Supporting Information

Toward the Total Synthesis of FR901483: Concise Synthesis of the Azatricyclic Skeleton

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Experimental Procedures

General Methods. Unless otherwise noted, solvents and reagents were reagent-grade and used without further purification. Methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂), diisopropylamine (*i*-Pr₂NH) and triethylamine (Et₃N) were freshly distilled from CaH₂. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and ether (Et₂O) were dried by passage through two columns of activated neutral alumina. N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) and toluene were passed through two columns of molecular sieves. Reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperatures of the bath surrounding the vessel. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were acquired at 400 MHz for ¹H and 125 MHz for ¹³C in CDCl₃ unless otherwise indicated. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ), downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS, $\delta = 0.00$ ppm) and are referenced to the residual solvent (CDCl₃, δ = 7.24 ppm). The abbreviations s, d, t, q, p, hex, hep, m and comp stand for the resonance multiplicities singlet, doublet, triplet, quartet, pentuplet, hexuplet, heptuplet, multiplet and complex (overlapping multiplets), respectively. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded as films on sodium chloride plates and reported as wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ siliga gel plates eluting with solvents indicated, visualized by 254 nm UV lamp and stained with ethanolic solution of anisaldehyde. Flash chromatography was performed with ICN Silitech 32-63 D 60A siliga gel eluting with solvents as reported. The microwave reactions were performed using CEM Discover System, measuring the temperatures with the built-in thermometer that surrounds the reaction vessel. Compounds 8^1 and 54^2 were prepared according procedures reported in the literature.

(4-Oxooct-7-enyl)carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester (10). 4-Bromobut-1-ene (28 μ L, 0.28 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of magnesium turnings (78 mg, 3.24 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at 25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. An additional portion of 4-bromobut-1-ene (136 μ L, 1.34 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h. The mixture was then transferred via

cannula to a stirred solution of *N-tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-one (**9**) (200 mg, 1.08 mmol) in THF (8 mL) at -78 °C, and stirring was continued at -78 °C for 1.5 h. Isopropyl alcohol (4 mL) was added, and the cooling bath was removed. The mixture was partitioned between saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) to give 256 mg (98%) of **10** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR δ 5.77 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (dq, *J* = 16.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.95 (dq, *J* = 10.4, 1.6 Hz, 1 H) 4.58 (br s, 1 H), 3.09 (br q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H) 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.31–2.28 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 210.9, 156.2, 137.0, 115.7, 79.9, 41.9, 39.8, 39.1, 28.2, 27.9, 24.2; IR (neat) v 3360, 2931, 1709, 1522, 1365, 1250, 1171, 828; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 242.1775 [C₁₃H₂₃O₃N + H requires 242.1756].

2-(But-3-enyl)-1-pyrroline (11). A solution of trifluroacetic acid (1.08 mL, 14.53 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added to a solution of **10** (500 mg, 2.07 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 18 h after which small portions of K₂CO₃ (s) were added at 0 °C with stirring until the pH of the solution was slightly basic (by pH paper). The mixture was carefully concentrated under reduced pressure (300 mmHg) at 20 °C, and purified by flash chromatography (neutral alumina) eluting with pentane/Et₂O (9:1) to give 240 mg (94%) of **11** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR δ 5.84 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.4, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.46–2.33 (comp, 6 H), 1.86 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H); This spectrum was consistent with that reported in the literature.³

[(*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilanyloxy)]pyrrolidin-2-one (23). A solution of imidazole (100 mg, 1.48 mmol), TBDPS-Cl (271 μ L, 1.04 mmol), and (*R*)-4-hydroxy-2-pyrrolidinone (100 mg, 0.99 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was stirred for 0.5 h at 0 °C. The solution was poured into ice-cold water (5 mL), and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with

brine (2 x 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (2:98) to give 322 mg (96%) of **23** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR δ 7.62–7.60 (comp, 4 H), 7.45–7.35 (comp, 6 H), 5.81 (br s, 1 H), 4.54–4.48 (m, 1 H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR δ 175.2, 135.6, 133.1, 130.0, 127.8, 68.8, 51.1, 40.0, 26.8, 18.9; IR (neat) v 3226, 2920, 1700, 1111, 703; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 340.1657 [C₂₀H₂₅O₂N + H requires 340.1655].

[(*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilanyloxy)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (24). DMAP (166 mg, 1.36 mmol), Et₃N (379 µL, 2.72 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate (578 mg, 2.85 mmol) were added to a solution of 23 (923 mg, 2.72 mmol) in CH₃CN (30 mL) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 24 h at 25 °C whereupon water (50 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (1:5) to give 1.12 g (94%) of 24 as a clear oil. ¹H NMR δ 7.64–7.62 (comp, 4 H), 7.42–7.35 (comp, 6 H), 4.33 (p, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.50 (p, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 9 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 171.9, 149.8, 135.5, 132.9, 130.0, 127.8, 78.9, 64.7, 54.9, 42.8, 27.9, 26.7, 18.9; IR (neat) v 2932, 2858, 1787, 1714, 1472, 1317, 1152; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 440.2252 [C₂₅H₃₃O₄NSi + H requires 440.2257].

[(*R*)-2-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilanyloxy)-4-oxooct-7-enyl]carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester (25). 4-Bromobut-1-ene (17 μ L, 0.16 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of magnesium turnings (48 mg, 1.96 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, after which an additional portion of 4-bromobut-1-ene (83 μ L, 0.82 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h, after which it was transferred via cannula to a stirred solution of **24** (228 mg, 0.49 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 4 h after which isopropyl alcohol (0.5 mL) was added and the cooling bath removed. The mixture was partitioned between saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and ethyl acetate (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (5:95) to give 150 mg (59%) of **25** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (Cd₃CN) δ 7.64–7.62 (comp, 4 H), 7.44–7.35 (comp, 6 H), 5.77 (ddt, *J* = 16.4, 10.0, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.96–4.89 (m, 2 H), 4.58 (br s, 1 H), 4.31–4.27 (m, 1 H), 3.21–3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.11–3.05 (m, 1 H), 2.53–2.46 (m, 2 H), 2.35–2.24 (m, 2 H), 2.19–2.14 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (s, 9 H), 1.02 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (Cd₃CN) δ 207.7, 159.4, 138.0, 135.8, 133.4, 129.9, 127.8, 118.4, 79.1, 68.9, 45.6, 42.7, 38.4, 28.3, 27.4, 26.9, 19.2; IR (neat) v 2931, 1716, 1506, 1365, 1249, 1169, 1111; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 496.2888 [C₂₉H₄₁O₄NSi + H requires 496.2883].

(4-Oxo-oct-7-envl)carbamic acid 1-ethylallyl ester (39). 4-Bromobut-1-ene (20 µL, 0.20 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of magnesium turnings (48 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, after which additional 4-bromobut-1-ene (85 µL, 0.80 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h, after which TMEDA (151 µL, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The Grignard reagent (0.72 mL, 0.36 mmol, 0.5 M) thus prepared was transferred via a cannula to a stirred solution of **38** (36 mg, 0.18 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, whereupon isopropyl alcohol (0.3 mL) was added, and the cooling bath was removed. The mixture was partitioned between saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and EtOAc (5 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) to give 41 mg (88%) of **39** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR δ 5.76-5.67 (comp. 2 H), 5.19 (dt, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.12 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.02-5.00 (m, 1 H), 4.94-4.92 (comp, 2 H), 4.74(br s, 1 H), 3.11 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.44-2.38 (comp, 4 H), 2.26 (app q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.72 (p, J =7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.69–1.54 (m, 2 H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 209.7, 156.2, 136.9, 136.8,

116.2, 115.3, 76.3, 41.8, 40.3, 39.8, 27.7, 27.4, 23.8, 9.3; IR (neat) v 3352, 2959, 1713, 1643, 1529, 1251, 922; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 254.1758 [C₁₄H₂₃O₃N + H requires 254.1756].

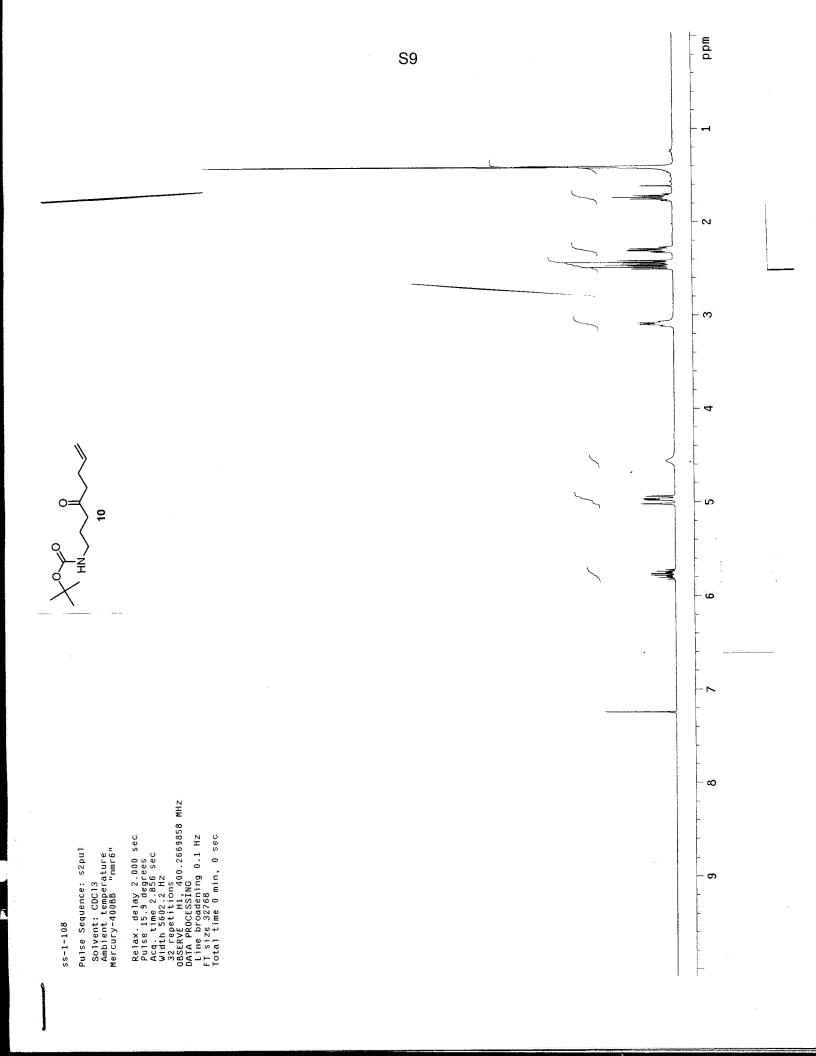
(*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilanyloxy)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid 1-ethylallyl ester (40). DMAP (204 mg, 1.67 mmol), Et₃N (350 µL, 2.51 mmol) and 1-ethylallyl chloroformate **36** (408 mg, 2.51 mmol) were added to a solution of **23** (568 mg, 1.67 mmol) in CH₃CN (8 mL) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed allowing the mixture to warm to room temperature, and then stirred at 80 °C for 16 h. Saturated NaHCO₃ (50 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (5:95) to give 240 mg (36%) of **40** as a clear oil and 340 mg (60%) of the recovered starting material **23**. ¹H NMR δ 7.62–7.59 (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.35 (comp, 6 H), 5.78 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (dt, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (p, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.72–3.71 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.74–1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR δ 171.7, 150.7, 135.5, 132.8, 132.7, 130.0, 127.9, 117.6, 78.6, 64.8, 54.8, 42.7, 27.0, 26.6, 18.9, 9.2; IR (neat) v 2931, 1789, 1713, 1350, 1288, 1112, 703; mass spectrum (CI⁺) *m/z* 452.2255 [C₂₆H₃₃O₄NSi + H requires 452.2257].

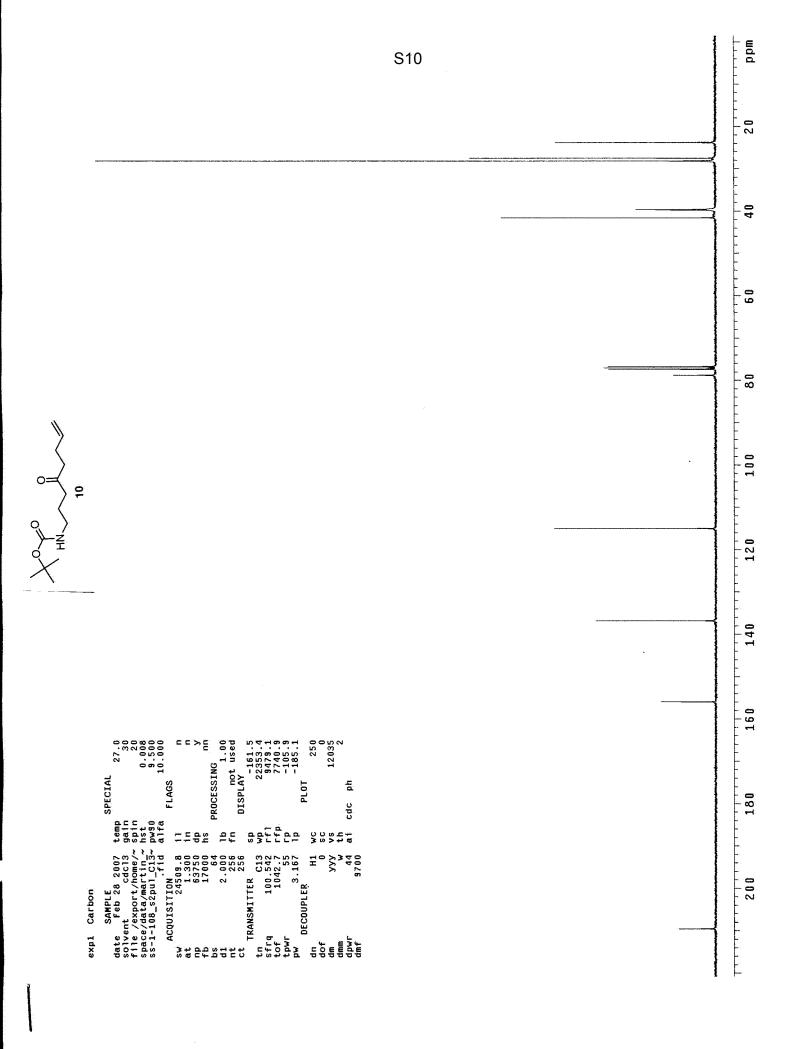
(*R*)-[2-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilanyloxy)-4-oxo-oct-7-enyl]carbamic acid 1-ethylallyl ester (41). 4-Bromobut-1-ene (49 μ L, 0.48 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of magnesium turnings (88 mg, 3.60 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. An additional portion of 4bromobut-1-ene (140 μ L, 1.32 mmol) was added dropwise and stirring continued for 1 h. TMEDA (272 μ L, 1.80 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was then added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The Grignard reagent was transferred via cannula to a stirred solution of 40 (416 mg, 0.92 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at – 78 °C. The mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 4 h, whereupon isopropyl alcohol (0.2 mL) was added, and the cooling bath was removed. The mixture was partitioned between saturated NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and EtOAc (15 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (neutral alumina) eluting with EtOAc/hexanes (3:97) to give 270 mg (58%) of **41** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (Cd₃CN) δ 7.70–7.64 (comp, 4 H), 7.48–7.40 (comp, 6 H), 5.89–5.68 (comp, 2 H), 5.47 (br s, 1 H), 5.21–5.10 (comp, 3 H), 4.97–4.89 (comp, 2 H), 4.27 (p, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.19–3.11 (m, 2 H), 2.60–2.55 (m, 2 H), 2.32–2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.12–2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.60–1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.02 (s, 9 H), 0.91–0.85 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (Cd₃CN) δ 208.1, 157.0, 138.2, 137.5, 136.4, 134.3, 130.6, 128.4, 115.8, 115.0, 78.3, 69.0, 47.9, 42.6, 39.5, 33.7, 27.7, 27.0, 26.1, 19.0; IR (neat) v 3397, 2932, 1716, 1701, 1511, 1244, 1112, 703; mass spectrum (Cl⁺) *m/z* 508.2885 [C₃₀H₄₁O₄NSi + H requires 508.2883].

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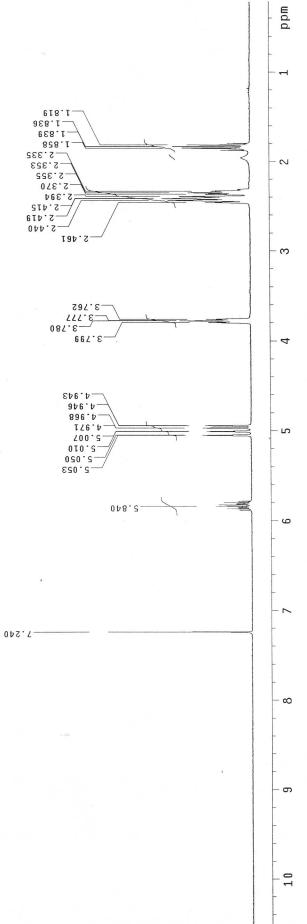


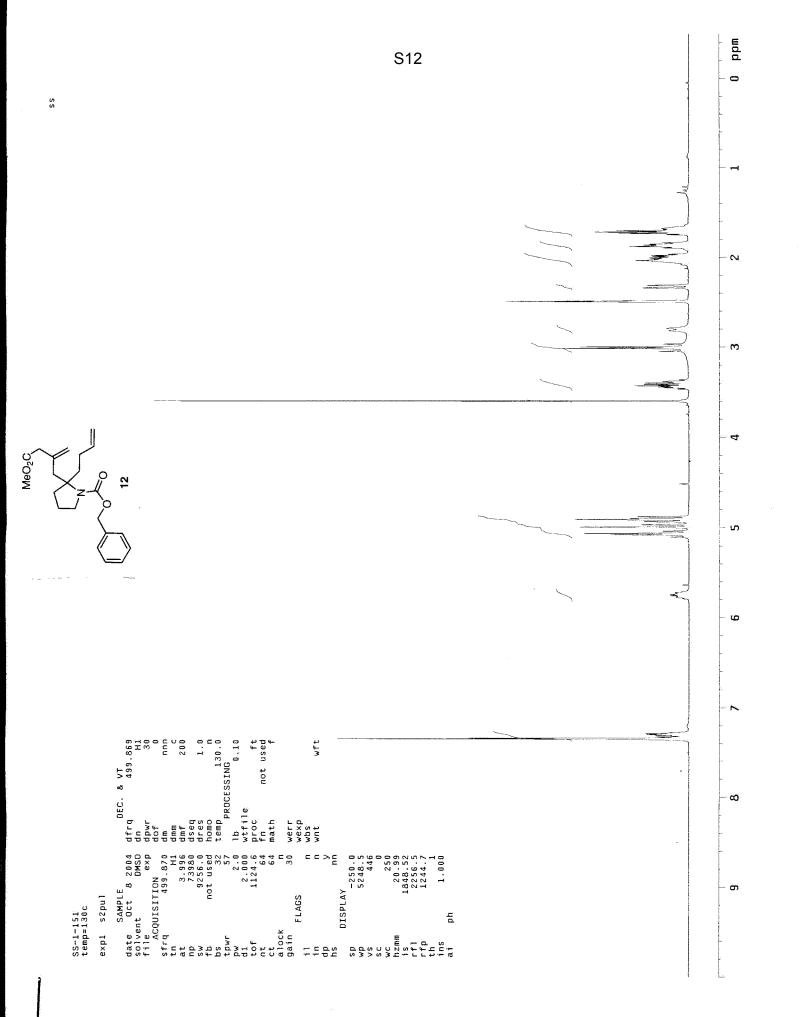


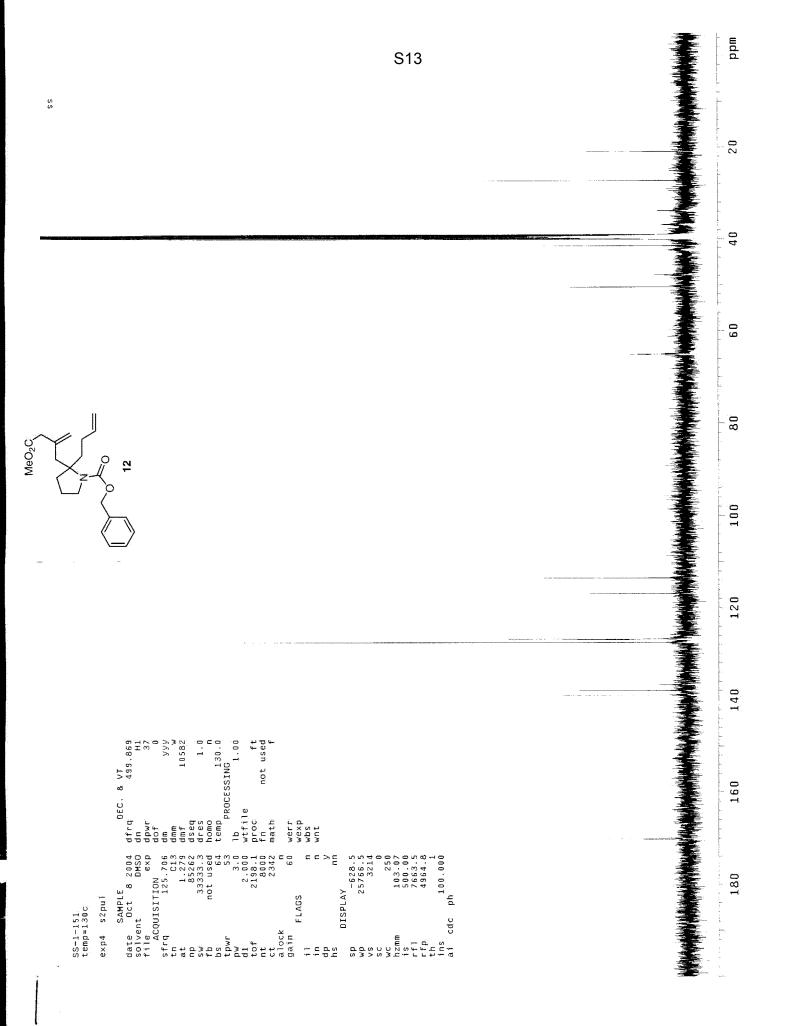
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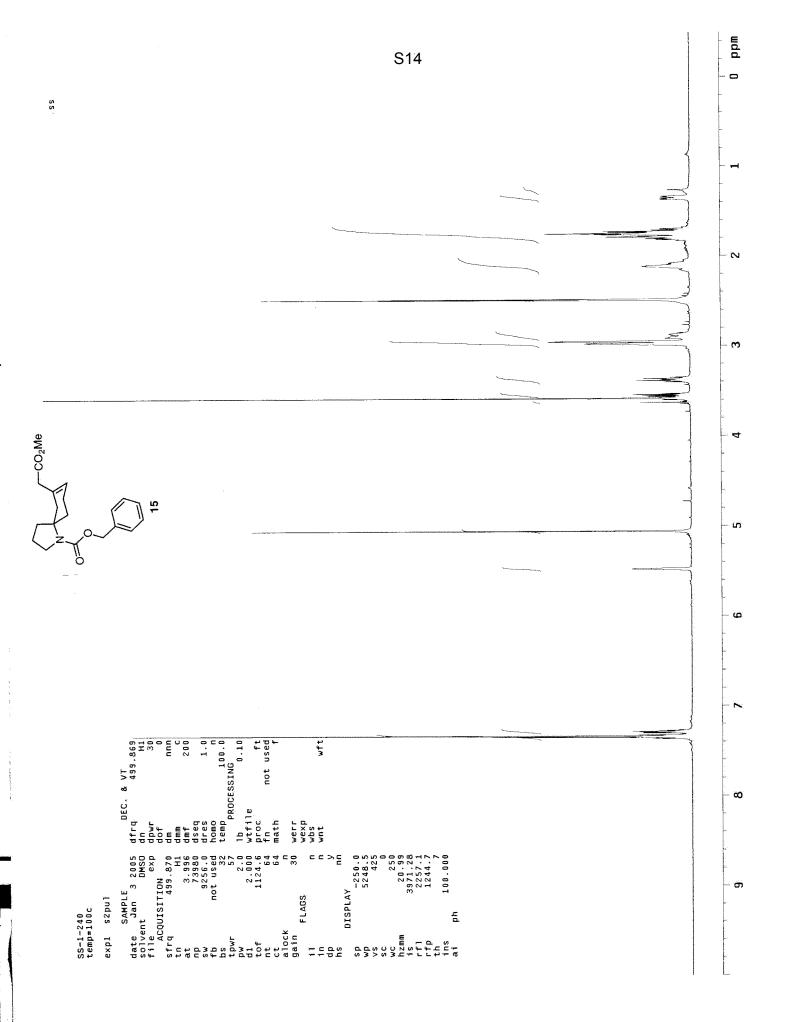
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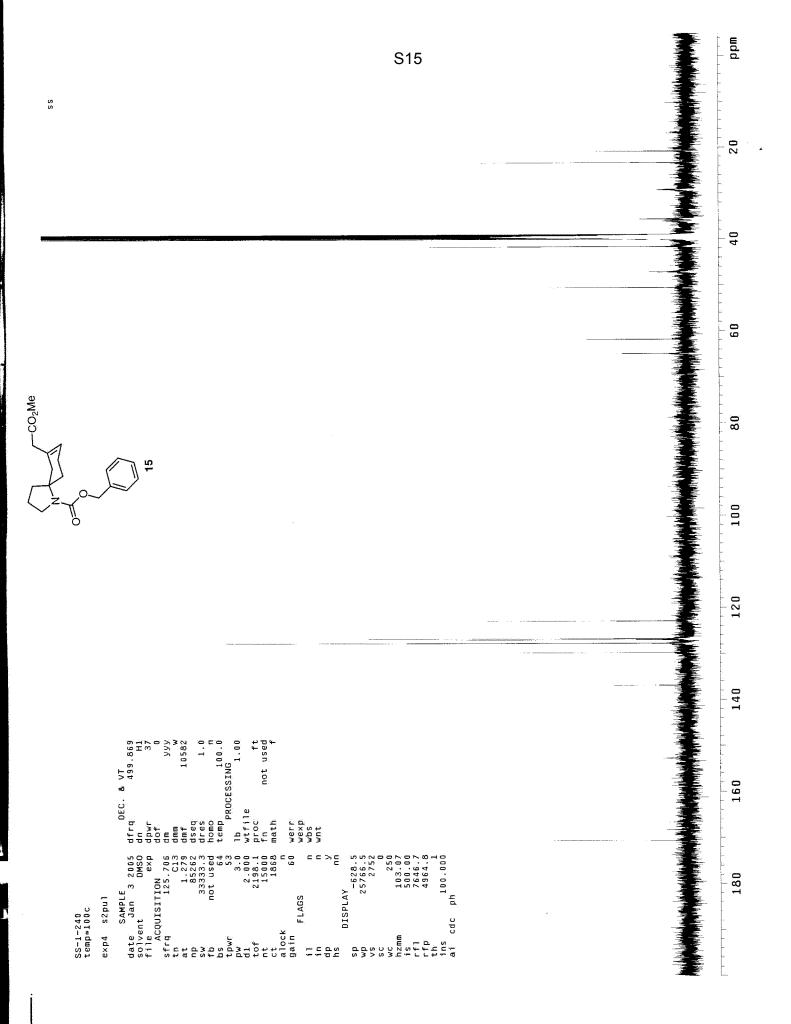
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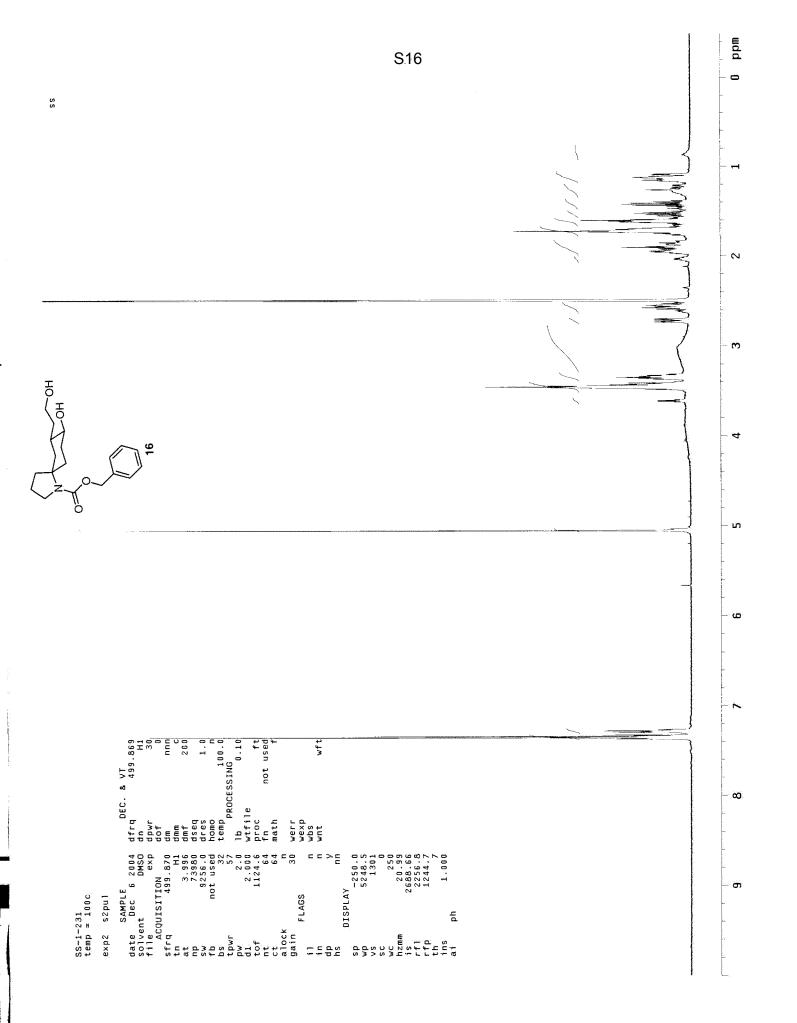


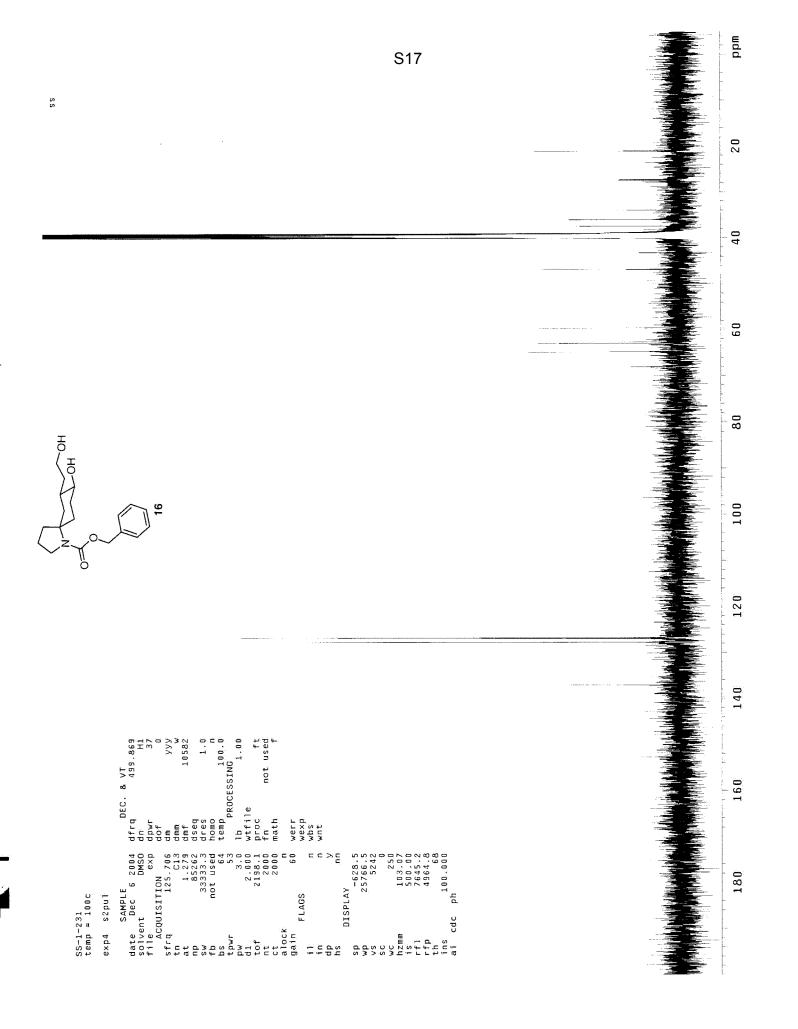


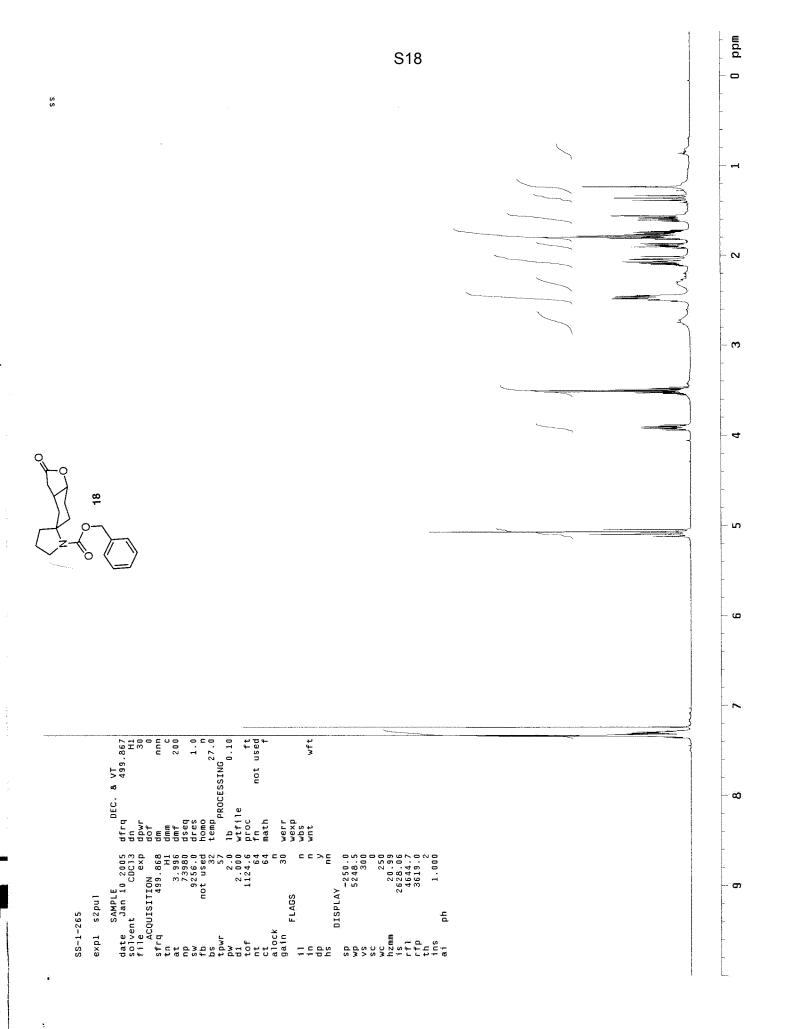


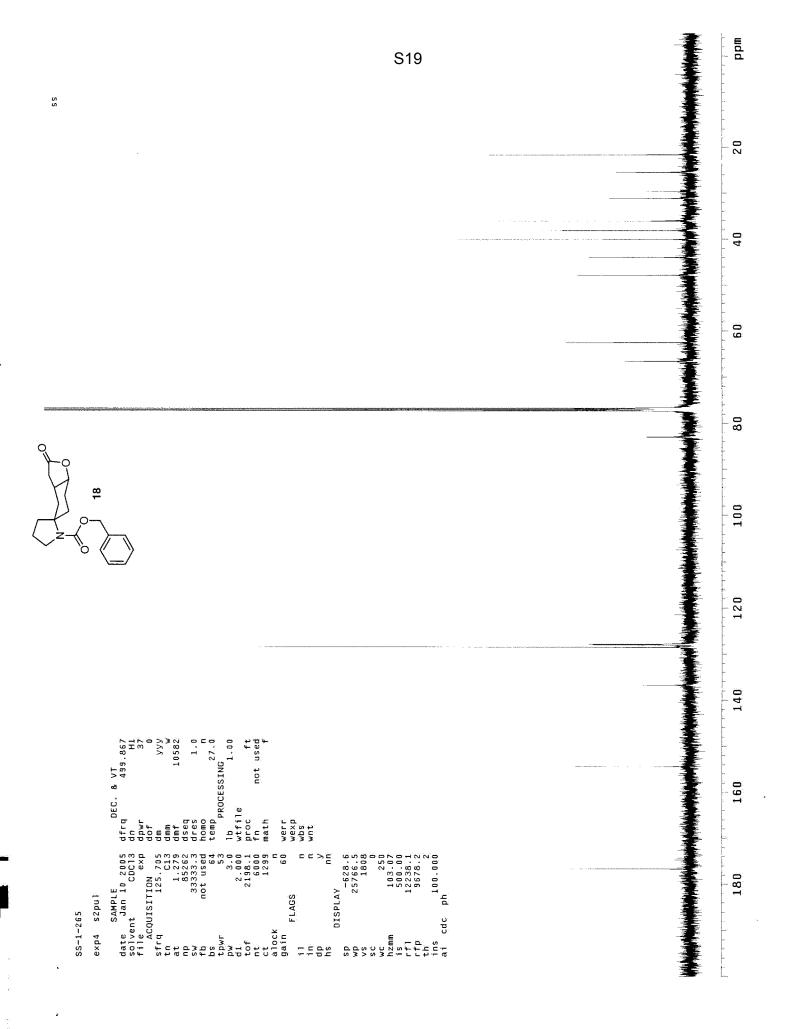


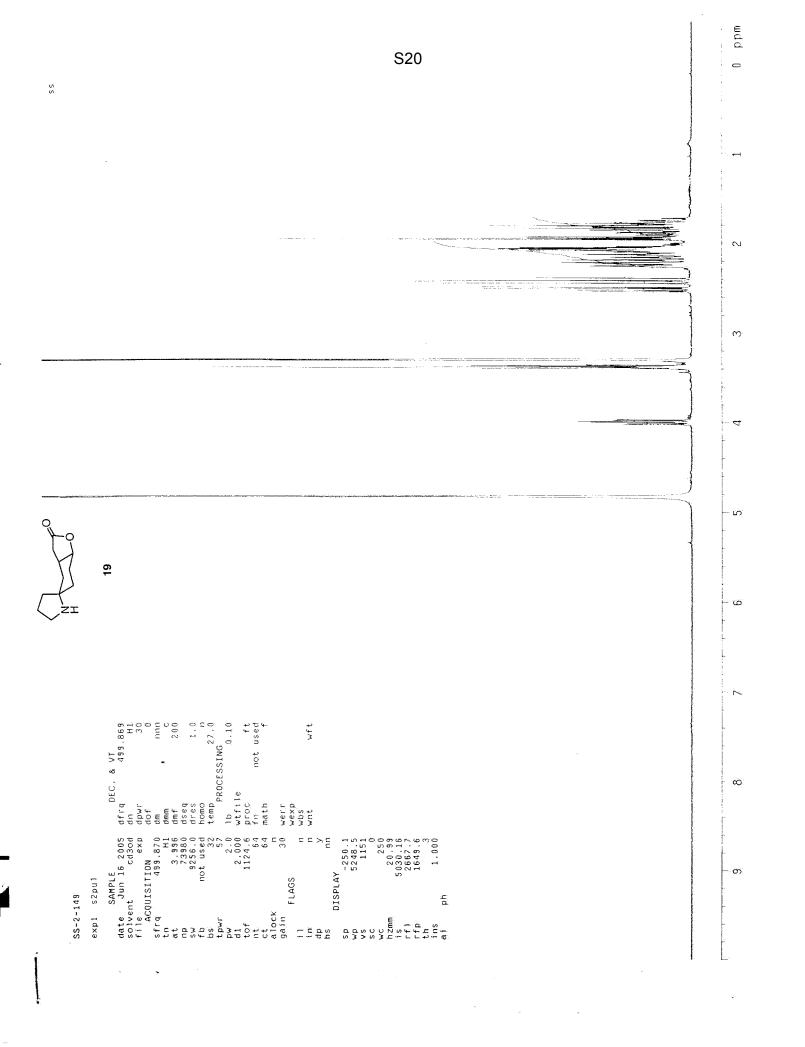


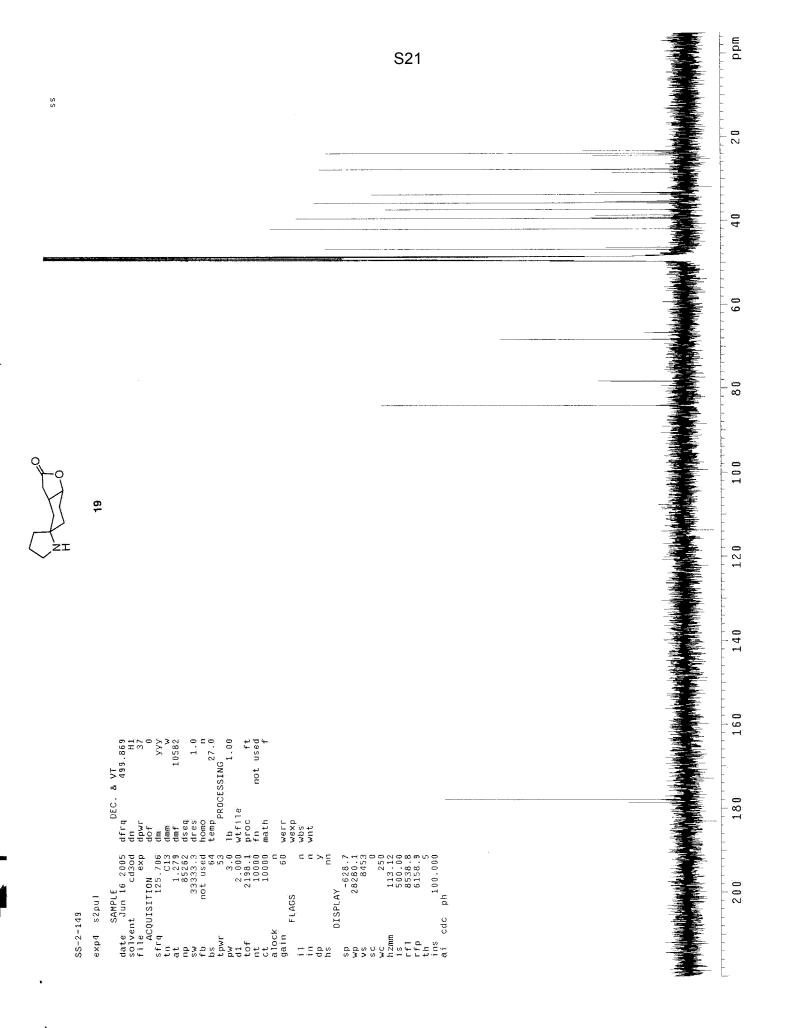


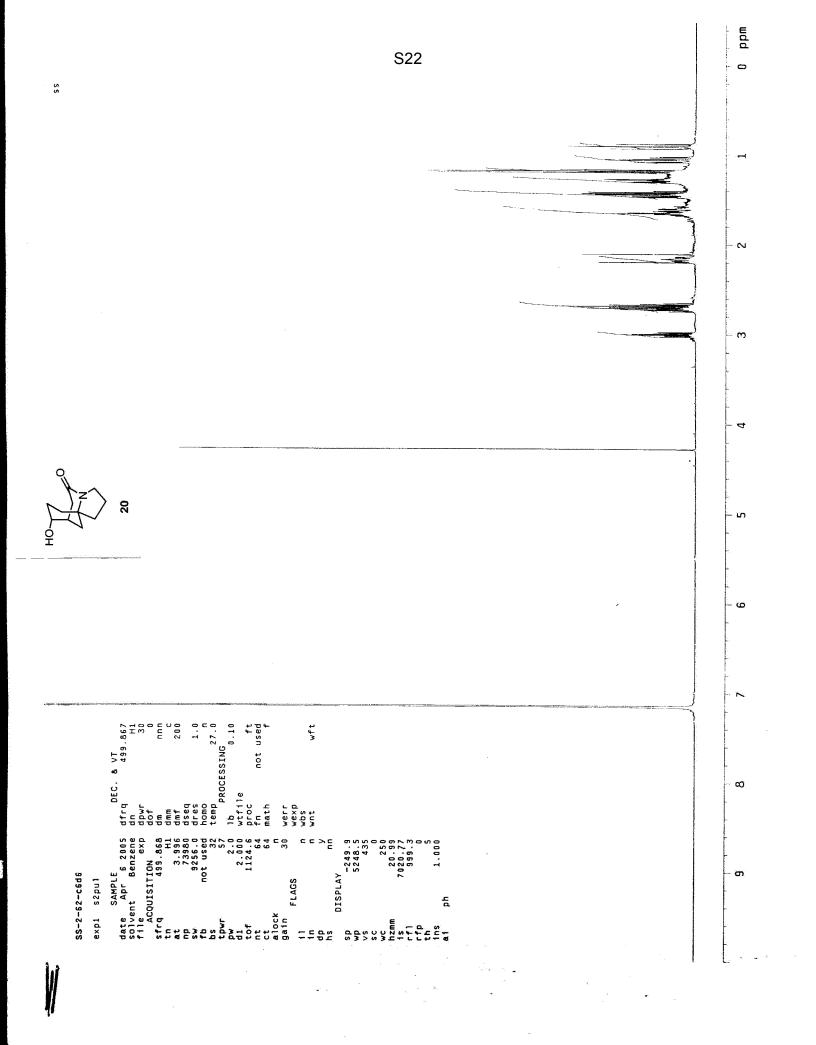


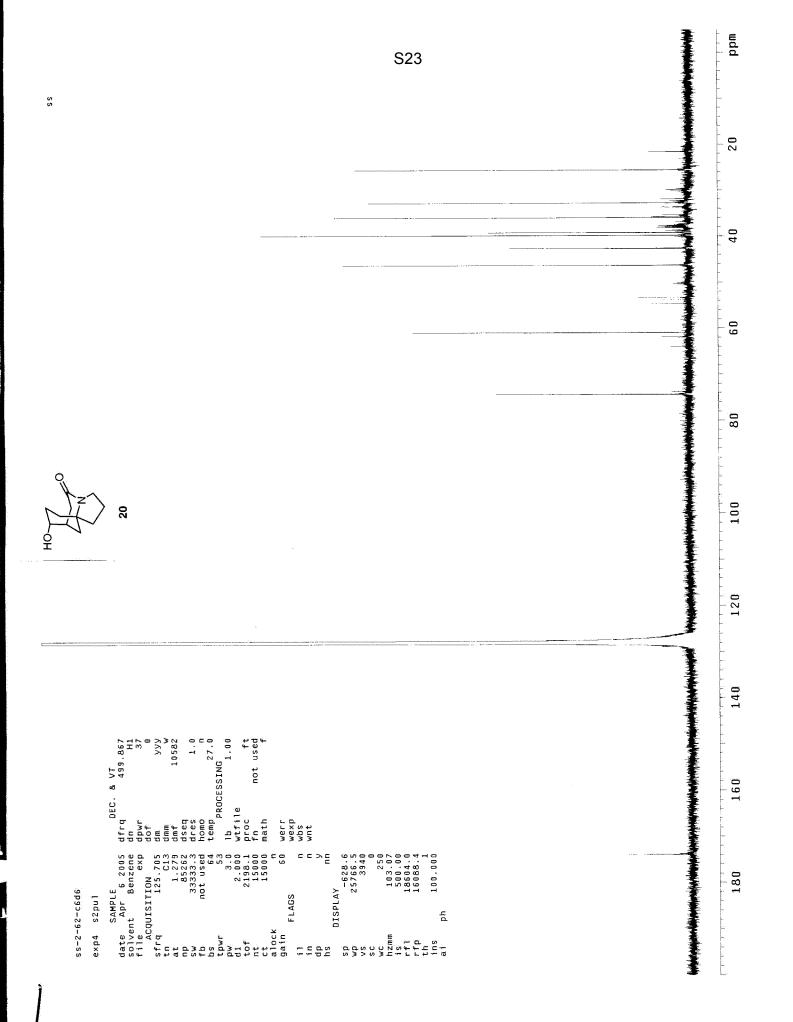


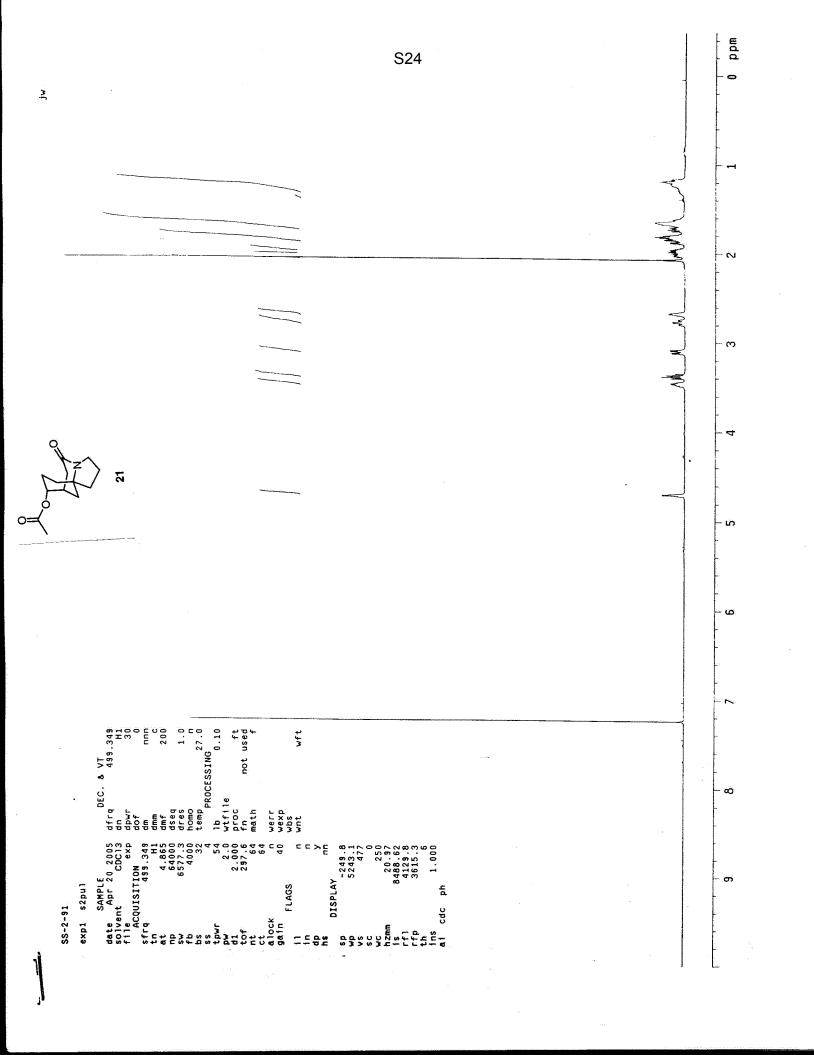


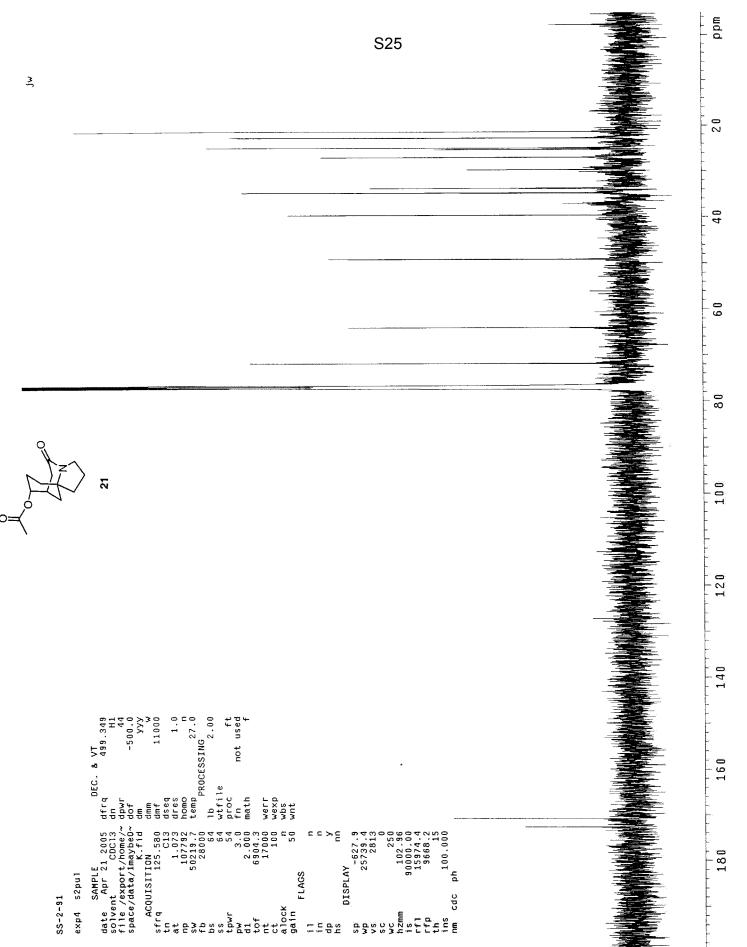


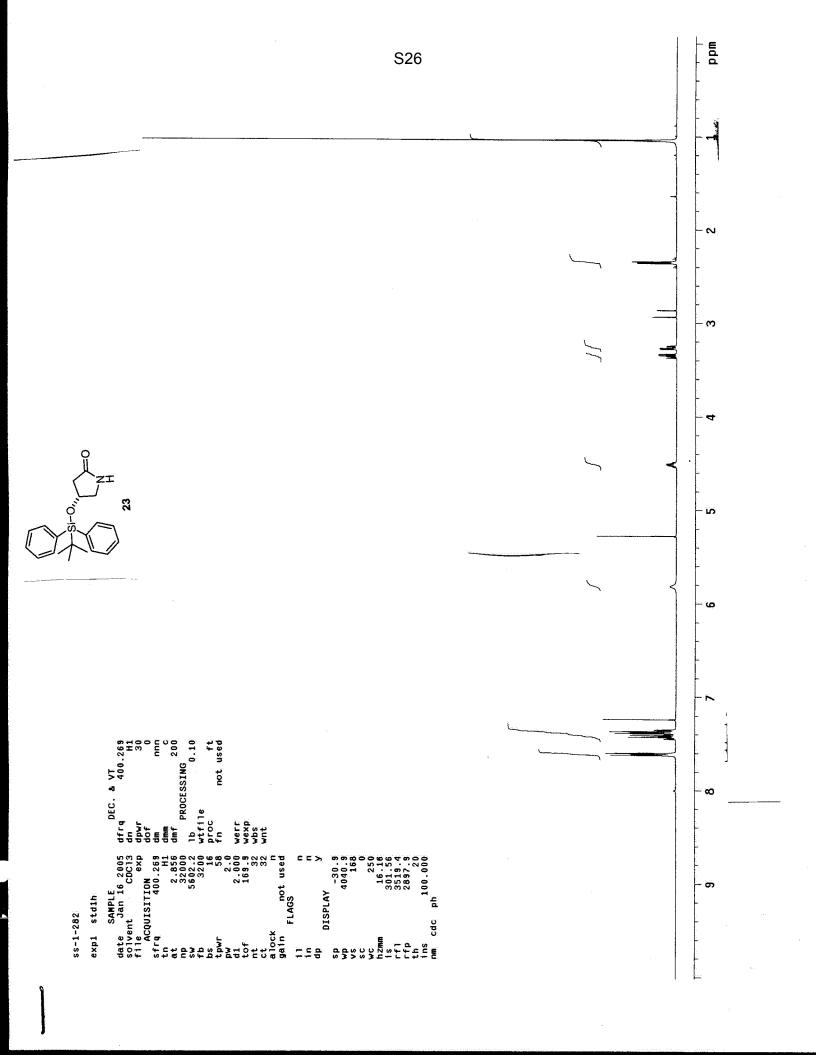


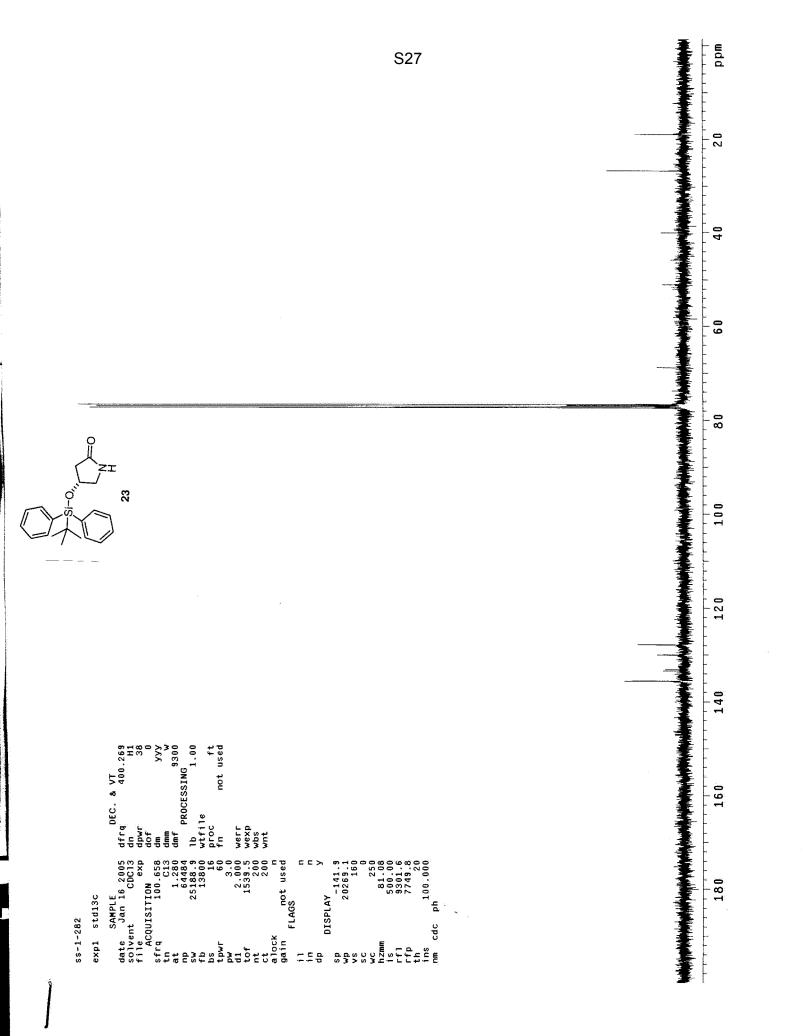


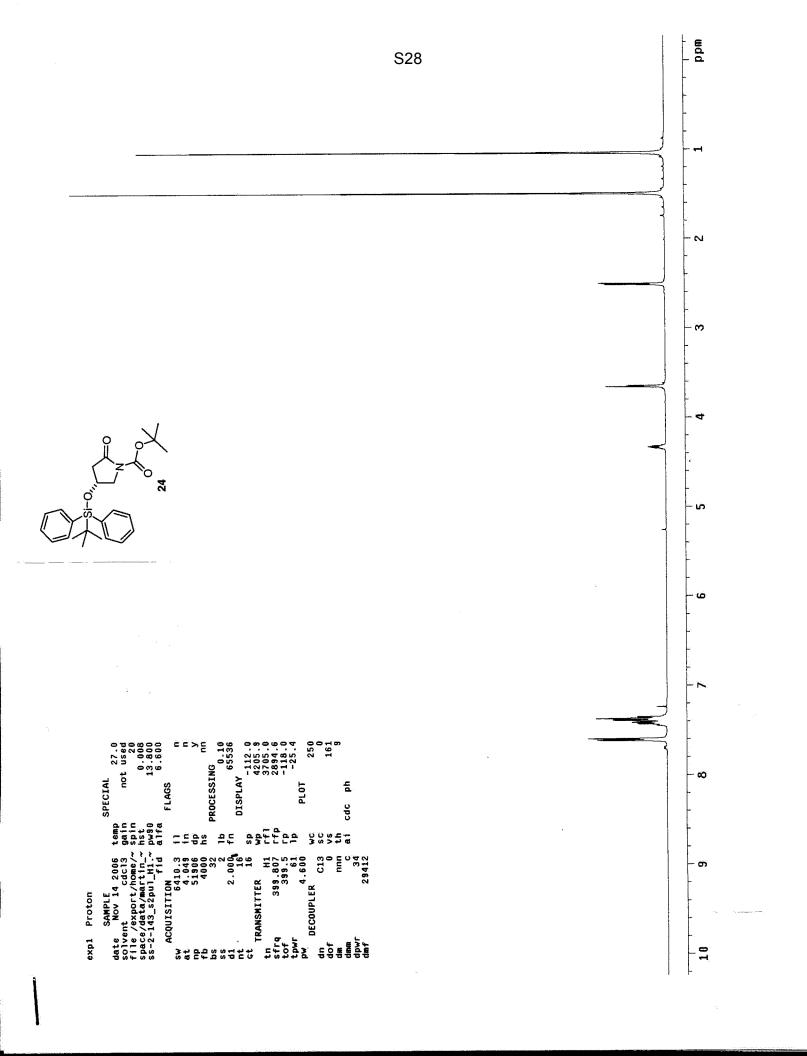


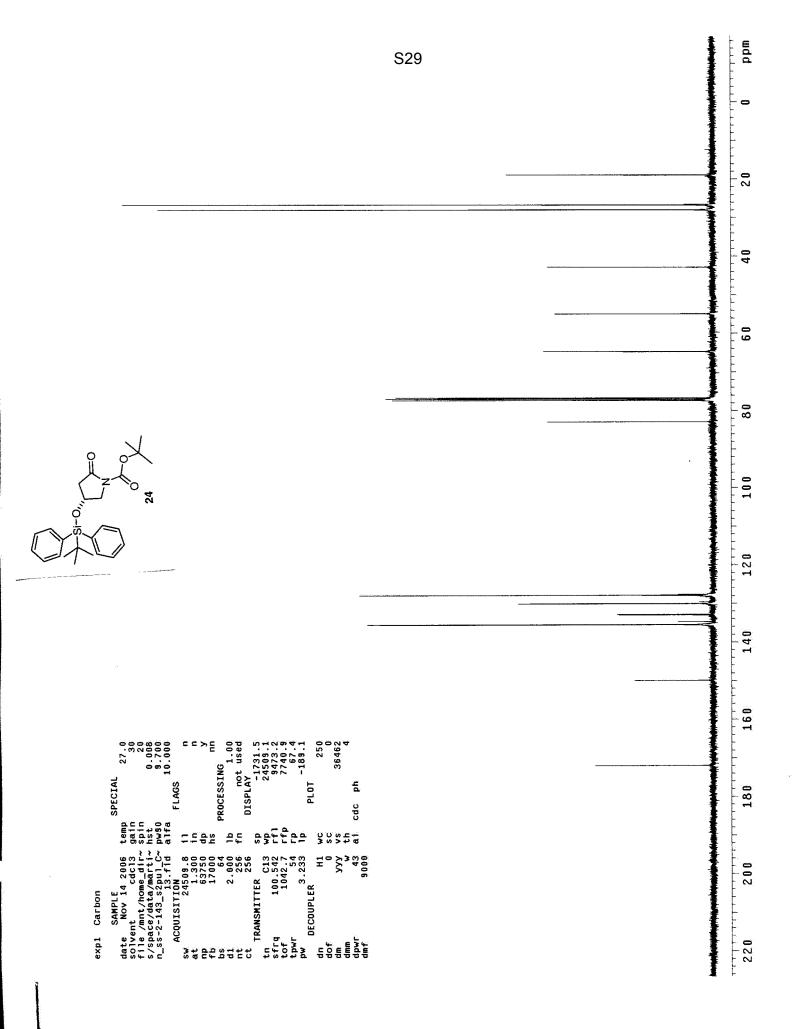


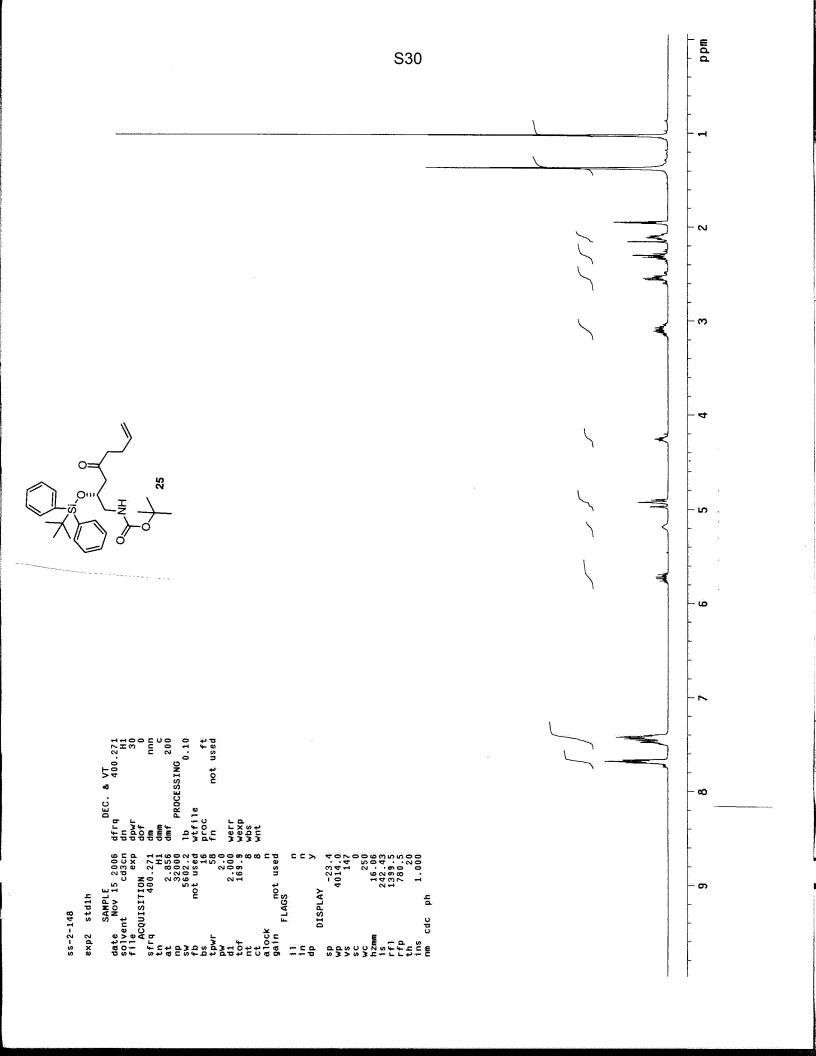


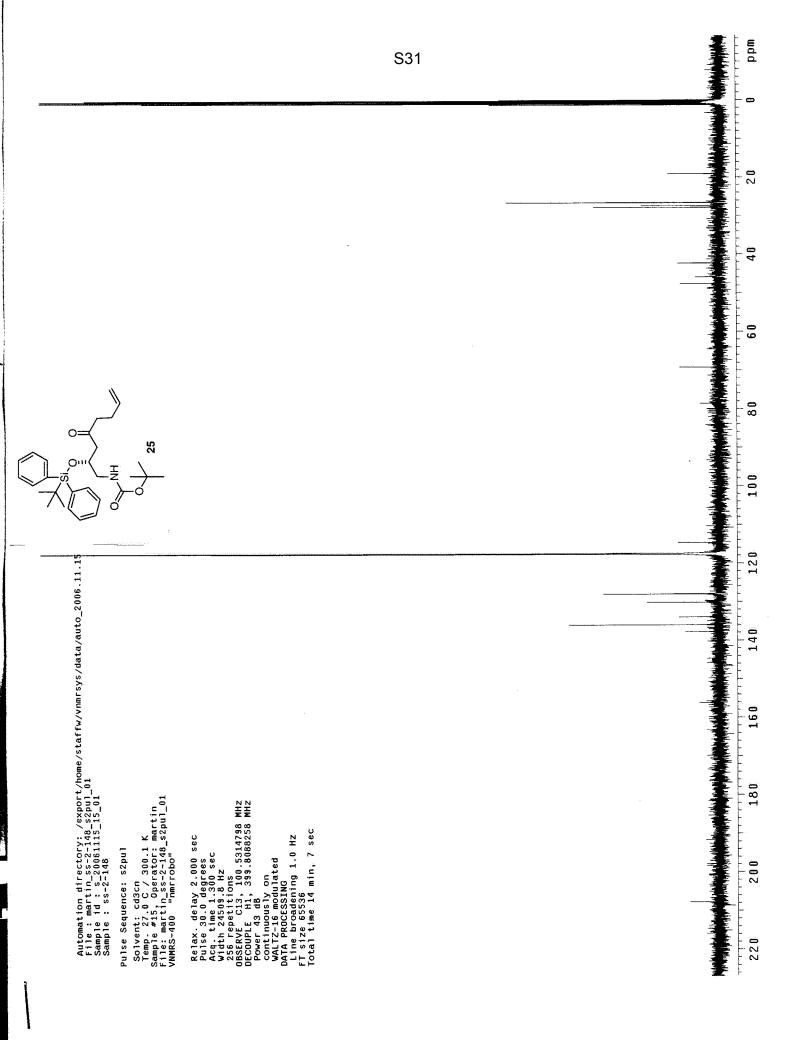


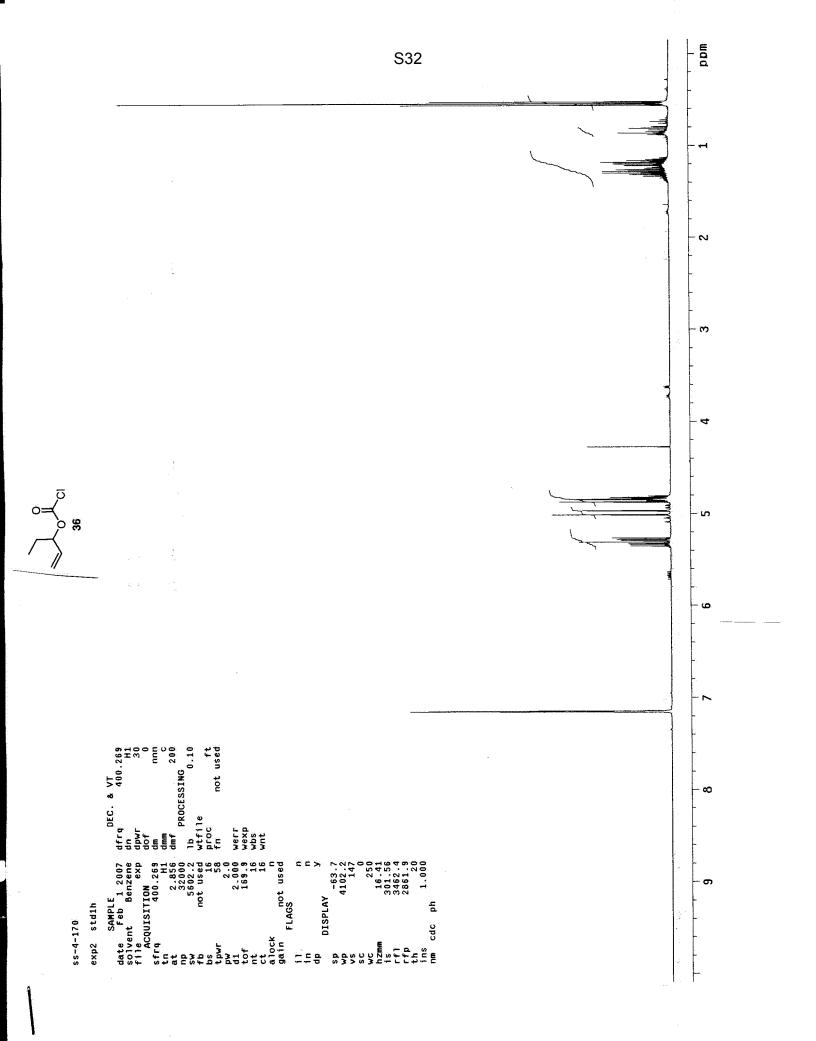


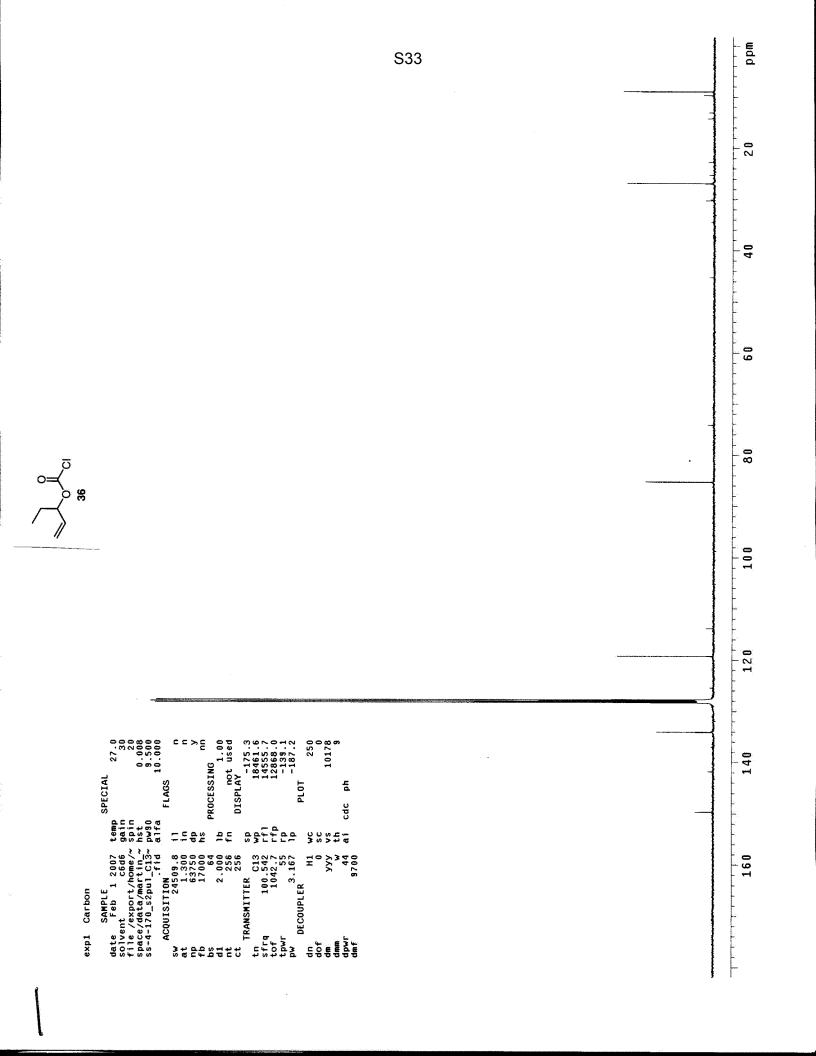


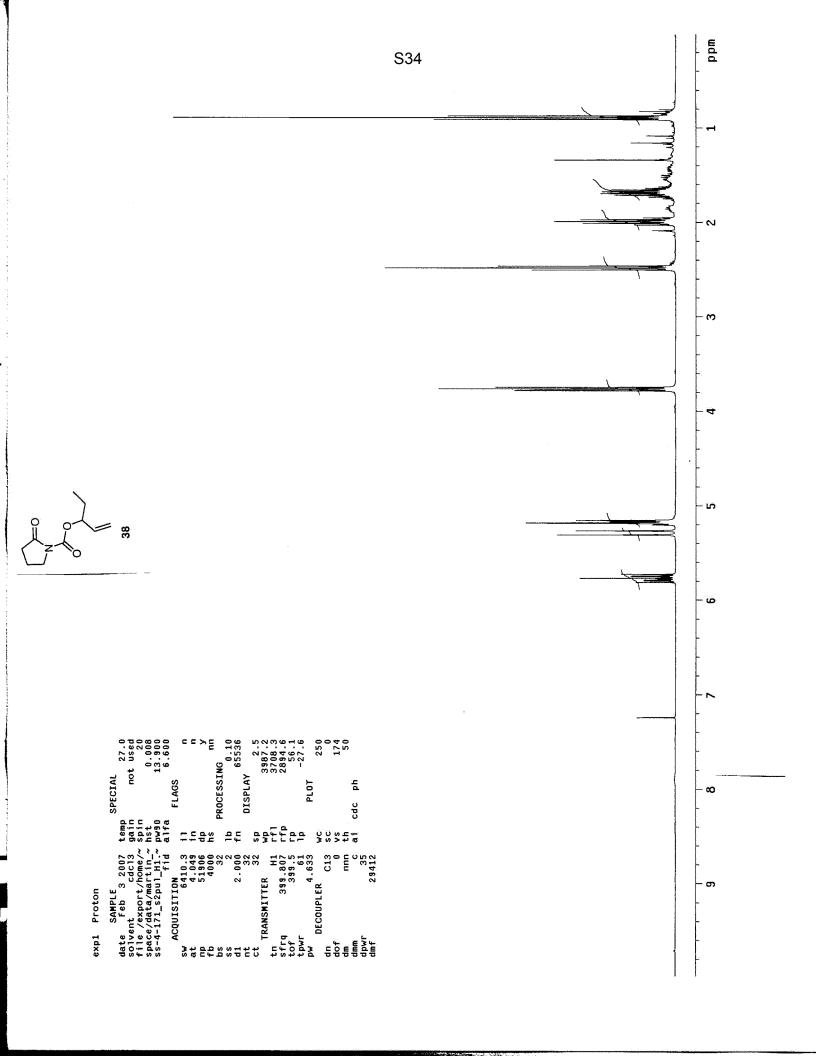


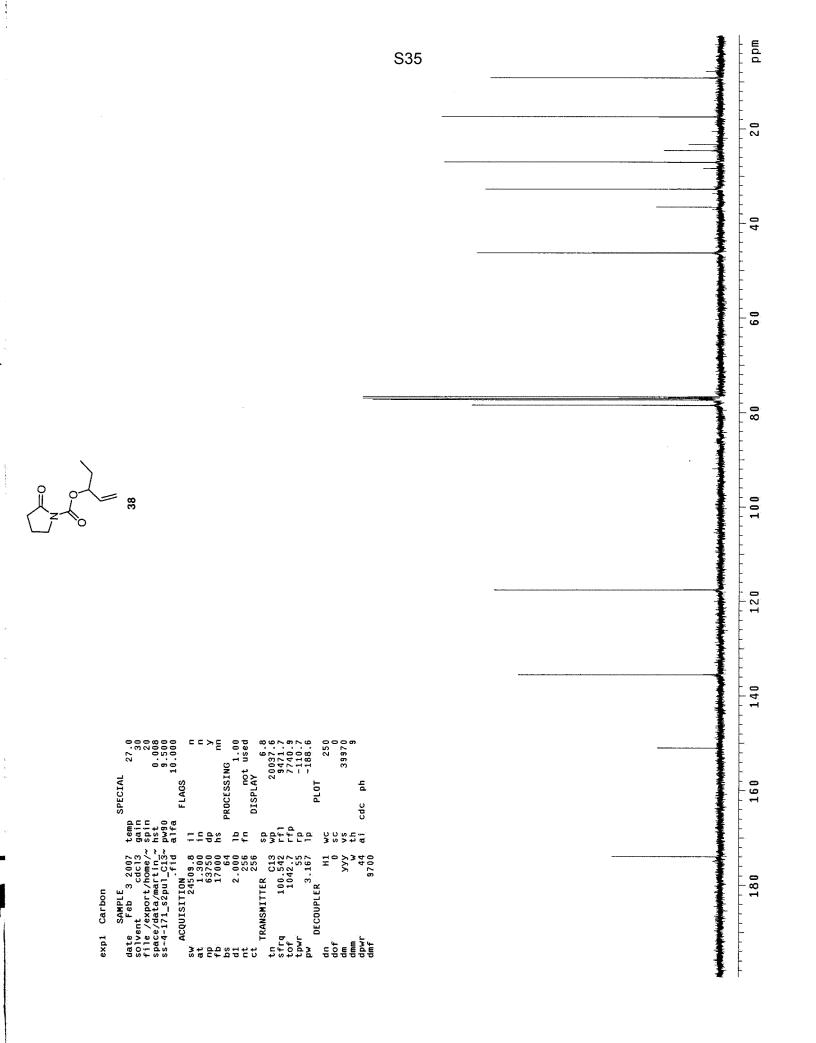


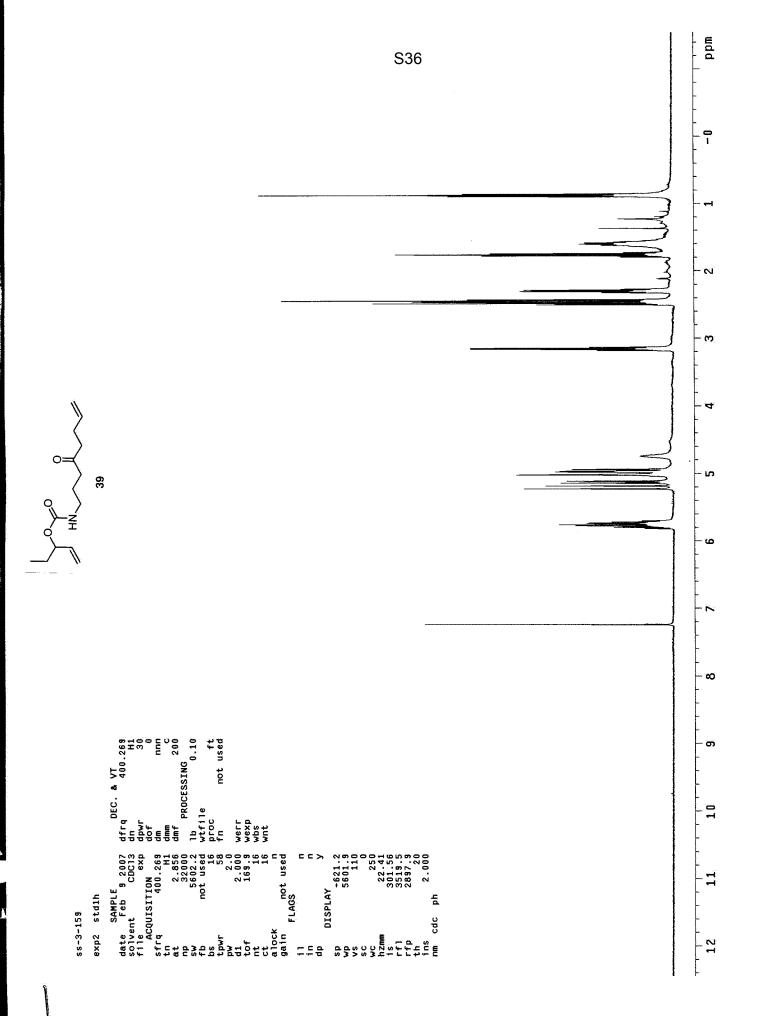


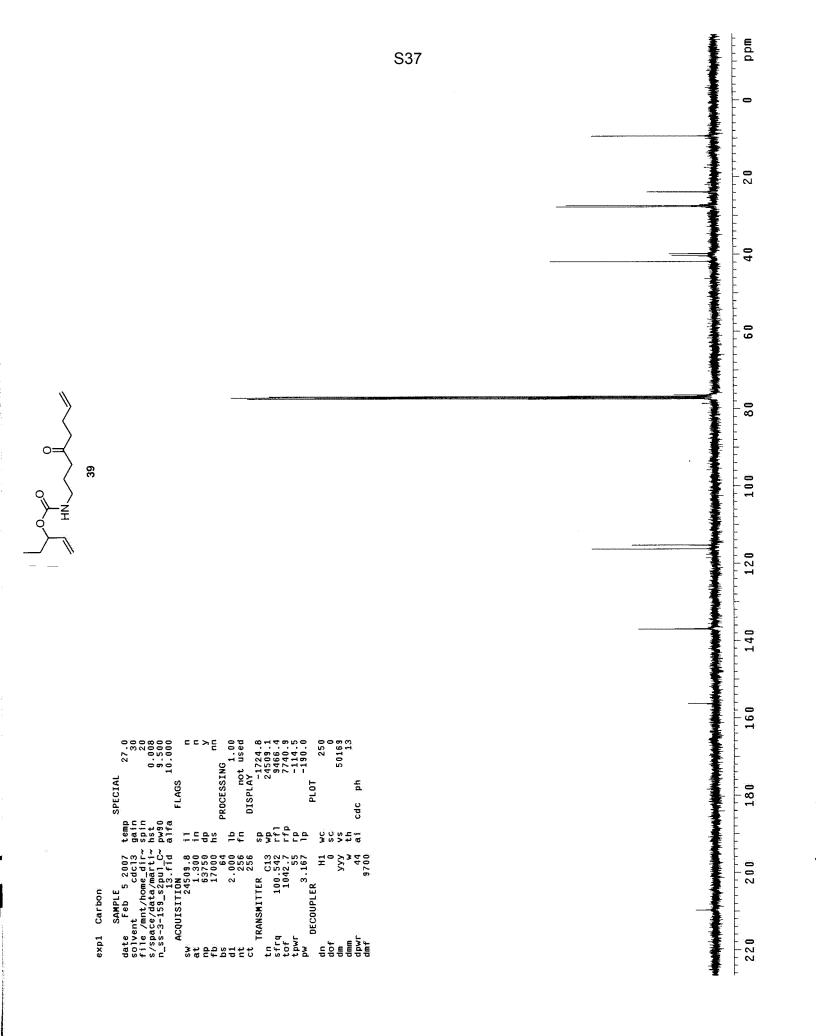


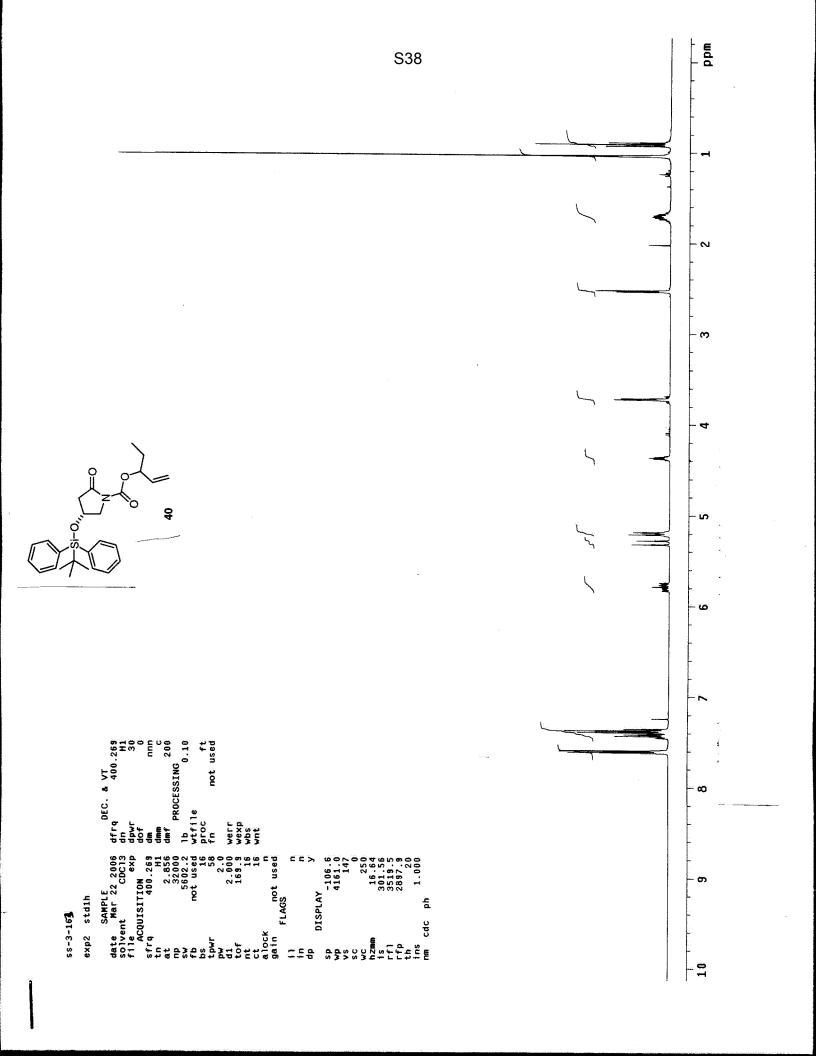


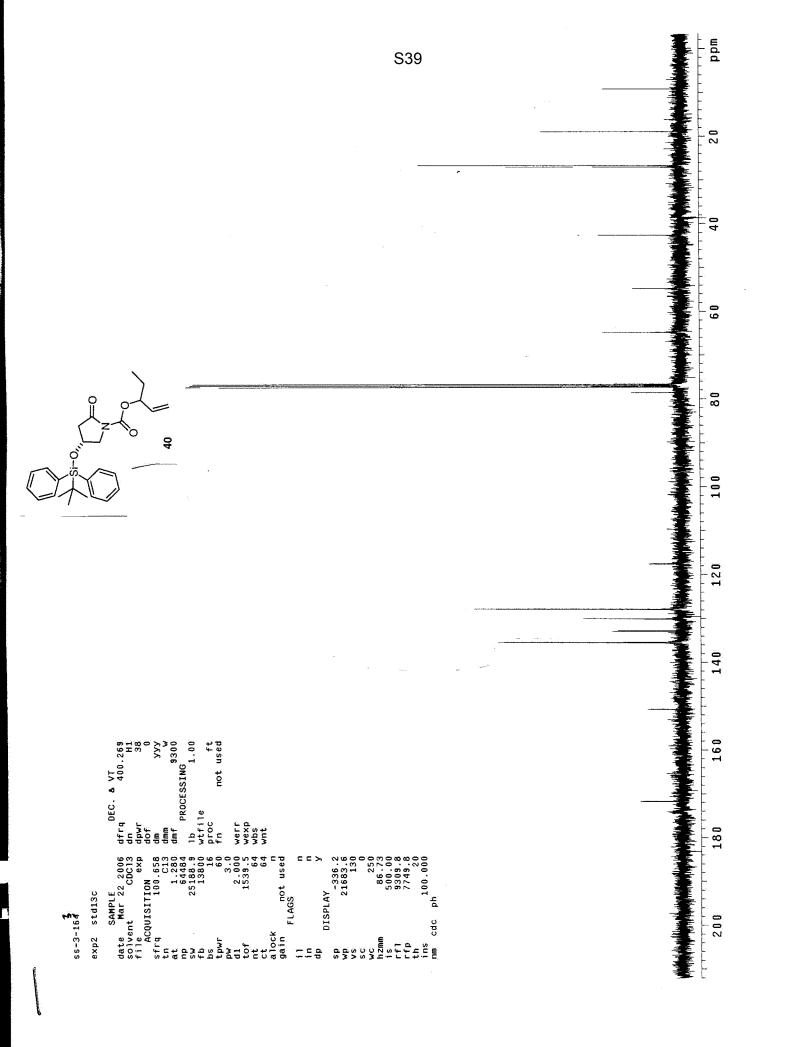


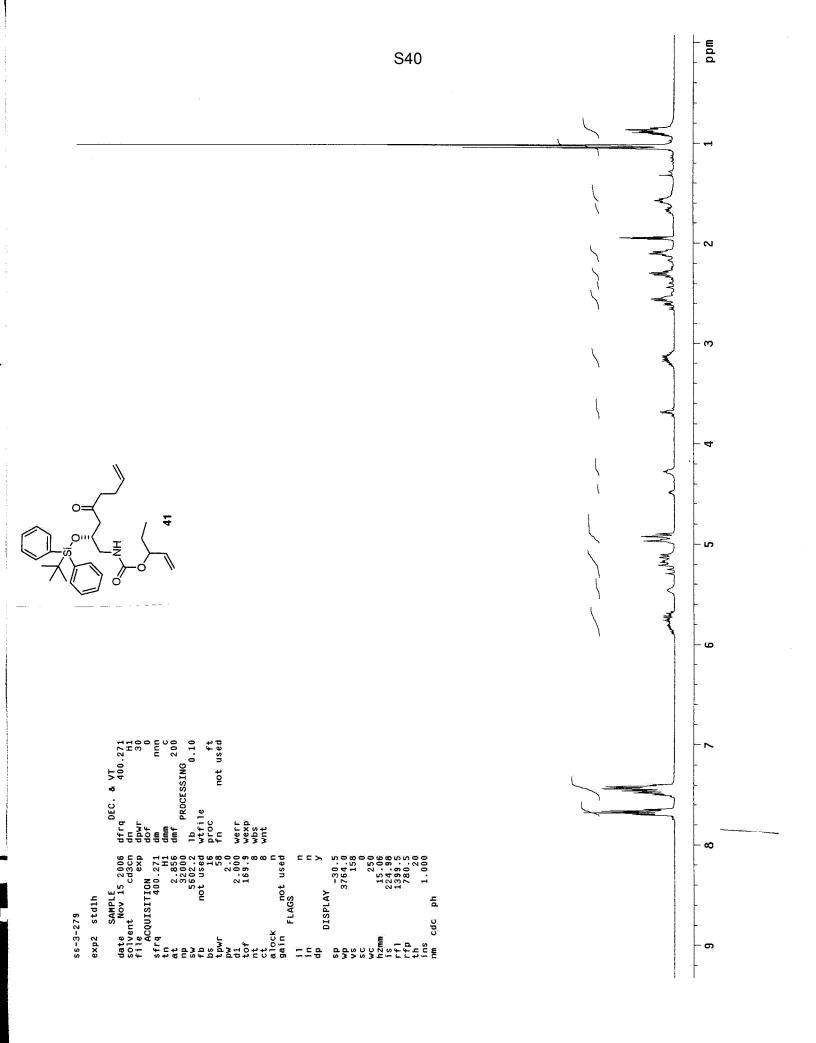


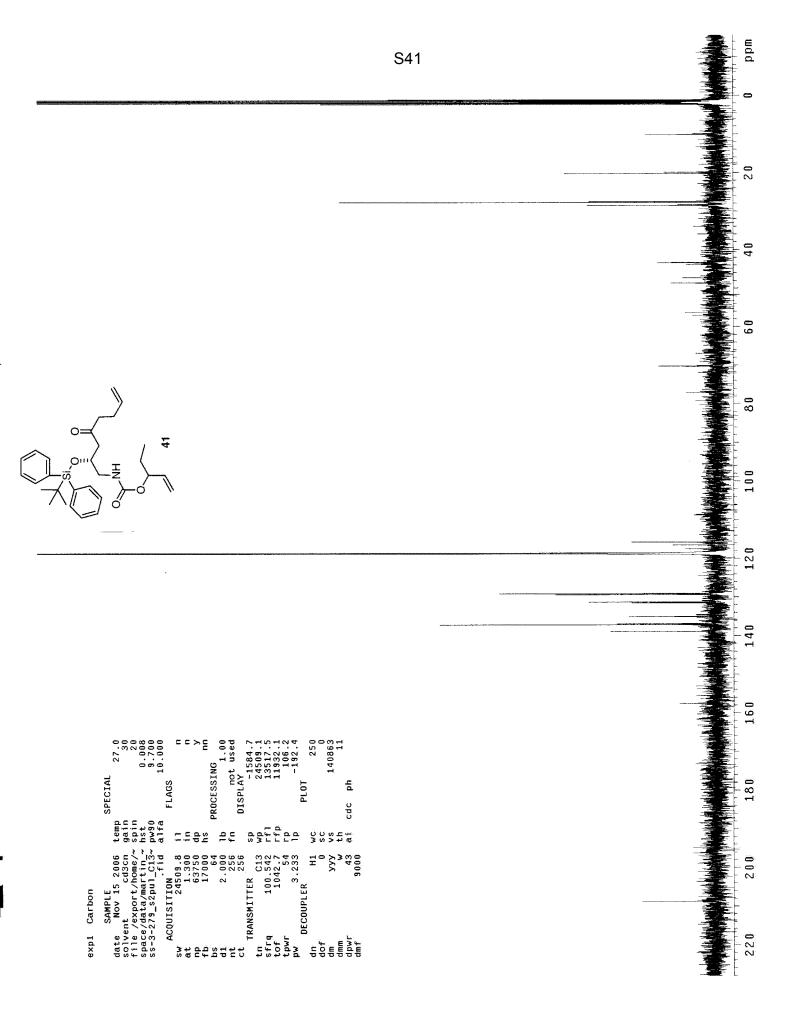


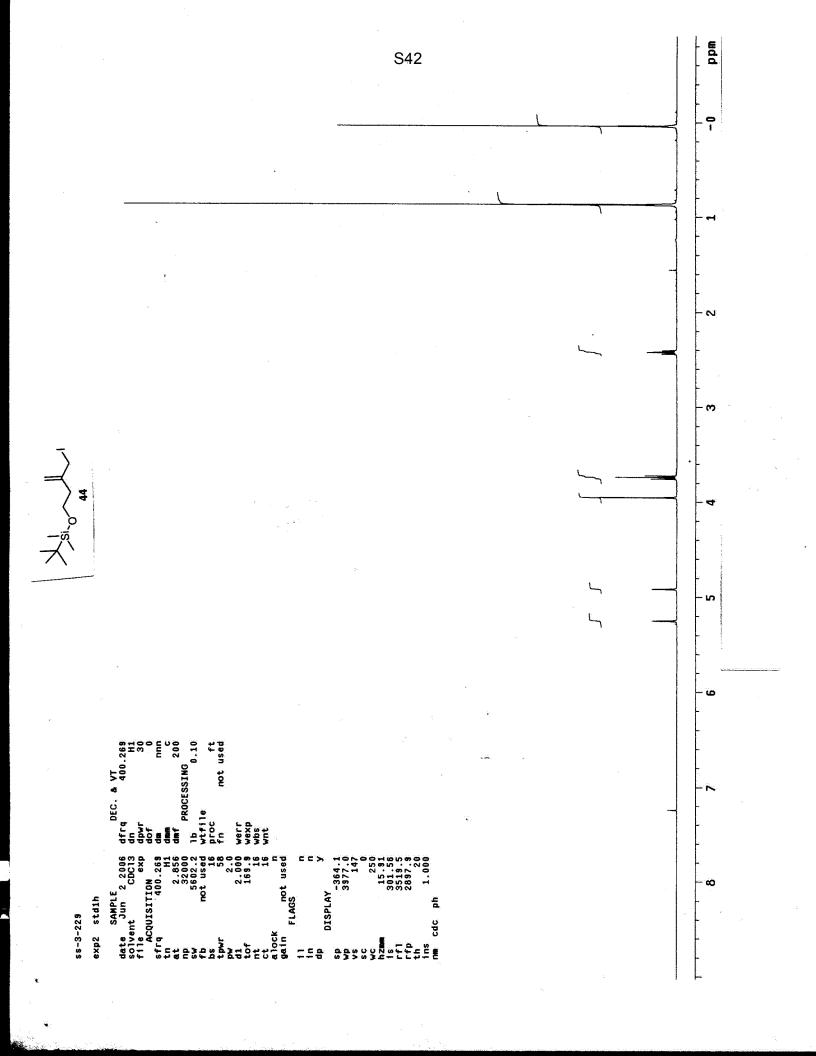


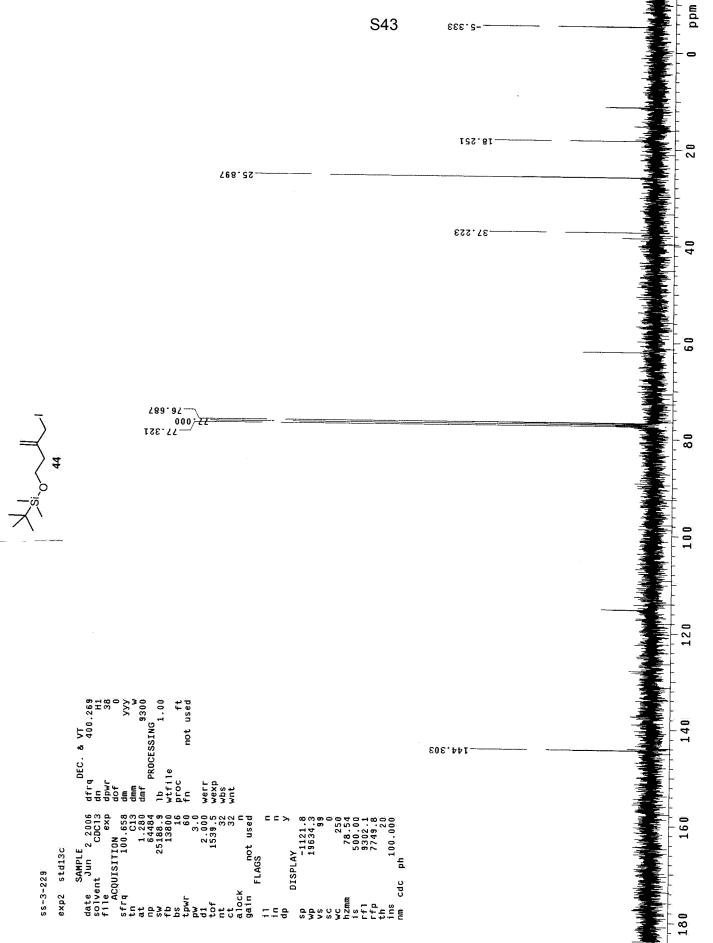


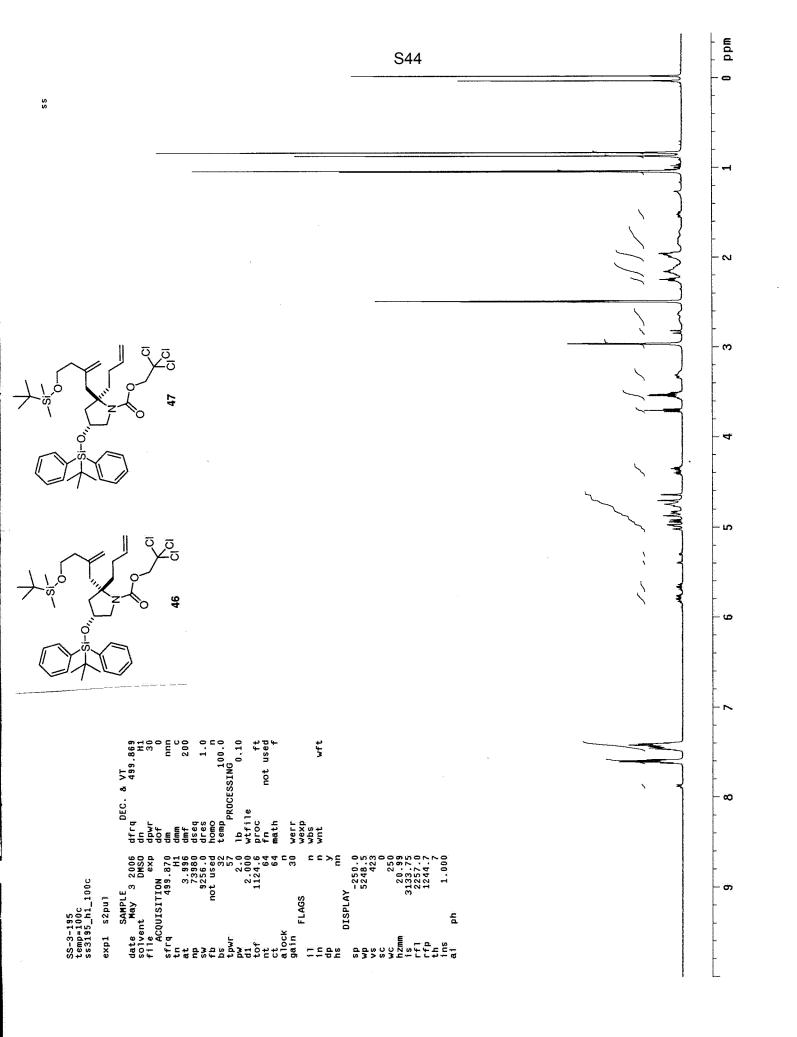


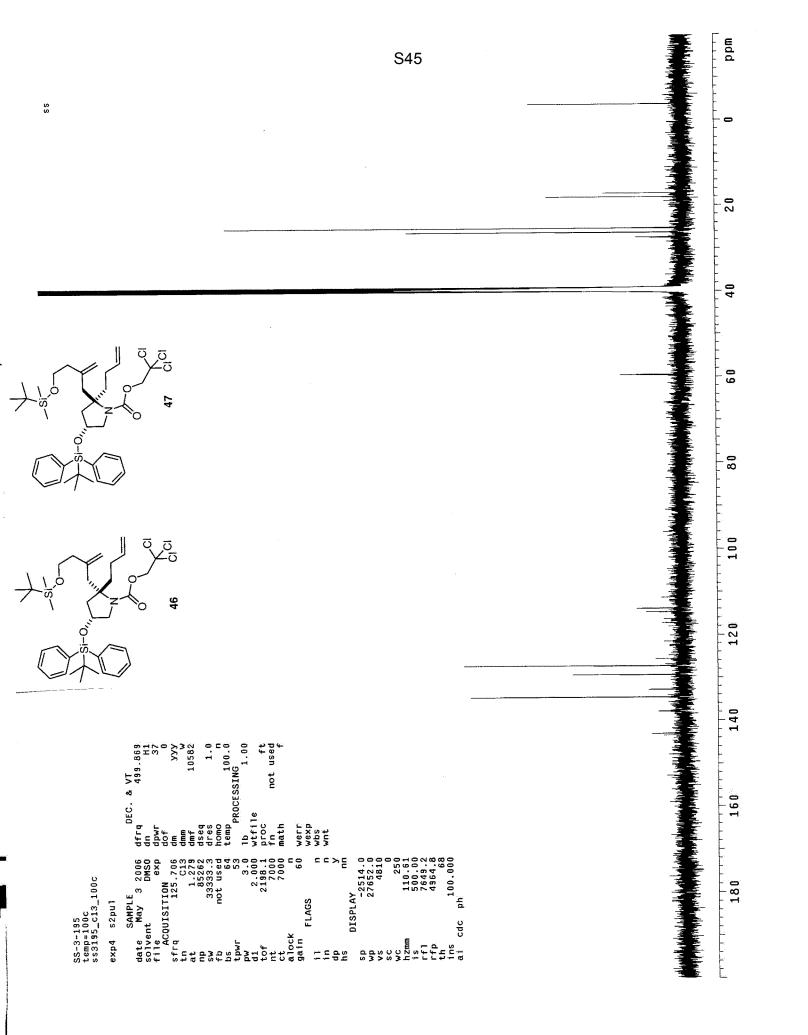


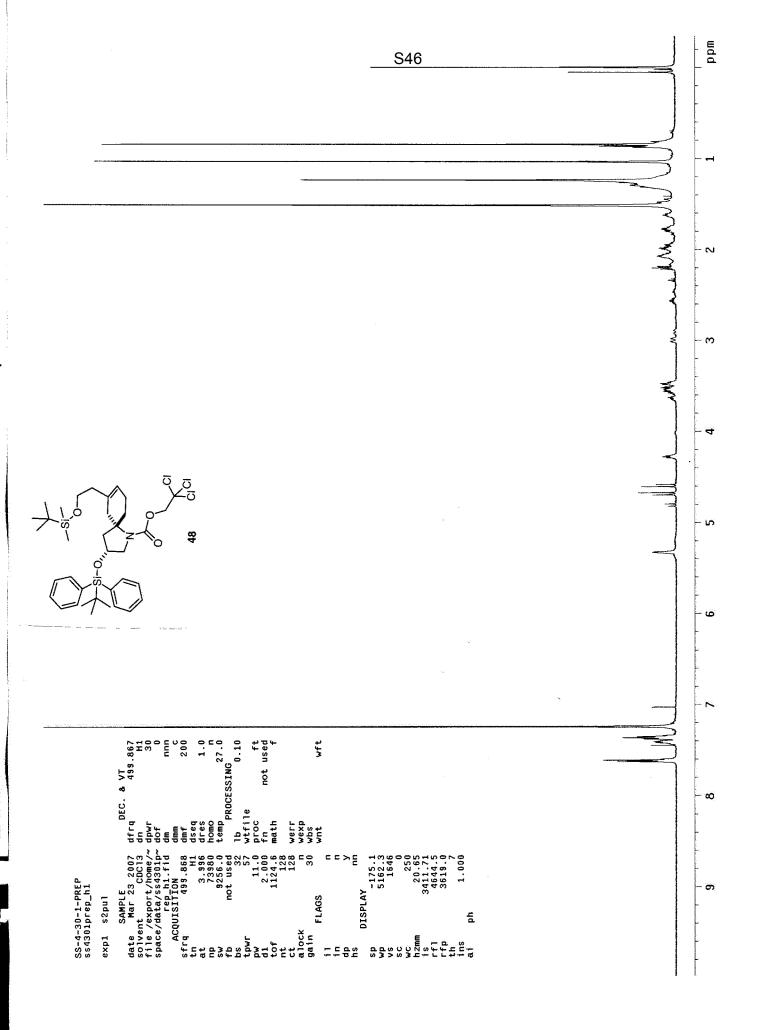












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