

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Hydrogen Bonding Mediated Enantioselective Organocatalysis in Brine: Significant Rate Acceleration and Enhanced Stereoselectivity in Enantioselective Michael Addition Reactions of 1,3-Dicarbonyls to $\beta$ - Nitroolefins

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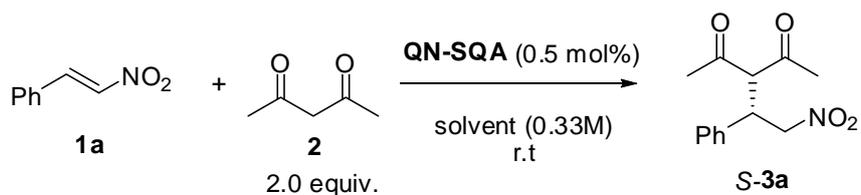
## 1. General

All chemicals used in this study were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. The organocatalysts examined in this study (**QN-TU**,<sup>1a</sup> **QN-SA**,<sup>1b</sup> **QN-SQA**,<sup>1c,1d</sup> **CN-SQA**<sup>1c</sup>) were prepared starting from the corresponding 9-*epi*-amino cinchona alkaloids according to the literature procedure. The chromatographic purification of the products was conducted by flash chromatography using Merck silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh). Thin-layer chromatography was conducted on Merck silica gel 60F plates. HPLC analyses were performed on a Varian Pro Star Series instrument equipped with an isostatic pump using a CHIRALCEL Column (250 × 4.6 mm). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 300 spectrometers.

## 2. General procedure for the Michael Addition

2,4-Pentanedione (**2**, 103 μL, 0.5 mmol) was added to a mixture of β-nitrostyrene (**1a**, 75 mg, 0.5 mmol), **QN-SQA** (1.6 mg, 0.5 mol%), and brine (1.5 mL of saturated NaCl aqueous solution) in a 5 mL vial. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously (using five magnetic bars at a stirring speed of 1000 rpm) at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, which was monitored by TLC, an aqueous HCl solution (1 N, 1 mL) was added to quench the reaction then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was concentrated. The obtained crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the Michael addition product **3a**.

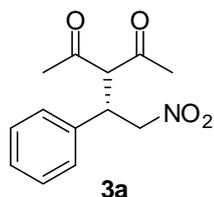
## 3. Solvent Screening



entry	solvent	time (h)	conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2	>99	>99
2	DMSO	1	>99	racemic
3	Toluene	2	>99	>99
4	MeOH	96	>99	>99

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis using chiral AD-H column.

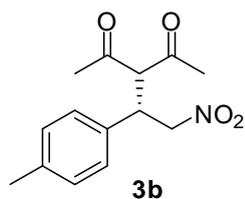
#### 4. Product Characterization



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3a** as a white solid (98% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.55 (m, 2H), 4.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 4.21-4.17 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): δ 201.7, 201.0, 135.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 78.1, 70.6, 42.7, 30.4, 29.6; HPLC (AD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 1.0. mL/min, 220 nm): *t*<sub>major</sub> = 11.0 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 14.7 min; >99% ee.

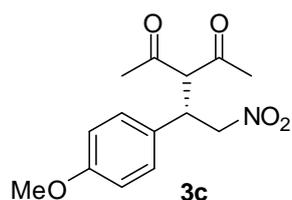
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>2</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3b** as a white solid (92% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.20-6.97(m 4H), 4.54-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.28 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.11 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  201.8, 201.1, 138.2, 132.8, 129.9, 127.7, 78.2, 70.6, 42.4, 30.3, 29.5, 20.9; HPLC (AD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.2$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.6$  min; 97% ee.

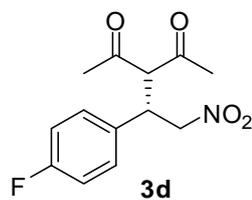
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>1c</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3c** as a white solid (91% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.03 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 3H), 6.76 (d,  $3J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.53-4.51 (m, 2H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.08 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  201.8, 201.1, 159.4, 129.0, 127.6, 114.6, 78.4, 70.8, 55.1, 42.1, 30.3, 29.5; HPLC (AD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.2$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 25.7$  min; 98% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>3</sup>

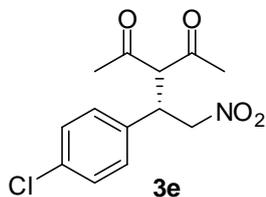


Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3d** as a white solid (89% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.13 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.49 (m, 2H), 4.27 (d,  $J = 10.8$ , 1H), 4.21- 4.13 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  201.4, 200.7, 164.0, 160.7, 131.8, 131.7, 129.7, 129.6, 116.3, 116.0, 78.0, 70.4, 42.0, 30.3, 29.6; HPLC (OD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 85 : 15, 1 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.9$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 18.8$  min; >99% ee.

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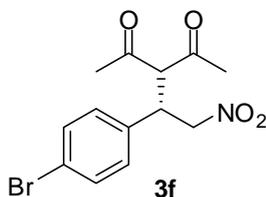
retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>4</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3e** as a white solid (99% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.12 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): δ 201.3, 200.6, 134.5, 134.3, 129.4, 129.3, 77.8, 70.3, 42.0, 30.4, 29.7; HPLC (AS-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 85 : 15, 1 mL/min, 220 nm): *t*<sub>major</sub> = 15.2 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 28.5 min; >99% ee.

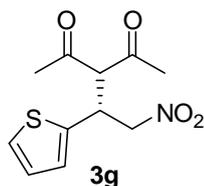
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>3</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3f** as a white solid (96% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.18 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si): 201.3, 200.5, 135.1, 132.4, 129.6, 122.5, 77.7, 70.2, 42.1, 30.4, 29.7; HPLC (OD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm): *t*<sub>major</sub> = 34.2 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 37.3 min; >99% ee.

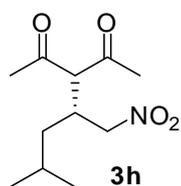
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>1c</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4:1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3g** as a white solid (91% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.68-4.66 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.40 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  201.4, 200.6, 138.4, 127.3, 126.9, 125.6, 78.4, 70.9, 38.2, 30.5, 29.6; HPLC (AS-H, Hexanes : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 33.2$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 41.1$  min; >99% ee.

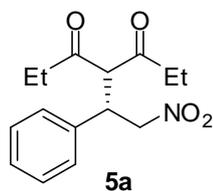
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*R*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>5</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **3h** as a white solid (90% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  4.56-4.51 (m, 2H), 4.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.05-0.95 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  202.9, 202.2, 75.6, 69.3, 38.2, 34.7, 31.0, 29.7, 24.8, 23.1, 21.1; HPLC (OD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 96 : 4, 0.7 mL/min, 210 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 17.1$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 15.6$  min; >99% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*R*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>5</sup>

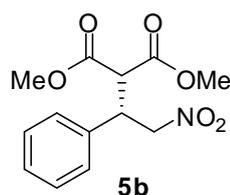


Purification by column chromatography (5 : 1 = Hexane : Acetone) afforded **5a** as a white solid (96% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.60 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.23 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.78 (t,

$J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  204.4, 203.8, 136.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.8, 77.8, 69.0, 42.9, 36.8, 36.4, 7.4, 7.2; HPLC (AD-H, Hexane :  $i\text{PrOH} = 90 : 10$ , 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.2$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.3$  min; >99% ee.

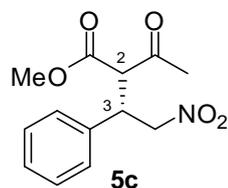
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>2</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5b** as a white solid (92% yield). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.21 (m, 5H), 4.96-4.83 (m, 2H), 4.24 (td,  $J = 8.8, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  167.7, 167.1, 136.1, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 77.4, 54.6, 52.9, 52.7, 42.9; HPLC (AD-H, Hexanes :  $i\text{PrOH} = 90 : 10$ , 1 mL/min, 220 nm):  $t_{\text{major}} = 26.4$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.2$  min; 97 % ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>2</sup>

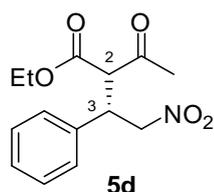


Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5c** as a white solid (95% yield, 1 : 1 mixture of diastereomers). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.83-4.81 (m, 1 H), 4.78-4.76 (m, 1 H), 4.29-4.17 (m, 1 H), 4.12 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 0.5 H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 0.5 H), 3.77-3.53 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.05 (s, 3H); dr = 1 : 1 (determined by integration of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  200.5, 199.6, 167.4, 166.7, 135.8, 135.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.2, 76.4, 76.0,

61.2, 60.8, 52.3, 52.1, 42.0, 41.7, 29.7, 29.6; HPLC (AD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 95 : 5, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm): First diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 15.4$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.2$  min; >99% ee; Second diastereomer :  $t_{\text{major}} = 28.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 21.7$  min; >99 % ee.

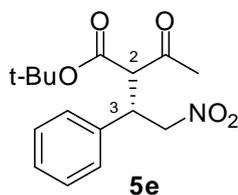
**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry of carbon (3) was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data. <sup>2</sup>



Purification by column chromatography (5 : 1 = Hexane : Acetone) afforded **5d** as a white solid. Analytical data was matched with previously reported values (94% yield, 1.5:1 mixture of diastereomers).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  7.32-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 4.89-4.76 (m, 2H), 4.26-4.18 (m, 2 H), 4.12 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 0.6H) 4.03 (d, 0.4 H,  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 3.96 (q, 1H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 2.30-2.05 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.00 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4H); dr = 1.5 : 1 (determined by integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  201.4, 200.5, 167.7, 167.1, 136.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 78.1, 78.0, 76.8, 65.4, 62.2, 62.2, 61.9, 42.8, 42.5, 30.5, 30.3, 13.9, 13.6; HPLC (AD-H, Hexanes : iPrOH = 95 : 5, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm): First diastereomer :  $t_{\text{major}} = 15.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 26.8$  min; >99% ee; Second diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 51.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.5$  min; >99% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry of carbon (3) was assigned as (*S*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data. <sup>2</sup>

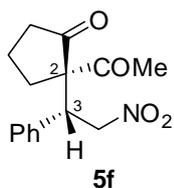


Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5e** as a white solid (94% yield, 4.9 : 1 mixture of diastereomers). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.85-4.82 (m 0.4H), 4.77-4.65 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 0.83H), 3.92 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 0.17H) , 2.30-2.06 (s, 3H), 1.47 - 1.11 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  201.5, 200.9 166.9, 166.1, 136.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 83.6, 83.1, 78.6, 78.1, 63.3, 62.9, 42.8, 42.6, 30.3, 29.9, 28.0,

27.6; dr = 4.9 : 1 (determined by integration of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR); HPLC (AD-H, Hexanes : iPrOH = 95 : 5, 1 mL/min, 220 nm): First (major) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.8$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 13.5$  min ; 98 % ee; Second (minor) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 24.2$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 15.2$  min; 98% ee.

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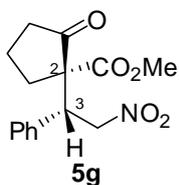


**(major diastereomer)**

Purification by column chromatography (4 : 1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5f** as a white solid (85% yield, 7.3 : 1 mixture of diastereomers). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.24-7.34(m, 5H), 5.01(dd,  $J = 11.1, 13.2$  Hz, 0.12H) 4.86(dd,  $J = 11.4$  Hz and  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 0.88H), 4.60-4.51 (dd,  $J = 3.9$  Hz and  $13.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.28 (dd,  $J = 3.9$  and  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.14(m, 1H), 2.03-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 3H); dr = 7.3 : 1 (determined by integration of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  213.3, 203.0, 134.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 75.8, 71.4, 46.6, 38.9, 27.5, 26.8, 19.7; HPLC (OD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 80 : 20, 1 mL/min, 220 nm): First (major) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.4$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 60.9$  min; 97% ee; Second (minor) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 17.0$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 27.1$  min; 75% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (*2R,3R*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data. <sup>6</sup>



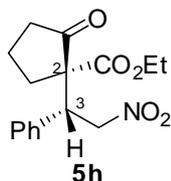
**(major diastereomer)**

Purification by column chromatography (4:1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5g** as a colorless oil (87% yield, 99:1 mixture of diastereomers). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  7.31-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.17 (dd,  $J = 4.2$  and  $13.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.01(dd,  $J = 10.8$  Hz and  $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J = 3.9$  Hz and  $10.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.82 (m, 4H) ; dr >99 : 1 (determined by integration of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ ):  $\delta$  212.4, 170.0, 135.5, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 76.6, 62.7, 53.2, 46.4, 38.1, 31.4, 19.5; HPLC (OD-

H, Hexane : iPrOH = 80 : 20, 1 mL/min, 220 nm): First (major) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.1$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 26.4$  min; >99% ee; Second (minor) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.5$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.1$  min; 84% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (2*S*,3*R*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>1c,6</sup>



**(major diastereomer)**

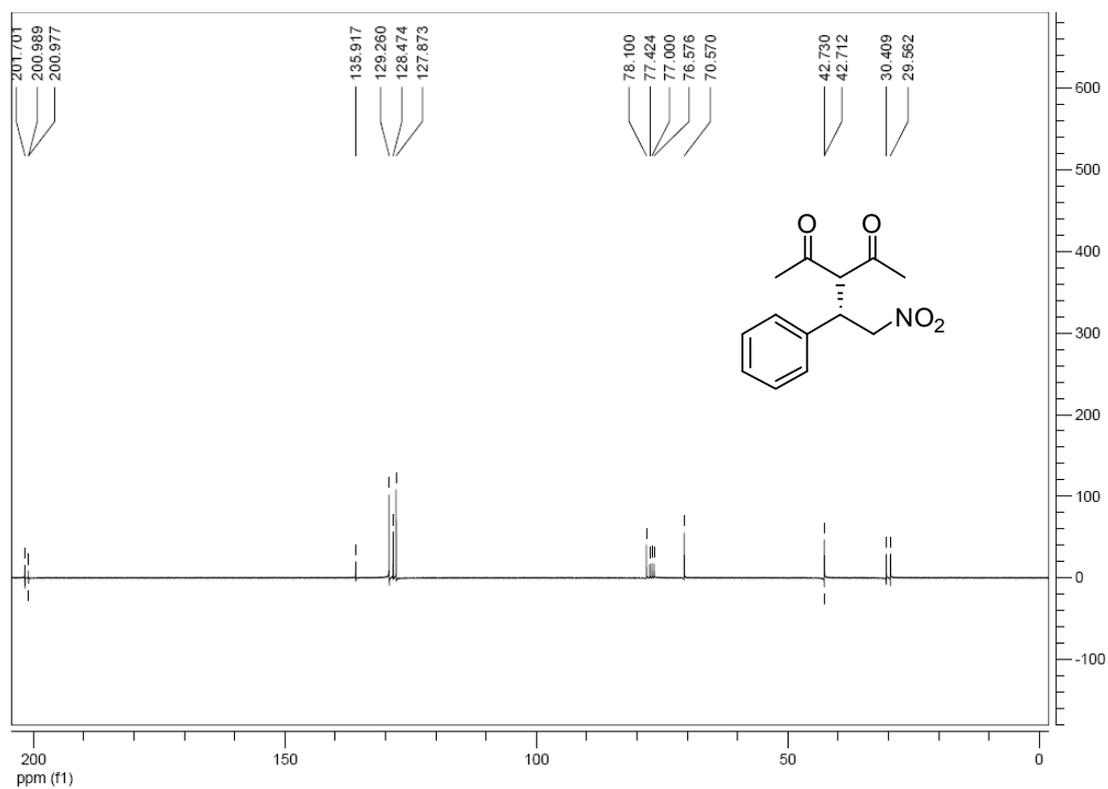
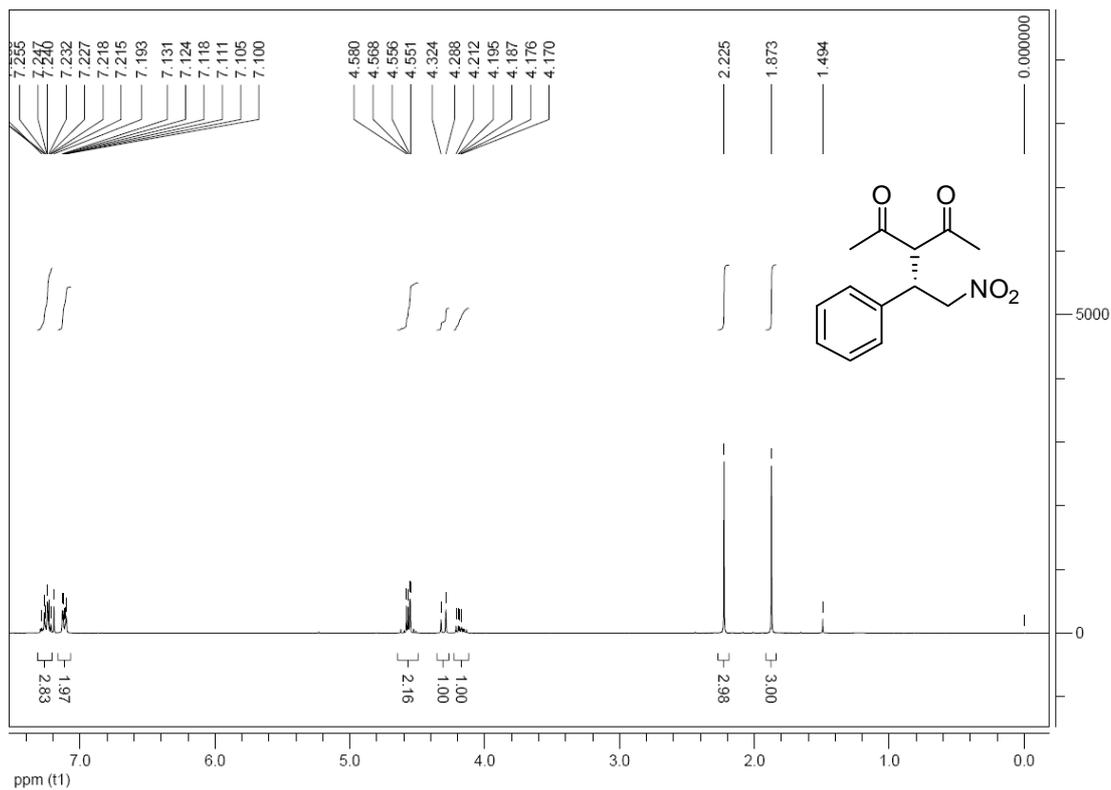
Purification by column chromatography (4:1 = Hexane : EtOAc) afforded **5h** as a colorless oil (98% yield, 99:1 mixture of diastereomers). Analytical data was matched with previously reported values.

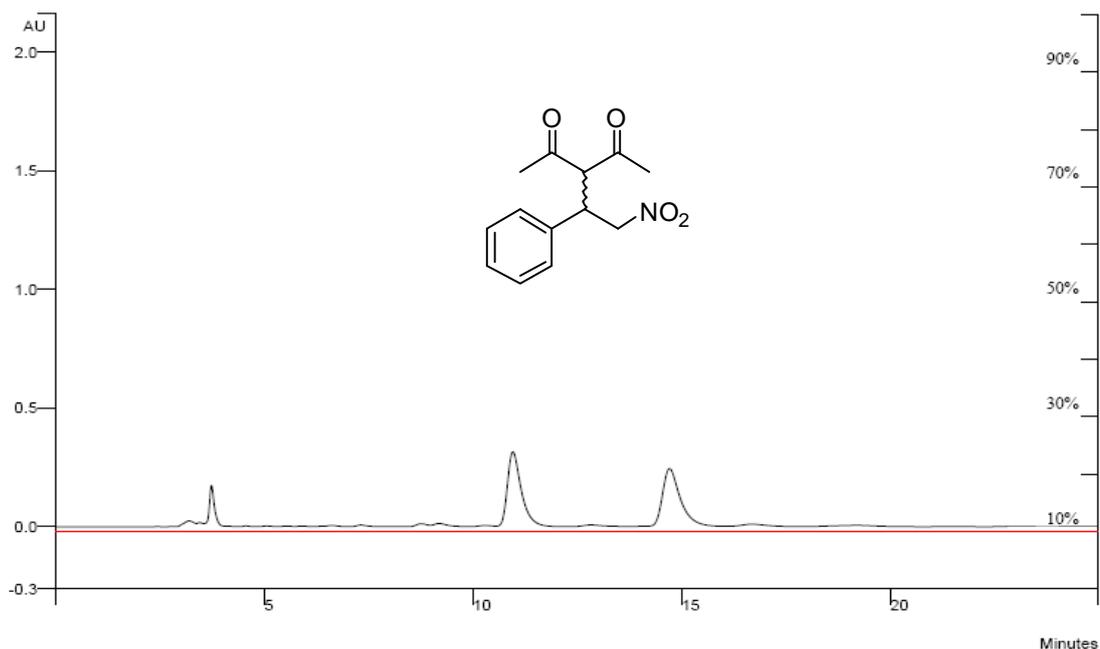
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  7.34-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.18 (dd,  $J = 3.9$  and 13.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd,  $J = 10.9$  and 13.5Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J = 3.9$  and 10.9Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.07-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); dr >99 : 1 (determined by integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  212.3, 169.3, 135.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2, 76.4, 62.4, 62.1, 46.1, 37.8, 31.1, 19.3, 13.9; HPLC (OD-H, Hexane : iPrOH = 90 : 10, 0.5 mL/min, 215 nm): First (major) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 23.0$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 33.5$  min; >99% ee ; Second (minor) diastereomer:  $t_{\text{major}} = 19.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 29.2$  min; 78% ee.

**Configuration assignment:** The absolute stereochemistry was assigned as (2*S*,3*R*) by comparison of the retention time of HPLC with the literature data.<sup>7</sup>

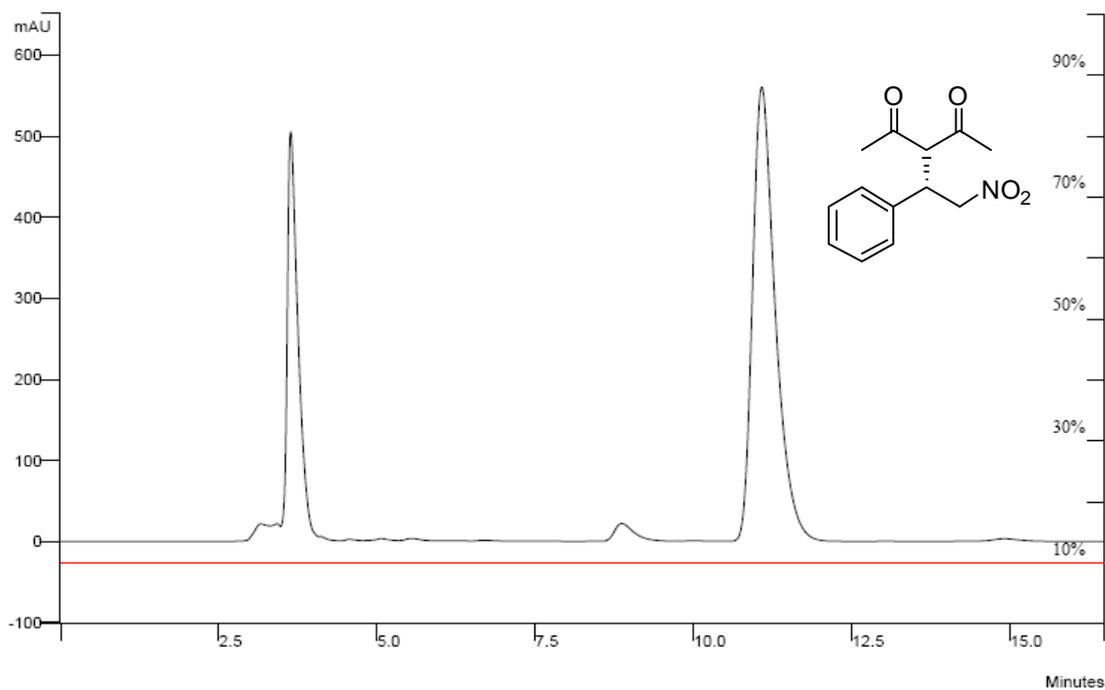
## 5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HPLC Spectra for Table 2

### 3a (Entry 2, Table 2)



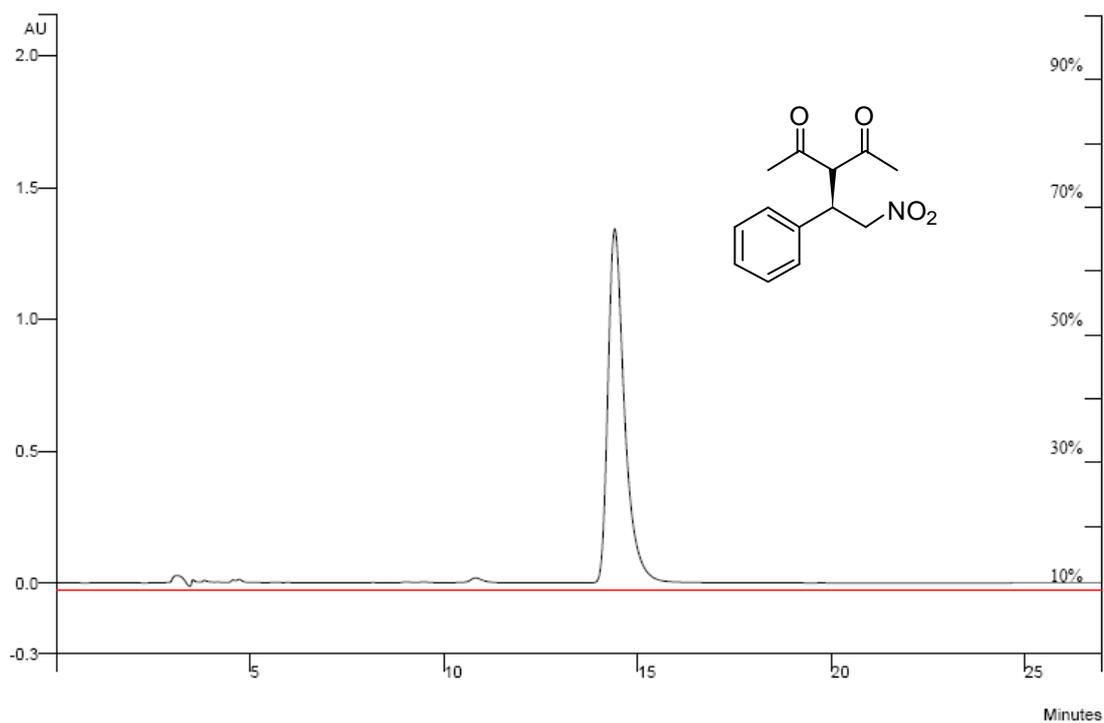


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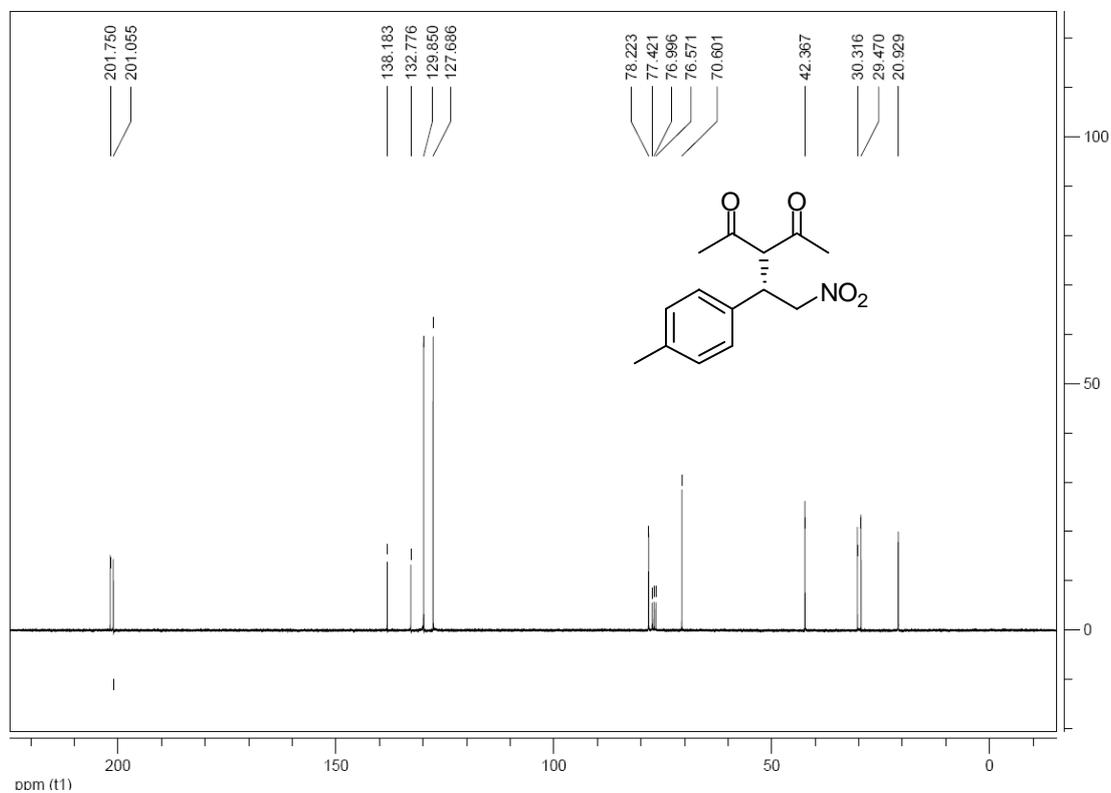
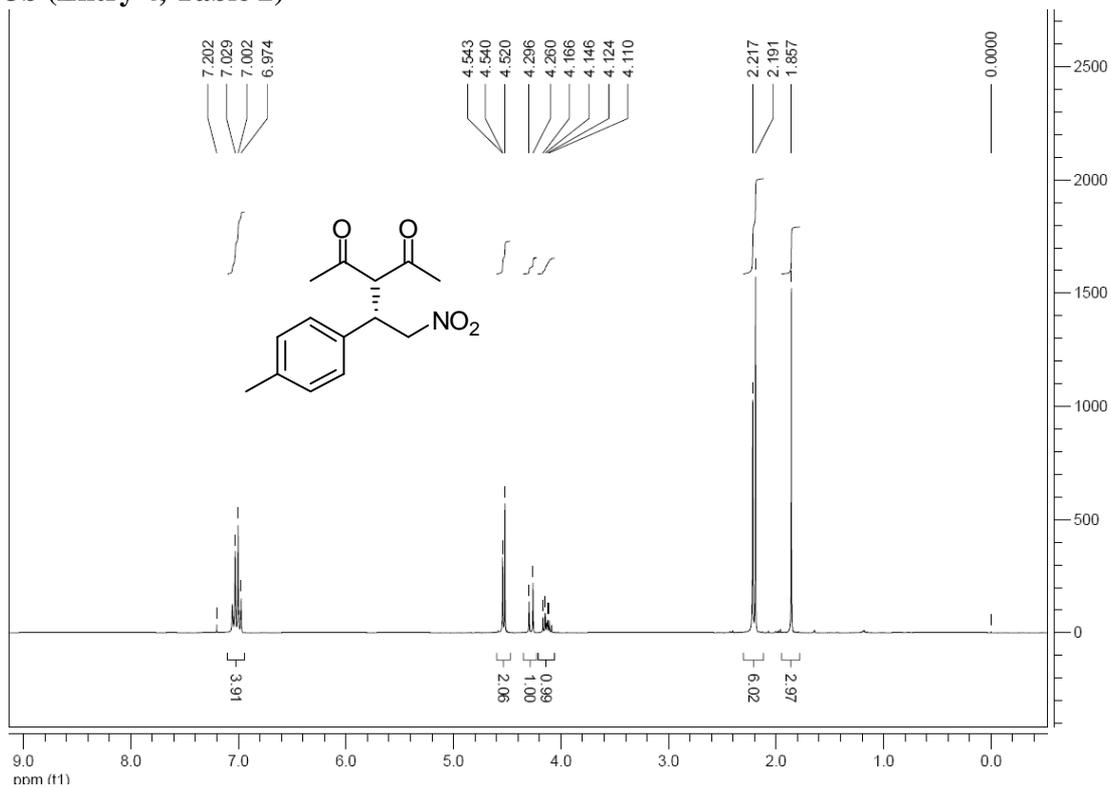
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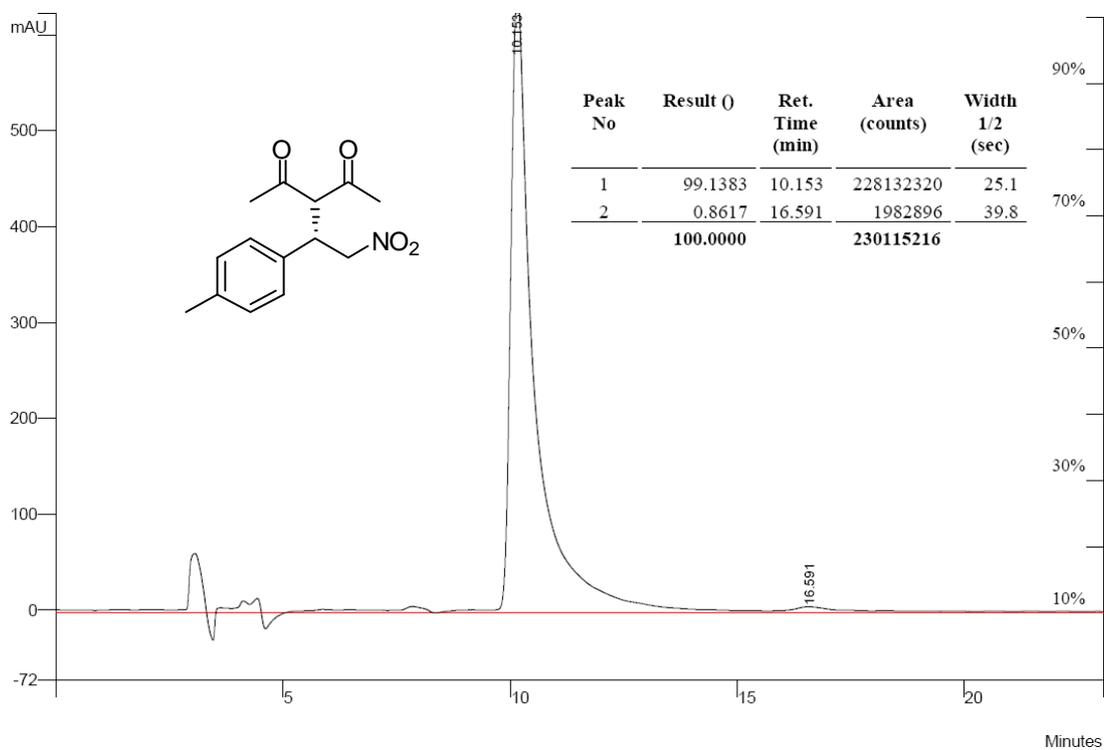
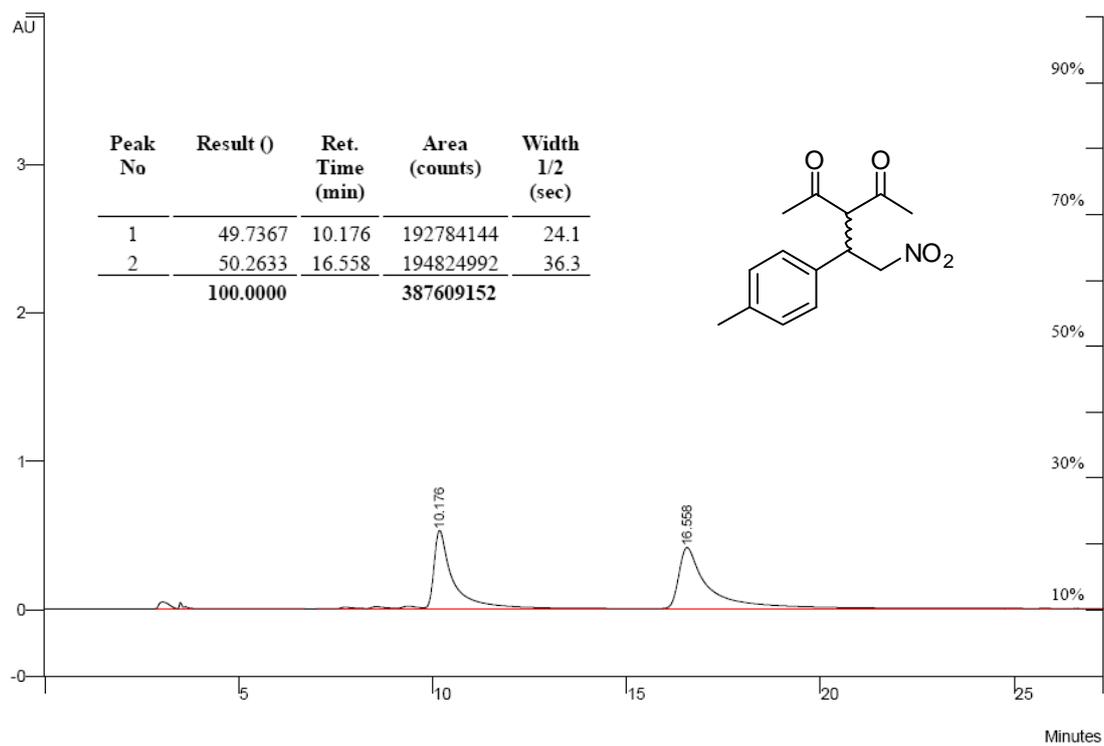
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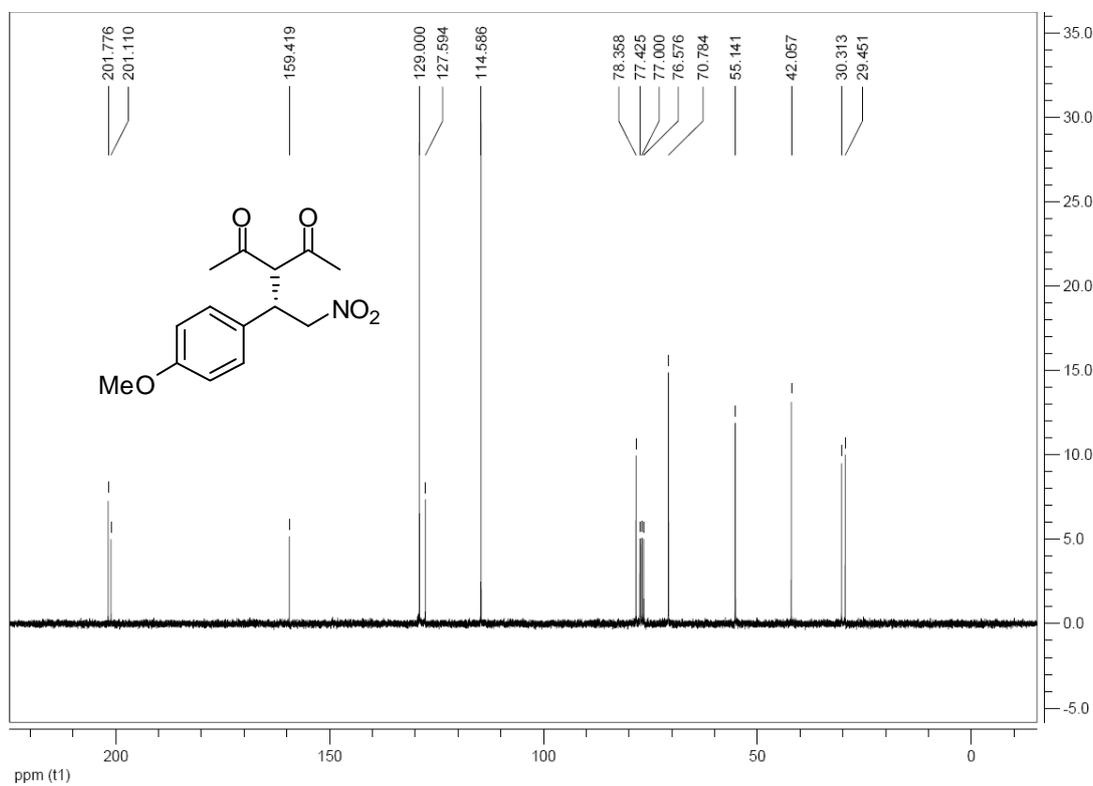
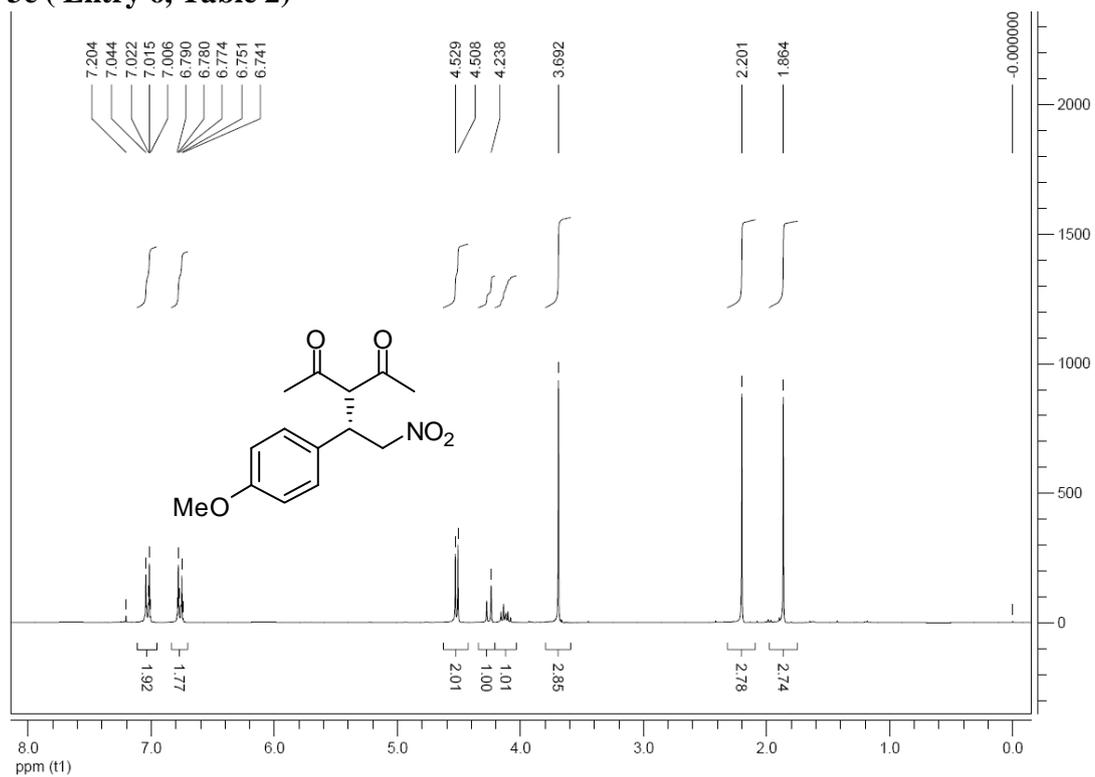
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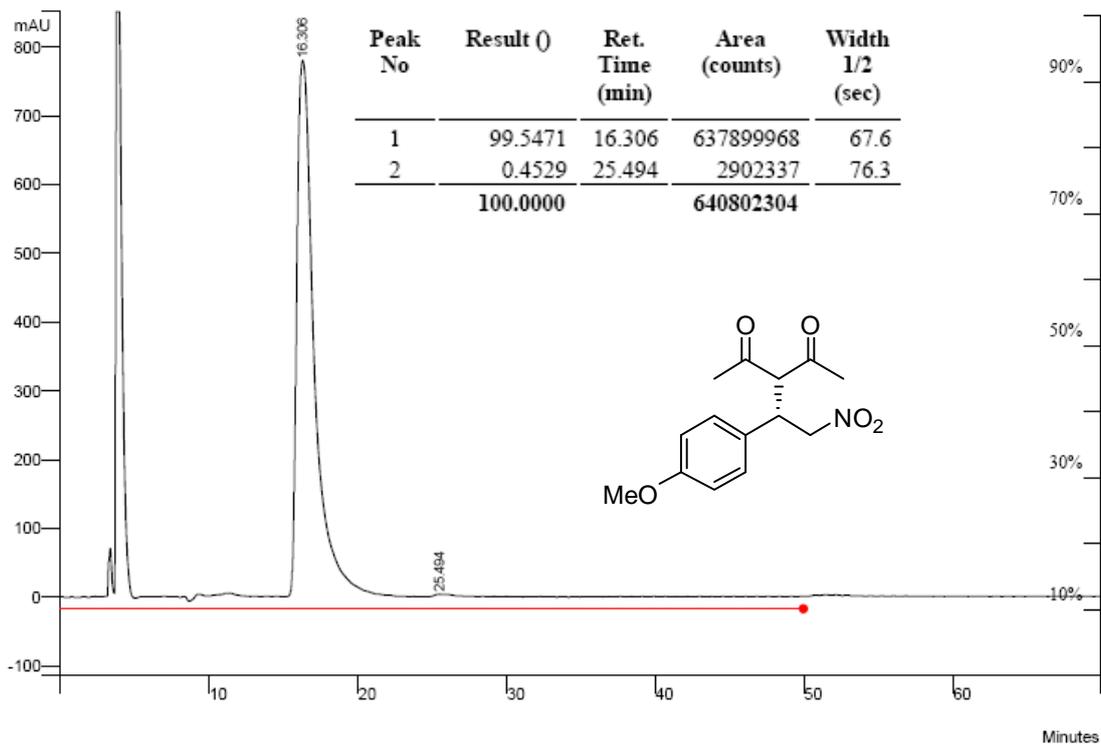
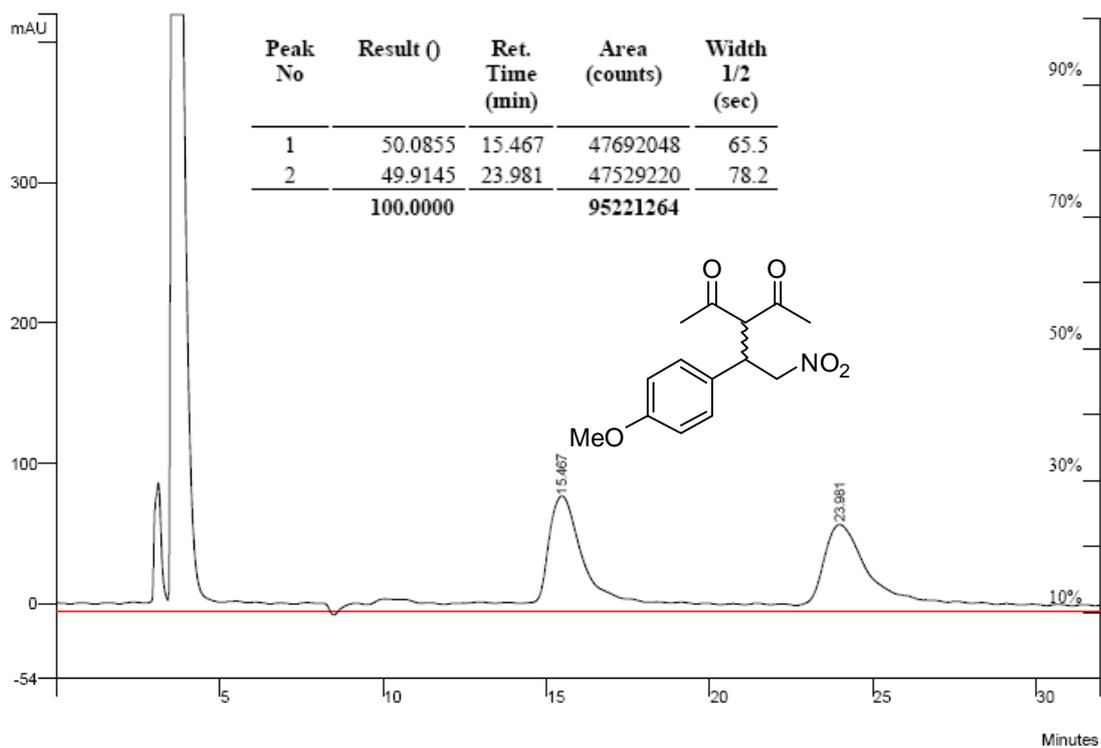
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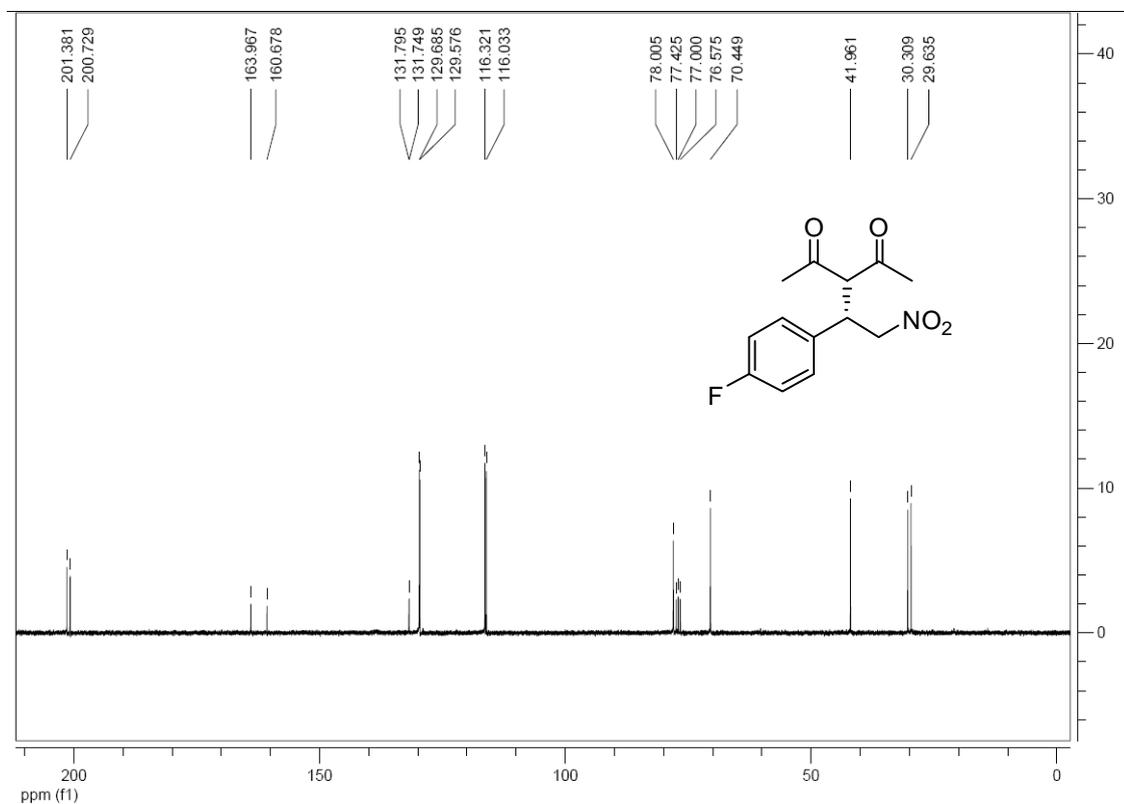
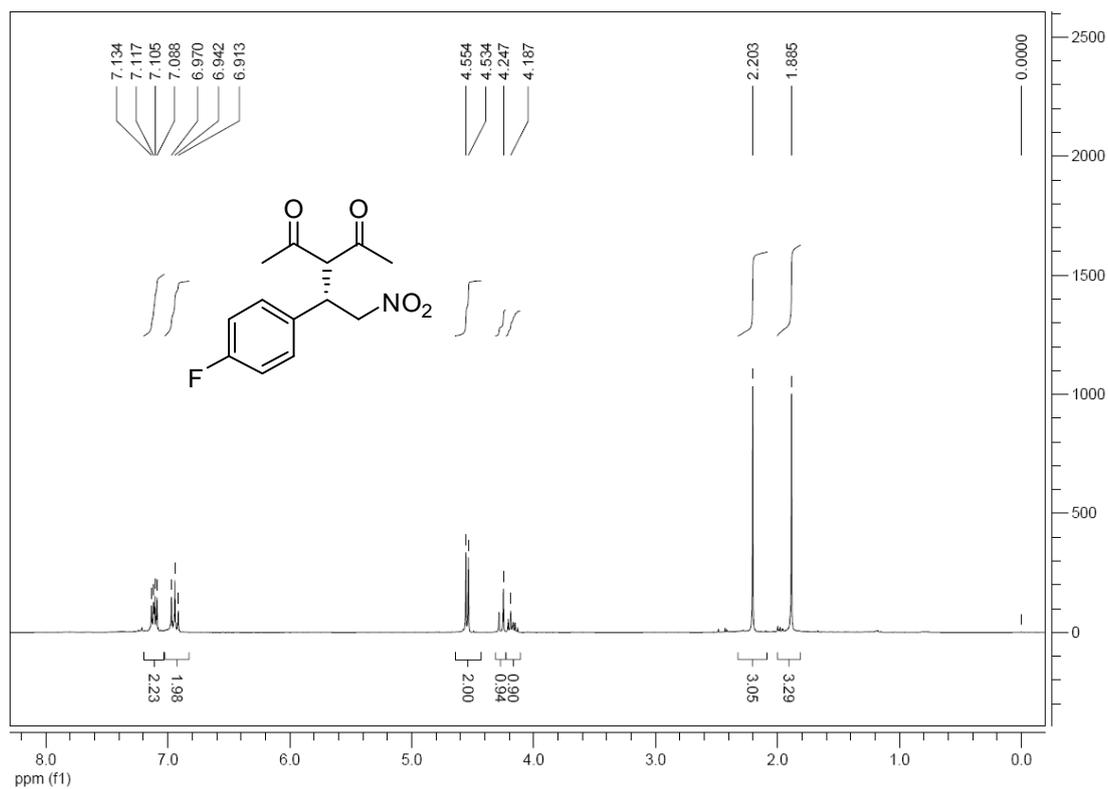


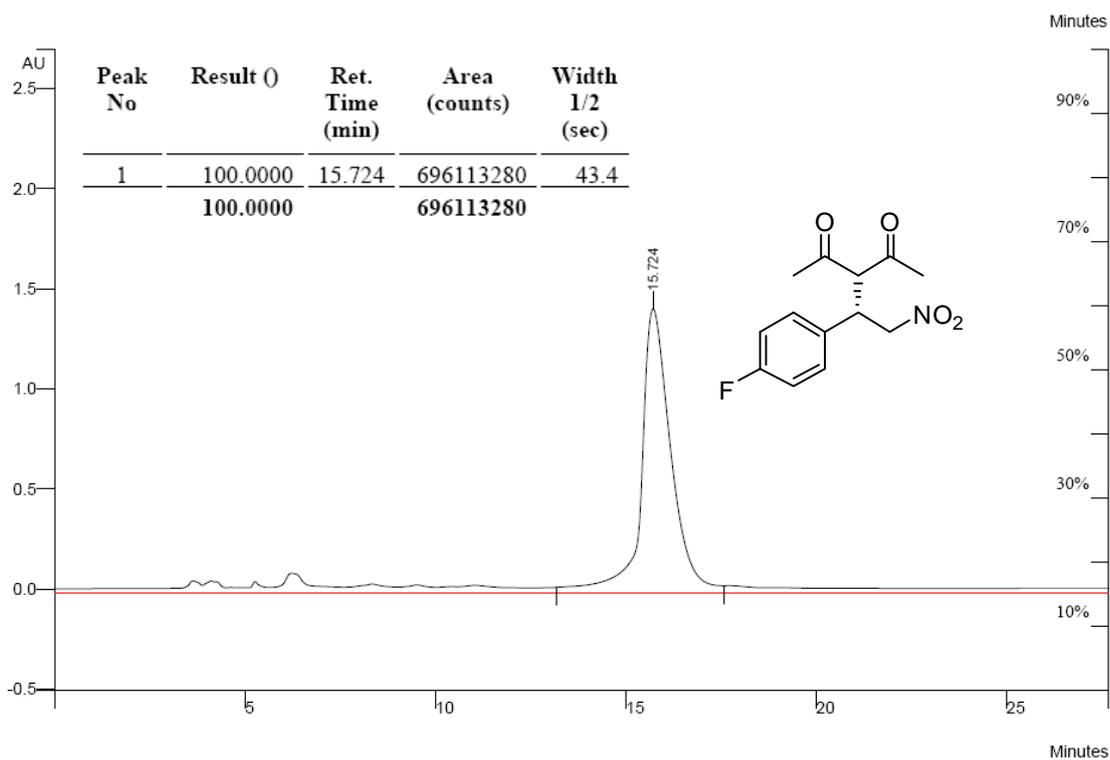
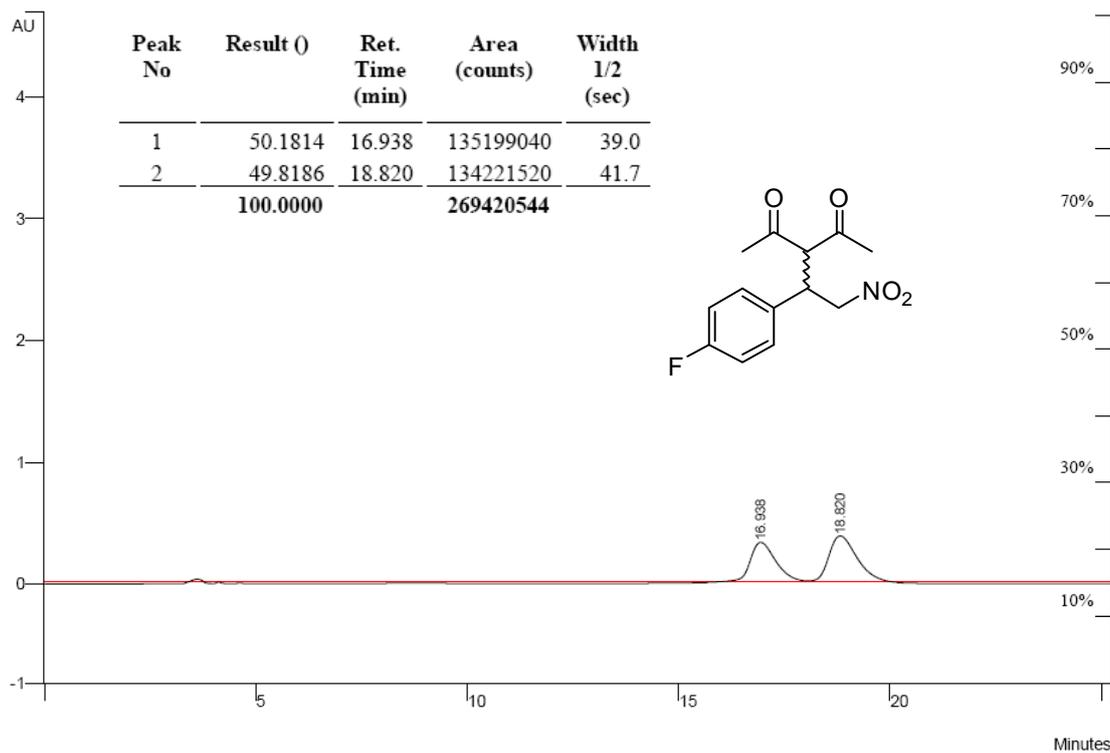
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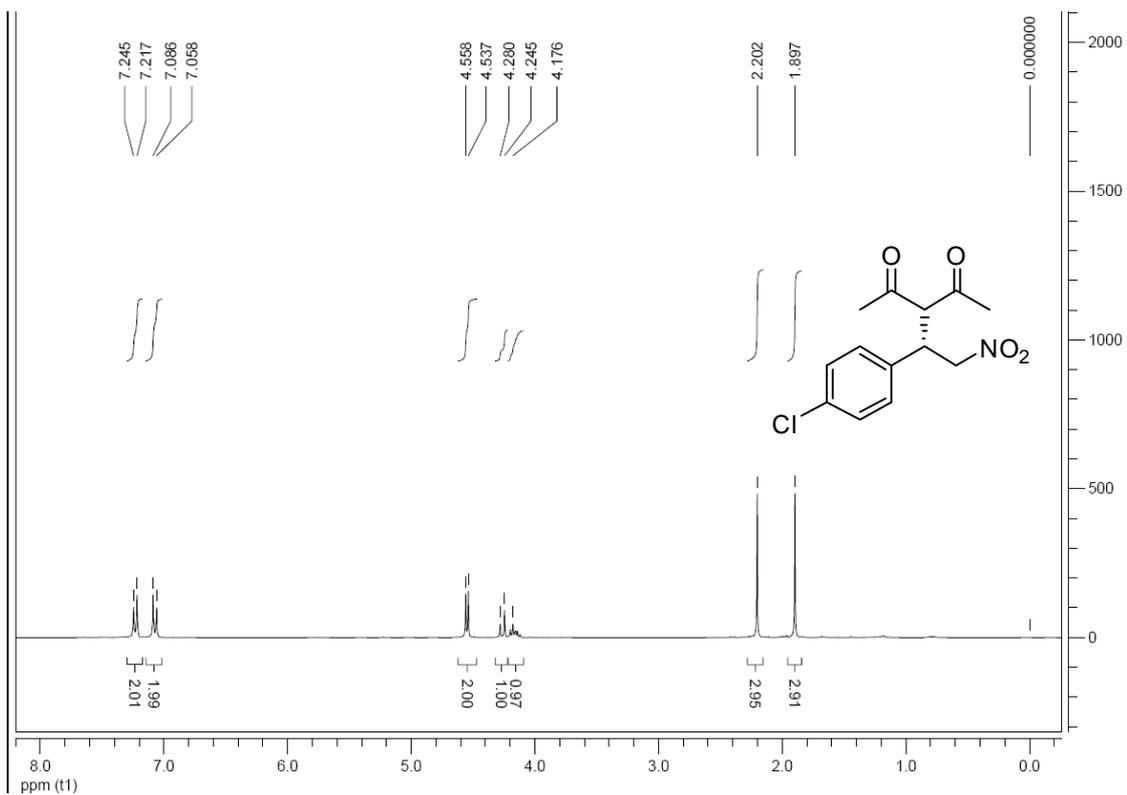


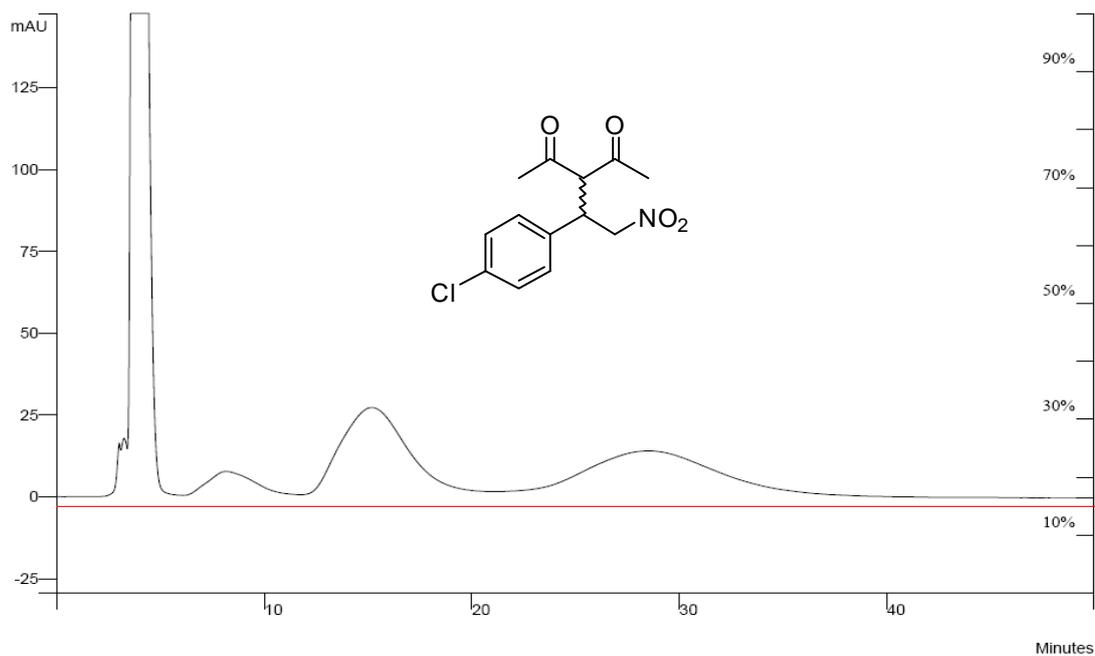
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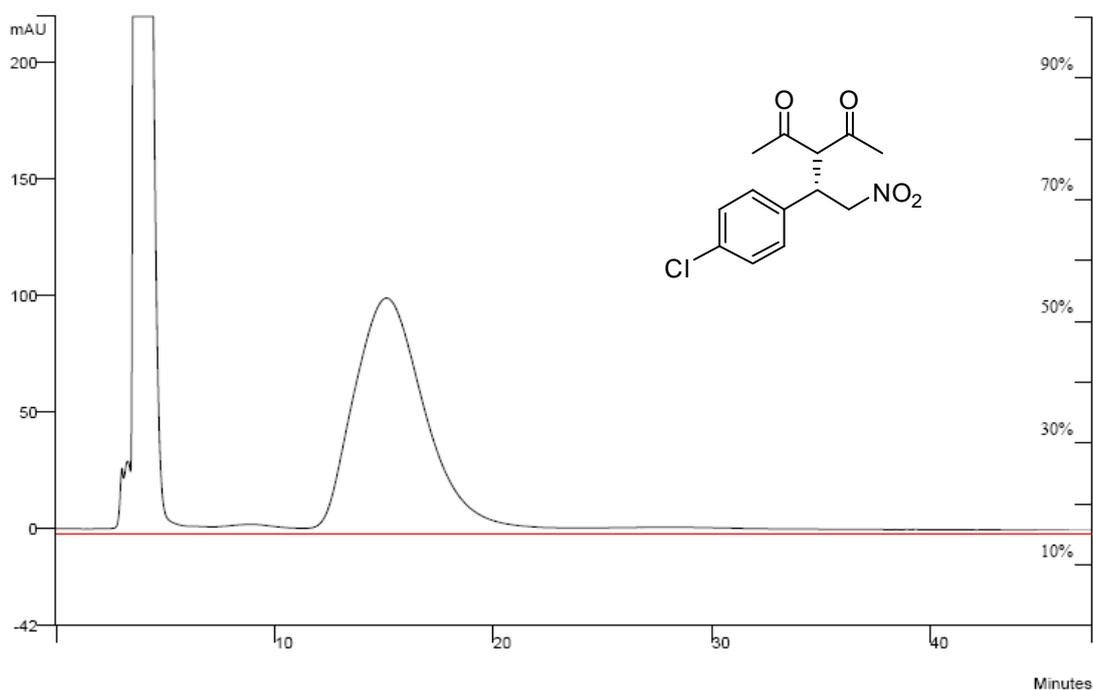


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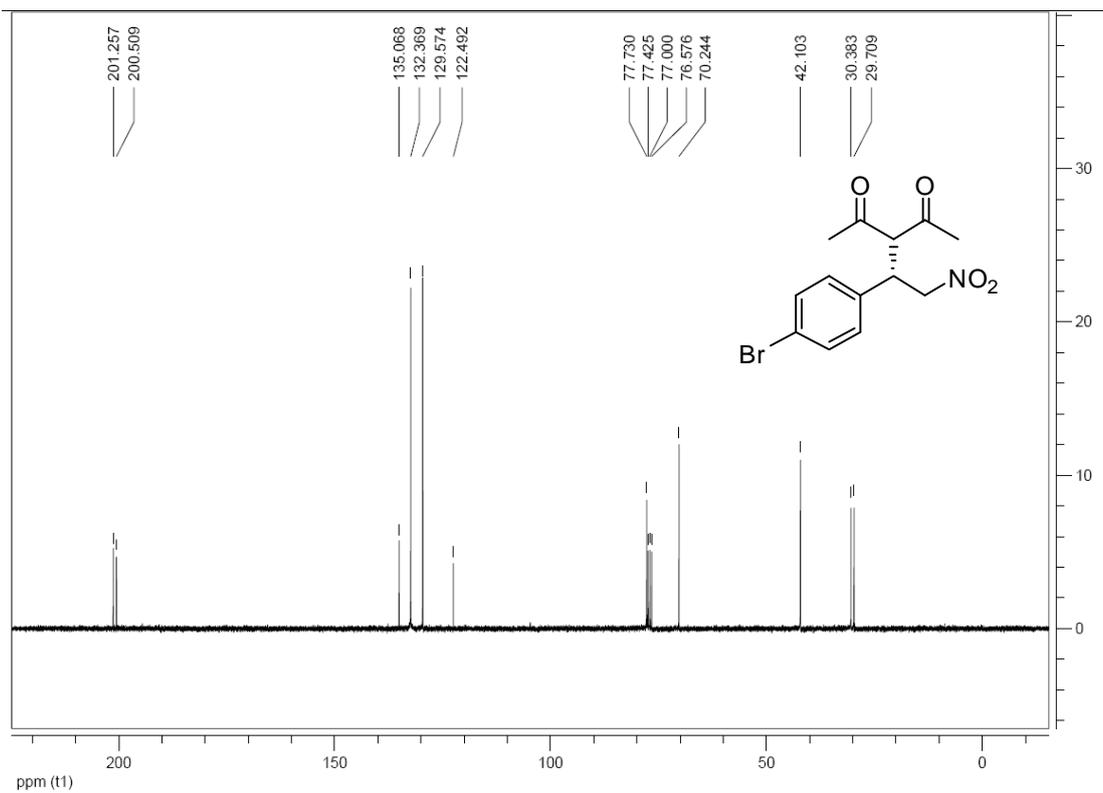
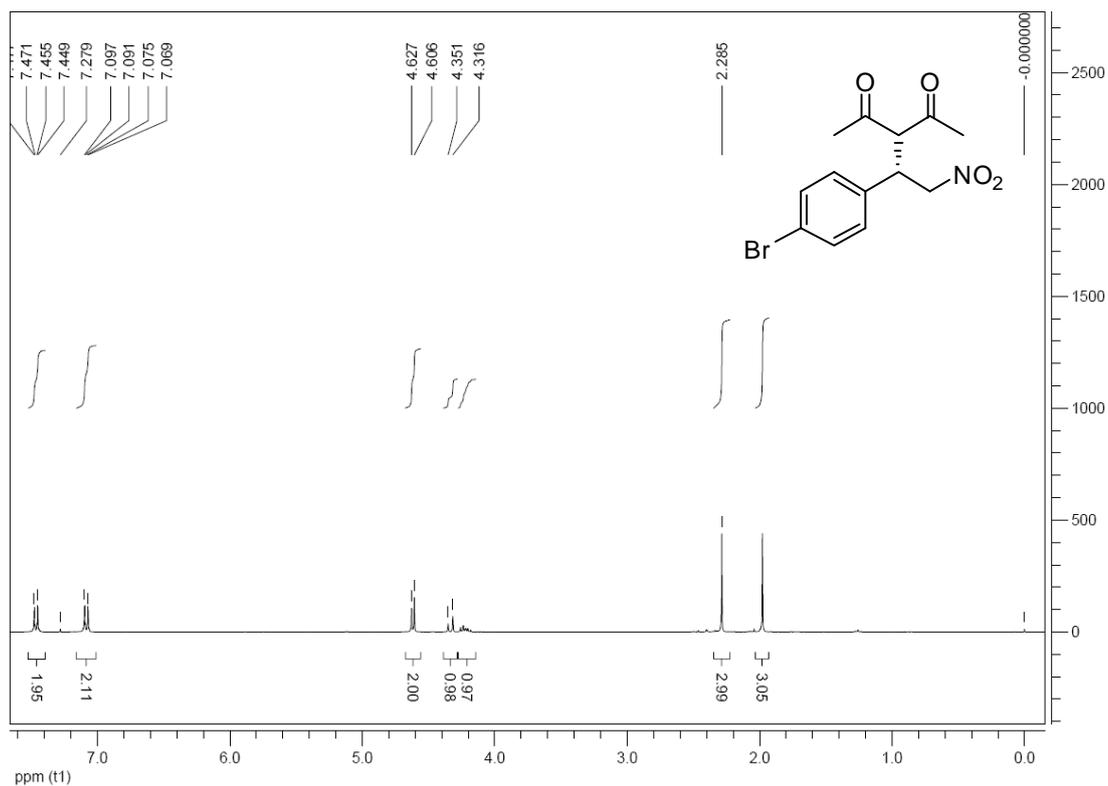


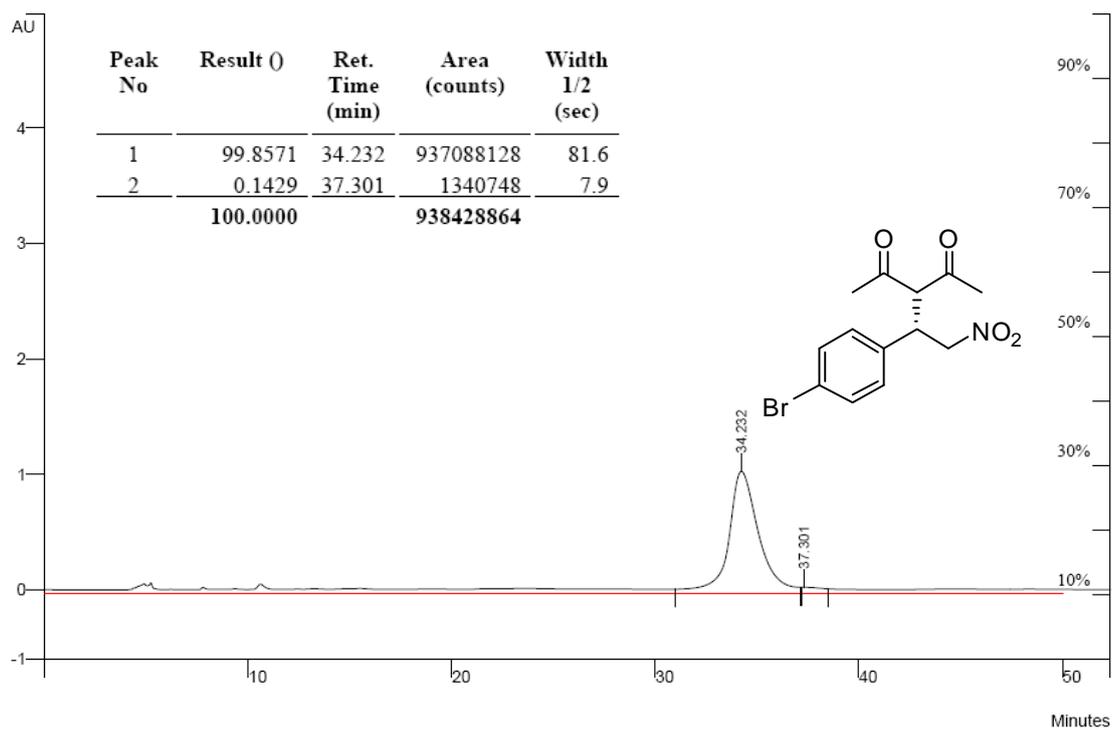
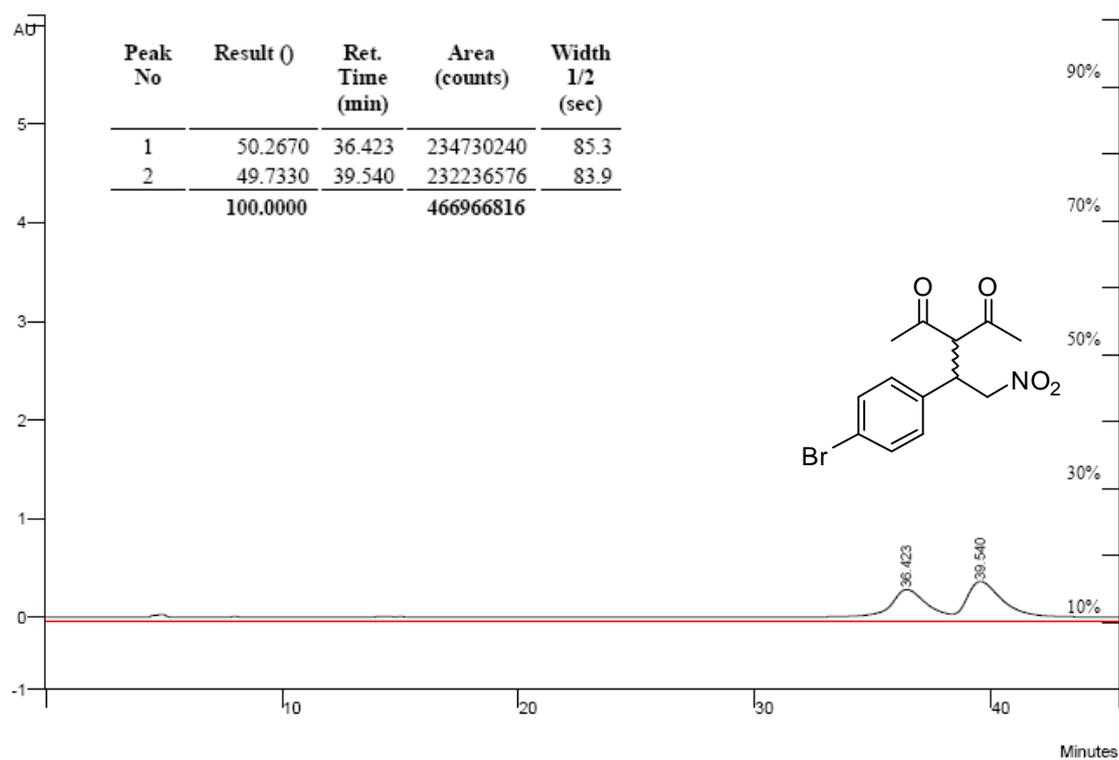
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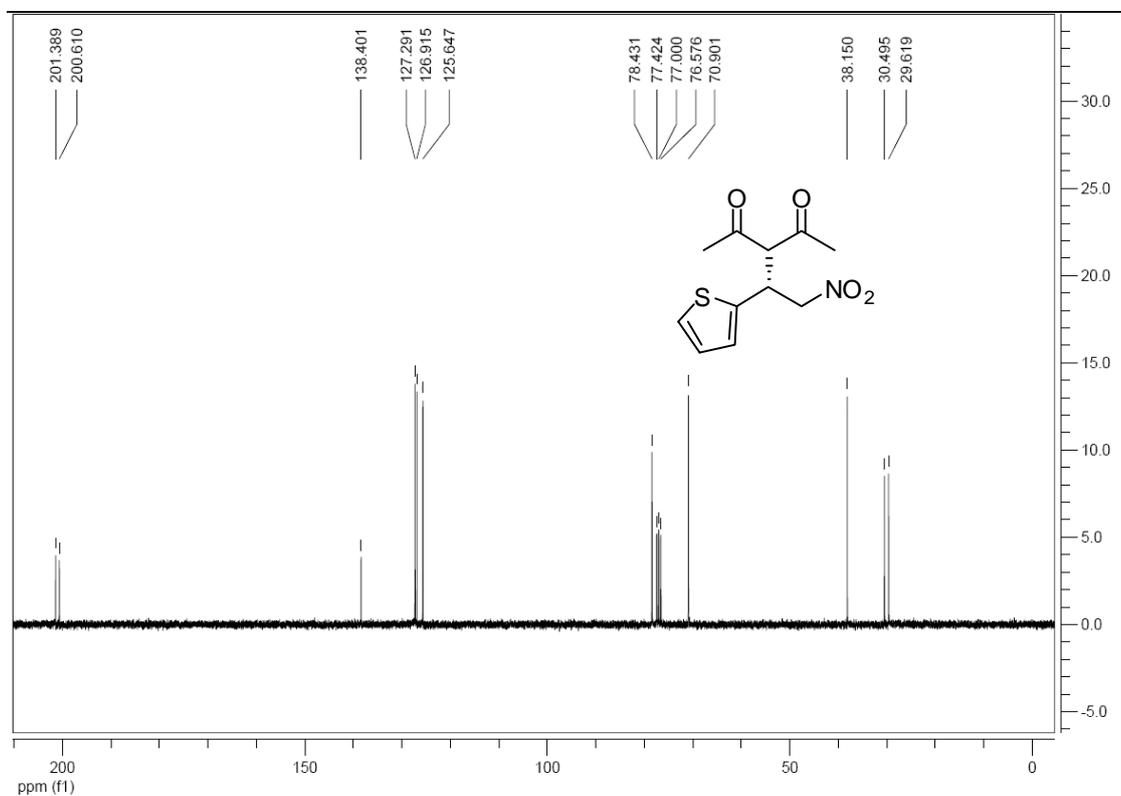
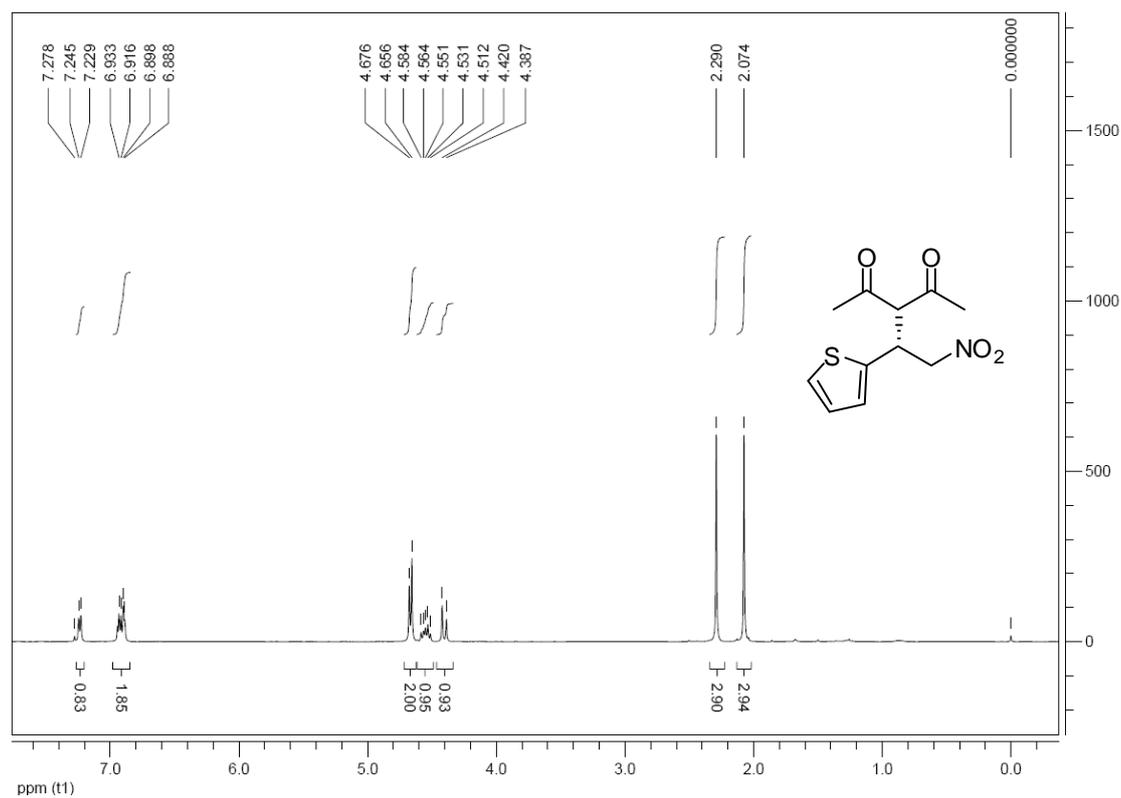
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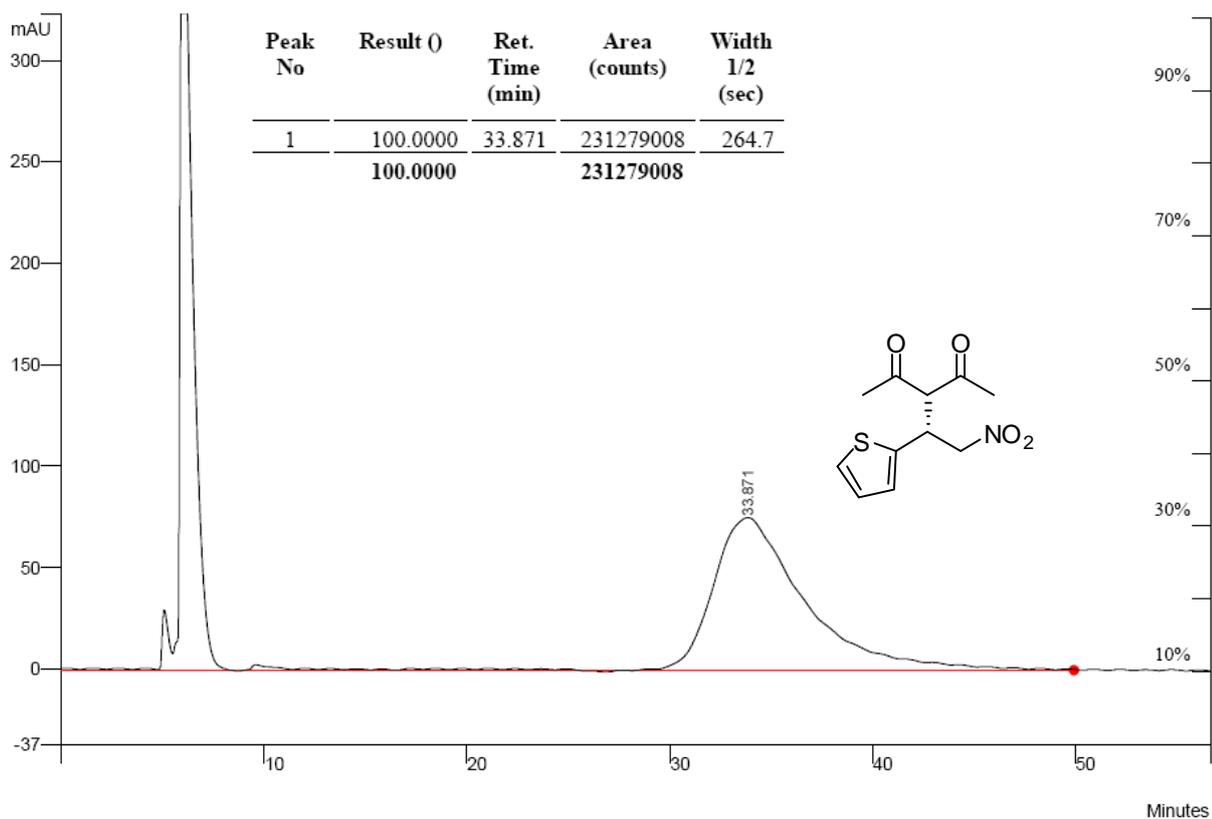
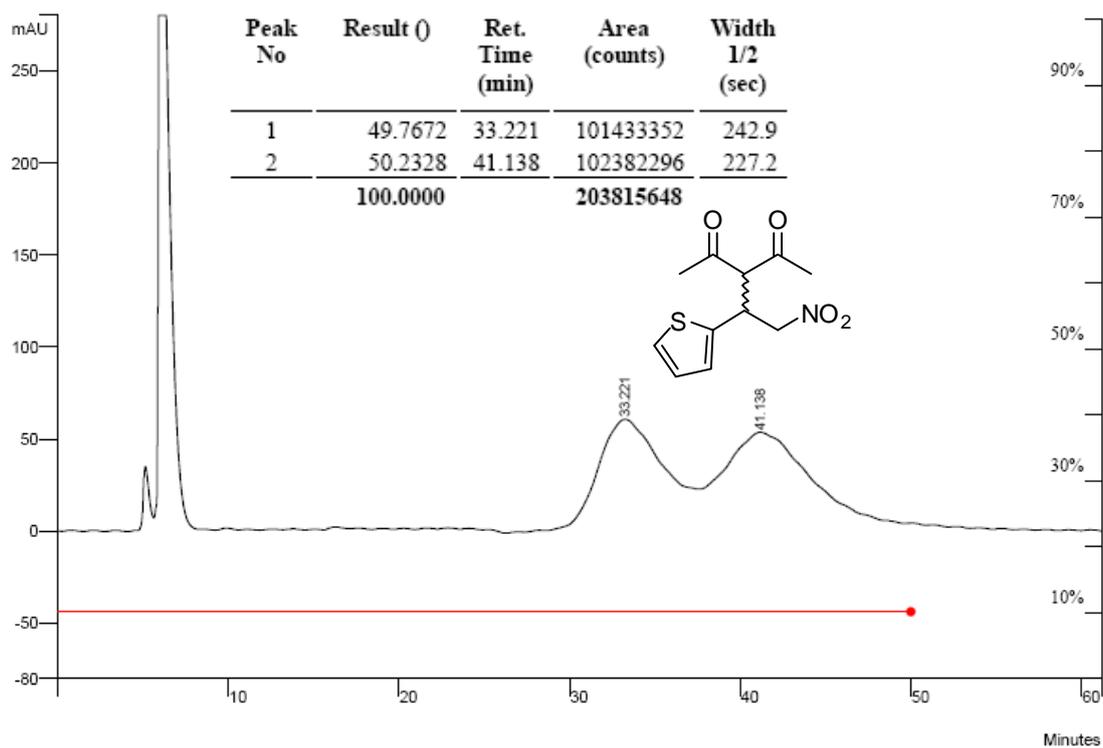
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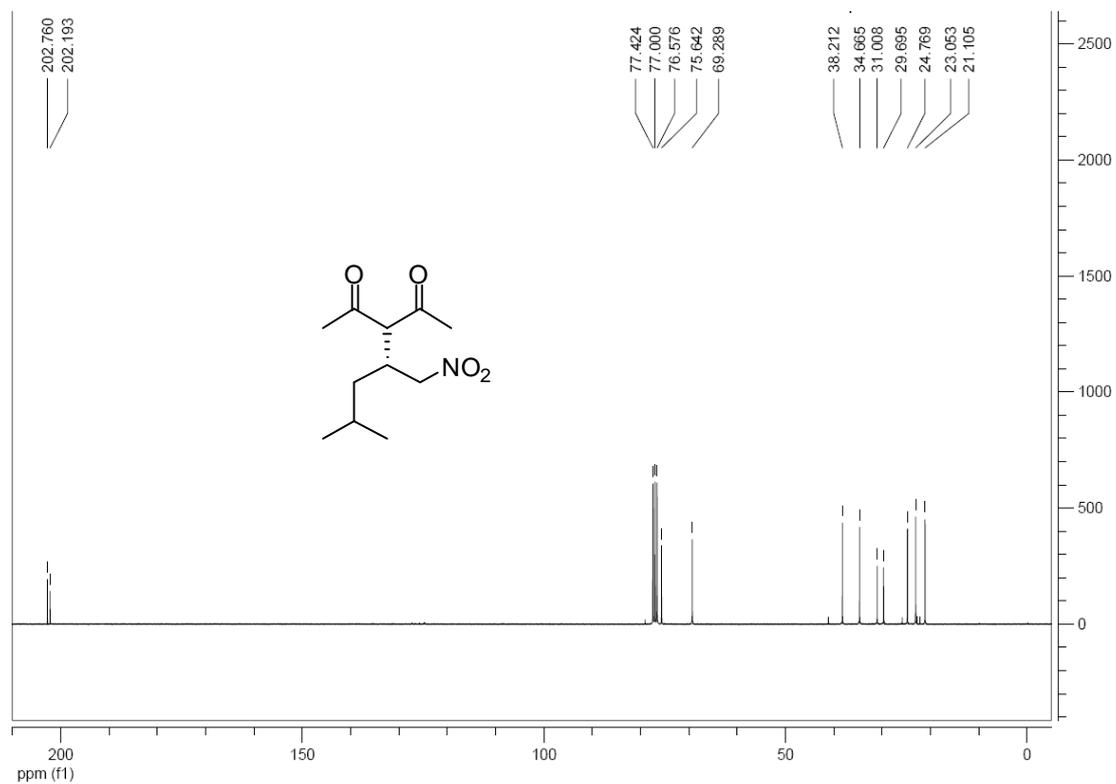
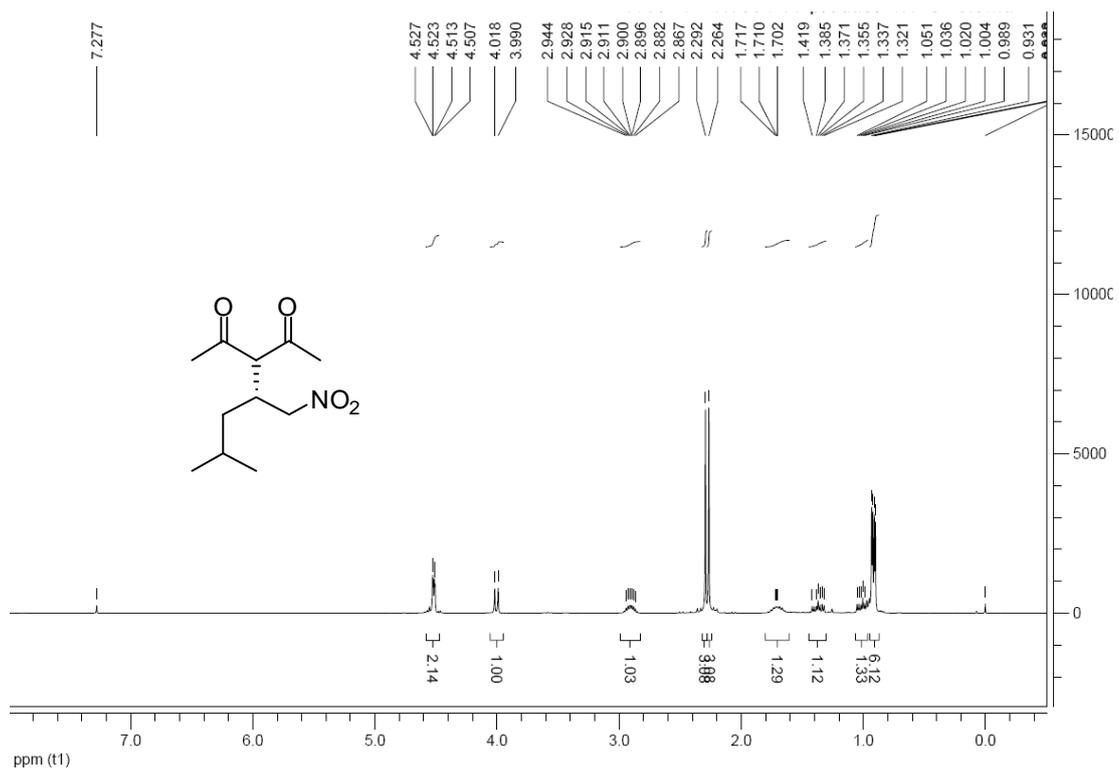


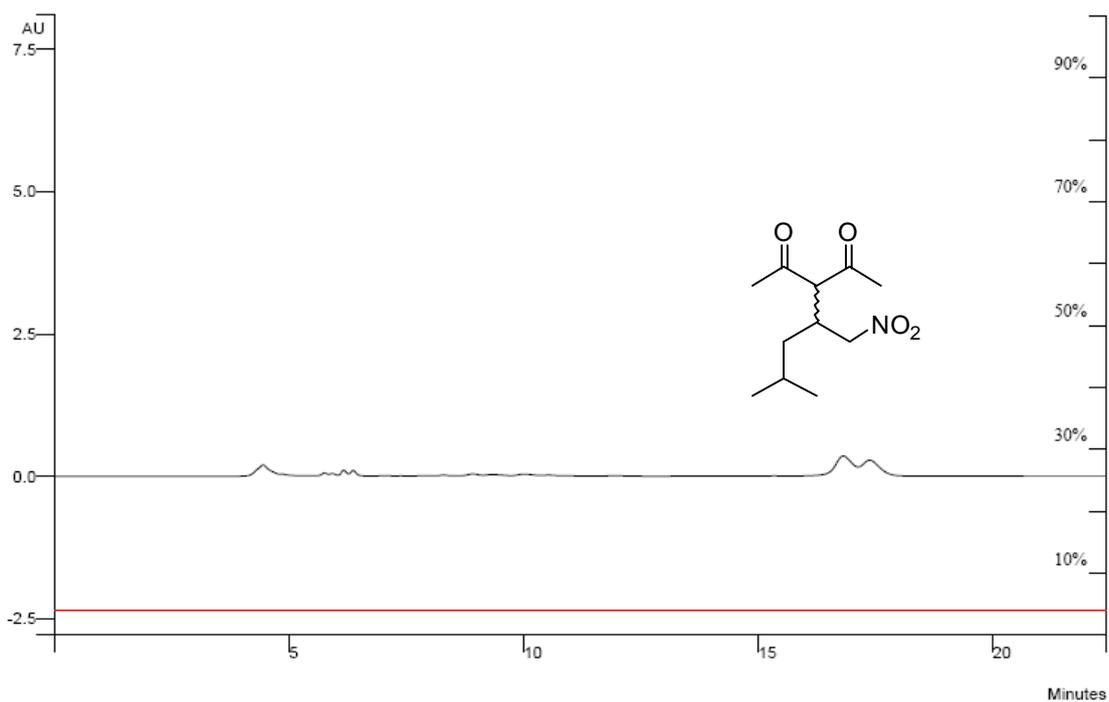
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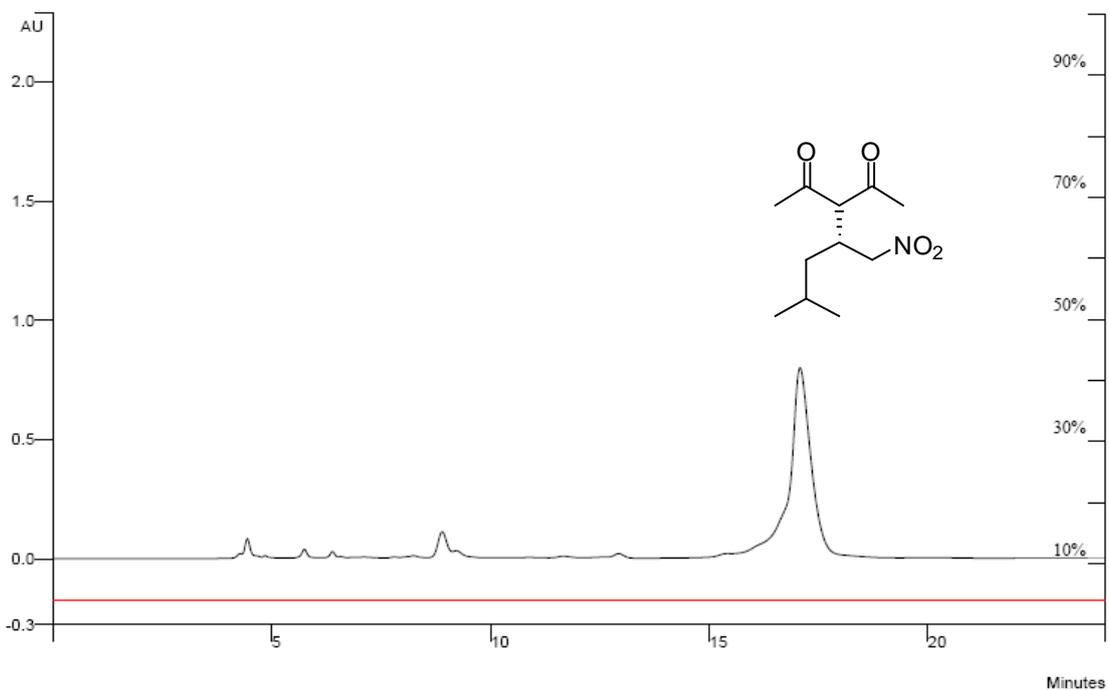


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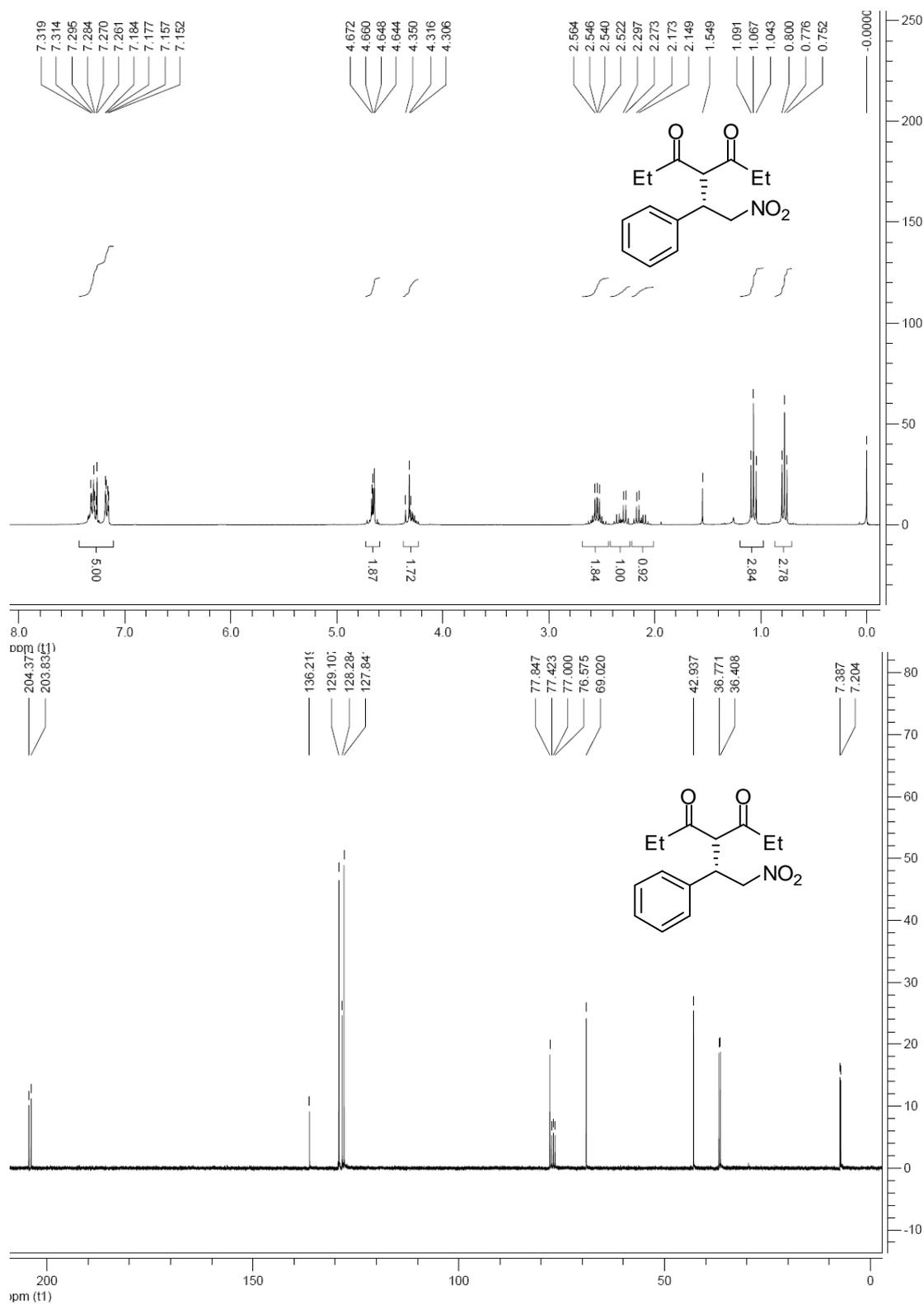
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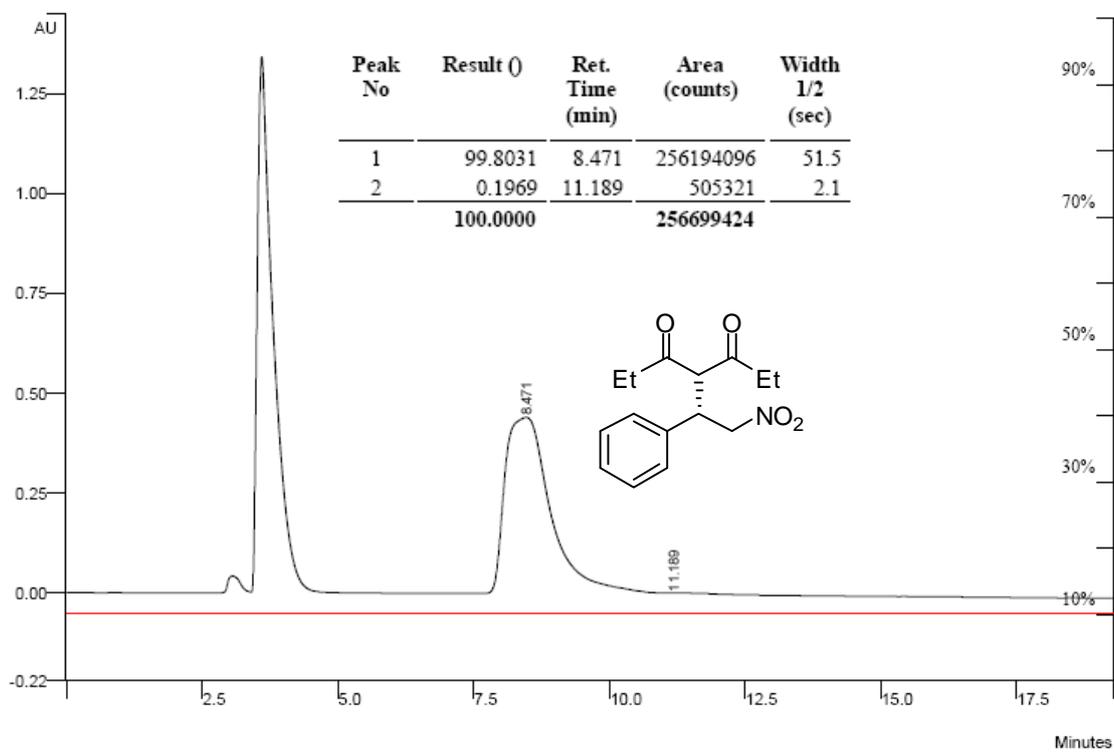
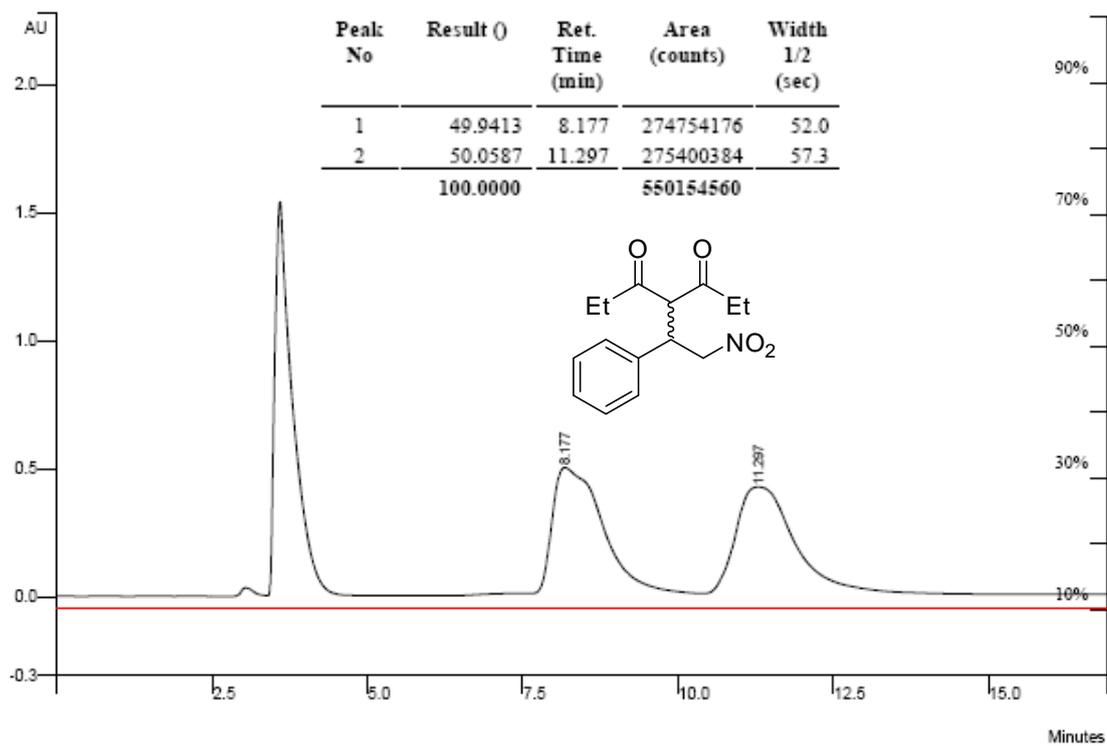


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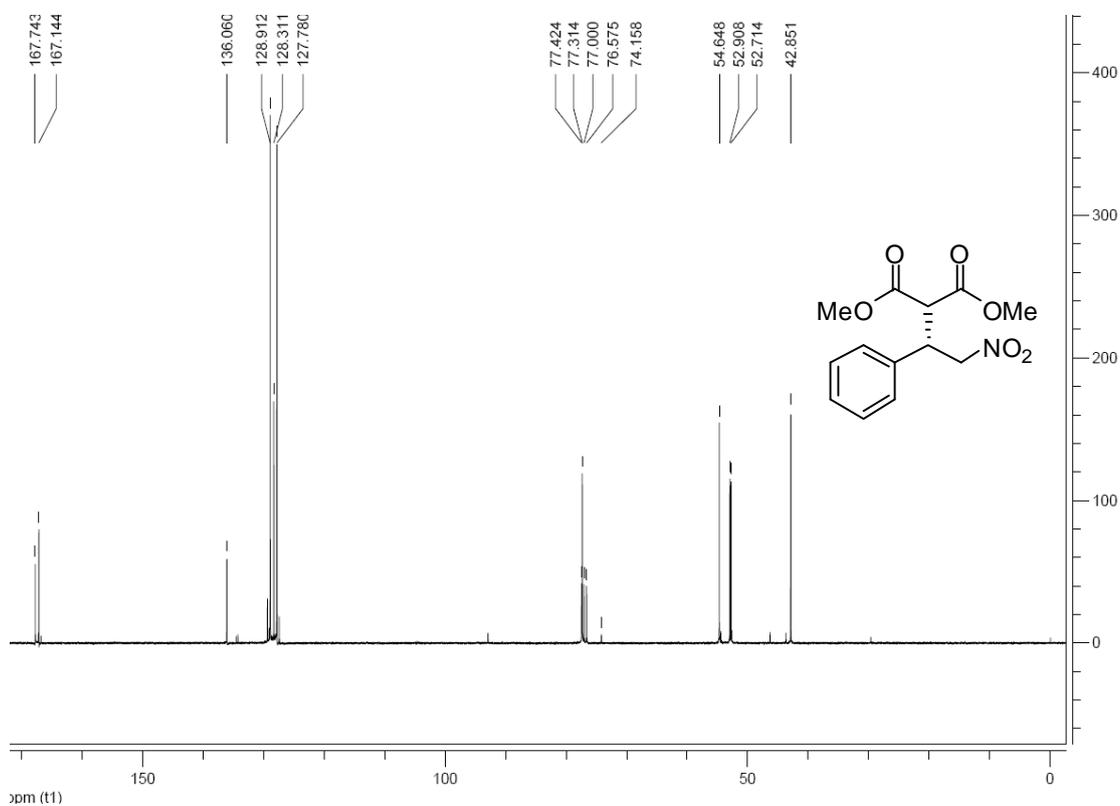
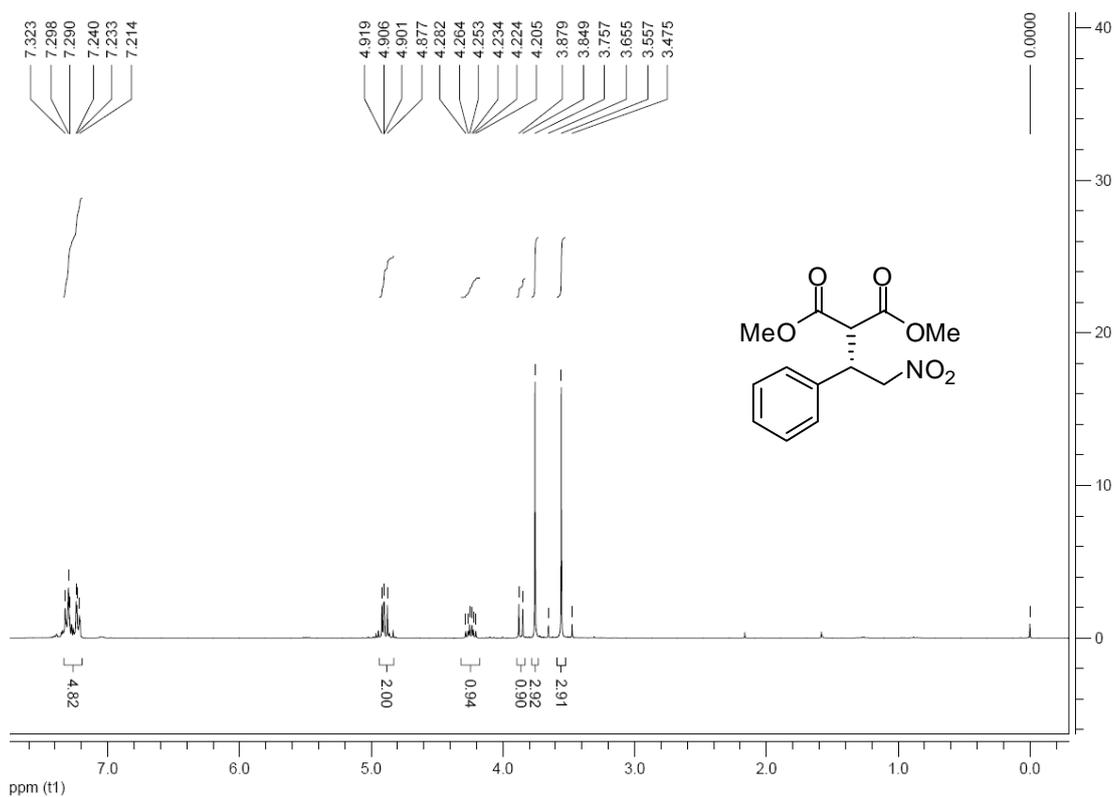
## 6. $^1\text{H}$ NMR, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HPLC Spectra for Table 3

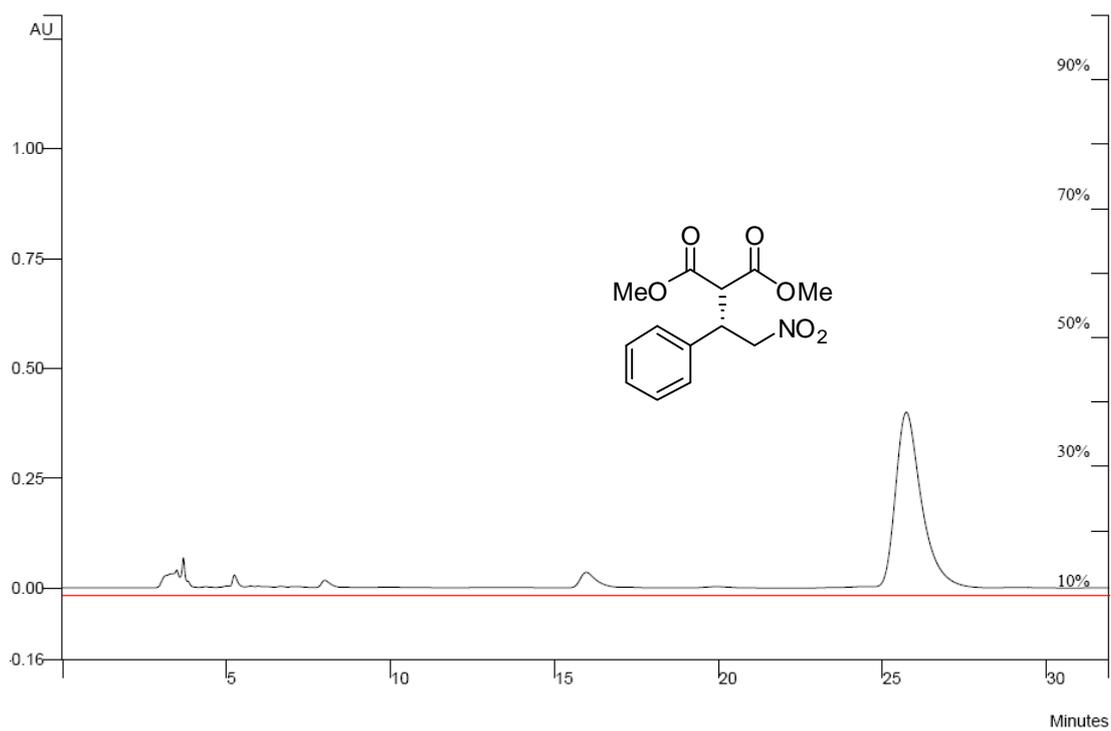
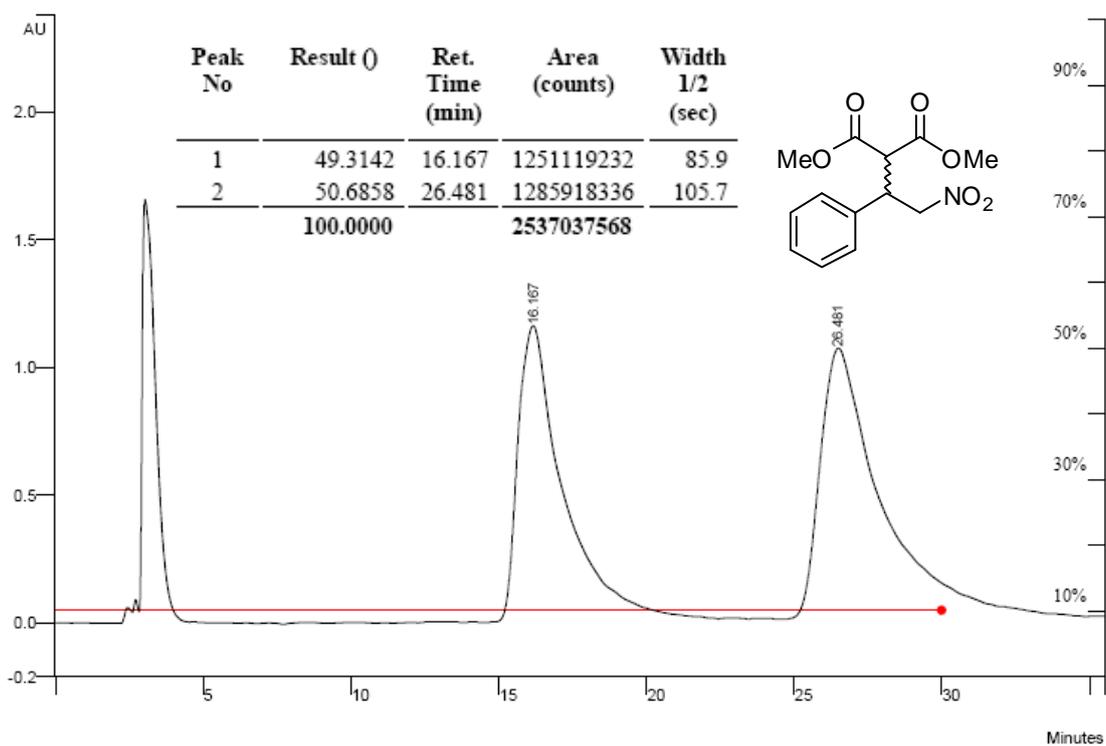
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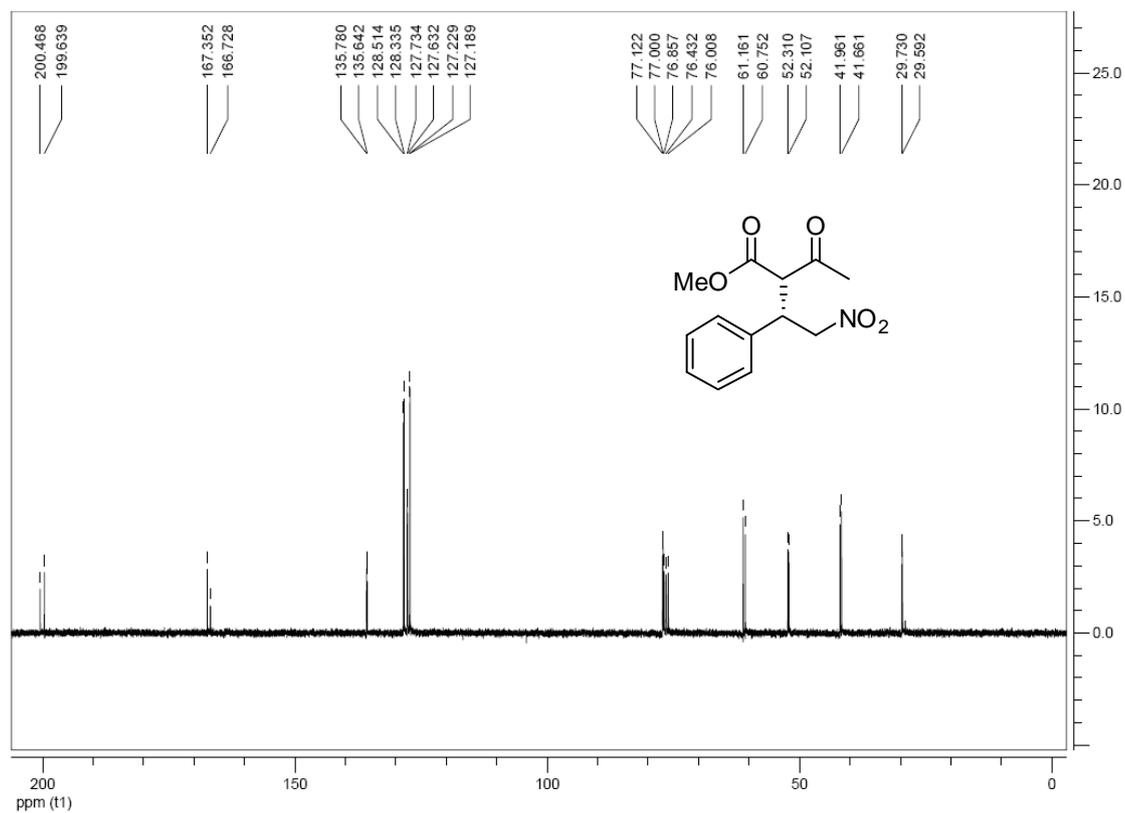
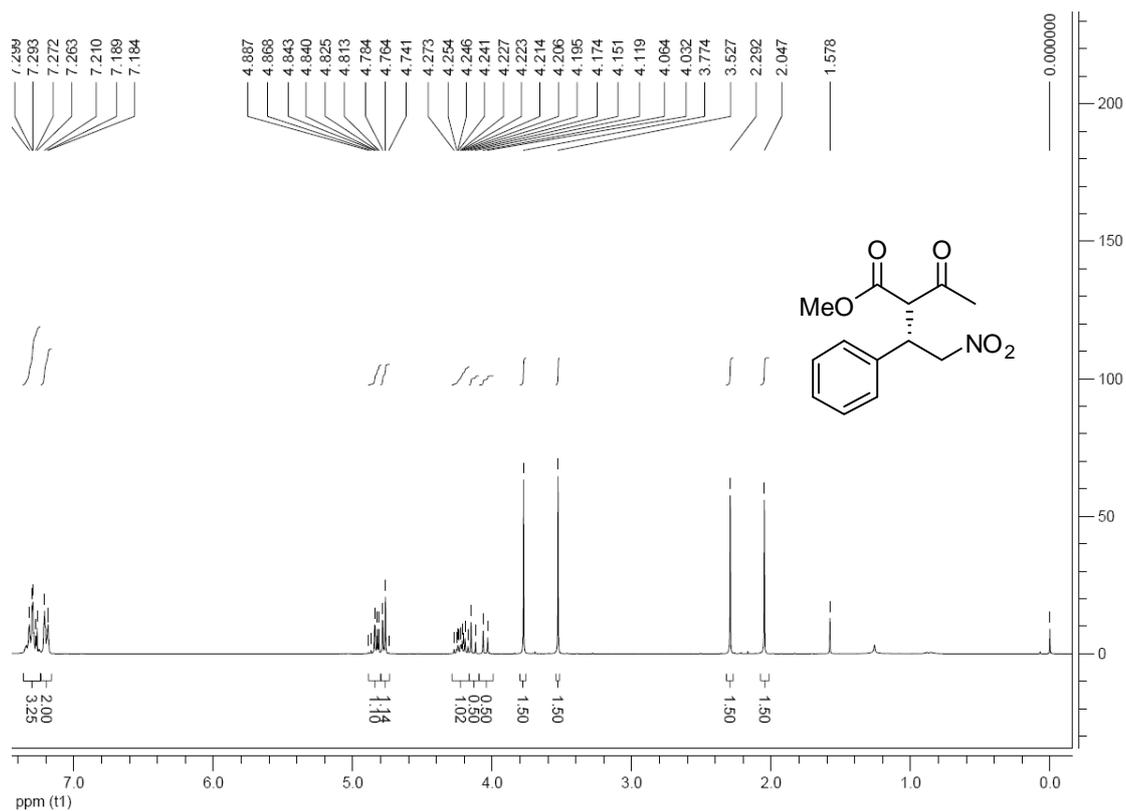
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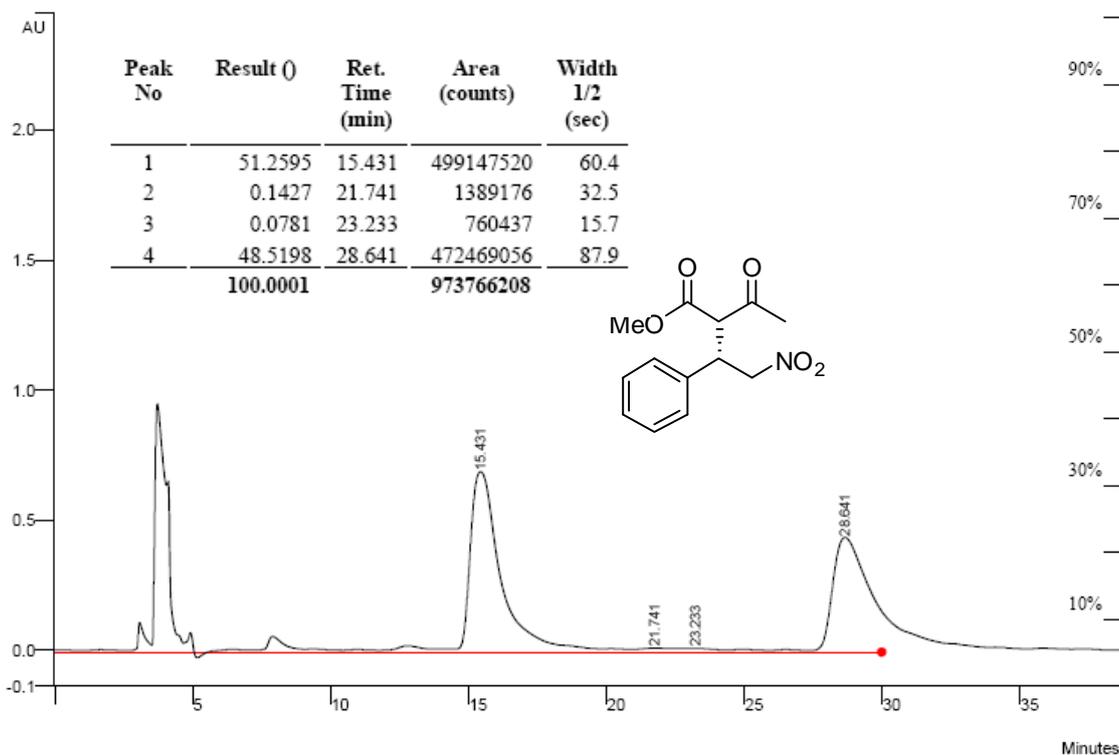
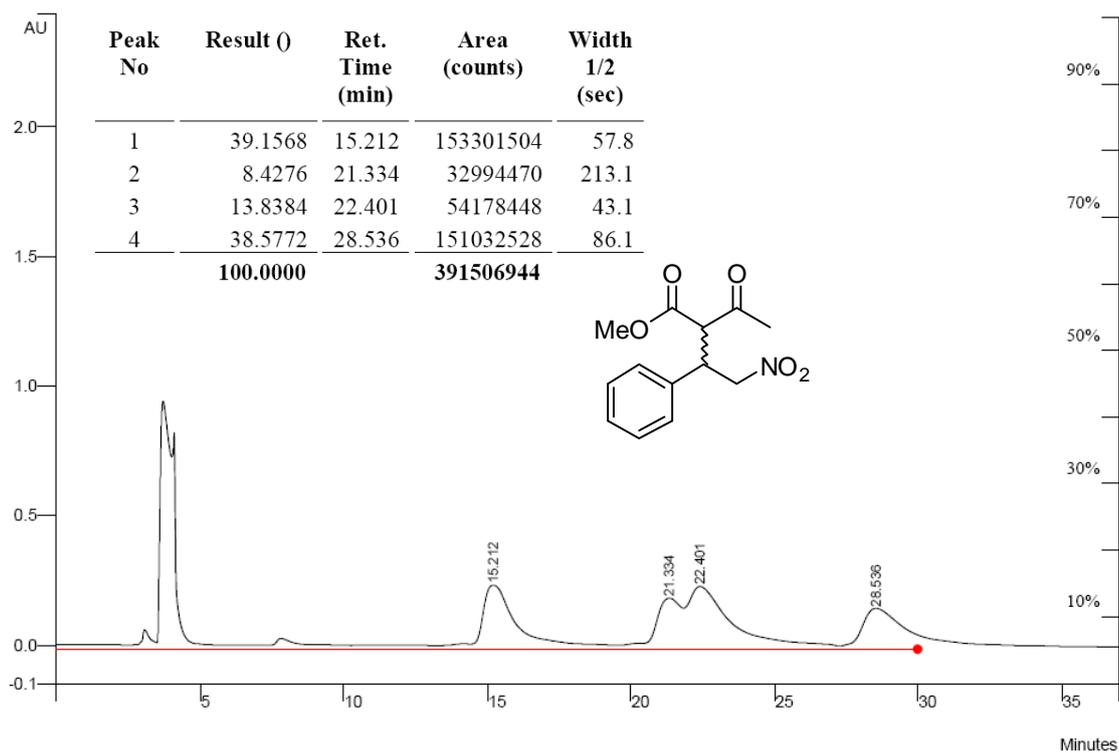




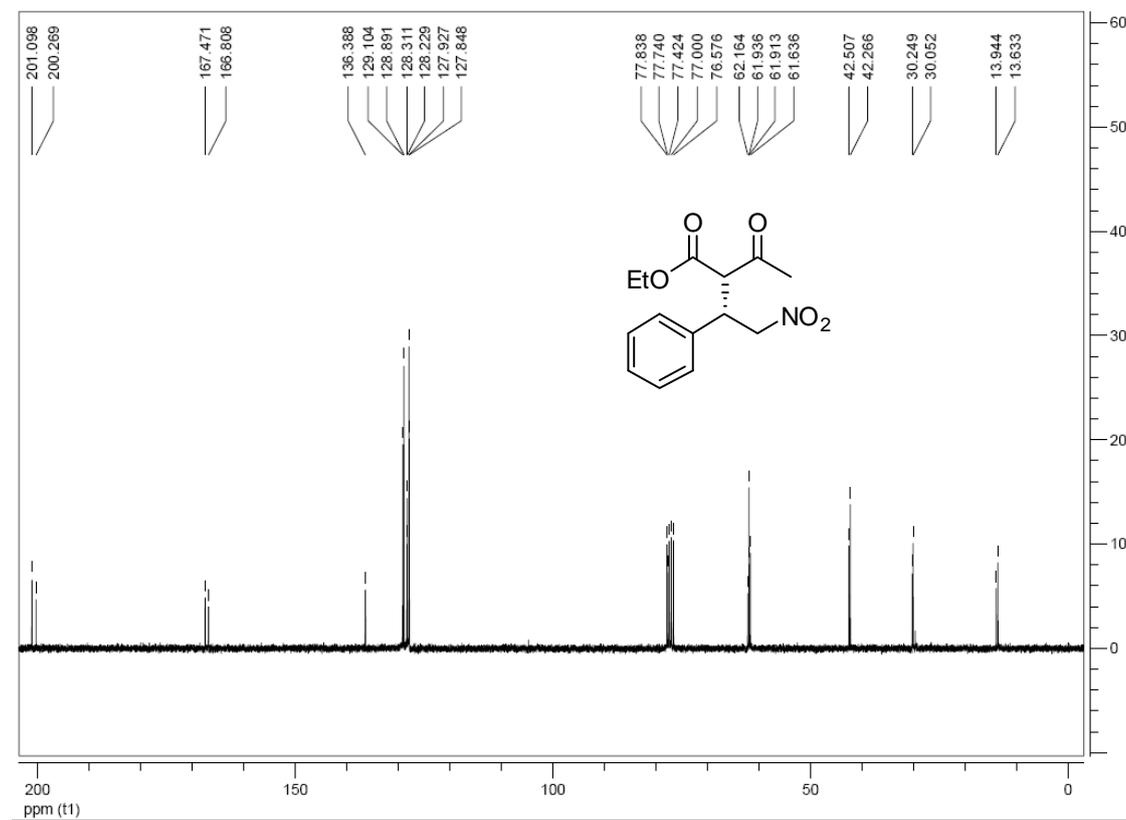
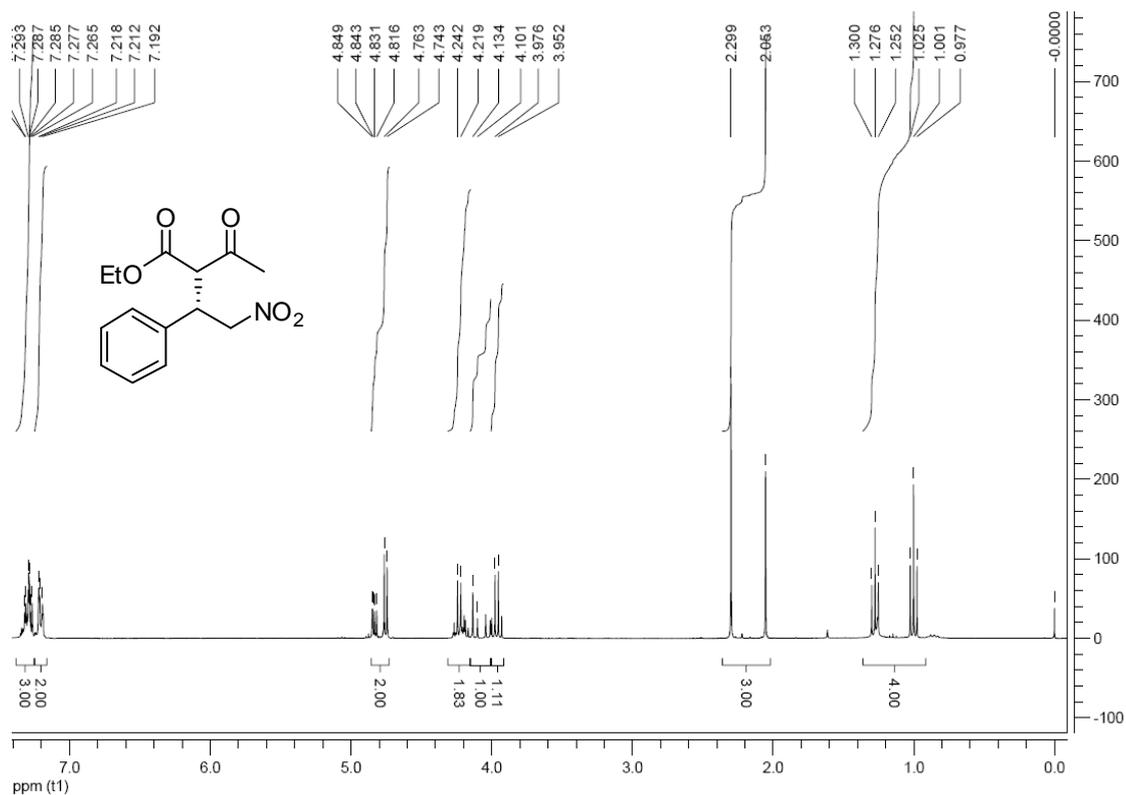
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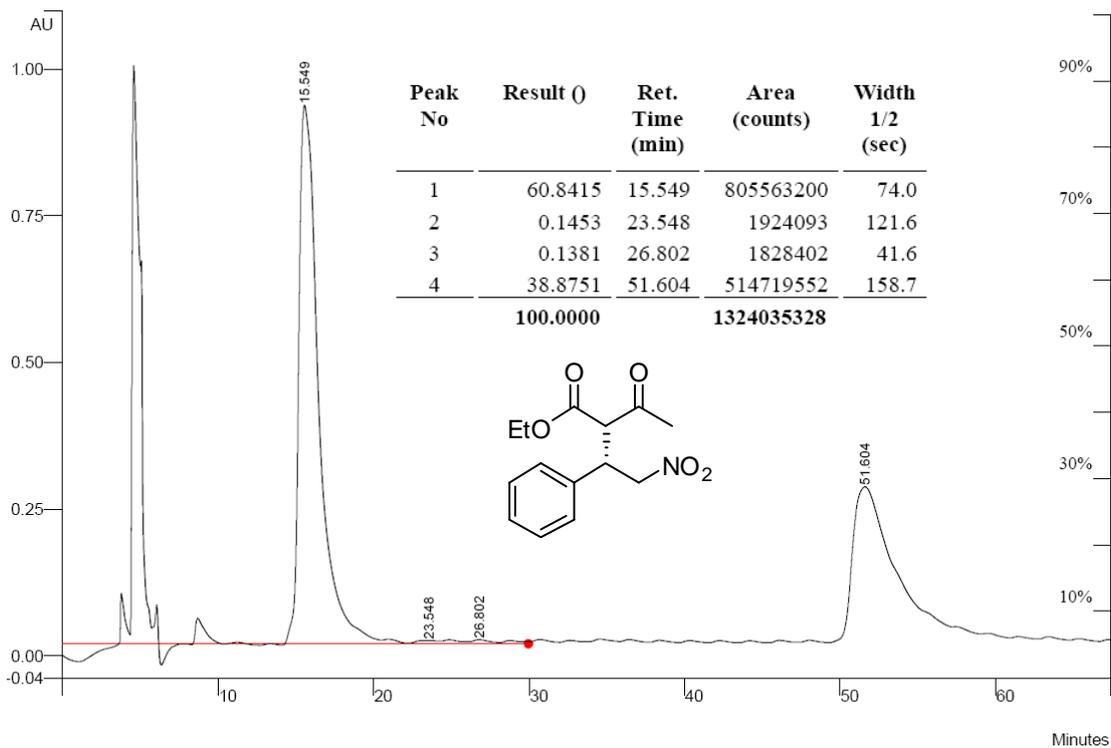
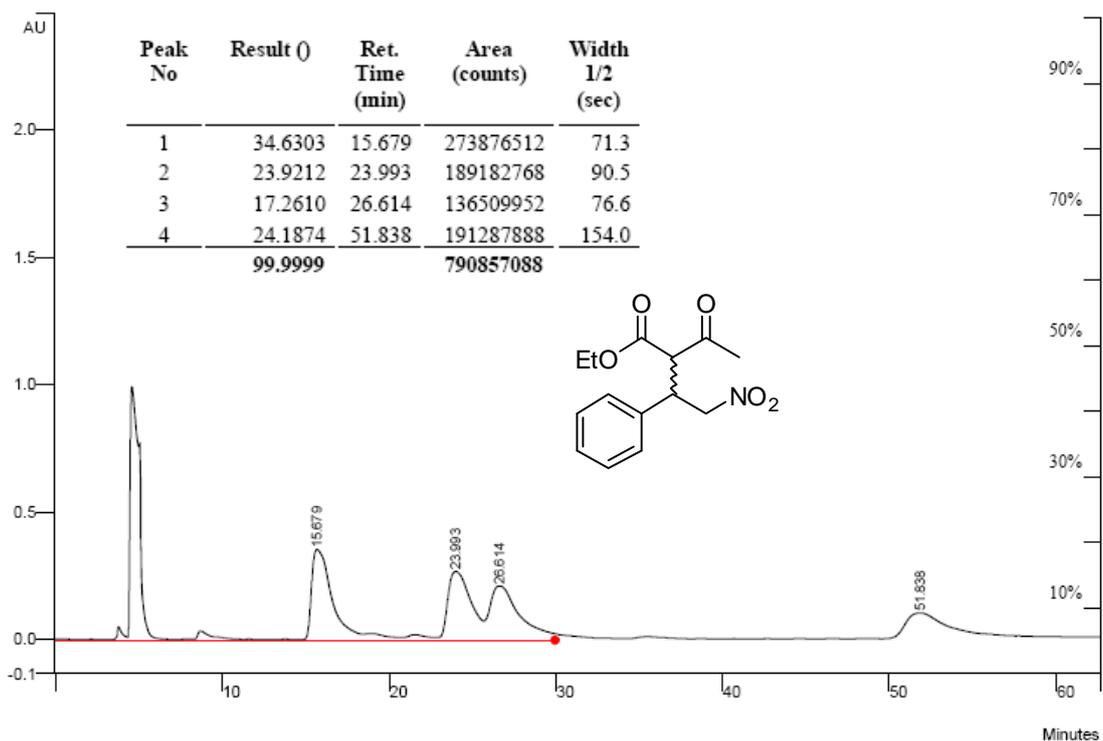
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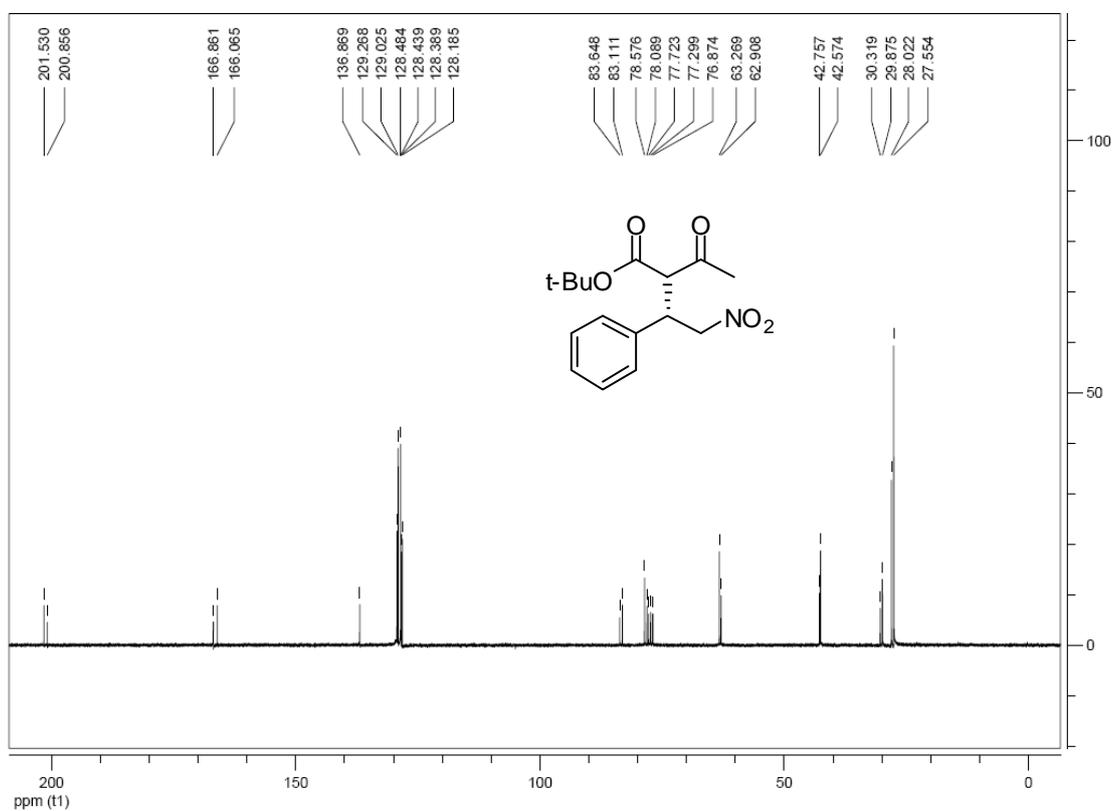
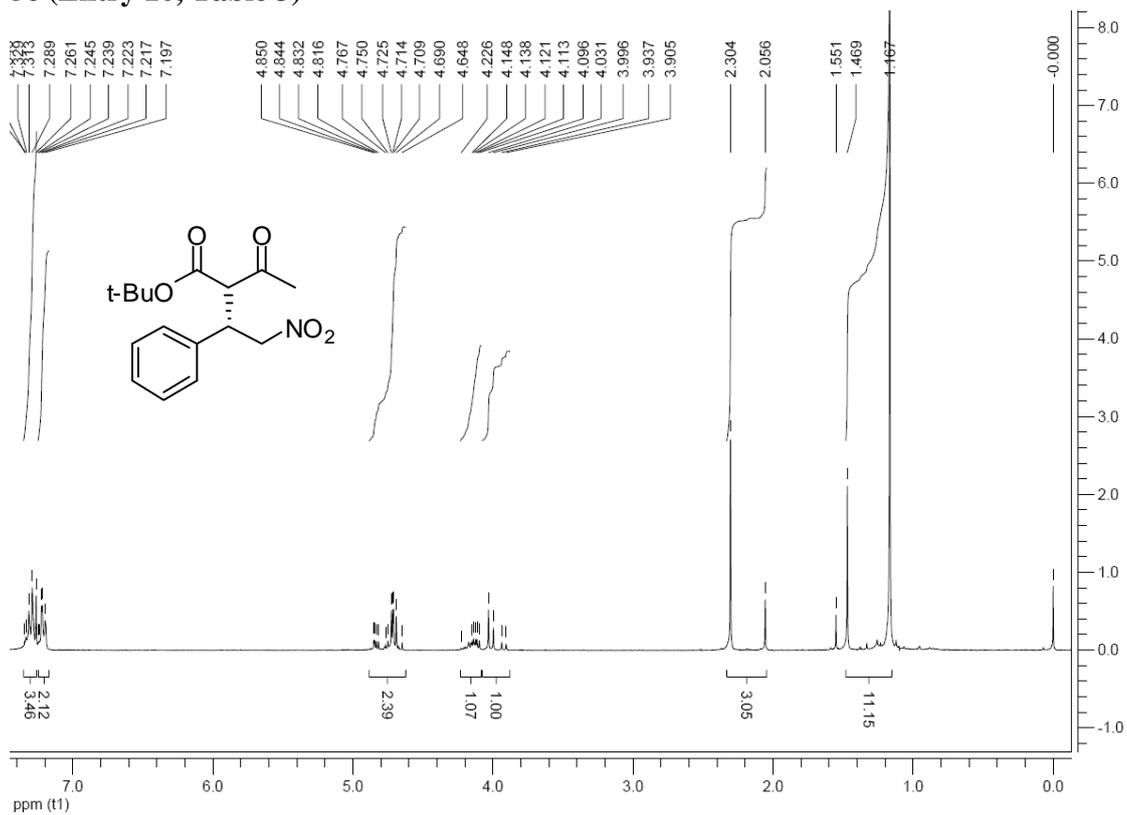


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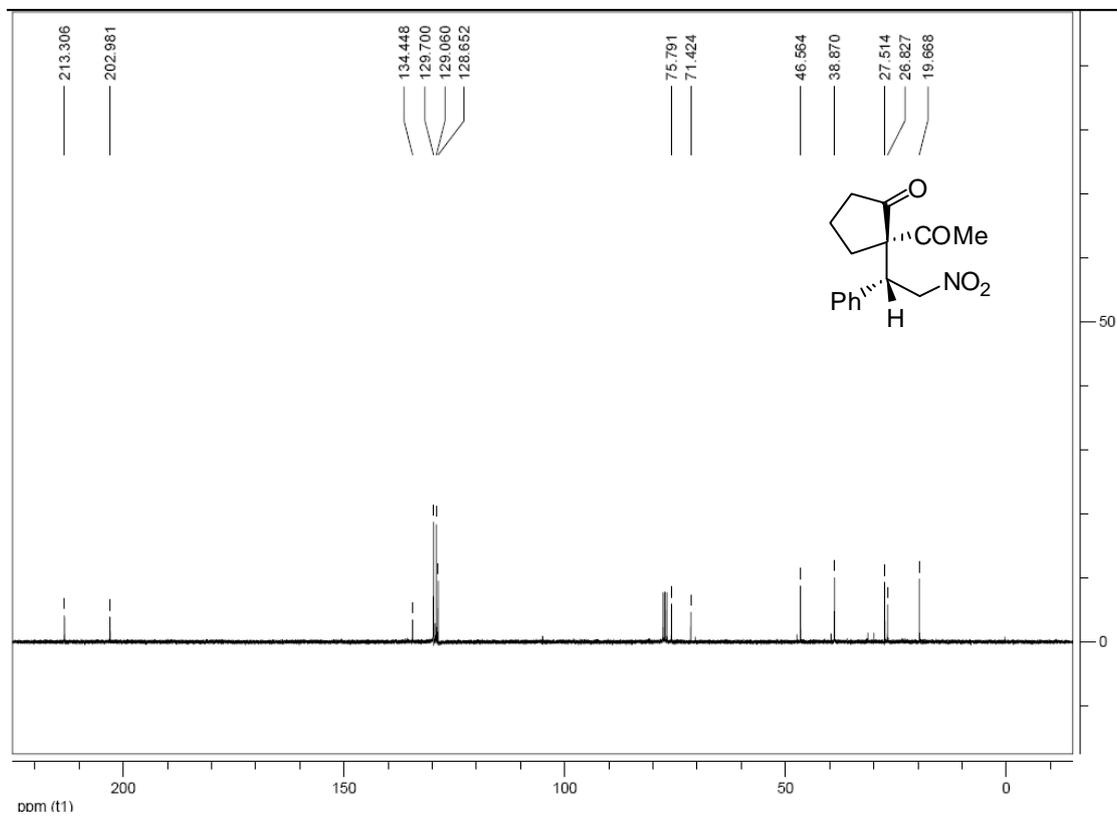
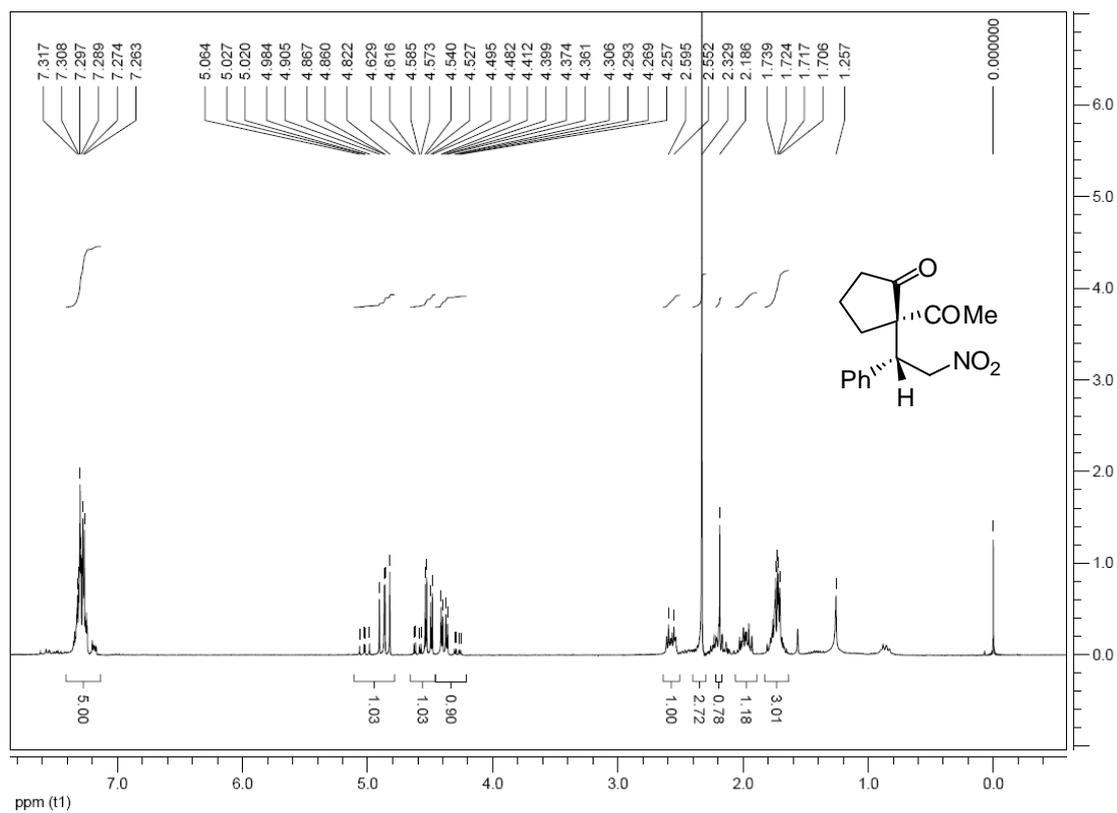


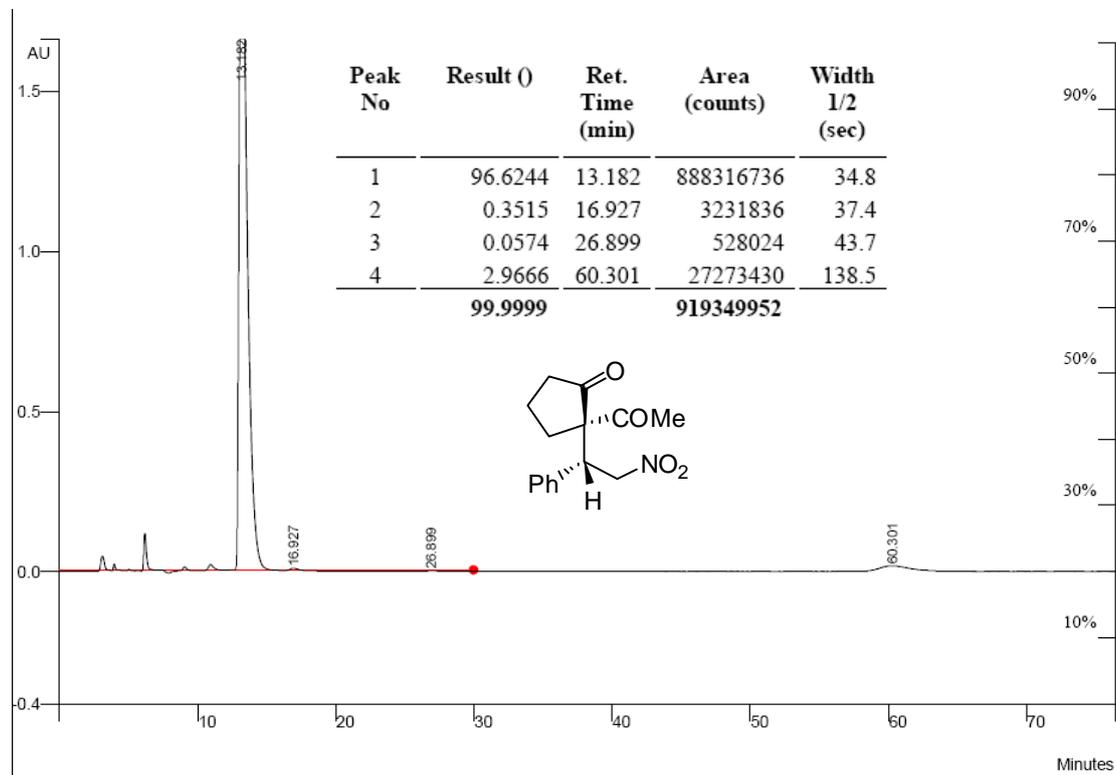
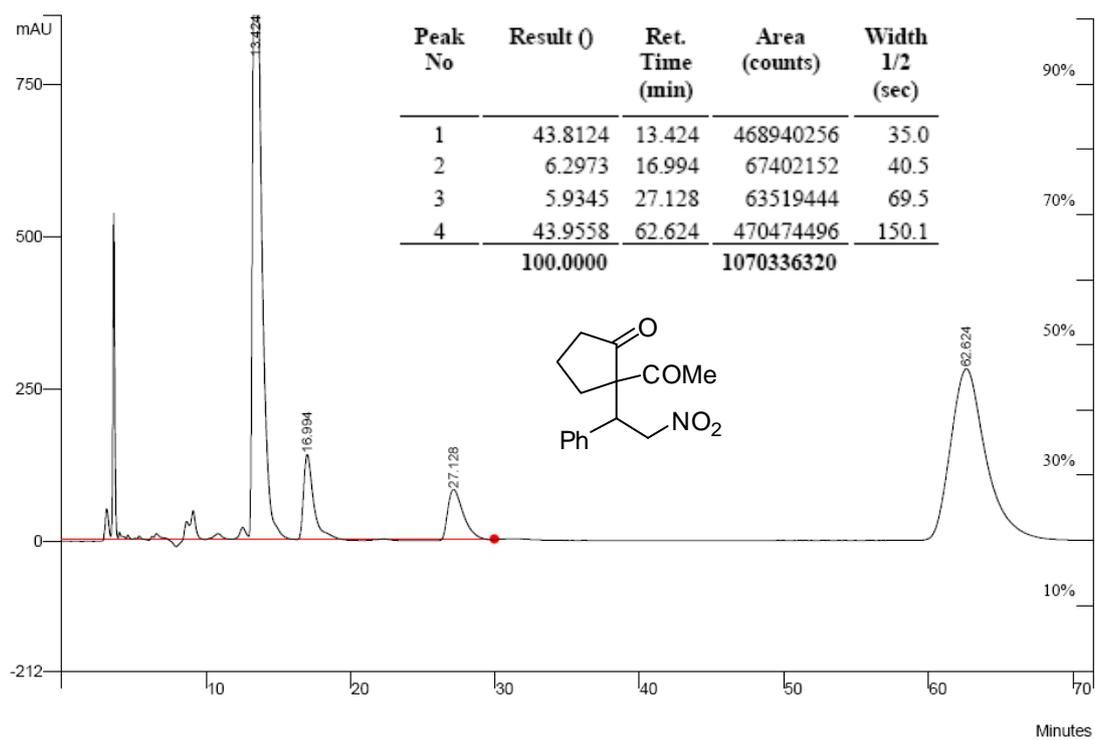
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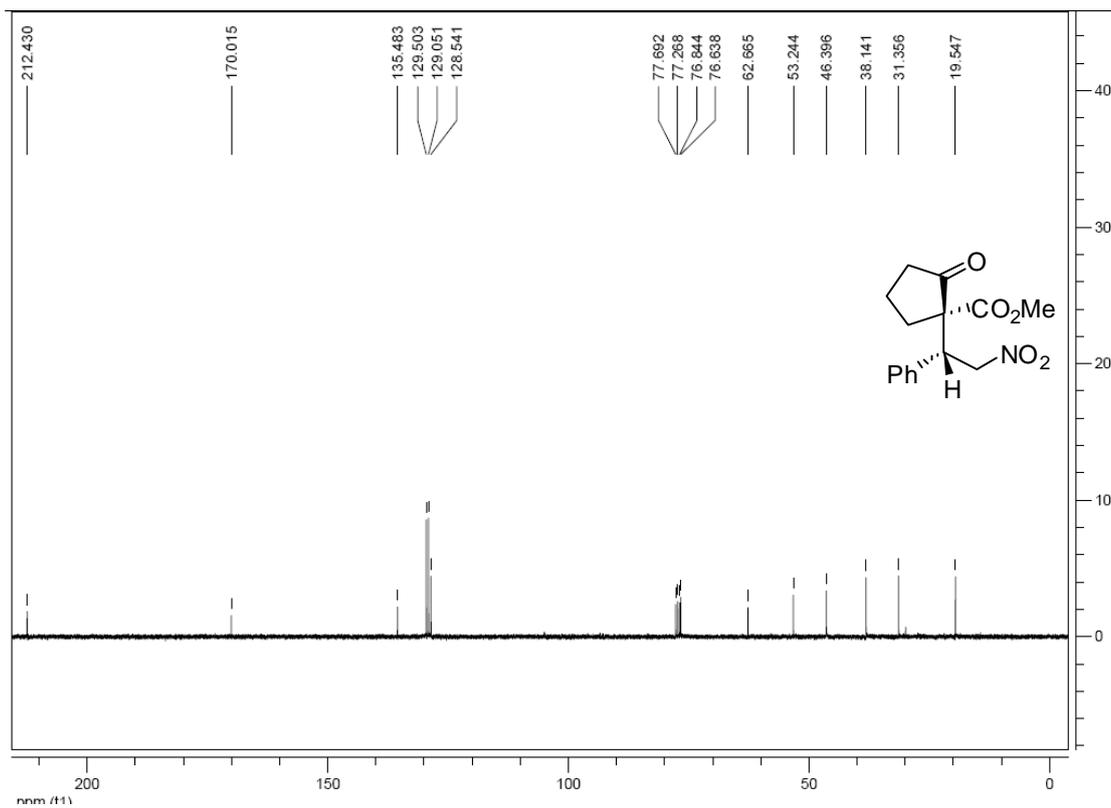
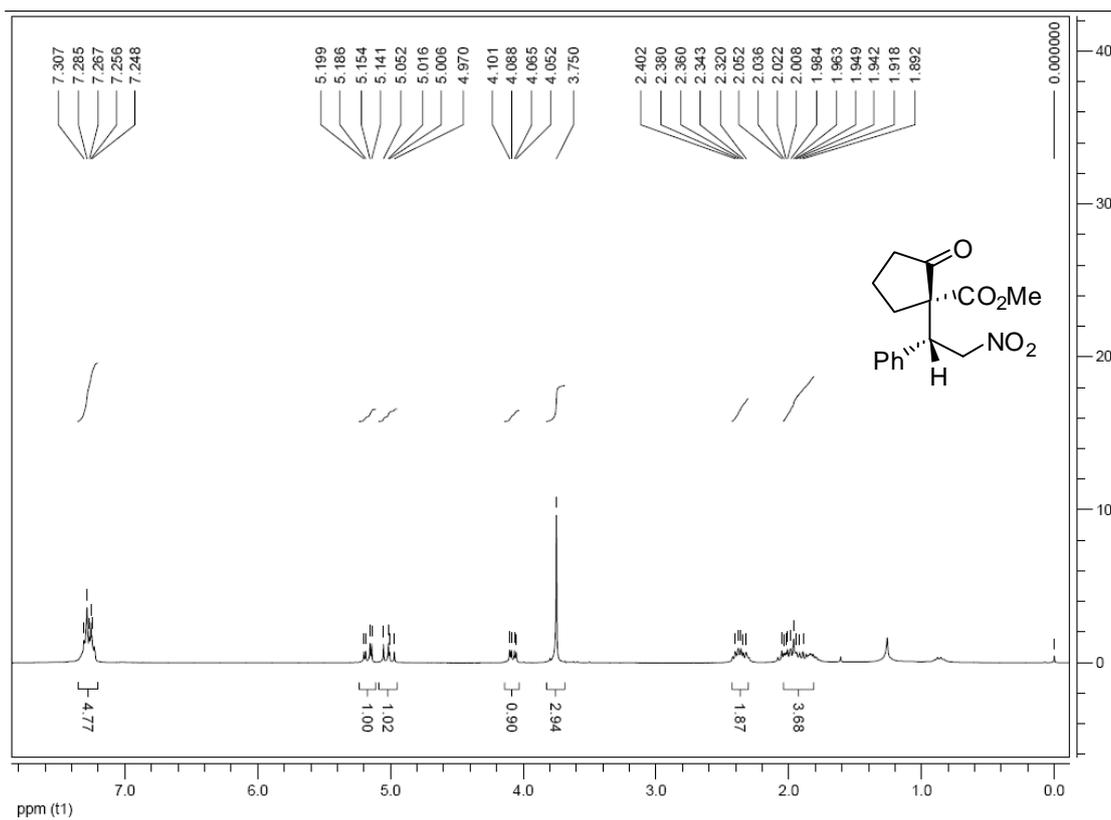


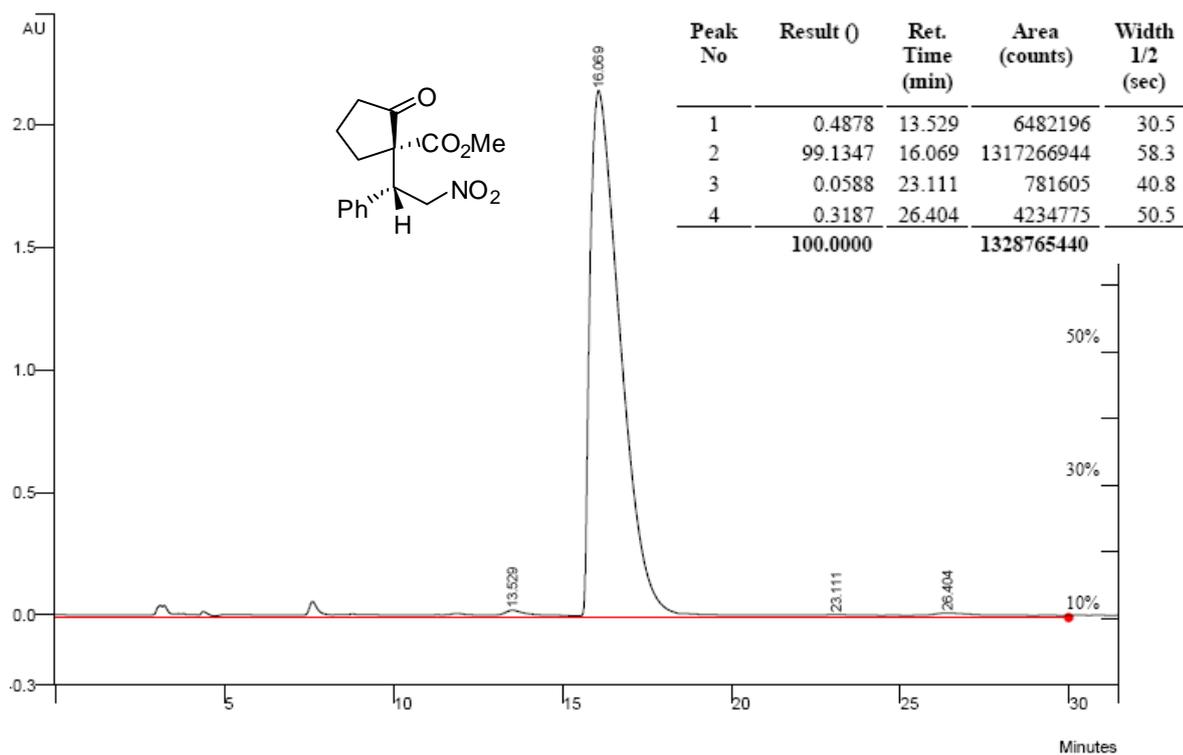
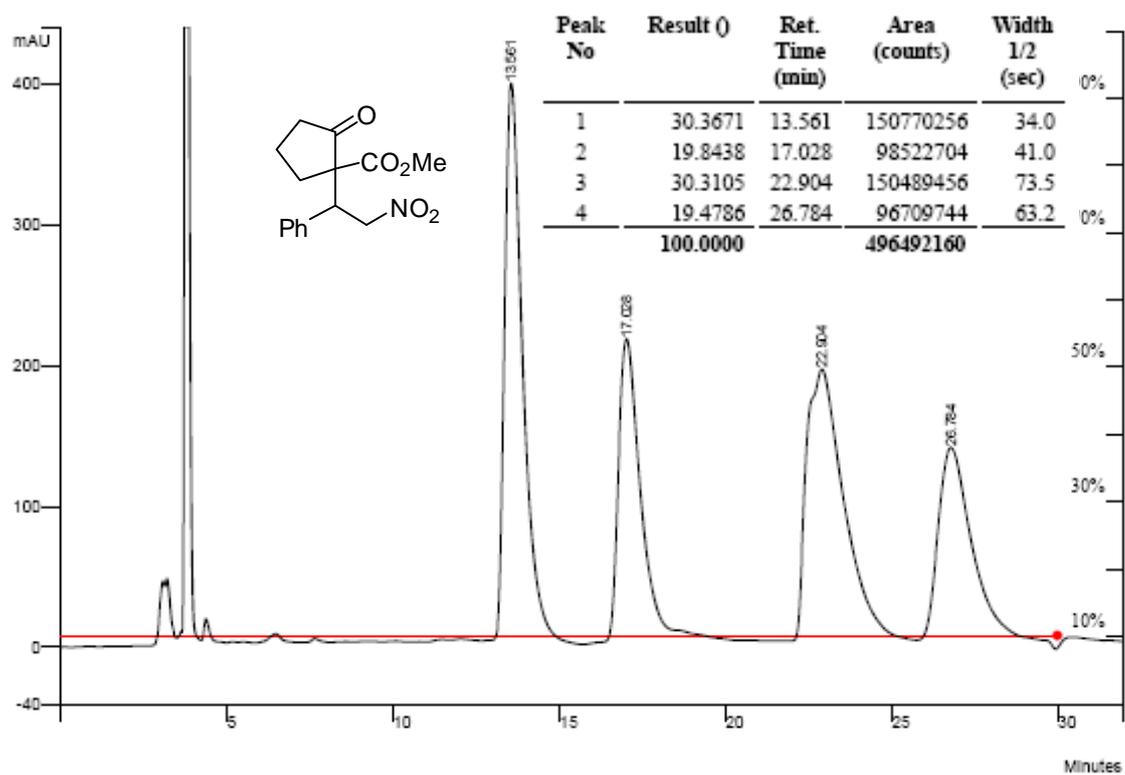
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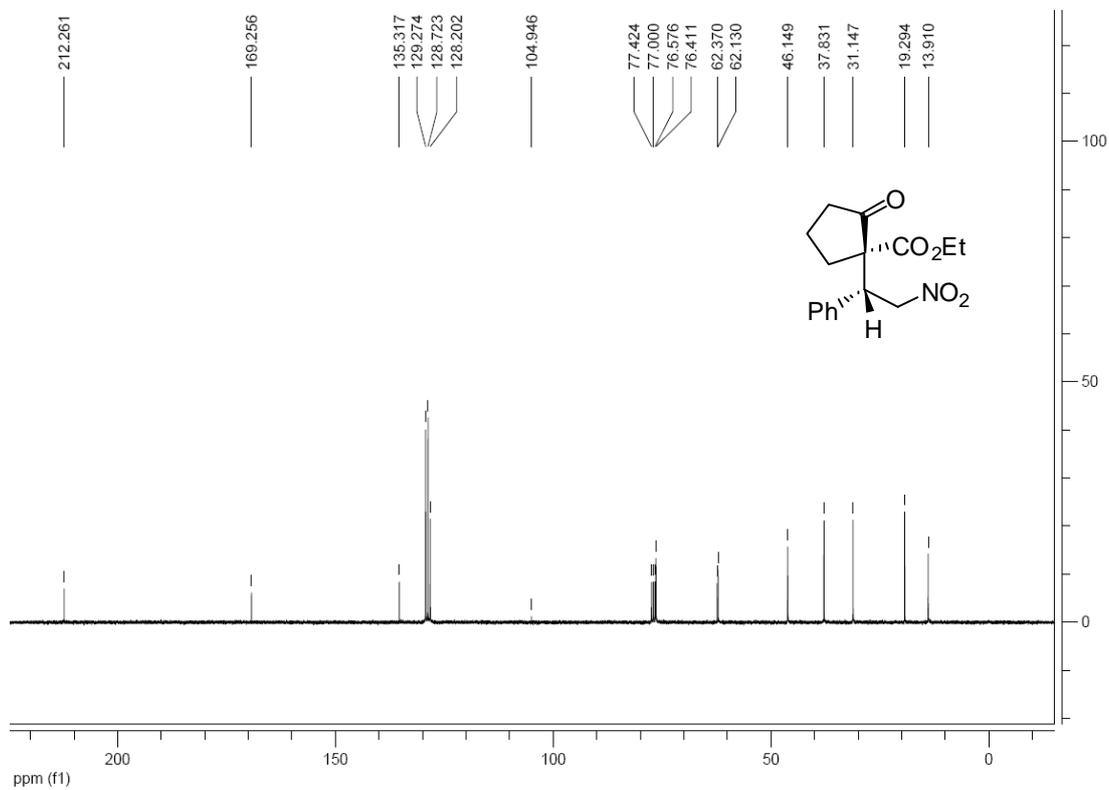
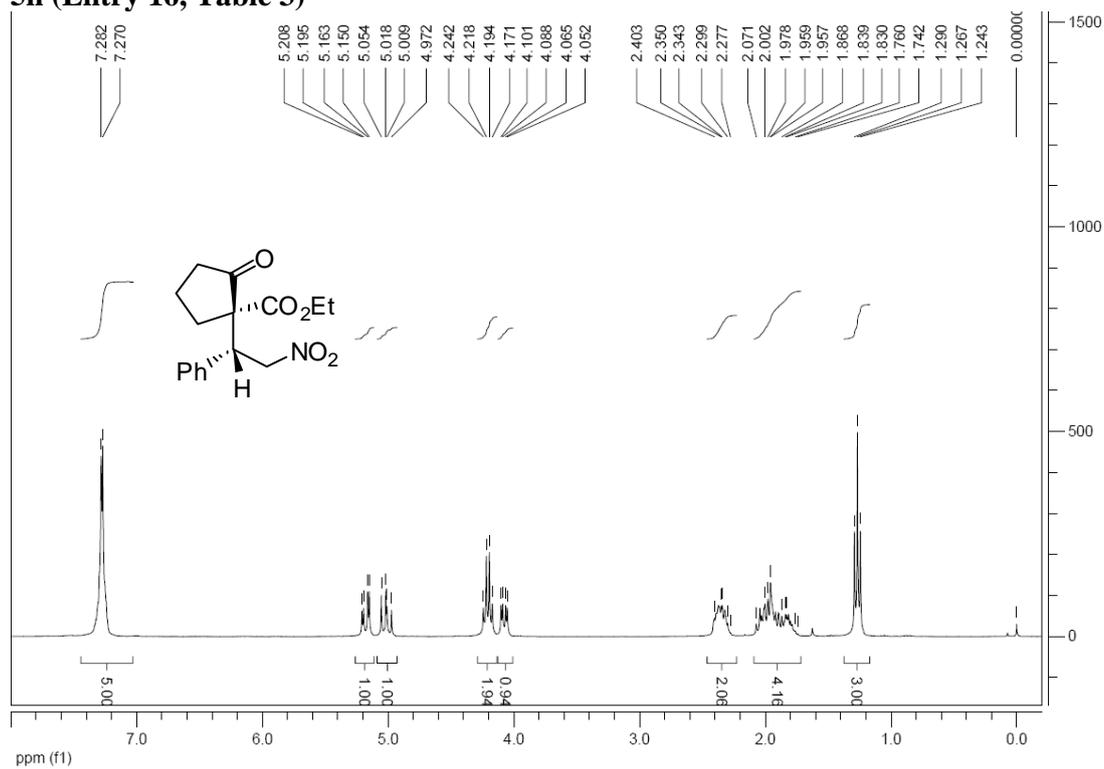


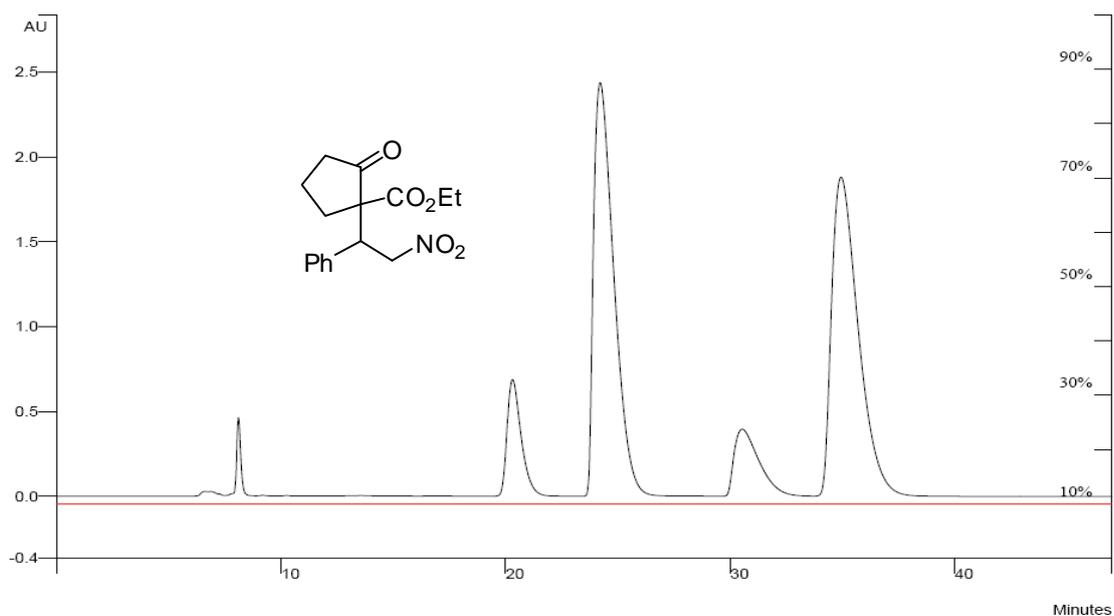
**5g (Entry 14, Table 3)**



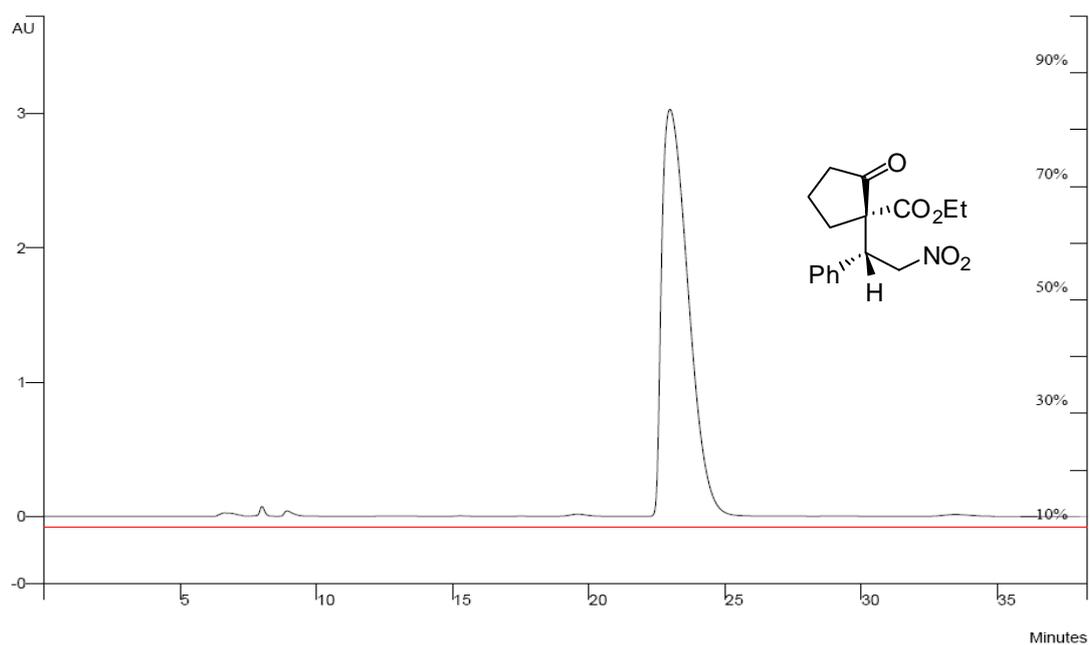


### 5h (Entry 16, Table 3)





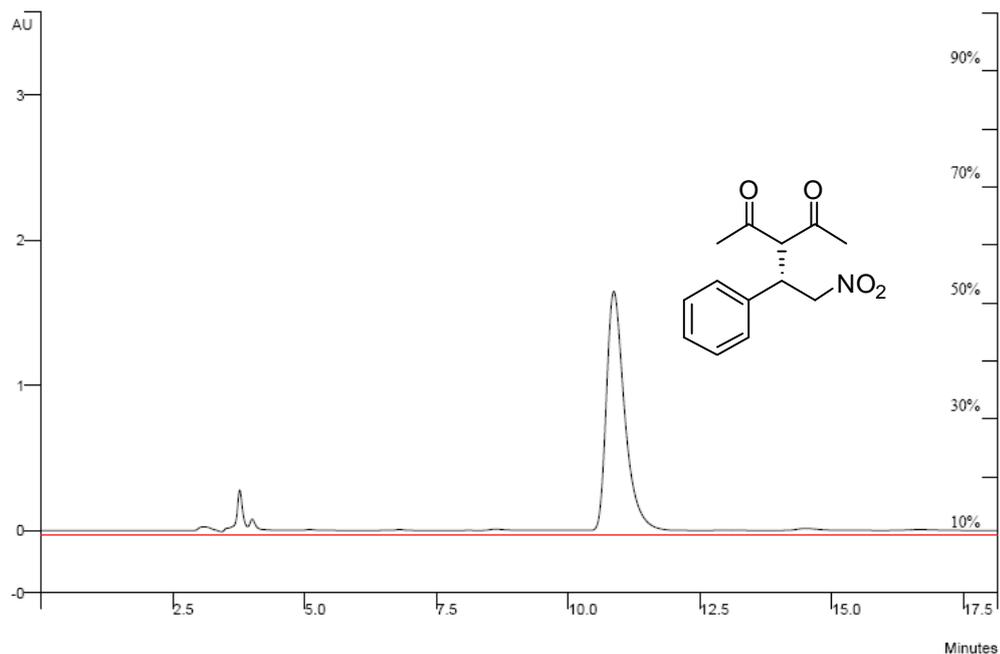
Peak No	Peak Name	Result ()	Ret. Time (min)	Time Offset (min)	Area (counts)	Rel Ret Time	Sep. Code	Width 1/2 (sec)	Status Codes	Group
1		8.1695	20.309	0.000	300867264	0.00	BB	39.7		0
2		41.5159	24.211	0.000	1528955136	0.00	BB	59.3		0
3		8.1995	30.538	0.000	301974016	0.00	BB	72.2		0
4		42.1150	34.940	0.000	1551018112	0.00	BB	76.5		0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>99.9999</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>3682814464</b>					



Peak No	Peak Name	Result ()	Ret. Time (min)	Time Offset (min)	Area (counts)	Rel Ret Time	Sep. Code	Width 1/2 (sec)	Status Codes	Group
1		0.3494	19.593	0.000	7198742	0.00	BB	39.3		0
2		99.0946	22.980	0.000	2041376768	0.00	BB	64.5		0
3		0.0598	29.227	0.000	1231525	0.00	BB	49.8		0
4		0.4962	33.468	0.000	10220963	0.00	BB	66.7		0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100.0000</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>2060027904</b>					

## 7. Scale-up Experiment

2,4-Pentanedione (**2**, 10.3 mL, 100 mmol) was added to a mixture of  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene (**1a**, 7.5 g, 50 mmol) and **QN-SQA** (160 mg, 0.5 mol%) in brine (150 mL of saturated NaCl aqueous solution). The reaction mixture was mixed vigorously at 25°C. After completion of the reaction, an aqueous HCl solution (1 N, 20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed with water to afford the Michael addition product **3a** (11.9 g; 95 % yield; >99%ee(*S*)).



Peak No	Peak Name	Result ()	Ret. Time (min)	Time Offset (min)	Area (counts)	Rel Ret Time	Sep. Code	Width 1/2 (sec)	Status Codes	Group
1		99.6378	10.869	0.000	395962688	0.00	BB	21.3		0
2		0.3622	14.513	0.000	1439543	0.00	BB	18.5		0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100.0000</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>397402240</b>					

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