Supporting Information

Chiral Substituted Poly-N-vinylpyrrolidinones and Bimetallic Nanoclusters in Catalytic Asymmetric Oxidation Reactions

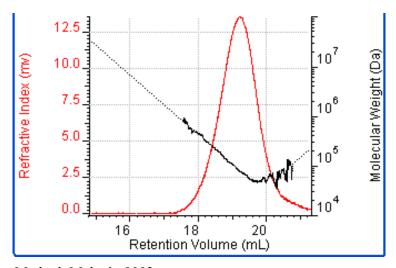
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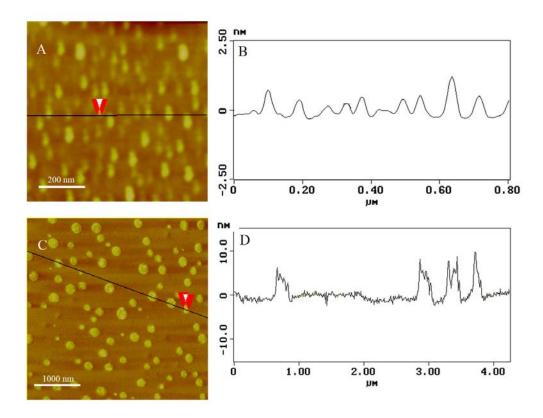
1. Figure S1. Molecular weight determination of polymer 17 by gel permeation chromatography using TSKgel GMHxl column and THF as solvent with a flow rate of 1 mL/min.



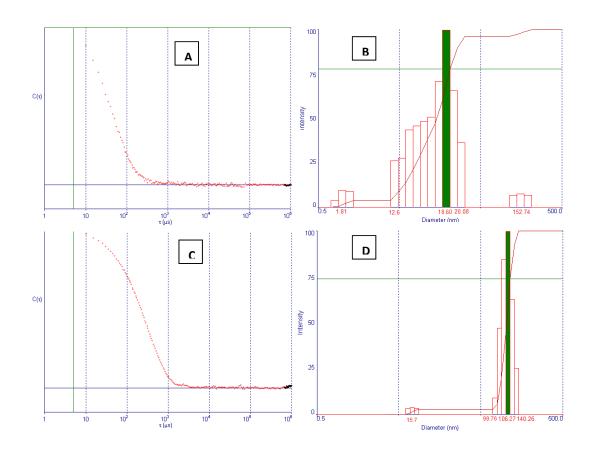
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2. Figure S2. Panel A: a representative AFM image of CSPVP 17, and sizes of the polymer are ~20 - 30 nm. B: measurement of the height (Y axis) and width (X axis) of polymer 17. C: representative image of nanocluster Pd/Au (3:1)-17. D: measurement of the height and width of the nanoclusters and the sizes are ~ 50 - 200 nm. The average height of the nanoparticles is 5.76 nm. For analysis, the crude nanocluster solution was filtered through a Vivaspin 20 centrifugal filter device (3,000 MWCO), and washed with deionized water twice to remove low MW inorganic materials. The resulting nanocluster was dissolved in water and subjected to AFM analysis. Images of polymers and nanocluster-polymers were randomly taken from the samples and representative images were displayed.



3. Figure S3. Dynamic light scattering studies of CSPVP 17 and Pd/Au (3:1)-17. A. Autocorrelation function over time of 17 in H₂O (deionized) solution with concentration of 0.12 mol/L. B. Size distribution graph of 17 in H₂O (same concentration as in A). C. Autocorrelation function over time of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in H₂O (deionized) solution with concentration of 4.36 mol/L Pd/Au (3:1) and 0.12 mol/L 17. D. Size distribution graph of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in H₂O. The sizes of Pd/Au-17 are ~5.7 times larger than those of polymer 17 alone. For analysis, the crude nanocluster solution was filtered through a Vivaspin 20 centrifugal filter device (3,000 MWCO), and washed with deionized water twice to remove low MW inorganic materials. The resulting nanocluster was dissolved in water and subjected to DLS analysis.

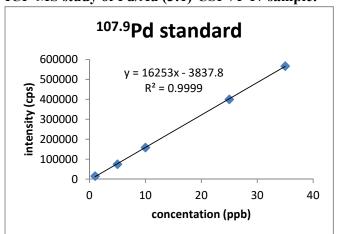


4. Figure S4. The appearance Pd/Au (3:1)-CSPVP 17 in deionized H₂O solution. Left cuvette: $2.18 \, \text{M} \, (1.63 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, \text{Pd} \, \text{and} \, 0.55 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, \text{Au} \, \text{complexed} \, \text{with} \, 0.06 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, 17)$. Right cuvette: $4.23 \, \text{M} \, (3.17 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, \text{Pd} \, \text{and} \, 1.06 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, \text{Au} \, \text{and} \, 0.12 \, \text{M} \, \text{of} \, 17)$.



5. Inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) measurement: An ICP-MS instrument, NexION® 300D from PerkinElmer was used to measure the concentrations of Pd, Au, and Cu in Pd/Au (3:1)-17 and Cu/Au (3:1)-17. To a solution of 100 μg of Pd/Au (3:1)-

17 or Cu/Au (3:1)-17 in 100 μL of deionized water was added 2 mL of aqua regia solution at 70°C under sonication for 3 h, and the solution was cooled to 25°C, diluted to 10 mL with a 1% HNO₃/2% HCl solution. A total of six separate experiments were conducted using different concentrations of the above solution. (1) Three similar experiments were carried out: in each experiment, 250 μL of the above Pd/Au (or Cu/Au) solution was removed and diluted to 5 mL of 1% HNO₃/2% HCl solution. The sample was subjected to the ICP mass spectrometer and intensities of Pd and Au (or Cu and Au) were obtained. (2) Three other similar experiments: in each experiment, 100 μL of the above Pd/Au (or Cu/Au) solution was removed and diluted to 5 mL of 1% HNO₃/2% HCl solution. The sample was subjected to the ICP mass spectrometer and intensities of Pd and Au (or Cu and Au) were obtained. Standard solutions for Au and Cu are commercially available, and standardized Pd solution was obtained from Na₂PdCl₄.



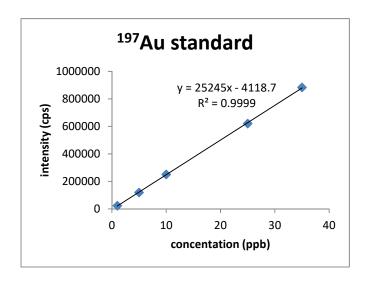
ICP-MS study of Pd/Au (3:1)-CSPVP 17 sample:

Standardized graph of intensities vs concentrations of standard ^{107,9}Pd(II) from Na₂PdCl₄

Pd/Au (3:1)-17 sample measurements (from three experiments):

dilute times	intensity	concentration
2000	51927.9 ± 1079.1	3.43 ± 0.30
5000	19083.8 ± 838.0	1.41 ± 0.29

Concentration of $^{107.9}$ Pd in Pd/Au (3:1)-**17** = $6.96 \pm 1.03 \mu g/mg$ Concentration of total Pd in Pd/Au (3:1)-**17** = $26.3 \pm 3.9 \mu g/mg$ Mole of Pd in Pd/Au (3:1)-**17** = $26.3/106.4 = 0.25 \pm 0.037 \mu mol/mg$



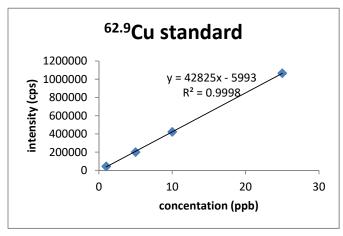
Standardized graph of intensities vs concentrations of standard ¹⁹⁷Au.

dilute times	intensity	concentration
2000	185915.2 ± 1359.2	7.53 ± 0.22
5000	78991.2 ± 1885.48	3.29 ± 0.24

Concentration of ^{197}Au in Pd/ Au (3:1)-17 = 15.8 \pm 0.82µg/mg Mole of Au in Pd/Au (3:1)-17 = 15.8/197 = 0.080 \pm 0.004µmol/mg

The ratio of Pd/Au is: $0.25/0.08 = 3.12 \pm 0.58$

ICP-MS study of Cu/Au (3:1)-CSPVP 17 sample:

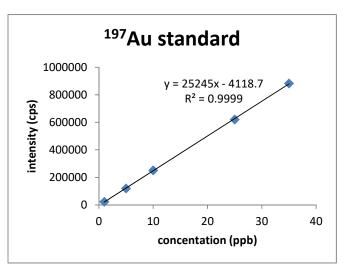


Standardized graph of intensities vs concentrations of standard ^{62.9}Cu

Cu/Au (3:1)-17 sample measurements (from three experiments):

dilute times	intensity	concentration
2000	222135.2 ± 332.3	5.33 ± 0.15
5000	90612.7 ± 6185.3	2.26 ± 0.28

Concentration of $^{62.9}$ Cu in Cu/Au-17 = $10.97 \pm 0.85 \mu g/mg$ Concentration of Cu in Cu/Au (3:1)-17 = $15.9 \pm 1.2 \mu g/mg$ Mole of Cu in Cu/Au (3:1)-17 = $15.9/63.6 = 0.25 \pm 0.02 \mu mol/mg$



Standardized graph of intensities vs concentrations of standard ¹⁹⁷Au.

dilute times	intensity	concentration
2000	200274.2 ± 1541.6	8.10 ± 0.22
5000	79420.2 ± 1409.7	3.31 ± 0.22

Concentration of 197 Au in Cu/Au (3:1)-17 =16.37 \pm 0.77µg/mg Mole of Au in Cu/Au (3:1)-17 = 16.4/197 = 0.083 \pm 0.004µmol/mg

The ratio of Cu/Au is: $0.25/0.083 = 3.0 \pm 0.4$

6. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 and Cu/Au (3:1)-17:

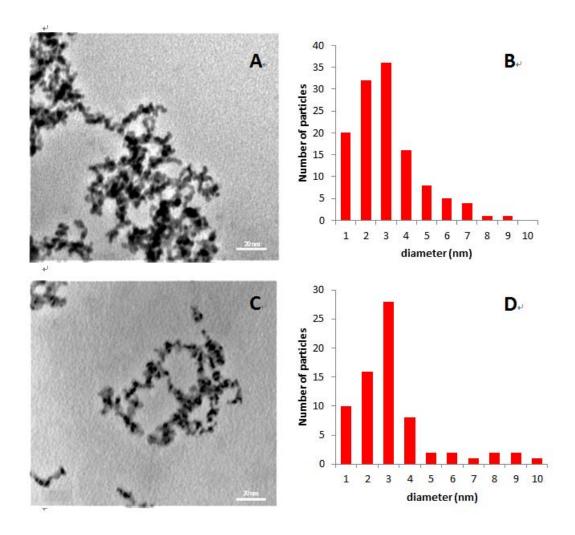


Figure S5. Panel A: a representative TEM image of nanocluster Pd/Au (3:1)-17. B: measurement of the diameter of the nanoclusters and the average size is 3.44 ± 1.63 nm. C: a representative TEM image of nanocluster Cu/Au (3:1)-17. D: measurement of the diameter of the nanoclusters and the average size is 3.66 ± 1.95 nm. Bars are 20 nm. For analysis, the crude nanocluster solution was filtered through a Vivaspin 20 centrifugal filter device (3,000 MWCO), and washed with deionized water twice to remove low MW inorganic materials. The resulting nanocluster was dissolved in ethanol and subjected to TEM analyses.

7. Calculation of the number of metal atoms (N) in each nanoparticle with the assumption that the nanoparticles have face-centered cubic close-packed structure.

For Pd/Au (3:1)-17: (diameters for Au and Pd are 0.288 and 0.275, respectively.)

Diameter $d = (3 \times 0.275 + 0.288) / 4 = 0.278$

Nanocluster diameter: 12.3d = 3.44 nm (the diameter of Pd/Au is obtained from TEM)

The shell number: n = 6.5 (based on Poole, C.; Owens, F. Introduction to Nanotechnology, 2003, Wiley, New Jersey)

The number of atoms in a 3.44 nm nanocluster: $N = 1/3[10n^3 - 15n^2 + 11n - 3] = 727$ atoms Mole of metals in each nanocluster: 1.21×10^{-21} mol

Mole of CSPVP in each nanocluster: $1.21 \times 10^{-21} \times 0.11 / 4 = 3.3 \times 10^{-23} \text{ mol}$

Number of CSPVP in each nanocluster: $3.3 \times 10^{-23} \times N_A$ (Avogadro number) = $3.3 \times 10^{-23} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 20.0$

For Cu/Au (3:1)-17: (diameters for Au and Cu are 0.288 and 0.256, respectively.)

Diameter $d = (3 \times 0.256 + 0.288) / 4 = 0.264$

Nanocluster diameter: 14d = 3.66 nm (the diameter of Cu/Au is obtained from TEM)

The shell number: n = 7.5

The number of atoms in a 3.66 nm nanocluster: $N = 1/3[10n^3 - 15n^2 + 11n - 3] = 1151$

atoms

Mole of metal in each nanocluster: 1.91 x 10⁻²¹

Mole of CSPVP in each nanocluster: $1.91 \times 10^{-21} \times 0.11 / 4 = 5.3 \times 10^{-23}$ Number of CSPVP in each nanocluster: $5.3 \times 10^{-23} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 32$

8. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 and Cu/Au (3:1)-17:

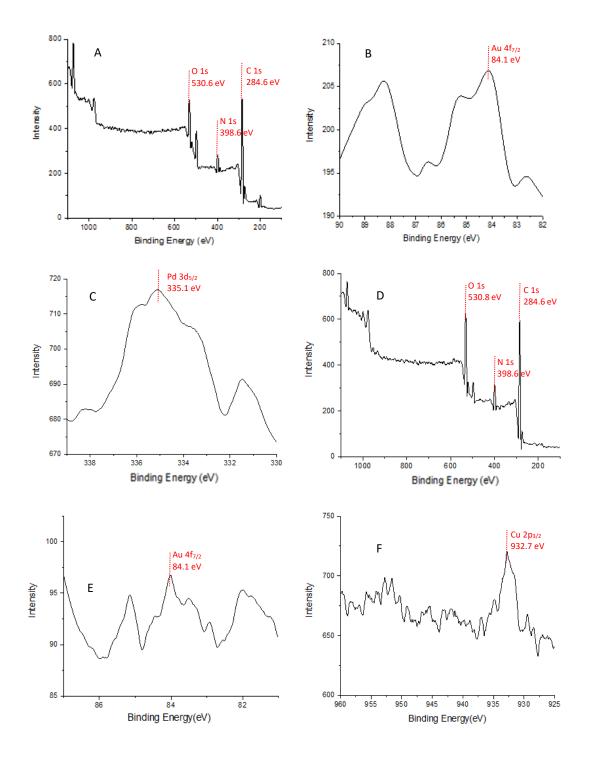


Figure S6. A. Wide-scan (or survey) XPS spectrum of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 showing all elements present on the sample surface: major elements are carbon (C 1s at 284.6 eV), oxygen (O 1s at 530.6 eV), and nitrogen (N 1s at 398.6 eV) of the polymers. B. Detailed XPS spectrum of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in the range of the Au signals. The signal at 84.1 eV belongs to Au 4f_{7/2}. C. Detailed XPS spectrum of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in the range of the Pd signals. The signal at 335.1 eV belongs to Pd 3d_{5/2}. D. Wide-scan (or survey) XPS spectrum of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 showing

all elements present on the sample surface: major elements are carbon (C 1s at 284.6 eV), oxygen (O 1s at 530.8 eV), and nitrogen (N 1s at 398.6 eV) of the polymers. E. Detailed XPS spectrum of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 in the range of the Au signals. The signal at 84.1 eV belongs to Au 4f_{7/2}. F. Detailed XPS spectrum of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 in the range of the Cu signals. The signal at 932.7 eV belongs to Cu 2p_{3/2}.

9. Experimental Procedure

¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR spectra (100 MHz) were measured from a solution in CDCl₃ unless otherwise mentioned. The chemical shift data for each signal on ¹H NMR are given in units of δ relative to TMS ($\delta = 0$) or CHCl₃ ($\delta = 7.26$). For ¹³C NMR spectra, the chemical shifts are recorded relative to CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$). Low-resolution mass spectra were taken from an API 2000-triple quadrupole ESI-MS/MS mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using a LCT Premier time of flight mass spectrometer. IR spectra were measured directly in either solid or liquid form. Inductively coupled plasma-mass spectra (ICP-MS) were taken from a PerkinElmer NexION® 300D ICP-MS instrument. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images were taken from a FEI CM100 TEM instrument (Technical Sales Solutions Inc.). X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) study was performed on a PHI 5400 XPS system (Physical Electronic Inc.). The purchased N-Boc-L-amino acids (from Chem-Impex International, Wood Dale, IL) were recrystallized twice from ethyl acetate and hexane to obtain pure amino acids before use. All cis-, and trans-1,2and 1,3-cyclopentanes, -cyclohexanes, and -cycloheptanes, limonene, and sclareolide were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or prepared by following the reported procedures. 1-3 1,4Diisopropylcyclohexanes are commercially available from Alfa Aesar Co. as a mixture of inseparable *trans*- and *cis*-isomers. We prepared the *trans*-isomer **50** from a two-step sequence of reactions involving Birch reduction of 1,4-diisopropylbenzene followed by hydrogenation. Alcohols **52** – **54** and **58** were made from the addition reactions of isopropylmagnesium bromide with cycloalkanones in the presence of 0.2 equiv of ZnCl₂ in THF at 0°C.⁴ Optical purities of various oxidized products were determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, size: 0.46 cm x 25 cm, from Daicel Chemical Industries, Exton, PA. AFM images were taken from a Nanoscope IIIa SPM atomic force microscope (Digital Instrument). Dynamic light scattering graphs were taken from a ZetaPALS zeta potential analyzer (Brookhaven Instrument Co.). High pressure reactions were conducted in a Parr Pressure Reactor (Parr Instrument Co., Moline, IL) under 2 atm. (or 30 psi) of oxygen. Vivaspin 20 centrifugal filter device with a 3,000 MWCO was purchased from Sartorius Inc.

Scheme S1. Synthesis of N-vinyl-5-benzhydryloxymethylpyrrolidinone (11).

Boc NH OH Meldrum's acid DCC, DMAP Boc NH OH CH₂Cl₂

1 1a 1b

toluene reflux

$$R^1 = CH_2O + Bu$$
(83% overall yield in three steps)

AcoH CH₂Cl₂
 $R^1 = CH_2O + Bu$
(83% yield)

 $R^1 = CH_2O + Bu$
(83% overall yield in three steps)

OAc Na₂PdCl₄

11 (51% yield)

(S)-tert-Butyl 3-tert-butoxy-1-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)-1-oxopropan-2-ylcarbamate (1a). $^{5-7}$ A solution of 4.0 g (15.3 mmol) of N-Boc-O-tert-butyl-L-serine, 3.3 g (23 mmol) of Meldrum's acid (2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione), and 2.8 g (22.9 mmol) of 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) in 80 mL of dichloromethane under argon was cooled to 0°C over an ice-water bath. To it, a solution of 3.47 g (16.8 mmol) of N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) in 20 mL of dichloromethane was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours under argon and the precipitated (N,N'-dicyclohexylurea) was removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with 50 mL of 5% HCl, and then water, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), and concentrated to dryness leaving 5.83 g of compound 1a as a white solid. This compound was used in the following step without further purification. 1 H NMR δ 5.67 – 5.63 (m, 1 H), 5.49 – 5.47 (m, 1 H), 3.74 – 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.62 (s, 1 H, NH), 1.76 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H), 1.46 (s, 9 H), 1.26 (s, 9 H). 13 C NMR δ 206.8, 172.7, 152.3, 105.9, 79.0, 75.0, 62.0, 60.6, 59.9, 30.0 (3 C), 28.4 (3 C), 25.6 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 388.7 ([M + H]+).

3-tert-butoxy-1-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate (1b). To a cold (0°C) solution of 5.80 g (15.2 mmol) of compound **1a** in 150 mL of dichloromethane under argon were added 5.51 g (91.8 mmol) of acetic acid and 1.51 g (39.8 mmol) of NaBH4. The solution was stirred at 0°C for three hours and at 25°C for 12 hours, diluted with 30 mL of water, the dichloromethane layer was separated, and the water layer was extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), concentrated to give a yellow oil, which was crystallized from diethyl ether to give 5.27 g of compound **1b** as a white solid. ¹H

NMR δ 5.08 – 5.09 (m, 1 H), 4.08 – 4.00 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (s, 1 H, NH), 3.45 – 3.41 (m, 2 H), 2.5 – 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.16 – 2.01 (m, 1 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (s, 9 H), 1.05 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 208.0, 174.6, 151.0, 105.7, 79.3, 74.7, 69.8, 49.6, 47.1, 31.9, 28.4, 25.7. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 374.0 ([M + H]⁺), 299.9.

- (*R*)-N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-pyrrolidin-2-one (3). A solution of 5.26 g (14.10 mmol) of compound 1b in 40 mL of toluene under argon was heated to reflux for 6 hours, cooled to 25°C, concentrated under vacuum, and column chromatographed on silica gel using hexane and ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent to give 3.44 g (83% overall yield in three steps) of compound 3 as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +80.7$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 4.09 4.07 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (dd, J = 10, 4 Hz, 1 H), 3.31 (dd, J = 10, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.56 (dt, J = 17.6, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.20 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.05 1.84 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (s, 9 H), 1.02 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR δ 175.3, 150.1, 82.6, 73.2, 62.9, 58.0, 32.5, 28.2, 27.5, 21.7. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 294.1 ([M + Na]⁺), 272.0 ([M+ H]⁺), 194.1, 172.1, 116.0. HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₆NO₄: 272.1862; found: 272.1887.
- (*R*)-5-(Hydroxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (5). A solution of 1.0 g (12.9 mmol) of compound 3 in 5 mL of 10% trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane was stirred at 50°C for 5 hours, cooled to 25°C, and diluted with dichloromethane. The solution was washed with an aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, then water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated to give 0.42 g (99% yield) of compound 5 as a brown oil. This material was used in the subsequent step without further purification. [α] $_D^{22}$ = -60.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); 1 H NMR δ 6.7 6.6 (bs, 1 H, NH), 4.46 (dd, J = 11.2, 4 Hz, 1 H), 4.21 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.15 4.04 (m, 1 H), 2.54 2.32 (m, 4 H, CH₂ and OH), 1.98 1.87 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR δ 181.6, 65.2, 57.5, 30.3, 22.3; MS (ESI,

MeOH): m/z = 116.0 ([M + H]⁺, 100%), 98.1. HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₅H₉NO₂Na⁺: 138.0531 found: 138.0537.

(*R*)-5-(Benzhydryloxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (8). To a cold (0°C) solution of 0.43 g (3.74 mmol) of compound 5 in 1 mL distilled THF under argon, was added 0.15 g (3.74 mmol) of NaH (60% in mineral oil; NaH was washed twice with dried diethyl ether). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes and added 1.11 g (4.48 mmol) of bromodiphenylmethane. The mixture was stirred at 50°C for 12 hours, diluted with 1 mL of H₂O, and the organic THF layer was separated and concentrated under vacuum and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give 0.93 g (88% yield) of compound 8 as a brown oil. [α] $p^{22} = -63.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 7.4 – 7.2 (m, 10 H, Ar), 6.06 – 5.98 (bs, 1 H, NH), 5.35 (s, 1 H), 3.95 – 3.88 (m, 1 H, CHN), 3.48 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz, 1 H, CHO), 3.36 (dd, J = 9.6, 8 Hz, 1 H, CHO), 2.41 – 2.27 (m, 2 H, CH₂C=O), 2.24 – 2.14 (m, 1 H), 1.79 – 1.68 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR δ 178.1, 141.8 (2 C), 128.7 (4 C), 127.9 (2 C), 127.1 (4 C), 84.1, 73.0, 54.1, 29.9, 23.4; MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 304.1 ([M + Na]+), 194.0, 167.1. HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]+ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂Na+: 304.1313; found: 304.1320.

(*R*)-5-(Benzhydryloxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (11).⁸ To a solution of 1.20 g (4.27 mmol) of compound 8 in 50 mL of vinyl acetate under argon, were added 4.0 g of 3 Å molecular sieves, 27 mg (0.34 mmol) of Na₂PdCl₄, and 1.06 g (7.69 mmol) of K₂CO₃. The mixture was stirred at 50°C under argon for 28 hours, cooled to 25°C, filtered, concentrated under vacuum, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and diethyl ether (1:1) as an eluent to give 0.67 g (51% yield) of pure compound 11 as a brown oil. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +24.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 10 H), 6.98 (dd, J = 16.4, 9.2 Hz, 1 H, CH=), 5.31

(s, 1 H), 4.38 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.34 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.13 – 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dt, J = 17, 10 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 – 2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 2 H); 13 C NMR δ 178.8, 142.5, 138.1, 128.7 (4 C), 127.9 (2 C), 127.1 (4 C), 96.8, 84.2, 73.6, 54.0, 30.2, 23.7. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 330.1 ([M + Na]⁺). HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂Na⁺: 330.1470; found: 330.1490. Scheme S2. Syntheses of N-vinyl 5-substituted pyrrolidinones 9 and 10.

(*R*)-5-(*t*-Butyloxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (6). A solution of 10.2 g (37.5 mmol) of compound 3 in 100 mL of 7% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in dichloromethane was stirred at 25°C for 15 minutes and then diluted with 30 mL of saturated NaHCO₃. The mixture was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed with water, and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated to give 6.28 g (98% yield) of compound 6 as a brown oil. This material was used in the subsequent step without further purification. [α] σ^{22} = -10.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR 8 7.8 – 7.72 (bs, 1 H, NH), 3.94 – 3.86 (m, 1 H, CHN), 3.43 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂O), 3.25 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH₂O), 2.61

-2.45 (m, 2 H, CH₂C=O), 2.28 - 2.18 (m, 1 H), 1.86 - 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.18 (s, 9 H); 13 C NMR δ 175.5, 74.4, 65.2, 59.7, 32.4, 28.0 (3 C), 22.5. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 194.1 ([M + Na]⁺; 100%), 172.3. HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₇NO₂Na⁺: 194.1157; found: 194.1172.

(*R*)-5-(*t*-Butyloxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (9). To a solution of 2.0 g (11.6 mmol) of compound 6 in 35 mL of vinyl acetate under argon, were added 4.0 g of 3 Å molecular sieves, 0.27 g (0.9 mmol) of Na₂PdCl₄, and 2.25 g (16.3 mmol) of K₂CO₃. The mixture was stirred at 50°C under argon for 14 hours, cooled to 25°C, filtered, concentrated under vacuum, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (1:2) as an eluent to give 0.96 g (42% yield) of pure compound **9** as a yellow oil. [α] σ ²² = +9.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 7.0 (dd, J = 16, 9 Hz, 1H, CH=), 4.45 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.44 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.06 – 4.00 (m, 1 H, CHN), 3.52 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂O), 3.41 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂O), 2.64 (dt, J = 17.2, 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 – 2.26 (m, 1 H), 2.14 – 2.05 (m, 2 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 175.3, 139.7, 93.1, 74.6, 63.5, 58.8, 32.4, 28.2 (3 X), 20.8. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 220.2 ([M + Na]⁺), 198.2 (M+H⁺), 187.1. HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₉NO₂Na⁺: 220.1313; found: 220.1333.

1-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamate (2a). ⁵⁻⁷ A solution of 1.33 g (5.0 mmol) of Boc-L-phenylalanine, 1.08 g (7.5 mmol) of Meldrum's acid, and 0.95 g (7.5 mmol) of 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) in 70 mL of dichloromethane under argon was cooled to 0°C over an ice-water bath. To it, a solution of 1.13 (5.5 mmol) g of *N*,*N*'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) in 15 mL of dichloromethane was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours under argon and

the precipitated (*N*,*N*'-dicyclohexylurea) was removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with 5% HCl twice, and then water, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), and concentrated to dryness leaving 1.90 g of $2a^5$ as white solid. This compound was used in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR δ 7.3 -7.15 (m, 5 H), 4.5 – 4.4 (m, 1 H), 4.3 – 4.2 (m, 1 H), 3.9 – 3.8 (m, 1 H), 2.8 – 2.7 (m, 2 H), 1.7 (s, 3 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 207.5, 170.8, 153.1, 135.8, 129.6 (2 C), 128.9 (2 C), 127.4, 105.7, 80.3, 62.7, 60.3, 33.8, 28.4, 26.8.

(*R*)-tert-Butyl 1-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamate (2b). To a cold (0°C) solution of 1.90 g (4.85 mmol) of compound 2a in 25 mL of dichloromethane under argon were added 1.75 g (29.1 mmol) of acetic acid and 0.48 g (12.6 mmol) of NaBH4. The solution was stirred at 0°C for three hours and at 25°C for 12 hours, diluted with 30 mL of water, the dichloromethane layer was separated, and the water layer was extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated to give 1.78 g of compound 2b⁵ as a white solid. This compound was used in the subsequent step without further purification. ¹H NMR δ 7.35 – 7.19 (m, 5 H), 4.48 – 4.43 (m, 1 H), 4.24 – 4.20 (m, 1 H), 3.92 – 3.90 (m, 1 H), 2.88 – 2.83 (m, 2 H), 2.31 – 2.11 (m, 2 H), 1.81 (s, 3 H), 1.77 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 174.7, 150.2, 137.3, 129.6 (2 C), 129.0 (2 C), 127.1, 83.2, 59.2, 39.7, 31.3, 28.3 (3 C), 21.8. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 400.2 ([M + Na]⁺).

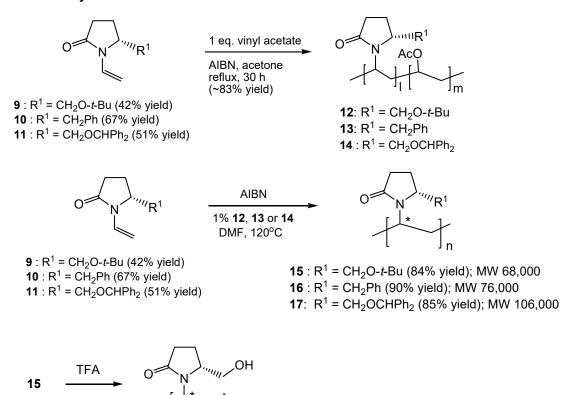
(*R*)-*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-benzylpyrrolidin-2-one (4).⁵ A solution of 0.35 g (0.93 mmol) of compound 2b in 20 mL of toluene under argon was heated to reflux for 4 hours, cooled to 25°C, concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using hexane and ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent to give 0.23 g (88% overall yield in three steps) of compound 4⁵ as a yellow oil.

The material was used in the subsequent step without purification. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +48.7$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); Lit.⁹ +48.5 (c 1.50, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2 H), 4.39 – 4.34 (m, 1 H, CHN), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.5, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (dd, J = 13.5, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 2 H), 2.20 – 1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.57 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 174.8, 150.1, 137.3, 129.6 (2 C), 129.0 (2 C), 127.1, 83.3, 59.3, 39.7, 31.3, 28.4 (3 C), 21.8. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 298.1 ([M + Na]⁺).

- (*R*)-5-Benzylpyrrolidin-2-one (7).⁵ A solution of 1.0 g (12.9 mmol) of compound 4 in 5 mL of 10% trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane was stirred at 25°C for 2 hours, diluted with dichloromethane, and washed with an 10% aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, then water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated to give 0.61 g (96% yield) of compound 7^5 as a brown oil. This material was used in the subsequent step without further purification. [α]_D²² = +39.7 (c 1.19, EtOH); Lit.⁹ +39.6 (c 1.19, EtOH). ¹H NMR δ 7.33 7.12 (m, 5 H), 5.95 5.90 (bs, 1 H, NH), 3.92 3.83 (m, 1 H, CHN), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.72 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 2.20 (m, 3 H), 1.89 1.80 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR δ 178.1, 137.8, 129.3 (2 C), 129.2 (2 C), 127.1, 55.9, 43.2, 30.3, 27.2; MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 198.1 ([M + Na]⁺).
- (*R*)-5-(Benzyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (10). To a solution of 0.60 g (3.42 mmol) of compound 7 in 30 mL of vinyl acetate under argon, were added 2.0 g of 3 Å molecular sieves, 88 mg (0.30 mmol) of Na₂PdCl₄, and 0.86 g (6.2 mmol) of K₂CO₃. The mixture was stirred at 50°C under argon for 28 hours, cooled to 25°C, filtered, concentrated under vacuum, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and diethyl ether (1:1) as an eluent to give 0.46 g (67% yield) of pure compound 10 as a yellow oil. [α] D^{22} = +38.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 7.34 7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.18 7.14 (m, 2 H), 7.08 (dd, J = 16.4, 9.6 Hz, 1 H,

=CH), 4.63 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.60 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, =CH₂), 4.22- 4.17 (m, 1 H, CHN), 3.00 (dd, J = 14, 3 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (dd, J = 14, 8 Hz, 1 H), 2.24 – 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.10 – 1.91 (m, 3 H); 13 C NMR δ 173.7, 137.1, 129.7, 128.9 (2 C), 128.4, 127.1 (2 C), 95.3, 57.0, 36.6, 30.1, 22.8; MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 224.1 ([M + Na]⁺), 202.0 (M+H⁺; 100%). HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NONa: 224.1051; found: 224.1076.

Scheme S3. Synthesis of CSPVPs.



Representative syntheses of copolymers, poly(5-substituted N-vinyl pyrrolidinone-covinyl acetate) [P(SVP-co-VAc)] 12 - 14.^{10,11}

18 (96% yield); MW 56,480

Copolymer 14 from (R)-5-(benzhydryloxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (11) and vinylacetate. To a solution of 93 mg (0.33 mmol) of compound 11 and 28 mg (0.33 mmol)

of vinyl acetate in 0.15 mL of acetone under argon, was added 10 mg (0.066 mmol) of AIBN, and the solution was stirred under reflux for 30 h. The solution was cooled to 25°C, diluted with hexane, and stirred for 10 min. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, dried under vacuum to give 0.106 g (88% yield) of copolymer **14** as a white solid. 1 H NMR δ 7.50 – 6.3 (m, 11 H, Ph & CH), 3.6 – 1.0 (m, 16 H).

Copolymer 12 from (*R*)-5-(tert-butoxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (9) and vinylacetate. From 30 mg (0.15 mmol) of 9, 13 mg (0.15 mmol) of vinyl acetate and 0.25 mg of AIBN, copolymer 12, 39 mg (90% yield), was obtained. 1 H NMR δ 4.90 – 2.75 (m, 5 H), 2.70 – 0.80 (m, 20 H).

Copolymer 13 from (*R*)-5-benzyl-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one (10) and vinylacetate. From 50 mg (0.25 mmol) of monomer 10, 21.4 mg (0.25 mmol) of vinyl acetate and 0.7 mg of AIBN, copolymer 13, 65 mg (91% yield), was obtained. 1 H NMR δ 7.20 – 6.80 (m, 3 H), 6.75 – 6.30 (m, 2 H), 3.50 – 3.00 (m, 3 H), 2.5 – 1.1 (m, 13 H).

Poly[(5*R*)-5-(benzhydryloxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one] (17). To a hot (120°C) solution of 1.2 mg (1% by weight) of copolymer 14 in 0.5 mL of DMF under argon, were added 120 mg (0.43 mmol) of compound 11 and 0.28 mg (1.7 μmol) of AIBN. The solution was stirred for 6 days at 120°C (until no monomer 11 was found by NMR spectrum of an aliquot from the reaction solution), cooled to 25°C, and diluted with hexane. The precipitate was collected by filtration, dried under vacuum to give 102 mg (84% yield) of polymer 17 as a white solid. The average molecular weight of polymer 17, 106,000, was determined by gel permeation chromatography using TSKgel GMHxl column and THF as solvent with a flow rate of 1 mL/min. ¹H NMR δ 7.3 – 6.8 (m, 6 H, Ph), 6.6 – 6.3 (m, 4 H, Ph), 3.8 – 3.76 (m, 1

H), 3.4 – 3.0 (m, 3 H), 2.45 – 1.0 (m, 7 H). IR (neat) v 3050, 2954, 2890, 1650 (s), 1462, 1441, 1423, 1290. The polymer was used in the subsequent catalytic asymmetric oxidation reactions without further purification. AFM images of the polymer were taken and a representative graph is shown in Figure S2. A diluted solution of polymer 17 in water was added onto a mica chip and the water was slowly evaporated by a slow stream of argon. AFM images were obtained using the resulting polymer deposited on the mica from a Nanoscope IIIa SPM atomic force microscope (Digital Instrument).

Poly[(5*R*)-5-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one] (15). To a solution of 90 mg (0.45 mmol) of monomer 9 and 2 mg of copolymer 12 in 0.2 mL of ethyl acetate under argon was added a solution of 0.3 mg of AIBN in 0.1 mL of ethyl acetate. The solution was heated to reflux for 14 h, cooled to 25°C, diluted with hexane, and filtered to collect the white solid. The solid was dried under vacuum to give 76 mg (83% yield) of polymer 15. The average molecular weight of polymer 15 was 68,000, which was determined by gel permeation chromatography using TSKgel GMHxl column and THF as solvent with a flow rate of 1 mL/min. 1 H NMR δ 4.0 – 3.0 (m, 4 H), 2.5 – 1.4 (bm, 6 H), 1.71 (bs, 9 H, *t*-Bu). The polymer was used in the subsequent catalytic asymmetric oxidation reactions without further purification.

Poly[(5*R*)-5-(benzyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one] (16). To a solution of 0.30 g (1.5 mmol) of monomer 10 and 3 mg of copolymer 13 in 0.6 mL of ethyl acetate under argon was added a solution of 1 mg of AIBN in 0.1 mL of ethyl acetate. The solution was heated to reflux for 6 h, cooled to 25°C, diluted with hexane, and filtered to collect the white solid. The solid was dried under vacuum to give 0.27 g (89% yield) of polymer 16. The average molecular weight

of polymer 16 was 76,000, which was determined by gel permeation chromatography using TSKgel GMHxl column and THF as solvent with a flow rate of 1 mL/min. 1 H NMR δ 7.25 - 6.25 (m, 5 H, Ph), 4.0 - 3.0 (m, 4 H), 2.5 - 1.2 (m, 6 H). The polymer was used in the subsequent catalytic asymmetric oxidation reactions without further purification.

Poly[(5*R*)-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1-vinylpyrrolidin-2-one] (18). A solution of 0.20 g (3 μmol) of polymer 15 and 34 mg (0.3 mmol) of trifluoroacetic acid in 0.2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was stirred at 25°C for 2 h, and concentrated to dryness to give 0.14 g (96% yield) of polymer 18. The average molecular weight of polymer 18 was 56,480, which was determined by gel permeation chromatography using TSKgel GMHxl column and THF as solvent with a flow rate of 1 mL/min. 1 H NMR δ 4.1 – 2.8 (m, 4 H), 2.5 – 1.25 (m, 7 H). The polymer was used in the subsequent catalytic asymmetric oxidation reactions without further purification.

General procedure for the preparation of Pd/Au (3:1)-chiral substituted PVP 17.

To a solution of 88 μL (0.88 μmol) of a 10 mM aqueous solution of Na₂PdCl₄ and 29 μL (0.29 μmol) of a 10 mM aqueous solution of HAuCl₄3H₂O in 2 mL of deionized H₂O was added 3.4 mg (0.032 μmol; 0.027 equiv based on total Pd and Au moles of atoms) of 17 and the solution was stirred at 0°C for 0.5 h. To it, was added 0.44 mg (0.012 mmol) of NaBH₄ and the resulting light black solution was stirred at 25°C for 0.5 h to give the bimetallic nanoclusters Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in aqueous solution (see Figure S1 for the appearance of the solution). The solution was used in subsequent catalytic asymmetric oxidation without further manipulation. Characterization of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (representative example). A solution of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 was prepared by following the above mentioned procedure. It was filtered through a Vivaspin 20 (Sartorius Inc.) centrifugal filter device (with a 3,000 MWCO) using a centrifugation

instrument (Eppendorf Centrifuge model 5430) at 3,000 rpm for 1 – 3 min, and washed with deionized water twice to remove low molecular weight inorganic materials. The resulting nanocluster was dissolved in water, lyophilized to give Pd/Au (3:1)-17 as light brown solids, which was subjected to analyses including atomic force microscopy (AFM), dynamic light scattering (DLS), TEM, XPS, and ICP-MS. IR (neat) v 3050, 2950, 2924, 1641 (s), 1425, 1441, 1420, 1292.

General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric oxidation of trans-diols.

Oxidation of a mixture of (R,R)- and (S,S)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20). Formation of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). To a solution of 4.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.1 µmol of Pd/0.7 µmol of Au-0.08 µmol of 17) in H₂O, were added 0.16 g (1.39 mmol) of racemic trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) and 68 mg (0.42 mmol) K₂CO₃ under 1 atmospheric pressure of O₂ (a balloon was used). The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 7 days and the reaction progress was monitored by ¹H NMR until about a half of the diol was consumed. The reaction solution was cooled to 25°C, diluted with water, and extracted three times with dichloromethane (20 mL each). The combined extracts were dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and diethyl ether (3:7) as an eluent to give 78 mg [97.5% yield based on reacted (S,S)-20] of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23) in 99% ee and 81 mg (50% recovery based on racemic diol) of (R,R)-20 in 92% ee. (S)-**23**: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +45.2$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃); Lit. ¹² +37.3 (c 0.80, CHCl₃; 82% ee). ¹H NMR⁸ δ 4.13 – 4.07 (m, 1 H, CHO), 3.30 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.56 (dd, J = 14, 4.4 Hz, 1 H, CH₂C=O), 2.33 (dd, J $= 14, 8 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}, \text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}), 2.24 \text{ (t, J} = 7 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H}, \text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}), 2.05 - 1.87 \text{ (m, 2 H)}, 1.75 - 1.56$ (m, 2 H); 13 C NMR δ 210.9, 69.8, 50.6, 41.1, 32.9, 20.9. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 137.1 ([M +

Na]⁺). The % ee's of the hydroxyketones and diols were determined by subjecting the benzoate derivatives to HPLC using chiral column [Chiralpak AD(-H) column, size: 0.46 cm x 25 cm] (vide infra).

(*R,R*)-20: NMR spectra were identical to the authentic *trans*-1,3-cyclohexanediol. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +3.18 (c 2.0, CH₂Cl₂); Lit.¹³ -3.5 (c 2.0, CH₂Cl₂).

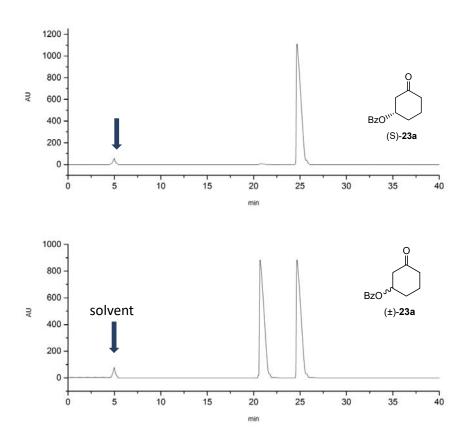
Other Pd/Au (3:1)-15, Pd/Au (3:1)-16, and Pd/Au (3:1)-20 were also used in the oxidation of diol (\pm)-20, and results were described in Table 1.

In all cases, PVP was used in place of CSPVP to produce the racemic mixture of products for HPLC/chiral column analyses.

Representative preparation of benzoate derivative and dibenzoate derivative for determination of optical purity.

(S)-3-Oxocyclohexyl benzoate (23a). To a solution of 50 mg (0.44 mmol) of (S)-23 in 1.5 mL of dichloromethane under argon at 0°C, was added 0.1 mL of pyridine and 0.12 g (0.85 mmol) of benzoyl chloride. The reaction solution was stirred at 0°C for 1 h, diluted with water, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:2) as an eluent to give 88 mg (92% yield) of (S)-23a in 99% ee. 1 H NMR¹¹ δ 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz 1 H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.55 – 5.50 (m, 1 H, CHO), 2.75 (dd, J = 14.8, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 – 2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.17 – 2.2.0 (m, 3 H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR δ 208.4, 165.7, 133.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 72.4, 46.8, 41.3, 29.6, 21.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 241.1 ([M + Na]⁺). The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column,

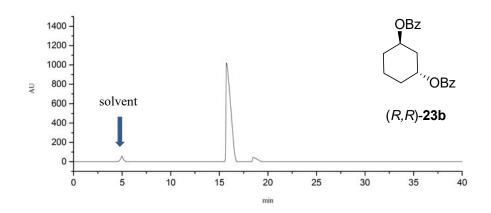
n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 21 min (R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 25 min (S enantiomer, major).

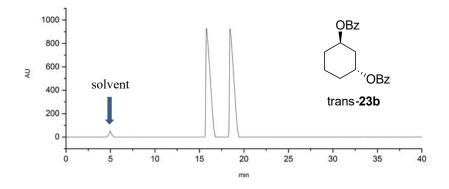


(*R,R*)-1,3-Di(phenylcarbonyloxy)cyclohexane (23b). A solution of 10 mg (86 μmol) of (*R,R*)-20, 24 mg (0.17 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 0.3 mL of dichloromethane was stirred at 25°C for 8 h under argon. The solution was diluted with 1 mL of water, concentrated to dryness, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents to give 17 mg (61% yield) of (*R,R*)-23b in 92% ee. ¹H NMR δ 8.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4 H), 7.56 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 4 H), 5.47 – 5.45 (m, 2 H), 2.15 – 2.12 (m, 2 H), 1.94 – 1.91 (m, 2 H), 1.90 – 1.60 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.0 (2 C), 133.1 (2 C), 130.8 (2 C), 129.8 (4 C), 128.6 (4 C), 70.8 (2 C), 36.1, 30.6 (2 C), 19.7. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 347.2 ([M + Na]⁺), 203.2, 107.1. The % ee of this compound

was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane:i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 15.7$ min (R, R enantiomer, major), $t_R = 18.6$ min (S, S enantiomer, minor).

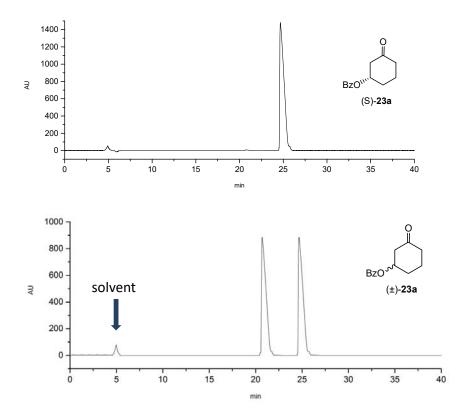
The racemic *trans*-dibenzoate **23b** were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic *trans*-diols.





Oxidation of a mixture of (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using double amounts of Pd/Au-17 catalyst for 6 days at 60°C. Formation of (*S*)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). Following the general procedure described above, 80 mg (0.70 mmol) of racemic *trans*-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) was treated with of 4.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.1 μmol of Pd/0.7 μmol of Au-0.08 μmol of 17) in H₂O and 34 mg (0.21 mmol) K₂CO₃ under 1 atmospheric pressure of O₂. The reaction progress was monitored by ¹H NMR and after

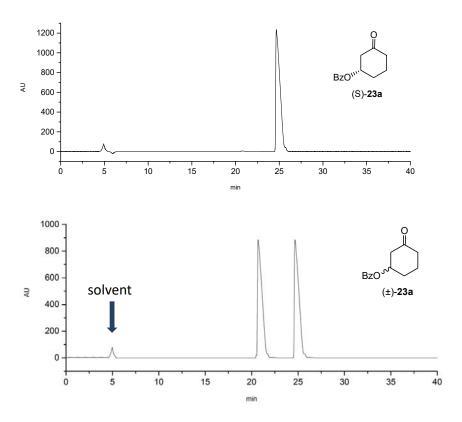
6 days about a half of the diol was consumed. After aqueous work-up and silica gel column chromatography, 37 mg (47% yield) of (S)-23 along with 40 mg (50% recovery) of (R,R)-20. The % ee of (S)-23 was found to be 99% from HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative as described above, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 21 min (R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 25 min (R enantiomer, major).



Oxidation of a mixture of (R,R)- and (S,S)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using quadruple amounts of Pd/Au-17 catalyst for 5 days at 60°C. Formation of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). Following the general procedure described above, 80 mg (0.70 mmol) of racemic trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) was treated with of 9.6 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (4.2 μmol of Pd/1.4 μmol of Au-0.16 μmol of 17) in H₂O and 34 mg (0.21 mmol) K₂CO₃

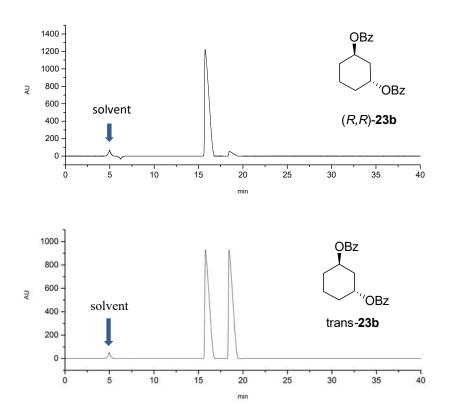
under 1 atmospheric pressure of O_2 . The reaction progress was monitored by ¹H NMR and after 5 days about a half of the diol was consumed. Aqueous work-up of the reaction mixture followed by silica gel column chromatography gave 38 mg (49% yield) of (S)-23 along with 40 mg (50% recovery) of (R,R)-20 in 93% ee.

The % ee of (S)-23 was found to be 99% from HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative as described above, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21 \text{ min } (R \text{ enantiomer, minor})$, $t_R = 25 \text{ min } (S \text{ enantiomer, major})$.



Recover diol from quadruple amounts catalyst oxidation

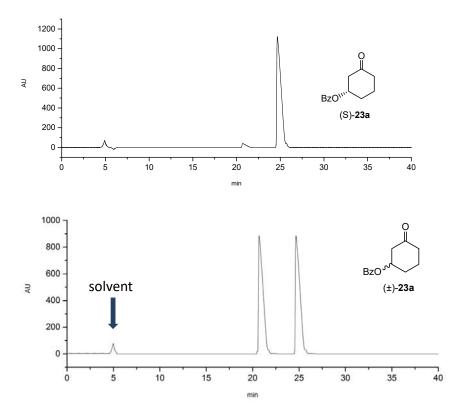
The % ee of (R,R)-20 was found to be 93% determined by HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column), eluent of n-hexane:i-PrOH = 90:10, and a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 15.7 min (R,R) enantiomer, major), t_R = 18.6 min (S,S) enantiomer, minor).



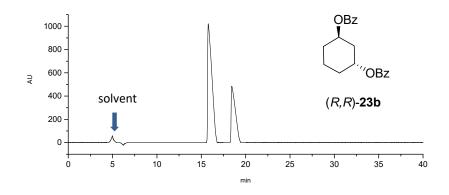
Oxidation of a mixture of (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using 0.15 mol% Pd-17 catalyst for 7 days at 60°C. Formation of (*S*)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). To a solution of 4.8 mL of Pd-17 (2.8 μmol of Pd-0.08 μmol of 17) in H₂O, were added 0.16 g (1.39 mmol) of racemic *trans*-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) and 68 mg (0.42 mmol) K₂CO₃ under 1 atmospheric pressure of O₂ (a balloon was used). The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 7 days and the reaction progress was monitored by ¹H NMR until about a half of the diol was consumed. The reaction solution was cooled to 25°C, diluted with water, and extracted three times with dichloromethane (20 mL each). The combined extracts were dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl

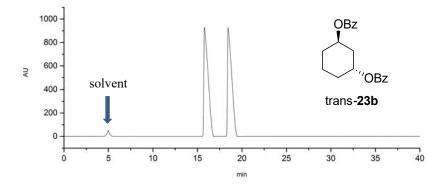
acetate and diethyl ether (3:7) as an eluent to give 46 mg (29% yield) of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23) in 95% ee along with 107 mg (68% recovery based on racemic diol) of (R,R)-20 in 35% ee.

The % ee of (S)-23 was found to be 95% from HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative as described above, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 25$ min (R enantiomer, major).



The % ee of recovered (R,R)-20 was found to be 35% from HPLC/chiral column analysis of its dibenzoate 23b. Chiralpak AD(-H) column and eluent of n-hexane:i-PrOH = 90:10 with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min were used for the analysis. Retention times for t_R (R,R enantiomer, major) and (S,S enantiomer, minor) are 15.7 and 18.6 min, respectively.

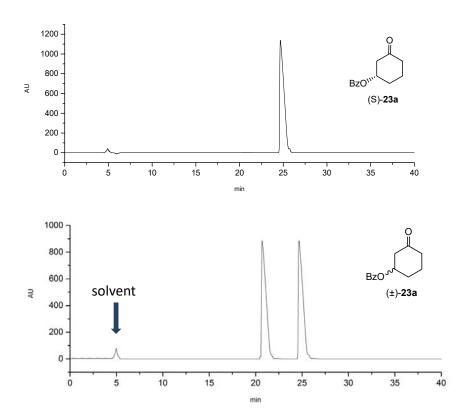




Oxidation of a mixture of (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using 0.15 mol% of first recovered Pd/Au (3:1)-17 catalyst for 7 days at 60°C. Formation of (*S*)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). Following the above general procedure for the oxidation of trans diol, a solution of racemic 20 (80 mg; 0.70 mmol) and 34 mg (0.21 mmol) K₂CO₃ in 2.4 mL of aqueous solution of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (1.05 μmol of Pd/0.35 μmol of Au-0.04 μmol of 17) was stirred under 1 atmospheric pressure of O₂. The reaction progress was followed by ¹H NMR, and after stirring at 60°C for 7 days, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with deionized water and extracted with dichloromethane twice. The aqueous layer was filtered through a Vivaspin 20 (Sartorius Inc.) centrifugal filter device (with a 3,000 MWCO) using a centrifugation instrument (Eppendorf Centrifuge model 5430) at 4,000 rpm for 10 min, and washed with deionized water twice to remove low molecular weight inorganic materials. The

resulting nanocluster was diluted with 5 mL of water and added 80 mg (0.70 mmol) of racemic diol-20 and 34 mg (0.2 mmol) of K₂CO₃, and stirred at 60°C for 7 days. After aqueous work-up, extraction of dichloromethane, and silica gel column chromatography, 31 mg (39% yield) of (S)-23 in 99% ee and 46 mg (58% recovery) of (R,R)-diol 20 were isolated.

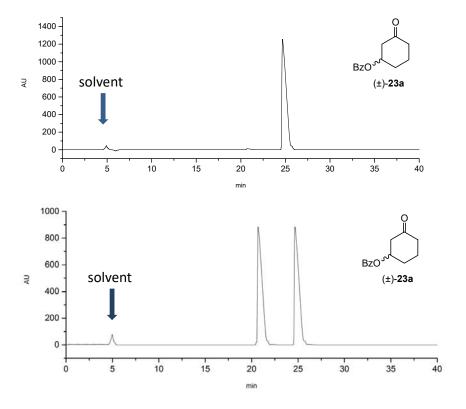
The % ee of (S)-23 was 99% determined by HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative as described above, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 25$ min (R enantiomer, major).



Oxidation of a mixture of (R,R)- and (S,S)-trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using 0.15 mol% of second recovered Pd/Au (3:1)-17 catalyst for 7 days at 60°C. Formation of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). The aforementioned aqueous layer was filtered through a

Vivaspin 20 (Sartorius Inc.) centrifugal filter device (with a 3,000 MWCO) using a centrifugation instrument (Eppendorf Centrifuge model 5430) at 4,000 rpm for 10 min, and washed with deionized water twice to remove low molecular weight inorganic materials. The resulting nanocluster was diluted with 4 mL of water and added 80 mg (0.70 mmol) of racemic diol-20 and 34 mg (0.2 mmol) of K₂CO₃, and stirred at 60°C for 7 days. After aqueous workup, extraction of dichloromethane, and silica gel column chromatography, 14 mg (18% yield) of (S)-23 in 99% ee and 61 mg (77% recovery) of (R,R)-diol 20 were isolated.

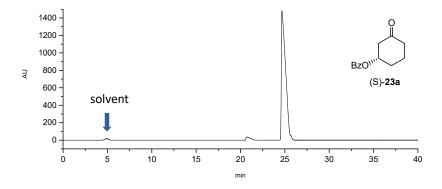
The % ee of (S)-23 was 98% determined by HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative as described above, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 25$ min (R enantiomer, major).

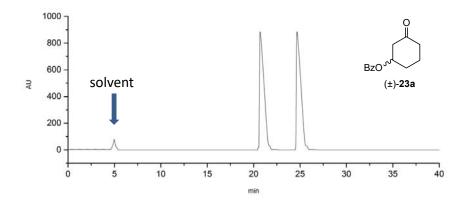


Oxidation of a mixture of racemic trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol (20) using 0.15 mol% of

Pd/Au (3:1)-17 catalyst for 7 days at <u>80°C</u>. Formation of (S)-3-hydroxycyclohexanone (23). Following the above general procedure for the oxidation of *trans* diol, a solution of racemic **20** (80 mg; 0.70 mmol) and 34 mg (0.21 mmol) K₂CO₃ in 2.4 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-**17** (1.05 μmol of Pd/0.35 μmol of Au-0.04 μmol of **17**) in H₂O was stirred under 1 atmospheric pressure of O₂ at 80°C. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC and ¹H NMR. After stirring at 80°C for 7 days, ¹H NMR spectrum of an aliquot of the reaction solution showed 50% of the starting material was converted to product. The reaction solution was worked up as mentioned above and 37.1 mg (47% yield) of (S)-**23** in 94% ee along with 40.2 mg of (R,R)-**20** was isolated after silica gel column chromatography.

The % ee of (S)-23 was determined through its benzyoate derivative and then HPLC/chiral column to be 94%. Chiralpak AD(-H) column and an eluent of n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10 with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min were used for the HPLC analysis; $t_R = 21 \text{ min } (R \text{ enantiomer, minor})$, $t_R = 25 \text{ min } (S \text{ enantiomer, major})$.



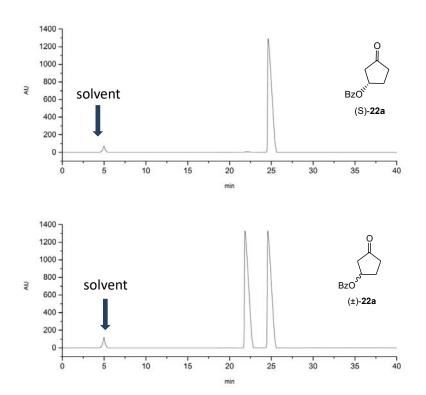


(*S*)-3-Hydroxycyclopentanone (22). From 15 mg (0.147 mmol) of (±)-cyclopentanediol (19), 0.48 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.22 µmol of Pd/0.07 µmol of Au-0.008 µmol of 17) in H₂O, 6.8 mg (96% yield based on reacted diols 19; 99% ee) of (*S*)-22 and 8.0 mg (53% recovery of (*R*,*R*)-19 in 91% ee. Compound (*S*)-22: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -33.8$ (c 0.6, CH₂Cl₂); Lit.¹⁴ -18.3 (c 0.50, CH₂Cl₂; for S-configuration, 83% ee). ¹H NMR δ 4.63 – 4.60 (m, 1 H, CHO), 2.52 – 2.36 (m, 2 H), 2.28 – 2.12 (m, 3 H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.85 – 1.87 (bs, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR δ 218.0, 69.9, 47.9, 35.8, 32.3. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 123.0 ([M + Na]⁺).

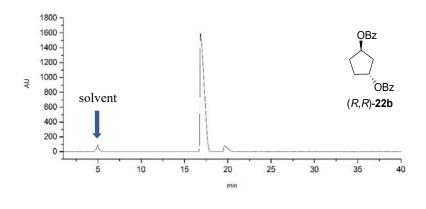
(R,R)-19: The NMR spectra were identical to those of the authentic 1,3-trans-cyclopentanediol. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +17.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

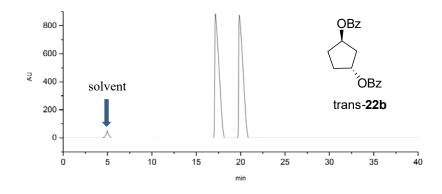
(S)-3-Oxocyclopentyl benzoate (22a). From 6.8 mg (68 µmol) of (S)-22 and 19 mg (0.14 mmol) of benzoyl chloride and 0.1 mL of pyridine in 1 mL of dichloromethane, 13 mg (94% yield) of (S)-22a in 99% ee. 1 H NMR 15 δ 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2 H), 7.59 – 7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2 H), 5.49 – 5.44 (m, 1 H), 2.73 – 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.55 – 2.51 (m, 1 H), 2.37 – 2.25 (m, 4 H); 13 C NMR δ 215.8, 165.7, 133.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 72.5, 44.4, 35.6, 29.2. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 227.2 ([M + Na]⁺), 177.0. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate:

0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 22 \text{ min } (R \text{ enantiomer, minor}), t_R = 24.5 \text{ min } (S \text{ enantiomer, major}).$



(R,R)-1,3-Diphenylcarbonyloxycyclopentane (22b). From 15 mg (0.147 mmol) of (R,R)-19 and 82 mg (0.59 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2 mL of pyridine and 0.5 mL of dichloromethane, 26 mg (57% yield) of (R,R)-22b in 91% ee. ¹H NMR δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4 H), 7.56 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 4 H), 5.49 – 5.44 (m, 2 H), 2.16 – 2.13 (m, 2 H), 1.94 – 1.86 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.6 (2 C), 133.1 (2 C), 130.8 (2 C), 129.8 (4 C), 128.6 (4 C), 71.5 (2 C), 39.7, 24.5 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 332.8 ([M + Na]⁺), 188.8. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, m-hexane:i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 16.8 min (R,R enantiomer, major), t_R = 19.6 min (R,R enantiomer, minor). The racemic R trans-dibenzoate 22b were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic R trans-diols.



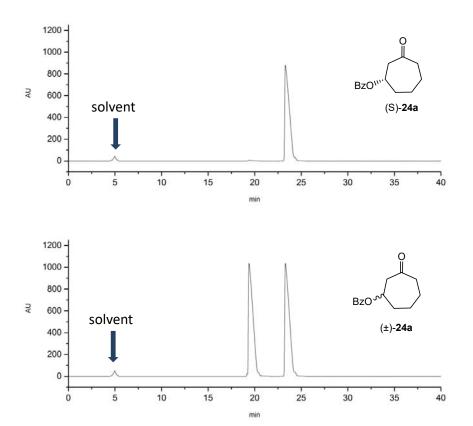


(S)-3-Hydroxycycloheptanone (24). From 30 mg (0.23 mmol) of (\pm)-cycloheptanediol (21), 0.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.35 μ mol of Pd/0.12 μ mol of Au-0.013 μ mol of 17) in H₂O, 13.4 mg (92% yield based on reacted diols 21; 99% ee) of (S)-24 and 15.8 mg (53% recovery of (R,R)-21. Compound (S)-24: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +16.4$ (c 0.8, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR¹⁶ δ 4.13 – 4.06 (m, 1 H, CHO), 2.84 – 2.74 (m, 2 H), 2.54 – 2.40 (m, 2 H), 1.94 – 1.70 (m, 6 H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR δ 212.4, 67.7, 51.8, 44.5, 39.0, 24.5, 23.9. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 151.1 ([M + Na]⁺). The % ee was determined from the HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-24a.

(*R*,*R*)-21: The NMR spectra were identical to those of authentic 1,3-*trans*-cycloheptanediol. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +16.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

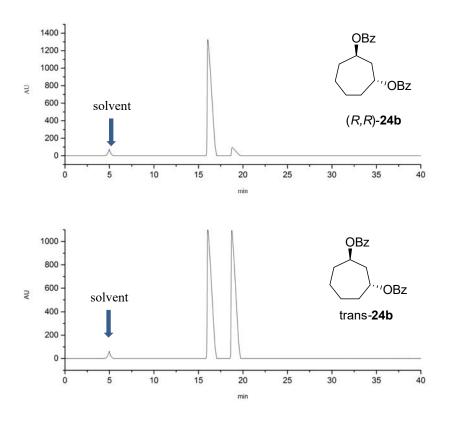
(S)-3-Oxocycloheptyl benzoate (24a). From 10 mg (0.078 mmol) of (S)-24, 22 mg (0.16 mmol)

of benzoyl chloride and 0.1 mL of pyridine in 0.5 mL of dichloromethane, 18 mg (98% yield) of (*S*)-**24a** (99% ee) was obtained. 1 H NMR δ 8.00 (d J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.54 – 5.50 (m, 1 H), 2.86 (dd, J = 12, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (dd, J = 12, 8 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 – 2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.32 – 2.25 (m, 2 H), 2.15 – 2.05 (m, 3 H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR δ 208.2, 165.7, 133.7, 129.8 (2 C), 129.0, 128.6 (2 C), 72.4, 46.8, 40.8, 29.1, 21.8, 21.0. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 255.1 ([M + Na]⁺). The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 19$ min (*R* enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 23$ min (*S* enantiomer, major).



(R,R)-1,3-(Diphenylcarbonyloxy)cycloheptane (24b). From 15 mg (0.12 mmol) of (R,R)-21 and 64 mg (0.46 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2 mL of pyridine and 0.5 mL of

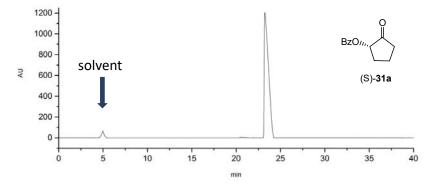
dichloromethane, 22 mg (56% yield) of (R,R)-24b in 85% ee. ¹H NMR δ 8.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4 H), 7.56 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 4 H), 5.49 – 5.44 (m, 2 H), 2.13 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2 H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 4 H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.5 (2 C), 133.1 (2 C), 130.8 (2 C), 129.8 (4 C), 128.6 (4 C), 70.9 (2 C), 36.3, 29.1 (2 C), 24.1 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 361.4 ([M + Na]⁺), 249.1, 217.3, 123.1, 102.2. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane:i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 16.1 min (R,R enantiomer, major), t_R = 18.8 min (S,S enantiomer, minor). The racemic trans-dibenzoate 24b were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic trans-diols.

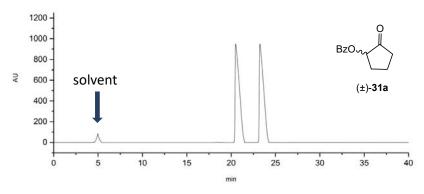


Oxidation of a mixture of (R,R)- and (S,S)-trans-1,2-cyclopentanediol (28). Formation of (S)-2-hydroxycyclopentanone (31) and recovered (R,R)-28. From 30 mg (0.29 mmol) of (±)-28, 1.0 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.438 μmol of Pd/0.146 μmol of Au-0.017 μmol of 17) in H₂O,

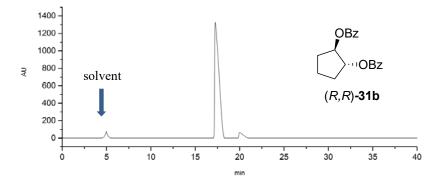
14 mg (94% yield; based on reacted (*S*,*S*)-28) of (*S*)-31 (99% ee) and 15 mg (50% recovery) of (*R*,*R*)-28. The % ee of (*S*)-31 was determined by HPLC/chiral of benzoate derivative (*S*)-31a. Compound (*S*)-31: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +40.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); Lit.¹⁷ -37.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (*R*)-configuration (>99% ee). ¹H NMR¹⁷ δ 4.10 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1 H, CHO), 3.65 – 3.55 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.50 – 2.34 (m, 2 H), 2.27 – 2.10 (m, 2 H), 1.86 – 1.60 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR δ 211.9, 75.1, 40.5, 37.6, 26.3. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 123.0 (M+Na⁺).

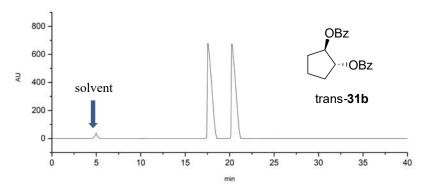
(*R*,*R*)-28: The NMR spectra were identical to those of the authentic 1,2-trans-cyclopentanediol. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -19.9$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); Lit. ¹⁸ -21.3 (c 1.1, CHCl₃) for (*R*,*R*)-configuration (>99% ee). (*S*)-2-Oxocyclopentyl benzoate (31a). From 10 mg (0.1 mmol) of (*S*)-31 and 28 mg (0.2 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 0.5 mL of dichloromethane, 16.8 mg (82% yield) of (*S*)-31a in 99% ee was obtained. ¹H NMR¹⁹ δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.46 (dd, J = 9, 3 Hz, 1 H), 2.75 – 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 1), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 204.6, 169.2, 133.4, 130.1 (2 C), 129.9, 128.6 (2 C), 77.2, 39.9, 31.2, 21.4. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 227.2 (M+Na⁺), 177.2, 123.0. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 20.5 min (*R* enantiomer, minor), t_R = 23.3 min (*S* enantiomer, major).





(*R*,*R*)-1,2-(Diphenylcarbonyloxy)cyclopentane (31b). From 14 mg (0.14 mmol) of (*R*,*R*)-28, 58 mg (0.41 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 2 mL of dichloromethane, gave 29 mg (67% yield) of (*R*,*R*)-31b. ¹H NMR δ 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 4 H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4 H), 5.50 (t, J = 4 Hz, 2 H, CHO), 2.36 – 2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.00 – 1.80 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.2, 133.3, 130.3, 129.9 (4 C), 128.6 (4 C), 79.7, 30.8, 21.9. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 333.0 (M+Na⁺), 265.3, 189.1, 105.2. The % ee (88%) of (*R*,*R*)-31b was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 17.3 min (*R*,*R* enantiomer, major), t_R = 20.0 min (*S*,*S* enantiomer, minor). The racemic *trans*-dibenzoate 31b were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic *trans*-diols.



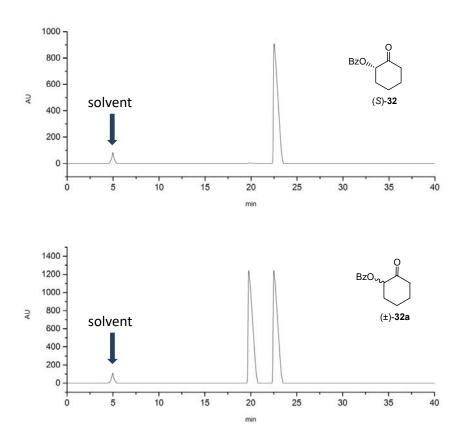


Oxidation of a mixture of (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-*trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediol (29). Formation of (*S*)-2-hydroxycyclohexanone (32) and recovered (*R*,*R*)-29. From 161 mg (1.39 mmol) of (\pm)-29, 4.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.1 µmol of Pd/0.7 µmol of Au-0.08 µmol of 17) in H₂O, 72 mg (89% yield; based on reacted (*S*,*S*)-29) of (*S*)-32 (99% ee) and 80 mg (50% recovery) of (*R*,*R*)-29. Compound (*S*)-32: [α] $_{\rm D}^{22}$ = -20.7 (c 0.65, CHCl₃); Lit.²⁰ +20.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (*R*)-32 (>99.0% ee). ¹H NMR δ 4.11 (dd, J = 12, 7 Hz, 1 H, CHO), 3.70 – 3.55 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.60 – 2.30 (m, 3 H), 2.15 – 1.45 (m, 5 H); ¹³C NMR δ 211.7, 75.6, 39.7, 36.9, 27.8, 23.6. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 115.1 (M+H⁺), 97.2, 74.1.

(R,R)-29: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -34.7$ (c 1.0, H₂O); Lit.¹⁷ +37.1 (c 1.0, H₂O) for (S,S)-29 (>99.0% ee).

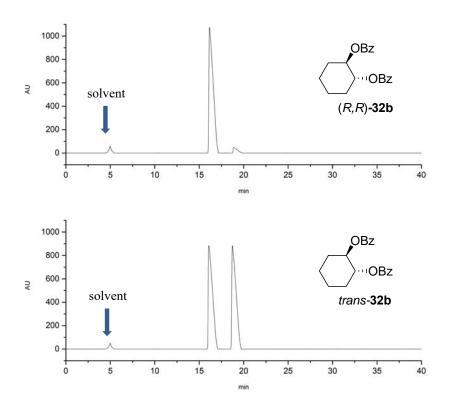
(S)-2-Oxocyclohexyl benzoate (32a). From 50 mg (0.44 mmol) of (*S*)-32 and 0.122 mg (0.87 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 1.5 mL of dichloromethane, 66 mg (69% yield) of (*S*)-32a (99% ee). ¹H NMR²⁰ δ 8.08 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 5.41 (dd, J = 12, 7 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 3 H), 2.18 – 1.64 (m, 5 H); ¹³C NMR δ 204.7, 169.2, 133.3, 130.1 (2 C), 129.9, 128.6 (2 C), 77.2, 40.7, 33.4, 27.4, 24.0. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 241.4 (M+Na⁺), 219.1 (M+1), 203.2. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 20$ min (*R* enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 22.5$ min (*S* enantiomer,

major).



(*R,R*)-1,2-Di(phenylcarbonyloxy)cyclohexane (32b). From 20 mg (0.17 mmol) of (*R,R*)-29 and 49 mg (0.34 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2 mL of pyridine and 0.6 mL of dichloromethane, 51 mg (85% yield) of (*R,R*)-32b was isolated after silica gel column chromatography. 1 H NMR δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 5.41 – 5.35 (m, 2 H), 2.27 – 2.23 (m, 1 H), 2.12 – 2.06 (m, 1 H), 1.90 – 1.77 (m, 3 H), 1.63 – 1.49 (m, 3 H); 13 C NMR δ 166.2 (2 C), 133.1 (2 C), 129.9 (2 C), 129.1 (4 C), 128.6 (4 C), 74.5 (2 C), 30.4 (2 C), 23.6 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 347.2 (M+Na⁺), 243.2, 123.1, 102.1. The % ee (87%) of (*R,R*)-32b was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 16.2$ min (*R,R* enantiomer, major), $t_R = 18.9$ min (*S,S* enantiomer, minor).

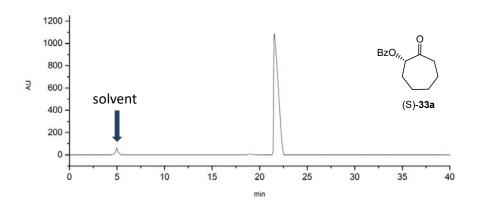
The racemic *trans*-dibenzoate **32b** were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic *trans*-diols.

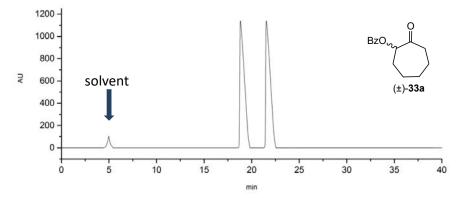


Oxidation of a mixture of (*R*,*R*)- and (*S*,*S*)-*trans*-1,2-cycloheptanediol (30). Formation of (*S*)-2-hydroxycycloheptanone (33) and recovered (*R*,*R*)-30. From 30 mg (0.23 mmol) of (±)-cycloheptanediol (30), 0.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.35 µmol of Pd/0.12 µmol of Au-0.013 µmol of 17) in H₂O, 13.5 mg (93% yield based on reacted diols (*S*,*S*)-30; 99% ee) of (*S*)-33 and 16.3 mg (54% recovery) of (*R*,*R*)-30. The % ee was determined by HPLC/chiral column of benzoate derivative (*S*)-33a. Compound (*S*)-33: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -143.9$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃); Lit. ¹⁷ -86.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (*R*)-33 (>99.0% ee). ¹H NMR δ 4.31 – 4.26 (m, 1 H), 3.83 – 3.75 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.71 – 2.61 (m, 1 H), 2.46 (ddd, J = 17, 11, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.08 – 1.55 (m, 7 H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR δ 213.3, 77.20, 39.9, 33.5, 29.4, 26.5, 23.6. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 129.2 (M+H⁺), 107.1.

(R,R)-30: The NMR spectra were identical to those of the authentic 1,2-*trans*-cycloheptanediol. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -4.9$ (c 0.7, CHCl₃); Lit.¹⁷ +10.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (S,S)-30 (>99.0% ee).

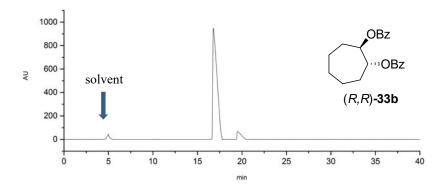
(S)-2-Oxocycloheptyl benzoate (33a). From 10 mg (78 µmol) of (*S*)-33 and 22 mg (0.16 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 0.5 mL of dichloromethane, 17.6 mg (97% yield) of (*S*)-33a (99% ee) was obtained. 1 H NMR¹⁹ δ 8.08 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 – 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.16 – 2.10 (m, 1 H), 2.0 – 1.65 (m, 6 H), 1.51 – 1.40 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR δ 207.4, 165.1, 133.4, 130.1 (2 C), 129.9, 128.6 (2 C), 79.9, 40.8, 30.8, 27.3, 26.1, 22.0. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 255.1 ([M + Na]+). The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 19$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 21.5$ min (R enantiomer, major).

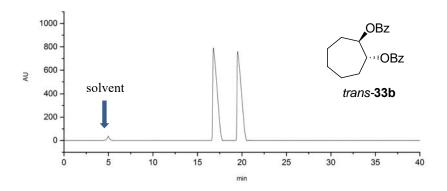




(*R*,*R*)-1,2-Di(phenylcarbonyloxy)cycloheptane (33b). From 10 mg (0.077 mmol) of (*R*,*R*)-30 and 32 mg (0.23 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 61 μL of pyridine and 2 mL of dichloromethane, 23 mg (90% yield) of (*R*,*R*)-33b was isolated after silica gel column chromatography. ¹H NMR δ 7.97 (d, J = 7 Hz, 4 H), 7.49 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 4 H), 5.42 – 5.40 (m, 2 H, CHO), 2.20 – 2.00 (m, 2 H), 1.88 – 1.75 (m, 4 H), 1.75 – 1.60 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.3, 133.1, 130.5, 129.8 (4 C), 128.5 (4 C), 77.6, 30.7, 28.5, 23.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 361.3 ([M + Na]⁺), 217.5, 194.3, 105.2. The % ee (88%) of (*R*,*R*)-33b was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 16.8$ min (*R*,*R* enantiomer, major), $t_R = 19.5$ min (*S*,*S* enantiomer, minor).

The racemic *trans*-dibenzoate **33b** were similarly prepared for HPLC/chiral column study from the corresponding racemic *trans*-diols.



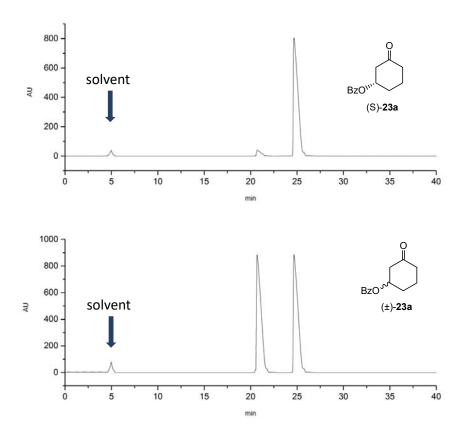


General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric oxidation of cis-diols.

Oxidation of meso-cis-1,3-cyclohexanediol (26).**Formation** of (S)-3hydroxycyclohexanone (23). (The preparation of Pd/Au (3:1)-CSPVP 17 was similar to that described in the General Procedure). To a solution of 4.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.1 µmol of Pd/0.7 μmol of Au-0.08 μmol of 17) in H₂O, were added 16 mL of deionized H₂O, 0.16 g (1.39) mmol; 662 equivalents based on Pd mole atoms) of racemic meso-cis-1,3-cyclohexanediol (26) and 68 mg (0.42 mmol) K₂CO₃. The solution was transferred into a high pressure apparatus (Parr Pressure Reactor), stirred at 120°C under 30 psi O₂ for 3 days. The stirring was stopped and reactor was cooled to 25°C. The solution was extracted three times with dichloromethane (20 mL each) and the combined extracts were washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:1) as an eluent to give 0.141 g (89% yield) of (S)-23 in 91% ee (determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-23a). (S)-23: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +40.1$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃).; Lit.¹² for (S)-23: +37.3 (c 0.80, CHCl₃; 82% ee). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-23 obtained from the oxidation of trans-1,3-cyclohexanediol.

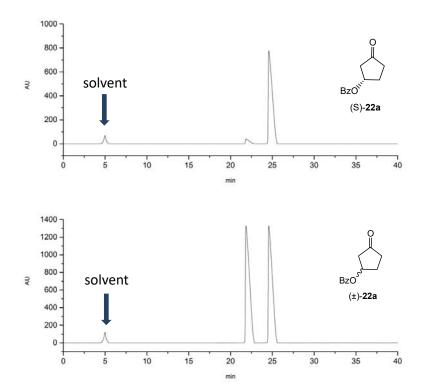
(S)-3-Oxocyclohexyl benzoate (23a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-23 of the above reaction. From 0.1 g (0.87 mmol) of (S)-23 and 0.24 g (1.74 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2

mL of pyridine and 3 mL of dichloromethane, 0.174 g (92% yield) of (S)-23a (91% ee) was obtained. The % ee of (S)-23a was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 21 min (R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 25 min (S enantiomer, major).



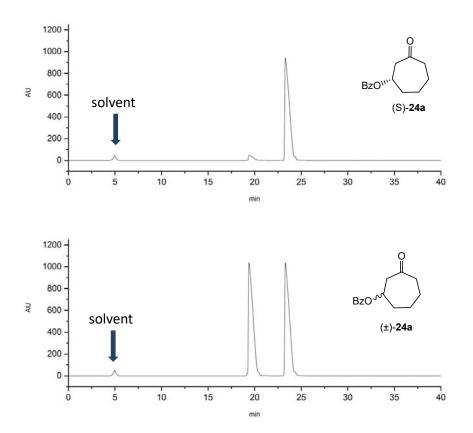
(S)-3-Hydroxycyclopentanone (22) obtained from the oxidation of meso-cis-1,3-cyclopentanediol (25). From 30 mg (0.29 mmol) of 25, 1.0 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.438 μ mol of Pd/0.146 μ mol of Au-0.017 μ mol of 17) in H₂O at 120°C and 30 psi of O₂ for 3 days, 28.3 mg (97% yield) of (S)-22 in 90% ee (determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-22a). (S)-22: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -29.9$ (c 0.6, CH₂Cl₂), Lit.¹⁴ -18.3 (c 0.50, CH₂Cl₂; for S-configuration, 83% ee). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-22 obtained from the oxidation of *trans*-1,3-cyclopentanediol.

(S)-3-Oxocyclopentyl benzoate (22a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-22 of the above reaction. From 20 mg (0.20 mmol) of (S)-22 and 56 mg (0.40 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 1 mL of dichloromethane, 29 mg (71% yield) of (S)-22a (90% ee) was obtained. The % ee (90%) of compound (S)-22a was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21.8 \text{ min } (R \text{ enantiomer, minor}), t_R = 24.5 \text{ min } (S \text{ enantiomer, major}).$



(S)-3-Hydroxycycloheptanone (24) obtained from the oxidation of meso-cis-1,3-cycloheptanediol (27). From 30 mg (0.23 mmol) of 27, 0.79 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.347 μ mol of Pd/0.116 μ mol of Au-0.013 μ mol of 17) in H₂O at 120°C and 30 psi of O₂ for 3 days, 28 mg (94.5% yield) of (S)-24 in 92% ee (determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-24a). [α] $_{\rm D}^{22}$ = +15.2 (c 0.8, CHCl₃). 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-24 obtained from the oxidation of *trans*-1,3-cycloheptanediol.

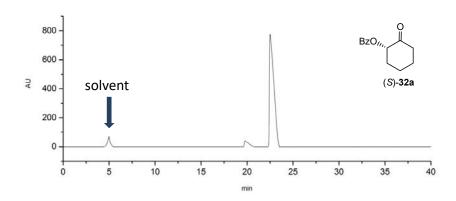
(S)-3-Oxocycloheptyl benzoate (24a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-24 of the above reaction. From 25 mg (0.20 mmol) of (S)-24 and 55 g (0.39 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.1 mL of pyridine and 1 mL of dichloromethane, 44 mg (97% yield) of (S)-24a (92% ee) was obtained. 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-24a as described above. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 19$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 23$ min (S enantiomer, major).

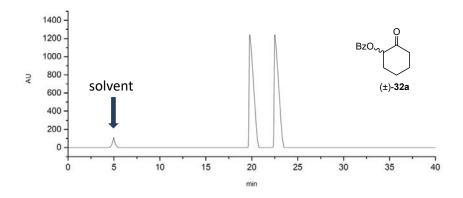


Oxidation of meso-cis-1,2-cyclohexanediol (35). Formation of (S)-2-hydroxycyclohexanone (32). From 0.161 g (1.39 mmol; 662 equivalents based on Pd mole atoms) of 35, 4.8 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.1 μmol of Pd/0.7 μmol of Au-0.08 μmol of 17) in H₂O at 120°C and 30 psi of O₂ for 4 days, 0.142 g (96.5% yield) of (S)-32 in 92% ee

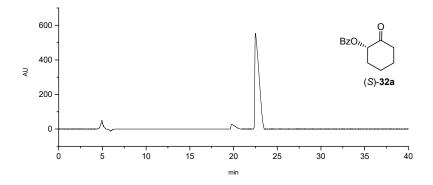
[determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-32a]. (S)-32: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -18.8$ (c 0.65, CHCl₃); Lit.²⁰ +20.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (R)-32 (>99.0% ee). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-32 obtained from the oxidation of *trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediol.

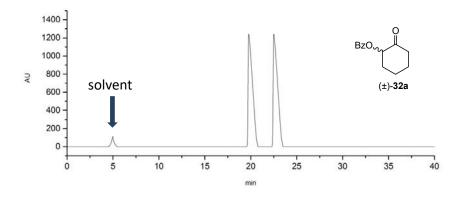
(S)-3-Oxocyclohexyl benzoate (32a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-32 of the above reaction. From 0.10 g (0.87 mmol) of (S)-32 and 0.245 g (1.74 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2 mL of pyridine and 3 mL of dichloromethane, 0.169 g (89% yield) of (S)-32a (92% ee) was obtained. 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-32a as described above. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 20$ min (R enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 22.5$ min (R enantiomer, major).





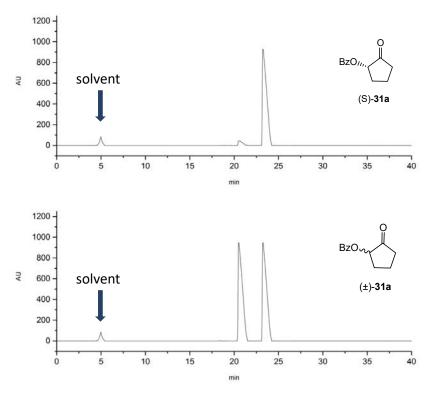
Oxidation of meso-cis-1,2-cyclohexanediol (35) using 0.15 mol% of Pd/Au (3:1) and double amounts of 17. To a solution of $104 \mu L$ ($1.04 \mu mol$) of a 10 mM aqueous solution of Na₂PdCl₄ and $34 \mu L$ ($0.34 \mu mol$) of a 10 mM aqueous solution of HAuCl₄3H₂O in 2.4 mL of deionized H₂O was added 8.0 mg ($0.07 \mu mol$; 0.054 equiv based on total Pd and Au moles of atoms) of 17 and the solution was stirred at 0°C for 0.5 h. To it, was added 0.50 mg ($0.012 \mu mol$) of NaBH₄ and the resulting light black solution was stirred at 25°C for 0.5 h to give the bimetallic nanoclusters Pd/Au (3:1)-17 in aqueous solution. To it, was added 80 mg ($0.70 \mu mol$) of meso diol 35 and 34 mg ($0.2 \mu mol$) of K₂CO₃. The solution was stirred under 30 psi of O₂ and at 120°C for 3 days. After aqueous work-up, extraction with dichloromethane, and silica gel column chromatography, 74 mg ($94\% \mu mol$) of (S)-32 in 91% ee was isolated. The % ee was determined by HPLC/chiral column (Chiralpak AD(-H) column) analysis of the benzoate derivative, using n-hexane-i-PrOH = 90:10 as eluent and a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21 \mu min (R \mu mantiomer, minor)$, $t_R = 25 \mu min (S \mu mantiomer, major)$.





Oxidation of meso-cis-1,2-cyclopentanediol (34). Formation of (S)-2-hydroxycyclopentanone (31). From 60 mg (0.588 mmol) of 34, 2 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.89 μ mol of Pd/0.296 μ mol of Au-0.034 μ mol of 17) in H₂O at 120°C and 30 psi of O₂ for 3 days, 55.4 mg (94.2% yield) of (S)-31 in 91% ee (determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-31a). [α]D²² = +38.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); Lit.¹⁷ -37.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (R)-configuration (>99% ee). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-31 obtained from the oxidation of *trans*-1,2-cyclopentanediol.

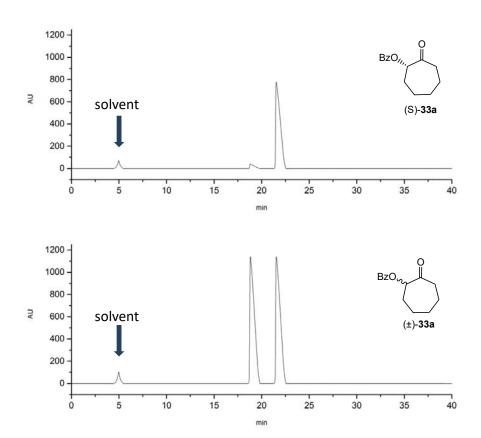
(S)-2-Oxocyclopentyl benzoate (31a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-31 of the above reaction. From 40 mg (0.40 mmol) of (S)-31 and 0.112 g (0.80 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.3 mL of pyridine and 1.5 mL of dichloromethane, 80 mg (98% yield) of (S)-31a (91% ee) was obtained. 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-31a as described above. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 20.5 \text{ min } (R \text{ enantiomer, minor})$, $t_R = 23.3 \text{ min } (S \text{ enantiomer, major})$.



Oxidation of meso-cis-1,2-cycloheptanediol (36). Formation of (S)-2-hydroxycycloheptanone (33). From 30 mg (0.23 mmol) of 36, 0.79 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (0.347 µmol of Pd/0.116 µmol of Au-0.013 µmol of 17) in H₂O at 120°C and 30 psi of O₂ for 3 days, 27.6 mg (94% yield) of (S)-33 in 91% ee (determined by HPLC/chiral column of the benzoate derivative (S)-33a). (S)-33: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -130.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). Lit.¹⁷ -86.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃) for (R)-33 (>99.0% ee). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-33 obtained from the oxidation of *trans*-1,2-cycloheptanediol.

(S)-2-Oxocycloheptyl benzoate (33a) obtained from the benzoylation of (S)-33 of the above reaction. From 20 mg (0.156 mmol) of (S)-33 and 44 mg (0.31 mmol) of benzoyl chloride in 0.2 mL of pyridine and 1 mL of dichloromethane, 35 mg (97% yield) of (S)-33a (91% ee) was obtained. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (S)-33a as described above. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column,

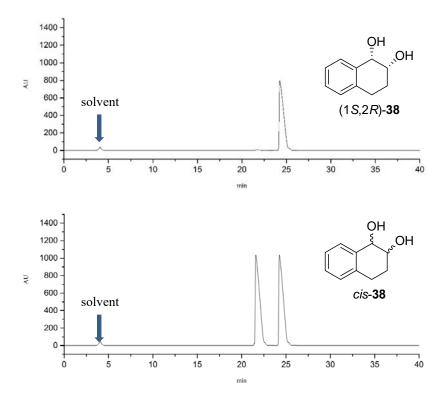
Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 19 min (R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 21.5 min (S enantiomer, major).



General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric oxidation of alkenes. The procedure for the preparation of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 was the same as that described above for the oxidation of diols. For the catalytic asymmetric oxidation of alkenes, 0.5 mol% of the Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (based on the alkenes) was used.

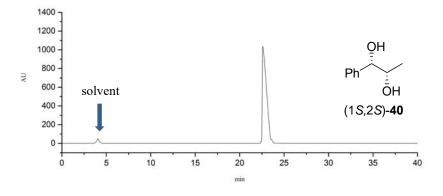
(15,2R)-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalene-1,2-diol (38). To an aqueous solution of 6.6 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.9 μmol of Pd/0.96 μmol of Au-0.10 μmol of 17) in a Parr pressure reactor, were added 14 mL of deionized H₂O and 0.10 g (0.77 mmol) of 1,2-dihydronaphthalene (37). The apparatus was charged at 30 psi of O₂ and stirred at 25°C for 3 days. The solution was then maintained under normal atmosphere, extracted with ethyl acetate three times (20 mL

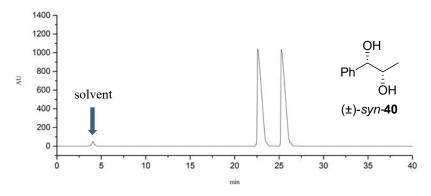
each), and the combined extracts were washed with water, and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents to give 89 mg (86% yield) of (1S,2R)-38²⁰ in 99% ee. The optical purity was determined using HPLC-chiral column. [α] $_{D}^{22}$ = +35.0 (c 0.74, CHCl₃). Lit.²⁰ +35 (c 0.74, CHCl₃; >98% ee). ¹H NMR²⁰ δ 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2 H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 1 H), 4.68 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.02 – 3.98 (m, 1 H), 3.00 – 2.92 (m, 1 H), 2.82 – 2.78 (m, 1 H), 2.53 – 2.45 (bs, 2 H, OH), 2.07 – 2.00 (m, 1 H), 2.00 – 1.87 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR δ 136.6, 136.4, 130.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.7, 70.2, 69.8, 27.1, 26.5. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 165.1 ([M+H]⁺), 116.2. The % ee of this compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 21.6 min (1S,2R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 24.2 min (1R,2S enantiomer, major).



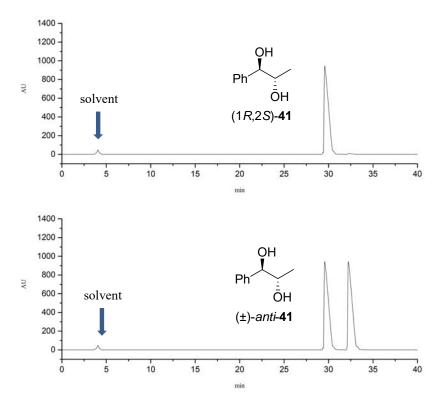
(15,2S)-1-Phenylpropane-1,2-diol (40) and (1R,2S)-1-phenylpropane-1,2-diol (41). From

Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (7.9 μmol of Pd/2.65 μmol of Au-0.29 μmol of 17) and 0.25 g (2.1 mmol) of trans-β-methylstyrene (39) in 30 mL of deionized water, after stirring at 25°C under 30 psi of O₂ in a Parr pressure reactor for 3 days, 0.281 g (87% yield) of (15,25)-40 (99% ee) and 19 mg (6% yield) of (1R,2S)-41 (97% ee) along with 13 mg of 39 (5% recovery) were obtained after column chromatography. The optical purity was determined using HPLC/chiral column as described above. (1S,2S)-40: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +51.7$ (c 1.9, CHCl₃). Lit.²¹ +54.3 (c 1.9, CHCl₃). NMR δ 7.45 – 7.24 (m, 5 H), 4.37 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (pent, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.30 – 2.15 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.75 - 1.60 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3 H, Me); 13 C NMR δ 142.3, 129.9 (2 C), 128.6, 126.7 (2 C), 79.9, 72.4, 18.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 175.1 ([M + Na]⁺), 139.1. (1R,2S)-41: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -37.3$ (c 2.52, CHCl₃). Lit.²¹ -29.9 (c 2.52, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5 H), 4.68 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.03 – 4.00 (m, 1 H), 2.15 – 1.80 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.75 - 1.50 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.05 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3 H, Me); 13 C NMR δ 140.4, 128.2 (2 C), 127.9, 126.7 (2 C), 77.5, 71.4, 17.5. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 174.9 ([M + Na]⁺). The % ee (99%) of (15,2S)-40 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 22.6 min (1S,2S enantiomer, major), t_R = $25.8 \min (1R,2R \text{ enantiomer, minor}).$



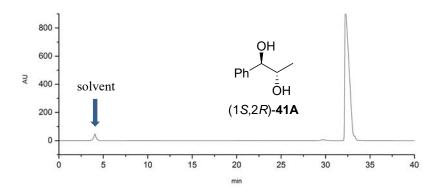


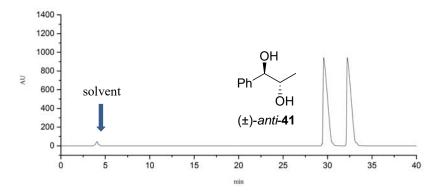
The % ee (97%) of (1R,2S)-41 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 29.6 min (1R,2S enantiomer, major), t_R = 32.2 min (1S,2R enantiomer, minor).



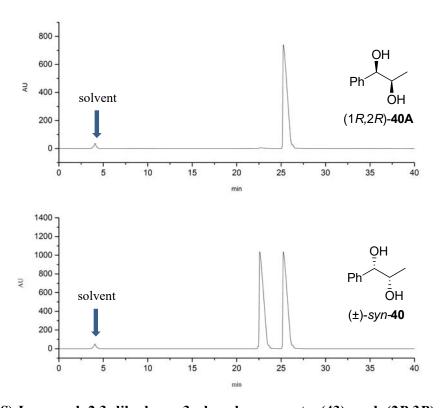
(1S,2R)-1-Phenylpropane-1,2-diol (41A) and (1R,2R)-1-phenylpropane-1,2-diol (40A). From Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (7.94 μmol of Pd/2.65 μmol of Au-0.29 μmol of 17) and 0.25 g (2.1 mmol) of *cis*-β-methylstyrene (39A) in 30 mL of deionized water, after stirring at 25°C under 30 psi of O₂ in a Parr pressure reactor for 3 days, 0.291 g (90% yield) of (1S,2R)-41A (98% ee)

and 26 mg (8% yield) of (1R,2R)-40A (98% ee) were obtained after column chromatography. (1S,2R)-41A: [α] $_{D}^{22}$ = +37.1 (c 2.52, CHCl₃). Lit.²¹ +36.1 (c 2.52, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of compound (1R,2S)-41. The % ee (98%) of (1S,2R)-41A was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 29.6 min (1R,2R enantiomer, minor), t_R = 32.2 min (1S,2R enantiomer, major).



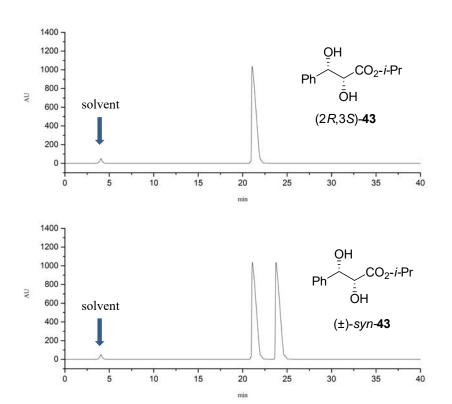


(1R,2R)-40A: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -51.8$ (c 1.9, CHCl₃). Lit.²¹ -51.3 (c 3.5, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (1S,2S)-40. The % ee (98%) of (1R,2R)-40A was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 22.6$ min (1S,2S) enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 25.8$ min (1R,2R) enantiomer, major).

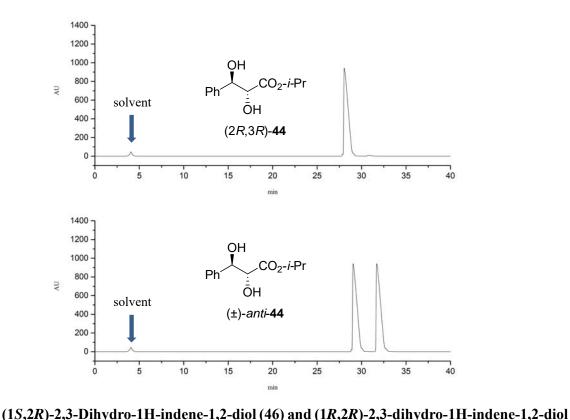


(2*R*,3*S*)-Isopropyl 2,3-dihydroxy-3-phenylpropanoate (43) and (2*R*,3*R*)-isopropyl 2,3-dihydroxy-3-phenylpropanoate (44). From Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (1.97 µmol of Pd/0.66 µmol of Au-0.073 µmol of 17) and 0.10 g (0.52 mmol) of *trans*-isoproyl 3-phenylpropenoate (42) in 20 mL of deionized water, after stirring at 50°C under 30 psi of O₂ in a Parr pressure reactor for 3 days, 96 mg (82% yield) of (2*R*,3*S*)-43 (99% ee) and 3.7 mg (3% yield) of (2*R*,3*R*)-44 (97% ee) were obtained after column chromatography. The optical purity was determined using HPLC/chiral column as described above. (2*R*,3*S*)-43: $[\alpha]_{0}^{22} = +9.7$ (c 0.15, CHCl₃). Lit.²² +10.6 (c 1.02, CHCl₃; >99%). ¹H NMR¹⁸ δ 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 2 H), 5.16 (hept, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 5.01 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 – 2.48 (bs, 2 H, OH), 1.31 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.8, 144.6, 130.3, 129.1 (2 C), 128.2 (2 C), 86.1, 74.2, 67.9, 22.2. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 225.0 ([M + H]⁺), 120.0. The % ee (99%) of (2*R*,3*S*)-43 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH =

85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 21.1$ min (2*R*,3*S* enantiomer, major), $t_R = 25.8$ min (2*S*,3*R* enantiomer, minor).



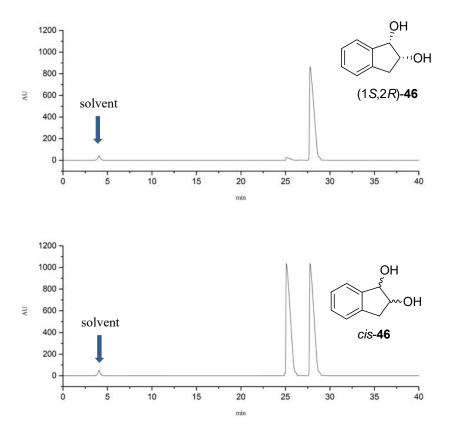
(2R,3R)-44: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +7.3$ (c 0.15, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2 H), 5.14 (hept, J = 6 Hz, 1 H), 5.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.25 – 2.00 (bs, 2 H, OH), 1.31 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 169.4, 145.4, 131.3, 130.0 (2 C), 129.2 (2 C), 87.4, 75.1, 69.1, 23.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 225.0 ([M + H]⁺, 100%), 141.4. The % ee (97%) of (2R,3R)-44 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; $t_R = 28.1$ min (2R,3R) enantiomer, major), $t_R = 32.0$ min (2S,3S) enantiomer, minor).



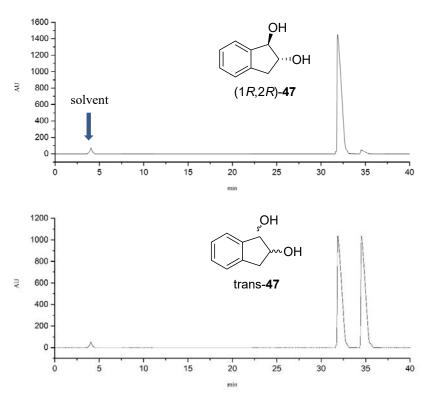
(47). (Without additive) From Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (19.3 μmol of Pd/6.7 μmol of Au-0.74 μmol of 17) and 0.30 g (2.59 mmol) of indene (45) in 20 mL of deionized water, after stirring at 50°C under 30 psi of O₂ in a Parr pressure reactor for 2 days, 0.261 g (67% yield) of (1*S*,2*R*)-46 (93% ee) and 44 mg (11% yield) of (1*R*,2*R*)-47 (94% ee) were obtained after column chromatography. The optical purity was determined using HPLC/chiral column. Compound (1*S*,2*R*)-46: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -46.9$ (c 1.14, CHCl₃). Lit.²⁰ -48.0 (c 1.14, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR¹⁶ δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1 H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3 H), 5.03 – 5.02 (m, 1 H, CH-O), 4.54 – 4.52 (m, 1 H, CH-O), 3.14 (dd, J = 16, 6 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (dd, J = 16, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 – 2.25 (bs, 2 H, OH); ¹³C NMR δ 142.2, 140.2, 129.0, 127.4, 125.6, 125.3, 76.2, 73.7, 38.9. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 173.1 ([M + Na]⁺), 122.2. Compound (1*R*,2*R*)-47: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -28.8$ (c 0.675, EtOH). Lit.²³ +30.5 (c 0.675, EtOH). ¹H

 $NMR^{23} \delta 7.40 - 7.36$ (m, 1 H), 7.28 - 7.18 (m, 3 H), 5.02 - 5.01 (m, 1 H), 4.40 - 4.38 (m, 1

H), 3.28 (dd, J = 16, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (dd, J = 16, 8 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 – 2.09 (m, 1 H, OH), 2.05 – 2.02 (m, 1 H, OH); 13 C NMR δ 141.8, 141.3, 130.1, 128.9, 128.3, 126.6, 73.0, 72.4, 37.5 MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 151.1 ([M + H]⁺), 122.2. The % ee (93%) of (1*S*,2*R*)-46 compound was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 25.0 min (1*R*,2*S* enantiomer, minor), t_R = 27.8 min (1*S*,2*R* enantiomer, major).



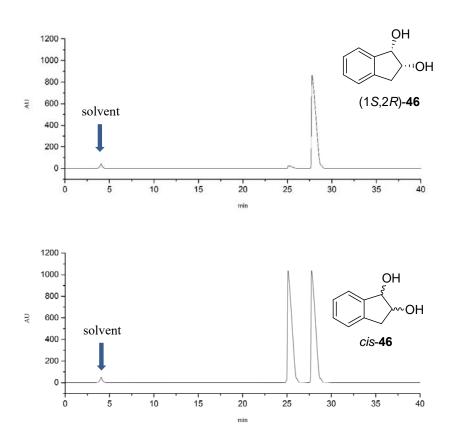
The % ee (94%) of compound (1R,2R)-47 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 31.5 min (1R,2R enantiomer, major), t_R = 35 min (1S,2S enantiomer, minor).



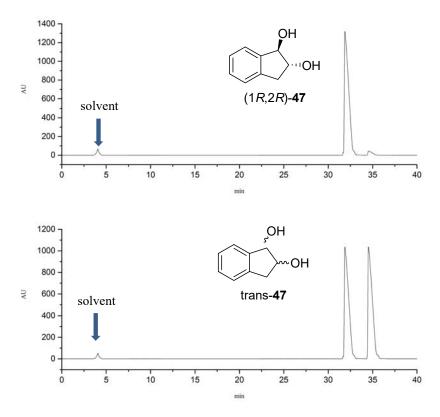
(1S,2R)-2,3-Dihydro-1H-indene-1,2-diol (46) and (1R,2R)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-1,2-diol

(47). (With K₂CO₃ additive) To an aqueous solution of 15 mL of Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (6.5 μ mol of Pd/2.2 μ mol of Au-0.24 μ mol of 17) in a Parr pressure reactor, were added 5 mL of deionized H₂O, 77 mg (0.56 mmol) of K₂CO₃, and 0.20 g (1.75 mmol) of indene (45). The apparatus was charged at 30 psi of O₂ and stirred at 70°C for 5 hours. The solution was then maintained under normal atmosphere, extracted with ethyl acetate three times (20 mL each), and the combined extracts were washed with water, and brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents to give 0.117 g (59% yield based on recovered 45) of (1*R*,2*R*)-47²³ in 91% ee and 10 mg (5% yield based on recovered 45) of (1*S*,2*R*)-46 in 89% ee, along with 47 mg (23.5% recovery) of 45. (1*R*,2*R*)-47: [α] α ²² = -27.7 (c 1.14, CHCl₃). Lit.²³ +30.5 (c 0.675, EtOH). (1*S*,2*R*)-46: [α] α ²² = -44.9 (c 1.14, CHCl₃). Lit.²³ -48.0 (c 1.14, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR

spectra of **46** and **47** were identical to those described above. No hydroxyindanones were detected. The % ee (89%) of (1S,2R)-**46** was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 25.0 min (1R,2S enantiomer, minor), t_R = 27.8 min (1S,2R enantiomer, major).



The % ee (91%) of (1R,2R)-47 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min; t_R = 31.5 min (1R,2R enantiomer, major), t_R = 34.6 min (1S,2S enantiomer, minor).



(1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1-Methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexane-1,2-diol (49). From Pd/Au (3:1)-17 (2.86 µmol of Pd/0.99 µmol of Au-0.11 µmol of 17) and 52 mg (0.39 mmol) of (*R*)-(+)-limonene (48) in 20 mL of deionized water, after stirring at 25°C under 30 psi of O₂ in a Parr pressure reactor for 3 days, 61 mg (92% yield) of (1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-49 was obtained as a single stereoisomer after column chromatography. No other stereoisomers were detected. [α] σ^{22} = +22.6 (c 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 4.74 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 1 H), 2.32 – 2.23 (m, 1 H), 2.18 – 2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.88 – 1.64 (m, 4 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H), 1.63 (s, 3 H), 1.64 – 1.58 (bs, 2 H, OH); ¹³C NMR δ 149.3, 109.3, 74.4, 71.7, 37.5, 35.6, 33.9, 29.4, 27.0, 21.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 171.0 ([M + H]⁺). HRMS-ESI: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₈NO₂Na⁺: 193.1199; found: 193.1197.

Scheme S4. Alternative synthesis of (1S,2R,4R)-49 and (1R,2S,4R)-49A.

Alternative synthesis of (1S,2R,4R)-49 from OsO₄ oxidation²⁴ of (R)-(+)-limonene (48).

A solution of 0.20 g (1.47 mmol) of (*R*)-(+)-limonene (48), 7.5 mg (29 μmol) of OsO₄, and 0.21 g (1.76 mmol) of *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO) in 2 mL of *t*-BuOH, 7 mL of acetone and 2.5 mL of water was stirred 0°C for 30 min and 25°C for 14 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated on a rotary evaporator to remove acetone and t-BuOH, diluted with water (20 mL), and extracted three times with dichloromethane (20 mL each). The combined extract was washed with brine, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ether as eluent to give 27 mg (11% yield) of (1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-49 and 0.118 g (47% yield) of (1*R*,2*S*,4*R*)-49A²⁵ along with 46 mg (23% recovery) of (*R*)-limonene.

(1S,2R,4R)-49: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +22.6$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of compound 49 obtained from the catalytic asymmetric dihydroxylation reaction described above.

(1R,2S,4R)-**49A**:²⁵ [α] $_{D}^{22}$ = +41.8 (c 1.0, MeOH); Lit.²¹ +42 (c 1.0, MeOH). ¹H NMR²⁵ δ 4.72 – 4.69 (m, 2 H), 3.67 – 3.64 (m, 1 H), 2.38 – 2.30 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.93 – 1.78 (m, 3 H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H, Me), 1.55 – 1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.42 (s, 1 H, OH), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 2 H), 1.25 (s, 3 H, Me); ¹³C NMR²⁵ δ 148.9, 108.7, 73.5, 71.2, 37.2, 33.6, 33.3, 26.1, 25.7, 20.6.

General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric C-H oxidation. For the asymmetric C-H oxidation, 1 mol% of the Cu/Au (3:1)-17 was used in all reactions.

Preparation of the catalyst. To a cold (0°C) solution of 3.75 mL of 2 mmol/L of CuCl (0.0075 mmol) in deionized water, 0.25 mL of 10 mmol/L of HAuCl₄·3H₂O (0.0025 mmol) in deionized water, and 29.1 mg (0.000275 mmol) of CSPVP **17**, was added 1.89 mg (0.05 mmol) of NaBH₄. The color of the solution changed to brown and stirred for 30 minutes at 25°C to give the Cu/Au (3:1)-**17** nanoclusters in aqueous solution. This solution was used in catalytic asymmetric C-H oxidation reactions without further purification.

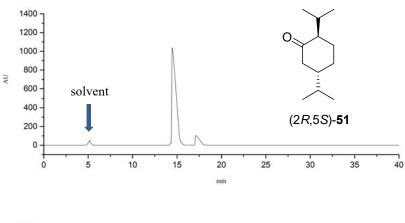
trans-1,4-Diisopropyleyclohexane (50). To a cold (-78°C) solution of 40 mL of liquid NH₃ under argon was added 0.86 g (0.12 mol) of lithium wire, and the resulting blue solution was stirred at -35°C for 1 h. To it, a solution of 4.0 g (24.7 mmol) of 1,4-diisopropylbenzene (from Sigma Aldrich Co.) in 5.4 g of *t*-BuOH was added, and the solution was stirred for 6 h at -35°C under argon. The reaction solution was diluted with aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted twice with diethyl ether, and the combined extract was washed with water, brine, and dried (MgSO₄). The solvents were removed by distillation under normal pressure, and residue was column chromatographed on silica gel using hexane as eluent to give 2.81 g (70% yield) of 1,4-diisopropyl-1,4-cyclohexadiene along with 0.96 g (24% recovery) of 1,4-diisopropylbenzene.

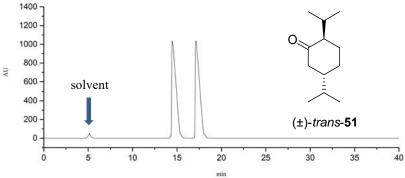
¹H NMR δ 5.46 (s, 2 H, =CH), 2.64 (s, 4 H, CH₂), 2.19 (hept, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 1.01 (d, J = 7 Hz, 12 H); ¹³C NMR δ 140.9, 116.4, 34.7, 27.8, 21.5. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 165.0 ([M + H]⁺), 122.9. A mixture of 2.0 g (12.2 mmol) of 1,4-diisopropyl-1,4-cyclohexadiene and 0.14 g of 10% Pd/C in 30 mL of ethyl acetate in a bottle was shaken under 30 psi of H₂ on a Parr hydrogenator for 16 h and then maintained under normal pressure. The mixture was filtered through Celite,

and the filtrate was concentrated by distillation under normal pressure and column chromatographed on silica gel using pentane as solvent to give 1.3 g (65% yield) of pure **50** along with 0.50 g of **50** and 1,4-diisopropyl-1,4-cyclohexadiene (2:1). Compound **50**: 1 H NMR δ 1.73 – 1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.59 – 1.05 (m, 7 H), 0.95 – 0.90 (m, 3 H), 0.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 12 H); 13 C NMR δ 42.6, 30.2, 26.7, 20.1. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 207.0 ([M + K]⁺).

(2*R*,5*S*)-2,5-diisopropylcyclohexanone (51). To a solution of 2 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (4.46 μmol of Cu/1.49 μmol of Au-0.16 μmol of 17) were added 3 mL of acetonitrile, 0.10 g (0.60 mmol) of 50 and 3 mL of 30% H₂O₂, and the resulting solution was stirred at 50°C for 7 days. The solution was cooled to 25°C and extracted three times with diethyl ether (15 mL each). The combined extracts were washed with water and then brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and diethyl ether as eluents to give 94 mg (87% yield) of (2*R*,5*S*)-51 in 81% ee along with 7 mg (7% recovery) of 50. The optical purity was determined using HPLC/chiral column. Compound (2*R*,5*S*)-51: [α] $_{\rm D}^{22}$ = +12.1 (c 1.5, CHCl₃). Lit.²⁶ +14 (c 1.51, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR²⁶ δ 2.38 (ddd, J = 12, 3.4, 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 - 2.05 (m, 1 H), 1.83 – 1.52 (m, 3 H), 1.43 – 0.85 (m, 5 H), 1.01 (d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H), 0.84 (d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 213.0, 56.2, 46.5, 32.6, 28.8, 27.9, 25.9, 21.2, 19.6 (2 C), 18.6 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 205.1 ([M + Na]⁺; 100%), 139.0.

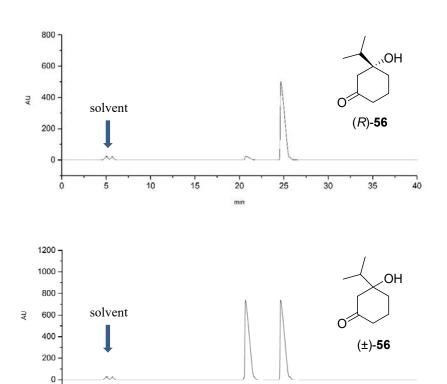
The % ee (81%) of (1*R*,5*S*)-**51** was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, detected at 220 nm wavelength; $t_R = 14.5 \text{ min } (2R,5S \text{ enantiomer, major})$, $t_R = 17.2 \text{ min } (2S,5R \text{ enantiomer, minor})$.





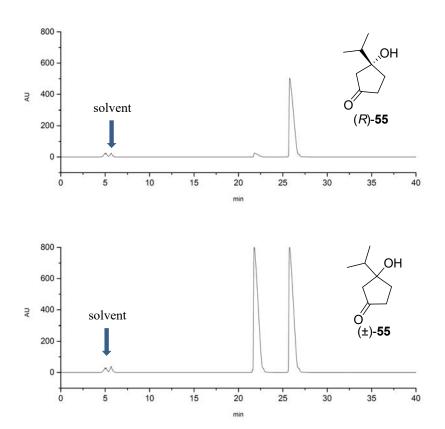
(*R*)-3-Hydroxy-3-isopropylcyclohexanone (56). From 0.10 g (0.70 mmol) of 1-isopropylcyclohexanol (53), 2.4 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (5.27 μ mol of Cu/1.75 μ mol of Au-0.19 μ mol of 17), 2 mL of H₂O₂, and 1 mL of CH₃CN stirring at 50°C for 7 days, 0.107 g (98% yield) of (*R*)-56 in 91.4% ee. [α] $_{D}^{22}$ = +6.1 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 2.45 – 2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.15 – 2.10 (m, 2 H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.77 – 1.60 (m, 4 H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6 H). The proton NMR assignments were derived from 2D COSY spectrum. ¹³C NMR δ 205.1, 73.2, 54.2, 42.4, 34.3, 29.3, 23.7, 17.5. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 157.3 ([M + H]⁺), 119.0, 116.2, 104.9. HRMS-Hexane Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization (HAPCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₇O₂: 157.1229; found: 157.1221. The % ee (91.4%) of (*R*)-56 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, detected at 220 nm wavelength; t_R = 20.8 min (*S* enantiomer, minor), t_R = 24.7

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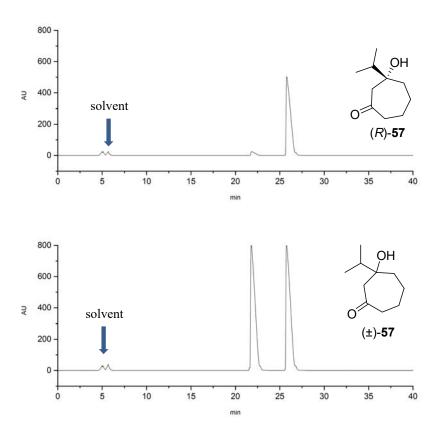
(*R*)-3-Hydroxy-3-isopropylcyclopentanone (55). From 90 mg (0.70 mmol) of 1-isopropylcyclopentanol (52), 2.4 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (5.27 μ mol of Cu/1.75 μ mol of Au-0.19 μ mol of 17), 2 mL of H₂O₂, and 1 mL of CH₃CN stirring at 50°C for 7 days, 91 mg (91% yield) of (*R*)-55 in 92% ee. [α] α ²² = +13.7 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR α 2.41 – 2.30 (m, 2 H, C2 Hs), 2.30 - 2.17 (m, 1 H, C5 H), 2.07 – 1.80 (m, 4 H, C5 H, C4 Hs, & CHMe₂), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 2 H, C4 H & OH), 1.02 (d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H). The proton NMR assignments were derived from 2D COSY spectrum. ¹³C NMR α 205.9, 73.3, 53.6, 42.4, 32.5, 22.0, 16.7. MS (ESI, MeOH): α /z = 143.0 ([M + H]⁺), 129.0, 123.0, 115.2. HRMS-Hexane Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization (HAPCI): α /z [M]⁺ calcd for C₈H₁₄O₂: 142.0994; found: 142.0049. The % ee (92%) of (*R*)-55 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column,

n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, detected at 220 nm wavelength; $t_R = 23.5$ min (S enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 27.5$ min (R enantiomer, major).



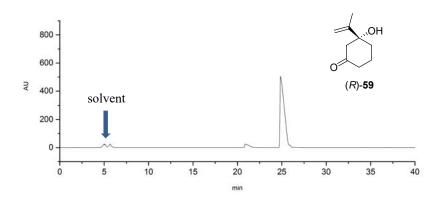
(*R*)-3-Hydroxy-3-isopropylcycloheptanone (57). From 42 mg (0.27 mmol) of 1-isopropylcycloheptanol (54), 0.92 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (2.0 µmol of Cu/0.65 µmol of Au-0.074 µmol of 17), 1 mL of H₂O₂, and 1 mL of CH₃CN stirring at 50°C for 7 days, 41 mg (89% yield) of (*R*)-57 in 93% ee. [α] $_{\rm D}^{22}$ = +23.8 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 2.35 (d, J = 2 Hz, 2 H, C2 Hs), 2.16 – 2.18 (m, 2 H, C7 Hs), 1.97 - 1.93 (m, 2 H, C6 Hs), 1.90 – 1.83 (m, 1 H, CHMe₂), 1.75 – 1.70 (m, 1 H, C4 H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 3 H, C5 Hs & C4 H), 1.30 – 1.20 (bs, 1 H, OH), 0.86 (d, J = 8 Hz, 6 H). The proton NMR assignments were derived from 2D COSY spectrum. ¹³C NMR δ 206.1, 74.4, 52.8, 41.6, 37.4, 33.9, 27.0, 21.0, 17.1 (2 C). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 171.1 ([M + H]⁺), 142.1, 123.1, 107.0. HRMS-Hexane Atmospheric Pressure

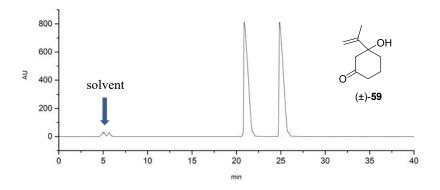
Chemical Ionization (HAPCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₉O₂: 171.1385; found: 171.1381. The % ee (93%) of (R)-57 was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, detected at 220 nm wavelength; t_R = 21.7 min (S enantiomer, minor), t_R = 25.8 min (R enantiomer, major).



(*R*)-Hydroxy-3-(isopropenyl)cyclohexanone (59). From 70 mg (0.50 mmol) of 1-isopropenylcyclohexanol (58), 1.7 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (3.75 μ mol of Cu/1.25 μ mol of Au-0.13 μ mol of 17), 1.5 mL of H₂O₂, and 1.5 mL of CH₃CN stirring at 50°C for 8 days, 76 mg (98% yield) of (*R*)-59 in 93% ee. [α]_D²² = +17.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR δ 5.07 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.95 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 2.35 – 2.32 (m, 2 H, C2 Hs), 2.16 – 2.15 (m, 2 H, C6 Hs), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 2 H, C4 Hs), 1.85 (s, 3 H), 1.85 – 1.7 (m, 2 H, C5 Hs), 1.7 – 1.55 (bs, 1 H, OH). The proton NMR assignments were derived from 2D COSY spectrum. ¹³C

NMR δ 209.5, 152.2, 109.2, 76.1, 52.9, 40.8, 38.8, 23.0, 17.8. MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 177.1 ([M + Na]⁺), 142.2, 130.1. HRMS-Hexane Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization (HAPCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₅O₂: 155.1072; found: 155.1088. The % ee (93%) of (*R*)-**59** was determined by HPLC using chiral column, Chiralpak AD(-H) column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, detected at 220 nm wavelength; $t_R = 20.8$ min (*S* enantiomer, minor), $t_R = 24.9$ min (*R* enantiomer, major).





(+)-2S-2-Hydroxysclareolide (61). To a solution of 12 mL of Cu/Au (3:1)-17 (24 μmol of Cu/8.0 μmol of Au-0.88 μmol of 17) in H₂O (as described above) were added 12 mL of acetonitrile, 100 mg (0.40 mmol) of (+)-sclareolide (60) and 1.5 mL of 30% H₂O₂, and the resulting solution was stirred at 60°C for 6 days. The solution was cooled to 25°C, diluted with

water, and extracted three times with diethyl ether (20 mL each). The combined extracts were washed with water and then brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate, followed by dichloromethane and methanol as eluents to give 40 mg (37.5% yield) of (2S)- 61^{27} and 3.3 mg (3% yield) of 1oxosclareolide²⁷ along with 46 mg (46% recovery) of **60** and 10 mg of unidenficable polymers. Compound (2S)-61: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +78$ (c 0.1, MeOH). Lit.²⁷ -100 (c 0.006, MeOH). ¹H NMR²⁷ δ 4.03 – 3.94 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.27 (dd, J = 16.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (dt, J = 12, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.94 - 1.80 (m, 3 H), 1.74 - 1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.40 - 1.35 (m, 1 H), 1.33 (s, 3 H), 1.28 - 1.25 (m, 1 H), 1.17 (t, J = 11.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.08 (dd, J = 1.40 - 1.35 (m, 1 H), 1.33 (s, 3 H), 1.28 - 1.25 (m, 1 H), 1.17 (t, J = 11.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.08 (dd, J = 1.40 Hz, J = 1.4= 13, 3 Hz, 1 H), 0.96 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (s, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 3 H); 13 C NMR 27 δ 176.0, 86.0, 64.4, 58.9, 56.3, 51.6, 48.4, 38.5, 37.5, 34.7, 33.2, 28.7, 21.9, 21.7, 20.1, 16.2; MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 289.4 ([M + Na]⁺), 267.3 (M+H⁺), 134.1. 1-Oxosclareolide: ¹H NMR δ 2.96 (dd, J = 17, 7 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (ddd, J = 16, 8.8, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.53 (dd, J = 16.8, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.29 (ddd, J = 15.6, 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.15 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 – 2.05 (m, 1 H), 1.94 – 1.80 (m, 2 H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H), 1.19 (s, 3 H), 1.05 (s, 3 H), 1.04 – 0.96 (m, 1 H), 1.02 (s, 3 H), 0.91 – 0.86 (m, 1 H). MS (ESI, MeOH): m/z = 287.3 ([M + Na]⁺), 250.2, 122.9.

Alternative syntheses of (R)-56 and (R)-57.

Scheme S5. Alternative syntheses of (R)-56 and (R)-57.

62 : n = 1, TBS = *t*-BuMe₂Si **63** : n = 2, TBS = *t*-BuMe₂Si

Synthesis of (R)-56 from (S)-23. To a solution of 40 mg (0.35 mmol) of (S)-3hydroxycyclohexanone (23), 4 mg (0.036 mmol) of 4-dimethylaminopyridine, and 0.10 g (1.0 mmol) of trimethylamine in 3 mL of dichloromethane at 0°C under argon, was added 77 mg (0.51 mmol) of t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride. The solution was stirred for 4 h, diluted with 10 mL of water, and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (10 mL each). combined extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed silica gel give 28 (35% yield) (S)-3-(ton to mg butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone and 17 mg (49% yield) of 2-cyclohexenone along with 4 mg (10% recovery) of starting 3-hydroxyketone 23. The silyloxycyclohexanone was used in the following step without purification. (S)-3-(t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone: ¹H NMR δ 4.17 – 4.12 (m, 1 H), 2.62 (dd, J = 14, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (dd, J = 14, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.28 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.15 - 2.00 (m, 2 H), 1.82 - 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.00 (s, 9 H), 0.38 (s, 6 H). To a mixture of 1.7 mg (13 µmol) of anhydrous ZnCl₂ in 2 mL of dry THF under argon at 25°C, was added a solution of 0.18 mmol of isopropylmagnesium bromide in 1 mL of THF, and the solution was stirred for 1 h and then cooled to 0°C. To it, was added a solution of 28 mg (0.12 mmol) of (S)-3-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone in 0.5 mL of THF via cannula under argon and the resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 4 h. The solution was diluted with aqueous NH₄Cl and water (10 mL), extracted three times with ethyl acetate (20 mL each), and the combined extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give 23 mg (70% yield) of (1R,3S)-3-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-isopropylcyclohexanone (62). No other stereoisomer was found. Compound 62: ${}^{1}H$ NMR δ 4.37 (m, 1 H), 1.96 – 1.50 (m, 8 H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 2 H), 0.97 (s, 9 H), 0.91 (d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H), 0.36 (s, 6 H); ${}^{13}C$ NMR δ 73.3, 66.2, 37.5, 35.6, 33.1, 26.2, 23.9 (3 C), 20.9, 18.6, 16.9 (2 C), -1.15 (2 C).

A solution of 14 mg (52 µmol) of the above (1R,3S)-62 and 0.10 mL (0.10 mmol) of n-Bu₄NF (1 M in THF) in 0.5 mL of THF was stirred under argon at 0°C for 1 h and then at 25°C for 1.5 h. The solution was diluted with water (10 mL), and extracted three times with diethyl ether (10 mL each). The combined extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under vacuum to give 8.7 mg of (1R,3S)-1-isopropyl-1,3-cyclohexanediol, which was used immediately in the following reaction without further purification. To a solution of the above diol in 0.5 mL of DMSO was added 16 mg (57 µmol) of IBX under argon at 25°C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 14 h, filtered to remove white solid, and rinsed with 20 mL of diethyl ether. The ether filtrate was washed three times with water (10 mL each), dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (1:2) as eluent to give 7.6 mg (95% yield) of (R)-3-hydroxy-3-isopropylcyclohexanone (56). [α] $_{D}^{22}$ = +6.4 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). $_{1}^{1}$ H and $_{1}^{3}$ C NMR spectra were identical those of 56 synthesized from the Pd/Au-17 catalytic oxidation reaction.

Synthesis of (R)-57 from (S)-24. To a solution of 15 mg (0.12 mmol) of (S)-3-hydroxycycloheptanone (**24**), 1.5 mg (0.012 mmol) of 4-dimethylaminopyridine, and 35 mg (0.35 mmol) of trimethylamine in 1 mL of dichloromethane at 0°C under argon, was added 25

mg (0.17 mmol) of t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride. The solution was stirred for 8 h, diluted with 10 mL of water, and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (10 mL each). combined extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed silica gel to give 19 mg (76% yield) of (S)-3-(ton butyldimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanone and 3.2 mg (25% yield) of 2-cycloheptenone. The silyloxycycloheptanone was used in the following step without purification. (S)-3-(t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanone: ${}^{1}H$ NMR δ 4.12 – 4.10 (m, 1 H), 2.85 – 2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.55 - 2.40 (m, 2 H), 1.95 - 1.55 (m, 6 H), 0.98 (s, 9 H), 0.37 (s, 6 H). To a mixture of 1.1 mg (8 µmol) of anhydrous ZnCl2 in 0.5 mL of dry THF under argon at 25°C, was added a solution of 0.12 mmol of isopropylmagnesium bromide in 0.2 mL of THF, and the solution was stirred for 1 h and then cooled to 0°C. To it, was added a solution of 19 mg (0.078 mmol) of (S)-3-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanone in 0.2 mL of THF via cannula under argon and the resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 3 h. The solution was diluted with aqueous NH₄Cl and water (10 mL), extracted three times with ethyl acetate (10 mL each), and the combined extract was washed with brine, dried (anh. Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give 14 mg (62% yield) of (1R,3S)-3-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-isopropylcycloheptanone (63). No other stereoisomer was found. Compound 63: ${}^{1}H$ NMR δ 4.42 – 4.35 (m, 1 H), 2.02 -1.50 (m, 9 H), 1.35 - 1.20 (m, 3 H), 0.97 (s, 9 H), 0.91 (d, J = 7 Hz, 6 H), 0.36 (s, 6 H); 13 C NMR δ 75.6, 70.9, 35.0, 33.1, 30.6, 29.6, 25.8 (3 C), 25.5, 24.3, 20.0, 17.2 (2 C), -1.6 (2 C). A solution of 7 mg (24 μ mol) of the above (1*R*,3*S*)-63 and 48 μ L (48 μ mol) of *n*-Bu₄NF (1 M in THF) in 0.5 mL of THF was stirred under argon at 25°C for 2 h. The solution was diluted

with water (10 mL), and extracted three times with diethyl ether (10 mL each). The combined extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under vacuum to give 4.2 mg of (1*R*,3*S*)-1-isopropyl-1,3-cycloheptanediol, which was used immediately in the following reaction without further purification. To a solution of the above diol in 0.5 mL of DMSO was added 8 mg (26 μ mol) of IBX under argon at 25°C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 14 h, filtered to remove white solid, and rinsed with 10 mL of diethyl ether. The ether filtrate was washed three times with water (10 mL each), dried (anh. Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and column chromatographed on silica gel using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (1:2) as eluent to give 4.0 mg (96% yield) of (*R*)-3-hydroxy-3-isopropylcycloheptanone (57). [α] α ²² = +25.9 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical those of 57 synthesized from the Pd/Au-17 catalytic oxidation reaction.

10. Table S1. Selectivity factors for all HPLC/chiral column analyses.

Compounds	Selectivity factors
22a	1.15
22b	1.24
23a	1.25
23b	1.27
24a	1.28
24b	1.24
31a	1.18
31b	1.22
32a	1.17
32b	1.24
33a	1.18
33b	1.23
cis-38	1.15
syn- 40	1.17
anti-41	1.10
syn- 43	1.27
anti-44	1.16
cis-46	1.13

trans-47	1.13
trans-51	1.28
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55	1.22
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58	1.26

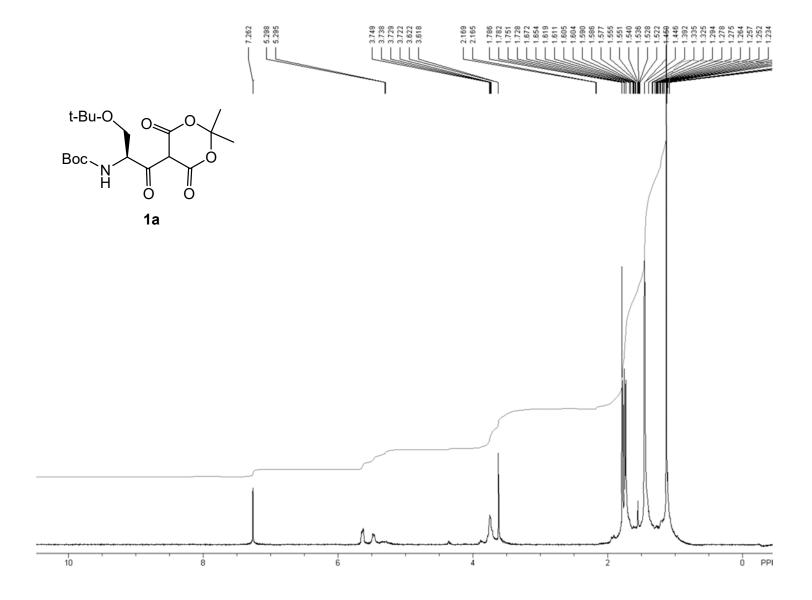
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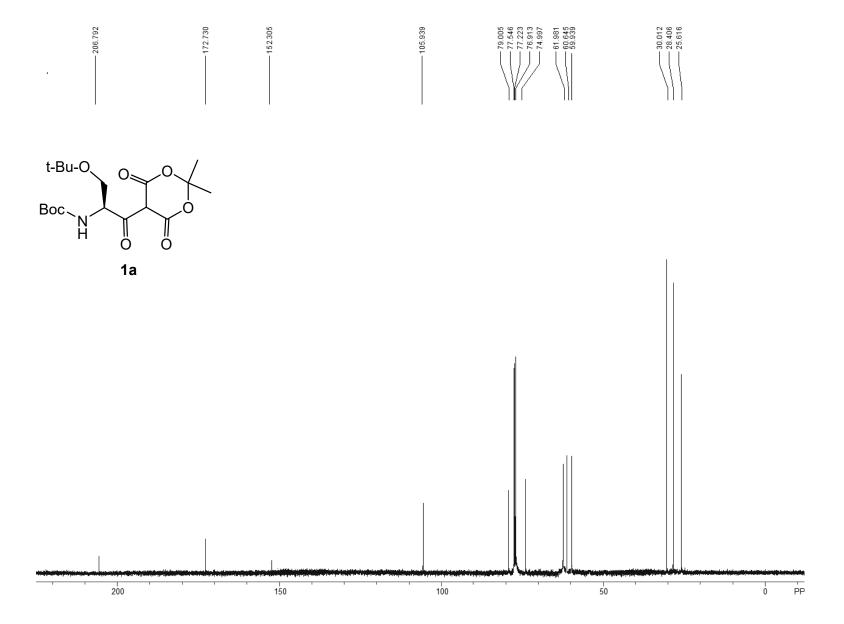
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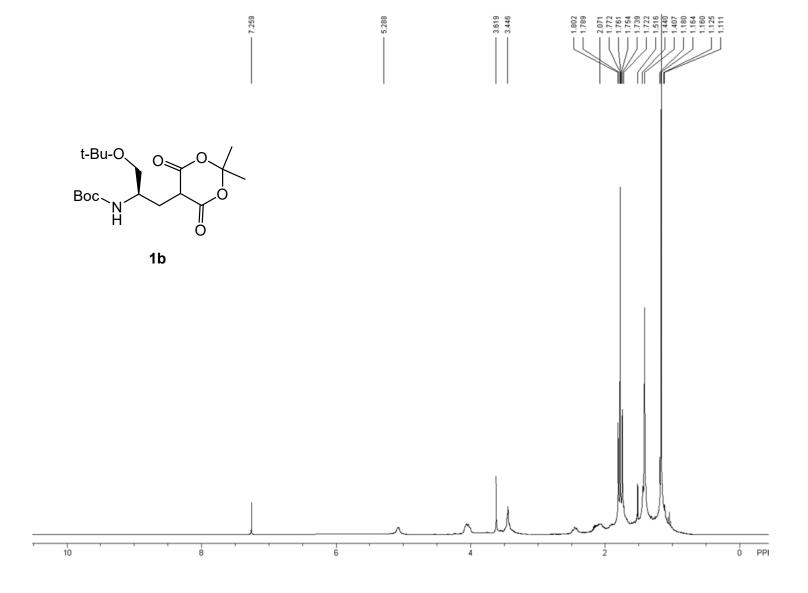
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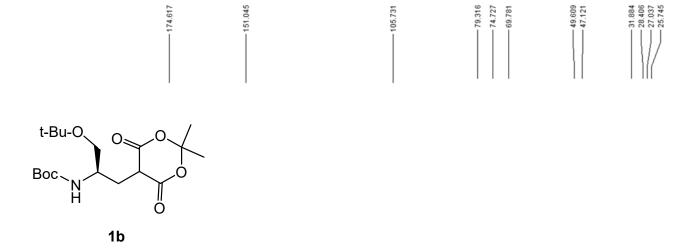
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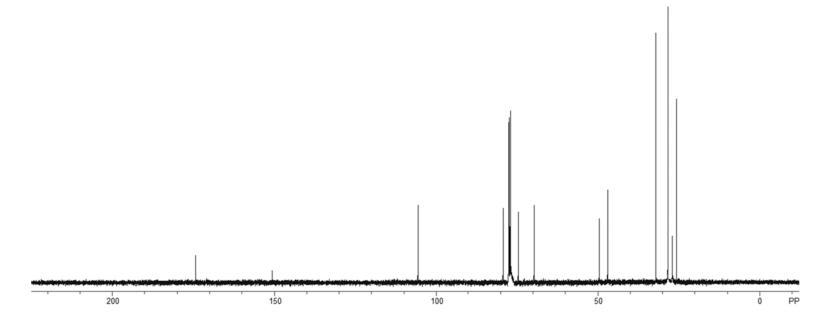
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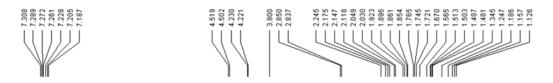


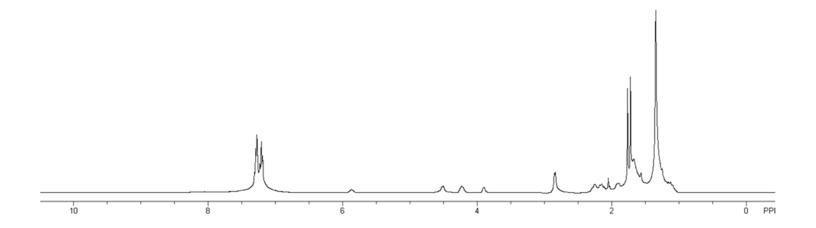


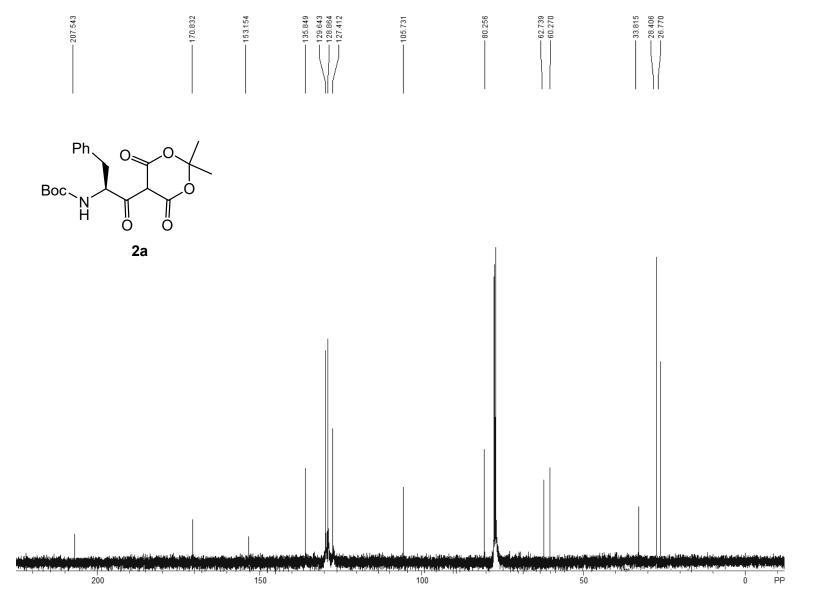


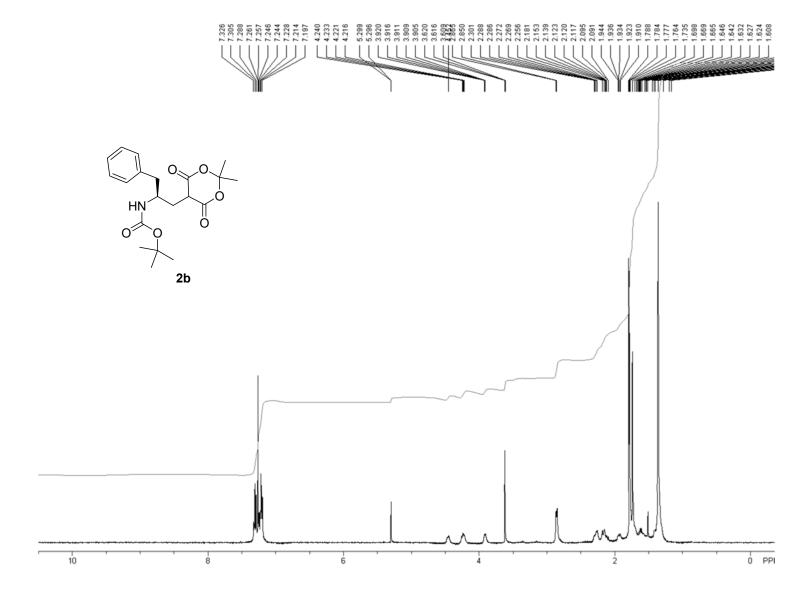


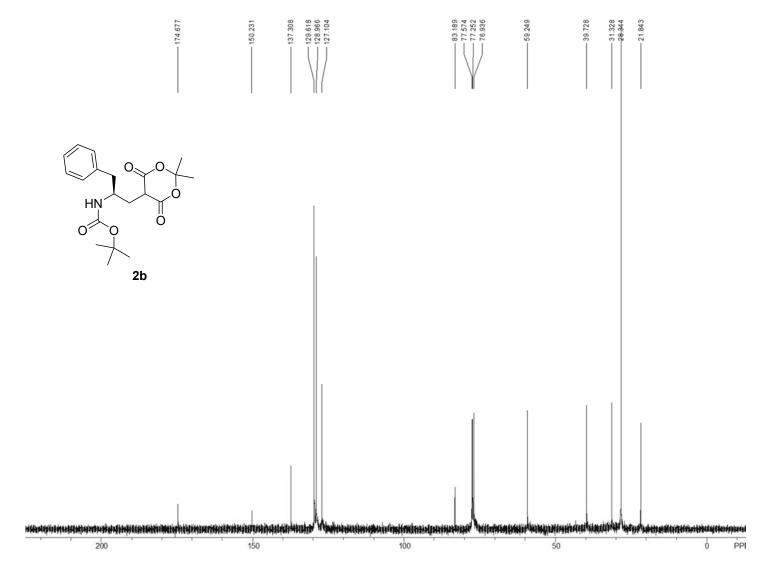


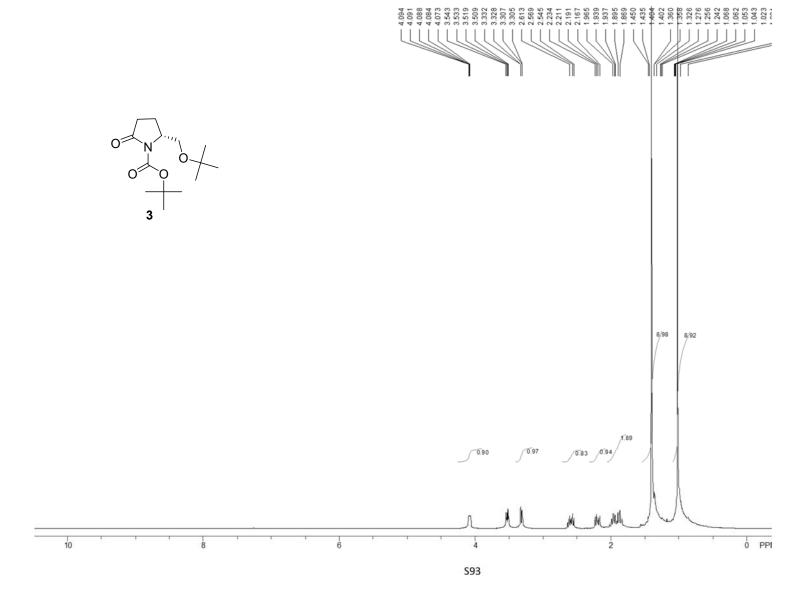


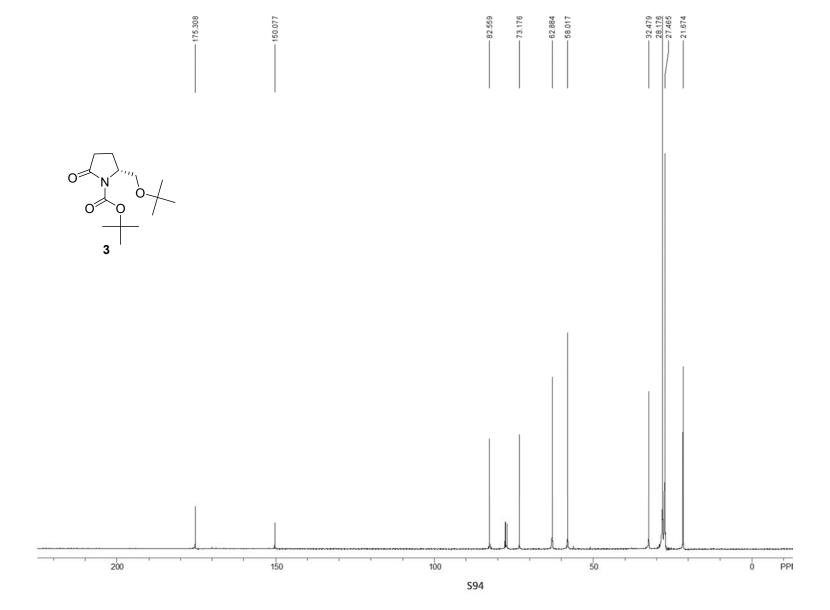


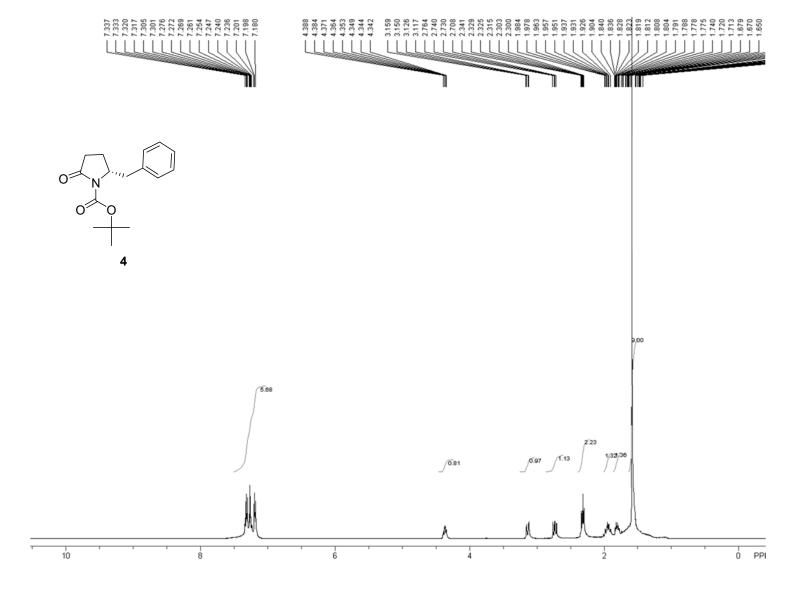


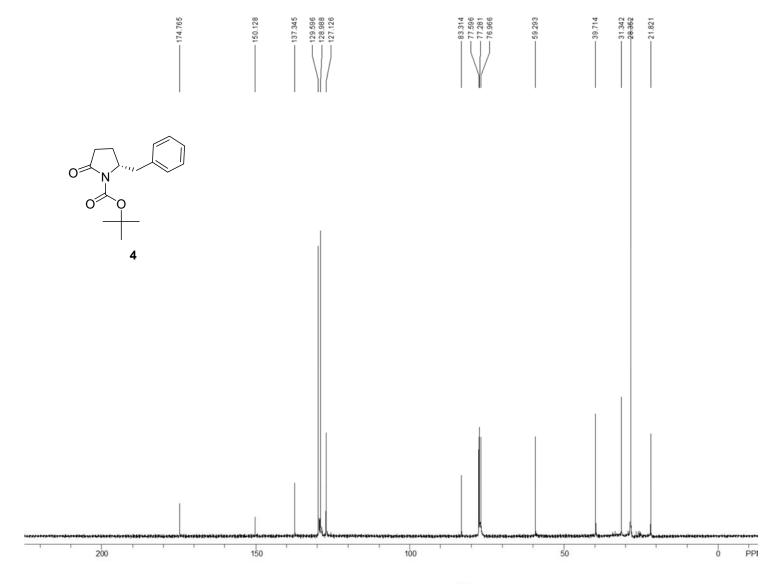


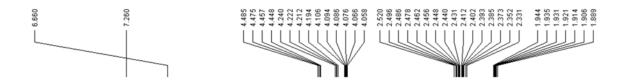


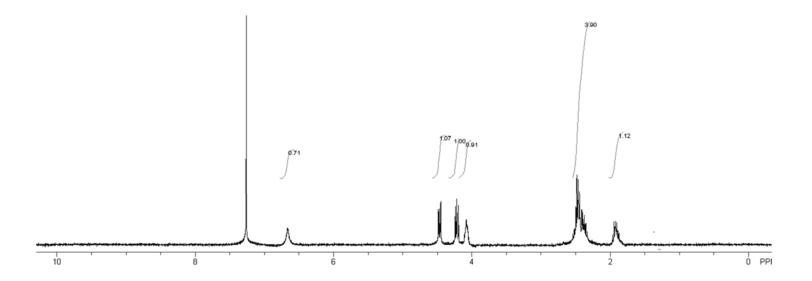


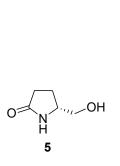


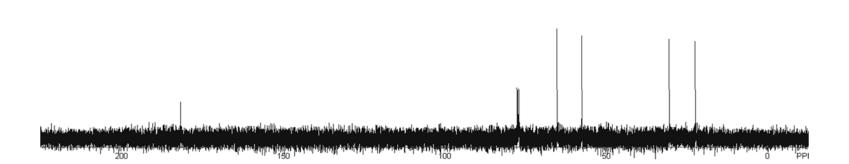


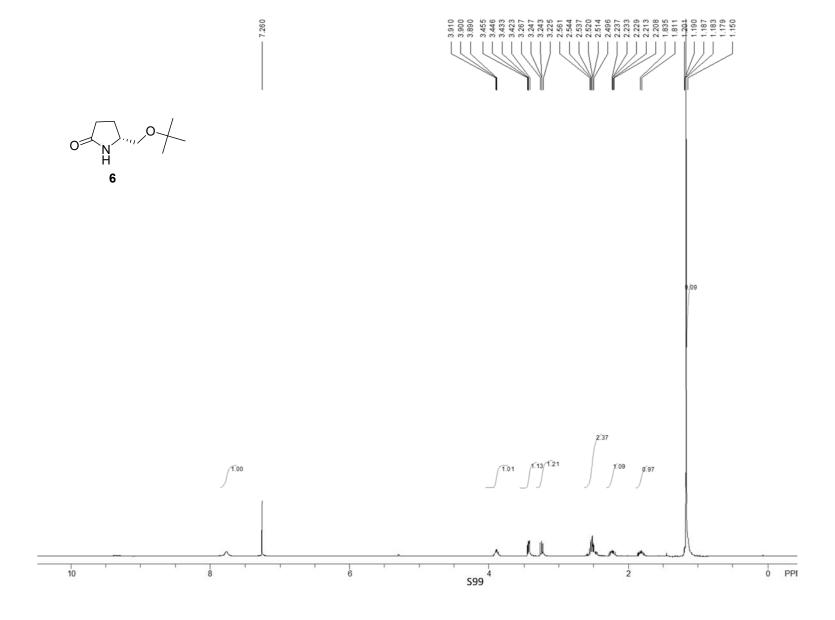


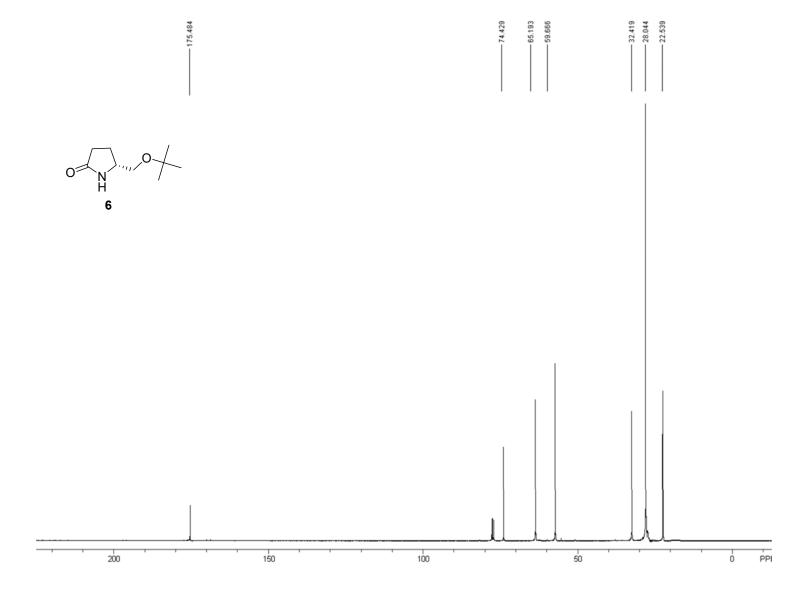


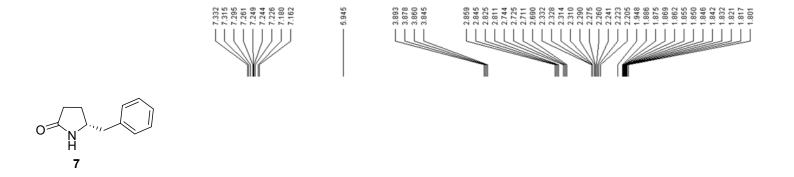


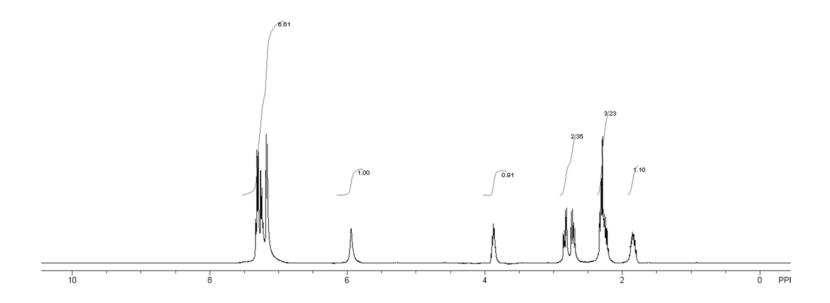


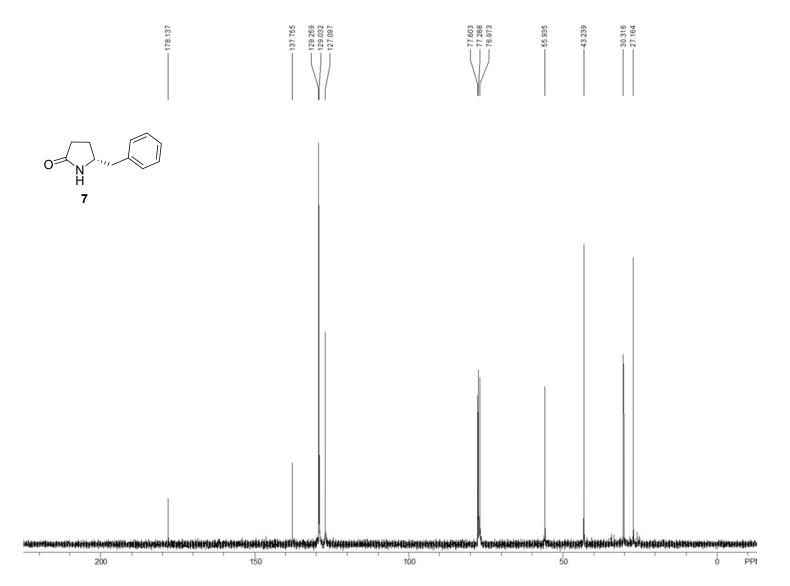


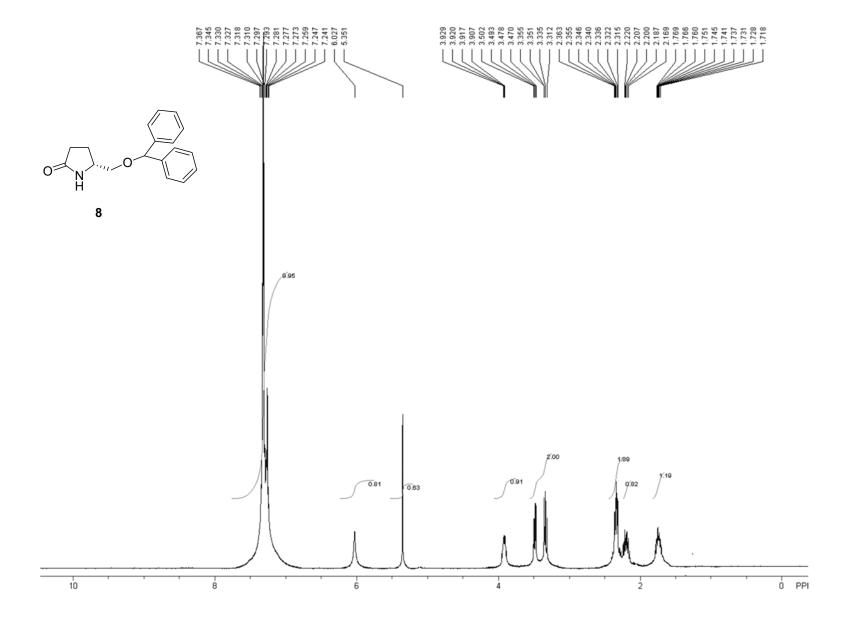


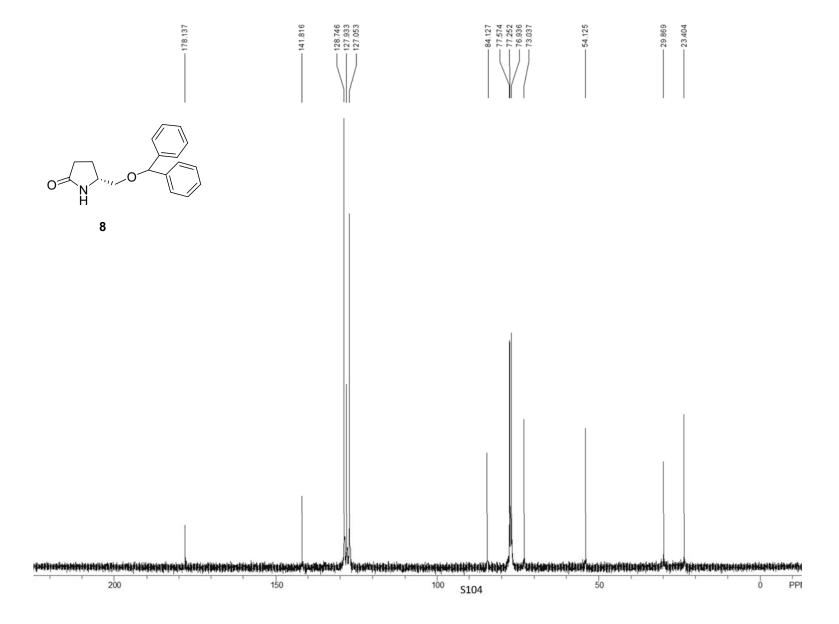


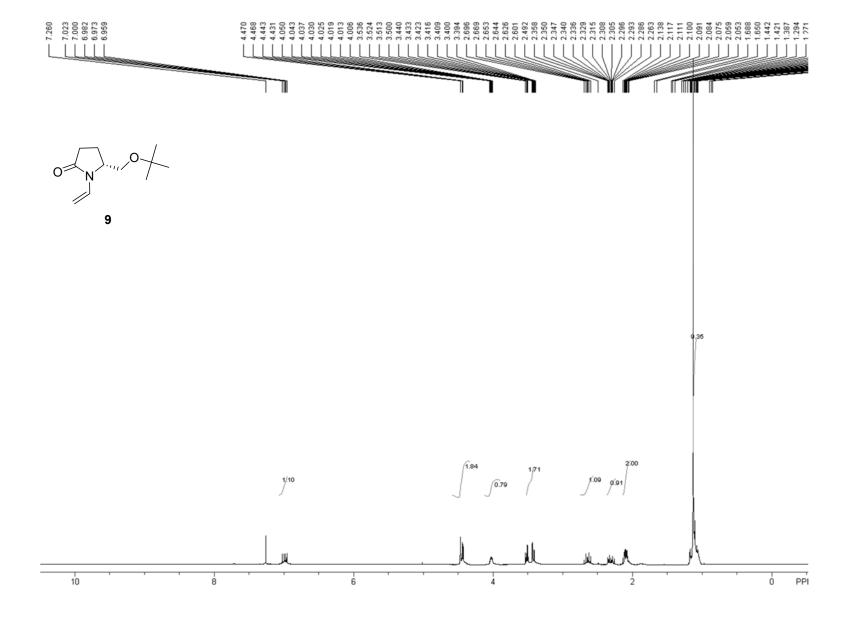




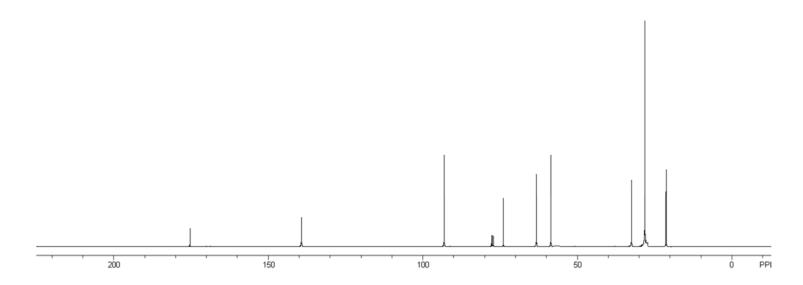


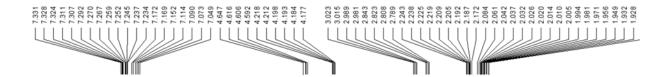


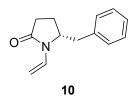


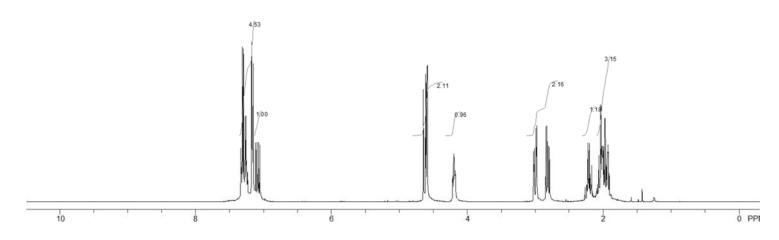


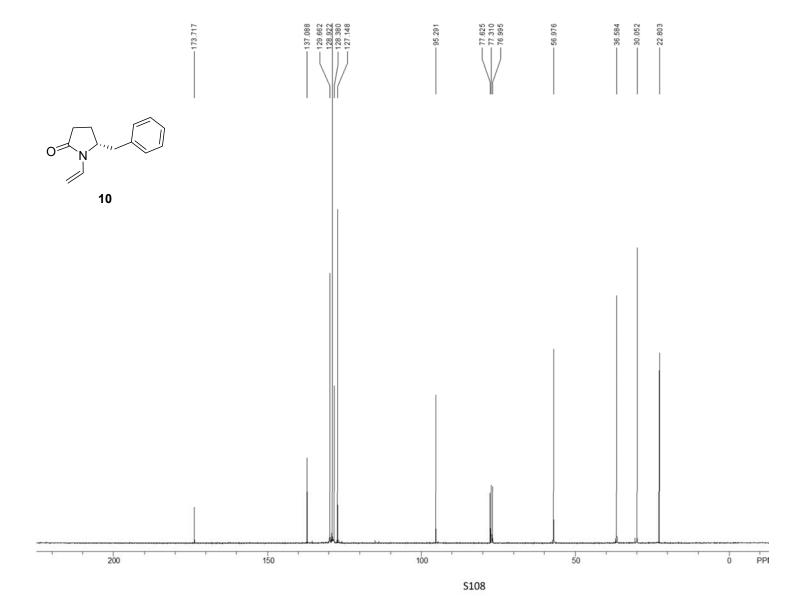


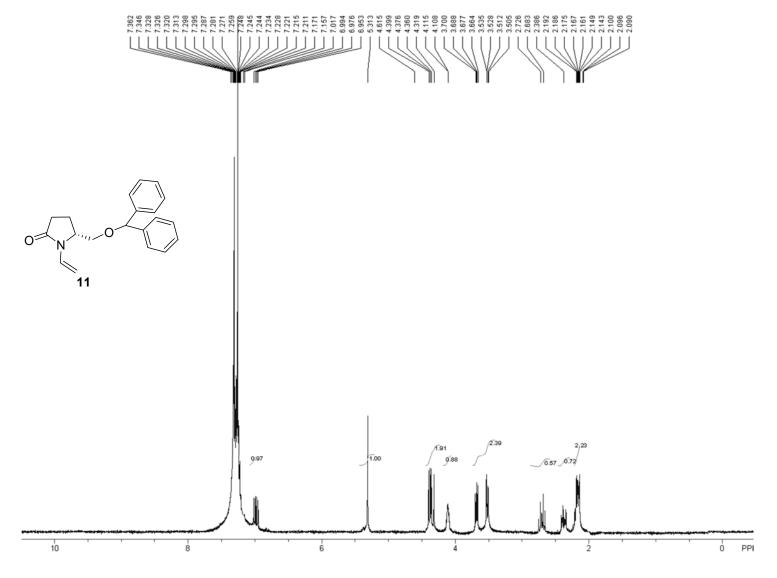


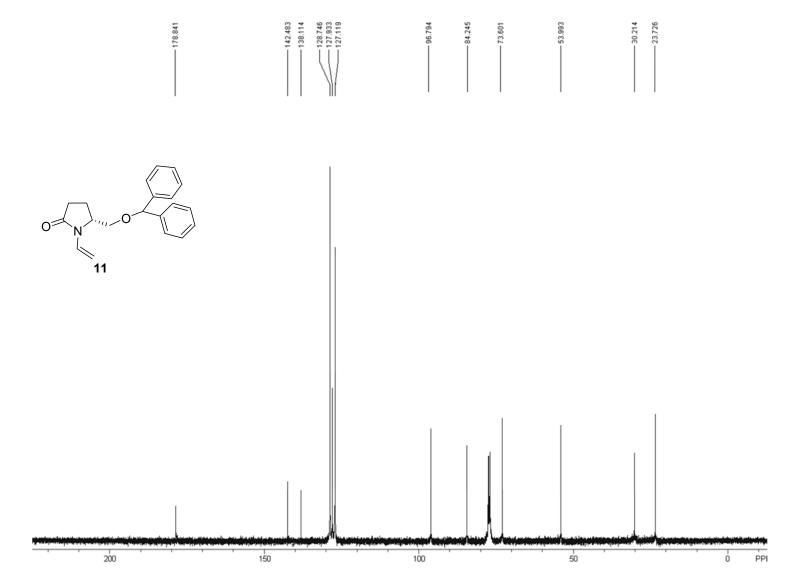


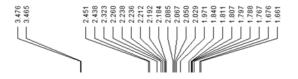


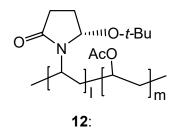


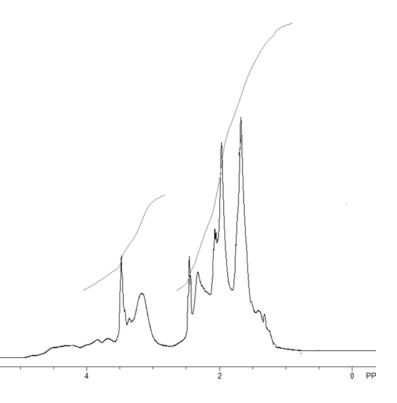


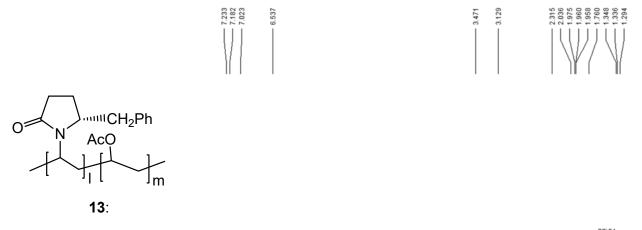


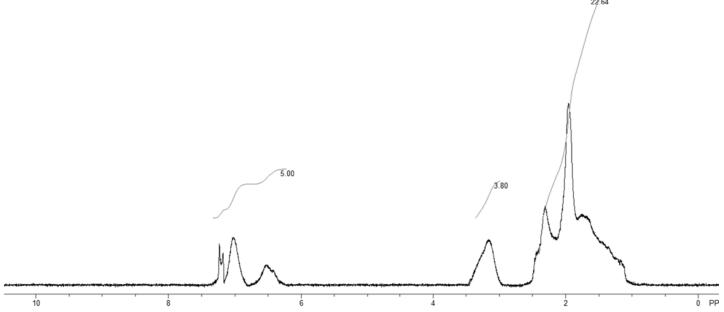


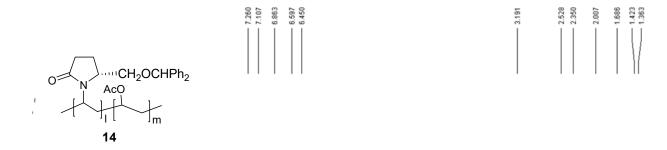


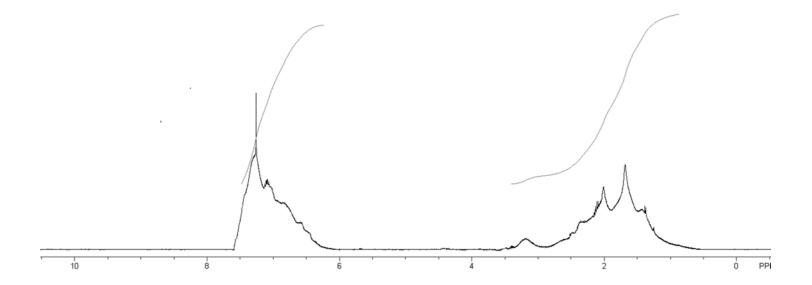


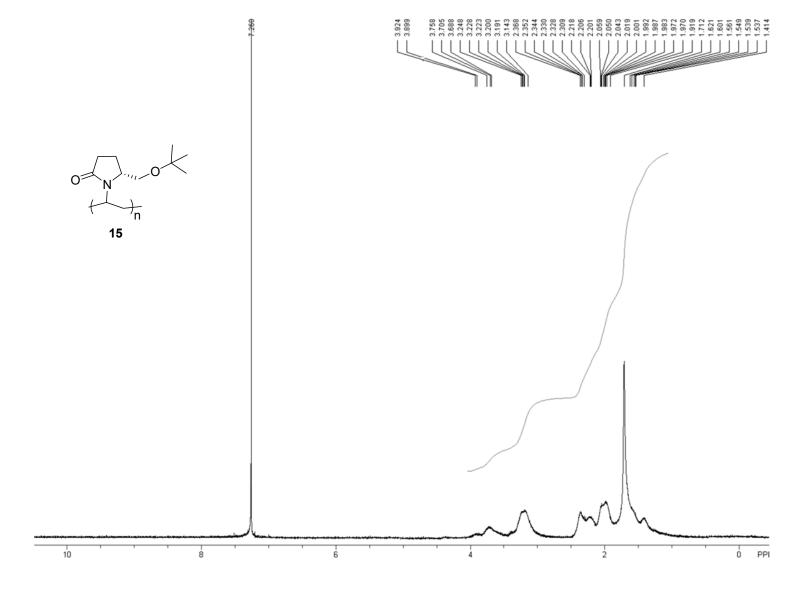


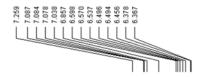


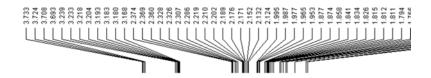


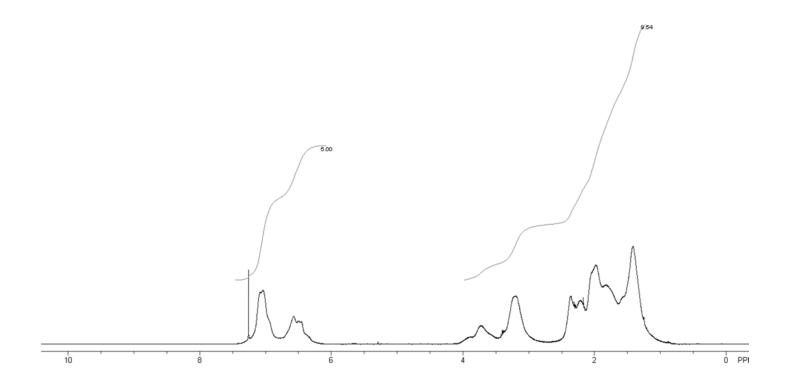


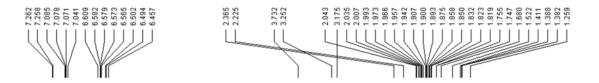


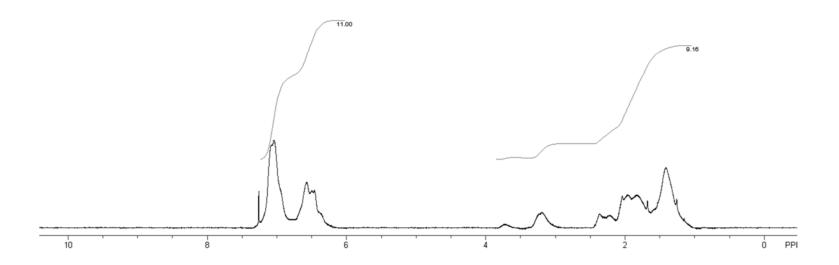


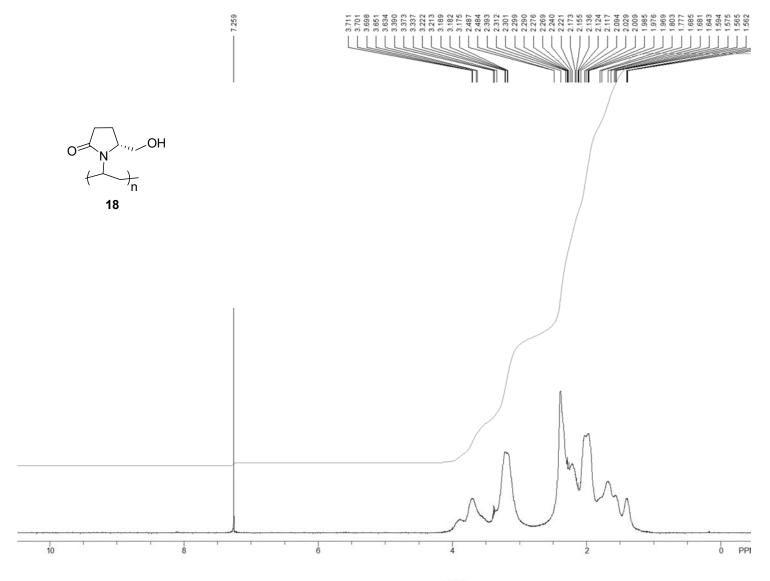


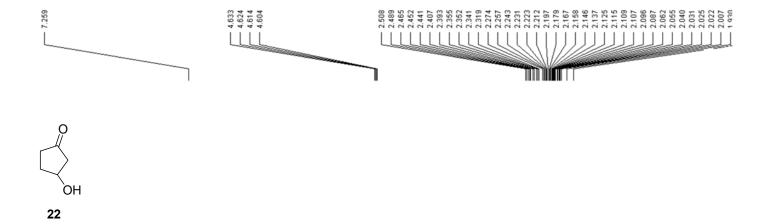


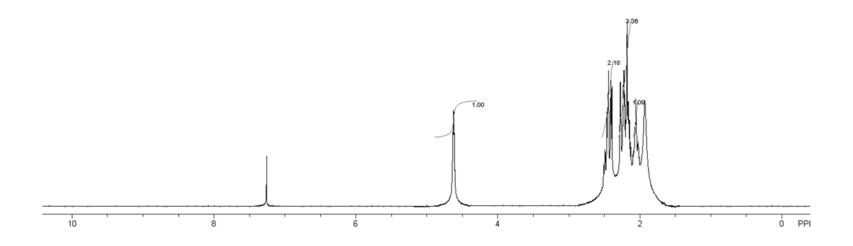


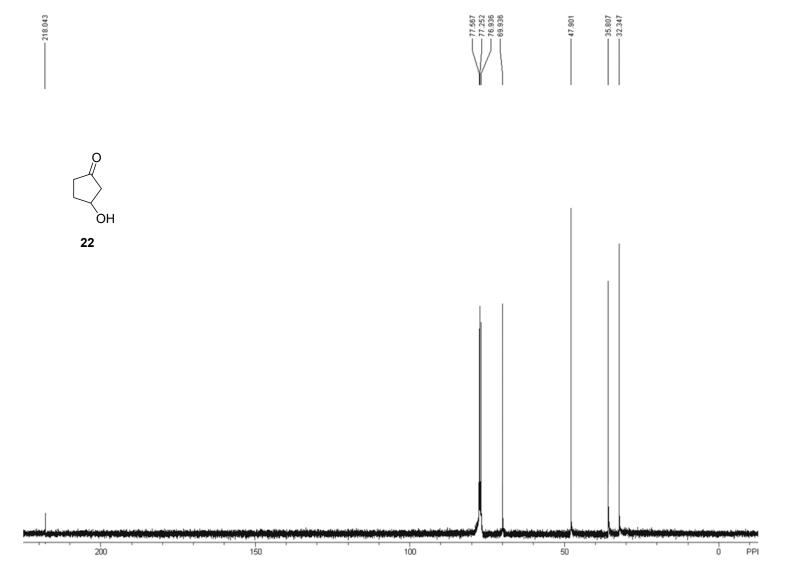


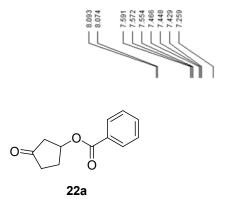


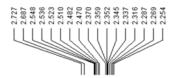


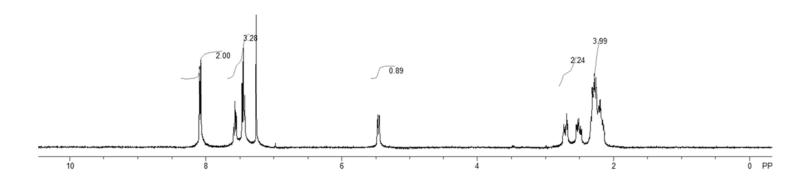


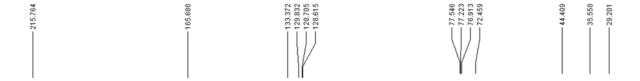


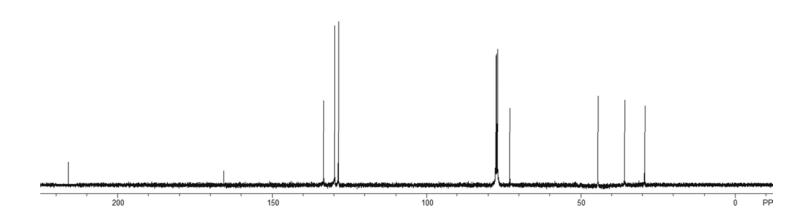


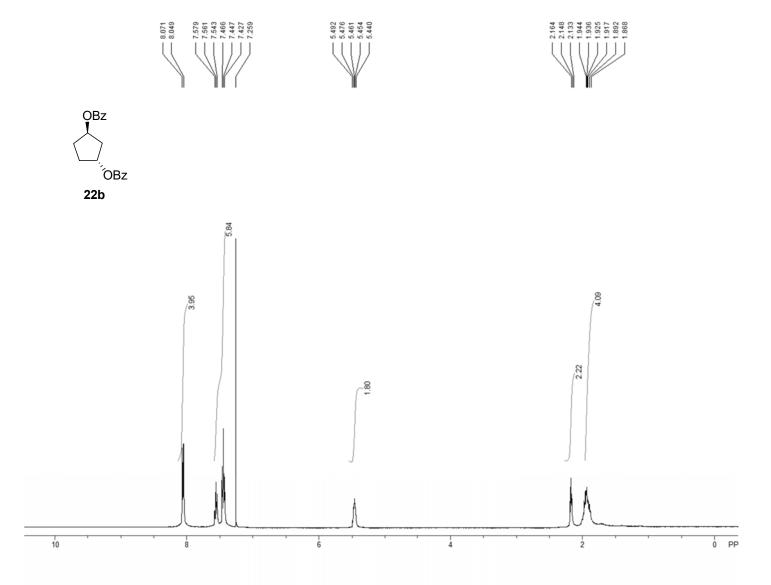


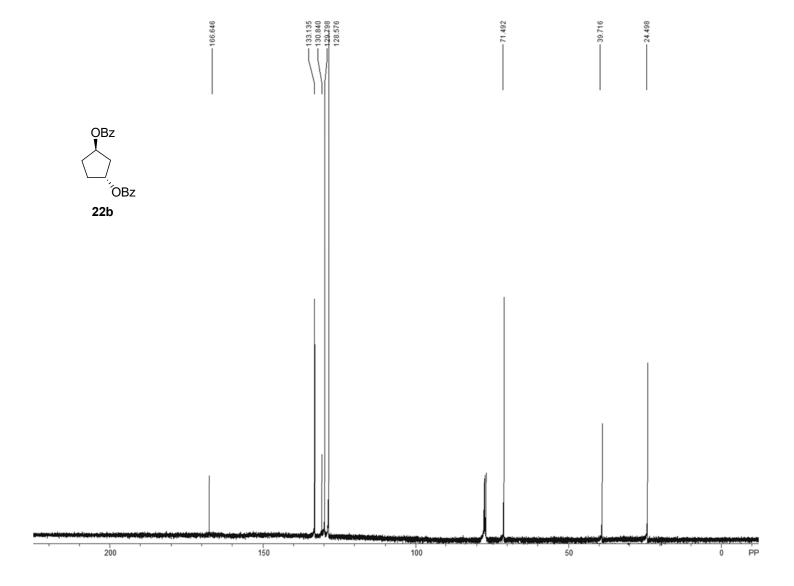


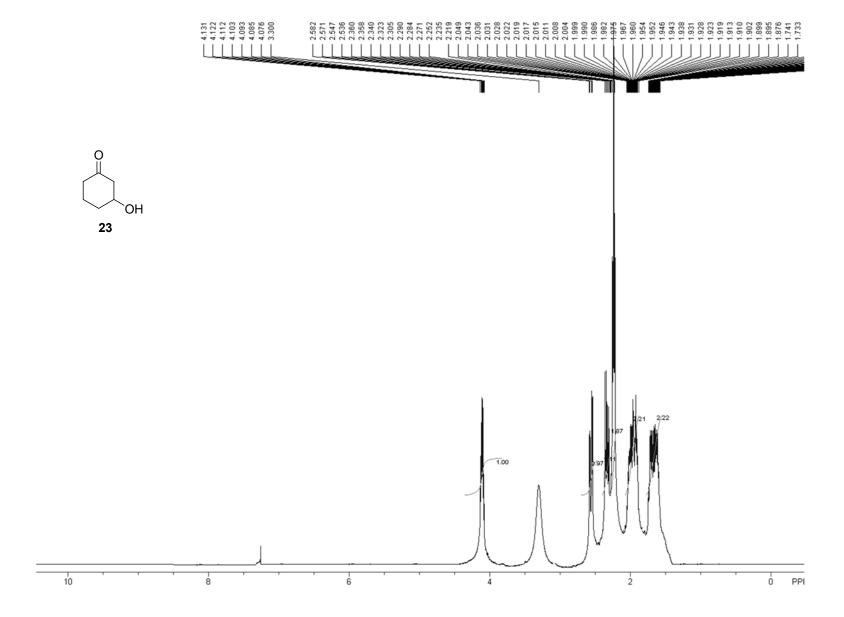


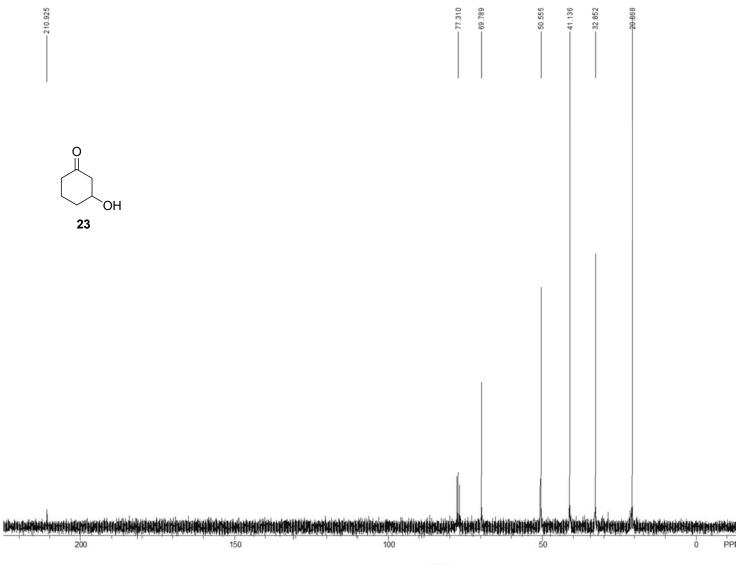


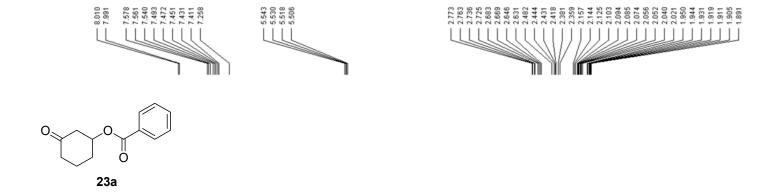


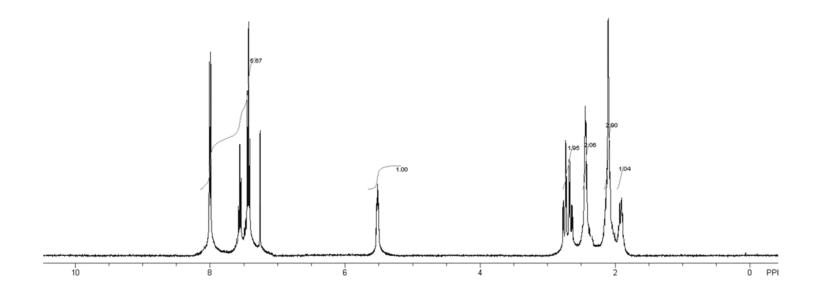


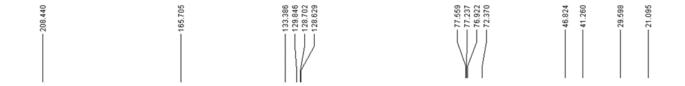


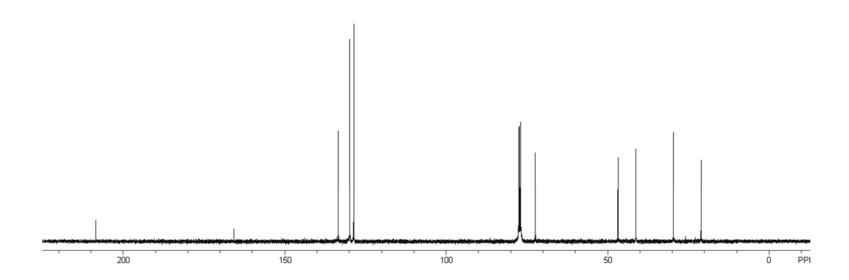






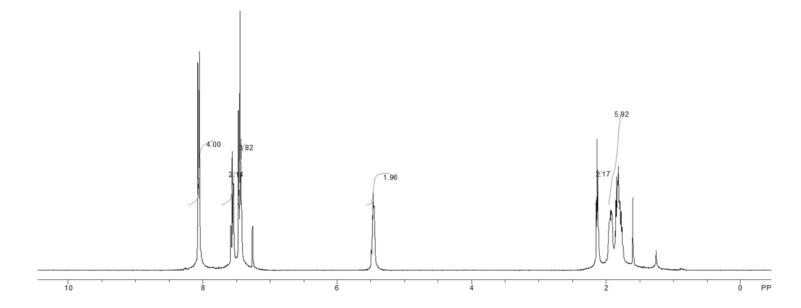


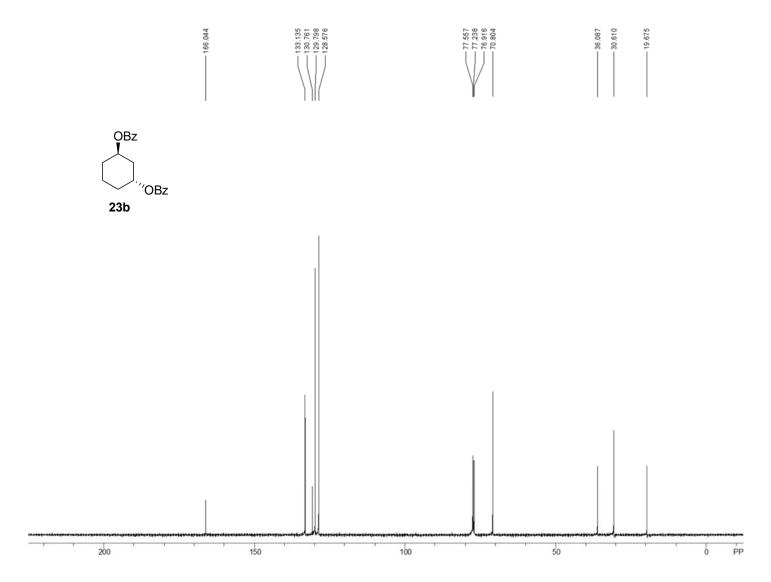


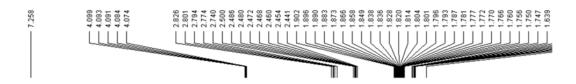


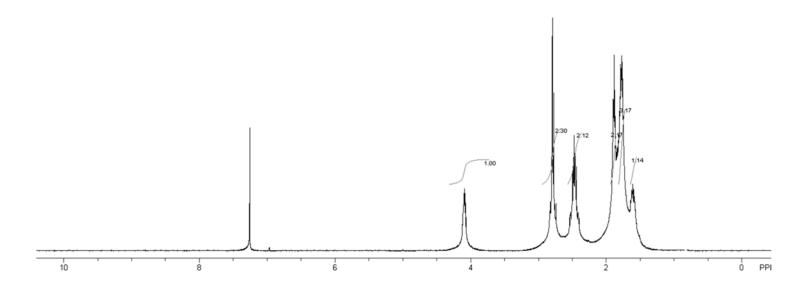


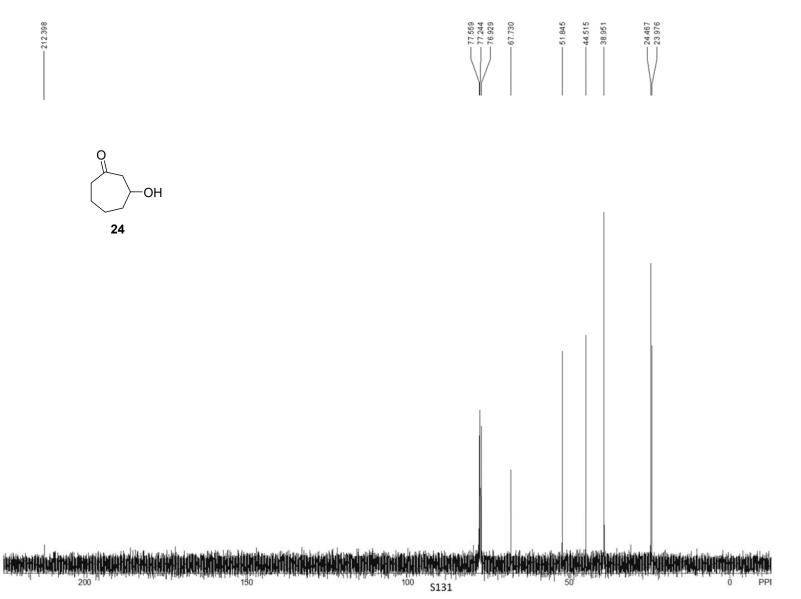


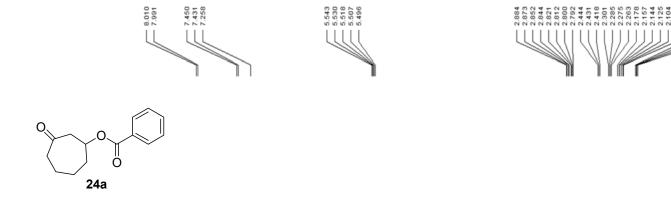




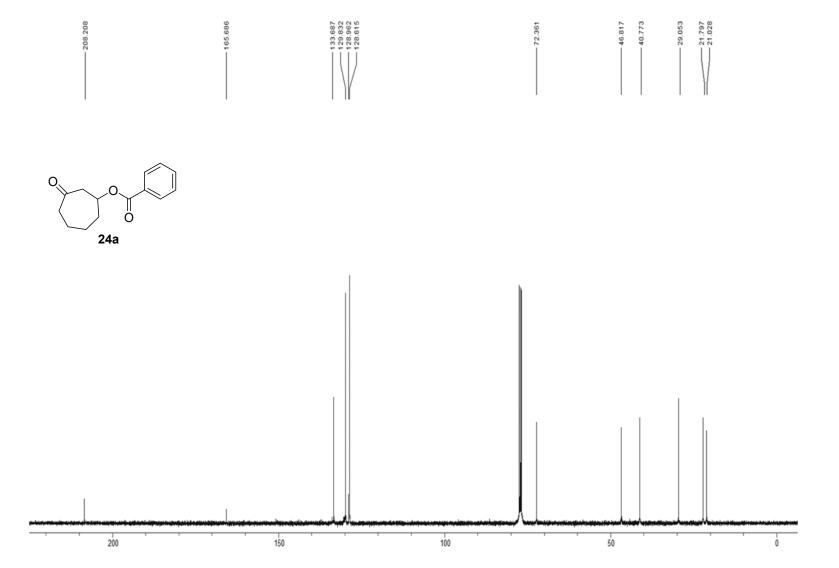


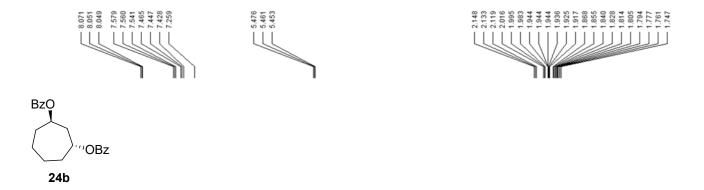


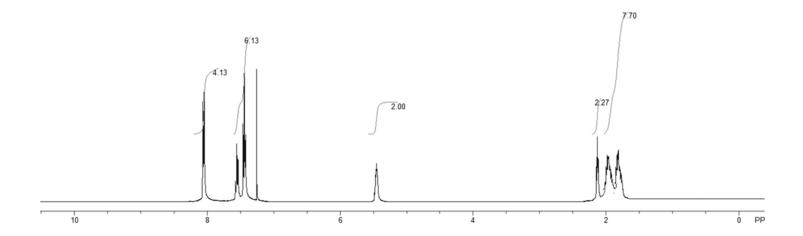


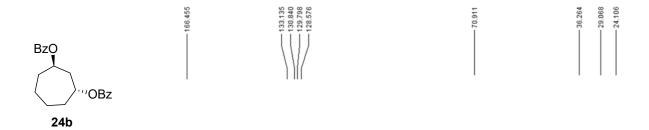


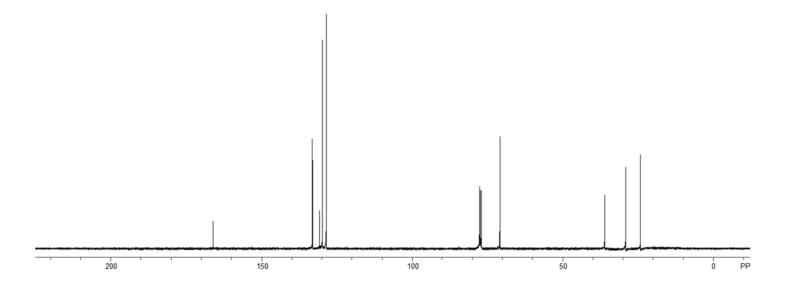
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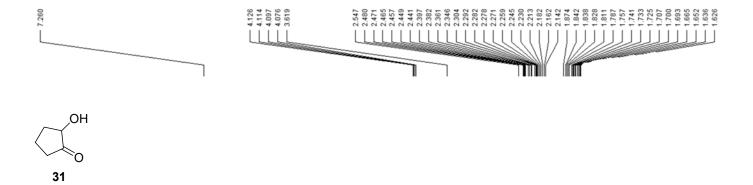


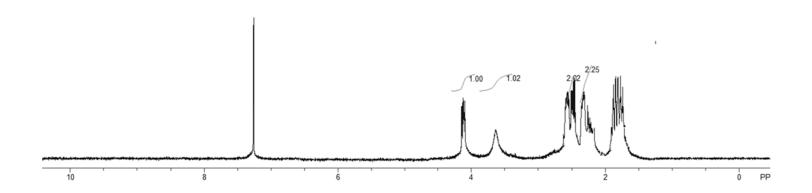




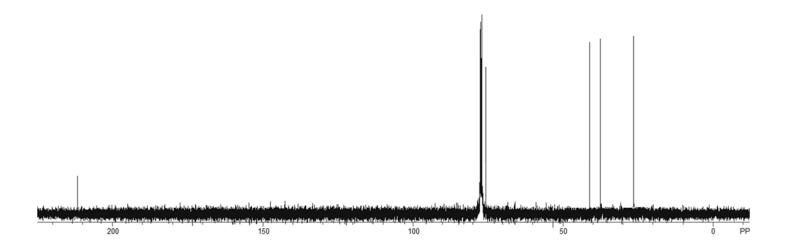


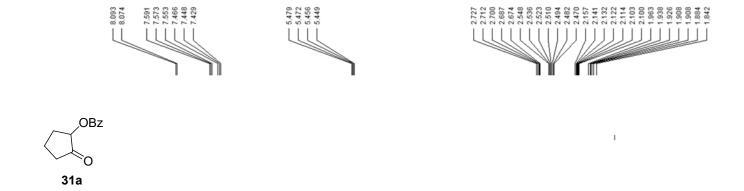


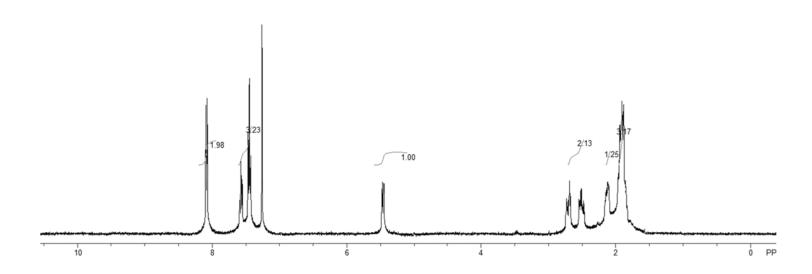




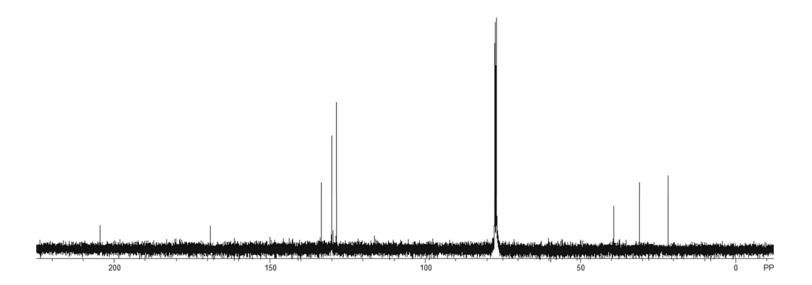


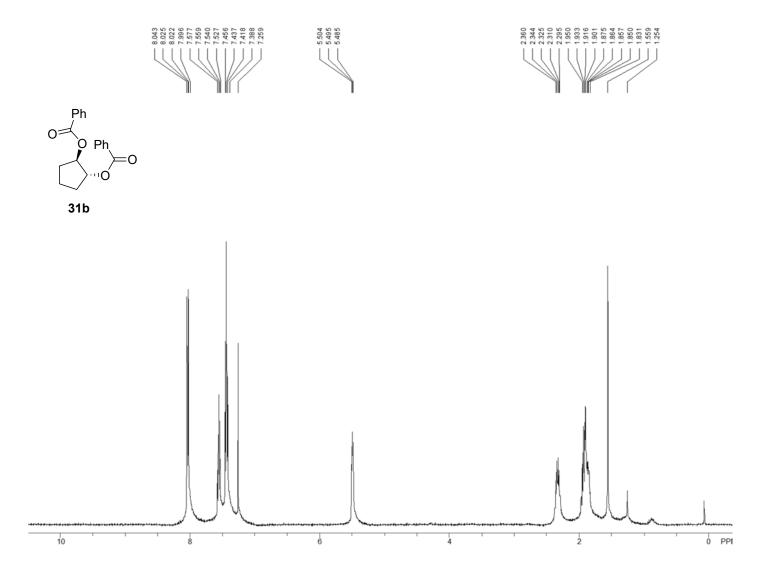


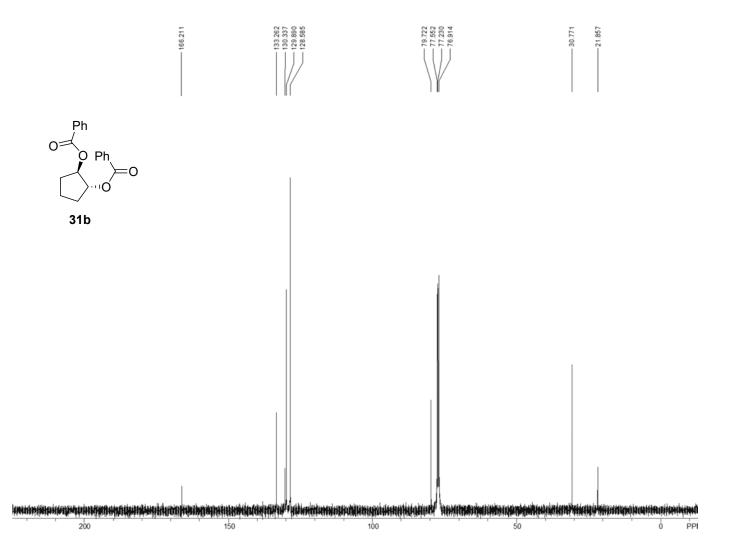


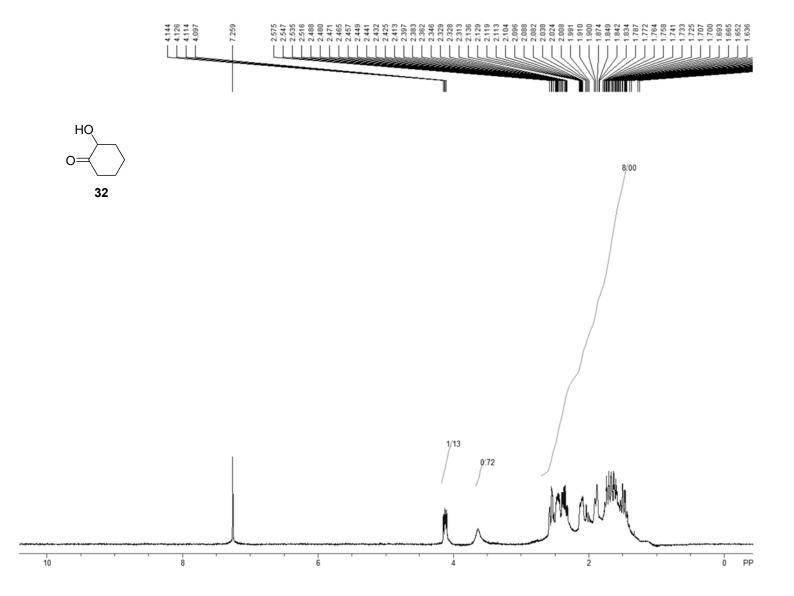




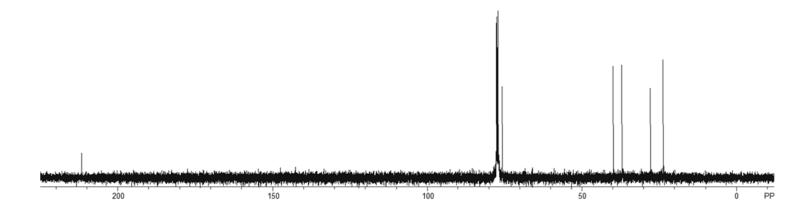






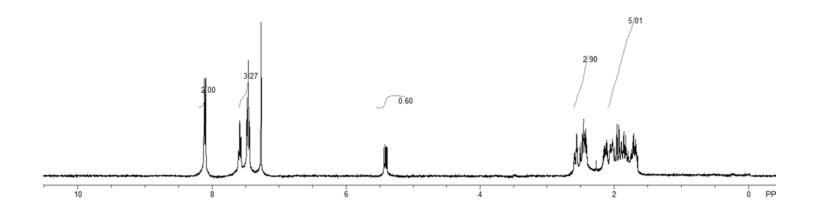


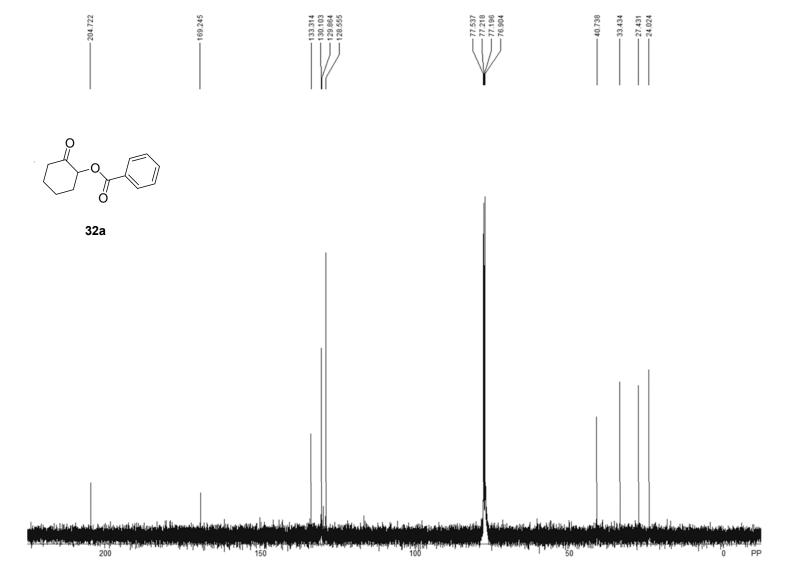


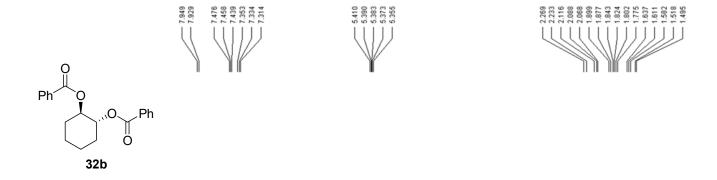


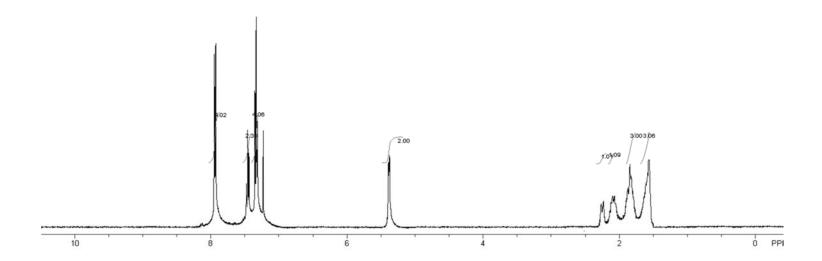


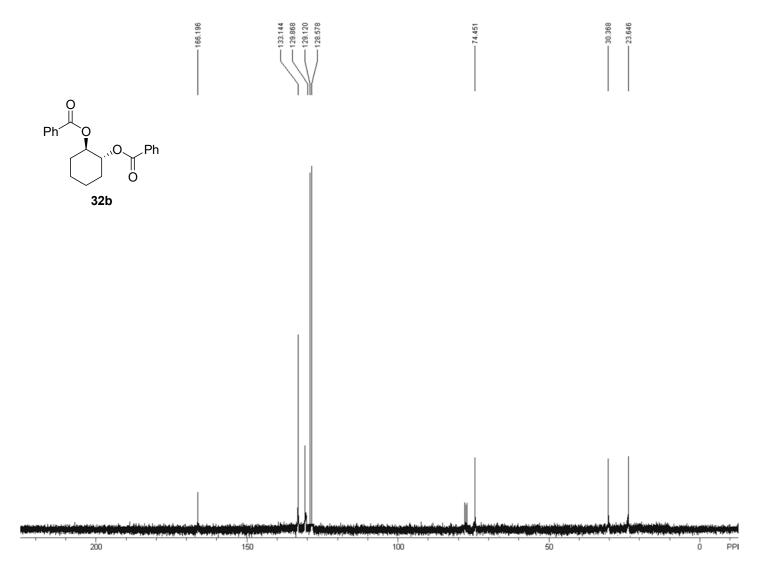
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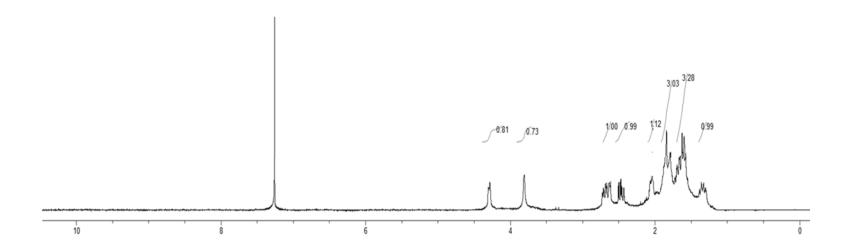




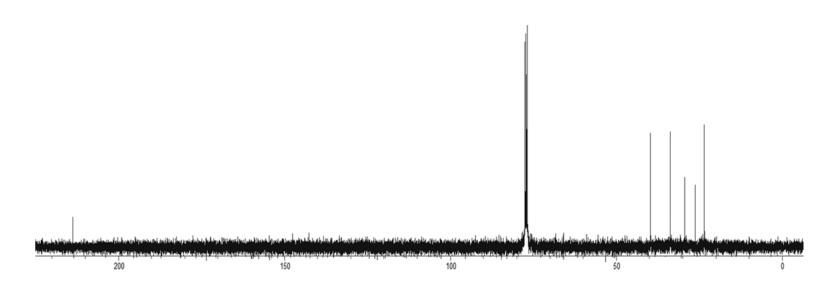


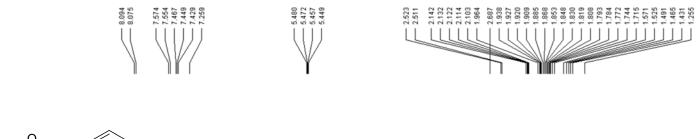


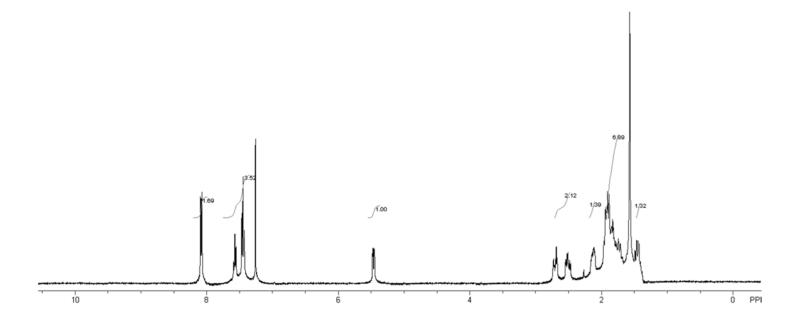


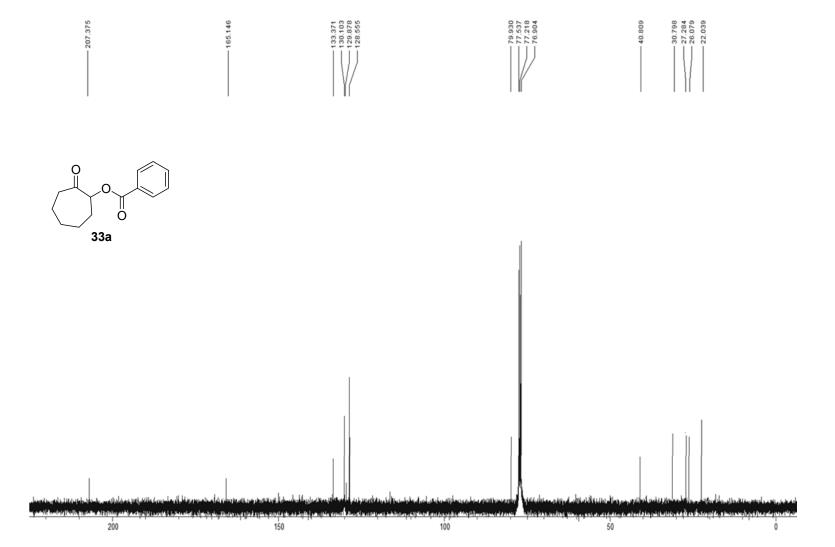


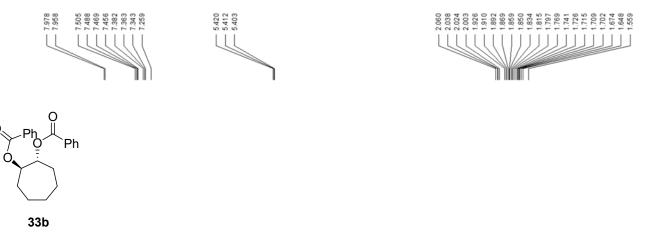


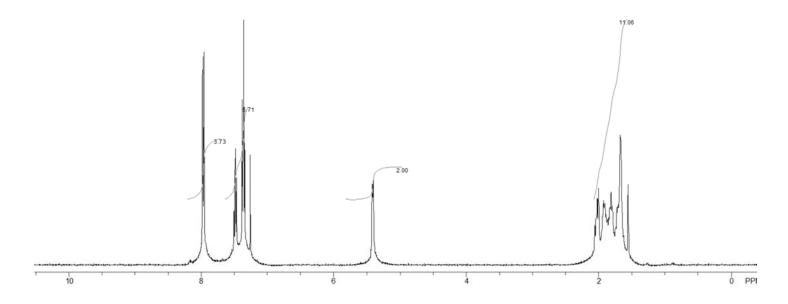


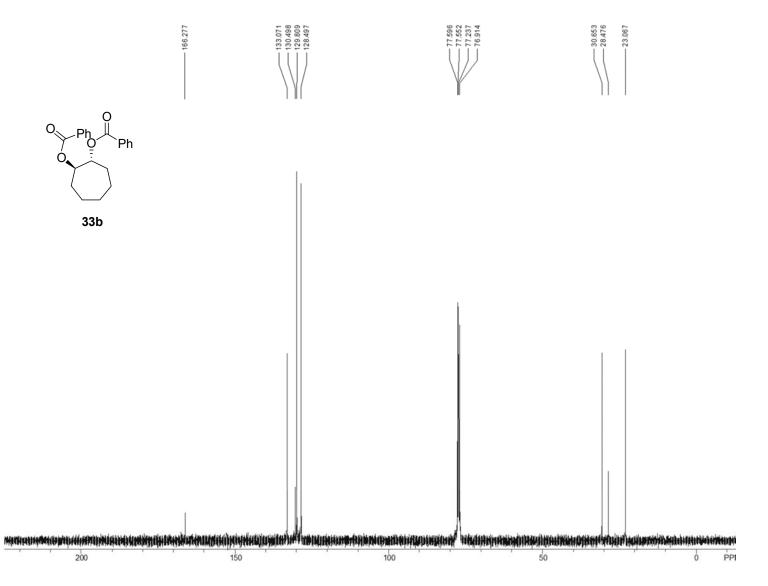


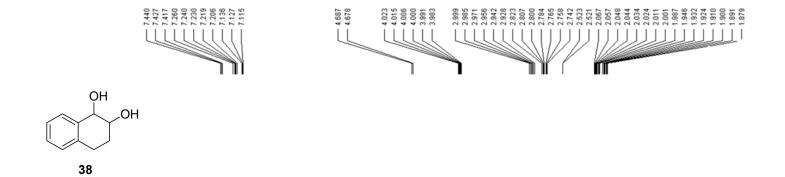


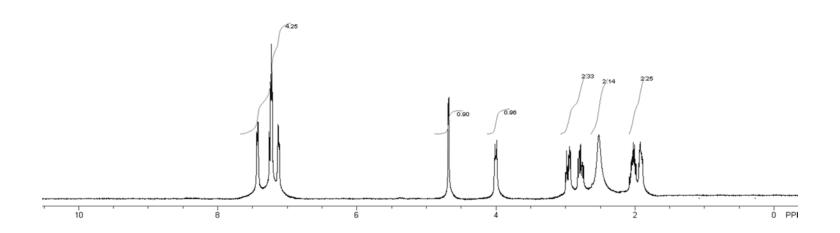


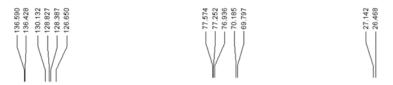


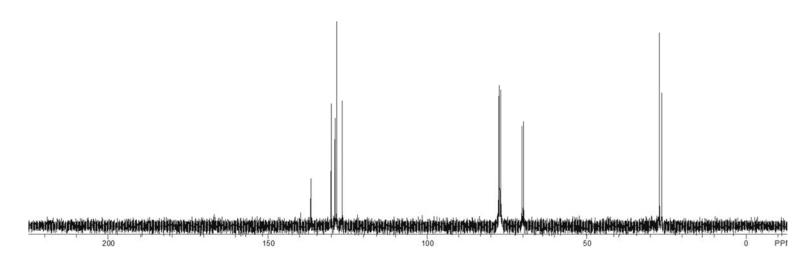


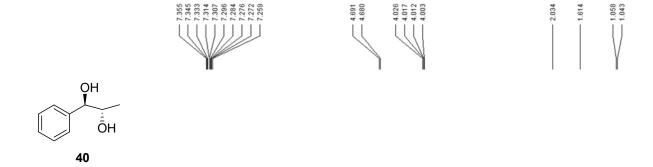


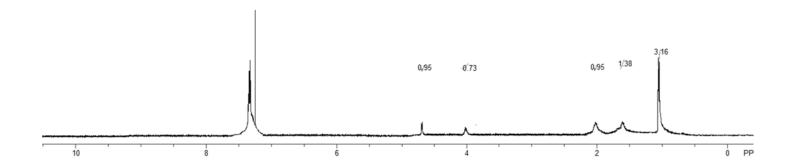


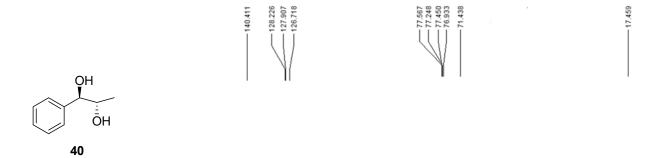


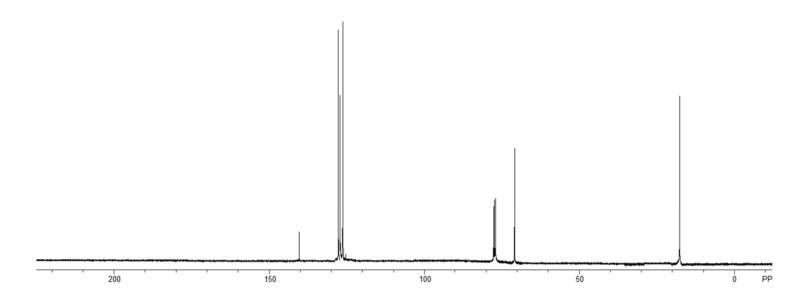


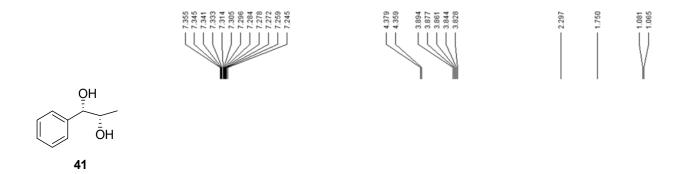


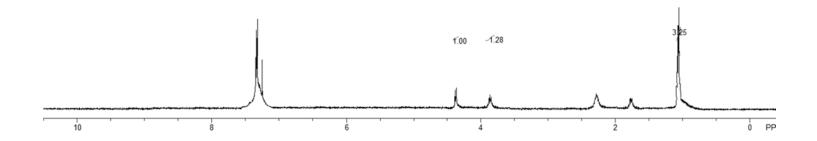


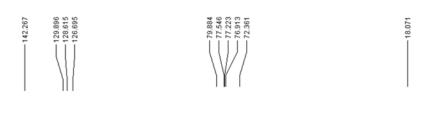


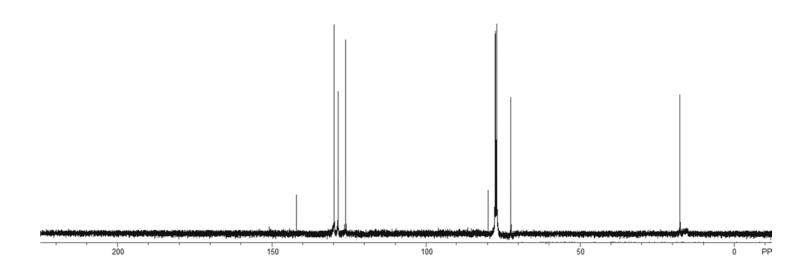


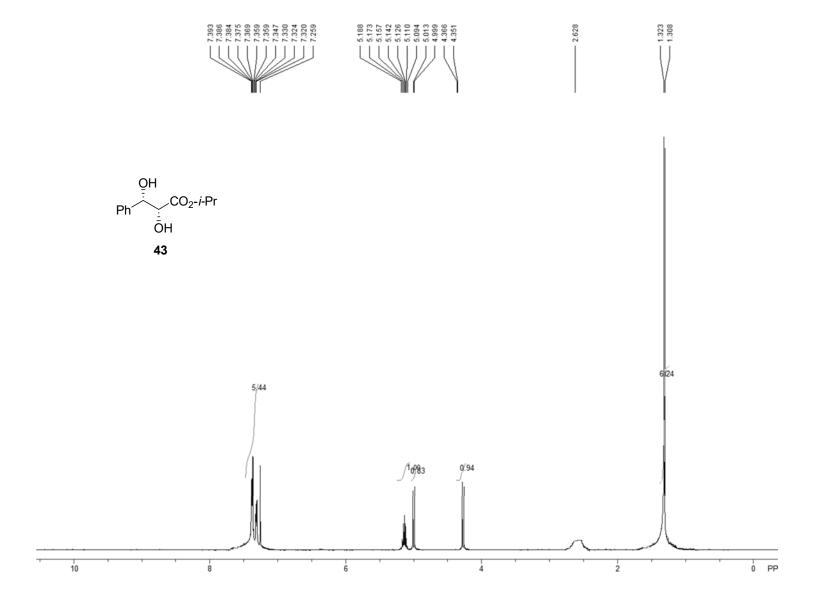




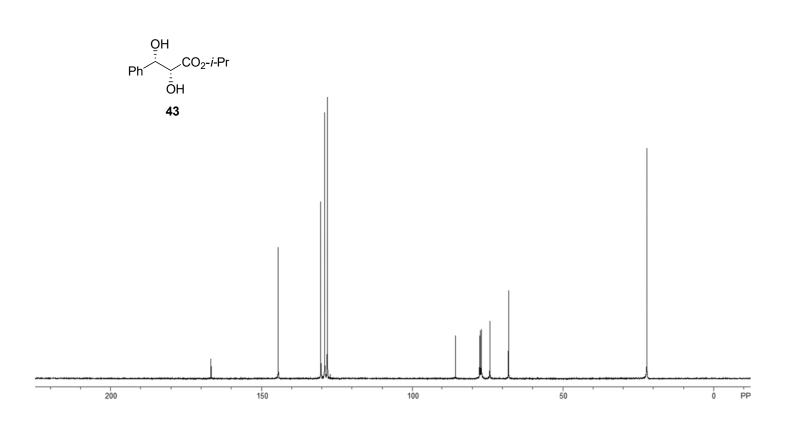


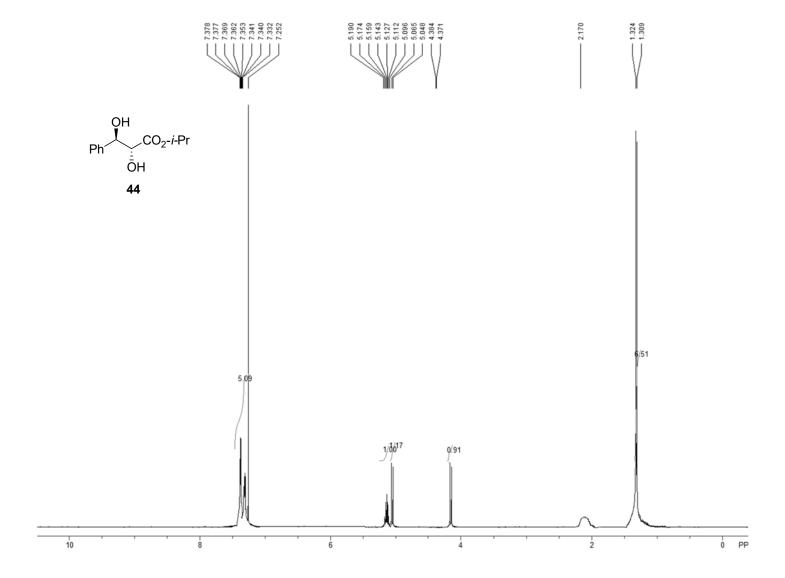


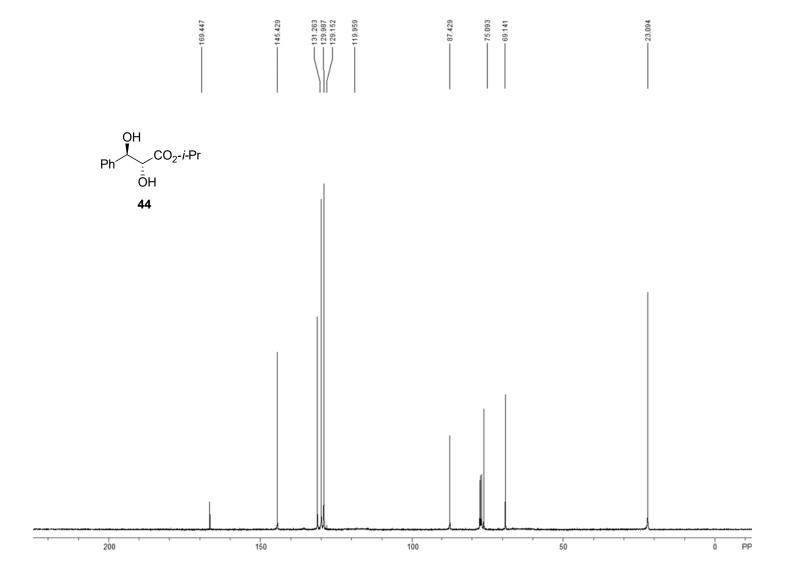


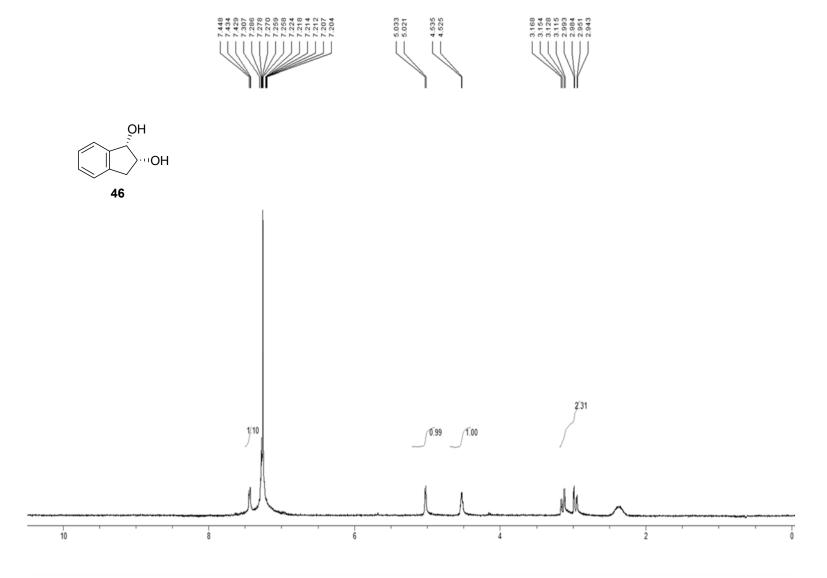








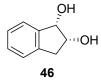


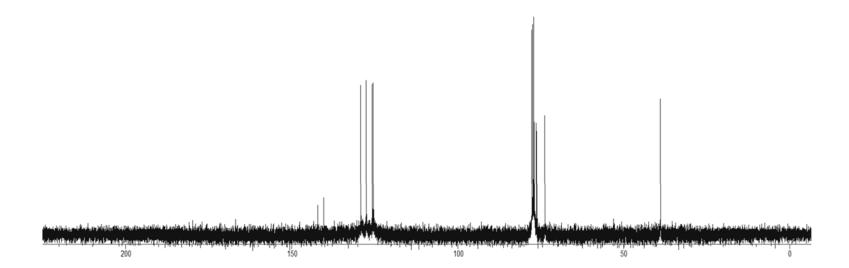


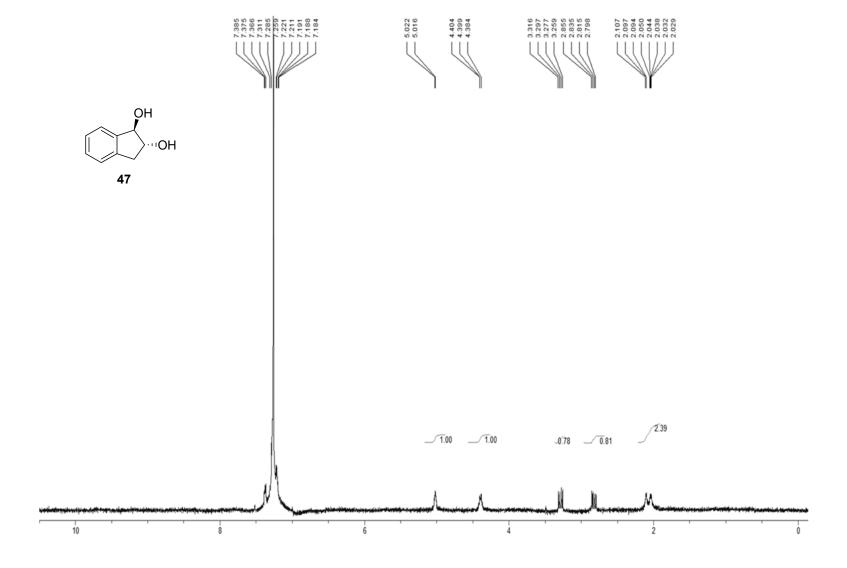




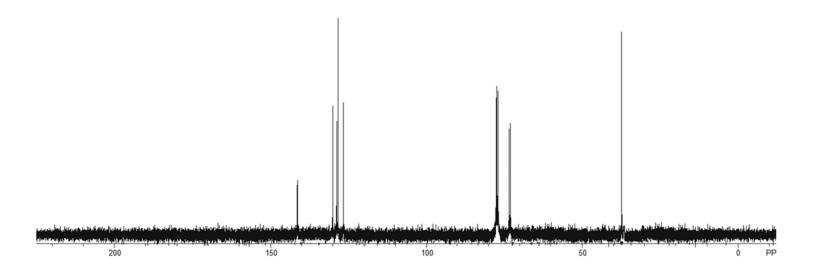
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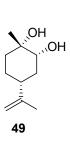


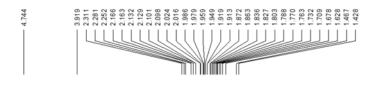


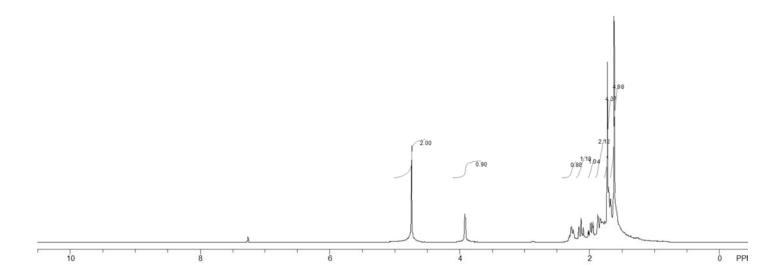


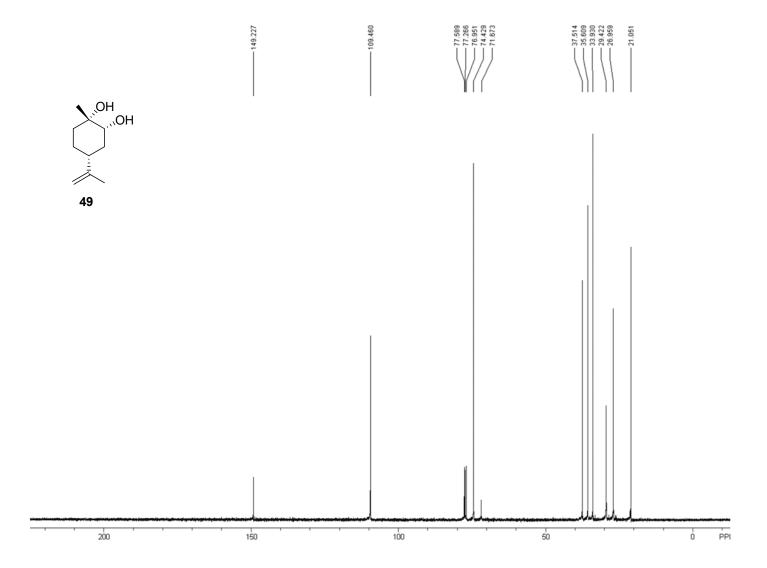


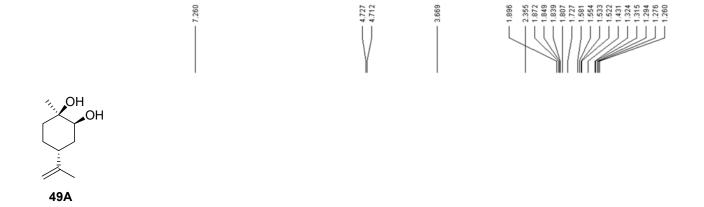


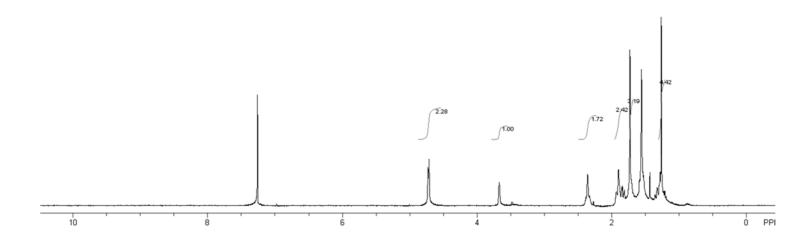


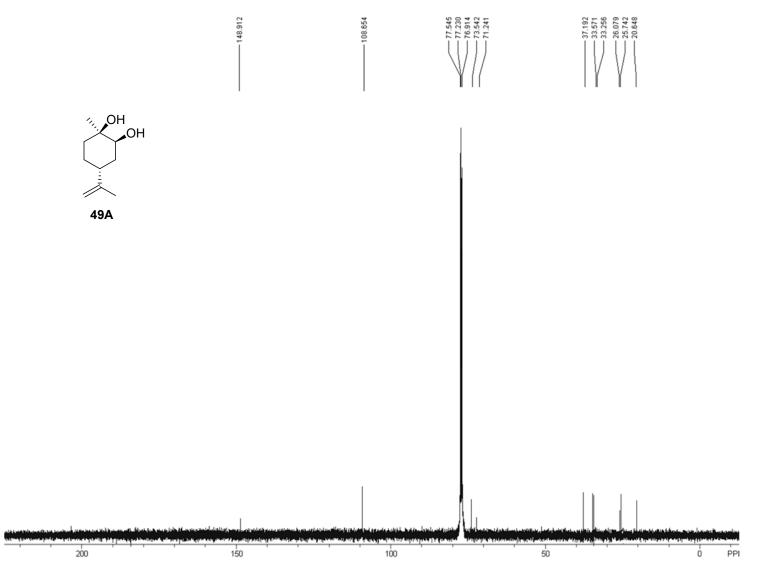


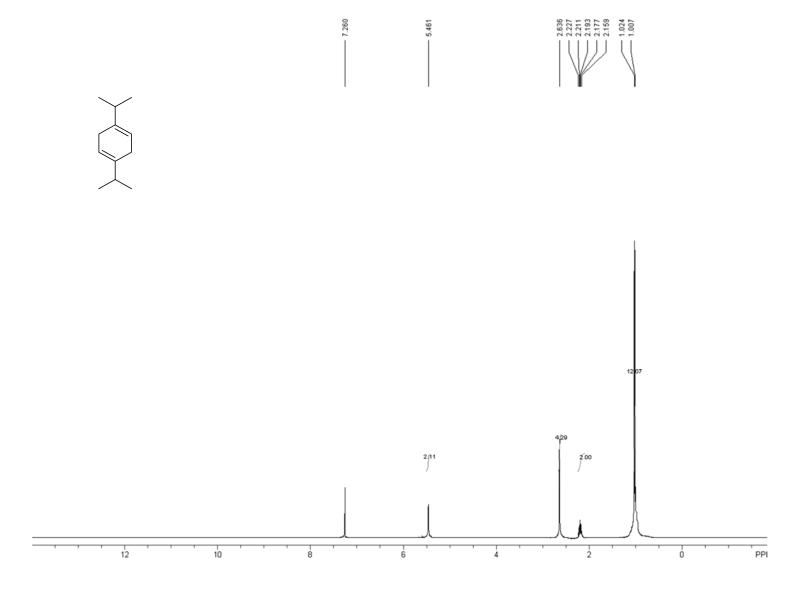


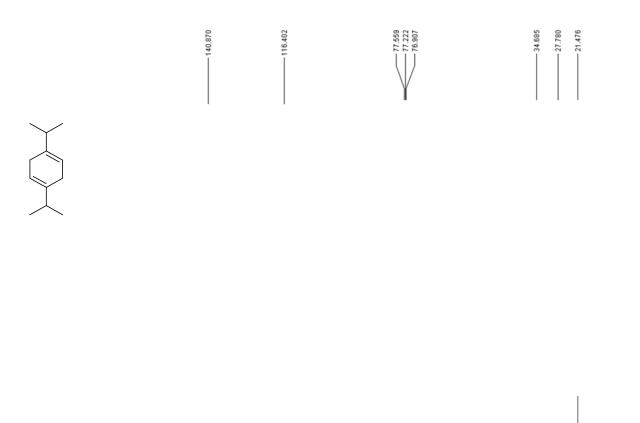




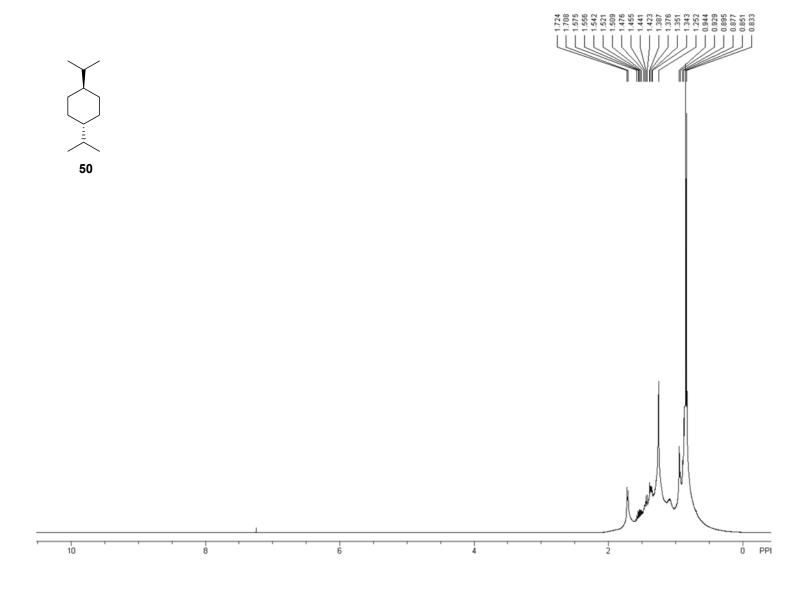


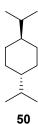




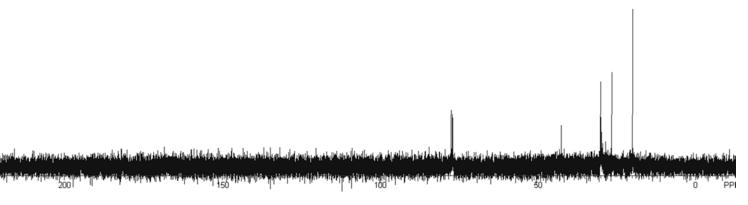


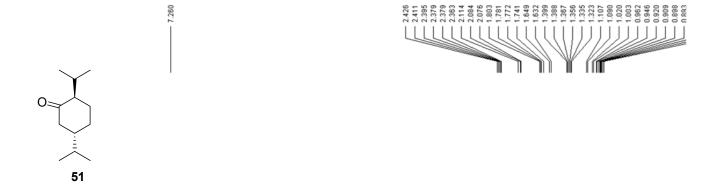
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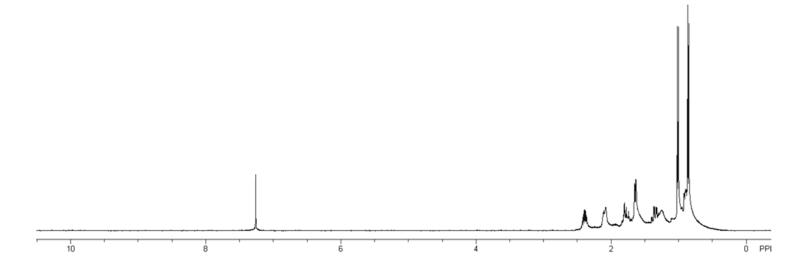




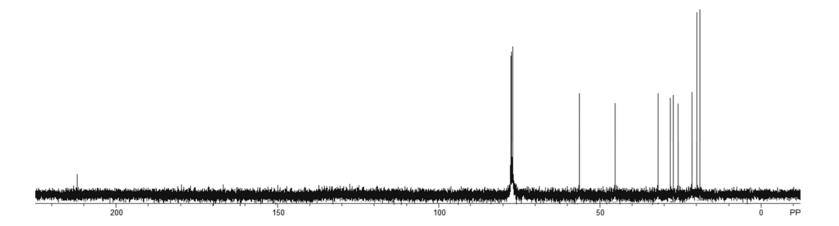


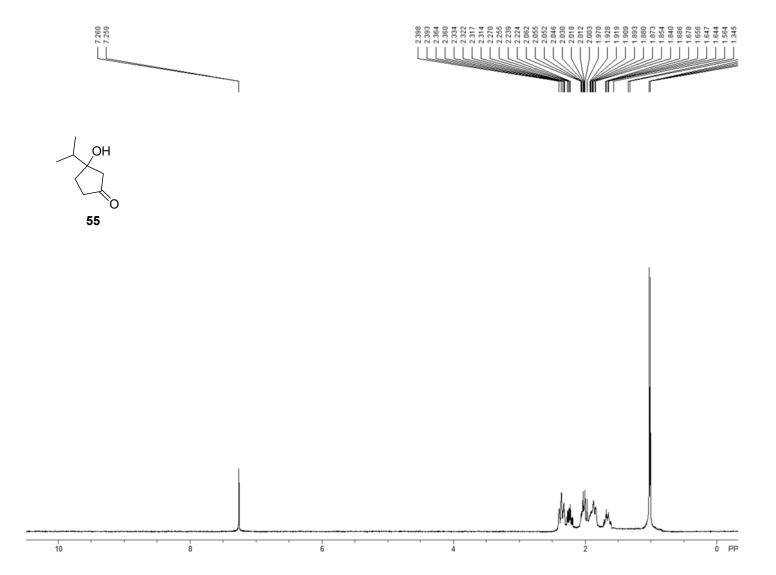


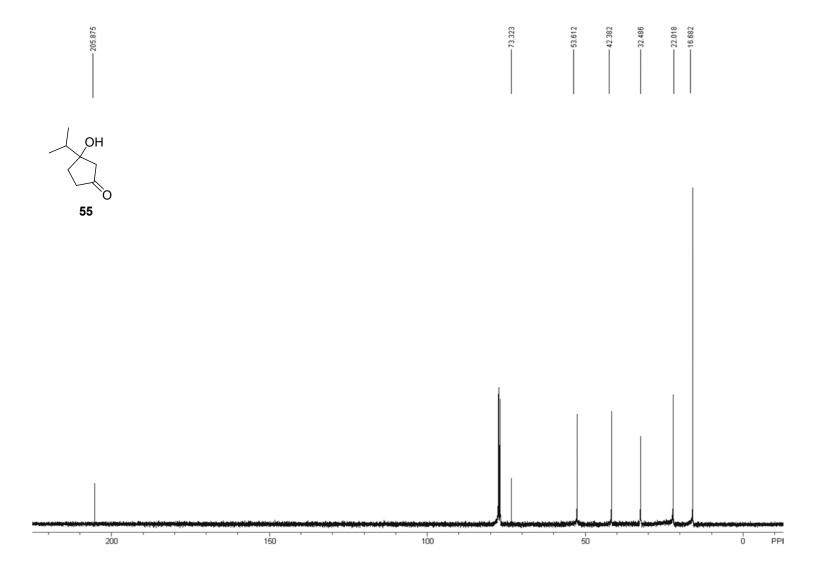


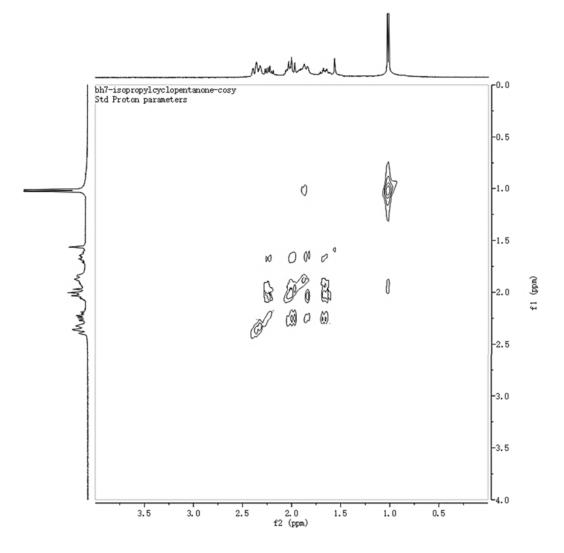


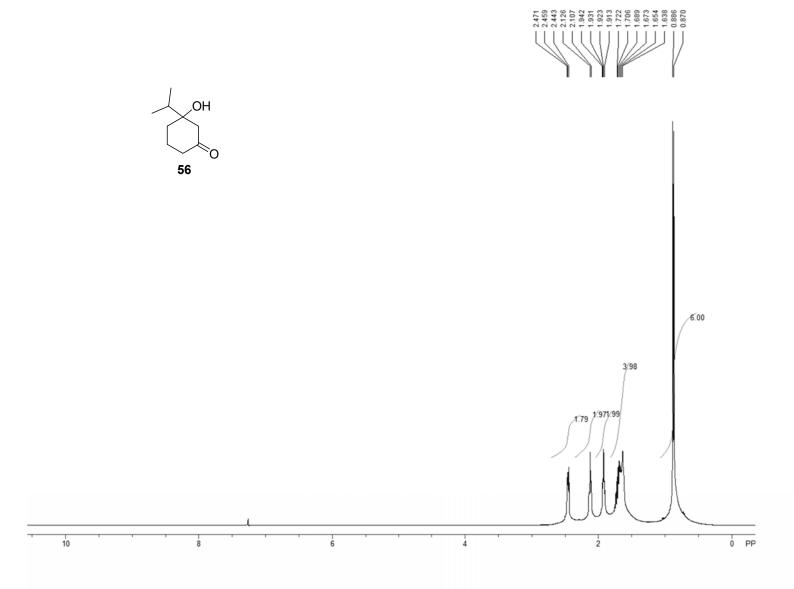




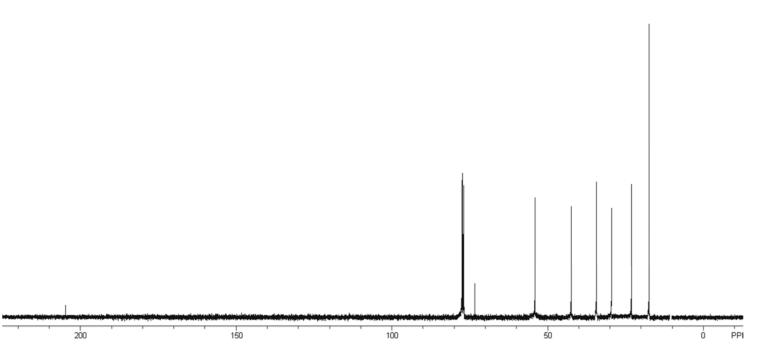












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