

Supporting Information for

Highly Efficient Enantioselective Direct Aldol Reaction of α -Keto Esters Catalyzed by (S_a)-Binam-D-prolinamide under *quasi* Solvent-free Conditions.

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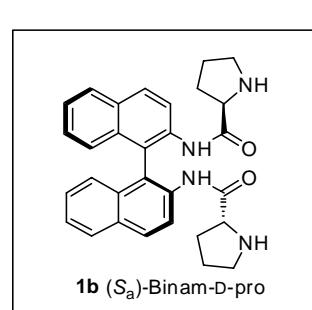
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General Information: Catalysts **1a-c** were prepared following the described procedures.^{1a,b} Dry DMF, dry toluene, dry CH₂Cl₂, piperidine and triethylamine and all others reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. Only the structural most important peaks of the IR spectra (recorded on a Nicolet Impact 400D) are listed. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were obtained on a Bruker AC-300 using CDCl₃ as solvent and TMS as internal standard, unless otherwise stated. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin Elmer 341 polarimeter. HPLC analyses were performed on a Agilent 1100 series equipped with a chiral column (detailed for each compound below), using mixtures of n-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (IPA) as mobile phase, at 25 °C. GC analyses were performed on a Agilent 7802A series equipped with a chiral column (detailed for each compound below). Analytical TLC was performed on Schleicher & Schuell F1400/LS silica gel plates and the spots were visualised under UV light ($\lambda=254$ nm). For flash chromatography we employed Merck silica gel 60 (0.063-0.2 mm). Elemental analysis was carried out in the Research Technical Services of the University of Alicante.

Description of catalyst:

(S_a)-BINAM-D-Pro (1b):



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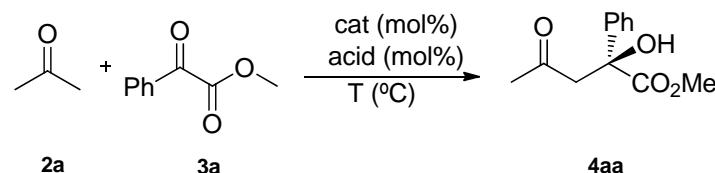
Pale yellow solid; $[\alpha]^{29}_D = +60.7$ (c 1, MeOH); Mp 120 °C (CHCl₃, Et₂O); $R_f = 0.21$ (EtOAc/MeOH 1:1); IR (KBr): ν 3466, 3345, 3203, 3055, 2970, 1668, 1591 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.19-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.99 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.66 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 9.1, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 8.82 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 9.73 (broad s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.2, 25.2, 30.7, 46.2, 60.7, 111.4, 118.1, 119.9, 120.2, 122.5, 123.6, 124.8, 125.1, 126.8, 126.9, 128.0, 128.3, 129.2, 129.9, 131.0, 132.3, 133.6, 135.2, 142.6, 173.9; HRMS (*m/z*): Cald for C₃₀H₃₀N₄O₂: 478,2525; found: 478,2501.

General procedure for the aldol reaction:

To a mixture of the corresponding α -ketoester **2** (0.25 mmol), catalyst (0.2 equiv.) and acid at the indicated temperature was added the corresponding ketone **3** (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv.). The reaction was stirred until the α -ketoester was consumed (monitored by TLC). Then, CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture and was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/AcOEt) to yield the pure product **4**.

Optimization of the reaction conditions

TABLE 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions between acetone (**2a**) and 2-phenyl-2-oxoacetate (**3a**).^a



Entry	Cat.	Acid (mol%)	Solvent (mL)	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (%) ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	1a	AcOH (150)	Acetone (0.5)	25	17	90	16 (<i>R</i>)
2	1a	AcOH (150)	-	25	17	90	15 (<i>R</i>)
3	1a	AcOH (20)	-	25	17	93	4 (<i>R</i>)
4	1a	AcOH (150)	-	0	24	95	32 (<i>R</i>)
5	<i>ent</i> - 1a	AcOH (150)	-	0	24	98	36 (<i>S</i>)
6	1b	AcOH (150)	-	0	48	96	56 (<i>S</i>)
7	1c	AcOH (150)	-	0	48	75	0
8	1b	AcOH (150)	-	-20	48	95	56 (<i>S</i>)
9	1b	AcOH (100)	-	0	48	90	60 (<i>S</i>)
10	1b	AcOH (300)	-	0	48	90	60 (<i>S</i>)
11	1b	AcOH (100)	H ₂ O (0.125)	0	96	50	42 (<i>S</i>)
12	1b	AcOH (100)	Hexane (0.125)	0	48	50	64 (<i>S</i>)
13	1b	AcOH (100)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ (0.125)	0	96	80	62 (<i>S</i>)
14	1b	AcOH (100)	THF (0.125)	0	96	75	32 (<i>S</i>)
15	1b	AcOH (100)	MeOH (0.125)	0	96	40	20 (<i>S</i>)
16	1b	AcOH (100)	-	25	30	84	16 (<i>S</i>)
17	1b	Me ₃ CCO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	95	0
18	1b	ICH ₂ CO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	97	60 (<i>S</i>)
19	1b	ClCH ₂ CO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	95	62 (<i>S</i>)
20	1b	BrCH ₂ CO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	98	50 (<i>S</i>)
21	1b	Cl ₂ CHCO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	40	30 (<i>S</i>)
22	1b	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (100)	-	25	30	40	16 (<i>S</i>)
23	1b	Cl ₂ CHCO ₂ H (100)	-	0	72	82	70 (<i>S</i>)

^a The reaction was carried out using 5 equiv of acetone (otherwise stated), 20 mol% of catalyst, the indicated amount of acid as co-catalysts at the indicated temperature. ^b Isolated yield after column chromatography. ^c Determined by HPLC

General procedure for the solvent-free aldol reaction catalysed by **1b**:

To a mixture of the corresponding α -ketoester **3** (0.25 mmol), catalyst **1b** (0.024 g, 0.05 mmol, 0.2

equiv.) and chloroacetic acid (0.024 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.) at 0 °C was added the corresponding ketone **2** (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv.). The reaction was stirred until the α -ketoester was consumed (monitored by TLC). Then, CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture and was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/AcOEt) to yield the pure product **4**.

Spectra and HPLC data of aldol products:

(S)-Methyl 2-hydroxy-4-oxo-2-phenylpentanoate (**6aa**).²

White solid; Mp = 56 °C (EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 2.21 (s, 3H, CH₃C=O), 3.01 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.56 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 4.43 (s, 1H, OH), 7.28-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 30.6 (CH₃C=O), 52.9 (CH₂), 53.1 (CO₂CH₃), 76.3 (C-OH), 124.8 (ArCH), 128.0 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 140.1 (ArC), 174.3 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 207.8 (C=O); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 80/20, 0.8 mL/min), t_R 9.508 (minor), t_R 11.189 (major).

(S)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-oxo-2-phenylpentanoate (**6ab**).²

White solid; Mp = 60 °C (EtOAc); R_f = 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 2.20 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.02 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.55 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.39 (s, 1H, OH), 7.27-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.65 (m, 2H, ArH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 13.9 (OCH₂CH₃), 30.6 (CH₃C=O), 53.0 (CH₂), 62.2 (OCH₂CH₃), 76.5 (C-OH), 124.8 (ArCH), 128.0 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArC), 140.3 (ArC), 173.8 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 207.6 (C=O); HPLC (Chiralcel ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 0.8 mL/min), t_R 21.090 (minor), t_R 26.470 (major).

(S)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopentanoate (**6ac**).³

Colorless oil; R_f = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 1.39 (s, 3H, CH₃C=O), 2.17 (s, 3H, CH₃COH), 2.81 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.13 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.82 (s, 1H, OH), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 14.0 (OCH₂CH₃), 26.1 (CH₃COH), 30.5 (CH₃C=O), 52.2 (CH₂), 61.7 (OCH₂CH₃), 72.4 (COH), 175.7 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 207.7 (C=O); GC (Lipodex E, 50 m, 0.25 mm, T = 100 °C, P = 14.3 psi), t_R 70.6 (minor), t_R 84.3 (major).

(S)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxopentanoate (**6ad**).²

White solid; Mp = 67 °C (EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH₃C=O), 3.01 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.57 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.53 (s, 1H, OH), 7.80 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.22 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, ArH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 13.8 (OCH₂CH₃), 30.5 (CH₃C=O), 52.8 (CH₂), 62.8 (OCH₂CH₃), 76.1 (COH), 123.5 (ArCH), 126.0 (ArCH), 147.2 (Ar), 147.6 (ArC), 172.7 (CO₂), 206.8 (C=O); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 0.6 mL/min), t_R 21.427 (minor), t_R 23.833 (major).

(R)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)pentanoate (**6ae**).⁴

Colorless oil; R_f = 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H,

OCH₂CH₃), 2.20 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 3.20 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.51 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.45 (s, 1H, OH), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.36–7.22 (m, 1H, ArH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 13.9 (OCH₂CH₃), 30.5 (CH₃C=O), 53.6 (CH₂), 62.6 (OCH₂CH₃), 74.8 (COH), 123.7 (ArCH), 125.3 (ArCH), 127.0 (ArCH), 145.1 (ArC), 172.8 (CO₂), 206.2 (C=O); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 0.6 mL/min), *t_R* 21.218 (major), *t_R* 26.330 (minor).

(S)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxohexanoate (6bd).

Yellow solid; Mp = 55 °C (EtOAc); $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ = 47 (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); *R_f* = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ (KBr) 3485, 3112, 2981, 1730, 1605, 1593, 1516, 1403, 1341, 1268, 1109, 855 cm⁻¹; δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, OCCH₂CH₃), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 2.40–2.66 (m, 2H, OCCH₂CH₃), 2.99 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.54 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.60 (s, 1H, OH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArCH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 7.2 (O=CCH₂CH₃), 13.8 (OCH₂CH₃), 36.5 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH₂), 63.3 (OCH₂CH₃), 76.2 (C-OH), 123.7 (ArH), 126.3 (ArH), 147.0 (Ar), 147.8 (Ar), 172.4 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 200.3 (C=O); HRMS-DIP (m/z): [M⁺-CO₂Et] calcd for C₁₃H₁₂NO₄ 222.0766; found: 222.0765. HPLC (Chiralcel ODH, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 0.5 mL/min), *t_R* 22.902 (minor), *t_R* 31.025 (major).

(R)-ethyl 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxopentanoate (7cd).

Brown oil; $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ = -124 (*c* 1.17, CHCl₃); *R_f* = 0.30 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3); IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ (film) 3335, 3192, 2964, 2869, 1676, 1592; δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 2.15 (s, 3H, O=CCH₃), 3.46 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.20 (s, 1H, OH), 4.26 (s, 1H, CHOCH₃), 4.35 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArCH), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArCH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 14.1 (OCH₂CH₃), 27.7 (O=CCH₃), 59.5 (OCH₃), 63.6 (OCH₂CH₃), 80.0 (C-OH), 90.3 (HCOCH₃), 123.2 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 143.1 (ArC), 147.8 (ArC), 171.1 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 207.7 (C=O); HRMS-DIP (m/z): [M⁺-COMe] calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NO₆ 268.0821; found: 268.0828. HPLC (Chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 0.5 mL/min), *t_R* 59.164 (minor), *t_R* 31.471 (major).

(S)-ethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxy-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxopentanoate (6dd).

Colorless solid; Mp = 95 °C (EtOAc); $[\alpha]^{25}_D$ = -185 (*c* 1, CHCl₃); *R_f* = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAC 7:3) IR $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ (film) 3475, 3108, 3077, 3000, 2939, 1734, 1722, 1686, 1593, 1516, 1403, 1341, 1268, 1101, 859; δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃), 3.22 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.63 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.14 (s, 2H, ClCH₂CO), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.33 (s, 1H, OH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.24 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArH); δ_c (75 MHz; CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 13.9 (CH₃), 48.3 (CH₂), 49.3 (ClCH₂), 63.3 (OCH₂CH₃), 76.0 (C-OH), 123.4 (ArCH), 126.1 (ArCH), 147.0 (ArC), 147.8 (ArC), 172.7 (CO₂CH₂CH₃), 200.3 (CO); HRMS-DIP (m/z): [M⁺-CO₂Et] calcd for C₁₀H₉ClNO₄ 243.0220; found 243.10218; HPLC (Chiralpak AD, n-hexane/i-PrOH: 90/10, 1.0 mL/min), *t_R* 21.344 (minor), *t_R* 31.130 (mayor).

(S)-ethyl 5-(benzyloxy)-2-hydroxy-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxopentanoate (6ed).

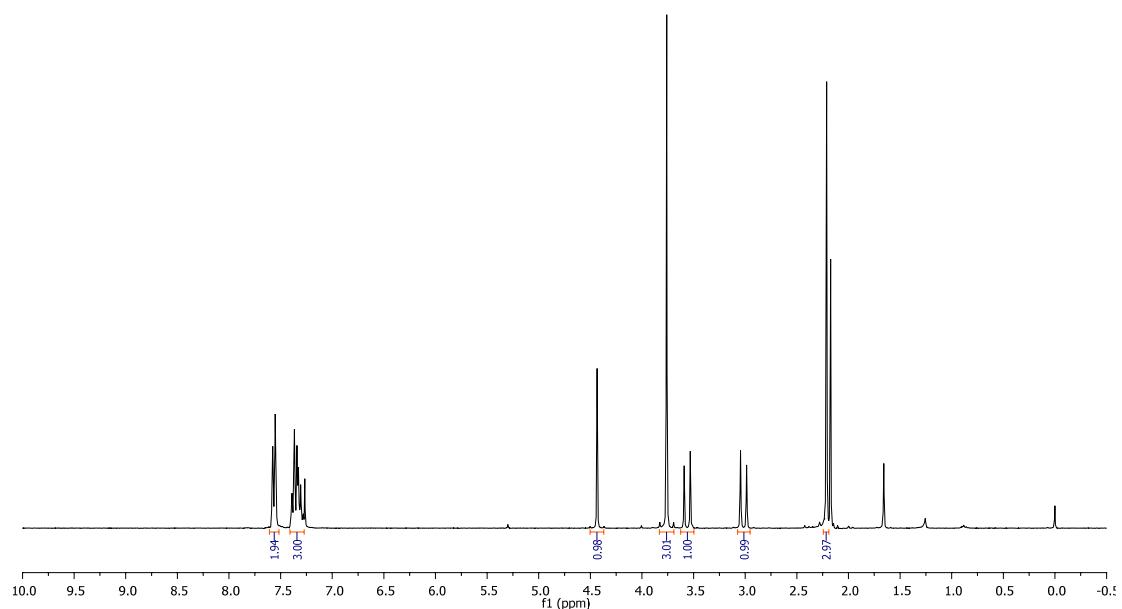
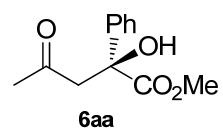
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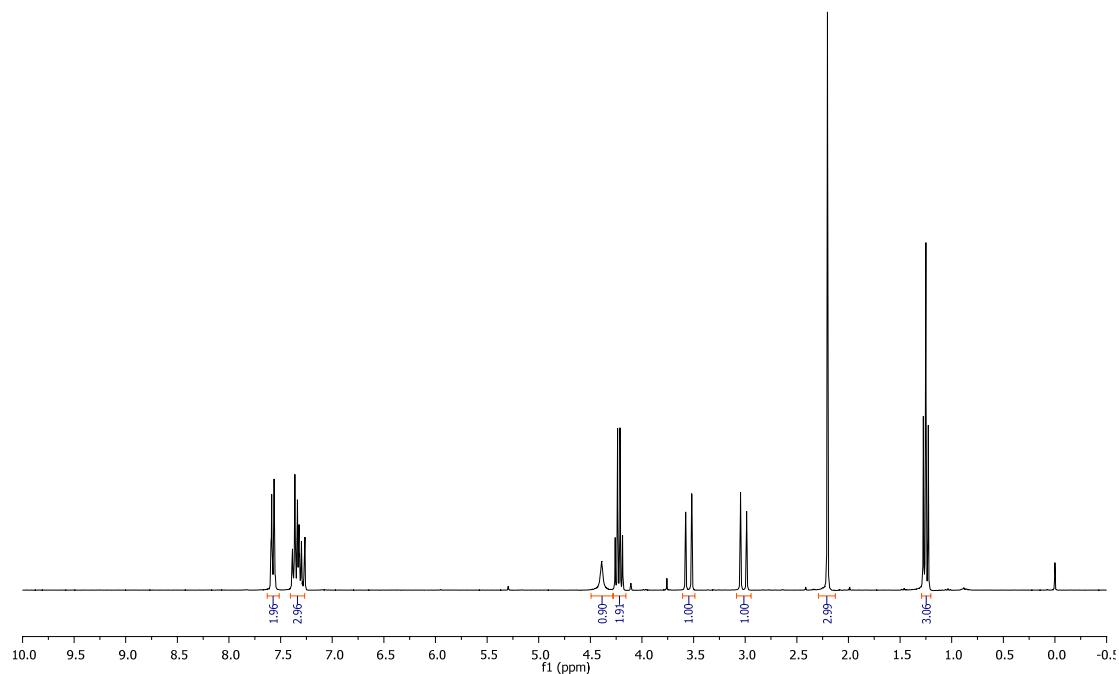
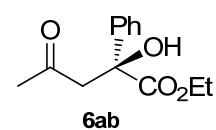
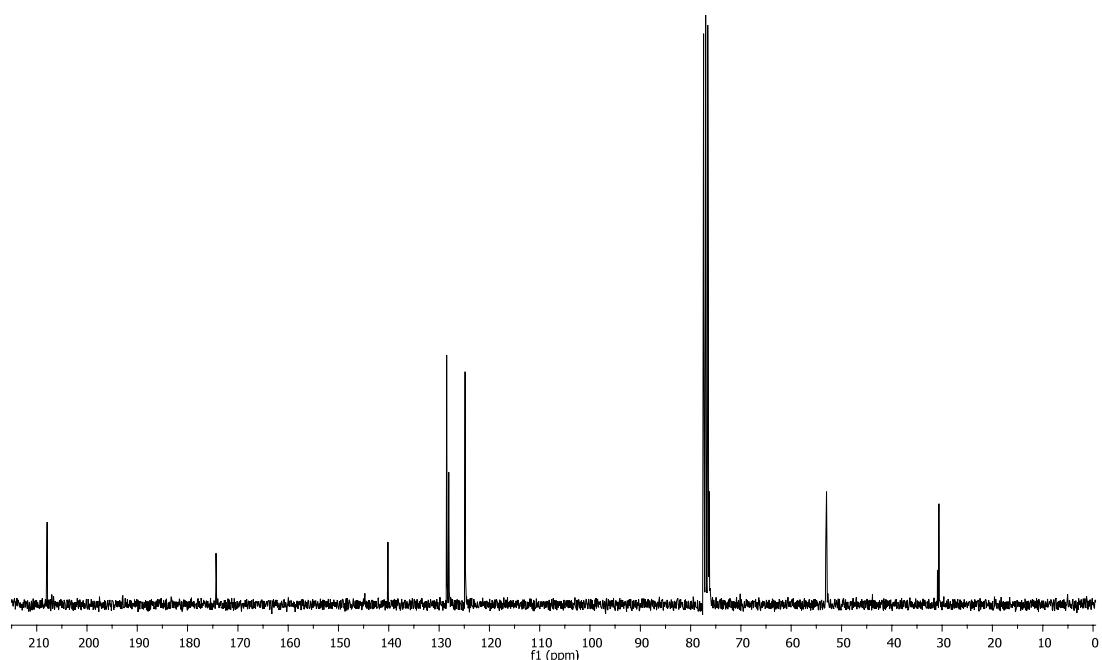
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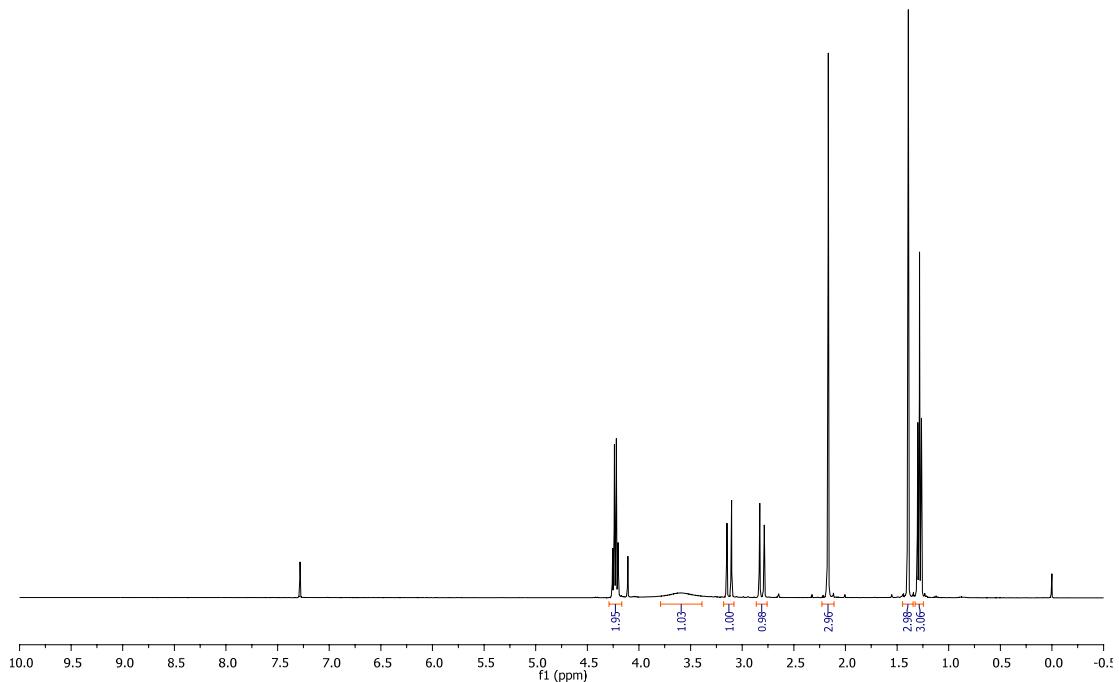
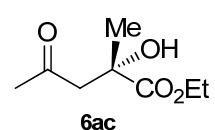
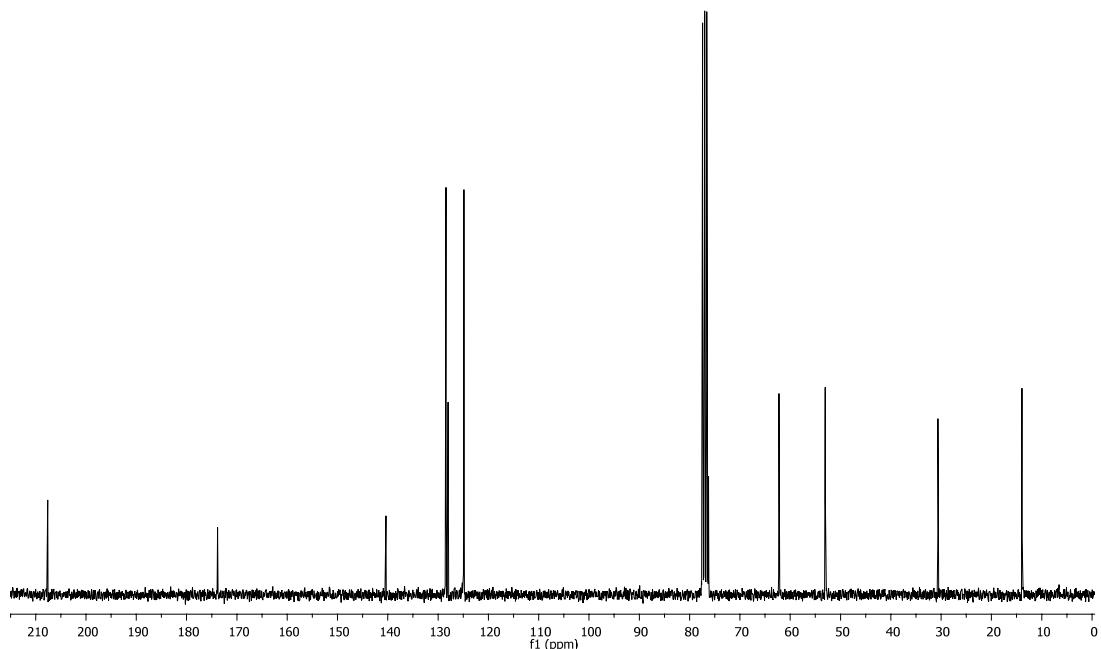
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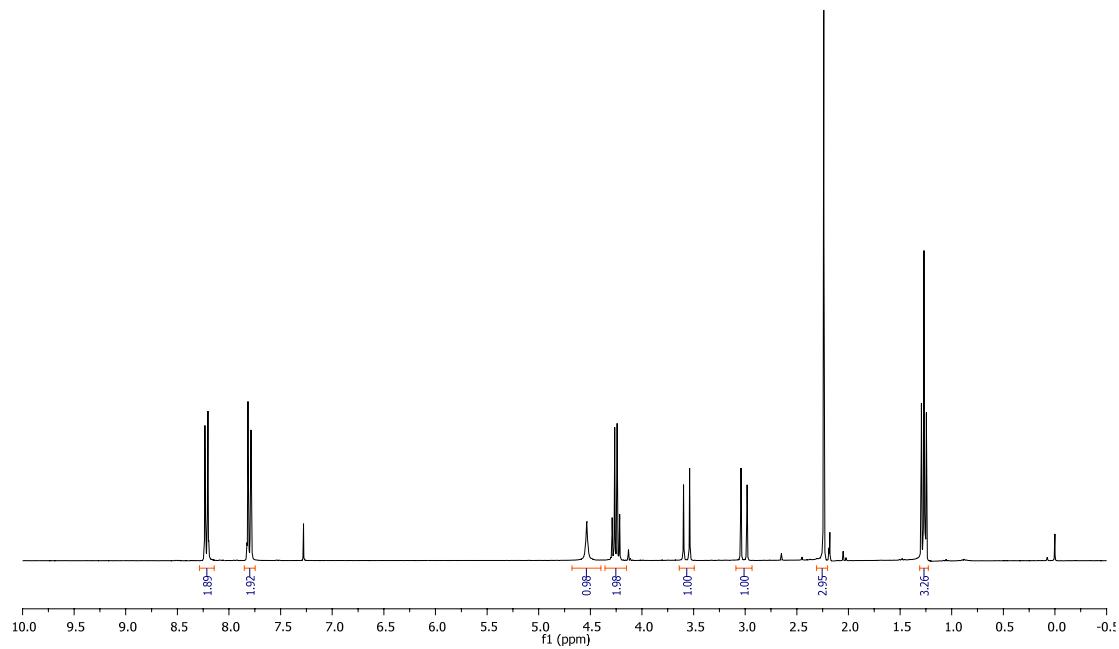
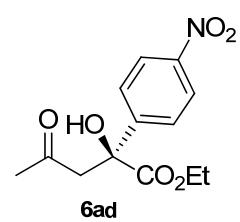
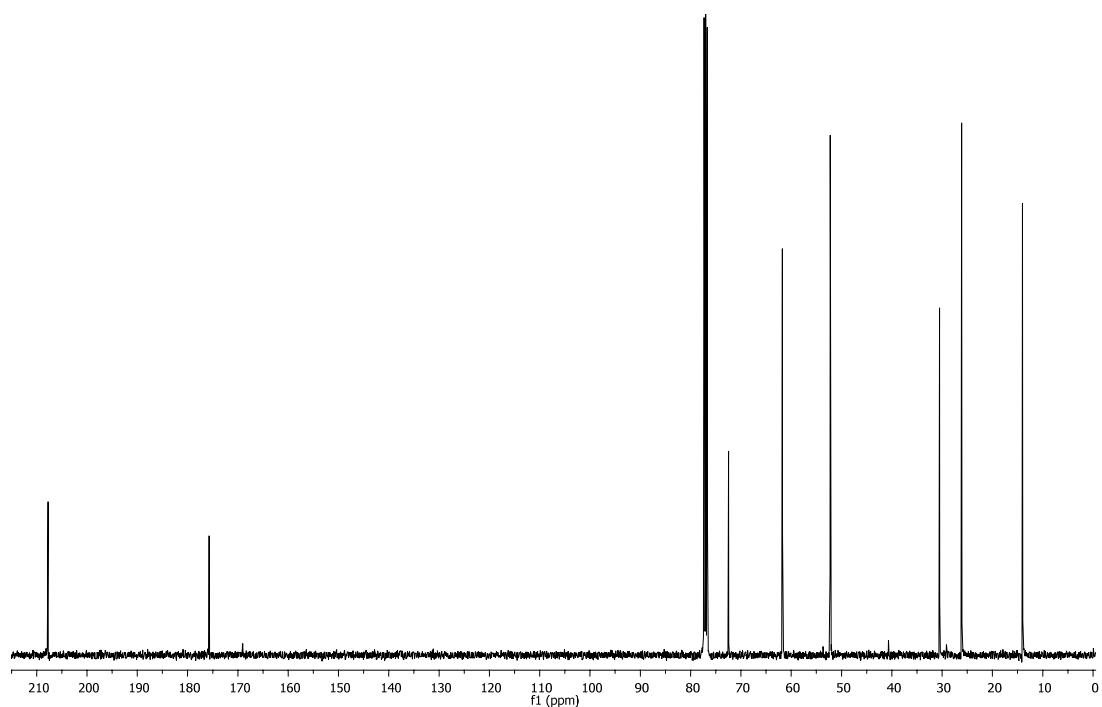
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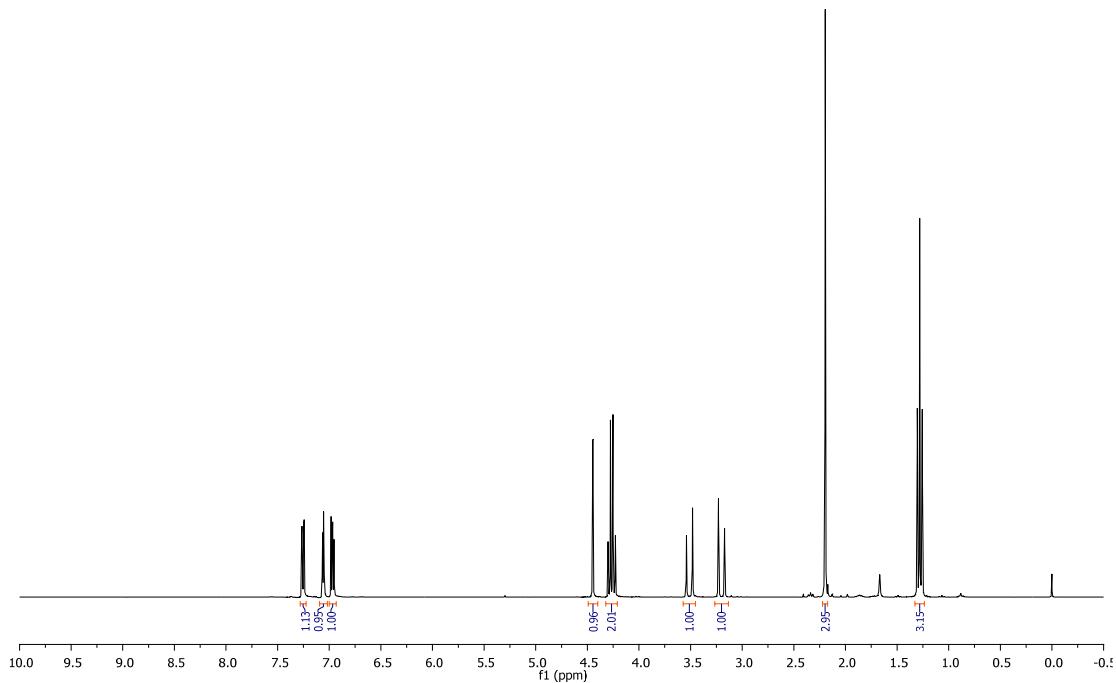
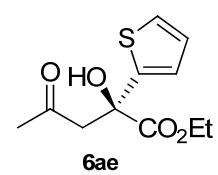
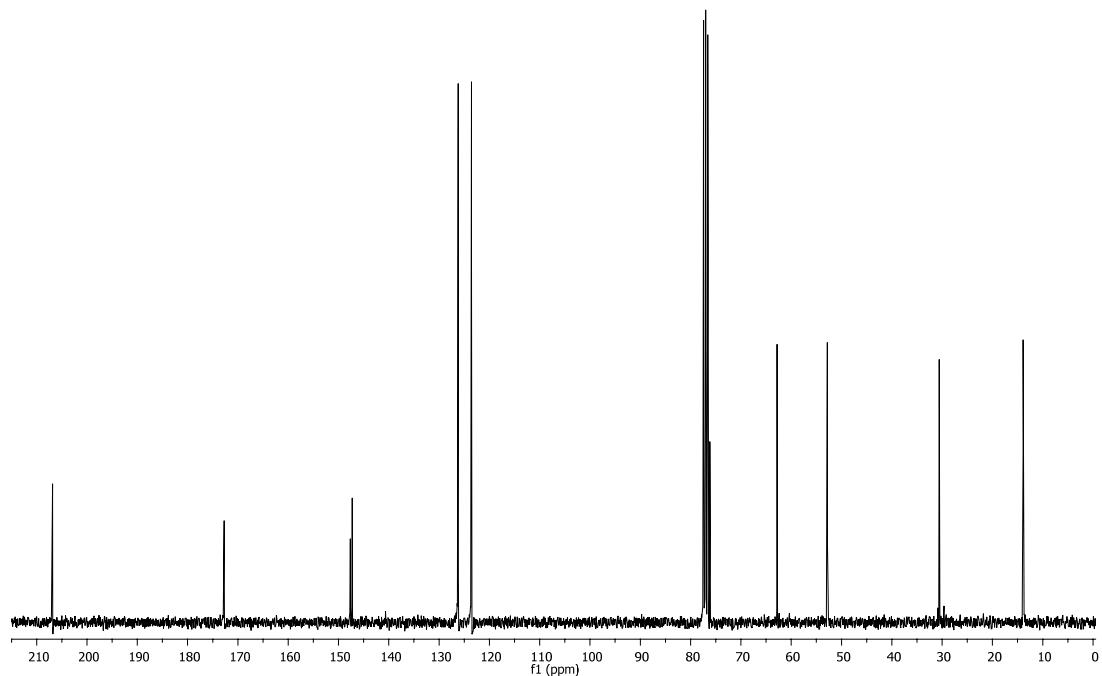
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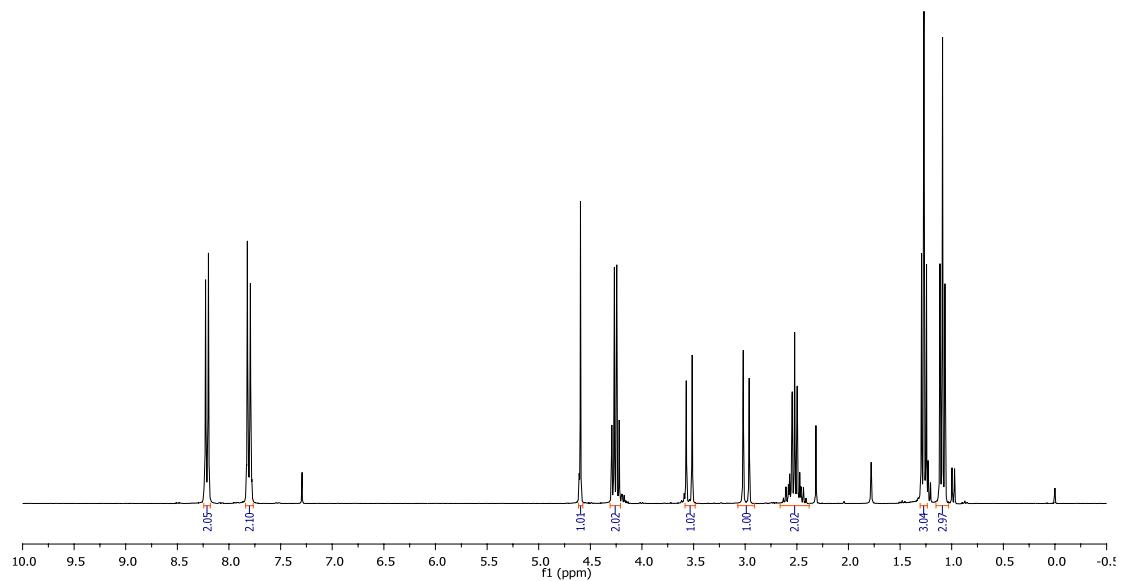
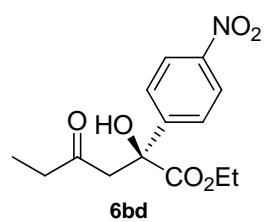
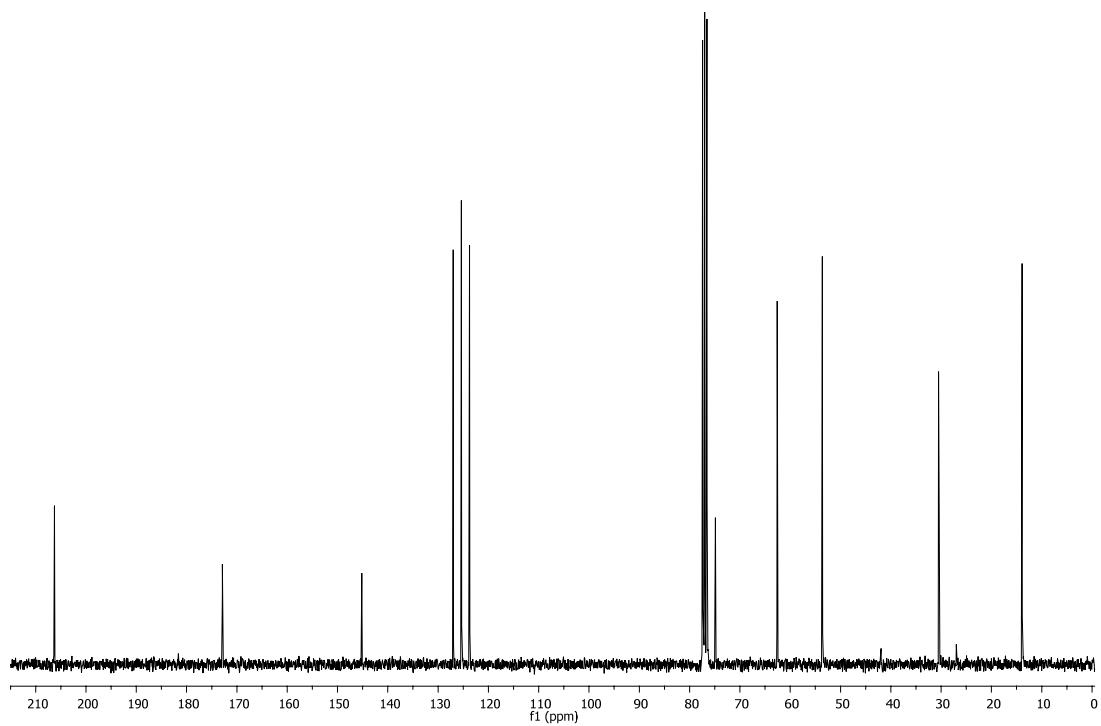


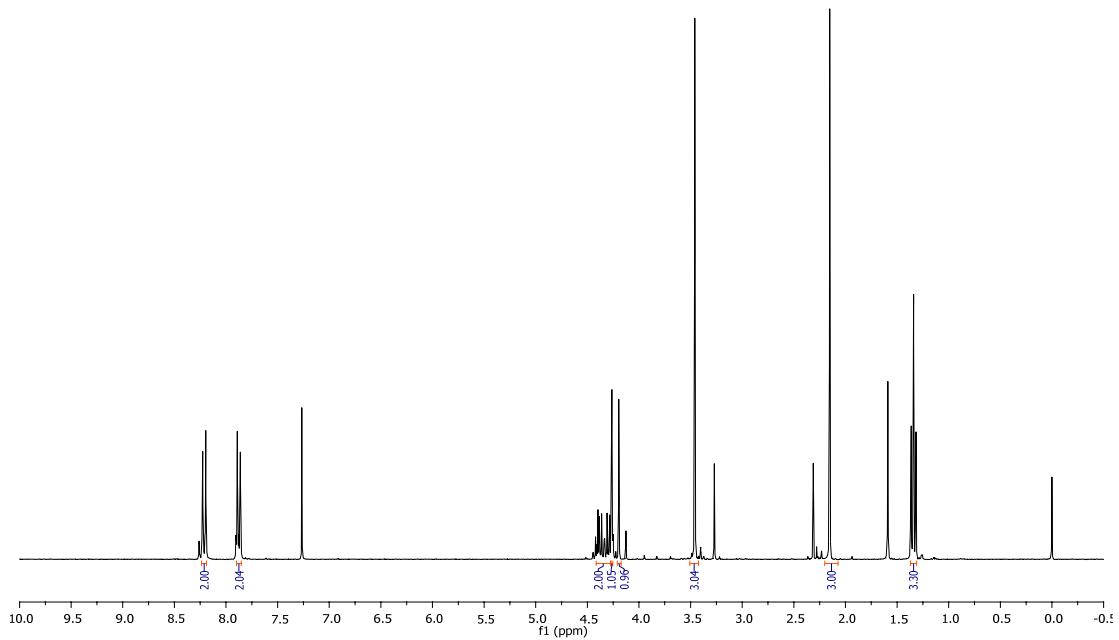
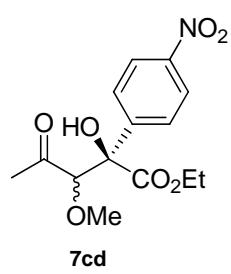
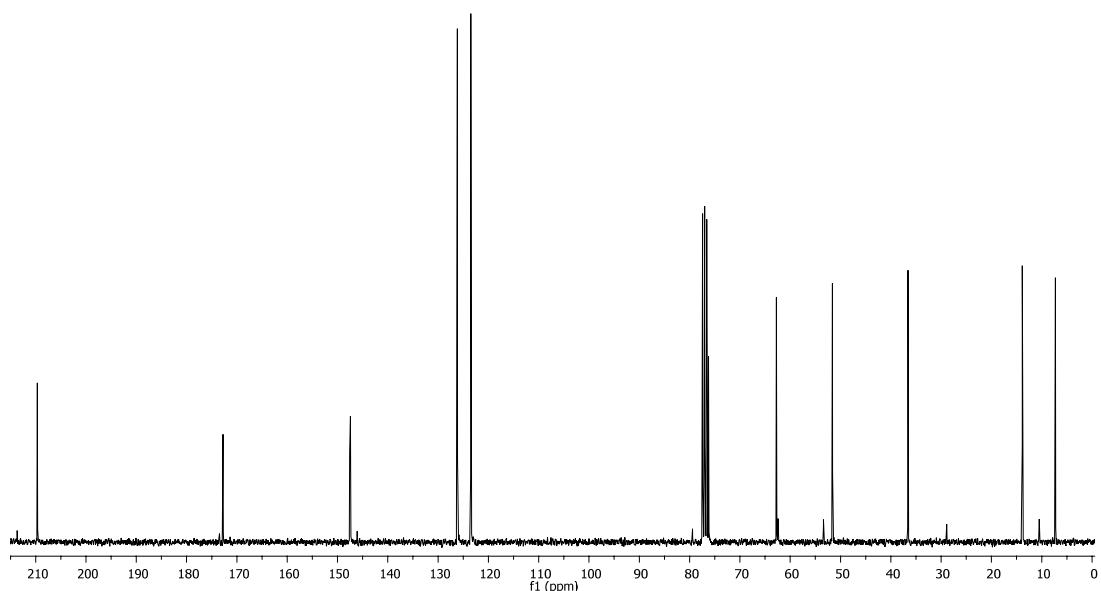


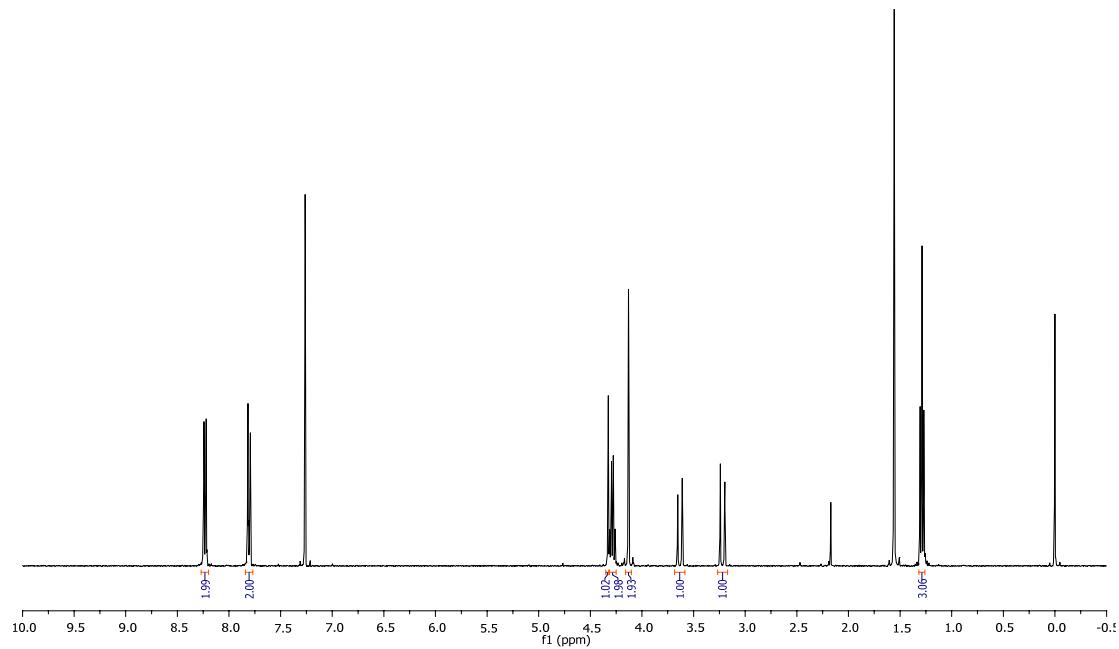
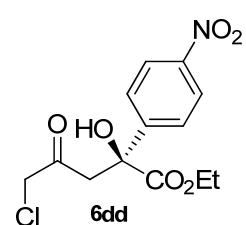
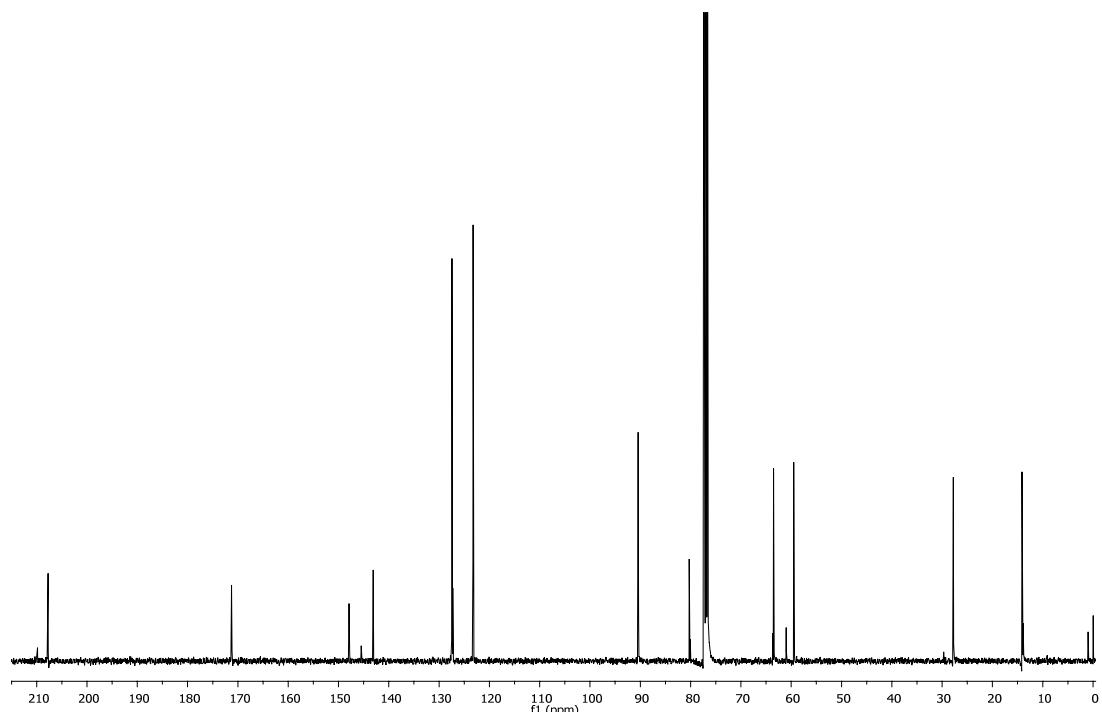


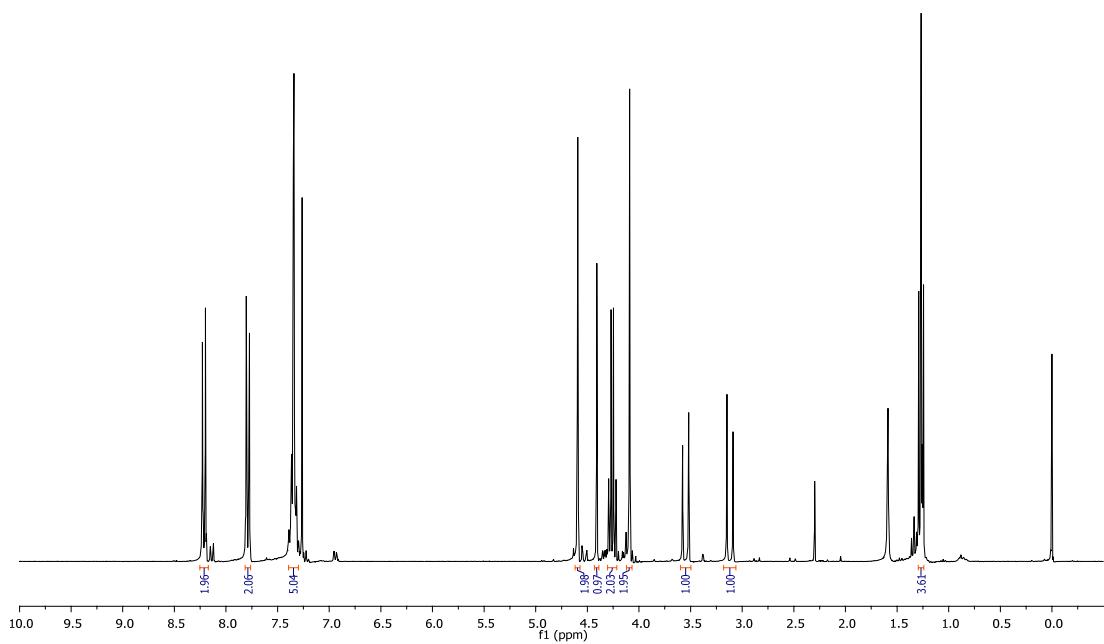
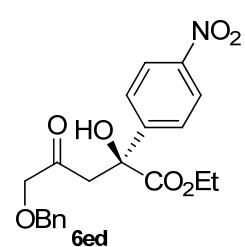
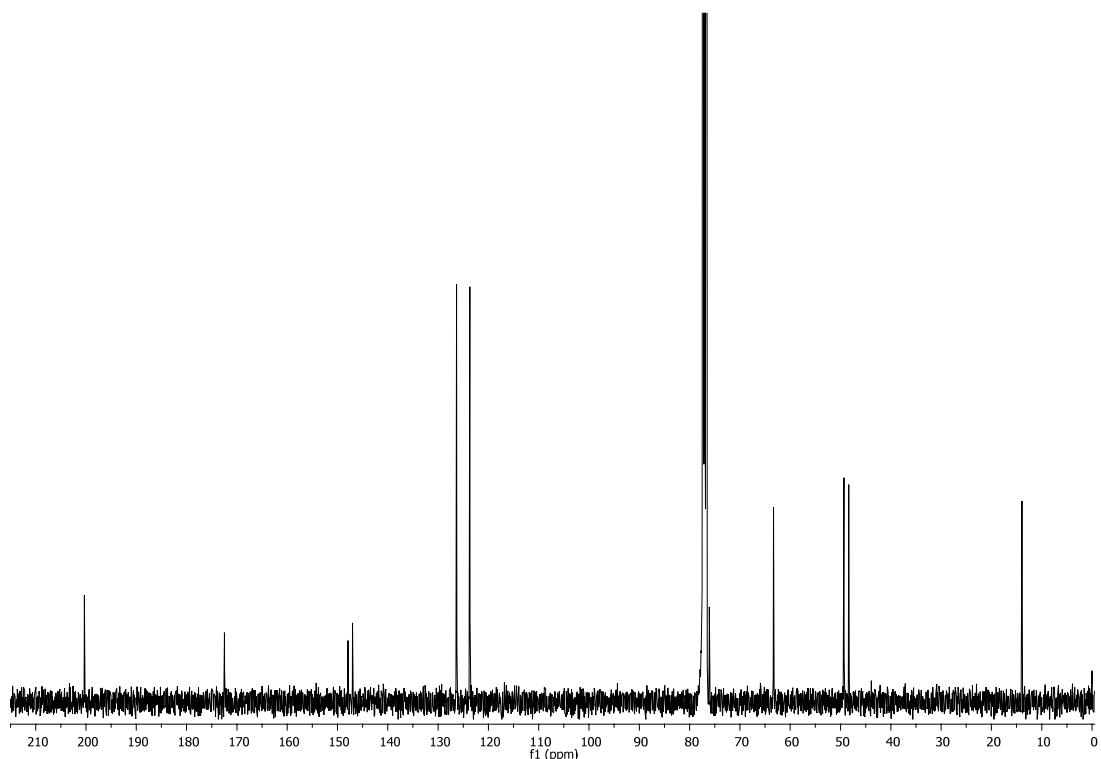


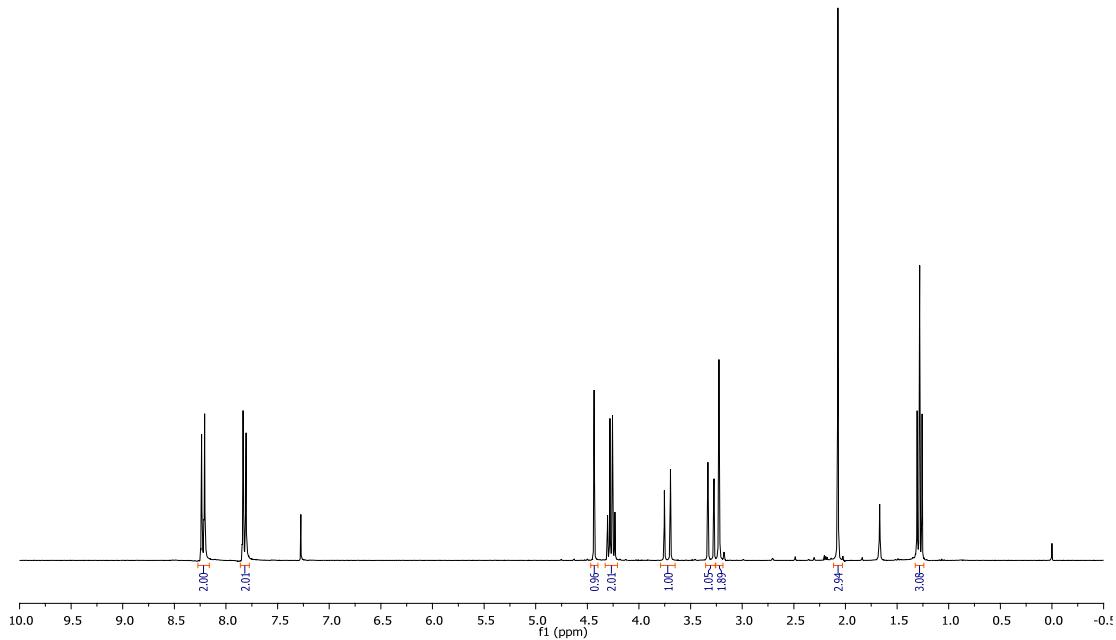
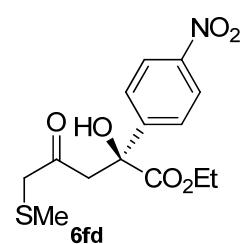
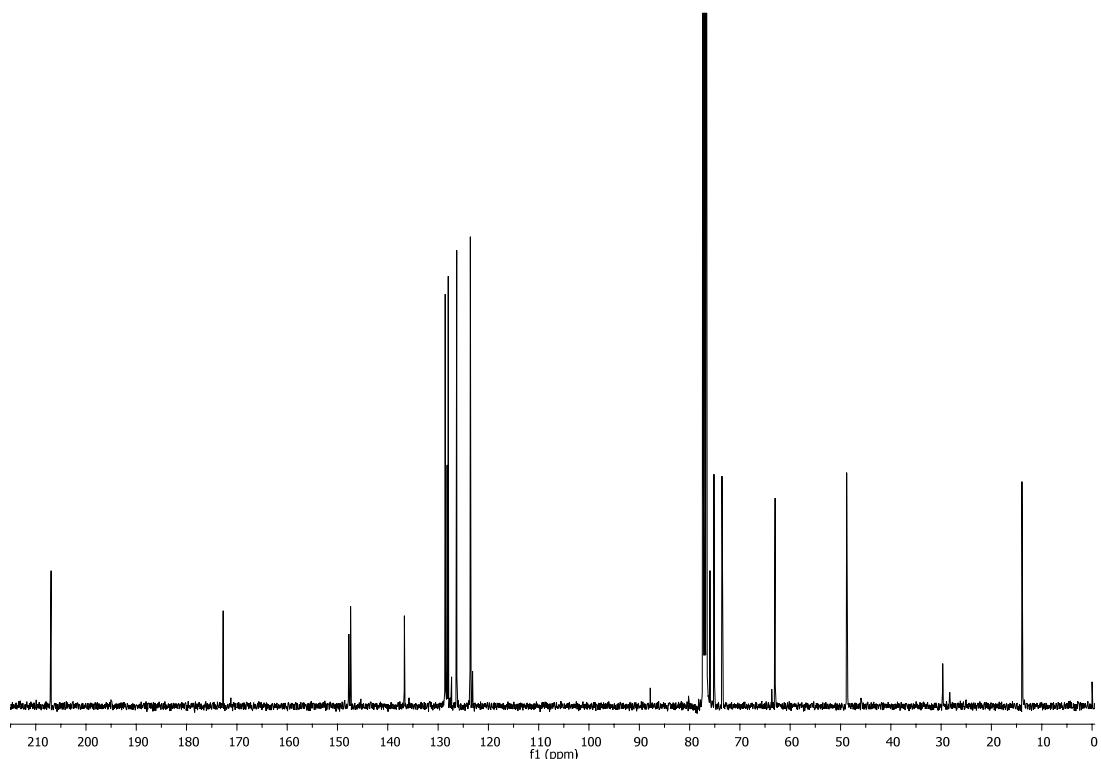


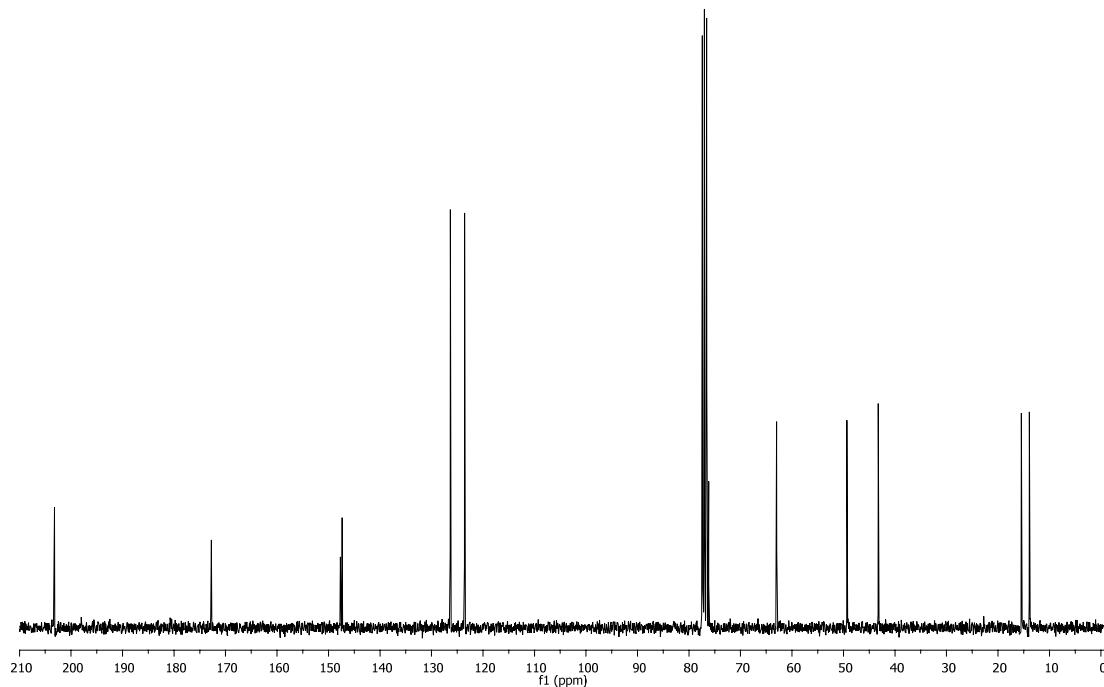




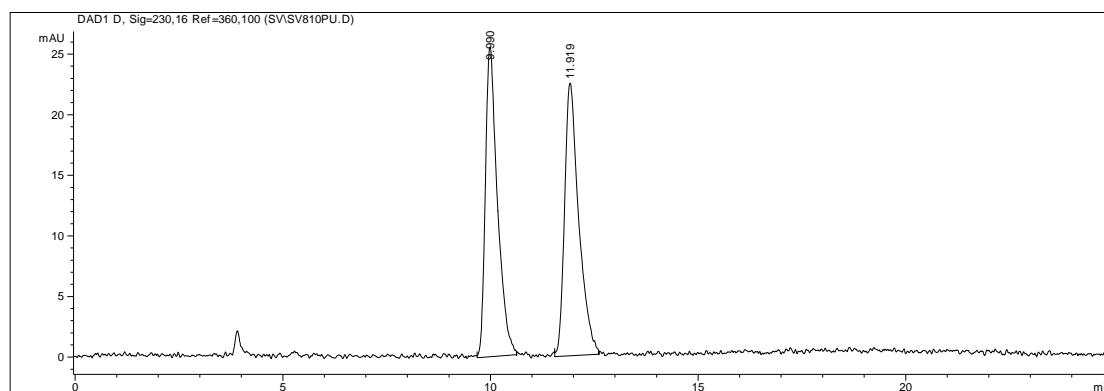
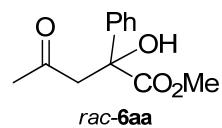




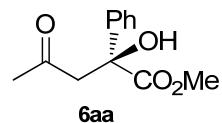




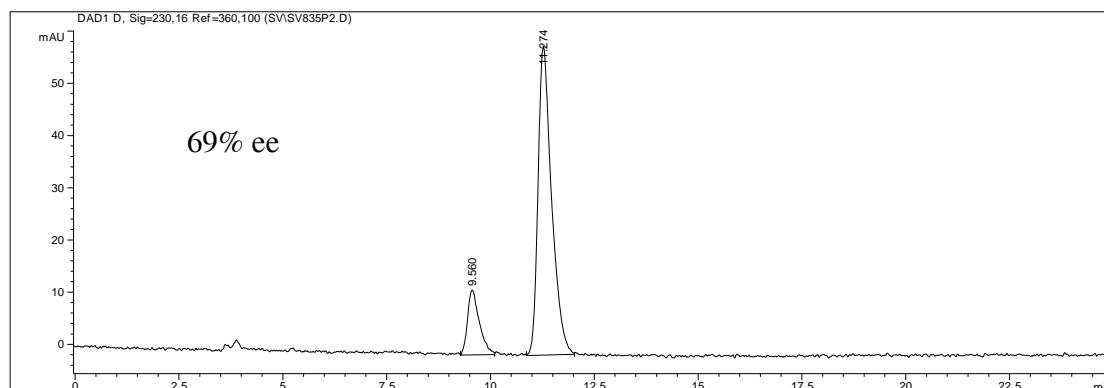
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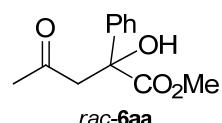
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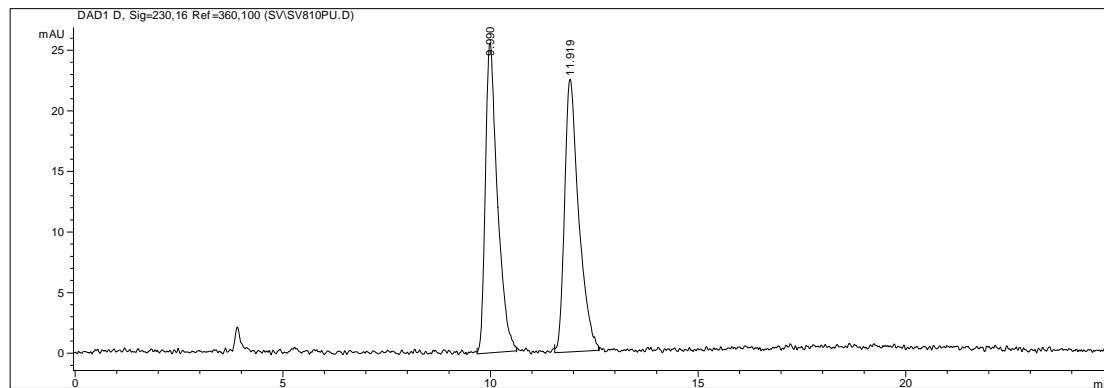
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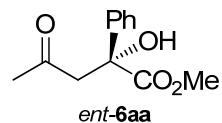
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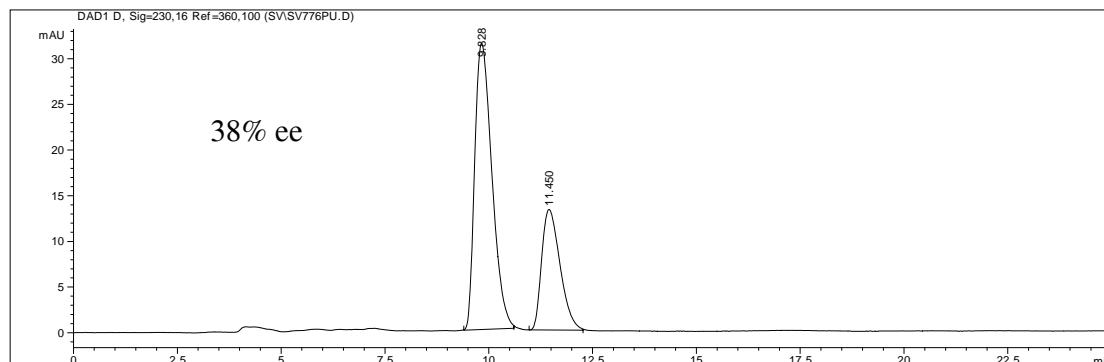
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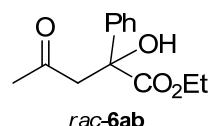
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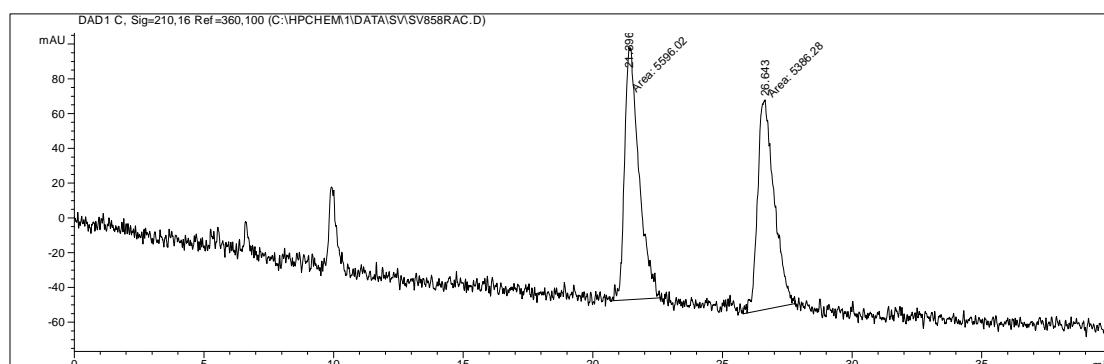
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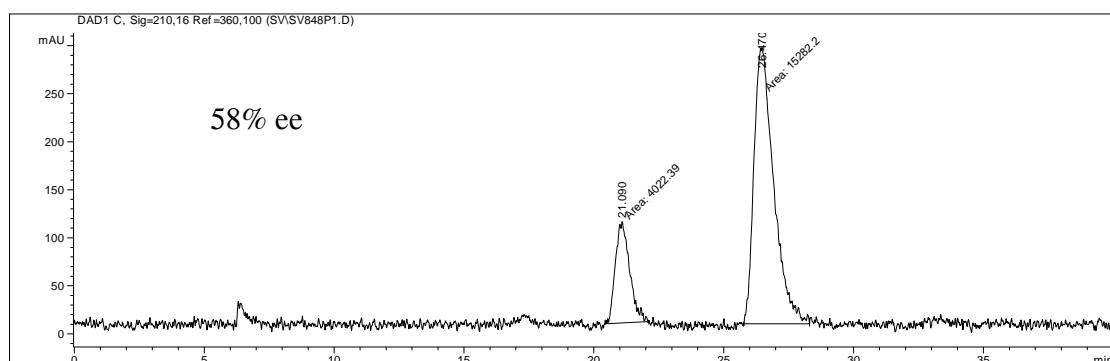
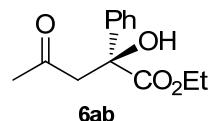
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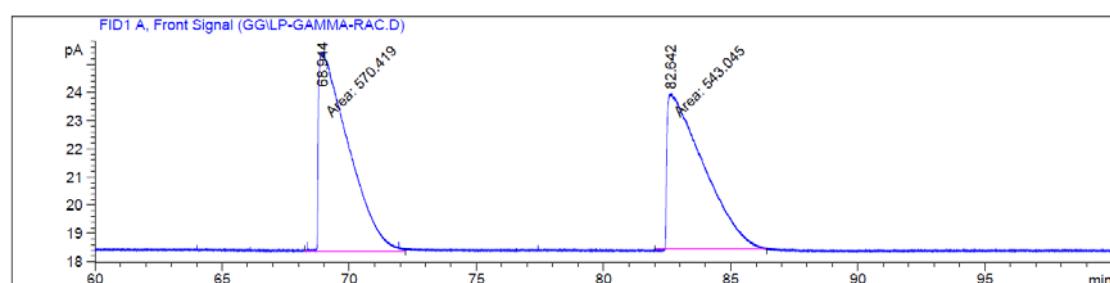
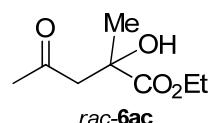
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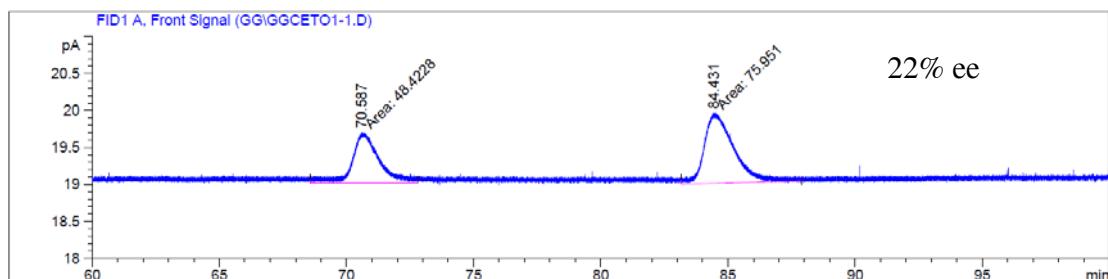
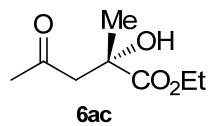
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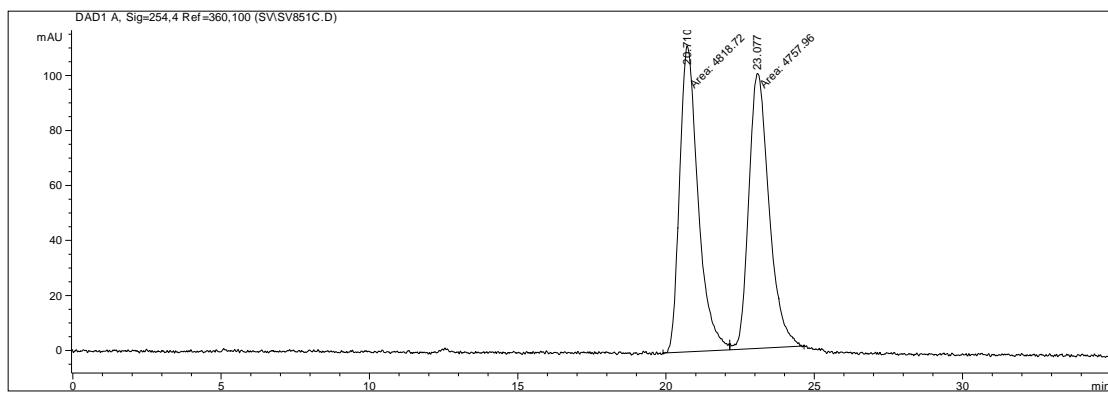
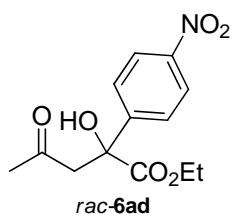
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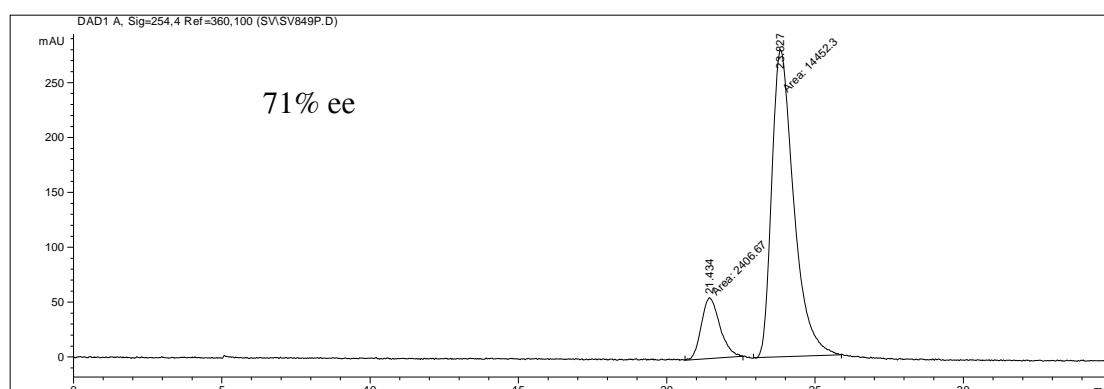
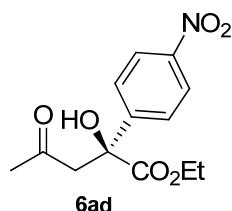
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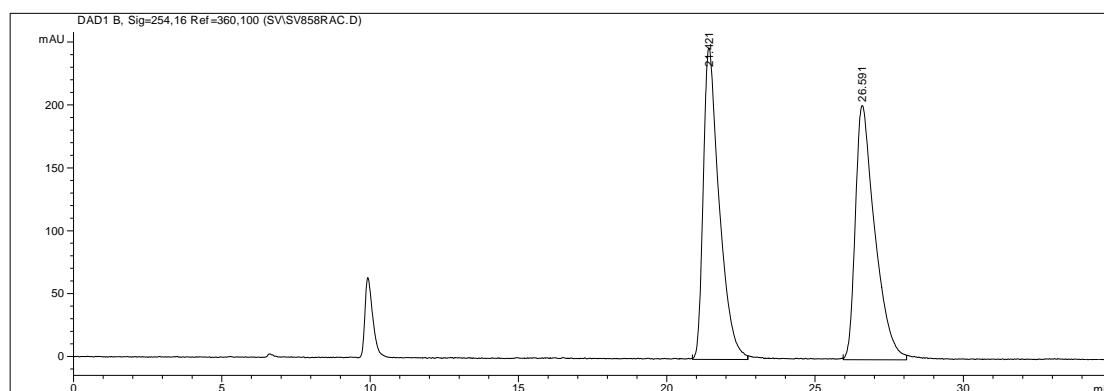
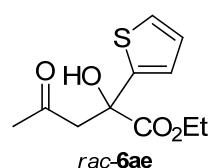
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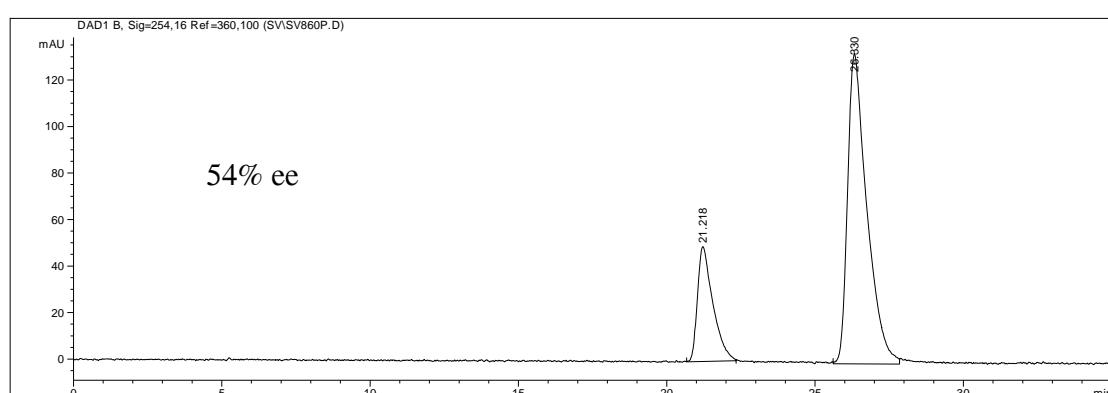
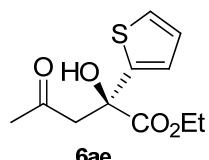
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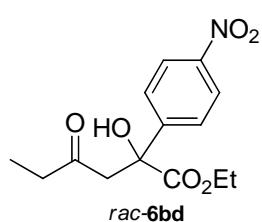
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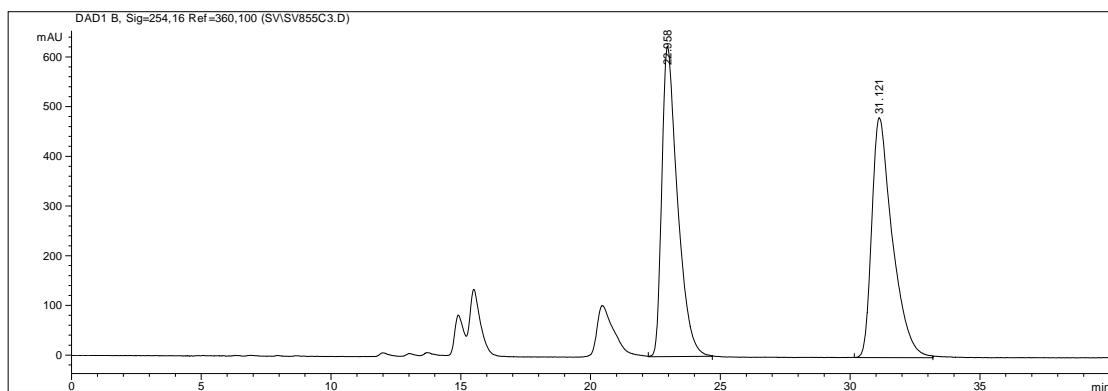


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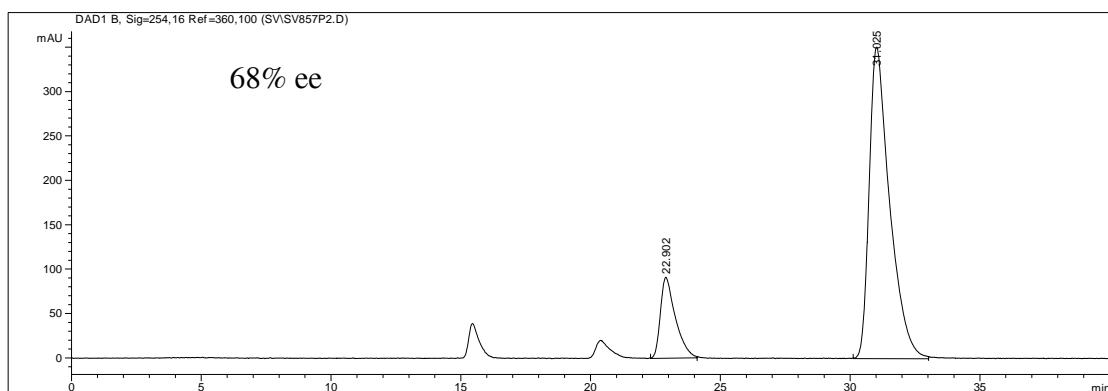
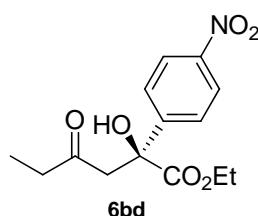


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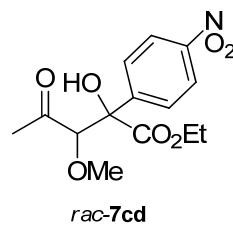


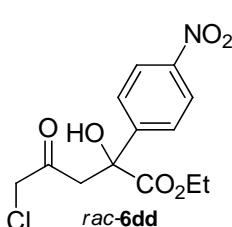
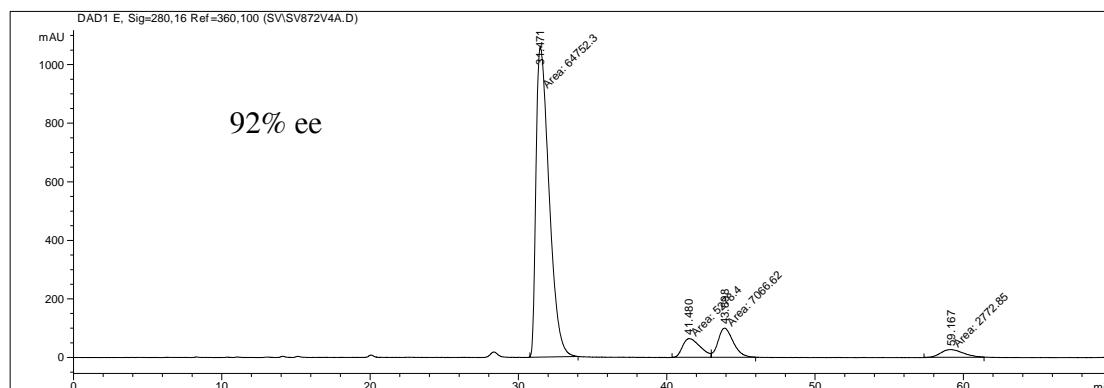
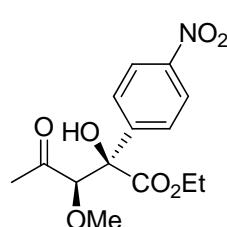
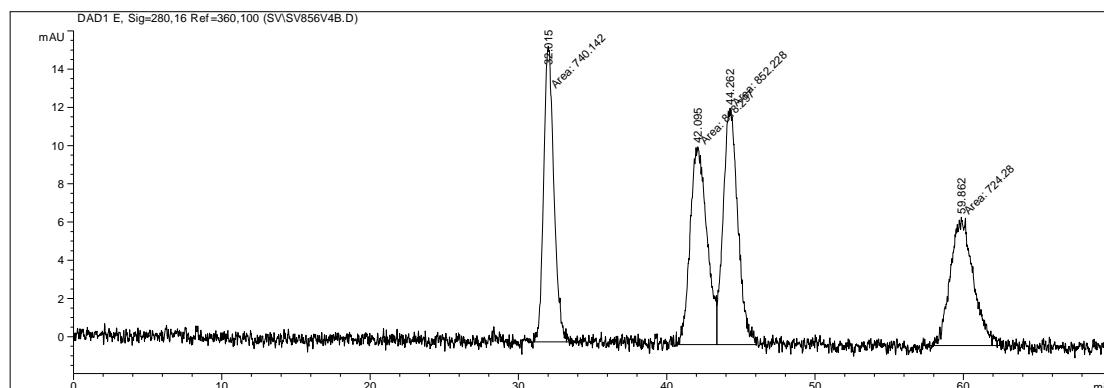


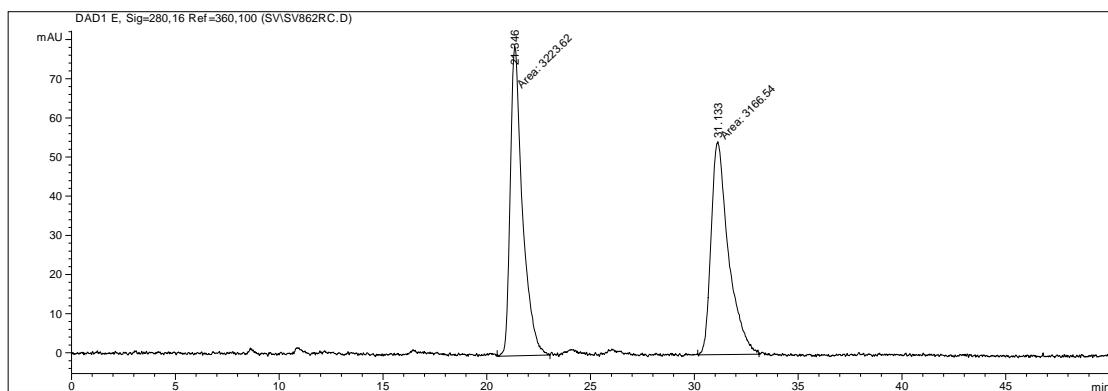
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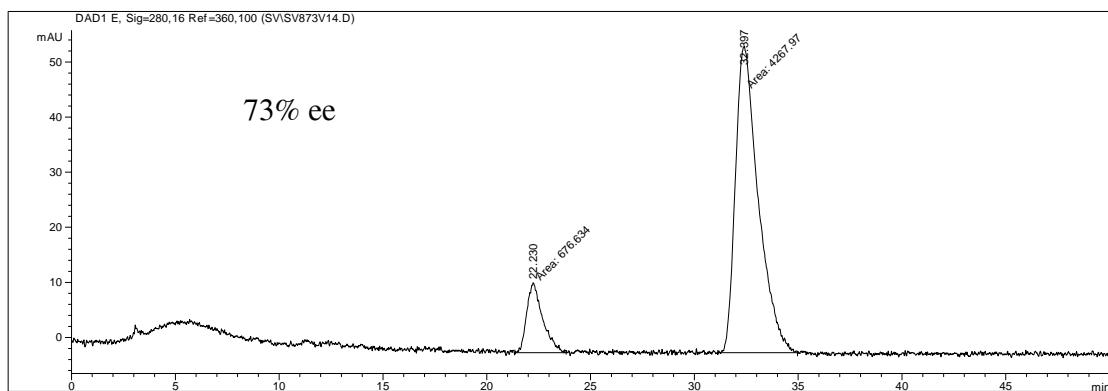
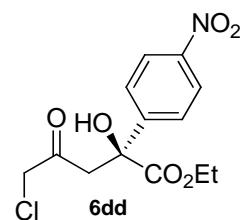
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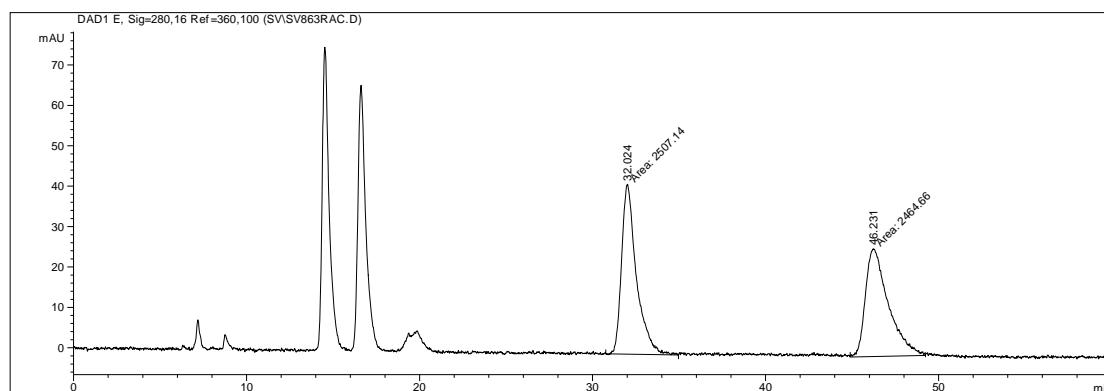
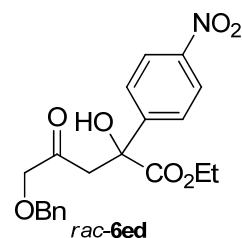




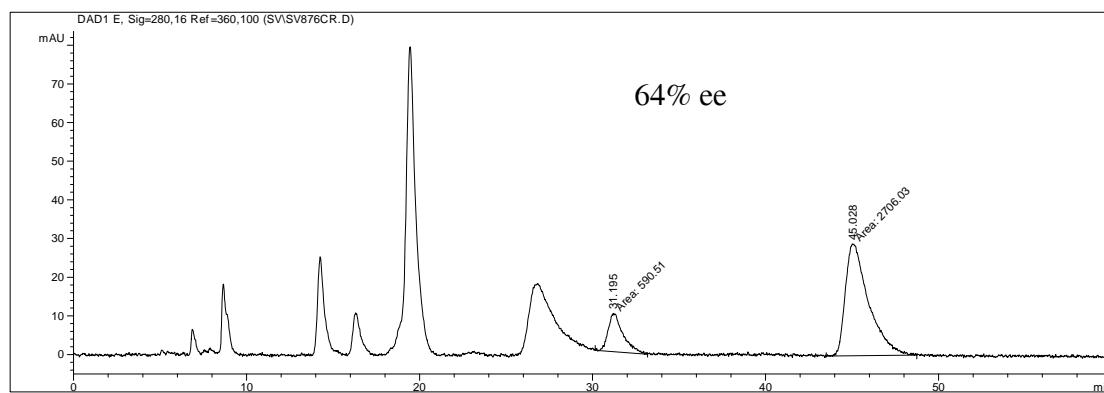
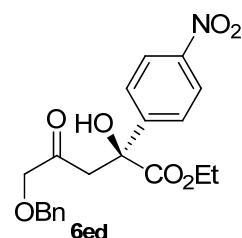
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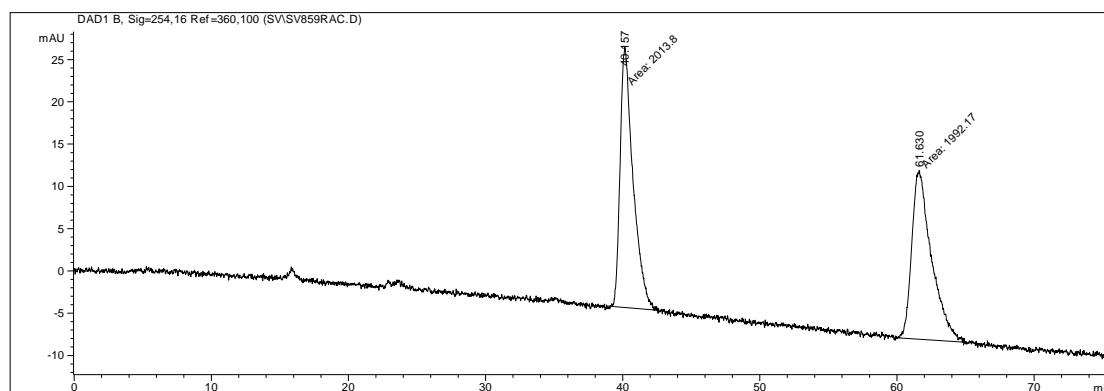
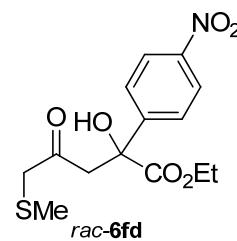
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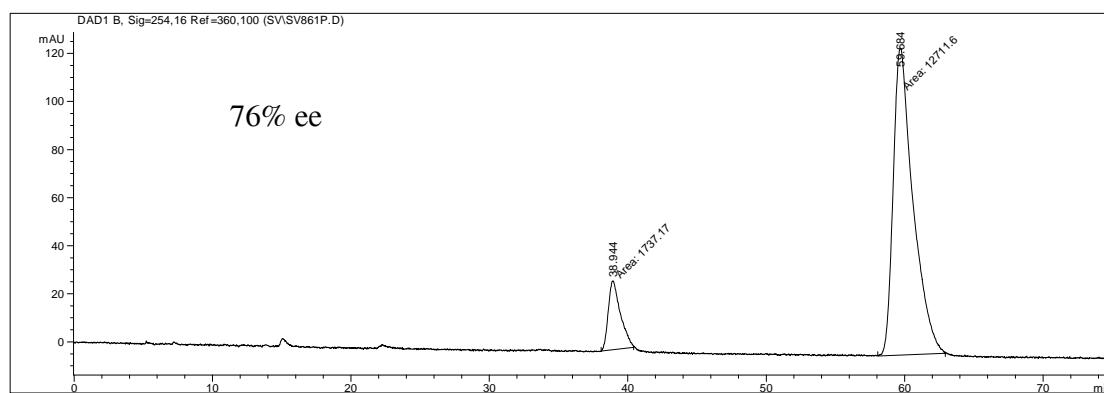
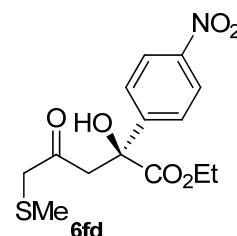
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Computational Methods:

All structures were optimized using the functional B3LYP⁵ and the 6-311+G** basis set as implemented in Gaussian 09,⁶ including polarization functions for the better description of hydrogen bonds involved in the reaction. The solvation factors were introduced with the IEF-PCM method.⁷ As the reactions are run in solvent free conditions, we chose acetone as the model solvent, since it is the major substrate in the reaction mixture, sometimes used in a 5:1 relation to the electrophile.

The stationary points were characterized by frequency calculations in order to verify that they have the right number of imaginary frequencies.

The intrinsic reaction coordinates (IRC)⁸ were followed to verify the energy profiles connecting each TS to the correct associated local minima.

It was assumed that the reaction is initiated with the formation of an enamine between catalyst **1a** (or **1b**) and acetone, and subsequent protonation of one of the pyrrolidine rings with the acetic acid additive (Figure S1). Next, the nucleophilic attack of the enamine (**8a** or **8b**) to the ketoester **5a** should lead to the C-C bond formation. We computed the transition states for that transformation. The activation energies were measured relative to the sum of the enamines **8a** or **8b** and ketoester **5a**, which was taken as G=0.

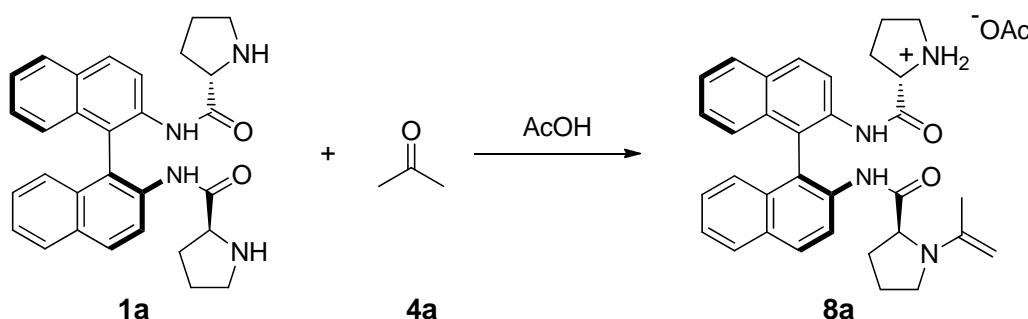


Figure S1. Formation of the reactive enamine **8a** (or **8b**) by reaction of the catalyst **1a** (or **1b**) with acetone and subsequent protonation with acetic acid.

We computed four families of transition states, corresponding to the diastereoisomeric transition states of enamines **8a** and **8b** through the *Re* and *Si* faces of the ketoester **5a**. In each family, several H-bonding patterns between the 4 NH groups of the catalyst and the two carbonyl oxygens in **5a** were screened and evaluated. In the following description and in the Main Text, only the most stable complexes and transition states of each set of conformational structures are shown. Other higher-lying conformational structures were computed in each case.

We found that the activation energy is related to the disposition of the phenyl group during the transition state. When it adopts an inward position with respect to the bulky substituents of the catalyst

(TS-1a-S and TS-1b-R) the energy was always higher than the cases where the phenyl is positioned in the more free outward area (TS-1a-R and TS-1b-S).

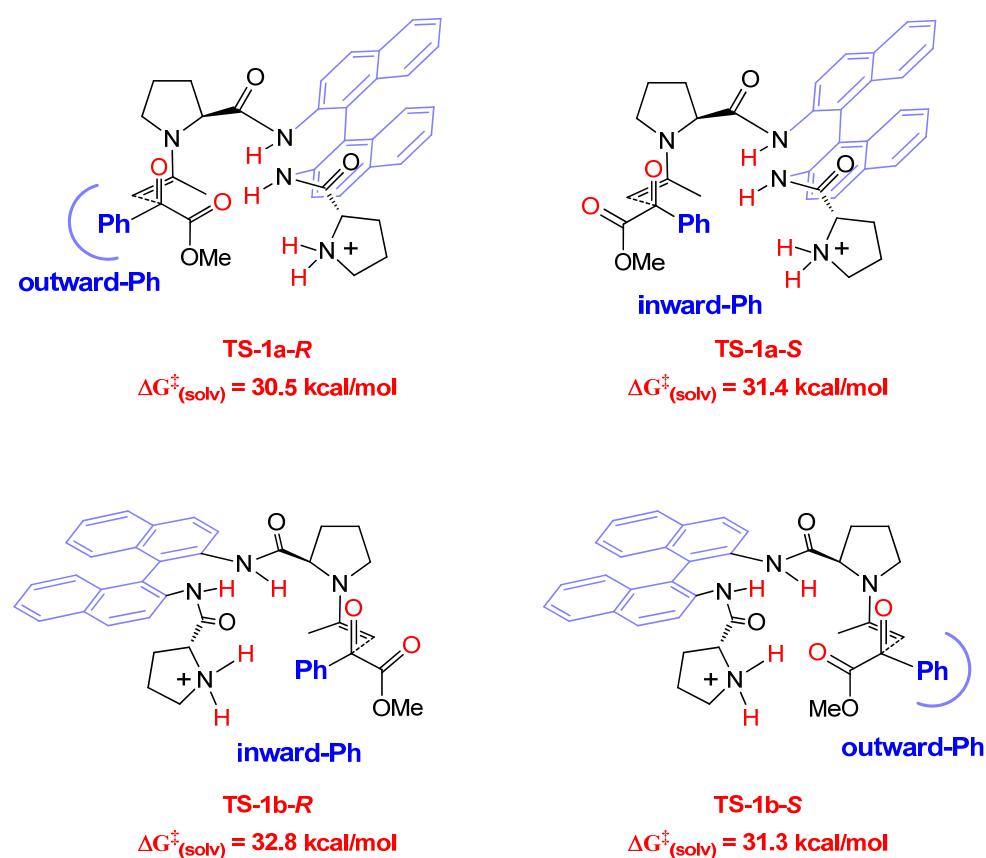


Figure S2. Four families of transition structures computed for the reaction of enamines **8a** and **8b** with ketoester **5a**

Table S1. Energies of the structures involved in the computational study

	G (B3LYP/6-311+G**, IEF-PCM, Acetone)	relative G	Frequenc y
Enamine 8a	-1647.831185		
Enamine 8b	-1647.827526		
Ketoester 5a	-573.498167		
8a + 5a	-2221.329352	0	
8b + 5a	-2221.325693	0	

TS-1a-R	-2221.280690	30.54	-162.0
TS-1a-S	-2221.279246	31.44	-170.7
TS-1b-R	-2221.273374	32.83	-202.1
TS-1b-S	-2221.275823	31.29	-218.4

Cartesian Coordinates of the structures involved in the computational study

Enamine 8a

Standard orientation:

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z
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1	6	0	-3.584429	1.598048	2.692892
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3	1	0	1.799521	0.913419	-0.435348
4	1	0	0.421142	0.627721	3.543063
5	1	0	2.746237	0.012322	4.115307
6	1	0	-1.542438	-5.976713	-1.958321
7	1	0	-5.440554	-0.356447	1.766505
8	1	0	-1.446564	-4.169098	-3.644505
9	1	0	-3.000233	-0.283388	3.619905
10	1	0	5.308017	-2.991774	-0.304871
11	1	0	-4.661319	0.185416	3.998061
12	1	0	0.416220	-3.453030	0.916101
13	1	0	-2.920389	2.179985	3.335306
14	1	0	-0.609746	-5.606999	0.319703
15	1	0	-4.509241	2.168300	2.558715
16	1	0	3.003060	-2.382965	-0.903035
17	1	0	-3.171369	2.155075	0.621935

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20	1	0	-3.561433	0.319549	-2.516879
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Enamine 8b

Standard orientation:

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Standard orientation:

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18	6	0	-3.324436	-1.505006	0.856516
19	6	0	-1.440992	-0.308237	1.825666
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18	6	0	-4.164960	-0.948284	-0.133279	
19	6	0	-2.527673	-0.584913	1.625416	

20	6	0	-3.019578	-1.700239	2.347035
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