

# Novel bifunctional chiral thiourea catalyzed highly enantioselective aza-Henry reaction

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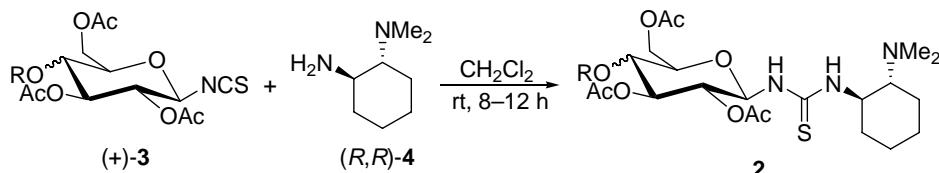
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## 1. Experimental Section

### General information

Flame-dried (under vacuum) glassware was used for all reactions. All reagents and solvents were commercial grade and purified prior to use when necessary. NMR spectra were acquired on either a Bruker AMX-300 or Varian 400 MHz instrumental. Chemical shifts are measured relative to residual solvent peaks as an internal standard set to  $\delta$  7.26 and  $\delta$  77.1 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ). Specific rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 341MC polarimeter. Enantiomeric excesses were determined on a HP-1100 instrument (chiral column; mobile phase: Hexane/i-PrOH). Elemental analyses were conducted on a Yanaco CHN Corder MT-3 automatic analyzer. Melting points were determined on a T-4 melting point apparatus. All temperatures were uncorrected. Glucosyl isothiocyanate 3<sup>[1]</sup> (*R,R*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl cyclohexane-1,2-diamine 4<sup>[2]</sup> and *N*-protected imines<sup>[3]</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedure.

### Preparation of the title chiral thiourea compound



To a solution of (*1R,2R*)-*N,N*-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine (1.10 g, 7.7 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of the corresponding sugar-derived isothiocyanate (7.0 mmol) in methylene chloride (25 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until total consumption of the isothiocyanate (monitored by TLC). After removal of solvent, the residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, eluted with ethyl acetate / petroleum ether: 1/2) to give the thiourea catalyst as a white solid.

**(+)-2a:** 79% yield, m.p 105–106 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +18.0$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.95–1.24 (m, 5 H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$  and one proton of  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.61–1.83 (m, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_2$  and one proton of  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.95 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.97 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.99 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.02 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.11–2.50 (m, 3 H, 3 NCH), 2.16 (s, 6 H, 2 NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.77–3.81 (m, 1 H, OCH), 4.02–4.07 (m, 1 H, OCH), 4.28 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  = 9.3, 4.2 Hz, OCH), 4.91 (t, 1 H,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, OCH), 5.01 (t, 1 H,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, OCH), 5.25–5.31 (m, 1 H, OCH), 5.70 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 6.65 (br. s, 1 H, NH).

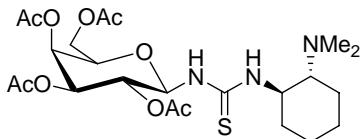
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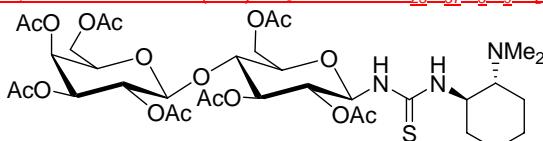
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H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.0 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 20.58, 20.73, 21.61, 24.49, 24.90, 32.65, 33.95, 39.95, 55.80, 61.76, 66.81, 68.31, 71.04, 73.06, 73.29, 76.72, 77.15, 77.57, 82.90, 100.00, 169.60, 169.83, 170.60, 170.96, 183.48. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3358, 2938, 1754, 1541, 1370, 1228, 1038, 908, 758, 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 532.2323, found 532.2320.



(+)-2b: 67% yield, m.p 94–95 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +22.9$  (c 1.02,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.96–1.28 (m, 5 H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$  and one proton of  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.62–1.83 (m, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_2$  and one proton of  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.92 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.97 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.01 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.08 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.17 (s, 6 H, 2  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 2.34–2.41 (m, 2 H, 2  $\text{NCH}$ ), 3.58–3.59 (m, 1 H,  $\text{NCH}$ ), 3.98–4.07 (m, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}$ ), 5.05–5.14 (m, 2 H, 2  $\text{OCH}$ ), 5.38 (d, 1 H, 1.6 Hz,  $\text{OCH}$ ), 5.63 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 6.69 (br. s, 1 H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.0 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.54, 19.61, 19.69, 19.81, 20.66, 23.57, 23.99, 31.66, 38.90, 54.81, 60.10, 65.70, 66.37, 70.12, 71.10, 75.88, 76.31, 76.73, 82.30, 168.77, 168.99, 169.38, 170.16, 182.38. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3360, 2936, 1751, 1541, 1370, 1228, 1050, 954, 915, 761, 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 532.2323, found 532.2333.



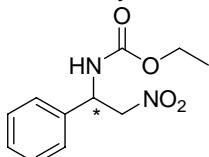
(-)-2c: 64% yield, m.p 118–120 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$

–1.12 (c 0.98,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 1.10–1.20 (m, 4 H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.60–1.81 (m, 4 H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.89 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.97 (s, 9 H, 3  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.99 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.04 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.08 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.15 (s, 6 H, 2  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 2.28–2.40 (m, 2 H, 2  $\text{NCH}$ ), 3.69–3.84 (m, 4 H), 3.99–4.12 (m, 4 H,  $\text{OCH}$ ), 4.38 (d, 1 H,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz), 4.42 (d, 1 H,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz), 4.81 (t, 1 H,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz), 5.03 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  = 8.0–10.4 Hz), 5.22–5.28 (m, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}$  and NH), 5.59 (br. s, 1 H, NH).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  20.36, 20.47, 20.60, 20.67, 20.76, 21.64, 24.43, 24.86, 32.53, 39.85, 55.71, 60.83, 62.08, 66.68, 68.99, 70.54, 70.93, 71.25, 72.85, 74.16, 75.99, 76.84, 77.27, 77.47, 77.70, 82.54, 100.58, 168.82, 169.31, 169.89, 170.02, 170.21, 170.86, 183.45. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3362, 2938, 1754, 1541, 1370, 1229, 1047, 952, 904, 759, 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{17}\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 820.3169, found 820.3168.

### General Procedure for the 2 catalyzed enantioselective aza-Henry reaction

To A solution of imine (0.5 mmol), thiourea catalyst (40 mg, 0.075 mmol) in methylene chloride was added nitromethane (270  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5 mmol) in one portion at the temperature as depicted in the text. The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature and monitored by TLC. The solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, eluted with ethyl acetate / petroleum ether: 1/12) to furnish the desired products as white solid. Enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.



Ethyl 2-nitro-1-phenylethylcarbamate: White solid, m.p 118–120 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –19.4 (c 1.32,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), 85.8% ee.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.25 (t, 3 H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.14 (q, 2 H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.69–4.75 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.85 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.40–5.44 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.29–7.42 (m, 5 Haorm). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm):  $R_t$  = 15.36 (minor) and 17.55 min (major).

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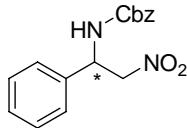
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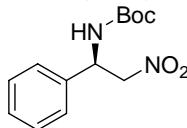
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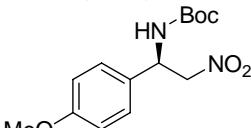
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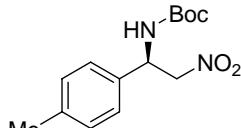
Benzyl 2-nitro-1-phenylethylcarbamate: White solid, m.p. 104–105 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  – 8.36 (c 1.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 87.3% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.71 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.3 and 6.3 Hz, CH), 4.86 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.12 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.45 (dd, J = 13.2 and 6.6 Hz, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (br. s, 1 H, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.29–7.41 (m, 10 Haorm). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 24.19 (major) and 31.91 min (minor).



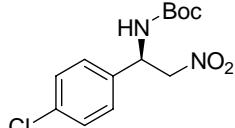
*tert*-Butyl (R)-2-nitro-1-phenylethylcarbamate (**6a**): White solid, m.p. 105–106 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –22.5 (c 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 99.7% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 4.70 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, CH), 4.84 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.28 (br. s, 1 H, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.38 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30–7.40 (m, 5 Haorm). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 9.98 (major) and 12.38 min (minor).



*tert*-Butyl (R)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6b**): White solid, m.p. 150–151 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –34.9 (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 93.6% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 3.80 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.66 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.4, 6.0 Hz, CH), 4.84 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.17 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.32 (d, 1 H, J = 6.0 Hz, one proton of CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.22 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 14.80 (minor) and 15.44 min (major).



*tert*-Butyl (R)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6c**): White solid, m.p. 106–107 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –23.2 (c 0.98, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 82.6% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 2.34 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.67 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.4, 5.6 Hz, CH), 4.84 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.22–5.34 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.18 (s, 4 Harom). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 9.86 (major) and 10.54 min (minor).



*tert*-Butyl (R)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6d**): White solid, m.p. 139–140 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –26.9 (c 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 99.3% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 4.69 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.8, 4.8 Hz, CH), 4.84 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.33 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.25 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz). HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 13.33 (minor) and 18.71 min (major).

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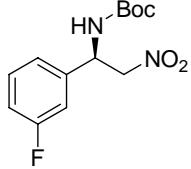
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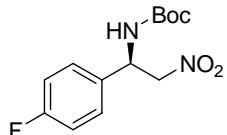
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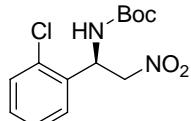
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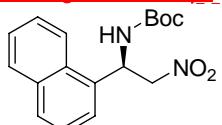
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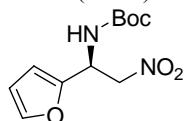
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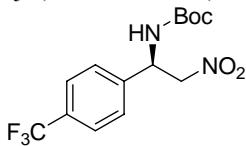


*tert*-Butyl (*R*)-1-(1-naphthyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6h**): White solid, m.p 176–177 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -5.99$  (c 1.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 99.8% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 4.90 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.28 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 6.24–6.31 (m, 1 H, CH), 7.45–7.47 (m, 2 Harom), 7.53–7.65 (m, 2 Harom), 7.84–7.92 (m, 2 Harom), 8.12 (d, 1 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz). HPLC analysis: AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm; Rt = 7.71 (minor) and 10.66 min (major).

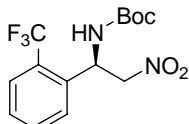


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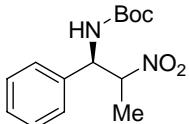
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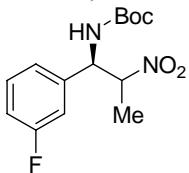
*tert*-Butyl (*R*)-1-(4-trifluorophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6j**): White solid, m.p 152–153 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –12.07 (c 0.82, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 94.1% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 4.71–4.76 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.86 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 5.42 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.65 (d, 2 Harom, J = 8.4 Hz). HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak* AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 6.70 (minor) and 8.67 min (major).



*tert*-Butyl (*R*)-1-(2-trifluorophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**6k**): White solid, m.p 75–76 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –5.0 (c 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 95.8% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.40 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 4.76 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.55(d, 1 H, J = 6.4 Hz, NH), 5.77 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, CH), 7.47 (t, 1 Harom, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.52 (d, 1 Harom, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.60 (t, 1 Harom, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.72 (d, 1 Harm, J = 7.6 Hz). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 50.30, H 5.13, N 8.38; Found: C 50.17, H 5.02, N 8.21. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak* AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 5.75 (major) and 6.58 min (minor).



*tert*-Butyl (1*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylpropylcarbamate (**7a**): White solid, m.p 178–180 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –16.0 (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), dr (*syn/anti*): 9.3/1, 97.0% ee (*syn*), 61.2% ee (*anti*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.43 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 1.52 (d, 3 H, J = 6.9 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.90–4.93 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.16–5.21 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.30 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 7.22–7.24 (m, 2 Harom), 7.33–7.37 (m, 3 Harom). HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak* AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 12.07 (minor of *syn*-isomer) and 13.80 min (major of *syn*-isomer); Rt = 16.54 (major of *anti*-isomer) and 20.87 min (minor of *anti*-isomer).



*tert*-Butyl (1*R*)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-nitropropylcarbamate (**7b**): White solid, m.p 134–136 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –13.95 (c 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), dr (*syn/anti*): 1.2/1, 95.3% ee (*anti*), *syn*-isomer is inseparable under this condition. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.43 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 1.53 (d, 1.36 H, J = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub> of *anti*-isomer), 1.59 (d, 1.65 H, CH<sub>3</sub> of *syn*-isomer), 4.88–4.96 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.08–5.12 (m, 0.54 H, CH of *syn*-isomer), 5.17–5.21 (m, 0.46 H, CH of *anti*-isomer), 5.31–5.35 (m, 0.53 H, NH of *syn*-isomer), 5.61–5.64 (m, 0.44 H, NH of *anti*-isomer), 6.94–7.05 (m, 3 Harom), 7.31–7.36 (m, 1 Harom). HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak* AD-H column, Hexane:2-Propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm): Rt = 17.87 (minor of *anti*-isomer) and 20.26 min (major of *anti*-isomer).

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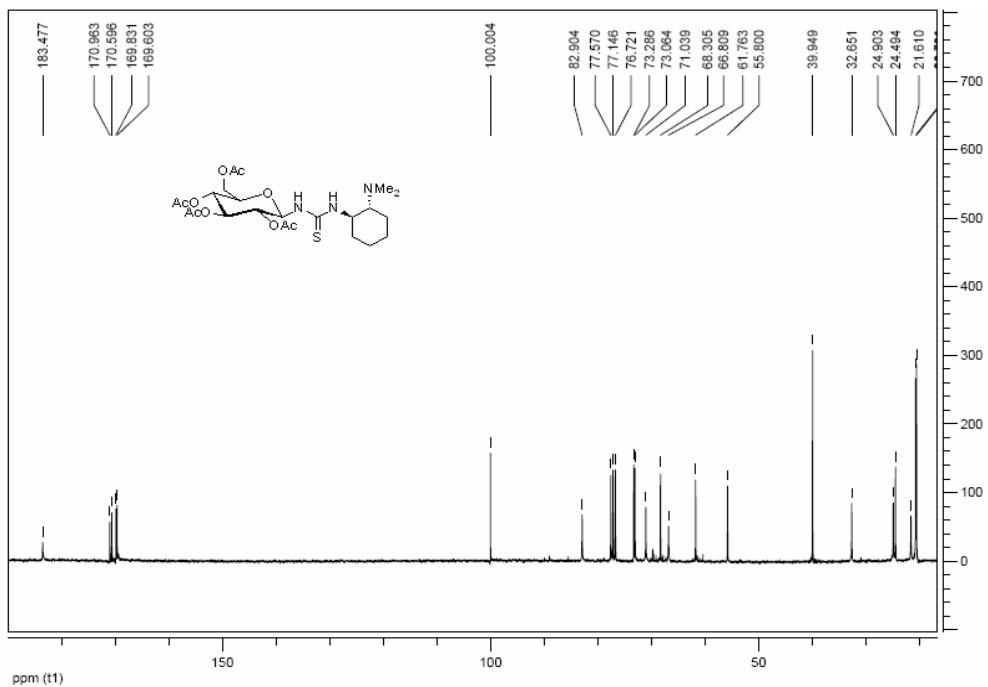
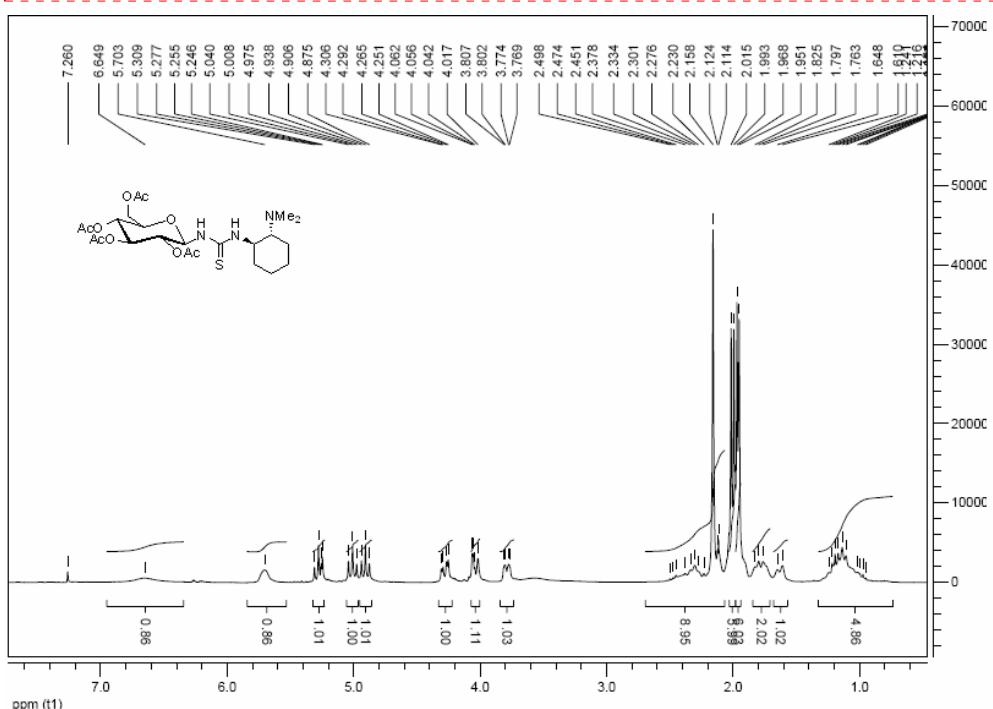
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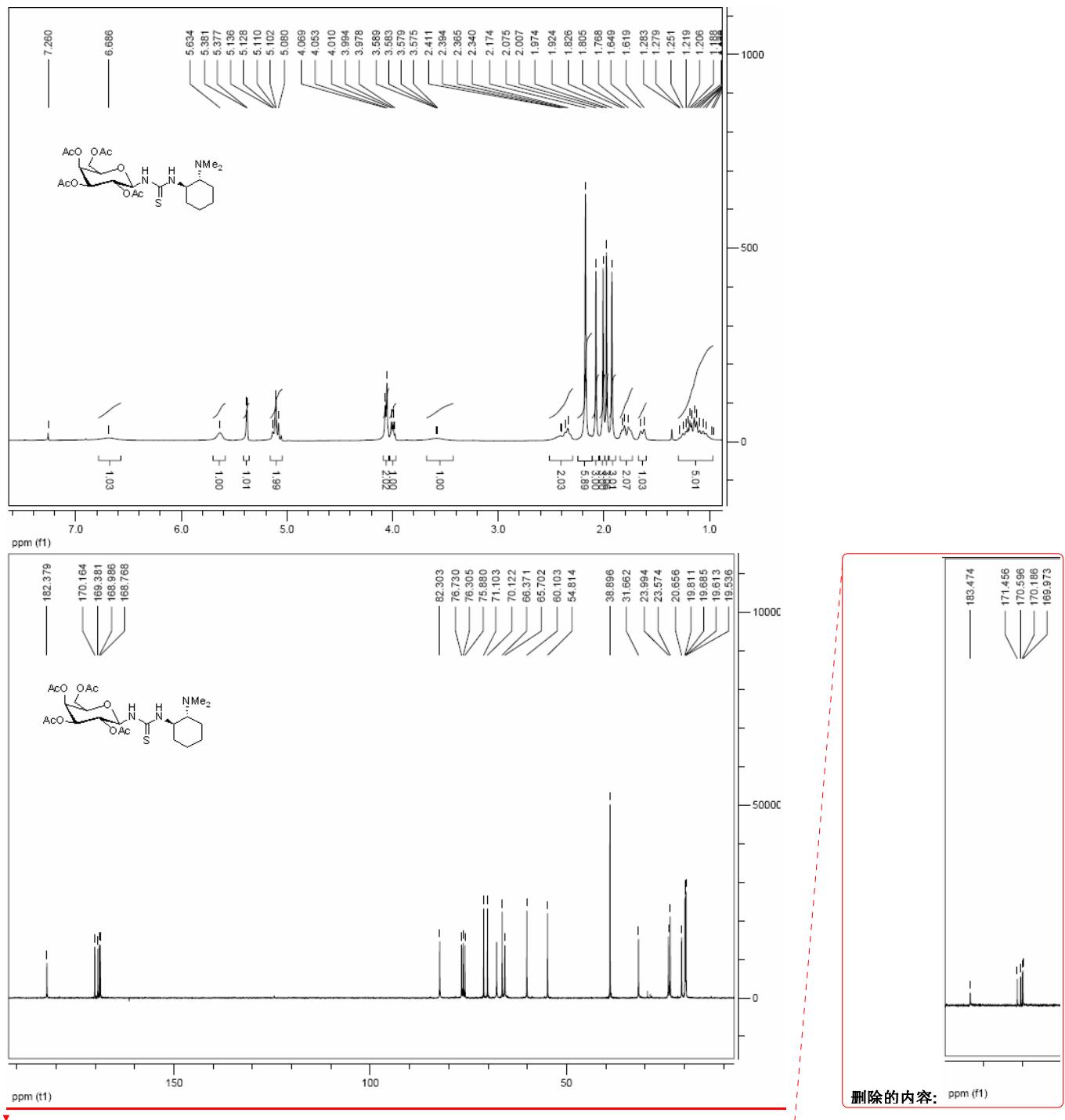
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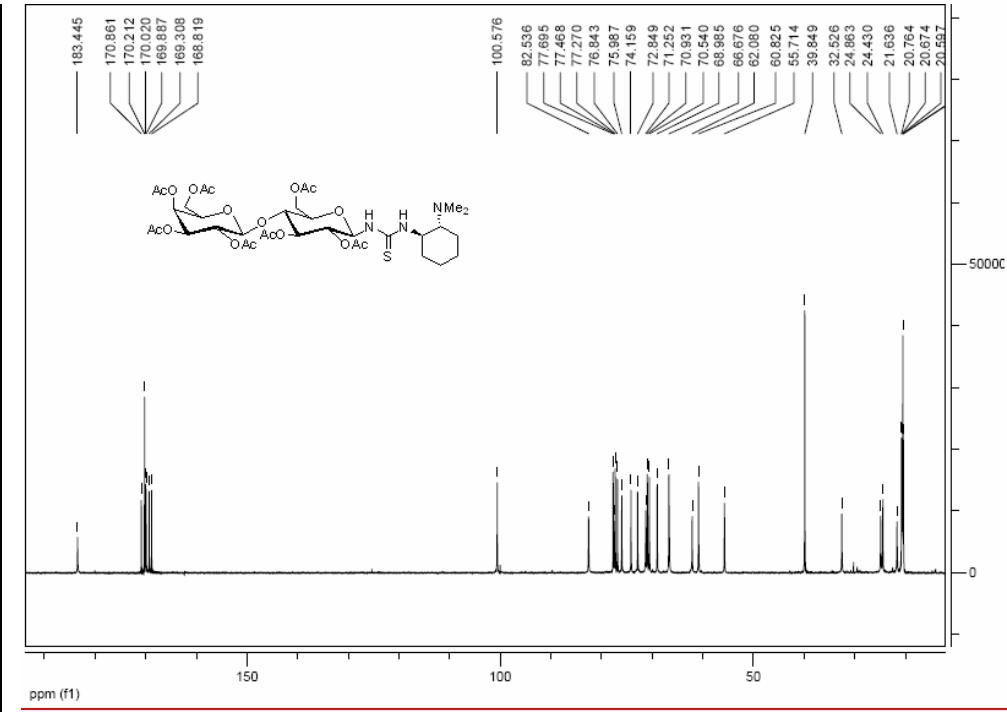
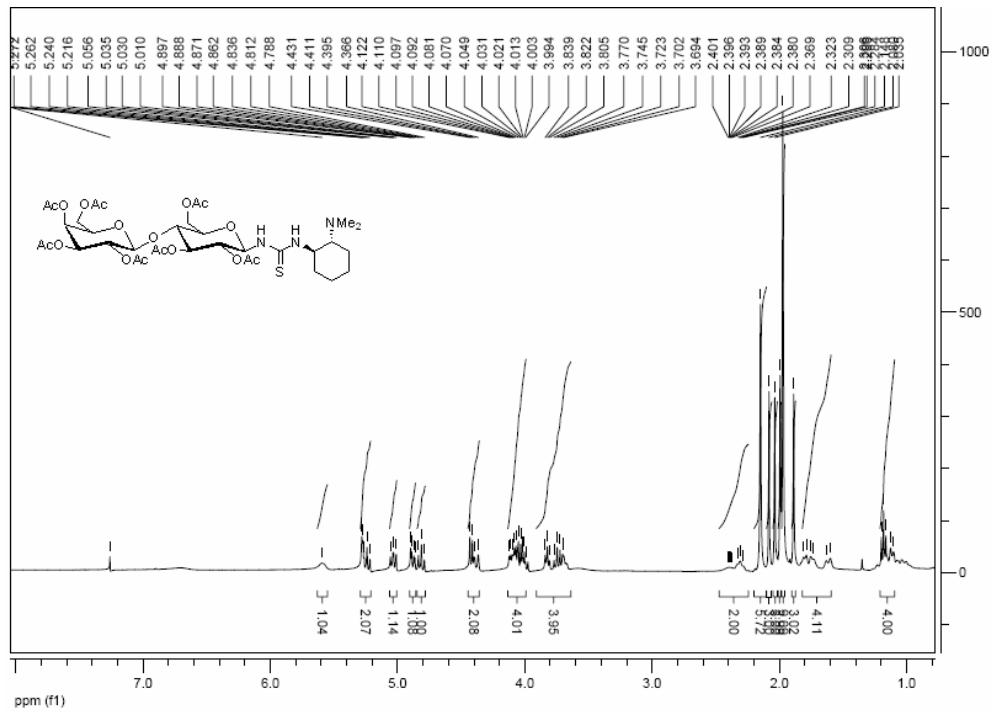
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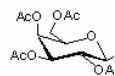
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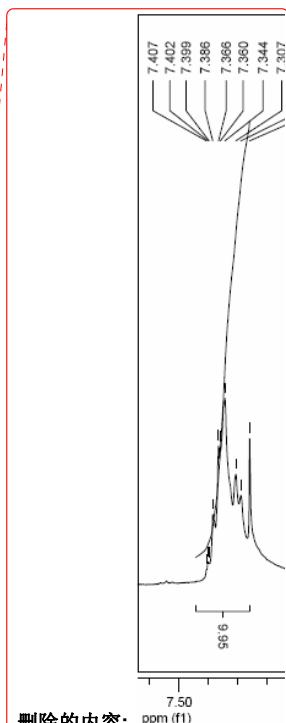
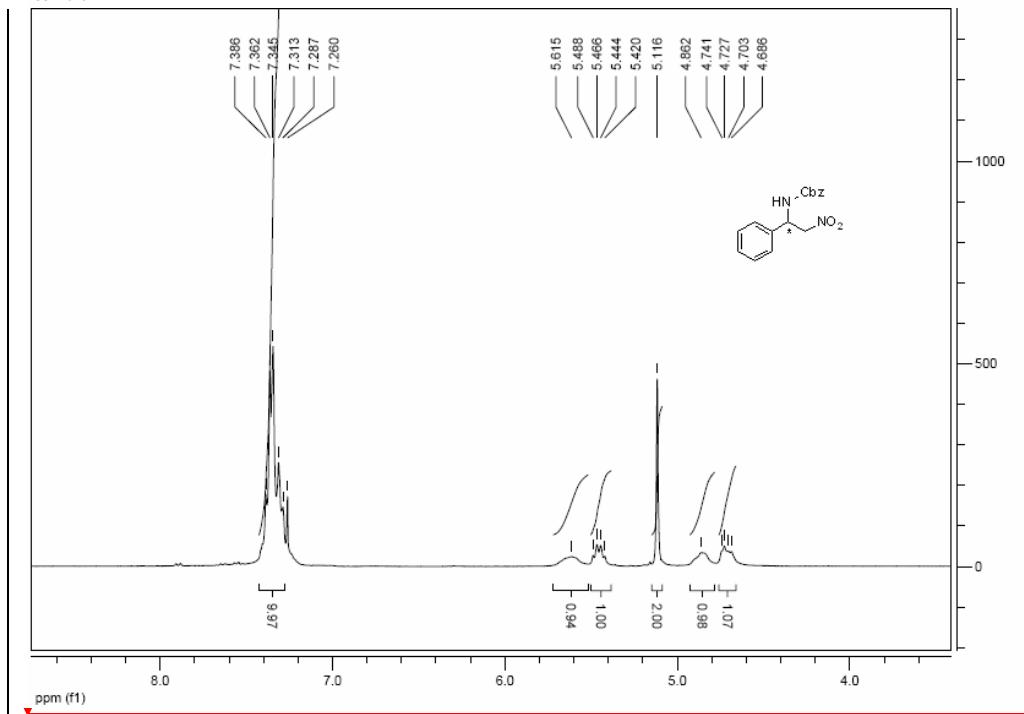
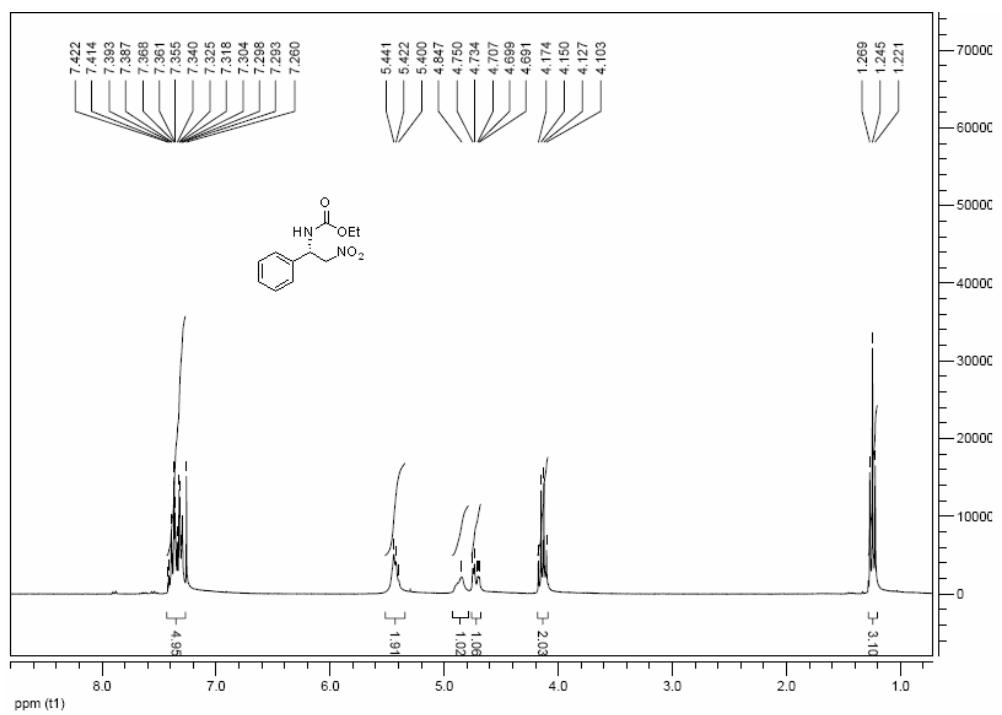


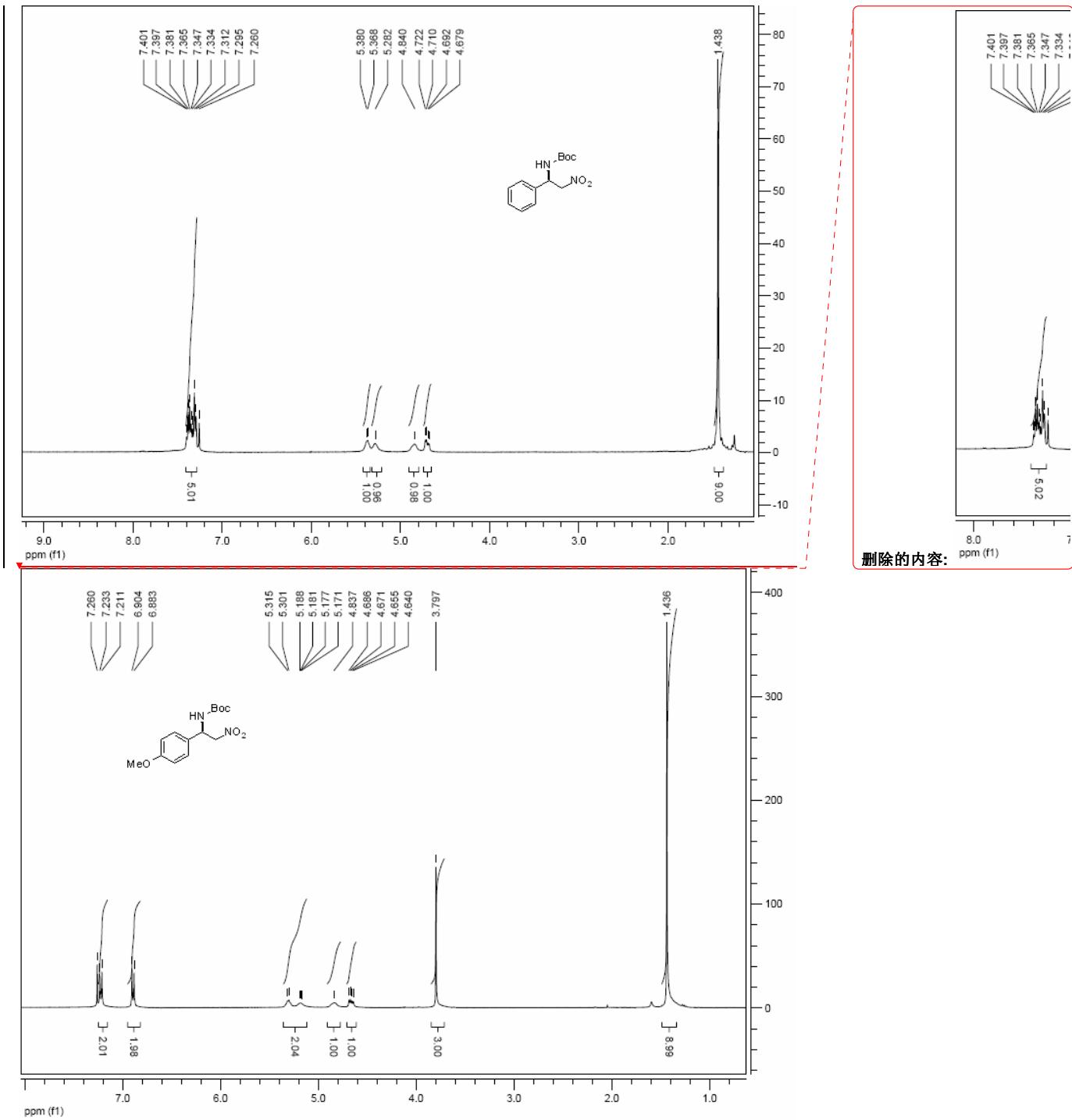


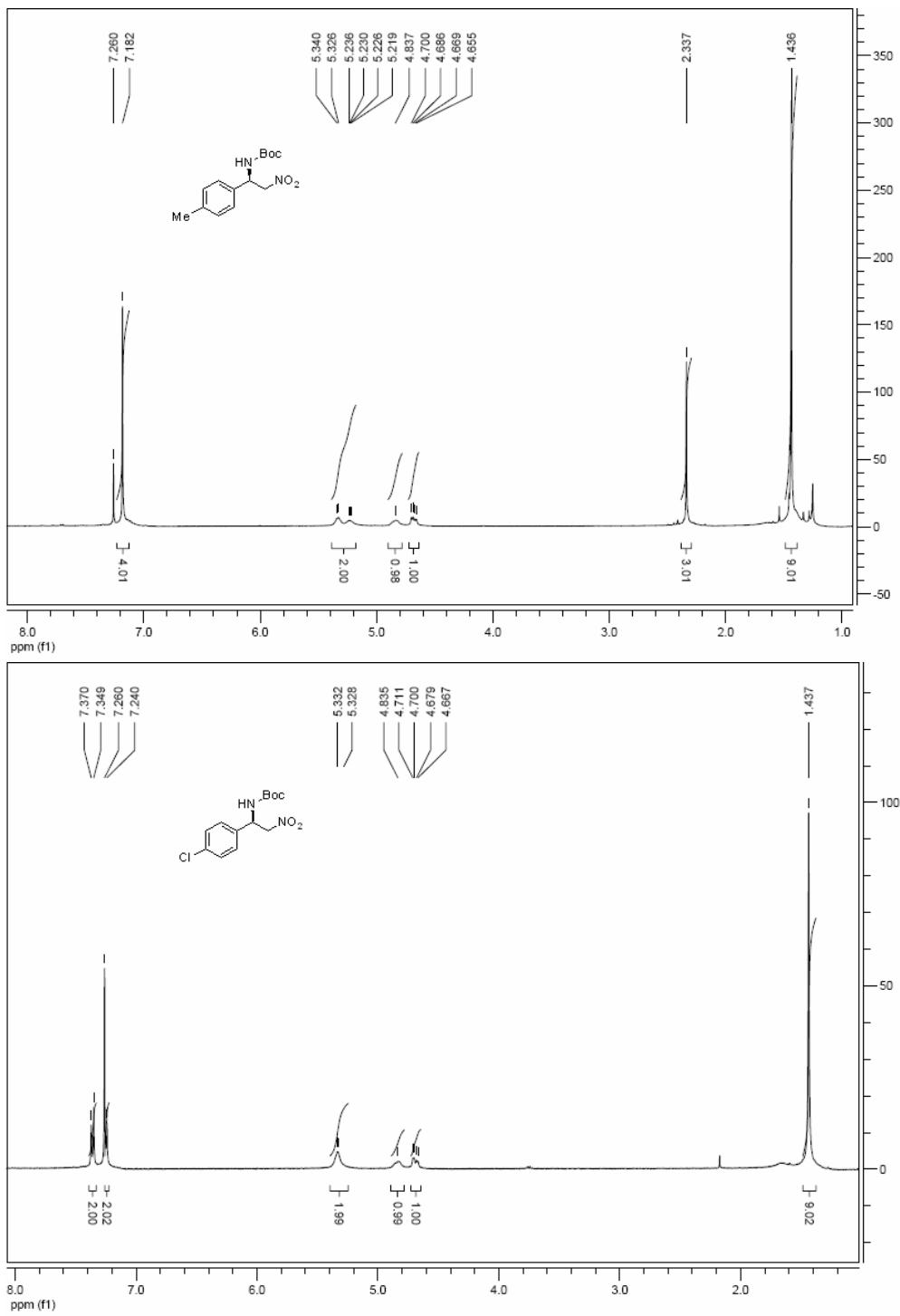


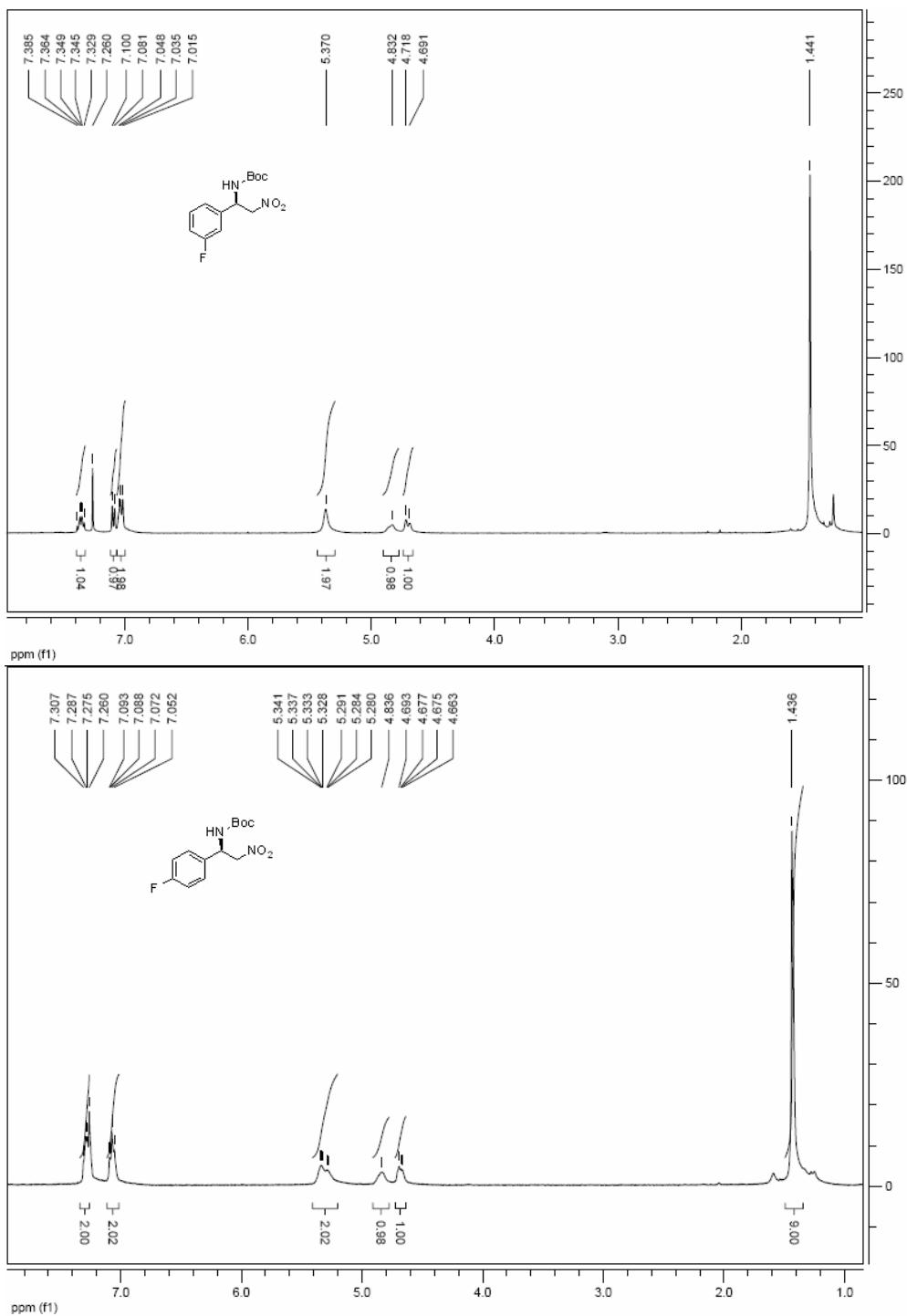
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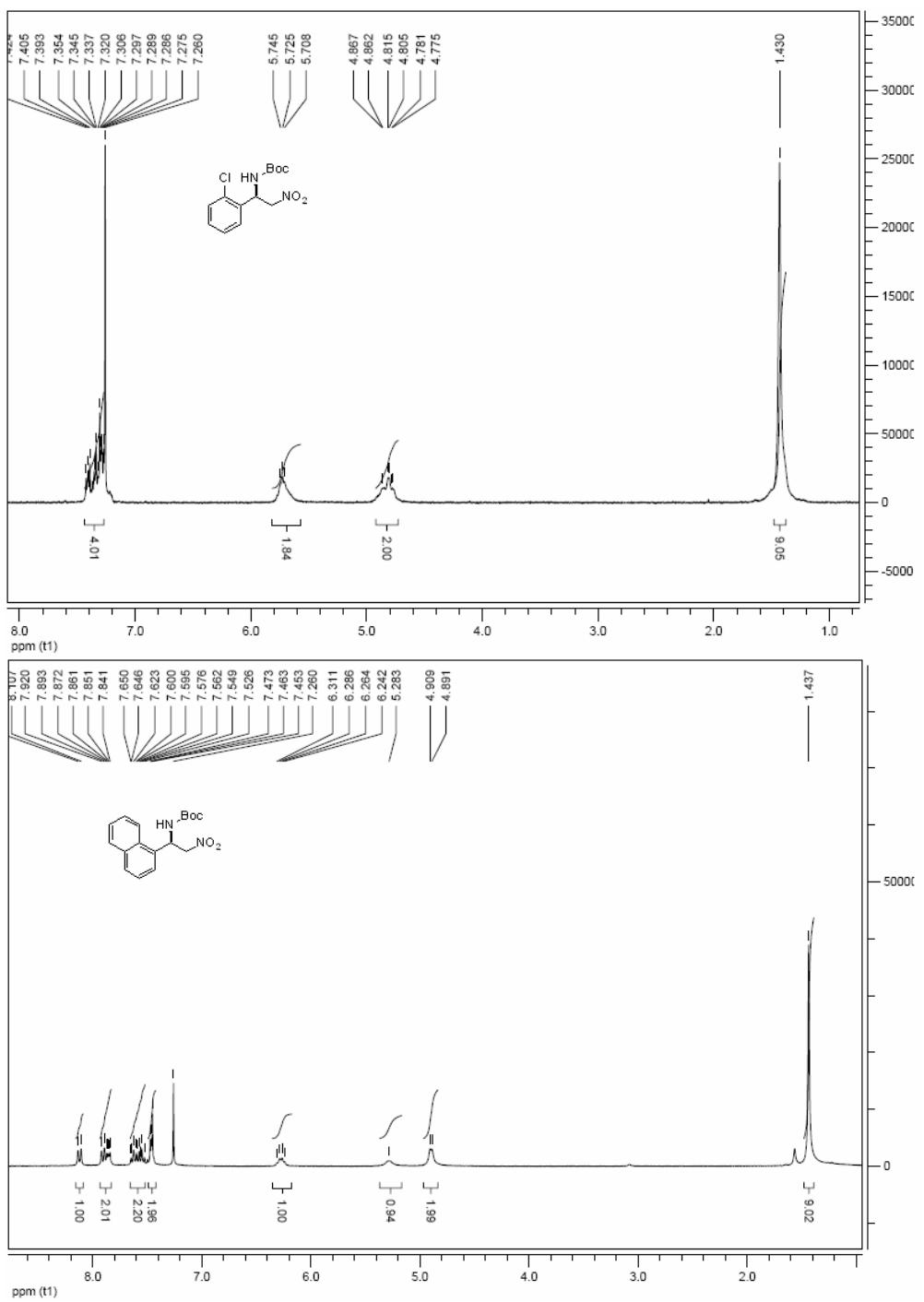


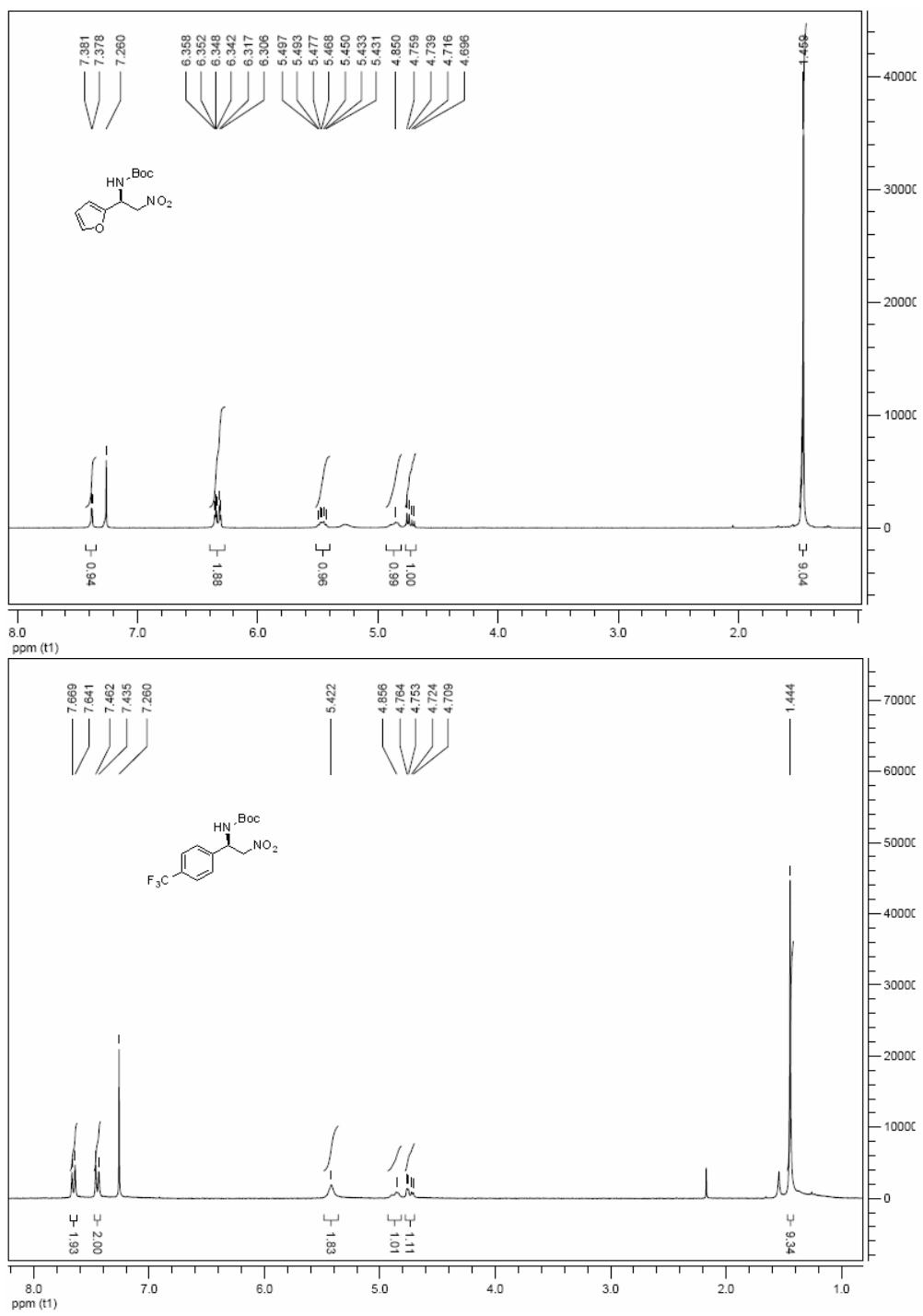


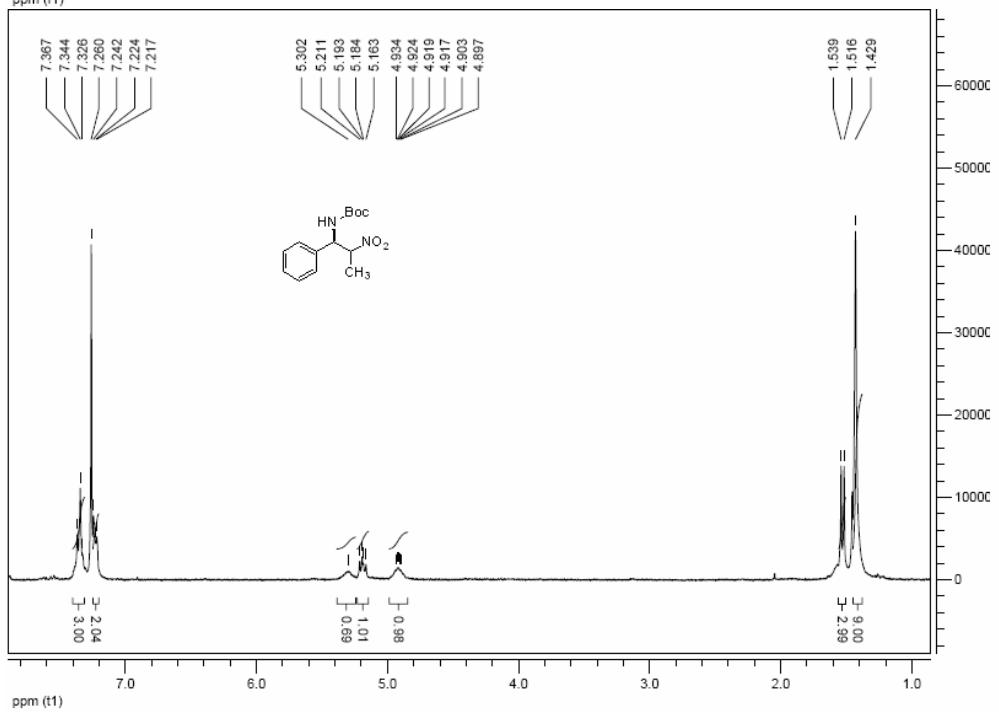
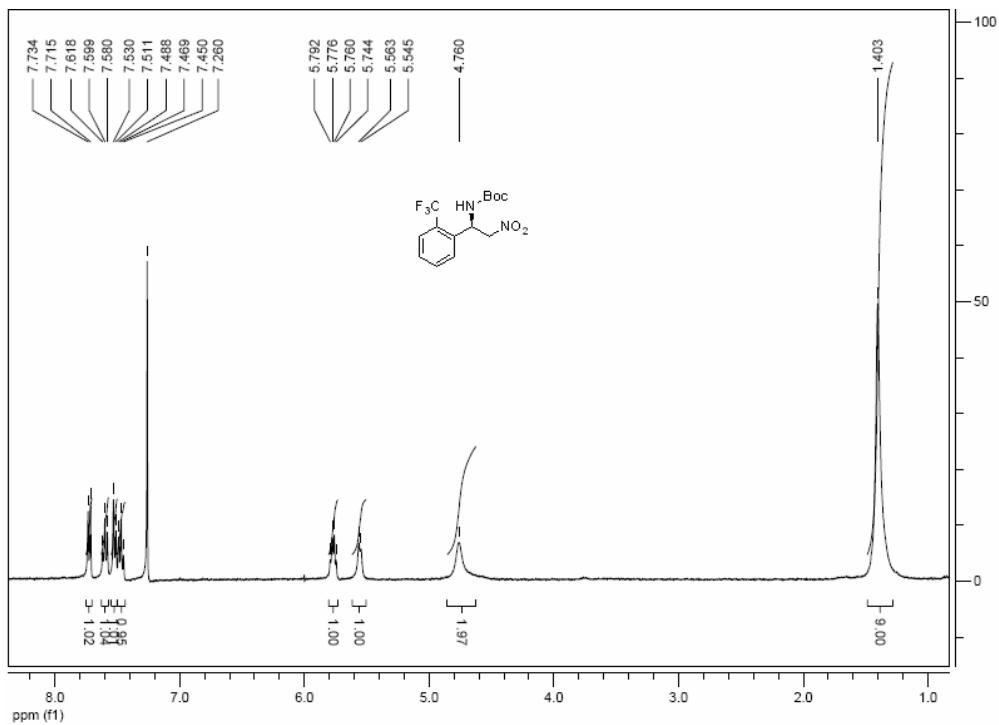


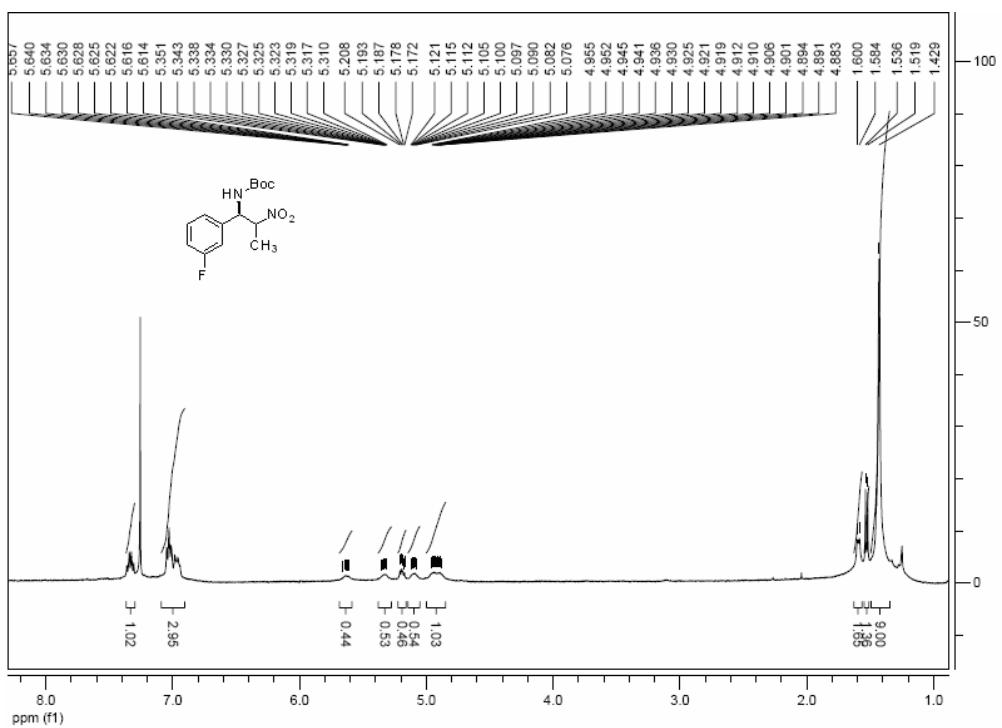




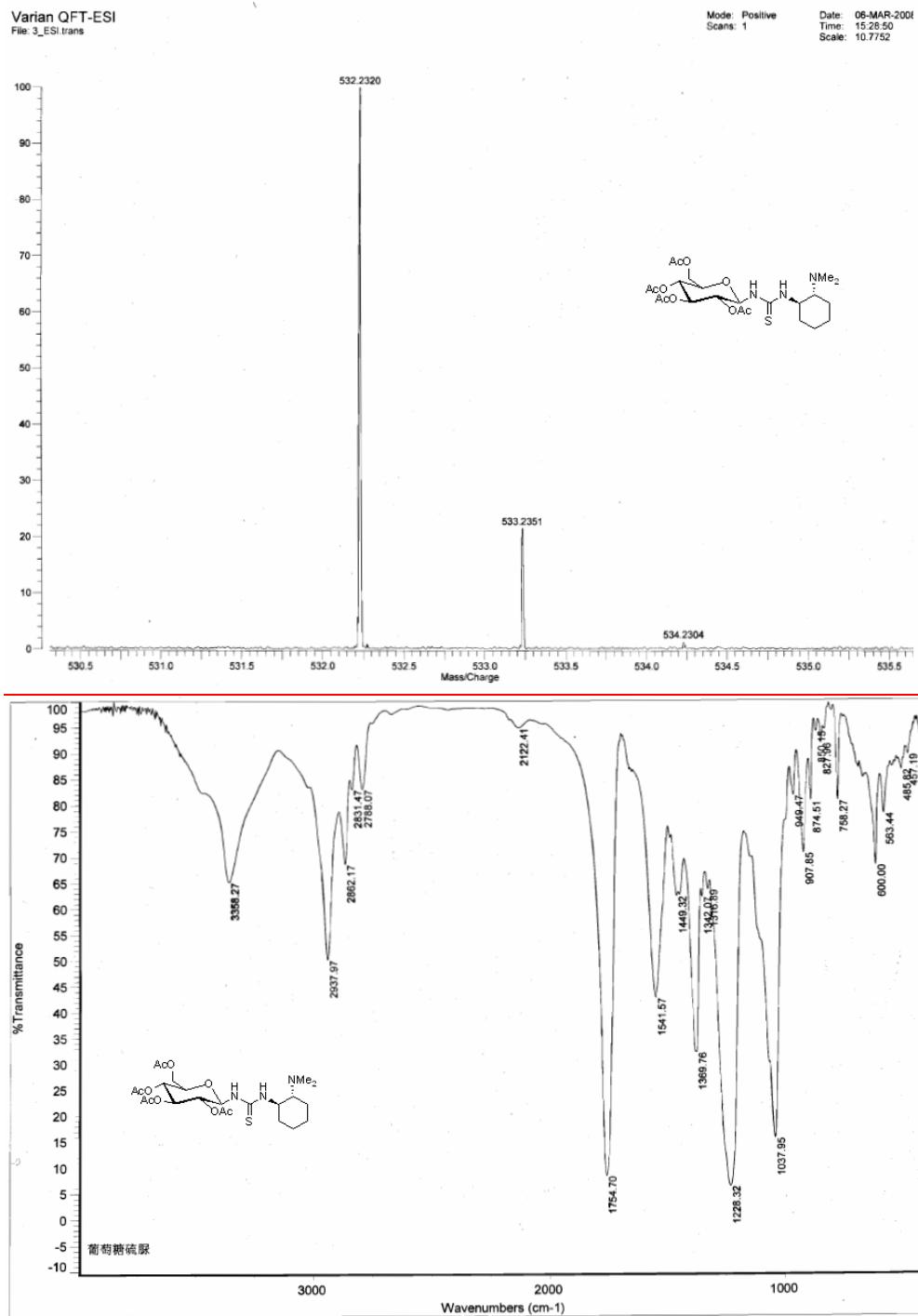








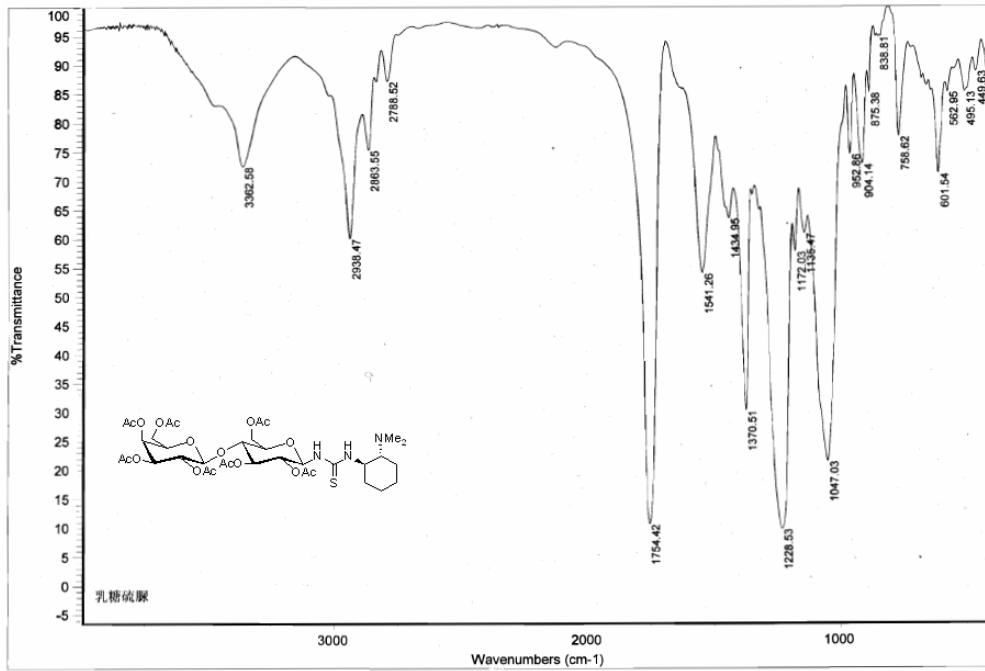
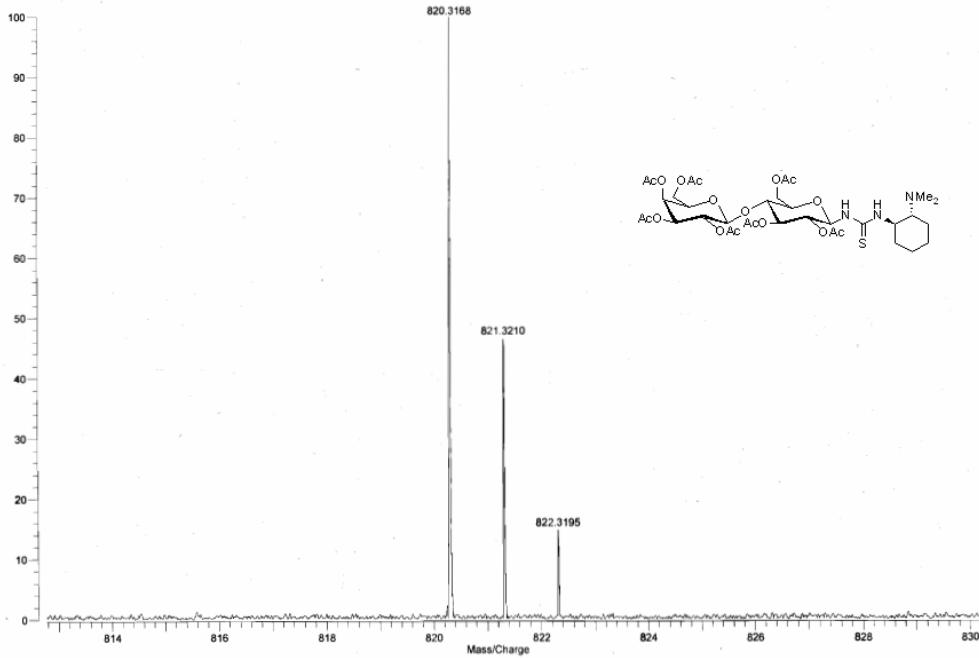
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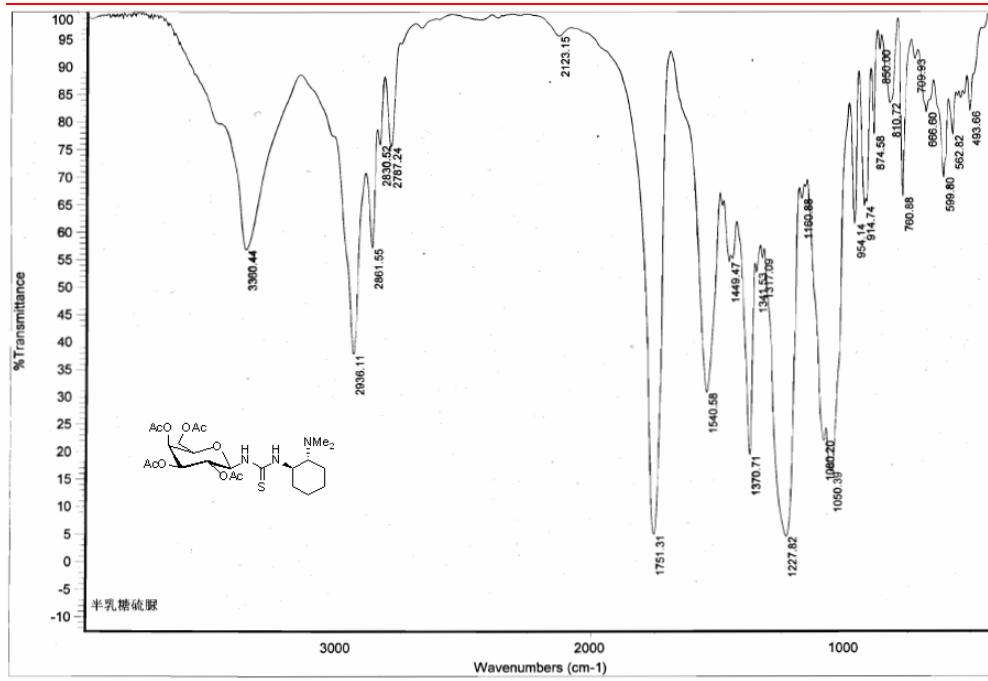
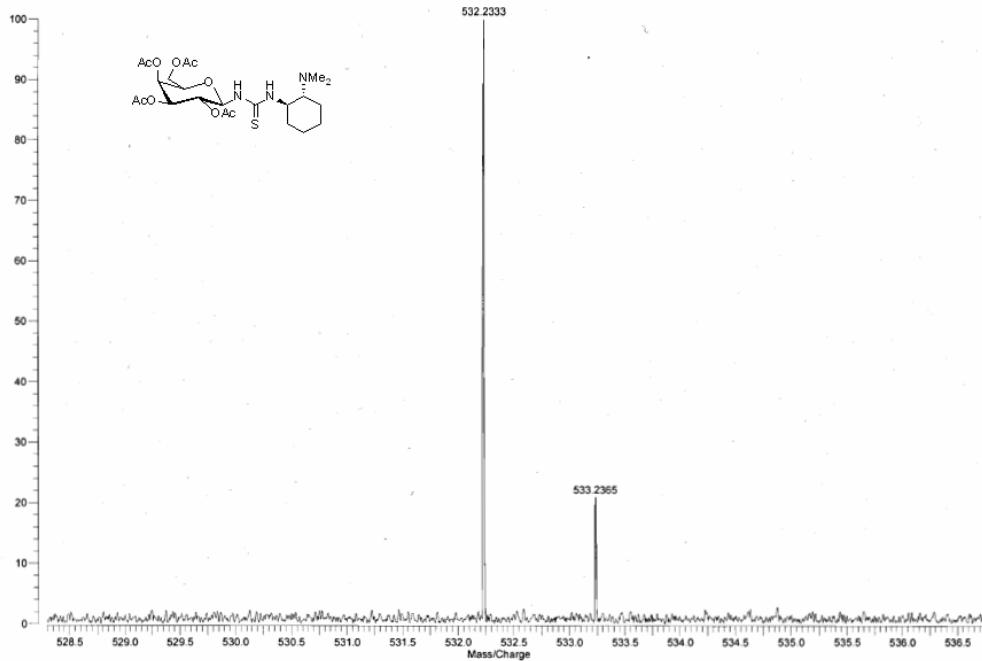


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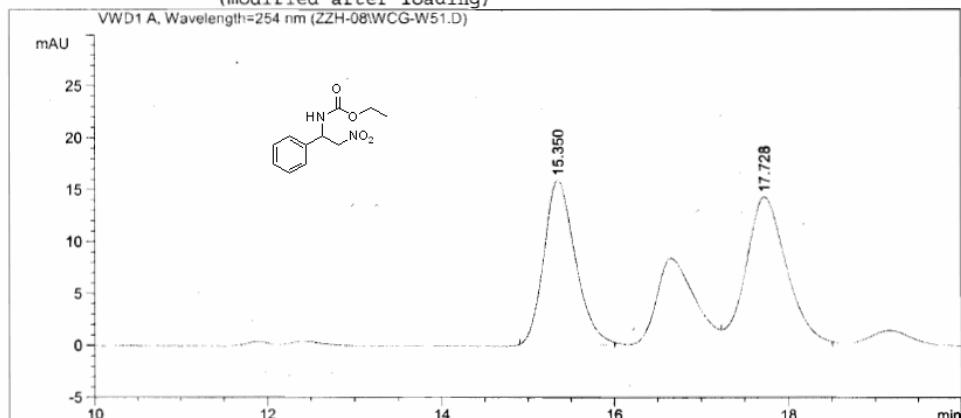
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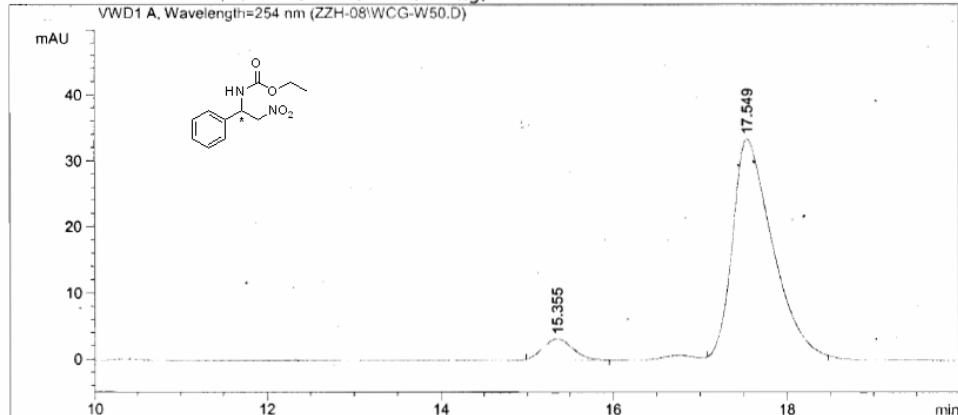
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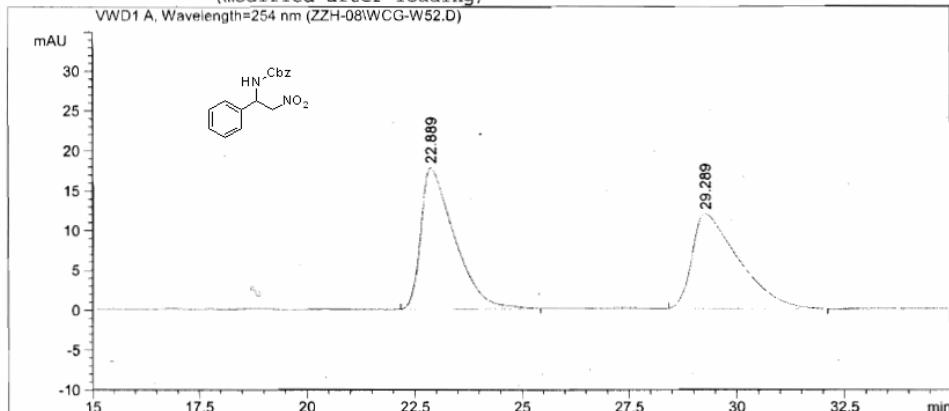
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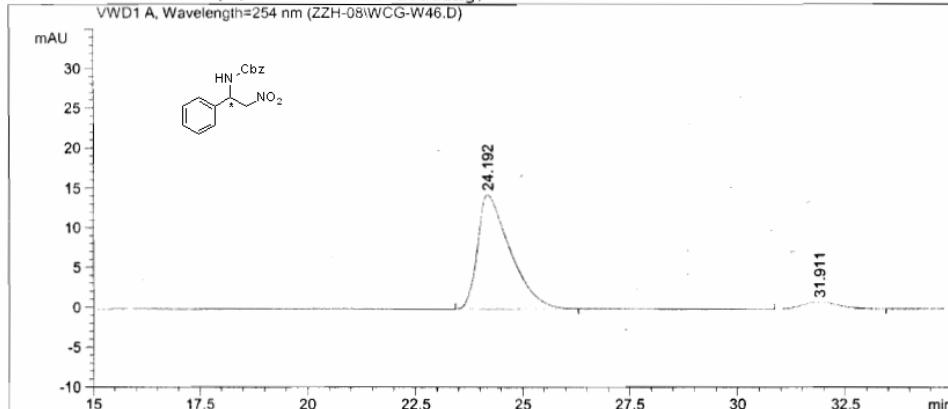
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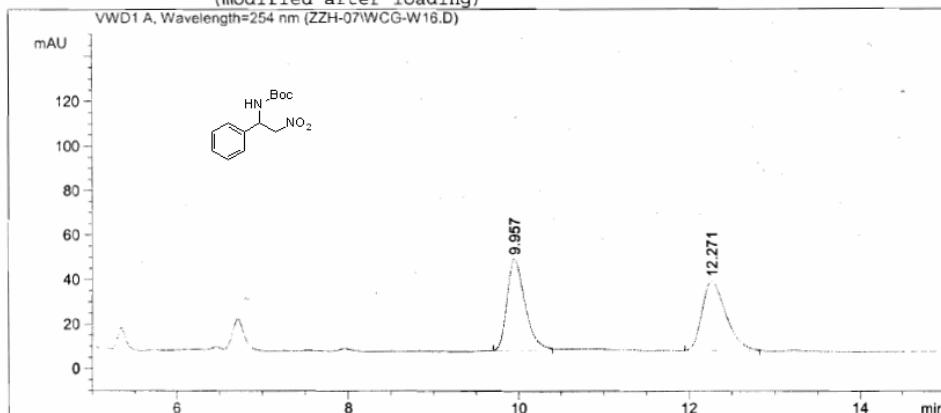
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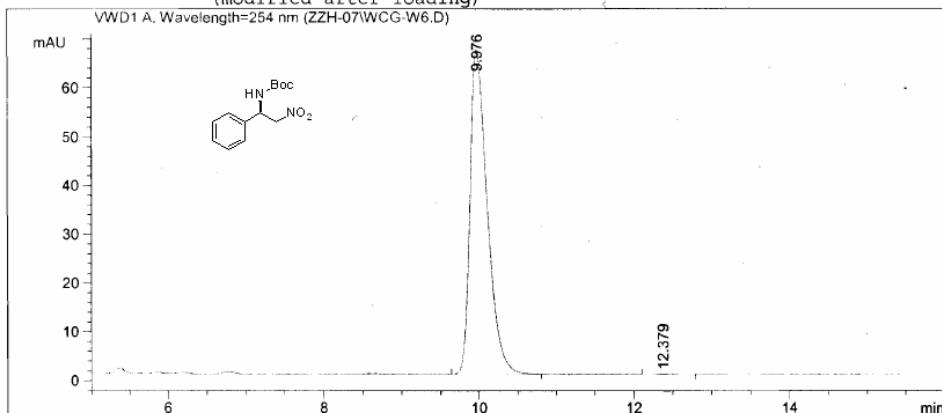
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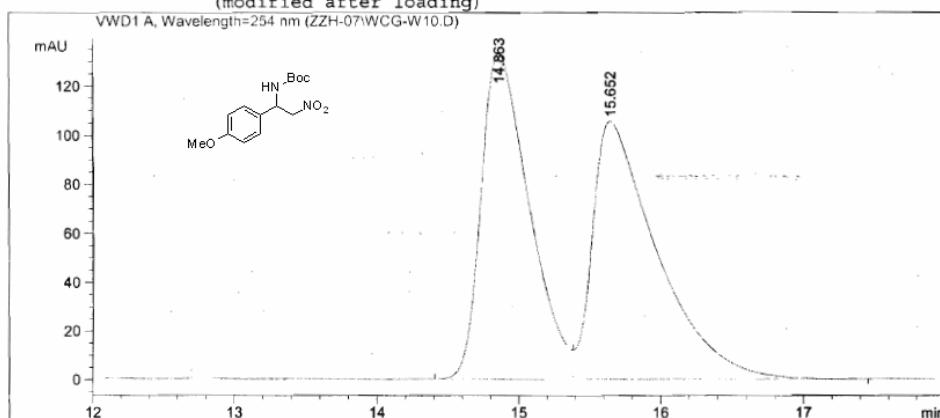
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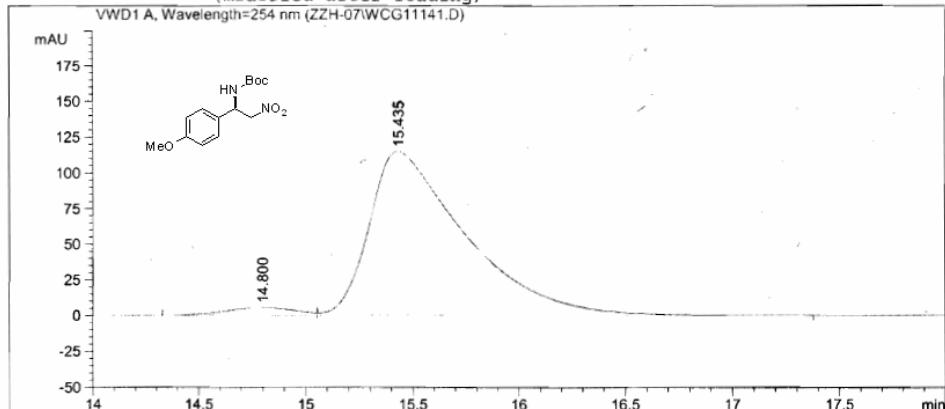
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

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1	14.800	BV	0.3465	119.28725	5.43144	3.2204	
2	15.435	VB	0.4459	3584.78418	114.77058	96.7796	

Totals : 3704.07143 120.20203

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

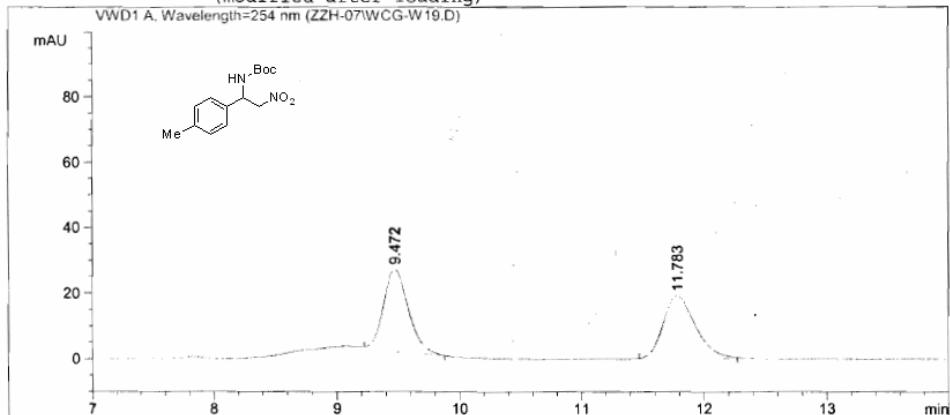
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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

85/15 1.0ml/min 254nm

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Area Percent Report

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Sorted By : Signal  
Multiplier : 1.0000  
Dilution : 1.0000  
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.472	BP	0.2191	362.29755	25.35271	50.3635	
2	11.783	BB	0.2829	357.06735	19.29562	49.6365	

Totals : 719.36490 44.64833

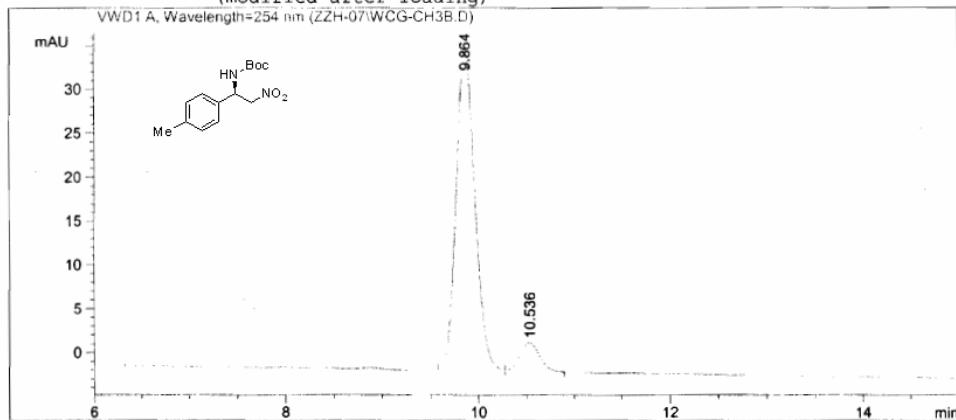
Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

AD-H 85:15 1ml/min

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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	%
1	9.864	BB	0.2125	503.13983	36.65794	91.2961	
2	10.536	BB	0.2223	47.96773	3.32277	8.7039	

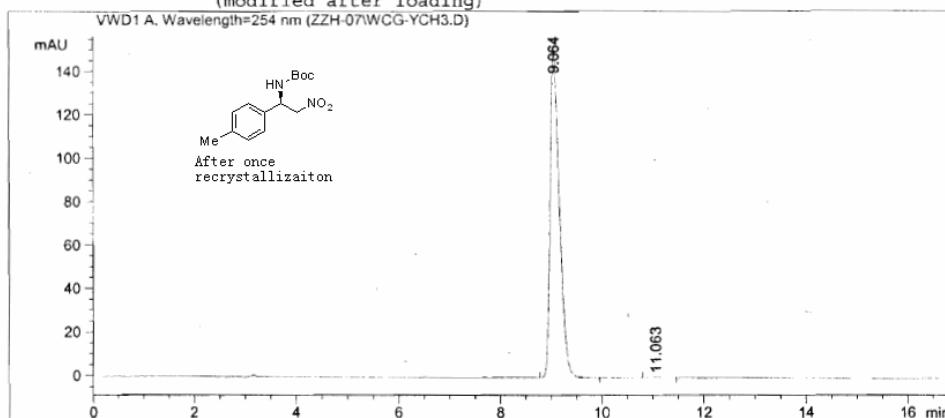
Totals : 551.10756 39.98071

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*
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Analysis Method: D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal  
Multiplier : 1.0000  
Dilution : 1.0000  
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	Area %
1	9.064	BB	0.1968	1925.23254	149.49438	99.8328	
2	11.063	PP	0.2235	3.22391	2.12600e-1	0.1672	

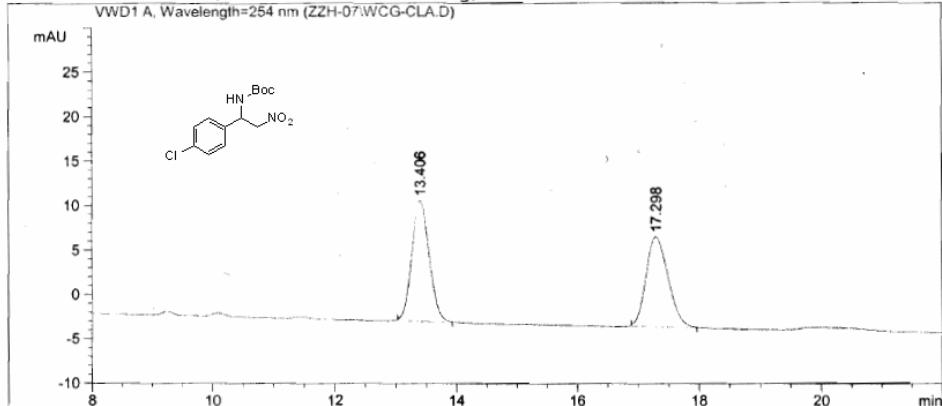
Totals : 1928.45645 149.70698

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	Area %
1	13.406	BB	0.3112	270.62241	13.57241	51.5353	
2	17.298	BB	0.3927	254.49770	10.11122	48.4647	

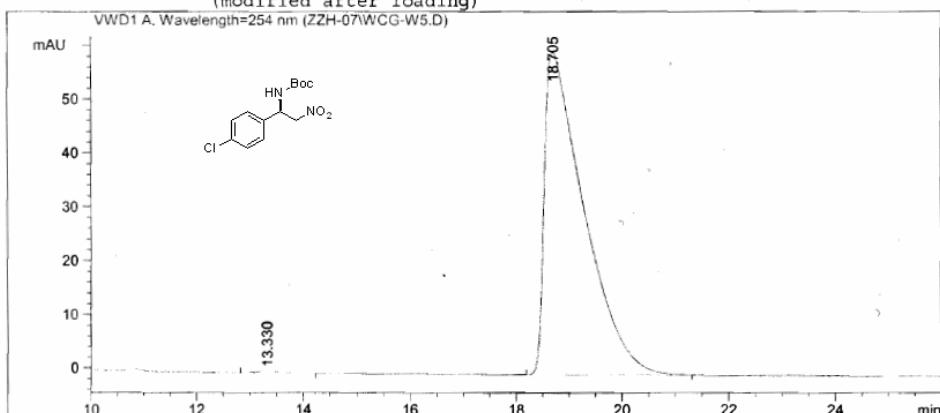
Totals : 525.12010 23.68363

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

90:10 1ml/min 254nm

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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      :      Signal
Multiplier     :      1.0000
Dilution      :      1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

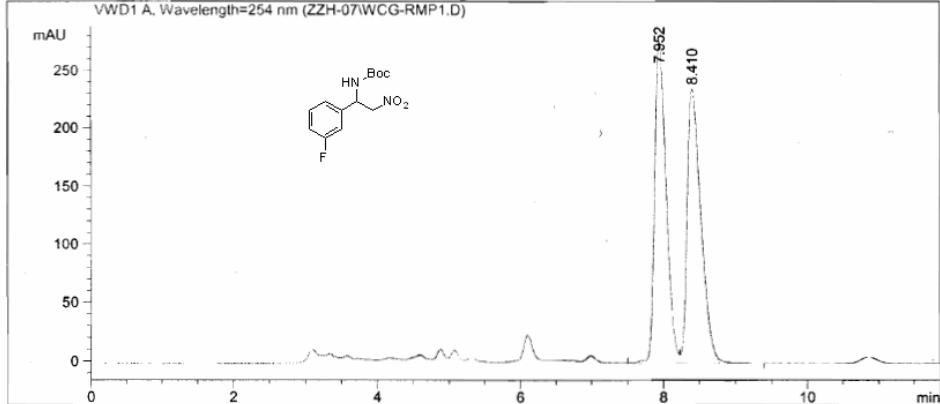
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	%
1	13.330	BB	0.4144	11.49326	3.34113e-1	0.3671	
2	18.705	BB	0.7345	3118.92236	60.00627	99.6329	

Totals : 3130.41563 60.34038

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Sample Name   :
Acq. Operator  :
Acq. Method   : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	Area %
1	7.952	VV	0.1707	3075.99731	276.12070	49.7711.	
2	8.410	VB	0.2004	3104.28564	235.40923	50.2289	

Totals : 6180.28296 511.52992

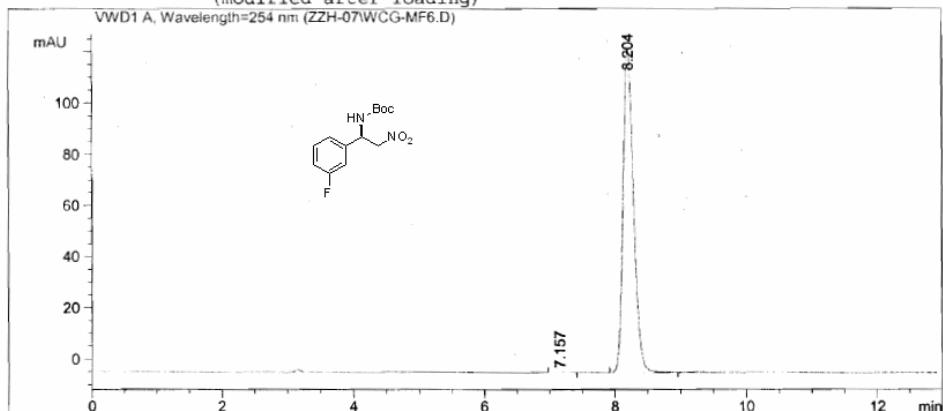
Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

85:15 1.0ml/min 254nm

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Area Percent Report

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Sorted By : Signal  
Multiplier : 1.0000  
Dilution : 1.0000  
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	Area %
1	7.157	BP	0.1443	1.44160	1.57939e-1	0.1029	
2	8.204	BB	0.1732	1399.89563	126.05016	99.8971	

Totals : 1401.33723 126.20809

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

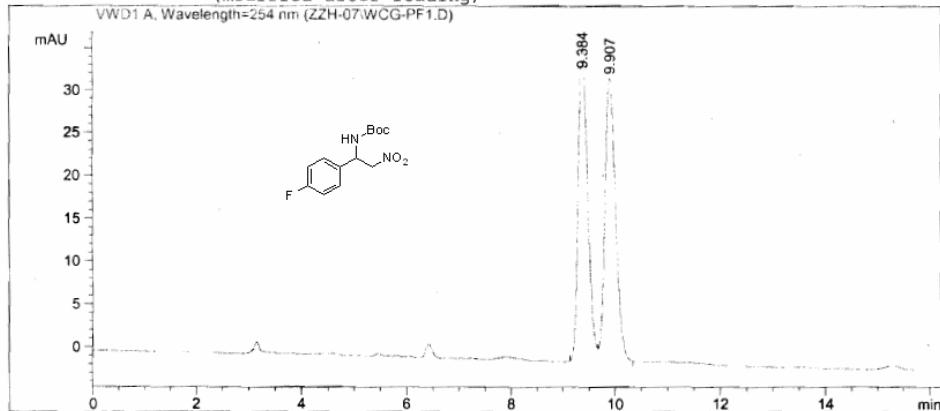
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AD-H 85:15 1ml/min

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Area Percent Report

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Sorted By : Signal  
Multiplier : 1.0000  
Dilution : 1.0000  
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.384	BV	0.1960	466.46371	36.77612	49.8463	
2	9.907	VB	0.2194	469.33945	33.07088	50.1537	

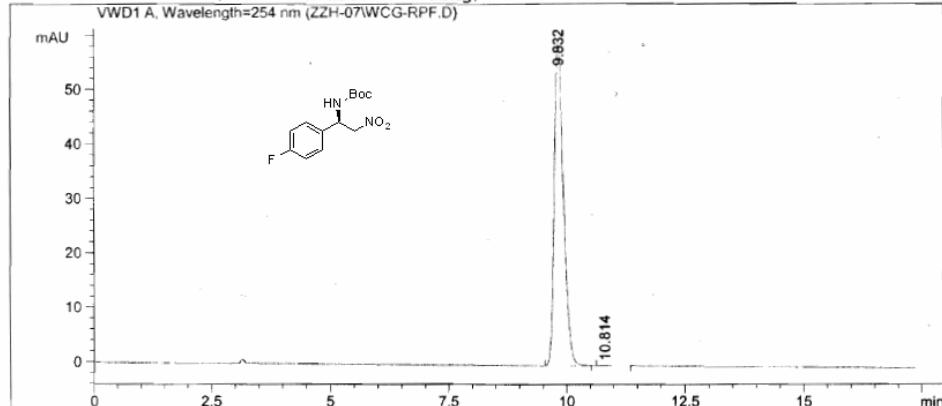
Totals : 935.80316 69.84700

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Acq. Method   : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm
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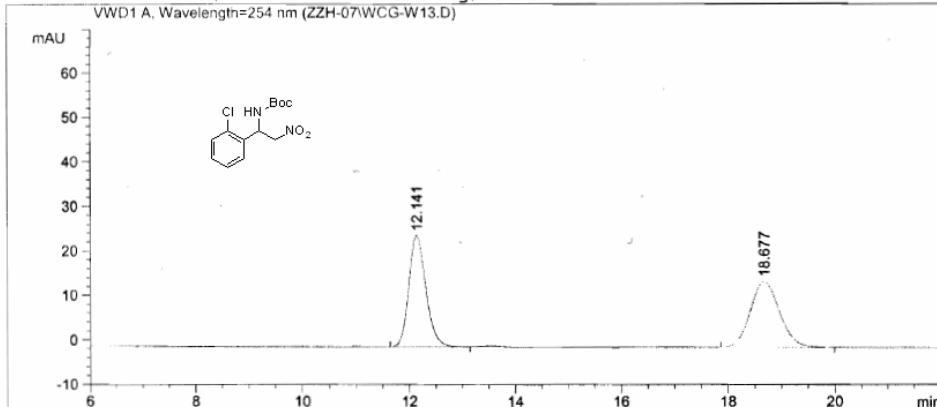
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.832	BB	0.2114	811.17676	58.99923	99.7421	
2	10.814	BP	0.2148	2.09776	1.23122e-1	0.2579	

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Totals :          813.27452    59.12235
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Results obtained with enhanced integrator!
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Injection Date : 12/3/2007 8:32:21 PM
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Location : Vial 1
Acq. Operator :
Acq. Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
Last changed : 12/3/2007 8:55:28 PM
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

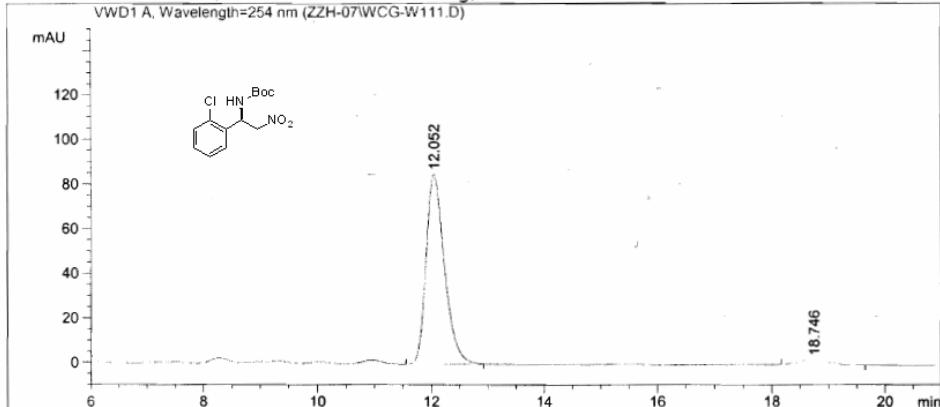
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	12.141	BB	0.3423	558.80823	25.00049	49.8704	
2	18.677	BB	0.5879	561.71271	14.81680	50.1296	

Totals : 1120.52094 39.81729

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	Area %
1	12.052	VB	0.3436	1922.47290	85.09743	96.0741	
2	18.746	BP	0.5581	78.55857	2.16071	3.9259	

Totals : 2001.03147 87.25814

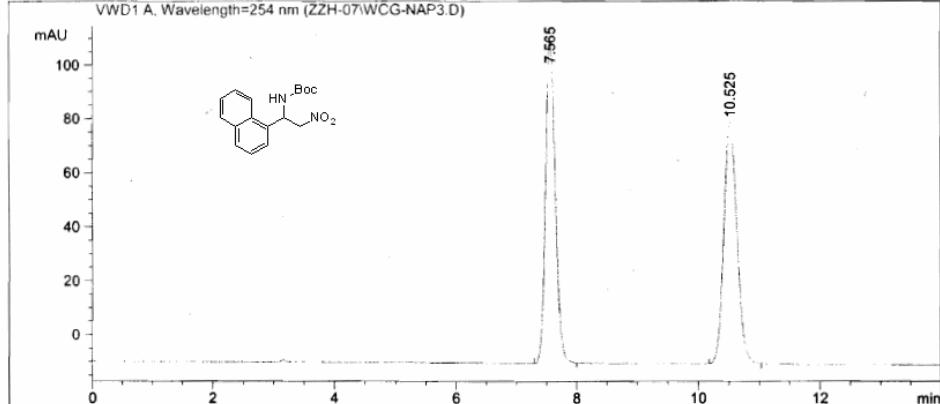
Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

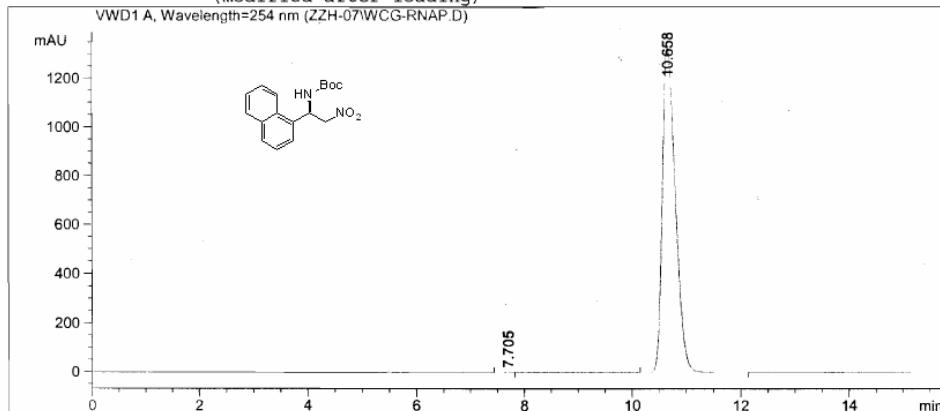
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU]	%
1	7.565	BB	0.1734	1337.14441	118.95836	49.9567	
2	10.525	BB	0.2330	1339.46472	89.42050	50.0433	

Totals : 2676.60913 208.37886

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

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Injection Date : 10/19/2007 5:02:16 PM Location : Vial 1
Sample Name :
Acq. Operator :
Acq. Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

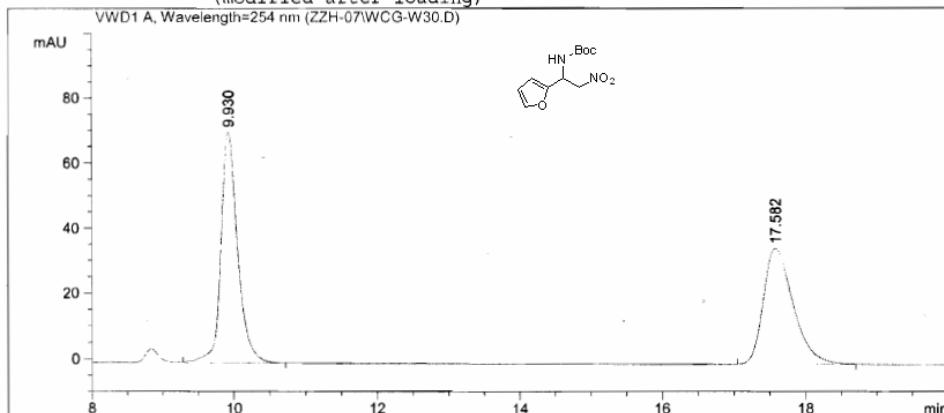
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	7.705	VV	0.1756	17.93740	1.55216	0.0809	
2	10.658	BB	0.2573	2.21505e4	1327.29712	99.9191	

Totals : 2.21684e4 1328.84928

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

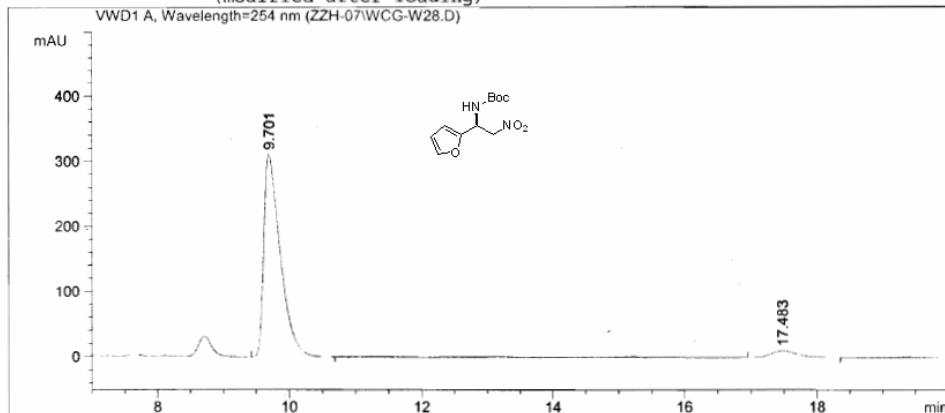
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.930	BB	0.2421	1151.12183	70.80299	52.9841	
2	17.582	BB	0.4421	1021.45673	35.33159	47.0159	

Totals : 2172.57855 106.13458

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

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Location      : Vial 1
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Analysis Method: D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By       : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.701	BB	0.2582	5327.55420	310.83191	94.9407	
2	17.483	BB	0.4214	283.90186	10.27302	5.0593	

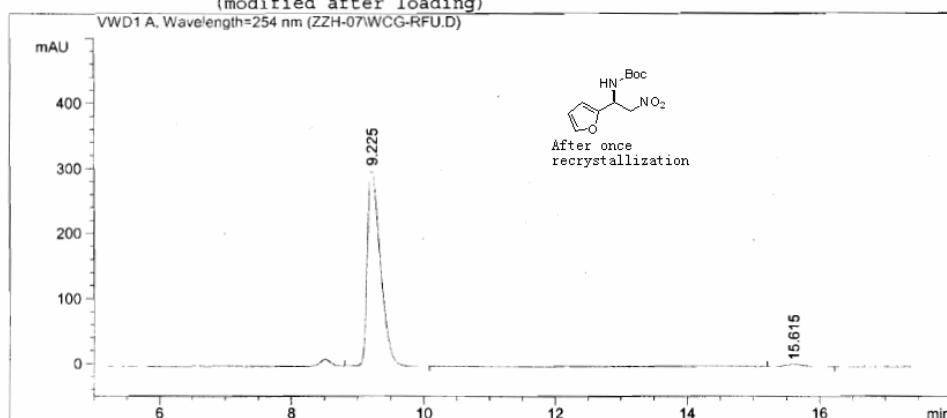
Totals : 5611.45605 321.10493

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

85:15 1.0ml/min 254nm

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Acq. Method   : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
Multiplier : 1.0000
Dilution : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	9.225	VB	0.2100	4157.97559	302.20551	98.5789	
2	15.615	PB	0.3197	59.93933	2.86634	1.4211	

Totals : 4217.91491 305.07185

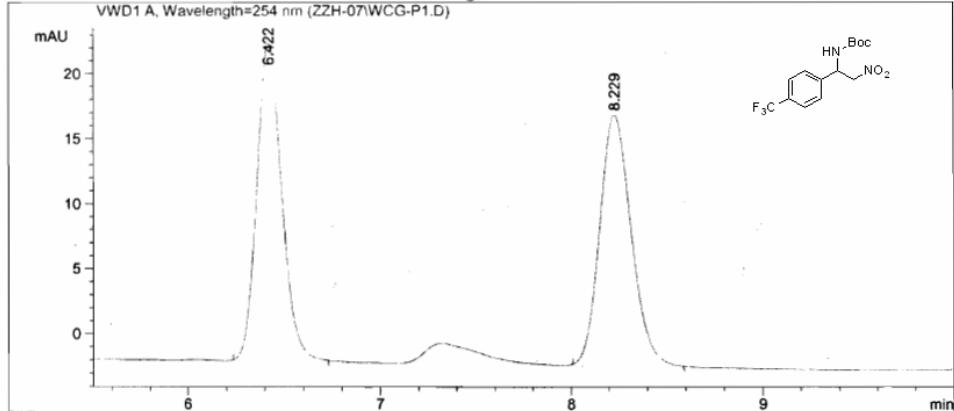
Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Acq. Method   : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Analysis Method : D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	%
1	6.422	BB	0.1388	220.41510	24.41012	49.9246	
2	8.229	BB	0.1777	221.08081	19.24961	50.0754	

Totals : 441.49591 43.65973

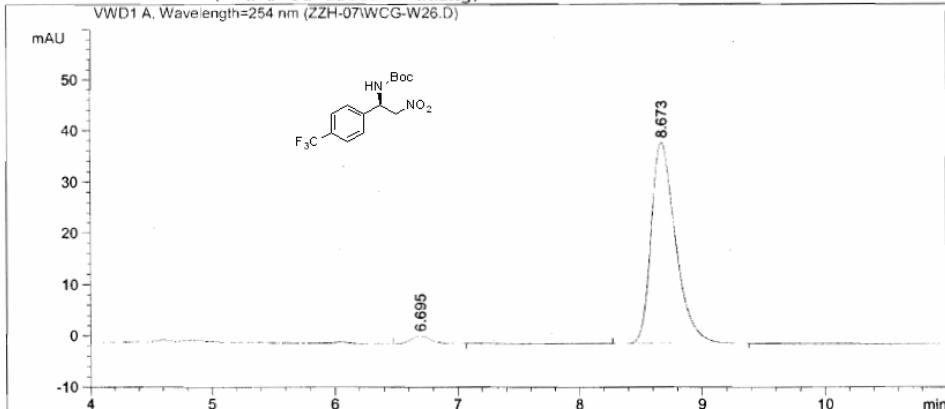
Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Analysis Method: D:\HPCHEM\1\METHODS\07-3.M
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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By      : Signal
Multiplier     : 1.0000
Dilution      : 1.0000
Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

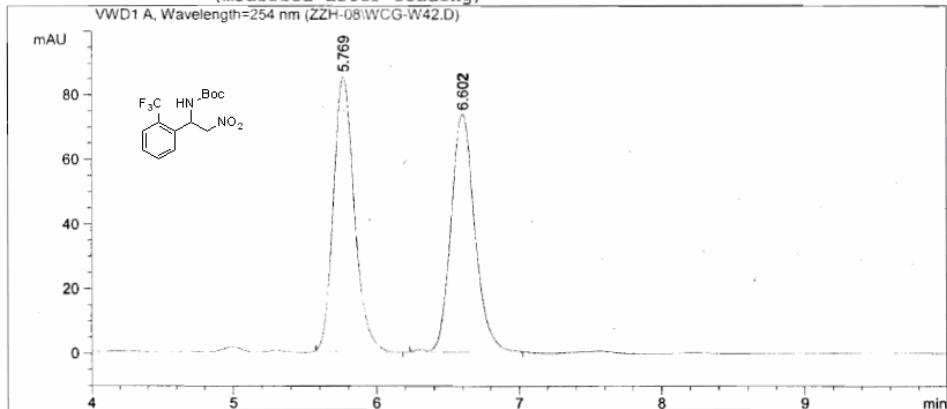
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area mAU	Height *s	Area [mAU ]	Area %
1	6.695	BB	0.1704	16.43554	1.47945	2.9379	
2	8.673	PB	0.2115	543.00146	39.09673	97.0621	

Totals : 559.43700 40.57618

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!

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Area Percent Report
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Sorted By : Signal
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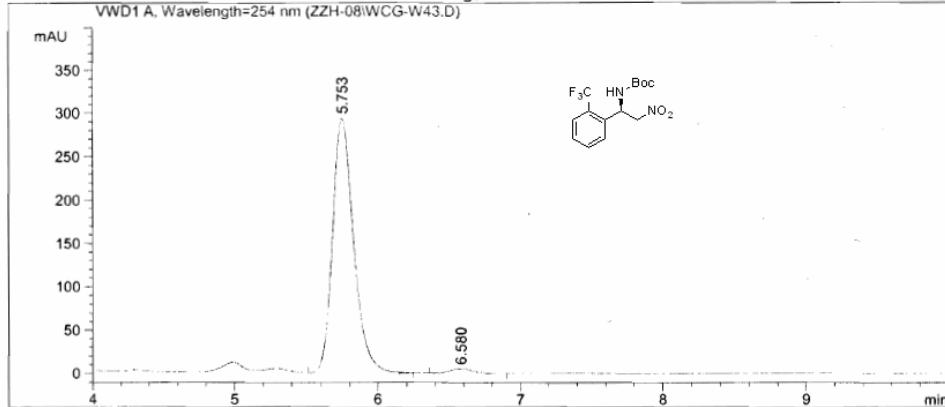
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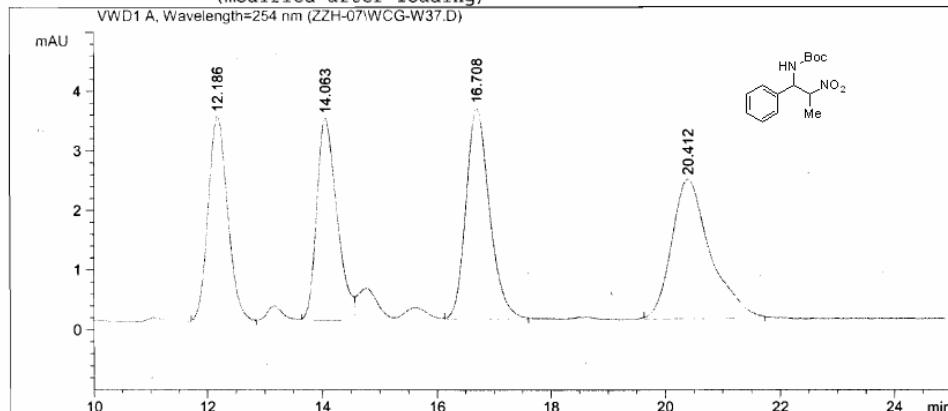
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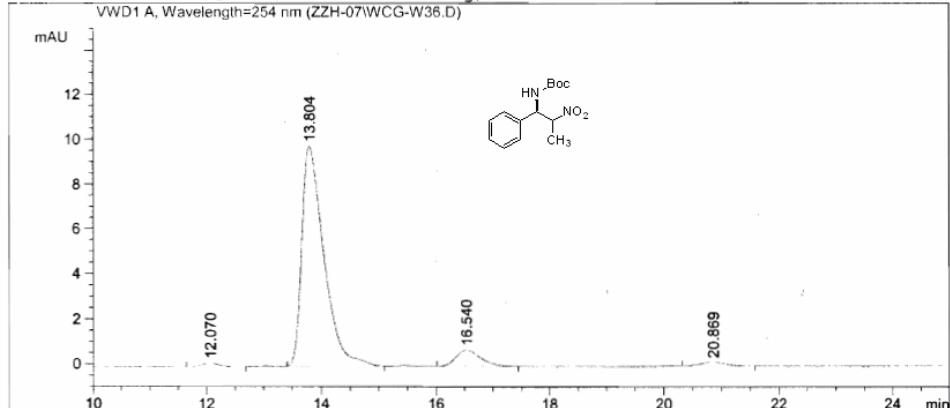
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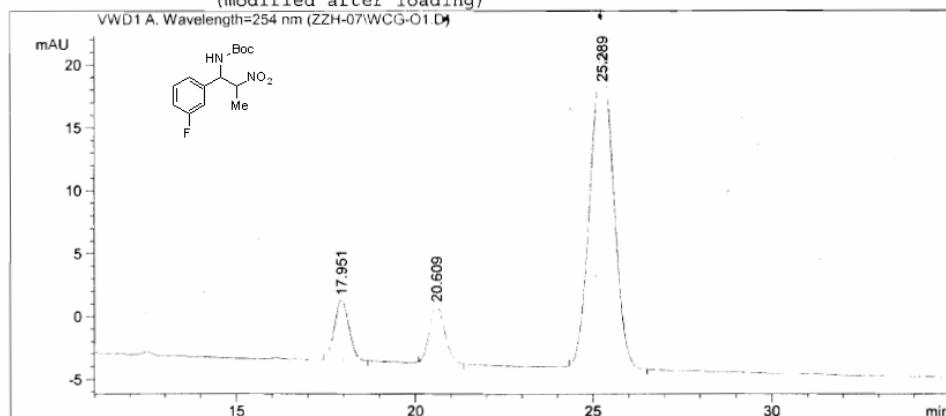
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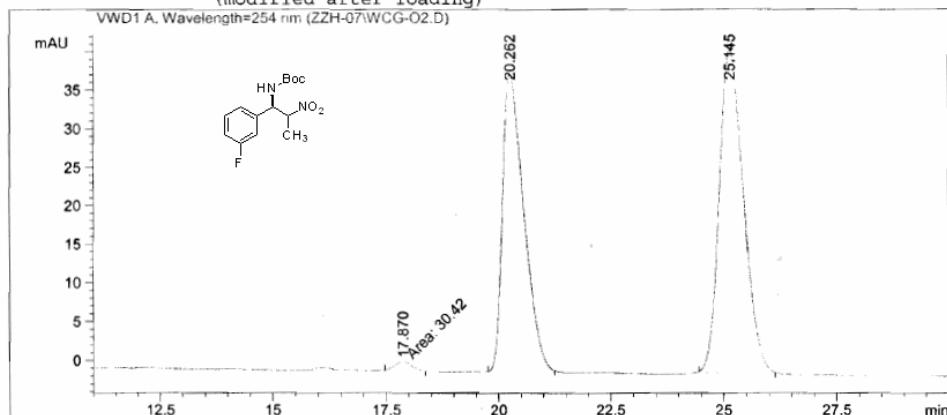
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# Novel bifunctional chiral thiourea catalyzed highly enantioselective aza-Henry reaction<sup>†</sup>

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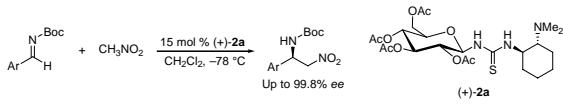
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## ABSTRACT



A novel bifunctional chiral thiourea organocatalyst bearing a glycosyl scaffold and a tertiary amino group was synthesized starting from readily available alpha-D-glucose. This thiourea was proven to be an effective organocatalyst for the asymmetric aza-Henry reaction between *N*-Boc imines and nitromethane. The corresponding adducts were obtained in good to excellent yields with excellent enantioselectivities (up to 99.8% ee). In addition, the reaction of nitroethane also proceeded smoothly with excellent enantioselectivity, albeit with low to good diastereoselectivities.

The nucleophilic addition of nitroalkanes to the C=N bond of imines, known as the aza-Henry (or nitro-Mannich) reaction, is a useful carbon-carbon bond-forming process in organic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> The resulting β-nitroamine derivatives can be readily transformed into valuable building blocks or biologically active compounds, such as vicinal diamines via reduction of the nitro group<sup>2</sup> and α-amino acids by means of the Nef reaction.<sup>2b,3</sup> As a result, much attention has been paid to the aza-Henry reaction, especially for the catalytic asymmetric version of this reaction, during the past several years.<sup>4,5</sup> In 1999, Shibasaki reported the first example of a catalytic asymmetric aza-Henry reaction using a heterobimetallic catalyst [YbK<sub>3</sub>(binaphthoxide)<sub>3</sub>], in which up to 91% ee was obtained.<sup>4a</sup> Thereafter, significant progress has been witnessed for chiral metallic catalyst promoted enantioselective aza-Henry reaction.<sup>4</sup> However, besides these metal-catalyzed variants, the organocatalytic version remained unexplored until two reports of enantioselective organocatalytic aza-Henry reaction appeared in 2004. Takemoto has developed a bifunctional thiourea catalyst that resulted in moderate

stereoselectivity in the addition of nitromethane to a variety of aromatic *N*-phosphinoyl imines,<sup>5a</sup> and Johnston has documented<sup>ed</sup> a chiral bisamidine triflate salt that provides up to 95% ee in the diastereo- and enantioselective addition of nitroethane to a range of *N*-Boc imines.<sup>[5f]</sup> Although only moderate ee values were observed for the thiourea **1a** catalyzed reaction between *N*-phosphinoyl imines and nitromethane,<sup>5a</sup> high stereoselectivity (up to 98% ee) was obtained when *N*-Boc imines were employed instead of *N*-phosphinoyl imines as the substrates.<sup>5b</sup> Using thiourea **1b**, Jacobsen developed another variation of the aza-Henry reaction of *N*-Boc imines, in which moderate de values and excellent ee values were attained.<sup>5c</sup> Most recently, Ricci<sup>5d</sup> and Schaus<sup>5e</sup> independently screened a variety of cinchona-based thiourea organocatalysts to catalyze the addition of nitromethane to acyl imines, in which satisfactory yields and enantiomeric excesses were provided. In addition, chiral proton catalysis,<sup>5g</sup> chiral urea catalysis<sup>5h</sup> and chiral phase-transfer catalysis<sup>5i,j</sup> based on quinine or cinchonidine derived quaternary ammonium salts effecting the asymmetric aza-Henry reaction have also

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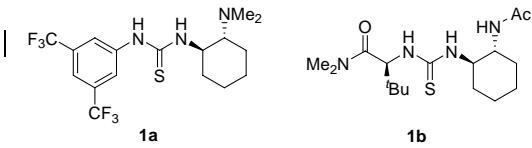
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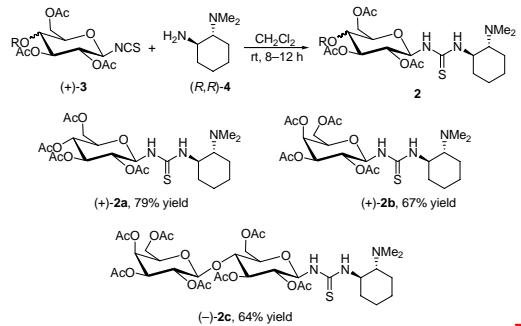
been described, and gave rise to good diastereo- and enantioselectivities. As aforementioned, bifunctional thioureas have proven to be an efficient type of organocatalyst for the asymmetric aza-Henry reaction. Therefore, the development of new bifunctional thiourea catalysts is still in great demand. Carbohydrates are in general very attractive scaffolds because of their availability and well defined stereocenters. Hence, a novel type of bifunctional thiourea **2** bearing a saccharide-scaffold and a tertiary amino group was synthesized and employed as the catalyst in the asymmetric aza-Henry reaction. Herein, we report the discovery that thiourea **2a** efficiently promotes the aza-Henry reaction of nitromethane with *N*-Boc imines with excellent levels of enantioselectivity.

### **Figure 1** thiourea organocatalysts



Starting from commercially available  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose, glucosyl isothiocyanate **3** was prepared via acetylation, bromination and nucleophilic substitution reactions.<sup>6</sup> (*R,R*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl cyclohexane-1,2-diamine **4** was synthesized through mono amino-protection with phthalic anhydride, *N,N*-dimethylation and subsequently deprotection starting from (*R,R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine.<sup>7</sup> Consequently, coupling of **3** and **4** afforded the desired bifunctional thiourea catalyst **2a** in good yield. Following the same procedure, thiourea catalysts **2b** and **2c** were also synthesized from galactose and lactose, respectively (in a yield of 67% for **2b** and 73% for **2c**).

**Scheme 1** Synthesis of novel thiourea 



With these novel catalysts in hand, we initially screened several imines with different *N*-protecting groups (PG) in the presence of **2a** (15 mol %) and nitromethane in methylene chloride at 0 °C (Table 1).

**Table 1** Enantioselective aza-Henry reaction of different imines with nitromethane

entry	PG	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Ts	4.5	79	8
2	Ph <sub>3</sub> P(S)	48	Trace	
3	Ph <sub>3</sub> P(O)	48	NR <sup>c</sup>	
4	Boc	16	85	90
5	CO <sub>2</sub> Et	24	77	85
6	CO <sub>2</sub> Bn	24	71	86

Among the imines examined, *N*-alkoxycarbonyliminines tended to provide the desired adducts with good enantioselectivities compared with other imines (Table 1, entries 1–6), and the best result was obtained for *N*-Boc imine in terms of chemical yield and enantiomeric excess (Table 1, entry 4, 95% yield, 90% ee). Although *N*-tosyl imine exhibited the best reactivity, an almost racemic product was attained (Table 1, entry 1). In the case of *N*-(thio)phosphinoyl imines, the reactions were quite sluggish even after a prolonged reaction time (Table 1, entries 2 and 3).

In further experiments, other factors, such as solvent, catalyst loading and reaction temperature, influencing the reaction were thoroughly investigated employing **2** as the catalyst and the reaction between *tert*-butyl benzylidene carbamate and nitromethane as the model. The results are listed in Table 2.

**Table 2** Optimization of the reaction conditions

	<b>entry</b>	<b>2 (mol %)</b>	<b>solvent</b>	<b>temp (°C)</b>	<b>yield (%)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>ee (%)<sup>b</sup></b>
1	<u>2a (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0		85	90
2	<u>2a (15)</u>	MePh	0		87	85
3	<u>2a (15)</u>	THF	0		87	67
4	<u>2a (15)</u>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0		90	80
5	<u>2a (15)</u>	MeOH	0		Trace	
6	<u>2a (15)</u>	MeCN	0		88	91
7	<u>2a (10)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0		77	85
8	<u>2a (20)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0		78	87
<u>9</u>	<u>2b (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<u>0</u>		<u>89</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>2c (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<u>0</u>		<u>89</u>	<u>78</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>2a (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-40		87	93
<u>12</u>	<u>2a (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-60		86	96
<u>13</u>	<u>2a (15)</u>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-78		86	>99

Determined chiral HPLC analysis.

Solvent evaluation revealed that all the tested solvents except for methanol, which probably inhibits hydrogen-bonding interaction between nitromethane and the thiourea moiety of **2**, afforded the desired product in good yield and ee values (Table 2, entries 1–6). The best results were observed when methylene chloride and acetonitrile were used (Table 2, entries 1 and 6, 90% and 91% ee, respectively). Since acetonitrile has a relatively higher freezing point ( $-48^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), it is not applicable for low temperature tests, therefore, we chose methylene chloride as the favourable solvent for this reaction. Although bifunctional thiourea catalysts **2b,c** can also promote this reaction, a moderate decrease in enantioselectivity was observed, which affords the desired adduct with 85% and 78% ee, respectively (Table 1, entries 9 and 10). Adjusting the catalyst loading demonstrated little influence on the ee value of the reaction. For example, the use of a more or less amount of thiourea organocatalyst resulted in only a slightly loss of stereo-control (Table 2, entry 8, 87% ee and entry 7, 85% ee). Moreover, the reaction temperature was found to be an essential factor to the enantioselectivity of this reaction. Generally, lowering the temperature improved the enantiomeric excess of the reaction (Table 2, entries 1, 11–13). It is worth noting that almost perfect enantio-control was realized with good chemical yield when the reaction was performed at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Table 2, entry 11, >99% ee).

With the optimal reaction conditions in hand (15 mol % **2a** as the catalyst, at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  in methylene chloride), we then investigated the scope and limitations of this asymmetric aza-Henry reaction. The results are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3** Chiral thiourea **2a** catalyzed asymmetric addition of nitromethane to *N*-Boc imines<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ar group	6	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>b,c</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c,d</sup>
1	Ph ( <b>5a</b> )	a	60	86	>99
2	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	b	66	94	94
( <b>5b</b> )					
3	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5c</b> )	c	68	93(70)	83(>99)
4	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5d</b> )	d	60	93	>99
5	3-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5e</b> )	e	39	87	>99
6	4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5f</b> )	f	65	91	>99
7	2-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5g</b> )	g	42	85	92
8	1-Naphthyl ( <b>5h</b> )	h	65	95	>99
9	2-Furyl ( <b>5i</b> )	i	62	86(69)	90(97)
10	4-F <sub>3</sub> CC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5j</b> )	j	64	85	94
11	2-F <sub>3</sub> CC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>5k</b> )	k	61	84	96

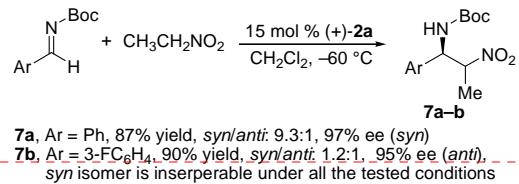
<sup>a</sup> The absolute configurations of major isomer of the aza-Henry adducts **6** were assigned as *R* by comparison to the literature value of optical rotation in reference [Sc,e,i,j], the others were. <sup>b</sup> Yield of the isolated product after chromatography on silica gel. <sup>c</sup> Data in parenthesis were obtained through a simple recrystallization from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether. <sup>d</sup> Determined chiral HPLC analysis.

As shown in Table 3, in all cases, the corresponding aza-Henry adducts were obtained in satisfactory chemical

yields within acceptable reaction times. Excellent enantioselectivities can be obtained for the substrates bearing electron-withdrawing substituents (**5d–g**, **5j,k**) and imine derived from 1-naphthyl aldehyde, and in most cases, almost perfect enantio-control was realized. The reaction of the electron-donating methoxy group substituted imine (**5b**) also proceeded smoothly to afford the desired product in excellent stereoselectivity. Although, a slight decrease in ee value was observed for methyl substituted imine (**5c**) and electron-rich heteroaromatic aldehyde-derived substrate (**5i**), the optical purity of the product can be significantly improved via a simple recrystallization (99.7% and 97.2% ee, respectively).

In addition, aza-Henry reactions with other nitro alkanes were preliminarily investigated. Nitroethane proved to be considerably less reactive under the standard conditions, but is underwent smooth reaction at an elevated temperature ( $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) to provide adducts **7** in excellent enantioselectivities with low to good diastereoselectivities. For example, benzaldehyde-derived imine (**5a**) underwent reaction with excellent enantioselectivity (97.0% ee for *syn*-isomer) and provided products with synthetically useful levels of diastereoselectivity (*syn/anti* = 9.3/1). Although a low *syn/anti* ratio (1.2/1) was attained in the case of 3-fluorobenzaldehyde-based imine (**5e**), it was gratifying, high enantioselectivity was obtained for the separable *anti*-isomer. Reaction with the more sterically challenging 2-nitropropane did not proceed at all.

**Scheme 2** Chiral thiourea **2a** catalyzed asymmetric addition of nitroethane to *N*-Boc imines



In conclusion, we have developed a readily available novel bifunctional chiral thiourea organocatalyst bearing a glycosyl scaffold and a tertiary amino group. The high effectiveness of this novel organocatalyst was demonstrated by catalysis of the aza-Henry reaction of nitromethane with *N*-Boc imines with excellent enantioselectivity. In addition, the reaction of nitroethane was also effective to provide the corresponding adducts with high enantioselectivities, albeit with low to good diastereoselectivities. Further investigation on the diastereoselective aza-Henry reaction and application of this novel catalyst in other asymmetric reactions are ongoing in our laboratory.

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