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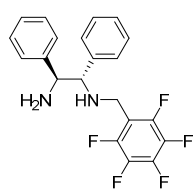
1. General

Dry solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel containing a fluorescent indicator (Merck, #1.05715.0009). Silica gel column chromatography was performed on Kanto silica gel 60 (spherical, 100–210 μm). IR spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR–4100 using ATR. ^1H -NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECS–400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts of ^1H -NMR spectra were reported relative to tetramethylsilane (δ 0). ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECA–400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts of ^{13}C -NMR spectra were reported relative to CDCl_3 (δ 77.0). Splitting patterns were reported as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad.

β -keto esters were synthesized according to known procedure [1,2]. The chiral bis(imidazolidine)pyridine ligands were synthesized according to known procedure [3].

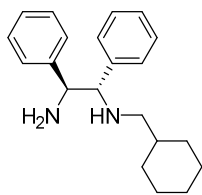
2. Analytical data of Diamine and Ligands

2.1. (1*S*,2*S*)-*N*1-((perfluorophenyl)methyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine



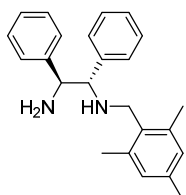
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.82 (br, 3H), 3.64 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.25 (m, 10H); $\{^{19}\text{F}\}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.1, 142.9, 140.5, 140.2, 137.1, 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.6, 113.5, 68.8, 61.7, 38.8; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{F}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 393.1385, found: 393.1370; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +6.1$ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3); IR (neat) 1520, 1502, 1123, 959, 931 cm^{-1} .

2.2. (1*S*,2*S*)-*N*1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine



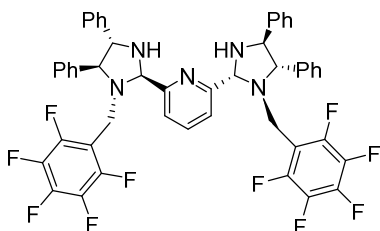
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.74-0.85 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.20 (m, 3H), 1.34-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.65 (br, 5H), 1.74 (br, 3H), 2.15-2.26 (m, 2H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.23 (m, 10H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 141.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.6, 69.7, 61.7, 54.3, 38.0, 31.3, 31.1, 26.5, 25.9, 25.9; **HRMS** calcd for C₂₁H₂₉N₂ (M+H)⁺: 309.2325, found: 309.2319; **[α]_D²²** = -17.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat) 3270, 3082, 3060, 1600, 1406, 1368, 1348, 1250, 1181, 1092, 1067, 646, 606, 593 cm⁻¹.

2.3. (1S,2S)-1,2-diphenyl-N¹-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl) ethane-1,2-diamine



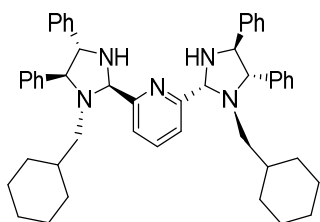
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.72 (br, 3H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.30 (m, 10H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 141.6, 137.0, 136.2, 133.6, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 126.9, 126.8, 126.8, 70.4, 61.6, 46.0, 20.8, 19.1; **HRMS** calcd for C₂₄H₂₉N₂ (M+H)⁺: 345.2325, found: 345.2318; **[α]_D²²** = +2.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat) 1579, 1375, 1222, 1028 cm⁻¹.

2.4. N-Pentafluorobenzyl pyBidine



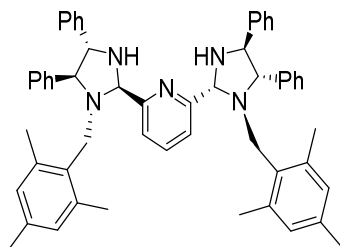
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 7.16-7.29 (m, 20H), 7.79-7.89 (m, 3H); **¹⁹F¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.9, 145.0, 141.0, 140.1, 139.6, 137.5, 136.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 121.0, 111.4, 83.1, 77.8, 69.9, 42.6; **HRMS** calcd for C₄₉H₃₆N₅F₁₀ (M+H)⁺: 884.2806, found: 884.2783; **[α]_D^{20.0}** = -93.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat) 3063, 1656, 1590, 1574, 1356, 1249, 1205, 1074, 817, 648, 613 cm⁻¹.

2.5. N-cyclohexylmethyl pyBidine



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.44-0.55 (m, 4H), 0.64-0.81 (m, 4H), 0.85-0.93 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.64 (m, 6H), 2.38-2.54 (m, 4H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 7.19-7.35 (m, 20H), 7.78-7.88 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 141.4, 141.1, 136.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 121.0, 84.4, 79.1, 69.6, 61.5, 36.6, 31.5, 31.4, 26.4, 25.7; **HRMS** calcd for C₄₉H₅₈N₅ (M+H)⁺: 716.4687, found: 716.4673; **[α]_D^{19.7}** = -143.1 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat) 3308, 2972, 2923, 2848, 1451, 1378, 1315, 1153, 1088, 1047, 695 cm⁻¹.

2.6. N-trimethylbenzyl pyBidine



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.02 (s, 6H), 2.09 (s, 12H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 6.40 (s, 4H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.32 (m, 20H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 141.9, 140.3, 137.4, 136.0, 135.3, 131.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 120.5, 82.4, 79.5, 69.4, 51.1, 20.6, 20.3; **HRMS** calcd for C₅₅H₅₈N₅ (M+H)⁺: 788.4687, found: 788.4670; **[α]_D^{19.5}** = -153.1 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat) 3061, 3027, 2915, 2852, 1494, 1453, 1125, 1027, 755, 698 cm⁻¹.

3. General Procedure of Asymmetric Chlorination Reaction

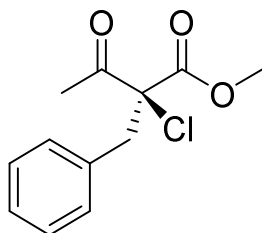
N-PFB PyBidine (0.022 mmol) and Zn(OAc)₂ (0.02 mmol) were added to a glass tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar under Ar. DCM (1.0 mL) was added to the glass tube and the mixture was stirred overnight. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, cyclohexane (2.0 mL) was

added. Then the β -ketoesters (0.2 mmol) was added at 25°C followed by the addition of NaHCO_3 (0.02 mmol) and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.22 mmol). After stirring for 24 h, the reaction was directly purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford the product. The enantiomeric excesses of the products were determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC by using Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, and Chiralpak AS-H and IC-3 columns.

Absolute configurations of **2a** and **2e** were determined to be (*S*) through comparison of optical rotations with reported values [4]. Absolute configurations of the other compounds were determined by analogy.

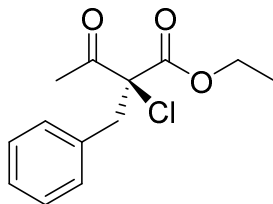
4. Analytical Data of Chlorinated Products

4.1. Methyl (*S*)-2-benzyl-2-chloro-3-oxobutanoate



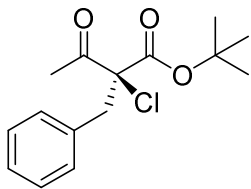
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (90% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 7.19–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.32 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 167.5, 133.7, 130.5, 128.2, 127.5, 75.1, 53.6, 42.2, 26.5; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 263.0445, found: 263.0447; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 98:2, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 20.6 min, major enantiomer t_r = 24.7 min, 76% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{18.4}$ = -2.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 76% ee); **IR** (neat) 2955, 1729 1495, 1455, 1356, 1322, 1251, 1183, 1170, 1084, 1032, 994, 951, 932, 838, 758, 700, 582, 556 cm^{-1} .

4.2. Ethyl (*S*)-2-benzyl-2-chloro-3-oxobutanoate



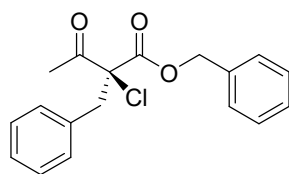
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (99% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.28 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.32 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 166.9, 133.9, 130.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 75.2, 63.0, 42.1, 26.4, 13.7; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 277.0602, found: 277.0605; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 17.7 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 20.9 min, 78% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{17}$ = -7.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 78% ee); **IR** (neat) 2983, 2937, 2362, 2340, 1729, 1604, 1585, 1496, 1455, 1429, 1392, 1356, 1320, 1247, 1190, 1084, 1032, 1015 cm^{-1} .

4.3. *tert*-butyl (*S*)-2-benzyl-2-chloro-3-oxobutanoate



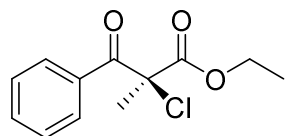
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 10:1) to give colorless oil (72% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.43 (s, 9H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.30 (m, 5H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 165.6, 134.2, 130.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 84.3, 75.9, 41.8, 27.5, 26.4; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 305.0915, found: 305.0916; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-3 column (hexane:2-propanol 500:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 17.8 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 19.6 min, 76% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{18.4}$ = -6.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 76% ee); **IR** (neat) 2979, 2934, 1729, 1496, 1475, 1455, 1428, 1395, 1370, 1355, 1328, 1256, 1182, 1145, 1079, 1030 cm^{-1} .

4.4. Benzyl (*S*)-2-benzyl-2-chloro-3-oxobutanoate



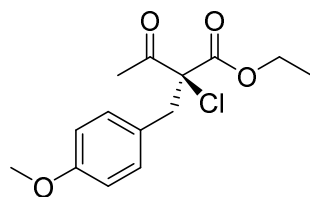
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (66% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.17 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.2 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.37 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 166.8, 134.3, 133.7, 130.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 75.2, 68.5, 42.1, 26.4; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 317.0939, found: 317.0939; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AS-H column (hexane:2-propanol 99:1, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 22.6 min, major enantiomer t_r = 26.6 min, 61% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{15.4}$ = -5.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 61% ee); **IR** (neat) 2953, 2884, 1950, 1883, 1813, 1603, 1494, 1423, 1378, 1353, 1321, 1303, 1211, 1082, 1025 cm^{-1} .

4.5. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-methyl-3-phenylpropanoate



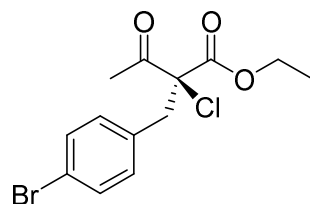
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (86% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 4.14–4.26 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.98–8.01 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.2, 169.2, 133.4, 133.1, 129.4, 128.4, 68.5, 63.1, 26.0, 13.6; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 263.0445, found: 263.0449; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 7.0 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 9.9 min, 30% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{16.2}$ = -17.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 30% ee); **IR** (neat) 2991, 2939, 1597, 1584, 1447, 1375, 1186, 1067, 1012 cm^{-1} .

4.6. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-oxobutanoate



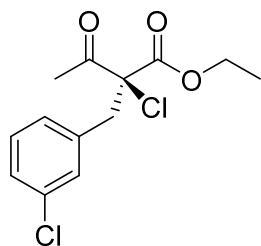
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (93% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.17–4.29 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.83 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.1, 167.0, 158.9, 131.6, 125.7, 113.5, 75.4, 63.0, 55.1, 41.3, 26.6, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 307.0708, found: 307.0708; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 95:05, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 39.9 min, major enantiomer t_r = 45.5 min, 75% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{17.5}$ = -0.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 75% ee); **IR** (neat) 2982, 2936, 2837, 2361, 1729, 1611, 1512, 1464, 1443, 1429, 1356, 1321, 1301, 1245, 1177, 1111, 1094, 1081, 1033 cm^{-1} .

4.7. Ethyl (S)-2-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-chloro-3-oxobutanoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (71% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.29 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 166.8, 132.9, 132.3, 131.7, 131.4, 131.3, 121.7, 74.8, 63.2, 41.4, 26.4, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{BrCl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 332.9888, found: 332.9882; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 98:02, 0.3 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 41.0 min, minor enantiomer, t_r = 43.6 min, 82% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{15.7}$ = -2.4 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 82% ee); **IR** (neat) 2984, 2935, 1487, 1430, 1405, 1356, 1321, 1287, 1176, 1105, 1072, 1034 cm^{-1} .

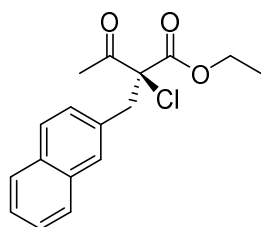
4.8. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-oxobutanoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (94% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.28 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.30 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 166.7, 135.9, 133.9, 130.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 74.8, 63.2, 41.5, 26.2, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 311.0212, found: 311.0213;

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 95:05, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 16.4 min, major enantiomer t_r = 17.8 min, 70% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{17.2}$ = -4.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 70% ee); **IR** (neat) 2985, 2938, 1731, 1597, 1573, 1507, 1476, 1431, 1392, 1357, 1321, 1298, 1246, 1188, 1174, 1080, 1034, 1014 cm^{-1} .

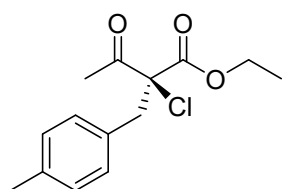
4.9. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-3-oxobutanoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (65% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.30 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.75–7.88 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 167.0, 133.1, 132.6, 131.4, 129.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.7, 127.5, 126.0, 125.9, 75.3, 63.1, 42.2, 26.5, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 305.0939, found: 305.0912; **Enantiomeric excess** was

determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 10.0 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 11.0 min, 78% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{15.9}$ = -1.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 78% ee); **IR** (neat) 2992, 1600, 1508, 1464, 1428, 1356, 1319, 1246, 1227, 1174, 1094, 1080, 1035, 1014 cm^{-1} .

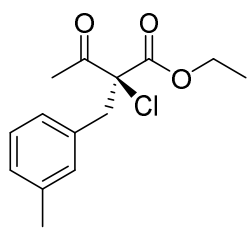
4.10. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(4-methylbenzyl)-3-oxobutanoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (81% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.27 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.9, 167.0, 137.1, 130.7, 130.4, 128.8, 75.4, 62.9, 41.7, 26.5, 21.0, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 291.0758, found: 291.0755;

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 8.6 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 13.2 min, 74% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{16.8}$ = -5.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 74% ee); **IR** (neat) 2982, 2928, 1729, 1515, 1445, 1429, 1391, 1356, 1319, 1294, 1246, 1176, 1112, 1081, 1035, 1015 cm^{-1} .

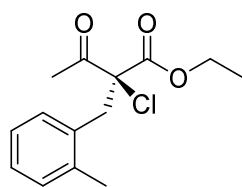
4.11. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(3-methylbenzyl)-3-oxobutanoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (84% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.27 (m, 2H), 6.99–7.01 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.21 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 167.0, 137.7, 133.7, 131.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 75.2, 62.9, 42.0, 26.4, 21.3, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 291.0758,

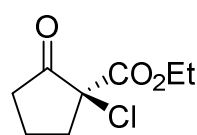
found: 291.0760; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 11.5 min, major enantiomer t_r = 16.2 min, 74% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{17.0}$ = -3.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 74% ee); **IR** (neat) 2983, 2935, 1730, 1607, 1590, 1521, 1506, 1488, 1445, 1430, 1391, 1356, 1322, 1297, 1246, 1221, 1188, 1096, 1036, 1015 cm^{-1} .

4.12. Ethyl (S)-2-chloro-2-(2-methylbenzyl)-3-oxobutanoate



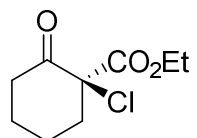
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (92% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.31 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 167.3, 137.7, 132.6, 130.6, 130.1, 127.4, 125.6, 75.5, 63.1, 37.8, 26.4, 20.1, 13.7; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 291.0758, found: 291.0762; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OJ-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 7.4 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 13.6 min, 79% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{17.9}$ = +27.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 79% ee); **IR** (neat) 3022, 2982, 2936, 1730, 1494, 1462, 1445, 1356, 1323, 1249, 1232, 1196, 1173, 1113, 1095, 1078, 1055, 1015 cm^{-1} .

4.13. Ethyl (S)-1-chloro-2-oxocyclopentane-1-carboxylate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (53% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.11–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.79 (m, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.2, 167.2, 63.1, 38.3, 35.3, 19.0, 13.9; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 213.0289, found: 213.0291; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AS-H column (hexane:2-propanol 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 12.7 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 13.7 min, 53% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{16.0}$ = -2.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 76% ee); **IR** (neat) 1767, 1720, 1279, 1243, 1147, 1020, 1002 cm^{-1} .

4.14. Ethyl (S)-1-chloro-2-oxocyclohexane-1-carboxylate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) to give colorless oil (61% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.32 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.73–1.96 (m, 4H), 2.10–2.17 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.88 (m, 2H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 167.2, 73.4, 62.8, 39.5, 38.8, 26.6, 22.1, 13.8; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 205.0626, found: 205.0627; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol 95:05, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), minor enantiomer t_r = 29.9 min, major enantiomer t_r = 31.5 min, 61% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{16.1}$ = -1.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3 , 61% ee); **IR** (neat) 2946, 2868, 1450, 1366, 1289, 1141, 1123, 1095, 1071, 1039, 1014 cm^{-1} .

5. Cyano-epoxidation of α -chloro- β -ketoester **2a**

5.1. Stepwise synthesis

To a solution of α -chloro- β -ketoester **2a** (0.1 mmol, 75% ee) in DMSO (1.5 mL) in a glass test tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was added potassium cyanide (0.24 mmol) under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, NaHCO_3 aq was added and the mixture was extracted by Et_2O . Combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 10:1) to afford the epoxide **3** in 83% yield (dr = 65/35, major diastereomer:74% ee, minor diastereomer:73% ee).

5.2. One-pot synthesis

N-PFB PyBidine (0.022 mmol) and $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.02 mmol) were added to a glass tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar under Ar. DCM (1.0 mL) was added to the glass tube and the mixture was stirred overnight. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, cyclohexane (2.0 mL) was added. Then the β -ketoesters (0.2 mmol) was added at rt followed by the addition of NaHCO_3 (0.02

mmol) and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.22 mmol). After stirring for 24 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue were added DMSO (3 mL) and potassium cyanide (0.48 mmol) under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 5 h. After completion of the reaction, NaHCO₃aq was added and the mixture was extracted by Et₂O. Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt = 10:1) to afford the epoxide **3** in 87% yield (dr = 65/35, major diastereomer:71% ee, minor diastereomer:51% ee).

Diastereomeric ratios were determined through analysis of crude ¹H NMR spectra.

Relative configurations of the products were determined through difference nOe experiments of the major diastereomer.

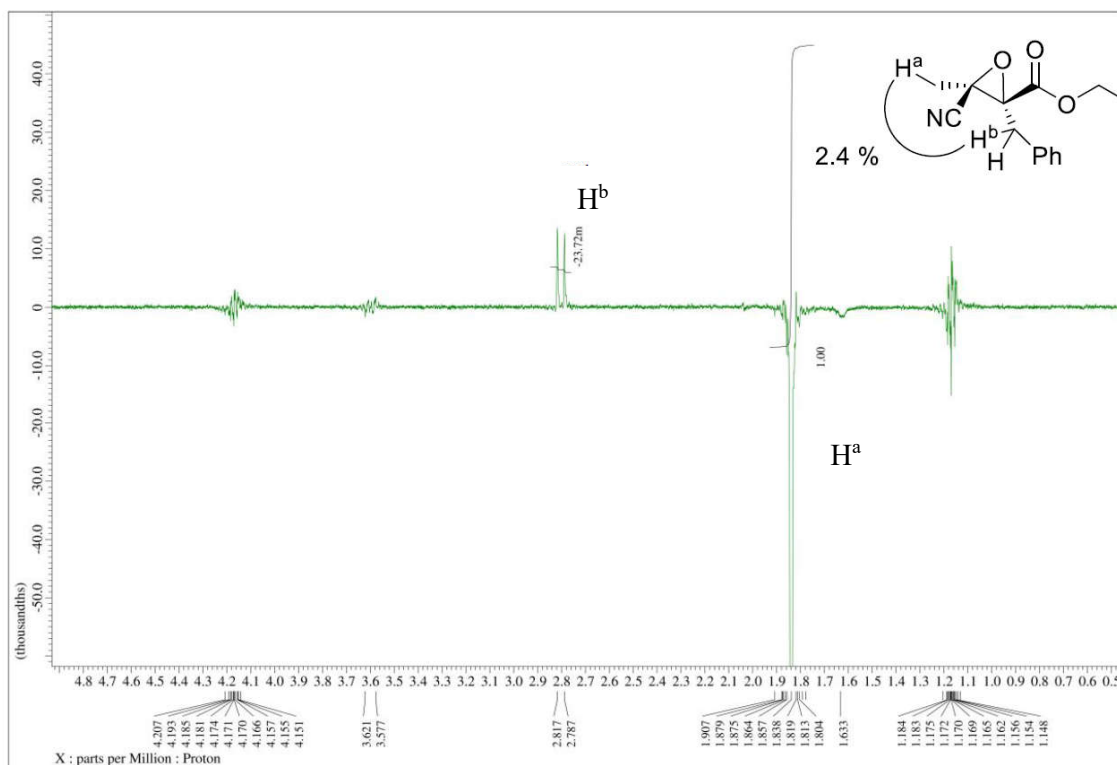
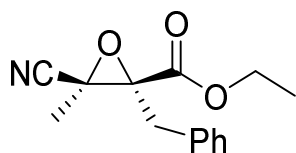


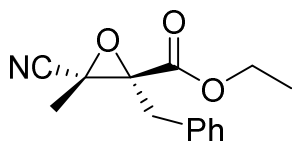
Figure S1. nOe experiment of major epoxide **3**.

5.3. Ethyl (2*R*,3*R*)-2-benzyl-3-cyano-3-methyloxirane-2-carboxylate (major diastereomer)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.23 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.32 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 133.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 116.6, 66.9, 62.6, 52.1, 34.4, 17.6, 13.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 246.1125, found: 246.1126; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OZ-3 column (hexane:2-propanol 100:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer *t*_r = 37.1 min, minor enantiomer *t*_r = 35.2 min, 74% ee; [α]_D^{26.1} = +4.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃, 74% ee); IR (neat) 2985, 2937, 2360, 1737, 1300, 1194, 1086, 1038, 750, 700 cm^{−1}.

5.4. Ethyl (2*R*,3*S*)-2-benzyl-3-cyano-3-methyloxirane-2-carboxylate (minor diastereomer)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08–4.16 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 133.9, 129.3, 128.7, 127.5, 116.6, 67.4, 62.3, 53.0, 38.0, 17.4, 14.0; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₃ (M+H)⁺:

246.1125, found: 246.1125; **Enantiomeric excess** was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OZ-3 column (hexane:2-propanol 100:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm), major enantiomer t_r = 16.5 min, minor enantiomer t_r = 19.6 min, 73% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{26.3} = -20.6$ (c = 0.5, CHCl_3 , 73% ee); **IR** (neat) 2983, 2935, 2359, 1751, 1281, 1198, 1080, 1047, 754, 700 cm^{-1} .

6. Mechanistic study

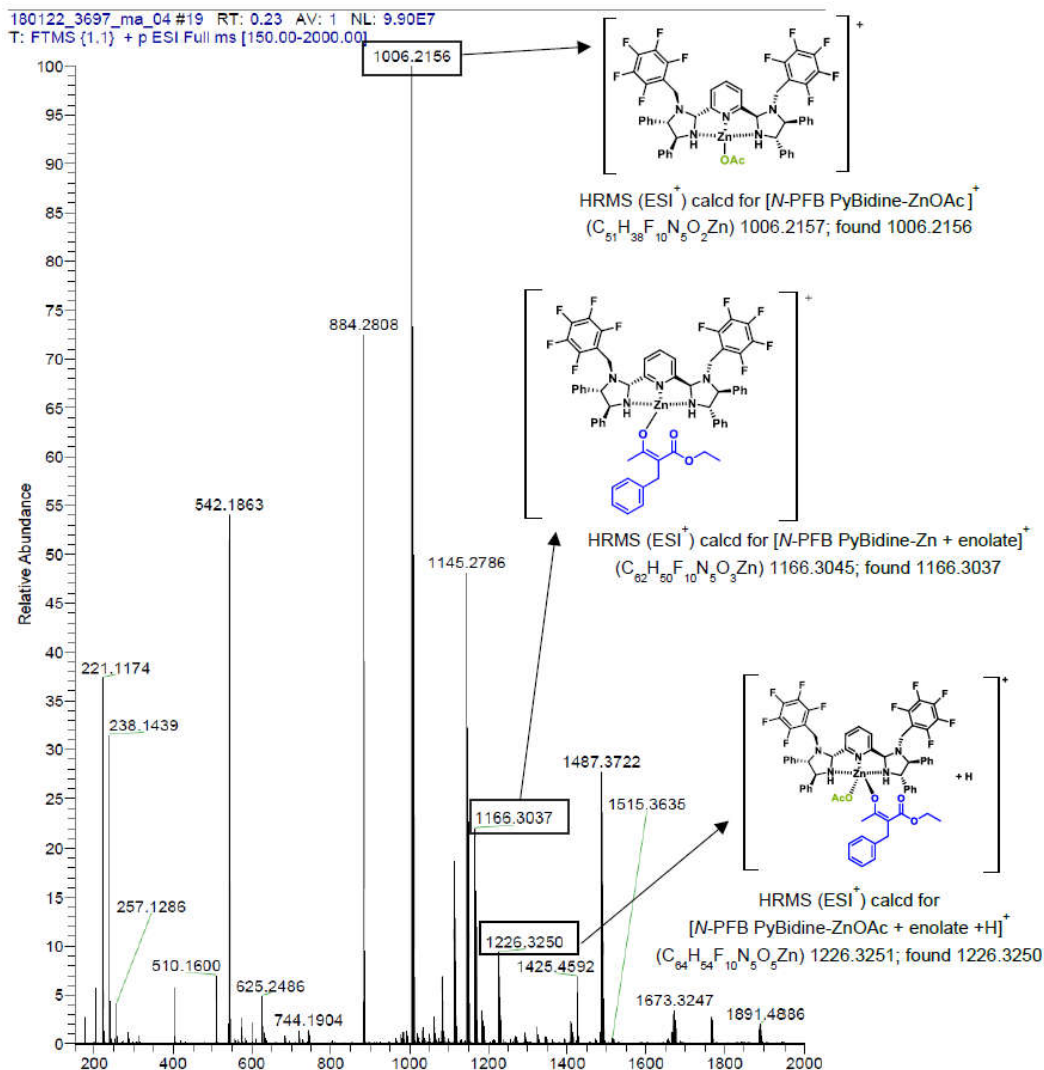


Figure S2. ESI-MS analysis of a mixture of *N*-PFB-PyBidine (L10)-Zn(OAc)₂ complex, **1a** (1 eq) and NaHCO₃ (1 eq) in CH₂Cl₂.

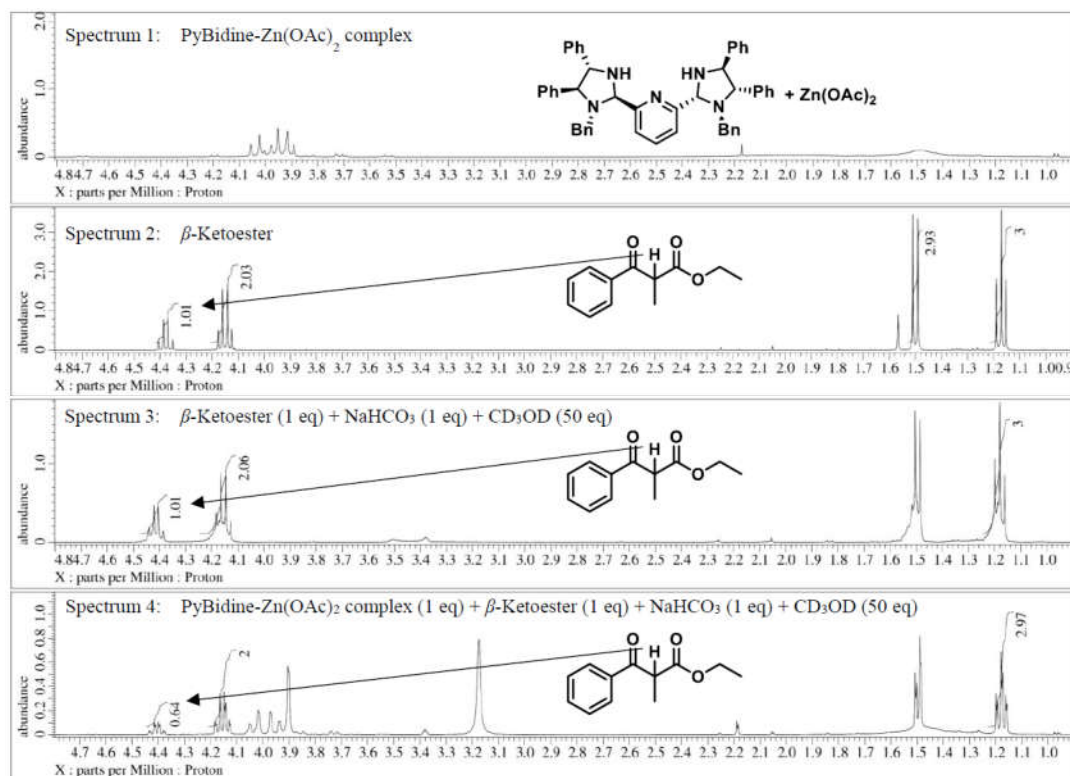
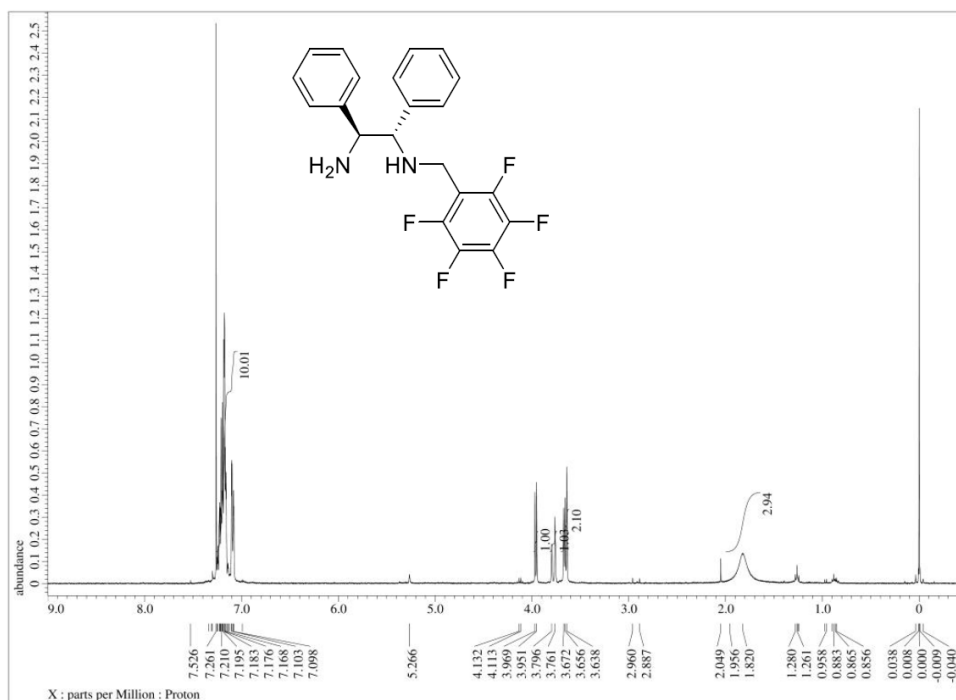
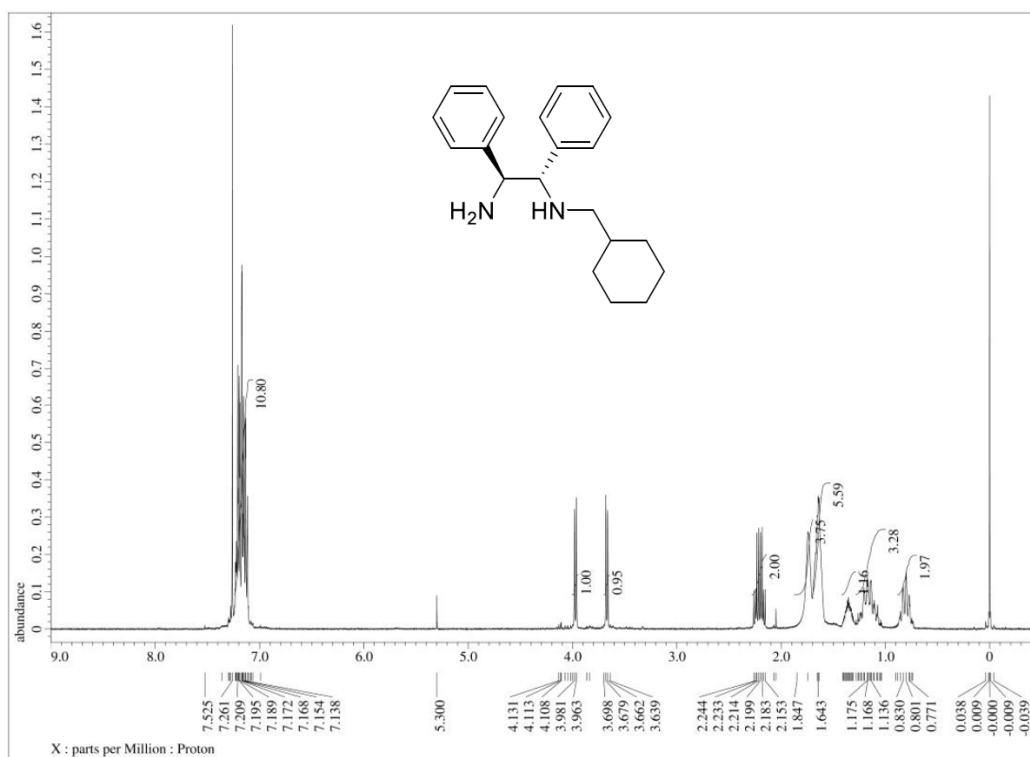
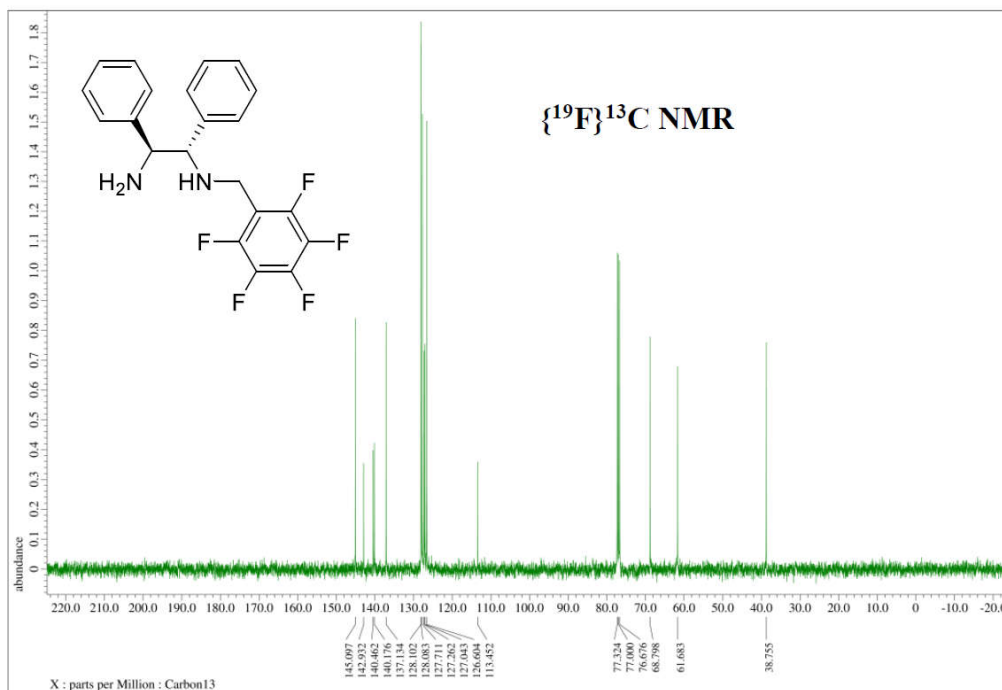
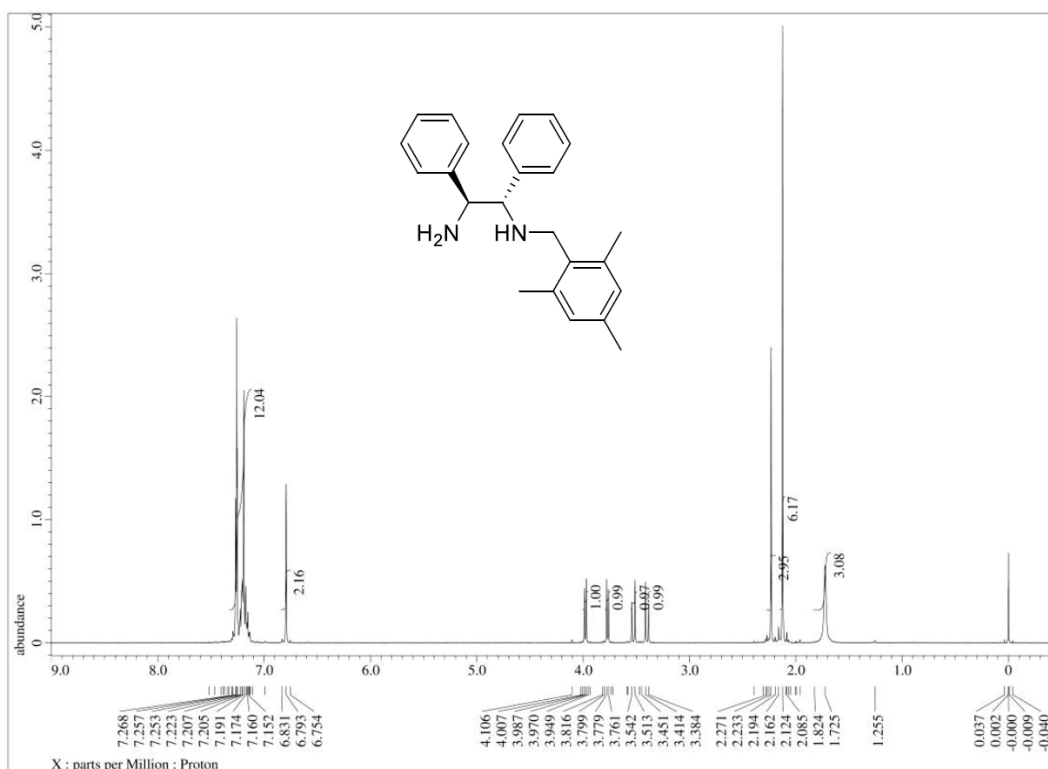
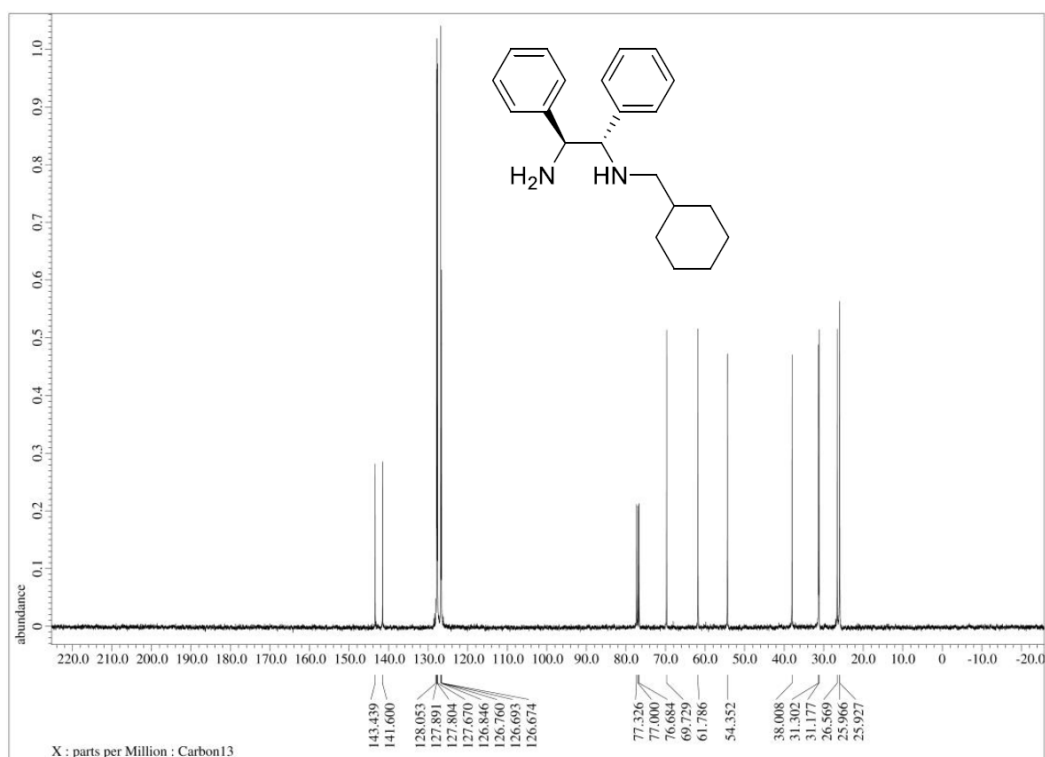


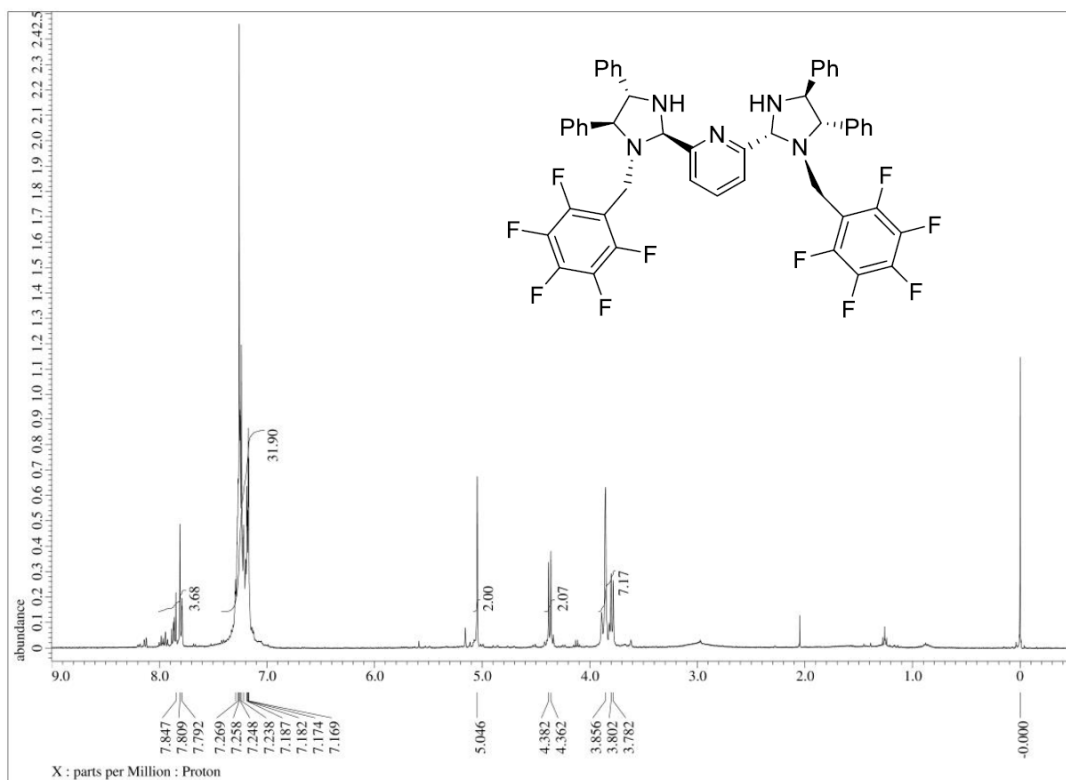
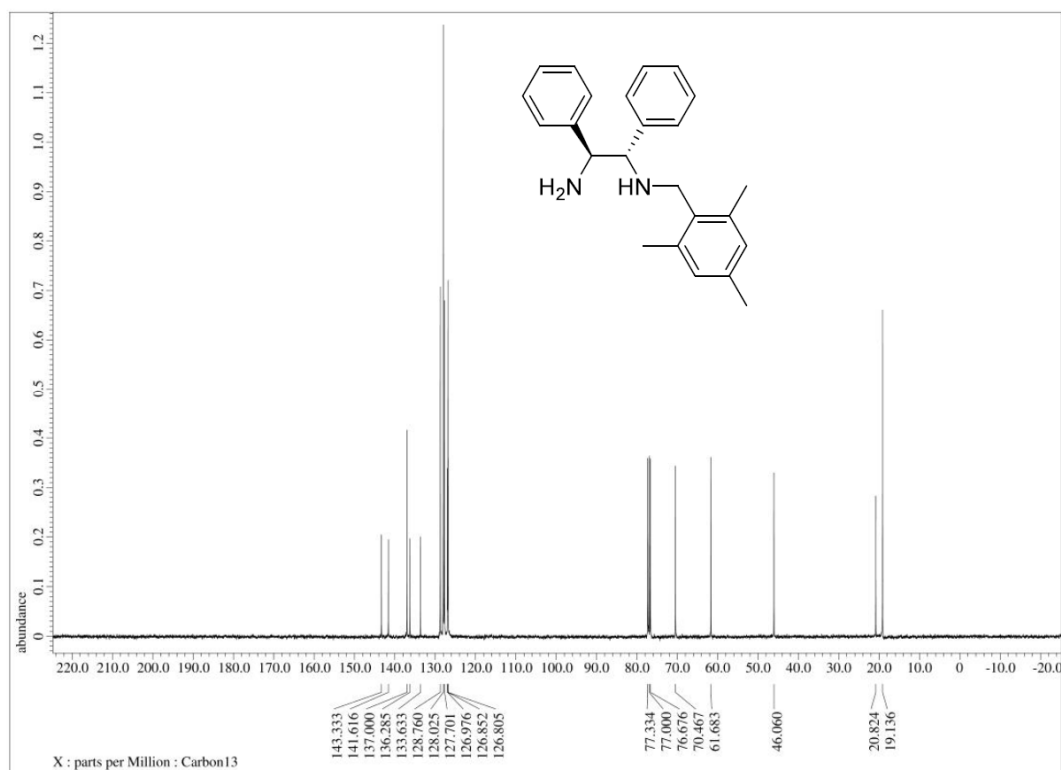
Figure S3. ^1H -NMR study of L10-Zn(OAc)_2 complex, **1a** (1 eq), NaHCO_3 (1 eq), and CD_3OD (50 eq) in CDCl_3 .

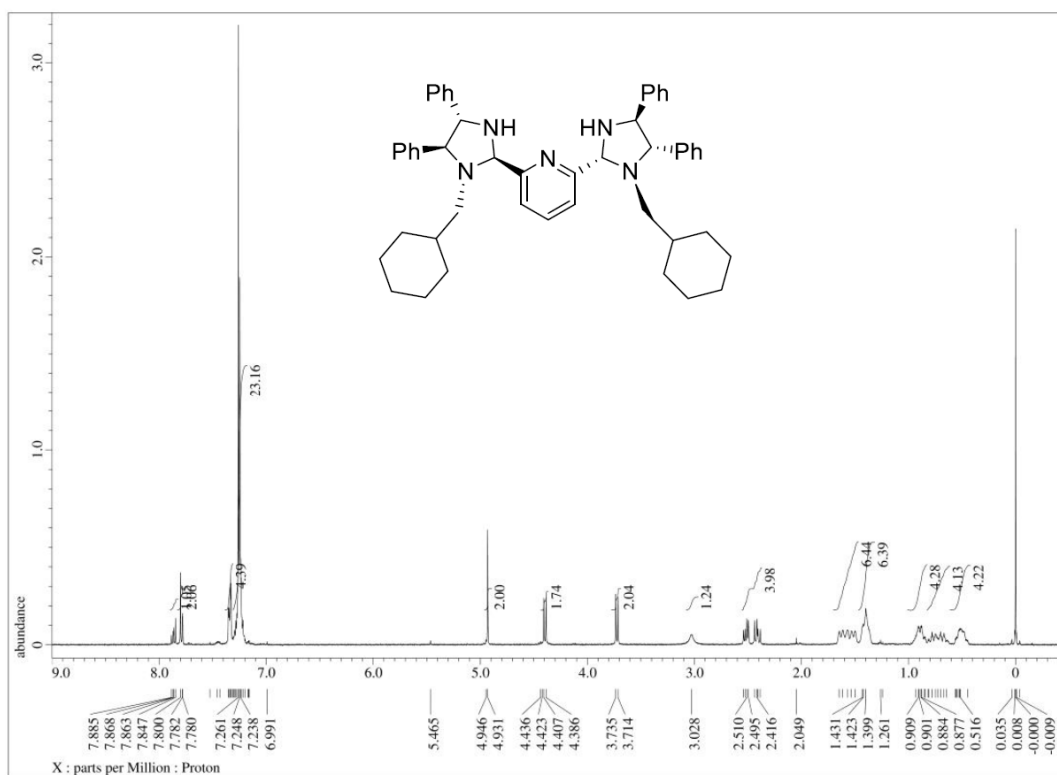
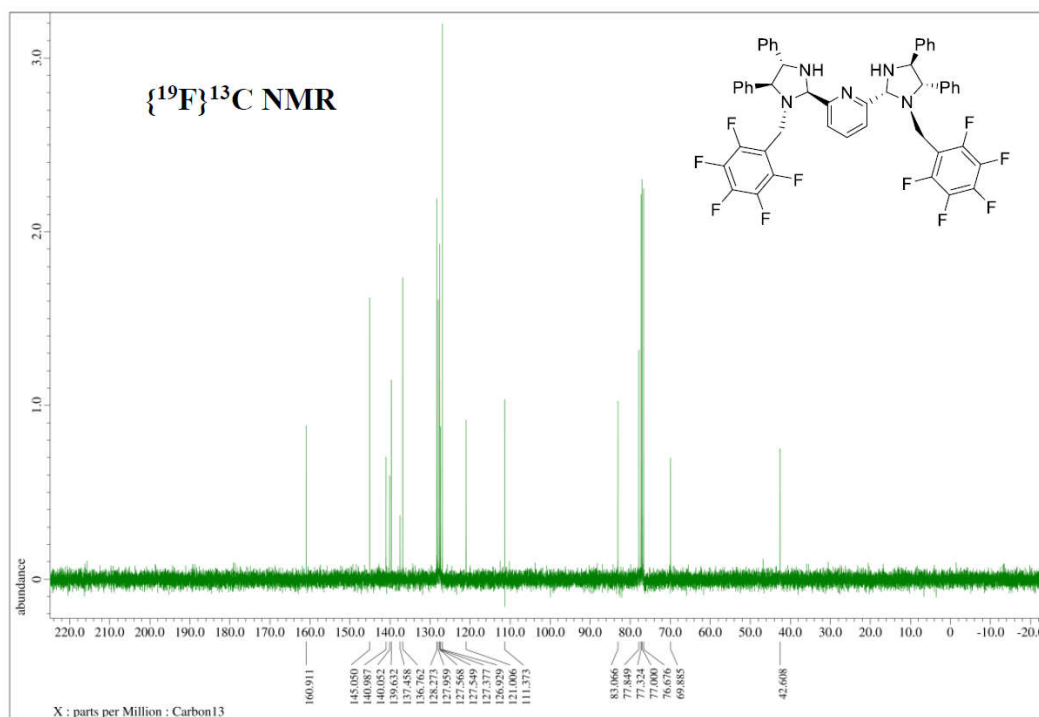
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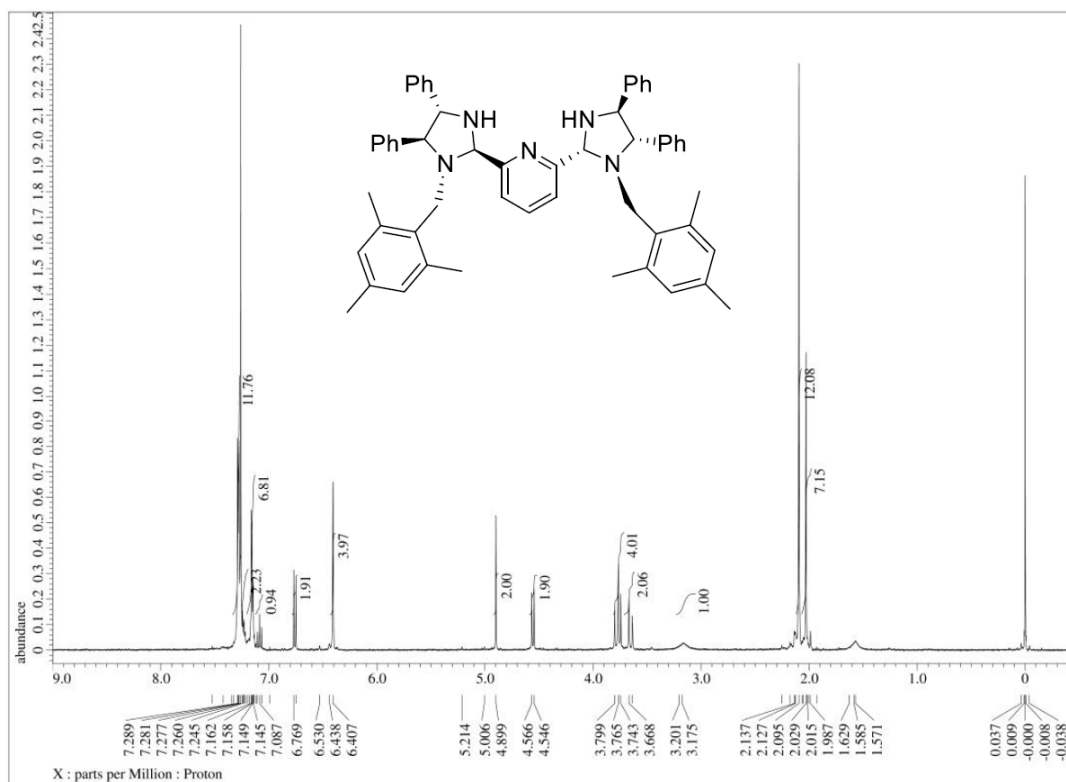
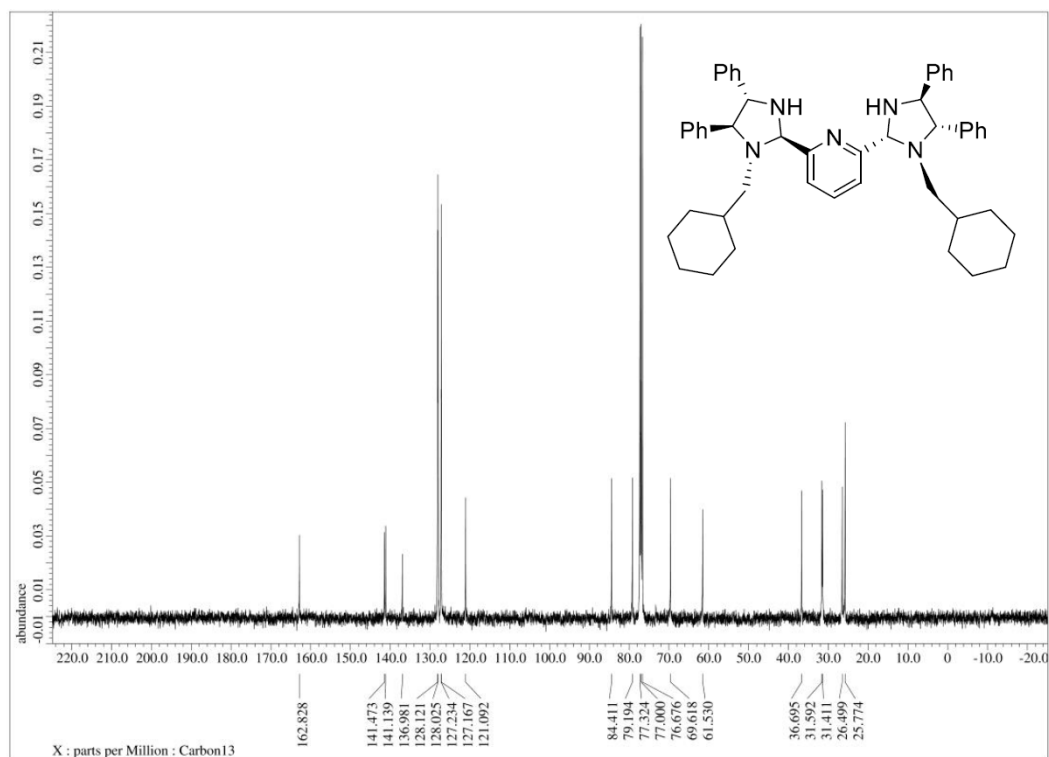


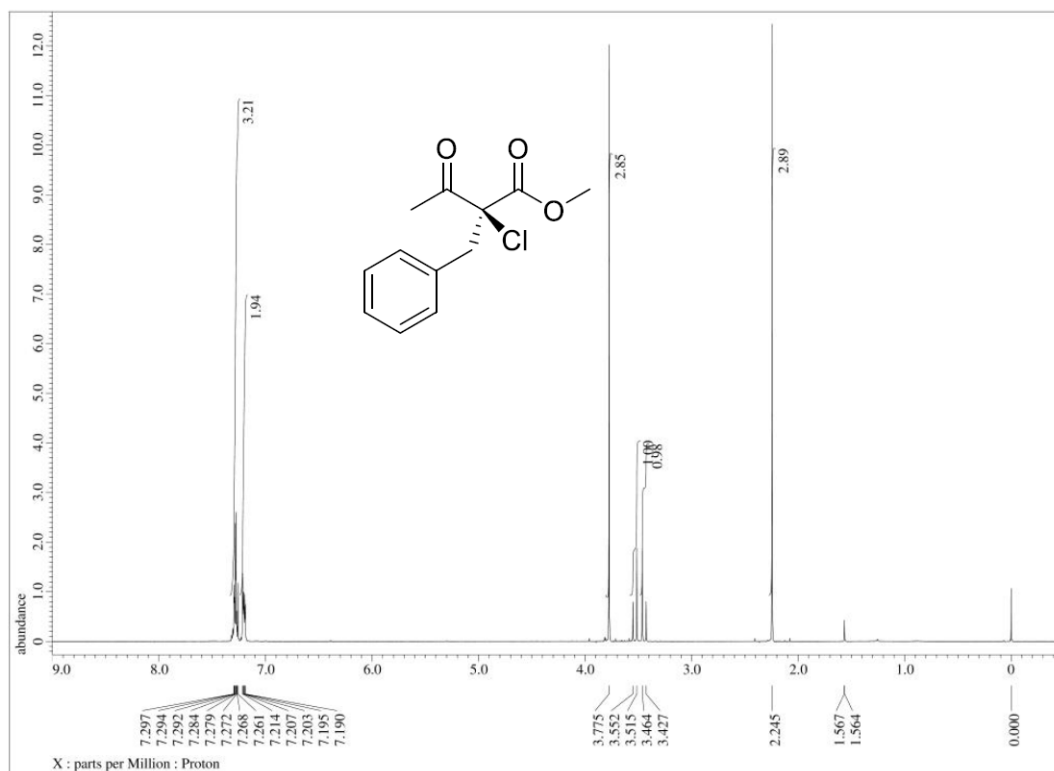
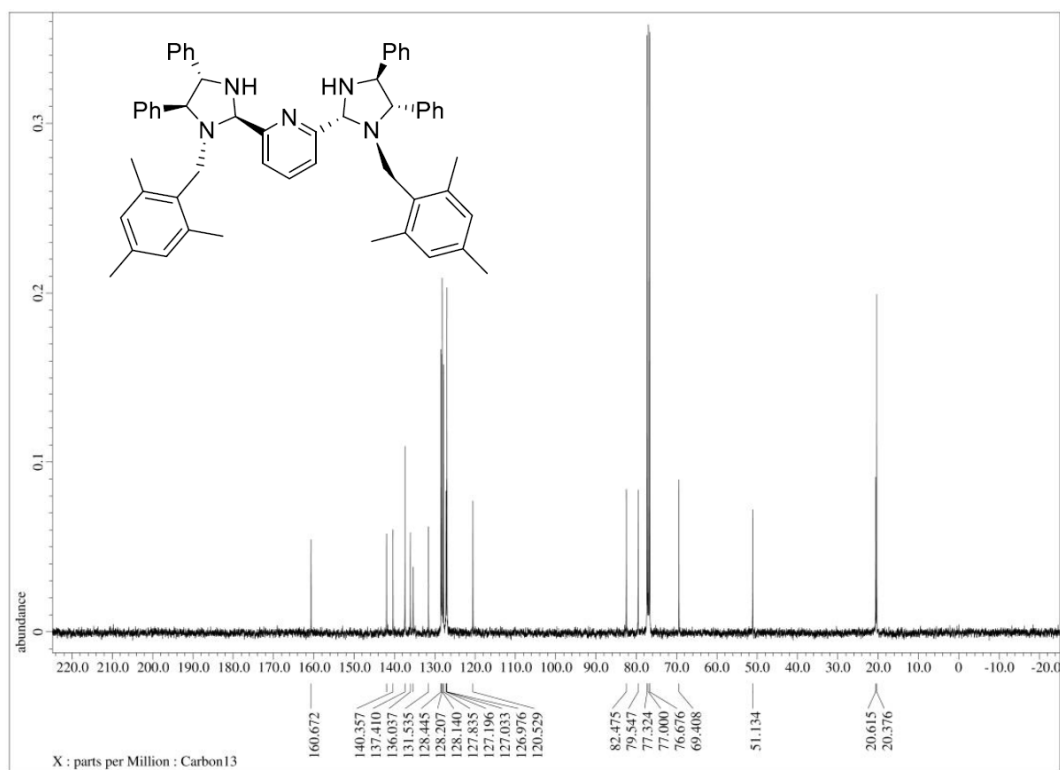


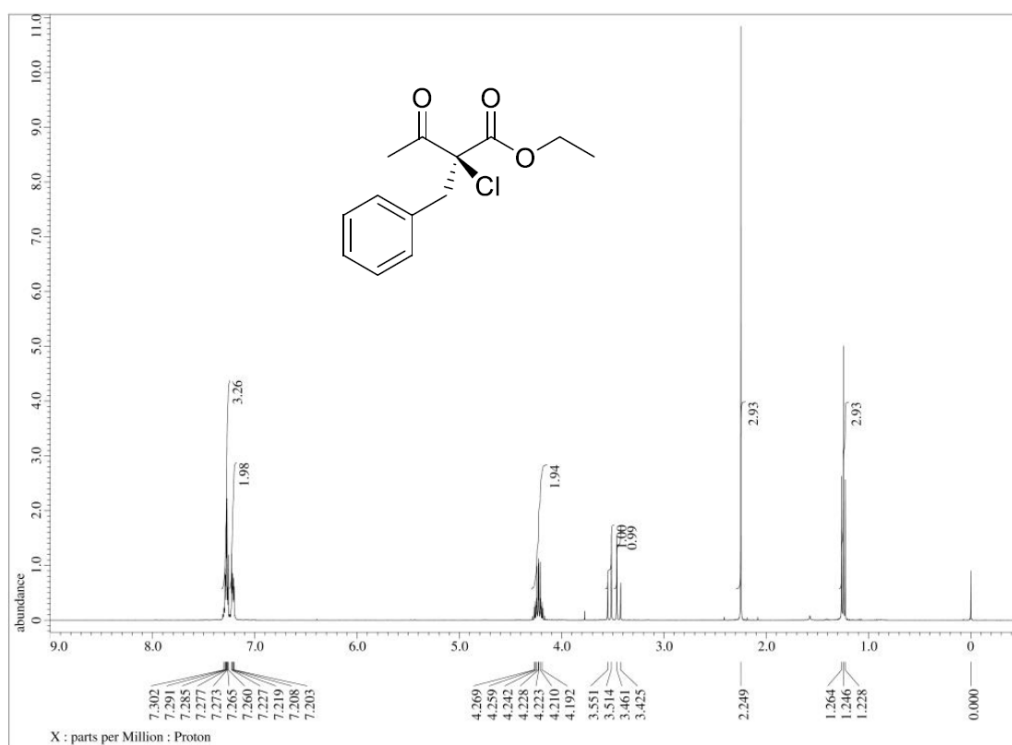
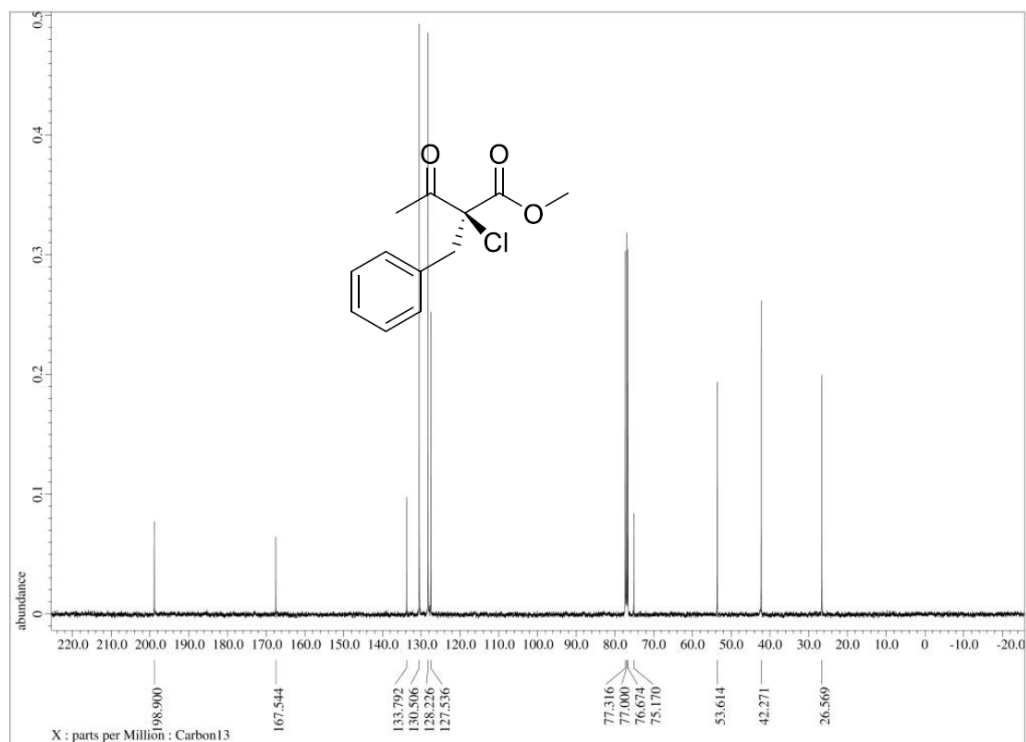


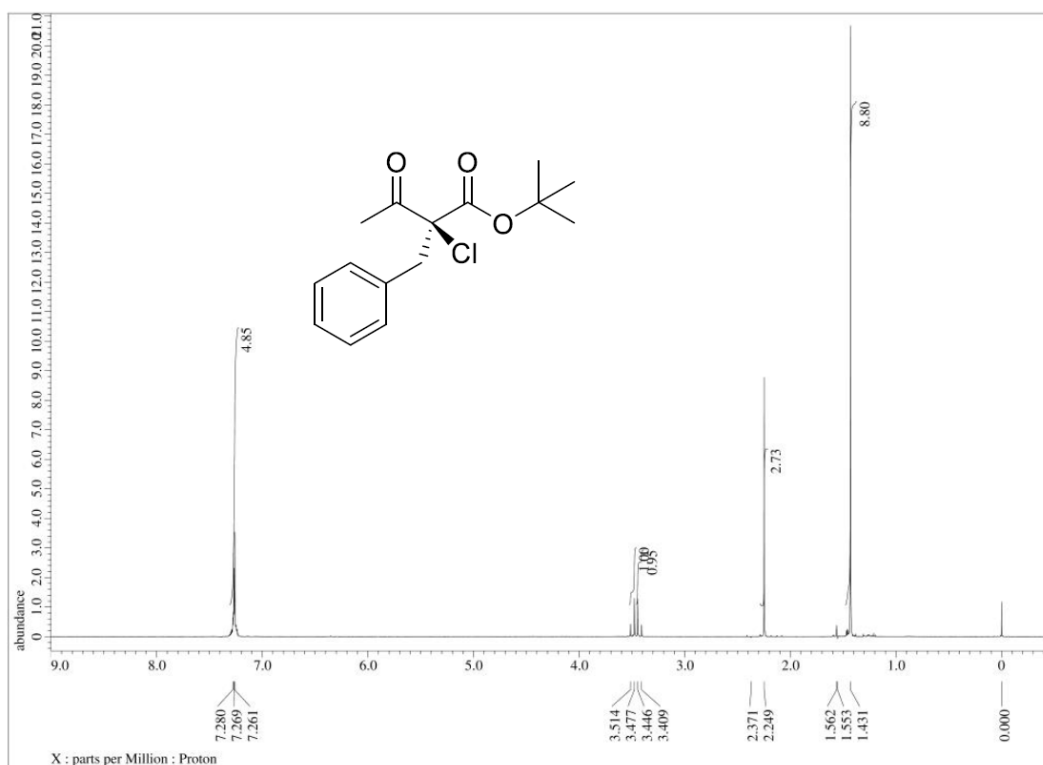
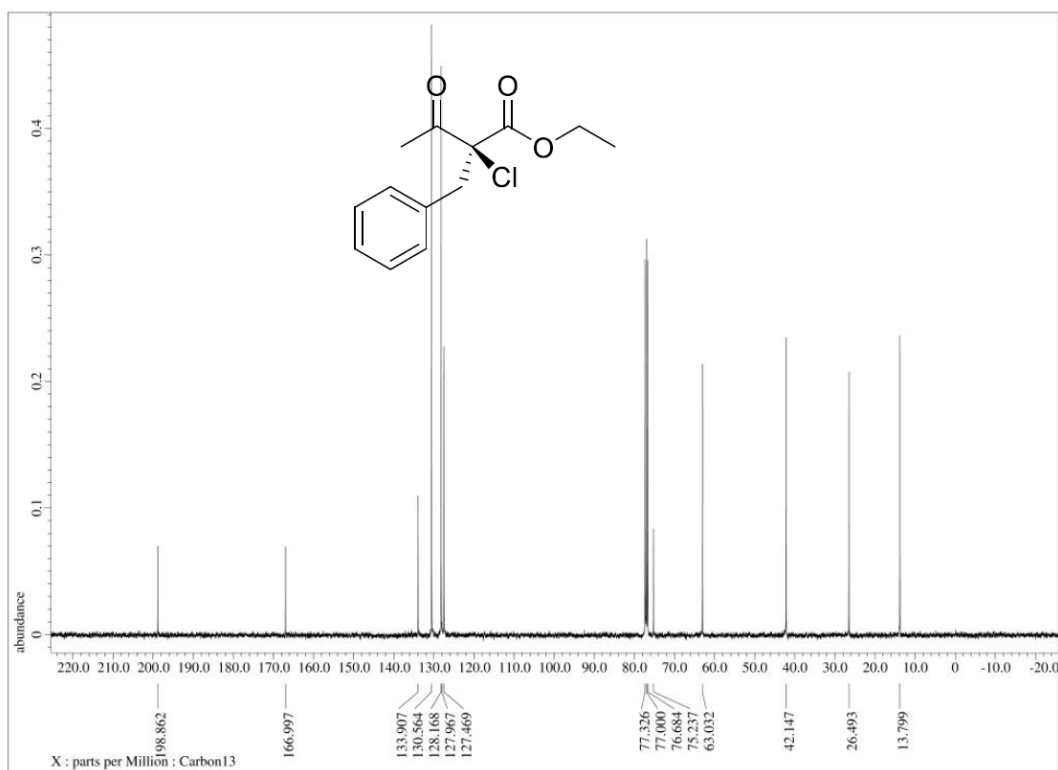


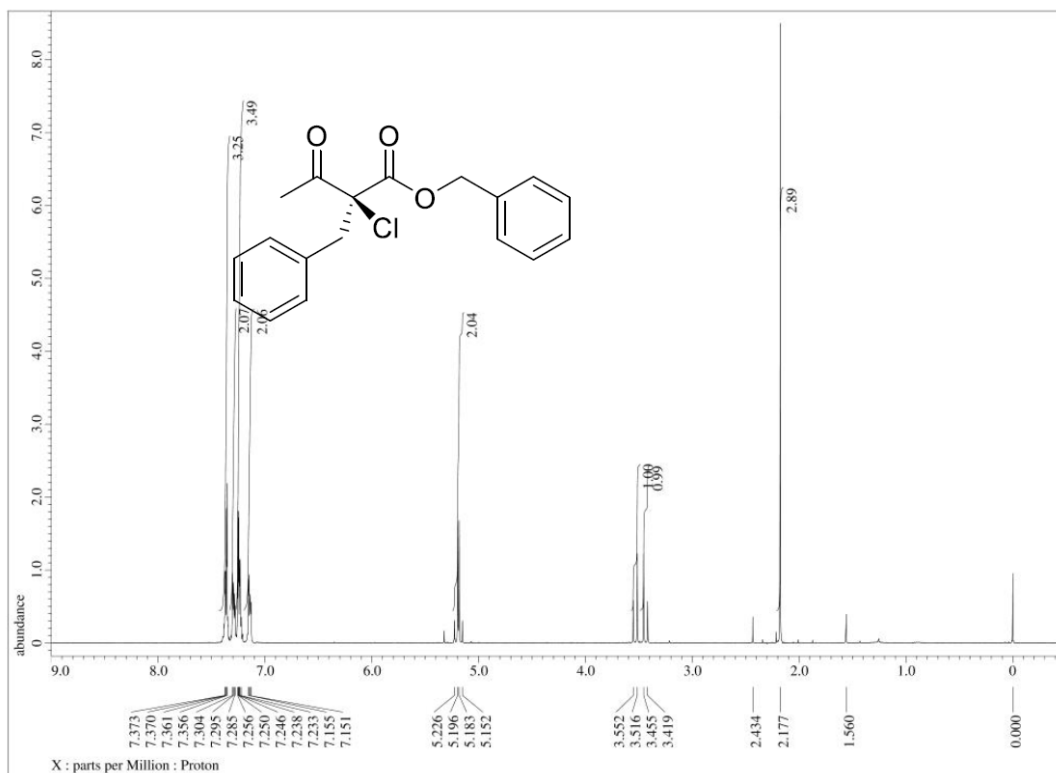
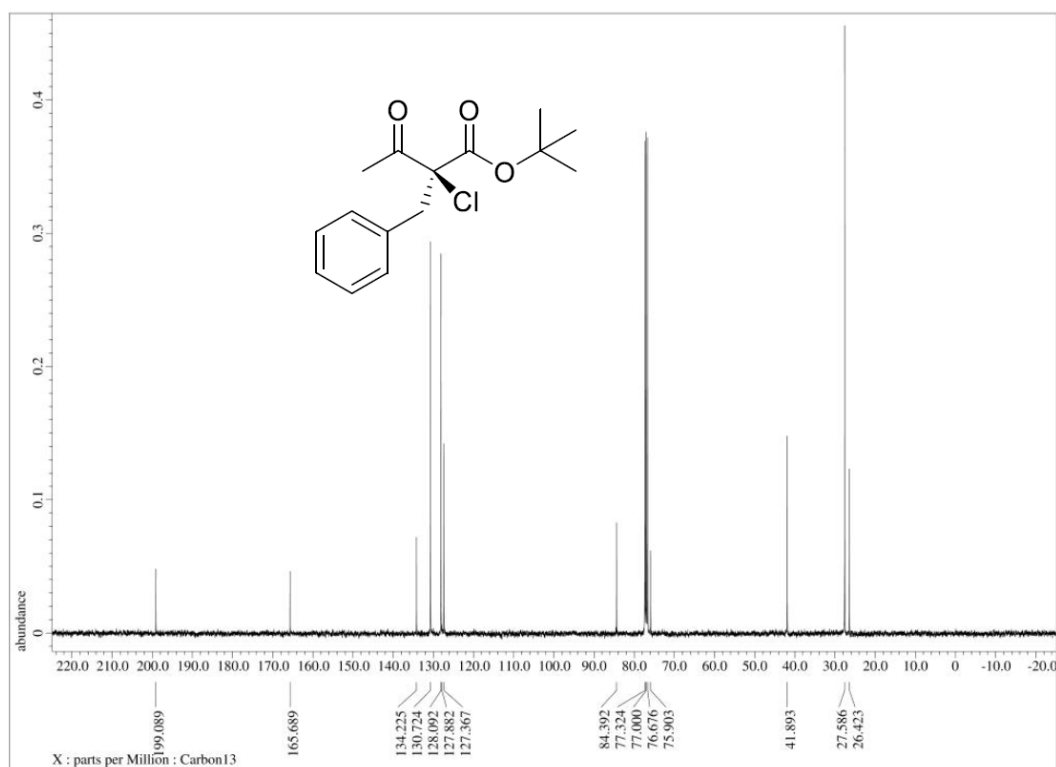


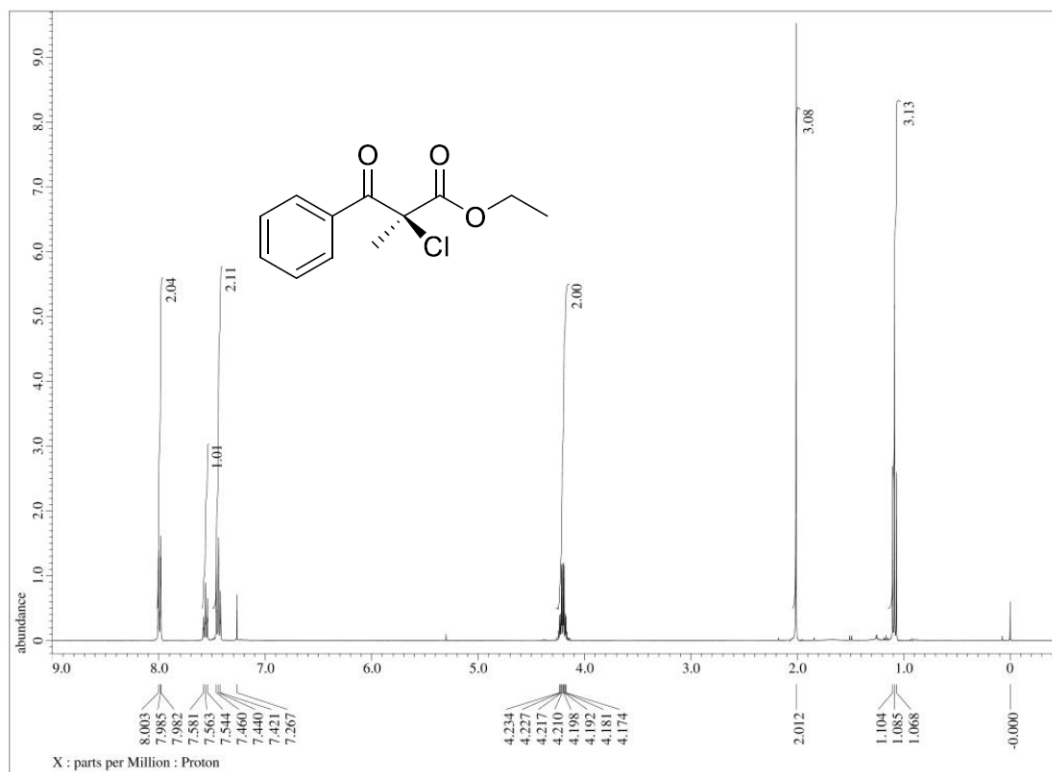
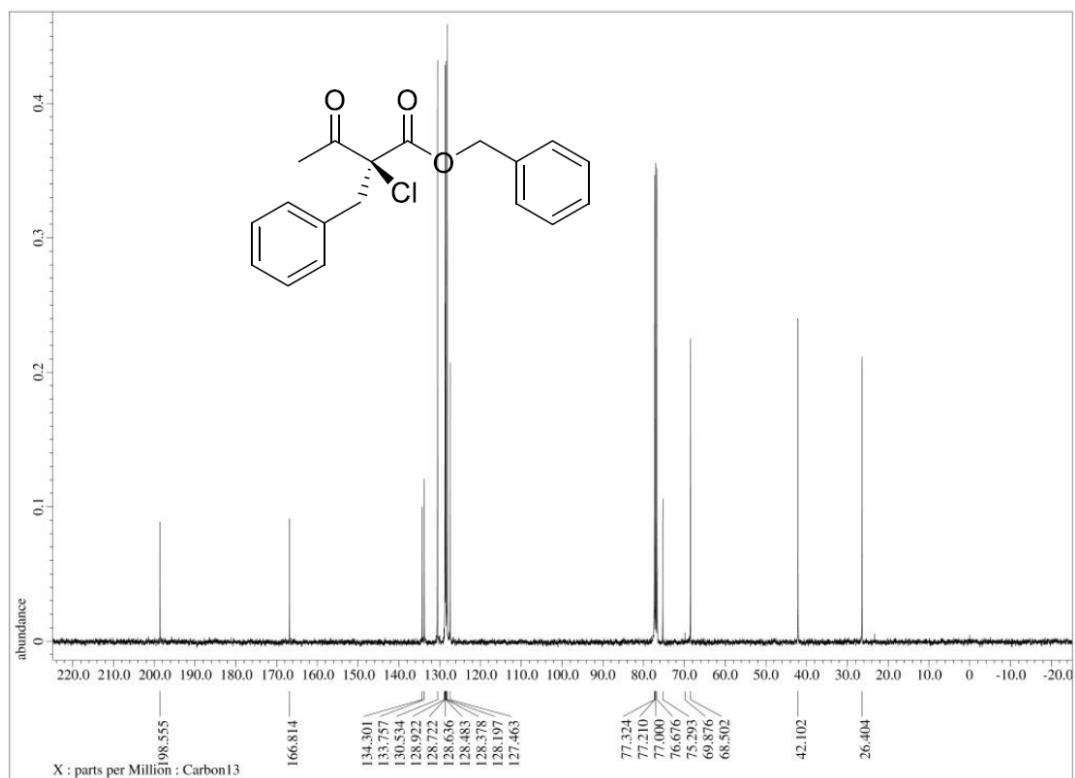


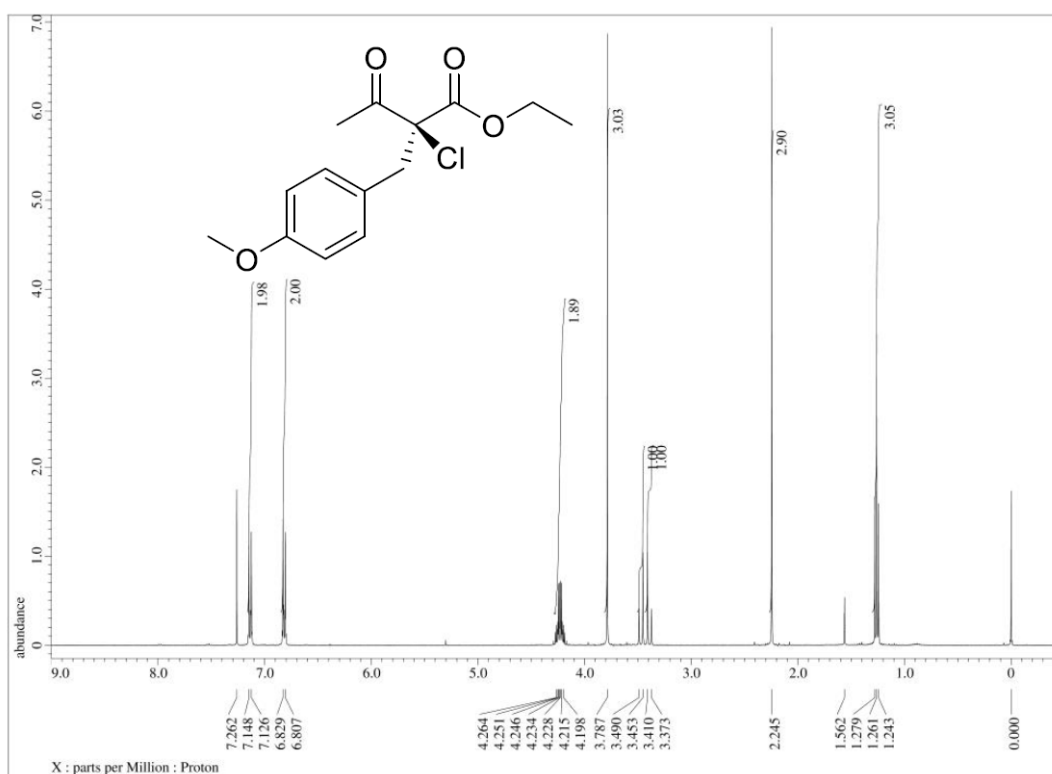
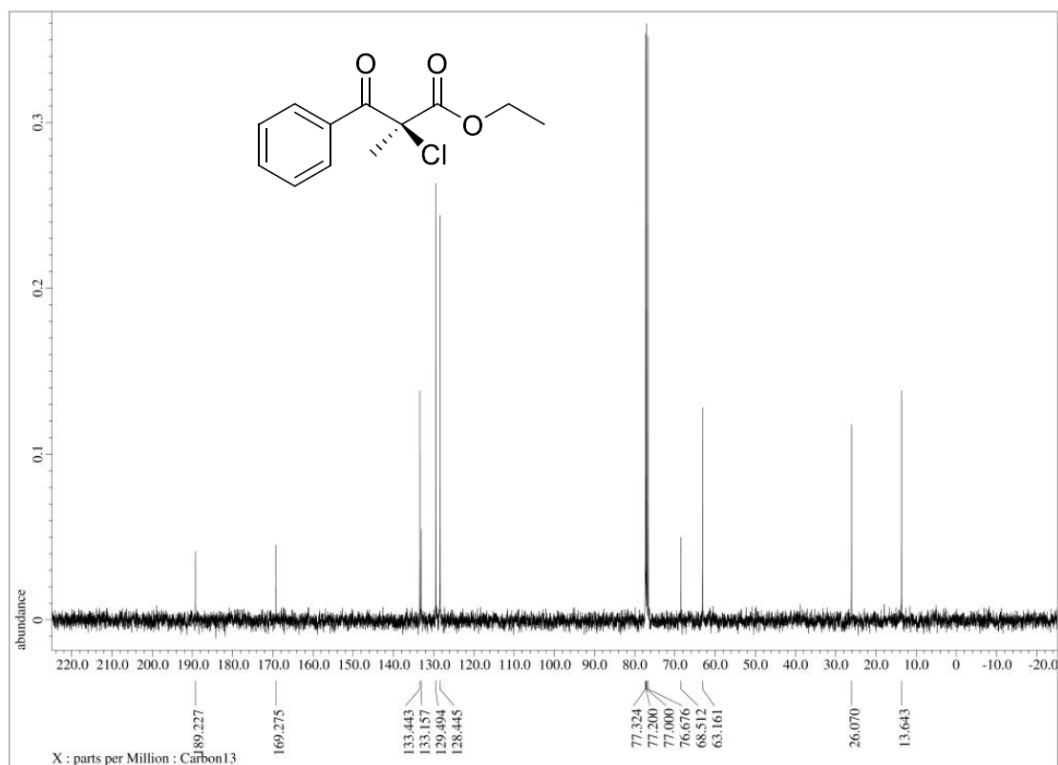


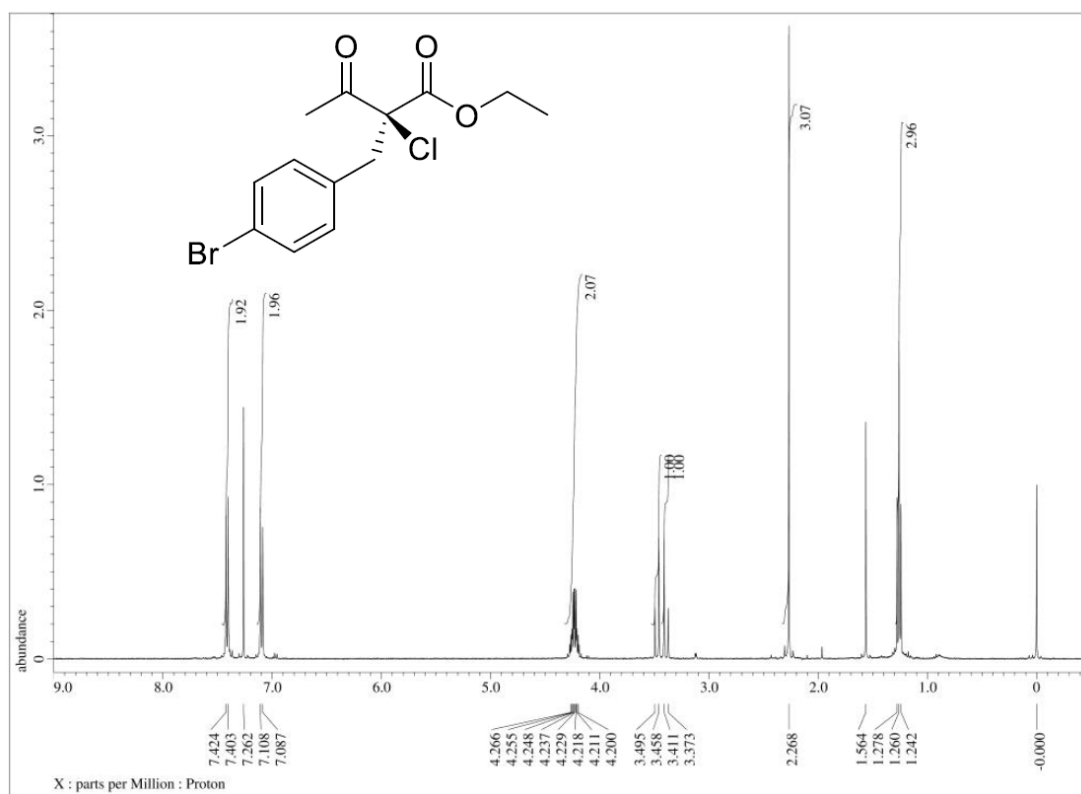
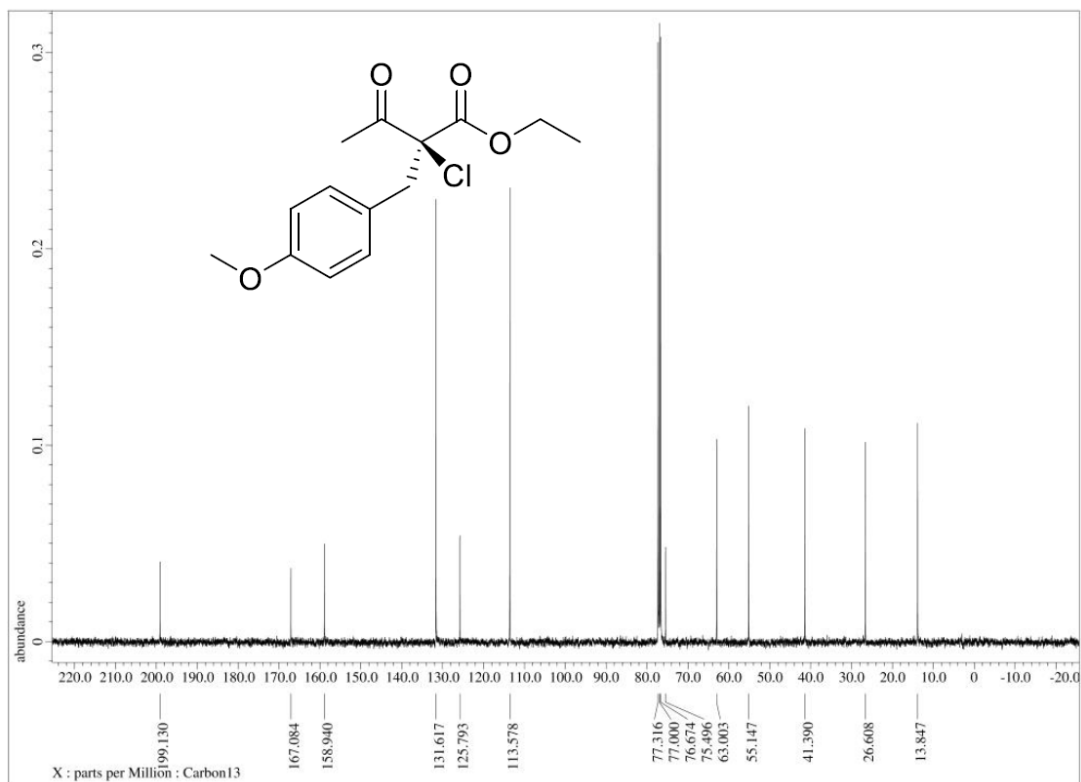


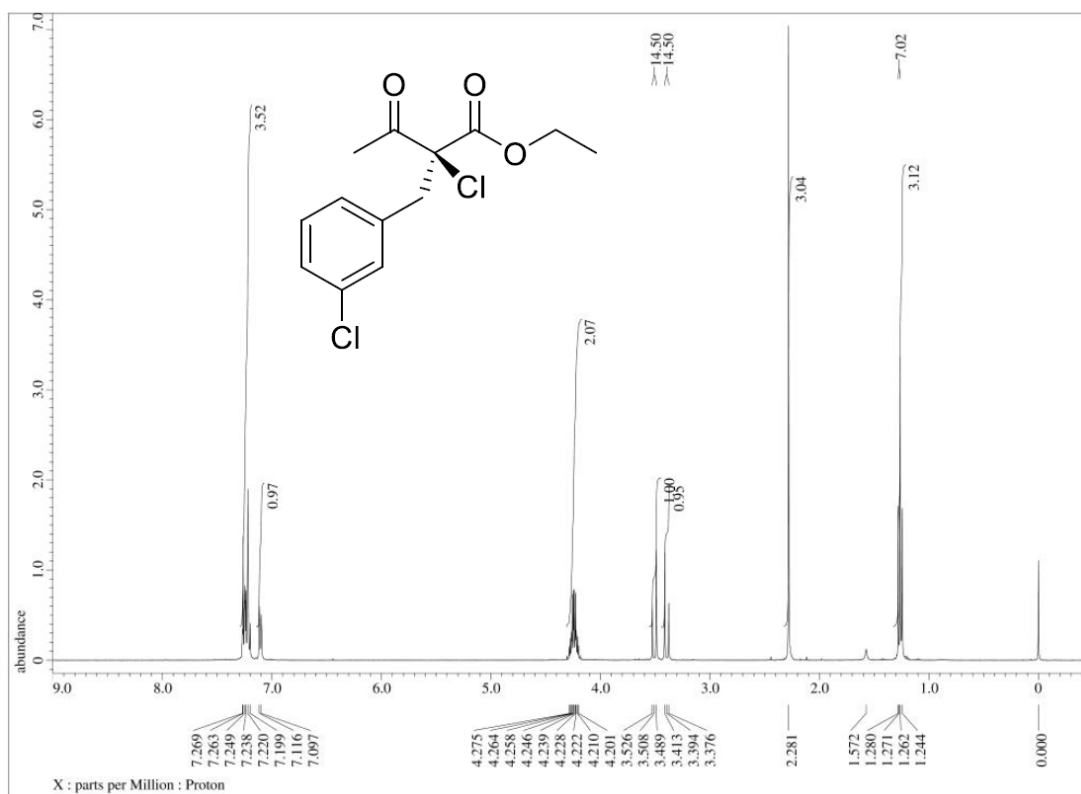
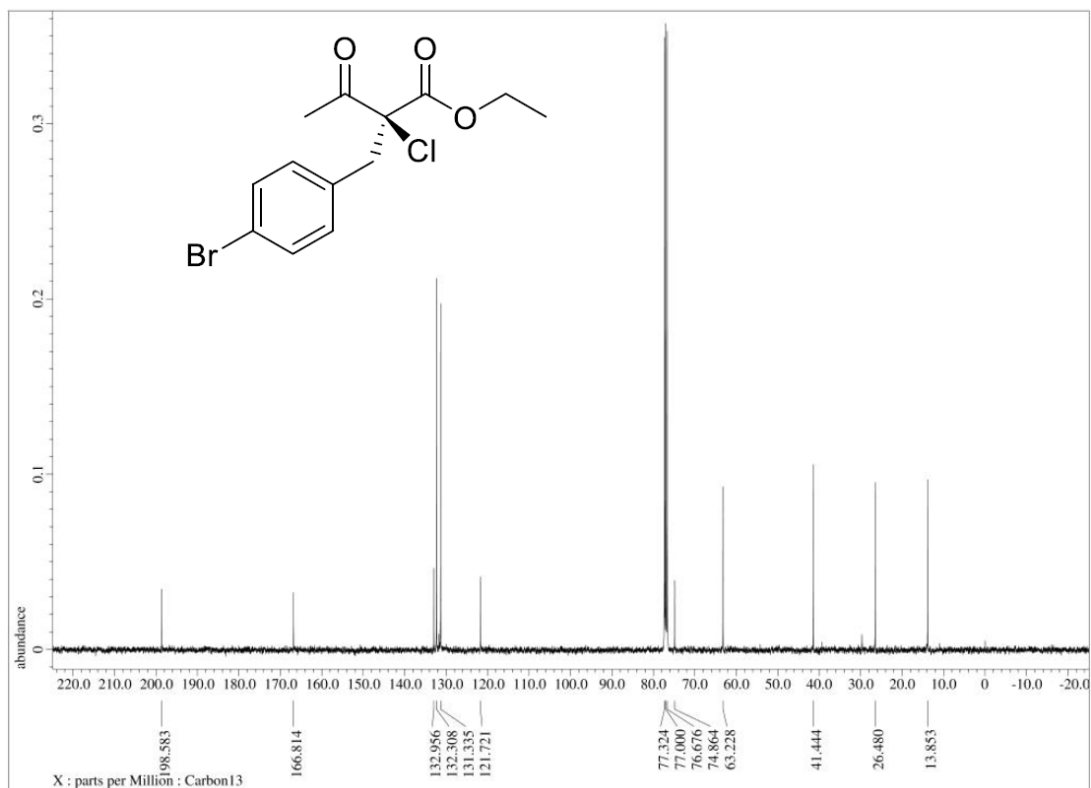


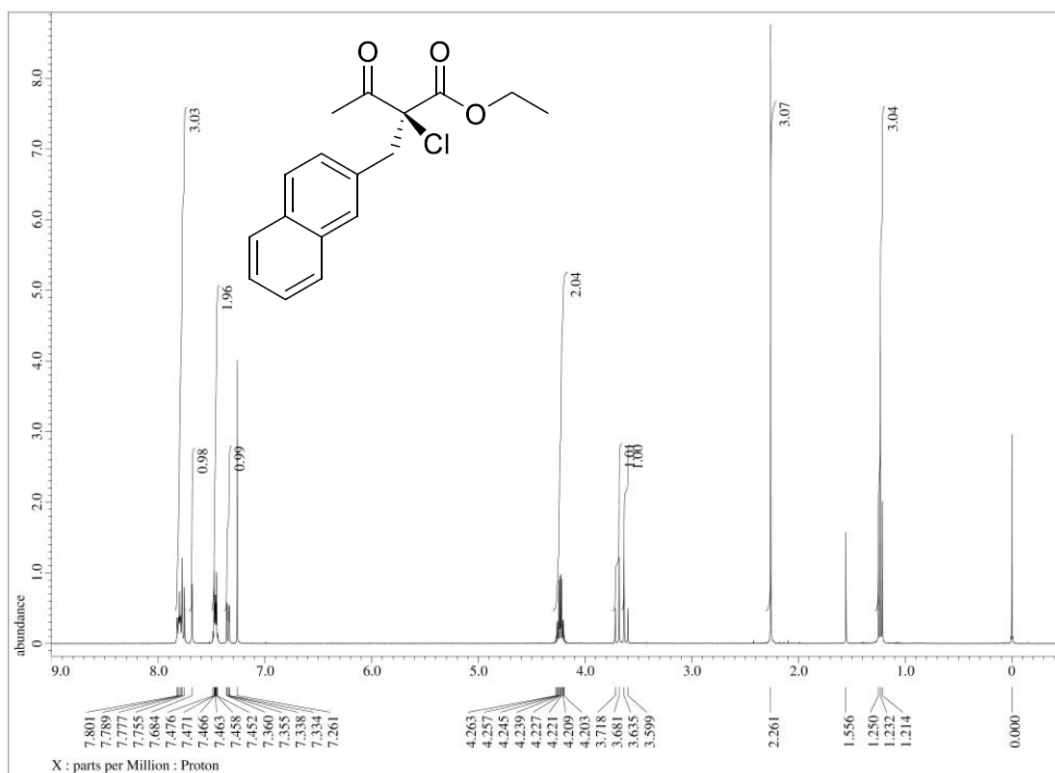
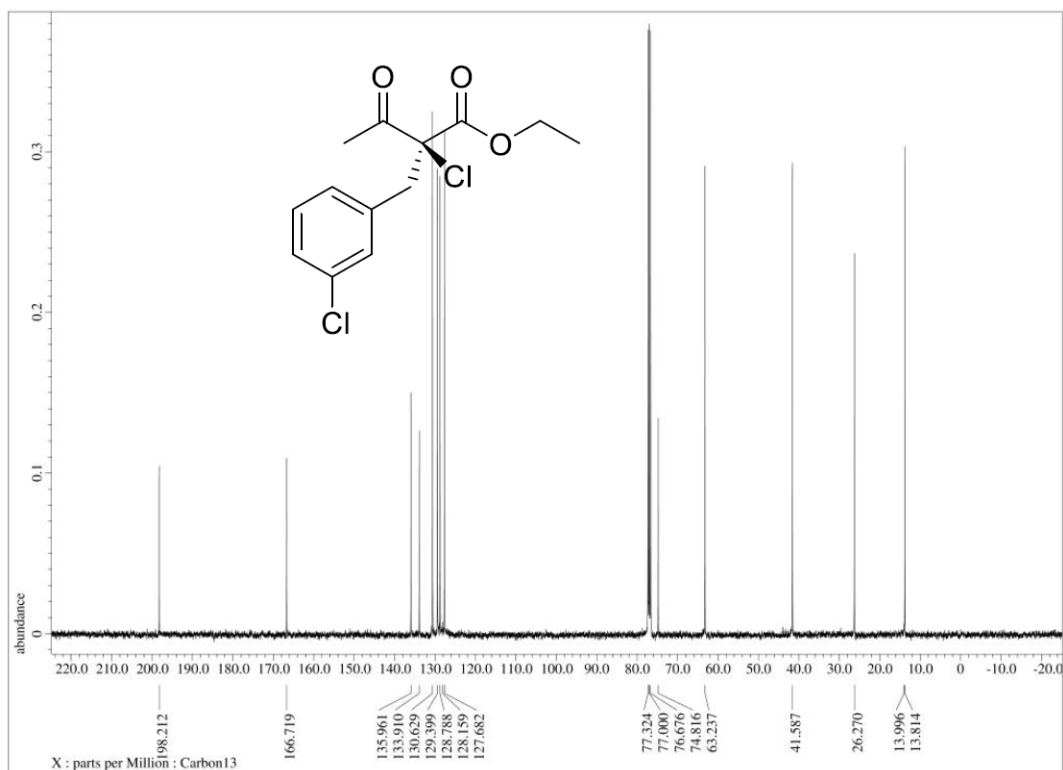


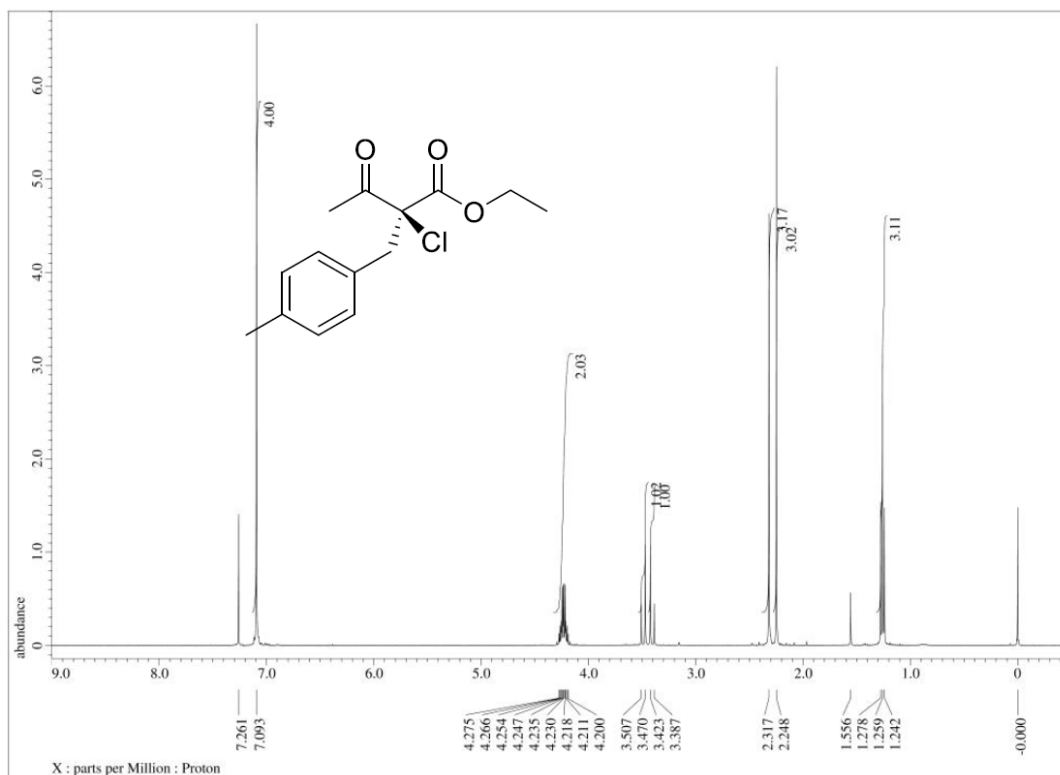
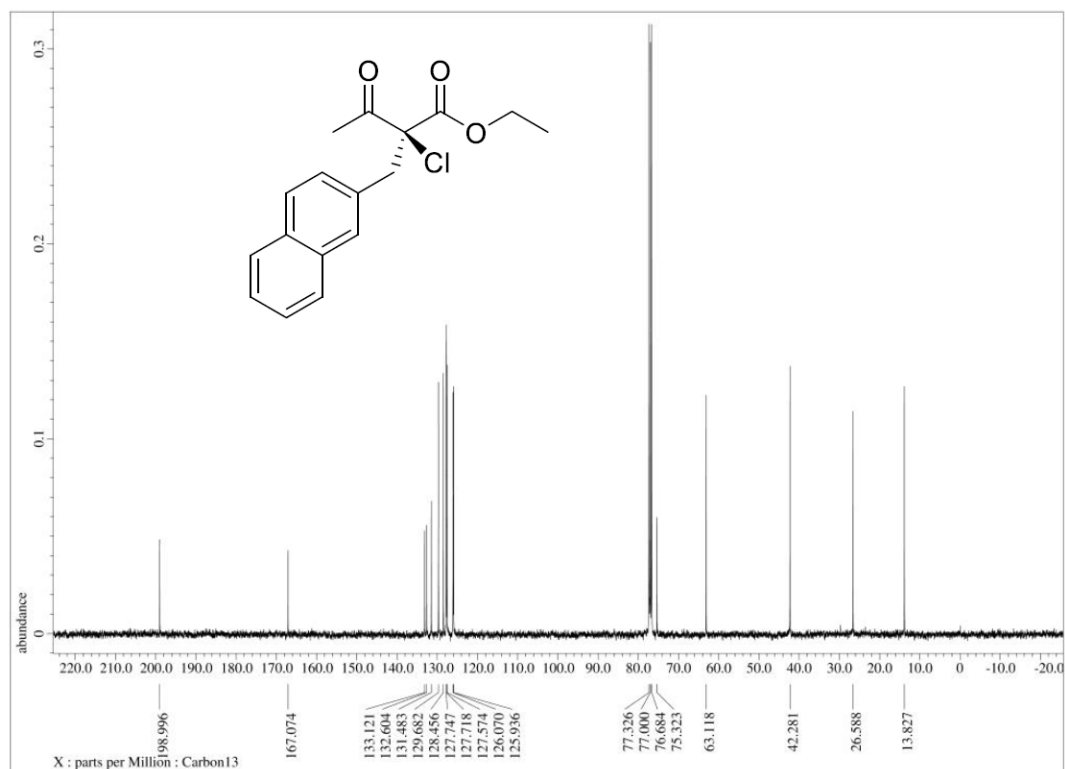


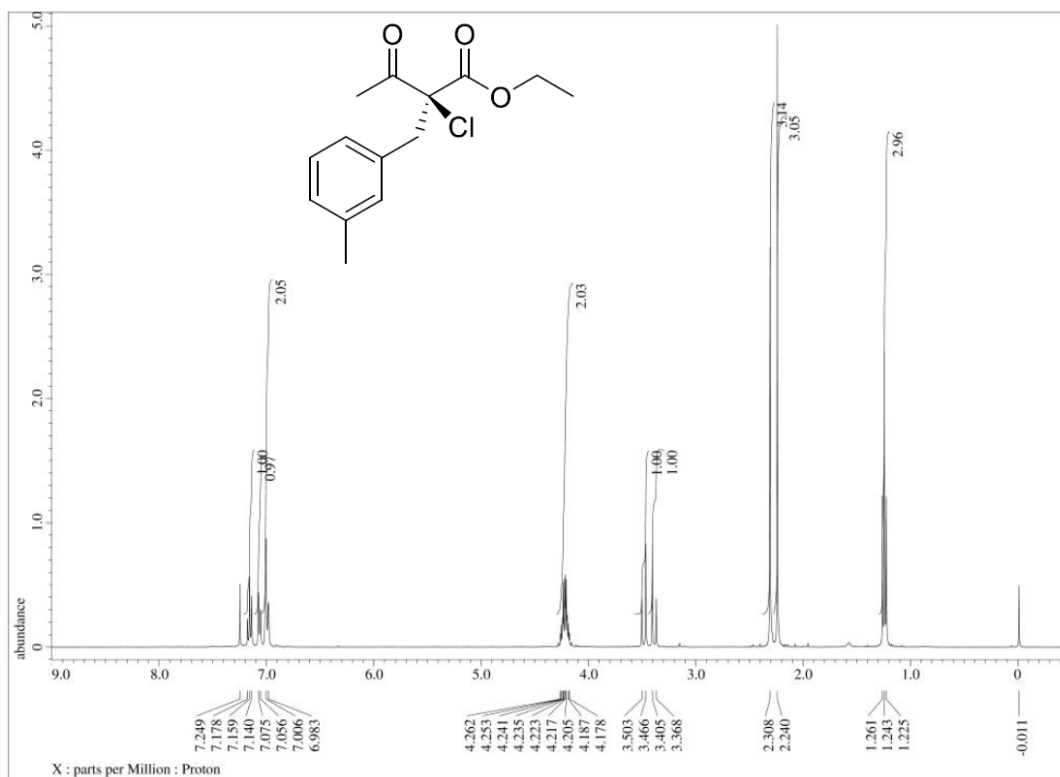
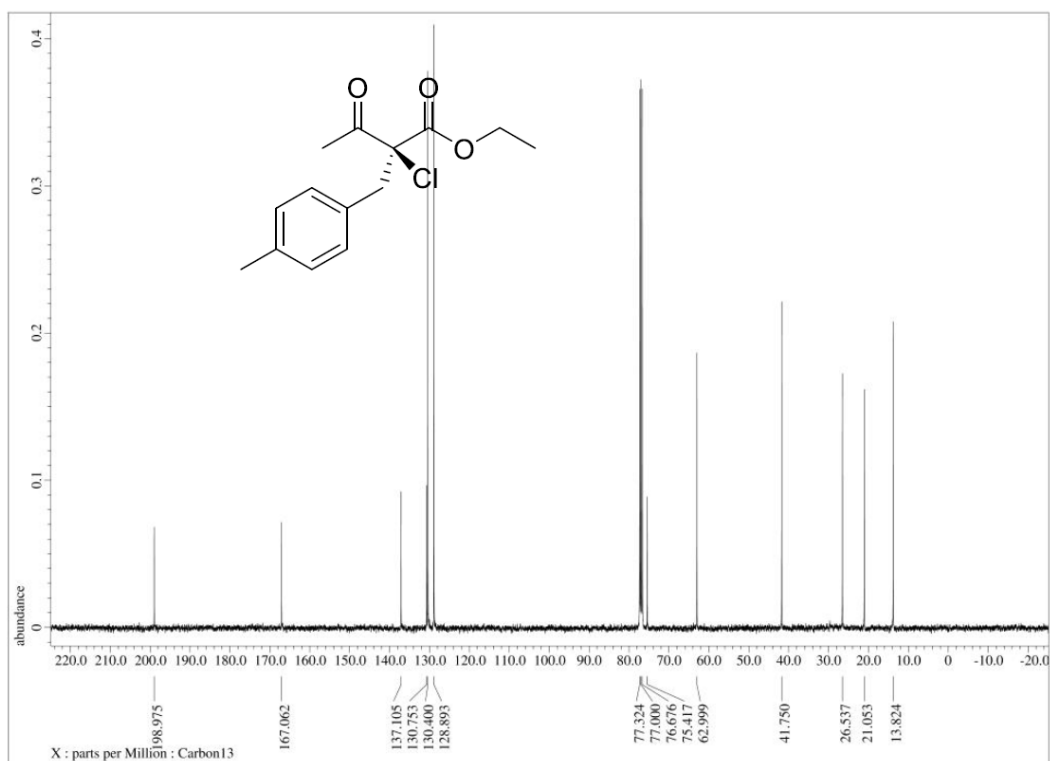


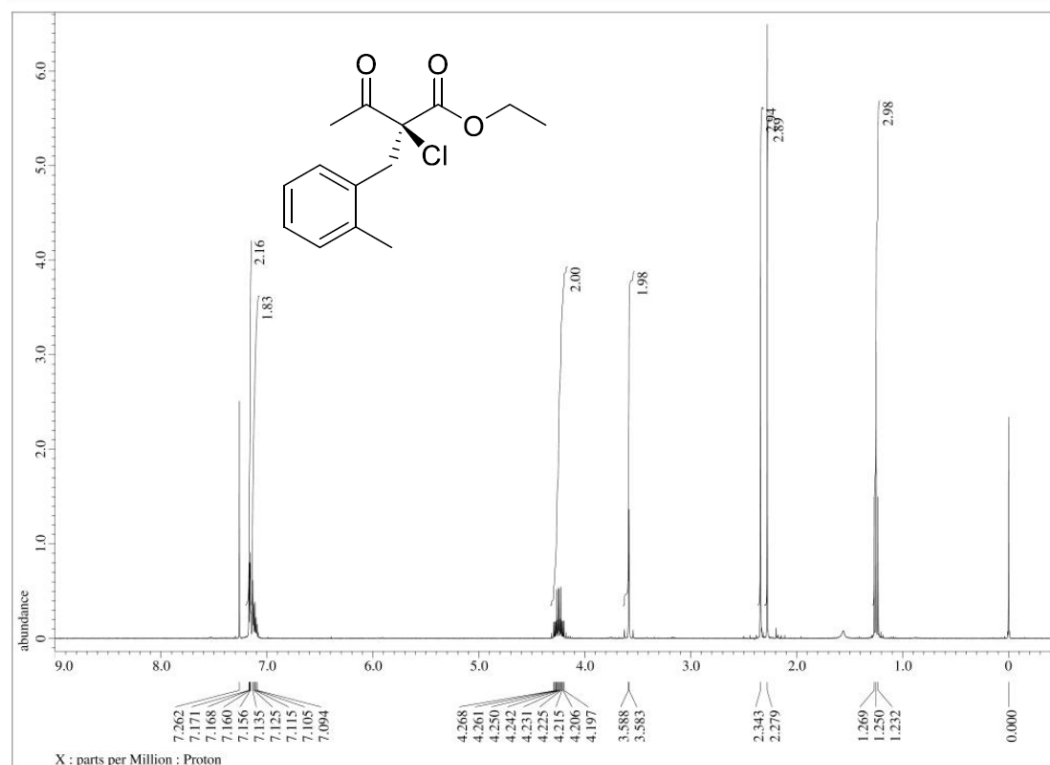
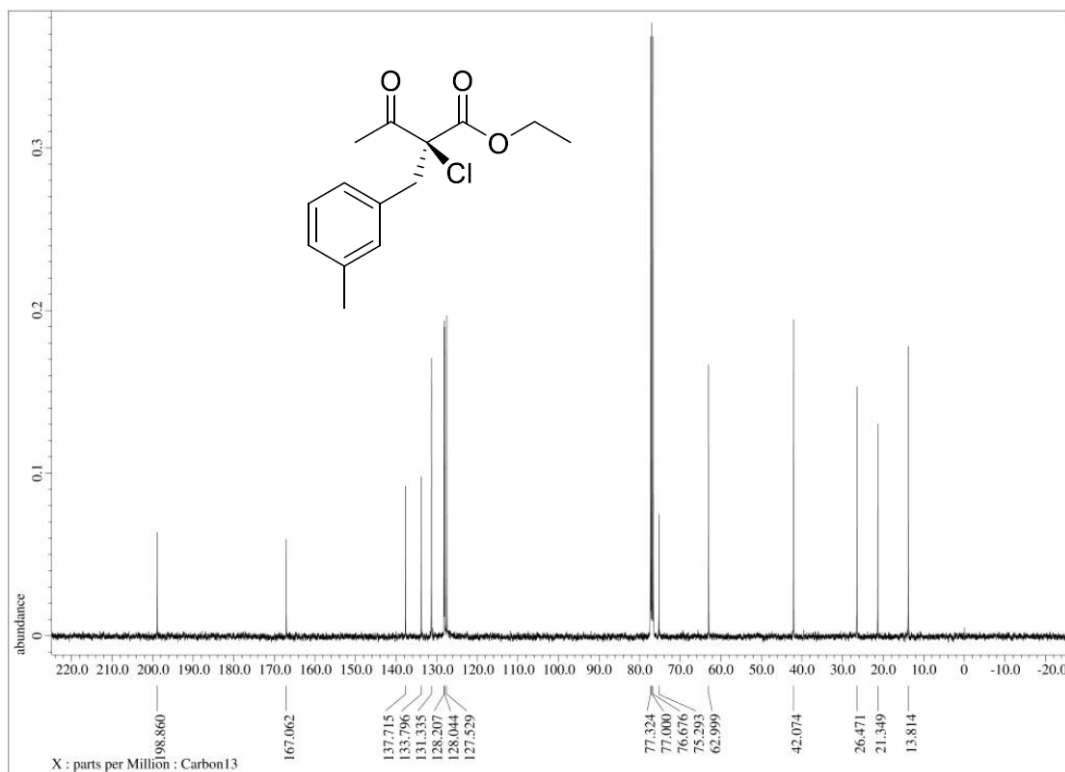


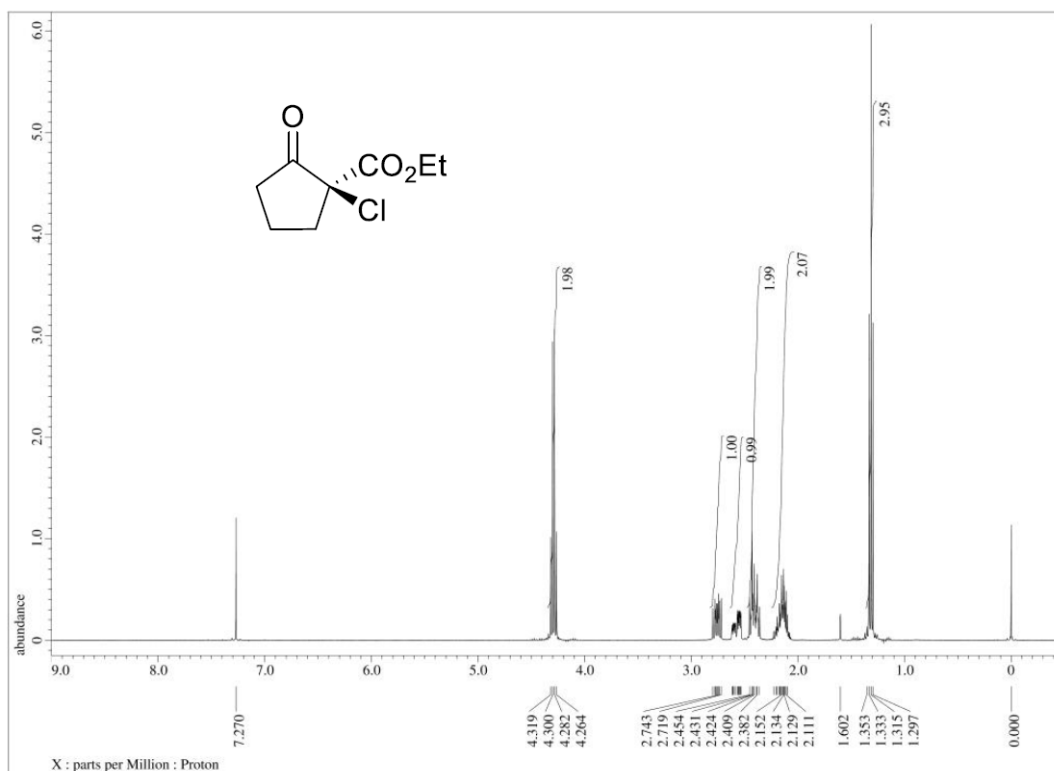
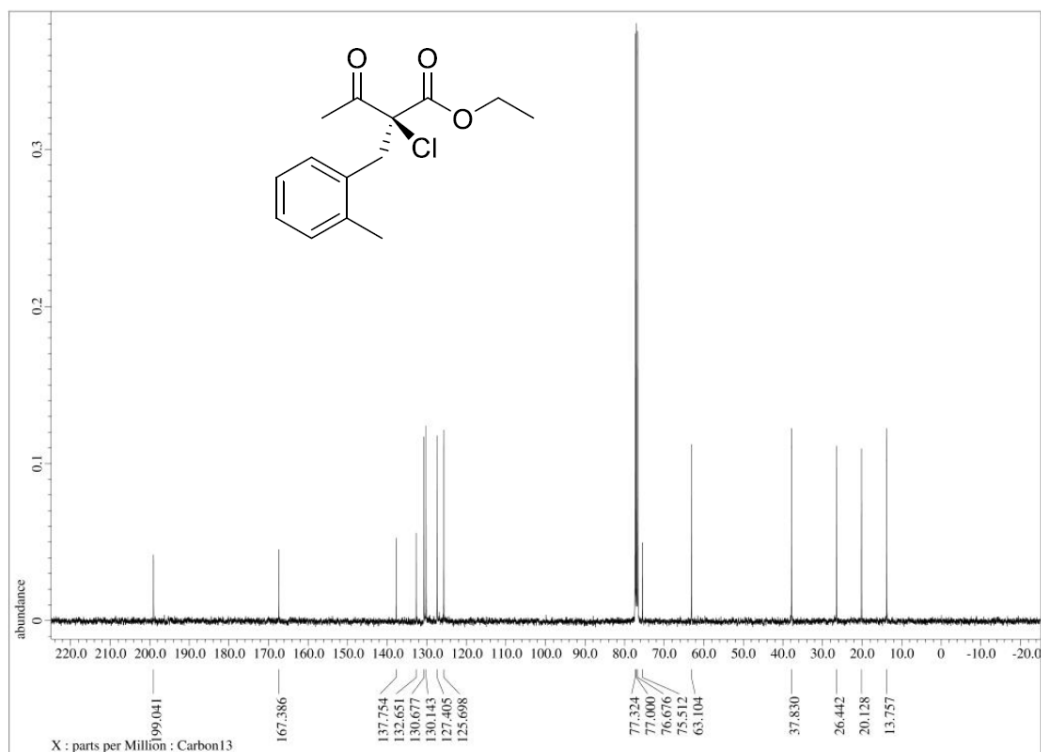


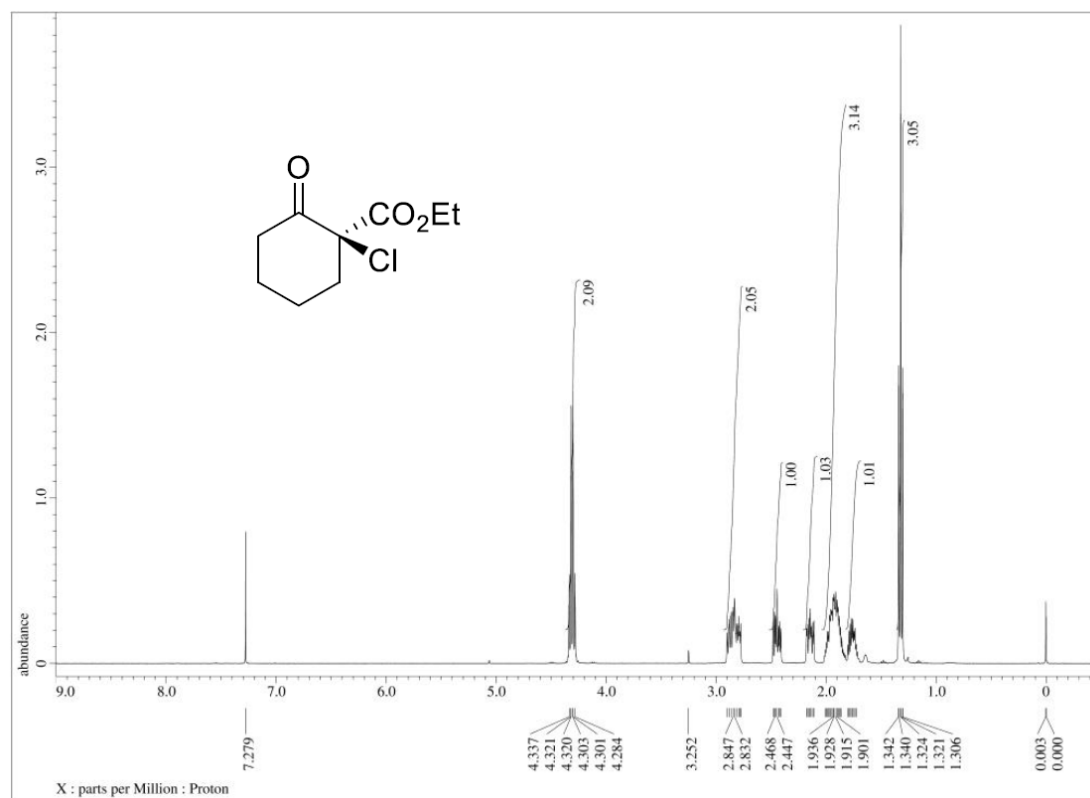
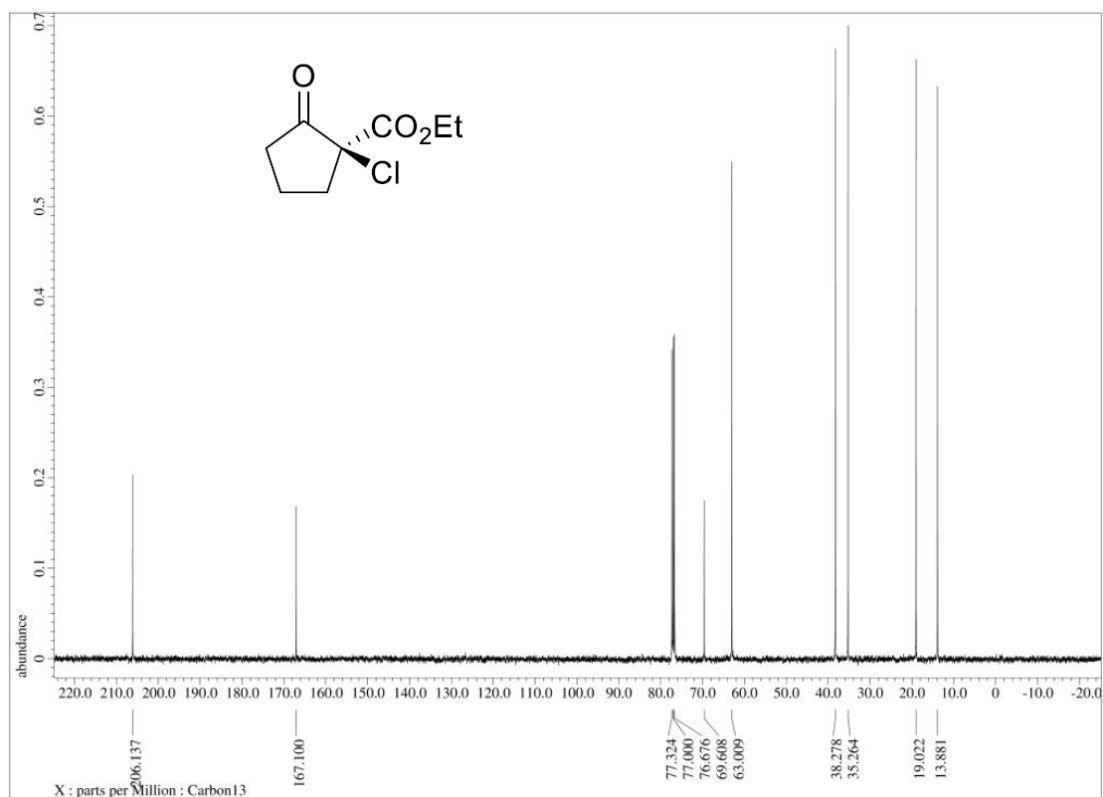


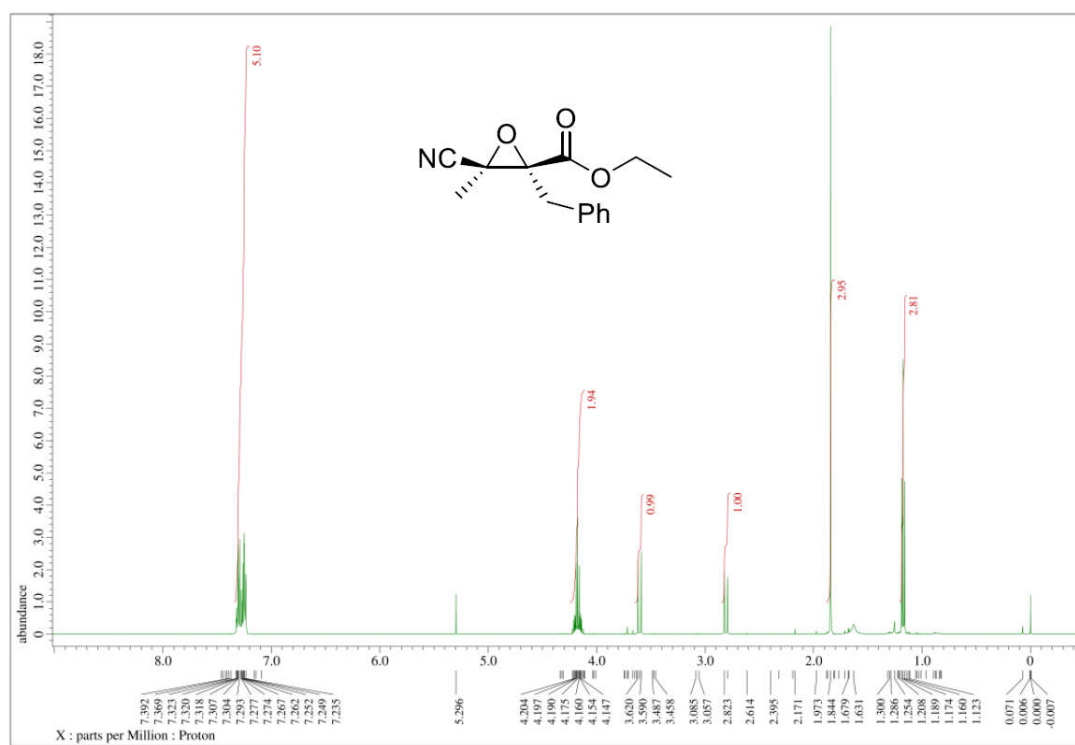
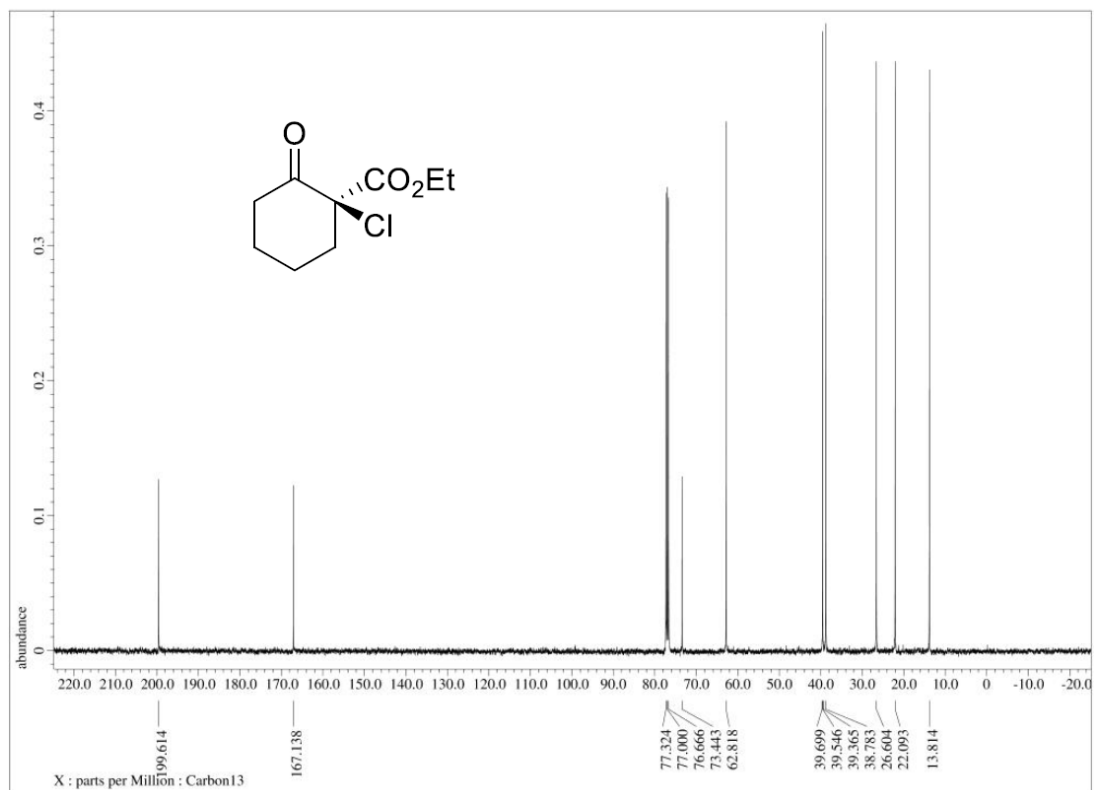


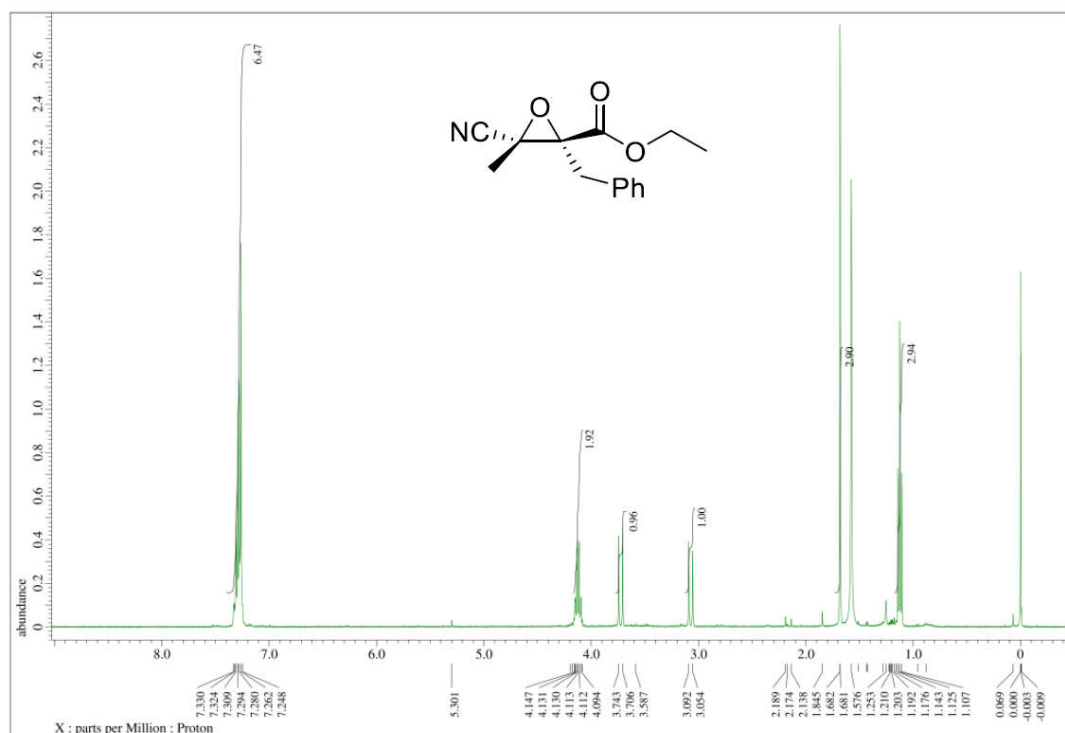
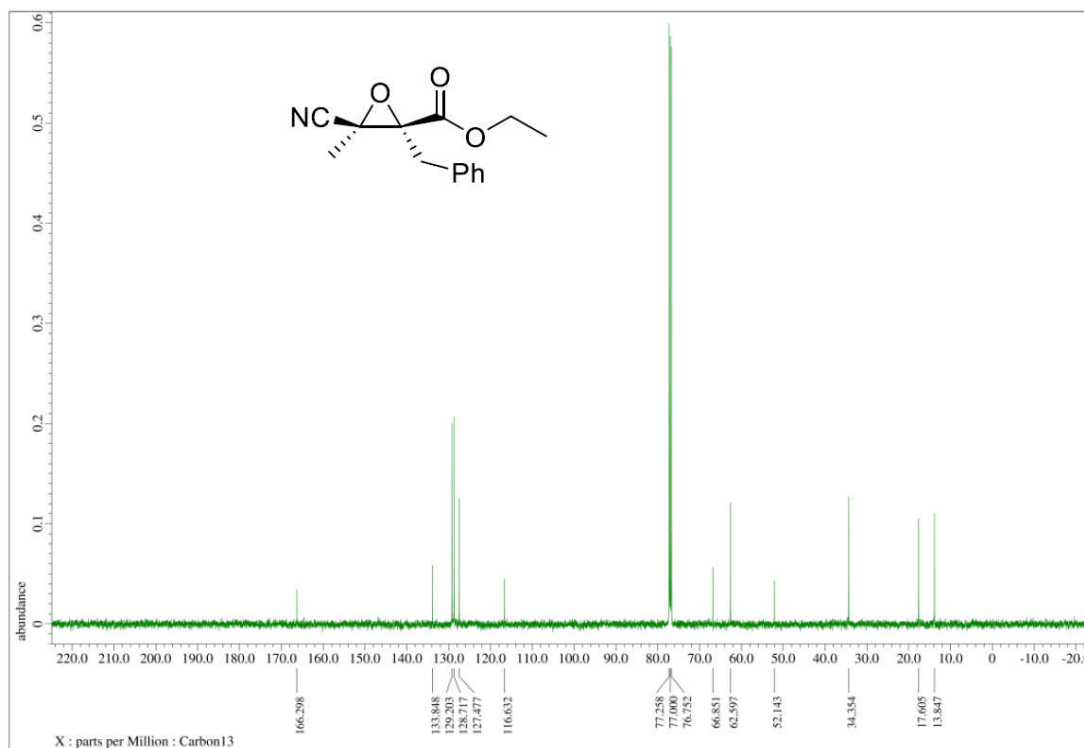


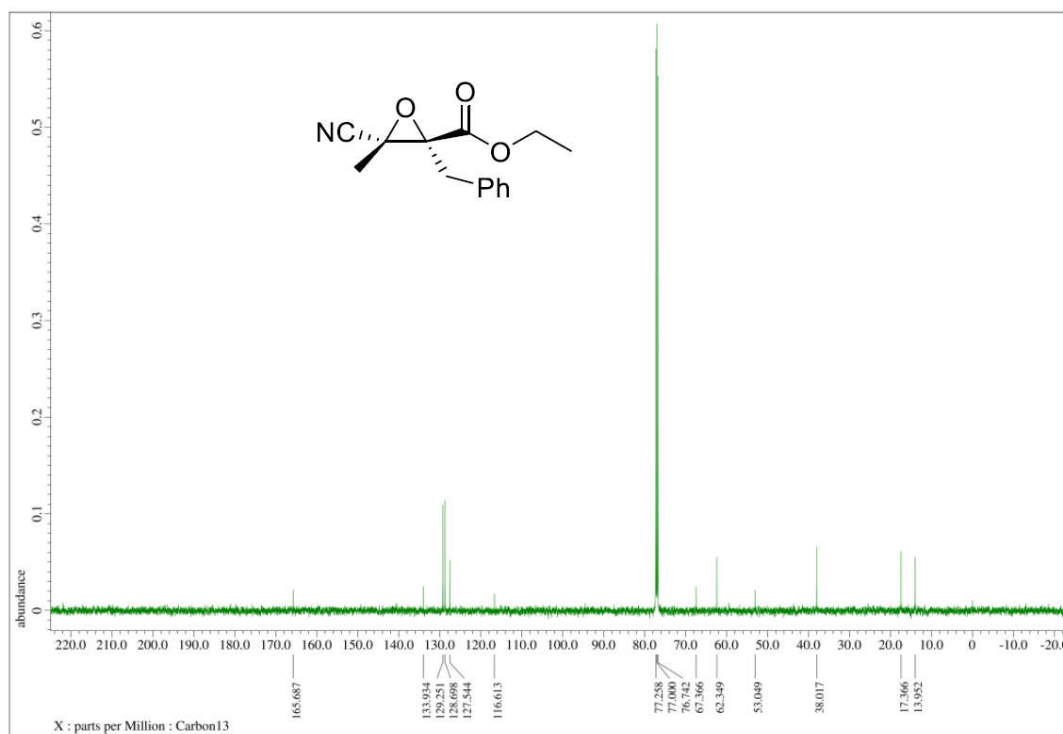




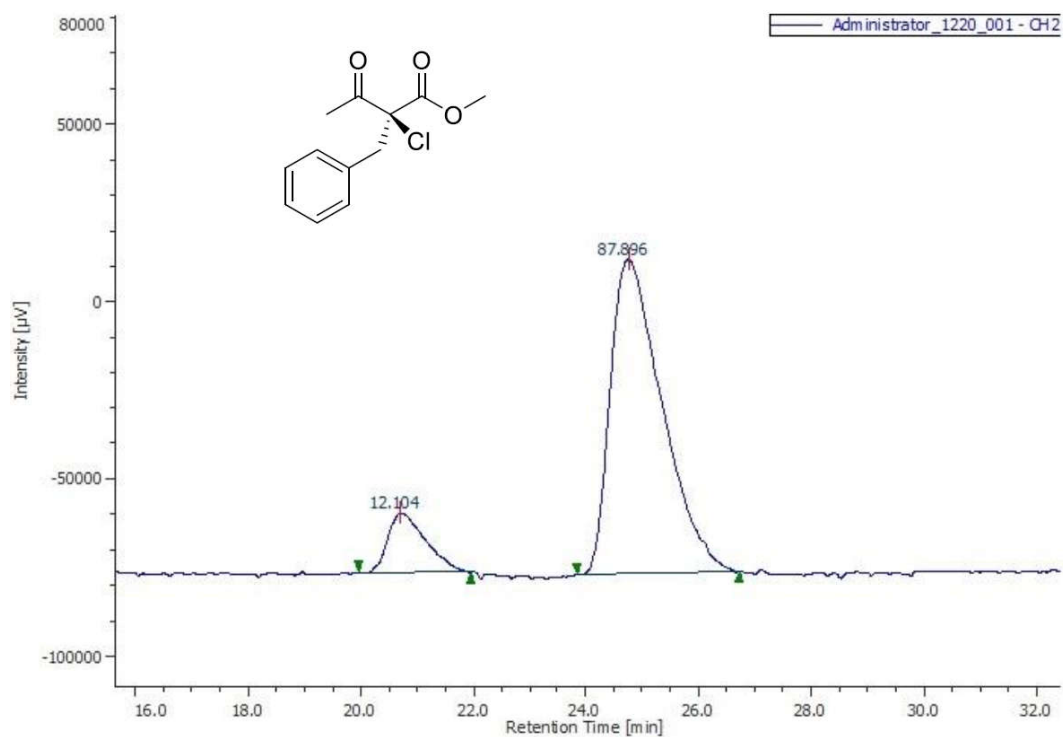


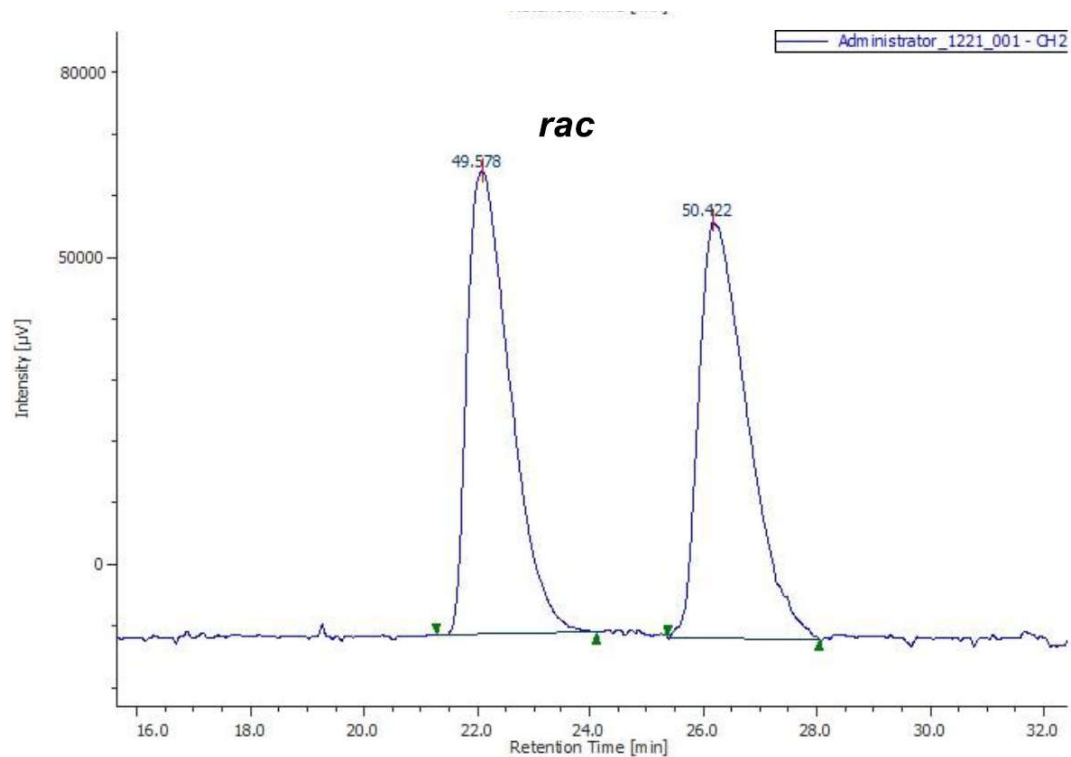




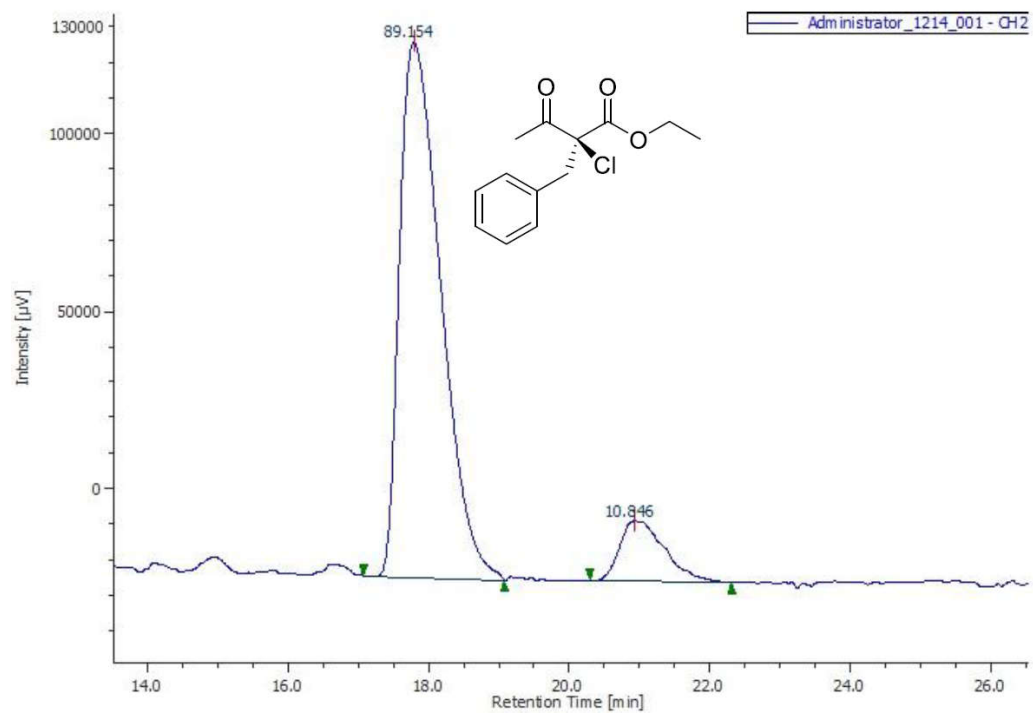


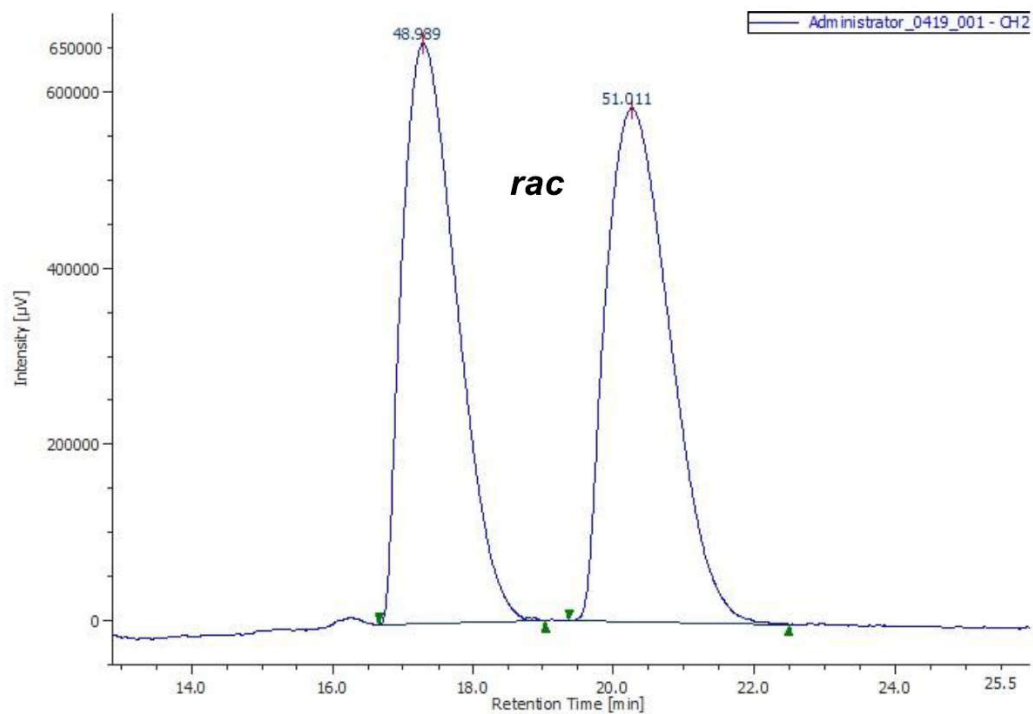
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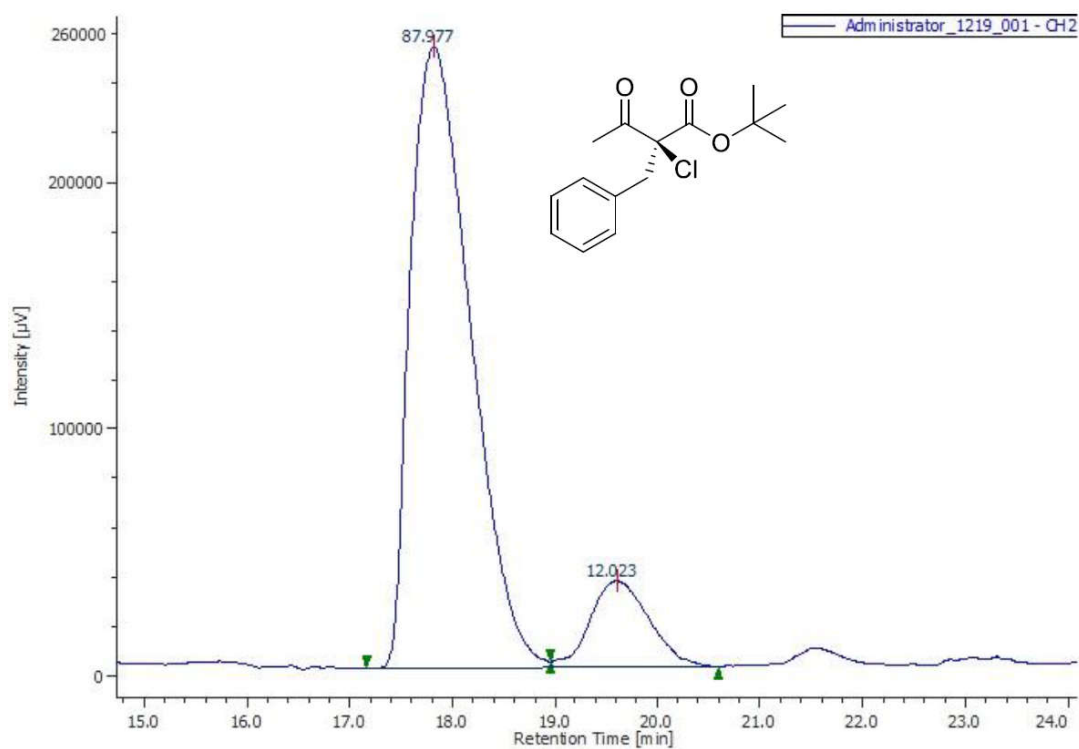


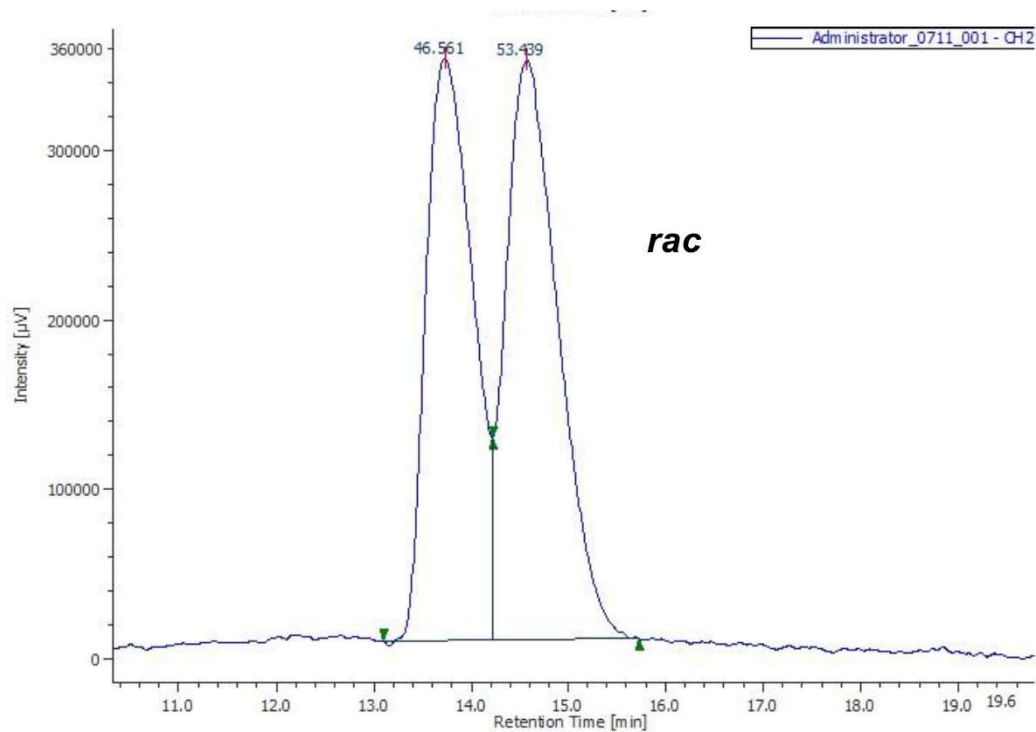
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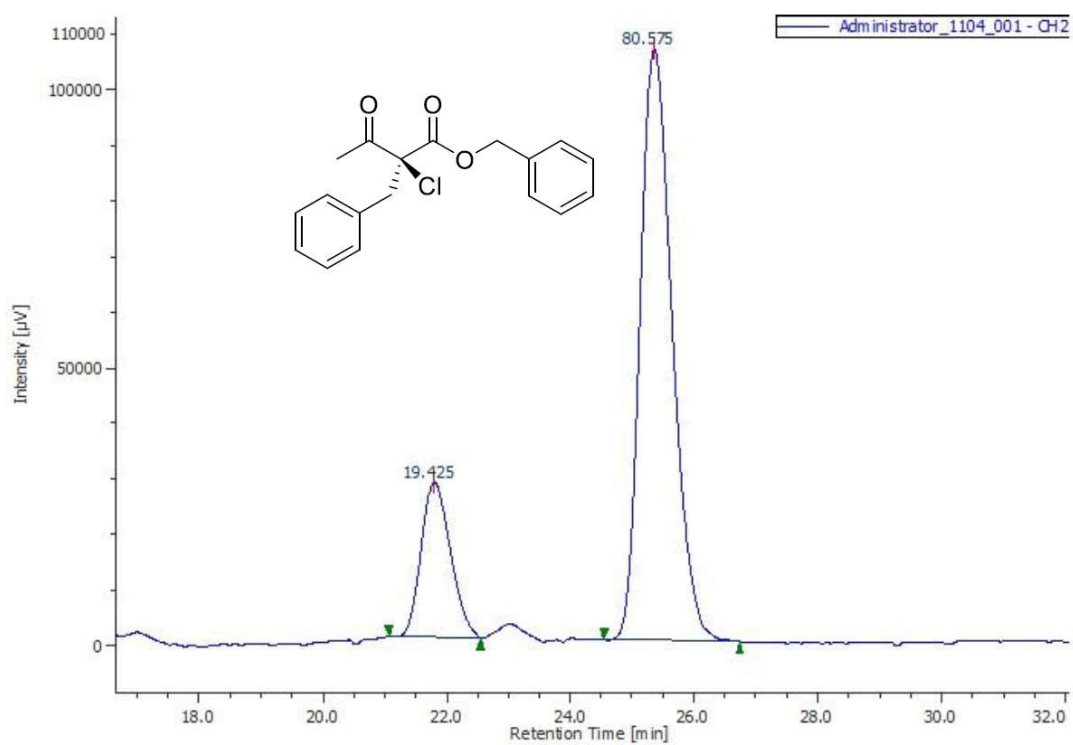


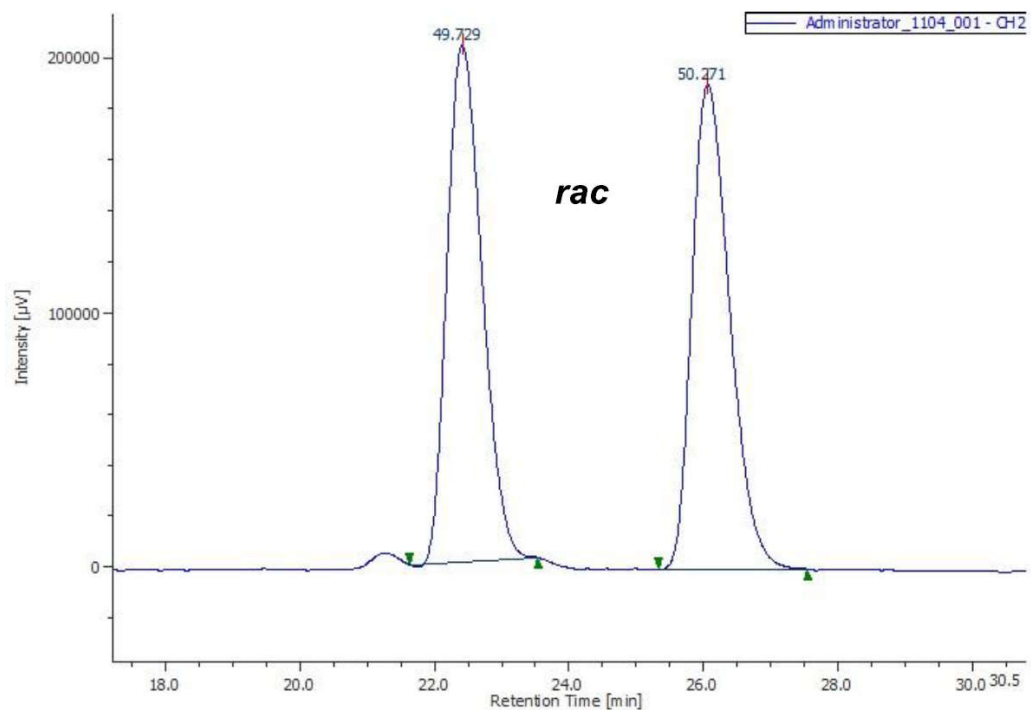
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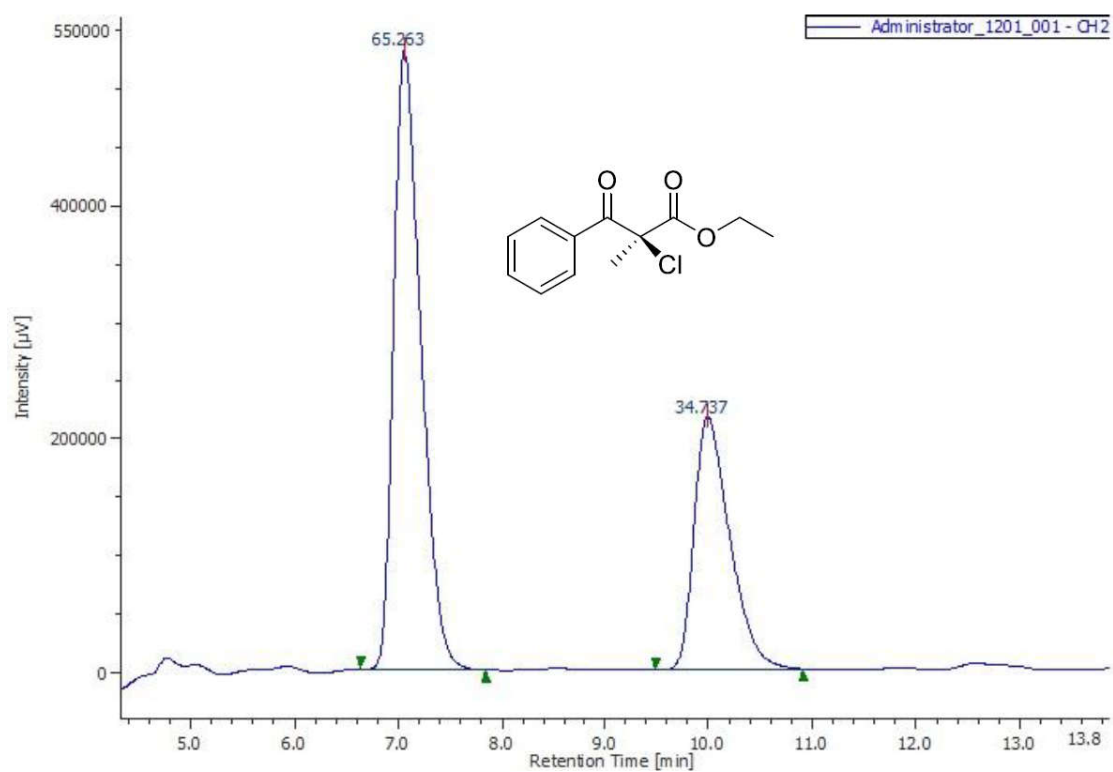


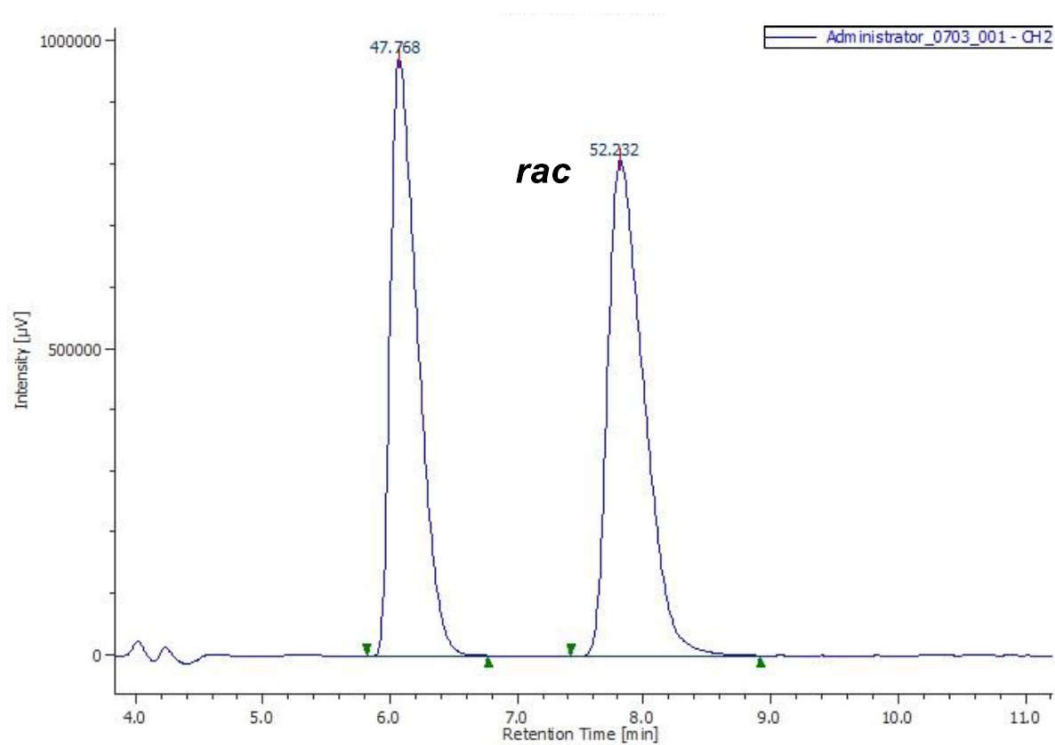
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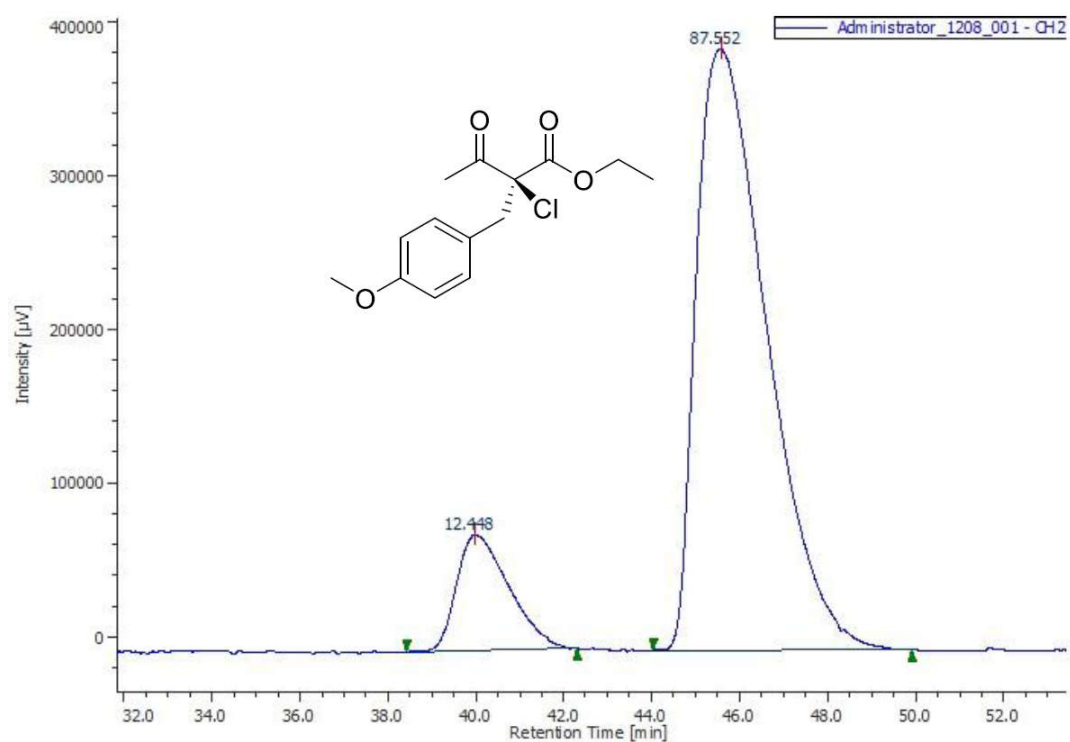


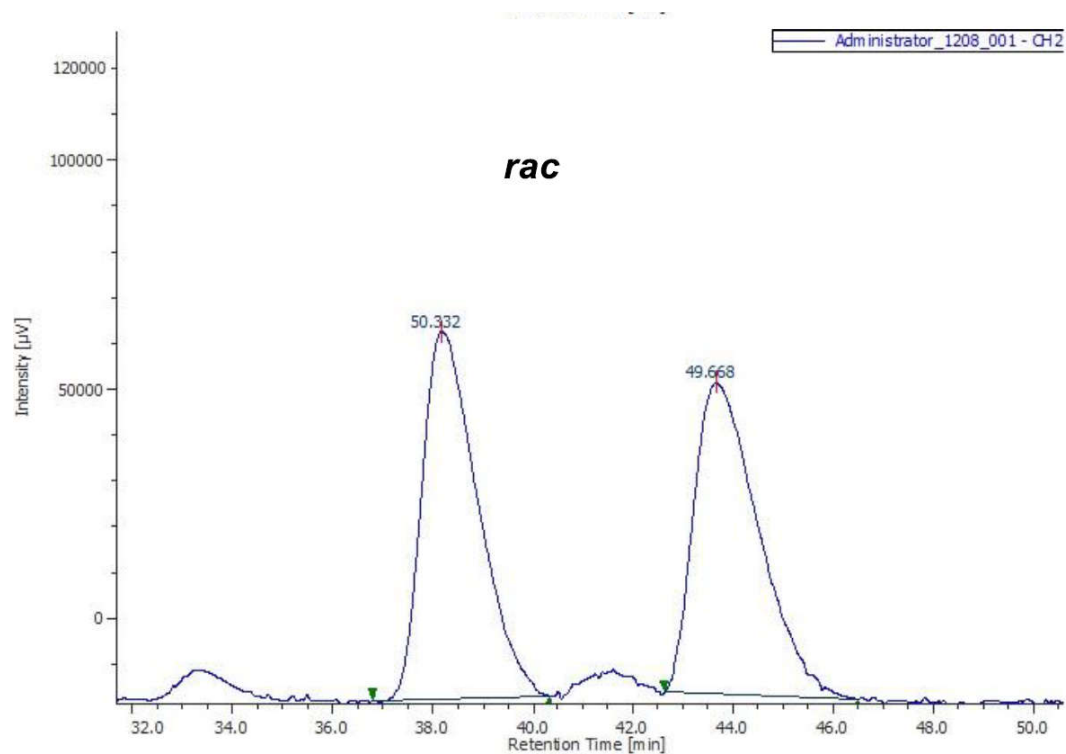
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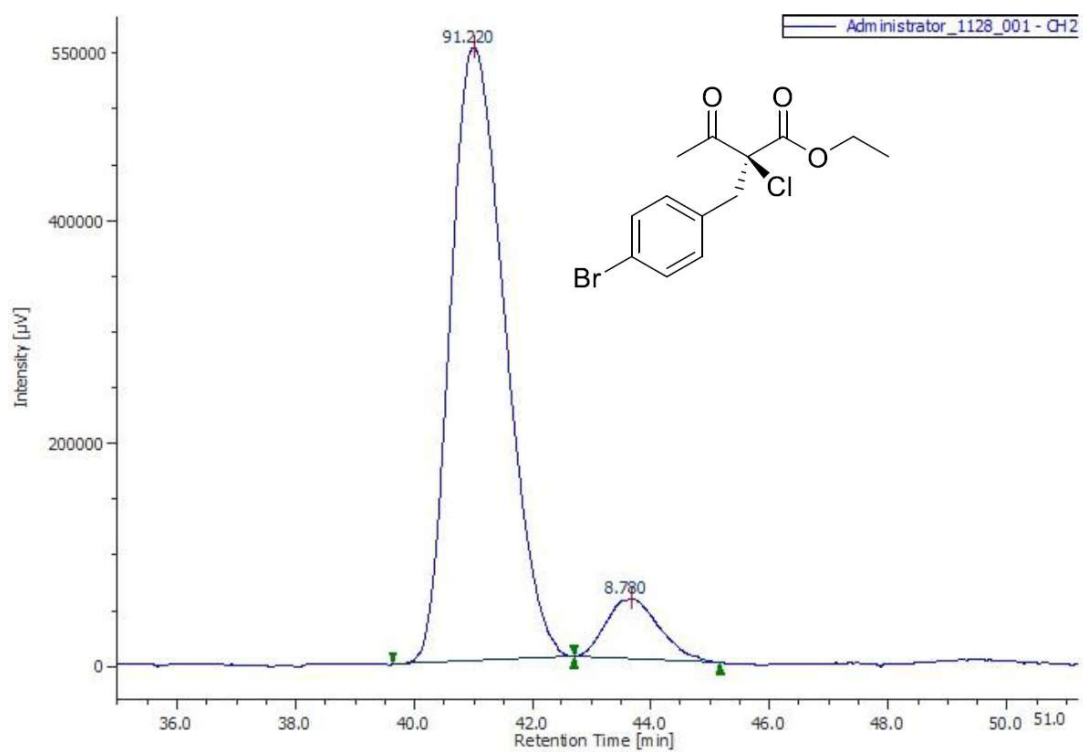


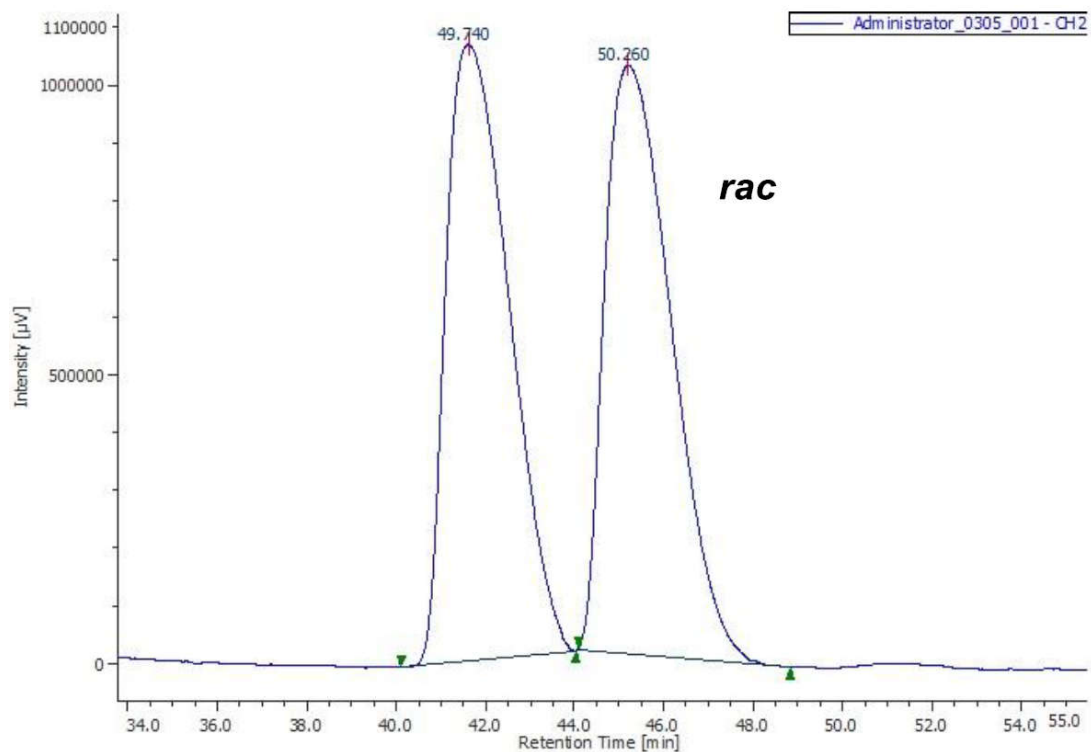
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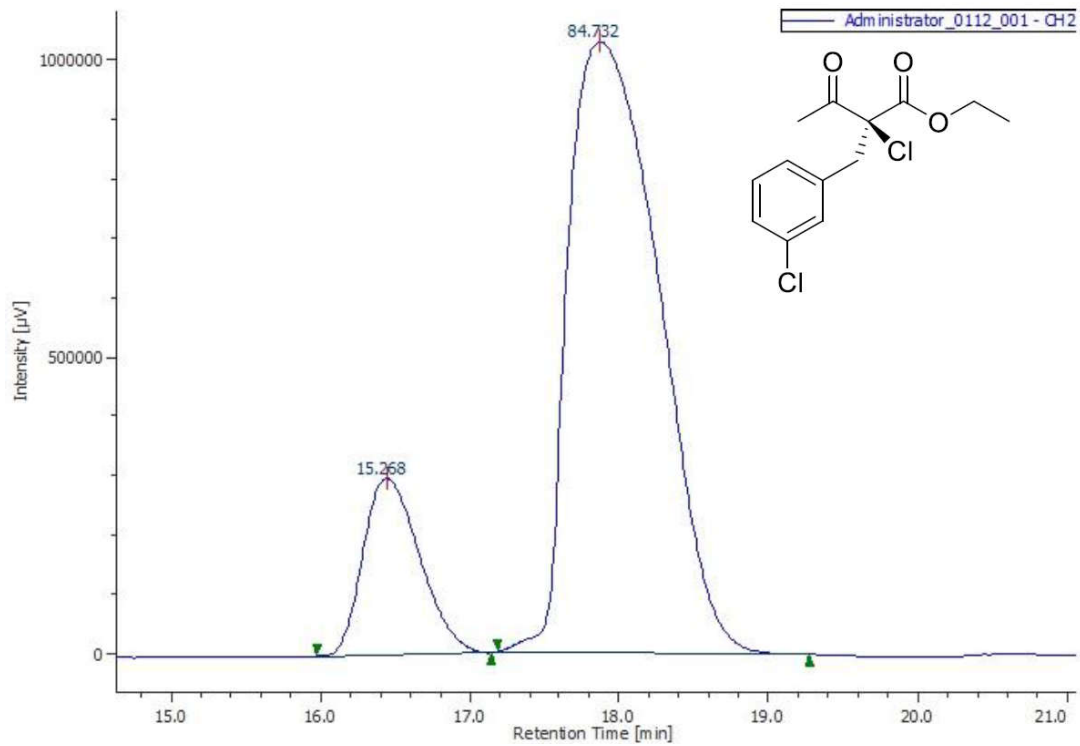


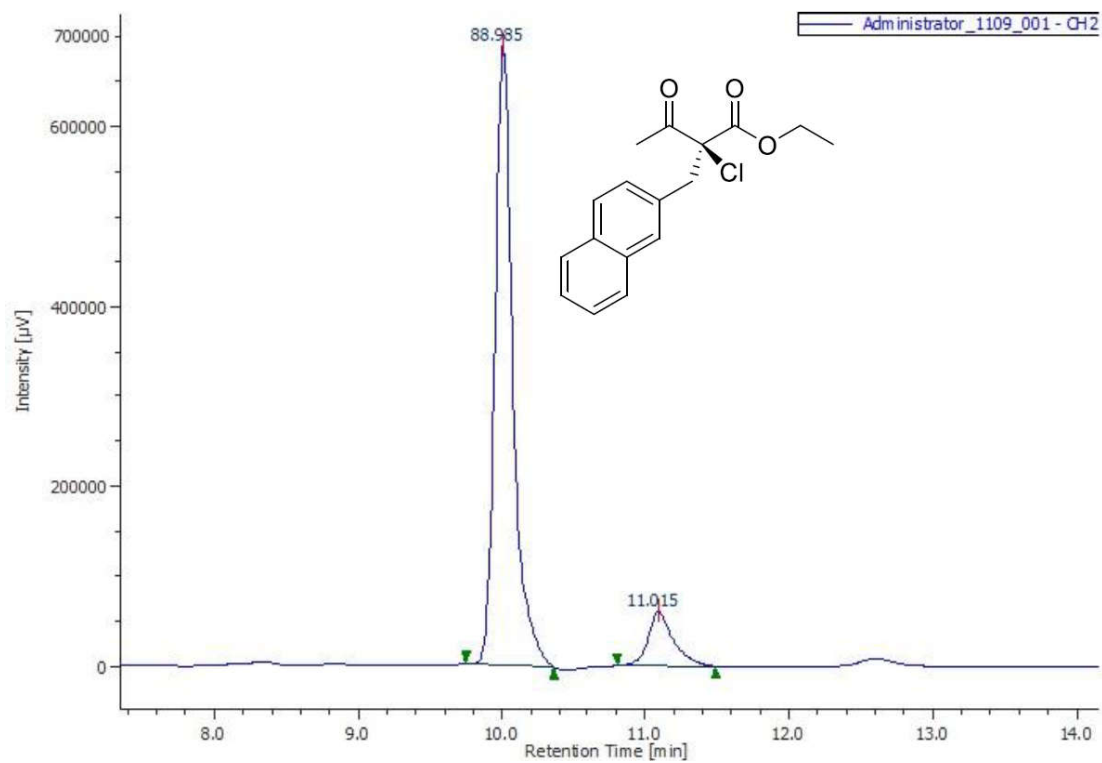
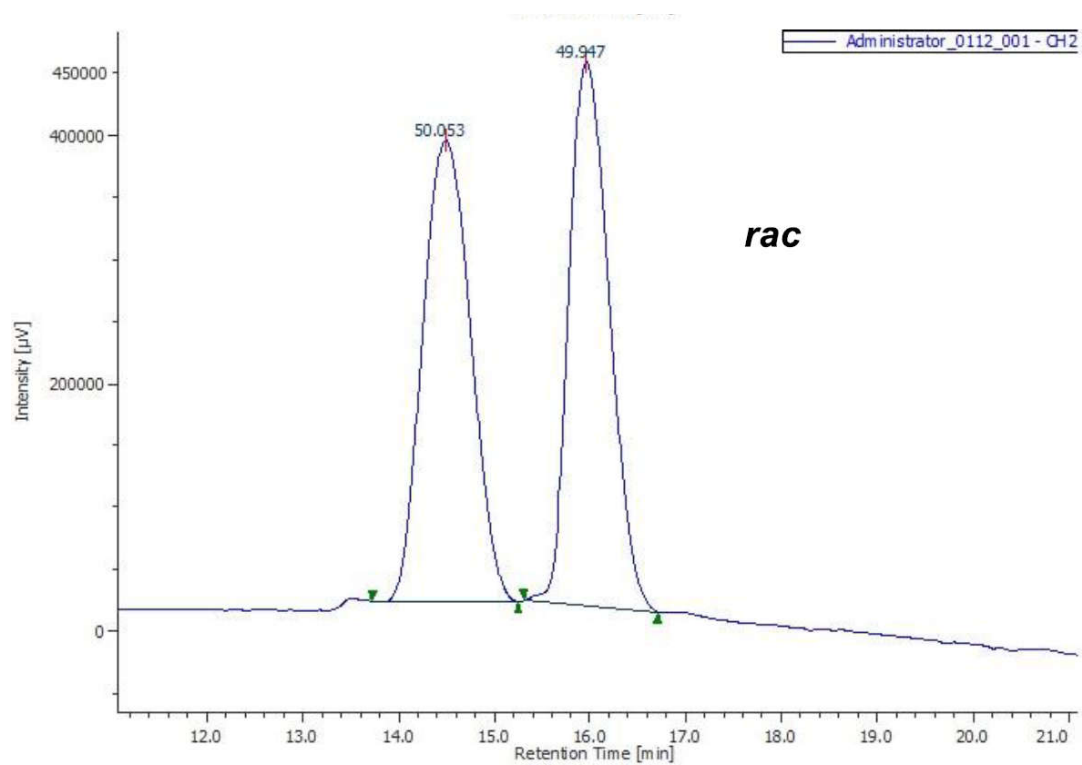
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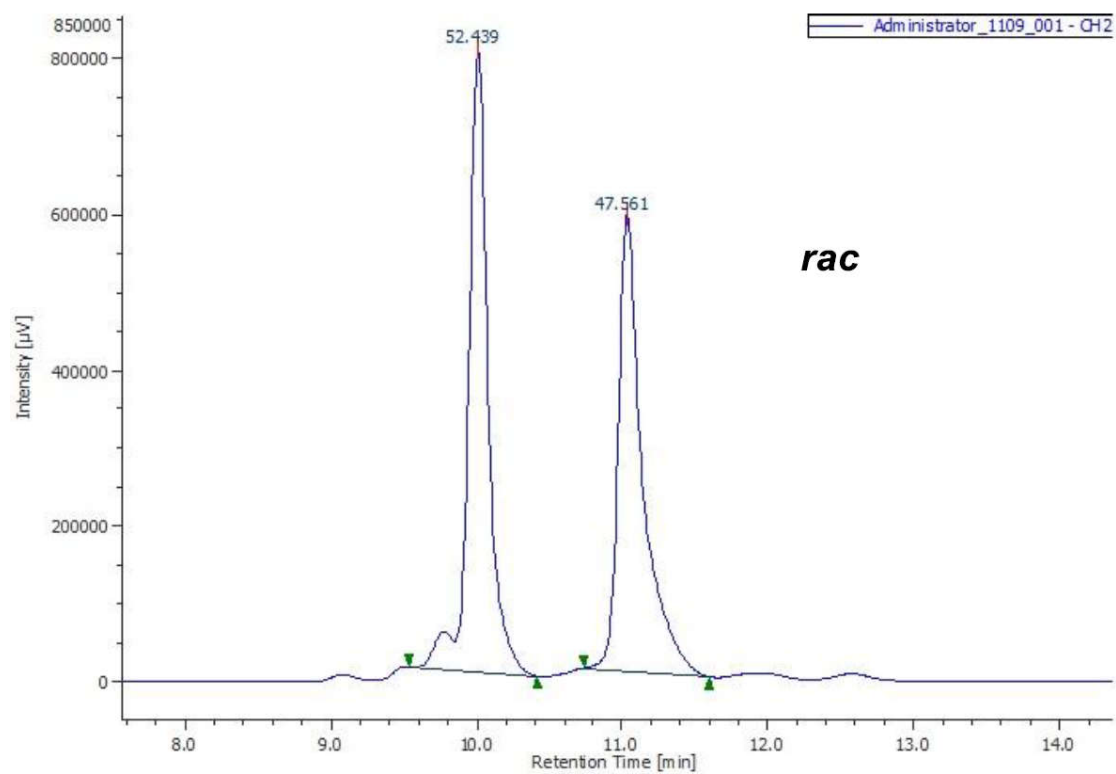




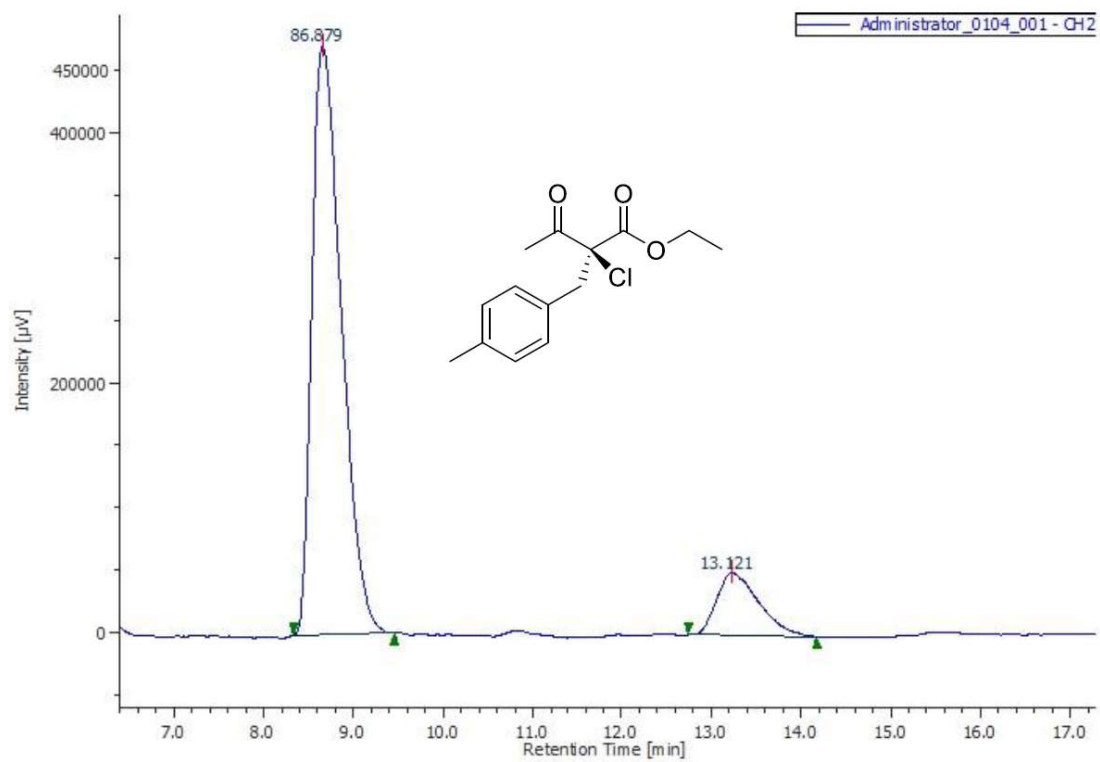
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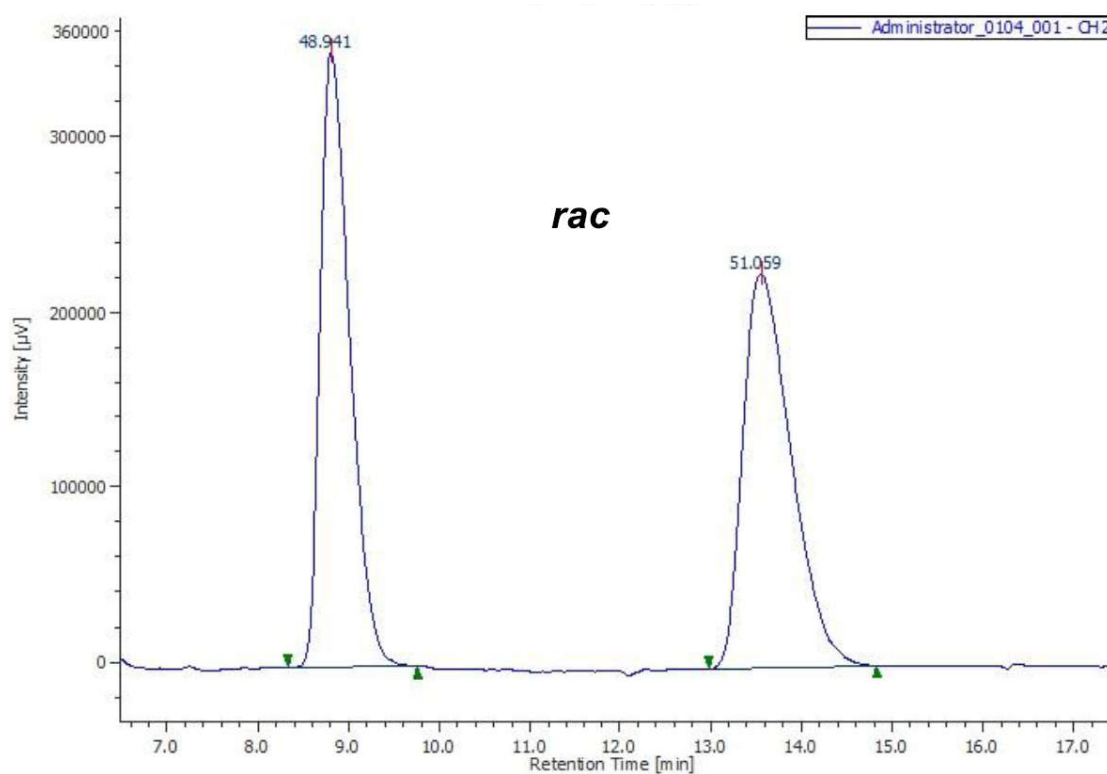




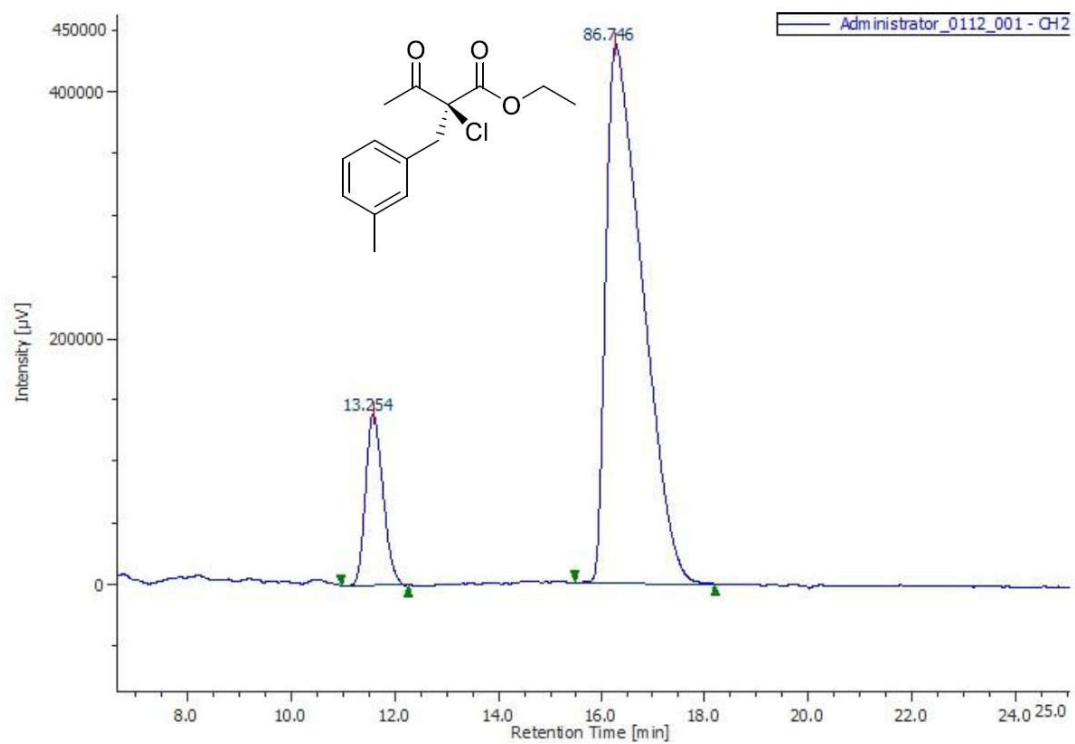


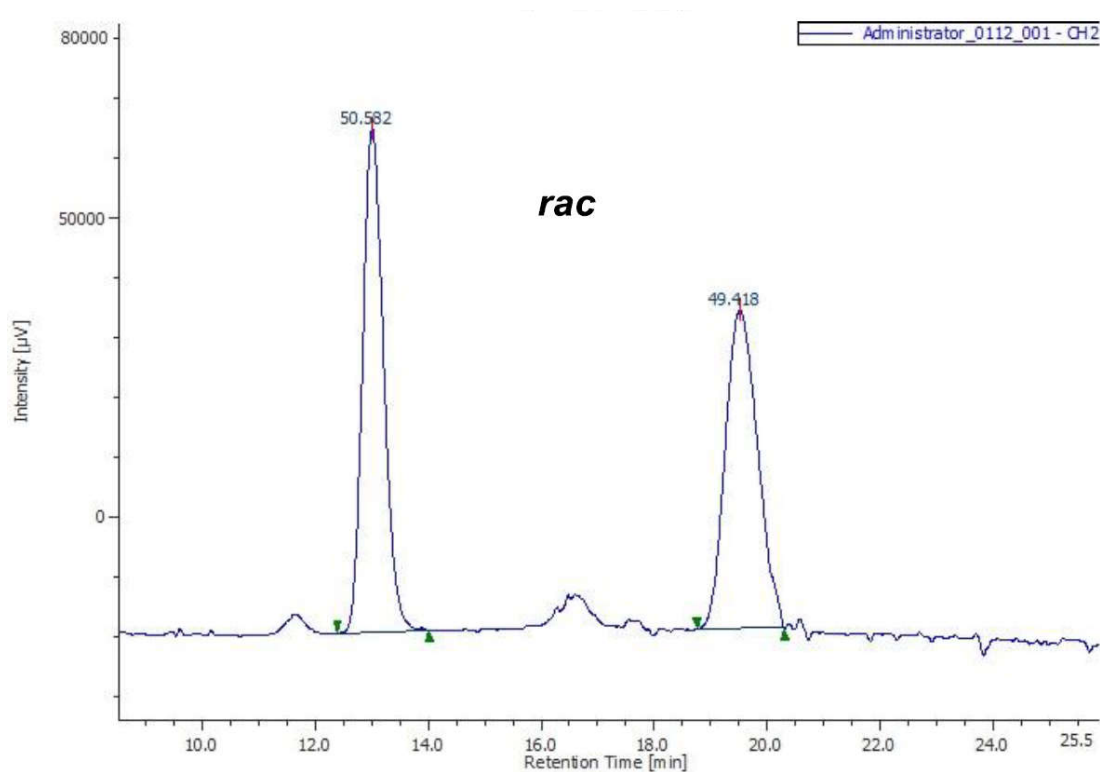
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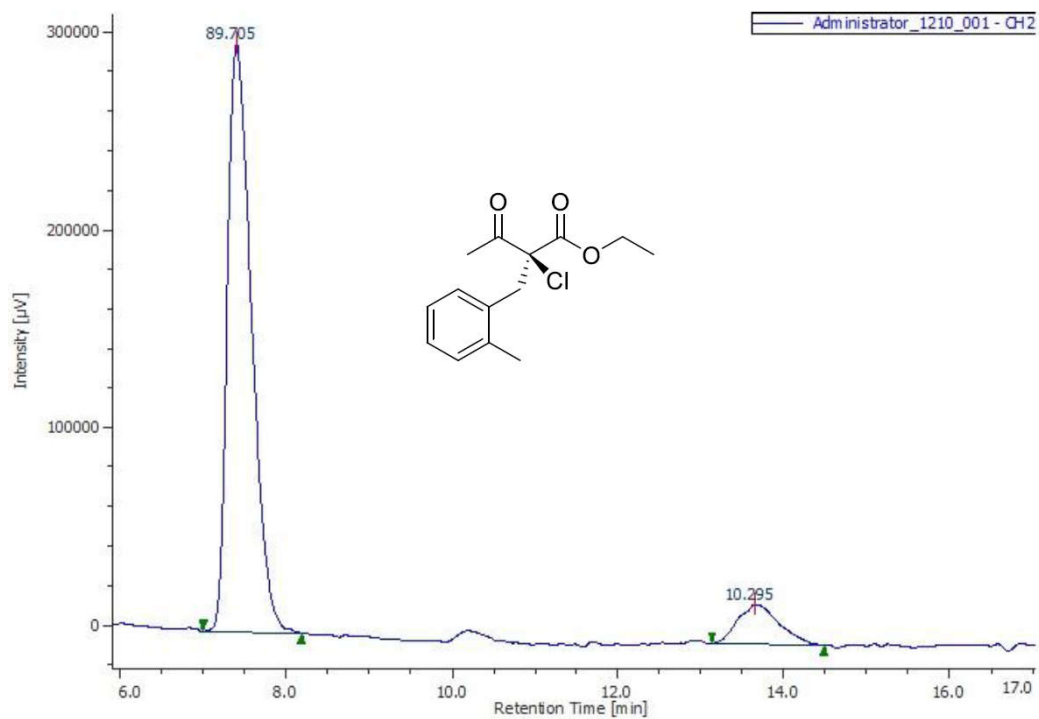


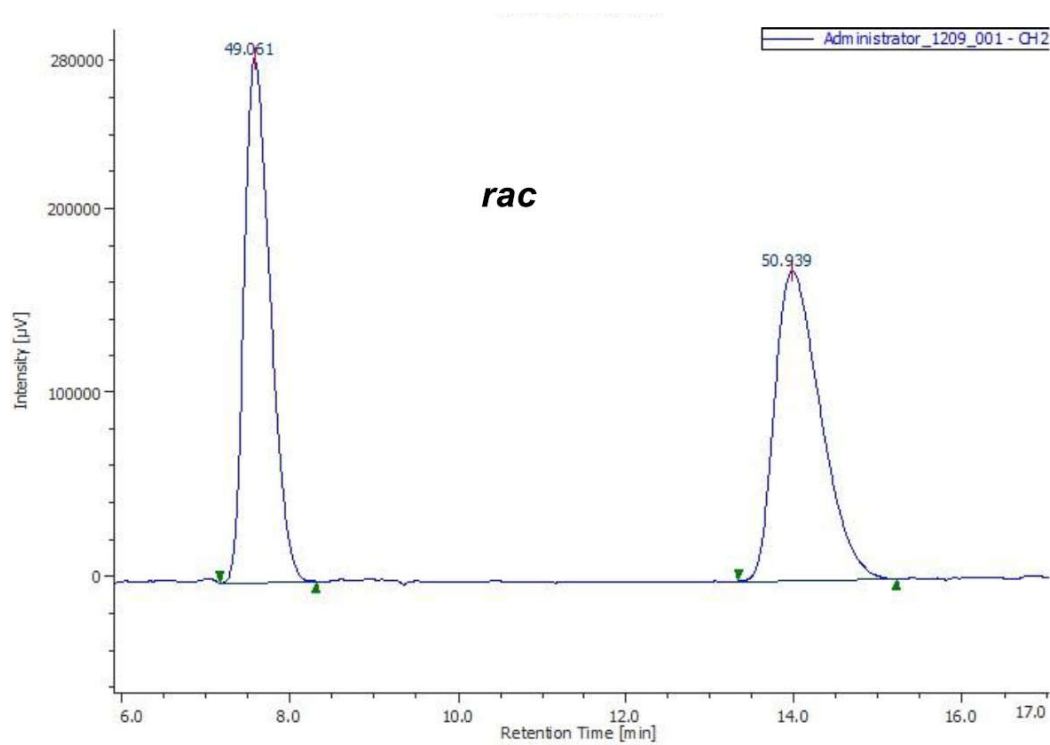
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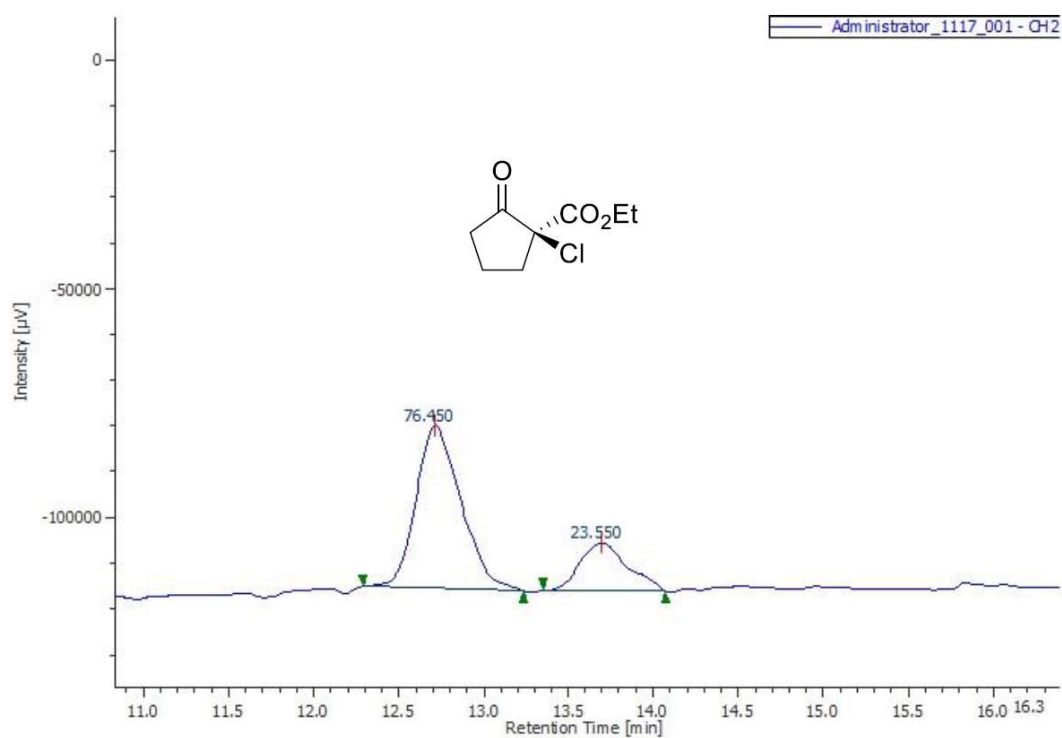


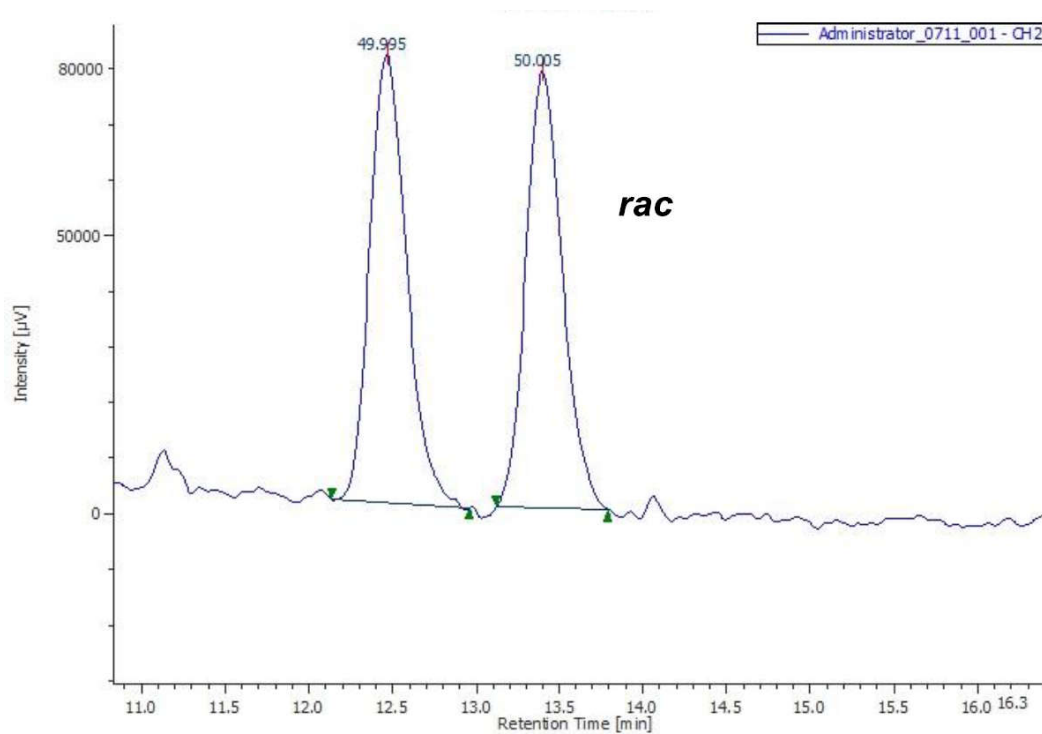
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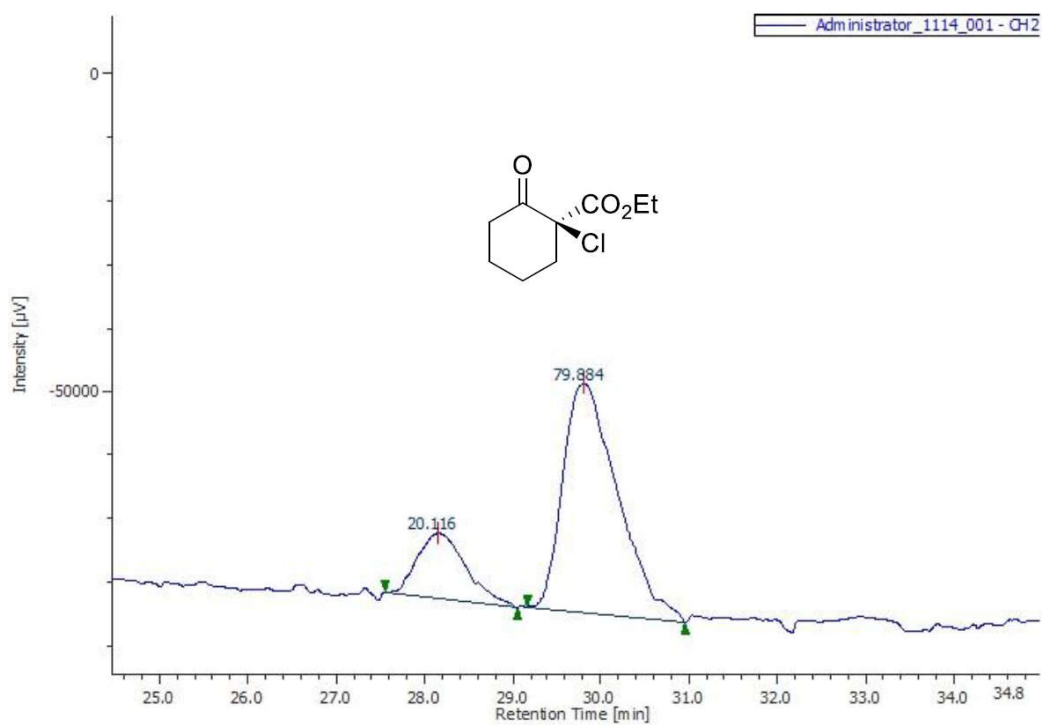


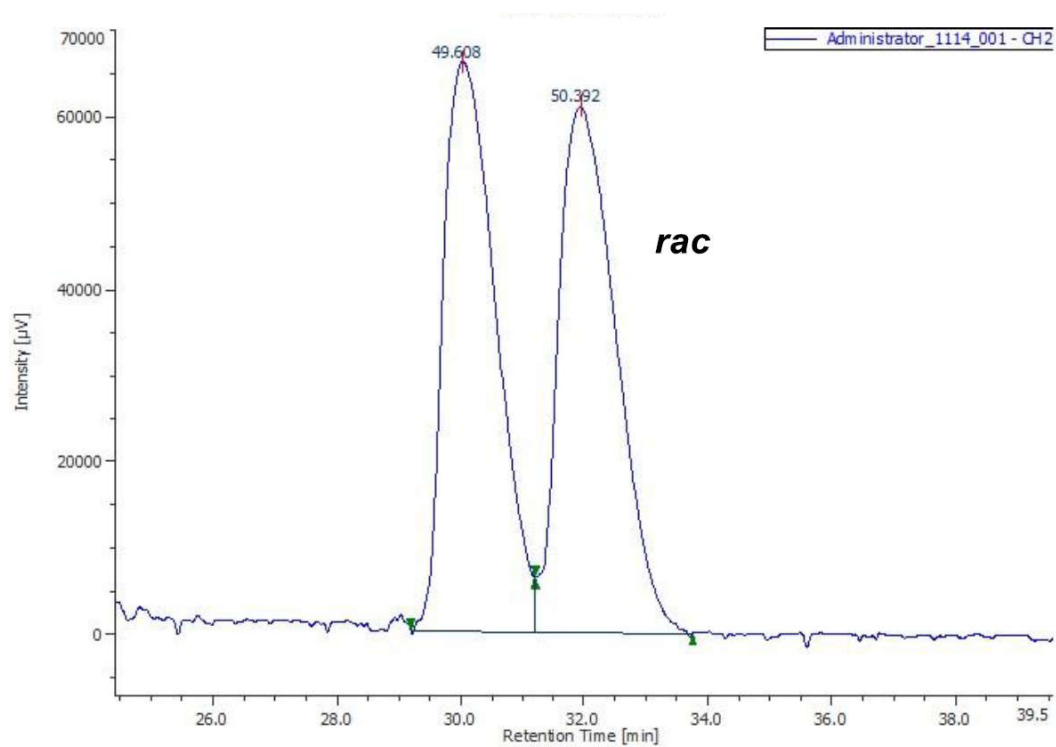
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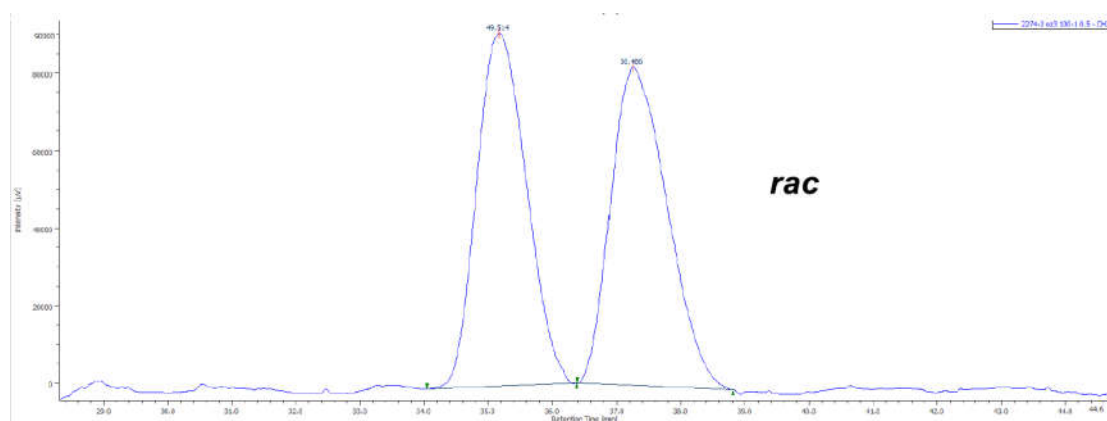
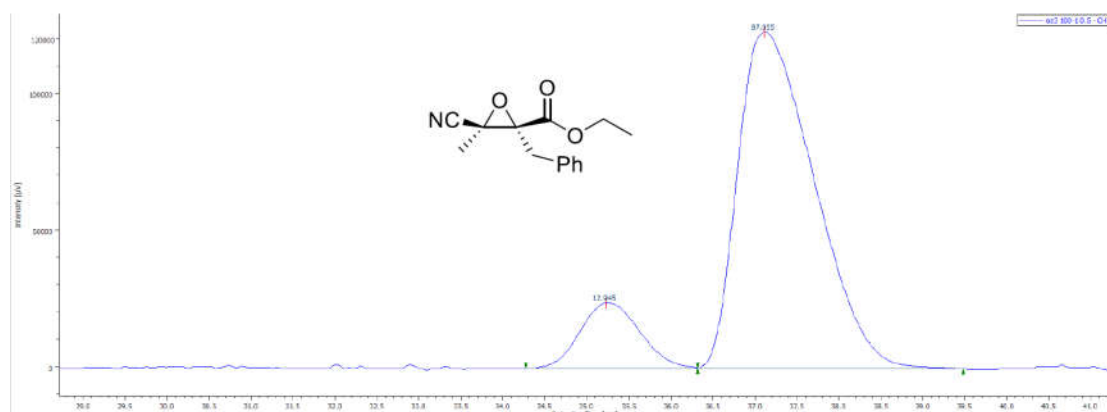


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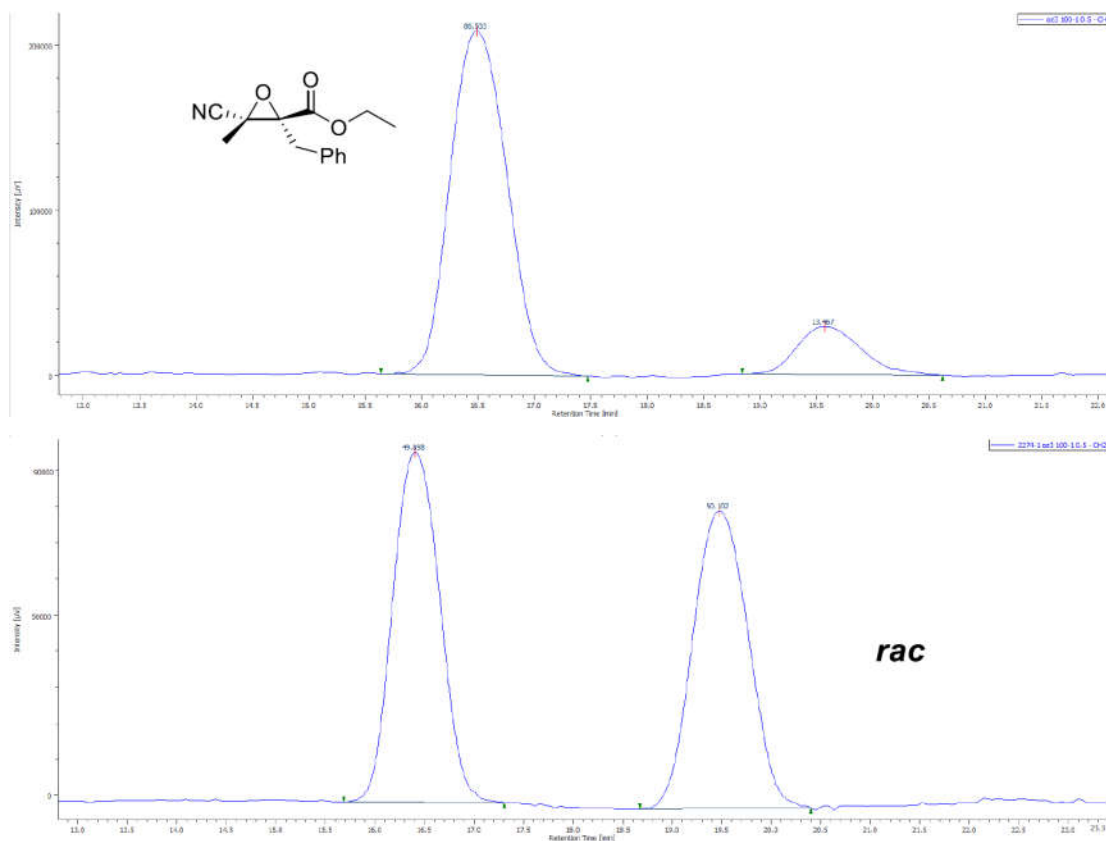




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Chiralcel OZ-3 column (hexane:2-propanol= 100:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm)



Chiralcel OZ-3 column (hexane:2-propanol= 100:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm)

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