

**Supporting Information for:**

**Asymmetric Fe<sup>II</sup>-Catalyzed Thia-Michael Addition Reaction to  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Oxazolidin-2-one Derivatives**

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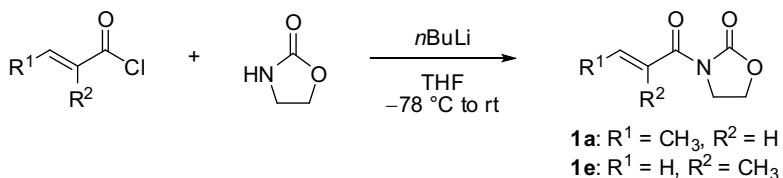
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## General Information

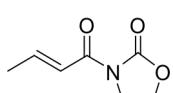
All reactions were performed in flame-dried glass and tubes under an atmosphere of argon. All solvents (MeCN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O, PhMe) were commercially available and they were distilled prior to use from the indicated drying agents. Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O was purchased from Alfa Aesar<sup>®</sup> (reagent grade purity). Bolm's ligand was prepared according to reported procedures.<sup>1</sup> All thiols were purchased directly from commercial suppliers (Alfa Aesar<sup>®</sup>, VWR<sup>®</sup> and Sigma-Aldrich<sup>®</sup>) and they were used without further purifications. Michael acceptors **1h** and **1k** were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich<sup>®</sup> and they were used without further purifications. Powdered 4 Å MS was preactivated for 15 hours at 150 °C under vacuum prior to use. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on commercial silica gel plates (250 µm; Silicycle F254) and compounds were visualized using UV light absorbance (254 nm) and/or aqueous KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Silicycle, 230–400 mesh) or Biotage<sup>®</sup> Isolera™ One automated chromatography system using a normal phase cartridge (Biotage<sup>®</sup> SNAP Ultra 25g packed with Biotage<sup>®</sup> HP-Sphere<sup>TM</sup> 25 µm). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{H}, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 400 MHz and Agilent Technologies DD2 500 MHz spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. For <sup>1</sup>H NMR, chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard ( $\delta$  = 0 ppm). Coupling constant are measured in hertz (Hz). For <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as internal standard ( $\delta$  = 77.23 ppm) and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. For <sup>19</sup>F NMR, CFCl<sub>3</sub> was used as the external standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an LC/MS-TOF (time of flight) Agilent 6210 mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI). IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 380 FT-IR spectrometer with ZnSe ATR accessory and they were reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Melting point (mp) are uncorrected and they were recorded on a MEL-TEMP<sup>®</sup> capillary melting point apparatus. Enantiomeric ratios were determined on an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC system (hexane/iPrOH solvent mixture) using Daicel ChiralCel<sup>®</sup> OD-H and OJ-H, and Daicel ChiralPak<sup>®</sup> AD-H and AS-H columns. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-360 digital polarimeter using a sodium lamp at ambient temperature.

### General Procedure for the Preparation of $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Oxazolidin-2-ones **1a**, **1e**



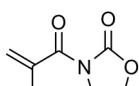
To an appropriate vacuum flame-dried flask under argon, the oxazolidin-2-one (5.0 g, 57.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to THF (111 mL). The flask was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  before *n*-butyllithium (22.80 mL, 57.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 hours. Then, the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated acyl chloride (62.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 hours. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and it was stirred overnight. Upon complete consumption of starting materials, the reaction mixture was quenched with an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), brine (50 mL), and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The drying agent was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 38 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated oxazolidin-2-ones.

#### (E)-3-(But-2-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (**1a**):<sup>2</sup>



Product was obtained as a white solid (8.13 g, 42.4 mmol, 92% yield). mp = 30–31 °C (litt. mp = 30 °C).<sup>2</sup>  $R_f = 0.22$  (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.27 (dq,  $J = 15.3, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dq,  $J = 15.3, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.97 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 1.3$  Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  165.1, 153.5, 146.8, 121.4, 62.0, 42.7, 18.5 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2996, 2925, 1773, 1681, 1637, 1338, 1216, 970, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

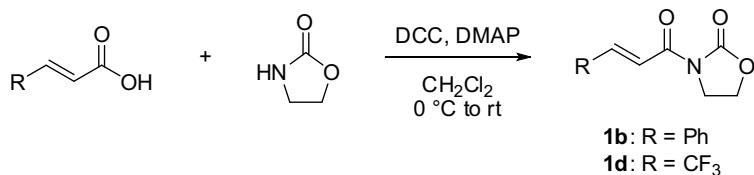
#### 3-Methacryloyloxazolidin-2-one (**1e**):<sup>3</sup>



Product was obtained as a white solid (7.25 g, 46.7 mmol, 82% yield). mp = 51–53 °C (litt. mp = 56–57 °C).<sup>3</sup>  $R_f = 0.20$  (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.47 (qd,  $J = 1.6, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.44 (m, 1H), 4.46 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.05 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 1.0$  Hz, 3H)

ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.0, 152.8, 139.1, 120.9, 62.3, 43.0, 19.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2959, 2923, 1770, 1681, 1379, 1317, 1187, 1006, 762  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### General Procedure for the Preparation of $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Oxazolidin-2-ones **1b**, **1d**

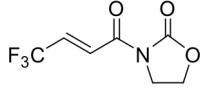


To vacuum flame-dried 50 mL flask under argon, the oxazolidin-2-one (0.98 g, 11.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (179 mg, 1.50 mmol, 0.13 equiv) and the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated acid (14.7 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added to  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C before DCC (3.03 g, 14.7 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature, and it was stirred overnight. Upon the complete consumption of starting materials, the formed dicyclohexylurea was filtered, and the precipitate was washed with portions of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3 x 30 mL). The filtrate was washed with aqueous saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (100 mL), brine (100 mL), and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The drying agent was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 30 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated oxazolidin-2-ones.

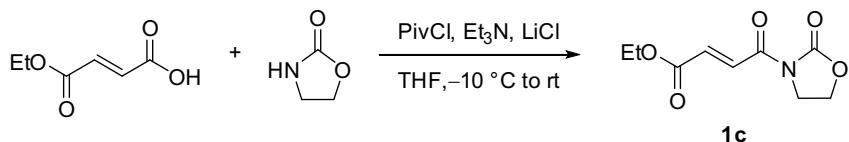
#### (E)-3-Cinnamoyloxazolidin-2-one (**1b**):<sup>4</sup>

Product was obtained as a white solid (2.14 g, 9.83 mmol, 87% yield). mp = 144–145 °C (litt. mp = 151.0–151.5 °C).<sup>5</sup>  $R_f$  = 0.21 (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.93 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 4.48 (m, 2H), 4.15 (m, 2H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  165.3, 153.6, 146.2, 134.5, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 116.6, 62.1, 42.8 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3096, 2928, 1762, 1675, 1614, 1351, 1209, 1036, 752  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**(E)-3-(4,4,4-Trifluorobut-2-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (1d):<sup>4</sup>**


 Product was obtained as a yellow solid (1.44 g, 6.89 mmol, 61% yield). mp = 78–80 °C (litt. mp = 82–85 °C).<sup>6</sup>  $R_f$  = 0.23 (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.92 (dq,  $J$  = 15.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dq,  $J$  = 15.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  162.5, 153.1, 131.8 (q,  $J$  = 35.6 Hz), 127.2 (q,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 122.1 (q,  $J$  = 270.2 Hz), 62.4, 42.5 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  -65.34 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 3F) ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3103, 2929, 1771, 1690, 1375, 1213, 1112, 984, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

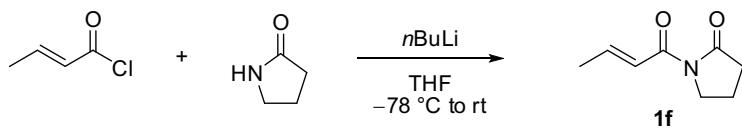
**Procedure for the Preparation of (E)-Ethyl 4-oxo-4-(2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)but-2-enoate (1c):<sup>7</sup>**



To a vacuum flame-dried 250 mL flask under argon, the mono-ethyl fumarate (1.97 g, 13.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to THF (100 mL). The mixture was cooled to -10 °C before the triethylamine (4.00 mL, 28.7 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and the pivaloyl chloride (1.70 mL, 13.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added subsequently. The white suspension was stirred at -10 °C for 1 hour. Then, the lithium chloride (533 mg, 12.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and the oxazolidin-2-one (1.00 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added to the mixture at -10 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature, and it was stirred for 5 hours. An aqueous solution of HCl (20 mL, 1 M) was added by portions, and the slurry was stirred for 1 hour. The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (9 x 75 mL). The organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 100 mL), brine (1 x 200 mL), and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The drying agent was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 38 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **1c** as a white solid (1.42 g, 6.67 mmol, 58% yield). mp = 65–66 °C (litt. mp = 62–63 °C).<sup>8</sup>  $R_f$  = 0.49 (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:50).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.16 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  164.8, 163.8, 153.1,

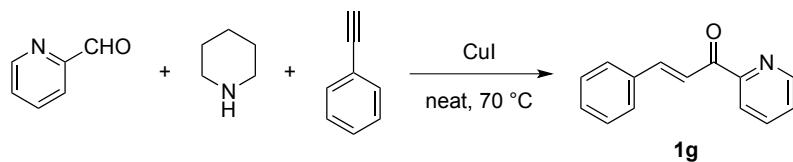
134.3, 131.7, 62.4, 61.4, 42.6, 14.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3096, 2990, 1768, 1716, 1677, 1367, 978, 752, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Procedure for the Preparation of (*E*)-1-But-2-enoylpyrrolidin-2-one (1f):<sup>9</sup>**



To a vacuum flame-dried 100 mL flask under argon, the pyrrolidin-2-one (1.50 g, 17.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to THF (34 mL). The flask was cooled to -78 °C before the *n*-butyllithium (7.05 mL, 17.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour. Then, the (*E*)-crotonoyl chloride (1.89 mL, 19.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 hour. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature, and it was stirred for an additional 3 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (18 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), brine (30 mL), and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The drying agent was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 38 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **1f** as a colorless oil (1.92 g, 12.5 mmol, 71% yield). *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.29 (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.27 (dq, *J* = 15.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dq, *J* = 15.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 7.2, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub> 175.5, 166.1, 145.7, 123.5, 45.7, 33.9, 18.5, 17.2 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2970, 2912, 1729, 1673, 1634, 1330, 1215, 968, 670 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

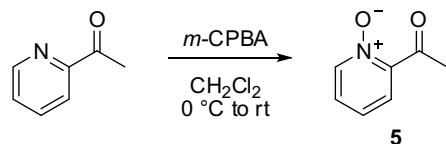
**Procedure for the Preparation of (*E*)-3-Phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1g):<sup>10</sup>**



The copper iodide was added to a 10 mL flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer. Then, the 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1.43 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the piperidine (1.78 mL, 18.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the phenylacetylene (1.98 mL, 18.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added

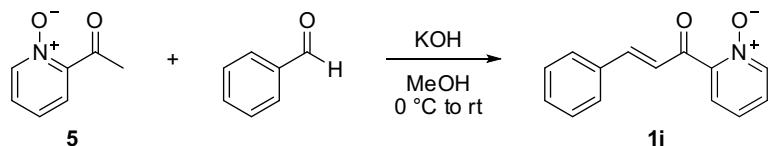
to the flask. The mixture was warmed to 70 °C, and was stirred with opened cap for 24 hours. The reaction was filtered through a plug of Celite®, washed 3 times with EtOAc, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 38 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **1g** as a brown-orange solid (1.69 g, 8.10 mmol, 54% yield). mp = 54–55 °C (litt. mp = 65.4–67.5 °C).<sup>10</sup>  $R_f$  = 0.59 (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.76 (ddd,  $J$  = 4.8, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.51 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.5, 4.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  189.4, 154.2, 148.8, 144.7, 137.0, 135.1, 130.6, 128.9, 128.8, 126.9, 122.9, 120.8 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3058, 2929, 2797, 1668, 1602, 1447, 1333, 975, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Procedure for the Preparation of 2-Acetylpyridine 1-oxide (5):<sup>11</sup>**



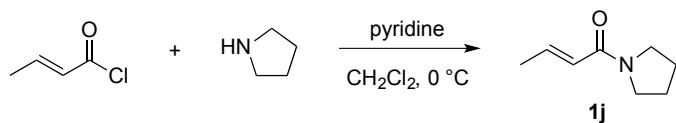
To a 100 mL flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, the 2-acetylpyridine (0.56 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C before the 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (50 %w/w; 5.17 g, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added portionwise. The reaction was stirred overnight at 0 °C, and it was allowed to reach room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) subsequently. The reaction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 20 mL). The combine organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 30 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **5** as a yellow solid (0.481 g, 3.51 mmol, 70% yield). mp = 32–33 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Acetone = 50:50).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.5, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.9, 2.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.9, 6.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  194.9, 146.8, 140.6, 128.0, 126.8, 125.4, 30.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3096, 3076, 3056, 1679, 1433, 1357, 1159, 849, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Procedure for the Preparation of (*E*)-2-Cinnamoylpyridine 1-oxide (1i):<sup>12</sup>**



To a 25 mL flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, the 2-acetylpyridine 1-oxide (450 mg, 3.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to MeOH (10 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C before the potassium hydroxide (184 mg, 4.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added portionwise. After stirring at 0 °C for 0.5 hour, the benzaldehyde (0.50 mL, 3.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the reaction. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 hours. The mixture was neutralized with HCl 1M (5 mL), and methanol was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL). The combine organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 30 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **1i** as a yellow solid (0.293 g, 1.30 mmol, 39% yield). mp = 99–102 °C (litt. mp = 104–107 °C).<sup>12</sup> R<sub>f</sub> = 0.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Acetone = 50:50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub> 8.25 (ddd, J = 6.5, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, J = 7.9, 2.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 5H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub> 186.3, 147.2, 144.2, 140.4, 134.6, 130.8, 128.8, 128.8, 127.7, 127.2, 125.6, 124.3 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3111, 3022, 1668, 1610, 1423, 1194, 968, 845, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

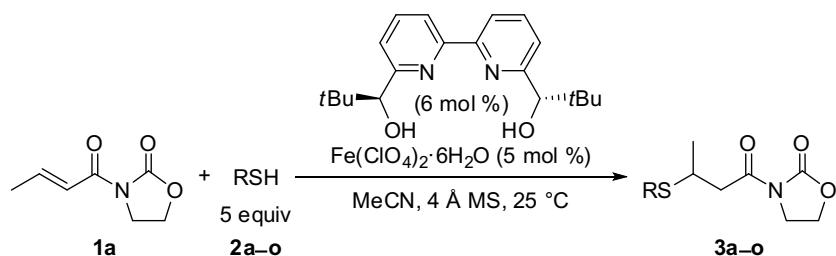
**Procedure for the Preparation of (*E*)-1-(Pyrrolidin-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (1j):<sup>13</sup>**



To a vacuum flame-dried 25 mL flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, the pyrrolidine (1.04 mL, 12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C before the pyridine (1.01 mL, 12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added portionwise. After stirring at 0 °C for 0.5 hour, the (*E*)-crotonyl chloride (1.34 mL, 13.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the reaction. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.25 hour. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature, and it was stirred for an additional 3 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), and the resulting mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), HCl

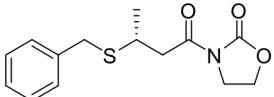
5% (10 mL), NaOH 5% (10 mL), and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 30 °C). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound **1j** as colorless crystals (1.23 g, 8.87 mmol, 71% yield). mp = 29 °C. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.10 (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:60). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub> 6.92 (dq, *J* = 15.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dq, *J* = 15.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.50 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub> 164.7, 140.4, 123.1, 46.4, 45.6, 26.0, 24.2, 17.9 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2967, 2870, 1664, 1607, 1414, 1226, 962, 824, 675 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**General Procedure for the Asymmetric Thia-Michael Addition Reaction to (*E*)-3-Crotonoyloxazolidin-2-one Catalyzed by Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/(S,S)-Bolm's Ligand complex:**



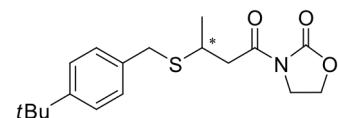
Under argon atmosphere, a mixture of 1,1'-(2,2'-bipyridine-6,6'-diyl)bis(2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol) ((S,S)-Bolm's ligand, 9.9 mg, 0.030 mmol, 0.06 equiv), Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (9.1 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv), and activated 4 Å molecular sieves (50 mg) in MeCN (0.5 mL) were stirred at 25 °C for 2 hours (pre-complexation) during which time the Fe<sup>II</sup> salt was completely dissolved to give a yellow solution. (E)-3-Crotonoyloxazolidin-2-one **1a** (77.6 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv) was introduced, and thiol **2a–o** (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv) was added subsequently. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C, and monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite®, washed 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 35 °C). The crude residue was purified by a normal phase chromatography (Biotage®SNAP Ultra 25g/Biotage®HP-Sphere™ 25 μm) using a gradient elution of hexane/EtOAc = 90:10–60:40 to give thioethers **3a–o**. Bolm's ligand **L\*** was recovered quantitatively in the purification process by eluting with hexane/EtOAc = 80:20 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.27).

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Benzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3a):<sup>14</sup>**



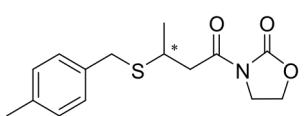
Product was obtained as a colorless oil (131 mg, 0.469 mmol, 94% yield). Reaction time: 24 h. 96:4 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R(R)$  = 23.3 min,  $t_R(S)$  = 27.0 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +13.0$  ( $c$  = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>14</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -15.0$  ( $c$  = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 94% *ee* of (S)-3a; litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -15.7$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 97% *ee* of (S)-3a). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 (tt,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.81 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 153.4, 138.4, 128.8, 128.5, 126.9, 62.0, 42.5, 42.4, 35.6, 35.3, 21.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2963, 2921, 1770, 1693, 1383, 1219, 1028, 757, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(+)-3-(3-(4-Tert-butylbenzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3b):**



Product was obtained as a colorless oil (126 mg, 0.375 mmol, 75% yield). Reaction time: 15 h. 95:5 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 90:10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (major) = 27.0 min,  $t_R$ (minor) = 29.3 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.3$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.32 (dt,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dt,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41 – 4.37 (m, 2H), 4.02 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.79 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.08 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 153.4, 149.8, 135.2, 128.5, 125.4, 62.1, 42.5, 42.4, 35.6, 34.8, 34.5, 31.4, 21.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2960, 2866, 1772, 1694, 1383, 1188, 1098, 1028, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 336.1628, found 336.1637.

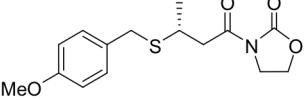
**(+)-3-(3-(4-Methylbenzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3c):**



Product was obtained as a white solid (137 mg, 0.467 mmol, 93% yield). mp = 44–45 °C. Reaction time: 21 h. 95:5 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (major) = 24.5 min,  $t_R$ (minor)

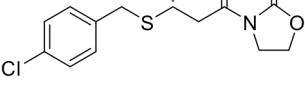
= 29.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +8.5$  ( $c = 1.0$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.21 (dt,  $J = 8.0$ , 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dt,  $J = 8.0$ , 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.38 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.02 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 153.4, 136.5, 135.2, 129.1, 128.7, 62.0, 42.5, 42.4, 35.5, 35.0, 21.6, 21.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2958, 2919, 1756, 1698, 1369, 1222, 1033, 759, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 294.1158, found 294.1162.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(4-Methoxybenzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3d):<sup>14</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (144 mg, 0.465 mmol, 93% yield). mp = 78–80 °C. Reaction time: 24 h. 96:4 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_R(R) = 32.9$  min,  $t_R(S) = 38.5$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +8.4$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>14</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -16.6$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 96% *ee* of (S)-3d; litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -14.7$  ( $c = 1.0$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 97% *ee* of (S)-3d). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.25 (dt,  $J = 8.8$ , 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dt,  $J = 8.8$ , 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.40 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 158.5, 153.4, 130.3, 129.9, 113.8, 62.0, 55.3, 42.5, 42.4, 35.4, 34.6, 21.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2976, 2924, 1783, 1690, 1364, 1188, 1025, 753, 653 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

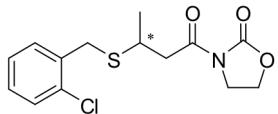
**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(4-Chlorobenzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3e):<sup>14</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (144 mg, 0.459 mmol, 92% yield). mp = 42–43 °C. Reaction time: 63 h. 94:6 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_R(R) = 22.1$  min,  $t_R(S) = 23.8$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6.0$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>14</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -13.2$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 97% *ee* of (S)-3e; litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -16.5$  ( $c = 1.0$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 93% *ee* of (S)-3e). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 4.41 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 16.2$ , 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd,  $J = 16.2$ , 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  170.8, 153.4,

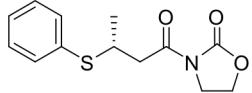
137.0, 132.6, 130.2, 128.6, 62.1, 42.5, 42.4, 35.6, 34.6, 21.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2971, 2917, 1767, 1696, 1384, 1221, 1012, 758, 706 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(+)-3-(3-(2-Chlorobenzylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3f):**



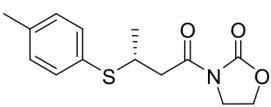
Product was obtained as a white solid (118 mg, 0.376 mmol, 75% yield). mp = 36–37 °C. Reaction time: 15 h. 94:6 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (minor) = 16.3 min,  $t_R$ (major) = 17.4 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.2$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  170.9, 153.4, 136.2, 133.9, 130.8, 129.7, 128.4, 126.9, 62.1, 42.5, 42.5, 36.0, 32.7, 21.7 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3015, 2969, 2918, 1763, 1692, 1381, 1202, 1041, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 314.0612, found 314.0618.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Phenylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3g):<sup>15</sup>**



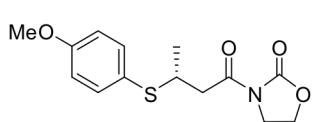
Product was obtained as a white solid (119 mg, 0.449 mmol, 90% yield). mp = 40–41 °C. Reaction time: 20 h. 81:19 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R(S)$  = 13.9 min,  $t_R(R)$  = 15.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +28.6$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -11.5$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 86% *ee* of (S)-3d; litt.<sup>16</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -12.70$  ( $c$  = 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% *ee* of (S)-3d). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 (tt,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 153.4, 134.1, 132.8, 128.9, 127.3, 62.1, 42.4, 42.3, 38.9, 21.3 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2964, 2922, 1770, 1693, 1383, 1219, 1038, 746, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(4-Methylphenylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3h):<sup>15</sup>**



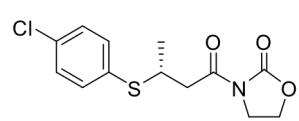
Product was obtained as a white solid (137 mg, 0.490 mmol, 98% yield). mp = 46–47 °C. Reaction time: 20 h. 83:17 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R(R)$  = 38.3 min,  $t_R(S)$  = 48.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +18.7 ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = −20.1 ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% *ee* of (S)-3h). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.35 (dt,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dt,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.37 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.96 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.1, 153.4, 137.7, 133.6, 130.1, 129.7, 62.1, 42.4, 42.3, 39.3, 21.2, 21.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2969, 2922, 1771, 1693, 1384, 1220, 1038, 809, 757 cm<sup>−1</sup>.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(4-Methoxyphenylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3i):<sup>16</sup>**



Product was obtained as a colorless oil (139 mg, 0.471 mmol, 94% yield). Reaction time: 20 h. 82:18 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R(R)$  = 36.3 min,  $t_R(S)$  = 43.4 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +14.7 ( $c$  = 2.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>16</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = −6.7 ( $c$  = 2.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 86% *ee* of (S)-3i; litt.<sup>17</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = −5.9 ( $c$  = 2.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 78% *ee* of (S)-3i). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.42 (dt,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dt,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.39 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.0, 159.7, 153.4, 136.3, 123.8, 114.4, 62.1, 55.3, 42.4, 42.2, 39.8, 21.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2960, 2922, 1771, 1693, 1383, 1241, 1025, 828, 756 cm<sup>−1</sup>.

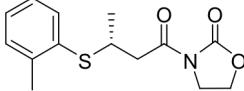
**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3j):<sup>16</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (142 mg, 0.474 mmol, 95% yield). mp = 66–68 °C. Reaction time: 20 h. 81:19 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R(S)$  = 12.0 min,  $t_R(R)$  = 14.1 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +24.8 ( $c$  = 2.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>16</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = −16.47 ( $c$  = 2.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 87% *ee* of (S)-3j; litt.<sup>18</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = −21.0 ( $c$  = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 86% *ee* of (S)-3j). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.38

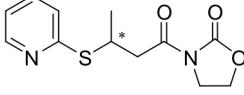
(dt,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dt,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.41 – 4.37 (m, 2H), 3.99 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  170.8, 153.4, 134.1, 133.4, 132.6, 129.0, 62.1, 42.4, 42.1, 39.2, 21.2 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2961, 2921, 1778, 1689, 1381, 1204, 1011, 819, 758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(2-Methylphenylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3k):<sup>16</sup>**



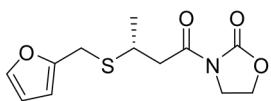
Product was obtained as a white solid (137 mg, 0.490 mmol, 98% yield). mp = 33–34 °C. Reaction time: 16 h. 86:14 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/*iPrOH* = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}(R) = 32.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}}(S) = 45.1$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +30.1$  ( $c = 2.13$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (litt.<sup>16</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -29.95$  ( $c = 2.13$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), 95% *ee* of (S)-3k; litt.<sup>17</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -30.33$  ( $c = 2.09$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), 89% *ee* of (S)-3k).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.43 (m, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.35 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.0, 153.3, 140.3, 133.7, 132.6, 130.3, 127.3, 126.3, 62.1, 42.4, 42.4, 38.3, 21.1, 20.8 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2970, 2922, 1771, 1693, 1384, 1220, 1037, 751, 706  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**(+)-3-(3-(Pyridin-2-ylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3l):**



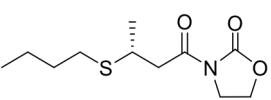
Product was obtained as a colorless oil (103 mg, 0.387 mmol, 77% yield). Reaction time: 24 h. 53:47 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/*iPrOH* = 90:10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 49.5$  min,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 52.4$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +3.6$  ( $c = 0.5$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.39 (ddd,  $J = 4.9, 1.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dt,  $J = 8.1, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (ddd,  $J = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.40 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.04 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.0, 158.5, 153.5, 149.4, 135.9, 122.6, 119.5, 62.1, 42.4, 42.2, 35.1, 21.2 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2966, 2923, 1769, 1691, 1576, 1383, 1218, 1036, 755  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  267.0798, found 267.0798.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Furan-2-ylmethylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3m):<sup>15</sup>**



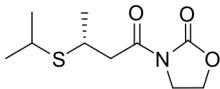
Product was obtained as a yellow solid (100 mg, 0.371 mmol, 74% yield). mp = 32–33 °C. Reaction time: 15 h. 95:5 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 90:10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R(S)$  = 43.8 min,  $t_R(R)$  = 48.2 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +29.4$  ( $c$  = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -26.4$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 96% *ee* of (*S*)-**3m**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.30 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd,  $J$  = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd,  $J$  = 3.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.78 (d,  $J$  = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  170.9, 153.4, 151.7, 142.0, 110.4, 107.4, 62.1, 42.5, 42.4, 35.7, 27.4, 21.4 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3513, 3371, 3112, 2976, 2924, 1758, 1691, 1369, 1005, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Butylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3n):<sup>18</sup>**



Product was obtained as a colorless oil (102 mg, 0.416 mmol, 83% yield). Reaction time: 21 h. 91:9 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AS-H, hexane/iPrOH = 95:5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R(R)$  = 43.0 min,  $t_R(S)$  = 45.8 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +7.0$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (litt.<sup>18</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.0$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 68% *ee* of (*S*)-**3n**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  4.38 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 3.99 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.27 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  171.1, 153.4, 62.1, 42.5, 42.5, 35.5, 31.7, 30.2, 22.0, 21.6, 13.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2958, 2926, 1773, 1695, 1384, 1220, 1039, 758, 706 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

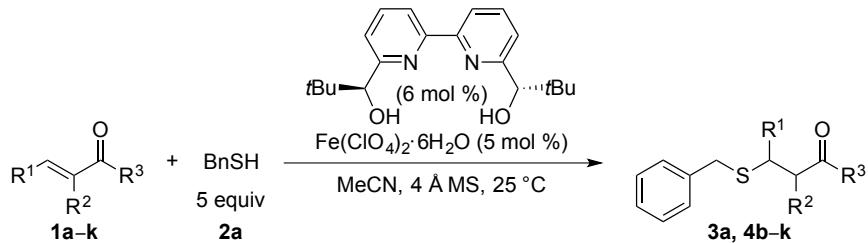
**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Isopropylthio)butanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (3o):<sup>15</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (102 mg, 0.441 mmol, 88% yield). mp = 26–27 °C. Reaction time: 43 h. 83:17 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R(S)$  = 16.9 min,  $t_R(R)$  = 20.2 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6.0$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -11.5$  ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 97% *ee* of (*S*)-**3o**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  4.40 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.32 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.01

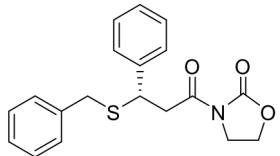
(m, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  {H} NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$   $^{13}\text{C}$  171.1, 153.4, 62.1, 42.8, 42.5, 34.3, 34.3, 23.8, 23.6, 22.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2961, 2923, 1771, 1693, 1383, 1219, 1038, 757, 658  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**General Procedure for the Michael Addition Reaction of Benzyl Thiol to  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds Catalyzed by  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/(S,S)$ -Bolm's Ligand complex:**



Under argon atmosphere, a mixture of 1,1'-(2,2'-bipyridine-6,6'-diyl)bis(2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol) ((*S,S*)-Bolm's ligand, 9.9 mg, 0.030 mmol, 0.06 equiv),  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (9.1 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv), and activated 4  $\text{\AA}$  molecular sieves (50 mg) in MeCN (0.5 mL) were stirred at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 hours (pre-complexation) during which time the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  salt was completely dissolved to give a yellow solution.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated carbonyl compound **1b–k** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) was introduced, and benzyl thiol **2a** (293  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv) was added subsequently. The mixture was stirred at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ , and monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite<sup>®</sup>, washed 3 times with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* (bath temperature 35  $^\circ\text{C}$ ). The crude residue was purified by a normal phase chromatography (Biotage<sup>®</sup> SNAP Ultra 25g/Biotage<sup>®</sup> HP-Sphere<sup>TM</sup> 25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) using a gradient elution of hexane/EtOAc = 90:10–40:60 (**4b–g**), 99:1–90:10 (**4h**), or 90:10–20:80 (**4i**), to give thioethers **4b–k**. Bolm's ligand **L\*** was recovered quantitatively in the purification process by eluting with hexane/EtOAc = 80:20 ( $R_f = 0.27$ ).

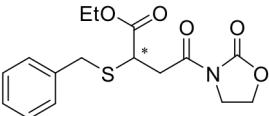
**(–)-(S)-3-(3-(Benzylthio)-3-phenylpropanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (4b):<sup>15</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (117 mg, 0.343 mmol, 67% yield). mp = 83–85  $^\circ\text{C}$ . Reaction time: 118 h. 85:15 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak<sup>®</sup> AD-H, hexane/*iPr*OH = 90:10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R(S) = 44.0$  min,  $t_R(R) = 47.9$

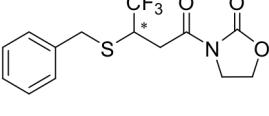
min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -80.0$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (litt.<sup>15</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +201.0$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), 98% *ee* of (*R*)-**4b**).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.39 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.32 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.93 (ddd,  $J = 11.0, 9.3, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 (ddd,  $J = 11.0, 9.3, 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.0$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  170.1, 153.4, 141.4, 137.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 62.1, 44.2, 42.4, 41.6, 35.7 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3060, 2921, 1776, 1690, 1381, 1205, 1037, 757, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**(–)-Ethyl 2-(benzylthio)-4-oxo-4-(2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)butanoate (4c):**



Product was obtained as a white solid (165 mg, 0.489 mmol, 98% yield). mp = 63–64 °C. Reaction time: 15 h. 95:5 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 22.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 27.4$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -61.1$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 (tt,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.18 (qd,  $J = 7.1, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.92 – 3.88 (m, 3H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.8, 170.4, 153.3, 137.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.3, 62.3, 61.4, 42.2, 40.3, 37.5, 35.9, 14.2 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2983, 2925, 1767, 1725, 1689, 1376, 1170, 1008, 709  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup> 338.1057, found 338.1060.

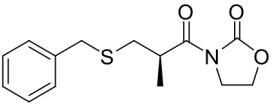
**(+)-3-(3-(Benzylthio)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (4d):**



Product was obtained as a white solid (158 mg, 0.474 mmol, 95% yield). mp = 77–78 °C. Reaction time: 20 h. 75:25 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{major}) = 36.4$  min,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{minor}) = 45.7$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +18.7$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.36 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.98 (ddd,  $J = 11.0, 8.9, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.88 (m, 3H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 4.0$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  168.4, 153.2, 136.7, 129.2, 128.6, 127.5, 126.8 (q,  $J = 278.7$  Hz), 62.2, 42.4, 42.2 (q,  $J = 30.2$  Hz), 37.4, 35.3 (q,  $J = 2.1$  Hz) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

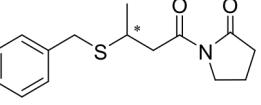
$\delta_F$  –70.64 (d,  $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 3F) ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2929, 1792, 1687, 1392, 1223, 1120, 954, 709, 653 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 334.0719, found 334.0721.

**(+)-(R)-3-(3-(Benzylthio)-2-methylpropanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (4e):<sup>19</sup>**



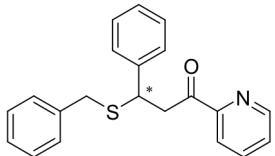
Product was obtained as a white solid (92 mg, 0.329 mmol, 66% yield). mp = 46–47 °C. Reaction time: 130 h. 64:36 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R(S)$  = 12.6 min,  $t_R(R)$  = 16.1 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +20.2 ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (litt.<sup>19</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +60.2 ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 82% *ee*; litt.<sup>20</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +58.8 ( $c$  = 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 68% *ee*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.32 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 1H) 4.40 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.10 – 3.94 (m, 3H), 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  175.8, 153.2, 138.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.0, 62.0, 42.7, 37.6, 36.4, 34.3, 17.4 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 2968, 2923, 1766, 1690, 1380, 1182, 1000, 753, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(+)-1-(3-(Benzylthio)butanoyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (4f):**



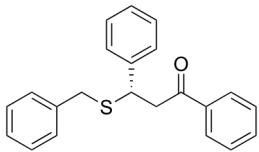
Product was obtained as a colorless oil (129 mg, 0.465 mmol, 93% yield). Reaction time: 20 h. 93:7 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AS-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 98:2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (major) = 53.5 min,  $t_R$ (minor) = 57.8 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +25.9 ( $c$  = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.34 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.21 (tt,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.27 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  175.3, 171.8, 138.5, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 45.4, 44.1, 35.5, 35.3, 33.6, 21.6, 17.1 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3027, 2926, 1734, 1685, 1359, 1248, 1189, 1025, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 278.1209, found 278.1212.

**(–)-3-(Benzylthio)-3-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-1-one (4g):**



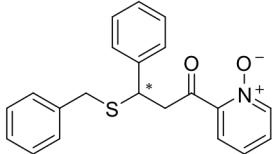
Product was obtained as a yellow oil (140 mg, 0.420 mmol, 84% yield). Reaction time: 15 h. 52:48 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (major) = 13.1 min,  $t_R$ (minor) = 14.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -8.9$  ( $c = 0.25$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  8.64 (ddd,  $J$  = 4.7, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 4.51 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd,  $J$  = 17.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 17.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  198.4, 153.0, 148.9, 142.0, 137.9, 136.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 127.2, 126.7, 121.9, 44.2, 44.1, 35.7 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3058, 3025, 2917, 1694, 1331, 1224, 994, 760, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 356.1080, found 356.1088.

**(–)-(S)-3-(benzylthio)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (4h):<sup>20</sup>**



Product was obtained as a white solid (120 mg, 0.361 mmol, 72% yield) mp = 63–65 °C (litt. mp = 60–62 °C).<sup>20</sup> Reaction time: 26 h. 65:35 *er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralCel® OJ-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 225 nm,  $t_R(S) = 18.7$  min,  $t_R(R) = 28.5$  min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -53.3$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (litt.<sup>21</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -193.1$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), >99% *ee*; litt.<sup>22</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -67.5$  ( $c = 1.0$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 54% *ee*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  7.88 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 8H), 4.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  196.7, 141.8, 137.9, 136.7, 133.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 45.3, 44.2, 35.9 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3025, 2928, 1680, 1595, 1448, 1226, 981, 766, 686 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(–)-2-(3-(Benzylthio)-3-phenylpropanoyl)pyridine 1-oxide (4i):**

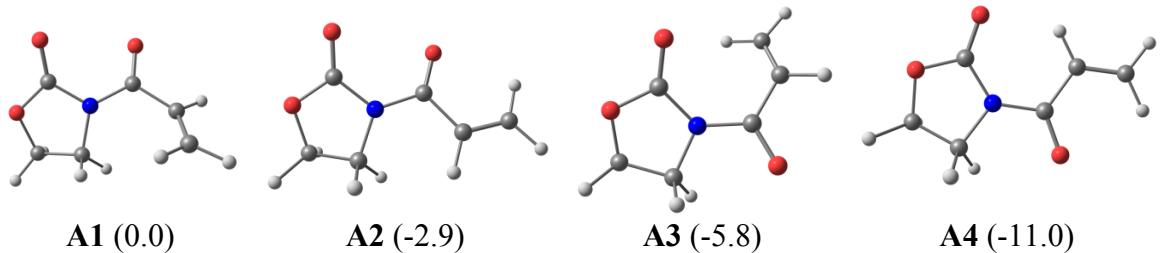


Product was obtained as a yellow solid (158 mg, 0.452 mmol, 90% yield) mp = 92–94 °C. Reaction time: 15 h. *62:38 er* determined by HPLC (Daicel ChiralPak® AD-H, hexane/*i*PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_R$ (major) = 17.6 min,  $t_R$ (minor) = 21.1 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -45.5$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ <sub>H</sub> 8.09 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.5, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.15 (m, 13H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.85 (dd,  $J$  = 16.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd,  $J$  = 16.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d,  $J$  = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d,  $J$  = 13.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 194.9, 146.6, 141.3, 140.2, 137.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 125.3, 49.1, 44.3, 35.6 ppm. IR (ZnSe): 3057, 3026, 2920, 1684, 1427, 1246, 1075, 759, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 372.1029, found 372.1038.

### Computational Study

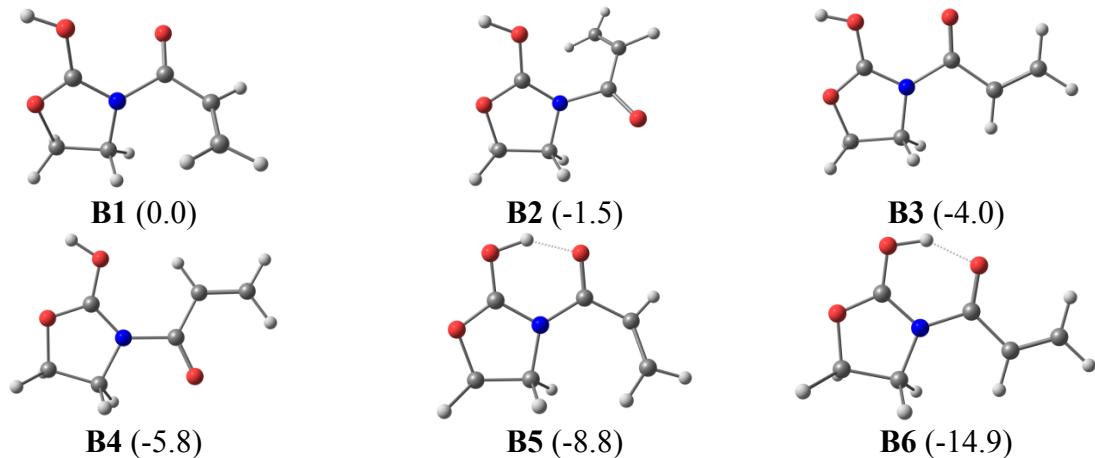
Structure optimizations were carried out without restrictions using the B3LYP functional<sup>23</sup> as implemented in the Gaussian09 software package.<sup>24</sup> Unless otherwise stated, the doubly charged iron complexes were treated in their quintet spin state.<sup>25</sup> The SDD basis set and associate effective core potential was used for iron,<sup>26</sup> and the 6-31+G(d) basis set for the other elements.<sup>27</sup> Vibrational frequency calculations were performed to establish that the stationary points are minima. Single point energies of the optimized structures were recalculated with the SDD basis set for iron and cc-pVTZ basis set<sup>28</sup> for other atoms. The results presented are Gibbs free energies at 298.15 K under 1 atm ( $\Delta G_{298}$ ) in kcal/mol.

To validate the level of theory, a first set of computations was carried out using 3-acryloyloxazolidin-2-one **A** as model substrate (Figure S1). The expected preferred conformation for this compound is the one with the two carbonyls pointing in opposite directions to avoid electronic repulsion between them, and a *s-cis* conformation of the enone fragment to avoid electronic repulsion between the oxazolidinone carbonyl and the  $\pi$  cloud of the C=C bond. This isomer (**A4**) is indeed the most stable one.



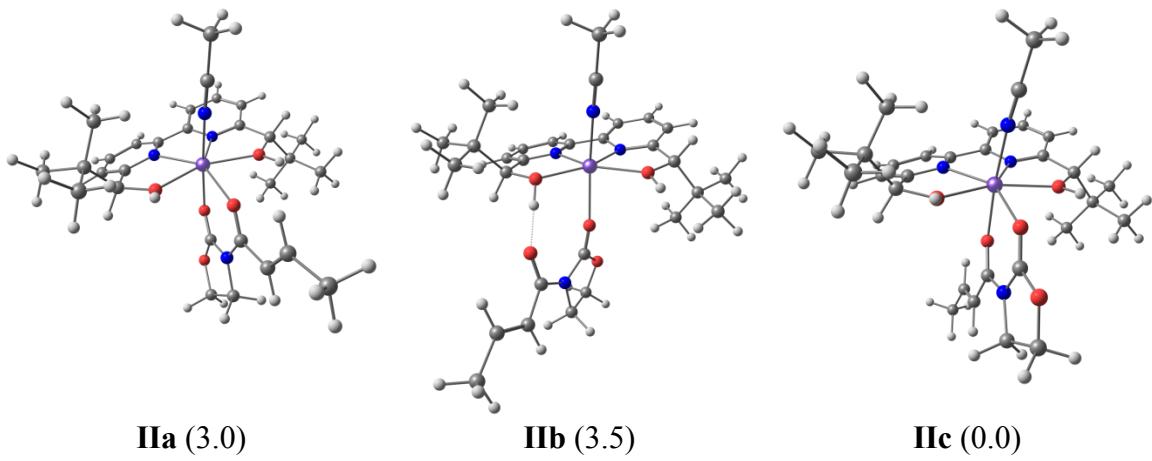
**Figure S1.** Computed isomers of 3-acryloyloxazolidin-2-one (**A1-4**) and their relative free energies

3-Acryloyloxazolidin-2-one was then protonated (Figure S2, isomers **B1-6**). In this case, one expects the two carbonyls to point in the same direction and a *s-cis* conformation of the enone fragment. This is again respected at our level of theory.



**Figure S2.** Computed isomers of protonated 3-acryloyloxazolidin-2-one (**B1-6**) and their relative free energies.

The **B6**-type conformation was thus chosen for the iron complexes **IIa-c** exhibiting the (*E*)-3-but-2-enoyloxazolidin-2-one ligand (Figure S3). Complex **IIc** is the most stable one (see manuscript for the associated discussion).



**Figure S3.** Computed isomers of the dicationic quintet spin state iron complexes **IIa-c** and their relative free energies.

Of note, the dicationic complex **IIc** was reoptimized at the singlet and triplet states, but the obtained structures proved far less stable ( $\Delta\Delta G_{298} = 32.7$  and 23.8 kcal/mol respectively).

**Coordinates (x,y,z) and energies of complexes IIa–c:**

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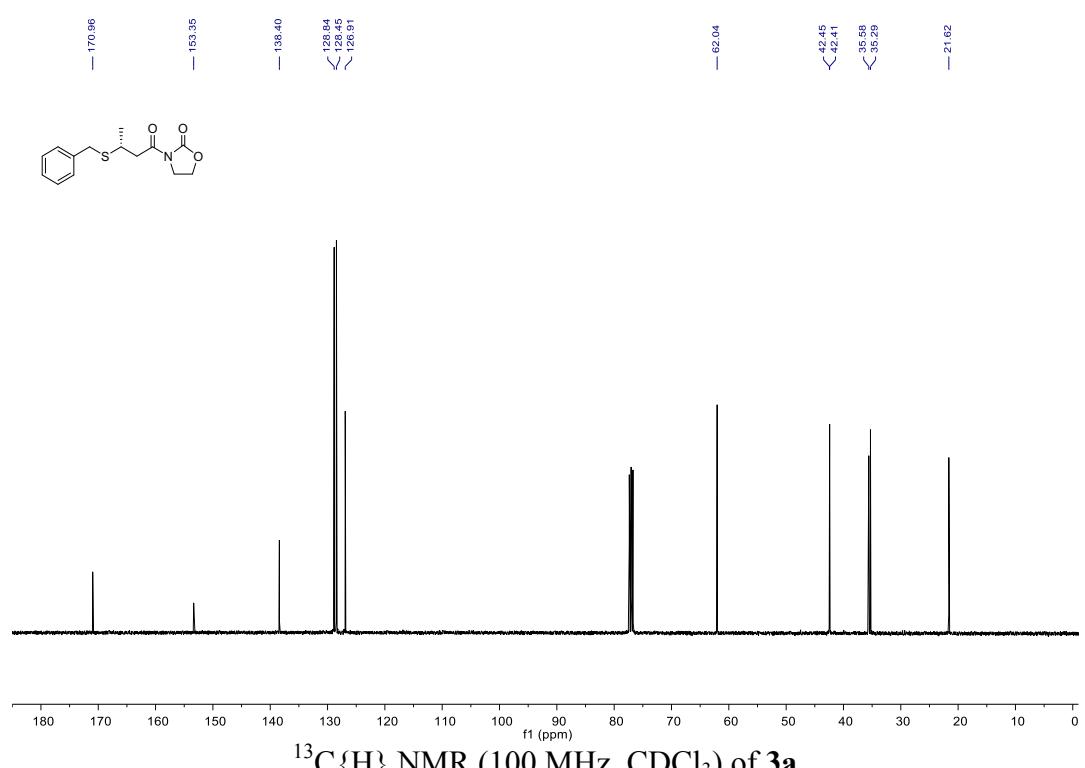
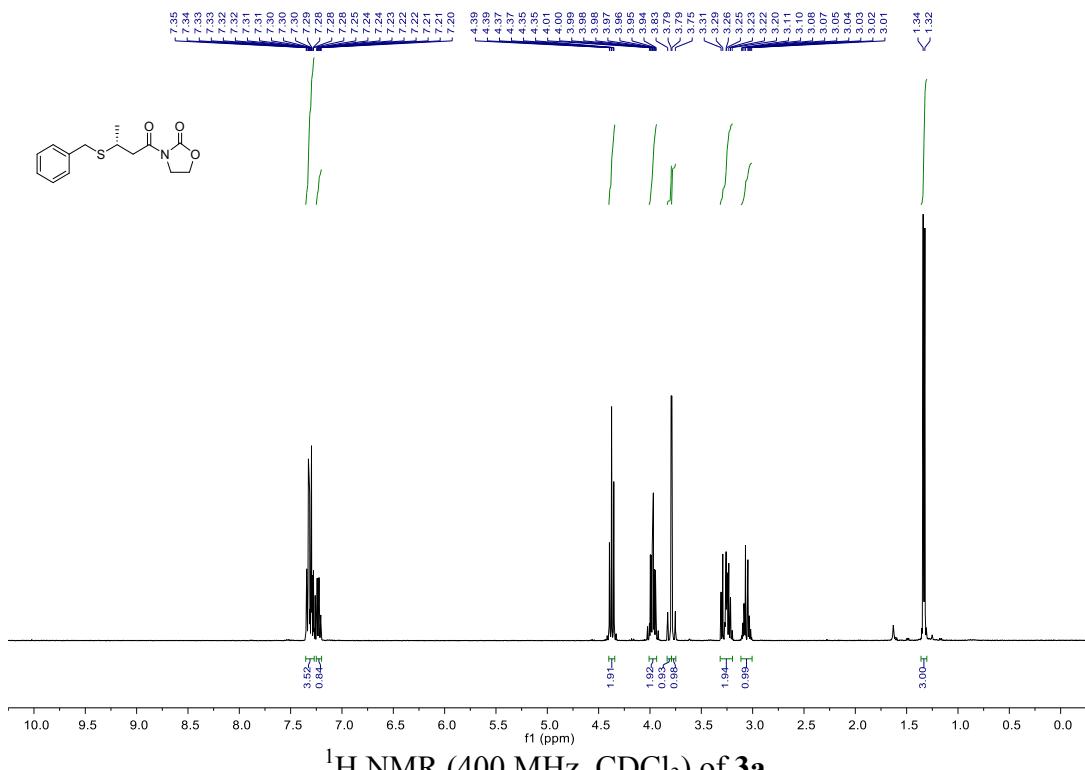
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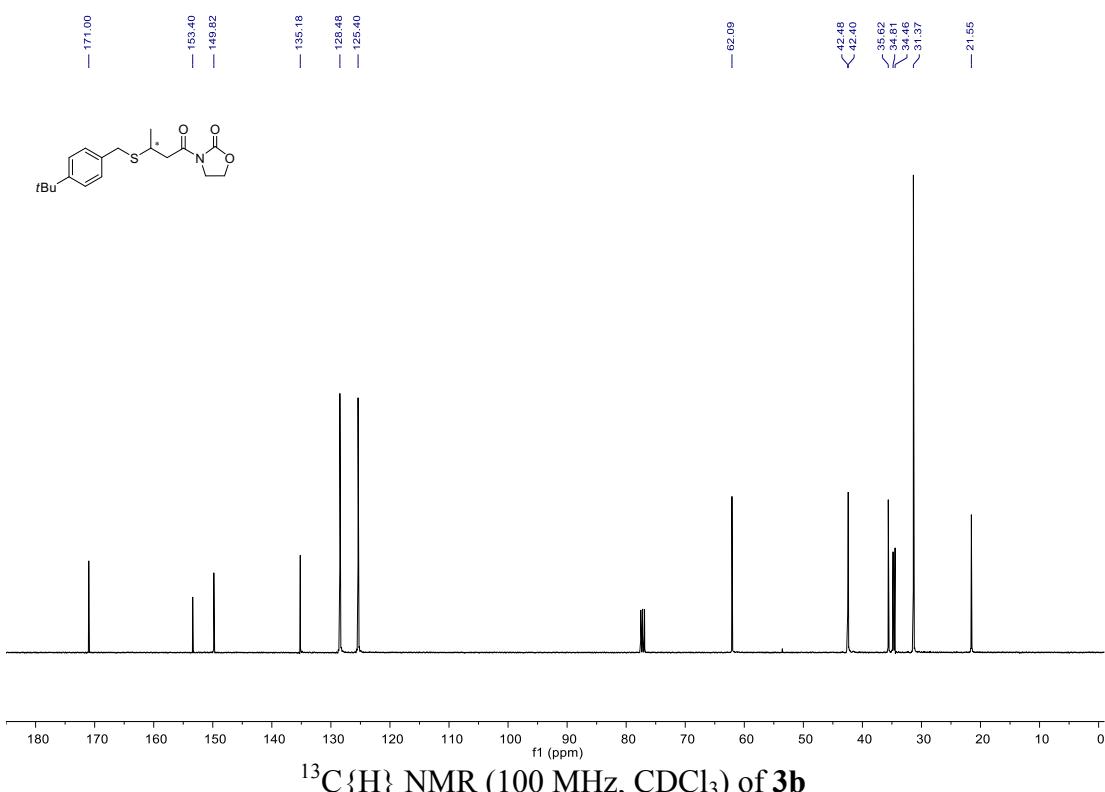
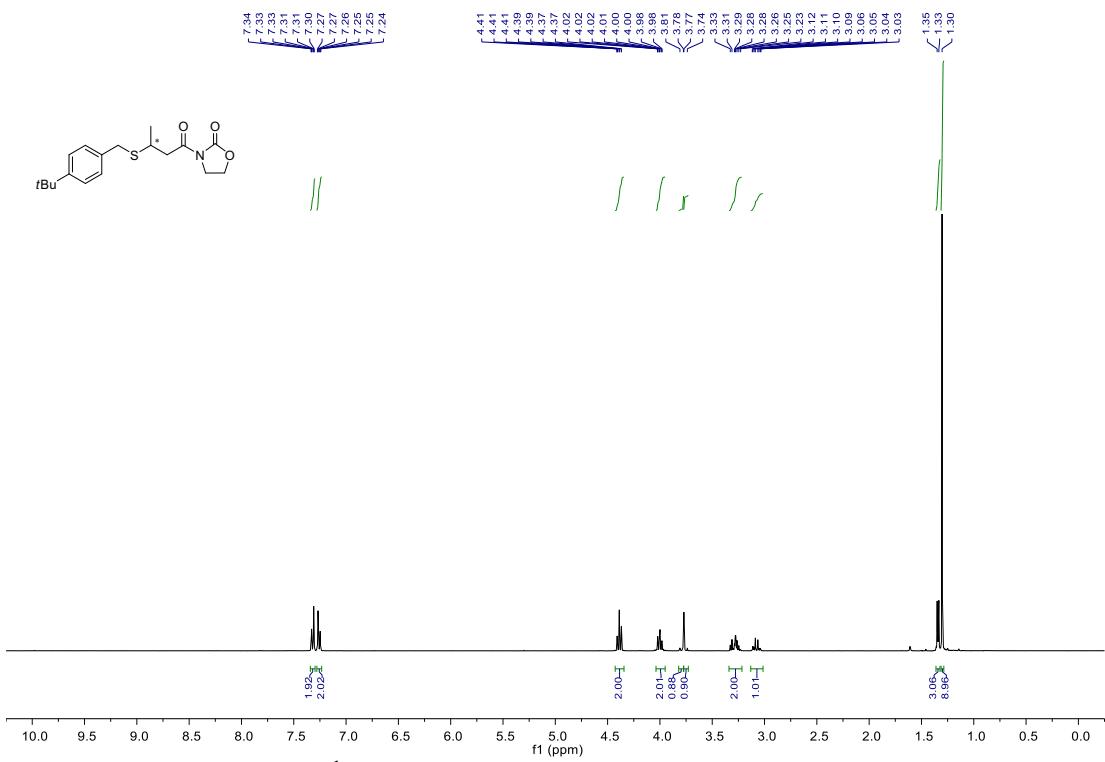
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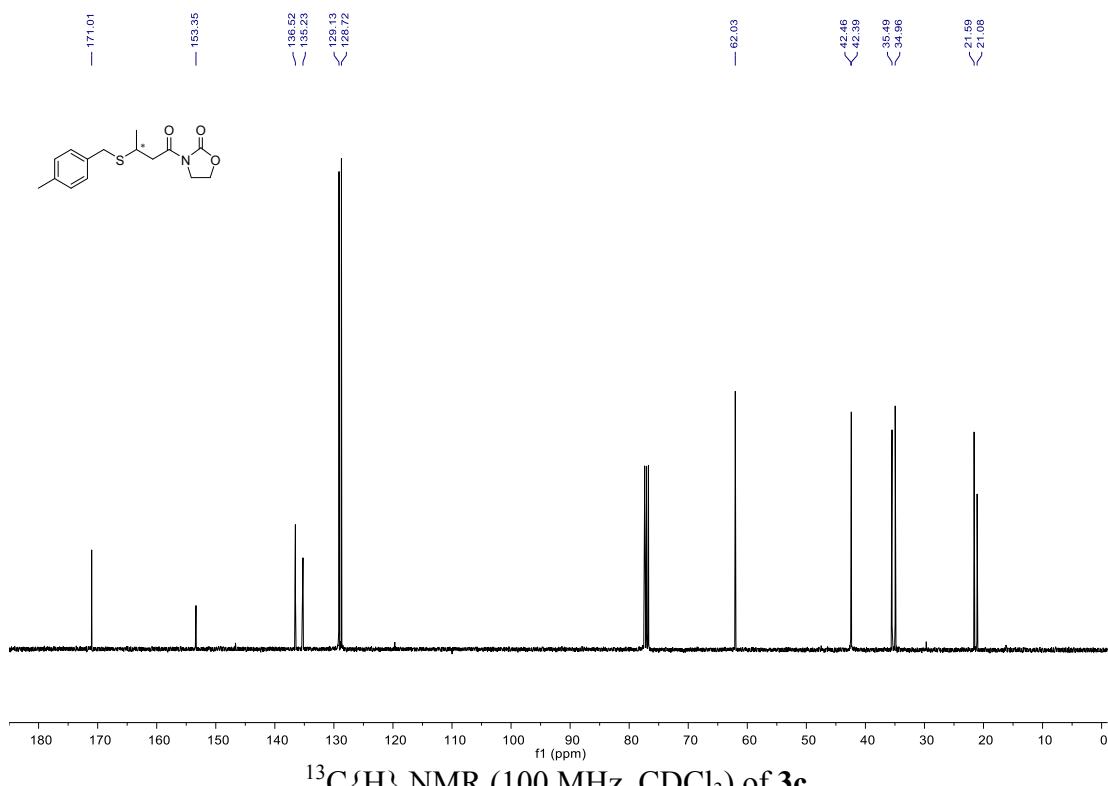
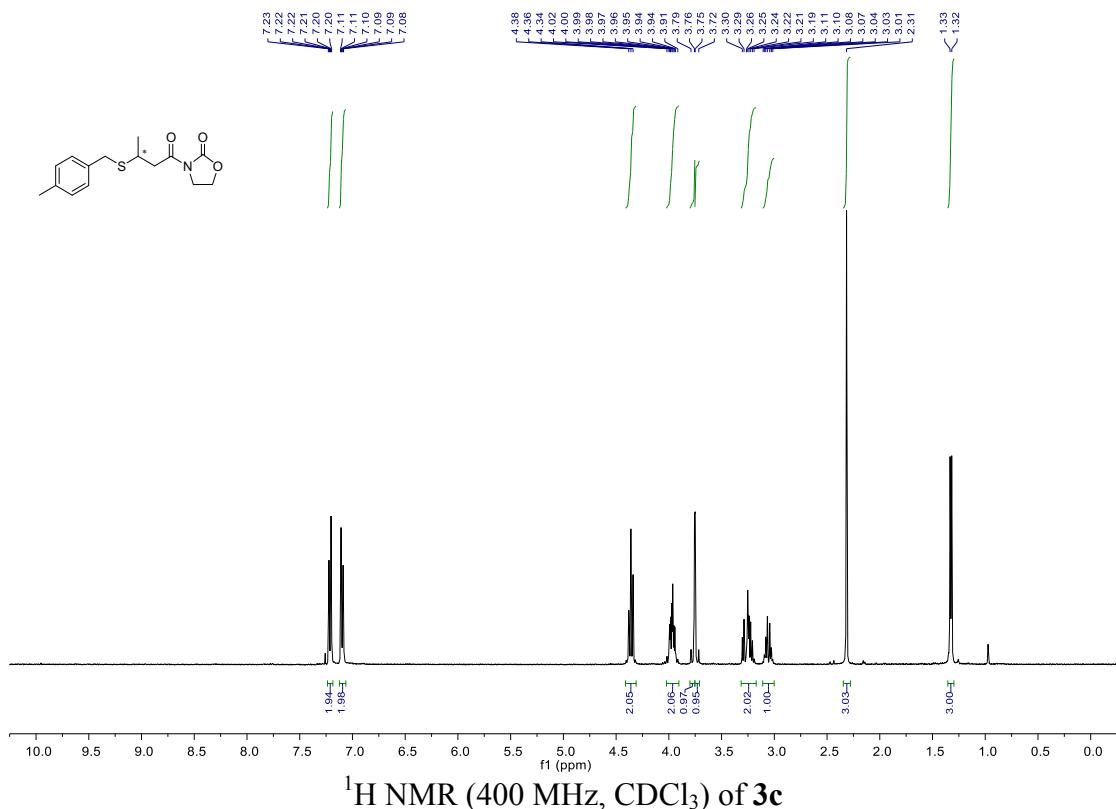
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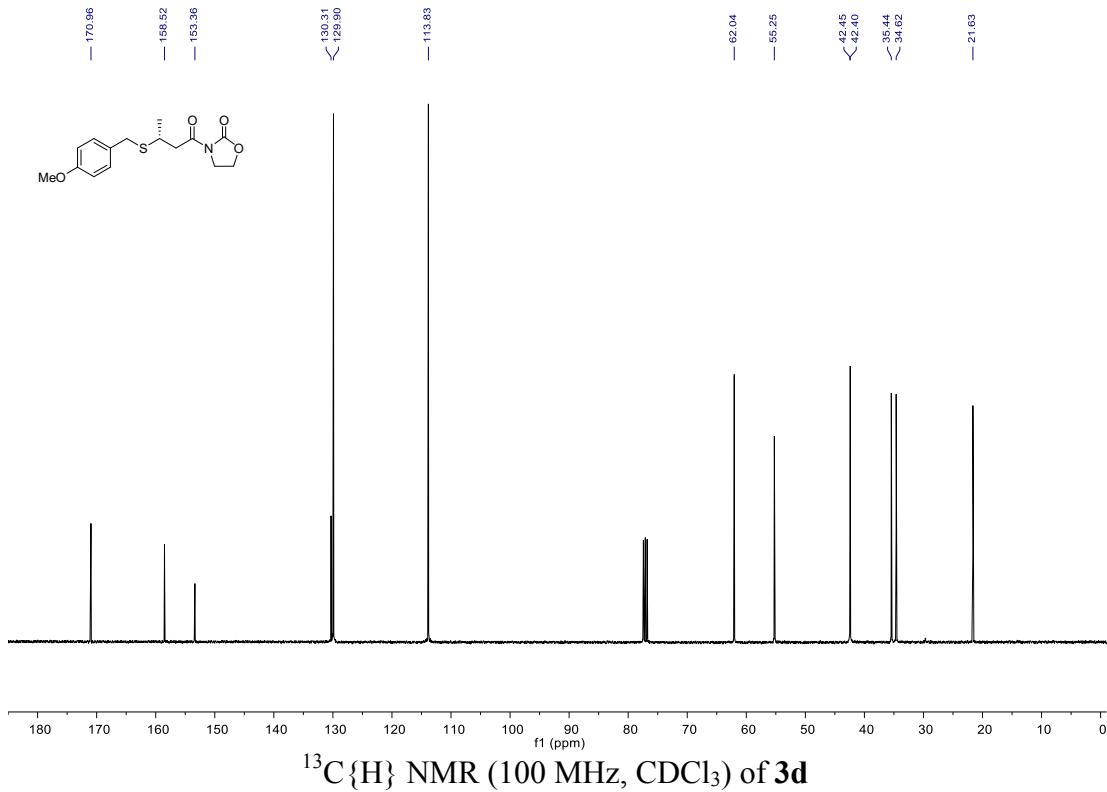
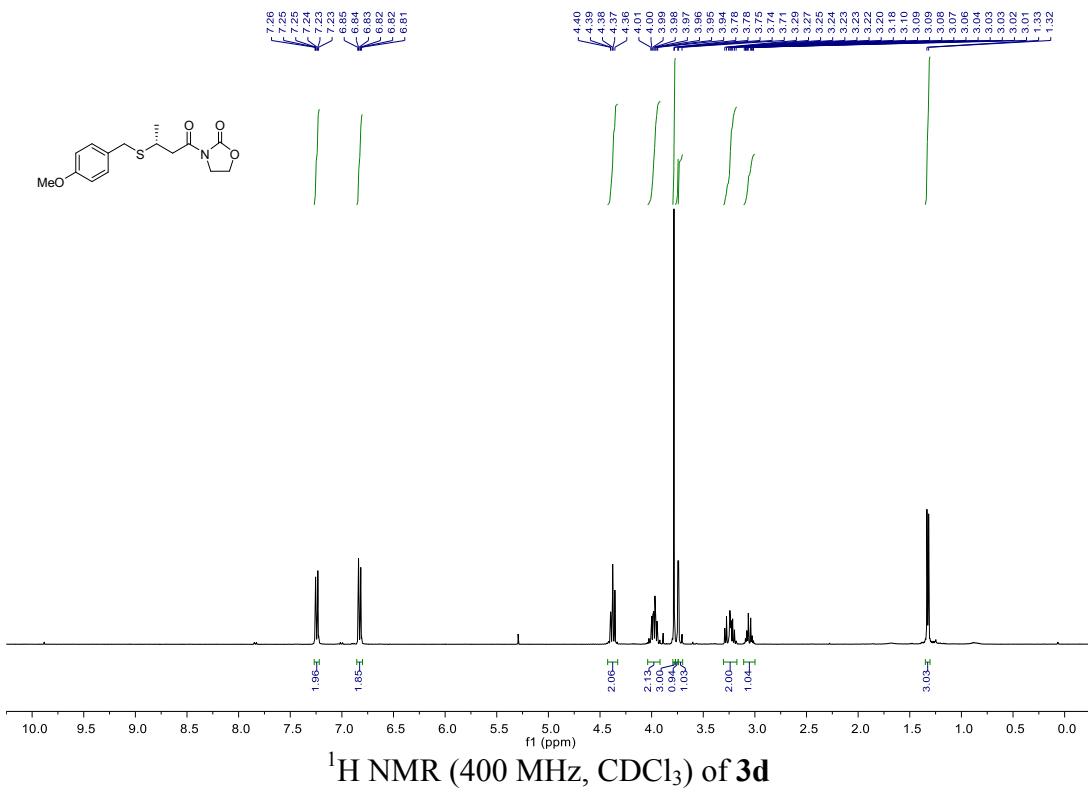
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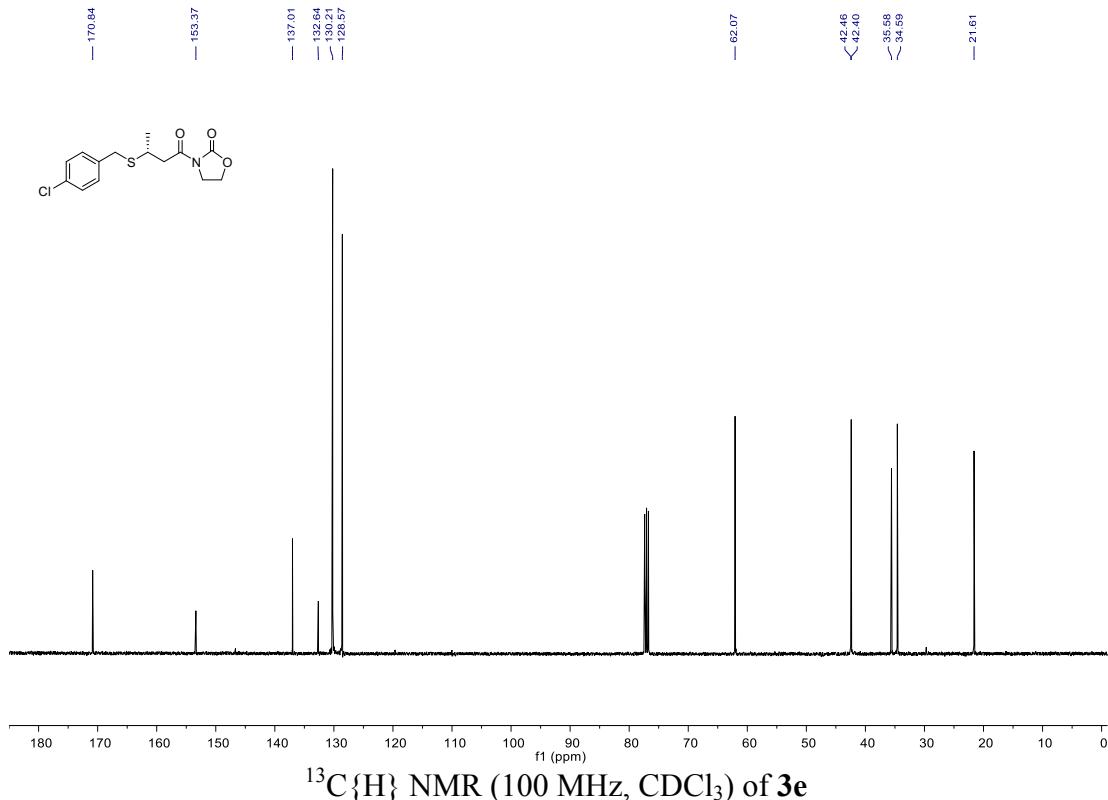
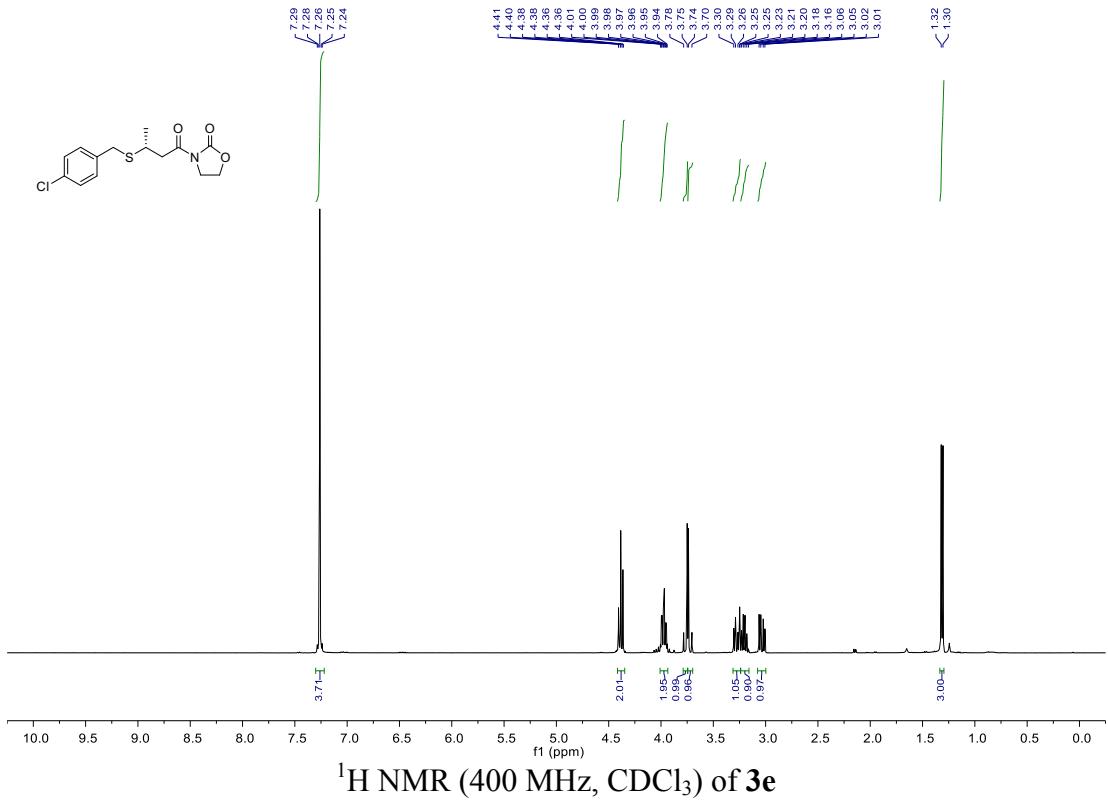
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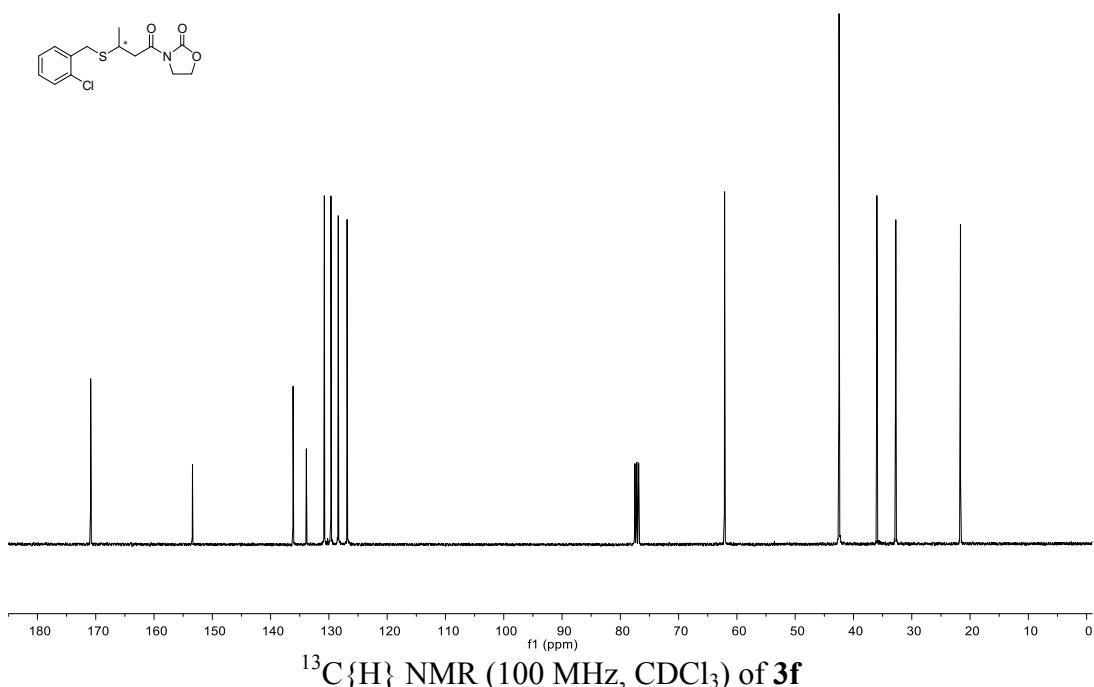
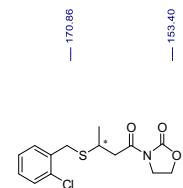
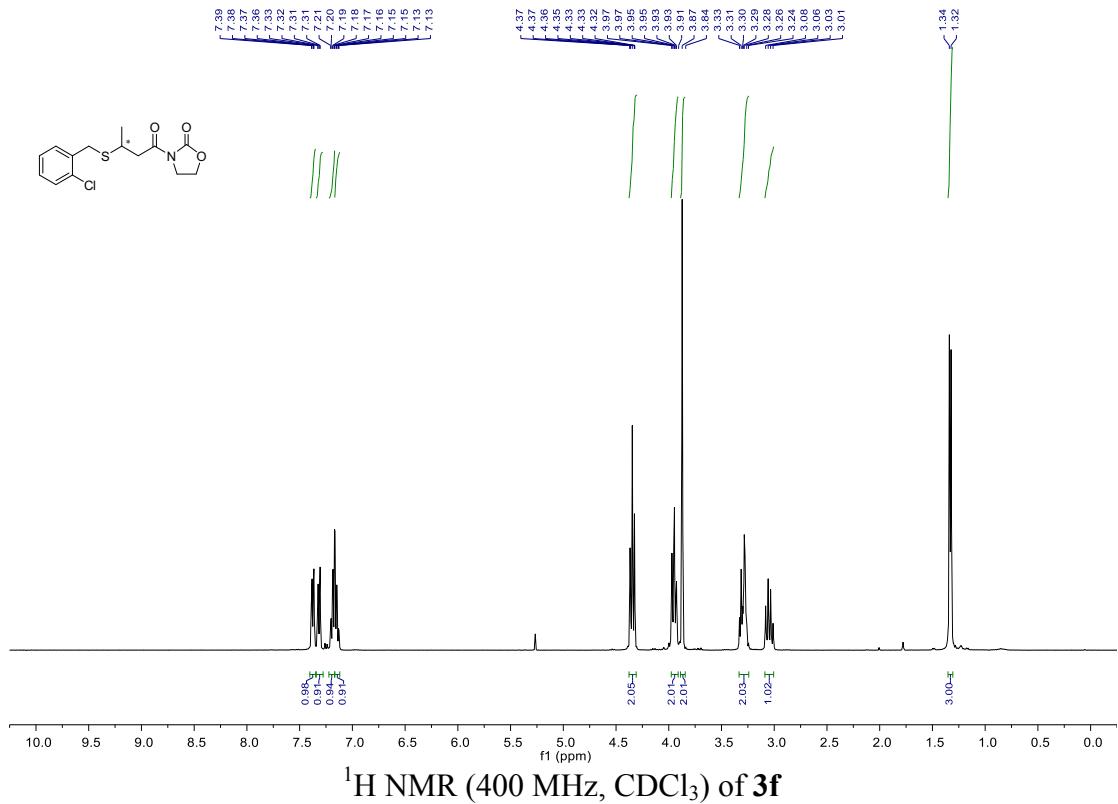


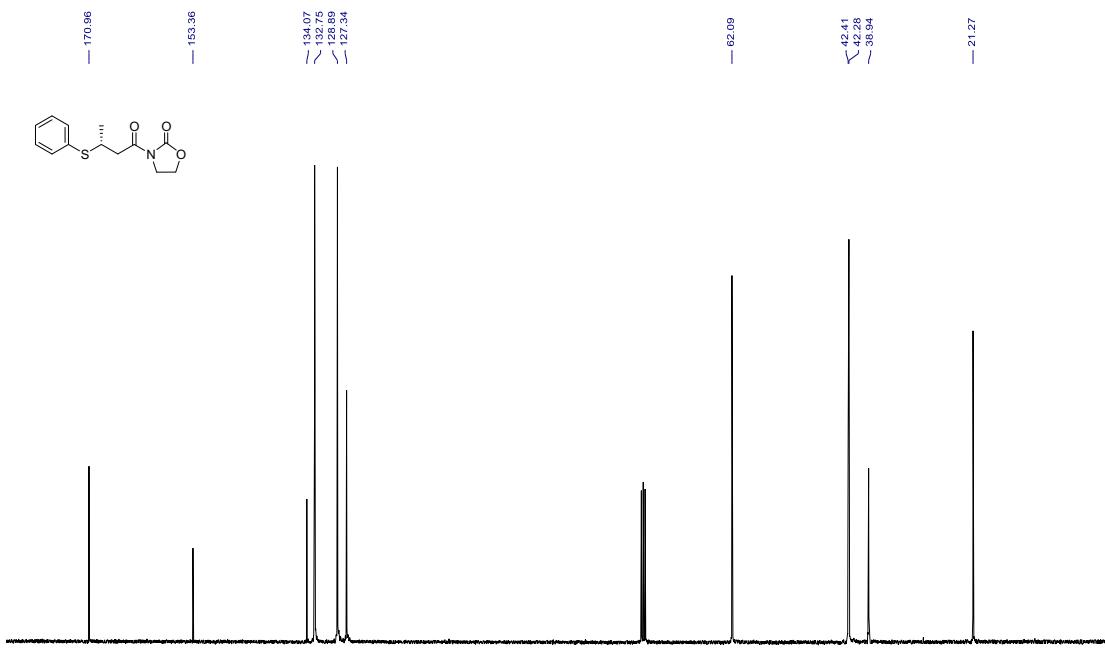
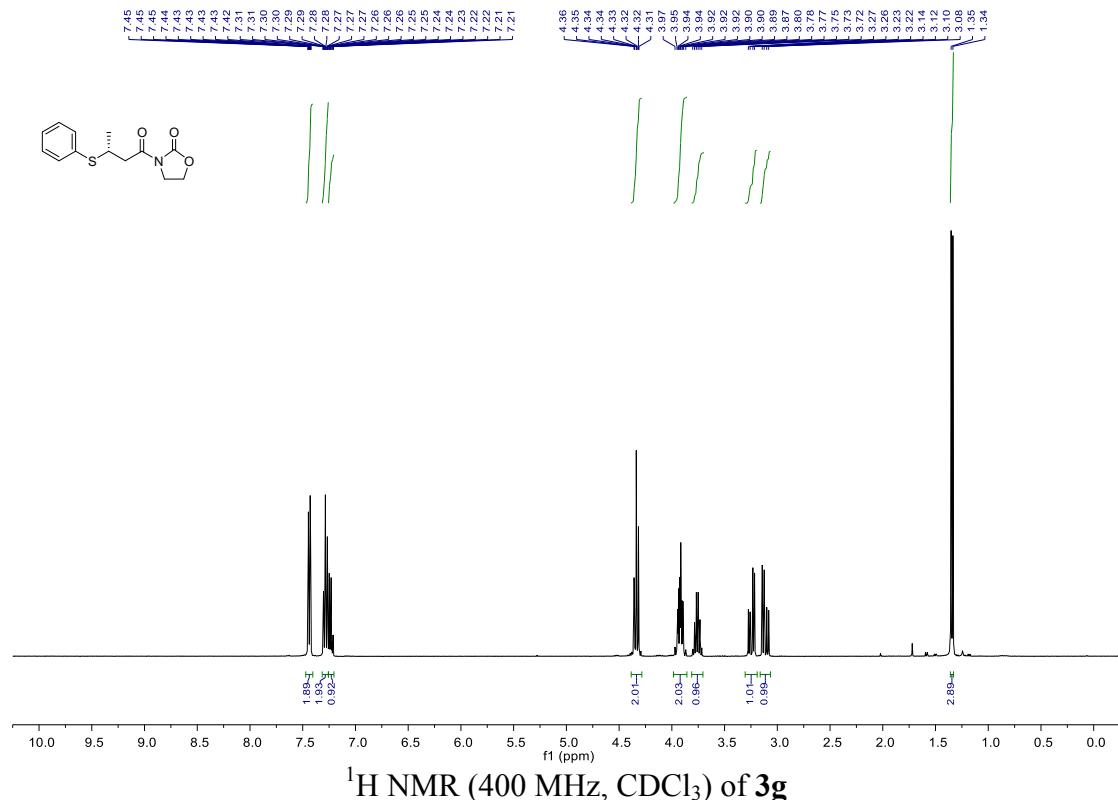




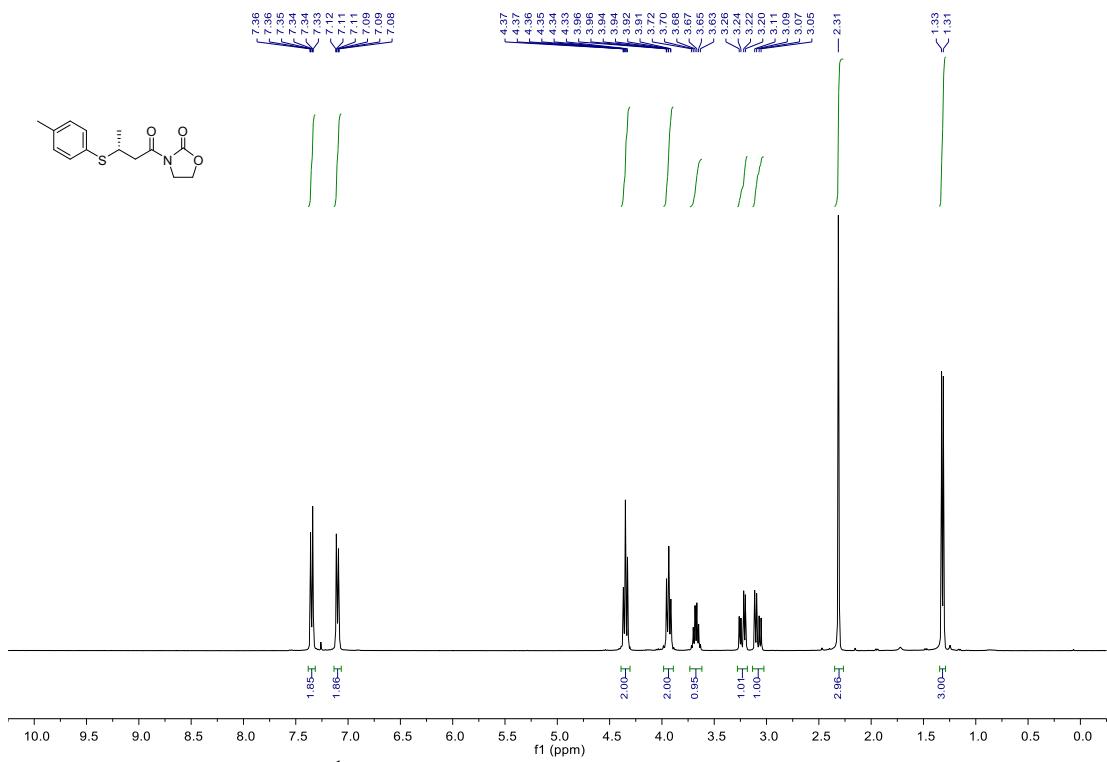




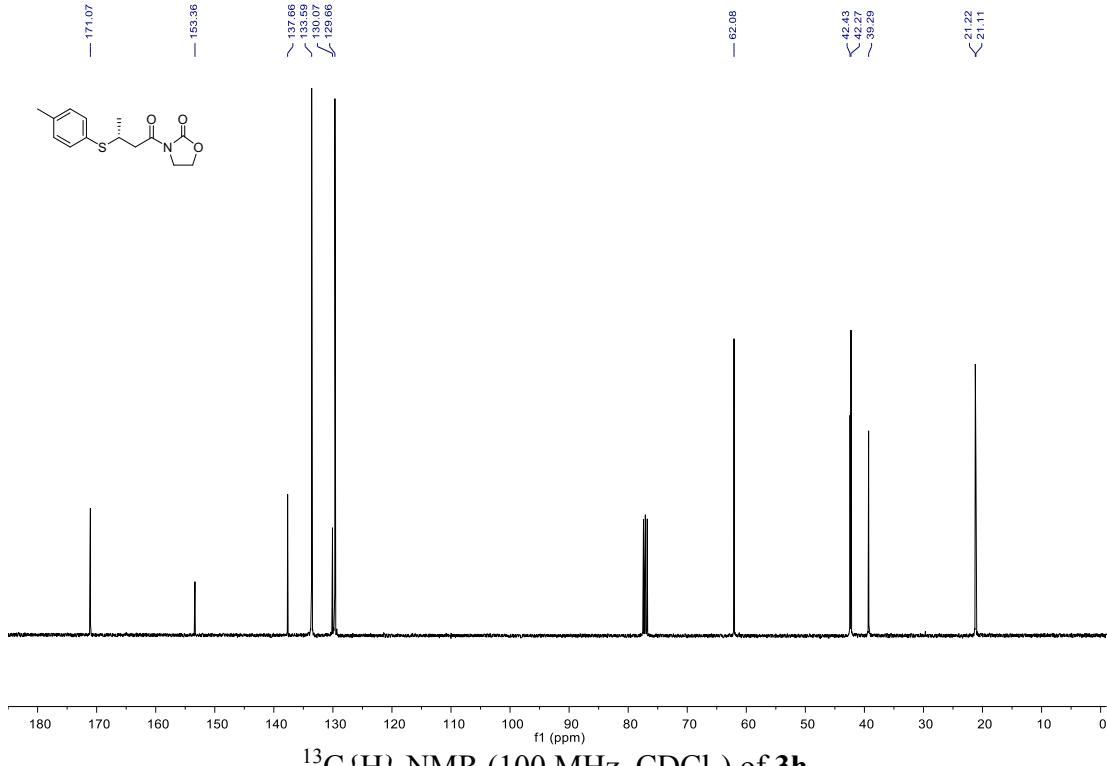




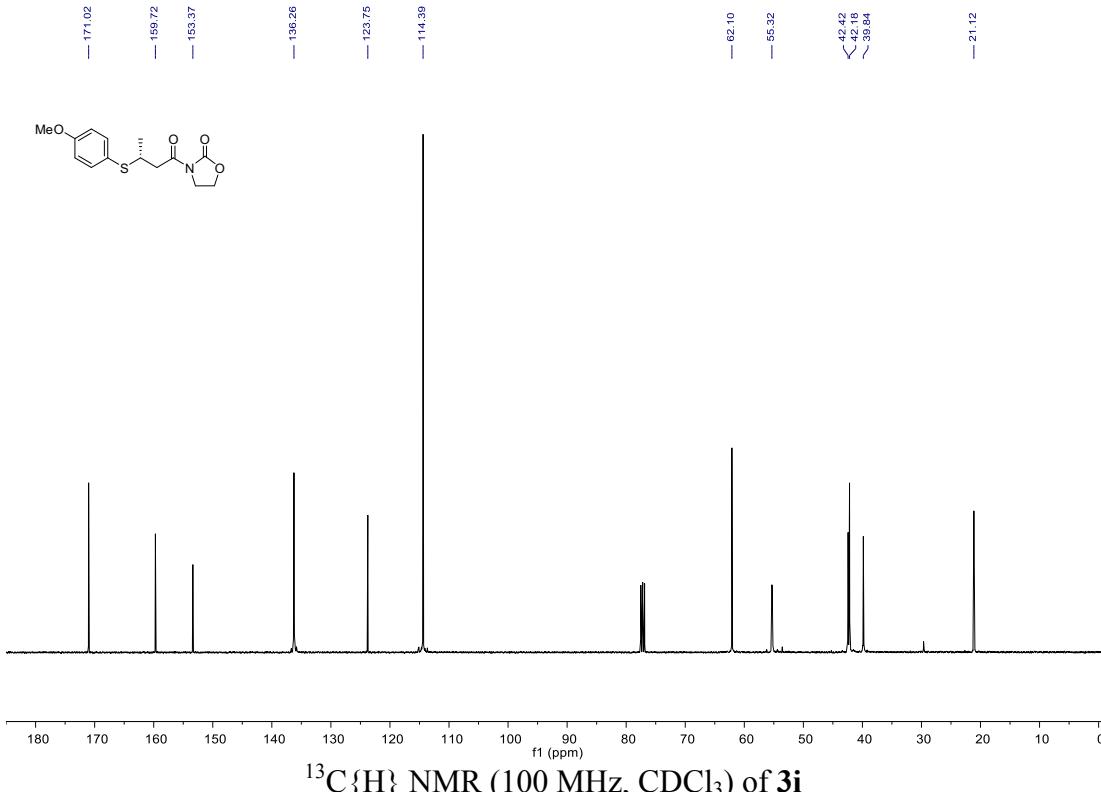
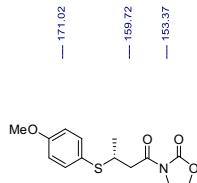
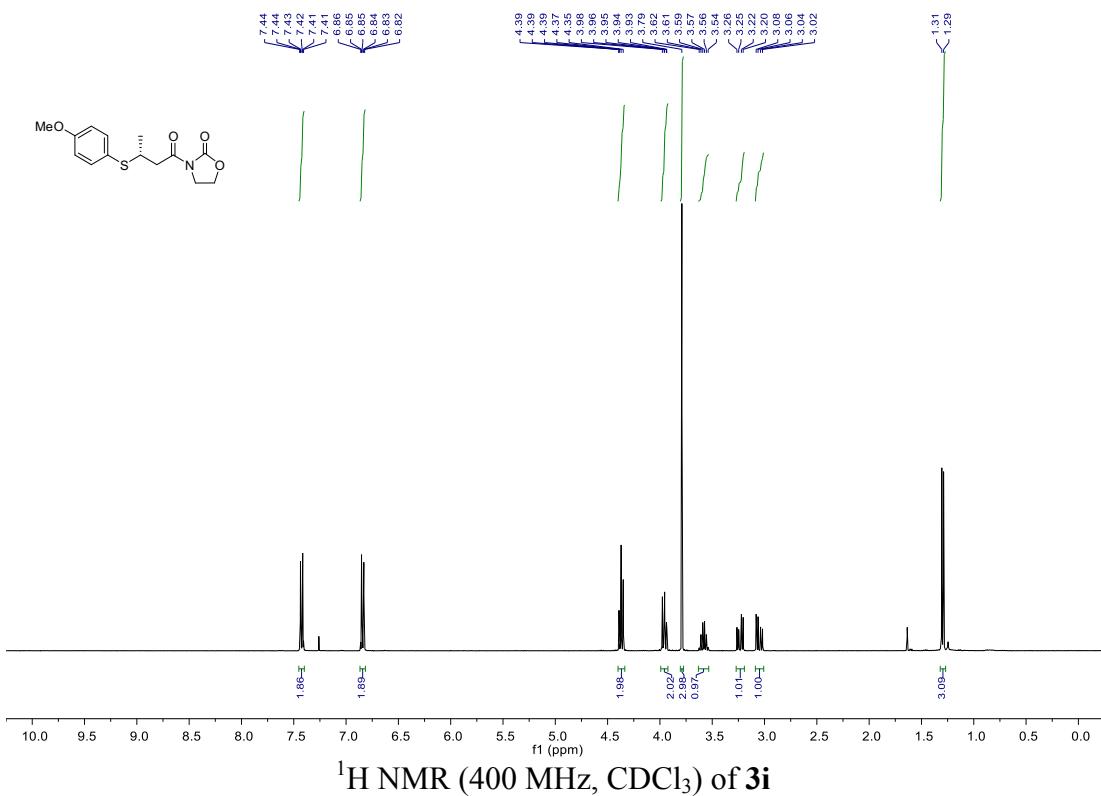
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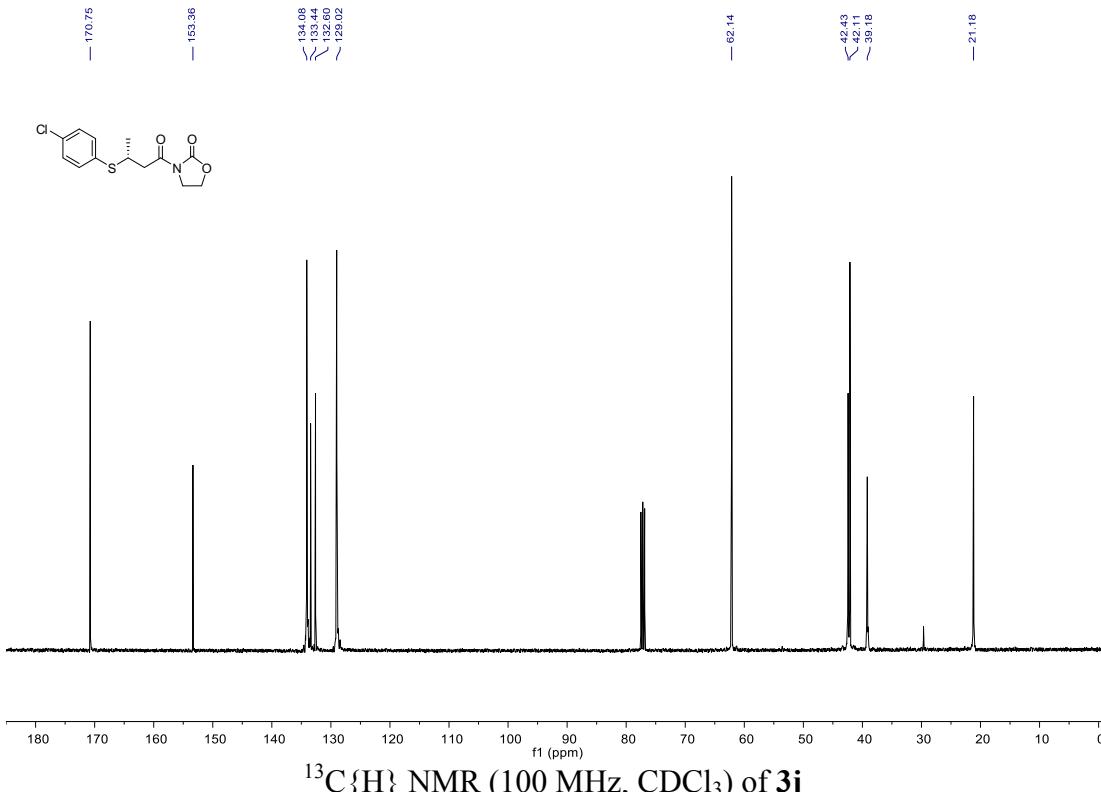
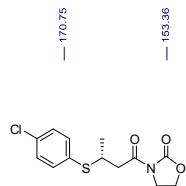
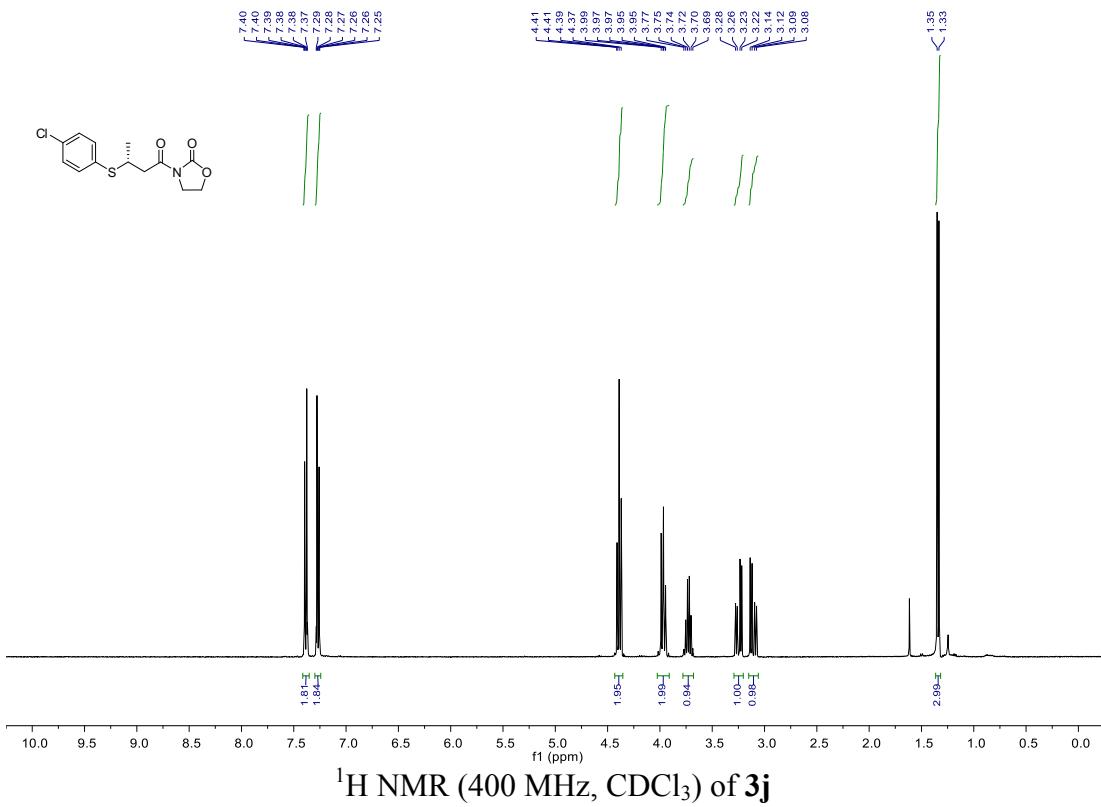


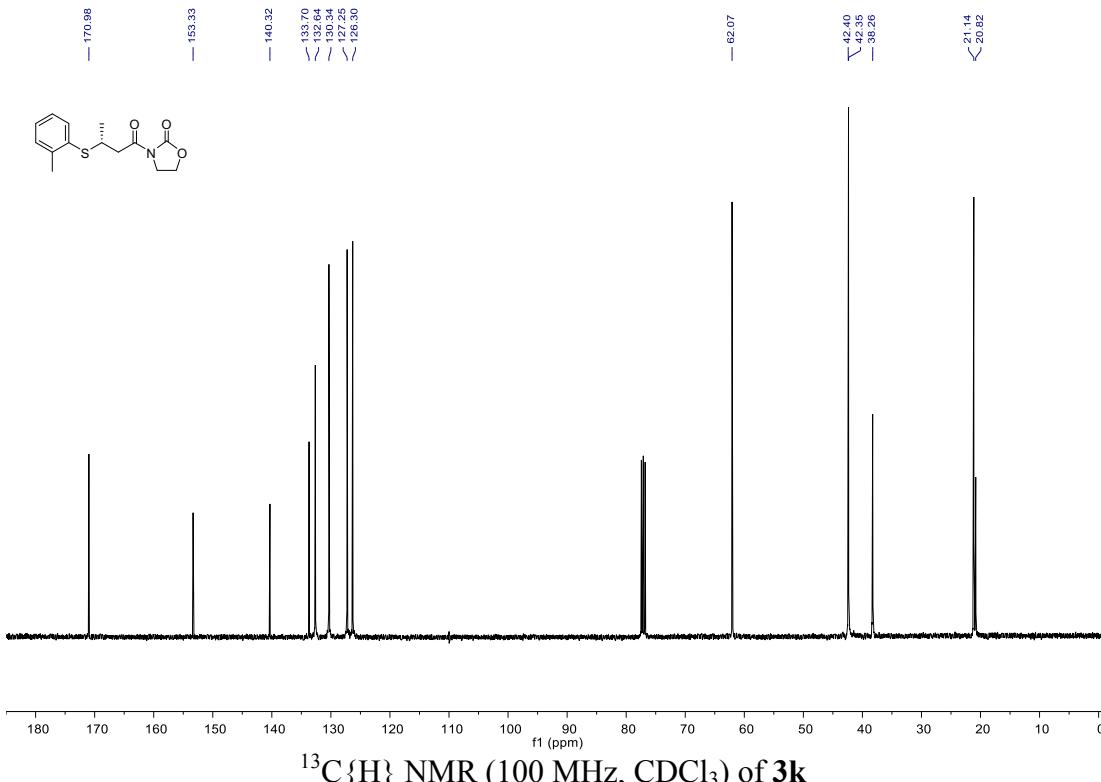
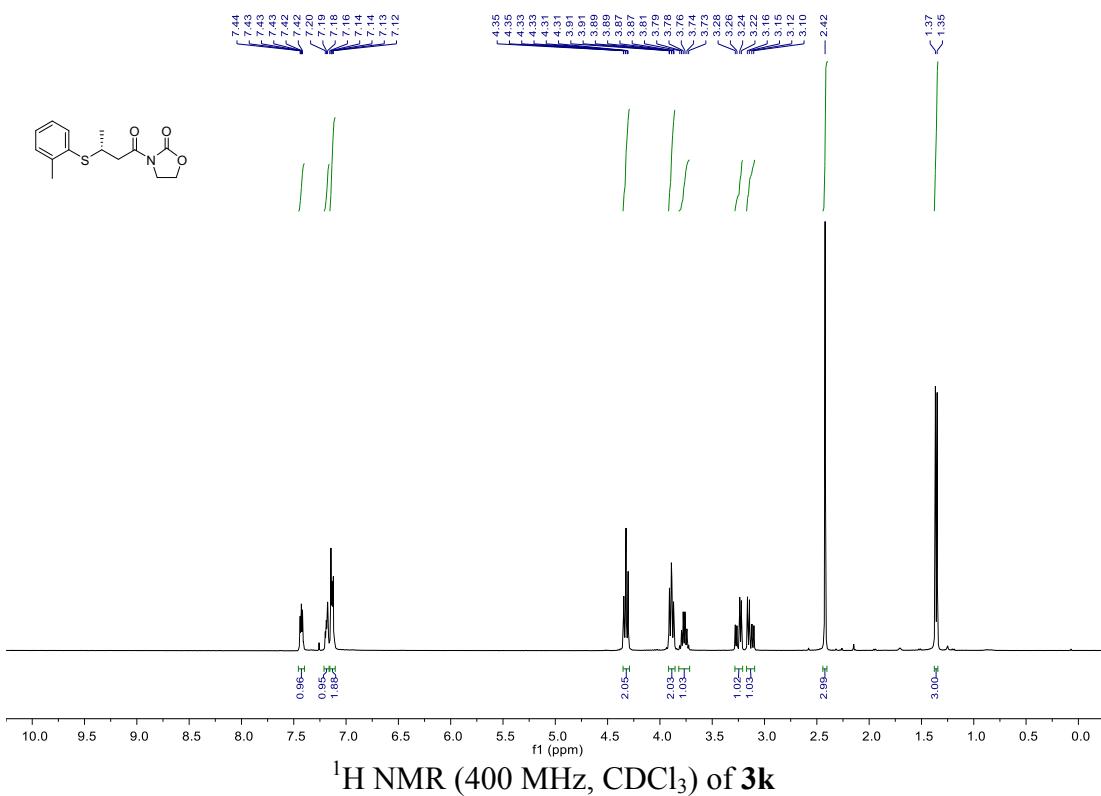
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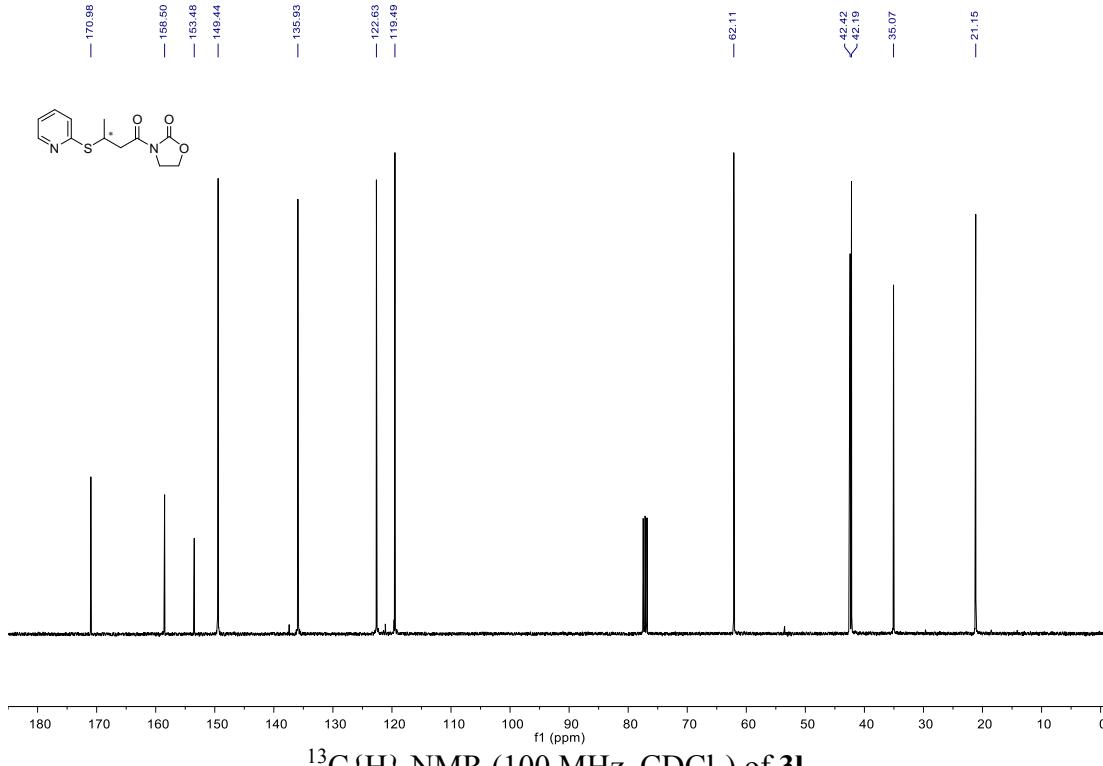
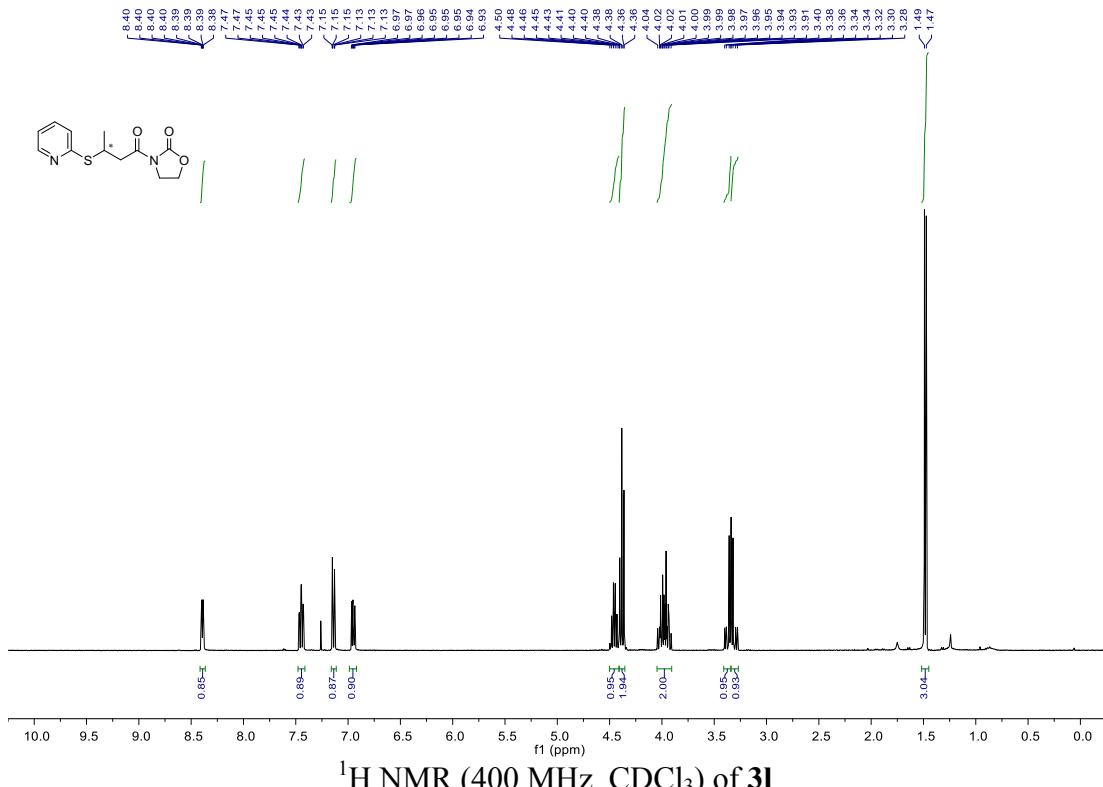


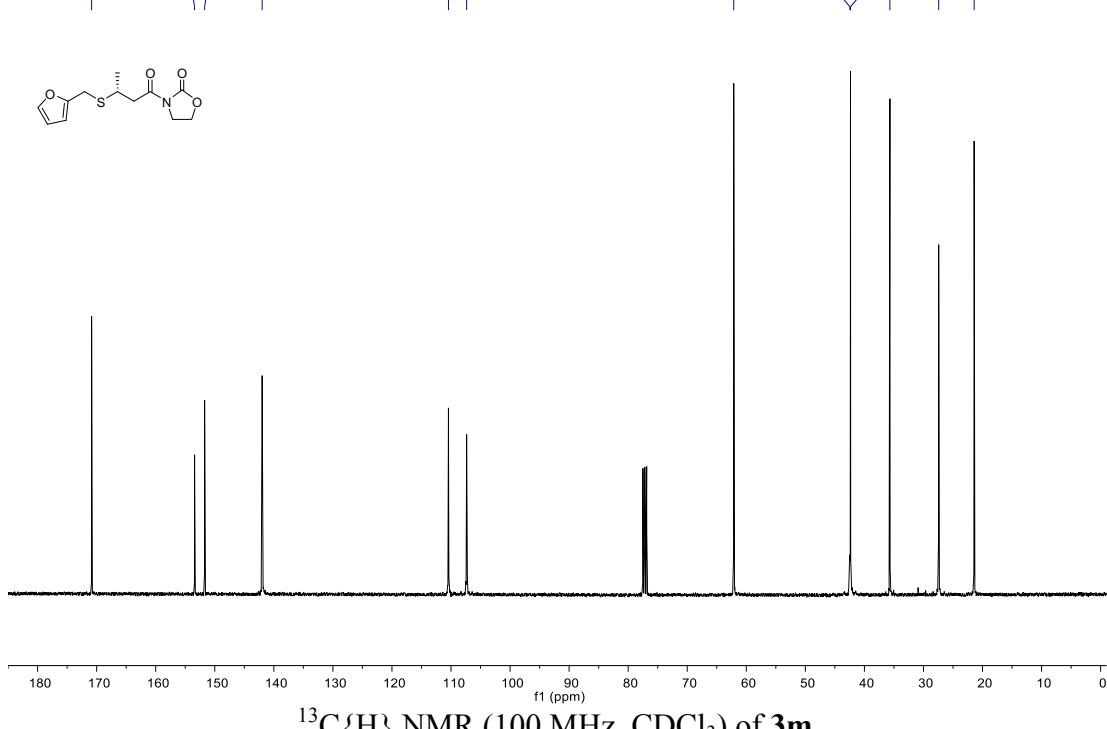
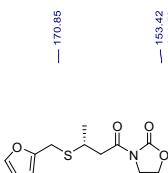
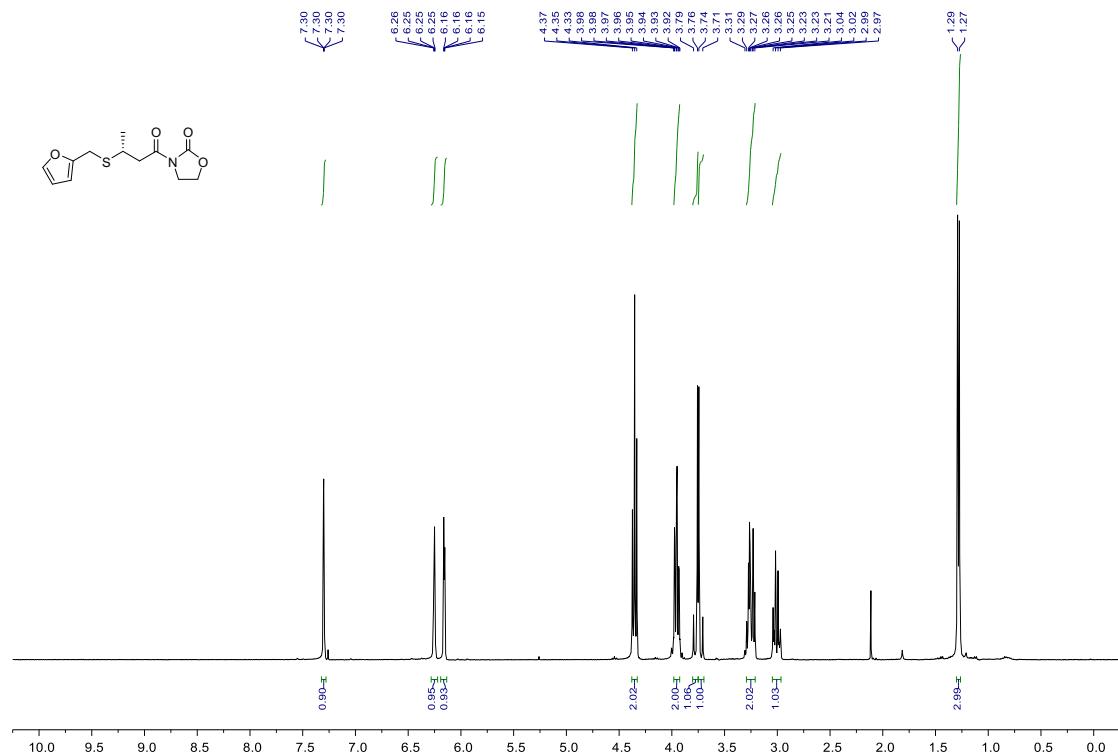
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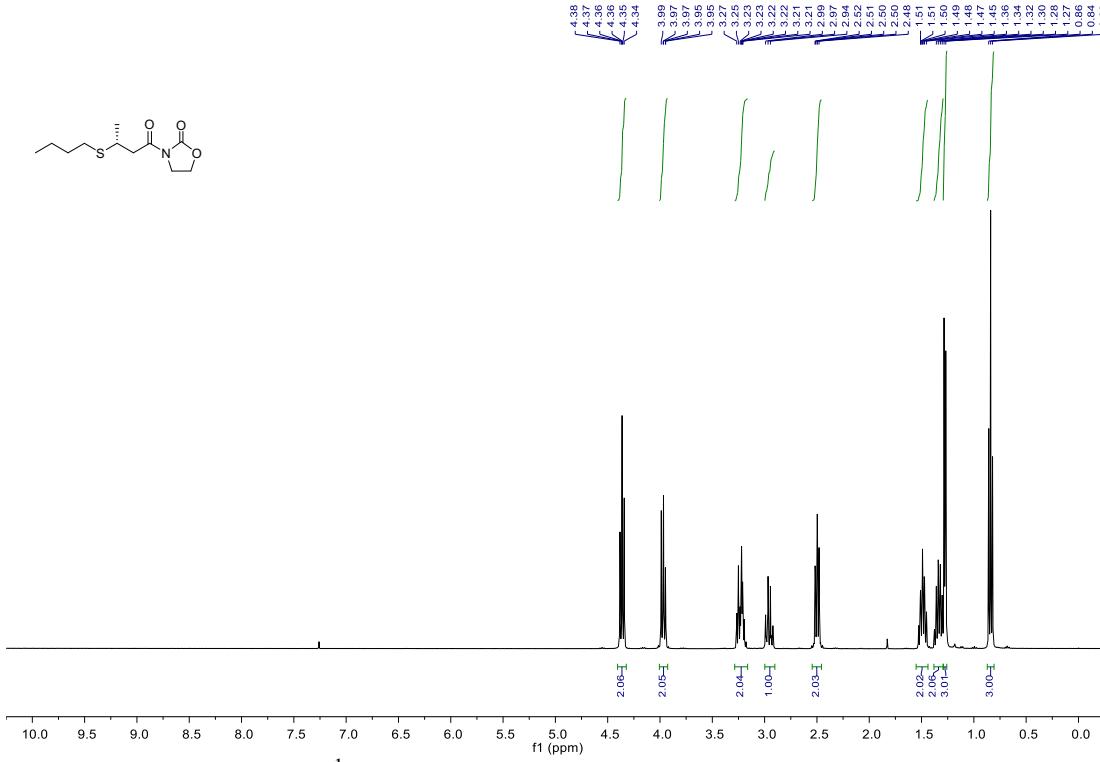
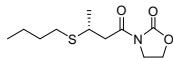




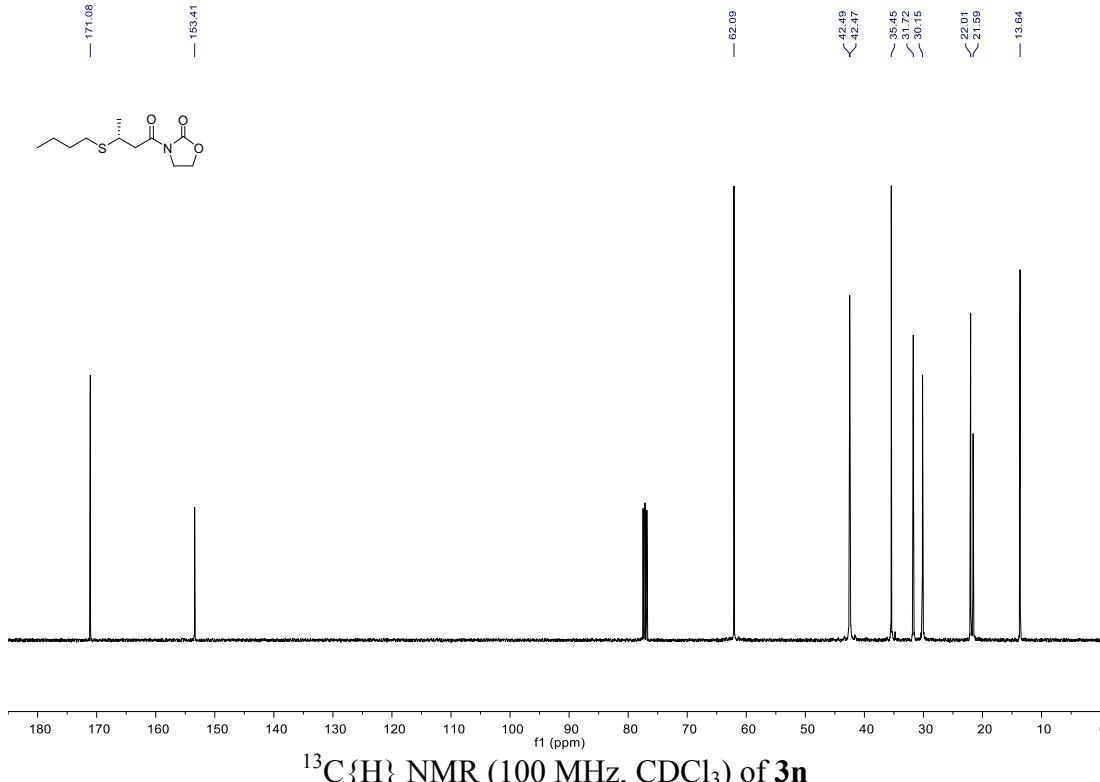
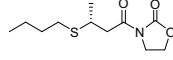




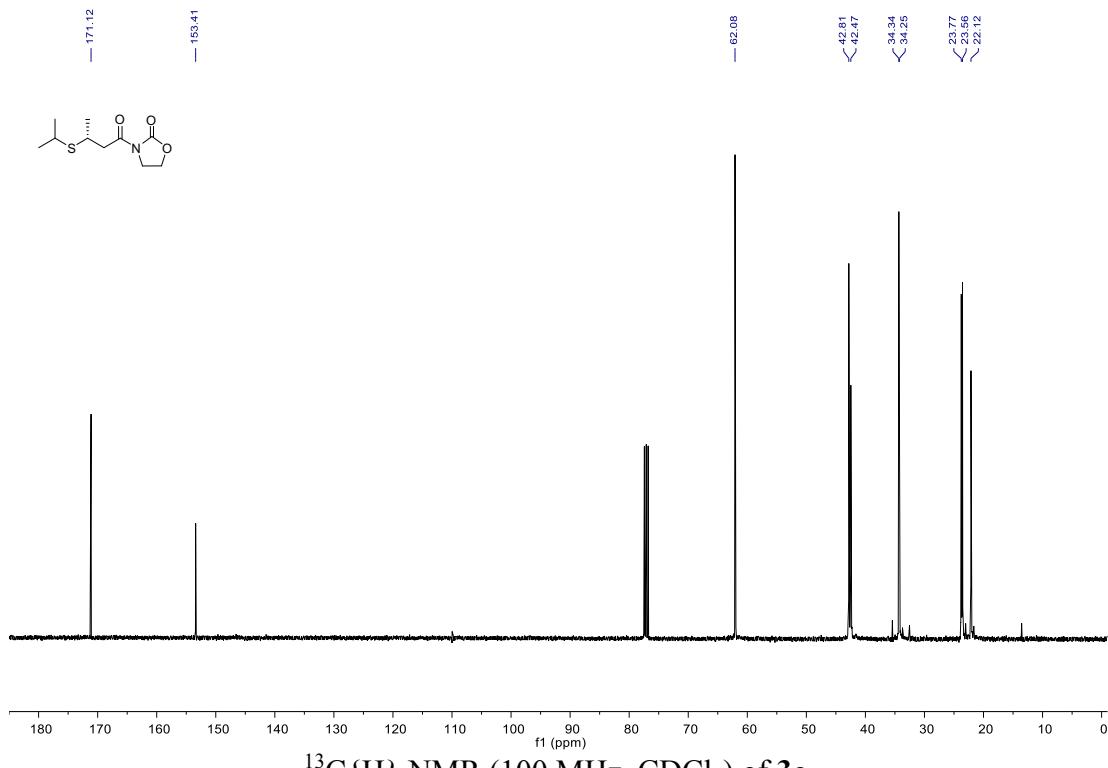
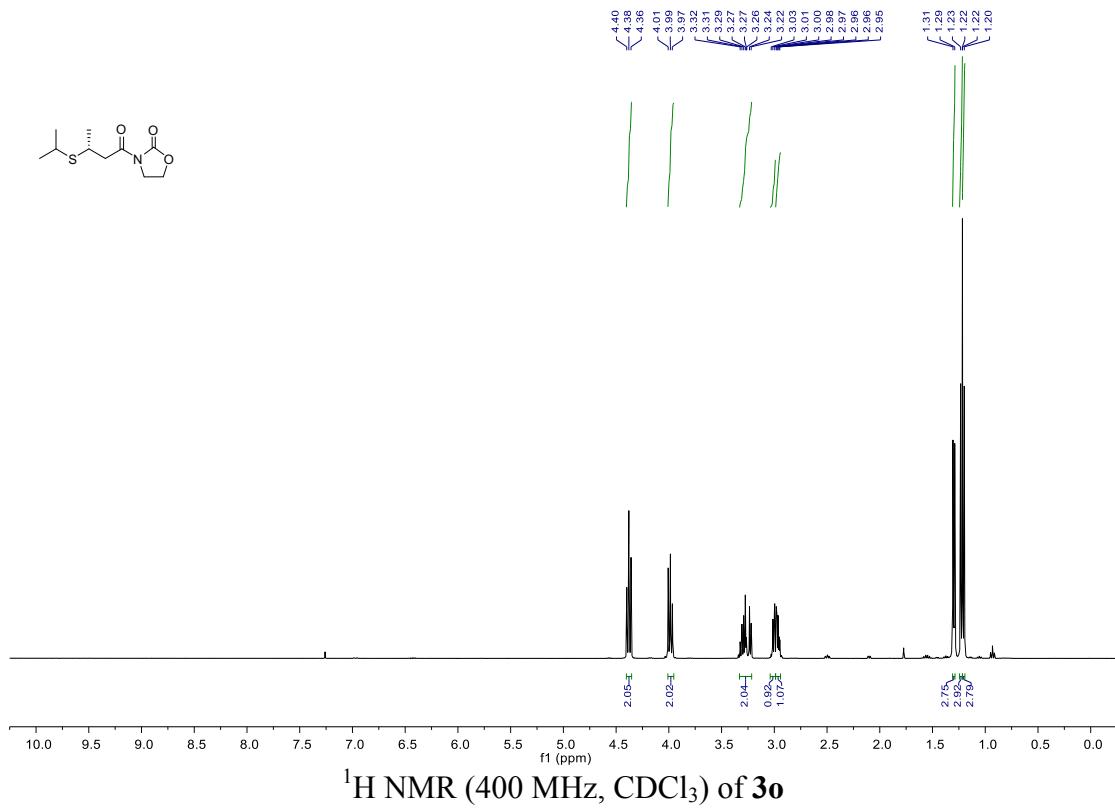


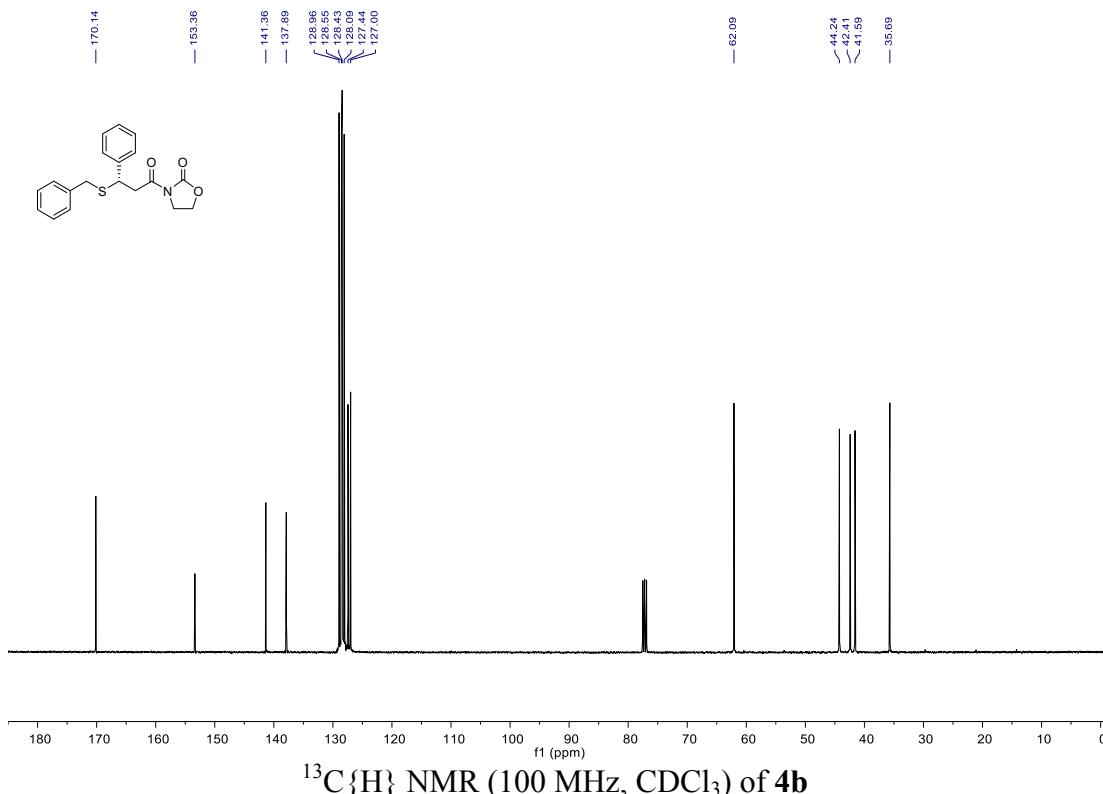
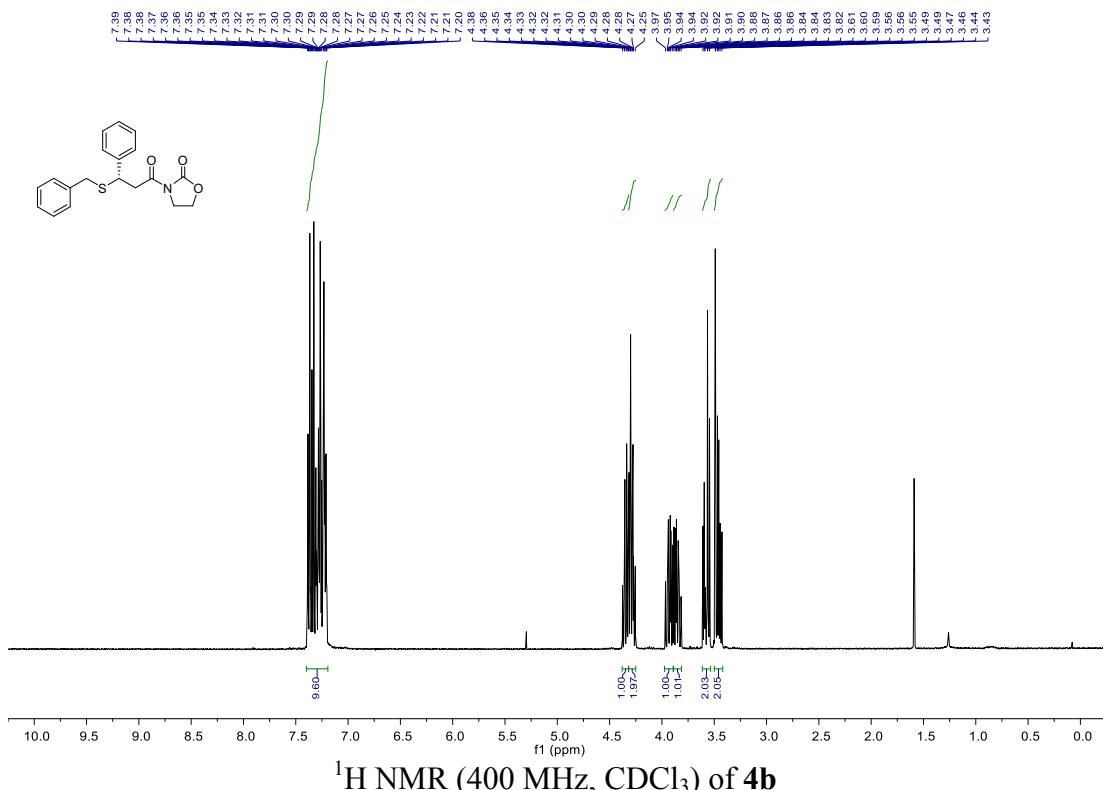


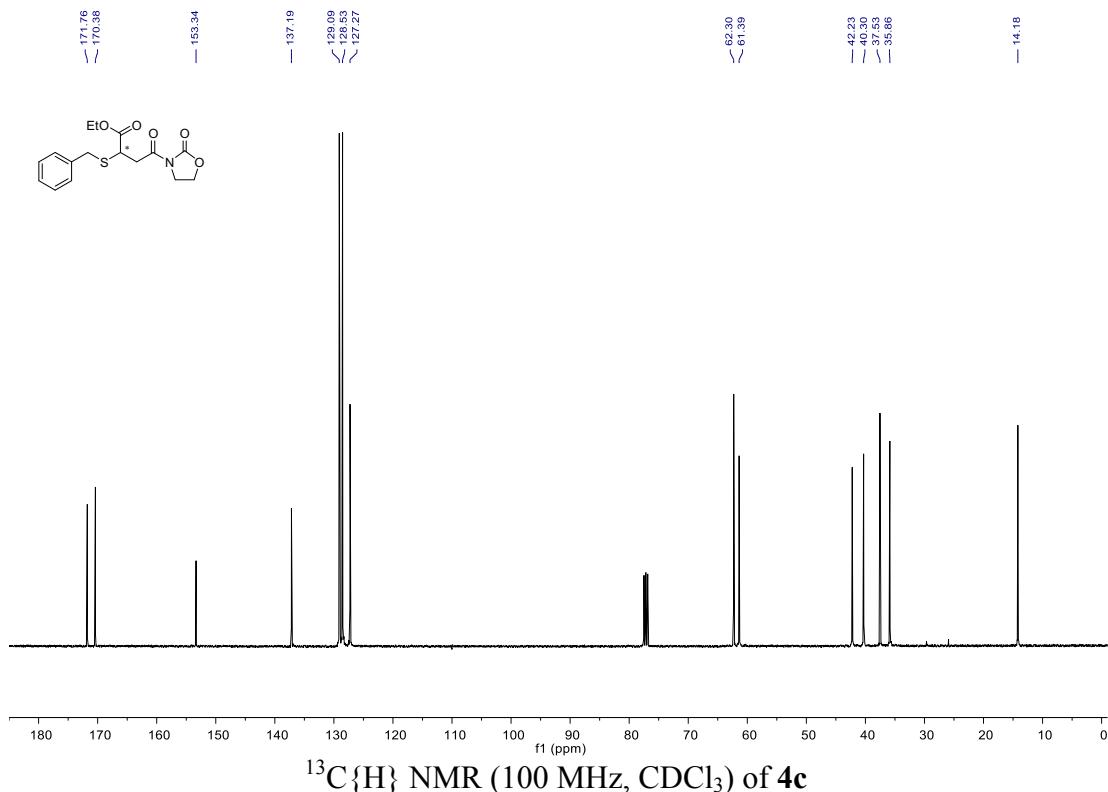
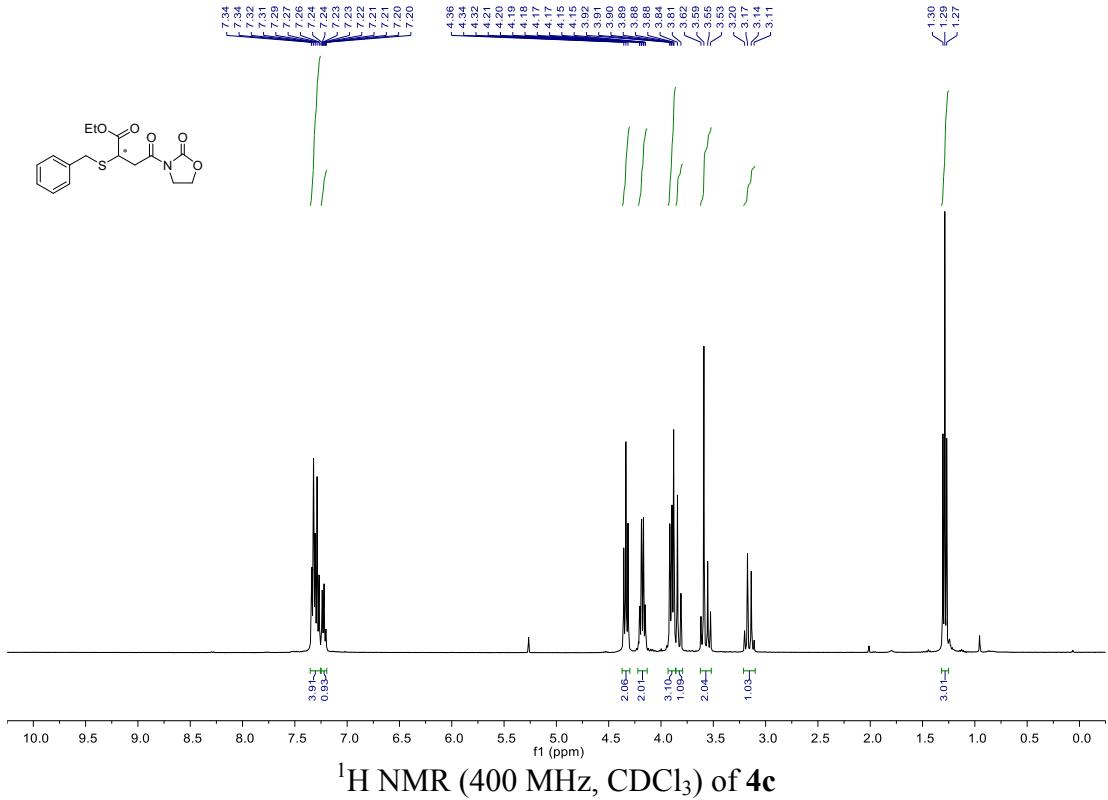
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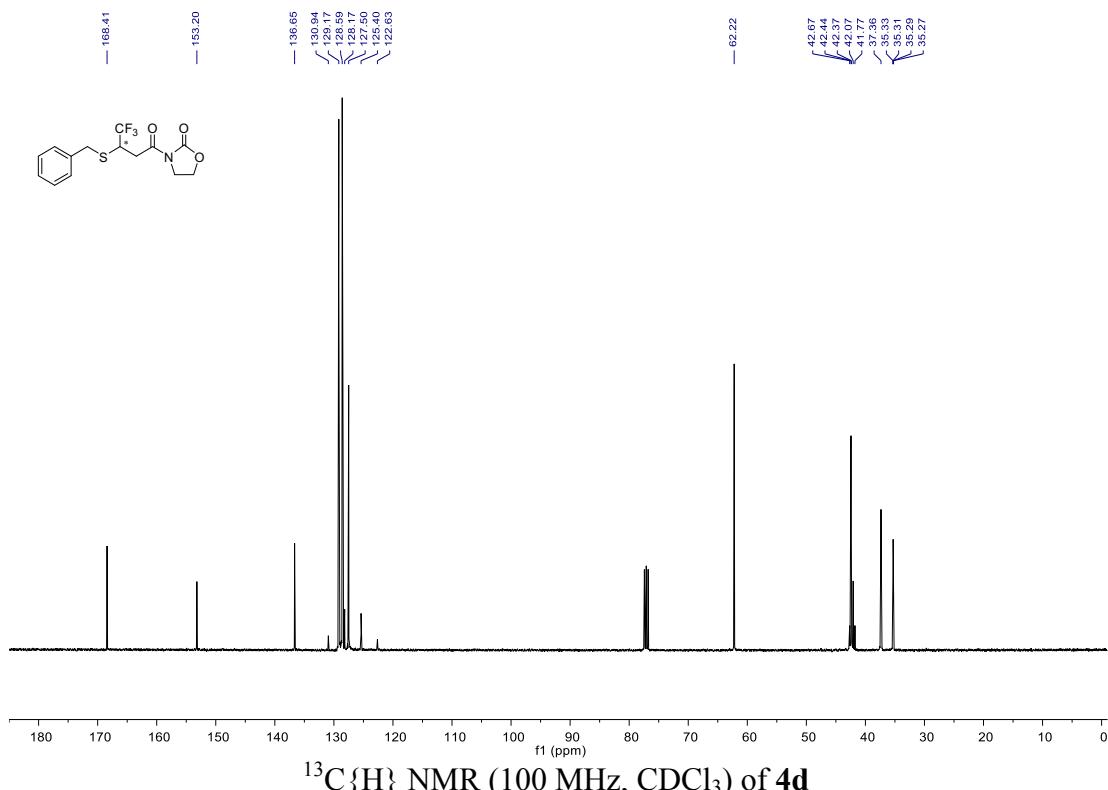
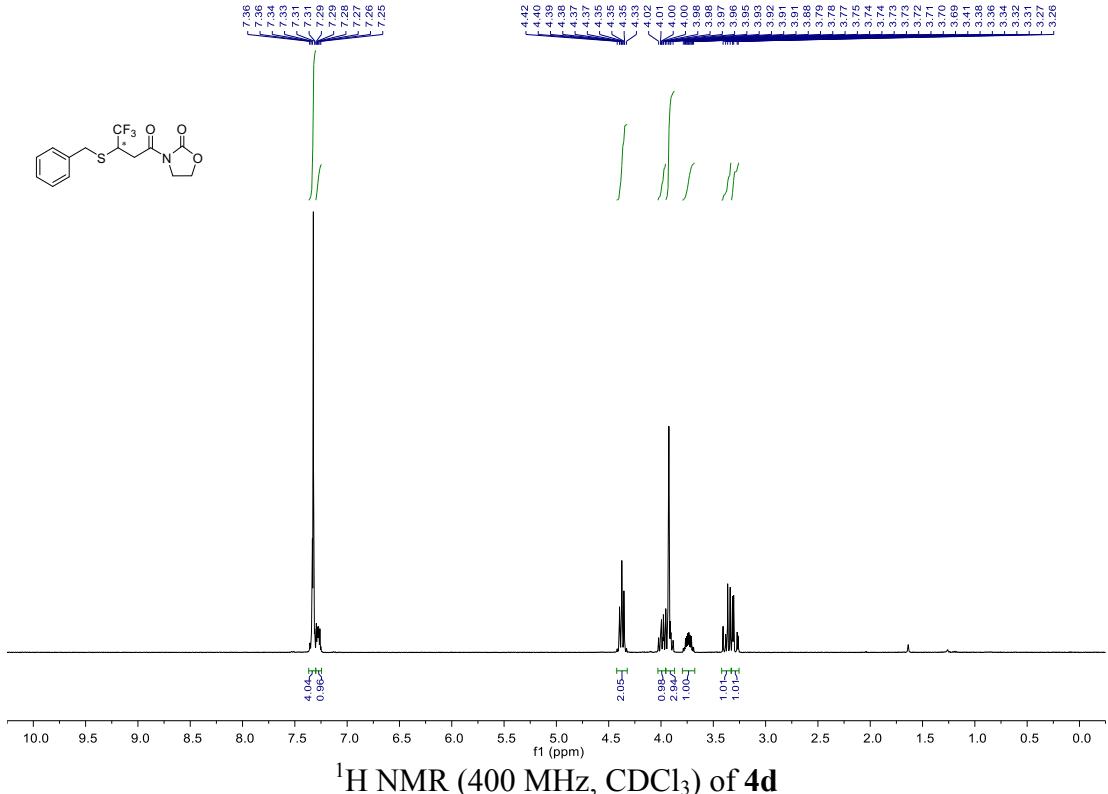


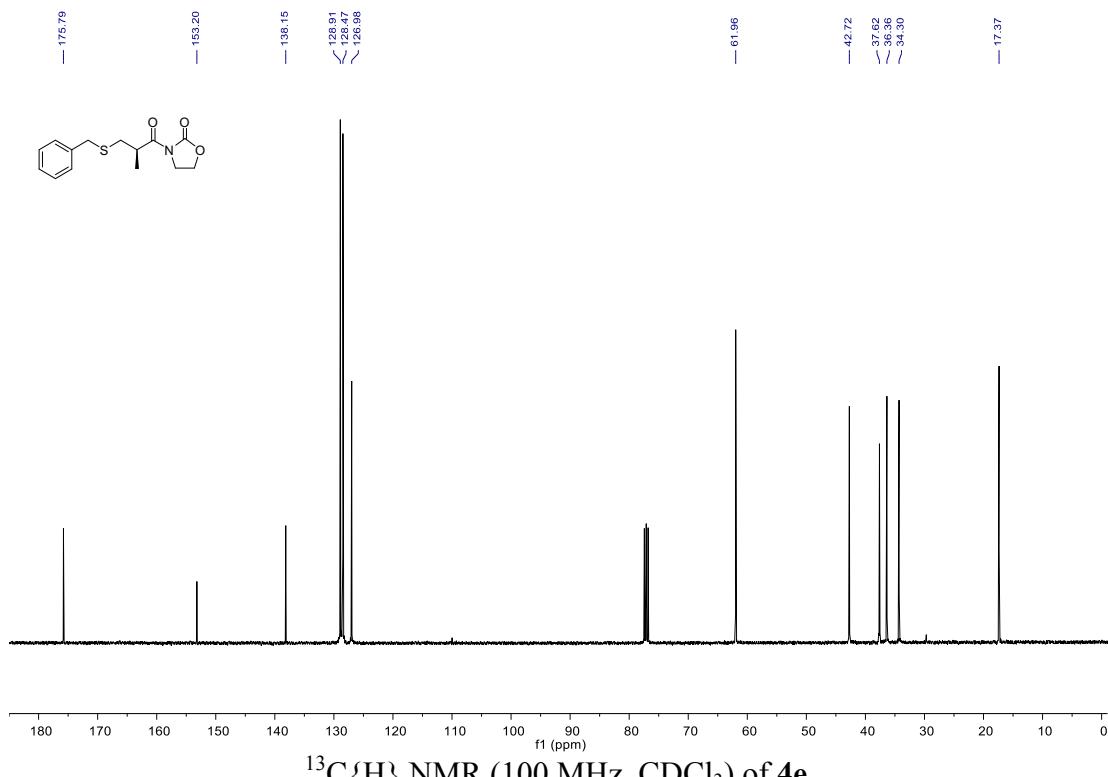
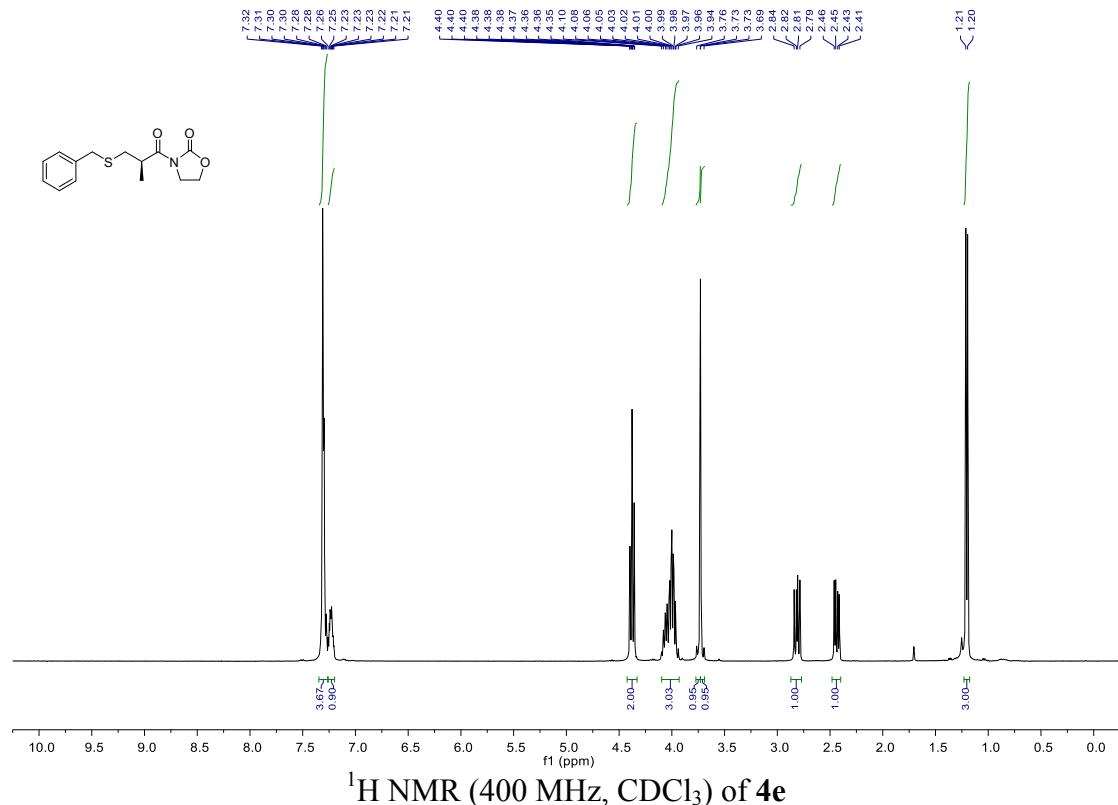
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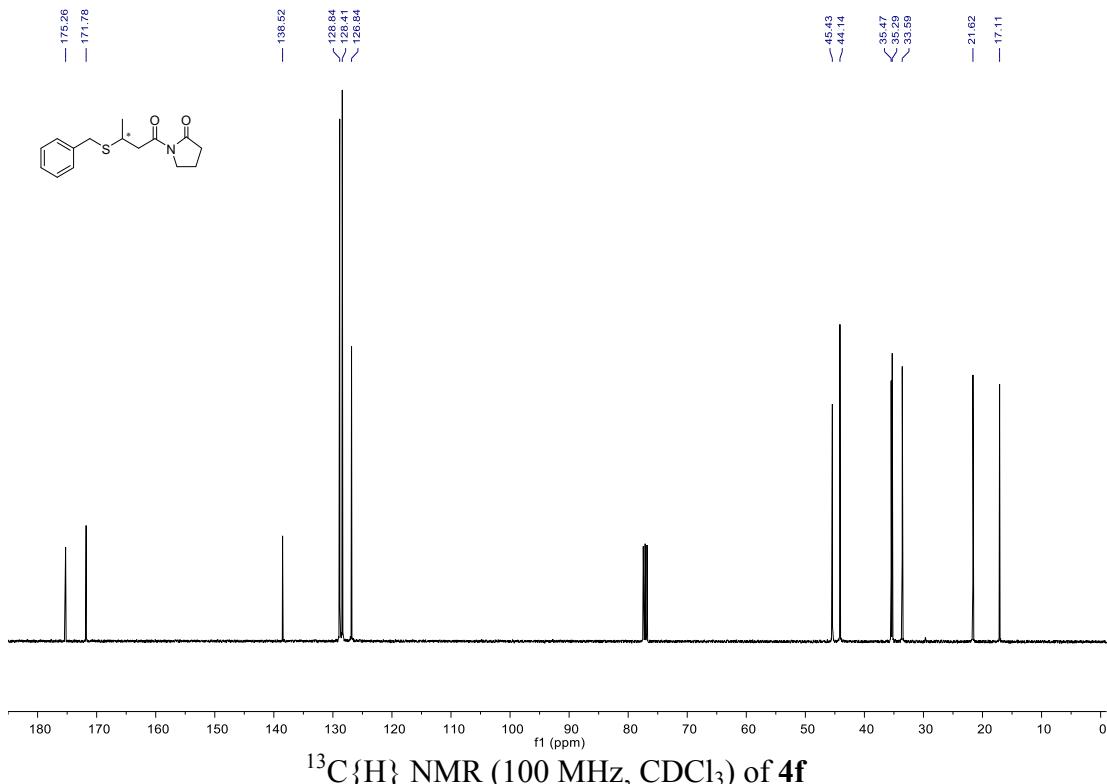
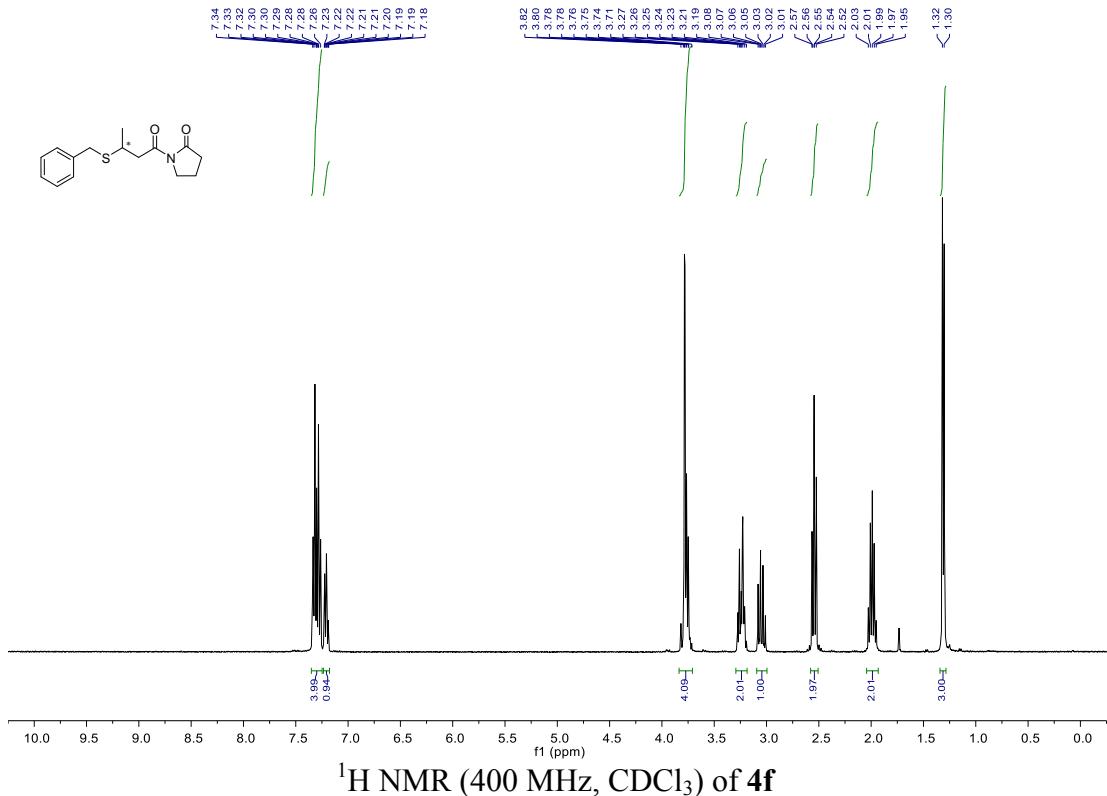


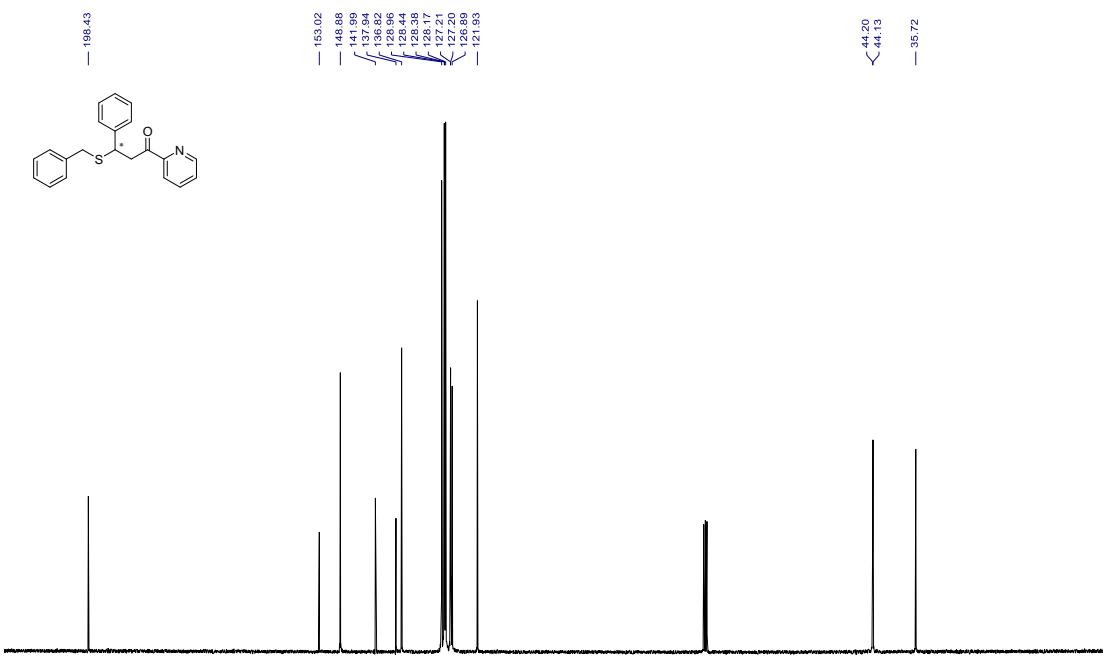
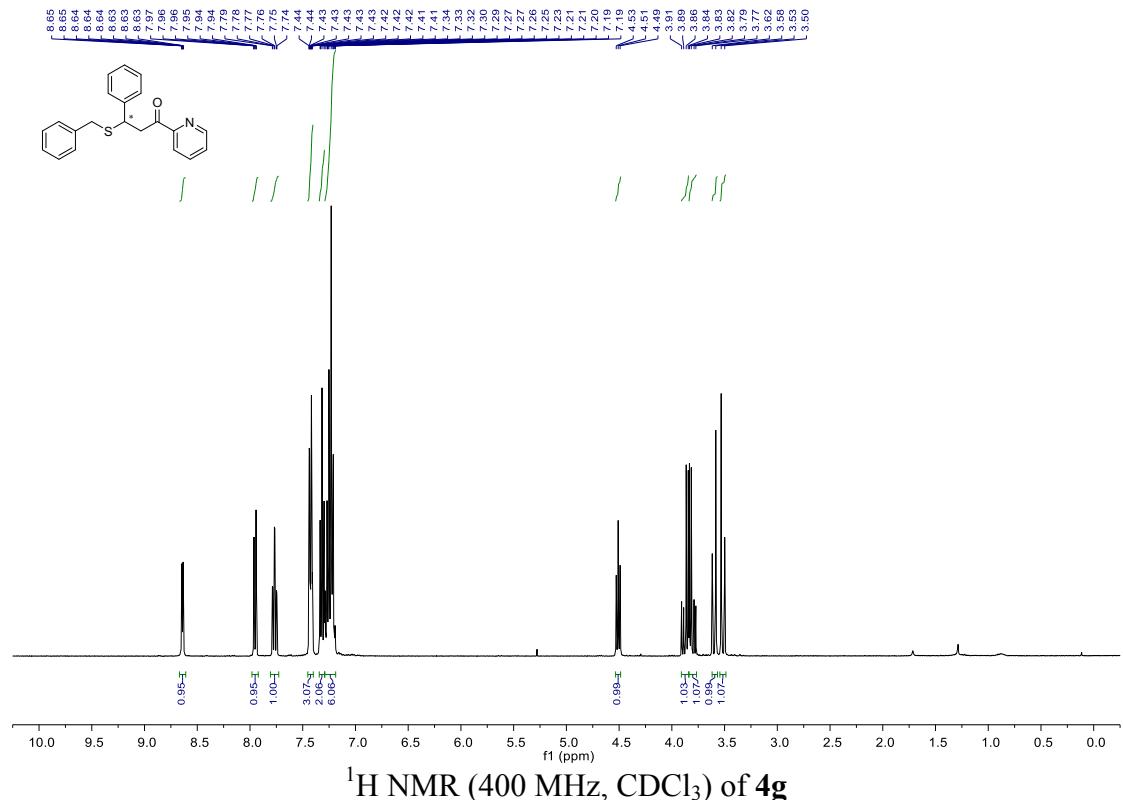




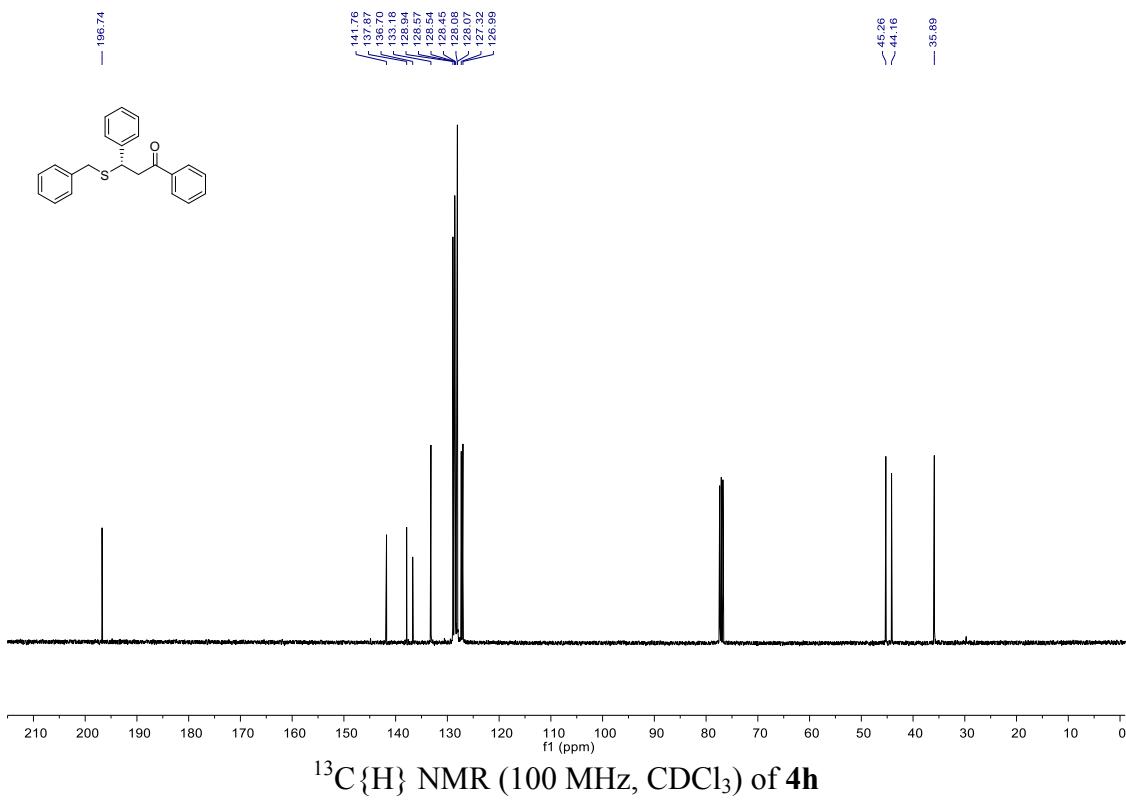
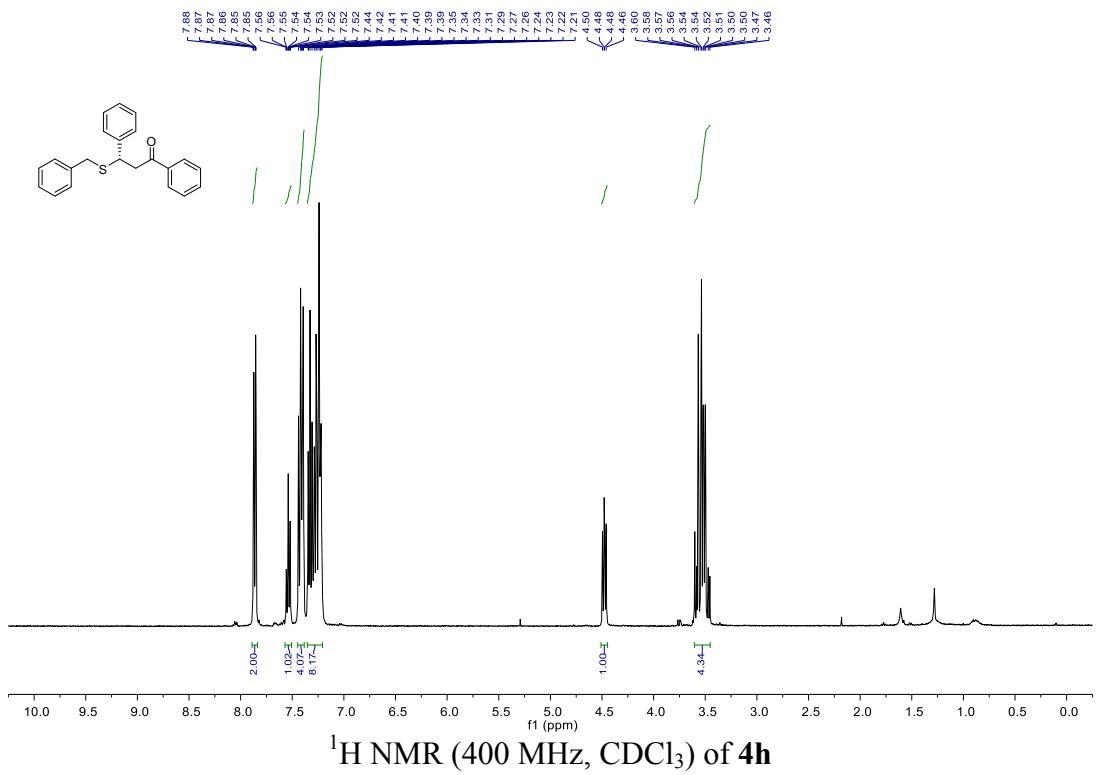


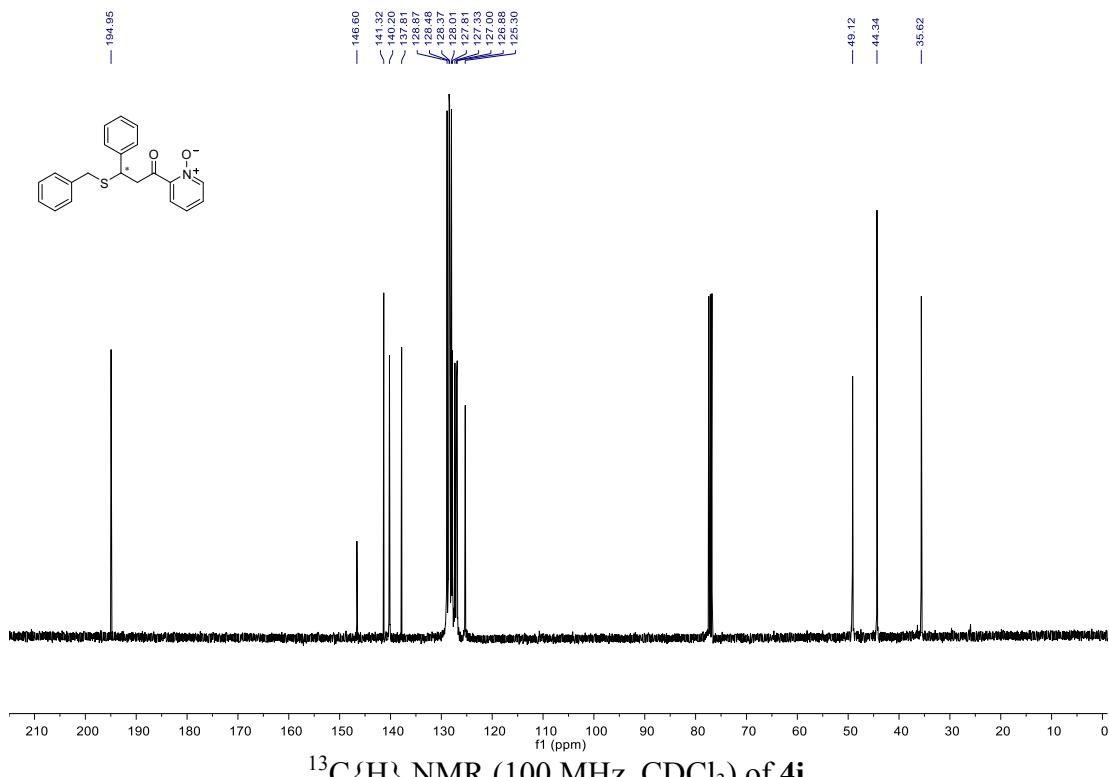
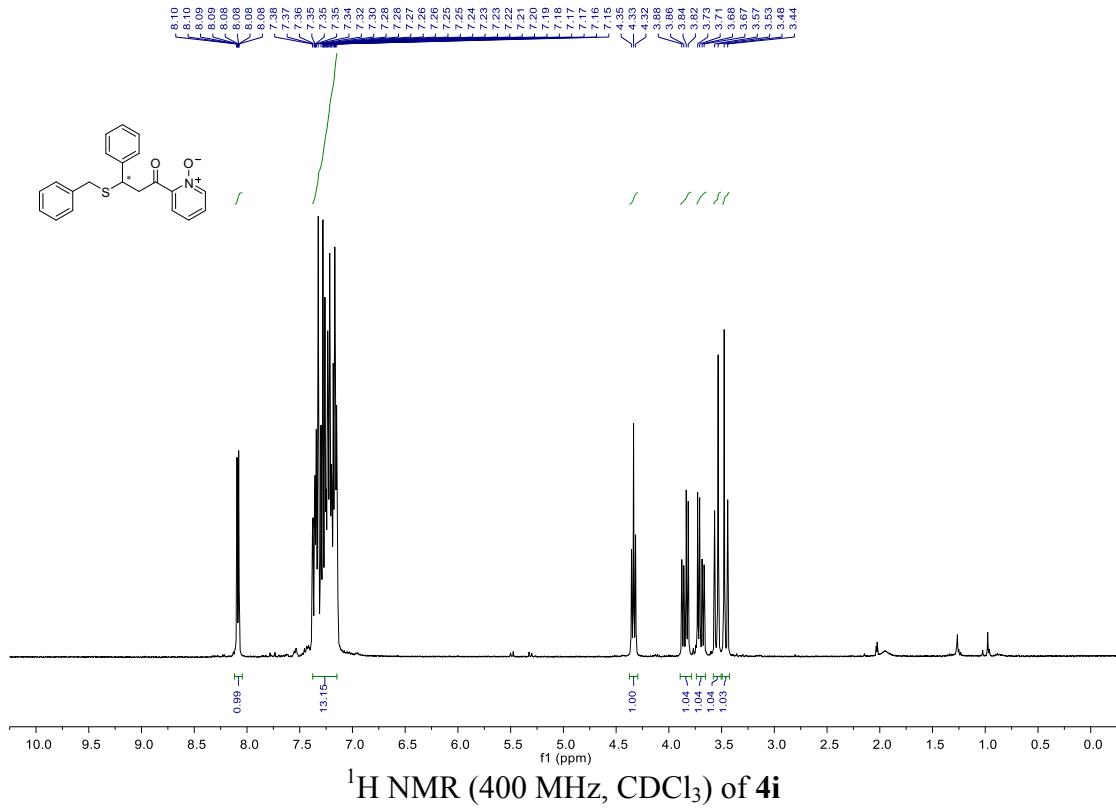




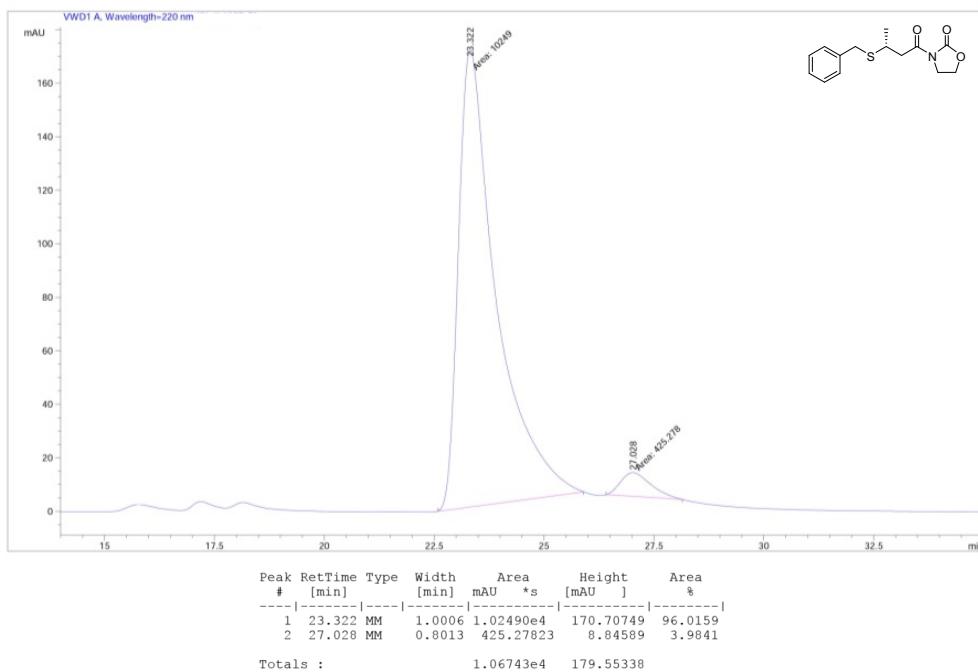


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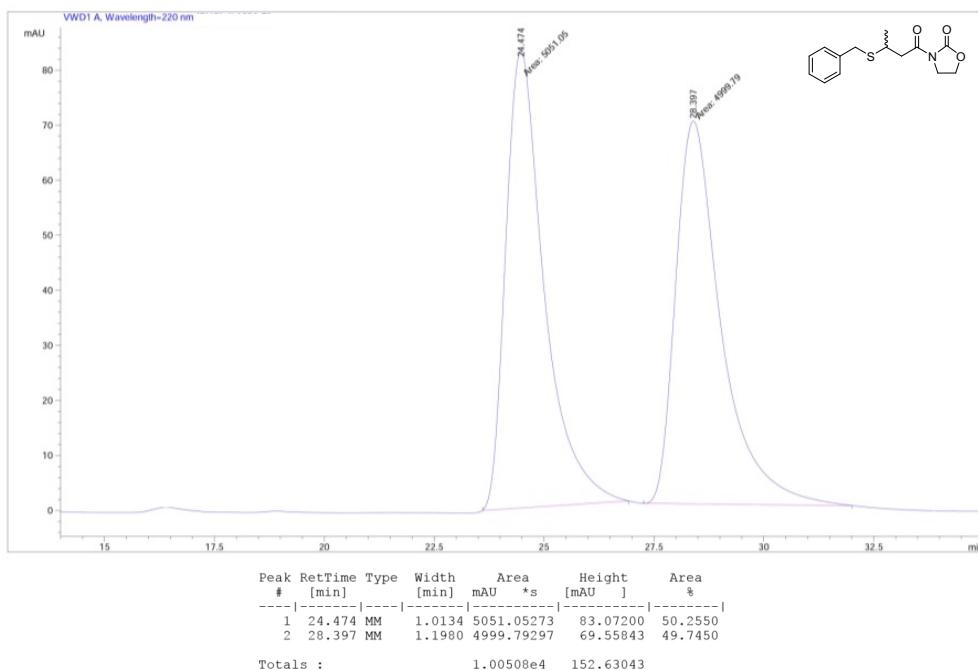




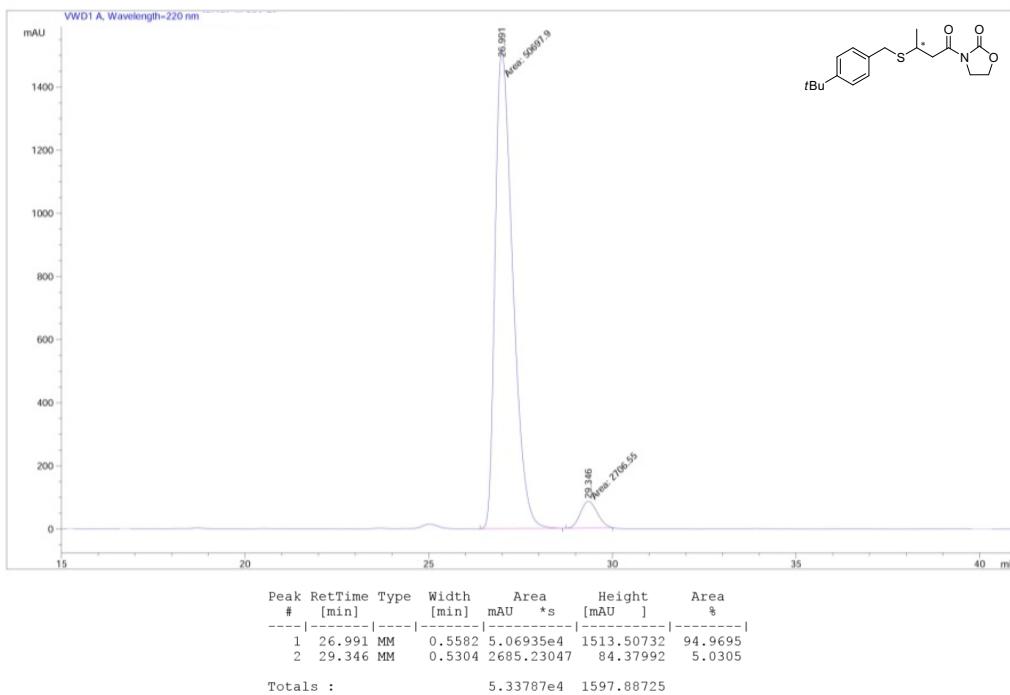
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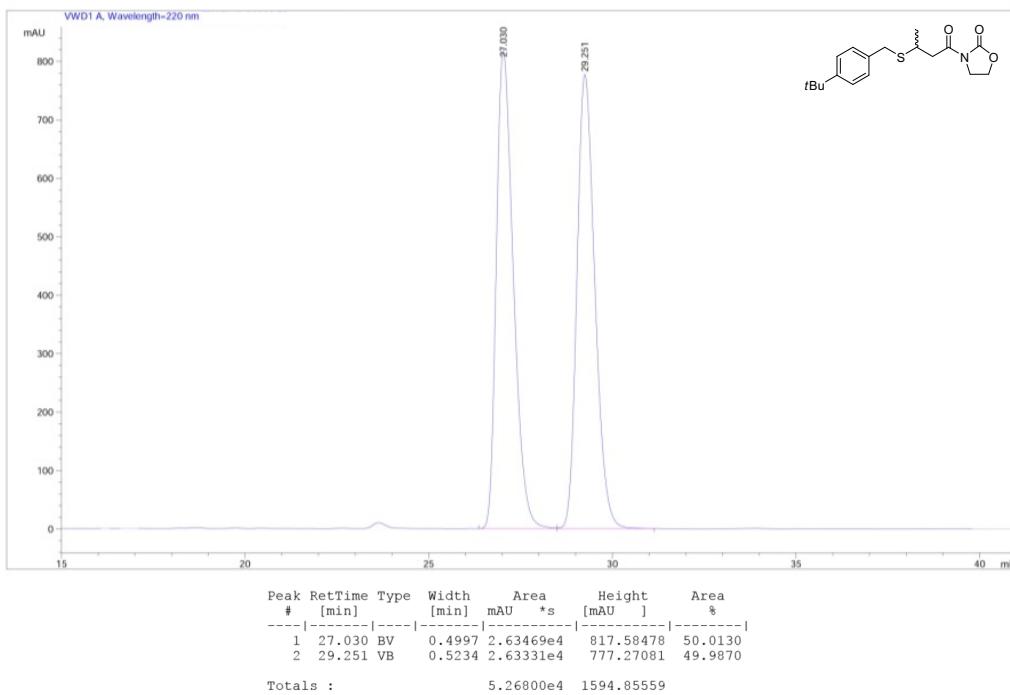
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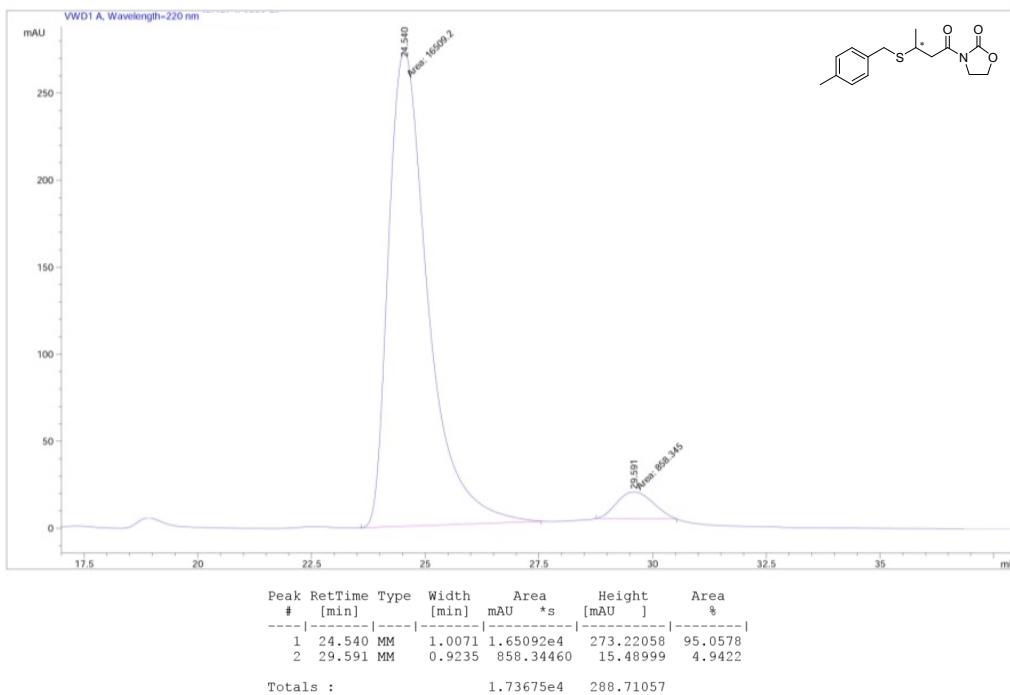
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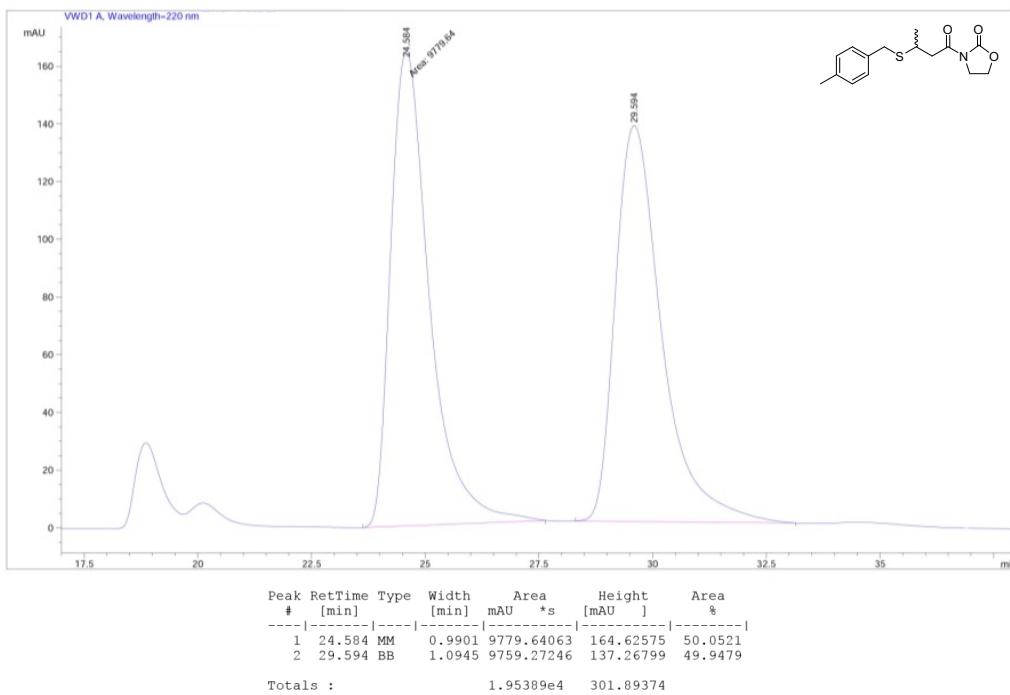
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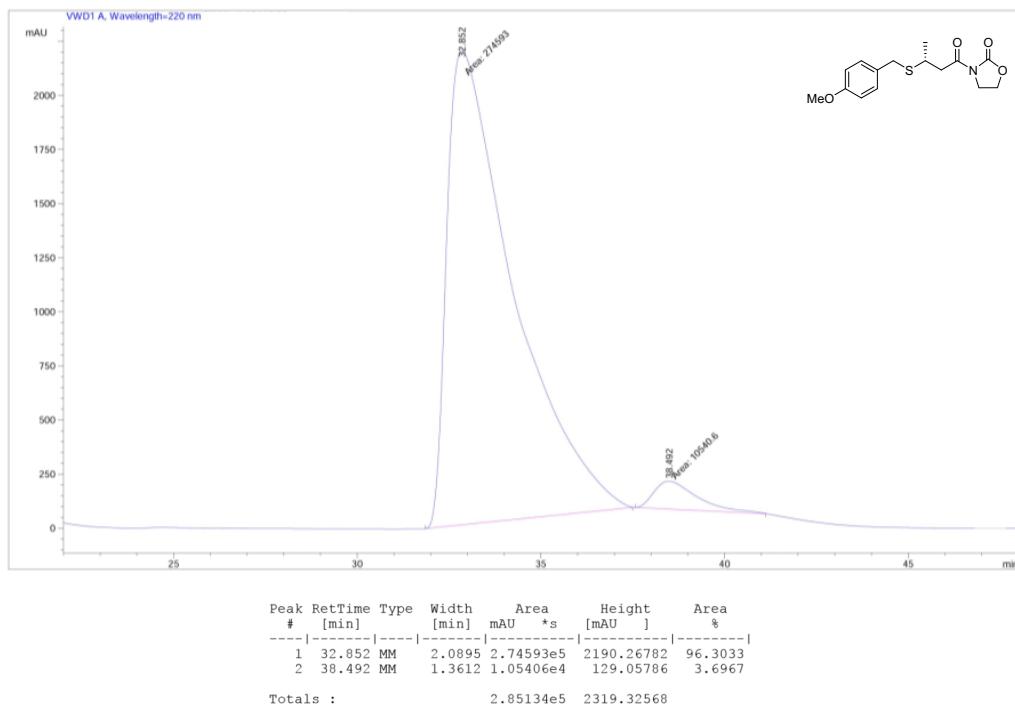
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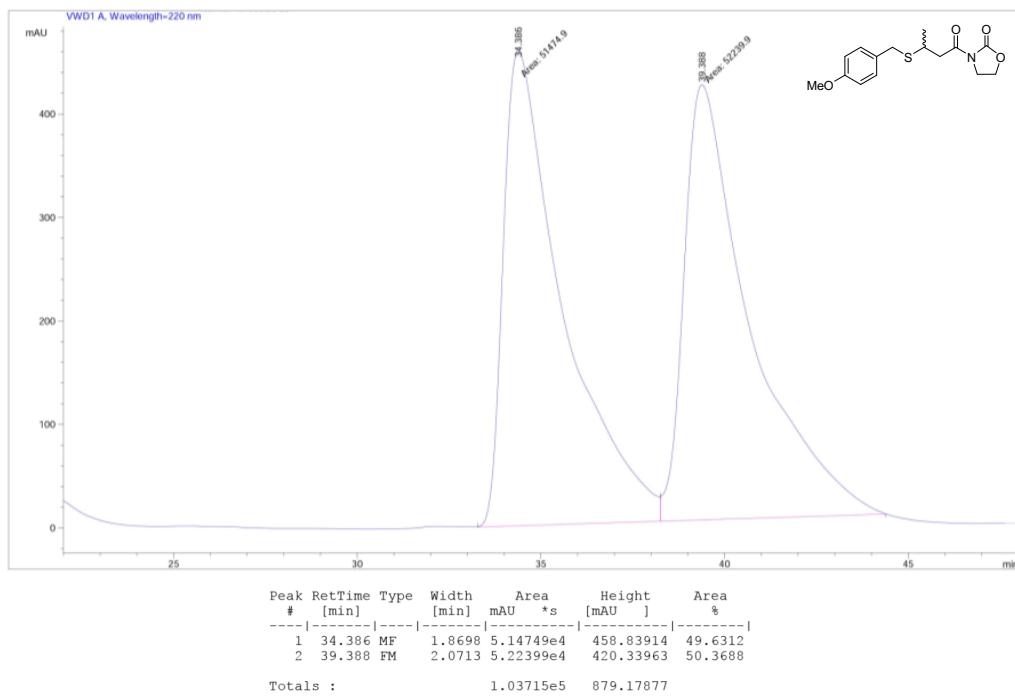
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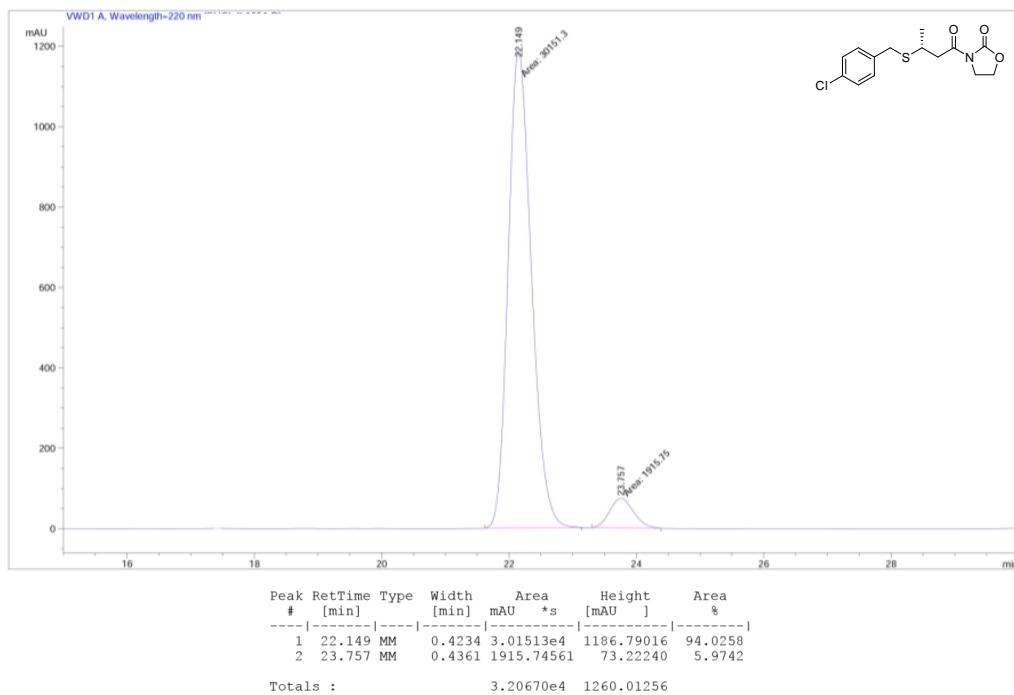
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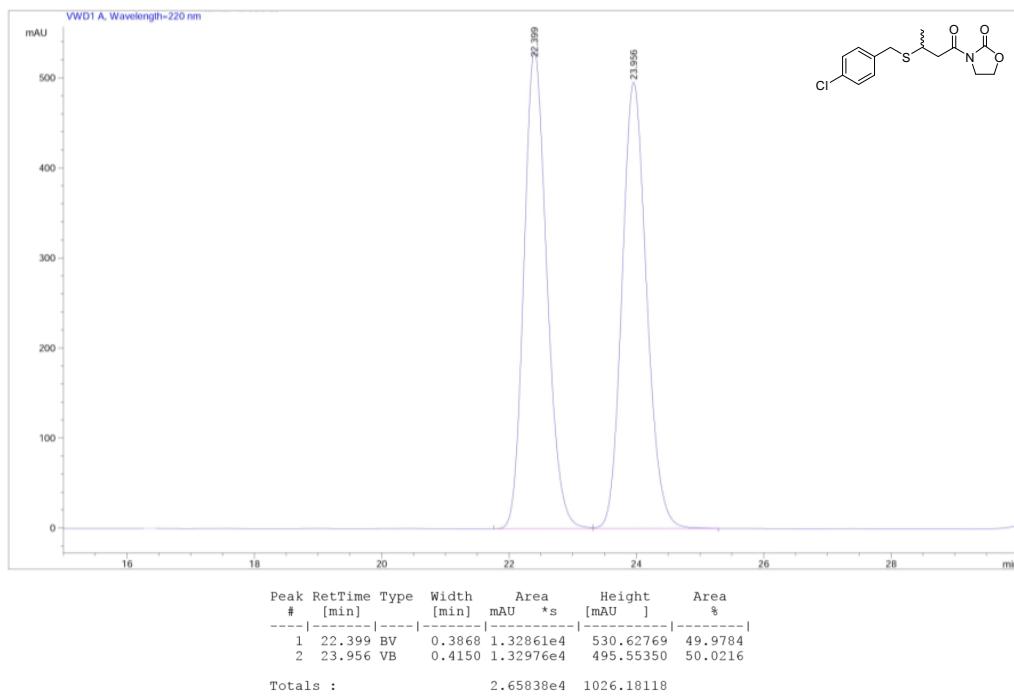
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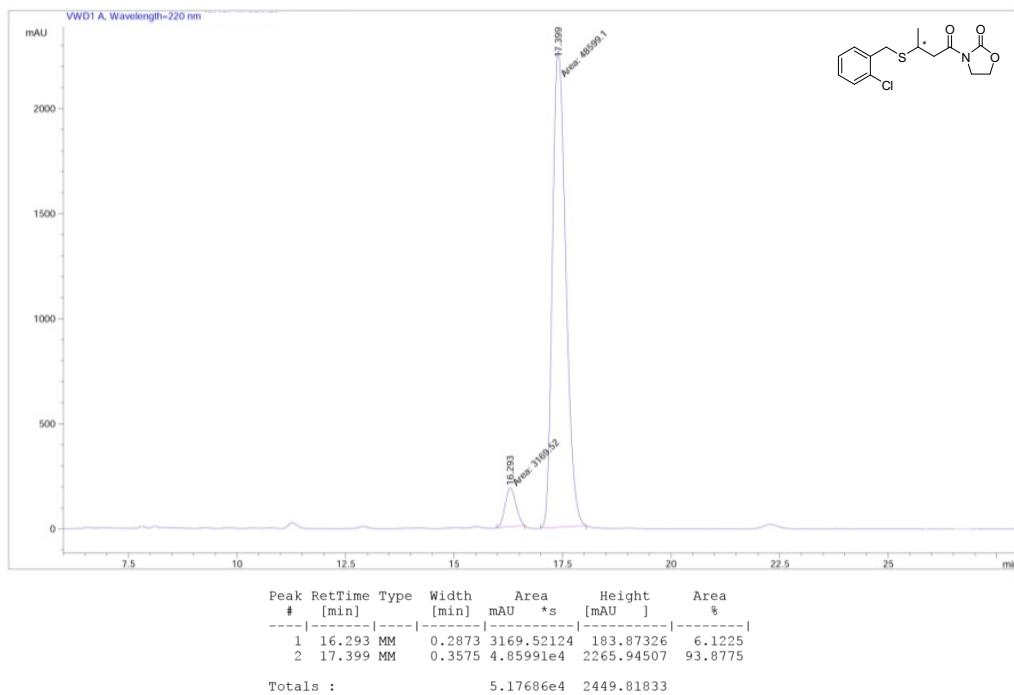
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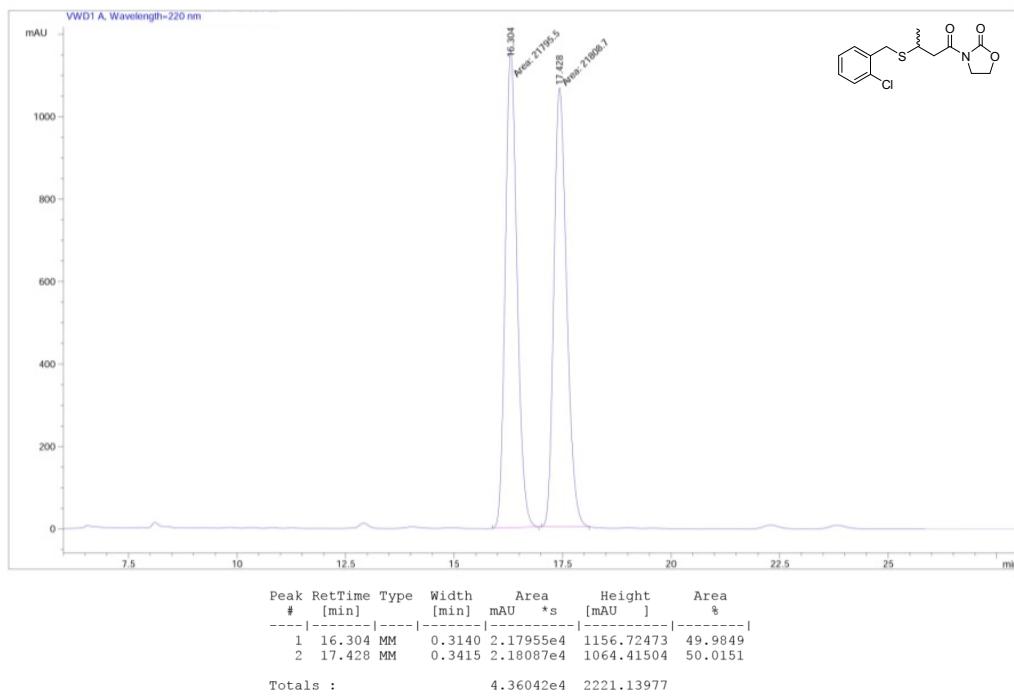
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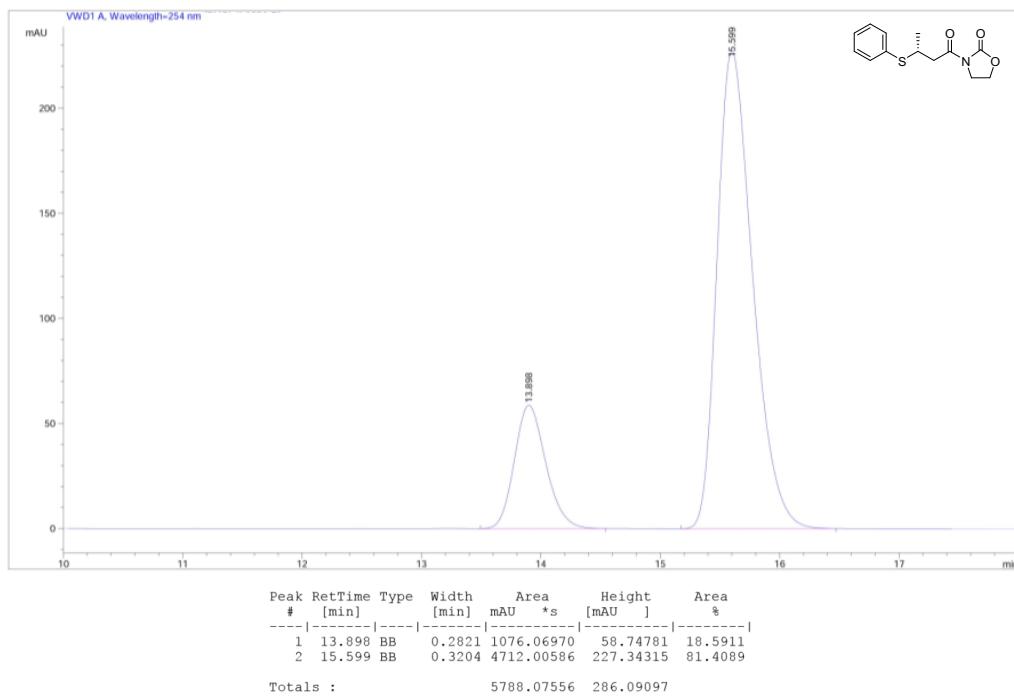
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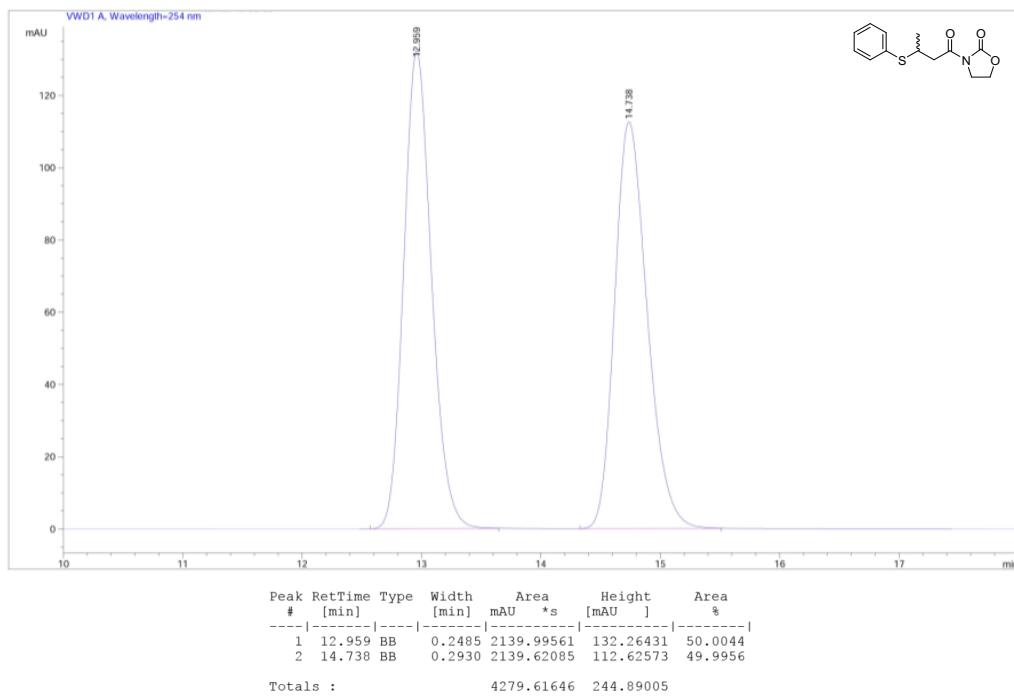
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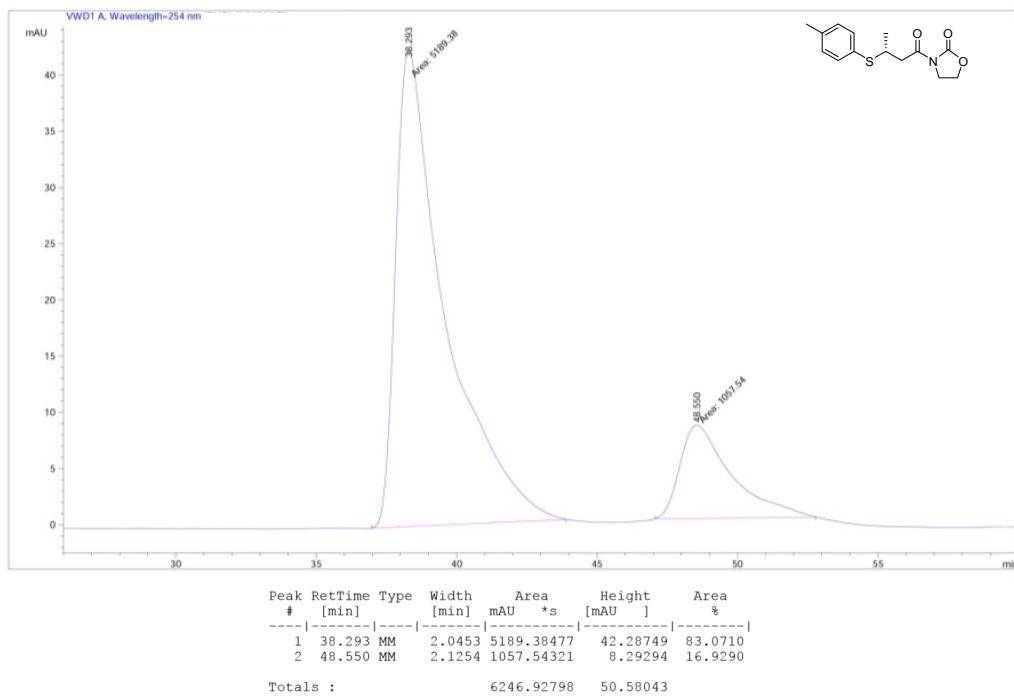
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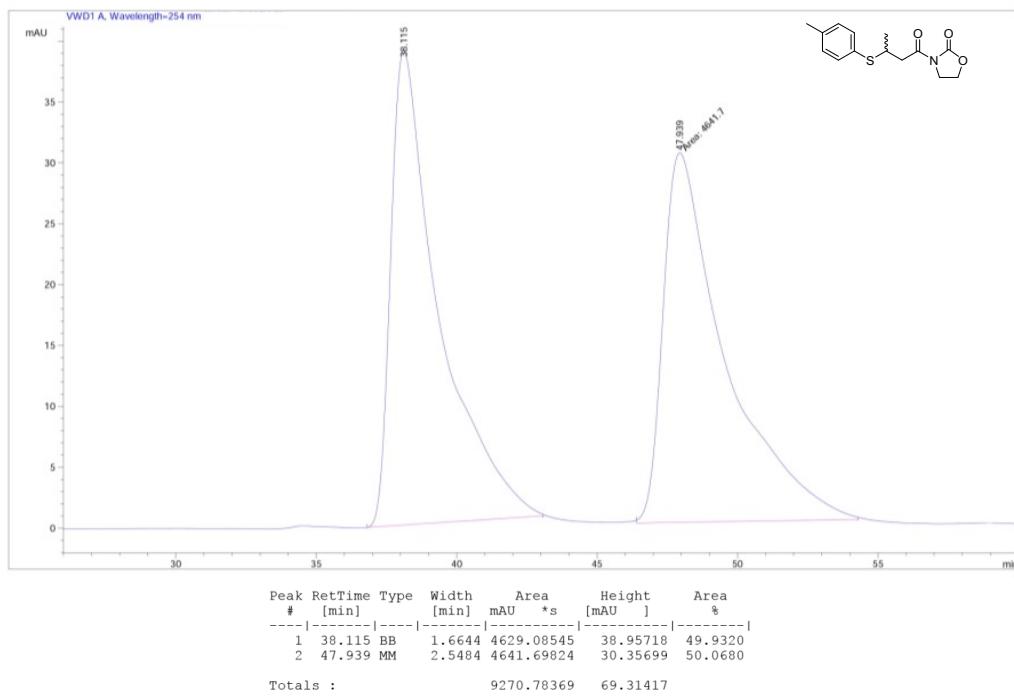
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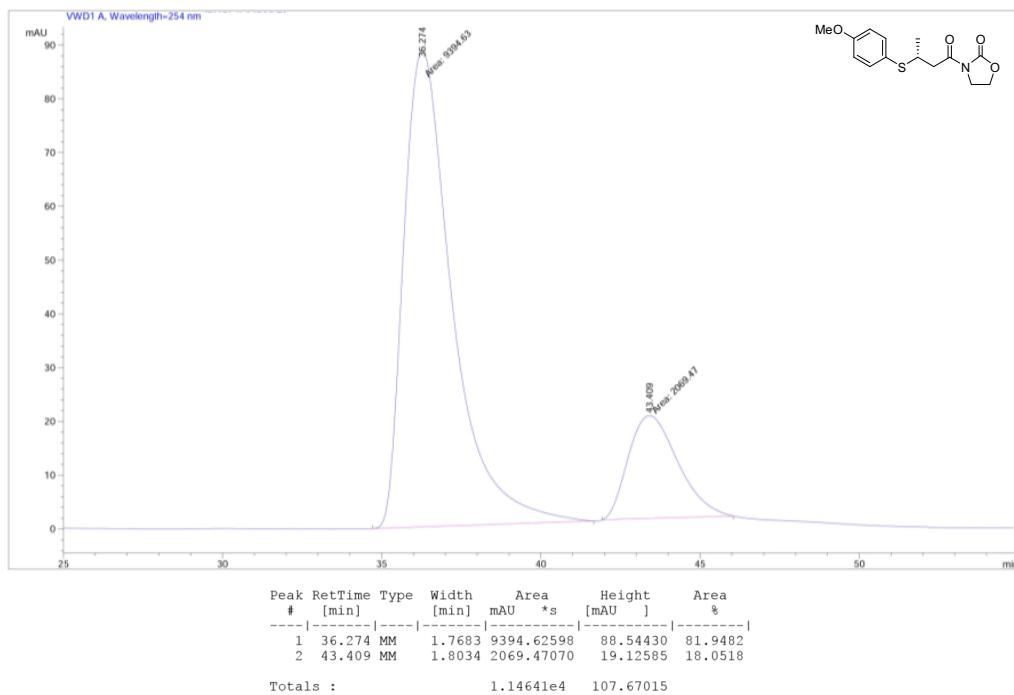
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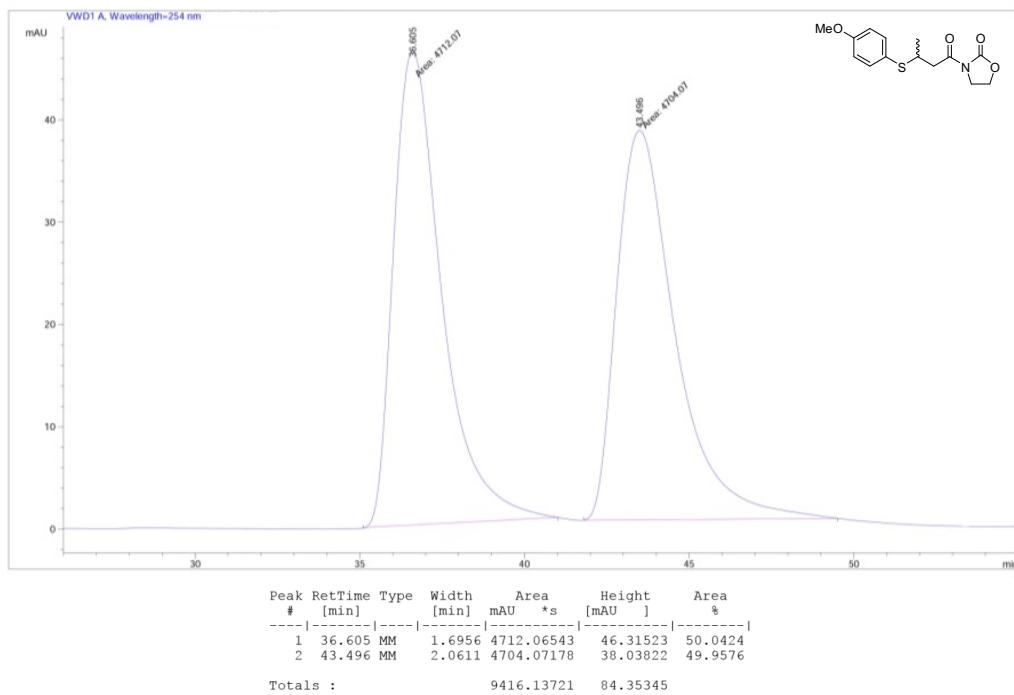
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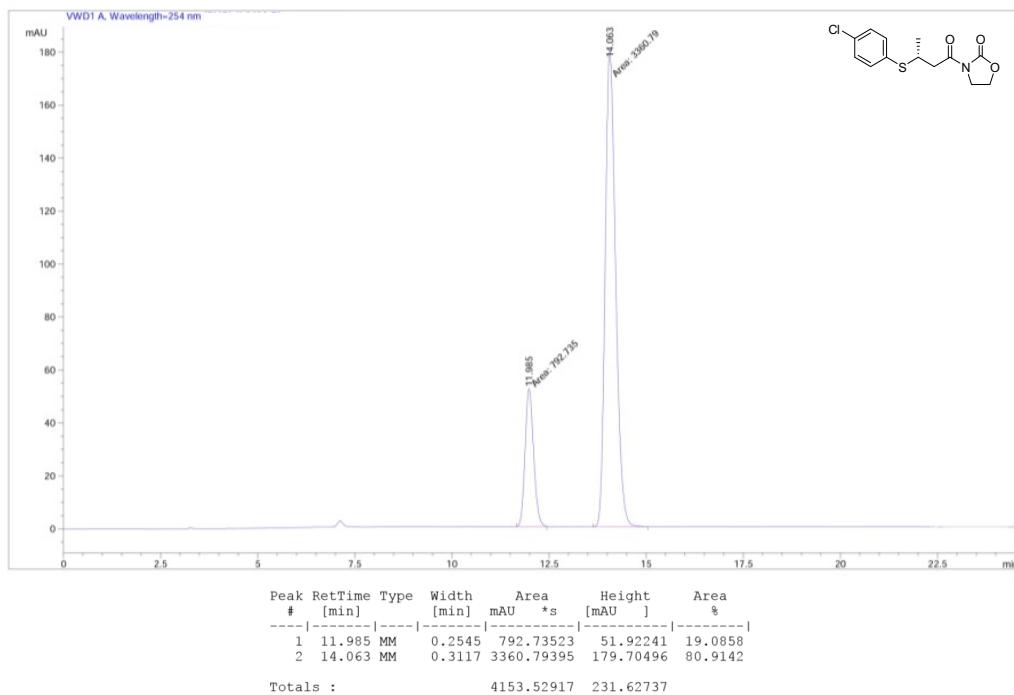
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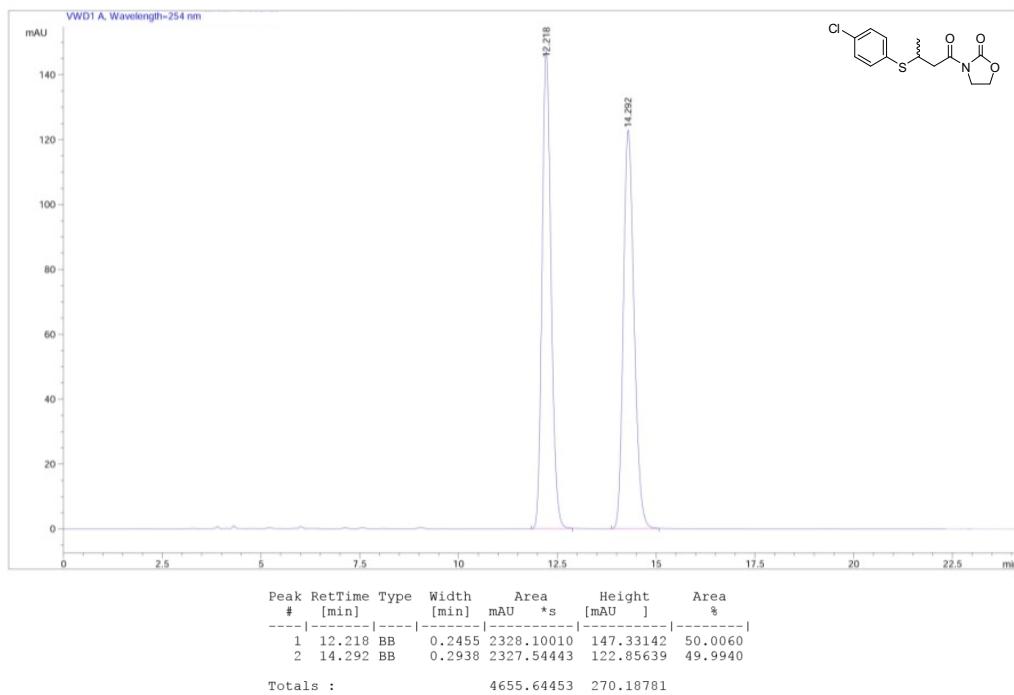
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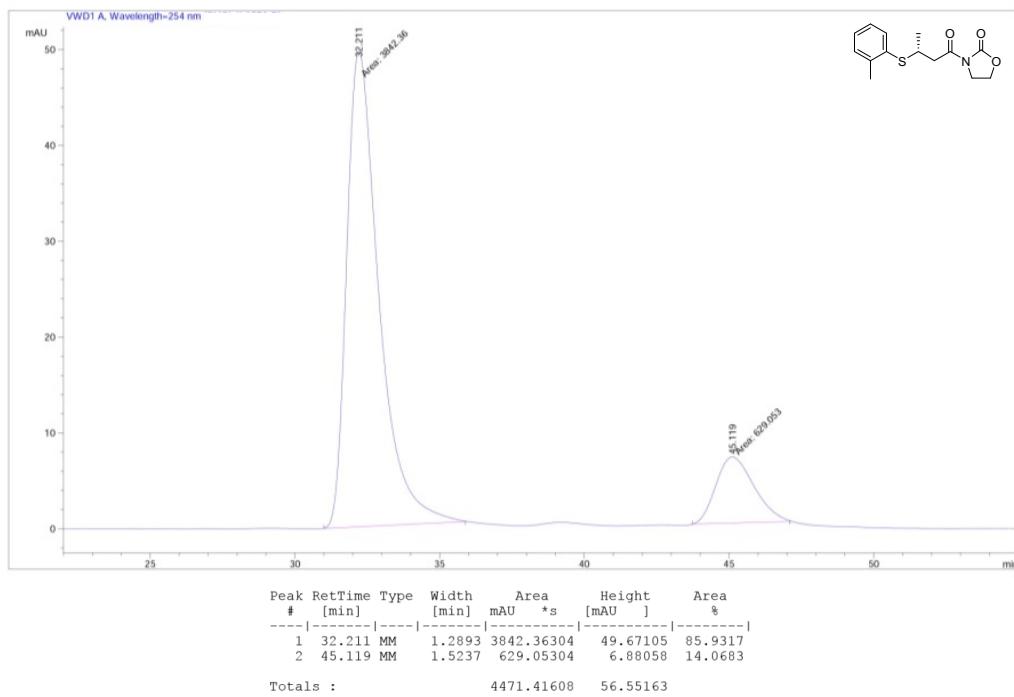
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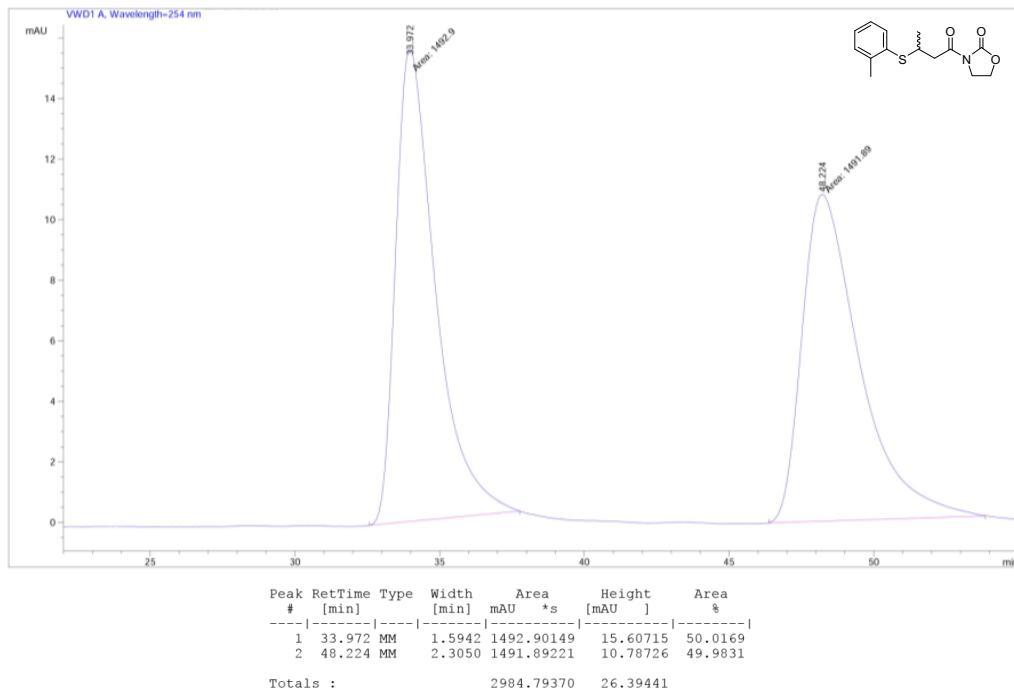
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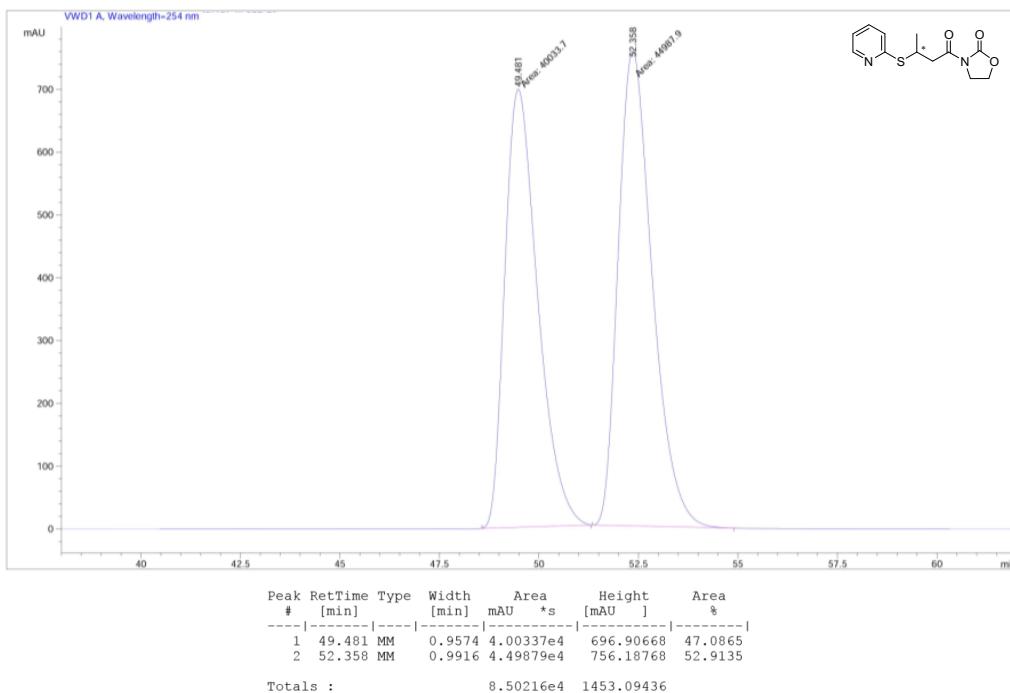
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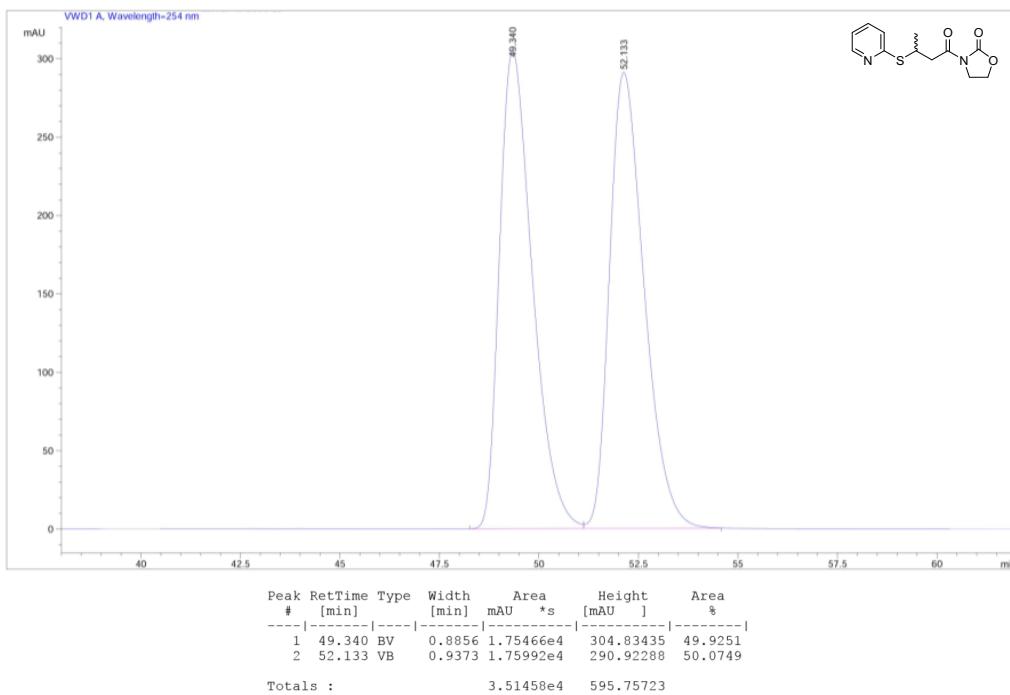
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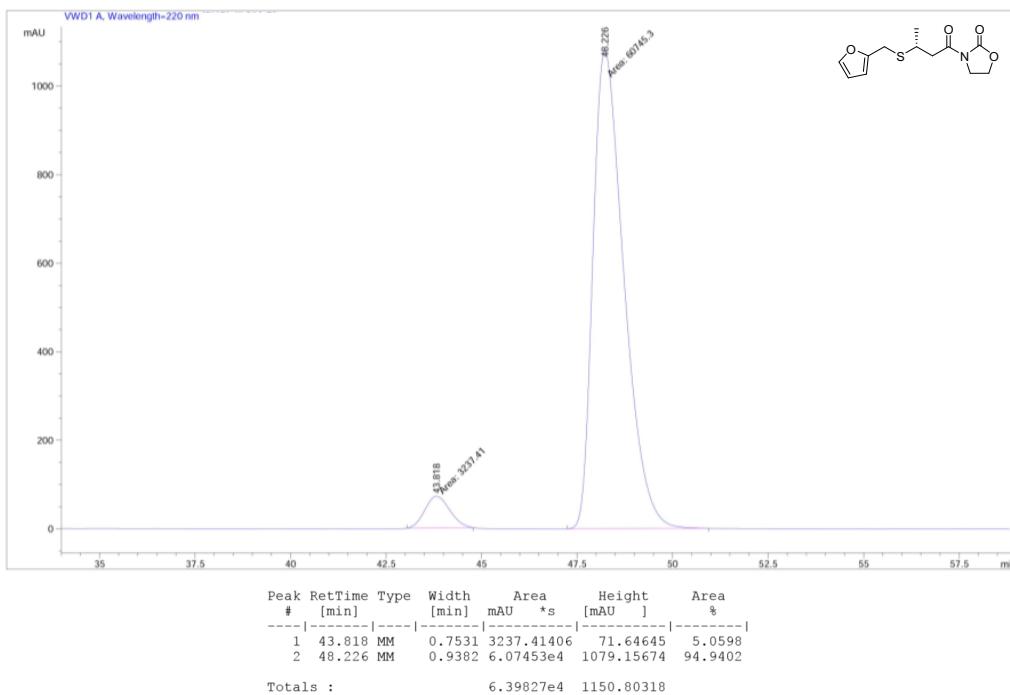
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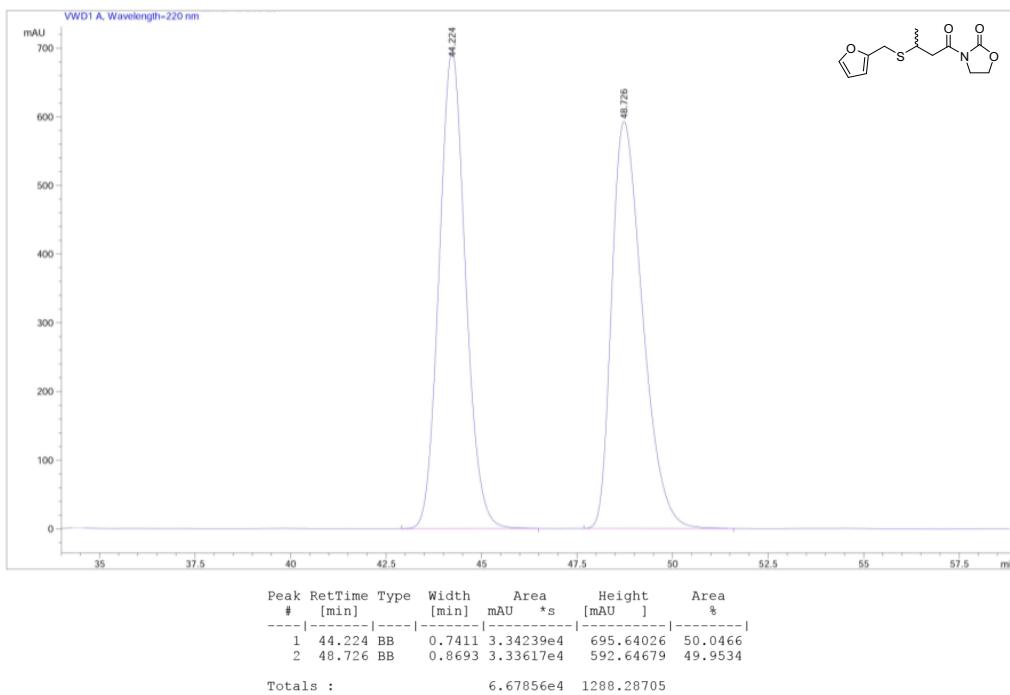
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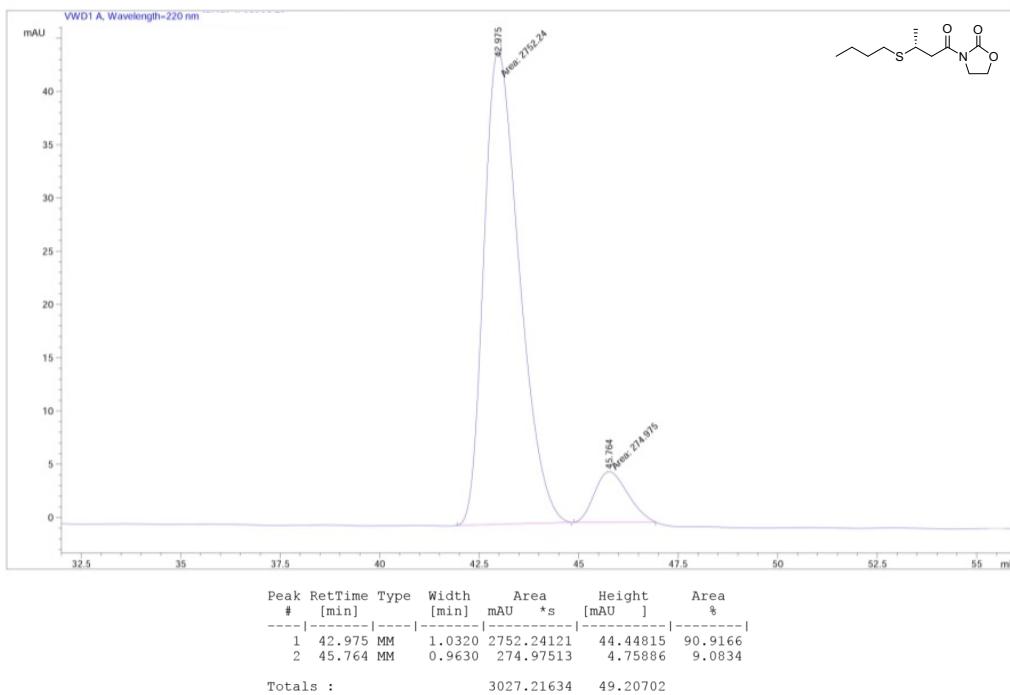
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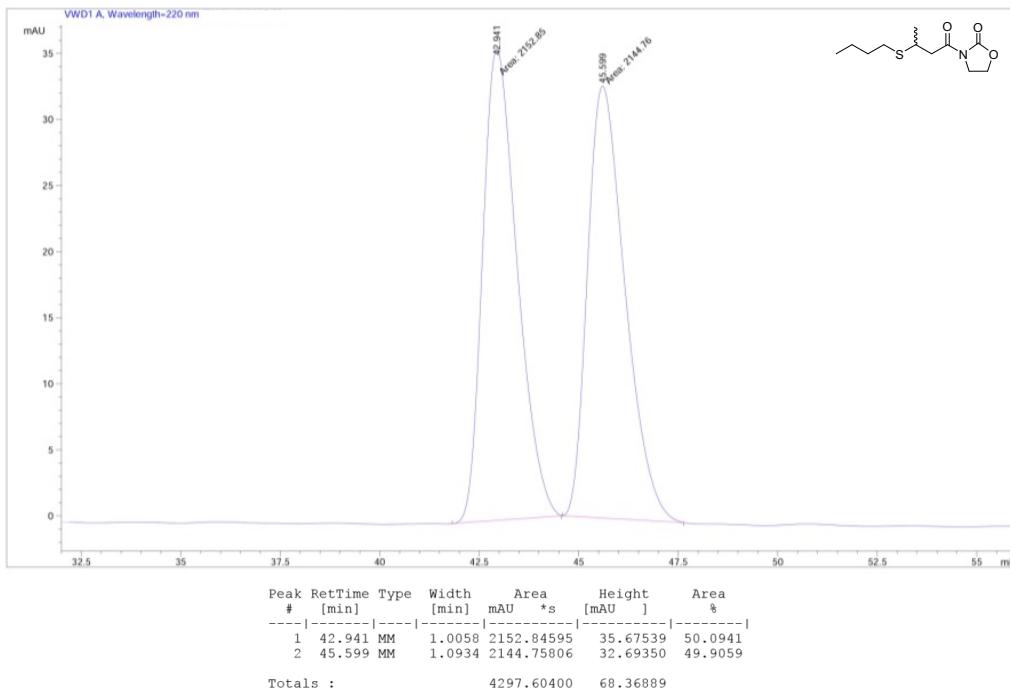
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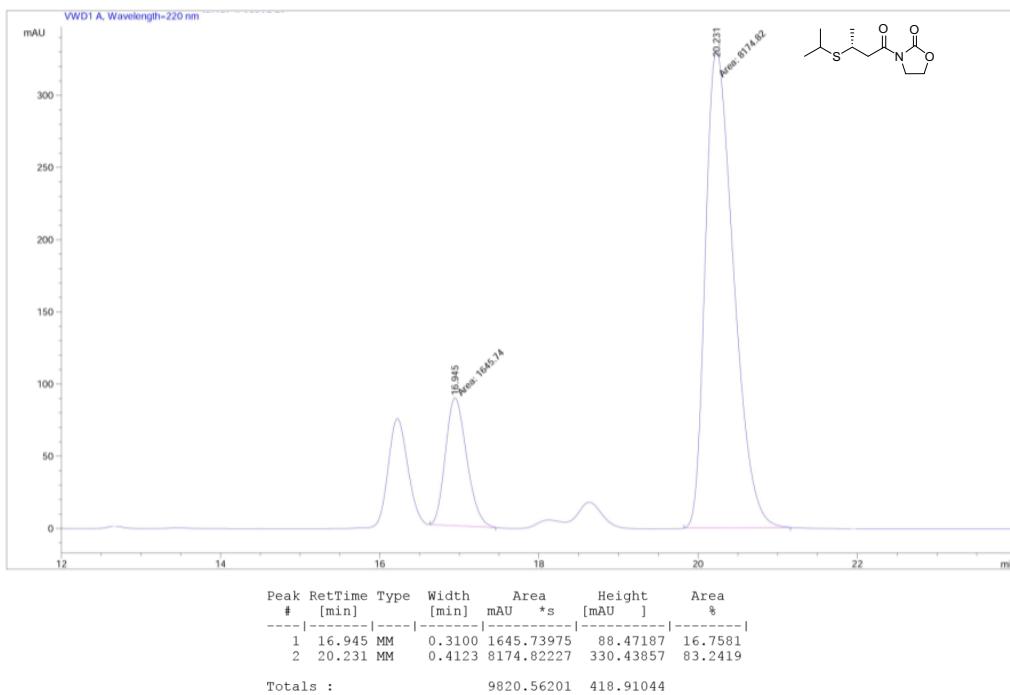
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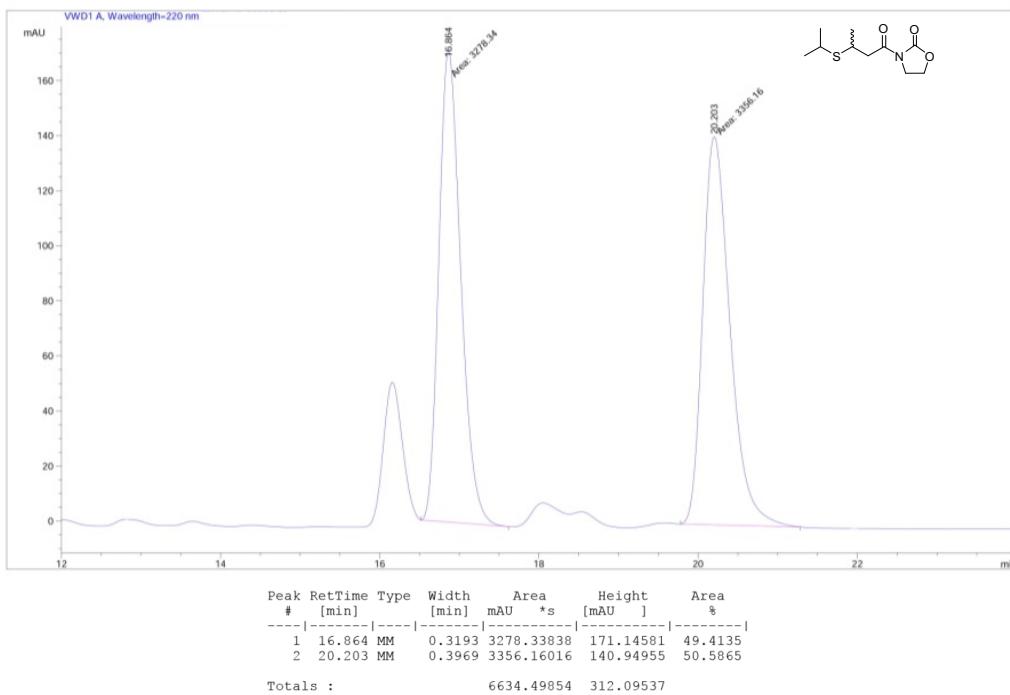
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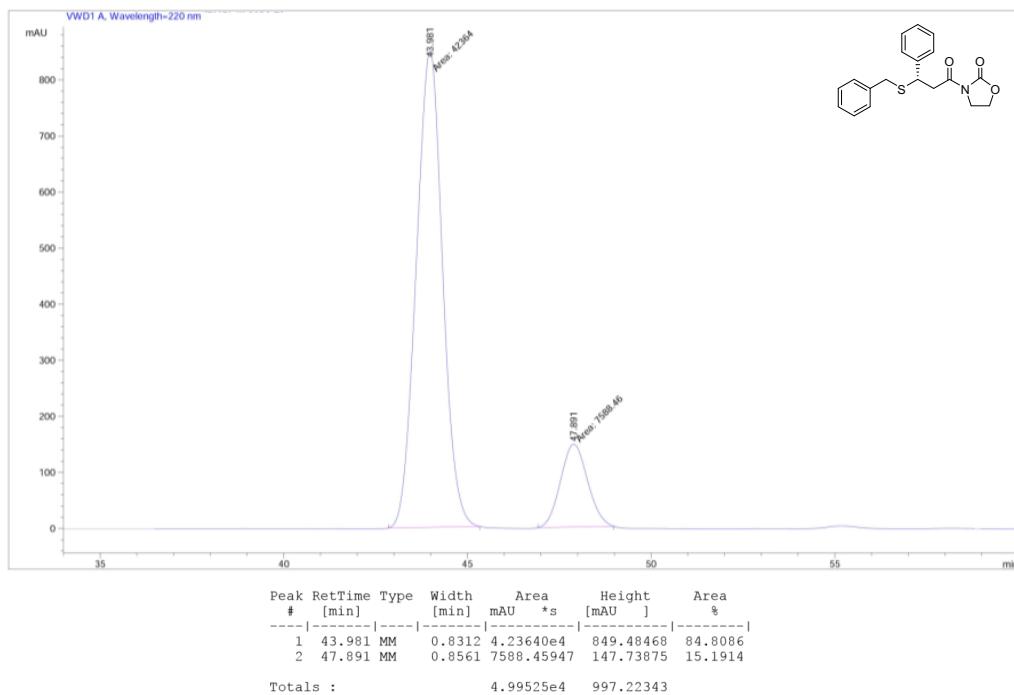
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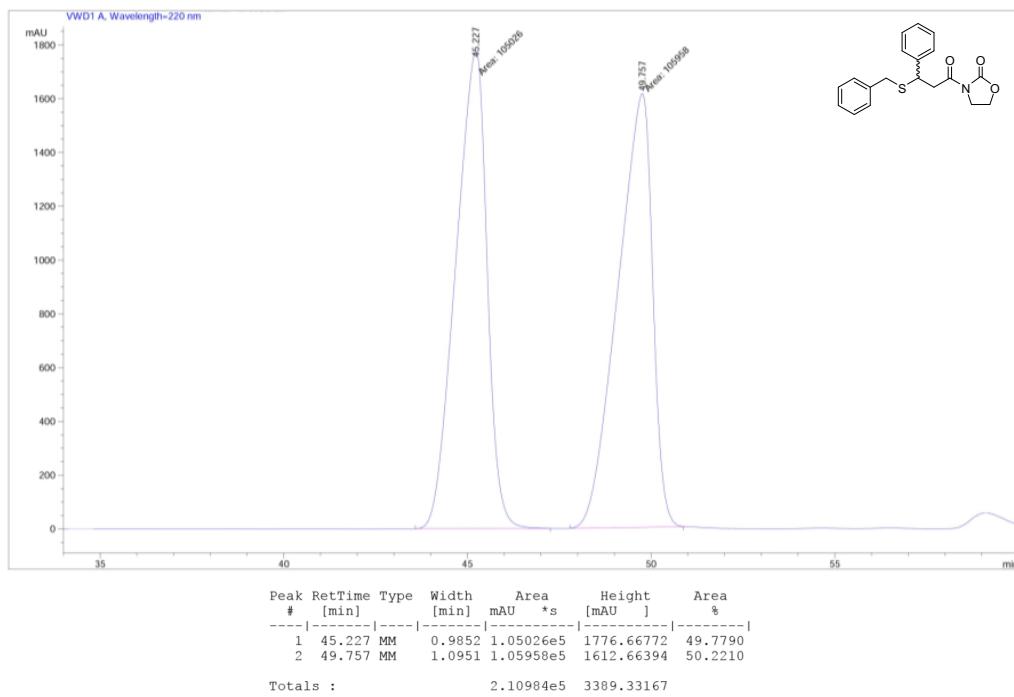
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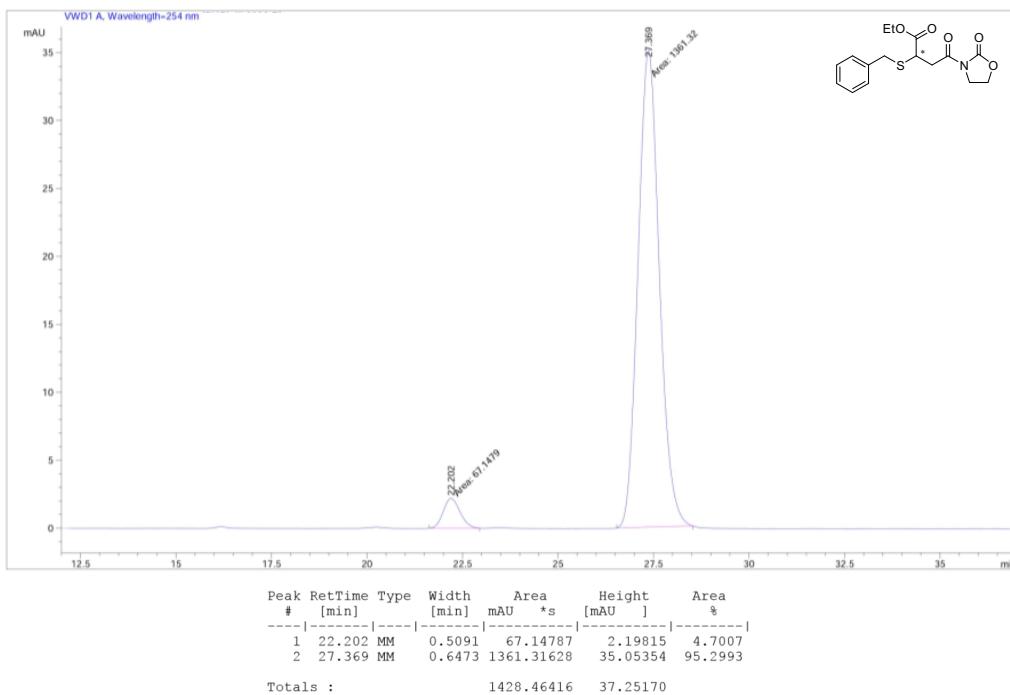
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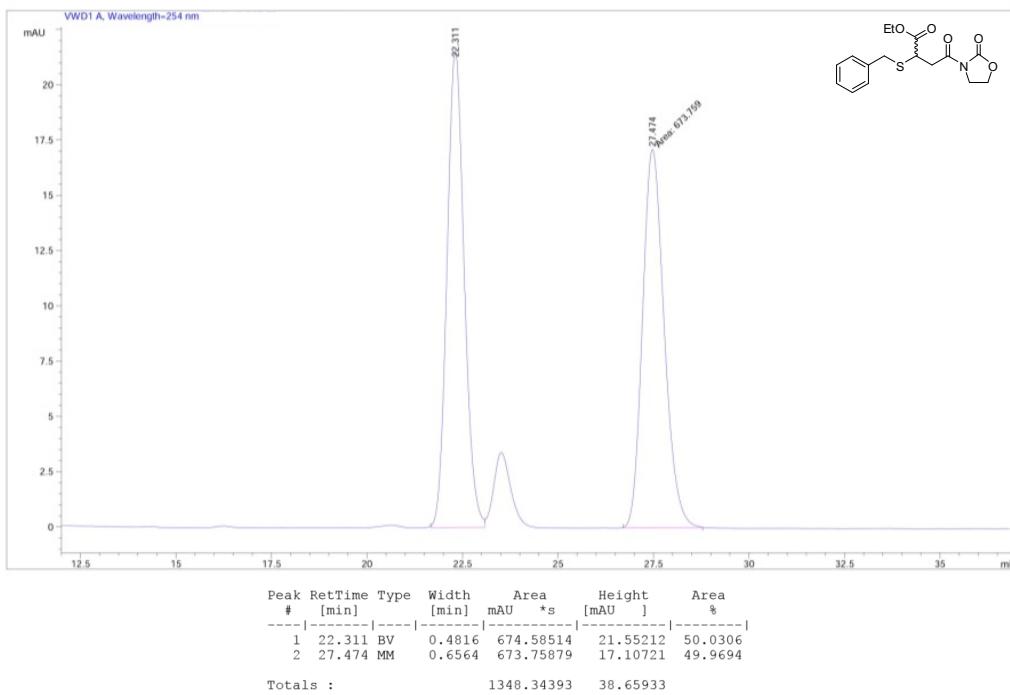
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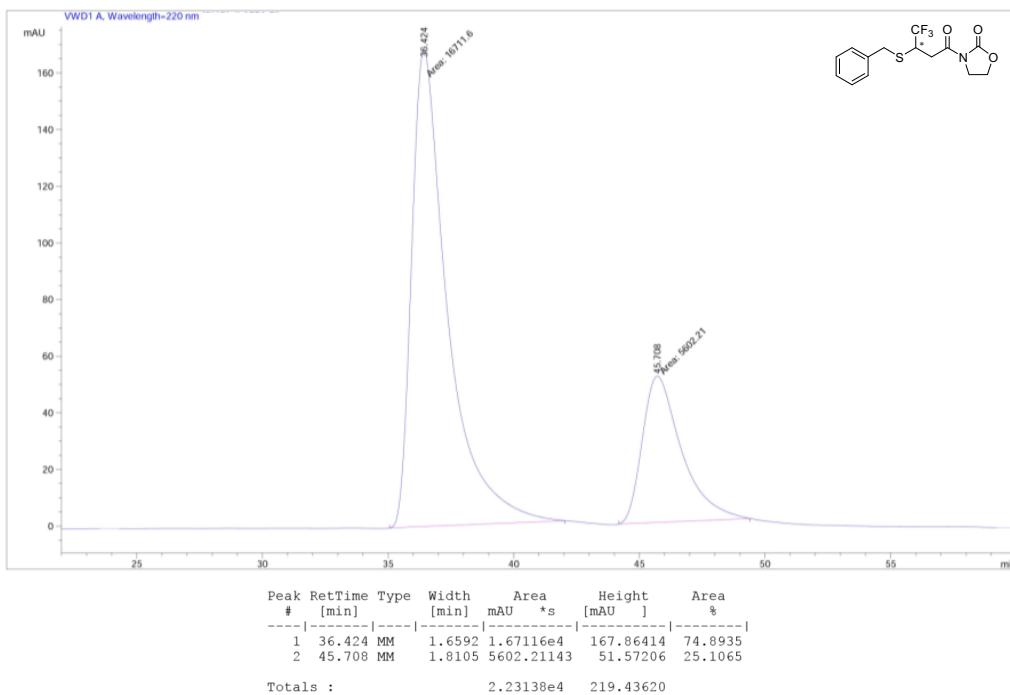
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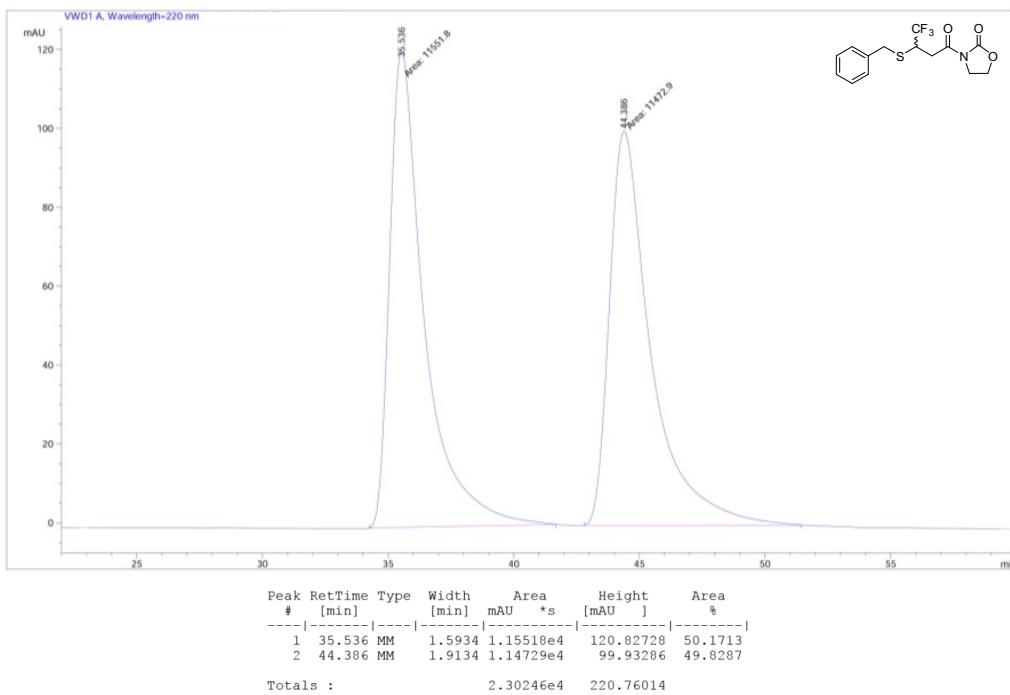
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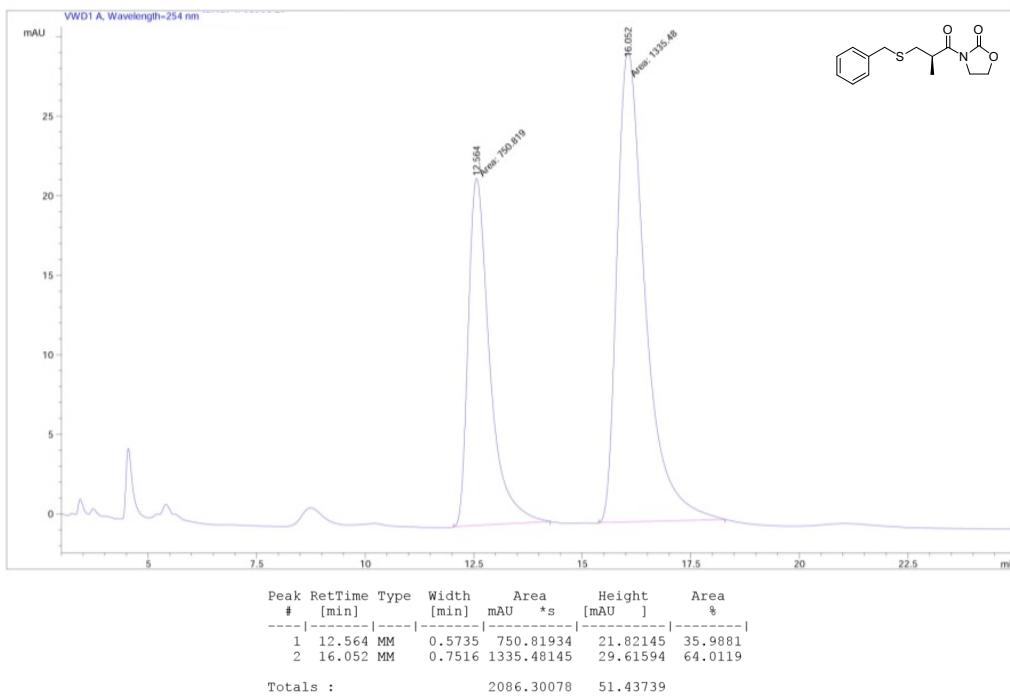
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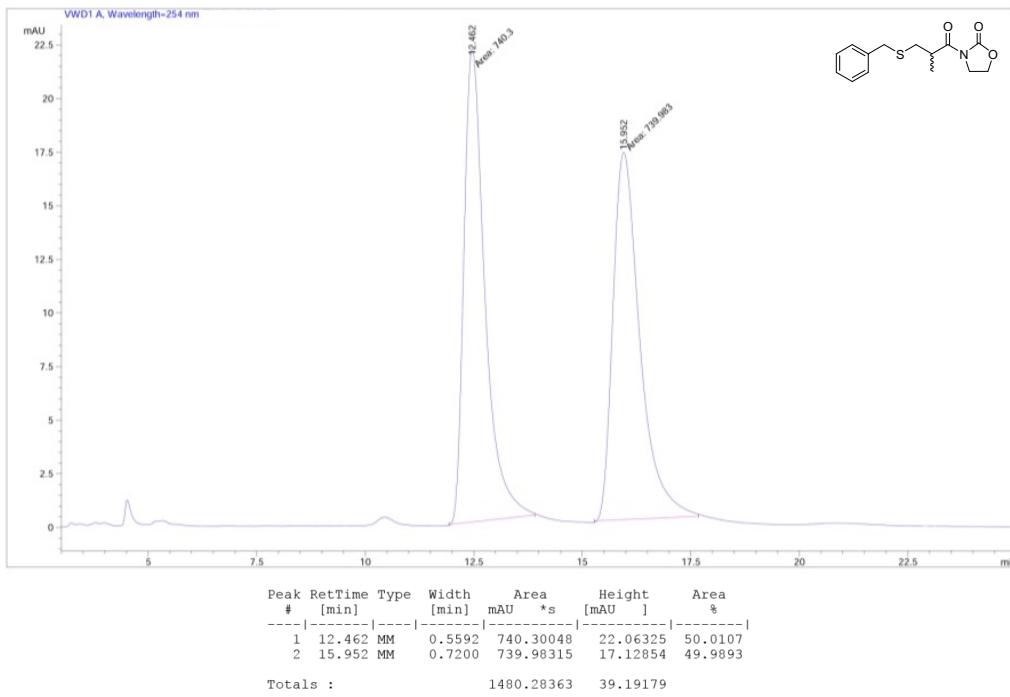
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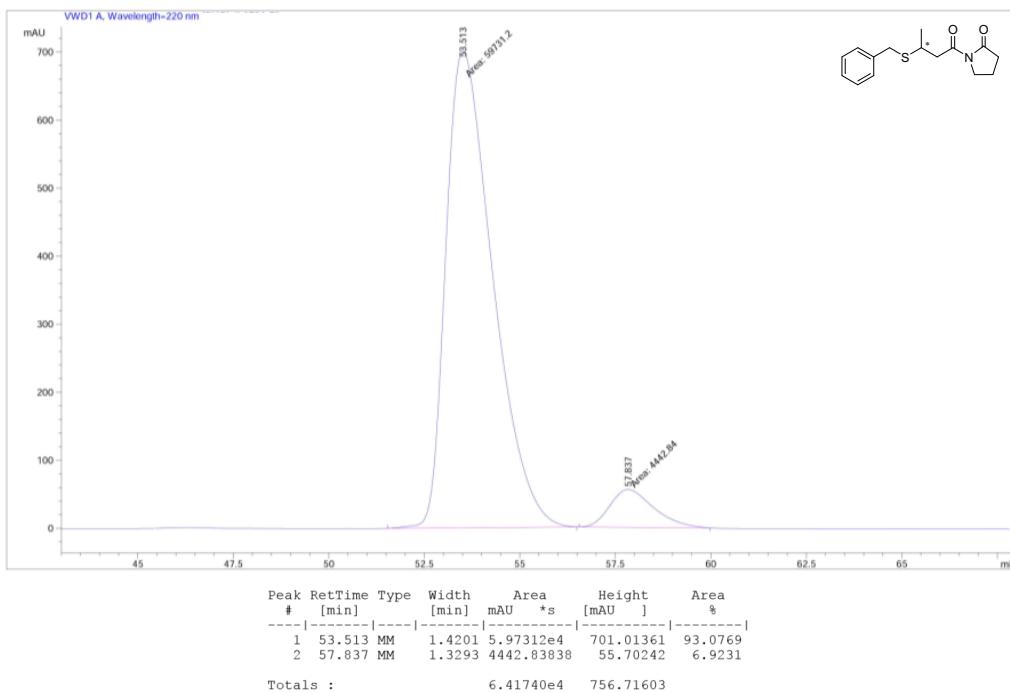
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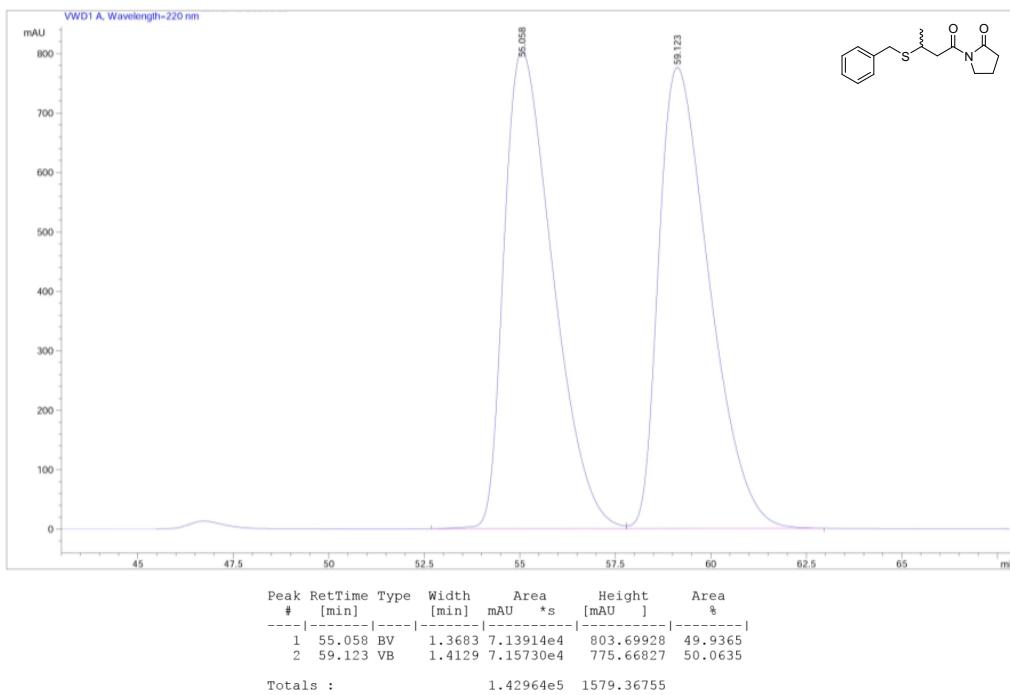
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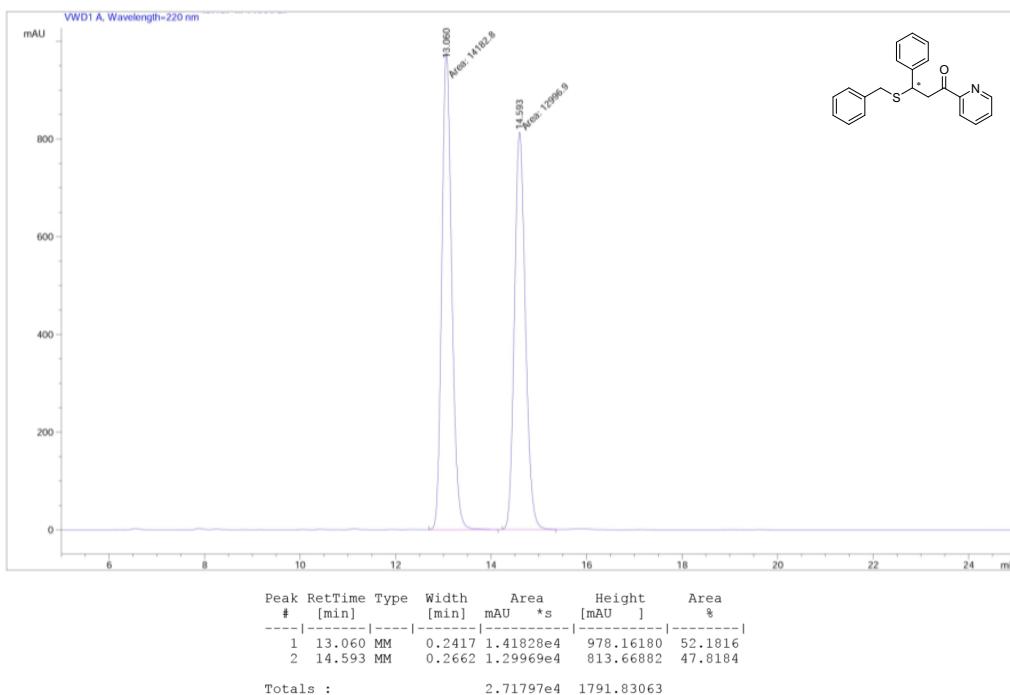
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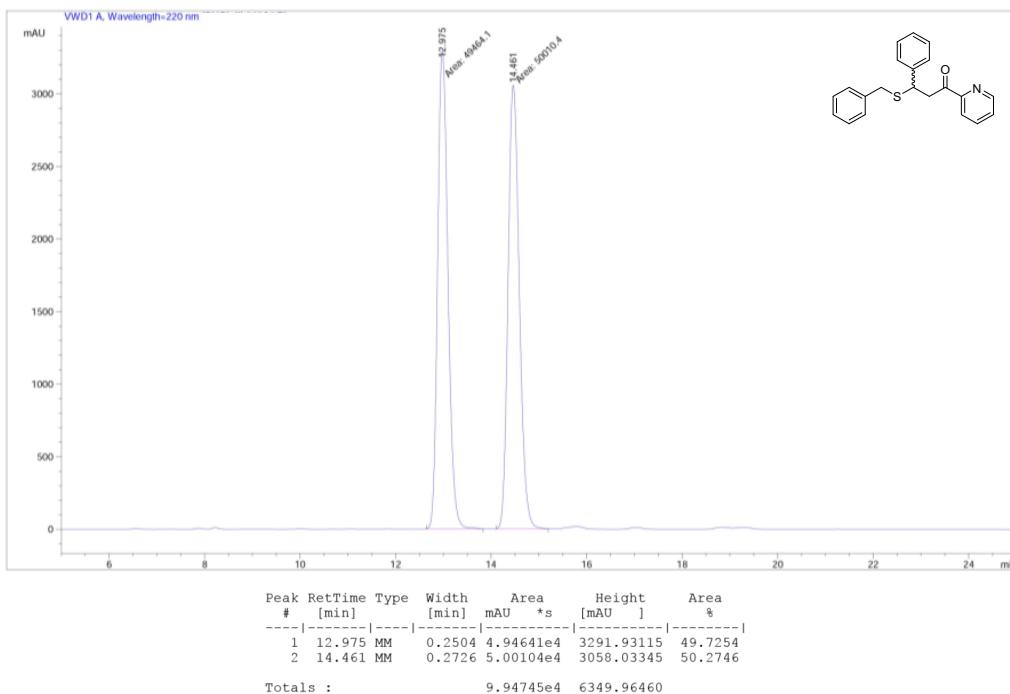
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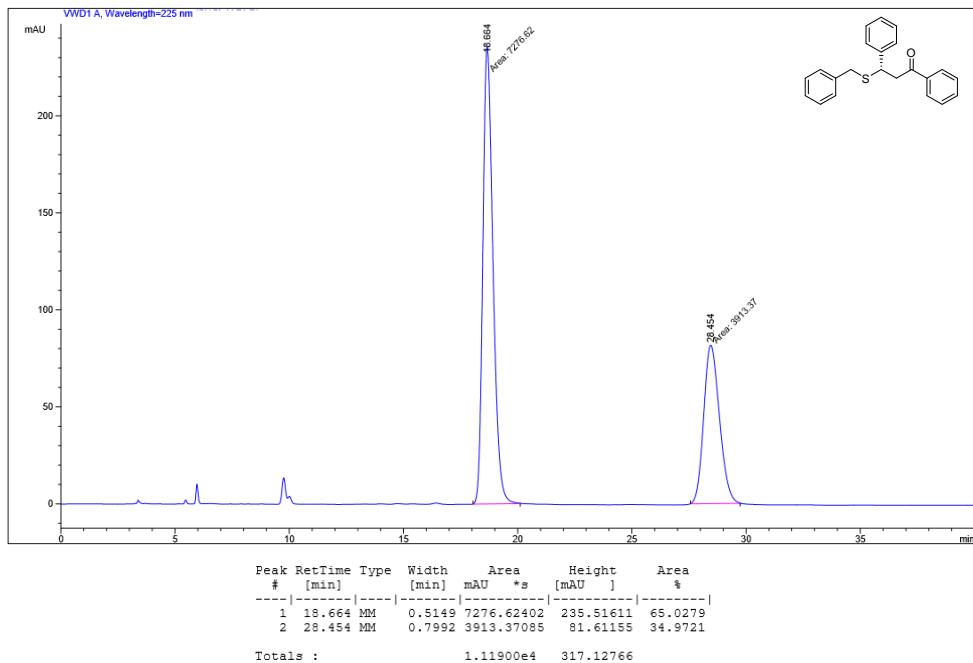
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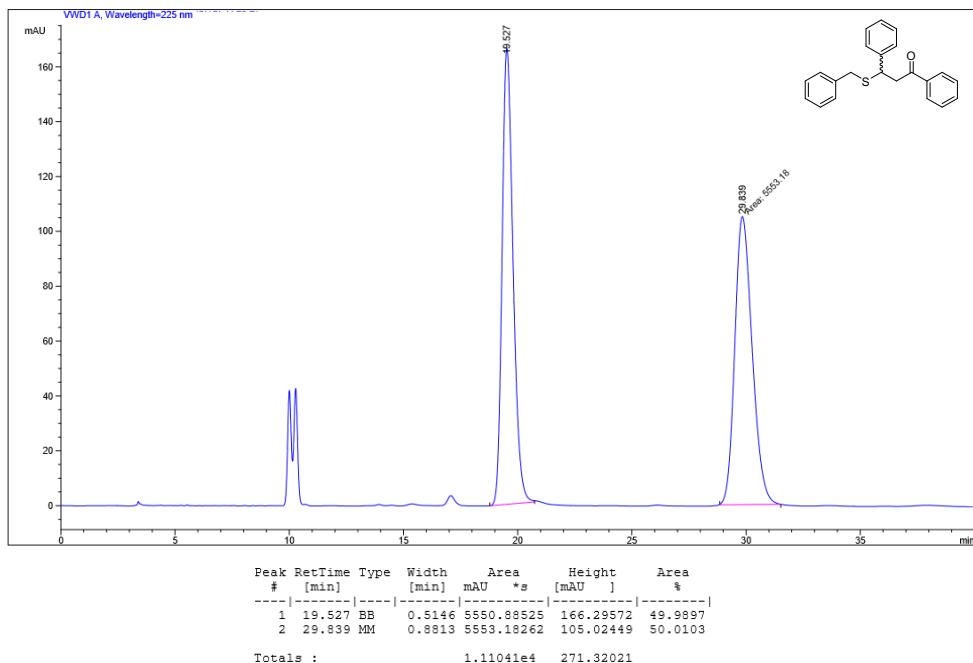
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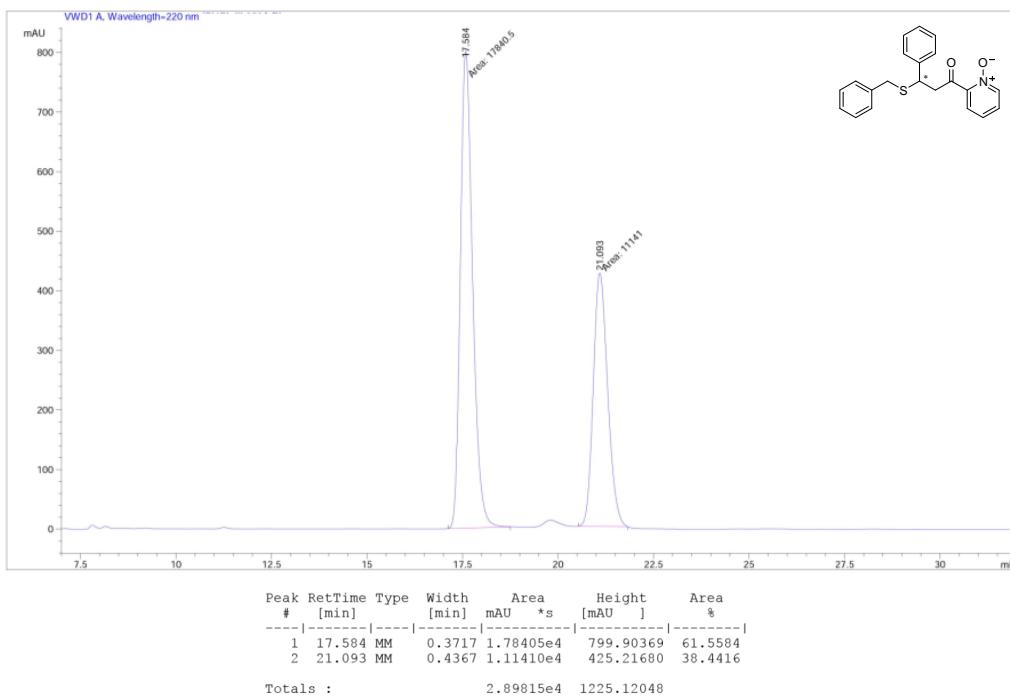
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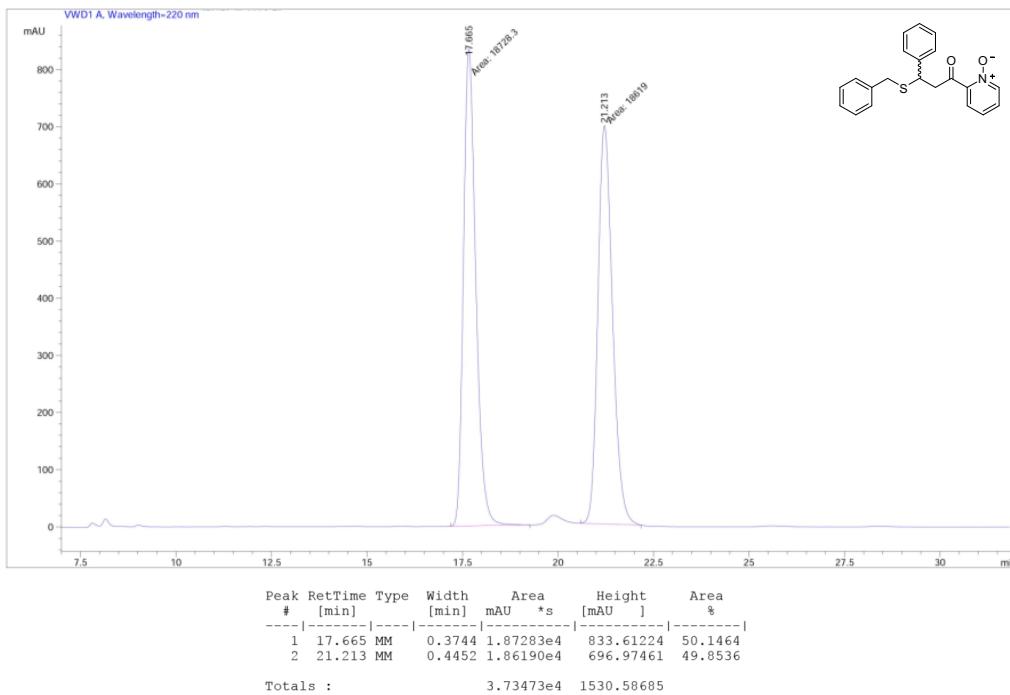
### 65:35 er of 4h



### Racemate of 4h



### 62:38 er of 4i



### Racemate of 4i