

**Organocatalytic Asymmetric Direct Vinylogous Aldol Reactions of 2-Furanone and  
Application in the Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994,  
(2*S*,3*R*)-3-Hydroxypipelicolic Acid and (+)-Febrifugine**

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## ABSTRACT

The organocatalytic, direct vinylogous aldol reaction (ODVA) of 2-furanone ( $\gamma$ -crotonolactone) is of interest because the reaction provides direct access to  $\gamma$ -substituted butenolides, an important structural motif in several natural products and biologically active compounds. We have observed that this reaction is catalyzed by chiral aminothioureas and aminosquaramides. A detailed investigation of this method is described in Chapter 2. The ODVA reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with aldehydes can be used for the synthesis of substance P receptor antagonist piperidines (+)-L-733,060 and (+)-CP-99,994, and also for the synthesis of (2S,3R)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid, which is a component of tetrazomine, an antitumor agent and an antibiotic. These results are presented in Chapter 3. This methodology is also useful for the total synthesis of the antimalarial alkaloid (+)-febrifugine and a formal synthesis of (+)-halofuginone, an antimalarial agent. The results of this work are described in Chapter 4.

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## List of Abbreviations and Symbols

Ac	acetyl
ADH	asymmetric dihydroxylation
APCI	atmospheric pressure chemical ionization
aq.	aqueous
Boc	t-butylloxycarbonyl
br	broad
BSA	N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)-acetamide
cat.	catalytic
Cbz	benzyloxycarbonyl
CI	chemical ionization
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
DCM	dichloromethane
de	diastereomeric excess
dr	diastereomeric ratio
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> -PHAL	hydroquinine 1,4-phthalazinediyl diether
DIPEA	N,N-diisopropylethylamine
DMAP	4-(dimethylamino)pyridine
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
DMP	Dess-Martin periodinane
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
e e	enantiomeric excess

EI	electrospray ionization
eq.	equivalent(s)
Et	ethyl
g	gram(s)
h	hour(s)
HOBt	hydroxybenzotriazole
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
HRMS	high resolution mass spectrum
Hz	Hertz(s)
IBX	2-iodoxybenzoic acid
IR	infrared
i-Bu	isobutyl
J	coupling constant
L	ligand
LAH	lithium aluminium hydride
M	molar
M+	molecular ion
m-CPBA	m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid
Me	methyl
mg	milligram(s)
min	minute(s)
mL	milliliter(s)
mmol	millimole(s)
MOM	methoxymethyl ether

MsCl	methanesulfonyl chloride
mp	melting point
MS	mass spectrum
NBS	N-bromosuccinimide
NMO	N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
ODVA	organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol
OVMA	organocatalytic vinylogous Mukaiyama aldol
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate
Ph	phenyl
ppm	parts per million
PTSA	p-toluenesulphonic acid
pyr	pyridine
RCM	ring-closing metathesis
rt	room temperature
SES	(2-Trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonyl
SmI <sub>2</sub>	samarium iodide
t-Bu	t-butyl
TADDOL	$\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetraaryl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-dimethanol
TBAF	tetra-n-butylammonium fluoride
TBDMS	t-butyl dimethylsilyl
TEA	triethylamine
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
TFAA	trifluoroacetic anhydride

THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMS	tetramethylsilane
Ts	p-toluenesulfonyl
TPAP	tetrapropylammonium perruthenate
UHP	urea hydrogen peroxide
UV	ultraviolet
VMA	vinyllogous Mukaiyama aldol
°C	degree Celsius
$\delta$	chemical shift (spectroscopy)
$\alpha$	alpha
$\beta$	beta
$\gamma$	gamma
$\delta$	delta
$\epsilon$	epsilon
$\pi$	pi

## CHAPTER 1

### Introduction

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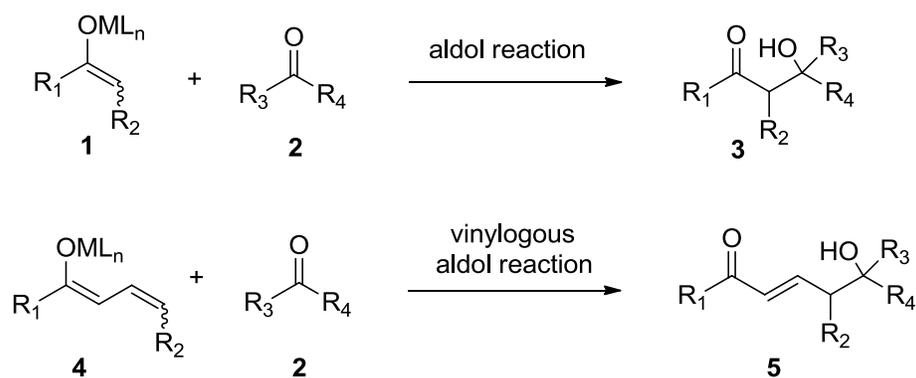
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# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction

The aldol reaction is one of the most chemistry-fundamental bond formation. Within the vinylogous extension is of considerable importance<sup>1</sup> to the synthesis of a functional molecule that is separated from the functional group all over transmission of electronic systems to the carbon-carbon double bond. This is especially applied to reactions of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds (Scheme 1.1).



Scheme 1.1: Aldol and vinylogous aldol reactions.

Over the years, the vinylogous aldol reaction has been extensively studied. Mukaiyama aldol reaction is one of the most important.

vinyllogous Mukaiyama aldol reactions (OVMA) are reviewed. This review covers the development of a number of derived catalysts (boron-derived, calcium, and organotin) and the use of these catalysts in the synthesis of OVMA products. A few reviews on the use of organocatalytic systems in the synthesis of vinyllogous aldol (OVMA) products are available. The use of nucleophiles, is the most attractive version of regioselectivity issues associated with the

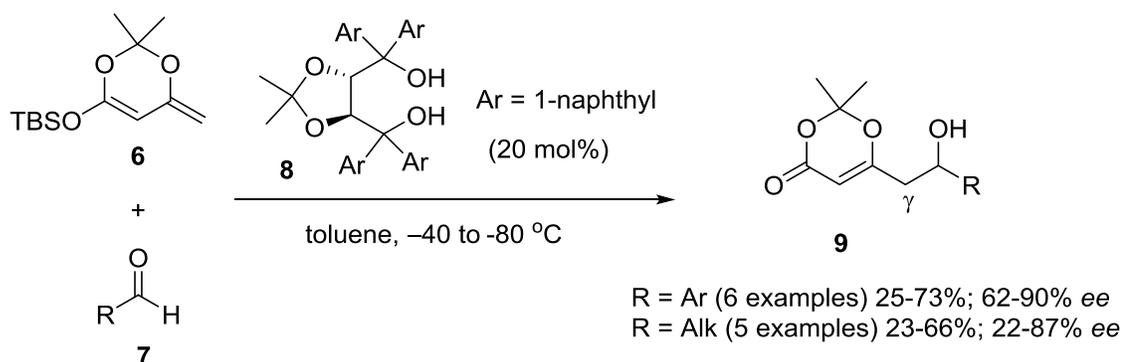
## 1. The organocatalytic vinyllogous Mukaiyama

The interest in OVMA reactions is mainly due to its importance in natural product synthesis. The development of OVMA reactions have been directed towards the synthesis of cyclic siloxy dienes. The OVMA reactions of cyclic siloxy dienes (1) to aldehydes using various catalysts. Preliminary studies with the

## 1.1. OVMA reactions of cyclic siloxy dienes

Rawal and Koci reported the first example of the synthesis of siloxy dienes (1.2) to aldehydes using various catalysts. Preliminary studies with the

tar-dreaf AedD O B ( $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetra-1,3-dioxolane) promisingly, thus, a highly optimized reaction conditions, a variety of aldehydes in present case provided a variety of vinyllogous  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones in good yields (23-90%) and high enantioselectivity (22-90% ee). In general, aromatic aldehydes and aliphatic aldehydes in terms of yield and enantioselectivity showed  $\beta$ -selectivity.

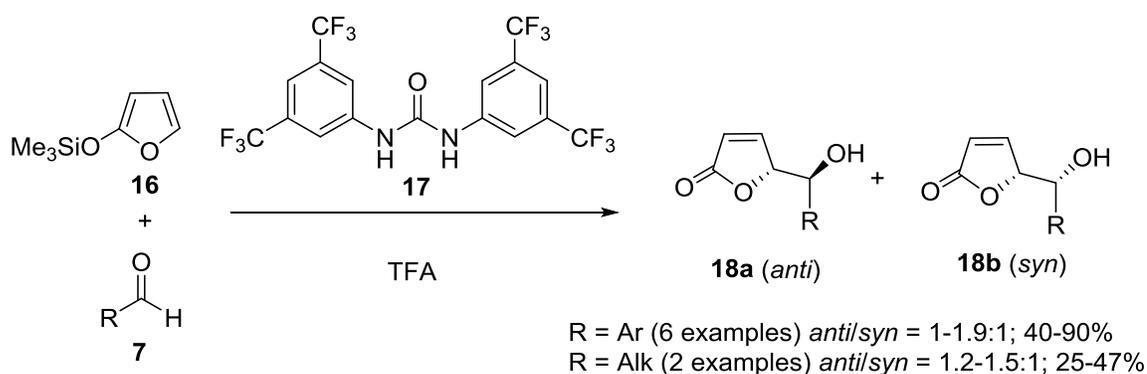


Scheme 1 The first VMA synthesis catalyzed by

Complementary to the TADDOL catalyzed reaction reported the VMA reaction catalyzed by chiral auxiliary **8**. Initial experiments showed that benzaldehyde and N-oxide is the catalyst of choice among other solvents (DMSO), dimethylformamide (DMF) and hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA). Aromatic aldehydes provided moderate yields and enantioselectivity. This version of this reaction was not investigated.



The OVMA reaction is also useful for the synthesis of chiral diastereoselective products. Sorimoto et al. (2006) reported several aromatic diastereoselective OVMA reactions using 1,3-bis-(3,5-trifluoromethylphenyl)urea as a catalyst at room temperature, but the diastereoselectivity of the reaction was not reported (1.5). The diastereoselectivity of the reaction and diastereomer in some cases.

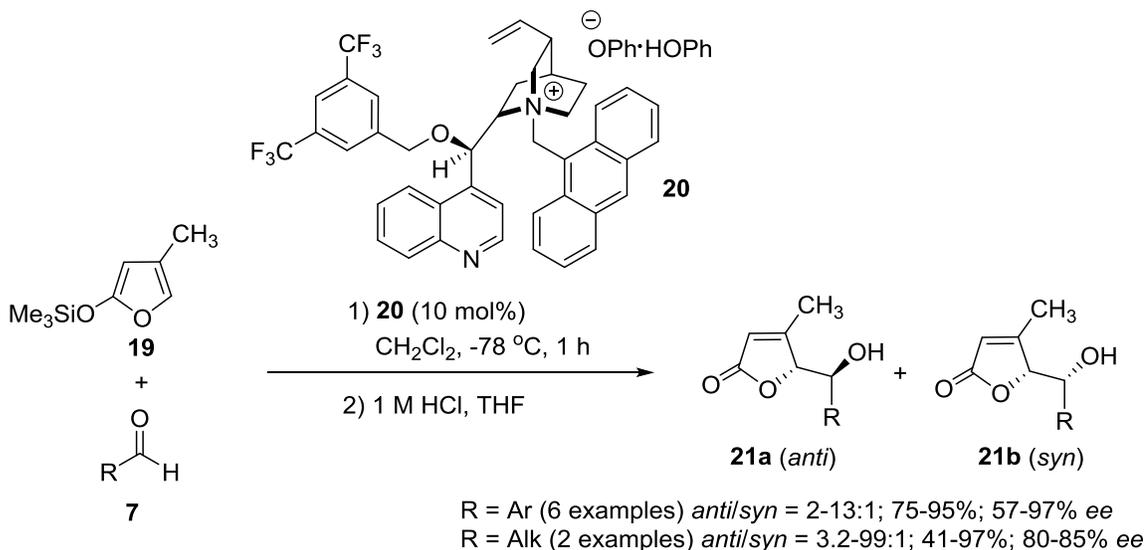


Scheme 15. Diaryl ureas as OVMA catalysts for the reaction of furfural derivatives.

The same group reported the synthesis of chiral diastereoselective products with aliphatic aldehydes using the same catalyst. These reactions are known for their ability to bind anions through hydrogen bonding interactions with the pyrrole NH. The reaction was tested as catalysts, but these reactions showed moderate diastereoselectivities (2.3).

The first enantioselective OVMA reaction was reported by Mukaiyama et al. (1998) with a variety of chiral diastereoselective products.

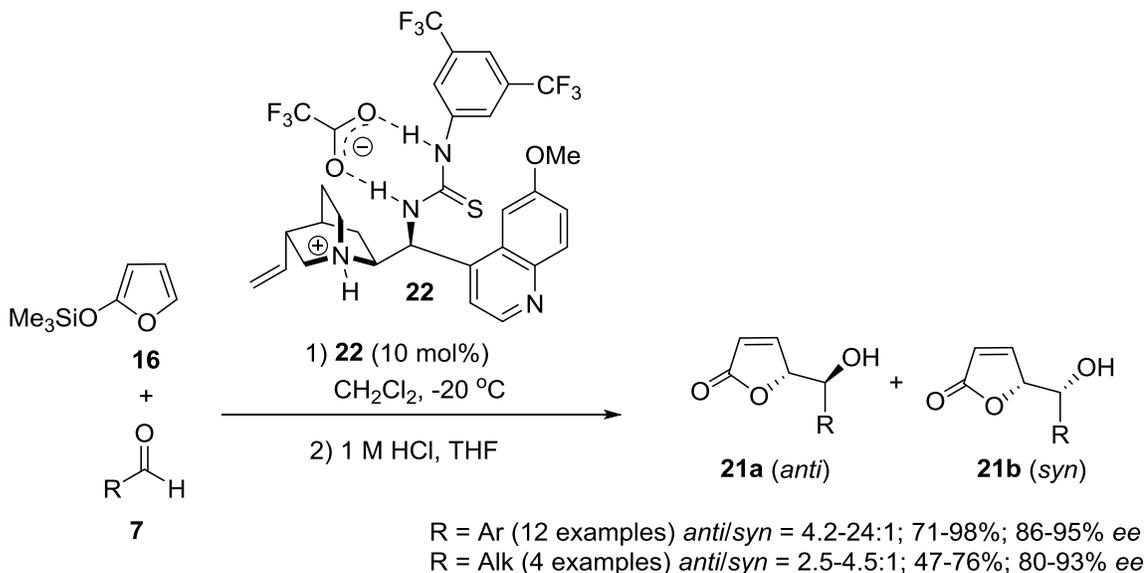
relies on the efficient chiral diamine **20** as an organocatalyst (Scheme 1.6). Preliminary studies showed that the (trimethylsilyloxy) furan was the best nucleophile in terms of yield and enantioselectivity. Reactions with aromatic aldehydes were examined and reactions proceeded with excellent activity (2:99:1) and high enantioselectivity (57-97% ee).



Scheme 1.6 Enantioselective reactions catalyzed by **20**

Degert<sup>13</sup> examined cinchona alkaloid salts reacting (silyloxy) furan with various aldehydes derived thiourea catalysts. The catalyst was identified as the most reactive and selective, and both aromatic, as

moderate selectivity (98% ee) 47 In general, the diastereoselectivities with 22 are better than those obtained with the trifluoroacetate salt (23.5% ee) 18. Other 4. 5

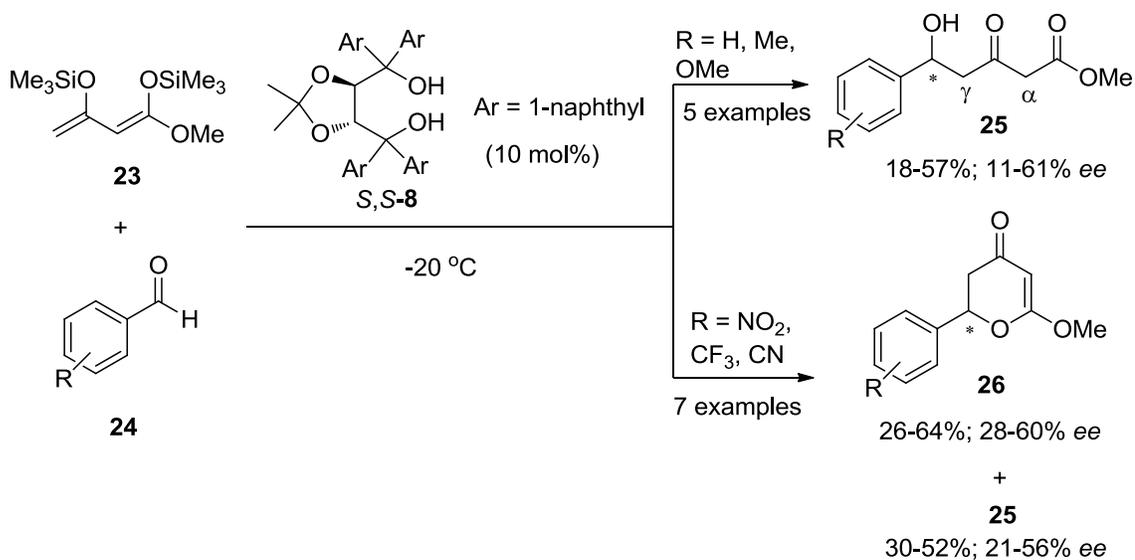


Scheme 7. Asymmetric Mannich reaction catalyzed by quinone

In a related study, van der Vliet and co-workers developed an asymmetric Mannich reaction of furan with aldehydes catalyzed by a quinone derivative (free base) 22. The results of this study are shown in Scheme 7. These reactions are conducted in dichloromethane and give diastereoselectivities of 4.2-24:1 and 71-98% ee. The diastereoselectivities are better than those obtained with the trifluoroacetate

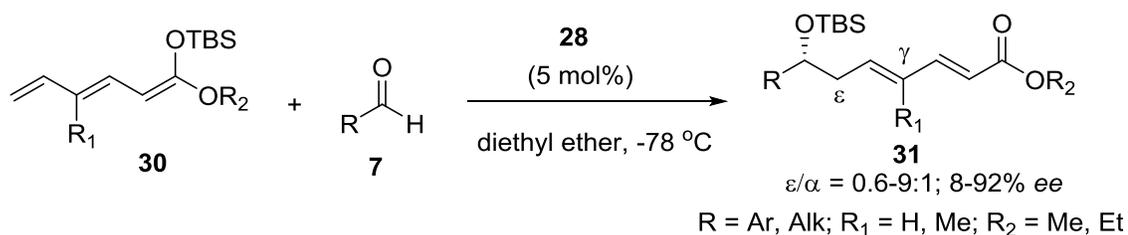
# 1.10.12 MA reactions of acyclic siloxy dienes

So far, the MA reaction of acyclic siloxy dienes under asymmetric organocatalytic conditions has been less explored. Acyclic siloxy dienes as <sup>15</sup>have utilized Chiral diene <sup>23</sup>. Vill <sup>16</sup> as the vinyllogous donor aldehydes were used in the vinyllogous MA reaction. Notably, all the reactions were completed with complete regioselectivity. Interestingly, chiral products were also obtained with expected MA adducts. The authors suggest that the diene is a reaction of the aldehyde.



Scheme 10: MA reaction catalyzed by TAA





Scheme 1. Diisulfonimide catalyzed bisvinyl

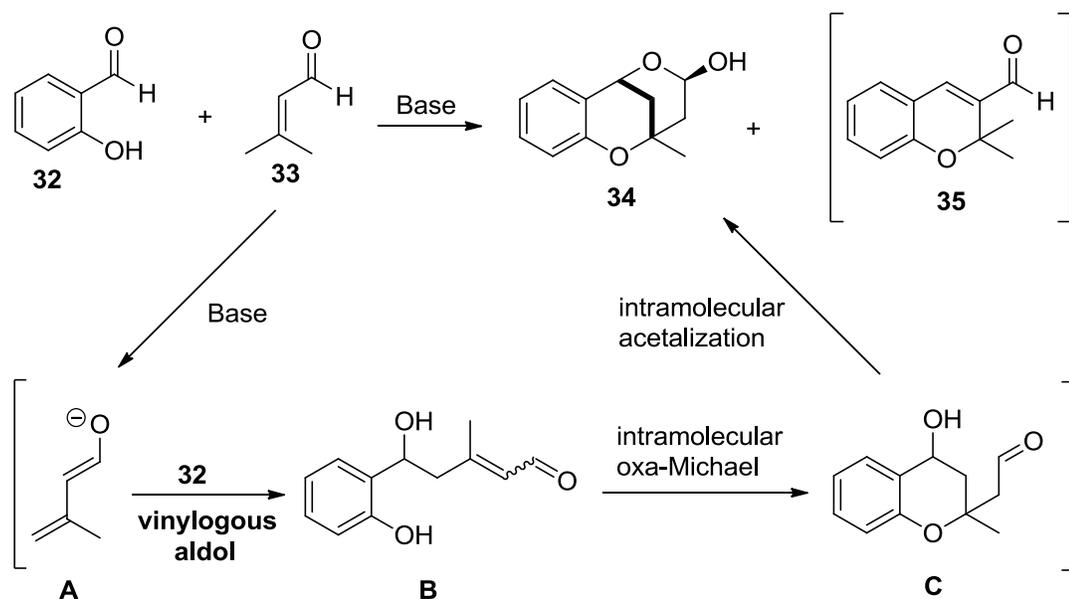
## 1. Organocatalytic vinyllogous aldol (ODVA)

The organocatalytic direct vinyllogous aldol reaction is a version in terms of treatment economy. The challenge is diastereoselectivity, especially in the case of reactions with these reactions. So far, ODVA reactions have examined the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde

### 1.1. ODVA reactions of acyclic dien

Bräse and<sup>18</sup> reported ODVA reaction of acyclic dien seneci a3,3-dimethyl being DABCO (Scheme 1). The product hemiacetal was obtained by protonation of the enone methyl group followed by the vinyllogous aldol addition of salicylaldehyde. The reaction was carried out in the presence of by in turn, the reaction of the reagent revealed that sodium ions are both the major product used triethylamine as the major product.

hydroxybenzaldehyde were converted cyclized (100% yield) up to 61% yield) (Scheme 1.12).



Scheme 1.12. The base promoted vinylogous aldol

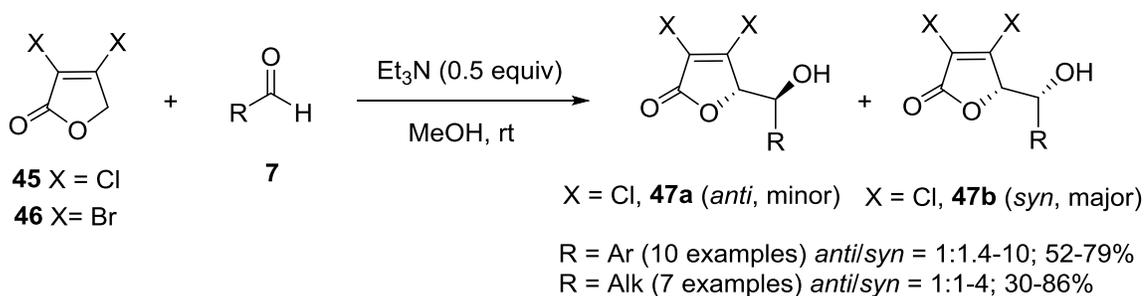
In a related study, a chiral pyrrolidone aldol reaction was reported. The synthesis of a diaryl β-keto ester was achieved such as iminium ion formation, which was followed by a nucleophilic addition of a chiral pyrrolidone (Scheme 1.12).



## 1. ODVA reaction of cyclic dienes

In the case of saturated carbonyl compounds, direct protonation with mild bases is not possible at the  $\gamma$ -hydrogen atoms. However, the  $\alpha$ -hydrogen atoms are readily deprotonated, and this generates an enolate. As a result, there are several ODVA reactions.

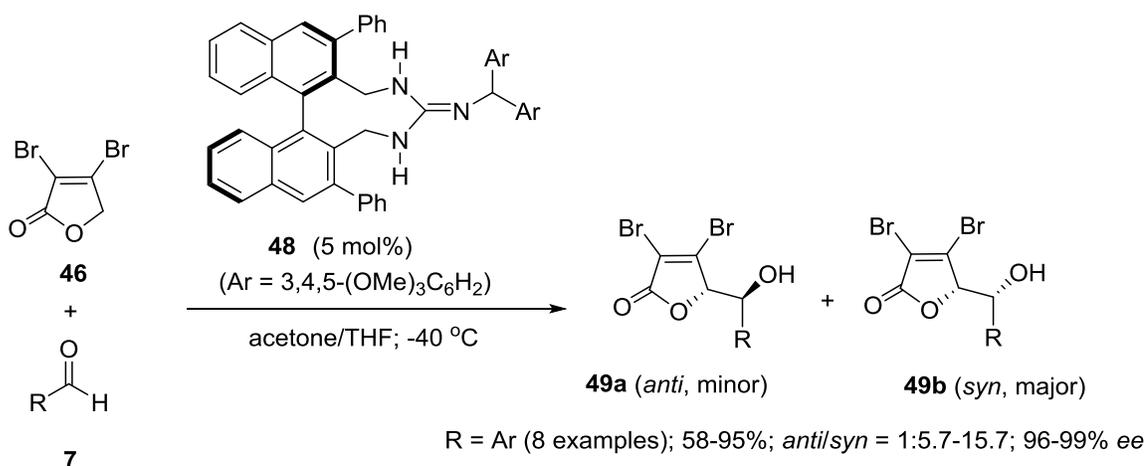
The first example of an ODVA of unsaturated cyclic dienes and work<sup>21</sup> by a few aromatic aldehydes were tested with DABCO to obtain the vinyllogous aldol. Later, a modified version of the vinyllogous aldol reaction was developed by Ito and Toriue<sup>22</sup> (Scheme 1.14). Several aldehydes were used in the reactions, and the results are shown below.



Scheme 1.14 triethylamine catalyzed ODVA

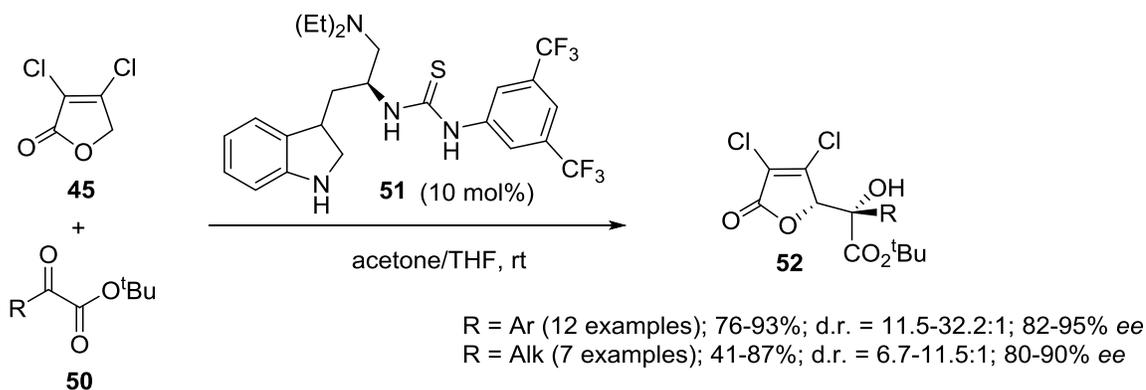
Terada and co-workers<sup>23</sup> developed a new class of axially chiral, bis-naphthyls as chiral auxiliaries for the ODVA of vinyllogous

reaction was the first asymmetric aldol reaction of a furan derivative. Various aldehydes were examined to afford the product with up to 99% ee. It was also found that the reaction provides better enantioselectivity than the



Scheme 1. The ODVA reaction catalyzed by

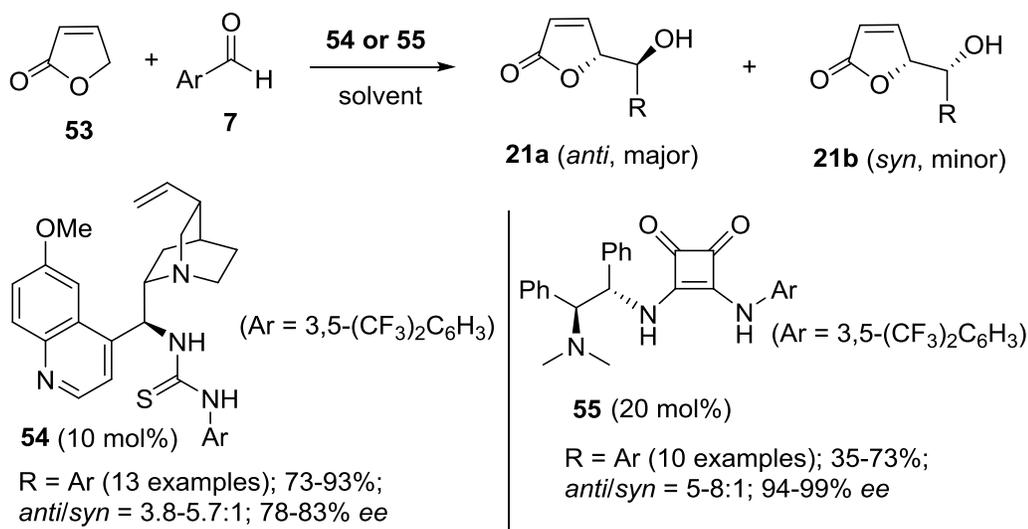
Recently,<sup>24</sup> a reported the asymmetric aldol reaction of a furan derivative with a vinyllogous aldehyde. The reaction was catalyzed by a chiral auxiliary derived from a binaphthalene derivative. The reaction was also extended to the dibromofuran



Scheme 16. The ODVA reaction catalyzed by **51**.

It should be noted that the Terada group's methodology is applicable in reactions that employ a chiral auxiliary. In nucleophilic addition, the auxiliary itself can act as a nucleophile (Scheme 1.16).

The examples of ODVA reactions that employ crotonolactone were reported by a Feng group. In their study, diethylamine and diamines were studied. Optimization studies showed that diethylamine was the catalyst of choice when the reaction was carried out at room temperature (Scheme 3.17). Several aromatic aldehydes were used, and the major product was obtained with a 5.7:1 enantioselectivity (78% ee).

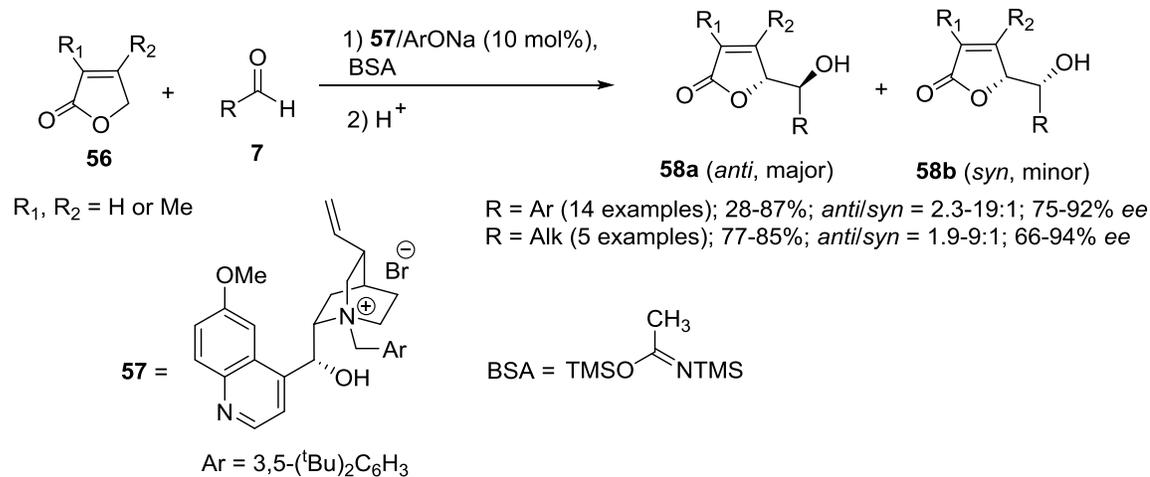


Scheme 10.17. Asymmetric reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones catalyzed by thioureas.

Simultaneous with the development of the asymmetric reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones with various aromatic aldehydes, the asymmetric reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones with various aromatic aldehydes using various thiourea and squaramide catalysts was reported. Overall, 10 examples of asymmetric reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones with various aromatic aldehydes using thiourea catalysts were reported. 2 of these examples are shown in Scheme 10.18.

Very recently, the asymmetric reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactones with aldehydes using a chiral ammonium amide obtained from the *N,O*-chiral bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (BSA) served as the catalyst. The diastereoselectivities and enantioselectivities

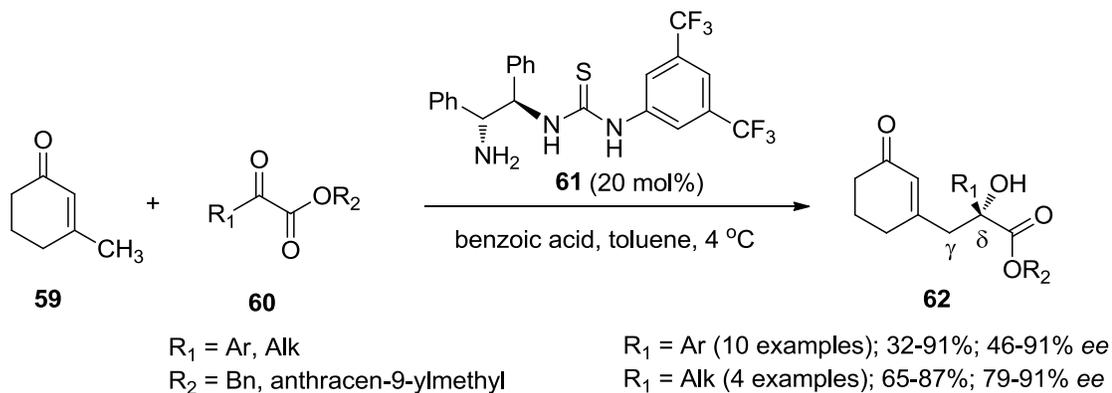
19: 1-9% (7), as well as the aliphatic enones: all derivatives were good.



Scheme 1.18 ODVA reaction catalyzed by the ammonium N-(2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)acetamide.

In a recent report, examined the ODVA reaction of cyclohexenone with  $\alpha$ -keto esters (Scheme 1.19). catalyzed by diphenyl ethylenediamine based diamines were studied. Diphenylethylenediamine was the best catalyst of aromatic as well as aliphatic aldehydes enantioselectively. It should be noted that the enones the nucleophilic reagent are contiguous (ortho and para) substituents by substituted cyclohexenone.

unsuccessful. Lindner and co-workers reported the reaction under the following conditions.

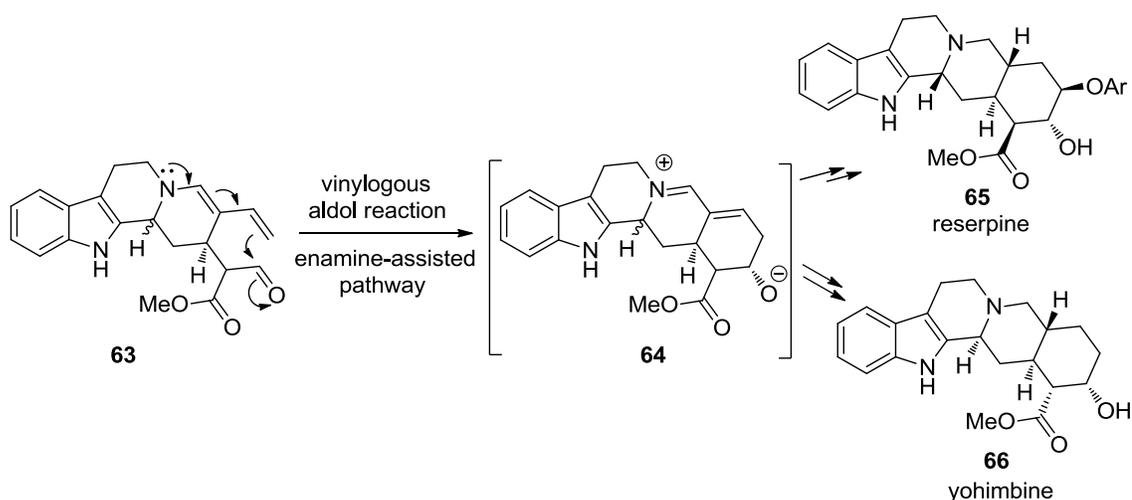


Scheme 1. The ODVA reaction catalyzed by 61.

### 1.3 Applications of ODVA reaction

One of the main focuses in modern organic synthesis is the development of efficient synthetic protocols that allow the construction of natural products with the stereocenters at the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl systems, and the  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ -unsaturated carbonyls. These functional groups are the key elements in the synthesis of enantiomerically pure natural products, and the development of polyketide synthase<sup>2a</sup> has provided the impetus for the development of stereoselective, catalytic allylic alkylation reactions, such as the asymmetric allylic alkylation (AA) reactions, much effort has been directed towards the total synthesis of natural<sup>3a</sup> products to demonstrate

In nature, analogous aldol reactions are used to construct complex architectures in the forms of alkaloids. A proposed biogenetic pathway to the pentacyclic indole alkaloid skeleton involves a vinyllogous aldol reaction. Compound **63** can undergo an enamine-assisted vinyllogous aldol reaction which undergoes functional group transformations to form yohimbine (**66**, Scheme 1.20).



Scheme 1.20 Proposed biogenesis of yohimbine and reserpine

The organocatalytic vinyllogous aldol reaction is of interest because the reaction provides a simple and important structural motif in several natural products.  $\gamma$ -Butenolide derivatives are potential intermediates in the biosynthesis of a wide range of natural products. A pure, functionalized pyrrolidine derivative

The DVA reaction of lactone can be used for the synthesis of substance P receptor antagonists which have been associated with a variety of biological activities, including contraction, neurogenic inflammation and pain. This work is useful for the synthesis of substance P receptor antagonists as a component of an anti-inflammatory agent. The results of this work are

Chapter 4 will describe a total-synthesis of febrifene formaldehyde, a natural anti-malarial compound, employing the organocatalytic direct vinyl

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## CHAPTER 2

### Organocatalytic Asymmetric Direct Vinylogous Aldol Reactions of $\gamma$ -Crotonolactone with Aromatic Aldehydes

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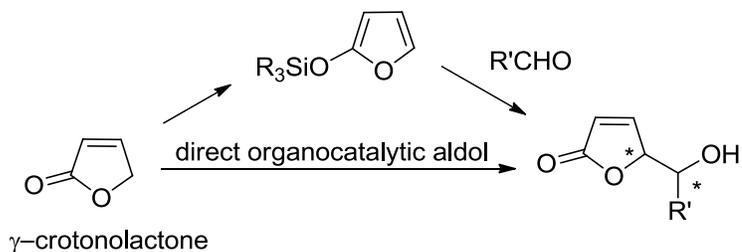
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## 2.1 Introduction

The functionalized  $\gamma$ -butenolide (2(5H)-furanone) motif is found in several natural products and the synthesis of butenolides has therefore attracted considerable interest in recent years.<sup>1</sup> A popular approach to 5-substituted furanones involves the vinylogous Mukaiyama aldol reaction of silyloxyfurans<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2.1), and a number of asymmetric modifications of this reaction are known.<sup>2f-n</sup> In contrast, the alternative approach involving a direct vinylogous aldol reaction of furanones is less explored,<sup>3</sup> and asymmetric variants of this reaction employing chiral guanidine, aminothiourea and chiral ammonium amide as catalysts are reported.<sup>4</sup> A detailed account of these studies is provided in Chapter 1.



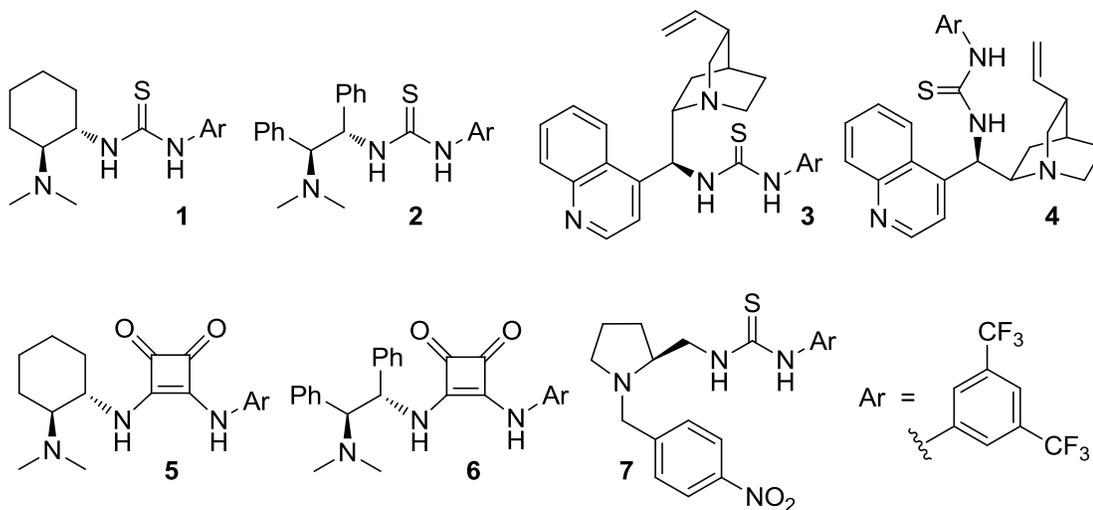
**Figure 2.1.** Direct aldol approach to butenolides.

The chiral guanidine-based system<sup>4a</sup> requires halolactones, and fails when crotonolactone is used as the substrate. The aminothiourea mediated reaction requires a fourfold excess of the nucleophile<sup>4b</sup> and there is scope for improvement of the stereoselectivity.<sup>4b,c</sup> Evidently, a catalytic system that addresses these issues would be desirable. The following sections describe our findings on the asymmetric, direct

vinylous aldol reaction of crotonolactone with aromatic aldehydes mediated by aminothiurea and aminosquaramide catalysts.

## 2.2 Results and Discussions

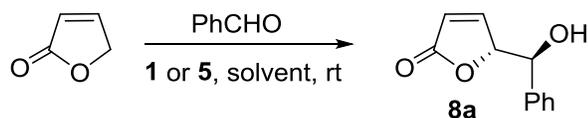
We initially examined several classes of bifunctional, amine catalysts for the direct aldol reaction of crotonolactone: (a) cyclohexanediamine,<sup>5a</sup> diphenylethylenediamine,<sup>5b</sup> cinchonidine<sup>5c,d</sup> and cinchonine<sup>5e,f</sup> derived thioureas (**1**, **2**, **3** and **4**), (b) cyclohexanediamine and diphenylethylenediamine derived squaramides (**5**, **6**)<sup>5g-i</sup> and (c) a proline-derived thiourea catalyst (**7**, Figure 2.2).



**Figure 2.2.** Bifunctional catalysts examined for the direct vinylous aldol reaction of crotonolactone.

Orienting experiments were conducted with crotonolactone and benzaldehyde. Initially, the aldol reaction was examined with catalysts **1** and **5** in a variety of

solvents (Table 2.1).



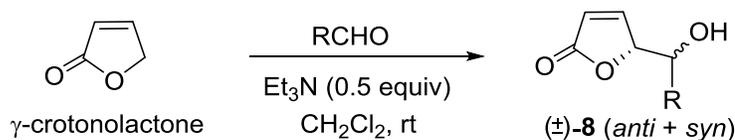
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1	<b>1</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	84	65	3.0/1	79
2	<b>1</b>	THF	84	78	5.8/1	76
3	<b>1</b>	toluene	84	89	1.0/1	78
4	<b>1</b>	EtOAc	84	72	3.2/1	72
5	<b>1</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	84	78	3.0/1	70
6	<b>1</b>	MeOH	84	81	2.6/1	40
7	<b>1</b>	DMF	84	63	3.6/1	45
8	<b>5</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	12	88	2.0/1	49
9	<b>5</b>	THF	12	89	2.6/1	67
10	<b>5</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>e</sup>	168	76	5.3/1	94
11	<b>5</b>	THF <sup>e</sup>	168	92	5.0/1	90
12	<b>5</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>e</sup>	168	98	5.9/1	91
13	<b>5</b>	toluene <sup>e</sup>	168	46	6.7/1	93
14	<b>5</b>	EtOAc <sup>e</sup>	168	32	5.6/1	96
15	<b>5</b>	DMF <sup>e</sup>	168	65	3.3/1	89
16	<b>5</b>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN <sup>e</sup>	168	35	4.5/1	93

<sup>a</sup> 2 equiv. of crotonolactone. 20 mol%. Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude products. Chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>e</sup> Reaction at 0 °C.

**Table 2.1.** Solvent survey for the vinylogous aldol reaction of crotonolactone.

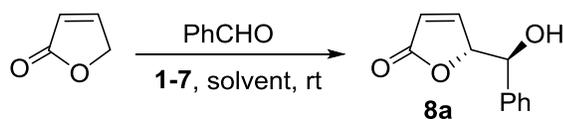
The reaction proceeded smoothly in most of the solvents examined (Table 2.1), and the expected aldol product **8a** was obtained as a mixture of **an** and **n** diastereomers, with the **an** product predominating. Stereochemical assignments are based on the reported <sup>1</sup>H NMR data and the trend in chemical shifts for the **an** and **n** diastereomers of **8**.<sup>2c</sup> Overall, catalyst **1** provided moderate to good enantioselectivities for the **an** product, except in methanol and DMF (entries 6 and 7, Table 2.1). Dichloromethane, THF and toluene emerged as promising solvents, when catalyst **1** was used, in terms of enantioselectivity, but the complete lack of diastereoselectivity in toluene precluded further studies in this solvent (entry 3, Table 2.1). At room temperature, **5** provided the aldol product **8a** with poor enantio- and diastereoselectivities in dichloromethane and THF as solvents (entries 8 and 9, Table 2.1). Much better results were obtained with **5** at 0 °C (entries 10-16, Table 2.1). Overall, good diastereoselectivities (3.3-6.7:1) and excellent enantioselectivities (89-96% **ee**) were obtained in most of the solvents for catalyst **5** at 0 °C. Low yields were obtained in ethyl acetate (32%) and acetonitrile (35%) (entries 14 and 16, Table 2.1), as solvents. From these studies, dichloromethane and THF emerged as promising solvents for further investigations.

The enantiomeric excess of **8a-1** was determined by chiral HPLC comparison with racemic samples. The racemic products in this study were prepared by adapting the triethylamine catalyzed reaction of dihalofuranones with aldehydes (Scheme 2.1).<sup>3a</sup>



**Scheme 2.1.** The triethylamine catalyzed reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with aldehydes.

Subsequent studies, aimed at identifying the optimal catalyst, were therefore conducted in dichloromethane and THF. The results obtained from the catalyst survey are summarized in Table 2.2. The diphenylethylenediamine-thiourea catalyst (**2**) provided **8a** in relatively low yield and moderate enantioselectivity. In comparison, the cinchonidine and cinchonine based catalysts (**3** and **4**, respectively) generated **8a** in excellent yields, but the stereoselectivity was low (de: 1.8-4.8/1, **ee** 50-71%). Much better results were obtained with the squaramide catalyst **5** in dichloromethane and THF at 0 °C (Table 2.2, entries 9 and 10, 94 and 91% **ee**). In comparison, the diphenylethylenediamine squaramide catalyst **6** was superior to **5** (Table 2.2, entries 11 and 12, 97 and 96% **ee**). At ambient temperature, **6** provided **8a** in excellent enantiomeric excess (97% **ee**) and good diastereoselectivity (7/1) in dichloromethane. Thus, two optimal catalytic systems, providing the **an** diastereomer in greater than 90% **ee** were identified from the catalyst and solvent survey, namely (a) the cyclohexanediamine squaramide catalyst **5** in dichloromethane at 0 °C (entry 9) and (b) the diphenylethylenediamine squaramide catalyst **6** in dichloromethane at ambient temperature (entry 11, Table 2.2).



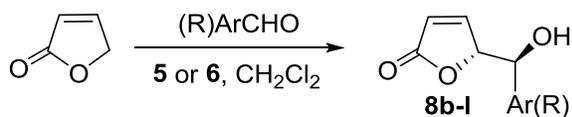
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5	<b>3</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	24	95	3.7/1	64
6	<b>3</b>	THF	48	95	2/1	50
7	<b>4</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	24	98	1.8/1	65 <sup>e</sup>
8	<b>4</b>	THF	48	95	4.8/1	71 <sup>e</sup>
9	<b>5</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	168	76	5.3/1	94
10	<b>5</b>	THF	84	46	4.3/1	91
11	<b>6</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	120	35	7/1	97
12	<b>6</b>	THF	120	31	7/1	96
13	<b>7</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	144	24	3.6/1	14
14	<b>7</b>	THF	144	25	4.5/1	14

<sup>a</sup> 2 equiv. of crotonolactone. 20 mol%. Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude products. Chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>e</sup> enantiomeric product. Reaction at 0 °C

**Table 2.2.** Catalyst survey for the vinylogous aldol reaction of crotonolactone.

The optimized conditions were employed in a study of the scope of the reaction with a variety of aldehydes. These investigations indicated that the choice of

catalyst **5** or **6** is determined by the nature of the aldehyde, and high enantioselectivities are obtained by proper pairing of the catalyst and aldehyde. Nonetheless, for most of the reactions, the diphenylethylenediamine derived catalyst **6** provided higher enantioselectivities than **5**. All isomers of methoxybenzaldehyde (entries 3-5, Table 2.3) provide high enantioselectivity. The diastereoselectivity for all of the reactions is moderate.<sup>7</sup> Overall, the level of stereoselection (average dr = 6/1, average **ee** = 94%) is higher than that obtained with cinchona alkaloid-thiourea catalysts.<sup>4b</sup> The aldol products **8a-l** exhibited spectral data in agreement with literature reports.<sup>2,4</sup> The results of these studies are summarized in Table 2.3.



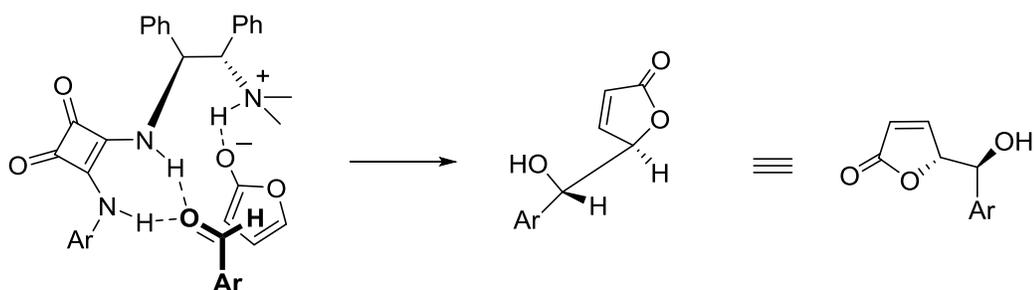
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1	b	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	51	8/1	95 (32)
2	c	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	62	8/1	95 (55)
3	d	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	35	8/1	97 (48)
4	e	2-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	58	8/1	96 (84)
5	f	3-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	54	6/1	96 (72)
6	g	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5	50	6/1	94 (83)
7	h	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	50	5/1	>99 (50)
8	i	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	60	6/1	95 (nd)
9	j	2-Naphthyl	6	73	6/1	95 (>99)
10	k	Cyclohexyl	5	50	3/1	>99 (>99)
11	l	1-Naphthyl	6	68	2/1	77 (80)

<sup>a</sup> 2 equiv of crotonolactone; 20 mol%. 144 h at 0 °C for **5** and 240 h at rt for **6**; <sup>1</sup>H NMR of crude products. <sup>e</sup> Chiral HPLC analysis.

**Table 2.3.** Vinylogous aldol reaction of crotonolactone with various aldehydes.

The stereochemical outcome of the reaction is presumably governed by hydrogen bonding<sup>8</sup> of the aldehyde with the squaramide<sup>5g-j</sup> functionality and an ionic interaction of the deprotonated nucleophile and the resultant ammonium group in the catalyst (Figure 2.3). We have observed that the triethylamine catalyzed reaction of

crotonolactone with aldehydes (used for the preparation of racemic products in this study) has an intrinsic preference for the **an** diastereomer (dr = ~2/1). The present results suggest that the hydrogen bonding functionality in the catalyst enhances this diastereoselectivity.

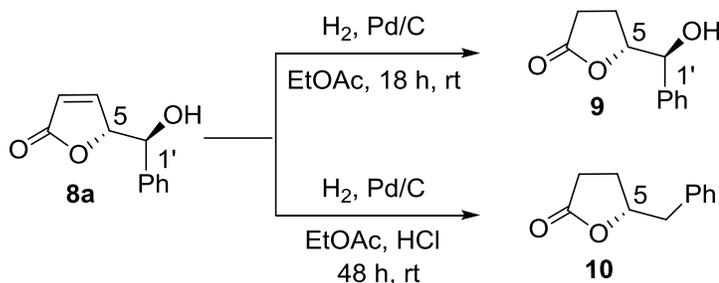


**Figure 2.3.** A proposed transition state assembly for the ODVA reaction leading to the **an** aldol product.

### 2.2.1 Determination of the absolute configuration of **8a**

Hydrogenation (Pd/C) of aldol product **8a** in ethyl acetate provided **9** (Scheme 2.2) which was dextrorotatory ( $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +50.7$  ( $n_D = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), 88% **ee**). The positive rotation indicates that lactone **9** is enantiomeric to the previously reported<sup>2g</sup> (**5S,1'**) isomer ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -53.3$  ( $n_D = 0.22$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for **9** with 92% **ee**). Hydrogenation of **8a** in the presence of HCl, by adaptation of the literature procedure,<sup>4a</sup> provided **10** (Scheme 2.2) which was assigned the configuration on the basis of chiral HPLC retention times<sup>7</sup> (Chiralcel OD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 80/20, 1 mL/min, 214 nm,  $t_S = 5.95$  min,  $t_R = 6.74$

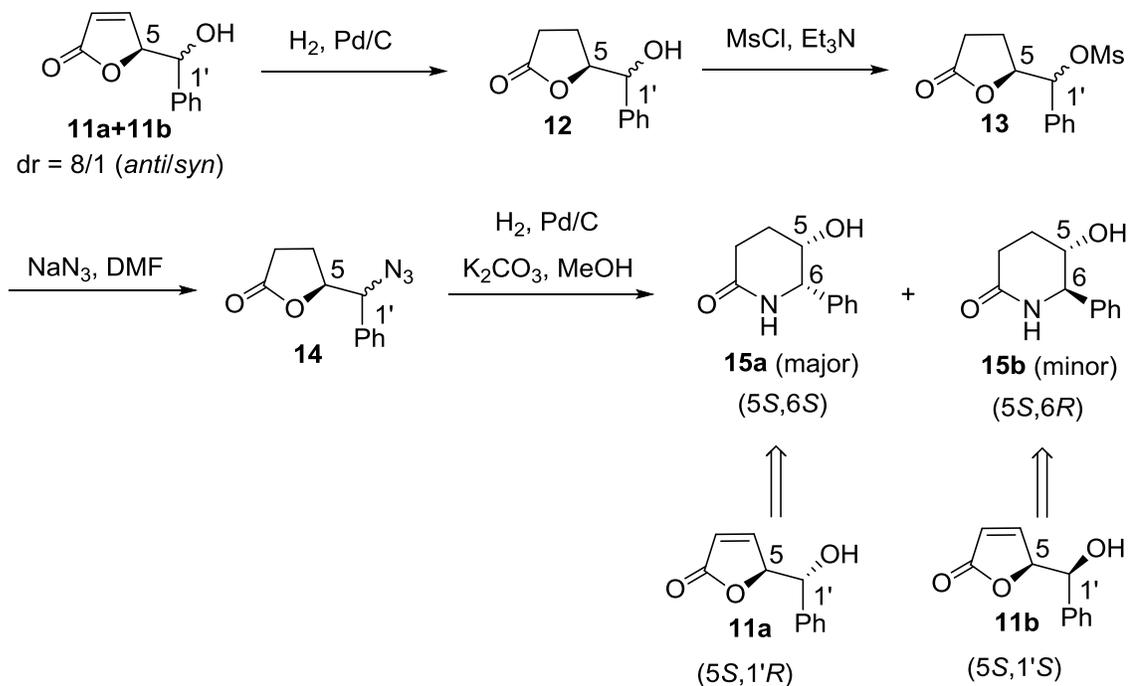
min). Lactone **9** is therefore assigned the (5, 1'**S**) configuration, and compounds **8a-l** are also assigned the (5, 1'**S**) configuration by analogy.



**Scheme 2.2.** Hydrogenation and hydrogenolysis of aldol product.

It was also shown that the aldol products **11a** and **11b** are diastereomeric at C-1', and not at C-5, by converting the aldol products **11a** and **11b** into lactam **15a** and **15b** via a series of simple transformations (Scheme 2.3). Hydrogenation of **11** (8/1 mixture of **11a/11b**) to the butyrolactone **12**, subsequent mesylation of the secondary alcohol to give **13** and displacement of the mesylate, with inversion of configuration, by azide anion gave the azido butyrolactone **14**. Reduction of the azide ( $\text{H}_2$ , Pd/C), in the presence of a base ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ), generated the required piperidones **15a** and **15b**. At this stage, **15a** ( **i** isomer) was easily separated from the minor **15b** ( **an**omer) by flash column chromatography. The optical rotation of **15a** ( **i** isomer) was consistent with that reported for the (5**S**,6**S**) isomer in the literature ( $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +55.3$  ( $n_{\text{D}} = 1.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), 97% **ee** lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +52.0$  ( $n_{\text{D}} = 1.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ),<sup>8</sup> for a 99% **ee** sample). The optical rotation of the **15b** ( **an**omer) was opposite to that reported for the (5, 6**S**) isomer in the literature ( $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +26.0$  ( $n_{\text{D}} = 1.0$ , MeOH), 96% **ee** lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -25.9$  ( $n_{\text{D}} = 0.27$ , MeOH),<sup>9</sup> for a 92% **ee** sample). Therefore, **15b** is assigned the (5**S**,6 ) absolute configuration. These

observations indicate that **15b** is obtained from the (5*S*,1'*S*) isomer of **11b** which is diastereomeric to **11a** at C-1'. The aldol reaction therefore generates aldol products which are diastereomeric at the secondary alcohol stereocenter.



**Scheme 2.3.** Conversion of aldol product into lactam.

## 2.3 Conclusions

In conclusion, a highly enantioselective, catalytic aldol reaction of crotonolactone with aldehydes was developed. A notable outcome of this study is the superior performance of the squaramide catalysts over the conventional aminothiourea catalysts.

## 2.4 Experimental section

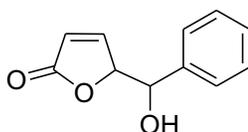
**General:** All commercially available reagents were used without purification. All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using oven dried glassware. Dichloromethane and tetrahydrofuran were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and sodium/benzophenone respectively. Commercial precoated silica gel plates were used for TLC. Silica gel for column chromatography was 230-400 mesh. All melting points are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured at the sodium D line on a digital polarimeter at ambient temperature.

### **General Procedure for the organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol reaction:**

To the catalyst (0.10 mmol, in a 2.0 mL Reacti-Vial<sup>TM</sup> or a standard 3.0 mL vial) was added the aldehyde (0.50 mmol) followed by  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (2-(5H)-furanone) (1.0 mmol) and dichloromethane (0.50 mL). The suspension was stirred for 10 d at room temperature (for catalyst **6**) or kept for 7 d at 0 °C with occasional shaking (for catalyst **5**). The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate (1.0 mL) and aqueous HCl (2 N) was added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc, 10/1). The diastereomeric composition (**an** / **i**) was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H or AS-H column, flow

rate 1.0 mL/min, UV detection at 210 or 254 nm) by comparison with reported retention times<sup>4b</sup> for compounds **8a-l**, and also by comparison with racemic standards (prepared by using triethylamine as the catalyst) for compounds **8h**, **8i** and **8l**. The absolute configuration of **8a** was assigned by correlation. Absolute configurations of **8b-l** are assigned by analogy within the series.

**5-[Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8a):**

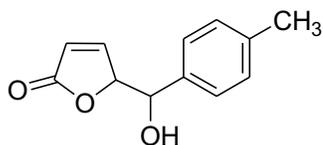


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with benzaldehyde (53  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 34 mg (35%) of **8a** as a white solid.

IR: 3432, 1728, 1167, 1039, 820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.43-7.34 (m, 6H, ArH and COCH=CH), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.9$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.19-5.18 (br m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.09 (br t, 1H,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.25 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.42-7.36 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.17 (apparent dt, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, CH=CHCH), 4.71 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.78 (s, 1H, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 191.0 (M+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AS-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 27.8$  min (major **an** ),  $t_2 = 36.2$  min, ( ),  $t_3 = 49.6$  min ( ),  $t_4 = 66.8$  min (minor **an** ).  $e_e$ : 97% (**an** ). **i**

**5-[Hydroxy(*p*-tolyl)methyl]furan-2(5*H*)-one (8b):**

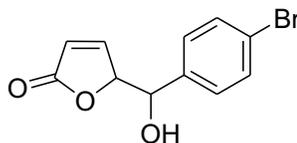


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-methylbenzaldehyde (59  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 52 mg (51%) of **8b** as a white solid.

IR: 3401, 1736, 1325, 1170, 1102, 1079, 1039, 917, 877  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.36 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz, COCH=CH), 7.28 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, ArH), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, ArH, ortho to  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.18 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.17-5.15 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.04 (br t, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.37 (3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.22 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, OH), 2.37 (3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.28 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, ArH), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, ortho to  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.16 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.6$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.17 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.66 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.9, 3.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.58 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, OH), 2.37 (3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); MS (APCI pos.):  $m/z$  205.0 (M+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 95/5, 254 nm,  $t_{r1} = 20.0$  min (major **an**),  $t_{r2} = 22.2$  min, (minor **an**),  $t_{r3} = 26.8$  min (minor **an**),  $t_{r4} = 29.0$  min (major **an**). **Yield**: 95% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(4-bromophenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8c):**

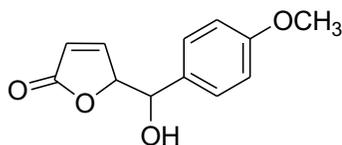


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-bromobenzaldehyde (93 mg, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 83 mg (62%) of **8c** as a white solid.

IR: 3343, 1742, 1486, 1399, 1191, 1176, 1095, 1074, 1041, 1008, 917, 880, 831, 808  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, ArH, ortho to Br), 7.32 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz, COCH=CH), 7.29 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, ArH), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.13 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.04 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.48 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, ArH, ortho to Br), 7.29 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.20 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.14 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.13 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.73 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.7, 3.3$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.73 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 269.1 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 88/12, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 9.6$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 10.4$  min (minor **an**),  $t_3 = 10.8$  min (minor **an**),  $t_4 = 11.6$  min (major **an**). **ee**: 95% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8d):**



Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (63  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 39 mg (35%) of **8d** as a white solid.

IR: 3357, 1742, 1585, 1510, 1242, 1171, 1101, 1085, 1029, 1008, 877, 827, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.39 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 7.32 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ArH), 6.93 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ortho to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ),

6.18 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.14 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.0 (t, 1H,

$J = 4.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 3.82 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 2.26 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, OH); **Syn**

**diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.32 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ArH), 7.16 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.6$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.93 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ortho to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.1$  Hz,

COCH=CH), 5.15-5.14 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.65 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.1, 3.0$  Hz, ArCHOH),

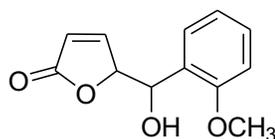
3.82 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 2.61 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 221.0 (M+1),

203.0 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 15.1$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 17.7$  min, (minor **an**),  $t_3 = 19.0$  min (minor **an**),  $t_4 = 20.7$  min (major **an**). **Yield:** 97%

(**an**).

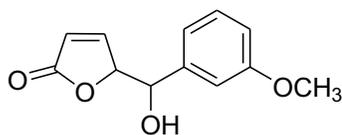
**5-[Hydroxy(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8e):**



Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (63  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 64 mg (58%) of **8e** as a colorless liquid.

IR: 3418, 1733, 1601, 1491, 1462, 1238, 1160, 1095, 1036, 1022, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.40 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.0$ ,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H, ArH ortho and para to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 7.03 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, ArH, meta to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.3$ , ArH), 6.15 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 5.38-5.37 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}$ ), 5.31 (t, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, ArCHOH), 3.89 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 2.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.34-7.31 (m, 2H, ArH ortho and para to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 7.18 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.1$ ,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 7.03 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, ArH, meta to  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.3$ , ArH), 6.12 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 5.24-5.23 (br dt, 1H,  $J = 6.6, 1.5$ ,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}$ ), 5.02 (t, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, ArCHOH), 3.85 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.06 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI neg.): **m** 219 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); APCI pos.  $m/z$  203.0 ( $(\text{M}-\text{H}_2\text{O})+1$ ). HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 85/15, 254,  $t_1 = 8.4$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 11.0$  min, (minor **an**),  $t_3 = 12.9$  min (major **an**),  $t_4 = 16.3$  min (minor **an**). **re**: 96% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8f):**

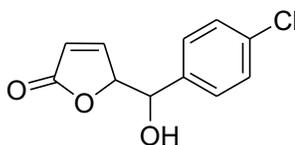


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (63  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 60 mg (54%) of **8f** as a colorless liquid.

IR: 3420, 1735, 1600, 1585, 1489, 1456, 1435, 1256, 1157, 1034, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.35-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH, COCH=CH), 6.97-6.87 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.18-5.15 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.08 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.73 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.35-7.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.18 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.97-6.87 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.12 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.9$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.18-5.15 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.68 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 3.1$  Hz, ArCHOH), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.94 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 221.0 (M+1), 203.0 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 210 nm,  $t_1 = 14.2$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 18.3$  min, (minor **an**),  $t_3 = 20.0$  min (minor **an**),  $t_4 = 21.4$  min (major **an**). **ee**: 96% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8g):**

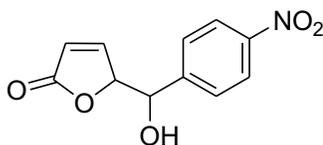


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (70 mg, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **5** (45 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 56 mg (50%) of **8g** as a white solid.

IR: 3420, 1732, 1491, 1175, 1093, 1078, 1042, 917, 852, 812  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.40-7.31 (m, 5H, ArH, COCH=CH), 6.20 (dd, 1 H, = 5.8, 2.0 Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.13 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.05 (t, 1H, = 4.0 Hz, ArCHOH), 2.38 (d, 1H, = 4.0 Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.40-7.31 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.20 (dd, 1H, = 5.8, 1.5 Hz, COCH=CH), 6.14 (dd, 1H, = 5.8, 2.0 Hz, COCH=CH), 5.15-5.13 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.74 (dd, 1H, = 6.8, 3.2 Hz, ArCHOH), 2.67 (d, 1H, = 3.2 Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 225.0 (M+1), 207.0 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H hexanes/2-propanol 95/5, 210 nm,  $t_1$  = 21.1 min (major **an** ),  $t_2$  = 24.2 min, (minor **an** ),  $t_3$  = 25.9 min (major ),  $t_4$  = 29.4 min (minor ). **ee**: 94% (**an** ).

**5-[Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8h):**

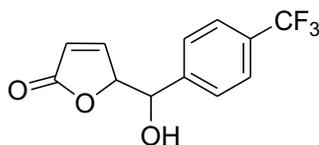


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (76 mg, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 59 mg (50%) of **8h** as a yellow solid.

IR: 3438, 1746, 1515, 1348, 1169, 1103, 1039, 916, 833  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  8.26 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ArH, ortho to  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8.7$ , 2H, ArH), 7.30 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.9, 1.6$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.9, 1.8$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.21-5.19 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH, ArCHOH), 2.77 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  8.29 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, ArH, ortho to  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 7.66-7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.21 (m, 1H, COCH=CH), 6.24 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.0-4.98 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH, ArCHOH), 2.59 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): m/z 236.1 (M+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 95/5, 254 nm,  $t_{\text{R}1} = 52.4$  min (major **an**),  $t_{\text{R}2} = 59.1$  min, (major **syn**),  $t_{\text{R}3} = 70.5$  min (minor **anti**).  $\text{ee} > 99\%$  (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8i):**

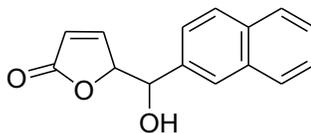


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70 L, 1.0 mmol) with 4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde (67  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 78 mg (60%) of **8i** as a colorless solid.

IR: 3413, 1739, 1322, 1161, 1100, 1065, 1040, 1016, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.68 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, ArH), 7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, ArH), 7.31 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.21 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.19-5.14 (m, 2H, CH=CHCHO, ArCHOH), 2.38 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.68 (d, 2H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, ArH), 7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, ArH), 7.24 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.15 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.19-5.14 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 4.91 (m, 1H, ArCHOH), 2.38 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 259.2 (M+1), 241.1 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 97/3, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 28.9$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 32.4$  min, (minor **an**).  $iE_e$ : 95% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy (naphthalen-2-yl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8j):**

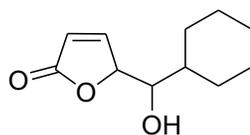


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) with 2-naphthaldehyde (78 mg, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 88 mg (73%) of **8j** as a pale yellow solid.

IR: 3359, 1752, 1731, 1172, 1077, 1041, 824  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.90-7.85 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.53-7.50 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.36 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8$ , 1.4 Hz COCH=CH), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8$ , 1.9 Hz, COCH=CH), 5.29-5.26 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH, ArCHOH), 2.51 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.90-7.85 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.53-7.50 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.18 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8$ , 1.6 Hz, COCH=CH), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8$ , 2.0 Hz, COCH=CH), 5.29-5.26 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH), 4.88 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.1$ , 3.1 Hz, ArCHOH), 2.81 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 241.0 (M+1), 223.0 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 85/15, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 9.5$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 11.8$  min, (minor **an**),  $t_3 = 12.6$  min (major),  $t_4 = 13.6$  min (minor). **Yield:** 95% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(cyclohexyl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8k):**

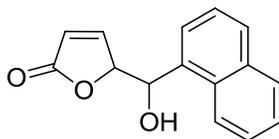


Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70 mL, 1.0 mmol) with cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (60 mL, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **5** (45 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 49 mg (50%) of **8k** as a white solid.

IR: 3420, 1747, 1715, 1154, 1112, 1096, 1029, 1004, 870, 845 829  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.59 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.4$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.9$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 5.10 (dt, 1H,  $J = 5.7, 1.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}$ ), 3.61 (apparent q, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz,  $\text{ArCHOH}$ ), 1.98-1.96 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.82-1.54 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.33-1.10 (m, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.45 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.9$  Hz,  $\text{COCH}=\text{CH}$ ), 5.18 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}$ ), 3.49-3.45 (m, 1H,  $\text{ArCHOH}$ ), 1.98-1.96 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.82-1.54 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.33-1.10 (m, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 197.0 ( $\text{M}+1$ ), 179.1 ( $(\text{M}-\text{H}_2\text{O})+1$ ).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 95/5, 210 nm,  $t_1 = 15.4$  min (major **an**),  $t_2 = 17.5$  min (major **syn**). **ee**: >99% (**an**).

**5-[Hydroxy(naphthalen-1-yl)methyl]furan-2(5H)-one (8l):**



Reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (70 L, 1.0 mmol) with 1-naphthaldehyde (68 L, 0.50 mmol) catalyzed by **6** (55 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure provided 82 mg (68%) of **8k** as a yellow solid.

IR: 3414, 1730, 1165, 1102, 1081, 1042, 882, 823, 797, 775  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer**:  $\delta$  8.02 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, ArH), 7.93 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, ArH), 7.88 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, ArH), 7.74 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, ArH), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H, ArH & COCH=CH), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.20 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.98 (t, 1H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, CH=CHCH), 5.44-5.43 (m, 1H, ArCHOH), 2.57 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, OH); **Syn diastereomer**:  $\delta$  7.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.88-7.87 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.74 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, ArH), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H, ArH & COCH=CH), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.95 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.14 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2.0$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.46-5.45 (m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.39 (dt, 1H,  $J = 3.4, 1.6$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, OH); MS (APCI pos.): **m** 241.0 (M+1), 223.0 ((M-H<sub>2</sub>O)+1).

HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 85/15, 254 nm, **i**<sub>1</sub> = 8.7 min (major **an**), **i**<sub>2</sub> = 9.5 min (minor **an**), **i**<sub>3</sub> = 13.8 min (major), **n**<sub>4</sub> = 17.3 min (minor). **rEe**: 77% (**an**).

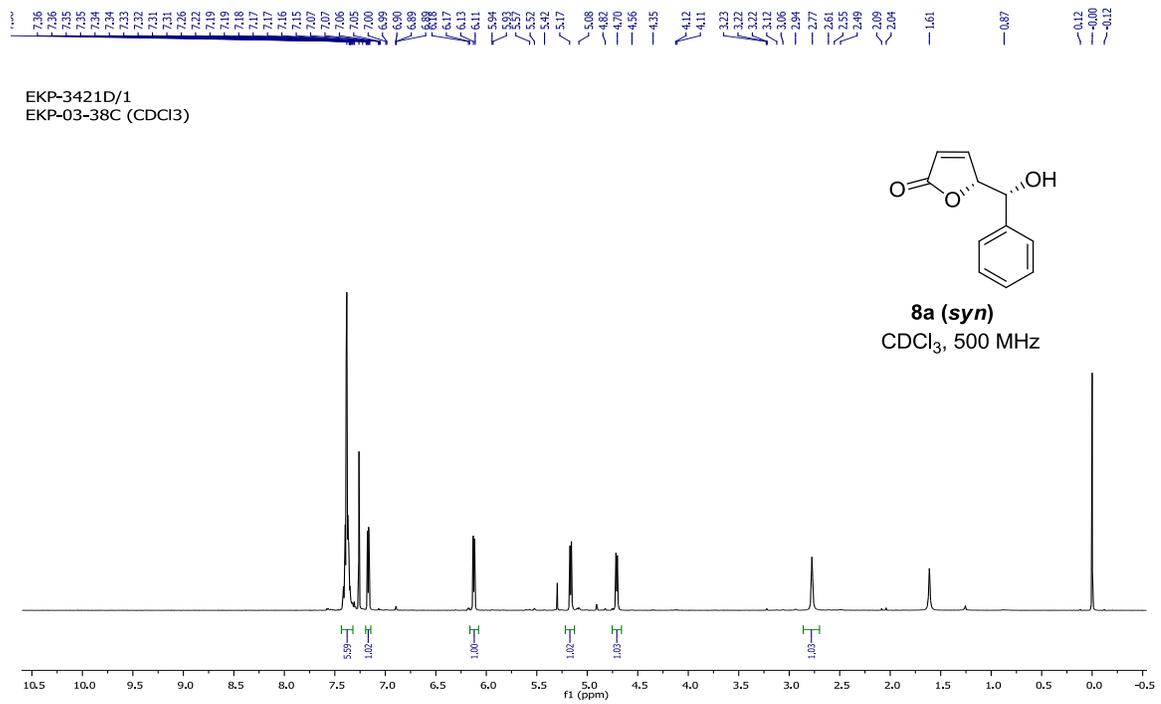
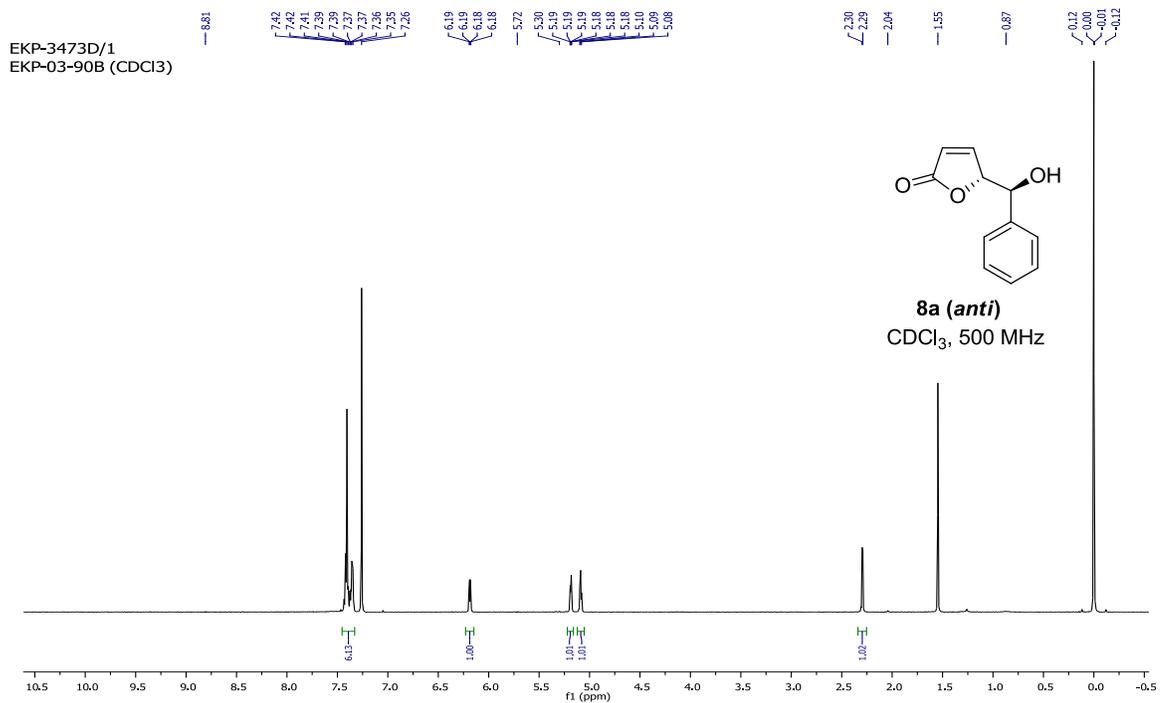
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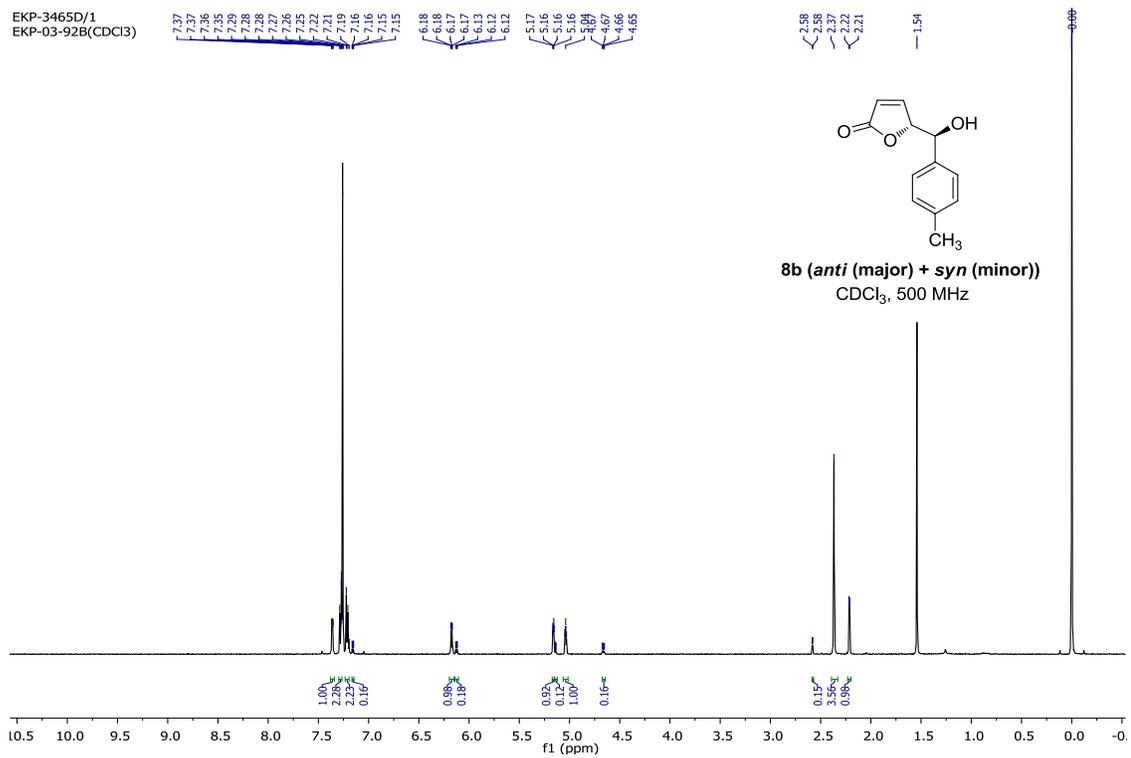
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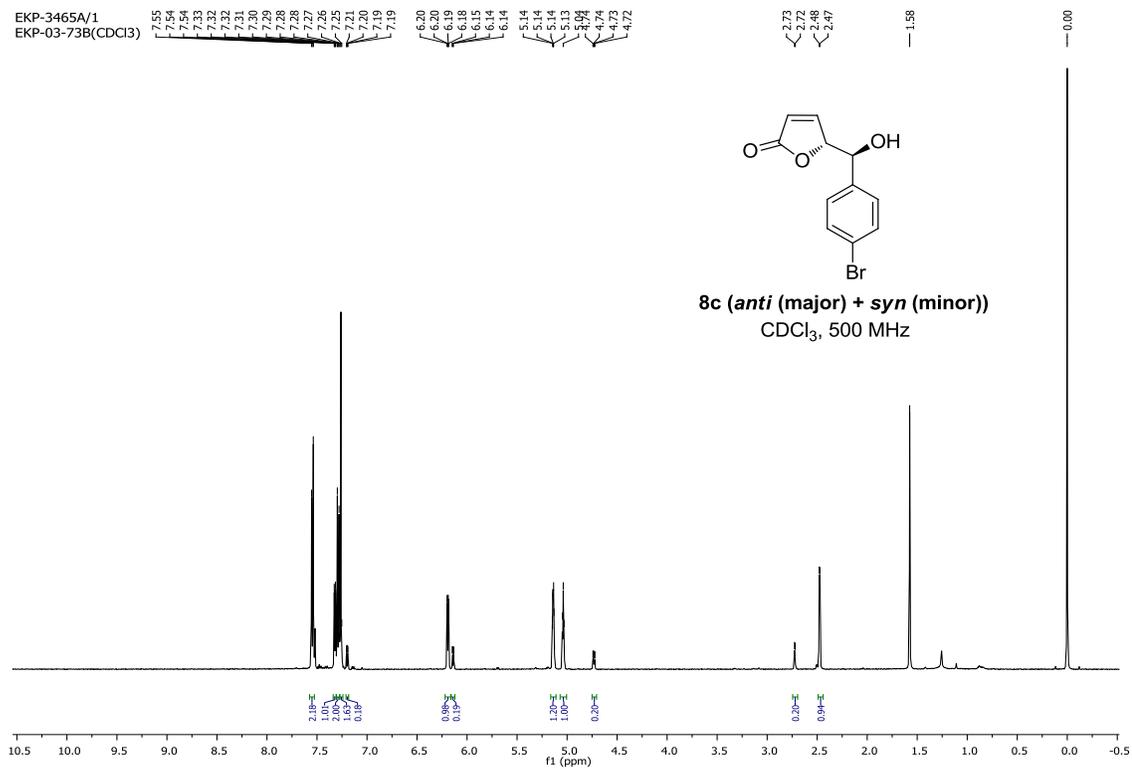
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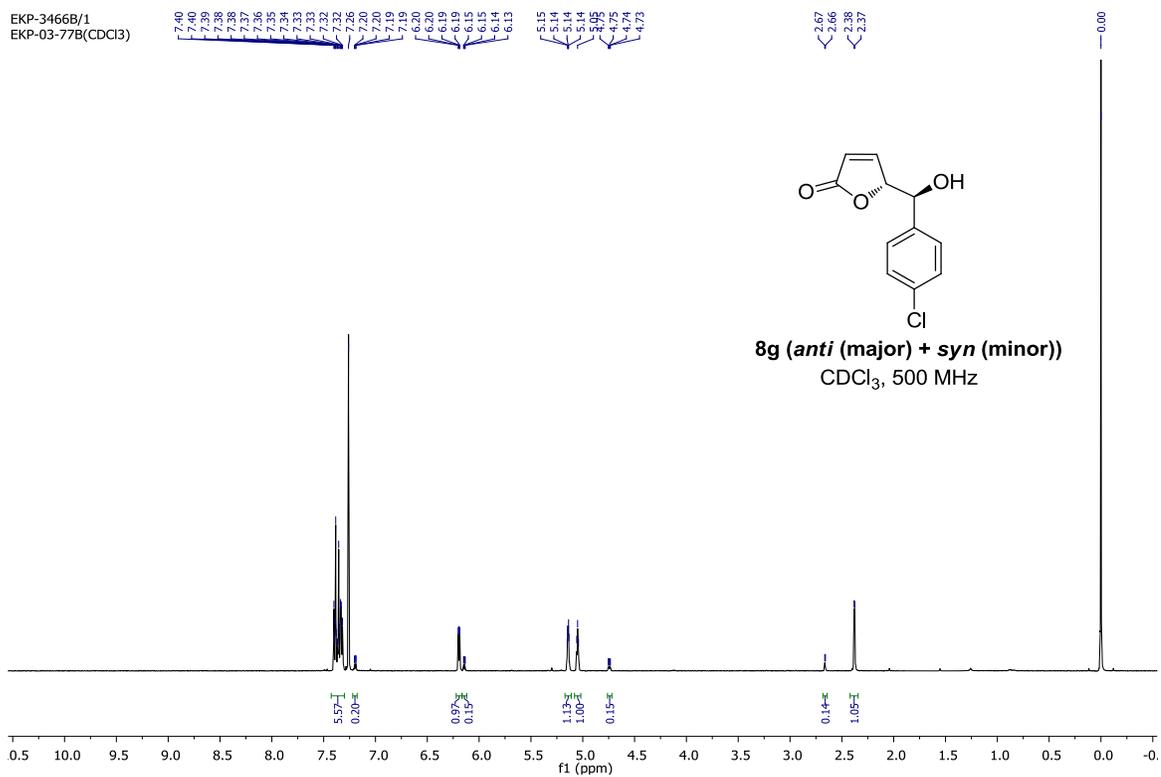
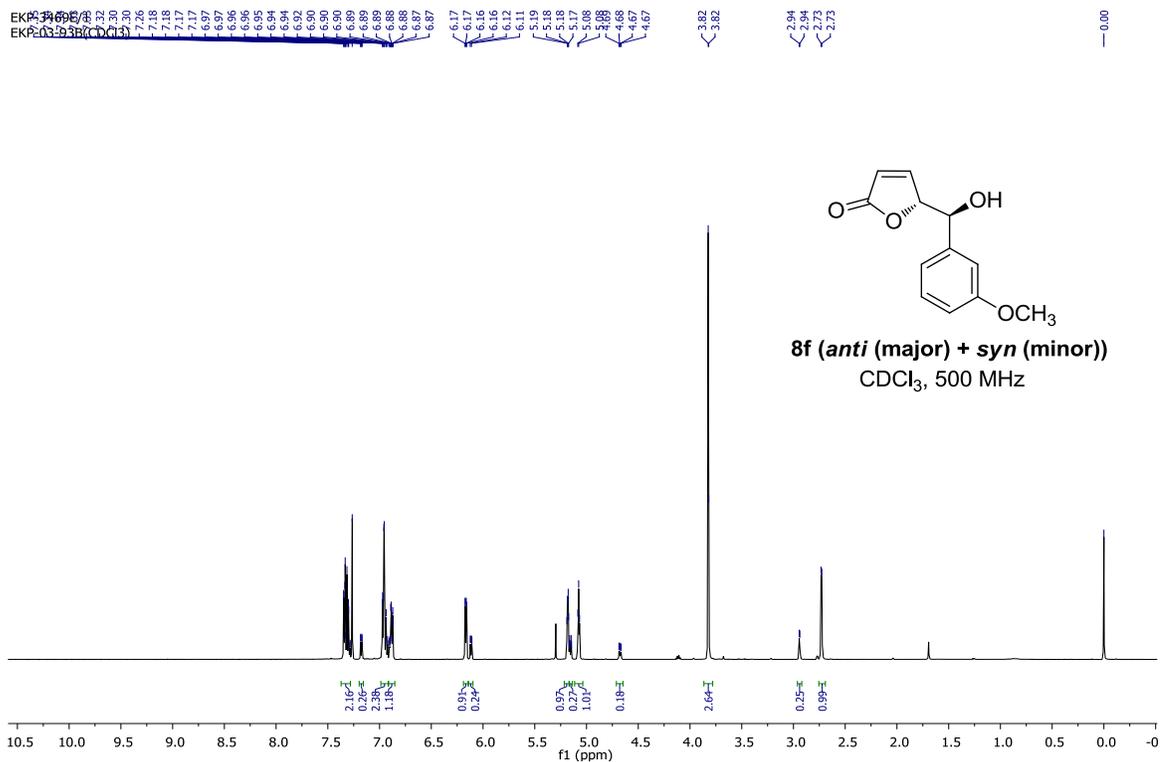
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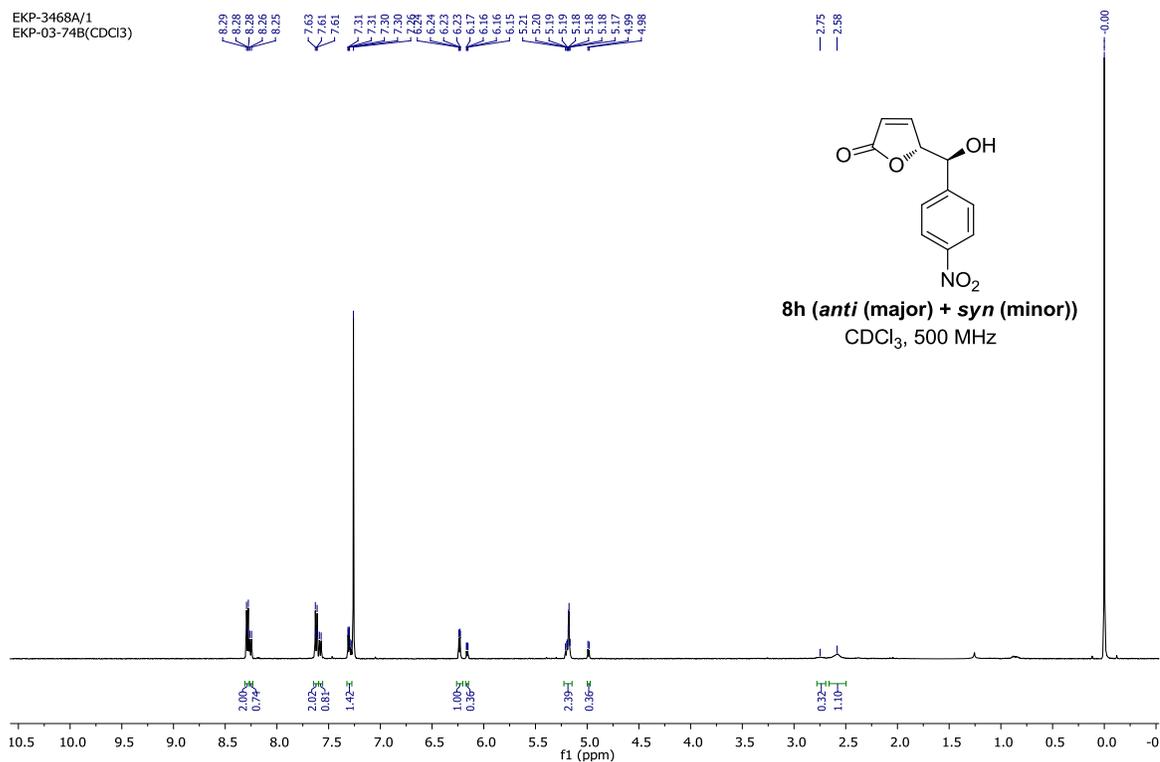
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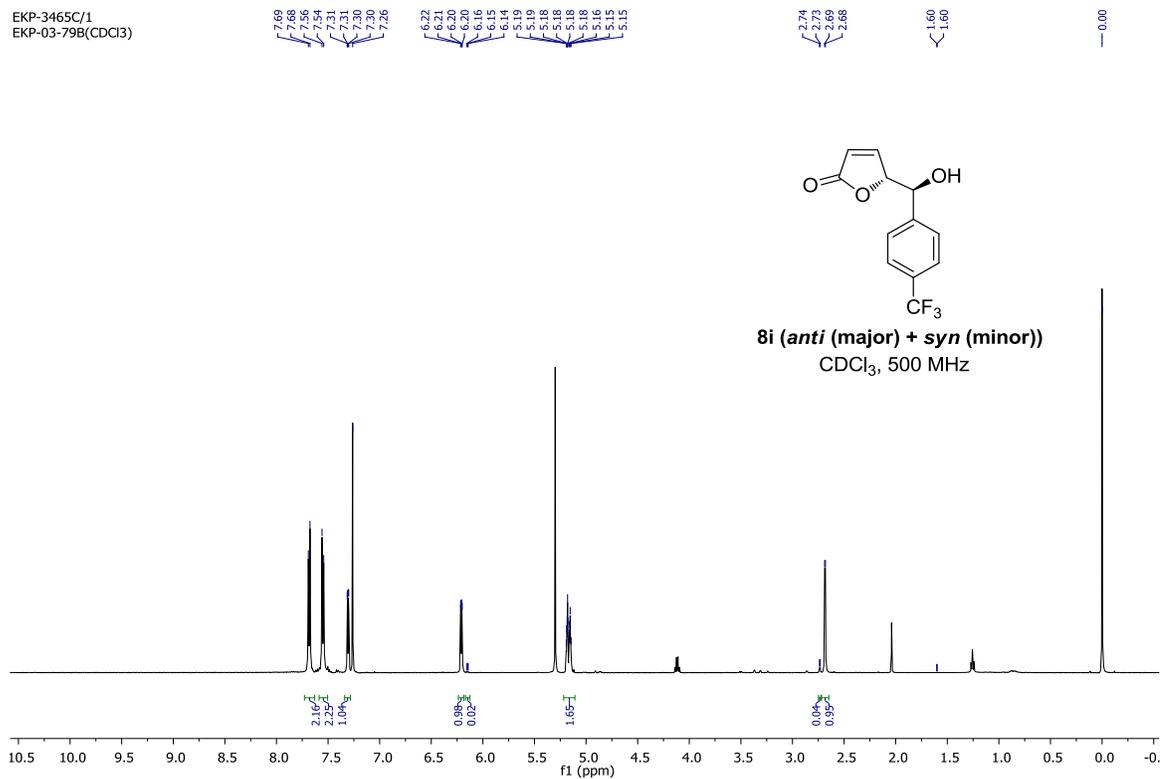




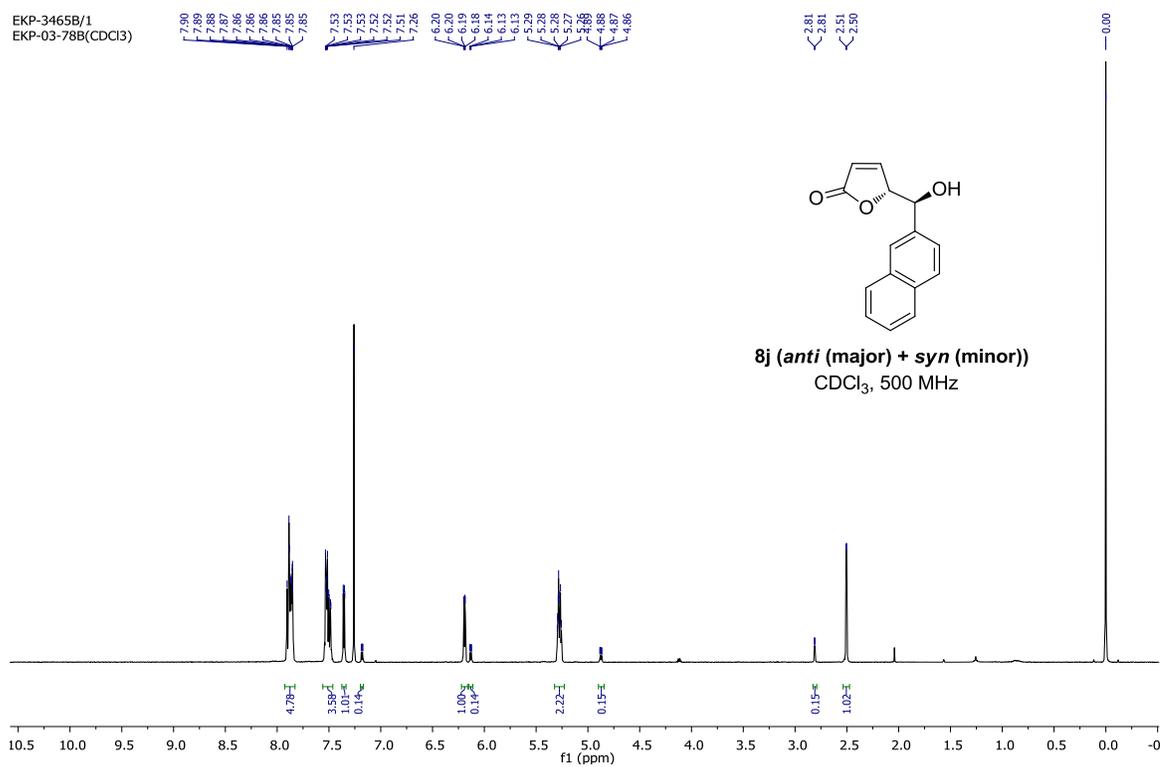
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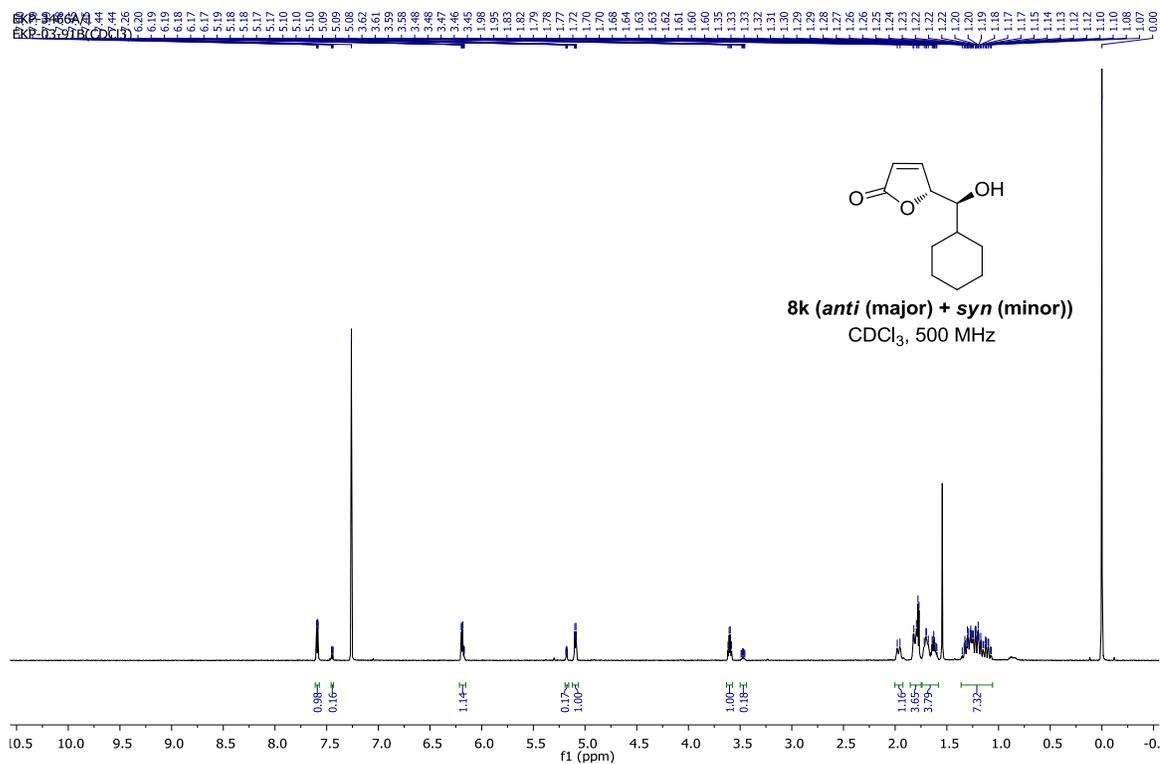
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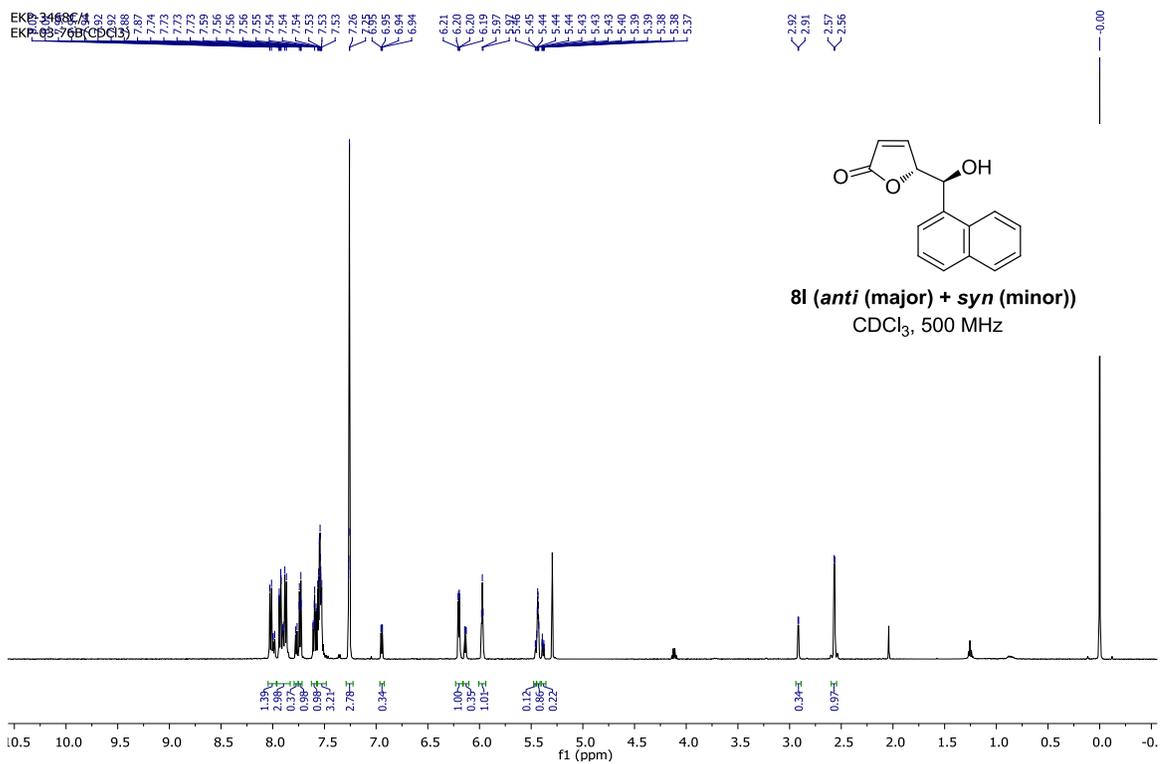


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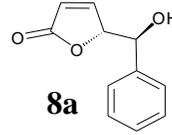
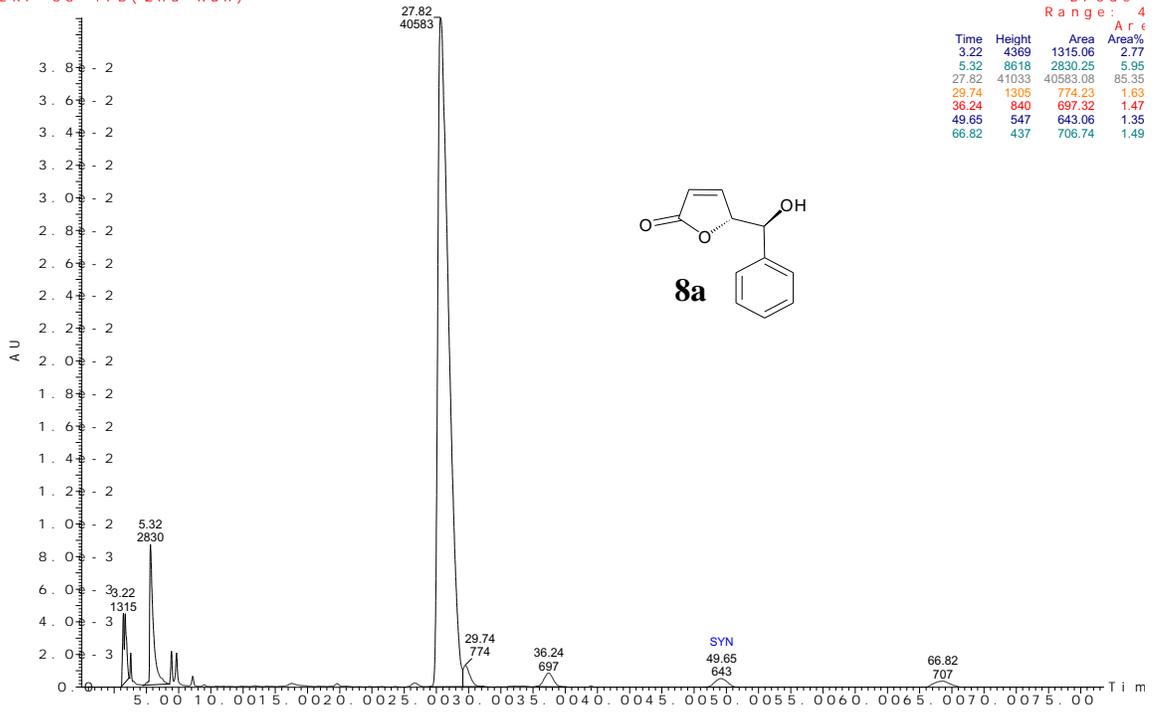
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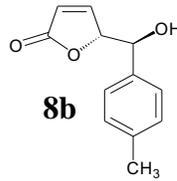
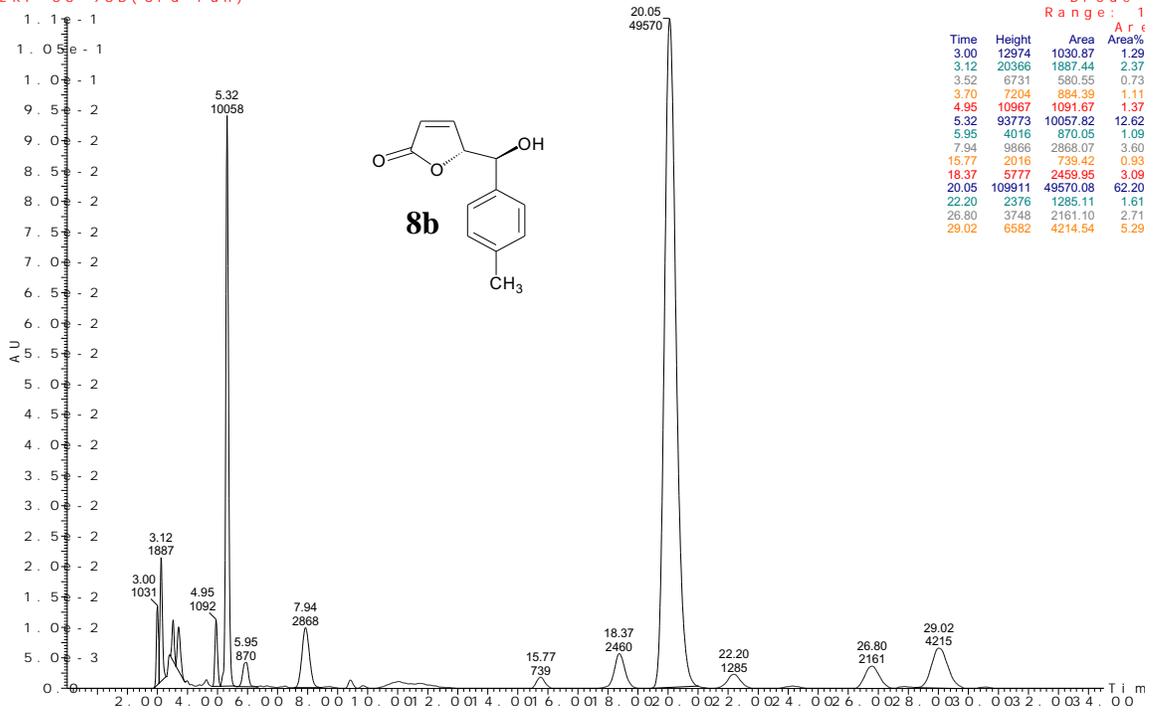


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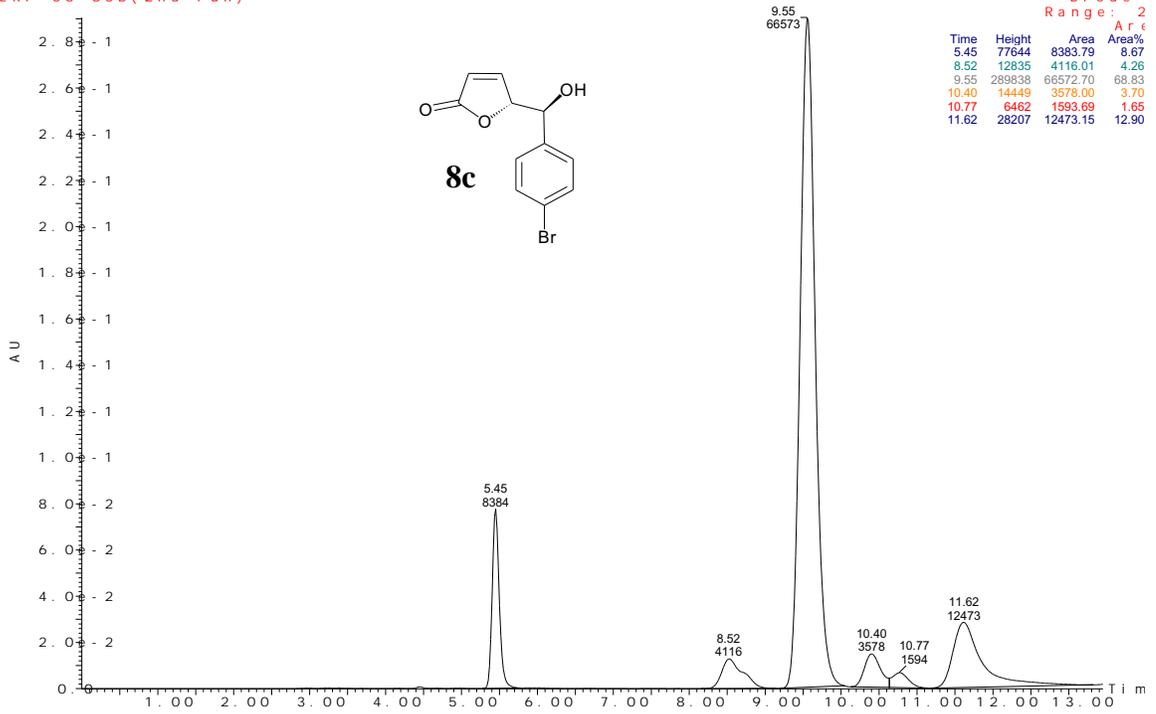
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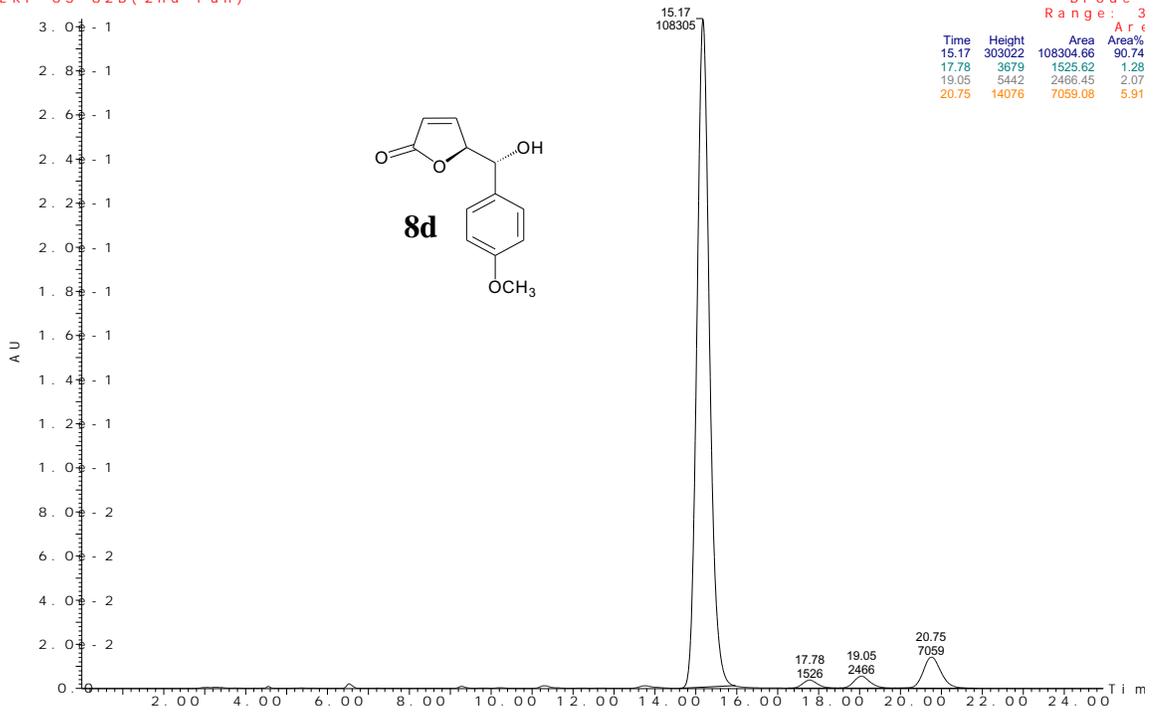
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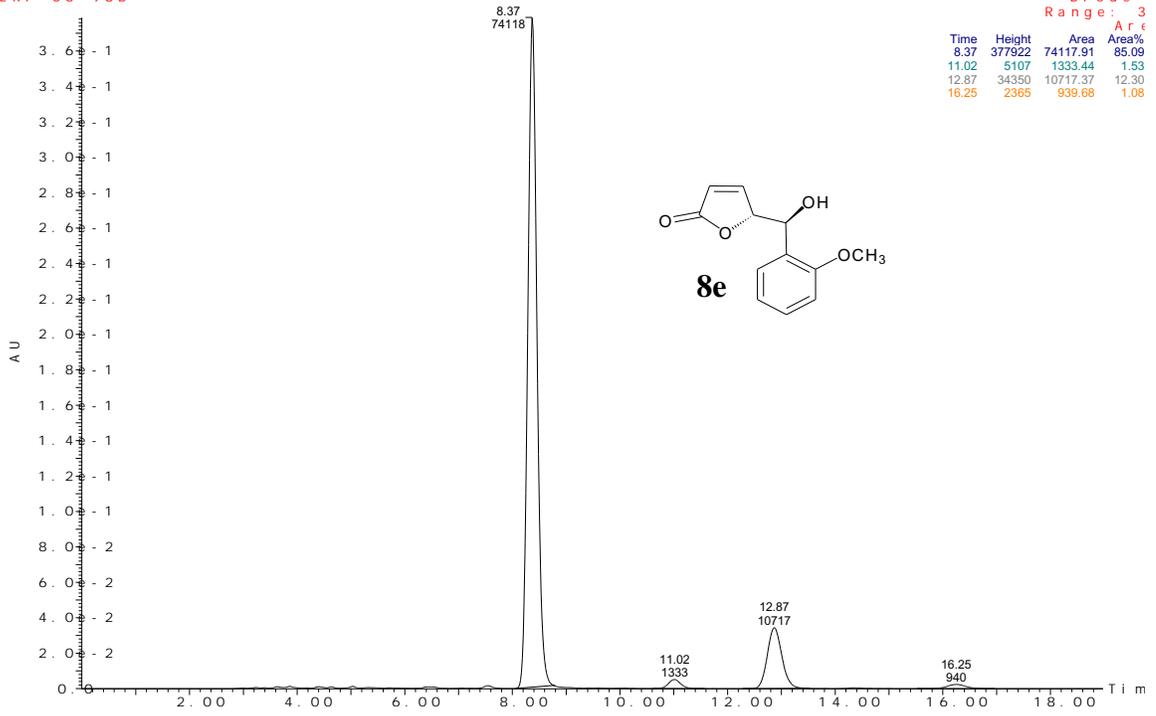
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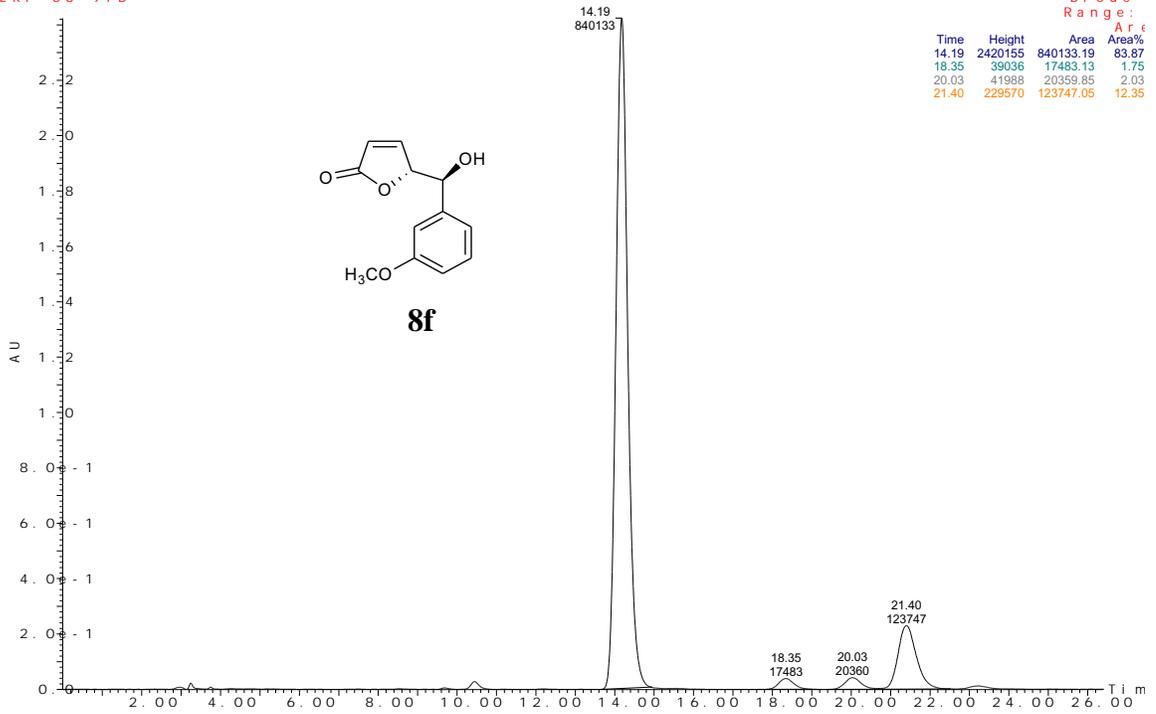
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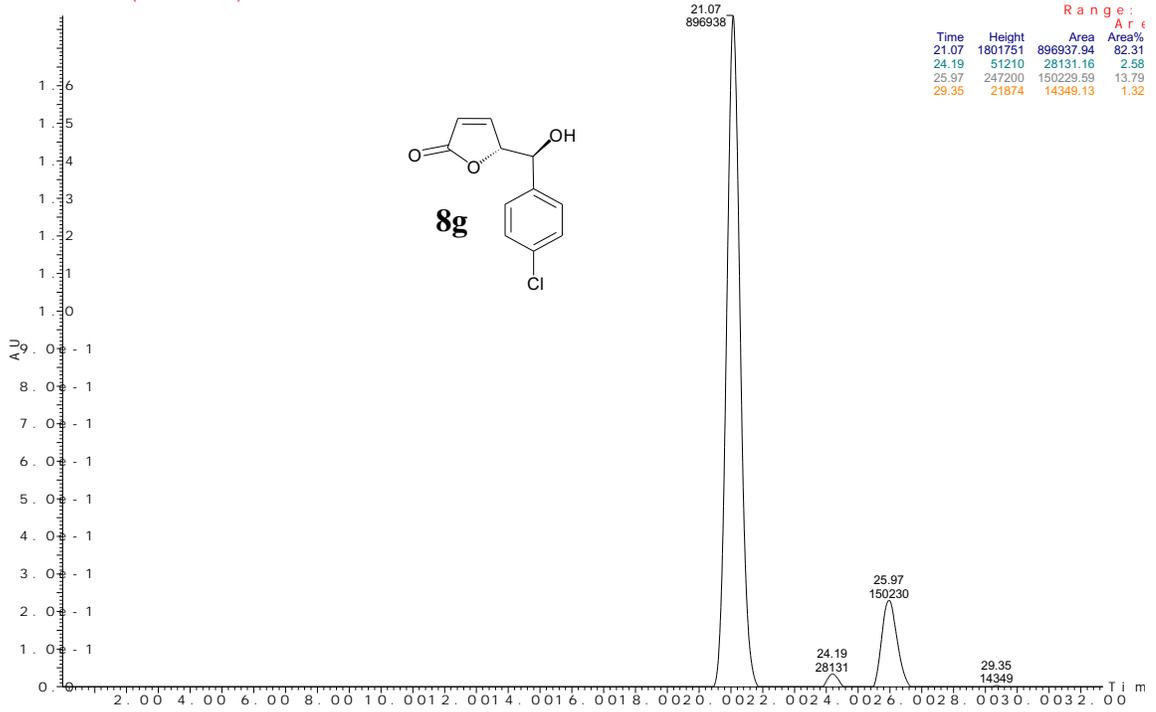
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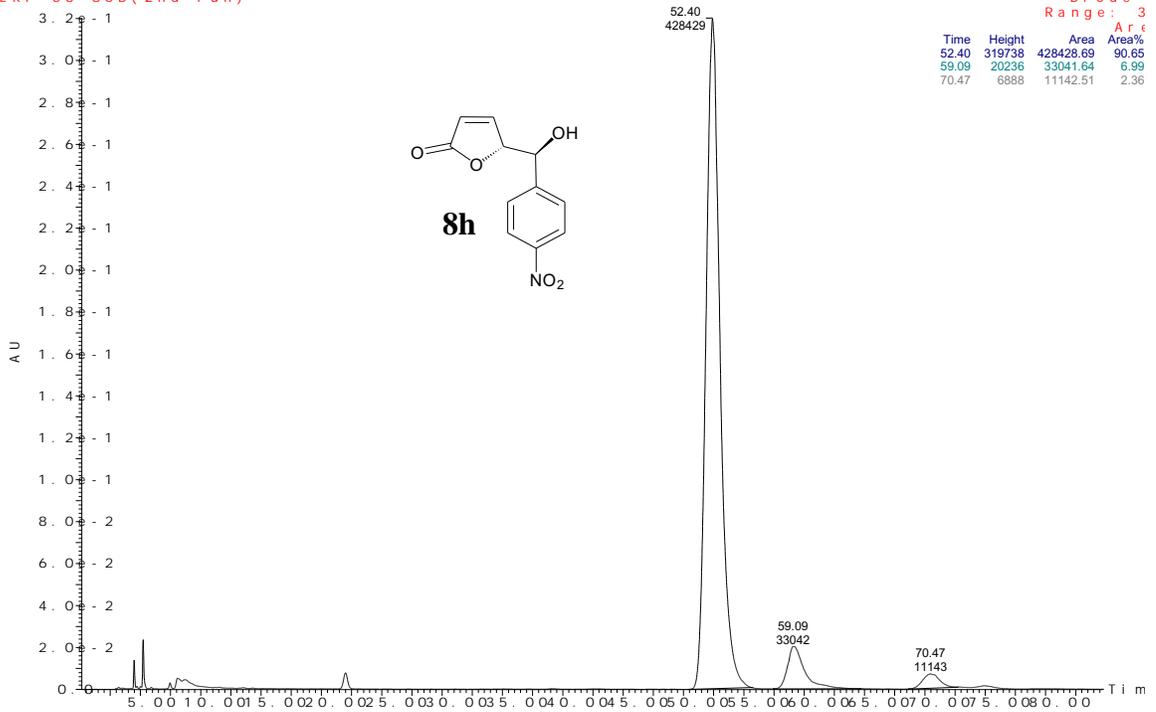
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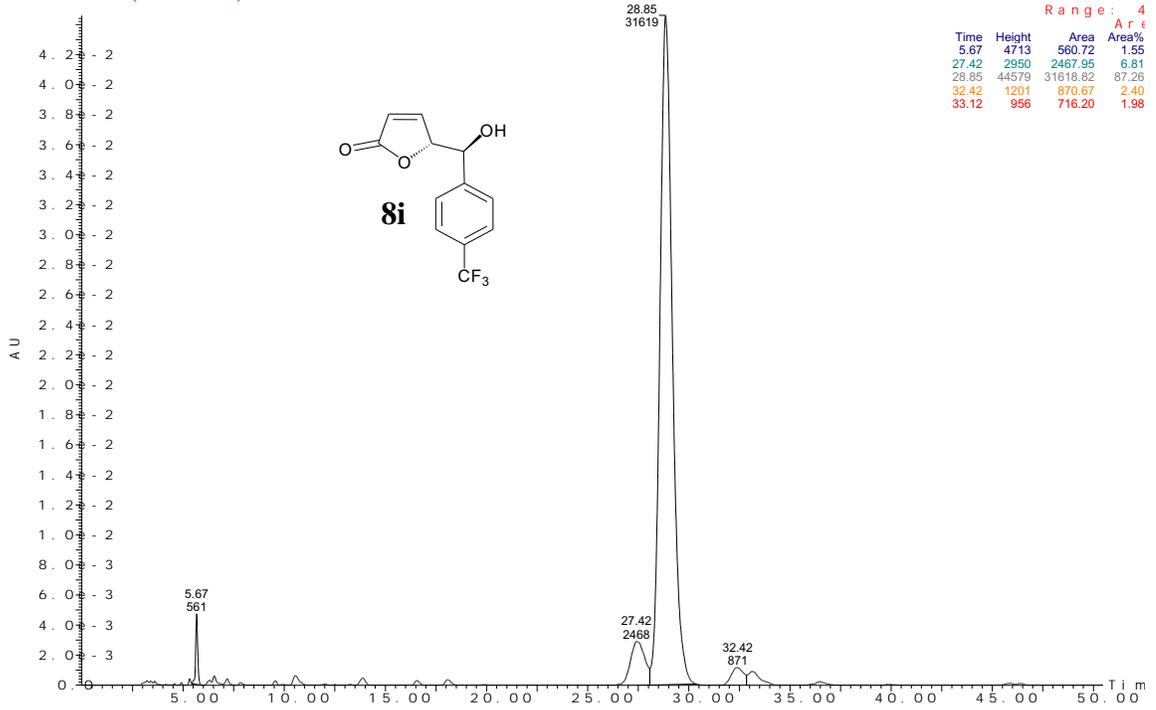
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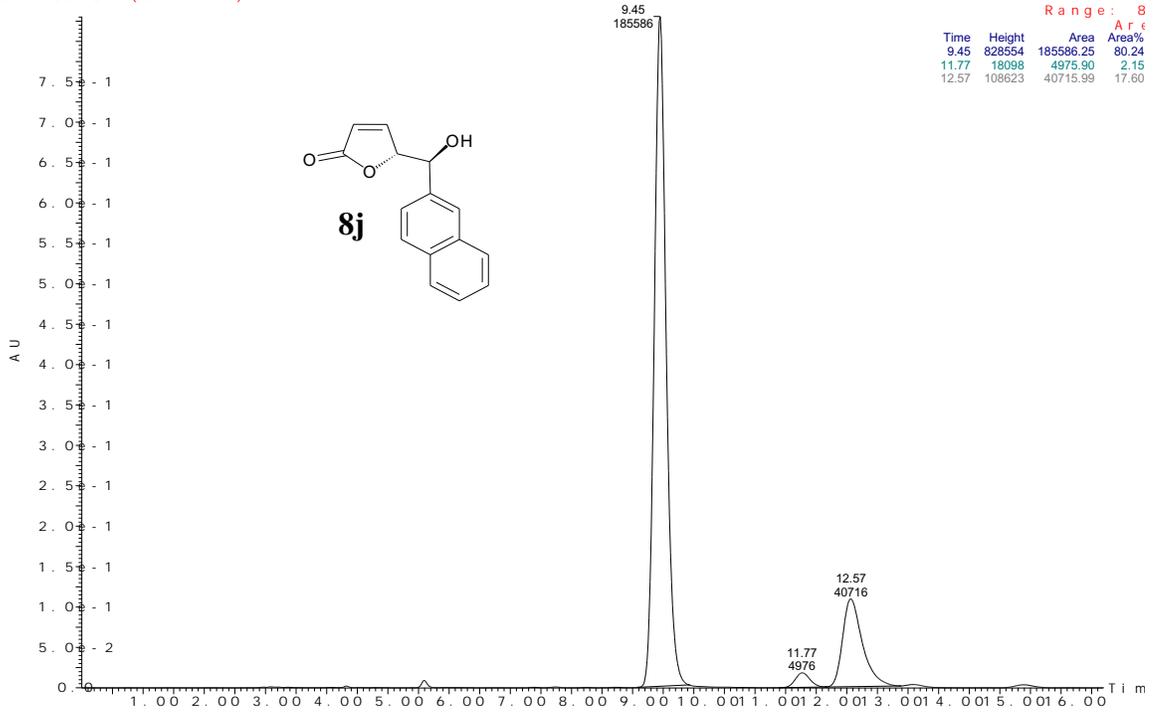
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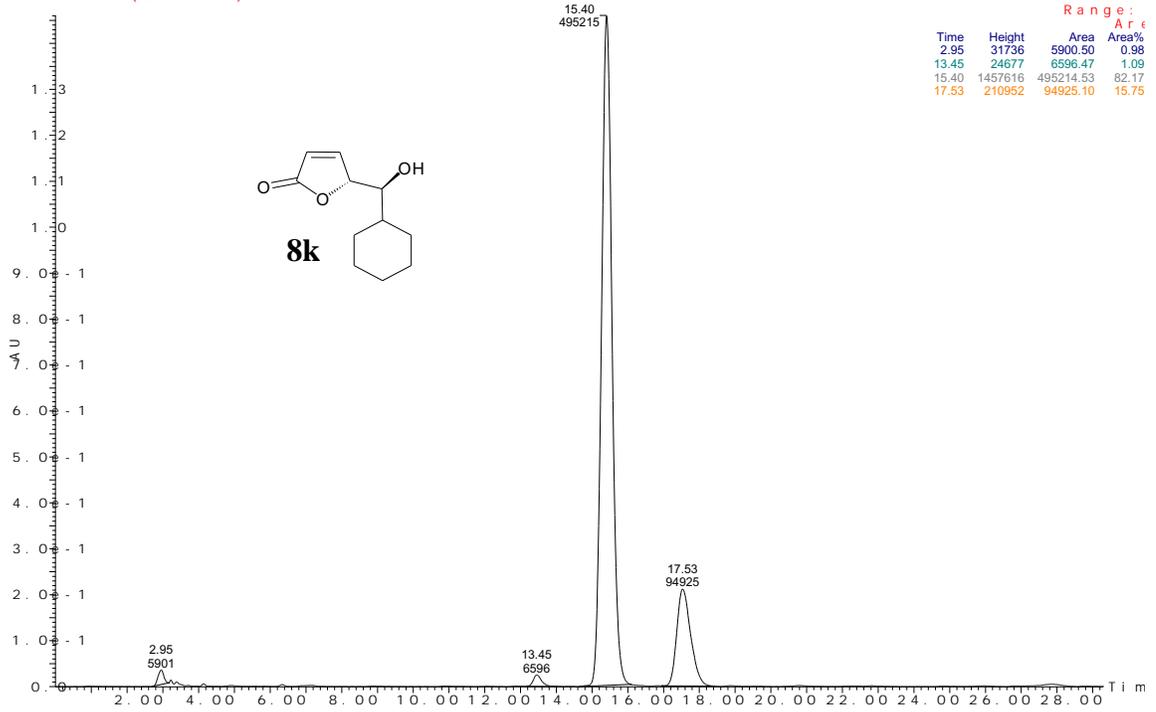
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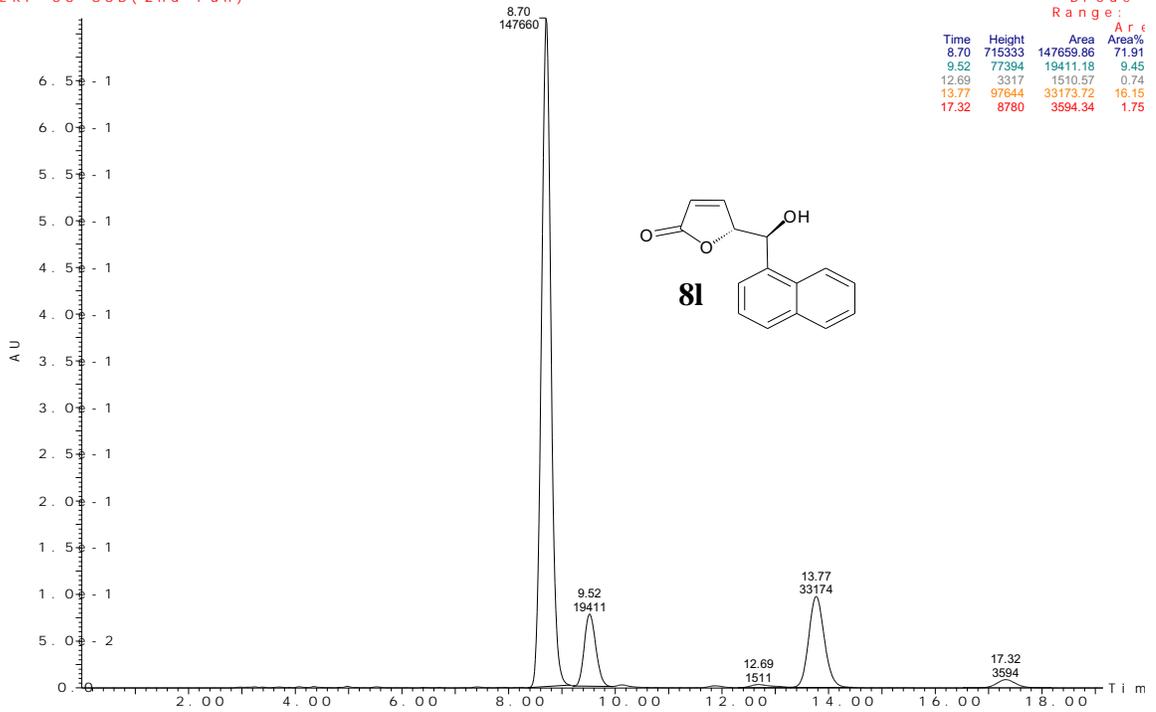
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## CHAPTER 3

### Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994 and (2*S*,3*R*)-3-Hydroxypipelic Acid: Application of an Organocatalytic Direct Vinylogous Aldol Reaction

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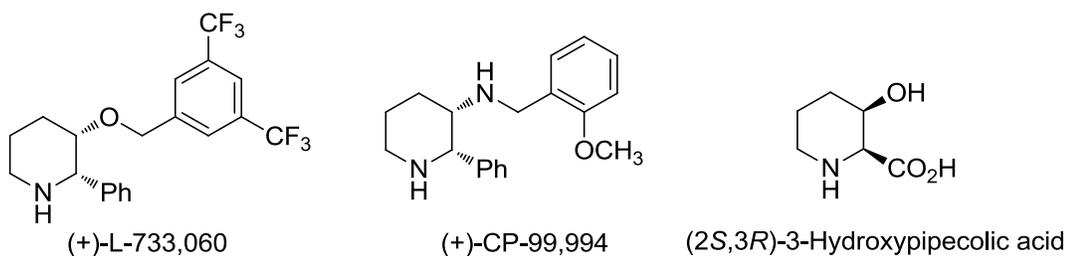
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### 3.1 Introduction

The piperidine motif is found in numerous biologically relevant natural products<sup>1</sup> as well as in medicinal and pharmaceutical agents,<sup>2</sup> and the synthesis of functionalized piperidines has therefore continued to engage synthetic chemists over the years.<sup>3</sup> Stereoselective routes to aryl substituted<sup>4</sup> and hydroxylated piperidines<sup>5</sup> have been extensively investigated. In particular, the biological activity and the synthesis of a variety of 2,3-disubstituted piperidines has attracted considerable interest. This is perhaps best exemplified by the synthetic efforts directed towards the neurokinin receptor antagonists (+)-L-733,060<sup>6</sup> and (+)-CP-99,994;<sup>7</sup> as well as (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypiperidic acid,<sup>8</sup> a constituent of the antibiotic tetrazomine (Figure 3.1). The following sections describe organocatalysis based enantioselective syntheses of these three targets.



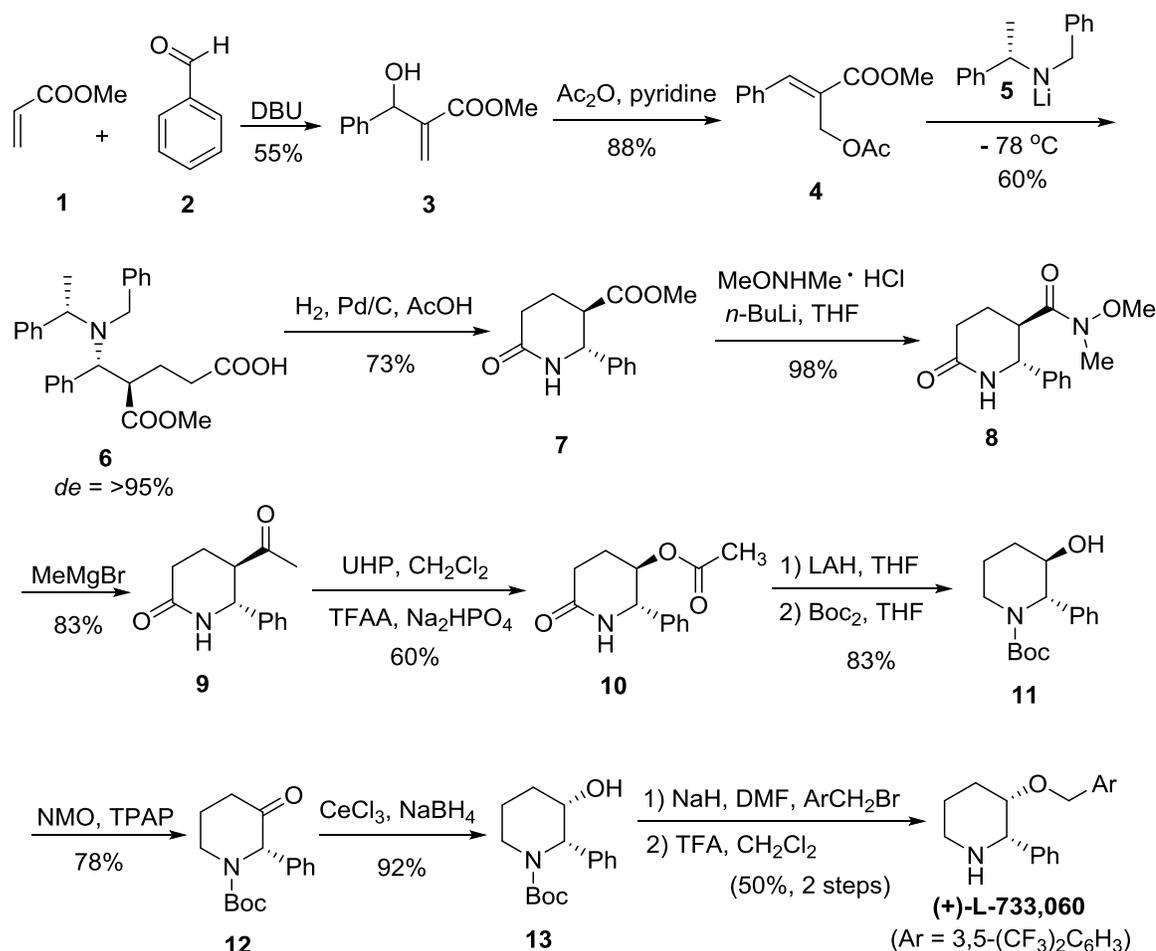
**Figure 3.1.** Biologically active 2,3-disubstituted piperidines targeted in this study.

### 3.2 Known synthetic routes to (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994 and (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypiperidic acid

The following summary provides an overview of the reported syntheses of (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994 and (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypiperidic acid from 2010 onwards.

### 3.2.1 Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060

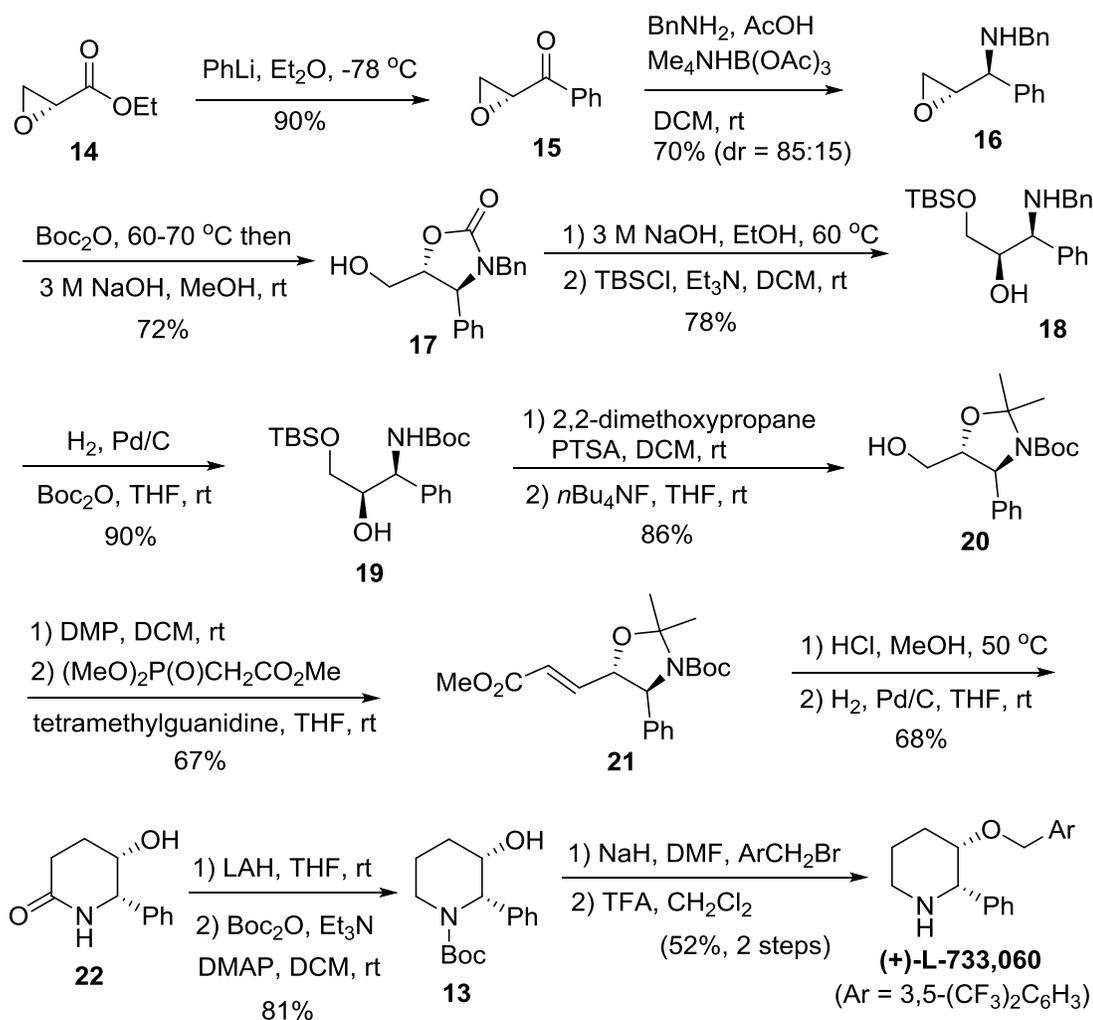
In 2010, Garrido and coworkers reported<sup>6a</sup> an enantioselective synthesis of (+)-L-733,060. The synthesis starts with the Baylis-Hillman reaction of methylacrylate **1** and benzaldehyde **2** (Scheme 3.1). The Baylis-Hillman adduct **3** obtained was treated with acetic anhydride and pyridine to give **4**. A domino reaction (stereoselective Ireland-Claisen rearrangement of the enolate derived from **4** followed by a Michael addition of **5** to the resulting compound) of **4** and chiral lithium amide **5** afforded optically pure  $\gamma$ -substituted  $\delta$ -aminoacid **6**. Hydrogenolysis of **6** using Pd/C in AcOH and subsequent in situ lactamization gave **7**. The methyl ketone **9** was obtained by converting the piperidin-2-one **7** into Weinreb amide **8** followed by addition of methylmagnesium bromide. Baeyer-Villiger oxidation of **9** with urea hydrogen peroxide (UHP) provided lactam **10**. The lactam **10** was reduced using LiAlH<sub>4</sub> and subsequent treatment with (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O, afforded the N-Boc amino alcohol **11**. The inversion of hydroxyl group is necessary for the synthesis of (+)-L-733,060. Oxidation of **11** with NMO/TPAP followed by stereoselective reduction using CeCl<sub>3</sub> and NaBH<sub>4</sub>, gave the desired piperidine **13**. O-Alkylation of **13** with 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide followed by deprotection provided (+)-L-733,060 (12 steps from Baylis-Hillman adduct **3**, 5.6% overall yield).



**Scheme 3.1.** Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060 by Garrido.

In the same year, Haddad and coworkers reported<sup>6b</sup> the synthesis of (+)-L-733,060 (Scheme 3.2). The synthesis began with the addition of phenyllithium to ethyl glycidate **14** to provide epoxyketone **15**. Reductive amination of **15** gave the corresponding  $\alpha$ -aminoepoxide **16** as a single diastereomer after flash chromatography. The aminoepoxide was treated with di-*t*-butyldicarbonate to provide the oxazolidinone **17** through regioselective intramolecular epoxide opening. The oxazolidinone **17** was

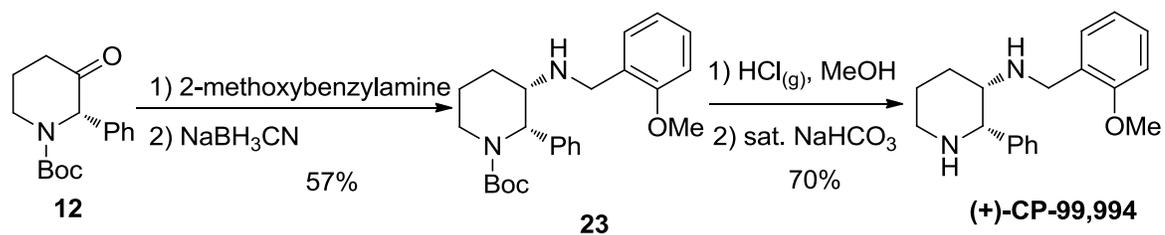
treated with NaOH/EtOH followed by a selective protection of the primary alcohol as t-butyl dimethylsilyl ether to provide the amino alcohol **18**. Hydrogenolysis of **18** with Pd/C in the presence of di-t-butyl dicarbonate afforded **19**. Oxazolidine **20** was obtained by the treatment of **19** with 2,2-dimethoxypropane followed by the deprotection of primary alcohol. Oxidation of **20** using Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) gave the corresponding aldehyde, which was then subjected to a Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction to provide the ester **21**. Unmasking of the 1,2-amino alcohol moiety in **21** followed by hydrogenation provided the saturated ester, which underwent intramolecular cyclization to form the piperidinone **22**. Reduction of **22** using LiAlH<sub>4</sub> followed by treatment with (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O, provided the N-Boc aminoalcohol **13**. O-Alkylation of **13** with 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide followed by deprotection provided (+)-L-733,060 (16 steps from ethyl glycidate **14**, 5.3% overall yield).



**Scheme 3.2.** Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060 by Haddad.

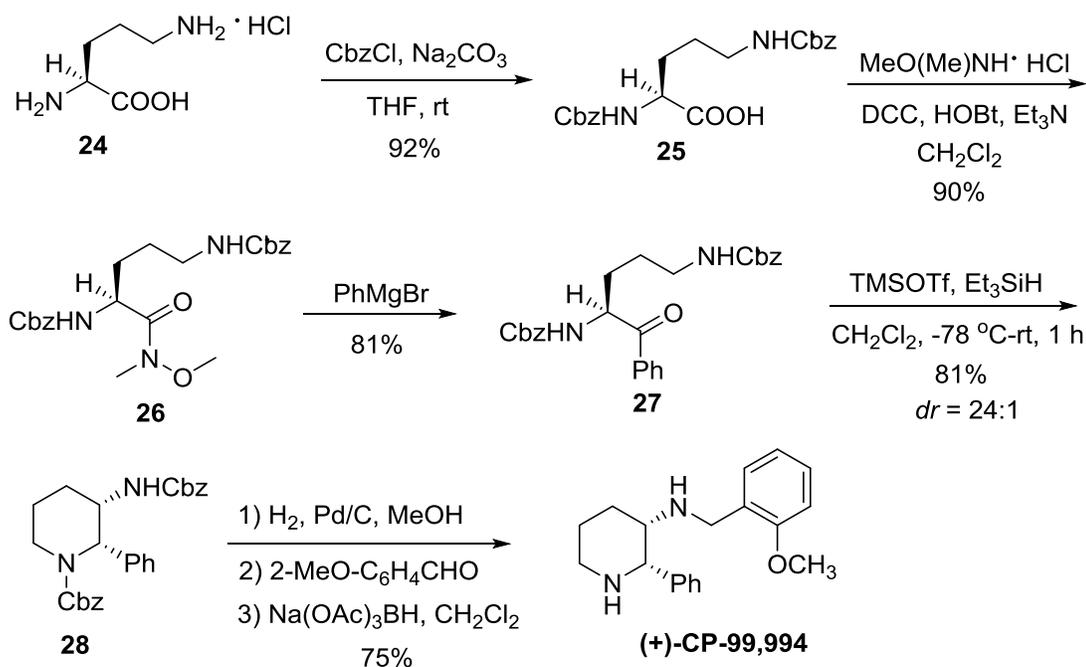
### 3.2.2 Synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994

Garrido and coworkers reported<sup>6a</sup> an enantioselective synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 (Scheme 3.3). The ketone **12** undergoes reductive amination followed by deprotection provided (+)-CP-99,994. The synthesis of ketone **12** is described in Scheme 3.1.



**Scheme 3.3.** Synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 by Garrido.

In 2012, Bhat and coworkers reported<sup>7d</sup> an enantioselective synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 (Scheme 3.4). The synthesis began with enantiomerically pure L-ornithine **24**, which was protected with benzyl chloroformate to afford **25** in excellent yield. Compound **25** was converted to N-methoxy-N-methylamide **26** which was treated with phenylmagnesium bromide at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in THF to provide ketone **27**. The diaminophenylketone **27** was treated with trimethylsilyl triflate and triethylsilane at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to afford the piperidine derivative **28** with good diastereoselectivity (24/1) resulting from cyclization of **27** via an N-acyliminium ion. Deprotection of **28** followed by reductive N-alkylation of the primary amine with 2-methoxybenzaldehyde provided CP-99,994 (7 steps from L-ornithine **24**, 40% overall yield).

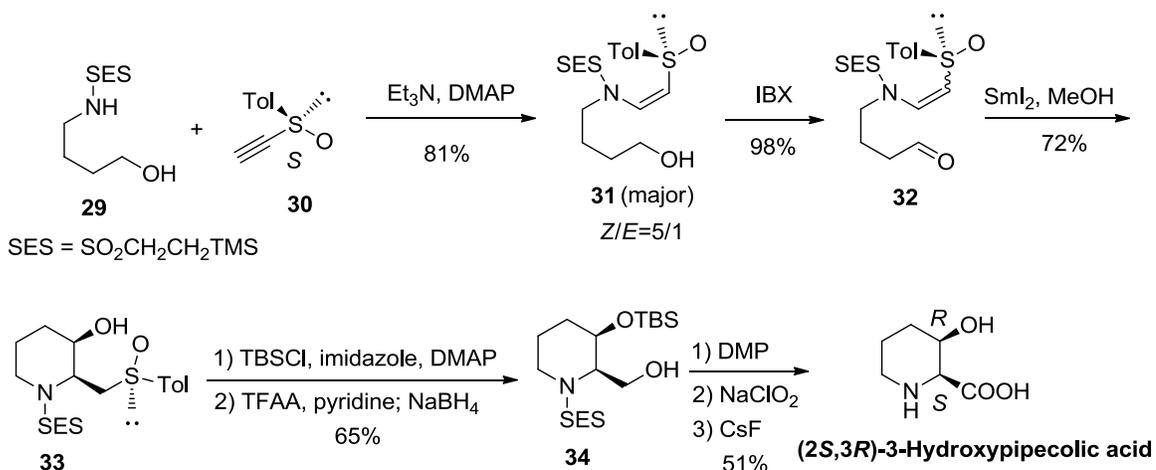


**Scheme 3.4.** Synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 by Bhat.

### 3.2.3. Synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipelicolic acid

In 2010, Lee and coworkers reported<sup>8b</sup> a synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipelicolic acid. The synthesis started from monoprotected amino alcohol **29** (Scheme 3.5), which was obtained from butane-1,4-diol in three steps. The amino alcohol **29** was added to optically active acetylenic sulfoxide **30** under basic conditions (Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP) to afford sulfonamide **31** as a 5/1 *Z*:*E* mixture. After separation, *Z*-**31** was oxidized to aldehyde **32** with 2-iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX). A highly diastereoselective radical cyclization took place, when aldehyde **32** was treated with SmI<sub>2</sub> in methanol and the only product formed was the 3-hydroxypiperidine **33** (*d* *r* = 100:0, 72%). After protection of the alcohol as a tert-butyltrimethylsilyl ether (TBSCl, imidazole, DMAP), a Pummerer rearrangement

was performed and reduction of the Pummerer product gave the primary alcohol **34**. The hydroxypiperidine **34** was oxidized in two steps (DMP, followed by NaClO<sub>2</sub>) to the corresponding carboxylic acid. After a deprotection with cesium fluoride, (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid was obtained (8 steps from **29**, 19% overall yield).



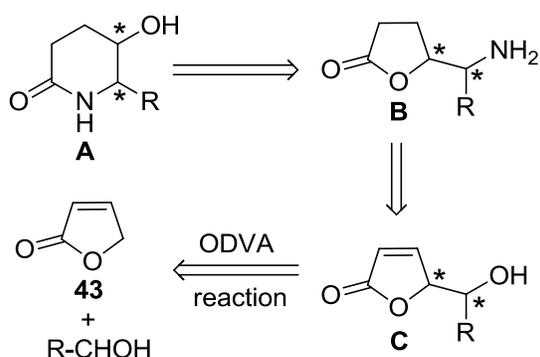
**Scheme 3.5.** Synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid by Lee.

A strategy involving ring-closing metathesis (RCM) to build the piperidine core of 3-hydroxypipercolic acid by C–C bond formation was reported recently by Chattopadhyay.<sup>8f</sup> Serinol derivative **35** was protected as a benzyl ether followed by the oxazolidine ring opening under acidic conditions to provide **36** (Scheme 3.6). Swern oxidation of **36** provided the corresponding aldehyde. Treatment of the aldehyde with vinylmagnesium bromide afforded *S*-allylic alcohol **37** as the major isomer (*d* = 6.7:1). Unfortunately, the *S* isomer could not be separated from the minor *anti* isomer **38**. After conversion of the mixture of **37** and **38** into their MOM ether derivatives and N-



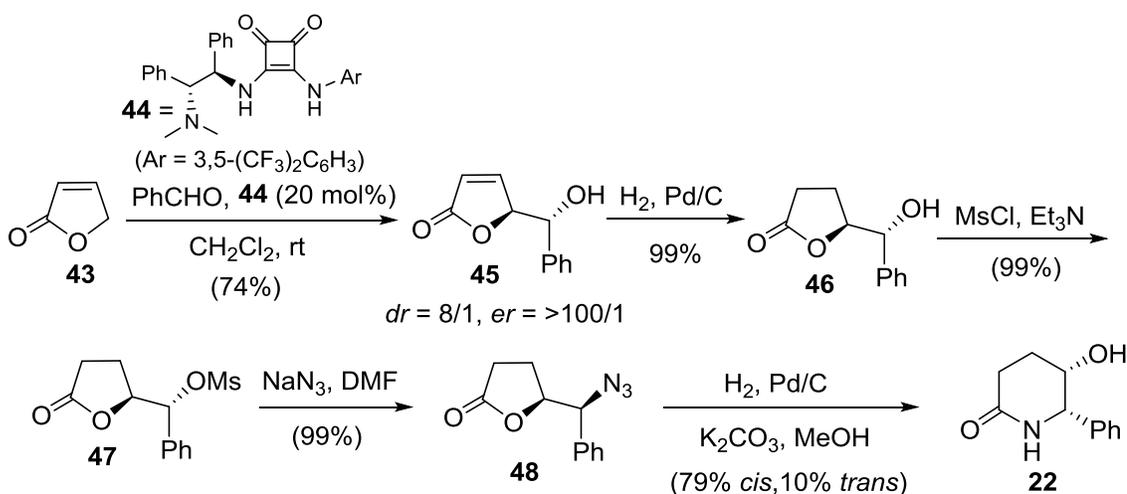
### 3.3 Results and Discussions

The 2-substituted 3-hydroxy piperidine motif **A** is accessible by the rearrangement of 5-(1-aminoalkyl or -aminoaryl) butyrolactones **B** (Figure 3.2).<sup>9</sup> The aminobutyrolactones can, in turn, be obtained from the corresponding hydroxy precursors **C**, which are typically obtained by stereoselective vinylogous Mukaiyama aldol reactions of 2-siloxyfurans and aldehydes.<sup>10</sup> However, a much simpler route to stereodefined 5-(1-hydroxyalkyl/aryl) butenolides involves the organocatalytic, direct vinylogous aldol reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone (2(5H)-furanone) with aldehydes, a reaction that has received attention only recently.<sup>11</sup> Given the structural similarities in the targets of the present study (Figure 3.1), it appeared that a suitably functionalized butyrolactone could potentially be employed as a common synthetic precursor to achieve most of the objectives. In addition, this synthetic strategy would also highlight the utility of the organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol (ODVA) reaction (Figure 3.2).



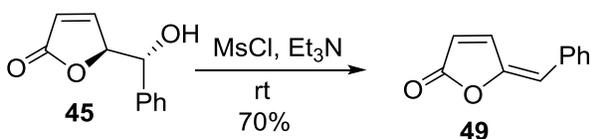
**Figure 3.2.** The organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol route to functionalized piperidines.

Our studies therefore began with the synthesis of **45** (Scheme 3.7) and its conversion to (5*S*,6*S*)-5-hydroxy-6-phenylpiperidin-2-one (**22**) which is an advanced precursor to (+)-L-733,060 and (+)-CP-99,994. Initially, the direct vinylogous aldol reaction of commercially available  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone and benzaldehyde was examined in the presence of selected aminothiurea and aminosquaramide catalysts derived from diphenylethylenediamine, 1,2-cyclohexane diamine and amines obtained from cinchona alkaloids. The details of these studies were described in Chapter 2 (pages 27-32). Extensive optimization studies with these catalysts revealed the aminosquaramide **44**<sup>12</sup> as the most efficient catalyst in terms of the yield, diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity for the aldol product.<sup>11c</sup> Thus, the direct vinylogous aldol reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with benzaldehyde provided the butenolide **45** in good yield and diastereoselectivity (74%, a *n*/*s*  $\gamma$   $\approx$  8/1) and excellent enantiomeric excess (>99% e e for the a n t i diastereomer) when the reaction was conducted in dichloromethane at ambient temperature (Scheme 3.7).



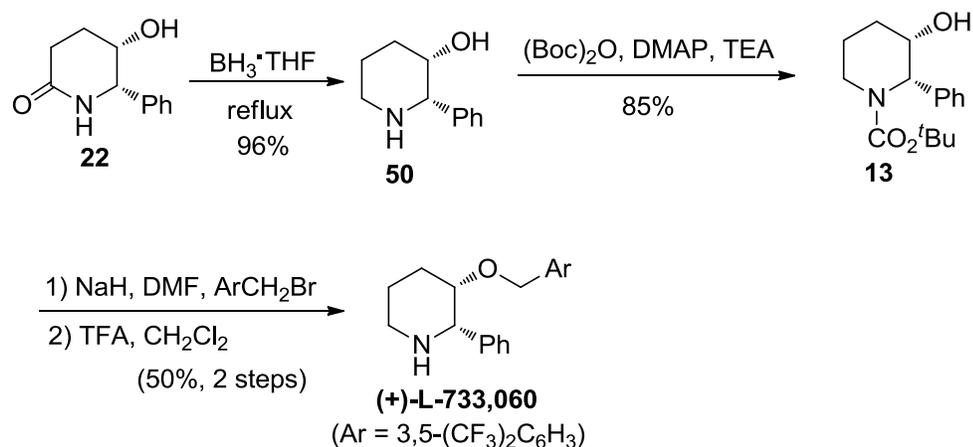
**Scheme 3.7.** Conversion of aldol product to lactam employing ODVA reaction.

The aldol product **45** (as a diastereomeric mixture) was easily converted to the lactam **22** via a series of simple transformations. Hydrogenation of **45** to the butyrolactone **46**, subsequent mesylation of the secondary alcohol to give **47** and displacement of the mesylate, with inversion of configuration, by azide anion gave the azido butyrolactone **48**. It should be mentioned that the attempted mesylation of **45** exclusively resulted in its dehydration (Scheme 3.8).



**Scheme 3.8.** Dehydration of aldol product.

The unwanted dehydration side reaction is effectively prevented by prior reduction of the double bond in **44**. Reduction of the azide ( $\text{H}_2$ , Pd/C) generated a mixture of the corresponding amino butyrolactone and the required piperidone **22** resulting from an intramolecular N-acylation of the amino lactone. Notably, hydrogenation of the azide in the presence of a base ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) significantly facilitated this rearrangement to directly provide **22** without any residual amino lactone. At this stage, **22** was easily separated from the minor (*trans*) diastereomer by flash chromatography and all further transformations were carried out with diastereomerically pure **22**. The overall conversion of **44** to **22** is quite efficient (76% yield over four steps) and can be conducted without purification of any of the intermediates.

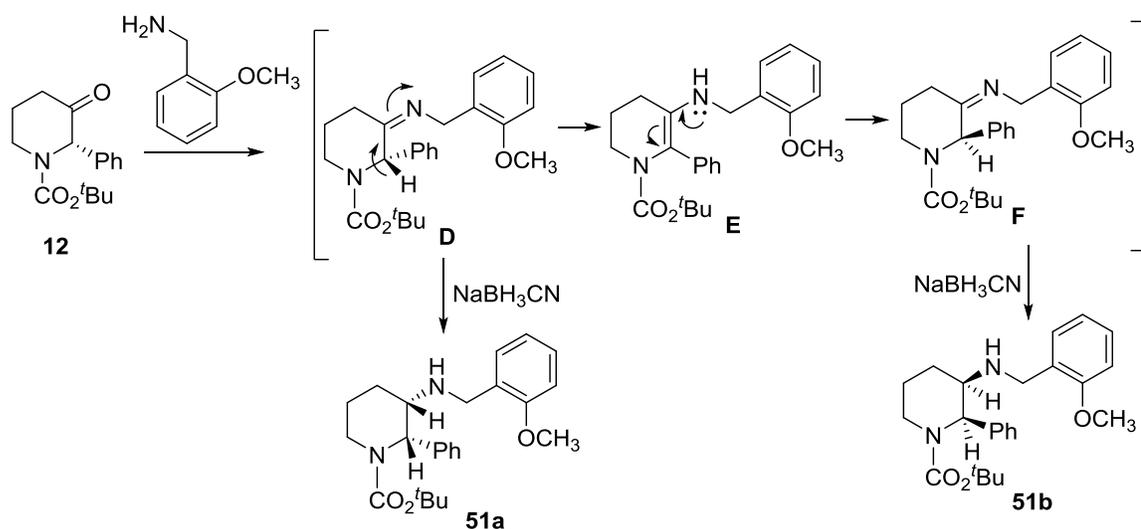


**Scheme 3.9.** Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060.

Reduction of the piperidinone **22** with borane<sup>6c</sup> provided the corresponding piperidine (**50**, 96%) (Scheme 3.9), which was converted to the N-Boc derivative **13**. The conversion of **13** to the neurokinin receptor antagonist targets was achieved by adaptation and some modification of previously described methods (Scheme 3.9). O-Alkylation of **13** with 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzylbromide followed by deprotection provided (+)-L-733,060 (9 steps from benzaldehyde, 24.8% overall yield).

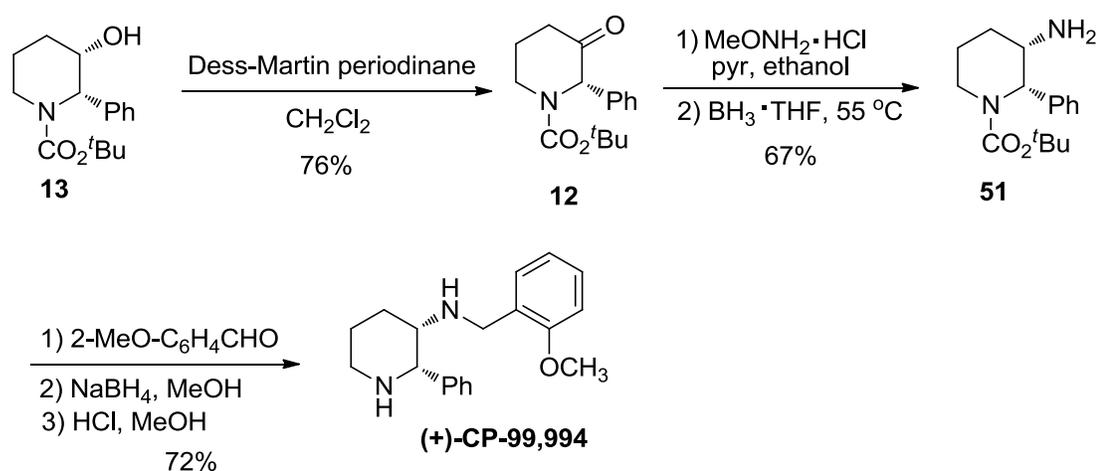
The synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 required the synthesis of ketone **12** and subsequent reductive amination (Scheme 3.11), and both of these steps required detailed attention to the reaction conditions. Oxidation of **13** with Dess-Martin periodinane provided the 3-piperidinone **12** (77%, 94% e.e.). Notably, in our hands, the enantiomeric excess of **12** was dependent on the method of oxidation and the DMP procedure<sup>13</sup> is by far the best for obtaining **12** in good yield and high enantiomeric excess. Oxidation of **13** with IBX or IBX/DMSO with heating led to **12** with diminished e.e. as compared to **13**. Swern oxidation of **13** is reported to provide **12** without racemization.<sup>14</sup> In the present

study, Swern oxidation of **13** (96% e) provided **12** with 76% e. Oximation of **12** obtained in from the Swern oxidation of **13** (e of **13** = 93%), eventually provided CP-99,994 with 60% e. Similarly, the reaction of **12** (87% e) with methoxylamine hydrochloride in pyridine as the solvent<sup>13</sup> subsequently provided CP-99,994 with 50% e. Changing the solvent to ethanol and employing only the necessary amount of pyridine was found to be important for minimizing the racemization of **12**. Likewise, direct imination of **12** with the appropriate amine (see the reported conversion of **12** to **23** described in Scheme 3.3, page 73),<sup>6a</sup> with or without Lewis acid catalysis, eventually provided racemic CP-99,994. These observations suggest that **12** is prone to racemization if it is heated or exposed to excess base and that the extent of racemization, under these conditions, may depend on variables that are difficult to regulate. A proposed mechanism for the racemization of **12** is shown in Scheme 3.10.



**Scheme 3.10.** A proposed mechanism for the racemization of **12**.

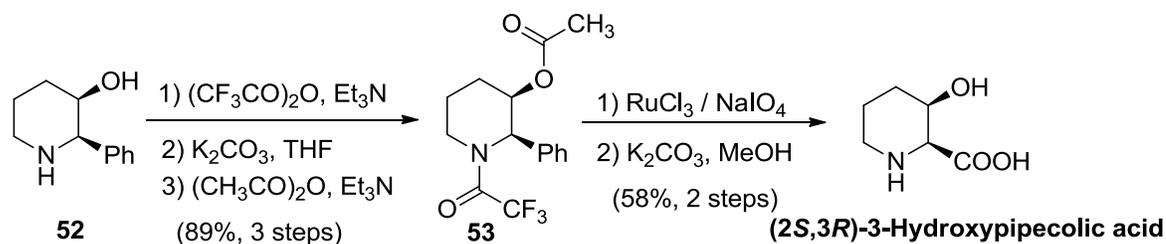
Oximation of **12** with methoxyamine by a significant modification of the reported procedure<sup>13</sup> (ethanol instead of pyridine as the solvent) gave the corresponding oxime ether which was reduced stereoselectively to the amine **51** (Scheme 3.11). Reductive N-alkylation of **51** with 2-methoxybenzaldehyde followed by deprotection provided (+)-CP-99,994 (11 steps from benzaldehyde, 16.9% overall yield).



**Scheme 3.11.** Synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 employing ODVA reaction.

We next investigated the synthesis of (2S,3R)-3-hydroxypipicolinic acid. This particular diastereomer of 3-hydroxypipicolinic acid has been the subject of numerous investigations and it continues to attract interest from synthetic chemists.<sup>8a-f</sup> At the outset, it seemed reasonable that direct oxidation of the phenyl ring in the O-acetyl derivative of N-Boc-(2R,3R)-2-phenyl-3-hydroxypiperidine (e **113**), which was obtained by employing the enantiomer of catalyst **44**, would lead us to the pipicolinic acid target.

However, attempted oxidation<sup>15</sup> ( $\text{RuCl}_3/\text{NaIO}_4$ ) of this substrate invariably led to a mixture of products, none of which corresponded to the required carboxylic acid. Interestingly, a change in the N-protecting group<sup>8c,16</sup> was beneficial. Accordingly, (2R,3R)-2-phenyl-3-hydroxypiperidine **52** was first converted to the N,O-bis(trifluoroacetyl) derivative and the trifluoroacetate ester was selectively replaced with an acetate to provide **53** (Scheme 3.12). Oxidation of the phenyl ring in **53**, with  $\text{RuCl}_3/\text{NaIO}_4$ , now proceeded smoothly to provide the corresponding carboxylic acid. Methanolysis of the trifluoroacetamide and the acetate in this intermediate gave (2S,3R)-3-hydroxypiperidine-3-carboxylic acid (10 steps from benzaldehyde, 28.1% overall yield).



**Scheme 3.12.** Synthesis of (2S,3R)-3-hydroxypiperidine-3-carboxylic acid from **52**.

### 3.4 Conclusions

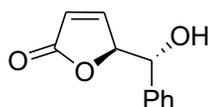
In conclusion, we have achieved the synthesis of three representative members of the 2,3-disubstituted class of bioactive piperidines from the butenolide **45**. The syntheses developed in this study are based on an organocatalytic vinylogous aldol reaction as the pivotal step. Notably, ketone **12** is also a starting material in the synthesis of spirocyclic NK-1 receptor antagonists.<sup>14b,17</sup> The methodology presented here has potential use in the

preparation of libraries of antagonists, related to the those described here, by variation of the aldehyde in the direct vinylogous aldol step.

### 3.5 Experimental section

All commercially available reagents were used without purification. All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using oven dried glassware. Dichloromethane and tetrahydrofuran were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and sodium/benzophenone respectively. Commercial precoated silica gel plates were used for TLC. Silica gel for column chromatography was 230-400 mesh. All melting points are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured at the sodium D line on a digital polarimeter at ambient temperature. Compounds **45**, **13**, **13a** and **51a** were prepared by literature methods. The conversion of **13a** to (+)-L-733,060 and of **51a** to (+)-CP-99,994 was achieved by literature methods.

#### (*S*)-5-[(*R*)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]furan-2(*5H*)-one (**45**):

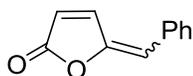


To the catalyst (20 mol %, 1.0 g) in a 25 mL round bottom flask was added benzaldehyde (970  $\mu$ L, 9.14 mmol) followed by 2-(5H)-furanone **43** (1.28 mL, 18.3 mmol) and dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 days at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL) and aqueous 2 N HCl (30 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 30 mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc, 10/1) to give **45** as a pale yellow solid (1.73 g, 74%). The diastereomeric composition (a  $n_D^{20}$   $\gamma_{D}^{20}$ ) was determined by

$^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the crude product. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 254 nm,  $t_1 = 32.6$  min (minor a n),  $t_2 = 37.7$  min (minor S y),  $t_3 = 53.1$  min (major S y),  $t_4 = 70.5$  min (major a n)).  $ee: > 99\%$  (anti)). In repeated experiments an ee range of 97 to  $> 99\%$  was observed.

IR: 3432, 3084, 2877, 2360, 2342, 1727, 1453, 1167, 1083, 1067, 1039, 820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.43-7.34 (m, 6H, ArH and COCH=CH), 6.19 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.9$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.19-5.18 (br m, 1H, CH=CHCH), 5.09 (br t, 1H,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.25 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, OH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  173.1 (C=O), 152.9 (CH=CH-C=O), 138.3 (ArC), 128.8 (ArC), 128.6 (ArC), 126.1 (ArC), 123.2 (CH=CH-C=O), 86.6 (CH-O-C=O), 73.1 (CH-OH); **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.42-7.36 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 1.5$  Hz, COCH=CH), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.8, 2$  Hz, COCH=CH), 5.17 (apparent dt, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, CH=CHCH), 4.71 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, ArCHOH), 2.78 (s, 1H, OH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.4 (C=O), 153.0 (CH=CH-C=O), 137.7 (ArC), 129.1 (ArC), 128.8 (ArC), 126.8 (ArC), 123.1 (CH=CH-C=O), 86.9 (CH-O-C=O), 75.8 (CH-OH); MS (APCI, pos.):  $m/z$  110 (M+1).

#### 5-Benzylidenefuran-2(2H)-one (49):

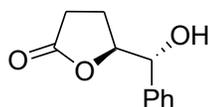


Triethylamine (292  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.10 mmol) was added slowly to an ice cold solution of **45** (200 mg, 1.05 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , followed by the addition of methane sulfonyl chloride (122  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.57 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and water (20 mL) was

added at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to provide 130 mg (72%) of **49** as a yellow oil.

IR: 3064, 1705, 1630, 1492, 1214, 1164, 819, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **E isomer**: δ 7.82 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.38-7.36 (5H, m), 6.80 (1H, s), 6.35 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 1.8 Hz), **Z isomer**: δ 7.80 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.50 (1H, d, J = 5.3 Hz), 7.49-7.33 (3H, m), 6.23 (1H, d, J = 5.3 Hz), 6.04 (1H, s); MS (APCI pos.): m / z 223 (M+1).

**(S)-Dihydro-5-[(R)-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)furan-2(3H)-one (45):**

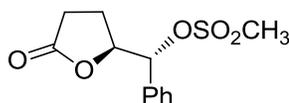


Pd/C (10%, 75 mg) was added to a stirred solution of **45** (750 mg, 3.94 mmol) in EtOAc (10.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature under a balloon filled with H<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was filtered through Celite and the filter cake was washed with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to provide 758 mg (99%) of **46** as a white solid (S<sub>y</sub>ann ± 8/1). This was pure by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

IR: 3391, 1753, 1453, 1370, 1182, 1042, 992 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **Anti diastereomer**: δ 7.39-7.32 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.13 (d, 1H, J = 2.7 Hz, CHOH), 4.72-4.65 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.59-2.50 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.5-2.4 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH-O), 1.97-1.90 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH-O); **Visible peaks for the syn diastereomer**: δ 4.65-4.60 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.06-2.01 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  177.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 138.4 (ArC), 128.7 (ArC), 128.2 (ArC), 126.0 (ArC), 83.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHO), 73.5 (CHOH), 28.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 20.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHO); **Visible peaks for the syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  176.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 138.3 (ArC), 128.8 (ArC), 128.2 (ArC), 127.0 (ArC), 83.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHO), 77.2 (CHOH), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHO); MS (EI pos): m/z: 193.1 (M+1).

**(S)-Dihydro-5-[(R)-(methylsulfonyl)(phenyl)methyl]furan-2(3H)-one (47):**

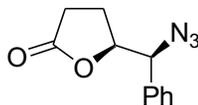


Triethyl amine (626  $\mu$ L, 4.50 mmol) was added slowly to an ice cold solution of **46** (720 mg, 3.75 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, followed by the addition of methane sulfonyl chloride (349  $\mu$ L, 4.50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C and water (20 mL) was added at 0 °C. The mixture extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to provide 1.10 g (>99%) of **47** as a yellow oil. This was pure by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

IR: 3027, 2938, 1775, 1351, 1171, 1031, 944, 912, 874, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **Anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.35 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.73 (d, 1H, J = 3.9 Hz, HC-OSO<sub>2</sub>Me), 4.86-4.80 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.28-2.09 (m, 2H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>); **Visible peaks for the syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  5.52 (d, 1H, J = 5.7 Hz, HCOSO<sub>2</sub>Me), 2.89 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): **anti:**  $\delta$  176.1, 133.5, 129.6, 129.1, 126.9, 82.8, 80.4, 39.0, 27.7, 22.1; **syn:**  $\delta$  176.0, 133.7, 130.0, 129.2,

127.5, 84.3, 80.3, 39.3, 27.9, 24.2; MS (API-ES)  $m/z$  270.4 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (CI): 271.0640 (271.0640 calc. for  $C_{12}H_{15}O_5S$ ,  $M + H$ ).

**(S)-5-[(S)-Azido(phenyl)methyl]-dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (48):**

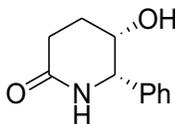


Sodium azide (1.22 g, 18.7 mmol) was added to the crude mesylate **47** (1.10 g, 4.07 mmol) in DMF (5.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and EtOAc (30 mL) was added followed by water (30 mL). The resulting biphasic mixture was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ), filtered and concentrated to provide 838 mg (>99%) of **48** as a yellow oil. This was pure by  $^1H$  NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

IR: 2101, 1774, 1455, 1250, 1175, 1148, 1066, 990, 913  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  7.44-7.35 (m, 5H, ArH), 4.71-4.61 (m, 1H, CH- $CH_2$ ), 4.60 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.9$  Hz,  $CHN_3$ ), 2.48-2.34 (m, 2H,  $CH_2C=O$ ), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H,  $CHCH_2$ ), 2.05-1.95 (m, 1H,  $CHCH_2$ ); **Visible peaks for the anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  4.90 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.2$  Hz,  $CHN_3$ ), 2.58-2.45 (m,  $CH_2C=O$ ), 2.25-2.15 (m,  $CHCH_2$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): **Syn diastereomer:**  $\delta$  176.2 (C=O), 134.5 ( $ArC_{ipso}$ ), 129.2 (ArC), 127.8 (ArC), 127.2 (ArC), 81.2 (O-CH), 68.5 ( $HCHN_3$ ), 28.0 ( $CH_2C=O$ ), 24.6 ( $CH_2CH$ ); **Visible peaks for the anti diastereomer:**  $\delta$  176.4 (C=O), 134.6 ( $ArC_{ipso}$ ), 129.1 (ArC), 129.0 (ArC),

81.4 (O-CH), 67.8 (HCN<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH); MS (EI pos.): m/z 218.1 (M+1); HRMS (APCI pos.): m/z 218.0972 (218.0930 calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)).

**(5*S*,6*S*)-5-Hydroxy-6-phenylpiperidin-2-one (22):**

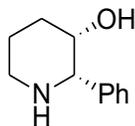


To a stirred solution of **48** (810 mg, 4.24 mmol) in methanol (5.0 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (160 mg, 1.16 mmol) followed by Pd/C (10%, 81 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature under a balloon filled with H<sub>2</sub> and then filtered through a pad of Celite. The filter cake was washed with MeOH (2 x 30 mL) and the combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to provide a yellow gum. This was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 95/5 as the eluant) to provide 543 mg (76%) of **22** as a fluffy white solid and 91.0 mg (13 %) of **22** as a white solid.

**Cis diastereomer:** Mp: 99 °C (lit.<sup>6b</sup> mp. 92 °C); IR: 3360, 3197, 2945, 1643, 1461, 1399, 1351, 1318, 1197, 1069, 986, 942 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.85 (br s, 1H, CONH), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 2.7 Hz, CHAr), 4.08 (br s, 1H, CHOH), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.41-2.37 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.15-2.13 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04-2.01 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.69 (s, 1H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 172.3 (C=O), 137.9 (ArC<sub>ipso</sub>), 129.2 (ArC), 128.7 (ArC), 127.0 (ArC), 66.2 (CHOH), 61.9 (CHAr), 26.7 (CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 26.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O); MS (APCI, pos.) m/z 218.1 (M+1); HRMS (EI): 191.0950 (191.0946 calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +55.3 (c 1.06, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), lit. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +52.0 (c 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).<sup>6b</sup>

**Trans diastereomer:** IR: 3237, 2364, 1631, 1581, 1485, 1446, 1349, 1333, 1175, 1076, 945, 801  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.45-7.40 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.35 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.70 (br s, 1H, CONH), 4.69 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H, CHAr), 4.10 (br s, 1H, CHOH), 2.77 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 18.0, 11.9, 6.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ ), 2.43 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 18.0, 6.2, 2.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ ), 2.19-2.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 2.07-2.03 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.47 (br t, 1H,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, OH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.2 (C=O), 137.8 ( $\text{ArC}_{\text{ipso}}$ ), 129.2 (ArC), 128.8 (ArC), 127.0 (ArC), 66.3 (CHOH), 61.9 (CHAr), 26.7 ( $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 26.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ); MS (APCI pos.):  $m/z$  223 ( $\text{M}^+$ );  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +26.0$  (c 1.0, MeOH); lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +31.6$  (c 0.75, MeOH).<sup>18</sup>

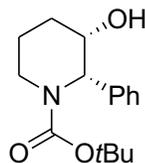
**(2*S*,3*S*)-2-Phenylpiperidin-3-ol (50):**



Borane-THF complex (4.70 mL, 4.68 mmol) was added to **12** (300 mg, 1.56 mmol), and the mixture was heated to reflux for 5 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, aqueous HCl (3 M, 12.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. at room temperature. The mixture was then concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure and the residue was basified with 5% aqueous NaOH at 0 °C to pH~10. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated to provide **50** as a white solid (267 mg, 96%). This was pure by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

Mp: 90-93 °C; IR: 3274, 2926, 2851, 1447, 1323, 1089, 1054, 1053, 989 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.86 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 3.78 (br s, 1H, CHOH), 3.22-3.19 (m, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.81 (dt, 1H, J = 12.1, 2.8 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.89-1.84 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.74-1.67 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.52-1.48 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 142.0 (ArC<sub>ipso</sub>), 128.5 (ArC), 127.3 (ArC), 126.6 (ArC), 68.9 (CHOH), 65.0 (CHAr), 47.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 32.0 (CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 19.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N); MS (APCI, pos.): m/z 178.1 (M+1); HRMS (EI): 177.1153 (177.1154 calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +66.45 (c 0.62, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**(2*S*,3*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-hydroxy-2-phenylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (13):**

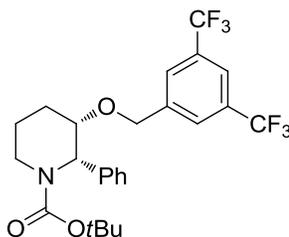


To a solution of **50** (500 mg, 2.82 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) were added di-*t*-butyl dicarbonate (616 mg, 2.82 mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (25 mg, 0.20 mmol) and triethylamine (431 μL, 3.10 mmol) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 7/3) afforded 663 mg (85%) of **13** as colorless oil.

IR: 3452, 2937, 1661, 1413, 1362, 1255, 1175, 1141, 1074, 1024, 962, 871 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45 (d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.34 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH),

7.28-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.33 (d, 1H, J = 5.4 Hz, CHAr), 4.1-4.06 (m, 1H, CHOH), 4.01 (dd, J = 4.9 Hz, 13.2 Hz, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.04 (dt, J = 3.9 Hz, 13.2, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.84-1.67 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67-1.62 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.58 (s, 1H, OH), 1.37 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.4 (C=O), 138.4 (ArC<sub>ipso</sub>), 128.4 (ArC), 127.2 (ArC), 79.9 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 70.1 (CHOH), 59.3 (CHAr), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 28.3 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); MS (APCI, pos.): m/z 78.1 ((M-Boc)+1); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +42.3 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +42.6 (c 0.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).<sup>6b</sup>

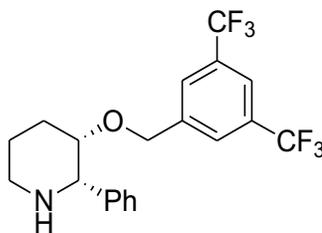
**(2*S*,3*S*)-tert-Butyl-3-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy]-2-phenylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (13a):**



To a solution of **13** (60 mg, 0.22 mmol) in DMF/THF (3:1, 1.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C was added sodium hydride (95%, 16 mg, 0.65 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide (0.10 g, 0.33 mmol) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred 16 h at room temperature, after which water (5.0 mL) added at 0 °C and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 10 mL) The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 9/1) to give 57 mg (52%) of **13a** as colorless oil.

IR: 2939, 1686, 1411, 1357, 1276, 1175, 1128, 885  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.71 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, ArH), 7.33 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, ArH), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.69 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 4.73 (AB system, 2H,  $J = 12.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.96-3.90 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$  or CHO), 3.90-3.86 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$  or CHO), 2.77 (dt,  $J = 13.1, 3.2$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.01-1.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.74-1.70 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 1.46 (s, 9H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.3 (C=O), 141.0 (ArC), 138.01 (ArC), 131.6 (q,  $J = 33.3$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 128.4 (ArC), 128.3 (ArC), 127.2 (br, ArC), 127.1 (ArC), 125.1 (ArC), 121.5-121.4 (br, ArC), 80.1 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 78.7 (CH-O), 69.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.5 (CHAr), 39.2 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 28.4 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 24.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); MS (APCI, pos.):  $m/z$  404.2 ((M-Boc)+1);  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +39.1$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +27.9$  (c 0.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).<sup>6e</sup>

**(2*S*,3*S*)-3-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy]-2-phenylpiperidine ((+)-L-733,060):**

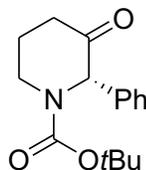


To a solution **13a** (46 mg, 0.09 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (70  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.91 mmol) at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and 10% aqueous NaOH was added at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . After extraction with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), filtered and concentrated to

afford 34 mg (92%) of (+)-L-733,060 as a colorless oil that was pure by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz).

IR: 2936, 2858, 1374, 1342, 1276, 1174, 1126, 883, 837  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.44 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (br d, 2H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, ArH), 7.32 (br t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.52 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.14 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.85 (s, 1H,  $\text{CHAr}$ ), 3.68 (s, 1H,  $\text{CHOCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.30-3.27 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.85 (dt,  $J = 12.4, 2.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.22 (d, 1H,  $J = 13.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.89-1.82 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH-O}$ ), 1.54-1.51 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH-O}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  141.4 (ArC), 141.1 (ArC), 131.33 (q,  $J = 33.2$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 128.2 (ArC), 127.5 (ArC), 127.3 (ArC), 126.8 (ArC), 125.1 (ArC), 121.5-121.2 (m, ArC), 77.1 (CH-O), 70.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 64.2 (CHAr), 46.9 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 28.4 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH-O}$ ), 20.3 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); MS (APCI pos.):  $m/z$  404.4 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (CI):  $m/z$  404.1447 (404.1449 calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_6\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{M}+\text{H}$ );  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +48.6$  (c 0.51,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +31.7$  (c 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )<sup>6e</sup>.

**(S)-tert-Butyl-3-oxo-2-phenylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (12):**

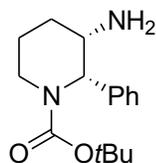


Dess-Martin periodinane (1.07 g, 2.50 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol **13** (0.14 g, 0.50 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added, the organic layer was

separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 8/2) to give 106 mg (76%) of **12** as a pale yellow liquid.

IR: 2974, 1690, 1401, 1361, 1247, 1154 (br), 1105, 1031, 967  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.20 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.65 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 4.08 (br s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.34-3.30 (br m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 2.51-2.40 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 1.98-1.88 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 1.43 (br s, 9H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  205.5 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 155.0 (N-C=O), 135.6 (ArC), 128.9 (ArC), 127.6 (ArC), 125.4 (ArC), 80.7 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 65.9 (br, CHAr), 40.1 (br,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 37.3 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ), 28.2 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 22.8 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); HRMS (EI pos.): 275.1525 (275.1521 calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ ); HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 99/1, 254 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 35.7$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 37.6$  min.; ee = 96% ee.

**(2*S*,3*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-amino-2-phenylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (**51**):**

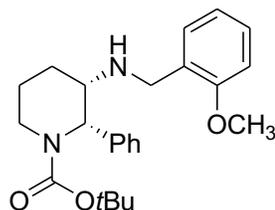


To a stirred solution of ketone **12** (60 mg, 0.22 mmoles) in ethanol (0.50 mL) at room temperature, was added anhydrous pyridine (26  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.33 mmol) followed by methoxylamine hydrochloride (27 mg, 0.33 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (10 mL) was added, the mixture was stirred for 30 min, and then extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 30 mL). The combined

organic layers were dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated to provide the crude oxime methyl ether of **51** (70 mg). This was treated with  $\text{BH}_3$ -THF (1 M soln. in THF, 0.65 mL, 0.63 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  and the solution was stirred at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  for 4h. Saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (10 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3 x 30 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 9/1) to provide 40 mg (67%) of **51** as pale yellow oil. This was pure by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

IR: 2931, 1682, 1407, 1362, 1252, 1147, 868  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.44 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, ArH), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.20 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, CHAr), 4.01 (br d, 1H,  $J = 10.9$  Hz,  $\text{CHNH}_2$ ), 3.20-3.11 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 1.88-1.65 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ ), 1.45 (br s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 1.36 (s, 9H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.4 ( $\text{CO}_2^t\text{Bu}$ ), 139.1 (ArC), 129.4 ( $2 \times$  ArC), 128.2 ( $2 \times$  ArC), 127.2 (ArC), 79.7 ( $\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 60.6 (NCH), 51.2 ( $\text{CHNH}_2$ ), 39.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{NH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 28.3 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 24.4 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ); MS (EI pos.):  $m/z$  277.2 ( $M + 1$ ).

**(2S,3S)-tert-Butyl 3-(2-methoxybenzylamino)-2-phenylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (51a):**

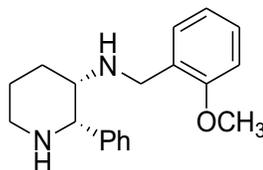


To a solution of amine **51** (16 mg, 0.06 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (21  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.17 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 22 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in methanol (1.0 mL). Sodium borohydride (13 mg, 0.35 mmoles) was added to this solution and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (pH~8) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ EtOAc, 9/1) to provide 18 mg (78%) of **51a** as pale yellow oil. This was pure by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

IR: 2933, 1685, 1494, 1457, 1407, 1359, 1241, 1178, 1144, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.58 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.89 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz, ArH), 6.81 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 5.47 (s, 1H, CHAr), 3.95 (d, 1H, J = 11.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (AB system, 2H, J = 13.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07-3.03 (m, 1H, CHNH), 2.97 (dt, 1H, J = 13.0, 2.3 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85-1.75 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHNH), 1.66-1.53 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.41 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.5 (CO), 155.2 (ArC), 139.2 (ArC), 129.5 (ArC), 129.2 (ArC), 128.4 (ArC), 128.1 (ArC), 128.0 (ArC), 126.9 (ArC), 120.4 (ArC), 110.1 (ArC), 79.6 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 57.2 (CHAr), 55.0 (CHNH, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 46.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 39.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHNH), 24.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N); MS (EI pos.): m / 397.5 (M+1); HRMS (EI): m / 396.2412 (396.2413 calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>); HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 210 nm, t<sub>minor</sub> = 4.64 min, t<sub>major</sub> = 5.20 min; ee = 93.4%.

**(2*S*,3*S*)-*N*-(2-Methoxybenzyl)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-amine ((+)-CP-99,994):**

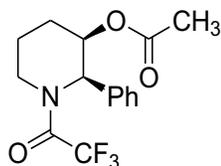


To a solution of **51a** (18 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeOH (0.50 mL) was added 1:1 mixture of conc. aqueous HCl and methanol (1.0 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added (pH~8), and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to give 12 mg (92%) of CP-99,994 as a pale yellow oil that was pure by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz).

IR: 2935, 2846, 1647, 1595, 1492, 1451, 1239, 1111, 1027, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.30-7.12 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.97 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 6.80 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 6.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 1H, CHAr), 3.67 (d, 1H, J = 13.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.44 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.41 (d, 1H, J = 13.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.28-3.25 (m, 1H, CHNH), 2.82-2.76 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.14 (br d, 1H, J = 13.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CHNH), 1.95-1.91 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 1.77 (br s, 2H, NH), 1.63-1.57 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHNH), 1.39 (br d, 1H, J = 13.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.6 (ArC), 142.4 (ArC), 129.5 (ArC), 128.2 (ArC), 128.1 (ArC), 127.8 (ArC), 126.5 (ArC), 126.3 (ArC), 119.9 (ArC), 109.7 (ArC), 63.9 (CHAr), 54.7 (NCH), 54.6 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 47.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 46.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHN), 20.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH); MS (APCI pos.): m/z: 297.4 (M+1); HRMS (EI): 296.1898 (296.1889 calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, M<sup>+</sup>); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +68.0 (c 1.1,

CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +67.2$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);<sup>13</sup> HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, hexanes/2-propanol 90/10, 210 nm,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.07$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.94$  min; ee = 94.8%.

***N*-Trifluoroacetyl-(2*S*,3*R*)-3-acetoxy-2-phenylpiperidine (**53**):**

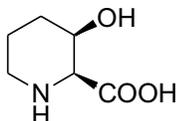


To an ice cold solution of the aminoalcohol **52** (e n**50**, 500 mg, 2.82 mmol; prepared as described for **50**, but with the enantiomer of catalyst **44**) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30.0 mL) containing Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.30 mL, 16.9 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (17 mg, 0.14 mmol) was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (1.60 mL, 11.3 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, water was added and the solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in THF (30.0 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (770 mg, 5.57 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 36 h at room temperature. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 7/3) to provide 715 mg (93%) of the trifluoroacetamide derivative of **52**. This was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30.0 mL), Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.57 mL, 11.3 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (15 mg, 0.12 mmol) were added and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. Acetic anhydride (530 μL, 5.19 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and

concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/ EtOAc, 8/2) to provide 795 mg (89%) of **53** as a pale yellow oil.

IR: 1743, 1687, 1451, 1370, 1235, 1193, 1045  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): **Major rotamer:**  $\delta$  7.49-7.26 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.99 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, CHAr), 5.25-5.20 (m, 1H, CHOAc), 3.83 (br d, 1H,  $J = 14.0$  Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.19-3.13 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.17-2.11 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOAc}$ ), 2.0 (s, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.85-1.83 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.6 ( $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 135.4 ( $\text{COCF}_3$ ), 128.9 (ArC), 128.7 (ArC), 128.0 (ArC), 128.0 (ArC), 127.8 (ArC), 116.6 (q,  $J = 288.0$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 55.5 (CHAr), 41.2 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 24.9 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH-O}$ ), 23.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); **Minor rotamer:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), visible peaks: 5.55 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1H, CHAr), 4.37 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 2.75 (dt, 1H,  $J = 13.3, 4.1$  Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{N}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), visible peaks:  $\delta$  169.7 ( $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 156.5 (q,  $J = 36.1$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 135.0 ( $\text{COCF}_3$ ), 72.4 ( $\text{CH-O}$ ), 70.6 ( $\text{CHO}$ ), 57.7 (CHAr), 38.8 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH-O}$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); MS (APCI pos.):  $m/z$  166.1 ( $\text{M}+1$ ).

**(2*R*,3*R*)-3-Hydroxypiperidine-2-carboxylic acid:**



To a mixture of **53** (0.15 g, 0.48 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (0.75 mL), acetonitrile (0.75 mL) and water (1.1 mL), were added sodium periodate (1.53 g, 7.13 mmol) and ruthenium chloride (5.0 mg, 0.02 mmol) and the mixture was stirred vigorously at ambient temperature for 20 h. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the

residue was rinsed several times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The black filtrates were combined, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The residue obtained was dissolved in methanol (5.0 mL),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (393 mg, 2.84 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting solution was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in aqueous 1 N HCl (1.0 mL). This solution was applied to a column of Dowex 50Wx8 resin (200-400 dry mesh) and the column was eluted with deionized water (250 mL) followed by 5% aqueous ammonia. The ninhydrin positive fractions were combined and concentrated to provide 40 mg (58%) of (2R,3R)-3-hydroxypiperidine-2-carboxylic acid as a white solid.

Mp. 231-235 °C (lit.<sup>8a</sup> mp 233-238 °C); IR: 3600-2859 (br), 1618 (br), 1461, 1399, 1312, 1205, 1137, 1083, 1042, 996  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  4.44 (s, 1H,  $\text{CHCOOH}$ ), 3.60 (d, 1H,  $J = 1.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH-OH}$ ), 3.37-3.33 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ ), 2.94 (dt, 1H,  $J = 3.5$ , 12.9 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ ), 1.95-1.84 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}$ ), 1.76-1.66 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.3 ( $\text{COOH}$ ), 64.1 ( $\text{CH-OH}$ ), 62.2 ( $\text{CHCOOH}$ ), 43.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 28.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}$ ), 15.9 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); MS (APCI pos.):  $m/z$  46.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ );  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -53.5$  (c 0.6,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -52.8$  (c 0.6,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).<sup>8f</sup>

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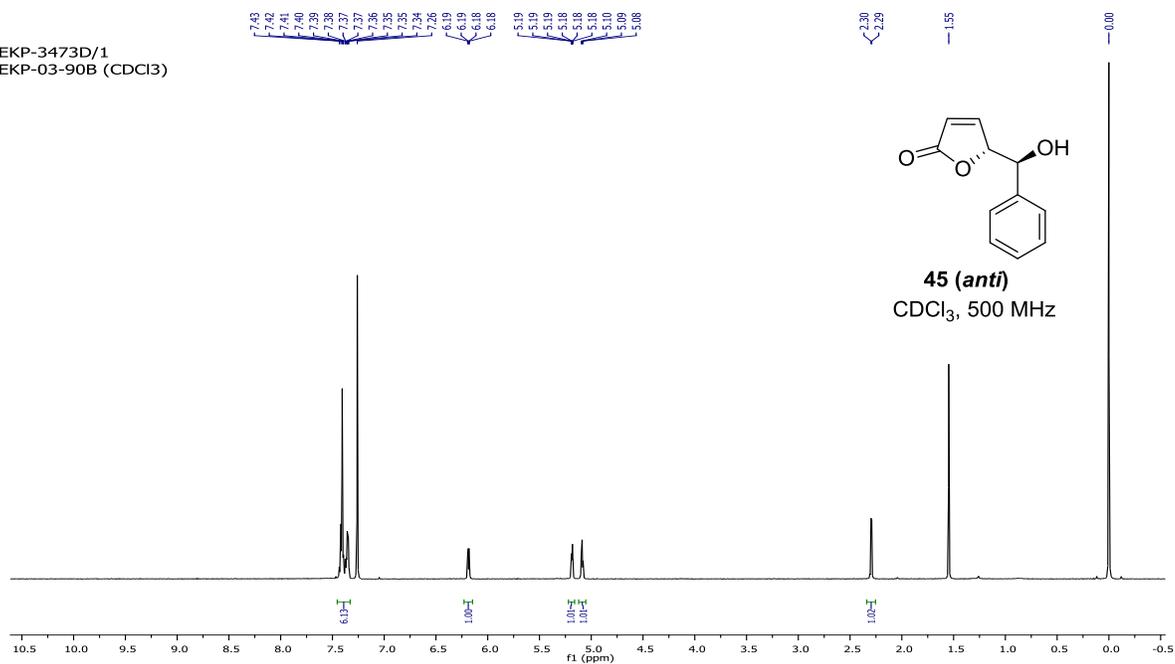
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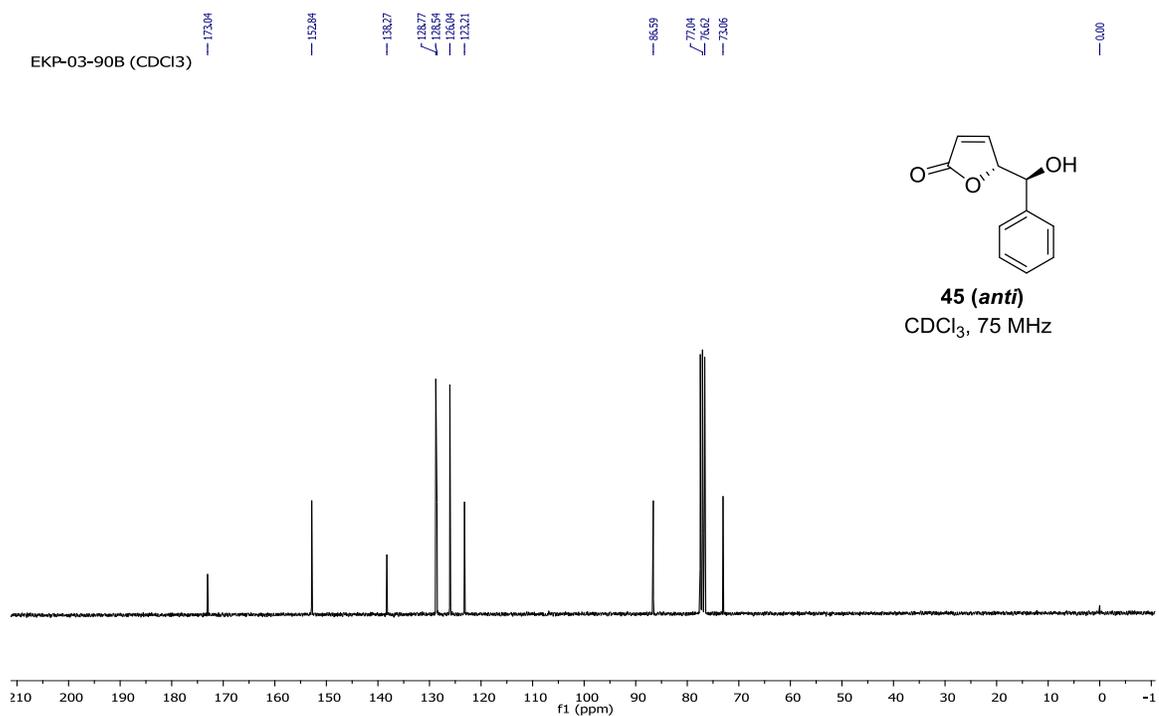
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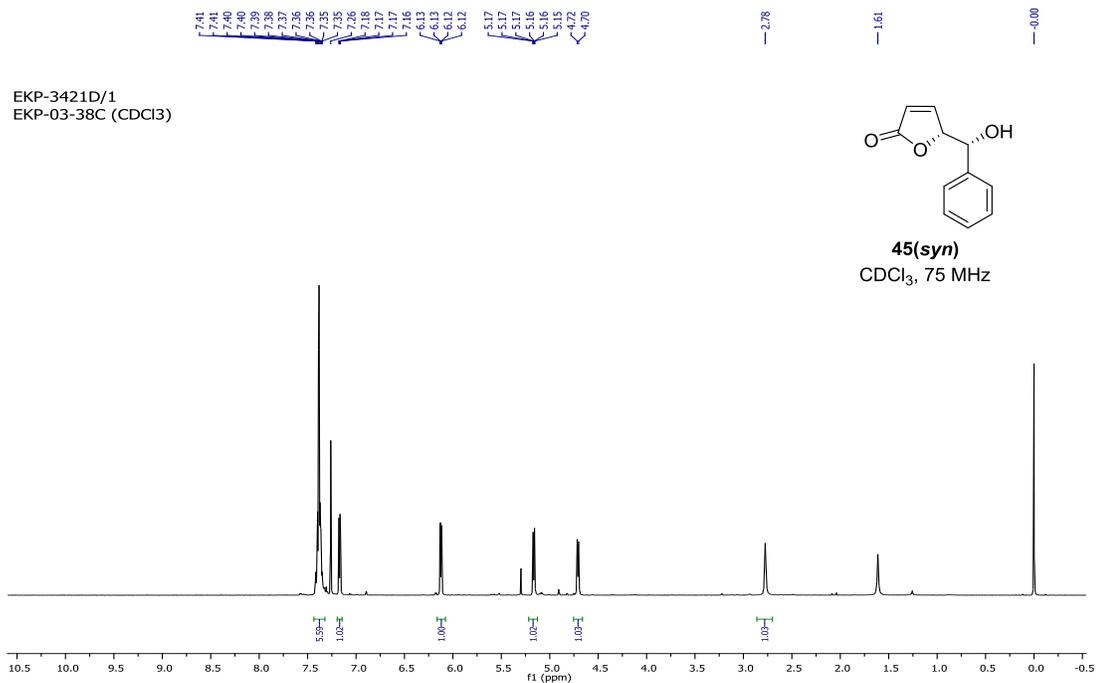
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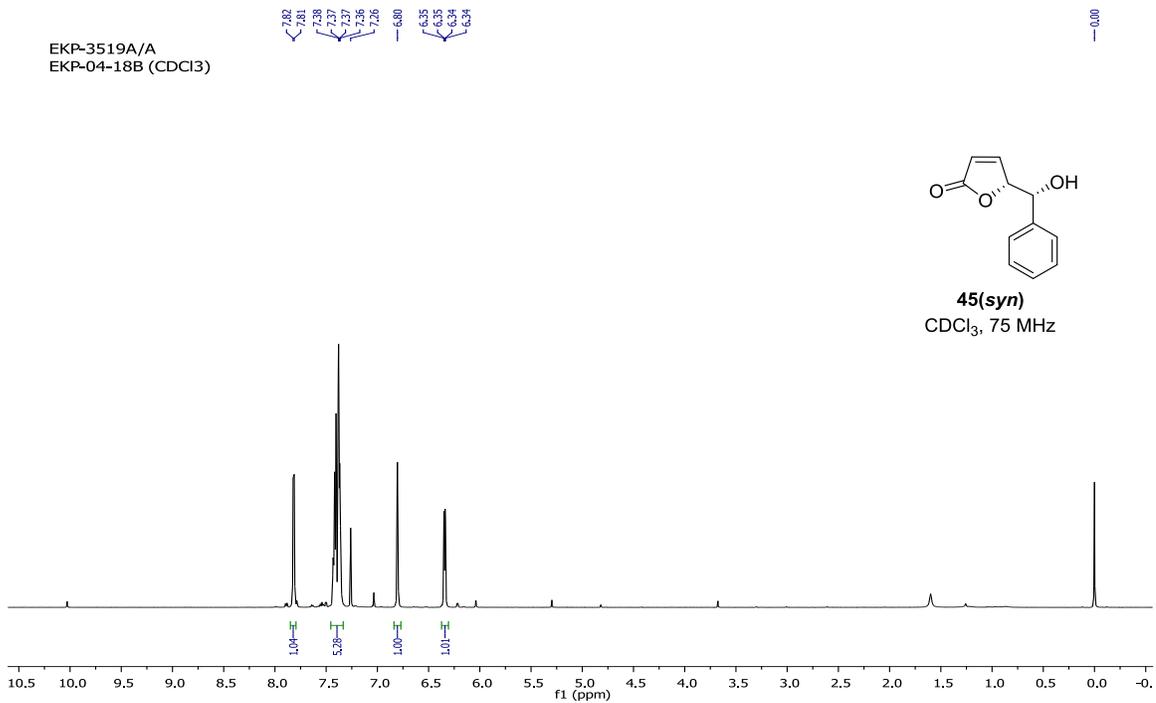
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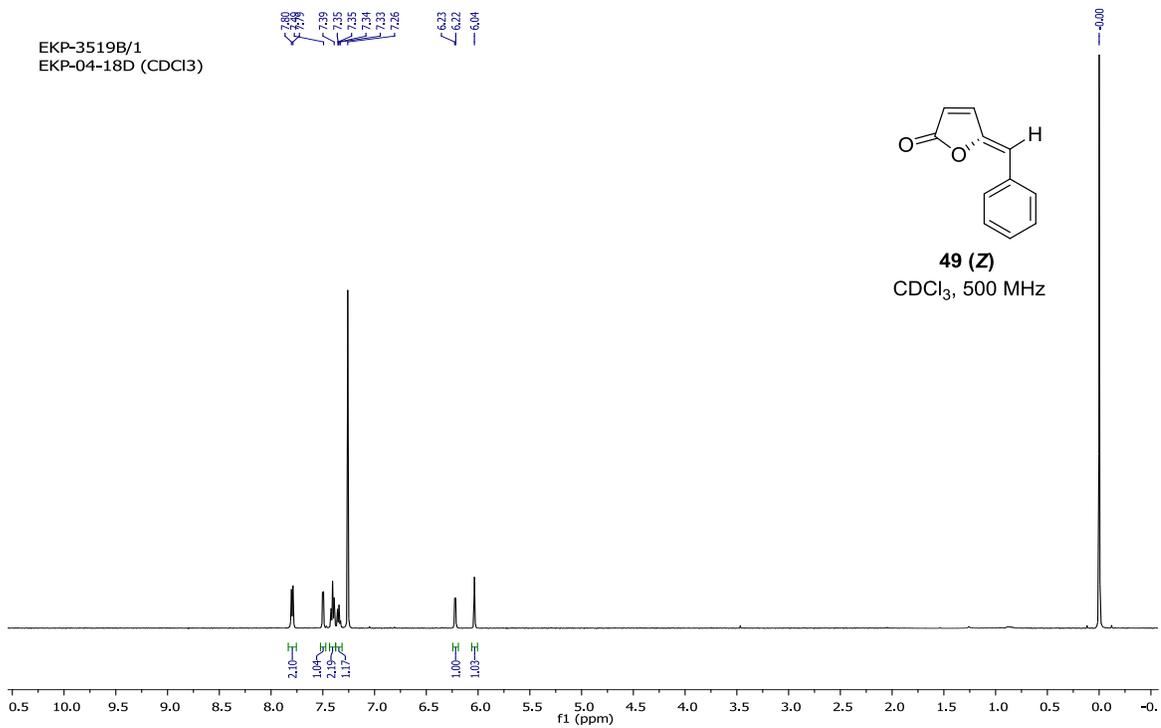
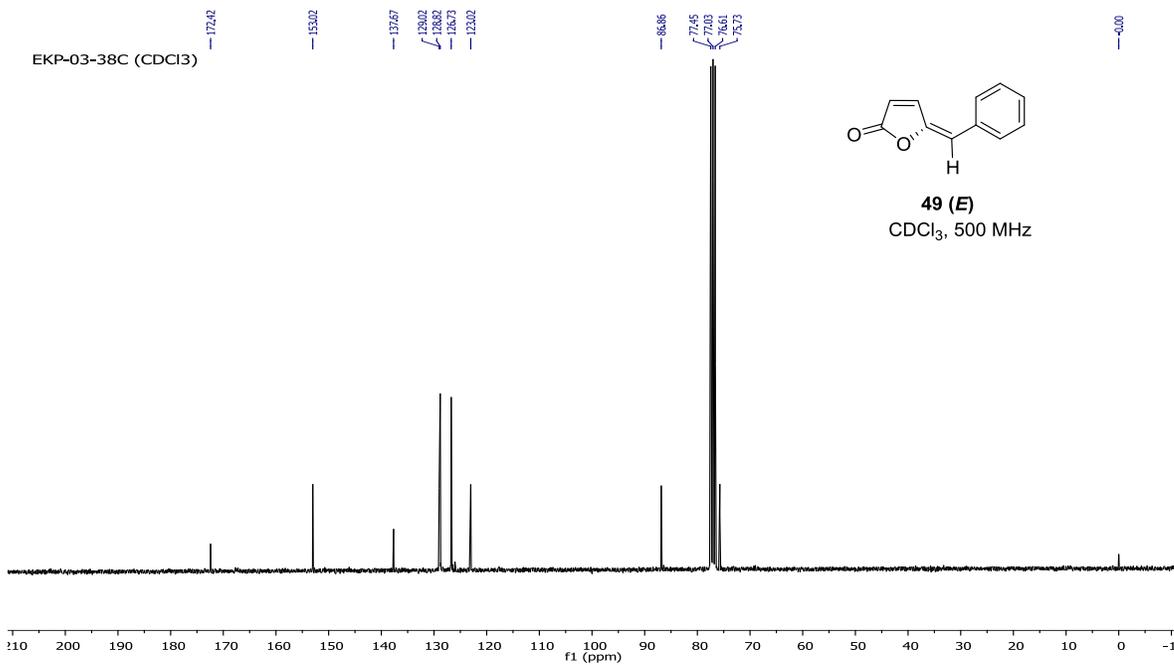


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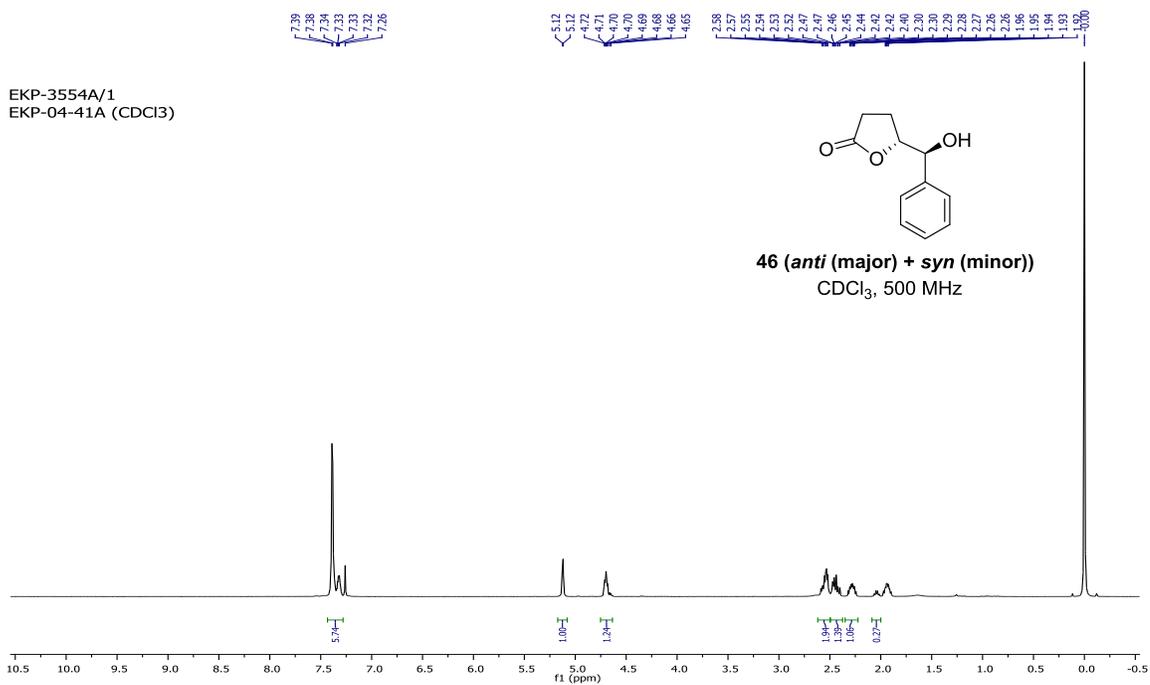


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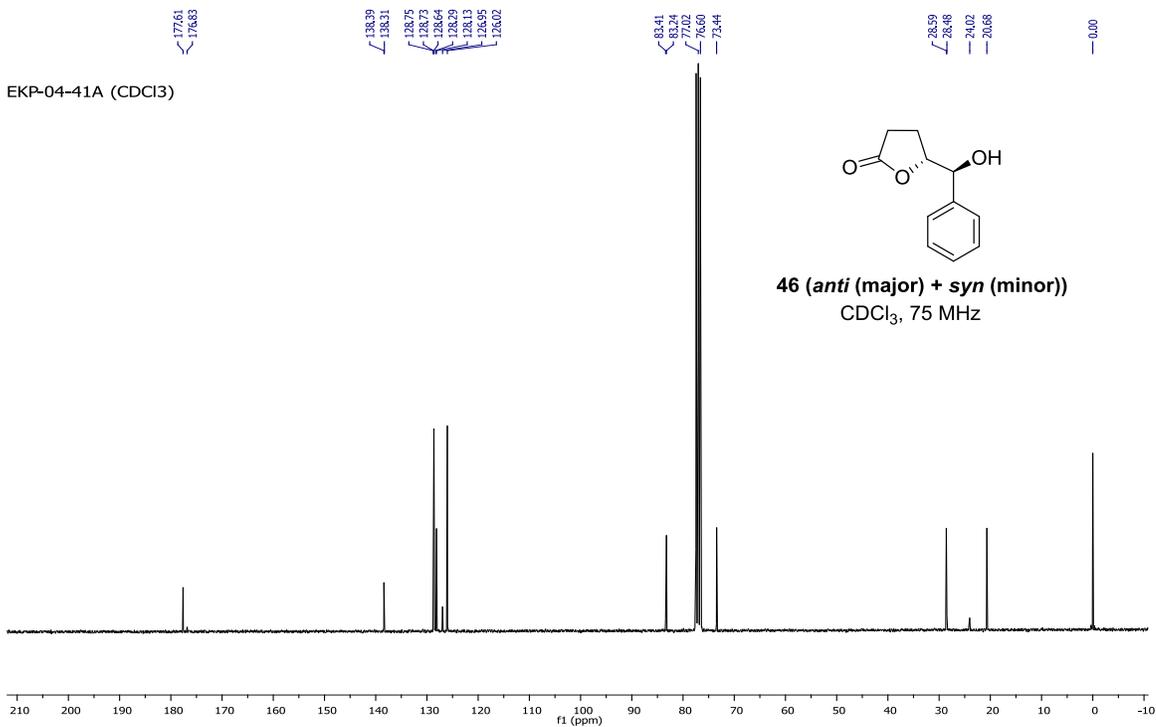


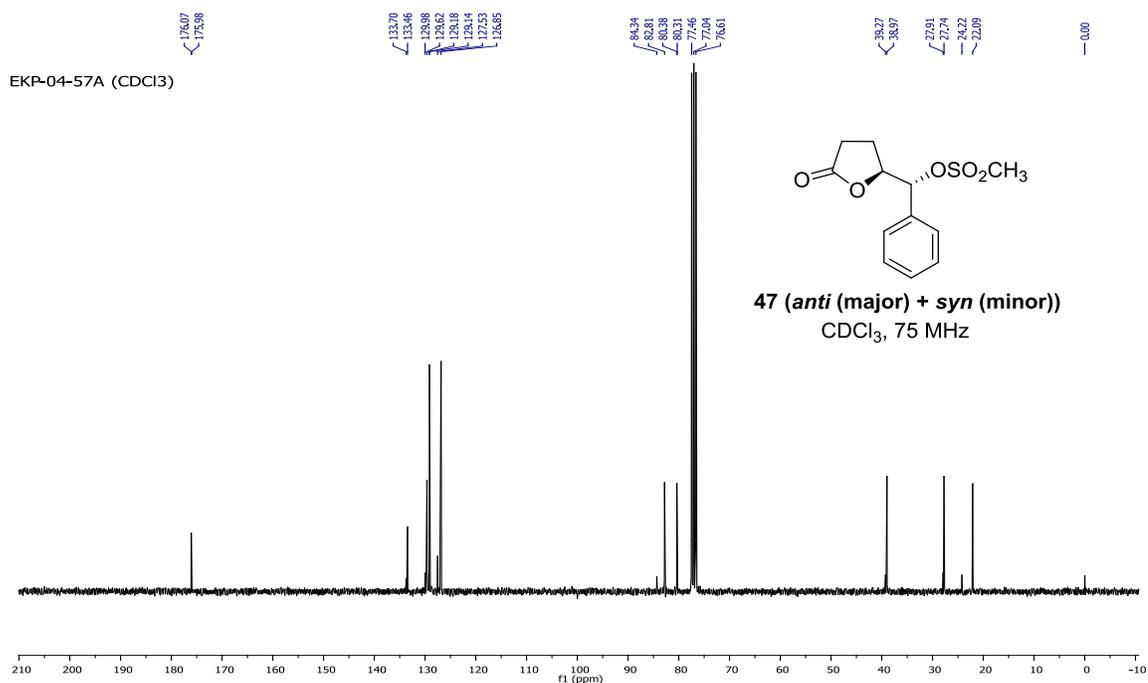
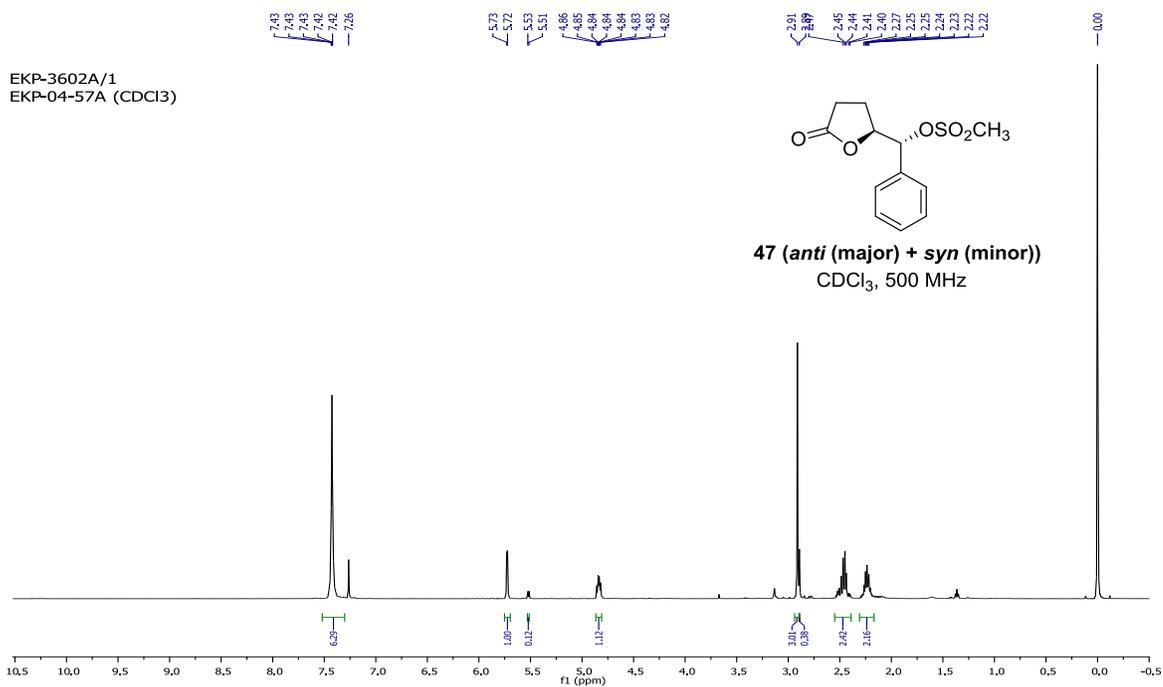


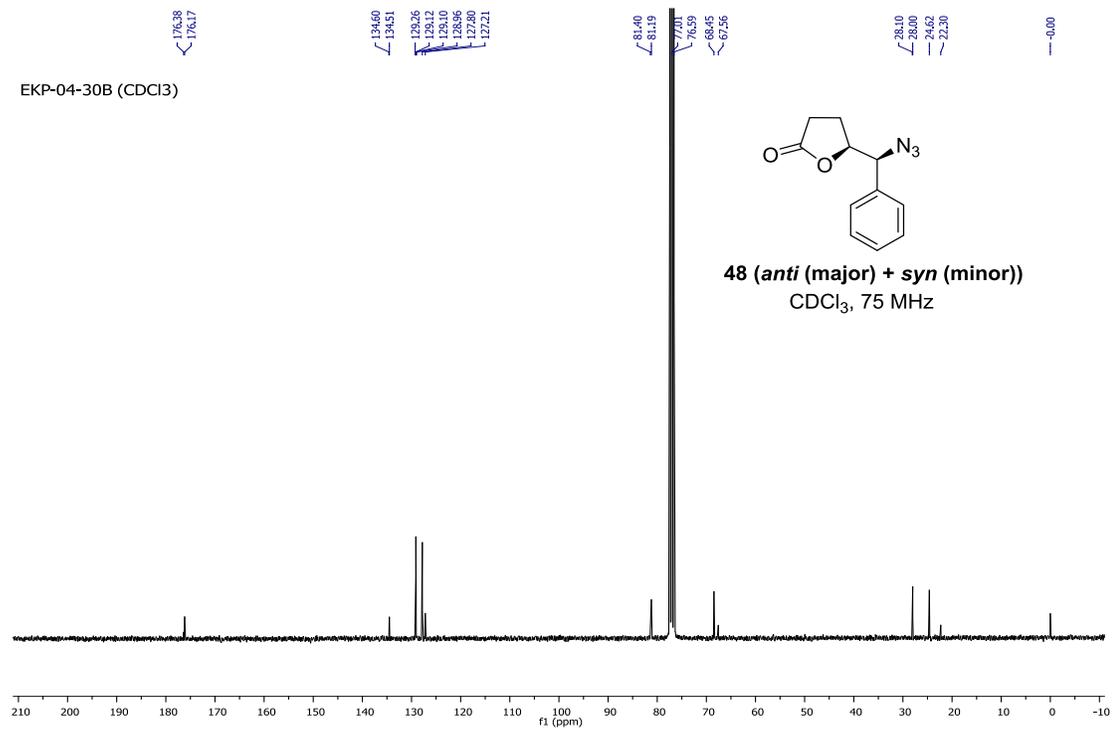
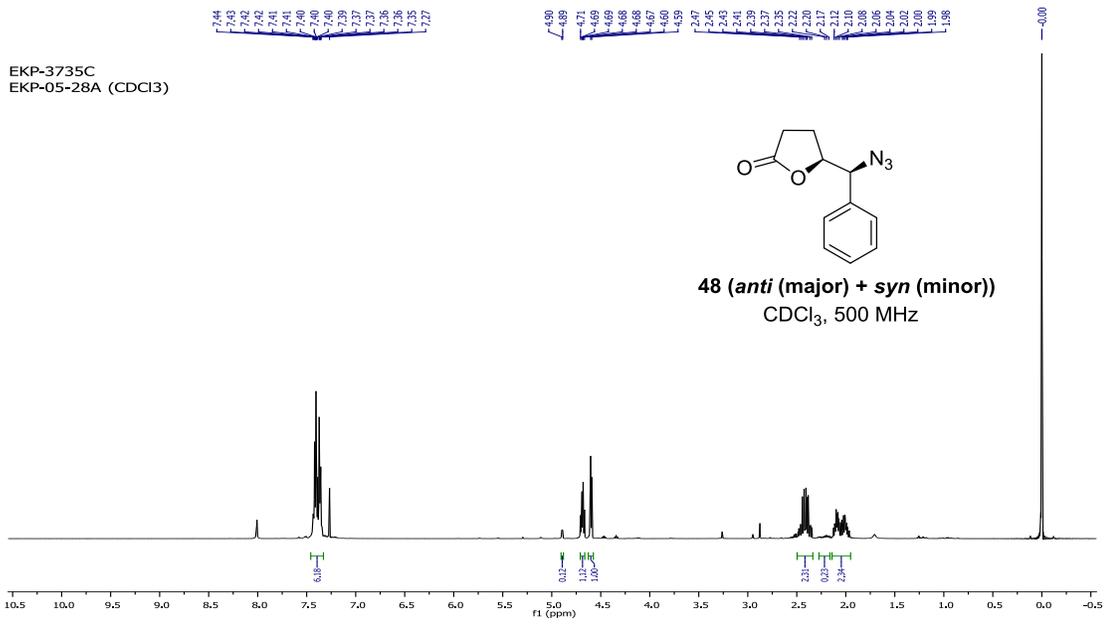
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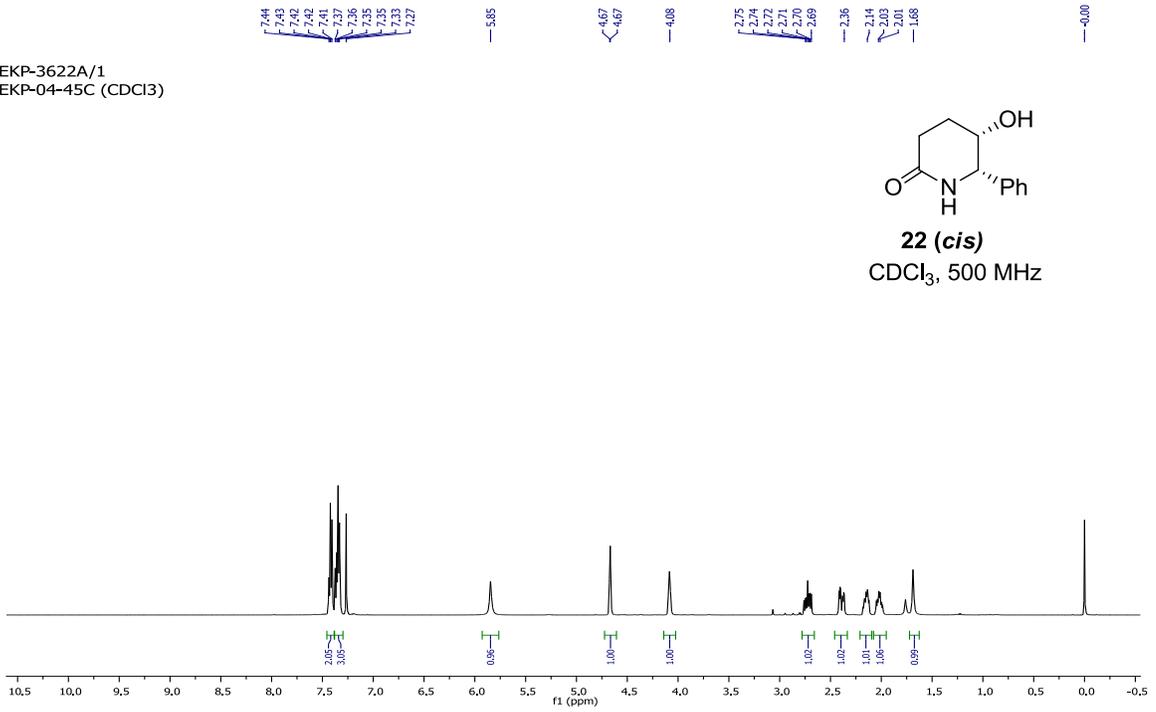
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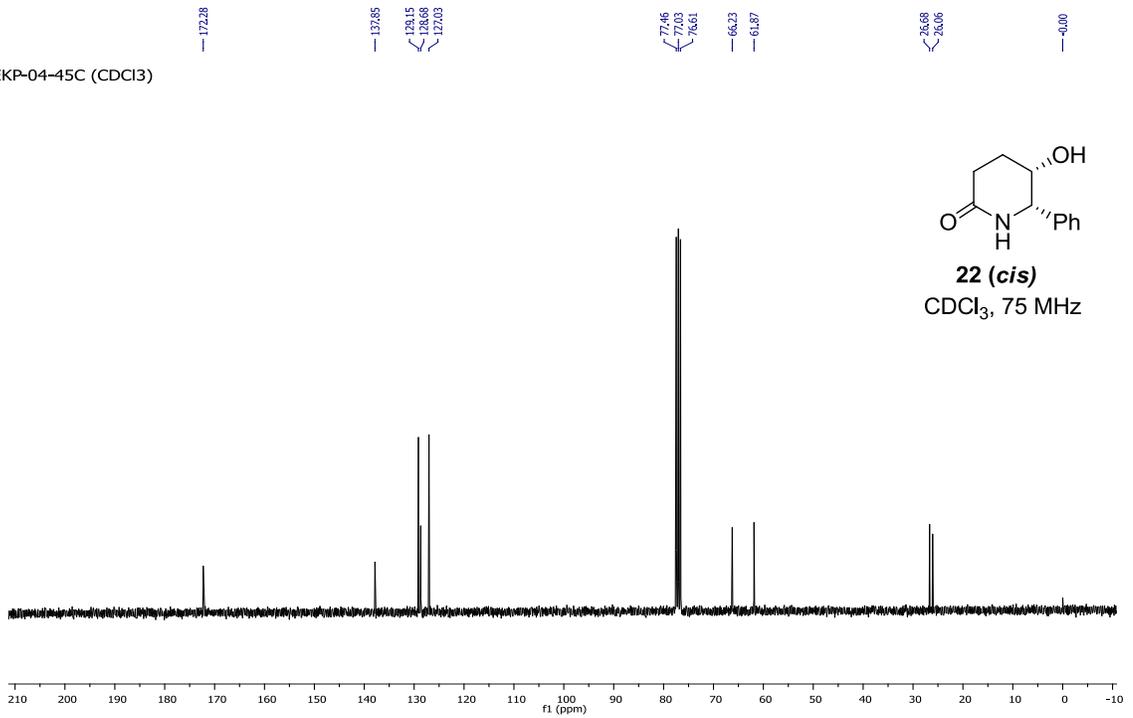




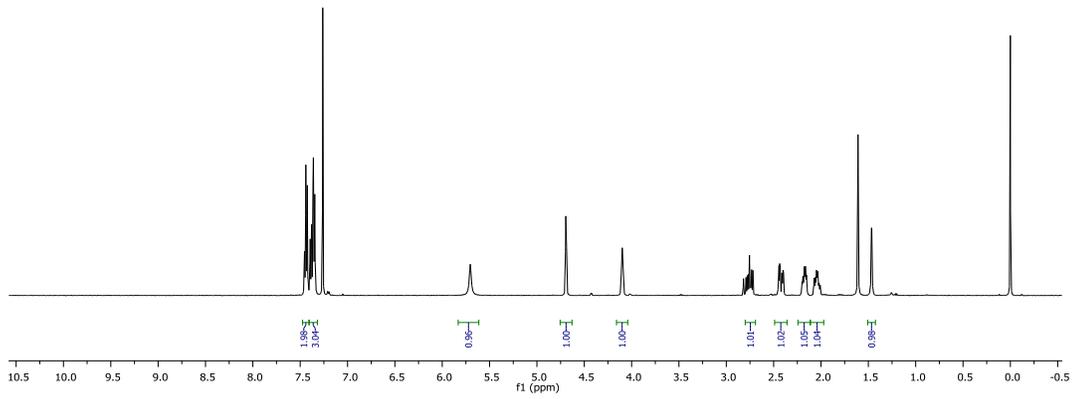
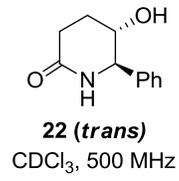
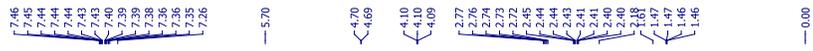
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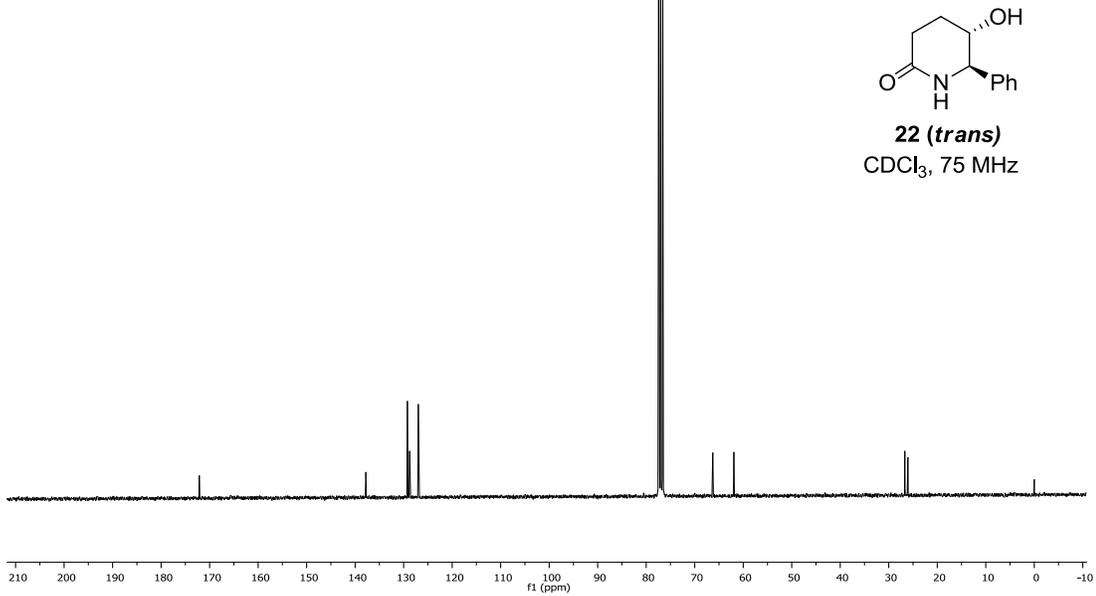
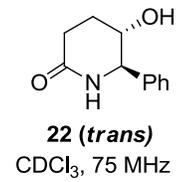
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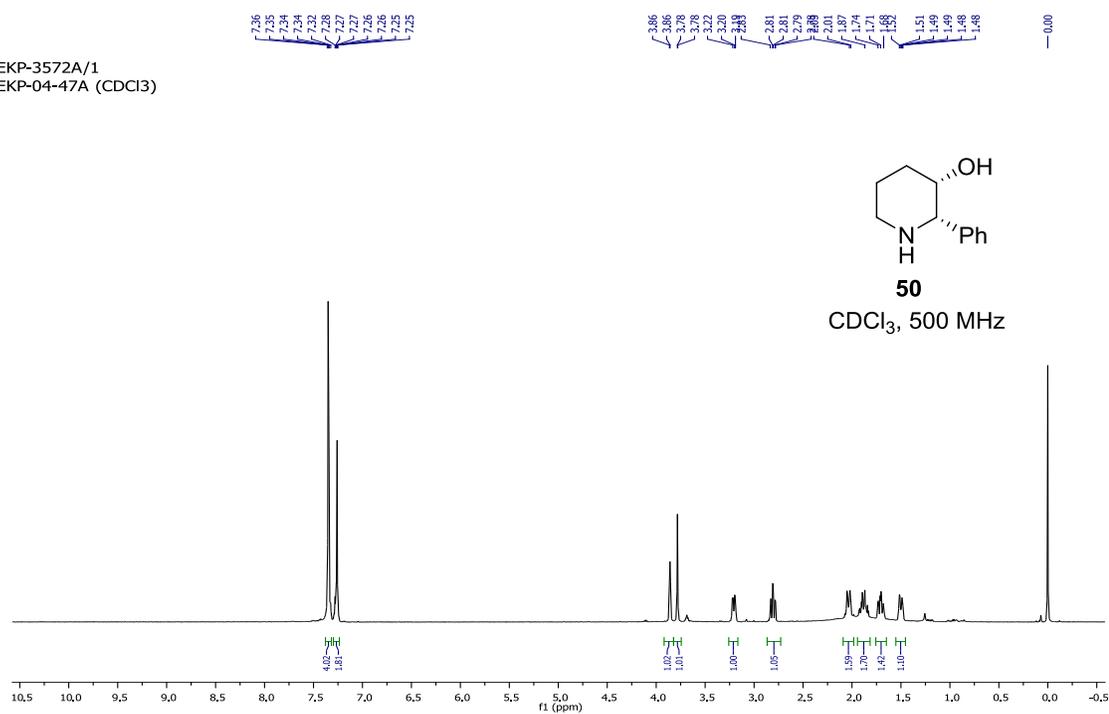
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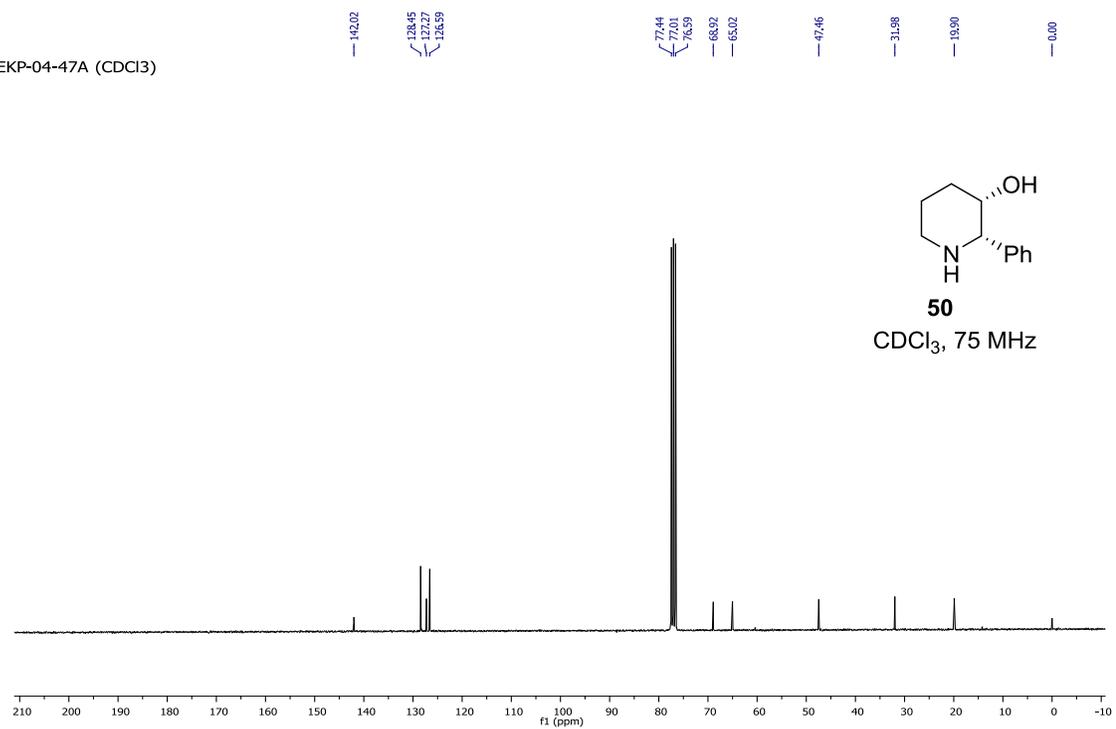
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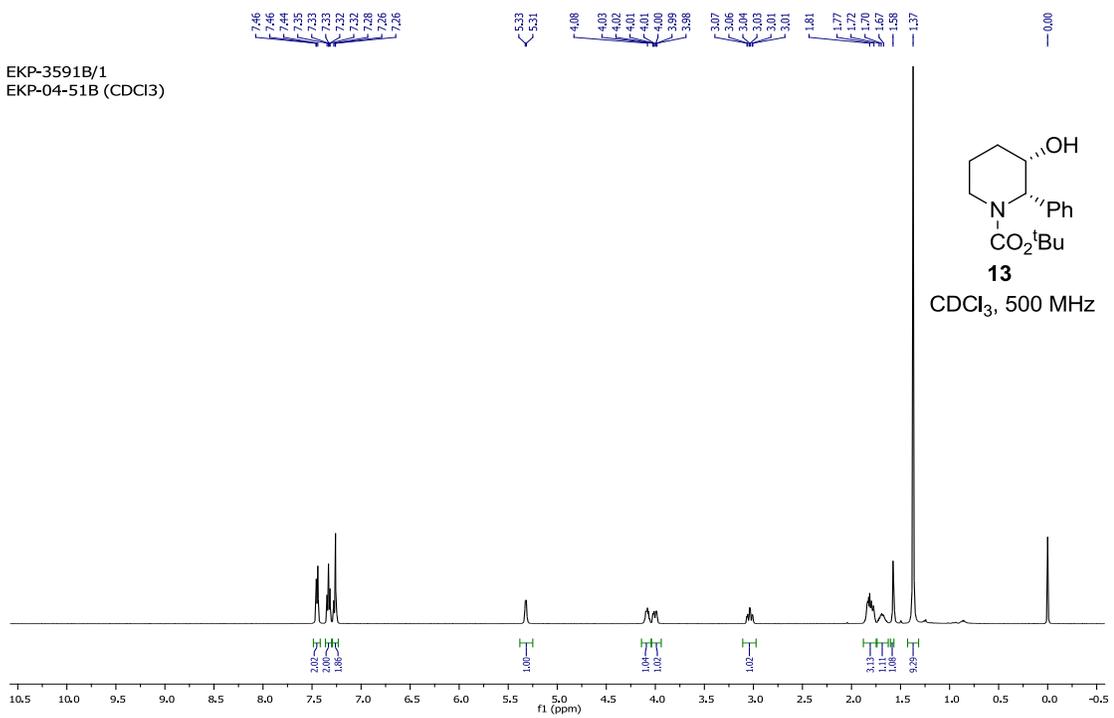
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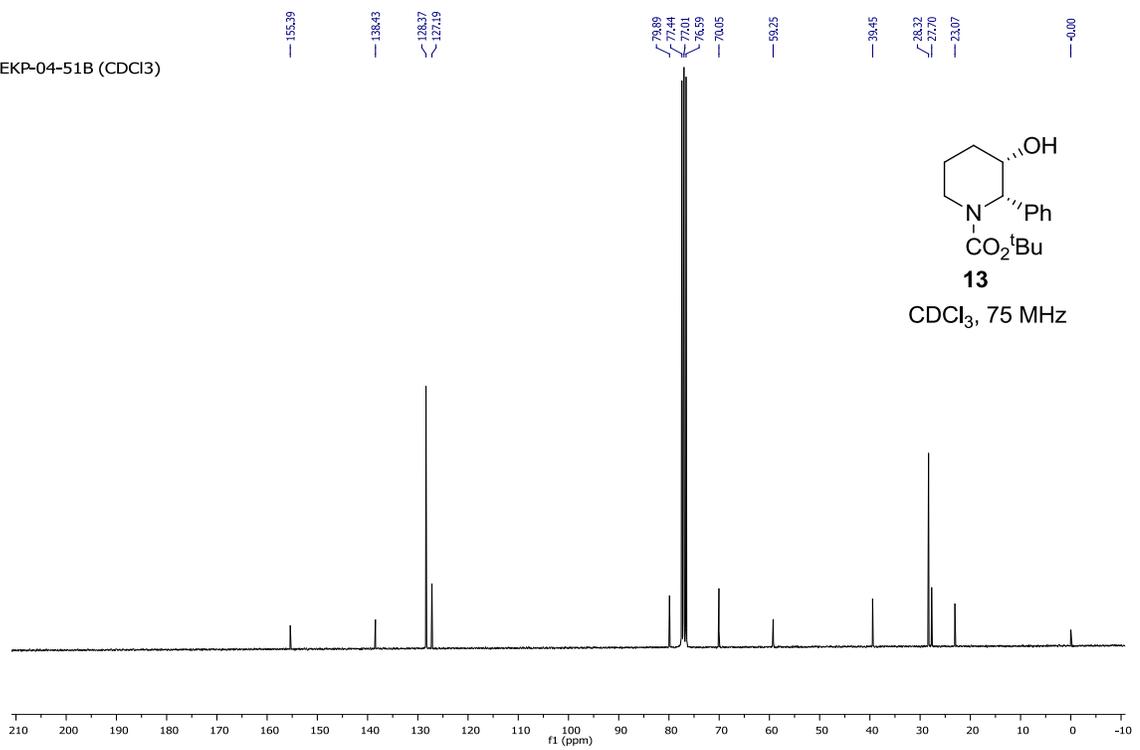
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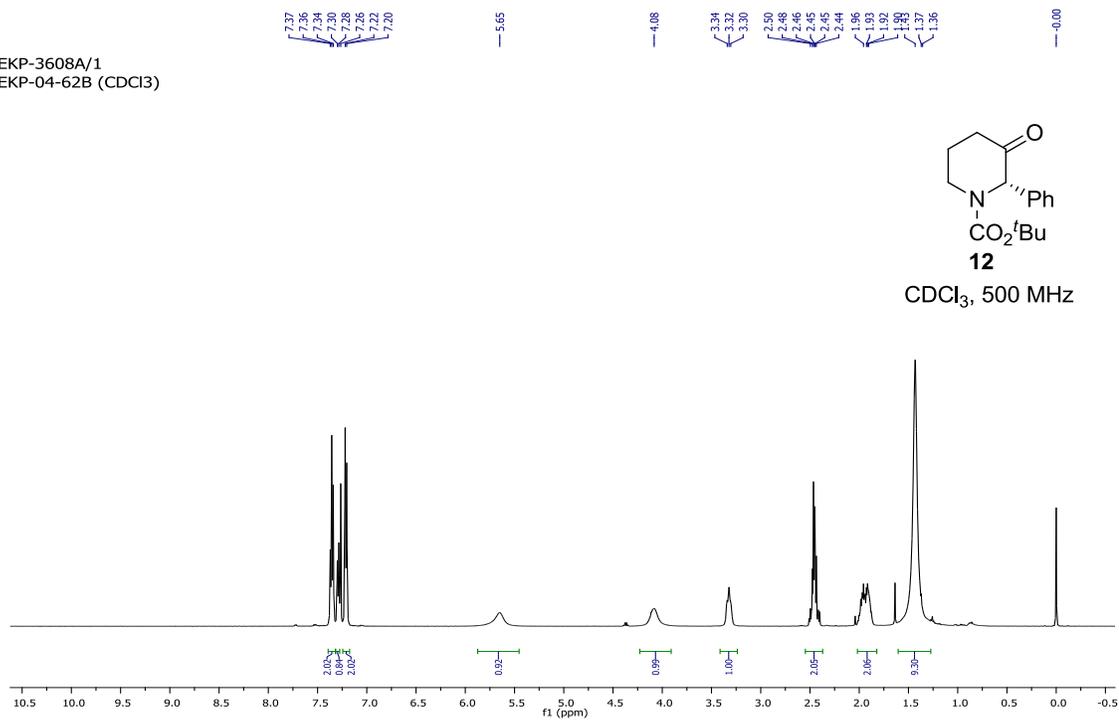
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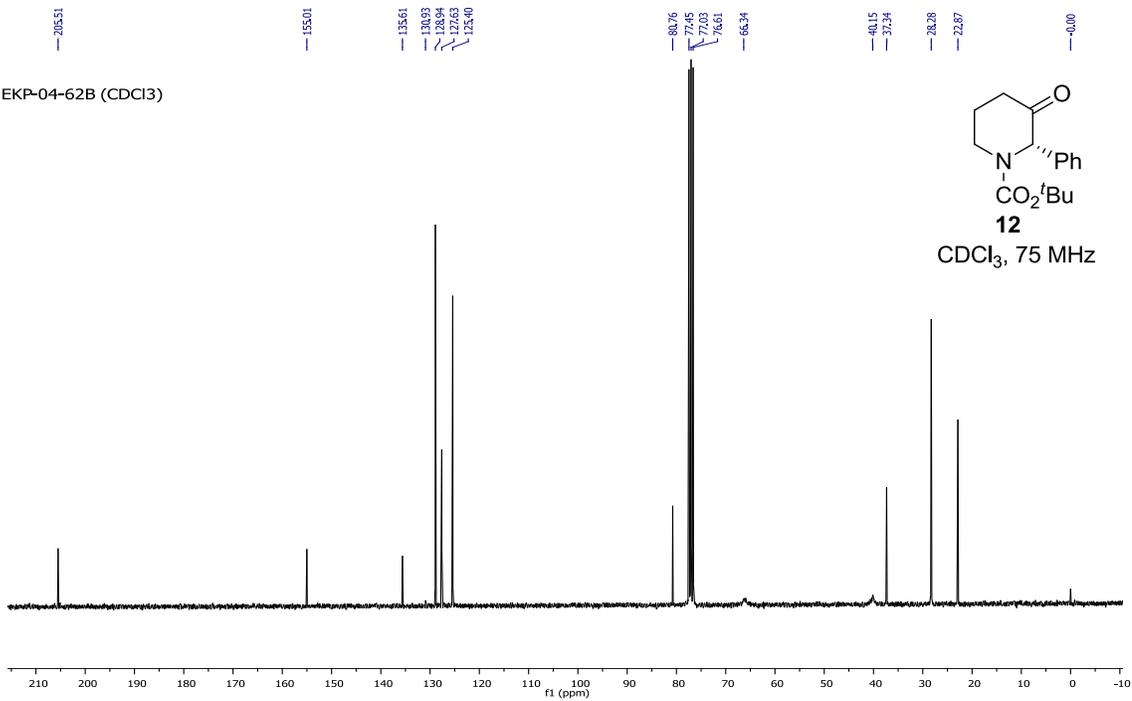




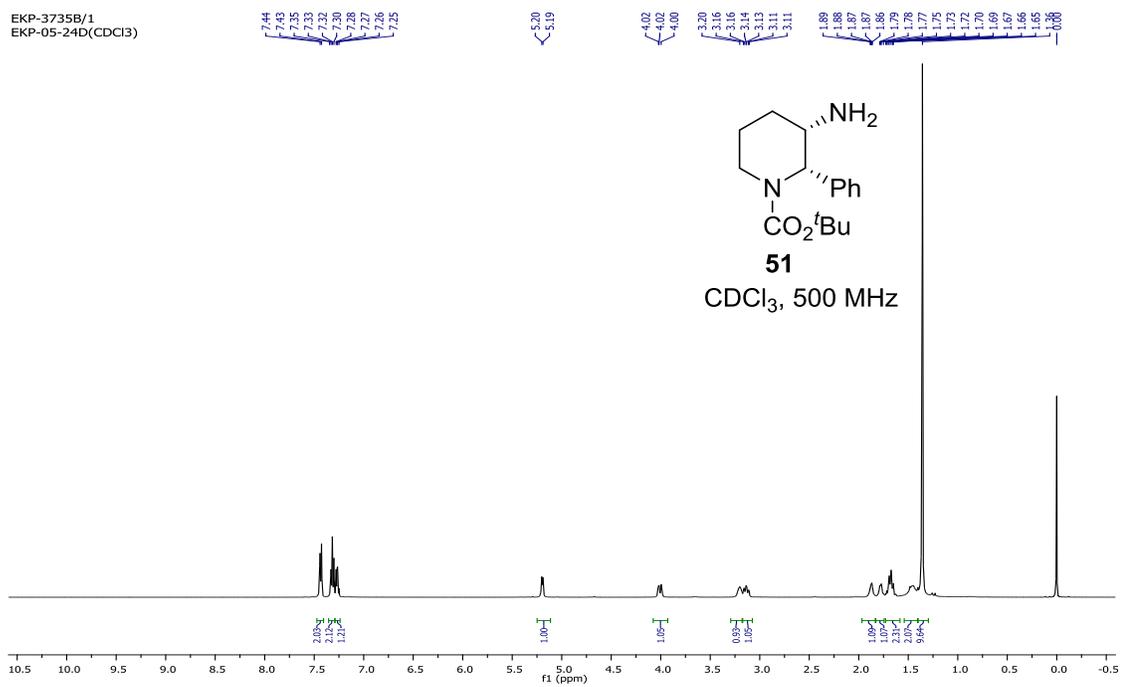
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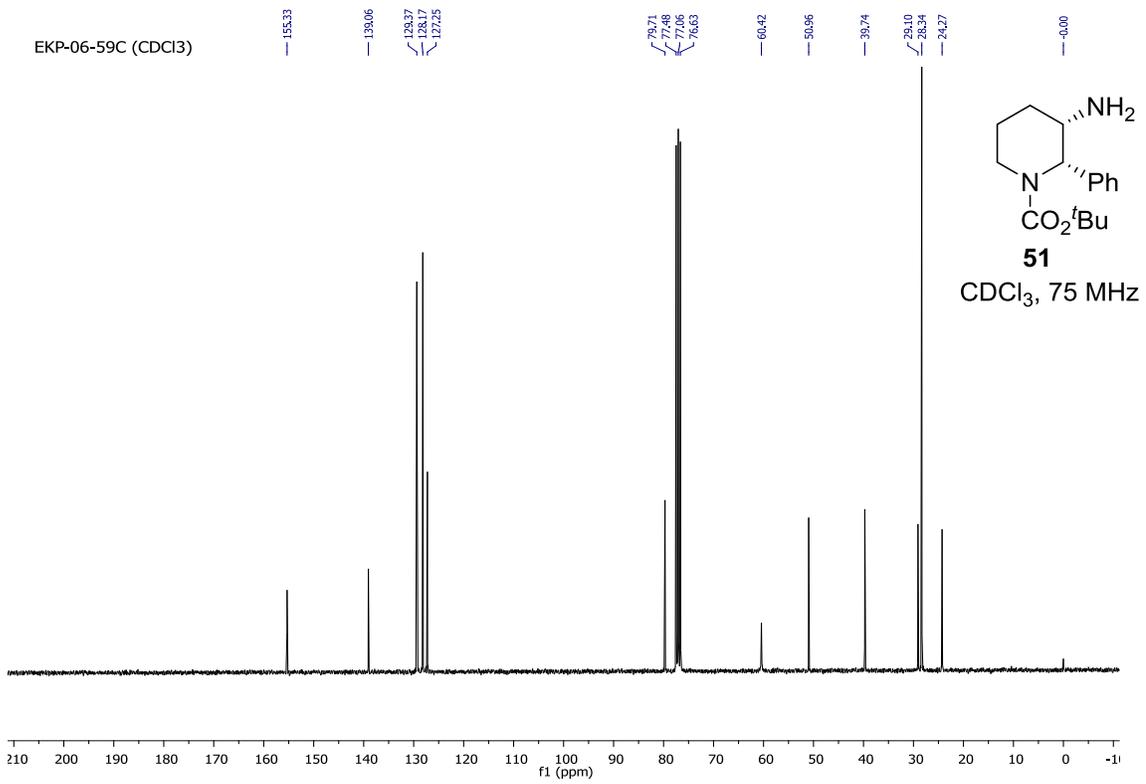
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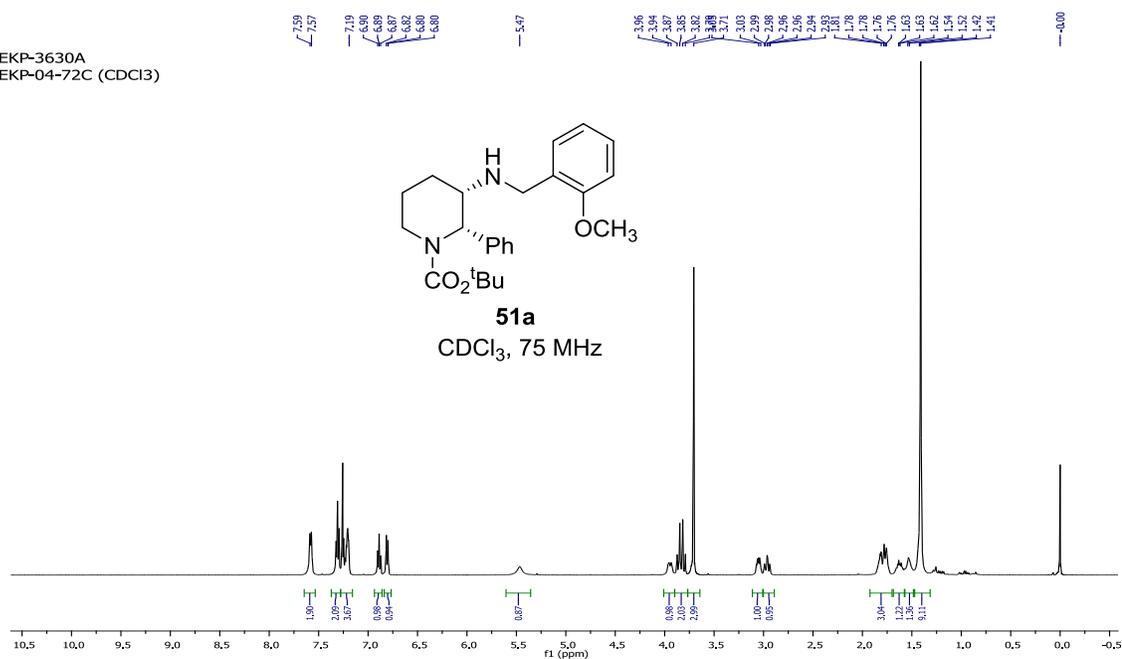
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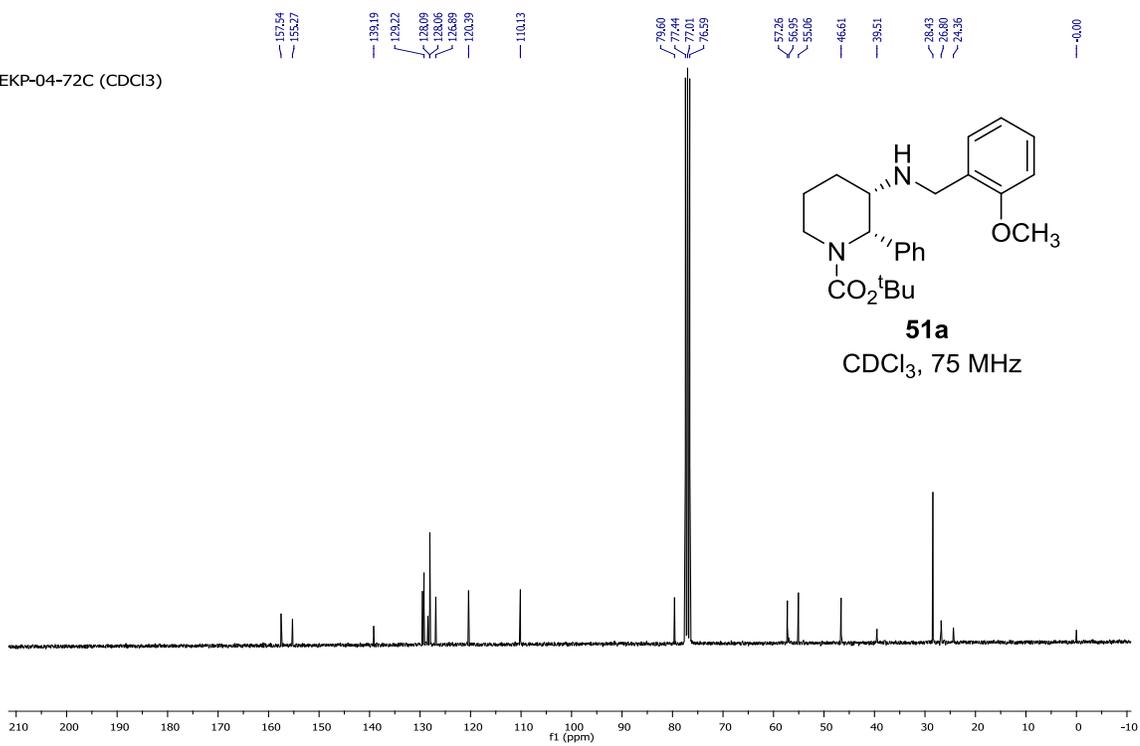
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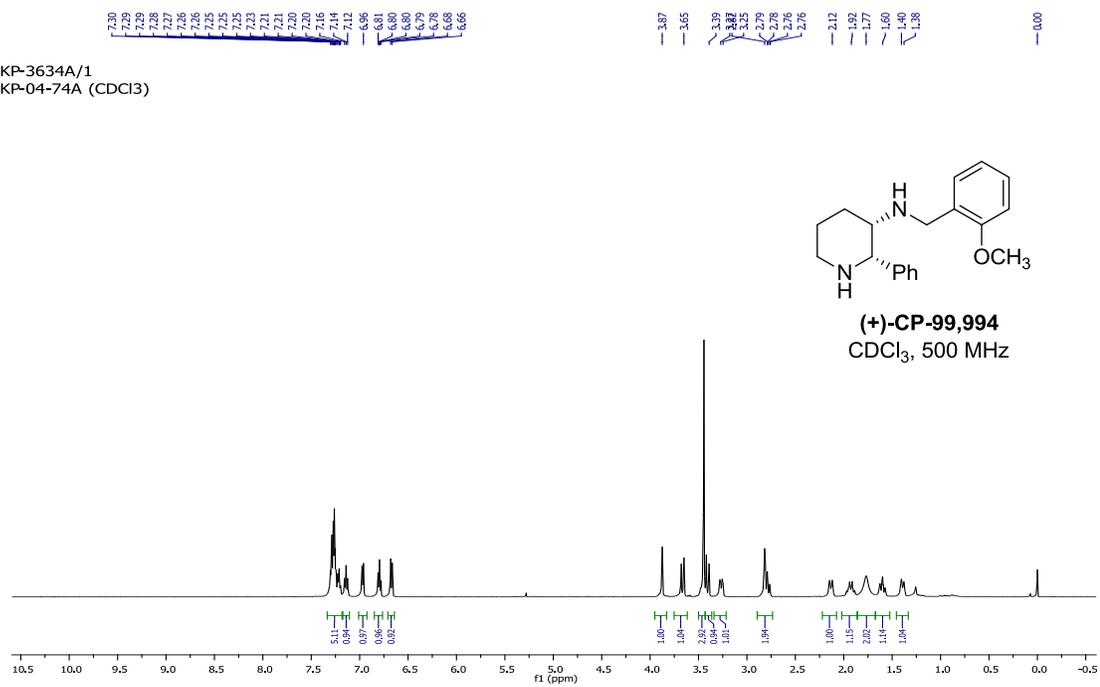
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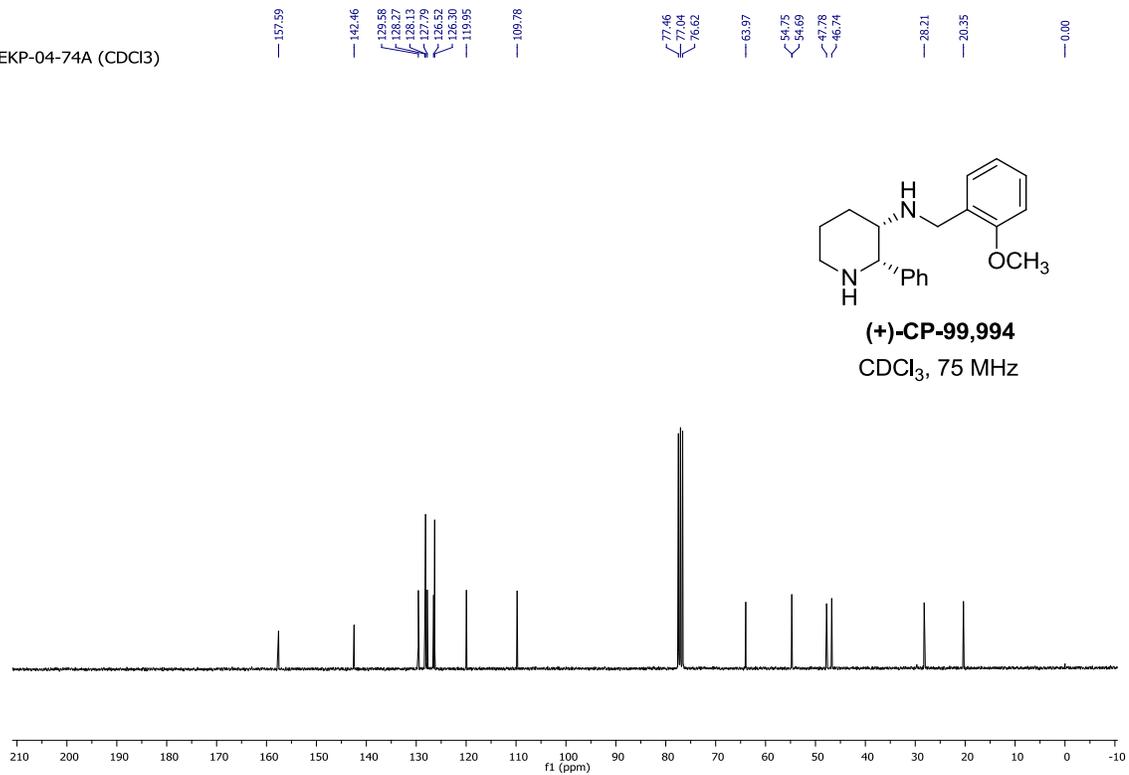
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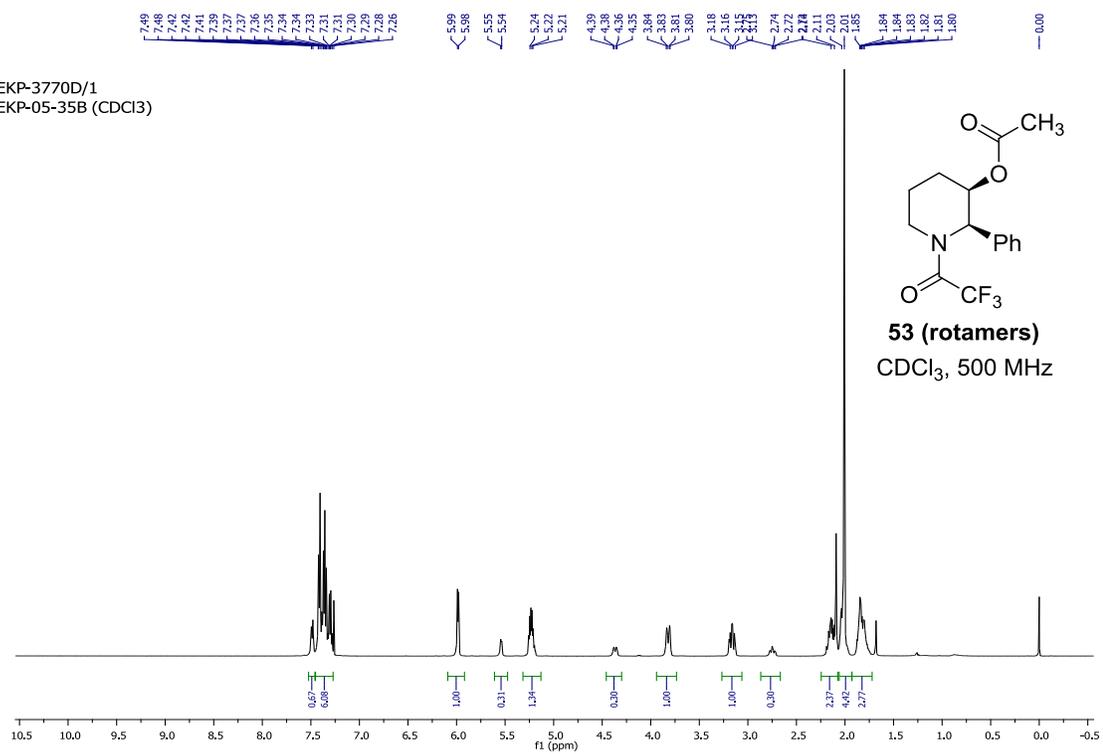
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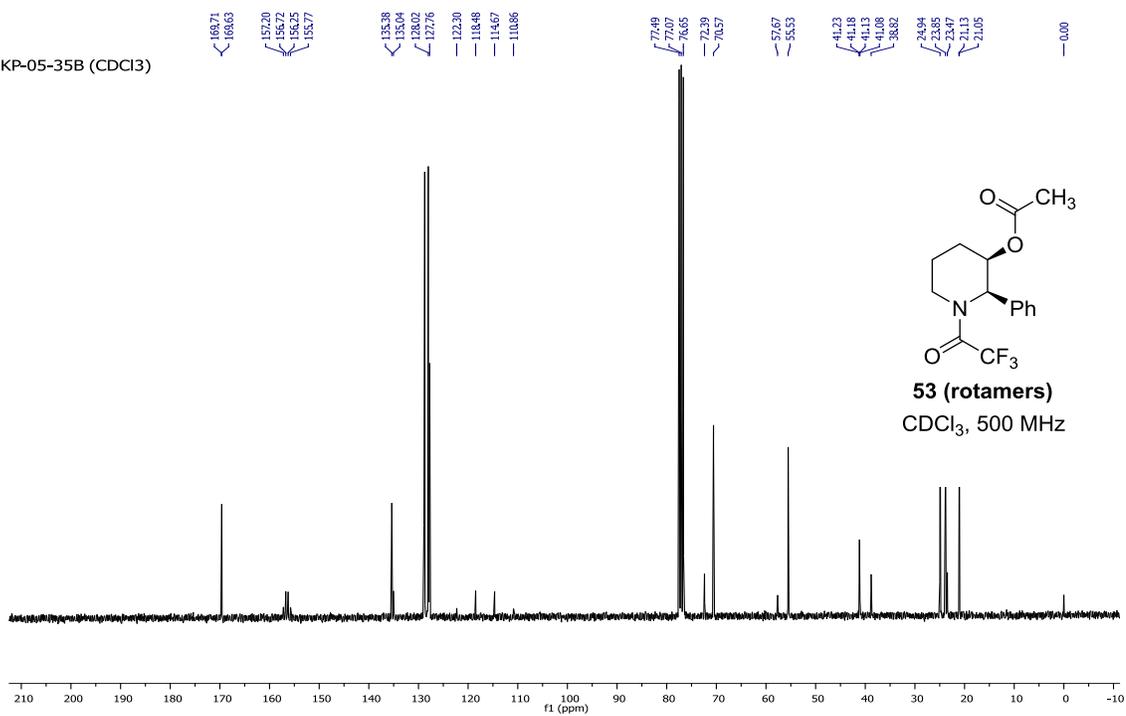
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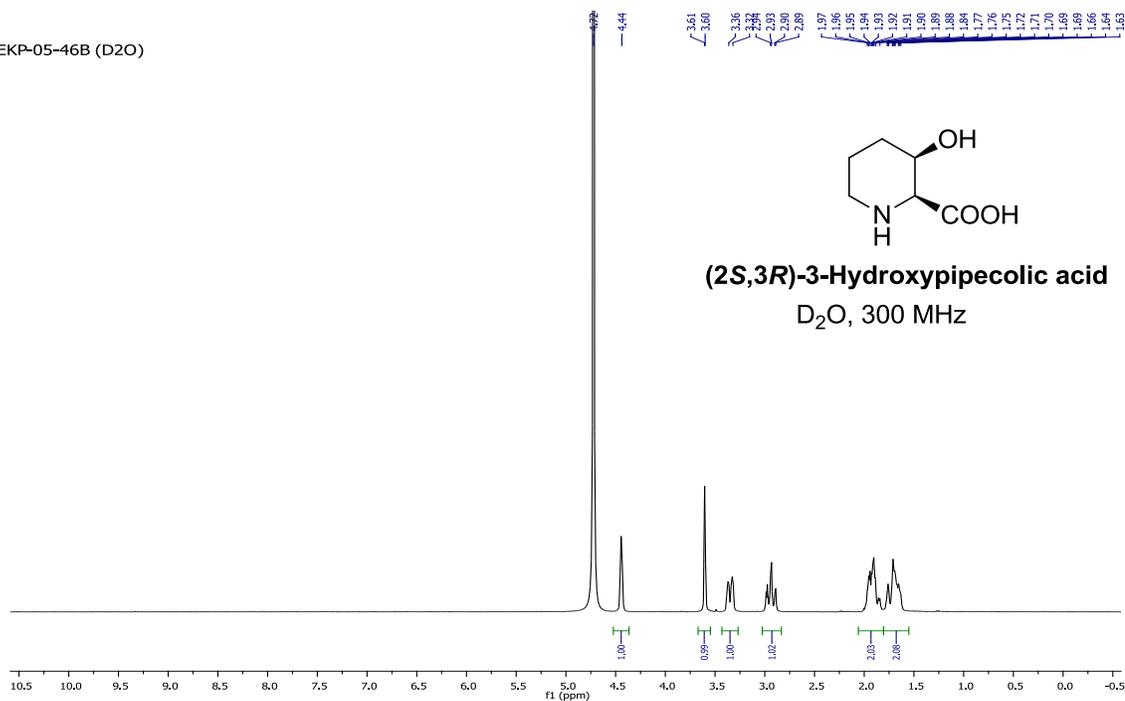
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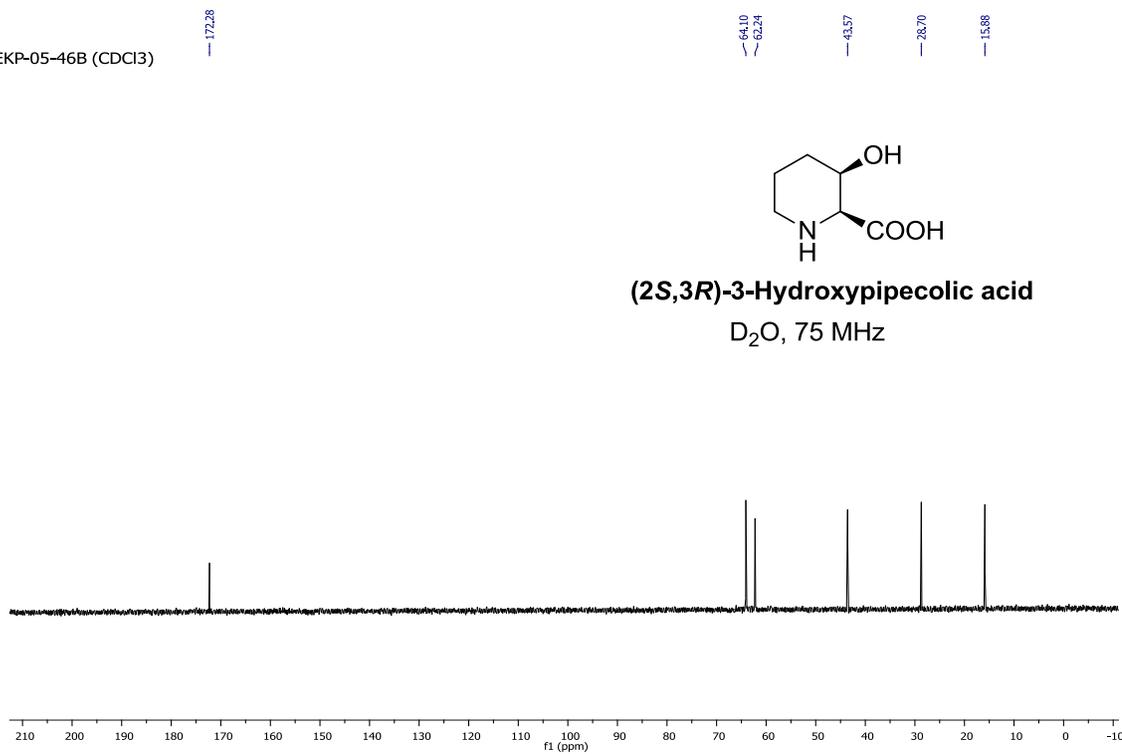
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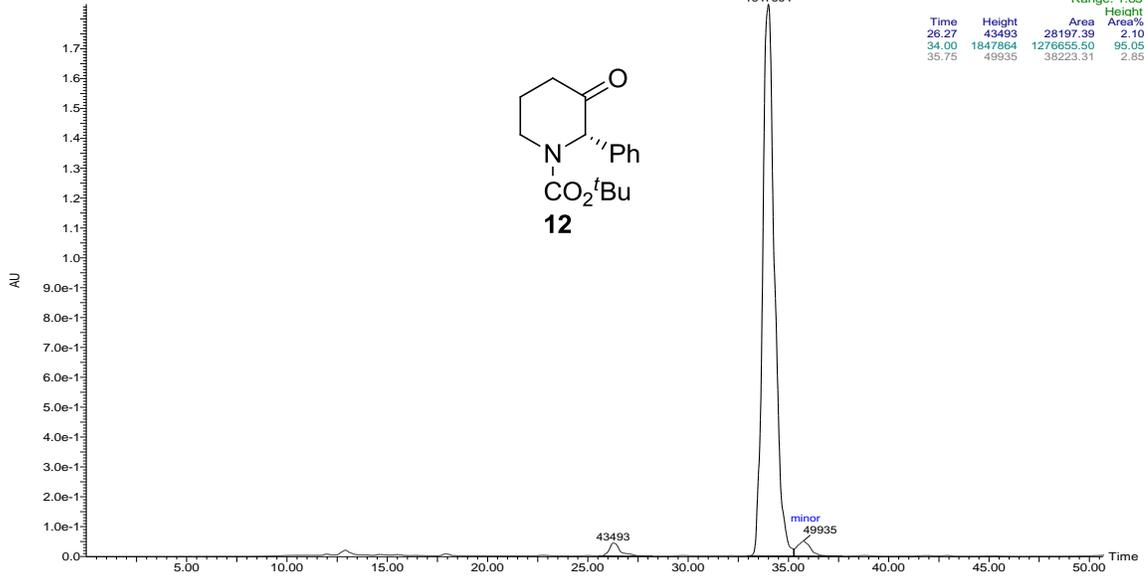
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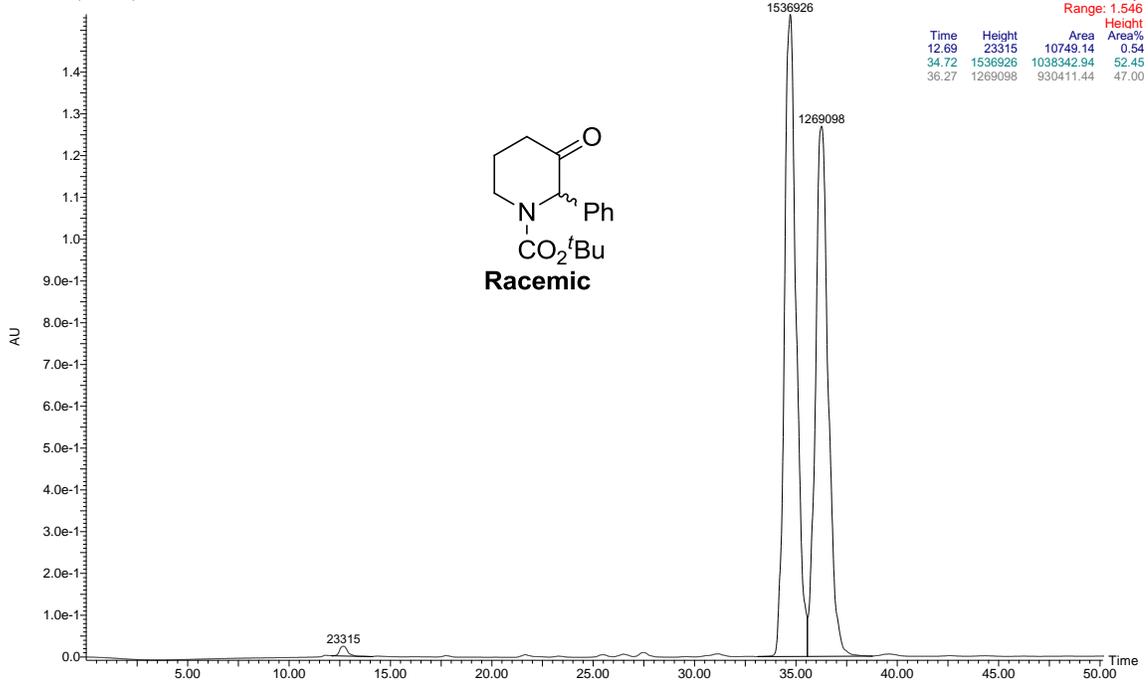
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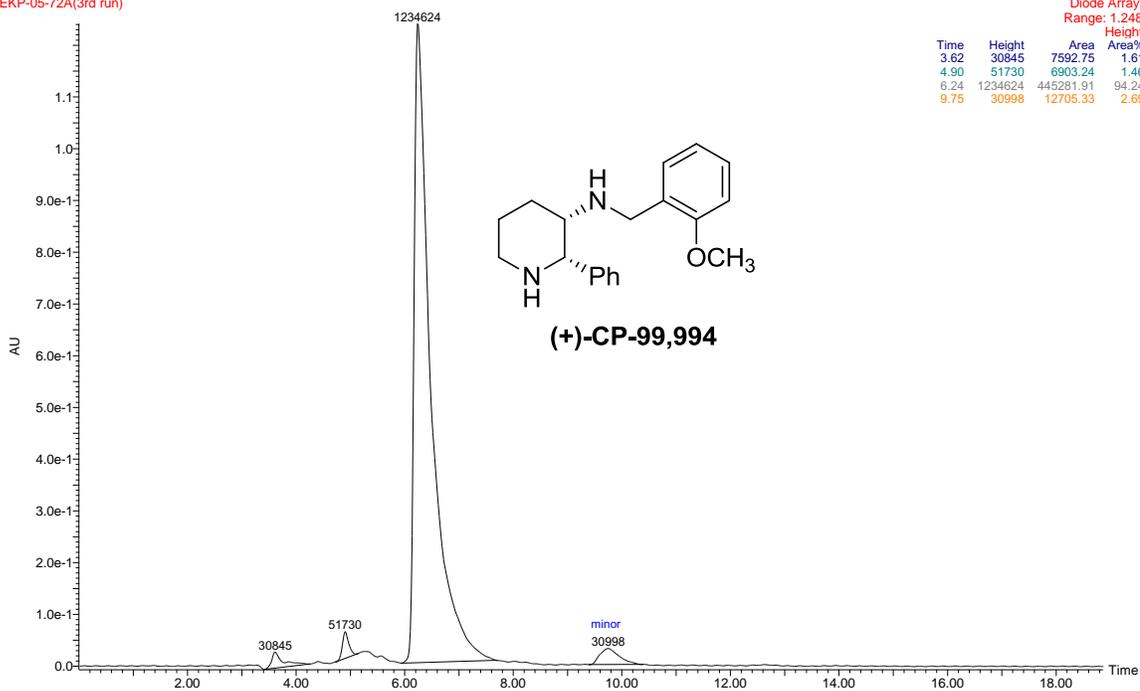
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9.75	30998	12705.33	2.69



## CHAPTER 4

### Synthesis of (+)-Febrifugine and a Formal Synthesis of (+)-Halofuginone Employing an Organocatalytic Direct Vinylogous Aldol Reaction

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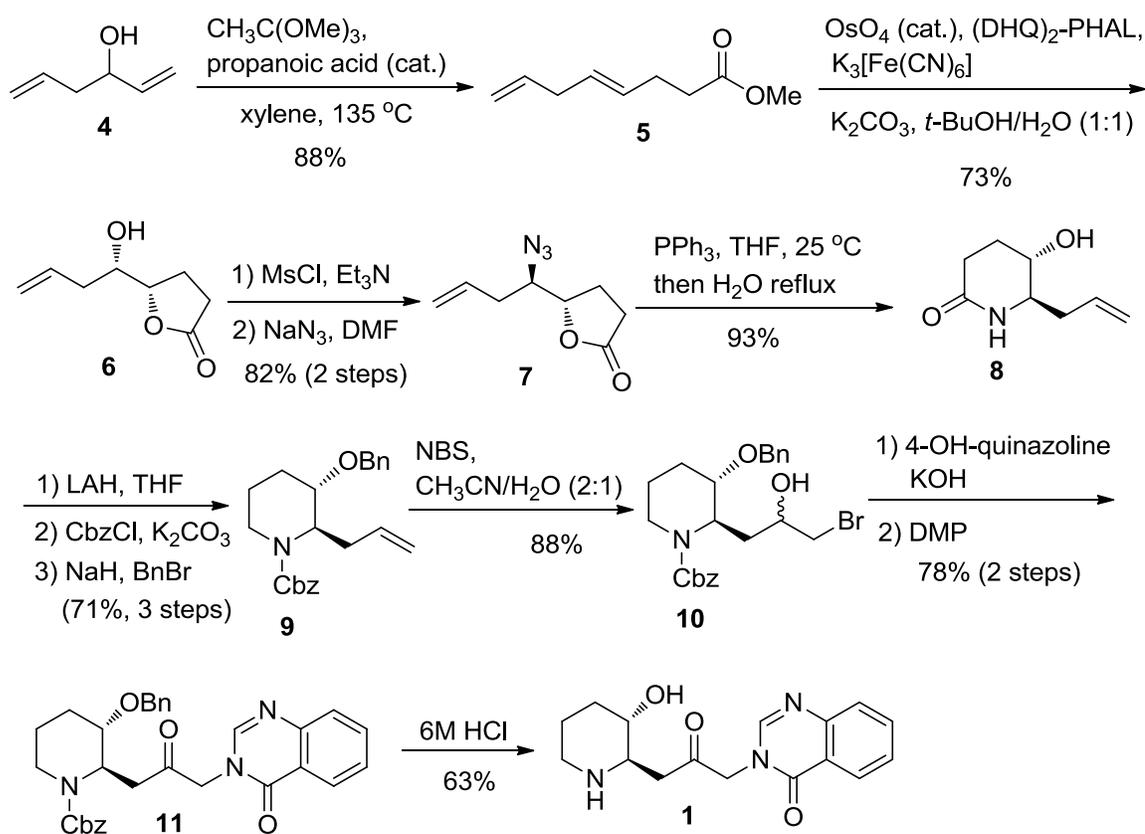
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with hydroxyquinazoline in the presence of secondary alcohol. Most notably, using the synthesis of febrifugine 11 (11.5% overall yield) and subsequent neutralization of febrifugine 4, (11.5% overall yield).

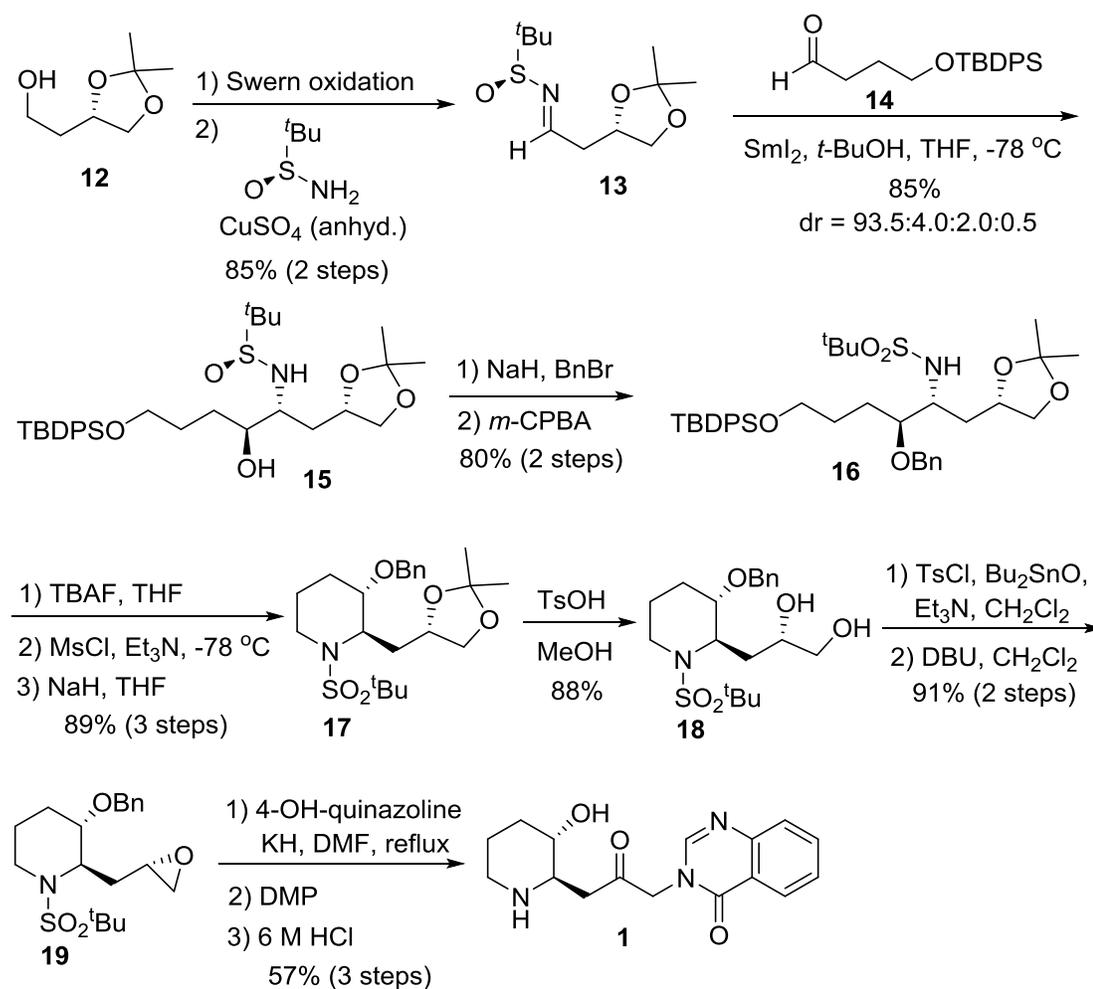


**Scheme 4.1.** Synthesis of febrifugine by Sudalai et al.

#### 4.2.2 The Linear synthesis of (+)-Febrifugine

In 2009, Lin and co-workers reported the total synthesis of febrifugine. The synthesis of 12 is shown in the following scheme.

which was attributed to the presence of a small amount of the diastereomer (Scheme 1.2).  
Sm-mediated reductive coupling of 13 with 14 in the presence of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> at -78 °C afforded the diastereomeric diols 15 and 16 in a 93.5:4.0:2.0:0.5 ratio. Protection of the hydroxyl groups of 15 with TBAF, mesylation of the hydroxyl groups, cyclization to the corresponding cyclic sulfonamide 17, and subsequent cyclization to the corresponding cyclic sulfonamide 18 in methanol afforded 18. The structure of 18 was confirmed by X-ray crystallography. Opening of the epoxide ring of 18 with 4-hydroxyquinazoline followed by the oxidation of the secondary amine with Martin periodinane gave the corresponding cyclic sulfonamide 19 in 12% yield.

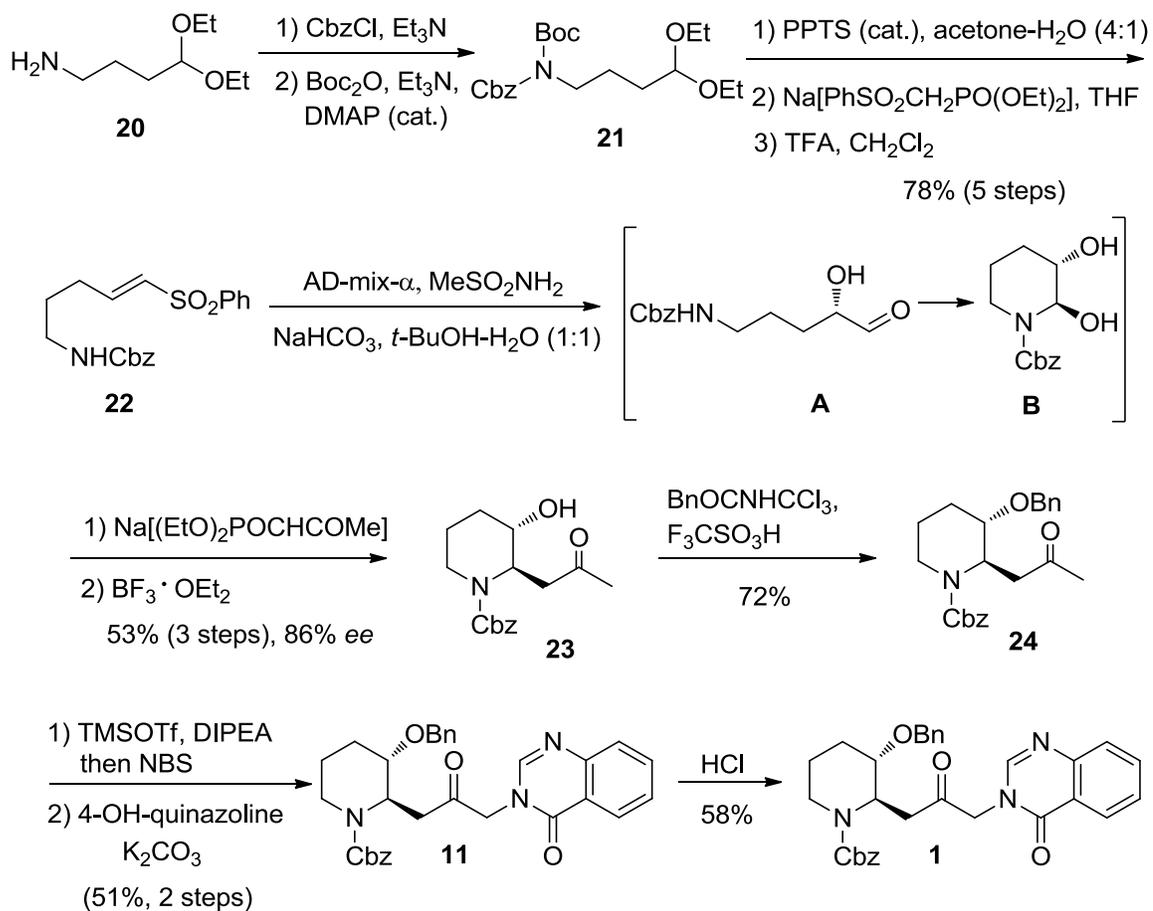


**Scheme 4.2.** Synthesis of (+)-febrifugine by Lin.

### 4.2.3 The Evans synthesis of (+)-Febrifugine

Evans and coworkers<sup>3a</sup> independently selected the bicyclic piperidine as the starting material for the synthesis of (+)-febrifugine. The synthesis is similar to that of (+)-febrifugine, which is a piperidine derivative, with benzyl chloroacetate as the starting material. The synthesis of (+)-febrifugine is shown in Scheme 4.3). The starting material was (+)-piperidine, which was converted to the corresponding aldehyde. Treatment of the aldehyde with

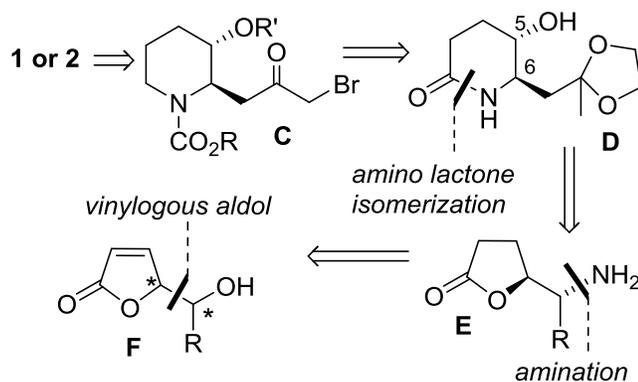
diethyl ester in presence of NaH followed  
 Treatment with methyl acrylate afforded the  
 Emmons olefination of the hemiacetal  
 piperidine hydroxyl group protected as the benzyl  
 piperidine bromination (of methyl acrylate in the  
 treatment of the chiral auxiliary with  
 febrifugine. Deprotection of the auxiliary  
 provided febrifugine (18% overall yield).



Scheme 4.3. Synthesis of febrifugine by Evans.

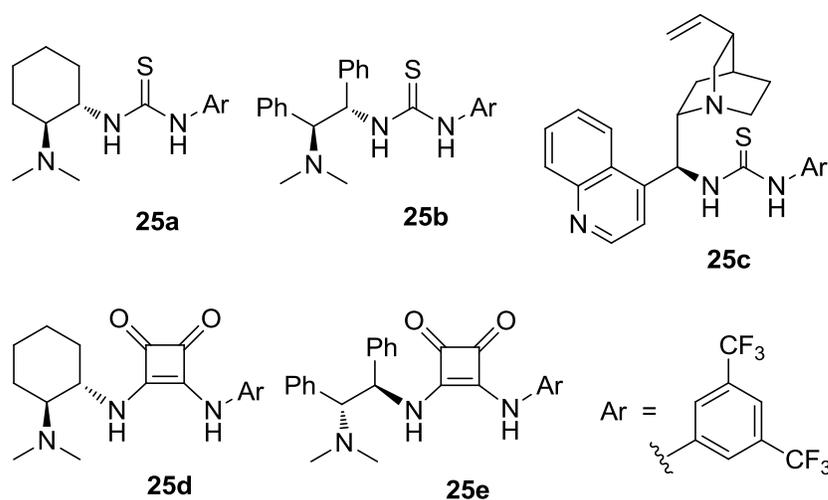
### 4.3 Results and Discussion

We decided to develop a synthesis of functionalized piperidines by simple coupling with common precursors suitably protected piperidines (Figure 4.2) which can be obtained by an aldol reaction of a vinyllogous aldehyde and an appropriate vinyllogous aldehyde to form the aldol adduct (Figure 4.2).



**Figure 4.2.** The organocatalytic direct vinylo

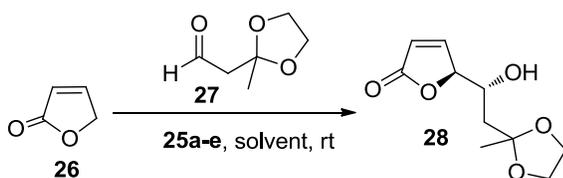
Our investigations based on Scheme 4.3 (Figure 4.3) with the direct vinylogous aldol reaction of crotonaldehyde was examined in the presence of diphenylethane-1,1-diamine (25a, 25b, 25c) and cyclohexanediylamine (25d, 25e) (Figure 4.3).



**Figure 4.3.** Selected amino thiourea and aminosourea

Orienting experiments suggested that the concentration of solvent for further studies based on the results of the previous entries. Although low efficiency and enantioselectivity were observed (Table 1, entry 4), the phenylethane-1,1-diamine (25b) was ineffective as a catalyst and provided a low yield and low enantioselectivity (Table 1, entry 8).

(Table 4.1, entry 9). Reaction with ethyl  
slower, but with higher enantiomeric excess  
the amino thiocarbonyl compound of dichloromethane  
solvent provided the highest enantiomeric  
and diastereomeric ratio. Further studies  
with ethyl acetate provided enantiomeric  
diastereoselectivity and yield was improved  
more useful when dichloromethane was used

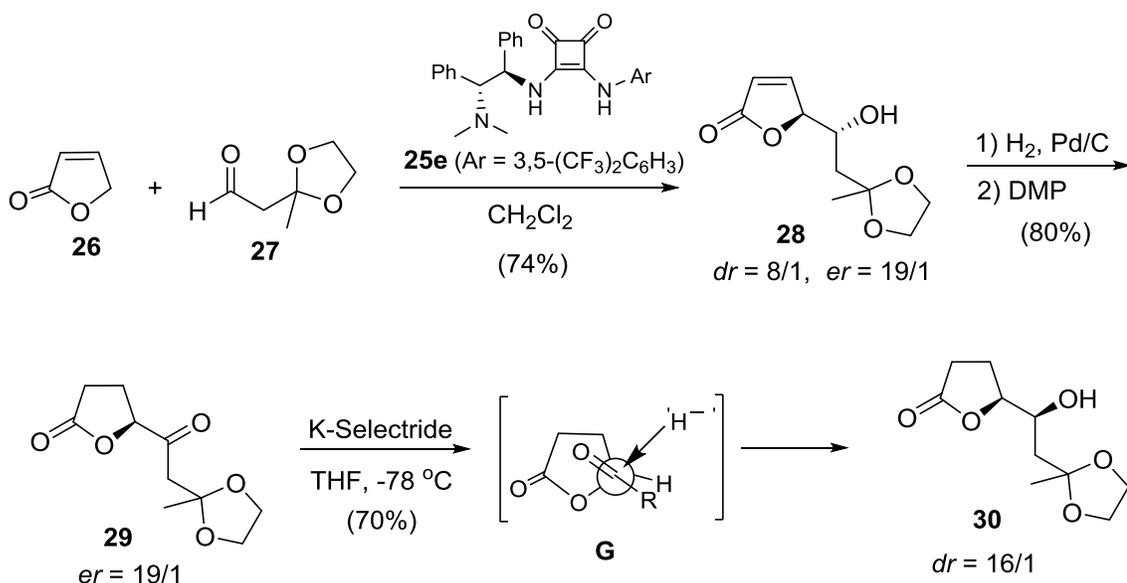


Entry <sup>a</sup>	Cat <sup>b</sup>	Solvent	T/h	Yield (%)	dr <sup>c</sup> ( <i>anti</i> / <i>syn</i> )	e <sup>d</sup> (%) ( <i>anti</i> ) <sup>e</sup>
1	<b>25a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	24	59	1.1 / 1	-55
2	<b>25a</b>	toluene	24	68	1 / 1	-18
3	<b>25a</b>	EtOAc	24	31	1.1 / 1	-58
4	<b>25a</b>	DMF	24	12	1 / 1	-30
5	<b>25a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	14 <sup>f</sup> 4	8	4.2 / 1	-62
6	<b>25b</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	144	2	-	-61
7	<b>25b</b>	EtOAc	14	0	-	-
8	<b>25b</b>	toluene	144	0	-	-
9	<b>25c</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	48	13	1.5 / 1	-74
10	<b>25d</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	48	31	1.9 / 1	-90
11	<b>25d</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	14 <sup>f</sup> 4	16	2.2 / 1	-93
12	<b>25d</b>	EtOAc	48	20	1.6 / 1	-88
13	<b>25d</b>	toluene	48	39	1.5 / 1	-88
14	<b>25e</b>	EtOAc	120	18	2.4 / 1	95
15	<b>25e</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	192	74	8 / 1	91
16	<b>25e</b>	toluene	120	27	2.9 / 1	90

<sup>a</sup>2 equiv. of **27** or 1.1 equiv. of **27** in NaBr. <sup>b</sup>CrO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in NaBr. <sup>c</sup>dr is determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>d</sup>ee is determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>e</sup>ee is determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>f</sup>Reaction time is 14 h.

**Table 4.1.** Optimization of the ODVA dehydrogenation of **26**.

Thus the direct vinyl group installation over which  
27 using **25** as the catalyst provided the diastereoselectivity (74% excellent enantiomeric  
diastereoselectivity (74% excellent enantiomeric  
the diastereomer) when the reaction was carried out  
4.4). Following the planned synthetic strategy  
transubstitution in the target **28** (Scheme 4.4).  
of the corresponding amino alcohol, the synthesis  
of the amino lactone would involve an invertive  
the aldol product **29** (Scheme 4.4).  
was first hydrogenated and then Mitsunobu  
examined under a variety of conditions.  
mixtures and hence an alternate strategy  
Accordingly, the alcohol was **29** (Scheme 4.4).  
**29** with **30** (70%) with good selectivity (Scheme 4.4).  
presumably **30** (Scheme 4.4).

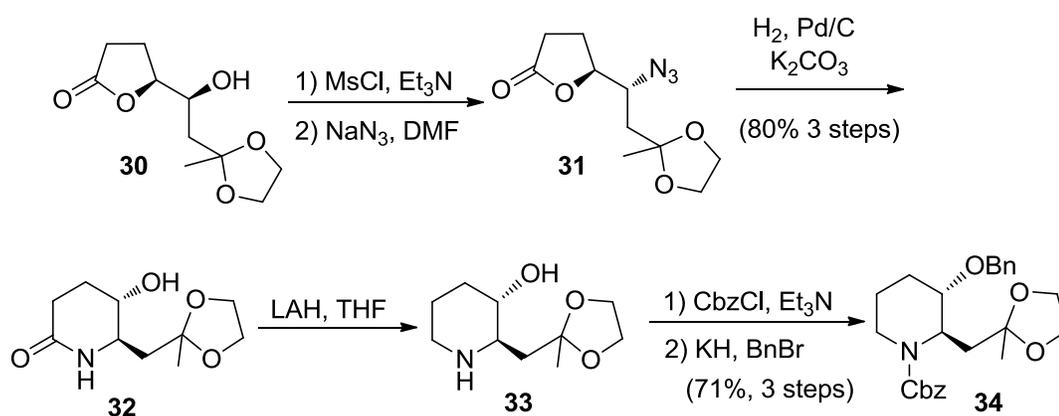


**Scheme 4.4.** Synthesis of **30** via DVA reaction.

The stereochemical assignments were made based on the analysis of the early organocatalytic vinyl-cyclopropanol addition reactions. In these reactions, aldehydes have been used as the major starting materials. The *anti* and *syn* assignments in the present study are based on the analysis of the proton NMR of these aldol products (see experimental part for details) for the assignment of the configuration of **28**.

The lactone **30** was readily converted to the corresponding azide **31** via azidation with *tert*-butyl azide (Scheme 4.5). Reduction of **31** with Pd/C gave a mixture of butyrolactone and **32**. The acylation of the amino lactone **31** with *N*-acetyl

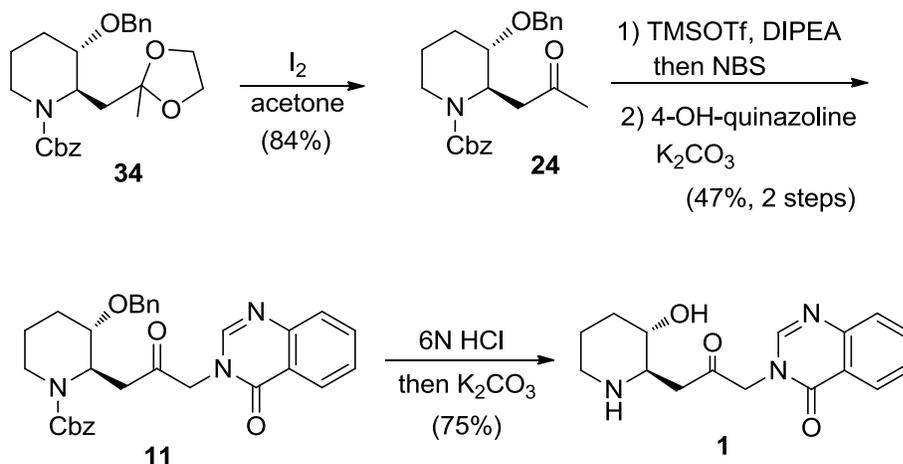
significantly facilitated 32 (81% overall yield) with no  
 any residual amino lactone 32. However, the reduction of  
 piperidine 33 which was isolated as a single diastereomer  
 of *trans* isomer during the *N*-reduction was not  
 as carbobenzyloxy followed by protection of  
 the key intermediate 34 (Scheme 4.5).



**Scheme 4.5.** Synthesis of piperidine 34.

With the final steps of the  
 ketone 34 was unmasked by treatment of the ketone  
 (Scheme 4.5). The final product 34 is a piperidine  
 with the *trans* orientation of the substituents on the  
 initial stereocenter. This was reported by Honda  
 by the reported by Honda<sup>3</sup> (at the time of the  
 bromoketone was used to provide

derivative of compound 11 (containing a furanone ring) and subsequent neutralization of the resulting acid to yield the final product, febrifugine. ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +17.76$ , (EtOH),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +14.60$ , (EtOH), 86%



Scheme 4.6. Total synthesis of febrifugine (1).

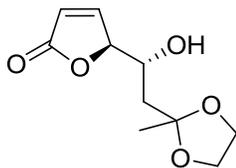
#### 4.4 Conclusions

In conclusion, the selective synthesis of febrifugine (1) (overall yield) was achieved by employing a vinyllogous aldol condensation reaction of compound 24 to form the furanone-tubercidin piperidine core of the target febrifugine. The bromoketone 24 can be derived from compound 11 (75% yield over 2 steps) by coupling of 7-bromo-6-hydroxyquinazolin-4(3H)-one with compound 24. The synthesis of febrifugine (1) is also possible by the synthesis of compound 11 (75% yield over 2 steps).

## 4.5 Experimental section

All commercially available reagents were requiring anhydrous conditions were performed using oven dried glassware and reagents. Calcium chloride and sodium/benzophenone respectively. Compounds were used for TLC. Silica gel 40 mesh were used for TLC. Melting points are uncorrected. IR was recorded on a digital polarimeter at ambient temperature.

### (S)-5-[(R)-1-Hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl]furan-2(5H)-one (28):

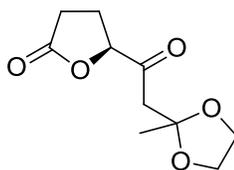


A mixture of 25 (10 mmol, 1.27 g) and 27 (10 mmol, 1.27 g) in 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (21.5 mmol) in 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was stirred for 192 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc (10/1)) to give 28 as a pale yellow solid. Yield: 3.7 g (30%). IR (neat): 3467, 2988, 2889, 1719, 1615, 1488, 1379, 1104, 1014, 914, 813, 799, 719, 614, 514, 414, 314, 214, 114, 14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.67 (dd, 1H, J = 5.8, 1.5 Hz), 6.1 (dd, 1H, J = 5.8, 1.5 Hz), 4.8 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 4.1 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 3.7 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 3.4 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 3.1 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 2.8 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 2.5 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 2.2 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 1.9 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 1.6 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 1.3 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz), 1.0 (dd, 1H, J = 13.0, 1.5 Hz).



1,3-dioxolane) 2a (1.30 g, 8.28 mmol) as a white solid. (This  
 pure (NMR) and was directly used in the next  
 IR (neat): 3500, 2985, 2892, 1770, 1658,  
 1119, 1021; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **Anti diastereomer**: δ 4.37-4.32 (m,  
 1H), 3.49-3.06 (m, 5H), 0.51 (s, 3H, J = 11.7 s, 8, 19), 0.24 (s, 3H,  
 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz), 1.40 (dd, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 1.00  
 Hz), 1.33 (s, 3H). **Visible resonances for the syn diastereomer**: δ 4.43-4.40 (m, 1H),  
 2.86-2.84 (m, 2H), 1.45 (dd, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz), 1.70 (dd, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 1.  
 14.8, 1.8 Hz<sup>1</sup>, NMR 37 (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **Anti diastereomer**: δ 177.2,  
 110.0, 82.3, 69.1, 64.8. **Visible resonances for the syn**, 28.3  
**diastereomer**: δ 177.9, 109.9, 82.4, 69.8, 68.5, 64.8, 40.8, 28.3, 24.0, 23.9; MS (APCI,  
 positive) 217.1 (M+1); HRMS (CI): 217.05 (M+1) (2R7.  
 = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexanes, 3/2).

**(S)-5-[2-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acetyl]dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (29):**

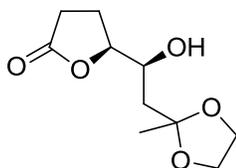


To a solution of 2a (900 mg, 4.16 mmol) was CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> added. Me<sub>2</sub>SiN<sub>2</sub> perigridin 32 (0.153 g, 0.153 mmol) mixture was  
 temperature for 16 h. Saturated Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> aqueous and desorb, di  
 organic layer was separated and 2C<sub>1</sub> (hexane) 0.30

mL.) The combined organic (130 mL) was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes, 1/1) to provide 71.4 mg (80%) of yellow liquid.

IR (neat): 2996, 2893, 1769, 1711; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.14 (m, 3.1H), (m, 9H), 3.04 (d), 2.88 (d, 1.3H), 2.33 (m, 3H), (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 205.0, 176.3, 108.0, 82.2, 64.8, 64.7, 47.5, 27.3, 24.7, 24.2; MS (APCI, m/z): 214.0808 (214.0808); IR MS m/z (CI): 214.0808 (214.0808); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 1/1) to provide 30.8 mg (70%) of white solid.

**(S)-5-[(S)-1-Hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl]furan-2(5H)-one (30):**

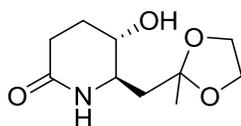


K-Selco (triethylamine, 0.2 mL) was added to a stirred solution of ketone (400 mg, 1.86 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78°C for 1 hour. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate was added and followed by EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was washed with water and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes, 1/1) to provide 30.8 mg (70%) of white solid.



Sodium azide (822 mg, 12.6 mmol) was added  
 mg, 2.53 mmol) and DMF (8 mL) was added.  
 The mixture was cooled (30 °C) and  
 waer (30 mL) the resulting biphasic mixture was separated  
 with (20 mL) combined organic phase, filtered and  
 concentrated to provide a solid (0.6 g, 10%). This  
 pure (NMR) and was directly used in the next  
 25/1) was obtained by flash column chromatography  
 IR (neat): 2987, 2959, 2923, 2852, 2108, 1648, 1510  
 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.56-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.91 (d, J = 10.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.47 (d, J = 14.9, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.49, 4.5 Hz  
**Visible resonances for the syn diastereomer:** δ 4.60-4.57  
 (m, 1H), -33.548 (m, 1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((75 MHz) **Anti** CDCl<sub>3</sub>  
**diastereomer:** δ 176.5, 108.1, 80.9, 64.7, 64.5, 60.5, 39.3, 28.2, 24.3, 22.2; **Visible**  
**resonances for the syn diastereomer:** δ 176.4, 108.2, 81.8, 64.64, 64.61, 60.5, 39.2,  
 28.1, 24.5, 22.2  
 m/z 42 MS ((M+1) peak); IR (neat) 2421, 1411, 1141, 1043, 1034 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; OR50 (EtOAc/hexanes, 3

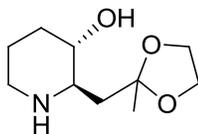
**(5*S*,6*R*)-5-Hydroxy-6-[(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl]piperidin-2-one (32):**



To a stirred solution of **31** (2.81 g, 10 mmol, 1.16 mL) in MeOH at ambient temperature was added **1** (2.00 g) followed by **2**. The mixture was stirred for 16 h at ambient temperature and then filtered through a pad of Celvol 200 (20 mL) and the combined filtrates were concentrated to give a yellow gum. This was purified by MeOH (4/1) to provide **32** as 200 mg (80%).

IR (neat): 3352, 3229, 1635, 1464, 1429, 1194, 902. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH): 6.63 (br s, 1H), 4.31-4.19 (m, 4H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.86 (d, 2H), 3.71 (ddd, 1H), 3.63 (ddd, 1H), 2.11 (dd, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, MeOH): 170.9, 109.7, 68.9, 64.7, 64.3, 55.1. **Visible resonances for the cis diastereomer:** δ 170.9, 109.7, 68.9, 64.7, 64.3, 55.1. **Visible resonances for the trans diastereomer:** δ 171.5, 109.4, 65.7, 64.6, 53.1, 40.5, 27.6, 25.8, 24.2; MS (APCI, pos) m/z 216.1 (M+1); HRMS (CI): 216.101 (M+1) (= 216.120.25). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, MeOH, 4/1).

**(2*R*,3*S*)-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-2-[(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl]piperidine-1-carboxylate (33):**



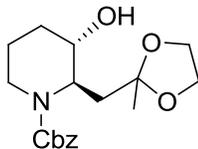
To a stirred suspension of 2.066 L (10.0 mmol) of **32** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.980 mol) dissolved in the mixture was added 2.4 h. The mixture was cooled slowly and was stirred for 20 min. at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The mixture was filtered through Celite. The filter cake and the filtrate were concentrated under reduced pressure to give a white solid. This mixture was used in the purification.

IR (neat): 3316, 3122, 2928, 2862, 2824, 1714, 1614, 1510, 1461 (m), 1332, 1206, 1158, 1120, 1072, 1030, 750, 730, 710, 692 (m), 648, 627, 612, 582, 572, 548, 540, 538, 530, 520, 510, 500, 480, 470, 460, 450, 440, 430, 420, 410, 400, 390, 380, 370, 360, 350, 340, 330, 320, 310, 300, 290, 280, 270, 260, 250, 240, 230, 220, 210, 200, 190, 180, 170, 160, 150, 140, 130, 120, 110, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.04 (m, 5H), 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.96 (m, 5H), 6.92 (m, 5H), 6.88 (m, 5H), 6.84 (m, 5H), 6.80 (m, 5H), 6.76 (m, 5H), 6.72 (m, 5H), 6.68 (m, 5H), 6.64 (m, 5H), 6.60 (m, 5H), 6.56 (m, 5H), 6.52 (m, 5H), 6.48 (m, 5H), 6.44 (m, 5H), 6.40 (m, 5H), 6.36 (m, 5H), 6.32 (m, 5H), 6.28 (m, 5H), 6.24 (m, 5H), 6.20 (m, 5H), 6.16 (m, 5H), 6.12 (m, 5H), 6.08 (m, 5H), 6.04 (m, 5H), 6.00 (m, 5H), 5.96 (m, 5H), 5.92 (m, 5H), 5.88 (m, 5H), 5.84 (m, 5H), 5.80 (m, 5H), 5.76 (m, 5H), 5.72 (m, 5H), 5.68 (m, 5H), 5.64 (m, 5H), 5.60 (m, 5H), 5.56 (m, 5H), 5.52 (m, 5H), 5.48 (m, 5H), 5.44 (m, 5H), 5.40 (m, 5H), 5.36 (m, 5H), 5.32 (m, 5H), 5.28 (m, 5H), 5.24 (m, 5H), 5.20 (m, 5H), 5.16 (m, 5H), 5.12 (m, 5H), 5.08 (m, 5H), 5.04 (m, 5H), 5.00 (m, 5H), 4.96 (m, 5H), 4.92 (m, 5H), 4.88 (m, 5H), 4.84 (m, 5H), 4.80 (m, 5H), 4.76 (m, 5H), 4.72 (m, 5H), 4.68 (m, 5H), 4.64 (m, 5H), 4.60 (m, 5H), 4.56 (m, 5H), 4.52 (m, 5H), 4.48 (m, 5H), 4.44 (m, 5H), 4.40 (m, 5H), 4.36 (m, 5H), 4.32 (m, 5H), 4.28 (m, 5H), 4.24 (m, 5H), 4.20 (m, 5H), 4.16 (m, 5H), 4.12 (m, 5H), 4.08 (m, 5H), 4.04 (m, 5H), 4.00 (m, 5H), 3.96 (m, 5H), 3.92 (m, 5H), 3.88 (m, 5H), 3.84 (m, 5H), 3.80 (m, 5H), 3.76 (m, 5H), 3.72 (m, 5H), 3.68 (m, 5H), 3.64 (m, 5H), 3.60 (m, 5H), 3.56 (m, 5H), 3.52 (m, 5H), 3.48 (m, 5H), 3.44 (m, 5H), 3.40 (m, 5H), 3.36 (m, 5H), 3.32 (m, 5H), 3.28 (m, 5H), 3.24 (m, 5H), 3.20 (m, 5H), 3.16 (m, 5H), 3.12 (m, 5H), 3.08 (m, 5H), 3.04 (m, 5H), 3.00 (m, 5H), 2.96 (m, 5H), 2.92 (m, 5H), 2.88 (m, 5H), 2.84 (m, 5H), 2.80 (m, 5H), 2.76 (m, 5H), 2.72 (m, 5H), 2.68 (m, 5H), 2.64 (m, 5H), 2.60 (m, 5H), 2.56 (m, 5H), 2.52 (m, 5H), 2.48 (m, 5H), 2.44 (m, 5H), 2.40 (m, 5H), 2.36 (m, 5H), 2.32 (m, 5H), 2.28 (m, 5H), 2.24 (m, 5H), 2.20 (m, 5H), 2.16 (m, 5H), 2.12 (m, 5H), 2.08 (m, 5H), 2.04 (m, 5H), 2.00 (m, 5H), 1.96 (m, 5H), 1.92 (m, 5H), 1.88 (m, 5H), 1.84 (m, 5H), 1.80 (m, 5H), 1.76 (m, 5H), 1.72 (m, 5H), 1.68 (m, 5H), 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.48 (m, 5H), 1.44 (m, 5H), 1.40 (m, 5H), 1.36 (m, 5H), 1.32 (m, 5H), 1.28 (m, 5H), 1.24 (m, 5H), 1.20 (m, 5H), 1.16 (m, 5H), 1.12 (m, 5H), 1.08 (m, 5H), 1.04 (m, 5H), 1.00 (m, 5H), 0.96 (m, 5H), 0.92 (m, 5H), 0.88 (m, 5H), 0.84 (m, 5H), 0.80 (m, 5H), 0.76 (m, 5H), 0.72 (m, 5H), 0.68 (m, 5H), 0.64 (m, 5H), 0.60 (m, 5H), 0.56 (m, 5H), 0.52 (m, 5H), 0.48 (m, 5H), 0.44 (m, 5H), 0.40 (m, 5H), 0.36 (m, 5H), 0.32 (m, 5H), 0.28 (m, 5H), 0.24 (m, 5H), 0.20 (m, 5H), 0.16 (m, 5H), 0.12 (m, 5H), 0.08 (m, 5H), 0.04 (m, 5H), 0.00 (m, 5H).

CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ 110.1, 72.2, 64.6, 64.4, 59.9, 46.1, 42.0, 202.1 (M+1); HRMS (CI): 202.1443 (M+1); C.R. 3.01 (MeOH, 4/1).

**(2*R*,3*S*)-Benzyl 3-hydroxy-2-[(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl]piperidine-1-carboxylate (33a):**



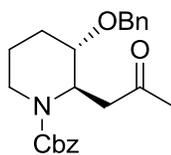
To a solution of 1.0 g (3.3 mmol) of 1 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added benzyl bromide (0.79 mL, 6.6 mmol) and triethylamine (0.95 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature and the resulting mixture was combined organic layers and concentrated under reduced pressure by flash chromatography on silica gel (91% yield).

IR (neat): 3467.2, 2940.8, 2830.2, 1257, 1153, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 3.88 (m, 5H), -1.28 (d, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 156.39, 113.68, 127.9, 127.8, 109.0, 68.38, 25.7, 23.9, 18.316.  
 MS (M+APCI, HRMS): (336.1811) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (336.1811).  
 (EtOAc/hexanes, 3/2).



39.1, 38.4, 9.4. Visible resonances for the minor rotamer:  $\delta$  155.7, 137.3, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 109.2, 75.7, 71.9. MS: (APCI  $m/z$  peaks): (M+1); HRMS (CI): 426.22.  $C_{21}H_{23}NO_3$  (M+H) $^+$  = 426.1660. (EtOAc/hexane)

**(2R,3S)-Benzyl 3-(benzyloxy)-2-(2-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (24):**



To a solution (140 mg of 0.15 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) and iodine (7.28 mg, 0.15 mmol, 10%) in acetone (10 mL) at room temperature was dissolved in 1 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ .  $SO_3$  (5 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously for a few minutes. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether, dried, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 7:3) to give a colorless oil.

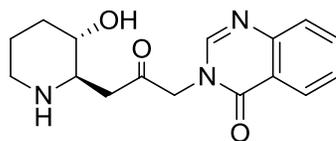
IR (neat): 2943, 2866, 1689, 1422, 1355, 1155. NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.01 (br s, 1H), 4.13 (br s, 1H), 2.84 (br s, 2H), 2.69 (br s, 1H), 1.40 (br s, 3H). NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.1, 138.6



concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc, 2 / 31) to give 1 (47%) as a white solid. IR: 1726, 1674, 1610, 1424<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.72 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (br s, 1H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 4.94 (br s, 1H), 4.06 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (br s, 1H), 2.18 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (br s, 2H), 1.16 (br s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.2, 156.5, 136.5, 134.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 70.4, 67.4, 53.9, 50.6, 41.5. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>): 525.2285 (M+24; 3, H<sub>2</sub>O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.72 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (br s, 1H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 4.94 (br s, 1H), 4.06 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (br s, 1H), 2.18 (d, J=1 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (br s, 2H), 1.16 (br s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.2, 156.5, 136.5, 134.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 70.4, 67.4, 53.9, 50.6, 41.5. HRMS (EI<sup>+</sup>): 525.2285 (M+24; 3, H<sub>2</sub>O).

### 3-(3-[(2R,3S)-3-Hydroxypiperidin-2-yl]-2-oxopropyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one

#### (+)-Febrifugine (1):



A stirred solution of 3 (3 mmol) in a 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was refluxed for 1 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and then treated with 10% NaOH. The solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



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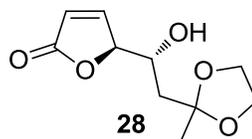
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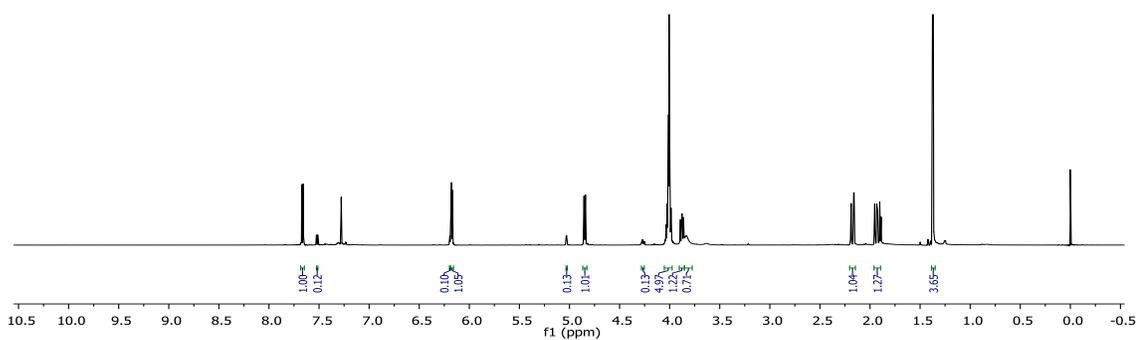
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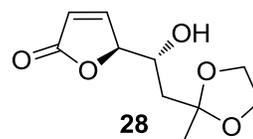
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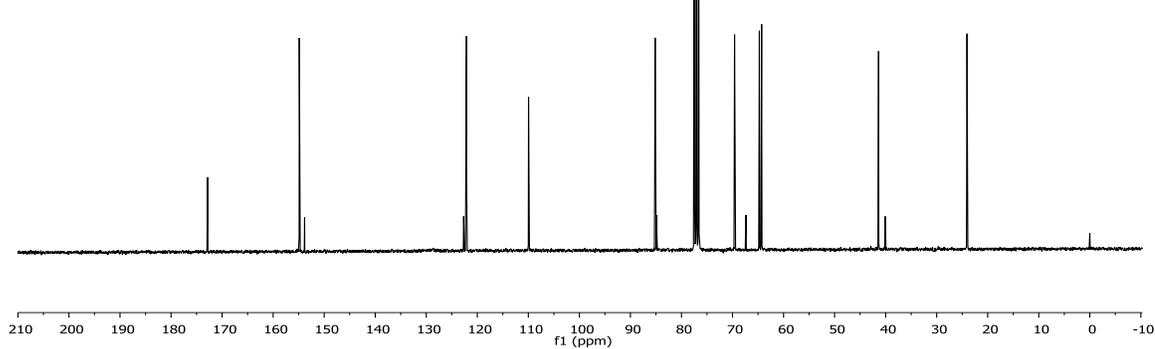
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84.91  
77.48  
77.06  
76.63  
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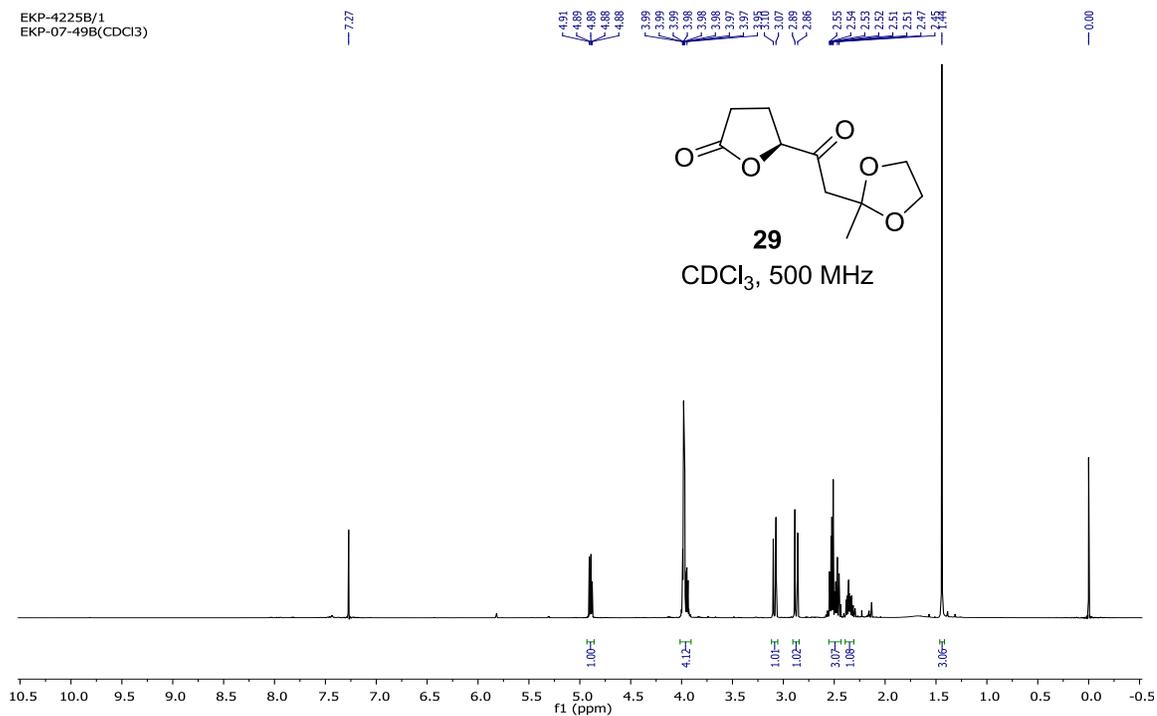
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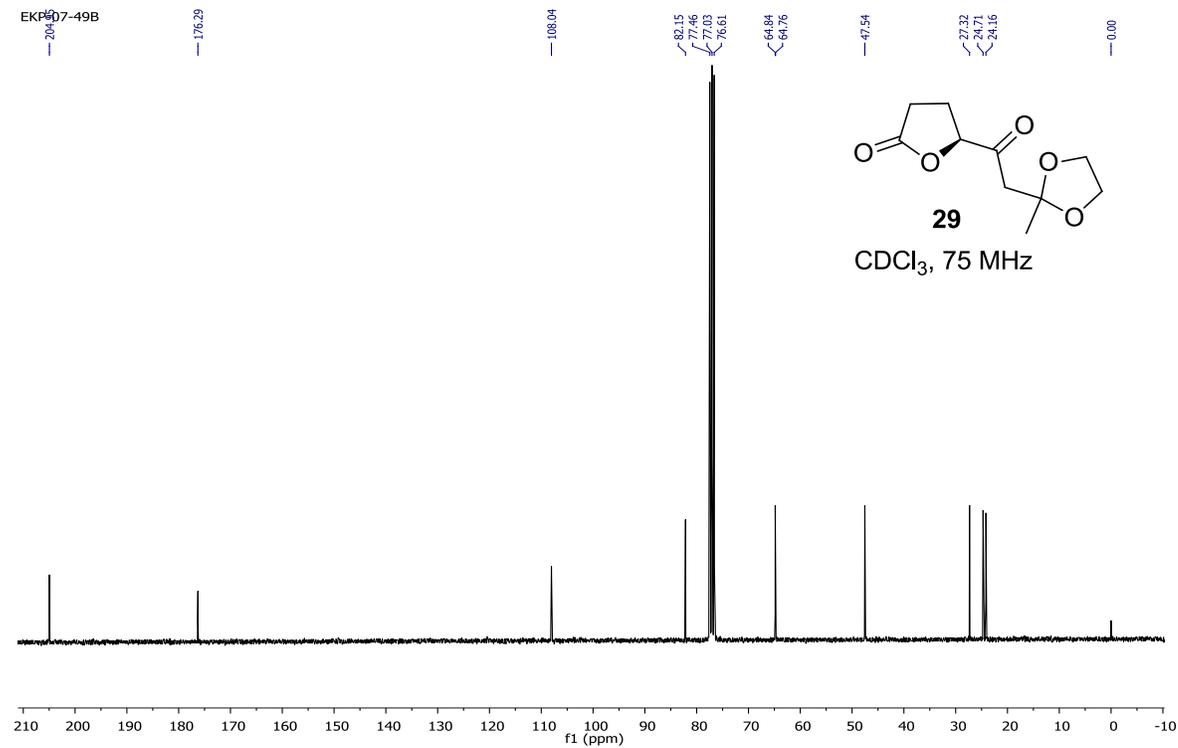


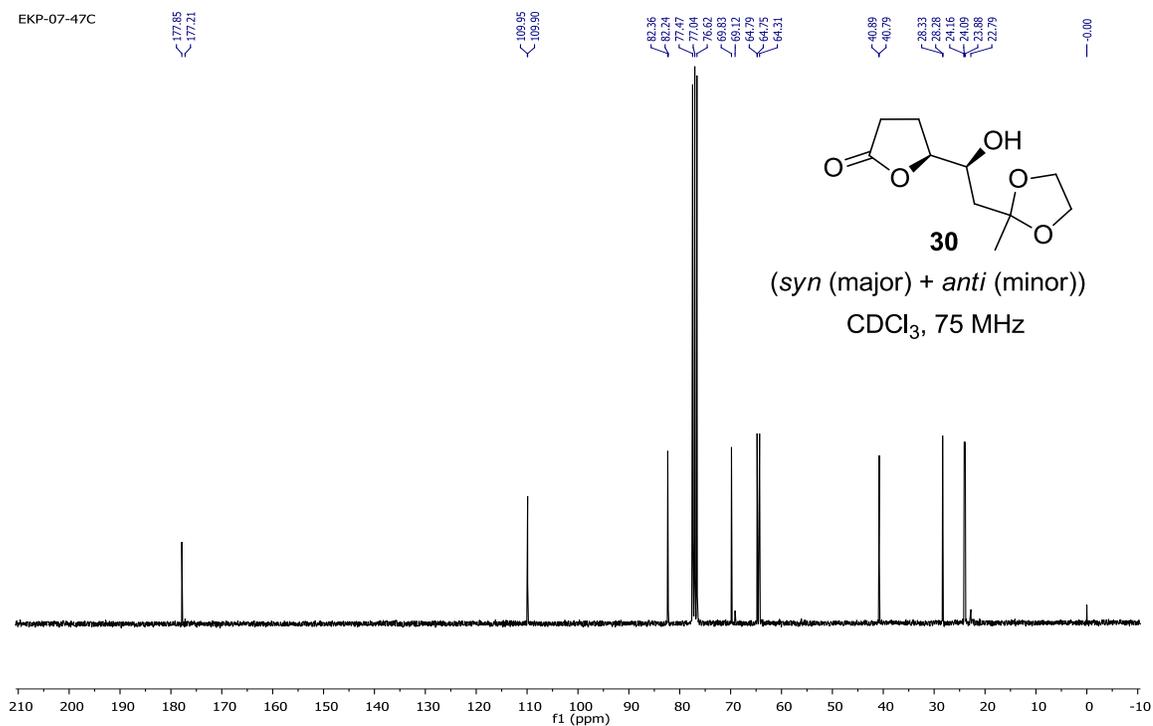
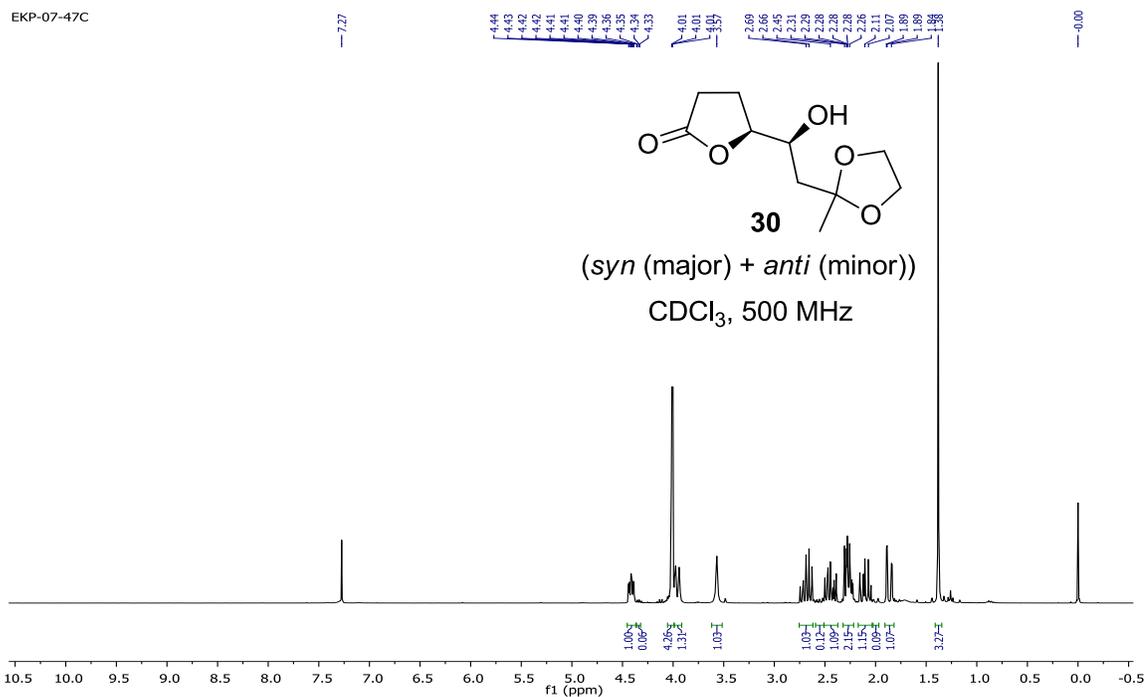


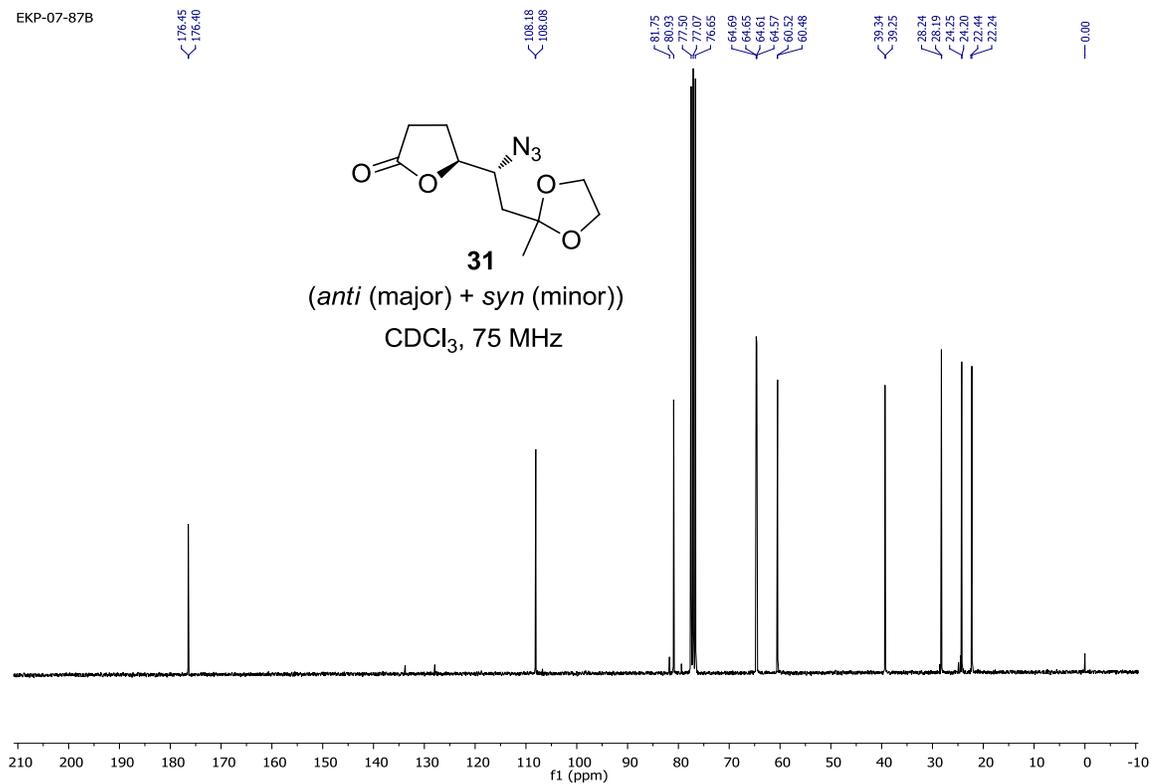
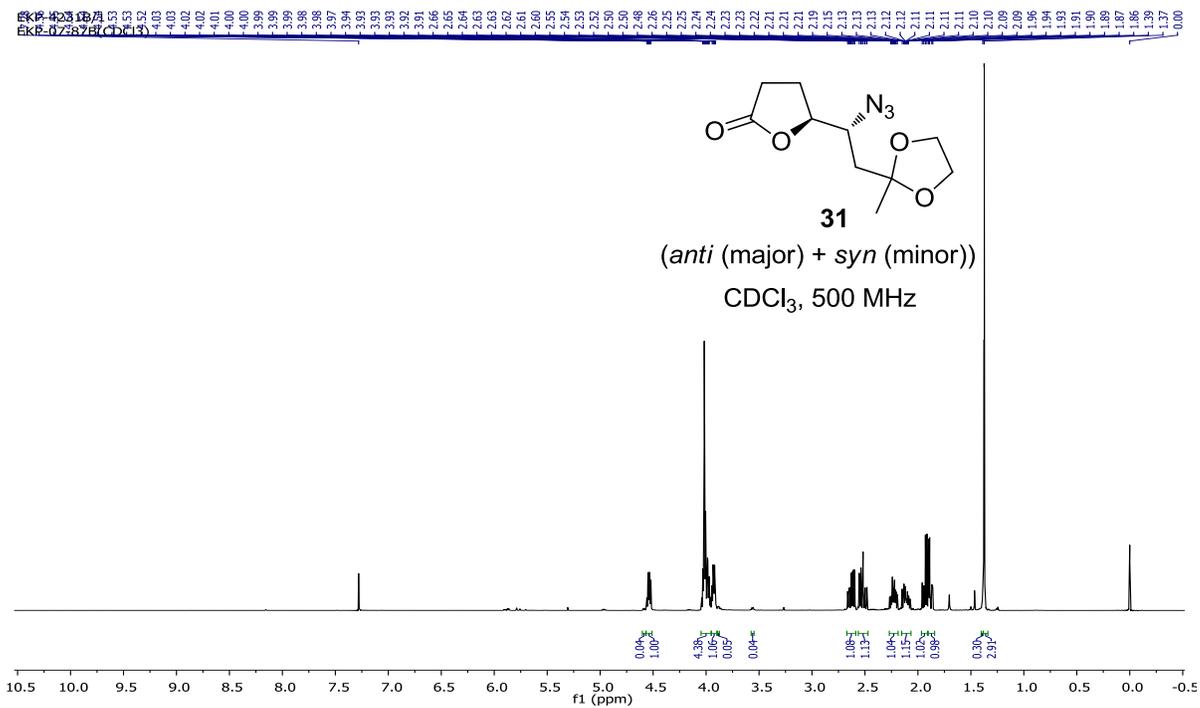
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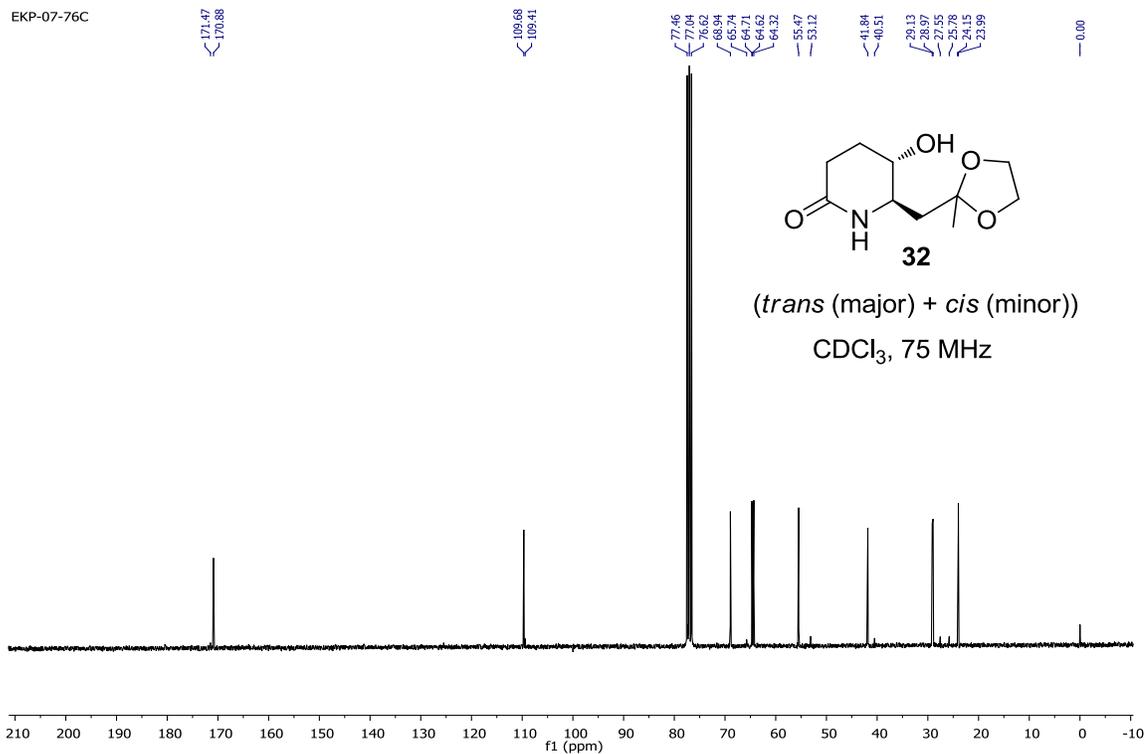
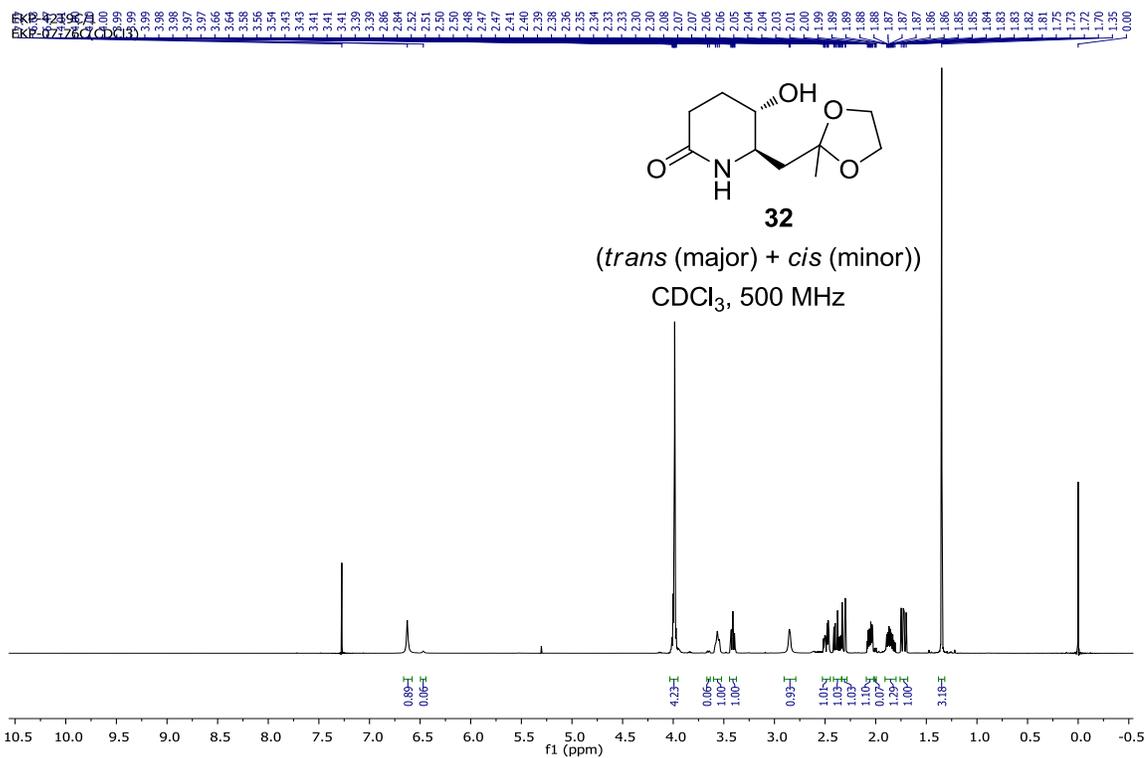


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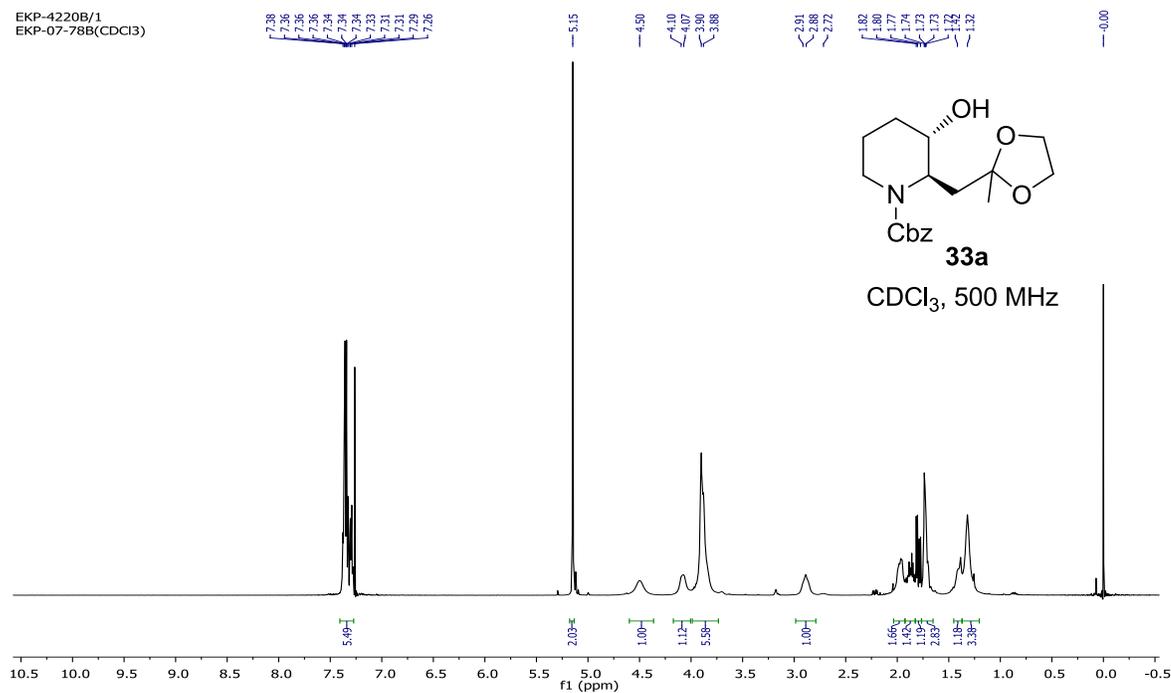




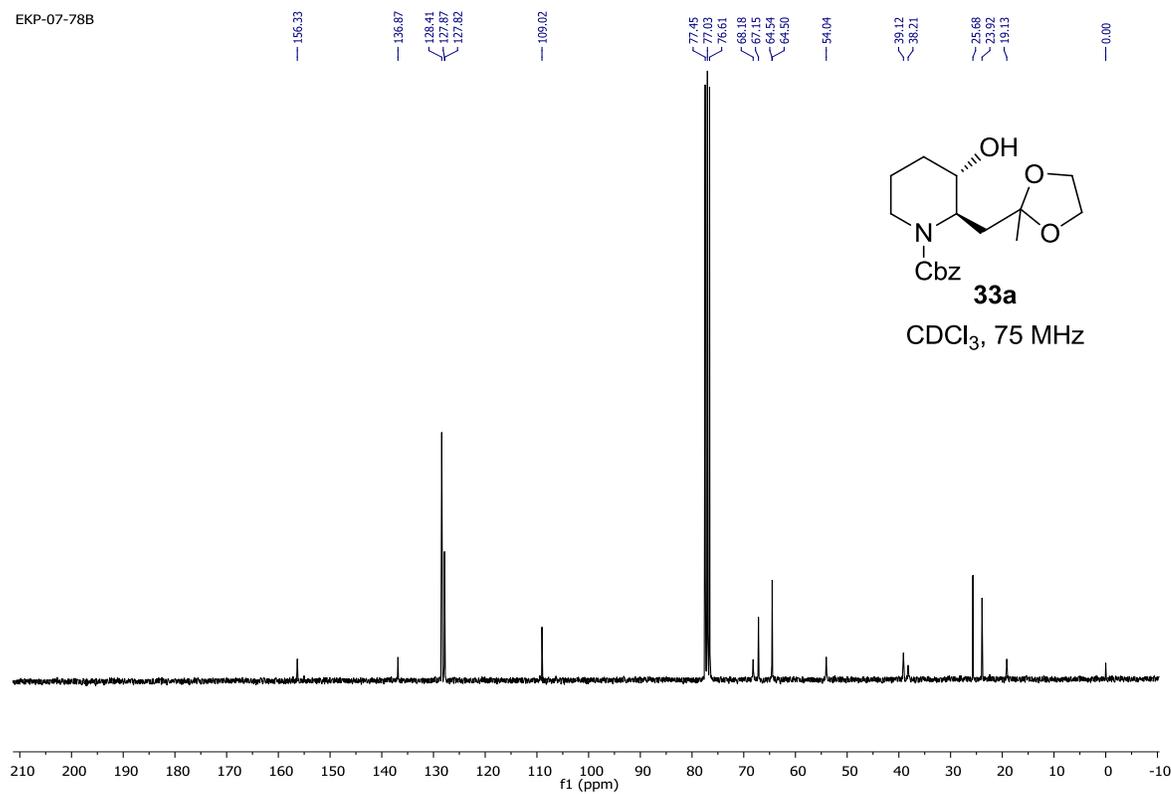




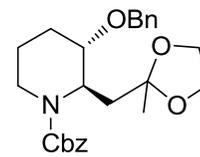
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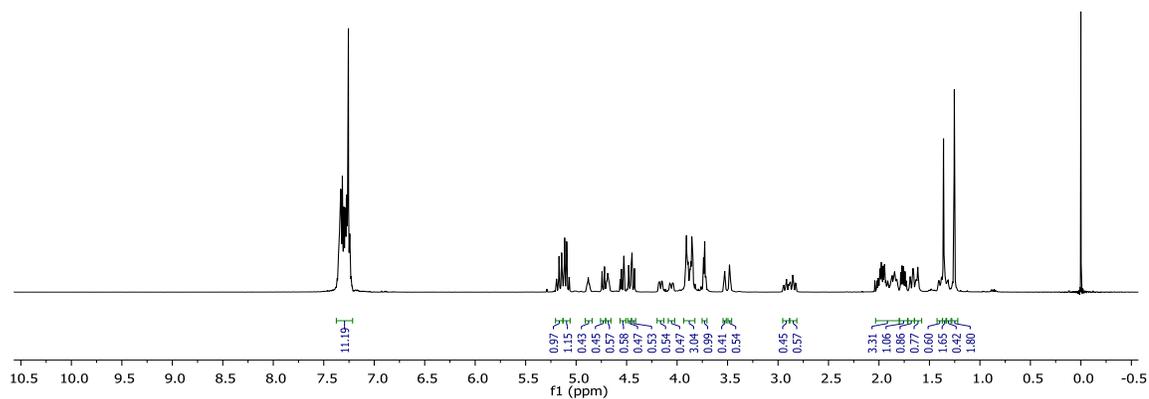


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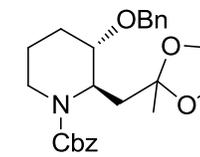
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CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz



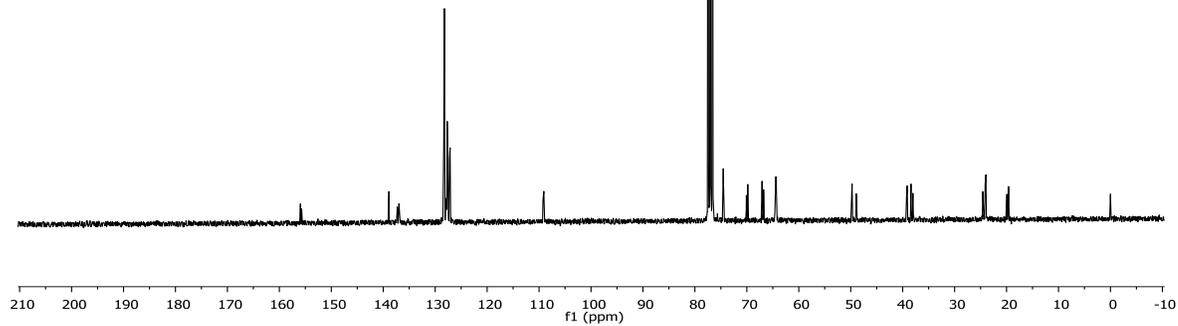
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 127.56  
 127.36  
 127.14  
 109.09  
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 77.02  
 76.60  
 75.67  
 74.35  
 70.09  
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 67.07  
 66.57  
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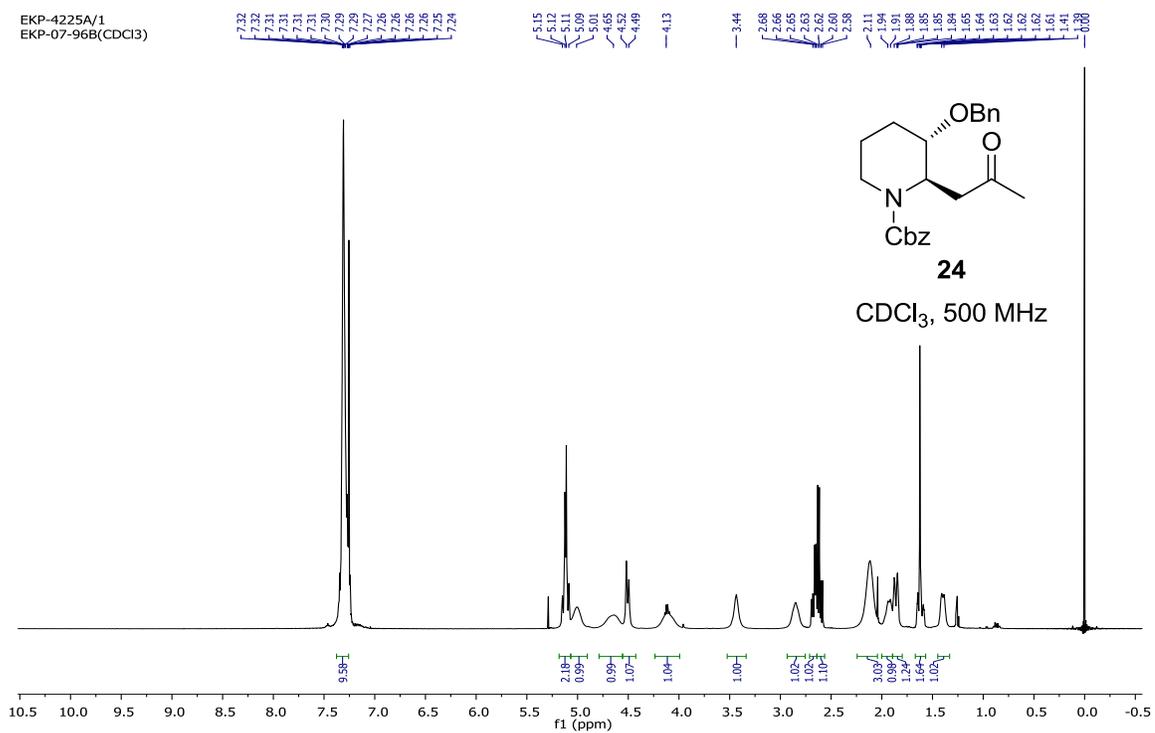


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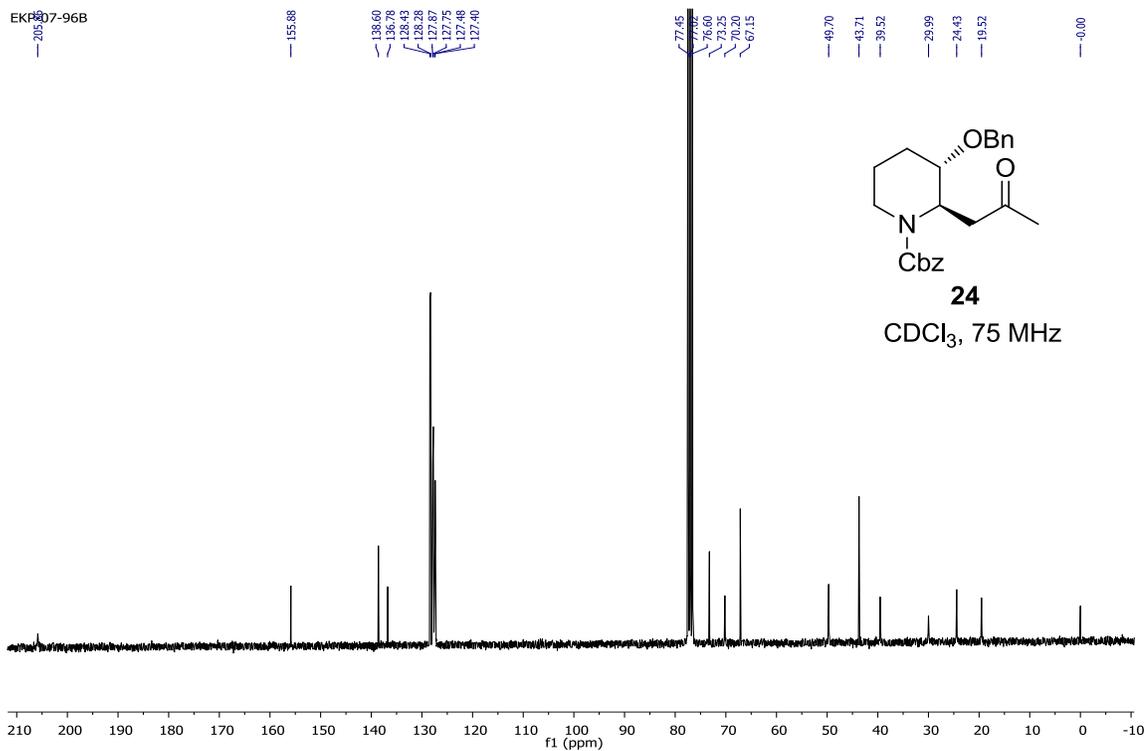
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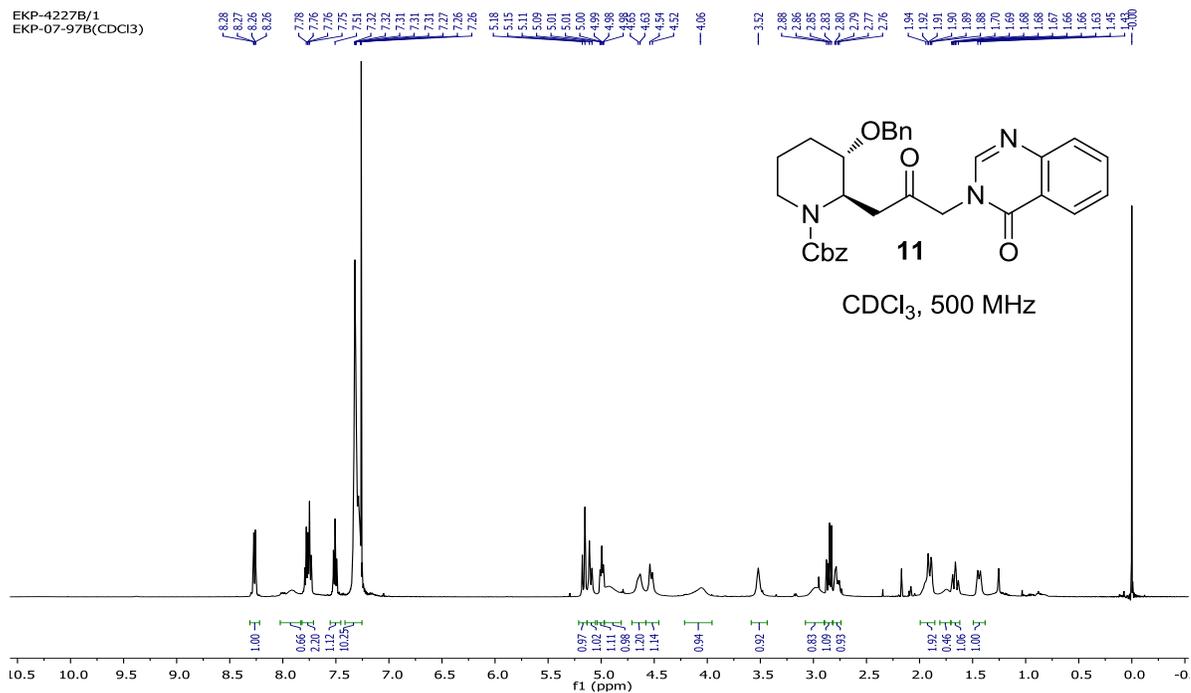
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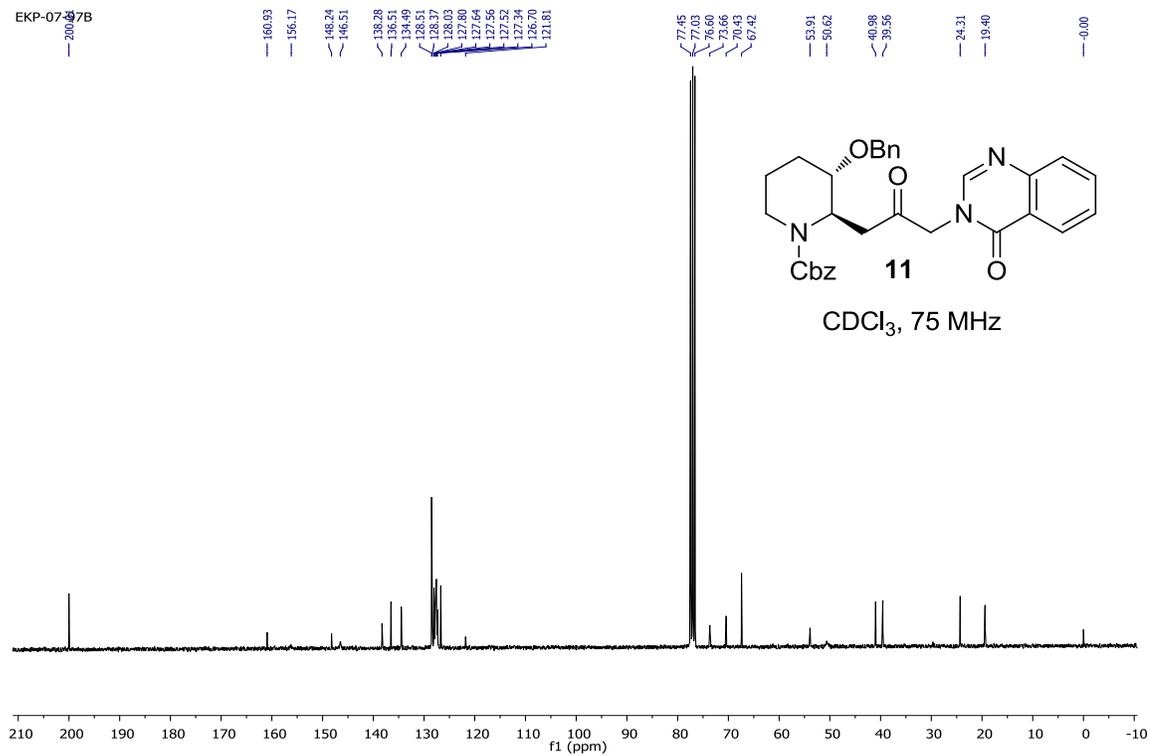
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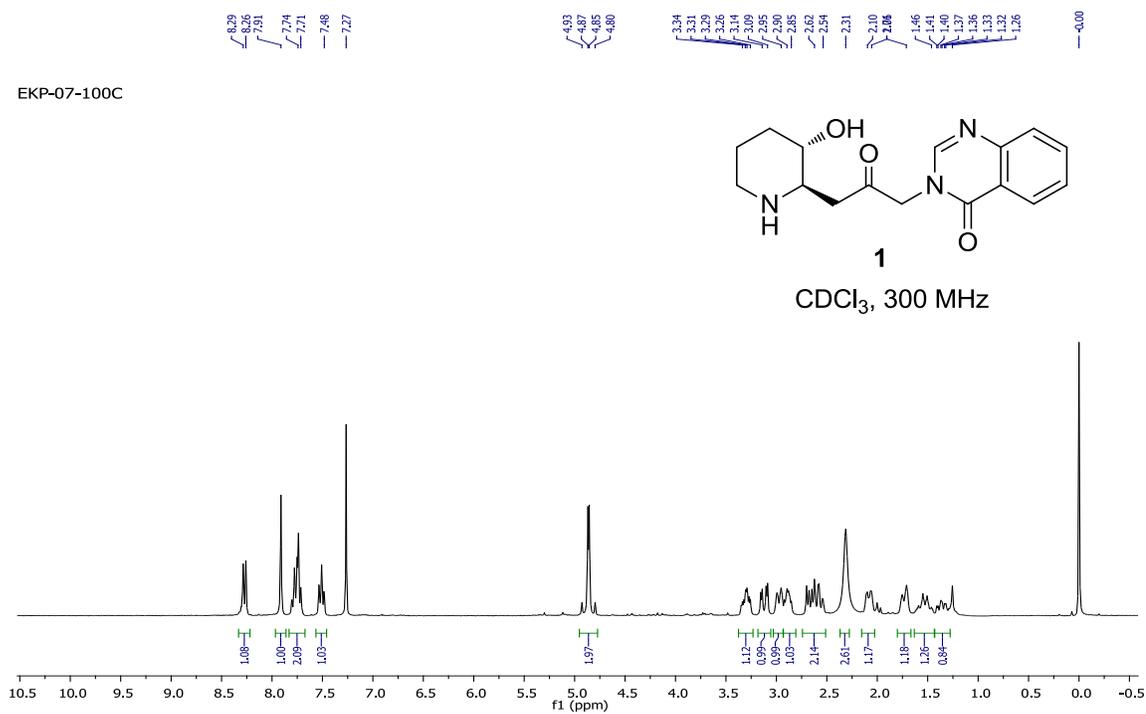
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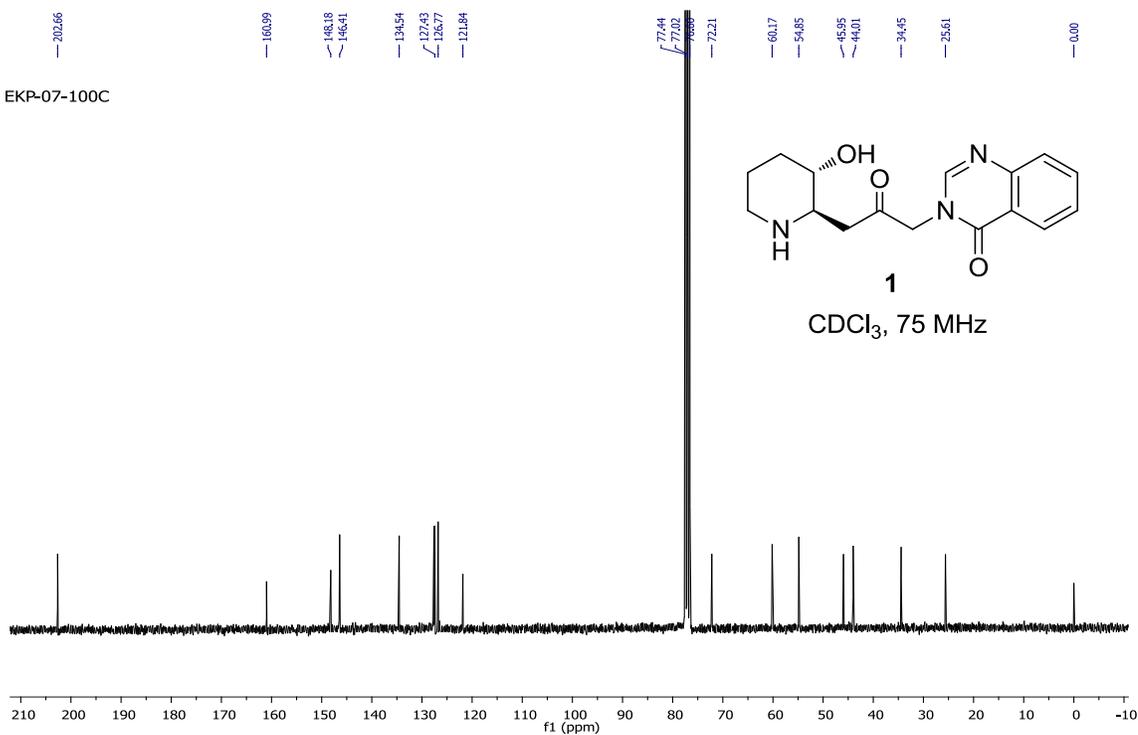
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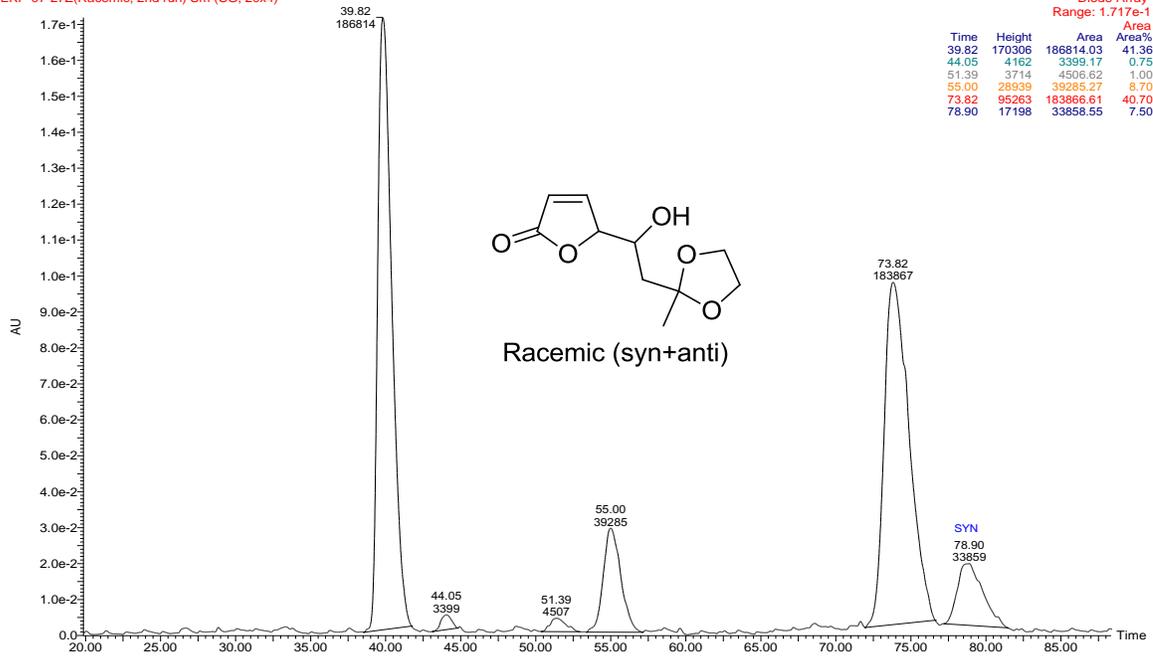
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## **4.8 Selected HPLC chromatograms**

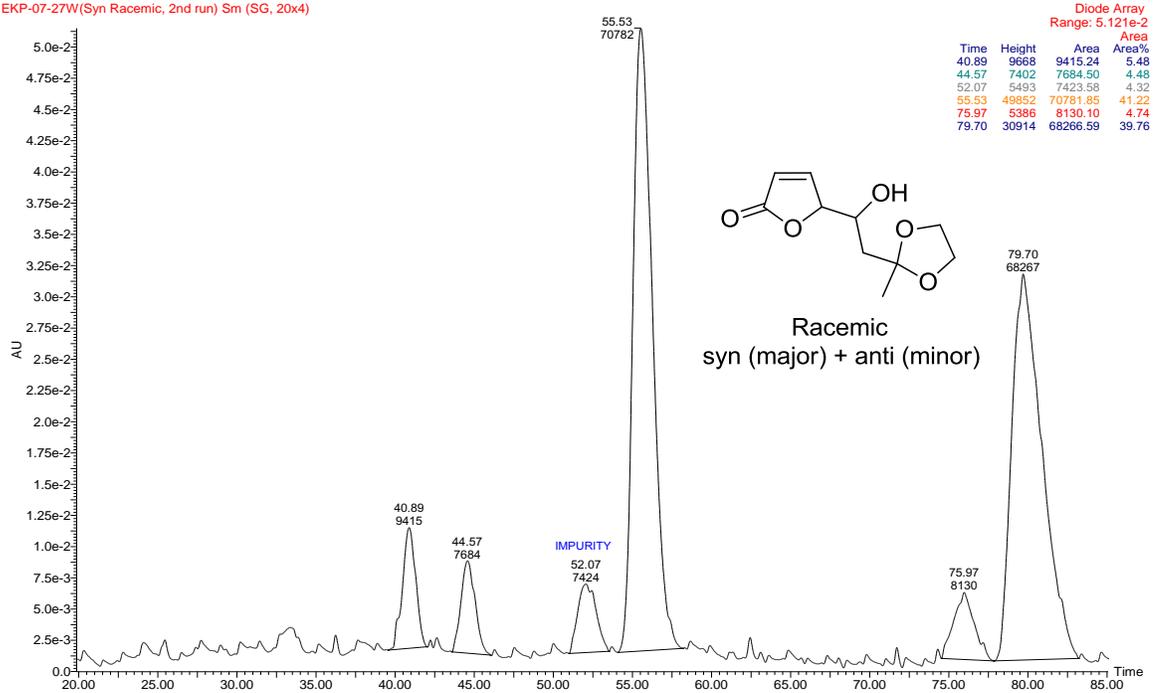
AS-H 92hex 8ipa 210nm

EKP-07-27Z(Racemic, 2nd run) Sm (SG, 20x4)

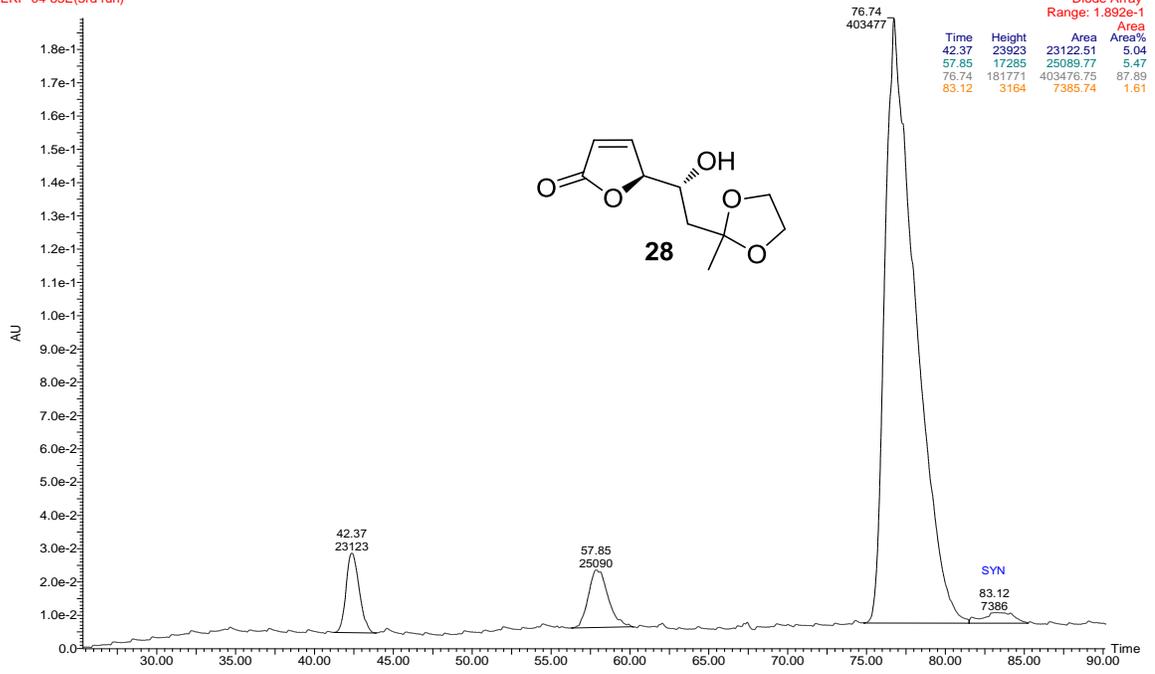


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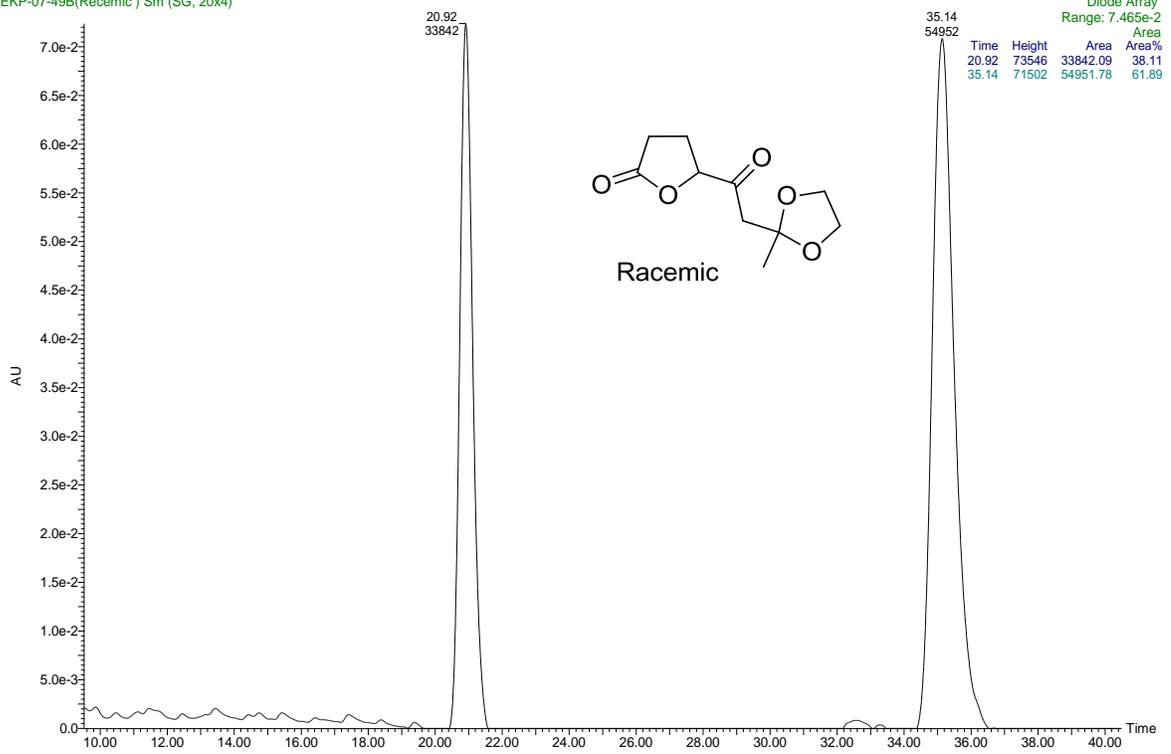
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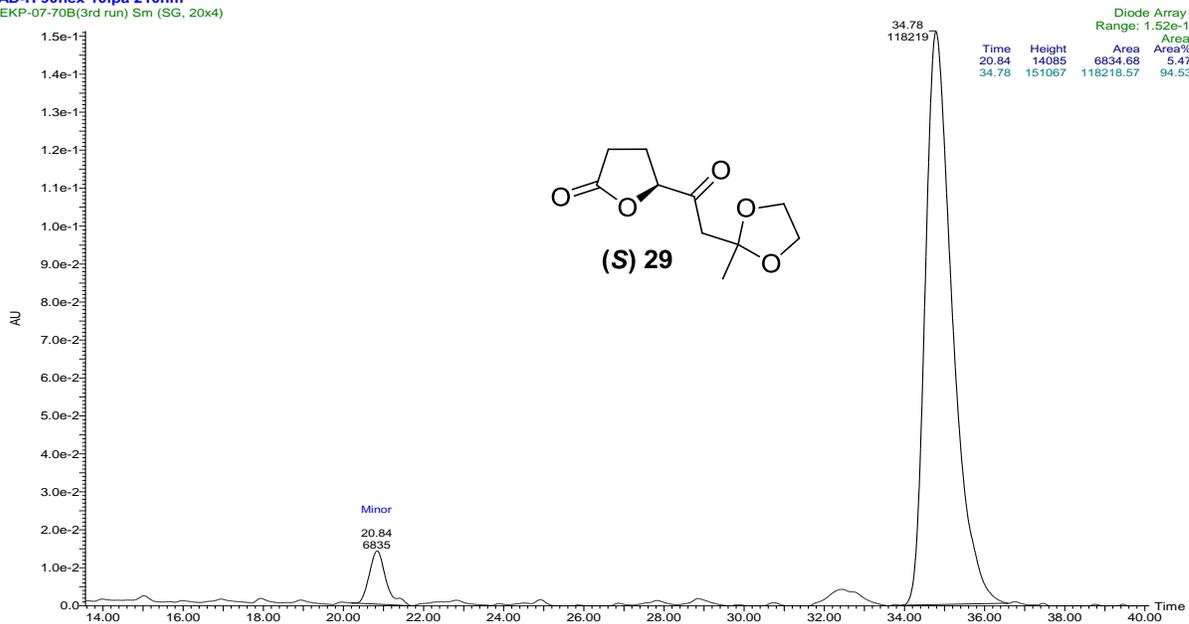
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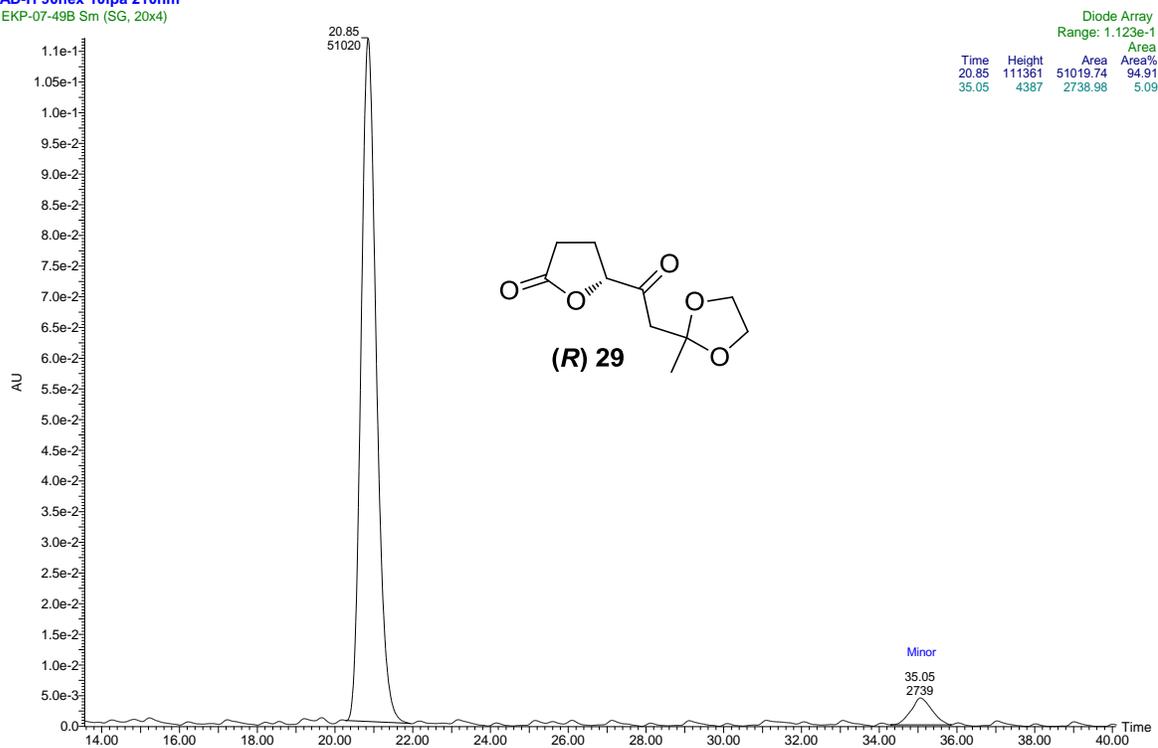
AD-H 90hex 10ipa 210nm  
EKP-07-49B(Racemic) Sm (SG, 20x4)



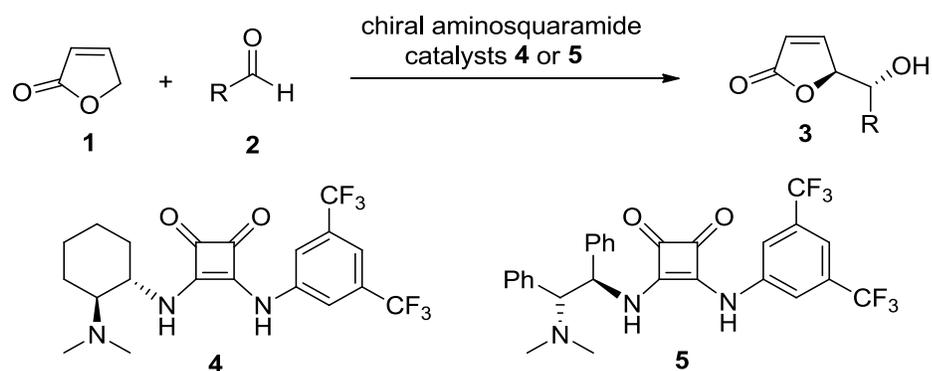
AD-H 90hex 10ipa 210nm  
EKP-07-70B(3rd run) Sm (SG, 20x4)



AD-H 90hex 10ipa 210nm  
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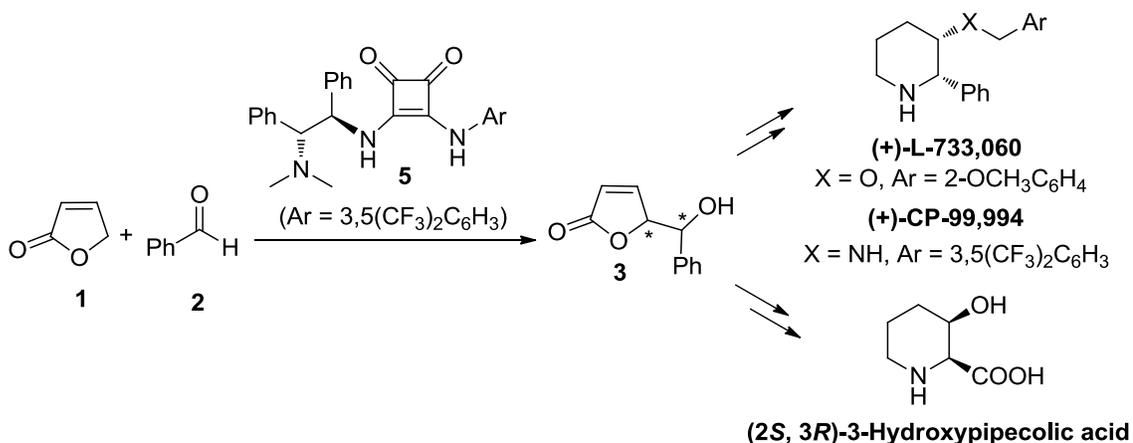
The organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol (ODVA) reactions of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with various aromatic aldehydes (Scheme 5.1) were developed. It was observed that these reactions were catalyzed by several bifunctional chiral aminothiureas and aminosquaramides. A catalyst survey was carried out to find the optimal catalyst. Among various thiourea and squaramide catalysts, the squaramide catalysts gave the best result, providing the *anti* diastereomer as the major product. The optimized conditions were employed in a study of the scope of the reaction with a variety of aldehydes. These investigations indicated that the choice of catalyst or was determined by the nature of the aldehyde and high enantioselectivities were obtained by proper pairing of the catalyst and aldehyde. Overall, good diastereoselectivities (5-8:1) and excellent enantioselectivities (94- >99% *ee*) were obtained. Chapter 2 of this thesis describes details of the development of this method. E. K. Paul contributed to all of the synthetic work and was involved in the preparation of the manuscript for publication.



. The ODVA reaction catalyzed by squaramides **4** and **5** .

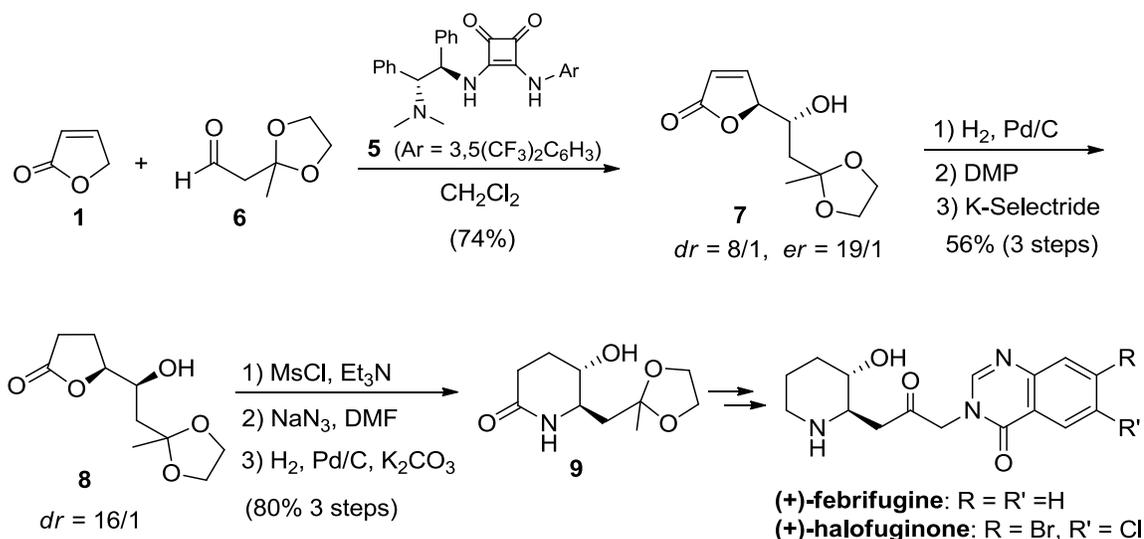
To demonstrate the synthetic importance of the organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol (ODVA) reactions of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with aldehydes, application of the methodology in the synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted piperidines such as (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994 and (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid was examined. The substance P receptor antagonists (+)-L-733,060 and (+)-CP-99,994, are associated with a variety of biological effects including smooth muscle contraction, neurogenic inflammation and pain transmission and (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid, is a component of tetrazomine, an antitumor agent and an antibiotic. In this project, ODVA reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with benzaldehyde as the key step provided an efficient entry into piperidine derivatives (Scheme 5.2). The synthesis of (+)-L-733,060 was accomplished in 9 steps from the  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone ( ) in 24.8% overall yield. The synthesis of (+)-CP-99,994 was accomplished in 11 steps from the  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone ( ) in 16.9% overall yield. The synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid was accomplished in 10 steps from the  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone ( ) in 28.1% overall yield. The results of this work are presented in

Chapter 3 of this thesis. E. K. Paul contributed to all of the synthetic work and was involved in the preparation of the manuscript for publication.



. Synthesis of (+)-L-733,060, (+)-CP-99,994 and (2S,3R)-3-hydroxypipercolic acid.

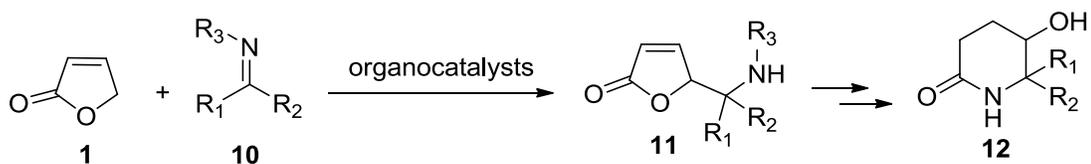
In the last project, the ODVA reaction was employed in the total synthesis of the antimalarial alkaloid (+)-febrifugine and a formal synthesis of (+)-halofuginone, an antimalarial agent (Scheme 5.3). The key steps in the synthesis involve the ODVA reaction of  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone with the aldehyde and the isomerization of a 2-aminoalkyl furanone to the 2,3-disubstituted piperidinone core of the target. The synthesis of the (+)-febrifugine was accomplished in 14 steps from the commercially available  $\gamma$ -crotonolactone ( ) in 6.8% overall yield. The results of this work are presented in Chapter 4 of this thesis. E. K. Paul contributed to all of the synthetic work and was involved in the preparation of the manuscript for publication.



. Synthesis of (+)-febrifugine and a formal synthesis of (+)-halofuginone employing the ODVA reaction.

In summary, the thesis work has developed a highly enantioselective, organocatalytic direct vinylogous aldol reaction of crotonolactone with aldehydes. This methodology was used in the synthesis of various biologically active compounds and natural products containing the 2,3-disubstituted piperidine motif.

Although the products of the 2-furanone in ODVA reaction can be converted into piperidines, a limitation of the methodology is the need for converting the aldol products into the corresponding amino lactone. An attractive alternative to this approach would be the direct synthesis of the amino lactones *via* an organocatalytic vinylogous Mannich reaction (Scheme 5.4) of imines with 2-furanone.



. Organocatalytic direct vinylogous Mannich-type reaction of crotonolactone.

It is anticipated that, the Mannich reaction will be catalyzed by hydrogen bonding donor catalysts or by chiral protic acids depending on the nature of the amine used to make the imines.

Alternatively, instead of using a chiral catalyst, chiral imines can be used as substrates. In addition, the organocatalytic vinylogous aldol as well as Mannich reactions can be examined with a variety of substituted crotonolactones.