Supporting Information

Enantioselective Synthesis of α-Methyl Carboxylic Acids from Readily Available Starting Materials via Chemoenzymatic Dynamic Kinetic Resolution

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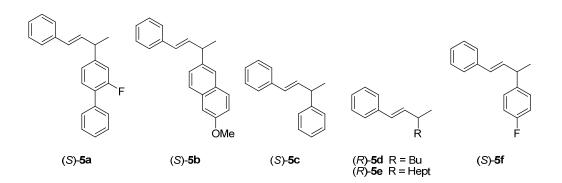
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Experimental Section

General: Chemical shifts (δ) for ¹H (400 or 300 MHz) and ¹³C (100 or 75 MHz) NMR spectra are reported in ppm, using residual CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm and 77.16 ppm, respectively) or tetramethylsilane as internal standards. Chiral chromatography analyses were performed by HPLC or GC. For HPLC, Chiralcel OD-H and Chiralcel AD columns (0.46 cm Ø * 25 cm) were used, flowrate 0.5 mL/min, unless stated in the text. For GC a CP-Chirasil-Dex CB column (25 m Ø * 0.32 mm) was used, carrier gas: H₂, flowrate: 1.8 mL/min. GC program: isothermal at 100 °C for 5 min, then 4 °C/min until 200° C and thereafter isothermal at 200 °C for 5 min. Silica gel 60 (240-400 mesh) was used for flash chromatography and analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60-F₂₅₄ plates. All experiments were performed by standard Schlenk techniques under an argon atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Diethyl ether and THF were dried with a solvent purifier. Characterization of cross-coupling products 5a-5f obtained in the copper-catalyzed allylic substitution reactions.



Supporting information for olefins (S)-5c, (R)-5d, and (R)-5d was previously reported.¹

(*rac*)-1-phenyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-phenyl)phenyl-1-butene ((rac)-5a). (*rac*)-5a was obtained in 97% yield. HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(S) = 13.6$ min, $t_r(R) = 18.6$ min). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dq, J = 7.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.9$ Hz), 147.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.3$ Hz), 137.4, 135.9, 134.3, 130.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz), 129.2, 129.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz), 128.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12.9$ Hz), 127.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.9$ Hz), 126.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 13.5$ Hz), 126.3, 123.4(d, $J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 114.93 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.1$ Hz), 42.2, 21.1. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.11. HRMS (*m*/*z*) calculated for C₂₂H₁₉FNa⁺ (M+Na),⁺ 325.1363; found 325.1373.

(*R*)-(+)-1-phenyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-phenyl)phenyl-1-butene ((*R*)-5a). (*R*)-5a was obtained in 97% yield and >99% ee. $[\alpha]^{27}{}_{\rm D}$ = +38.6 (*c* = 1.00, (CH₃)₂CO). The optical purity was

determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(S) = 13.6$ min, $t_r(R) = 18.6$ min).

(*S*)-(–)-1-phenyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-phenyl)phenyl-1-butene ((*S*)-5a). (*S*)-5a was obtained in 92% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity was determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(S) = 13.6 \text{ min}$, $t_r(R) = 18.6 \text{ min}$). NMR spectral data were in accordance with published data.² [α]²⁷_D = -39.2 (*c* = 1.00, (CH₃)₂CO).

(*rac*)-1-phenyl-3-(6-methoxy-2-naphtyl)-1-butene ((*rac*)-5b). (*rac*)-5b was obtained in 98% yield. HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(R) = 25.35$, $t_r(S) = 29.71$ min). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.49-6.46 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.84-3.76 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.4, 140.8, 137.6, 135.4, 133.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.2, 125.1, 118.7, 105.7, 55.3, 42.5, 21.2. C₂₁H₂₀ONa⁺ (M+Na),⁺ 311.1406; found 311.1411.

(*R*)-(+)-1-phenyl-3-(6-methoxy-2-naphtyl)-1-butene((*R*)-5b). (*R*)-5b was obtained in 99% ee and > 99% ee. The optical purity was determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(R) = 25.35$, $t_r(S) = 29.71$ min). [α]²⁷_D = +38 (c = 1.00, (CH₃)₂CO)

(*S*)-(–)-1-phenyl-3-(6-methoxy-2-naphtyl)-1-butene ((*S*)-5b). (*S*)-5b was obtained in 98% yield and > 99% ee. The optical purity was determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 85:15; flow 1.0, $t_r(R) = 24.67$, $t_r(S) = 28.62$ min). [α]²⁷_D = -37 (c = 1.00, (CH₃)₂CO) (*rac*)-1,3-diphenyl-1-butene ((*rac*)-5c). (*rac*)-5c was obtained in 78% yield. NMR spectral data were in accordance with published data.³ HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 99:1, $t_r(R) = 95.54$, $t_r(S) = 105.44$ min). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.20 (m, 10 H), 6.48-6.38 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dq, J = 7.4, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.50 (d, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.7, 137.7, 135.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 42.7, 21.4.

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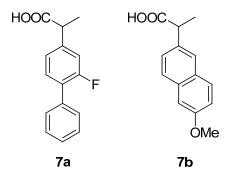
(*rac*)-1-phenyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-butene ((*rac*)-5f). (*rac*)-5f was obtained in 95% yield. NMR spectral data were in accordance with published data.³ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.21 (m, 7H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.33 (m, 2H), 3.66 (dq, *J* = 7.31, 6.92 Hz, 1 H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.92 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 245 Hz), 141.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 137.4, 135.0, 128.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.7 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 126.2, 115.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz), 41.8, 21.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.2. HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*hexane:*i*-PrOH, 99:1, *t_r*(*R*) = 92.40, *t_r*(*S*) = 81.59 min).

(*R*)-(+)-1-phenyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-butene ((*R*)-5f). (*R*)-5f was obtained in 94% yield and >99% ee. NMR spectral data were in accordance with published data.³ The optical purity

was determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 99:1, $t_r(R) = 92.40$, $t_r(S) = 81.59 \text{ min}$). $[\alpha]_{D}^{27} = +33$ (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-(–)-1-phenyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-butene ((*S*)-5f). (*S*)-5f was obtained in 97% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity was determined by HPLC analysis (OJ column, *i*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, 99:1, $t_r(R) = 92.40$, $t_r(S) = 81.59$ min). $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} = -32$ (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).

Characterization of oxidation products 7a-7b.



(*rac*)-Flurbiprofen. (*rac*)-7a. GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 25.6$, $t_r(R) = 26.3$ min). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁴

(*R*)-2-((3-fluoro-4-phenyl)phenyl)propionic acid ((*R*)-Flurbiprofen (*R*)-7a).

Method [A] (*R*)-7a was obtained in 93% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity was determined by GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 25.6$, $t_r(R) = 26.3$ min). $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} = -42.7$ (c = 0.8, CDCl₃). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁴

Method [B] (*R*)-7a was obtained in 44% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity was determined by GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 25.6$, $t_r(R) = 26.3$ min). $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} = -40.6$ (c = 0.5, CDCl₃). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁴

(S)-2-((3-fluoro-4-phenyl)phenyl)propionic acid ((S)-Flurbiprofen (S)-7a).

Method [A] (*S*)-7a was obtained in 76% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity was determined by GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 25.6$, $t_r(R) = 26.3$ min). $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} = +42.2$ (c = 1.0, CDCl₃). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁴

(S)-2-(6-methoxy-2-naphtyl)propionic acid ((S)-Naproxen, (S)-7b).

Method [B] (*S*)-**7b** was obtained in 42% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity (>99% ee) was determined by GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 28.5$, $t_r(R) = 29.2$ min). $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} = +60.8$ (c = 0.5, CDCl₃). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁵

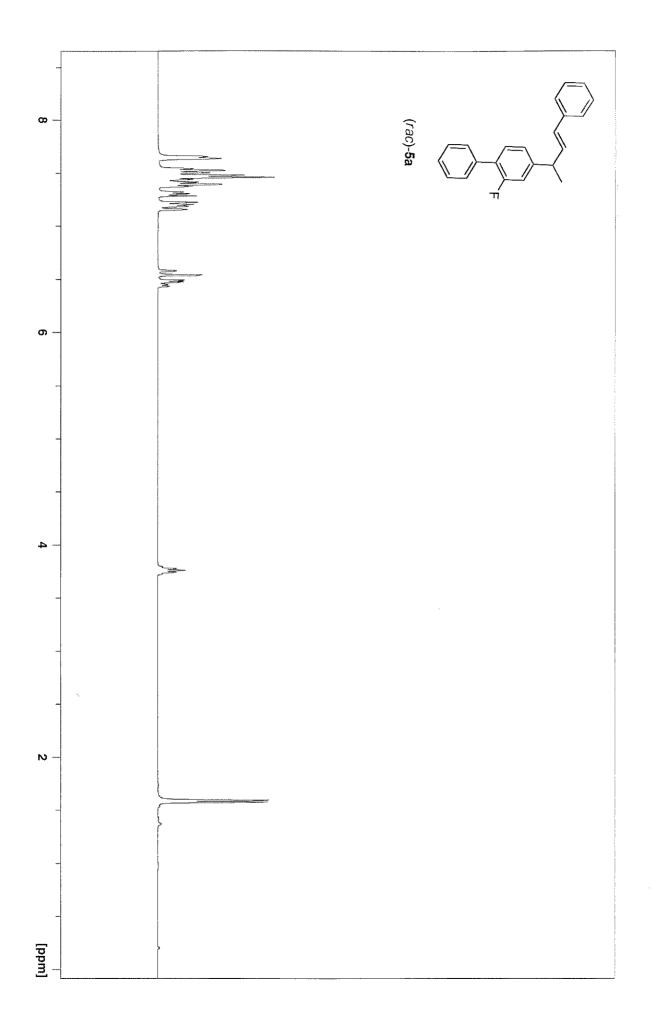
Method [C] (*S*)-**7b** was obtained in 51% yield and >99% ee. The optical purity (>99% ee) was determined by GC analysis (flow rate; 1.5 mL/min. GC program: From 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, isothermal at 200 °C for 40 min; $t_r(S) = 28.5$, $t_r(R) = 29.2$ min). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature data.⁵

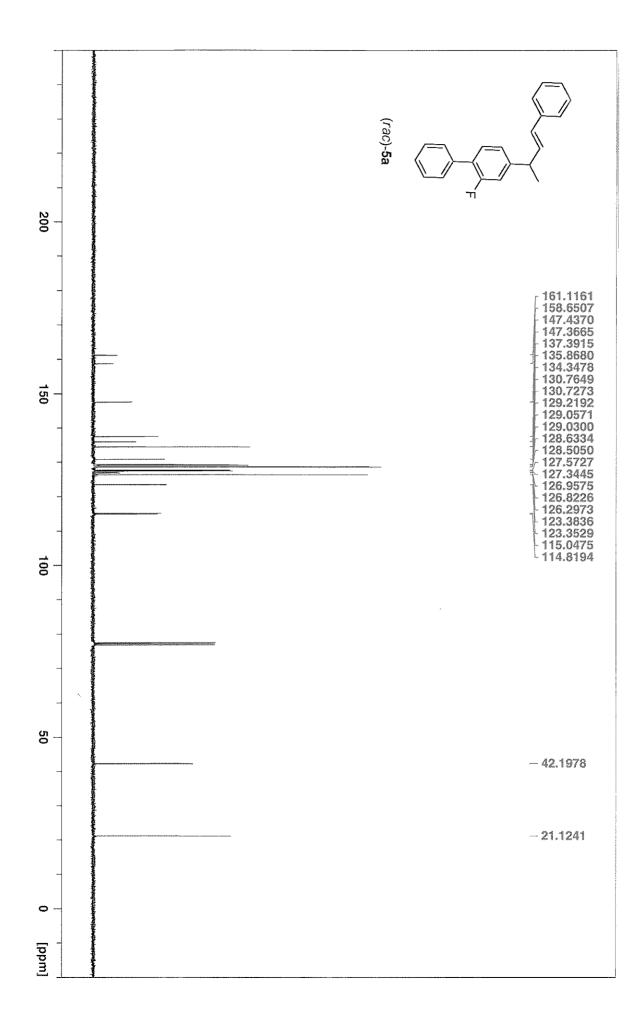
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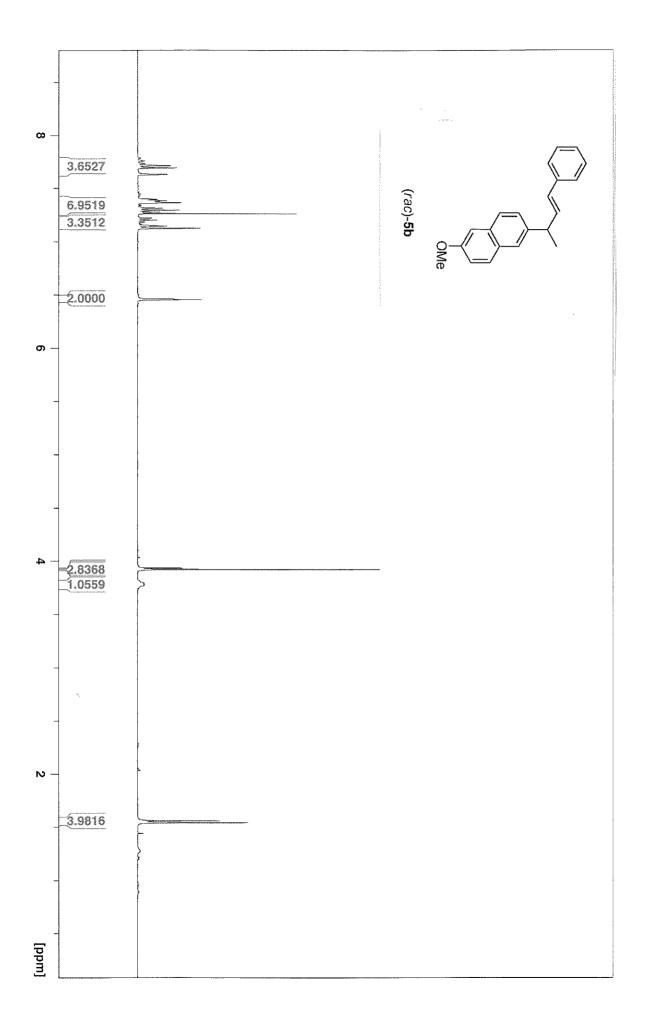
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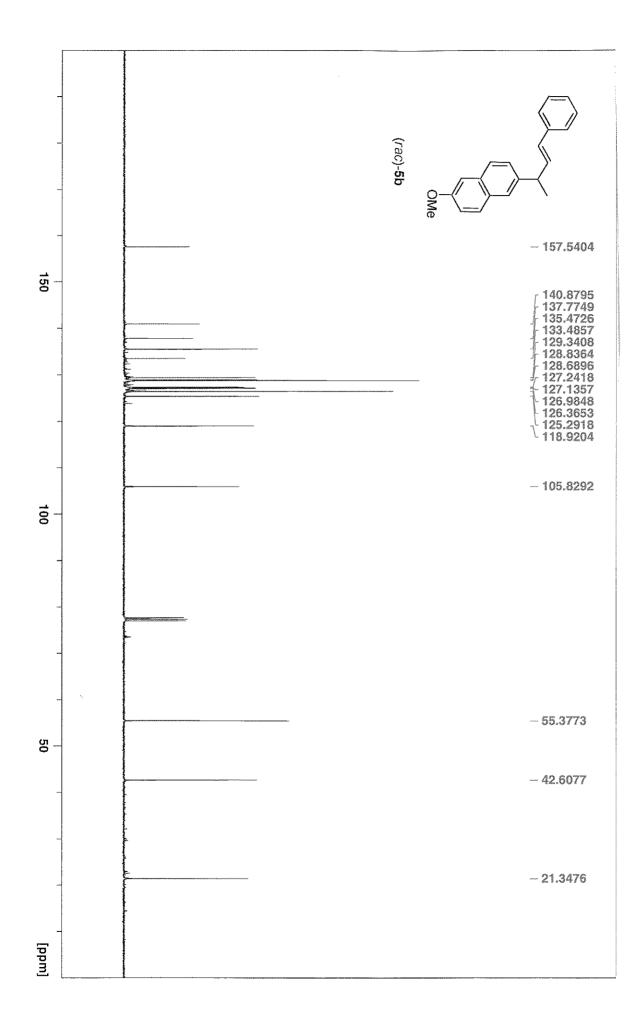
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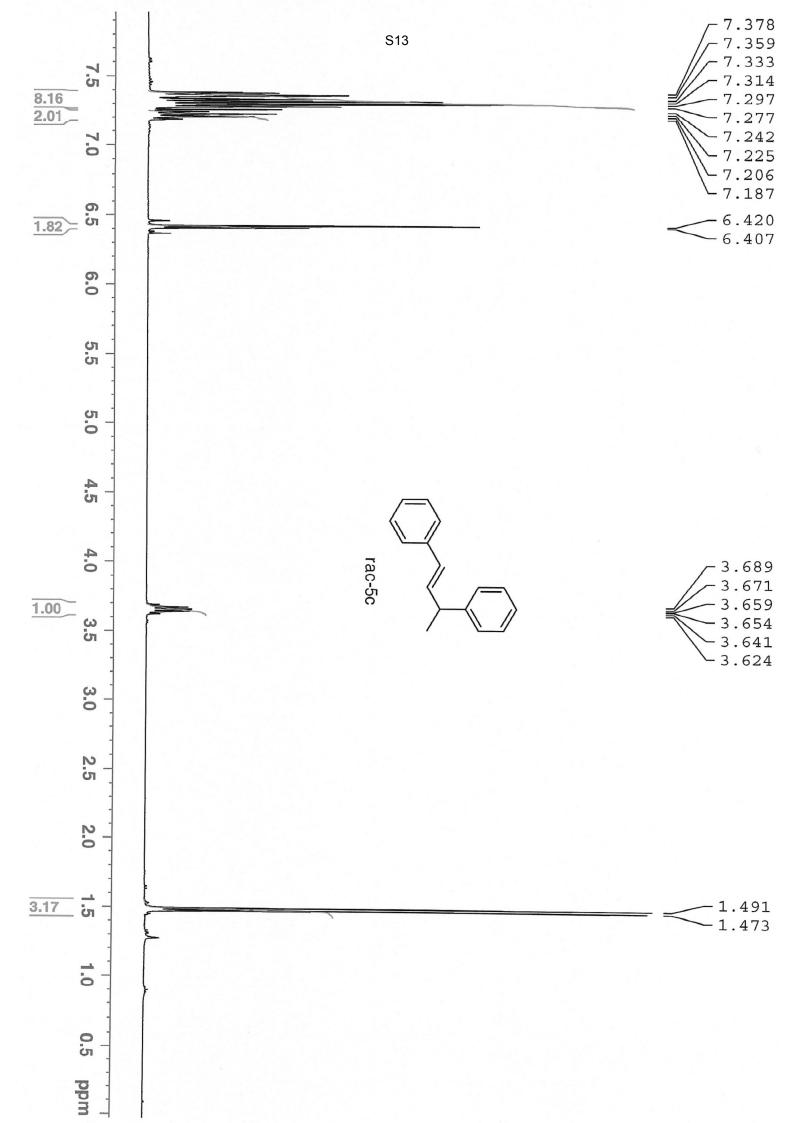
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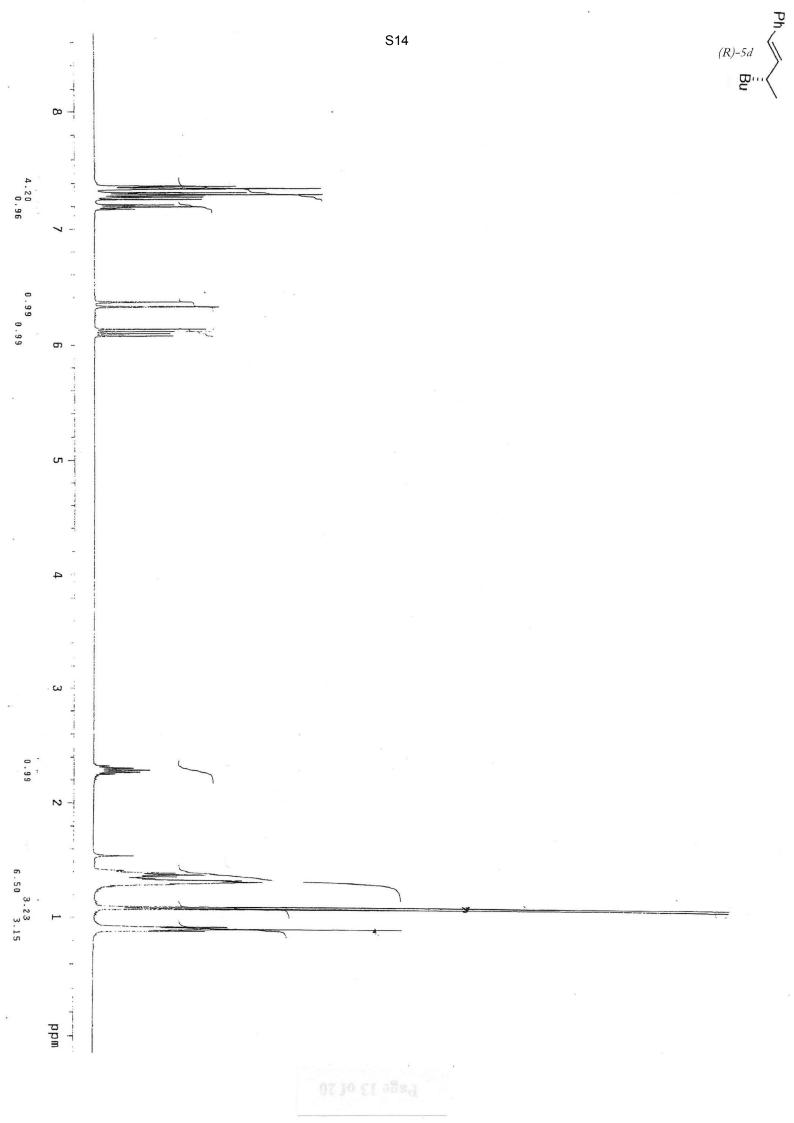


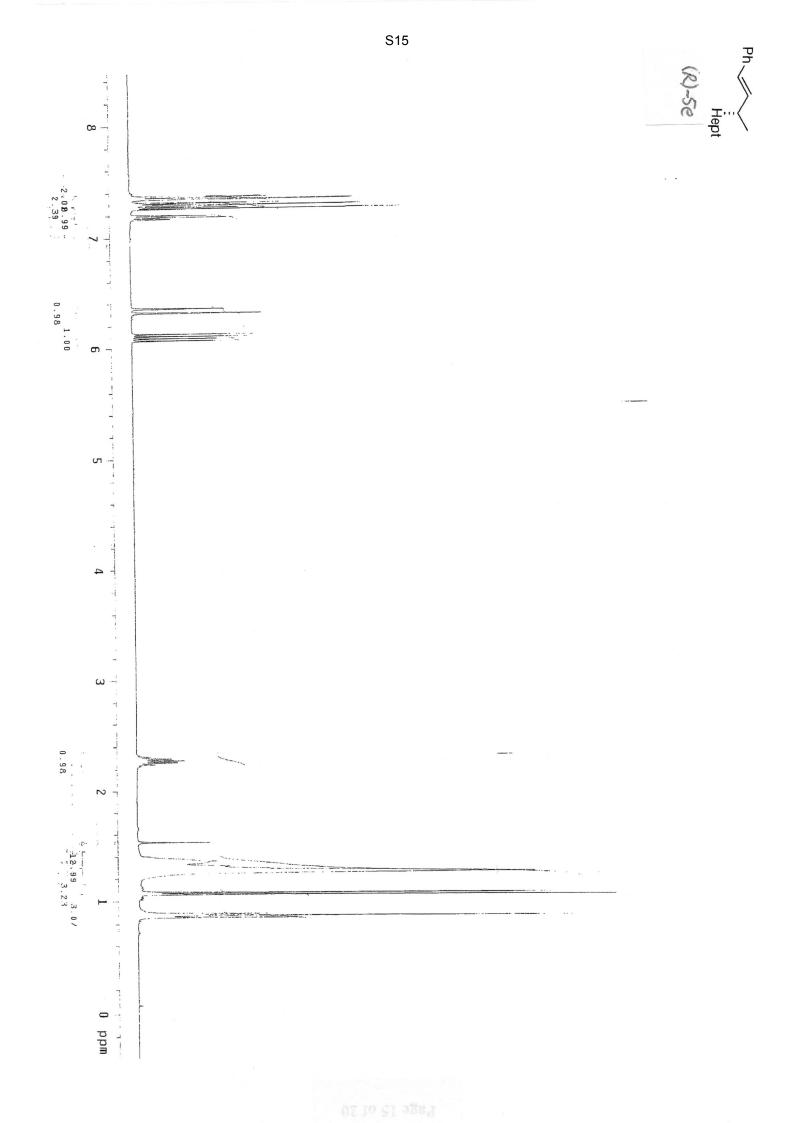


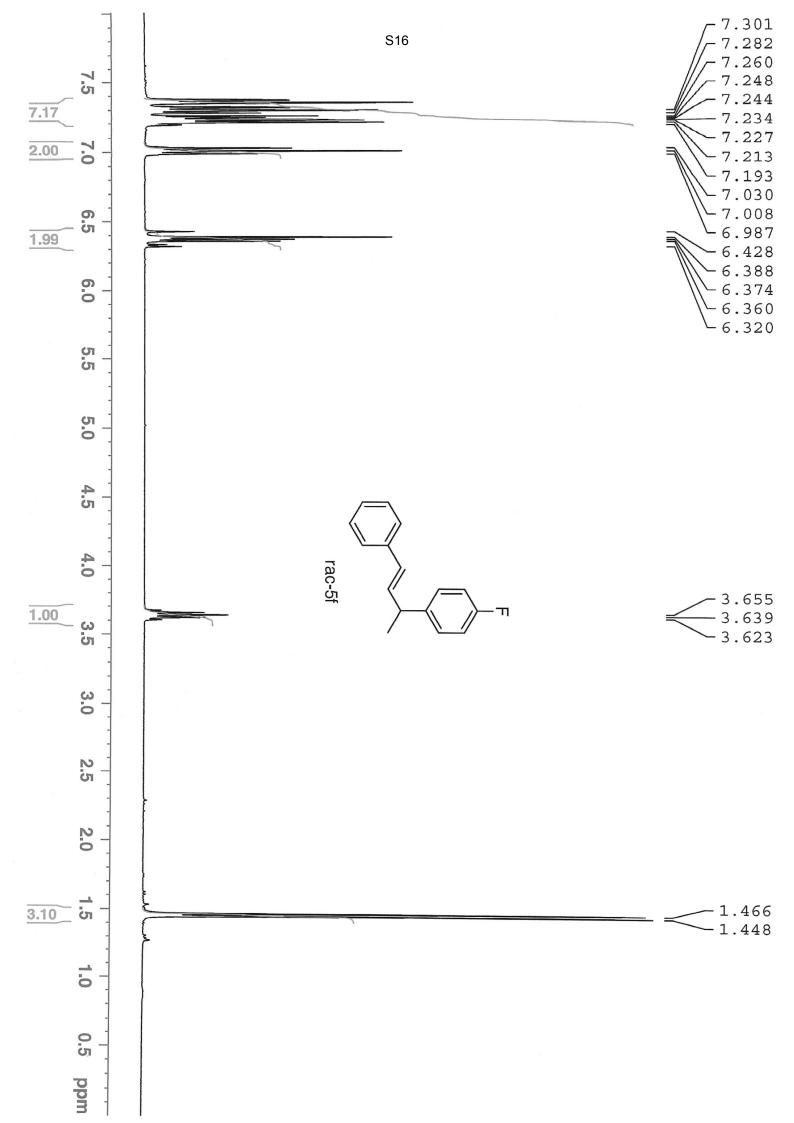


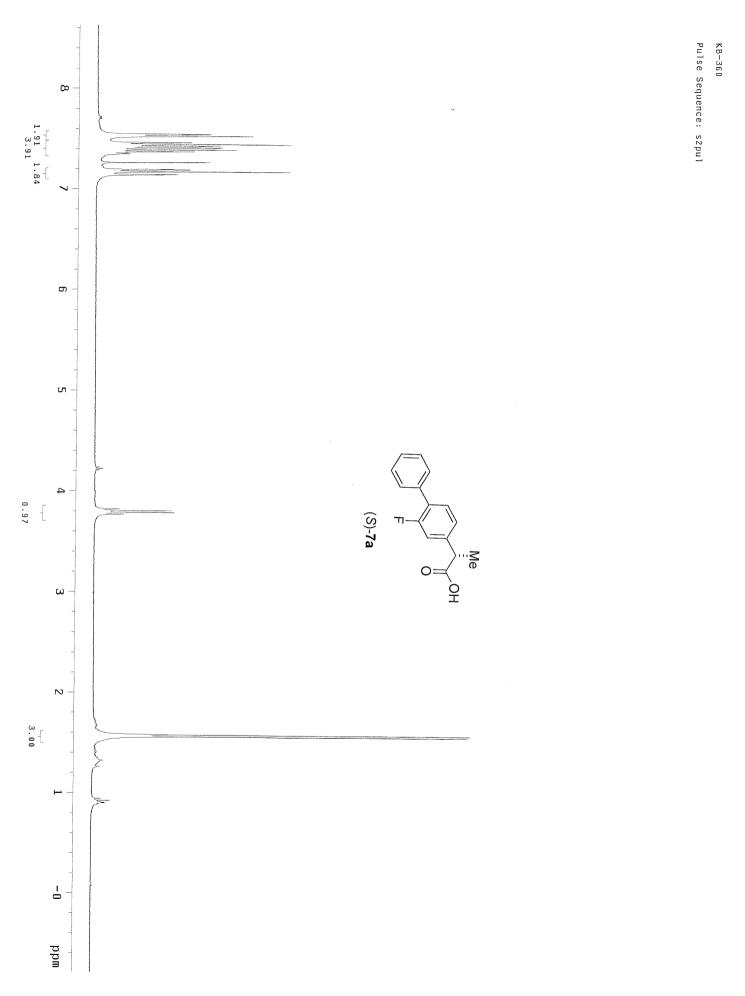


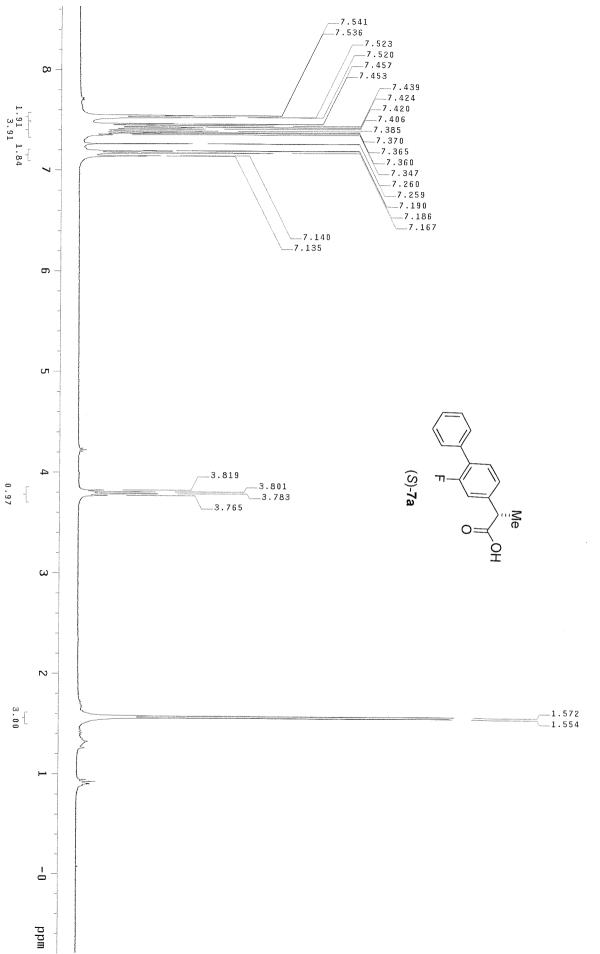








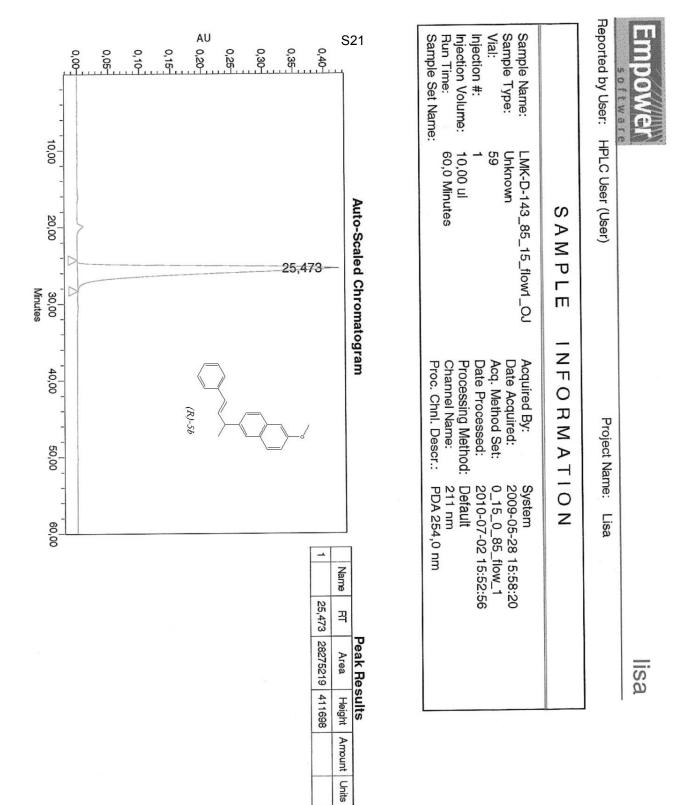




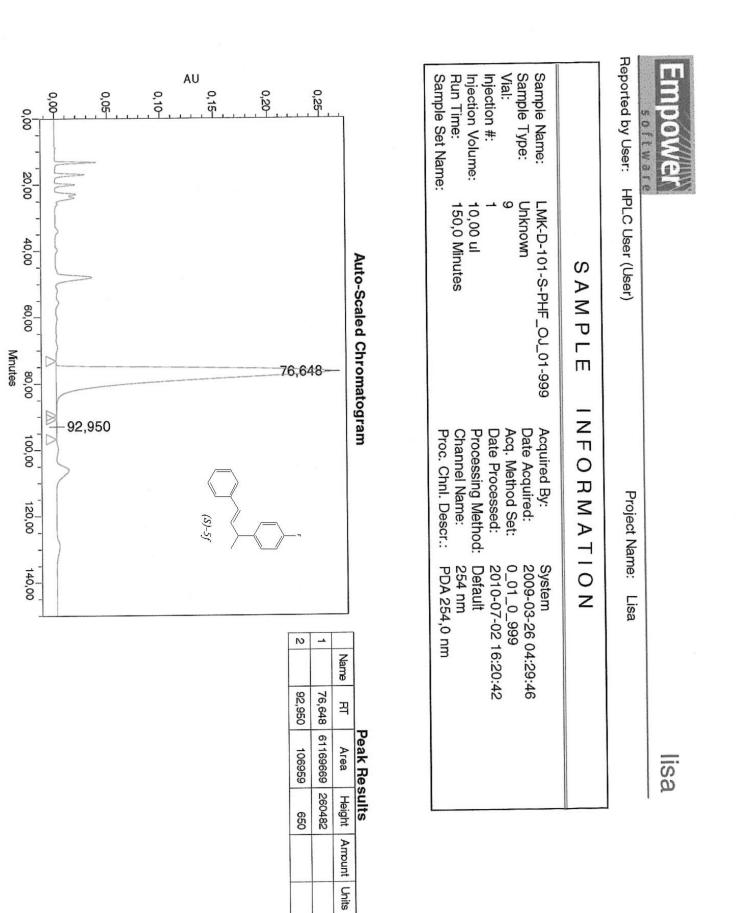
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