

Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

Enantioselective cycloaddition of carbonyl ylides with arylallenes using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-TCPTTL})_4$

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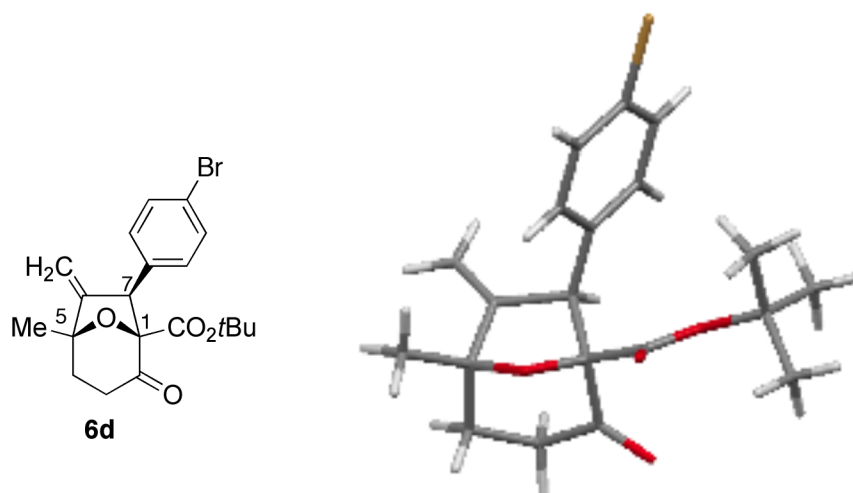


Figure S1. X-ray structure of **6d**.

HOMO and LUMO energies and coefficients for carbonyl ylide and dipolarophiles.

Molecular orbital calculations were performed by Workspace, FUJITSU-SCIGRESS 2.3.0 version after geometry optimization using MM2 (molecular mechanics) followed by MOPAC with AM1 parameters. From frontier molecular orbital (FMO) analysis for these reactions in the absence of a catalyst, the chemo- and regiocontrol observed can be readily rationalized in terms of maximum overlap of the LUMO of carbonyl ylides derived from **4a–c** and the HOMO of arylallene dipolarophiles **5a–d** and **5f–i**. FMO analysis, however, fails to explain the same regiochemistry encountered with a strongly electron-deficient *p*-(trifluoromethyl)phenylallene (**5e**). The calculations suggest that the favored cycloadduct should be the result of interaction between the HOMO of carbonyl ylides derived from **4a–c** and the LUMO of **5e** rather than the dipole LUMO-dipolarophile HOMO interaction. One possible explanation for the exclusive formation of **6e**, **6m** and **6q** is that association of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-TCPTTL})_4$ with the carbonyl ylide leads to a significant lowering of the LUMO energy level compared with the

catalyst-free carbonyl ylide and facilitates the interaction between its LUMO and the HOMO of **5e**, which predicts the regiochemistry exactly as observed.

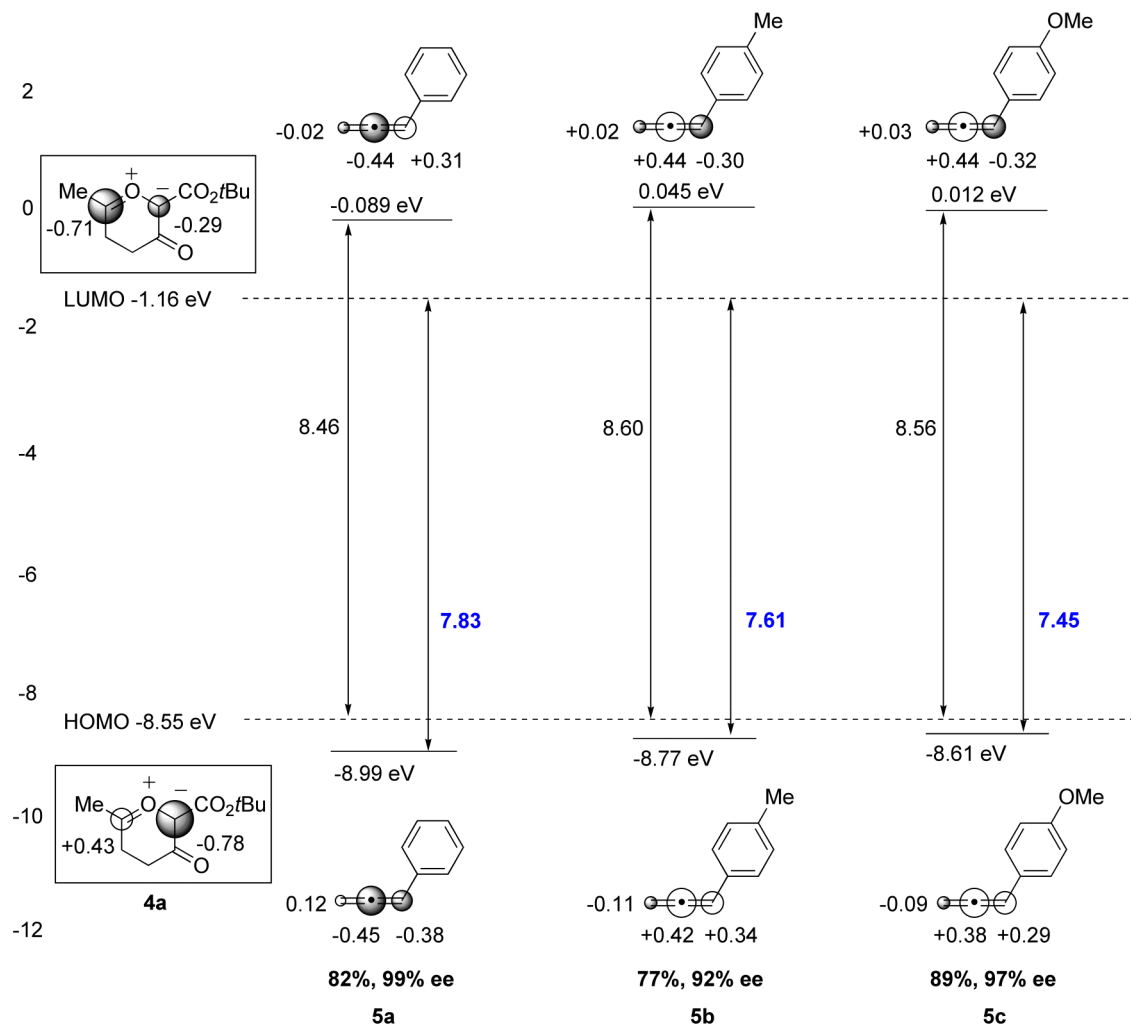


Fig. S2 Frontier orbital energies of carbonyl ylide derived from α -diazo- β -ketoester (**4a**) and arylallenes **5**.

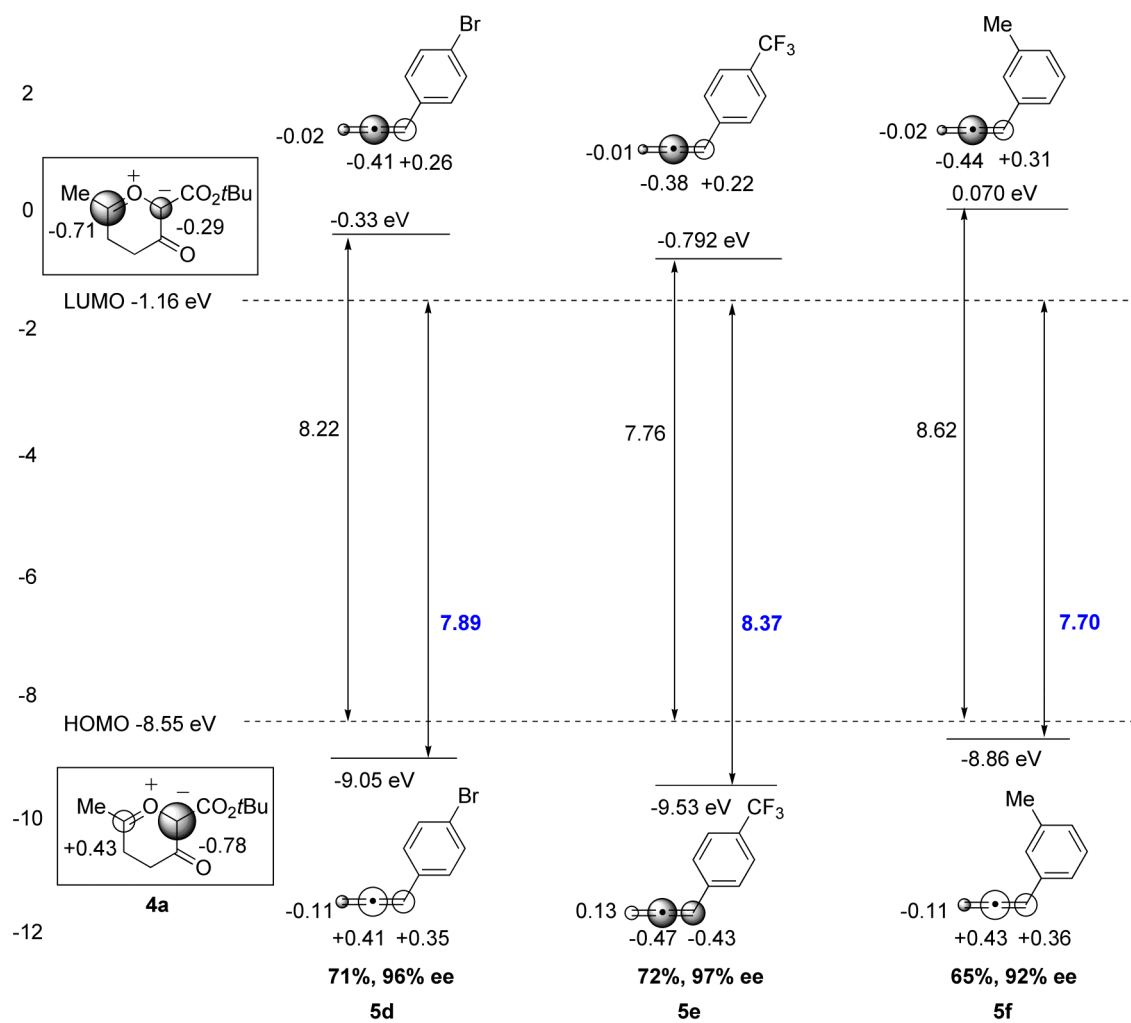


Fig. S3 Frontier orbital energies of carbonyl ylide derived from α -diazo- β -ketoester (**4a**) and aryllallenes **5**.

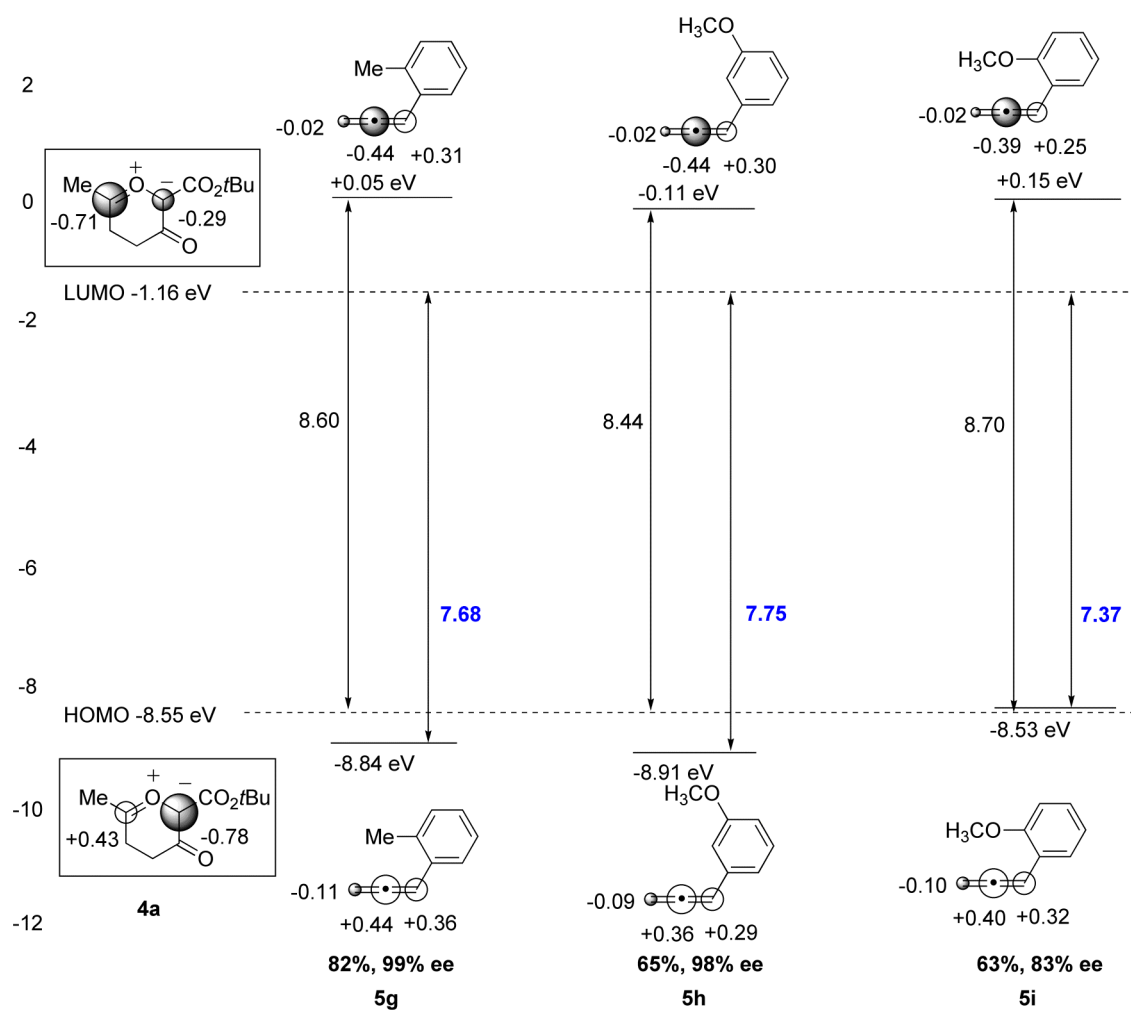


Fig. S4 Frontier orbital energies of carbonyl ylide derived from α -diazo- β -ketoester (**4a**) and aryllallenes **5**.

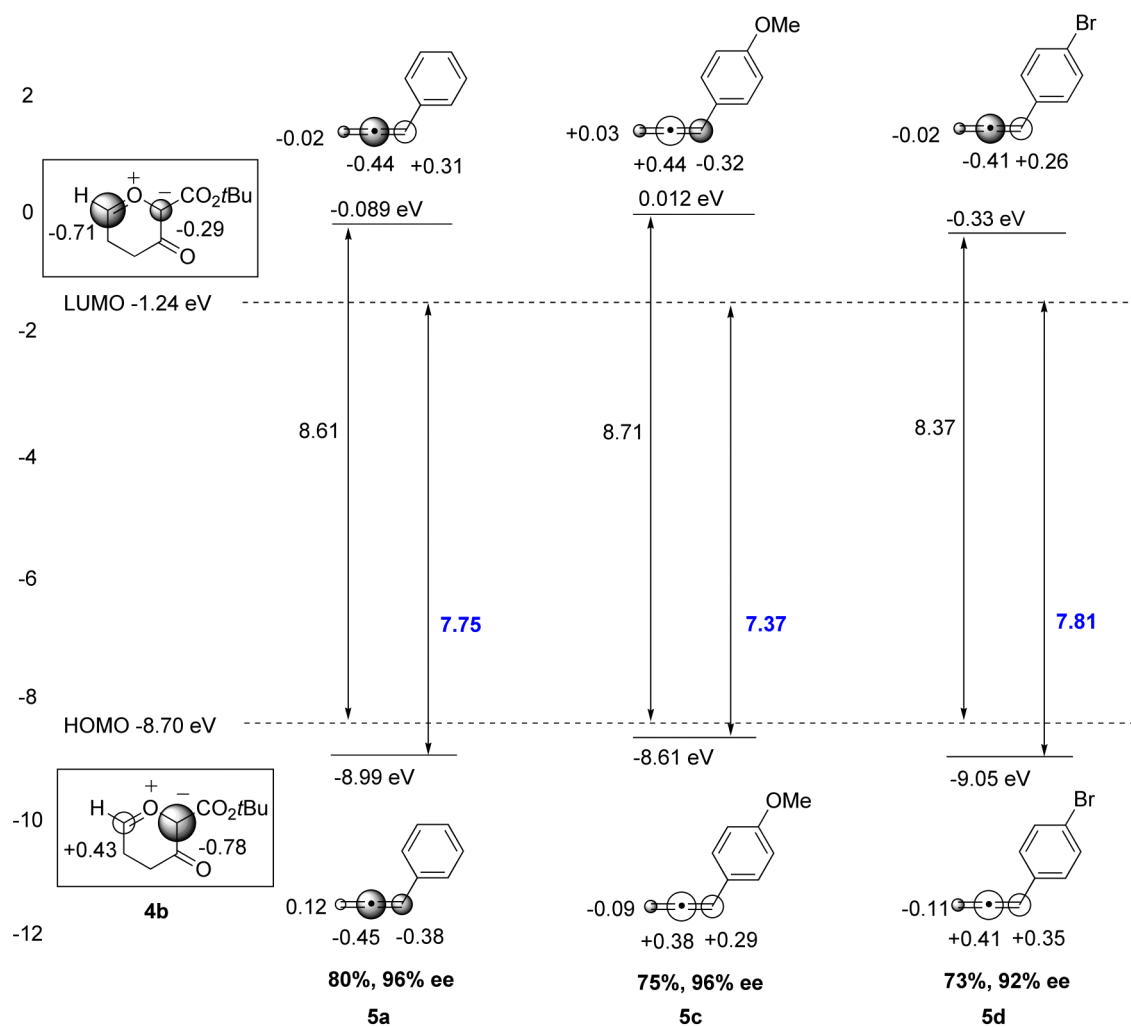


Fig. S5 Frontier orbital energies of carbonyl ylide derived from α -diazo- β -ketoester (**4b**) and arylallenes **5**.

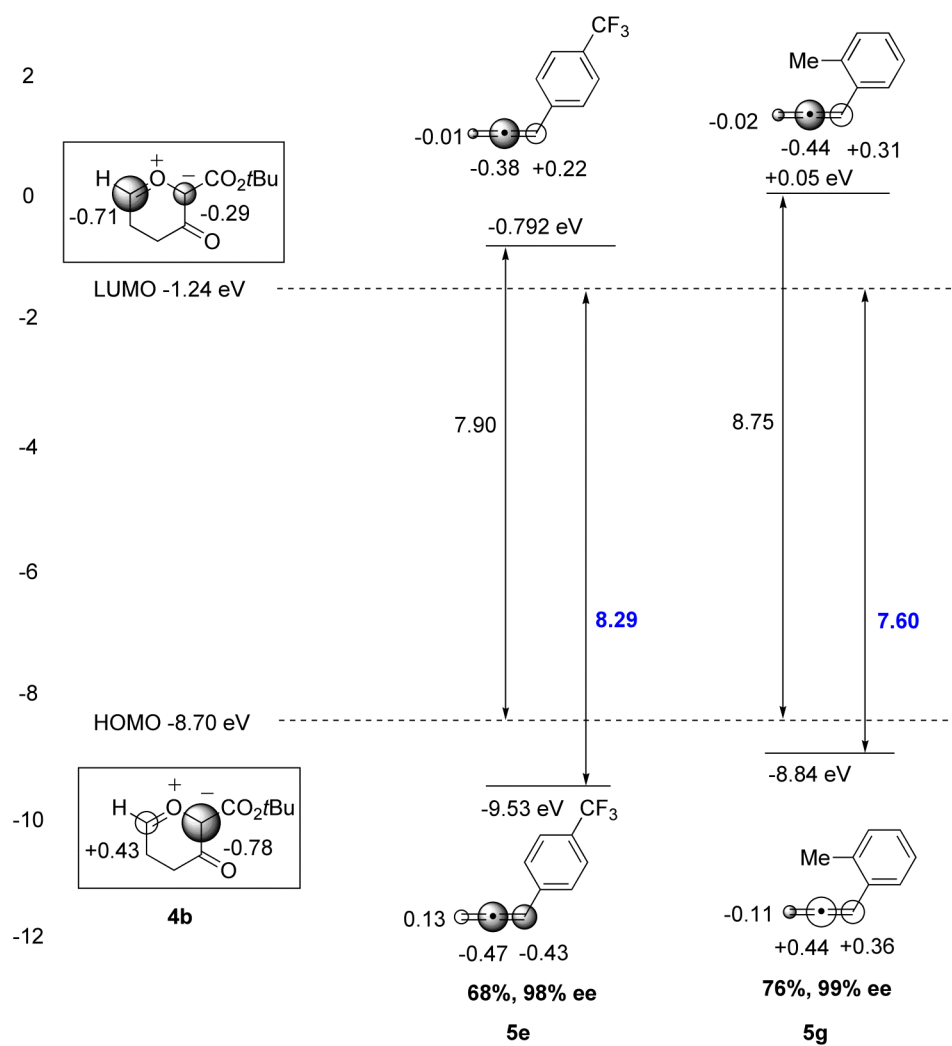


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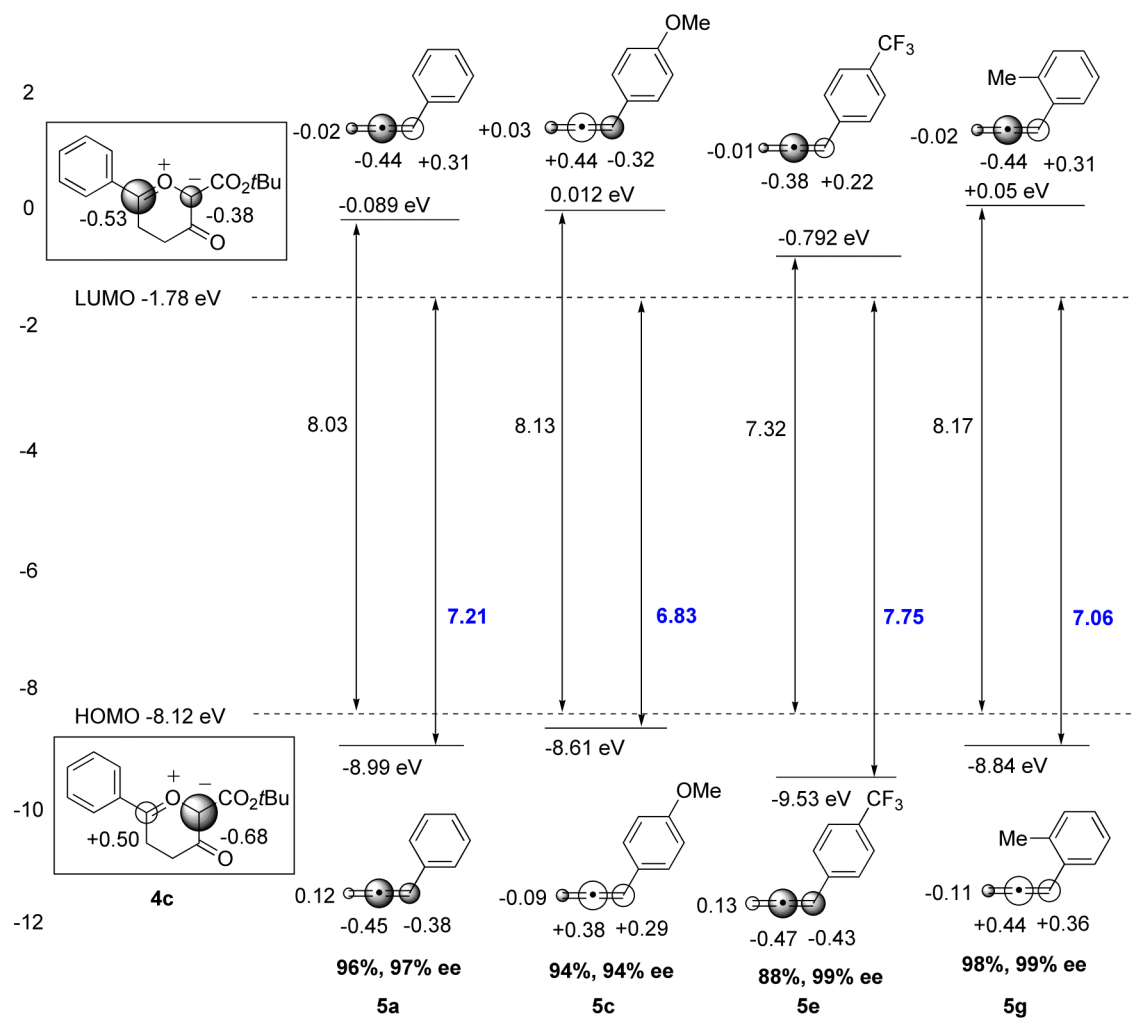
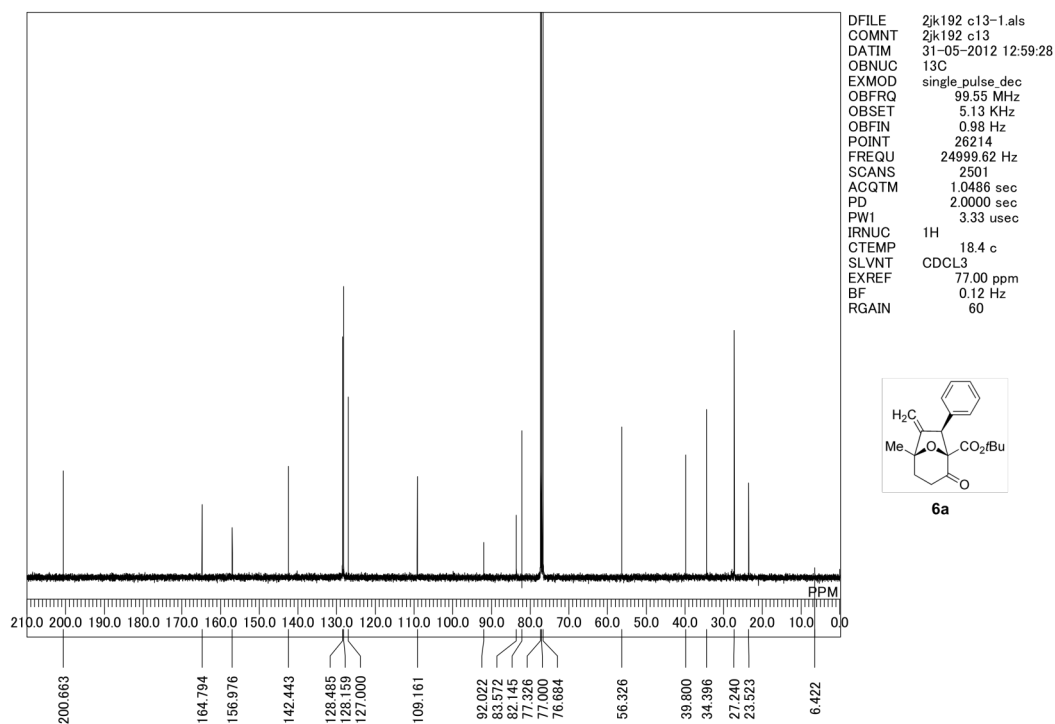
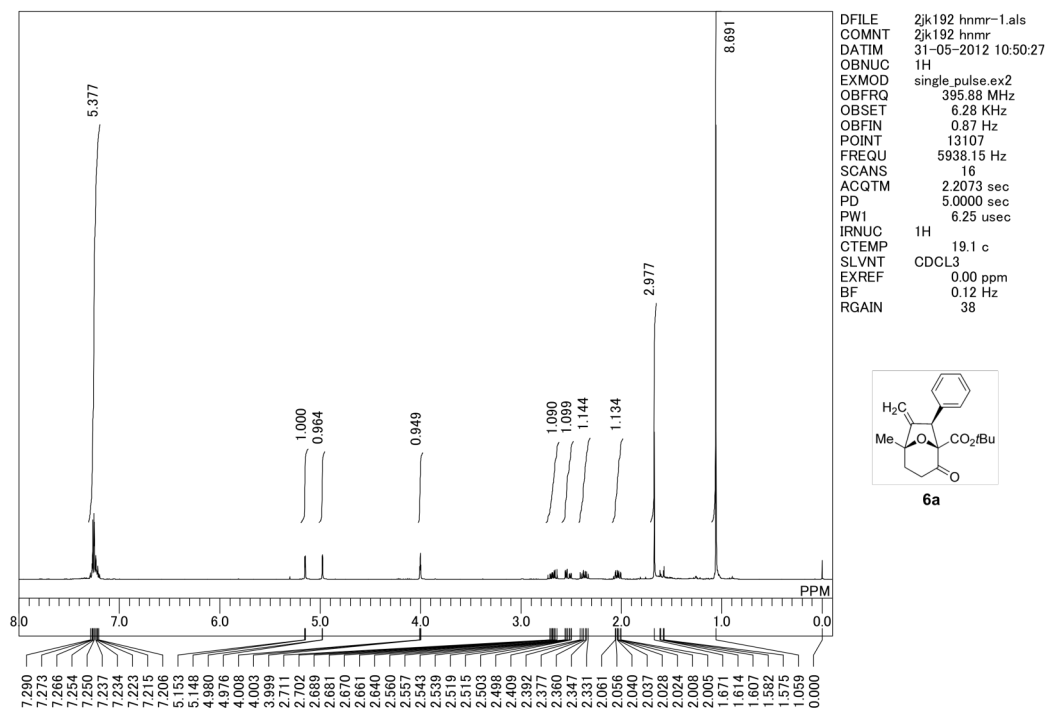
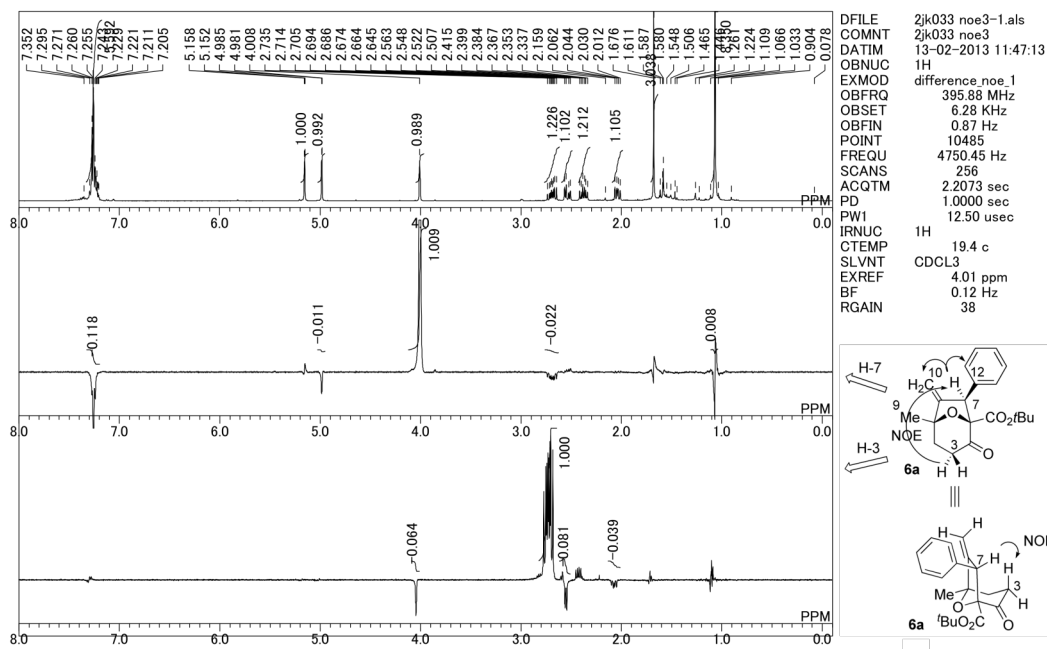
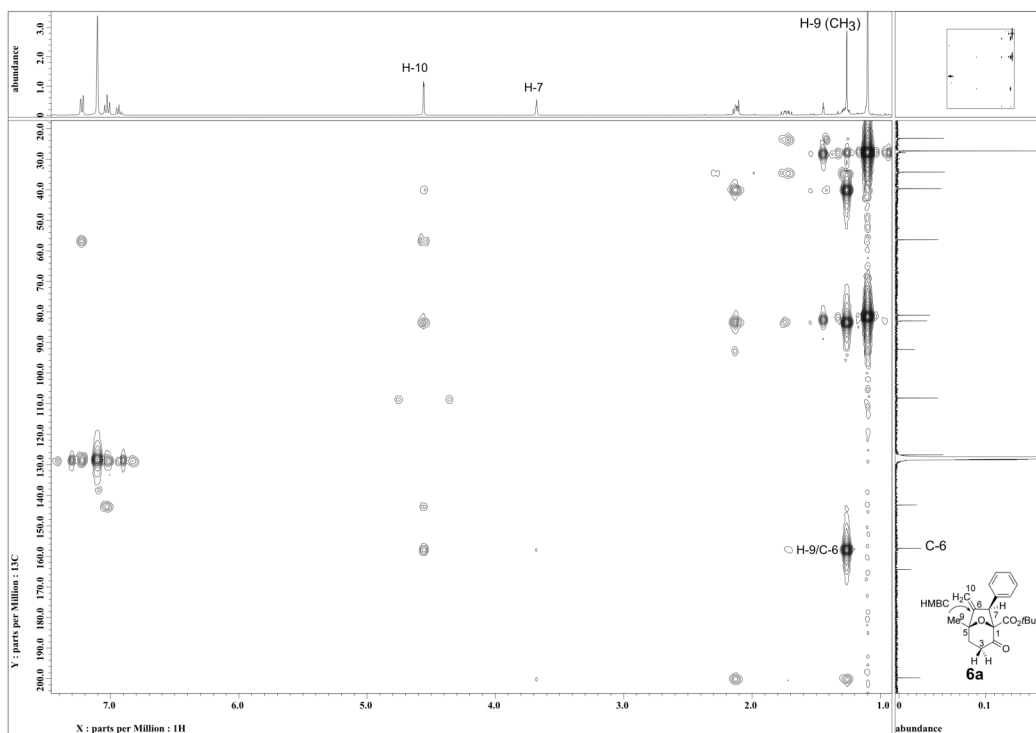
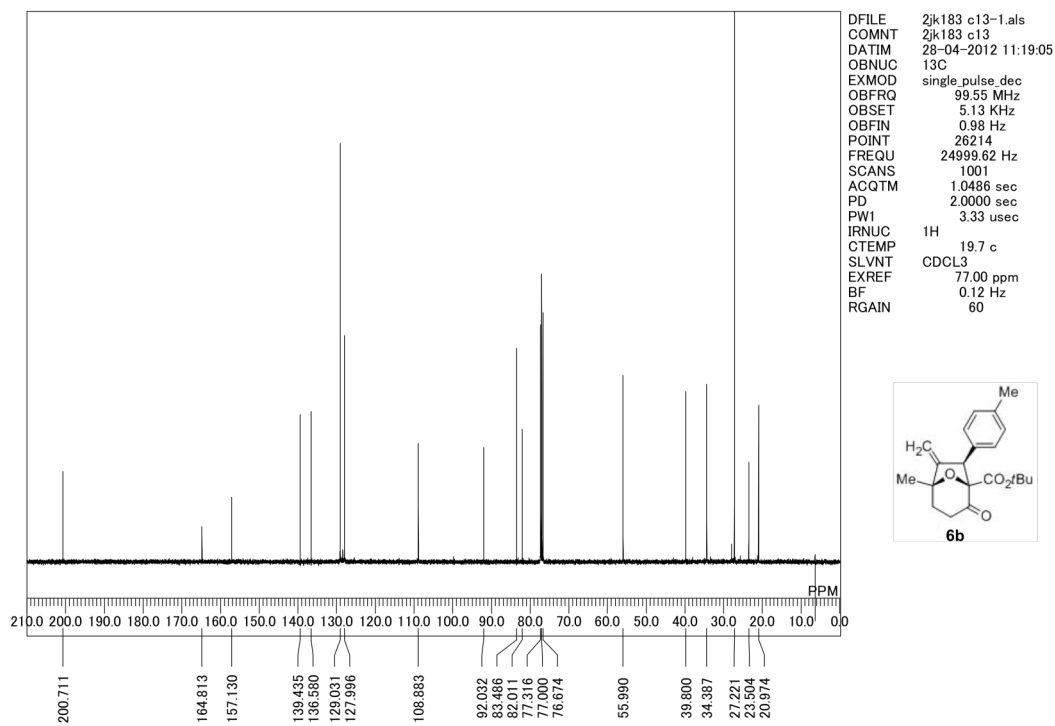
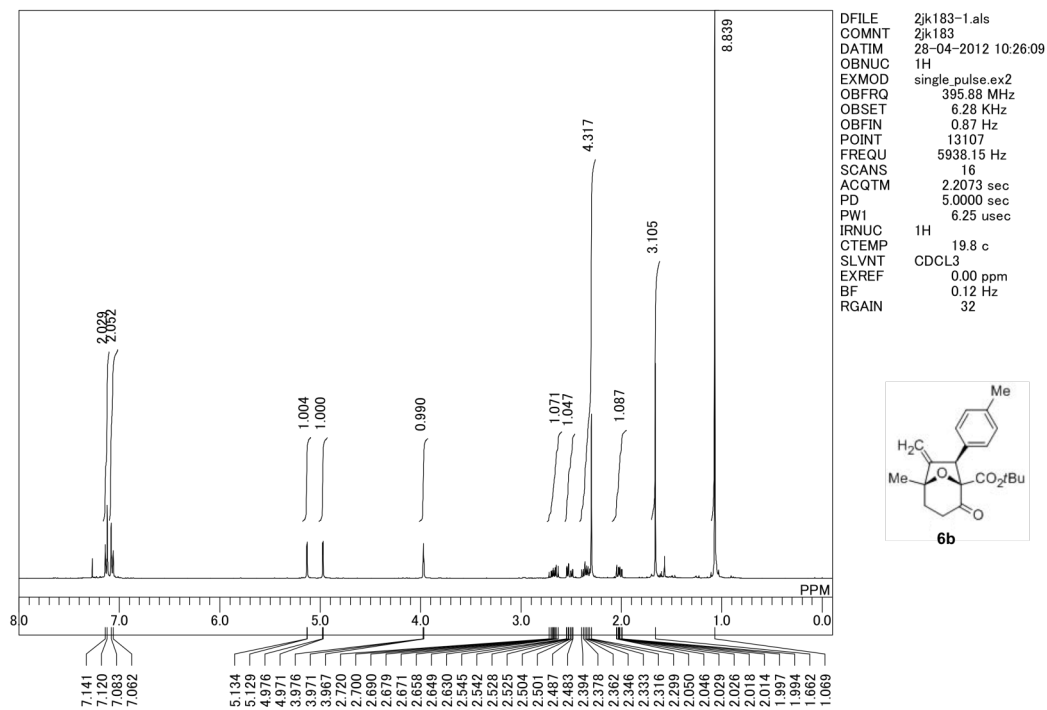
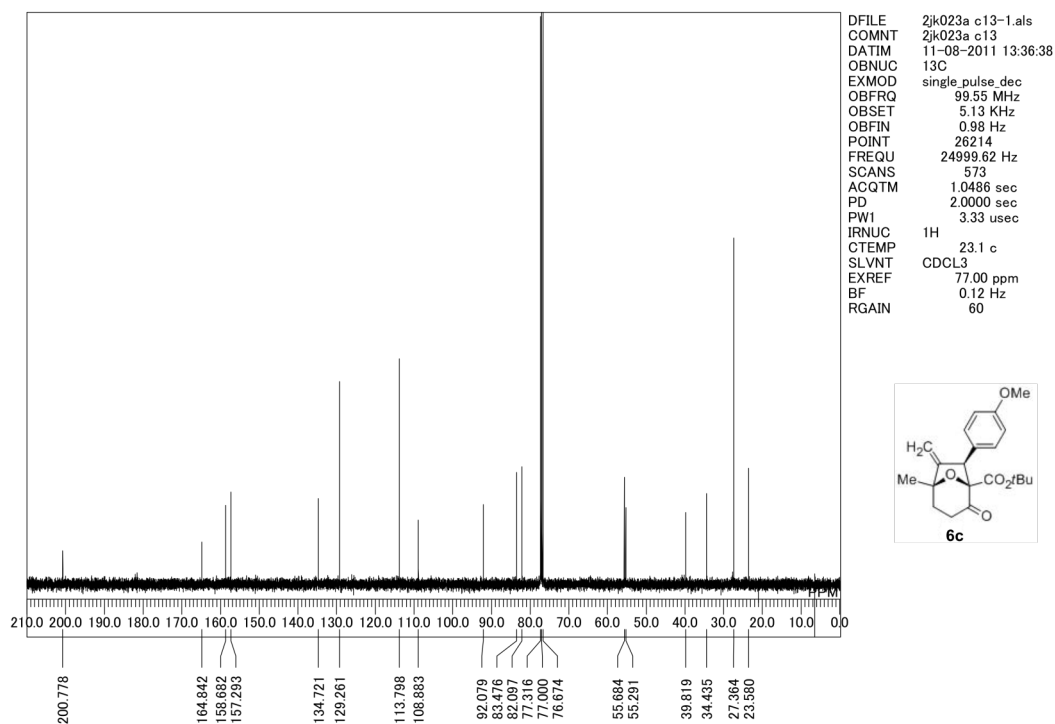
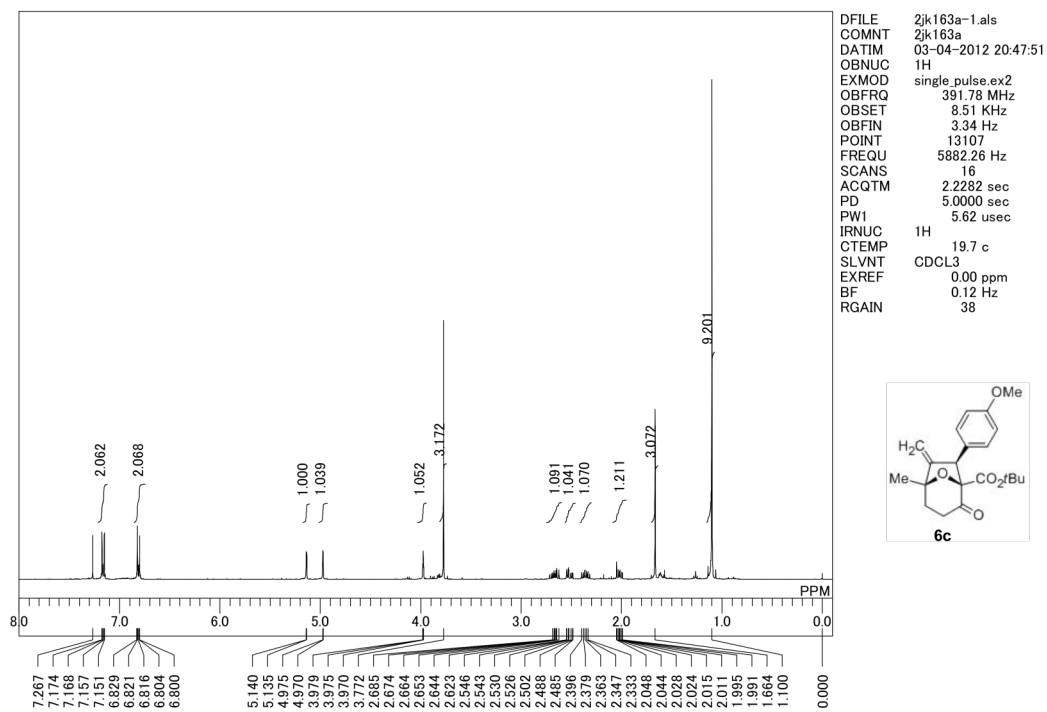


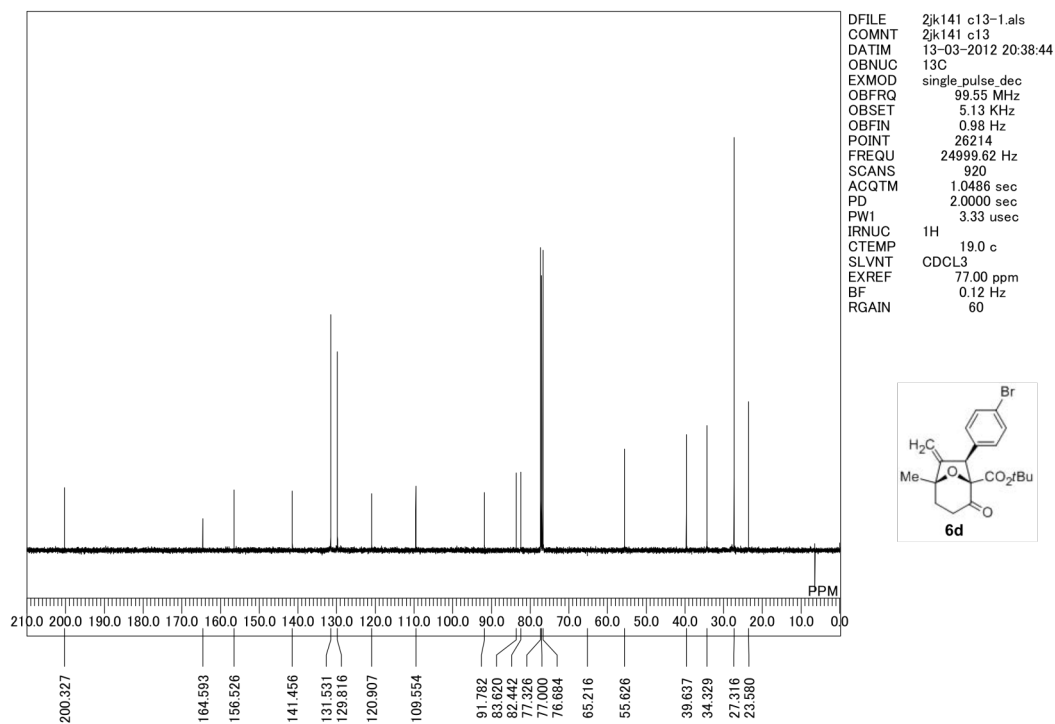
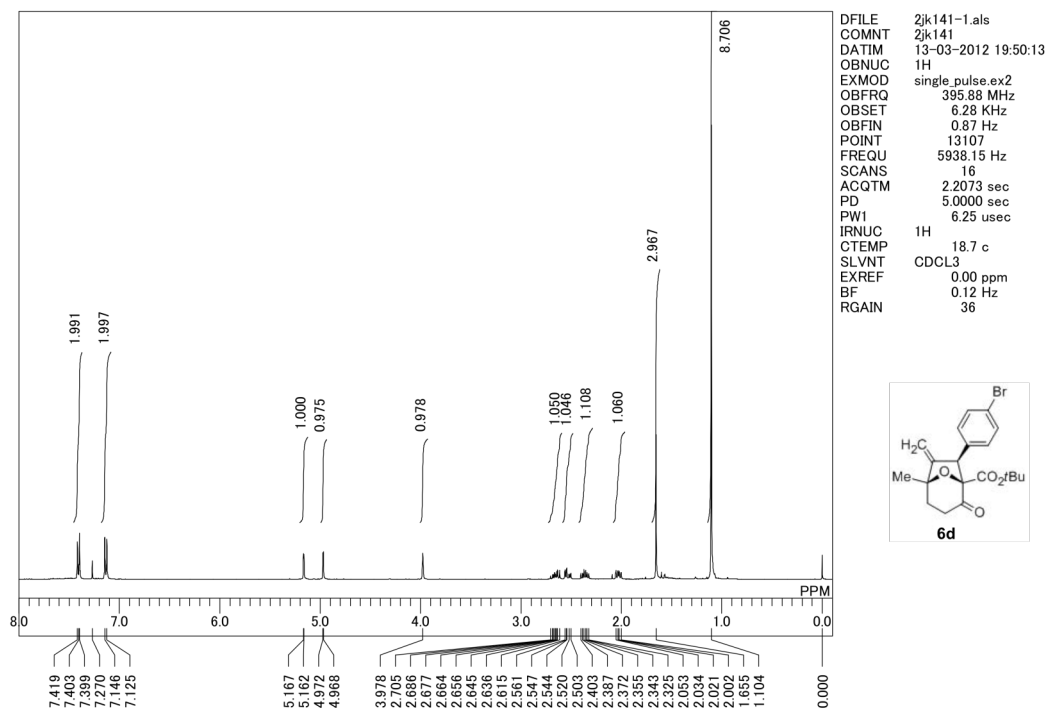
Fig. S7 Frontier orbital energies of carbonyl ylide derived from α -diazo- β -ketoester (**4c**) and arylallenes **5**.

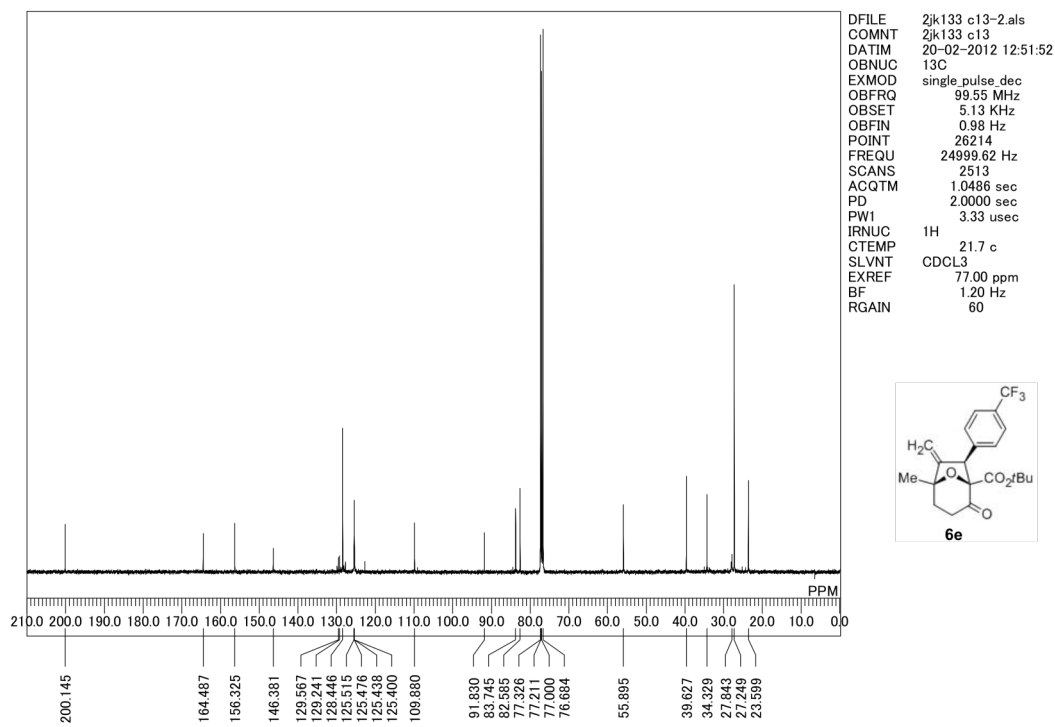
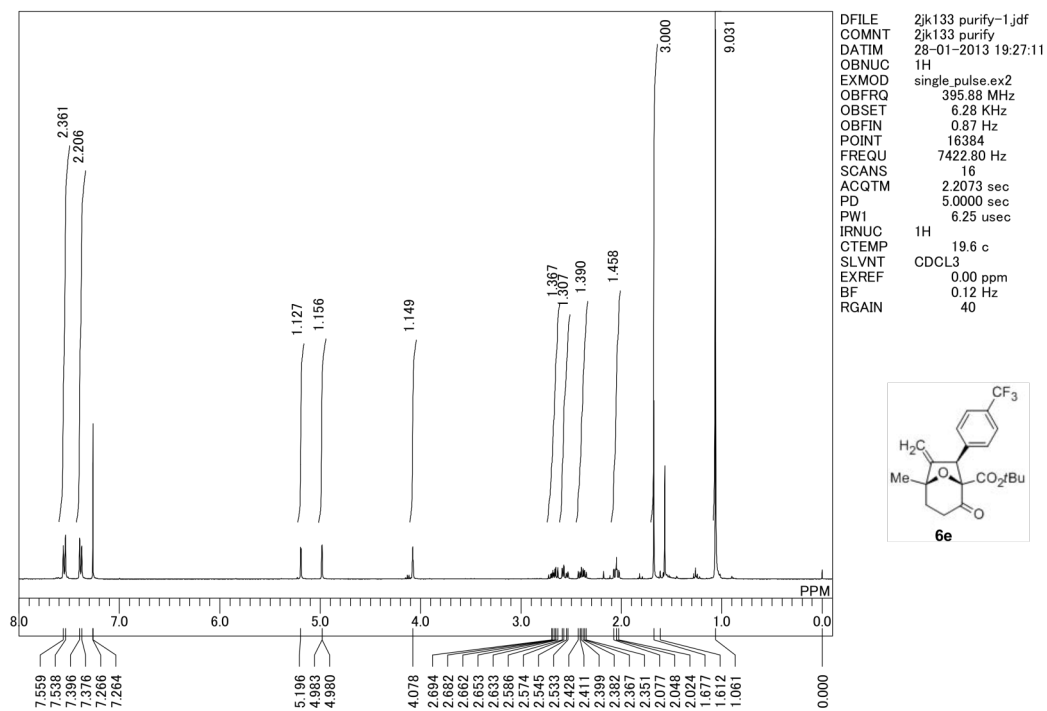


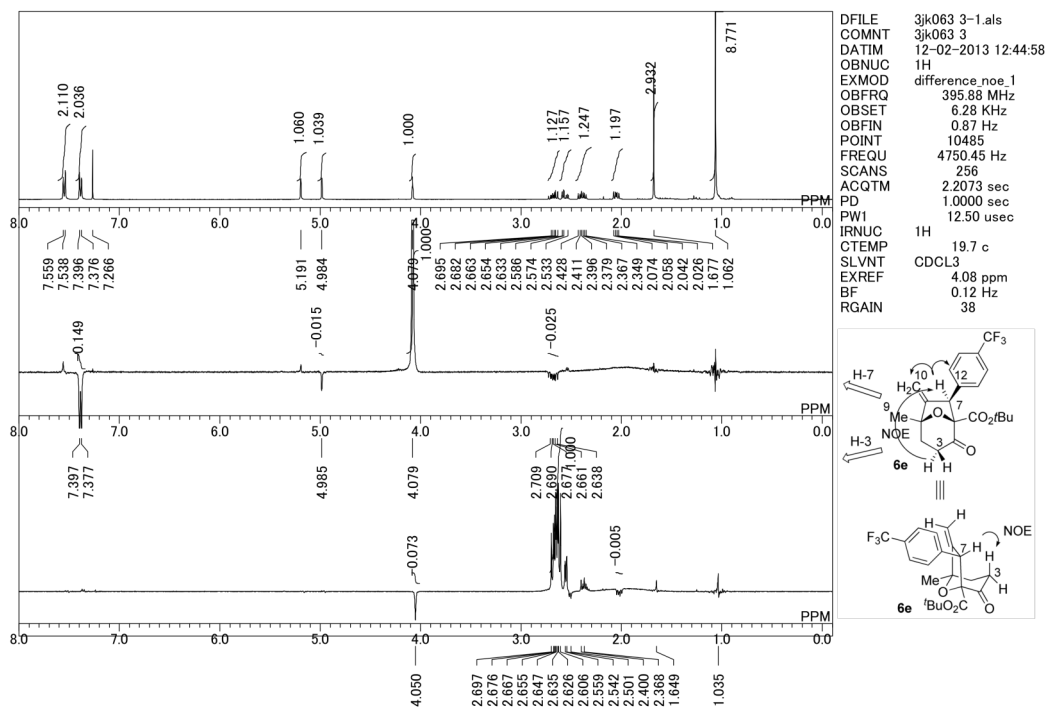
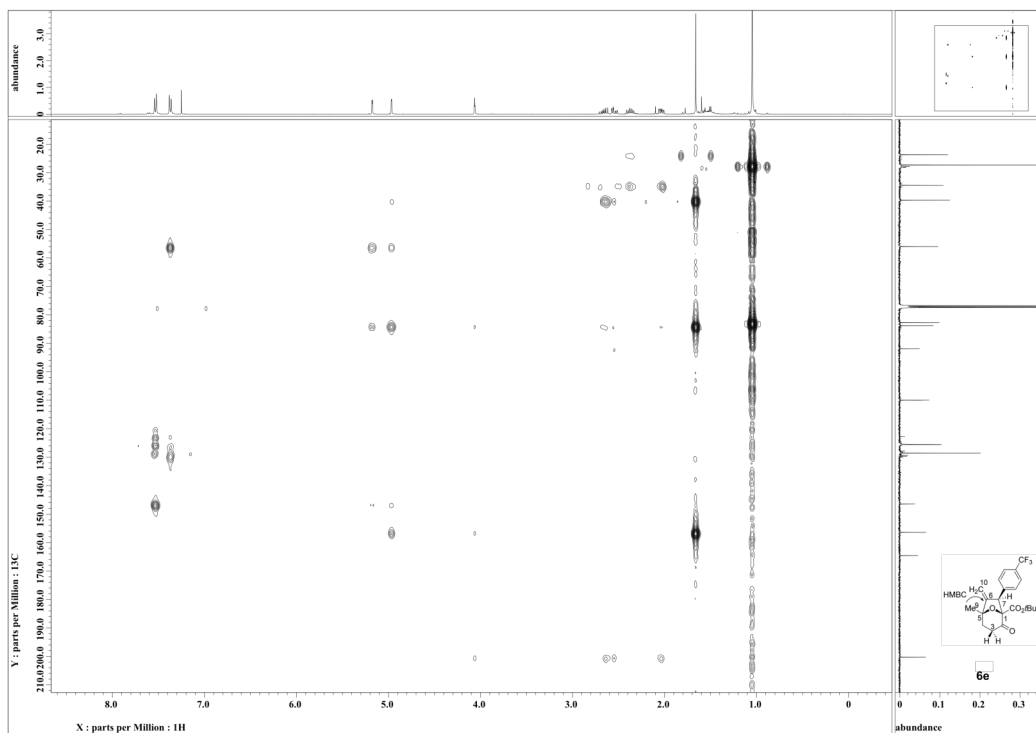


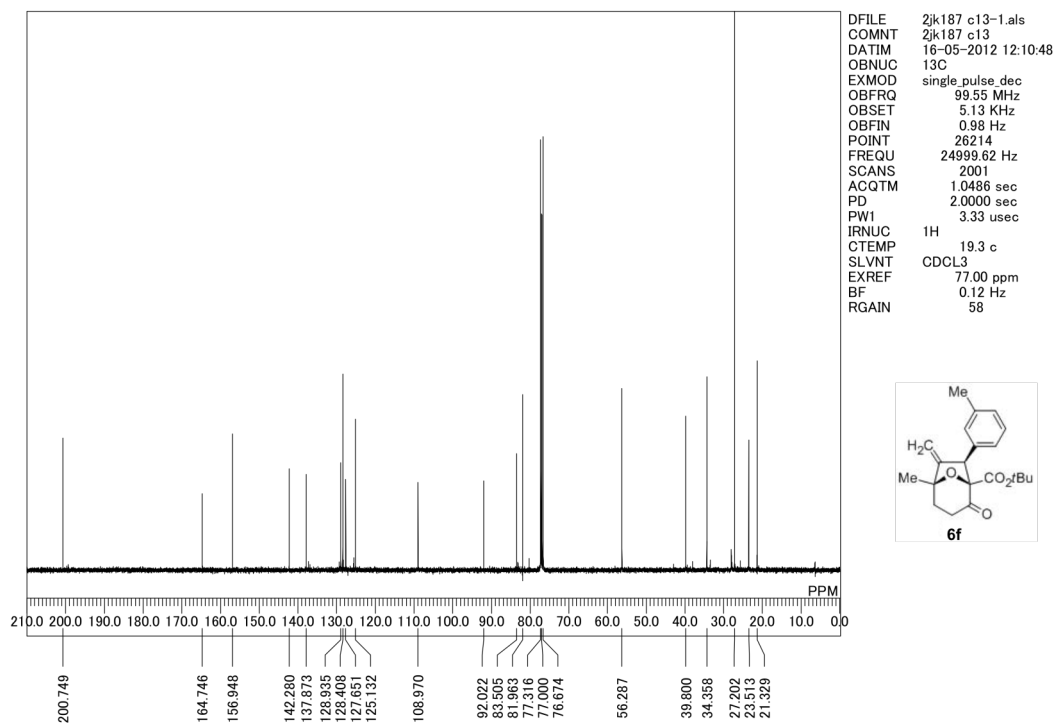
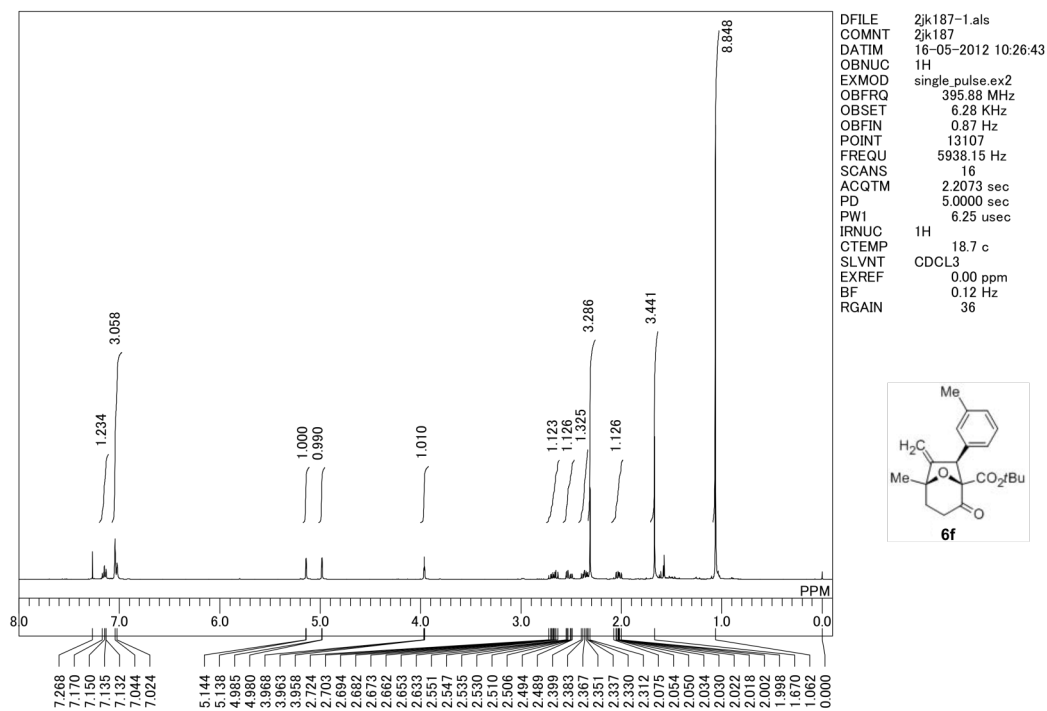


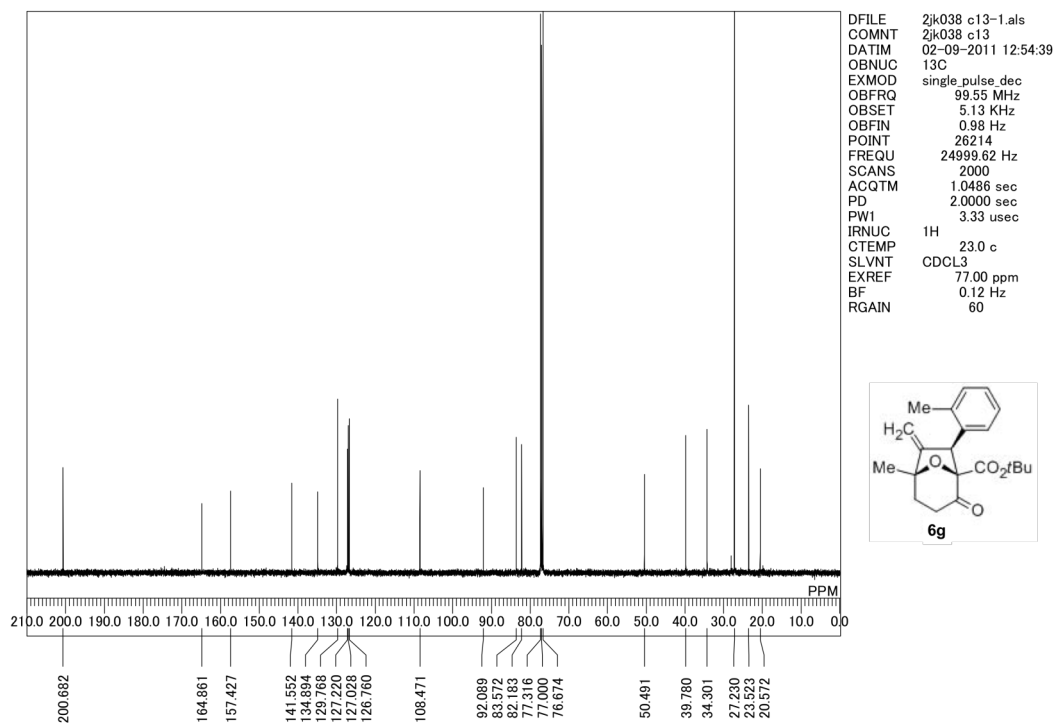
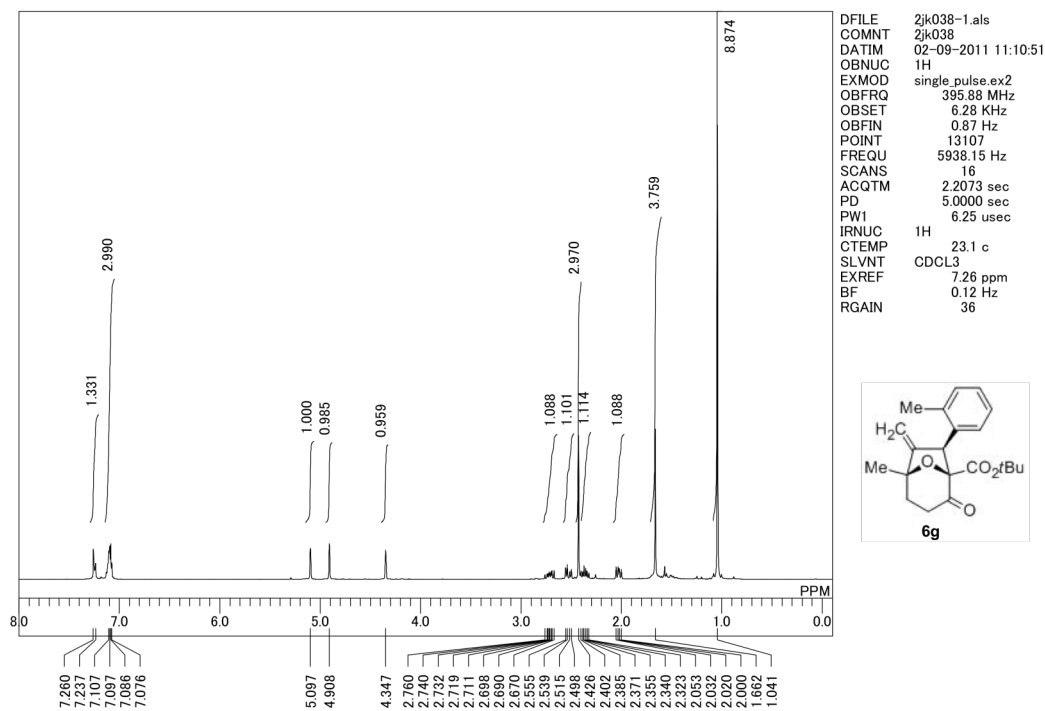


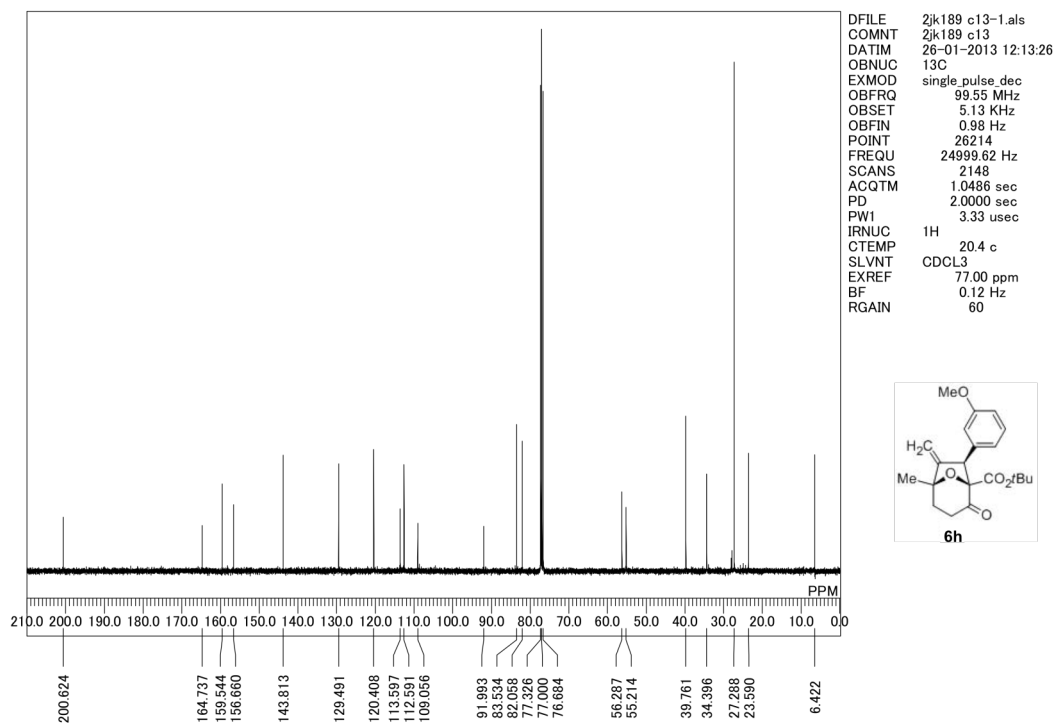
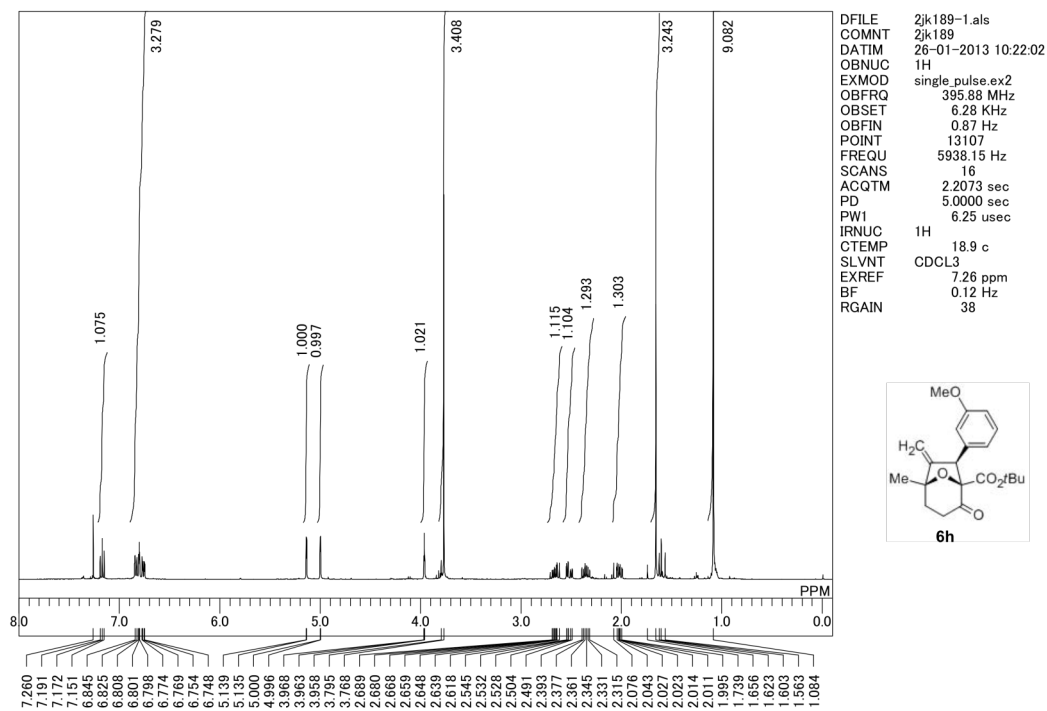


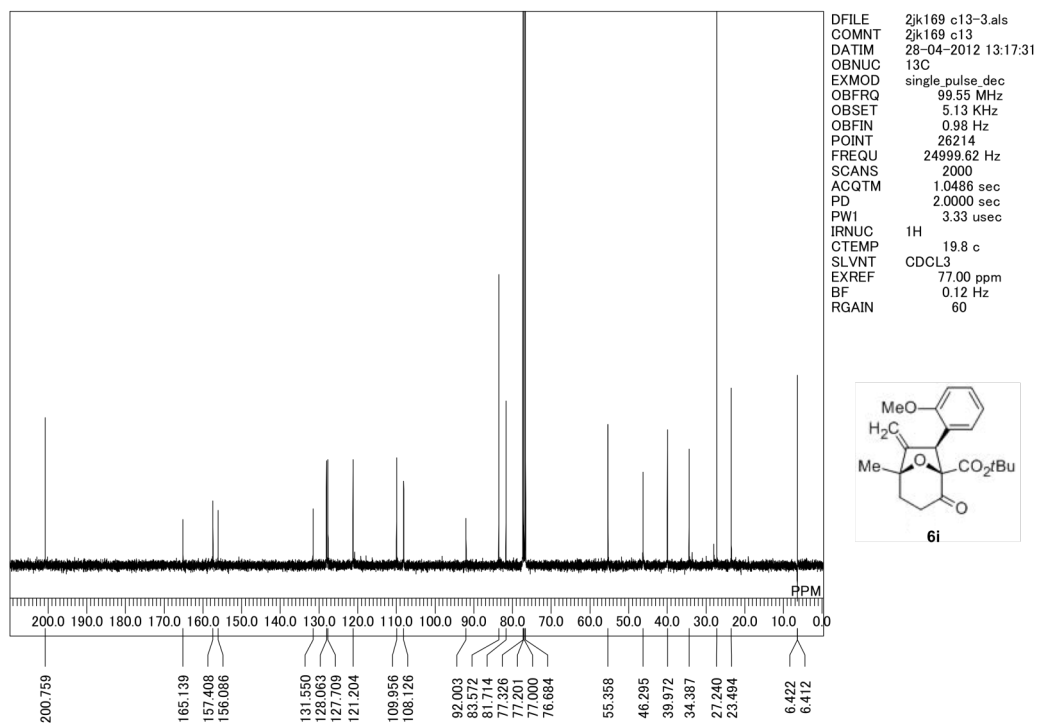
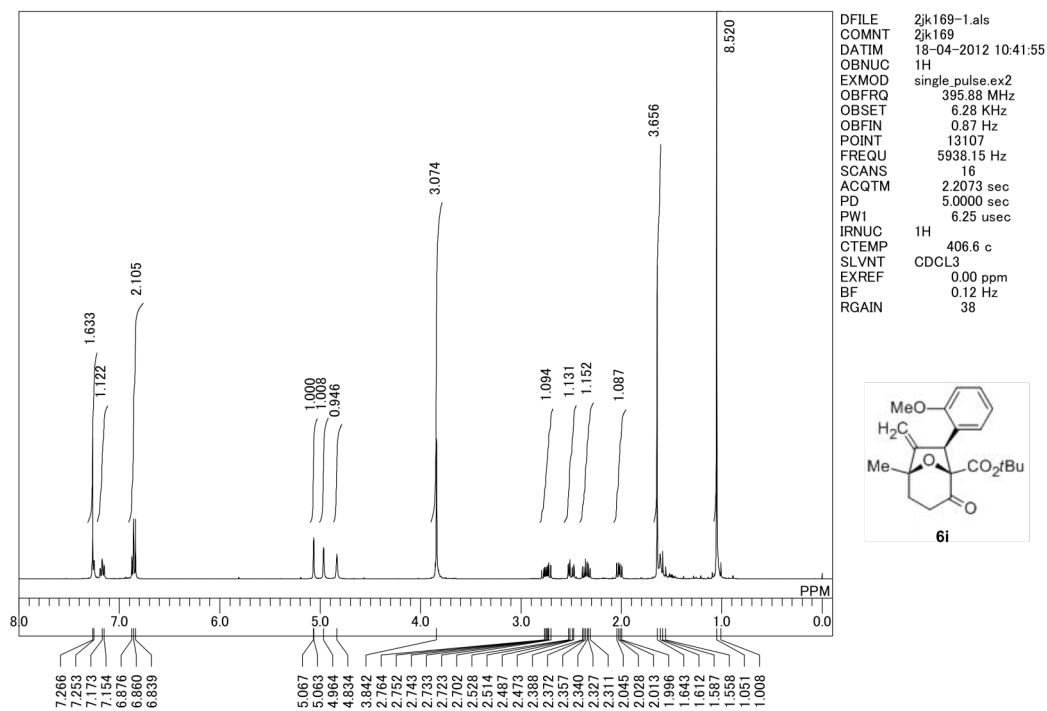


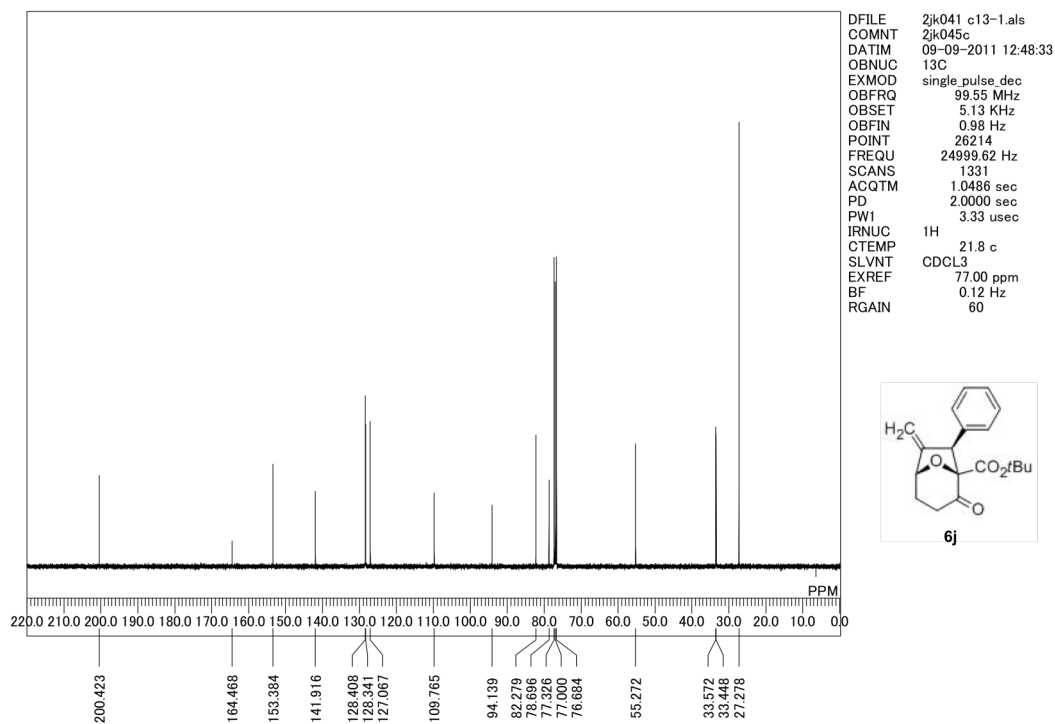
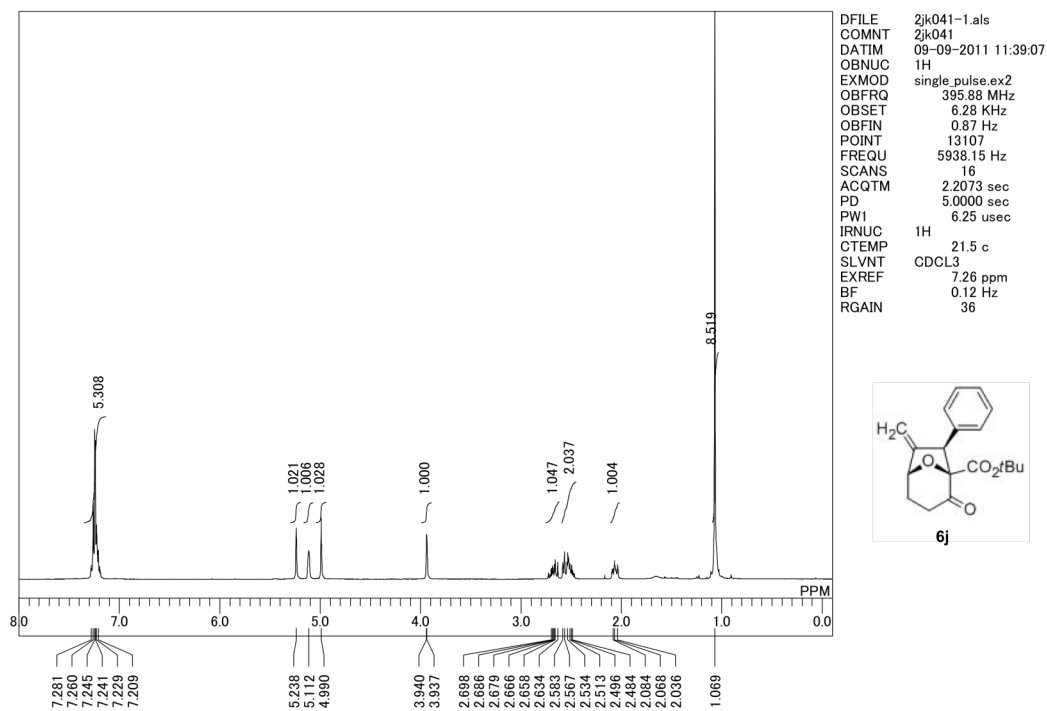


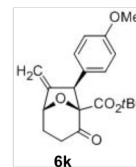
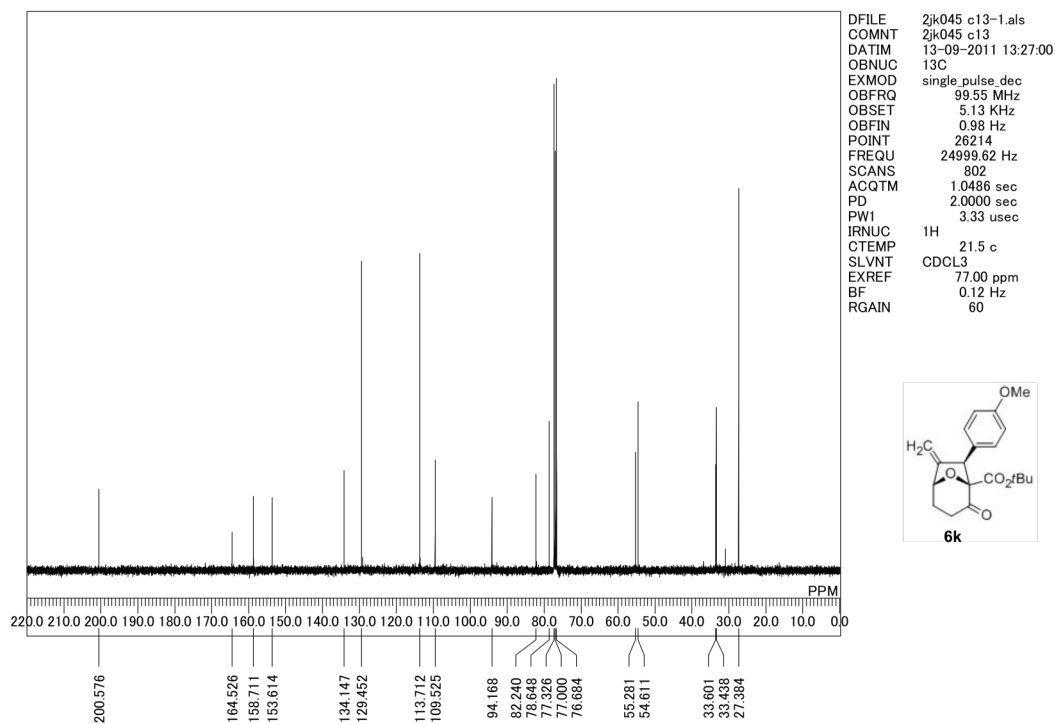
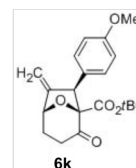
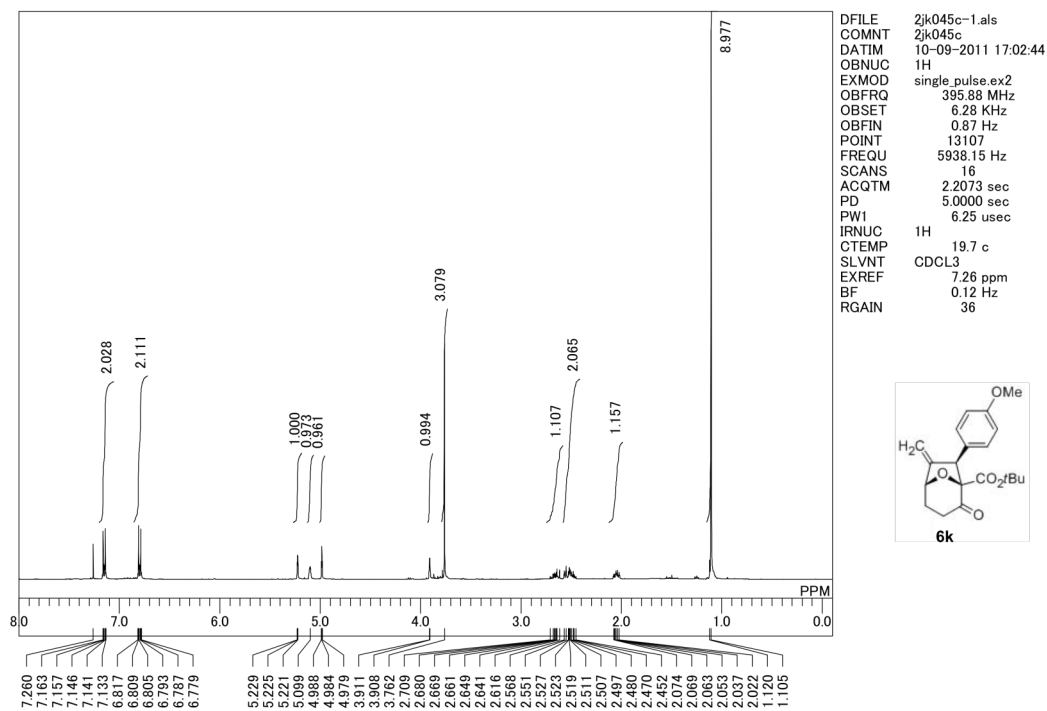


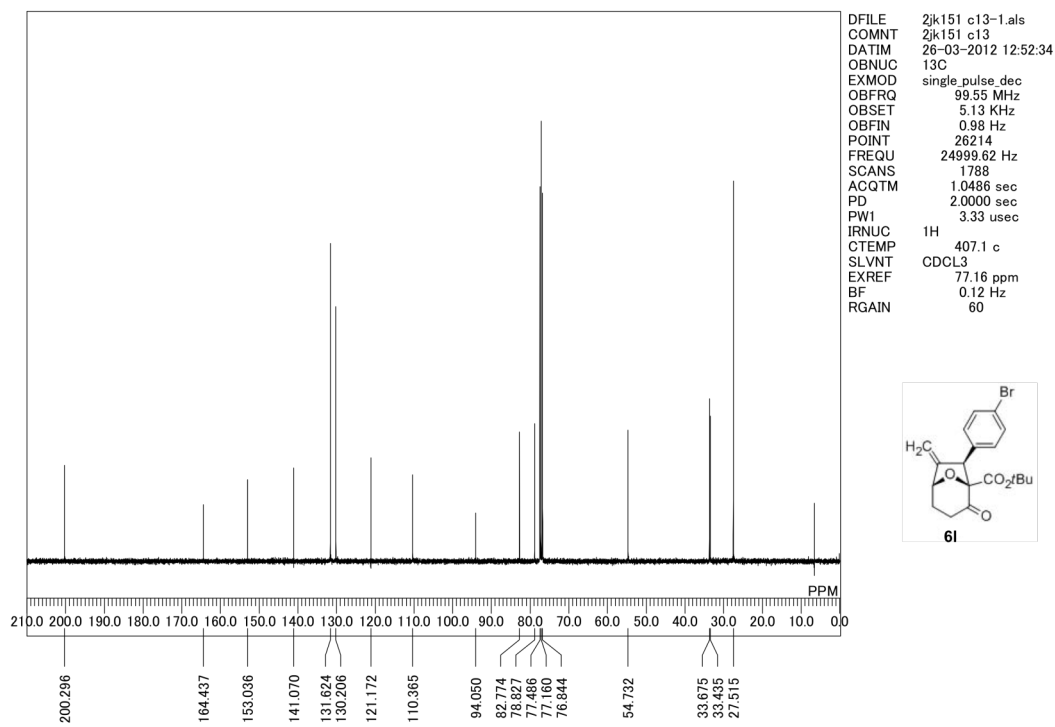
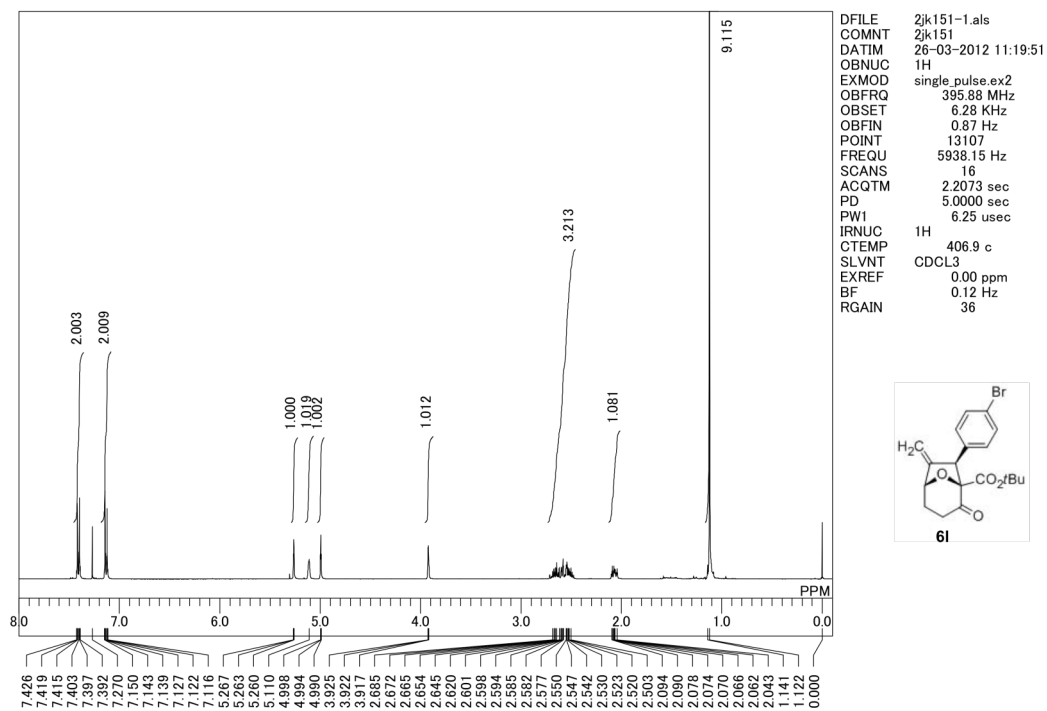


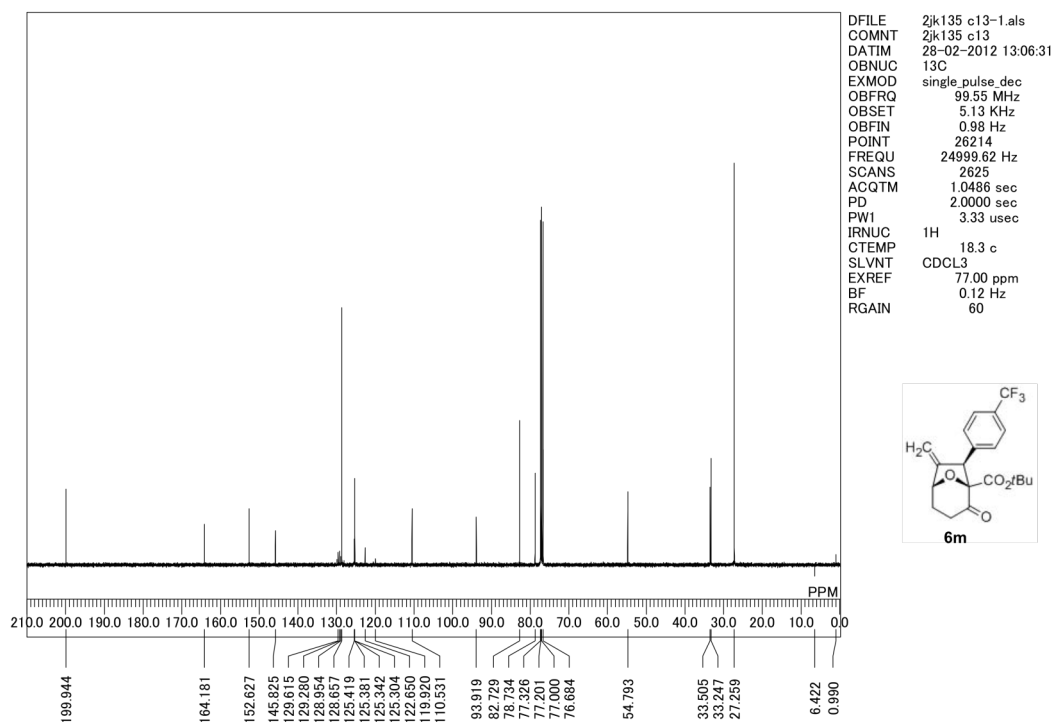
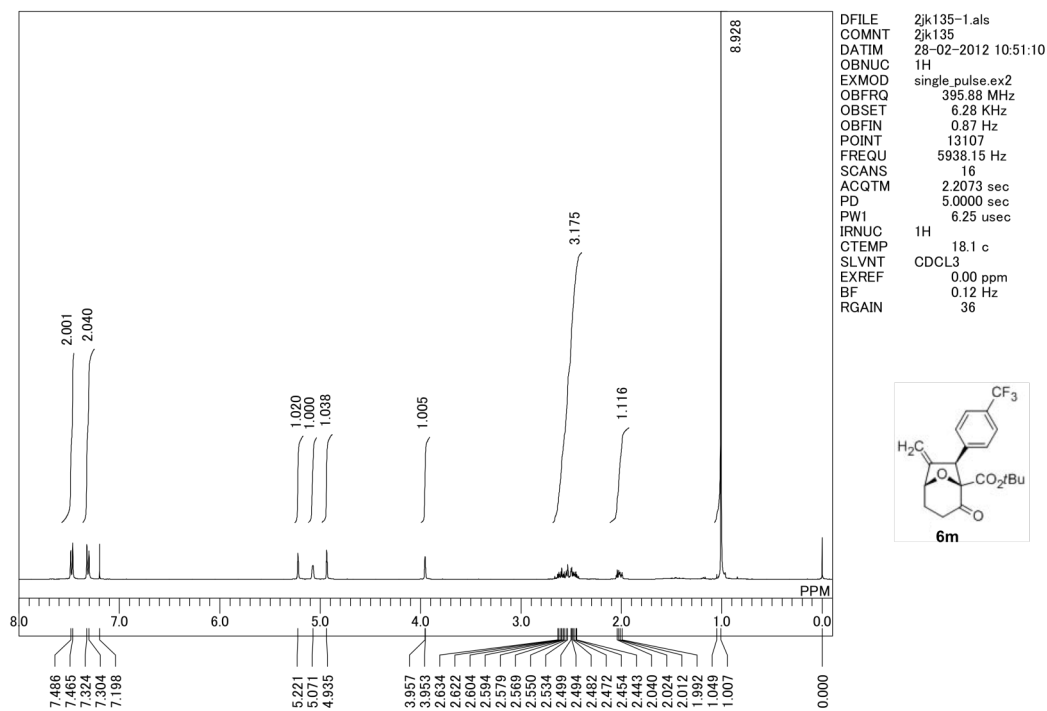


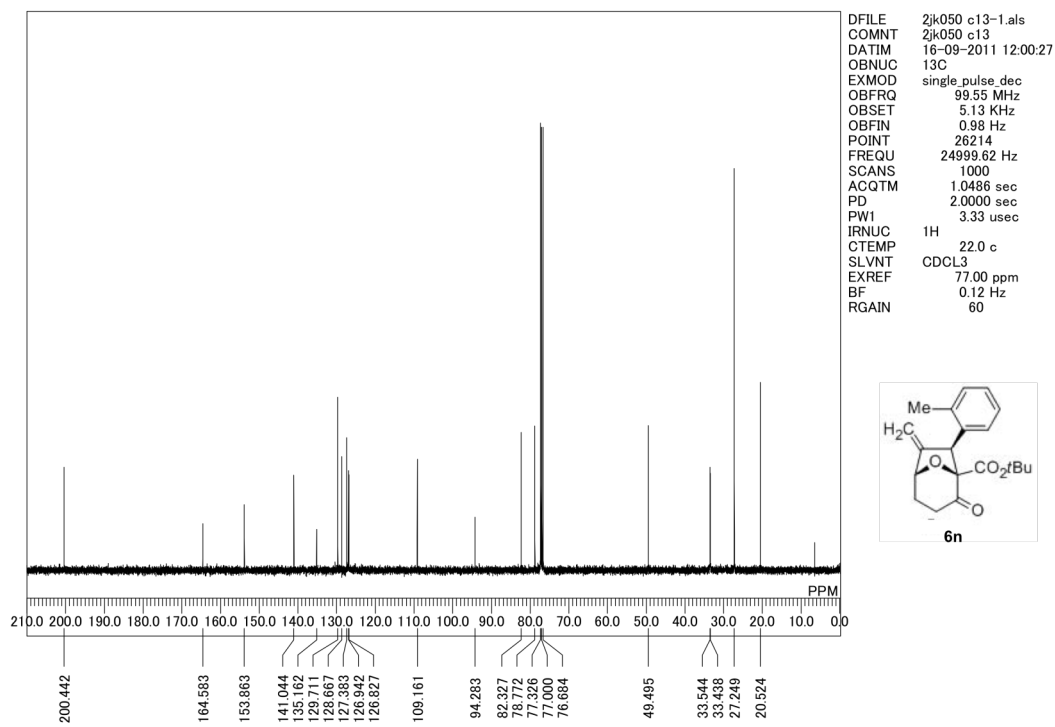
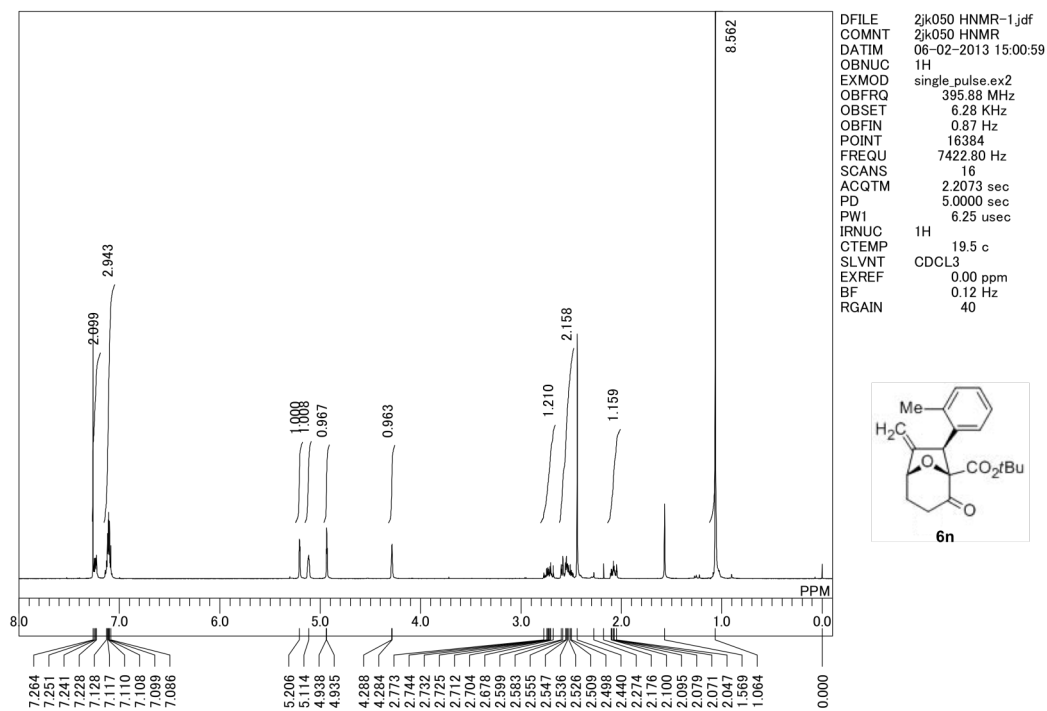


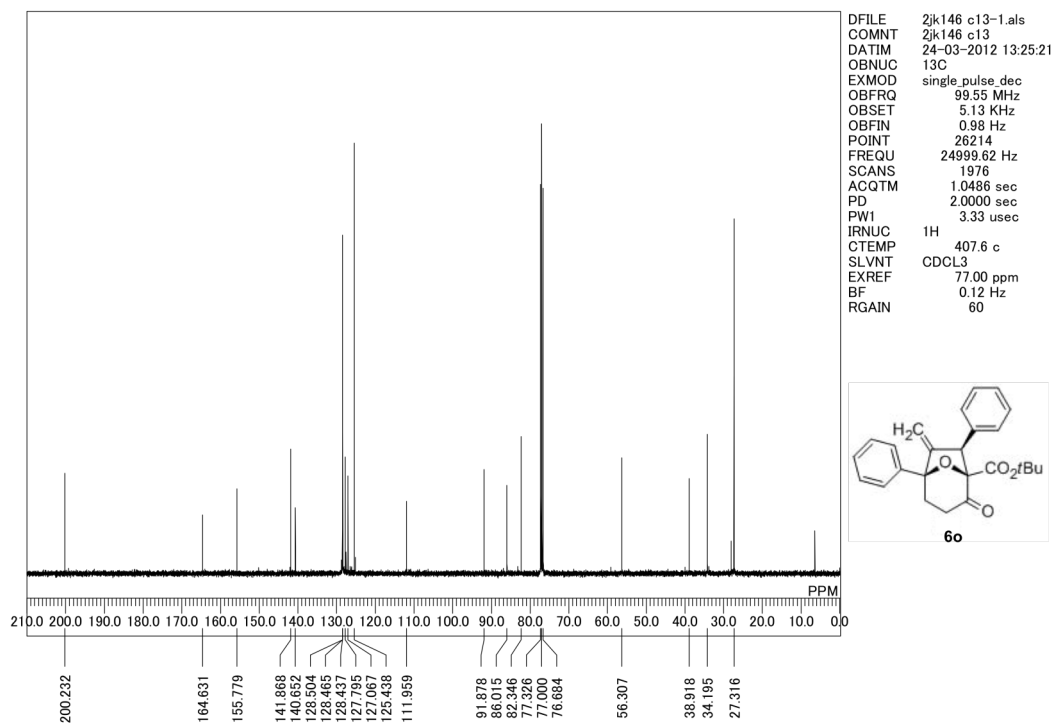
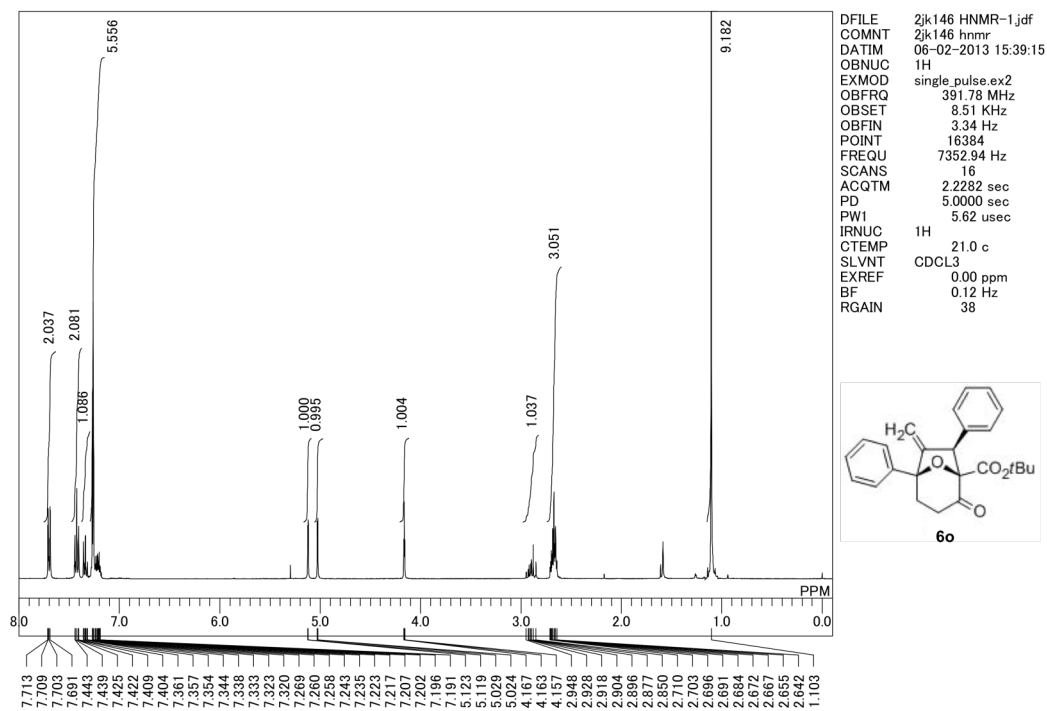


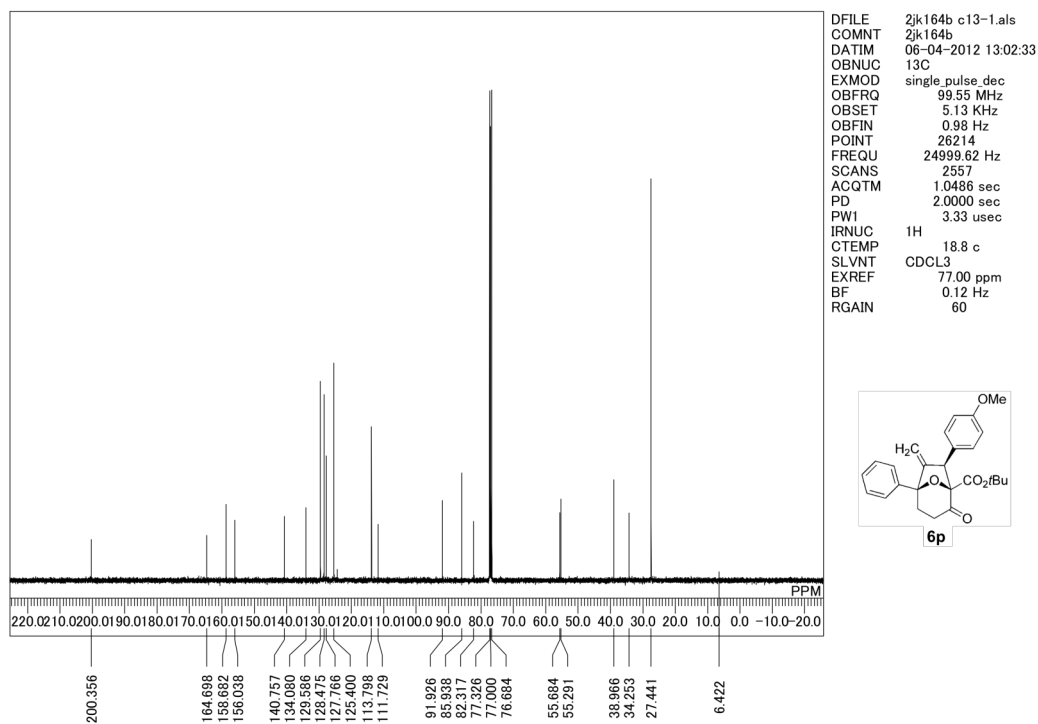
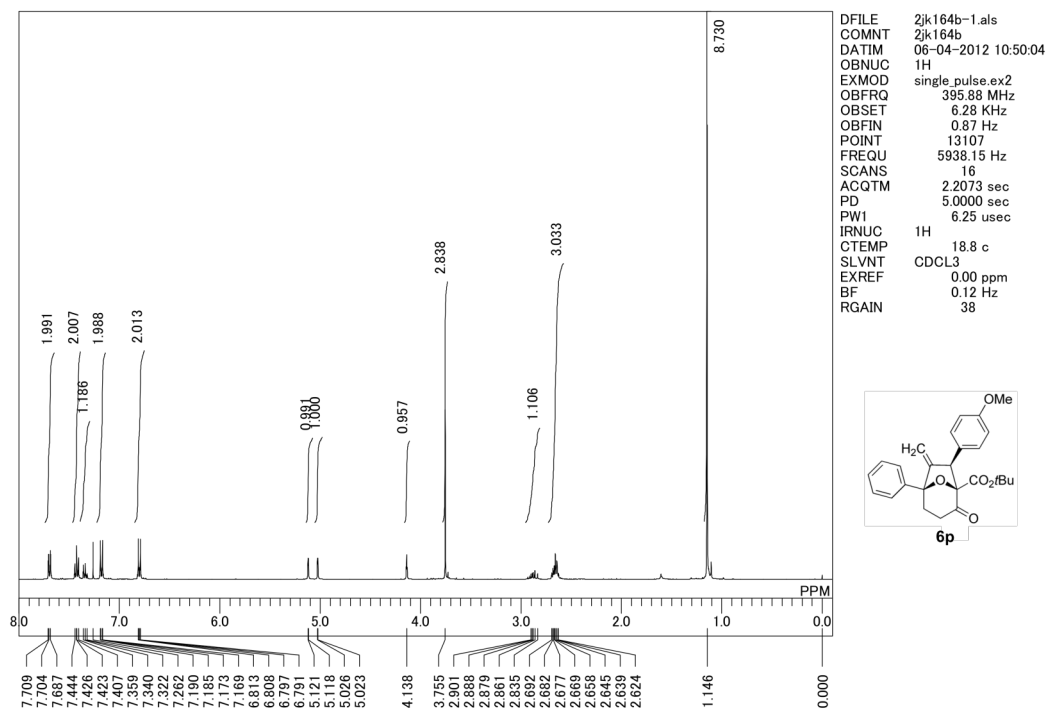


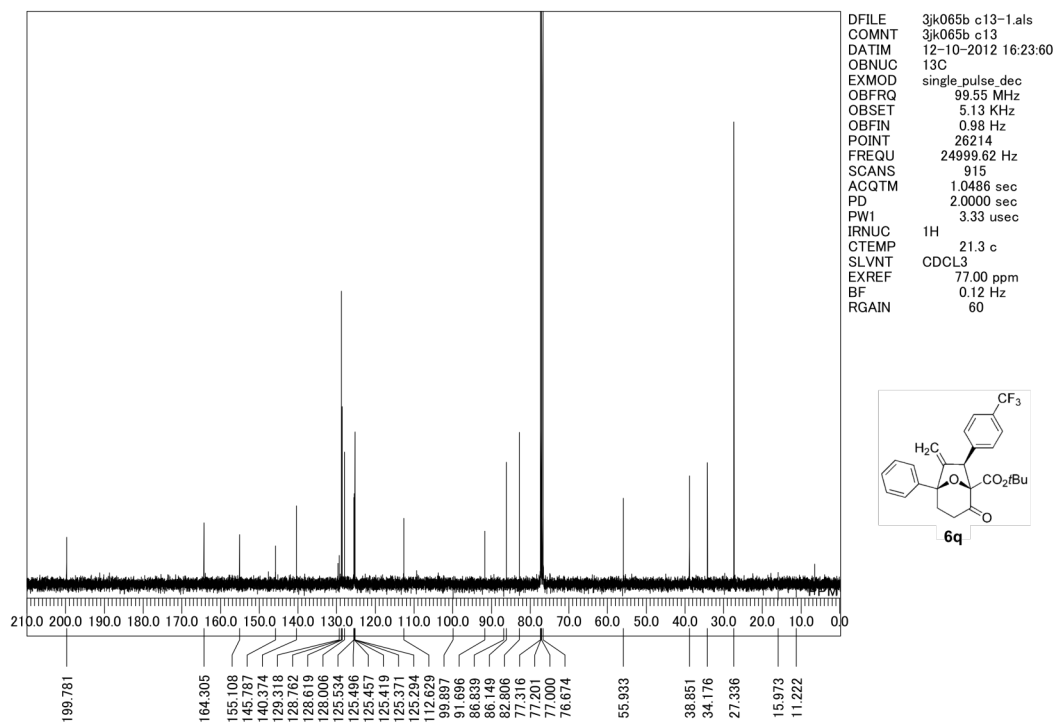
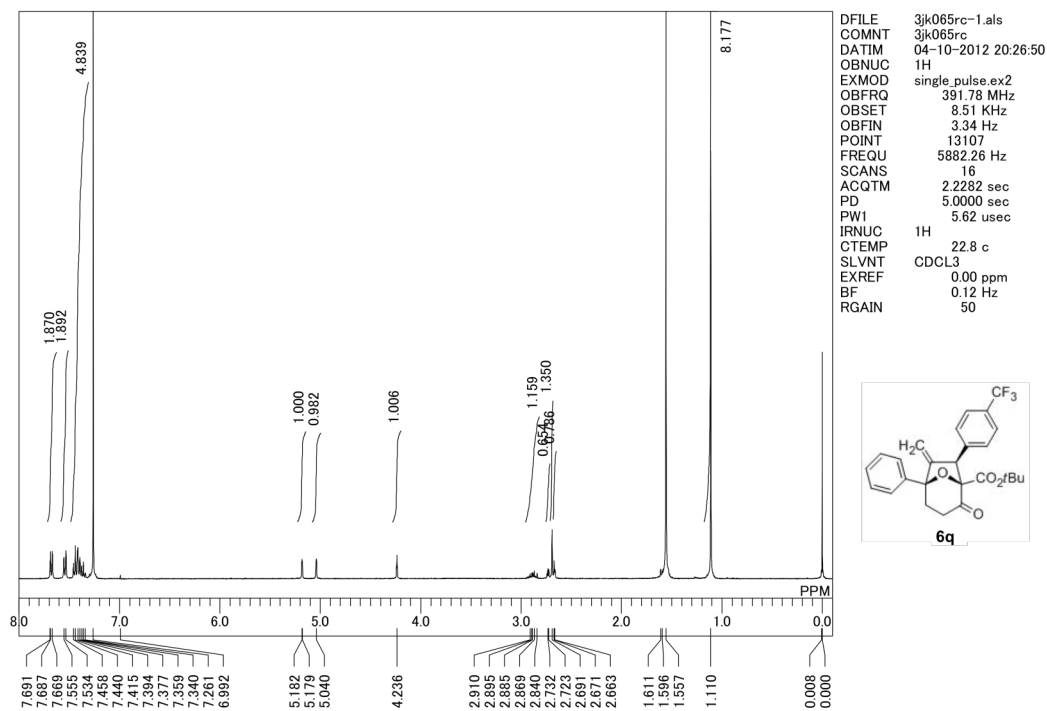


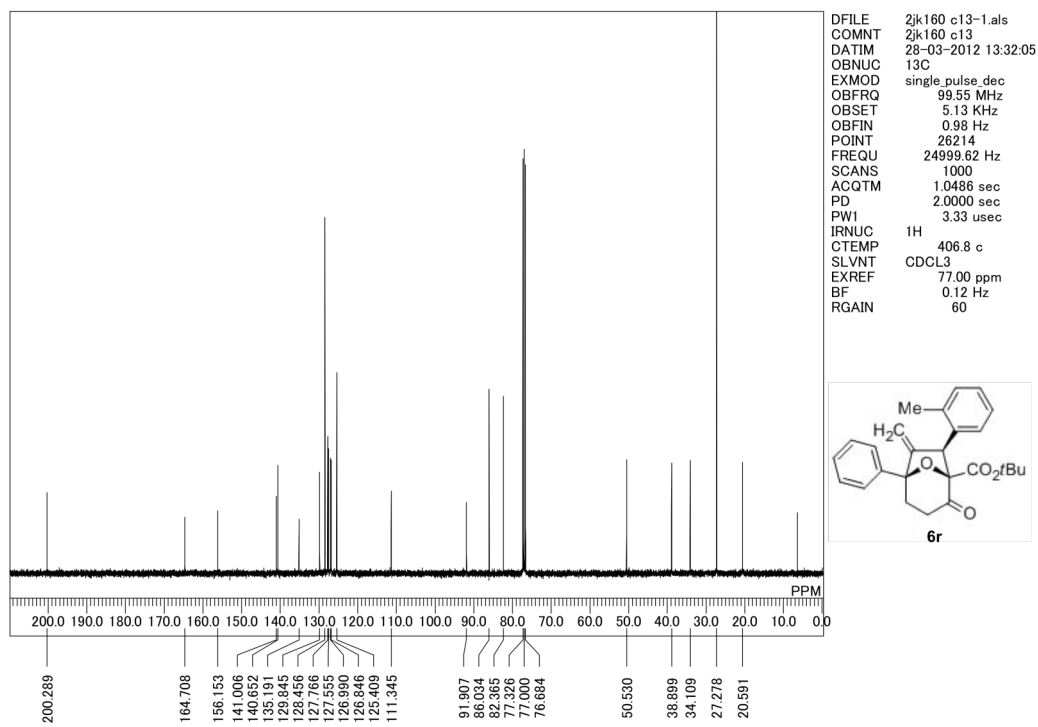
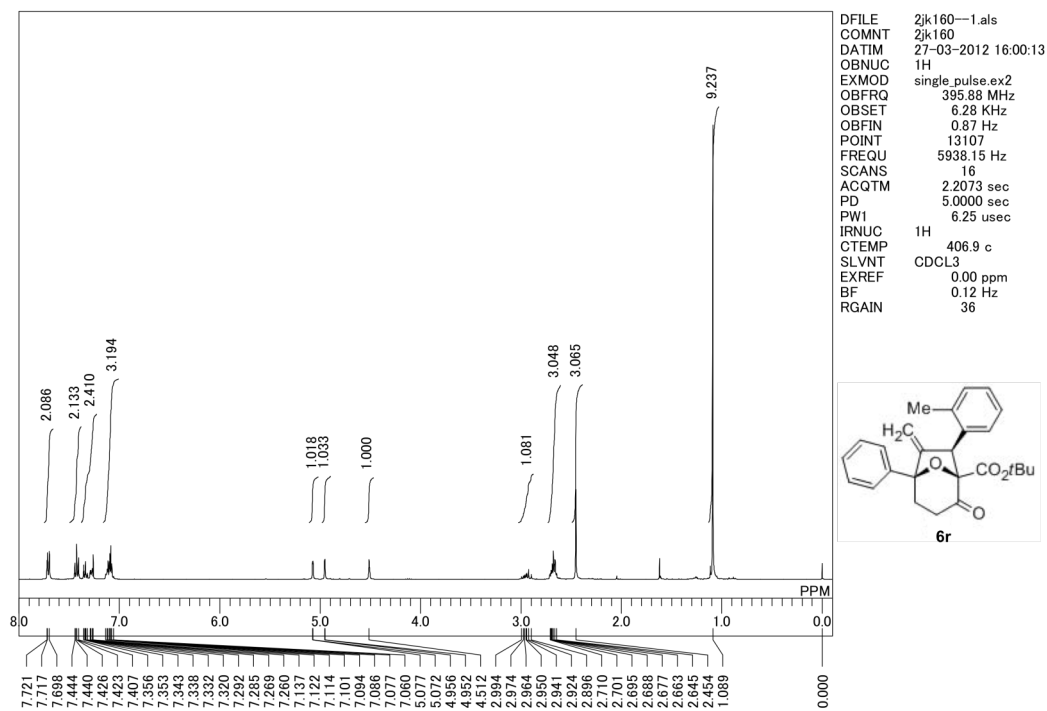


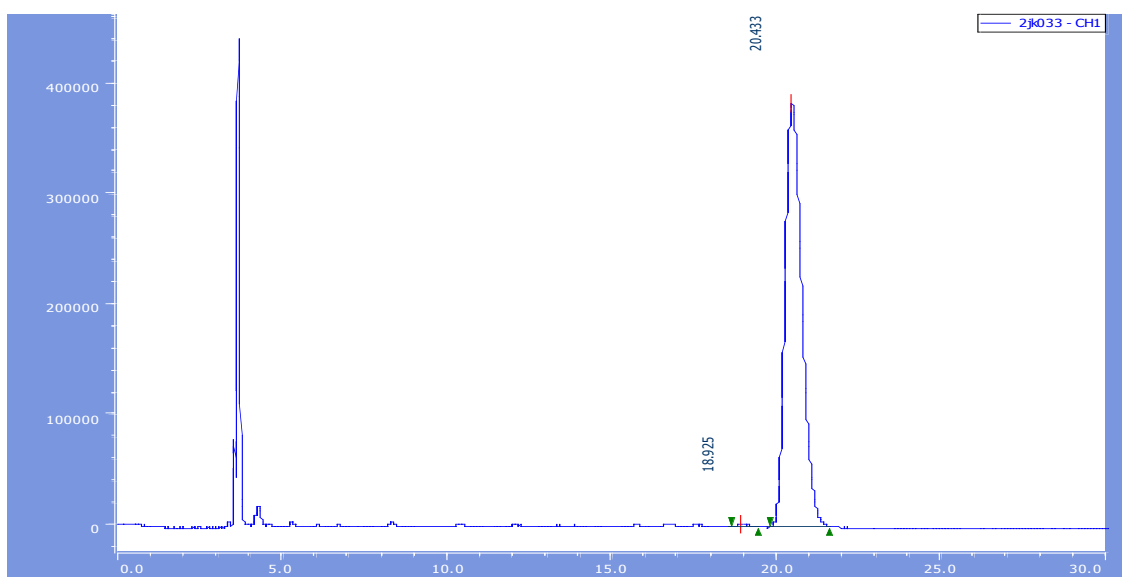
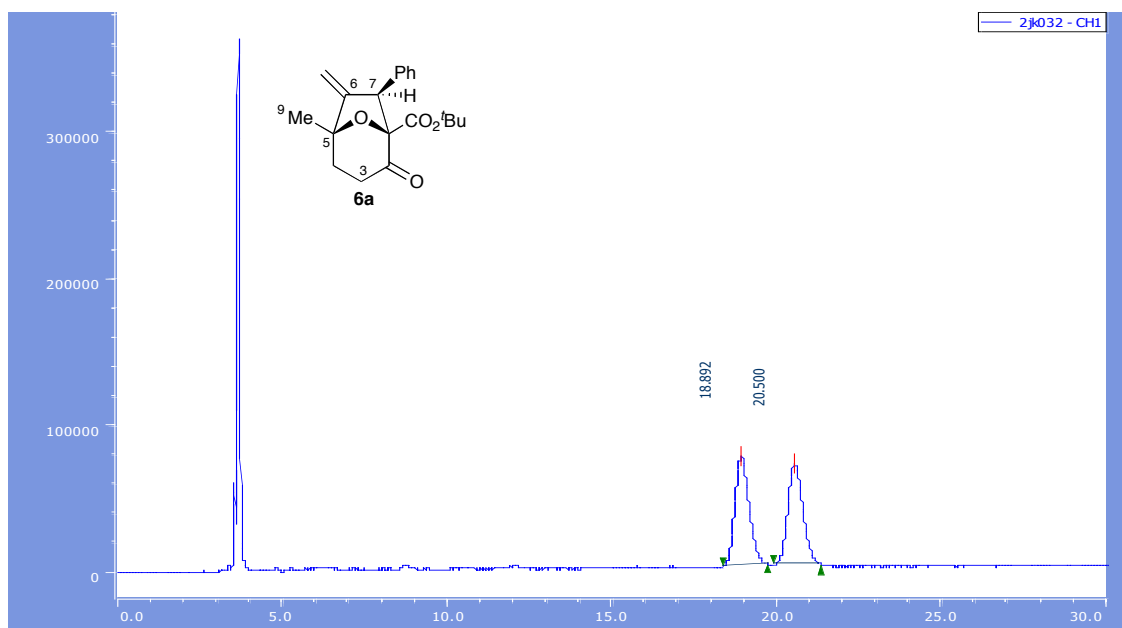










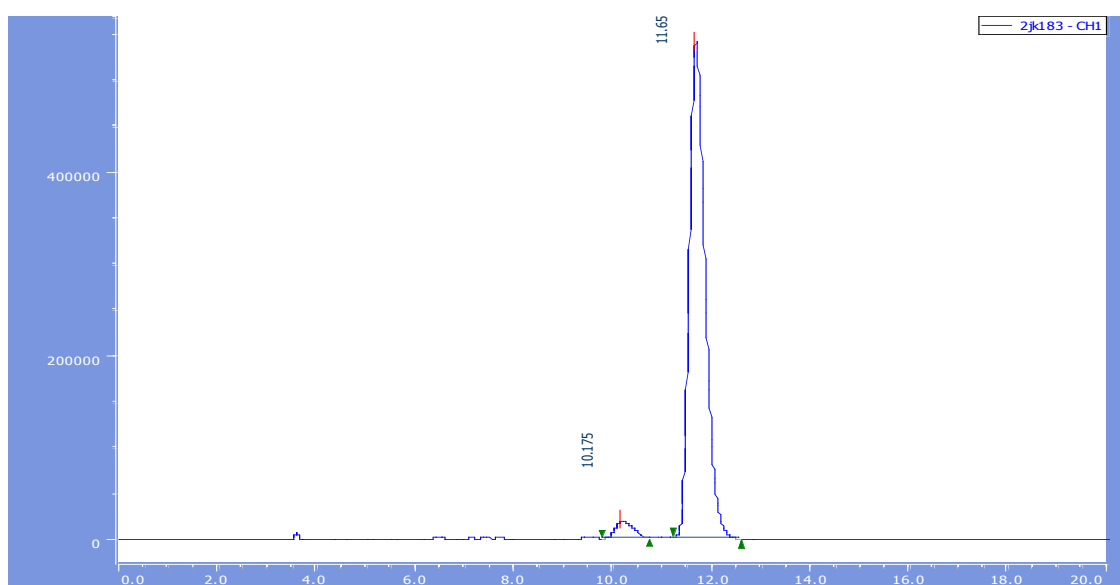
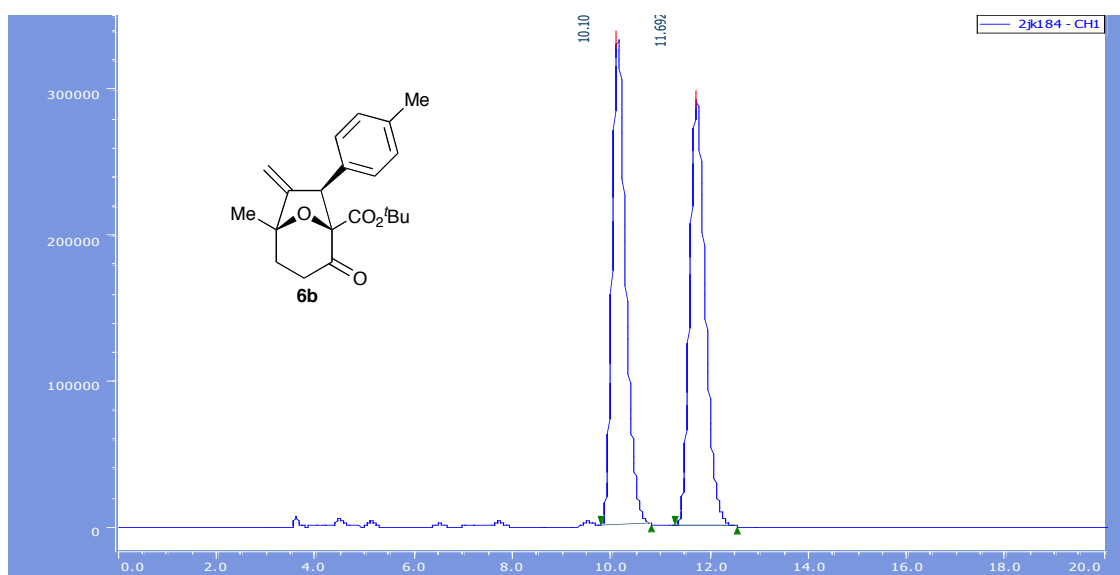


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2	20.50	2231163	49.98

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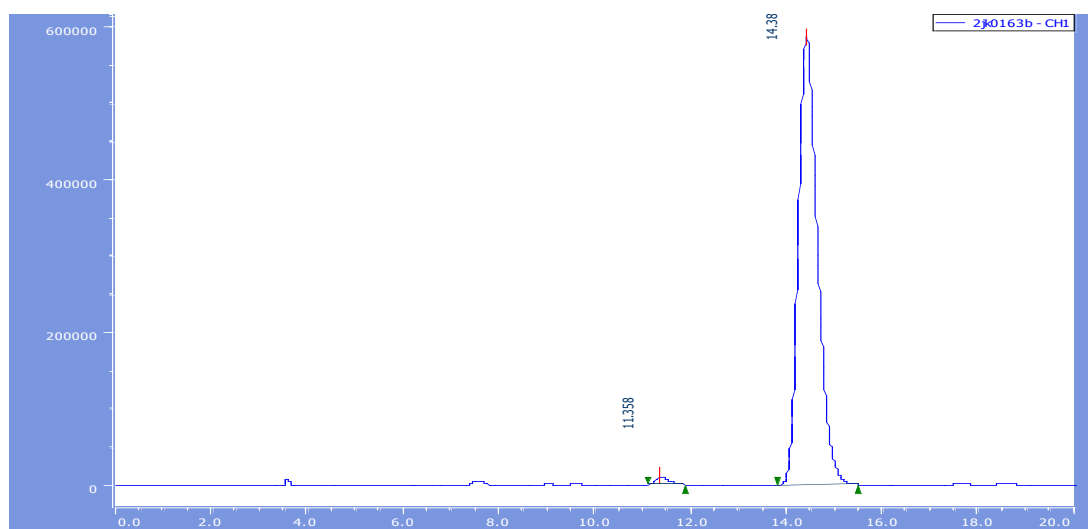
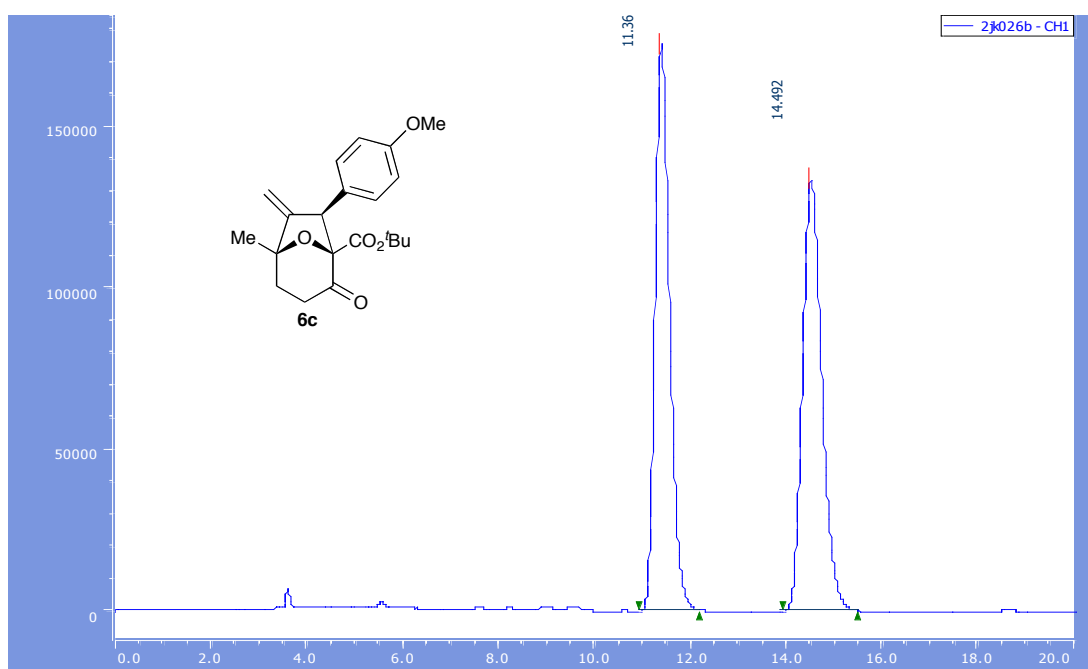


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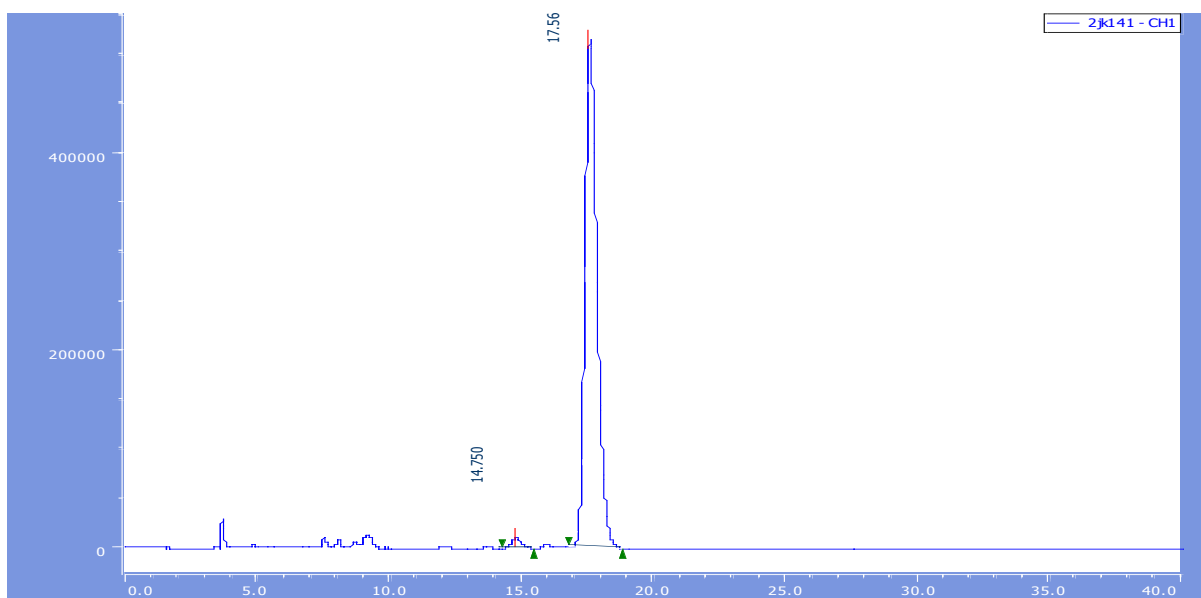
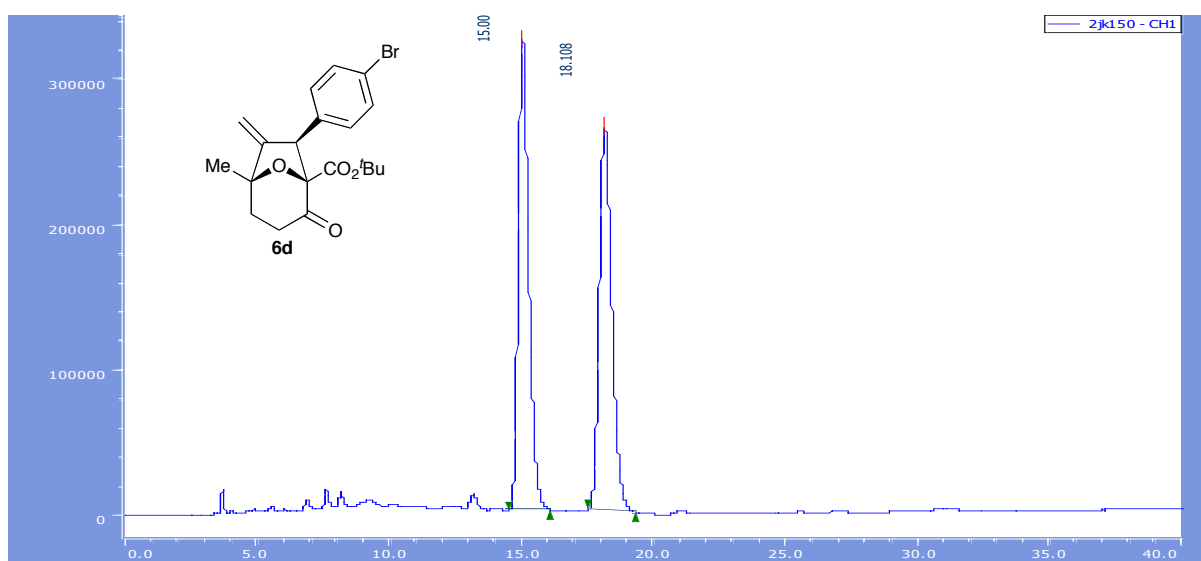


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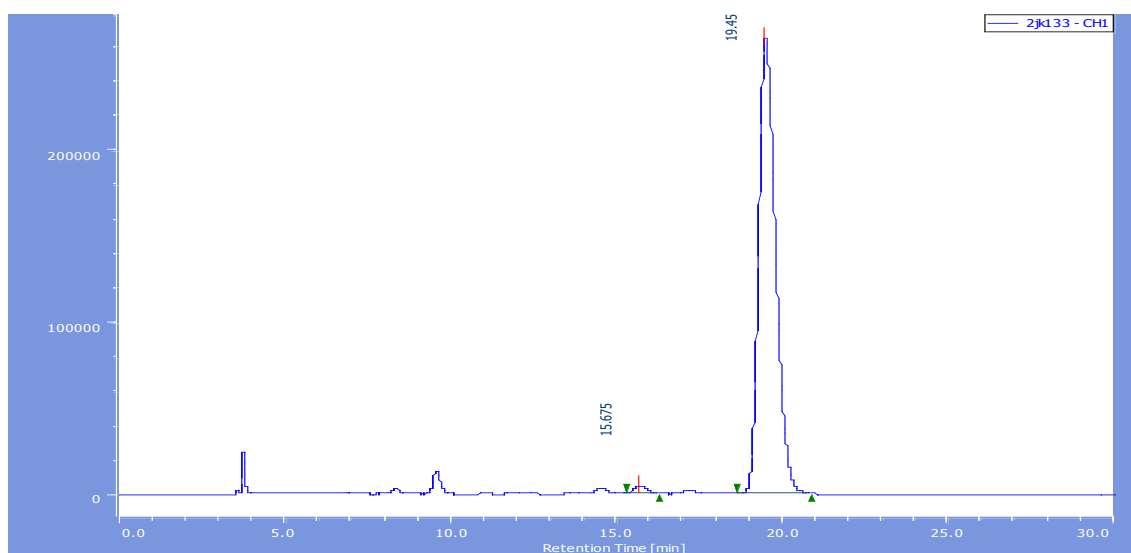
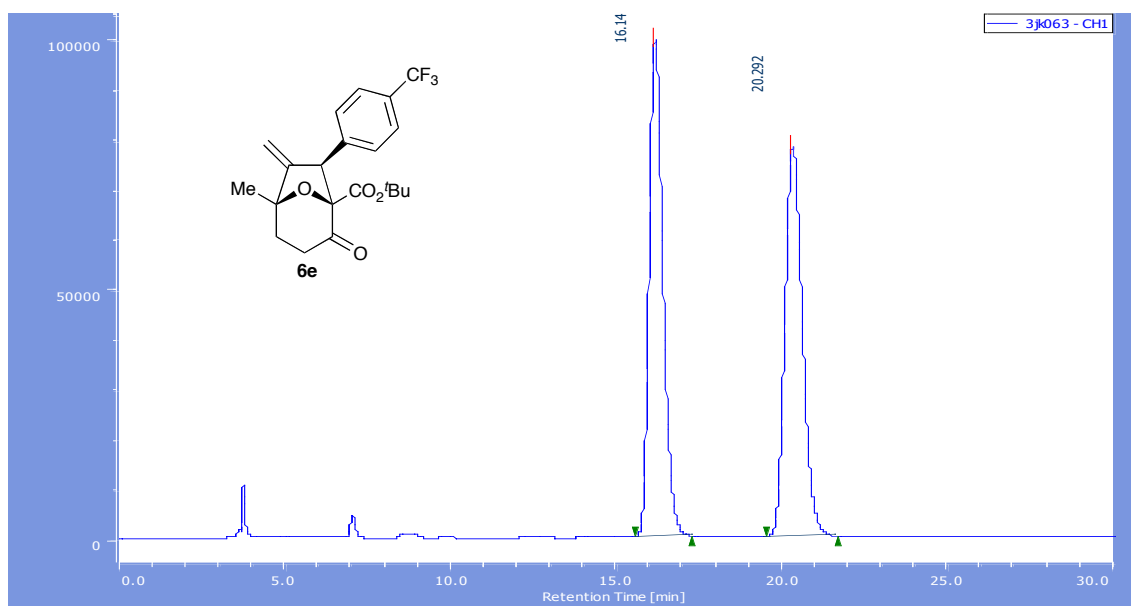


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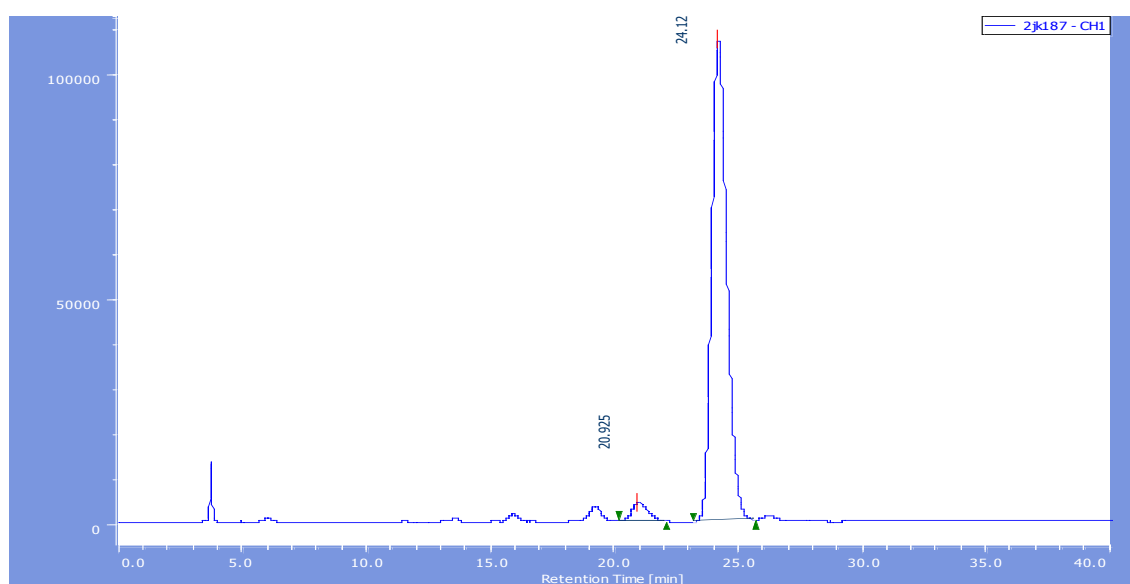
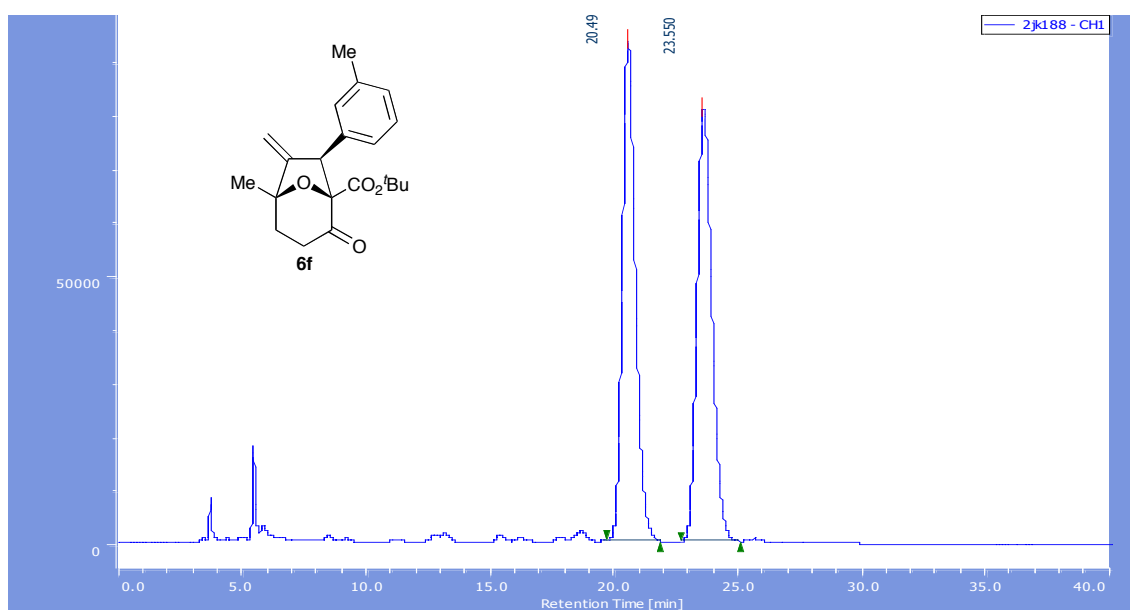


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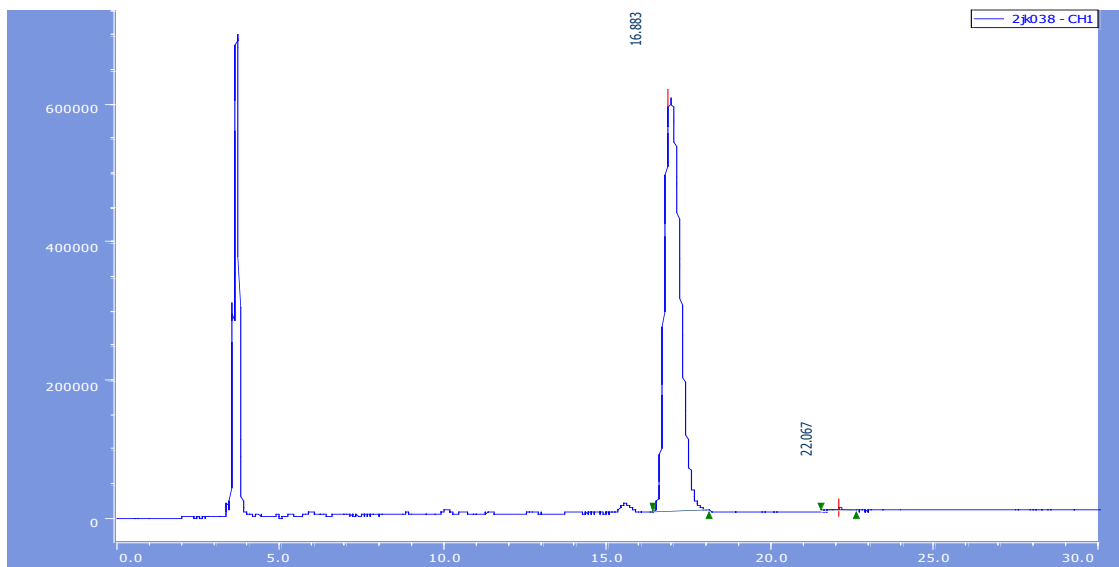
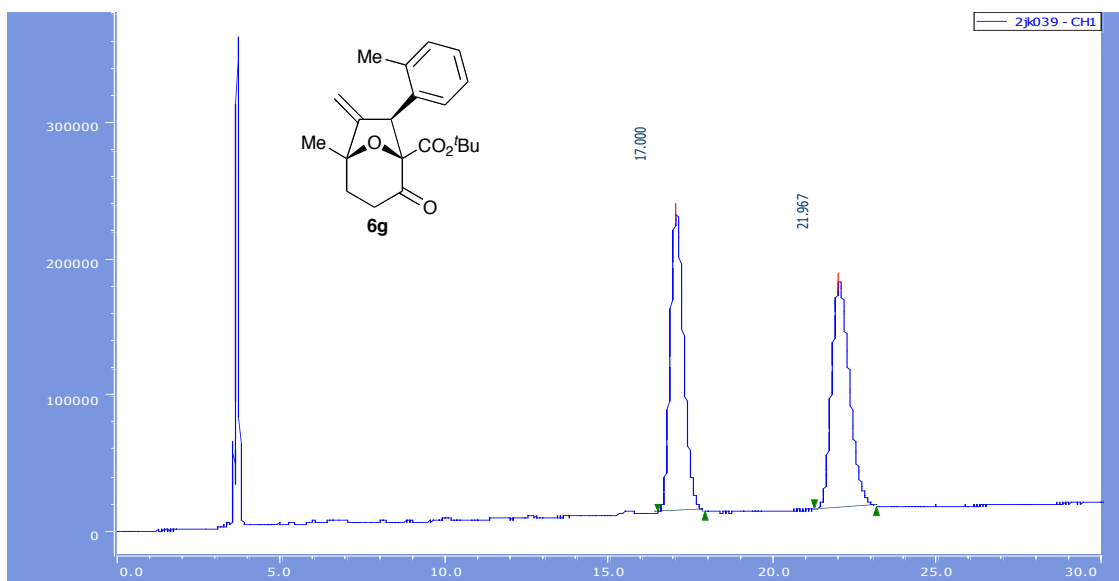


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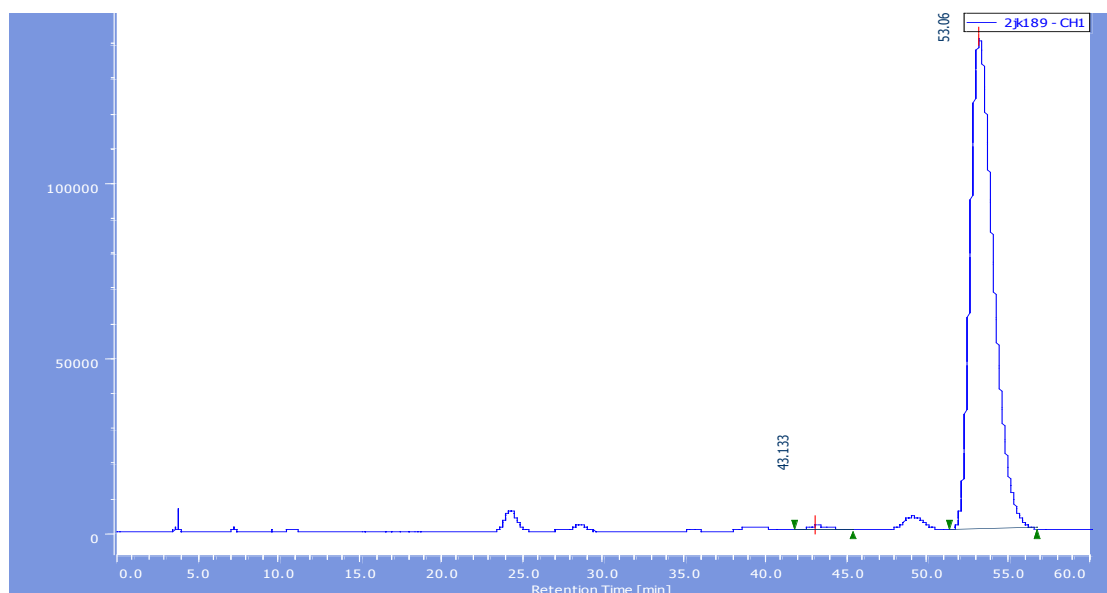
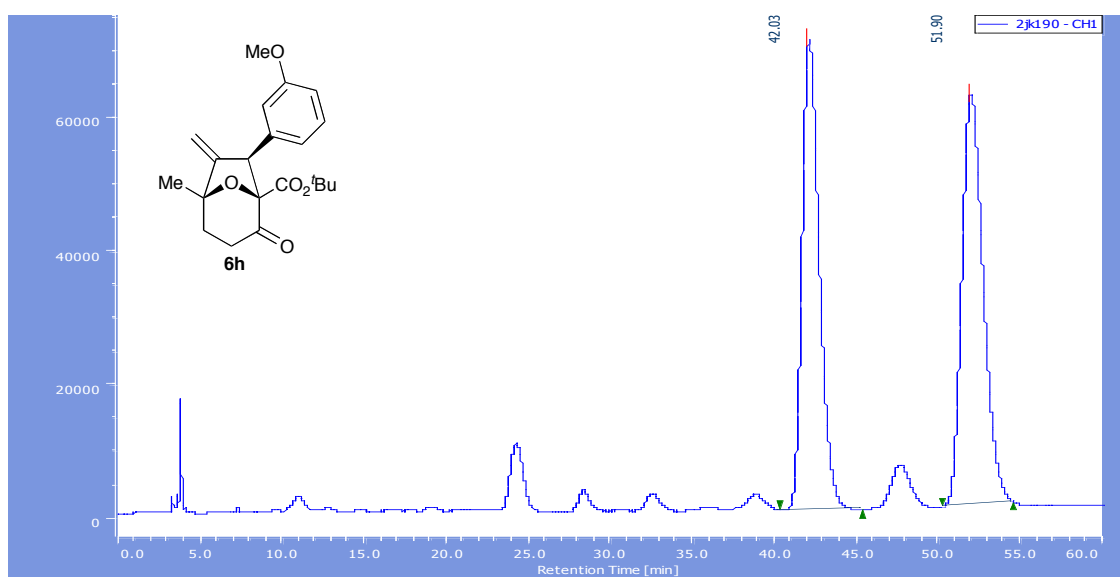


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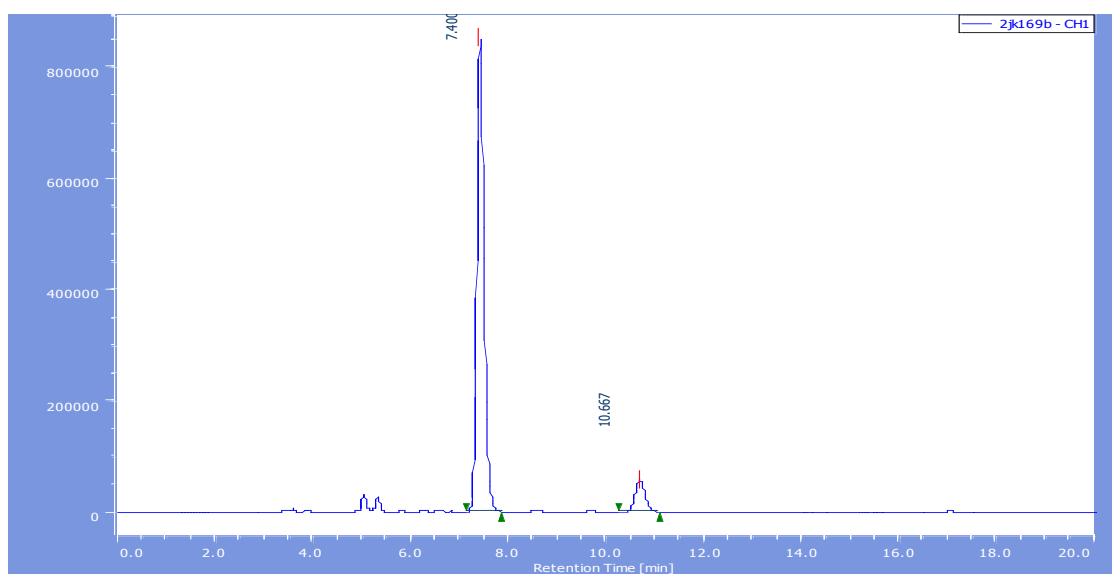
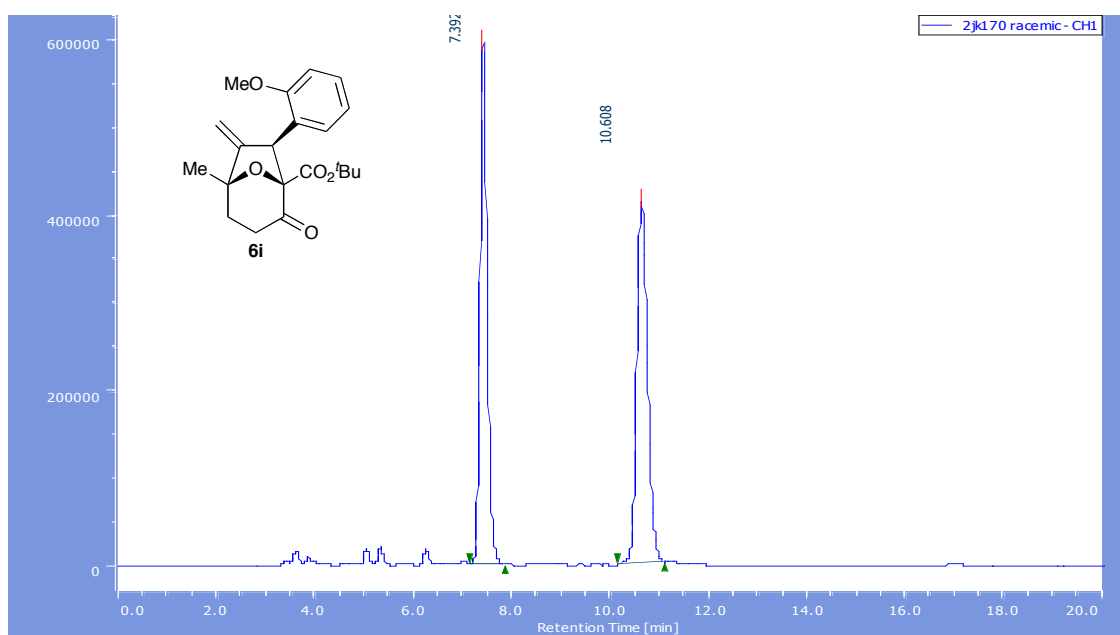


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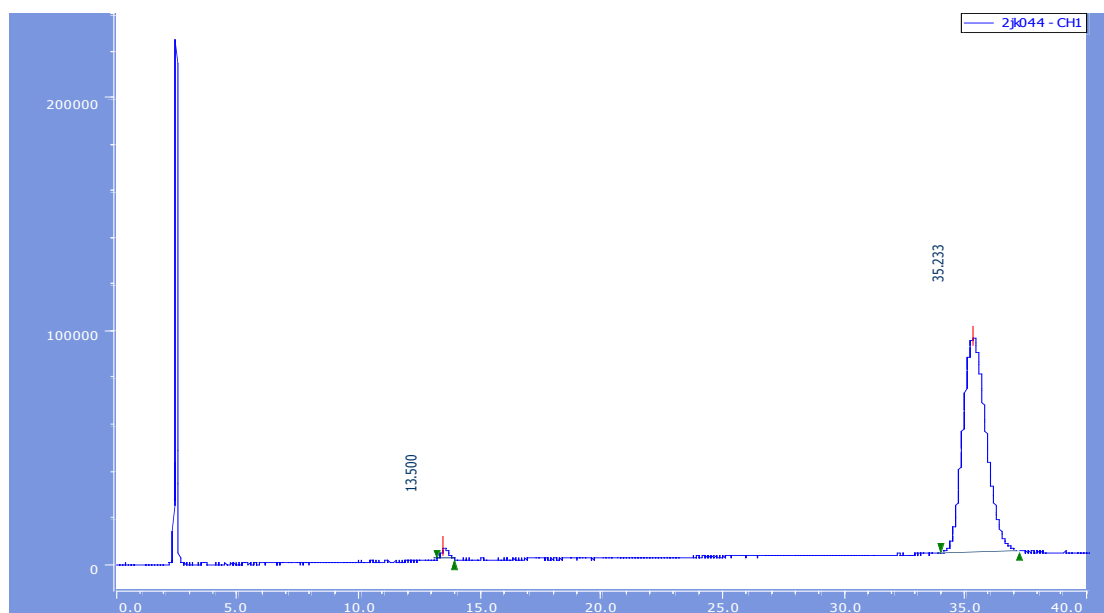
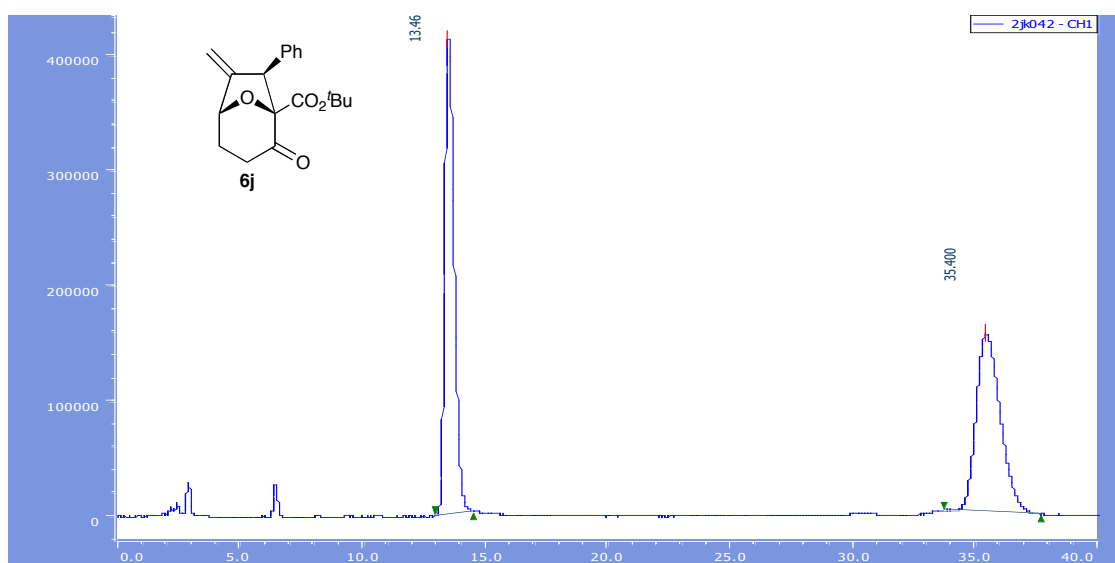


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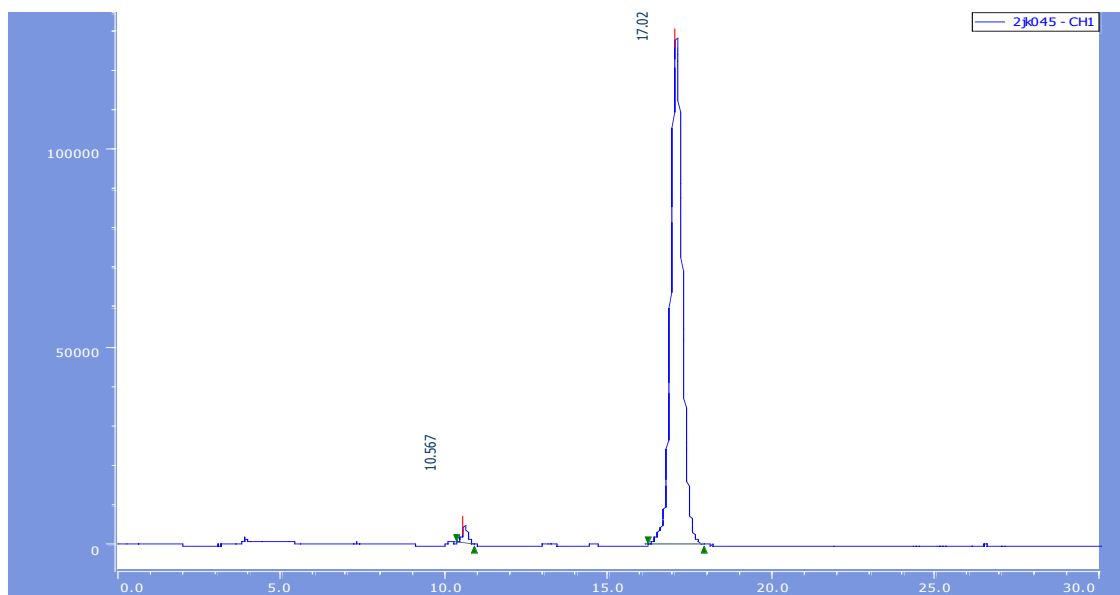
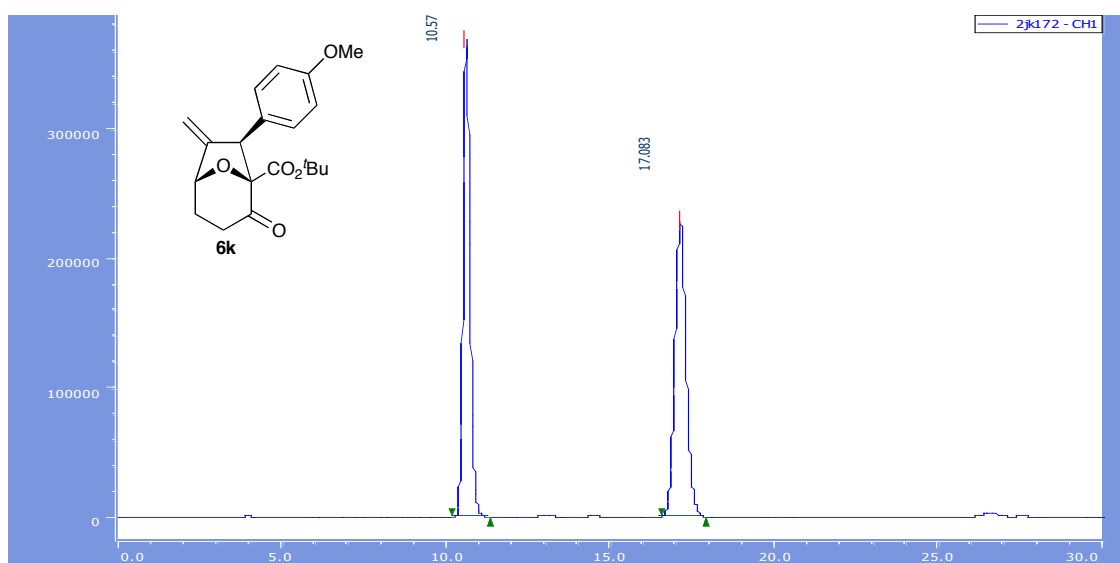


6j (racemate)

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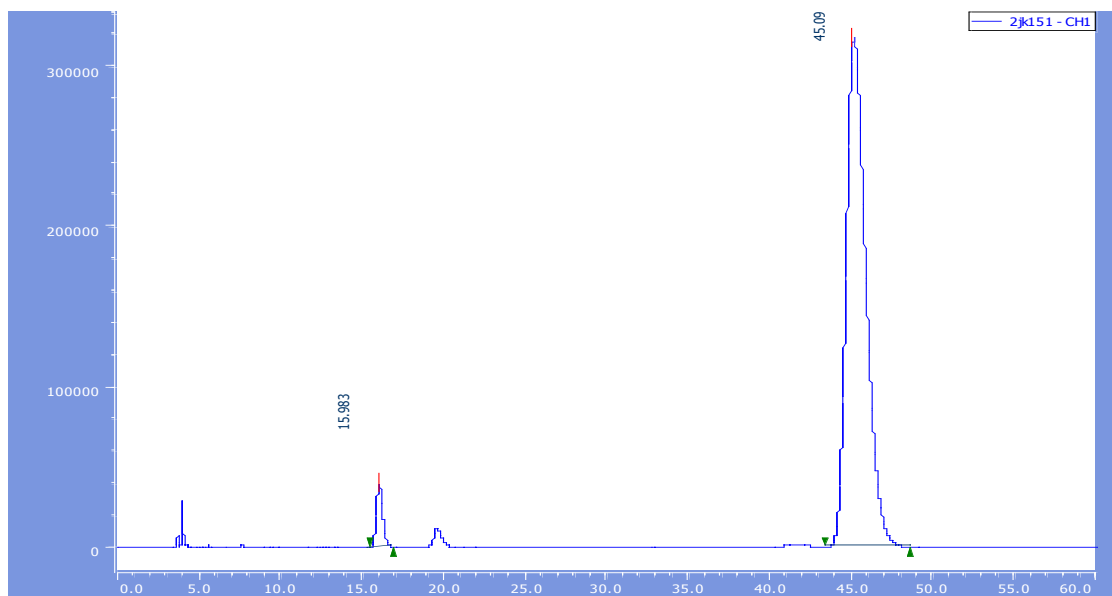
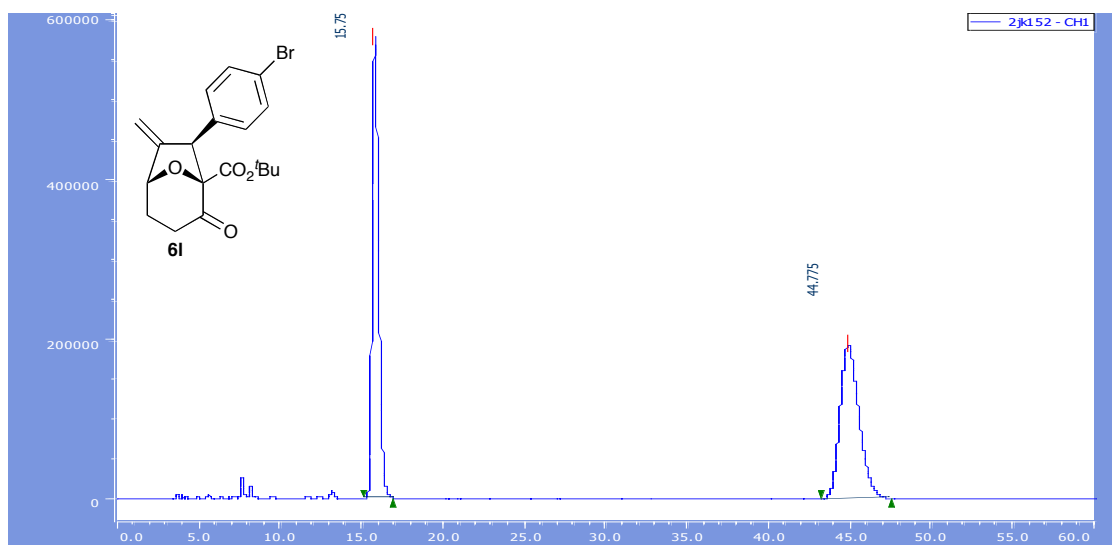


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6k

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
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2	17.00	13089585	98.04

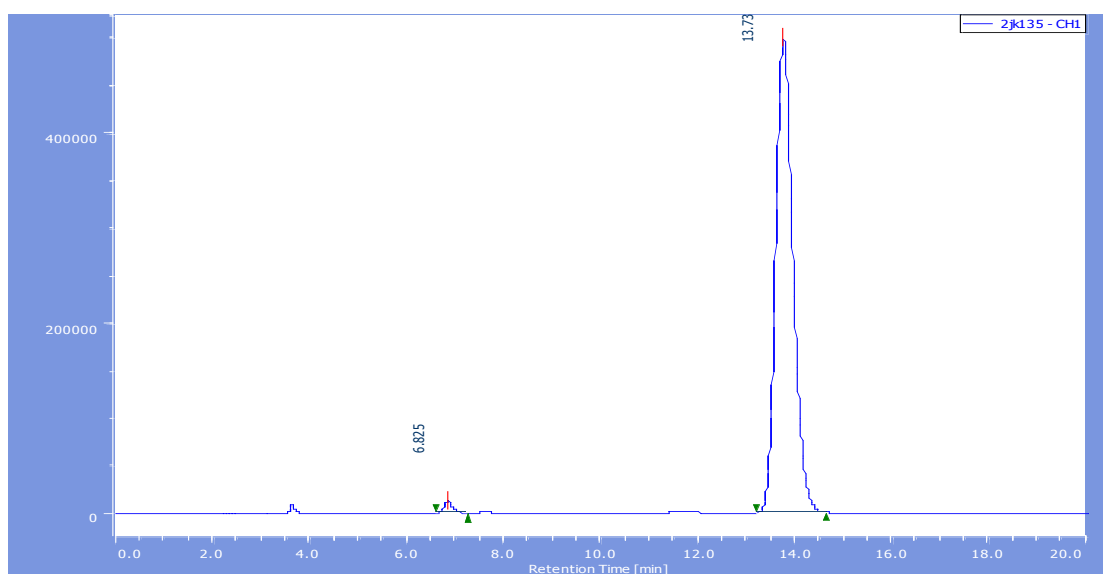
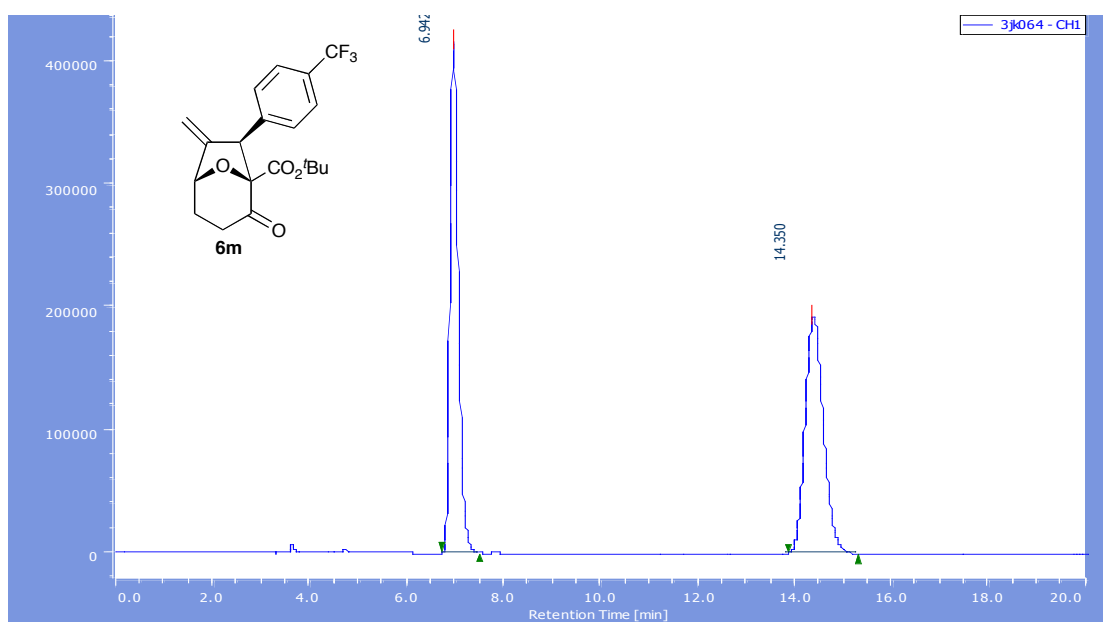


6l (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	15.75	15960713	50.12
2	44.77	15884190	49.88

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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	15.98	1086556	3.90
2	45.09	26755657	96.10

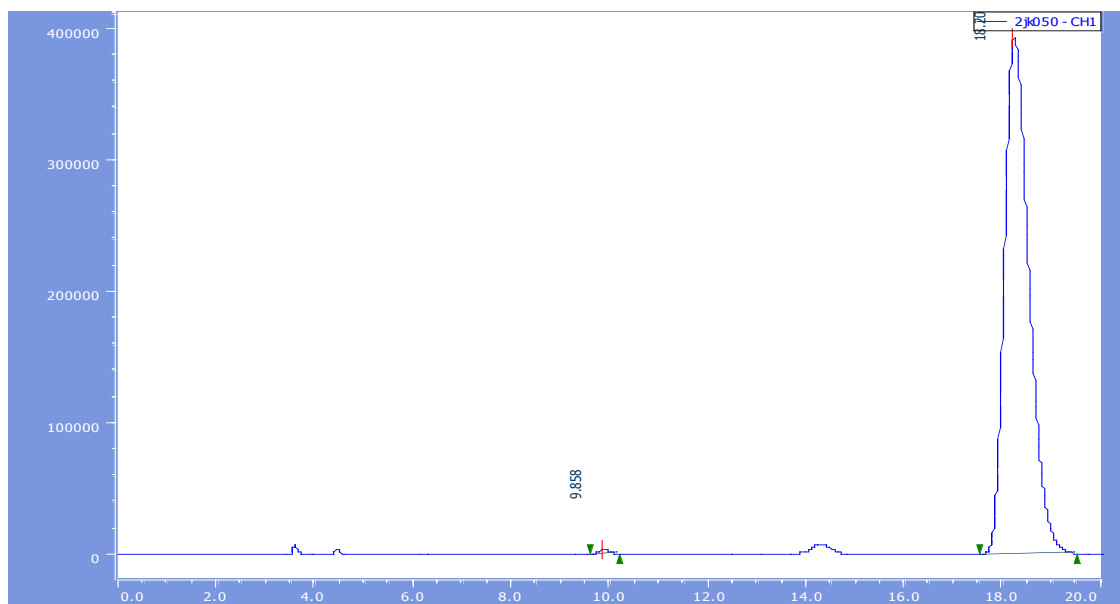
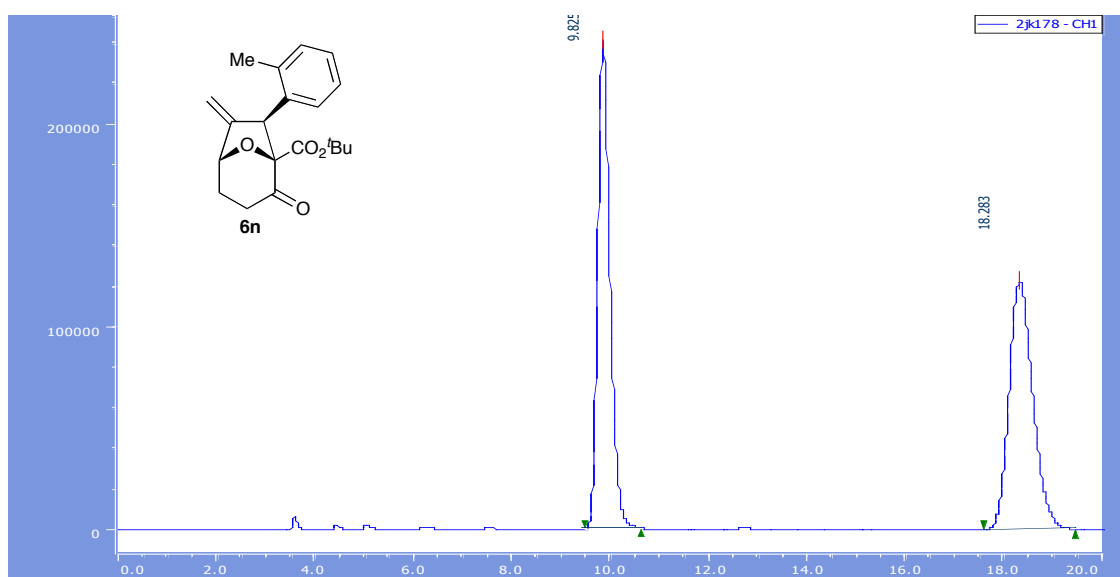


6m (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	6.94	5033203	49.61
2	14.35	5112898	50.39

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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	6.82	155091	1.23
2	13.73	12417622	98.77

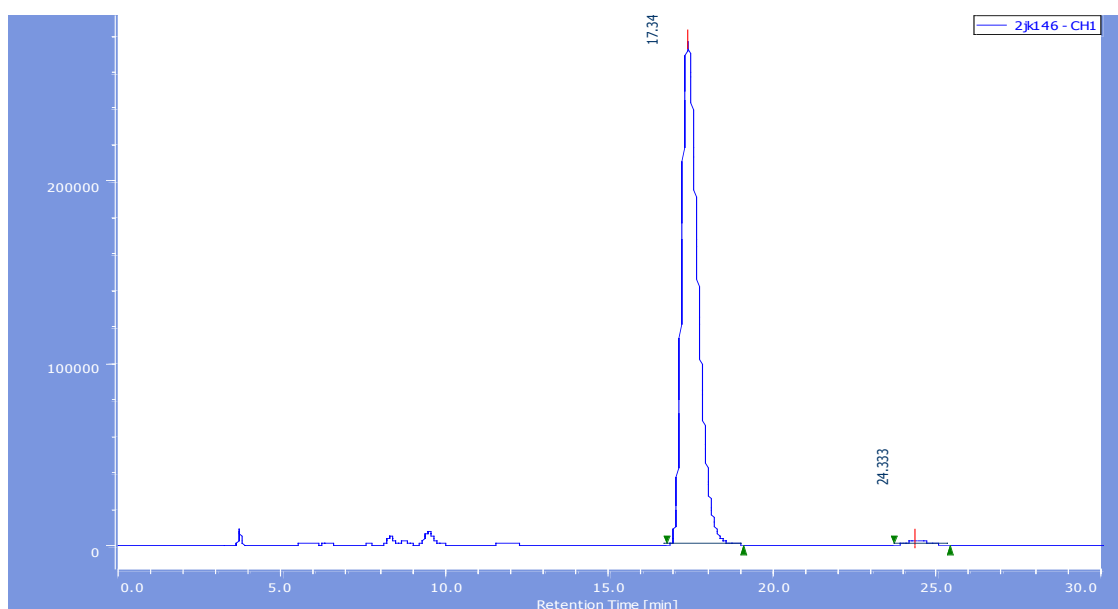
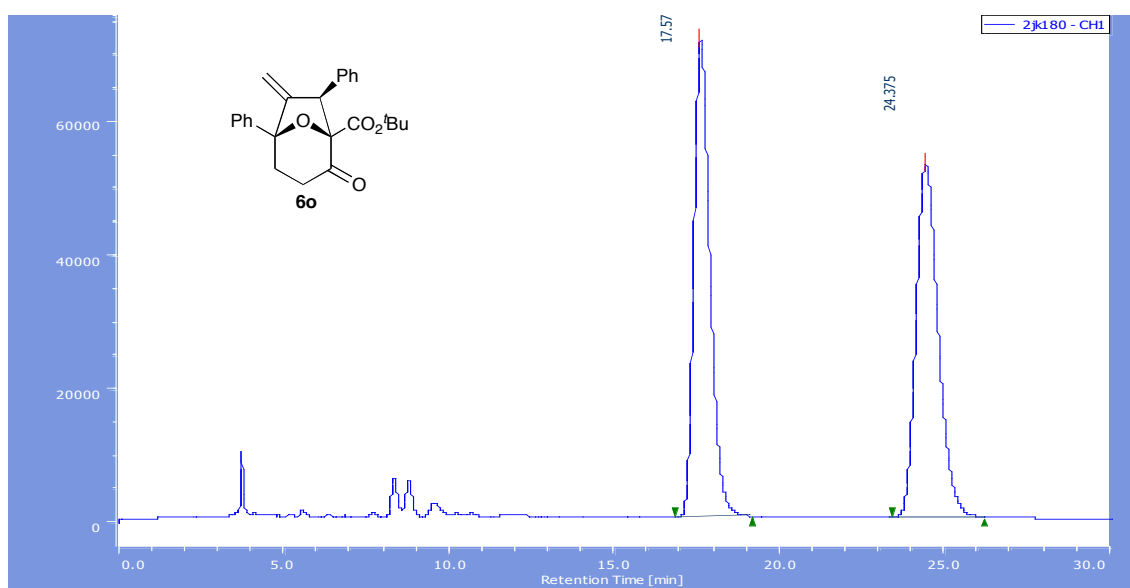


6n (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	9.82	4178429	50.25
2	35.40	4136677	49.75

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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	9.85	51425	0.37
2	18.20	13715375	99.63

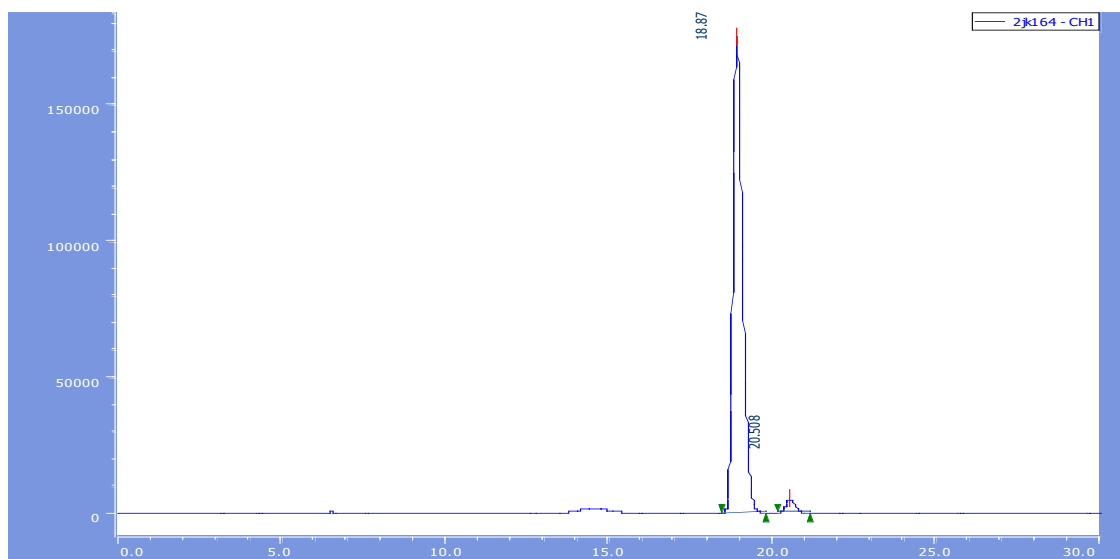
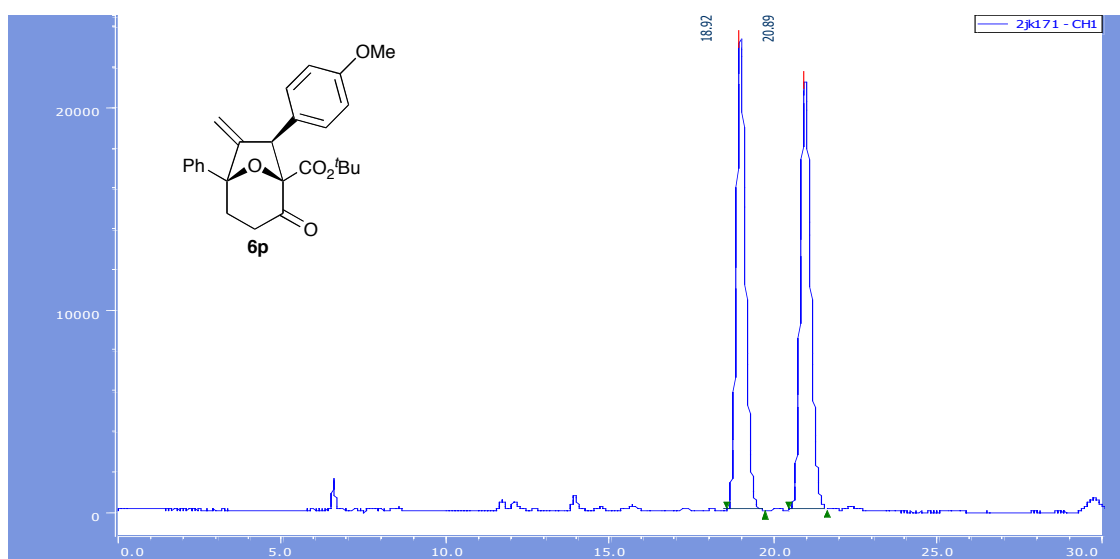


6o (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	17.57	2421147	49.53
2	24.37	2467064	50.47

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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	17.34	9582901	98.73
2	24.33	123547	1.27

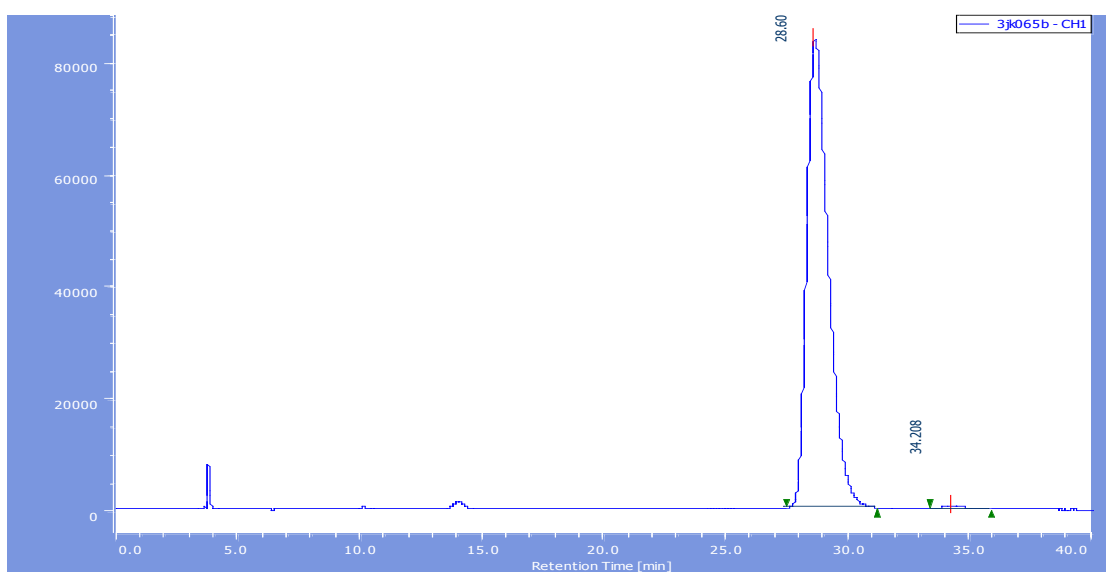
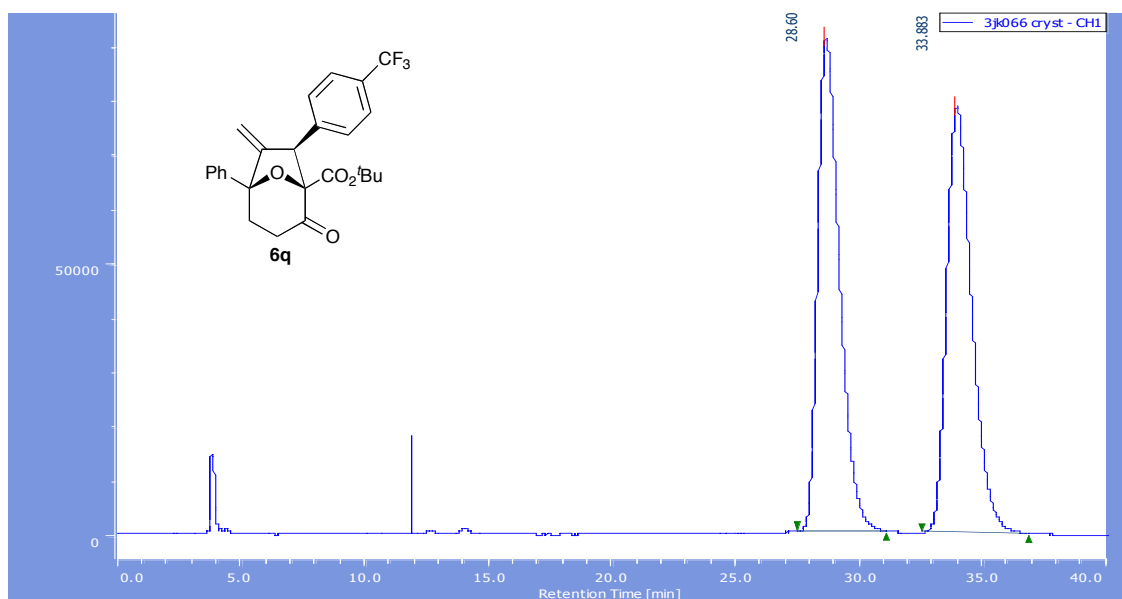


6p (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	18.92	461628	49.68
2	20.89	467632	50.32

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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	18.87	3639288	97.23
2	20.50	103719	2.77

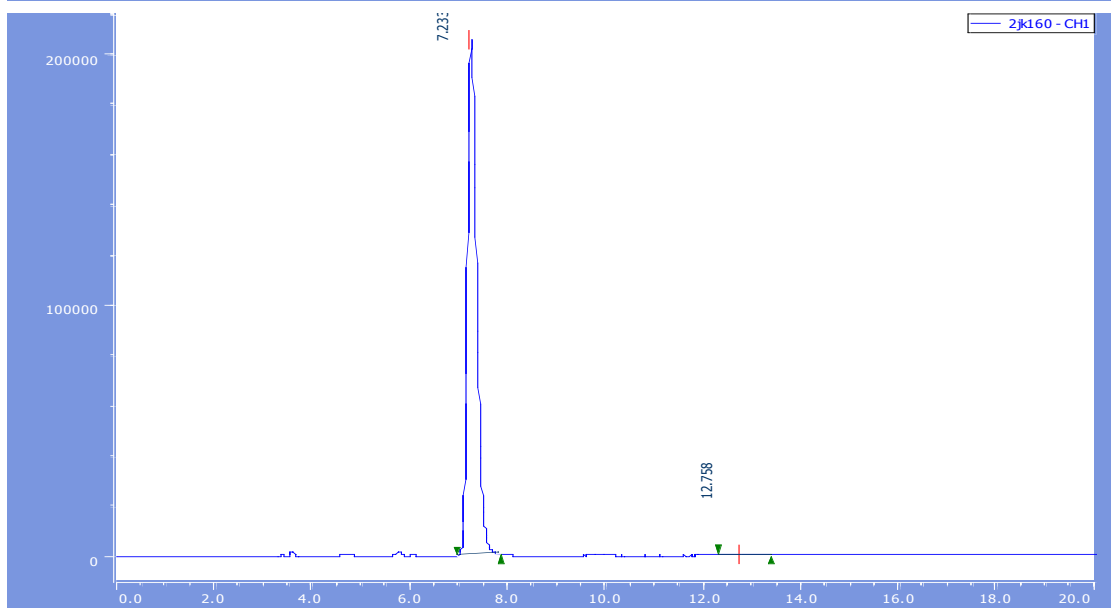
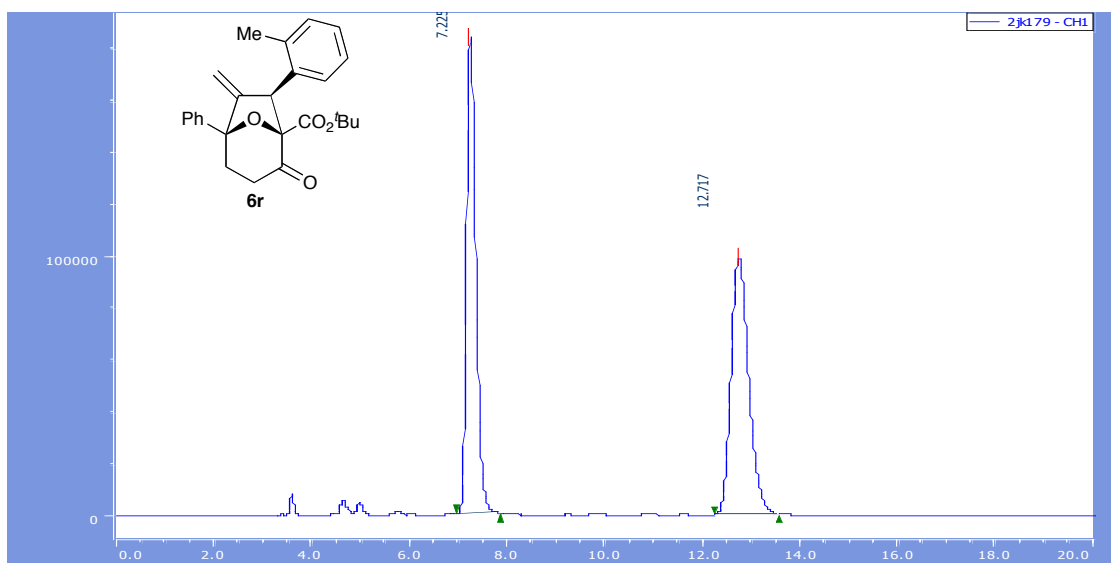


6q (racemate)

PeakNo.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	28.60	5576543	50.00
2	33.88	5575944	50.00

6q

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	28.60	5157113	99.34
2	34.20	34507	0.66



6r (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	7.22	2436267	49.54
2	12.43	2481294	50.46

6r

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [m V. Sec]	Area %
1	7.23	2727910	99.62
2	12.75	10306	0.38