Supporting Information

Enantioselective Epoxidation of β , β -Disubstituted Enamides with a Manganese Catalyst and Aqueous Hydrogen Peroxide

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1) Experimental Section

1.1) Materials

Reagents and solvents used were of commercially available reagent quality unless stated otherwise. Solvents were purchased from SDS and Scharlab. Solvents were purified and dried by passing through an activated alumina purification system (MBraun SPS-800). HPLC quality acetonitrile was employed in epoxidation reactions.

1.2) Instrumentation

IR spectra were taken in a Mattson-Galaxy Satellite FT-IR spectrophotometer using a MKII Golden Gate single reflection ATR system. NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker Ultrashield DPX300 MHz or Bruker Ultrashield AVANCE III400 spectrometer using standard conditions. Elemental analyses of C, H, and N were performed using a CHNS-O EA-2400 elemental analyser from Perkin Helmer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker MicroTOF-QII instrument with an ESI source and a quadrupole analyser at Serveis Tècnics of the University of Girona. Samples were introduced into the mass spectrometer ion source by direct infusion through a syringe pump and were externally calibrated using sodium formate. The X-Ray measurement of (S,S)-Me2NOhq-Mn was carried out on a BRUKER SMART APEX CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71 Å). Oxidation products were identified by ¹H and ¹³C-NMR analyses. Chromatographic resolution of enantiomers was performed on HPLC 1200 series Agilent technologies using CHIRALPAK-IA and CHIRALPAK-IC columns using crude reaction mixtures to avoid possible enantiomeric enrichment during purification. Racemic epoxides have been prepared using standard epoxidation conditions using mCPBA,¹ [Mn(OTf)₂(^{H,Me}PyTACN)]² or the racemic version of the catalyst ^{Me2N}Ohq-Mn.

The absolute configuration of the major enantiomer of the epoxide resulting from epoxidation of **S6** with **(***S***,***S***)**-^{Me2N}**Ohq-Mn** (Table 2, Entry 4) was determined by singlecrystal X-Ray diffraction. The X-Ray measurement was carried out on an AGILENT SUPERNOVA diffractometer equipped with an Atlas CCD detector using graphitemonochromate Cu K α radiation (λ = 1.54 Å) from an X-Ray tube.

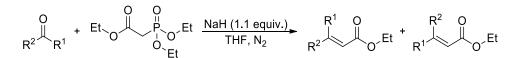
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2) Synthesis of substrates

A literature procedure was used to prepare S1.³

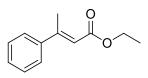
2.1) General procedure A for the synthesis of α , β -unsaturated esters

A literature procedure was used to prepare α , β -unsaturated esters.⁴



To a suspension of NaH (480 mg, 60% in mineral oil, 12 mmol) in THF (10 mL), a solution of triethyl phosphonoacetate (2.5 mL, 12 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, ketone (10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After confirmation of consumption of ketone by TLC, a solution of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (15 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL), washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over Mg₂SO₄. After concentration of the organic phase, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc as eluent) to give (E)-ester and/or (Z)-ester.

(E)-ethyl 3-phenylbut-2-enoate (S2)

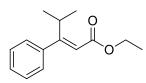


Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1, 80% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁵

Ethyl 3-phenylpent-2-enoate

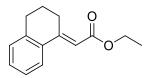
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 98:2, a 51% yield of **E**, 21% yield of **Z**. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁵

(E)-ethyl 4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enoate



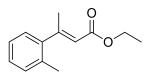
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 95:5, 28% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁶

(E)-ethyl 2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acetate



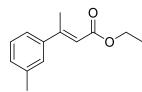
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(E)-Ethyl 3-(o-tolyl)but-2-enoate



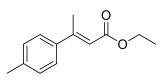
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 95:5, 51% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁸

(E)-ethyl 3-(m-tolyl)but-2-enoate



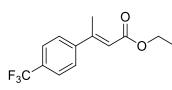
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(E)-ethyl 3-(p-tolyl)but-2-enoate



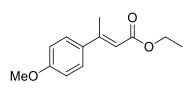
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 95:5, 73% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁵

(E)-ethyl 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoate



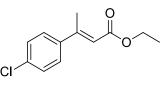
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 95:5, 73% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁵

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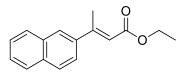
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1, 77% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁹

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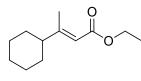
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1, 77% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁵

(E)-ethyl 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enoate



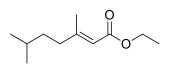
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(E)-ethyl 3-cyclohexylbut-2-enoate



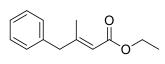
Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 100:0-99:0.1, 67% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁰

Ethyl 3,6-dimethylhept-2-enoate



Prepared according to General Procedure A, an inseparable mixture of E and Z isomers was obtained. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1, 70% yield, **E:Z** 81:19. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹¹

(E)-ethyl 3-methyl-4-phenylbut-2-enoate



Prepared according to General Procedure A. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1, 63% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹²

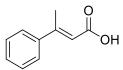
2.2) General procedure B for the synthesis of α , β -unsaturated acids

A slightly modified literature procedure was used to prepare α , β -unsaturated acids.¹³

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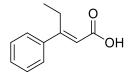
The α , β -unsaturated ester was placed in a 50 mL round-bottom flask, then EtOH (0.5M) was added, the reaction mixture was stirred, and NaOH (10%, 10 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature or at reflux until no starting material was detected by TLC. Then the pH was adjusted to 1.0 with HCl (1 M). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated NaCl_{aq} solution, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuum. If needed, the crude residue was subjected to flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) to afford the corresponding α , β -unsaturated acid.

(E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid



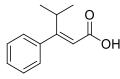
Prepared according to General Procedure B. Hexane/EtOAc 5:1, 90% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

3-phenylpent-2-enoic acid



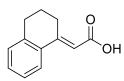
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed for **E**, 72% yield **E**. Hexane/EtOAc 5:2 for **Z**, 90% yield **Z**. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

(E)-4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enoic acid



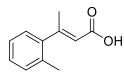
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 98% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

(E)-2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acetic acid



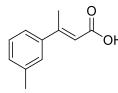
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 96% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.⁷

(E)-3-(o-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid



Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 94% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

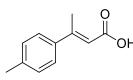
(E)-3-(m-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid



Prepared according to General Procedure B, 95% yield. No further purification is needed, 95% yield. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 172.2, 158.8, 142.1,

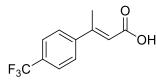
138.2, 130.1, 128.5, 127.1, 123.6, 116.2, 21.5, 18.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for $C_{11}H_{11}O_2$ [M-H]⁻: 175.0754, found: 175.0747.

(E)-3-(p-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid



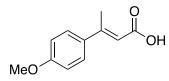
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 99% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁴

(E)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoic acid



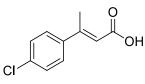
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 96% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁴

(E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enoic acid



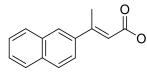
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 95% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁵

(E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)but-2-enoic acid



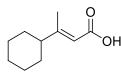
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 98% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

(E)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enoic acid



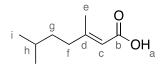
Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 94% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁴

(E)-3-cyclohexylbut-2-enoic acid



Prepared according to General Procedure B. No further purification is needed, 90% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹³

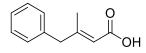
3,6-Dimethylhept-2-enoic acid



Prepared according to General Procedure B, an inseparable mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers (E:Z 87:13) was obtained as a white solid. Hexane/EtOAc 9:1-8:2, 86% yield. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ ppm: 12.19 (s, Ha *E* and *Z* isomers), 5.69 (q, J = 1.1 Hz, H_c *E* isomer), 5.65 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, H_c *Z* isomer), 2.68-2.55 (m, H_f *Z* isomer), 2.23-2.08 (m, H_e and H_f *E* isomer), 1.90 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, H_e Z isomer), 1.62-1.48 (m, H_h *E* and *Z* isomers), 1.41-1.29 (m, H_g *E* and *Z* isomers), 0.90 (m, H_i *E* and *Z* isomers). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 172.7 (C_b *E* isomer), 172.2 (C_b *Z* isomer), 164.5 (C_d *Z* isomer), 163.8 (C_d *E* isomer), 115.4 (C_c *Z* isomer), 115.0 (C_c *E* isomer), 39.2 (C_f *E* isomer), 37.3 (C_g *Z* isomer), 36.6 (C_g *E* isomer), 31.7 (C_f *Z* isomer), 28.4 (C_h *Z* isomer), 27.7 (C_h *E* isomer), 25.5 (C_e *E* isomer), 22.4 (H_i *E* and *Z* isomers), 19.1 (H_e *E* isomer). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₉H₁₅O₂ [M-H]⁻: 155.1067, found: 155.1060.

(E)-3-methyl-4-phenylbut-2-enoic acid

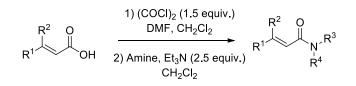


Prepared according to General Procedure B. Hexane/EtOAc 2:1, 31% yield. Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁶

2.3) General procedures C and D for the synthesis of α , β -unsaturated amides

Procedure C

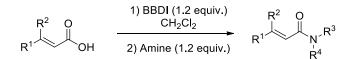
A slightly modified literature procedure was used to prepare S4-S6, S8-S12 and S14-S27 α , β -unsaturated amides.¹⁷



To a suspension of the indicated acid (1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (0.3 M) was added DMF (0.1 mL/mmol). At ambient temperature, oxalyl chloride (1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise over a period of 0.5 h, forming a homogenous solution. The resulting solution was kept at room temperature for 3 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in dry dichloromethane and slowly added dropwise to a solution of the appropriate amine (1.0 equiv.) and Et₃N (2.5 equiv.) in dichloromethane (0.25 M). The reaction mixture was maintained at room temperature and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL) and the combined organic phase was washed with NH_4Cl (1 × 80 mL) and brine (1 × 80 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) afforded the desired amides.

Procedure D

A literature procedure was used to prepare S3, S7 and S13 α , β -unsaturated amides.¹⁸



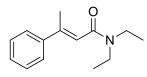
A mixture of the indicated acid (1.0 equiv.) and BBDI (1.2 equiv.) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.4 M) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. After addition of the corresponding amine (1.2 equiv.) to the mixture, the whole was refluxed 5h. Ethyl acetate (40 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and then the whole was washed with 5% HCl solution (2 x 10 mL)

and brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

(E)-N,N-dimethyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S3)

Prepared from **(***E***)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid** (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and dimethylamine 2M in THF (738 μ L, 1.48 mmol) using the general procedure D that provided **S3** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 1:1) as a white solid (218.4 mg, 94% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.49-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.27 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.5, 145.6, 141.9, 128.4, 128.2, 126.0, 119.9, 37.8, 34.8, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺: 190.1226, found: 190.1226.

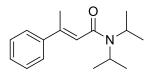
(E)-N,N-diethyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S4)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and diethylamine (128 μ L, 1.23 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S4** after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ 10:3:1) as an orange oil (194.9 mg, 73% yield). Spectral data match those previously reported.¹⁹

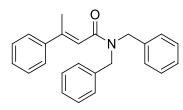
(E)-N,N-diisopropyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S5)



Prepared from (*E*)-**3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid** (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and diisopropylamine (161 μ L, 1.23 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S5** after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 20:3:1) as a pale yellow oil (162.1 mg, 54% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.45 (dt, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.26 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (hept, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (hept, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.0, 141.9, 141.7, 128.4, 127.9, 125.8, 122.6, 49.7, 45.5, 21.1, 20.7, 17.6. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 268.1672, found: 268.1684.

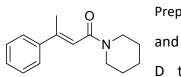
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S6)



Prepared from (E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (940.7 mg, 5.8 mmol) and dibenzylamine (1.2 mL, 5.8 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S6** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 4:2:1)

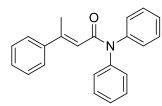
as a pale yellow solid (1.71 g, 86% yield). Spectral data match those previously reported.²⁰

(E)-3-phenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (S7)



Prepared from (E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (474 mg, 2.92 mmol) and piperidine (343 µL, 3.51 mmol) using the general procedure D that provided S7 after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 3:2) as an orange oil (596.8 mg, 89% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: δ 7.50-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.26 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.42 (m, 2H), 2.23 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.71-1.47 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.1, 143.9, 141.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 120.4, 47.5, 42.3, 26.7, 25.7, 24.6, 17.8. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 230.1539, found: 230.1544.

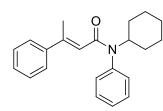
(E)-N,N-diphenyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S8)



Prepared from (E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and diphenylamine (252.3 mg, 1.48 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S8** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a brown

solid (83.3 mg, 22% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.42-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 11H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.2, 150.9, 142.9, 142.7, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 126.2, 120.4, 18.1. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 314.1539, found: 314.1554.

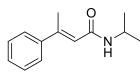
(E)-N-cyclohexyl-N,3-diphenylbut-2-enamide (S9)



Prepared from **(E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid** (400 mg, 2.46 mmol) and *N*-cyclohexylaniline (420.5 mg, 2.46 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S9** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 20:3:1)

as a waxy orange solid (114.9 mg, 15% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.45-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (tt, J = 12.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.59 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (qt, J = 13.2, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.12 (qd, J = 12.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (qt, J = 13.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.8, 147.9, 142.9, 139.4, 130.4, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.0, 120.9, 53.9, 31.8, 25.9, 25.5, 18.0. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₆NO [M+H]⁺: 320.2009, found: 320.2018.

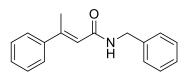
(E)-N-isopropyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S10)



Prepared from **(E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid** (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and isopropylamine (106 μ L, 1.23 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S10** after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 3:1:1) as a bright white solid (136.9 mg, 55% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 5.96 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dhept, *J* = 8.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.1, 150.3, 142. 8, 128.4, 128.4, 126.1, 120.3, 41.2, 22.9, 17.6. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 204.1383, found: 204.1380.

(E)-N-benzyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S11)

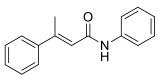


Prepared from **(***E***)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid** (200 mg, 1.23 mmol) and benzylamine (136 μ L, 1.23 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S11** after purification by

flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 3:1:1) as a waxy orange solid (178.1 mg, 58% yield). ¹H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.24 (m, 8H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 6.05 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (d, *J*

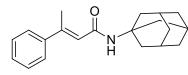
= 1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166. 8, 151.3, 142.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.5, 126.2, 119.7, 43.5, 17.7. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 252.1383, found: 252.1374.

(E)-N-phenyl-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S12)



mmol) and phenylamine (113 µL, 1.23 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided S12 after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1-9:3) as a waxy white solid (84.9 mg, 29% yield). ¹H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.58 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (tdd, J = 14.0, 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 6H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 164.9, 153.1, 142.6, 138.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 126.2, 124.2, 120.0, 119.8, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺: 238.1226, found: 238.1234.

(E)-N-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-phenylbut-2-enamide (S13)

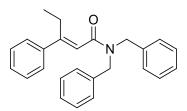


Prepared from (E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (404.5 mg, 2.49 mmol) and 1-adamantylamine (388.9 mg, 2.99 mmol) using the general procedure D that provided S13

Prepared from (E)-3-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (200 mg, 1.23

after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a white solid (383.1 mg, 52% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 5.93 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 2.52 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.10-2.06 (m, 9H), 1.73-1.664 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.3, 149.7, 143.0, 138.4, 128.3, 126.1, 121.4, 52.1, 41.8, 36.4, 29.5, 17.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₀H₂₆NO [M+H]⁺: 296.2009, found: 296.2000.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-phenylpent-2-enamide (S14)

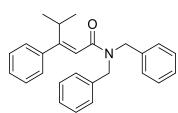


Prepared from (E)-3-phenylpent-2-enoic acid (636.9 mg, 3.6 mmol) and dibenzylamine (717 µL, 3.6 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S14** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 4:2:1)

as a pale yellow oil (954.1 mg, 74% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.43-7.27

(m, 13H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 2.91 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.6, 154.1, 140.8, 137.4, 136.5, 128.9, 128. 7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 119.4, 50. 6, 47.3, 25.0, 13.5. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 378.1828, found: 378.1828.

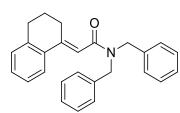
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enamide (S15)



Prepared from (*E*)-4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 2.1 mmol) and dibenzylamine (417 μ L, 2.1 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S15** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a pale yellow oil (707.1 mg, 91% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.38-7.28 (m, 11H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 4H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.54 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.5, 158.1, 140.8, 137.3, 136.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128. 1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 121.0, 50.7, 47.2, 31.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₇NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 392.1985, found: 392.1992.

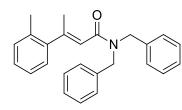
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acetamide (S16)



Prepared from (*E*)-2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)ylidene) acetic acid (126.5 mg, 0.7 mmol) and dibenzylamine (133 μ L, 0.7 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S16** after purification by flash

column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a pale yellow solid (214.6 mg, 87% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.21 (td, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (dq, J = 6.9, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.0, 147.1, 139.1, 137.4, 136.7, 134.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 126.2, 124.4, 114.8, 50.6, 47.4, 30.2, 28.6, 23.1. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 390.1828, found: 390.1822.

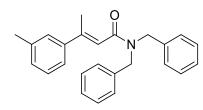
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(o-tolyl)but-2-enamide (S17)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(*o*-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 2.3 mmol) and dibenzylamine (450 μ L, 2.3 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S17** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 8:2) as a

white solid (668.0 mg, 83% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.39-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.35 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.3, 151.0, 143.8, 137.4, 136.6, 134.2, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 126.7, 125.8, 121.2, 50.3, 47.4, 20.8, 19.8. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 378.1828, found: 378.1828.

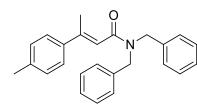
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(m-tolyl)but-2-enamide (S18)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(*m*-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 2.3 mmol) and dibenzylamine (450 μ L, 2.3 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S18** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 8:2) as a white solid (512.6 mg, 64% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.40-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.42 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.9, 147.8, 142.0, 138.0, 137.4, 136.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 123.2, 119.3, 50.6, 47.3, 21.5, 18.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 378.1828, found: 378.1815.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(p-tolyl)but-2-enamide (S19)

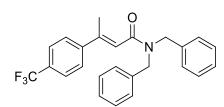


Prepared from **(E)-3-(***m***-tolyl)but-2-enoic acid** (400 mg, 2.3 mmol) and dibenzylamine (450 μ L, 2.3 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S19** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 8:2) as a white solid (595.5 mg, 74% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.39-7.27 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 1.4 Hz,

1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 2.40 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.9, 147.6, 139.1, 138.3, 137.4, 136.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.42, 126.9, 125.9, 118.6, 50.5, 47.4, 21.1, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 378.1828, found: 378.1824.

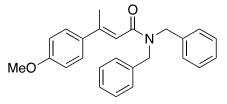
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enamide (S20)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 1.7 mmol) and dibenzylamine (345 μ L, 1.7 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S20** after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a beige oil (613.3 mg, 86% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.40 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.3, 146.0, 145.4, 137.1, 136.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128. 5, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.5, 125.5, 125.4, 121.4, 50.5, 47.5, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₂F₃NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 432.1546, found: 432.1550.

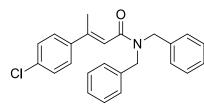
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enamide (S21)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 2.1 mmol) and dibenzylamine (413 μL, 2.1 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S21** after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 8:2) as a white solid (577.4 mg, 75% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.39-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.41 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.0, 159.9, 147.2, 137. 5, 136.7, 134.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 117.7, 113. 8, 55.3, 50. 6, 47.4, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 394.1778, found: 394.1776.

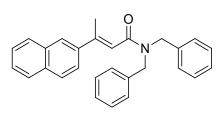
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)but-2-enamide (S22)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(4-chloroyphenyl)but-2-enoic
acid (400 mg, 2.0 mmol) and dibenzylamine (403 μL,
2.0 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided
S22 after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a white solid (487.0 mg, 64% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.37-7.27 (m, 12H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.38 (q, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.38 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.5, 146.2, 140.3, 137.2, 136.5, 134.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 119.9, 50.5, 47.4, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₂ClNNaO [M+Na]⁺: 398.1282, found: 398.1281.

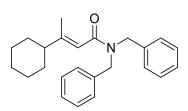
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enamide (S23)



Prepared from (*E*)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enoic acid (400 mg, 1.9 mmol) and dibenzylamine (374 μ L, 1.9 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S23** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 9:1:1) as a waxy white solid (587.7 mg, 80% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.87-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.57-2.50 (m, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.8, 147.2, 139.1, 137.4, 136.6, 133.2, 133.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 126.4, 125.3, 123.9, 120.0, 50.6, 47.5, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C_{28H25}NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 414.1828, found: 414.1841.

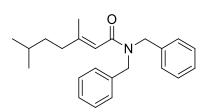
(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-phenylpent-2-enamide (S24)



Prepared from **(E)-3-cyclohexylbut-2-enoic acid** (400 mg, 2.4 mmol) and dibenzylamine (471 μ L, 2.4 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S24** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 9:1) as a pale

yellow oil (596.1 mg, 72% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.38-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.93-5.89 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 1.98 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.92 (ddd, J = 13.8, 10.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.80-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.28-1.08 (m, 5H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.4, 155.6, 137.6, 136.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 115.8, 50.4, 47.5, 47.1, 31.5, 26.5, 26.2, 17.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₉NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 370.2141, found: 370.2153.

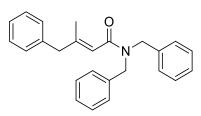
N,N-dibenzyl-3,6-dimethylhept-2-enamide (S25)



Prepared from **3,6-dimethylhept-2-enoic acid** (400 mg, 2.6 mmol) and dibenzylamine (508 μL, 2.6 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S25** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 9:1-8:2) as a pale yellow oil (720.0 mg, 84% yield, *E:Z* 78:22). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: δ 7.55-7.22 (m, 8H, *E* and *Z* isomers), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, *E* and *Z* isomers), 5.94 (s, 0.56H, *E* isomer), 5.90 (s, 0.15H, *Z* isomer), 4.61 (s, 2H, *E* and *Z* isomers), 4.46 (s, 2H, *E* and *Z* isomers), 2.48-2.40 (m, 0.32H, *Z* isomer), 2.14-2.05 (m, 1.28H, *E* isomer), 2.03 (s, 1.55H, *E* isomer), 1.81 (s, 0.48H, *Z* isomer), 1.77 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 0.29H, *Z* isomer), 1.62- 1.44 (m, 1H, *E* and *Z* isomers), 1.40-1.36 (m, 0.38H, *Z* isomer), 1.35-1.26 (m, 1.24H, *E* isomer), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.98H, *Z* isomer), 0.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3.22H, *E* isomer), 0.82 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.80H, *Z* isomer). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.0 (*E* isomer), 136.9 (*E* isomer), 151.9 (*E* isomer), 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.56, 128.5, 128.4, 127. 6, 127.3, 126.8, 126.4, 117.9, 117.0, 50.4, 49.7, 47.2, 47.0, 37.9, 37.2, 36.6, 31.9, 28.4, 27.7, 23. 9, 22.5, 18.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₉NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 358.2141, found: 358.2144.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-methyl-4-phenylbut-2-enamide (S26)

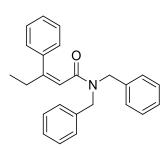


Prepared from (*E*)-3-methyl-4-phenylbut-2-enoic acid (200.0 mg, 1.1 mmol) and dibenzylamine (225 μ L, 1.1 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S26** after purification by flash column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc 5:1) as a pale yellow oil (329.0 mg, 82% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.38-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 6H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 5.91

(q, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.7, 150.1, 138.2, 137.4, 136.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.5, 119.2, 50.4, 47.4, 46.2, 18.8. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 378.1828, found: 378.1836.

(Z)-N,N-dibenzyl-3-phenylpent-2-enamide (S27)



Prepared from (*Z*)-3-phenylpent-2-enoic acid (322.0 mg, 1.8 mmol) and dibenzylamine (362 μ L, 1.8 mmol) using the general procedure C that provided **S27** after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 4:2:1) as a pale orange oil (974.5 mg, 38% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

ppm: 7.35-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.48 (qd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.6, 149.7, 139.8, 136.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 119.3, 50.6, 46.3, 31.3, 12.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₆NO [M+H]⁺: 356.2009, found: 356.2017.

3) Synthesis of complexes

Bipyrrolidine based ^{NMe2}pdp-Mn,²¹ ^{NMe2}pdp-Fe,²² ^{tips}pdp-Mn²³ and ^{tips}pdp-Fe²⁴ complexes were synthesized following previously described procedures.

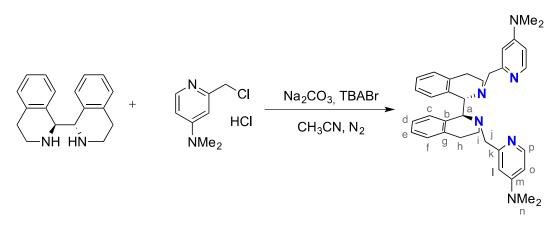
3.1) Synthesis of the Ohq backbone

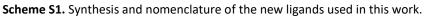
The (S,S)-1,1',2,2',3,3',4,4'-octahydro-1,4'-biisoquinoline ((S,S)-Ohq) was synthesized according to a described procedure.²⁵

3.2) Synthesis of pyridine synthons

Pyridine synthons 2-chloromethyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine hydrochloride, ^{Me2N}PyCH₂Cl·HCl²⁶ and 2-chloromethyl-5-triisopropylpyridine hydrochloride, ^{tips}PyCH₂Cl·HCl,²³ were synthesized following previously described procedures.

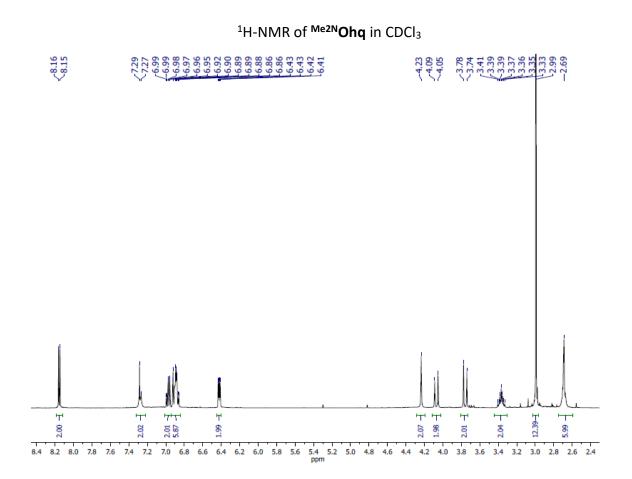
3.3) Synthesis and characterization of Me2NOhq

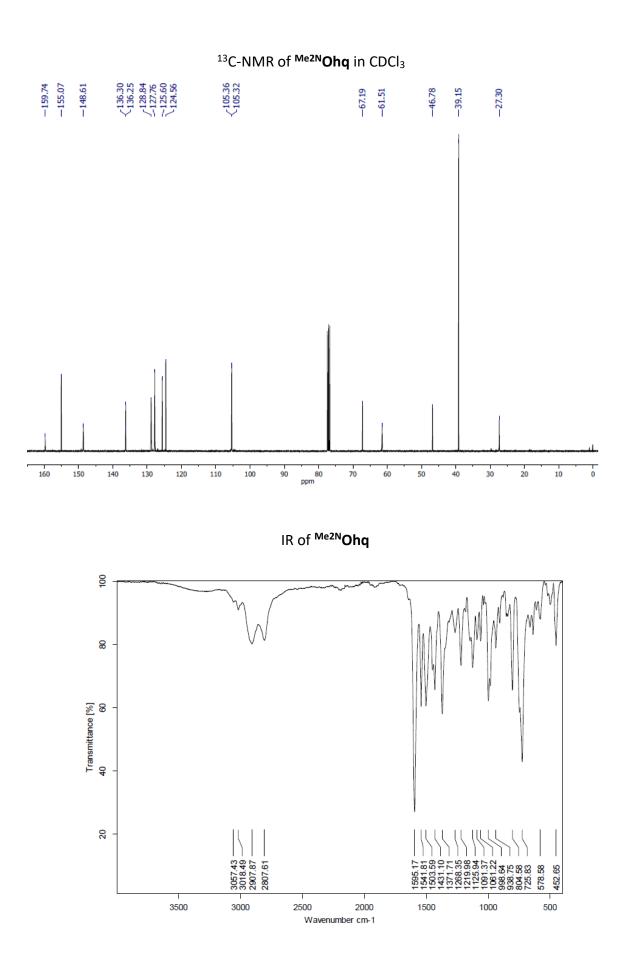




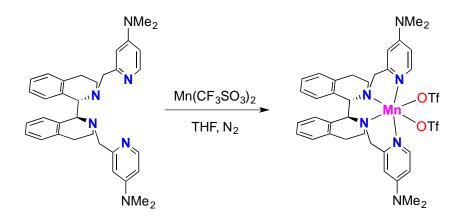
2-chloromethyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine hydrochloride, ^{Me2N}PyCH₂Cl·HCl (400 mg, 1.93 mmol), (*S,S*)-Ohq (243.1 mg, 0.92 mmol) and anhydrous acetonitrile (45 mL) were mixed in a 100 mL flask. Na₂CO₃ (1.56 g) and tetrabutylammonium bromide, TBABr (20 mg) were added directly as solids and the resulting mixture was heated at reflux under N₂ for 18 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting brown mixture was filtered and the filter cake was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined filtrates were evaporated under reduced pressure. To the resulting residue, 1M NaOH (20 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced

pressure. After, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica $CH_2Cl_2:MeOH:NH_3$ 96:3:1) to provide 334.4 mg (68% yield) of a brown oil. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 8.15 (2H, d, J 6.0, H_p), 7.28 (2H, d, J 6.7, H_f), 6.99-6.96 (2H, m, H_d), 6.92-6.86 (6H, m, H_{c,e,I}), 6.42 (2H, dd, J 2.7, 6.0, H_o), 4.23 (2H, s, H_a), 4.07 (2H, d, J 14.3, H_j), 3.76 (2H, d, J 14.2, H_j'), 3.41-3.33 (2H, m, H_i), 2.99 (12H, s, H_n), 2.69 (6H, apparent m, H_{i',h}). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 133 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 159.7 (C_m), 155.1 (C_k), 148.6 (C_p), 136.30 (C_{g or Cb}), 136.25 (C_{g or Cb}), 128.8 (C_f), 127.8 (C_e), 125.6 (C_d), 124.6 (C_c), 105.36 (C_{1 or Co}), 105.32 (C_{1 or Co}), 67.2 (C_a), 61.51 (C_j), 46.8 (C_i), 39.15 (C_n), 27.3 (C_h). HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₃₄H₄₁N₆ [M+H]⁺: 533.3387, found: 533.3373. FT-IR (ATR) v, cm⁻¹: 3057-2808(C-H) sp3, 1595, 1542, 1504, 1431, 1372, 1268, 1220, 1126, 1091, 1061, 999, 939, 805, 726, 579, 453.



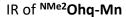


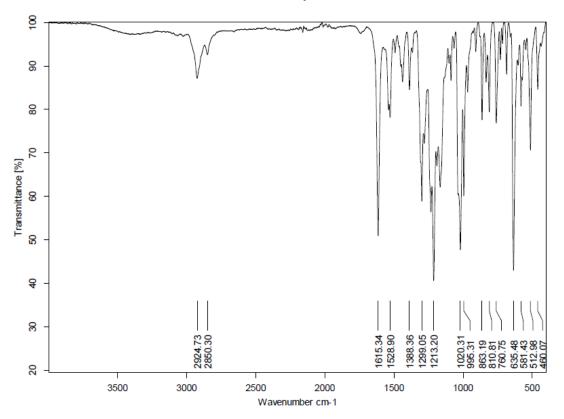
3.4) Synthesis and characterization of Me2NOhq-Mn



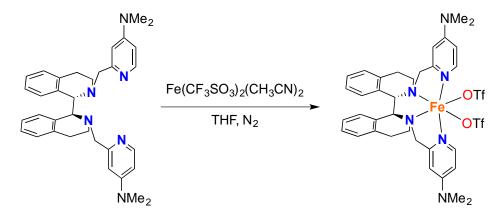
Scheme S2. Synthesis and nomenclature of new manganese triflate complexes used in this work.

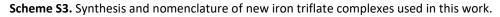
Me2NOhq-Mn was synthesized following a similar procedure described in literature. Under a N₂ atmosphere, a suspension of Mn(CF₃SO₃)₂ (68.3 mg, 194 μmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added drop-wise to a vigorously stirred solution of Me2NOhq (103.1 mg, 194 μmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL). After stirring overnight, ether was added until complete precipitation. The brown solid was filtered, dried and solved in the minimum quantity of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution filtered off through celite©. Slow hexane diffusion over the resultant solution afforded in a few days white-off crystals (106.0 mg, 62% yield). Anal. calculated for C₃₆H₄₀F₆MnN₆O₆S₂: C, 48.81; H, 4.55; N, 9.49. Found: C, 49.27; H, 4.74; N, 9.08. FT-IR (ATR) v, cm⁻¹: 2925-2850 (C-H)sp3, 1615, 1529, 1388, 1299, 1213, 1020, 995, 863, 810, 761, 635, 581, 513, 460. ESI-HRMS calculated for C₃₅H₄₀F₃MnN₄O₃S [M-OTf]⁺: 736.2210, found: 736.2237.



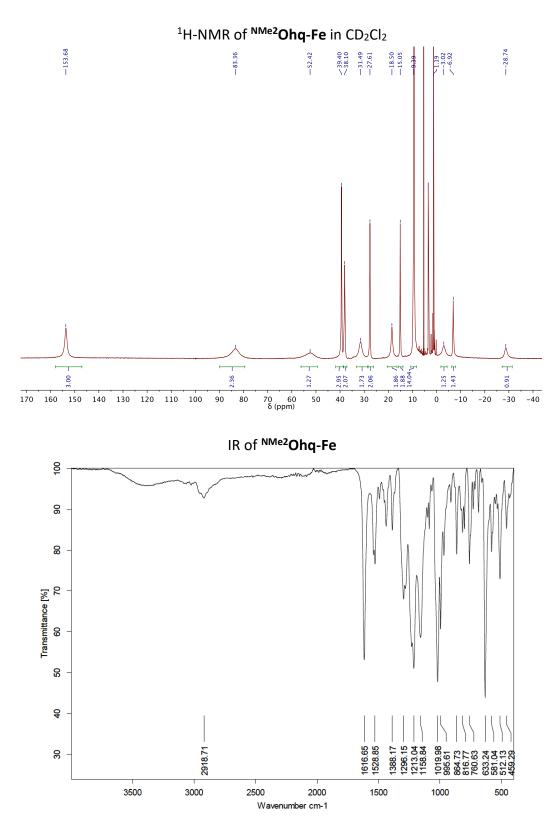


3.5) Synthesis of Me2NOhq-Fe





^{Me2N}Ohq-Fe was prepared in a similar manner to ^{Me2N}Ohq-Mn, starting from ^{Me2N}Ohq and Fe(CF₃SO₃)₂(CH₃CN)₂ in anhydrous THF, and recrystallized by diffusion of diethyl ether to CH₂Cl₂ solution of the complex, to obtain pink crystals, which are unstable under air. Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₄₀F₆FeN₆O₆S₂ 1/2 CH₂Cl₂: C, 47.18 H, 4.45; N, 9.04. Found: C, 47.21; H, 4.28; N, 9.01. FT-IR (ATR) v, cm⁻¹: 2919 (C-H)sp3, 1617, 1529, 1388, 1296, 1213, 1159, 1020, 996, 865, 817, 761, 633, 581, 512, 459. ¹H-NMR (CD_2CI_2 , 400 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 153.7 (s, 3H), 83.4 (s 2H), 52.4 (s, 1H), 39.4 (s, 3H), 38.1 (s, 2H), 31.5 (s, 2H), 27.6 (s, 2H), 18.5 (s, 2H), 15.1 (s, 2H), 9.39 (s, 14H), -3.02 (s, 1H), -6.9 (s, 1H), 28.7 (s, 1H). ESI-HRMS calculated for $C_{35}H_{40}F_3FeN_4O_3S$ [M-OTf]⁺: 737.2179, found: 737.2179.



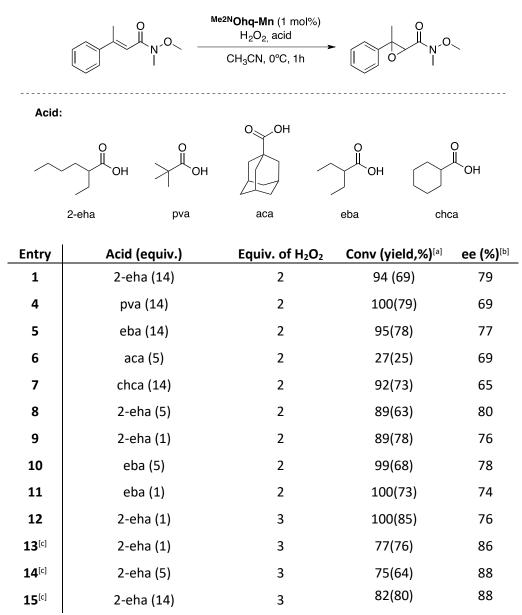
4) Catalytic studies

Hydrogen peroxide solutions employed in the reactions were prepared by diluting commercially available hydrogen peroxide (30% H₂O₂ solution in water, Aldrich) in acetonitrile (1:3 or 1:7 v:v).

4.1) Reaction conditions (Table 1)

An acetonitrile solution (750 μ L) of a given olefin (**S1-S2**) (88 μ mols) and the corresponding complex (1 mol% for Mn and 2 mol% for Fe) was prepared in a vial (3 mL) equipped with a stir bar and cooled at 0°C in an ice bath. 14 equiv. (for Mn catalysts) or 1.4 equiv (for Fe catalysts) of carboxylic acid were directly added to the solution. Then, 70 μ L of 3:1 (v:v) acetonitrile:hydrogen peroxide solution 30% (2 equiv., 0.18 mmol) were added by syringe pump over a period of 30 min. The solution was further stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes. At this point, 0.5 equiv. of internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene) and 5 mL of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ were added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ (x3). Then, organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resultant product was dissolved in CDCl₃ and the yield and conversion were calculated by ¹H-NMR. Finally, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and was dissolved in *n*-hexane/*iso*-propanol and analyzed by HPLC.

4.2) Optimization of epoxidation of S1



[a] Epoxide yields and substrate conversion determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. [b] ee's determined by HPLC with a chiral stationary phase. [c] Reactions performed at -40°C

4.3) Reaction conditions (Tables 2 and 3)

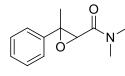
An acetonitrile solution (750 μ L) of a given olefin (**S3-S27**) (44 μ mols) and ^{Me2N}Ohq-Mn (1 mol%) was prepared in a vial (3 mL) equipped with a stir bar and cooled at -40°C in an acetonitrile frozen bath. 7 μ L or 36 μ L (neat, 1 or 5 equiv., 44 μ mols or 220 μ mols) of 2-ethylhexanoic acid were added directly to the solution. Then, 70 μ L of 7:1 (v:v) acetonitrile:hydrogen peroxide solution 30% (3 equiv., 0.132 mmol) was added by

syringe pump over a period of 30 min. The solution was further stirred at -40°C for 30 minutes. At this point, 0.5 equiv. of internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene) and 5 mL of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ were added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with 2 mL of CH_2Cl_2 (x3). Then, organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, passed through a plug of silica and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resultant product was dissolved in CDCl₃ and the yield and conversion were calculated by ¹H-NMR. Finally, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and was dissolved in *n*-hexane/*iso*-propanol and analyzed by HPLC.

4.4) General procedure for epoxide isolation (Tables 2 and 3)

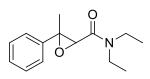
An acetonitrile solution (0.06M) of a given olefin (**S3-S26**) (0.2 mmol – 1.5 mmol) and ^{Me2N}OhqMn (1 mol%, 0.6 mM) was prepared in a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and cooled at -40°C in an acetonitrile frozen bath. 1 or 5 equiv. of 2-ethylhexanoic acid (or alternative carboxylic acid) were added directly to the solution. Then, the corresponding equivalents of a 7:1 (v:v) acetonitrile:hydrogen peroxide solution 30% were added by syringe pump over a period of 30 min. The solution was further stirred at -40°C for 30 minutes. At this point, 15 mL of an NaHCO₃ saturated aqueous solution was added to the mixture. The resultant solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic fractions were dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the epoxide product. This residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel (or neutral alumina) to obtain the pure epoxide.

5) Characterization of isolated epoxide products



E3, purification by crystallization (CH₂Cl₂:hexane) gave the product as a white solid (94.5 mg, 72% yield, 94% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.43 - 7.31 (m, 5H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H),

2.99 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.3, 140.4, 128.6, 128.0, 125.1, 63.5, 61.3, 36.2, 35.2, 17.8. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 228.0995, found: 228.1008.

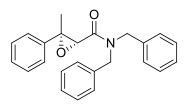


E4, purification by flash chromatography (neutral alumina; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a white solid (108.3 mg, 78% yield, 84:16 *E:Z*, 96% ee major isomer). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300

MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.43-7.31 (m, 5H), 3.58-3.44 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 3H), 1.68 (s, 1H), 1.20 (dt, J = 10.4, 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 165.5, 140.6, 128.6, 127.9, 125.1, 63.2, 61.3, 41.0, 40.0, 17.7, 14.4, 13.0. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 234.1489, found: 234.1483.

E5, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a pale yellow solid (110.4 mg, 87% yield, 97% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.39-7.31 (m, 5H), 4.10 (hept, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 1.67

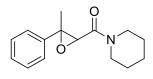
(s, 3H), 1.45 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 1.27 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 165.0, 140.7, 128.6, 127.9, 125.0, 64.1, 61.3, 48.0, 46.0, 21.1, 20.9, 20.7, 20.2, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 284.1621, found: 284.1616.



E6, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a white solid (84.9 mg, 90% yield, 99% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ ,

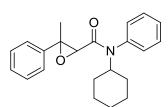
ppm: 7.37-7.24 (m, 13H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 4.90 (d, J = 14.6

Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.40 (m, 3H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.9, 140.1, 136.7, 135.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 126.9, 125.0, 63.1, 61.9, 48.9, 48.0, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 380.1621, found: 380.1620.



E7, isolated starting with 1 mmol of substrate. Purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 1:1) gave the product as a white solid; (58.3 mg, 25% yield, 93% ee). ¹H-NMR

(CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: δ 7.43-7.31 (m, 5H), 3.67-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.44 (m, 3H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 6H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 164.6, 140.5, 128.6, 127.9, 125.0, 63. 6, 61.2, 45. 8, 42.9, 26.6, 25.6, 24.5, 18.0. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 268.1308, found: 268.1317.



E9, purification by flash chromatography (neutral alumina; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a white solid (96.3 mg, 83% yield, 84% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.39-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.65

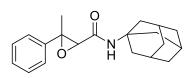
(tt, J = 12.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.45-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.12 (qt, J = 12.6, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (qt, J = 13.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 165.5, 140.4, 137.3, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 125.0, 63.3, 62.0, 54. 6, 31.6, 31.3, 25.7, 25.7, 25.3, 17.73. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 336.1958, found: 336.1949.

E10, purification by flash chromatography (silica gel; hexane:AcOEt 3:1) gave the product as a white solid (90.0 mg, 78% yield, 89% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.12 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dhept, J = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.21 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 165.9, 140.4, 128.5, 128.1, 125.2, 63.7, 63.0, 41.1, 22.8, 22.6, 17.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 242.1151, found: 242.1145.

E11, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 3:1) gave the product as a white solid (72.1 mg, 62% yield, 92% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.38-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.52 (qd, J = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.8, 140.2, 137.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 125.2, 63.7, 63.2, 43.1, 17.6. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 268.1332, found: 268.1353.

E12, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 7:3) gave the product as a pale pink solid (100.9 mg, 57% yield, 90% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ ,

ppm: 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 164.9, 140.0, 136.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 125.3, 124.9, 119.8, 63.9, 63.8, 17.7. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 276.0995, found: 276.100.

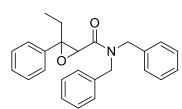


E13, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a white solid (62.3 mg, 30% yield, 82% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ ,

ppm: 7.38-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.14-2.11 (m, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 173-1.72 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 165.8, 140.6, 128.5, 128.0, 125.2, 63.9, 63.0, 52.1, 41.6, 36.3, 29.4 17.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₀H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 334.1778, found: 334.1787.

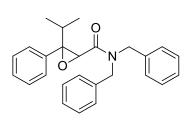
EO13, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a white solid (90.0 mg, 43% yield, 84% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.33-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 9H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm:

165.9, 140.4, 128.5, 128.1, 125.2, 69.1, 63.8, 63.1, 54.5, 49.0, 44.0, 40.3, 40.2, 34.8, 30.6, 17.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{25}NNaO_3$ [M+Na]⁺: 350.1727, found: 350.1727.



E14, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a colourless oil (101.47 mg, 84% yield, 99% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.41-7.26 (m, 13H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.91

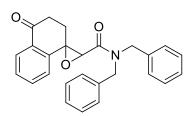
(d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 2.21 (dq, J = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.9, 138.4, 136.7, 135.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 125.7, 66.4, 63.4, 48.9, 47.9, 24.6, 9.4. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 394.1778, found: 394.1775.



E15, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a colourless oil (94.4 mg, 33% yield, 85% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.40-7.26 (m, 15H), 5.17 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J

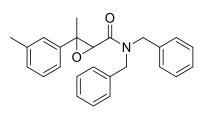
= 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 2.07 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.0, 136.8, 136.7, 135.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 70.2, 61.9, 49.1, 47.8, 31.7, 19.3, 18.3. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 408.1934, found: 408.1927.



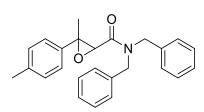
EK16, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a white solid (65.1 mg, 62% yield, 91% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 8.05 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz,

1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 5.03 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 2.82-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.18 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 196.0, 165.9, 141.0, 136.5, 135.6, 134.4, 133.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.85, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 123.0, 64.1, 61.1, 49.4, 48.4, 36.8, 26.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₃NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 420.1570, found: 420.1570.



E18, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a colourless oil (63.8 mg, 64% yield, 98% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.39-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.29 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9 Hz,

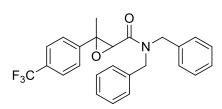
2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 3H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dt, J = 30.6, 15.5 Hz, 3H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.9, 140.1, 138.2, 136.8, 135.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 125.6, 122.1, 63.0, 62.0, 48. 9, 48.0, 21.4, 18.0. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 394.1778, found: 394.1764.



E19, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 8:2) gave the product as a colourless oil (62.3 mg, 74% yield, 99% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl3, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.42-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H),

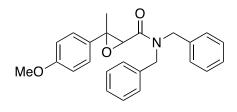
7.21-7.10 (m, 6H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.96, 137.78, 137.19, 136.74, 135.82, 129.18, 129.01, 128.72, 128.59,

127.93, 127.70, 126.87, 124.97, 63.16, 61.87, 48.87, 47.91, 21.08, 17.94. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 394.1778, found: 394.1765.



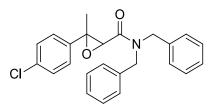
E20, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a colourless oil (73.3 mg, 65% yield, 98% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.30

(m, 8H), 7.29 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57-4.53 (m, 3H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.4, 144.1, 136.6, 135.8, 129.1, 128. 8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 125.6, 125.5, 125.5, 62.9, 61. 6, 49.1, 48.4, 17.7. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₂F₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 448.1495, found: 448.1482.



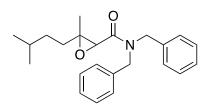
E21, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 7:3) gave the product a a clear oil (51.7 mg, 57% yield, 98% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.44-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.27-7.15 (m,

5H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.39 (m, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.0, 159.3, 136.7, 135.8, 132.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 113.9, 63.3, 61.7, 55.3, 48.9, 48.0, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 410.1727, found: 410.1736.



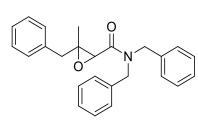
E22, purification by flash chromatography (neutral alumina; hexane:AcOEt 8:3) gave the product as a colourless oil (86.7 mg, 83% yield, 99% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.40-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.29-

7.27 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 4H), 4.85 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.47 (m, 3H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 166.6, 138.7, 136.6, 135.9, 133.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.5, 63.1, 61.5, 49.0, 48.3, 17.8. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₂ClNNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 414.1231, found: 414.1218.



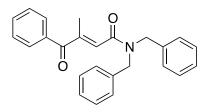
E25, purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a clear oil (55.0 mg, 51% yield, 95% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ , ppm: 7.43-7.22 (m, 10H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 2H), 4.58-

4.41 (m, 3H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 1.59-1.44 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.30-1.16 (m, 2H), 0.86 (td, J = 6.6, 3.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.9, 136.8, 136.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 62.9, 60.0, 49.0, 48.1, 35.3, 33.7, 28.0, 22.5, 17.3. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₂₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 374.2091, found: 374.2089.



E26, isolated starting with 1.5 mmol of substrate. Purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a white off solid (291.6 mg, 35% yield, 95% ee). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K) δ, ppm: 7.39-7.10 (m, 15H), 4.81 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H),

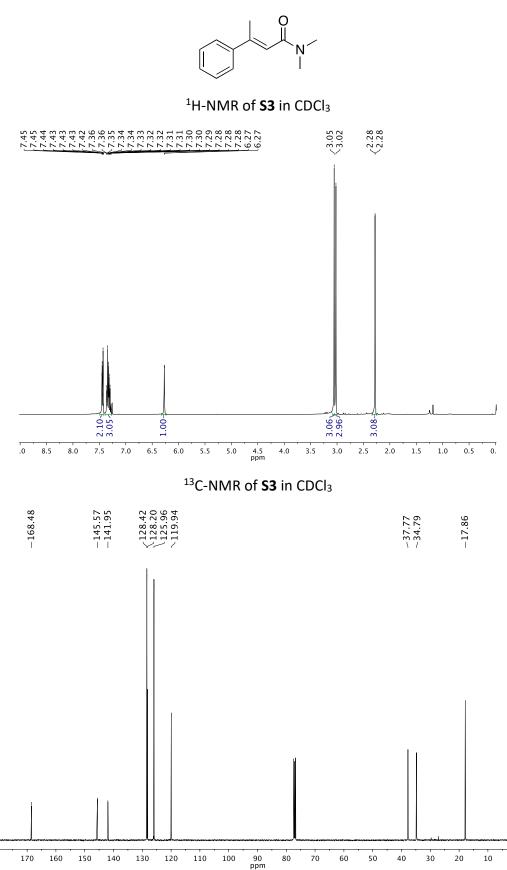
4.47-4.30 (m, 3H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 2.93-2.80 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H). 13 C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 167.6, 136.8, 135.9, 135.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 62.6, 59.0, 48.8, 47.9, 43.5, 17.5. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 394.1778, found: 394.1768.



K26, isolated starting with 1.5 mmol of substrate. Purification by flash chromatography (silica-gel; hexane:AcOEt 9:1) gave the product as a white off solid (157.5 mg, 19% yield). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 300K)

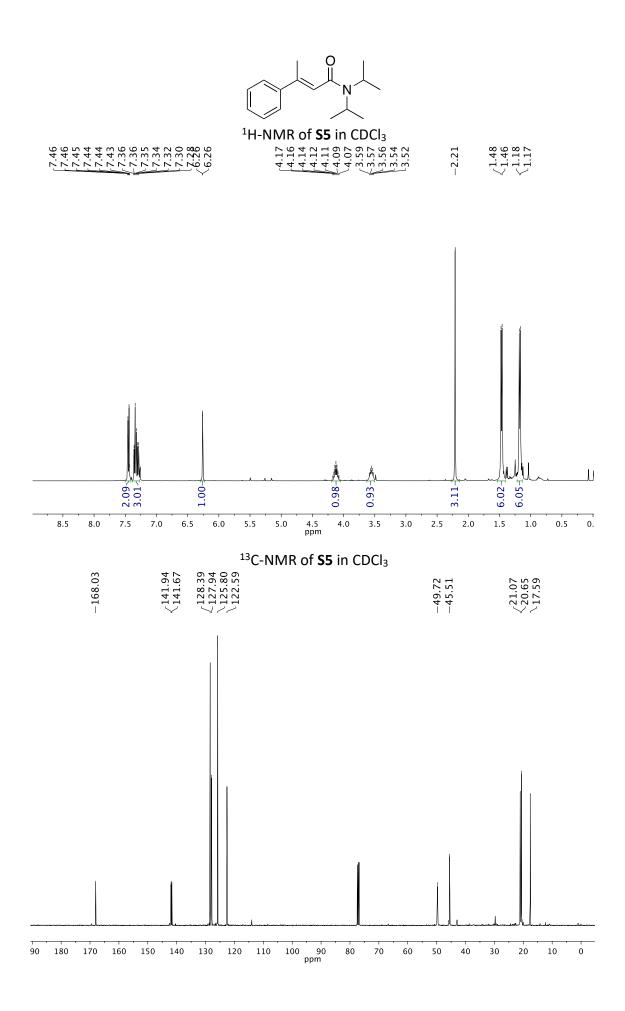
δ, ppm: 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 11H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 2.23 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 197.7, 167.3, 144.1, 136.7, 136.6, 135.8, 132.6, 131.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 50.5, 47.4, 15.2. HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 370.1802, found: 370.1786.

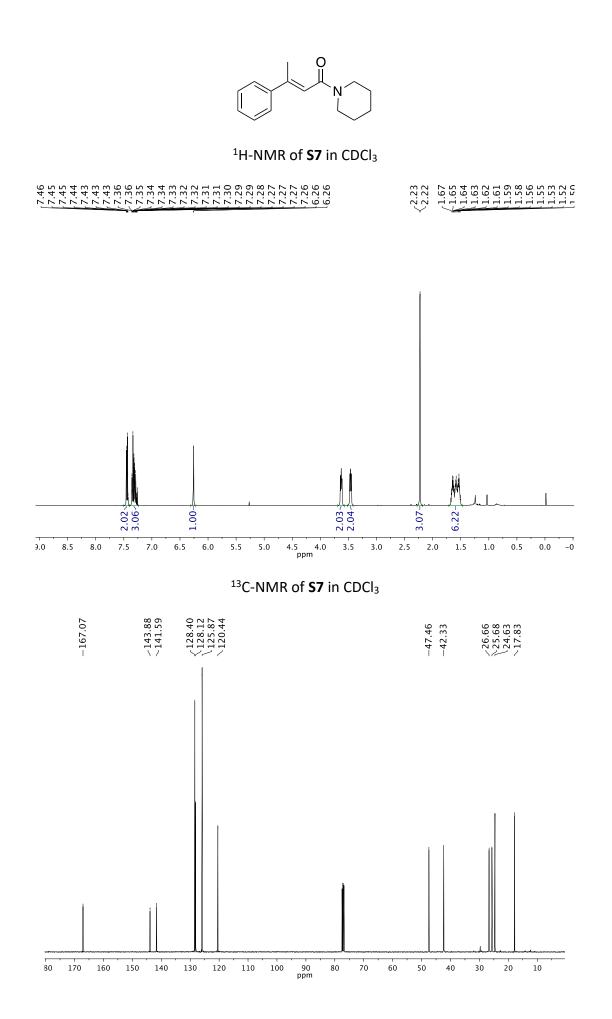
6) Substrates and products characterization

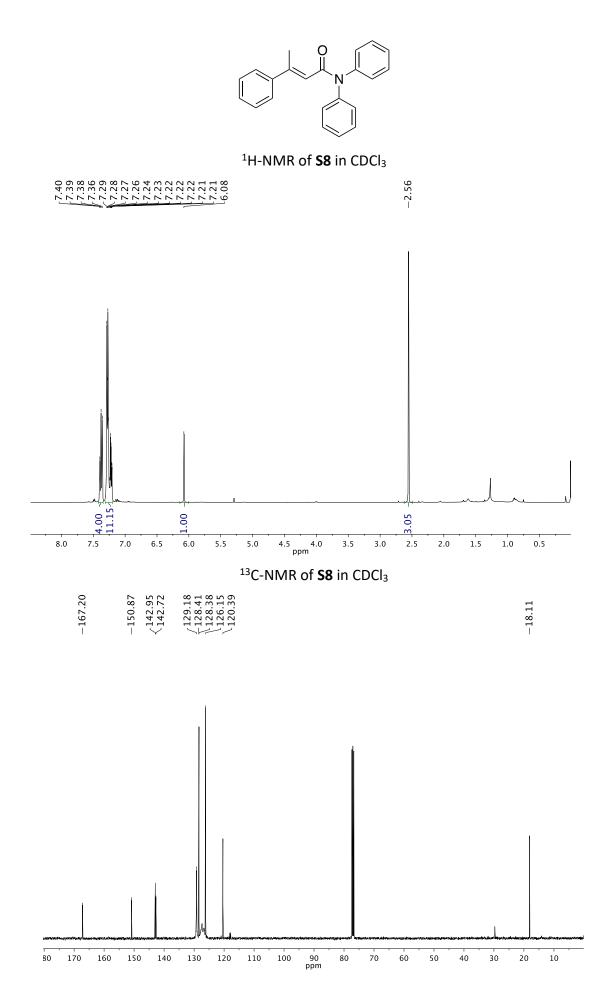


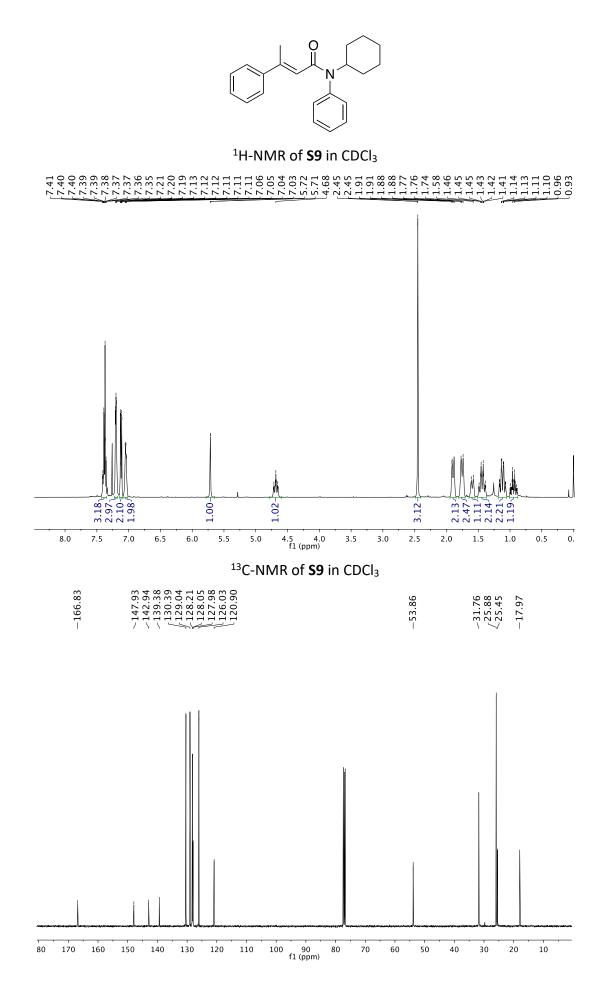
6.1) ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of synthetized substrates

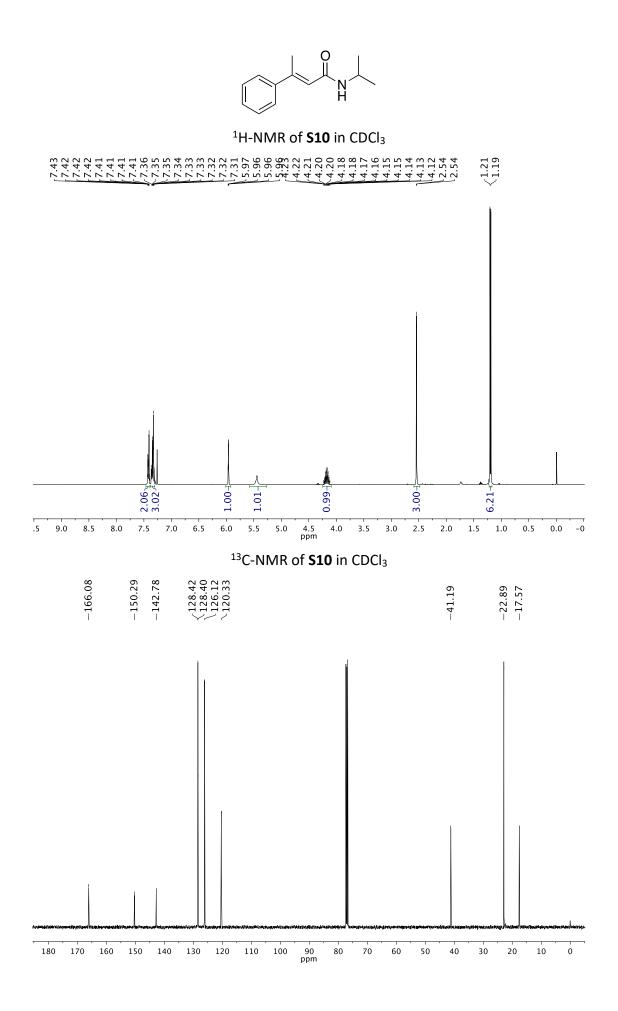
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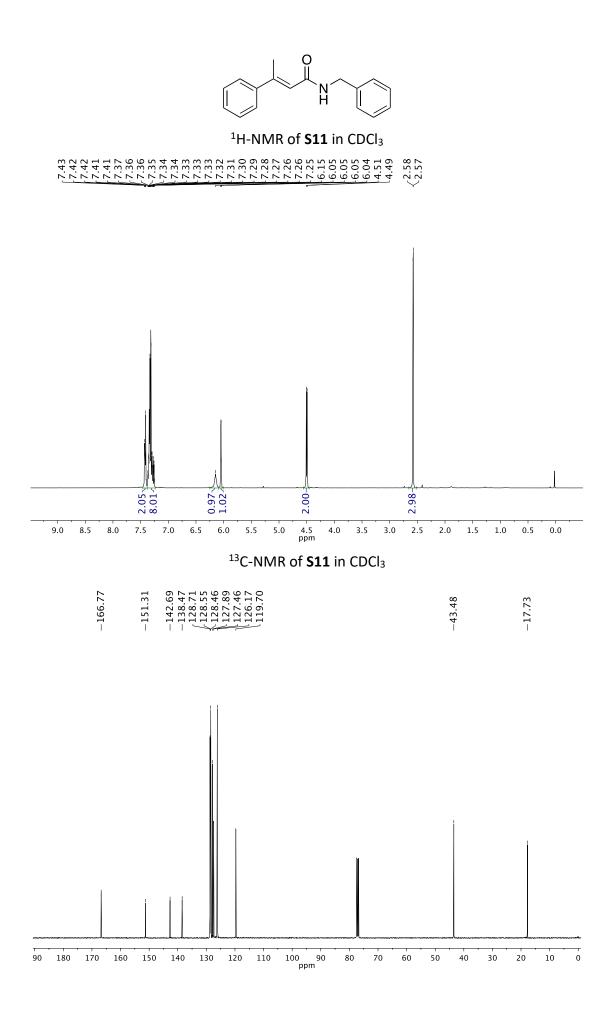


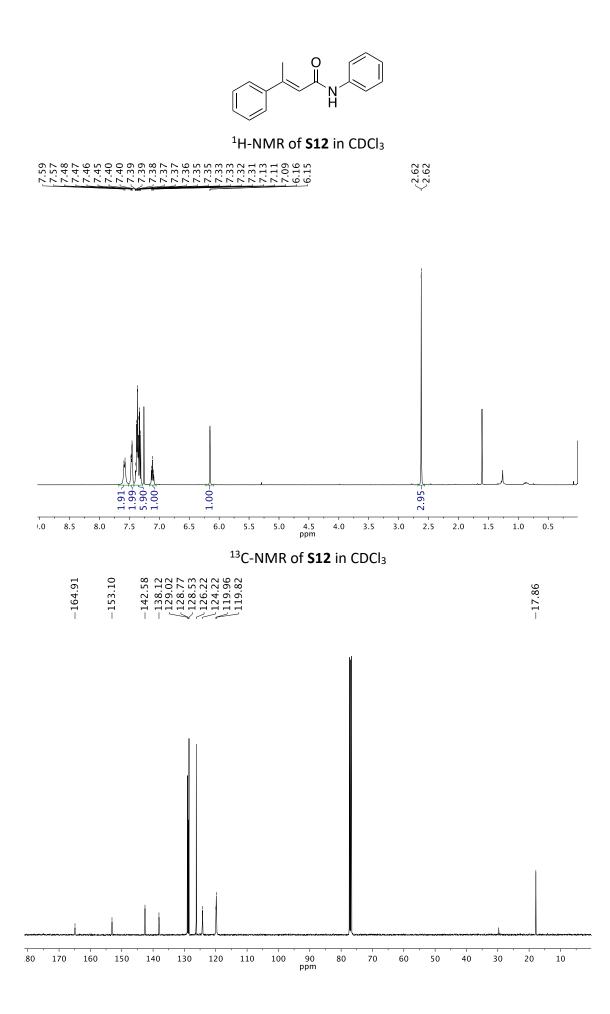


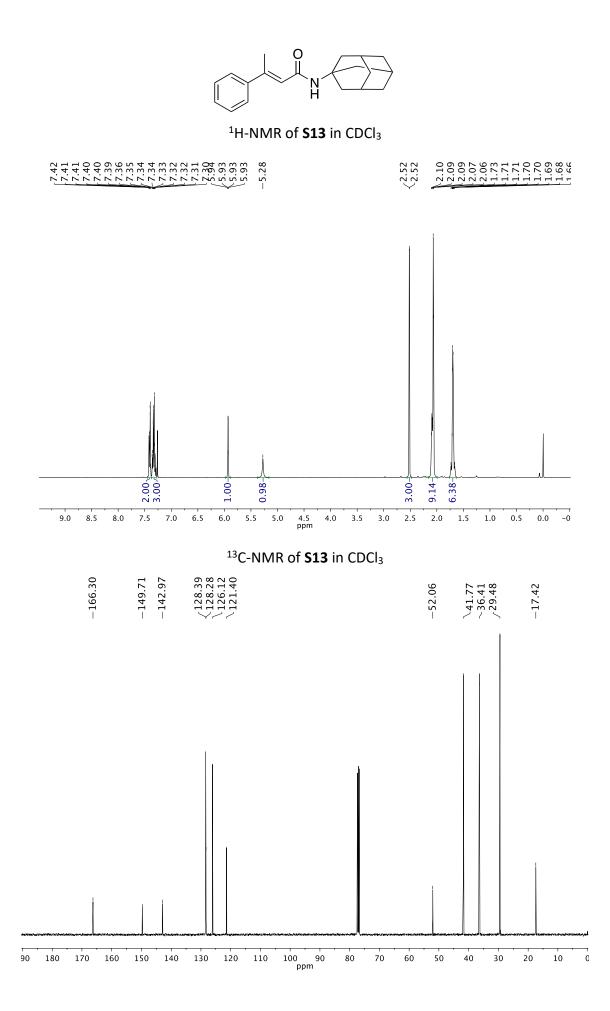


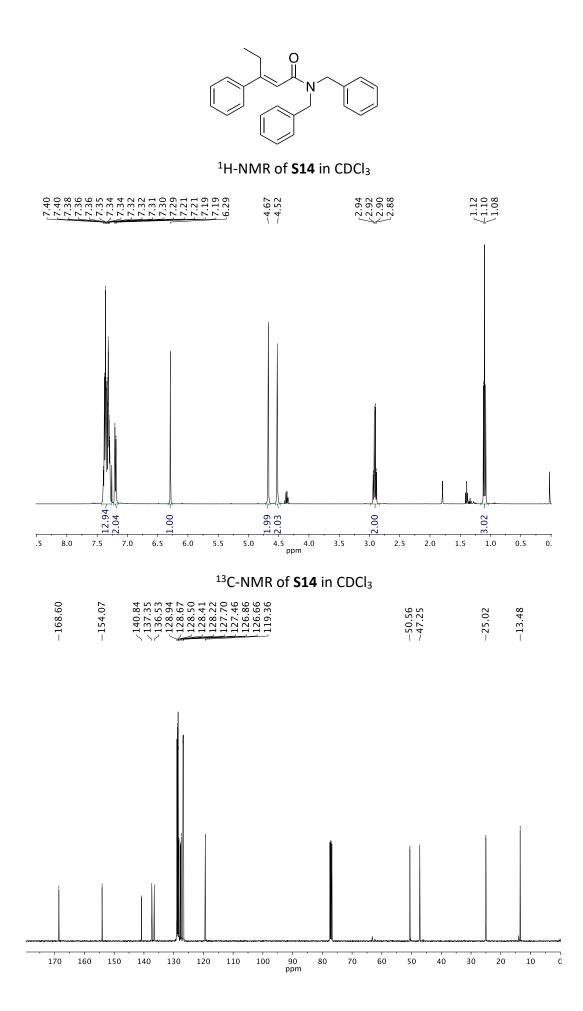


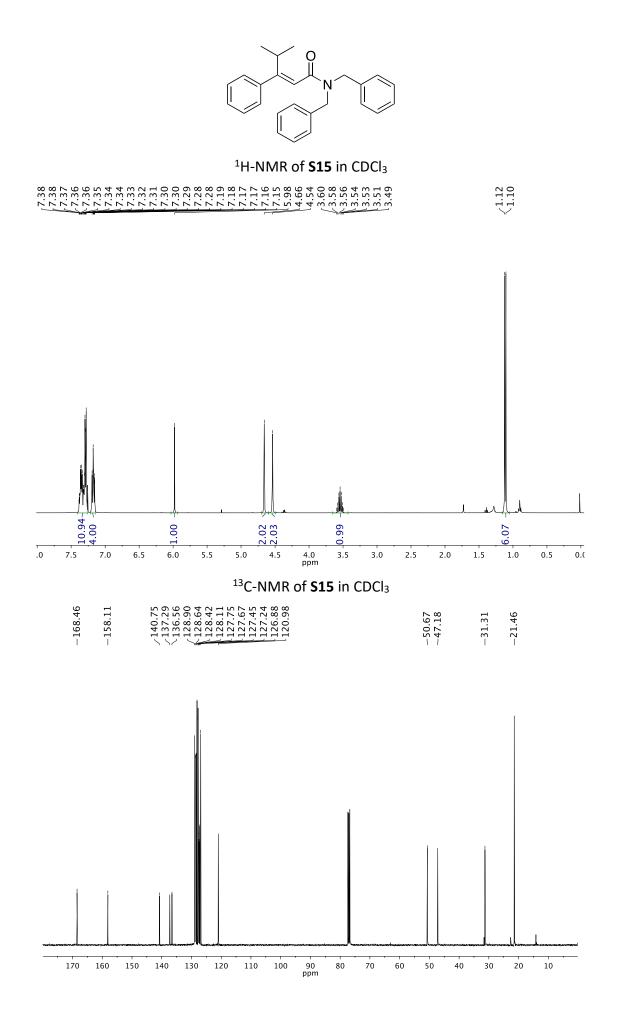


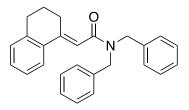




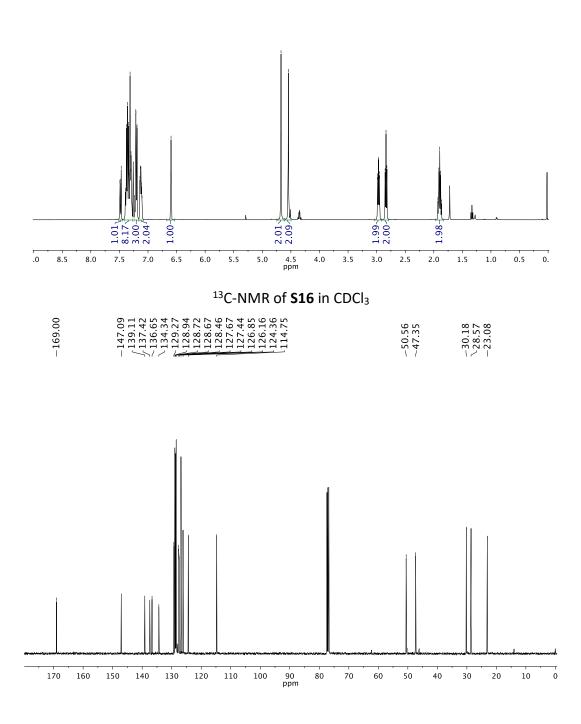


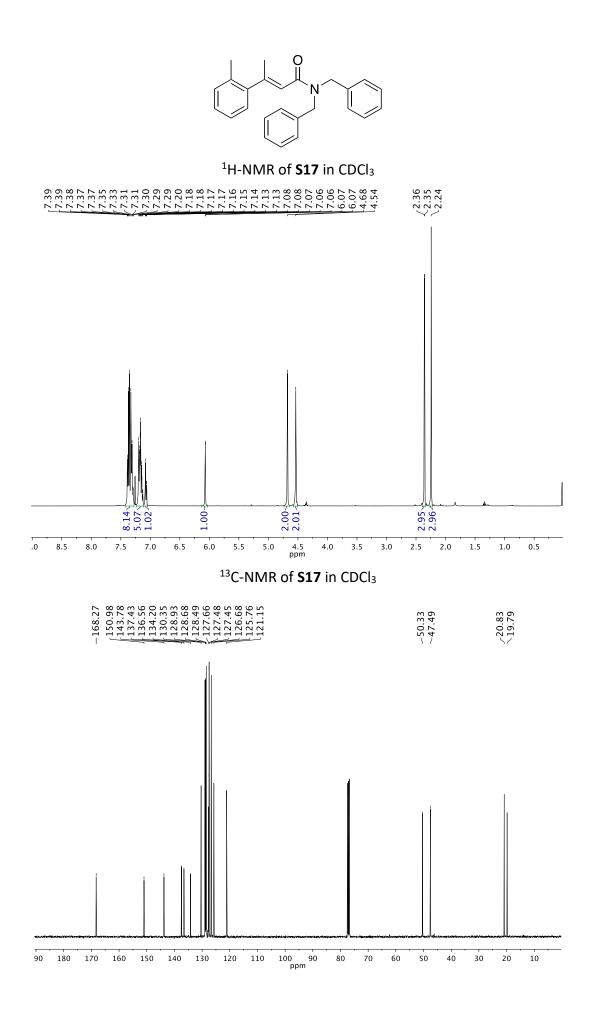


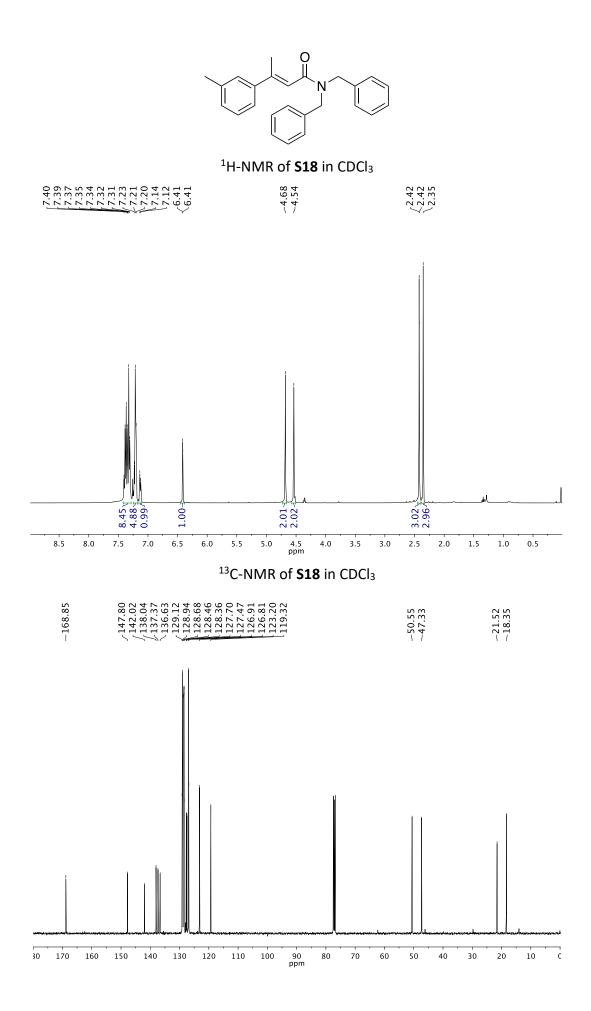


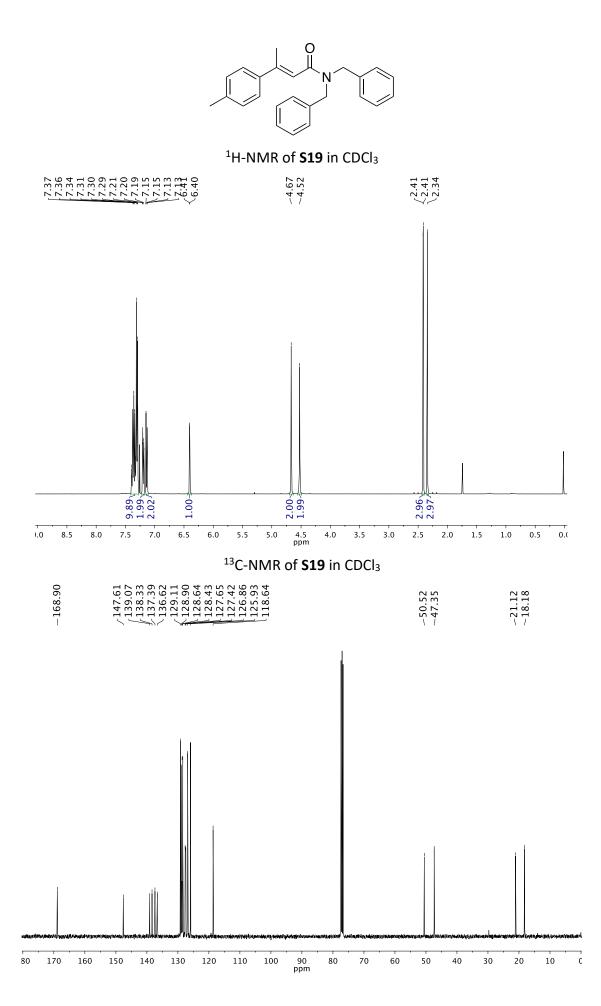


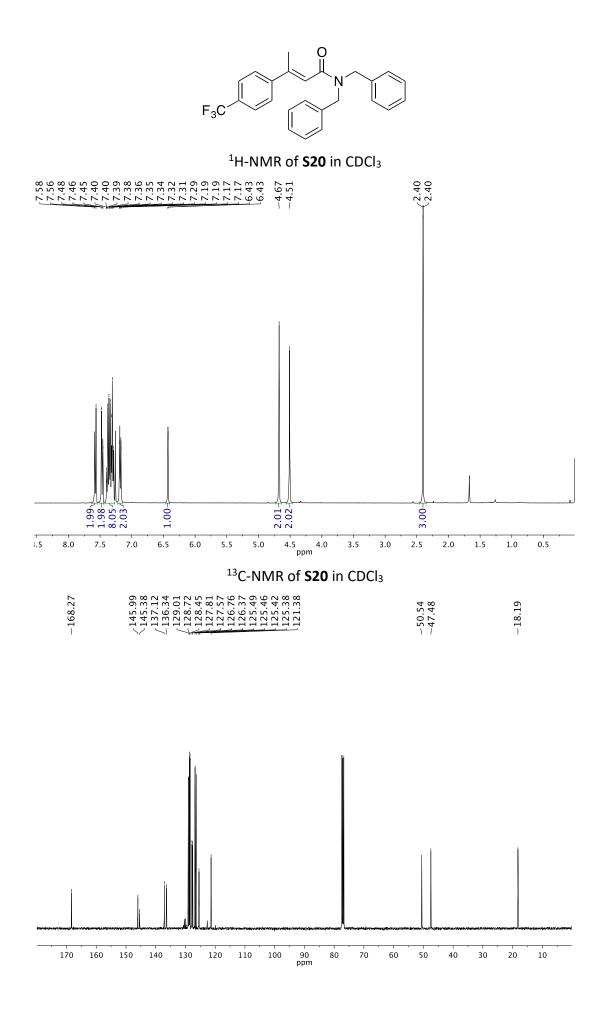
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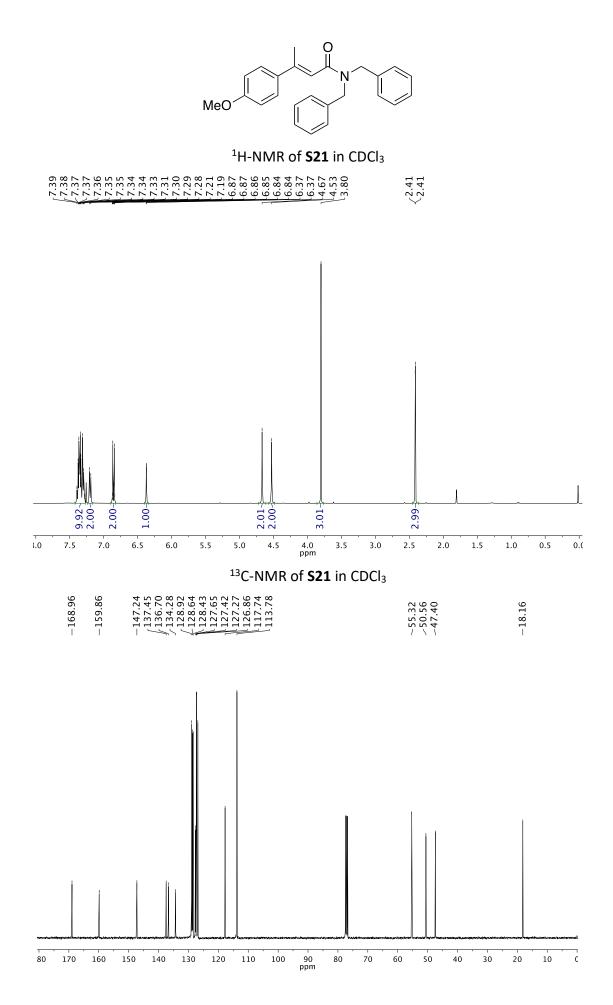


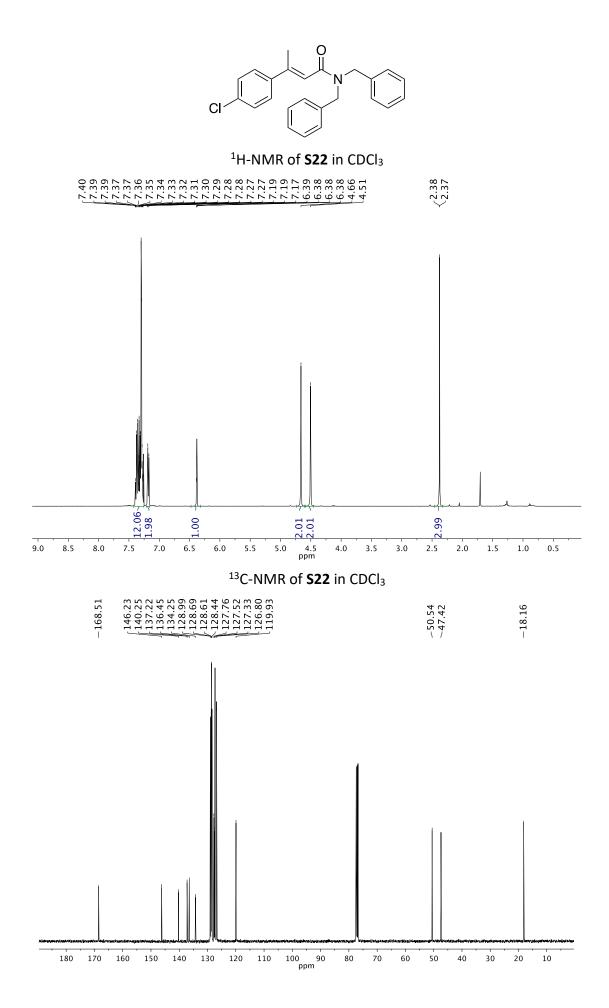


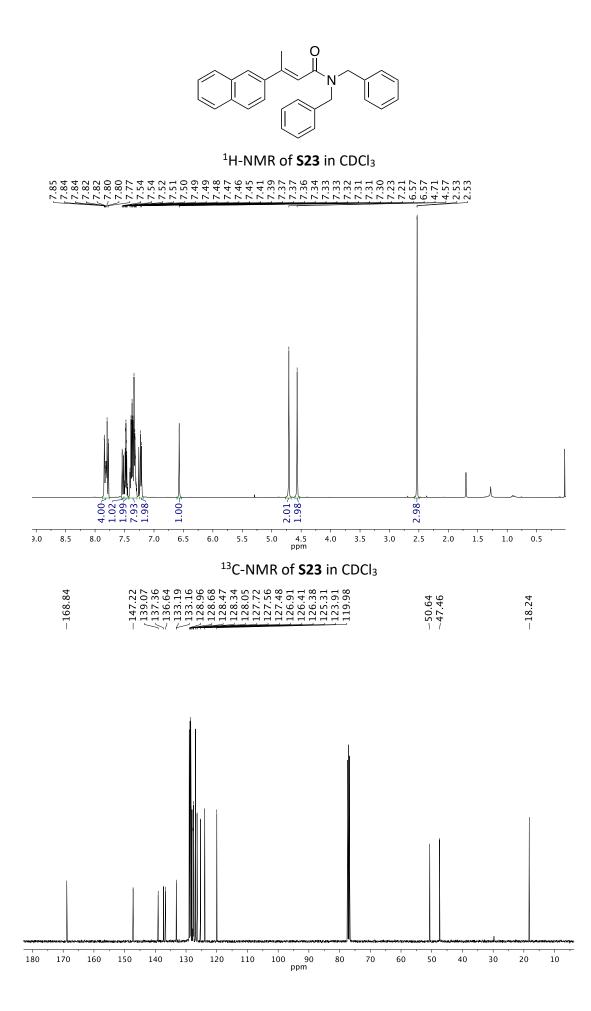


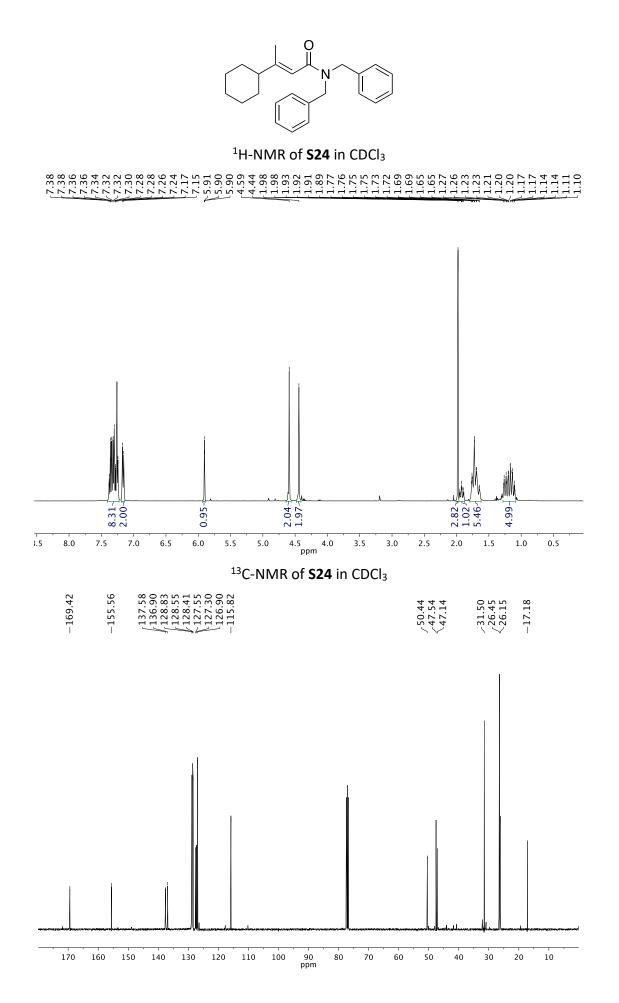


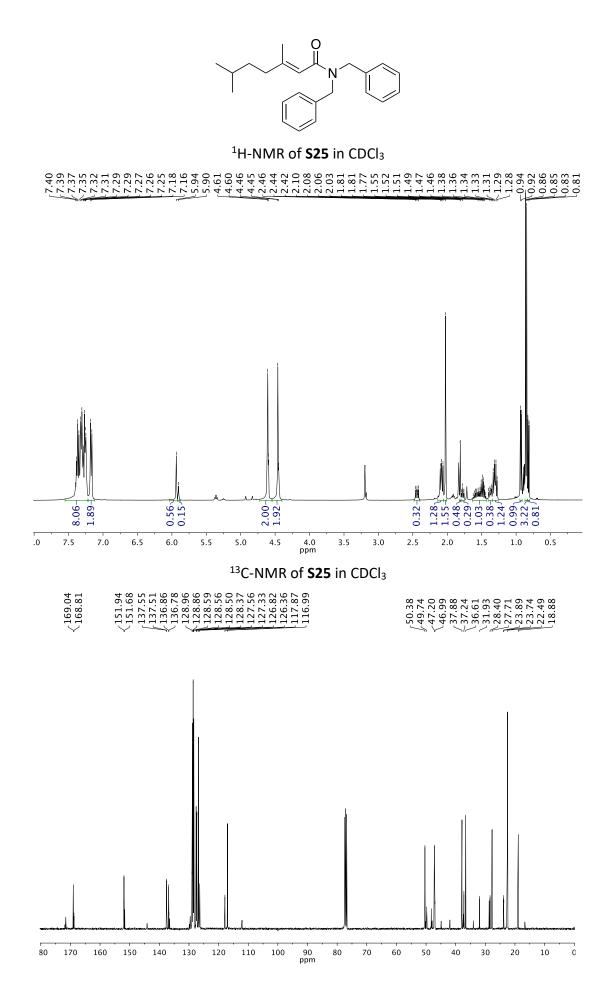


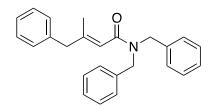






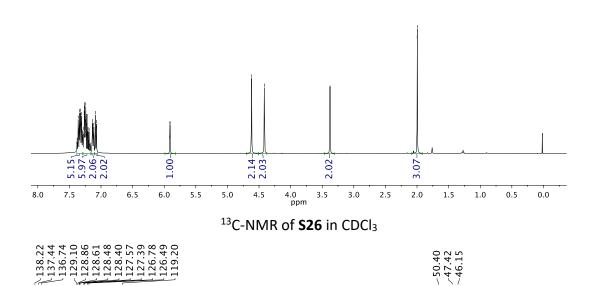


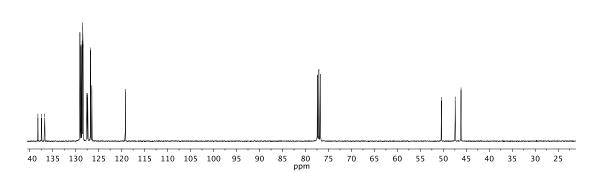


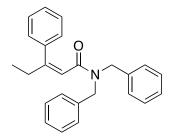


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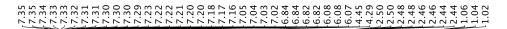
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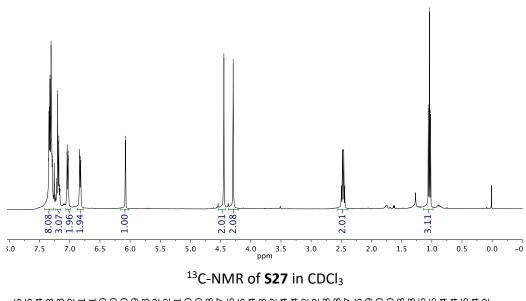


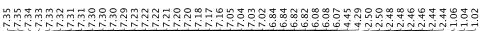


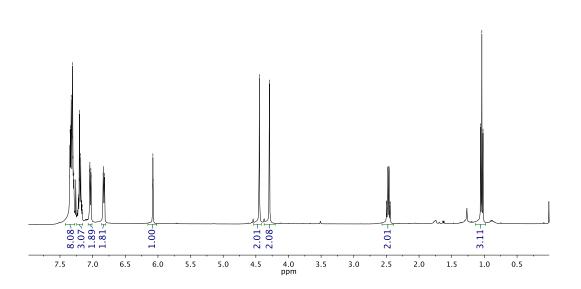


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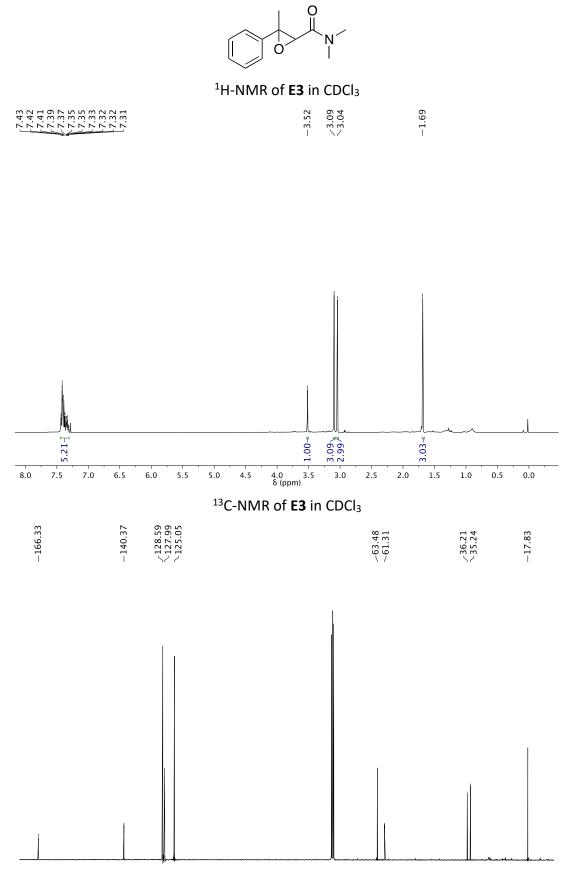




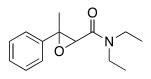




6.2) ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of isolated products

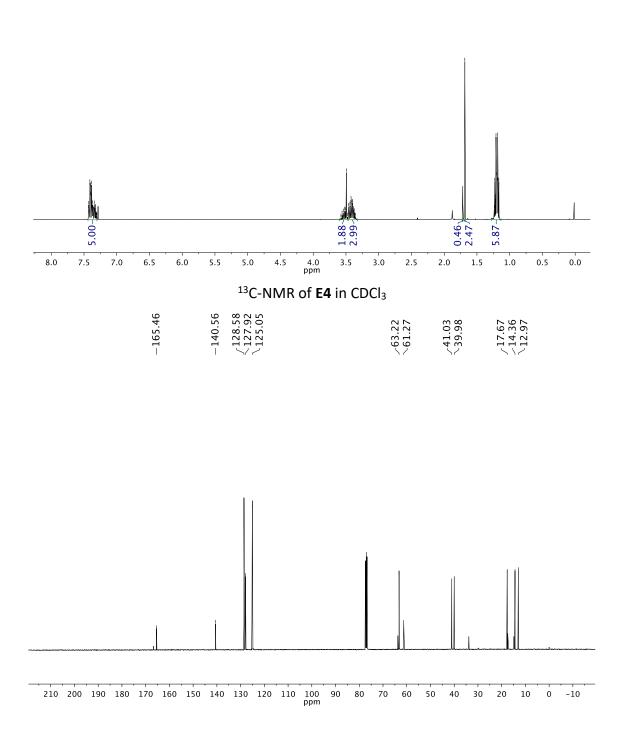


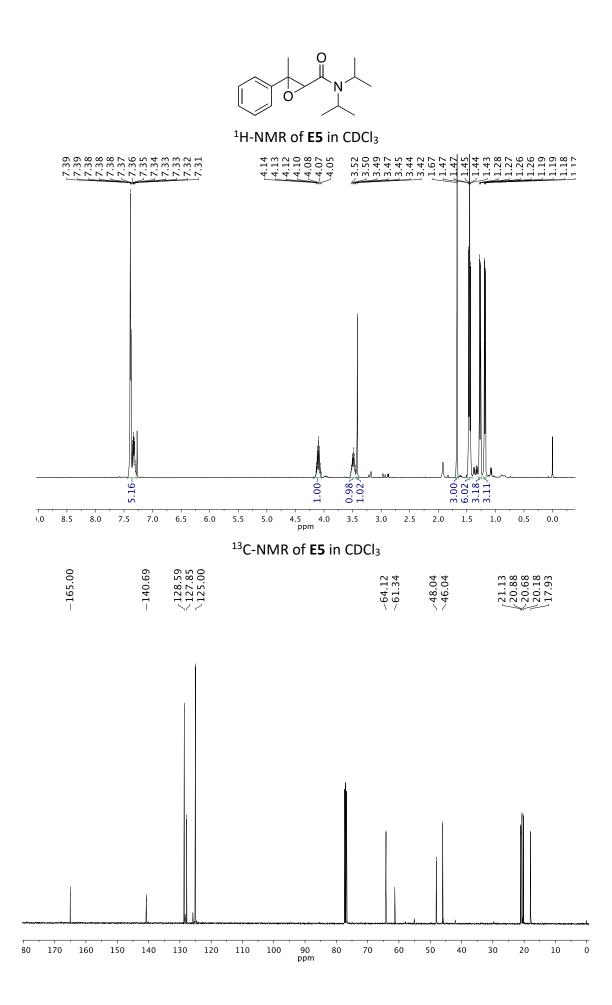
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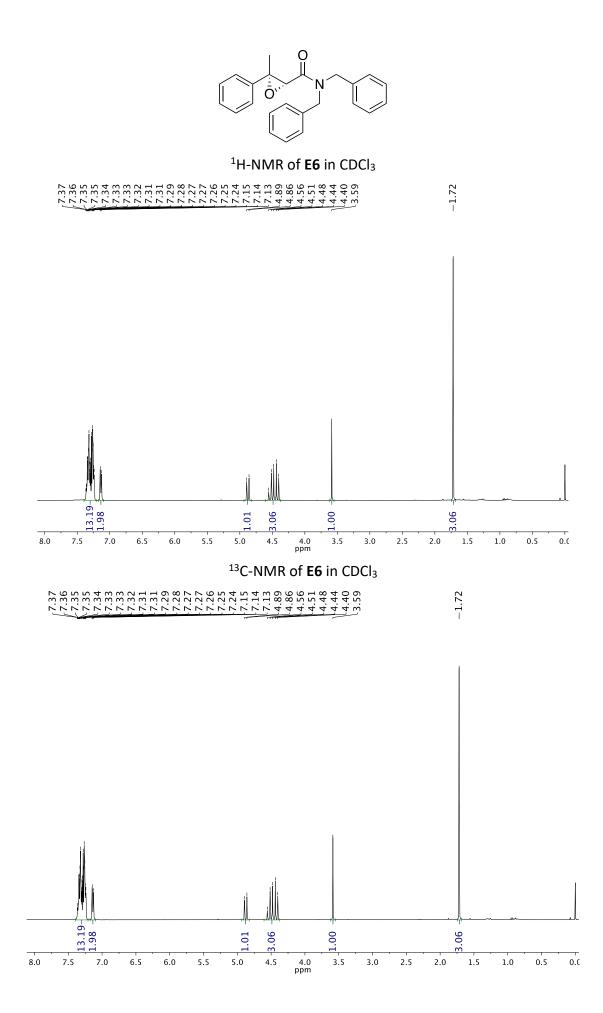


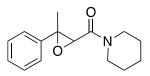
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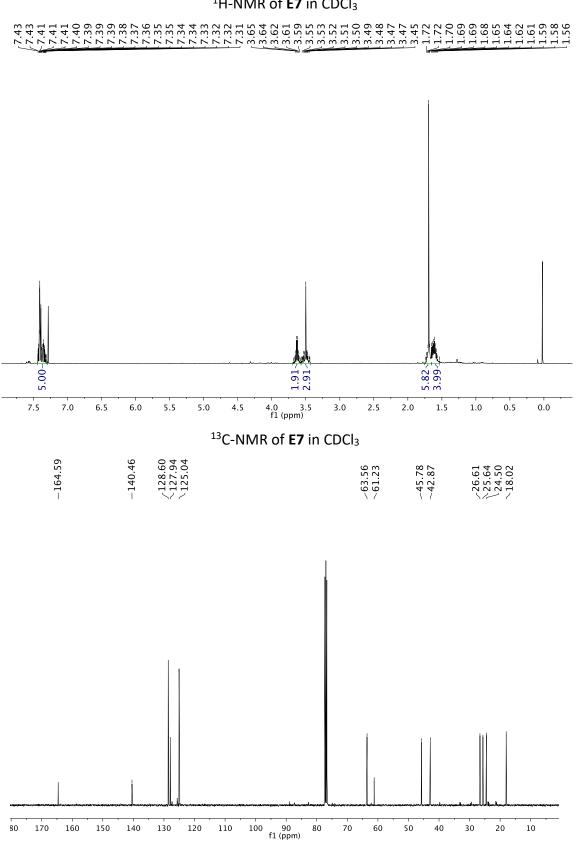


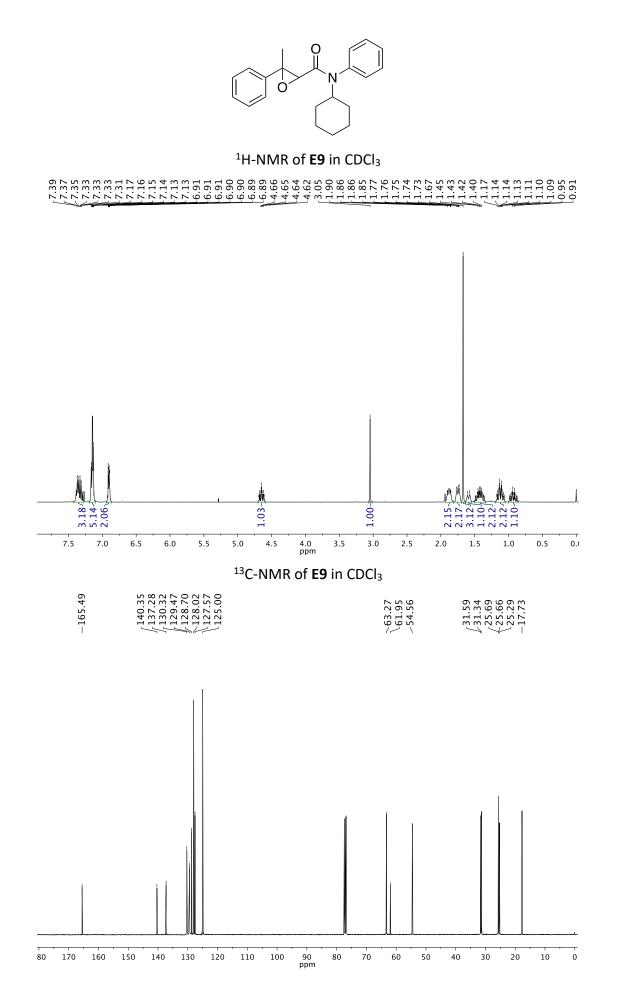


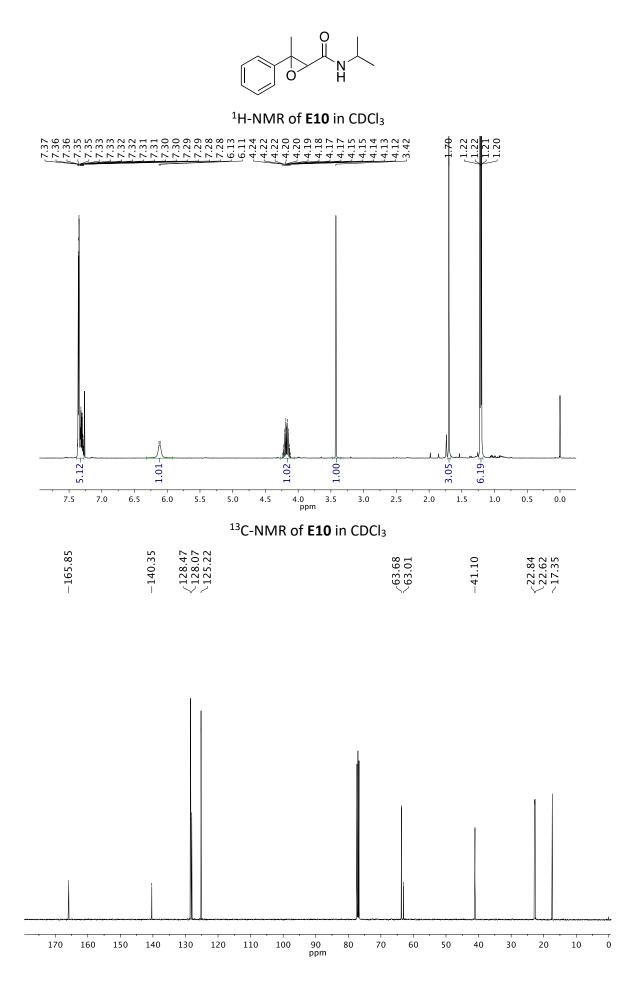


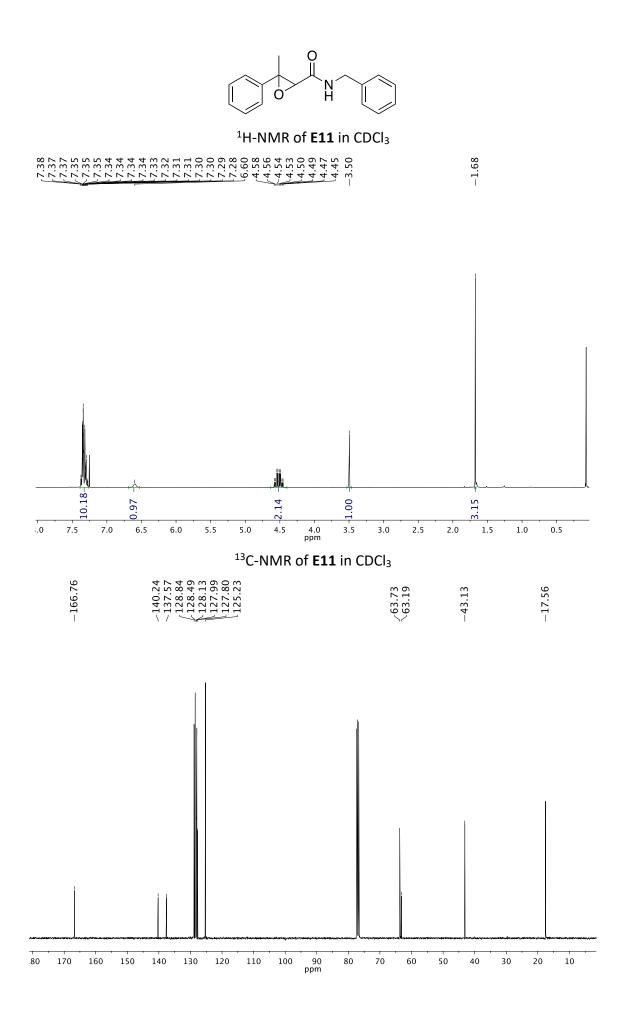


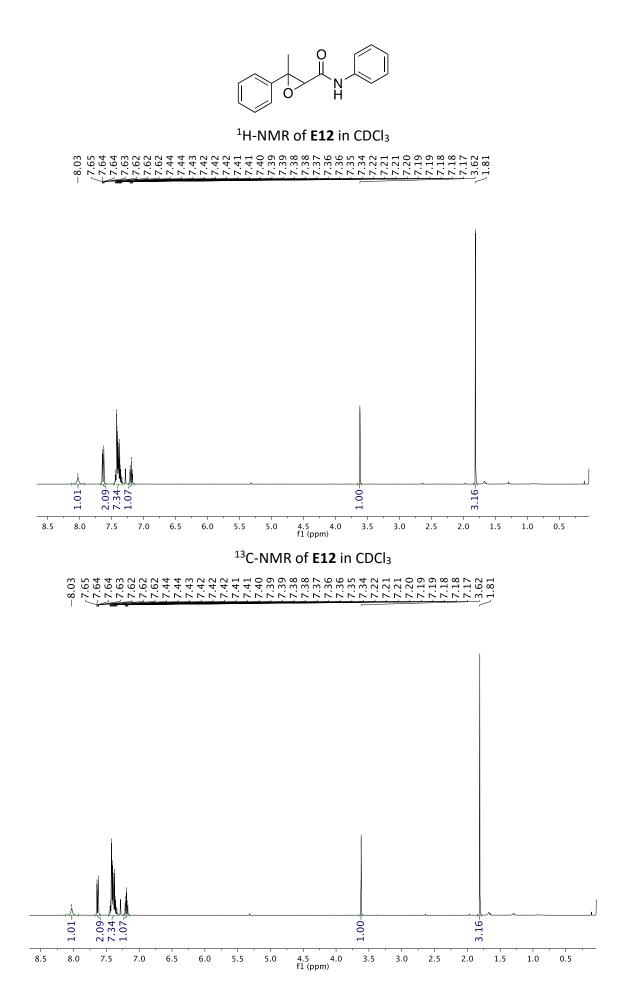
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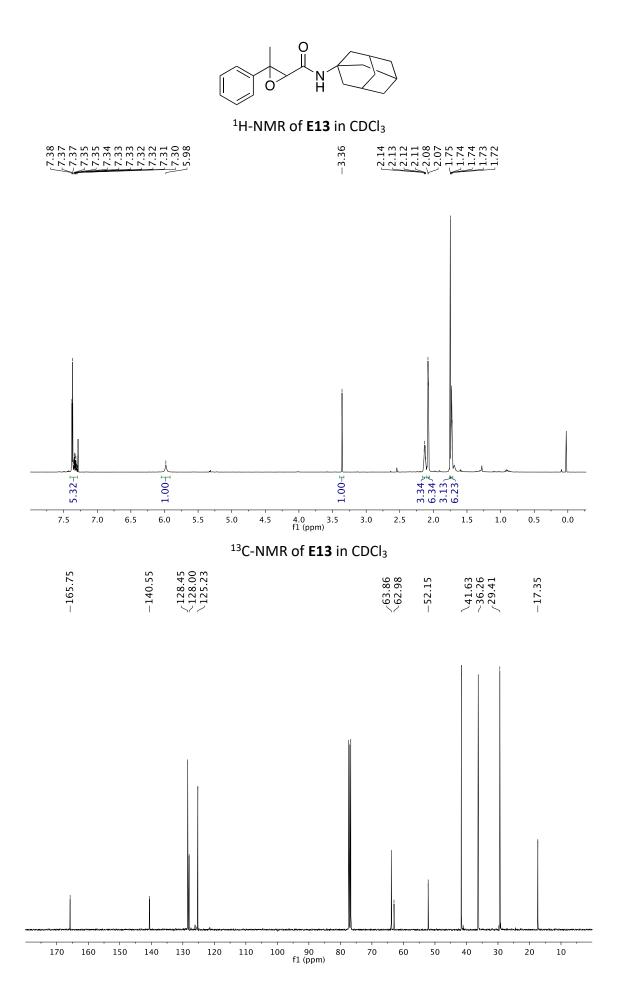


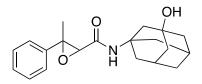


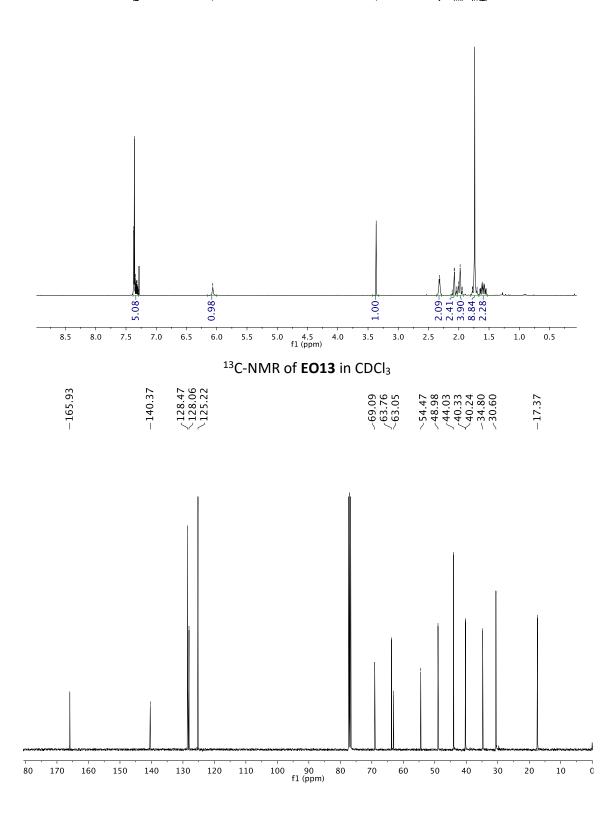


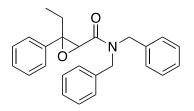




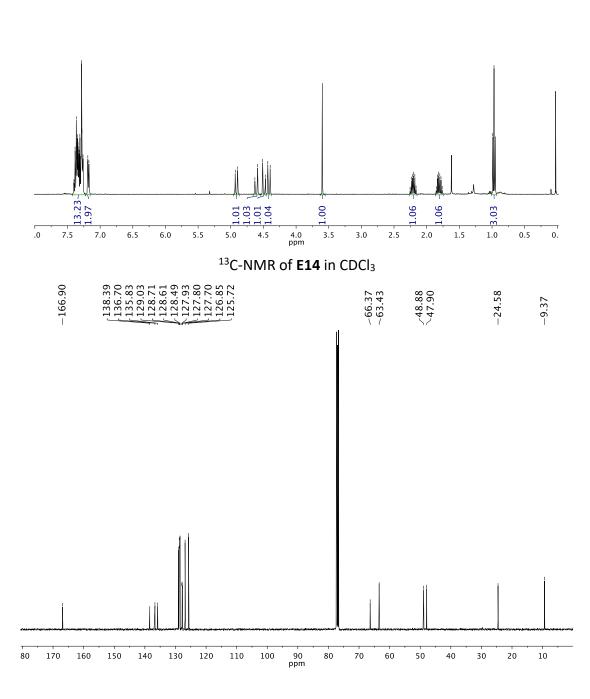


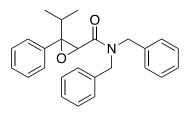






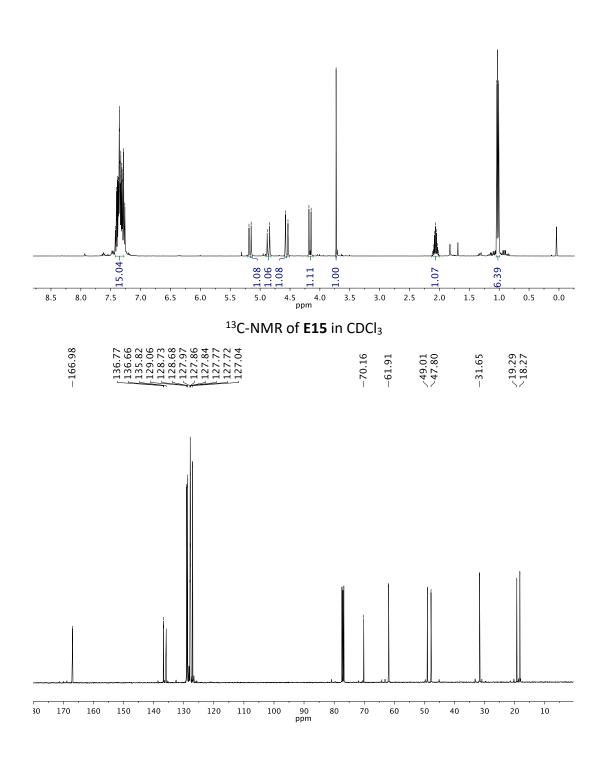
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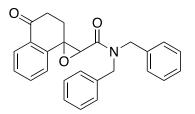




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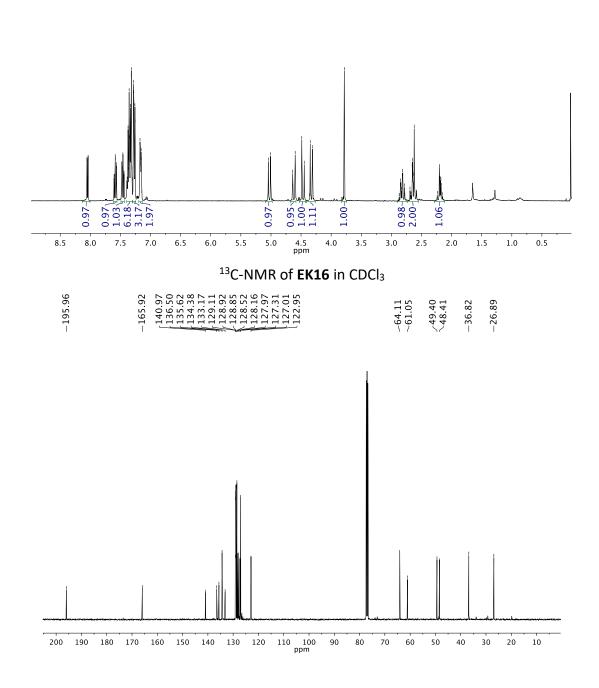
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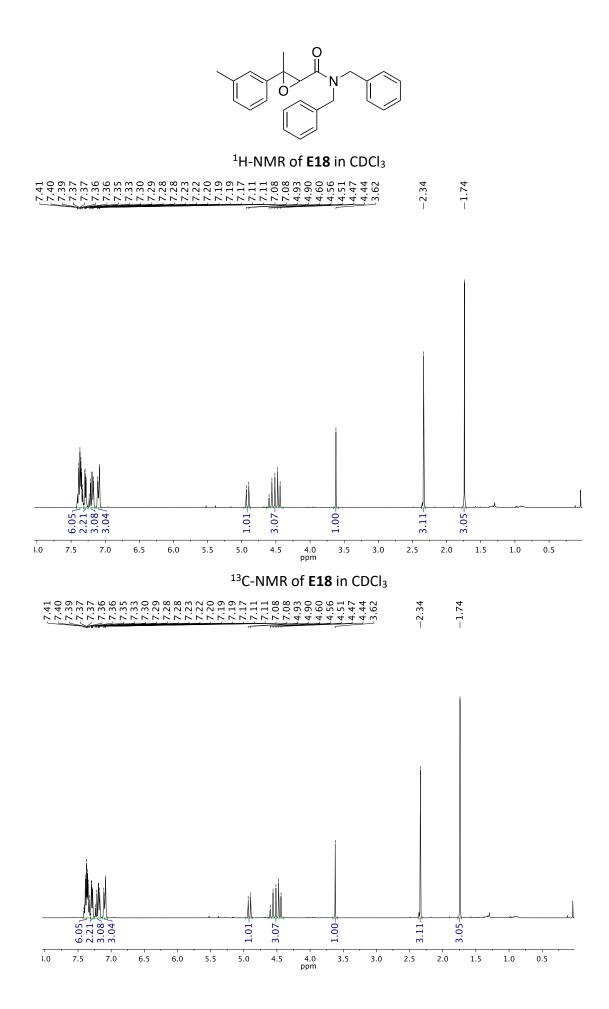




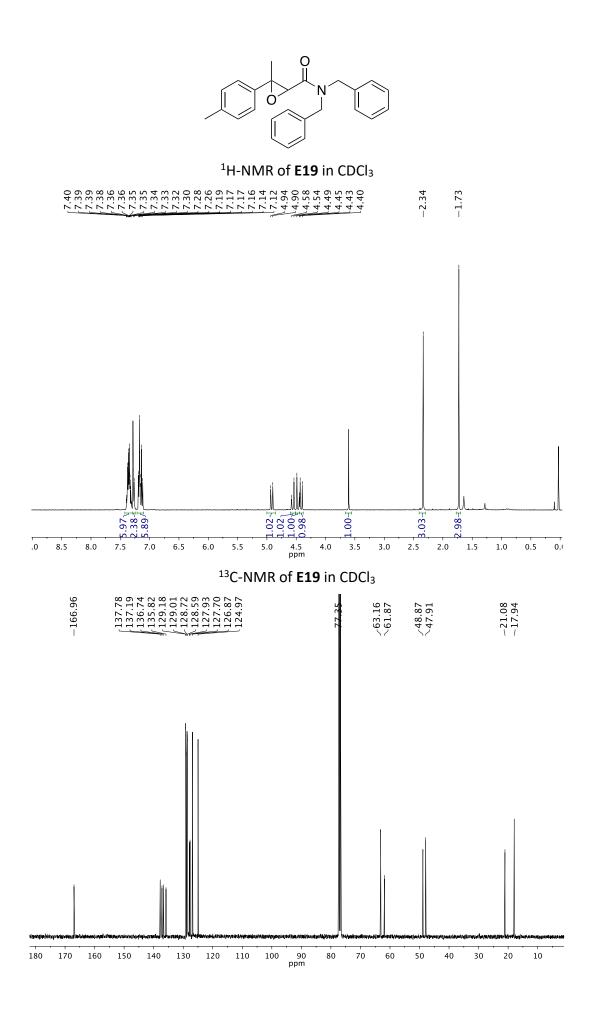
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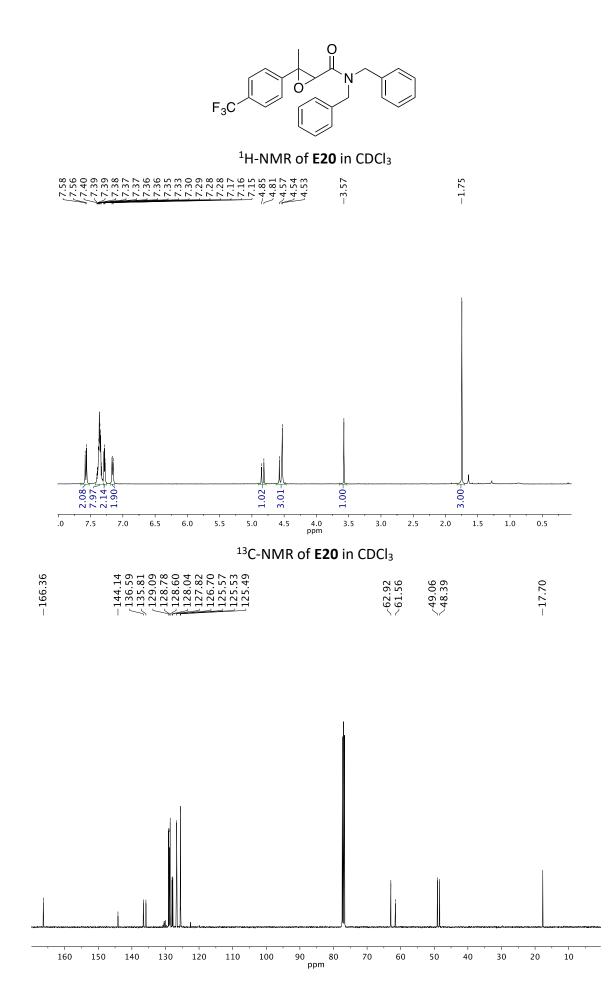
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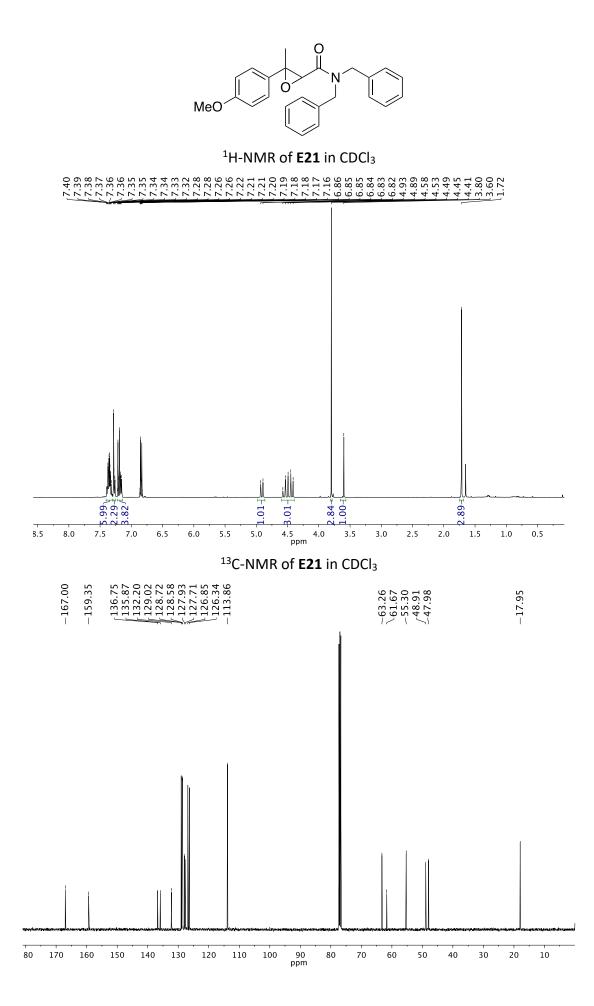


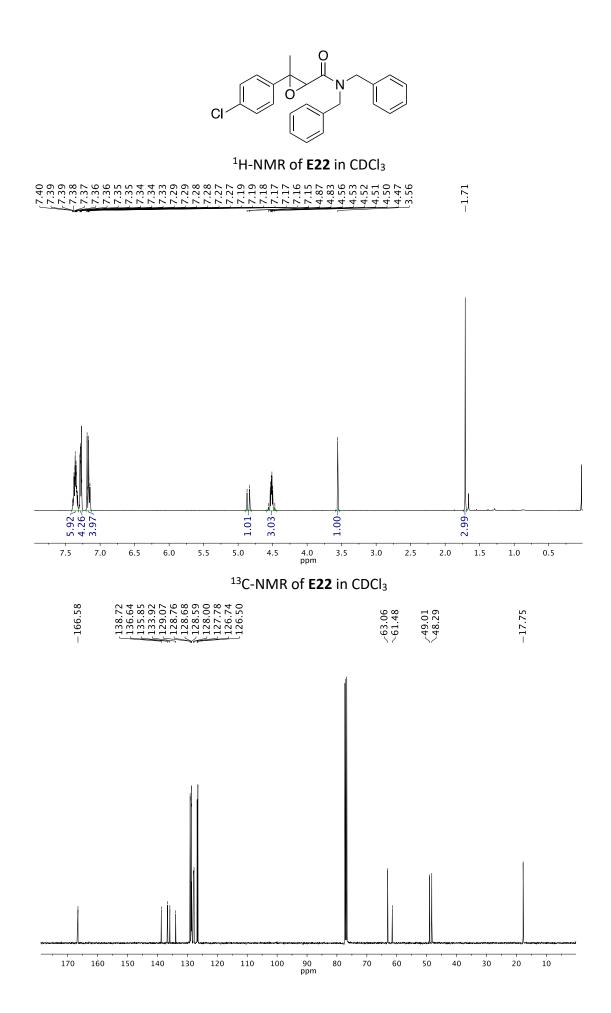


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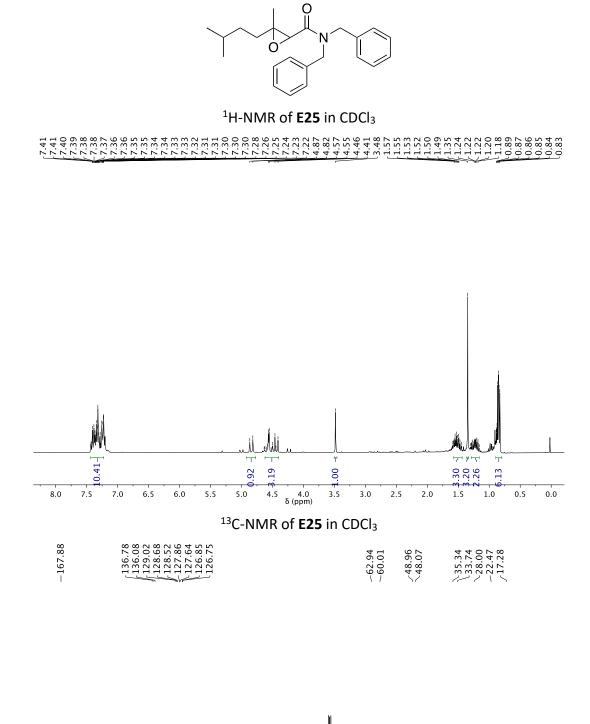


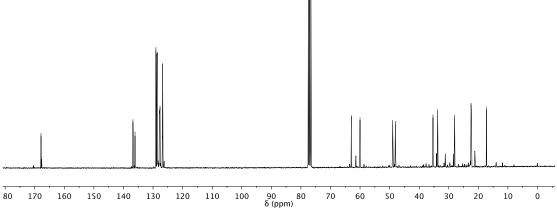




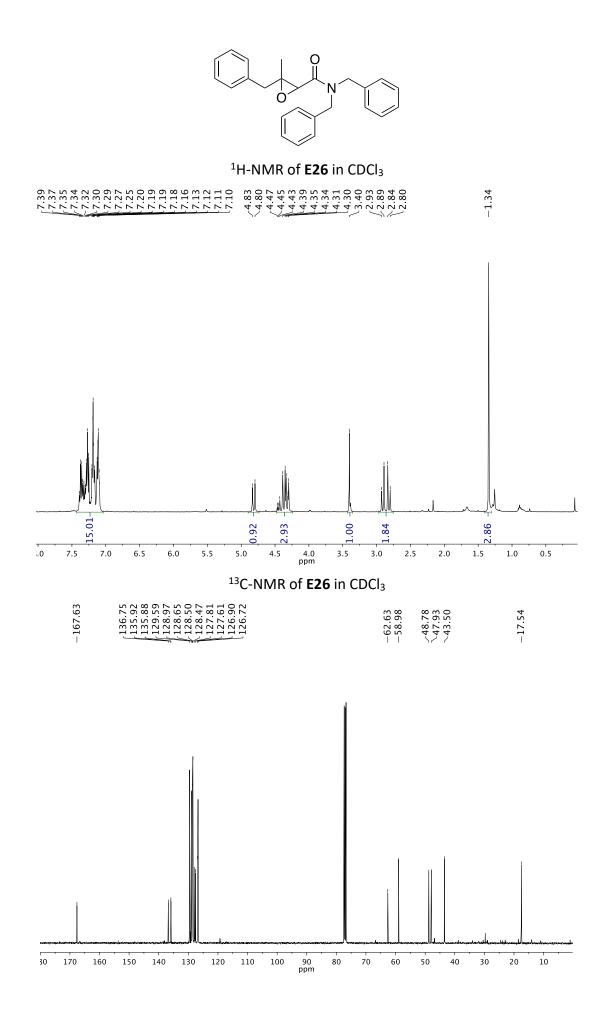


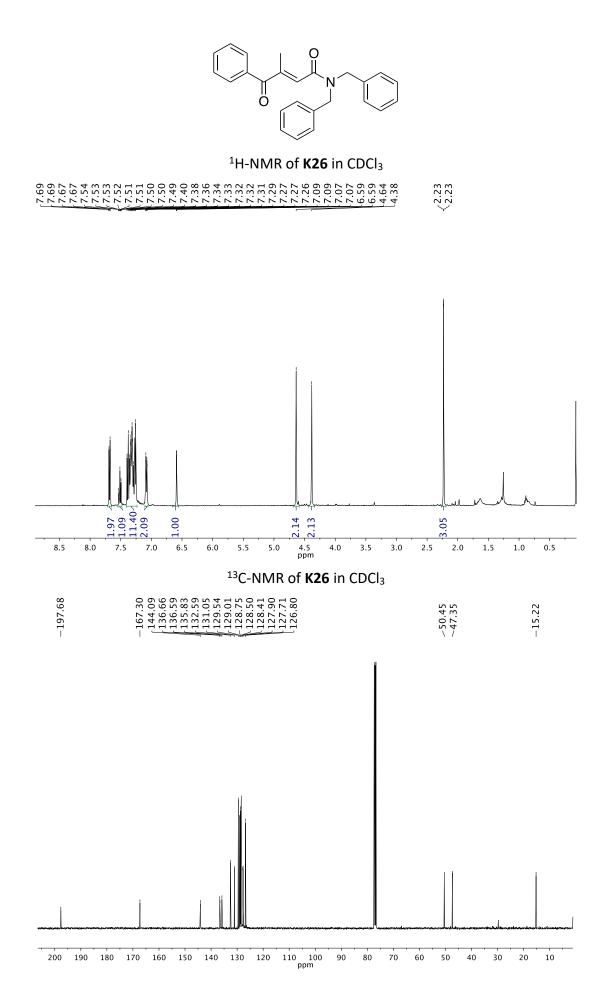
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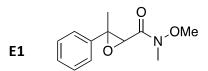
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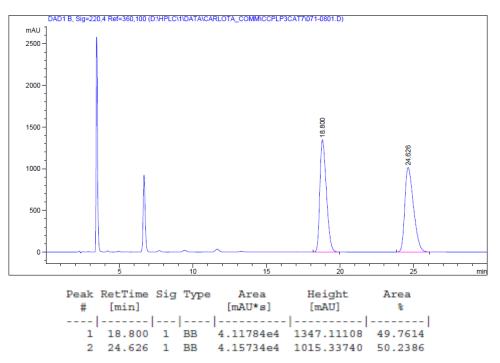


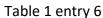
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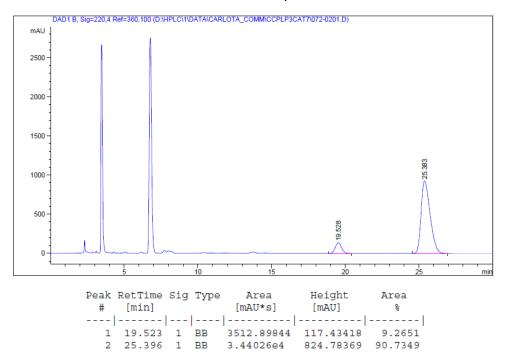
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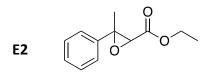




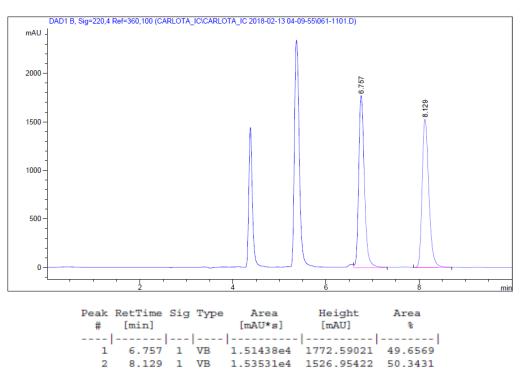




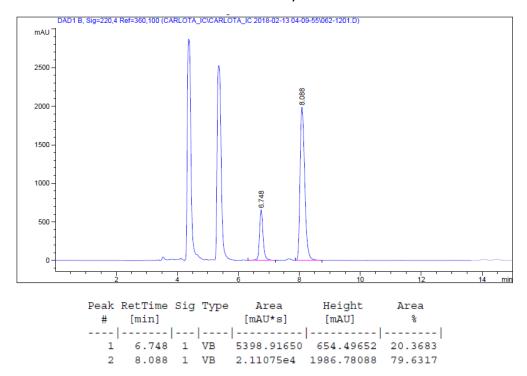
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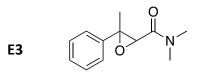
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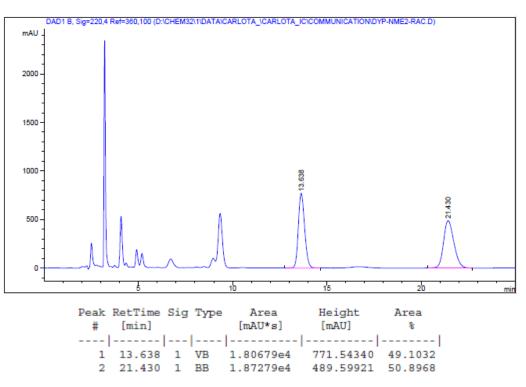
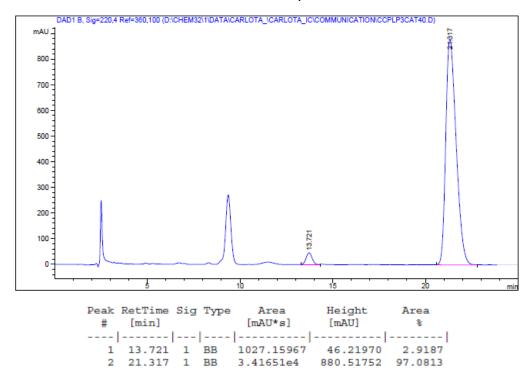


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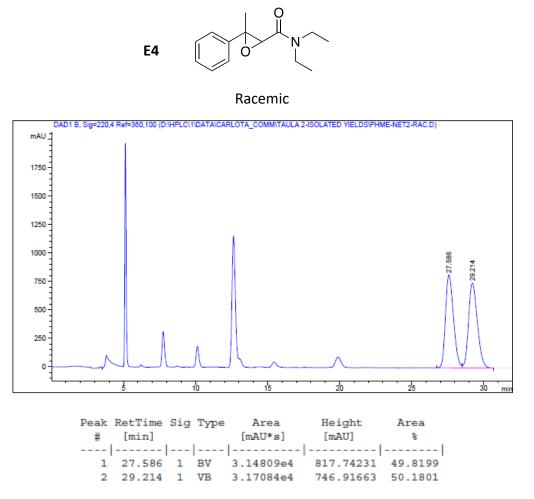
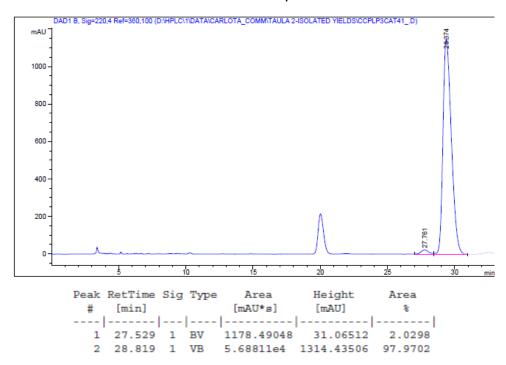
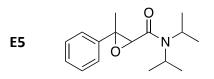


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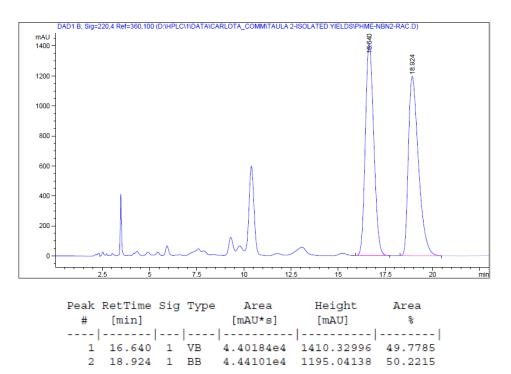
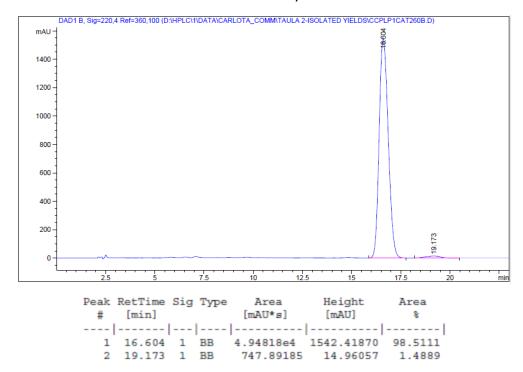
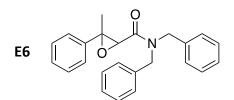


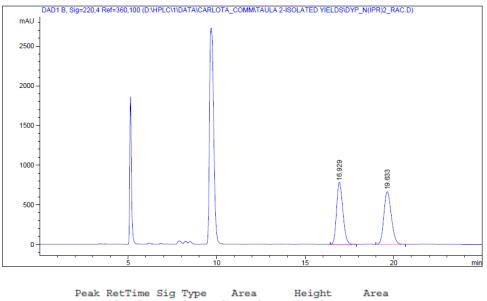
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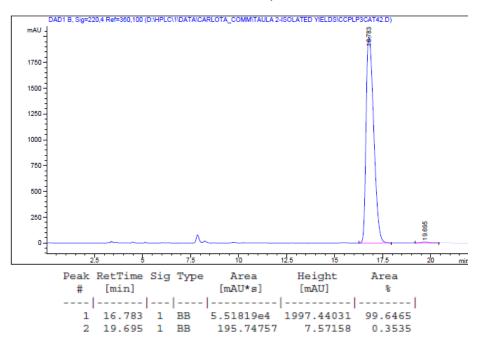




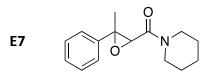


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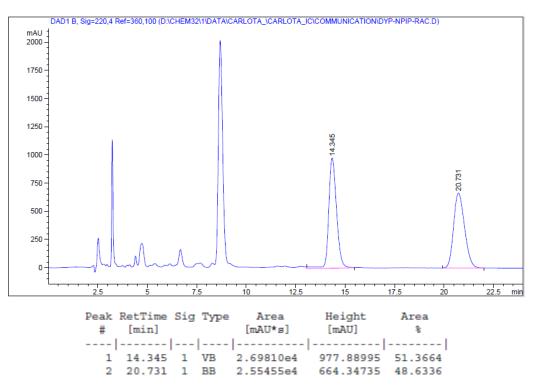
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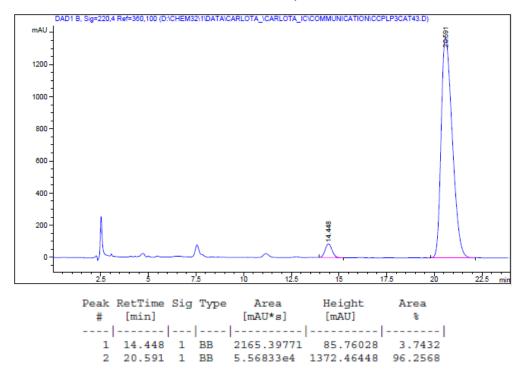
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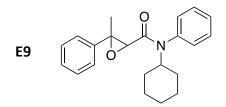
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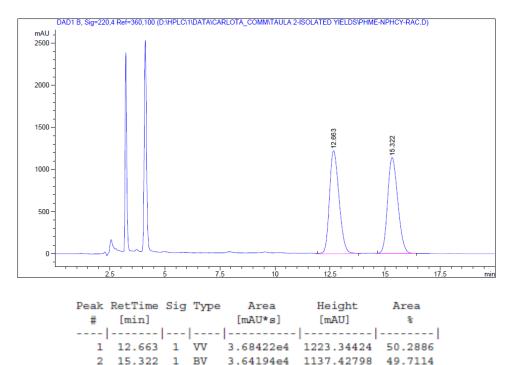
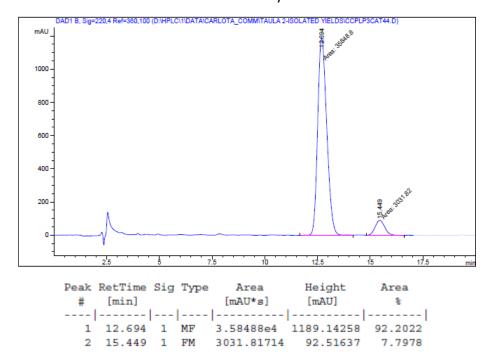


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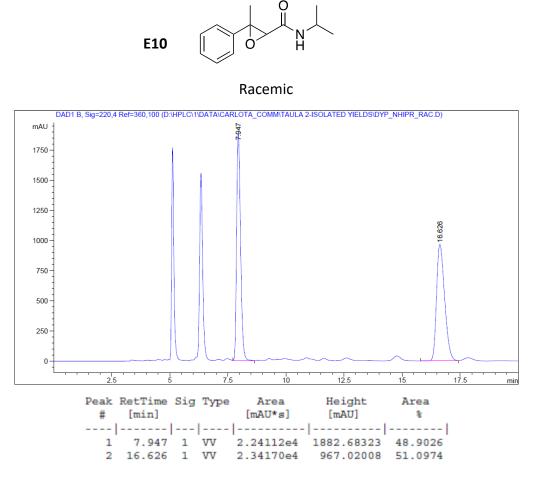
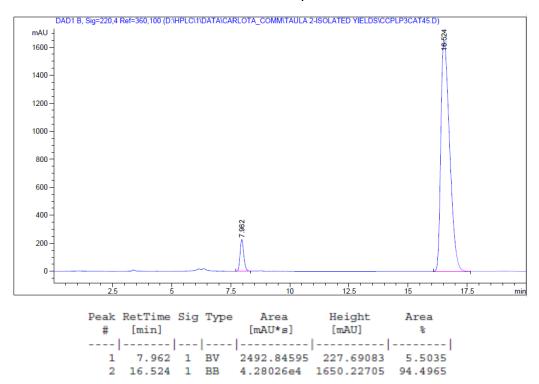
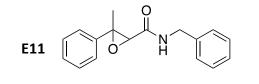


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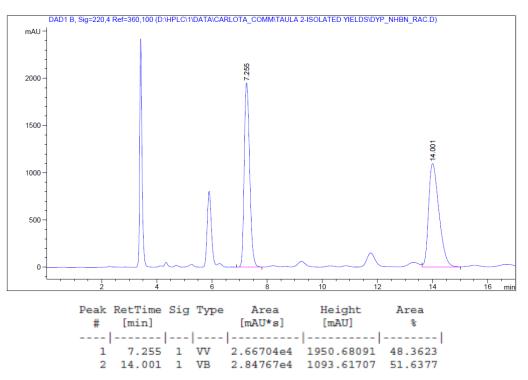
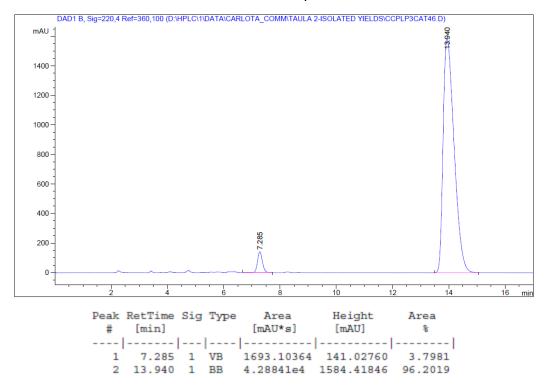
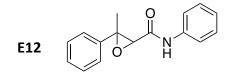


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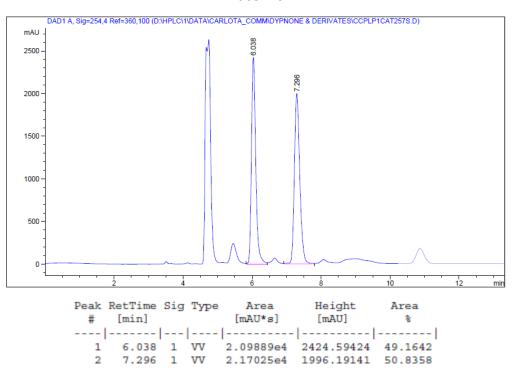
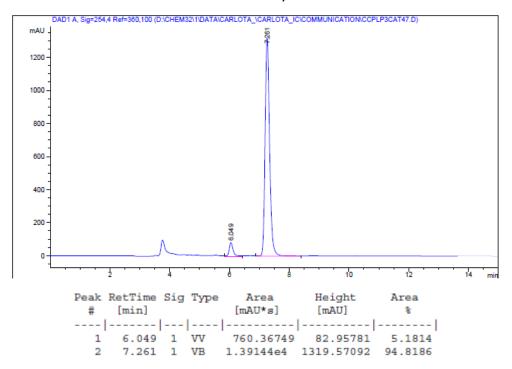
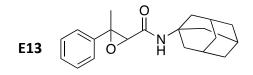


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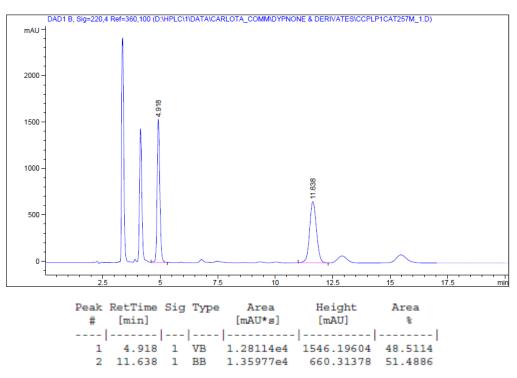
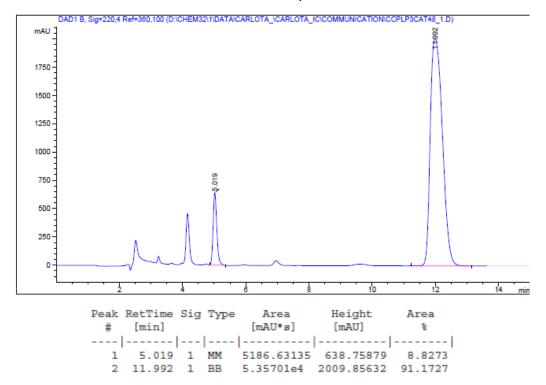
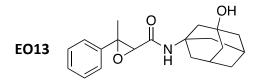


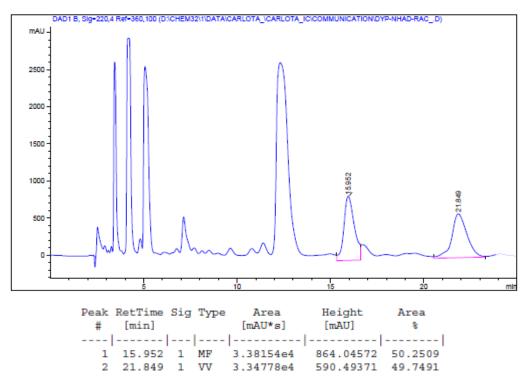
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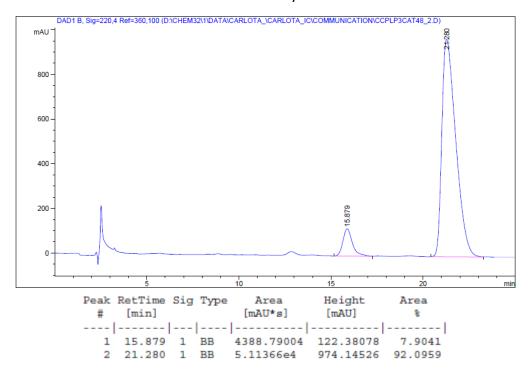


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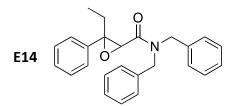




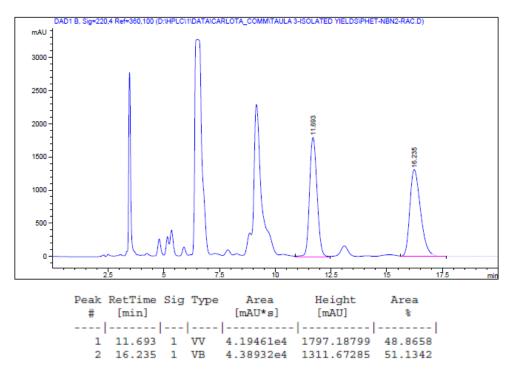


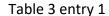


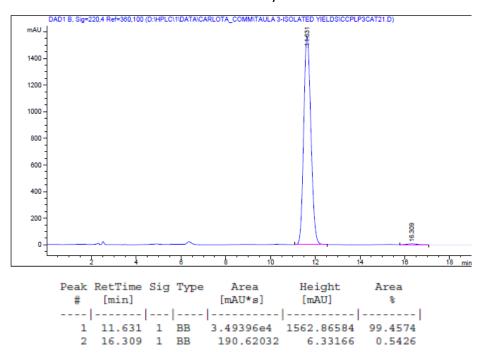
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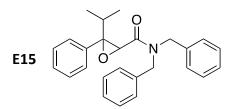
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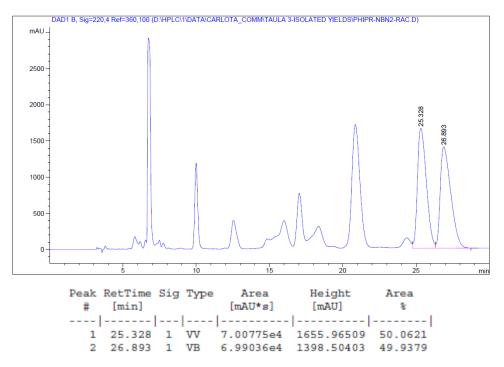


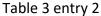


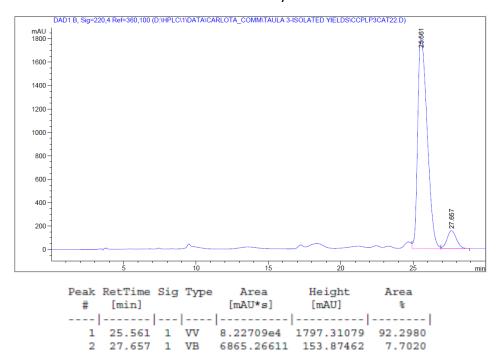
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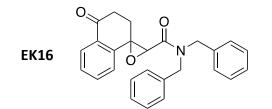
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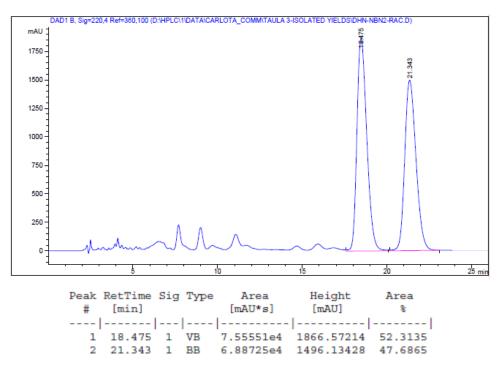


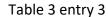


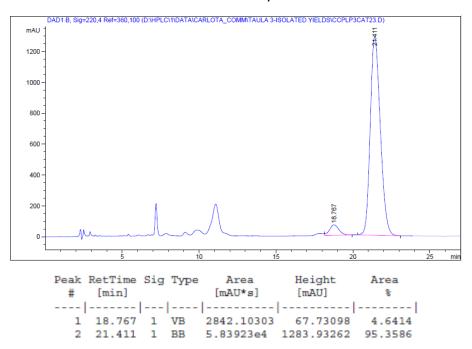
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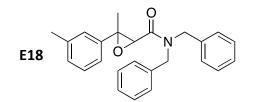




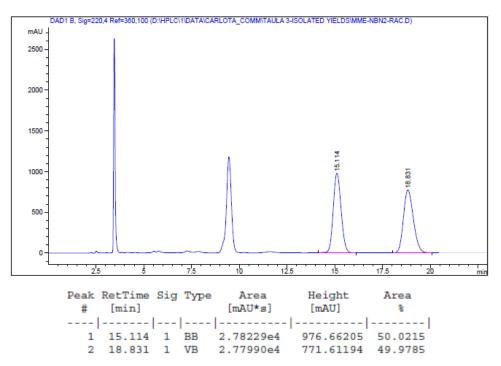


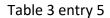


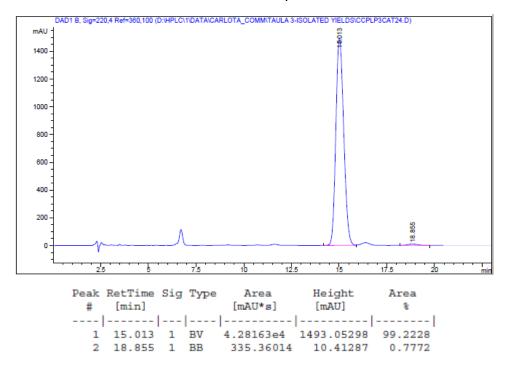
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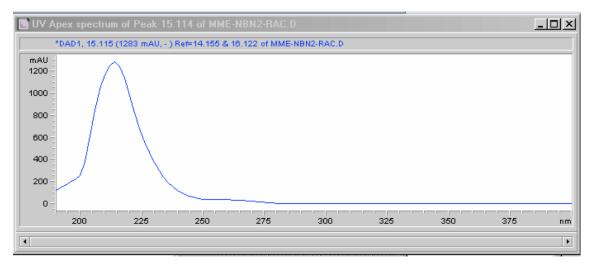
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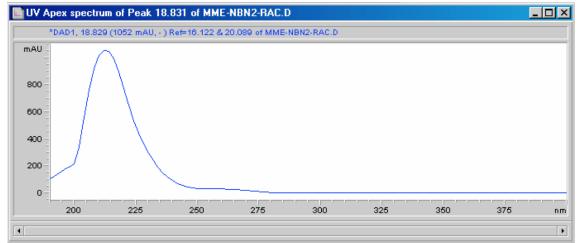






UV-VIS spectra of the enantiomers





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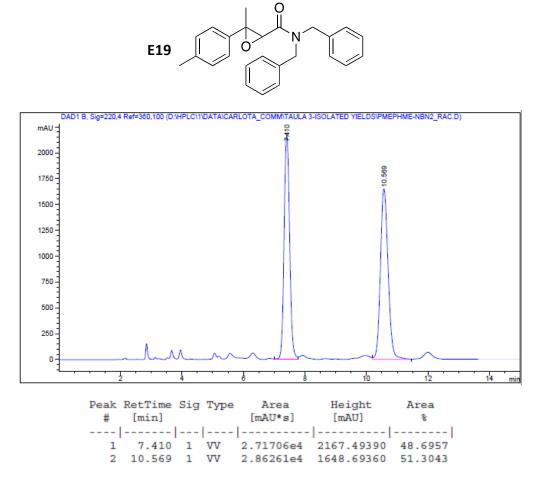
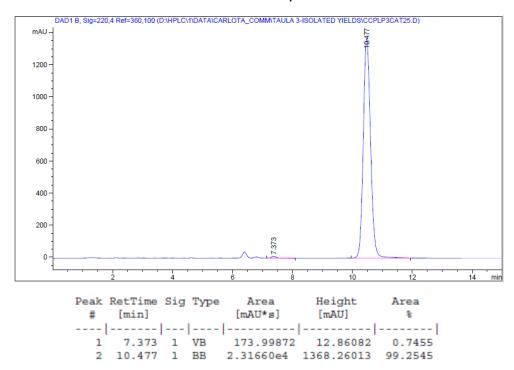
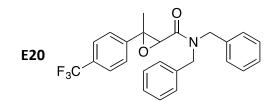


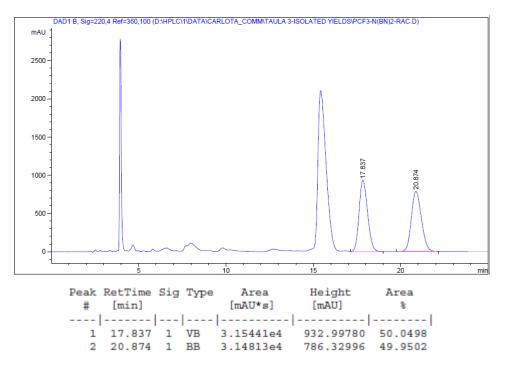
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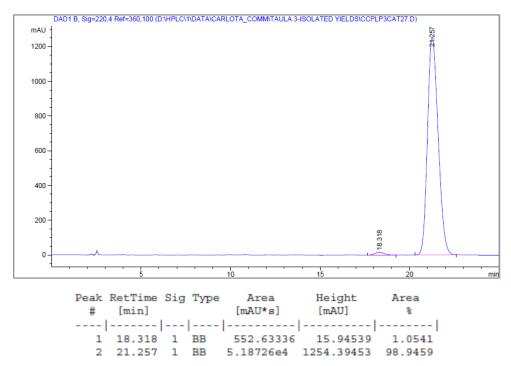
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HPLC analysis: Chiralpack IA, *n*-Hex:^{*i*}PrOH = 80/20, 25°C, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(epoxide 1) = 8.4 min, t_R(epoxide 2) = 13.2 min

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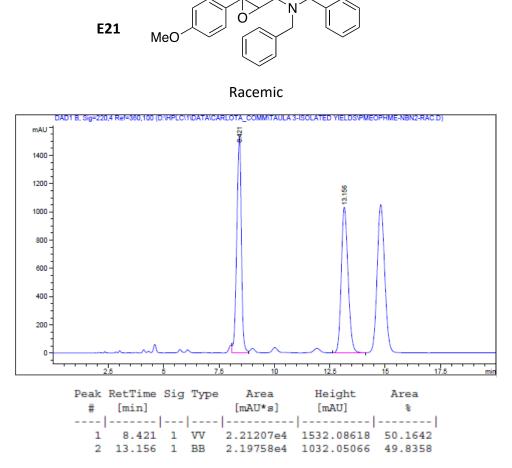
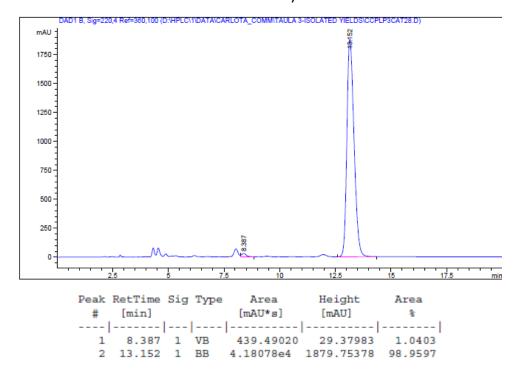
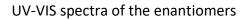
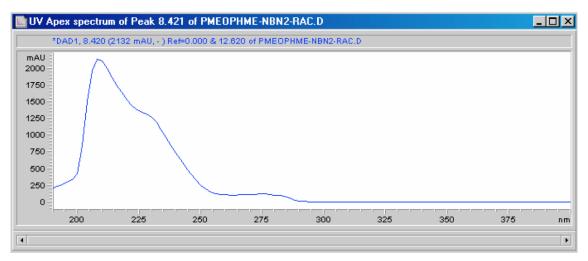
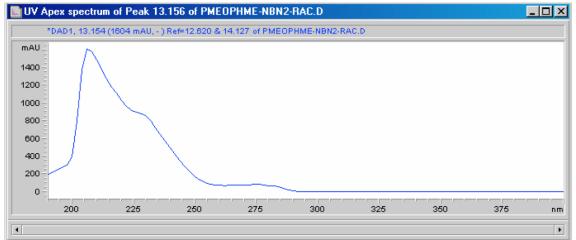


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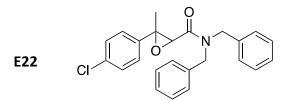




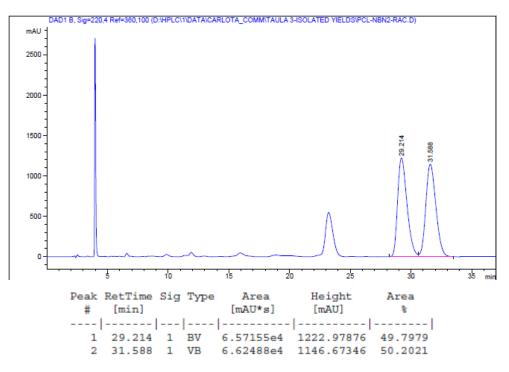


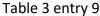


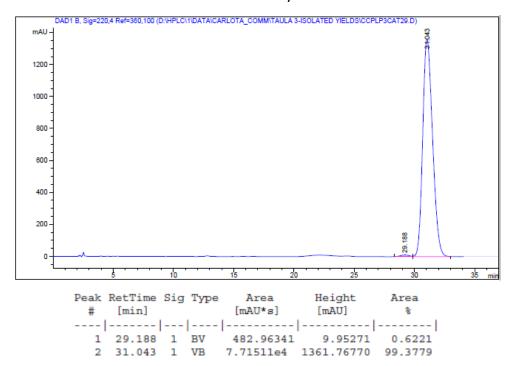
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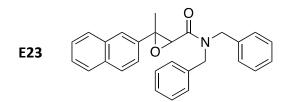
Racemic







HPLC analysis: Chiralpack IC, *n*-Hex:^{*i*}PrOH = 70/30, 25°C, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(epoxide 1) = 12.2 min, t_R(epoxide 2) = 14.0 min





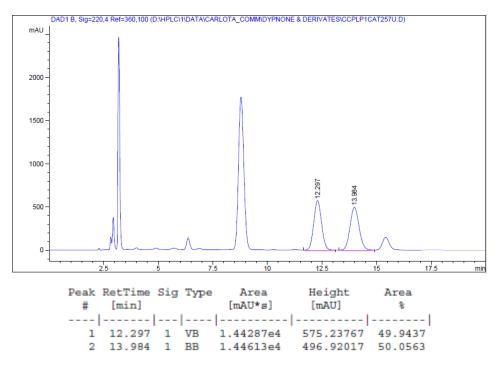
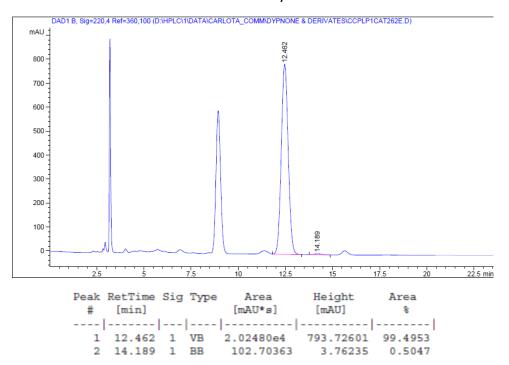
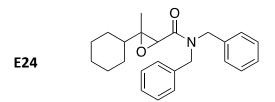


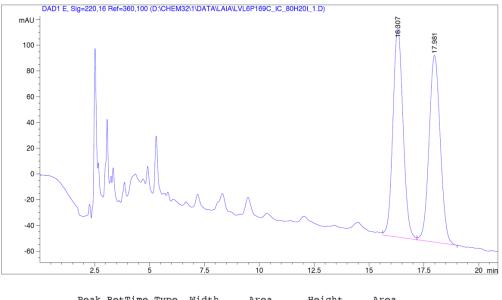
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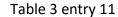
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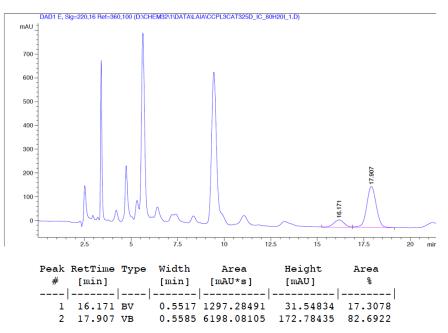


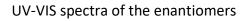
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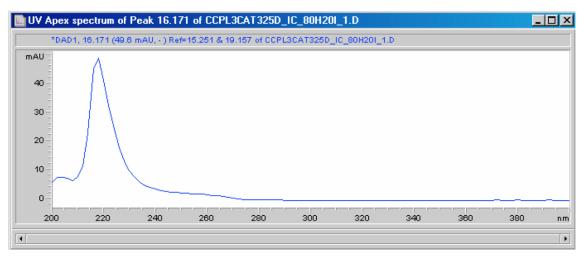


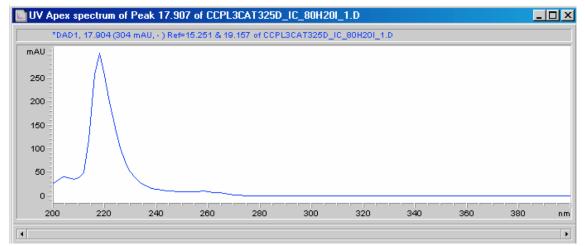
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1	16.307	BV	0.4999	5215.23242	162.72824	50.3526	
2	17.981	VB	0.5394	5142.18164	145.11638	49.6474	











HPLC analysis: Chiralpack IC, *n*-Hex:^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, 25°C, flow rate = 1.5 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, *Z* isomer: t_R(epoxide 1) = 10.3 min, t_R(epoxide 2) = 12.0 min; *E* isomer: t_R(epoxide 1) = 24.5 min, t_R(epoxide 2) = 27.2 min

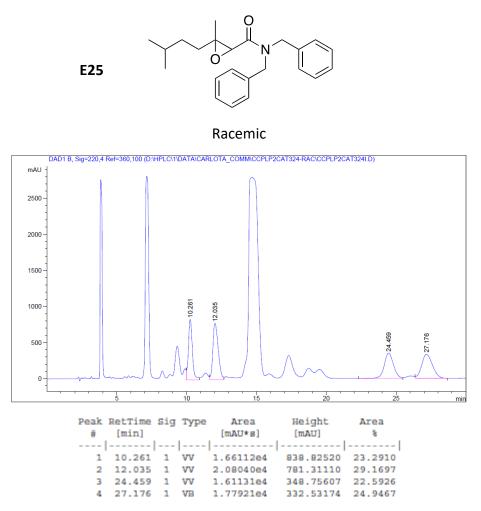
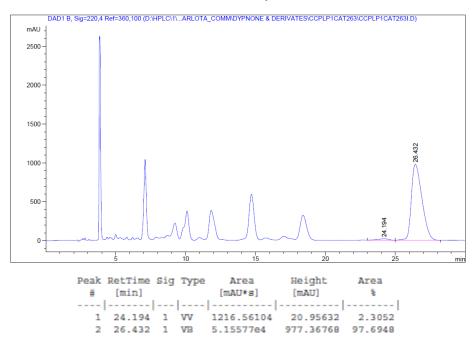
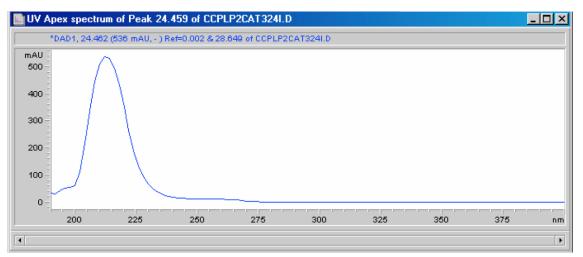
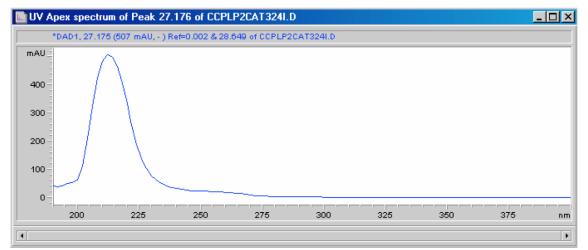


Table 3 entry 12



UV-VIS spectra of the enantiomers





HPLC analysis: Chiralpack IA, *n*-Hex:^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, 25°C, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(epoxide 1) = 37.0 min, t_R(epoxide 2) = 56.8 min

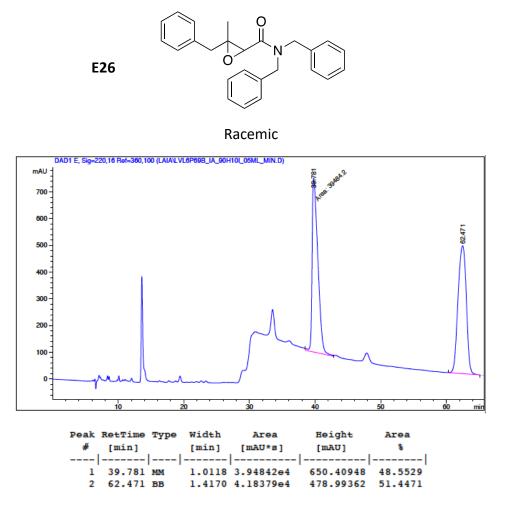
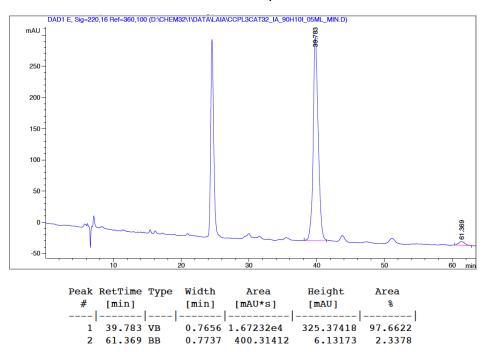
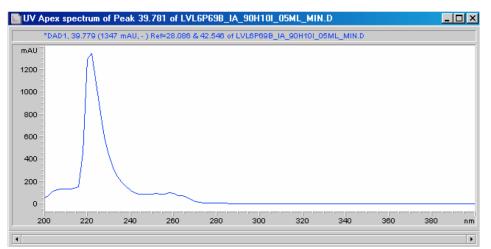
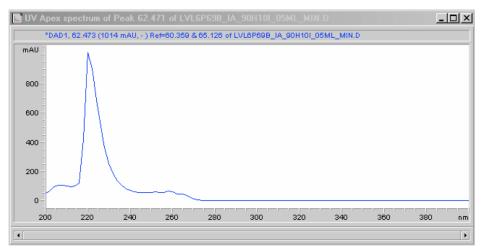


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