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Catalytic Direct Dehydrogenative Cross-Couplings of C-H (Pro)Nucleophiles and Allylic Alcohols without an Additional Oxidant

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1. Experimental

All reactions were performed in oven-dried (150 °C) glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen (about 0.2 bar). For all reactions liquids and solutions were added *via* syringes and septa. For catalysis all glassware used (also for catalyst activation and preparation of stock solutions) was washed intensively with demineralized water to remove traces of chloride. *N,N*-Dimethylformamide was stored in crown-capped bottles under argon over 4 Å molecular sieves. Acetonitrile and dichloromethane (DCM) were purified by distillation and subsequently by a solvent purification system. 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol was dried and degassed prior to use. *n*-Hexane (HPLC grade) and *iso*-propanol (HPLC grade) were used as purchased. For work-up procedures and column chromatography technical grade solvents (petrol ether and ethyl acetate) were purified by distillation prior to use. Solvents were mostly removed at a heating bath temperature of 40 °C and 600 – 10 mbar pressure by rotary evaporation. Non-volatile compounds were dried *in vacuo* at 0.1 mbar. [FBIP-Cl]₂,^[1] [RuBIP-Cl]₂^[2] and [FBIPP-Cl]₂^[3] were prepared according to literature procedures. 1-Ethyl-1H-indole (**4b**),^[4] 1-benzyl-1H-indole (**4c**),^[5] 1-(4-bromobenzyl)-1H-indole (**4e**),^[5] 5-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-indole (**4g**),^[4] 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (**5B**),^[6] 1-cyclohexylprop-2-en-1-ol (**5E**)^[6] *tert*-butyl 2-cyano-2-phenylacetate,^[7] and 2,4-dimethylpentan-3-yl 2-cyano-2-phenylacetate^[7] were prepared according to literature procedures. All other laboratory chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without purification unless otherwise indicated.

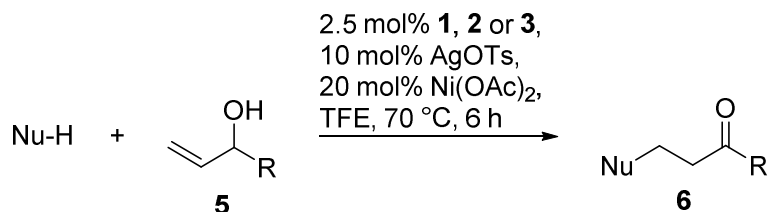
Yields refer to chromatographically purified compounds and are calculated in mol% of the used starting material. Catalytic reactions were carried out in a parallel synthesizer at 400 rpm. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates from *Merck* (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄) were used. Visualization occurred by fluorescence quenching under UV light and/or by staining with KMnO₄/NaOH followed by heating (230 °C). Purification by flash-chromatography was performed on silica gel 0.040 – 0.063 mm provided by *Merck*, using a forced flow of eluent at 0.2-0.4 bar pressure.

NMR-spectra were recorded at 21 °C on spectrometers operating at 500, 300 MHz or 250 MHz (¹H), 125, 75 MHz or 63 MHz (¹³C) and 235 MHz (¹⁹F). Deuterated solvents were used as purchased and are stated for the corresponding compound characterizations after the corresponding frequency. Chemical shifts are referred in terms of ppm and *J*-coupling constants are given in Hz. Abbreviations for multiplicities are as follows: *s* (singlet), *d* (doublet), *t* (triplet), *m* (multiplet), *b* (broad signal). IR-spectra were recorded by the IR service of the Universität Stuttgart on a spectrometer with an ATR unit. The aggregation state of the sample is stated in parentheses, signals are given by wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Optical rotation was measured on a polarimeter operating at the sodium D line with a 100 mm path cell length. Melting points were measured in open glass

capillaries and are uncorrected. Mass spectra were obtained from the MS service of the Universität Stuttgart. The ionization method is stated in parentheses. Single crystal X-ray analyses were performed by Dr. Wolfgang Frey (Universität Stuttgart). Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*'s) were determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). The applied method is given in the description of the respective product.

1.1 General Procedures (GPs)

1.1.1 General Procedure for the Catalytic Direct Dehydrogenative Cross-Coupling (GP1)

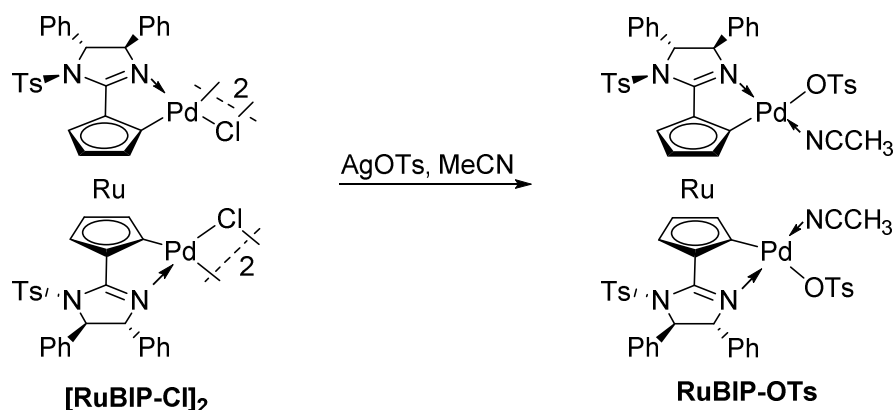


The respective catalyst dimer (1.00 equiv.) and silver tosylate (4.00 equiv.) were dissolved in MeCN (0.2 mL/mg) under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and subsequently filtered through Celite. The filtercake was extracted with MeCN until the organic solution was colorless. The solvent was removed by a steady stream of nitrogen and finally by high vacuum. A stock solution of the activated catalyst was prepared by dissolving the solid in dry, degassed TFE (40 mmol/L).

This stock solution was then used to add 5 mol% of the activated catalyst to the nucleophile (0.16 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), the allylic alcohol 5 (0.48 mmol, 3.00 equiv.) and Ni(OAc)₂ (0.03 mmol 20 mol%) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was shaken at 400 rpm for 6 h at 70 °C. The reaction mixture was afterwards suspended in petrol ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) and subsequently purified by filtration over silica gel.

1.2 Activation of the Catalyst

1.2.1 {Acetonitrile-[(η^5 -(4''*R*,5''*R*)-(1-*S_p*)-2-(2'''-4'''',5'''-dihydro-4'''',5'''-diphenyl-1'''-tosyl-1'''H-imidazolyl)cyclopentadienyl, κ C1, κ N3]-*para*-toluenesulfonato-palladium(II))]-{acetonitrile-[(η^5 -(4'''*R*,5'''*R*)-(1'-*S_p*)-2'-(2'''-4'''',5'''-dihydro-4'''',5'''-diphenyl-1'''-tosyl-1'''H-imidazolyl)cyclopentadienyl, κ C1', κ N3']- *para*-toluenesulfonato-platinum(II))]-iron(II) (RuBIP-OTs)

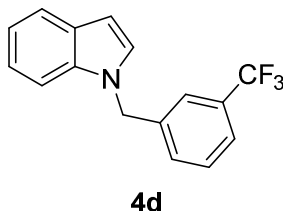


A solution of silver *para*-toluenesulfonate (8.1 mg, 0.03 mmol, 4.00 equiv.) in MeCN (0.4 ml) was added to **[RuBIP-Cl]₂** (18.4 mg, 7.29 μ mol, 1.00 equiv.) under N₂-atmosphere. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then filtered through celite and subsequently the solvent was removed by a stream of N₂ and finally by vacuum. **RuBIP-OTs** was isolated as a yellow solid (23.5 mg, 14.5 μ mol, 99%).

C₇₂H₆₄N₆O₁₀Pd₂RuS₄, MW: 1615.49 g/mol. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$: +126.3 (*c* = 0.076 g/dL, CHCl₃). **Mp.**: >200 °C (decomposition). **¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.51-7.44 (*m*, 6H, arom. *H*), 7.38-7.33 (*m*, 4H, arom. *H*), 7.31-7.27 (*m*, 4H, arom. *H*), 7.23-7.16 (*m*, 6H, arom. *H*), 7.14-7.07 (*m*, 8H, arom. *H*), 6.89 (*d*, *J* = 7.8, 4H, arom. *H*), 6.70 (*d*, *J* = 7.8, 4H, arom. *H*), 5.71 (*d*, *J* = 2.4, 2H, Cp-*H*), 5.39 (*d*, *J* = 2.4, 2H, Cp-*H*), 5.10 (*d*, *J* = 3.3, 2H, CHPh), 4.89 (*d*, *J* = 3.3, 2H, CHPh), 4.59 (*t*, *J* = 2.4, 2H, Cp-*H*), 2.60 (*s*, 6H, Ts-CH₃), 2.40 (*s*, 6H, Ts-CH₃), 2.26 (*s*, 6H, NCCH₃), 2.00 (*s*, 6H, solvent NCCH₃). **¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 169.1, 145.5, 141.6, 140.0, 139.9, 139.4, 135.1, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 125.8, 122.3, 92.5, 78.8, 78.0, 74.9, 74.6, 73.1, 71.8, 21.8, 21.4, 3.7, 2.1. **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3032, 2925, 2329, 2243, 1596, 1555, 1494, 1456, 1361, 1339, 1306, 1246, 1158, 1111, 1029, 1003, 974, 910, 865, 813, 759, 730, 711, 699, 680, 670, 646, 605, 565, 554, 542, 529. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 1361.0 (16%, [M – 2xCH₃CN – OTs]⁺), 595.0 (100%, [M – 2xCH₃CN – 2xOTs]²⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M – 2xCH₃CN – OTs]⁺): 1361.0063; measured: 1361.0047.

1.3 Synthesis of Substrates for the Catalysis

1.3.1 1-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1H-indole (4d)

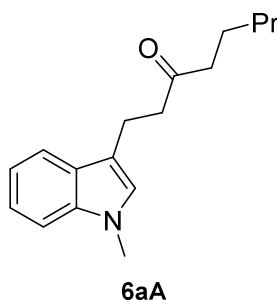


NaH (55% in mineral oil, 185 mg, 4.23 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was placed in a flask under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of indolee (500 mg, 2.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (2.5 mL/mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min. After cooling back to 0 °C, 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide (484 μ L, 758 mg, 3.17 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was again warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. Afterwards water was added and the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) gave the product as a yellow liquid (727 mg, 2.64 mmol, >99%).

C₂₃H₂₇NO, MW: 275.27 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.68 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.52 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, arom. *H*), 7.46 (*s*, 1H, arom. *H*), 7.37 (*t*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, arom. *H*), 7.25-7.11 (*m*, 5H, arom. *H*), 6.60 (*d*, *J* = 3.1, indole C(3)*H*), 5.35 (*s*, 2H, N-CH₂Ar). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 138.8 (N-CH₂-^qC), 136.3 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 131.2 (*q*, *J* = 32.3, phenyl-C3-CF₃), 130.1 (phenyl-C6), 129.5 (phenyl-C5), 128.9 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 128.2 (indole-C2), 124.7 (*q*, *J* = 3.8, phenyl-C2/4), 124.1 (*q*, *J* = 272.4, CF₃), 123.6 (*q*, *J* = 3.8, phenyl-C2/4), 122.1 (indole-C6), 121.3 (indole-C5), 119.9 (indole-C4), 109.6 (indole-C7), 102.4 (indole-C3), 49.7 (N-CH₂-Ph). **¹⁹F-NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = -62.6 (*s*, 3F, CF₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3057, 1613, 1513, 1484, 1462, 1437, 1397, 1353, 1328, 1312, 1255, 1196, 1161, 1115, 1096, 1072, 1045, 1012, 962, 921, 885, 844, 795, 765, 737, 718, 669, 660, 576. **MS (EI) *m/z***: 275.1 (100%, [M]⁺), 159.0 (70%, [M - indole]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + H]⁺): 276.0995; measured: 276.0984.

1.4 Catalytic Synthesis of Products 6

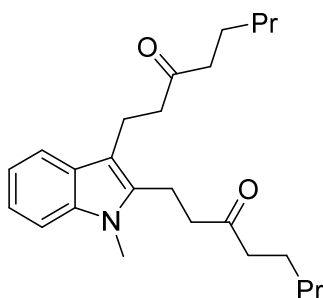
1.4.1 1-(1-Methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6aA)



4a was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6aA** as a colorless oil (34.2 mg, 83%).

C₁₇H₂₃NO, MW: 257.38 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.57 (*d*, *J* = 8.0, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.30-7.25 (*m*, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.24-7.20 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.13-7.08 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 6.84 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 3.73 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.03 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.80 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.60-1.52 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.33-1.18 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.3 (O=C), 137.1 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 127.7 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 126.5 (indole-C2), 121.7 (indole-C6), 118.9 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 114.0 (indole-C3), 109.3 (indole-C7), 43.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.1 (C(O)-CH₂), 32.7 (N-CH₃), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.4 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3054, 2956, 2928, 2855, 2359, 1711, 1615, 1554, 1485, 1470, 1425, 1409, 1376, 1325, 1249, 1207, 1154, 1128, 1082, 1059, 1012, 739, 559. **MS (EI) *m/z***: 257.2 (34%, [M]⁺), 158.1 (20%, [M - C(O)C₅H₁₁]⁺), 144.1 (100%, [1,2-Dimethyl-1H-indole]⁺). **HRMS (EI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M]⁺): 257.1780; measured: 257.1779.

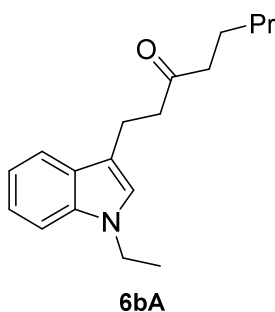
Sideproduct caused by double alkylation:



4a was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded the double addition product as a yellow oil (1.8 mg, 3%).

C₂₅H₃₇NO₂, MW: 383.58 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.52-7.45 (*m*, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.28-7.22 (*m*, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.21-7.14 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.11-7.05 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 3.65 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.10-2.94 (*m*, 4H, 2x indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.77-2.61 (*m*, 4H, 2x indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.40 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 2.35 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.65-1.48 (*m*, 4H, 2x C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.36-1.15 (*m*, 8H, 2x C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.88 (*t*, *J* = 6.9, 3H, CH₂-CH₃), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 6.9, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.3 (O=C), 209.8 (O=C), 137.0 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 135.9 (indole-C2), 127.3 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 121.1 (indole-C6), 119.1 (indole-C5), 118.2 (indole-C4), 110.5 (indole-C3), 109.0 (indole-C7), 43.7 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.3 (C(O)-CH₂), 43.1 (C(O)-CH₂), 42.7 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 31.5 (2x CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 29.7 (N-CH₃), 23.6 (2x C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 18.8 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 18.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 14.0 (2x CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3054, 2956, 2928, 2871, 2856, 1711, 1658, 1613, 1565, 1470, 1434, 1407, 1370, 1332, 1292, 1270, 1243, 1203, 1185, 1148, 1127, 1077, 1013, 919, 895, 841, 739, 556. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 406.27 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 406.2717; measured: 406.2727.

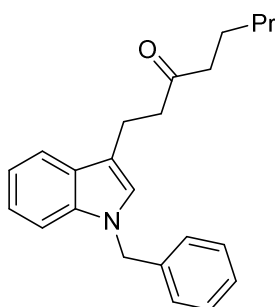
1.4.2 1-(1-Ethyl-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6bA)



4b was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6bA** as a colorless oil (28.4 mg, 69%).

C₁₈H₂₅NO, MW: 271.40 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.59 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.32 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.25-7.18 (*m*, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.15-7.07 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 6.91 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 4.12 (*q*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, N-CH₂CH₃), 3.05 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.81 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.39 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.63-1.51 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.44 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, N-CH₂CH₃), 1.35-1.17 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.88 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.4 (O=C), 136.1 (HC=C(N)(¹³C)), 127.8 (HC=C(¹³C)(CH)), 124.7 (indole-C2), 121.5 (indole-C6), 119.0 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 114.0 (indole-C3), 109.4 (indole-C7), 43.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.1 (C(O)-CH₂), 40.8 (N-CH₂-CH₃), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 15.6 (N-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2955, 2929, 2854, 2358, 1711, 1613, 1553, 1483, 1467, 1446, 1399, 1373, 1354, 1331, 1230, 1203, 1154, 1124, 1070, 1014, 802, 736, 603, 556. **MS (EI) *m/z***: 271.2 (40%, [M]⁺), 172.1 (17%, [M - C(O)C₅H₁₁]⁺), 158.1 (20%, [M - CH₃ - C(O)C₅H₁₁]⁺), 130.1 (8%, [1-Methyl-1H-indole - H]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 294.1828; measured: 294.1815.

1.4.3 1-(1-Benzyl-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6cA)

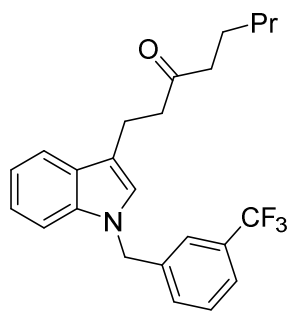


6cA

4c was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6cA** as a white solid (36.2 mg, 75%).

C₂₃H₂₇NO, **MW**: 333.48 g/mol. **MP**: 34.5 – 35.0 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.60 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.32-7.20 (*m*, 3H, arom. *H*), 7.20-7.06 (*m*, 4H, arom. *H*), 6.91 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 5.25 (*s*, 2H, N-CH₂Ph), 3.05 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.80 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.37 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.62-1.49 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.34-1.15 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.2 (O=C), 137.8 (N-CH₂-^qC), 136.8 (HC=C(N)(^qC)), 128.8 (phenyl-C3/5), 128.0 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 127.7 (indole-C2), 126.9 (phenyl-C2/6), 125.8 (phenyl-C4), 121.9 (indole-C6), 119.1 (indole-C5), 119.0 (indole-C4), 114.7 (indole-C3), 109.8 (indole-C7), 50.0 (N-CH₂-Ph), 43.4 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.2 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3060, 3028, 2955, 2927, 2854, 1711, 1613, 1554, 1495, 1467, 1452, 1410, 1375, 1356, 1330, 1260, 1200, 1178, 1126, 1077, 1029, 1014, 966, 800, 735, 698, 594, 558. **MS (EI) *m/z***: 333.2 (84%, [M]⁺), 234.1 (18%, [M – C₆H₁₁O]⁺), 220.1 (100%, [M – C₇H₁₃O]⁺), 91.1 (90%, [PhCH₂]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 356.1985; measured: 356.1993.

1.4.4 1-(1-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6dA)

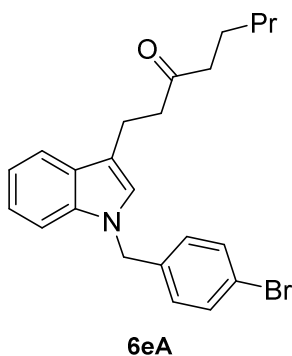


6dA

4d was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6dA** as a white solid (33.8. mg, 58%).

C₂₃H₂₇NO, **MW**: 401.47 g/mol. **MP**: 33.4 – 34.9 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.62 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.52 (*d*, *J* = 7.7, 1H, arom. *H*), 7.46-7.35 (*m*, 2H, arom. *H*), 7.23-7.10 (*m*, 4H, arom. *H*), 6.92 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 5.31 (*s*, 2H, N-CH₂Ar), 3.06 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.82 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.62-1.49 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.36-1.16 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.1 (O=C), 138.9 (N-CH₂-^qC), 136.7 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 131.2 (*q*, *J* = 32.3, phenyl-C3-CF₃), 130.1 (phenyl-C6), 129.5 (phenyl-C5), 128.1 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 125.6 (indole-C2), 124.6 (*q*, *J* = 3.8, phenyl-C2/4), 124.1 (*q*, *J* = 272.4, CF₃), 123.6 (*q*, *J* = 3.8, phenyl-C2/4), 122.2 (indole-C6), 119.4 (indole-C5), 119.2 (indole-C4), 115.3 (indole-C3), 109.6 (indole-C7), 49.6 (N-CH₂-Ph), 43.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.2 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.4 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃). **¹⁹F-NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = -62.6 (*s*, 3F, CF₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3056, 2958, 2929, 2873, 2856, 1711, 1614, 1598, 1556, 1466, 1449, 1438, 1411, 1376, 1355, 1327, 1270, 1196, 1163, 1122, 1095, 1074, 1015, 968, 921, 882, 868, 795, 740, 702, 657, 561, 541. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 424.19 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 424.1859; measured: 424.1862.

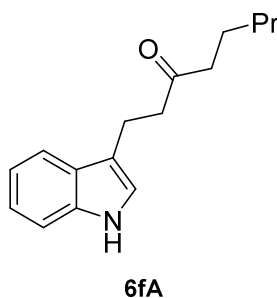
1.4.5 1-(1-(4-Bromobenzyl)-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6eA)



4e was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6eA** as a white solid (18.4 mg, 32%).

C₂₃H₂₇NO, **MW**: 412.37 g/mol. **MP**: 42.8 - 43.2 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.60 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.40 (*d*, *J* = 8.4, 2H, arom. *H*), 7.22-7.08 (*m*, 3H, arom. *H*), 6.95 (*d*, *J* = 8.4, 2H, arom. *H*), 6.89 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 5.20 (*s*, 2H, N-CH₂Ar), 3.05 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.81 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.37 (*t*, *J* = 7.5, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.62-1.49 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.34-1.15 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.2 (O=C), 136.9 (N-CH₂-^qC), 136.7 (HC=C(N)(^qC)), 132.0 (phenyl-C3/5), 128.5 (phenyl-C2/6), 128.1 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 125.7 (indole-C2), 122.1 (indole-C6), 121.6 (C^q-Br), 119.3 (indole-C5), 119.2 (indole-C4), 115.0 (indole-C3), 109.7 (indole-C7), 49.4 (N-CH₂-Ph), 43.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.2 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.4 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3056, 3046, 3026, 2956, 2928, 2870, 2855, 1711, 1613, 1592, 1574, 1555, 1487, 1466, 1438, 1407, 1374, 1351, 1331, 1297, 1258, 1199, 1177, 1126, 1108, 1071, 1011, 969, 932, 844, 801, 740, 667, 611, 586, 571, 540, 527. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 450.1 (40%, [M + K]⁺), 434.1 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 434.1090; measured: 434.1079.

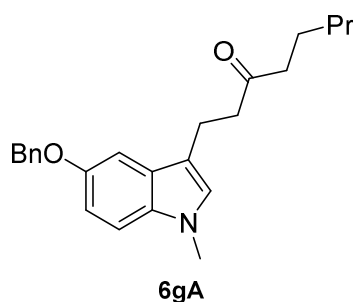
1.4.6 1-(1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6fA)



4f was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6fA** as a white solid (23.7 mg, 57%).

C₁₆H₂₁NO, MW: 243.35 g/mol. **MP**: 81.0 – 82.5 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.97 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0, 1H, indole C(4)H), 7.35 (d, 1H, indole C(6)H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 1H, indole C(7)H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 1H, indole C(5)H), 6.98 (d, J = 2.3, 1H, indole C(2)H), 3.05 (t, J = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.82 (t, J = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (t, J = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.60-1.50 (m, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.37-1.17 (m, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.3 (O=C), 136.4 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 127.3 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 122.1 (indole-C2), 121.6 (indole-C6), 119.4 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 115.5 (indole-C3), 111.3 (indole-C7), 43.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.1 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3270, 3059, 2956, 2928, 2852, 1698, 1620, 1577, 1494, 1458, 1441, 1413, 1381, 1353, 1336, 1271, 1249, 1221, 1124, 1104, 1062, 1007, 908, 881, 827, 801, 771, 737, 666, 587, 564, 471, 457, 426. **MS (ESI) m/z** : 282.14 (100%, [M + K]⁺), 266.15 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) m/z** : calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 266.1515; measured: 266.1508.

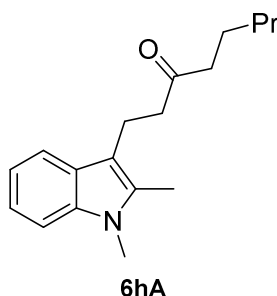
1.4.7 1-(5-(Benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6gA)



4g was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6gA** as a yellowish oil (30.7 mg, 50%).

C₂₄H₂₉NO₂, MW: 363.50 g/mol. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H, phenyl C(2/6)H), 7.44-7.29 (m, 3H, phenyl C(3/5)H, indole C(7)H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H, phenyl C(4)H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H, indole C(4)H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 1H, indole C(6)H), 6.82 (s, 1H, indole C(2)H), 5.13 (s, 2H, O-CH₂-Ph), 3.70 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.77 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.64-1.50 (m, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.37-1.17 (m, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 211.3 (O=C), 152.9 (indole-C5-OBn), 137.9 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 132.7 (^qC-CH₂-O), 128.6 (phenyl-C3/5), 127.92 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 127.89 (phenyl-C4), 127.7 (phenyl-C2/6), 127.2 (indole-C2), 113.4 (indole-C3), 112.5 (indole-C6), 110.1 (indole-C7), 102.7 (indole-C4), 71.2 (O-CH₂-Ph), 43.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.2 (C(O)-CH₂), 32.9 (N-CH₃), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.4 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₂-CH₃). IR (in CDCl₃): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3032, 2927, 2858, 1708, 1621, 1576, 1488, 1454, 1424, 1372, 1298, 1254, 1215, 1136, 1121, 1080, 1055, 1025, 924, 829, 789, 735, 696, 633, 608, 506, 473, 429. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 402.19 (3%, [M + K]⁺), 386.21 (100%, [M + Na]⁺), 364.23 (3%, [M + H]⁺). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 386.2091; measured: 386.2095.

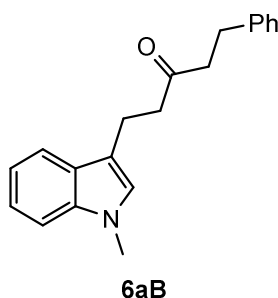
1.4.8 1-(1,2-Dimethyl-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (6hA)



4h was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6hA** as a colorless oil (38.7 mg, 90%).

C₁₈H₂₅NO, MW: 271.40 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.50 (*d*, *J* = 7.8, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.25 (*d*, *J* = 7.8, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.20-7.13 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.12-7.05 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 3.65 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.01 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.73 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (*s*, 3H, indole C(2)-CH₃), 2.34 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.62-1.47 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.36-1.15 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.87 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.5 (O=C), 136.7 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 133.1 (indole-C2), 127.4 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 120.7 (indole-C6), 118.8 (indole-C5), 117.8 (indole-C4), 110.0 (indole-C3), 108.7 (indole-C7), 43.6 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.3 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 29.6 (N-CH₃), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 18.9 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃) 10.3 (indole C(2)-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3050, 2952, 2928, 2858, 1709, 1614, 1567, 1471, 1408, 1369, 1330, 1269, 1248, 1186, 1148, 1127, 1079, 1057, 1012, 973, 918, 736, 576, 557, 490, 434. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 294.18 (100%, [M + Na]⁺), 272.20 (8%, [M + H]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 294.1828; measured: 294.1828.

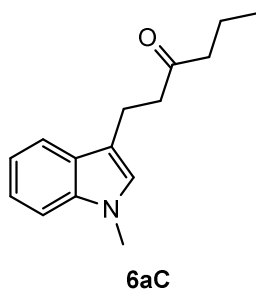
1.4.9 1-(1-Methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)-5-phenylpentan-3-one (6aB)



4a was treated with **5B** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6aB** as a white solid (28.0 mg, 60%).

C₂₀H₂₁NO, MW: 291.39 g/mol. **MP**: 42.1 – 42.7 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.62-7.55 (*m*, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.35-7.09 (*m*, 8H, indole-*H* + Ph-*H*), 6.83 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 3.75 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.06 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.92 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-Ph), 2.82 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.74 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-Ph). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 210.0 (O=C), 141.2 (Ph-C1), 137.1 (HC=C(NMe)(¹³C)), 128.6 (Ph-C3/5), 128.5 (Ph-C2/6), 127.6 (HC=C(¹³C)(CH)), 126.5 (indole-C2), 126.2 (Ph-C4), 121.7 (indole-C6), 118.9 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 113.8 (indole-C3), 109.3 (indole-C7), 44.6 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.8 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-Ph), 32.7 (N-CH₃), 29.9 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-Ph), 19.4 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3026, 2926, 1709, 1603, 1554, 1472, 1453, 1424, 1408, 1373, 1325, 1249, 1207, 1155, 1130, 1091, 1074, 1030, 1012, 976, 923, 801, 737, 699, 607, 550, 506. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 346.14 (20%, [M + O₂ + Na]⁺), 330.15 (20%, [M + O + Na]⁺), 314.15 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 314.1515; measured: 314.1512.

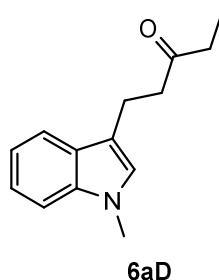
1.4.10 1-(1-Methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)hexan-3-one (6aC)



4a was treated with **5C** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6aC** as a colorless oil (23.9 mg, 65%).

C₁₅H₁₉NO, MW: 229.32 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.62-7.56 (*m*, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.32-7.27 (*m*, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.27-7.20 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.16-7.08 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 6.85 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 3.74 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.05 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.80 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.68-1.53 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 0.91 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.1 (O=C), 137.1 (HC=C(NMe)(¹³C)), 127.7 (HC=C(¹³C)(CH)), 126.5 (indole-C2), 121.7 (indole-C6), 118.9 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 113.9 (indole-C3), 109.3 (indole-C7), 45.0 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.5 (C(O)-CH₂), 32.7 (N-CH₃), 19.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 17.4 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 13.9 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3053, 2960, 2932, 2874, 1710, 1615, 1554, 1485, 1470, 1425, 1409, 1375, 1325, 1249, 1207, 1154, 1125, 1081, 1056, 1013, 923, 791, 738, 604, 555. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 268.13 (5%, [M + K]⁺), 252.14 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 252.1359; measured: 252.1368.

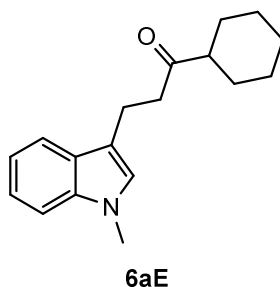
1.4.11 1-(1-Methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)pentan-3-one (6aD)



4a was treated with **5D** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6aD** as a colorless oil (25.2 mg, 73%).

C₁₄H₁₇NO, MW: 215.30 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.56 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.32-7.16 (*m*, 2H, indole C(6)*H*, indole C(7)*H*), 7.15-7.05 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 6.83 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 3.71 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.03 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.79 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.40 (*q*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.03 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.5 (O=C), 137.1 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 127.7 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 126.5 (indole-C2), 121.7 (indole-C6), 118.9 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 113.9 (indole-C3), 109.3 (indole-C7), 43.2 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 36.2 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₃), 32.7 (N-CH₃), 19.4 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 7.9 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3053, 2974, 2935, 2878, 1711, 1615, 1554, 1485, 1471, 1446, 1425, 1410, 1375, 1352, 1324, 1249, 1207, 1154, 1131, 1111, 1072, 1051, 1012, 974, 924, 894, 807, 738, 604, 555. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 254.11 (25%, [M + K]⁺), 238.12 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 238.1202; measured: 238.1191.

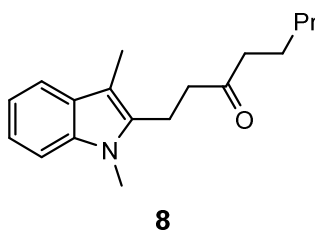
1.4.12 1-Cyclohexyl-3-(1-methyl-1H-indole-3-yl)propan-1-one (6aE)



4a was treated with **5E** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **6aE** as a colorless oil (38.4 mg, 89%).

C₁₈H₂₃NO, MW: 269.39 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.59 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.29 (*d*, *J* = 7.9, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.26-7.20 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.15-7.08 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 6.84 (*s*, 1H, indole C(2)*H*), 3.74 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.03 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.84 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.42-2.26 (*m*, 1H, C(O)-CH), 1.90-1.72 (*m*, 4H, Cyclohexyl-*H*), 1.71-1.59 (*m*, 1H, Cyclohexyl-*H*), 1.43-1.12 (*m*, 5H, Cyclohexyl-*H*). **¹³C-NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 214.0 (O=C), 137.1 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 127.7 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 126.4 (indole-C2), 121.6 (indole-C6), 118.9 (indole-C5), 118.8 (indole-C4), 114.2 (indole-C3), 109.3 (indole-C7), 51.0 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 41.5 (C(O)-CH), 32.7 (N-CH₃), 28.6 (Cyclohexyl-C(2/6)), 26.0 (Cyclohexyl-C(4)), 25.8 (Cyclohexyl-C(3/5)), 19.3 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3053, 2925, 2852, 1702, 1615, 1555, 1472, 1447, 1424, 1408, 1374, 1344, 1325, 1291, 1248, 1206, 1142, 1087, 1062, 1012, 989, 919, 889, 799, 735, 606, 557, 513. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 324.16 (7%, [M + O₂ + Na]⁺), 308.16 (11%, [M + O + Na]⁺), 292.17 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 292.1672; measured: 292.1671.

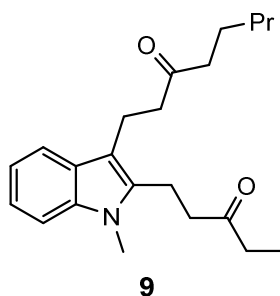
1.4.13 1-(1,3-Dimethyl-1H-indole-2-yl)octan-3-one (**8**)



7 was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **8** as a colorless oil (13.2 mg, 59%).

C₁₈H₂₅NO, MW: 271.40 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.50 (*d*, *J* = 8.0, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.28-7.22 (*m*, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.21-7.14 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.12-7.05 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 3.67 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.05 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.66 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, indole-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.38 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 2.27 (*s*, 3H, indole C(3)-CH₃), 1.63-1.51 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.37-1.17 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.88 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 210.0 (O=C), 136.7 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 135.5 (indole-C3), 128.4 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 121.0 (indole-C6), 118.8 (indole-C5), 118.2 (indole-C4), 108.8 (indole-C2), 106.8 (indole-C7), 43.2 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 42.4 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.5 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 29.7 (N-CH₃), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 18.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃), 8.9 (indole C(3)-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3053, 2954, 2927, 2859, 1711, 1615, 1567, 1470, 1408, 1382, 1366, 1329, 1244, 1189, 1150, 1128, 1078, 1012, 974, 917, 839, 737, 664, 569, 548, 510, 457, 438, 416. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 294.18 (100%, [M + Na]⁺), 272.20 (75%, [M + H]⁺), 158.10 (71%, [1-Methyl-2,3-dimethylenindoleine + H]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + H]⁺): 272.2009; measured: 272.1998, calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 294.1828; measured: 294.1818.

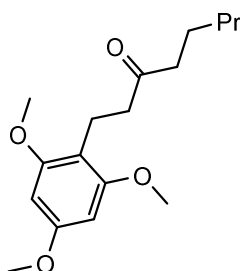
1.4.14 1-(1-Methyl-2-(3-oxopentyl)-1H-indole-3-yl)octan-3-one (9)



6aA was treated with **5D** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **9** as a yellow oil (21.3 mg, 64%).

C₂₂H₃₁NO₂, MW: 341.50 g/mol. **¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.48 (*d*, *J* = 7.5, 1H, indole C(4)*H*), 7.25 (*d*, *J* = 7.5, 1H, indole C(6)*H*), 7.19-7.14 (*m*, 1H, indole C(7)*H*), 7.10-7.05 (*m*, 1H, indole C(5)*H*), 3.65 (*s*, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.06 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, indole C(2)-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.98 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 2H, indole C(3)-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.73 (*t*, *J* = 7.1, 2H, indole C(3)-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.66 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, indole C(2)-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.43 (*q*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₃), 2.34 (*t*, *J* = 7.3, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.57-1.49 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.30-1.17 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 1.07 (*t*, *J* = 7.4, 3H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₃), 0.86 (*t*, *J* = 7.0, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 211.3 (O=C), 210.1 (O=C), 137.0 (HC=C(NMe)(^qC)), 135.9 (indole-C2), 127.4 (HC=C(^qC)(CH)), 121.1 (indole-C6), 119.1 (indole-C5), 118.2 (indole-C4), 110.5 (indole-C3), 109.0 (indole-C7), 43.7 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 43.3 (C(O)-CH₂), 42.4 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 36.3 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₃), 31.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 29.8 (N-CH₃), 23.6 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 18.8 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 18.6 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃), 7.9 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3053, 2931, 2872, 1709, 1613, 1565, 1470, 1435, 1408, 1368, 1333, 1241, 1187, 1147, 1112, 1079, 1014, 971, 739, 557. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 364.23 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 364.2247; measured: 364.2251.

1.4.15 1-(2,4,6-Trimethoxyphenyl)octan-3-one (10)

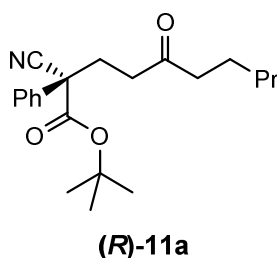


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1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene was treated with **5A** according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded **10** as a white solid (32.0 mg, 73%).

C₁₇H₂₆O₄, **MW**: 294.39 g/mol. **MP**: 49.6 – 50.1 °C. **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 6.11 (s, 2H, phenyl C(3/5)*H*), 3.80 (s, 3H, phenyl C(4)OCH₃), 3.78 (s, 6H, phenyl C(2/6)OCH₃), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, phenyl-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, phenyl-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H, C(O)-CH₂), 1.63-1.51 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.38-1.19 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz (500er), CDCl₃)**: δ = 212.2 (O=C), 159.6 (phenyl-C4), 158.9 (phenyl-C2/6), 109.9 (phenyl-C1), 90.6 (phenyl-C3/5), 55.7 (2x *o*-OCH₃), 55.5 (*p*-OCH₃), 42.7 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 42.6 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.6 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 23.8 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 17.7 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2936, 2838, 1710, 1609, 1595, 1499, 1456, 1417, 1367, 1320, 1230, 1205, 1150, 1125, 1078, 1060, 1042, 950, 812, 632, 510. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 317.17 (100%, [M + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 317.1723; measured: 317.1709.

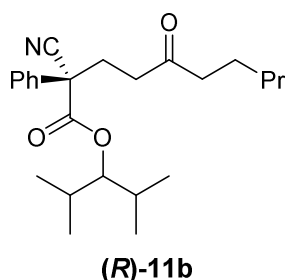
1.4.16 *tert*-Butyl (*R*)-2-cyano-5-oxo-2-phenyldecanoate ((*R*)-11a)



The activation of the catalyst was done according to **GP1**. Then diglyme was used as the solvent for the stock solution as well as for the catalysis. Subsequently *tert*-butyl 2-cyano-2-phenylacetate was treated with **5A** and the catalyst stock solution according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded (***R***)-**11a** as a colorless oil (37.6 mg, 68%, *ee* = 44%). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral column HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH (99.8/0.2), 0.8 mL min⁻¹, 210 nm; 46.74 min (major enantiomer), 65.59 min (minor enantiomer). The absolute configuration of the major enantiomer was achieved by comparison with Michael addition products of Peters and Jautze.^[7]

C₂₁H₂₉NO₃, MW: 343.47 g/mol. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$: -3.8 (*c* = 1 g/dL, CHCl₃, sample with *ee* = 44%). **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.54-7.47 (*m*, 2H, phenyl C(2/6)*H*), 7.44-7.32 (*m*, 3H, phenyl C(3/4/5)*H*), 2.68-2.32 (*m*, 6H, ⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)-CH₂), 1.60-1.47 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.41 (*s*, 9H, C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), 1.36-1.15 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.86 (*t*, *J* = 7.0, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 208.7 (O=C(C)(C)), 166.1 (C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), 134.5 (phenyl-C1), 129.2 (phenyl C3/5), 128.9 (phenyl-C4), 126.1 (phenyl-C2/6), 118.6 (CN), 84.6 (C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), 54.1 (Ph-C(CN)(COOC(CH₃)₃)-CH₂), 43.0 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 38.5 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.6 (Ar-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 31.4 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 27.7 (C(O)O(CH₃)₃), 23.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 22.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2933, 2872, 1737, 1715, 1599, 1493, 1450, 1417, 1395, 1370, 1251, 1150, 1089, 1034, 916, 838, 730, 696, 646, 599, 507. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 366.20 (100%, [M + Na]⁺), 310.14 (60%, [M - C₄H₈ + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 366.2040; measured: 366.2045.

1.4.17 2,4-Dimethylpentan-3-yl (*R*)-2-cyano-5-oxo-2-phenyldecanoate ((*R*)-11b)



The activation of the catalyst was done according to **GP1**. Then diglyme was used as the solvent for the stock solution as well as for the catalysis. Subsequently 2,4-dimethylpentan-3-yl 2-cyano-2-phenylacetate was treated with **5A** and the catalyst stock solution according to **GP1**. Flash column chromatography (silica gel, petrol ether/ ethyl acetate = 20:1) yielded (**R**)-**11b** as a white solid (41.2 mg, 66%, *ee* = 68%). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral column HPLC: Chiralcel OD-H, n-hexane/*i*-PrOH (99.9/0.1), 0.8 mL min⁻¹, 210 nm; 56.30 min (minor enantiomer), 64.90 min (minor enantiomer).

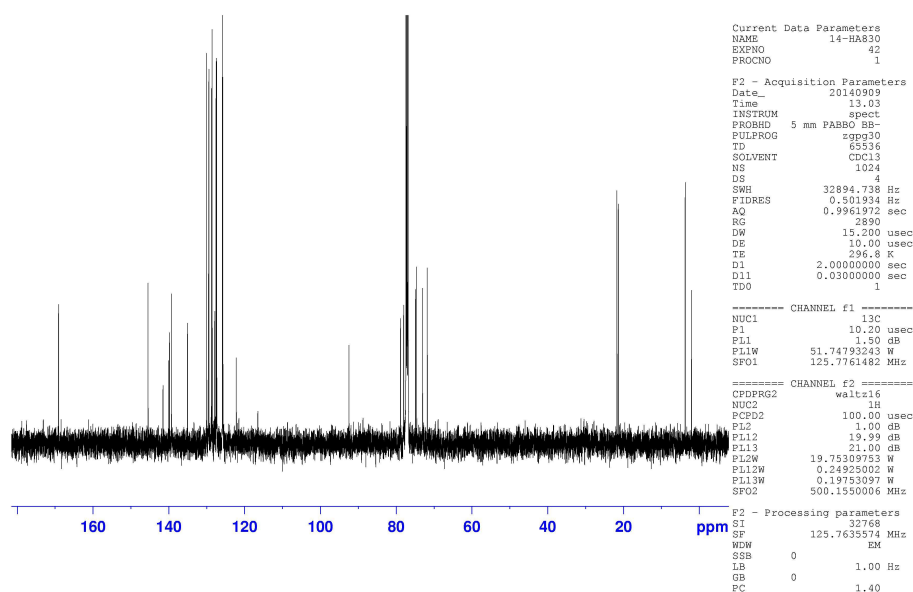
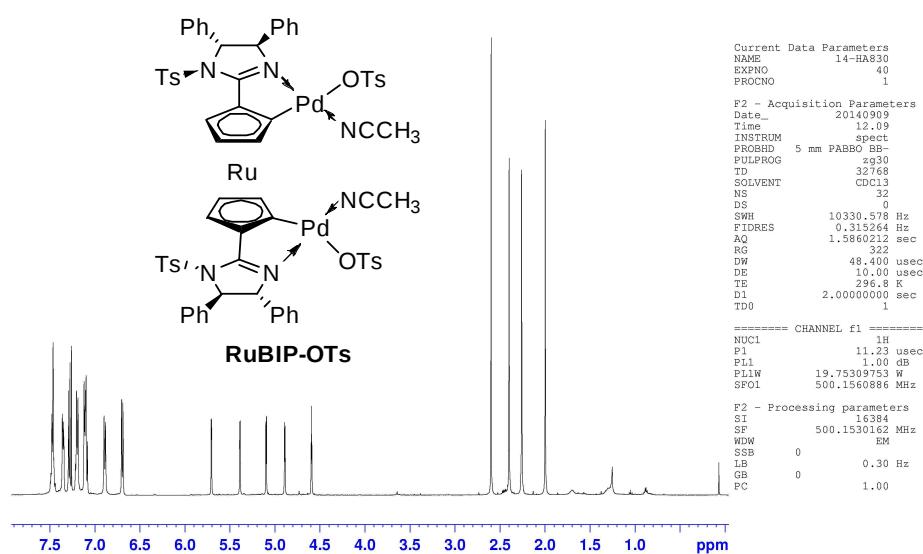
C₂₄H₃₅NO₃, **MW**: 385.55 g/mol. **MP**: 50.6 – 51.4 °C. **[α]_D²⁴**: –1.3 (*c* = 1 g/dL, CHCl₃, sample with *ee* = 68%). **¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.59-7.52 (*m*, 2H, Phenyl C(2/6)*H*), 7.44-7.32 (*m*, 3H, Phenyl C(3/4/5)*H*), 4.57 (*t*, *J* = 6.1, 1H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂), 2.72-2.55 (*m*, 2H, ⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)-CH₂), 2.55-2.40 (*m*, 2H, ⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)-CH₂), 2.40-2.31 (*m*, 2H, ⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)-CH₂), 2.01-1.87 (*m*, 1H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂), 1.87-1.73 (*m*, 1H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂), 1.60-1.46 (*m*, 2H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 1.36-1.15 (*m*, 4H, C(O)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 0.92-0.83 (*m*, 9H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂ + CH₂-CH₃), 0.63 (*d*, *J* = 6.7, 3H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂), 0.53 (*d*, *J* = 6.7, 3H, OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₂). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 208.6 (O=C(C)(C)), 167.3 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 134.1 (Phenyl-C1), 129.3 (Phenyl C3/5), 129.1 (Phenyl-C4), 126.3 (Phenyl-C2/6), 118.3 (CN), 86.6 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 53.6 (Ph-C(CN) (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃)-CH₂), 43.0 (⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 38.5 (C(O)-CH₂), 31.4 (⁹C-CH₂-CH₂-C(O)), 31.3 (C(O)-CH₂-CH₂), 29.5 (2xC(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 23.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 22.5 (CH₂-CH₂-CH₃), 19.6 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 19.3 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 16.9 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 16.8 (C(O)OCH(CH(CH₃)₂)₃), 14.0 (CH₂-CH₃). **IR (in CDCl₃)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3065, 2963, 2935, 2875, 1742, 1716, 1599, 1495, 1450, 1417, 1390, 1371, 1320, 1235, 1185, 1132, 1097, 1075, 1050, 1034, 1000, 963, 935, 892, 767, 727, 697, 646, 594, 504. **MS (ESI) *m/z***: 408.25 (100%, [M + Na]⁺), 310.14 (9%, [M – C₇H₁₄ + Na]⁺). **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calculated for ([M + Na]⁺): 408.2509; measured: 408.2512.

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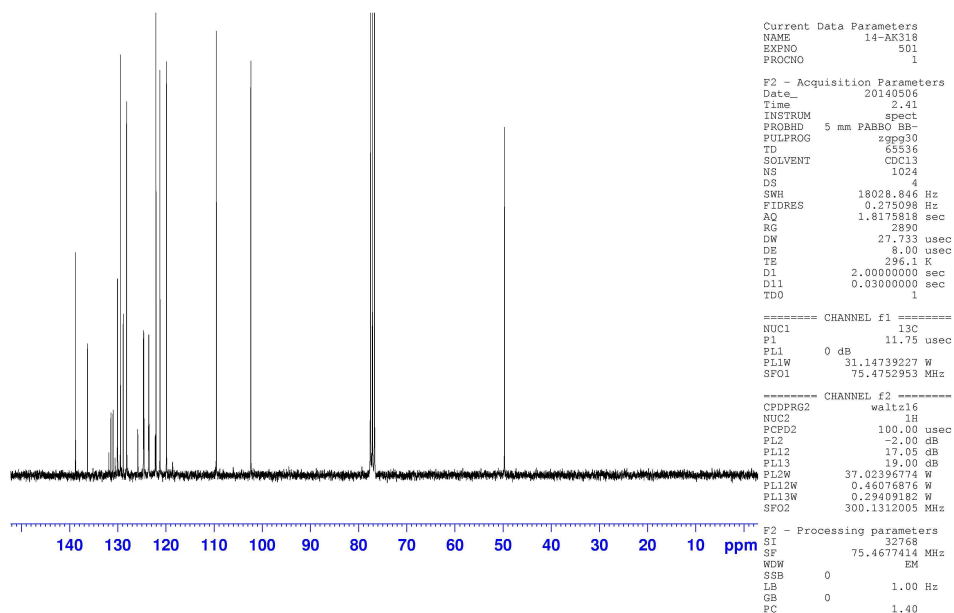
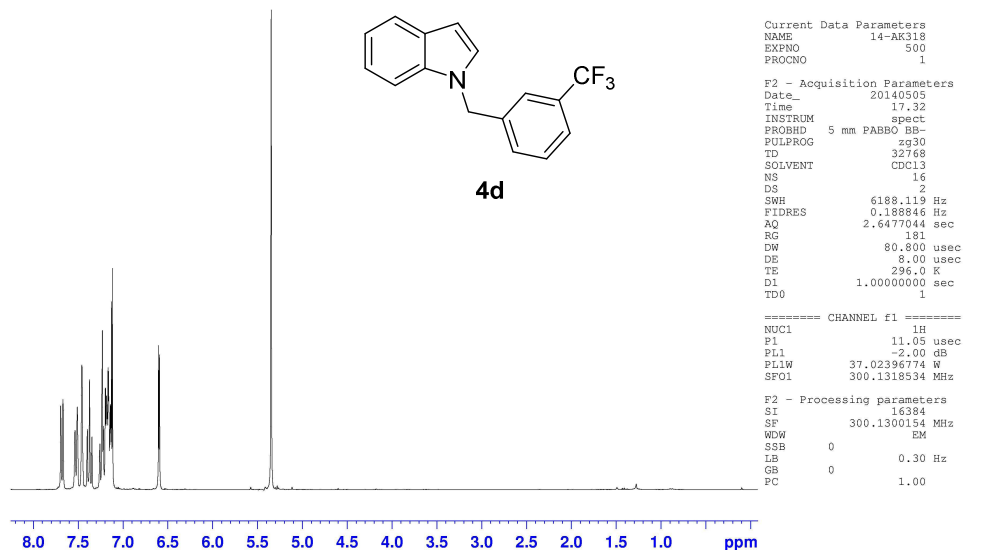
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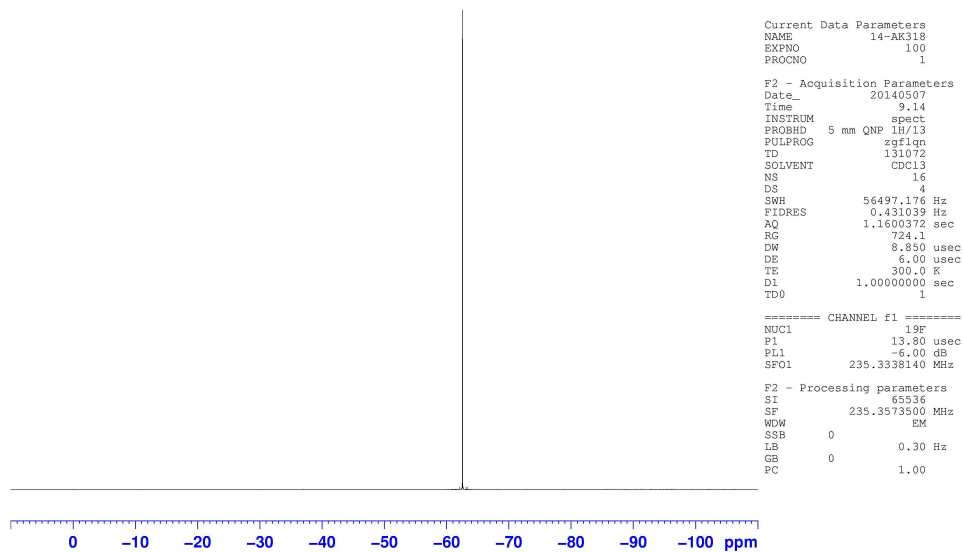
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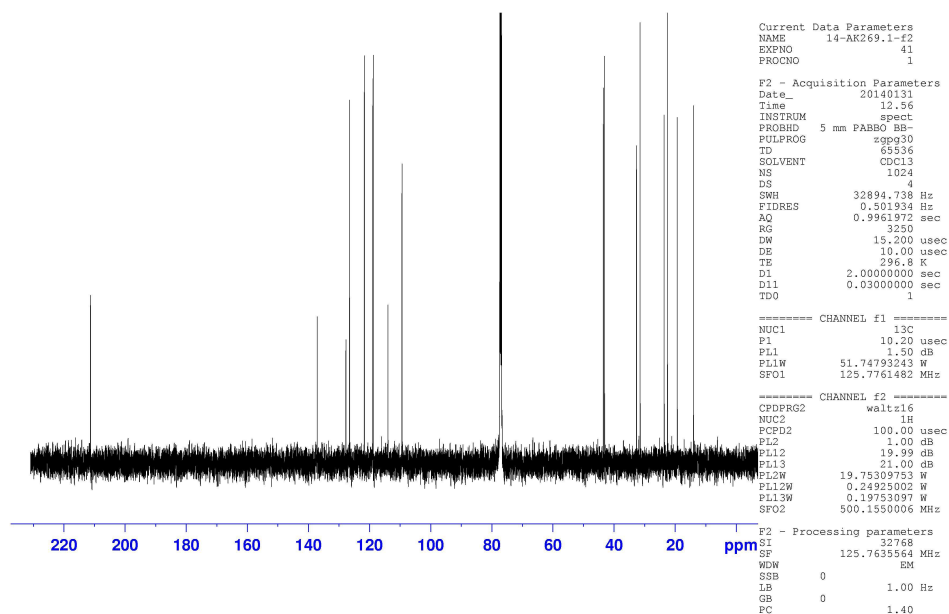
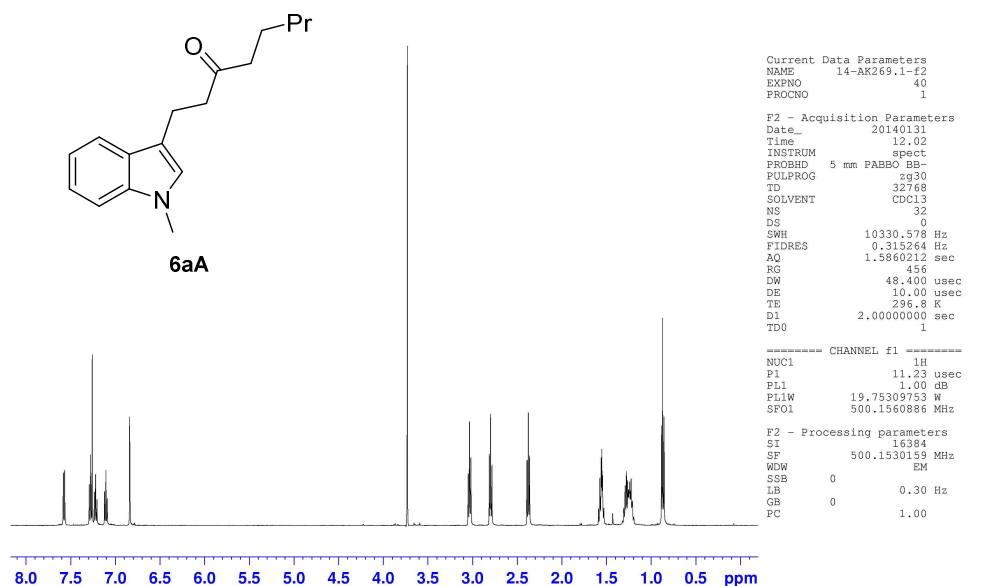


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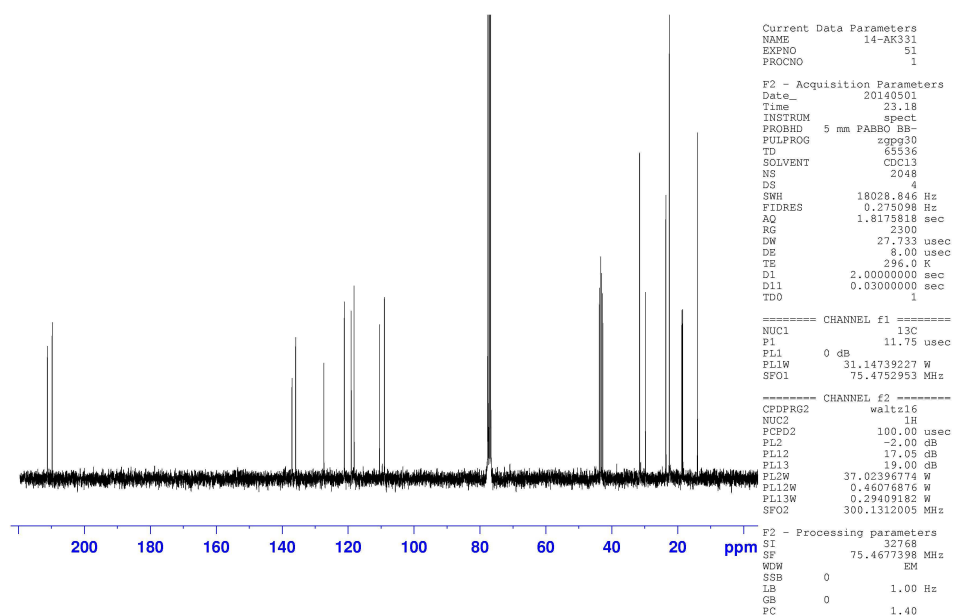
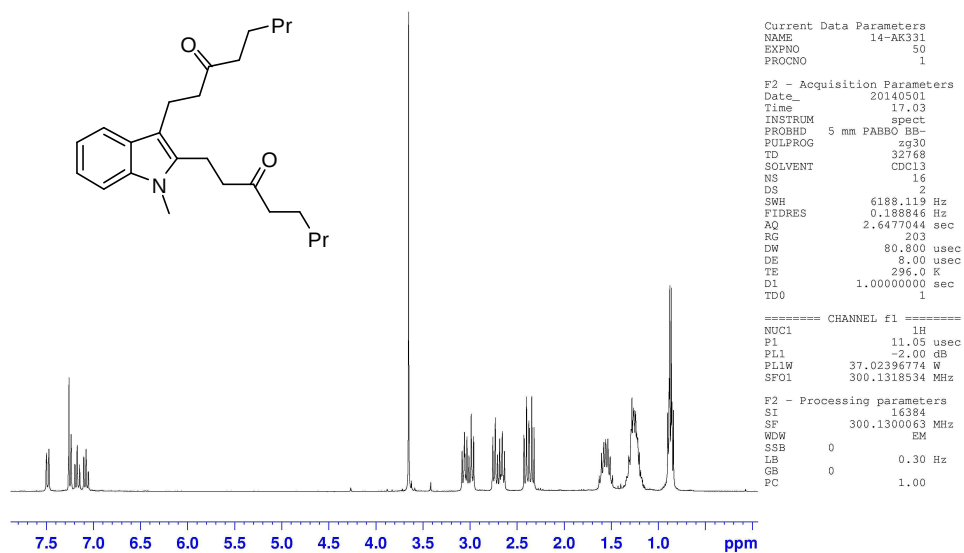




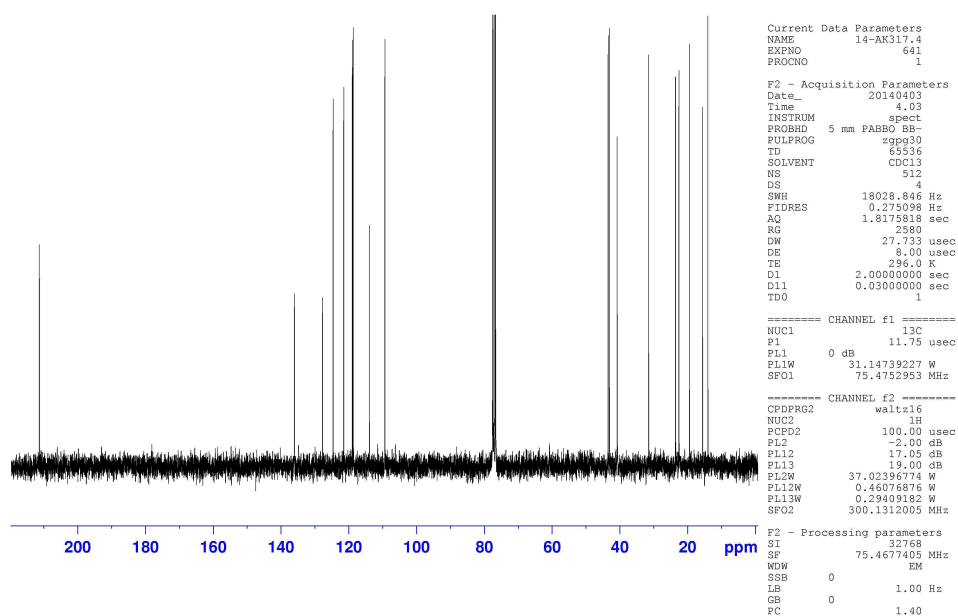
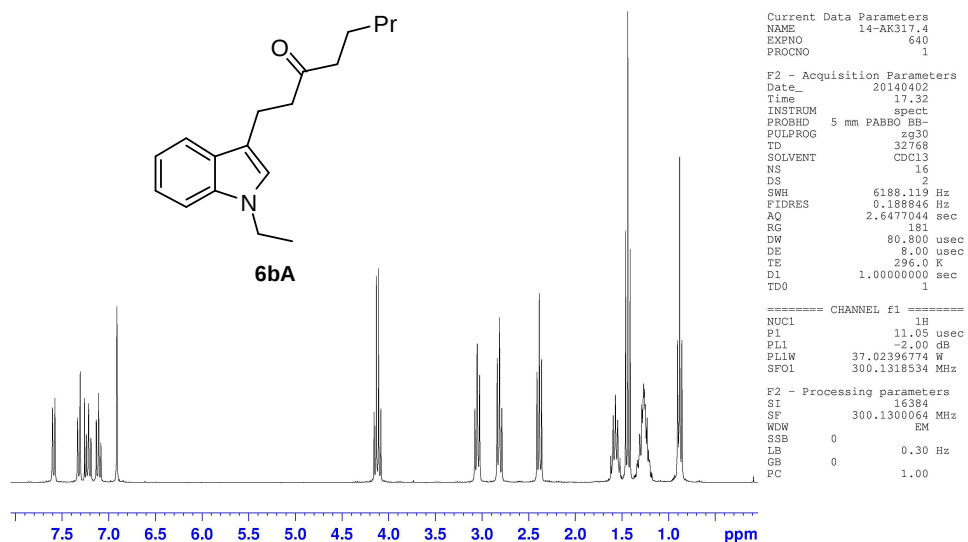
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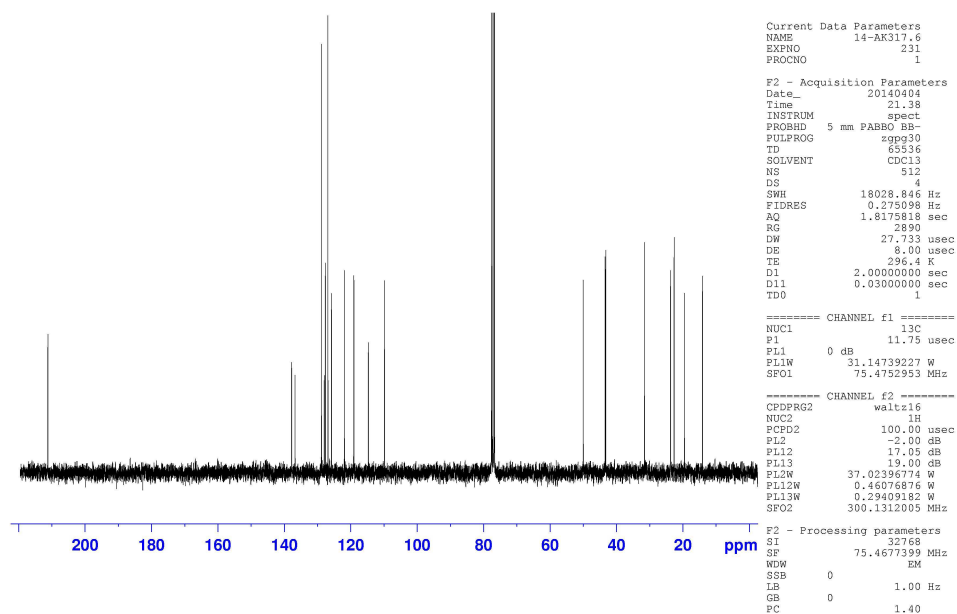
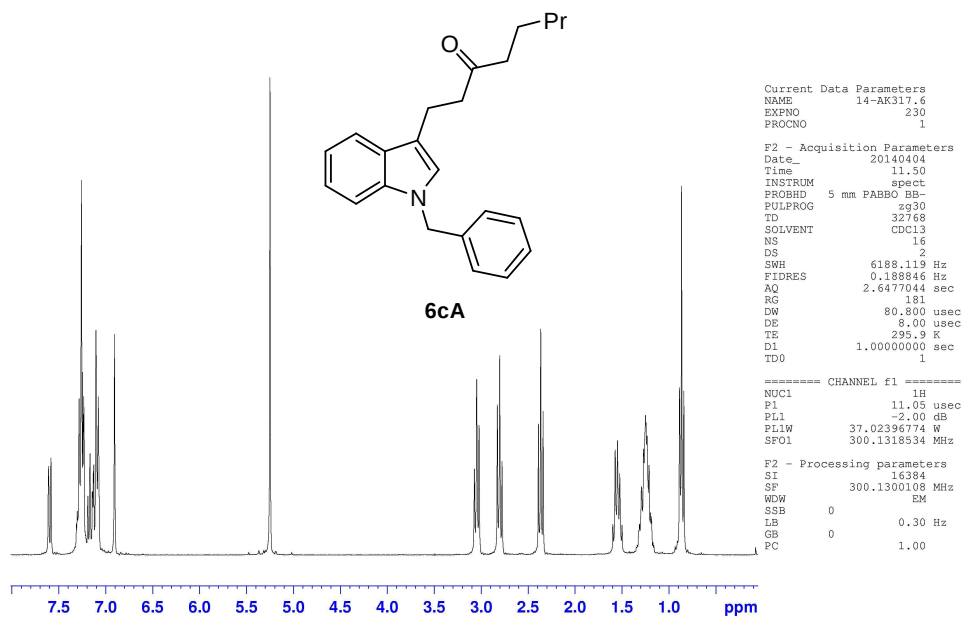
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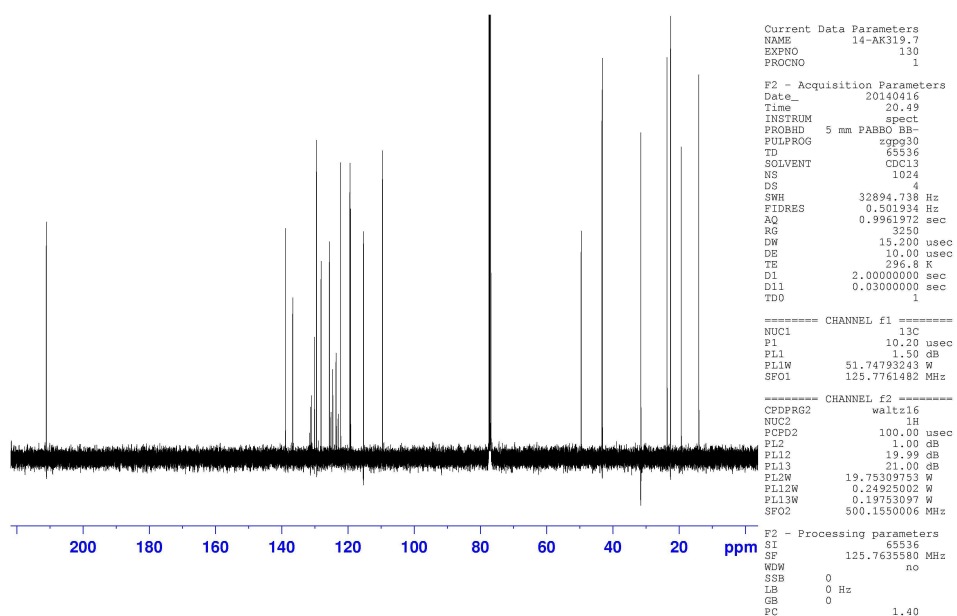
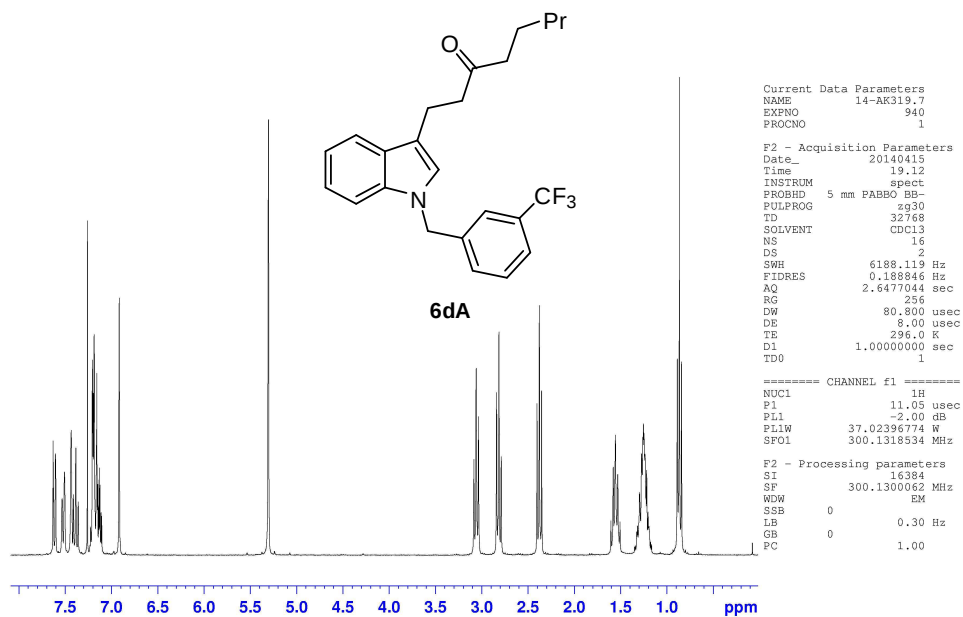
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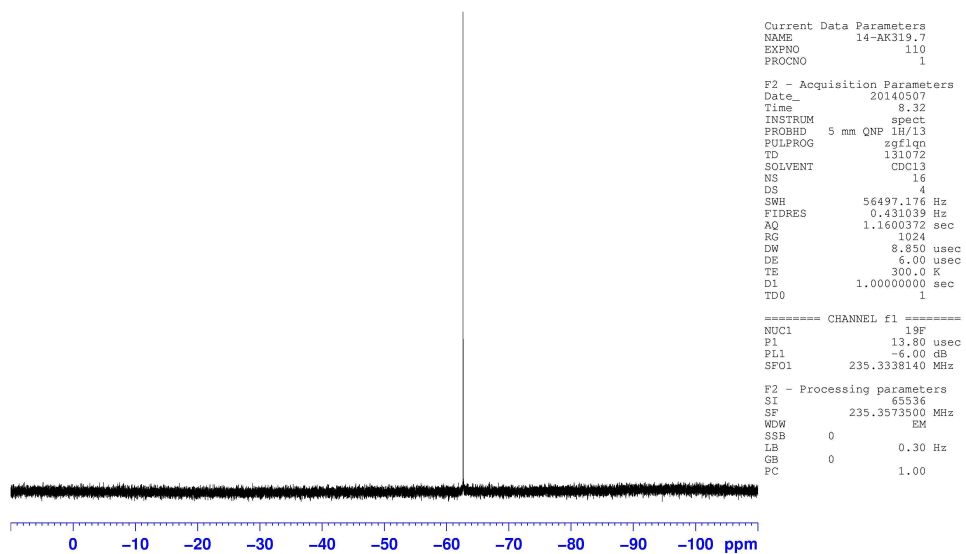


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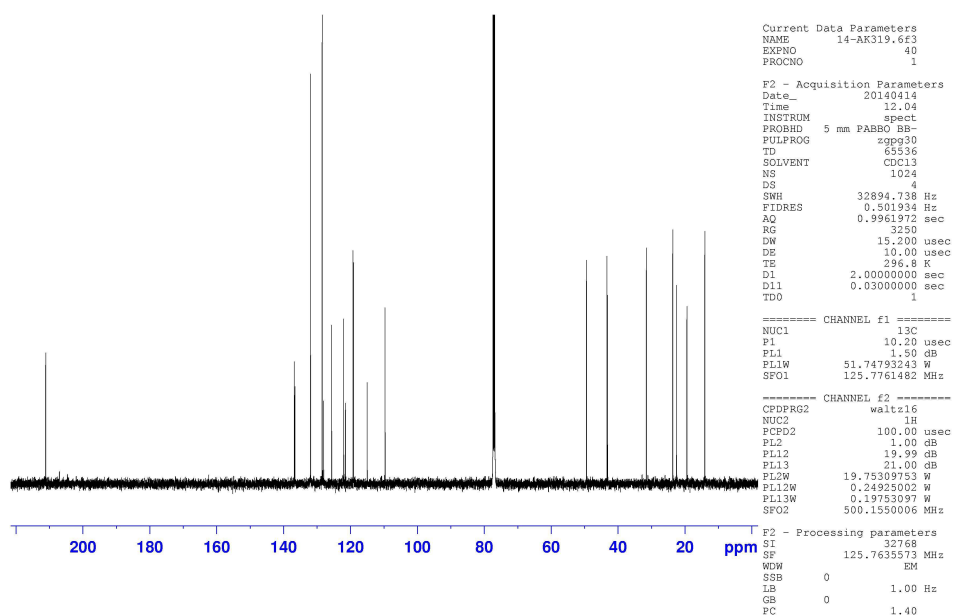
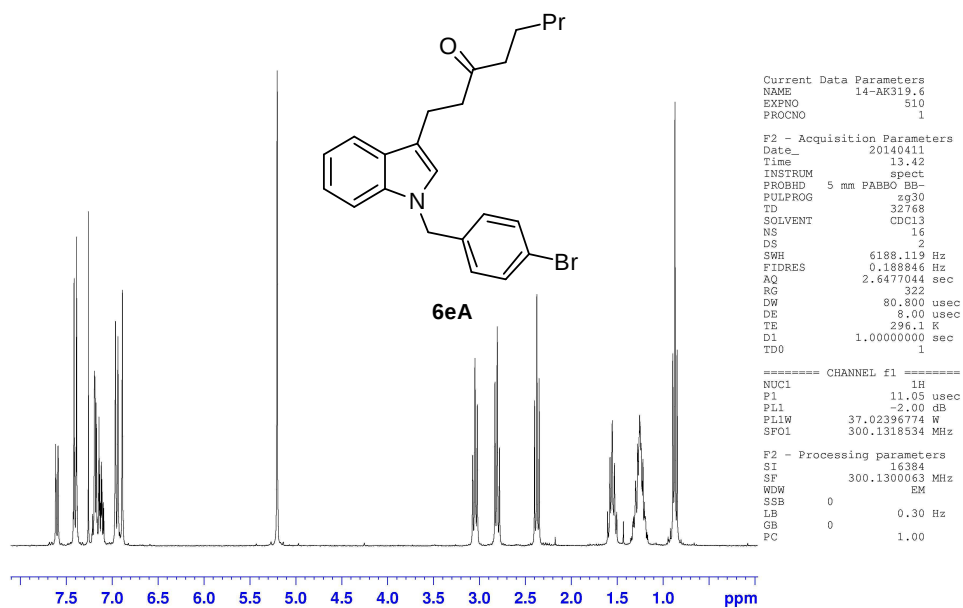


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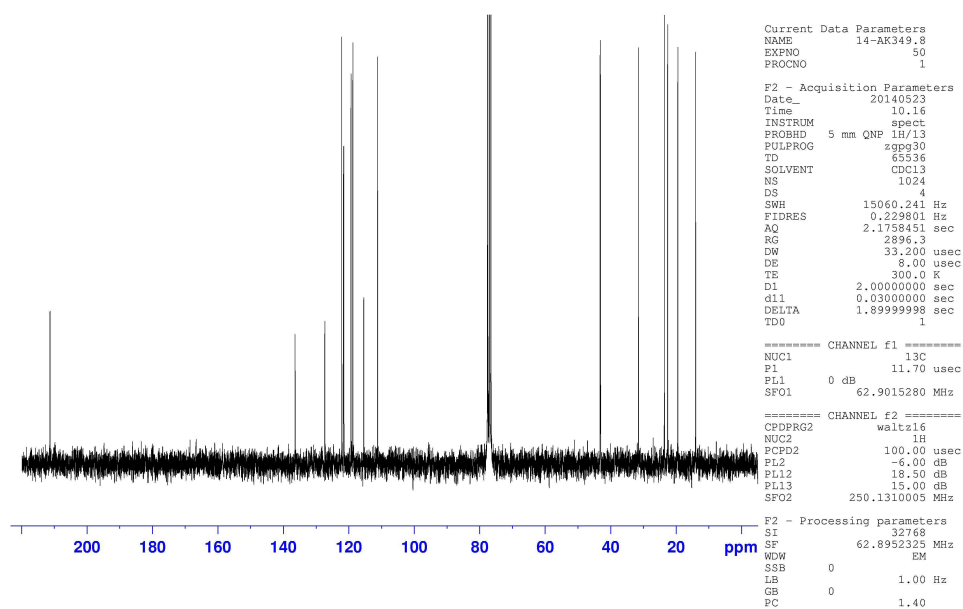
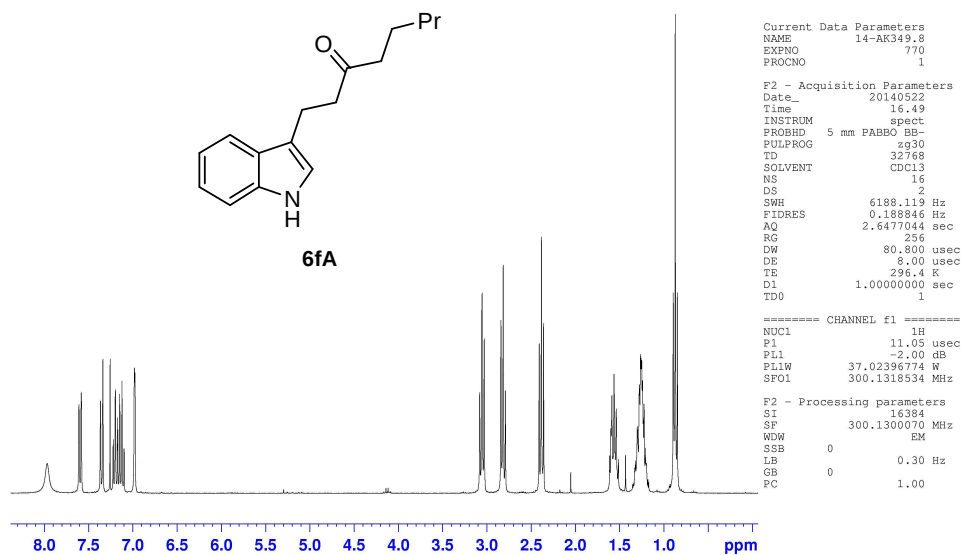




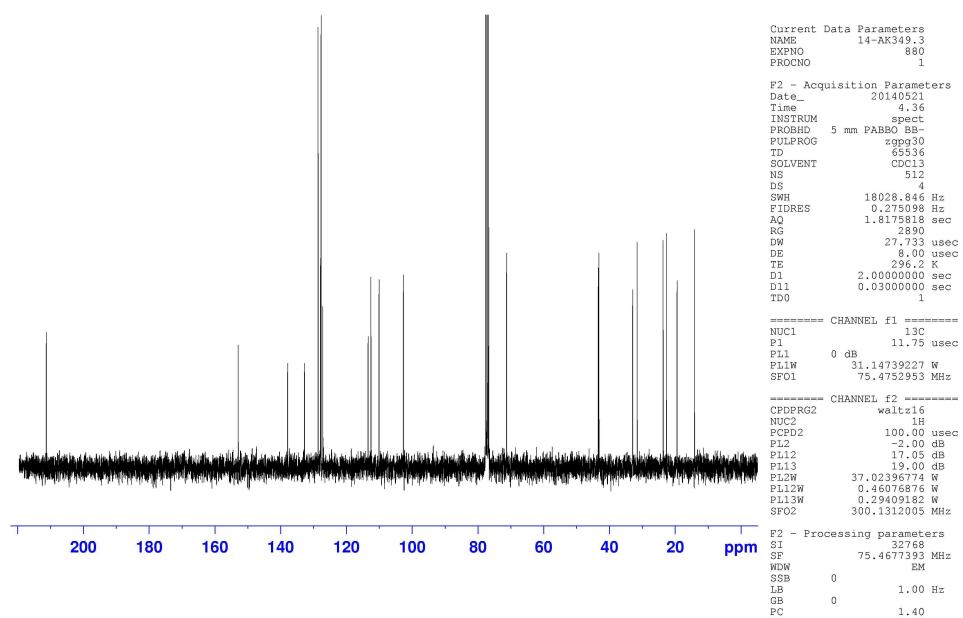
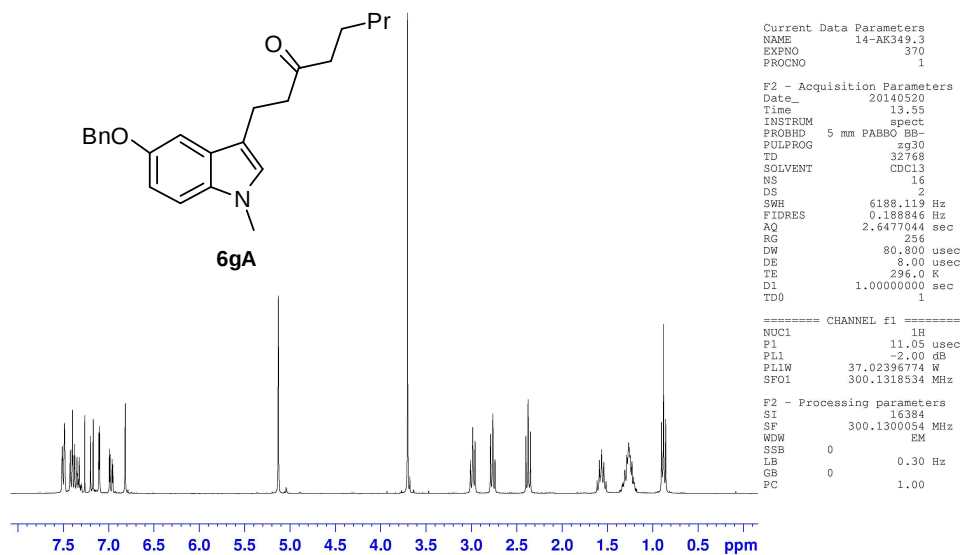
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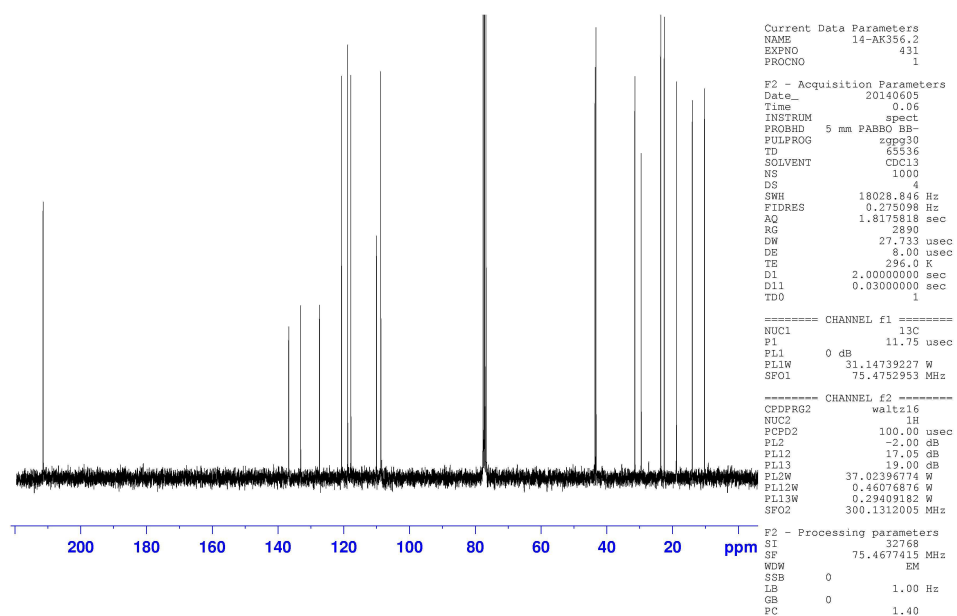
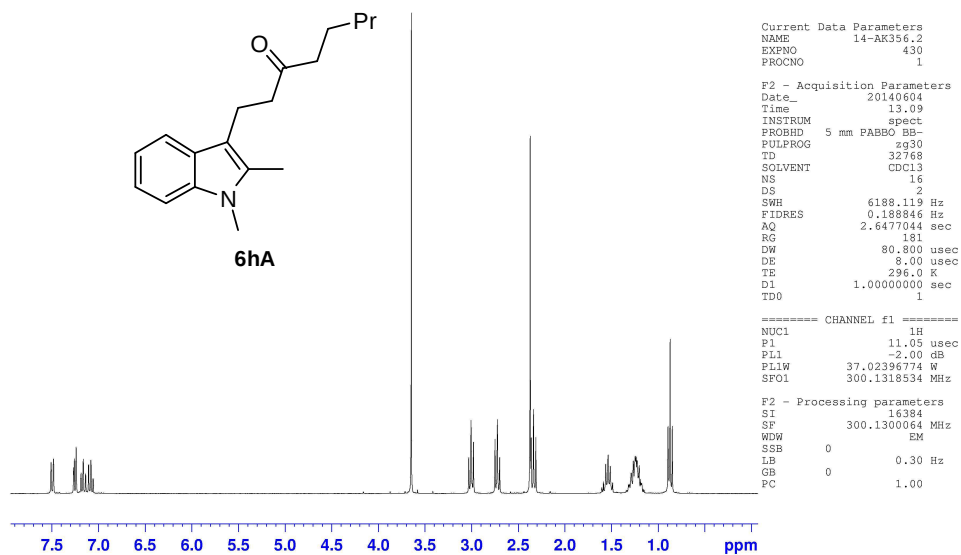
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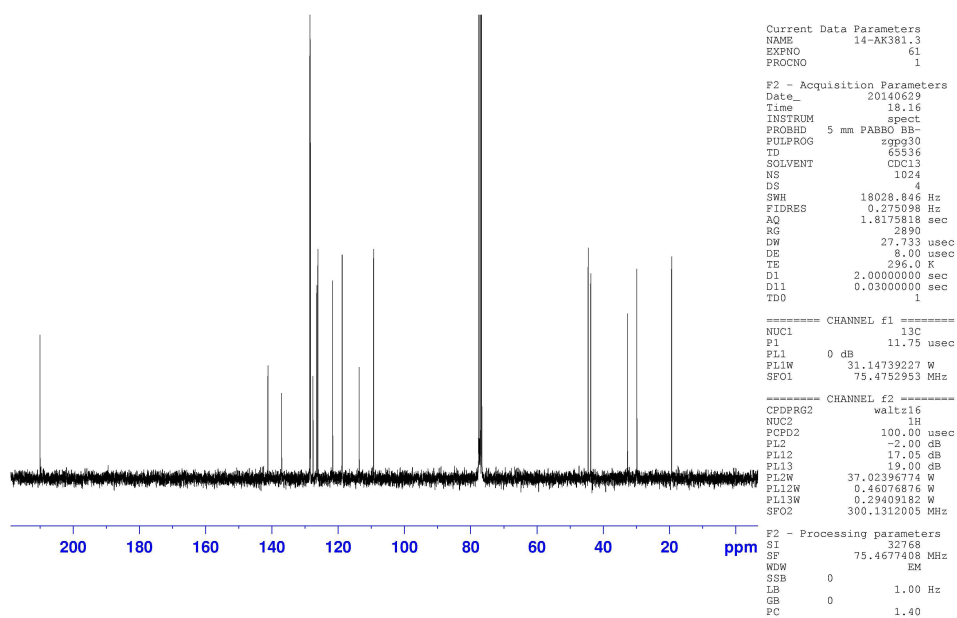
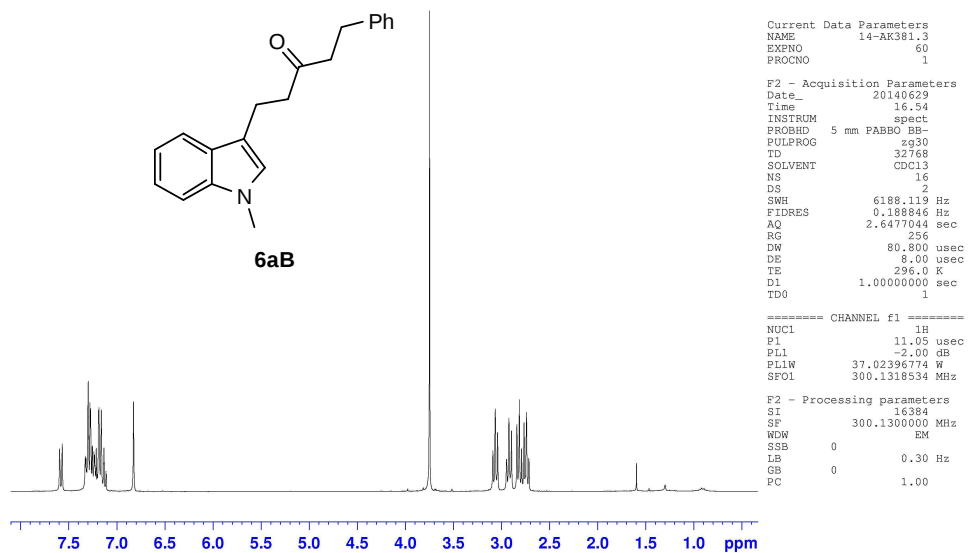
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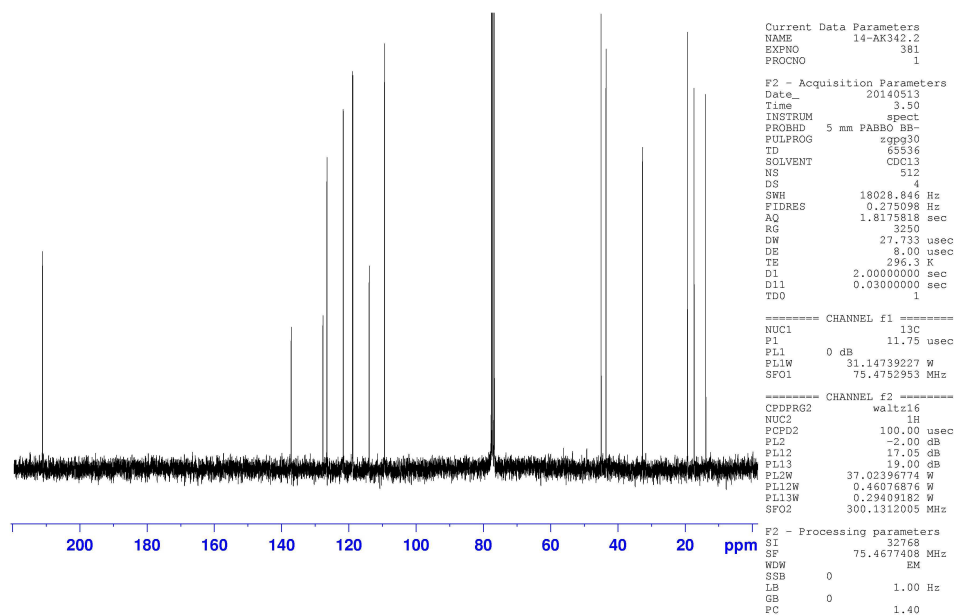
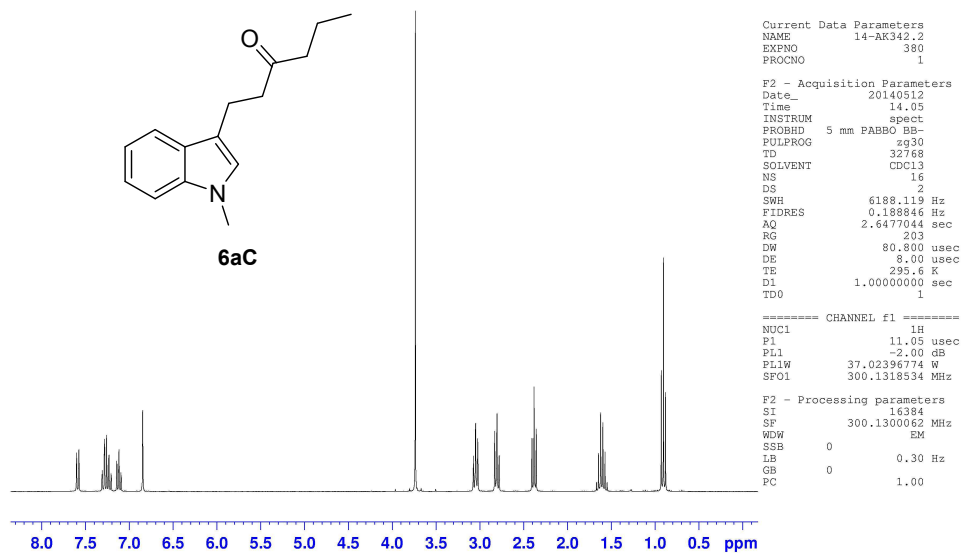
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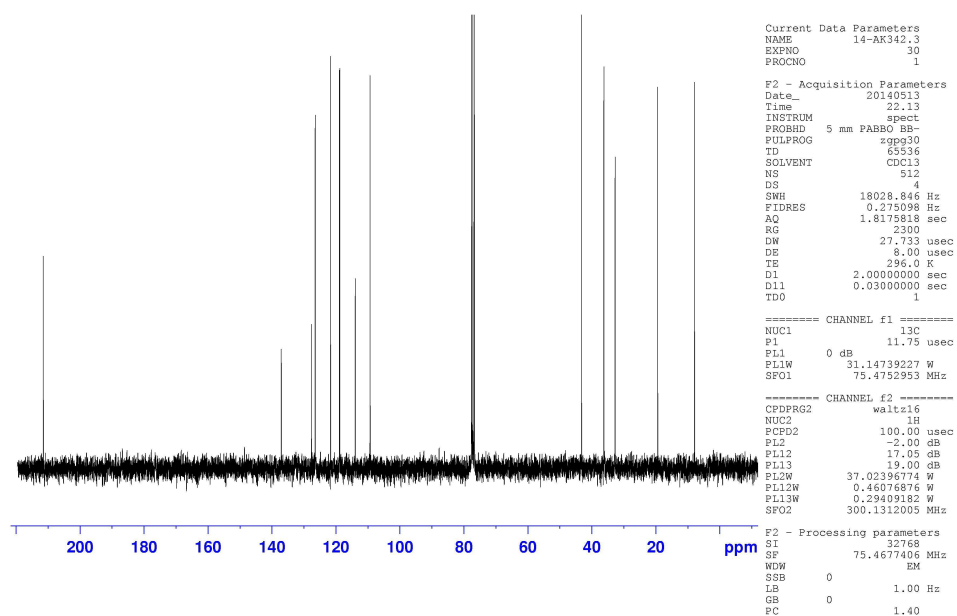
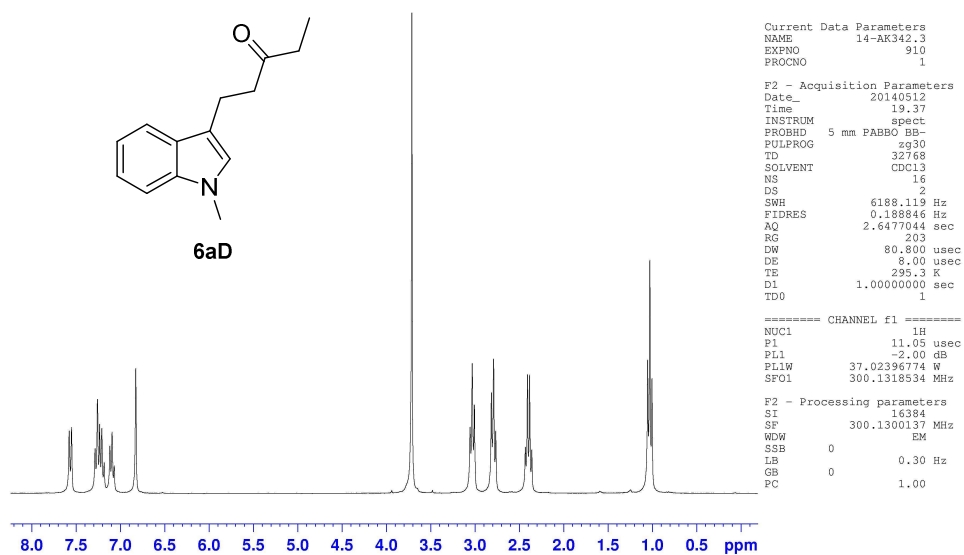
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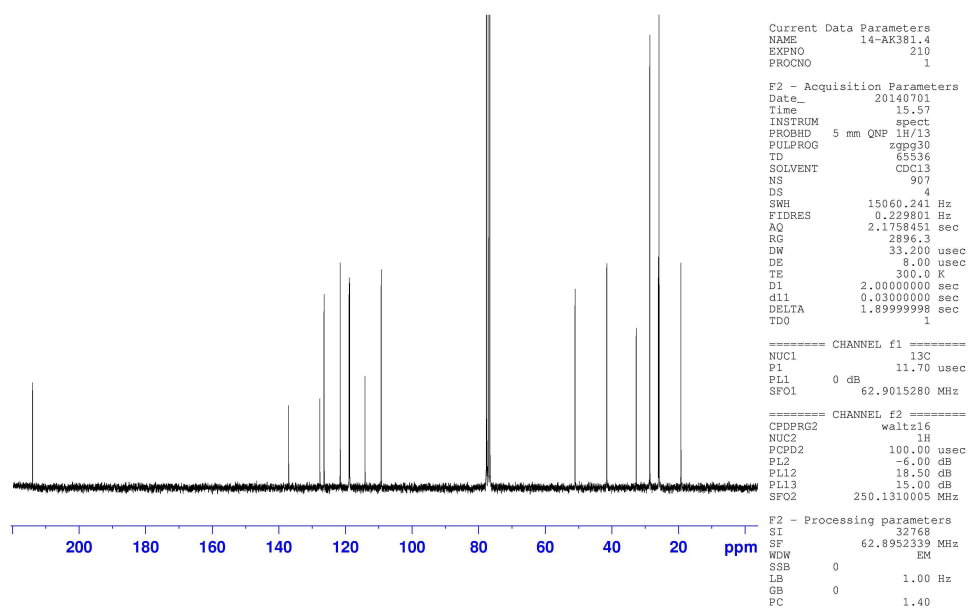
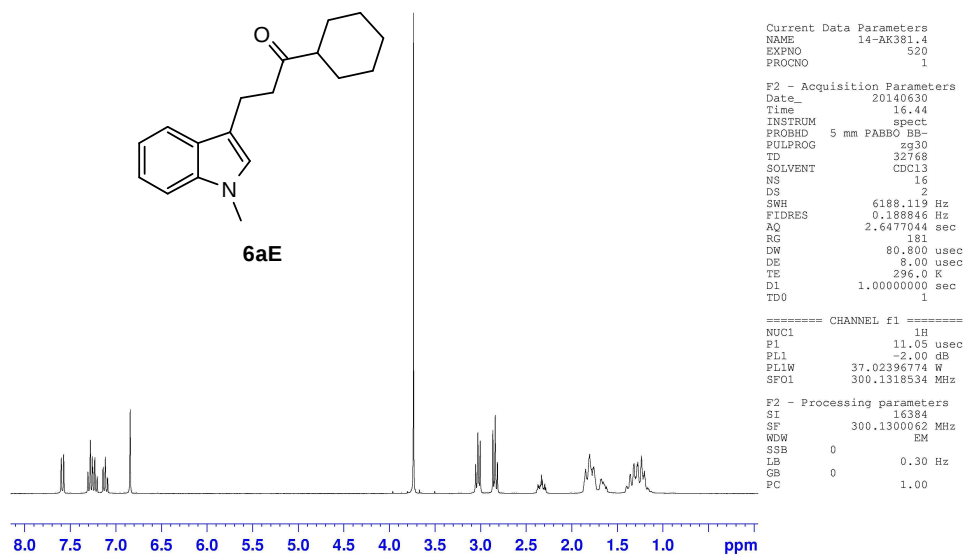
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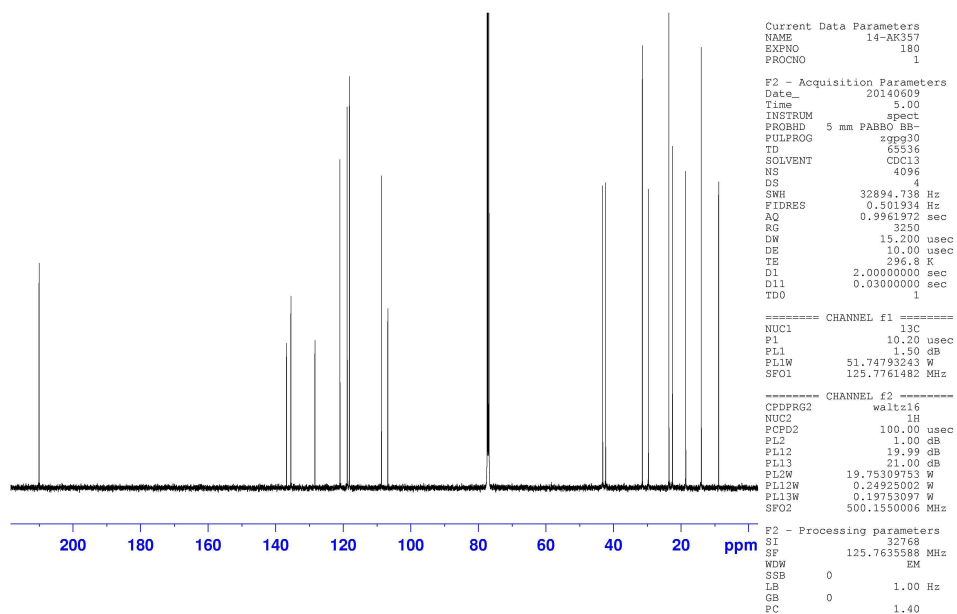
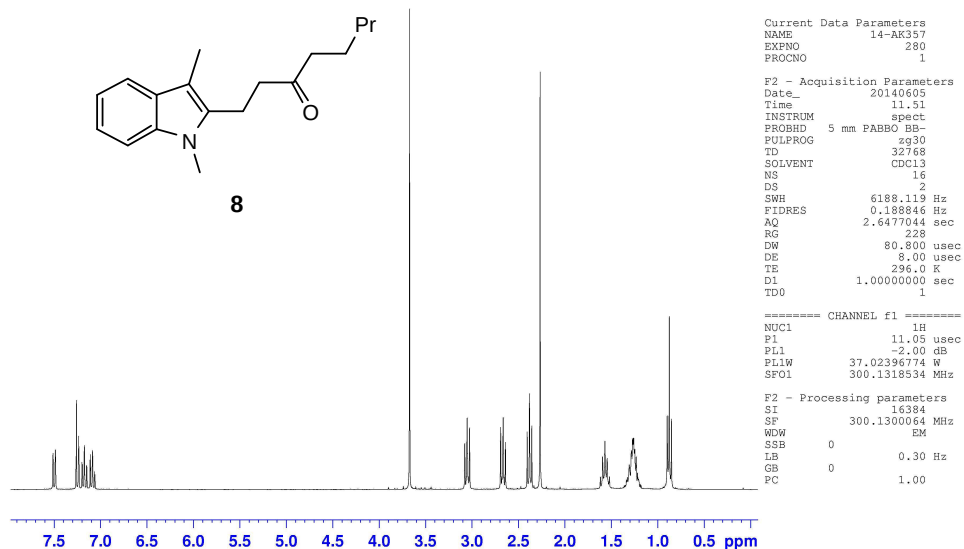
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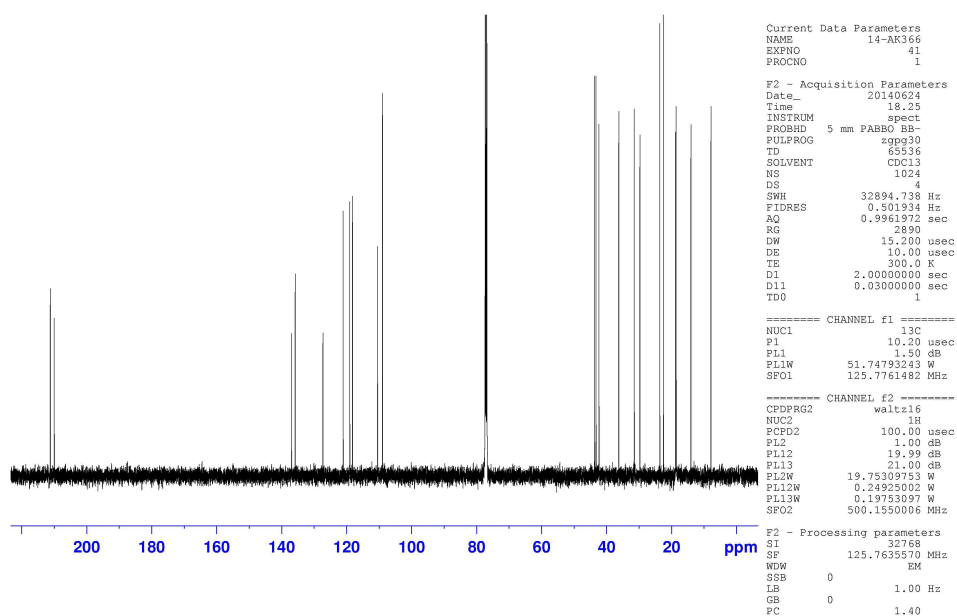
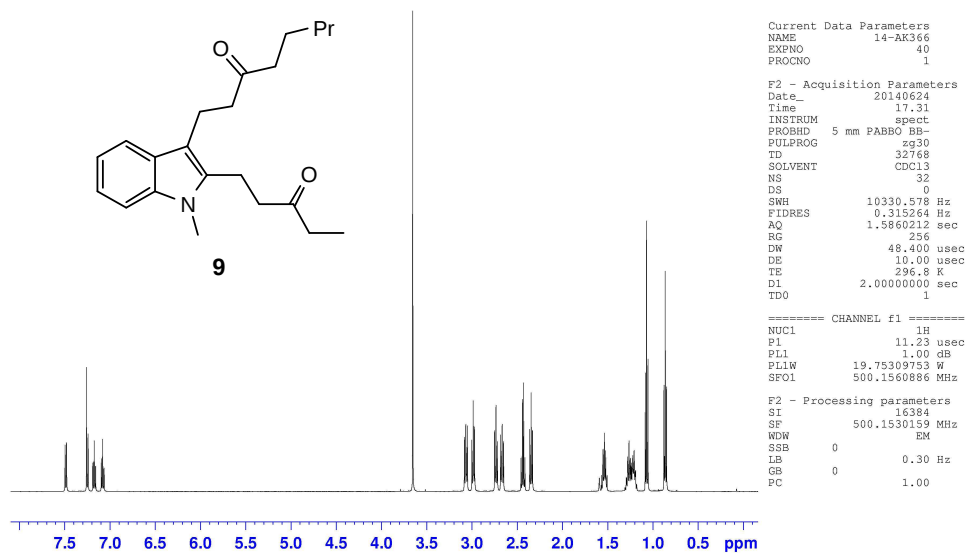
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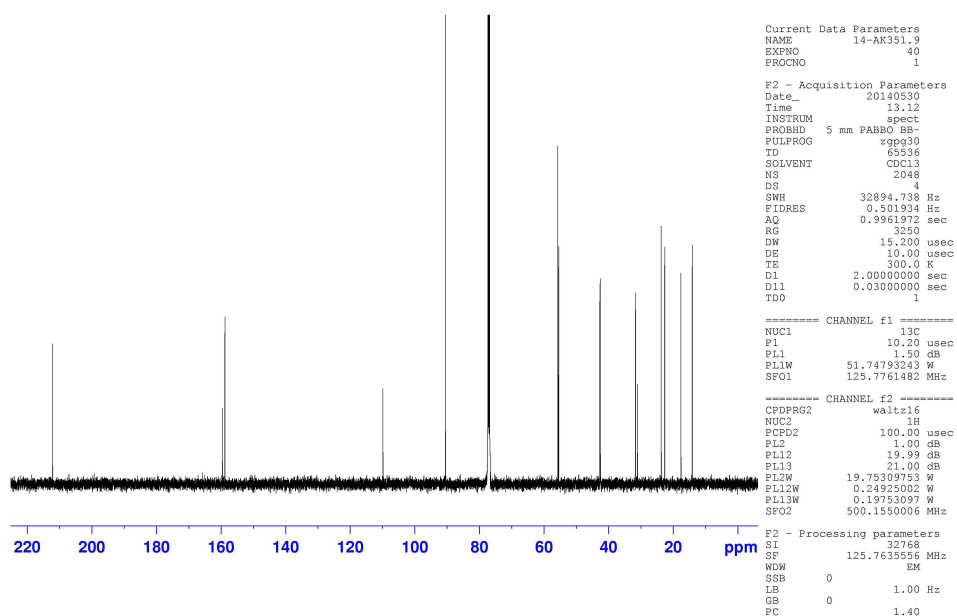
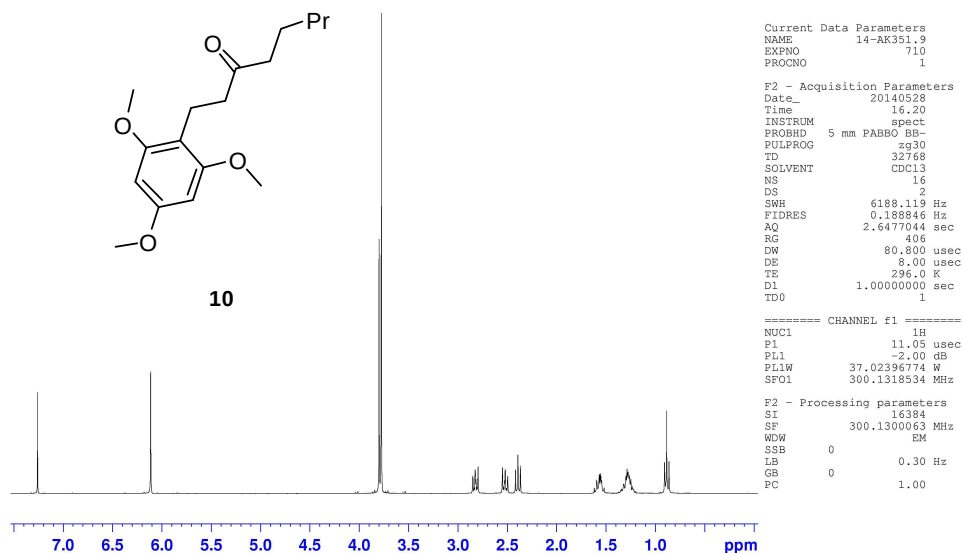
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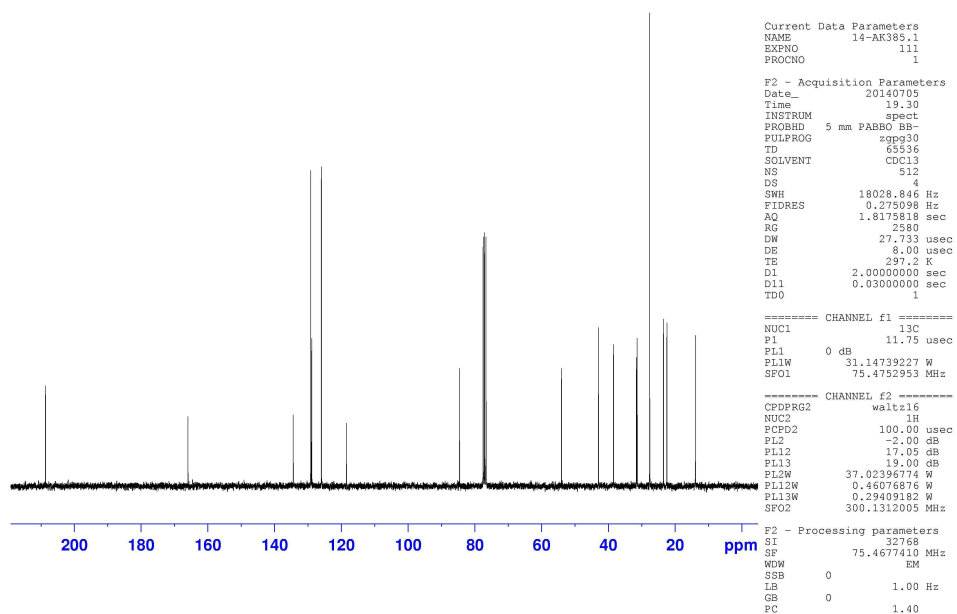
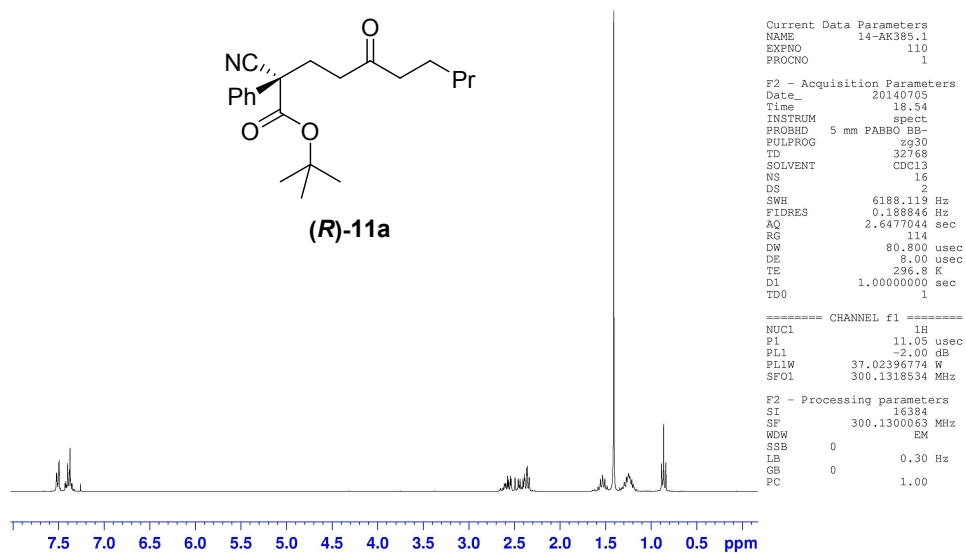


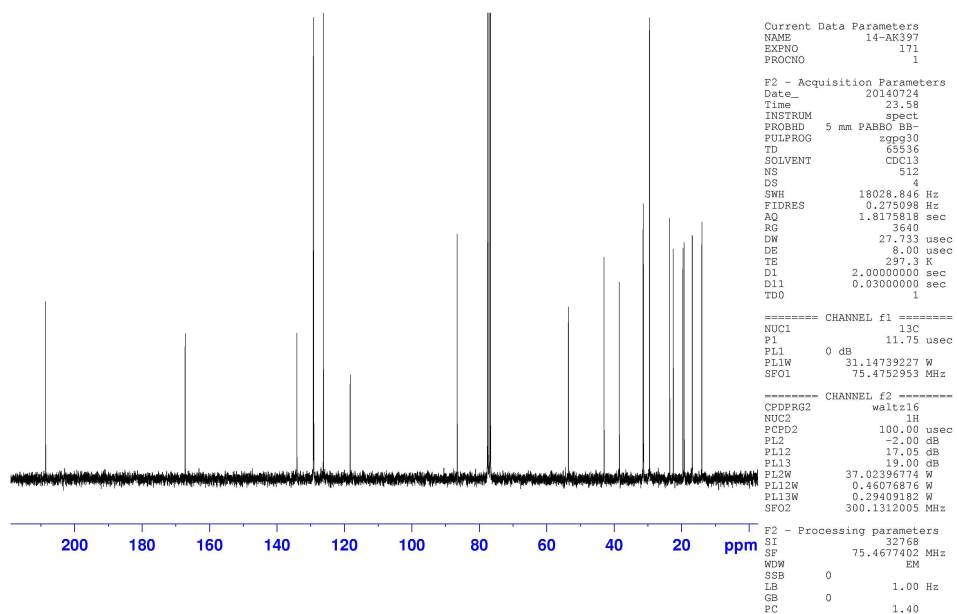
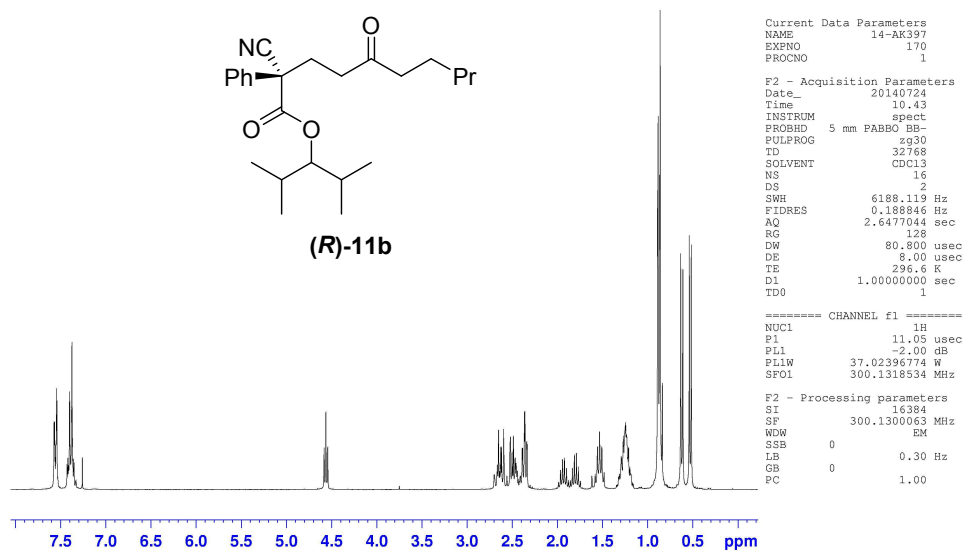
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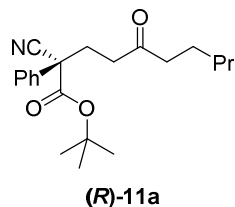
3.18 *tert*-Butyl (*R*)-2-cyano-5-oxo-2-phenyldecanoate ((*R*)-11a)

3.19 2,4-Dimethylpentan-3-yl (*R*)-2-cyano-5-oxo-2-phenyldecanoate ((*R*)-11b)

4 HPLC spectra

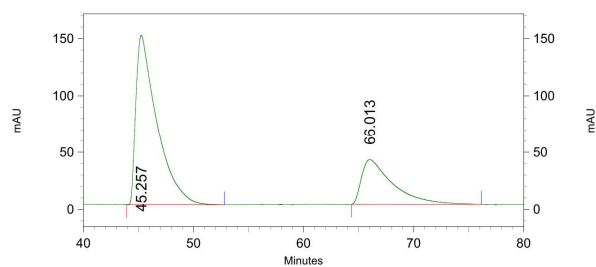
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Compound:



Column: Chiralpak OD-H

Method: *n*-Hexane/*i*-PrOH (99.8/0.2), 0.8 ml/min, 210 nm

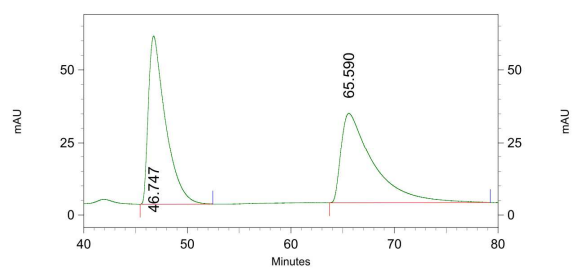


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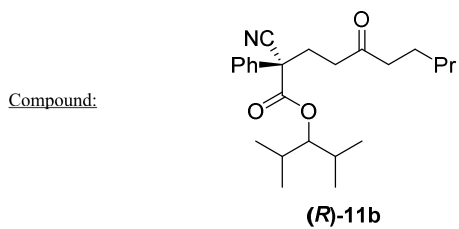


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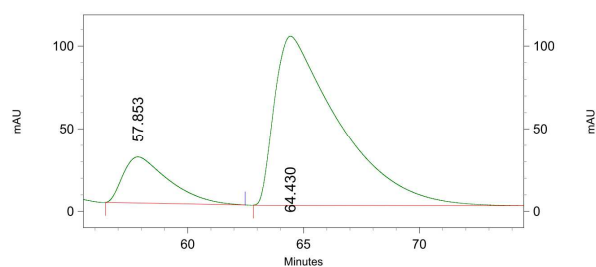
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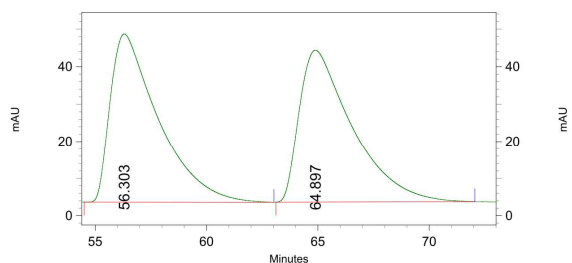
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Method: *n*-Hexane/*i*-PrOH (99.9/0.1), 0.8 ml/min, 210 nm



UV Results			
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Nearly racemic reference:



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