### Supporting Information

# Isolation and Characterization of Atropisomers of Seven-Membered-Ring Benzolactams

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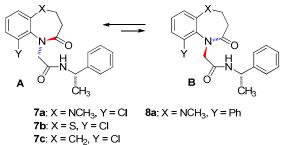
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#### 1. General Remarks

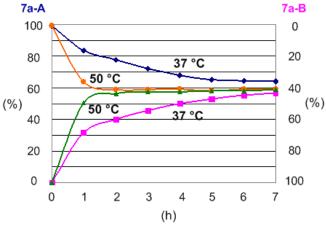
NMR Spectra were recorded on a spectrometer at 400 MHz or 600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and 100 MHz or 150 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and coupling constants (*J*) are reported in hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are abbreviated as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quin) and multiplet (m). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with an ionization mode of ESI. Melting points were taken on a melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were determined with a digital polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (45–60  $\mu$ m). Extracted solutions were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> or Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure.

The  $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  values sere determined according to the protocol reported for the literature: see ref. 17) in the main text.



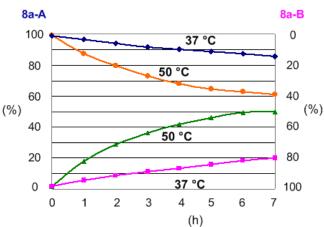
Compd (axial chirality <sup>a</sup> )	ΔG <sup>‡</sup> kJ/mol	condition for isomerization <sup>b</sup>	equilibrium ratio ( <b>A</b> : <b>B</b> )
7 <b>a-A</b> (a <i>R</i> )	102.5	37 °C, 10 h <sup>c</sup>	1.0.7
<b>B</b> (a <i>S</i> )	99.4	37 °C, 8 h	1:0.7
<b>8a-A</b> (aS)	106.9	50 °C, 14 h <sup>d</sup>	1.0.0
<b>B</b> (a <i>R</i> )	105.8	50 °C, 12 h <sup>e</sup>	1:0.9
7 <b>b-A</b> (a <i>R</i> )	100.8	37 °C, 8 h	1.0.0
<b>B</b> (a <i>S</i> )	99.2	37 °C, 7 h	1:0.9
7 <b>c-A</b> (a <i>R</i> )	101.9	37 °C, 9 h	1:0.8
<b>B</b> (a <i>S</i> )	99.8	37 °C, 8 h	1.0.0

<sup>*a*</sup> See, ref.14) in the main text . <sup>*b*</sup> To the equilibrium state in toluene. <sup>*c*</sup> At 50 °C, 2 h. <sup>*d*</sup> At 37 °C after 7 h, isomerized to 71 % de. <sup>*e*</sup> At 37 °C after 7 h, isomerized to 60 % de.



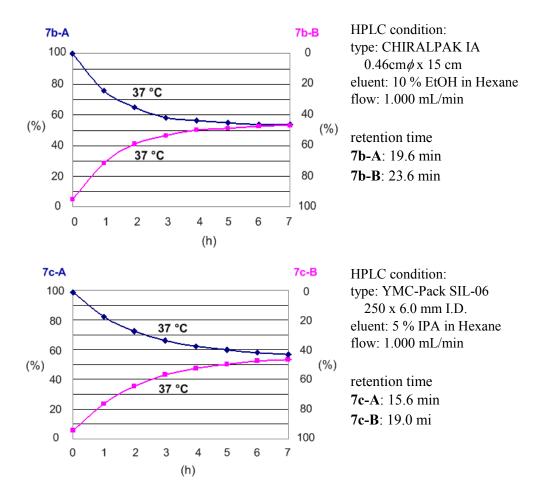
HPLC condition: type: YMC-Pack SIL-06 250 x 6.0 mm I.D. eluent: 10 % EtOH in Hexane flow: 1.000 mL/min

retention time 7a-A: 26.5 min 7a-B: 31.6 min



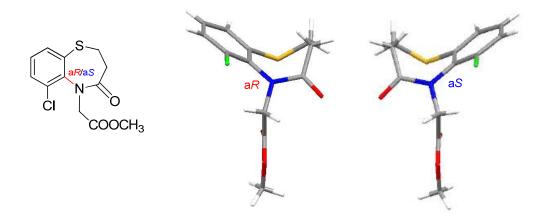
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retention time 8a-A: 22.1 min 8a-B: 26.4 min

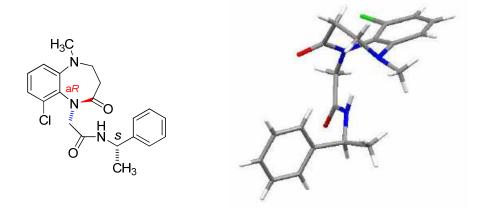


3. X-ray crystal structures of 5b, 7a-A (aR,S), 7a-B (aS,S), 7b-A (aR,S)

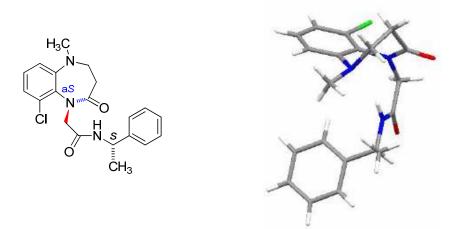
**5b (racemate):** (a*R*)-form (left) and (a*S*)-form (right) present in a unit cell. (note: Structure for **5b** is presented as Figure 4 in the manuscript)



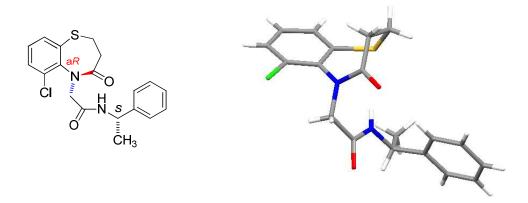
**7a-A (a***R*,*S***):** [note: Structure for **7a-A** is presented as Figure 5 (left) and in the manuscript and Table of Contents]



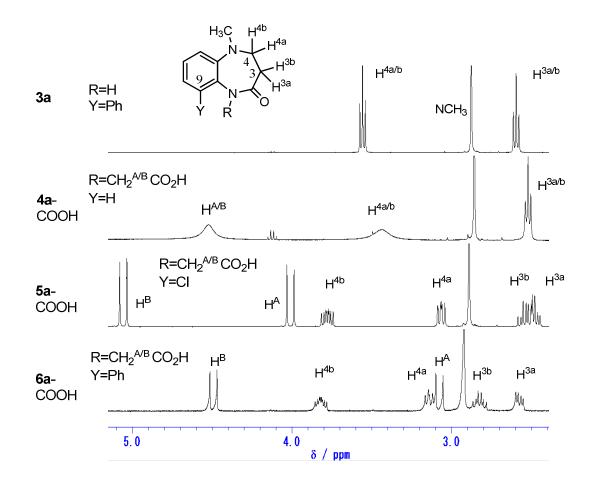
**7a-B (a***S***,***S***):** [note: Structure for **7a-B** is presented as Figure 5 (right) in the manuscript and Table of Contents]



7b-A (a*R*,*S*): [note: Structure for 7b-A is presented as Figure 7 in the manuscript]

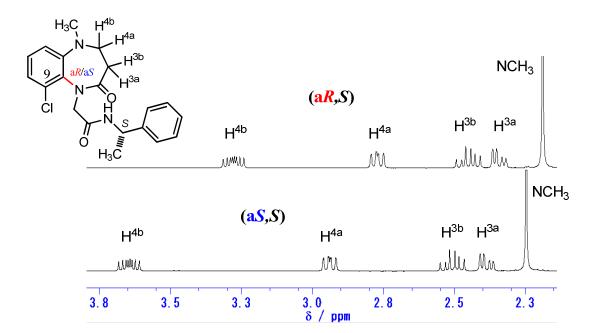


4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (magnified) of 3a, 4a-COOH, 5a-COOH, and 6a-COOH (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (note: This chart is presented as Figure 3 in the manuscript)

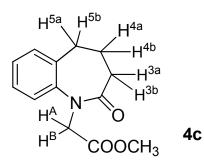


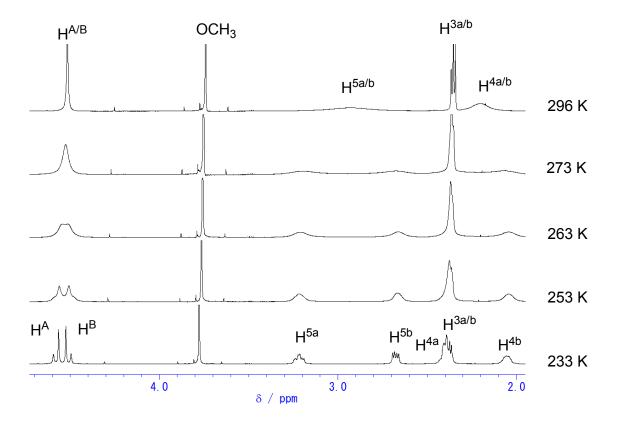
5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (magnified) of 7a-A (a*R*,*S*) (upper) and 7a-B (a*S*,*S*) (lower) (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (note: This chart is presented as Figure 6 in the manuscript)



6. Temperature dependence of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of 4c (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

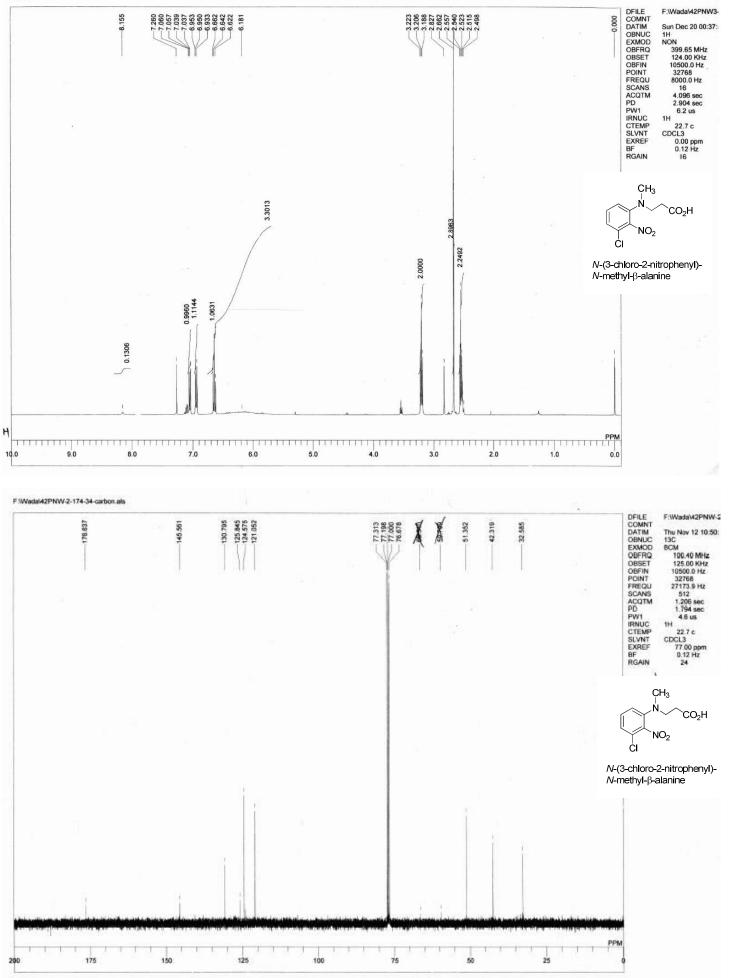


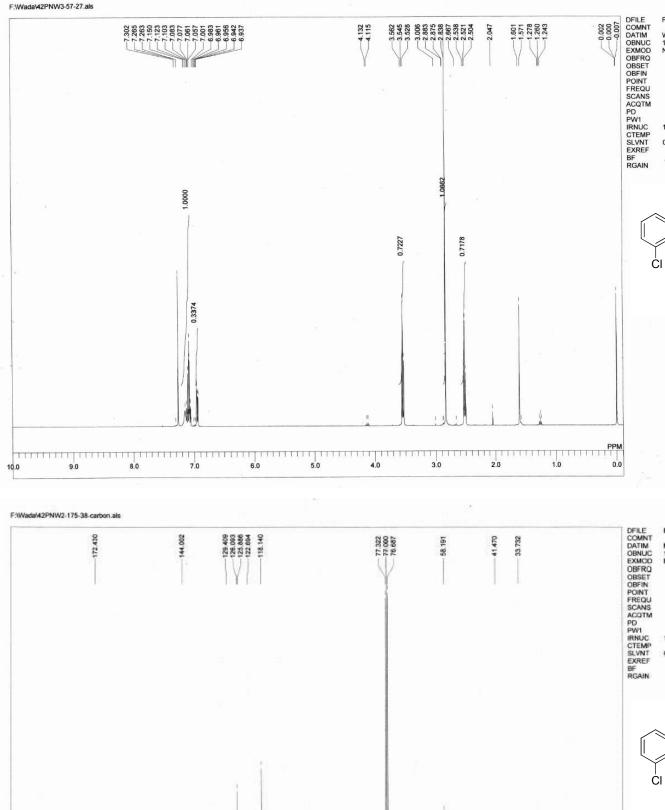


 $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 56.3 \text{ kJ/mol}^{*}$ Tc = 273 K

\* determined by the method reported by Boiadjiev et al., lit. Boiadjiev, S. E.; Lightner, D. A. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 7411–7421.







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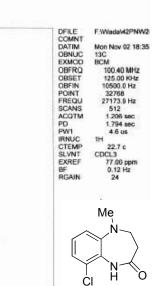
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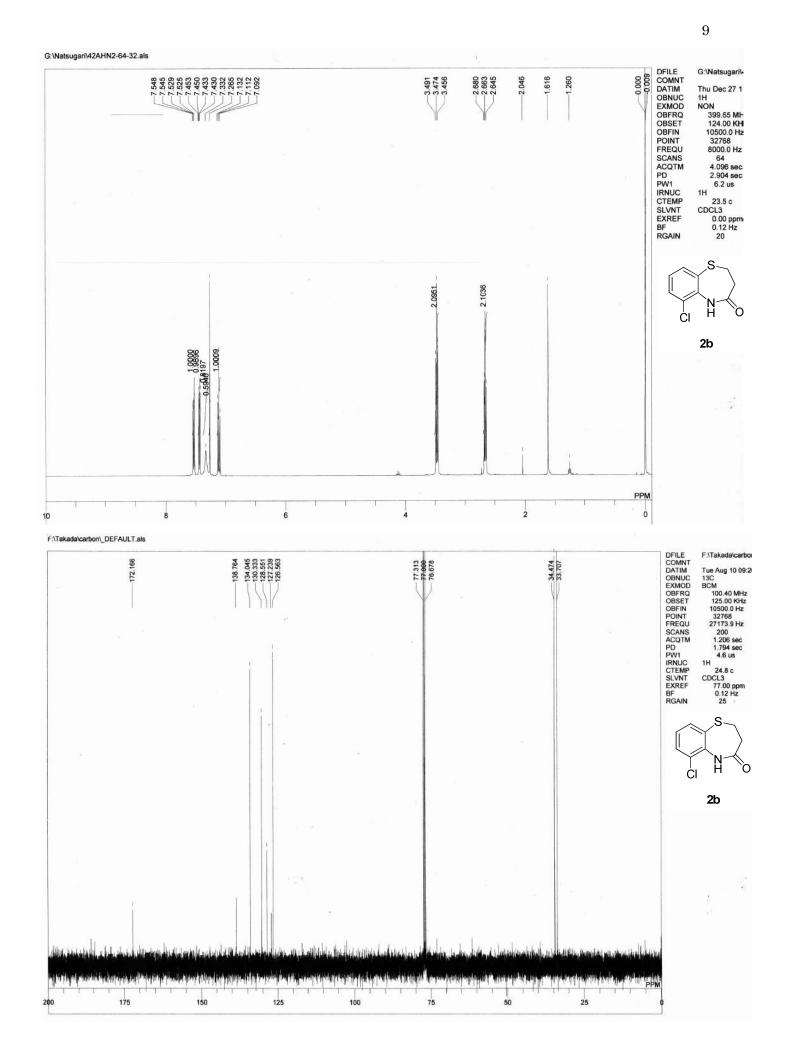
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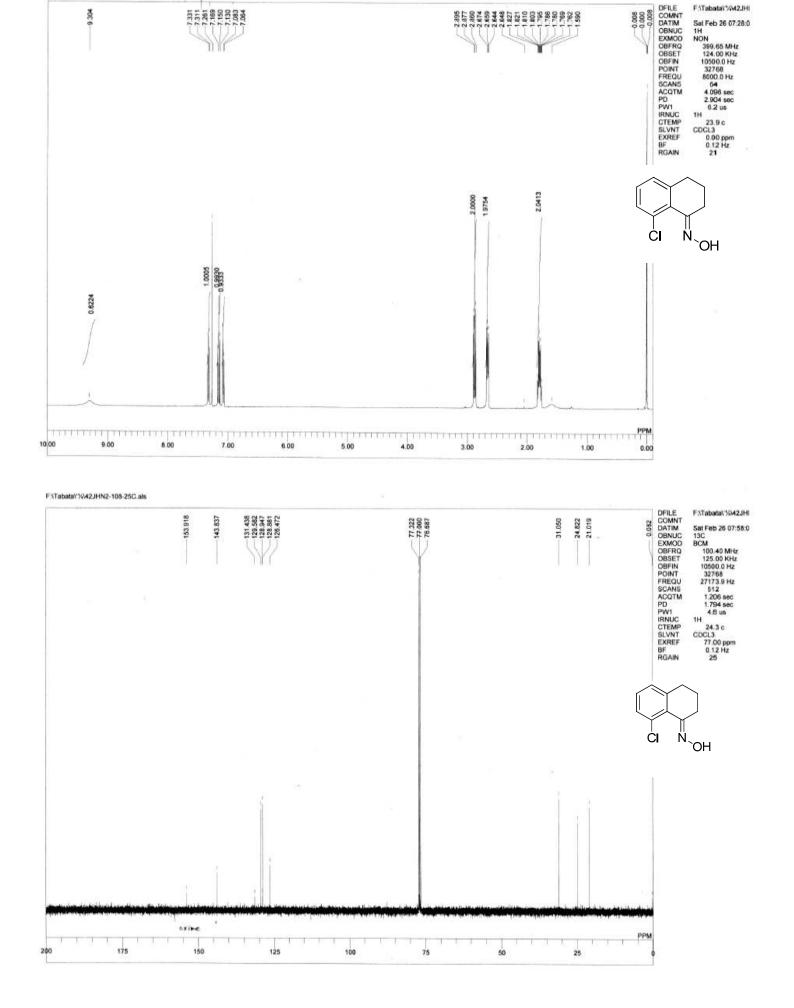
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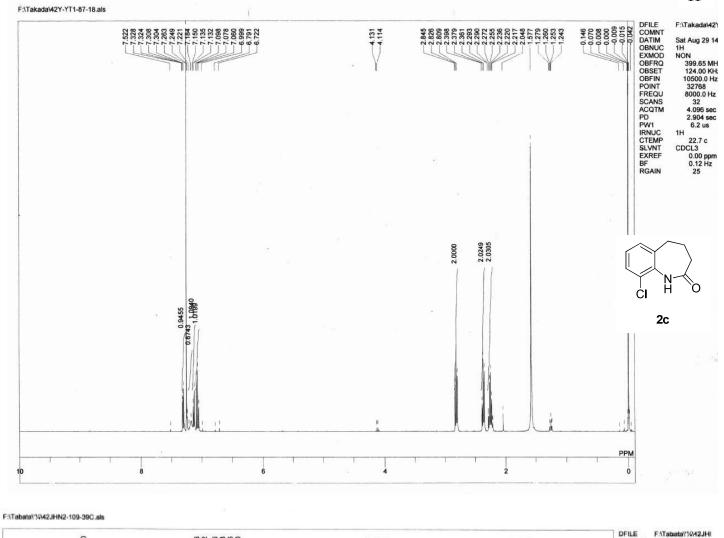
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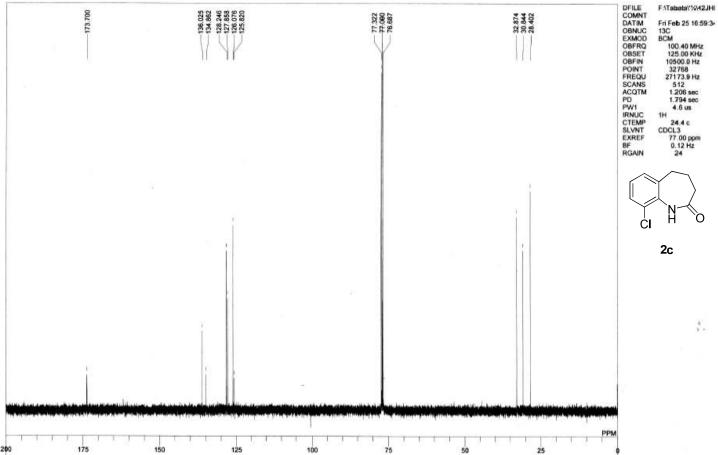
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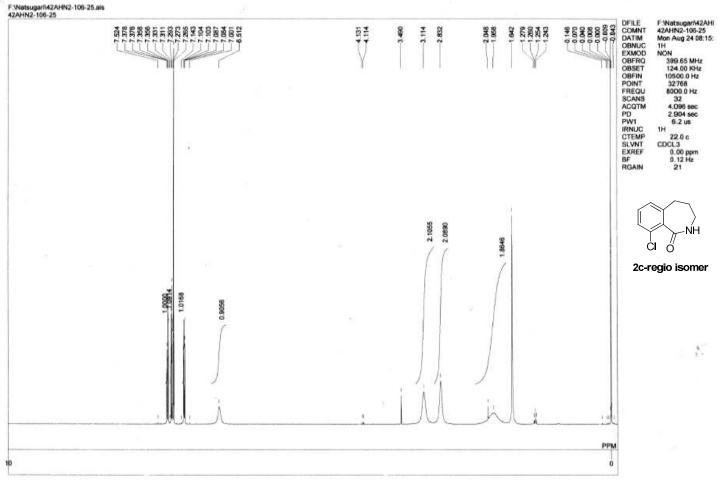
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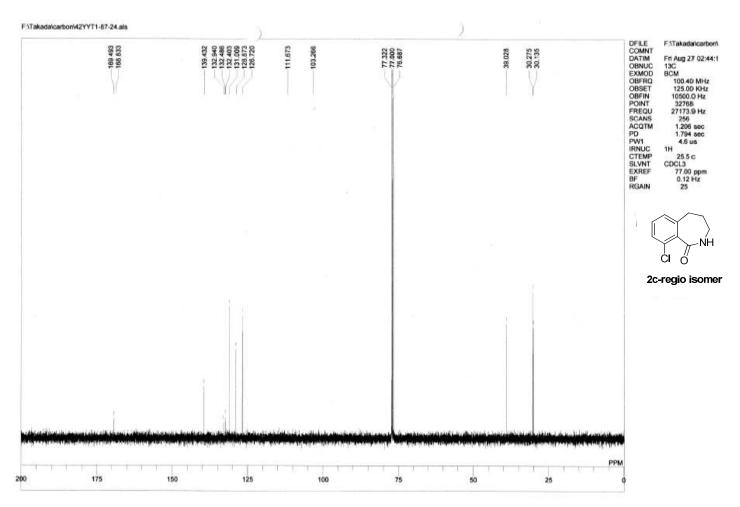


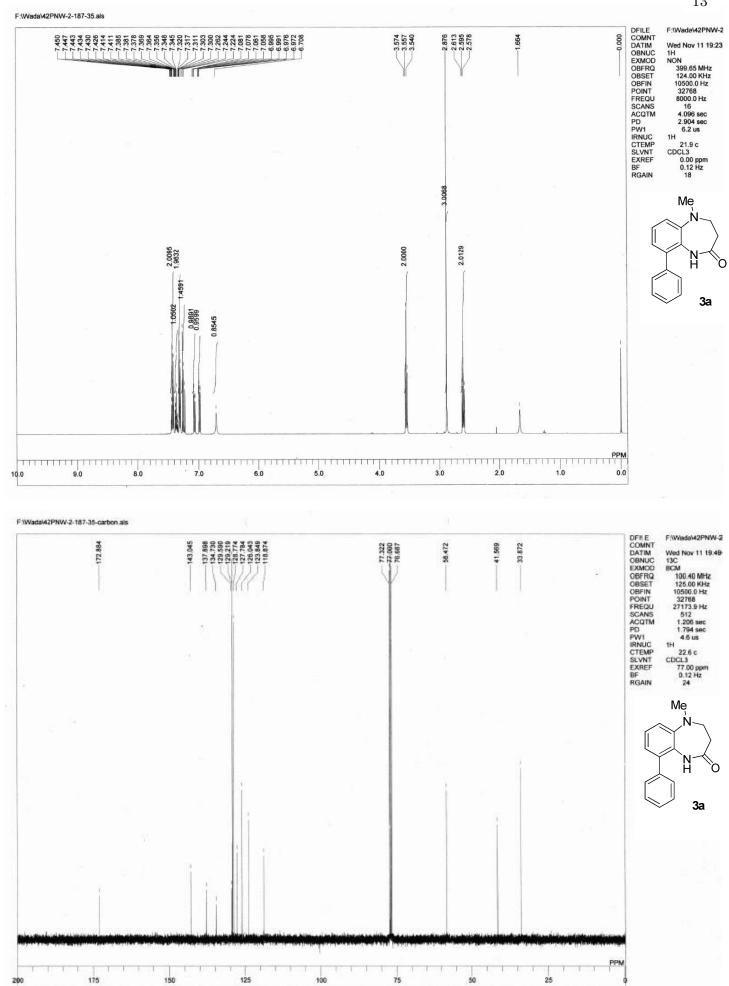


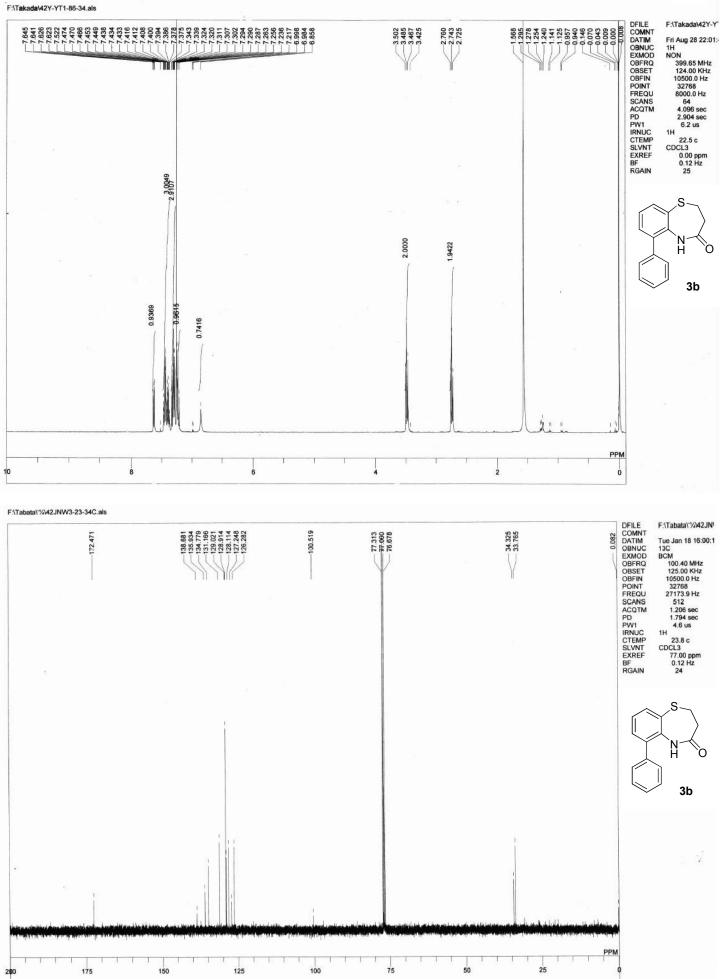
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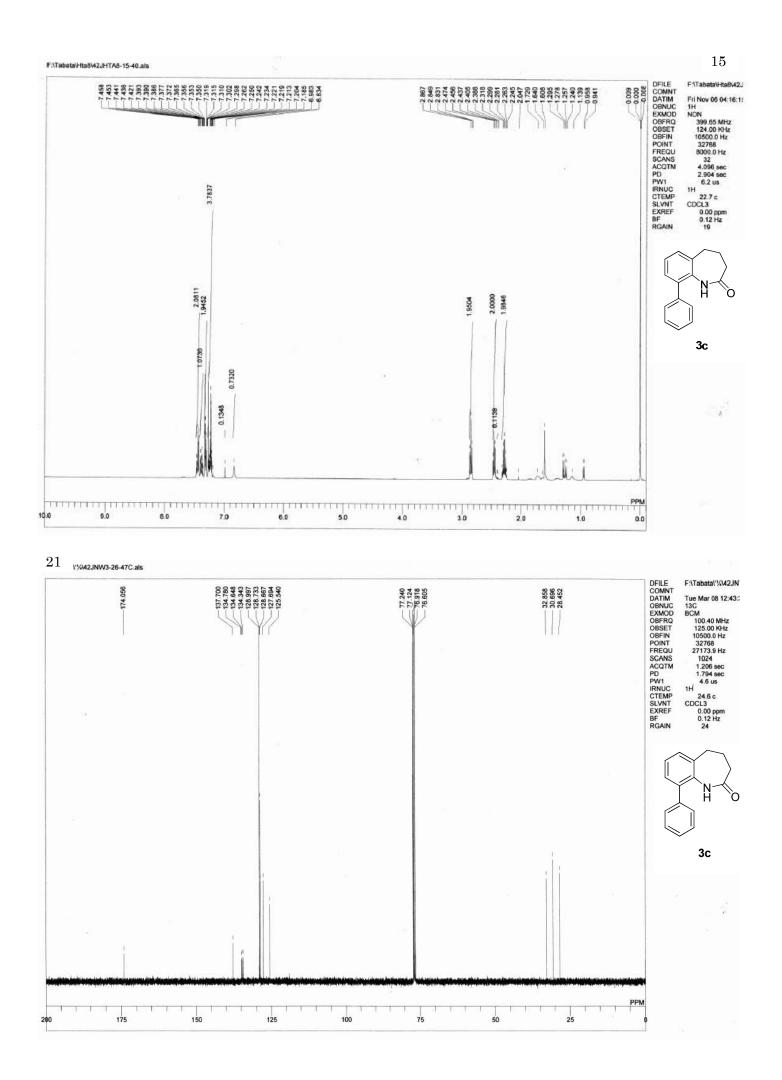
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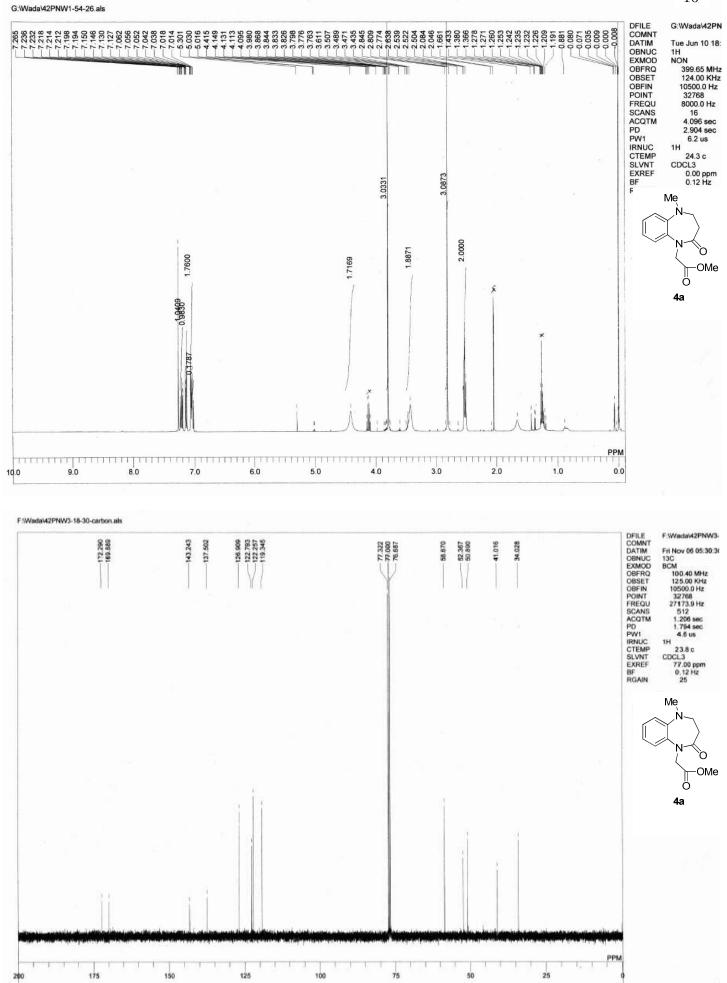




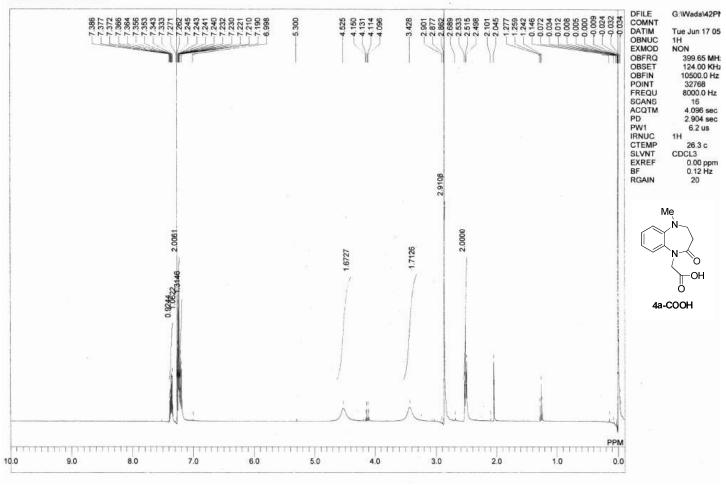




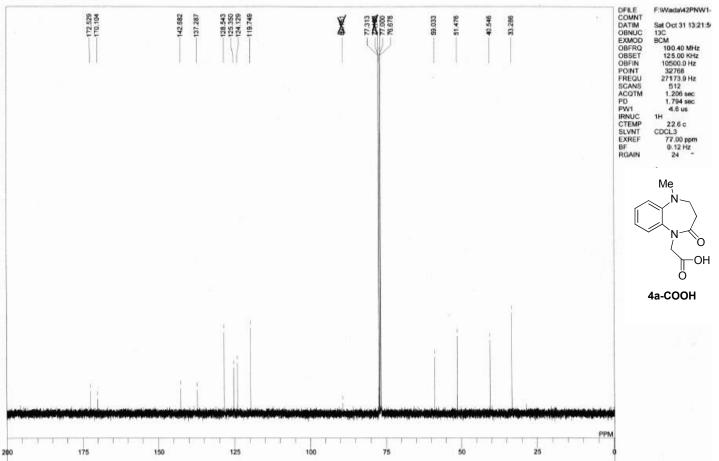




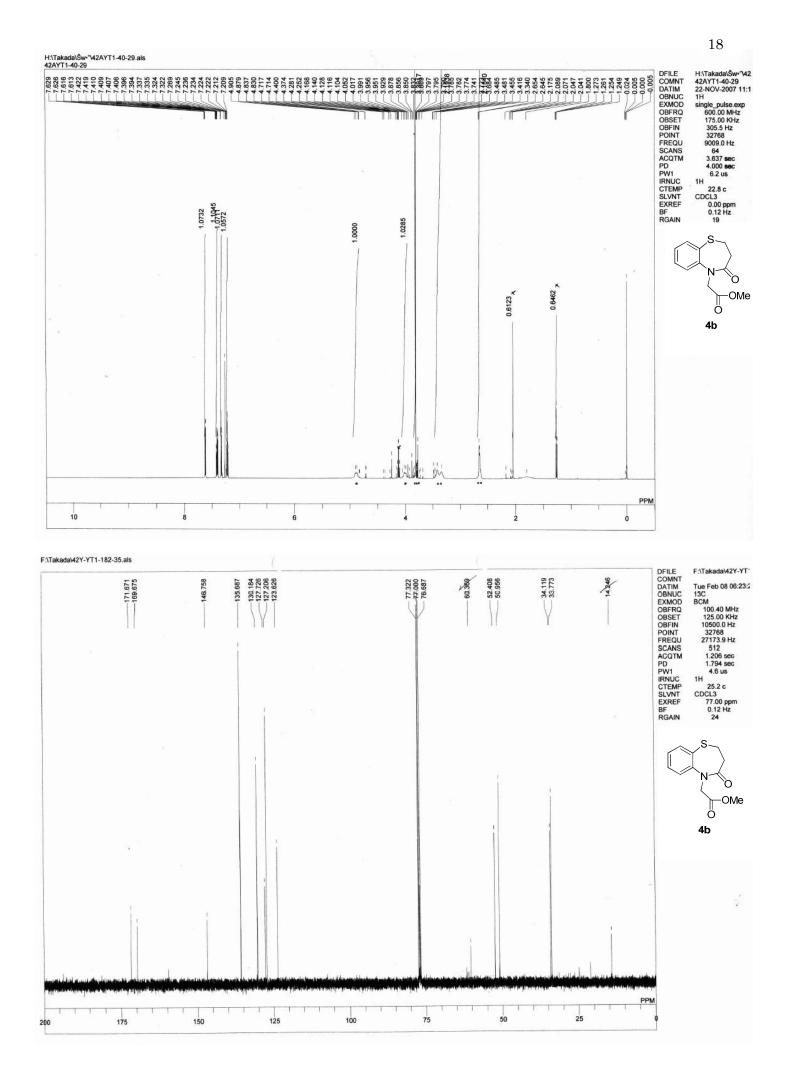


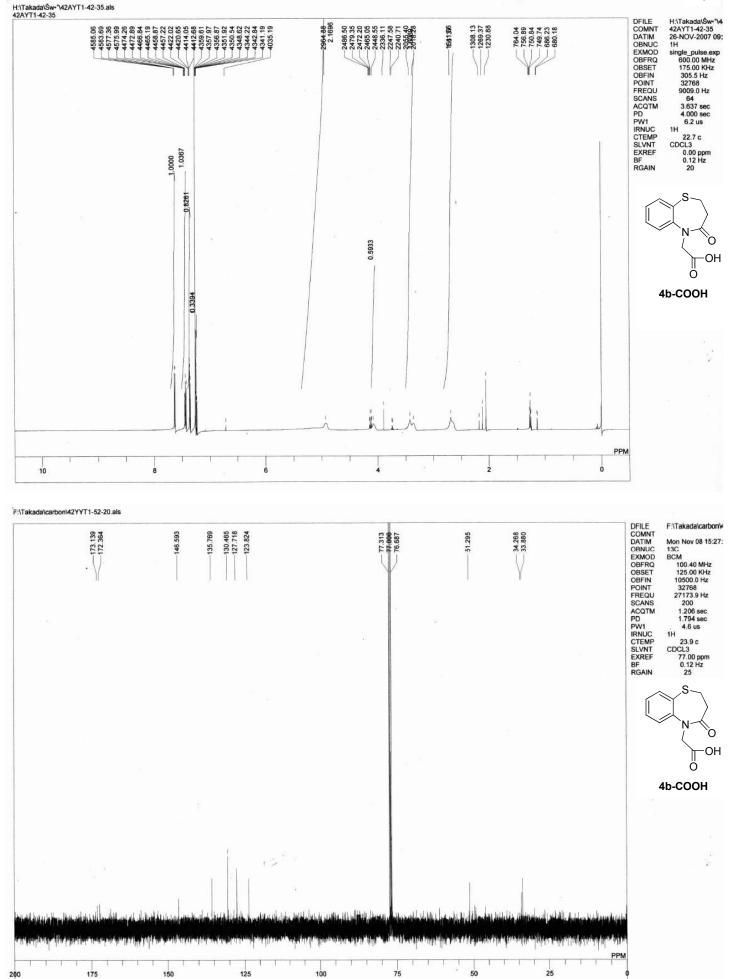


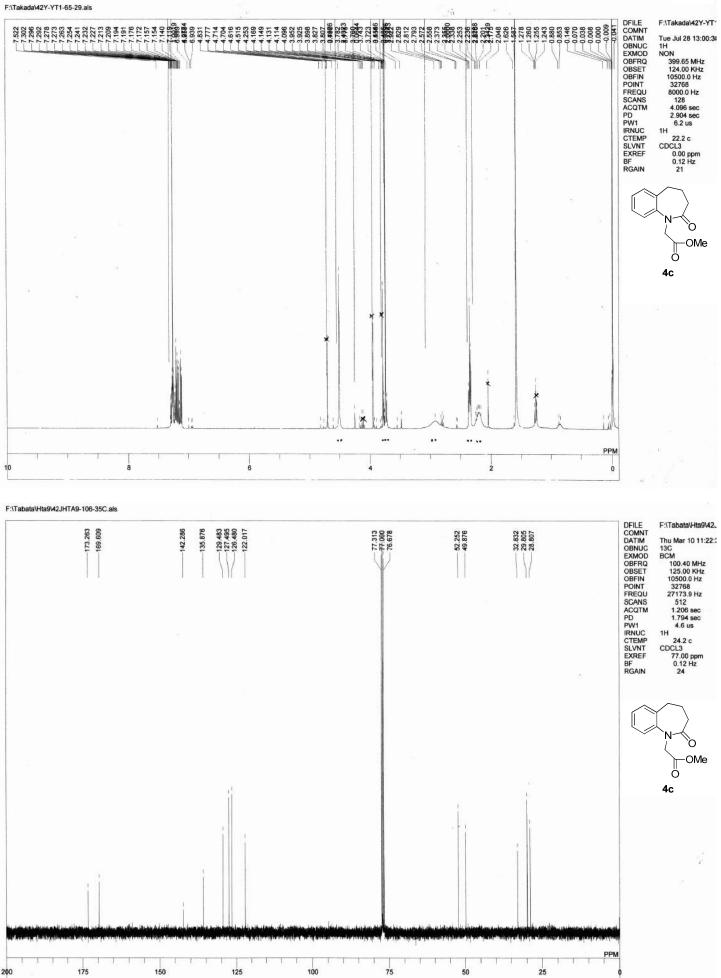
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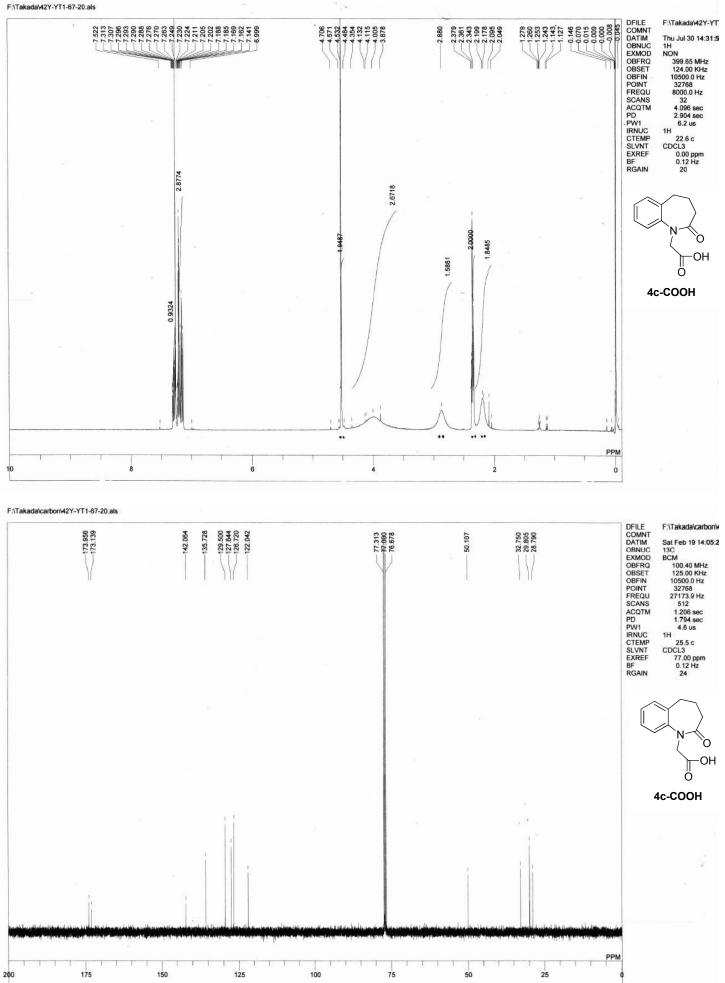


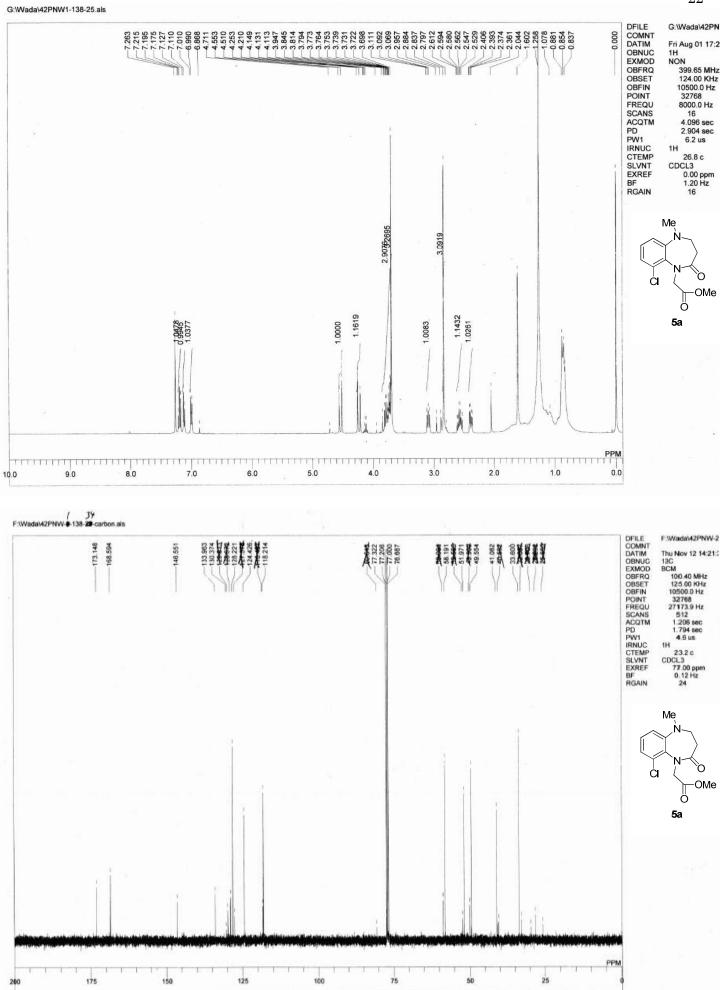
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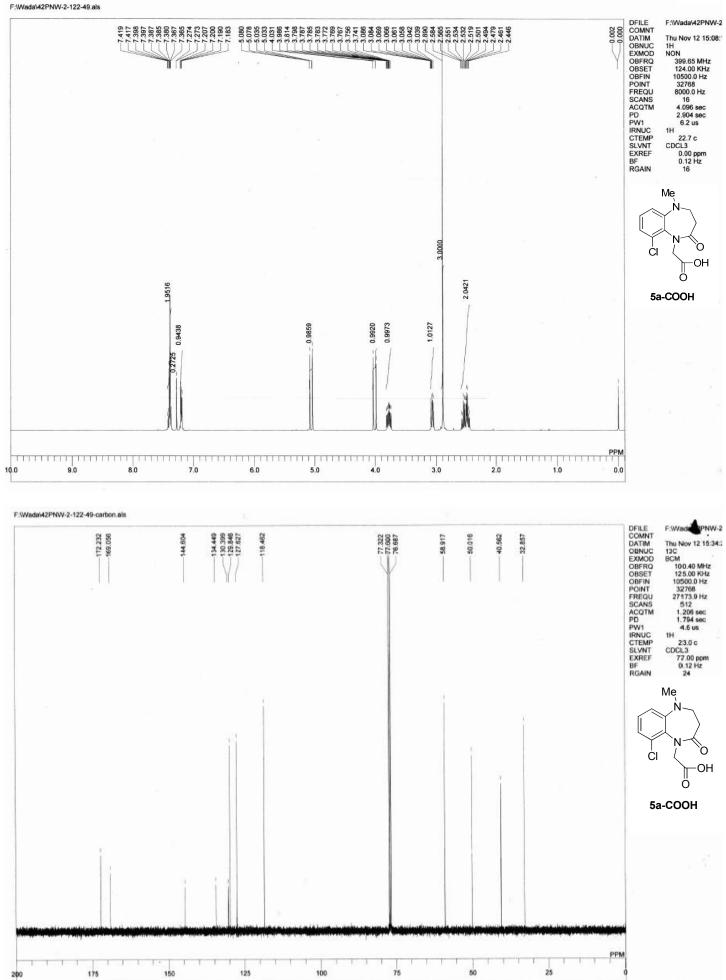




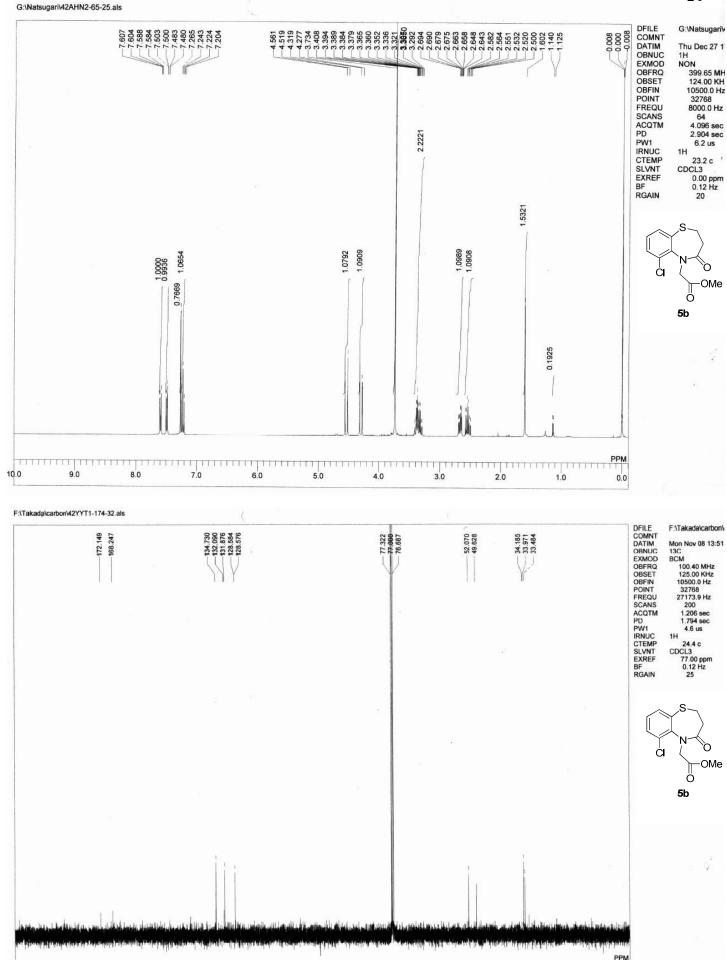


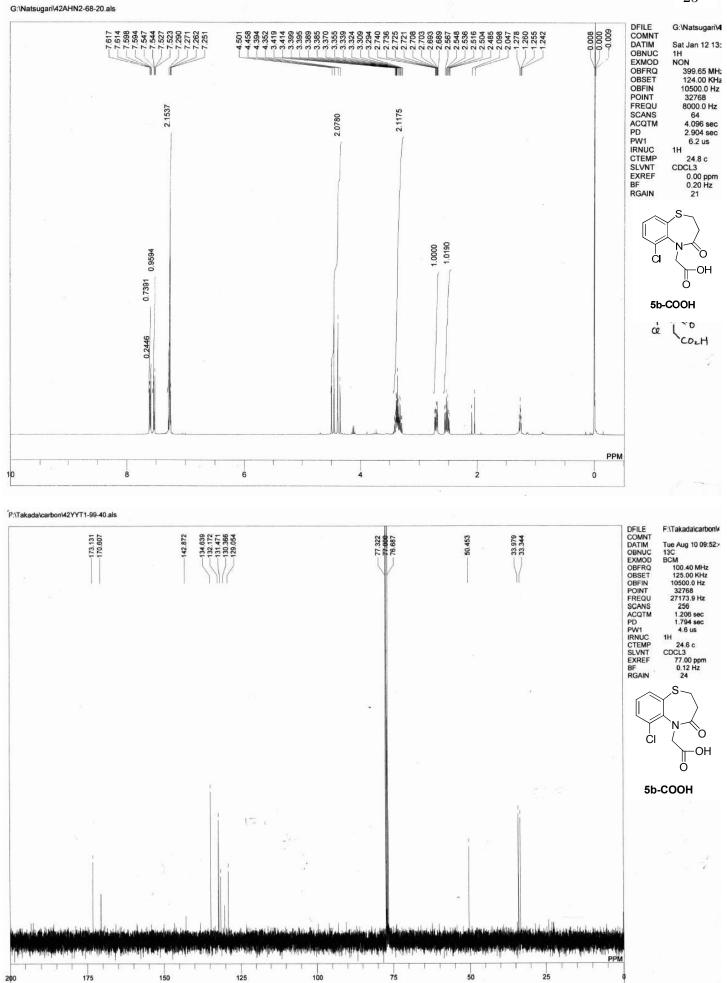


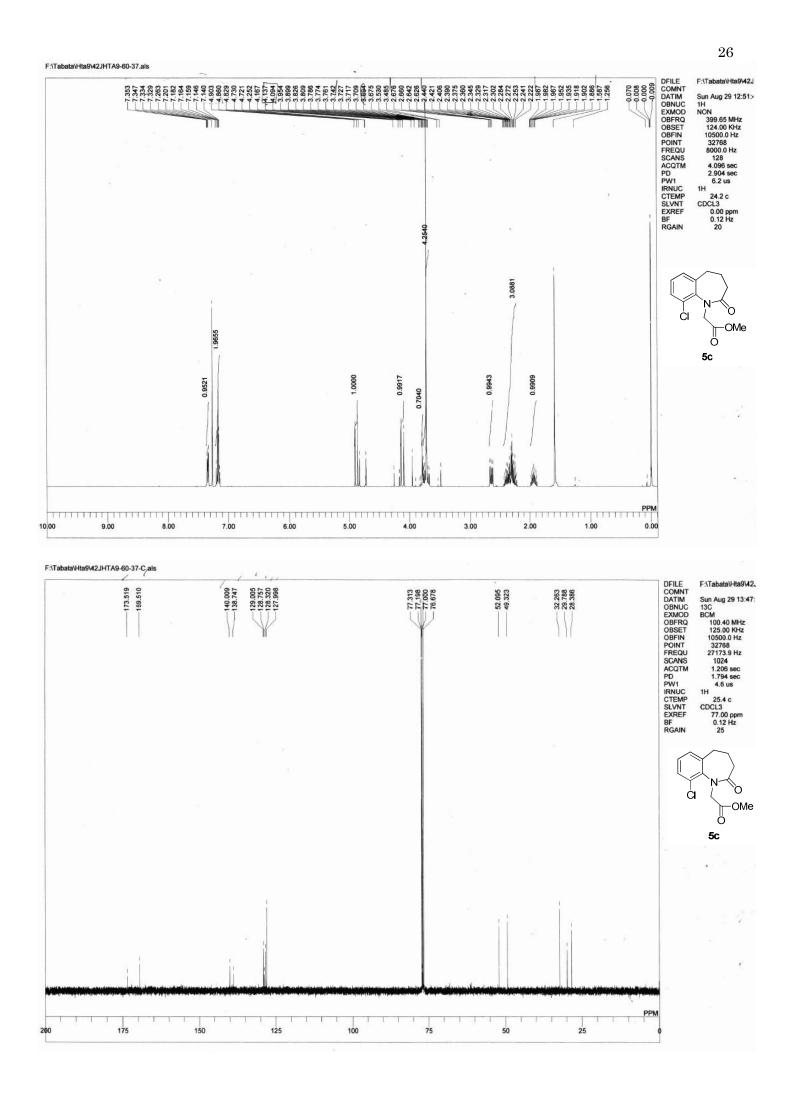


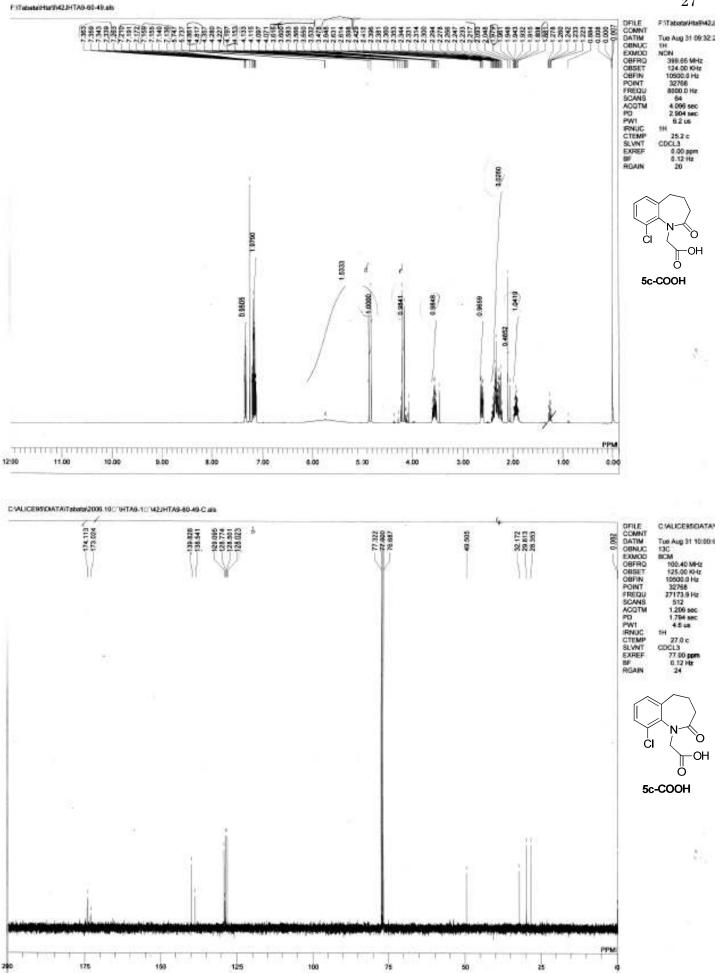


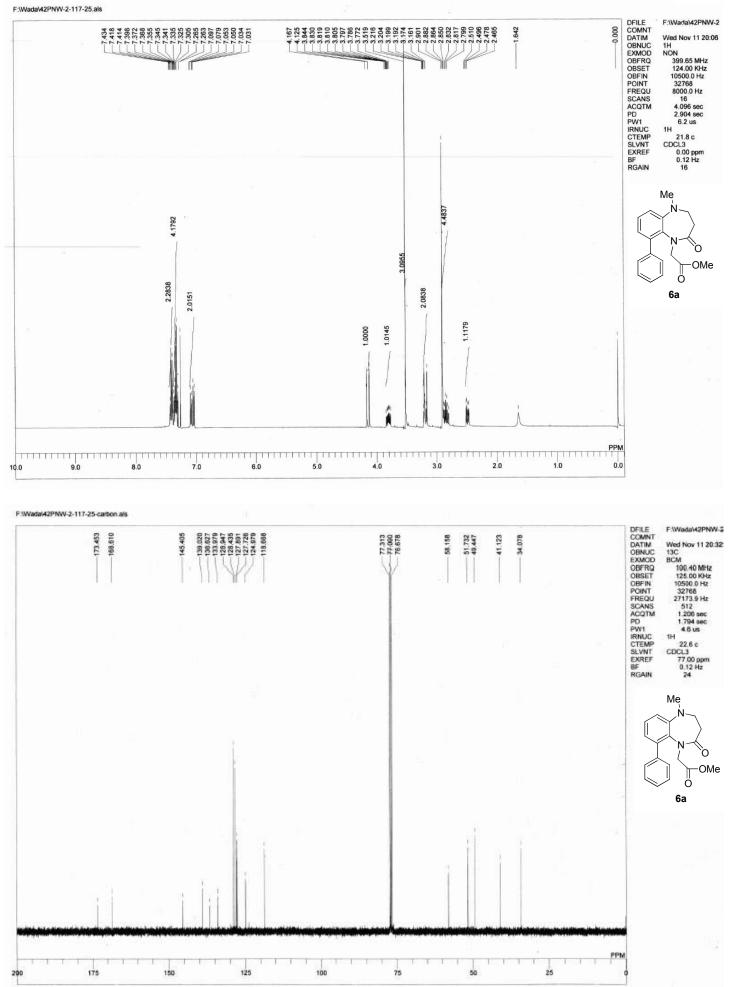
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