

**A practical synthesis of enantiopure *syn*- $\beta$ -amino- $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids  
from  $\alpha$ -amino acids with application in the formal syntheses of L-  
TFB-TBOA and (S)-vigabatrin**

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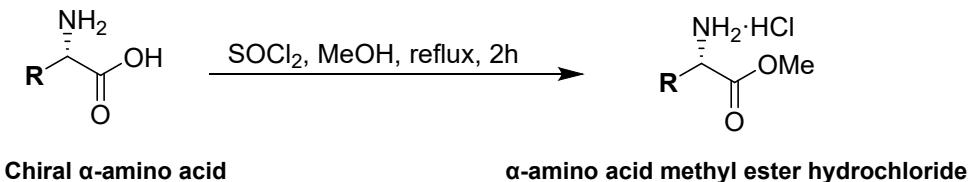
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## General Experimental

Commercially available reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. All solvents were distilled prior to use: toluene, benzene, diethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran were distilled from Na/benzophenone; while DCM, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, triethylamine and diisopropylethylamine were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Methanol was distilled under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere from Mg/I<sub>2</sub>. All reactions were conducted in oven-dried (120 °C) or flame-dried glasswares under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, and at ambient temperature (20 to 25 °C) unless otherwise stated. All non-aqueous reactions were performed by standard syringe in septa techniques. Evaporation and concentration under reduced pressure was performed at 50-500 mbar. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (unless stated otherwise) on a Bruker Avance AV600 at 600 MHz (151 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  values (ppm) referenced to either a tetramethylsilane (TMS) internal standard or the signals due to the solvent residual. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, brs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Some peptide intermediates exist as rotational conformers, the chemical shift for the minor isomers were indicated using parentheses next to the peak for their major isomers. Mass spectra were measured on ABI Q-star Elite. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 351 polarimeter at 589 nm with a 100 mm path length cell at 20 °C (reported as follows: concentration ( $c$  in g/100 mL), solvent). The reaction progresses were checked on pre-coated thin layer chromatography (TLC) plates. TLC was carried out using pre-coated sheets (Qingdao silica gel 60-F250, 0.2 mm) which, after development, were visualized under UV light at 254nm. Flash column chromatography was performed using the indicated solvents on E. Qingdao silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh ASTM). Yields refer to chromatographically purified compounds, unless otherwise stated.

# Experimental procedures

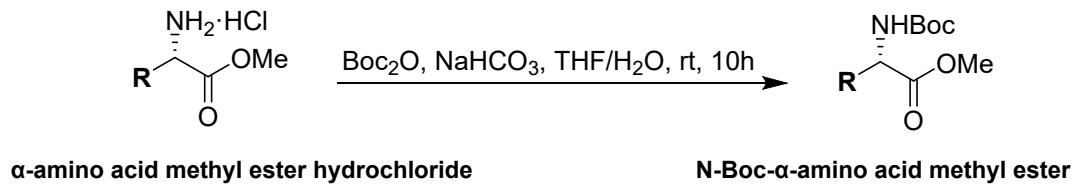
## General Procedure A (GPA):



To a solution of Chiral  $\alpha$ -amino acid (10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) in MeOH (100 mL) was dropwise added  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (2.2 mL, 30 mmol, *3.0 eq.*) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the resultant mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 2h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and volatiles of the reaction mixture were removed in vacuo to obtain the  $\alpha$ -amino acid methyl ester hydrochloride in essentially quantitative yield, which was used for next step directly.

(Textbook synthetic method)

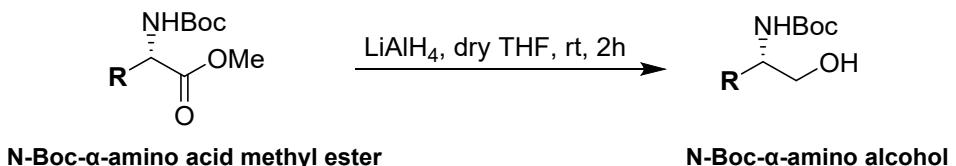
## General Procedure B (GPB):



To a solution of the above-obtained  $\alpha$ -amino acid methyl ester hydrochloride (10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) (100 mL) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.52 g, 30 mmol, *3.0 eq.*) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (2.3 mL, 10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) at 0 °C. After being stirred at room temperature for 10 h, volatiles of the reaction mixture were removed in vacuo. The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×300 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (200 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino acid methyl ester in essentially quantitative yield, which was used for next step directly.

(Textbook synthetic method)

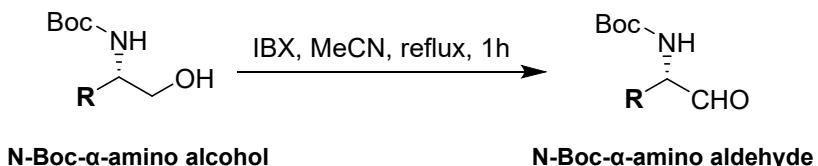
### General Procedure C (GPC):



To a solution of the above-obtained **N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino acid methyl ester** (10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in dry THF (100 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (0.57 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) at temperatures below -50 °C. After 30 min, the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature slowly and stirred for 2h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution (100 mL) at temperatures below -50 °C. Volatiles of the reaction mixture were removed in *vacuo*. The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×300 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (200 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the **N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino alcohol** in essentially quantitative yield, which was used for next step directly.

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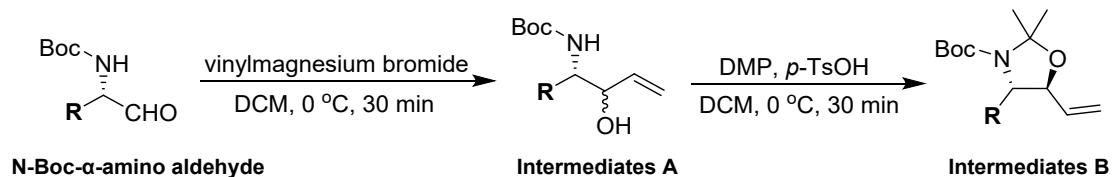
### General Procedure D (GPD):



To a solution of the above-obtained **N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino alcohol** (10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in dry MeCN (100 mL) was added IBX (3.36 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) at room temperature. After 15 min, the resultant mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 1h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solid was removed by filtration through a pad of celite and washed with MeCN (100 mL). The total filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the **N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino aldehyde** in essentially quantitative yield, which was used immediately for next step directly.

(Textbook synthetic method)

## General Procedure E (GPE):

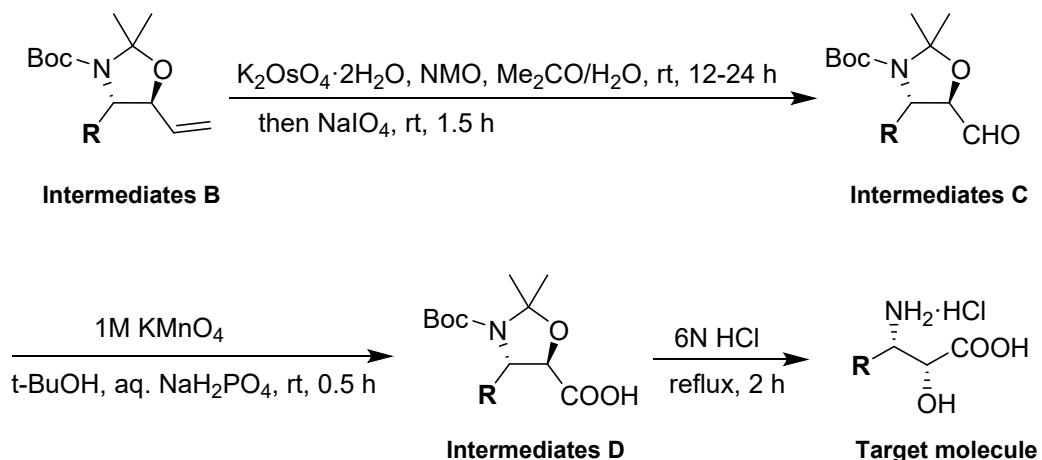


To a solution of the above-obtained **N-Boc- $\alpha$ -amino aldehyde** (10 mmol, 1.0 *eq.*) in dry DCM (100 mL) was added vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M solution in THF) (25 mL, 2.5 *eq.*) at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (100 mL). Volatiles of the mixture were removed in *vacuo*. The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×300 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (200 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the **Intermediates A**, which was used for next step immediately and directly.

To a solution of the above-obtained **Intermediates A** in dry DCM (100 mL) was added *p*-TsOH (86 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.05 *eq.*) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (DMP) (3.7 mL, 30 mmol, 3.0 *eq.*) at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, the reaction mixture was immediately quenched with excess Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 2 mmol, 0.2 *eq.*), then concentrated in *vacuo*, then purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (EA/PE=1/20) to afford the **Intermediates B**.

(Structural Characterization by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS)

## General Procedure F (GPF):



To a solution of the above-obtained **Intermediates B** (10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) in Me<sub>2</sub>CO/H<sub>2</sub>O (5:1) (120 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>OsO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (37 mg, 0.1 mmol, *0.01 eq.*) and NMO (5.9 g, 50 mmol, *5.0 eq.*). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 - 24 h until all the starting material had been consumed (monitored by TLC).

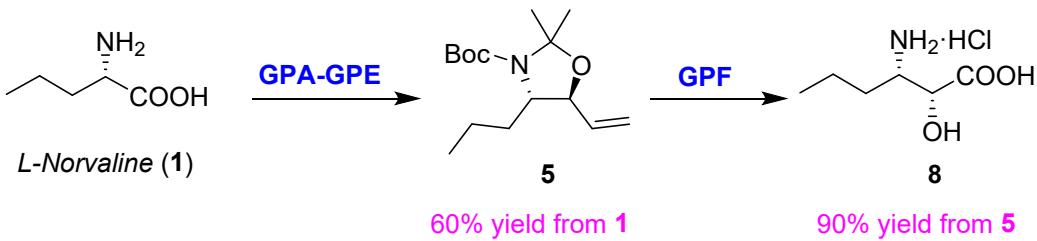
Then NaIO<sub>4</sub> (4.3 g, 20 mmol, *2.0 eq.*) and H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 1.5 h, then quenched with saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL). Volatiles of the mixture were removed in *vacuo*. The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL) and adjusted to pH 2 by slow addition of solid KHSO<sub>4</sub>. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×400 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (300 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the **Intermediates C**, which was used for next step immediately and directly.

To a solution of the above-obtained **Intermediates C** in *t*-BuOH/NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (5% aqueous solution) (5:3) (160 mL) was added KMnO<sub>4</sub> (1M aqueous solution) (60 mL, 60 mmol, *6.0 eq.*). After being stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL). The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL) and adjusted to pH 2 by slow addition of solid KHSO<sub>4</sub>. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×400 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (300 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the **Intermediates D**, which was used for next step immediately and directly.

The above-obtained **Intermediates D** was suspended in 6N HCl (150 mL) and refluxed for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 2 times (2×400 mL) to remove any organic soluble impurities. The aqueous phase was then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was then co-evaporated with MeCN for 2 times (2×100 mL) to provide the desired **Target molecule** as a light yellow solid.

**(Structural Characterization by <sup>1</sup>HNMR, <sup>13</sup>CNMR and HRMS)**

**1) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxyhexanoic acid hydrochloride (8)**



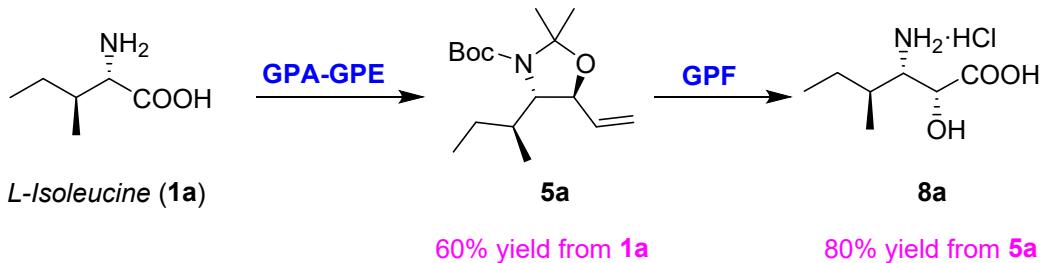
Compound **5** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +22.4$  (c 0.54, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  5.91 (ddd,  $J = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.52 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  151.92, 137.52, 117.84, 94.30, 93.77, 80.80, 79.63, 61.60, 36.61, 28.41, 27.12, 18.49, 14.03; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 292.1883, found 292.1885.

Compound **8** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +1.6$  (c 0.49,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.41 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (td,  $J = 7.1, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  174.55, 69.11, 52.99, 30.95, 17.98, 12.78; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  (free amine): 148.0974, found 148.0975.

**2) Preparation of (2R,3S,4S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-methylhexanoic acid hydrochloride (8a)**



Compound **5a** :

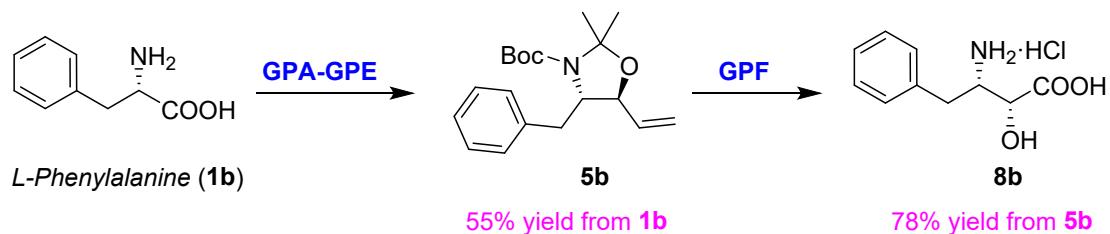
$[\alpha]_D^{25} -2.0$  (c 0.44, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  5.91 (ddd,  $J = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.52 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  152.38, 139.02,

117.21, 94.83, 94.16, 79.80, 77.55, 65.88, 65.39, 36.64, 35.07, 28.68, 28.42, 27.15, 26.40, 14.08, 13.67, 12.33; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $C_{16}H_{29}NO_3Na^+ [M+Na]^+$ : 306.2040, found 306.2042.

### Compound 8a :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +5.2$  (c 0.27, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.53 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  175.18, 67.51, 56.83, 34.56, 24.46, 14.20, 10.16; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 162.1130, found 162.1132.

### 3) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoic acid hydrochloride (8b)



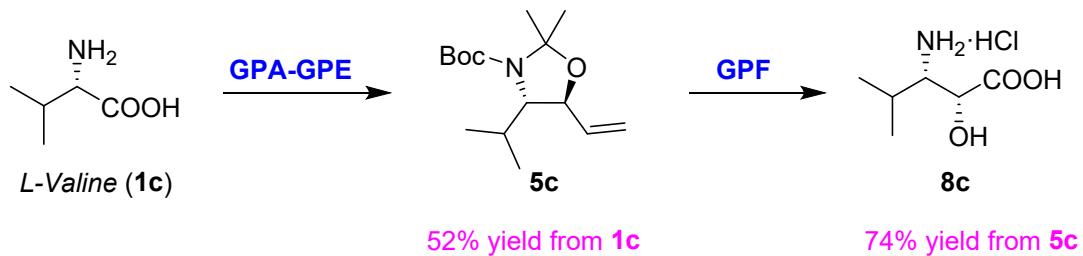
### Compound 5b :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +8.2$  (c 0.84, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 5.83 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 5.16 (dd,  $J$  = 65.1, 23.3 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 1H), 3.00 (d,  $J$  = 139.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.36 (dd,  $J$  = 77.6, 73.7 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  152.22, 151.74, 137.25, 136.47, 130.06, 129.58, 128.43, 128.23, 126.46, 117.97, 117.17, 94.78, 94.02, 80.00, 79.71, 78.73, 63.07, 62.85, 38.94, 36.17, 28.49, 28.27, 27.33, 26.54; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 340.1883, found 340.1886.

### Compound 8b :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -13.8$  (c 0.61, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd,  $J$  = 14.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd,  $J$  = 14.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.42, 134.99, 129.44, 129.19, 127.74, 68.52, 54.52, 35.17; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 196.0974, found 196.0975.

**4) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-methylpentanoic acid hydrochloride (8c)**



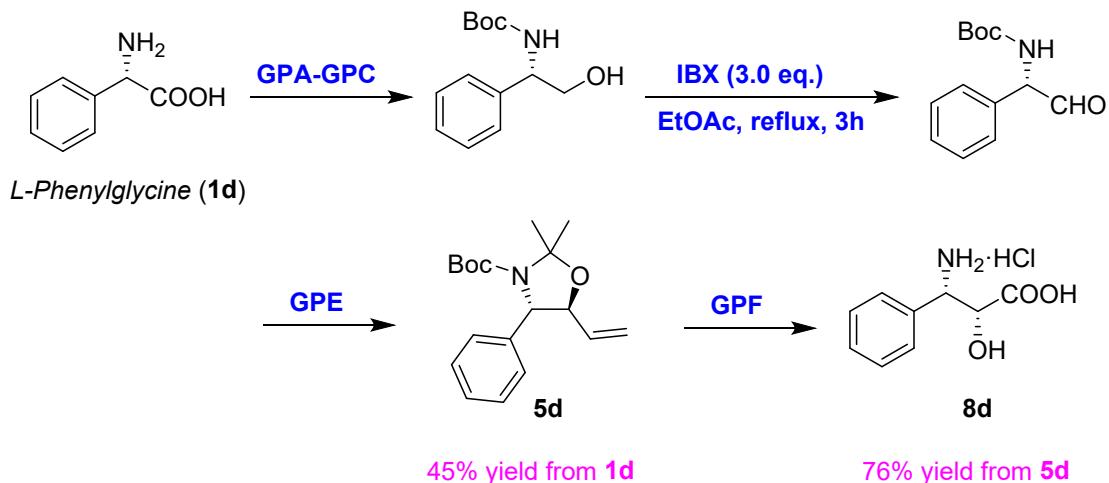
Compound **5c** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -8.2$  (c 0.55, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  5.91 (ddd,  $J = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.52 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  152.46, 139.04, 116.94, 94.23, 79.72, 78.03, 66.75, 30.07, 28.72, 28.35, 27.28, 19.13, 17.14; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 292.1883, found 292.1885.

Compound **8c** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +15.6$  (c 0.50,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.54 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.05 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.02, 67.91, 58.53, 27.96, 18.22, 17.51; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  (free amine): 148.0974, found 148.0975.

**5) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoic acid hydrochloride (8d)**



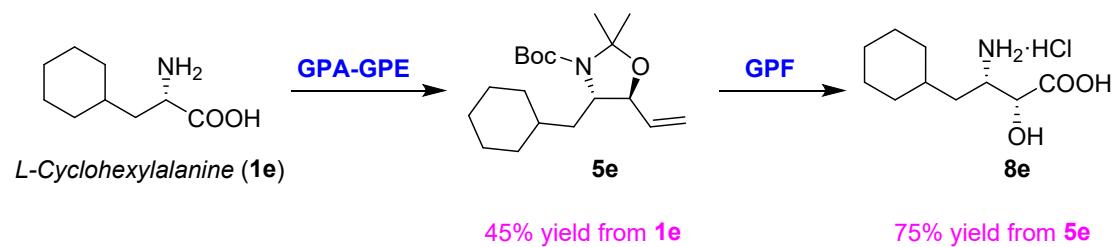
Compound **5d** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +47.5$  (c 1.05, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 5.89 (ddd,  $J = 17.1, 10.1, 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dd,  $J = 29.5, 13.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 4.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.76 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 6H), 1.47 – 1.02 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  151.83, 140.11, 133.78, 128.30, 127.25, 126.36, 119.26, 94.59, 83.72, 79.58, 67.29, 27.87, 26.34, 25.66, 25.62; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 326.1727, found 326.1729.

Compound **8d** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -8.7$  (c 0.38,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 4.66 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  173.63, 132.68, 129.84, 129.30, 127.45, 71.71, 56.94; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  (free amine): 182.0817, found 182.0818.

## 6) Preparation of (2*R*,3*S*)-3-amino-4-cyclohexyl-2-hydroxybutanoic acid hydrochloride (**8e**)



Compound **5e** :

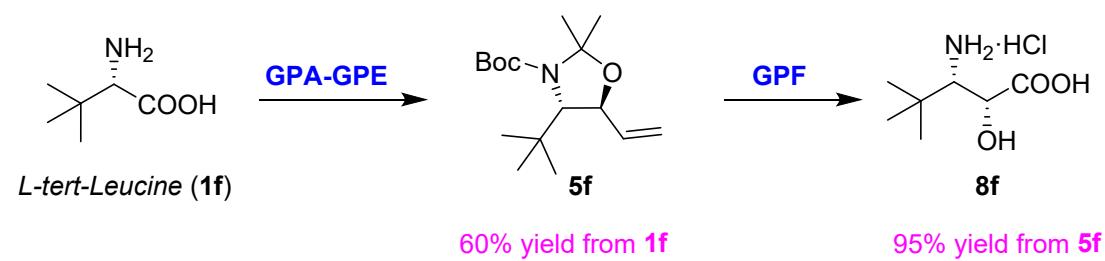
$[\alpha]_D^{25} +7.8$  (c 0.23, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  6.02 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.30 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 –

3.71 (m, 1H), 1.76 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 8H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.29 – 1.10 (m, 5H), 0.99 – 0.87 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (*exists as rotamers*)  $\delta$  151.71, 138.14, 132.75, 120.86, 117.30, 112.32, 109.63, 83.07, 81.79, 79.66, 75.11, 59.83, 57.70, 42.10, 37.17, 36.25, 34.92, 34.43, 33.80, 33.19, 32.29, 30.85, 29.64, 28.46, 28.31, 28.00, 27.38, 26.51, 26.41, 26.30, 26.13, 26.01; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 346.2353, found 346.2356.

### Compound 8e :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +365.6$  (c 0.16, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 4.40 (bs, 1H), 3.71 (bs, 1H), 1.75 – 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 1H), 1.27 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 1.02 – 0.86 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 174.59, 69.35, 50.90, 36.32, 32.92, 32.56, 32.17, 25.88, 25.53, 25.46; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 202.1443, found 202.1444.

### 7) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylpentanoic acid hydrochloride (8f)



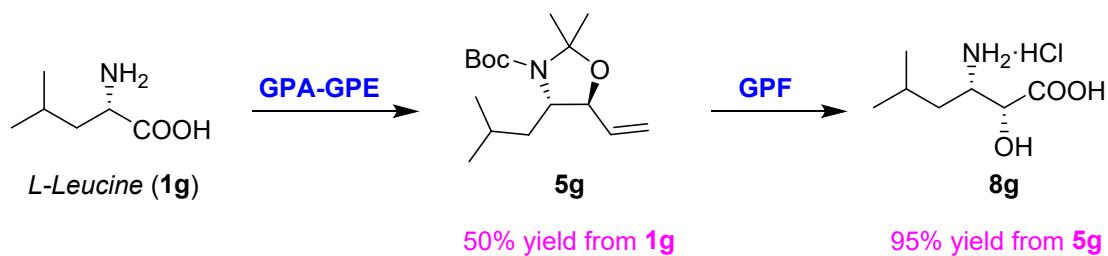
### Compound 5f :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -25.6$  (c 0.16, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.03 (ddd,  $J = 17.0, 10.4, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd,  $J = 6.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d,  $J = 95.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 0.92 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.16, 115.86, 79.84, 78.71, 78.15, 69.22, 28.25, 28.01, 27.12; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 306.2040, found 306.2044.

### Compound 8f :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +194.8$  (c 0.31, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 4.56 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 175.57, 66.62, 60.59, 32.84, 25.75; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 162.1130, found 162.1132.

## 8) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-5-methylhexanoic acid hydrochloride (8g)



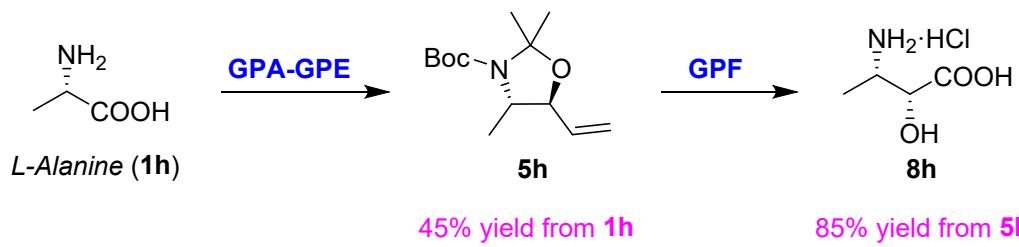
### Compound 5g :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +2.8$  (c 0.39, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.94 (ddd,  $J = 17.3, 10.1, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d,  $J = 16.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 5H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 1H), 0.91 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 4.6$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.70, 138.15, 117.33, 94.26, 81.82, 79.71, 60.36, 43.55, 42.02, 28.46, 28.31, 27.48, 25.38, 23.96, 21.38; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 306.2040, found 306.2043.

### Compound 8g :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -3.7$  (c 0.35, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.41 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (dt,  $J$  = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dt,  $J$  = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (dd,  $J$  = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.39, 69.19, 51.54, 37.74, 23.72, 21.63, 21.26; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 162.1130, found 162.1132.

### 9) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-Amino-2-hydroxybutanoic acid hydrochloride (8h)



### Compound 5h :

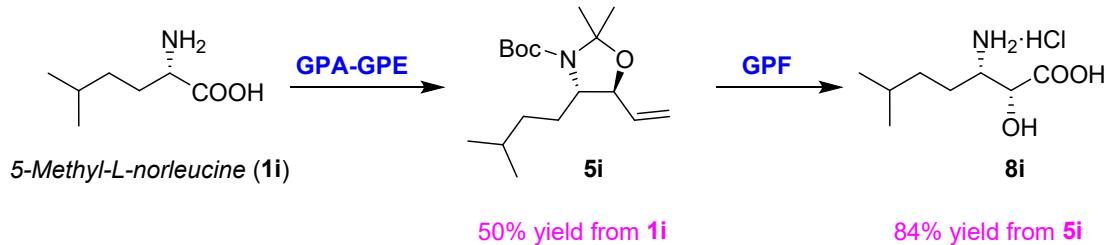
$[\alpha]_D^{25} +13.9$  (c 0.31, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.83 (ddd,  $J = 17.4, 10.3, 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d,  $J =$

41.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.14, 138.03, 135.64, 132.89, 119.00, 118.78, 116.42, 94.24, 82.87, 79.65, 57.60, 30.84, 28.41, 28.30, 26.60, 26.21, 18.47, 17.18; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 264.1570, found 264.1573.

Compound **8h** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +8.1$  (c 0.91,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.32 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  173.10, 69.85, 48.45, 13.72; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  (free amine): 120.0661, found 120.0662.

#### 10) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-6-methylheptanoic acid hydrochloride (**8i**)



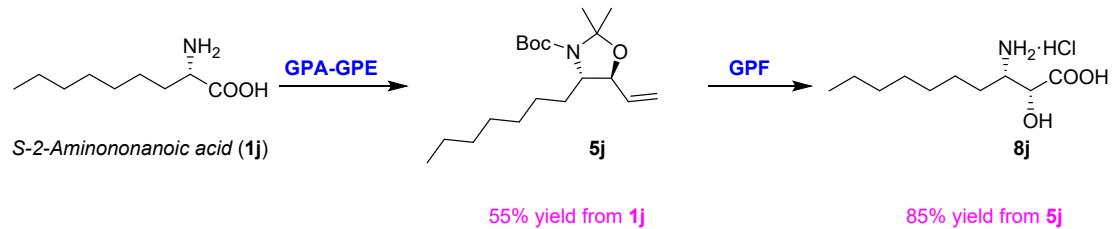
Compound **5i** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +24.0$  (c 0.35,  $\text{EtOAc}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 54.1 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 1.68 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 2H), 0.89 – 0.85 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.90, 137.54, 132.77, 117.81, 80.76, 79.56, 61.92, 34.18, 28.41, 28.31, 28.06, 22.63, 22.49; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 320.2196, found 320.2198.

Compound **8i** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -3.9$  (c 0.92,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.41 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (td,  $J$  = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.56 (dt,  $J$  = 13.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (qd,  $J$  = 13.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (dd,  $J$  = 6.6, 2.6 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  174.57, 69.19, 53.62, 33.54, 27.11, 26.85, 21.60, 21.57; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  (free amine): 176.1287, found 176.1288.

**11) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxydecanoic acid hydrochloride (8j)**



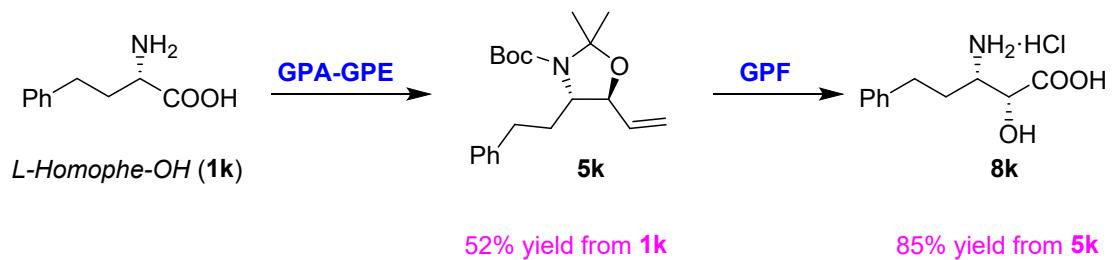
Compound **5j** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +13.8$  (c 0.26, EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.89 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 10H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.90, 137.53, 117.80, 94.24, 80.76, 79.57, 61.71, 31.71, 29.52, 29.19, 28.40, 25.83, 25.16, 22.56, 14.01; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 348.2509, found 348.2511.

Compound **8j** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +7.1$  (c 0.31, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.42 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 1.76 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.25 (m, 10H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.41, 69.05, 53.29, 30.96, 28.88, 28.20, 28.07, 24.45, 21.98, 13.41; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 204.1600, found 204.1601.

**12) Preparation of (2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-5-phenylpentanoic acid hydrochloride (8k)**



Compound **5k** :

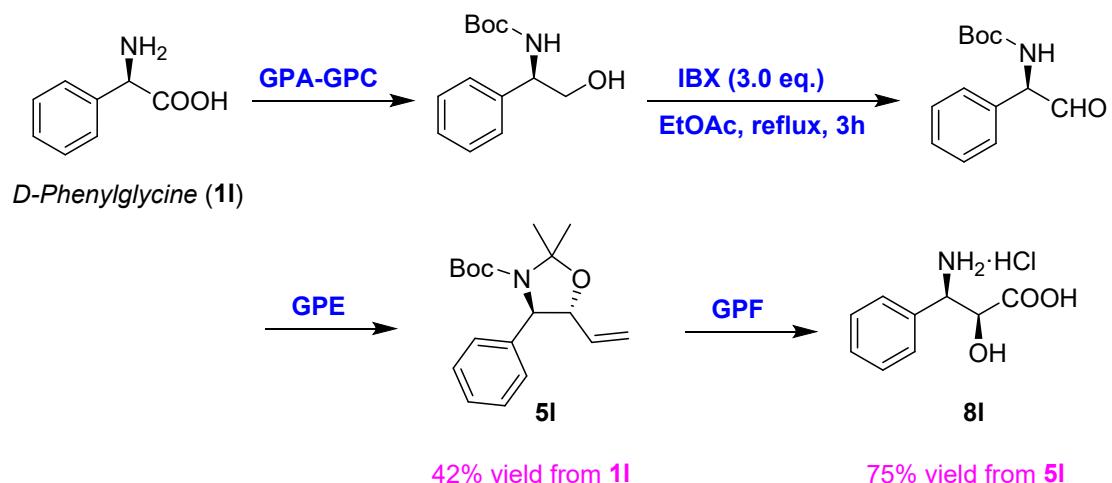
$[\alpha]_D^{25} +27.1$  (c 0.34, EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 5.94 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 9.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 57.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H),

1.48 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.88, 141.46, 137.32, 132.59, 128.38, 128.28, 125.88, 118.12, 94.51, 93.94, 80.79, 79.77, 61.63, 61.20, 34.53, 33.41, 31.70, 28.40, 27.20, 26.82; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 354.2040, found 354.2042.

Compound **8k** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -1.8$  (c 0.33,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.45 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (td,  $J = 6.9, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.09 (dt,  $J = 15.2, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 6.7$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  174.48, 140.42, 128.91, 128.50, 126.62, 68.93, 52.83, 30.80, 30.71; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  (free amine): 210.1130, found 210.1132.

### 13) Preparation of (2S,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoic acid hydrochloride (**8l**)



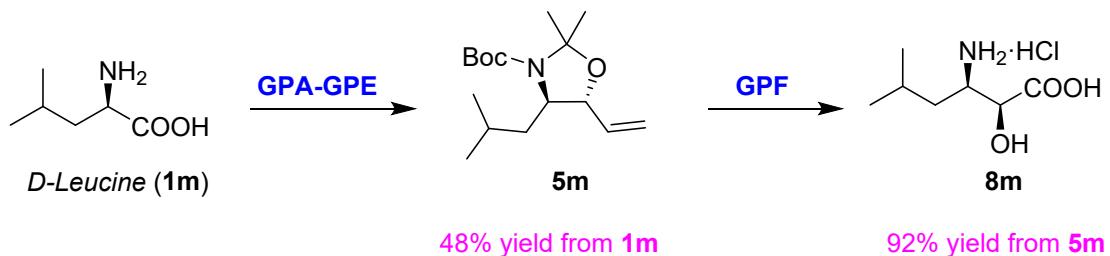
Compound **5l** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -46.0$  (c 1.0,  $\text{EtOAc}$ ); The spectral data for **5l** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **5d**.

Compound **8l** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +9.0$  (c 0.45,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); The spectral data for **8l** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **8d**.

### 14) Preparation of (2S,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-5-methylhexanoic acid hydrochloride (**8m**)



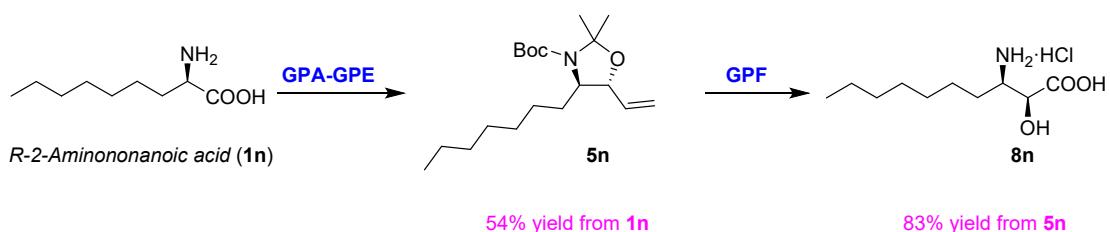
### Compound **5m** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -3.0$  (c 0.45, EtOAc); The spectral data for **5m** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **5g**.

### Compound 8m :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +3.8$  (c 0.4,  $H_2O$ ); The spectral data for **8m** ( $^1H$ NMR,  $^{13}C$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **8g**.

### 15) Preparation of (2S,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxydecanoic acid hydrochloride (8n)



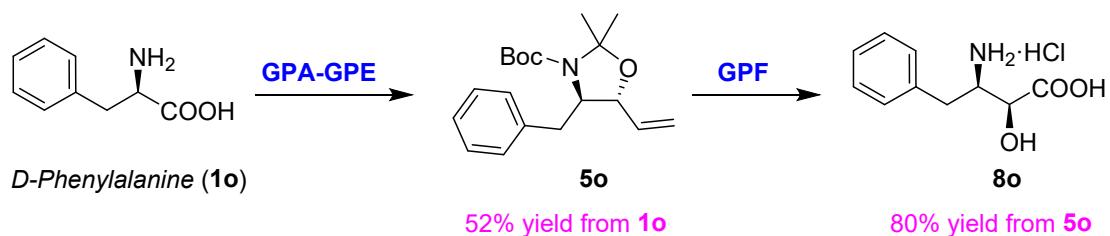
### Compound 5n :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -14.2$  (c 0.3, EtOAc); The spectral data for **5n** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **5j**.

### Compound 8n :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -7.4$  (c 0.4,  $H_2O$ ); The spectral data for **8n** ( $^1H$ NMR,  $^{13}C$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **8j**.

## 16) Preparation of (2S,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoic acid hydrochloride (8o)



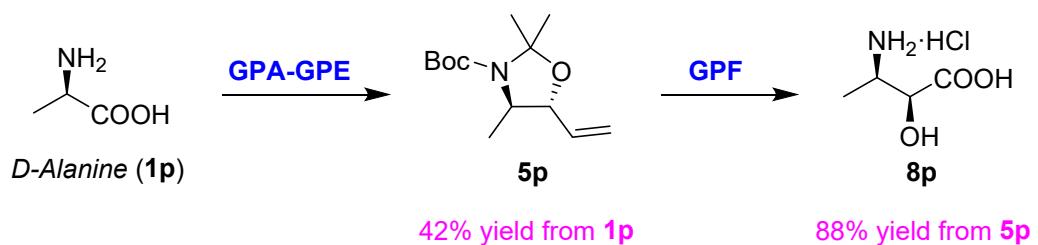
Compound **5o** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -8.0$  (c 0.75, EtOAc); The spectral data for **5o** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **5b**.

Compound **8o** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +13.2$  (c 0.6, H<sub>2</sub>O); The spectral data for **8o** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **8b**.

### 17) Preparation of (2S,3R)-3-Amino-2-hydroxybutanoic acid hydrochloride (**8p**)



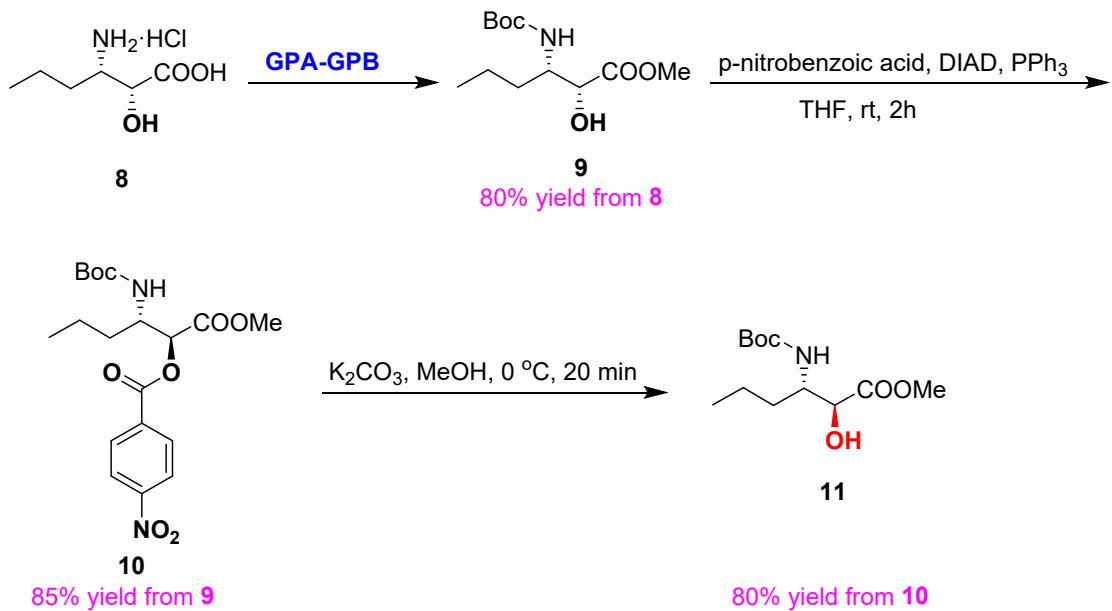
Compound **5p** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -14.3$  (c 0.4, EtOAc); The spectral data for **5p** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **5h**.

Compound **8p** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -8.5$  (c 1.0, H<sub>2</sub>O); The spectral data for **8p** ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and HMRS) was identical with those for **8h**.

### 18) Preparation of methyl (2S,3S)-3-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-hydroxyhexanoate (**11**)



### Compound 9:

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -26.9$  (c 0.58, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.72 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.15 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J = 16.1, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.25 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.28, 155.40, 79.57, 79.26, 72.04, 52.61, 34.12, 28.16, 19.23, 13.68; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 284.1468, found 284.1470.

To a solution of compound **9** (2.6 g, 9.95 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) was added successively p-nitrobenzoic acid (2.5 g, 15 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.25 g, 20 mmol) and DIAD (4.0 mL, 20 mmol) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After being stirred at room temperature for 2 h, volatiles of the reaction mixture were removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EA/PE = 1/10) to afford compound **10** as an oil (3.47 g, 85%).

### Compound 10 :

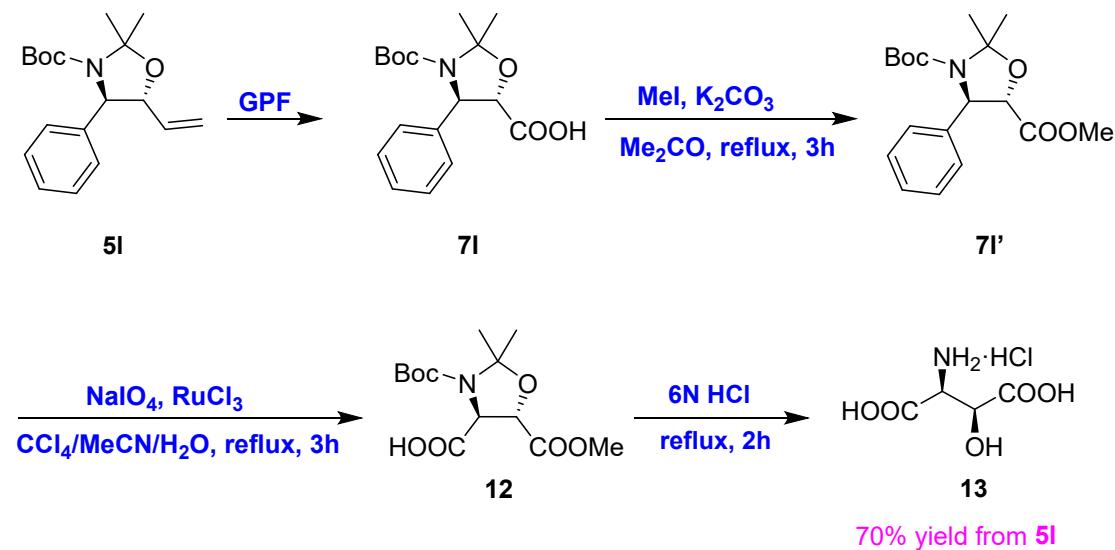
$[\alpha]_D^{25} -23.0$  (c 0.82, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (dd,  $J = 34.2, 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 5.41 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.11, 163.92, 155.32, 150.79, 134.62, 131.07, 123.58, 79.96, 75.52, 52.65, 50.91, 32.53, 28.27, 19.16, 13.70; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 433.1581, found 433.1582.

To a solution of compound **10** (1.36 g, 3.3 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) was added  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.69 g, 5.0 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for 20 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (100 mL) and the methanol was removed under vacuum. The residue was then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (250 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed by saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (200 mL), brine (300 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EA/PE = 1/4) to afford compound **11** as a white solid (0.69 g, 80%).

Compound **11** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} -11.7$  (c 0.60, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.81 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.96 (t,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.32 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 14.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.46, 155.84, 79.57, 73.39, 52.96, 52.59, 31.43, 28.28, 28.19, 19.04, 13.78; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1468, found 284.1470.

### 19) Preparation of L-(-)-threo-3-Hydroxyaspartic acid hydrochloride (**10**)



To a solution of **7I** (10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in dry acetone (100 mL) was added  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (4.2 g, 30 mmol, 3.0 eq.) and MeI (1.3 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 eq.). After 15 min, the resultant mixture was

heated to reflux and stirred for 3h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solid was removed by filtration through a pad of celite and washed with EtOAc (100 mL). The total filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to give **7I'**, which was used for next step immediately and directly.

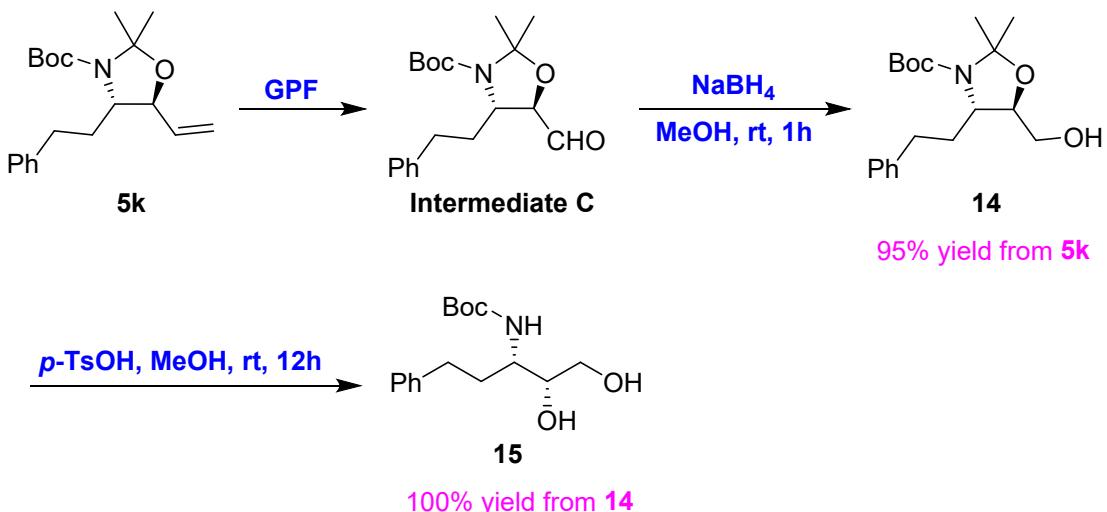
To a solution of the above-obtained **7I'** in CCl<sub>4</sub>/MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (1/1/2) (300 mL) was added NaIO<sub>4</sub> (64.8 g, 300 mmol, 30 *eq.*) and RuCl<sub>3</sub> (0.21 g, 1 mmol, 0.1 *eq.*). After 15 min, the resultant mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 3h. The solution was cooled to room temperature, then quenched with saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (300 mL). Volatiles of the mixture were removed in *vacuo*. The solution was then diluted with water (200 mL) and adjusted to pH 2 by slow addition of solid KHSO<sub>4</sub>. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×400 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (300 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the compound **12**, which was used for next step immediately and directly.

The above-obtained compound **12** was suspended in 6N HCl (120 mL) and refluxed for 2h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then diluted with water (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 2 times (2×400 mL) to remove any organic soluble impurities. The aqueous phase was then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was then co-evaporated with MeCN for 2 times (2×100 mL) to provide the desired compound **13** as a yellow solid (70% yield over 3 steps from **5I**).

Compound **13** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -7.0 (c 0.75, 5N HCl); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 4.86 (bs, 1H), 4.42 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 173.34, 169.80, 68.54, 55.36; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (free amine): 150.0402, found 150.0404.

## 20) Preparation of *tert*-butyl ((2*R*,3*S*)-1,2-dihydroxy-5-phenylpentan-3-yl)carbamate (**15**)



To a solution of **Intermediate C** (10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) in MeOH (100 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.2 g, 30 mmol, *3.0 eq.*) at 0 °C. After being stirred at room temperature for 1h, volatiles of the reaction mixture were removed in vacuo. The residue was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times (3×300 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by brine (200 mL), dried over sodium sulfate (anhydrous) and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the compound **14** in essentially quantitative yield, which was used for next step immediately and directly. For analyses a small amount of this product was chromatographed on a SiO<sub>2</sub> column (EA/PE = 1/2).

Compound **14** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25} +10.8$  (c 0.39, EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 45.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dt, *J* = 16.0, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 2H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 44.1 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 46.2 Hz, 6H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.78, 141.10, 128.49, 128.29, 126.04, 94.50, 80.00, 63.93, 57.86, 35.15, 34.17, 32.03, 28.44, 27.57; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1989, found 358.1991.

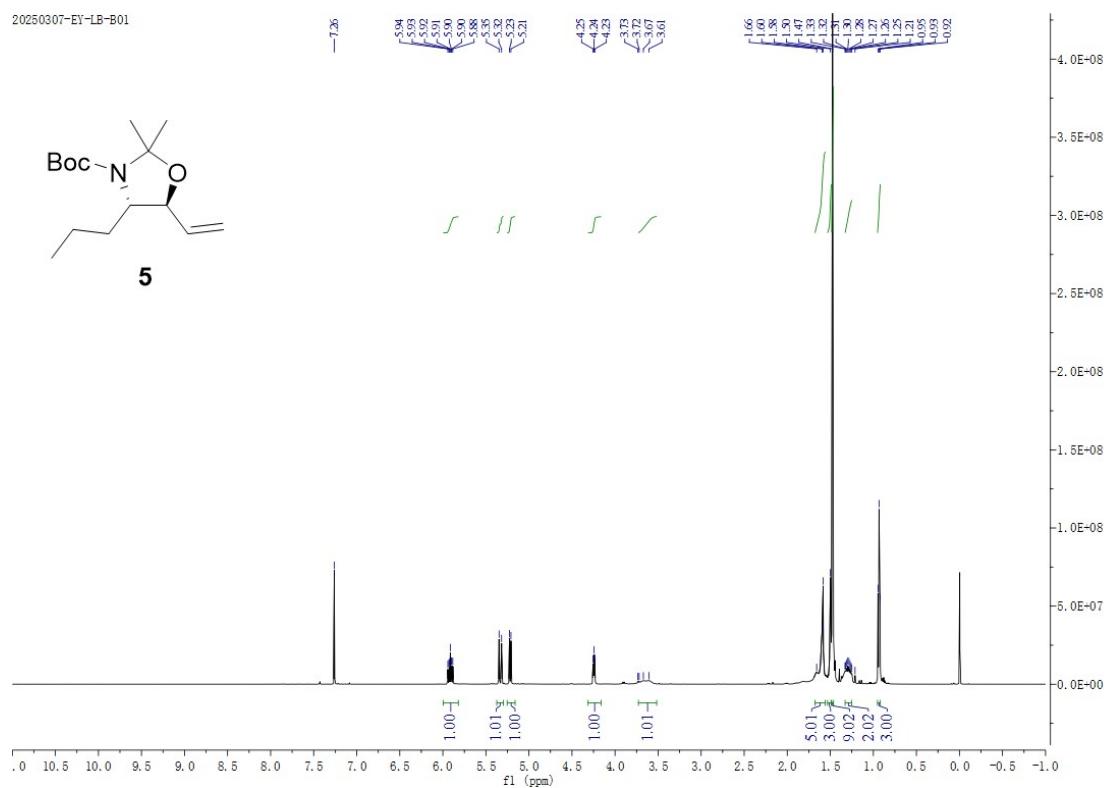
To a solution of the above-obtained compound **14** (10 mmol, *1.0 eq.*) in MeOH (100 mL) was added *p*-TsOH (0.17 g, 1 mmol, *0.1 eq.*). After being stirred at room temperature for 12h, the reaction mixture was directly quenched with excess Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 2 mmol *0.2 eq.*), then

concentrated in *vacuo*, then purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (EA/PE=1/1) to afford the compound **15** in essentially quantitative yield.

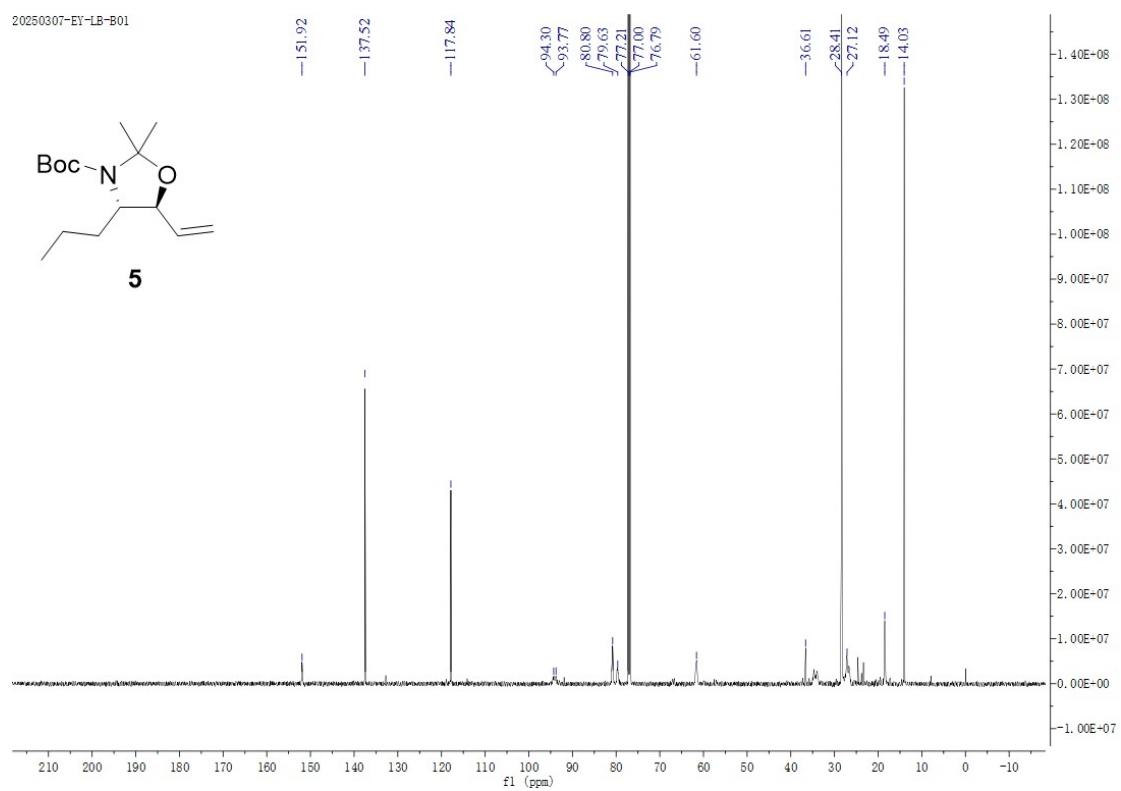
Compound **15** :

$[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -25.8 (c 0.38, EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 4.88 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.31 (m, 3H), 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.77 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.14, 141.44, 128.41, 128.34, 125.94, 79.99, 73.35, 63.62, 50.92, 38.58, 33.85, 32.52, 28.29; HR-ESIMS m/z: calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 318.1676, found 318.1677.

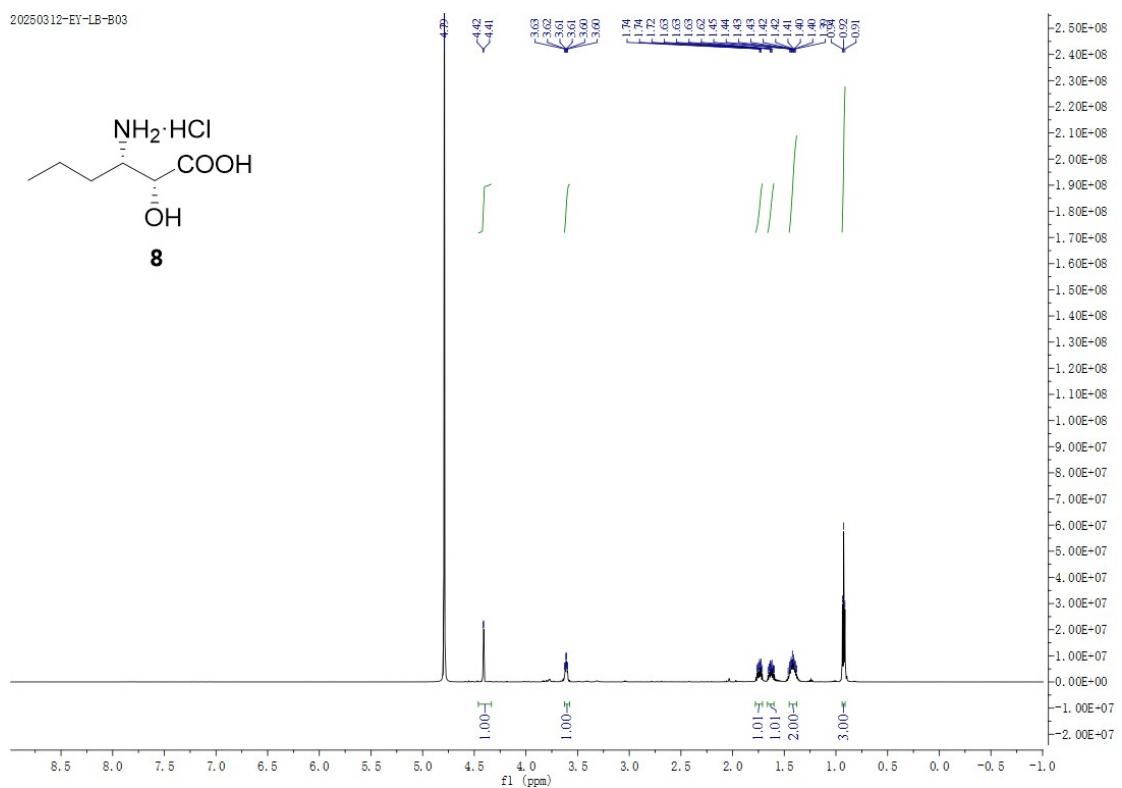
### **NMR Spectra of New Compounds and Selected Known Compounds**



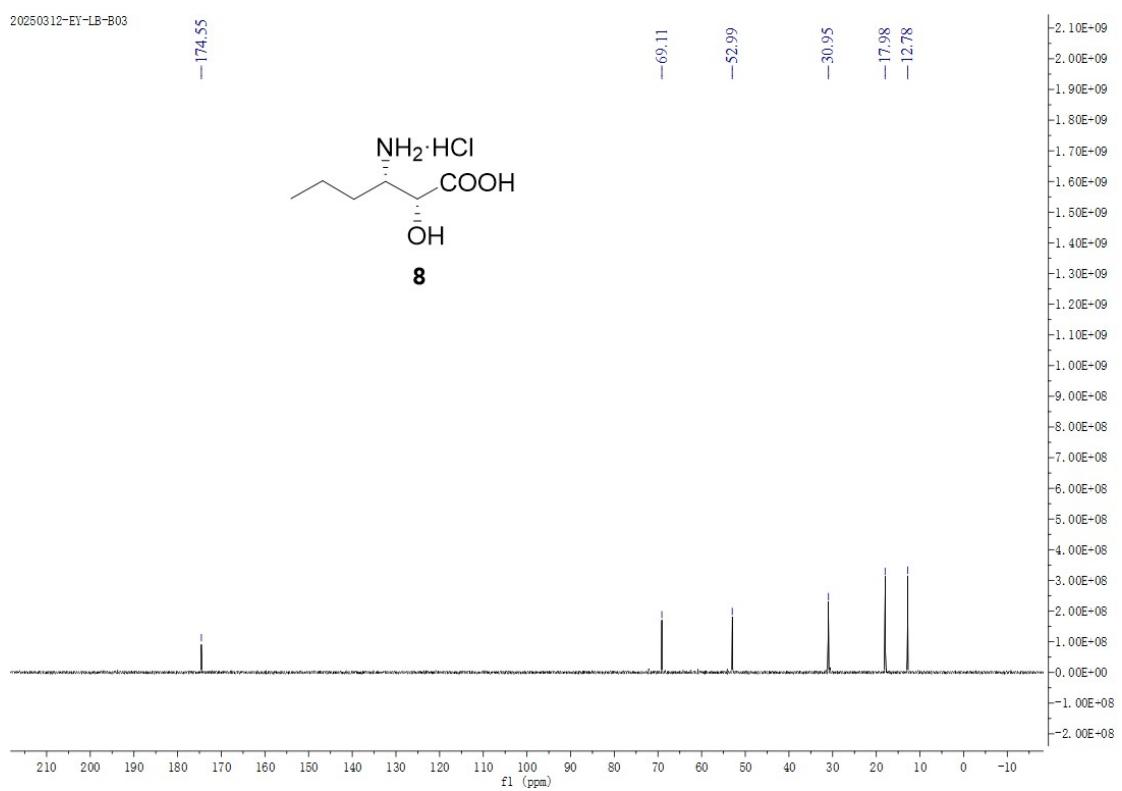
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



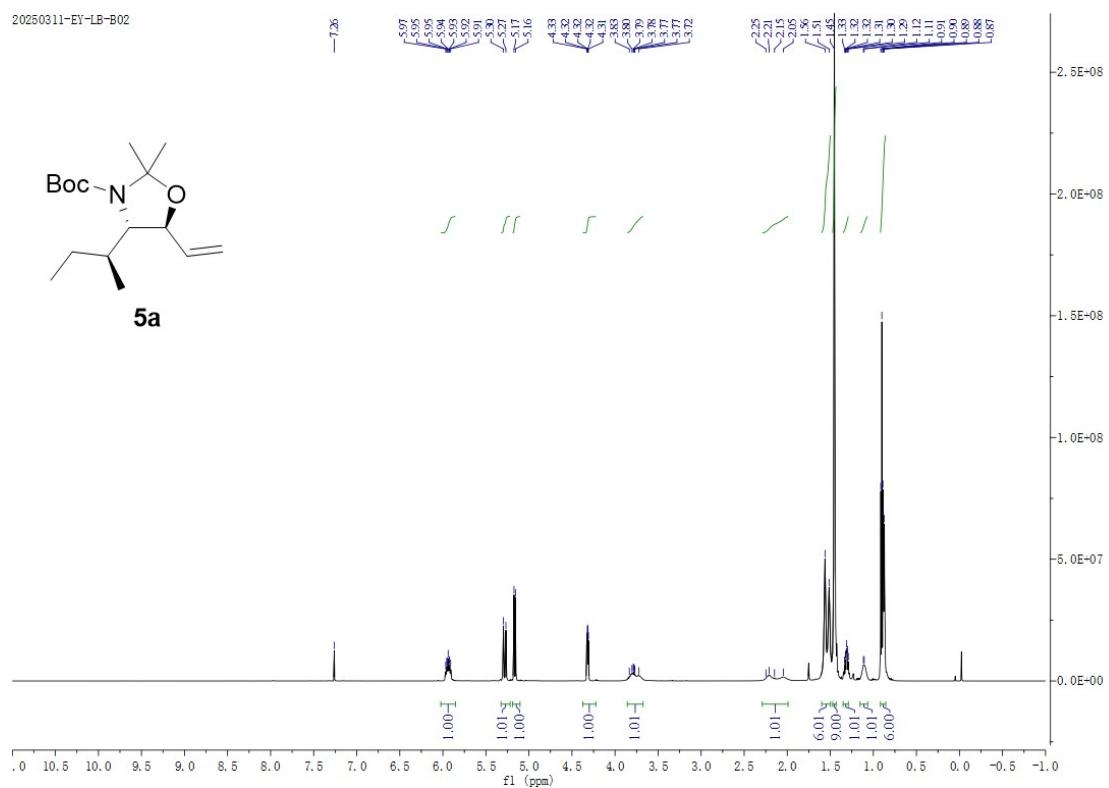
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



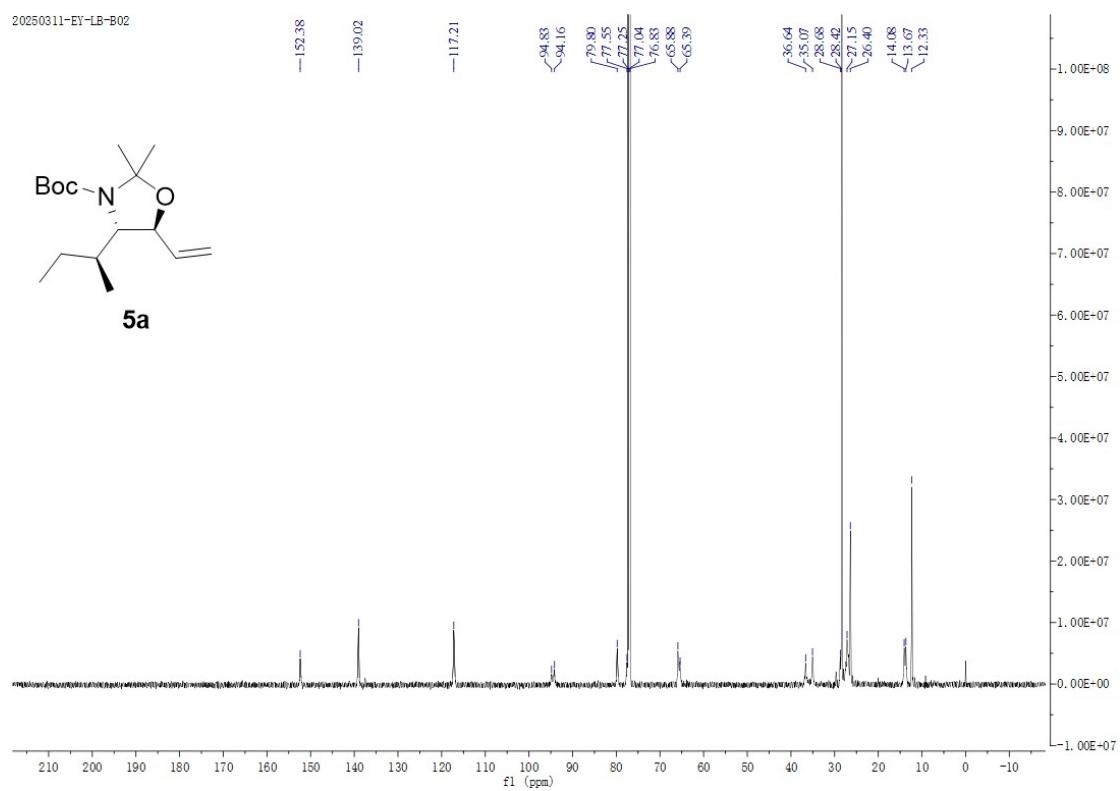
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



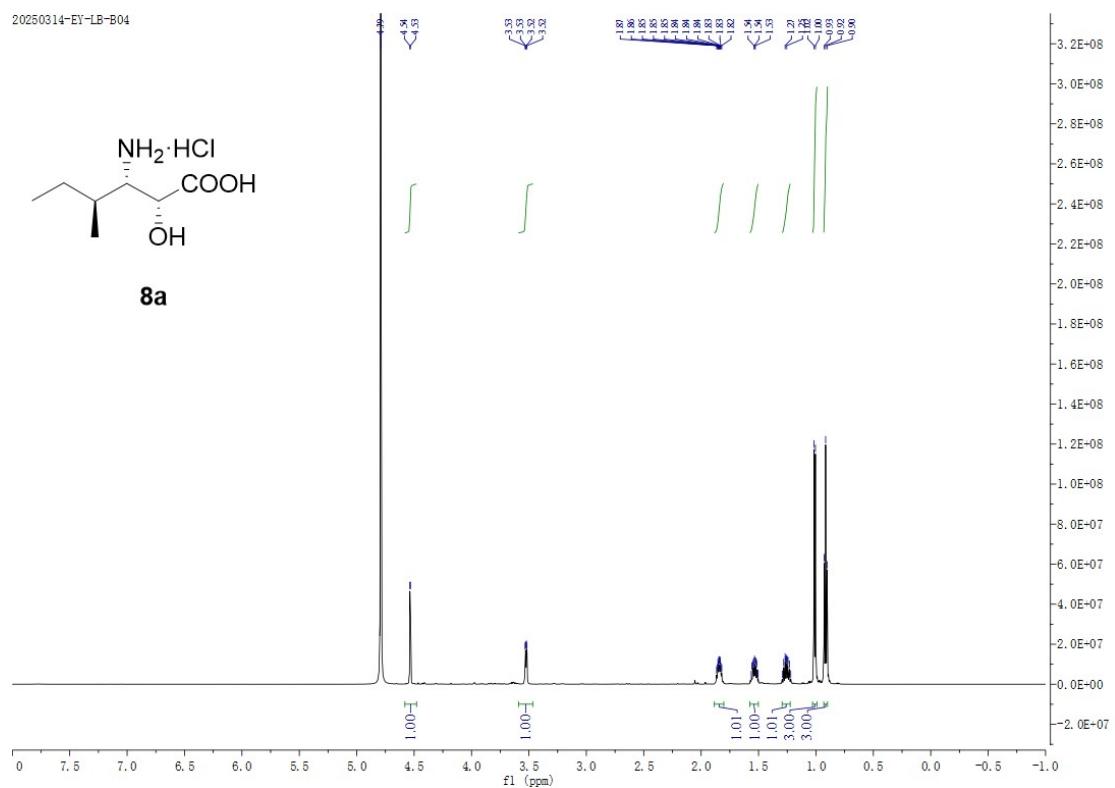
**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



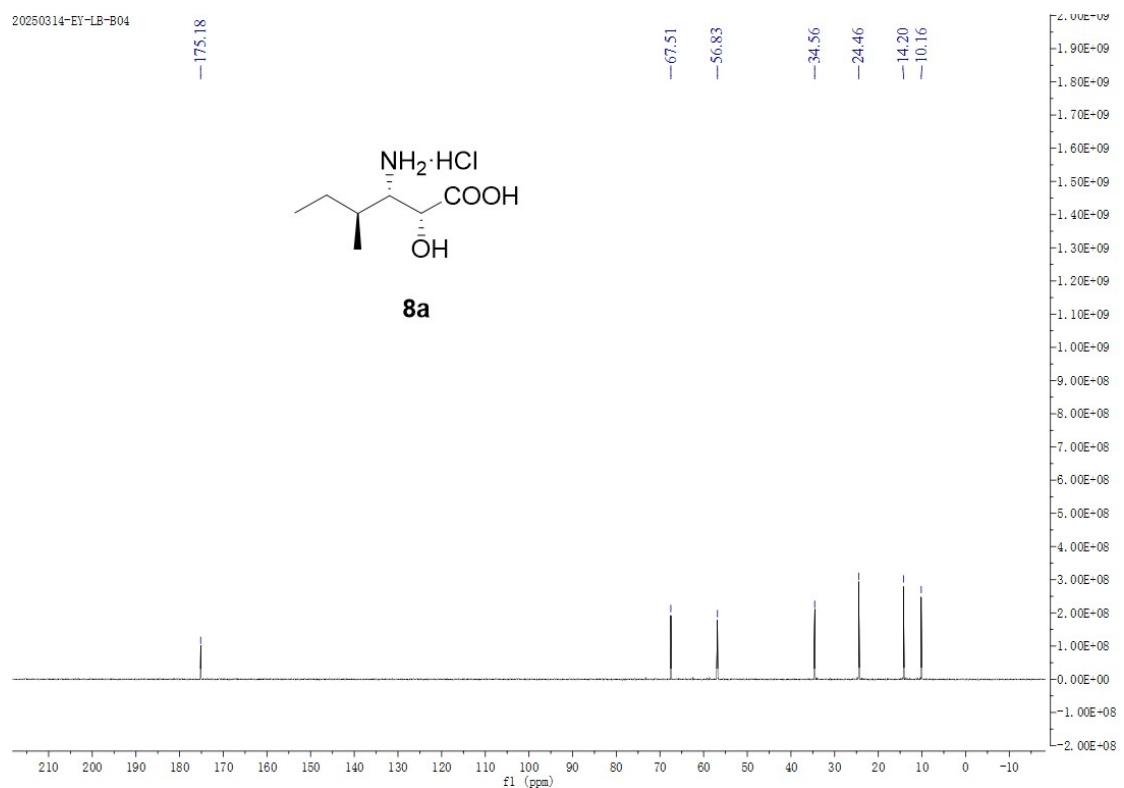
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



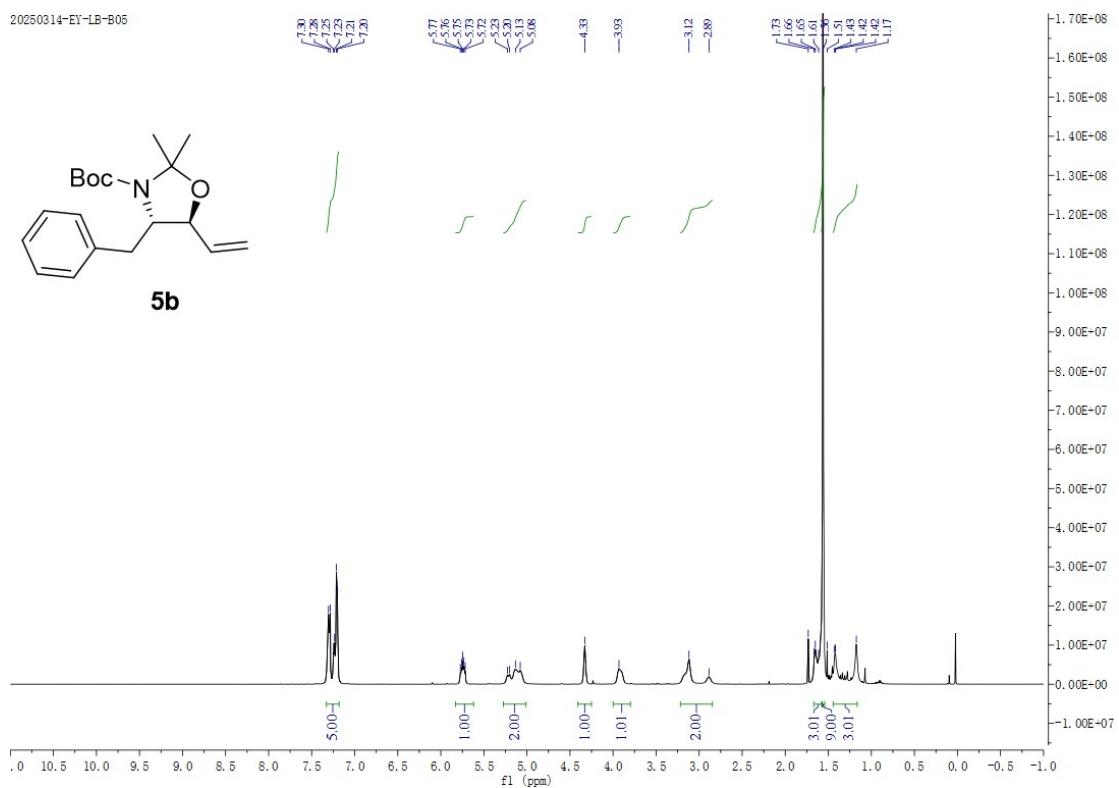
**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5a** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



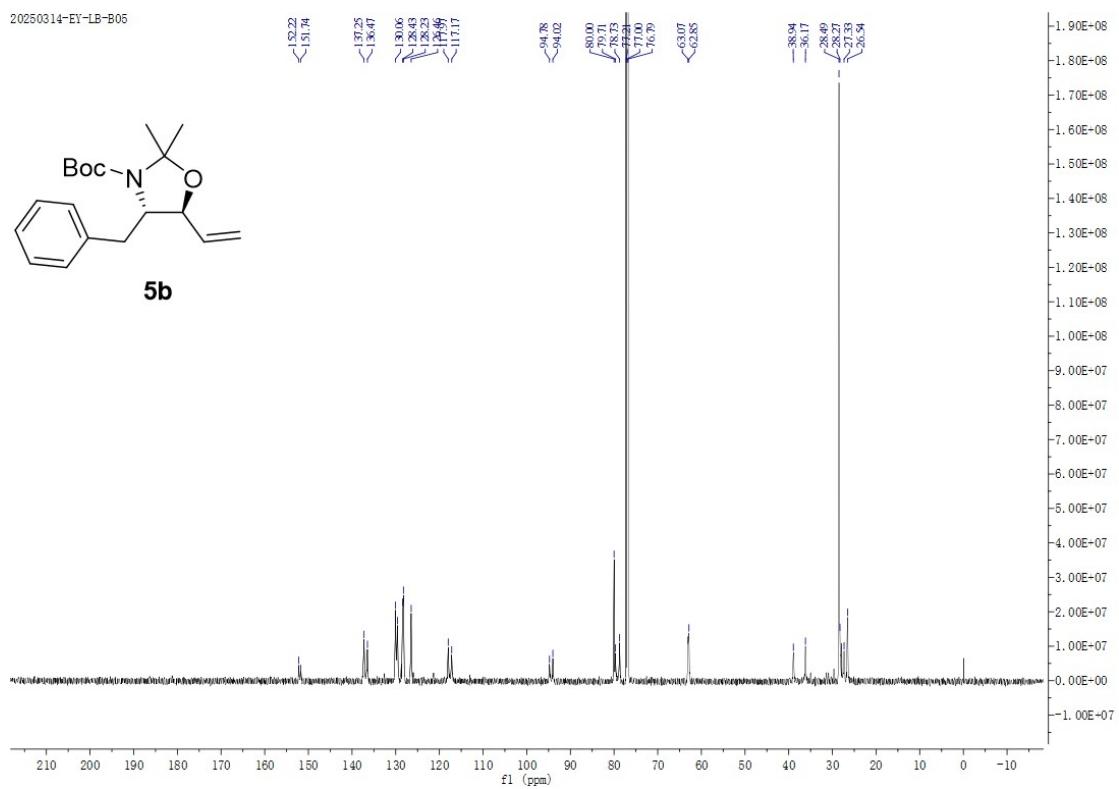
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8a** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



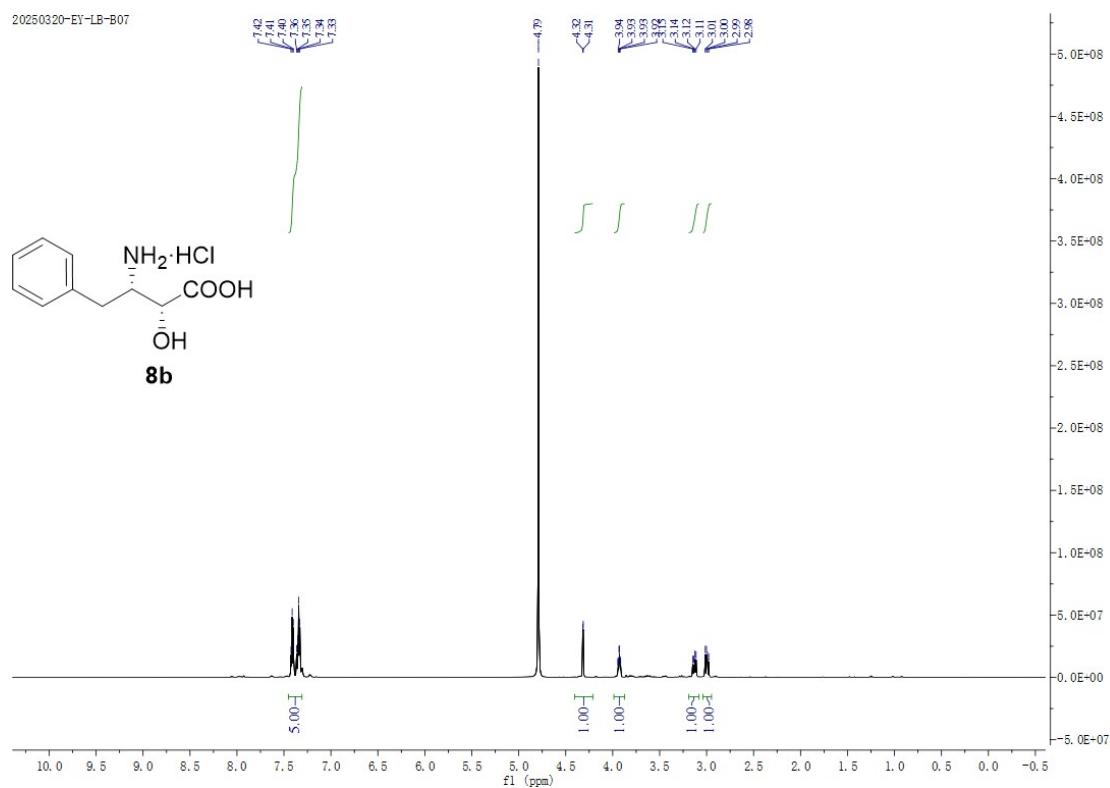
**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8a** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



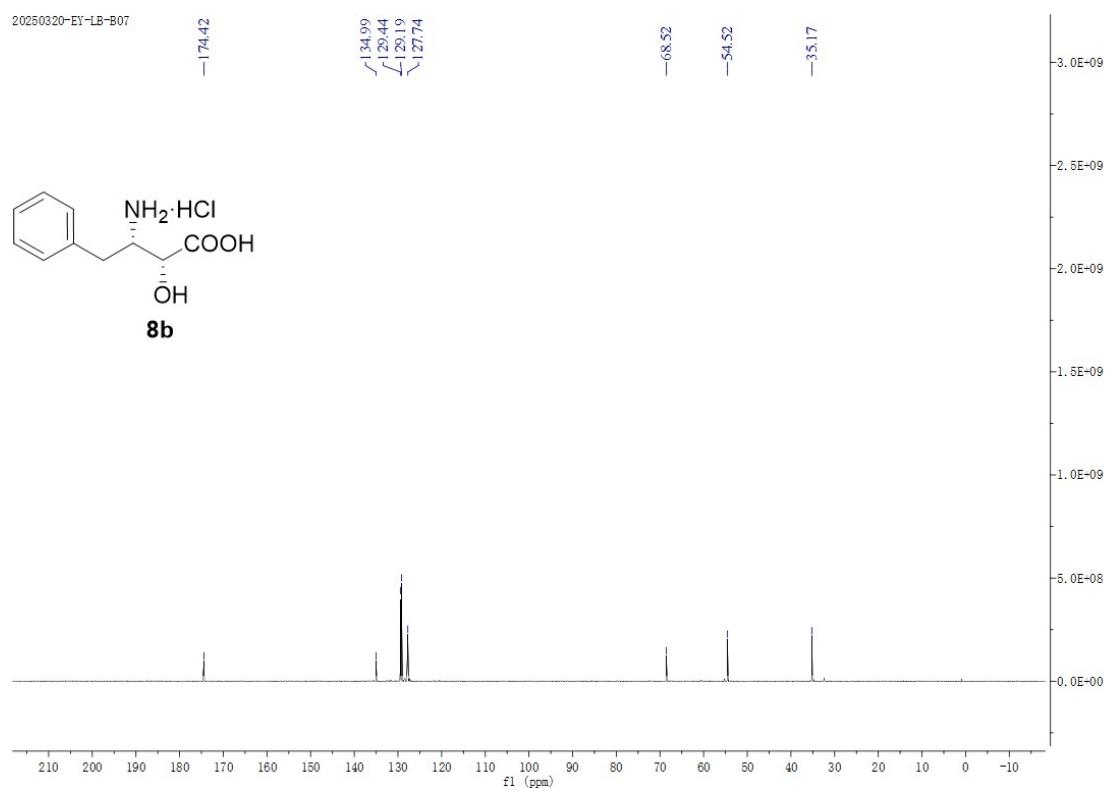
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5b** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



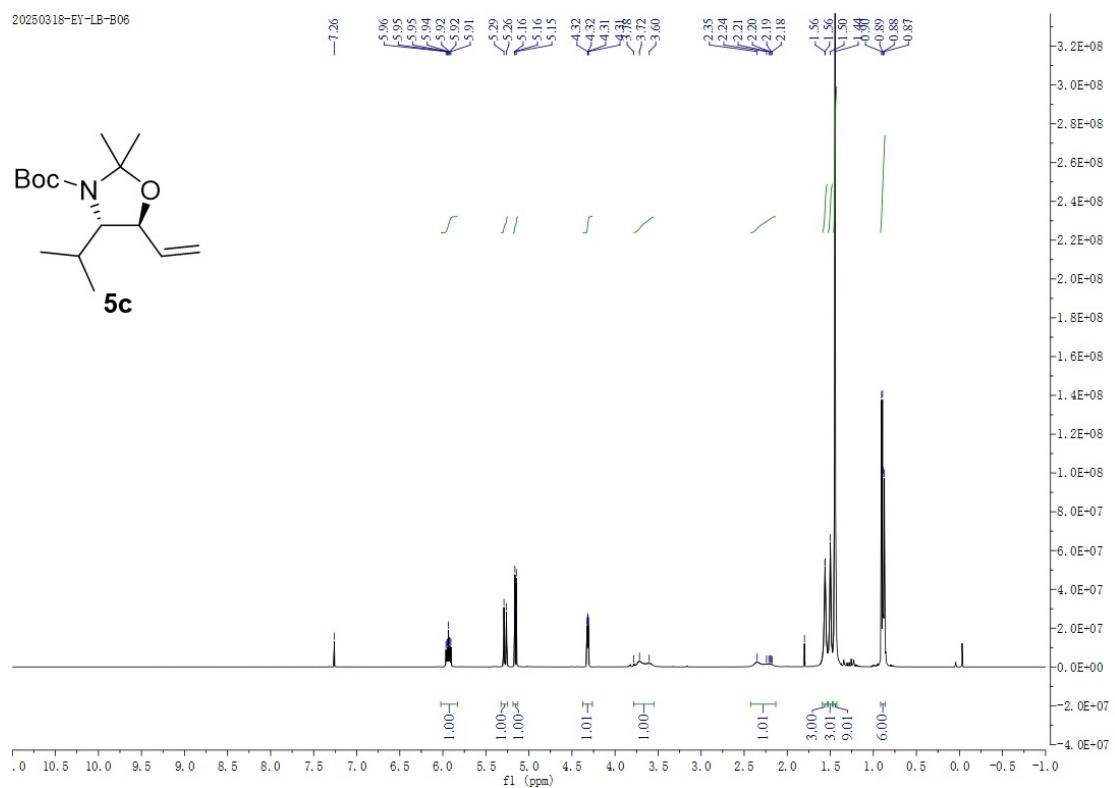
**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5b** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



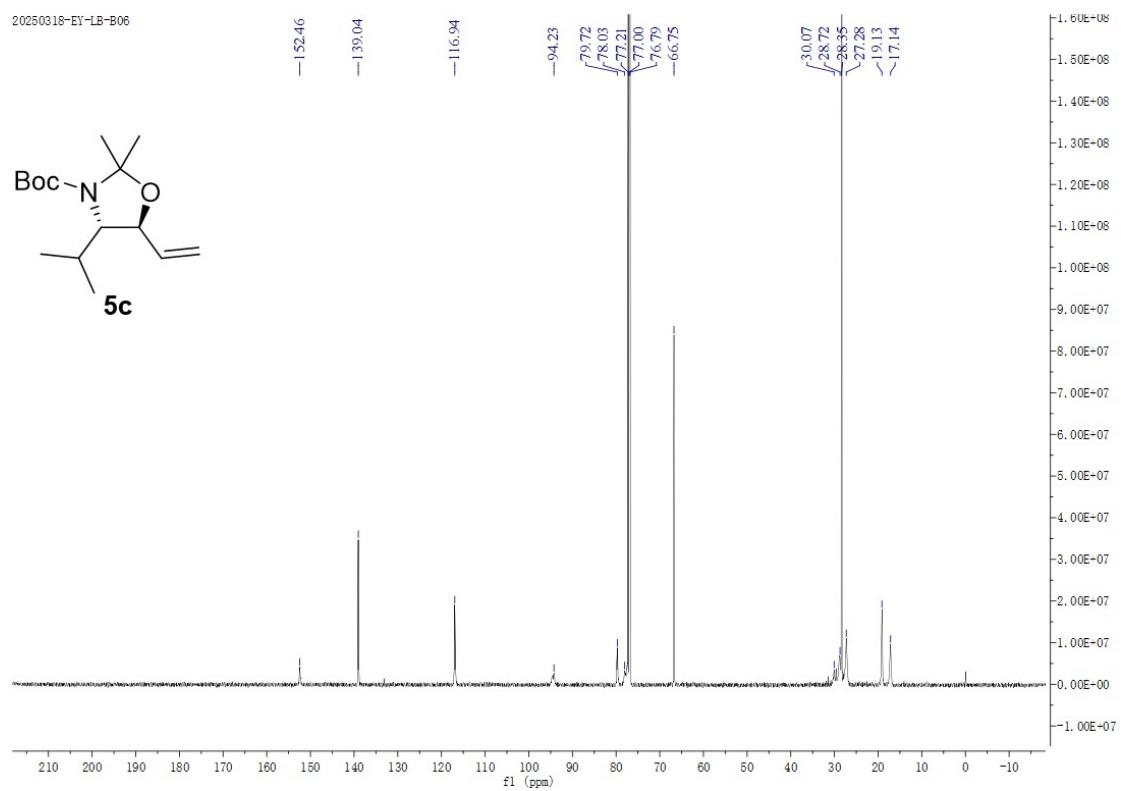
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8b** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



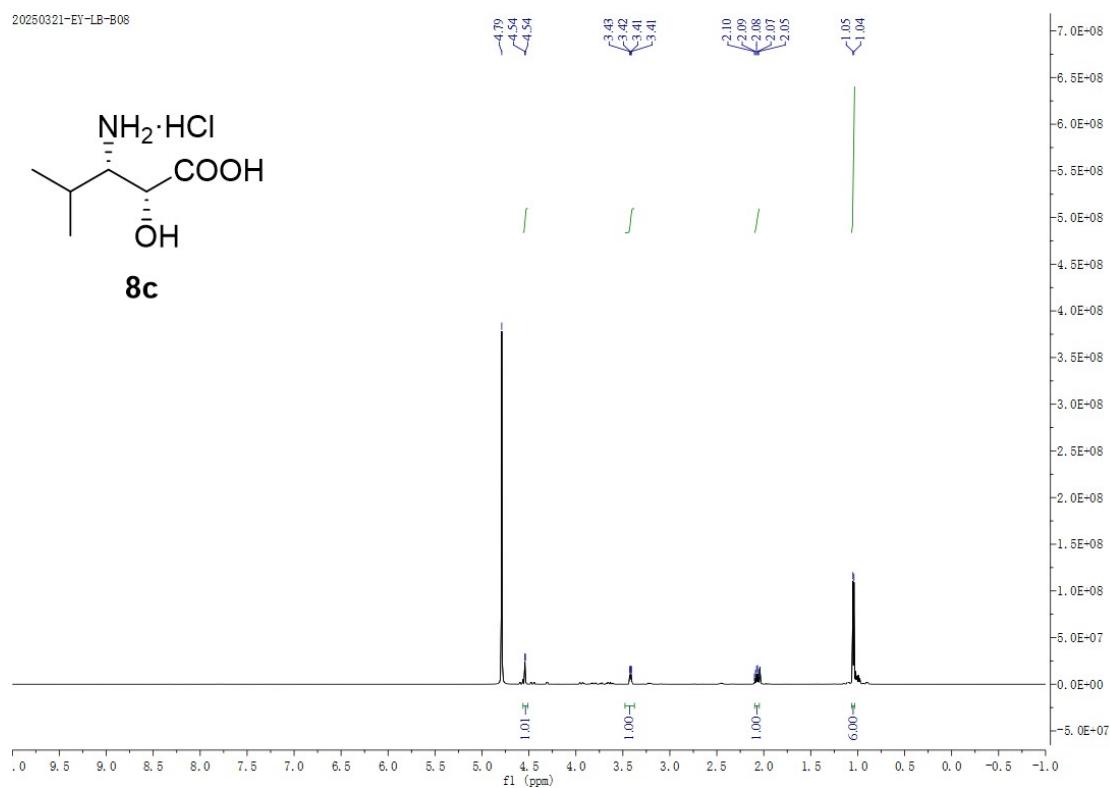
**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8b** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



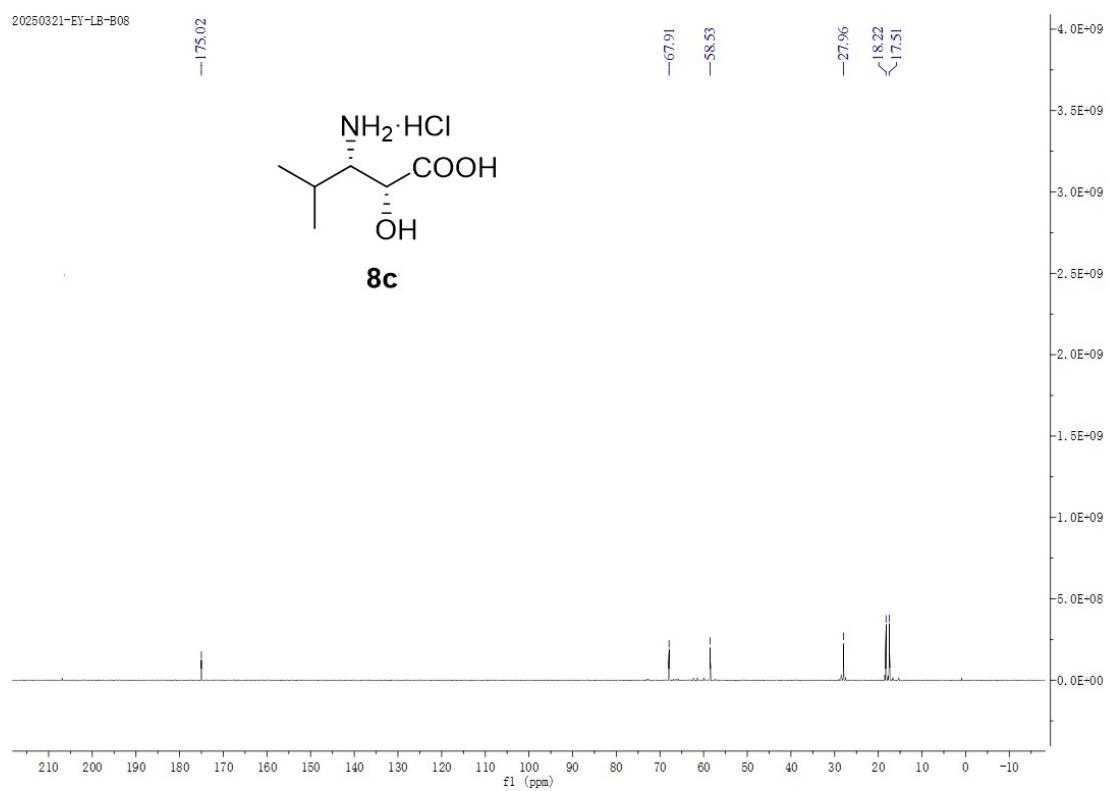
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5c** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



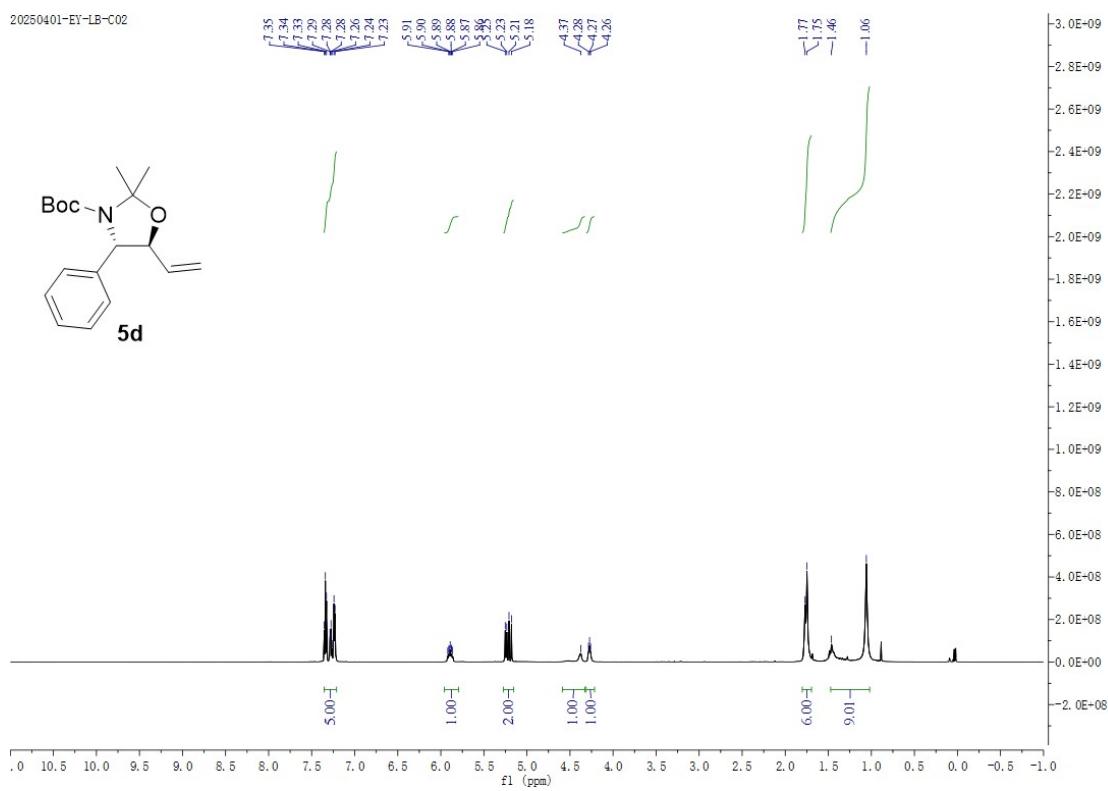
**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5c** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



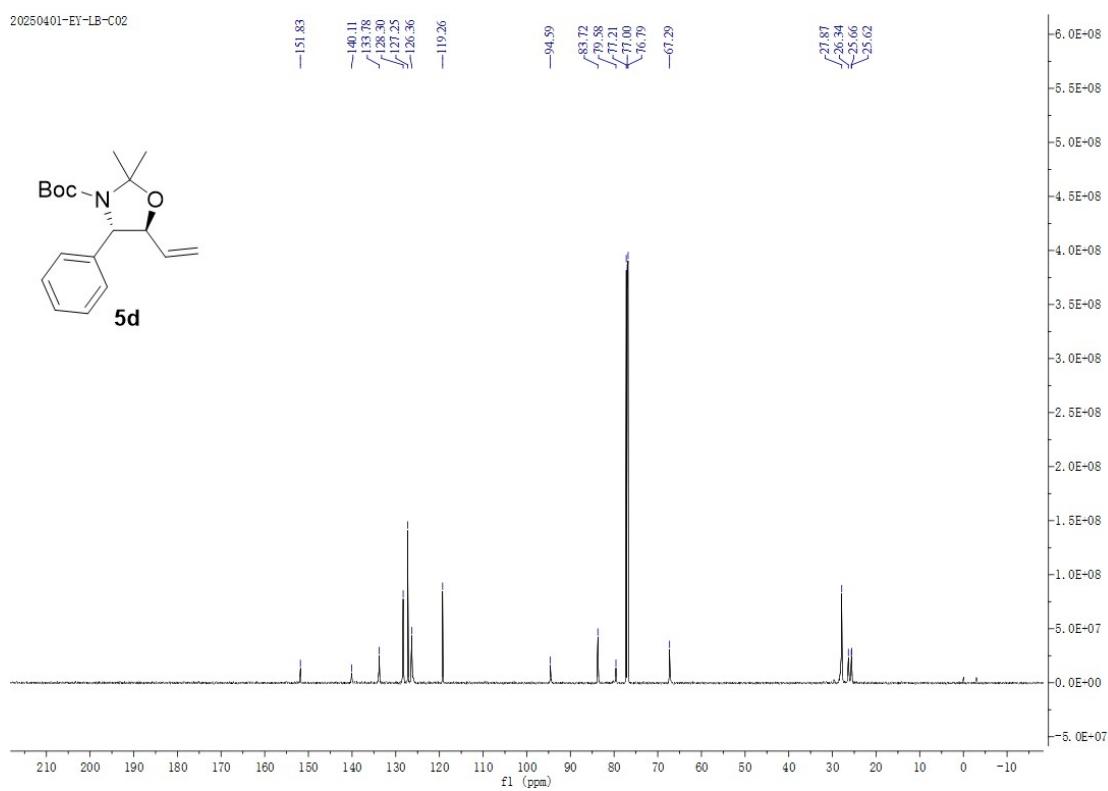
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8c** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



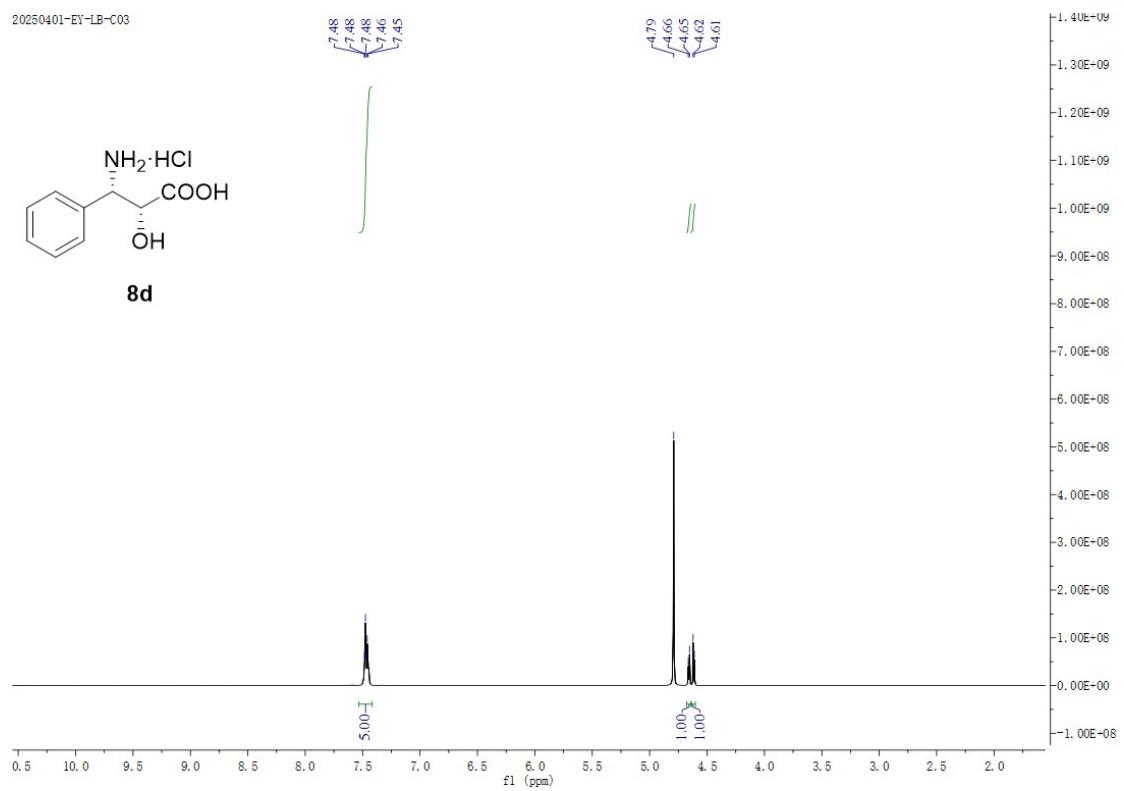
**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8c** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



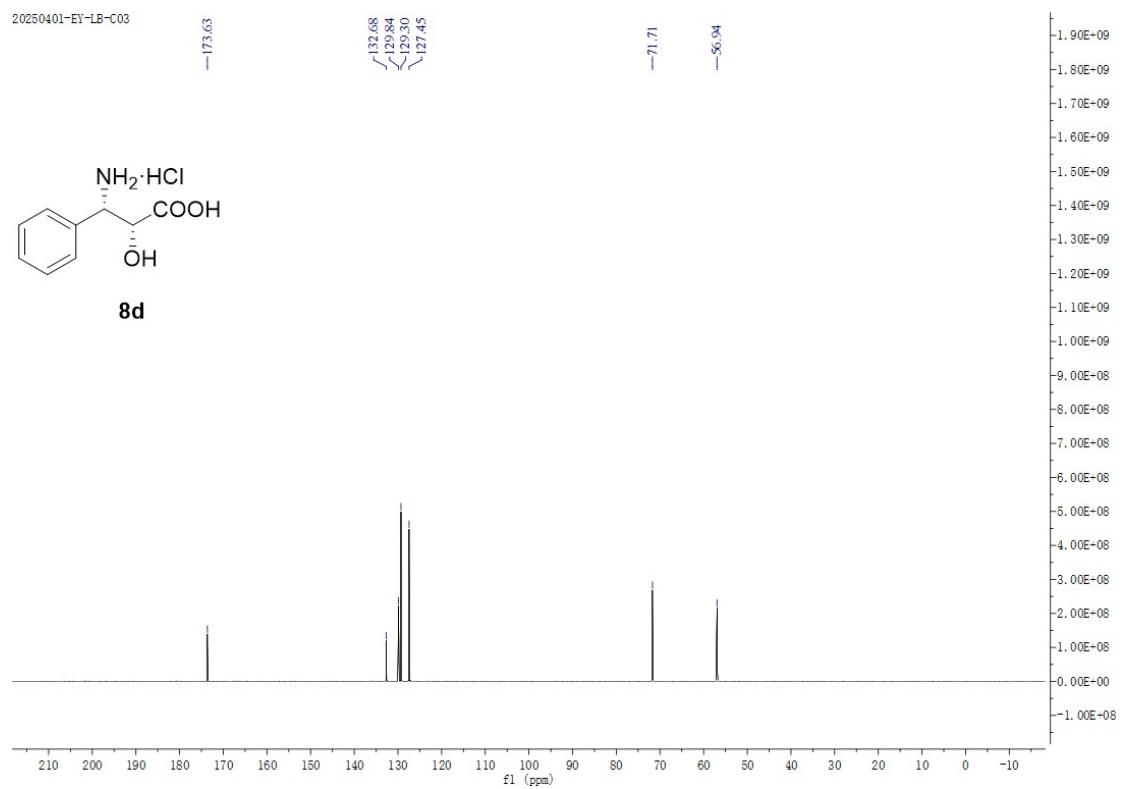
**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5d** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



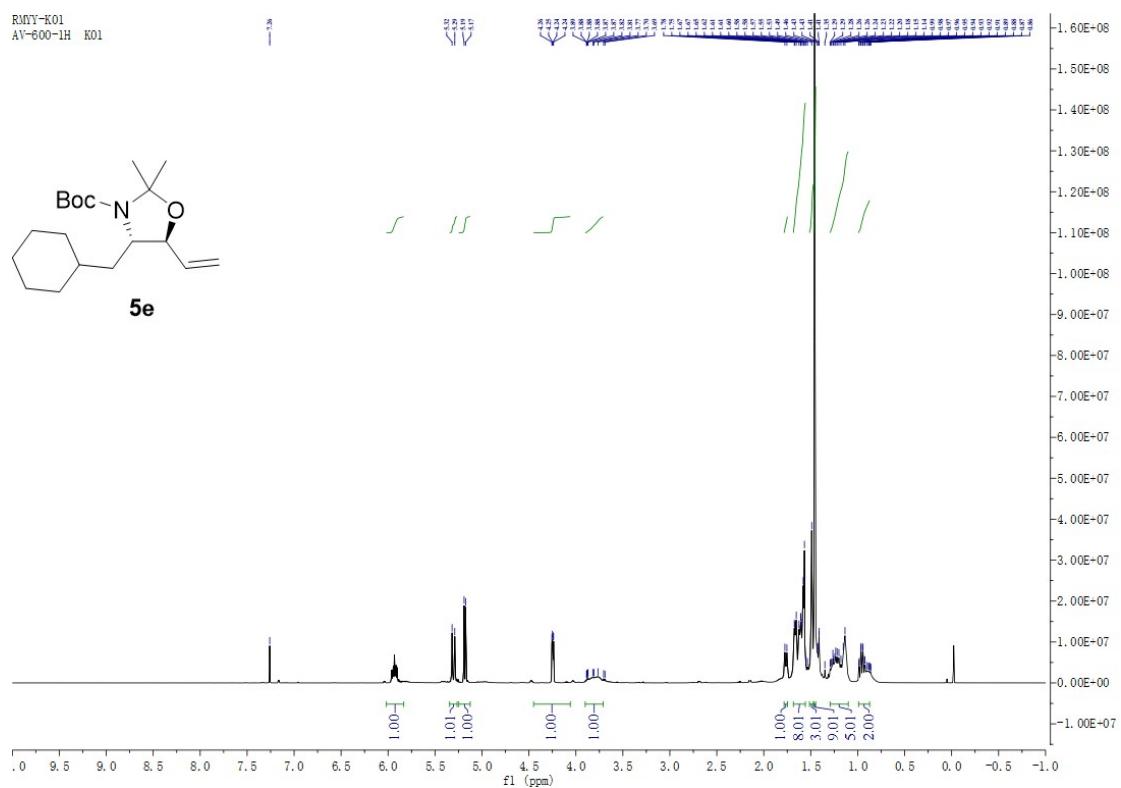
**Figure S18.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5d** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



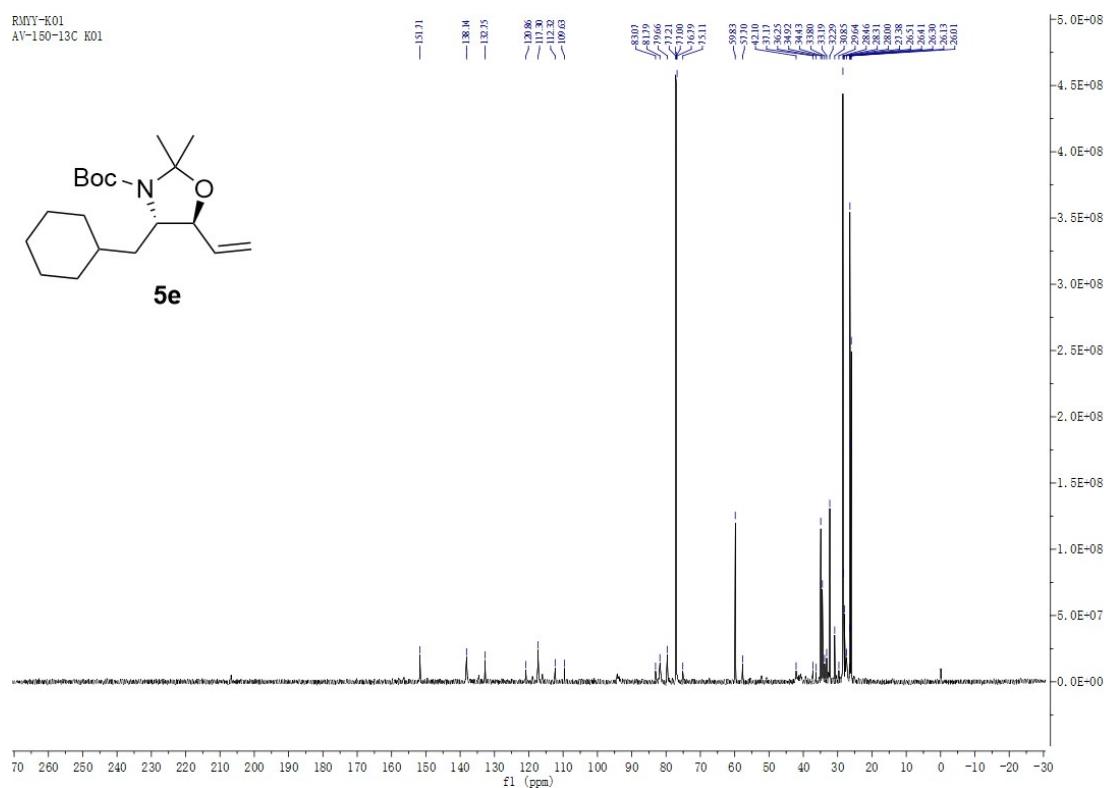
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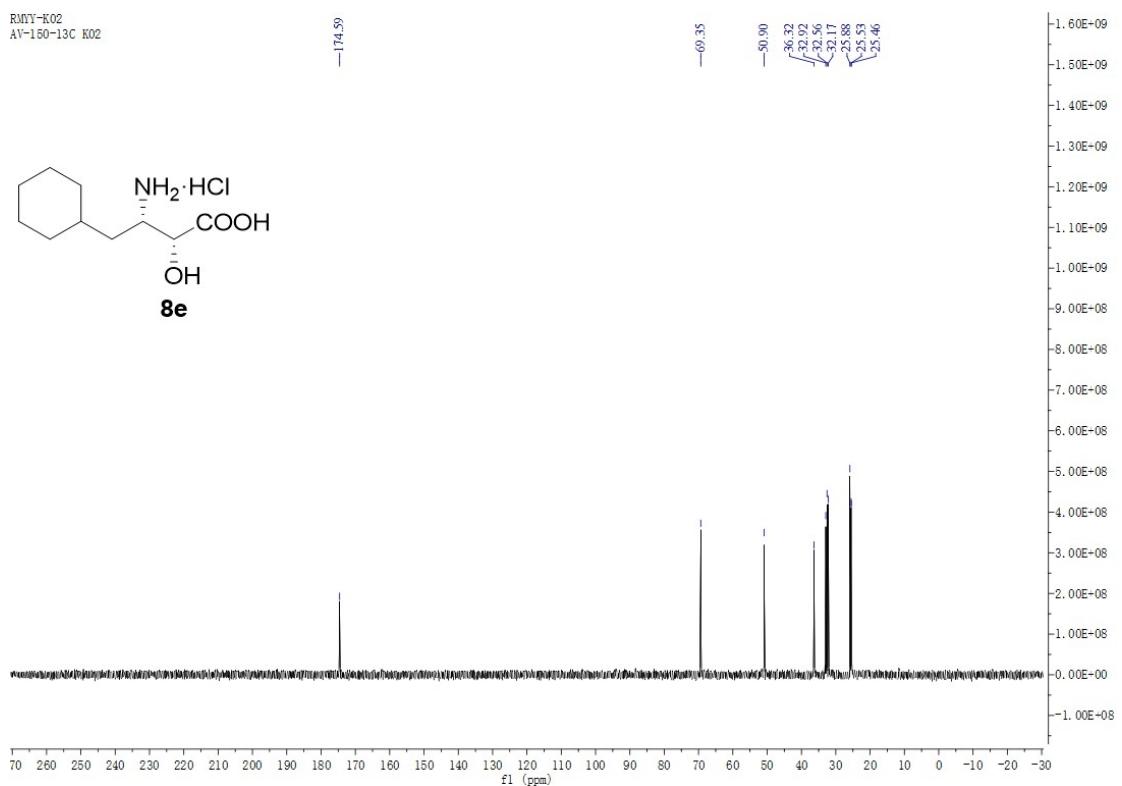
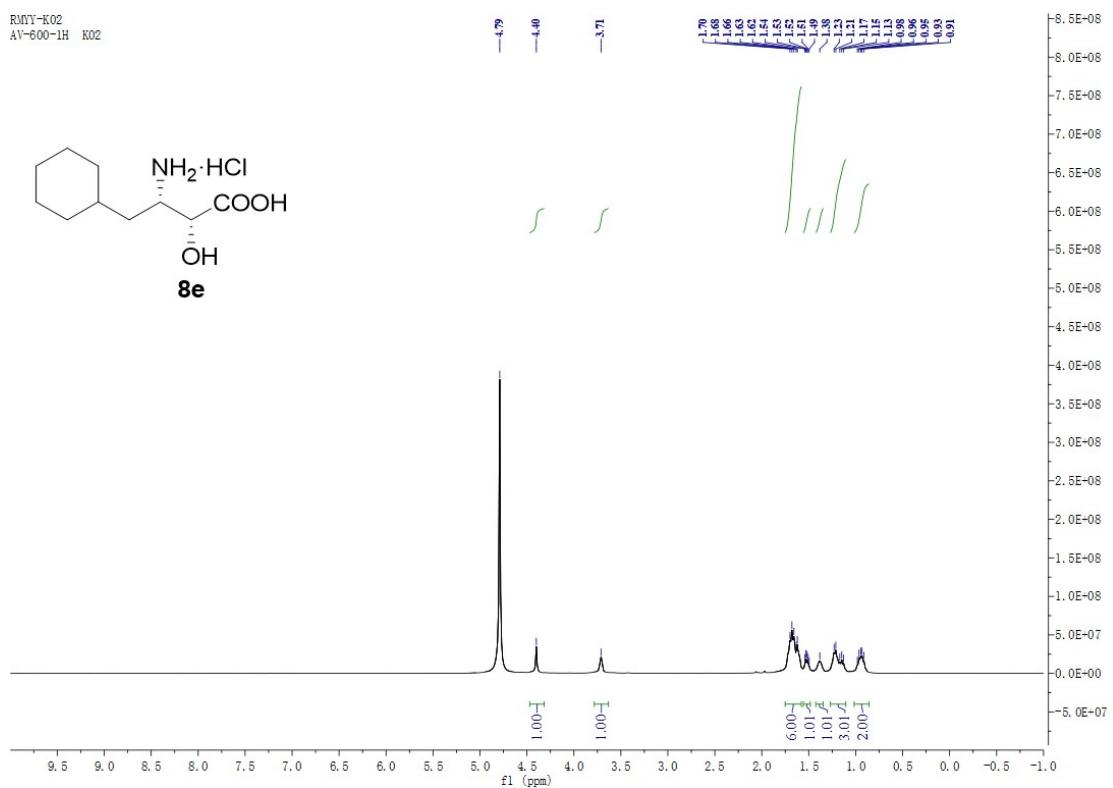
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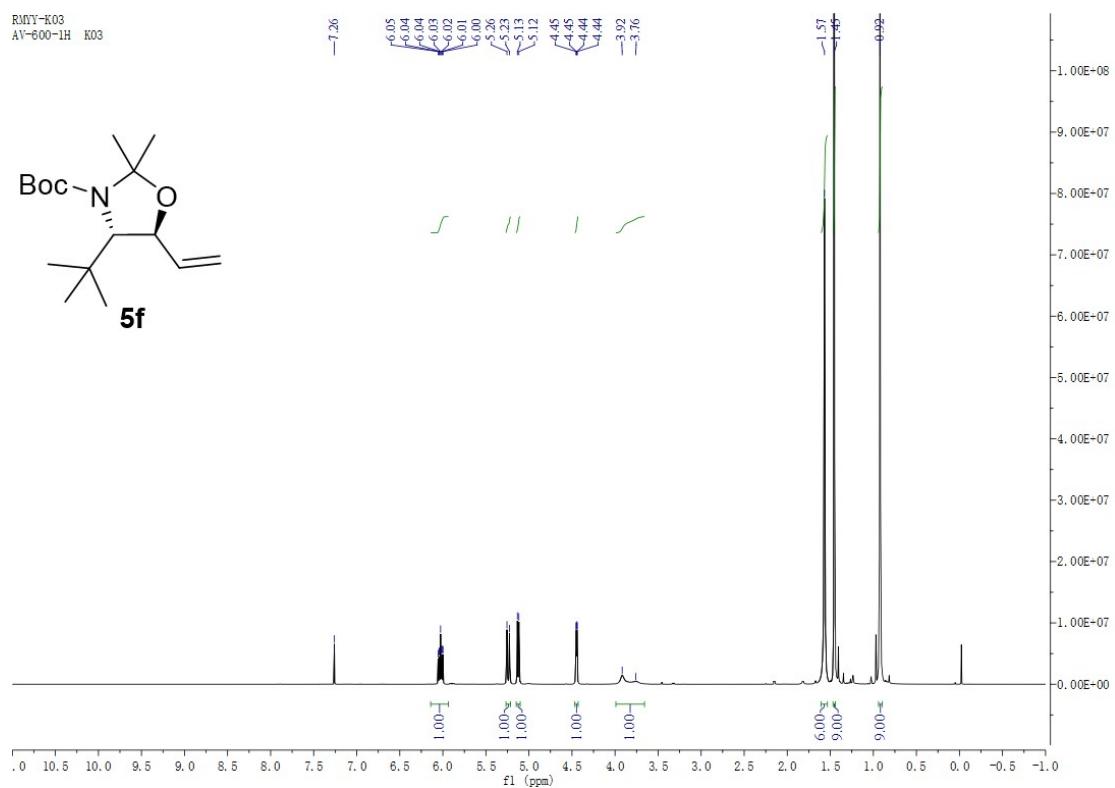


**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)

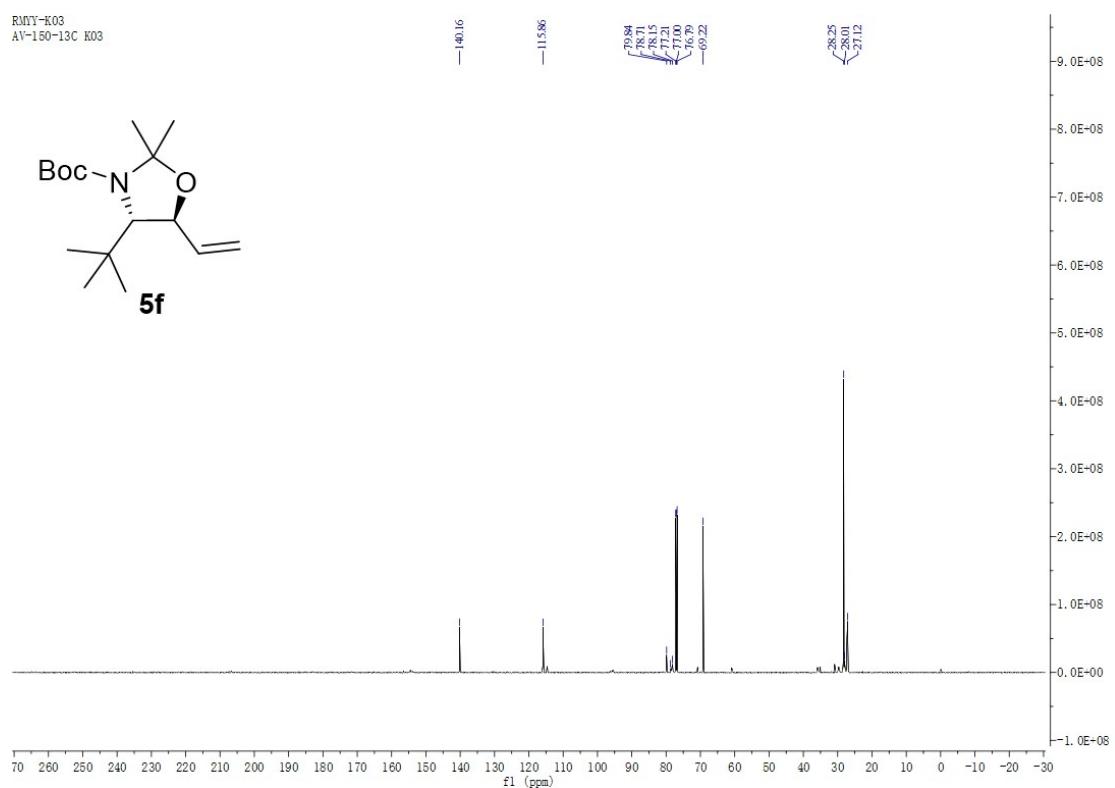


**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5e** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)

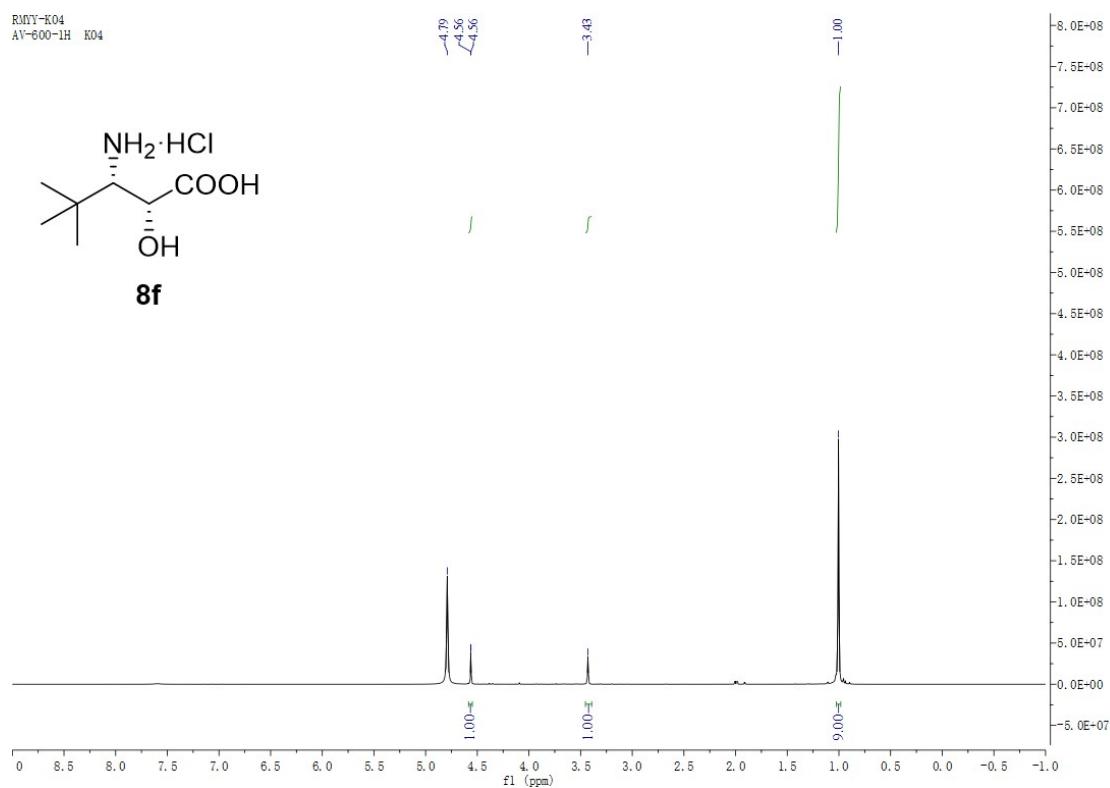




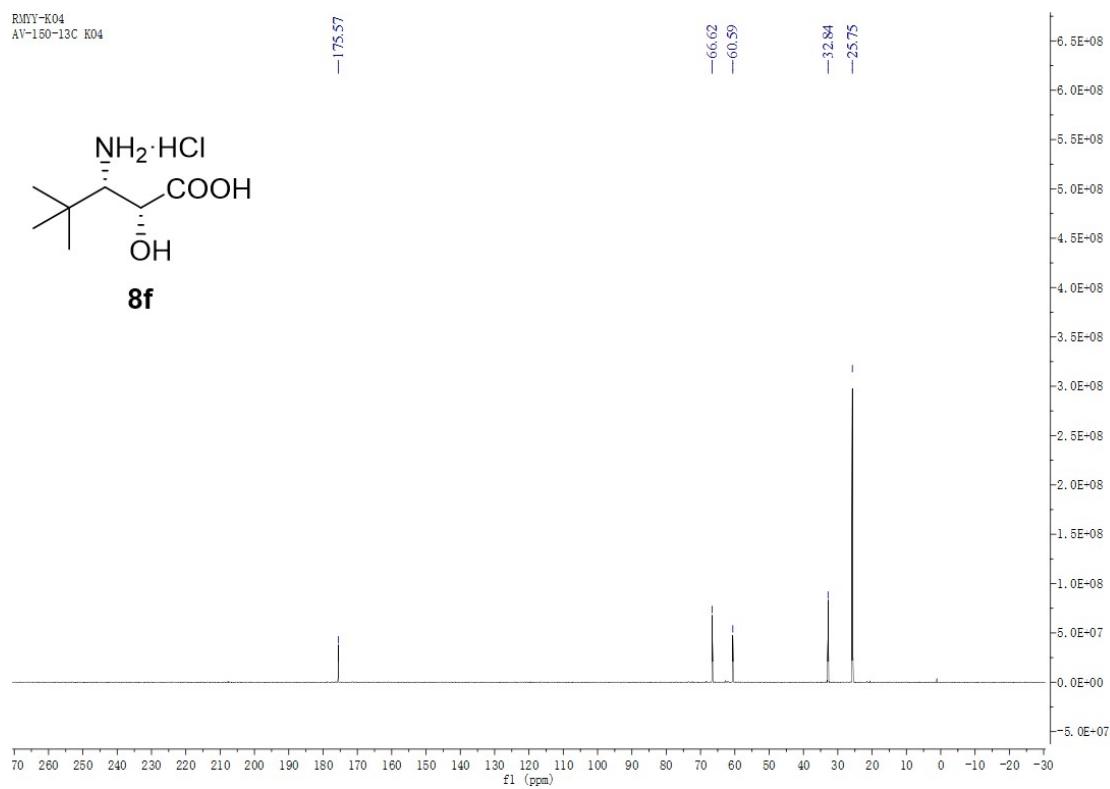
**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5f** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



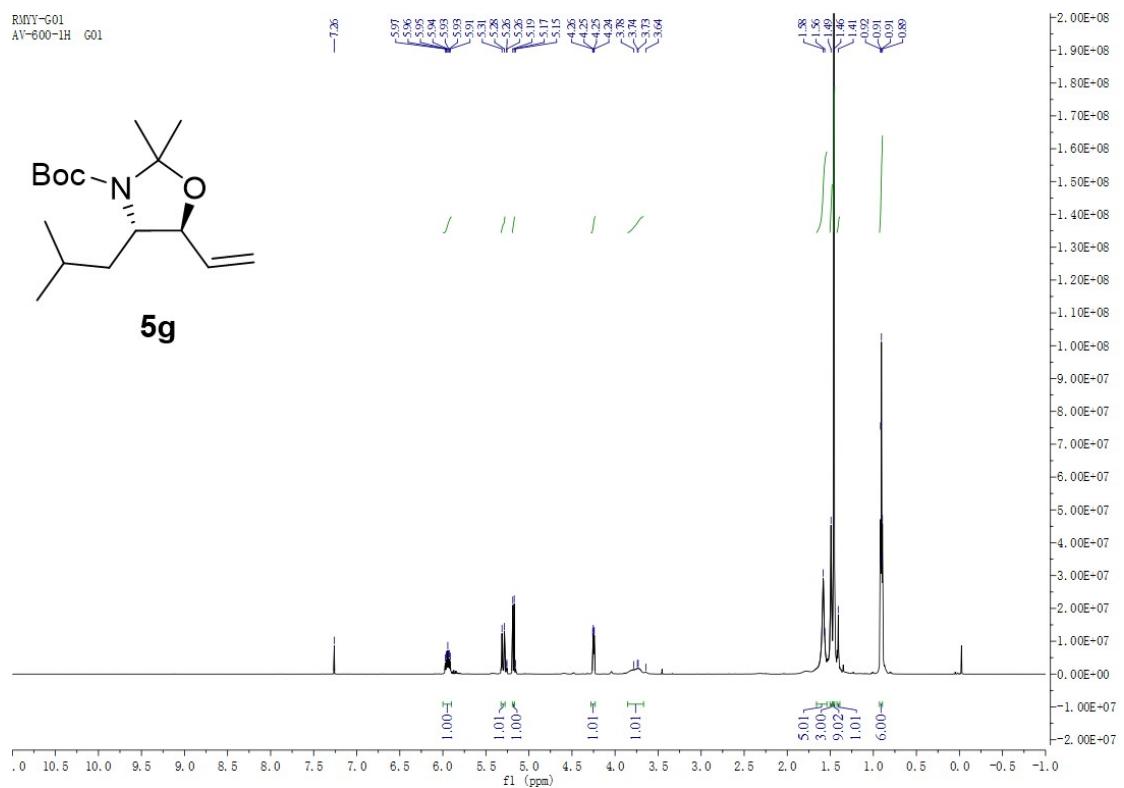
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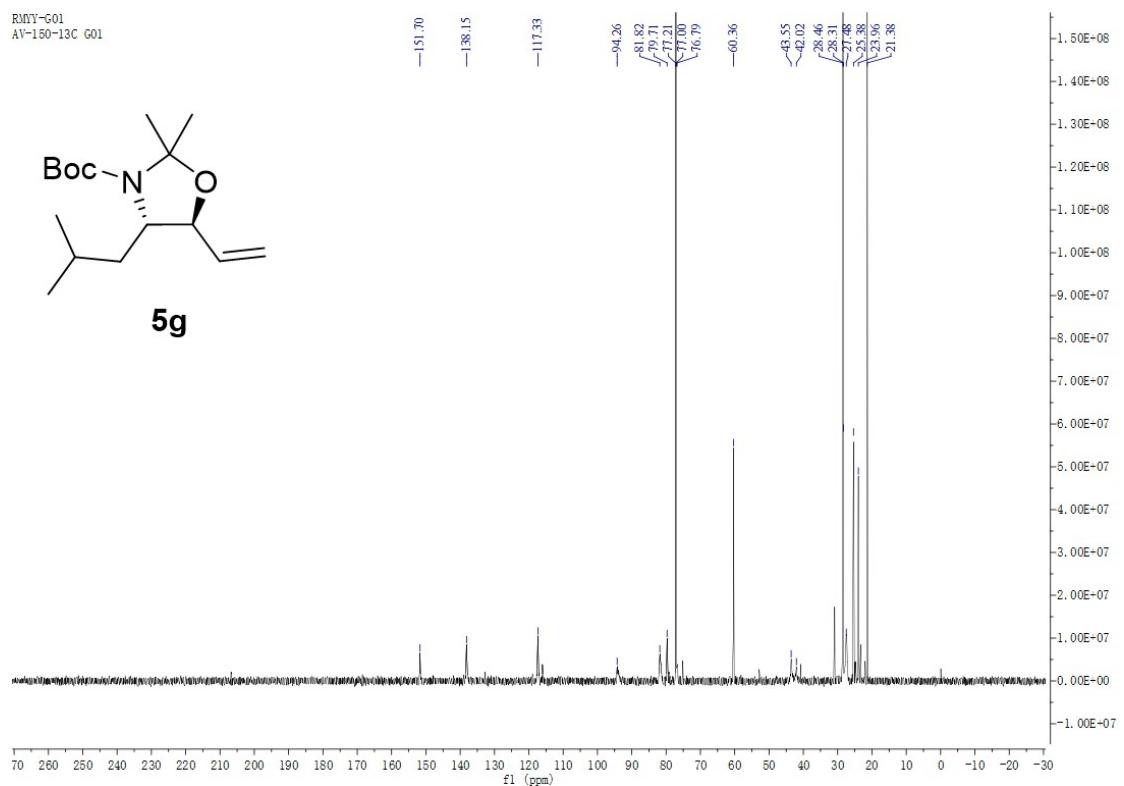
**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8f** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



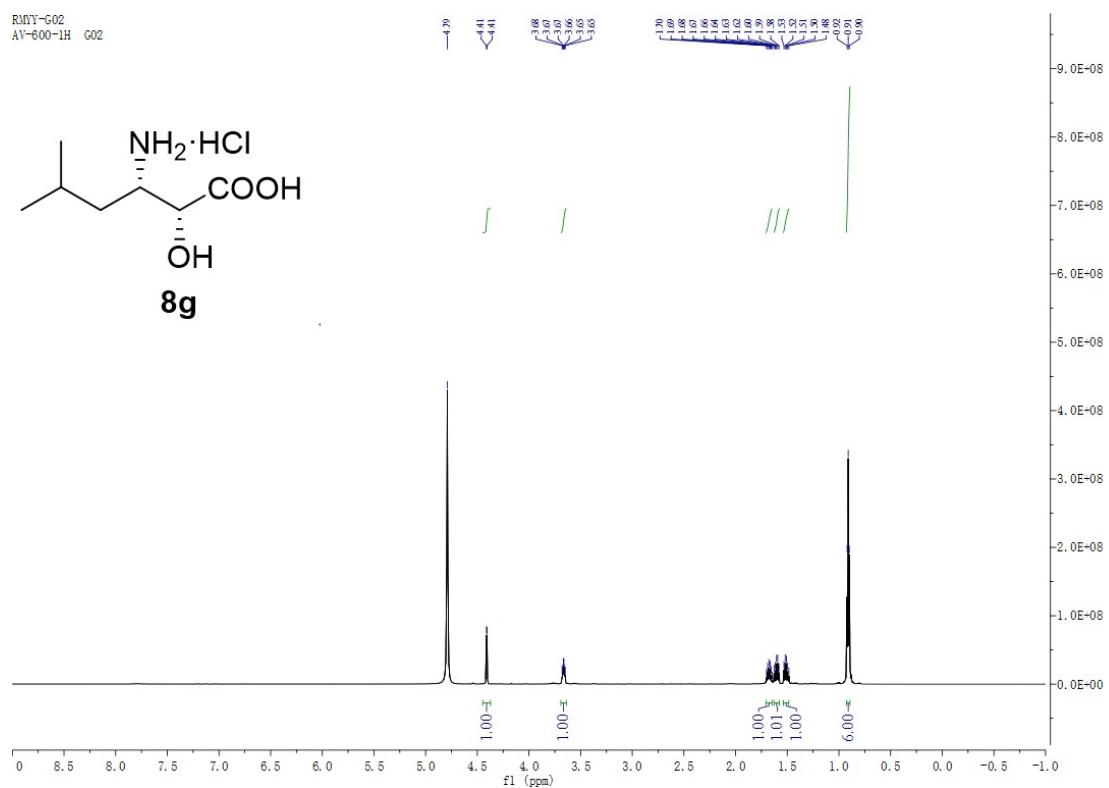
**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8f** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



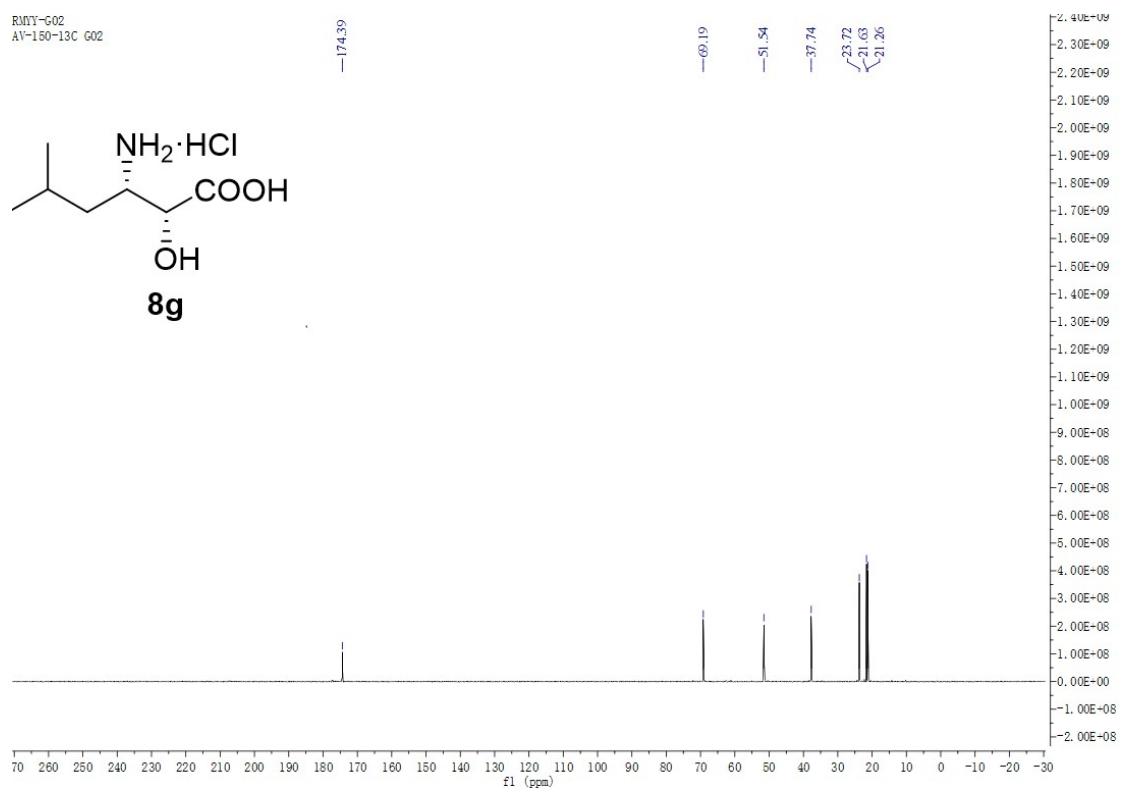
**Figure S29.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5g** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



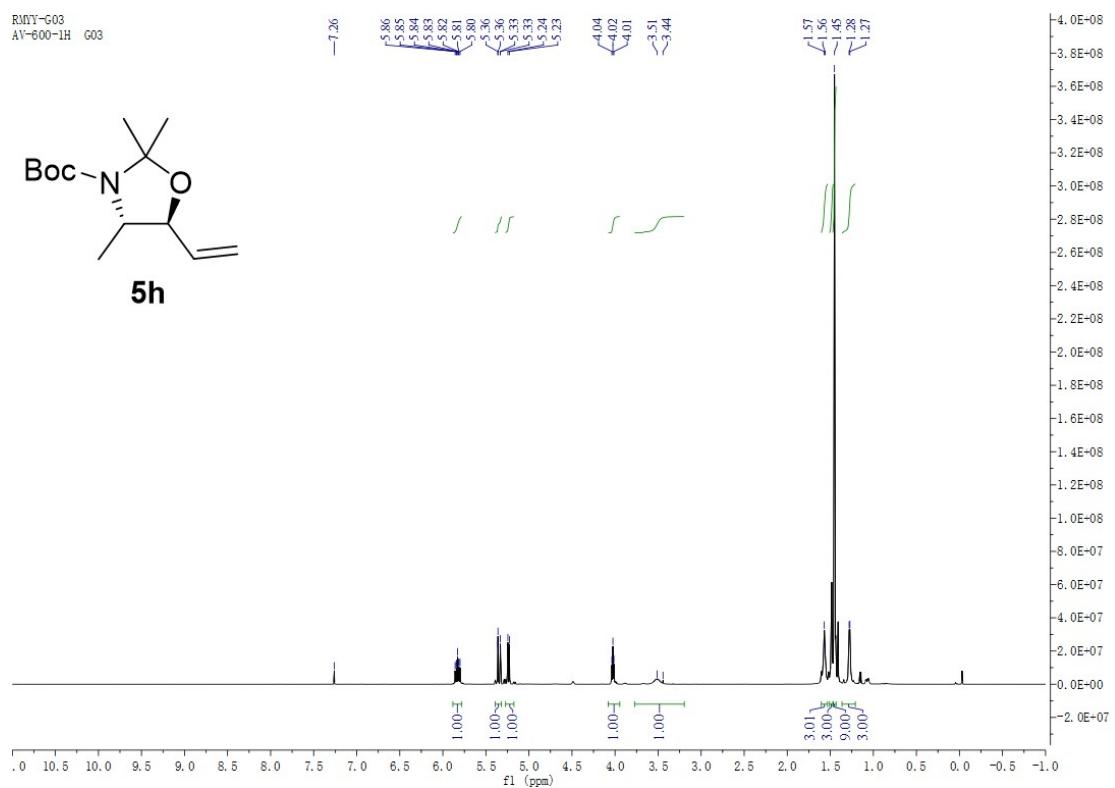
**Figure S30.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5g** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



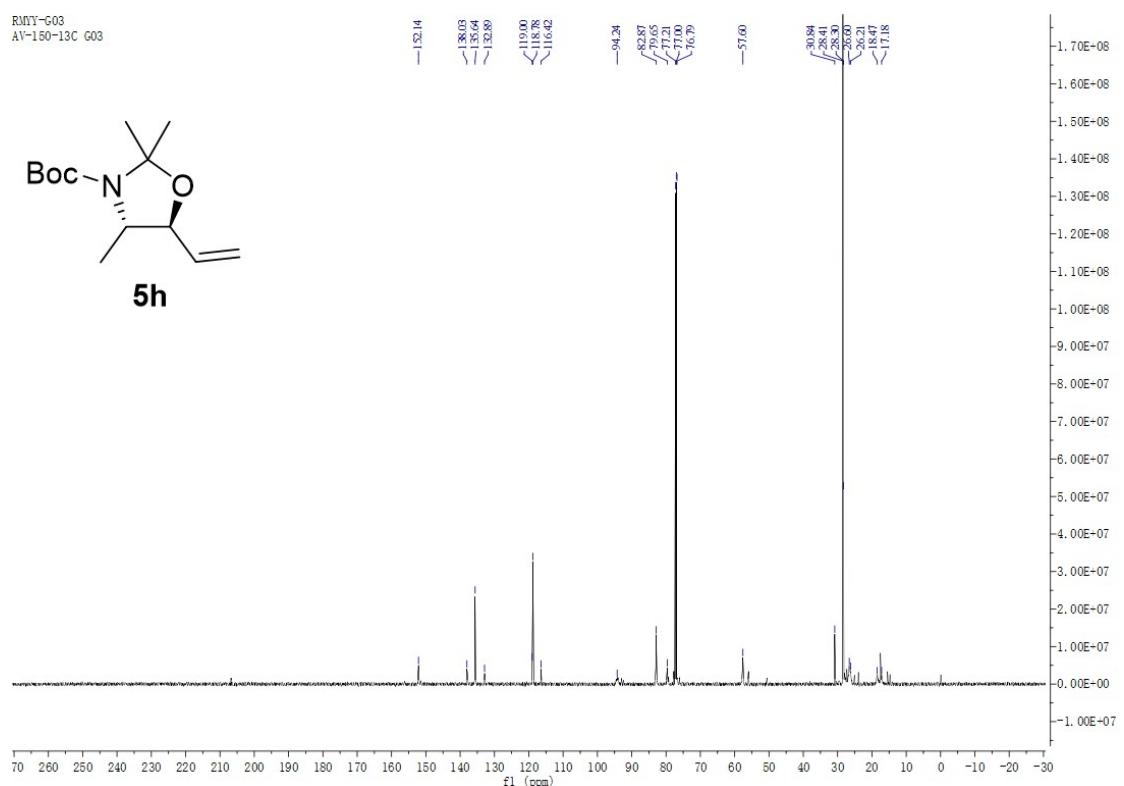
**Figure S31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8g** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



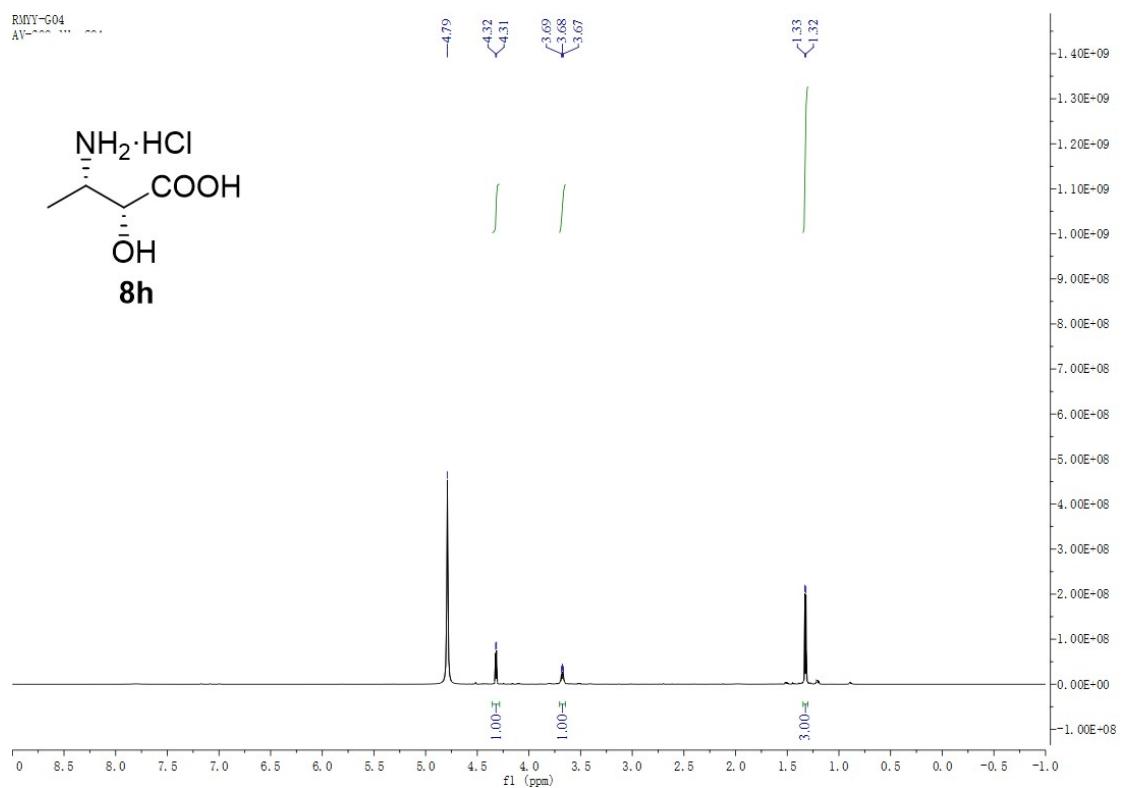
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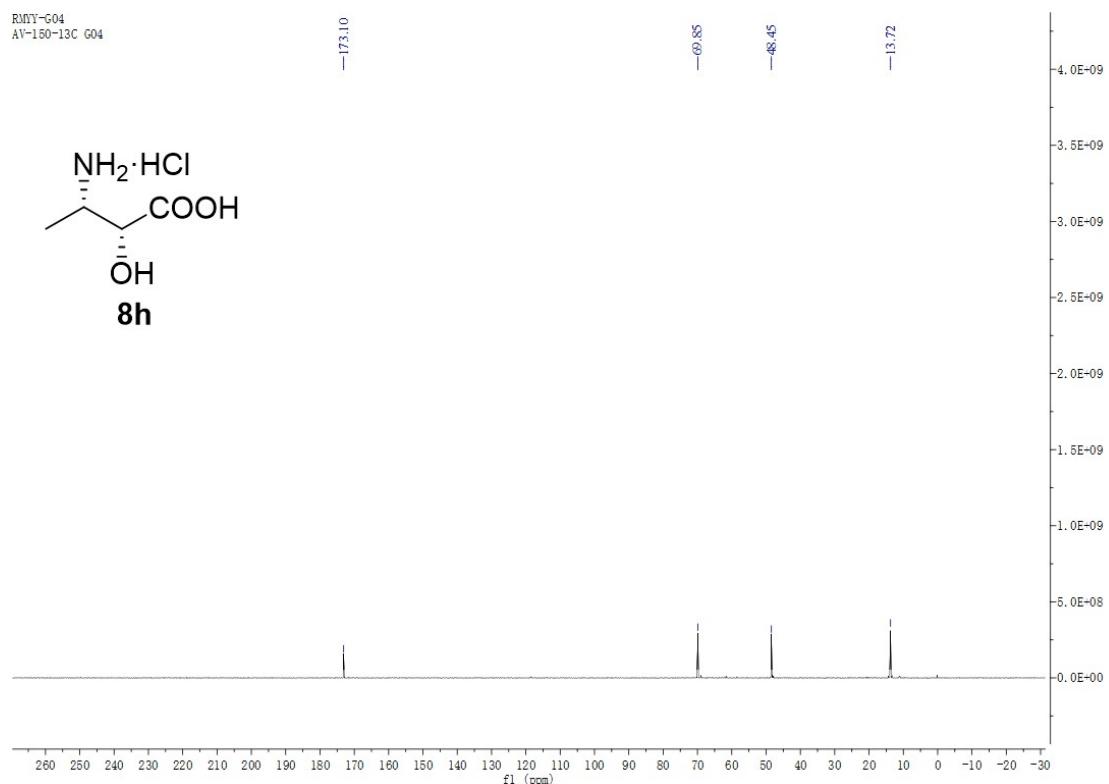
**Figure S33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5h** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



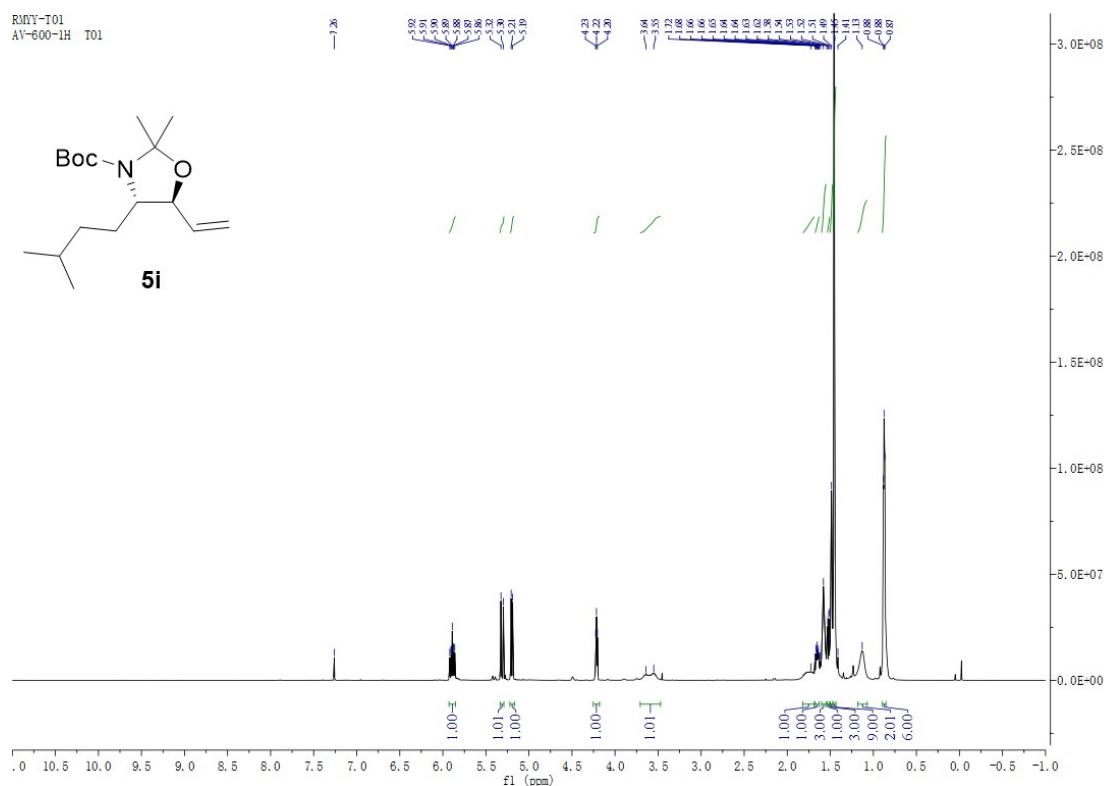
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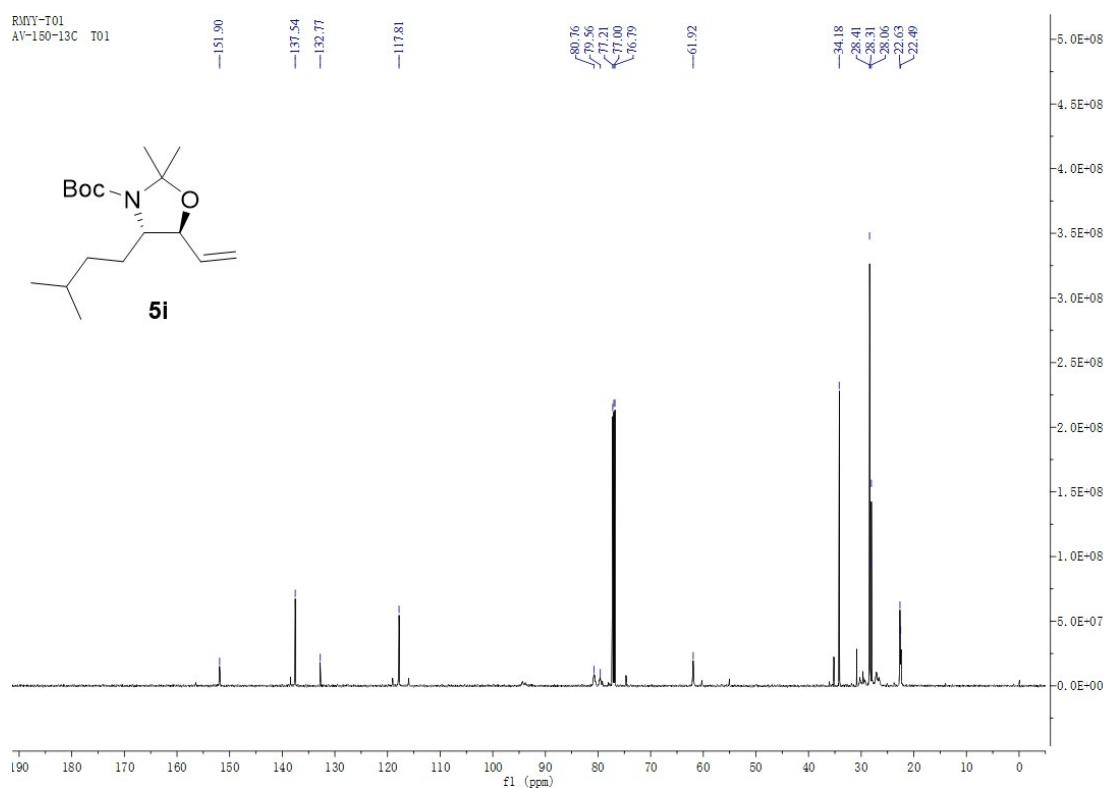
**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8h** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



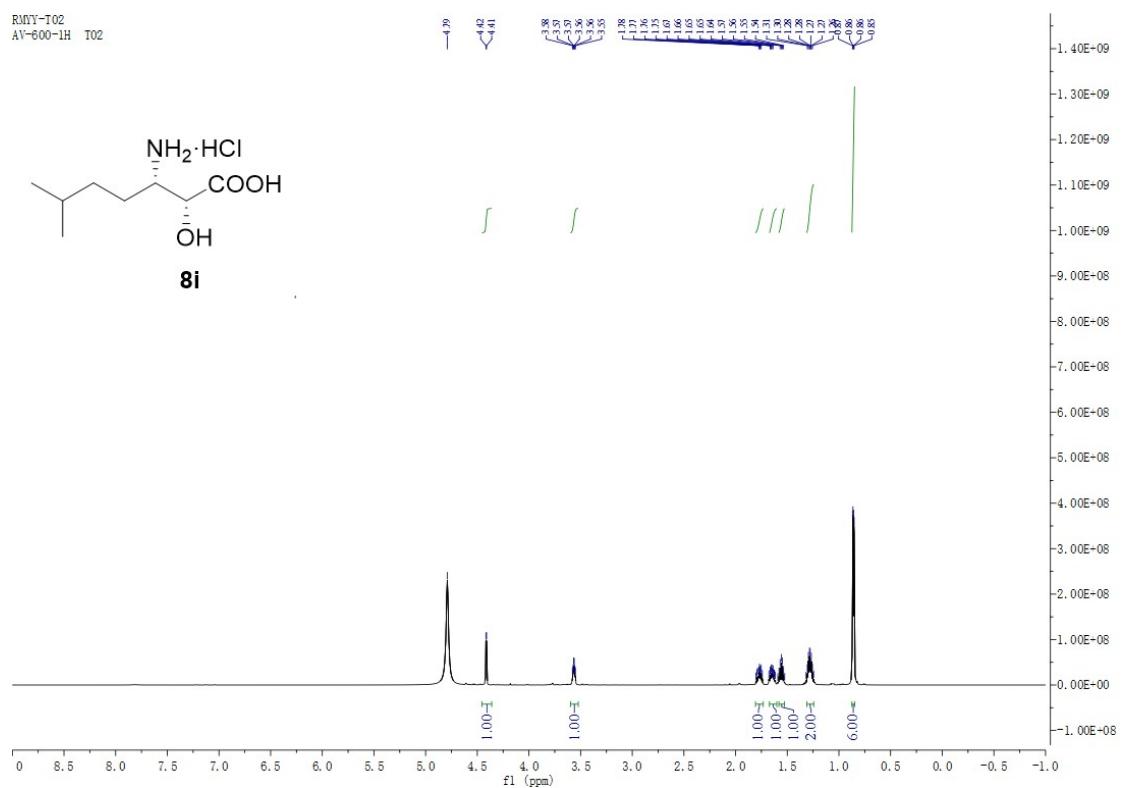
**Figure S36.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8h** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



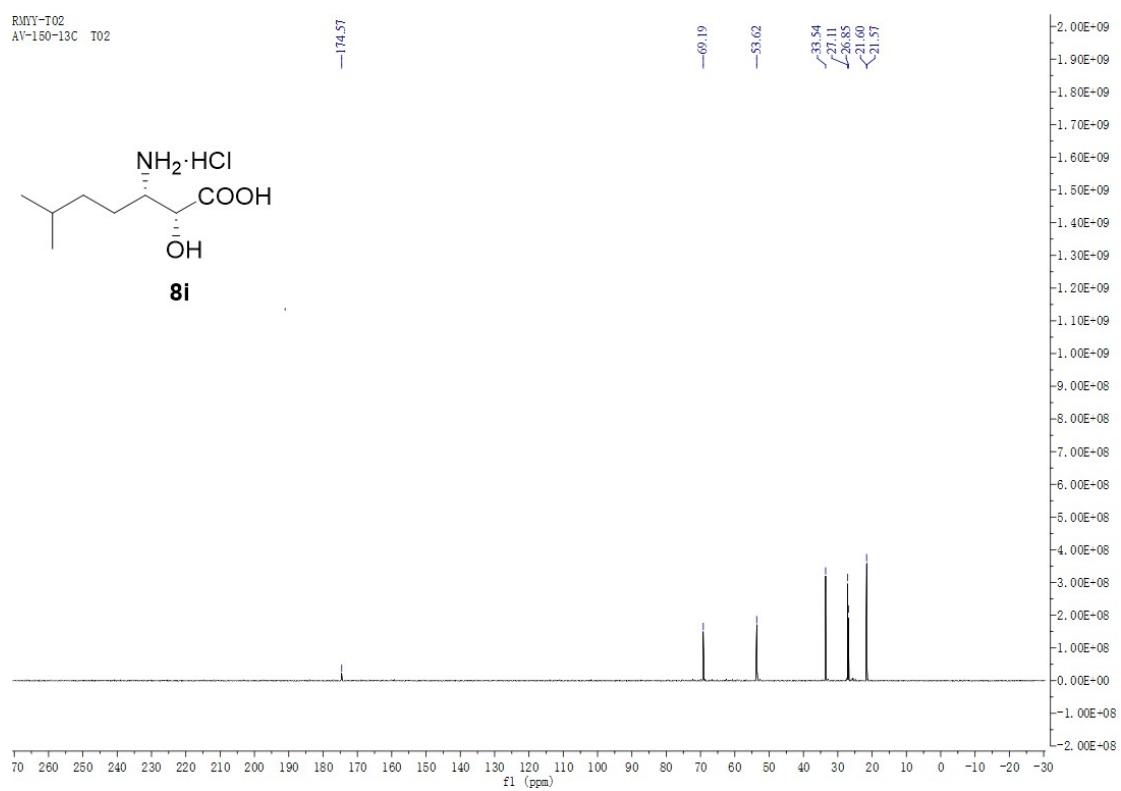
**Figure S37.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5i** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



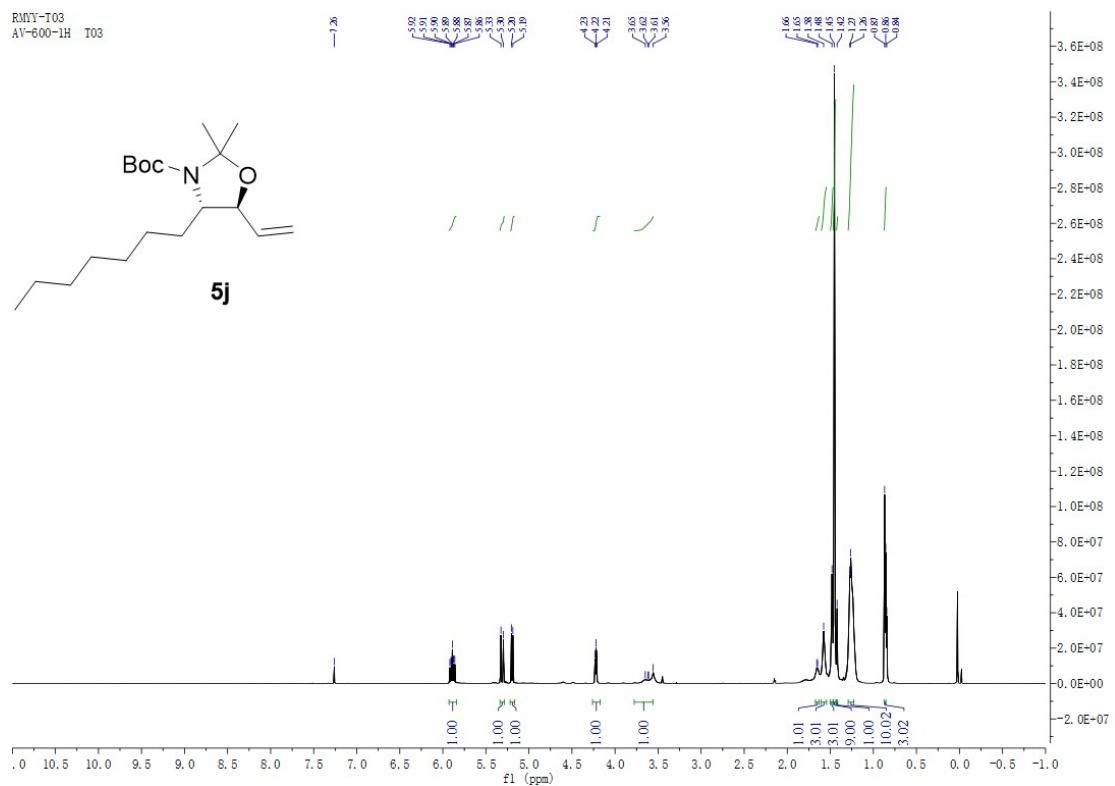
**Figure S38.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5i** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



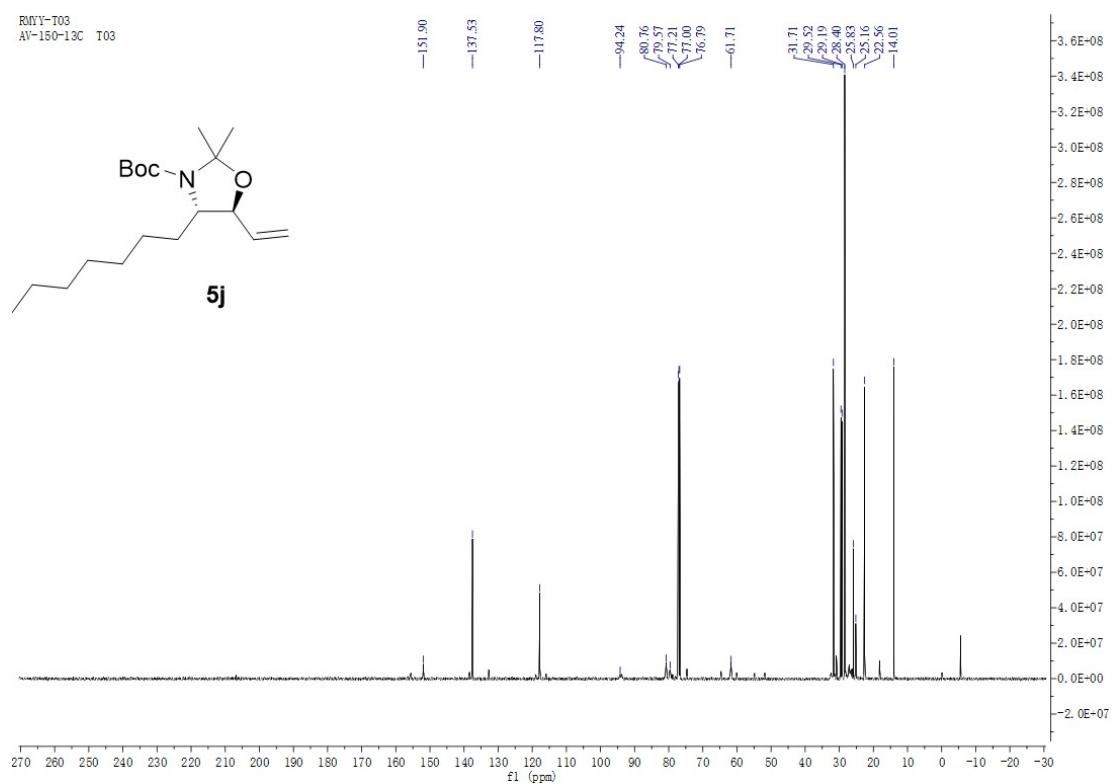
**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8i** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



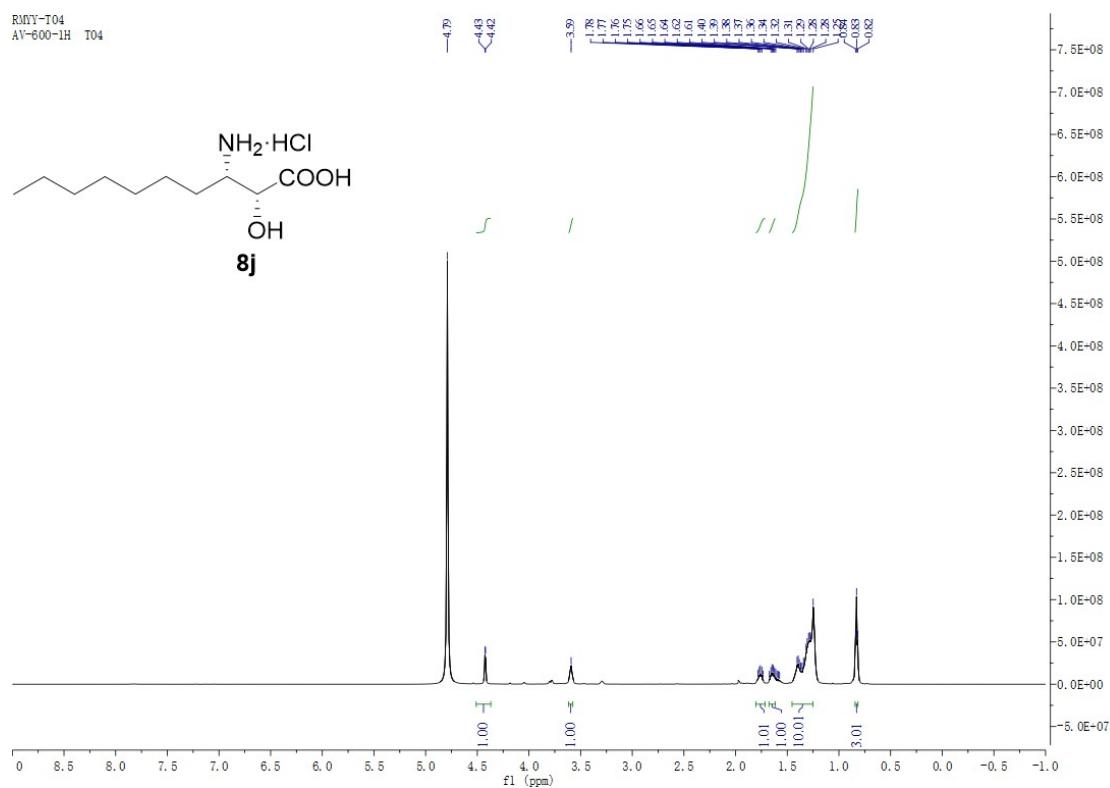
**Figure S40.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8i** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



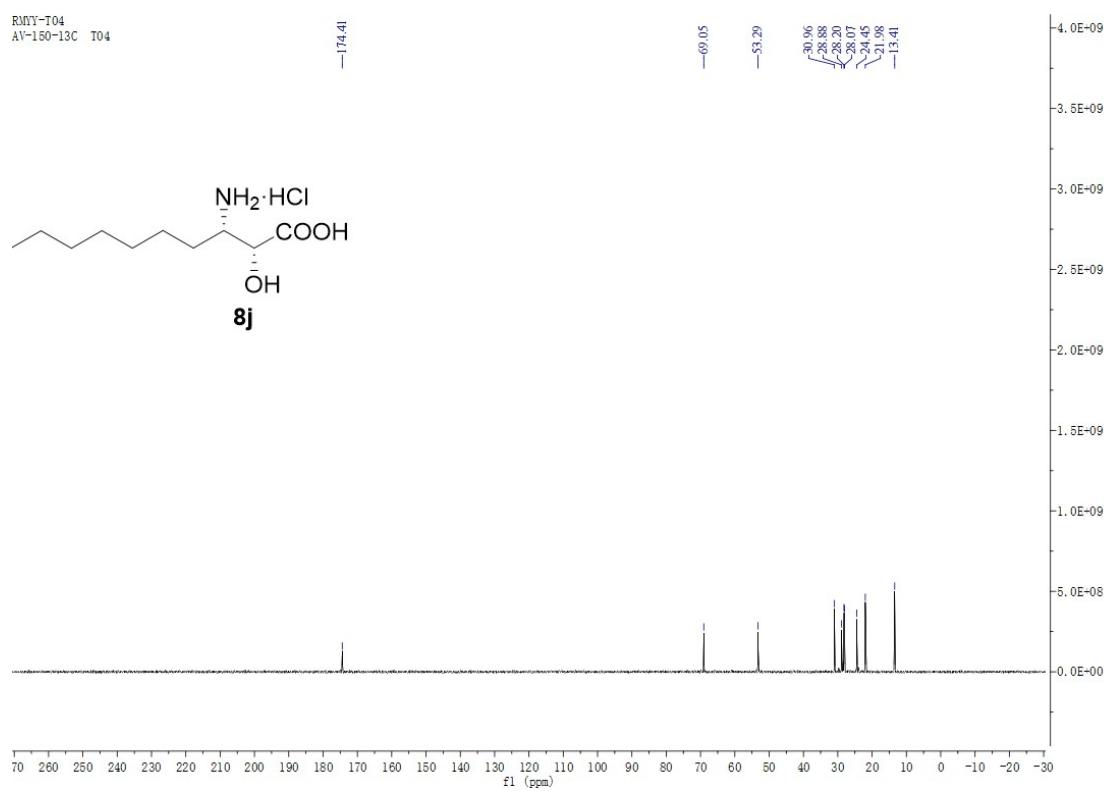
**Figure S41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5j** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



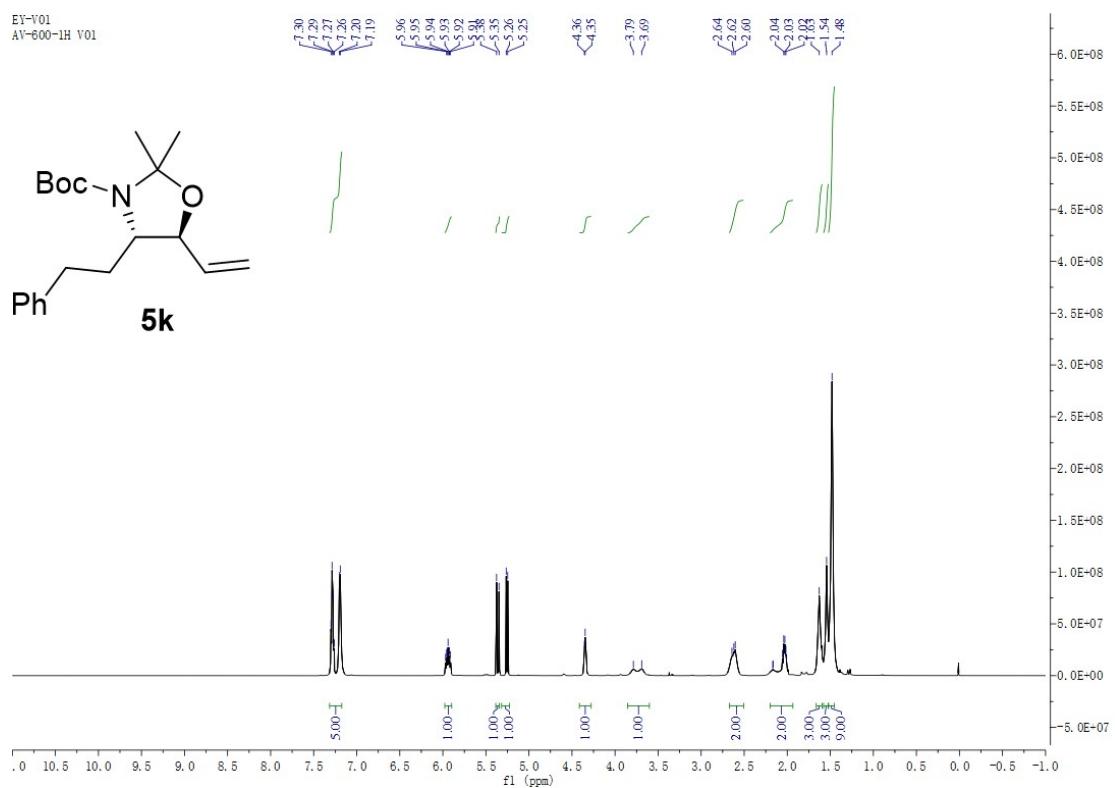
**Figure S42.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5j** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



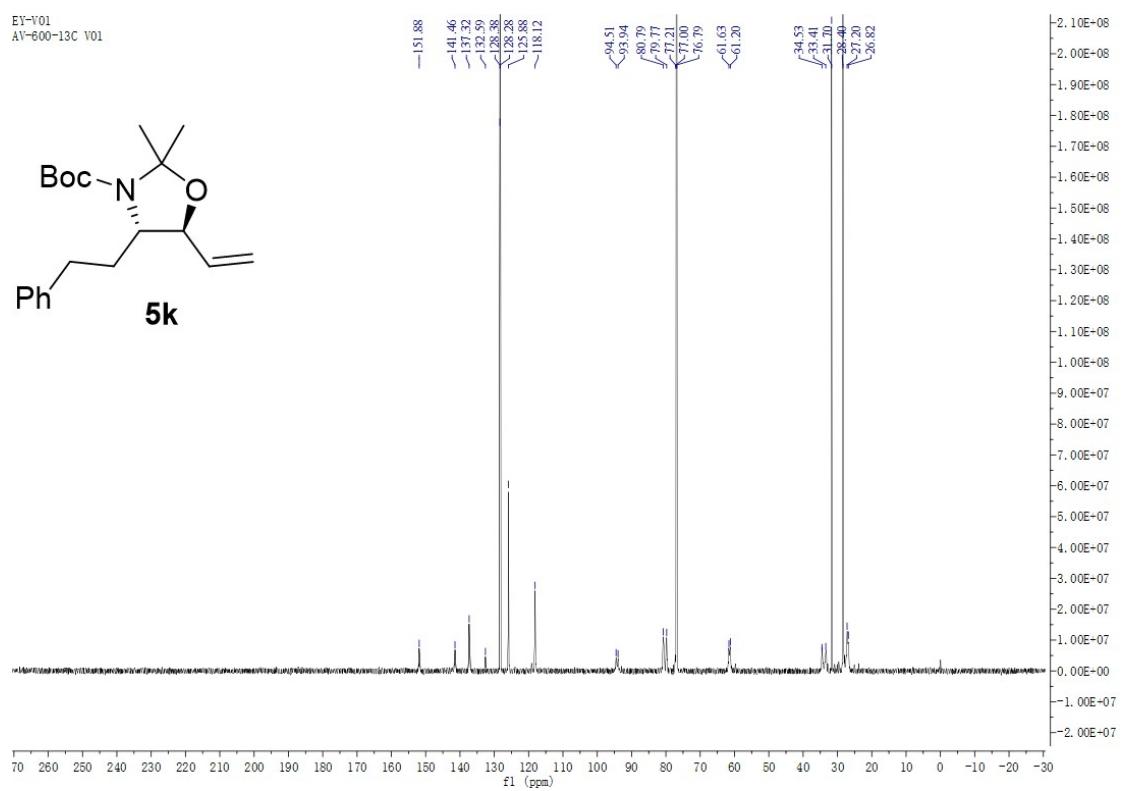
**Figure S43.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **8j** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



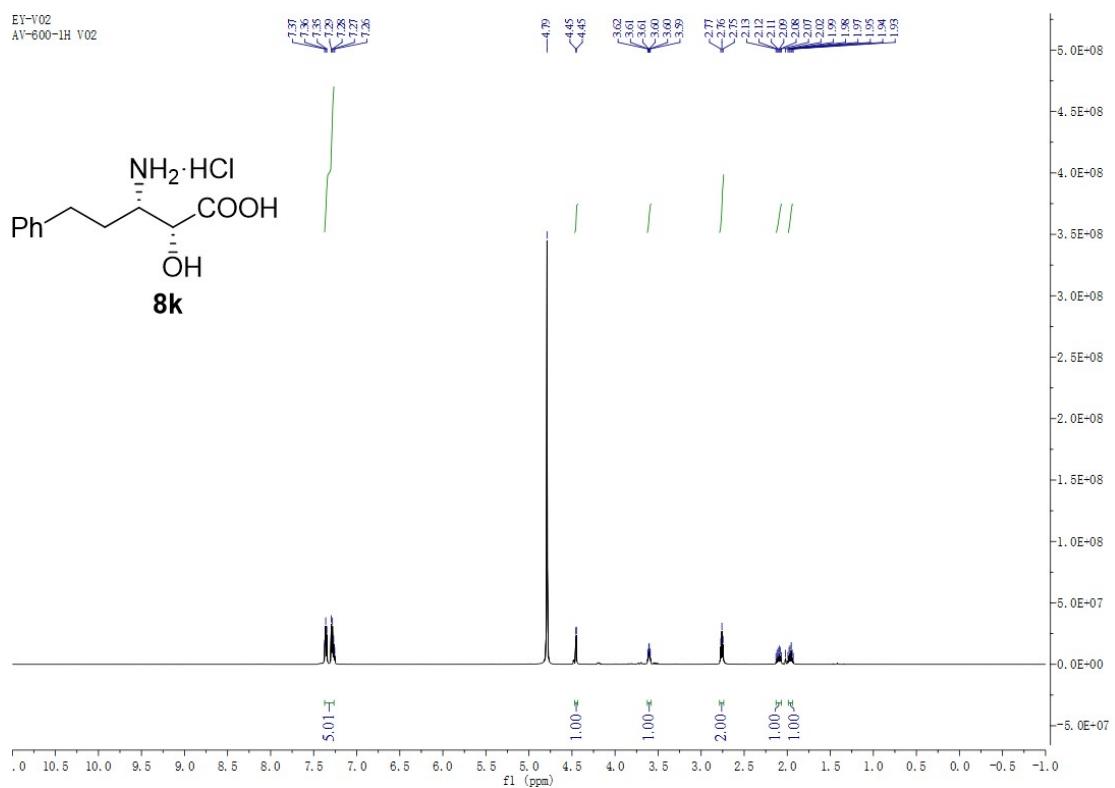
**Figure S44.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8j** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



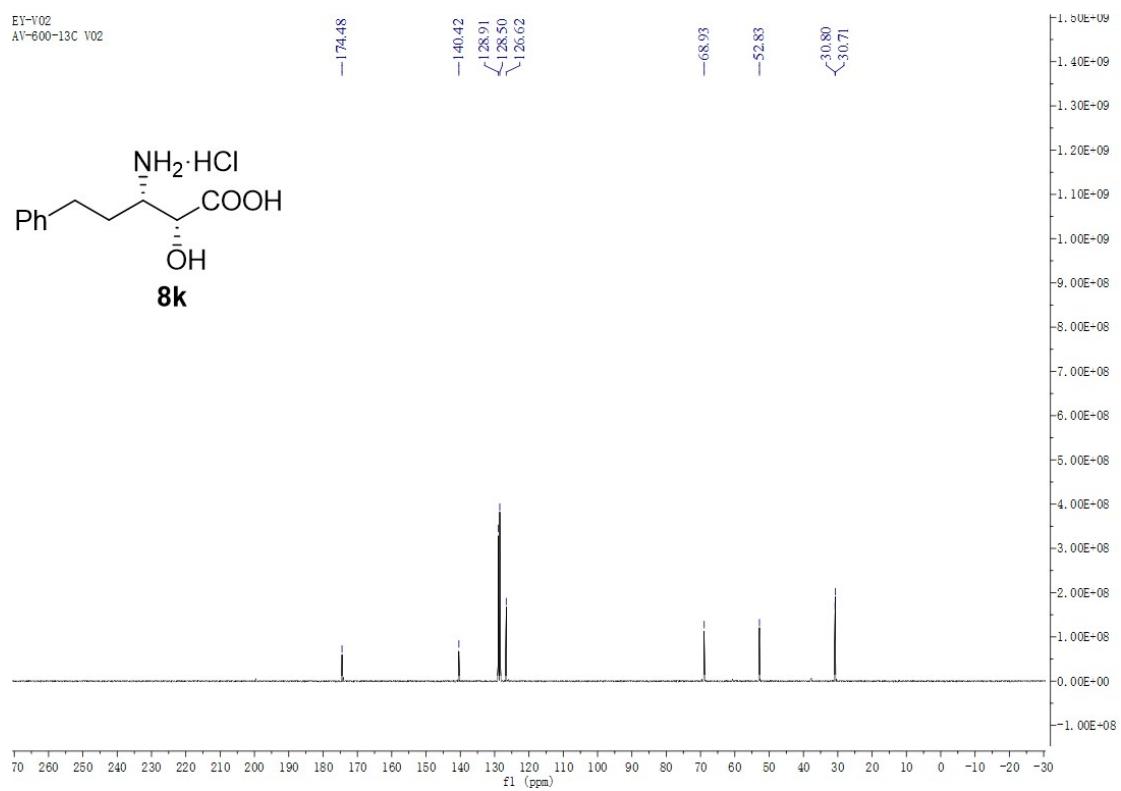
**Figure S45.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5k** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



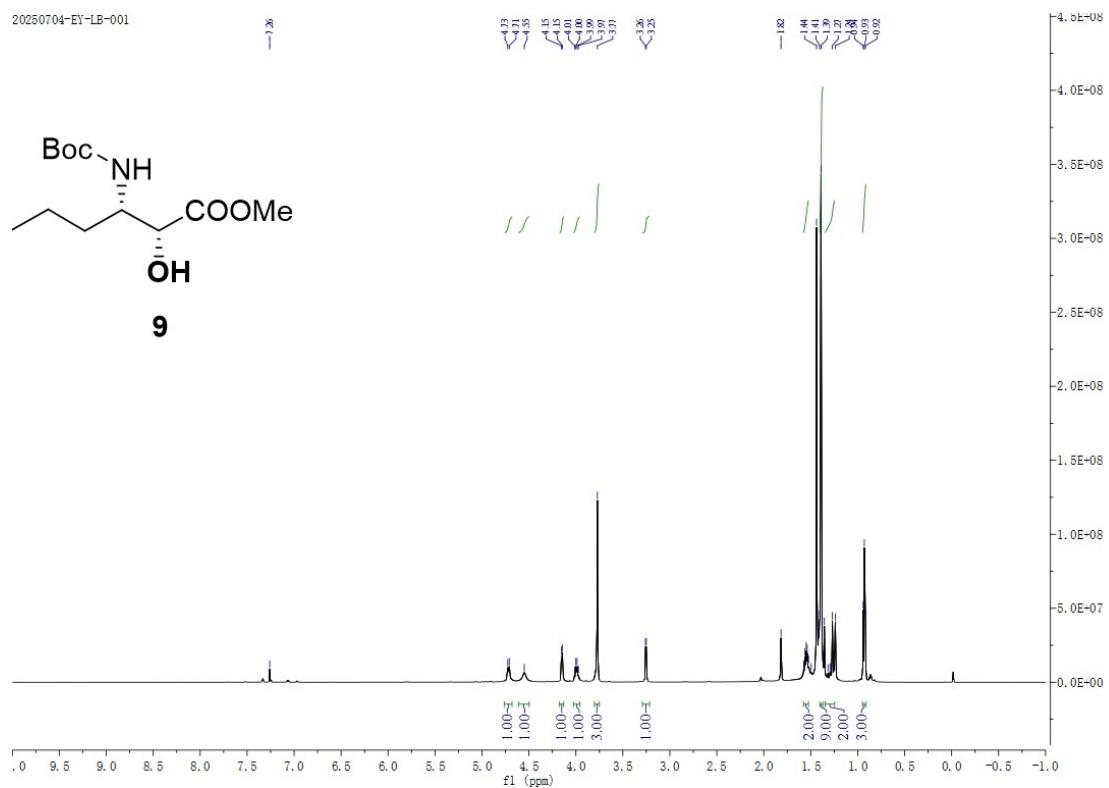
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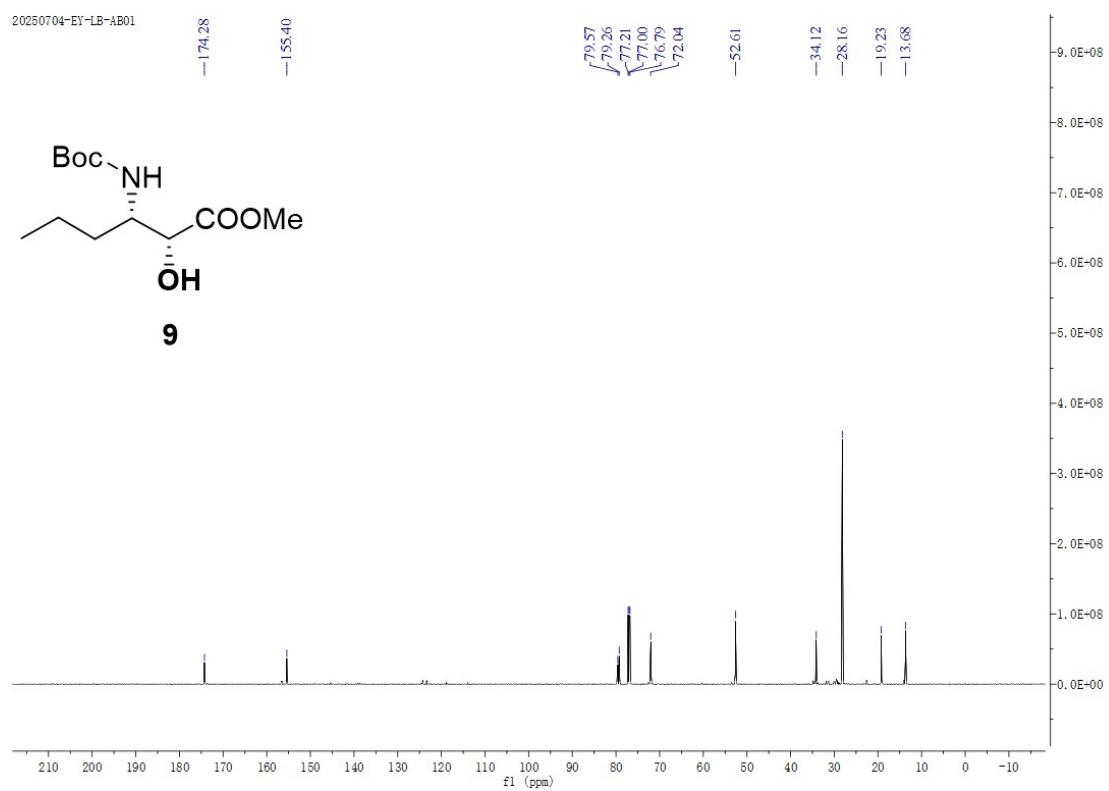
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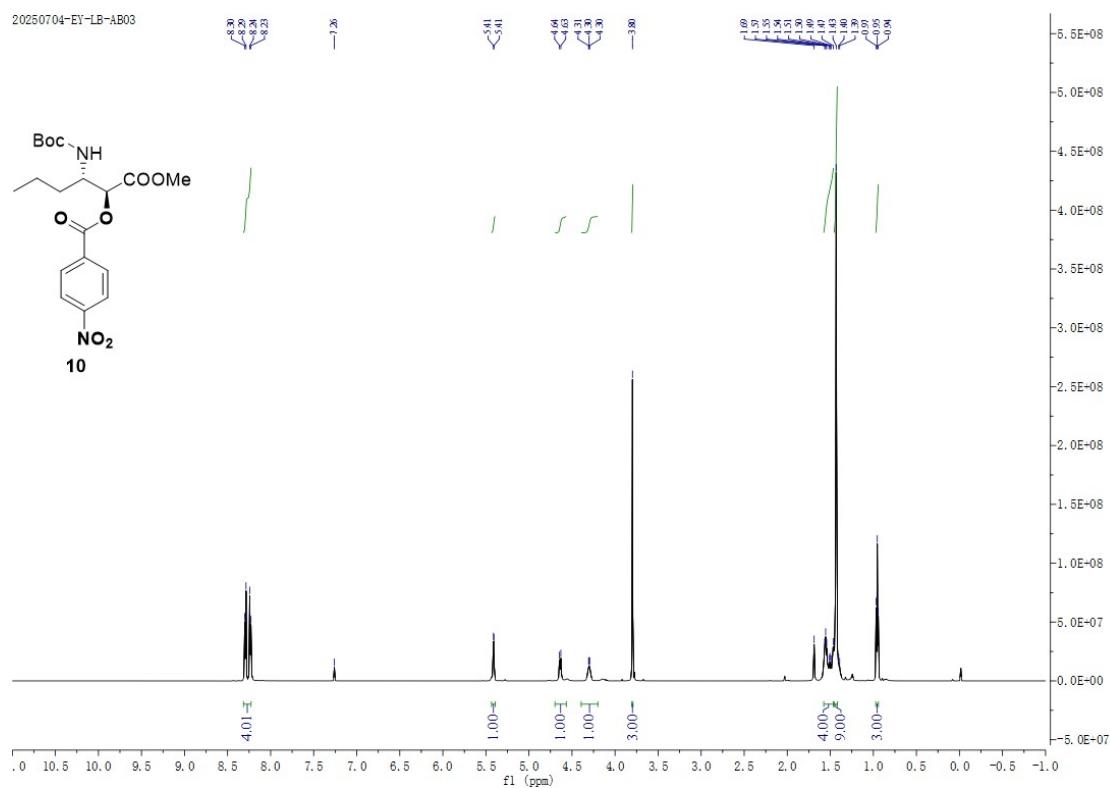
**Figure S48.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8k** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



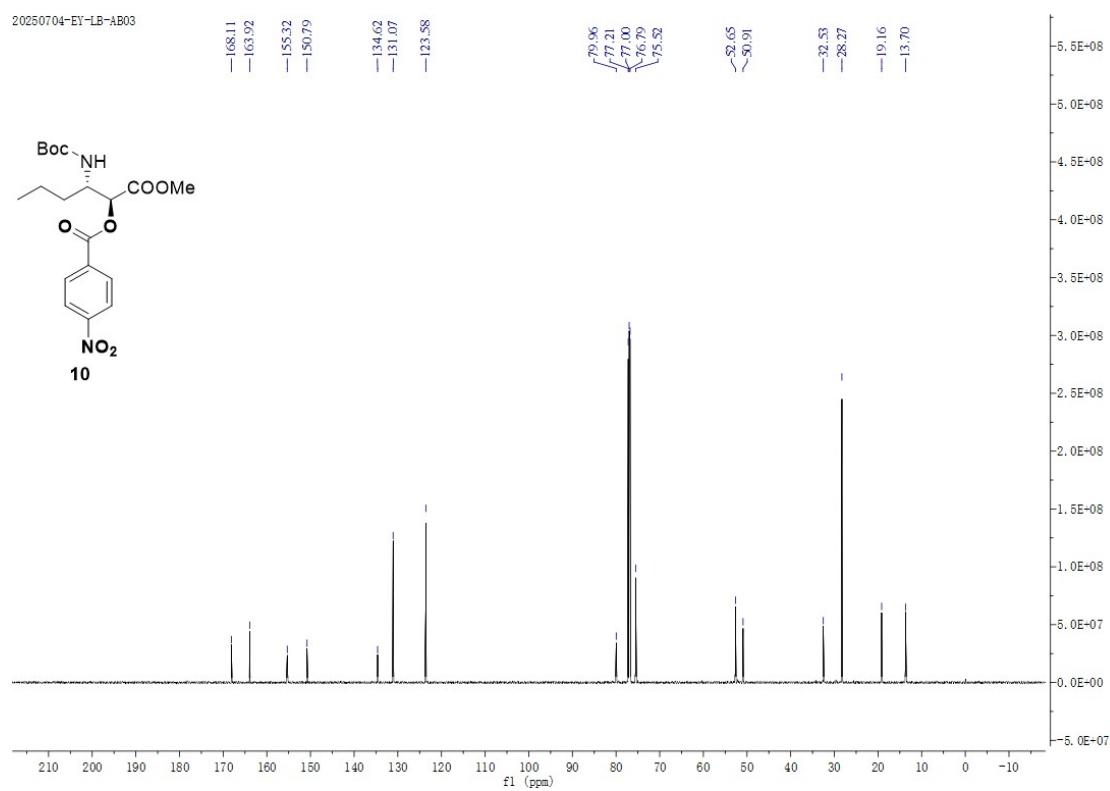
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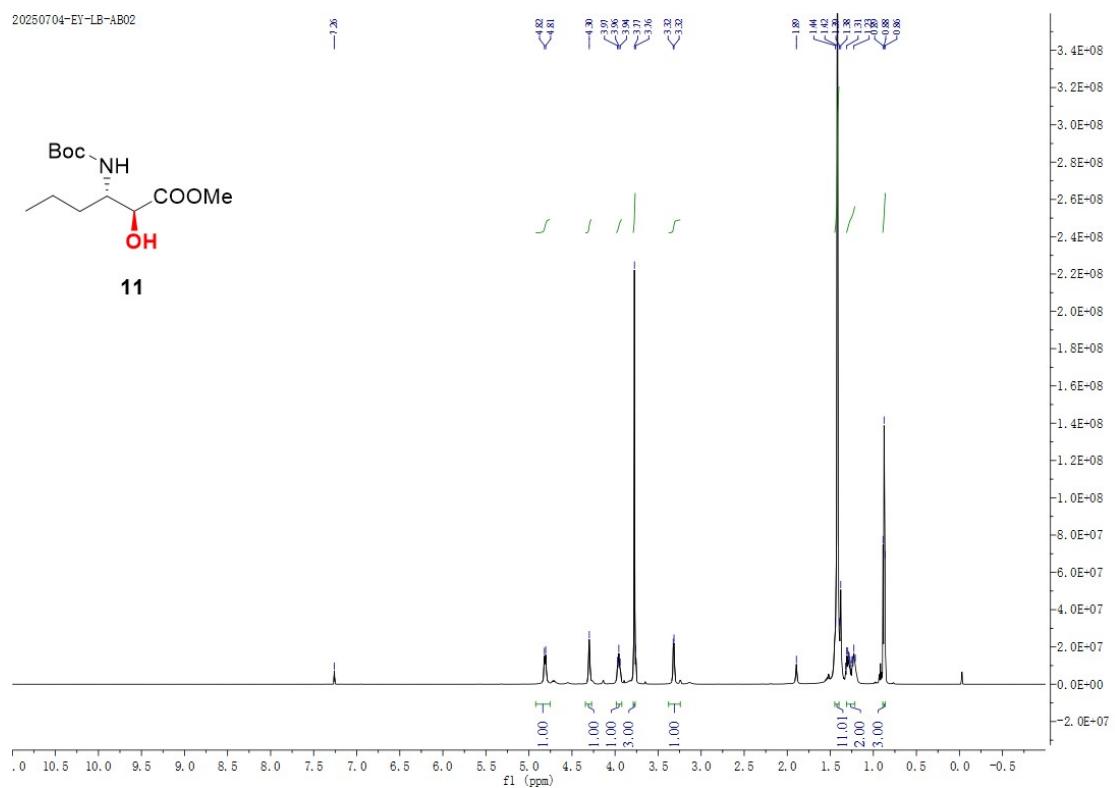
**Figure S50.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **9** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz)



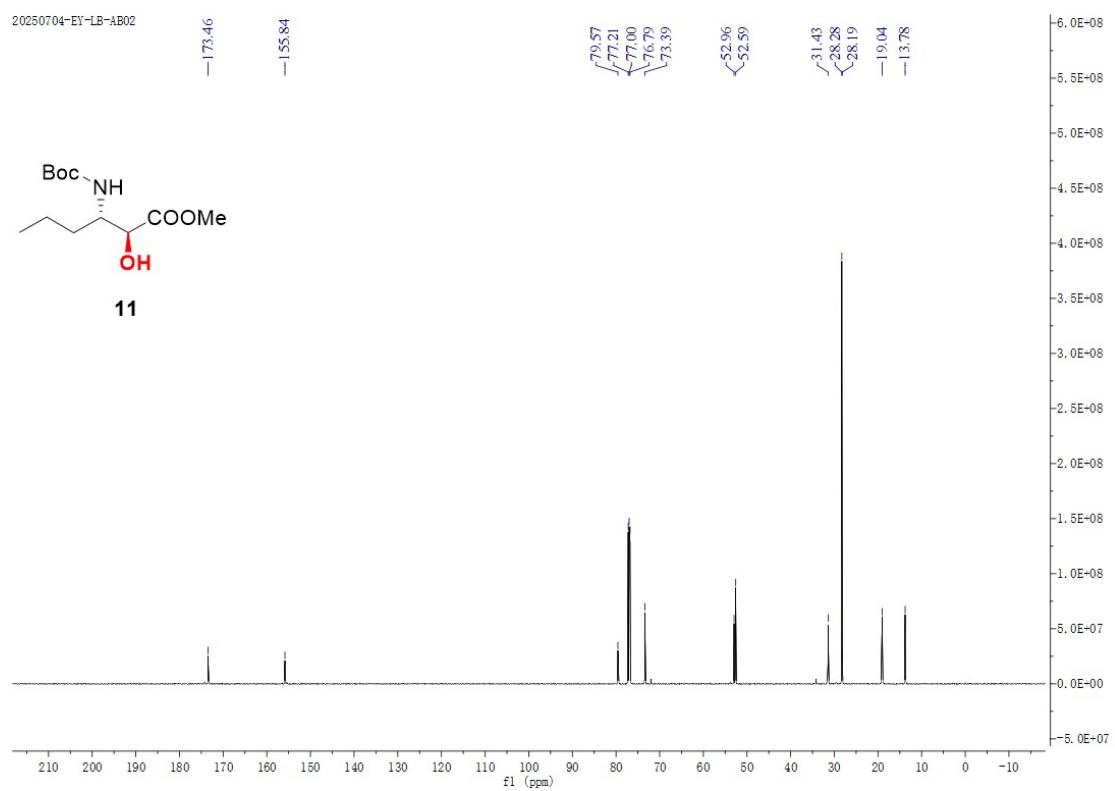
**Figure S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **10** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz)



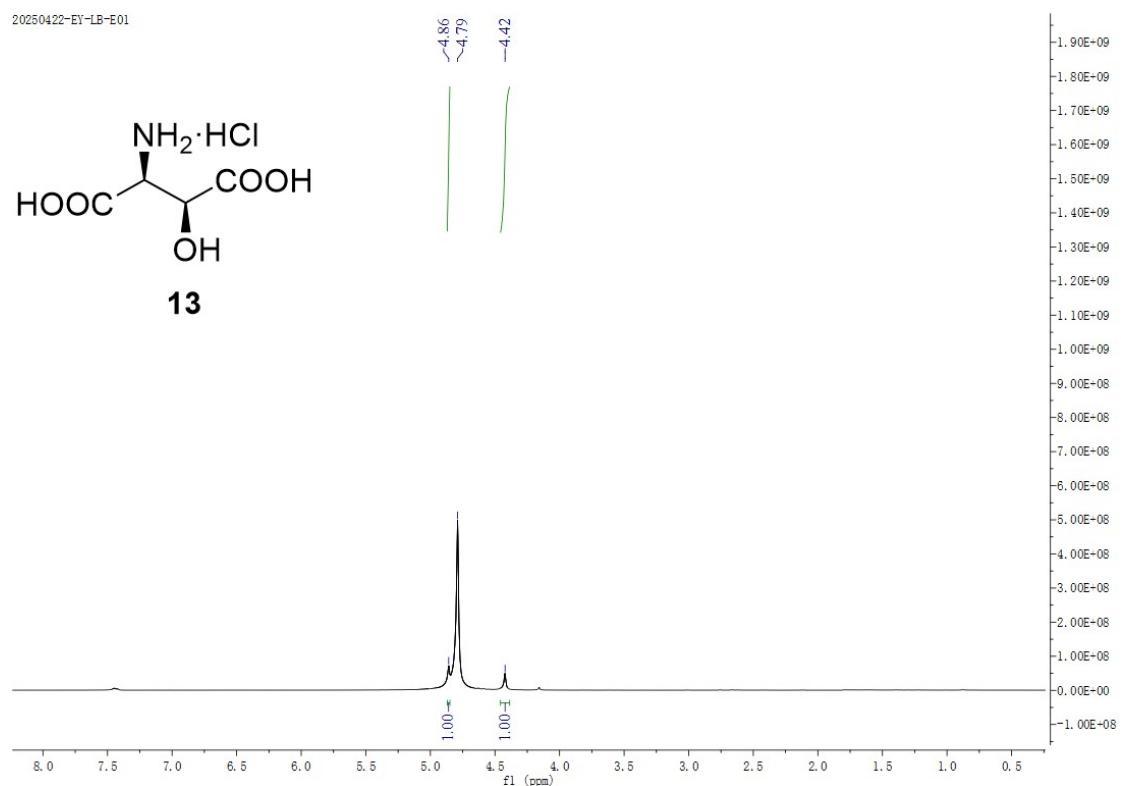
**Figure S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **10** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz)



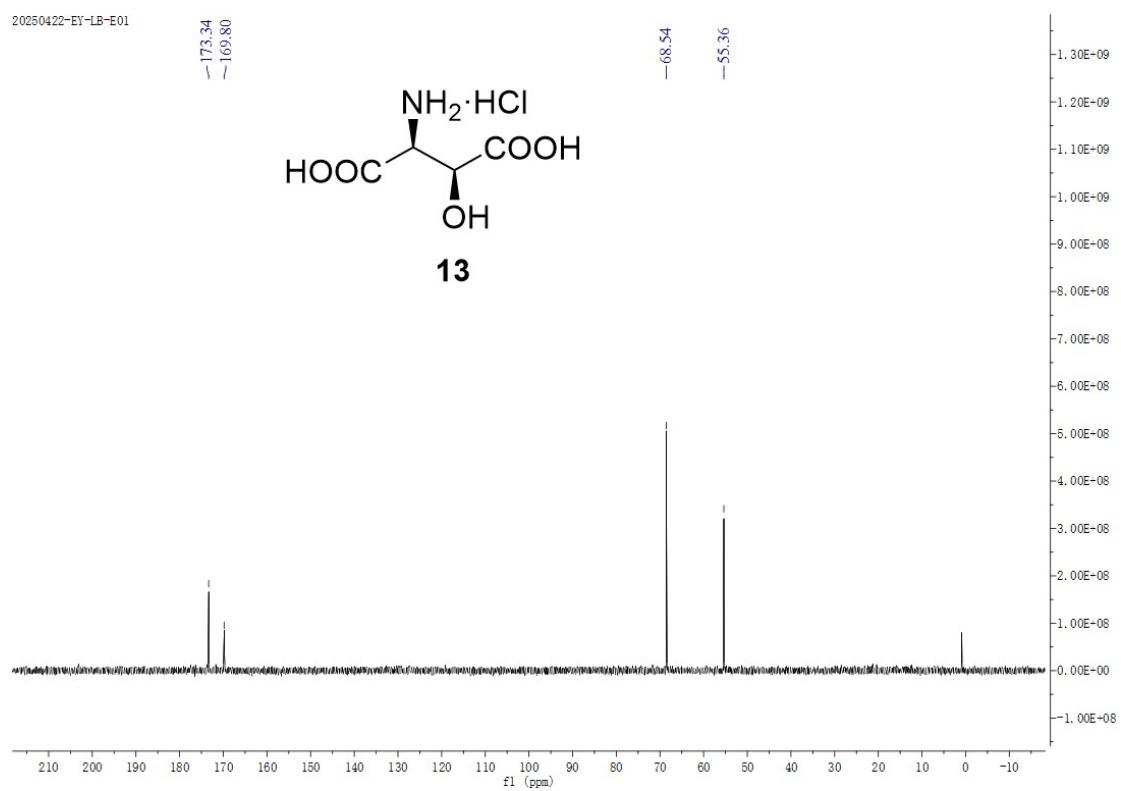
**Figure S53.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **11** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz)



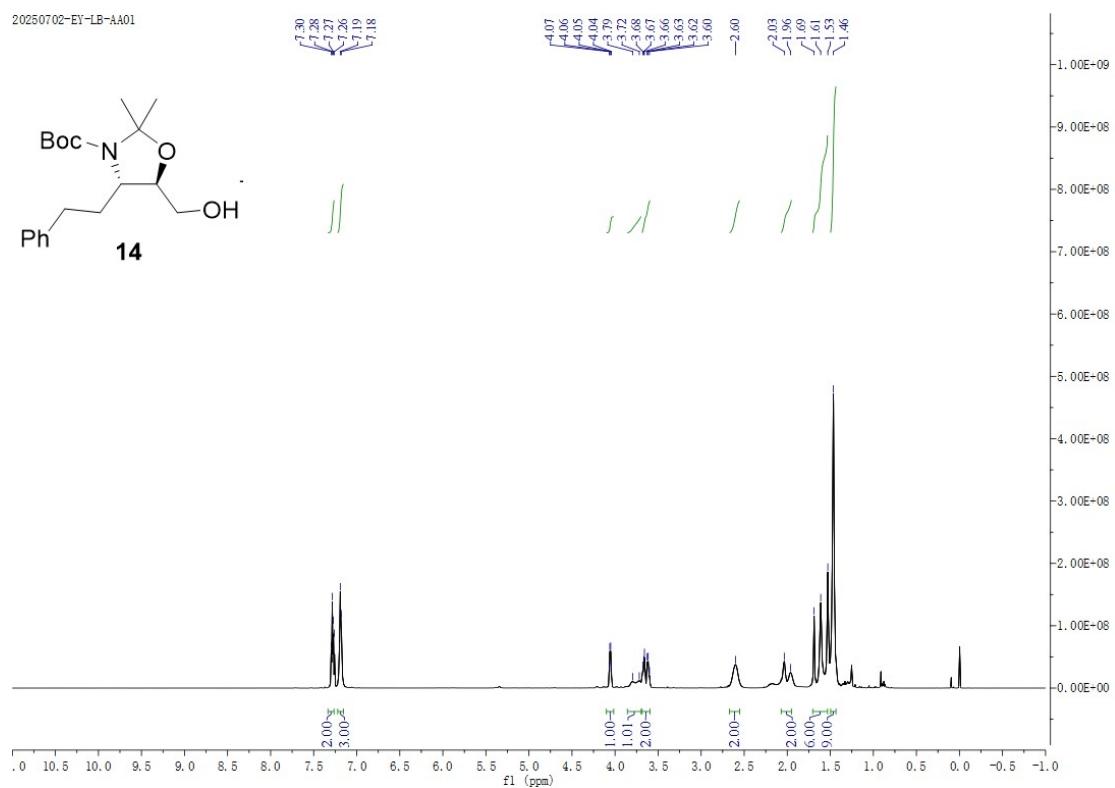
**Figure S54.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **11** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz)



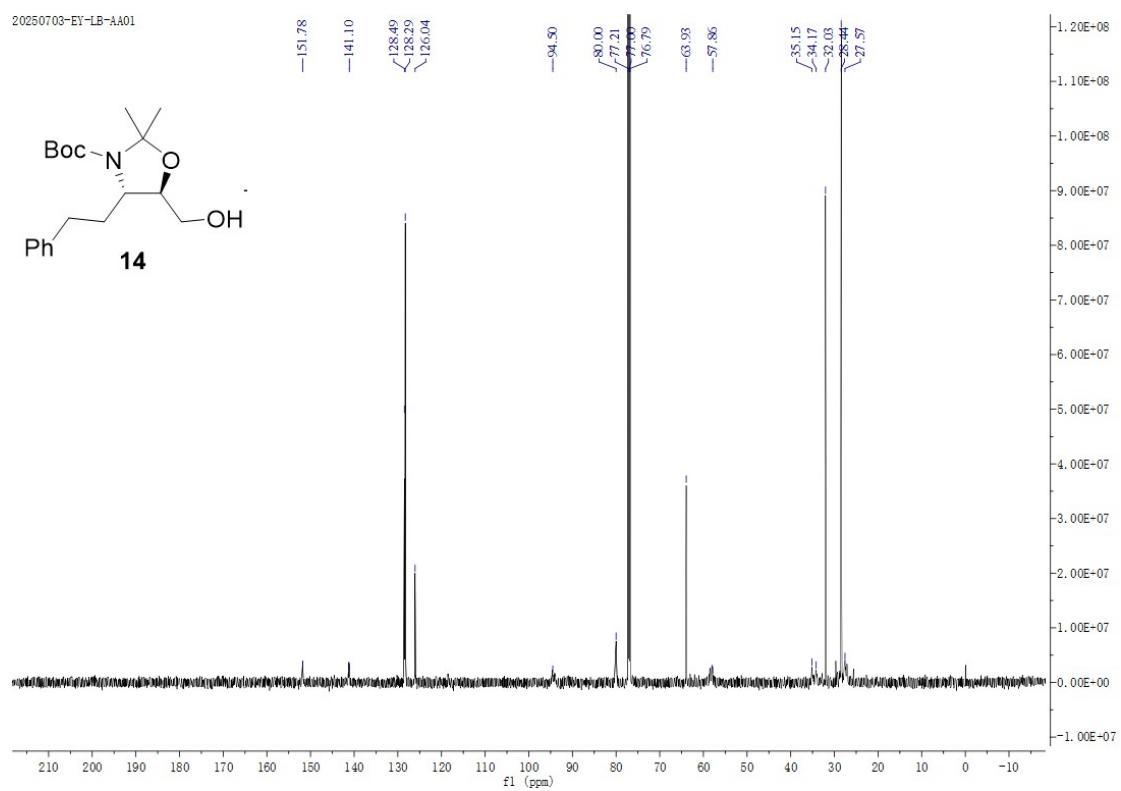
**Figure S55.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **13** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 600 MHz)



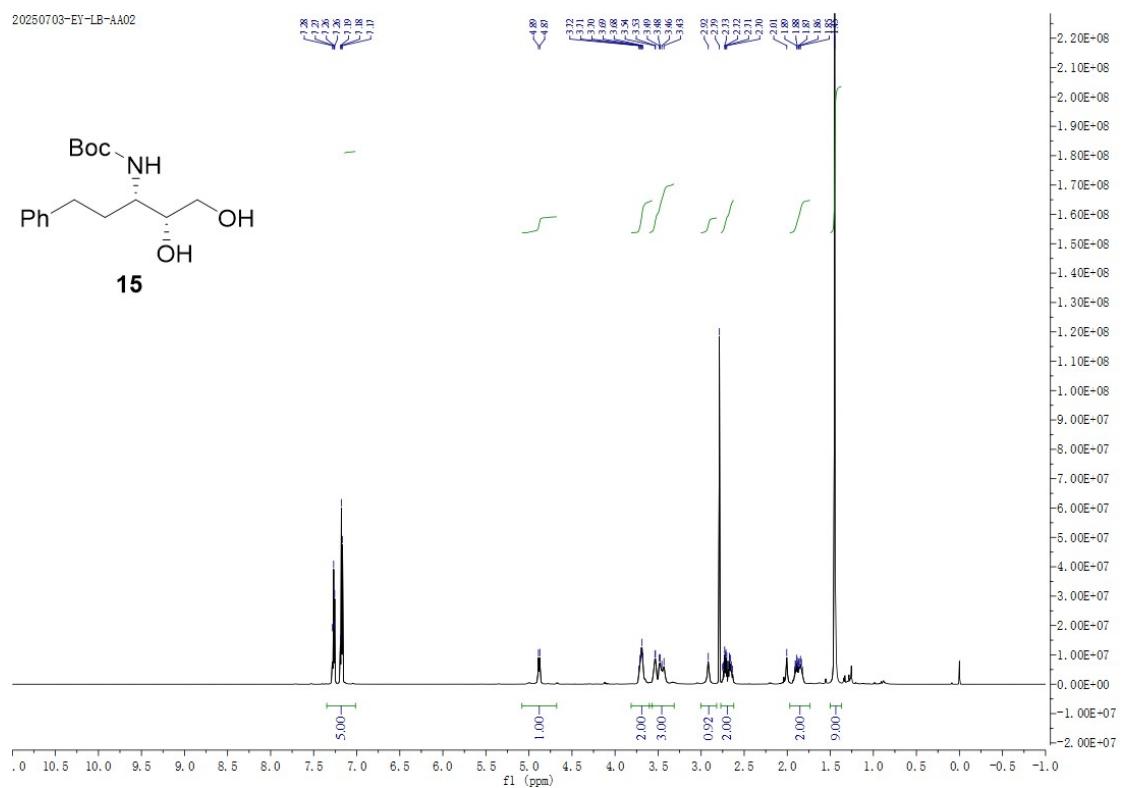
**Figure S56.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **13** ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 151 MHz)



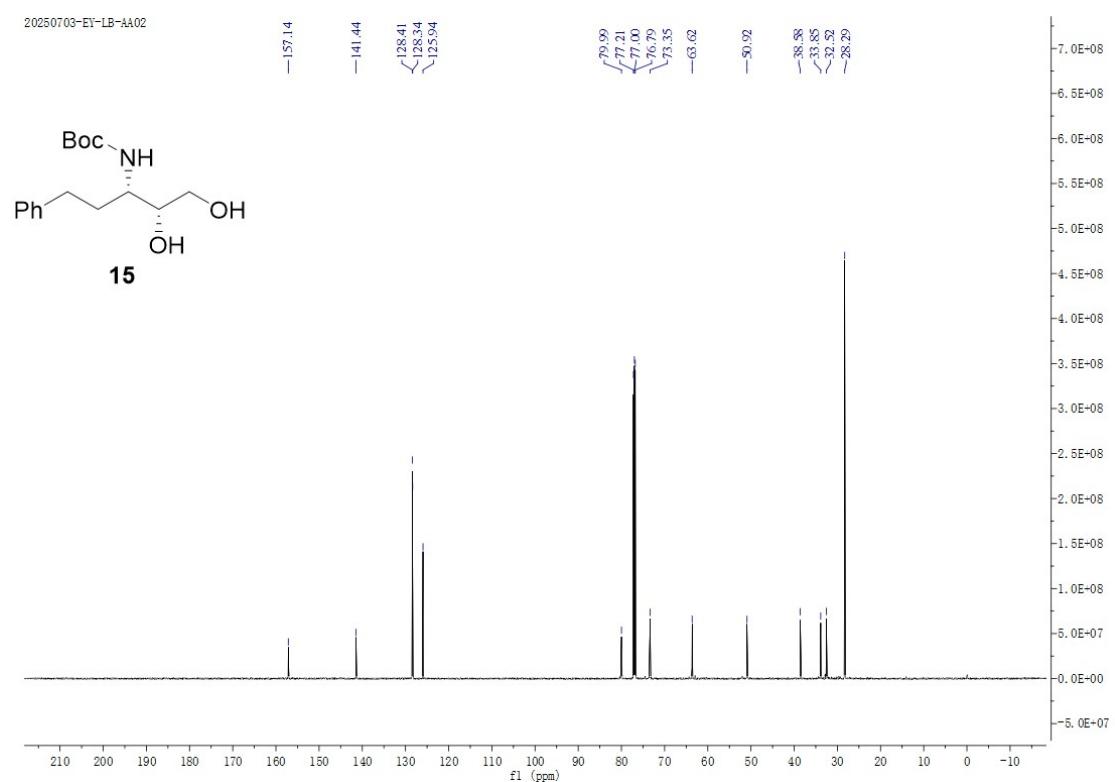
**Figure S57.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **14** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



**Figure S58.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **14** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz) (*exists as rotamers*)



**Figure S59.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **15** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz)



**Figure S60.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **15** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 151 MHz)