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The Thio-adduct Facilitated, Enzymatic Kinetic Resolution of 4-Hydroxycyclopentenone and 4-Hydroxycyclohexenone

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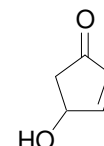
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General

Reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Dry THF and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl radical and dry CH_2Cl_2 distilled from calcium hydride, under nitrogen. Low reaction temperatures were obtained with an acetone/solid CO_2 bath. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica coated aluminium sheets (60 F₂₅₄) supplied by Merck. Flash column chromatography was performed using flash silica 60 Å (230-400 mesh) 9385 supplied by Merck. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using Varian Inova 300 MHz, 400 MHz and 500 MHz instruments. Deuteriochloroform was used as the solvent and chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to the standard reference TMS or residual chloroform. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Mattson Instruments Galaxy series FT-IR 3000 spectrometer. Melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were carried out on a VG analytical 70-E mass spectrometer. The names of compounds provided were generated using the Autonom programme on the Beilstein chemical database. Optical rotation data was obtained using a Perkin Elmer Model 343 polarimeter and values are quoted in units of $10^{-1}\text{degcm}^2\text{g}^{-1}$.

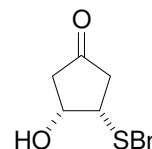
(±)-4-Hydroxycyclopent-2-enone **1**:¹



Furfuryl alcohol **2** (7.35 mL, 85.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate (2.109 g, 15.5 mmol, 0.18 equiv.) were dissolved in water (0.5 L). The solution was degassed with a stream of nitrogen along with stirring for 1 h. The reaction was heated to reflux for 48 h and then cooled to room temperature. The aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL), the combined organic layers were checked for product by NMR and then discarded. The aqueous layer was concentrated almost to dryness (ca. 25 mL) under reduced pressure and the residue was then thoroughly extracted with EtOAc (5 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The title compound **1** was obtained as a brown oil (2.943 g, 30% yield). R_f = 0.1 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); ν_{max} (neat/ cm^{-1}) 3417, 2920, 2704, 1712, 1586, 1405, 1343, 1190, 1154, 1104, 1045, 947, 797; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.25 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, CH_2), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 6.0, 18.5 Hz, CH_2), 5.00-5.03 (1H, m, CH), 6.20 (1H, dd, J = 1.5, 5.5 Hz, CH), 7.57 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 5.5 Hz, CH); δ_{C} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 44.2 (CH_2), 70.2 (CH), 134.9 (CH), 163.8 (CH), 207.2 (CO).

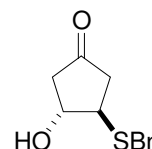
Synthesis of (+)- and (-)-6a

(±)-*cis*-3-Benzylthio-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (±)-4a:



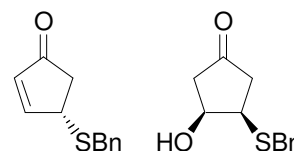
To (±)-4-hydroxycyclopent-2-enone **1** (1.717 g, 17.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), dissolved in dichloromethane (40 mL), benzyl mercaptan (1.85 mL, 15.8 mmol, 0.9 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.24 mL, 1.8 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 4:1) to afford the title compound (±)-**4a** (2.801 g, 80%) as a white solid with data as reported previously.² $R_f = 0.1$ (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 4:1).

(±)-*trans*-3-Benzylthio-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (±)-*trans*-4a:



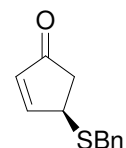
To (±)-4-hydroxycyclopent-2-enone **1** (200 mg, 2.04 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), dissolved in ethanol (5 mL), benzyl mercaptan (0.22 mL, 1.83 mmol, 0.9 equiv.) and triethylamine (30 μ L, 0.20 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 100:1) to afford (±)-*cis*-**4a** (86 mg, 19 %) as white solid. $R_f = 0.2$ (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 100:1). Further elution gave (±)-*trans*-**4a** (231 mg, 51%) as a clear, viscous oil whose data was in accordance with that reported previously. $R_f = 0.1$ (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 100:1).²

(*S*)-4-(Benzylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (–)-6a and (3*R*,4*S*)-3-(Benzylthio)-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (–)-4a:



To *cis*-3-benzylthio-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (\pm)-**4a** (2.290 g, 10.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in diisopropyl ether (220 mL), vinyl acetate (4.75 mL, 51.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) and *Candida antarctica* Lipase B [2.290 g, 1:1 *w/w* (enzyme:substrate)] were added. The reaction was shaken for 16 h and monitored by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. The mixture was filtered, and the enzyme residue washed with diisopropyl ether (2×30 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (1.44 mL, 10.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added dropwise and the reaction stirred for 30 min. NMR showed that the reaction was complete. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 8:1) to afford (*S*)-4-(benzylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (–)-**6a** (1.013 g, 48%) as a colourless oil. $R_f = 0.1$ (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 8:1); ν_{max} (neat/ cm^{-1}) 3061, 3029, 2919, 1953, 1716, 1582, 1495, 1454, 1400, 1341, 1240, 1180, 1096, 1028, 940, 831, 771, 704; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.25 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0, 19.0$ Hz, CH_2), 2.67 (1H, dd, $J = 6.5, 19.0$ Hz, CH_2), 3.71 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2) 3.76 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2), 3.85–3.88 (1H, m, CH), 6.13 (1H, dd, $J = 1.5, 5.5$ Hz, CH), 7.22–7.28 (5H, m, ArH), 7.41 (1H, dd, $J = 2.5, 5.5$ Hz, CH); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 35.5 (CH_2), 42.5 (CH_2), 43.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 137.5 (C), 163.2 (CH), 207.1 (CO); HRMS (CI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{OS}$ (MH^+) requires 205.06873; found 205.06852; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -163$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis (ASH) isocratic heptane-EtOH; 50:50, (0.5 mL/min): t_{r} (*S*): 17.0 min; 84% e.e. Further elution gave (–)-**4a** as a white solid (1.085 g, 47%), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -56$ ($c = 0.4$, CHCl_3), with additional data in accord to that reported.²

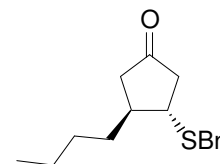
(*R*)-4-(Benzylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (+)-6a:



To (3*R*,4*S*)-3-(benzylthio)-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (–)-**4a** (1.022 g, 4.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in acetic anhydride (15 mL), pyridine (0.78 mL, 9.7 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) was added dropwise and the reaction stirred for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 8:1) to afford the title compound (+)-**6a** (0.865 g, 92%) as a colourless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +171$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3), with spectroscopic data as above. HPLC analysis (ASH) isocratic heptane-EtOH; 50:50, (0.5 mL/min): t_{r} (*R*): 15.0 min; 77% e.e.

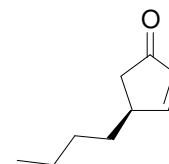
Synthesis of (+)- and (-)-12

(3*S*,4*S*)-3-(Benzylthio)-4-butylcyclopentanone (+)-10:



To CuI (19.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in diethyl ether (5 mL) under nitrogen at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 2 M butylmagnesium chloride in diethyl ether (1.47 mL, 2.94 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h. Then (–)-**6a** (200 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in diethyl ether (10 mL) was added drop wise and was stirring maintained at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h. 1 M HCl (10 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) were added and the resultant aqueous layer was further extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 20:1) afforded the title compound (+)-**10** (164 mg, 64%) as a yellow oil. R_f = 0.7 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 2:1); ν_{max} (neat/ cm^{-1}) 3062, 3029, 2957, 2857, 1746, 1602, 1495, 1454, 1401, 1289, 1239, 1192, 1156, 1071, 1029, 916, 805, 769, 702, 669; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.89 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_3), 1.13-1.43 (5H, m, CH_2), 1.69-1.78 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.86 (1H, ddd, J = 1.0, 9.0, 18.5 Hz, CH_2), 2.04-2.13 (1H, m, CH), 2.20 (1H, ddd, J = 1.0, 8.0, 19.0 Hz, CH_2), 2.51-2.62 (2H, m, 2 x CH_2), 2.87 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 16.0 Hz, CH), 3.76 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH_2), 3.79 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH_2), 7.23-7.28 (1H, m, ArH), 7.30-7.34 (4H, m, ArH); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 13.9 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 29.8 (CH_2), 33.4 (CH_2), 36.2 (CH_2), 42.4 (CH), 44.0 (CH_2), 45.5 (CH), 46.2 (CH_2), 127.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 138.0 (C), 216.1 (CO); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +54$ (c = 0.2, CHCl_3).

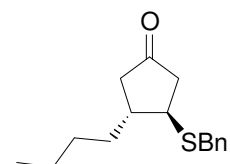
(*S*)-4-Butylcyclopent-2-enone (–)-12:



(3*S*,4*S*)-3-(Benzylthio)-4-butylcyclopentanone (+)-**10** (113 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL) and brought to $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 77 % *m*-CPBA (202 mg, 0.90 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 1 h. Sodium thiosulfate solution (10 mL) was added and stirring maintained for 30 min. The resultant aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and

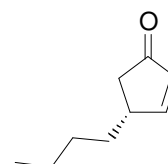
the solvent removed under reduced pressure which gave (+)-**11** (125 mg, 99%) as a brown oil { R_f = 0.5 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 2:1); $[\alpha]_D = +50$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3)}. (+)-**11** (57.0 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (30 μL , 0.20 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 1 h. Saturated NH_4Cl (5 mL) and dichloromethane (5 mL) were added and the resultant aqueous layer was further extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 6:1) afforded the enone (–)-**12** (17.3 mg, 65%) as a yellow oil. R_f = 0.5 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 2:1); ν_{max} (neat/ cm^{-1}) 2958, 2927, 2858, 2250, 1713, 1586, 1505, 1491, 1466, 1446, 1407, 1379, 1350, 1250, 1185, 1097, 1080, 1038, 915, 833, 780, 732, 650; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.91 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH_3), 1.31-1.43 (5H, m, CH_2), 1.55-1.61 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.00 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0, 19.0$ Hz, CH_2), 2.53 (1H, dd, $J = 6.5, 19.0$ Hz, CH_2), 2.88-2.94 (1H, m, CH), 6.14 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0, 5.5$ Hz, CH), 7.63 (1H, dd, $J = 2.5, 5.5$ Hz, CH); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 13.9 (CH_3), 22.7 (CH_2), 29.8 (CH_2), 34.4 (CH_2), 41.1 (CH_2), 41.5 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 168.7 (CH), 210.1 (CO); $[\alpha]_D = -120$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3); {lit. $[\alpha]_D = -160.8$ ($c = 1.7$, CHCl_3), 98% e.e.}.³

(3*R*,4*R*)-3-(Benzylthio)-4-butylcyclopentanone (–)-10:



As described above, CuI (19.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in diethyl ether (5 mL) was treated with a 2 M solution of butylmagnesium chloride in diethyl ether (1.47 mL, 2.94 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at –78 °C for 1 h before (+)-**6a** (200 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in diethyl ether (10 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring at –78 °C for 2 h saturated NH_4Cl solution (10 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) were added. Work up and purification by flash column chromatography as described afforded (–)-**10** (161 mg, 63%) as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D = -57$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3).

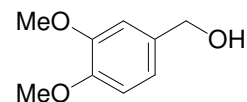
(*R*)-4-Butylcyclopent-2-enone (+)-12:



As described above, (–)-**10** (111 mg, 0.42 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL) and brought to 0 °C, 77 % *m*-CPBA (199 mg, 0.89 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 1 h. Saturated sodium thiosulfate solution (10 mL) was added and stirring maintained for 30 min. The resultant aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Thus, (–)-**11** (120 mg, 97%) was collected as a brown oil and used subsequently without additional purification {[α]_D = -56 (*c* = 0.1, CHCl₃)}. (–)-**9** (106 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL) and brought to 0 °C. Triethylamine (50 μL, 0.38 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 1 h. Saturated NH₄Cl (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL) were added and the resultant aqueous layer was further extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 6:1) afforded (+)-**12** (31 mg, 62%) as a yellow oil. [α]_D = +121 (*c* = 0.1, CHCl₃).

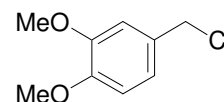
Synthesis of 3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl thiol **8**

3,4-Dimethoxybenzylalcohol:⁴



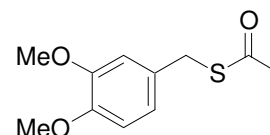
3-4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde **7** (10.00 g, 60.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in MeOH (300 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. NaBH₄ (2.73 g, 72.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added portionwise and the reaction stirred for 20 min. The reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl (10 mL) until a neutral pH was reached. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to yield the *title compound* (9.88 g, 98%) as a clear oil. *R*_f = 0.3 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); ν_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3495, 3002, 2938, 2874, 2837, 1594, 1518, 1465, 1420, 1262, 1237, 1138, 1027, 919, 858, 810, 765, 741, 642, 553; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.50 (1H, s, OH), 3.80 (6H, s(br), CH₃), 4.52 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.76-6.82 (3H, m, ArH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.6 (CH₃), 55.7 (CH₃), 64.8 (CH₂), 110.4 (CH), 111.0 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 133.6 (C), 148.3 (C), 148.9 (C).

3-4-Dimethoxybenzyl chloride:⁵



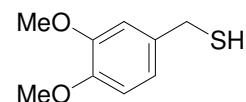
3-4-Dimethoxybenzylalcohol (9.86 g, 58.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (300 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Thionyl chloride (8.52 mL, 117.0 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added dropwise followed by dropwise addition of pyridine (4.72 mL, 58.6 mmol, 1 equiv.). The reaction was stirred for 20 min before water (300 mL) was added. The resultant aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and the solvent removed under reduced pressure gave the *title compound* (10.83 g, 99%) as a white solid, M.p. = 50-52 °C. R_f = 0.8 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3002, 2958, 2836, 1607, 1516, 1464, 1419, 1344, 1263, 1238, 1160, 1138, 1099, 1027, 855, 810, 766, 723, 691, 601, 547; δ_H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.88 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.90 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.57 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.82 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.92-6.94 (2H, m, ArH); δ_C (75 MHz, CDCl₃) 46.7 (CH₂), 55.9 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 111.0 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 130.0 (C), 149.1 (C), 149.2 (C).

3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl ethanethioate:



3-4-Dimethoxybenzyl chloride (10.94 g, 58.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in DMF (150 mL). To this potassium thioacetate (8.03 g, 70.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred overnight. Water (200 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (4 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1) afforded the *title compound* (12.60 g, 95%) as a white solid, M.p. = 32-33 °C. R_f = 0.3 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3000, 2936, 2835, 1689, 1592, 1515, 1465, 1420, 1265, 1231, 1138, 1028, 959, 910, 863, 733, 632, 473; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.33 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.84 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.86 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.08 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.76-6.85 (3H, m, ArH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 30.3 (CH₃), 33.4 (CH₂), 55.8 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 111.2 (CH), 112.0 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 130.1 (C), 148.4 (C), 149.0 (C), 195.2 (CO); Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₃S: C, 58.38; H, 6.24; S, 14.17. Found: C, 58.23; H, 6.22; S, 14.54.

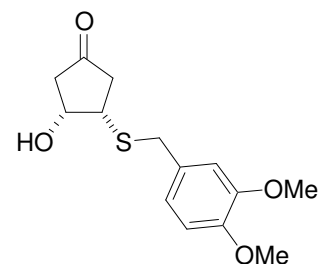
3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl thiol **8**:⁶



3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl ethanethioate (3.07 g, 13.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in EtOH (100 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. NaBH₄ (0.92 g, 24.4 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) was added portionwise. After 6 h the reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl solution (8 mL) until a neutral pH was reached. EtOH was partially removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1) afforded **8** (2.08 g, 83%) as a clear oil. *R*_f = 0.3 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1); *v*_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 2999, 2934, 2834, 2560, 1591, 1514, 1463, 1417, 1334, 1262, 1233, 1138, 1027, 913, 854, 810, 764, 730, 609, 542; *δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.75 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, SH), 3.71 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.86 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.88 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.78-6.86 (3H, m, ArH); *δ*_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 28.8 (CH₂), 55.8 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 111.2 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 133.6 (C), 148.1 (C), 149.1 (C).

Synthesis of (+)- and (-)-**6b**

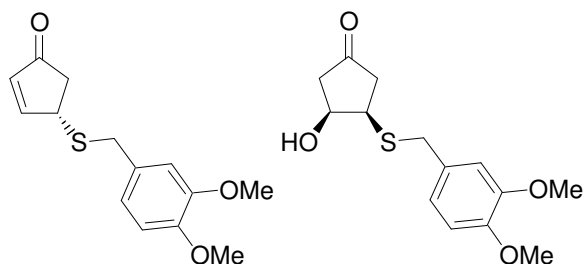
3-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzylthio)-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (±)-**4b**:



(±)-4-Hydroxycyclopent-2-enone **1** (0.643 g, 6.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl thiol **8** (1.21 g, 6.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) were dissolved in dichloromethane (70 mL). Triethylamine (90 μL, 0.66 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 4:1) to afford the title compound (±)-**4b** (1.61 g, 86%) as a white solid; M.p. = 60-62 °C. *R*_f = 0.1 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1); *v*_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3448, 3058, 3029, 2951, 2867, 1747, 1686, 1515, 1454, 1396, 1331, 1265, 1153, 1009, 909, 735, 650, 475; *δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 18.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.5, 18.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 18.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.54 (1H, d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.75 (1H, s, OH), 3.30 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.5, 8.0, 12.0 Hz, CH), 3.74

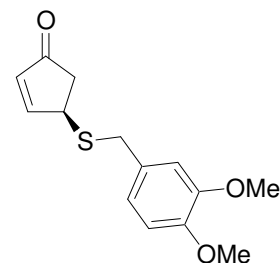
(1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH₂), 3.80 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH₂), 3.88 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.90 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.19-4.21 (1H, m, CH), 6.80-6.87 (2H, m, ArH), 6.91 (1H, d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, ArH); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 35.3 (CH₂), 40.3 (CH₂), 46.5 (CH₂), 47.0 (CH), 55.9 (CH₃), 56.0 (CH₃), 68.0 (CH), 111.1 (CH), 111.6 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 129.8 (C), 148.6 (C), 149.4 (C), 213.4 (CO). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₄S: C, 59.55; H, 6.43; S, 11.36. Found: C, 59.38; H, 6.38; S, 11.82.

(S)-4-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (-)-6b and **(3R,4S)-3-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylthio)-4-hydroxycyclopentanone (-)-4b**:



To *cis*-(±)-**4b** (300 mg, 1.06 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in diisopropyl ether (50 mL), vinyl acetate (0.49 mL, 5.31 mmol, 5 equiv.) and *Candida antarctica* Lipase B [300 mg, 1:1 w/w (enzyme:substrate)] were added. The reaction was stirred for 16 h. The mixture was filtered, and the enzyme residue washed with diisopropyl ether (2 × 30 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and cooled to 0°C. Triethylamine (0.15 mL, 1.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise and the reaction stirred for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 4:1) to afford (-)-**6b** (129 mg, 46%) as a colourless oil. $R_f = 0.1$ (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 4:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3060, 3002, 2935, 2836, 1715, 1589, 1515, 1464, 1420, 1341, 1265, 1244, 1139, 1026, 939, 855, 733, 548; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.32 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0$, 19.0 Hz, CH₂), 2.74 (1H, dd, $J = 6.5$, 19.0 Hz, CH₂), 3.72 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH₂), 3.77 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH₂), 3.87 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.89 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.90-3.93 (1H, m, CH), 6.18 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0$, 5.5 Hz, CH), 6.78-7.83 (2H, m, ArH), 6.87 (1H, d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.46 (1H, dd, $J = 2.5$, 5.5 Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 35.5 (CH₂), 42.6 (CH₂), 43.3 (CH), 55.9 (2 × CH₃), 111.1 (CH), 111.9 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 129.9 (C), 134.4 (CH), 148.5 (C), 149.3 (C), 163.3 (CH), 207.2 (CO); HRMS (EI) calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆O₃S (M⁺) requires 264.0820; found 264.0818; $[\alpha]_D = -97$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis (ASH) isocratic heptane-EtOH; 50:50, (0.6 mL/min): t_r (S): 19.5 min, 85% e.e. Further elution gave (-)-**4b** as a white solid (140 mg, 47%); $[\alpha]_D = -36$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl₃) with data in accord with that reported above. Recrystallisation from dichloromethane gave crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis.

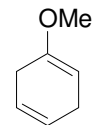
(*R*)-4-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (+)-6b:



To (–)-**4b** (121 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in acetic anhydride (2 mL), pyridine (35 μ L, 0.43 mmol, 1 equiv.) and triethylamine (60 μ L, 0.43 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added dropwise and the reaction stirred for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc, 3:1) to afford (+)-**6b** (98 mg, 87%) as a colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D = +95$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3); HPLC analysis (ASH) isocratic heptane-EtOH; 50:50, (0.6 mL/min): t_r (*R*): 17.0 min, 85% e.e. Where additional data was as reported above.

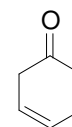
Synthesis of (\pm)-4-Hydroxycyclohex-2-enone 15

1-Methoxycyclohexa-1,4-diene:⁷



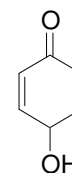
Under nitrogen anisole (21.00 mL, 0.19 mol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and *t*-BuOH (80 mL) and cooled to -78°C . Liquid ammonia (500 mL approx.) was then introduced. Lithium metal (3.68 g, 0.53 mol, 2.7 equiv.) was added in portions to the mixture. Stirring was continued for 1 h at -33°C . MeOH (approx. 20 mL) was added until the blue colour disappeared. Water (60 mL) was then gradually added and the reaction allowed warm to room temperature overnight. Extraction was performed with diethyl ether (3 x 80 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (4 x 50 mL), dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Thus, the product (19.89 g, 94%) was obtained as a colourless oil. δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.68-2.73 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.76-2.84 (2H, m, CH_2), 3.54 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.60-4.63 (1H, m, CH), 5.68-5.72 (2H, m, CH).

Cyclohex-3-enone:⁸



1-Methoxycyclohexa-1,4-diene (19.80 g, 0.18 mol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in CHCl_3 (100 mL) and H_2O (200 mL). To this solution perchloric acid (0.2 mL, 3.3 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* then re-suspended in Et_2O (100 mL) and sat. NaCl (100 mL). The biphasic mixture was separated and the organic layer washed with H_2O (80 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane-EtOAc, 19:1), to give the *title compound* (15.09 g, 87%) as a colourless oil. $R_f = 0.30$ (*n*-hexane-EtOAc, 19:1); ν_{max} (neat, cm^{-1}) 3037, 2972, 1720; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.47-2.52 (4H, m, CH_2), 2.86-2.90 (2H, m, CH_2), 5.72-5.78 (1H, m, CH), 5.88-5.91 (1H, m, CH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 26.0 (CH_2), 39.2 (CH_2), 40.3 (CH_2), 124.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 210.4 (CO); HRMS calcd for: $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{ONS}$ (CI, MNH_4^+) requires 114.09190: found 114.09225.

4-Hydroxycyclohex-2-enone:⁸

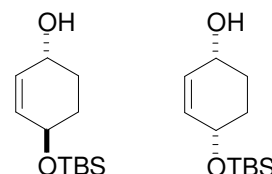


Cyclohex-3-enone (17.30 g, 0.18 mol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL) and *m*-CPBA 77% (44.37 g, 0.20 mol, 1.1 equiv.) was added over 30 min. The reaction was stirred overnight and sat. sodium bicarbonate solution (100 mL) and sat. sodium thiosulfate solution (100 mL) were added and the reaction stirred for 30 min. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 80 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford crude epoxide which was dissolved in MeOH- Et_2O (1:1) (200 mL). To this basic Al_2O_3 (20 g) was added and the resultant slurry was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was filtered and the solid washed with MeOH- Et_2O (1:1) (100 mL). The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness and the residue purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1) to give the *title compound* (12.77 g, 63%) as a clear oil. $R_f = 0.1$ (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 4:1); ν_{max} (neat/ cm^{-1}) 3396, 2957, 1698, 1417, 1378, 1132, 1065, 970, 943, 862; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.96-2.07 (1H, m, CH_2),

2.32-2.44 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.54-2.63 (1H, m, CH₂), 4.55-4.62 (1H, m, CH-OH), 5.97 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, CH), 6.91-3.95 (1H, m, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 32.9 (CH₂), 35.7 (CH₂), 66.7 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 152.8 (CH), 198.9 (CO); HRMS calcd for: C₆H₁₂O₂N (Cl, MNH₄⁺) requires 130.08681: found 130.08660.

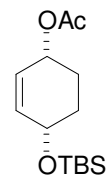
Reduction of (±)-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enone **19**

cis-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enol (±)-*cis*-**20** and *trans*-4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enol (±)-*trans*-**20**:^{9,10}



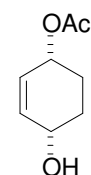
LiAlH₄ (10 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added to THF (5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. To this (±)-**19** (58 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction stirred at this temperature for 20 min. 0.1 M HCl (10 mL) was added and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 30:1) afforded (±)-*cis*-**20** (24 mg, 41%) as a clear oil. *R*_f = 0.65 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.08 (6H, s, 2 x CH₃), 0.90 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.70-1.74 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.76-1.83 (2H, m, CH₂), 4.07-4.12 (1H, m, CH-OTBS), 4.13-4.16 (1H, m, CH), 5.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 10.0 Hz, CH), 5.80 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.0, 10.0 Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.7 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 18.2 (C), 25.9 (3 x CH₃), 28.2 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 64.9 (CH), 66.3 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 134.3 (CH). Further elution gave (±)-*trans*-**20** (23 mg, 39%) as a clear oil *R*_f = 0.60 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.07 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.08 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.89 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.39-1.59 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.97-2.03 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.10-2.17 (1H, m, CH₂), 4.24-4.28 (2H, m, 2 x CH), 5.70 (1H, d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, CH), 5.73 (1H, d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.7 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 18.2 (C), 25.9 (CH₃), 30.9 (CH₂), 31.0 (CH₂), 66.6 (CH), 67.0 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 133.8 (CH).

cis-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enyl acetate:¹⁰



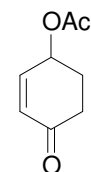
(±)-*cis*-**20** (30 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in acetic anhydride (1 mL), to this pyridine (20 µL, 0.26 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred for 7 h and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the *title compound* (35 mg, 99%) as a clear oil. R_f = 0.7 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.07 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.08 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.89 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.71-1.83 (3H, m, CH₂), 1.85-1.91 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.03 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.14-4.19 (1H, m, CH), 5.15 (1H, ddd, app. q, J = 4.0 Hz, CH), 5.73 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 10.0 Hz, CH), 5.86 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 10.0 Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.7 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 18.2 (C), 21.3 (CH₃), 25.4 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₃), 28.4 (CH₂), 66.3 (CH), 67.0 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 136.4 (CH), 170.8 (CO).

***cis*-4-Hydroxycyclohex-2-enyl acetate **21**:**¹¹



(±)-*cis*-**20** (28 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in THF (2 mL), to this a 1.0 M solution of TBAF in THF (0.21 mL, 0.21 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane-EtOAc; 1:1) to afford the title compound (±)-*cis*-**21** (12 mg, 74%) as a clear oil. R_f = 0.3 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.71-1.79 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.82-1.87 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.89-1.94 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.06 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.15-4.22 (1H, m, CH), 5.19 (1H, ddd, app. q, J = 4.0, CH), 5.80 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 10.0 Hz, CH), 5.97 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 10.0 Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.3 (CH₃), 24.9 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 65.4 (CH), 67.2 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 134.7 (CH), 170.7 (CO).

4-(Acetoxy)cyclohex-2-enone (±)-18**:**¹²

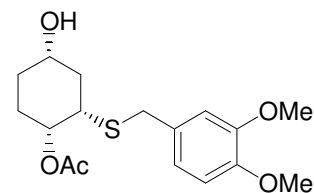


Under nitrogen (±)-*cis*-**21** (10 mg, 0.064 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (2 mL). Dess-Martin periodinane (33 mg, 0.077 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 30 mins. Sat. sodium bicarbonate solution (3 mL) and sat. sodium thiosulfate solution (3 mL) were added and the reaction stirred for 20 min. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over

MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford the title compound (±)-**18** (8 mg, 81 %) as a clear oil. *R*_f = 0.35 (pentane-EtOAc; 3:1); *v*_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 1741, 1686, 1372, 1236, 1037; *δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.99-2.20 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.12 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.28-2.70 (3H, m, CH₂), 5.55-5.58 (1H, m, CH), 6.06 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.0, 1.5, 10.0 Hz, CH), 6.84 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.5, 2.5, 10.0 Hz, CH); *δ*_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.0 (CH₃), 28.7 (CH₂), 35.0 (CH₂), 67.7 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 147.6 (CH), 170.3 (CO); HRMS (CI) cald. for C₈H₁₄O₃N (MNH₄⁺) requires 173.08459; found 173.08510.

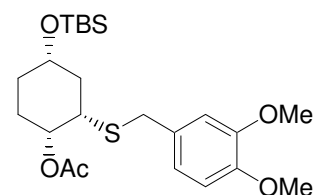
Cope-type sulfoxide elimination for conversion of (–)-**17** to (–)-**19**

(1*R*,2*S*,4*S*)-2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzylthio)-4-hydroxycyclohexyl acetate (–)-**22**:



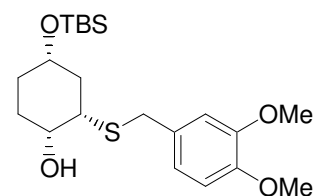
Compound (–)-**17** (2.53 g, 7.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in EtOH (80 mL), to this NaBH₄ (283 mg, 7.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added portion wise over 5 min. The reaction was stirred for 20 min. TLC analysis indicated consumption of starting material. The reaction was quenched with 1M HCl (10 mL approx.) until a neutral pH was reached. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1) afforded the title compound (–)-**22** (2.44 g, 96%) as a clear oil. *R*_f = 0.1 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); *v*_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3487, 2991, 2941, 2861, 1733, 1573, 1513, 1457, 1372, 1336, 1256, 1145, 1103, 1028, 965; *δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.37-1.82 (4H, m, CH₂), 1.94-2.06 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.12 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.63 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.0, 3.5, 12.5 Hz, CH), 3.57-3.66 (1H, m, CH), 3.69 (1H, d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.86 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.88 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.06-5.17 (1H, m, CH), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH); *δ*_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.1 (CH₃), 27.7 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 35.1 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 43.4 (CH), 55.9 (CH₃), 56.0 (CH₃), 68.3 (CH), 69.4 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 130.2 (C), 148.1 (C), 149.1 (C), 170.4 (CO); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for C₁₇H₂₄O₅NaS (MNa⁺) requires 363.1242; found 363.1233; [*α*]_D = -78.3 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl₃).

(1*R*,2*S*,4*S*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylthio)cyclohexyl acetate:



Under nitrogen compound (–)-**22** (0.985 g, 2.89 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (20 mL). To this TBSCl (0.872 g, 5.79 mmol, 2 equiv.), DBU (1.10 mL, 7.23 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and catalytic DMAP (5 mg) were added. The reaction was stirred for 18 h. After this time dichloromethane (50 mL) and H₂O (50 mL) were added. The resulting organic layer was further extracted with 0.1 M HCl (2 × 40 mL), sat. sodium bicarbonate (40 mL) and brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure, purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂-Pentane; 9:1) afforded the *title compound* (1.185 g, 90%) as a viscous opaque oil. *R*_f = 0.2 (CH₂Cl₂-Pentane; 9:1); *v*_{max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3053, 2990, 2946, 2857, 1737, 1513, 1463, 1372, 1254, 1146, 1113, 1081, 1372, 1254, 1146, 1113, 1081, 1029, 987; *δ*_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.04 (6H, s, CH₃), 0.87 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.33-1.43 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.49-1.59 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.64-1.74 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.82-1.87 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.98 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.0, 6.5, 14.0 Hz, CH₂), 2.11 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.58 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.0, 6.5, 13.0 Hz, CH), 3.50–3.57 (1H, m, CH), 3.69 (1H, d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.87 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.89 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.12 (1H, app. q, *J* = 2.5 Hz, CH), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH); *δ*_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.7 (2 × CH₃), 11.1 (C), 21.2 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH₃), 28.1 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 35.2 (CH₂), 37.1 (CH₂), 43.6 (CH), 55.8 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 69.2 (CH), 70.2 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 130.4 (C), 148.1 (C), 149.1 (C), 170.6 (CO); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for C₂₃H₃₈O₅SiSNa (MNa⁺) requires 477.2107; found 477.2127; [*α*]_D = -72.7 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

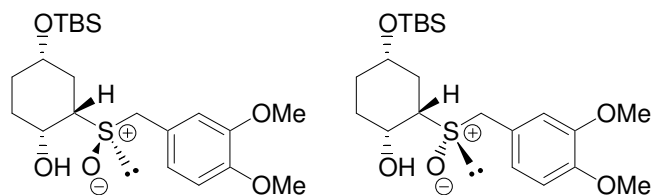
(1*R*,2*S*,4*S*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylthio)cyclohexanol:



The above acetoxy compound (750 mg, 1.65 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in MeOH (50 mL), to this potassium carbonate (342 mg, 2.47 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred for 18 h. After this time most of the methanol was removed under reduced pressure and

dichloromethane (50 mL) and brine (50 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (dichloromethane-MeOH; 100:1) afforded the *title compound* (647 mg, 95%) as a clear oil. R_f = 0.2 (dichloromethane-MeOH; 100:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3509, 3053, 2993, 2938, 2856, 1593, 1513, 1463, 1423, 1375, 1344, 1258, 1193, 1139, 1110, 1086, 1032, 975; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.02 (6H, s, CH₃), 0.86 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.28-1.35 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.55-1.76 (4H, m, CH₂), 2.04 (1H, ddd, J = 3.5, 7.0, 14.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.70 (1H, ddd, J = 2.5, 4.0, 13.0 Hz, CH), 3.48-3.56 (1H, m, CH), 3.67 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.72 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.77-3.79 (1H, m, CH), 3.87 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.88 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.77-6.82 (2H, m, ArH), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, ArH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.7 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 18.0 (C), 25.8 (CH₃), 28.8 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 34.5 (CH₂), 35.7 (CH₂), 46.9 (CH), 55.8 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 64.1 (CH), 70.5 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 130.2 (C), 148.2 (C), 149.1 (C); HRMS (ES⁺) calcd. for C₂₁H₃₇O₄SiS (MH⁺) requires 413.2182; found 413.2200; $[\alpha]_D$ = -58.4 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

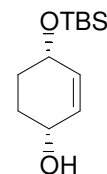
(1R,2S,4S)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylsulfanyl)cyclo-hexanol (–)-23:



The above secondary alcohol (0.961 g, 2.33 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in MeOH (30 mL) and the solution was brought to 0 °C. NaIO₄ (0.498 mg, 2.33 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in H₂O (30 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred for 45 min at this temperature and then for 4 h at rt. Most of the methanol was removed under reduced pressure and dichloromethane (50 mL) was added. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1) afforded **23** (0.779 g, 78%) as an amorphous white solid 3:2 mixture of diastereoisomers, M.p. = 125-128 °C. Data for the major diastereoisomer, M.p. = 162-163 °C. R_f = 0.05 (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 1:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3303, 3015, 2949, 2855, 1590, 1518, 1464, 1342, 1258, 1214, 1191, 1151, 1108, 1073, 1026, 975; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.04 (6H, s, CH₃), 0.85 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.29-1.36 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.61-1.72 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.76-1.86 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.97 (1H, ddd, J = 3.5, 7.5, 14.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.10-2.24 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.36 (1H, ddd, J = 2.5, 3.5, 13.5 Hz, CHS), 3.53-3.60 (1H, m, CH), 3.86 (6H, s(br), CH₃), 4.03 (1H, s, OH), 4.05 (2H, s, CH₂), 4.54-4.59 (1H, m, CH), 6.79-6.84 (3H, m,

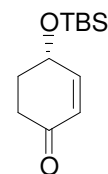
ArH); δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) -4.4 (CH_3), -4.3 (CH_3), 18.2 (C), 26.0 (CH_3), 29.3 (CH_2), 30.9 (CH_2), 31.8 (CH_2), 55.6 (CH_2), 56.1 (CH_3), 56.2 (CH_3), 56.8 (CH), 64.2 (CH), 70.3 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 113.0 (CH), 122.3 (C), 122.6 (CH), 149.5 (C), 149.6 (C); HRMS (ES^+) calcd. for $C_{21}H_{37}O_5SiS$ (MH^+) requires 429.2131; found 429.2110; $[\alpha]_D = -50.0$ ($c = 0.25$, $CHCl_3$). Data for both diastereoisomers: M.p. = 125-128 °C. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$); 0.04 (6H, s, CH_3^*), 0.07 (3H, s, CH_3^{\wedge}), 0.08 (3H, s, CH_3^{\wedge}), 0.87 (9H, s, CH_3^*), 0.89 (9H, s, CH_3^{\wedge}), 1.30-1.39 (2H, m, CH_2^* , CH_2^{\wedge}), 1.62-2.03 (8H, m, $4 \times CH_2^*$, $4 \times CH_2^{\wedge}$), 2.09-2.24 (2H, m, CH_2^* , CH_2^{\wedge}), 2.36-2.45 (2H, m, CH^*-S , $CH^{\wedge}-S$), 3.32 (1H, s, OH^{\wedge}), 3.53-3.68 (2H, m, CH^*-OTBS , $CH^{\wedge}-OTBS$), 3.87 (12H, s(br), CH_3^* , CH_3^{\wedge}), 3.96 (1H, d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, $CH_2^{\wedge}-S$), 4.04-4.07 (4H, m, OH^* , $2 \times CH_2^*-S$, $CH_2^{\wedge}-S$), 4.28-4.32 (1H, m, $CH^{\wedge}-OH$), 4.55-4.59 (1H, m, CH^*-OH), 6.78-6.86 (6H, m, $3 \times ArH^*$, $3 \times ArH^{\wedge}$); δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) -4.4 (CH_3^*), -4.3 ($2 \times CH_3^{\wedge}$), -4.3 (CH_3^*), 18.2 (C^*), 18.3 (C^{\wedge}), 26.0 (CH_3^*), 26.0 (CH_3^{\wedge}), 29.3 (CH_2^*), 29.9 (CH_2^{\wedge}), 30.9 (CH_2^*), 31.3 (CH_2^{\wedge}), 31.8 (CH_2^*), 31.9 (CH_2^{\wedge}), 54.9 (CH_2^{\wedge}), 55.6 (CH_2^*), 56.1 (CH_3^* , CH_3^{\wedge}), 56.2 (CH_3^* , CH_3^{\wedge}), 57.2 ($CH-S^*$), 57.5 ($CH-S^{\wedge}$), 64.1 ($CH-OH^*$), 66.3 ($CH-OH^{\wedge}$), 70.3 ($CH-OTBS^*$), 70.6 ($CH-OTBS^{\wedge}$), 111.7 (CH^*), 111.7 (CH^{\wedge}), 112.9 (CH^{\wedge}), 113.0 (CH^*), 122.3 (C^*), 122.4 (CH^{\wedge}), 122.5 (C^{\wedge}), 122.6 (CH^*), 149.4 (C^{\wedge}), 149.5 ($2 \times C^*$, $1 \times C^{\wedge}$).

(1R,4S)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enol (–)-20:^{9,10}



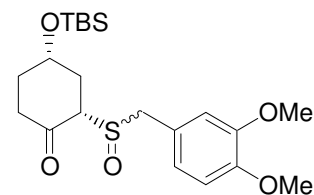
In a sealed tube **23** (70 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in mesitylene (3 mL) and $CaCO_3$ (70 mg, 0.70 mmol, 4.4 equiv.) was added. The reaction was heated under nitrogen at 165 °C for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and H_2O (10 mL). The resultant aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over $MgSO_4$. Filtration and removal of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded the crude material which was purified by flash column chromatography (cyclohexane-EtOAc; 15:1) to afford (–)-**20** (5.5 mg, 14%) as a clear oil. $R_f = 0.6$ (pentane -EtOAc; 1:1); with spectroscopic data as above; $[\alpha]_D = -37.6$ ($c = 0.2$, $CHCl_3$); {lit. $[\alpha]_D = -30$ ($c = 0.4$, EtOH)}.⁹ Further elution gave **23** (50 mg, 71%) as a single diastereoisomer.

(S)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enone (–)-19:^{2,13}



Under nitrogen (–)-**20** (8 mg, 0.035 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (2 mL). Dess-Martin periodinane (18 mg, 0.042 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 30 mins. Sat. sodium bicarbonate solution (3 mL) and sat. sodium thiosulfate solution (3 mL) were added and the reaction stirred for 20 min. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford (–)-**19** (7 mg, 88%) as a clear oil. $R_f = 0.15$ (CH₂Cl₂); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3020, 3000, 2942, 2840, 1675, 1377, 1245; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.12 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.13 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.91 (9H, s, CH₃), 1.95-2.05 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.17-2.24 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.30-2.39 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.54-2.60 (1H, m, CH₂), 4.50-4.55 (1H, m, CH), 5.92 (1H, ddd, $J = 1.0, 2.0, 10.0$ Hz, CH), 6.83 (1H, ddd, $J = 1.5, 2.5, 10.0$ Hz, CH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) -4.8 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 18.1 (C), 25.7 (CH₃), 32.9 (CH₂), 35.5 (CH₂), 67.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 153.9 (CH), 198.8 (CO); HRMS (CI) cald. for C₁₂H₂₆O₂SiN (MNH₄⁺) requires 244.17791; found 244.17786; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +101.0$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl₃); {lit. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +107.1$ ($c = 1.3$, CHCl₃)}.¹³

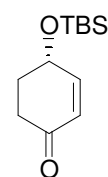
(2S,4S)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylsulfinyl)cyclo-hexanone (–)-24:



Under nitrogen compound (–)-**23** (76 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10 mL), to this Dess-Martin Periodinane (90 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred for 1 h. Sat. sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and sat. sodium thiosulfate solution (10 mL) were added and the reaction stirred for 15 min. The layers were separated and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane-EtOAc; 1:1) afforded the title compound (–)-**24** (44 mg, 58%) as a clear oil. $R_f = 0.1$ (pentane-EtOAc; 1:1); ν_{\max} (neat/cm⁻¹) 3015, 2934, 2856, 1734, 1712, 1593, 1514, 1463, 1421, 1370, 1344, 1257, 1149, 1115, 1081, 1028, 957;

δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.03 (3H, s, CH_3), 0.06 (3H, s, CH_3), 0.82 (9H, s, CH_3), 1.82-1.93 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.00-2.13 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.30-2.42 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.62-2.73 (1H, m, CH_2), 3.56-3.63 (1H, dd, $J = 6.5, 12.5$ Hz, CH), 3.85 (3H, s, CH_3), 3.86 (3H, s, CH_3), 3.98 (1 H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2), 4.14 (1 H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2), 4.31-4.37 (1H, m, CH), 6.75 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0, 8.0$ Hz, ArH). 6.80-6.83 (2H, m, ArH); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) -5.0 (CH_3), 17.8 (C), 25.6 (CH_3), 33.6 (CH_2), 34.0 (CH_2), 37.0 (CH_2), 55.7 (CH_3), 55.9 (CH_3), 56.0 (CH_2), 61.6 (CH), 64.8 (CH), 111.0 (CH), 112.9 (CH), 122.2 (C), 122.4 (CH), 149.1 (C), 149.2 (C), 207.2 (CO); HRMS (ES^-) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5\text{SiS}$ (M-H^-) requires 425.1818; found 425.1822; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -10$ ($c = 0.1$, CHCl_3).

(S)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-2-enone (-)-19:^{2,13}



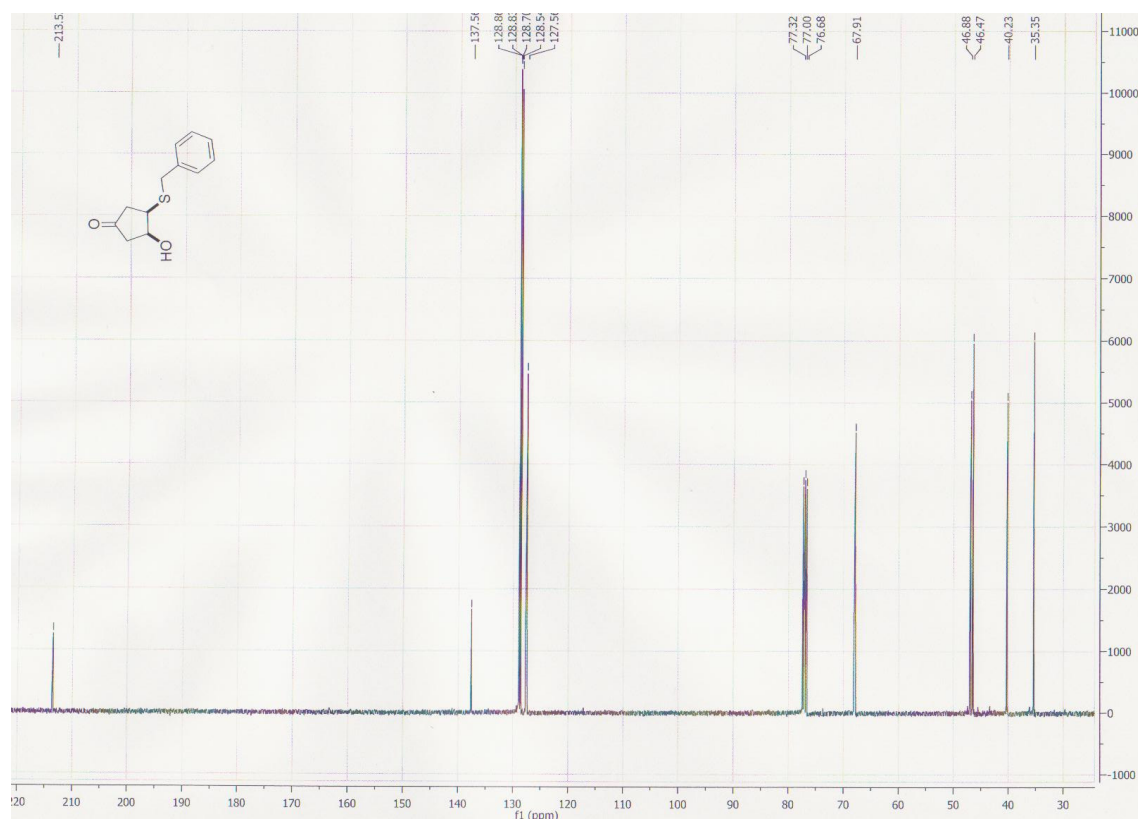
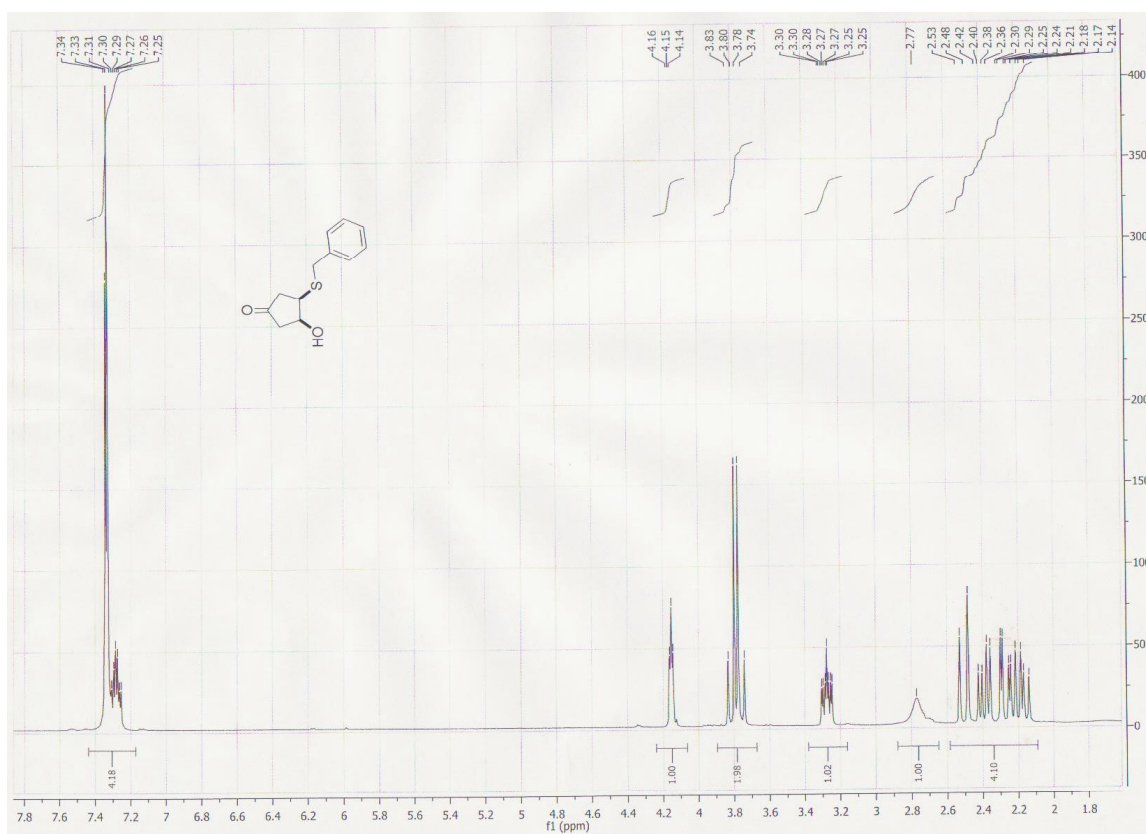
In a sealed tube (-)-**24** (25 mg, 0.059 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in toluene (3 mL) and CaCO_3 (25 mg, 0.25 mmol, 4.2 equiv.) was added. The reaction was heated under nitrogen at 110 °C for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and resulting residue and the resulting residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). H_2O (5 mL) was added and the resultant aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration and removal of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded the crude material which was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane- CH_2Cl_2 ; 1:1) which gave (-)-**19** (10 mg, 75%) as a clear oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -99$ ($c = 0.3$, CHCl_3), where additional data was as reported above.

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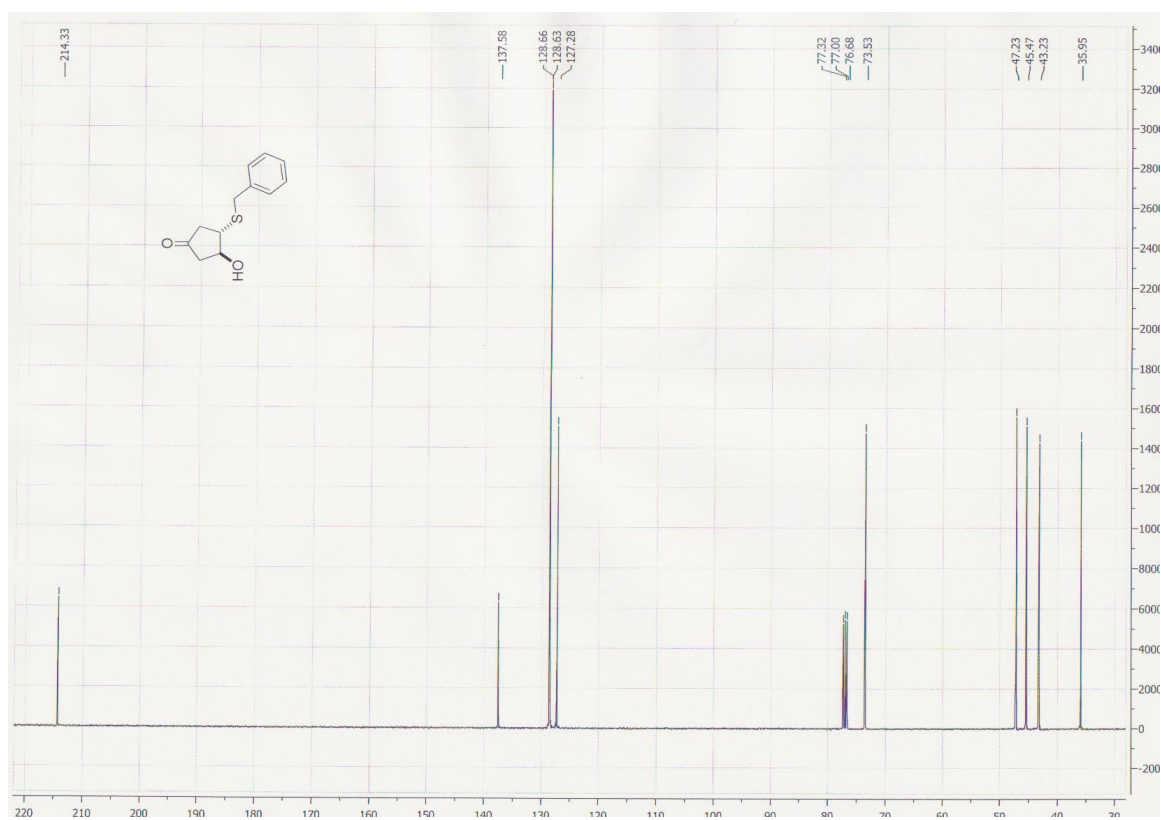
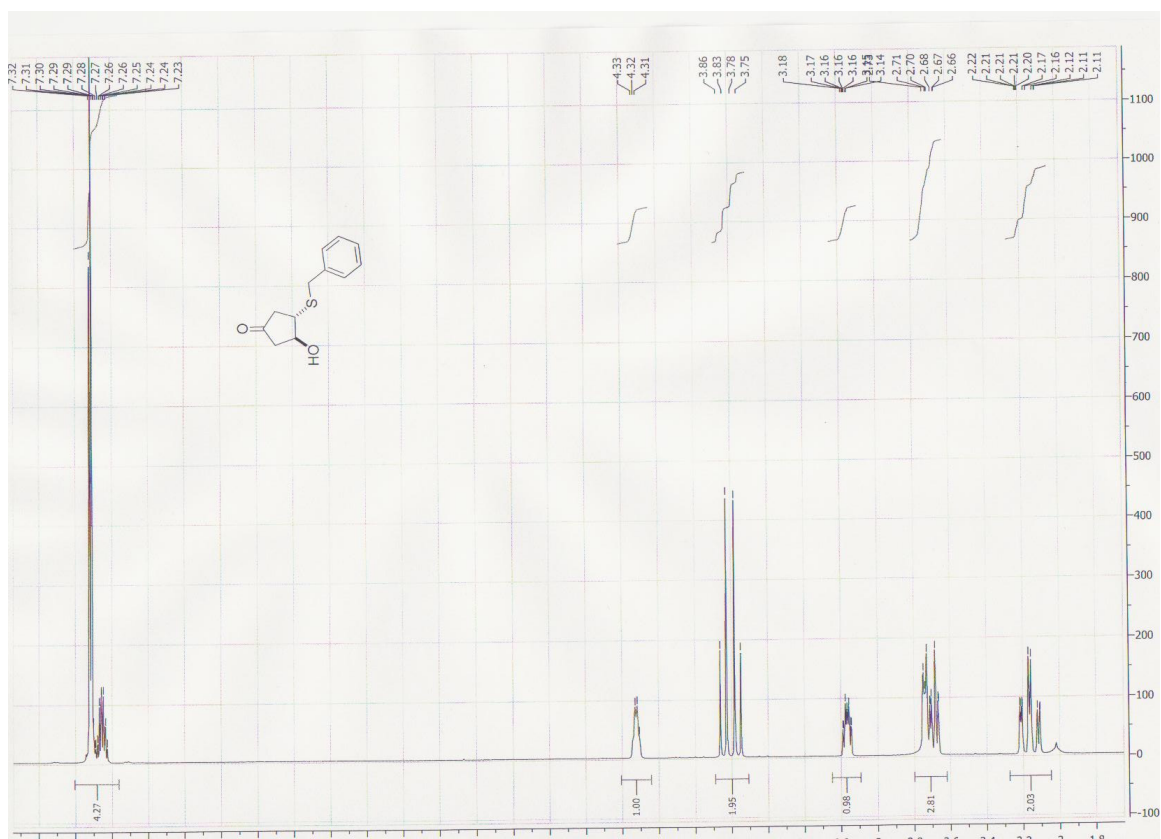
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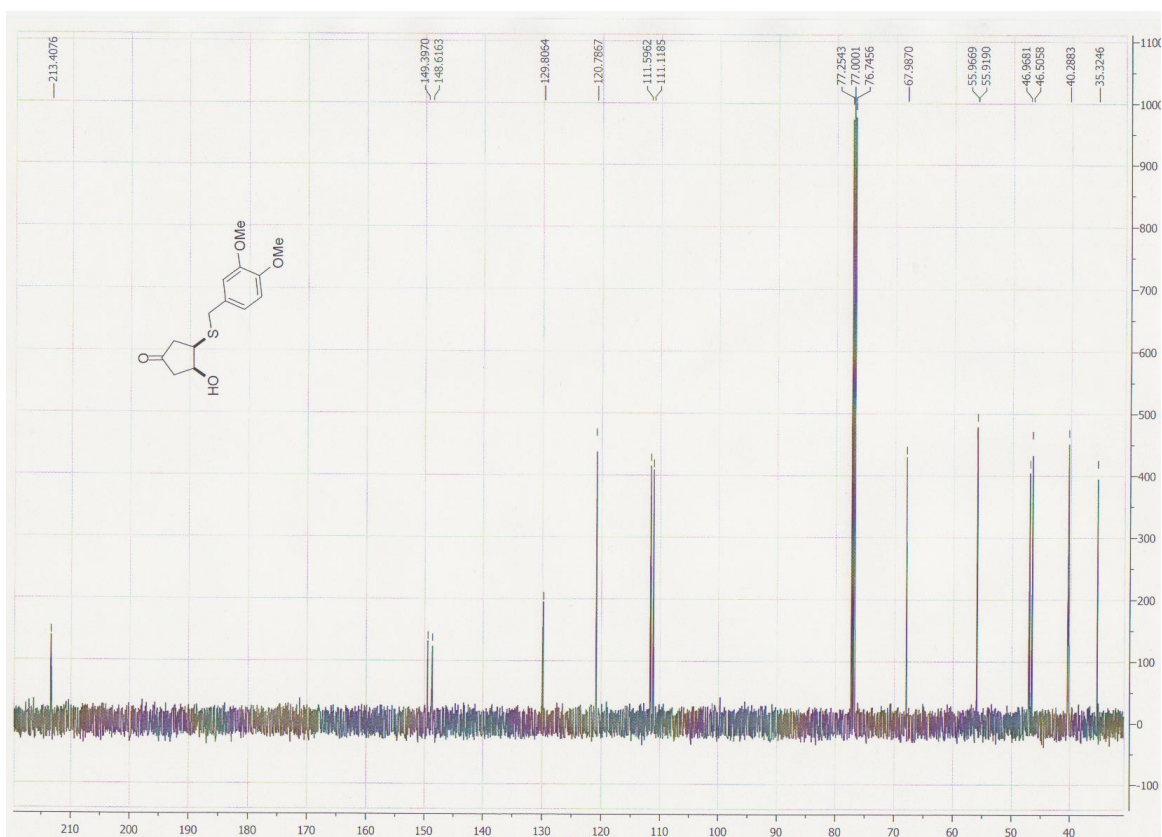
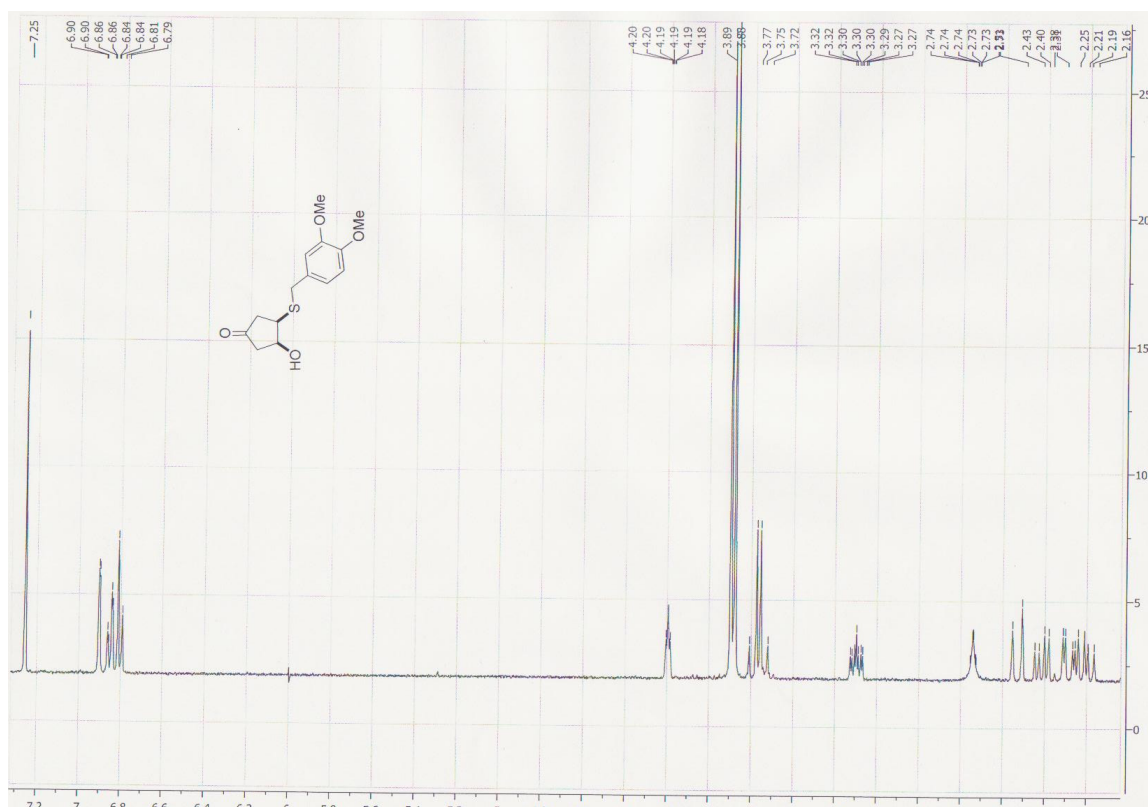
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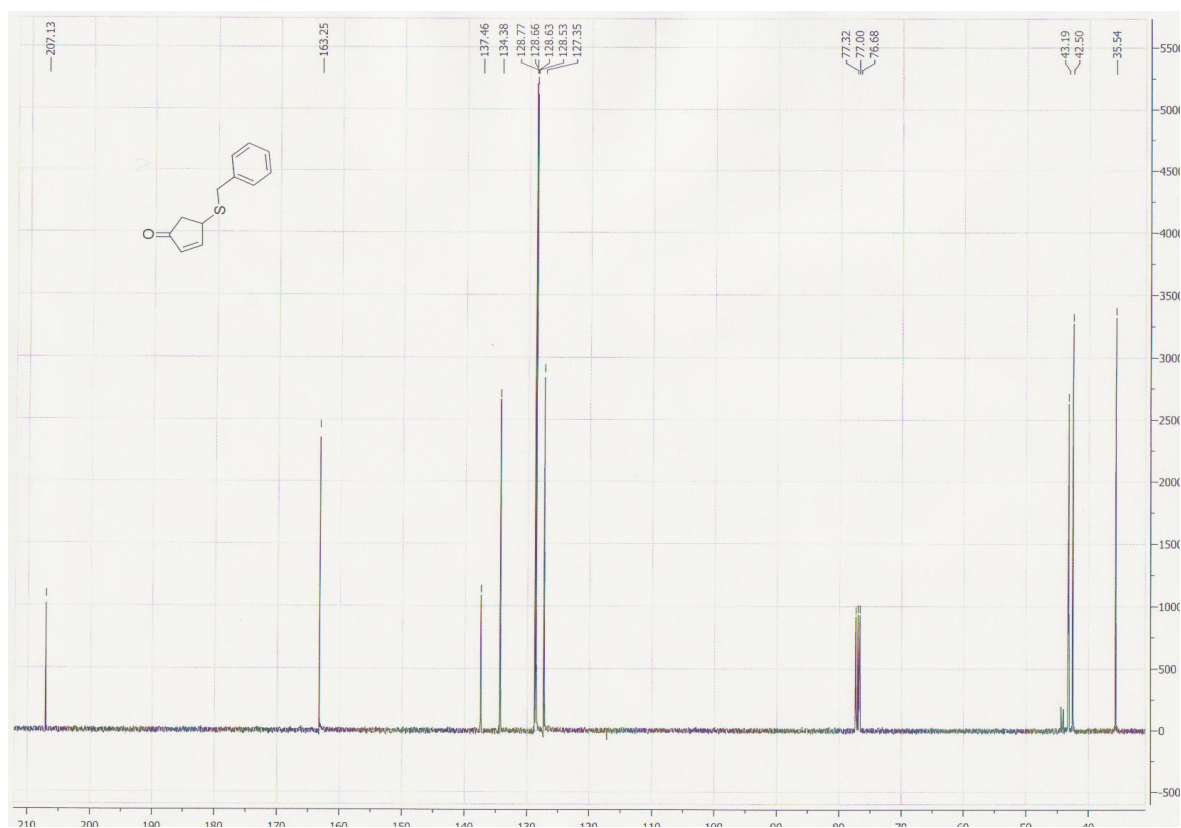
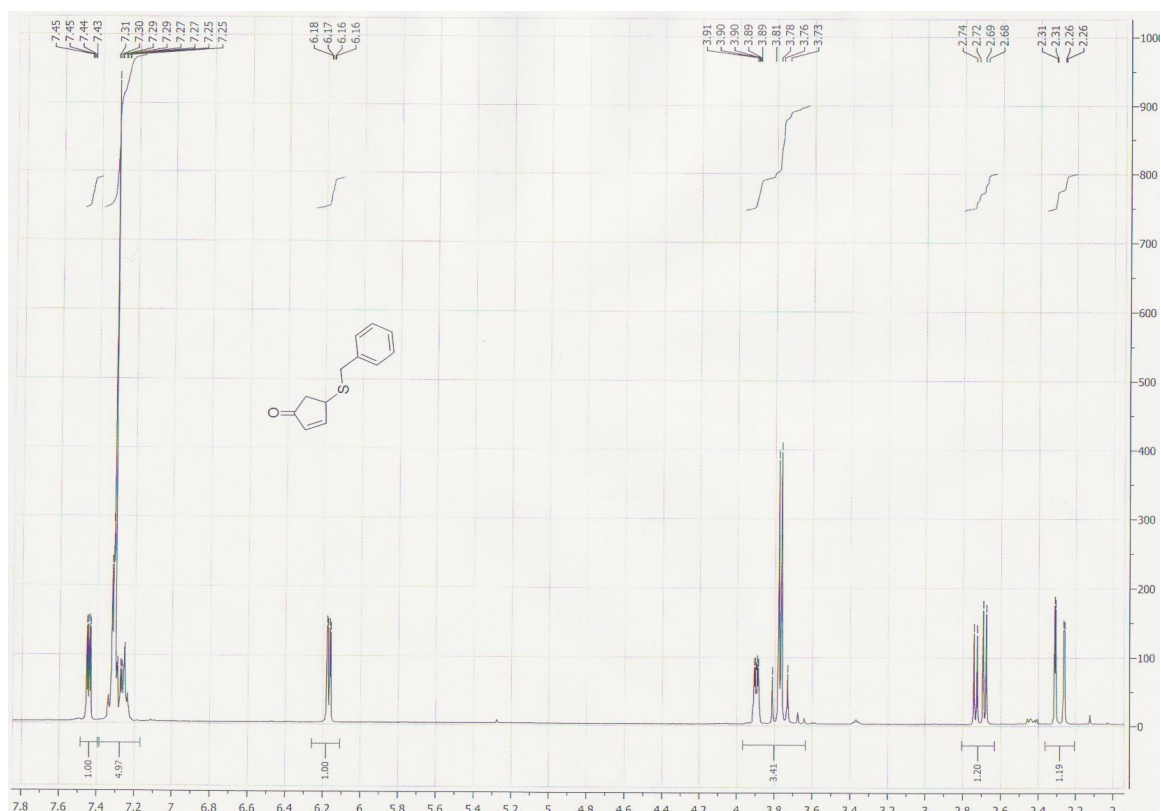
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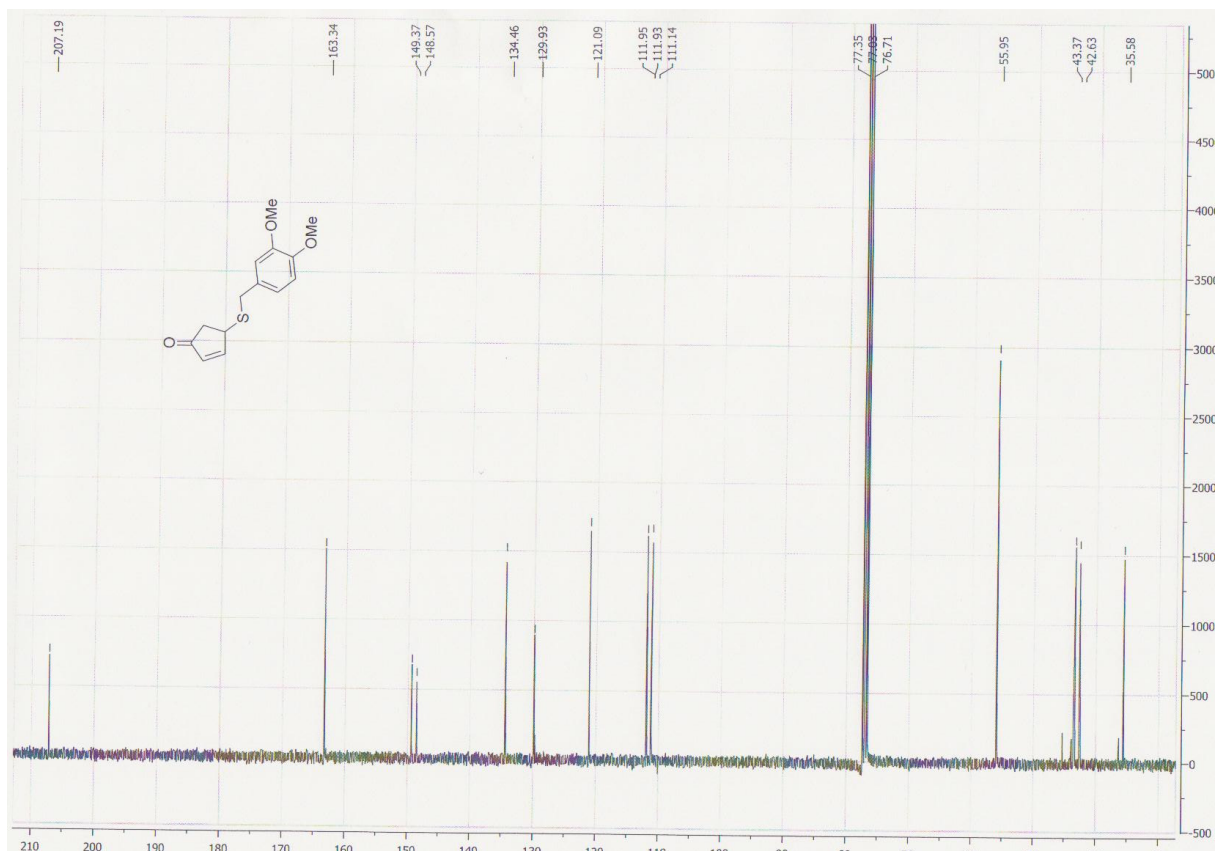
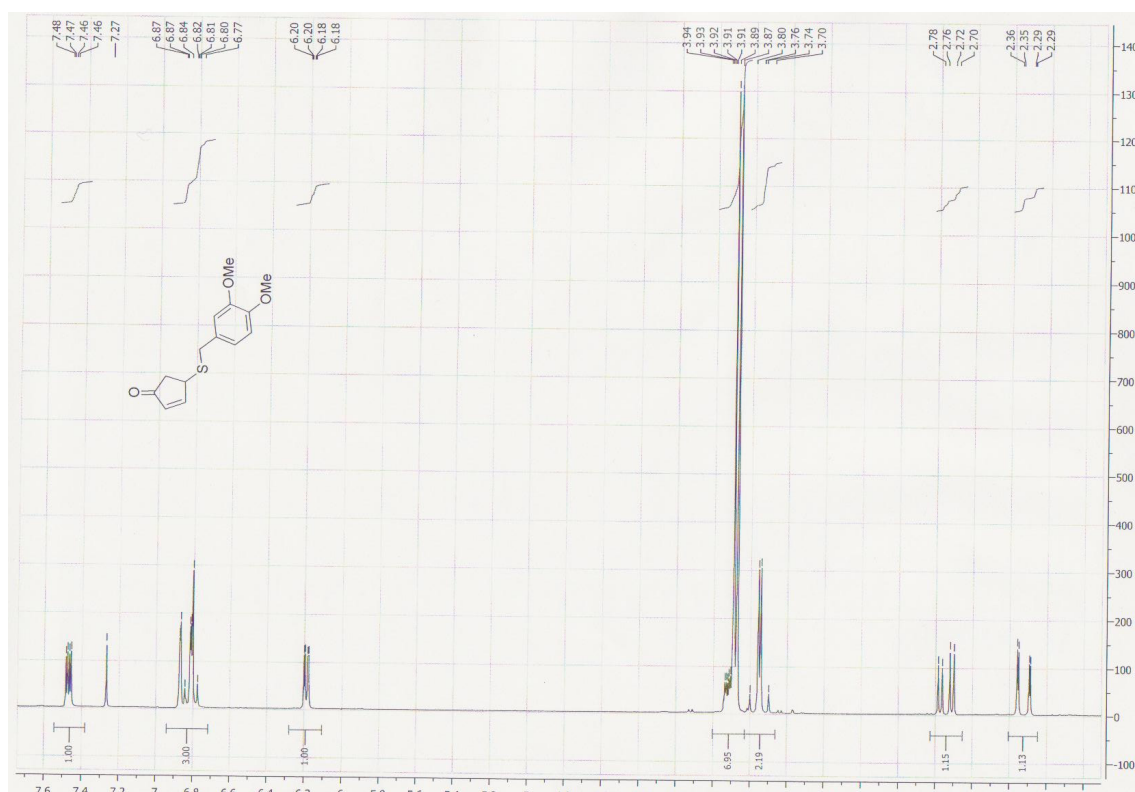
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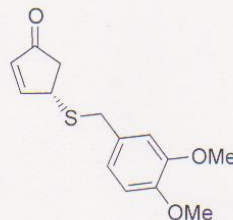
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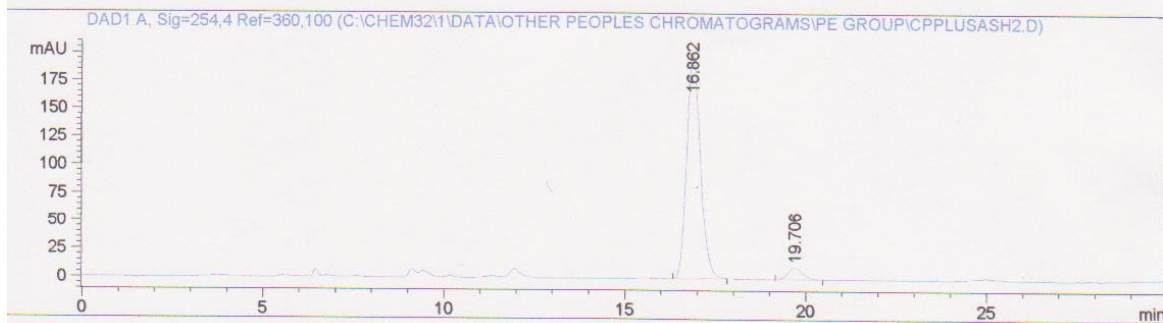
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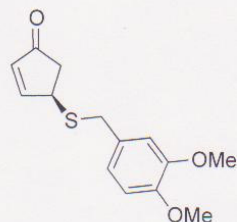
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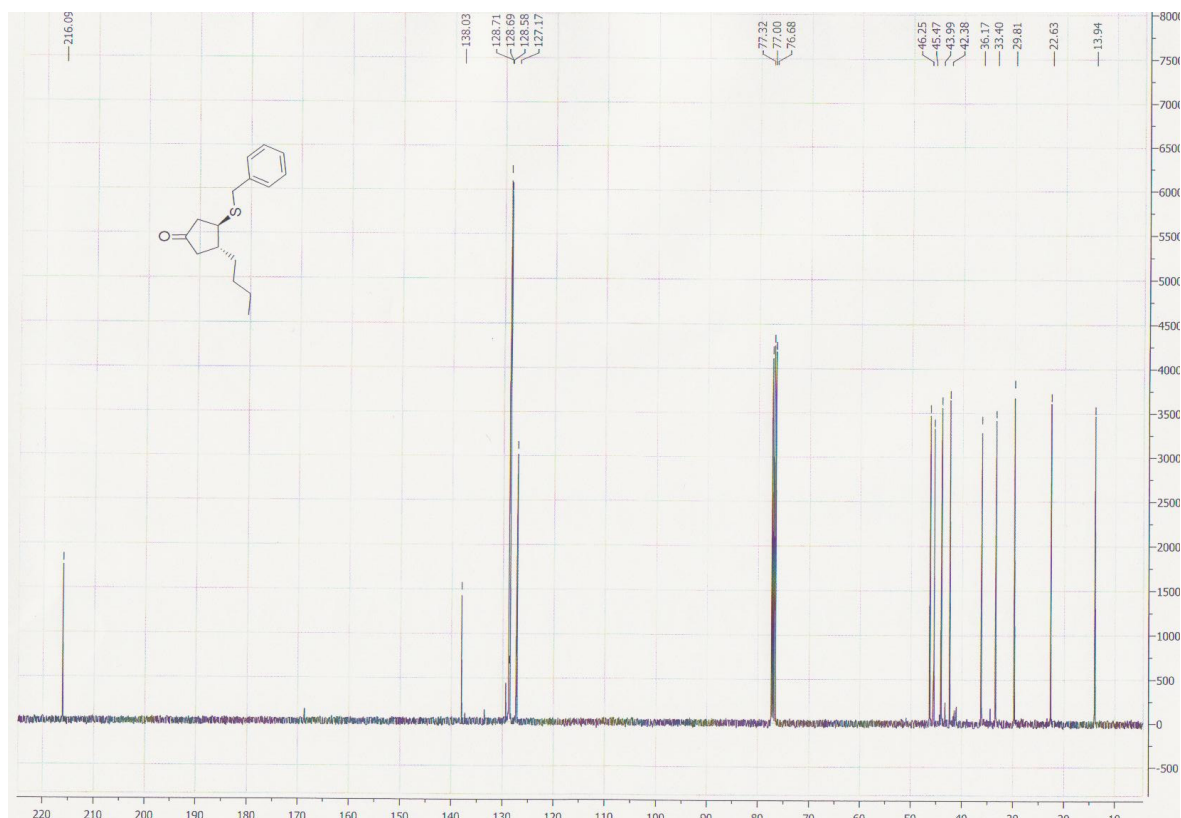
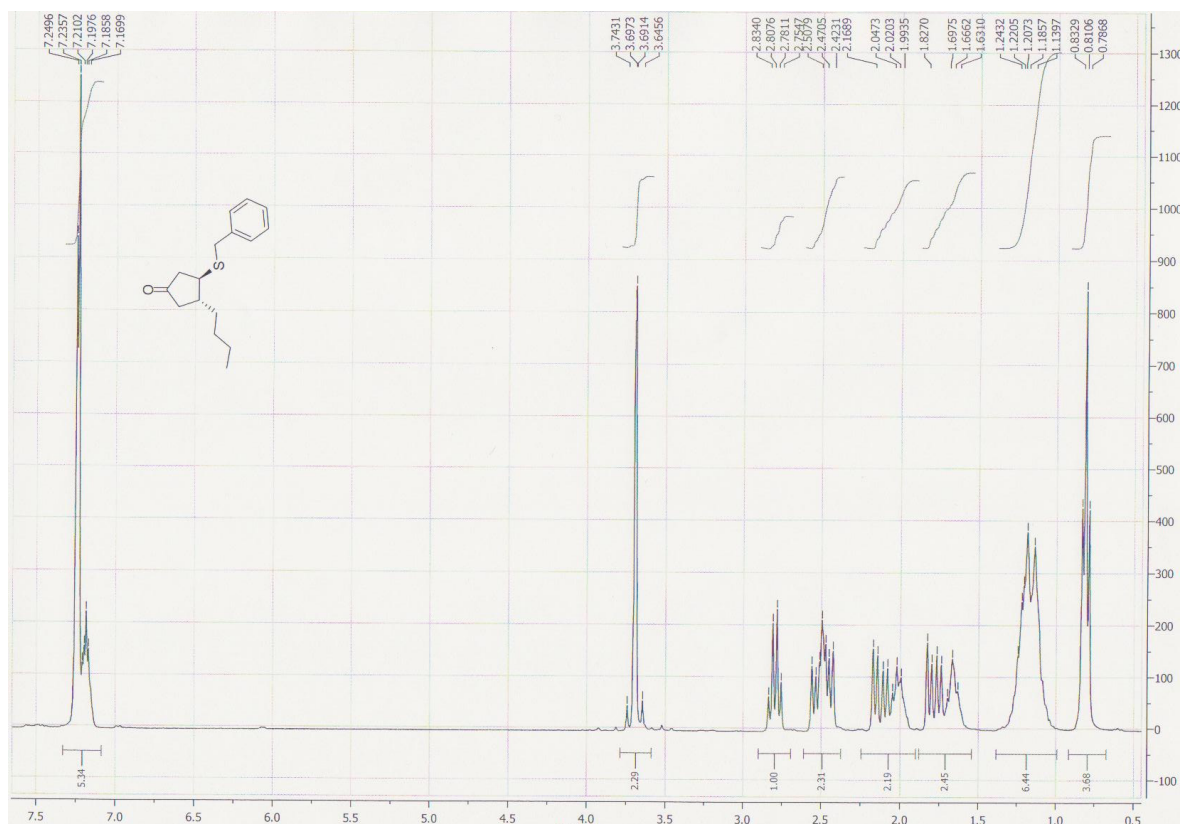
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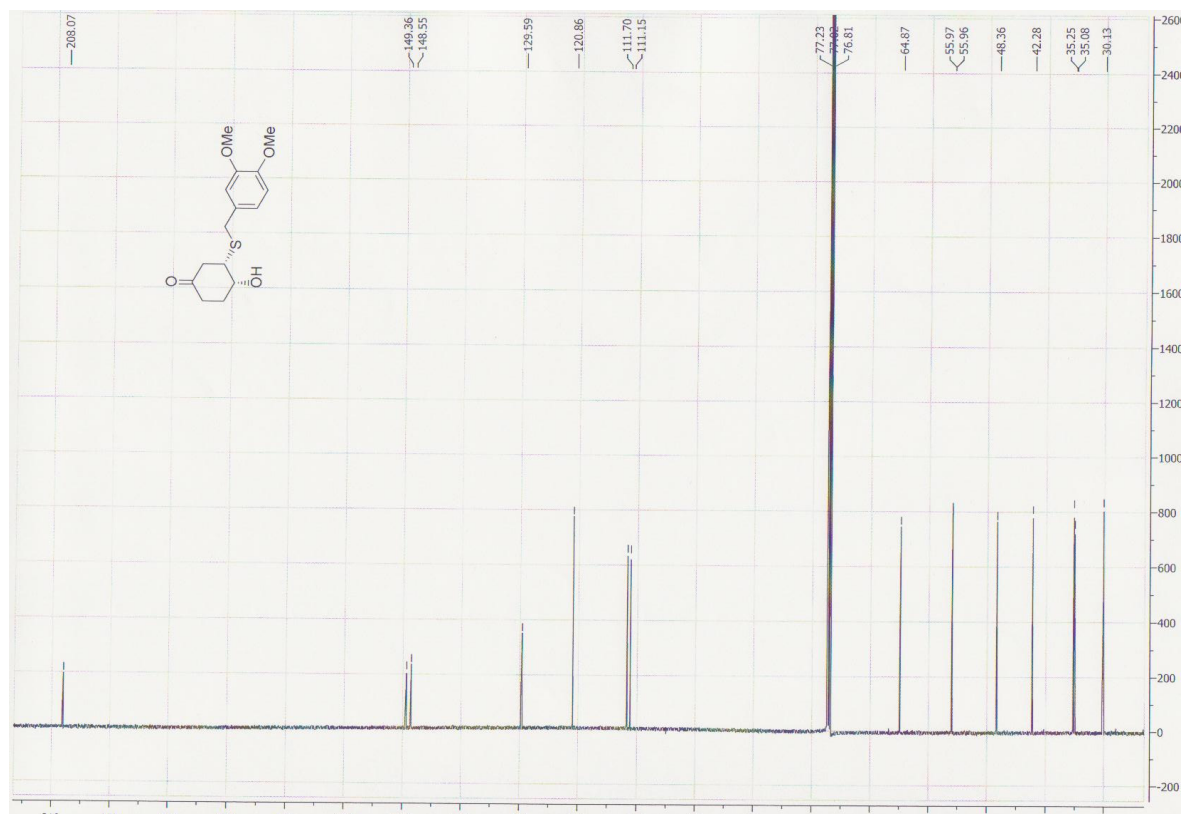
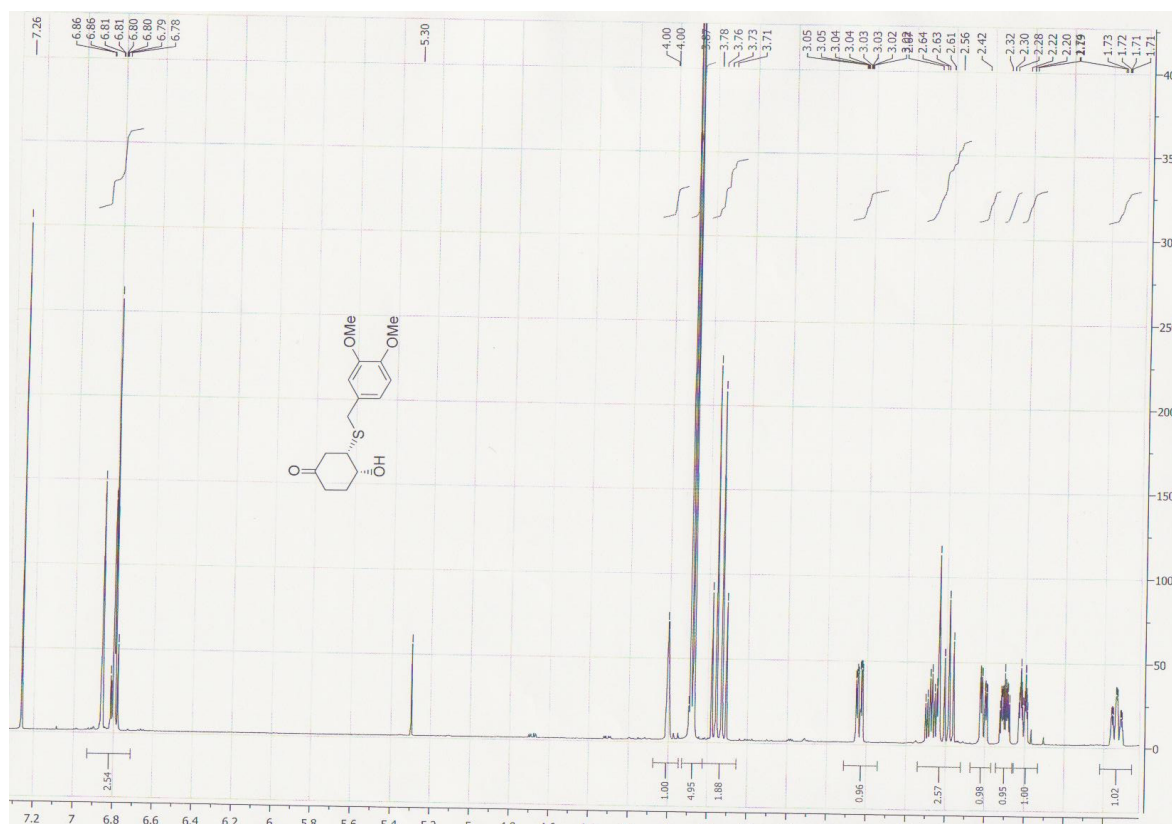


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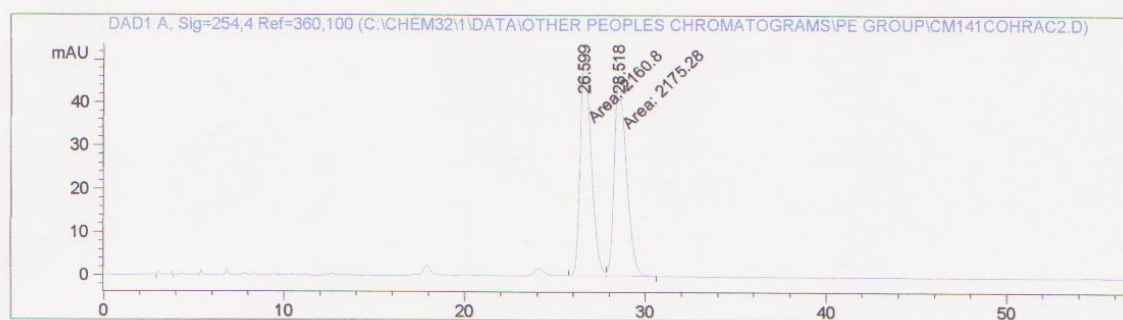
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Sample Info     : CM1.41c OH racemate
                                           IA column, 1 ml/min, 80:20 Heptane/EtOH
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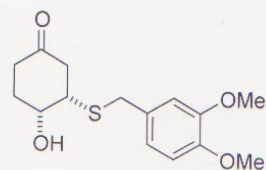


Area Percent Report

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Sorted By      :      Signal
Multiplier     :      1.0000
Dilution       :      1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=360,100

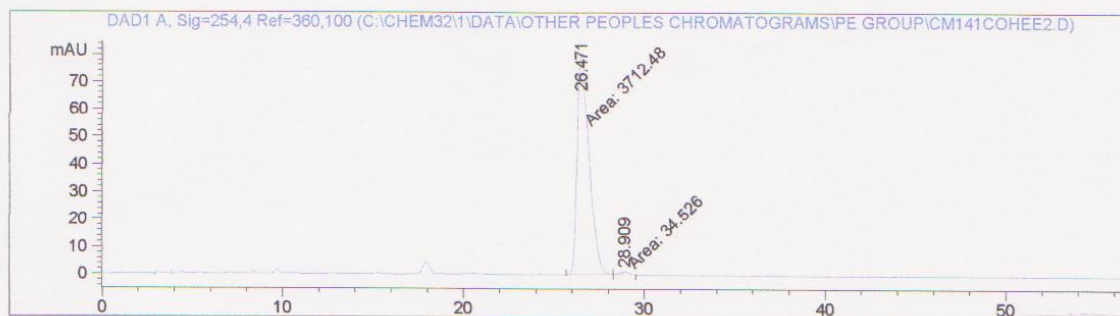


Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	26.599	MF	0.7048	2160.79614	51.09860	49.8330
2	28.518	FM	0.7835	2175.27783	46.27520	50.1670

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Totals :                      4336.07397  97.37380
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*** End of Report ***

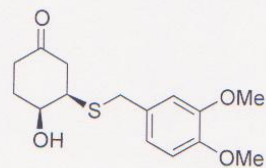

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Acq. Operator   : General sequence          Seq. Line :    7
Acq. Instrument : Instrument 1              Location  : Vial 1
Injection Date  : 11/08/2008 22:19:48      Inj       :    1
                                           Inj Volume: 5 µl
Different Inj Volume from Sequence !      Actual Inj Volume : 2 µl
Acq. Method     : C:\Chem32\1\DATA\SEQUENCE DATA\GENERAL SEQUENCE1 2008-08-11 19-42-54\
                                           MULTI_ISO_60_MIN_80_20_1ML.M
Last changed    : 13/10/2006 09:30:01 by General sequence
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                                           (MULTI_ISO_60_MIN_80_20_1ML.M)
Last changed    : 13/10/2006 09:30:01 by General sequence
Sample Info     : CM1.41c OH ee
                                           IA column, 1 ml/min, 80:20 Heptane/EtOH
=====
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Area Percent Report

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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution       : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=360,100

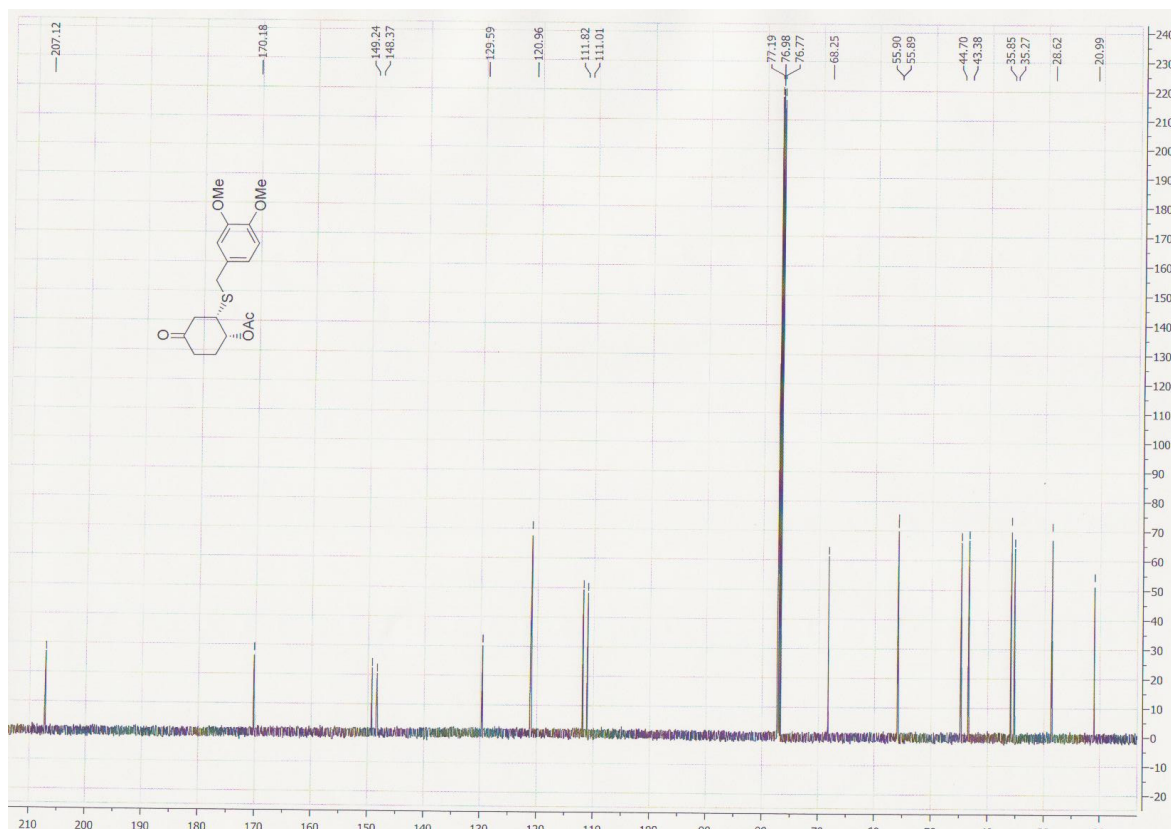
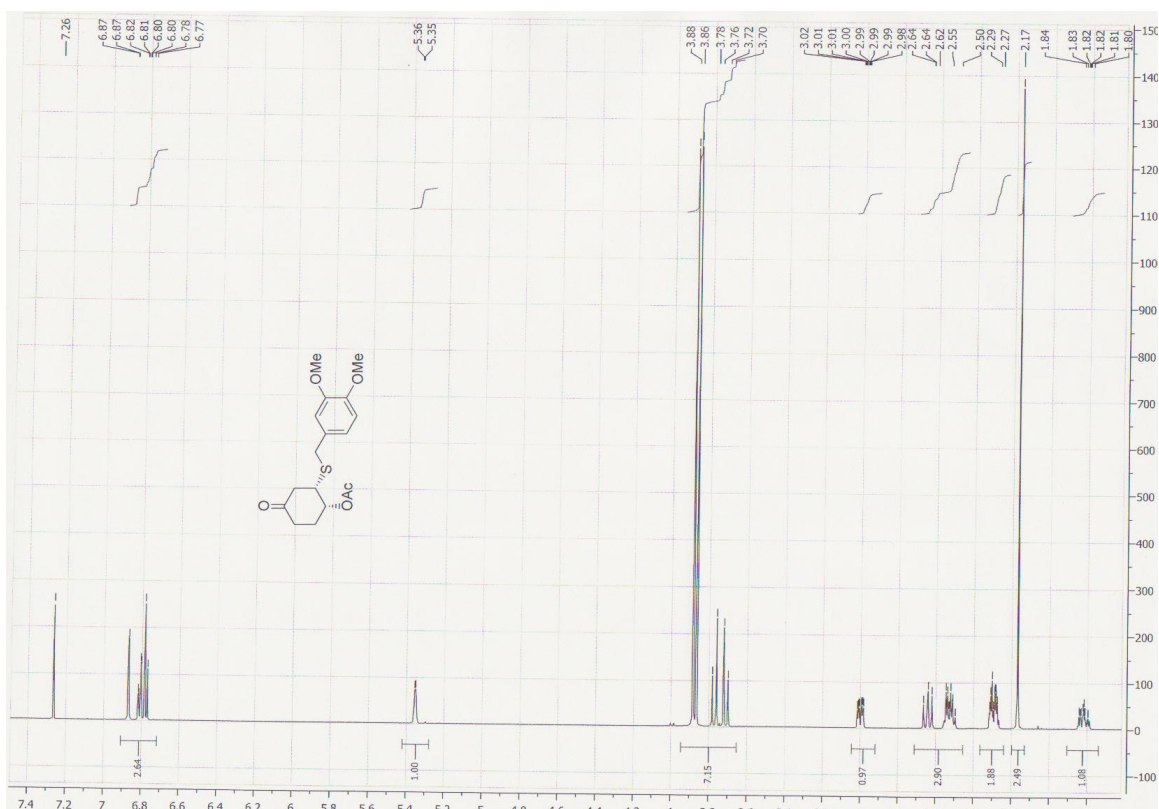


Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	26.471	MM	0.7657	3712.47754	80.80398	99.0786
2	28.909	MM	0.6181	34.52602	9.31008e-1	0.9214

Totals : 3747.00356 81.73499

*** End of Report ***

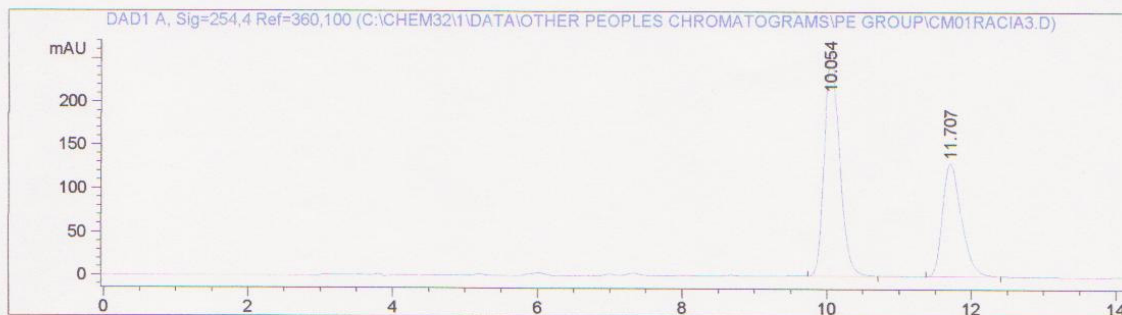
Compound 17



HPLC traces *pseudo*-(±)- and (-)-17

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Acq. Operator   : General sequence                      Seq. Line :   12
Acq. Instrument : Instrument 1                          Location  : Vial 1
Injection Date  : 21/07/2008 15:39:45                  Inj       :    1
                                                    Inj Volume: 5 µl

Acq. Method     : C:\Chem32\1\DATA\SEQUENCE DATA\GENERAL SEQUENCE1 2008-07-21 12-57-40\
                  MULTI_ISO_15_MIN_80_20_1ML.M
Last changed    : 18/10/2006 09:49:28 by General sequence
Analysis Method : C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\OTHER PEOPLES CHROMATOGRAMS\PE GROUP\CM01RACIA3.D\DA.
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Last changed    : 18/10/2006 09:49:28 by General sequence
Sample Info     : CM Acetate racemate
                  IA column, isocratic 80:20 heptane/EtOH, 1 ml/min
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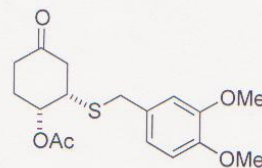
Area Percent Report

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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution       : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.054	BB	0.2268	3817.70654	257.73911	61.4493
2	11.707	BB	0.2804	2395.06934	130.35056	38.5507

Totals : 6212.77588 388.08966



*** End of Report ***


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Acq. Operator   : General sequence          Seq. Line :   15
Acq. Instrument : Instrument 1              Location  : Vial 4
Injection Date  : 21/07/2008 16:29:17      Inj       :    1
                                           Inj Volume: 5 µl

Acq. Method     : C:\Chem32\1\DATA\SEQUENCE DATA\GENERAL SEQUENCE1 2008-07-21 12-57-40\
                  MULTI_ISO_15_MIN_80_20_1ML.M
Last changed    : 18/10/2006 09:49:28 by General sequence
Analysis Method : C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\OTHER PEOPLES CHROMATOGRAMS\PE GROUP\CM131SMIA3.D\DA.
                  (MULTI_ISO_15_MIN_80_20_1ML.M)
Last changed    : 18/10/2006 09:49:28 by General sequence
Sample Info     : CM-1.31 Acetate SM
                  IA column, isocratic 80:20 heptane/EtOH, 1 ml/min
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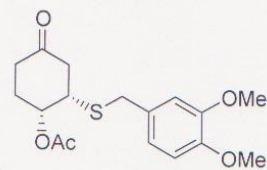
Area Percent Report

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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution       : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=360,100

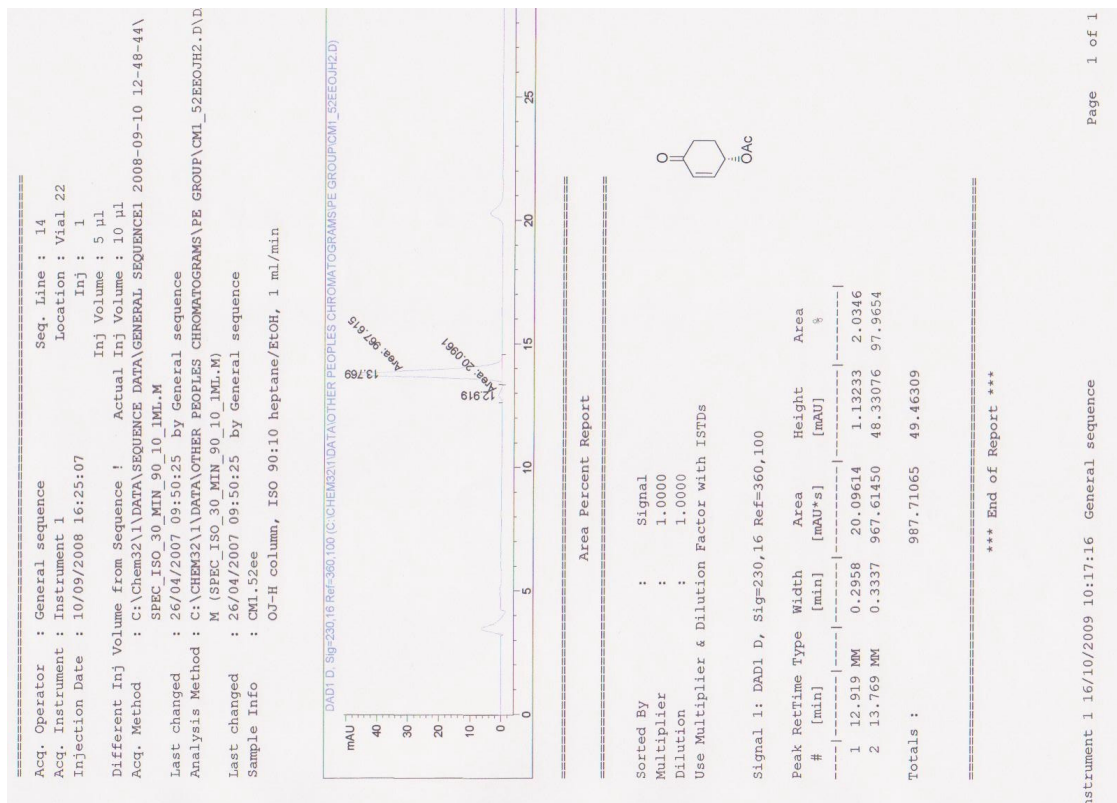
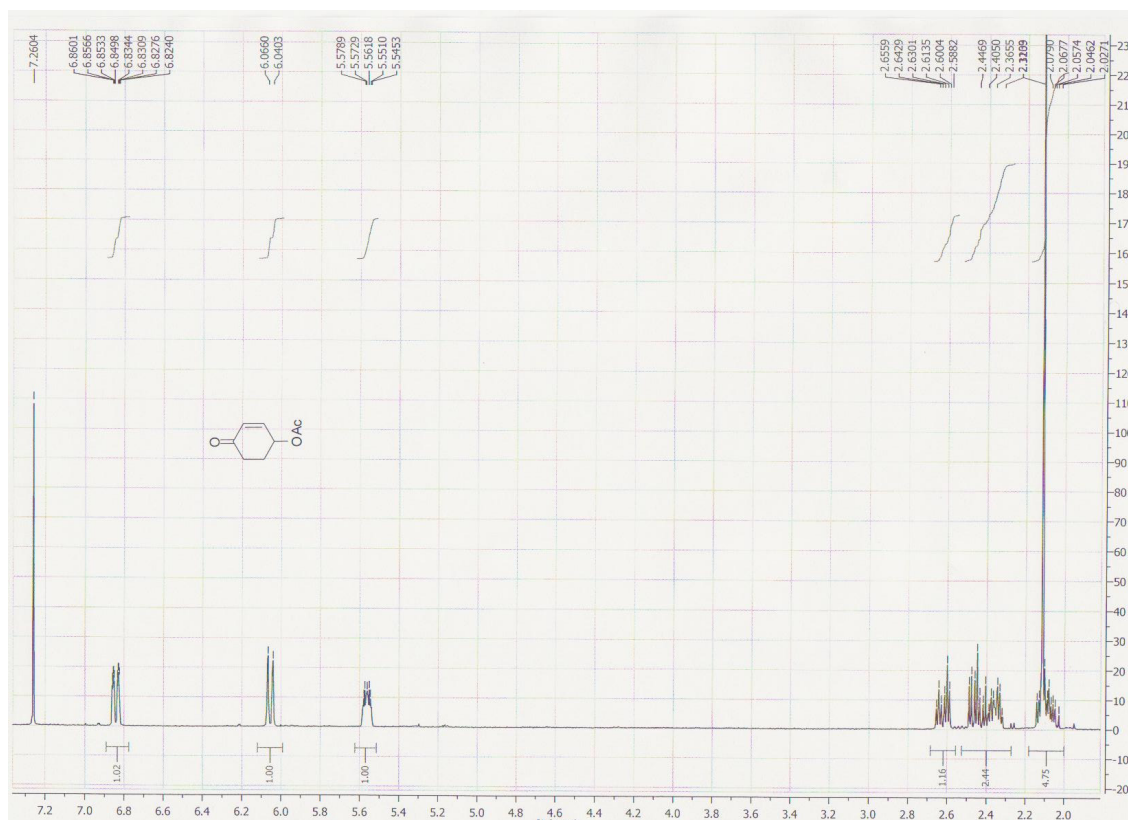
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.064	BB	0.2265	2859.15869	193.41830	99.4557
2	11.823	BB	0.2491	15.64751	1.00795	0.5443

Totals : 2874.80620 194.42625

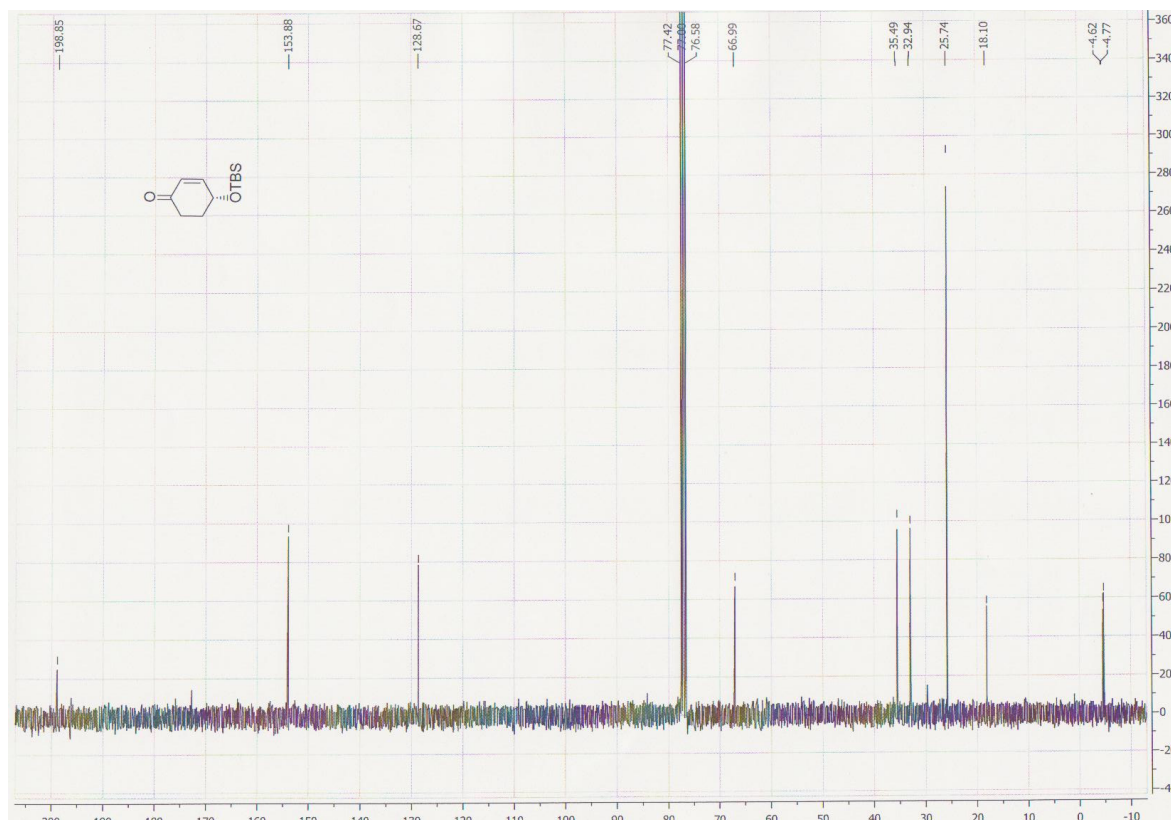
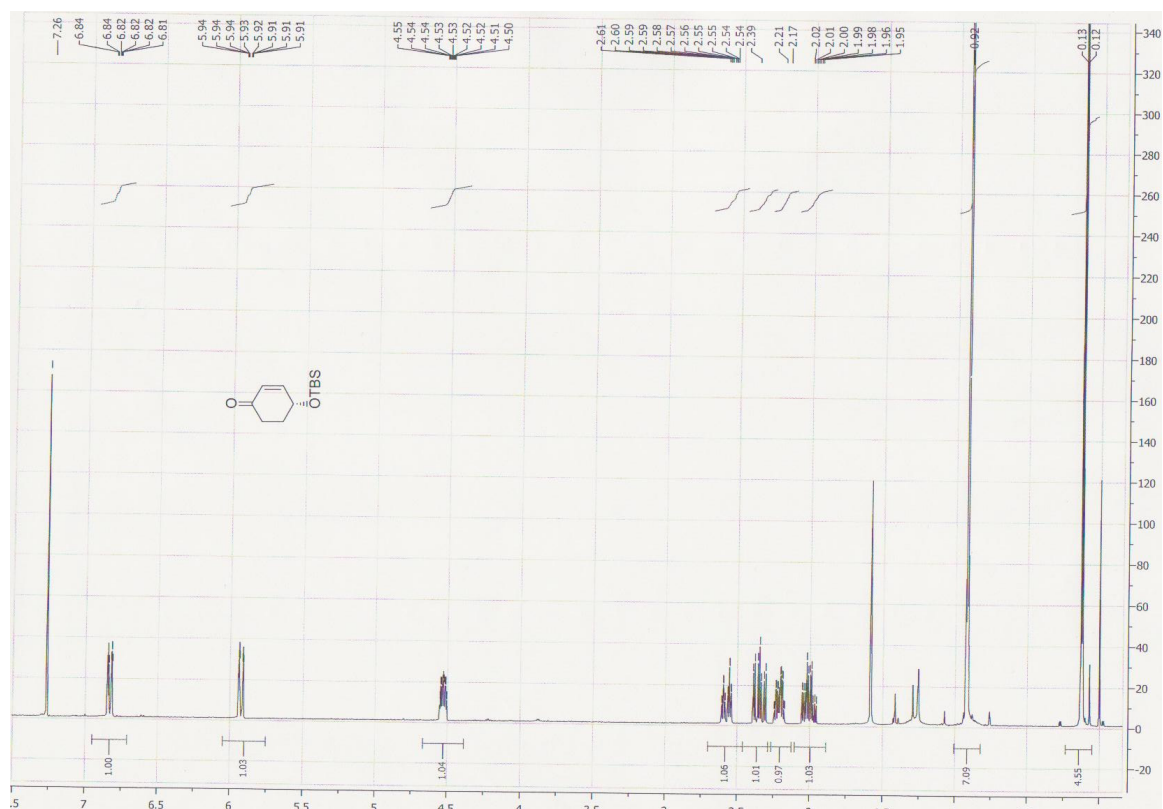


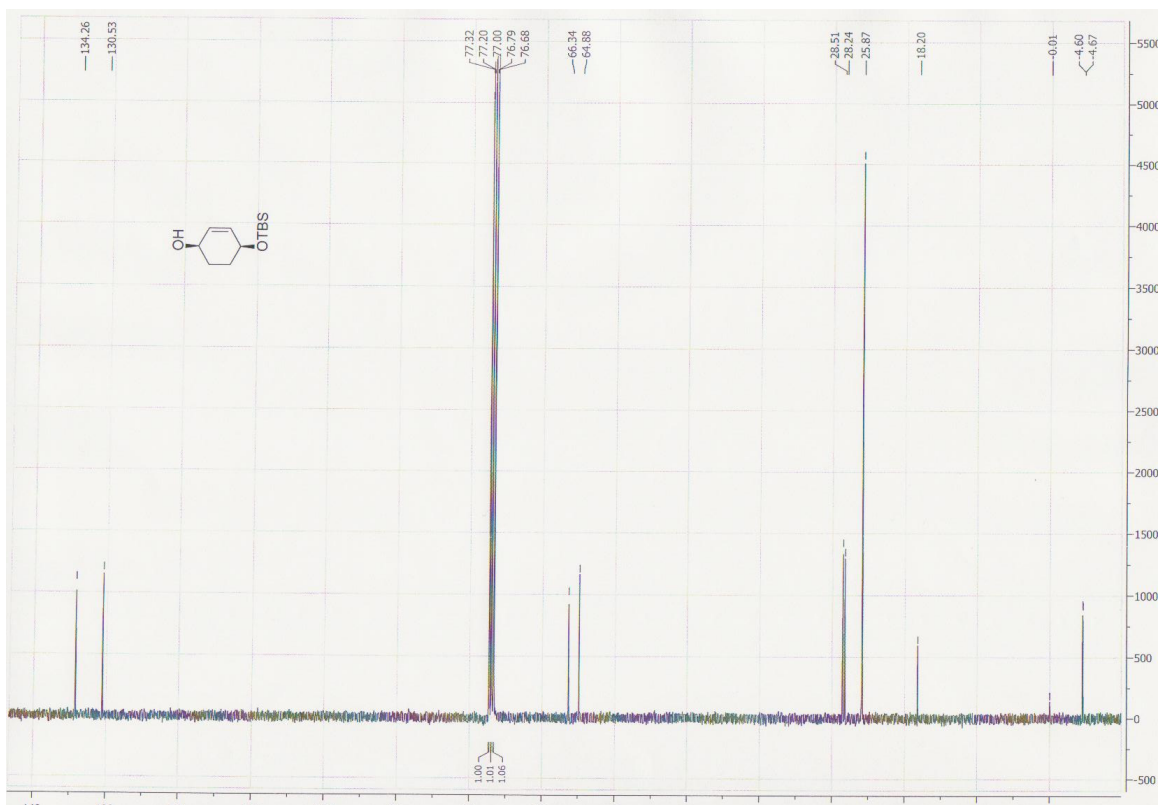
*** End of Report ***

Compound 18

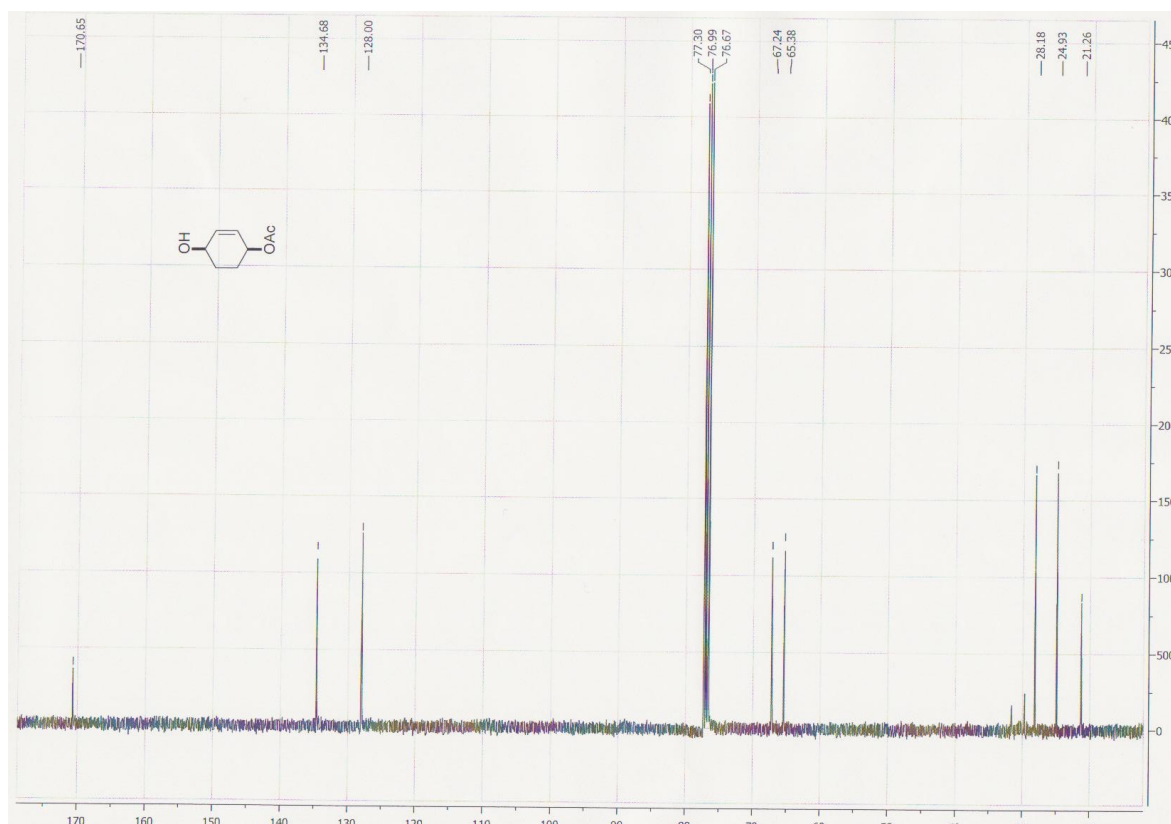
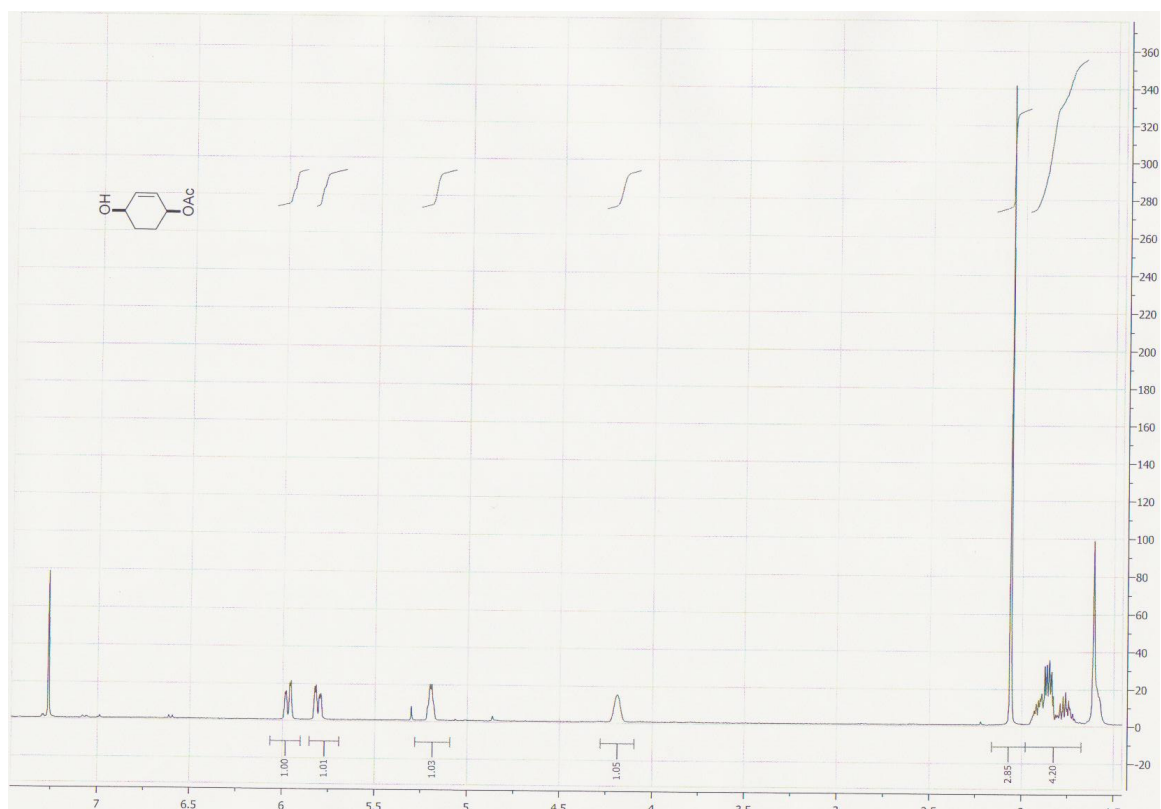


Compound 19

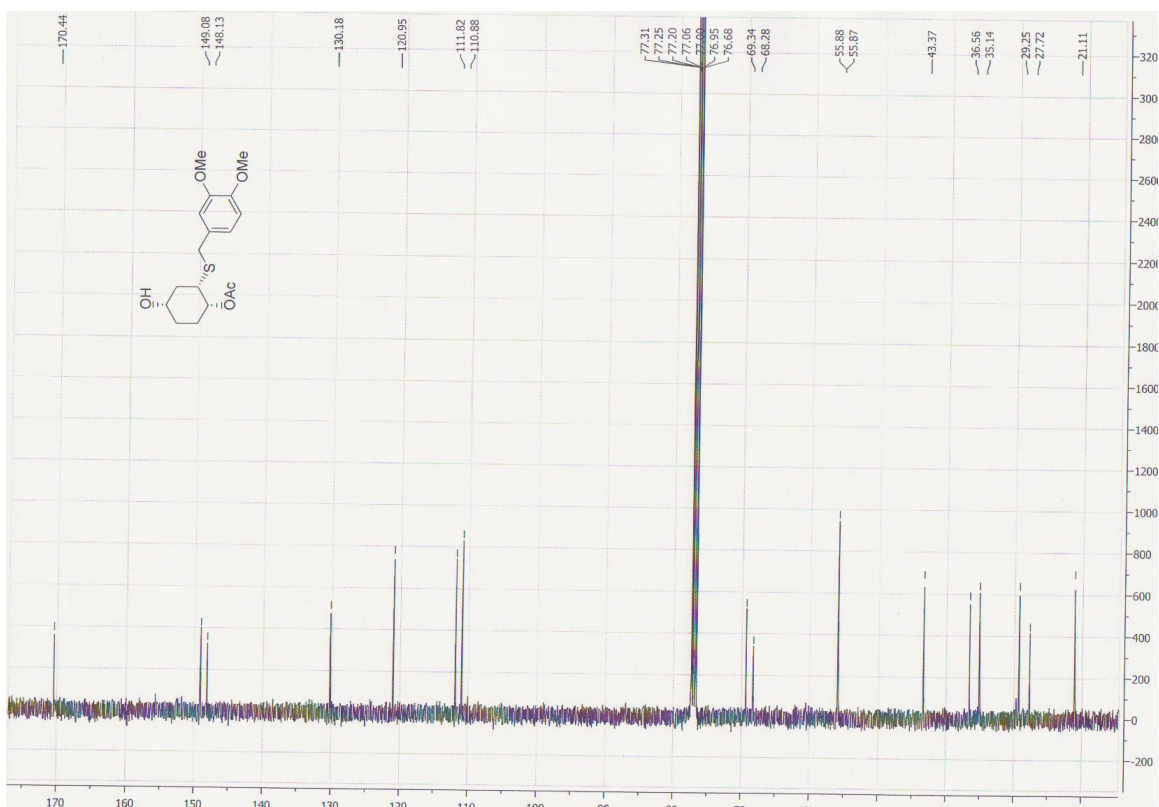
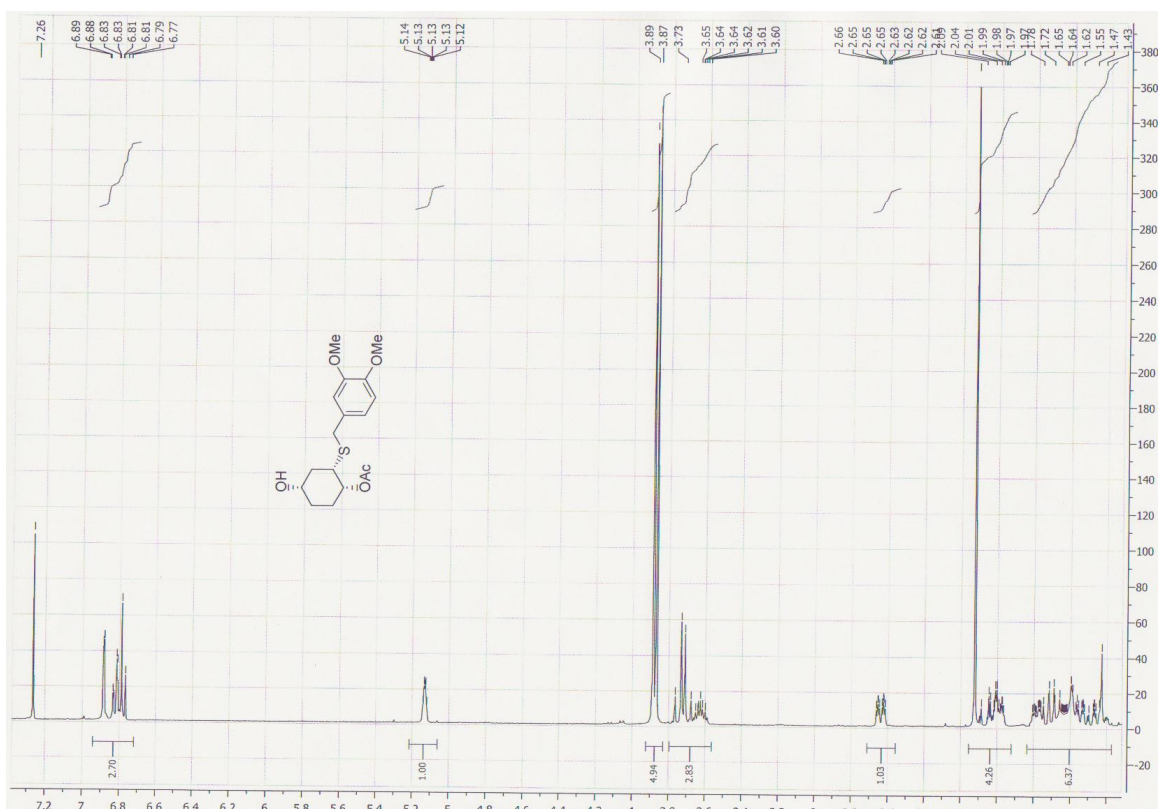




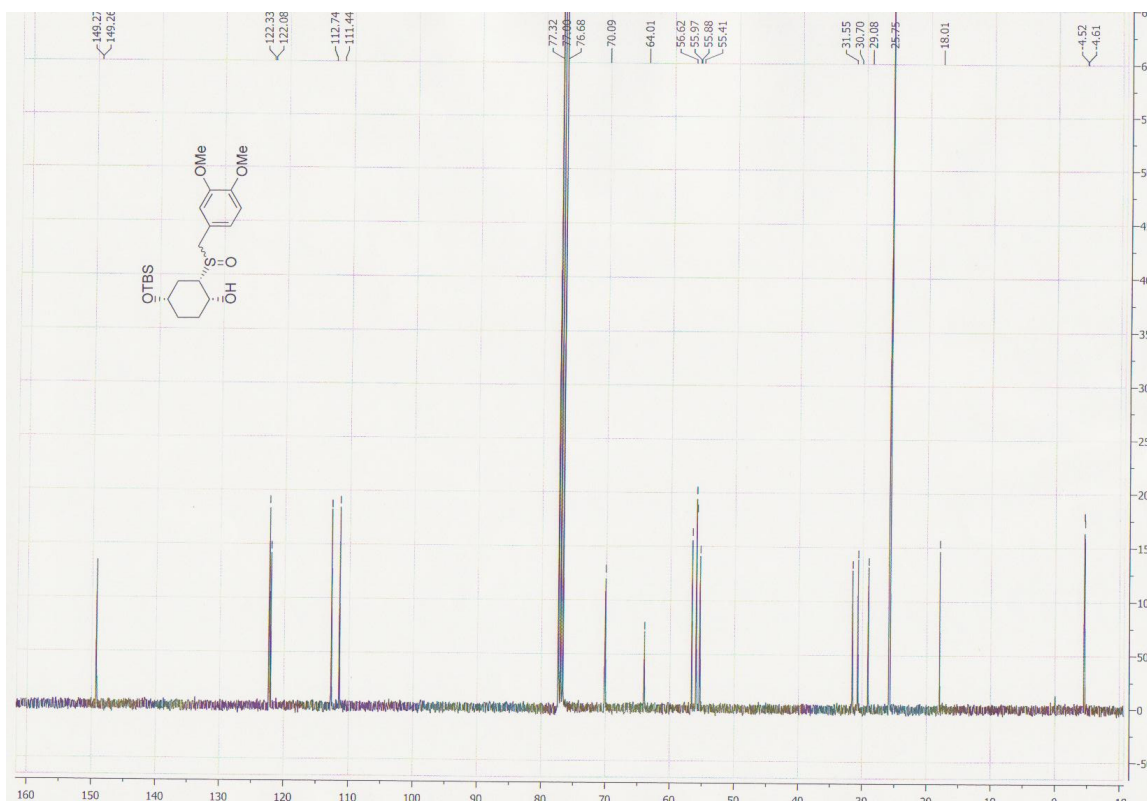
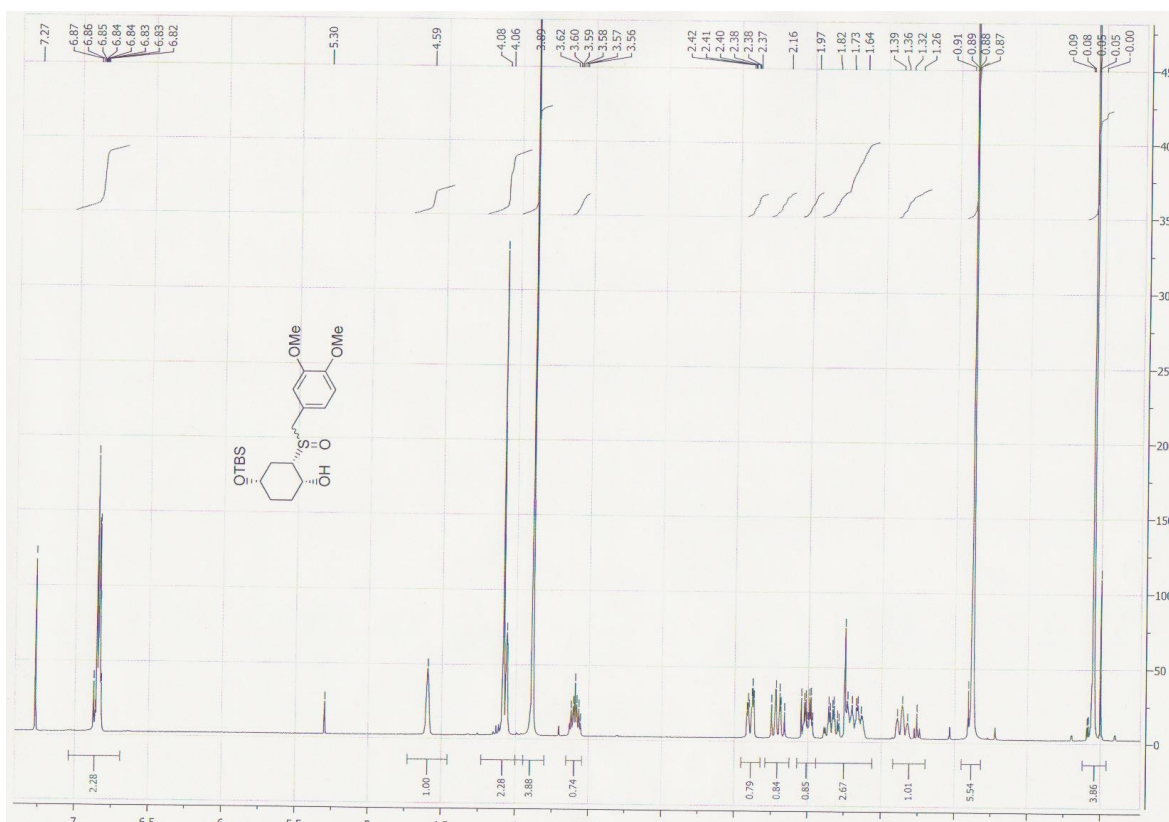
Compound 21



Compound 22



Compound 23



Compound 24

