

Supporting Information

Cross-Dehydrogenative Couplings between Indoles and β -Keto Esters: Ligand-Assisted Ligand Tautomerization and Dehydrogenation via a Proton-Assisted Electron Transfer to Pd(II)

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1 General Information

All reactions were carried out under air in oven-dried glassware, unless otherwise noted. When needed, nonaqueous reagents were transferred under argon *via* syringe or cannula and dried prior to use. Toluene, THF, Et₂O and CH₂Cl₂ were obtained by passing deoxygenated solvents through activated alumina columns (MBraun SPS-800 Series solvent purification system). Other solvents and reagents were used as obtained from supplier, unless otherwise noted. Analytical TLC was performed using Merck silica gel F254 (230-400 mesh) plates and analyzed by UV light or by staining upon heating with anisaldehyde solution (2.8 mL anisaldehyde, 2 mL conc. H₂SO₄, 1.2 mL conc. CH₃COOH, 100 mL EtOH), vanillin solution (6 g vanillin, 5 mL conc. H₂SO₄, 3 mL glacial acetic acid, 250 mL EtOH) or KMnO₄ solution (1 g KMnO₄, 6.7 g K₂CO₃, 1.7 mL 1M NaOH, 100 mL H₂O). For silica gel chromatography, the flash chromatography technique was used, with Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and p.a. grade solvents unless otherwise noted.

The ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in either acetone-d₆, CDCl₃, CD₃CN or C₆D₆ on Bruker Avance 500, 400, 300 or 250 spectrometers. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CHCl₃ (δ 7.26), CHD₂CN (δ 1.94), 1,4-Dioxane-D₈ (δ 3.53) or C₆D₅H (7.16) for ¹H NMR. For the ¹³C NMR spectra, the residual acetone-d₆ (δ 29.84), CDCl₃ (δ 77.16), CD₃CN (δ 118.26) or C₆D₆ (128.06) were used as the internal standards. Melting points (mp) were determined in open capillaries using melting point apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were obtained with a polarimeter. High resolution mass spectrometric data were measured using MicroMass LCT Premier Spectrometer. Slow addition of the reagents was controlled by a syringe pump. Microwave irradiation was done at microwave reactor.

2 Experimental Details

2.1 Coupling Products

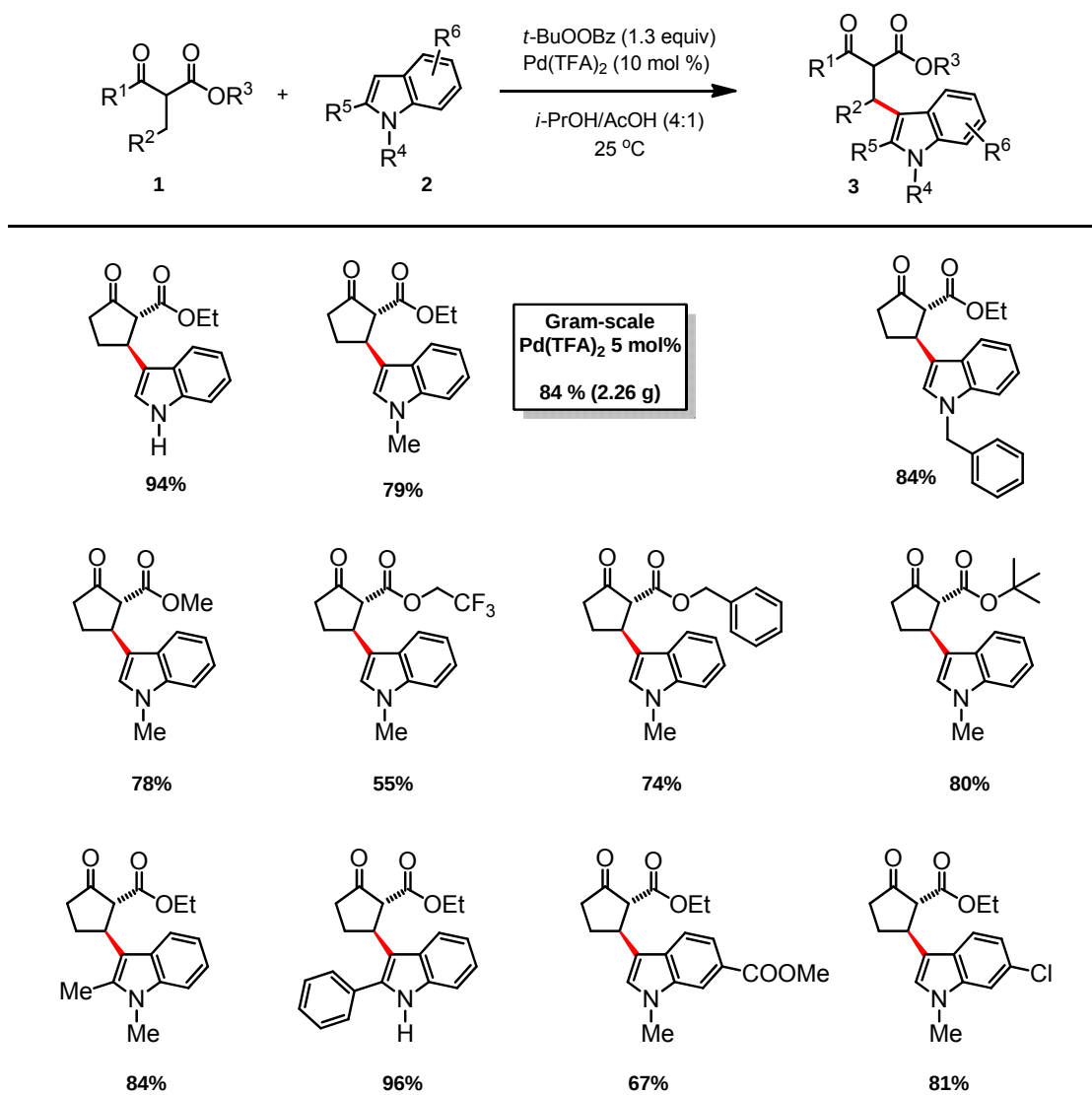
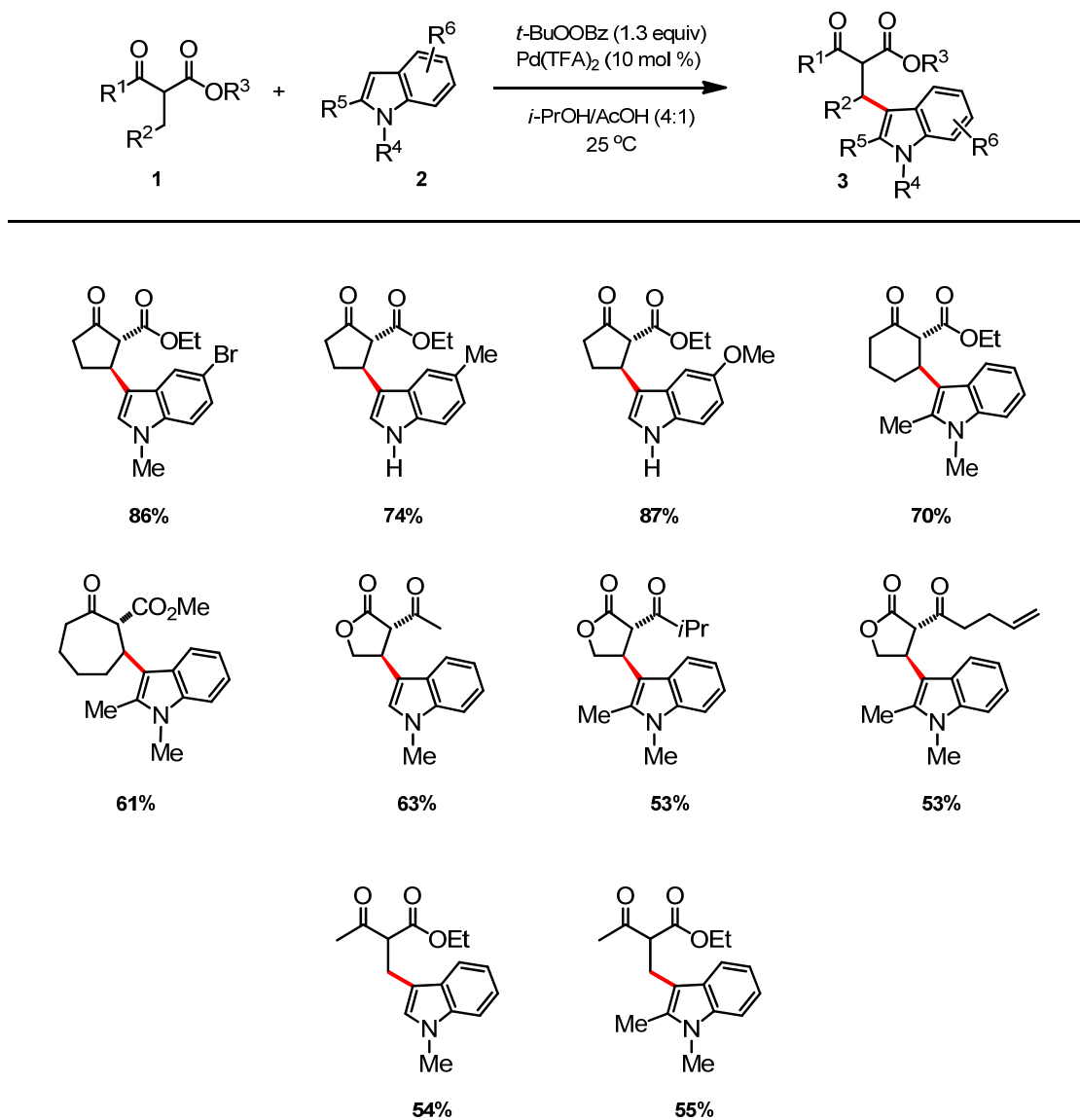
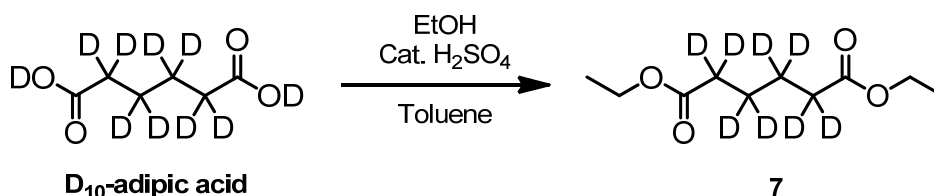


Chart S1. Full scope of the coupling reaction: indole component.

**Chart S2.** Full scope of the coupling: β -keto ester component.

2.2 Synthesis of Deuterated Starting Materials

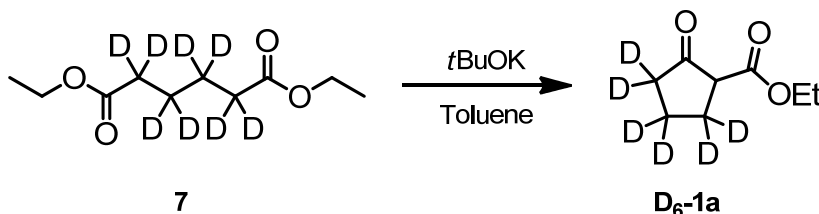
2.2.1 Diethyl Adipate-D₈



The reaction flask was equipped with Dean-Stark trap. To a solution of D₁₀-adipic acid (1.00 g, 6.40 mmol, 100 mol-%) and EtOH (2.00 ml, 33.34 mmol, 521 mol-%) in 20 mL toluene at rt was added 3 drops of H₂SO₄ (cat.). The reaction mixture was refluxed under argon. After 30 min and 3h, respectively, 1 mL of atzeotrope was taken out from the Dean-Stark trap and EtOH (2.00 mL, 33.34 mmol, 521 mol-%) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was refluxed 18h and allowed to cool to rt. After the completion of the reaction, 50 mL EtOAc was added to the reaction mixture and was washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ solution (3x20 mL) and with saturated brine solution (50 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was used directly in next step without any purification. Yield: 1.45 g (quant.) as a clear, colorless oil.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.53, IR (film, cm⁻¹): 2982, 1727, 1366, 1254, 1145, 1083, 1029; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.08 (q, 4H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.21 (t, 6H, J = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.4, 60.3, 33.2 (qn, J = 19.5 Hz), 23.4 (qn, J = 19.5 Hz), 14.3; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₁₀D₈H₁₀O₄Na] 233.1605, found 233.1607.

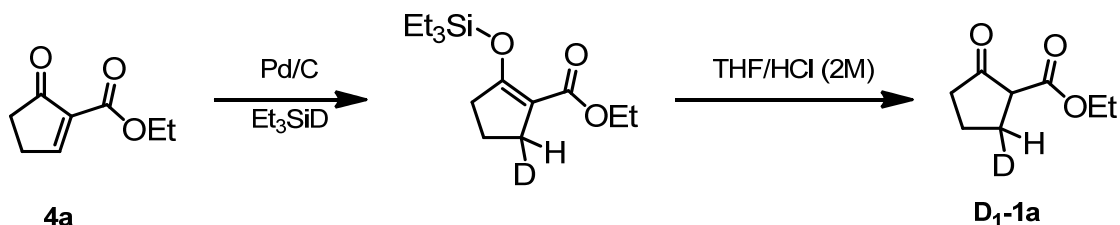
2.2.2 Ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate-D₆



Diethyl adipate-D₈ was dried by azeotropic distillation with toluene prior to use. To a solution of diethyl adipate-D₈ (1.35 g, 6.90 mmol, 100 mol-%) in 20 mL toluene at rt was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.55 g, 13.79 mmol, 200 mol-%). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, 50 mL ice was added, the pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 0 with 20% HCl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (25 mL) and brine. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford pure deuterated product **D₆-1a**. Yield 740 mg (66%) as a clear, colorless oil.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.41; IR (film, cm⁻¹): 2984, 1751, 1719, 1369, 1323, 1253, 1195, 1148, 1118, 1028, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.17 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.11 (br s, 1H), 1.26 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.7, 169.5, 61.4, 54.7, 37.5 (m), 26.6 (m), 20.0 (m), 14.3; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol > 25:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.39 (br s, 0.04H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₈D₆H₆O₃Na] 185.1061, found 185.1066.

2.2.3 Ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate-D₁



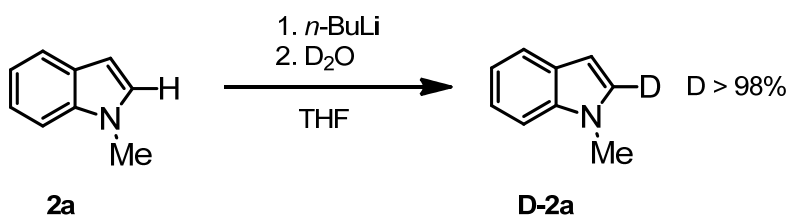
D₁-1a was prepared using a Pd-catalyzed hydrosilylation method previously developed by us.¹ A slightly modified method which employed commercial Pd/C was used.²

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.41; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.18 (qd, J = 7.1, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 3.18 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.5, 169.5, 61.5, 54.8, 38.2, 21.0, 20.0, 14.3, 6.3 (d, J = 77.2 Hz); in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol > 25:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.40 (br s, 0.03H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₈H₁₁DO₃Na] 180.07414, found 180.0735.

¹ Benehould, M.; Tuokko, S.; Pihko, P. M. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2011**, *17*, 8404.

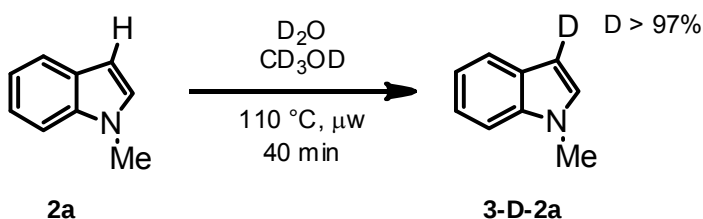
² Tuokko, S.; Pihko, P. M.; Honkala, K. *Manuscript in preparation*.

2.2.4 2-D-1-Methylindole



D-2a was prepared using a previously published method.^{3,4}

2.2.5 3-D-1-Methylindole



A solution of 1-methylindole (**2a**) (1.00 g, 0.95 mL, 7.62 mmol) in mixture of CD₃OD (5 mL) and D₂O (5 mL) was heated to 110 °C with microwave irradiation (300W) for 40 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with toluene (3x10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The product **3-D-2a** (3-D > 97%) was used without a further purification. Yield: 0.94 g (93%) as a clear oil. The characterization data corresponded a previously published data.^{4,5}

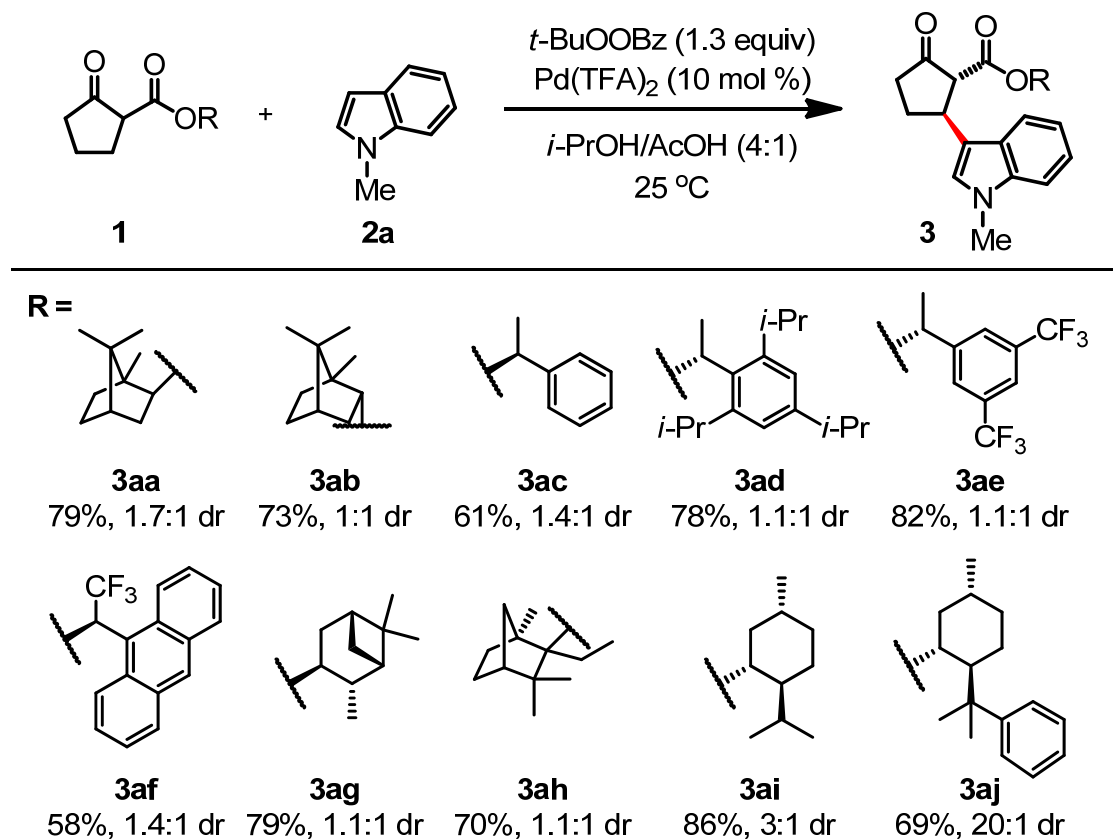
³ Sundberg, R. J.; Russell, H. F., *J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, *38*, 3324.

⁴ Lane, B. S.; Brown, M. A.; Sames, D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 8050.

⁵ Daunis, J.; Soufiaoui, M.; Laude, B., *Org. Mass Spec.* **1979**, *14*, 121.

2.3 Screening of Chiral β -Keto Esters

Scheme S1. Exploration of the Diastereoselective Dehydrogenative Coupling with Different Chiral β -Keto Esters^a

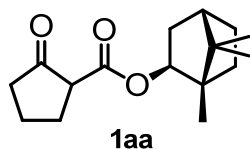


^a Isolated yields of pure products are reported. Conditions: **1** (1.5 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), t -BuOOBz (1.3 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (0.1 equiv), i -PrOH/AcOH (4:1, 0.5 mL) at rt. **Note:** the absolute stereochemistry of the newly generated stereocenters in the product is not known except for **3aj** (see section 2.6.12 below) and it is shown arbitrarily here as (1*R*,2*S*). The stereochemistry of the cyclopentanone unit of product **3aj** is (1*S*,2*R*) (see section 2.6.12).

2.4 General Synthesis of Chiral β -Keto Esters

A solution of ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (100 mol%), chiral alcohol (150 mol%) and a catalytic amount of PPh_3 (10 mol%) in toluene (typically 0.2 M) was refluxed under argon. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford pure chiral β -keto esters.

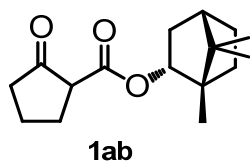
2.4.1 (1*S*,2*S*,4*S*)-1,7,7-Trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1aa**



Compound **1aa**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (3.80 mL, 25.61 mmol 100 mol-%), isoborneol (5.98 g, 38.79 mmol, 150 mol-%), PPh_3 (0.68 g, 2.58 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (120 mL). Reaction time 22 h. Yield: 5.41 g (80%) as pink oil.

R_f (10% Et_2O /toluene) = 0.44; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2953, 2874, 1754, 1720, 1454, 1247, 1182, 1107, 1051; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.67 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 4.64 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 3.08 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 3.07 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 2.38-2.20 (m, 4H), 2.19-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.65-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.18-0.99 (m, 2H), 0.97 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.93 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.85 (s, 0.25 x 6H), 0.81 (s, 0.75 x 6H); ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): 212.3, 212.2, 169.1, 168.9, 82.1, 82.0, 55.2, 54.8, 48.9, 48.8, 47.0, 45.1, 38.9, 38.8, 38.2, 38.1, 33.80, 33.77, 27.6, 27.5, 27.1, 21.13, 21.07, 20.2, 19.91, 19.88, 11.5, 11.4; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 12:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.36 (s, 0.08 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 287.1623, found 287.1630.

2.4.2 (1*S*,2*R*,4*S*)-1,7,7-Trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ab**

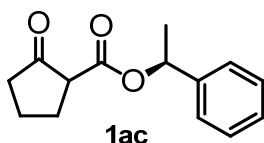


Compound **1ab**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (3.80 mL, 25.61 mmol 100 mol-%), (-)-borneol (5.96 g, 38.64 mmol, 150 mol-%), PPh_3 (0.68 g, 2.58 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (120 mL). Reaction time 21 h. Yield: 6.45 g (95%) as pink oil.

R_f (10% EtOAc /hexanes) = 0.33; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2953, 2872, 1754, 1721, 1453, 1253, 1188, 1109, 1019; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.96-4.84 (m, 1H), 3.13 (t, 1H, $J = 8.8$

Hz), 2.39-2.19 (m, 5H), 2.18-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.10 (m, 2H), 0.97 (ddd, 1H, $J = 13.8, 7.8, 3.5$ Hz), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.79 (s, 0.5 x 3H); ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.3, 212.2, 169.8, 169.7, 80.9, 80.8, 55.1, 54.9, 49.0, 48.9, 47.9, 44.9, 38.09, 38.06, 36.8, 36.6, 28.04, 28.01, 27.52, 27.47, 27.2, 27.1, 21.1, 19.7, 18.9, 13.5, 13.4; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 19:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.38 (s, 0.05 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 287.1623, found 287.1630.

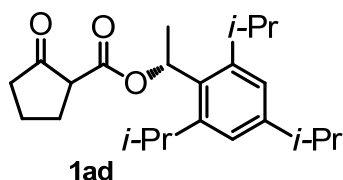
2.4.3 (*S*)-1-Phenylethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ac**



Compound **1ac**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (950 μL , 6.4 mmol 100 mol-%), (*S*)-(-)-1-phenylethanol (850 μL , 7.04 mmol, 150 mol-%), PPh_3 (168 mg, 0.64 mmol, 10 mol-%) and toluene (30 mL). Reaction time 7 h. Yield: 905 mg (61%) as a yellowish oil.

R_f (10% Et_2O /toluene) = 0.47; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3033, 2980, 2933, 2883, 1754, 1720, 1452, 1252, 1188, 1107, 1061, 761, 698; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 1H), 5.92 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 5.90 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.18 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 3.17 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 2.33-2.21 (m, 4H), 2.17-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.55 (d, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.2, 212.0, 168.8, 168.5, 141.4, 141.3, 128.53, 128.48, 128.0, 127.8, 126.1, 125.9, 73.40, 73.36, 54.84, 54.77, 38.08, 38.06, 27.4, 27.3, 22.3, 22.2, 20.9; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 24:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.38 (s, 0.04 x 1H, enol O-H) HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 255.0997, found 255.1006.

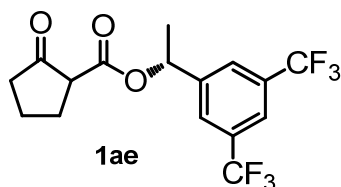
2.4.4 (*R*)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ad**



Compound **1ad**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (300 μ L, 2.0 mmol 100 mol-%), (*R*)-(+)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)ethanol (500 mg, 2.0 mmol, 100 mol-%), PPh_3 (53 mg, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (10 mL). Reaction time 6.5 h. Yield: 611 mg (85%) as a white crystalline solid.

R_f (10% Et_2O /toluene) = 0.50; mp. 108-110 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2956, 2868, 1752, 1716, 1460, 1187, 1109, 1051, 908, 731; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.55 (q, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.51 (br. s, 2H), 3.13 (t, 1H, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 2.87 (septet, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.41-2.05 (m, 4H), 1.94-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.33-1.20 (m, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.2, 168.9, 148.2, 131.9, 69.7, 55.1, 38.2, 34.2, 29.4, 27.2, 24.0, 22.3, 20.9; in addition the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 6.56 (q, 0.62 x 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.12 (t, 0.62 x 1H, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 1.63 (d, 0.62 x 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: δ 212.1, 169.1, 131.7, 69.6, 55.3, 38.1, 29.4, 24.9, 24.3, 22.2, 21.1; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 13:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.57 (s, 0.08 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 381.2406, found 381.2403.

2.4.5 (*R*)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ae**

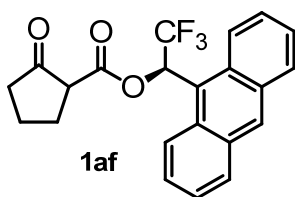


Compound **1ae**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (630 μ L, 4.24 mmol 100 mol-%), (*R*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanol (1.10 g, 4.26 mmol, 100 mol-%), PPh_3 (0.11 g, 0.43 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (20 mL). Reaction time 23 h. Yield: 1.12 g (71%) as a yellowish oil.

R_f (10% Et₂O/toluene) = 0.76; IR (film, cm⁻¹): 2986, 2888, 1758, 1729, 1384, 1276, 1169, 1125, 1073, 1017, 898, 841, 706, 682; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 5.98 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 5.97 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.25 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, J = 9.3 Hz), 3.22 (obs. t, 0.5 x 1H, J = 9.2 Hz), 2.45-2.22 (m, 4H), 2.22-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.61 (obs. d, 0.5 x 3H, J = 6.7 Hz), 1.59 (obs. d, 0.5 x 3H, J = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.8, 211.6, 168.7, 168.4, 144.4, 144.2, 131.95 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 33 Hz, -CCF₃), 131.86 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 33 Hz, -CCF₃), 129.0, 128.2, 126.2, 125.3, 123.35 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273 Hz, -CCF₃), 123.29 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273 Hz, -CCF₃), 121.8, 71.9, 54.74, 54.72, 37.9, 27.4, 26.9, 22.3, 22.2, 20.9, 20.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 25:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.26 (s, 0.04 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₁₆H₁₄O₃F₆Na] 391.0745, found 391.0737.

2.4.6 (*R*)-1-(Anthracen-9-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1af**

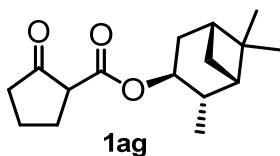
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Compound **1af**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β-keto ester **1a** (2.29 mL, 8.67 mmol 300 mol-%) in two batch, (*R*)-1-(anthracen-9-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (0.80 g, 2.90 mmol, 100 mol-%), PPh₃ (76 mg, 0.29 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (15 mL). Reaction time 48 h. Yield: 630 mg (56%) as a yellowish oil.

R_f (10% Et₂O/toluene) = 0.64; IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3056, 2974, 2885, 1766, 1737, 1352, 1274, 1179, 1129, 1104, 1075, 732; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 8.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.88 (q, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.68-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 2H), 3.32 (t, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 2.36-1.99 (m, 5H), 1.95-1.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.51, 210.48, 167.7, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 125.1, 124.34 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 283 Hz, -CCF₃), 124.30 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 283 Hz, -CCF₃), 122.5, 120.8, 120.7, 69.70 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 35 Hz, -CCF₃), 69.65 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 35 Hz, -CCF₃), 54.3, 54.1, 38.05, 37.98, 27.5, 27.3, 20.93, 20.88; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₂₂H₁₇O₃F₃Na] 409.1027, found 409.1026.

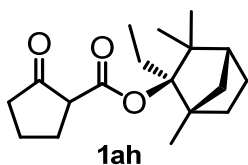
2.4.7 (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*,5*R*)-2,6,6-Trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-3-yl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ag**



Compound **1ag**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (1.20 mL, 8.04 mmol 124 mol-%) in two batch, (+)-isopinocampheol (1.00 g, 6.48 mmol, 100 mo-%), PPh_3 (0.17 g, 0.65 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (20 mL). Reaction time 7 h. Yield: 1.62 g (95%) as a pinkish oil.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.50; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2909, 1754, 1719, 1251, 1189, 1152, 1107, 993; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.01-4.90 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 2.53-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.12 (m, 5H), 2.12-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.58 (obs. tt, 1H, $J = 7.1, 3.4$ Hz), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.01 (obs. d, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 0.99 (obs. d, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 0.84 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.0, 211.9, 169.2, 74.89, 74.86, 54.7, 54.6, 47.35, 47.31, 43.7, 43.4, 41.0, 38.1, 38.0, 37.84, 37.82, 35.6, 35.5, 33.23, 33.17, 27.30, 27.28, 27.26, 27.24, 23.6, 20.8, 20.33, 20.30; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 26:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.37 (s, 0.04 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 287.1623, found 287.1617.

2.4.8 (1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-2-Ethyl-1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1ah**

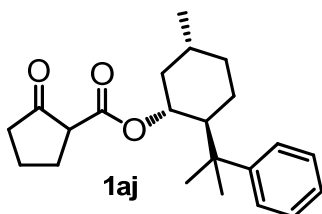


Compound **1ah**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (1.2 mL, 8.07 mmol 130 mol-%) in two batch, (+)-isopinocampheol (1.2 mL, 6.29 mmol, 100 mo-%), PPh_3 (0.17 g, 0.63 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (15 mL). Reaction time 23 h. Yield: 0.54 g (29%) as a pinkish oil.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.55; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2937, 2877, 1752, 1721, 1466, 1252, 1191, 1113, 1096, 986, 939; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.08 (t, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz),

2.31-2.19 (m, 3H), 2.18-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, 2H, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 1H), 0.98 (s, 1H), 0.96 (s, 1H), 0.94 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.92 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.783 (t, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 0.780 (t, 0.5 x 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.4, 168.41, 168.36, 94.8, 94.7, 55.5, 55.4, 53.9, 53.7, 50.3, 49.44, 49.41, 46.9, 46.8, 42.72, 42.67, 41.2, 38.2, 31.2, 31.1, 28.0, 27.9, 26.82, 26.80, 25.25, 25.18, 23.8, 23.5, 23.4, 21.2, 19.6, 19.5, 10.0; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 14:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.53 (s, 0.07 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 315.1936, found 315.1933.

2.4.9 (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-5-Methyl-2-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)cyclohexyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1aj**



Compound **1aj**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1a** (0.77 mL, 5.18 mmol 130 mol-%) in two batch, (-)-8-phenylmenthol (1.00 g, 4.30 mmol, 100 mo-%), PPh_3 (0.11 g, 0.44 mmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (15 mL). Reaction time 7 h. Yield: 1.43 g (97%) as a pinkish oil.

R_f (10 % Et_2O /toluene) = 0.55; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2953, 2921, 2870, 1753, 1716, 1455, 1331, 1296, 1251, 1188, 1109, 1094, 992, 764, 700; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.84 (td, 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.5$ Hz), 2.25-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.05 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.19-0.97 (m, 2H), 0.88 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.2, 168.4, 151.9, 127.9, 125.5, 124.9, 75.1, 54.6, 50.3, 41.6, 39.7, 38.1, 34.61, 31.42, 28.8, 27.6, 26.87, 26.52, 24.1, 21.8, 20.7; in addition the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 4.82 (td, 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.5$ Hz), 2.67 (t, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.86 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: δ 212.4, 169.1, 151.5, 128.0, 125.7, 125.2, 75.9, 54.9, 50.4, 41.5, 40.0, 38.0, 34.65, 31.39, 26.93, 26.46, 21.0; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 14:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.43 (s, 0.07 x 1H, enol O-H), 4.96 (td, 0.09 x 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.4$ Hz), 2.45 (tt, 0.1 x 1H, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{Na}]$ 365.2093, found 365.2097.

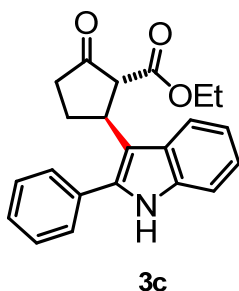
2.5 General Procedure of β -Arylations with Indoles

An oven-dried 4-mL vial with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (13.3 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and β -ketoester (0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in *i*-propanol (0.4 mL) and acetic acid (0.1 mL). After stirring for 5 minutes at room temperature, *tert*-butyl perbenzoate (100 μL , 0.525 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and indole (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added to the mixture, respectively. The vial was sealed with a rubber-lining cap and stirred magnetically at room temperature. *The reaction can be also conducted in an open flask without dry solvents.*

After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with the mixture of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (15 mL) and sodium sulfite (10%, 5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with saturated brine solution (30 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flask column chromatography to afford pure coupling product.

2.6 Characterization Data for Coupling Products

2.6.1 Ethyl 2-oxo-5-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclopentanecarboxylate **3c**

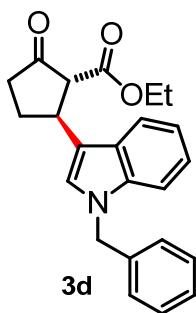


Compound **3c**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -ketoester **1c** (78 μL , 82 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2c** (78 mg). Yield: 133 mg (96%) as yellow gum.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.28; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3375, 2979, 1748, 1716, 1451, 1274, 1192, 1110, 1024, 909; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17 (br s, 1H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.23 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.1 Hz), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.1 Hz), 4.29-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.06 (obs. ABX₃, 2H, $|J_{AB}|$ = 10.9 Hz, $|J_{AX}|$ = $|J_{BX}|$ = 7.2 Hz, $\Delta\nu$ = 30.5 Hz), 3.97 (obs. dd, 1H, J = 12.1, 0.9 Hz), 2.66-2.24 (m, 4H), 1.11 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.7, 169.2, 136.4, 136.3, 132.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 126.6, 122.4, 119.9, 119.7, 111.6, 111.3, 61.5, 60.5, 39.2, 38.5, 28.1, 14.1; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the

minor enol tautomer, keto/enol > 25:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.78 (s, 0.05H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₂₂H₂₁NO₃Na] 370.1419, found 370.1418.

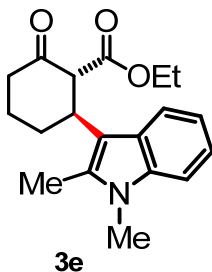
2.6.2 Ethyl 2-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3d**



Compound **3d**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -ketoester **1d** (90 μL , 94 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2d** (83 mg). Yield: 121 mg (83%) as a yellow gum.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.32; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2939, 1737, 1707, 1470, 1370, 1334, 1254, 1226, 1144, 1038, 908, 726; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (dt, 1H, J = 7.9, 1.0 Hz), 7.34-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 (td, 1H, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz), 7.16-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 4.22-4.05 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d, 1H, J = 11.1 Hz), 2.65-2.47 (m, 3H), 2.18-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.7, 169.4, 137.4, 137.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 124.7, 122.3, 119.6, 119.4, 116.1, 110.1, 62.2, 61.6, 50.1, 38.8, 38.7, 28.7, 14.2; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol > 25:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.82 (s, 0.03H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z [M+Na $^+$] calcd for [C₂₃H₂₃NO₃Na $^+$] 384.1570, found 384.1588.

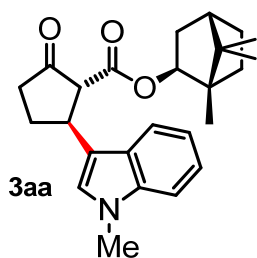
2.6.3 Ethyl 2-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-6-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate **3e**



Compound **3e**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -ketoester **1e** (84 μ L, 89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2e** (58 mg). Yield: 87 mg (70%) as an off-white solid which turns reddish under air.

R_f (30% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.43; mp. 95-98 °C; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2939, 1737, 1707, 1470, 1370, 1334, 1254, 1226, 1144, 1038, 908, 726; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (d, 1H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.1$ Hz), 7.08 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.1$ Hz), 4.12 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.5, 0.7$ Hz), 3.95 (ABX₃, 2H, $|J_{AB}| = 10.8$ Hz, $|J_{AX}| = |J_{BX}| = 7.1$ Hz, $\Delta\nu = 27.4$ Hz), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.64-2.42 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.85 (tq, 1H, $J = 13.5, 4.1$ Hz), 0.98 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 206.0, 169.5, 137.2, 133.6, 125.8, 120.5, 118.91, 118.86, 111.1, 109.1, 63.0, 60.6, 41.6, 40.2, 31.2, 29.7, 25.9, 14.0, 10.6; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol > 25:1, ^1H NMR: δ 12.49 (s, 0.14H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₁₉H₂₃NO₃Na] 336.1576, found 336.1571.

2.6.4 (1*R*,2*S*)-(1*S*,2*S*,4*S*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3aa**

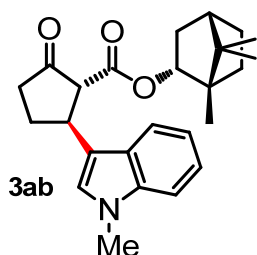


Compound **3aa**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aa** (162 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μ L, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17.5 h. Yield: 125 mg (79%) as off white solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.7:1. Only one of the diastereomers is shown.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.29; mp. 126-130 °C; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2954, 2874, 1752, 1713, 1473, 1454, 1242, 1107, 1050, 908, 730; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (obs. dt, 1H, $J = 8.0, 0.9$ Hz), 7.32 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.2, 0.9$ Hz), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz), 7.13 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz), 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.68 (obs. t, 1H, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 4.04 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 10.8, 6.4$ Hz), 3.751 (s, 3H), 3.46 (obs. d, 1H, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 2.66-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.62 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.6, 169.0, 137.5, 126.91, 125.3, 122.0, 119.40, 119.1, 115.3, 109.5, 82.3, 61.9, 48.78, 47.00, 45.1, 39.0, 38.78, 38.7, 33.79, 32.7, 29.00, 27.1, 20.2,

19.9, 11.3; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 7.63 (obs. dt, 1H, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz), 4.69 (obs. t, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 4.05 (obs. td, 1H, J = 10.7, 6.4 Hz), 3.749 (s, 3H), 3.44 (obs. d, 1H, J = 10.6 Hz), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 211.5, 168.9, 126.88, 119.38, 115.4, 61.2, 48.84, 46.99, 38.9, 38.80, 38.7, 33.80, 29.03, 19.8, 11.5; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 71:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.95 (s, 0.011 x 1H, enol O-H), 10.91 (s, 0.014 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₂₅H₃₁NO₃Na] 416.2202, found 416.2205.

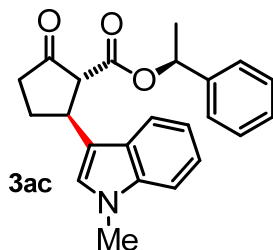
2.6.5 (1*R*,2*S*)-(1*S*,2*R*,4*S*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ab**



Compound **3ab**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1ab** (162 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μL , 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 18h. Yield: 115 mg (73%) as light yellow crystalline solids. The diastereomeric ratio was 1:1.

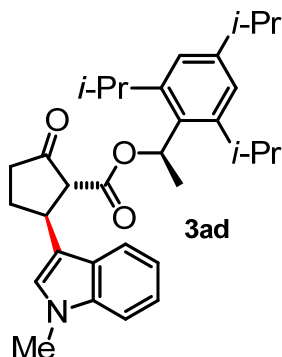
R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.32; mp. 139-144 °C; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2954, 2872, 1753, 1720, 1474, 1453, 1271, 1239, 1109, 1017, 907, 739; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (dt, 1H, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz), 7.31 (dt, 1H, J = 8.3, 0.8 Hz), 7.24 (obs. ddd, 1H, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz), 7.11 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz), 6.920 (s, 1H), 4.90 (ddd, 1H, J = 9.9, 3.4, 1.9 Hz), 4.057 (obs. td, 1H, J = 10.9, 6.1 Hz), 3.750 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 0.6 Hz), 2.66-2.46 (m, 3H), 2.38-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.837 (s, 3H), 0.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.6, 169.7, 137.5, 126.9, 125.4, 122.0, 119.4, 119.2, 115.3, 109.6, 81.1, 62.2, 49.0, 47.9, 45.0, 38.74, 38.73, 36.8, 32.8, 28.9, 28.0, 27.2, 19.8, 18.9, 13.4; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the other diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 6.924 (s, 1H), 4.95 (ddd, 1H, J = 10.0, 3.4, 2.2 Hz), 4.064 (obs. td, 1H, J = 10.9, 6.1 Hz), 3.755 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.844 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.5, 169.7, 137.5, 126.9, 125.5, 119.5, 119.2, 115.4, 81.0, 62.1, 49.1, 48.0, 44.9, 38.8, 36.6, 28.0, 27.2, 19.8, 19.0, 13.5; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 91:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.87 (s, 0.011 x 1H, enol O-H), 10.85 (s, 0.007 x 1H, enol O-H, minor diastereomer); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₂₅H₃₁NO₃Na] 416.2202, found 416.2205.

2.6.6 (1*R*,2*S*)-(*S*)-1-phenylethyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ac**



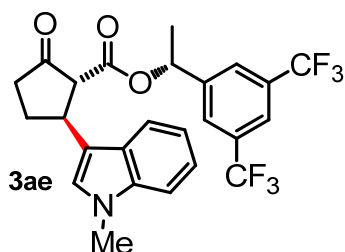
Compound **3ac**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β-keto ester **1ac** (142 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μL, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17.5 h. Yield: 88 mg (61%) as a brownish oil. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.4:1.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.21; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3057, 2979, 2934, 1750, 1720, 1475, 1453, 1327, 1241, 1185, 1108, 1061, 964, 741, 699; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.63 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.42-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 5.91 (obs. q, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.08 (obs. td, 1H, J = 11.0, 6.0 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.51 (obs. d, 1H, J = 10.6 Hz), 2.67-2.45 (m, 3H), 2.20-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.1, 168.4, 141.4, 137.5, 128.5, 127.8, 126.9, 126.0, 125.5, 122.0, 119.44, 119.15, 115.2, 109.5, 73.6, 62.3, 38.75, 38.5, 32.73, 28.6, 22.13; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.95 (obs. q, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.11 (obs. td, 1H, J = 10.9, 5.7 Hz), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.54 (obs. d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 1.56 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz); ^{13}C NMR: δ 211.4, 168.8, 141.2, 128.4, 126.8, 126.1, 125.4, 119.42, 119.16, 115.1, 73.5, 62.1, 38.82, 38.7, 32.68, 28.8, 22.09; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 42:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.75 (s, 0.02 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]$ 384.1576, found 384.1570.

2.6.7 (1*R*,2*S*)- (R)-1-(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)ethyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ad**

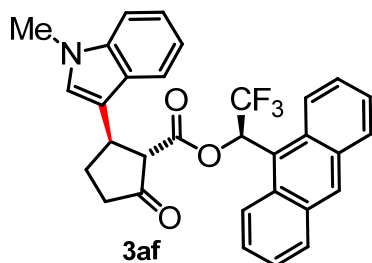
Compound **3ad**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1ad** (108 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (25 μ L, 26 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17.5 h. Yield: 76 mg (78%) as a yellow oil. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.1:1.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.36 and 0.27; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2960, 2870, 1754, 1720, 1240, 1054, 740; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.58 (d, 0.5 x 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.54 (d, 0.5 x 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.33 (d, 0.5 x 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.26 (obs. dt, 0.5 x 1H, J = 9.4, 1.0 Hz), 7.25 (obs. ddd, 0.5 x 1H, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.20 (ddd, 0.5 x 1H, J = 8.1, 7.0, 0.9 Hz), 7.10-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.94 (s, 0.5 x 1H), 6.81 (s, 0.5 x 1H), 6.58 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.56 (obs. q, 0.5 x 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.13 (td, 0.5 x 1H, J = 10.9, 5.8 Hz), 4.06 (td, 0.5 x 1H, J = 11.3, 6.0 Hz), 3.77 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 3.64 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 3.45 (d, 0.5 x 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 3.40 (d, 0.5 x 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 3.38-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.47 (m, 3H), 2.20-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, 0.5 x 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.53 (d, 0.5 x 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.35-1.10 (m, 19 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.45, 211.43, 169.6, 168.9, 148.24, 148.15, 137.50, 137.47, 131.8, 131.7, 129.2, 128.7, 126.9, 126.8, 125.32, 125.27, 122.1, 121.9, 119.5, 119.4, 119.2, 119.1, 115.32, 115.26, 109.5, 109.4, 69.9, 69.8, 62.7, 62.4, 39.5, 38.9, 38.8, 38.2, 34.20, 34.17, 32.8, 32.6, 29.5, 29.4, 28.7, 28.5, 26.4, 24.45, 24.41, 24.04, 24.01, 22.4, 22.1; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 60:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.98 (s, 0.008 x 1H, enol O-H), 10.94 (s, 0.017 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI^+): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]$ 510.2984, found 510.2987.

2.6.8 (1*R*,2*S*)-(R)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ae**

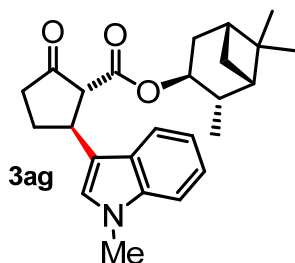
Compound **3ae**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1ae** (221 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μ L, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 164 mg (82%) as a yellow oil. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.1:1.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.27; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2939, 1756, 1727, 1277, 1170, 1126, 1073, 898, 741, 706, 682; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (br.s, 1H), 7.75 (br.s, 1H), 7.66 (br. s, 1H), 7.54 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.0, 0.9$ Hz), 7.27 (obs. dt, 1H, $J = 8.4, 0.9$ Hz), 7.20 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1$ Hz), 7.03 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.96 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 15.4, 6.7$ Hz), 4.05 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 11.4, 6.0$ Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, 1H, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 2.65-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.2, 168.8, 144.0, 137.5, 131.9 (q, $^2J = 33$ Hz, $-\text{CCF}_3$), 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 125.1, 123.3 (q, $^1J = 273$ Hz, $-\text{CCF}_3$), 122.2, 121.9, 119.2, 119.1, 114.85, 109.67, 72.15, 62.2, 54.8, 38.8, 38.3, 32.7, 28.7, 22.38; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 7.90 (br. s, 1H), 7.81 (br. s, 1H), 7.79 (br. s, 1H), 7.63 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.0, 0.9$ Hz), 7.33 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.2, 0.8$ Hz), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.08 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 11.4, 6.2$ Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, 1H, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 1.50 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: δ 210.7, 168.3, 144.3, 137.6, 132.0 (q, $^2J = 33$ Hz, $-\text{CCF}_3$), 126.8, 125.6, 123.4 (q, $^1J = 273$ Hz, $-\text{CCF}_3$), 119.4, 119.3, 114.94, 109.71, 72.24, 62.1, 38.9, 38.1, 32.8, 28.6, 22.40; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 55:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.62 (s, 0.018 x 1H, enol O-H), 10.57 (s, 0.012 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{F}_6\text{Na}]$ 520.1323, found 520.1323.

2.6.9 (1*R*,2*S*)-(*R*)-1-(Anthracen-9-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3af**

Compound **3af**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1af** (226 mg, 170 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μ L, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 120 mg (58%) as yellow crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.4:1.

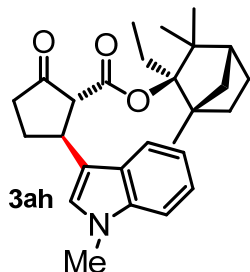
R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.21; mp. 80-84 °C; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3055, 2929, 1765, 1736, 1179, 1160, 1150, 1129, 1106, 1073, 734; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.65-8.45 (m, 2H), 8.36 (br. d, 1H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 8.01 (br. d, 2H, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 7.88 (obs. q, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.68-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.96 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 5.6, 2.4$ Hz), 6.47 (s, 1H), 4.01 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 11.1, 5.5$ Hz), 3.78 (d, 1H, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.48 (m, 3H), 2.18-2.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 209.7, 167.7, 137.4, 131.7, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 129.57, 129.2, 126.3, 126.23, 125.6, 125.1, 122.6, 121.9, 120.8, 119.2, 119.3, 114.1, 109.5, 69.74 (q, $^2J = 35$ Hz, $-\text{CHCF}_3$), 61.2, 39.15, 38.7, 32.3, 28.77; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.49 (br. d, 1H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 7.98 (br. d, 2H, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 7.87 (obs. q, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.06 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 5.4, 2.6$ Hz), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.10 (obs. td, 1H, $J = 11.0, 5.9$ Hz), 3.71 (d, 1H, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 3.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 209.5, 167.5, 137.6, 131.8, 131.5, 129.61, 126.5, 126.17, 125.0, 122.1, 120.7, 119.1, 114.2, 109.7, 69.66 (q, $^2J = 35$ Hz, $-\text{CHCF}_3$), 39.23, 32.5, 28.84; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 7:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.45 (d, 0.14 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{F}_3\text{Na}]$ 538.1606, found 538.1600

2.6.10 (1*R*,2*S*)-(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*,5*R*)-2,6,6-Trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-3-yl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ag**

Compound **3ag**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1ag** (163 mg, 150 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μ L, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 124 mg (79%) as yellow crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.1:1.

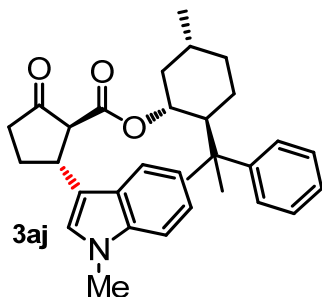
R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0,33; mp. 99-101 °C; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2910, 1750, 1716, 1473, 1338, 1270, 1241, 1187, 1154, 1126, 1107, 974, 738; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (dt, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.32 (dt, 1H, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.13 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.9, 6.7, 0.8 Hz), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.14-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.10 (td, 1H, J = 10.9, 5.9 Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.44 (obs. d, 1H, J = 10.9 Hz), 2.67-2.47 (m, 4H), 2.35 (tdd, 1H, J = 11.9, 6.1, 2.3 Hz), 2.22-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.09 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz), 0.95 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.8, 169.5, 137.5, 127.0, 125.3, 122.0, 119.5, 119.1, 115.5, 109.5, 75.5, 62.2, 47.5, 43.6, 41.3, 38.8, 38.6, 38.3, 35.9, 33.4, 32.8, 28.6, 27.5, 23.8, 20.5; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer: ^1H NMR: δ 3.45 (obs. d, 1H, J = 10.9 Hz), 1.60 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.5, 4.2, 2.8 Hz), 1.11 (d, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz); ^{13}C NMR: δ 211.6, 169.4, 126.9, 125.4, 115.4, 75.4, 62.3, 47.6, 43.9, 41.2, 38.7, 38.5, 35.6, 28.7, 20.6; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 71:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.84 (s, 0.014 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]$ 416.2202, found 416.2206.

2.6.11 (1*R*,2*S*)-(1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-2-Ethyl-1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3ah**



Compound **3ah**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1ah** (191 mg, 170 mol-%) and indole **2a** (50 μ L, 53 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 118 mg (70%) as brownish viscous oil. The diastereomeric ratio was 1.1:1.

R_f (20% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0,42 and 0,33; IR (film, cm^{-1}): 2936, 2878, 1750, 1719, 1467, 1327, 1271, 1243, 1108, 972, 740; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (dq, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.31 (dt, 1H, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz), 7.24 (obs. ddd, 1H, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.12 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.2 Hz), 6.942 (s, 0.5 x 1H), 6.936 (s, 0.5 x 1H) 4.14-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.91 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.51 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.54 (m, 3H), 1.53-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.24 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 1H), 1.16 (s, 1H), 1.07 (s, 2H), 1.05 (s, 2H), 0.97 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.94 (s, 0.5 x 3H), 0.71 (t, 0.5 x 3H, J = 7.3 Hz), 0.65 (t, 0.5 x 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.00, 211.98, 168.3, 168.2, 137.63, 137.60, 126.8, 125.59, 125.57, 122.0, 119.5, 119.4, 119.1, 115.5, 115.4, 109.6, 95.33, 95.32, 62.2, 62.1, 53.77, 53.76, 49.5, 49.4, 47.0, 42.94, 42.92, 39.3, 39.0, 38.84, 38.82, 32.8, 31.3, 31.2, 29.59, 29.56, 26.89, 26.87, 25.1, 23.9, 23.8, 23.7, 23.6, 19.7, 19.6, 9.9, 9.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol = 40:1, ^1H NMR: δ 11.15 (s, 0.015 x 1H, enol O-H), 11.07 (s, 0.025 x 1H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]$ 444.2515, found 444.2518

2.6.12 (1*S*,2*R*)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-5-methyl-2-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)cyclohexyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3aj**

Compound **3aj**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (239 mg, 170 mol-%) and indole **2a** (100 μ L, 105 mg, 0.4 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 131 mg (69%) as an off white crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 20:1.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.33; mp. 64-66 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +3.6$ (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3054, 2953, 2923, 1752, 1715, 1472, 1329, 1270, 1241, 1186, 1108, 741, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (dt, 1H, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz), 7.31 (dt, 1H, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.06-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.77 (td, 1H, J = 10.7, 4.3 Hz), 3.95 (obs. td, 1H, J = 10.9, 6.1 Hz), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.04 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 2.57-2.38 (m, 3H), 2.18-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.96 (ddt, 2H, J = 13.9, 10.4, 2.9 Hz), 1.60-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.48 (obs. ddt, 1H, J = 12.9, 5.9, 3.1 Hz), 1.45-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.05-0.92 (m, 1H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.91-0.72 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.3, 168.4, 151.2, 137.5, 127.9, 127.1, 125.5, 125.4, 124.9, 122.1, 119.9, 119.2, 115.6, 109.4, 76.3, 62.9, 50.2, 41.4, 39.8, 38.7, 37.7, 34.6, 32.7, 31.4, 28.1, 27.0, 26.6, 26.0, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ¹H NMR: δ 3.08 (d, 0.05 x 1H, J = 10.7 Hz) HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₃₁H₃₇NO₃Na] 494.2671, found 494.2670.

For the determination of the relative stereochemistry, a single crystal of **3aj** was subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis.

For details, please see the associated CIF file.

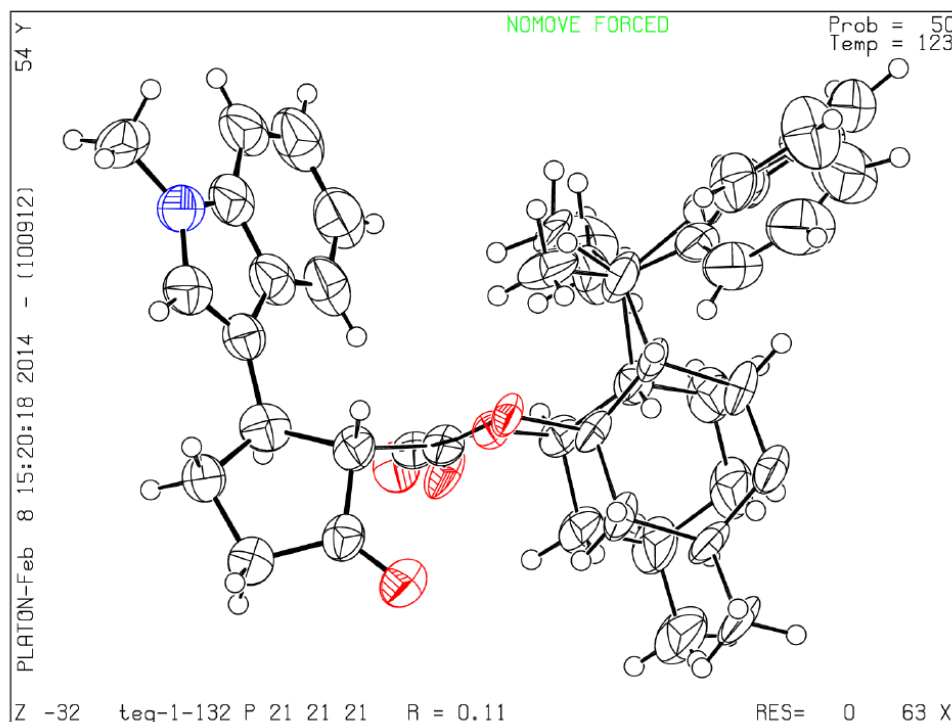
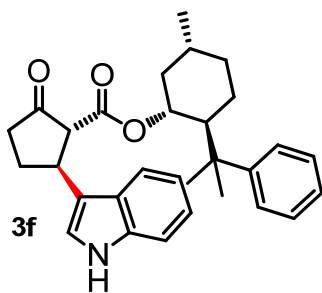


Figure S1. ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of **3aj**.

2.6.13 (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-5-methyl-2-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)cyclohexyl 2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3f**

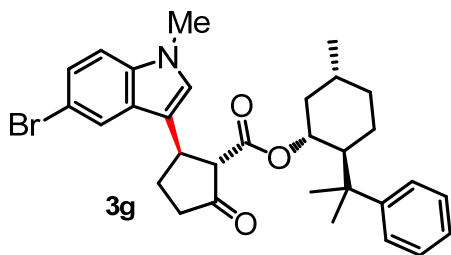


Compound **3f**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2b** (23 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 20 h. Yield: 62 mg (68%) as an off white crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 8.6:1.

R_f (30 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.41; mp. 69-73 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +1.0$ (c 0.10, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3402, 3056, 2954, 2921, 2870, 1747, 1711, 1457, 1332, 1268, 1113, 739, 702; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.11 (br. s, 1H), 7.69 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.36 (dt, 1H, $J =$

8.1, 0.8 Hz), 7.22 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 7.1, 1.0$ Hz), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 7.1, 0.9$ Hz), 7.02-6.92 (m, 5H), 4.76 (td, 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.2$ Hz), 3.92 (td, 1H, $J = 10.8, 6.0$ Hz), 2.99 (d, 1H, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 2.56-2.35 (m, 3H), 2.17-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.21 (m, 2H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.93-0.86 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.4, 168.4, 151.3, 136.8, 127.9, 126.6, 125.5, 124.9, 122.5, 120.6, 119.8, 119.7, 117.2, 111.4, 76.4, 62.7, 50.2, 41.4, 39.8, 38.7, 37.6, 34.7, 31.4, 27.9, 26.9, 26.6, 26.1, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ^1H NMR: δ 3.06 (d, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz); in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol 30:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.78 (s, 0.03 H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]^+$ 480.2509, found 480.2516.

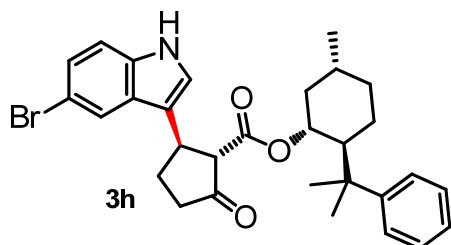
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Compound **3g**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole (42 mg). Yield: 66 mg (59%) as light yellow crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 10.4:1.

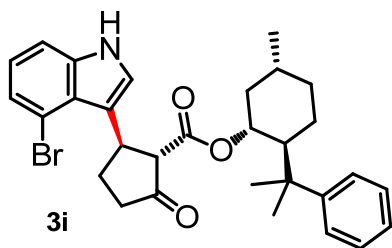
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2.6.15 (1R,2S,5R)-5-methyl-2-(2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclohexyl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate



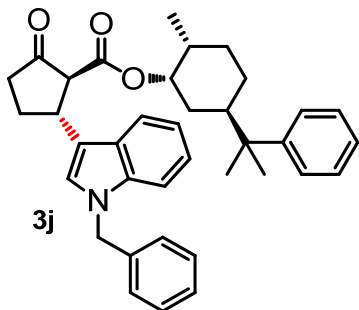
Compound **3h**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and 5-bromoindole (39 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 21 h. Yield: 63 mg (59%) as a light brown crystalline solid. The diastereometric ratio 14.0:1.

R_f (30 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.24; mp. 88-90 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +37$ (c 0.10, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3377, 3056, 2956, 2923, 2870, 1750, 1713, 1458, 1270, 1114, 740, 703; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.19 (br. s, 1H), 7.80 (d, 1H, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 7.30 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz), 7.23 (br. d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.06-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 4.77 (td, 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.2$ Hz), 3.70 (td, 1H, $J = 11.3, 6.0$ Hz), 2.87 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.2, 0.6$ Hz), 2.56-2.35 (m, 3H), 2.09-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.19 (m, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.80 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 210.8, 168.1, 151.7, 135.3, 128.5, 127.9, 125.5, 125.4, 124.9, 122.6, 121.8, 117.1, 113.0, 112.8, 76.6, 63.1, 50.0, 41.2, 39.7, 38.6, 36.9, 34.6, 31.4, 27.7, 27.3, 26.8, 25.4, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ^1H NMR: δ 2.93 (d, 0.05 x 1H, $J = 11.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{BrNO}_3\text{Na}]^+$ 558.1615, found 558.1619.

2.6.16 (1R,2S,5R)-5-methyl-2-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)cyclohexyl 2-(4-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3i**

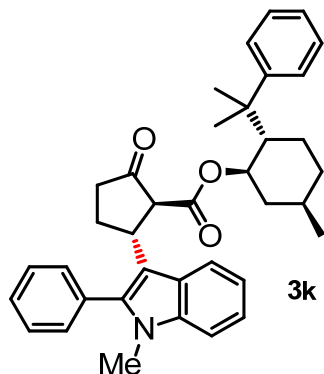
Compound **3i**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and 7-bromoindole (25 μ L, 39 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 24 h. Yield: 57 mg (53%) as a light brown crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 2.1:1.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.19; mp. 80-85 °C; $[\alpha]_D = -1.4$ (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3369, 3057, 2954, 2923, 2870, 1749, 1708, 1335, 1268, 1186, 1117, 773, 739, 702; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (br. s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 0.6 Hz), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 2.1 Hz), 4.80 (td, 1H, J = 10.7, 4.4 Hz), 4.59 (td, 1H, J = 8.8, 6.8 Hz), 3.23 (d, 1H, J = 9.2 Hz), 2.80-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.25 (m, 4H), 2.00 (ddd, 1H, J = 12.2, 10.6, 3.4 Hz), 1.93-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.00-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.79 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.7, 168.0, 151.0, 138.2, 128.0, 125.7, 125.2, 124.7, 123.3, 121.7, 118.4, 114.2, 110.8, 76.4, 61.8, 50.2, 41.5, 40.1, 38.0, 37.3, 34.6, 31.6, 31.42, 27.6, 27.1, 26.0, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ¹H NMR: δ 4.37 (td, 1H, J = 10.6, 4.4 Hz), 3.53 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.65-2.54 (m, 4H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.52 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR: δ 213.4, 168.9, 151.1, 137.9, 128.1, 125.8, 125.0, 124.4, 123.4, 115.3, 114.3, 110.7, 74.6, 60.3, 50.3, 39.9, 39.6, 39.0, 38.1, 34.3, 31.38, 30.8, 27.03, 27.00, 26.6, 21.6; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol 9:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.89 (s, 0.12H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₀H₃₄BrNO₃Na]⁺ 558.1614, found 558.1641.

2.6.17 (1*S*,2*R*,5*R*)-2-methyl-5-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)cyclohexyl 2-(1-benzyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **3j**

Compound **3j**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2j** (42 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 23 h. Yield: 60 mg (55%) as a light brown crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 25.5:1.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.41; mp. 66-70 °C; $[\alpha]_D = -7.8$ (c 1.00, CH_2Cl_2); IR (film, cm^{-1}): 3055, 3030, 2954, 2920, 2869, 1753, 1716, 1468, 1455, 1331, 1267, 1182, 1116, 741, 702; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (br. d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.32-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 1.0$ Hz), 7.18 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.4, 1.2$ Hz), 7.16-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.28 (d, 2H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 4.78 (td, 1H, $J = 10.7, 4.3$ Hz), 3.92 (td, 1H, $J = 10.6, 6.0$ Hz), 3.00 (d, 1H, $J = 10.6$ Hz), 2.55-2.36 (m, 3H), 2.16-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.50 (ddt, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.3$ Hz), 1.46-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.13 (m, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.84 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.3, 168.3, 151.3, 137.5, 137.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 125.5, 124.9, 124.6, 122.3, 120.0, 119.4, 116.4, 109.9, 76.3, 62.6, 50.2, 50.1, 41.4, 39.8, 38.6, 37.5, 34.6, 31.4, 28.1, 26.9, 26.3, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ^1H NMR: δ 3.15 (d, 0.025 x 1H, $J = 11.0$ Hz); in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol 16:1, ^1H NMR: δ 10.83 (s, 0.06H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}]^+$ 570.2979, found 570.2962.

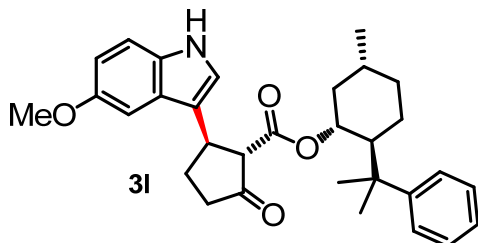
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Compound **3k**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2k** (42 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 20 h. Yield: 59 mg (54%) as a light yellow crystalline solid. The diastereometric ratio >25:1.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.47; mp. 88-90 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +18.6$ (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3055, 2954, 2922, 2870, 1752, 1718, 1584, 1469, 1363, 1337, 1270, 1183, 1108, 742, 702; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (dt, 1H, J = 7.9, 0.8 Hz), 7.33 (dt, 1H, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz), 7.24 (obs. ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.15 (ddd, J = 7.9, 7.1, 0.9 Hz), 4.65 (td, 1H, J = 10.7, 4.3 Hz), 3.94 (obs. td, 1H, J = 11.6, 7.0 Hz), 3.75 (d, 1H, J = 12.3 Hz), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.60-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dddd, 1H, J = 12.3, 3.8, 1.9 Hz), 1.69 (obs. ddd, 1H, J = 12.0, 10.7, 3.4 Hz), 1.65-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.19-1.09 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.82 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.6, 168.4, 150.2, 138.7, 137.6, 131.7, 131.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 125.7, 125.6, 125.1, 121.8, 119.5, 119.4, 111.5, 109.9, 76.1, 61.3, 50.2, 41.4, 39.9, 39.1, 38.5, 34.5, 31.3, 30.8, 28.6, 28.0, 27.1, 24.2, 21.7; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol 20:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.47 (s, 0.05H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₇H₄₁NO₃Na]⁺ 570.2979, found 570.2987.

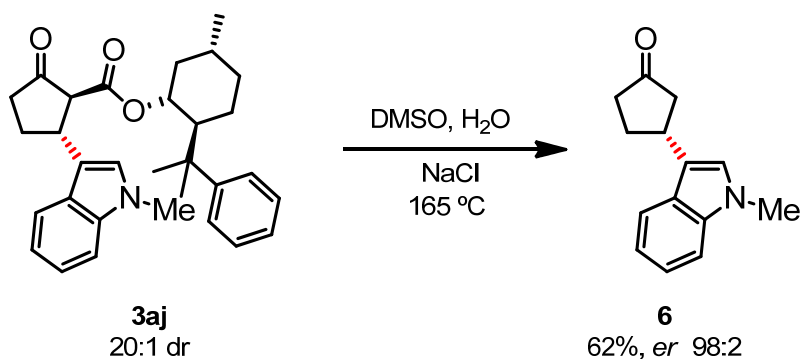
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methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate

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Compound **3l**: Prepared according to the general procedure using β -keto ester **1aj** (89 mg, 130 mol-%) and indole **2l** (30 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%). Reaction time 17 h. Yield: 40 mg (41%) as a light brown crystalline solid. The diastereomeric ratio was 13.1:1.

R_f (20 % EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.15; mp. 59-62 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +18$ (c 0.10, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3398, 3055, 2954, 2922, 2852, 1749, 1714, 1486, 1456, 1442, 1279, 1215, 1114, 702; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (br. s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz), 6.96 (s, 6H), 6.88 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 4.75 (td, 1H, J = 10.7, 4.2 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.96-3.84 (m, 1H), 2.88 (d, 1H, J = 10.7 Hz), 2.57-2.35 (m, 3H), 2.15-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.84 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 211.5, 168.6, 154.2, 151.4, 131.9, 127.8, 127.2, 125.5, 124.9, 121.3, 117.1, 112.7, 112.1, 101.8, 76.4, 62.8, 56.1, 50.2, 41.4, 39.7, 38.7, 37.5, 34.7, 31.5, 29.8, 27.6, 26.9, 26.7, 25.8, 21.8; in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor diastereomer, ¹H NMR: δ 3.03 (d, 0.05 x 1H, J = 10.8 Hz) in addition, the following characteristic peaks are for the minor enol tautomer, keto/enol 31:1, ¹H NMR: δ 10.78 (s, 0.03H, enol O-H); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for [C₃₁H₃₇NO₄Na]⁺ 510.2615, found 510.2620.

2.7 Decarboxylation of **3aj**

3aj (82 mg, 0.17 mmol, 100 mol-%) and NaCl (51 mg, 0.86 mmol, 800 mol-%) was dissolved into a mixture of DMSO (5 mL) and H₂O (0.5 mL).⁶ The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h at 165 °C. H₂O (15 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with toluene (3x10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford pure decarboxylated product **6**. Yield: 23 mg (62%, *er* 98:2) as a brownish oil.

The enantiomeric ratio (*er*) of the product was determined by GC in comparison to the corresponding racemic sample using a SUPELCO Astec CHIRALDEX B-DM Column (ø 0.25 mm × 30 m). The racemic sample was obtained from product **3a** (103 mg) in 82% yield (81%) using the same procedure.

R_f (30% EtOAc/hexanes) = 0.32; $[\alpha]_D = +6$ ($c = 0.42$, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 3051, 2957, 1735, 1474, 1242, 1153, 739; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (dt, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 0.9 Hz), 7.34 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.2$, 1.0 Hz), 7.28 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 6.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 6.7, 1.3 Hz), 6.86 (d, 1H, $J = 0.7$ Hz), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dt, 0.4 x 1H, $J = 7.7$, 1.2 Hz), 2.74 (dt, 0.6 x 1H, $J = 7.6$, 1.2 Hz), 2.60-2.26 (m, 4H), 2.21-2.07 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 219.4, 137.5, 127.1, 124.9, 122.0, 119.2, 119.0, 109.5, 45.5, 38.2, 33.8, 32.7, 30.2; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z [M+Na] calcd for [C₁₄H₁₅NONa] 236.1051, found 236.1054.

2.8 Crystallographic Details of [Pd₂TFA₂(**3a**)₂]

Ethyl 2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate **1a** (16 mg, 15 µL, 0.1 mmol), 1-methylindole **2a** (13 mg, 13 µL, 0.1 mmol) and Pd(TFA)₂ (33 mg, 0.1 mmol) were dissolved in EtOAc (1 mL) and stirred 5 min. The solution was filtered through a 0.2 µm GHP membrane to remove solids. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction analyses were obtained by a slow diffusion of hexane in a solution of the compounds in EtOAc at -18 °C over 1 month.

For details of the crystal structure, please see the associated CIF file.

⁶ Taber, D. F.; Saleh, S. A.; Korsmeyer, R. W. *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 4699.

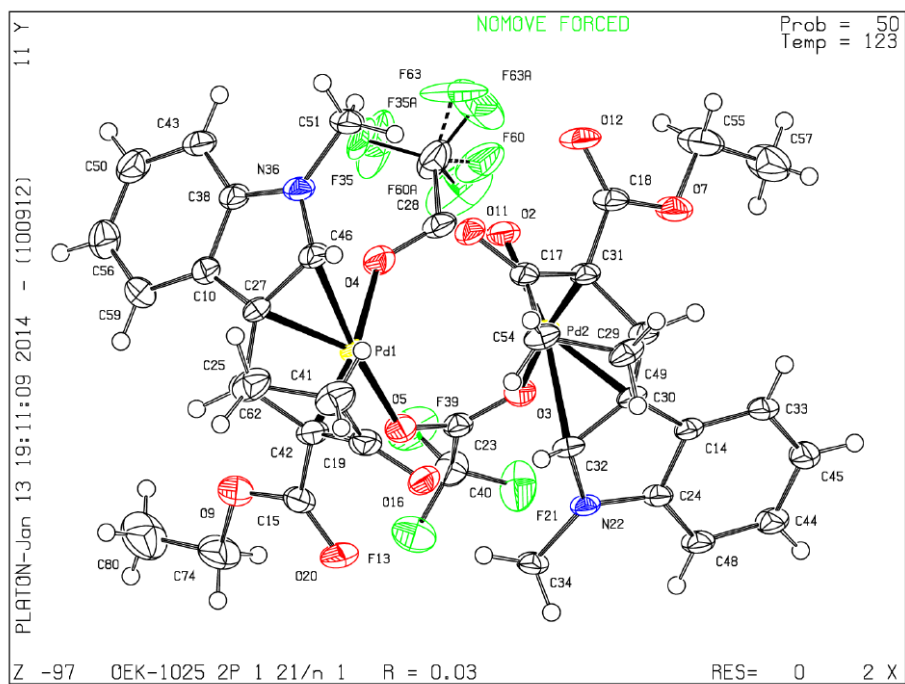


Figure S2. ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of $[\text{Pd}_2\text{TFA}_2(\mathbf{3a})_2]$.

3 Details of Kinetic Experiments

General Methods: Kinetic experiments were carried out by monitoring the reaction progress with ^1H NMR (400 MHz or 300 MHz) with dibenzyl ether as the internal standard. The spectra were processed and integrated with MestReNova (8.0.2) and the data was processed in Microsoft Excel (2010). The graphs were plotted with OriginPro (8.6). The reported initial rates are the average of at least two independent experiments.

General Procedure: A 4 mL vial was charged with the reagents, dibenzyl ether (25 μL as an internal standard) and the solvents (d_8 -dioxane and acetic acid 100 μL). The total volume was adjusted to 630 μL with d_8 -dioxane. The mixture was stirred for 1 to 3 min at 27 $^\circ\text{C}$ in an aluminium heating block to stabilize the reaction temperature. The mixture was then transferred into to a standard 5 mm bore NMR tube and the reaction was monitored by ^1H NMR scans at 1 or 2 min intervals (400 MHz or 300 MHz). The probe temperature was set to 300 K and the spinning rate to 20 Hz.

Table S1. Characteristic ^1H NMR resonances used for following the concentrations of the monitored species.⁷

Species	δ
1a	3.10 (1H, t)
D₆-1a	3.08 (1H, s)
2a	3.69 (3H, s)
D-2a	3.69 (3H, s)
3a	3.64 (3H, s)
D-3a	3.64 (3H, s)
D₅-3a	3.65 (3H, s)
D₆-3a	3.65 (3H, s)
4a	8.25 (1H, t)
<i>t</i>BuOOBz	1.33 (9H, s)
Dibenzyl ether	4.49 (4H, s)

⁷ The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to 1,4-dioxane- D_8 (δ 3.53) for ^1H NMR.

3.1 Reaction with Malonate 5

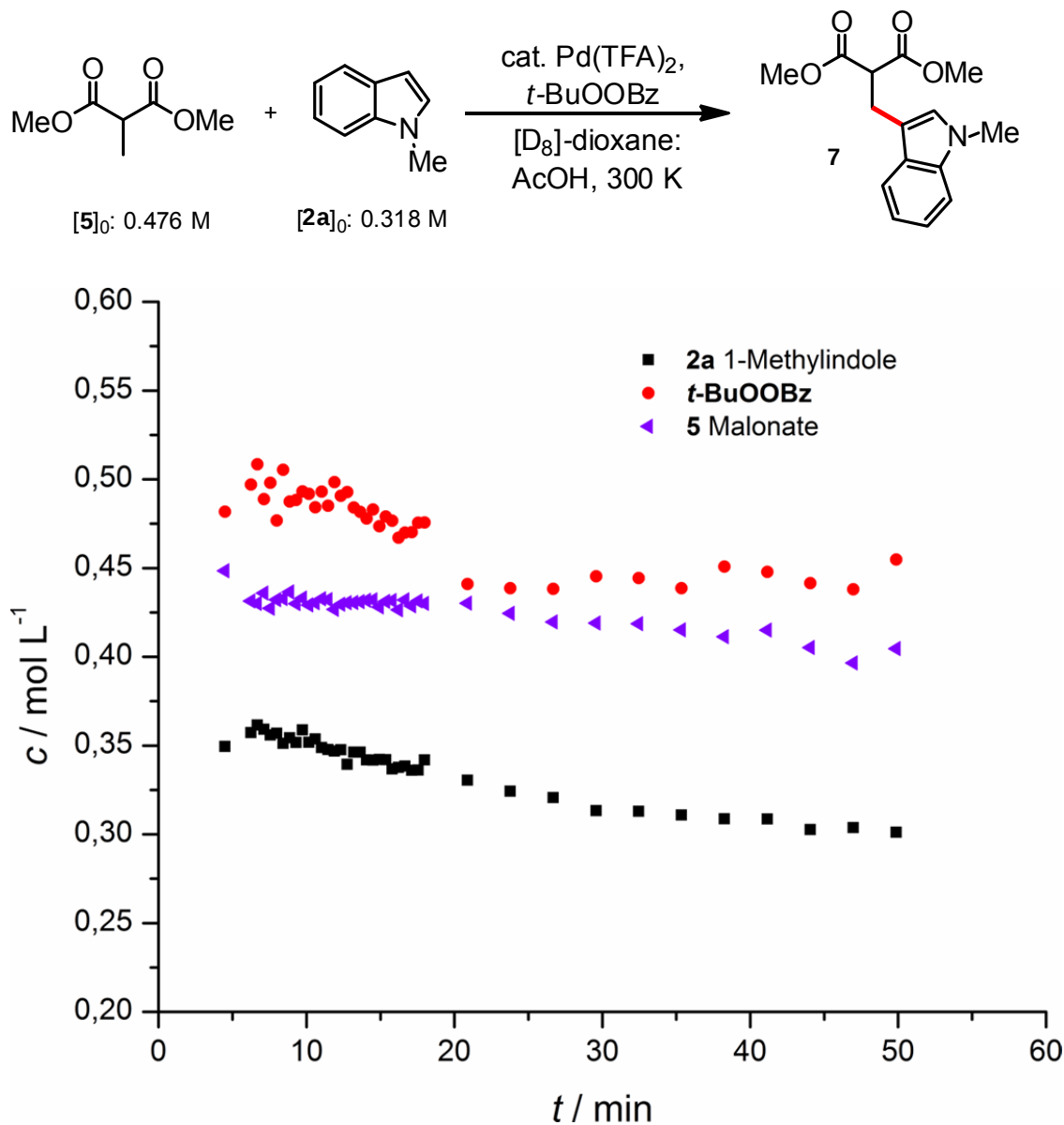


Figure S3. Monitoring of the temporal progress of the reaction with dimethyl methylmalonate **5**. Reaction conditions: $[\mathbf{5}]_0 = 0.476 \text{ M}$, $[\mathbf{2a}]_0 = 0.318 \text{ M}$, $[t\text{BuOOBz}]_0 = 0.413 \text{ M}$, 10 mol% Pd(TFA)_2 , 4:1 $[\text{D}_8]\text{-dioxane}/\text{AcOH}$, 300 K.

Neither the coupling product **7** nor the dehydrogenation product of **5** could be detected.

3.2 Kinetics with Both Deuterated Starting Materials

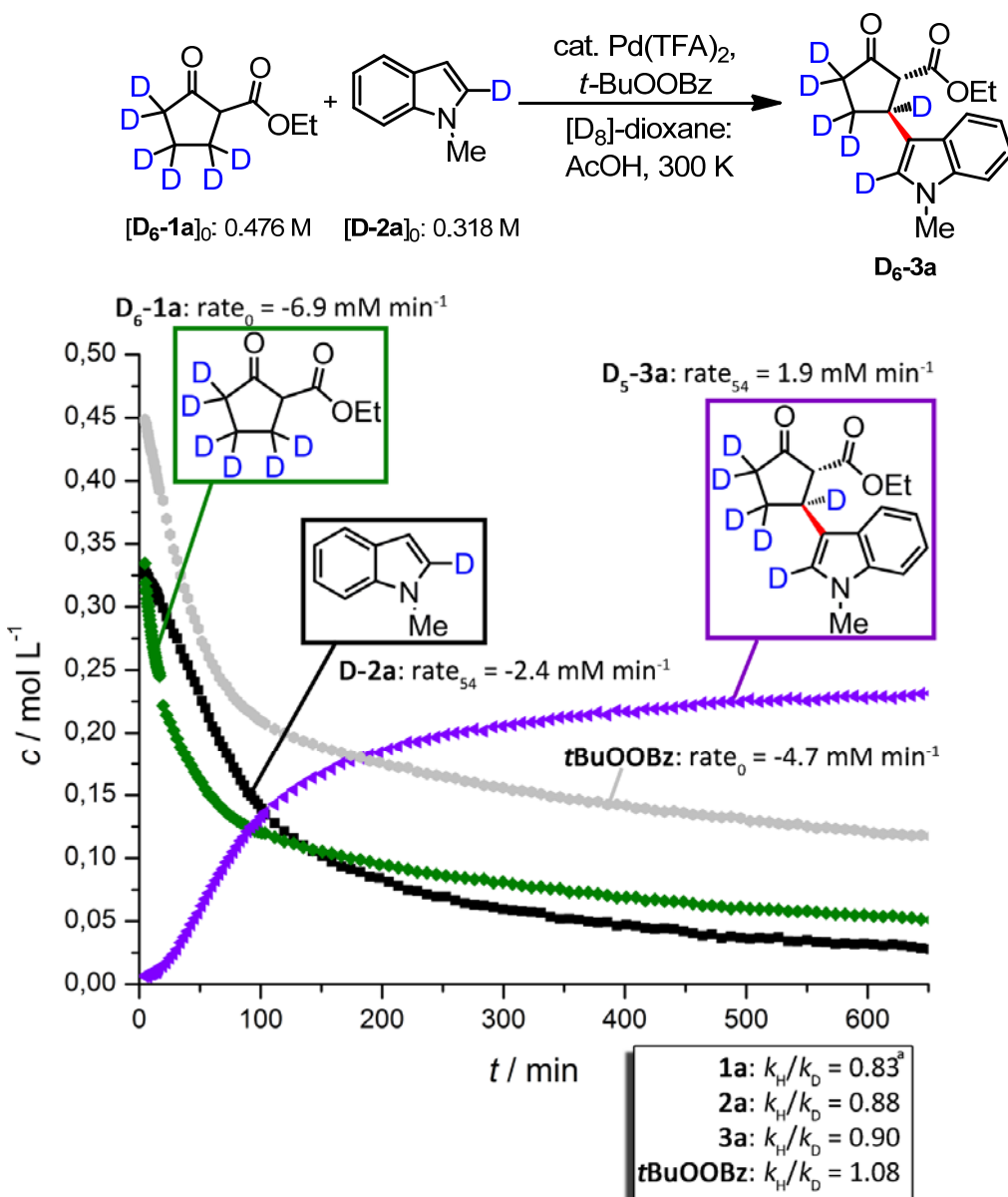


Figure S4. Monitoring of the temporal progress of the reaction with both deuterated starting materials. Reaction conditions: **[D₆-1a]₀** = 0.476 M, **[D-2a]₀** = 0.318 M, **[tBuOOBz]₀** = 0.413 M, 10 mol% Pd(TFA)₂, 4:1 [D₈]-dioxane/AcOH, 300 K. Rates are averages of two experiments. a) The dehydrogenation step produces exchangeable deuterium which may lead to isotopic scrambling at the α -proton. The background exchange may affect the observed KIE in this experiment since the integral of the α -proton of **D₆-1a** is used to monitor **[D₆-1a]**. Similar considerations apply to the experiment in Figure 2b in the main manuscript.

3.3 Kinetics of D/H Exchange with 3-Deuterium-1-methylindole

These experiments demonstrated that H/D exchange takes place at a rate that is comparable to the rate of the overall reaction under either acid (TFA) or Pd(TFA)₂ catalysis.

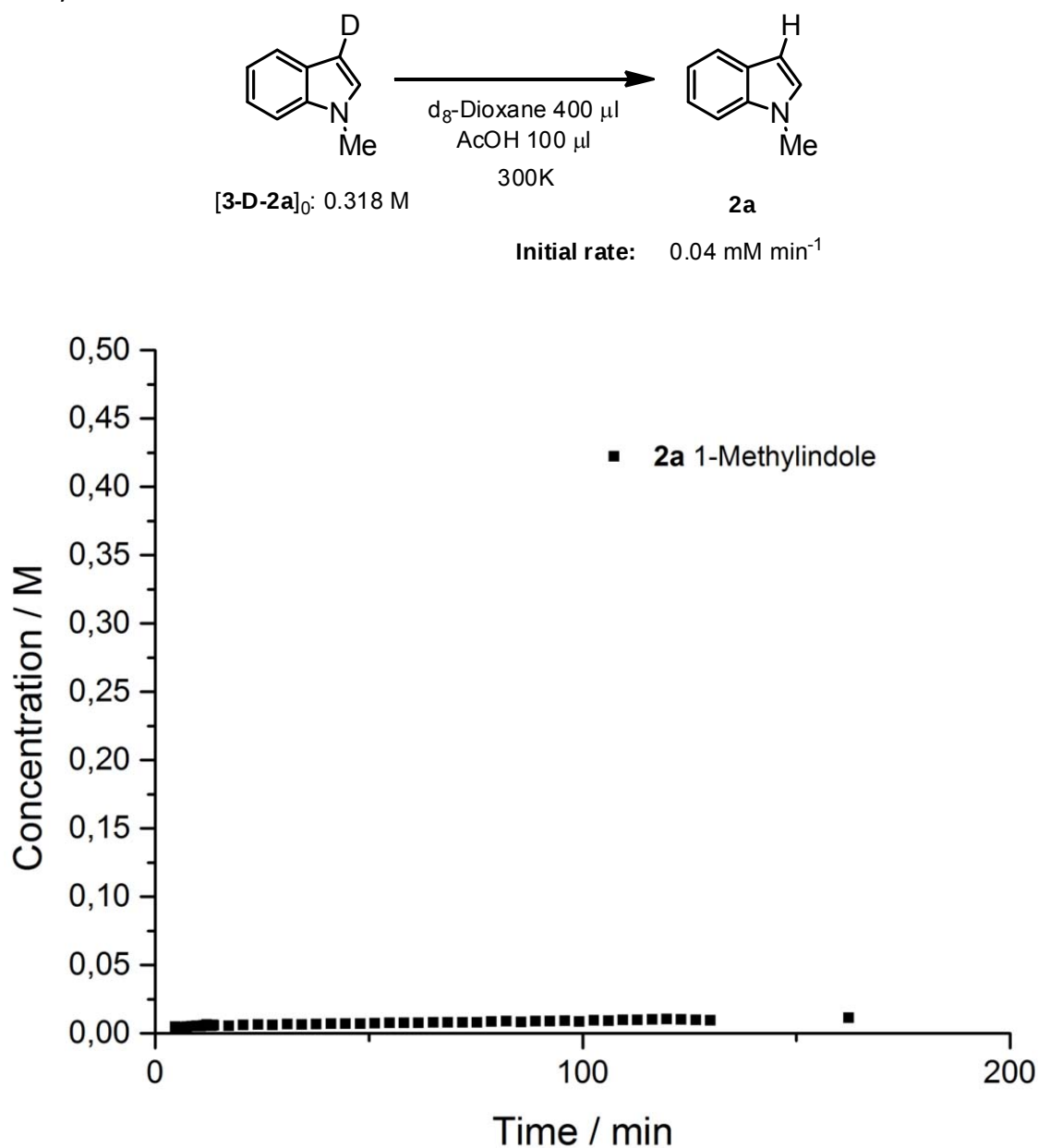


Figure S5. Monitoring of the temporal progress of H/D exchange with **3-D-2a** and the reaction solvent.

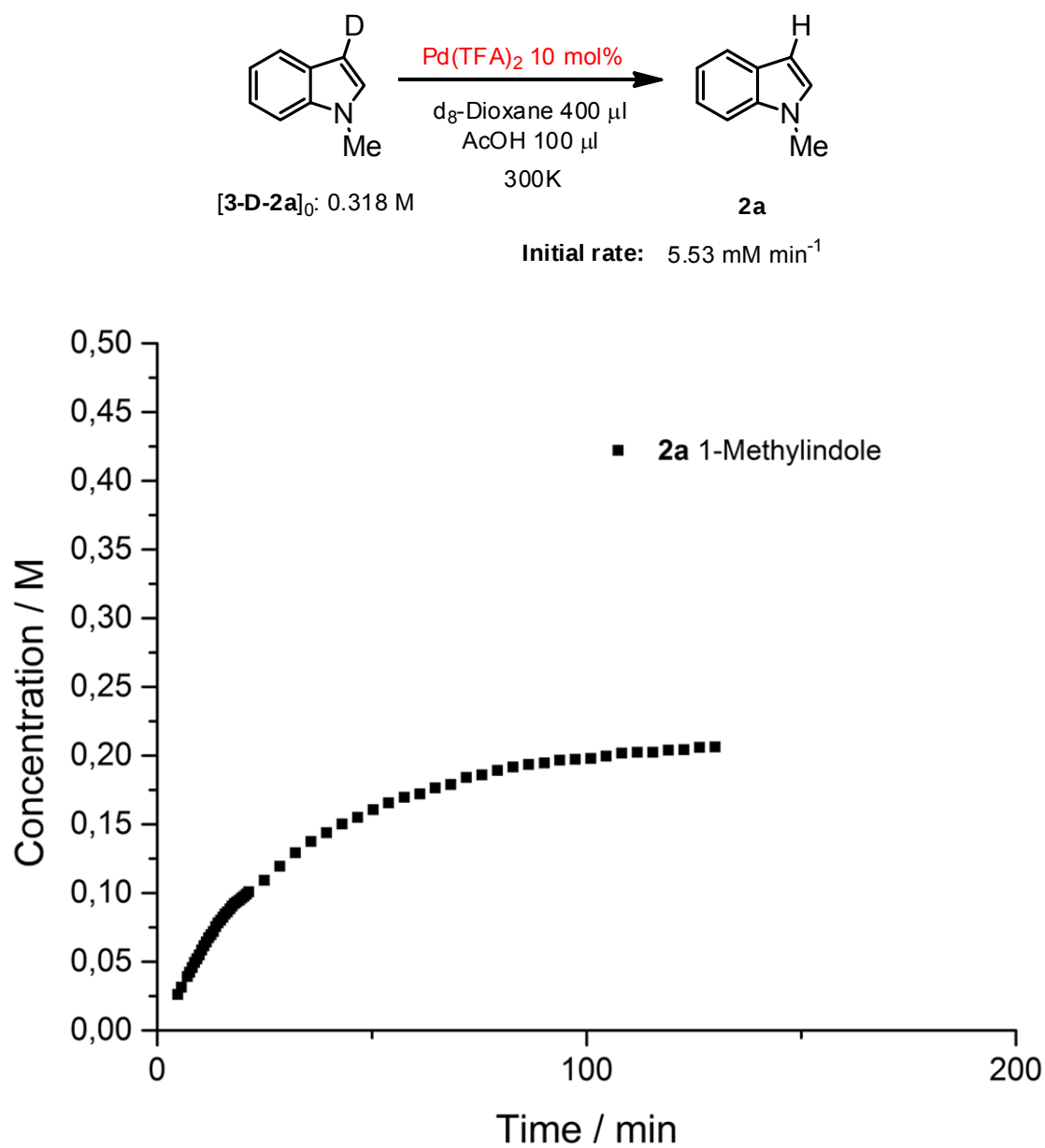


Figure S6. Monitoring of the temporal progress of H/D exchange with 3-D-2a, with added $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ catalyst.

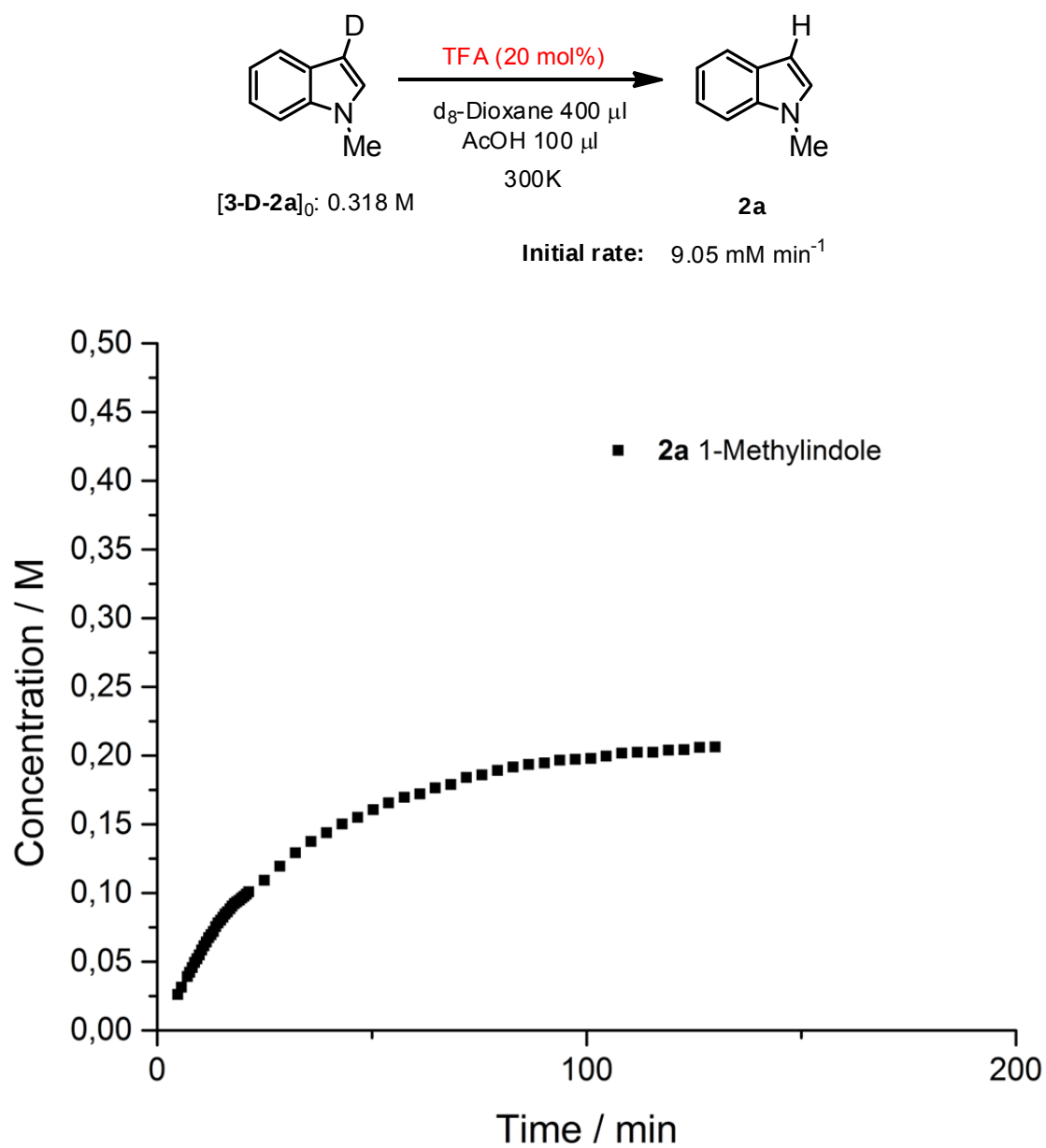


Figure S7. Monitoring of the temporal progress of H/D exchange with 3-D-2a, with added TFA catalyst.

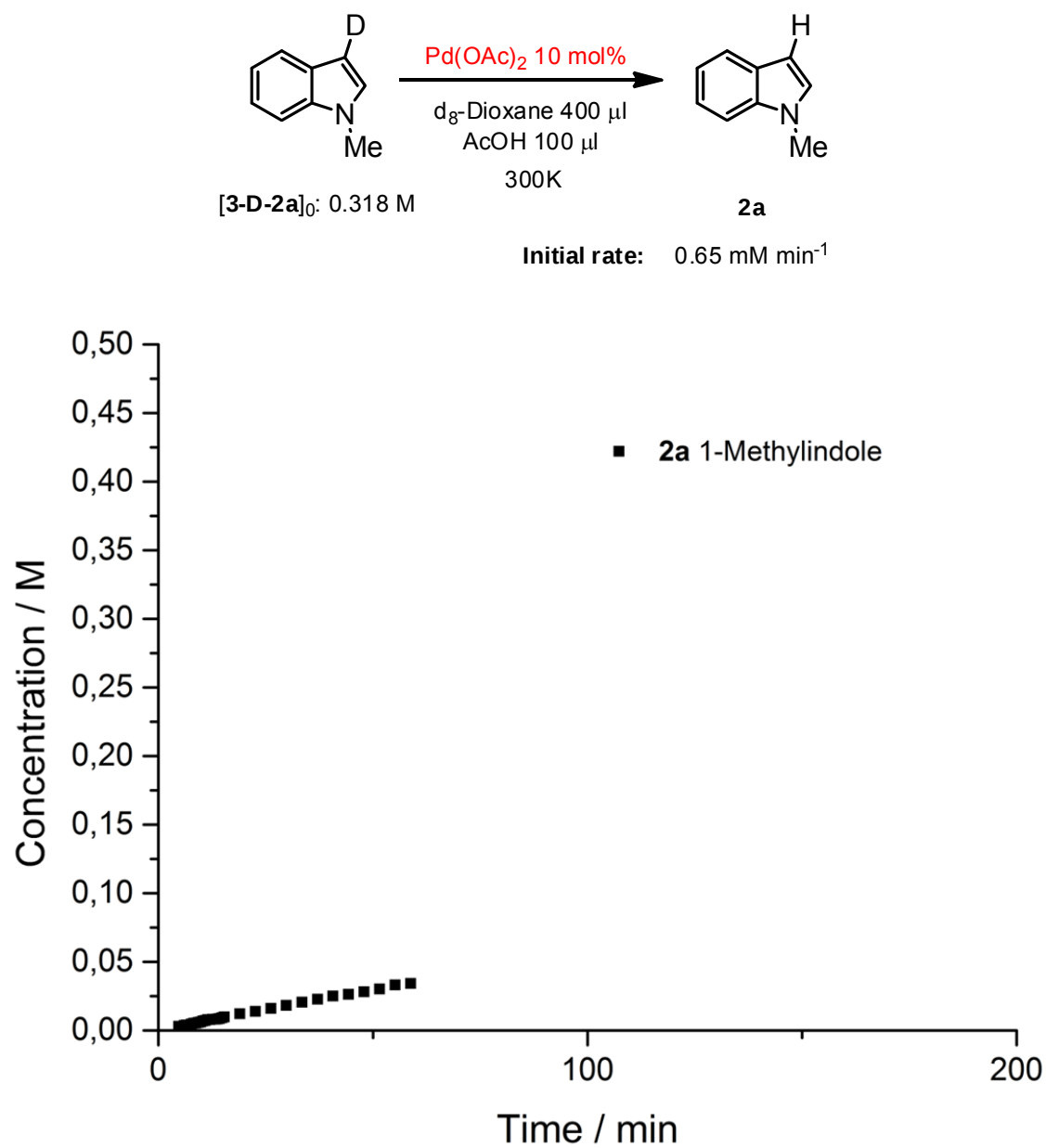


Figure S8. Monitoring of the temporal progress of H/D exchange with 3-D-2a, with added Pd(OAc)₂ catalyst.

3.4 Ligand-Assisted Pd(II)-Catalyzed Dehydrogenations of β -Ketoester **1a**

To an oven-dried 4-mL vial was charged with Pd(TFA)₂ (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%, 33.6 mM) and d₄-acetic acid (500 μ L). With gentle shaking, the additive was added to the mixture. The solution was transferred to another oven-dried 4-mL vial containing **1a** (45 μ L, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 0.504 M), *t*-BuOOBz (50 μ L, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv, 0.437 M) and Bn₂O (25 μ L, as ¹H NMR internal standard) using a disposable pipette (all Pd(II) should dissolve completely in this stage; *t*₀ represents the time of mixing). After mixing for approx. 30 sec., the resulting mixture was transferred to a NMR tube. Continuous ¹H NMR experiments performed in a preheated NMR probe at 30 °C with tube spinning (each ¹H NMR experiment consists of 16 scans). Reaction progress was monitored on a regular basis and, in most cases, beyond 50% conversion of the starting materials.

Enone **2a** was identified according to its characteristic ¹H NMR signals (250 MHz, d₄-acetic acid) at 8.50 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.8 Hz) and 2.75-2.69 ppm (m, 2H). [**2a**] of different time-points were determined by the comparison of its peak area integration to that of the internal standard (Bn₂O), which has a characteristic ¹H NMR signal peak at 4.58 ppm (s, 4H).

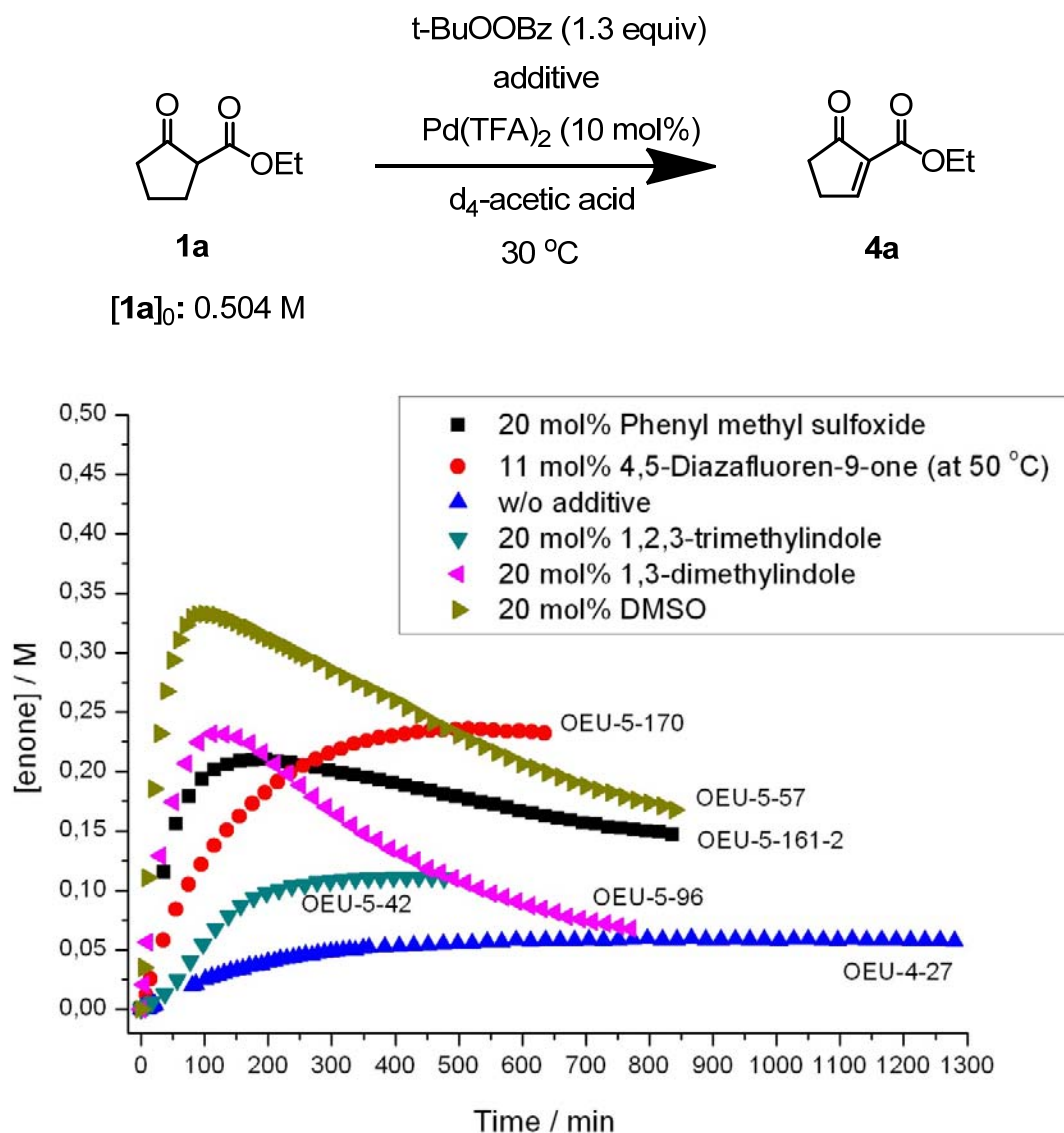


Figure S9. Monitoring of the temporal progress of the dehydrogenation reaction with **1a** using various sulfoxide, indole, and 4,5-diazafluorenone ligands.

In general, indole, sulfoxide and electron-deficient bidentate pyridine-based derivatives are three classes of additive that could accelerate Pd(II)-catalyzed dehydrogenation of β -ketoester **1a**.

4 Computational Details

In the present study, the geometries of the investigated species (reactants, products, intermediates and transition states) were optimized using density functional theory at the ω B97X-D/SDDP level, where ω B97X-D refers to the dispersion-corrected range-separated hybrid exchange-correlation functional developed by Chai and Head-Gordon,^{8,9} and SDDP denotes a basis set including the Stuttgart–Dresden relativistic small core ECP basis set for Pd and the Dunning/Huzinaga double-zeta plus polarization all electron basis set for the lighter atoms.¹⁰ For each optimized structure, additional single-point energy calculation was carried out using the same functional but with a larger basis set (additional diffuse functions on lighter atoms with exponents $\alpha_p^H = 0.036$, $\alpha_d^C = 0.0438$, $\alpha_d^N = 0.0639$, $\alpha_d^O = 0.0845$, $\alpha_d^F = 0.1076$). This basis set is referred to as SDDP'.

The initial structures used in geometry optimizations were obtained from Monte Carlo conformational search using the OPLS_2005 force fields as implemented in the *MacroModel* software.¹¹ In these calculations, the metal-ligand bond distances were fixed at arbitrarily chosen values (no force field parameters exist for Pd atom). For some of the reaction intermediates, additional conformational screening computations were performed by scanning the ω B97X-D/SDDP potential energy surface (PES) along a particular structural parameter, or by simply considering all possible isomeric forms systematically. The initial structures for transition state (TS) calculations were determined similarly, i.e. via PES scan calculations with respect to selected internal coordinates, which were then followed by ω B97X-D/SDDP TS optimizations. For all located transition states, intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were performed to identify the energy minima on both reactant and product sides of the transition state.¹²

The nature of the stationary points were characterized via vibrational analysis. The harmonic frequencies were computed at the ω B97X-D/SDDP level. These data were also utilized to estimate the zero-point energies as well as the thermal and entropic

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¹⁰ (a) Dolg, M.; Stoll, H.; Preuss, H.; Pitzer, R. M. *J. Phys. Chem.*, **1993**, *97*, 5852; (b) Dunning, T. H. Jr. *J. Chem. Phys.*, **1970**, *52*, 2823; (c) Dunning, T. H. Jr.; Hay, P. J. in *Modern Theoretical Chemistry*, Vol. 3, ed.; Schaefer III, H. F., Plenum Press: New York, 1976.

¹¹ *Macromodel embedded in Maestro suite (Version 9.1)*; Schrödinger, Inc.: Portland, OR, 2010.

¹² Fukui, K. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1981**, *14*, 363.

contributions to the Gibbs free energies. The thermochemical data were obtained within the ideal gas – rigid rotor – harmonic oscillator approximation for $T = 298.15\text{K}$ and $c = 1\text{ mol/dm}^3$ conditions. The solvent effects were also taken into account at the $\omega\text{B97X-D/SDDP}$ level by estimating the solvation free energies (solvent=1,4-dioxane) by using the integral equation formalism variant of the polarizable continuum model (IEFPCM).¹³ The atomic radii and non-electrostatic terms in the IEFPCM calculations were those introduced recently by Truhlar and coworkers (SMD solvation model).¹⁴

The energy values reported in the paper correspond to solution phase Gibbs free energies that are based on $\omega\text{B97X-D/SDDP}$ electronic energies and all additional terms computed at the $\omega\text{B97X-D/SDDP}$ level (see Table C1). All DFT calculations were carried out with the *Gaussian 09* software.¹⁵

We note that the $\omega\text{B97X-D}$ functional was found to be a very promising DFT method in recent benchmark studies^{16,17} yielding reasonably accurate data for general main group thermochemistry, kinetics and noncovalent interactions as well as for structural parameters of metal-ligand systems (all relevant to our present work). It should be, however, taken into account that the mean absolute error of the $\omega\text{B97X-D}$ method for predicting reaction energies is 2.5 kcal/mol .¹⁶ Considering the empirical ingredients of the polarizable continuum solvent model and the approximations employed in the calculation of gas-phase entropic contributions, the error bar on the relative Gibbs free energies reported in the present work is expected to be even larger (about $3\text{--}4\text{ kcal/mol}$). All our conclusions in this paper were drawn in the light of these uncertainties.

¹³ Tomasi, J.; Mennucci, B.; Cancès, E. *J. Mol. Struct. (Theochem)* **1999**, *464*, 211.

¹⁴ Marenich, A. V.; Cramer, C. J.; Truhlar, D. G. *J. Phys. Chem. B*, **2009**, *113*, 6378.

¹⁵ *Gaussian 09, Revision A.02*, Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson, G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.; Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, J. A.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.; Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J. C.; Iyengar, S. S.; Tomasi, J.; Cossi, M.; Rega, N.; Millam, J. M.; Klene, M.; Knox, J. E.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.; Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Martin, R. L.; Morokuma, K.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.; Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A. D.; Farkas, O.; Foresman, J. B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cioslowski, J.; Fox, D. J., Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, **2009**.

¹⁶ Goerigk, L.; Grimme, S. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2011**, *13*, 6670.

¹⁷ Minenkov, Y.; Singstad, Å.; Occhipinti, G.; Jensen, V. R. *Dalton Trans.* **2012**, *41*, 5526.

4.1 Alternative C-C bond Formation Pathways

We examined several alternative reaction pathways for the C–C bond formation between indole **2a** and enone **4a** (cycle B). Herein, we summarize our findings.

4.1.1 a) TFA-catalyzed C-C Coupling (Brønsted Acid Catalyzed Pathway).

The main steps of the acid-catalyzed C–C coupling are summarized in Figure S10. Starting from the ternary complex of **2a**, **4a** and TFAH, the transition state corresponding to the C–C bond formation (**TS_{add}**) could be easily located. This process is formally a Michael addition of indole **2a** (nucleophile) to enone **4a** (electrophile). TFAH acts as a Brønsted acid catalyst via H-bonding to the keto carbonyl group. Transition state **TS_{add}** is predicted to be 17.7 kcal/mol above the separated reactants (**2a** + **4a** + TFAH). Proton transfer to the adduct species takes place in concert with the C–C bond formation leading to **int_{add}**.

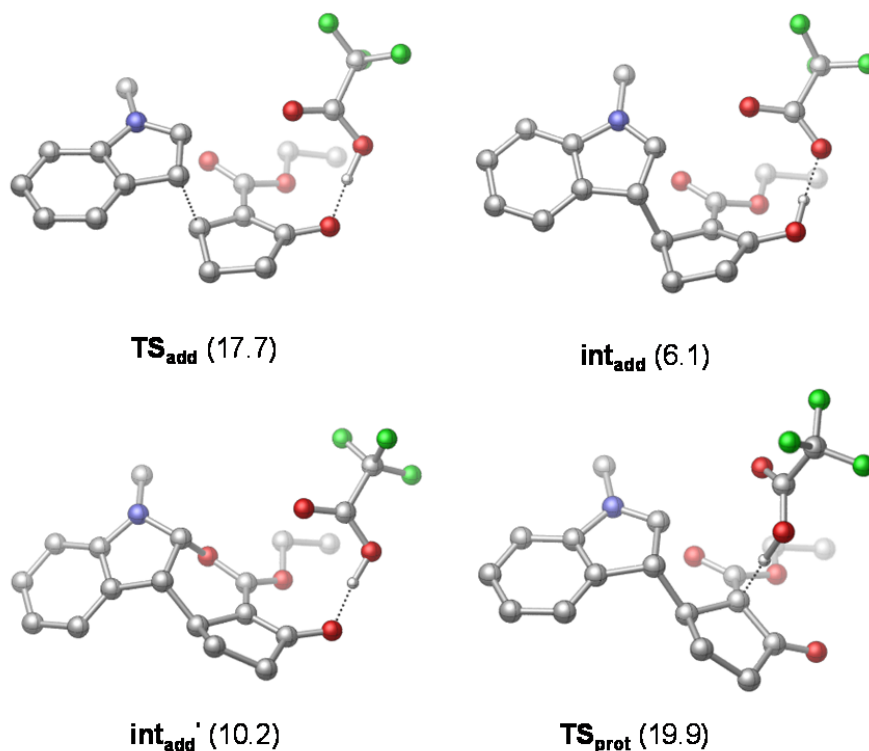


Figure S10. Key transition states and intermediates in the TFAH-catalyzed C–C coupling.

Deprotonation of **int_{add}** by the TFA anion results in a cyclic fused dihydropyran intermediate (**int_{add}'**)¹⁸ lying slightly higher in free energy. The protonation of the dihydropyran (via transition state **TS_{prot}**) is found to be the rate-determining step of this mechanism.¹⁹ The computed activation barrier is 19.9 kcal/mol., which is very similar to that found for the Pd(II)-catalyzed pathway discussed in the manuscript. This step also determines the relative *trans* stereochemistry of the product, although it is also possible that the *trans* stereochemistry is simply a result of thermodynamic equilibration. Finally, indole is deprotonated at C3. This process is very facile (the corresponding transition state is at 6.3 kcal/mol).

These results suggest that the acid-catalyzed C–C coupling pathway represents a feasible alternative mechanistic scenario.

4.1.2 b) Friedel-Crafts type C-C Coupling (Pd²⁺ as a Lewis Acid)

Assuming that the Pd catalyst can act as a Lewis acid in the activation of enone, the C-C bond formation may occur via a Pd(TFA)₂(**4a**) intermediate involving a chelating enone ligand (see Figure S11a). The located transition state and the corresponding product state of this process are depicted in Figure S11b and S11c, respectively.

The C-C coupling along this pathway takes place via a relatively small barrier (15.6 kcal/mol) and yields a zwitterionic iminium-enolate intermediate (**int_{fc}**) lying only 4.1 kcal/mol above the reference level (Pd(TFA)₂(**2a**) + **4a**).²⁰ The reaction proceeds by deprotonation of the indole moiety of the adduct species, however, the hydrogen atom involved in this step is not easily accessible by the TFA ligands in this structure (see Figure S11c). Consequently, the transition state corresponding to the direct proton-shift to one of the TFA ligands represents a fairly high barrier (26.6 kcal/mol), which is notably larger than that predicted for the mechanism discussed above (19.7 kcal/mol; see Figure S10). The deprotonation transition state is illustrated in Figure S12a.

¹⁸ A similar structure has been characterized experimentally. See: Ziegler, R. E.; Tan, S.-J.; Kam, T.-S.; Porco, J. A., Jr. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 9348.

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²⁰ Note that the reference level is identical to that used for the pathway discussed in the manuscript.

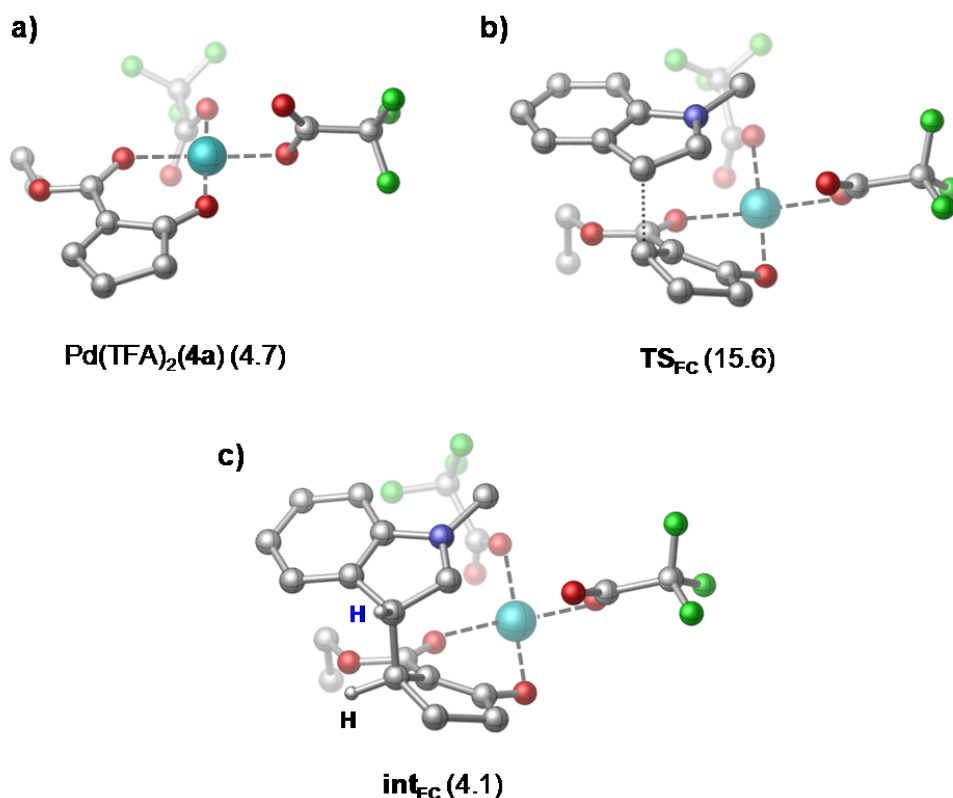


Figure S11: Stationary points identified for the Friedel-Crafts C-C bond formation pathway: a) reactant state prior to C-C bond formation, b) transition state, c) intermediate formed upon the C-C coupling. Relative Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol, with respect to $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2(\mathbf{2a}) + \mathbf{4a}$) are shown in parenthesis. Metal-ligand bonds are indicated by dashed lines, whereas the evolving C-C bond is highlighted by dotted line. For clarity of figures, hydrogen atoms are omitted, except those of the new C-C bond in int_{FC} . H atom involved in the next step is highlighted in blue.

A more favored deprotonation elementary step could be identified computationally, which corresponds to a different coordination mode of the enolate (via Pd-C bond as shown in Figure S12b); however, the ligand rearrangement to achieve this coordination mode is hindered kinetically. We find that the transition state leading to the cleavage of the Pd-O bonds in int_{FC} lies 27.1 kcal/mol above the reference level (for TS structure, see Figure S12c).

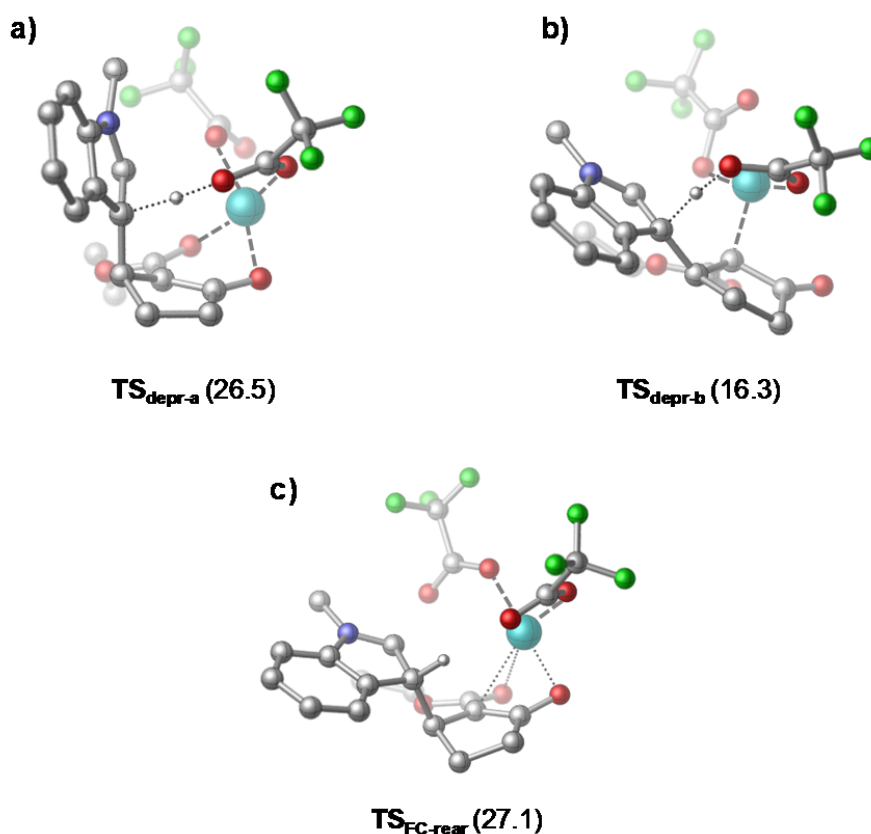


Figure S12: Indole deprotonation pathways in the Friedel-Crafts mechanism: a) direct deprotonation from int_{FC} , b) deprotonation from Pd-C bonded adduct, c) transition state of Pd-O cleavage in int_{FC} . Relative Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol, with respect to $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2(\mathbf{2a}) + \mathbf{4a}$) are shown in parenthesis. Metal-ligand bonds are indicated by dashed lines, whereas the evolving/cleaved bonds are highlighted by dotted line. For clarity of figures, hydrogen atoms are omitted, except those involved in the proton-shift.

We also envisioned that the proton transfer occurring after the C-C bond formation step could be facilitated by and external (not coordinated) HTFA molecule. This scenario is consistent with the acidic conditions used for the reaction. The located transition state is depicted in Figure S13 and it represents a barrier of 22.3 kcal/mol with respect to the $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2(\mathbf{2a}) + \mathbf{4a} + \text{HTFA}$ state.

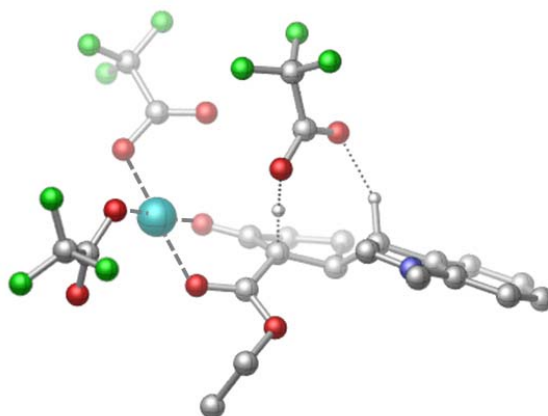
**TS_{HTFA} (22.3)**

Figure S13: Transition state corresponding to the proton transfer mediated by an external HTFA molecule in the Friedel-Crafts mechanism. Relative Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol, with respect to Pd(TFA)₂(**2a**) + **4a** + HTFA) are shown in parenthesis. Metal-ligand bonds are indicated by dashed lines, whereas the evolving/cleaved bonds are highlighted by dotted line. For clarity of figures, hydrogen atoms are omitted, except those involved in the proton-shift.

This transition state describes a concerted but asynchronous proton transfer process from the indole to the dicarbonyl unit of the adduct molecule. At the initial phase of this reaction, the acidic HTFA protonates the unsaturated carbon, followed by the deprotonation step. In other words, the HTFA molecule acts in a bifunctional manner. The computed barrier is only slightly higher than those calculated for the other two routes (C-palladation and Bronsted acidic pathways), however, we point out that the stoichiometry of this mechanism is different from the other two pathways (additional HTFA molecule is involved). For this reason, the computed barriers might not be directly comparable. For a more adequate comparison, an HTFA molecule should be added to the previous models as well, however, these calculations were out of scope of the present work.

Based on these results, the Friedel-Crafts pathway of Pd-catalyzed C-C bond formation between **2a** and **4a** cannot be clearly excluded from the possible mechanistic scenarios, but the C-palladation pathway discussed in the text was nevertheless the pathway leading to lowest overall barrier.

4.1.3 c) C-C Coupling via Double C-H Activation

In principle, C–C bond formation between two C–H activated substrates can also occur. However, the transition state corresponding to this process is computed to be at 26.1 kcal/mol with respect to the reference level (see Figure S14). Hence, the predicted activation barrier is higher than that found for the mechanism presented in the manuscript.

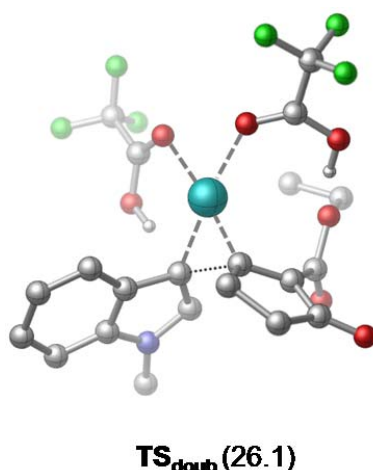
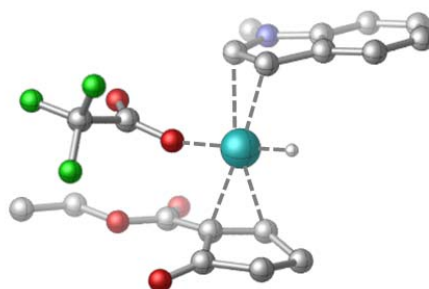


Figure S14: Transition state of C-C coupling between C-H activated substrates. Relative Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol, with respect to Pd(TFA)₂(**2a**) + **4a**) are shown in parenthesis. Metal-ligand bonds are indicated by dashed lines, whereas the evolving C-C bond is highlighted by dotted line. For clarity of figures, hydrogen atoms are omitted, except those of the TFAH molecules.

4.2 Computational Search for "PdH" Intermediates

An extensive conformational search has been carried out to identify palladium-hydride species formed upon an envisioned β -hydride elimination process in cycle A. We found that in structures having a TFA ligand in *cis* position to the PdH hydride bond, the H atom shifted spontaneously to the TFA oxygen yielding a Pd⁰(TFAH)(**2a**)(**4a**) complex (PCET process as described in the manuscript). Geometry optimizations carried out for structures bearing the *trans* arrangement of the TFA and hydride ligands did give a PdH species, however, this structure lies very high on the free energy scale (at 14.8 kcal/mol, which is higher than the transition state located for the PCET process). The structure of the high-lying PdH(TFA)(**2a**)(**4a**) complex is depicted in Figure S15).



PdH(TFA)(2a)(4a) (14.8)

Figure S15: Thermodynamically unstable PdH species identified computationally. Relative Gibbs free energy (in kcal/mol, with respect to Pd(TFA)₂(**2a**) + **4a**) is shown in parenthesis. Metal-ligand bonds are indicated by dashed lines. For clarity of figures, hydrogen atoms are omitted, except that of the PdH unit.

4.3 Population Analysis for the Species Involved in the PCET Step

To characterize the nature of the Pd-mediated hydrogen migration step identified computationally for cycle A (see Figure 5 of the manuscript), we computed the net atomic charges of the Pd center and the migrating H species in the involved stationary points (**int**₃, **TS**_{PCET} and **int**₄) using the NBO population analysis scheme. The results are presented in Table S2.

Table S2. Computed Pd and H atomic charges in structures related to the PCET step

	NBO charges	
	Pd	H
int ₂	+0.43	+0.23
TS _{PCET}	+0.31	+0.36
int ₃	+0.17	+0.52

The obtained NBO atomic charges point to a gradual increase of the positive charge on the migrating H species along the reaction coordinate (i.e. going from **int**₃ to **TS**_{PCET} and **int**₄). At the same time, the electron density on the Pd center is found to increase along this series (positive charge is gradually reduced). These variations suggest that the present hydrogen migration can be viewed as a concerted proton-coupled electron transfer (PCET) process involving proton migration from the C-H bond of the

coordinated enolate to TFA and a simultaneous $2e^-$ electron transfer to the metal center. Note that in a β -hydride elimination process, the electron density is expected to increase on the H unit. Indeed, the computed atomic charge on the hydridic H in the high-lying $\text{PdH}(\text{TFA})(\mathbf{2a})(\mathbf{4a})$ species is +0.09.

4.4 KIE Calculations

According to the transition state theory, the KIE related to a process involving intermediate I and transition state TS can be calculated from the following equation:

$$KIE = \frac{k_H}{k_D} = e^{\frac{(G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{TS}}(\text{D}) - G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{I}}(\text{D})) - (G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{TS}}(\text{H}) - G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{I}}(\text{H}))}{RT}} = e^{\frac{(G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{TS}}(\text{D}) - G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{TS}}(\text{H})) - (G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{I}}(\text{D}) - G_{\text{tc}}^{\text{I}}(\text{H}))}{RT}}$$

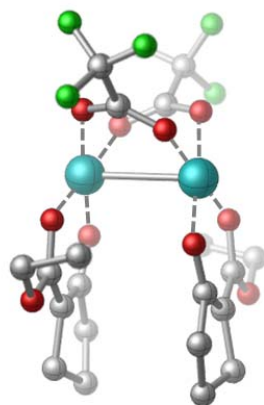
where G_{tc} denotes thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy ($G_{\text{tc}} = G^0 - E_0$) for protium (H) and deuterium (D). R is the universal gas constant and T is the temperature. The reliable estimation of KIE values assumes the right choice of the transition state and the reaction intermediate.

4.4.1 Calculation of the KIE for the $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ vs $\text{C}_2\text{-D}$ labeled indoles.

Our experimental observations indicated that the KIE is likely related to the dehydrogenation process, therefore we considered cycle A for KIE calculations. Based on the computed Gibbs free energy diagram (Figure 6 in the paper), the KIE determining transition state is **TS_{rear}**, and **int₁** is the most stable reaction intermediate (I in the KIE formula). With this choice for TS and I, the calculated KIE is 1.00. Comparing the environments of the C-D or C-H bonds in **TS_{rear}** and in **int₁**, they are basically the same, which explains the calculated KIE value of 1.00. This is, however, in contrast with the measured KIE (≈ 0.8 , see Figure 2 of the manuscript).

In order to rationalize the experimental KIE, the most stable intermediate (the resting state of the catalyst in the cycle) should be considered, wherein the environment of the corresponding C-D/C-H bonds is different from that in **TS_{rear}**. The largest structural difference in this particular system would be in the case with no Pd-C bond between the metal and the indole molecule (a Pd complex representing the resting state and the separated indole). Indeed, a Pd dimer, $[\text{Pd}(\mathbf{1a}\text{-enolate})(\text{TFA})]_2$, involving only

deprotonated **1a** (enolate of **1a**) and TFA anions (i.e. no coordinated indole molecule) was identified computationally. The relative free energy of this dimer is -6.2 kcal/mol, that is more stable than **int**₁. The structure of this species is depicted in Figure S16.



[Pd(1a**-enolate)(TFA)]₂ (-6.2)**

Figure S16: Possible resting state of the catalyst identified computationally for cycle A. Relative Gibbs free energy (in kcal/mol, with respect to Pd(TFA)₂(**2a**) + **4a**) is shown in parenthesis.

Because of the uncertainty of the KIE determining transition state and intermediate, we have calculated the KIE values with all combinations of the transition states and intermediates identified computationally for cycle A. The results are reported in Table S3 below.

Table S3. Calculated KIE values with different transition states (TS) and intermediates (I) for the C2-H vs C2-D-labeled indoles

I/TS	TS _{depr}	TS _{rear}	TS _{PCET}
Pd dimer + 2a	0.81	0.85	0.86
int ₁	0.96	1.00	1.01
int ₂	0.96	1.01	1.01
int ₃	0.96	1.00	1.01
int ₄	0.93	0.98	0.99

The results indicate that significant inverse kinetic isotope effect can be obtained only with the I = Pd dimer + **2a** choice. For all other possible intermediates, the computed KIE is very close to 1.0. Considering the [Pd(**1a**-enolate)(TFA)]₂ complex as the resting state, all TS combinations give notable inverse KIE since indole is coordinated to Pd in these

transition states. For **TS_{rear}**, which is predicted to be the rate-determining TS of cycle A, the calculated KIE is 0.85. This value is in line with the measured KIE.

4.4.2 Calculation of the KIE for the **1a** vs **D₆-1a**.

The calculated KIE values obtained for the deuterium-labelled β -keto ester (**1a** vs **D₆-1a**) are listed in Table S4. Again, various I/TS combinations were considered.

Table S4. Calculated KIE values for **1a** vs **D₆-1a**

I/TS	TS_{depr}	TS_{rear}	TS_{PCET}
Pd(TFA) ₂ (2a) + 1a	1.01	1.01	6.78
[Pd(1a -enolate)(TFA)] ₂	1.05	1.05	7.06
int₁	0.99	0.99	6.66
int₂	1.11	1.11	7.50
int₃	0.72	0.72	4.86
int₄	0.82	0.82	5.51

As expected, large normal KIE is predicted for transition state **TS_{PCET}**, which involves an H/D shift. It is therefore quite unlikely that this step is rate-determining. For the most likely I/TS combination (i.e. [Pd(**1a**-enolate)(TFA)]₂/**TS_{rear}**, as judged from experimental and computational evidence), computations predict KIE = 1.05, which is consistent with the small normal KIE found experimentally.

4.5 Total Energy Data of the Calculated Structures

The energy data computed for the ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized geometries of the structures discussed in the manuscript and in the Supporting Information are listed in Tables S5-S8. The notation of the stationary points corresponds to that used in the manuscript and in the SI.

Table S5. Energy data (in atomic units) computed for ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized structures of cycle A^a

	E_o	G^o	G_{sol}	E_o'	G
TS_{depr}	-2121.1046	-2120.7622	-2121.1226	-2121.1354	-2120.8109
int₁	-1594.3238	-1594.0065	-1594.3413	-1594.3452	-1594.0454
TS_{rear}	-1594.2902	-1593.9734	-1594.3081	-1594.3119	-1594.0131
int₂	-1594.3024	-1593.9874	-1594.3218	-1594.3244	-1594.0289
int₃	-1594.3051	-1593.9916	-1594.3249	-1594.3284	-1594.0348
TS_{PCET}	-1594.2891	-1593.9792	-1594.3056	-1594.3118	-1594.0185
int₄	-1594.3040	-1593.9910	-1594.3202	-1594.3267	-1594.0298

^a Notation: E_o and E_o' refer to electronic energies computed at ω B97X-D/SDDP and ω B97X-D/SDDP' level of DFT; G^o and G_{sol} denote gas-phase and solution-phase Gibbs free energies obtained from ω B97X-D/SDDP calculations. The last column is computed as $G = E_o' + (G^o - E_o) + (G_{sol} - E_o)$ and the relative Gibbs free energies reported in the manuscript and in the SI are obtained from these values. Note that G^o corresponds to $T = 298.15$ K and $c = 1$ mol/dm³ conditions.

Table S6. Energy data (in atomic units) computed for ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized structures of cycle B (acid-catalyzed C-C coupling)^a

	E_o	G^o	G_{sol}	E_o'	G
TS_{add}	-2119.8390	-2119.5141	-2119.8555	-2119.8692	-2119.5607
int_{add}	-2119.8556	-2119.5279	-2119.8762	-2119.8864	-2119.5792
int_{add}'	-2119.8607	-2119.5292	-2119.8754	-2119.8894	-2119.5726
TS_{prot}	-2119.8275	-2119.5060	-2119.8483	-2119.8580	-2119.5572

^a See footnote of Table S5.

Table S7. Energy data (in atomic units) computed for ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized structures of cycle B (Pd^{II}-catalyzed C-C coupling)^a

	E_o	G^o	G_{sol}	E_o'	G
TS_{CH}	-2119.8536	-2119.5343	-2119.8753	-2119.8853	-2119.5877
int_{CH}	-2119.8770	-2119.5550	-2119.8960	-2119.9080	-2119.6050
TS_{CC}	-2119.8671	-2119.5437	-2119.8863	-2119.8979	-2119.5936
int_{CC}	-2119.9229	-2119.5966	-2119.9427	-2119.9535	-2119.6470

^a See footnote of Table S5.

Table S8. Energy data (in atomic units) computed for ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized structures discussed in the SI)^a

	E_o	G^o	G_{sol}	E_o'	G
Pd(TFA) ₂ (4a)	-1716.7996	-1716.6271	-1716.8226	-1716.8235	-1716.6740
TS_{FC}	-2119.8696	-2119.5416	-2119.8900	-2119.9018	-2119.5943
int_{FC}	-2119.8909	-2119.5587	-2119.9128	-2119.9228	-2119.6125
TS_{depr-a}	-2119.8515	-2119.5287	-2119.8693	-2119.8820	-2119.5769
TS_{depr-b}	-2119.8635	-2119.5418	-2119.8842	-2119.8941	-2119.5931
TS_{FC-rear}	-2119.8499	-2119.5206	-2119.8731	-2119.8820	-2119.5759
TS_{doub}	-2119.8484	-2119.5284	-2119.8666	-2119.8794	-2119.5775
PdH(TFA)(2a)(4a)	-1594.2809	-1593.9721	-1594.3021	-1594.3041	-1594.0164

^a See footnote of Table S5.

4.6 Cartesian Coordinates of the Calculated Structures

Cartesian coordinates of ω B97X-D/SDDP optimized geometries are given below in standard XYZ format (units are ångströms). First line indicates total number of atoms, second line is molecule name (as defined above, see also Tables S5-S8).

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Pd -0.556980 -0.092780 -1.170690
C -1.773050 -2.655430 -1.582250
C -2.266360 -3.993150 -0.954730
C 0.994500 2.418070 -1.013270
C 1.375440 2.312490 0.368410
C 0.483770 1.735540 1.395950
O -1.371550 -1.845240 -0.666800
O -1.846070 -2.492720 -2.791020
O 0.314580 1.646040 -1.735380
O -0.277990 0.790840 1.248650
F -2.488490 -4.918680 -1.887580
F -3.425250 -3.782950 -0.298740
F -1.384050 -4.489070 -0.079300
O 0.641230 2.346260 2.578790
C -0.117800 1.807840 3.675270
C 1.661920 3.618450 -1.641420

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H	1.598690	4.329570	1.143110
C	2.479710	-0.799890	-0.583490
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O	2.917740	0.228350	0.019190
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C	-1.806460	1.823290	-4.581840
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H	-2.410500	2.575030	-5.096780

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int₁

Pd	-0.305600	0.018200	0.337400
C	-0.155100	-2.457000	1.720400
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C	0.732200	2.669600	-0.096700
C	2.052300	2.304000	0.118800
C	2.465600	0.994100	0.481900
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O	-0.089800	-1.870500	2.785200
O	-0.355700	1.981600	-0.050000
O	1.727700	-0.022600	0.584700
F	-0.625900	-4.549800	2.782800
F	1.258200	-4.365300	1.726500
F	-0.593000	-4.573300	0.621100
O	3.767000	0.860800	0.731300
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C	0.648200	4.154400	-0.386600
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C	2.096900	4.535200	-0.736500
C	2.972300	3.500700	0.007000
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H	5.190700	-0.229000	1.634100
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C	-2.385300	-2.402600	-2.057400
H	-1.536100	-3.033200	-1.775800
H	-3.242100	-3.029200	-2.319100
H	-2.115800	-1.799100	-2.926000

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TS_{rear}

Pd	-0.234040	-0.036980	-0.339260
C	-0.245180	-1.457210	2.073500
C	-0.299050	-2.746990	2.942310
C	0.763490	2.114630	-0.336360
C	1.811430	1.438200	0.290200
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O	0.057500	1.683430	-1.341490
O	2.083290	-0.504250	-1.090560
F	-1.197550	-2.620990	3.926320
F	0.902220	-2.963590	3.507020
F	-0.616030	-3.845480	2.240560
O	3.827490	0.281420	0.097470
C	4.639330	-0.800490	-0.398170
C	0.404730	3.371180	0.431980
C	5.207860	-0.484630	-1.773310
C	1.593980	3.564500	1.388100
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H	5.432570	-0.902110	0.345380
H	0.237270	4.206920	-0.252170
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H	5.888310	-1.285270	-2.079020
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H	2.325080	4.236330	0.927550
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C	3.980800	-1.194400	-0.880700
C	0.555700	3.505800	0.707900
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H	3.352300	-1.649200	-1.651100

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H	1.485000	1.156500	2.276700
H	3.098800	1.477800	1.637700
C	-3.219700	-0.651900	0.269200
C	-2.890000	-2.018300	0.164200
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C	-4.102000	-2.501900	2.152700
C	-4.462600	-1.141800	2.260300
C	-4.022600	-0.209700	1.329600
C	-1.880100	-0.981700	-1.542000
C	-2.542800	0.025200	-0.820300
H	-3.014000	-4.004300	1.043900
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H	-1.365600	-0.906700	-2.492500
H	-2.770900	1.012300	-1.202900
N	-2.098000	-2.196300	-0.963200
C	-1.337400	-3.398700	-1.238300
H	-0.570900	-3.535900	-0.469500
H	-2.004000	-4.264900	-1.258600
H	-0.859000	-3.302000	-2.214400

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Pd	0.303900	-0.213300	0.906500
C	1.552200	-1.712900	1.454500
O	-1.348100	0.945800	0.317900
C	1.945100	-1.448800	2.891500
C	0.305600	-2.545100	1.468200
C	2.574100	-1.991400	0.398700
C	-2.394800	0.582400	0.954300
C	0.779400	-1.903400	3.766200
O	2.978700	-0.950600	3.289200
C	0.046200	-2.958500	2.931200

H	-0.602700	-1.902900	1.148400
H	0.308400	-3.351700	0.734400
O	3.581000	-1.109500	0.424400
O	2.486000	-2.889800	-0.416200
C	-3.618300	1.485000	0.629600
O	-2.514600	-0.339100	1.756800
H	0.137900	-1.028300	3.935700
H	1.139100	-2.252400	4.735200
H	-1.018800	-3.018100	3.158200
H	0.491700	-3.944300	3.095800
C	4.609000	-1.289700	-0.563100
F	-3.746300	1.675500	-0.696900
F	-3.461200	2.696700	1.195800
F	-4.762000	0.968900	1.078400
C	5.612200	-0.167500	-0.376400
H	4.154000	-1.271900	-1.559400
H	5.067700	-2.273300	-0.423600
H	5.132600	0.807800	-0.503200
H	6.410800	-0.260000	-1.117900
H	6.054100	-0.207900	0.622200
C	1.106000	2.536400	1.719900
C	0.496400	3.191300	0.633200
C	-0.317100	4.314000	0.799300
C	-0.473800	4.792100	2.096100
C	0.154700	4.167500	3.193500
C	0.942900	3.035400	3.018100
C	1.595500	1.437700	-0.219900
C	1.797400	1.374500	1.181500
H	-0.821800	4.785200	-0.037900
H	-1.101700	5.660900	2.269000
H	0.008100	4.574600	4.189300
H	1.414100	2.541700	3.863000
H	2.073500	0.847800	-0.992400
H	2.627500	0.860700	1.652700
N	0.837700	2.518300	-0.538300
C	0.187300	2.742400	-1.814400
H	0.665900	2.121700	-2.573800
H	-0.869800	2.471600	-1.738200
H	0.288000	3.792000	-2.102900

Pd	0.415740	-0.080560	0.646410
C	1.565400	-1.491000	1.566350
O	-1.458490	0.737910	-0.126090
C	1.943130	-0.907290	2.903260
C	0.214140	-2.017620	1.652720
C	2.557480	-2.081520	0.616290
C	-2.364060	-0.083860	0.128510
C	0.688720	-0.932840	3.776100
O	3.029520	-0.482050	3.241240
C	-0.242360	-1.961990	3.120120
H	-0.914960	-1.336920	0.994270
H	0.000930	-2.924930	1.086700
O	3.639780	-1.307020	0.472750
O	2.391530	-3.130740	0.026330
C	-3.808250	0.289490	-0.289740
O	-2.241390	-1.201260	0.698360
H	0.258150	0.076380	3.751110
H	0.952750	-1.157930	4.810850
H	-1.300630	-1.714240	3.223920
H	-0.087250	-2.950370	3.564930
C	4.653910	-1.793630	-0.420920
F	-3.860900	1.494020	-0.865440
F	-4.610820	0.306110	0.780970
F	-4.284780	-0.607770	-1.160980
C	5.730190	-0.727720	-0.503060
H	4.202470	-1.994330	-1.397660
H	5.046260	-2.737790	-0.030170
H	5.318790	0.209190	-0.890280
H	6.526510	-1.059620	-1.175450
H	6.161310	-0.537030	0.482970
C	1.455650	2.517820	1.648190
C	0.546000	3.323060	0.927370
C	-0.217050	4.318930	1.548570
C	-0.021270	4.509380	2.912430
C	0.902070	3.728580	3.642240
C	1.643910	2.729460	3.022280
C	1.411280	1.856080	-0.523510
C	2.009770	1.562900	0.706630
H	-0.933290	4.917840	0.994370
H	-0.592530	5.275530	3.428780
H	1.028280	3.912050	4.705090
H	2.346240	2.115030	3.579160

H	1.641170	1.450850	-1.501010
H	2.897880	0.960280	0.851400
N	0.563750	2.926810	-0.399420
C	-0.360400	3.398480	-1.409450
H	-0.106930	2.937800	-2.365540
H	-1.385860	3.120400	-1.151010
H	-0.279830	4.484720	-1.511520

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Pd	0.451200	-0.175900	0.667500
C	1.651400	-1.553800	1.647700
O	-1.518900	0.651500	-0.162900
C	2.022300	-0.875800	2.933500
C	0.312900	-2.030300	1.742600
C	2.625900	-2.124600	0.673700
C	-2.468500	-0.097200	-0.015700
C	0.770500	-0.858200	3.814700
O	3.102800	-0.415700	3.249400
C	-0.205300	-1.857900	3.172800
H	-1.482600	-1.452200	0.783000
H	0.019700	-2.908100	1.166700
O	3.707700	-1.347400	0.525200
O	2.454600	-3.164600	0.066700
C	-3.891600	0.313200	-0.464400
O	-2.434900	-1.287700	0.516600
H	0.378300	0.165400	3.799000
H	1.039400	-1.097100	4.845600
H	-1.245100	-1.522500	3.224300
H	-0.152400	-2.826000	3.684600
C	4.700600	-1.815800	-0.398200
F	-3.871000	1.520100	-1.022900
F	-4.711800	0.341900	0.589000
F	-4.365100	-0.562600	-1.353800
C	5.774500	-0.747400	-0.485000
H	4.229500	-1.999700	-1.369200
H	5.103500	-2.766800	-0.034900
H	5.354100	0.195000	-0.848600
H	6.558400	-1.067300	-1.177700
H	6.223500	-0.571000	0.495800
C	1.488500	2.517600	1.622400
C	0.520900	3.306000	0.956300

C	-0.235800	4.276800	1.626100
C	0.017500	4.456500	2.981800
C	0.994100	3.690600	3.657300
C	1.732500	2.720100	2.990100
C	1.361800	1.874400	-0.546500
C	2.025000	1.595000	0.644000
H	-0.989500	4.866800	1.112800
H	-0.547500	5.202200	3.533900
H	1.164100	3.863800	4.715900
H	2.474400	2.116400	3.506300
H	1.551700	1.483300	-1.538200
H	2.905700	0.975000	0.757300
N	0.483000	2.921800	-0.369600
C	-0.458100	3.419900	-1.346600
H	-0.263200	2.939500	-2.306800
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C	-2.558730	-3.077600	8.285660
O	-1.281290	-4.468610	6.768900
C	-3.142610	-1.671640	8.099200
O	-0.932520	-3.028230	4.225020
O	-0.889910	-0.789060	4.505700
H	-1.837060	-3.119890	9.110280
H	-3.305830	-3.853070	8.469040
H	-3.169280	-1.076820	9.014630
H	-4.167780	-1.727490	7.717300
C	-0.276840	-2.862440	2.960870
C	-0.150300	-4.237570	2.331570
H	0.705120	-2.403660	3.124310
H	-0.864480	-2.181150	2.337140
H	0.430410	-4.901990	2.975720
H	0.357050	-4.153890	1.365780
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H	-2.632050	-0.172740	6.487300
C	-0.862210	-0.132380	8.029570

C	-1.427120	1.180210	8.351520
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N	-0.022460	1.390670	6.578120
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C	-2.749270	2.971730	9.255240
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C	-2.265700	3.845750	8.265360
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H	-0.172390	2.150160	4.638440
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H	-0.673930	-0.910390	8.760090
O	1.434010	-2.624020	6.291770
C	1.694100	-3.697730	5.782590
H	-0.016170	-4.584550	6.038370
C	3.089350	-3.938160	5.139830
O	0.943360	-4.745880	5.661960
F	2.964060	-4.115820	3.812890
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C	-1.395300	-1.976200	5.120200
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C	-3.188600	-2.029100	8.413500
O	-1.177600	-3.024600	4.334400
O	-1.246500	-0.807300	4.757200
H	-1.583200	-3.256600	9.313900
H	-2.961600	-4.206000	8.769900
H	-3.274600	-1.481800	9.357900
H	-4.200100	-2.273400	8.077700

C	-0.535100	-2.765200	3.073800
C	-0.250900	-4.109200	2.431400
H	0.386400	-2.205300	3.260500
H	-1.195500	-2.144500	2.459200
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H	-1.180400	-4.655300	2.247300
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C	-1.386900	-0.255200	7.881400
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C	-0.179600	-0.157100	7.015400
C	-0.852600	1.963300	7.310000
C	-2.826400	1.820800	8.677200
N	0.110400	1.079300	6.739400
C	-0.926800	3.343800	7.204200
C	-2.928000	3.216000	8.589400
H	-3.560300	1.246800	9.235000
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H	-0.204500	3.920200	6.634900
H	-3.747000	3.725800	9.087400
H	1.834600	2.207400	6.365300
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H	1.757100	0.599900	5.572600
H	-2.099100	5.044300	7.808700
H	0.455000	-0.989900	6.676700
H	-1.043800	-0.681700	8.835900
O	1.591900	-2.089600	5.907000
C	1.826400	-3.249400	5.511400
H	-0.239300	-4.394700	6.293800
C	3.154300	-3.407400	4.703000
O	1.151900	-4.295600	5.612900
F	2.917800	-3.153600	3.393300
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C	-2.534900	-3.600300	8.586800
O	-1.454500	-4.718100	6.709400
C	-2.209800	-2.188400	9.104600
O	-0.992800	-2.605500	4.536300
O	-0.726500	-0.595500	5.506900
H	-2.200200	-4.411600	9.235700
H	-3.611900	-3.723600	8.417300
H	-1.232300	-2.204700	9.599800
H	-2.944500	-1.815100	9.823200
C	-0.176600	-2.116400	3.448000
C	-0.100200	-3.223000	2.414000
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H	-1.092600	-3.452500	2.018100
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C	-1.191400	-0.091200	7.915100
C	-1.829900	1.275600	7.799500
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C	-1.012300	2.073900	6.986600
C	-2.982400	1.795600	8.360900
N	0.105400	1.336400	6.568900
C	-1.330100	3.399900	6.714200
C	-3.320800	3.135400	8.101300
H	-3.619700	1.179500	8.991100
C	0.940900	1.768300	5.469500
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H	-0.704600	4.016600	6.076000
H	-4.222400	3.560600	8.531300
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H	0.381500	1.858400	4.528500
H	1.745200	1.042100	5.328500
H	-2.772000	4.953600	7.092300
H	0.736900	-0.636600	6.945400
H	-0.610600	-0.133000	8.845300
O	1.482600	-3.058200	6.232800
C	1.554800	-4.057900	5.546400
H	-0.211000	-4.800300	5.861900
C	2.861600	-4.322400	4.744500
O	0.666800	-4.987700	5.358600
F	3.242600	-3.193500	4.125600

F	2.726900	-5.270300	3.815800
F	3.842600	-4.688500	5.578400

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C	-3.209110	-3.329590	7.902150
O	-1.993240	-4.749080	6.344700
C	-2.783380	-2.006560	8.548250
O	-0.157960	-3.134170	4.782430
O	-0.269260	-0.941920	5.273040
H	-3.362410	-4.147480	8.609300
H	-4.132010	-3.212740	7.321860
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H	-3.632030	-1.399020	8.876890
C	0.630880	-2.799700	3.631860
C	0.970990	-4.102270	2.931550
H	1.531510	-2.269900	3.959080
H	0.056660	-2.130780	2.982290
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H	0.059830	-4.632480	2.643210
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C	-0.980260	-0.230800	8.033090
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C	0.228080	0.028800	7.182600
C	-0.777020	2.031250	7.396800
C	-2.735180	1.629060	8.730230
N	0.340290	1.304460	6.898770
C	-1.063220	3.378540	7.240030
C	-3.050460	2.988740	8.593670
H	-3.379790	0.969350	9.302860
C	1.389540	1.889290	6.084740
C	-2.228620	3.849320	7.858670
H	-0.424980	4.041640	6.664470
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H	1.058940	-0.659100	7.053160
H	-0.603880	-0.581600	9.004560
O	2.256520	-2.236140	7.238540
C	1.862710	-2.950950	8.149170
H	-0.107210	-2.928020	7.699010
C	2.886640	-3.552540	9.154810
O	0.652480	-3.275110	8.455190
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C	-1.961770	-1.974840	-1.053720
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C	0.114360	-2.027250	0.564030
C	-3.386430	0.913740	-0.156670
C	-2.106920	-1.696930	-2.545610
O	-2.724330	-2.607930	-0.366610
C	-0.852370	-0.913780	-2.964860
H	1.091500	-0.737650	-1.802890
O	-0.659310	-2.041960	1.634130
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C	-4.880280	1.035380	-0.561630
O	-2.616630	0.745940	-1.172700
H	-3.035570	-1.151030	-2.711190
H	-2.177320	-2.663370	-3.053330
H	-1.093520	0.088740	-3.327750
H	-0.290980	-1.419890	-3.756750
C	-0.126930	-2.635280	2.832580
F	-5.089030	2.177680	-1.237300
F	-5.685580	1.029280	0.498740
F	-5.241300	0.016560	-1.362420
C	-0.296480	-4.146090	2.809990
H	-0.706850	-2.176940	3.634920
H	0.922240	-2.345960	2.939290
H	0.304860	-4.591620	2.013670
H	0.030590	-4.564880	3.766570

H	-1.345820	-4.407640	2.652990
C	1.011880	0.682460	2.042580
C	2.232910	0.165220	2.506700
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C	-0.006100	0.974900	2.959960
C	1.107190	0.819110	0.583260
C	2.383130	0.299900	0.286680
H	3.454910	-0.448990	4.202210
H	1.638860	0.082490	5.818320
H	-0.535370	0.962230	5.038030
H	-0.972420	1.338570	2.619110
H	2.866520	0.211960	-0.678820
N	3.053440	-0.045800	1.394520
C	4.392140	-0.595620	1.462940
H	5.030910	0.039110	2.083180
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H	4.811900	-0.652780	0.458160
O	-3.053920	0.982240	1.019680
H	1.286110	2.110840	0.321120
C	0.010820	3.634020	-0.054070
O	1.225950	3.382590	0.160360
C	-0.355730	5.144040	-0.098320
F	-0.001940	5.732400	1.050090
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F	0.312630	5.736710	-1.097940

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Pd	-0.485200	0.593180	-0.458720
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C	-2.212640	-1.864910	-0.872660
C	-0.099110	-1.196380	-1.688030
C	-0.102360	-2.209800	0.669160
C	-3.553030	1.327560	-0.847240
C	-2.338250	-1.780380	-2.391430
O	-3.081440	-2.179360	-0.095690
C	-1.004670	-1.213380	-2.904230
H	0.980130	-1.234780	-1.782330
O	-0.719780	-1.885470	1.795880

O	0.838120	-2.966690	0.559110
C	-4.842070	1.160500	-1.698780
O	-2.480020	0.985770	-1.346720
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H	-2.499160	-2.802810	-2.748300
H	-1.120330	-0.217140	-3.339320
H	-0.546760	-1.849010	-3.667770
C	-0.202980	-2.470300	3.010090
F	-5.624270	2.233240	-1.603860
F	-5.520590	0.091290	-1.270740
F	-4.534580	0.974090	-2.985320
C	-0.745490	-3.875590	3.212290
H	-0.539280	-1.791230	3.794820
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H	-0.382020	-4.548690	2.432210
H	-0.409990	-4.258110	4.181100
H	-1.838550	-3.869650	3.198500
C	1.466810	0.509930	1.824260
C	2.860440	0.359830	2.039700
C	3.431990	0.450700	3.317710
C	2.580580	0.713350	4.383650
C	1.190950	0.879230	4.186710
C	0.628880	0.774720	2.922830
C	1.258040	0.351680	0.408720
C	2.489960	0.137830	-0.153710
H	4.500300	0.327680	3.471480
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C	4.881010	-0.067180	0.623930
H	5.450670	0.804730	0.962500
H	5.227020	-0.952900	1.167220
H	5.074860	-0.216620	-0.439630
O	-3.786220	1.800310	0.315000
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C	-0.859990	3.094870	1.048320
O	-1.906630	2.693600	1.599510
C	-0.242020	4.400360	1.623580
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C	-1.493610	-2.198640	-2.298200
C	0.676430	-2.077830	-1.344190
C	-1.128260	-2.563100	0.352420
C	-2.909040	0.394530	0.488360
C	-0.512900	-1.922520	-3.442040
O	-2.653560	-2.504940	-2.412840
C	0.867700	-2.212300	-2.840240
H	1.423920	-2.426350	-0.641980
O	-2.443970	-2.643800	0.459570
O	-0.332950	-2.832080	1.233140
C	-4.462640	0.436000	0.473940
O	-2.378420	0.282610	-0.643500
H	-0.617130	-0.868050	-3.721530
H	-0.765430	-2.531120	-4.311080
H	1.673550	-1.587350	-3.222880
H	1.148990	-3.257730	-3.017290
C	-2.966670	-3.055340	1.742340
F	-4.865840	1.704500	0.288100
F	-4.971770	0.008670	1.635250
F	-4.974950	-0.311540	-0.502620
C	-4.425520	-3.414100	1.539490
H	-2.840330	-2.219800	2.438330
H	-2.382070	-3.904050	2.107090
H	-4.523190	-4.242150	0.832890
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H	-4.988620	-2.561540	1.155150
C	2.506760	-0.172900	0.410960
C	3.742050	0.449010	0.101270
C	4.764370	0.586210	1.050820
C	4.525940	0.078220	2.322060
C	3.304580	-0.555360	2.644500
C	2.293100	-0.686740	1.703140
C	1.703650	-0.104140	-0.783130
C	2.470280	0.520090	-1.737500
H	5.703990	1.075120	0.810080

H	5.293510	0.171470	3.084860
H	3.156560	-0.942880	3.647870
H	1.357870	-1.183130	1.948950
H	2.221950	0.789490	-2.756090
N	3.703100	0.852410	-1.216400
C	4.748650	1.589650	-1.888510
H	4.895210	2.568540	-1.419850
H	5.692490	1.035710	-1.858720
H	4.469160	1.741510	-2.932530
O	-2.361470	0.506620	1.605550
H	-1.101080	1.178230	1.846730
C	0.281480	2.286530	1.047180
O	-0.289000	1.794590	2.084760
C	1.332520	3.377690	1.383970
F	0.706270	4.530540	1.656830
F	2.149110	3.577180	0.350520
F	2.060860	3.027790	2.441090

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Pd	-0.060950	0.037270	-0.499640
C	-0.405790	-1.985760	-0.819290
O	0.592850	1.986550	-0.158010
C	-1.090210	-1.977820	-2.122270
C	1.064990	-2.339100	-1.053070
C	-1.021030	-2.509260	0.434870
C	-3.225260	0.504110	-0.175450
C	-0.082870	-2.274110	-3.223600
O	-2.278910	-1.743160	-2.370630
C	1.134350	-2.869190	-2.500150
H	1.424210	-3.072670	-0.330020
O	-2.356420	-2.434530	0.436100
O	-0.365120	-2.952840	1.359120
C	-4.252680	1.352710	0.622260
O	-2.035510	0.702770	0.028530
H	0.136420	-1.329710	-3.735560
H	-0.535700	-2.936560	-3.964250
H	2.084270	-2.634710	-2.987270
H	1.037990	-3.958360	-2.473260
C	-3.021820	-2.846150	1.647550
F	-4.810290	0.581010	1.570500
F	-5.223940	1.800780	-0.177010

F	-3.669000	2.387240	1.208690
C	-4.500100	-2.981260	1.337260
H	-2.831910	-2.087670	2.414060
H	-2.588400	-3.789900	1.988430
H	-4.665600	-3.748240	0.575790
H	-4.916330	-2.037900	0.976710
H	-5.035140	-3.271360	2.246060
C	2.592210	-0.677570	0.364430
C	3.309590	0.486650	0.039340
C	4.135880	1.136540	0.956770
C	4.247970	0.557540	2.218100
C	3.551680	-0.620900	2.551780
C	2.712480	-1.246350	1.636250
C	1.775440	-1.016490	-0.798620
C	2.103140	-0.031920	-1.768450
H	4.651090	2.059930	0.713930
H	4.872630	1.035660	2.966410
H	3.653150	-1.030310	3.551930
H	2.128850	-2.121770	1.906040
H	1.778570	0.039160	-2.798560
N	3.006180	0.835620	-1.280680
C	3.389000	2.089800	-1.902520
H	2.847220	2.913180	-1.431800
H	4.465960	2.238210	-1.793400
H	3.144380	2.050510	-2.965190
O	-3.797000	-0.341160	-0.957250
H	-3.140860	-0.972630	-1.447630
C	0.690150	2.227140	1.101310
O	0.462760	1.487120	2.044530
C	1.168180	3.684750	1.367600
F	0.263790	4.575450	0.930640
F	2.327880	3.943000	0.713620
F	1.385480	3.917570	2.660390

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Pd	1.13849	0.40177	0.15930
C	2.06894	2.78548	-0.87522
C	3.17275	3.87238	-1.02971
C	-0.99770	1.42840	1.91086
C	-1.65071	0.10529	1.99341
C	-1.19752	-1.10576	1.27175

O	0.97453	2.94196	-1.38626
O	2.49603	1.80160	-0.15195
O	0.01953	1.73543	1.29455
O	-0.24350	-1.11613	0.49410
F	3.42086	4.45167	0.16029
F	2.79390	4.83010	-1.87709
F	4.32047	3.35058	-1.48006
O	-1.91667	-2.17272	1.51287
C	-1.50197	-3.42007	0.86541
C	-1.79160	2.40468	2.74674
C	-0.32670	-4.05362	1.58769
C	-2.91668	1.56747	3.37629
C	-2.71796	0.19143	2.81594
H	-1.26560	-3.20199	-0.17818
H	-2.40035	-4.03586	0.91986
H	-1.12944	2.87245	3.47896
H	-2.16141	3.19848	2.09208
H	0.57013	-3.43216	1.52241
H	-0.10532	-5.01134	1.10813
H	-0.57047	-4.24296	2.63663
H	-2.85929	1.53387	4.46937
H	-3.91672	1.93662	3.12782
H	-3.36736	-0.64563	3.05378
C	2.59656	-1.91743	-0.28981
C	3.20041	-2.98510	-1.24696
O	2.50480	-2.17413	0.90115
O	2.19828	-0.87483	-0.93305
F	3.80562	-2.45758	-2.31169
F	2.19794	-3.77713	-1.69095
F	4.07856	-3.76454	-0.61216

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Pd	1.377440	0.099630	0.588600
C	1.968700	2.681360	-0.369860
C	2.951480	3.781360	-0.866450
C	-0.424930	1.444910	2.172760
C	-1.411340	0.442420	1.915190
C	-1.073940	-0.942770	1.645720
O	0.775710	2.980840	-0.321270
O	2.548850	1.573160	-0.108610
O	0.823410	1.342320	2.113330

O	0.047360	-1.324780	1.251240
F	4.234380	3.481600	-0.668520
F	2.699490	4.945350	-0.249310
F	2.768440	3.971630	-2.187350
O	-2.029740	-1.815690	1.883150
C	-1.738650	-3.213680	1.618860
C	-1.103270	2.741390	2.530370
C	-0.959670	-3.844710	2.759830
C	-2.585300	2.369500	2.669130
C	-2.700140	1.004400	2.015800
H	-1.194740	-3.285360	0.674750
H	-2.726720	-3.661690	1.502820
H	-0.662310	3.187450	3.423870
H	-0.905030	3.422210	1.693730
H	0.036980	-3.405880	2.839630
H	-0.843570	-4.914040	2.561240
H	-1.489740	-3.724010	3.708690
H	-2.854460	2.242430	3.724110
H	-3.263250	3.115200	2.250330
H	-3.567650	0.382150	2.206110
C	-3.506840	1.381700	0.072040
C	-3.662480	0.005170	-0.378990
C	-2.388130	1.875160	-0.639310
C	-2.536020	-0.288130	-1.166780
C	-4.604590	-0.999590	-0.130310
N	-1.785930	0.886840	-1.305450
C	-2.287360	-1.551900	-1.704920
C	-4.387790	-2.260000	-0.681430
H	-5.490230	-0.800760	0.466630
C	-0.655960	1.006450	-2.219480
C	-3.239140	-2.535530	-1.450700
H	-1.395100	-1.762590	-2.285570
H	-5.116250	-3.048880	-0.517950
H	-1.019650	0.884120	-3.243780
H	0.087030	0.235950	-1.999320
H	-0.197790	1.984340	-2.085260
H	-3.092430	-3.532070	-1.855840
H	-1.955180	2.867840	-0.637890
H	-4.312010	2.019590	0.413500
C	2.135910	-2.187080	-0.917710
C	2.028120	-2.962370	-2.264100
O	2.552650	-2.747110	0.076460

O	1.697090	-0.980300	-1.065270
F	2.542040	-2.274030	-3.290920
F	0.719810	-3.190470	-2.548220
F	2.635120	-4.145170	-2.211110

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Pd	1.374250	0.168600	0.745660
C	1.899330	2.735070	-0.329410
C	2.850710	3.871610	-0.802730
C	-0.462880	1.475200	2.272740
C	-1.405920	0.486200	1.986520
C	-1.037840	-0.879990	1.787370
O	0.690300	2.985840	-0.366040
O	2.503500	1.667470	0.001490
O	0.811330	1.402240	2.250950
O	0.112740	-1.271070	1.461360
F	4.140390	3.608300	-0.602570
F	2.558640	5.018520	-0.171410
F	2.669870	4.075780	-2.123410
O	-1.992060	-1.781310	1.979140
C	-1.678630	-3.158070	1.658190
C	-1.149070	2.787980	2.576290
C	-0.913110	-3.842550	2.777960
C	-2.652930	2.454690	2.537430
C	-2.784420	1.077350	1.837700
H	-1.115660	-3.184450	0.721280
H	-2.658660	-3.615580	1.504790
H	-0.816600	3.184020	3.538690
H	-0.832050	3.505050	1.810560
H	0.078620	-3.400890	2.890750
H	-0.789780	-4.901520	2.532490
H	-1.457140	-3.765650	3.723680
H	-3.036580	2.355350	3.555740
H	-3.241350	3.234650	2.044320
H	-3.576860	0.477430	2.294260
C	-3.144990	1.183730	0.311810
C	-3.377970	-0.158060	-0.335260
C	-1.981320	1.688460	-0.494500
C	-2.398980	-0.358320	-1.305600
C	-4.305720	-1.161170	-0.090170
N	-1.600130	0.823540	-1.380260

C	-2.253930	-1.529800	-2.034680
C	-4.203790	-2.348940	-0.823910
H	-5.076610	-1.041570	0.664820
C	-0.512860	0.966950	-2.348450
C	-3.187240	-2.536310	-1.771240
H	-1.456050	-1.670750	-2.756060
H	-4.917790	-3.147750	-0.647610
H	-0.930790	0.821010	-3.347180
H	0.246470	0.207150	-2.134050
H	-0.078390	1.958630	-2.240750
H	-3.114680	-3.478590	-2.304380
H	-1.437560	2.622670	-0.386020
H	-3.998340	1.862320	0.182680
C	1.894230	-2.172720	-0.853740
C	1.455900	-2.967260	-2.122440
O	2.409460	-2.794420	0.053730
O	1.584850	-0.924380	-0.940760
F	1.161860	-2.180970	-3.177320
F	0.326820	-3.661770	-1.837660
F	2.380140	-3.841050	-2.514570

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Pd	-1.28744	0.39550	-1.33684
C	1.16575	1.94327	-1.11468
C	1.96890	3.27320	-1.20541
C	0.41683	-1.31278	-2.39281
C	0.12492	-2.12380	-1.29592
C	-1.20400	-2.26764	-0.79179
O	1.87375	0.97316	-0.72482
O	-0.04008	2.02470	-1.41838
O	-0.32413	-0.41245	-2.93339
O	-2.14893	-1.45574	-1.01862
F	1.26917	4.25000	-1.77083
F	3.09177	3.09342	-1.90945
F	2.31021	3.66033	0.03531
O	-1.42731	-3.33538	-0.04075
C	-2.74114	-3.48464	0.54949
C	1.85106	-1.51212	-2.82454
C	-3.73944	-4.05652	-0.44360
C	2.40059	-2.53243	-1.80860
C	1.41203	-2.51873	-0.61405

H	-3.07425	-2.51554	0.93022
H	-2.57285	-4.16837	1.38366
H	1.90094	-1.85854	-3.85995
H	2.36018	-0.54463	-2.77610
H	-3.92438	-3.34854	-1.25378
H	-4.68664	-4.24722	0.06941
H	-3.37334	-4.99892	-0.86008
H	2.39014	-3.53520	-2.24304
H	3.42814	-2.30062	-1.52594
H	1.38278	-3.49019	-0.11282
C	1.71917	-1.43101	0.43519
C	2.96186	-1.24380	1.20122
C	0.72682	-0.83026	1.25322
C	2.64638	-0.43622	2.31093
C	4.29287	-1.64701	1.02385
N	1.26948	-0.19903	2.29751
C	3.59672	0.02282	3.22458
C	5.25042	-1.21769	1.93770
H	4.58279	-2.29069	0.20074
C	0.57378	0.72374	3.18173
C	4.91092	-0.38318	3.02054
H	3.32521	0.66328	4.05791
H	6.28353	-1.52737	1.81273
H	1.03351	1.71273	3.11045
H	0.62778	0.36585	4.21277
H	-0.46770	0.79705	2.86908
H	5.68522	-0.05654	3.70776
H	-0.33511	-0.71911	1.06865
H	1.63932	-0.19022	-0.21469
C	-3.18597	1.00981	0.71829
C	-3.43434	1.06864	2.25458
O	-4.12055	0.96285	-0.05295
O	-1.91369	0.98372	0.48319
F	-2.77264	2.08751	2.83198
F	-2.97518	-0.07274	2.82959
F	-4.72019	1.18480	2.55996

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C	-0.100590	-0.729860	1.974060
C	0.170370	0.150210	3.194730
C	-1.636910	-0.712230	1.763970

C	0.490740	-2.116640	2.133810
C	-1.158170	0.616190	3.768290
O	1.260540	0.445600	3.625620
C	-2.165190	0.460410	2.629190
O	-0.131770	-2.994910	1.318820
O	1.402410	-2.421370	2.866110
H	-1.073930	1.626840	4.170200
H	-1.395590	-0.058980	4.600110
H	-2.227830	1.384890	2.049870
H	-3.168780	0.247480	3.003210
C	0.485880	-4.283880	1.175150
C	0.039330	-4.849750	-0.160920
H	0.174740	-4.918060	2.011810
H	1.570350	-4.161620	1.217120
H	-1.052040	-4.914170	-0.217680
H	0.452440	-5.853340	-0.295820
H	0.407810	-4.217530	-0.974970
H	-2.029150	-1.640550	2.197700
C	-2.124350	-0.674260	0.315230
C	-3.538140	-0.575030	-0.099820
C	-1.528360	-1.446630	-0.716360
C	-3.639620	-1.156390	-1.376780
C	-4.676340	0.026270	0.451860
N	-2.381380	-1.675070	-1.713130
C	-4.813960	-1.167900	-2.129320
C	-5.864720	0.005010	-0.273600
H	-4.641560	0.507770	1.422140
C	-2.058190	-2.299980	-2.983500
C	-5.936050	-0.581730	-1.550660
H	-4.857430	-1.611970	-3.119030
H	-6.755320	0.459100	0.149980
H	-2.175460	-1.577880	-3.795840
H	-2.719670	-3.152740	-3.155220
H	-1.024350	-2.645950	-2.957870
H	-6.876390	-0.571490	-2.092930
H	-0.510800	-1.813000	-0.766550
H	-1.712370	0.538860	-0.144250
Pd	1.024300	0.067530	0.457420
C	-0.688450	2.409040	0.240240
C	-0.946270	3.934250	0.375900
O	-1.567190	1.780160	-0.410360
O	0.318900	1.971750	0.832600

F	-1.407140	4.446000	-0.765910
F	0.148870	4.596630	0.728740
F	-1.879920	4.119560	1.327820
C	2.366380	-1.102600	-1.297920
C	2.993490	-2.017130	-2.375030
O	2.380990	0.132730	-1.420850
O	1.783730	-1.707330	-0.340300
F	3.709870	-2.999080	-1.824300
F	3.765340	-1.343490	-3.219010
F	1.991920	-2.587280	-3.085070

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C	-0.51888	-1.60598	1.96943
C	0.41113	-0.83860	2.69730
C	-1.84646	-0.86896	1.98155
C	-0.33154	-2.99329	1.50954
C	-0.25769	0.31481	3.40593
O	1.68321	-0.95177	2.59610
C	-1.74819	-0.01927	3.26685
O	-1.47966	-3.46841	0.98108
O	0.68923	-3.65512	1.59939
H	0.02730	1.23449	2.88173
H	0.09136	0.39183	4.43787
H	-2.38404	0.86705	3.25043
H	-2.07123	-0.63971	4.10777
C	-1.40364	-4.77065	0.37099
C	-2.59802	-4.90418	-0.55383
H	-1.41341	-5.52632	1.16258
H	-0.46310	-4.84627	-0.17766
H	-3.53928	-4.77270	-0.01163
H	-2.59828	-5.89642	-1.01344
H	-2.53126	-4.16081	-1.35342
H	-2.70304	-1.54604	2.00655
C	-1.96516	0.02486	0.69485
C	-3.24452	0.78721	0.45671
C	-1.92036	-0.85220	-0.49652
C	-3.80467	0.33349	-0.74168
C	-3.88040	1.82072	1.13756
N	-2.94306	-0.67127	-1.27512
C	-4.98025	0.82522	-1.28936
C	-5.07239	2.33644	0.61469

H	-3.46071	2.24174	2.04465
C	-3.18810	-1.37860	-2.52705
C	-5.61951	1.84414	-0.57687
H	-5.38483	0.45102	-2.22439
H	-5.57779	3.14266	1.13716
H	-3.23185	-0.65268	-3.34153
H	-4.13713	-1.91426	-2.45358
H	-2.36784	-2.07682	-2.69987
H	-6.54194	2.26789	-0.96081
H	-1.17394	-1.61143	-0.73782
H	-1.07712	0.68448	0.65965
Pd	1.54791	-1.09043	0.60084
C	0.74423	-2.00672	-2.10569
C	0.96520	-1.89952	-3.64174
O	-0.12842	-2.79808	-1.72947
O	1.44481	-1.19938	-1.42924
F	2.03432	-1.19145	-3.98412
F	-0.12299	-1.29355	-4.18169
F	1.06386	-3.11171	-4.19744
C	2.07962	1.59494	0.31053
C	2.92854	2.86844	0.02259
O	2.79096	0.53697	0.28734
O	0.87081	1.72201	0.52072
F	3.88043	3.02452	0.95609
F	2.17493	3.97285	0.02175
F	3.52966	2.78198	-1.17238

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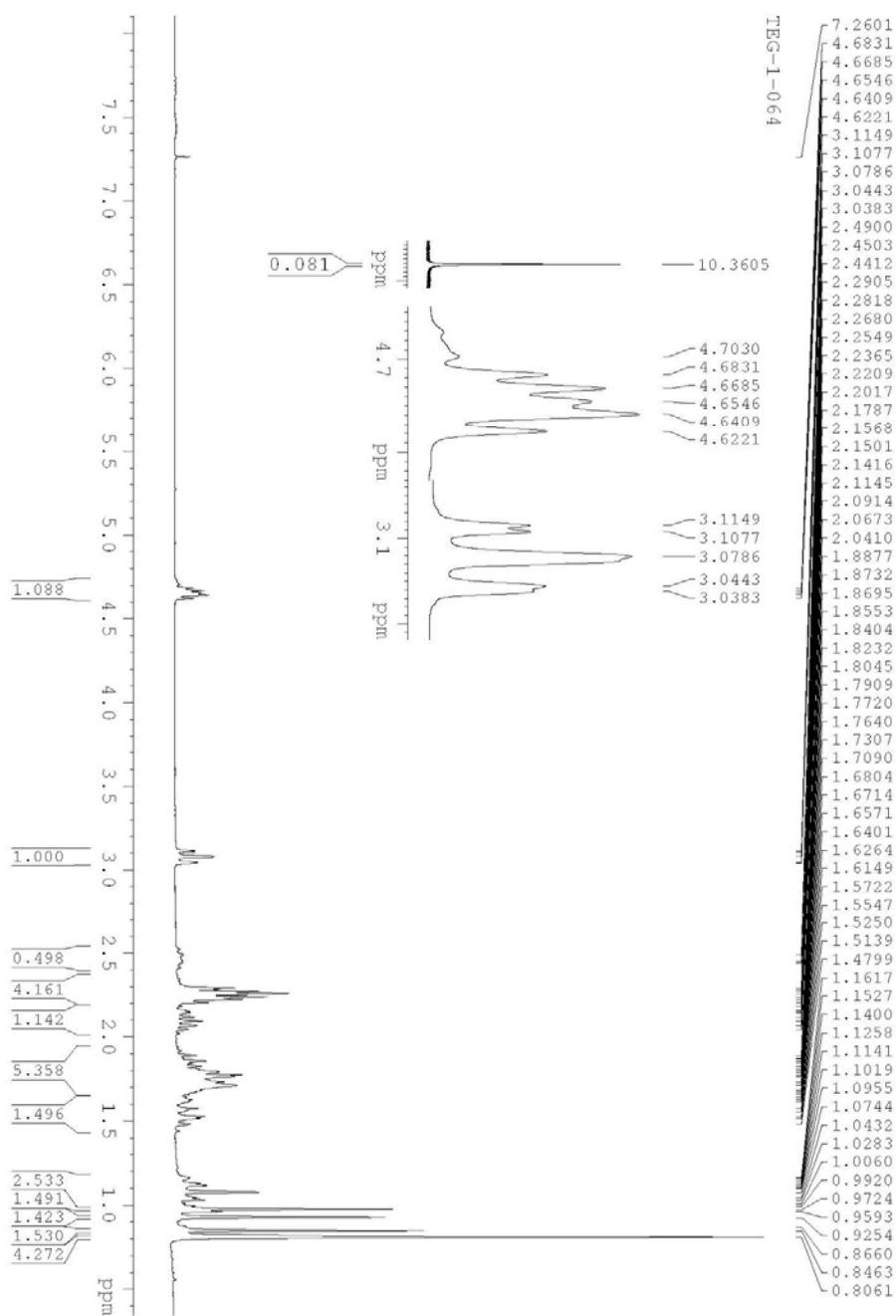
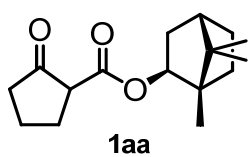
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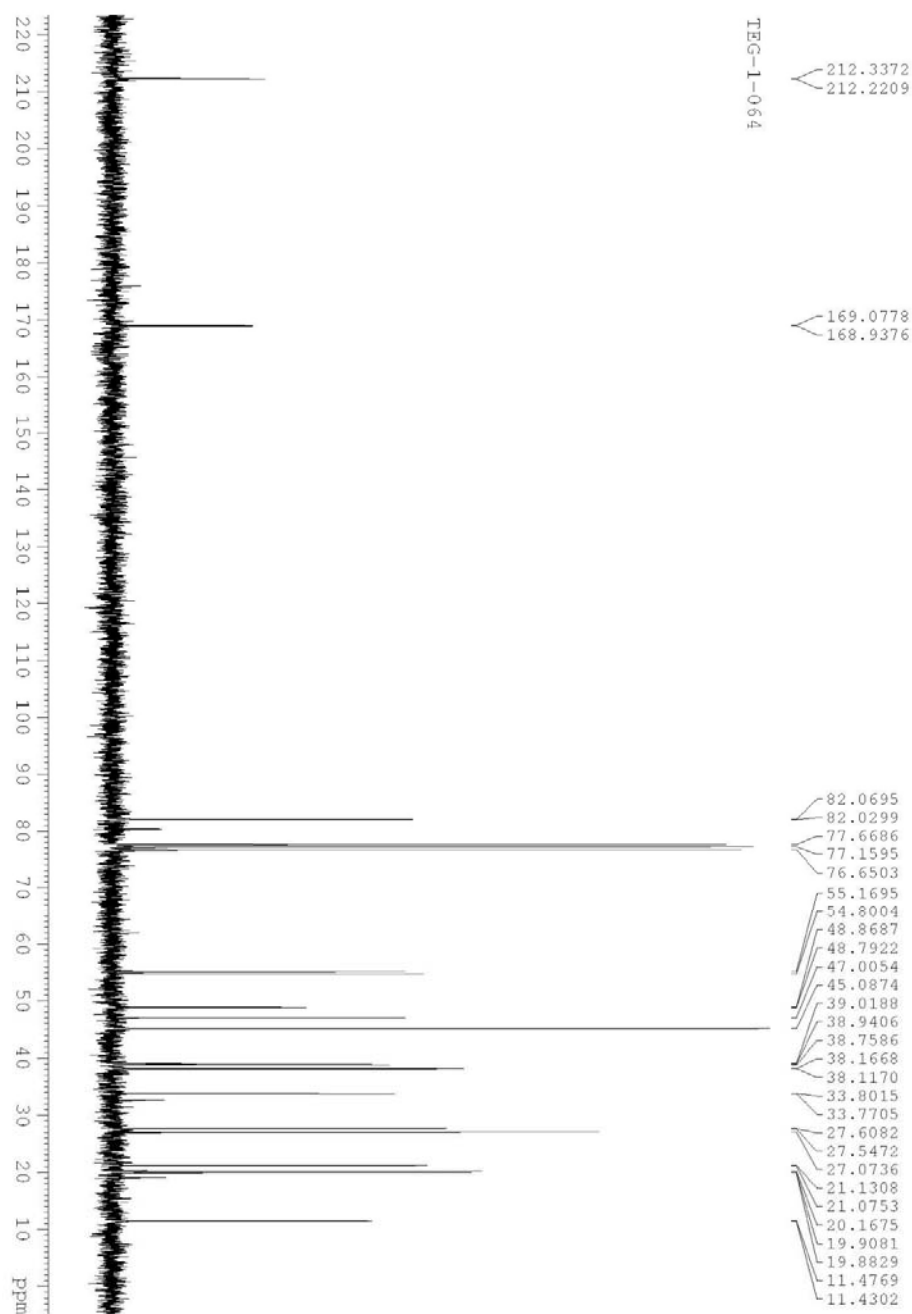
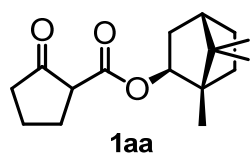
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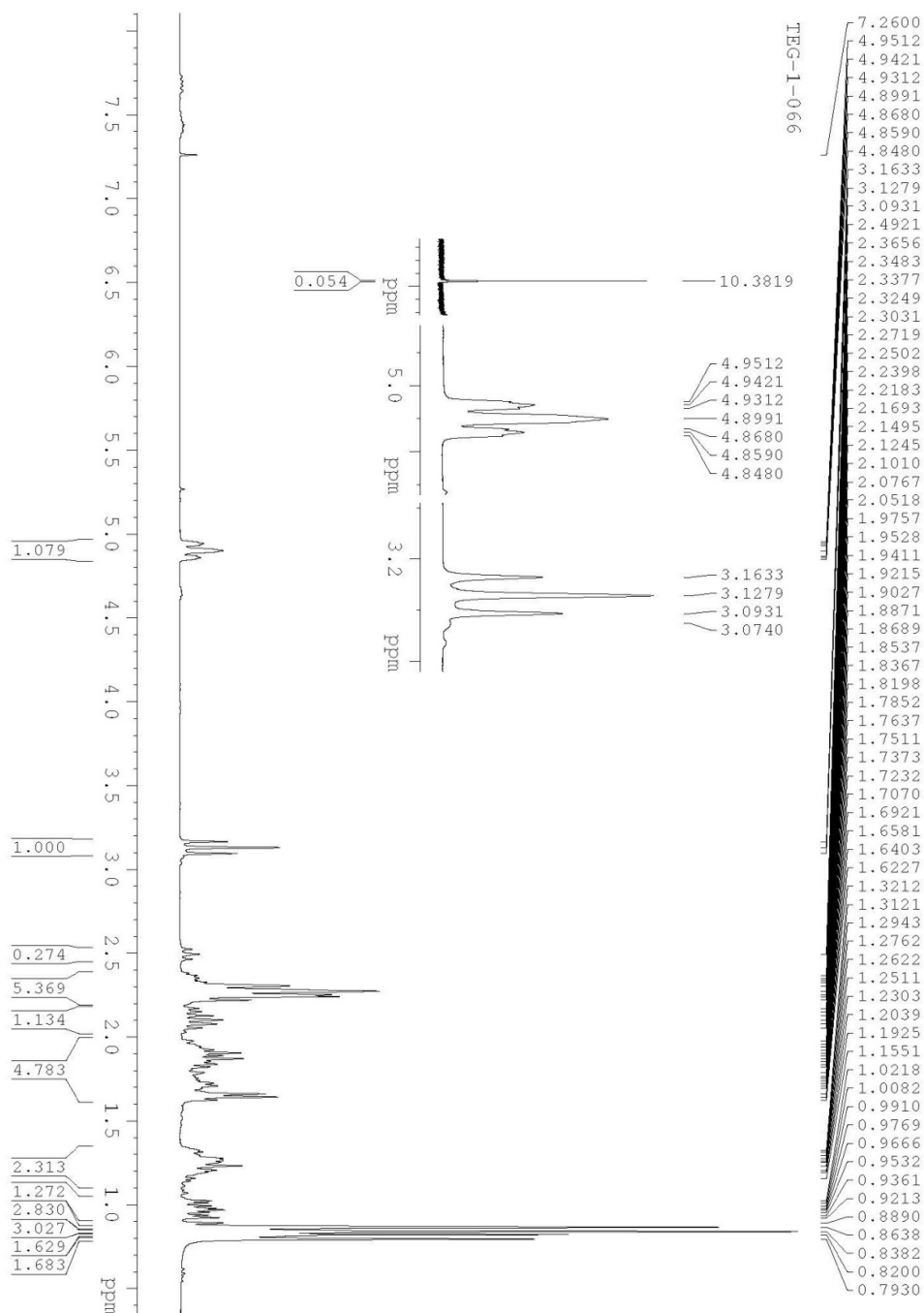
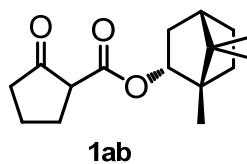
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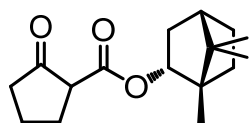
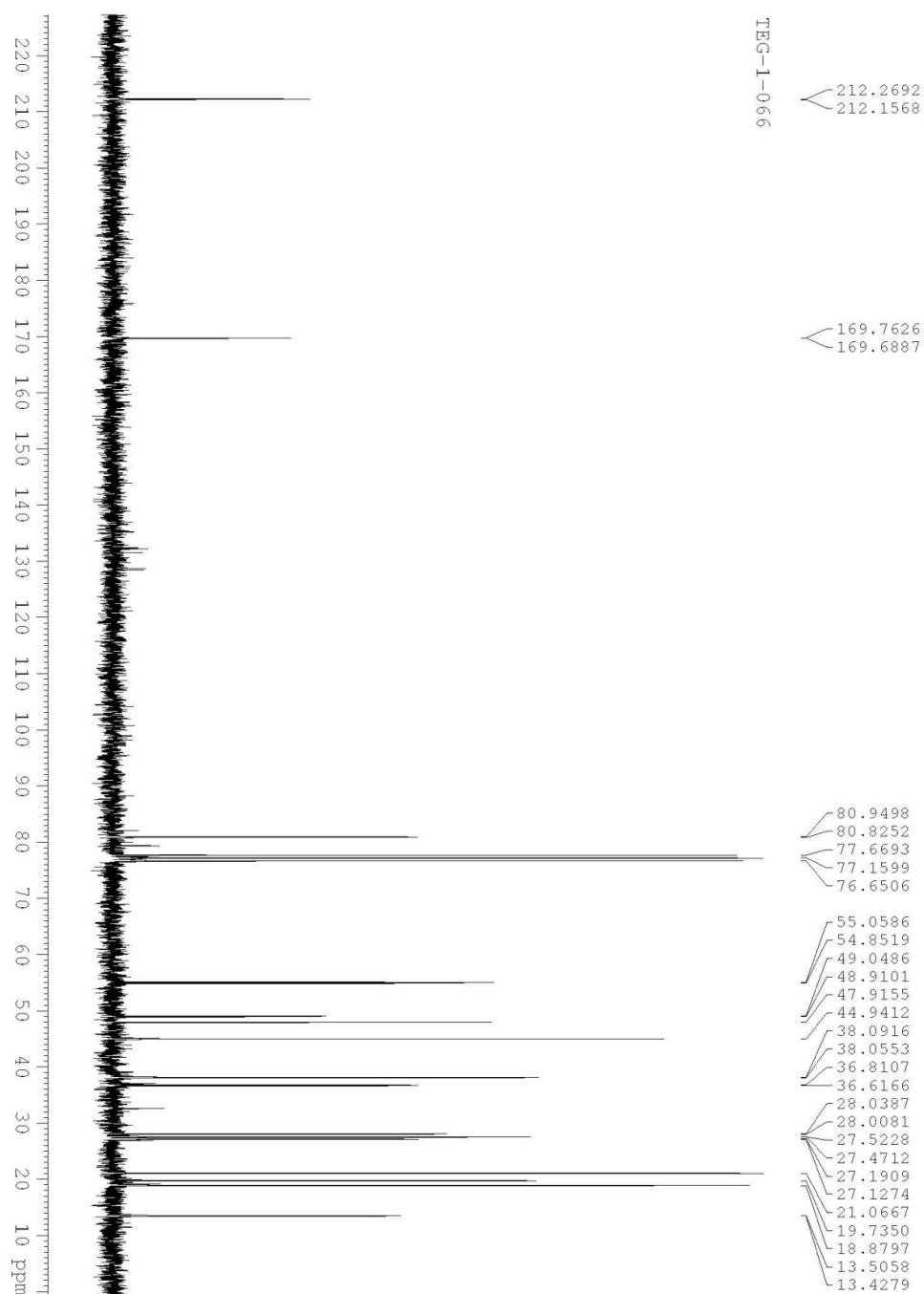
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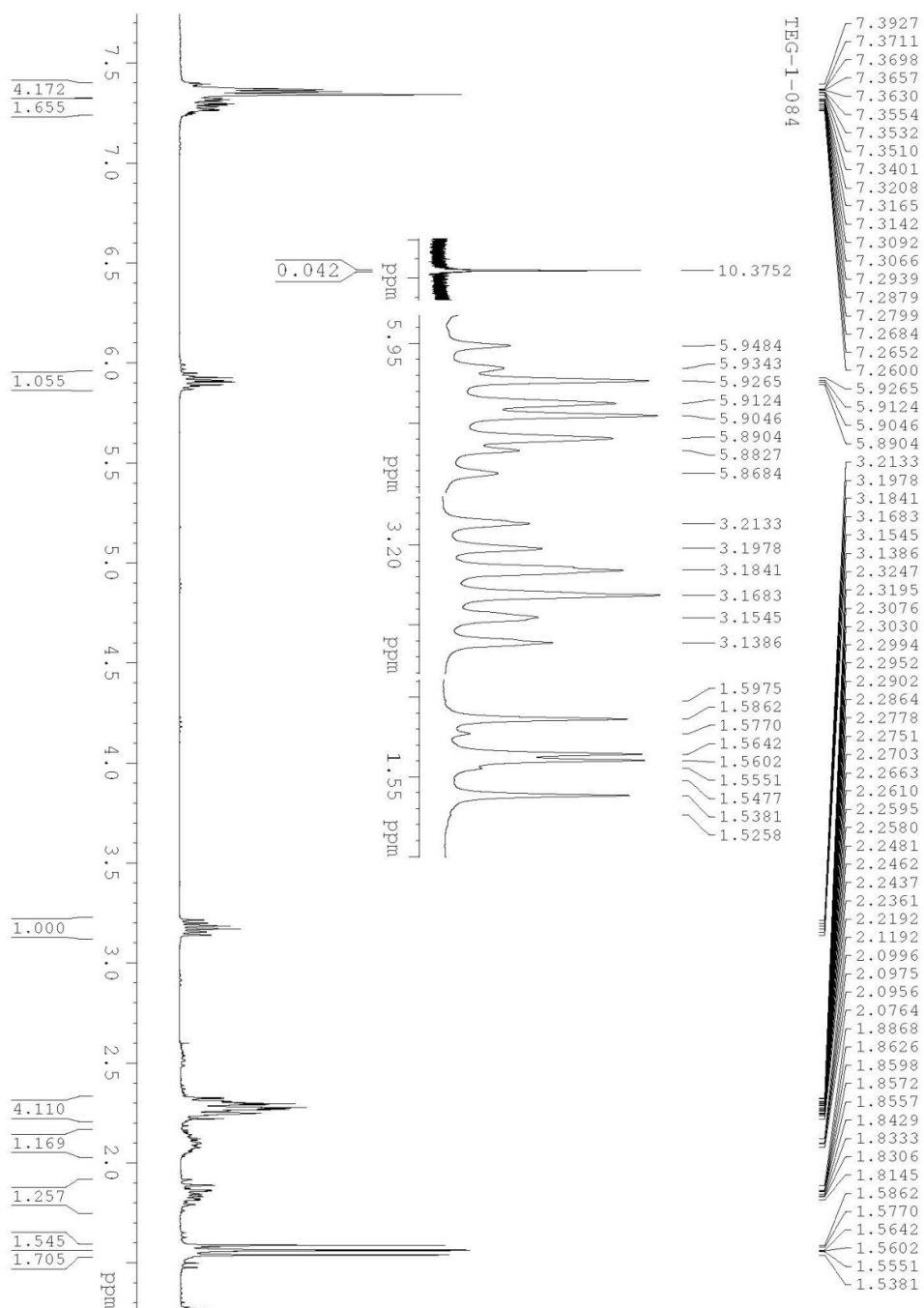
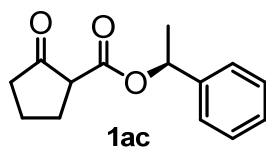
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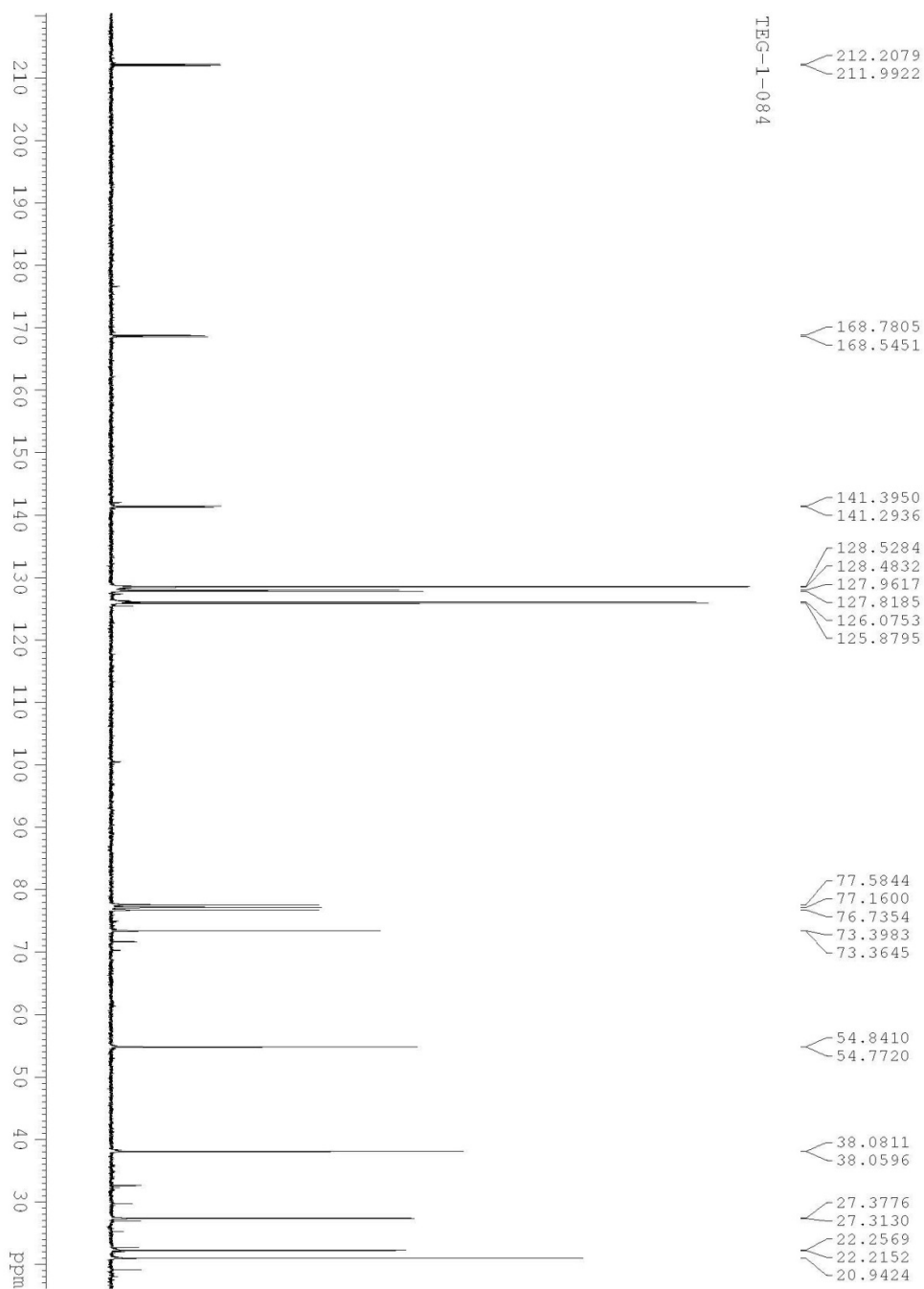
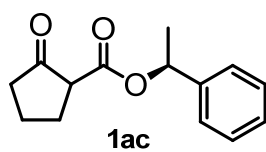


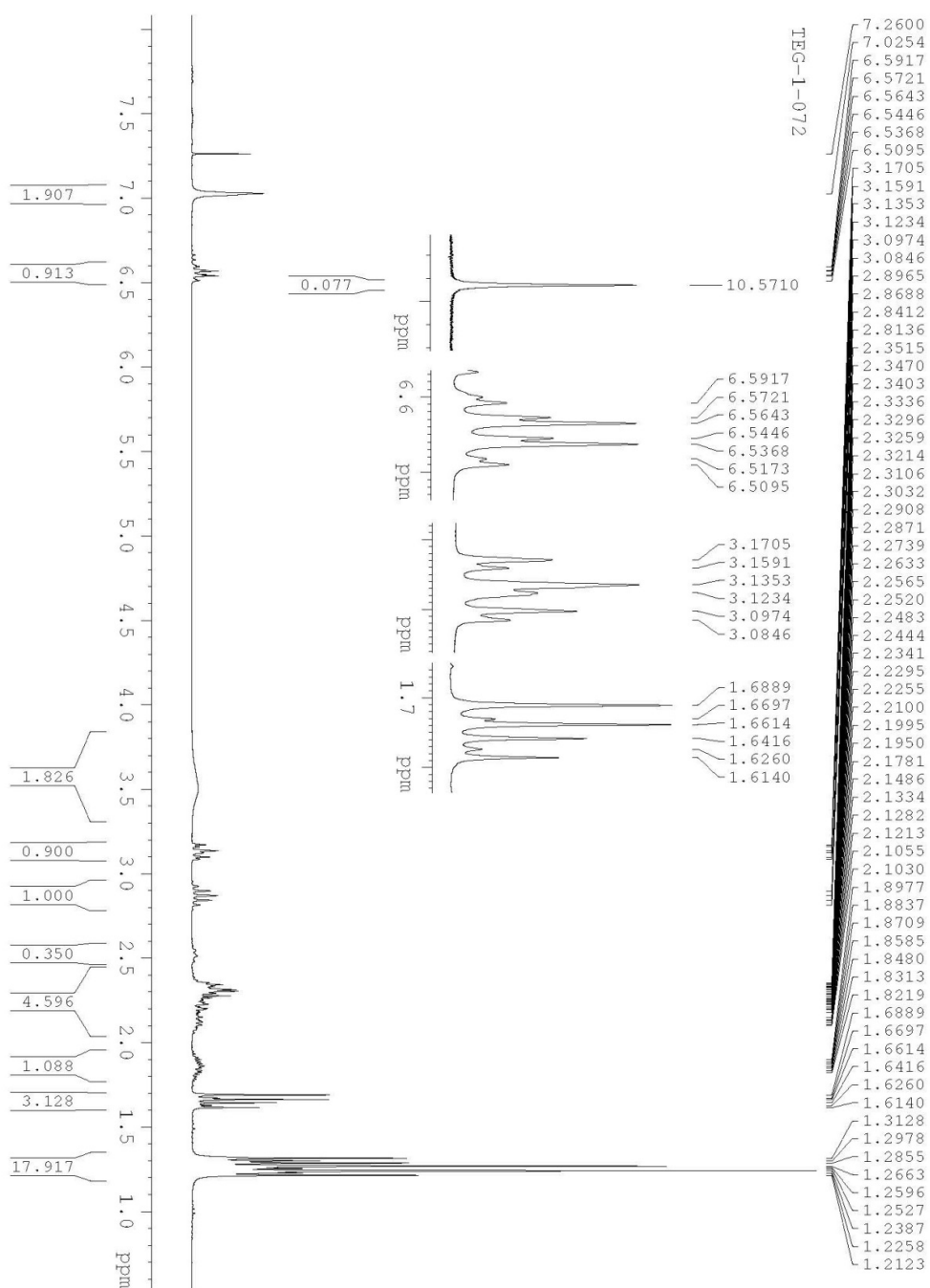
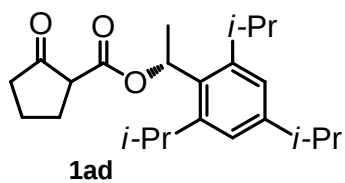


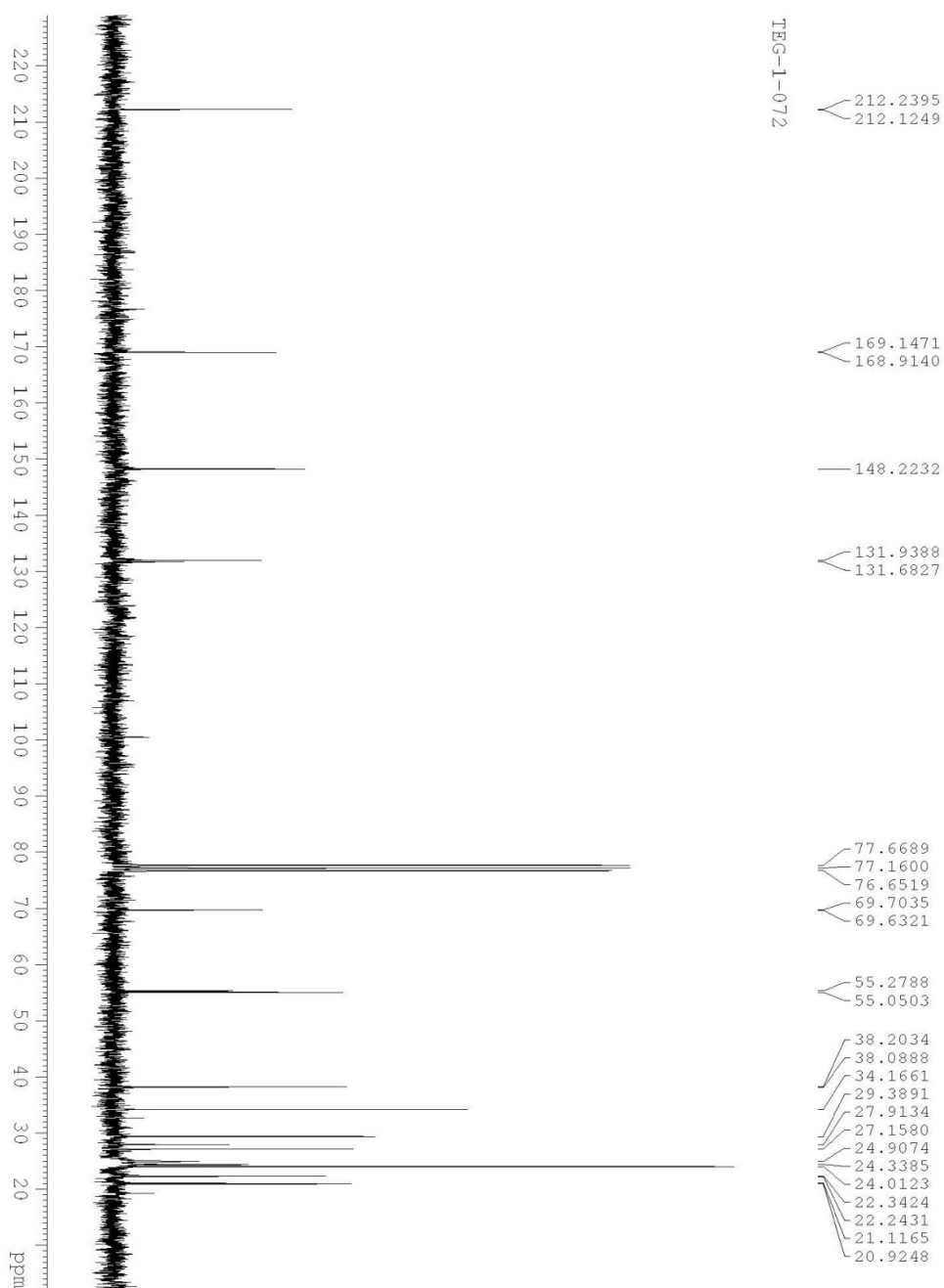
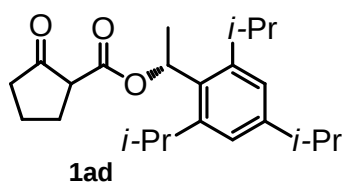


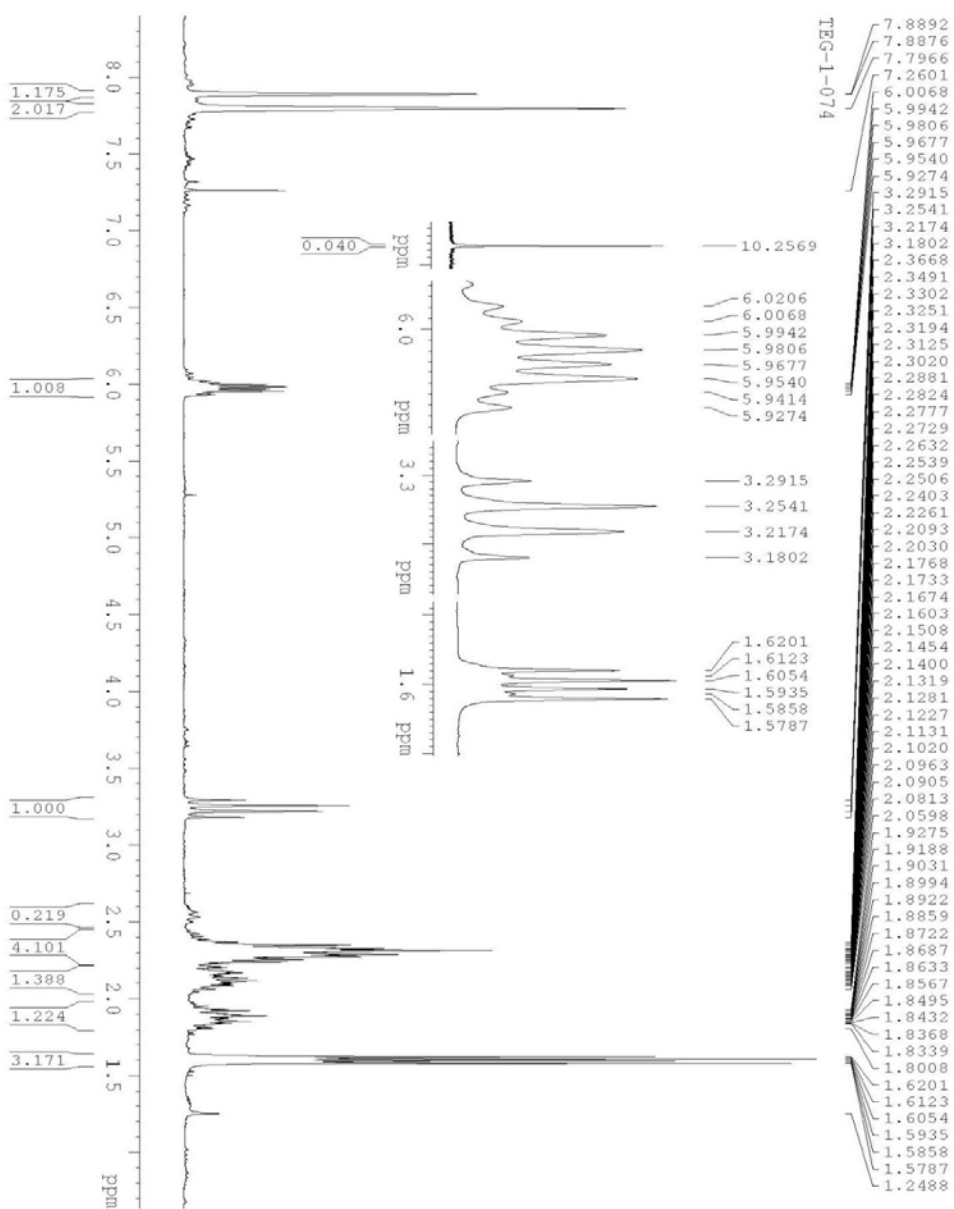
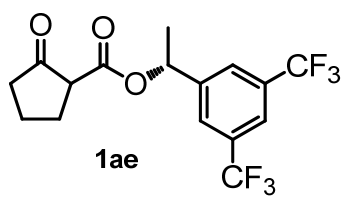
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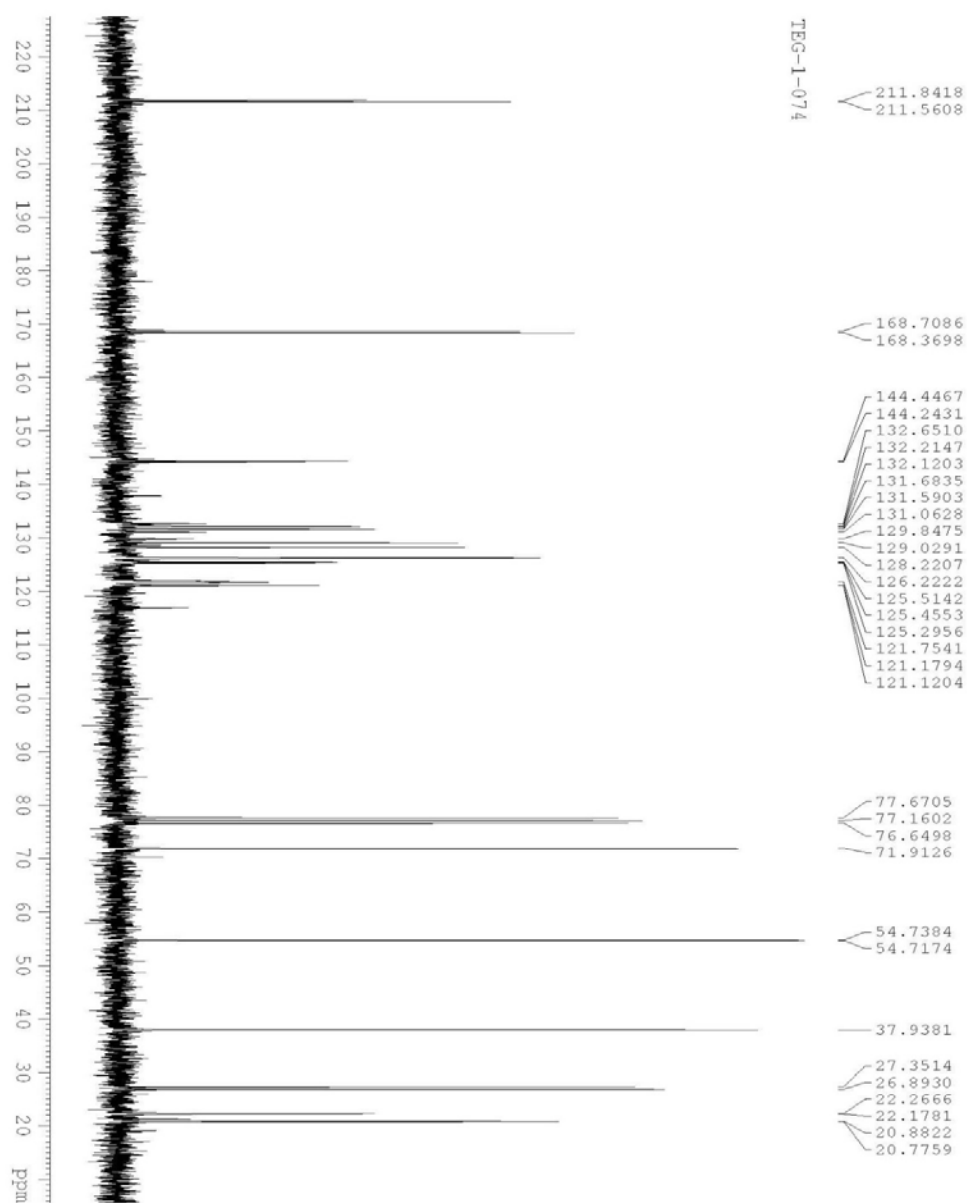
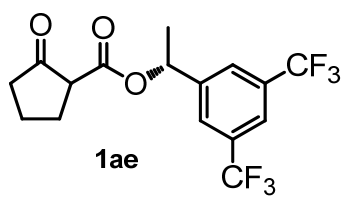


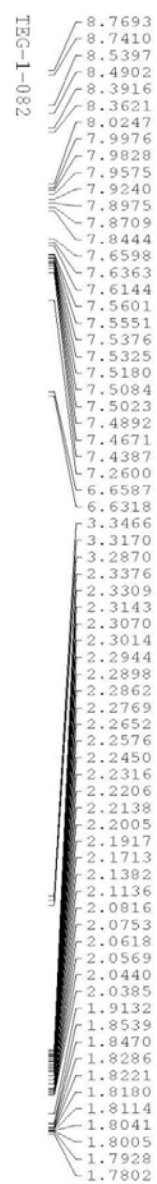
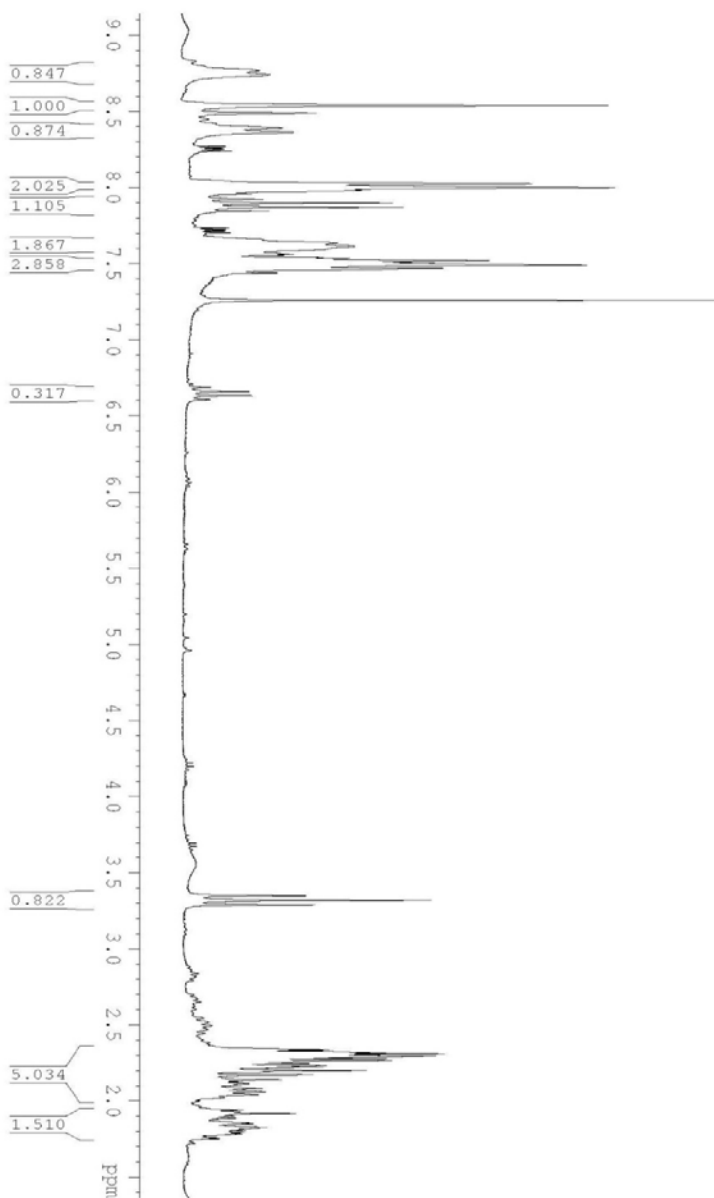
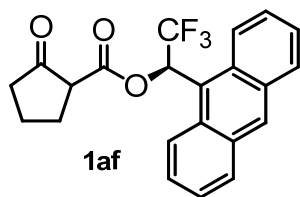


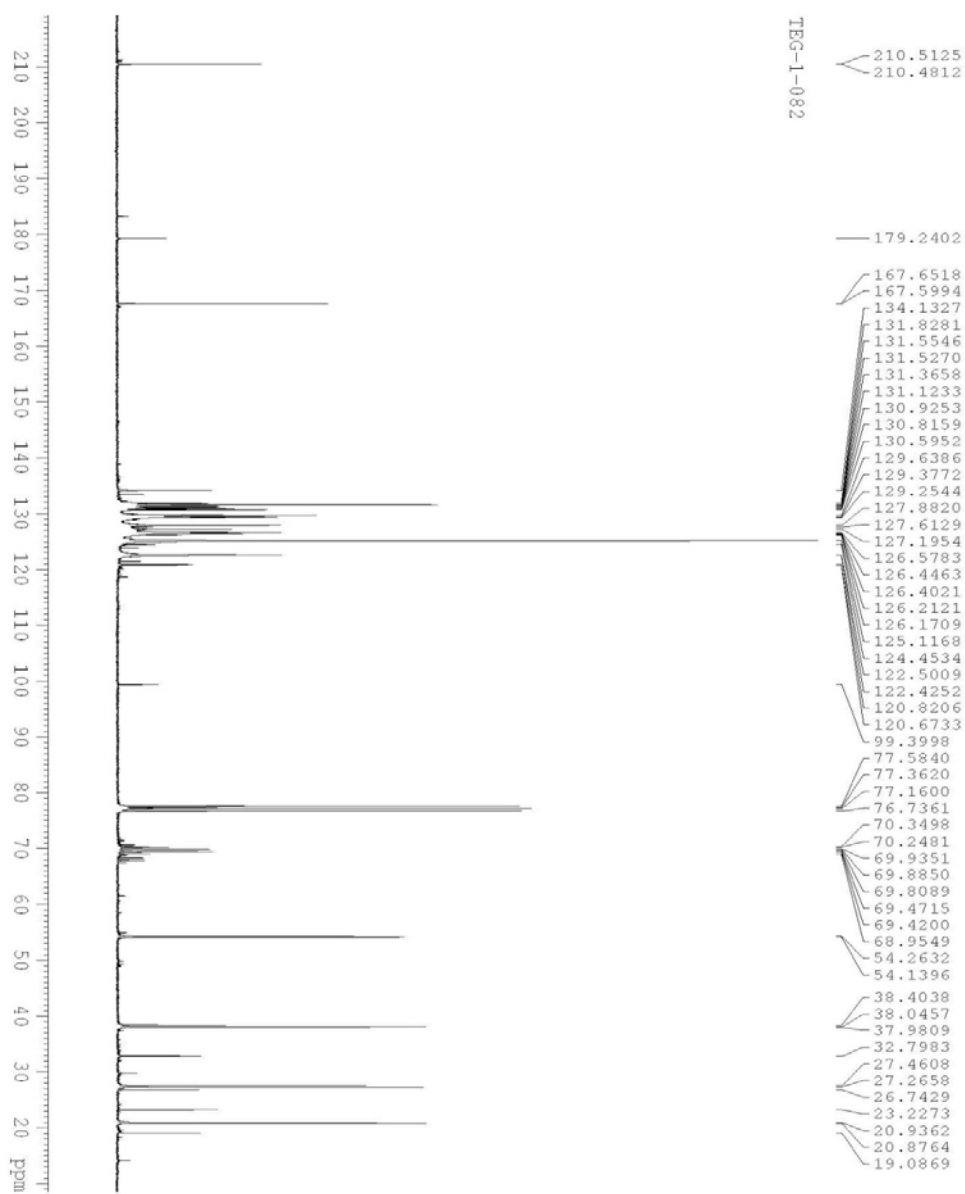
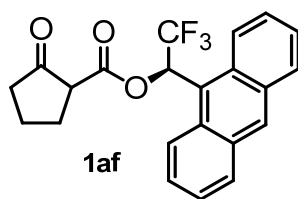


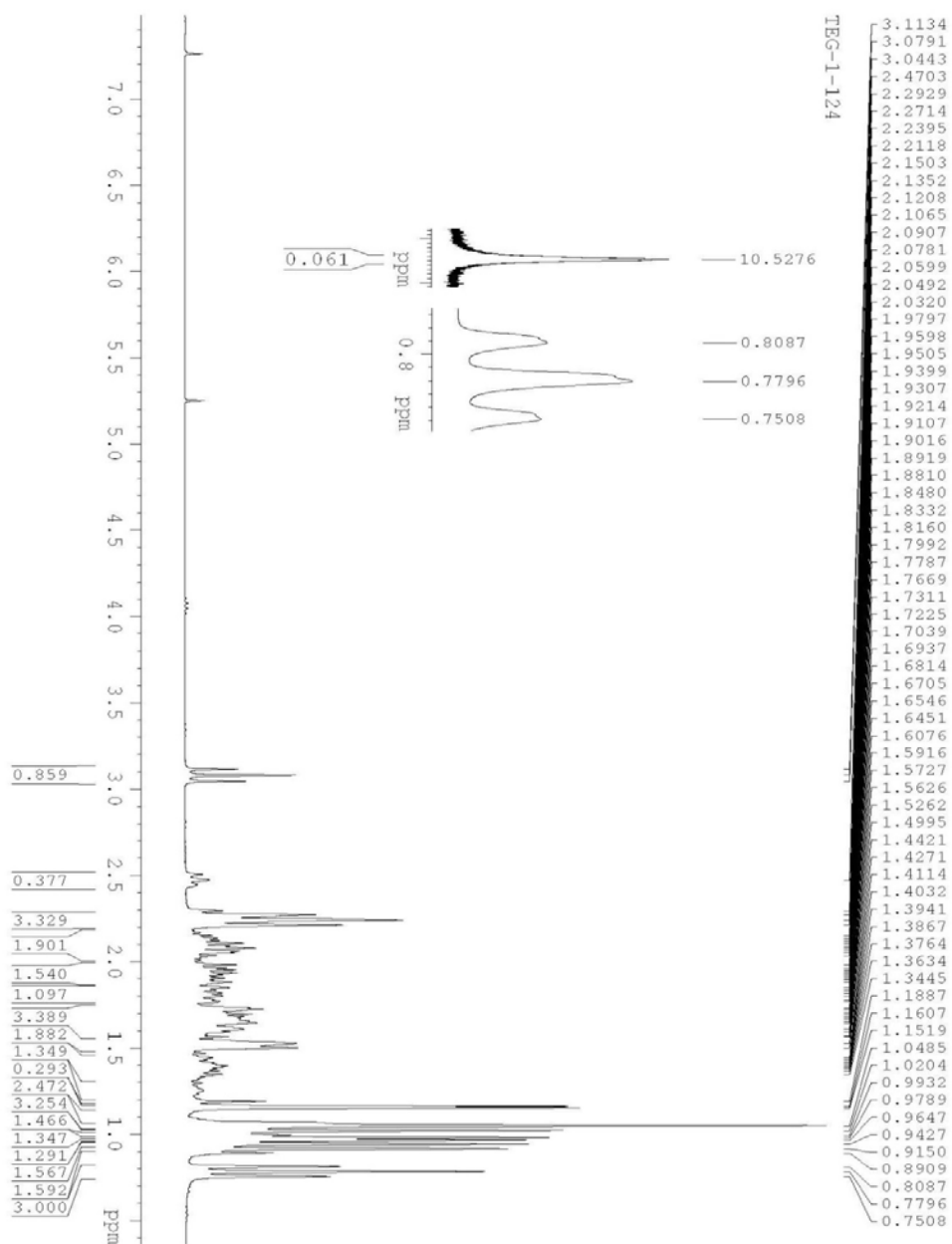
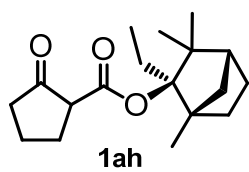


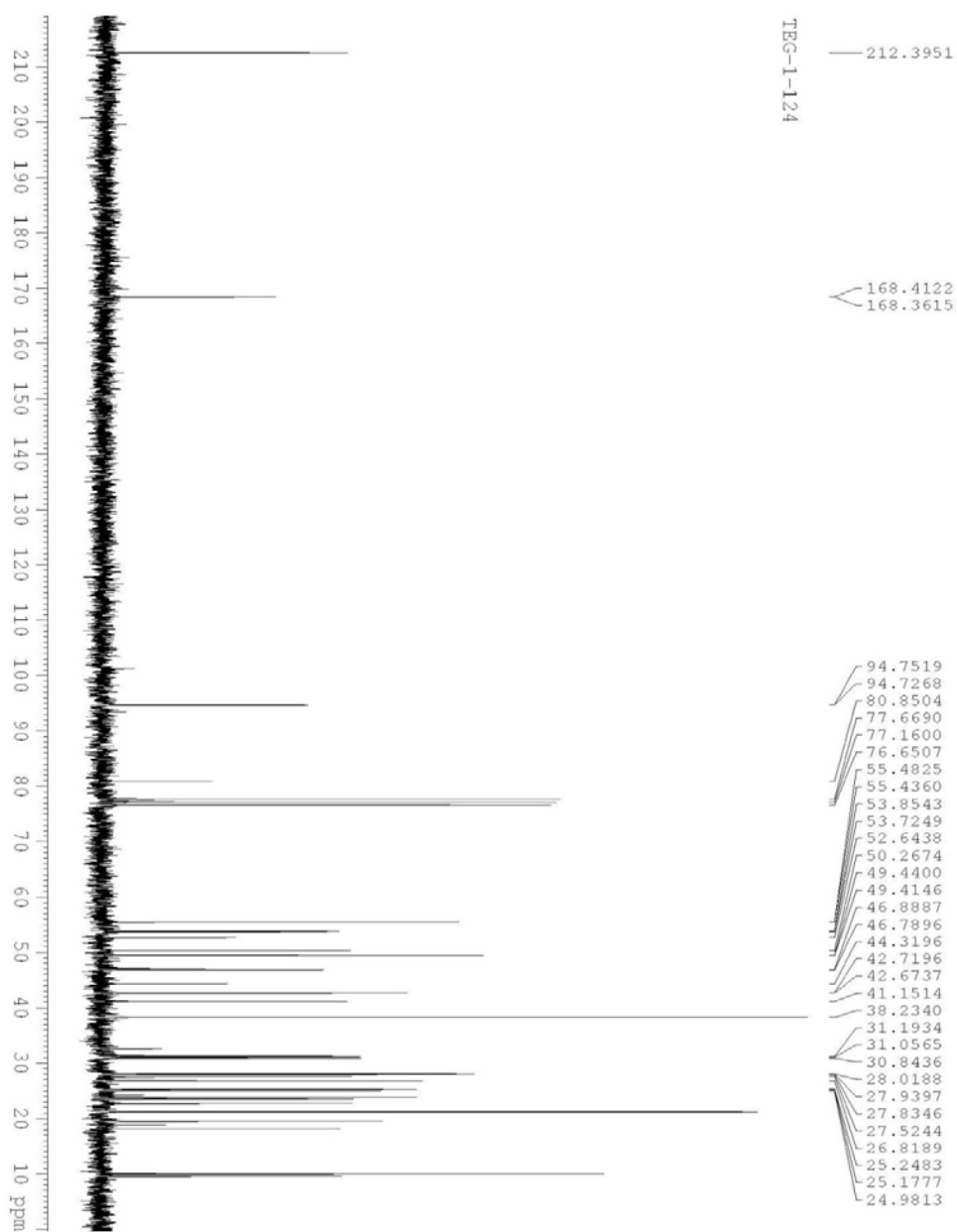
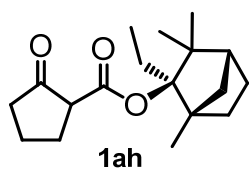


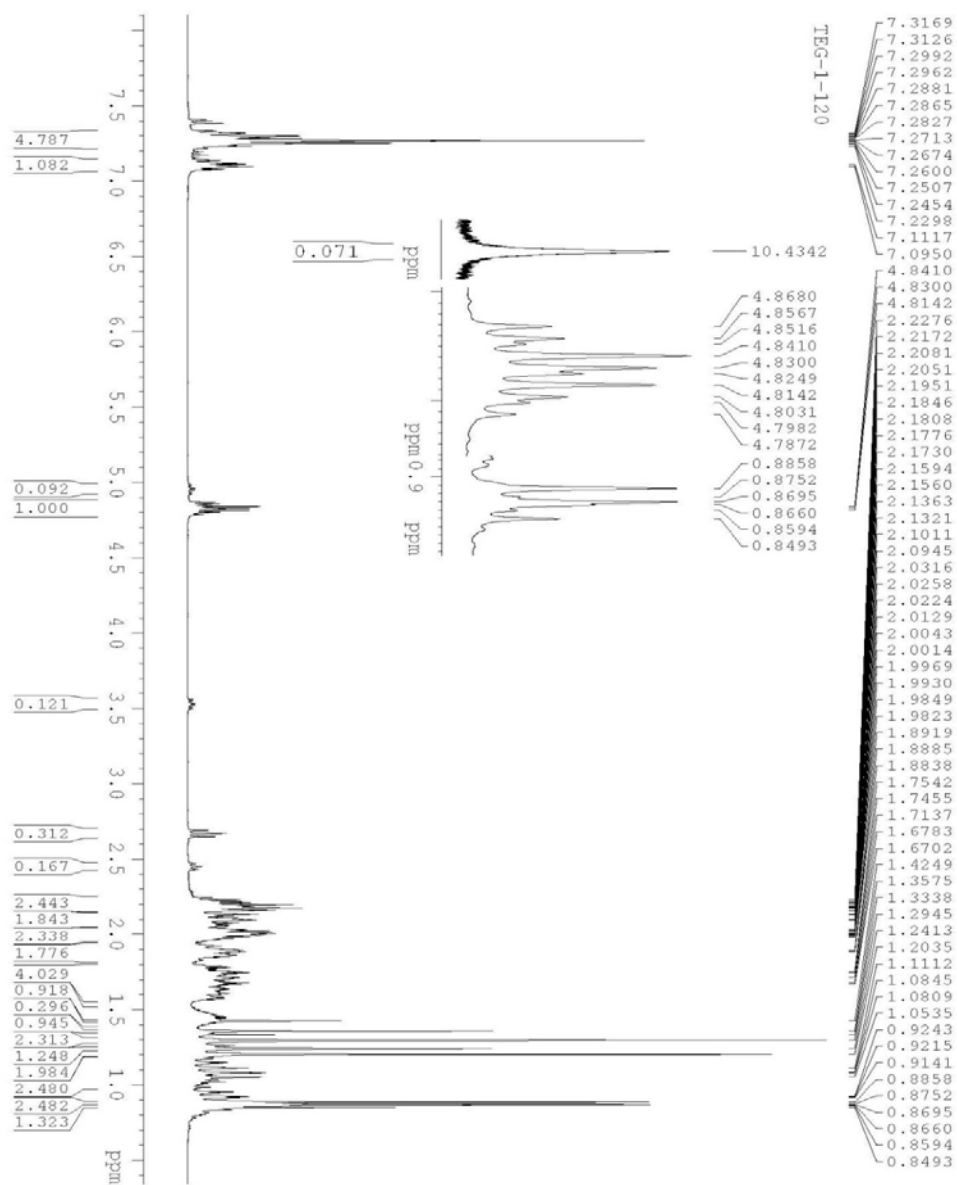
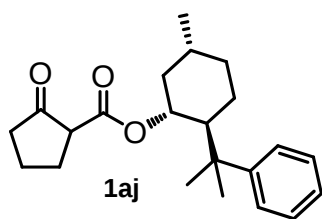


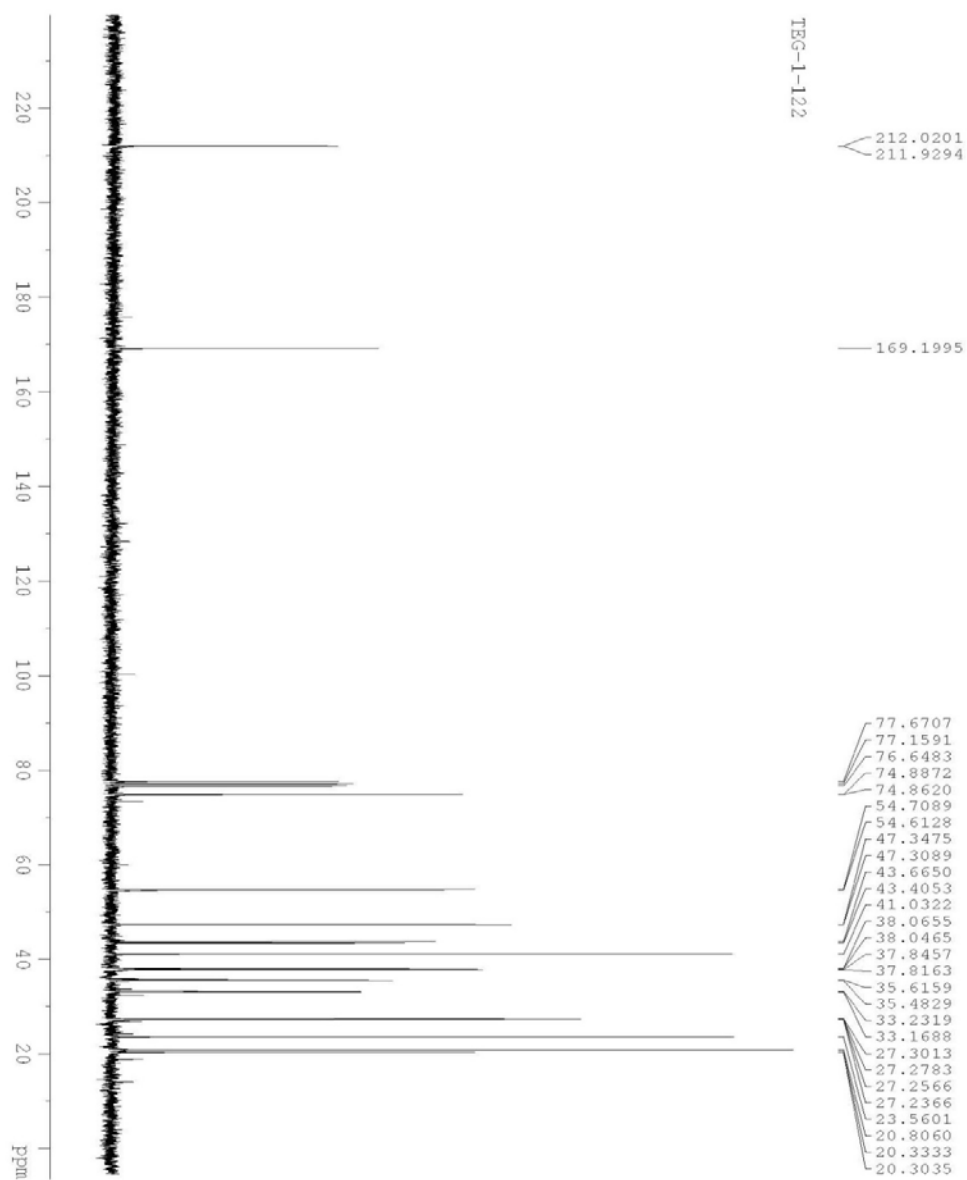
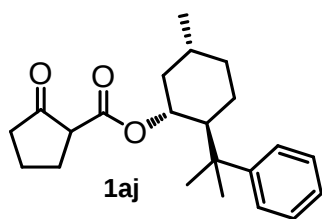


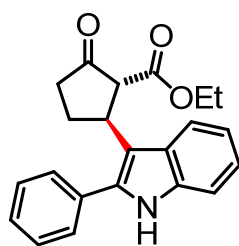
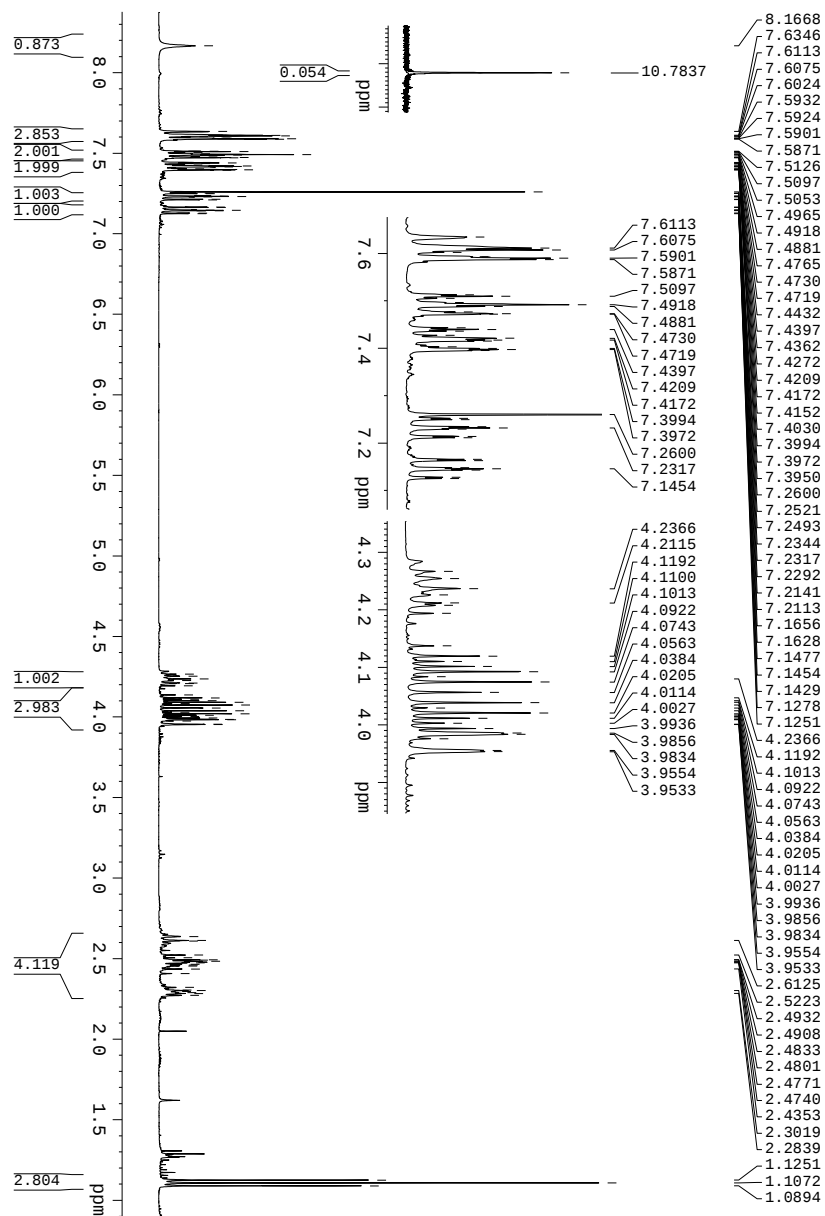


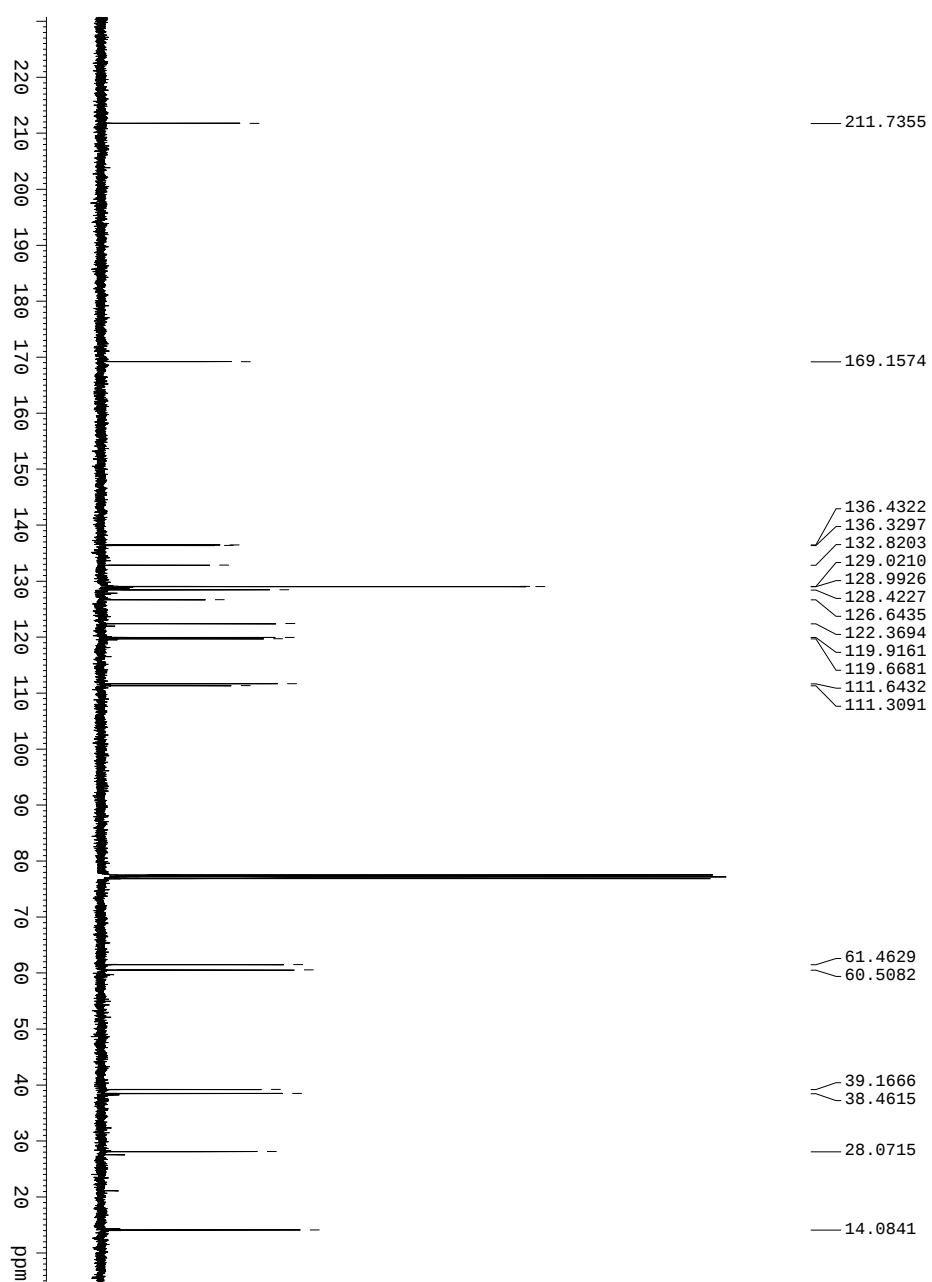
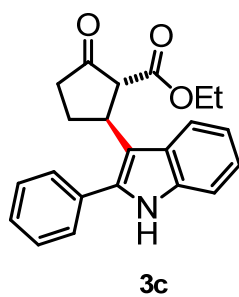


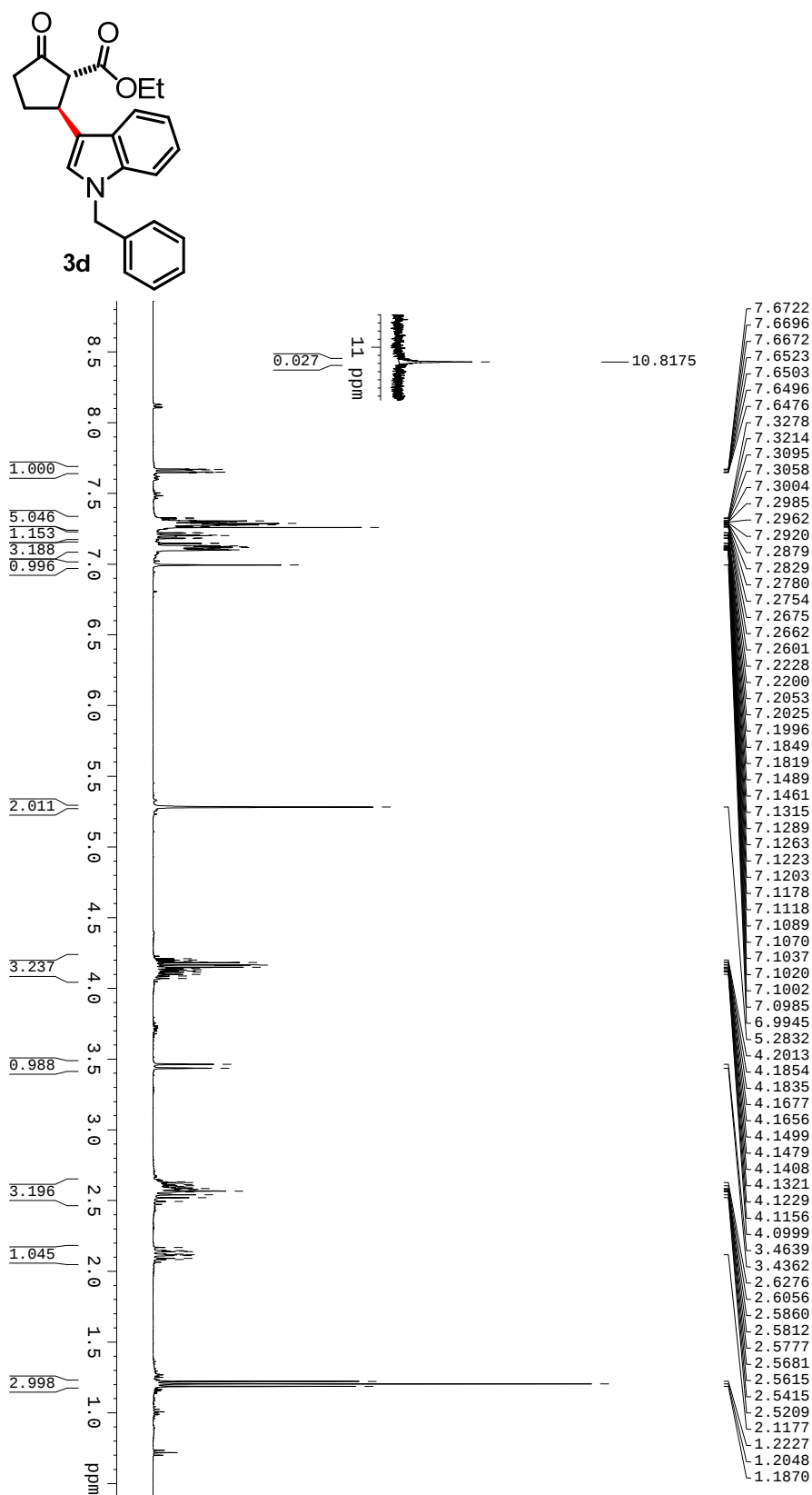


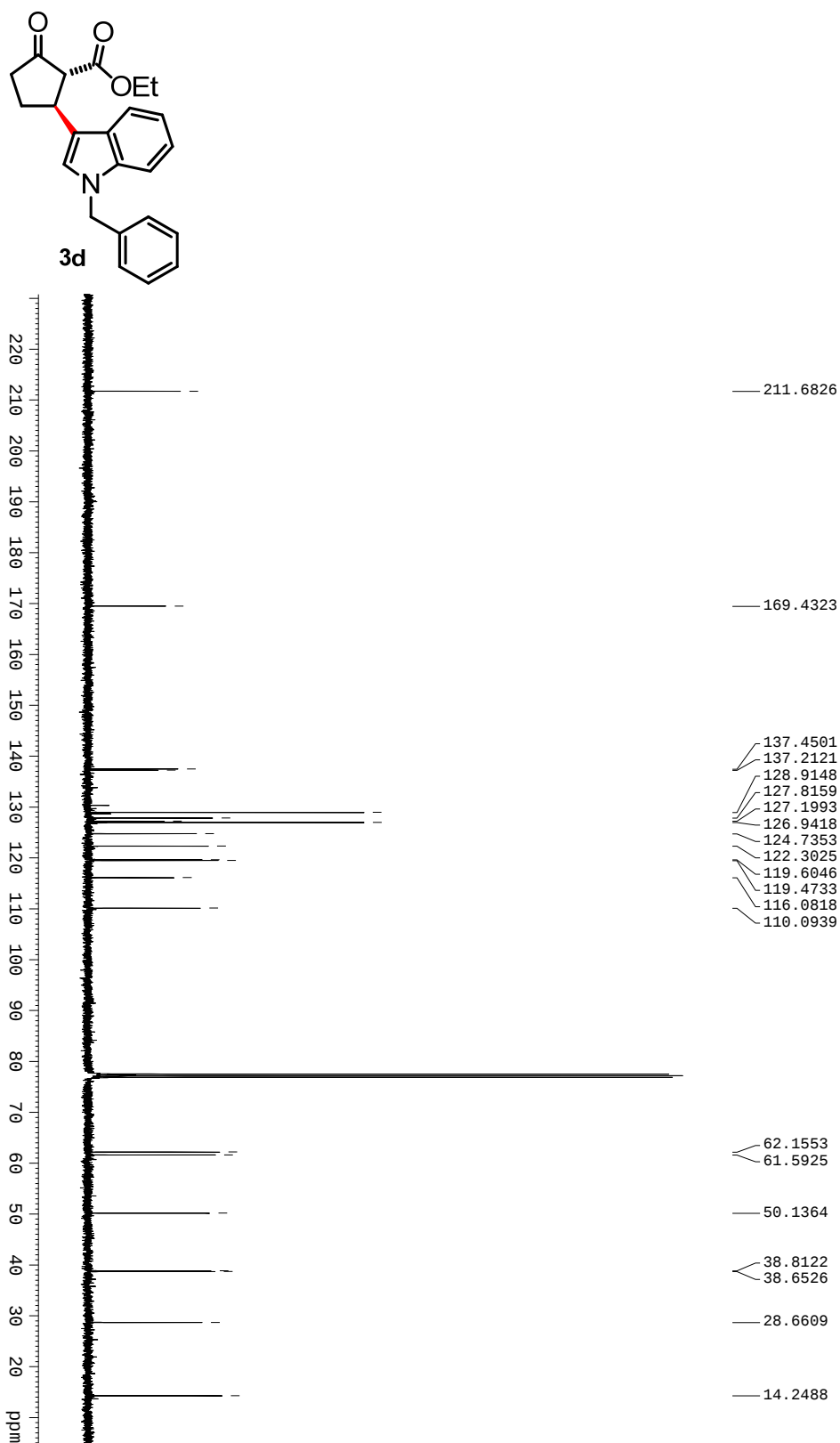


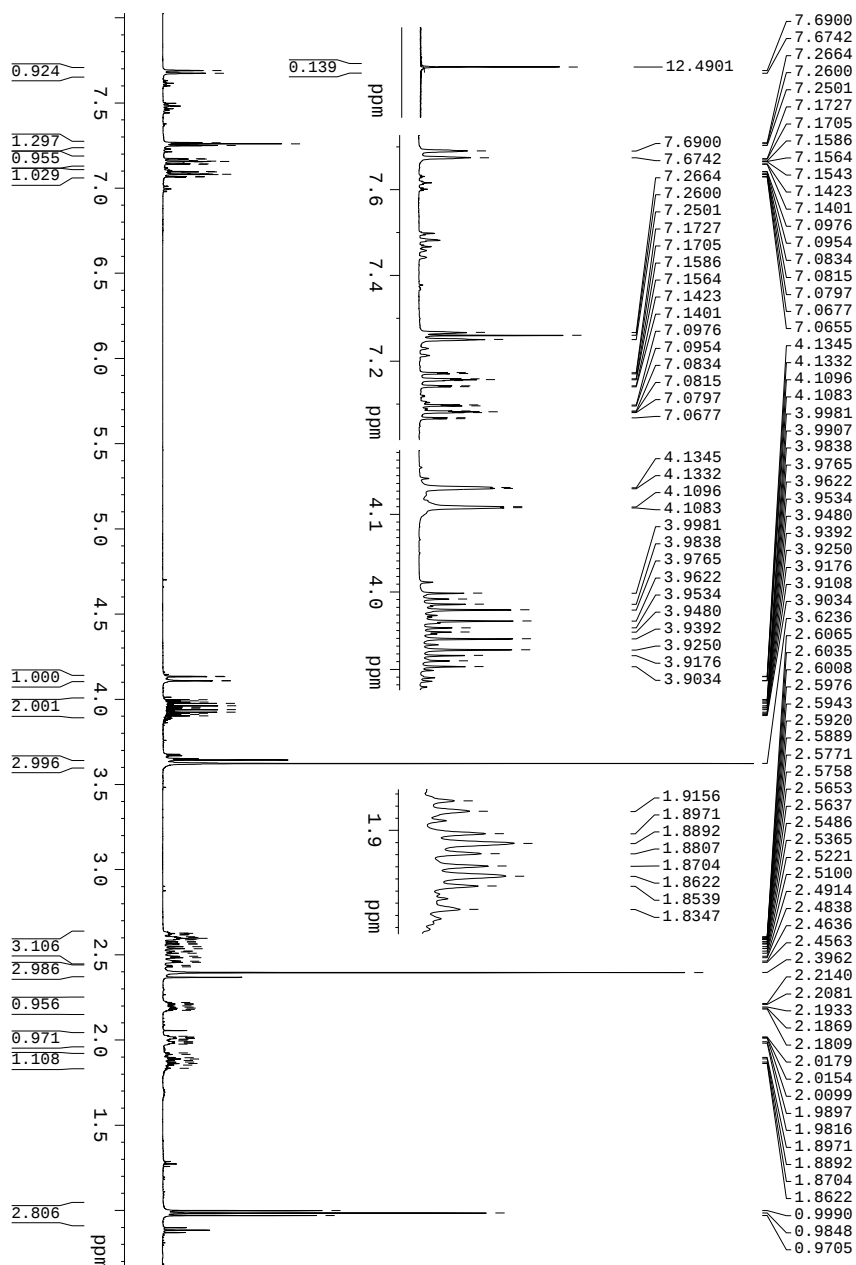
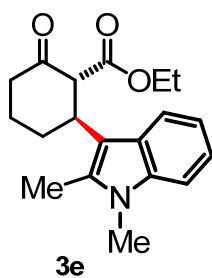


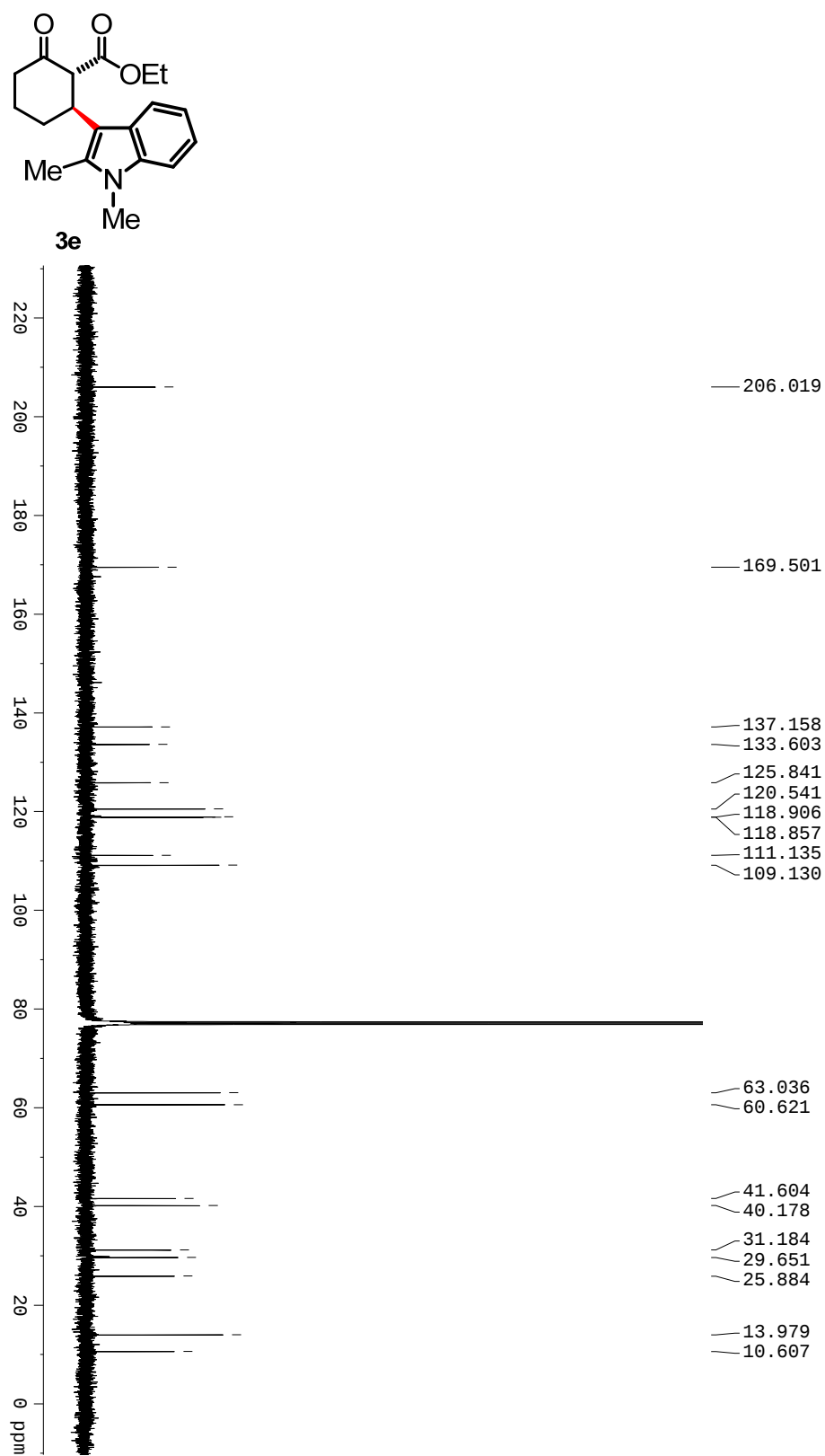
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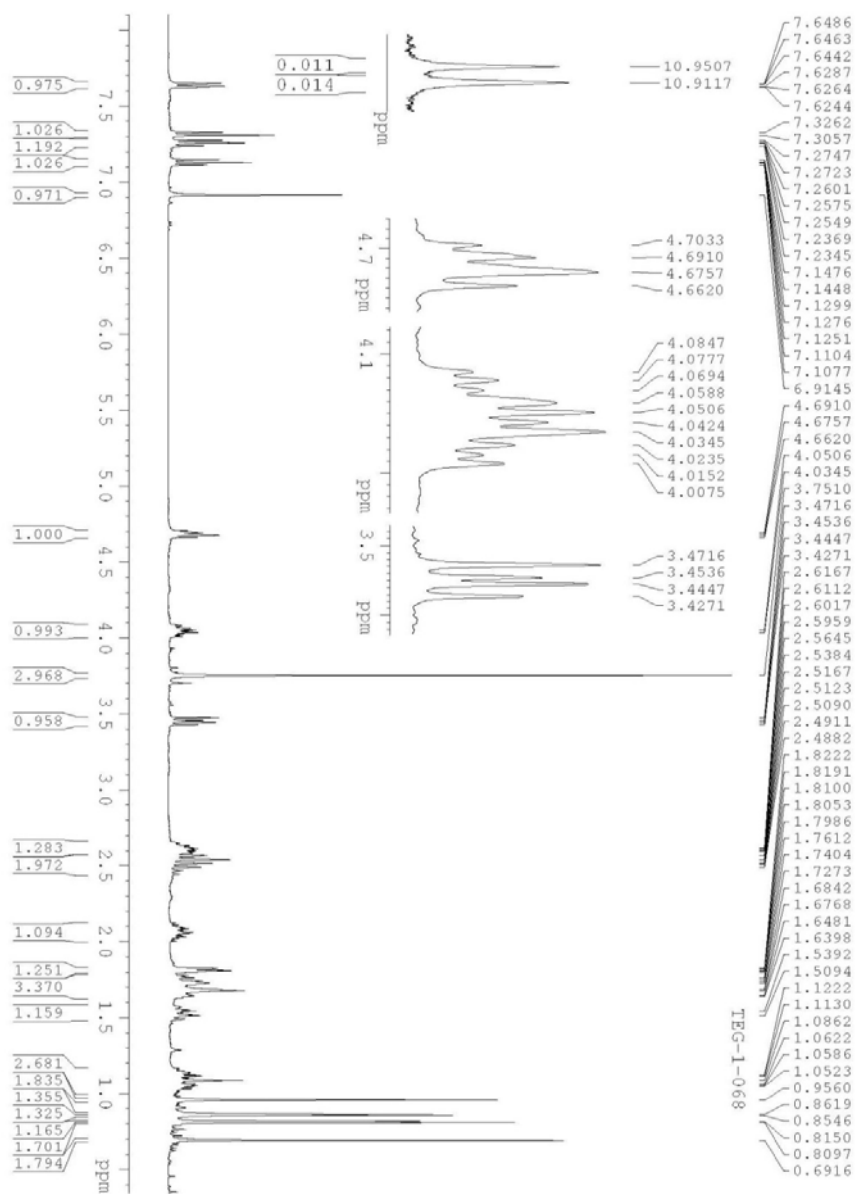
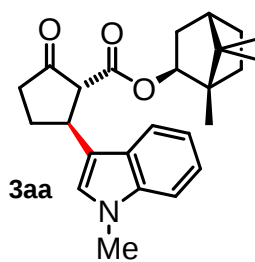


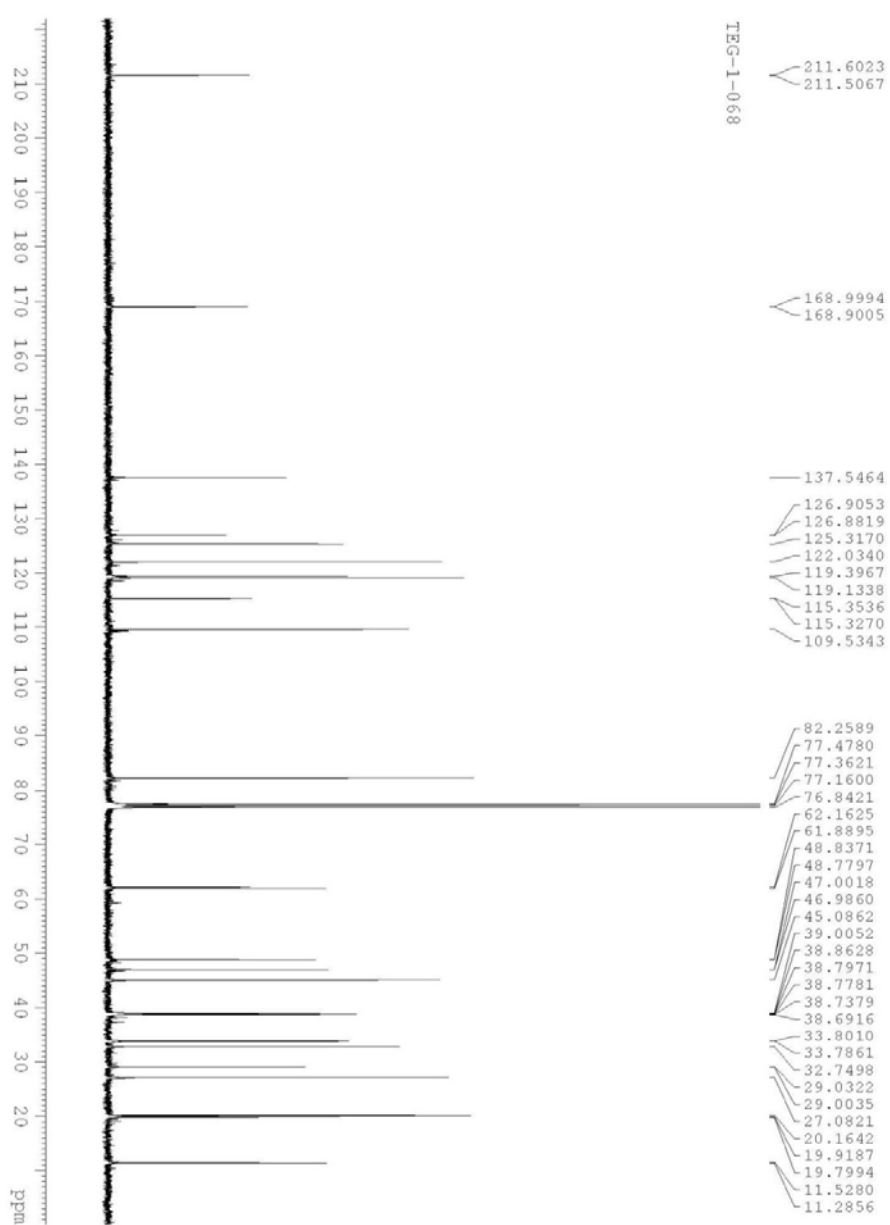
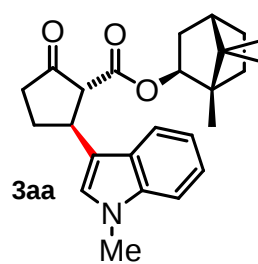


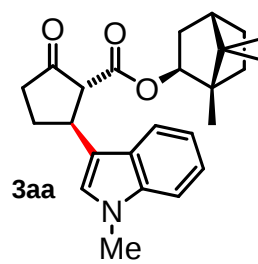




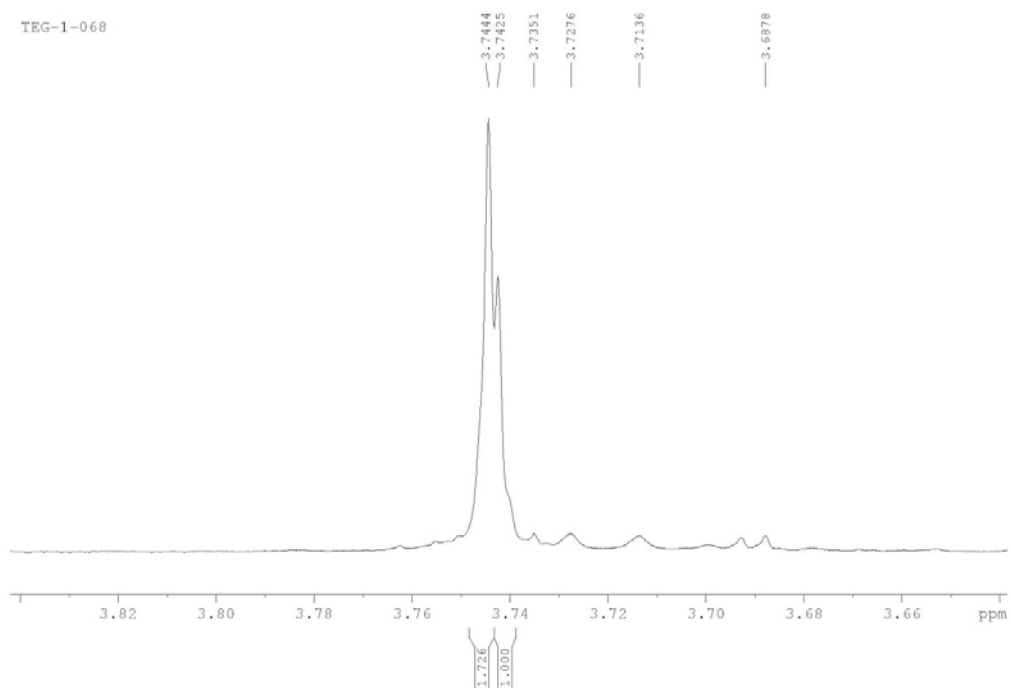


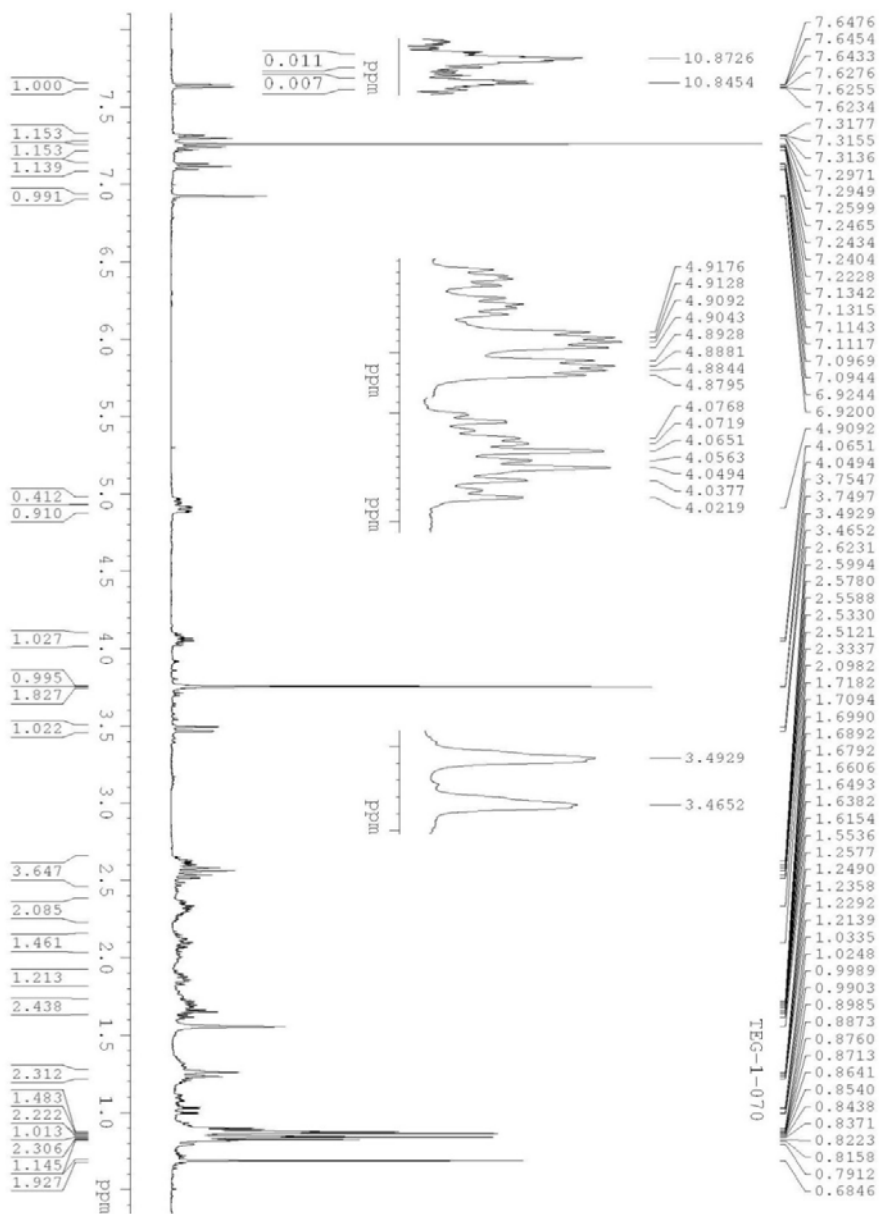
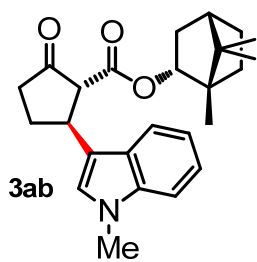


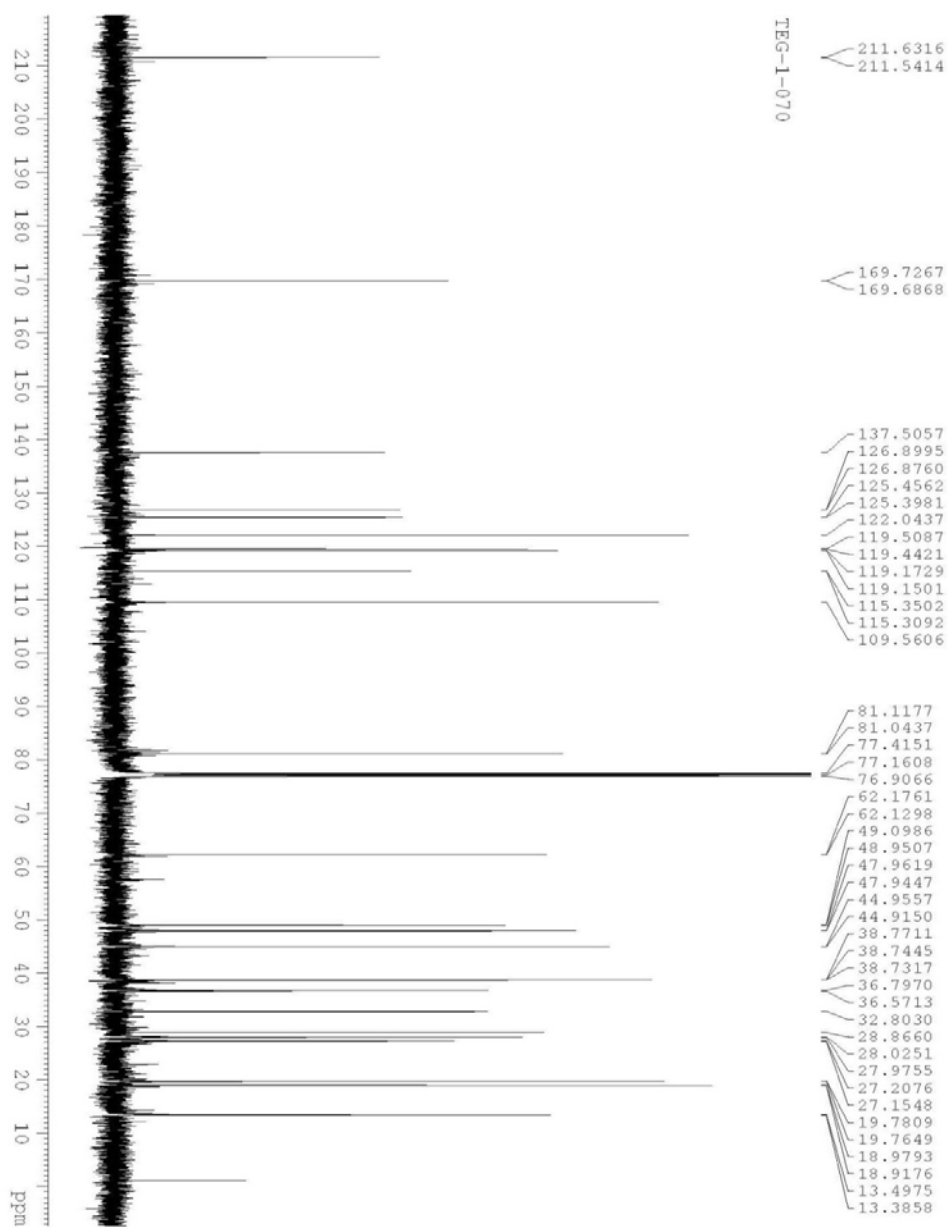
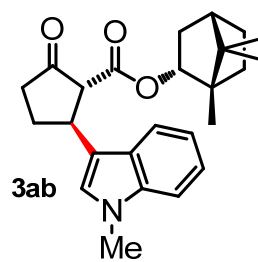


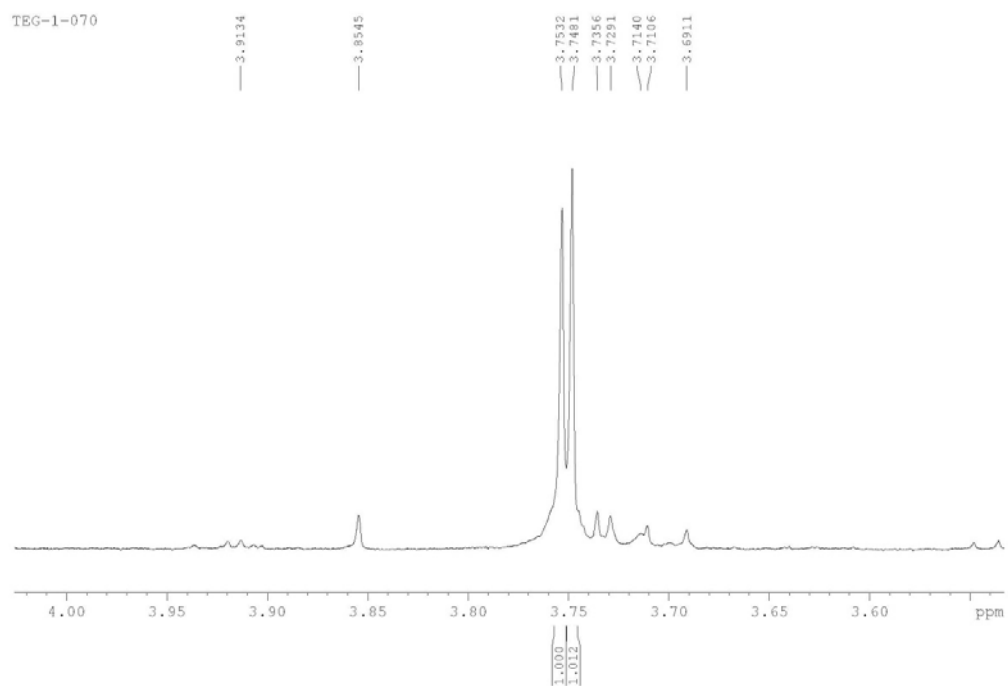
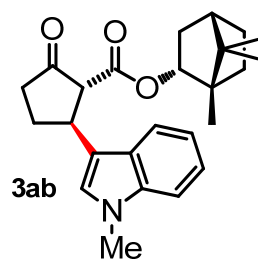


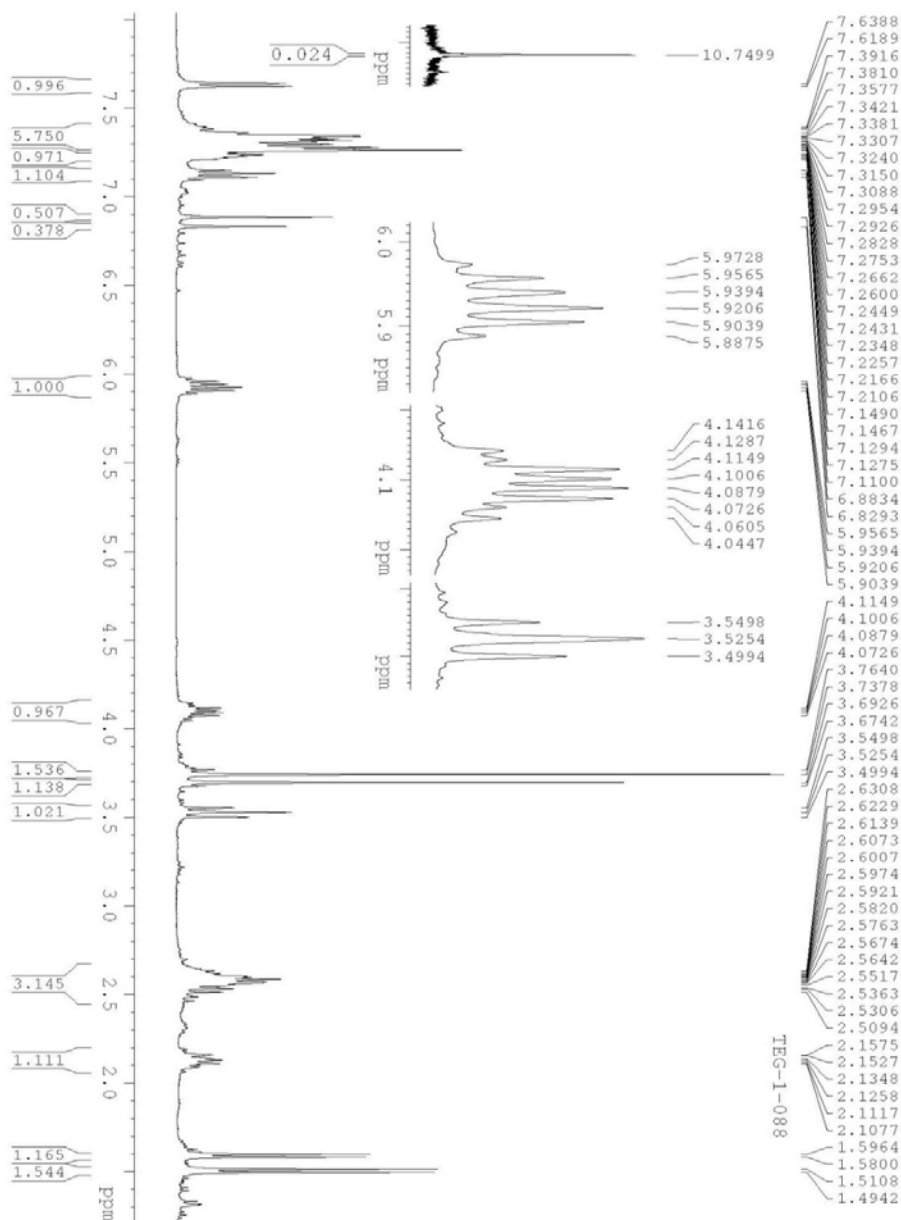
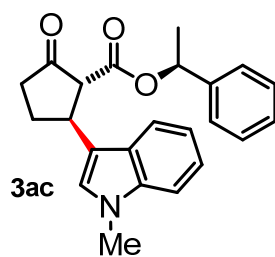
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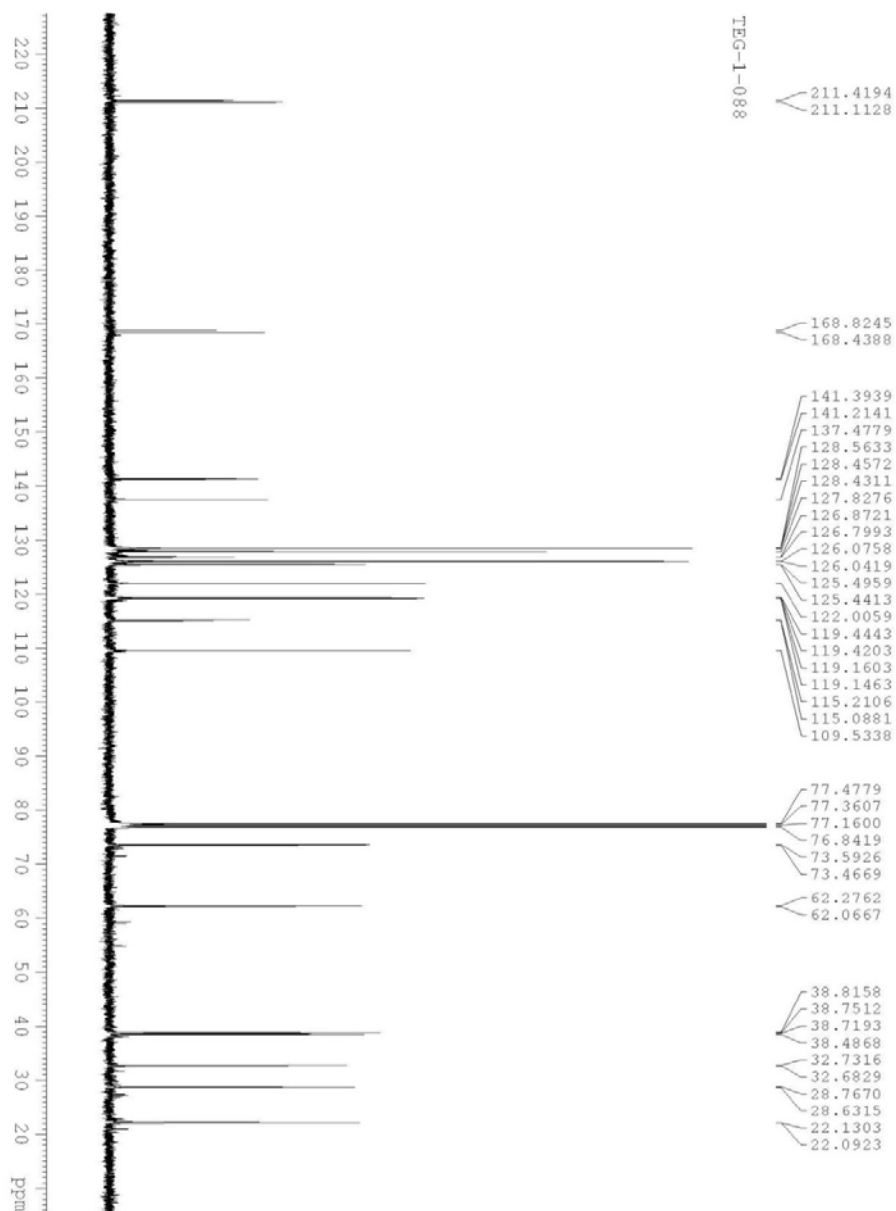
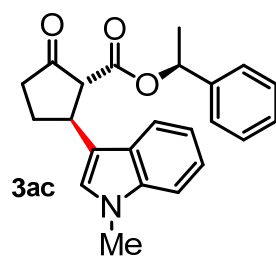


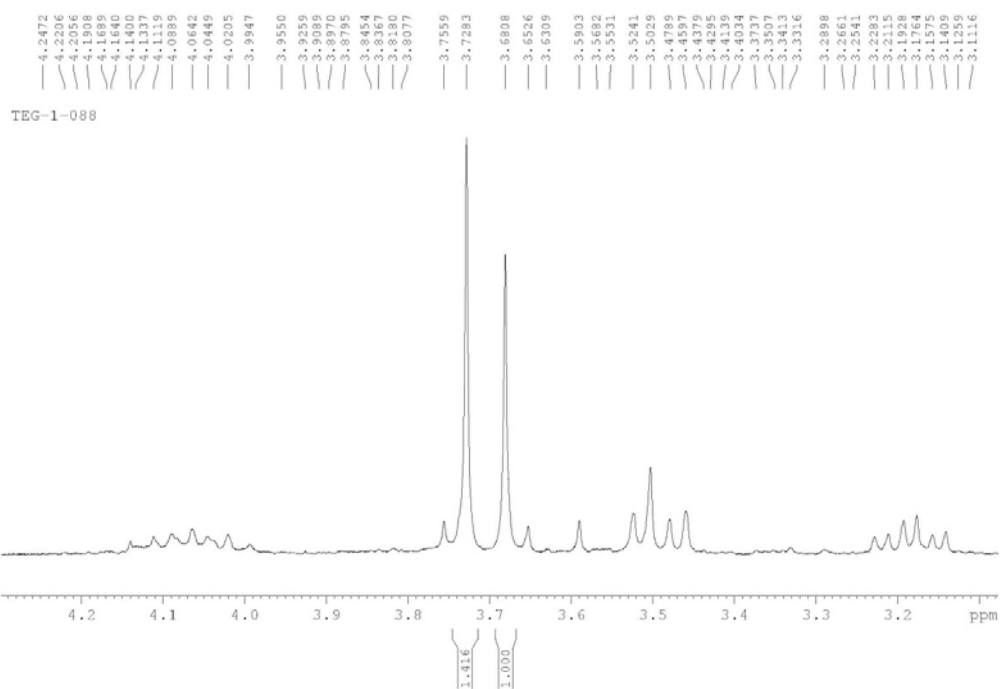
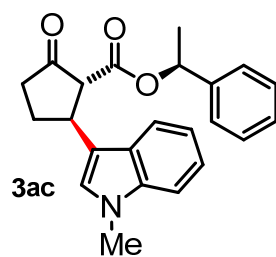


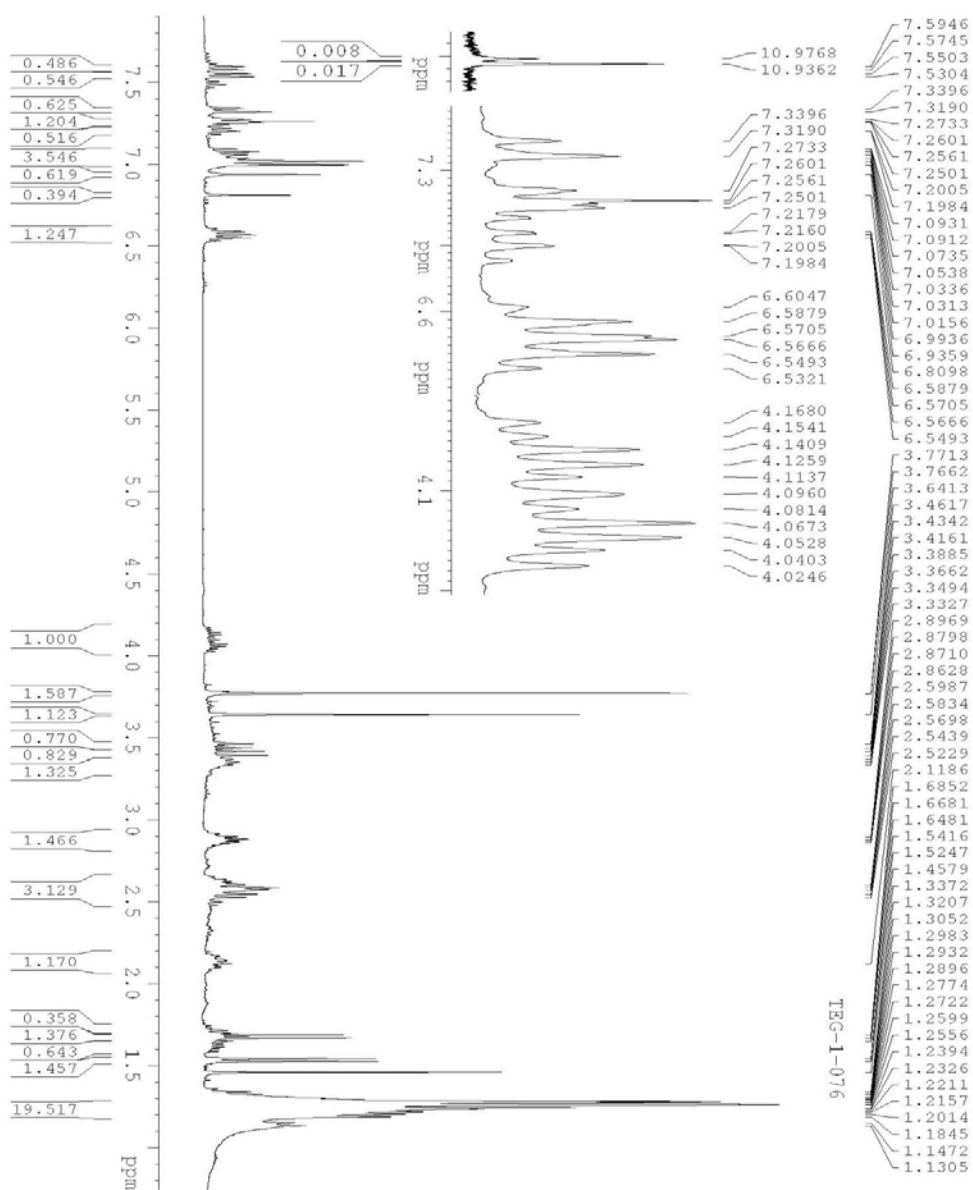
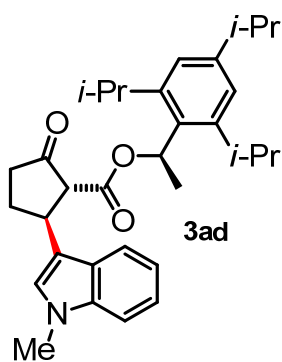


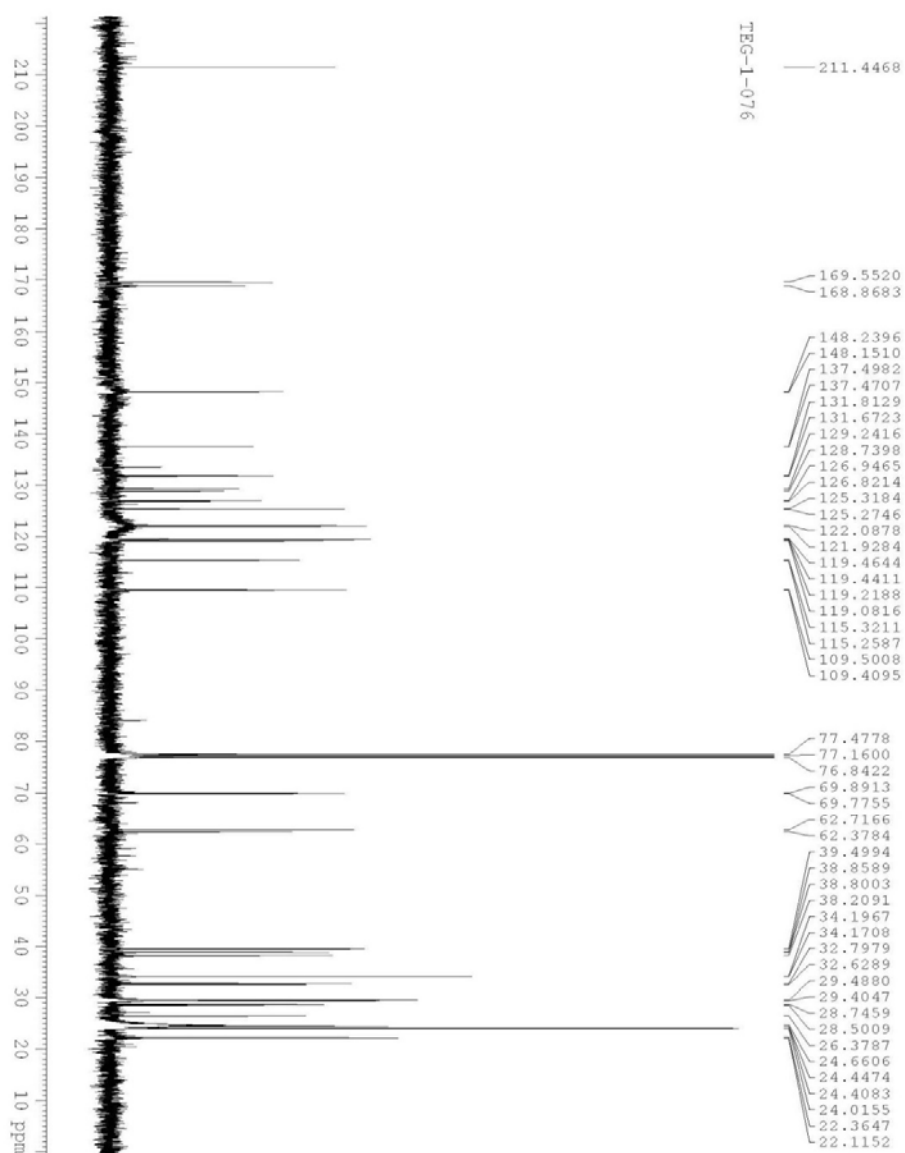
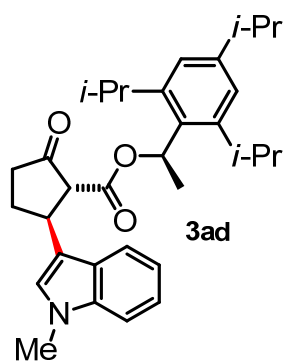


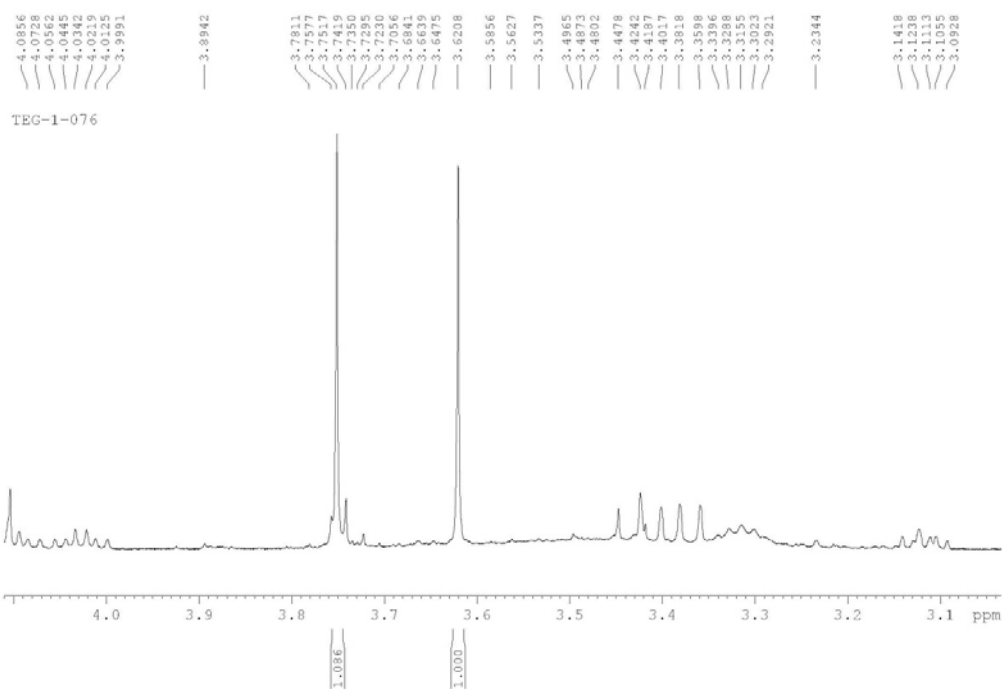
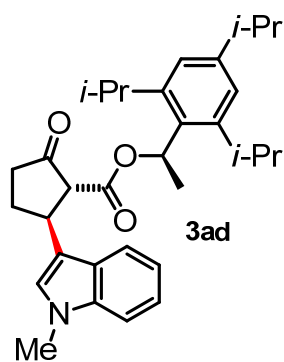


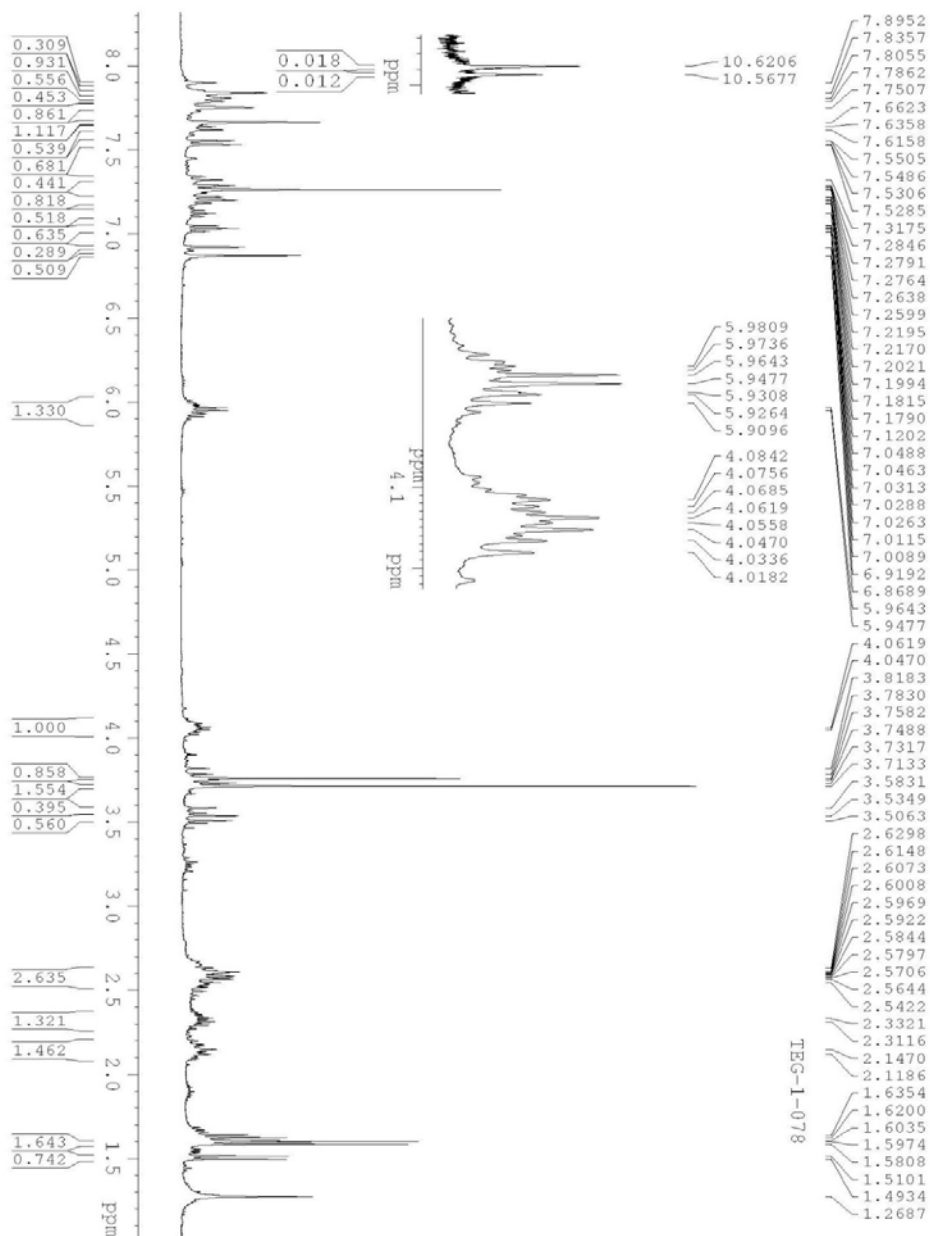


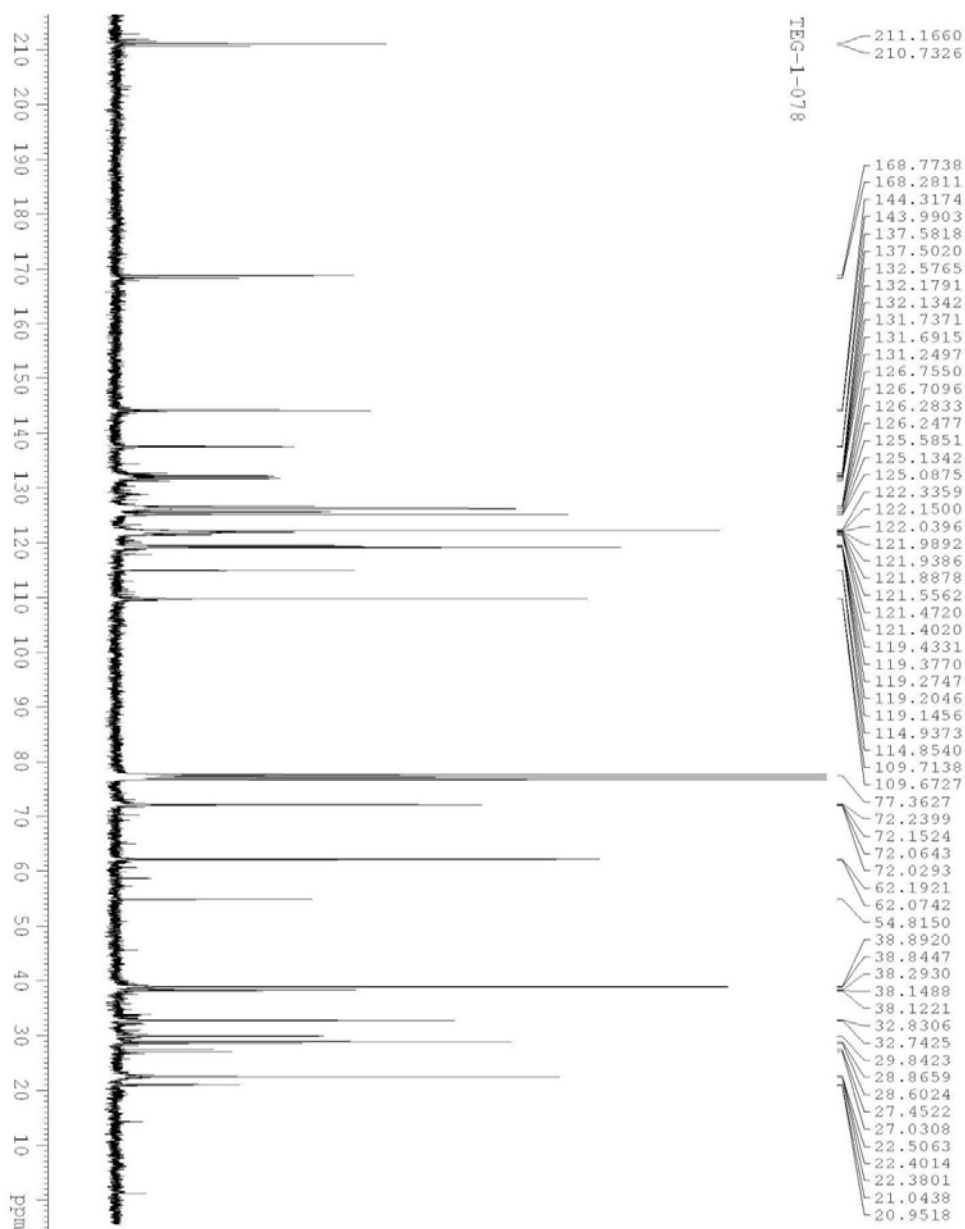
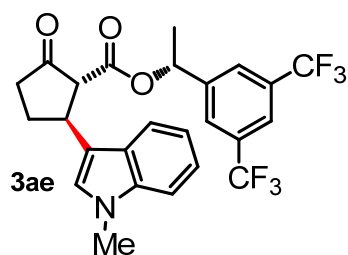


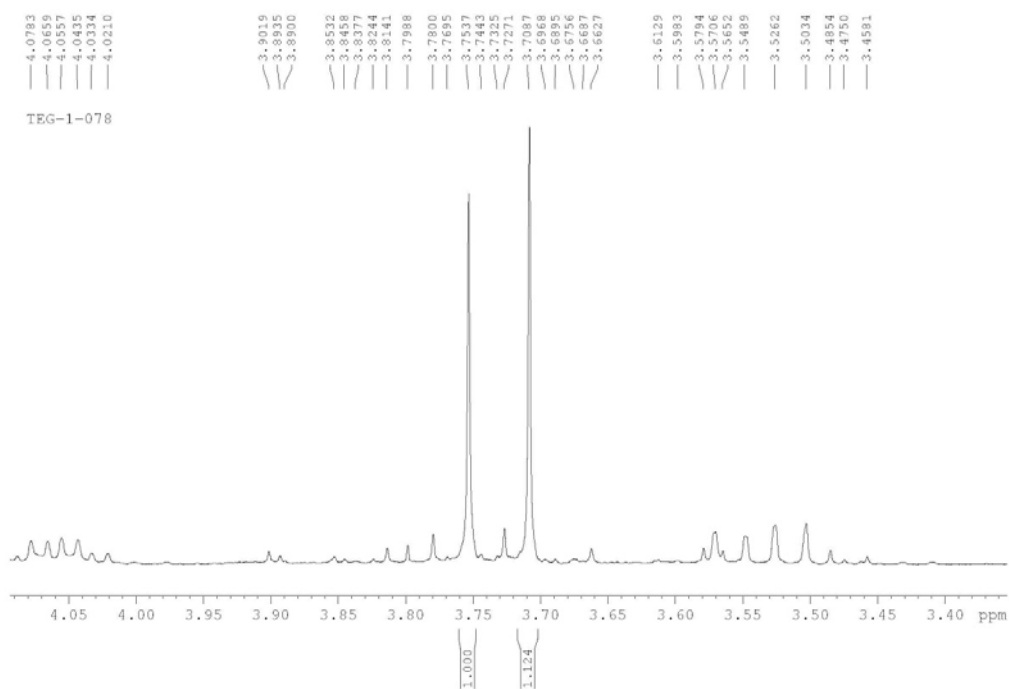
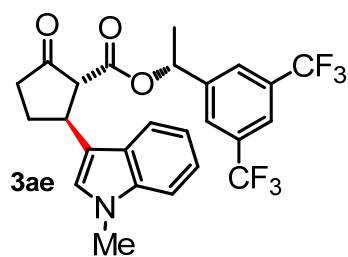


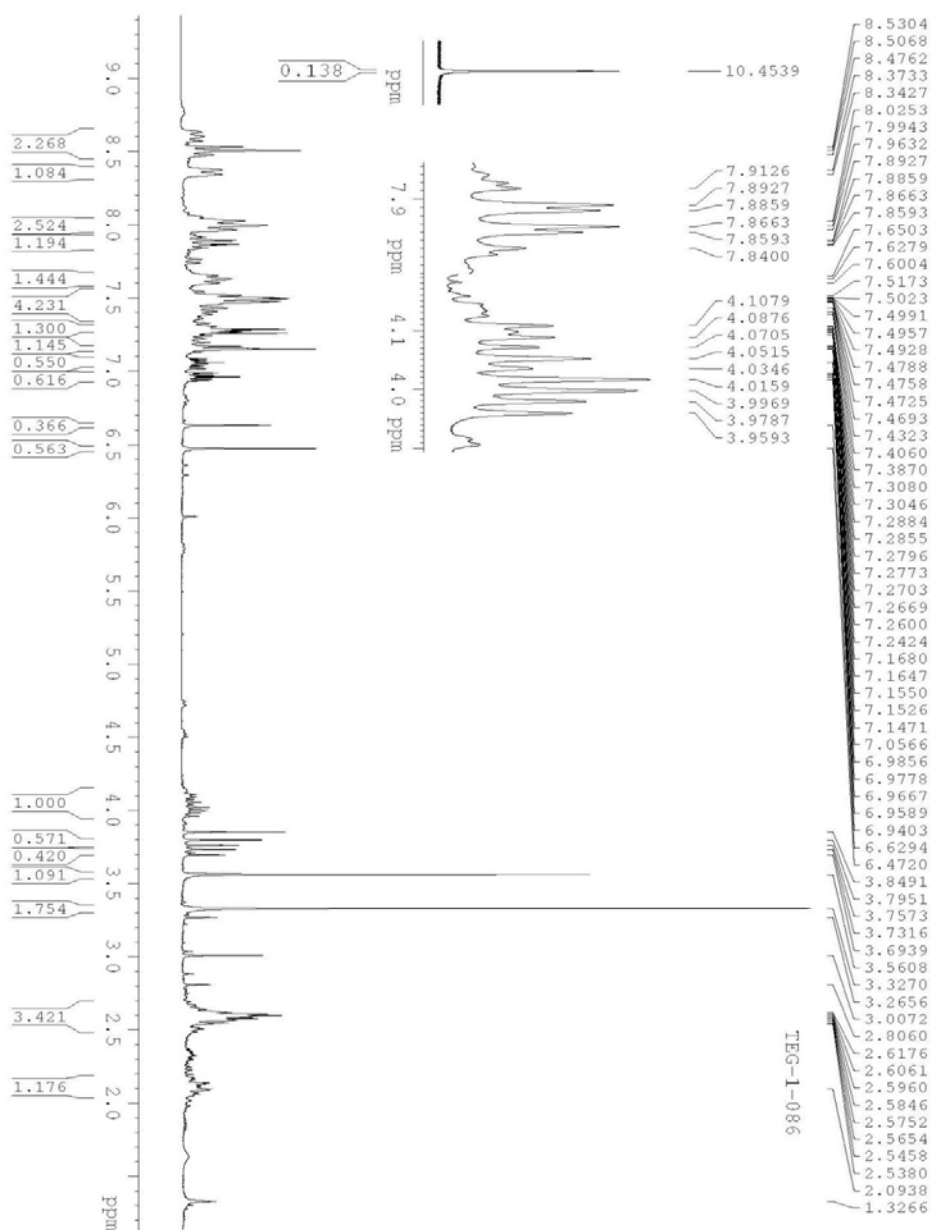
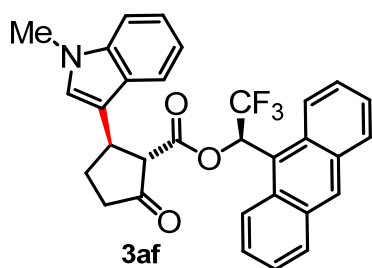


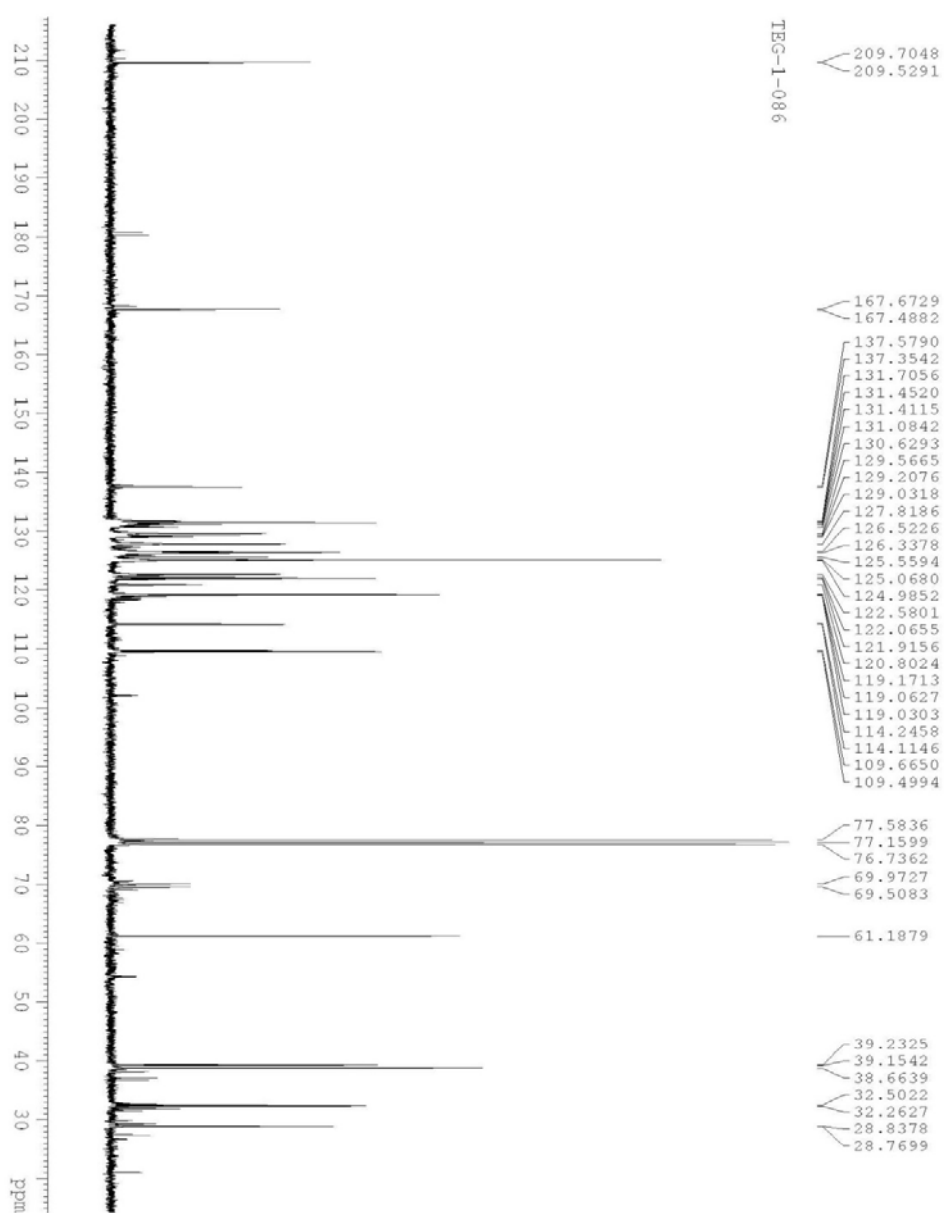
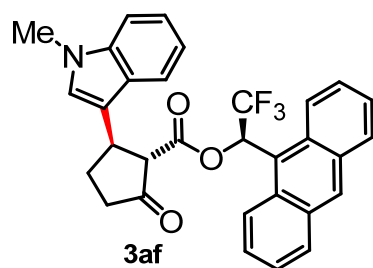


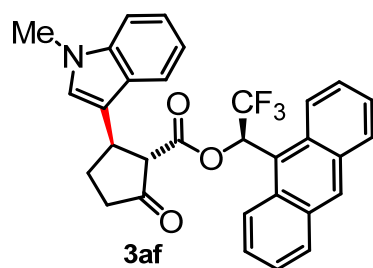




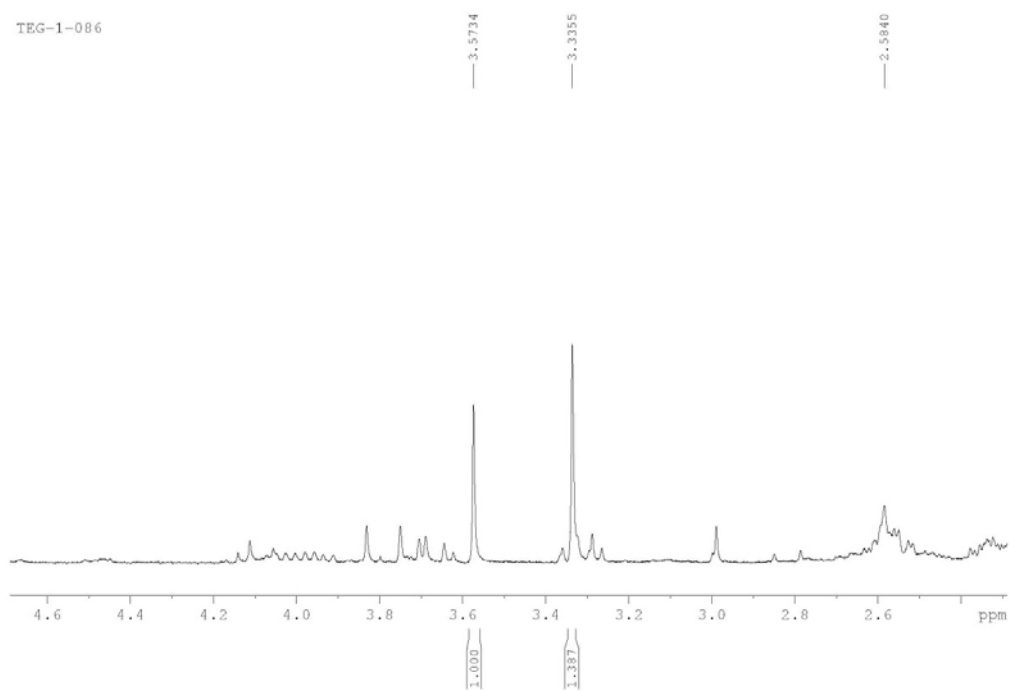


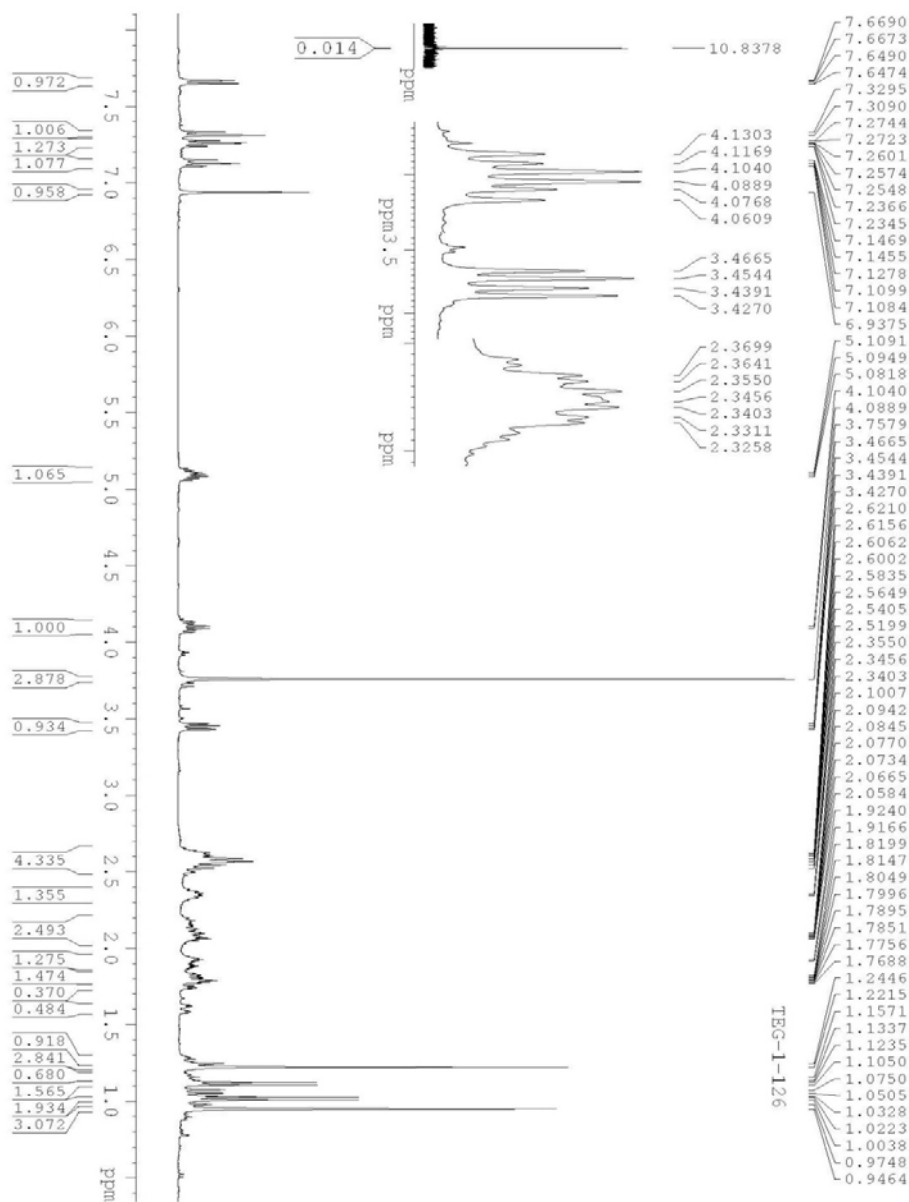
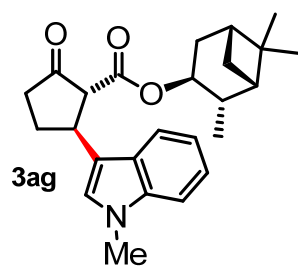


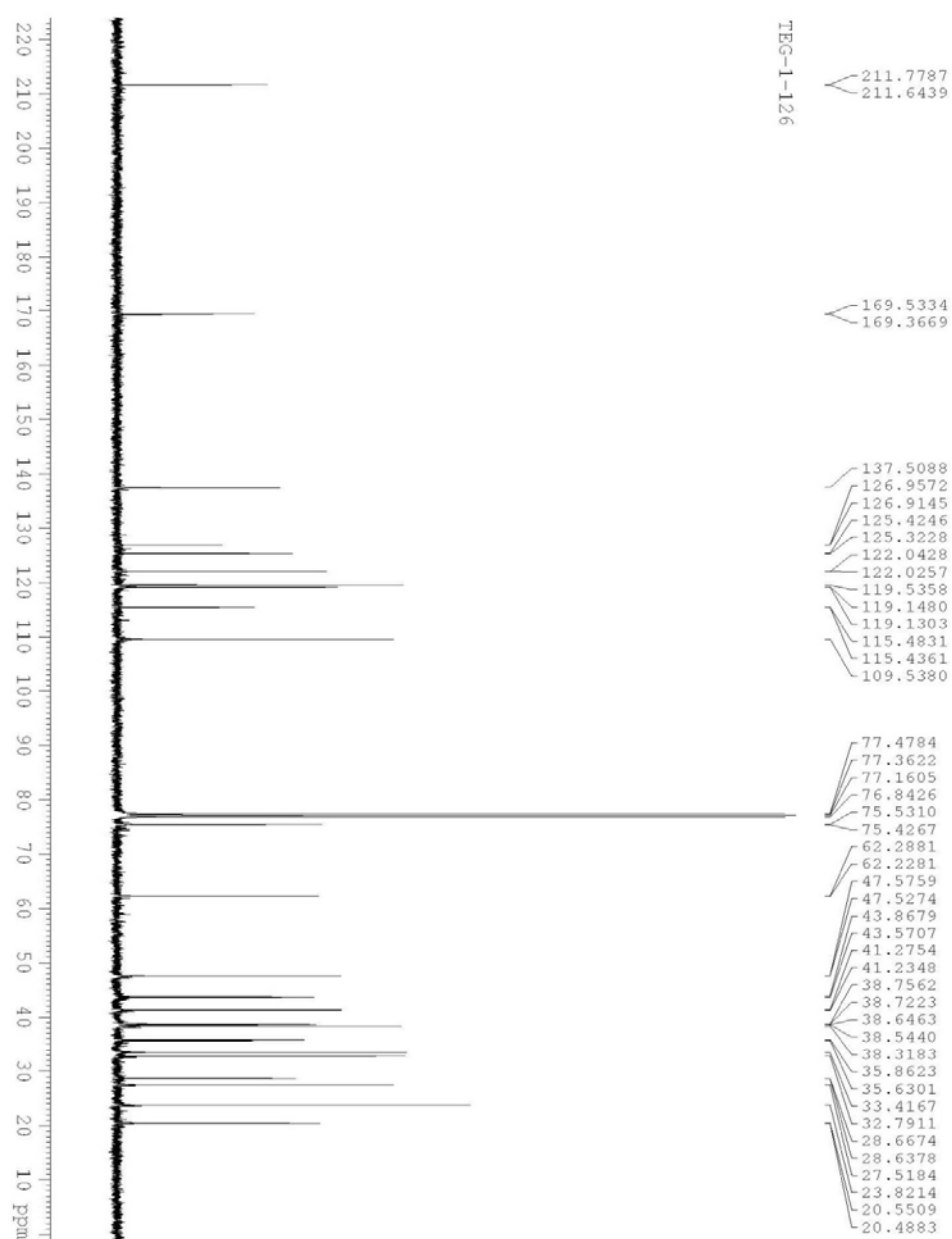
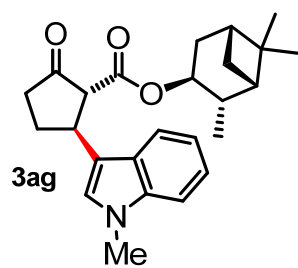


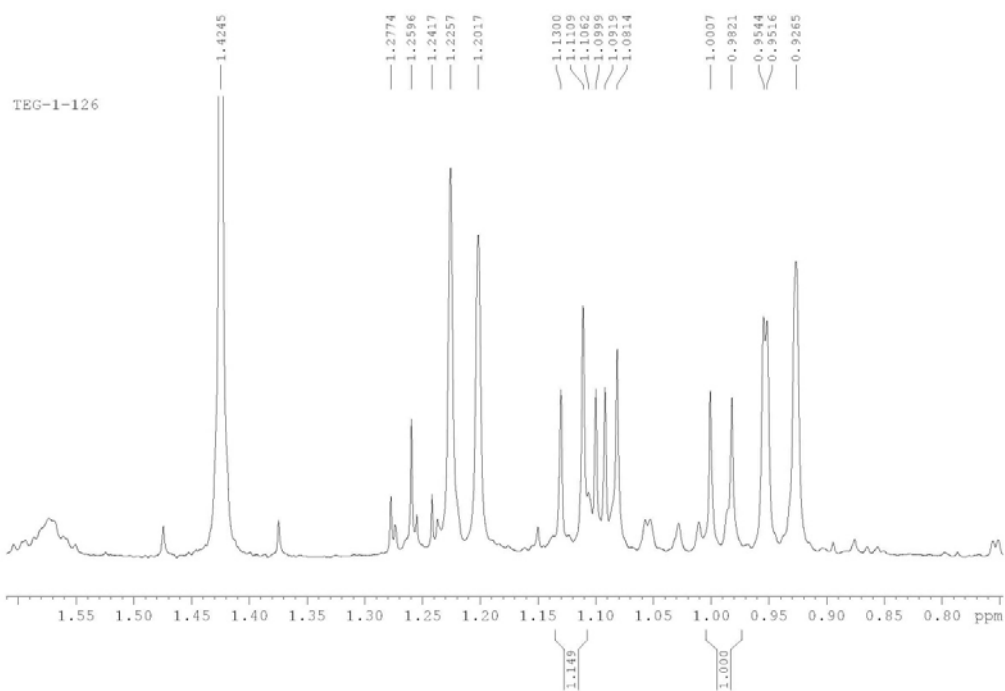
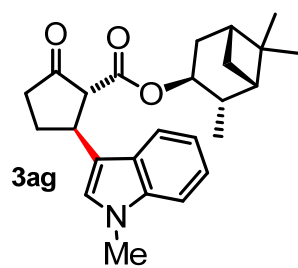


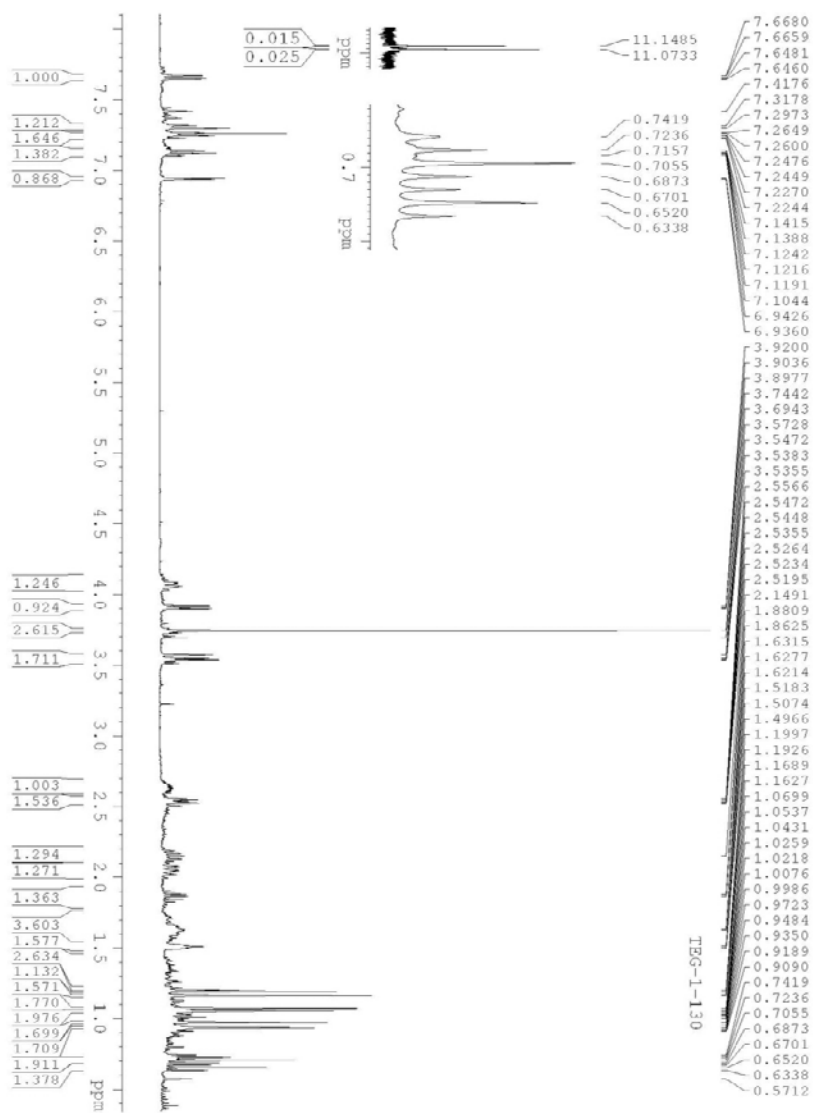
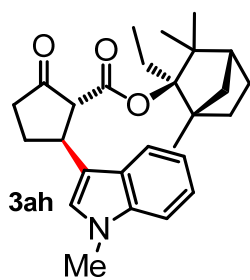
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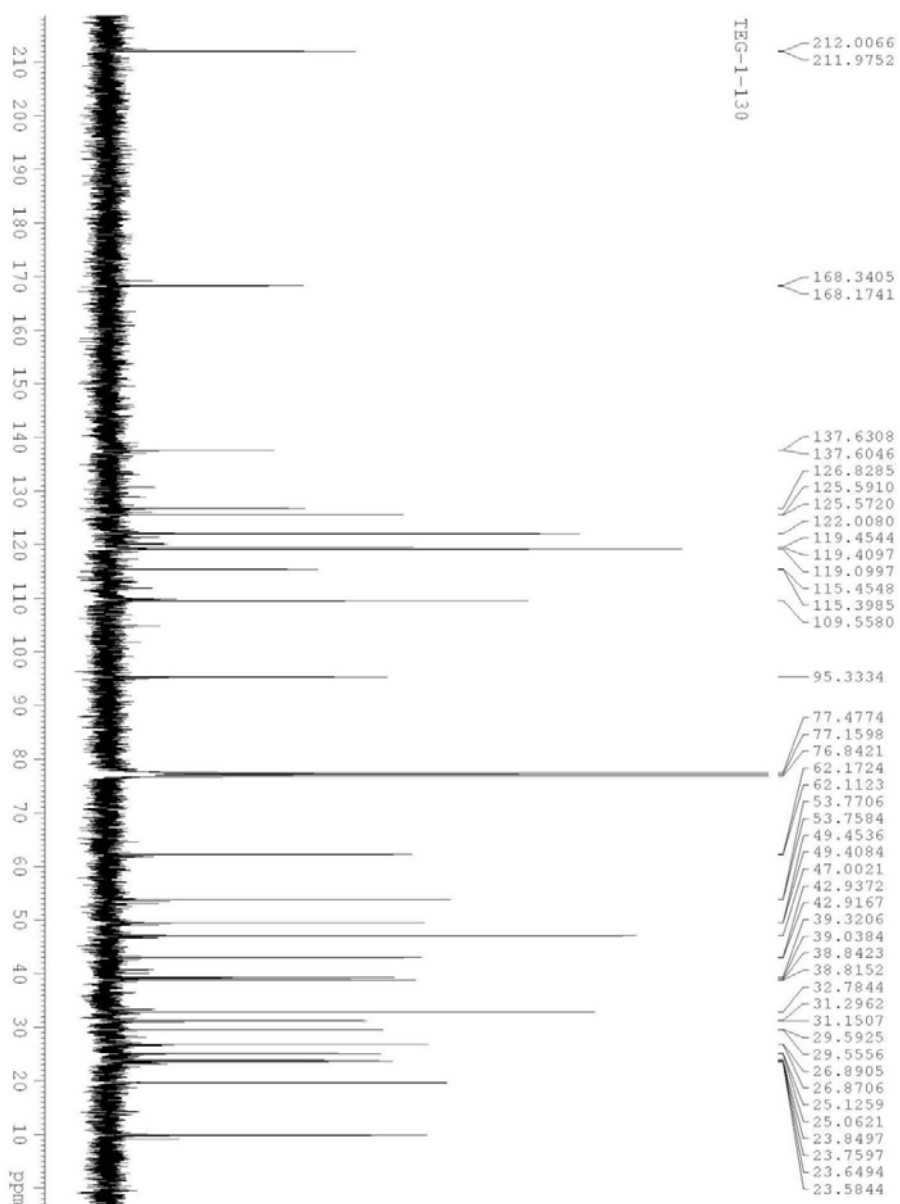
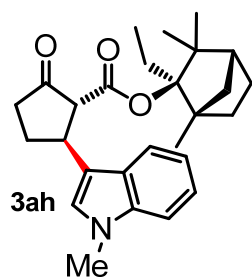


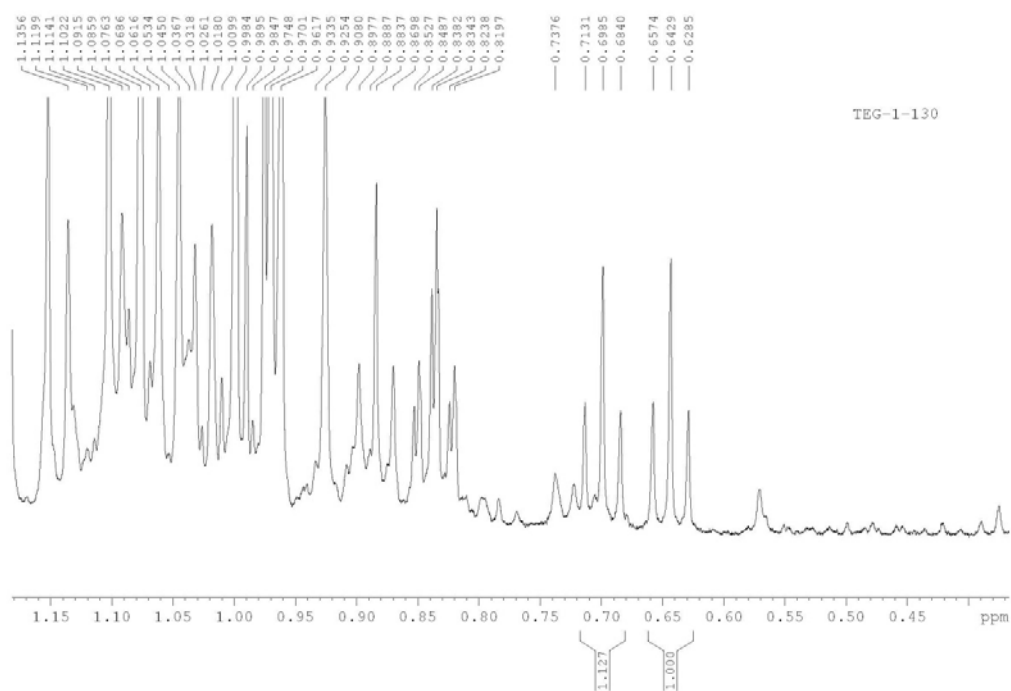
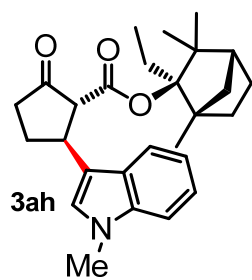


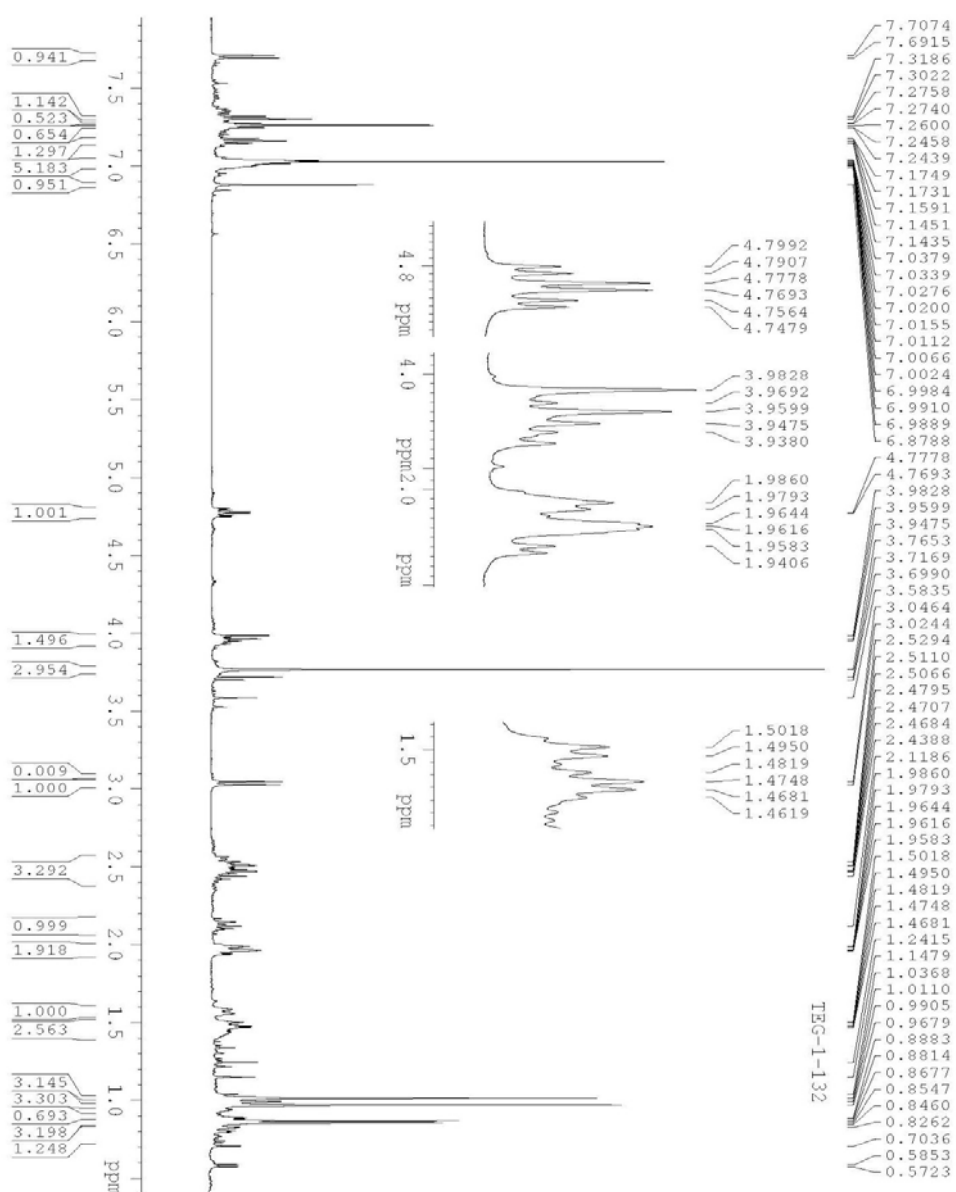
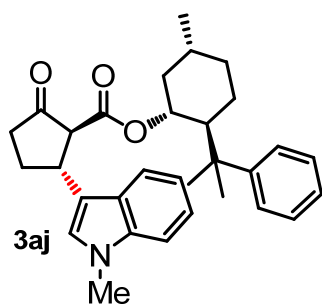


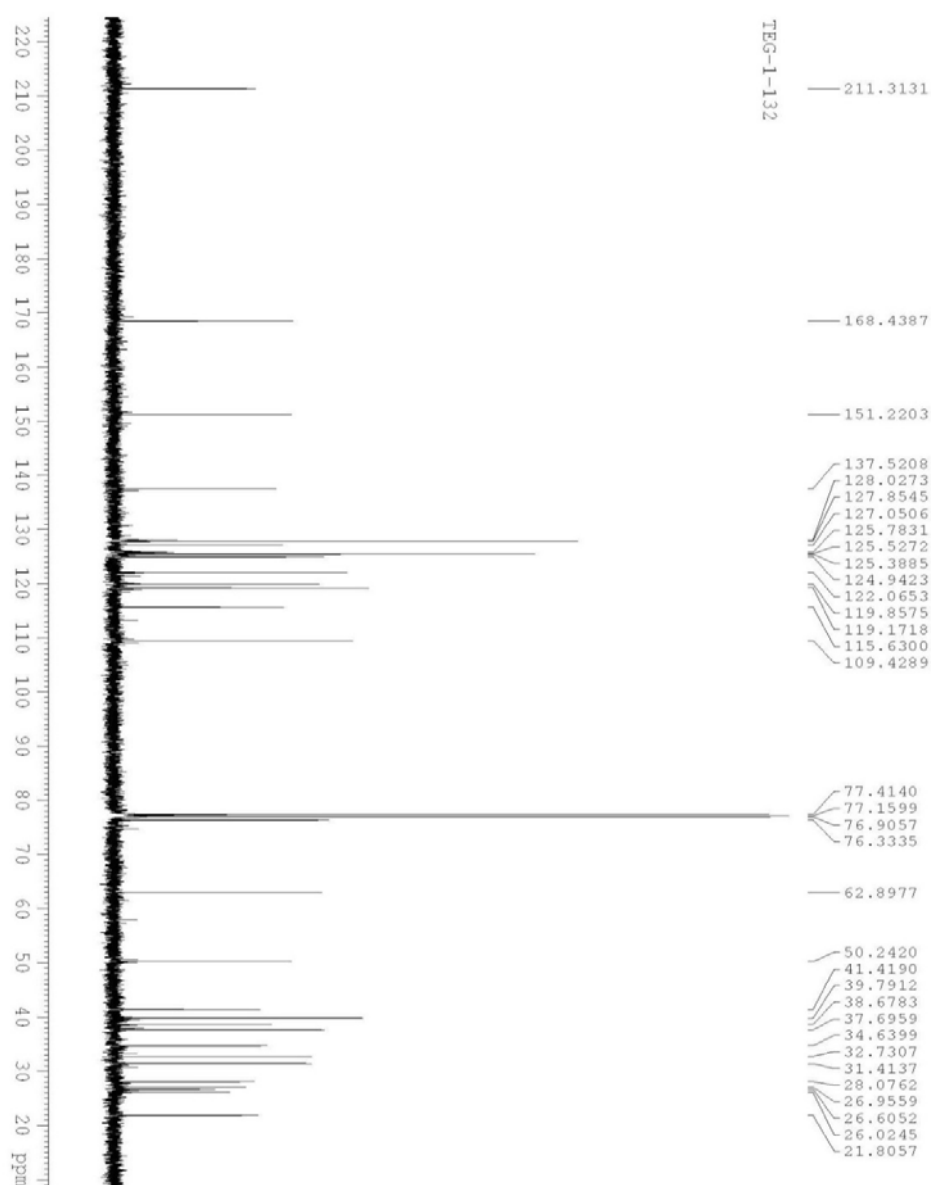
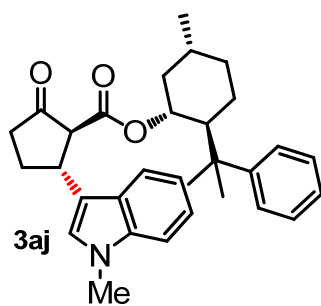


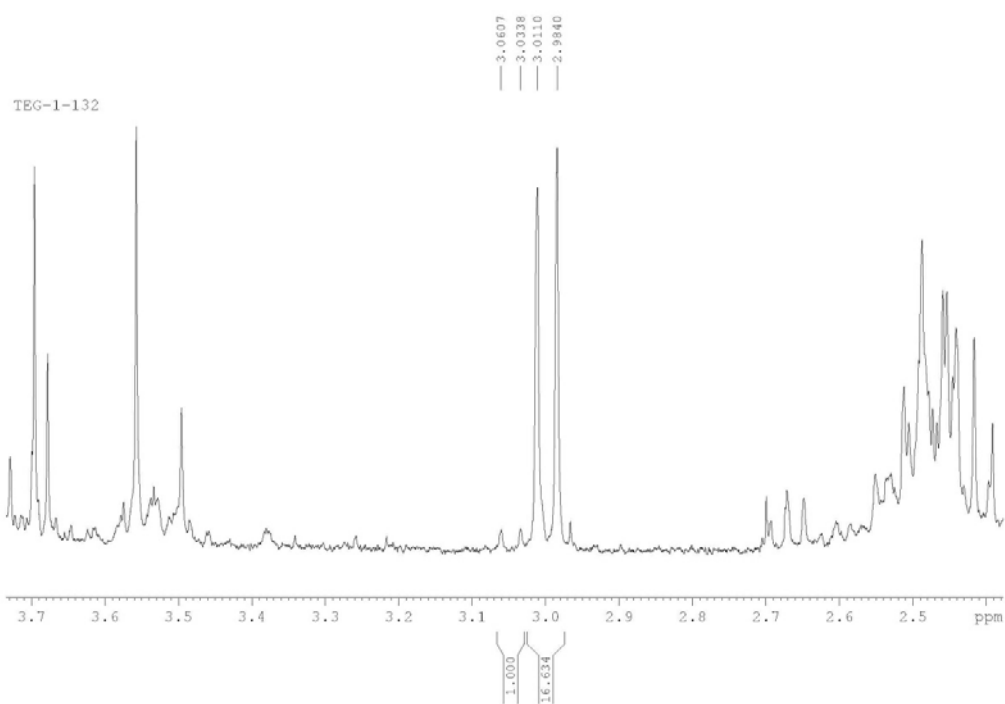
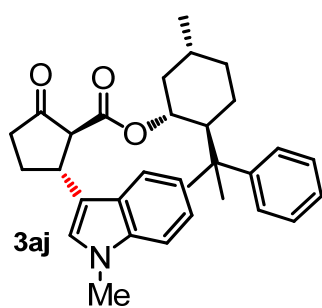


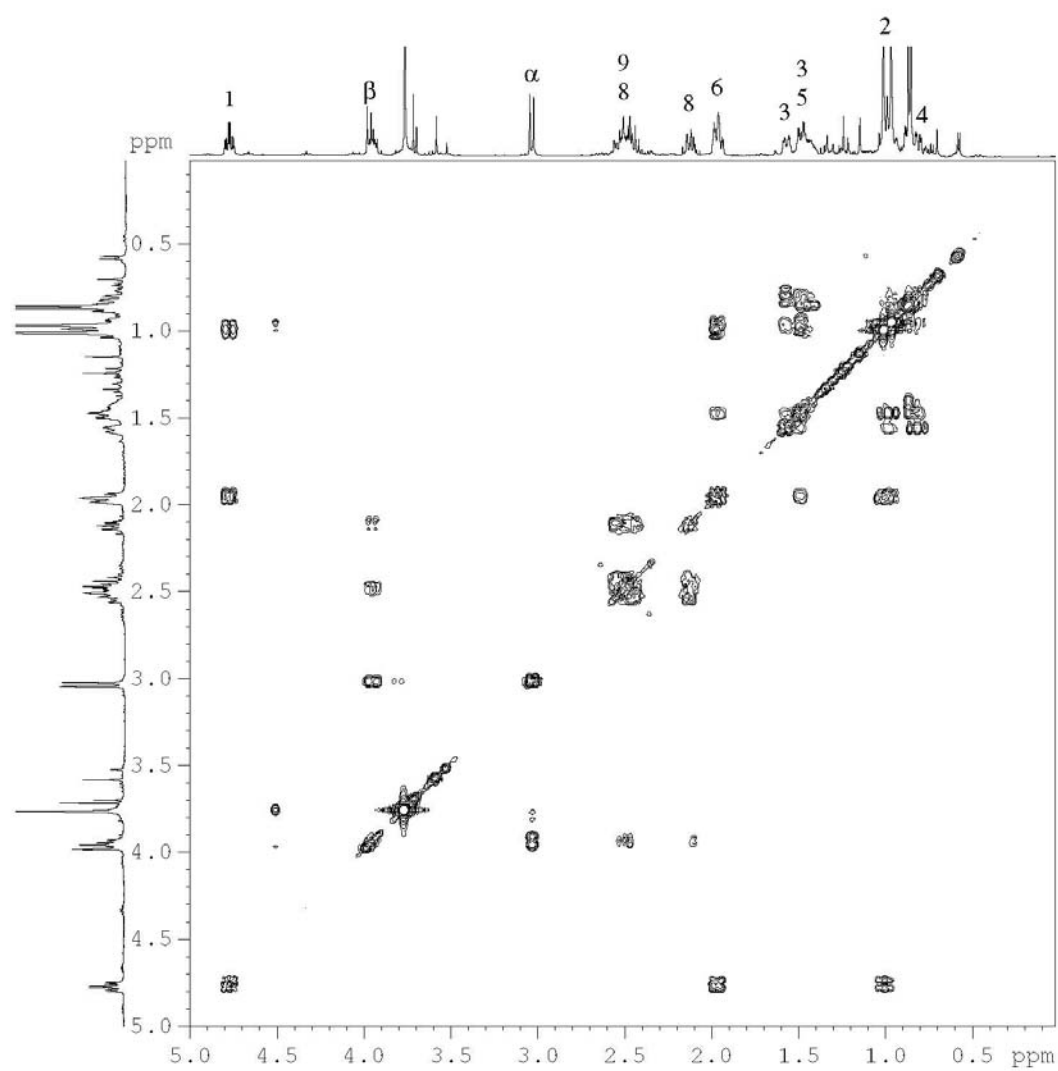
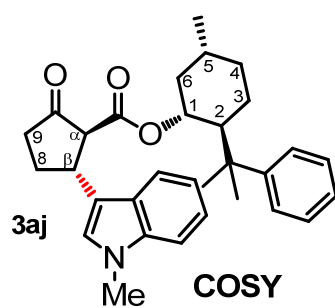


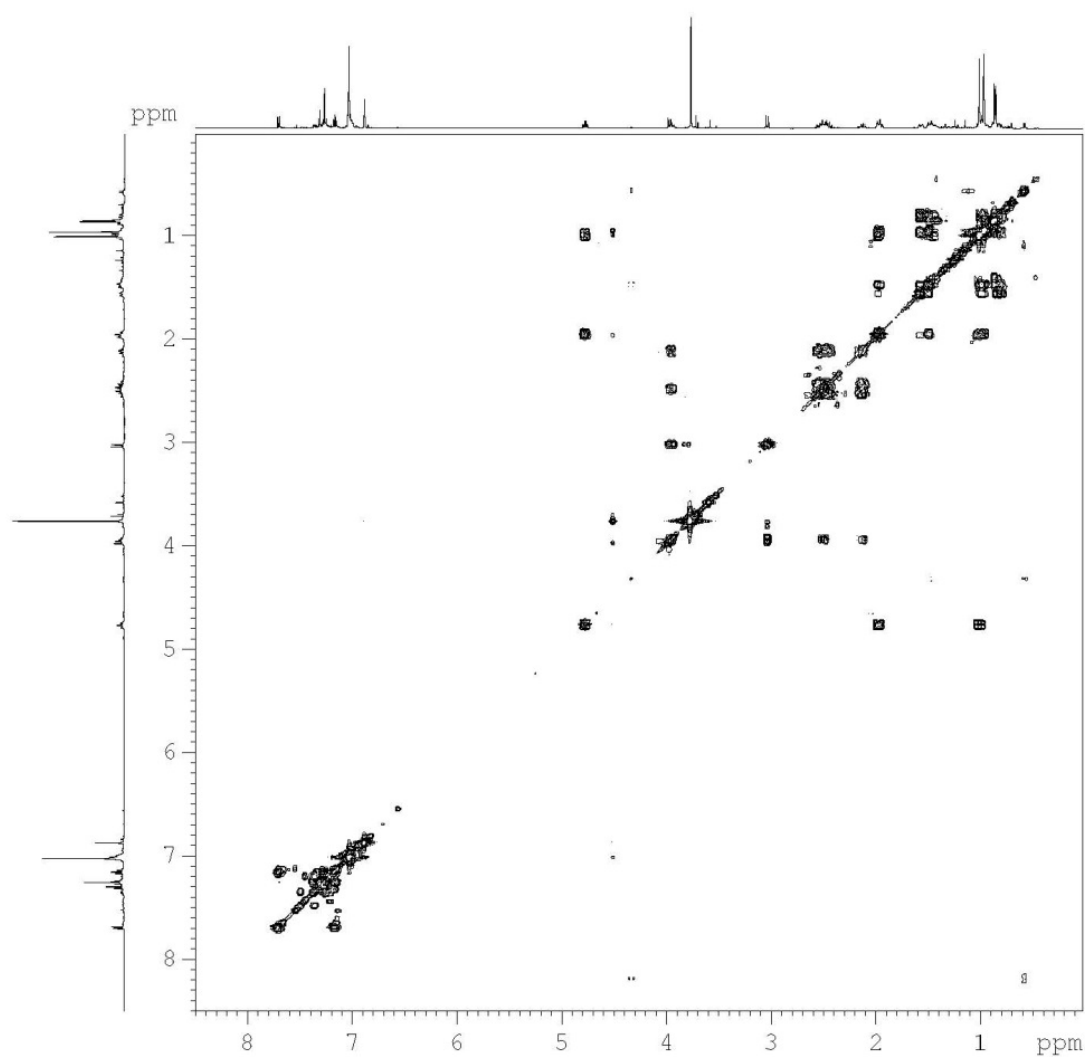


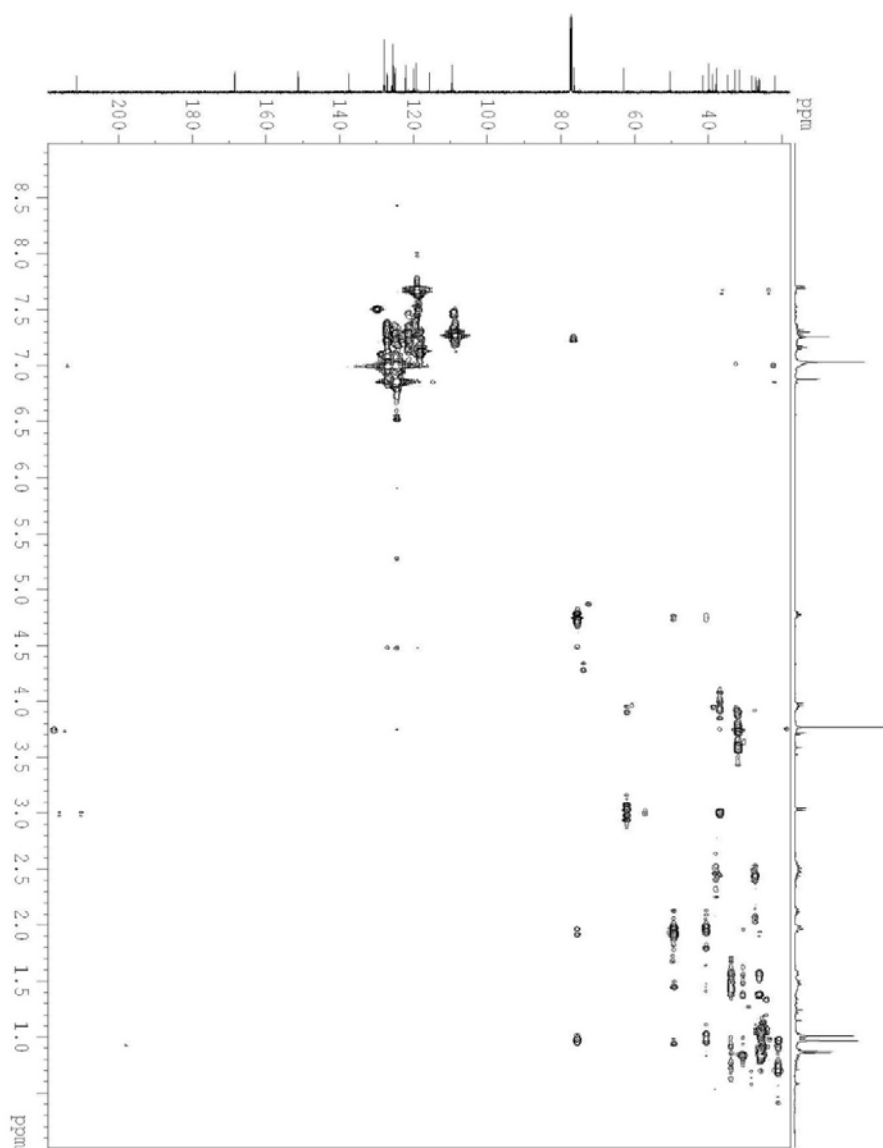
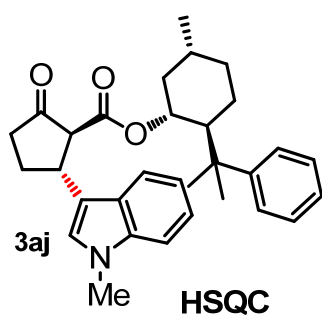


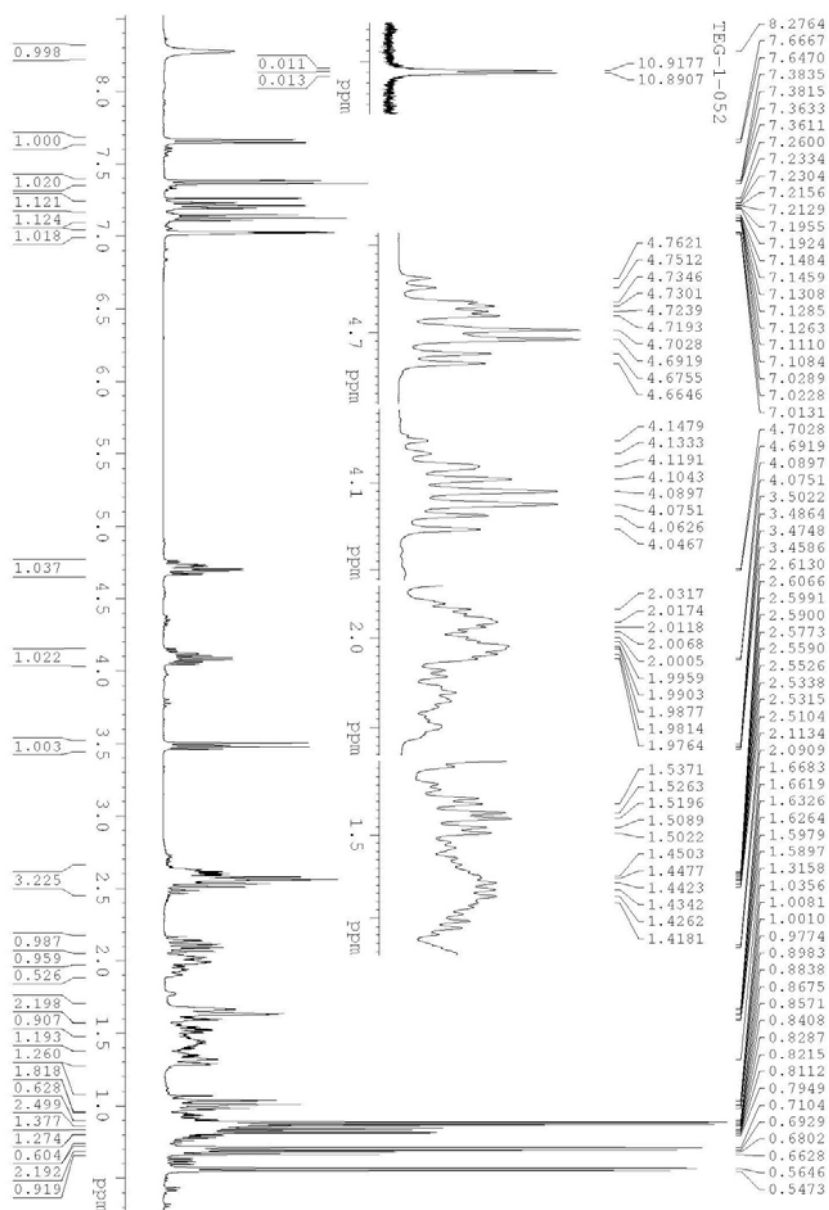
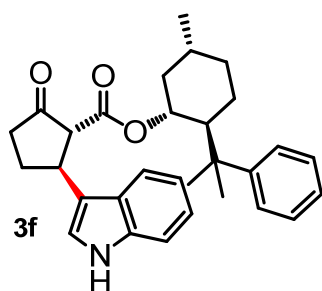


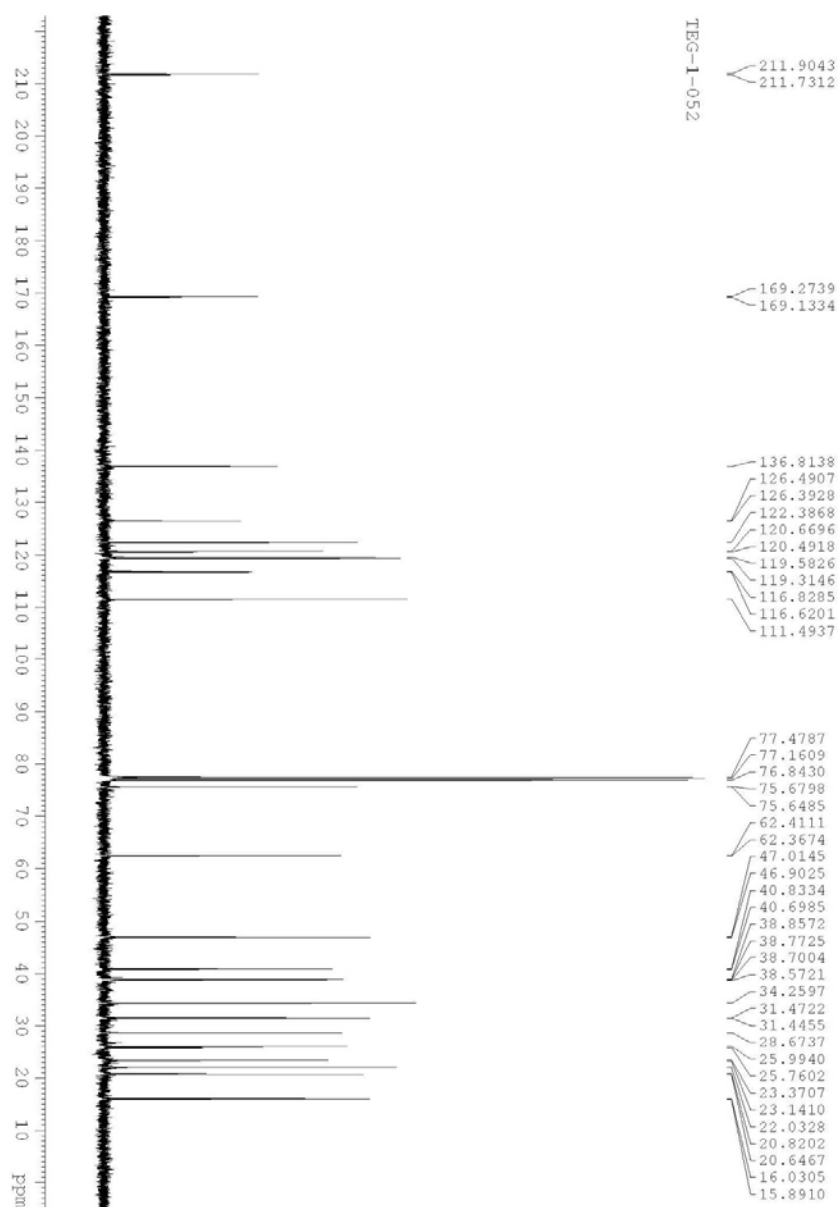
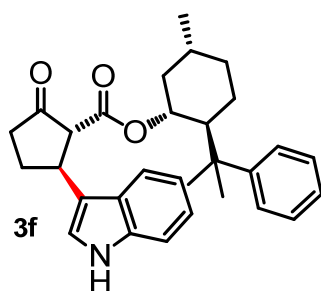


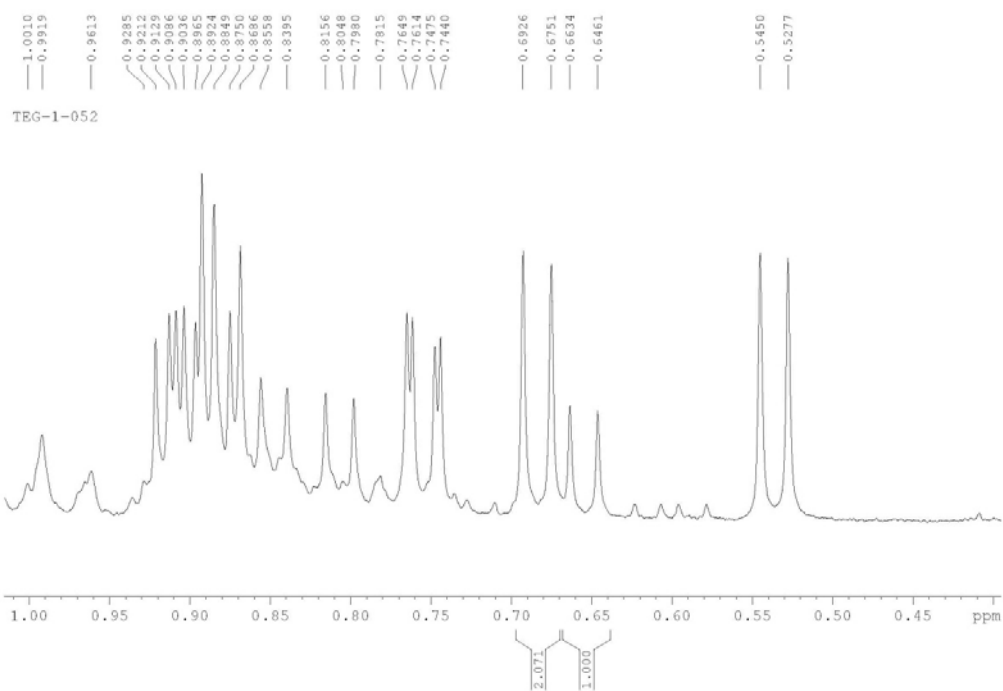
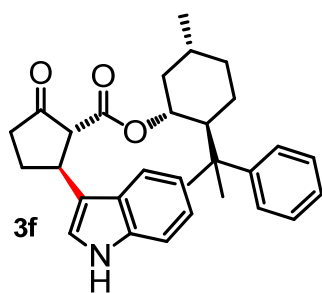


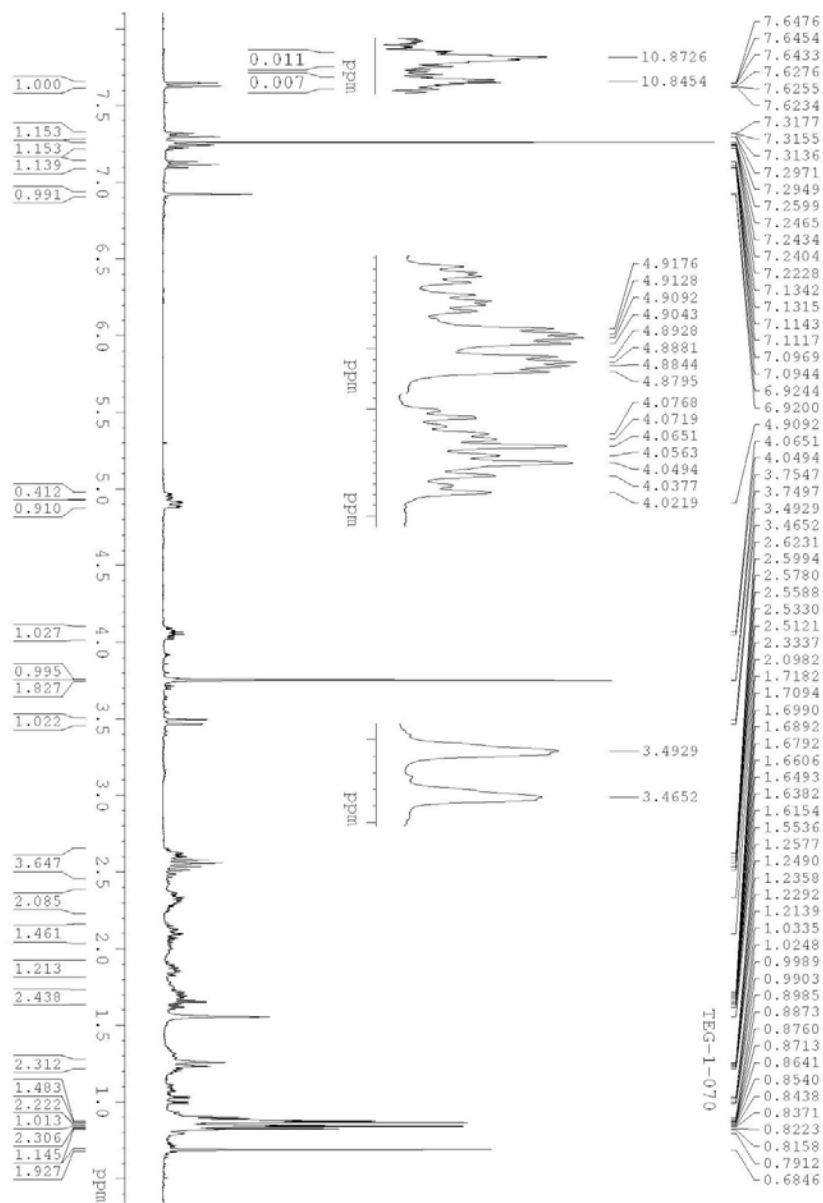
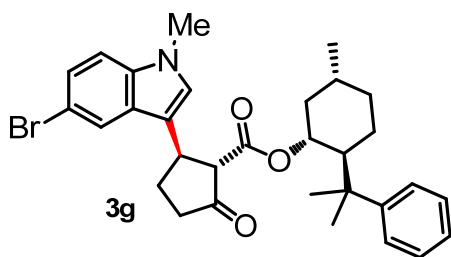


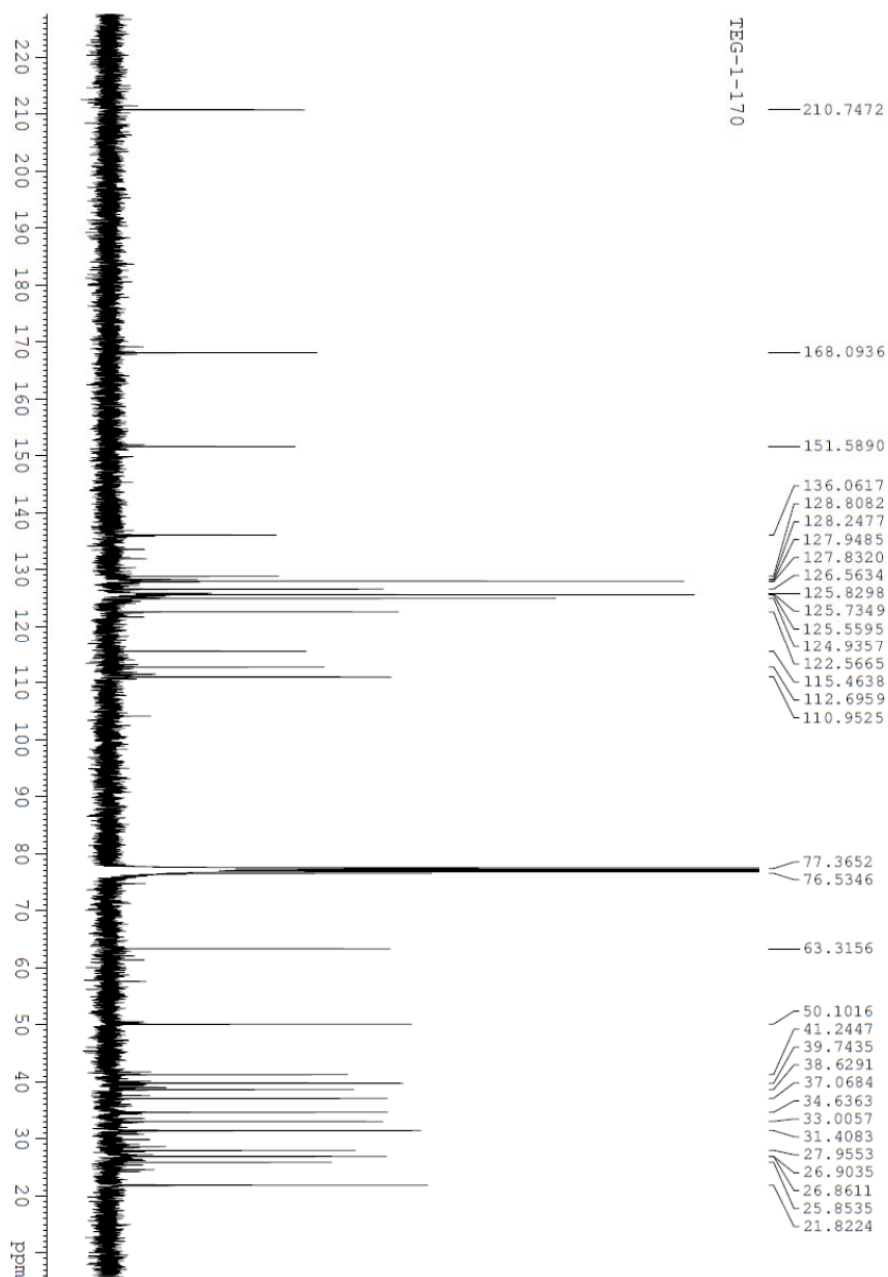
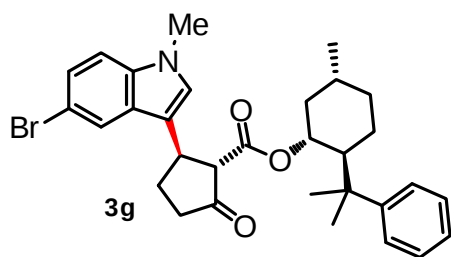


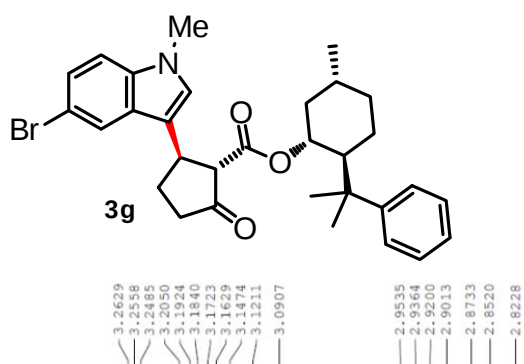




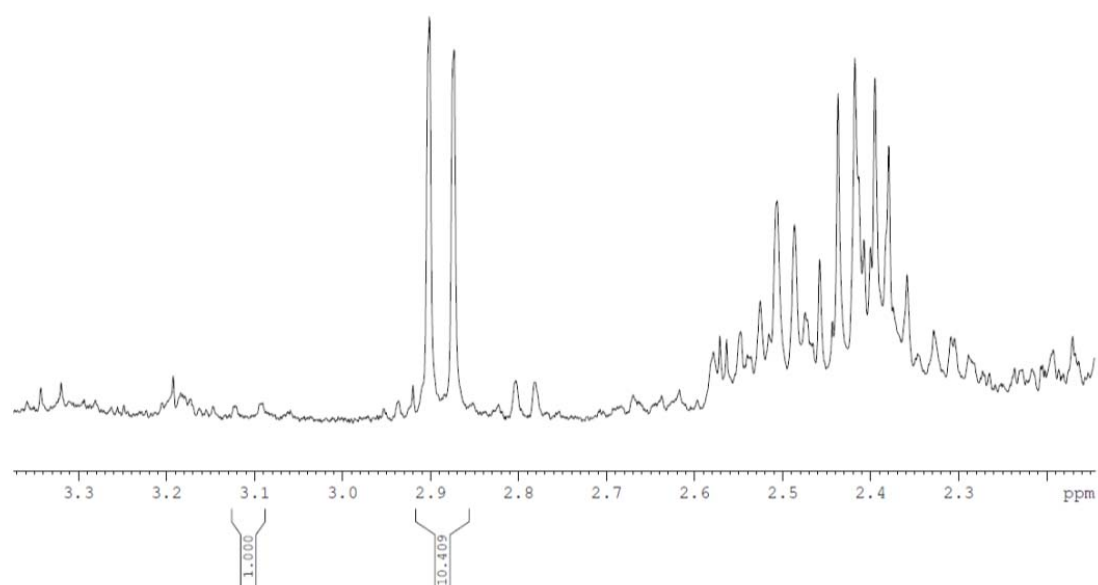


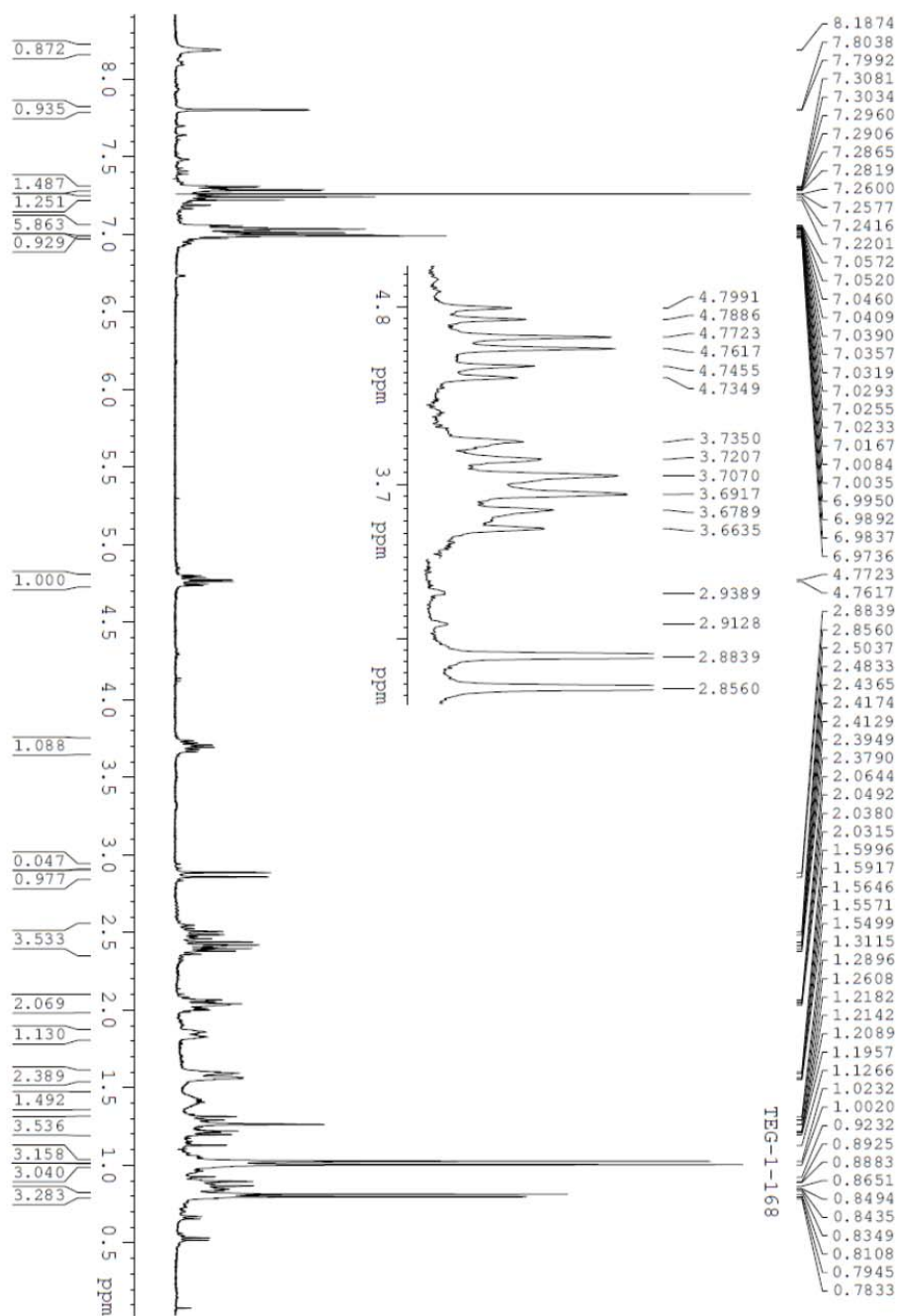
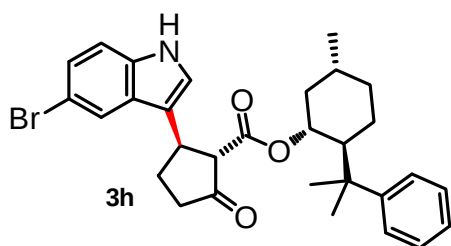


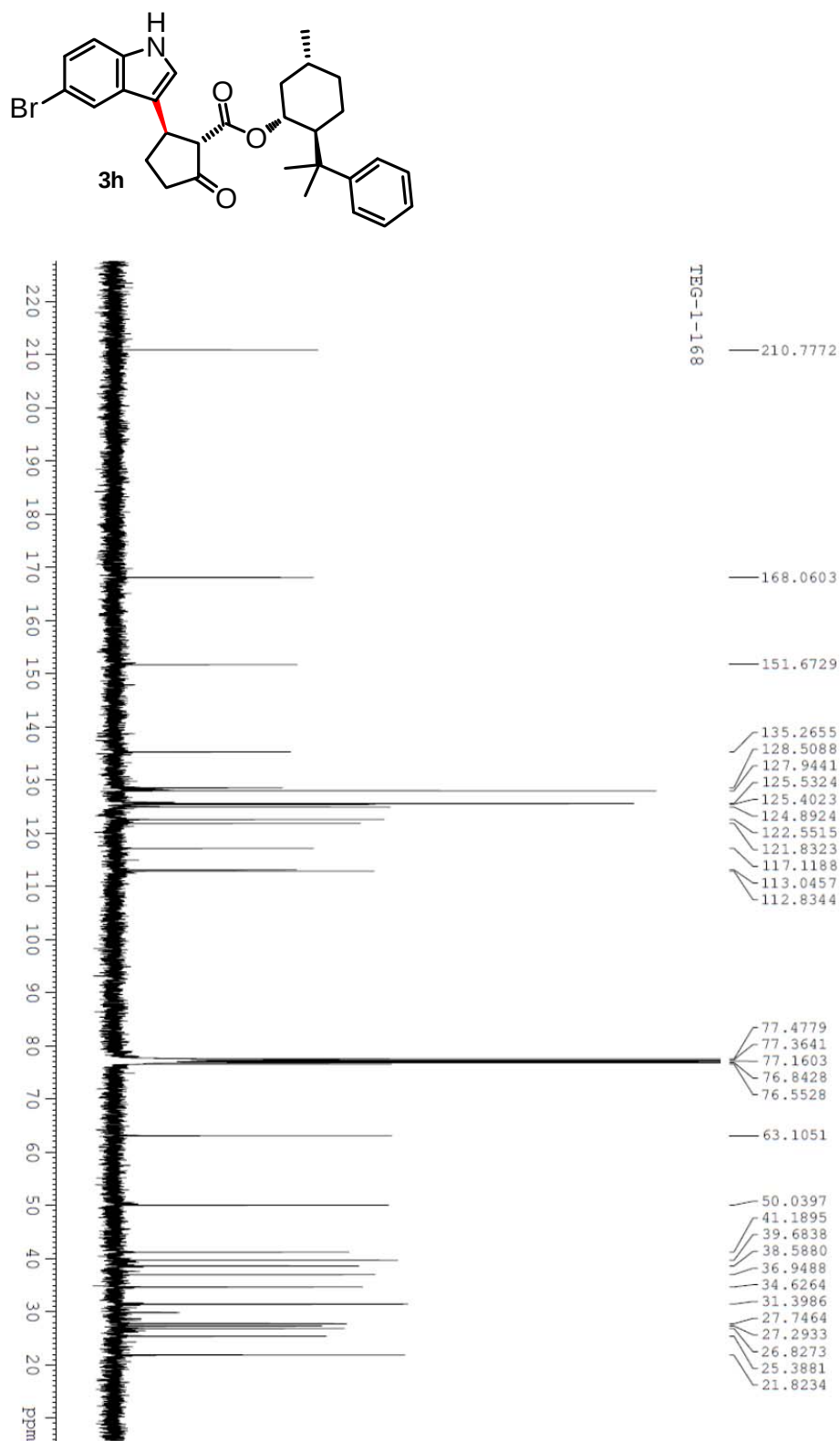


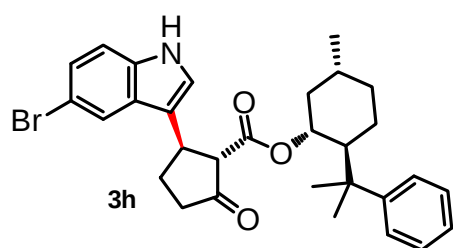


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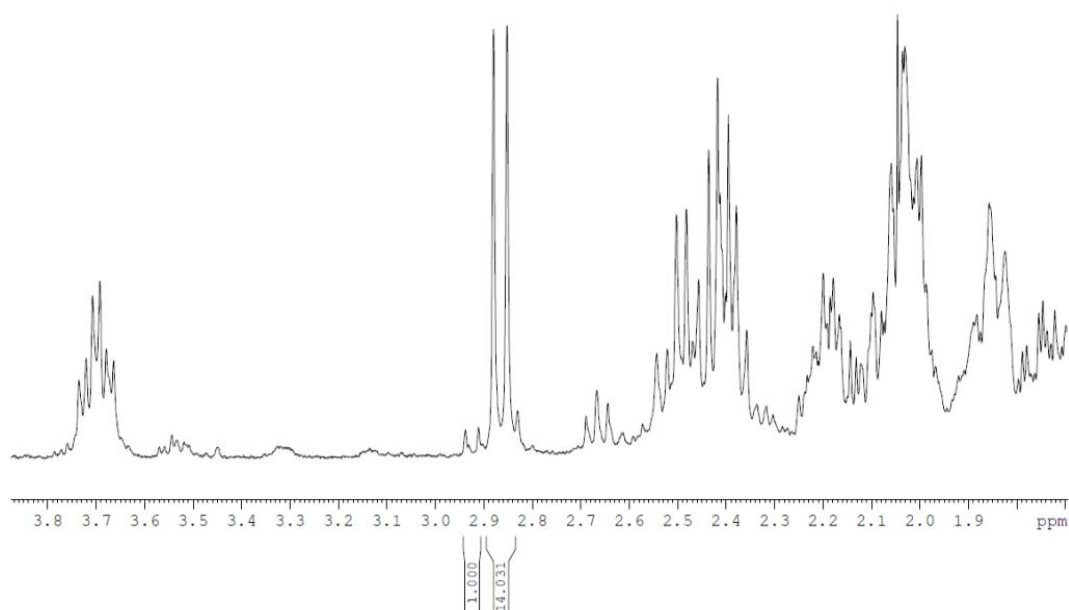


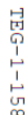


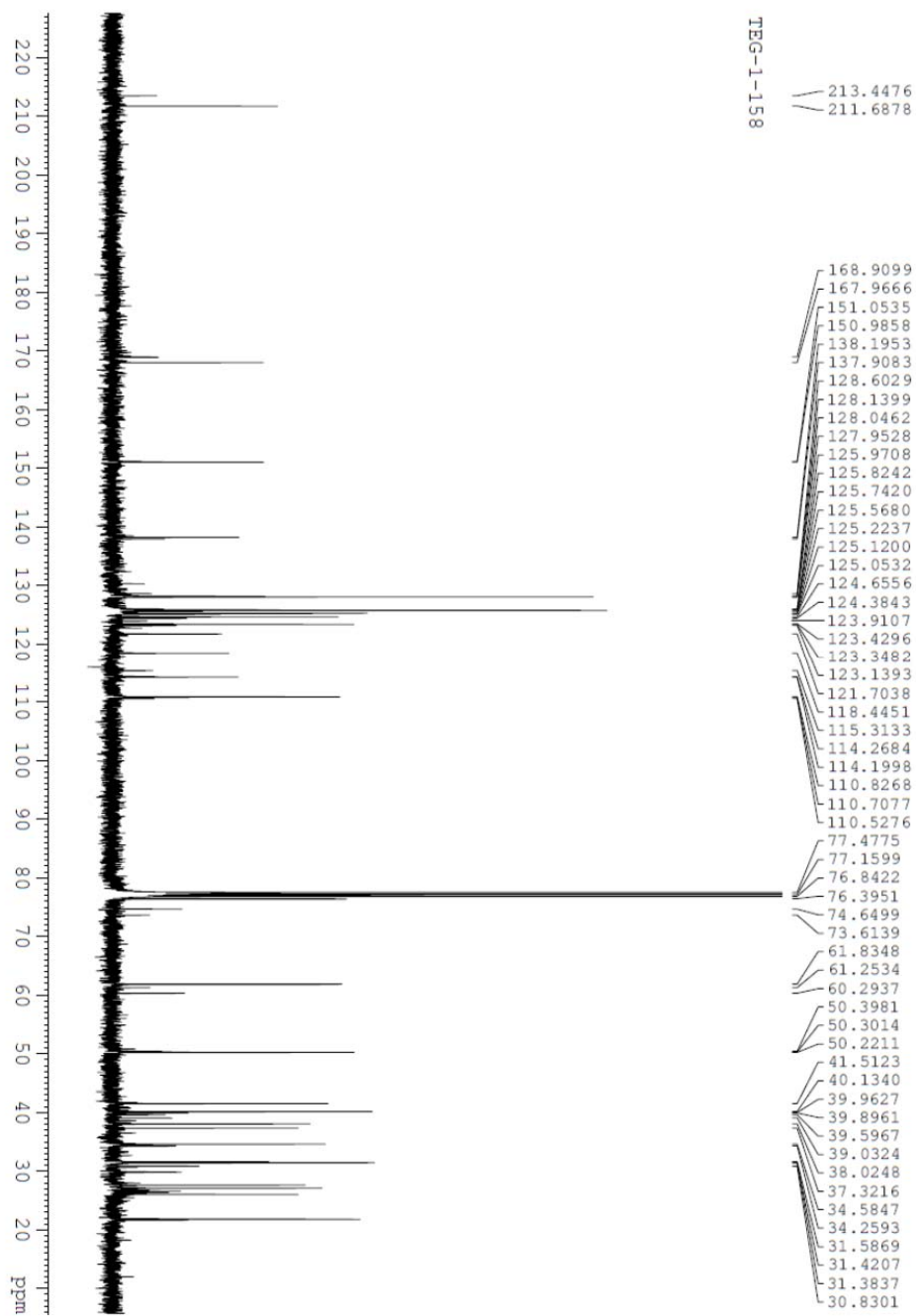
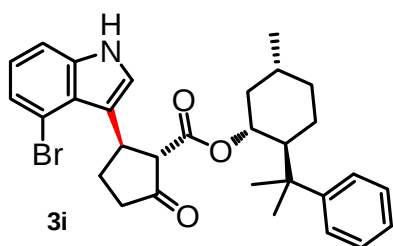


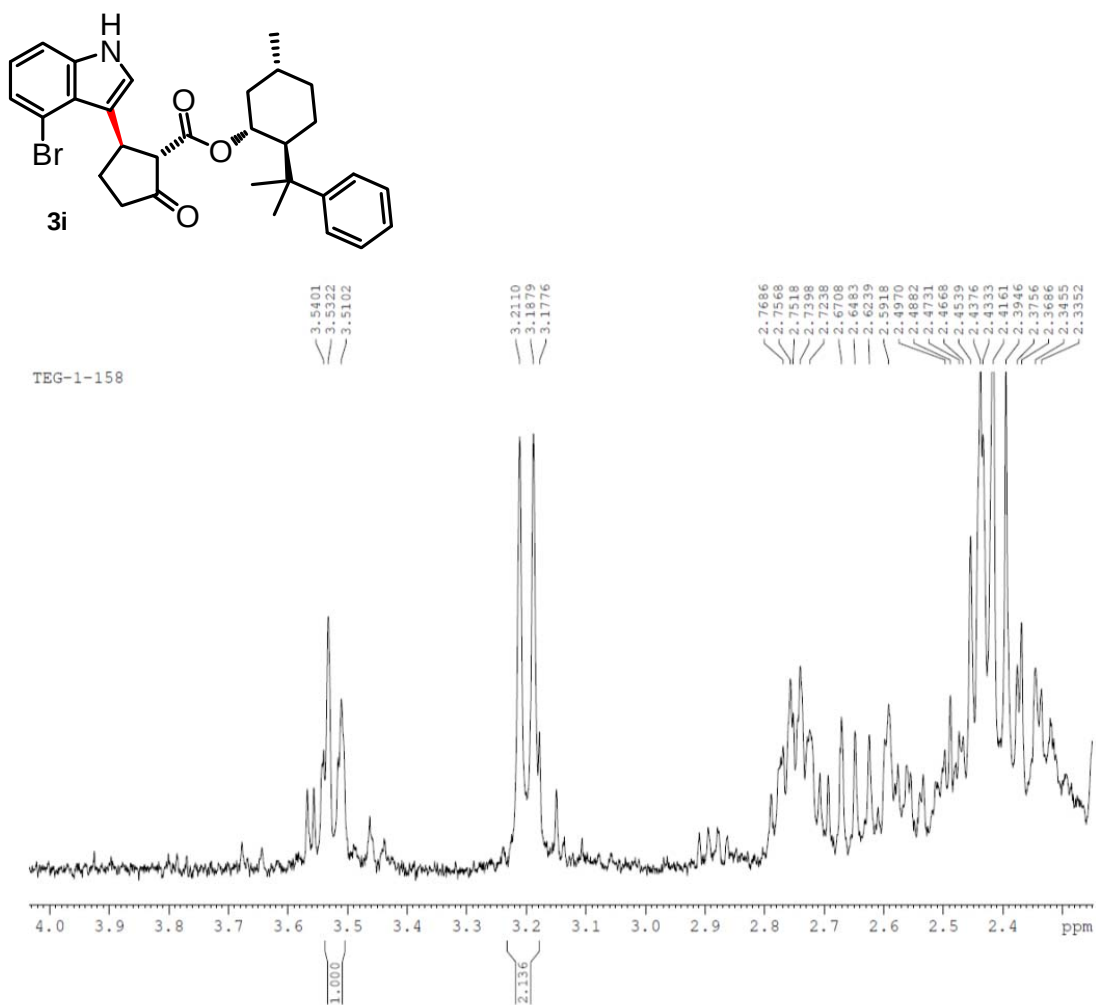
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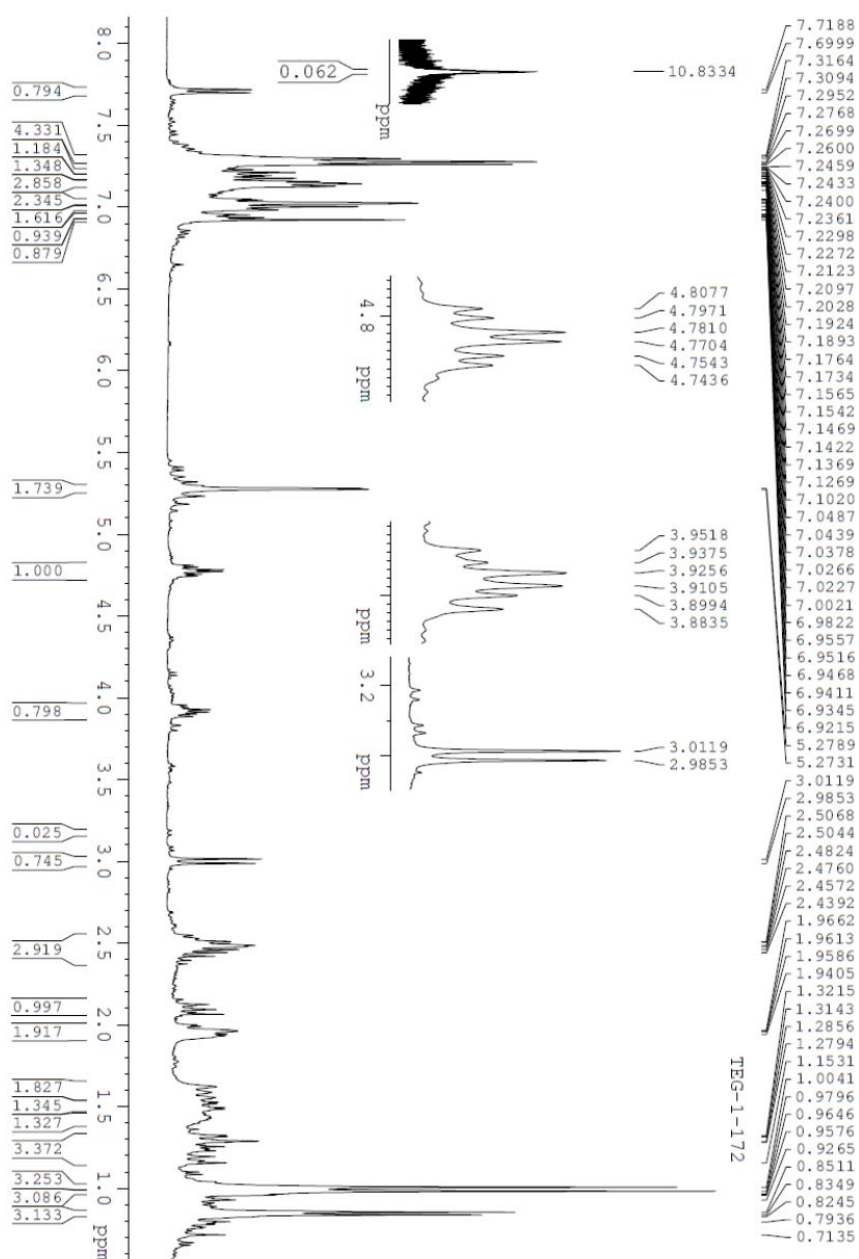
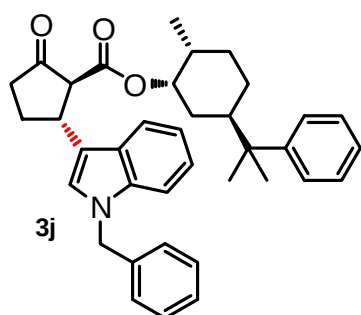
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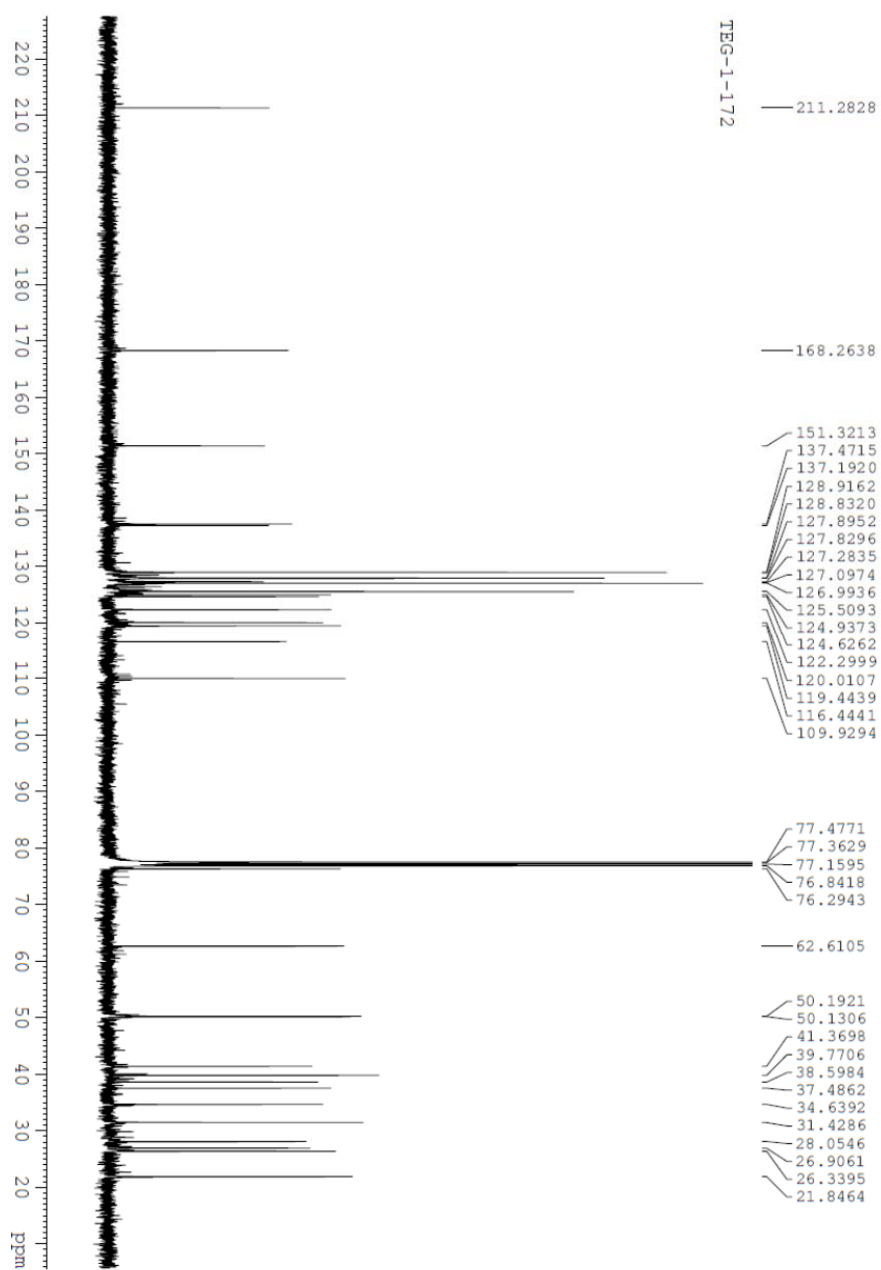
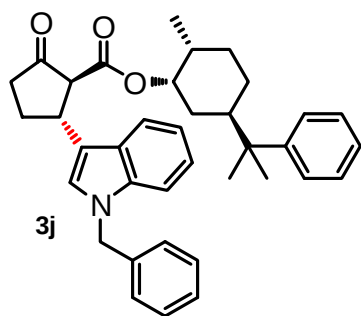


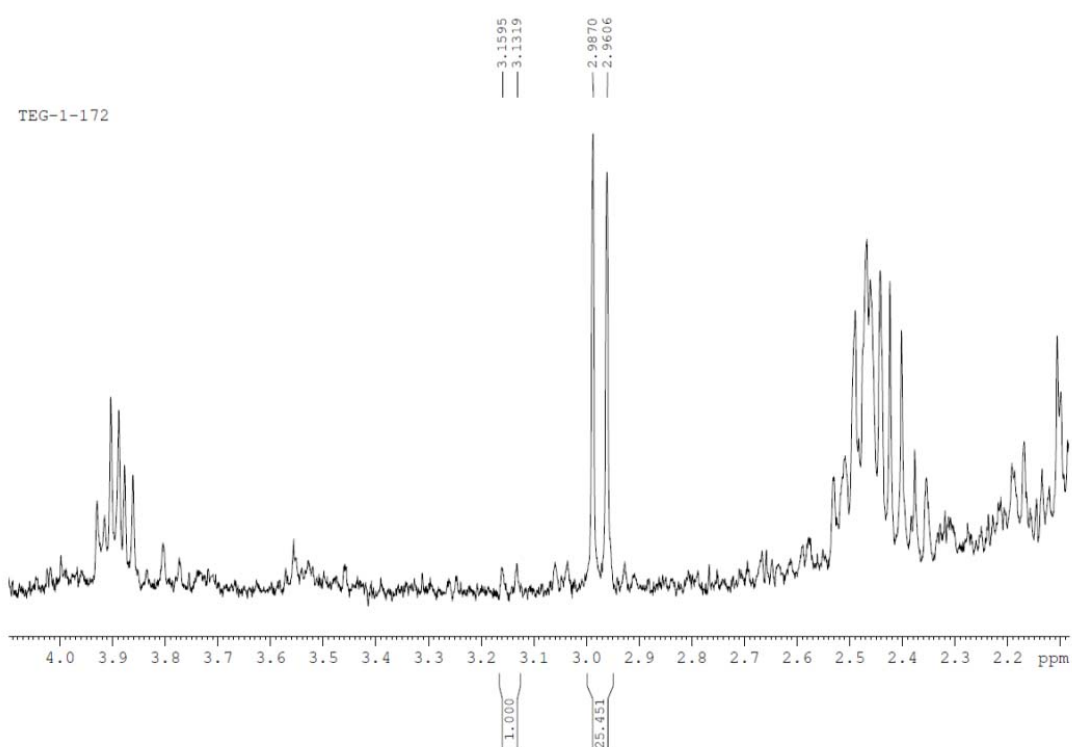
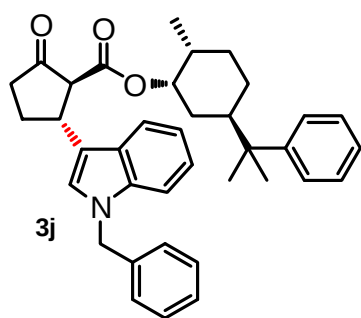


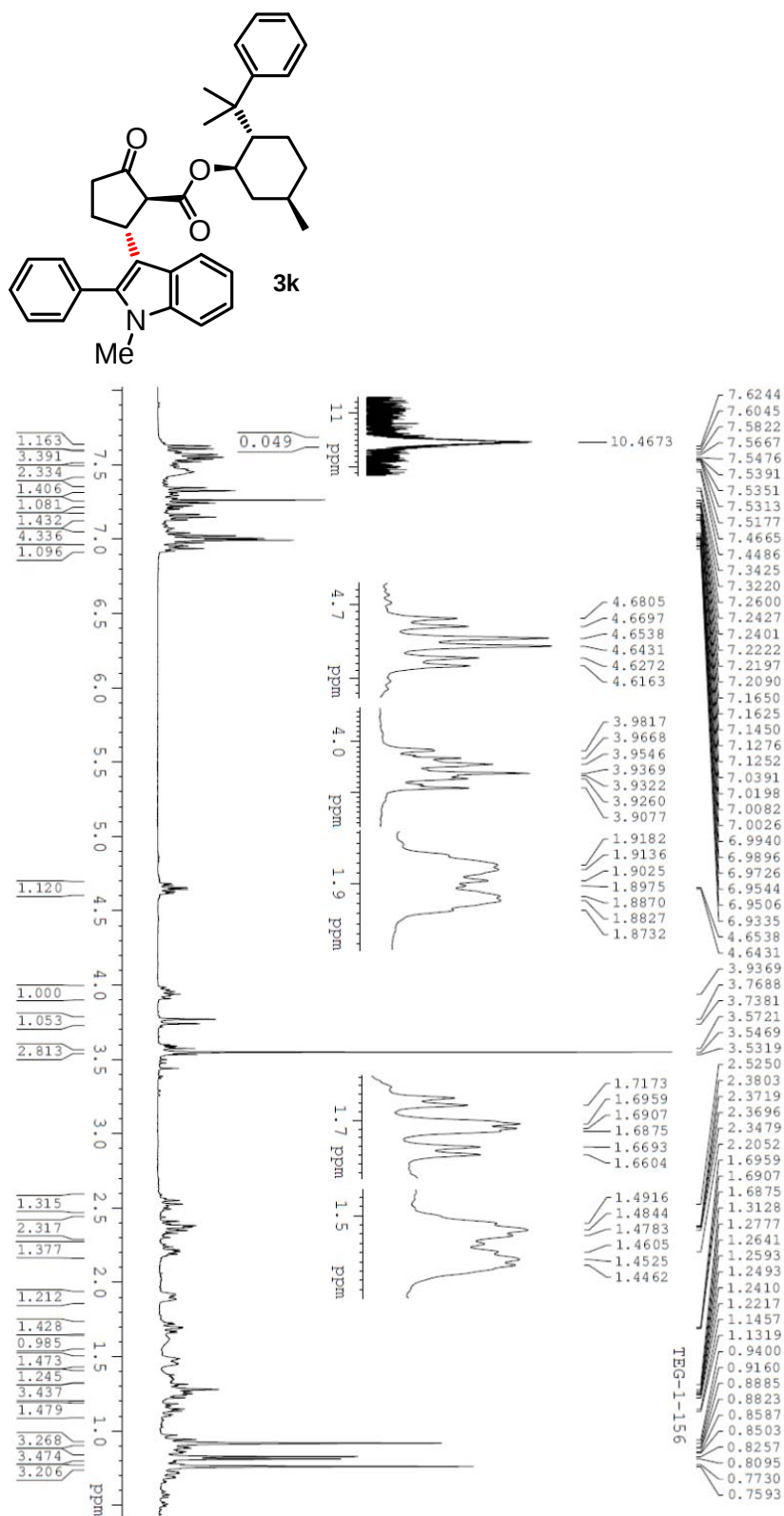


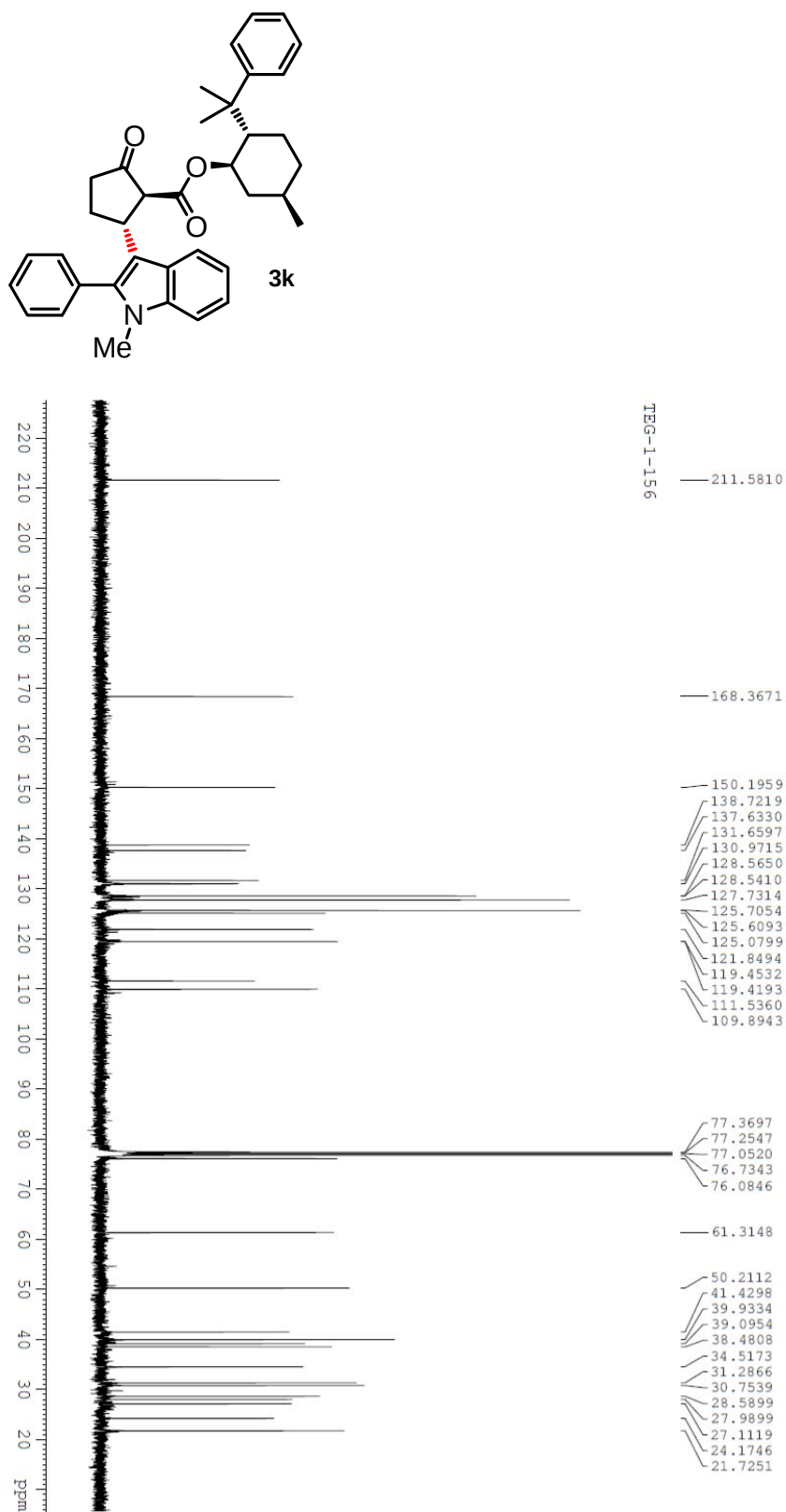


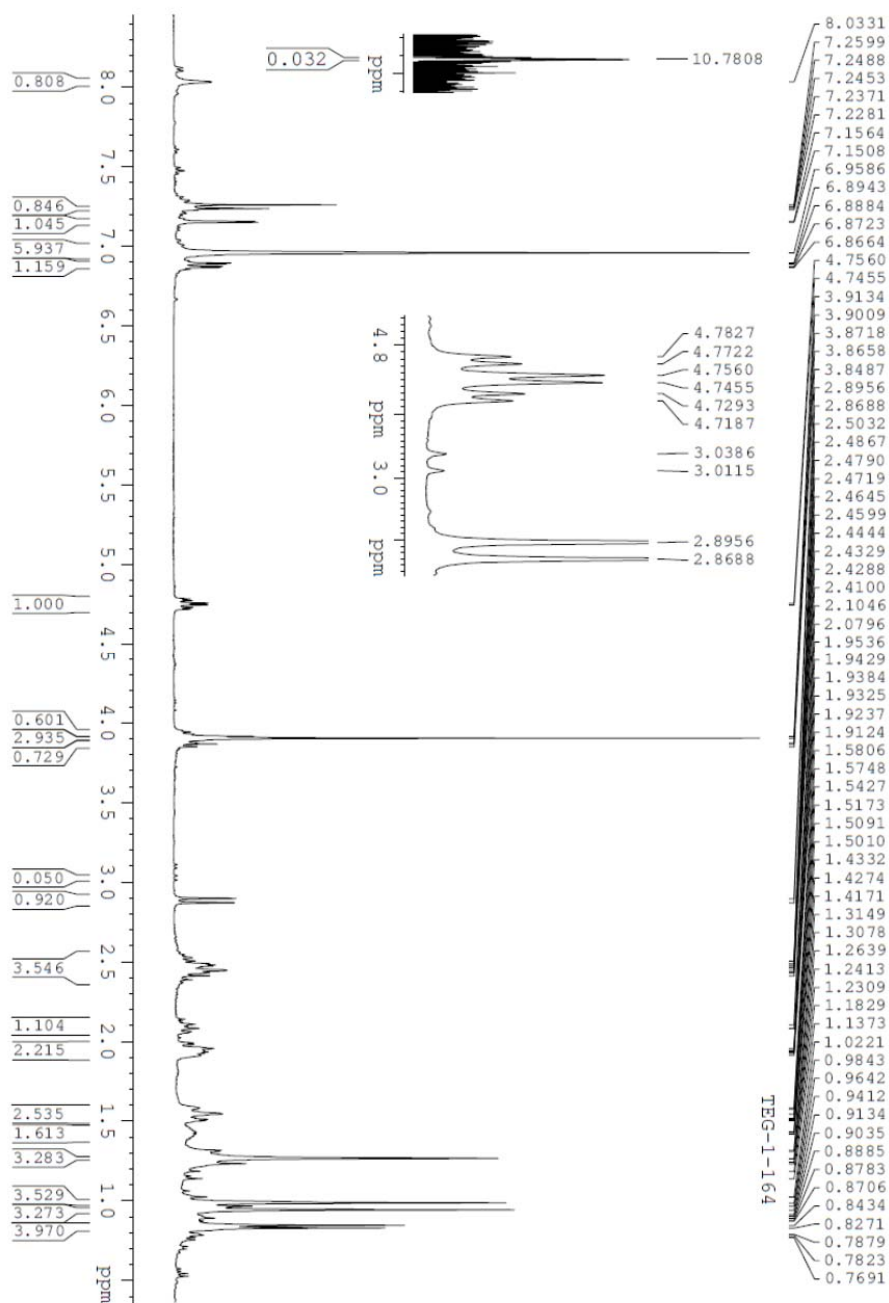
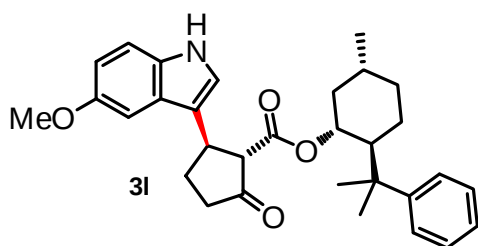


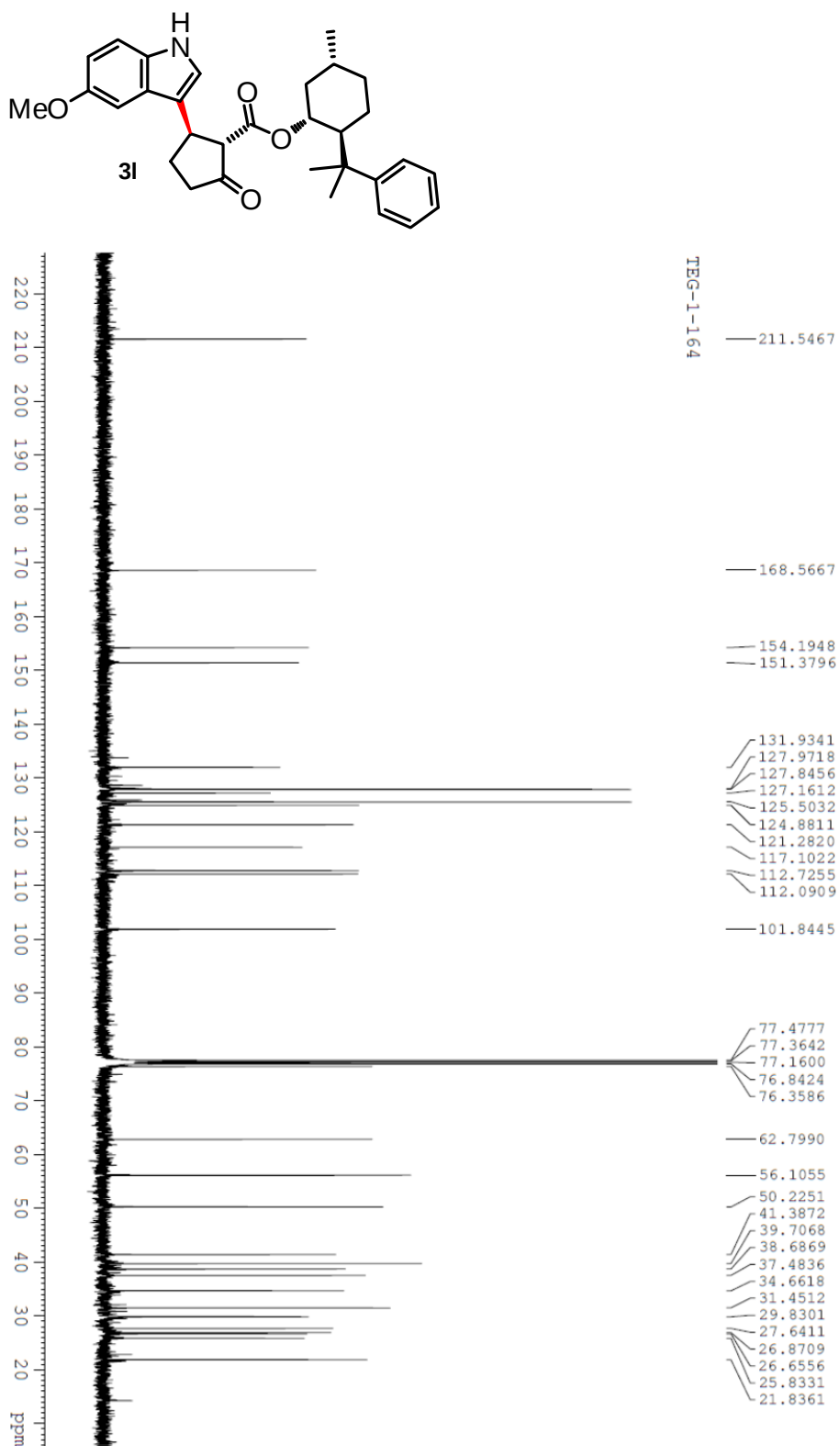


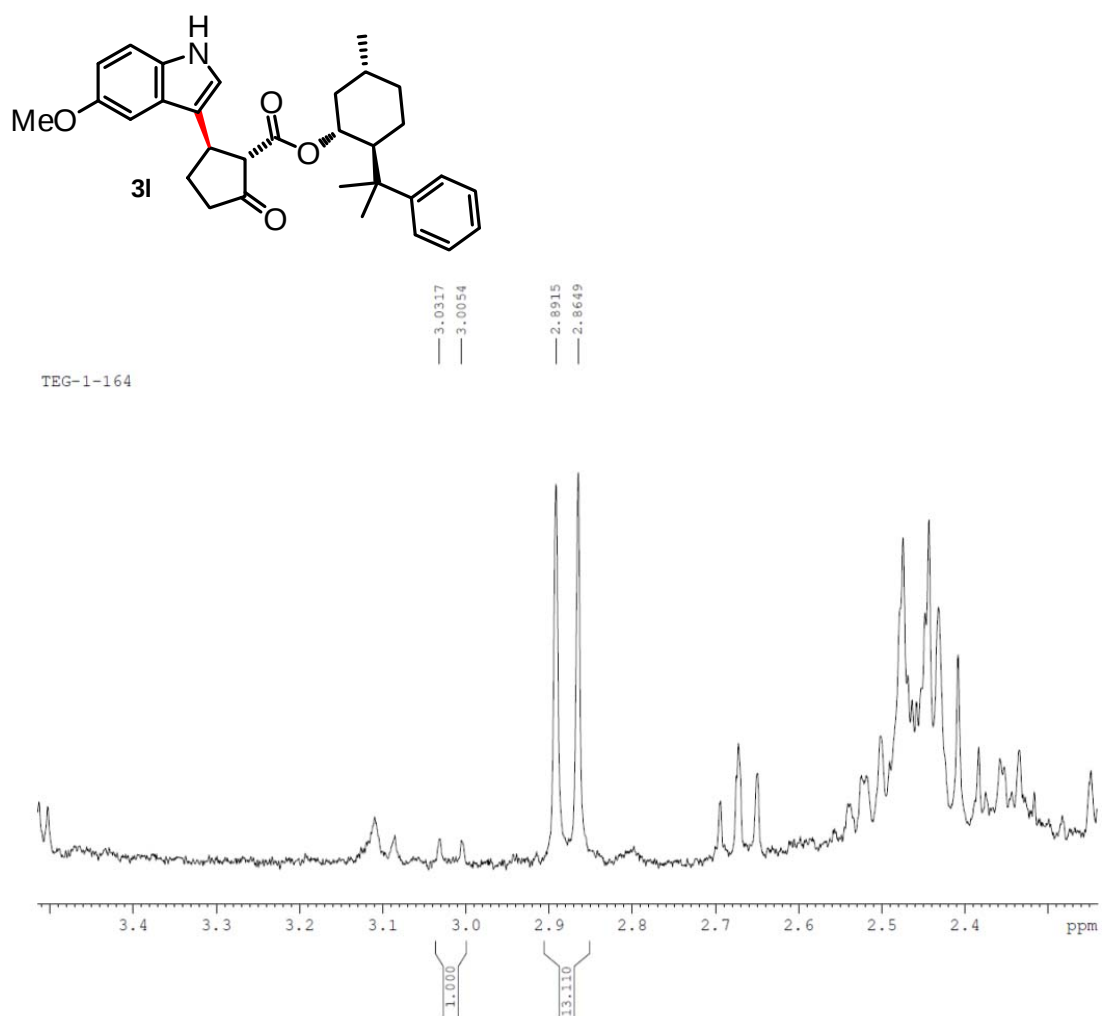


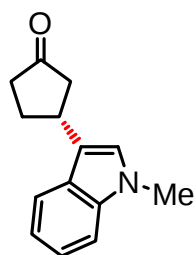
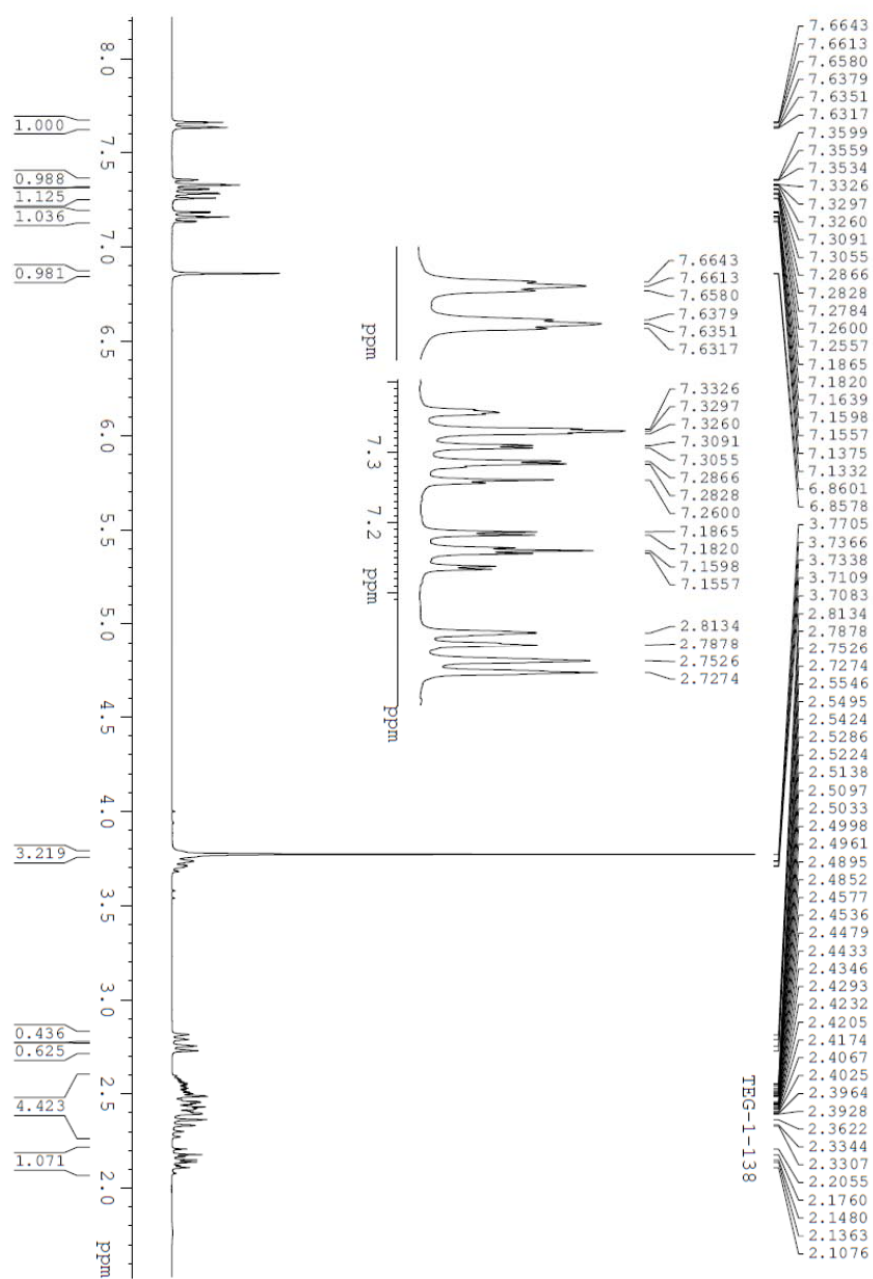


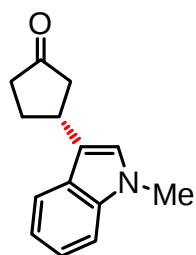
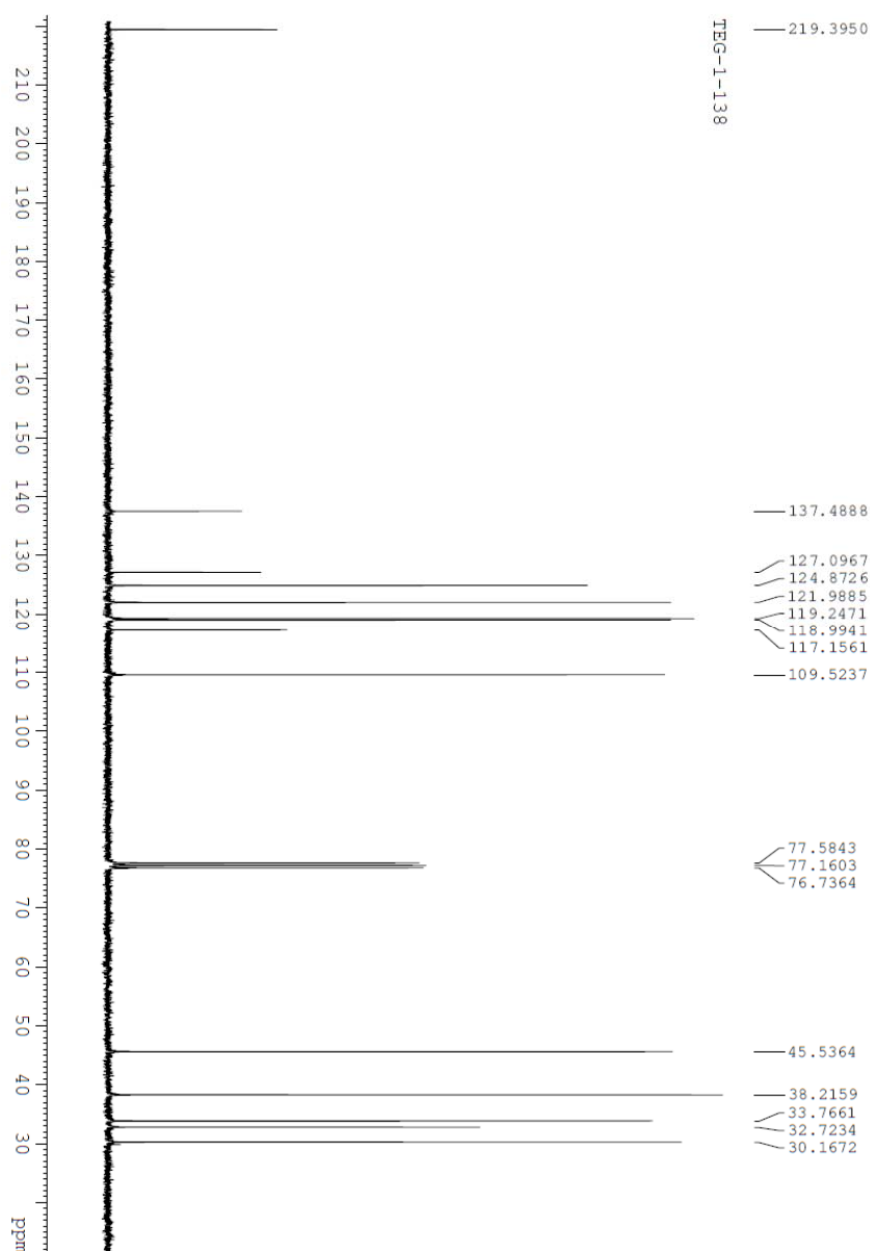








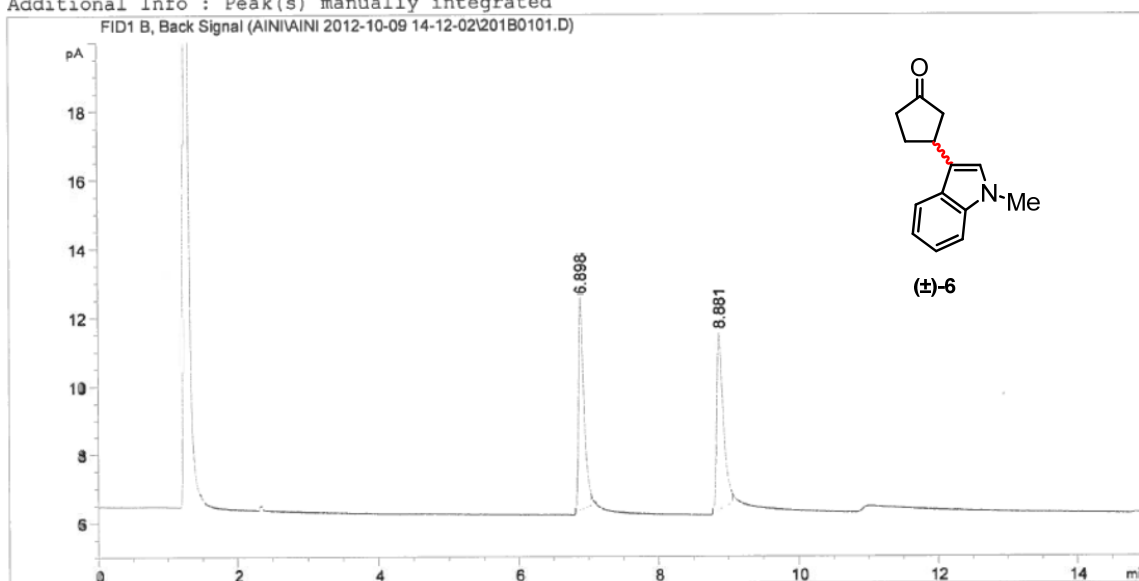
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GC chromatograms of decarboxylated product **6** and the corresponding racemate ($\pm$)-**6**

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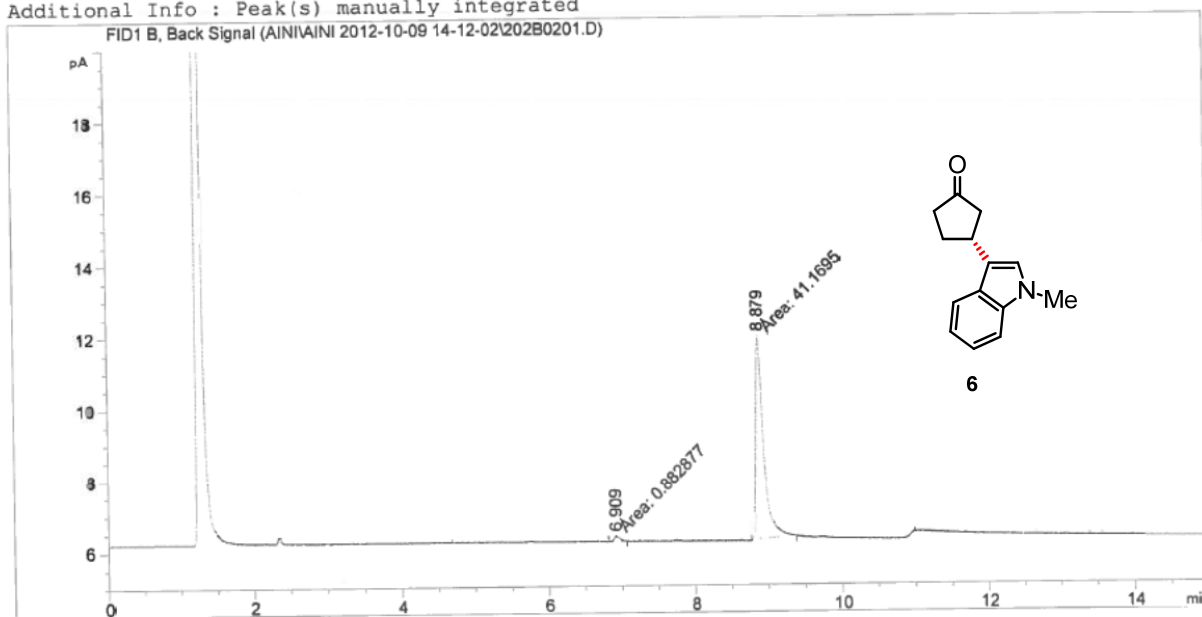
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