

Supporting information

Catalytic Enantioselective Amadori-Heyns Rearrangement of Racemic α -Hydroxy Ketones with Arylamines: Synthesis of Optically Active α -Arylamino Ketones

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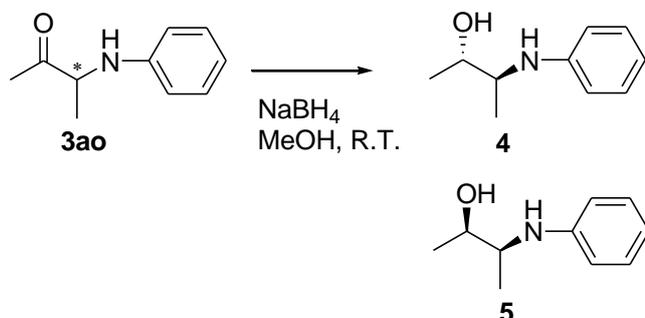
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Absolute configuration determination of **3ao**

Absolute configuration of **3ao** was assigned by its conversion to the corresponding β -amino alcohols (with either a 1,2-*syn* and 1,2-*anti* relationship) **4** and **5** and comparison of the specific rotation with reported value.



Comparison of $[\alpha]_D$ value obtained for compounds **4** ($[\alpha]_D^{27} = +37.2$ (c 0.43, CH₂Cl₂, ee 79%)) and **5** ($[\alpha]_D^{26} = +18.1$ (c 0.66, CH₂Cl₂, ee 79%)), to that presented in literature for *ent*-**4** (2*R*,3*R*)-3-(phenylamino)butan-2-ol ($[\alpha]_D^{20} = -88.0$ (c 1.07, CH₂Cl₂, ee 90%))¹ and *ent*-**5** (2*S*,3*R*)-3-(phenylamino)butan-2-ol ($[\alpha]_D^{20} = -31.7$ (c 1.04, CHCl₃, ee 96%))² allowed us to assign a *S* configuration at the 3 position.

Synthesis of 3-(phenylamino)butan-2-ol **4 and **5**.** To a solution of **3ao** (0.074g, 0.456 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL), NaBH₄ (0.022 g) was slowly added maintaining the pH = 5-6 by addition of glacial acetic acid. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h, then evaporated. The residue was dissolved in NaOH (1mL) and the solution was extracted with CHCl₃. Evaporation of the organic layer gave an oil which was flash-chromatographed (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ether, 5:1→1:1) to give pure products **4** and **5** (0.03 g, 40% yield, diastereoisomeric ratio 40:60). The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.^{1,2}

Experimental protocols

General Methods. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 500, 400 or 300 MHz at 27°C with CDCl_3 as solvent. Data are reported as follows: chemical shifts (δ), multiplicity, integration and coupling constants. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded operating respectively at 124, 100 or 75 MHz at 27°C with CDCl_3 as solvent. Infrared spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer. Low resolution mass spectral analyses were recorded in E.I. (70 eV) mode. Relative intensities are given in parentheses. Enantiomeric excesses of α -arylamino ketones were determined by HPLC, using a Chiralcel OJ, OD-H and Chiralpak AD-H analytical column with *i*-PrOH/hexane as eluent, using authentic racemic samples for reference comparison. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Flash chromatography was performed using columns of 230-400 mesh silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically pure materials. 3-hydroxy-2-butanon was purchased and used without further purification. 2-hydroxycyclohexanone was obtained by treating its dimer (purchased) with dilute (5%) HCl. The product was extracted with dichloromethane, dried, and stripped of solvent.³ 3-hydroxy-4-phenylbutan-2-one and 2-hydroxypentan-3-one were synthesized by application of acetoacetate chemistry.⁴

General Procedure for α -Arylation of α -Hydroxy Ketones.

In an ordinary vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, β -isocupreidine (0.122 mmol) was suspended in toluene (0.5 mL) under argon atmosphere. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the α -hydroxy ketone **1** (4.06 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min before the aniline **2** (0.406 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 4-44 h. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded on silica gel column without aqueous work-up and pure products were obtained by flash column chromatography (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ether). The racemates were synthesized using DMAP as catalyst at room temperature.

3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)butan-2-one 3aa: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁵ Yield 95% (74 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3410, 2979, 1715, 1512, 1252 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +4.7$ (*c* 2.11, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.37 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.17 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.97 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.51 (d, 2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.75 (2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 18.0, 25.8, 55.7, 59.5, 114.4, 115.0, 140.7, 152.4, 210.6. MS m/z : 193 (M^+ (8)), 150 (100), 135 (14), 107 (10), 77 (5). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$; C, 68.37; H, 7.82; N, 7.25 Found: C, 68.35; H, 7.80; N, 7.29. The *ee* was determined to be 71% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) t_{R} (major) = 18.53 min, t_{R} (minor) = 16.48 min.

3-(*p*-tolylamino)butan-2-one 3ab: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁵ Yield 68% (49 mg); orange oil. IR (neat): 3386, 2871, 1716, 1618, 1524 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +2.4$ (*c* 4.82, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.31 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 3.94 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.40 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.9, 20.3, 25.7, 58.9, 113.1, 127.1, 129.8, 144.2, 210.5. MS m/z : 177 (M^+ (10)), 134 (100), 119 (13), 91 (15), 65 (9), 43 (7). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$; C, 74.54; H, 8.53; N, 7.90 Found: C, 74.55; H, 8.50; N, 7.88. The *ee* was determined to be 74% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) t_{R} (major) = 13.96 min, t_{R} (minor) = 9.80 min.

3-(4-ethylphenylamino)butan-2-one 3ac: Yield 58% (45 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3399, 2968, 1720, 1622, 1528 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +2.2$ (*c* 4.45, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.10 (t, 3H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 1.31 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.45 (q, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.94 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.42 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 15.7, 17.9, 25.6, 27.8, 58.8, 113.0, 128.6, 133.7, 144.4, 210.4. MS m/z : 191 (M^+ (19)), 148 (100), 119 (19), 77 (11), 43 (8). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$; C, 75.35; H, 8.96; N, 7.32 Found: C, 75.30; H, 9.00; N, 7.33.

The *ee* was determined to be 77% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 11.66$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 7.84$ min.

3-(4-propylphenylamino)butan-2-one 3ad: Yield 60% (50 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3386, 2964, 1712, 1614, 1524 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +2.0$ (*c* 5.0, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 0.94 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.42 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.56-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 4.05 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.01 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 13.7, 18.0, 24.7, 25.7, 37.0, 58.9, 113.0, 129.2, 132.2, 144.4, 210.5. MS m/z : 205 (M^+ (7)), 162 (100), 133 (13), 120 (13), 43 (6). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$; C, 76.06; H, 9.33; N, 6.82 Found: C, 76.09; H, 9.35; N, 6.79. The *ee* was determined to be 78% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 10.25$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 7.20$ min.

3-(4-butylphenylamino)butan-2-one 3ae: Yield 54% (48 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3395, 2930, 1720, 1622, 1520 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +2.2$ (*c* 4.51 CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 0.93 (t, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.31-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.52-1.59 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.51 (t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 4.04 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.51 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.00 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 13.9, 18.0, 22.3, 25.7, 33.9, 34.6, 58.9, 113.0, 129.2, 132.4, 144.4, 210.5. MS m/z : 219 (M^+ (12)), 176 (100), 133 (19), 118 (12), 91 (7). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$; C, 76.67; H, 9.65; N, 6.39 Found: C, 76.70; H, 9.60; N, 6.41. The *ee* was determined to be 76% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 8.34$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 6.02$ min.

3-(4-tert-butylphenylamino)butan-2-one 3af: Yield 61% (54 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3399, 2968, 1716, 1618, 1520 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +2.5$ (*c* 4.76, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.43 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.23 (s, 3H), 4.05 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.29 (brs, 1H), 6.54 (d, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 7.22 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 18.0, 25.7, 31.4, 33.8, 58.8, 112.6, 126.1, 140.7, 144.1, 210.4. MS m/z : 219 (M^+ (7)), 176 (100), 160 (16), 146 (7), 120 (10), 91

(4). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{21}NO$; C, 76.67; H, 9.65; N, 6.39 Found: C, 76.63; H, 9.67; N, 6.38. The *ee* was determined to be 81% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 16.18$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 6.86$ min.

3-(4-phenyl phenylamino)butan-2-one 3ag: Yield 65% (63 mg); yellow solid. M.p. 106-107 °C. IR (nujol): 3390, 3032, 1716, 1618, 1490 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.3$ (*c* 1.73, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.33 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.11 (s, 3H), 4.00 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.36 (brs, 1H), 6.53 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.25-7.41 (m, 7H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.9, 25.8, 58.5, 113.2, 126.1, 126.3, 128.0, 128.6, 130.9, 141.0, 145.8, 209.7. MS m/z : 239 (M^+ (10)), 196 (100), 169 (12), 152 (14), 115 (4). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{17}NO$; C, 80.30; H, 7.16; N, 5.85 Found: C, 80.26; H, 7.19; N, 5.81. The *ee* was determined to be 67% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 83.61$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 38.36$ min.

3-(4-phenoxyphenylamino)butan-2-one 3ah: Yield 67% (69 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3386, 2981, 2359, 1720, 1494 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +1.0$ (*c* 1.91, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.45 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.24 (s, 3H), 4.07 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.57-6.59 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 4H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.9, 25.8, 59.1, 114.1, 117.2, 121.2, 122.0, 129.4, 143.0, 148.2, 158.8, 209.8. MS m/z : 255 (M^+ (10)), 212 (100), 118 (20), 77 (8). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{17}NO_2$; C, 75.27; H, 6.71; N, 5.49 Found: C, 75.31; H, 6.69; N, 5.48. The *ee* was determined to be 69% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 28.37$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 24.89$ min.

3-(4-(methylthio)phenylamino)butan-2-one 3ai: Yield 73% (61 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3377, 2986, 1712, 1605, 1499 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.6$ (*c* 2.48, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.39 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 4.03 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.39 (brs, 1H), 6.49 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.8, 18.9, 25.8, 58.5, 113.6, 125.1, 131.4, 145.2, 209.5. MS m/z : 209 (M^+ (18)), 166 (100), 151 (16), 119 (29), 43 (8). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{15}NOS$; C, 63.12; H, 7.22; N, 6.69; S, 15.32 Found: C, 63.10; H, 7.20; N, 6.71; S,

15.35. The *ee* was determined to be 71% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 27.80$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 17.43$ min.

3-(4-bromophenylamino)butan-2-one 3aj: Yield 44% (43 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3386, 2981, 1716, 1597, 1494 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +5.5$. (*c* 1.45, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.41 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.21 (s, 3H), 4.03 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.44 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.25 (d, 2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.6, 25.8, 58.4, 114.5, 116.6, 131.9, 132.0, 145.3, 209.2. MS m/z : 241 (M^+ (8)), 198 (100), 118 (100), 91 (23), 76 (20), 43 (37). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}$; C, 49.61; H, 5.00; N, 5.79 Found: C, 49.66; H, 4.97; N, 5.83. The *ee* was determined to be 68% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 14.67$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 11.83$ min.

3-(*m*-tolylamino)butan-2-one 3al: Yield 57% (41 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3390, 2981, 1716, 1609, 1494 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +3.9$ (*c* 4.09, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.43 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.07 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.38-6.41 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.08 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 18.0, 21.5, 25.7, 58.6, 110.0, 113.7, 118.9, 129.2, 139.2, 146.5, 210.2. MS m/z : 177 (M^+ (6)), 134 (100), 119 (12), 91 (19), 65 (10), 43 (14). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$; C, 74.54; H, 8.53; N, 7.90 Found: C, 74.52; H, 8.51; N, 7.93. The *ee* was determined to be 73% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 11.76$ min, $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 8.38$ min.

3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenylamino)butan-2-one 3am: Yield 74% (67 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3382, 2832, 1716, 1524, 1235 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +7.9$ (*c* 3.27, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.39 (d, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.19 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.00 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.04-6.06 (m, 1H), 6.22 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 6.71 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.9, 25.7, 55.6, 56.6, 59.4, 99.3, 103.5, 113.1, 141.2, 141.9, 150.0, 210.5. MS m/z : 223 (M^+ (14)), 180 (100), 164 (18), 149 (8), 79 (7), 43 (6). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$; C, 64.55; H, 7.67; N, 6.27 Found: C, 64.54; H, 7.70; N, 6.25. The *ee* was determined to be 65% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column,

hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 33.03$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 27.16$ min.

3-(*o*-tolylamino)butan-2-one 3an: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁵ Yield 26% (19 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3416, 2981, 1716, 1609, 1511 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +17.8$ (*c* 1.9, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.48 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz); 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.36 (brs, 1H), 6.47 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.70 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.4, 18.1, 25.6, 58.5, 109.7, 117.4, 122.3, 127.1, 130.4, 144.4, 209.9. MS m/z : 177 (M^+ (7)), 134 (100), 118 (17), 91 (19), 65 (11), 43 (13). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$; C, 74.54; H, 8.53; N, 7.90 Found: C, 74.55; H, 8.55; N, 7.91. The *ee* was determined to be 11% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 9.11$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 8.03$ min.

3-(phenylamino)butan-2-one 3ao: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁶ Yield 37% (24 mg); yellow solid. M.p. 51-52°C. IR (nujol): 3390, 2368, 1716, 1605, 1511 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.1$ (*c* 1.92, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.43 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.22 (s, 3H), 4.08 (q, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 6.58 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.74 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.17-7.21 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 17.9, 25.7, 58.6, 113.0, 117.9, 129.4, 146.4, 210.0. MS m/z : 163 (M^+ (7)), 120 (100), 91 (6), 77 (19), 43 (9). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$; C, 73.59; H, 8.03; N, 8.58 Found: C, 73.53; H, 8.05; N, 8.57. The *ee* was determined to be 79% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) $t_R(\text{major}) = 13.89$ min, $t_R(\text{minor}) = 10.34$ min.

3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-1-phenylbutan-2-one 3ba: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁷ Yield 82% (89 mg); white solid. M.p. 82-84°C. IR (nujol): 3390, 2832, 1720, 1516, 1239 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +2.2$. (*c* 0.87, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 1.38 (d, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.81 (ABq, 2H, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 4.11 (q, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 6.48 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.74 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.24-7.33 (m, 3H). ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 18.1, 45.6, 55.7, 58.6, 114.6, 114.9, 127.0, 128.6, 129.5, 133.6, 140.4, 152.5, 210.1. MS m/z : 269 (M⁺ (6)), 150 (100), 135 (5), 91 (10). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂; C, 75.81; H, 7.11; N, 5.20 Found: C, 75.78; H, 7.13; N, 5.17. The *ee* was determined to be 61% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R (major) = 17.18 min, t_R (minor) = 14.61 min.

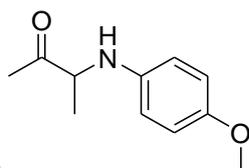
3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)pentan-2-one 3ca: Yield 73% (61 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3382, 2973, 1716, 1520, 1239 cm⁻¹. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.3$. (*c* 2.89, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.93 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.67-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.88 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.05 (brs, 1H), 6.53 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.75 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.5, 24.8, 26.3, 55.7, 65.3, 114.4, 114.9, 141.0, 152.3, 210.5. MS m/z : 207 (M⁺ (12)), 164 (100), 149 (12), 122 (20), 107 (10), 43 (27). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂; C, 69.54; H, 8.27; N, 6.76 Found: C, 69.50; H, 8.32; N, 6.71. The *ee* was determined to be 73% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R (major) = 12.05 min, t_R (minor) = 10.19 min.

2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)cyclohexanone 3da: The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature.⁸ Yield 62% (55 mg); yellow solid. M.p. 100-102 °C. IR (nujol): 2947, 2368, 1716, 1516, 1239 cm⁻¹. $[\alpha]_D^{28} = +19.7$ (*c* 1.92, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.34-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.88 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.58 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.83-3.86 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 6.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 24.1, 28.0, 35.9, 41.1, 55.8, 62.9, 114.5, 114.9, 140.7, 152.3, 208.7. MS m/z : 219 (M⁺ (80)), 191 (44), 176 (15), 162 (100), 149 (56), 134 (32). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇NO₂; C, 71.21; H, 7.81; N, 6.39 Found: C, 71.24; H, 7.78; N, 6.37. The *ee* was determined to be 73% *ee* by HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm) t_R (major) = 19.15 min, t_R (minor) = 16.56 min.

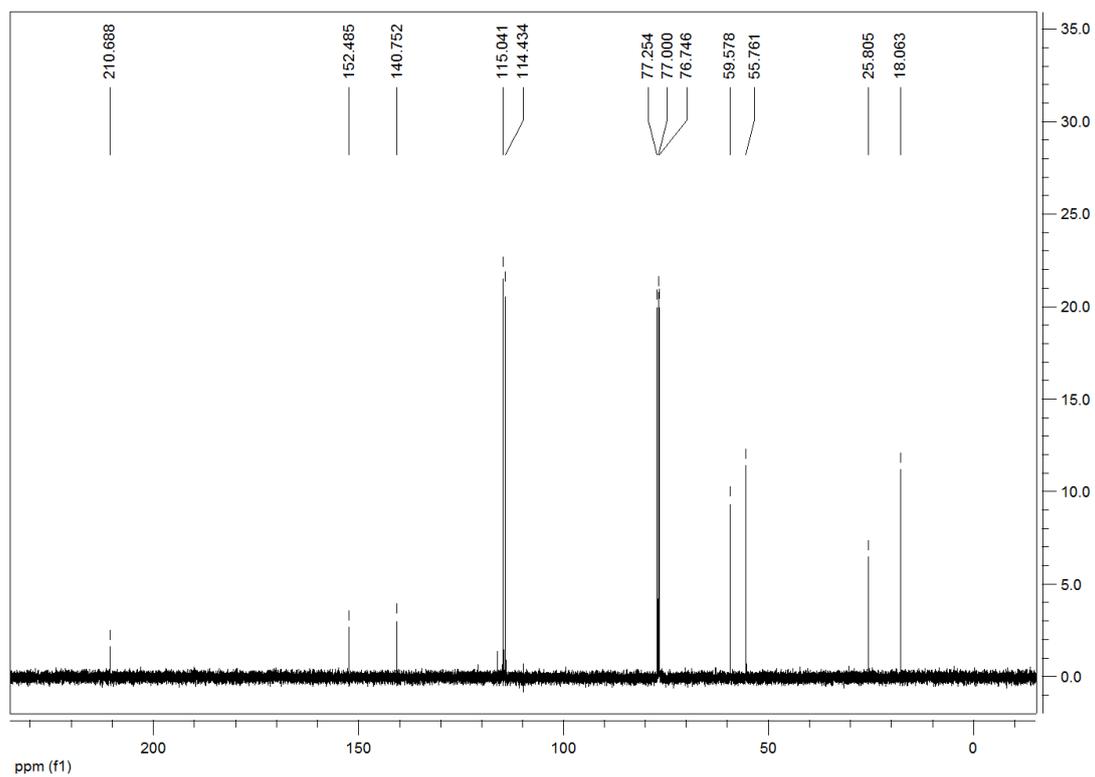
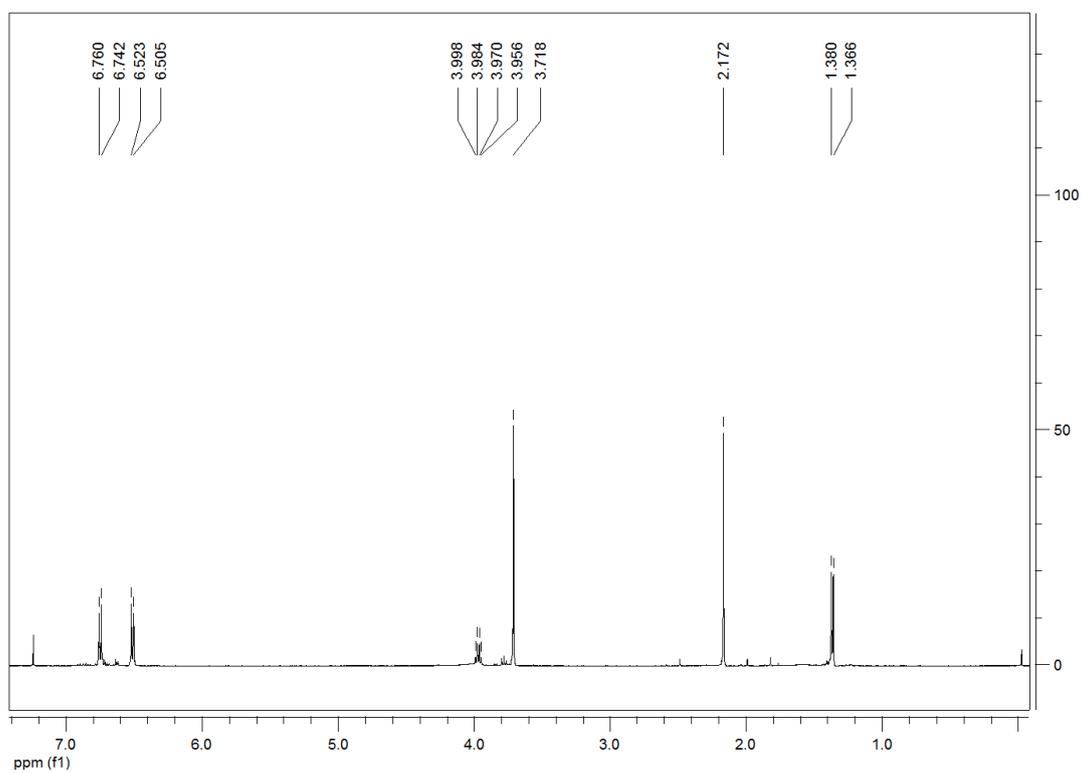
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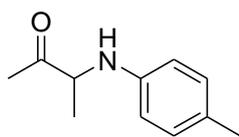
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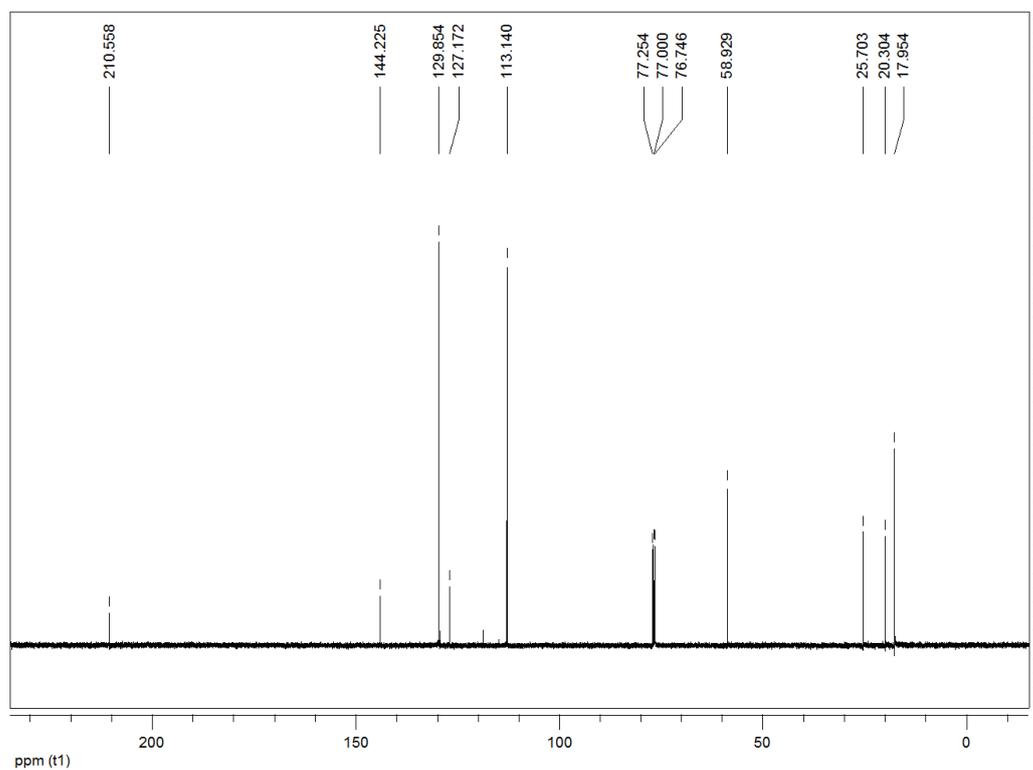
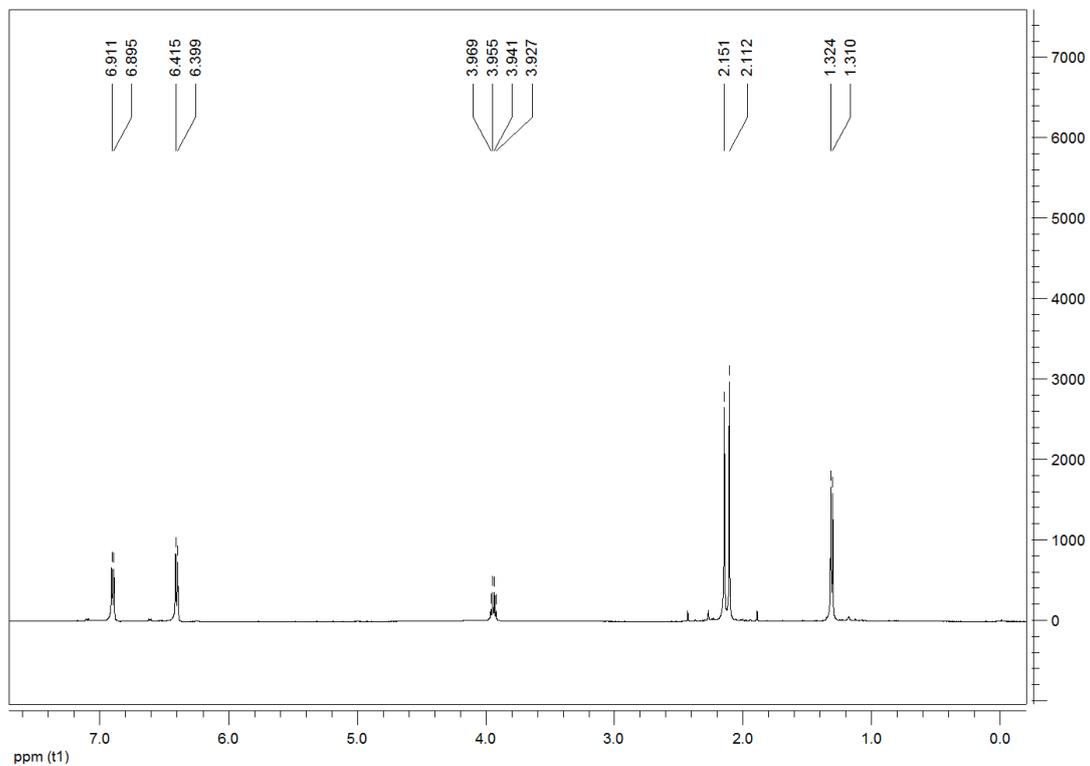


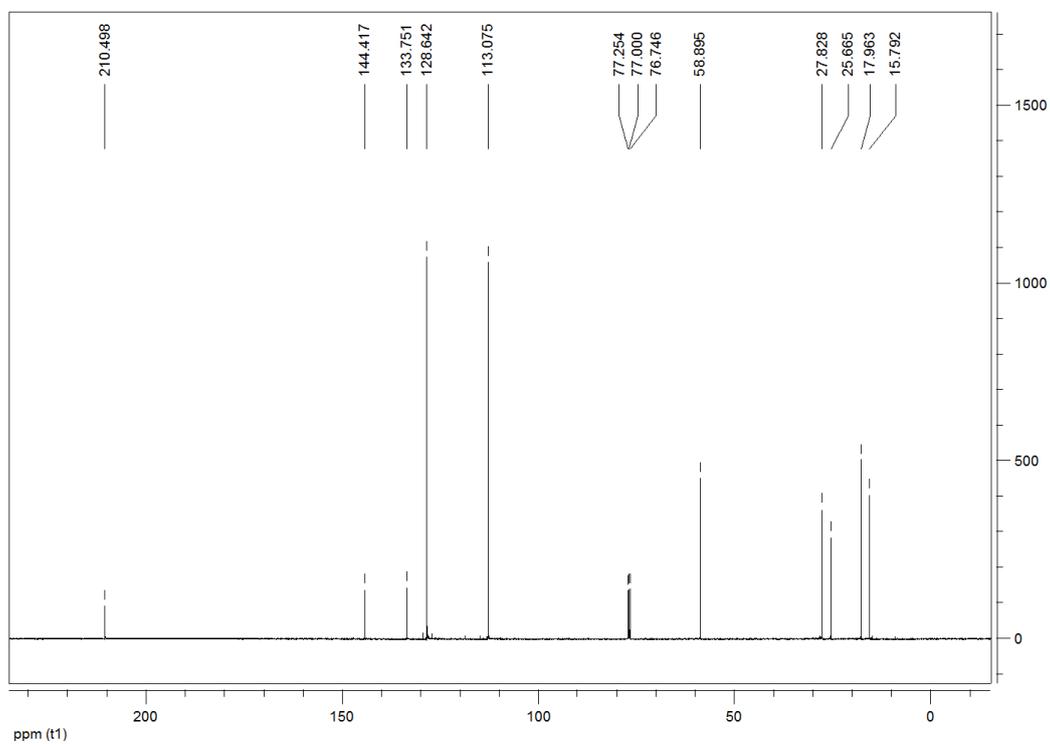
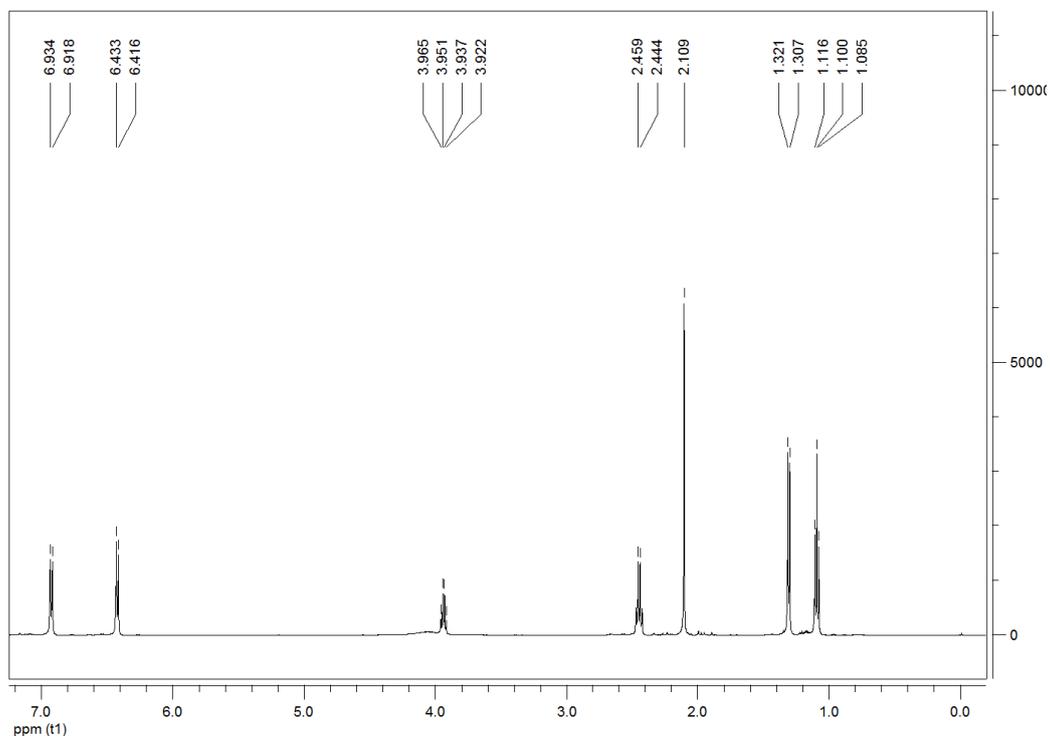
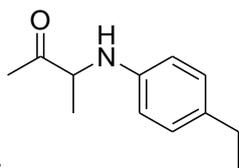
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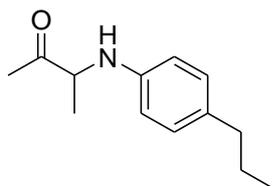




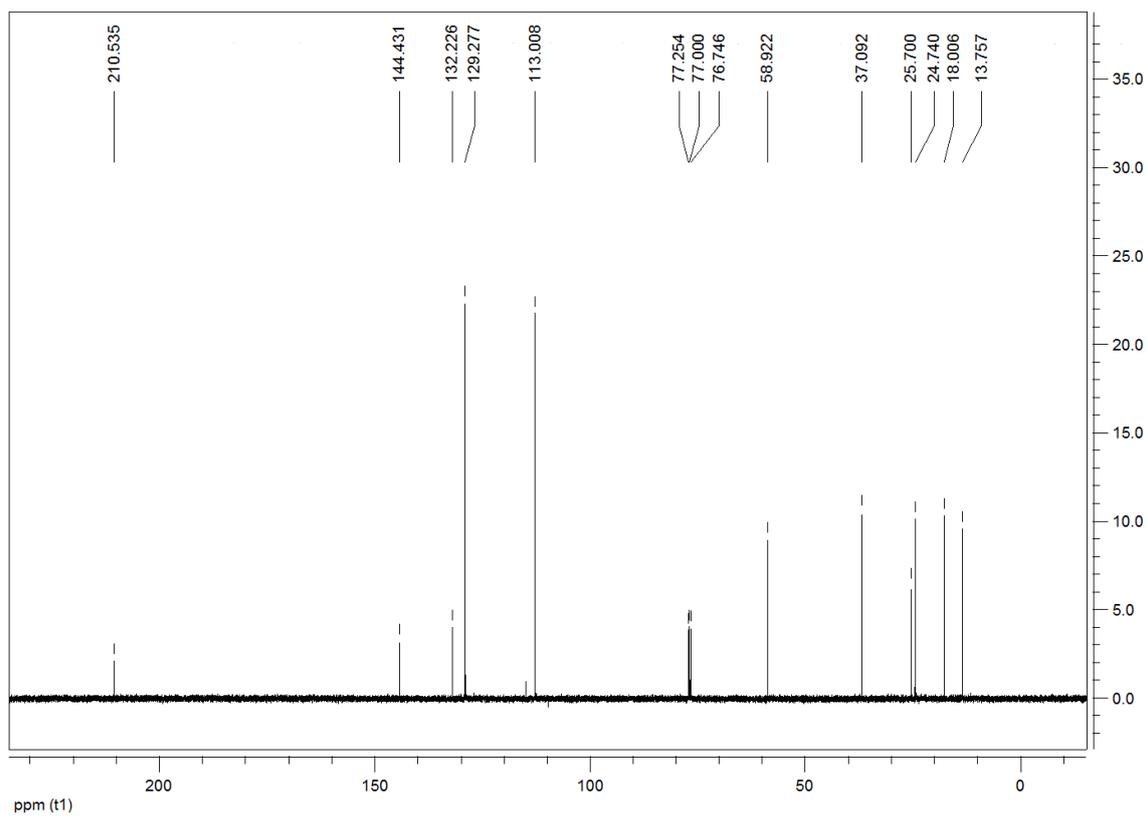
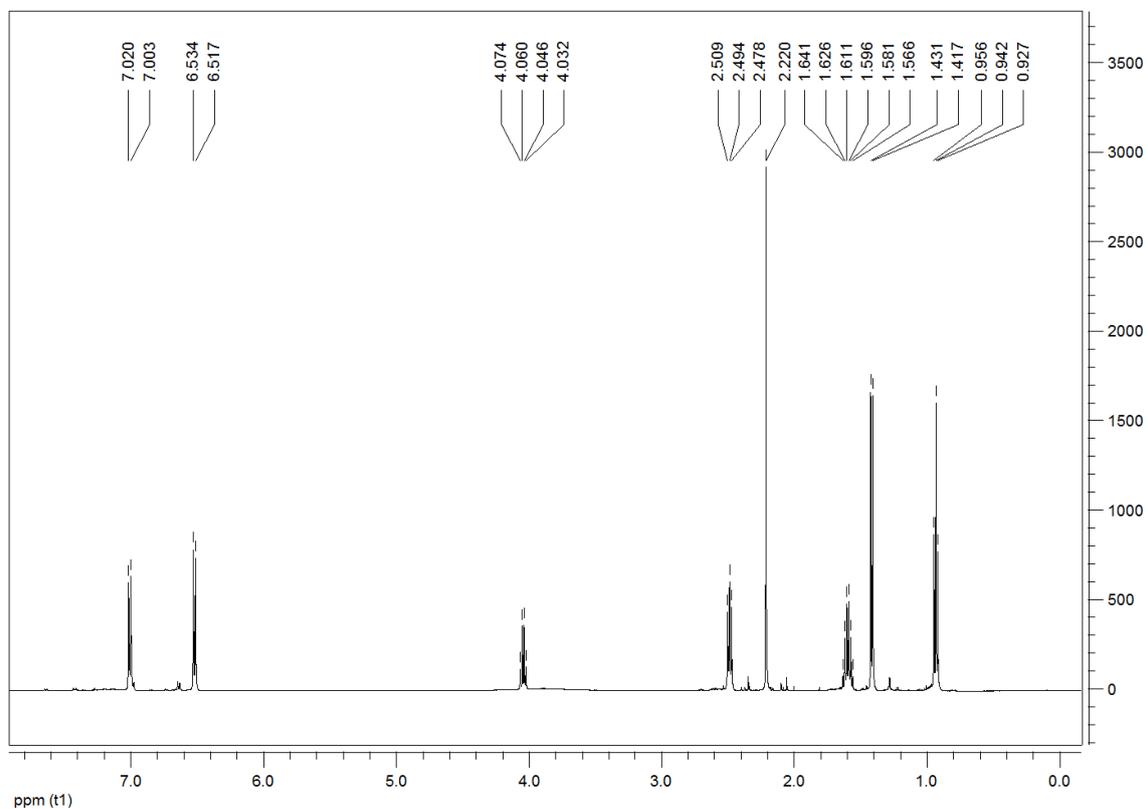
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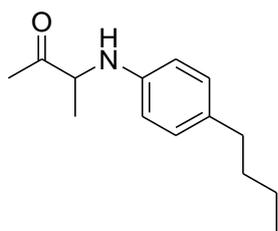




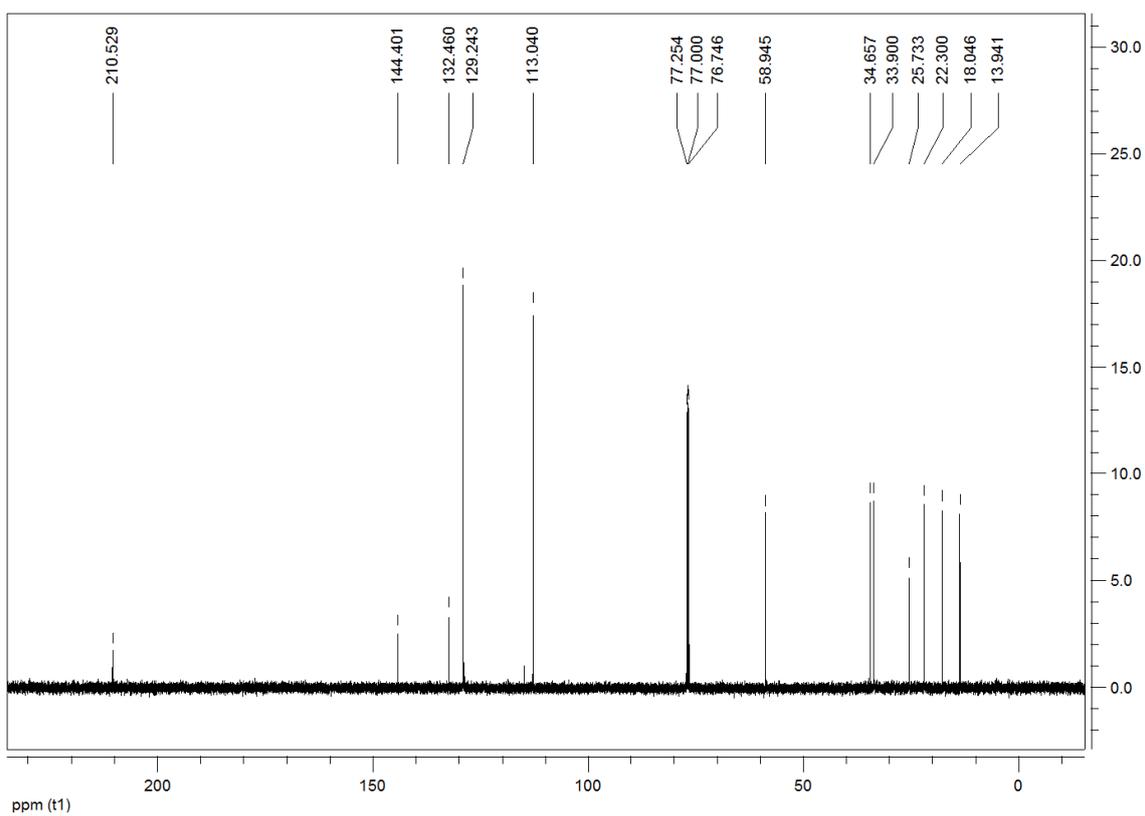
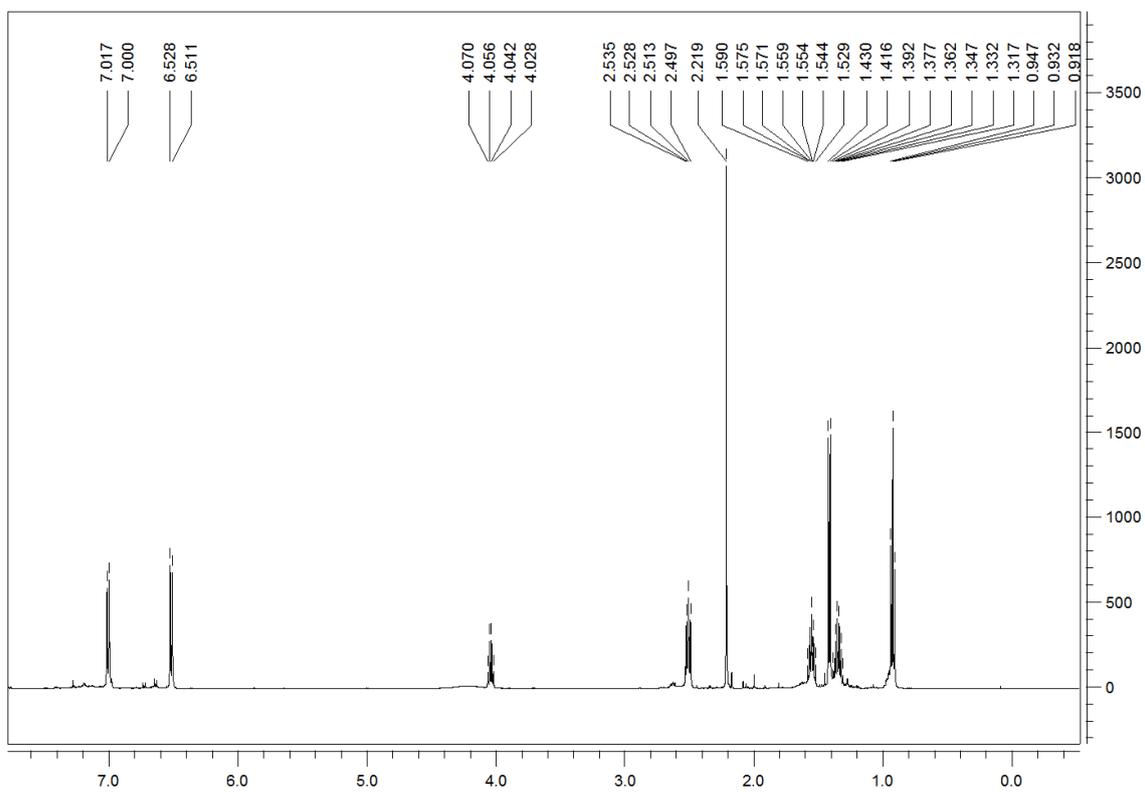


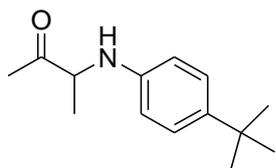
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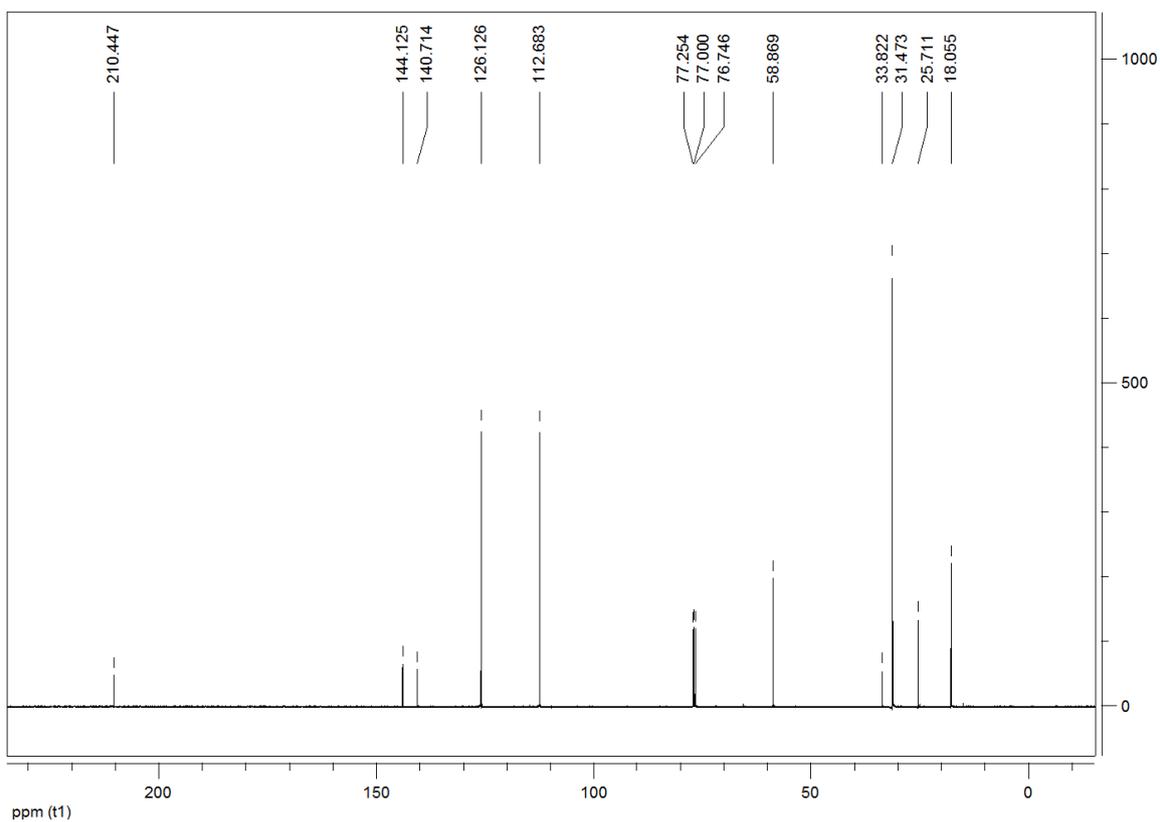
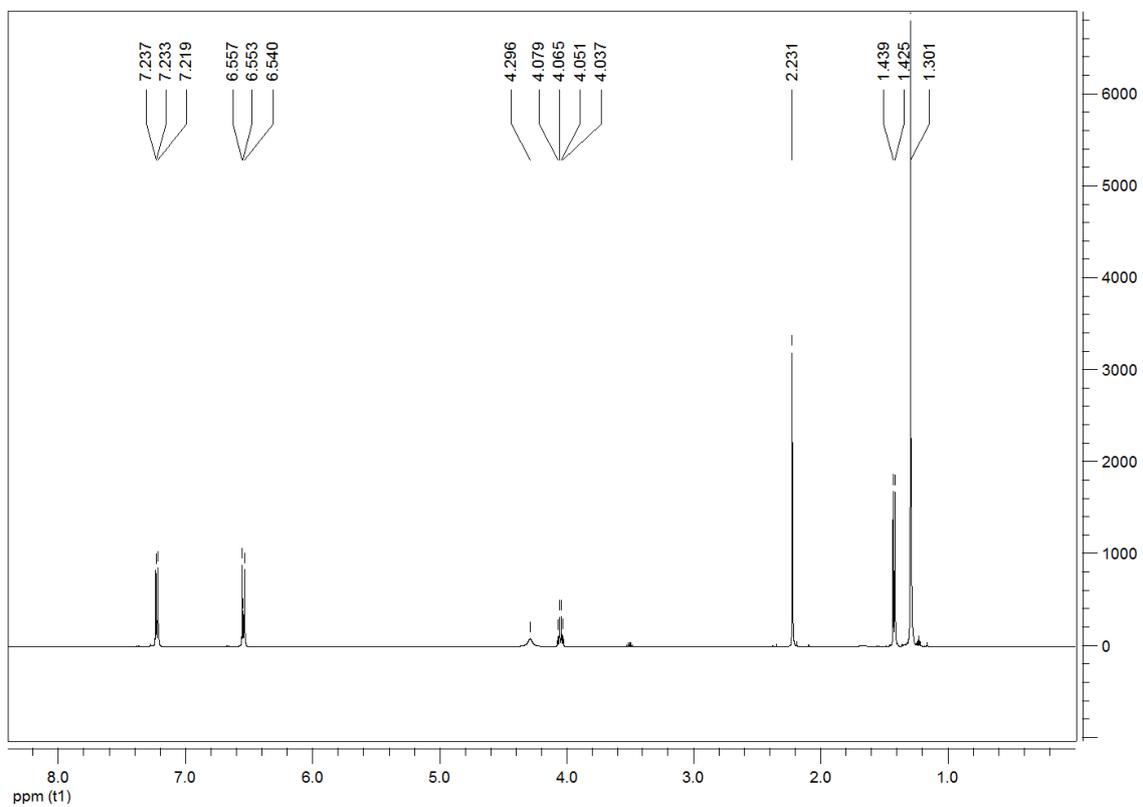


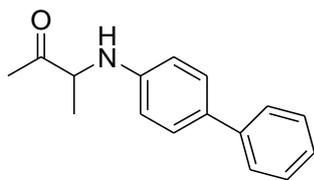
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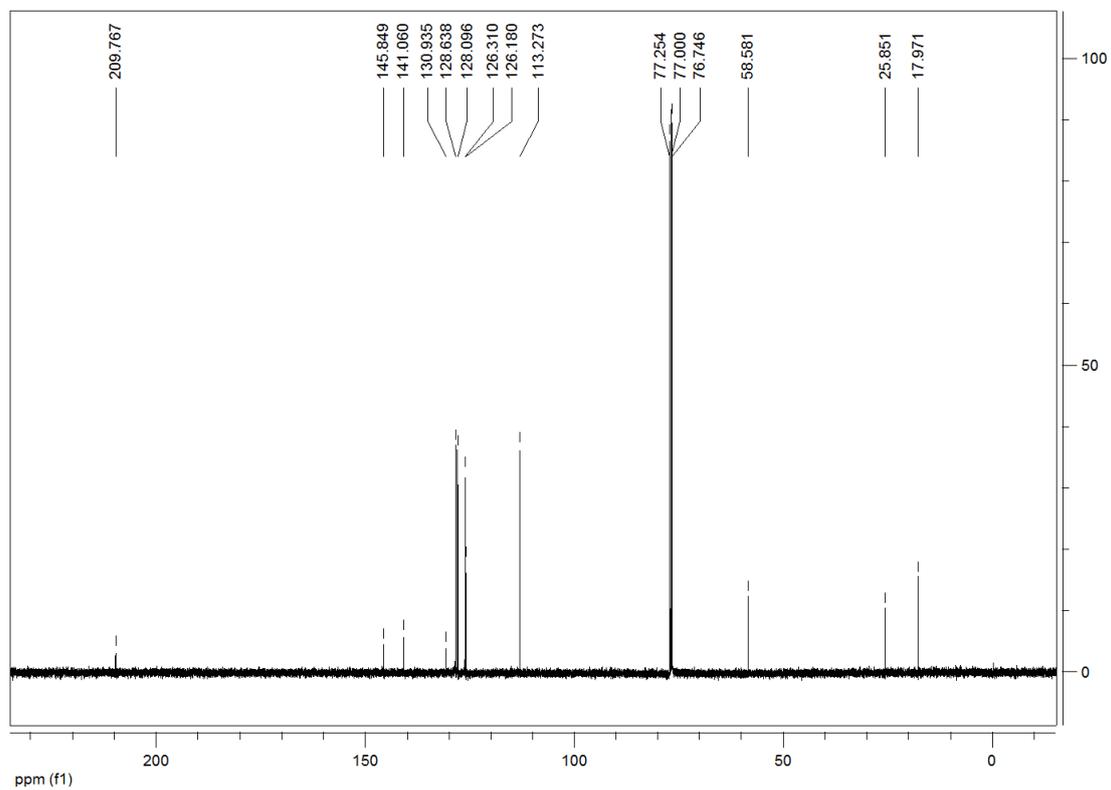
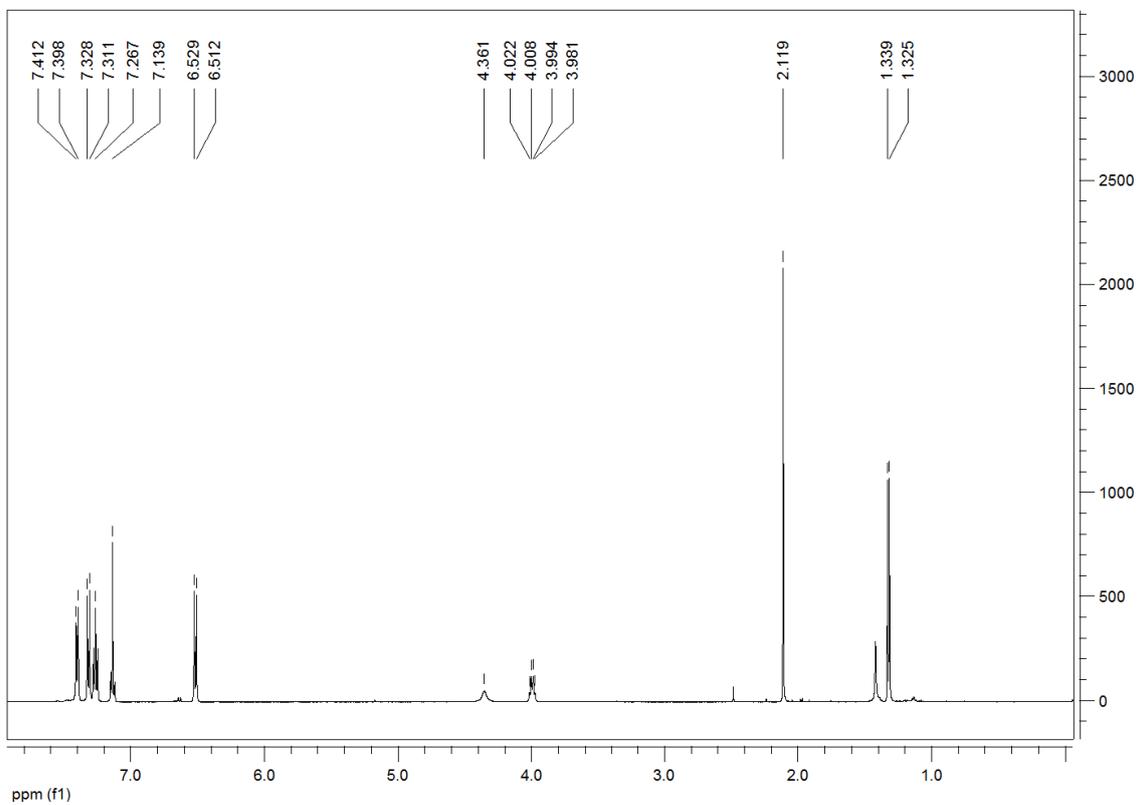


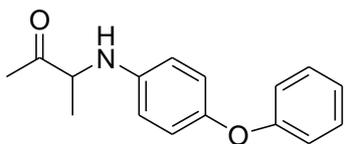
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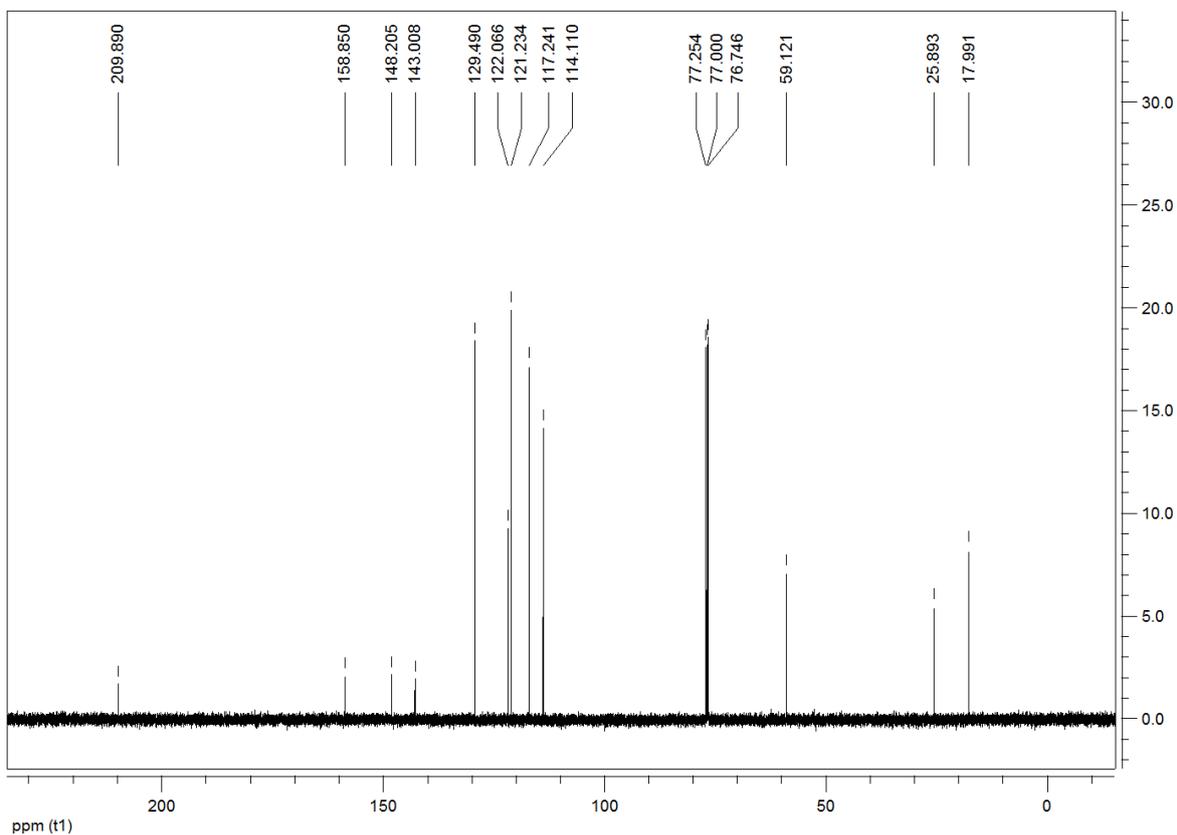
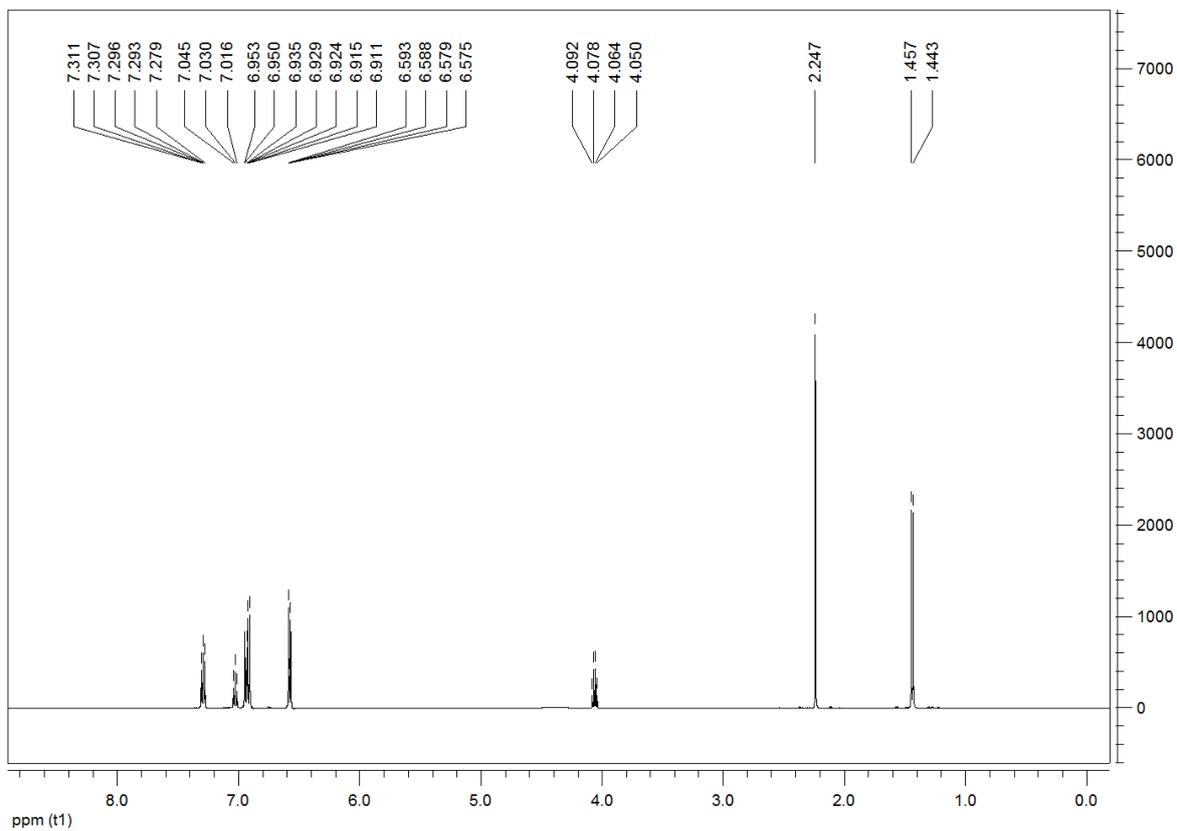


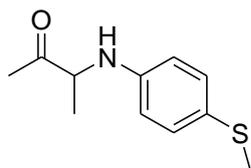
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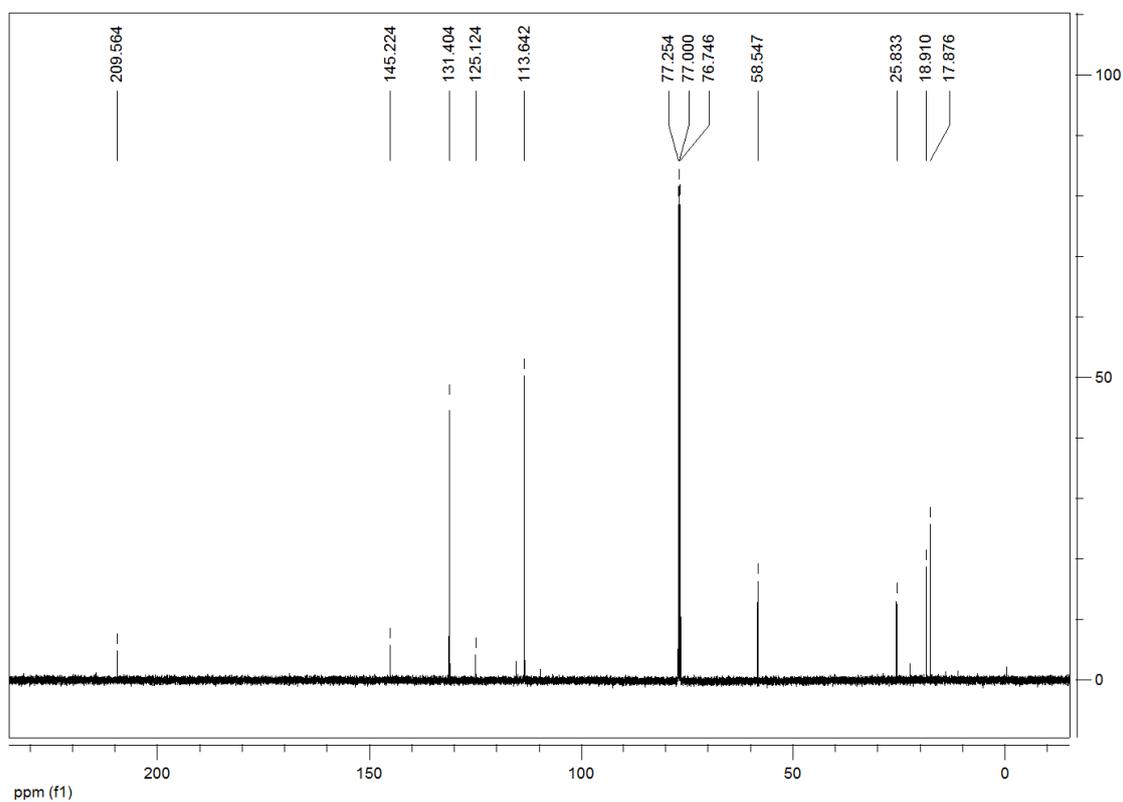
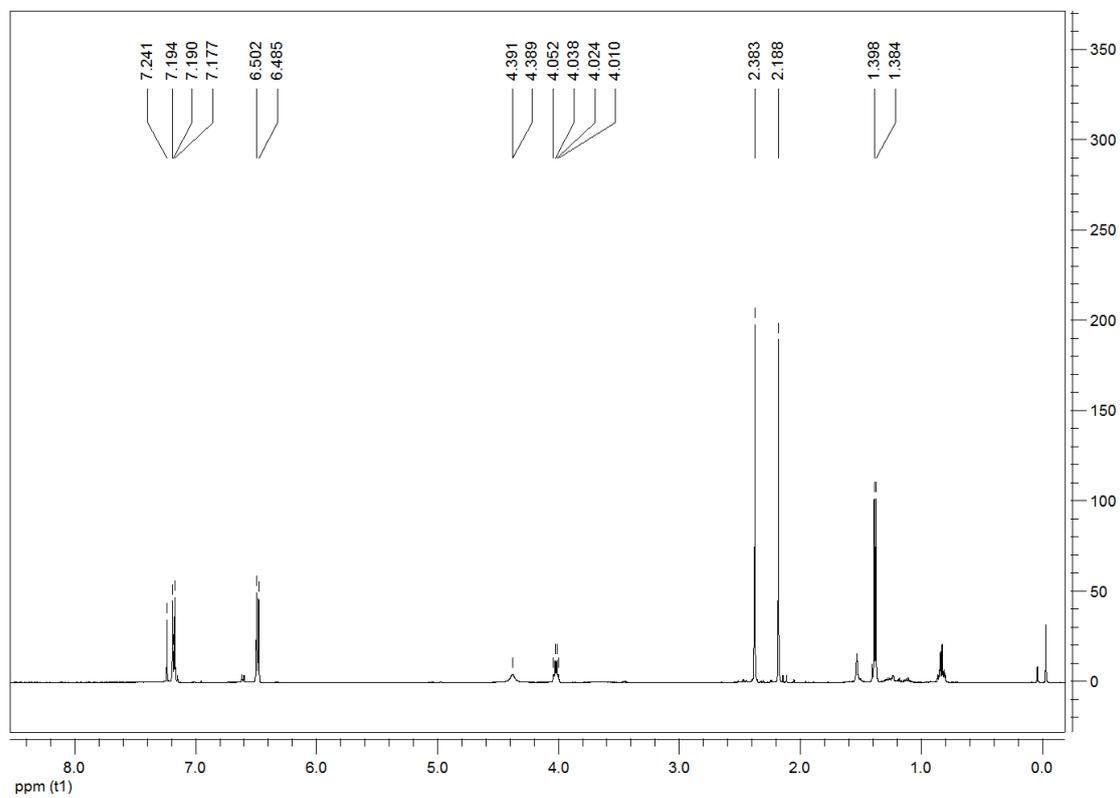


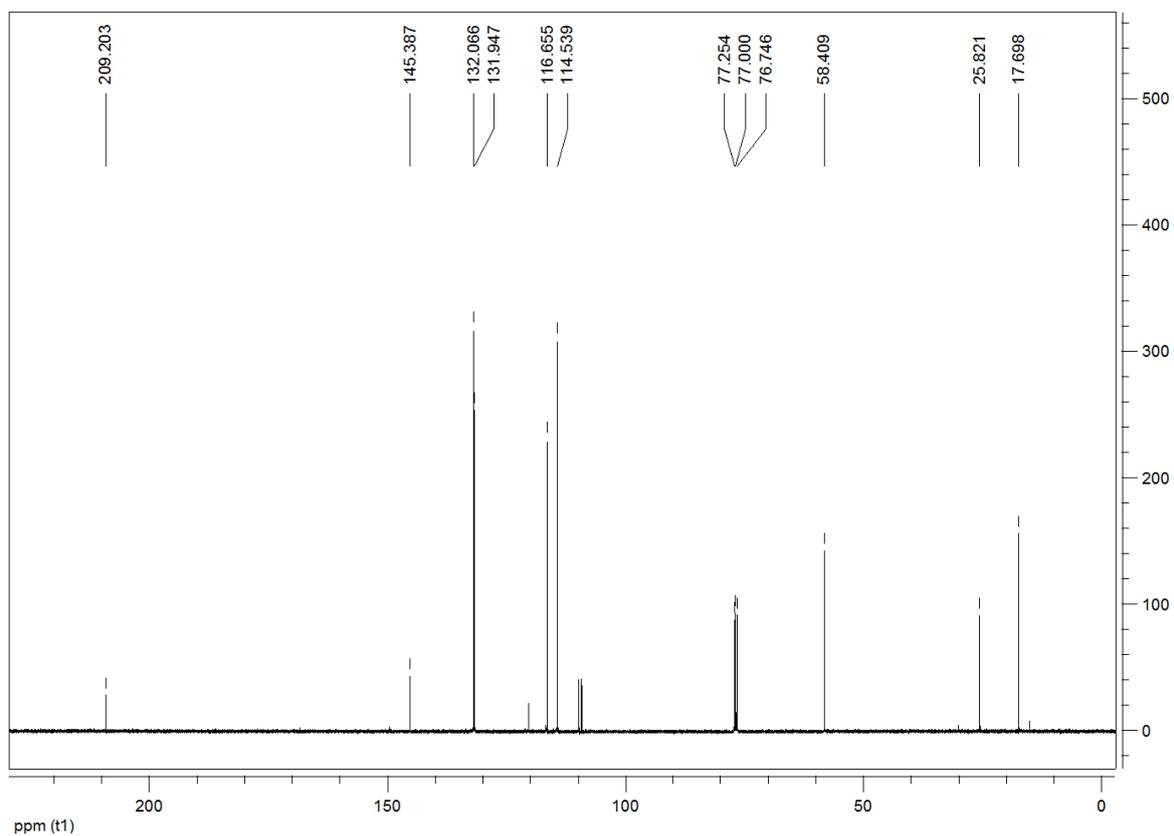
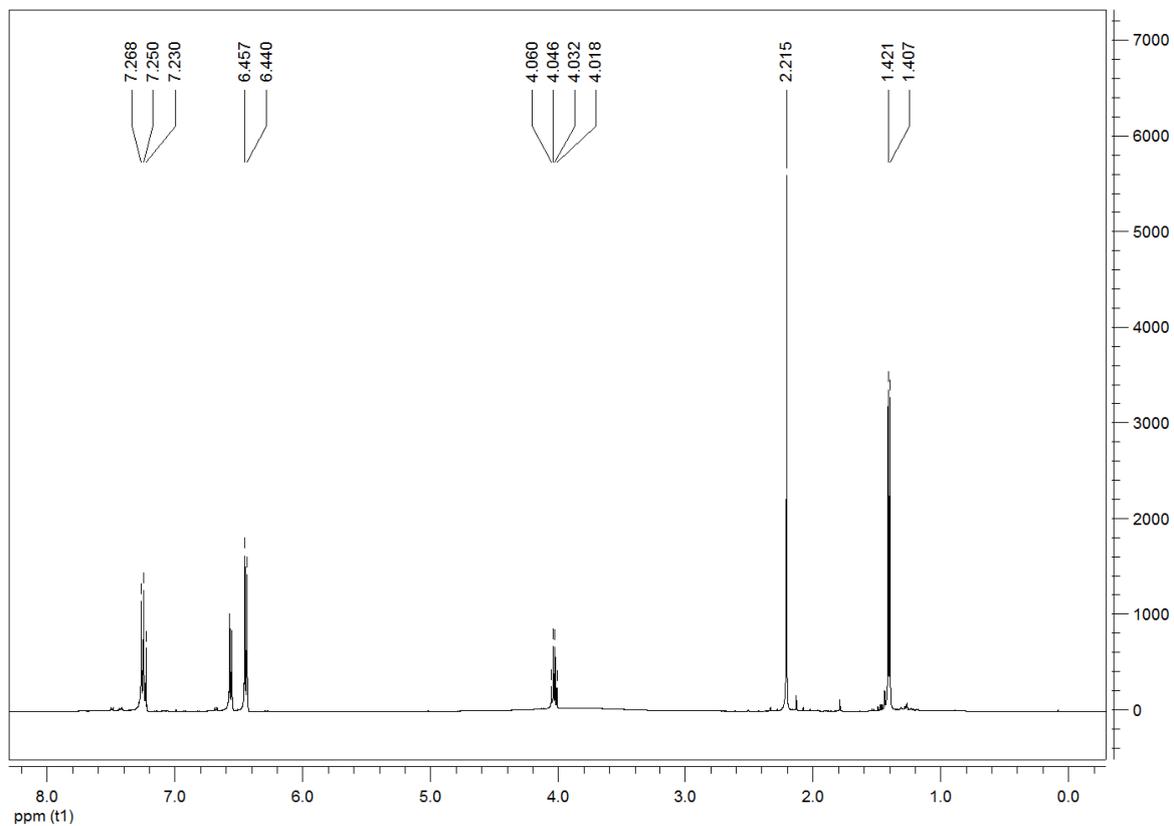
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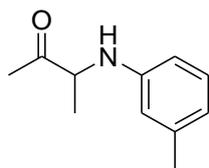




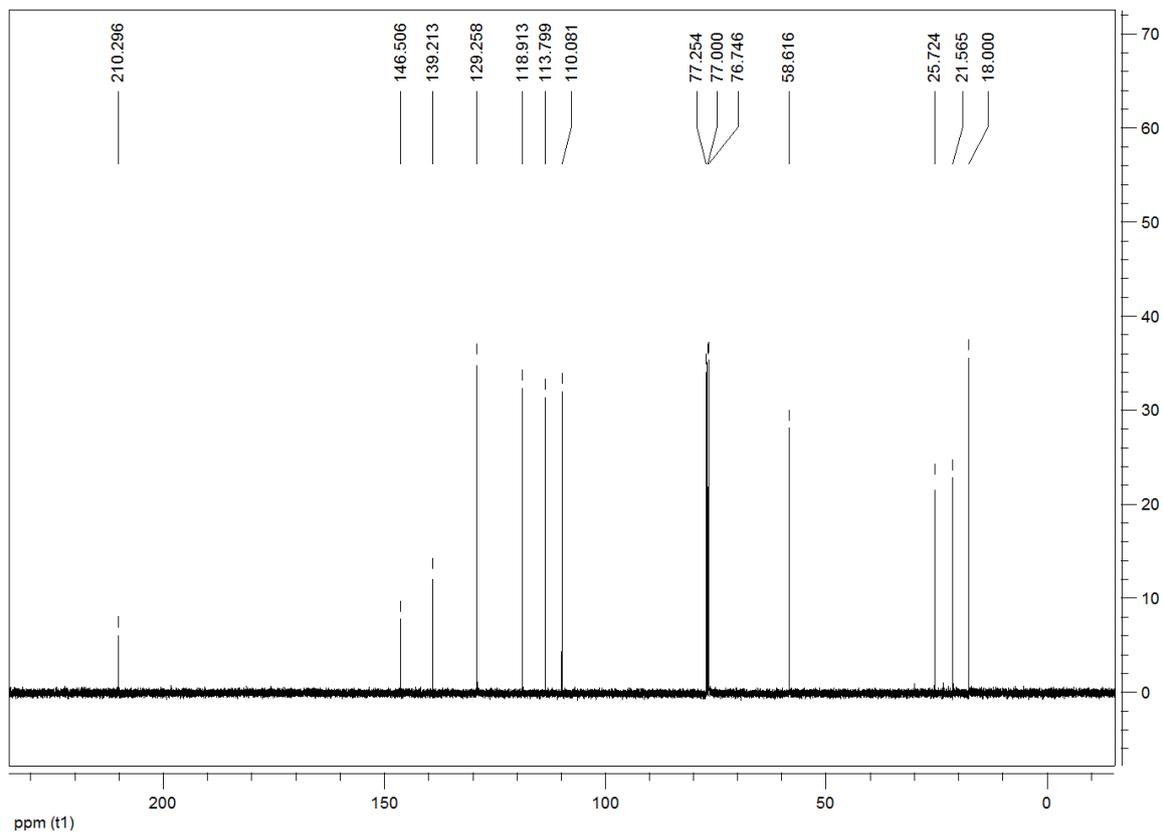
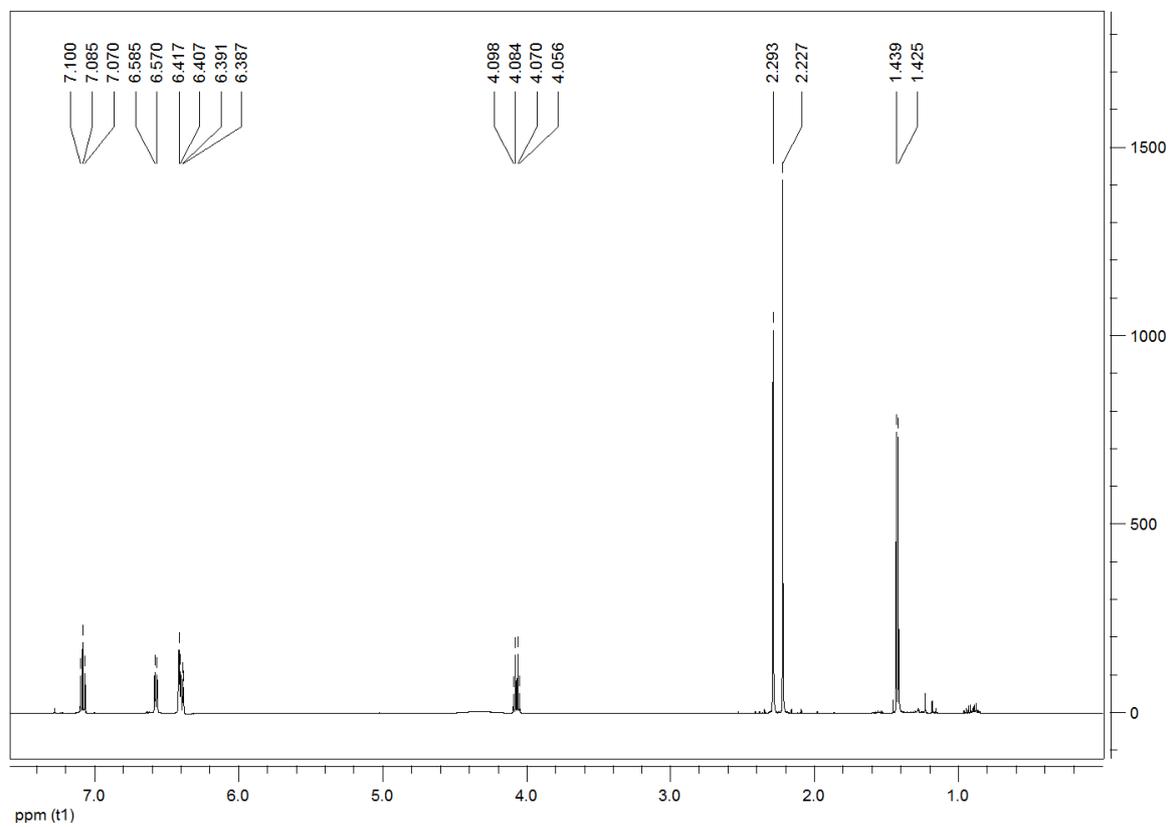
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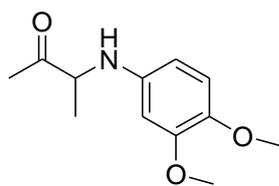




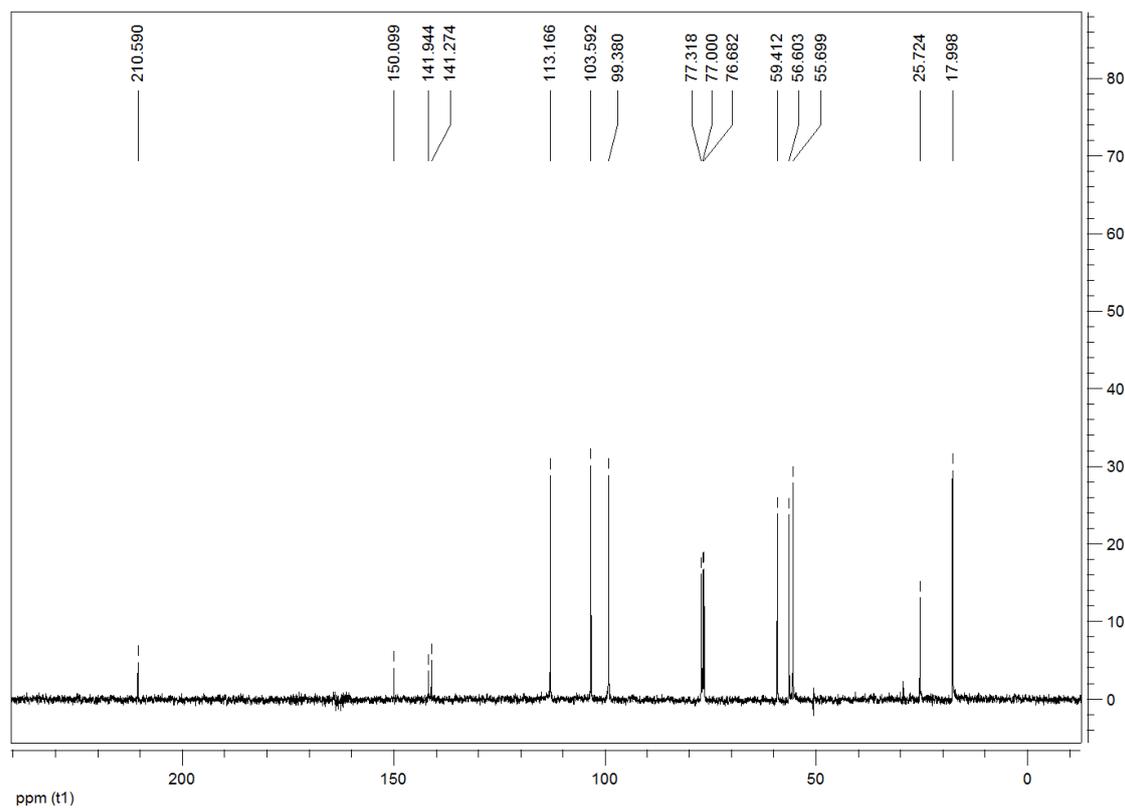
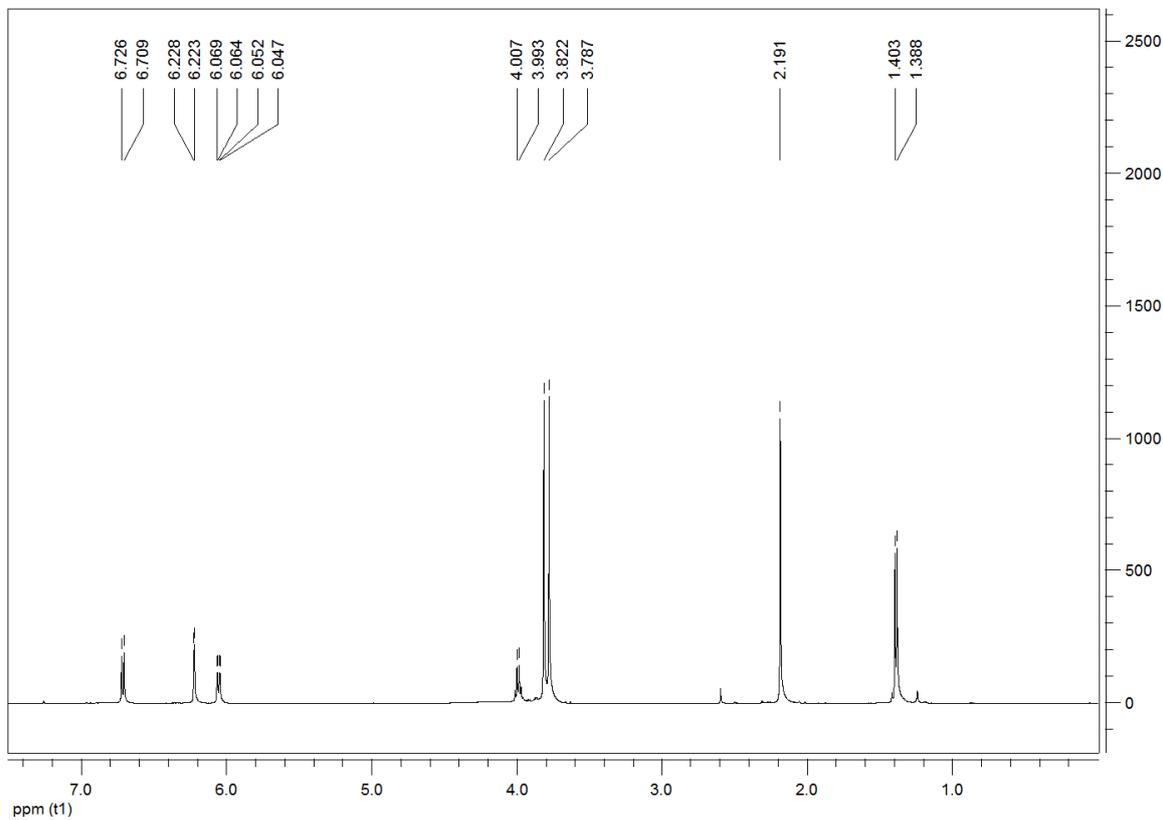


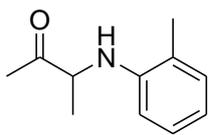
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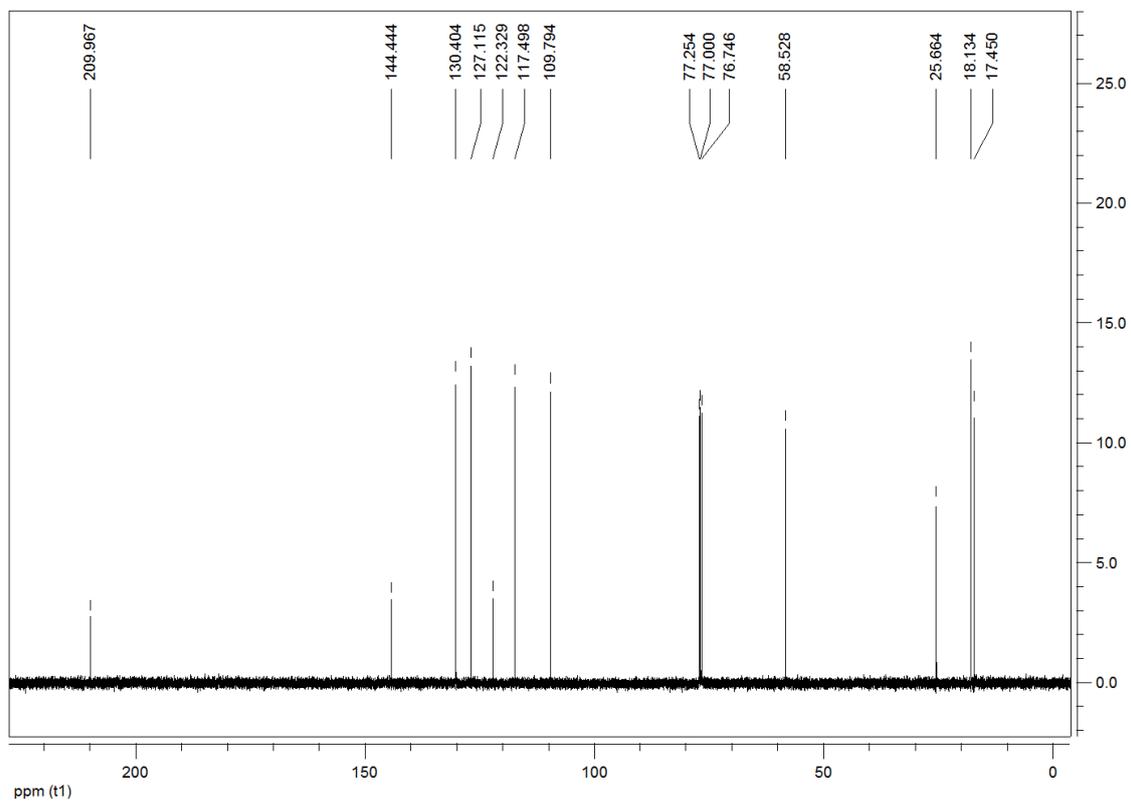
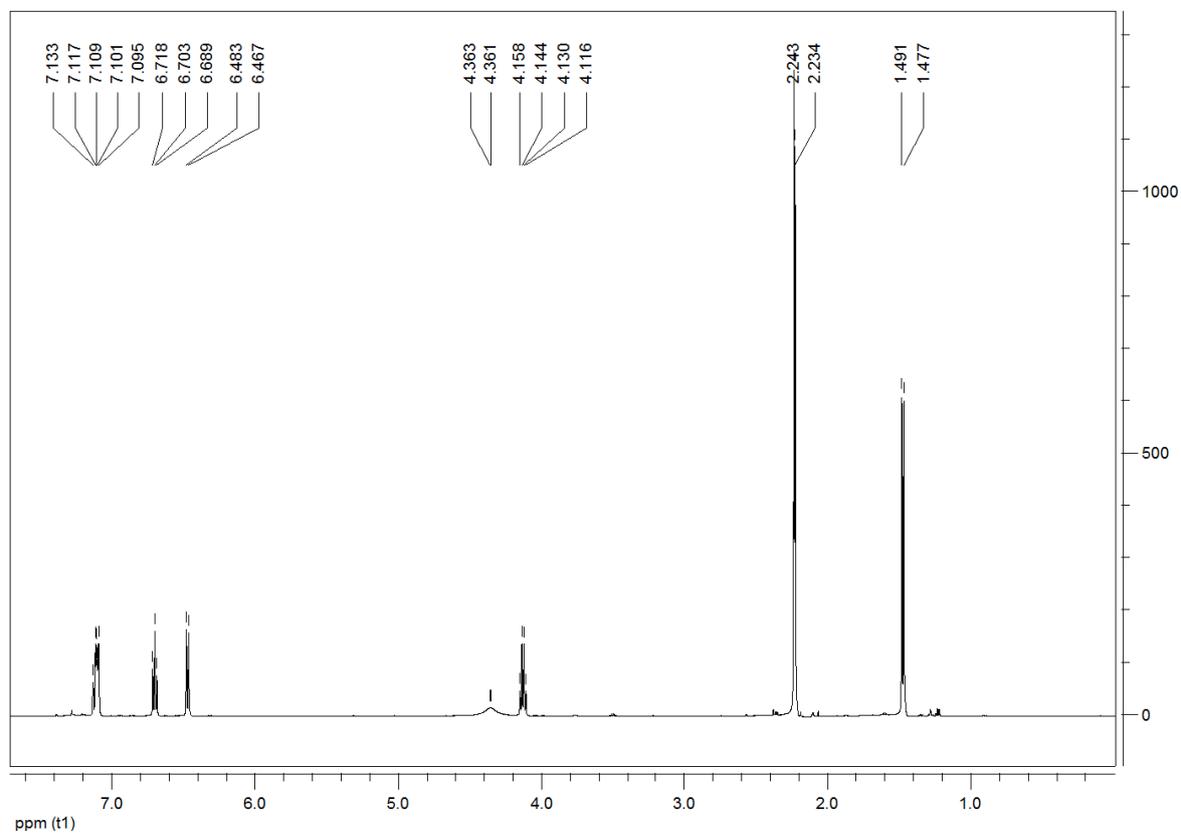


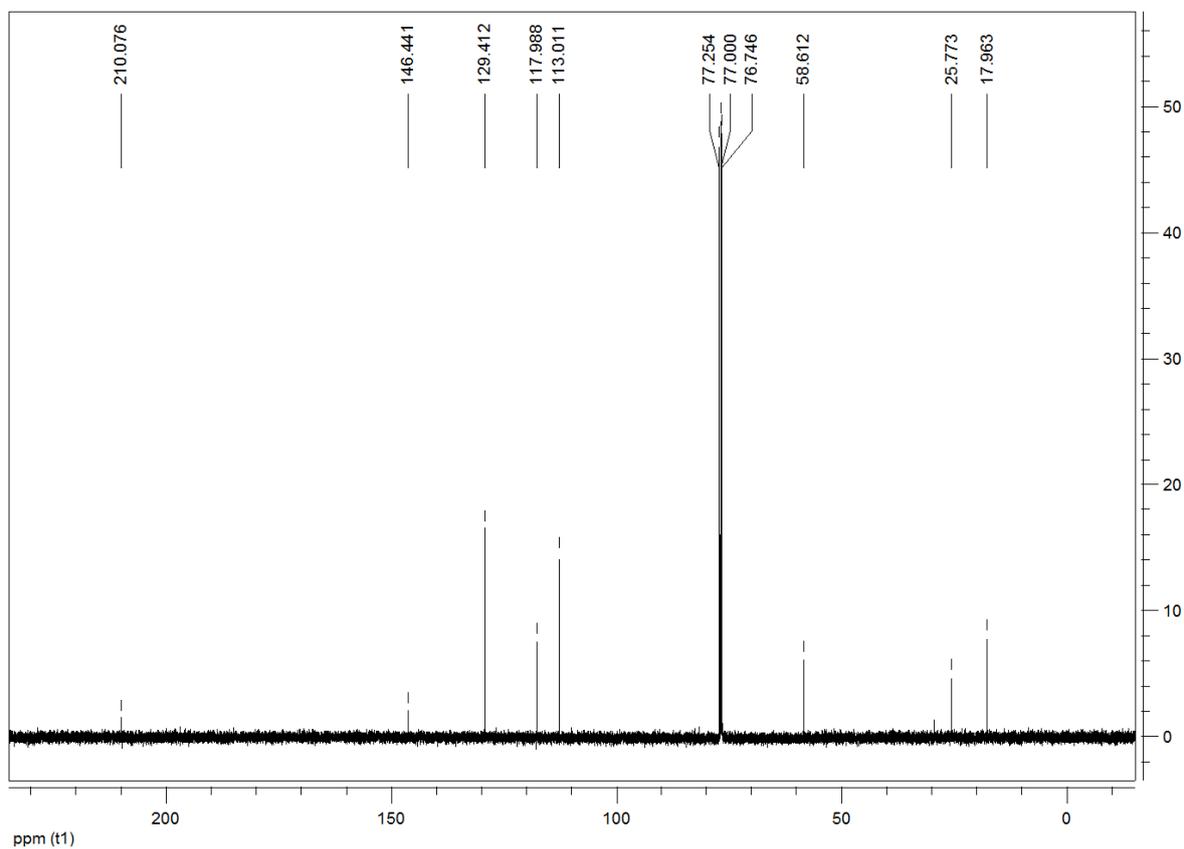
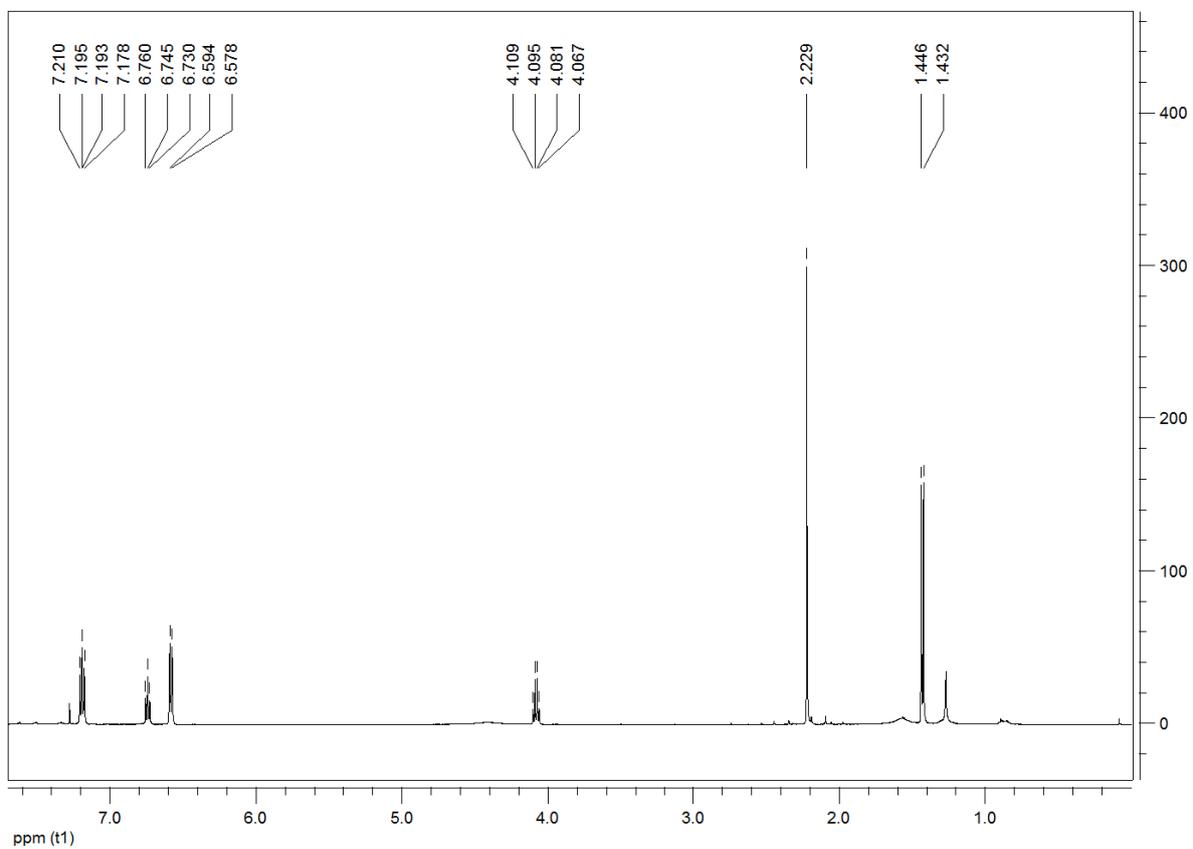
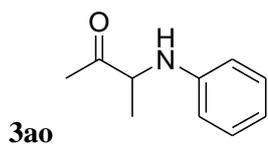
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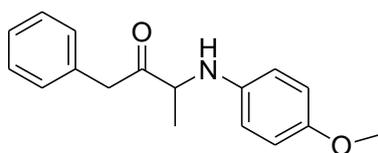




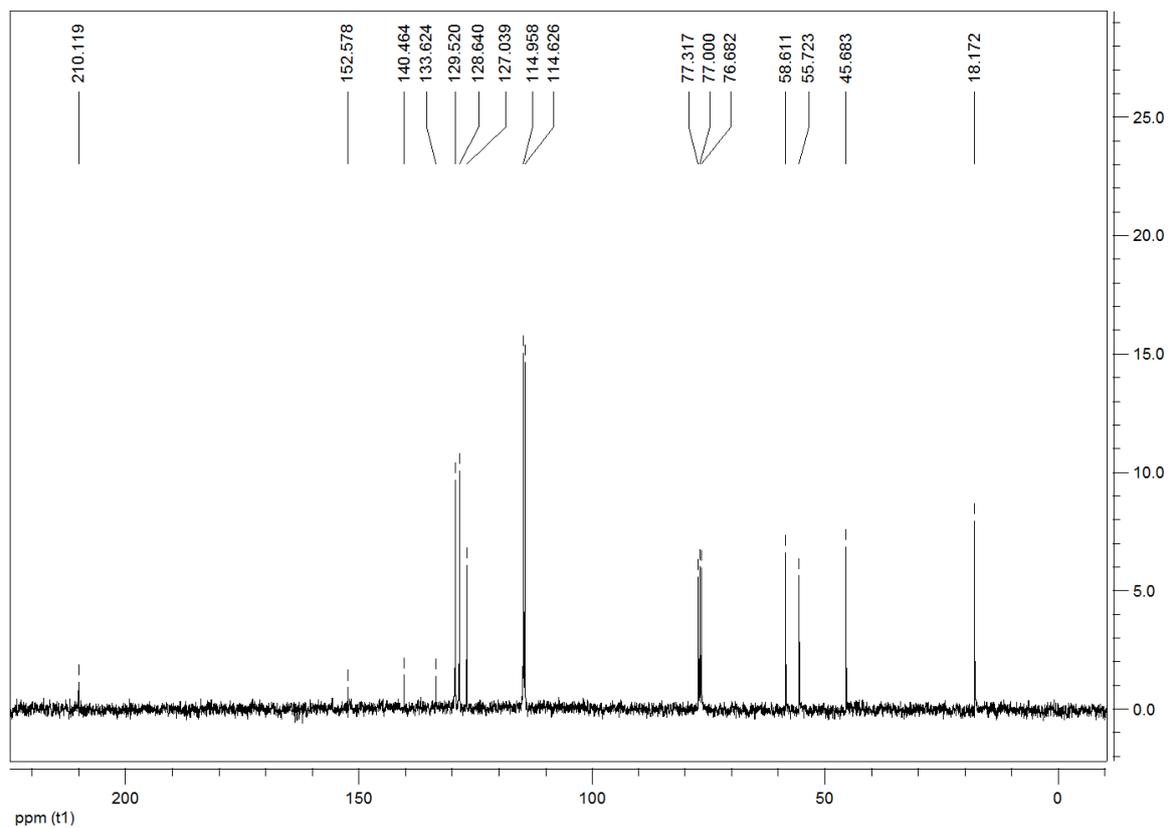
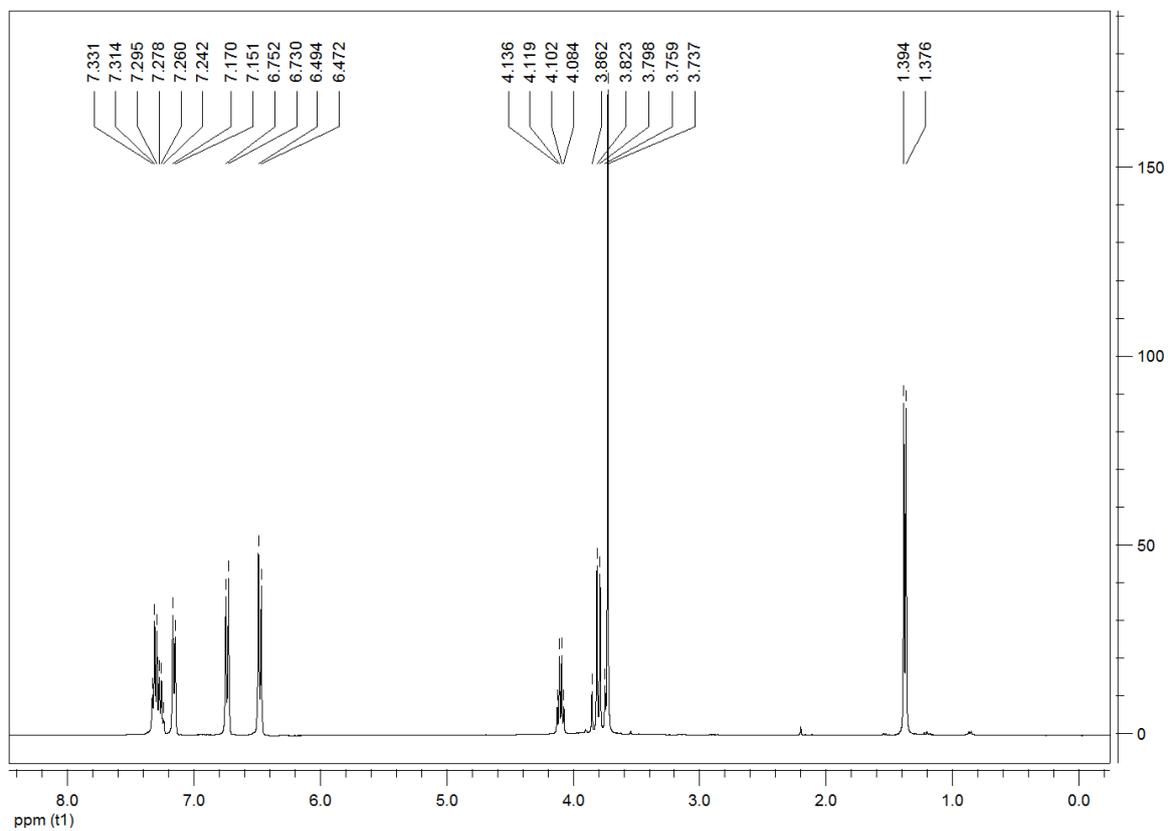
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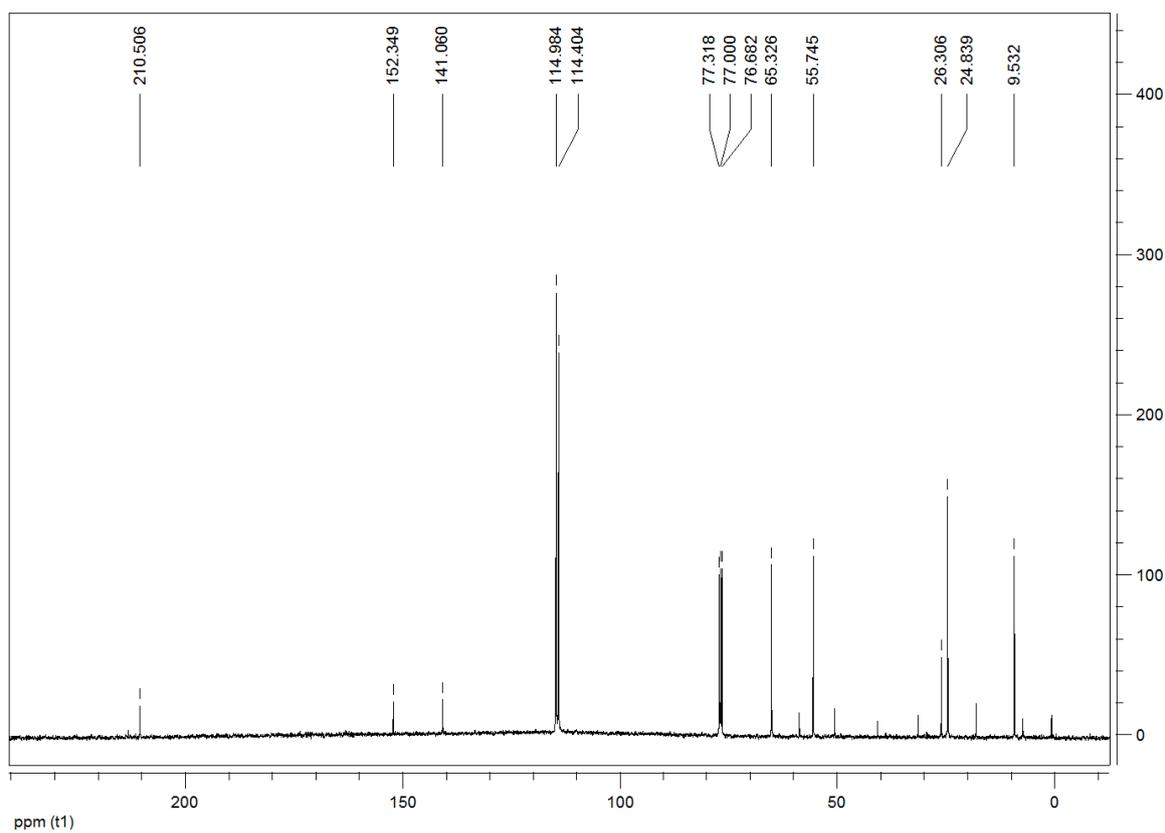
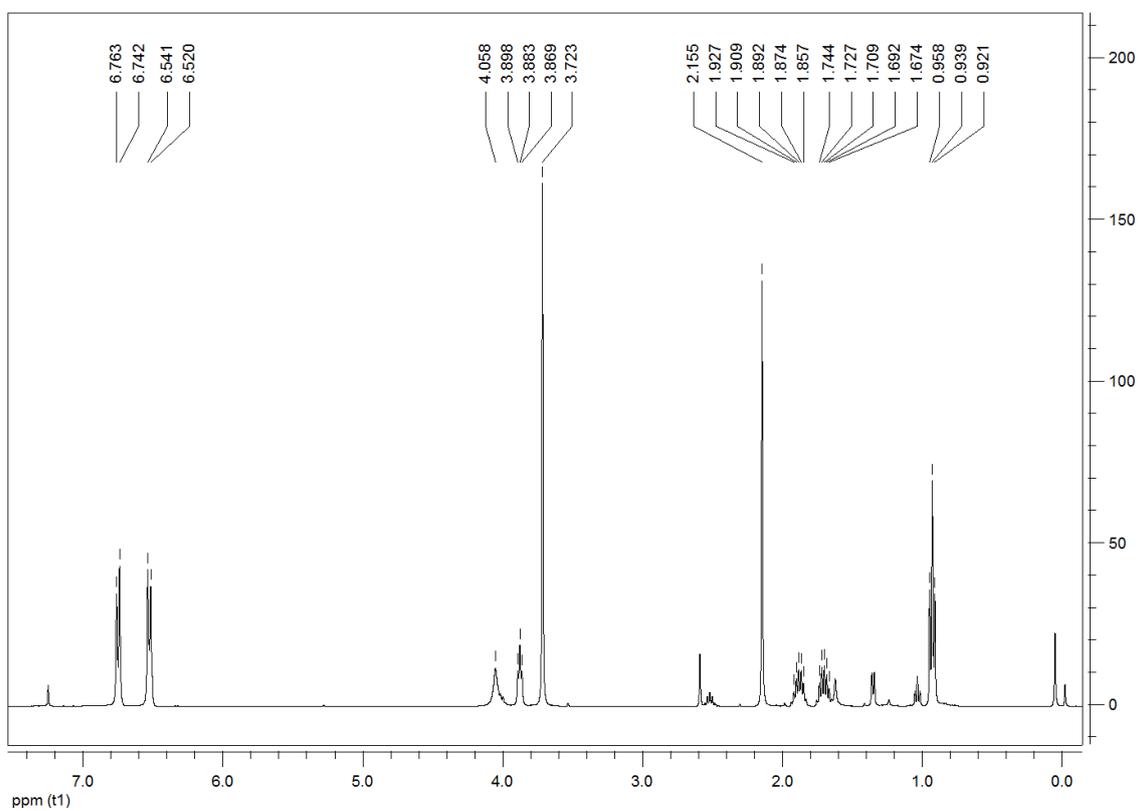
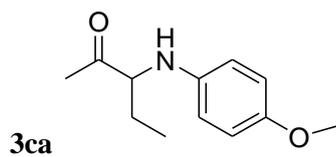


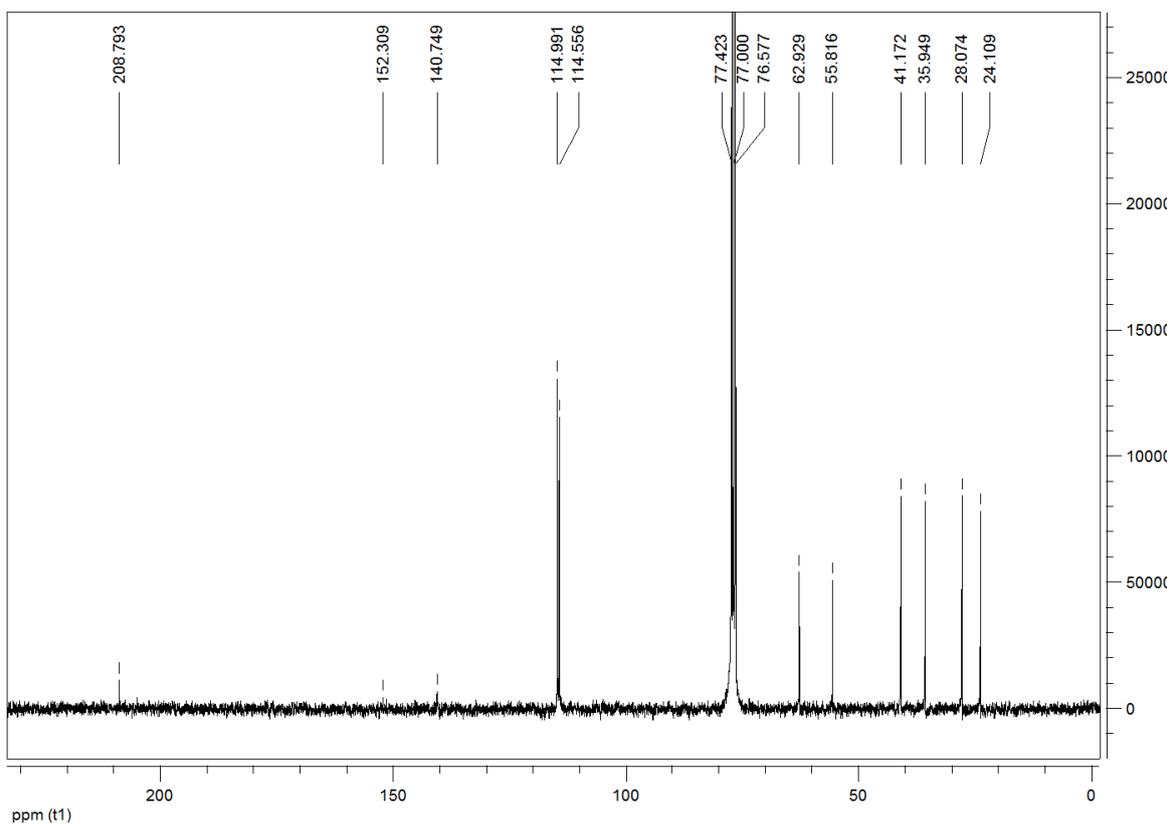
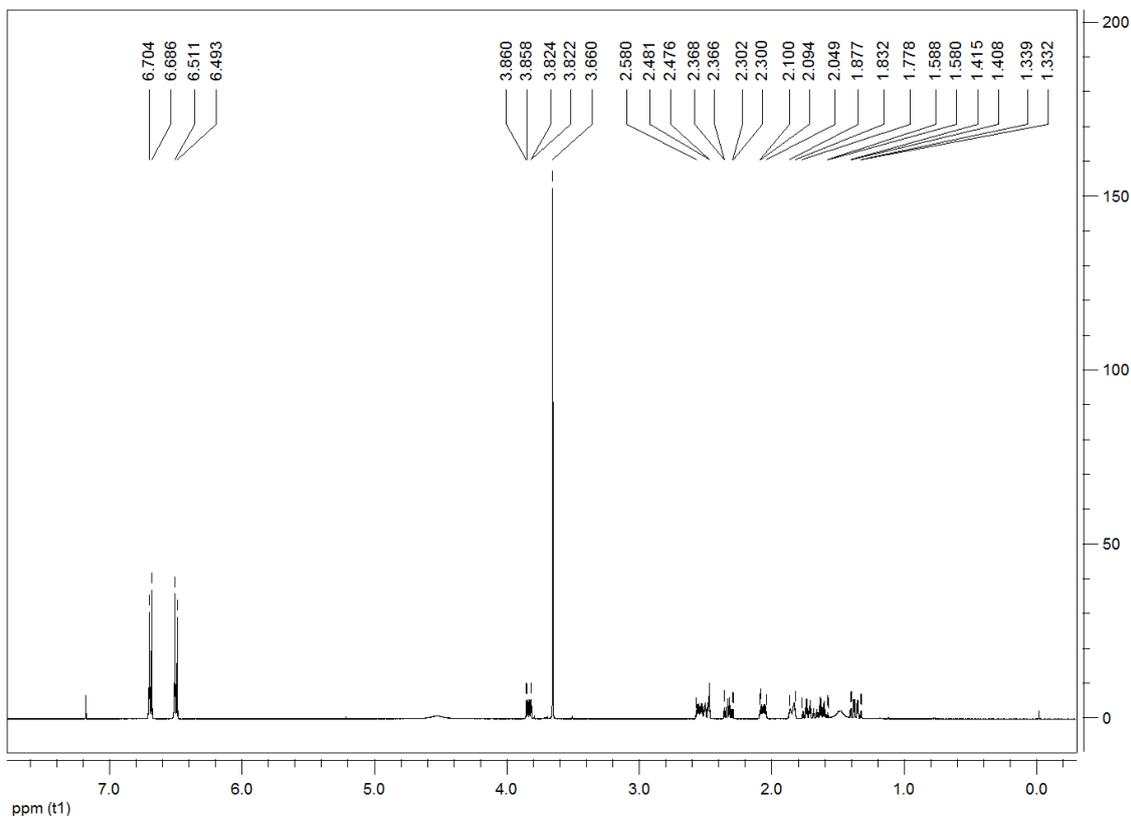
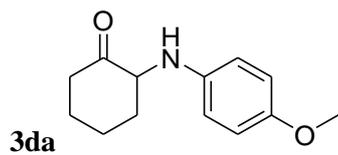




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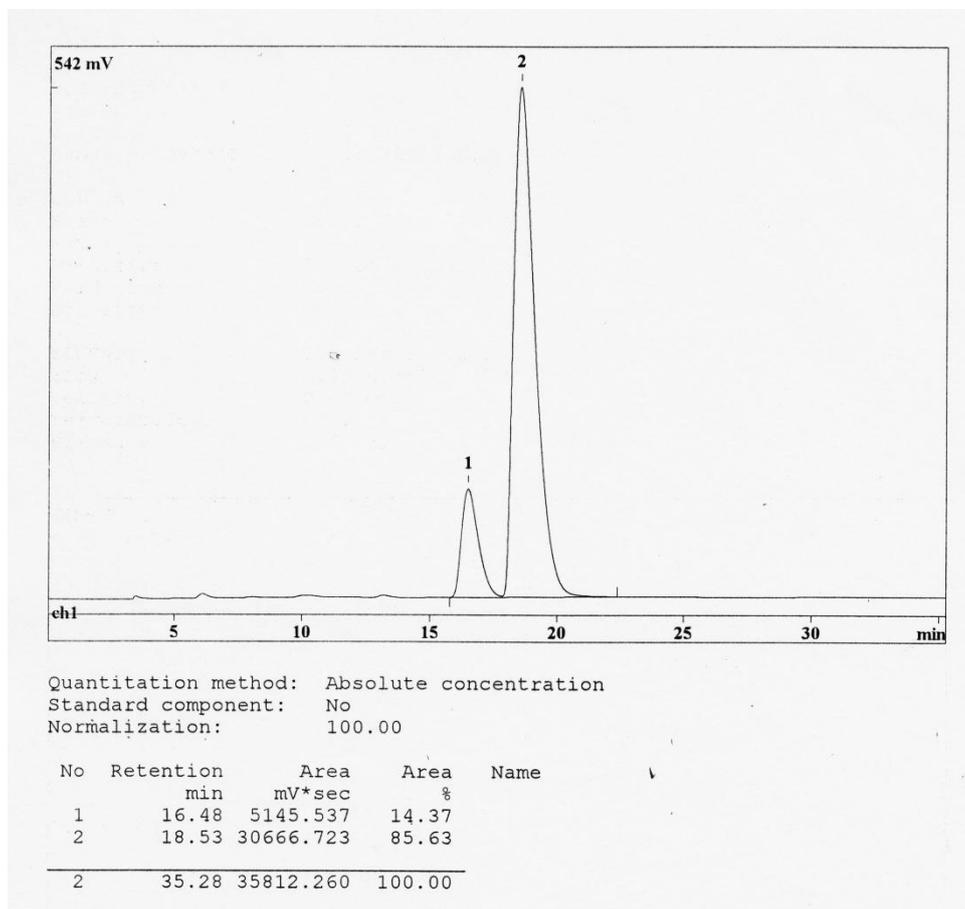
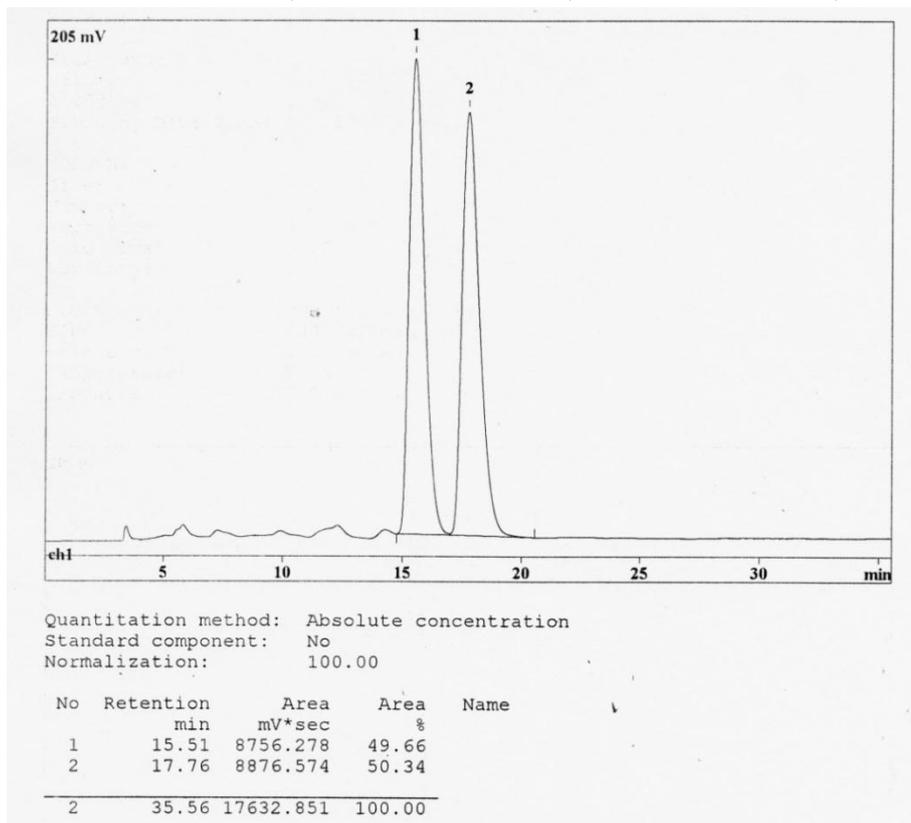




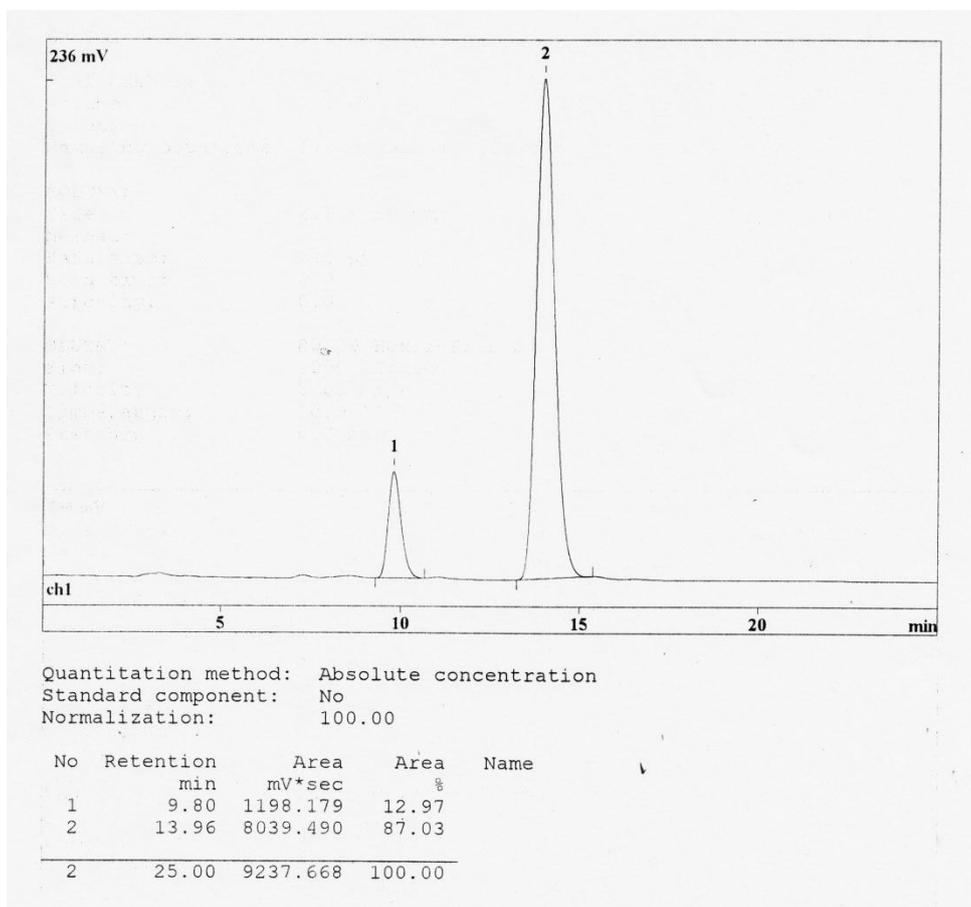
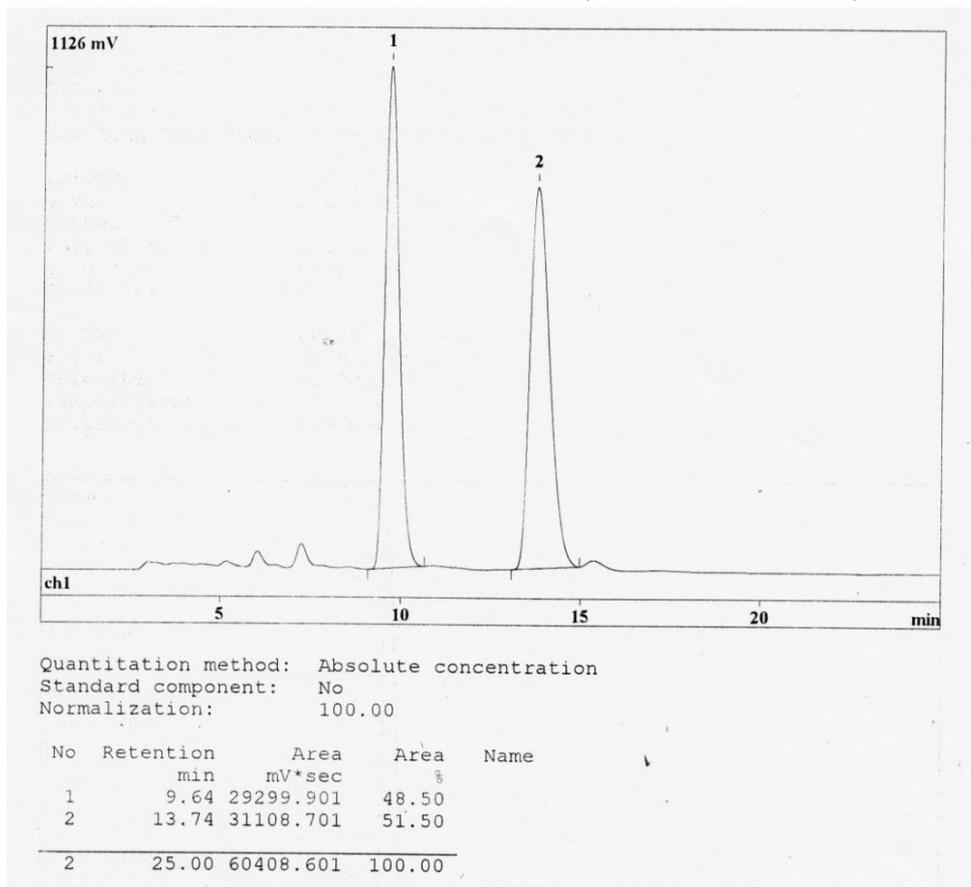


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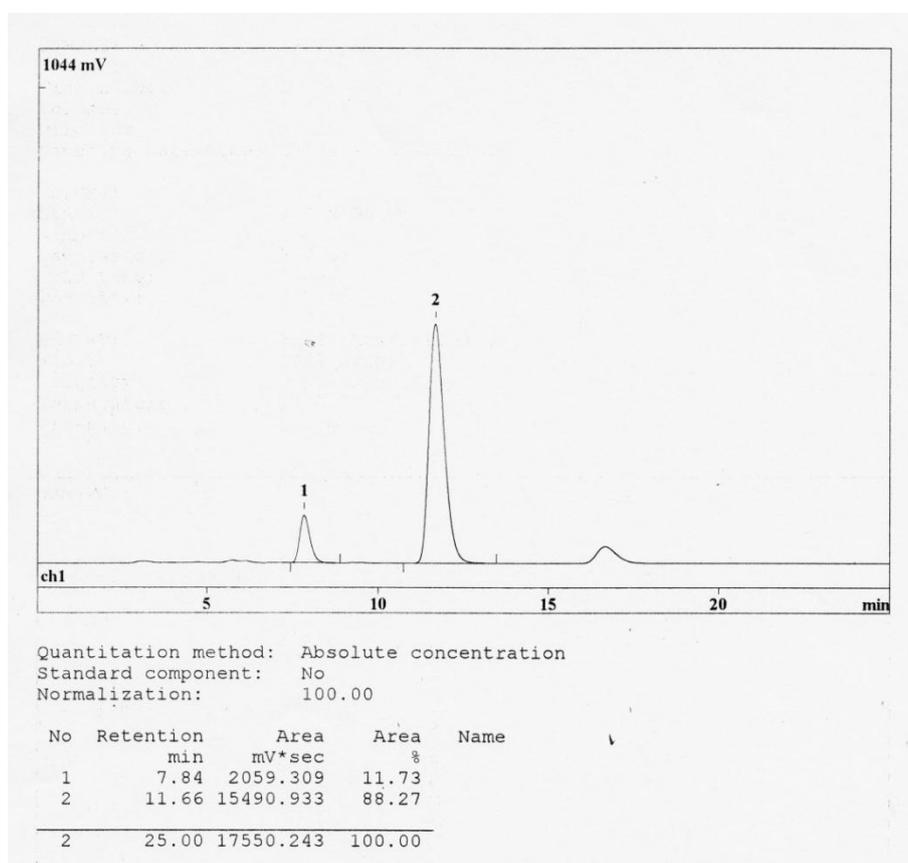
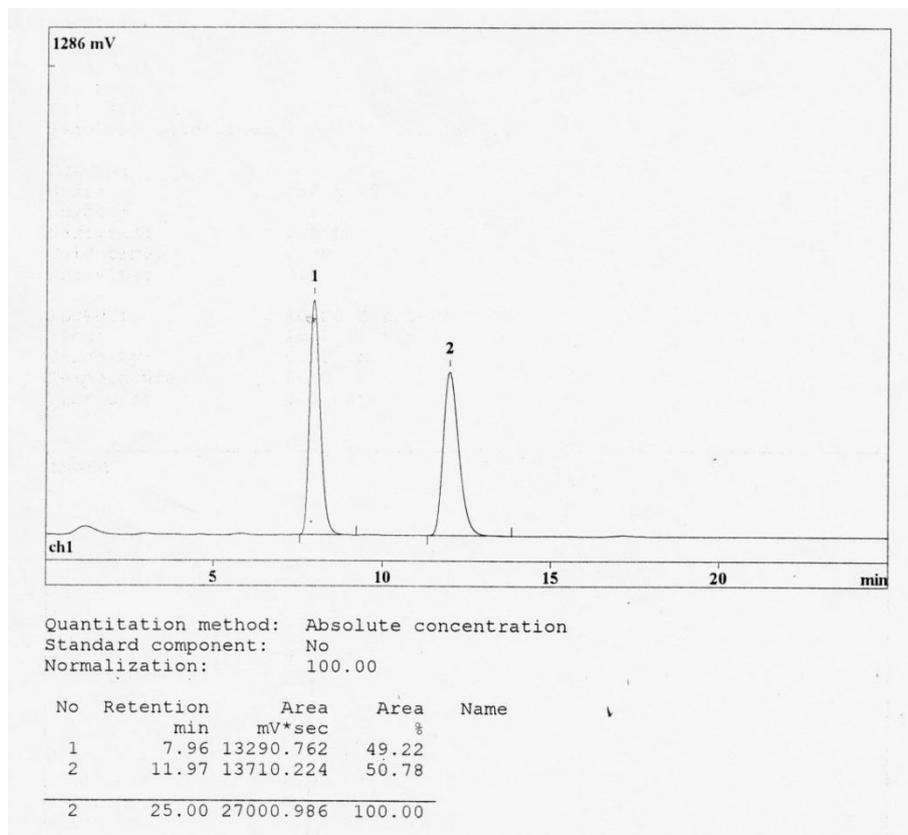
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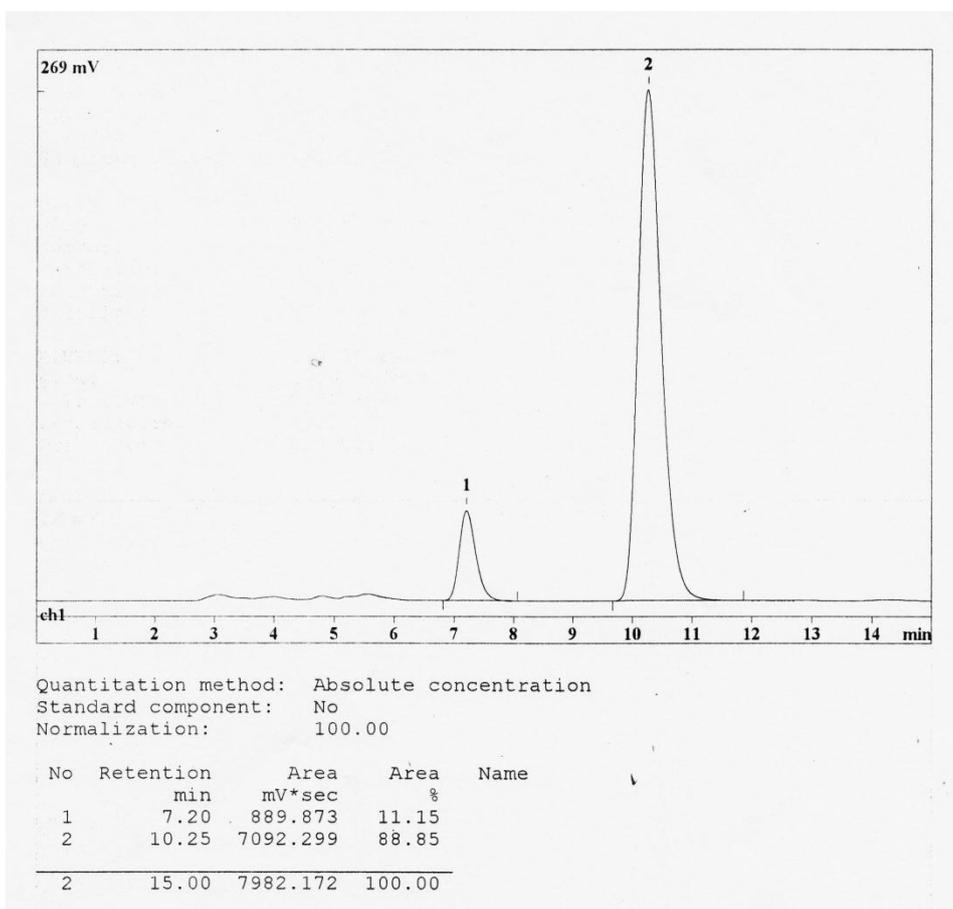
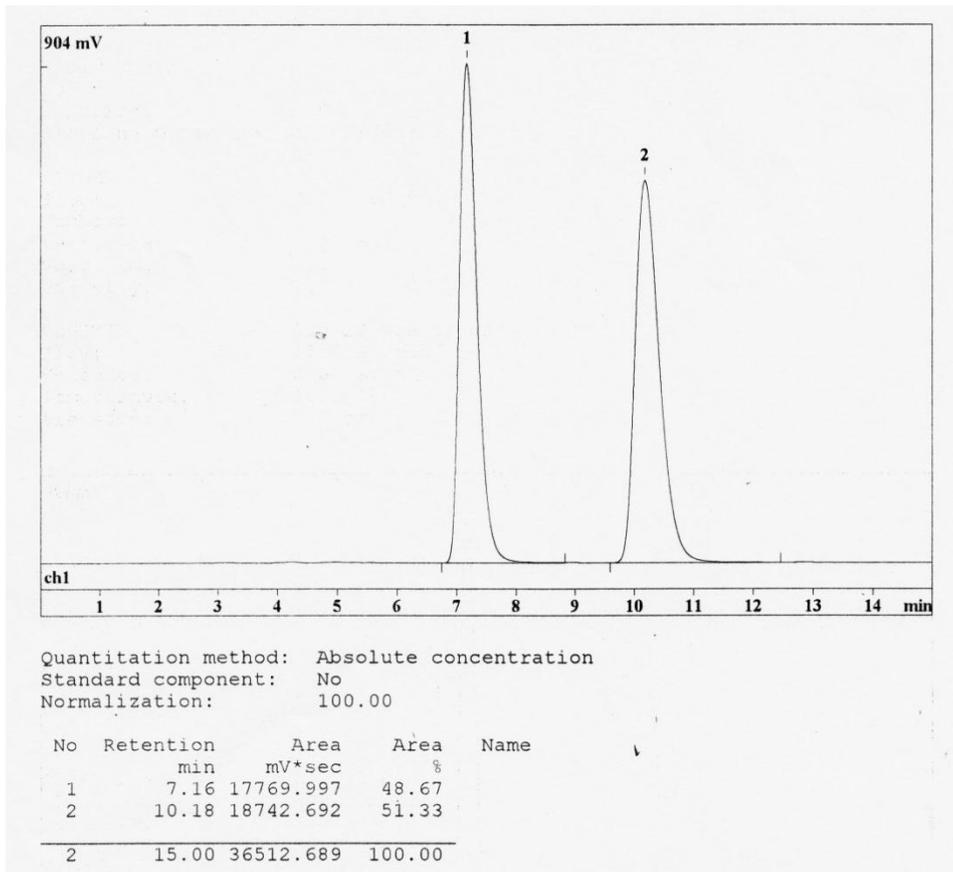
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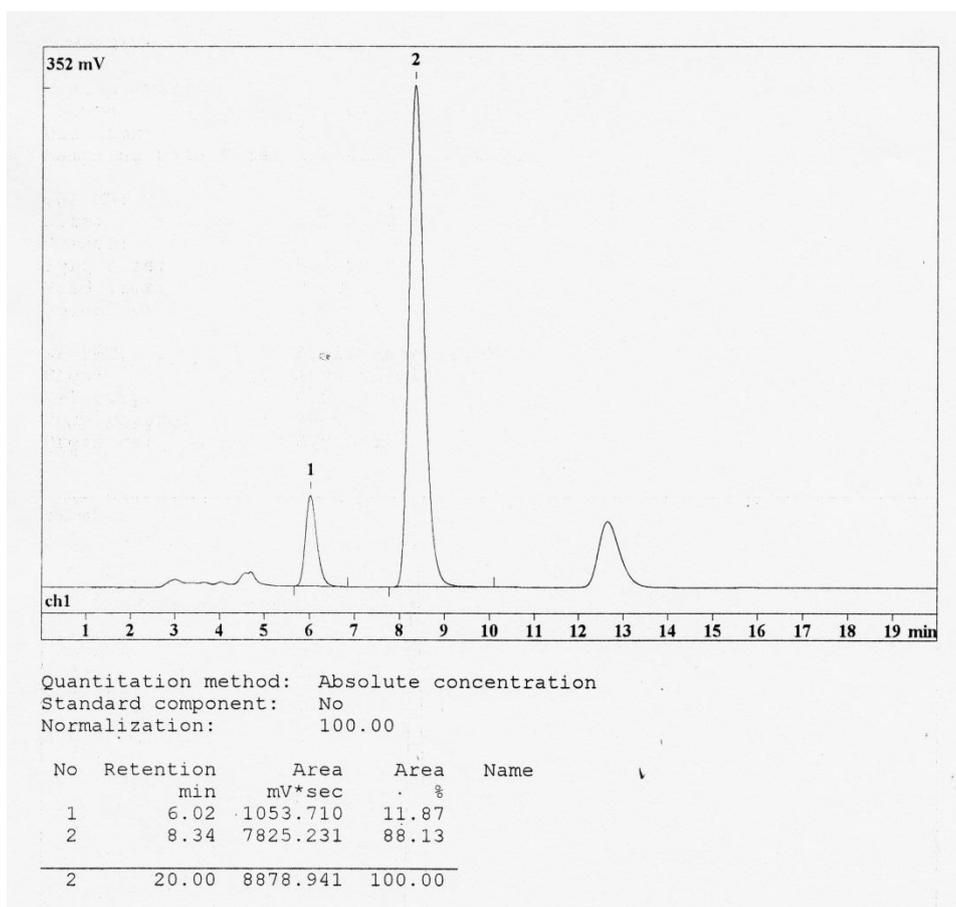
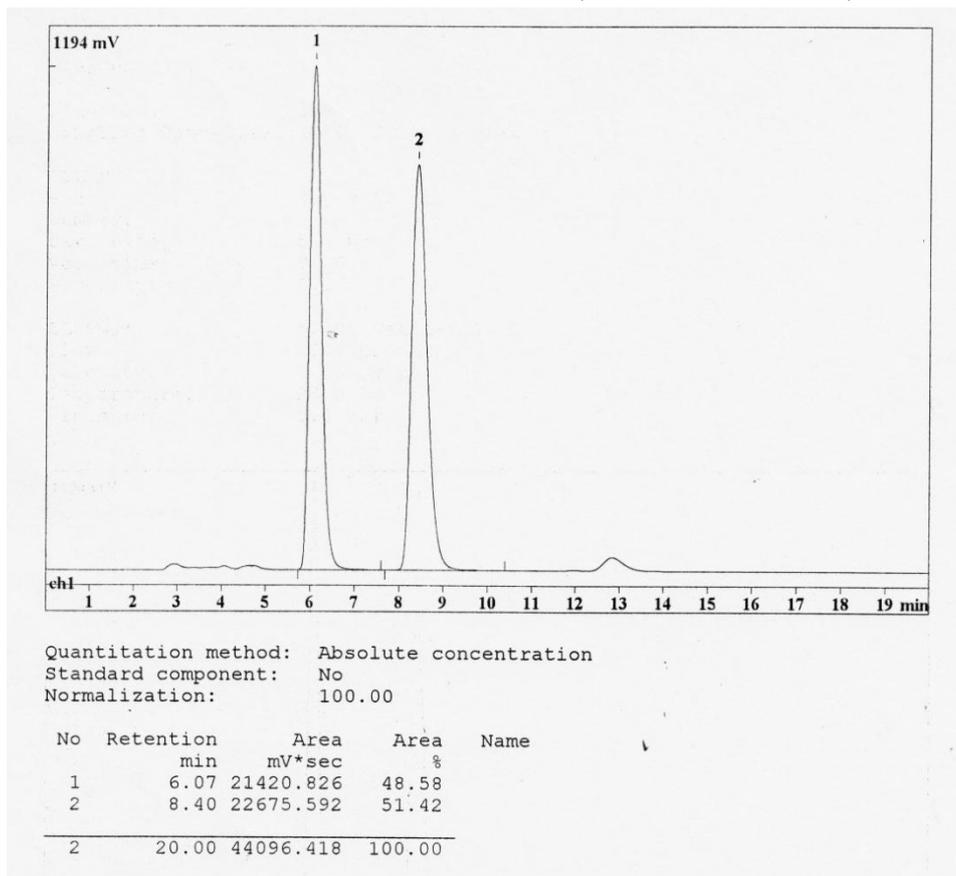
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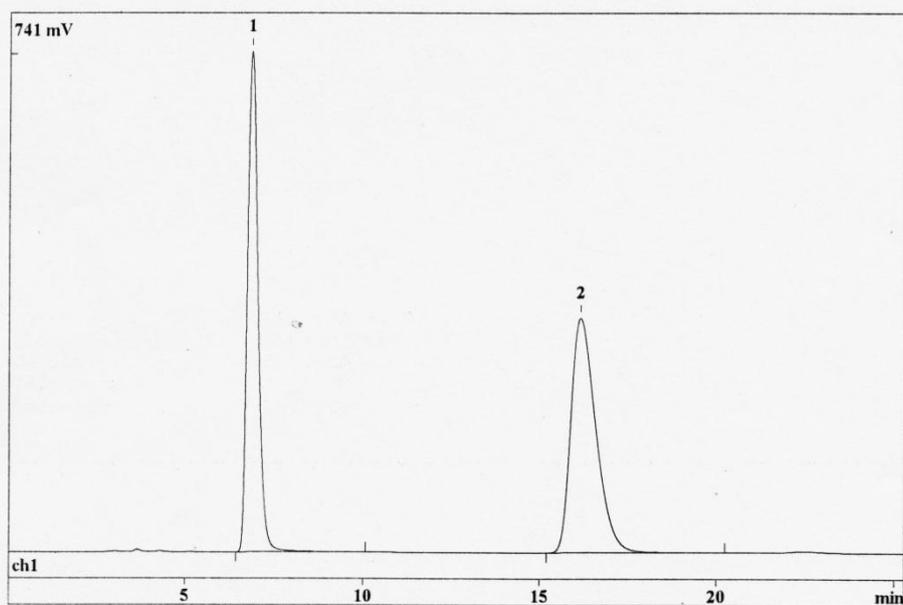
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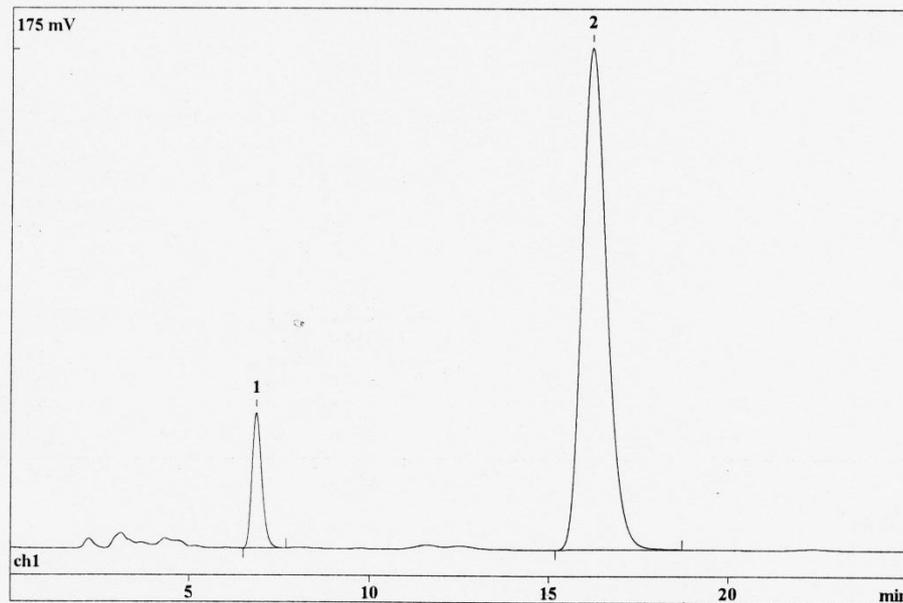


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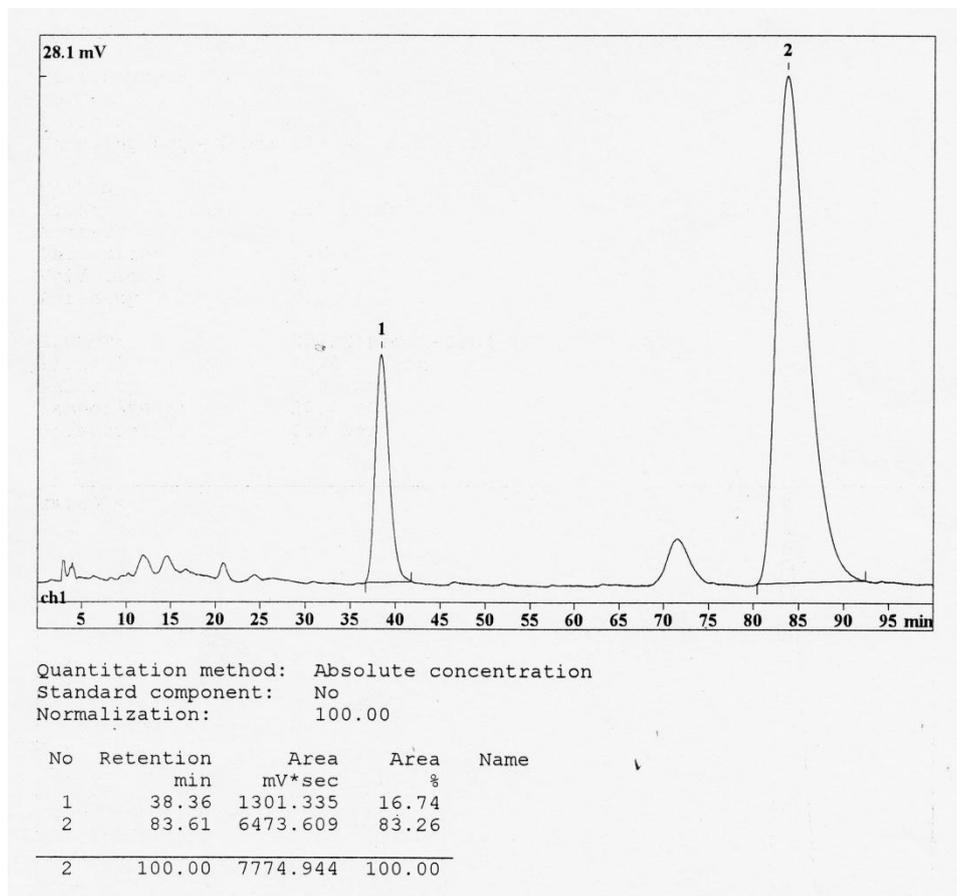
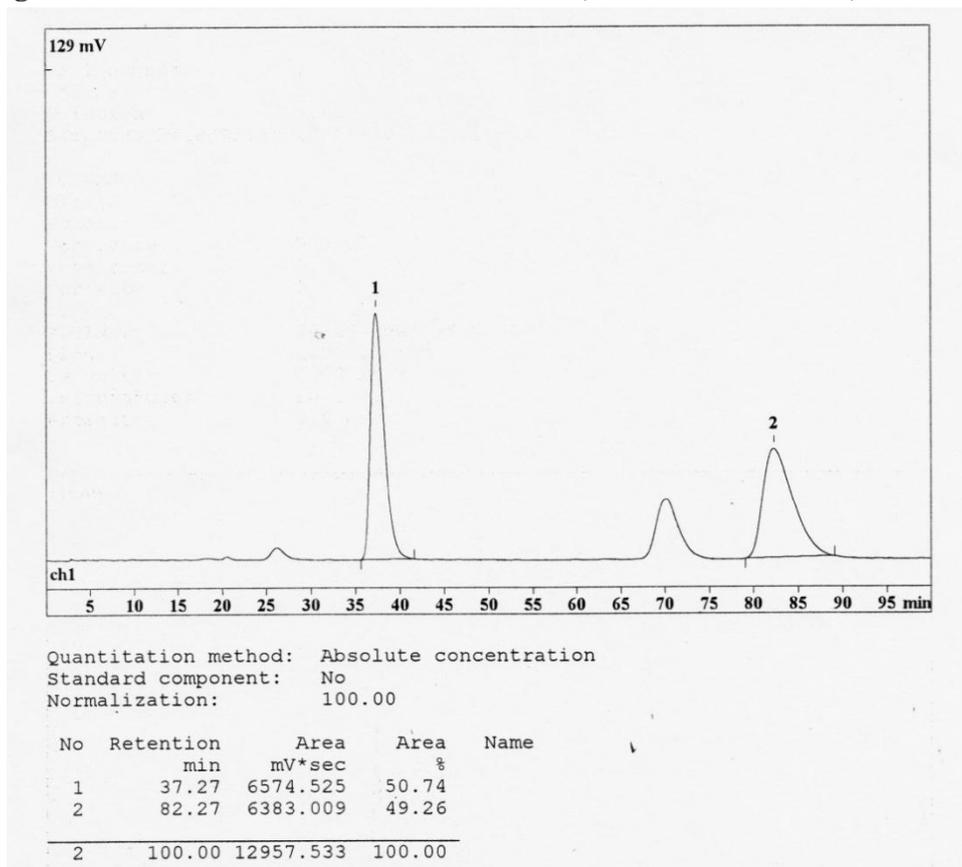
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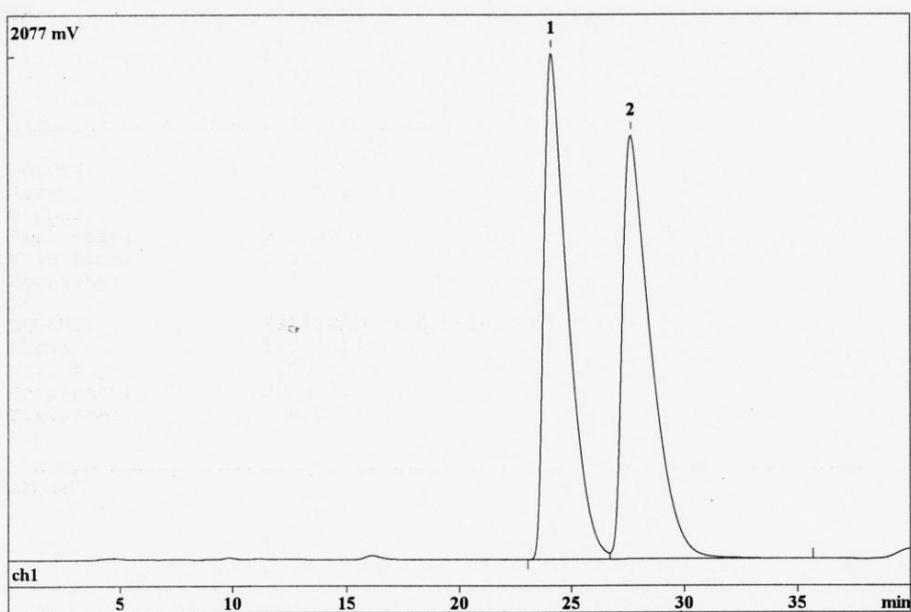
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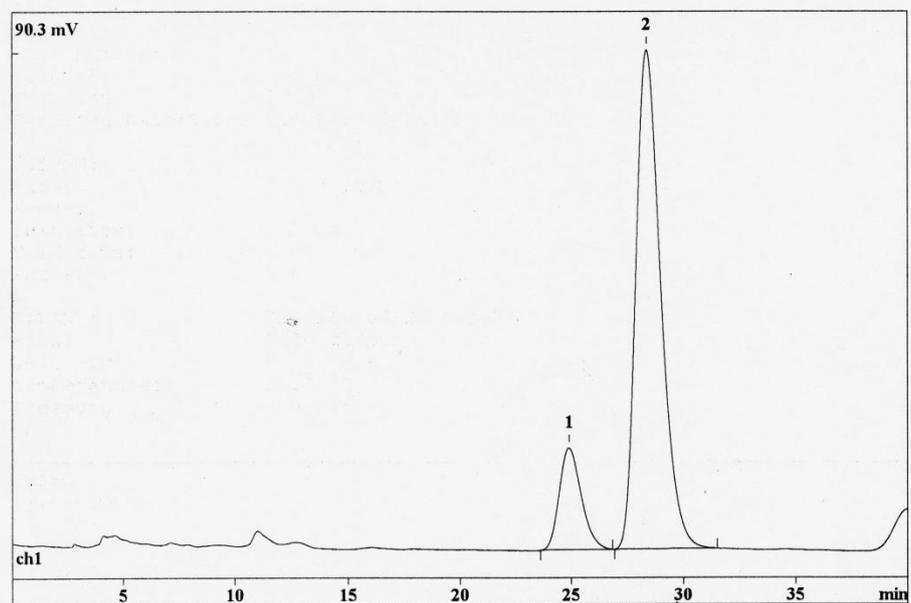


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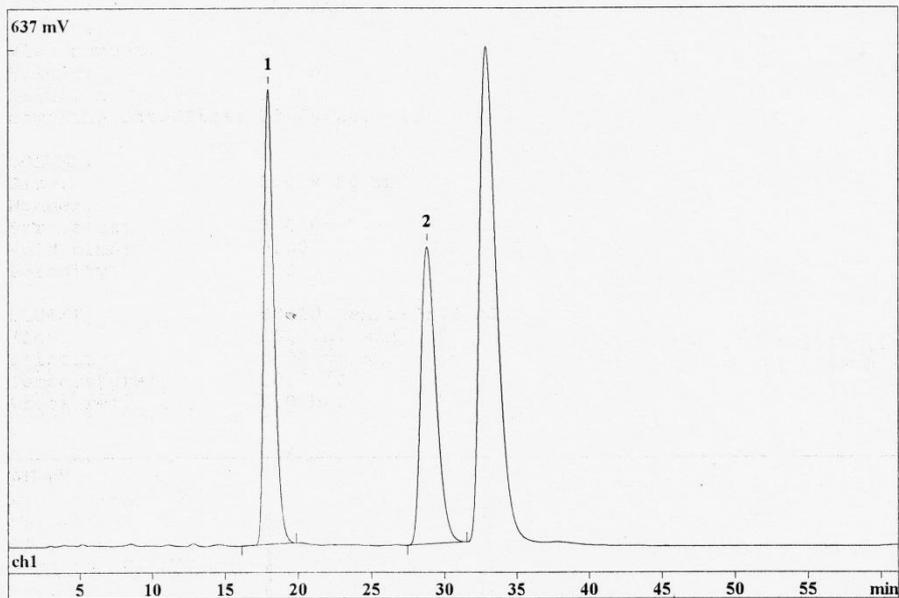
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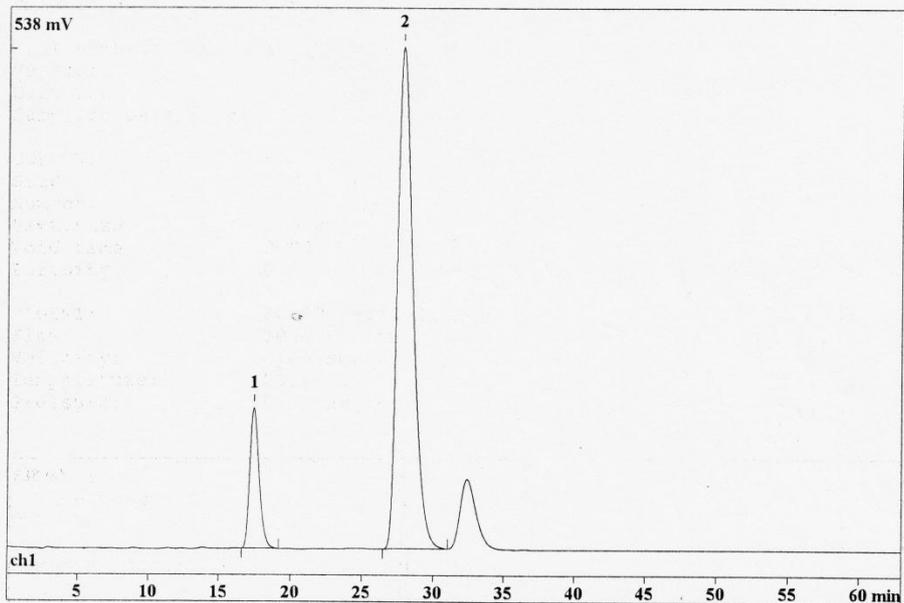
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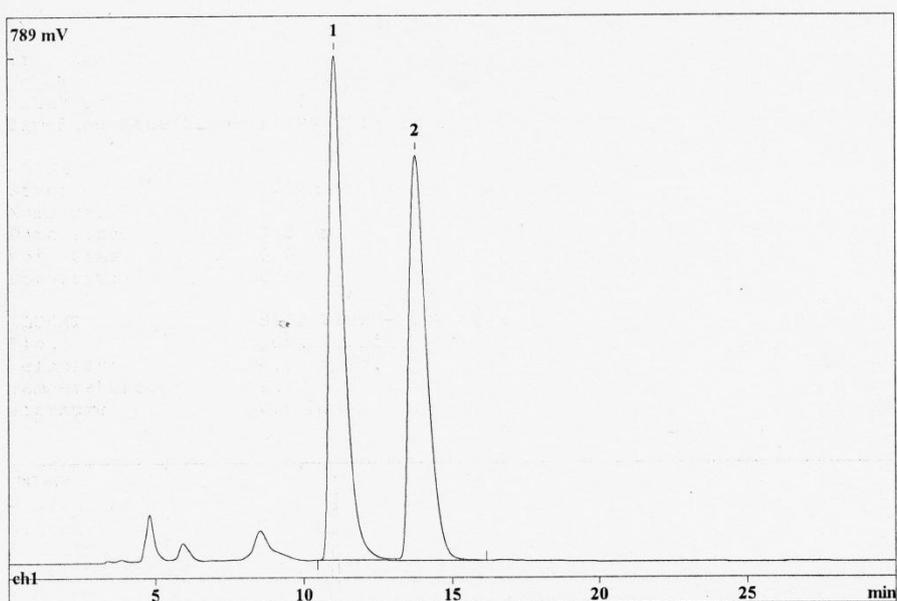
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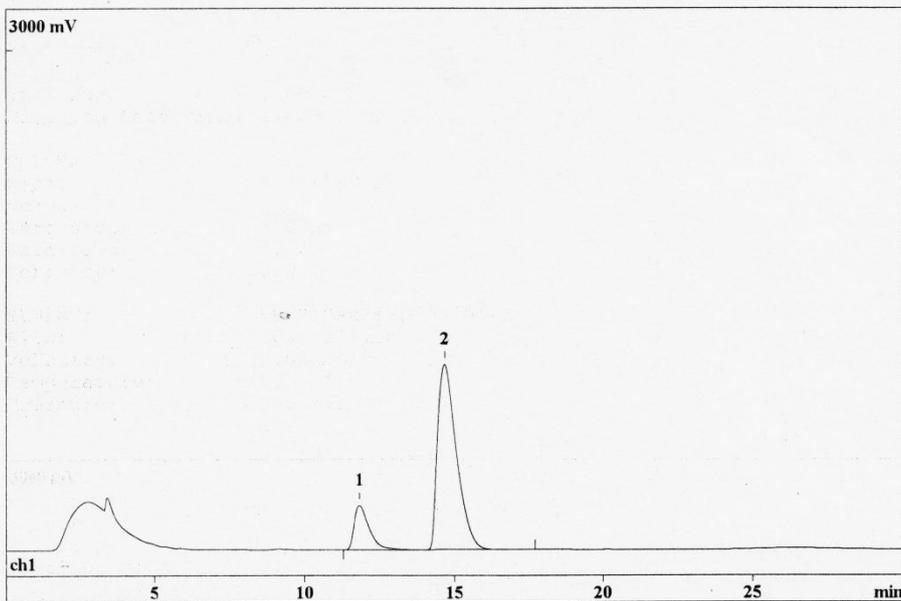
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2	63.00	45541.626	100.00	

3aj: Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

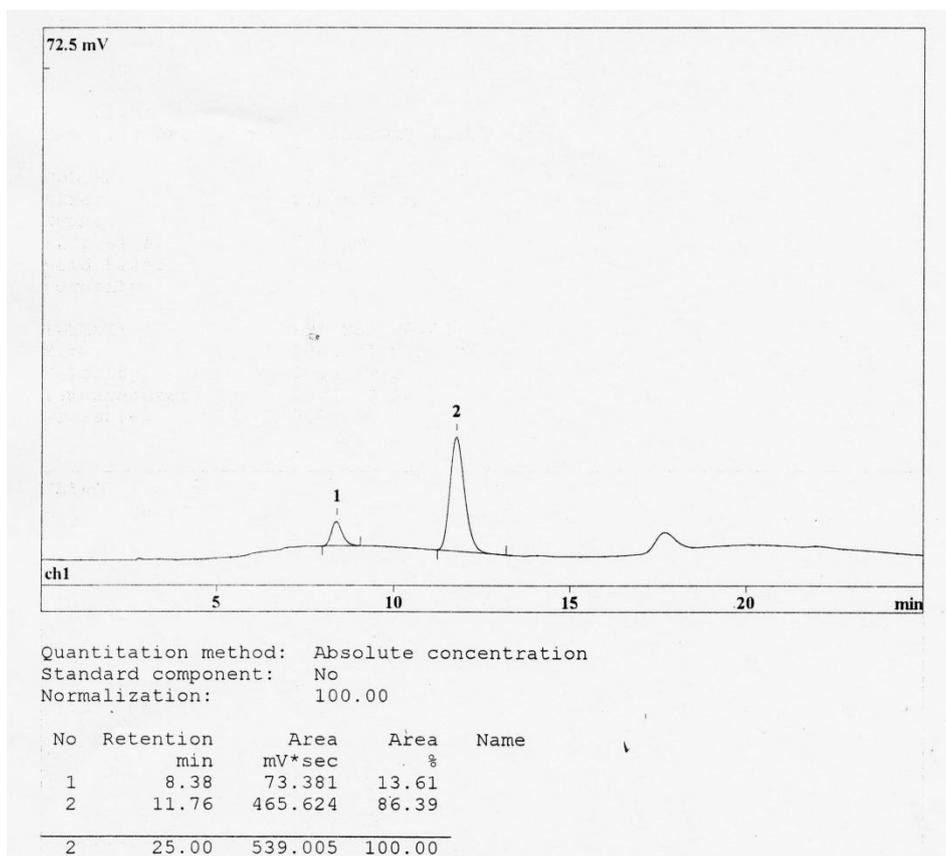
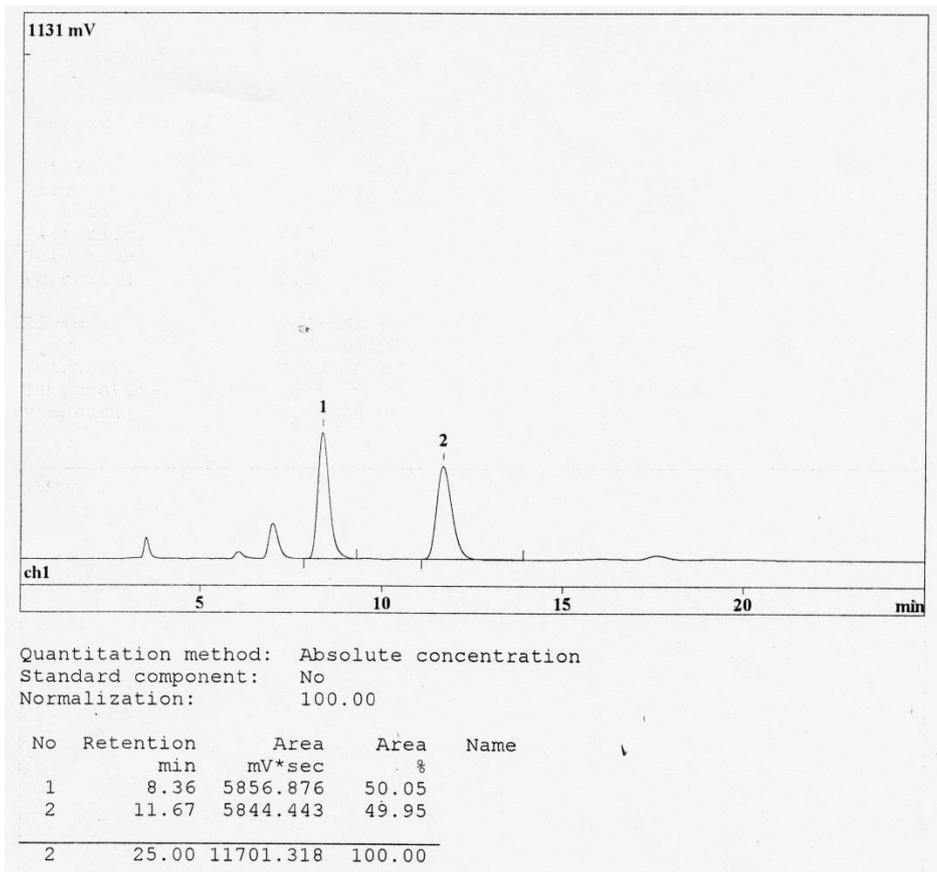
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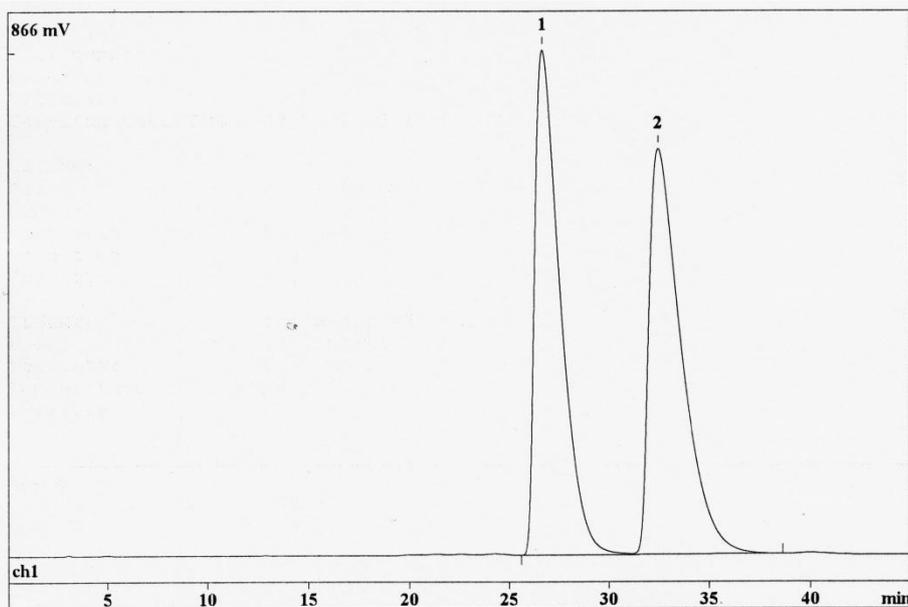
Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

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3al: Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm

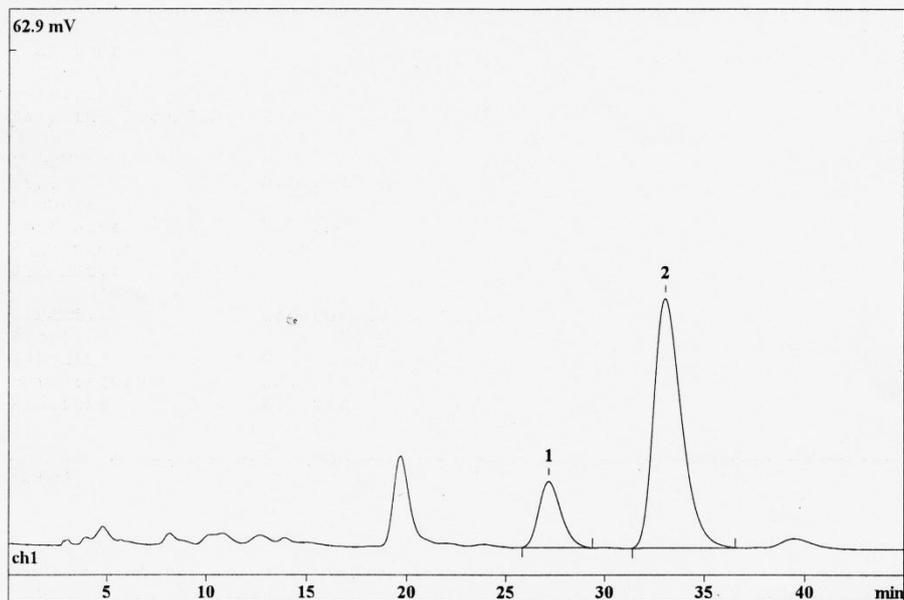


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Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

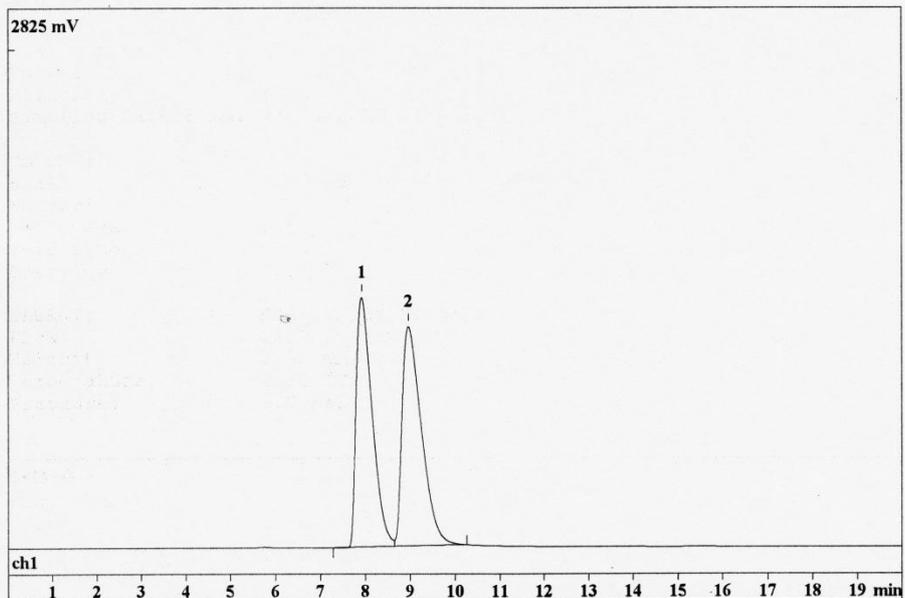
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1	26.69	73154.639	49.61	
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2	45.00	147452.542	100.00	



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

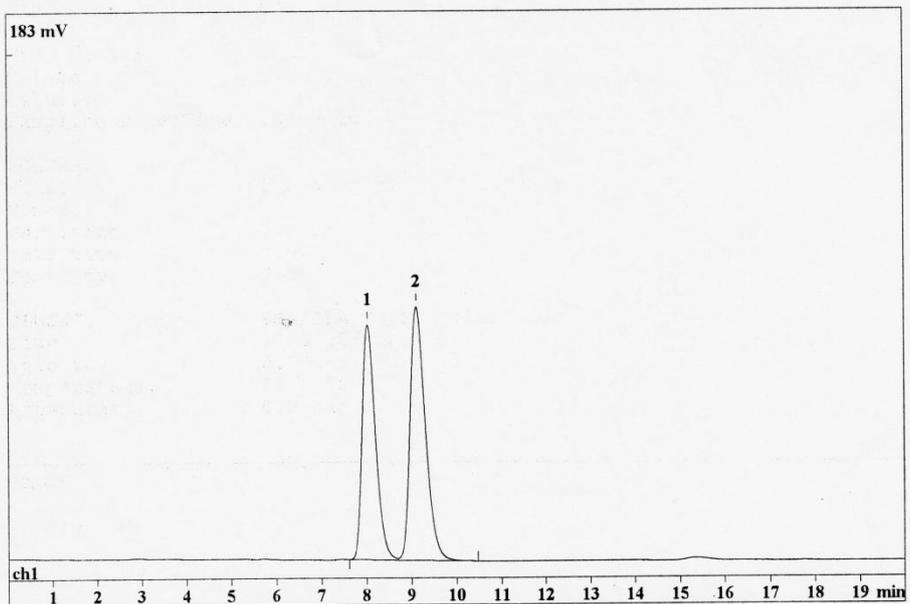
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1	27.16	623.330	17.67	
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2	45.00	3526.784	100.00	

3an: Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

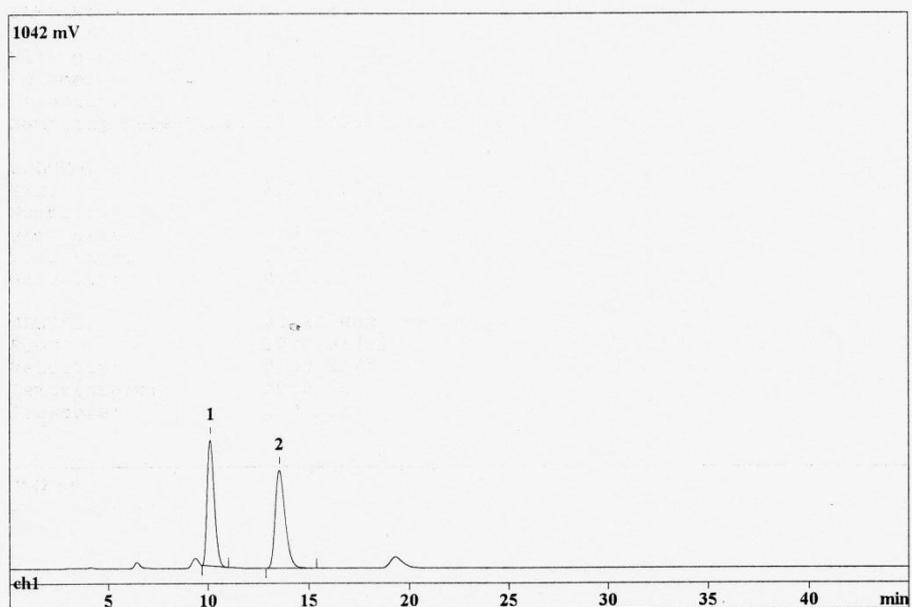
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1	7.91	33443.255	48.44	
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2	20.00	69037.559	100.00	



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

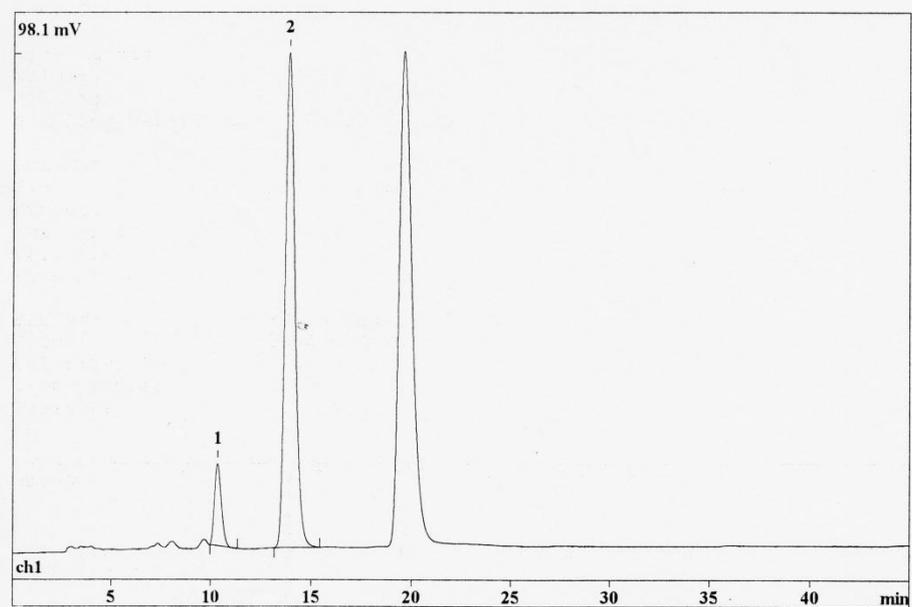
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1	8.03	1677.718	44.64	
2	9.11	2080.911	55.36	
2	20.00	3758.629	100.00	

3ao: Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

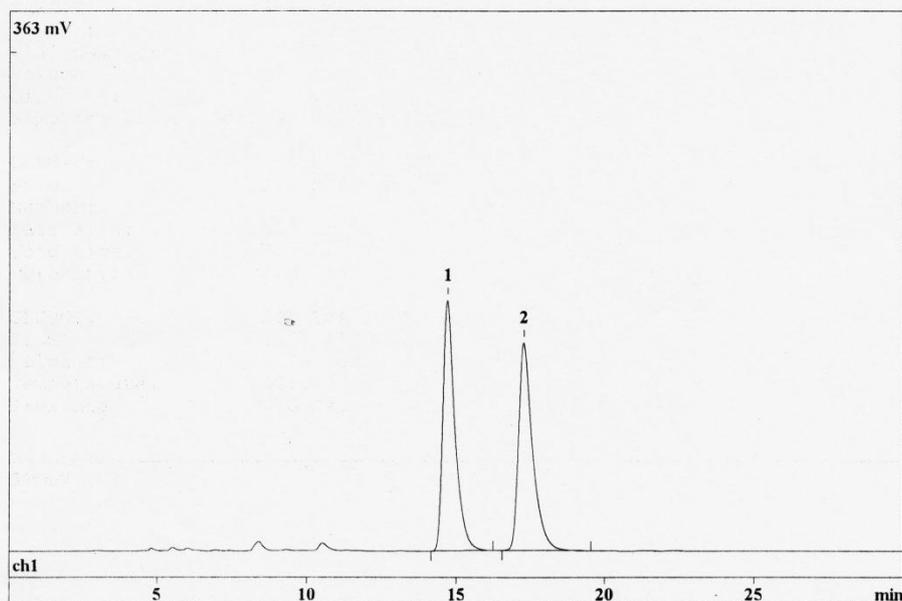
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1	10.10	6187.008	48.41	
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Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

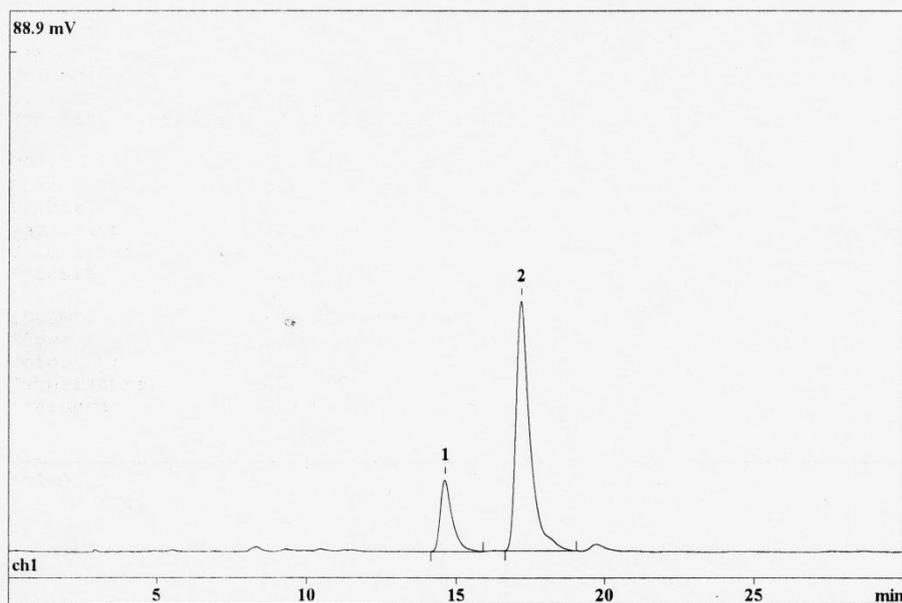
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1	10.34	367.444	10.53	
2	13.89	3121.624	89.47	
2	45.00	3489.068	100.00	

3ba: Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

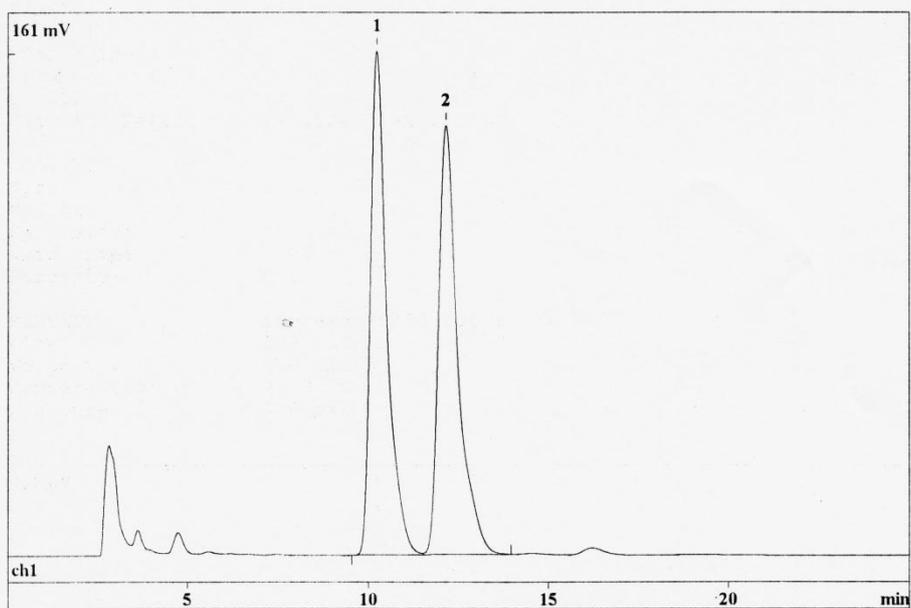
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1	14.70	4887.685	50.44	
2	17.27	4802.681	49.56	
2	30.00	9690.366	100.00	



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

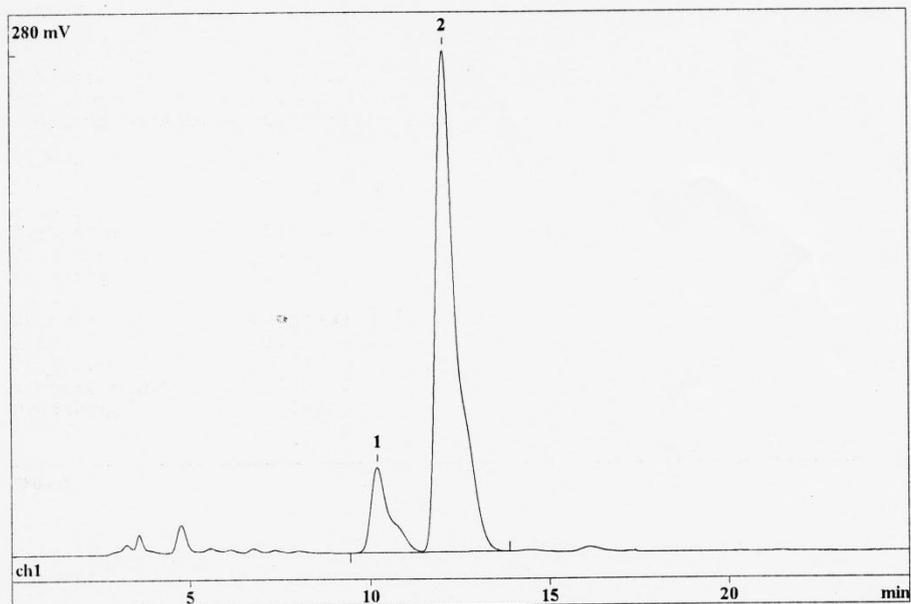
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1	14.61	336.469	19.35	
2	17.18	1402.549	80.65	
2	30.00	1739.017	100.00	

3ca: Chiralcel OJ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

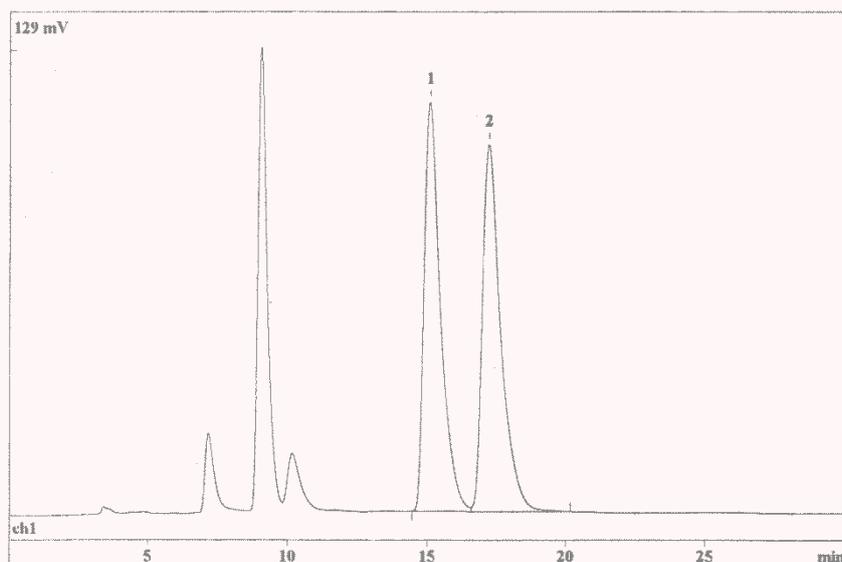
No	Retention min	Area mV*sec	Area %	Name
1	10.24	4803.255	49.84	
2	12.15	4833.952	50.16	
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2	25.00	9637.207	100.00	



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

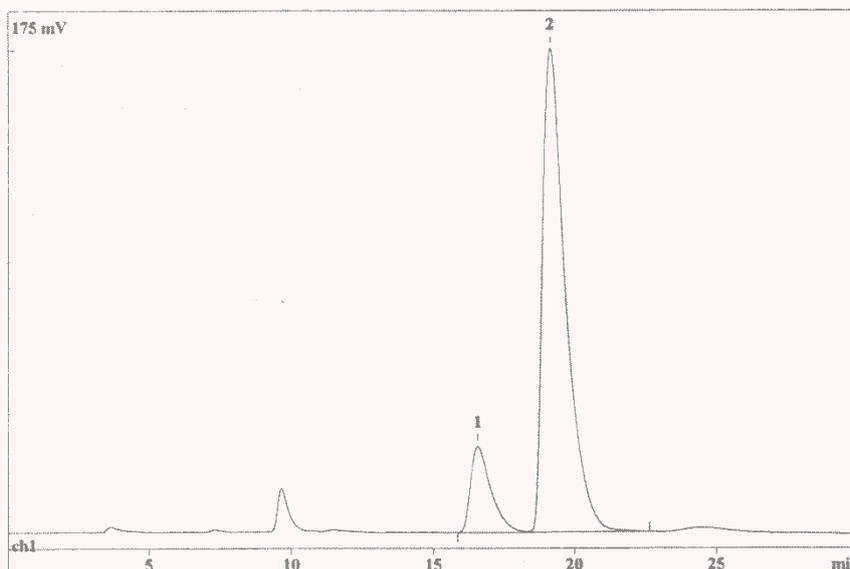
No	Retention min	Area mV*sec	Area %	Name
1	10.19	1677.323	13.62	
2	12.05	10633.536	86.38	
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2	25.00	12310.859	100.00	

3da: Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane/i-PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

No	Retention min	Area mV*sec	Area %	Name
1	15.09	4416.716	49.54	
2	17.22	4498.710	50.46	
2	30.00	8915.426	100.00	



Quantitation method: Absolute concentration
Standard component: No
Normalization: 100.00

No	Retention min	Area mV*sec	Area %	Name
1	16.56	1530.094	13.73	
2	19.15	9616.804	86.27	
2	30.00	11146.898	100.00	