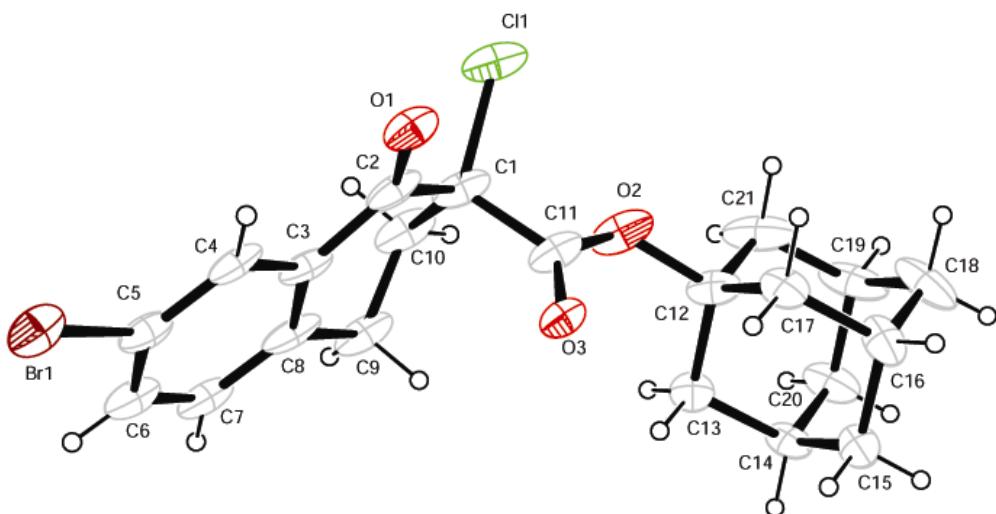
Prepared according to the general procedure at -20 °C for 10 hours using 5 mol% of *N,N'*-dioxide **C7**. The title compound **2o** was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : Et₂O = 15 : 1) to afford a colorless oil in 76% yield.

The ee was determined by GC analysis using a BetaDEX-CB chiral column (T = 115 °C). t_r (major) = 43.41 min, t_r (minor) = 44.69 min, ee = 40%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.28-4.33 (q, 2H), 2.77-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.84-2.00 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz).

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -10.5 (*c* 0.36 in CHCl₃).

5. The X-ray crystal structure of product 2o



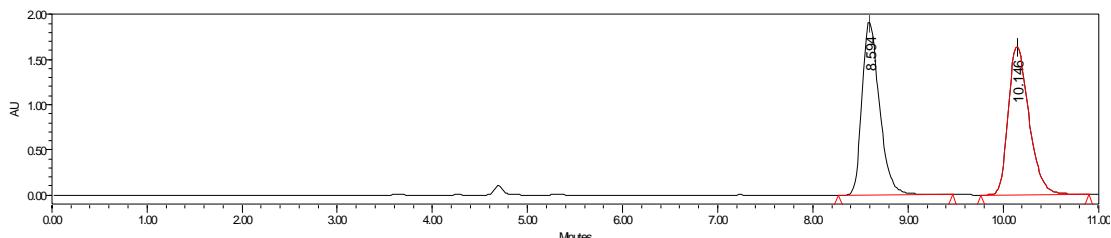
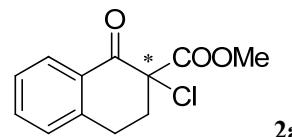
Single crystals of $C_{21}H_{22}BrClO_3$ **2o** were recrystallised from mixed solvents of dichloromethane and petroleum ether. The absolute configuration of C1 is *R*. The thermal ellipsoids' level is 30 % for the above crystal structure.

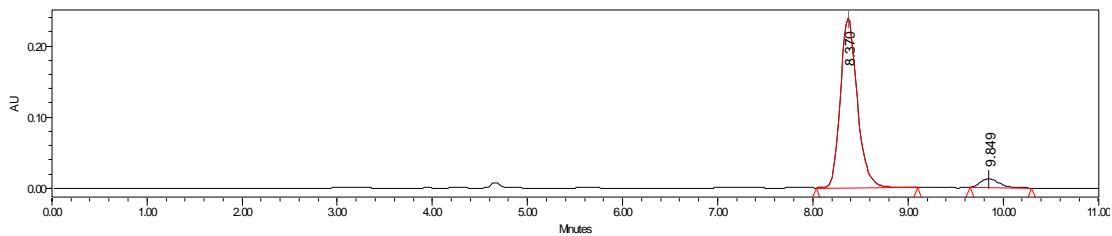
Crystal data. $C_{21}H_{22}BrClO_3$, $M = 437.05$, orthorhombic, $a = 6.9369(14)$, $b = 7.2436(14)$, $c = 36.835(7)$ Å, $U = 1850.9(6)$ Å³, $T = 113$ K, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $Z = 4$, 12953 reflections measured, 4334 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0468$) which used in all calculations. The final $wR(F_2)$ was 0.1510 (all data).

6. References

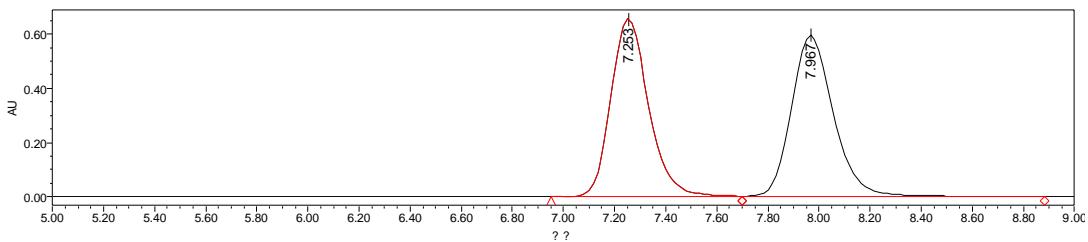
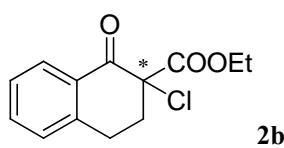
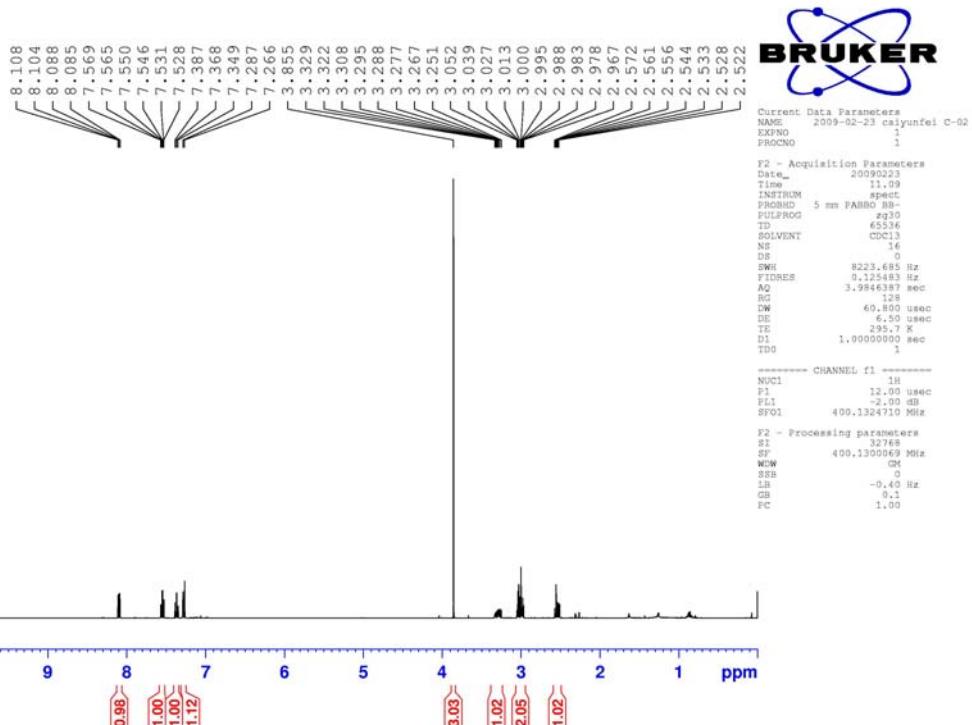
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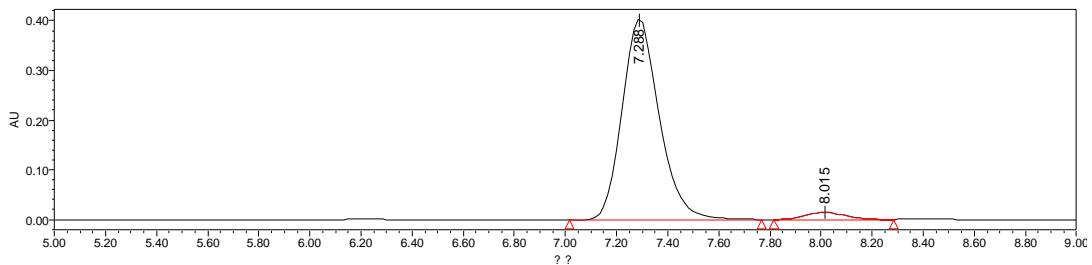
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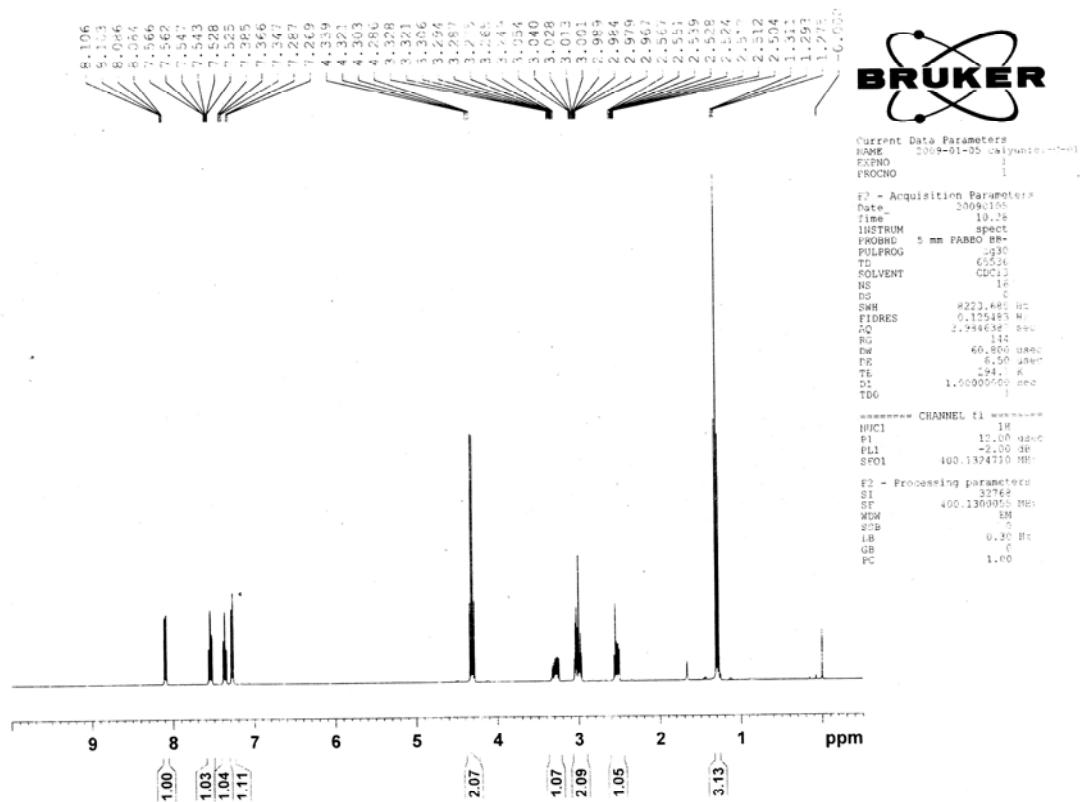


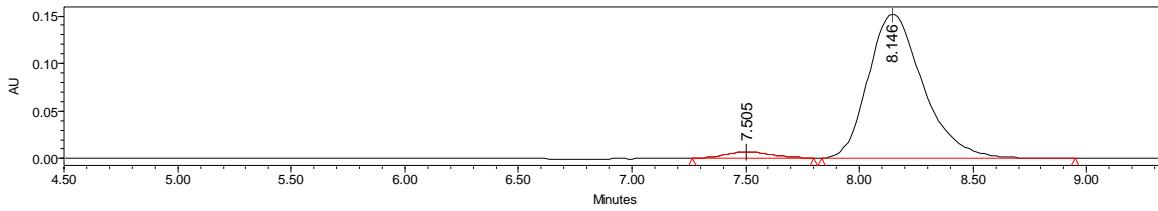
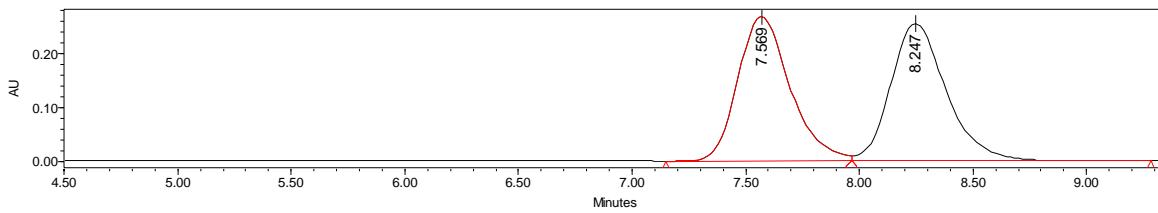
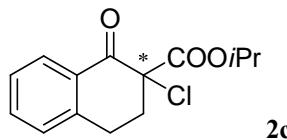
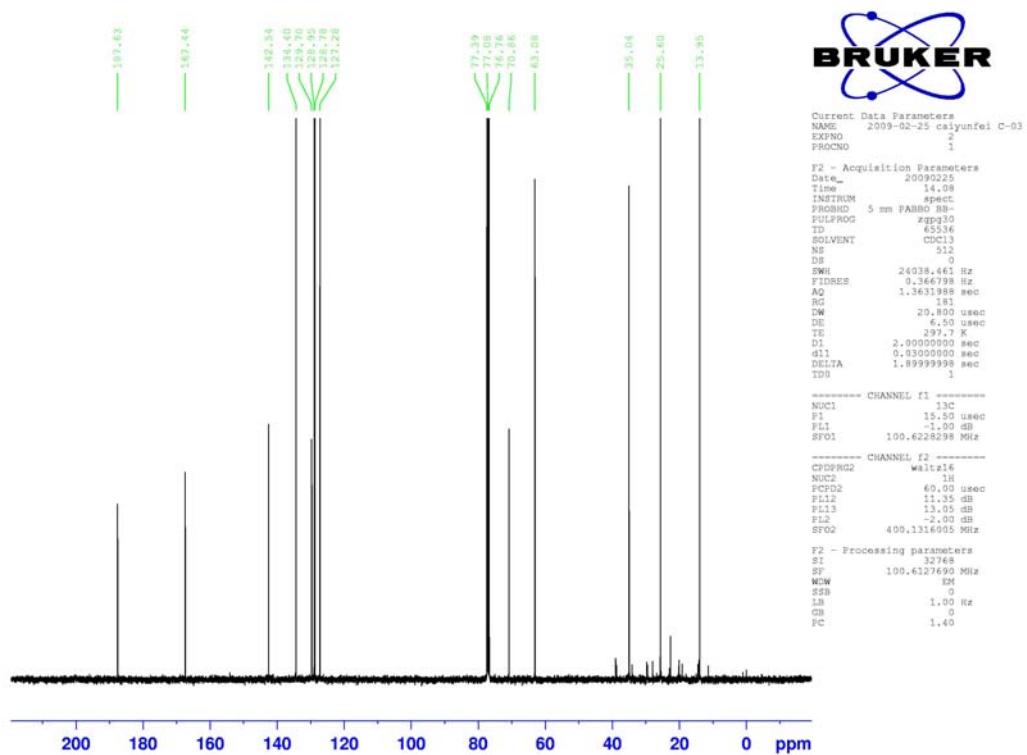
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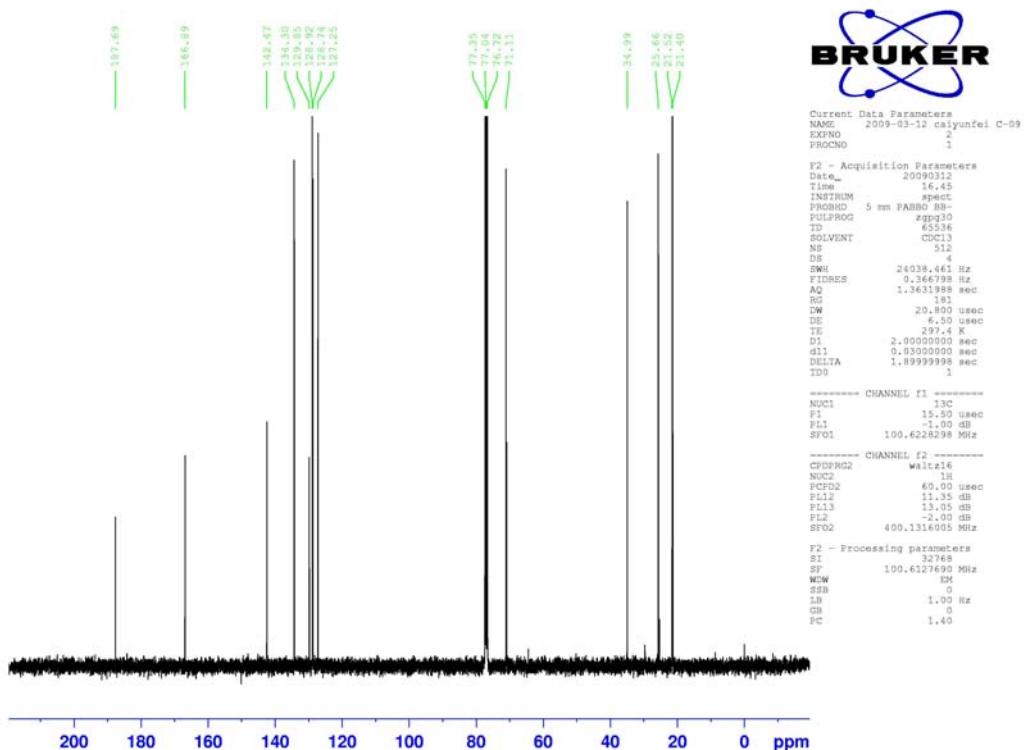
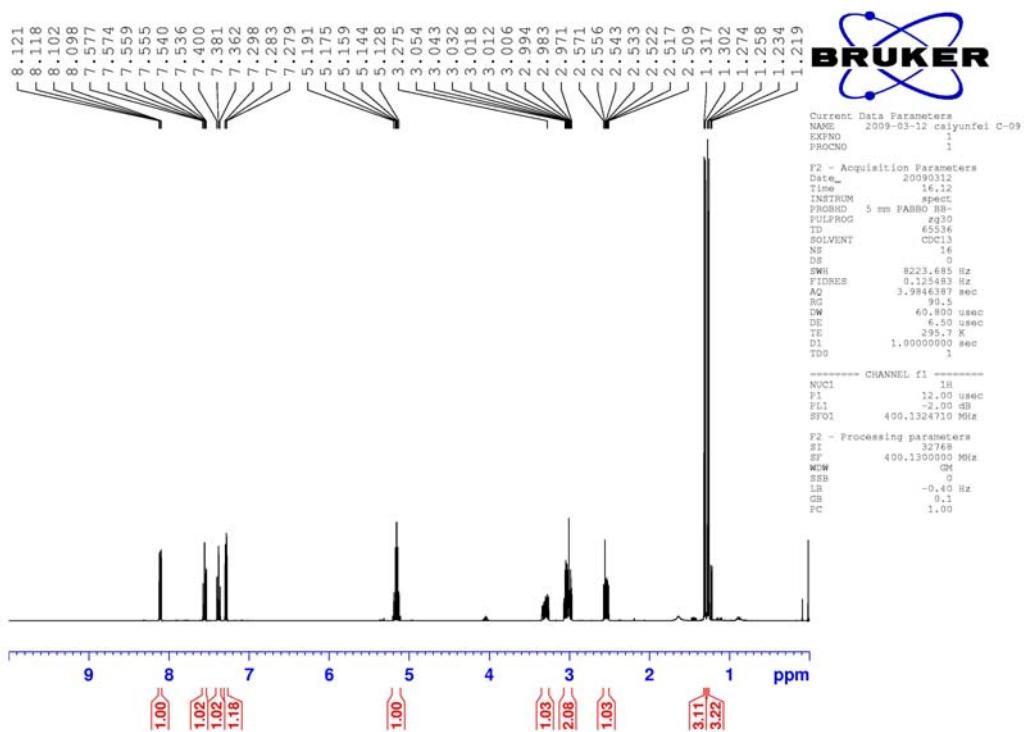


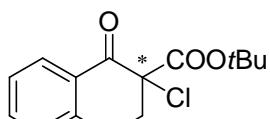
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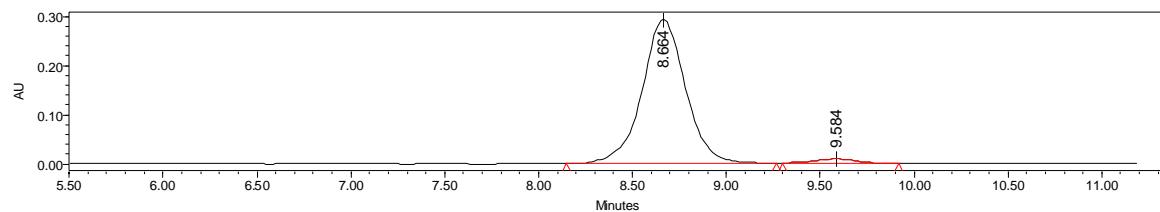
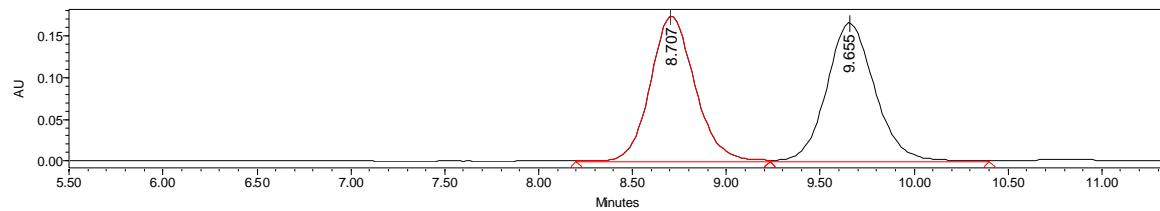


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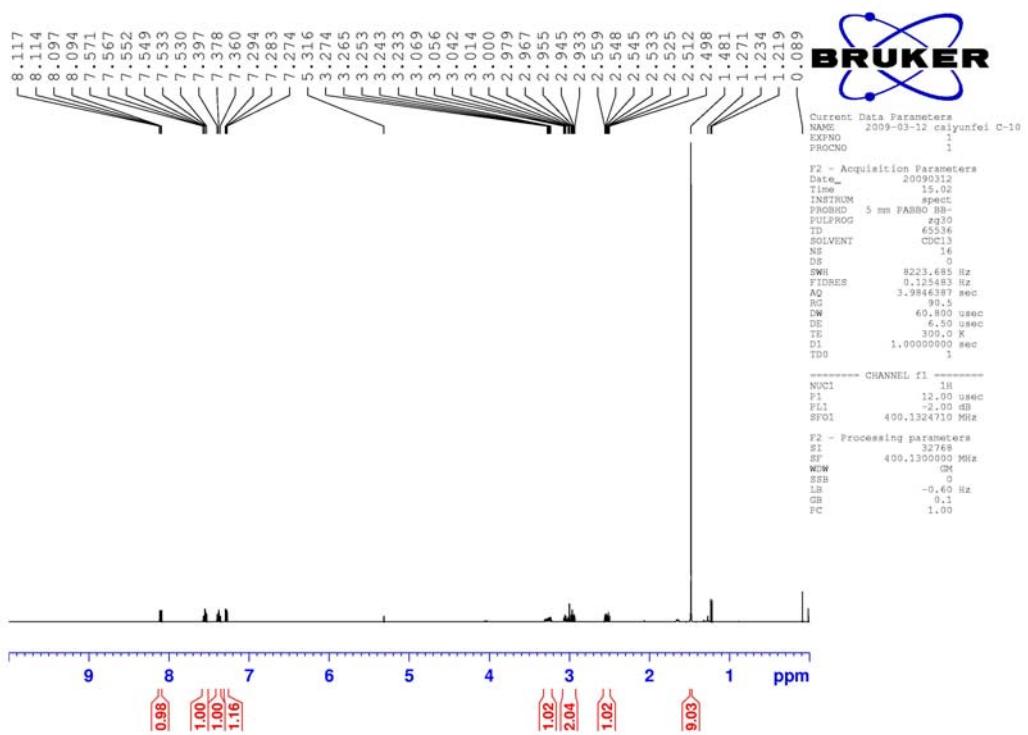


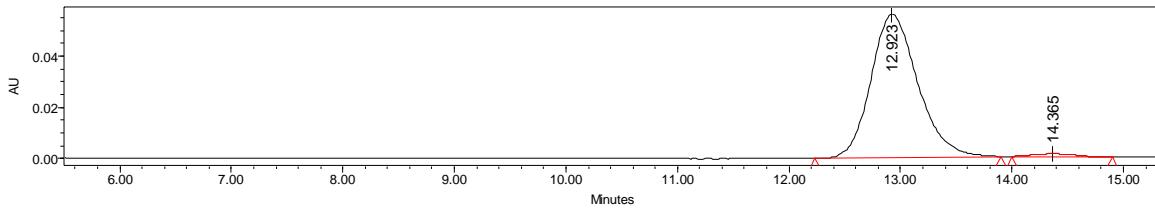
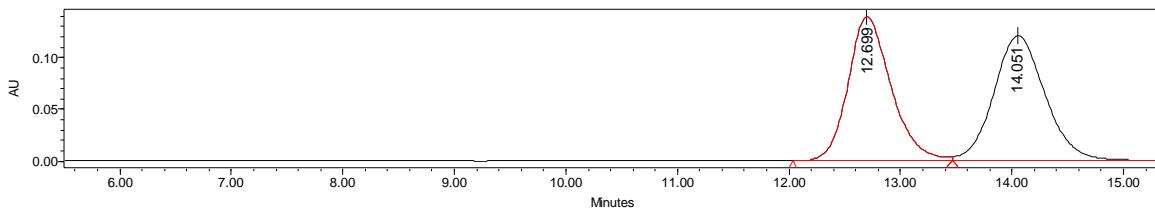
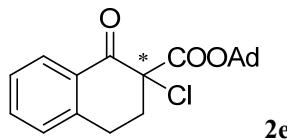
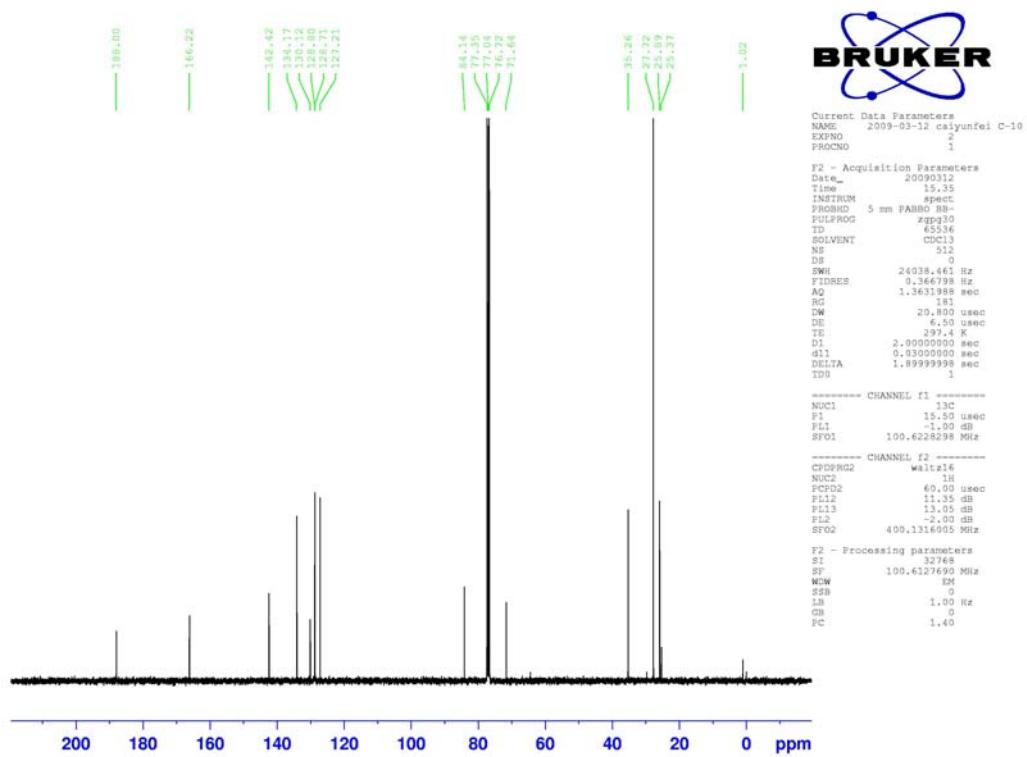


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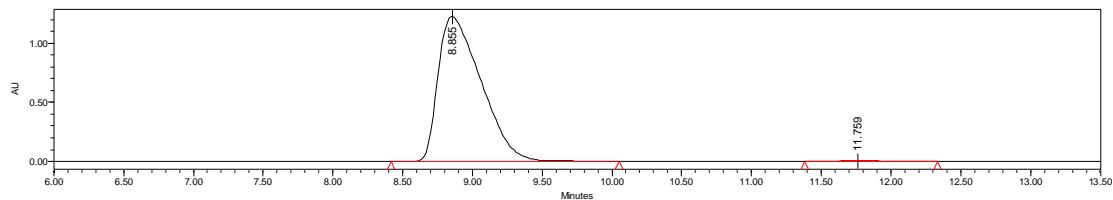
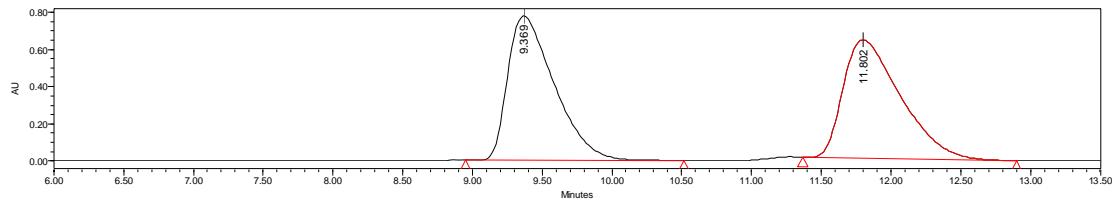
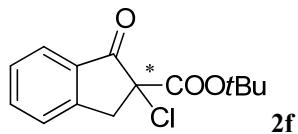
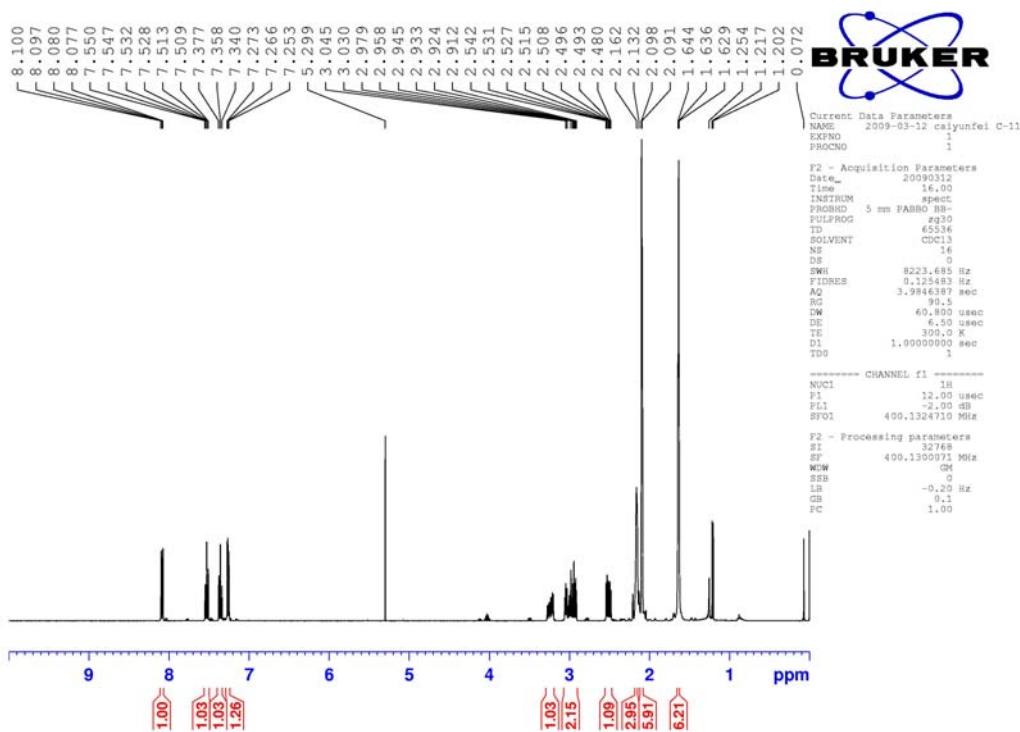


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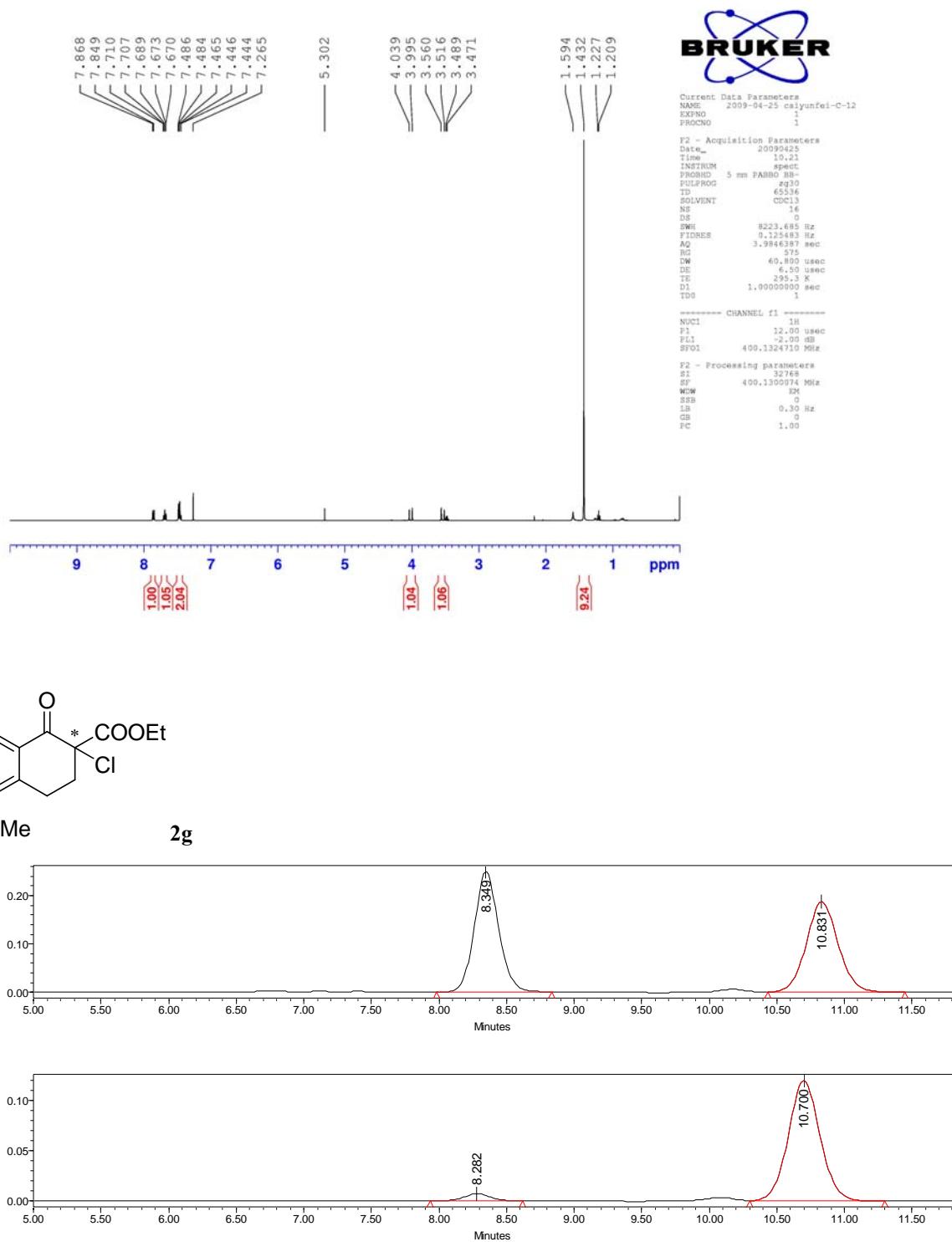




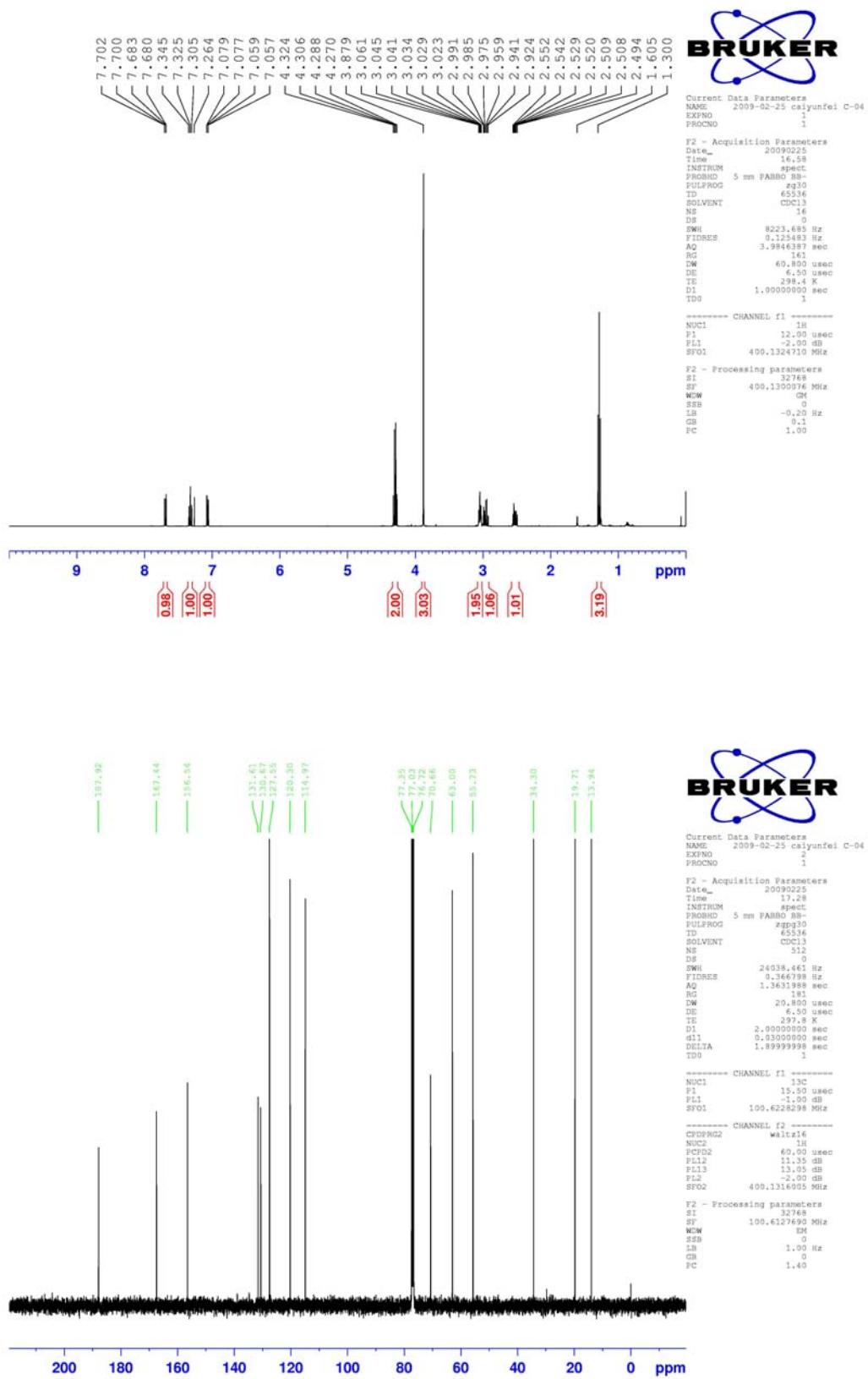
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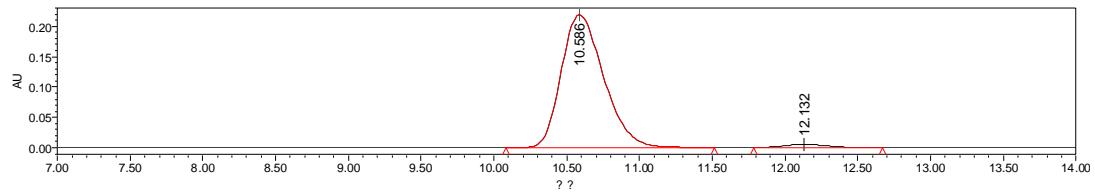
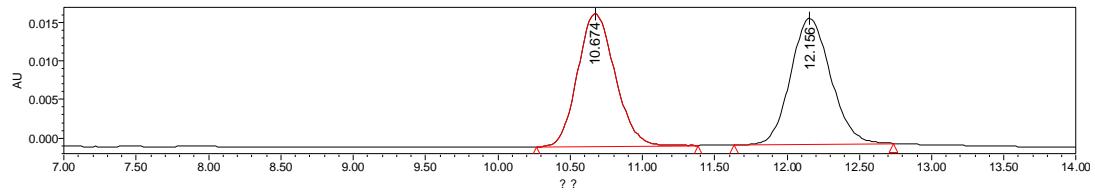
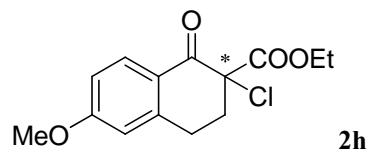


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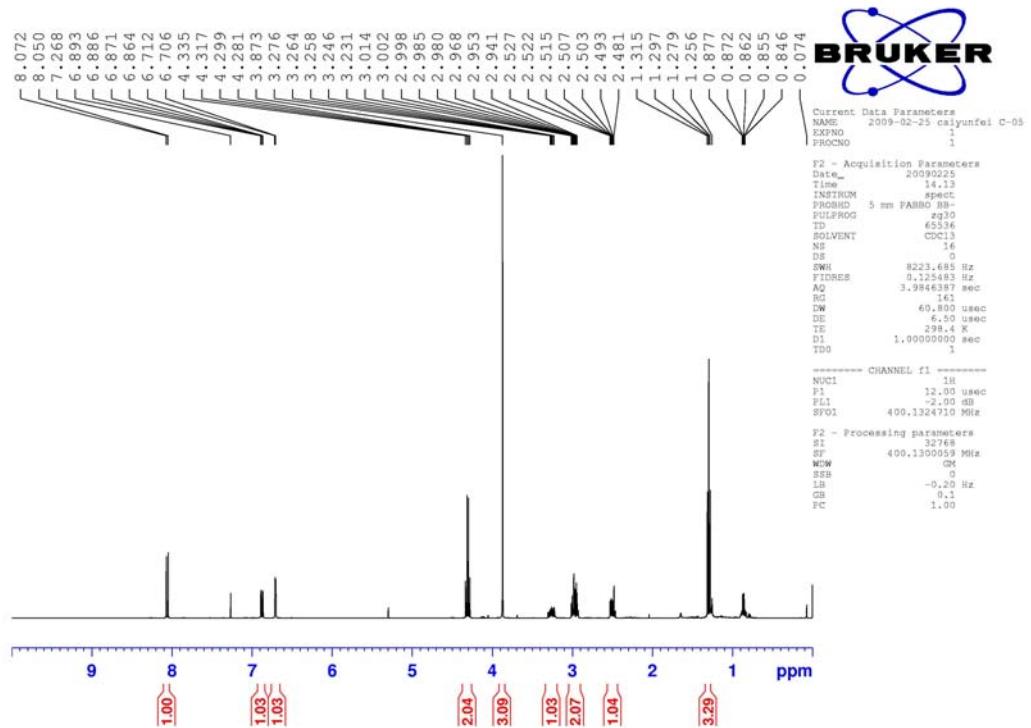


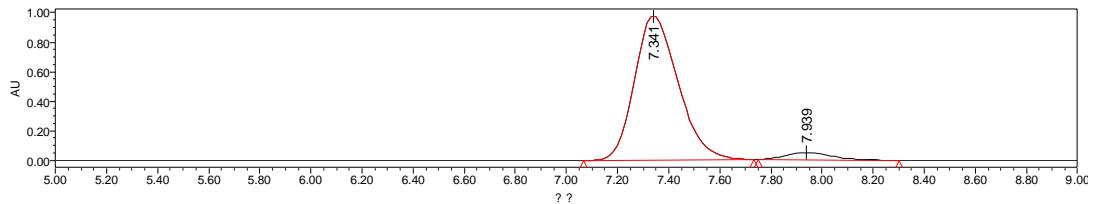
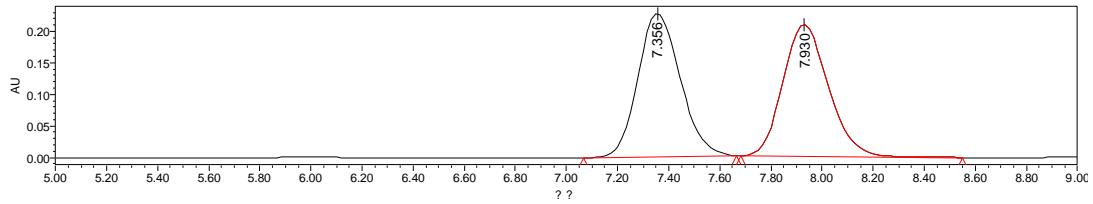
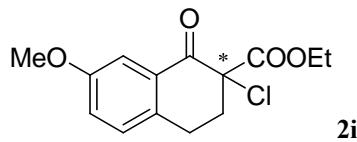
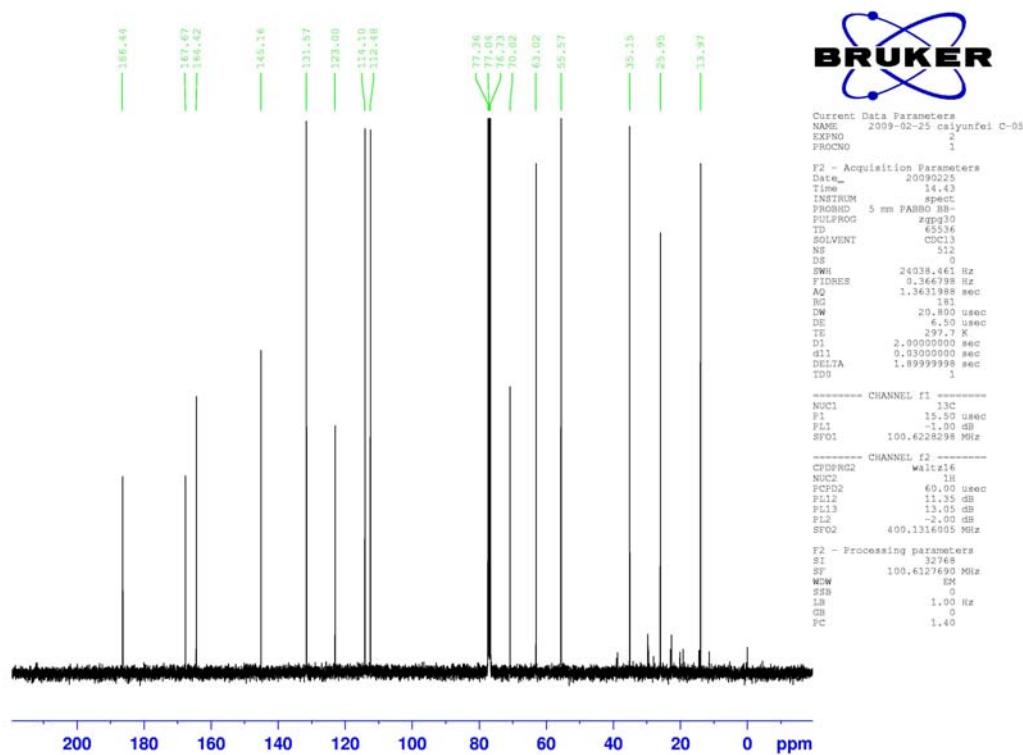
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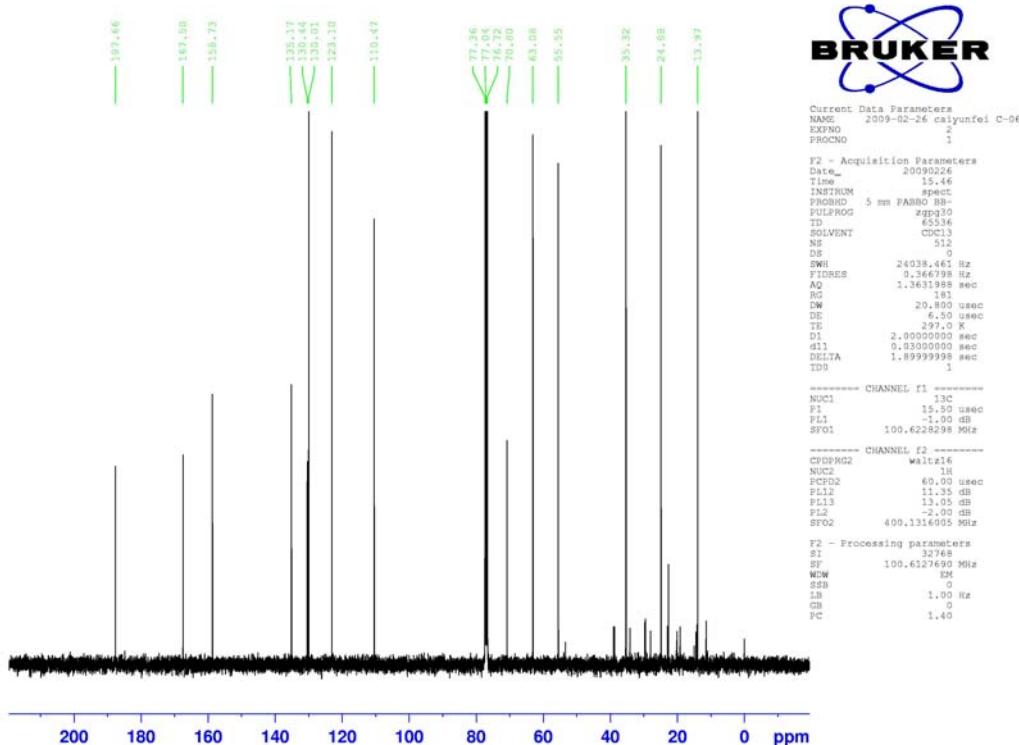
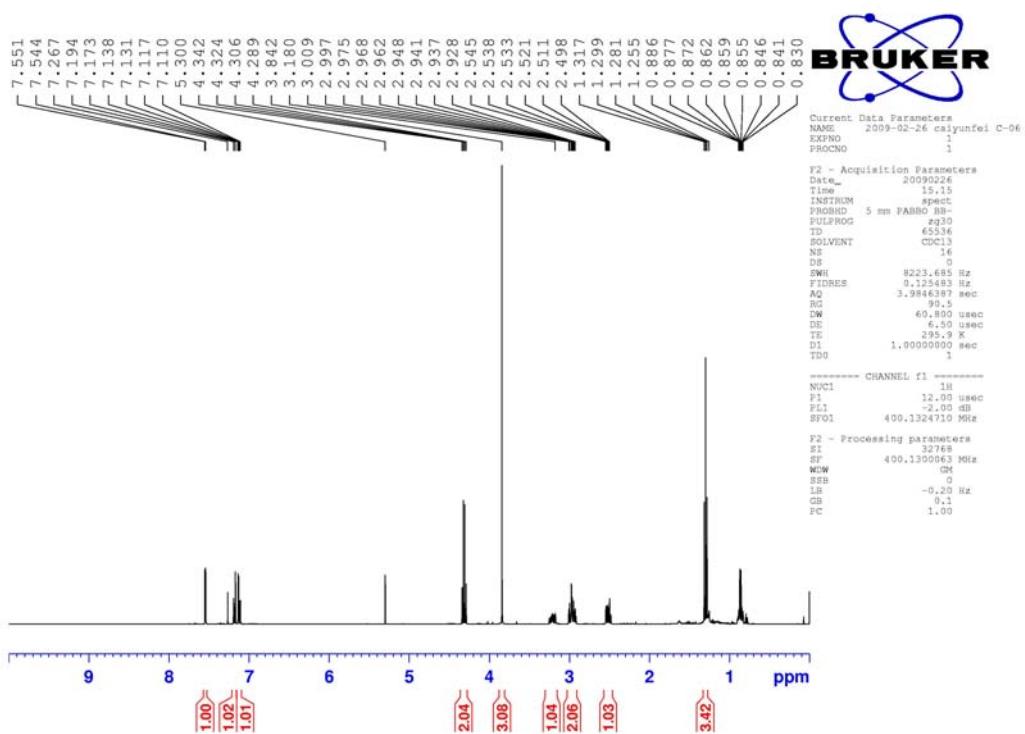


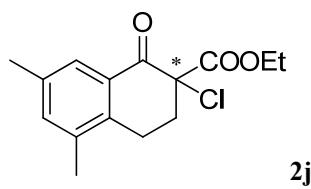
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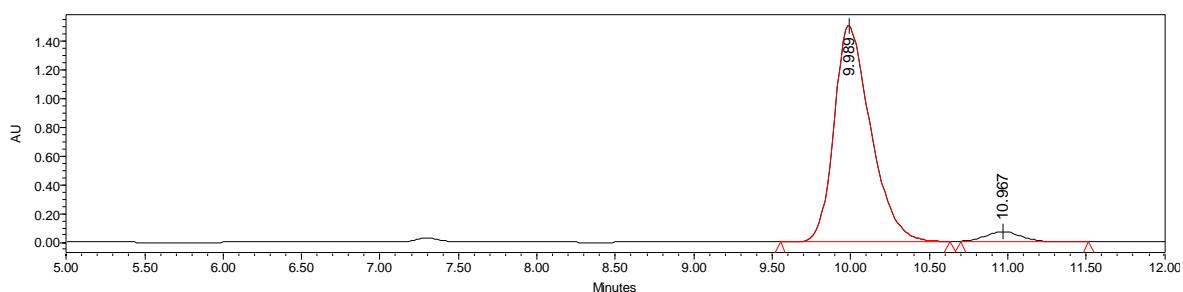
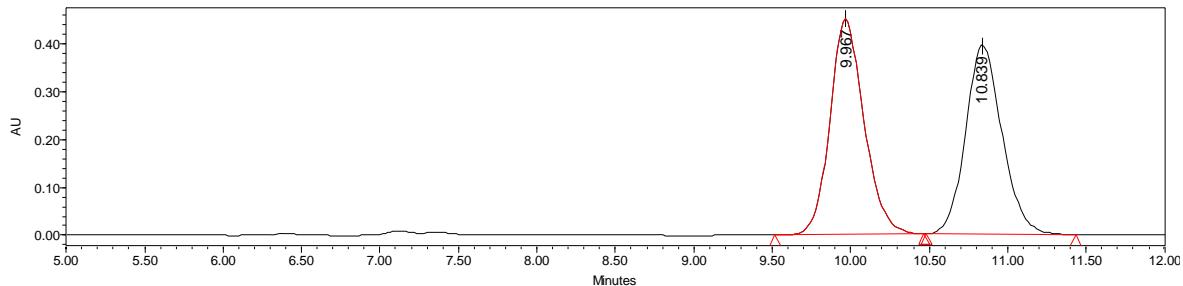


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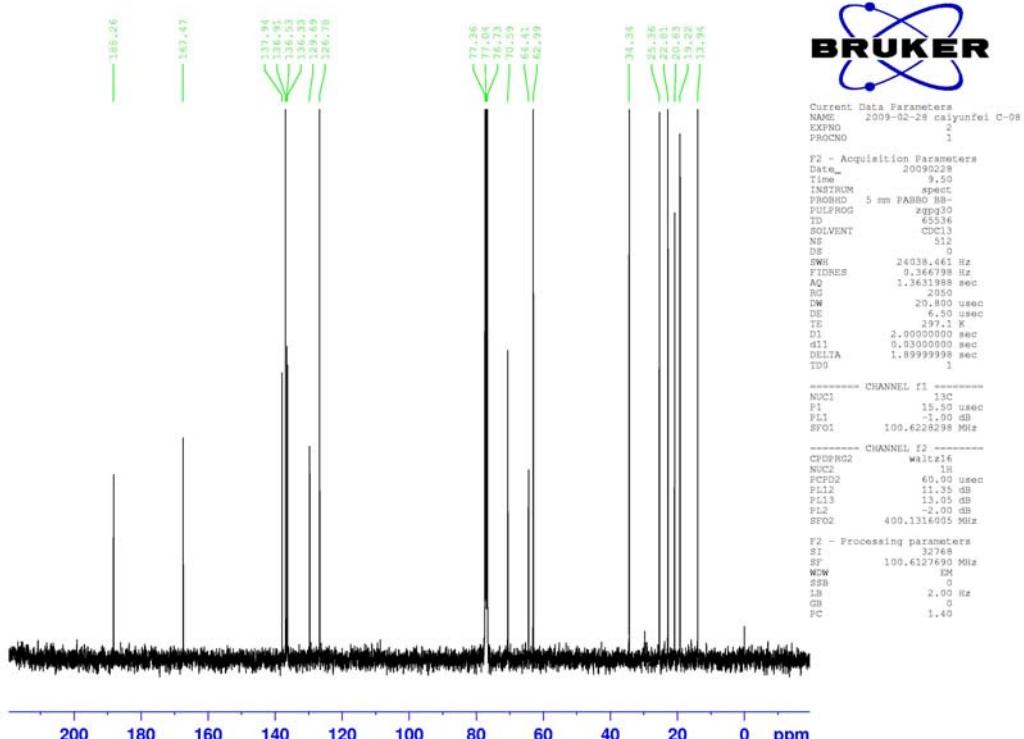
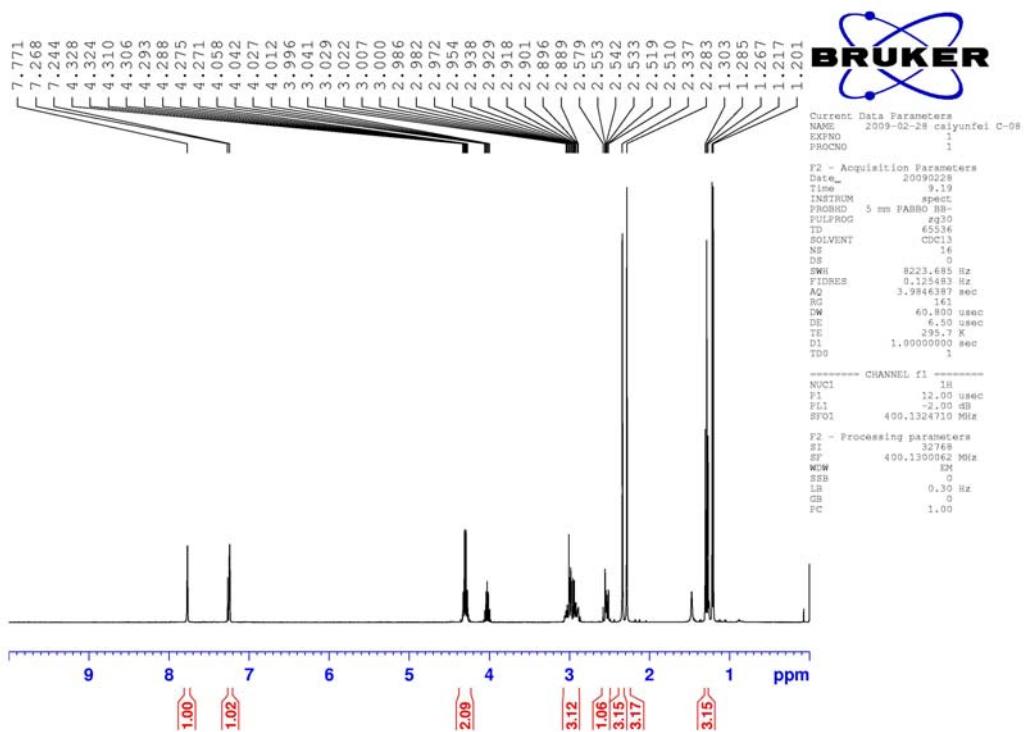


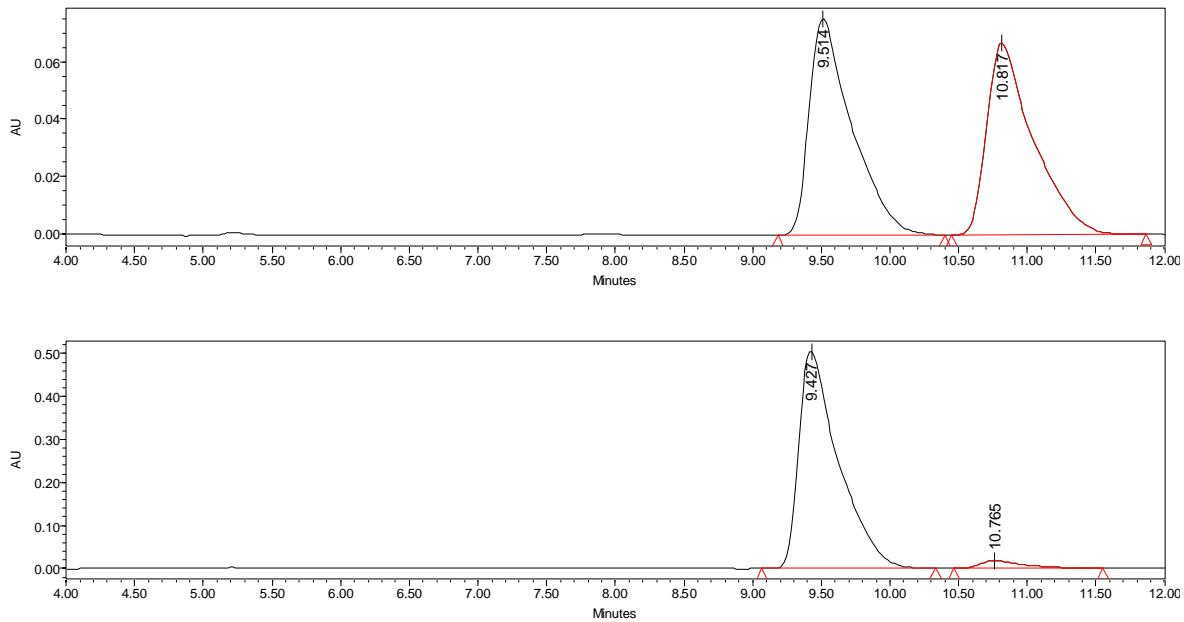
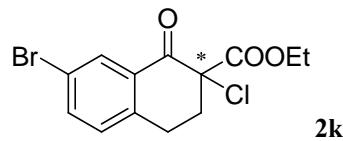


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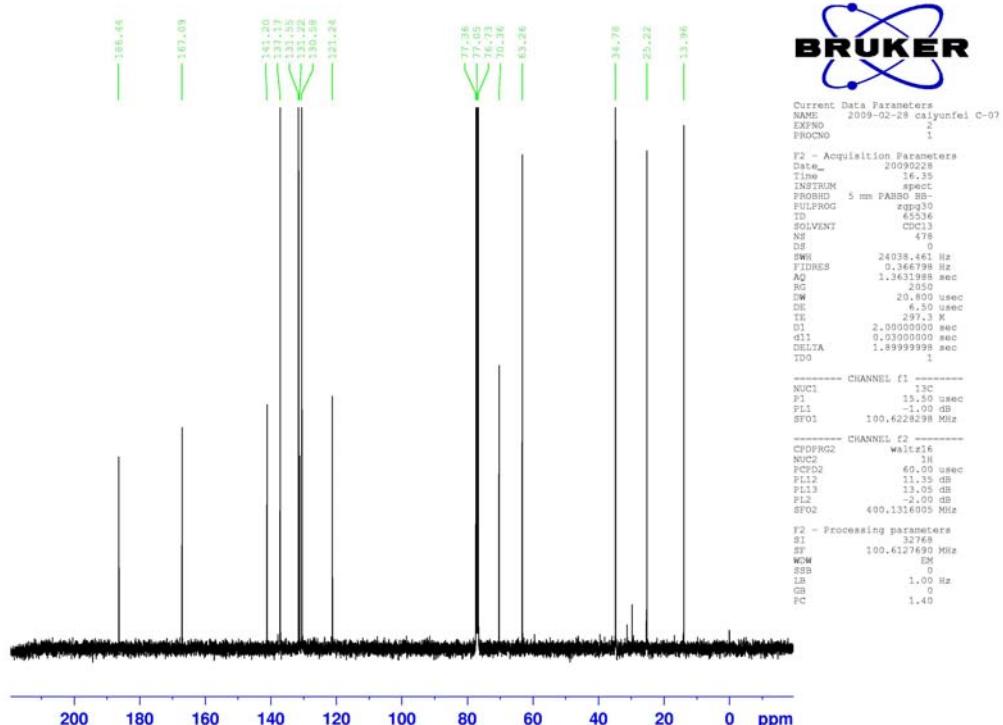
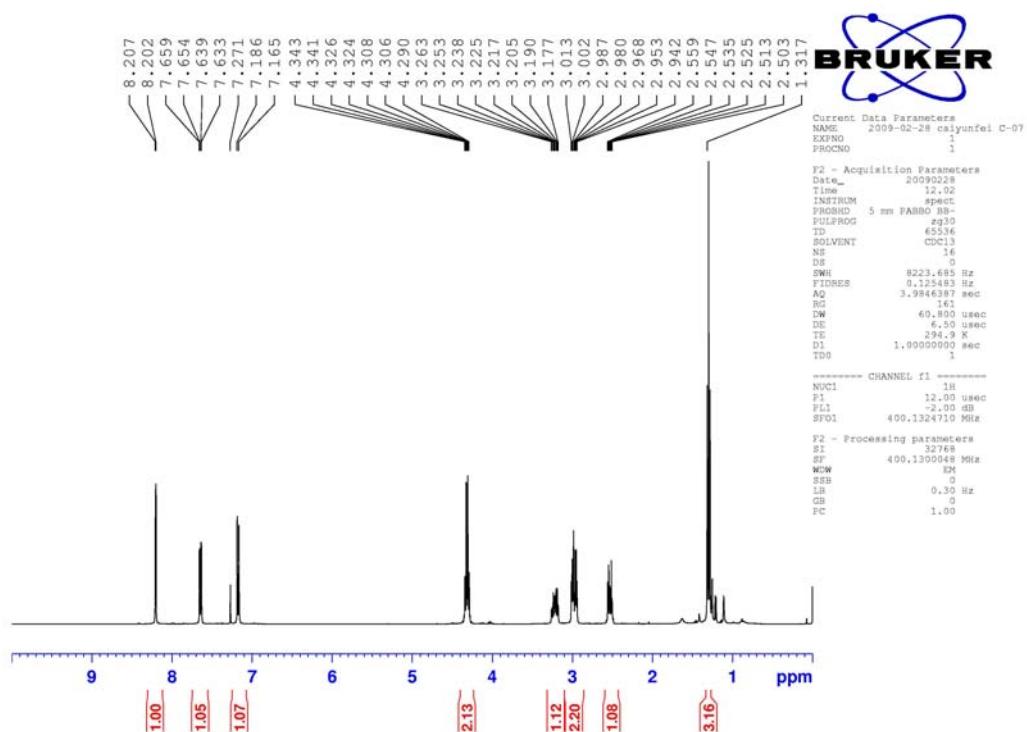


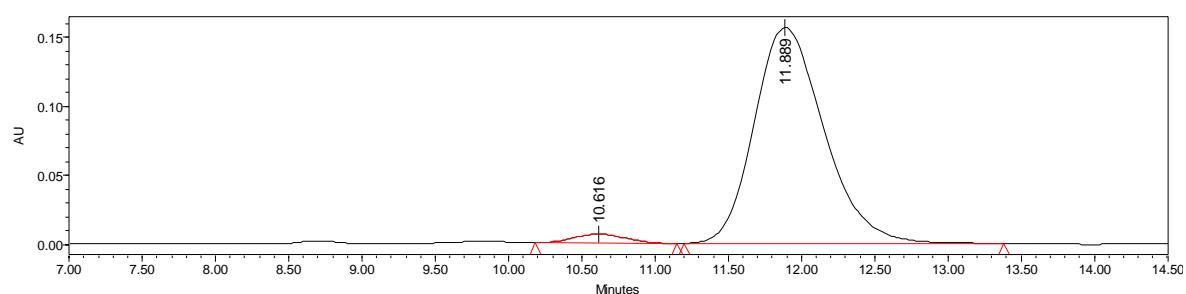
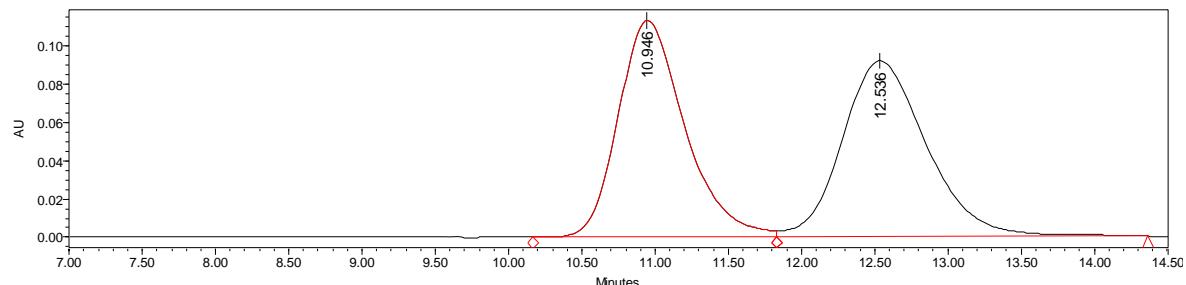
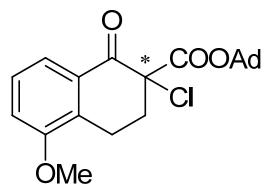
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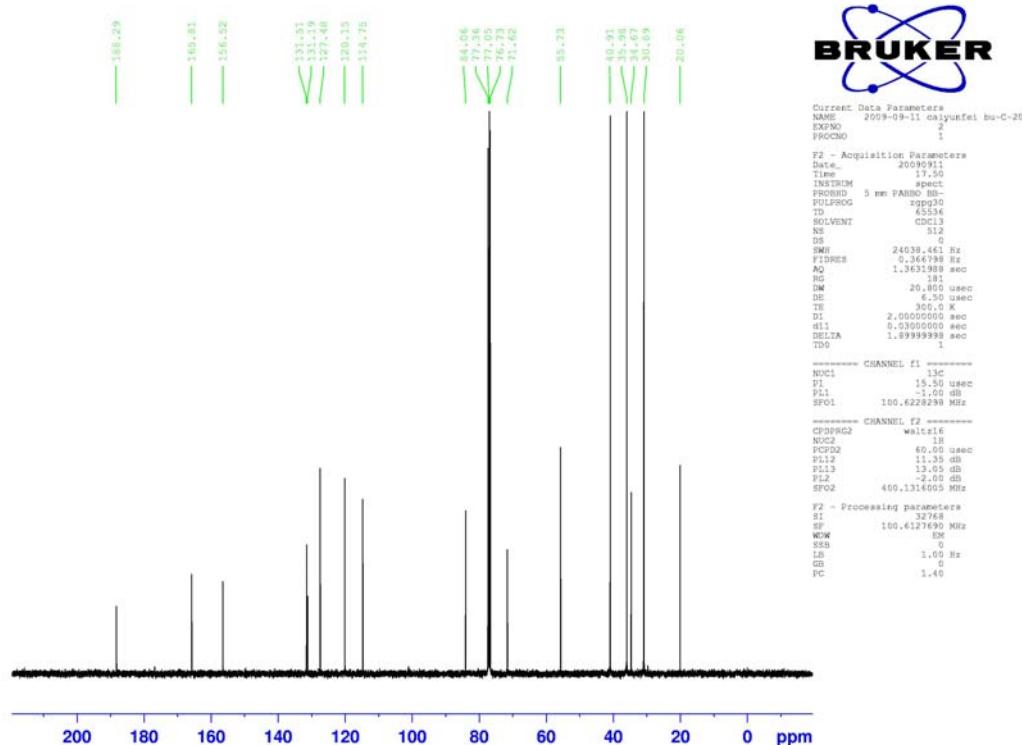
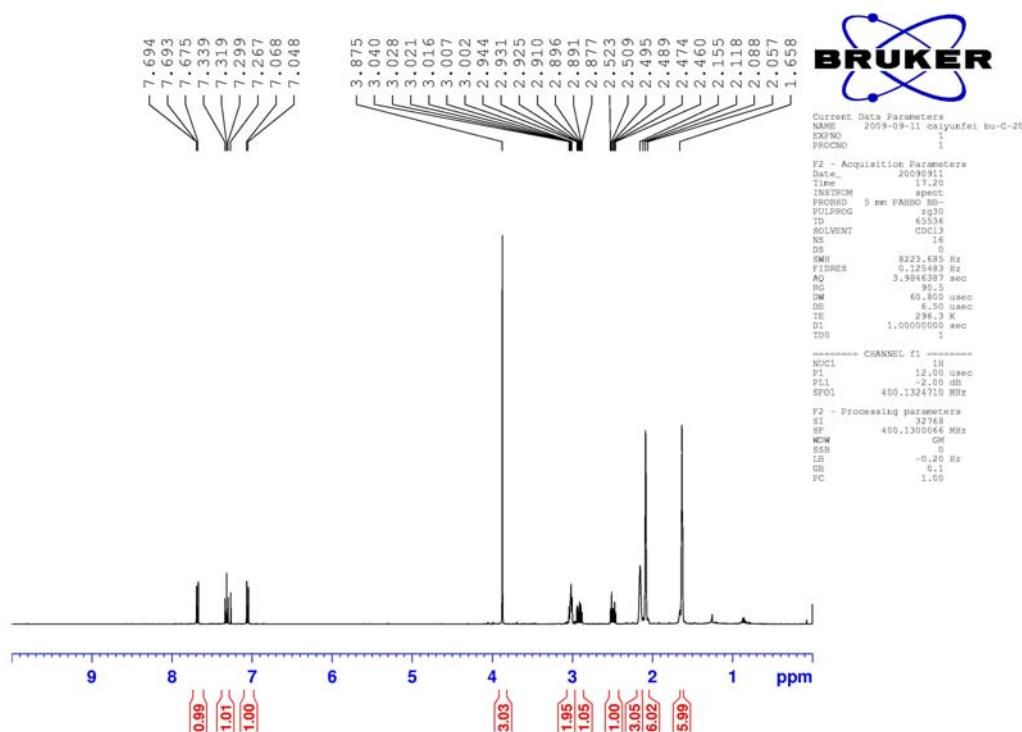


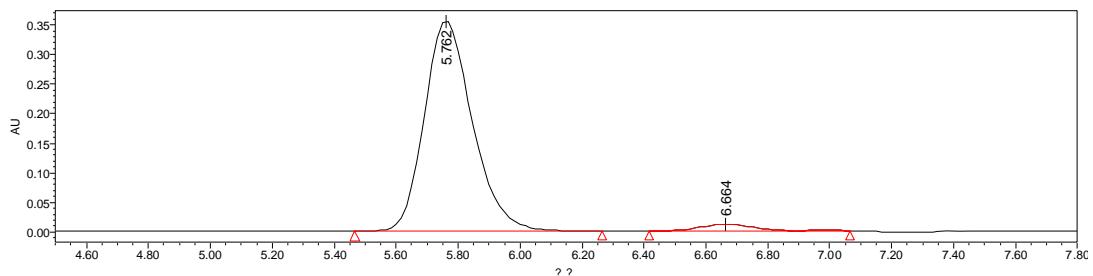
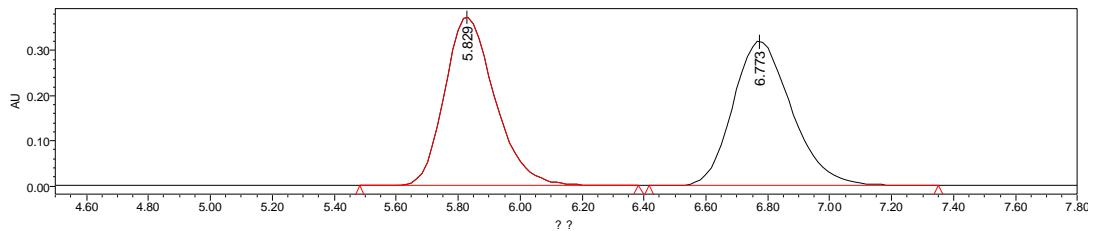
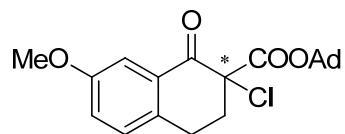
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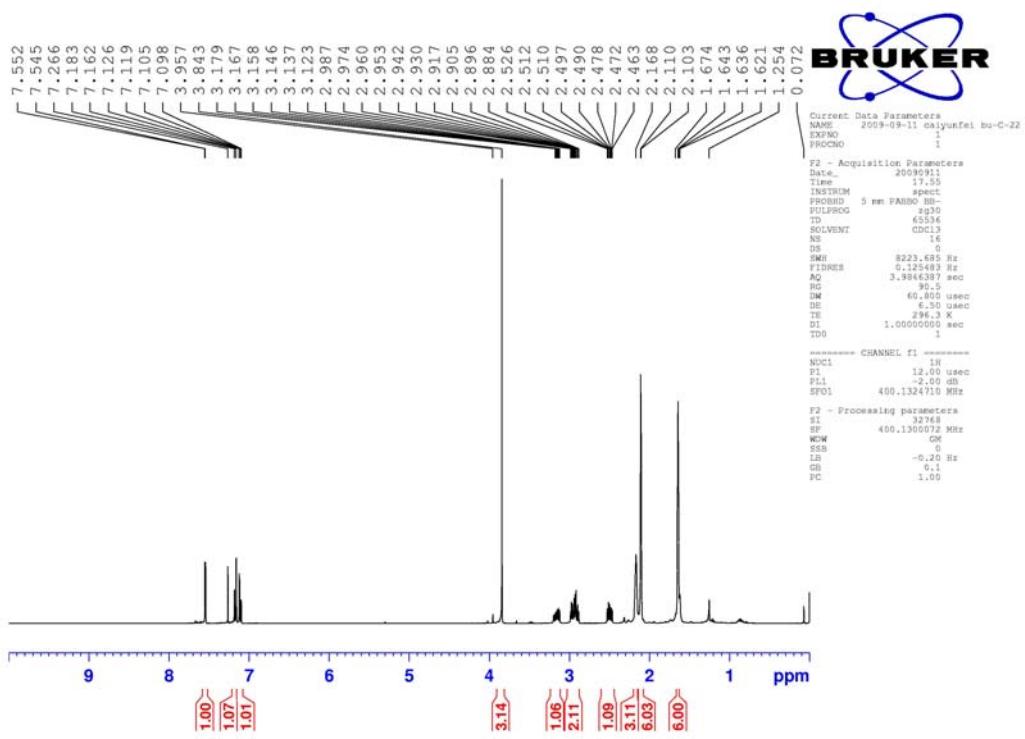


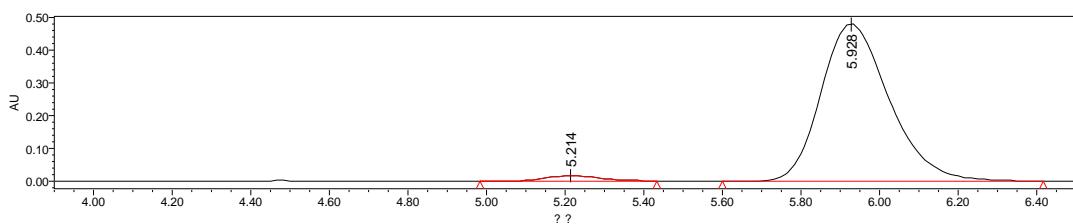
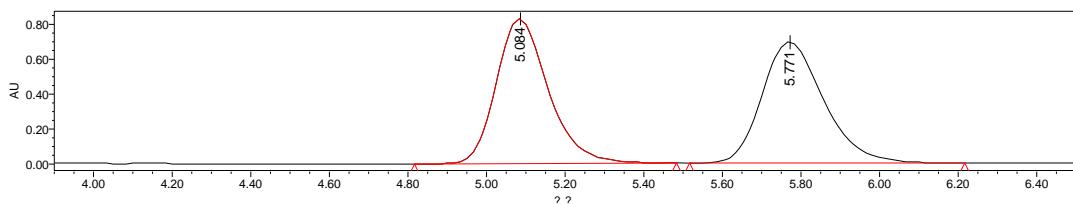
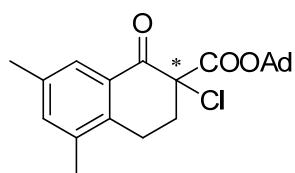
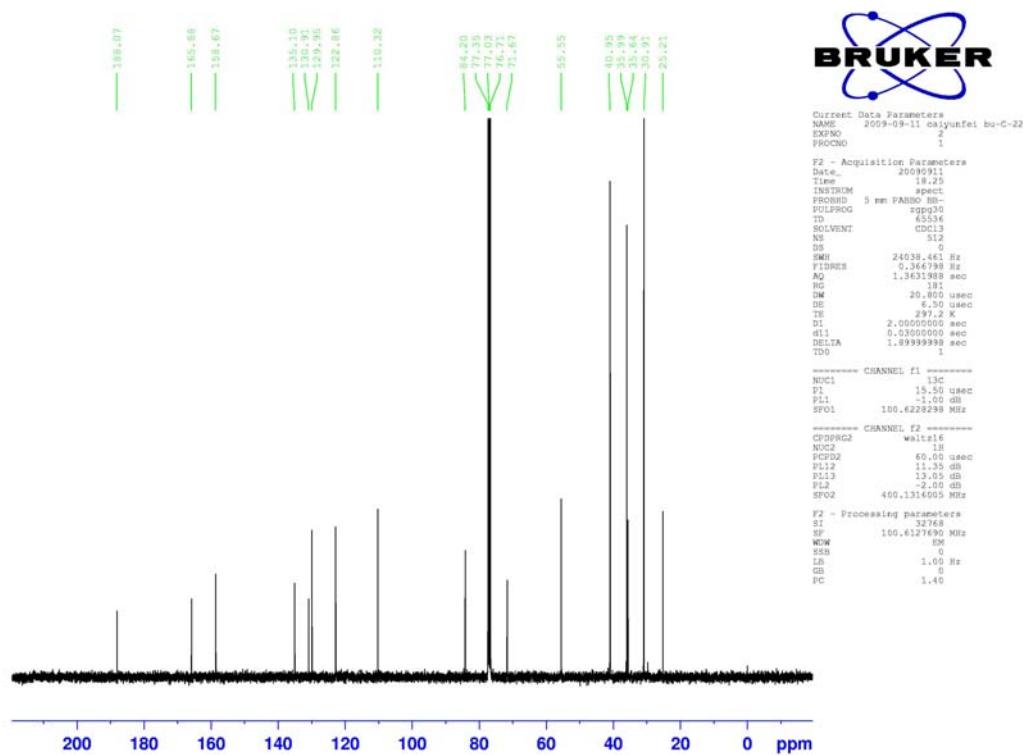
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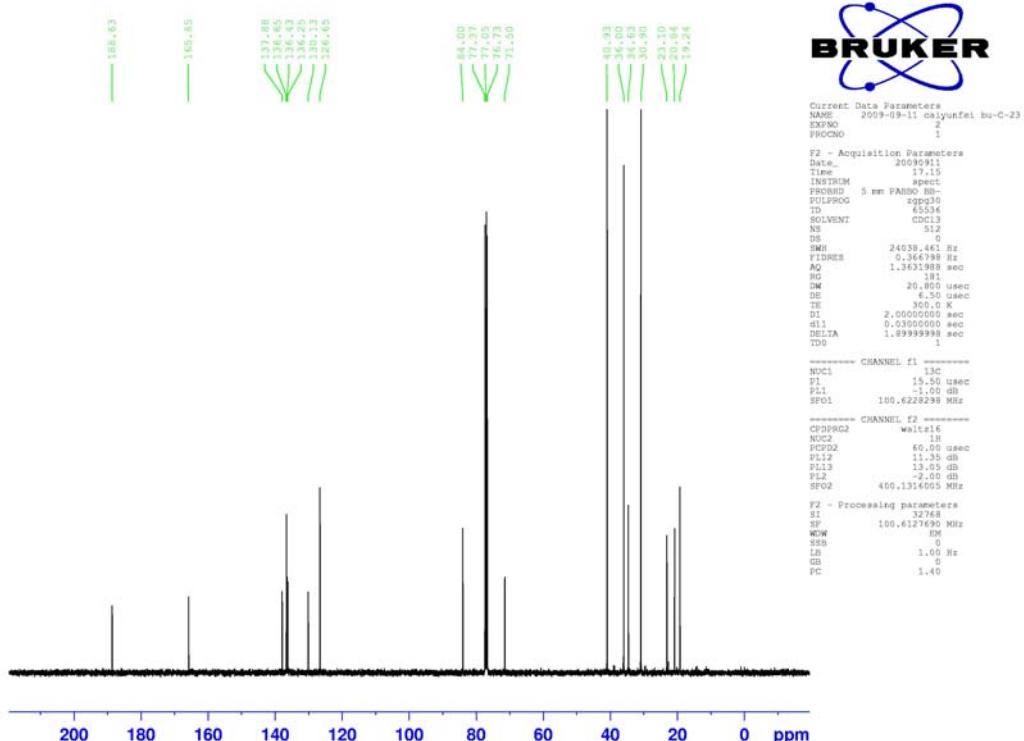
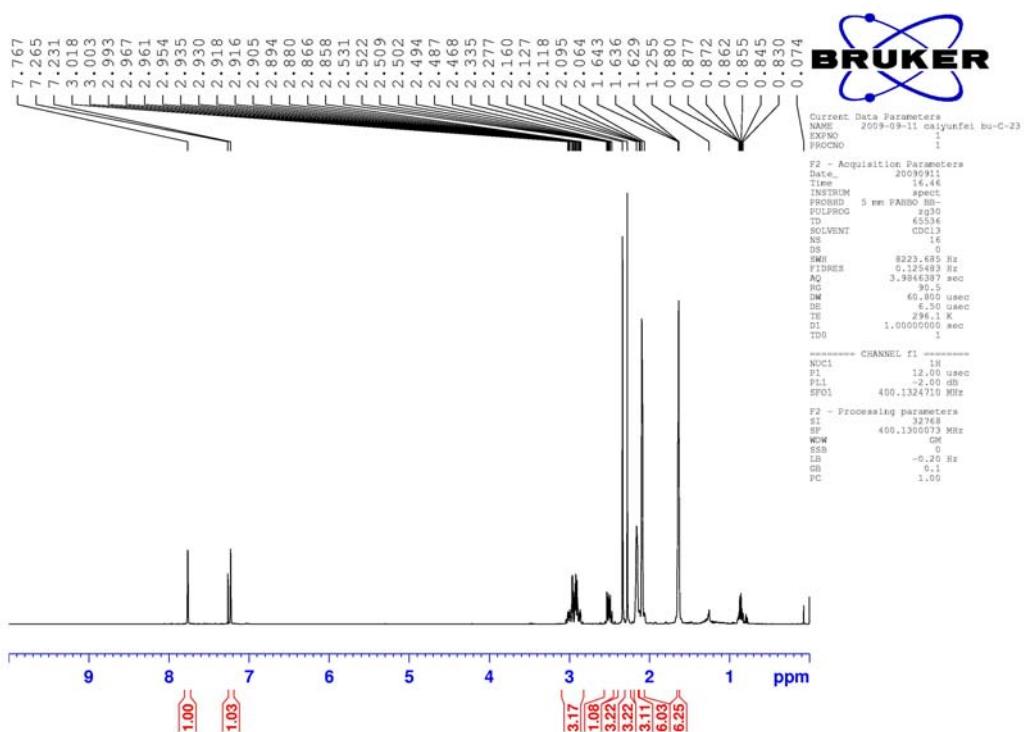


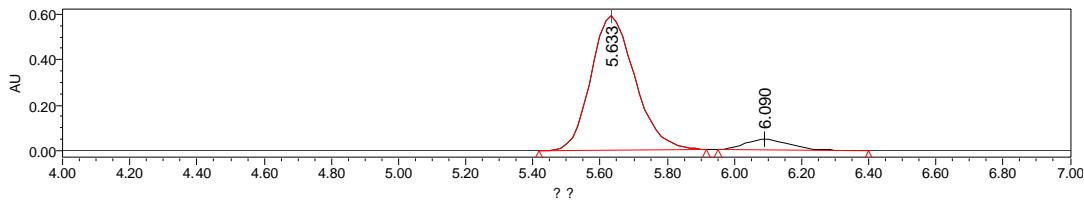
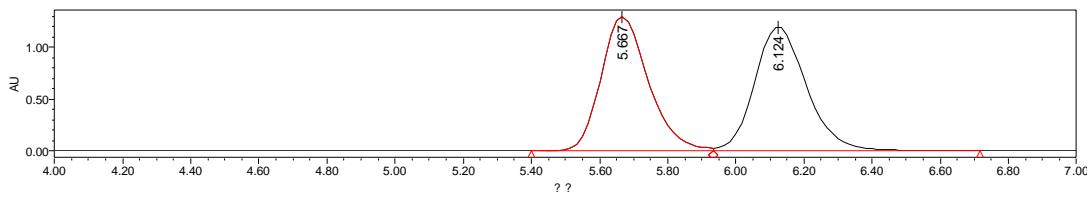
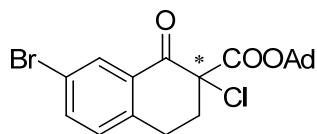
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