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Highly Efficient Asymmetric Aldol Reaction in Brine Using Fluorous Sulfonamide Organocatalyst

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1. General Information.

 1 H NMR and 13 C NMR spectra were measured with a JEOL AL 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for 1 H NMR and 100 MHz for 13 C NMR), or JEOL ECA-500 spectrometer (500 MHz for 1 H NMR and 125 MHz for 13 C NMR). The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$) as an internal standard. For thin layer chromatographic (TLC) analyses, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, Art 5715) were used. The products were isolated by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Kanto Chemical, silica gel 60N, spherical, neutral, 40-50 μm).

2. Preparation of fluorous organocatalyst 4

2-1. Compound 9

To a solution of compound $\mathbf{8}^1$ (1.85 g, 2.54 mmol) in dry THF (18 mL) were added triethylamine (0.71 mL, 5.09 mmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (236 μL, 3.05 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 2.5 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was added to water and extracted three times with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. Hexane was added to the residue, and the precipitate was collected over grass filter. The precipitate was washed with hexane to give compound $\mathbf{9}$ (2.01 g, 98%) as a white powder. Mp 108-110 °C; [α]¹⁹_D = -7.3° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.42 (s, 9H), 2.08-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.79 (dd, J = 8.1, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.89 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 4.02 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (brs, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 4.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (brs, 1H), 4.72 (brs, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.7, 27.9 (t, ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.5 Hz), 28.3, 36.2, 37.2, 50.9, 66.3, 69.7, 80.0, 114.7, 128.9, 130.3, 155.1, 157.6; Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈F₁₇NO₆S: C, 38.77; H, 3.50; N, 1.74. Found: C, 38.52; H, 3.34; N, 1.75.

2-2. Compound 10

To a solution of compound **9** (1.99 g, 2.47 mmol) in dry DMF (15 mL) was added NaN₃ (241 mg, 3.71 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 3 days at 80 °C, the reaction mixture was added to water and extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with a 9:1 mixture of hexane and AcOEt to give the pure **10** (1.58 g, 85%) as a white powder. Mp 74-76 °C; $[\alpha]^{18}_{D} = -1.9^{\circ}$ (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.43$ (s, 9H), 2.07-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.84 (m, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 4.0, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.92 (brs, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (brs, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 20.6$, 27.9 (t, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 28.3, 37.2, 51.4, 53.0, 66.3, 79.8,

114.6, 129.5, 130.3, 155.1, 157.4; Anal. Calcd for $C_{25}H_{25}F_{17}N_4O_3$: C, 39.00; H, 3.35; N, 7.45. Found: C, 39.78; H, 3.18; N, 7.22.

2-3. Compound 11

To a solution of compound **10** (1.03 g, 1.36 mmol) in AcOEt (7 mL) was added 2.5 mL of a 4M solution of hydrochloric acid in AcOEt at 0 °C. After stirring for 3 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The residue was added to saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted three times with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with a 50:1 mixture of CHCl₃ and MeOH to give the pure **11** (879 mg, 99%) as a white powder. Mp 40-41 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D = +4.6^\circ$ (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.55$ (brs, 2H), 2.07-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.54 (dd, J = 7.7, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 5.3, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11-3.17 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 6.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H); 3.38 (dd, J = 3.9, 11.6 Hz, 1H); 4.03 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 20.6$, 27.9 (t, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 40.5, 52.5, 57.4, 66.3, 114.6, 130.2, 130.5, 157.3; Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₇F₁₇N₄O: C, 36.82; H, 2.63; N, 8.59. Found: C, 36.64; H, 2.53; N, 8.34.

2-4. Compound 12

To a solution of **11** (820 mg, 1.26 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (13 mL) was added triethylamine (700 μ L, 5.03 mmol) at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 5 min, trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (317 μ L, 1.89 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was additionally stirred for 7 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was added to water and extracted three times with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with CHCl₃ to give pure **12** (961 mg, 97%) as a white powder. Mp 61-62 °C; [α]¹⁶_D = +2.0° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.08-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.86 (dd, J = 8.6, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 5.7, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 3.4, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 4.6, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (brs, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (brs, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.5, 27.9 (t, ²J_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz), 38.1, 53.2, 55.9, 66.3, 115.0, 127.5, 130.5, 158.0; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₂₀N₄O₃S: C, 32.15; H, 2.06; N, 7.14. Found: C, 32.11; H, 2.10; N, 7.07.

2-5. Organocatalyst 4

To a solution of **12** (402 mg, 0.513 mmol) in THF (30 mL)-H₂O (10 mL) was added triphenylphosphine (161 mg, 0.615 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 22 h at 70 °C, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The residue was added to water and extracted three times with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with a 9:1:0.08 mixture of CHCl₃, MeOH, and H₂O to give the pure **4** (265 mg, 68%). White powder; mp 188-190 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -8.3^{\circ}$ (c 0.50, MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 2.01-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.79 (dd, J = 3.4, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 5.3, 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50-3.62 (m, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 21.7, 28.7 (t, ²J_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz), 42.2, 45.7, 57.4, 67.4, 115.7, 131.5, 131.7, 158.9; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈F₂₀N₂O₃S: C, 33.26; H, 2.39; N, 3.69. Found: C, 33.42; H, 2.45; N, 3.54.

3. Procedure for recycling and reusing fluorous organocatalyst 4 (Table 3):

A typical procedure of the aldol condensation using **4** and **5a** is as follows: To a colorless suspension of **5a** (90.7 mg, 0.60 mmol) and the organocatalyst **4** (22.7 mg, 0.030 mmol) in 1.2 mL of brine was added cyclohexanone (311 μ L, 3.00 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48h. The reaction mixture was chromatographed on fluorous silica gel with 70% methanol (MeOH-H₂O = 7:3). Next, the fluorous silica gel was eluted with methanol, and the methanol fraction was evaporated to recover the fluorous organocatalyst **4** (22.7 mg, 100%). The 70% methanol fractions were evaporated to a one-third to original volume. The residue was extracted three times with AcOEt. The AcOEt layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with a 2:1 mixture of hexane and AcOEt to afford the pure **7a** (122 mg, 82%) as a colorless powder.

All the aldol products in the paper are known compounds that exhibited spectroscopic data identical to those reported in the literature.²⁻⁵

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7a)^{2,3,5}:

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80:20), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; $\lambda = 254$ nm; t $_{minor} = 16.9$ min, t $_{major} = 19.1$ min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7b)³:

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = -19.2° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 94% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80:20), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 216 nm; t _{major} = 10.0 min, t _{minor} = 11.2 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-bromophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7c)^{2,3}:

 $[\alpha]^{24}_{D}$ = -19.9° (c 0.96, CHCl₃); 95% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 217 nm; t _{minor} = 28.0 min, t _{major} = 29.3 min.

$4-((S)-Hydroxy((R)-2-oxocyclohexyl)methyl)benzonitrile (7d)^2$:

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 70:30), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 234 nm; t_{major} = 12.9 min, t_{minor} = 16.2 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7e)^{2,3,5}:

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 225 nm; t_{minor} = 20.8 min, t_{major} = 27.8 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-(Hydroxyphenylmethyl)cyclohexan-1-one (7f)^{2,3,5}:

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = -20.8° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 94% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 95:5), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; λ = 210 nm; t _{minor} = 11.5 min, t _{major} = SI-5

16.4 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(2-nitrophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7g)^{2,5}:

 $[\alpha]^{17}_{D}$ = -14.9° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 96% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80:20), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 250 nm; t _{minor} = 13.9 min, t _{major} = 15.4 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(3-nitrophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one $(7h)^2$:

 $[\alpha]^{24}_{D} = -24.2^{\circ}$ (c 1.07, CHCl₃); 91% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 80:20), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 254 nm; t minor = 14.9 min, t major = 18.4 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7i)⁴:

 $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = -6.6° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 94% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AS column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; λ = 220 nm; t $_{minor}$ = 13.7 min, t $_{major}$ = 17.2 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7j)⁵:

 $[\alpha]^{24}_{D}$ = +32.9° (c 0.99, CHCl₃); 94% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 95:5), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; λ = 210 nm; t $_{major}$ = 9.5 min, t $_{minor}$ = 11.0 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenyl)methyl]cyclohexan-1-one (7k)⁵:

 $[\alpha]^{18}_{D} = +7.2^{\circ}$ (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 84% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AS-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; λ = 210 nm; t minor = 14.4 min, t major = 18.2 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]cycloheptan-1-one (7m)^{2,5}:

 $[\alpha]^{26}_{D}$ = +10.7° (c 1.08, CHCl₃); 73% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; λ = 254 nm; t $_{major}$ = 20.0 min, t $_{minor}$ = 47.9 min.

(2R,1'S)-2-[Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]cyclopentan-1-one (7m)^{2,5}:

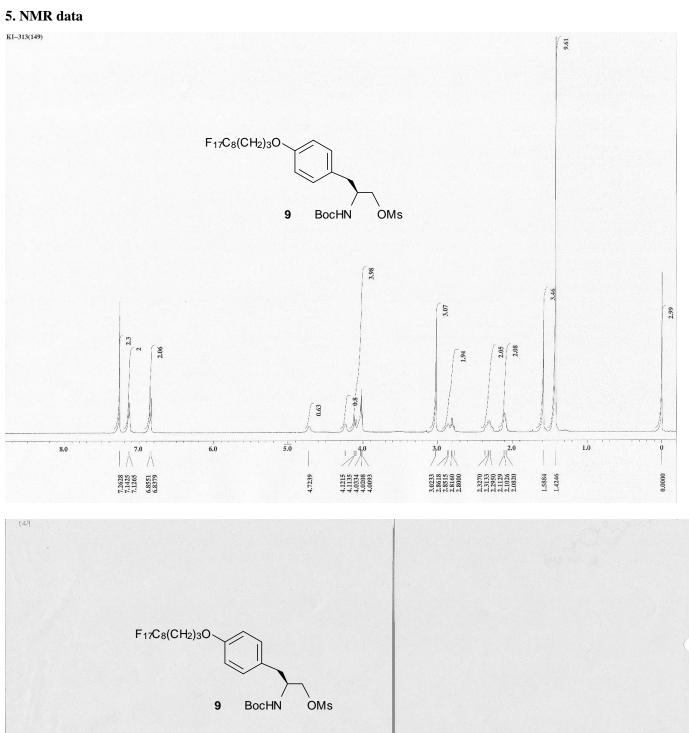
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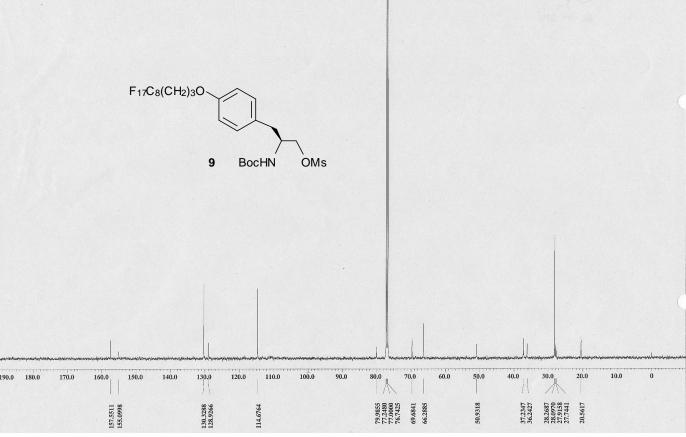
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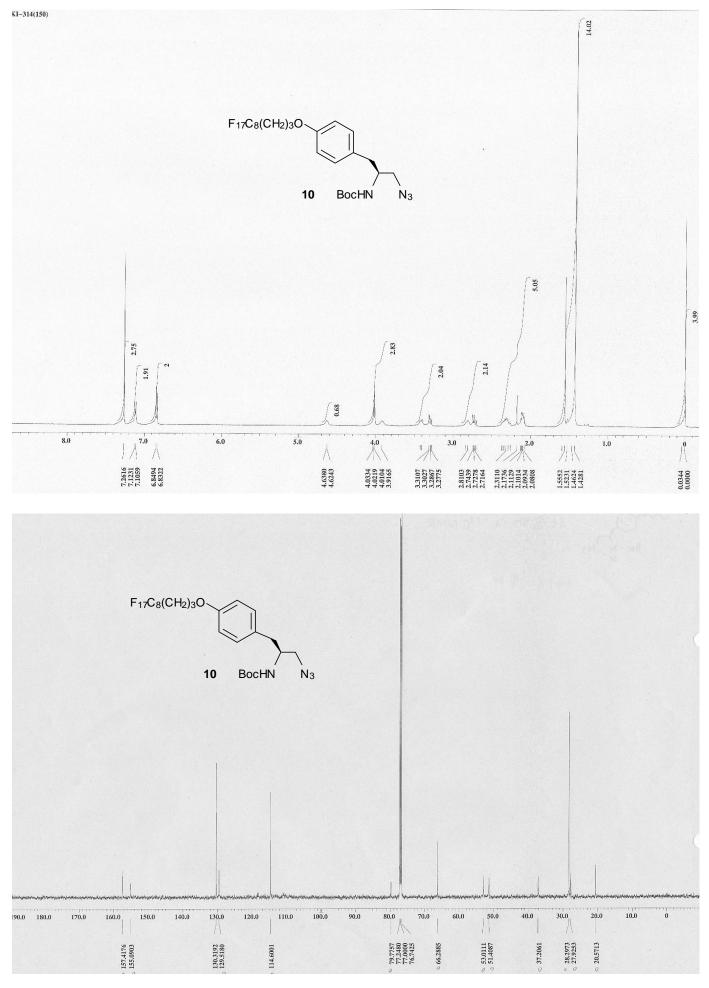
 $\left[\alpha\right]^{26}_{D}$ = -42.62° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); 70% ee; Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralcel OJ column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; λ = 266 nm; t $_{minor}$ = 32.0 min, t $_{major}$ = 36.0 min.

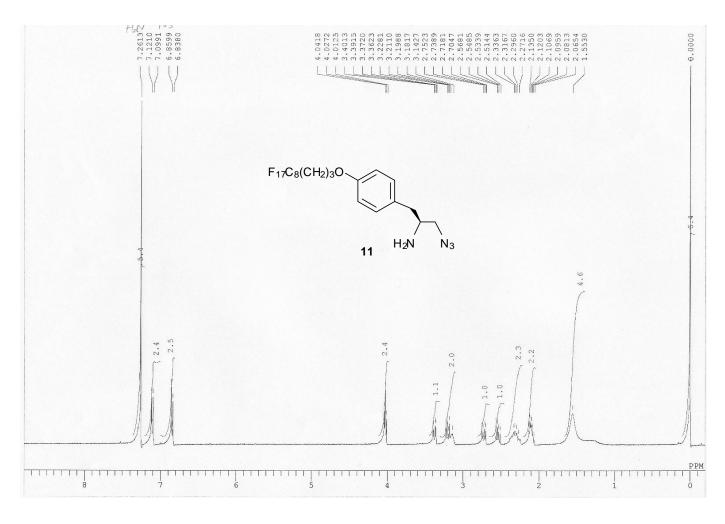
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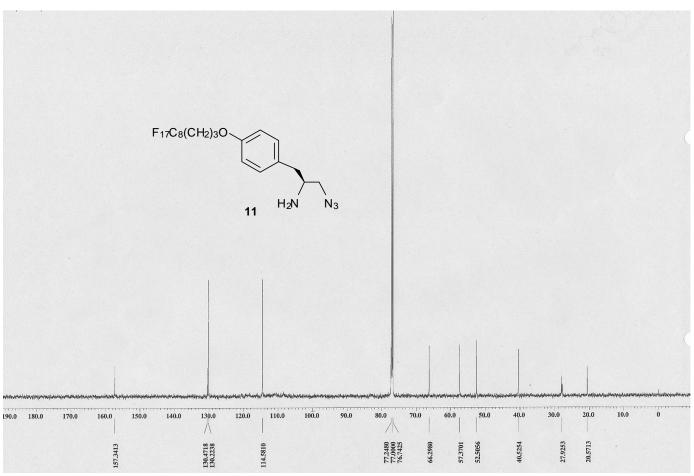
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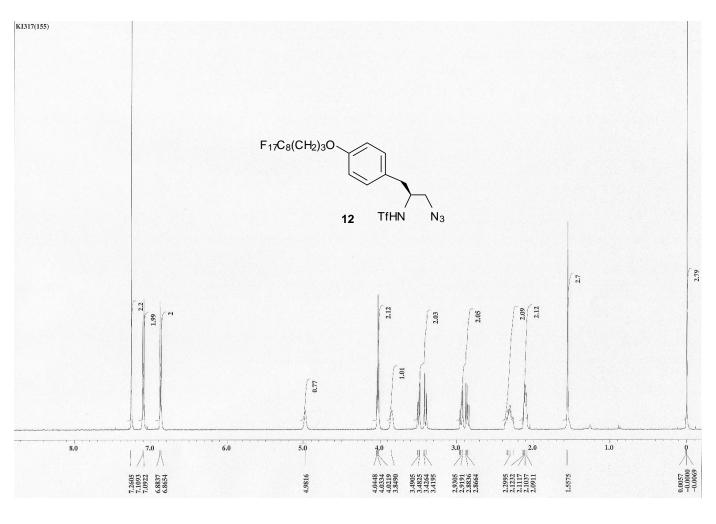


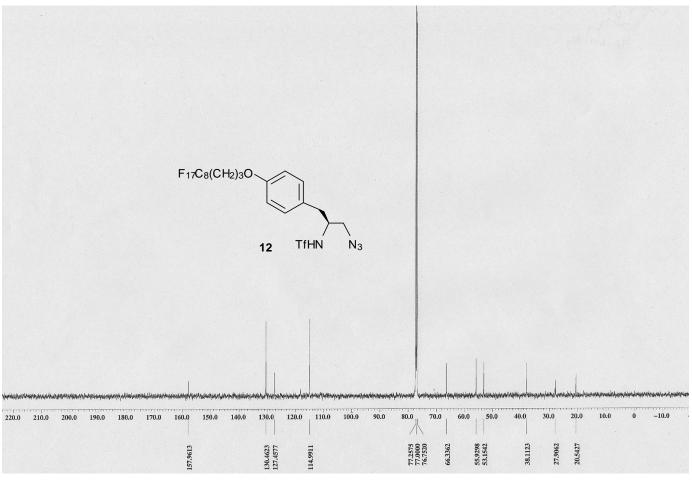


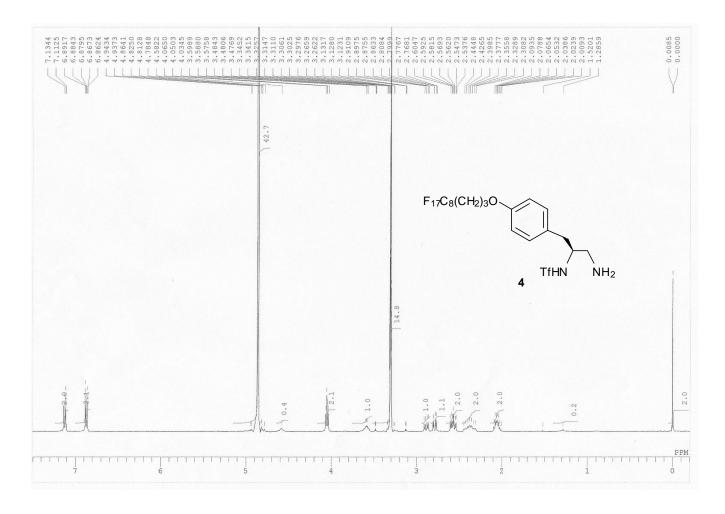


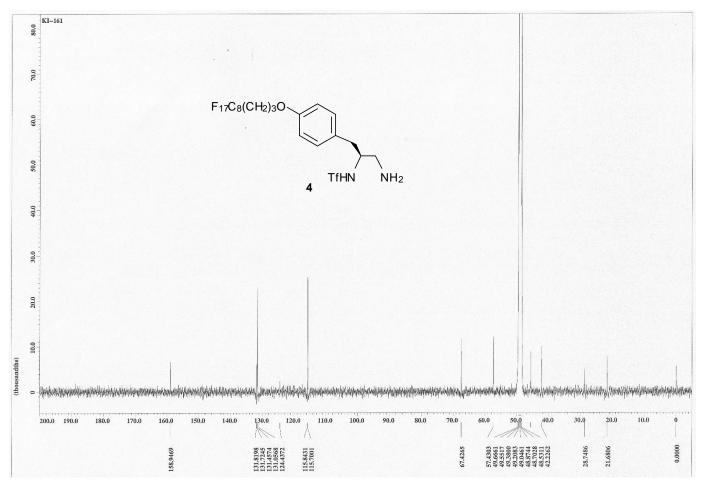


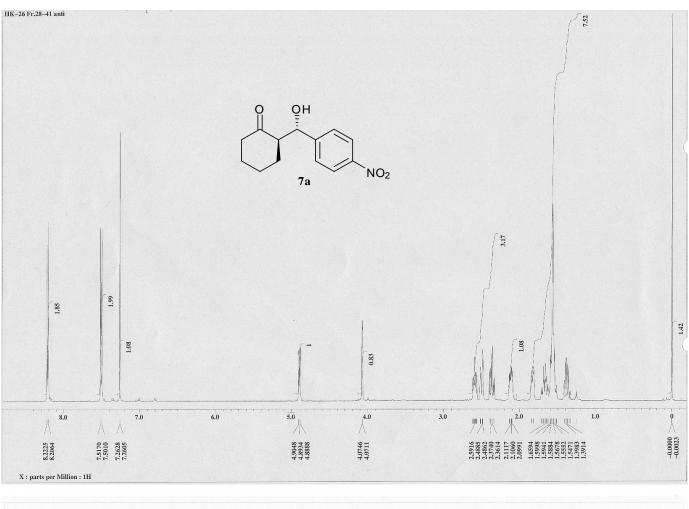


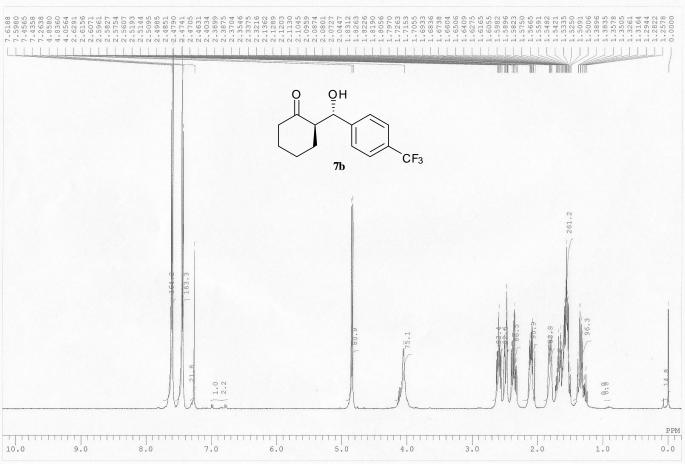


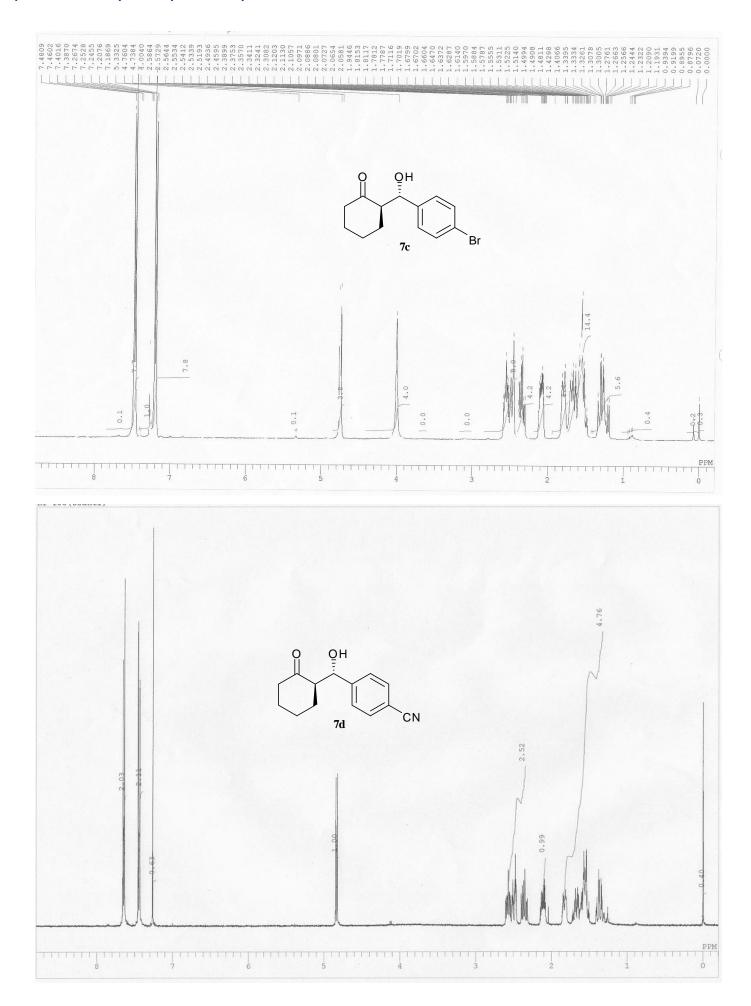


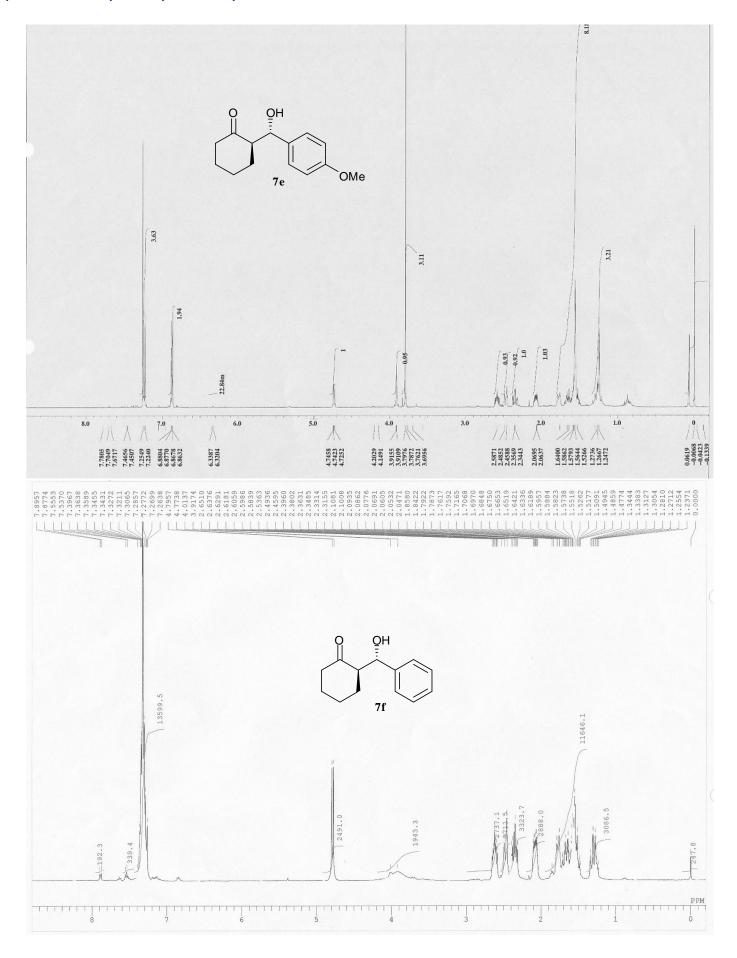




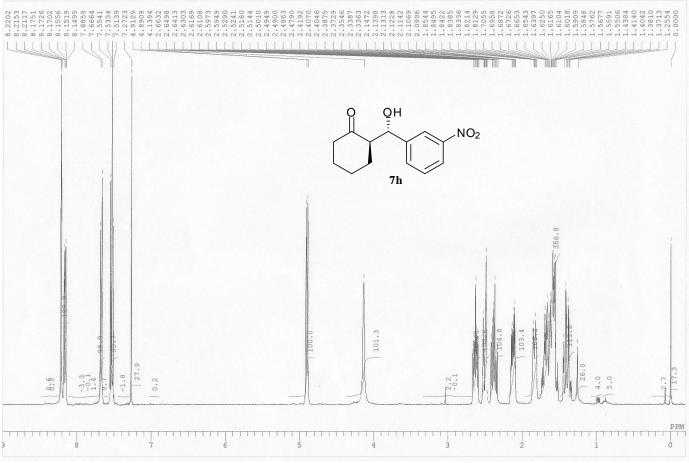


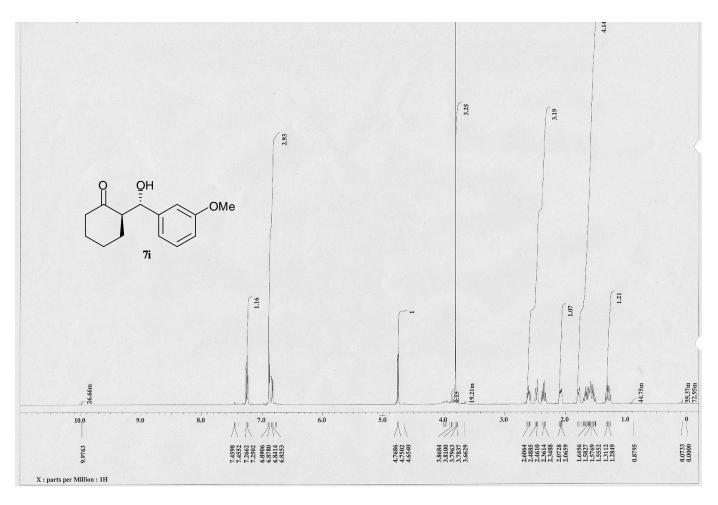




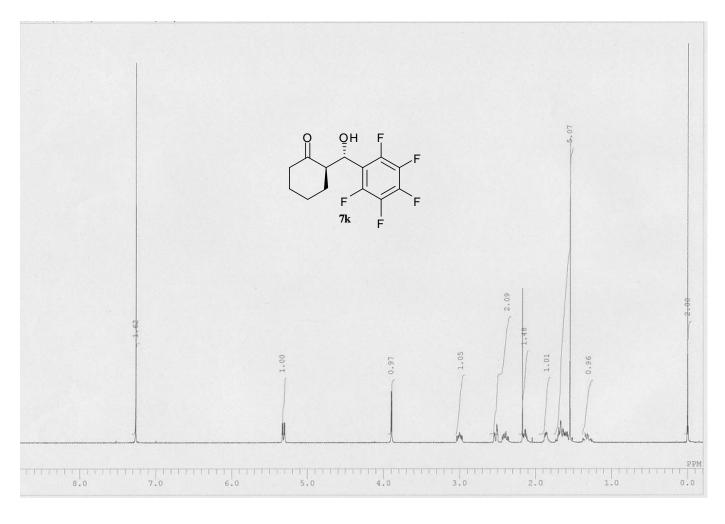


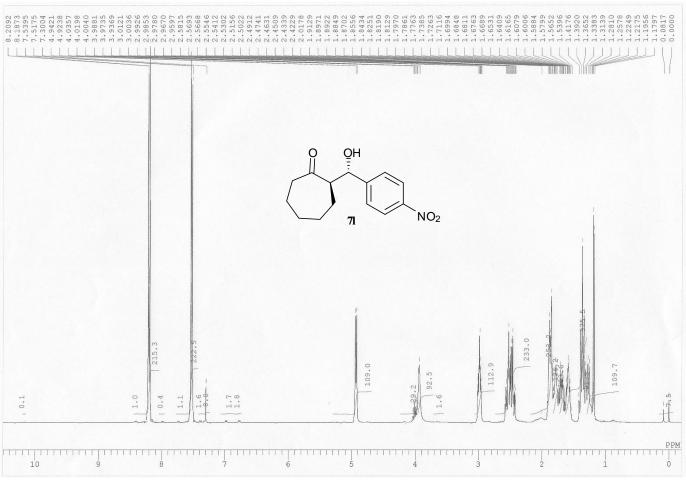


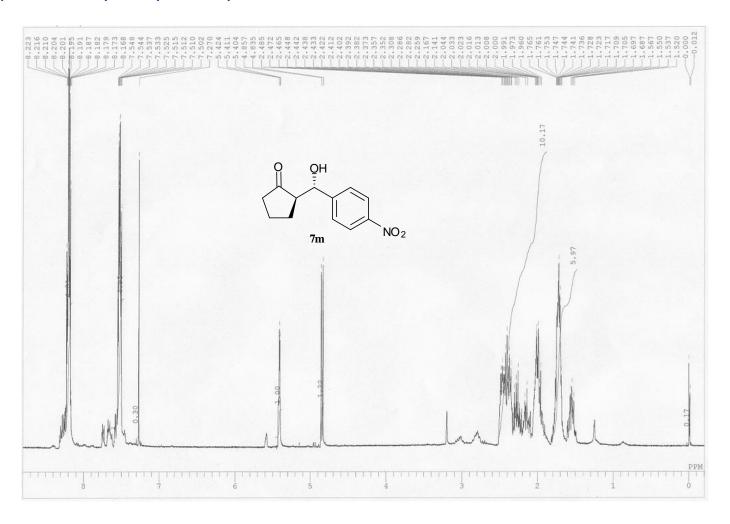


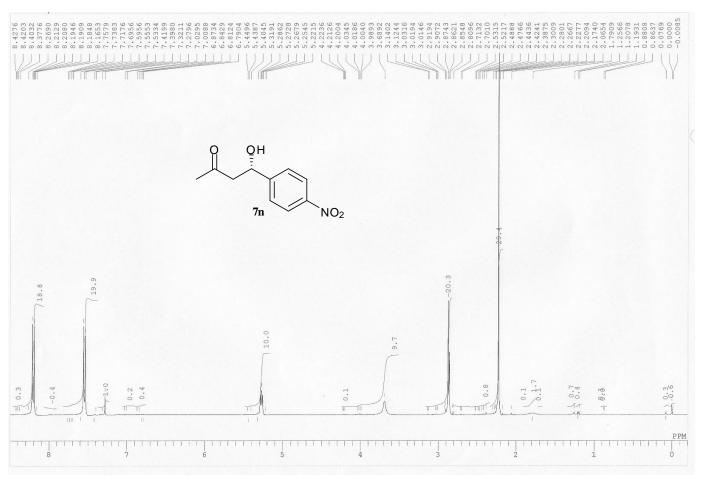












6. HPLC data

