The α-Heteroarylation of Esters, Lactones, Amides and Lactams by Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution

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All experiments were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen with magnetic stirring. Anhydrous solvents were transferred by oven-dried syringe. Anhydrous toluene, THF, diethyl ether and dioxane were purchased from Aldrich and used as received.

Flash chromatography was performed with biotage system using Si 25 S/M cartriges. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F commercial silica gel plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and potassium permanganate stain, followed by heating.

LC/MS data were recorded by the Agilent 1100 series and Waters Micromass ZQ system.

¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on Varian UI-500 (500 MHz) spectrometers. The chemical shifts are reported in PPM with CDCl₃ (δ =7.24) or TMS (δ =0.00) as the internal standard unless otherwise noted.

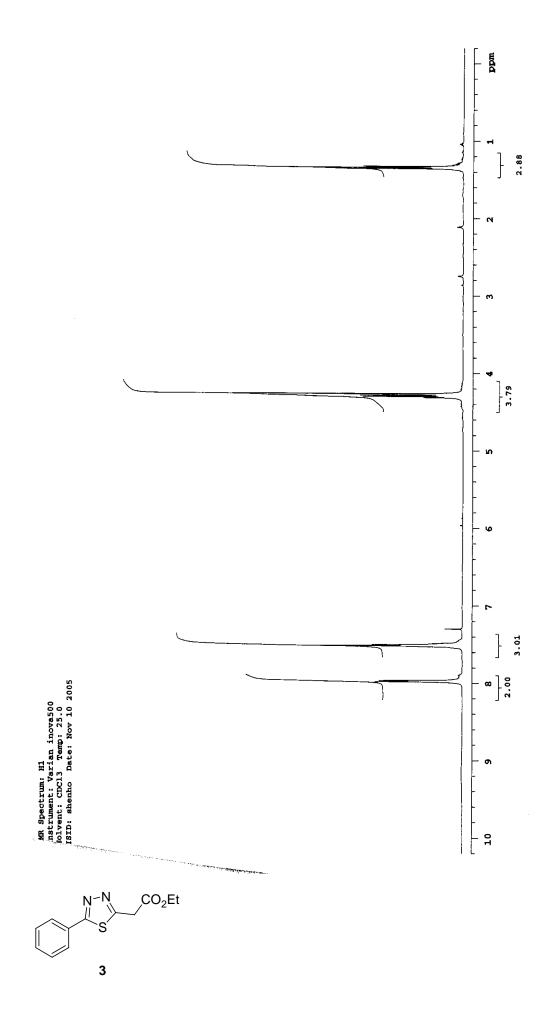
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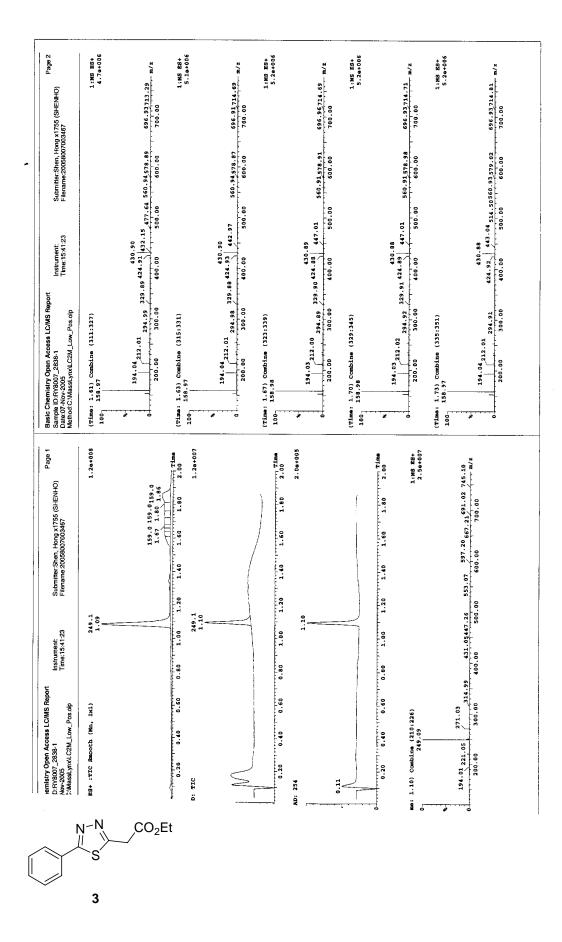
A (for α -arylation): The solution of **10** (111 mg, 0.65 mmol) and *t*-butyl propionate (86 mg, 0.65 mmol) in 3 mL of toluene was degassed with nitrogen for 5 min. To this solution at 0°C was slowly added NaHMDS (1.3 mmol, 2.2 mL, 0.6 M in toluene). After 2 h, the resulting solution was warmed to rt and stirred for 12 h before the mixture was quenched with ammonium chloride aqueous solution (10 mL, 1 N). Extracted the mixture with ethyl acetate (20 mL x2). The organic layers were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by biotage eluting with 5-25% ethyl acetate in hexanes to give **14** (156 mg, 0.59 mmol, 91%) as a colorless oil.

B (for tandem α -arylation and α -hydroxylation): The solution of **10** (111 mg, 0.65 mmol) and *t*-butyl propionate (86 mg, 0.65 mmol) in 3 mL of toluene was degassed with nitrogen for 5 min. To this solution at 0°C was slowly added NaHMDS (1.3 mmol, 2.2 mL, 0.6 M in toluene). The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred under nitrogen. After 2 h, the the resulting solution was exposed to air for 12 h before the mixture was quenched with ammonium chloride aqueous solution (10 mL, 1 N). Extracted the mixture with ethyl acetate (20 mL x2). The organic layers were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by biotage eluting with 10-25% ethyl acetate in hexanes to give **15** (152 mg, 0.54 mmol, 84%) as a colorless oil.

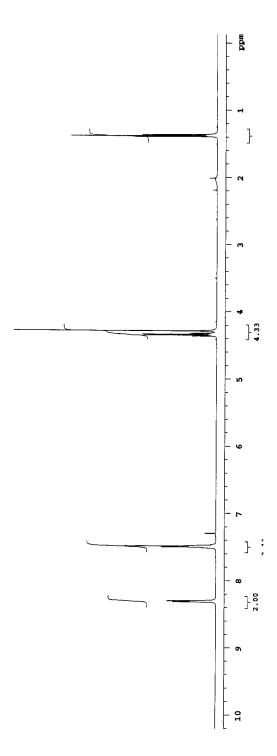
A medium scale reaction (Preparation of compound 9): The solution of 8 (1.00 g, 5.09 mmol) and *t*-butyl propionate (1.77 g, 2.1 mL, 15.3 mmol) in 20 mL of toluene was degassed with nitrogen for 5 min. To this solution at 0°C was slowly added NaHMDS (25.5 mL, 15.3 mmol, 0.6 M in toluene). After 5 h, the resulting solution was warmed to rt and stirred for 12 h before the mixture was quenched with ammonium chloride aqueous solution (50 mL, 1 N). Extracted the mixture with ethyl acetate (200 mL x2). The organic layers were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by biotage eluting with 5-15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to give 9 (1.11 g, 4.02 mmol, 79%) as a colorless oil.

Appendix: (The H-NMR and LC/MS of new compounds)

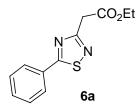


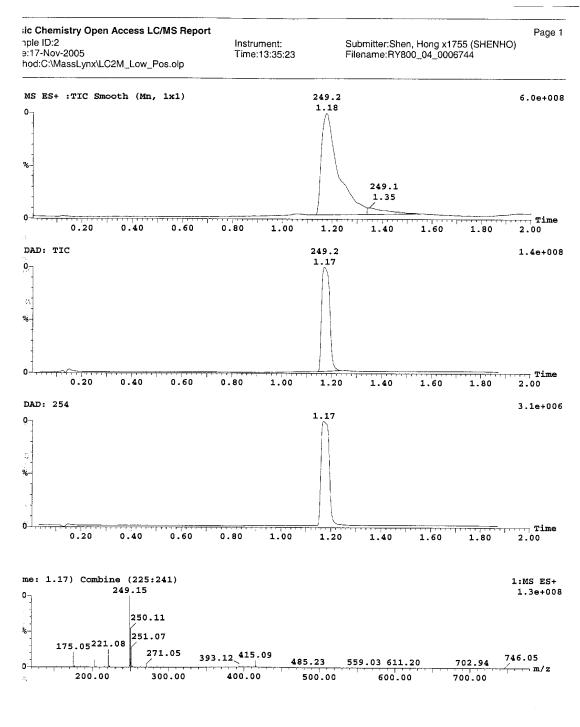






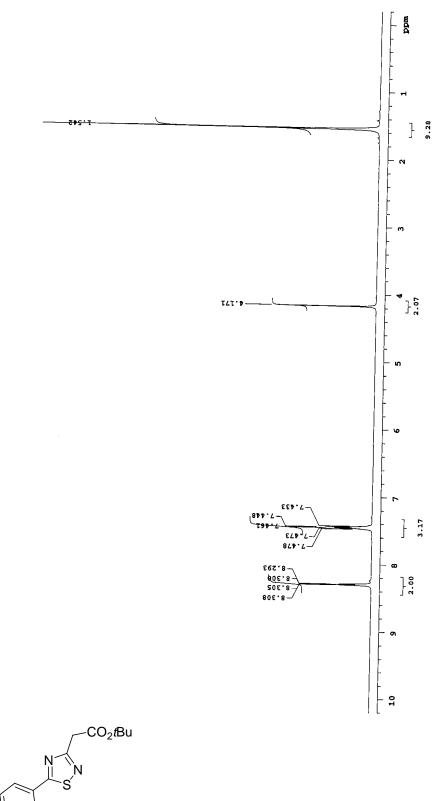
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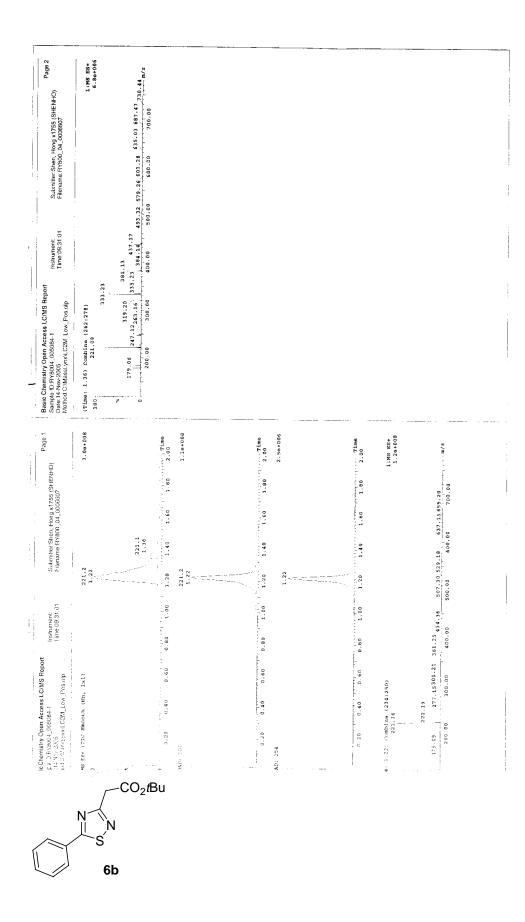


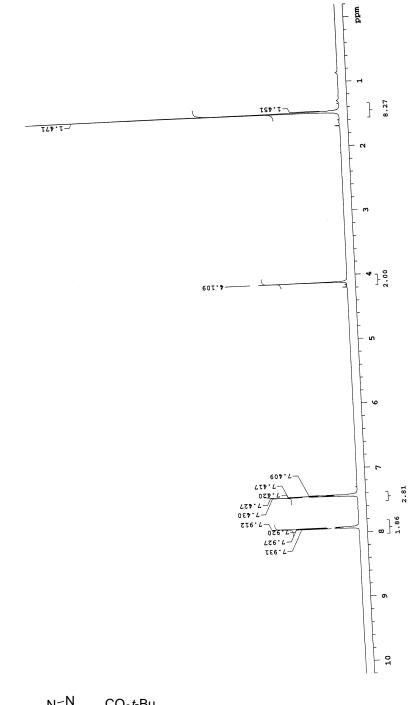
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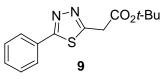
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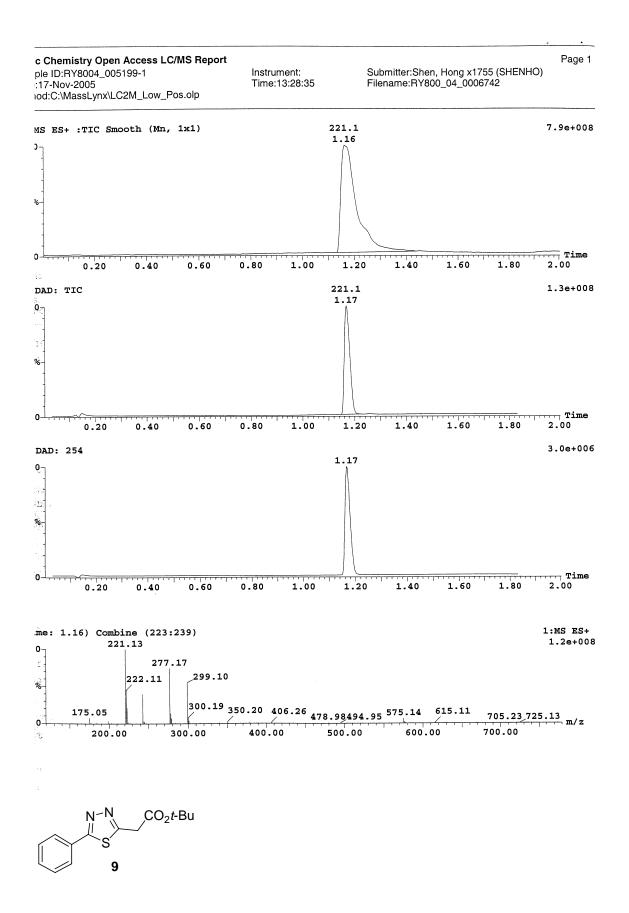


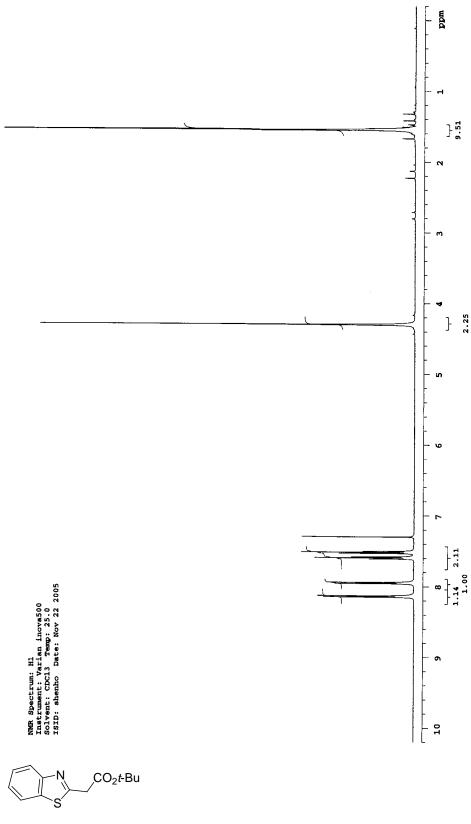




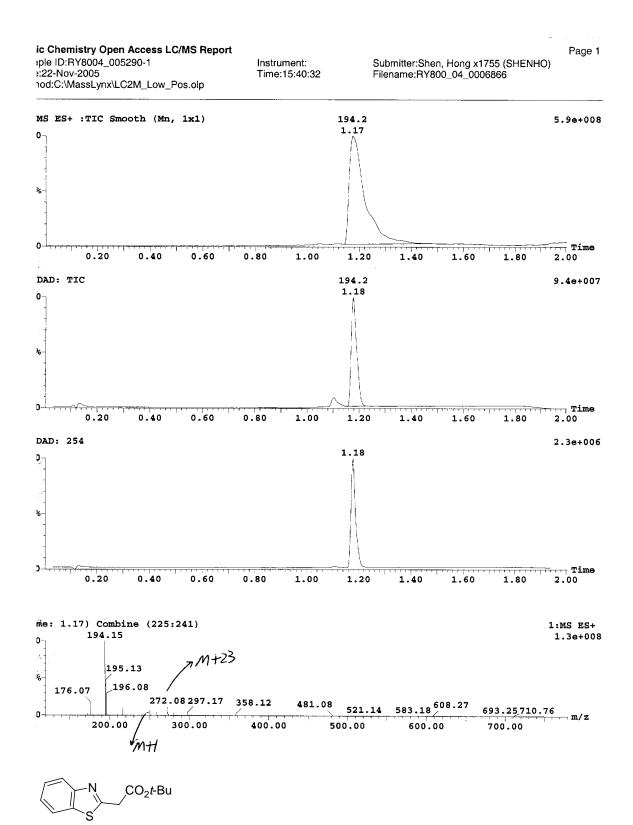


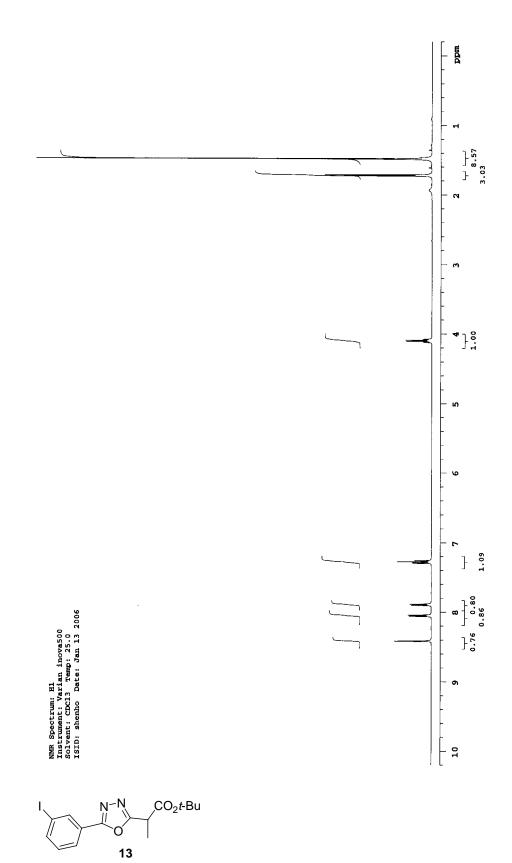




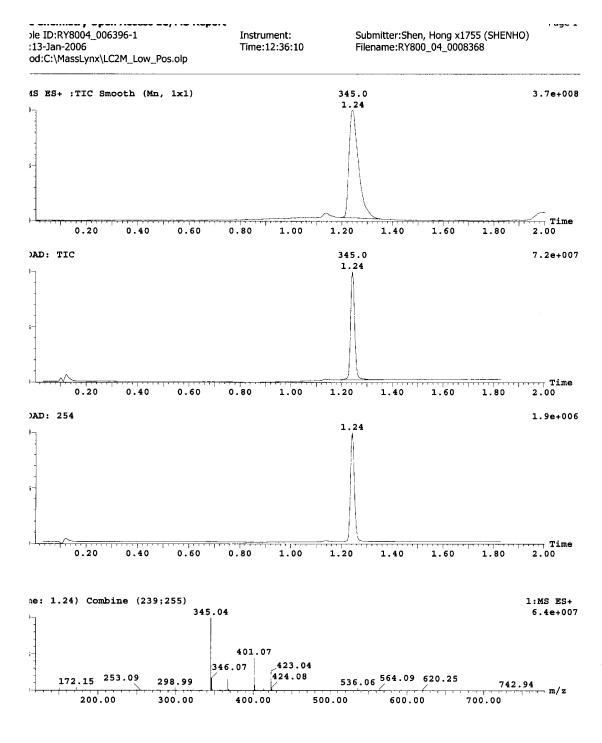


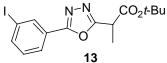


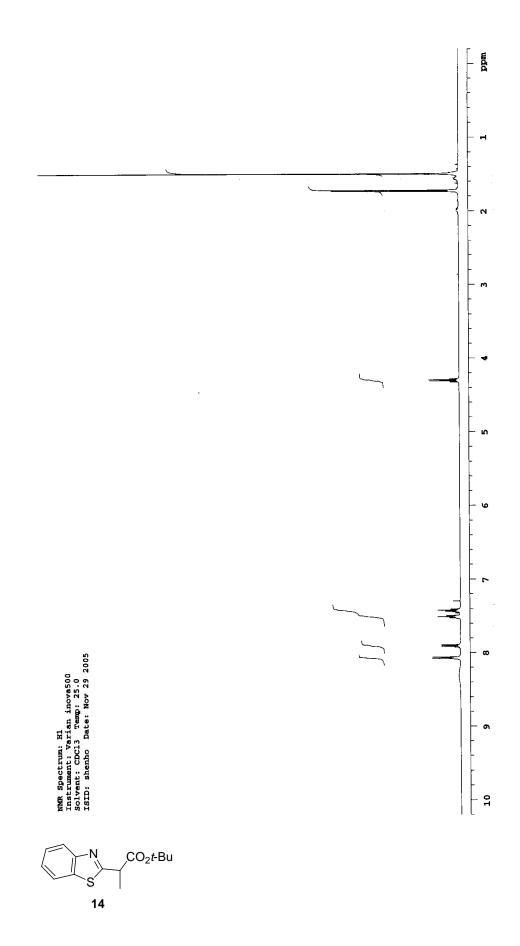


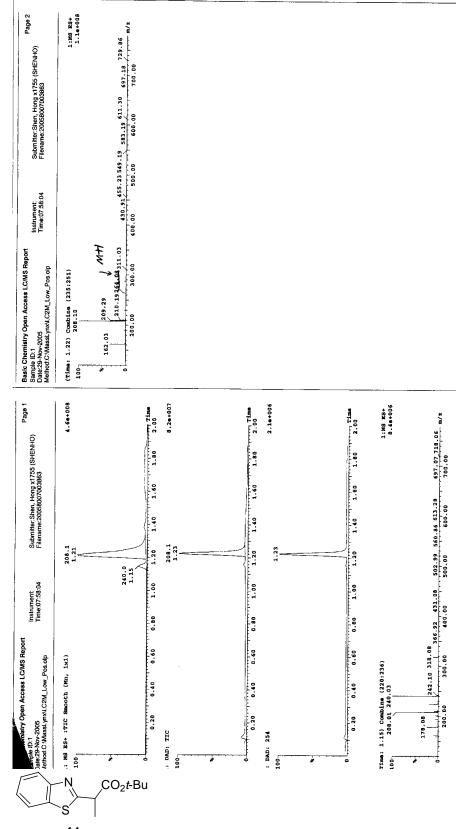




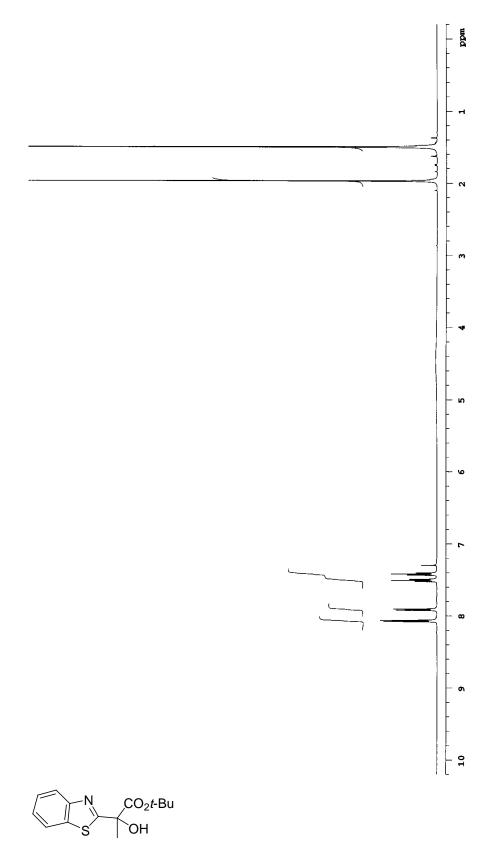




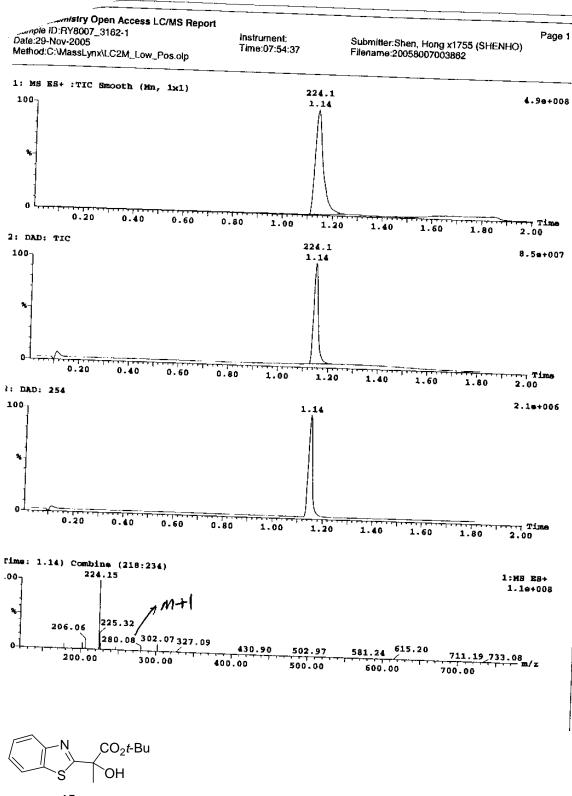




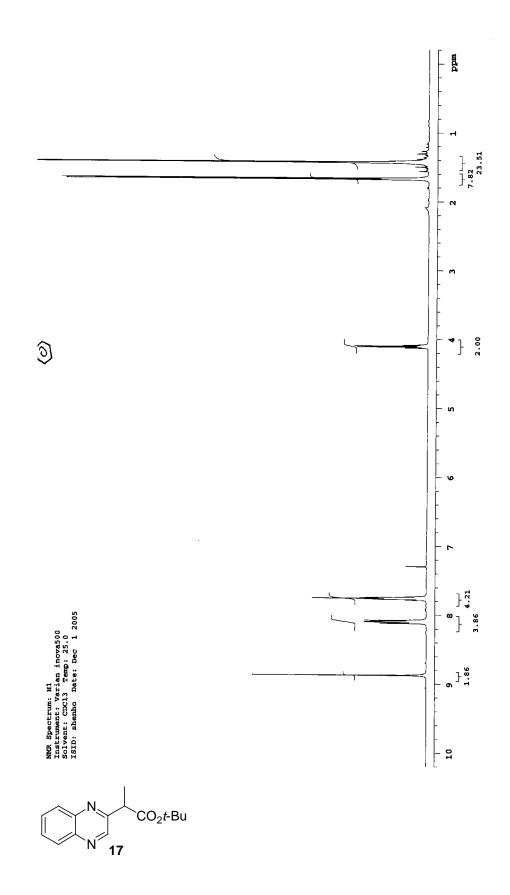












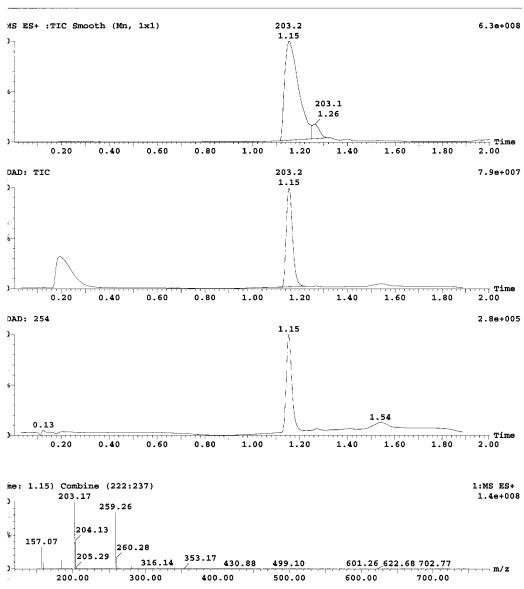
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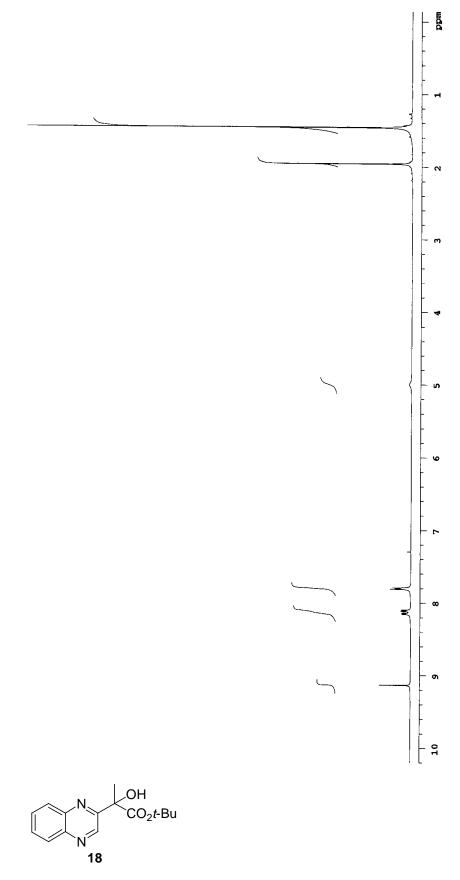
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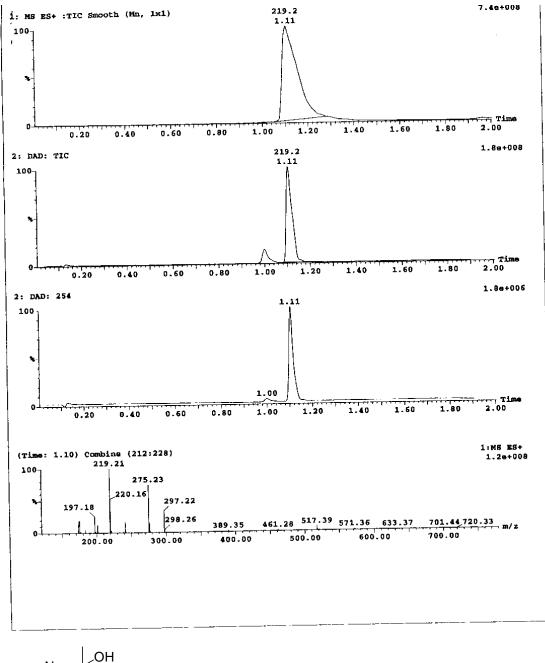
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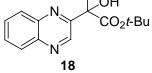


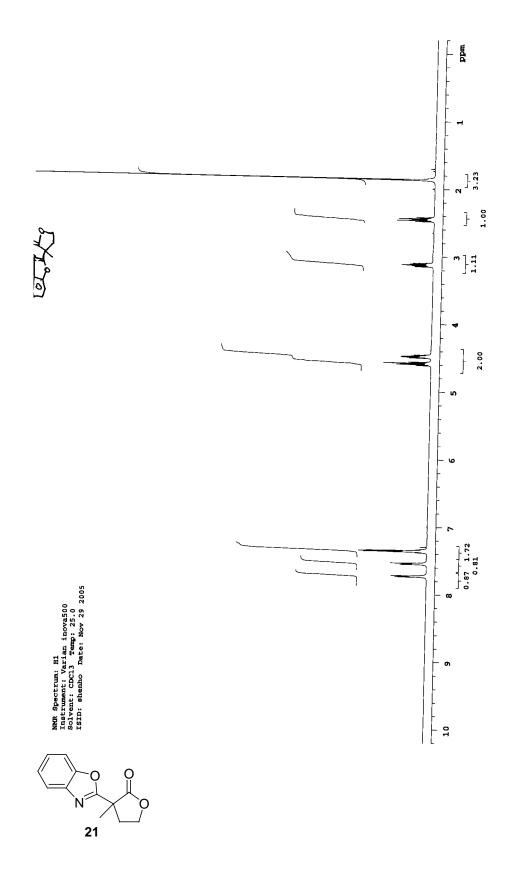
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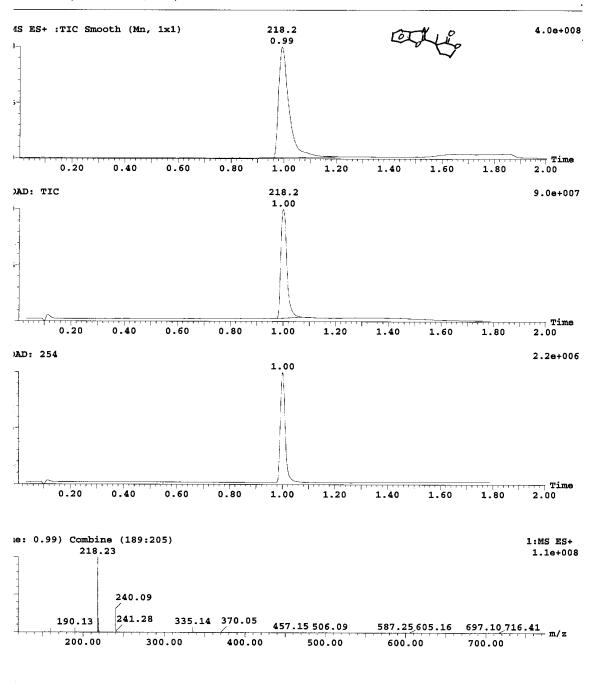


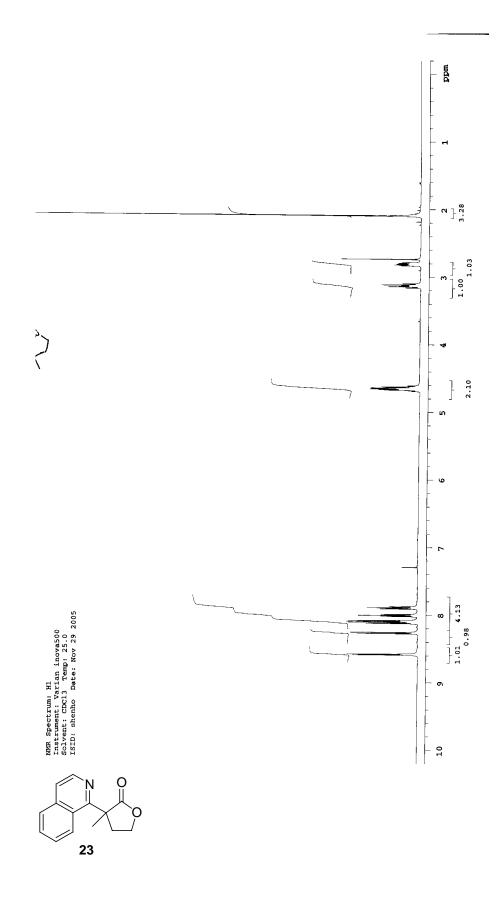


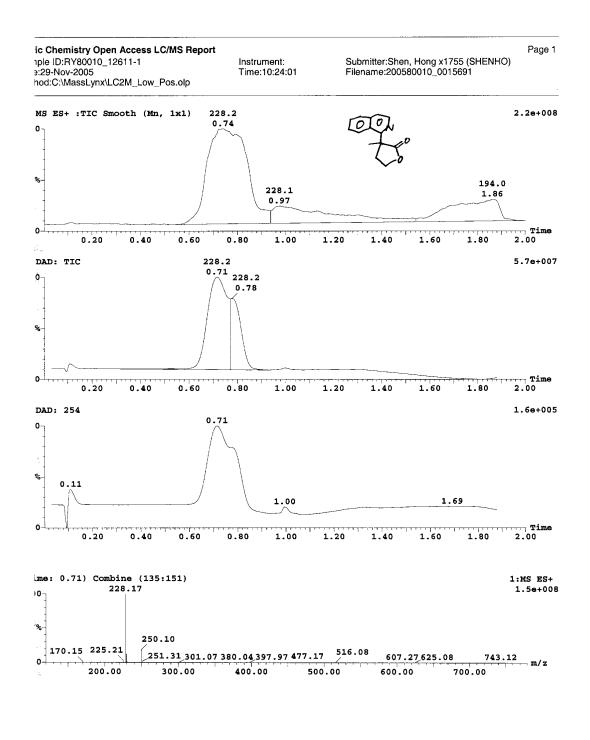


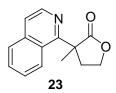


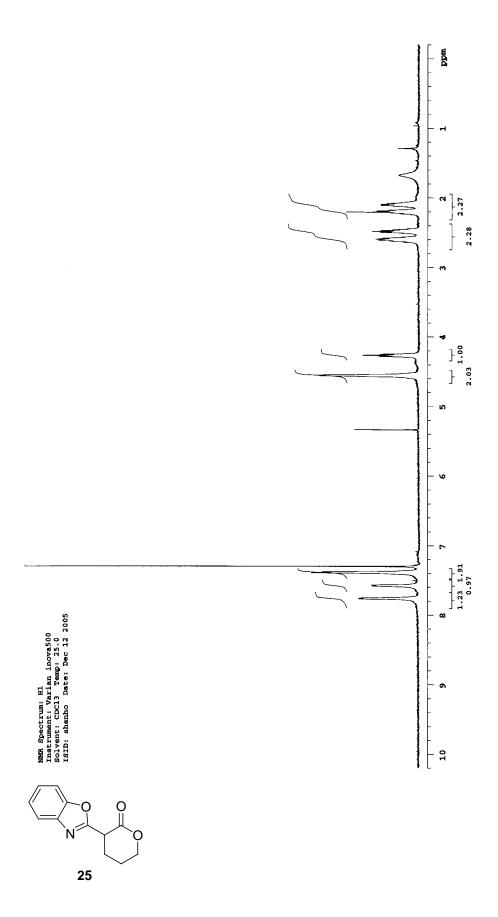
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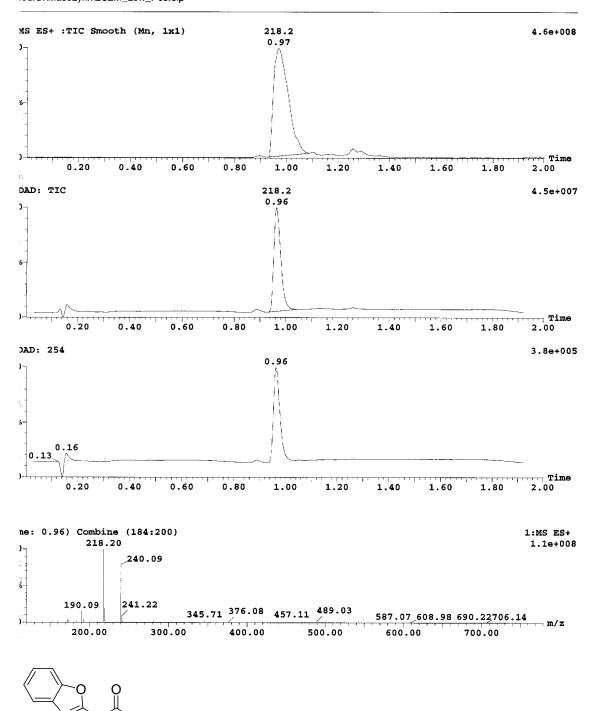


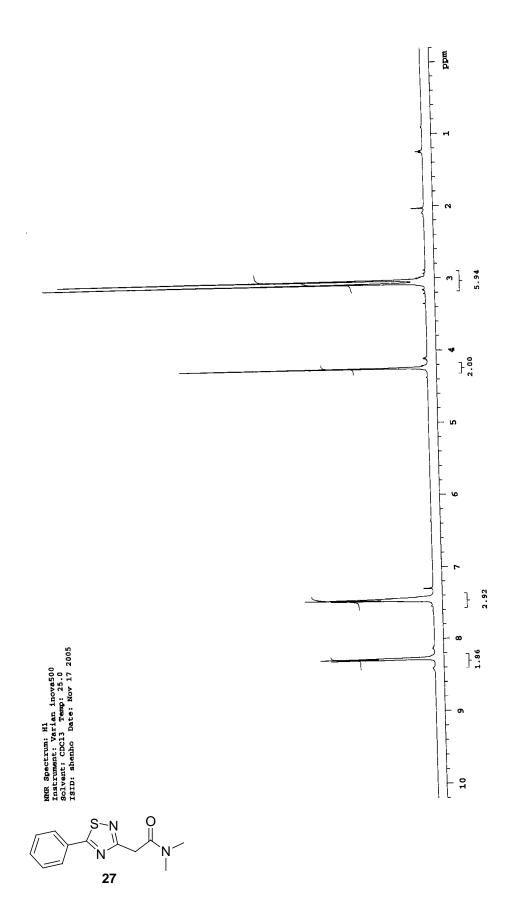


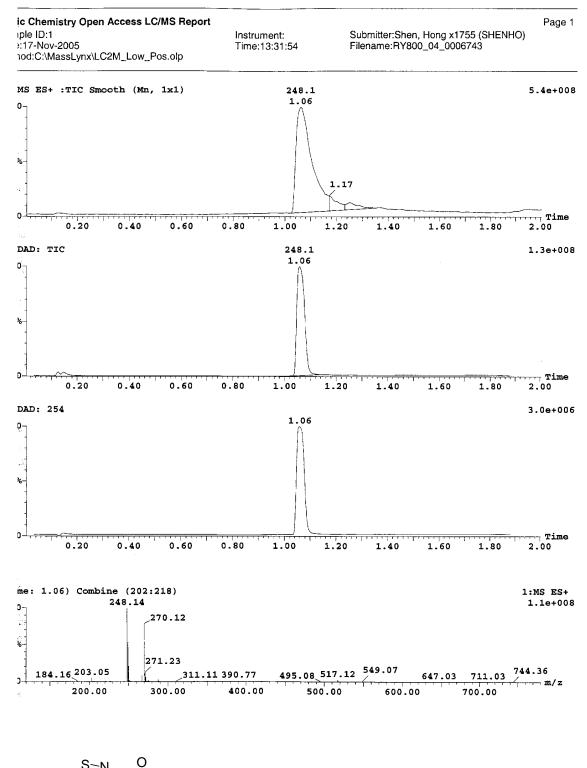


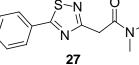
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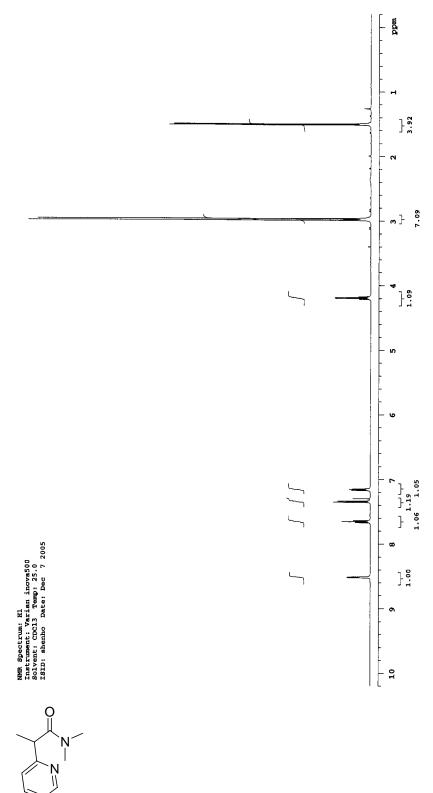
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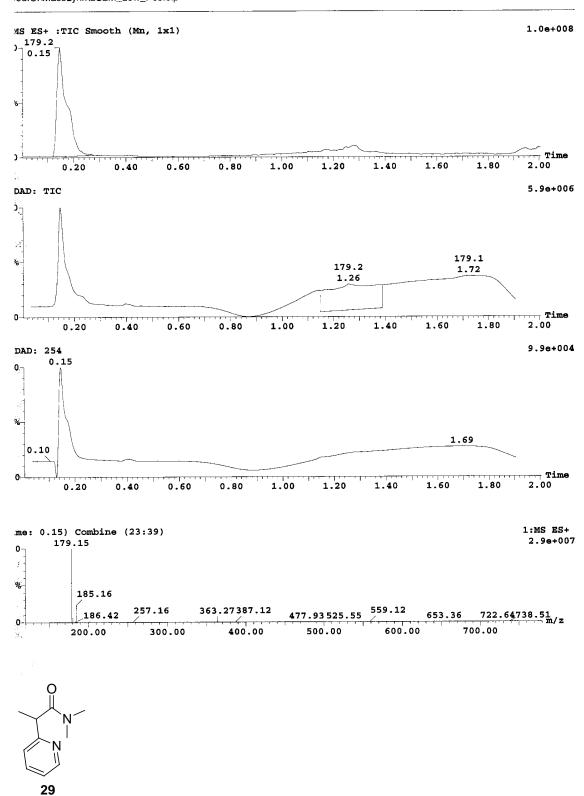




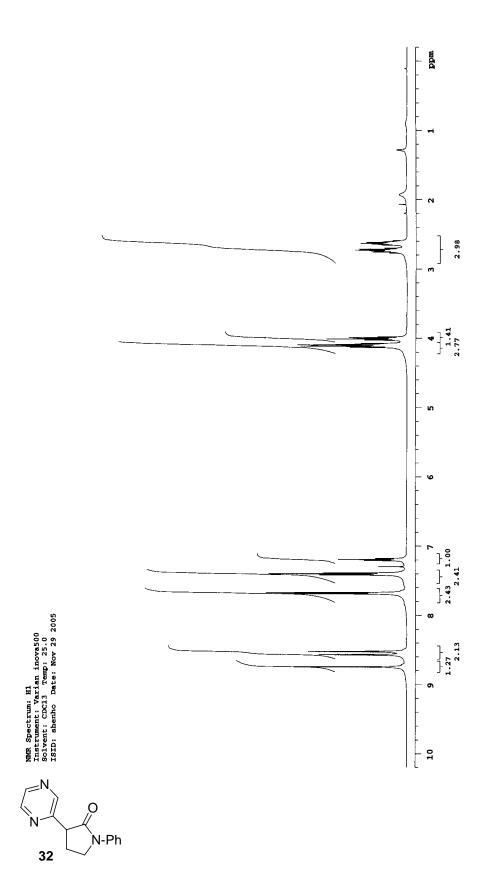


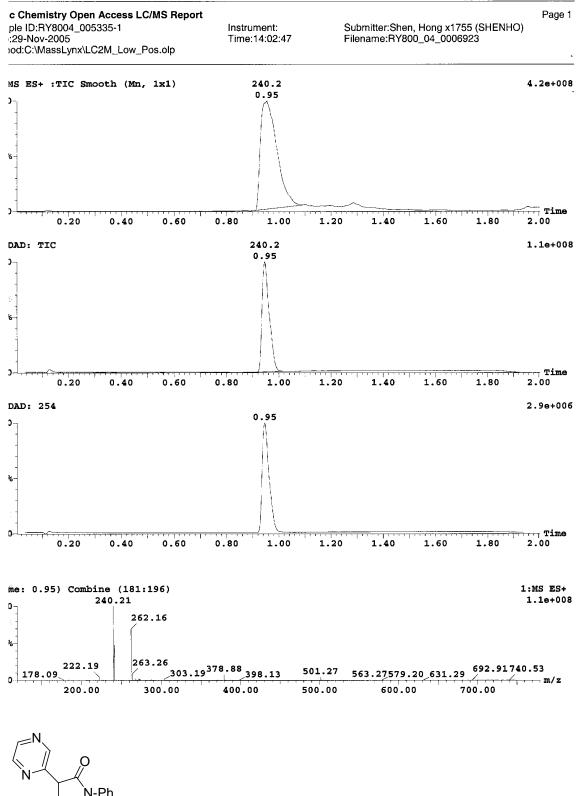


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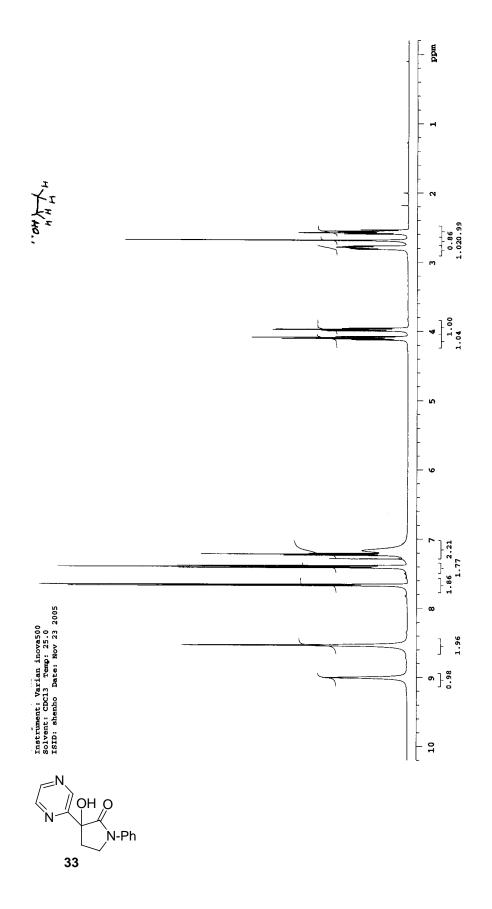


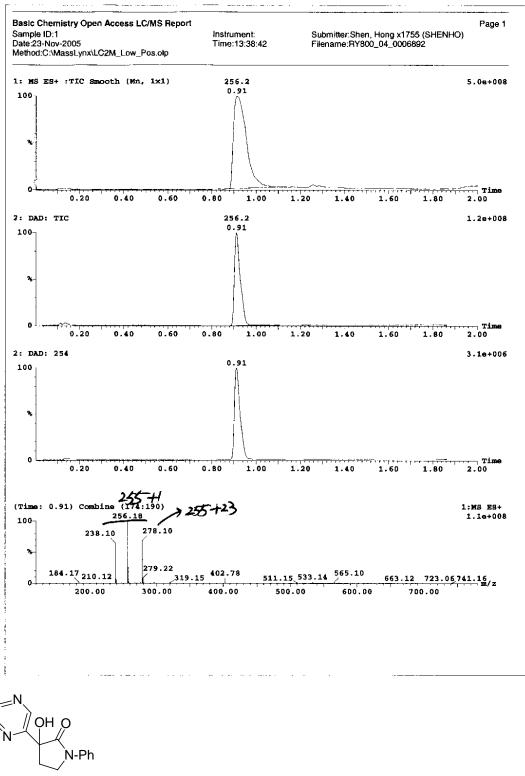
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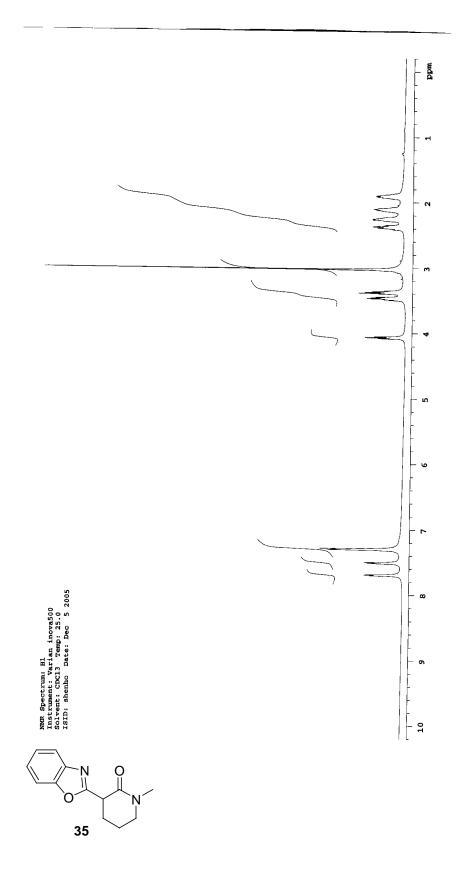


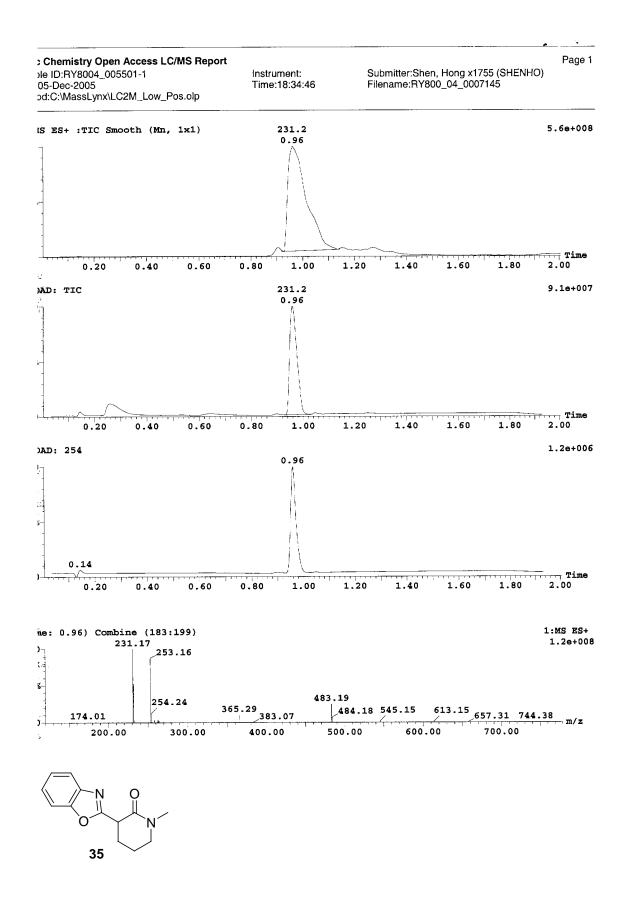




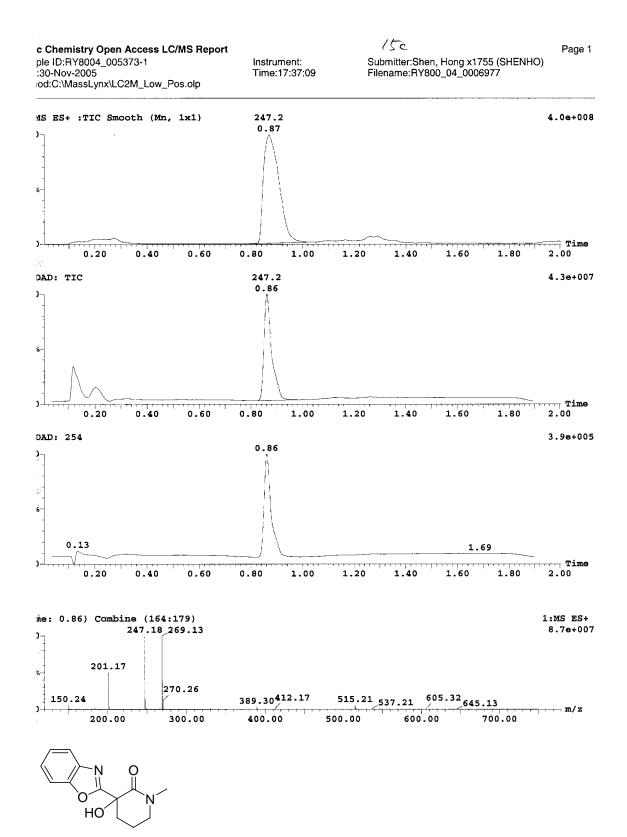




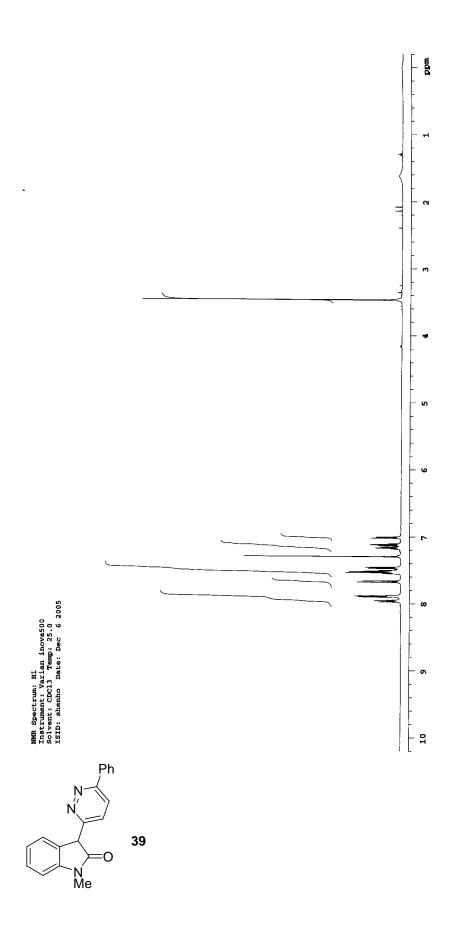






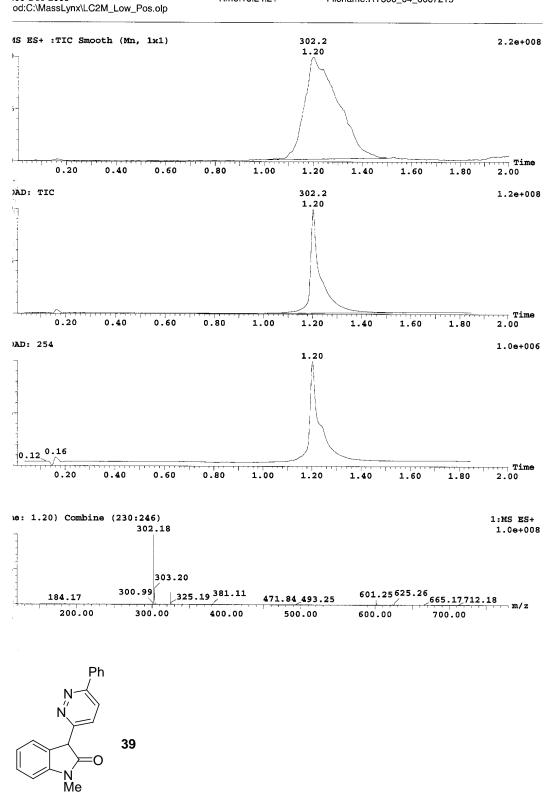


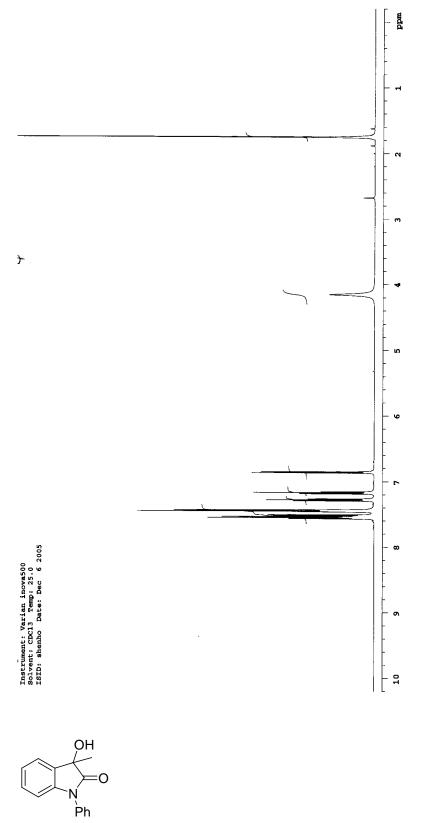




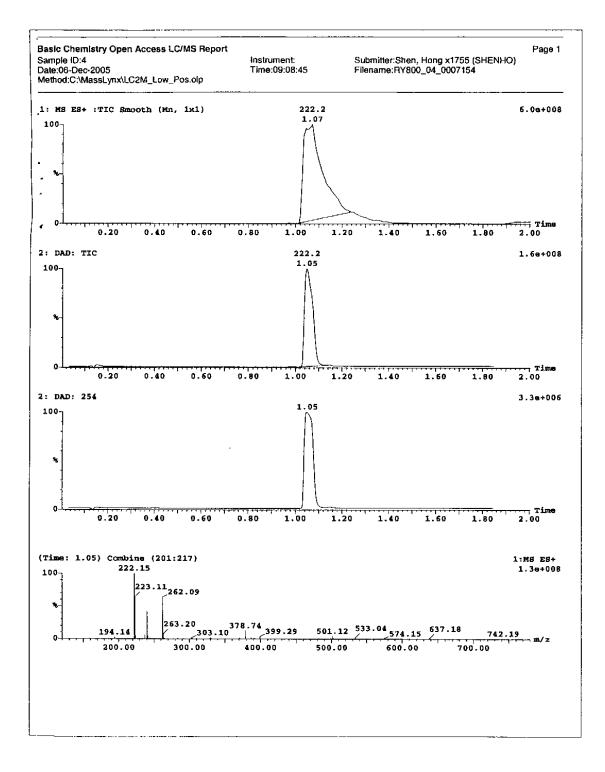
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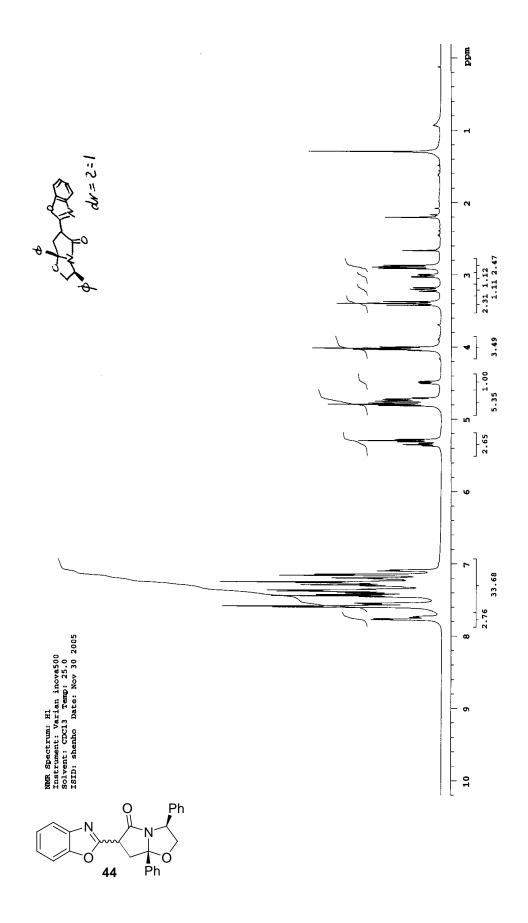




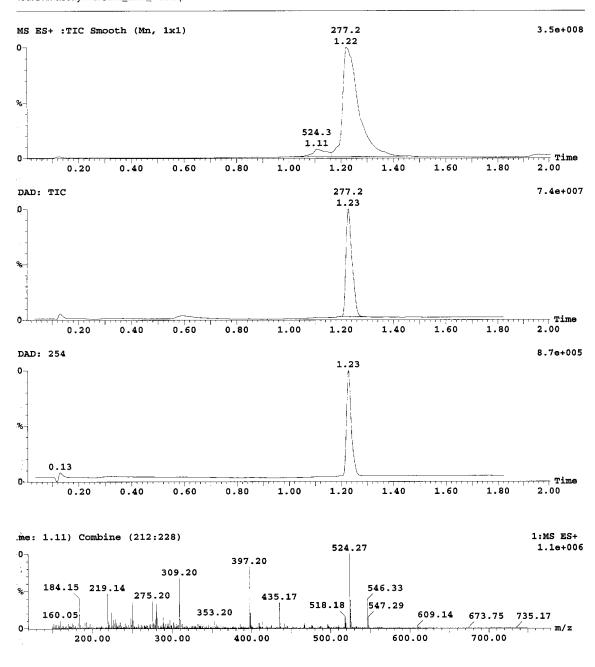
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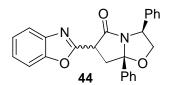




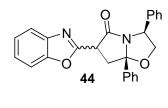


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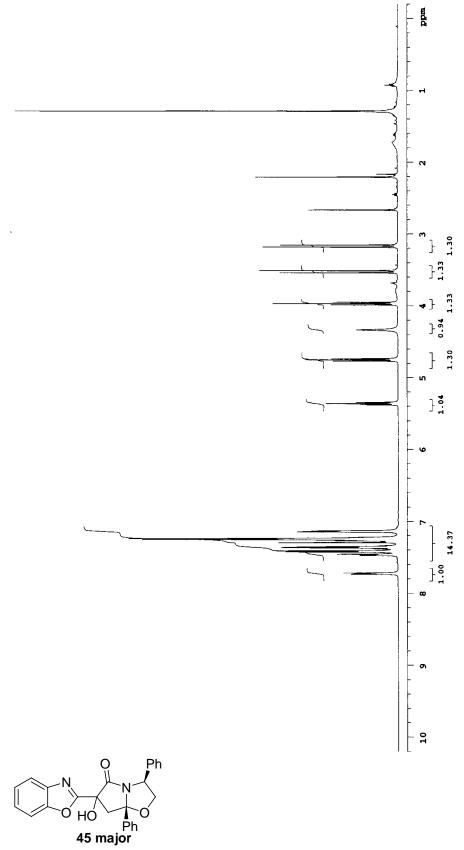




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